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Best regards,

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Founder of TheRedArchive
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Are Men Really That Bad?

Scott · 26 May 2000 · Archived copy · Original

So, what's this all about anyway? Could it be true that men are discriminated against, have few choices in life, and aren't as happy as they seem? Are men really the oppressive tyrants they are portrayed as in the media and by radical feminists? Well, The Men's Activism News Network is here to fight anti-male bias and portrayal in the media, provide a forum for men to speak out in, and organize men's groups on a national level.

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Detroit Free Press and Boys' Education

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Anonymous User writes *"Desiree Cooper wrote an interesting editorial about boys in early education, and how their needs are not being met."* A surprising article, coming from DFP.

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Hoff-Sommers: The War Against Boys

Scott · 27 May 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Christina Hoff-Sommers has released a part of her upcoming book: The War Against Boys in the May issue of The Atlantic Monthly. In it she is very critical of Carol Gilligan, who replied to the article, and was then rebuffed by Sommers again. You can read their dialogue here.

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A Research Paper on Choice for Men

Scott · 29 May 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I guess I'll post this to see how the C4M icon looks. I wrote a research paper on Men's Reproductive Rights which is on-line. I am considering expanding/re-writing the paper as a feature article for a magazine, if I ever find the time to get to it this summer.

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Sex Crime Cases to be Reviewed by Women's Advocates

Scott · 30 May 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Philadelphia Associated Press printed a story today reporting that women's advocates will be reviewing previously "unfounded" sex crime cases, in the hopes of re-opening many of these cases, and convicting more criminals. While the idea sounds interesting at first (it is mentioned that homicide experts are often called in on murder cases which are difficult to solve), I am not so sure that most women's advocates are objective 'experts' on sexual assault. Can you say *witchhunt*?

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A Living Nightmare: One Man Tells His Story of Domestic Violence and Betrayal

Scott · 1 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

krob4399 submitted his personal account of being abused by his wife and the brainwashing done to him when he was forcefully committed to a mental institution. Apparently, they tried to make him think the abuse happened in his childhood rather than in his marriage. A chilling account of a worst-case scenario of domestic violence. Click below to read his story...krob4399 writes "I have not been able to say what I needed to say because of my emotional pain. No one ever listened to me
when I was able to say it and they did not believe me when I blurted something out. This seems to be a place where I can say
what I have needed to say. Dr. Lemuel O. Granada, his subordinate - Phyllis Denton, Judge Fred T. Hensley - all of Clovis, NM
and Dr. Samir Roy (now disbarred) of Albuquerque, NM should have protected me from the predatory family (my therapist, Dr.
Eastin's term) when they tortured me. Instead, Dr. Granada, Phyllis Denton, Judge Hensley and Dr. Roy aided and abetted the
predatory family in their torture of me by refusing to hear my side of the story from my sisters, friends and me.

I was forced under
an illegally issued court order and by them administering illegally prescribed psychotropic medicines and street drugs to me, to
be brainwashed into believing that I am insane and the abuse took place in my childhood instead of in my marriage. A nurse
who knew these same people and also knew that they had done this to other men, came to my rescue after Dr. Roy was disbarred
for other crimes. This nurse is the woman I had been engaged to be married to when I was forced to marry my ex-wife. I was
forced to marry because I was studying to become a gospel minister and her family wanted the prestige of having a preacher in
their family. In addition, the predatory family claims to be friends with Judge Hensley and it is true that he and his father who
was also a judge signed all the orders to commit the other men and me to various institutions to be brainwashed as I described
above. We all grew up together in Portales, NM so it is very likely they were friends with the judge. In most cases, the same doctors
were used to accomplish this brainwashing. My symptoms of the fatigue and pain from post polio syndrome (PPS) were given as
symptoms of three different "mental illnesses" in order to "legalize" the commitment. Test results that were ordered by Dr. Roy
show that I did not have a mental illness and my present doctors who have permanently discharged me from all mental health
treatment are repulsed that Dr. Roy never released me from that treatment when the test results came in. According to the court
order that prescribed a minimum of thirty days in the hospital, Dr. Roy could not have released me, but my doctors say he was

ethically obligated to release me upon seeing the test results. New Mexico laws specify that a person must be a danger to himself
and/or others in order to be committed. I could not have been dangerous because at the time I was committed, I was recovering
from emergency major surgery that I'm sure was the result of the last beating I got from the predatory family. Further, it is
believed that a PPS patient cannot panic or go berserk because of the damage that polio does to our brain activation center.

My
wife divorced me immediately after she committed me and she was able to keep all I had, which was over one million dollars in
assets, rental income, and the earnings from the job I lost as a result. She then married her boss. I never found an attorney
willing to discuss this with me except that two of them told me it is a feminist thing and I would never win so they could not
afford to take it on a contingency. They went on to explain that if the same thing had happened to a woman, it would be
international news. That is NOT equal protection under the law. For several generations, the predatory family has chosen one
male out of its generation to torture, commit to an institution and plunder his property when they, not a doctor, declared the men
to be insane. One of my doctors said that the men are committed in order to discredit their character and word so that no one
will believe them if the truth comes out about the torture. By my observation, the predatory family is becoming increasingly brutal,
savage and they are committing more men. They are mentally and emotionally abusive to all men and they consider the abuse to
be beneficial to our masculinity. I was constantly abused, tortured, harassed and belittled after I made the decision that I could
not preach and be in that marriage. I knew they would murder me if I left her and Dr. Eastin believes they will anyway if this gets
out about the men they have tortured. It must get out though because the abuse of all men must be stopped. Most of this happened
during the time my(?) sons were growing up. Now that they are grown, they hate me with a bitter hatred and neither has had
anything to do with me for some time.

I am a male victim of spousal abuse but society does not accept that. As a result, the
system also battered me after my wife got finished with me. For the sake of my grandchildren who are being taught to do this to
other men, and for the sake of future generations, please help to get this torture stopped. Thank you for hearing my side of the story
just as the judge and doctors should have."

Kenneth Robertson

http://www.geocities.com/krob4399/index.html

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Saving the Boys From the Gender Benders

Scott · 2 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Matthew Fitzgerald submitted a story from the Britain Sunday Times by Andrew Sullivan which touches upon the many ways boys and young men are being implicitly told that masculinity is bad and dangerous. A good article from someone who 'gets it'. Please send *The Sunday Times* some positive feedback on this one.

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NCFM Book Review: Sex-Ploytation

Scott · 3 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

mfitzgerald asked that I post a review of his work Sex-ploytation: How Women Use Their Bodies To Extort Money From Men. The review initially appeared in NCFM's journal *Transitions*, and I've received permission to re-print it on this site. Click below to read on...

SEX-Ploytation, How Women Use Their Bodies To Extort Money From Men

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In Sex-Ploytation, Matt Fitzgerald continues where Esther Vilar left off with The Manipulated Man. While he doesn't develop as rich and detailed a painting of modern life as Vilar did, he offers something that Vilar did not: hope for change. After reading The Manipulated Man, I just felt depressed. After reading Sex-Ploytation, I felt stirred up. This book is a tool of great importance to the men's movement.

The book is divided into seven chapters, and three sections of anecdotes called "Man on the Street." The first two chapters were an overview of women's sexual power, and how they use it to coldly manipulate men. This is a worthwhile message, and one which every male should read. The younger they are when they read it, the better. Like Vilar, however, Fitzgerald does not quantify the word "women" in his statements. All women are stereotyped as prostitutes, who extort money from men by careful use of their bodies. This will work well on men who have been used by women. It won't work on men who have sisters they respect. So, in a way, the book is a gamble. Some men will be hooked, others alienated. That said, the material is good to know - things to watch for in dealing with women, and ammunition in no-holds barred arguments with feminists.

It's in the chapters on feminist history that Sex-Ploytation really begins to shine. Human relationships are complex, and when someone gives a lucid insight into social construct like feminism, it's refreshing. With the first chapters as a backdrop, Fitzgerald describes how feminism began, with the idealism of young liberals in the 60's. When these people graduated and got out into the real world, however, they soon reverted back into their usual roles. True equality without paying for it. They wanted to have their cake and eat it, too.

Chapters five and six contain straight-talking to-do lists for men and women. This is where Fitzgerald leaves Vilar behind. There's hope! For men and women to change! The recommendations boil down to: Stop the money-for-sex business! To suggest such a drastic changes in men's behavior towards women may seem unrealistic, but no matter how much a reader decides to act upon suggestions here, he will be changed for the better.

And in his closing chapter, Fitzgerald puts responsibility for this change where it belongs: on men. This is why men have to wake up.

Sex-Ploytation took me on a journey from anger to hope, from bashing women for what they have done, to being informed and taking responsibility for relationships with women in the future. Though this isn't the sort of book that a politician can quote in a speech, it's a great tool for the message out on a individual basis. Use this book by handing out copies to your friends-especially those you know who are pissed off at women. After they read this and get hooked into men's issues, reel them in with one of Warren Farrell's works.

Since the book has potential for growing the men's movement, I think it should have contained contact information for some men's groups. It doesn't, but a few are listed by name. Unfortunately, the list is in the "Female To Do List" section.

Sex-Ploytation is 120 pages, and a pretty easy read. You can purchase it at Amazon or www.sexploy.com where you can read some excerpts.

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Important Court Breakthrough for Reproductive Rights

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ABCnews ran a story about an embryo custody court battle, where a woman's right to decline maternity was upheld. It was made clear during the case that this was a decision about forcing someone into parenthood, and that the woman "had a constitutional right not to have children, if she so chose." The case is headed for The Supreme Court on Monday. These precedents are very useful for supporters of Choice for Men, who can make use of them in a Constitutional equal protection argument. This is good news!

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Mensactivism.org Feature: The Falsehoods of the Sisterhood

Scott · 5 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Mike Spaniola composed an insightful essay that examines the politics of domestic violence and looks at why men take so much abuse with so little protest. Read on for Mensactivism.org's first feature article submission...

The Falsehoods of the Sisterhood

by Mike Spaniola

The first case of domestic abuse occurred when a prehistoric man was forced by his "significant other" from the safety of their cave with the command: "Get out there and kill something to eat, and don't come back empty-handed!" Ever since, a reliance on and the exploitation of male brawn and brain has evolved, from the cornerstone of exploration and invention, to the blood, sweat and tears of the industrial age.

Even in recent times, men have had to labor under comparatively harsh conditions, enduring 30 to 40 years of "forced service" to meet the male obligation of supporting one's family. Toiling in the filth and suffocating confines of underground mines, men have endured such trauma as the threat of imminent death or have lost their souls to the numbing netherworld of the assembly line or to the blast furnace infernos of the foundry.

Today, this age-old abuse of men has gained political sanction in yet another form: "feminism." Far from the oppression that some women claim at the hands of men, today's social hysteria simply extends a savage coercion of the millennia: that men must risk life and limb to protect and to provide for women and children (and, today, social torment in the name of chivalry and sisterhood). One could say that had society thought to treat men with more concern, compassion and justice throughout the ages, more men may have felt compelled to return it.

Quite possibly, the reason that men have accepted male-bashing for so long is that men are accustomed to acquiescing to women, such as staying on a sinking boat to face a certain death so that women and children can seek safety first (or being "nice" to your sister and her friends simply because they are "girls"). If you think about that in the context of today's society, (i.e., a majority of men letting women abuse them physically, psychologically and politically) then you can begin to understand why groups such as the National

Organization for Women (NOW) have gained such a stranglehold over the legislative and judicial processes in this country. NOW recently panned the Fox Network, and one could surmise that "fair and balanced reporting" runs contrary to the promotion of NOW's often surreptitious agenda.

Nothing in the current domestic violence laws is so pernicious as the mass destruction of families caused by the growing and nearly unbridled use of restraining orders by judges and prosecutors of the "Fourth Reich." Such orders drive men from their homes and into the streets with nothing but the shirts on their backs, with no hearing, and these men are guilty until they can prove themselves innocent.

Women can perpetrate "flash point" anger reactions in men through long-term emotional and verbal abuse of men. Despite that, today's domestic violence laws permit any such abusive woman to go from the crime's perpetrator (or in the least, its accomplice) to its victim. This legislative and judicial bias extends even to murder, if you're a woman, as the courts routinely sanction the "battered woman syndrome" as an ameliorating defense for having murdered one's spouse.

Domestic violence is on a course similar to the emerging days of stricter drinking-and-driving laws, when removing chronic alcoholics from the roads came to the forefront of the social agenda. Granted, at that time, the court system had been lax on repeat offenders. Still, the numbers of these offenders were relatively few. Nonetheless, support for "get tough" drinking-and-driving measures reached overzealous proportions and quickly became an expedient way to attain and hold political office. Now, with the domestic violence issue, feminists have broadened the definition beyond what is rational and moral, and such laws obviously no longer serve to protect women so much as they serve to persecute men.

One could compare this to broadening the definition of an earthquake. Conceivably, authorities could lower the vibration threshold needed to register an earthquake to a level that would now include a heavy truck rumbling past your home. Biased sources who wanted to pervert and exploit this new definition could create an advertisement depicting the aftermath of the San Francisco earthquake in 1909 and claim that "an earthquake occurs in this country every 10 seconds," implying that such widespread devastation occurs very frequently when, in fact, it is very rare. But, according to the new definition of an earthquake, the "every 10 seconds" would be true, though only to the letter of the word. This sleight of the facts pervades public perception on

domestic violence and on many feminist issues in general (consider, too, that as with the zealous enforcement of tougher drinking-and-driving laws, the middle and under classes have had to bear the brunt of the political theatrics. As it was once noted, a judge is simply a politician in a Halloween costume).

Feminism has much less to do with its public relation image of social justice than it does with politics as usual. Under the guise of "social justice," politicians beholden to feminists fan the flames of fear and ignorance to create the polarization needed to assure campaign contributions. This has created a neo-McCarthyism and makes Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged seem ever the more prophetic. Rand states that eventually society's "producers" grow weary of the "takers" and withdraw; only then will the takers begin to appreciate and see the value in the producers.

Until then, men will be trivialized, taunted and tormented even in polite company. Men, though, are the products of a society that has demanded that they protect and provide, and men have done well at this subjugation for generations. Still, men, especially white men, are portrayed as insensitive and dull-witted. In a recent TV ad for a brokerage firm, a young man uses a Ouija-type message ball to answer investment questions. Would today's politically correct society cast a 20-something girl in that role? By watching that commercial, one would hardly guess which gender has excelled at technological ingenuity in recent decades. This male-debasing trend was noticeable years ago when a TV ad cast a middle-age white man as a car thief in a commercial advocating use of the "The Club," a steering-wheel locking device. Statistics clearly show that this demographic (middle-age white men) are seldom arrested for or convicted of such a crime, but who will protest (or defend) the use of a balding, white man as a common thief, even when it is so undeserved?

Neo-McCarthyism has come so far today that our current presidential administration fully endorses this type of social distortion. Men have become so vulnerable to such manipulation as to defy reality itself. Although innovative and honest, the majority of men are nonetheless insulted by a political climate that holds men responsible for inferiorities contrived as impossibly unique to anyone else. Boys in school learn at the expense of the girls, we are told. But it is boys who have worked in the garages of America in their spare time to develop better cars and engines and, most recently, computers and software. How is society served then, when feminist teachers tell boys not to "monopolize" school computers so that girls can sit at the screen and gossip electronically? How will promising "boys of tech" hone developing computer skills? For having been industrious, men are now portrayed as shiftless; for having been innovative, men are shown as domineering; for having been sensitive and honest,

men are now manipulated and degraded. In short, today's special-interest social groups dictate that the successes of men be made evil so as to excuse those who did not directly participate in the achievements of men.

Professor Ruth Wisse of Harvard is quoted as saying, in 1998, that "... women's liberation, if not the most extreme then certainly the most influential neo-Marxist movement in America, has done to the American home what communism did to the Russian economy, and most of the ruin is irreversible. By defining men and women in terms of power and competition instead of reciprocity and cooperation, the movement tore apart the most basic and fragile contract in human society, the unit from which all other social institutions draw their strength."

NOW president Patricia Ireland last spring made vicious remarks about the recent defeat of a case by the U.S. Supreme Court concerning the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Her remarks clearly show that NOW is, at best, a special-interest social group, and, at worst, the latest version of a hate group. In her comments, she encouraged voting for Al Gore, saying that the next president will appoint three Supreme Court justices. One can only guess that feminist control of legislative bodies at the state and federal levels along with military policymakers, the majority of the media and, increasingly, the police is not enough.

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Faking Hate Crimes on College Campuses

Scott · 6 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

John Leo, a columnist for US News and World Report, wrote a recent article exposing several hate crimes at universities which were faked. As a university student myself, I can tell you that colleges are places where you can find the highest sensitivity for victims of any kind, and also the ones most likely to enact draconian rules to 'empower victims' and persecute 'opressors'. Leo's articles are consistently of high quality, and this one is no exception.

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Carl Friedan, Battered Husband?

Scott · 8 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Carl Friedan, former husband of Betty Friedan, has created a web site to speak out against the "misleading allegations of spousal abuse made by my ex-wife", which were made in Betty Friedan's recent book Life So Far. According to Mr. Friedan, the claims made in Life So Far are misleading at best, and he paints a much more complex description of their marriage. Particularly relevant is the "Living with Insanity" section of his site. Note also that in a recent Washington Post article, Betty Friedan is quoted as saying "I almost wish I hadn't even written about it, because it's been sensationalized out of context...My husband was no wife-beater, and I was no passive victim of a wife-beater. We fought a lot, and he was bigger than me", which sounds much like a weak admission that things weren't quite as she made them out to be.

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Wage Gap Disputed in Congressional Testimony

Scott · 10 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This AP news article reports that the alleged gender "pay gap" that feminists are often quick to promote is being challenged in a Congressional Testimony where at least two female economists denied that the gap was due to discrimination. *Shameless plug:* I might add that recently I did some research on the pay gap and printed my results here.

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Article on Paternity Tests

Scott · 11 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

In America, 250,000 paternity tests are done each year (15,000 per year in Britain). The Sunday Times printed an article about the rise of DNA paternity tests, and some of the issues surrounding them. The question of men's reproductive rights and custody issues is briefly mentioned, but the article in general is of interest to men.

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British College Bans Offensive Words

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More news from Britain: Stockport College, of Greater Manchester, has recently decided to ban the use of a few dozen "offensive" words, according to this Telegraph story. And we're not talking terms such as "nigger" or "bitch", but rather "lady", "history", and references to "the blind", among others. More shocking news on the censorship front.

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Maternal Chauvanism

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Salon magazine has printed a few articles on Fathers, and a particularly good one written by Cathy Young on the topic of "Maternal Chauvanism", the idea that women consciously or subconsciously try to sabotage fathers from being as good parents as mothers. There's lots of insight in this article, and good food for thought.

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Fred's Advice: Don't Get Married

Scott · 13 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Fred Reed, a conservative writer, wrote this piece which is a sort of review of the book From Courtship to Courtroom by Jed Abraham. He talks about the dark side of marriage - divorce. And with statistics as they are, it is becoming less cynical to dispense this type of advice. I was hesitant to post this, but the facts must be known. It can and does happen.

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Paternity Test Ban In PA Might Be Repealed

Scott · 13 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

An unlikely source for this kind of news, Wired magazine posted this article about new legislation that would repeal the Pennsylvania law which prohibits men from requesting paternity tests on children born during their marriage. Obviously, knowing whether you are the true father or not is very important in deciding child support and custody issues, and it's appalling that men don't have this right in PA.

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National Men's Health Week

Scott · 15 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This week is National Men's Health Week, and ABCnews is running a series of on-line chat sessions with health experts and doctors on various topics related to men's health. You can read the transcripts to the already completed ones at the address linked to above.

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Cathy Young: Dad's Day Has Come

Scott · 15 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Joe submitted this story from the June issue of the American Spectator. It's an article that discusses the ways fathers are demonized and marginalized by both political parties, and also examines several myths about fathers. It seems that dads can't win no matter what they do, and Young asks that fathers be given more respect by the media.

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Happy Father's Day!

Scott · 18 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I just wanted to wish everyone a happy Father's Day from the Men's Activism News Network. Fathers Day 2000 has its own web site, with information about a march in Washington, D.C. in support of fathers and father's rights. I wish all fathers the best and I hope the march gets some attention from the mainstream press.

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Excerpts From The War Against Boys

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The Britain Sunday Times printed some excerpts from Christina Hoff-Sommers' new book, The War Against Boys. It is followed by a short article by someone who is apparently trying to downplay the importance of the book. Nevertheless, the book excerpts make a much stronger statement.

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DV Brochures Rejected Because They Ignored Violence Against Men

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The Ottawa Citizen printed this story that the Alberta Human Rights Commission has publicly decried a domestic violence brochure printed by a counselling center which ignores family violence against men. It's uplifting to see this issue get some much-deserved attention and action; the brochures being attacked were retracted by the counselling center.

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The Men's Health Act of 2000

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Congressman Duke Cunningham of California has introduced new legislation that would establish an Office of Men's Health at the Department of Health and Human Services. The bill is H.R. 4653, and you can download the bill in Adobe .PDF format here. Cunningham's press release can be found here. If you're from California, or even if not, please send Cunningham a note of support!

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From Cause to Cure: Men and Cancer

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More news on men's health: there was a special insert in last Sunday's New York Times which had the cover story: Men and Cancer. You can read it on-line. It has lots of information about cancer, cancer testing methods, and resources for those who want to learn more. How much to you know about cancer? What is a PSA test? Read it and find out.

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Violent Parent Access Ban Proposed in England

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There is a political group in England pushing for a child access ban for parents accused of domestic violence. Look here for the BBC news report. Of course, it's obvious on the surface that this is a good idea, and that children shouldn't be put in the hands of violent parents. But the sad truth is that, at least in the U.S, false allegations of domestic and sexual violence often arise in divorce settlements, and this could be used to leverage more control from women who are willing to make false accusations. Where should the balance lie?

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We're Moving To A New Server!

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I'm happy to announce that I've found a permanent location to host the Men's Activism News Network, and I'm planning on moving the site to the new server late next week. Click below to read more...It hasn't been easy to find a place to host this site, as it requires a very customized setup of the operating system and web server software, so I would have required a "dedicated" or "colocated" server to run the site. Prices for these dedicated services started at about $150/month, and it was very hard going to find a way to keep this site up and running. Fortunately, I have been resourceful and found a solution that costs much less.

I've registered the domain name www.mensactivism.org, and the DNS change is propagating its way around the internet (it's already working at my ISP's DNS servers, and should be everywhere by Friday at the latest). Give it a try: www.mensactivism.org should redirect to the corn.unh.edu address, and in the future will redirect to any address I keep the site hosted on.

I'll give more details about the move as it gets closer. In the meantime, keep checking out the site, and prepare for a big fanfare once the site is permanently located and tested...

Scott Garman

MANNW Administrator

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Career Day for Our Sons

Scott · 23 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Today is official "Career Day for Our Sons", a day dedicated to helping young men think about careers. It's the male counterpart to "Take Our Daughters to Work Day", and in many places, girls are not excluded from Career Day for Our Sons. CDFOS was started by The National Coalition of Free Men, and is supported by many men's organizations.

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Upcoming Movie About Domestic Violence Against Men

Scott · 25 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Phil Penningroth has been commissioned by the USA cable TV channel to write a movie on the topic of domestic violence against men by women. He is looking for people to contact him and tell him their stories, so he can base the movie on a composite of men's true stories. If you are a man who is willing to tell your story of domestic violence, please contact Dr. Charles E. Corry and he will give you more information. You can remain an anonymous contributer if you wish. And be sure to keep an eye out for this movie - I will look for more info and post it when it nears completion. Dr. Corry's phone number and snail mail address can be found below by clicking on "Read More..."Charles E. Corry, Ph.D., FGSA

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Men and Doctor Visits

Scott · 27 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

USA Today had an article urging men to visit their doctor on a regular basis, with several anecdotes about men who had close calls because of their distant relationships with their doctors. There are a couple of annoying lines in the article (such as, "Most men are more powerful than women at every level of social and economic class"), but nevertheless the article still gives some very good and pertinent advice for men.

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Cathy Young Reviews The War Against Boys

Scott · 27 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

You can find an excellent review of Christina Hoff Sommer's new book The War Against Boys here. Cathy Young, another great campaigner of equity feminism, gives an in depth and insightful review of the book in Salon magazine. She is sometimes critical of Sommer's claims, but that's what makes a good review - to hear the good and the bad about the work (and certainly there is always both).

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Legalizing Baby Abandonment

Scott · 27 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

WorldNetDaily featured a story today that outlined information on proposed "baby abandonment" laws presented to the North Carolina General Assembly, House Bill 1616 and Senate Bill 1257. From the article, it seems that the wording of the bills is gender neutral, and there is also a brief mention of father's rights in regard to women abandoning babies without informing them. Whether you agree with the idea of voluntary baby abandonment or not, it would be wrong to make these laws only applicable to the mother, as it would end up pushing men's reproductive rights even further behind than they already are.

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Interesting Child Custody Compromise

Scott · 29 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Joe submitted this interesting article from The Boston Globe in which a unique compromise was made for child custody between two divorcing parents: one parent will have the child on weekdays, the other on weekends, and this arrangement will be reversed every year for each parent. Could this be a reasonable compromise for child custody disputes?

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Finally: Elian Goes Home

Scott · 29 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

As you may know, Elian Gonzalez has permanently returned to Cuba with his father. The saga has come to and end. Here are several news reports on the event and the Supreme Court decision: CNN, ABCnews, Reuters, and Associated Press. Rather than write my own comments on this story, I've received permission to re-print Ed Bartlett's e-mail, *The Mirror of Elian Gonzalez*, which I feel sums up this ordeal very well.

The Mirror Of Elian Gonzalez

As I write this message, Elian Gonzalez and his family are approaching the territorial limits of Cuba.

My initial reaction to the news of their return to Cuba was relief and elation. Then I was overcome with a wave of uncontrollable sadness.

A father learns a lot about his humanity and his masculinity when he has a son. I was blessed with 3 sons, with whom I have strong, ever-evolving relationships. And I know the feelings that Juan Gonzalez felt towards his son.

I know that if the father had snatched Elian from his homeland, and drowned en route, little Elian would have been bundled up and put on the first plane back to Cuba. All the stories in the media would have glorified the reunion of a child, victim of an international kidnapping, with his tearful mother.

Instead, we were informed that his "surrogate" mother-cousin, who had a history of multiple admissions to psychiatric hospitals, was claiming to exercise parental rights. Persons began to question the devotion of Juan Gonzalez. There was speculation about potential abuse. And all of a sudden, Juan Gonzalez was no longer a loving father, he was a defendant who had to "prove" his parental fitness.

Eventually, the US government was forced to spend an enormous sum of money to return Elian and his family to Cuba.

Many American fathers identify closely with the saga of Elian and Juan. Fathers look at this story, and wonder why the US government doesn't devote nearly a fraction of this effort to helping American fathers who have been forcibly separated from their children. Apparently, a Cuban father has more rights in the US than an American father.

Thank you, Elian Gonzalez, for holding up a mirror to America, and revealing, for all to see, the double standard.

Ed Bartlett

Note: Ed Bartlett is the senior policy advisor for Men's Health America, which does research, education, and advocacy on behalf of men's health.

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Kathleen Parker On The Central Park Rampage

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There is an article in the Orlando Sentinel by Kathleen Parker about the recent attacks on women in Central Park. Parker tries to defuse the gender blame-game that's going on right now, and look at it not as any norm of male behavior but as the despicable event that it is, independent of gender.

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Reproductive Rights News From Maryland

Scott · 30 June 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Some *very* encouraging news on men's reproductive rights: Maryland's highest court ruled that men have the right to modify or nullify their paternity agreement if a DNA test proves they are not the father of the child(ren) they are raising. Read this article from The Nando Times. In most states, a father is still required to pay child support for children that are not his if he doesn't challenge his paternity status within a certain time period from the child's birth. This situation unfairly benefits women who fraudulently deceive men into becoming parents, and is not a rare phenomenon. It's good to hear that unknowingly enslaved men have some way out of such an unfair situation, at least in Maryland now. **Update:** There's another article from The Washington Post here. It adds several details to the story, including the fact that men will not be allowed to demand repayment of past child support payments.

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Can Circumcision Help Prevent the Spread of HIV?

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Salon magazine has printed a controversial article which looks into the possibility that circumcision can help prevent the spread AIDS. The evidence mentioned in the article does not prove the relationship 100%, but does suggest that more research be done to examine the effect that circumcision has on the transmission or contraction of AIDS.

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Cathy Young On The Central Park Rampage

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First we had Kathleen Parker's commentary on Central Park, and now Cathy Young has written this story in the Jewish World Review. More insightful views on the way gender has been superimposed upon the event by the powers-that-be (in particular, NOW).

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Australian Police Refuse Giving DNA Samples

Scott · 2 July 2000 · Archived copy · Original

In Australia, thousands of police officers have been asked to offer samples of their DNA to rule them out as suspects in crimes. But many of them are refusing for the specific reason that they don't want the genetic information used against them in paternity suits! Apparently the police are well aware of the immense power that child support agencies have, and are frightened for good reason about it. The article was found in The Daily Express Micro Edition, and can be found here.

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Manhattan Schools Adopt Strict Sexual Harassment Rules

Scott · 3 July 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The New York Post reports that schools in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan have adopted outrageous guidelines regarding sexual harassment - which apply all the way down to preschool-aged children. Actions that can be identified and treated as sexual harassment under these rules include sexual jokes and teasing. Certainly sexual harassment can be a legitimate issue in high school and even middle school, but I think in the context of 4-6 year olds an "unwanted kiss" shouldn't be identified as "sexual harassment". The article can be read here.

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Male Teacher Shortages in Early Education

Scott · 3 July 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Many people are unaware of the incredibly low percentage of male teachers in early childhood, elementary, and middle school education. This Associated Press article discusses the issue and talks about the importance of male teachers as role models for young children, especially boys.

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Where Are the Male Intellectuals?

Scott · 4 July 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Andrew Sullivan laments the lack of intellectualism among men today, and asks what needs to be done for masculinity to be seen as something more than what is printed in "men's magazines". His ideas: the revival of all-male institutions and for men to meet together regularly and form strong relationships with one another. I believe this article has some good thoughts on issues that successful men's organizations are addressing. An occasional reference to men being more powerful than women is outweighed by the relevance of the article to men's issues. The New Republic printed the article here.

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Truth About The Gender "Wage Gap" Begins To Surface

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This article from The Washington Post gives a mixed message with regard to the gender "wage gap". Several fields are mentioned where women make more than men, but the author is quick to say that women still earn less than men in many jobs. It looks to me like this author is on the fence - and it would be a great opportunity to write to The Washington Post and give them some well researched facts. (Such as these, for instance?)

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Click on "Read More..." to view the National Coalition of Free Men's e-mail newsletter, the NCFM E-Zine. The National Coalition of Free Men (NCFM) is a non-profit educational organization that examines the way sex discrimination affects men. It also tries to raise public consciousness about little known, but important, topics dealing with the male experience. Their web site can be found at http://www.ncfm.org.*Note: If you'd like to get the NCFM E-Zine sent to your e-mail address monthly, subscription information is at the end of the newsletter.*

NCFM E-Zine Gazette

Editor Richard Kroeger

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Welcome to the NCFM E-Zine Gazette.

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FATHER'S DAY MARCH DRAWS CROWD FROM THROUGHOUT COUNTRY TO DC

Nearly 100 men and their families participated in this years Father's Day rally in Washington DC. The rally began at 11:00 on the White House Ellipse, followed by a march down Pennsylvania Avenue to the steps of the Capitol. Many bystanders were supportive, honked their horns, and waived at the Marchers. March organizers were pleased with the turnout, stating that the event is growing each year and have ambitious plans for next year, including inviting celebrities and scheduling more activities.

The Post reported, Ken Yolman came from the Virgin Islands seeking words of comfort. Heather Smiler drove from Brooklyn to support her brother who says he hasn't seen his daughter in 10 months. Richard Brooke, from Chicago, said he just wanted to talk with other fathers who have struggled to see their children after a messy divorce.

The marchers carried signs declaring, "I am not a paycheck," and "Dead beat or dead broke." Dean Tong of Tampa Florida said, "there are too many instances where men are denied due process when they are unfairly prevented from seeing their children." Co-organizer Greg Romeo of Nashville Tennessee was quoted, "We are tired of not being treated right by family court judges and caseworkers and being deprived of our rights to help raise our children."

The NCFM EZine Gazette

19 June 2000, The Washington Post

ELIAN GOES HOME WITH HIS FATHER

After being held in the United States for seven months against his father's wishes, Elian Gonzolez returned to his home in Cuba on June 28 with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzolez, after all court appeals to keep him in this country were denied.

U.N. WOMENS CONFERENCE REACHES AGREEMENT

Prostitution has become a stumbling block at the United Nations Women's Conference held in New York. At issue is whether prostitution, now considered criminal by the United Nations, should be sanctioned as a form of women's labor. President Clinton has stated, "... we are opposed to prostitution in all its forms. We would not become a party to any treaty that weakened laws against prostitution." However, U.S. negotiators along with other Western countries have tried to clarify international sanctions to cover only "forced" prostitution, thus legalizing all prostitution that is not coerced. The controversial move was in conflict with the Philippine delegation, which sought to broaden the law. Several feminist groups such as Equality NOW are angered that the Clinton administration appears to have compromised his earlier hard-line stand against all forms of prostitution.

Other areas of international disagreements in the conference are provisions to expand homosexual rights, introduce new "sexual rights" for children at age 10, and require abortion training for health workers throughout the world. Poor countries and countries supportive of the Vatican are generally opposed to these provisions, while they are supportive of stronger prohibitions against prostitution.

By June 10, 189 nations reached agreement on a 150-page platform, which set "women's equality" as a goal. The document is described as tougher than the one adopted 5 years ago at the Beijing Conference, including tougher measures targeting domestic violence, sex trafficking, and the effect of HIV on women. The next meeting will be in 2005.

6 and 7 June 2000, The Washington Times

12 June 2000, The Washington Post

Related story: Women's advocates honored Hillary Rodham Clinton at the United Nations by singing the civil rights hymn, "We Shall Overcome." Approximately 10,000 women from 180 governments were gathered to discuss progress and activism following the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing five years ago. Clinton and women's advocates focused on problems faced by women, and atrocities committed against women throughout the world, and in particular in poor, tribal, Arabic, and Indian cultures.

6 June 2000, The Washington Post

Editor's commentary: Ms. Clinton referred to such practices as burning women because their dowries were too small in her speech. Such acts are an objectionable and primitive practice that we should protest. However, discussion of perspective of these crimes is rarely presented. In a broader context, it is clear that both men and women can be victims in these cultures. Who really is worse off, and why is the discussion only about women and the issues that they face? The horrible crime described by Ms. Clinton is comparatively rare and is already illegal in almost

all countries. The decision to feature the burning of women to define the problem of violence against women was made because it has a lot of emotional impact, but ultimately it is little more than a political tactic that distorts our perspective and understanding of the true scope and nature of the problem.

Somehow lost in politicization of world gender violence are that both Hutu men and women slaughtered nearly a million Tutsis, mostly men, in Uganda in 1994. Today the Tutsi tribe is 70% female. Or that AIDS will claim the life of almost 50% of children by the age of 15 in the worst hit parts of Africa -- mostly boys. As victims of gender violence, the victimization of men and boys are well in the lead with no close second. Those who seek to make gender violence an issue before the U.N., focus strictly on issues that concern women. There is no corresponding agency or constituency to address the issues of gender violence against non-women. Selective U.N. intervention in military conflicts should not be confused with opposition to violence against men. In every case, U.N. action can be traced to some other international interest.

This is a complex subject. The NCFM EZine Gazette invites reader commentary. Commentary will be linked to our archive editions.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR BOYS?

Colleges are looking for a few good men. Colleges have recently begun giving preferences to male applicants in order to balance campuses that are now dominated by women. This policy is drawing fire from some officials who worry that qualified girls are being treated unfairly, and justify the imbalance in college based on their perception of male advantages elsewhere in society. Women have outnumbered men in American colleges since the 1970s. Margaret Miller, president of the American Association of Higher Education, notes what she describes as "irony" that the predominance of women has caused such a reaction. Presumably the irony is because the predominance of men in colleges over a generation before was the basis for many similar programs giving women preferences. Miller also notes that no one seemed particularly concerned about the situation for decades. Men now

make up about 43% of the college enrollment -- and dropping.

Some officials contend that we should focus on the underlying problem of the dwindling number of boys, and avoid admissions preferences altogether. They say that the causes are still being sorted out, but suggest boy's behavior problems, and the lure of lucrative careers in high-tech fields that don't require a college degree are part of the problem.

4 June 2000, Chicago Tribune

Editors note: the gender gap in college was already large in 1990 (45% men/55% women), when high-tech computer jobs were not a factor in post high-school employment. There is a strong correlation between level of education and salary. Education is also correlated with health, and longevity.

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GERMANY CURTAILS VISITATION RIGHTS

Three weeks after German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder promised to help arrange visitation for American parents embroiled in international custody disputes, local authorities have canceled visiting rights of one highly publicized case, apparently in because the American family had spoke with the press. German officials stated, the "media uproar" had confused and unsteadied

the children who are held in foster care in the south of Germany against their father's wishes. The U.S. State Department calls the ruling absurd and points out that the German action is clearly intended to be punitive because of the publicity that the case has generated. The father, Joseph Cooke, lives in Flushing N.Y. Joseph lost his children six years ago when his then-wife, Christiane, turned their children Michelle and Daniel over to German youth authorities without his knowledge. She then checked herself into a mental institution. The children's grandmother, Patricia Cooke, is the only U.S. relative with visitation rights. Joseph could be jailed if he went to Germany for failure to pay child support.

A German social worker urged Patricia Cooke to cancel her visit of her Grandchildren in June, and warned that if she did visit, it would have to be on neutral territory and accompanied by a psychological professional. A follow-up letter informed her that her hours would be reduced and threatened that future visits would depend on her behavior. Patricia Cooke does not understand why a psychologist should be present at all, and said "I would like to do the normal things a grandmother does, like take them for ice cream."

22 June 2000, The Washington Post
see also, EZine Gazette, Vol. 13.1, June 2000.

GORE TARGETS DEADBEAT DADS

Presidential candidate Al Gore described absent fathers as "the No. 1 cause of child poverty in America" at a conference on fatherhood in Washington this month. "As president, I will launch a second generation of welfare reform to require all fathers who owe child support to pay up or be required to go to work ... We've been requiring that of the mothers; let's require it of the fathers." Gore would help two-parent families stay together by proposed changes in the tax code that would eliminate the "marriage penalty" for families that use the standard deduction.

Steven Baskerville of Howard University, writing for a news letter to be published by the Women's Freedom Network, charges Gore's campaign with promoting the incarceration of more fathers.

Republican Presidential candidate, George W. Bush, spoke in more general terms, calling instead for mutual "friendship and respect" to encourage marriage and to address the problems of fatherlessness. The Republicans are also proposing tax reform which they claim will eliminate the marriage penalty for all tax payers.

2 June 2000, Seattle Post Intelligencer

AUTO MAKERS EXTEND BENEFITS TO HOMOSEXUAL DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Ford Motor Co., GM, and DaimlerChrysler Corps. jointly announced that they will offer full health benefits to same-sex domestic partners for their nearly 500,000 U.S. employees. The United Auto Workers union pushed for the change a year ago in contract negotiations. Explicitly excluded, however, unmarried heterosexual couples will not get similar benefits.

9 June 2000, The Washington Post

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SUPREME COURT MAKES DISCRIMINATION SUITS EASIER

The Supreme Court made it easier for an employee to get an on-the-job discrimination claim heard before a jury. Employees can win such lawsuits without direct evidence of an employer's illegal intent. A Mississippi man who said he was the victim of age discrimination brought the suit. The decision is likely to extend into all other forms of employment-bias lawsuits.

Employees must still prove that there was discrimination. However, they do not need to prove intent or motive on the part of the employer.

12 June 2000, CNN.com

SENATE REACHES AGREEMENT TO EXTEND VAWA

Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.) will introduce a compromise bill worked out with Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), calling for an expansion of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The legislation, if adopted by the House, will authorize spending $645 million a year over the next five years, up from $266 million a year that is being spent now. The expanded bill will create several new initiatives, including transitional housing for victims, a program to reduce violence during children's visitations, and to aid disabled and immigrant women.

27 June 2000, The Washington Post

OUTLAWED WORDS AT ENGLISH COLLEGE

Stockpot College in Manchester England has a new policy that bans 39 terms on campus, including: "gentleman," "history," "chairman," "manmade," "Mrs.," "normal couple," and "postman." These have been deemed "unacceptable language" for the 15,000 students and employees, and can result in expulsion or termination should any of these offensive blasphemies be used. "Gentleman" was banned because it had unwanted class implications, and other words such as "crazy," "mad," or "manic" have been banned too because they could be offensive to someone with mental health problems. The college offers vocational classes in business, tourism, child care, as well as "floristy." It was noted that the campus is located in Man-chester, a point that is not currently in dispute.

The political correctness does not end at the campus door, however. The British National Employment Service banned the words "hard-working," "enthusiastic" and "reliable" from a newspaper ad, stating that they compromised the 1999 Disability Discrimination Act. The ban was later repealed by David Blunkett, England's education and employment secretary, noting that is was insulting to suggest that the disabled person cannot be reliable, hard-working and enthusiastic.

13 June 2000, The Washington Times

** Special Feature **

TO BE A BOY IN AMERICA

A plug for Chirstina Hoff-Sommers new book, "The War Against Boys." We read it in the Washington Post (11 June 2000), a paper where most gender-related stories are presented with a decidedly feminist point of view, often crossing into overt advocacy! At least that is how the editor of this newsletter sees it. They deserve credit, however, when they let an objective article sneak through. Here is what the Post provides as a "sampling" from her new book:

* Girls attempt suicide more often, but boys are far more successful. "In a typical year (1997), there were 4,493 suicides of young people between the ages of five and twenty-four: 701 females, 3,792 males.

* The typical boy is a year-and-a-half behind the average girl in reading and writing skills. Girls' scores still lag behind boys' in national science and math tests, but only slightly.

* The majority of college students are women, and the gap is expected to grow. By the year 2007, the Department of Education estimates that there will be 9.2 million women in college and 6.9 million men.

* Boys were as likely as girls to complain that they had experienced "unwanted and unwelcomed sexual behavior that interferes with their lives," according to a 1993 study conducted by the American Association of University Women. A follow-up study by researchers at the University of Michigan found that the "majority of both genders (53 percent) described themselves as having been both victim and perpetrator of harassment."

GAZETTE COMMENTARY: FLIRTING

Washington Post staff reporter Roxanne Roberts laments (6 June 2000, The Washington Post), "Flirting, the delicious art of saying nothing and everything, is disappearing." Republicans do it, Democrats do it, but as far as office flirting, "don't go there." Ms. Roberts is quick to point out that, here in Washington at least, no one is ever truly away from the office. Perhaps the most revealing quote, however, is from the president of the National Organization of Women (NOW), Patricia Ireland, "Flirting is not necessarily a sexist sin. But just as I would not wear clothes to the office that are appropriate for dancing at a club, I wouldn't bring the same kinds of interactions to my office that I would have at a party." She admits, flirting "is not a good idea because it's too easy to be misinterpreted," and concludes with "flirting only crosses the line to harassment if the attention is unwelcome."

In summary, Ms. Roberts and many she interviewed, long for the fun and charm of the ancient ritual of flirtation. The subtext, be wary as it comes with certain risks. Take it from Ms. Ireland, a leading feminist who has been instrumental in making innocent flirtation such as "unwanted looks" into illegal harassment. Consider this in the context that it is even easier today to bring a discrimination suit against an employer without the need to prove intent (see story "SUPREME COURT MAKES DISCRIMINATION SUITS EASIER"). It should be no surprise, therefore, that the delicious art of flirting is indeed disappearing. Perhaps flirting is like the canary in a mineshaft. It seems we're running out of air.

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See you again next month!

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Inspiring Op-Ed on Choice for Men

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Thomas Lynch wrote a terrific op-ed piece in The New York Times about male reproductive rights. The essay is well thought out and he covers all of the issues surrounding choice for men, including the concept that forced paternity affects a man's body just as much as pregnancy affects a woman's body. This, I feel, is the crux of the argument for reproductive rights for men. Free registration with NYT is required to read the article.

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Welcome to Our New Server!

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As you can see, The Men's Activism News Network is on a new server, and I've given the site a facelift. There is only *one* problem I've run into, and that's the URL you're seeing at the top of your web browser. It's supposed to say, "www.mensactivism.org", but it's showing my real IP address, *which changes frequently!*. So don't try to bookmark the site, because it won't work for long. I'll stick some Javascript link to automatically insert a correct bookmark at some point this evening. Thanks for your patience... **Update:** I haven't found a solution to this yet, and will be doing more research on it tomorrow. **Another update:** I have a solution to the problem, but it's going to take a few days to implement it. The site will be down at various times this weekend while I work on it.

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False Rape Accusation Thrown Out of UK Court

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The UK Times reports that a man who was accused of rape had the charges thrown out of court after producing tapes of phone conversations with his accuser where she pleaded for him to renew their relationship. Read the article here. The details of the investigation are disturbing - the police expressed no interest in hearing the tapes, and when they finally did so, continued to prosecute him. He also lost his job because of the accusation.

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Fred Lane Killed By His Wife - No Charges Filed

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Indianapolis Colts running back Fred Lane has been fatally shot by his wife in a domestic dispute. Despite the fact that police have indeed determined that it was Deidra Lane who shot him, they have not as of this posting pressed charges. **Anyone** who cares about domestic violence against men should be up in arms, and writing letters to their local newspaper. You can read the Associated Press story here. News submitted by c4m.

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Should Reducing The Divorce Rate Be A National Goal?

Scott · 8 July 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Washington Times printed this article a few days ago, which reports that some researchers on divorce and family issues recommend that a reduction of the divorce rate should be addressed as a national issue. With suggestions on how to reduce divorce, they list many benefits to society that may result. It's hard to deny that divorce today in the U.S. is often done too readily, and particularly without regard to the effects on children. An interesting read.

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Female Father's Rights Advocates

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This Salon article by Cathy Young covers an interesting topic - women who are actively fighting for father's rights. Young tells stories about second wives, mothers who feel children should have the right to spend more time with their fathers, and other women who are interested in obtaining equality for fathers in family court. Kind of long, but full of interesting info about how some women are fighting for father's rights.

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"Men Deserve to Live" Action Plan

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Edward Bartlett from Men's Health America has drawn up an action plan to get Rep. Randy Cunningham's Men's Health Act of 2000 passed. Click "Read More..." below to read the action plan and find out how to sign up to receive action updates via e-mail. As Ed puts it, *It's incredibly important that we get this bill passed, for one simple reason: Men Deserve to Live.*Two weeks ago, Rep. Randy Cunningham proposed a bill to establish an Office of Men's Health. This Office will jump-start the whole men's health movement.

It's incredibly important that we get this bill passed, for one simple reason: Men Deserve to Live.

We have established a group of 18 local men's/fatherhood organizations who will be spearheading this effort at the local level (if your group isn't involved yet, let me know, and I'll add you to the list).

Every week between now and Oct. 6 (the projected adjournment of Congress), I will be sending you an Action Alert. I'm listing the Action Plan below.

So let's get cranked up to make the Office of Men's Health a reality! And if you have any other suggestions how to move this forward, feel free to e-mail me at eba@intr.net.

Ed

Men Deserve to Live - Action Plan:

July:

Week 1: Read the bill and become familiar with men's health issues; get names, addresses, phone numbers, faxes of elected officials and health legislative assistant.

Week 2: Write letters of support - Representative and Senators.

Week 3: Fax letter of support.

Week 4: Contact local media.

August:

Week 1: MHA on vacation.

Week 2: Call to schedule meeting during the upcoming Congressional.

Summer District Work Period, July 31-Sept. 5.

Week 3: Make phone calls to Legislative Aides of elected officials.

Week 4: Contact the persons running for office in your district - ask about the candidate's position on men's health, and ask for their support of the Men's Health Bill.

September:
Week 1: Summer District Work Period - meet with your Representative or Senator in their home office.

Week 2: Contact friends, family, and co-workers who are interested in health or men's/fatherhood issues - ask for their support.

Week 3: Attend a campaign rally - ask about the candidate's position on men's health.

Week 4: Distribute flyer on men's health to local libraries and clinics.

October:

Final push - Whatever it takes to get the job done.

Ed Bartlett is the senior policy advisor for Men's Health America, which does research, education, and advocacy on behalf of men's health.

To subscribe to Ed's e-mail list, **mensheath**, create an account at egroups.com and subscribe to the menshealth list. Ed will be sending out his action alerts via the list, which is very low traffic.

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Female Student Harasses Germaine Greer

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In a bizarre bit of news, a female student has admitted in court to holding Germaine Greer (a well-known feminist) captive in Greer's home and harassing her. The punishment? Two years of probation. I don't think I need to raise the obvious question: what would have happened if the student were male? I'll leave that to your own imagination. An ABCnews report of the court verdict can be found here.

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President Clinton Commutes 4 Women's Drug Sentences

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According to this Associated Press story, President Clinton has commuted the sentences of 4 women convicted and doing time for drug crimes. The reason for doing so: the women received much harsher sentences than the men which were also involved. Now, it does seem to be true that in this case these women were given unfair sentences (by comparison to the men's sentences), but you can almost feel an uprising of a new feminist myth: that women receive harsher punishment than men for the same crimes. Please do what you can to head off this myth as soon as possible; efforts made now will make a much bigger impact than if we let it slide for awhile.

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More On Fred Lane

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Sportserver printed this article which says that Fred Lane's wife, who fatally shot him just a few days ago, had also fired a gun in their home two weeks before the incident, and that Lane's father told him to "get the hell out of there now". The article also discusses other disputes that Lane and his wife had been having. This is certainly a tragedy that sheds light on the complexity of domestic violence.

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French Government Revokes "Rape Me" Movie

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The State Council of France has revoked the license required for the new movie "Rape Me" to be shown in French theaters. The plot is described as "a kind of hard-core 'Thelma and Louise' in which two young women very graphically sleep and murder their way across France." The decision to revoke the film's license was made after family-values campaigners lobbied the State Council and complained that the film was inappropriate for minors 16-18, while the film was only rated for children over 16. ABCnews has the report here.

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What Do Women Want?

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No, this article has nothing to do with relationship or sex tips for men. It's an intro to a USA Today article by Gregg Zoroya, which looks at male roles in some recent movies that have received positive responses from women. It talks about what women find admirable and attractive in these portrayals of masculinity. It sounds to me like women want some pretty idealistic and selfless men. Could they perhaps be expecting more of men than of themselves?

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Mensactivism.org Feature: Civil Rights for All

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I'm proud to announce the second feature article posted to The Men's Activism News Network (really the first since my major public announcement). Ronald Burke has written an excellent essay on the topic of male reproductive rights, focusing on the Constitutional issue of equal protection. Click "Read More..." below to read the entire essay. And feel free to send me any essays *you've written* for future features!

Civil Rights for All: Choice for Men

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Introduction

I am not, to the best of my knowledge, on any list of deadbeat Dads, nor am I in any immediate danger of becoming an unwilling Parent. My interest in this subject is from the perspective of an American citizen who is actively concerned with the issue of civil rights. It is my most sincere desire to live in an America that has rights for people, all people, instead of just certain classes of people.

Problem: Choice for Men

When the Supreme Court ruled in 1973 that women have a fundamental right to control their reproduction, men became a separate and inferior class-A class denied the right to choose. In 1992, the Supreme Court reaffirmed the Roe v Wade decision. The opinion of the court was "The ability of women to participate equally in the economic and social life of the nation has been facilitated by their ability to control their reproductive lives"(ACLU). The problem is that the ability of men to participate equally in the economic and social life of the nation has been hindered by their inability to control their reproductive lives. Currently, the law dictates that a woman is free to choose an abortion, and the father has no right to intervene. If, on the other hand, the woman chooses not to have an abortion, then the father is obligated to eighteen to twenty one years of child support with no choice in the matter.

In 1963, President Kennedy presented a stirring public speech on the state of civil rights in Alabama. In that speech he said, "It ought to be possible, in short, for every American to enjoy the privileges of being American without regard to his race or his color"(Kennedy). The same American privilege ought to exist without regard to sex. Equality, by definition, can never be achieved unless it is for everybody. Choice for Men is about giving all men and women the same rights and responsibilities.

History

The thirteenth amendment to the Constitution provides that involuntary servitude shall not exist within the United States (United States, "Constitution"). In 1909, the NAACP was founded to achieve equal rights for all Americans. In June 1963, President Kennedy committed the presidency to the cause of equal rights, and he referred to racial discrimination as a "moral crisis" (Rubin). In a public speech regarding the subject, President Kennedy said, "This nation was founded by men of many nations and backgrounds. It was founded on the principle that all men are created equal and the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened" (Kennedy). The 1973 Roe v Wade decision gave women the rights to control their parental responsibilities, but men have been excluded from this right. Throughout our history, equality has been evasive, often due to poor word choice. How much better would it have been if President Kennedy had said "people" instead of "men," or if the supreme court had said "people" instead of "women"?
It is well worth noting the wisdom and foresight the founders of the NAACP had when they sought equality for all Americans.

Extent

In 1991, a Kansas State Court ruled that a seventeen-year-old babysitter was guilty of statutory rape when she had sex with the thirteen-year-old boy she was caring for. The absurd thing is that the Kansas Courts also ruled that the thirteen-year-old rape victim was required to pay child support for the baby that resulted from his rape. The appeals court affirmed the decision of the lower court and ordered the young boy to pay the portion of the child support that the lower court had forgiven (State of Kansas). The baby sitter

could have chosen an abortion, but the victim of rape has no choice if he is a male. This is not an isolated case; in fact, this ruling has become a precedent for many similar cases.

In Indiana, a man agreed to help a female coworker have a baby. They had a written agreement that he would not be liable for any support, but the courts ruled that fathers must support any child that a mother chooses to give birth to-fathers have no choice (Lambert). According to the Friends of Choice for Men, government figures indicate that each year 500,000 unwed fathers are ordered to pay child support. It is mind boggling to realize that at the equivalent rate of nearly one per minute, men are forced-without choice-into two decades of financial responsibility because of a woman's constitutional right to choose ("Keep Your Pants On").

Causes: Class Structure

America has had a long history of talking about equal rights, unfortunately equal rights have usually been for a particular group instead of being for all people. When the Supreme Court handed down the Roe v Wade decision, they created a separate right for a separate class-women. With knowledge of the entire world history of class struggle, America's highest court still creates classes of people with separate rights.

Separate Rights

The current U.S. abortion laws represent a despicable example of separate and unequal rights. In a futile plea for justice in a North Carolina Court, an attorney points out that women have the right to choose either to be or not to be a parent. Men have the right to be a parent (State of North Carolina).

Perpetuation

In the years following the civil war, southern states enacted a series of laws and regulations to perpetuate the superiority of whites over blacks. These draconian, separate but equal, laws were

vigilantly enforced and were quite harsh, overwhelming, and unconstitutional. The current legal structure of paternal responsibilities is being built up in much the same manner; laws are being passed for the sole purpose of perpetuating a system that flies in the face of constitutional liberty.

According to current law, when a mother says that a man is the father of her child, the man is guilty as charged until he is proven innocent. If the man chooses to go to court, the case is declared a civil matter, denying the man the right to counsel if he can not afford it, even though the woman is given free representation by the state attorneys. After the court rules on paternal responsibility, the case becomes a criminal action and the man is subject to criminal prosecution for non-payment (State of North Carolina).

Paternity laws are enforced by their own police forces with special police powers similar to those of the IRS. The special police force, Child Support Enforcement Offices, is present in every state of the nation and is staffed with tax-supported attorneys and enforcement officers. These special officers are empowered to demand all personal and financial records from the defendant and any member of the defendant's household. In addition, these special officers can require a defendant to make periodic personal appearances before the court, and require the payment of a cash deposit or performance bond. Noncompliance can result in imprisonment for contempt (State of North Carolina).

Effects: Unequal Rights

In much the same way as minority groups have been treated through much of our less than ideal history, men have become victims of inequality. Historically, unequal rights have allowed one segment of the population an unjust domination over another segment. Unequal rights often result in un-American systems such as slavery, no voting rights for women, and no choice for men.

Slavery

The thirteenth amendment to the United States Constitution is the antislavery amendment. It reads, "neither slavery nor

involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction" (United States, "Constitution"). The pro-choice people hold that sex is not a crime, and that it would be involuntary servitude to force a woman to have an unwanted child. However, in today's-no Choice for Men-world, men are held in involuntary servitude to the product of a woman's free choice.

Productivity

As many as one half million men per year are being subjected to the Child Support Enforcement Offices. Since they are facing seizure of assets, garnishment of wages, loss of professional and driving licenses, unemployment, extradition, and imprisonment, it would be an understatement to say that national productivity is being diminished.

Solution: Restoration of Equal Rights

According to Lawrence Ehlenberger, a psychiatrist and men's rights activist, Choice for Men would involve the man being served with papers when the woman learned she was pregnant. He could relinquish parenthood, losing all rights to visit the child as well as obligations to pay child support, or he could accept paternity, and have all rights and obligations of fatherhood. Either way the decision would be irrevocable and give men the same freedom of choice that women enjoy (Sine).

Materials: People

The success of the Civil Rights Movement was due, in no small part, to the efforts of a few good people. A few good people the caliber of Rosa Parks, Roy Wilkins, Bayard Rustin, and Martin Luther King, Jr., could form the vital leadership of Choice for Men. The only other necessary material is more people. The people in the street, the outraged indignant protesters, the freedom fighters, the letter writers, and the people who talk to people are essential ingredients for success. If not for the efforts of concerned people, America would be a British colony, slavery would still be legal, and women would not be allowed to vote or own property.

Procedure: Activism

When it comes to initiating societal changes, the tireless efforts of activists like Patricia Ireland, the president of NOW, provide an example of excellence. In a high school textbook Ms. Ireland writes:

Without a constitutional guarantee of women's equality, even favorable rulings and good laws on women's rights can be ignored, revoked or overruled. Feminist activists have not given up on women's equality amendment. We know that to get women into the Constitution we will have to elect a lot more people who support that idea. We look to the young women and men who are addressing issues of equality and Justice in high schools across the country. We are confident that this "third wave" will soon be ready to except the baton. (Ireland)

I must admit that I have a high degree of respect and admiration for Ms. Patricia Ireland. Her dedication to the cause of equal rights for women is exemplary. Although I cannot say that I always agree with her, I will always appreciate her dedication. I hope that we can be on the same side, working towards equal rights for all people-women and men alike. Choice for Men will need a good activist like Ms. Ireland.

Awareness

No sweeping change in public policy can occur without public awareness. Choice for Men needs the involvement of every concerned citizen. We need people in every city and town to write letters in the newspapers, call in to radio talk shows, and discuss the issues with everyone who will listen. In order for a change to occur, the general population needs to be made aware of the desperate nature of the problem.

Alliance

Enlisting the aid and support of media outlets and political organizations is another function that virtually every concerned

person can help with. If enough people were to contact the ACLU regarding their position on the subject of Choice for Men, the ACLU might consider Choice for Men and equal rights for all people to be a subject worthy of their attention.

Time Frame

I wish that I could say that this will be an easy fight, but it will not be. It is a lengthy and time-consuming process to defeat government bureaucracies and negative public images. It took ninety years to abolish slavery and one hundred years after that to achieve Civil Rights for Black Americans. I hope that our fight is not as lengthy, but it could be.

Obstacles

There is a false public perception that Choice for Men is just a bunch of Deadbeat Dads who are trying to get out of their child support obligations. This kind of public image could be difficult to overcome; we must always point out that the real issue is equality for all people-women and men alike.

Both the ACLU and the Planned Parenthood Federation are dedicated to preserving and enhancing women's rights including their right to choose parenthood. Much to their shame, these organizations have not supported the same rights for men. These two organizations have tremendous influence in American politics, and could present a formidable opposition, but it may be possible to shame them into supporting equal rights for all people instead of just certain groups.

Checks

We should all be diligent in watching the positions and actions of our lawmakers. Anytime there is a piece of equality legislation in the works it would be in the best interest of everyone to insure that it is equality for all people. Any legislation that encourages equality for one group will actually encourage inequality. I believe that our great nation would be far better off today if it had been

founded on the principle-All People are Created Equal.

Conclusion: Freedom

According to Planned Parenthood,

The abortion issue is not really about abortion. It is about the value of women in society. Should women make their own decisions about family, career, and how to live their lives? Or should government do that for them? Do women have the option of deciding when and whether to have children? Or is that a government decision? ("9 Reasons")

The people of Planned Parenthood make it sound as though freedom only exists if women can choose whether to have children. It is my belief that Planned Parenthood is half-right. Freedom only exists if both women and men can choose whether to have children.

Reasonable

Over one hundred and fifty years ago, the first Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York. At that convention the idea that "All men and women are created equal, and are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights?" was adopted (Rynder). This ideal, although considered radical at the time, was reasonable then and now. If men and women were equal under the law, Choice for Men would be unnecessary.

Practical

According to Richard Sine, "It is hoped that men's choice would force men and women to give serious and mutual consideration as to whether they can make a long-term commitment to a child before they attempt to raise it." It seems obvious to me that having both parents willingly committed to their child would be the most practical way to assure the support of children.

Effective

Equality is at the very core of the democratic system of government, the most effective system of government ever devised. Equal rights, equal choices, and equal pay, equal responsibility, equal whatever, presents a far more effective system of government than inequality ever could.

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Social Worker Has Sex With Boy Of 15, Then Accuses Him Of Rape

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ninemsn news from Australia printed this story that a female social worker, 46, had sex with one of her 15 year old clients, and when they were caught on one occasion, later filed a false claim of sexual assault. Kind of a sick irony, considering it was the boy who was raped by definition in this circumstance.

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John Leo And The Boy Crisis

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US News has another great column by John Leo, where he talks about the crisis we face regarding young boys and education. He makes references to the research in Christina Hoff-Sommers' latest book, The War Against Boys, and talks about recent events such as the new sexual harassment guidelines set up in the Manhattan Chelsea school district, which apply to kids as young as 4. As usual, Leo puts out another great pro-male article.

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Mother Gives Away Son Because Of Behavioral Problems

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A woman from California gave her 10 year old son to someone she met on the internet because she "could no longer cope with his misbehavior." A police officer involved in the case is quoted as saying that the problems were "really typical 10-year-old stuff." Now that normal behavior of boys is becoming inconvenient for modern parents, and drugs like Ritalin are so popular to tranquilize them with, should it be a surprise that some people are just not willing to deal with boys at all? Click here for the Associated Press story.

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Child Custody Tightly Linked To Divorce Prevalence

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This New York Times article talks about the reasons that people divorce. It shatters misconceptions such as men initiating divorce most often or women leaving primarily to escape abusive relationships, and reveals the deepest link: child custody laws. The author discovered that women initiate divorce more often than men do because they don't fear they will lose their children in the divorce.

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Cathy Young Reviews The War Against Boys For JWR

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Cathy Young has written another, shorter review of Christina Hoff Sommers' book The War Against Boys for Jewish World Review. Read the article here. The other, longer review that I made reference to above is the Salon review, which can still be found here. I like the fact that Cathy Young is somewhat critical of the book but still recognizes its importance.

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Domestic Violence Study Released

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Today The Nando Times printed this story which outlines a domestic violence research survey done by a Justice Department agency and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Their numbers suggest that 25% of women and 7% of men are raped or assaulted by an intimate partner. Despite the fact that these findings are not in line with family studies findings (ie, Straus, et al), there is an important acknowledgement in the report that "Violence among intimates involves relationships and factors that are too complex to be captured by a single research approach," and that men under-report DV more so than women.

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Women To Be Assessed For Combat Roles In England

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The UK Times reports that the Defence Ministry in England is preparing field trials for mixed-gender infantry units to determine whether women should be allowed in combat positions in the military. Read the article here. The main reason this is being done is to give women better opportunities to compete for senior positions in the military, but this would also help to balance the rights and responsibilities women have in the armed forces. Considering this is a controversial topic, why not discuss it in our comment boards? Click "Read More" to enter the comment board for this article, and read our tutorial if you need help posting comments. What do you think, would this be a step forward or backward for the men's movement?

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Alimony To Be Paid Even After Death Of Ex-wife

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Florida's Supreme Court decided last Thursday that a man must pay more than a year's worth of alimony to the estate of his dead ex-wife. Apparently the woman died after the divorce was finalized but at the time both parties were appealing parts of the final judgment. Since the man had not paid the alimony between the time the divorce was finalized and his ex-wife's death (due to the appeal), he argued that since she was now dead he shouldn't have to pay her the money. The court disagreed, in its time-honored trend of sticking with legal technicalities rather than common sense. ABCnews has the article here.

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Man Still Forced To Pay Child Support For Child That Isn't His

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The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports in this article that a man has lost a second court battle to have his child support obligation removed from a child which DNA tests have proven is not his. He argued that the last 10 years he has been paying child support was the result of his being defrauded by the mother of the child, but the judge would not amend the paternity suit. Isn't it great that DNA tests can be used to force men into unwanted paternity while they often mean nothing when absolving men of it? **Update:** I've fixed the link to the story.

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Clinical Trials Of Male BC Pill Show Good Promise

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Clinical trials are being performed for a birth control pill that can be taken by men. So far there have been good results, and common side effects such as acne and high blood pressure are not showing up in this particular drug. No word on when it might become available, but this is good news nonetheless. The BBC news article can be read here.

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Were Friedan's Accusations Meant To Boost Sales Of Her Book?

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Brill's Content printed this story on Betty Friedan and her accusations of domestic abuse by her former husband Carl Friedan. Ms. Friedan has made several attempts to downplay her comments about abuse in her newest book Life So Far, and Kimberly Conniff, the author of this article, suggests that it may have been done to create some controversy around the book to boost its sales. The article also goes into the generally poor journalism surrounding the issue, where Mr. Friedan was not given the chance to comment on the accusations before most book reviews were put in print.

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Bush Promotes "Paternity Registry" Law

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George W. Bush is promoting a "Paternity Registry" law that would deny fathers the ability to stop adoption proceedings taken by the mother if they did not register as the father within 30 days of the child's birth. Click here for the ABCnews article. Bush is quoted as saying, "Our child welfare system...must do more to encourage fathers to care for their families or, failing that, to expedite adoption when that is the mother's wish or the mandate of the state." **Note:** The Men's Activism News Network does not officially endorse any political candidates.

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Canadian Government Looks Into Changing Divorce Laws

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The National Post printed this story that the Canadian government has commissioned a study which has determined that most Canadians want changes to the Divorce Act that would be more child friendly and encourage shared parenting. Anne McLellan, the Justice Minister, accepted the report but told the committee that it would take three years for the changes to go into effect. According to the article, this wait is neither necessary nor has it made many people happy.

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Men Deserve To Live - Round 3

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Ed Bartlett from Men's Health America has distributed the announcement for "Round 3" of the action plan to get the Men's Health Act of 2000 passed by Congress. Please click "Read More..." below to see what you can do this week for the cause of men's health in America.

MEN DESERVE TO LIVE - Round 3

Last week we asked you to write a letter to your Representative to become a co-sponsor to Men's Health Act of 2000, H.R. 4653. (If you didn't get to it yet, please send it now. Address: US House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515)

Last week, we were heard. THIS WEEK, WE WILL BE REMEMBERED. This is the plan:

1. Get your Representative's phone number. If you don't have their number, call the Congressional switchboard at 202-224-3121, and they will give it to you.

2. Call your Representative's office and ask for the name of the Health Legislative Aide (LA). LAs are hard-working folks who try to make themselves accessible to constituents (after all, this is an election year!).

3. Request to speak with the Health LA. The purpose of your call is to follow-up on your letter, and to again ask the Representative's support to co-sponsor Rep. Cunningham's bill.

4. Be unfailingly courteous and helpful. Near the end of your conversation, you may want to politely say, "Thousands of elections in November will be decided by the male vote, and you hope the Representative will show their concern about the fact that men die 6 years sooner than women." Thank the LA for his/her assistance.

5. Make a note of this person's name, because you will be in contact with this person the week of Aug. 7.

OK, go for it!

Ed Bartlett

Men's Health America

www.egroups.com/group/menshealth/

A Reminder - Our Game Plan:

JULY

July 3: Read the bill, which can be found at www.house.gov/cunningham/images/hr4653.PDF

July 10: Write letters of support to your Representative and Senators

July 14: Make follow-up phone call

July 24: Contact local media

AUGUST

August 1: Continue efforts with local media

August 7: Call to schedule meeting during the upcoming Congressional Summer District Work Period, July 31-Sept. 5

August 14: Make phone calls to Legislative Aides of elected officials

August 21: Contact the persons running for office in your district -

ask about the candidate's position on men's health, and ask for their support of the Men's Health Bill

July 28: Summer District Work Period (July 31-Sept. 5) - meet with your Representative or Senator in their home office

SEPTEMBER

September 4: Write a second letter to your elected officials

September 11: Contact friends, family, and co-workers and ask for their support

September 18: Attend a campaign rally - ask about the candidate's position on men's health

September 25: Distribute flyer on men's health to local libraries, community centers, and clinics

OCTOBER

Final push - whatever it takes to get the job done

October 6: Target adjournment of Congress

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Deadbeat Dads Who Aren't

Scott · 19 July 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Orange County Register printed this news story about bureaucratic errors in the child support collection system - and men who are labeled 'deadbeats' when they are really current with their payments. One man is suing a District Attorney's Office to compensate for damages he suffered while he challenged child support debts he never owed. It should be no surprise that more accountability needs to be built-in to this system to allow errors to be corrected.

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Double Child Support Ruling Challenged

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More news from Canada: The National Post reported on a story about both the bio father and stepfather being forced to pay child support for a child, referred to as 'double dipping' (since the child/mother gets twice the support). The ruling is being challenged in the Canadian court system. An outline of the situation is kind of complicated, so I won't summarize it here. One thought occurred to me, though: the boy who is the recipient of child support from both men has a sister, and does anyone really think the boy should be financially supported better than her? It's an absurd concept, to say the least.

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Remembering Dad

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Tony Kornheiser of the LA Times recently experienced the loss of his father. He decided to write his usual column as a tribute to his father, talking about their relationship and his dad's love, humor, and the quirks that made him who he was. I thought the article was moving and written in a very masculine mode of writing. Although the article is about loss, I see it as an important positive thing to think about fathers and what they mean in this way. You can read the article here.

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Rod Smith Convicted Of DV Despite Recant Of Accusation

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Rod Smith, a wide receiver for the Denver Broncos, was sentenced to two years probation and more than half a year of counseling for domestic violence. This was despite the fact that his accuser, the mother of his two children, recanted her story. From the details of the alleged abuse, one might think that there would be physical evidence, but no mention of this is made. It looks like another case of believing a woman only when she claims victimhood, and disregarding her words otherwise. Sportserver has the article here.

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Choice For Men Demonstration On Capitol Hill in August

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Kim writes *"On August 26, 2000 a group of choice for men supporters will be demonstrating on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. We will be located in the West Front of the Capitol building from 11:30am to 5:30pm. You are invited to come and join us. We need you and you need us!*
We will be holding up signs advocating equal reproductive choice for men. What you put on your sign is up to you, however you should try to be respectful. Ideally, your slogan should be kept to 8 words or less and should be written with ***big dark letters*** *on a light background. We will have a table for pamphlets and bumperstickers.*
We all look forward to seeing you there! Sincerely, Kim" Please contact Kim if you have any further questions about the demonstration or are interested in attending.

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Shaky Rape Allegations Made Against University Student

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A student at Aberystwyth, a university in Britain, has accused a male undergraduate of raping her two years ago. No physical evidence exists, and from her own quotes it is not clear that she even made her intentions clear to the young man. She said in court, "I was willing at first but it got a bit uncomfortable." I feel a bit of sympathy for the young man who is going to be vilified for this, knowing that these accusations can have a profound effect regardless of whether you know you're innocent. The UK Telegraph has the story here.

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Sexual Harassment Bias In The U.S. Army

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The Washington Times printed this piece on the existence of bias against men in sexual harassment investigations in the U.S. Army. It discusses how a military career can be destroyed with a simple accusation in which men are generally assumed guilty until proven innocent, and in particular examines the 1996 incident involving Lt. General Claudia Kennedy. As bad as real sexual harassment is, the sensationalism and hypersensitivity surrounding it without regard to physical or verifiable evidence is undoubtedly doing an equal amount of damage.

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John O'Sullivan Laments For 'Manly Men'

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John O'Sullivan recently wrote an article for Canada's National Post, *Lament for the Days of Manly Men*. In it, he criticizes the way men's roles have changed, their current lack of authority, and the decline of courage, duty, and chivalry. He also believes that men are by nature immoral and irresponsible, and that they need to be socialized for these qualities, which the traditional male role did quite well. I have some mixed feelings on this article, but I thought it would be of interest to the readership because of its somewhat controversial nature. Feel free to share your thoughts on it through our comment boards!

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Men Are Pigs

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Anonymous Hero submitted this link. It's an excellent WorldNetDaily article by J.R. Nyquist which challenges the notion of patriarchy and male dominance that feminists often use to silence men. He discusses this in the context of the common "men are pigs" comment which few people bother to object to, but should. This is one of those topics that hits close to the center of the men's movement, and should be read by all.

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Teen Boys As 'Slackers'

Scott · 22 July 2000 · Archived copy · Original

In an article which is pretty demeaning to young men, Maggie Gallagher criticizes teen boys for not being eager to join the rat race, er, get summer jobs when they're young. She seems to think that educational summer camps and getting involved in the Arts is inappropriate for young men, and that they should all be slaving away at summer jobs instead. Why?: "*Boys who can't be bothered to earn enough money for movies and some hot dogs haven't shown enough oomph to deserve your [daughter's] company.*" This is another of those not-so-subtle ways in which men are reduced to wallets and providers, starting from an early age.

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The Myth Of Women's Moral Superiority

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Robert submitted this story from The Age, an Australian media outlet. It discusses the recent statutory rape of a 15 year-old boy in a detention center by his 46 year-old female social worker. The verdict in the trail has been released: the woman was found not guilty. The author of the article talks about the "cult of the moral mother", and the myths about women as morally superior to men which probably influenced the judge's decision. She throws out some misleading DV statistics, but confronts the sexual abuse of children by women, even though she downplays the effects that female abuse of children have vs. men's abuse of children. Definitely not a pro-male article, but this is also a topic that few feminists would touch.

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Woman Accuses University Of Favoring Black Men

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A female professor from Florida A&M University is suing the school for discrimination, saying that black men are favored in faculty promotions. You can read the MSNBC article here. I found this interesting because affirmative action programs were originally intended to help minorities, and women were more or less added to the programs at the last minute. And it is women (typically white, middle-upper class women) who have benefited the most from AA programs, not minority men.

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The Male BC Pill In Five Years

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More news on the male birth control pill: it could be here in 5 years, according to this article, by The New Zealand Herald. The article gives more info about the pill and the researchers working on it, and takes a few jabs at men as liars. Apparently it's believed that most women won't trust a man who says he's "on the pill". Perhaps it's because deep down they know how often *women* have defrauded men into paternity by lying about birth control usage?

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Australian Prisons Overflowing With Women

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Some more Aussie news: The Sydney Morning Herald reports in this article that New South Wales women's prisons are overflowing with women, and some Parliament members are calling for measures to be taken to *stop women from being sent to prison*. Fortunately, the government is not looking favorably on these suggestions, and is opposed to compromising justice standards. With a forty percent increase in female prisoners over the past six years, something's got to be done, but siphoning female criminals through hostel programs is certainly not fair to society. It's surprising to see how sympathetic the plight of women in this situation is portrayed, and contrast it to, for example, the situation of black men in American prisons.

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Boston Globe On The Rise Of DNA Paternity Testing

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The Boston Globe printed this article about the rise in DNA paternity testing and its social effects. The tone of the article is almost alarmist, suggesting that thousands of children are going to end up in poverty if men are given the choice to decline parenthood to children that aren't theirs. I think most women know who the real father of their child is or could be, so what's the problem? If mothers are dishonest about naming the father of the child, it should be *they* who are seen as responsible for ruining support for the child.

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Two Men Cleared Of Rape Charges; Evidence Doctored

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Two men have been cleared of rape charges in a Massachusetts trial where it was discovered that tape recordings presented during the trial were fabricated. One of the 'vindicated' men was quoted as saying, "These allegations cost me my job and damaged my reputation. I have no faith in the legal system when an innocent guy can be put through all this." Welcome to the United States, where one is guilty until proven innocent, especially in cases such as this. The Taunton Daily Gazette printed the story here.

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The Priorities Of Modern Fathers

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The Toronto Star printed a fairly pro-male story recently, redefining fatherhood. It talks about how fathers want to and are getting more involved in their children's lives, and how little support there is for fathers, particularly in social services. Mention is made of the positive effects that involved dads have on their children's lives, and quotes are included from father's groups in Canada and the U.S. It's a good read.

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Men Deserve To Live - Round 4

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Yet another round of Ed Bartlett's "Men Deserve to Live" action alerts has been released from Men's Health America. Please join us in promoting men's health by working to get the Men's Health Act of 2000 passed. Click "Read More..." to learn more. THIS WEEK, WE'RE GONNA HIT THE MEDIA

OK, this is the week that I'd like you to call your local newspaper and suggest they run a story on men's health. (If you haven't written your letter yet, I am including a copy of the letter that Bill Fetzner
of Wisconsin just wrote to his Representative. Feel free to adapt it your situation.)

So here's the secret to working with the media:

1. Pull together your thoughts and come up with a story idea on health. The best story idea is timely and has a local angle. If you can't think of a story, try this: the fact that the federal and state governments have loads of programs for women's health, but none for men's health.

2. Put together your "pitch." The pitch is what you're going to say to the reporter to convince him or her to do a story. The pitch should be concise, factual, and above all, interesting. Check out our Special
Reports if you want to brush up on your facts.

3. Call your local newspaper. Ask the receptionist for the name of the health reporter. Speak to the reporter and give your pitch.

To help you out, we've put together a Press Kit. The Kit contains copies of men's articles that have run in the New York Times, USA Today, Washington Times, and elsewhere. The Press Kit is free, but you need to send us a flat envelope with 77 cents postage (that's three
first class stamps). Send your SASE to:

Men's Health America

PO Box1404

Rockville, MD 20849

OK, let's rock!!!

Ed

Sample letter:

Hon. Tammy Baldwin

1020 Longworth House Office Bldg

Washington, DC 20515-4902

Re: HR4653, A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to
establish an Office of Men's Health

Dear Rep. Baldwin:

According to your website and running through many of your public
statements, you have a strong, abiding desire to be a strong
proponent of health care for all. I trust, therefore, that if you
were
alerted to the fact that a major segment of our population is
unnecessarily
going without needed health care services, you would make a determined
effort to do something about it.

There is a serious health care problem in our midst that a few are trying to resolve. This is a problem for men (and for the women in their lives), because too many men resist participating in their own health care for reasons that could be connected to false concepts of manliness, worries about costs, repressed fears, or something else. Why men trifle with their health we're not quite sure, but we are absolutely sure that such trifling translates into much higher death rates from cancer, heart disease and stroke for men compared to women. There is no reason that men should go on dying six years earlier than women in this country if men and women both used the health care system with the same diligence and frequency.

Government can help, and is being asked to help with a bill proposed by Rep. Duke Cunningham, that would set up an Office of Men's Health within DHHS. This modest measure would not take over for men or treat them as victims, which most men couldn't accept, but rather offer men new ways to act on their own behalf.

It's a made-to-order concept for ordinarily self-reliant men who would be inclined to take the right course if they had timely, reliable information and coordinated services. Can't you just hear the hallelujahs of women if the men in their lives were motivated to take better care of themselves?

And that's where you come in. As a woman and a recognized crusader for better health care for all our citizens, who would be a better person to co-sponsor a bill to protect men's lives? And in an election year when the male vote is now being watched with the same intensity as the female vote was a few years ago, stepping up to the plate for men would not be a bad thing. Bashing men is out of style; helping men help themselves is a solution that both sexes admire. What better way to walk the walk on health care than to back HR4653?

Please give it your deepest consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Bill Fetzner

Ed Bartlett is the senior policy advisor for Men's Health America, which does research, education, and advocacy on behalf of men's health.

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Fred Drop-Kicks Feminism

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Fred comes out with guns blazing in his recent column from FredOnEverything. He gives a pretty scathing critique of feminism and the notion that boys are "dumber" than girls. To do the latter, he looks at the highest acheivers on standardized tests and finds that they are overwhelmingly male. This is indeed true, but I hope it won't overshadow the fact that the average boy (that is, most of them) is in need of a lot of help in school. His writing is pretty brazen, and I was a bit hesitant to post it to this site. However, I'm sure it will be of interest to some readers, but be warned: Fred is very conservative philosophically and politically.

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Leo Takes On Anti-Male Bias

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Imo Bethere submitted this link to John Leo's latest Town Hall column, and writes, "*Please read this entire article. The anti male stuff is such an ingrained part of our culture that few seem to question it. Good to see a conservative columnist exposing this travesty.*" I agree. Leo's a great asset to the men's movement, despite the fact that he doesn't seem keen on men's rights groups. He introduces a lot of people to the issues we work on, many who might not receive exposure to them otherwise. **Update:** an anonymous user sent in this link, from a 1998 issue of USNews. It's the exact same article. Interesting...

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Statistics Canada Releases DV Report

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A new study done by Statistics Canada was released yesterday, showing that men and women were abused at about equal rates for several kinds of violence. Canadian women's groups are up in arms about this, of course, and The Toronto Star printed this article which outlines the study's findings and the complaints of many feminists who obviously feel threatened to let go of any part of their "victim status". The report shows violence against women has been declining significantly, at a much higher rate than violence against men has been declining. Peter Dudley submitted the primary source for the study here.

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Censorship Of Men's Issues At Univ. Of New South Wales

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An anonymous reader sent in the following media release from the Student Guild Council at the University of New South Wales, Australia. It outlines a proposal for a 'men's issue' of the magazine *Tharunka*, and outlines in explicit detail that "white, heterosexual male" perspectives are not considered legitimate for the publication. Read on for more details... **Update:** I have received a response and have updated information on the comment board.On Tuesday the 18th July 2000, the Student Guild Council passed the following motion, banning *Tharunka* from producing an up coming "men's issue" that would have dealt with the issues of men in present society, including health, suicides rates, imprisonment rates and men's attitudes to feminism:

"Guild Council condemns any proposal to produce a men's edition or "white heterosexual male" edition of *Tharunka*. Accordingly Guild Council directs the Media Directors/Tharunka Editors not to produce any such editions or publish material which contravenes general Guild policy (eg K9.4), or Anti Discrimination Legislation, or, which
undermines the purpose of women's, lesbian/gay, indigenous or ethnic students' departments."

The edition was planned as a male version of the "Blue Stocking (Women's) Edition" but the Women's Department of the Guild and other council members felt that an edition of *Tharunka* dealing
specifically with men's issue would be considered discriminatory. However, Council also passed a motion at that same meeting which enforces the publication of a Women's Edition of *Tharunka*.
Voting editor Marta Jary was unable to attend the council meeting due to illness and thus *Tharunka* itself did not have the opportunity to enter a vote in the decision.

Note: the information printed here previously was incorrect. If you want to contact the people responsible for this decision, please e-mail the Contact Officer for the Student Guild Council of the University of NSW: contactlo@guild.unsw.edu.au The staff of Tharunka is in support of the men's edition, but is being threatened by the Student Guild Council.

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Opinion Article On 'Deadbeat Dads'

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Although a bit old, this opinion article from the Denver Post makes some good points about the way the 'deadbeat dad' frenzy has little basis in fact. He refers to the recent Massachusetts child custody ruling that alternates the custody schedule for each parent every year, and mentions something I was unaware of - that hunting and fishing licenses are now being revoked for being in arrears on child support in some states.

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Changes To British Rape Laws

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Ace submitted this link to a UK Times article outlining changes to UK rape laws. The most disturbing change is that by default any woman who is intoxicated would not be able to give consent. I think there is a big difference between forcing a person to have sex and having a few drinks with someone and then mutually deciding to have sex. In fact, the latter is quite a popular past time among both men and women! But here's a thought: if both parties are intoxicated and the woman files a rape charge, why shouldn't the man be able to as well?

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Interview With Christina Hoff-Sommers

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BookPage is featuring an interview with Christina Hoff-Sommers, author of the new book The War Against Boys. It's not a strict Q+A format, but the interviewer includes several direct quotes from a phone conversation she had with Sommers. It includes suggestions to how to be an advocate for your son(s) in school and I particularly liked the quote: "If you are a mother of sons, as I am, you know that one of the more *agreeable* facts of life is that boys will be boys."

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Aberystwyth Rape Trial Over: Not Guilty

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Last week I reported on the shaky rape allegations made against a former student of Aberystwyth University in Britain. His trial is now over, and he was found not guilty after the jury deliberated for 41 minutes. This UK Telegraph article (courtesy of IHF) gives details of the acquittal and the disturbances that this young man had to deal with by being accused of such a serious crime.

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No News This Weekend

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I'm going away for the weekend, and I wasn't able to find any stories to queue up to have posted over this weekend, so this site will remain as it is until Sunday afternoon/evening. See you then!

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The Horror Of Being Falsely Accused

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krob4399 writes "*A man in his mid-forties sent this to me and consented to submit this horror story without revealing his identity since, at this time he has not been charged with any crime. I know the man very well and I am sure he is falsely accused.*" Click Read More for the story. It's truly a nightmare situation.To give some background on the situation, my ex is from the Philippines. She and my son were evacuated out of there when the volcano erupted in 1991. After being in the US for a little over a year, I was sent on temporary duty to Kenya for 90 days. Later I found out that she had a lover. That lasted until about a year and a half after we divorced. About six months after returning from Kenya, I was sent to Saudi Arabia. I found out that she had moved her lover into our house, and he stayed there until the day I returned. In November 1994, the divorce was granted and in the settlement, I was awarded custody of my children, a boy, age ten and a girl, age eight.

Before the divorce, my ex was into drugs. The OSI in Abilene brought her in for questioning concerning her involvement in drugs. Her lover's first Sargent informed me that her lover was considered an alcoholic, and he was denied reenlistment in the Air Force. He got out of the military, and after the divorce, my ex joined him. At the time, I had eleven months until my retirement. About 5 months later, I let my ex have my daughter until the end of the summer with my son joining them when school was out. Before school started, my ex returned the children and I found out that they had been living in a transient hotel in a single room. They had told both kids to call her lover, "Daddy". Later, I allowed her to move back in because the kids, especially my daughter begged me to. After she moved in with me, she got a job as a topless dancer, saying she wanted to catch up on her child support. I lost all feelings that I ever had for her. She never paid a dime and as of this month, I believe she owes over $14,000. She only pays $200 a month. Several months after I let her move back the last time, I began to get many calls and when I answered they would hang up. My son and babysitter started telling me she was going to eat lunch with her lovers and taking my daughter with her. My babysitter also told me my daughter had told her that her mother had told her to lie to me about where they were going. I finally started taping my phone lines and found out that she was going over to a man's house after work. I listened to the tape early one Saturday morning and then began packing her belongings. I had her out of the house by noon that day. I had told her when she moved in that I would not put up with her seeing other men or for her using drugs. I found out that she was using cocaine and grass which I believe she obtained from the women she worked with. She moved into a transient hotel and then into an apartment.

About six months after leaving, she moved in with still another man. The last I
heard she was to be married in July 2000. After my kids were moved to New Mexico by my parents, they have told me things that the
children told them. Some of them were that my daughter slept with her Mom and her lovers, and when they would go shopping, my ex
would tell my little girl to watch guys when they walked by so she could see them checking her butt out. My ex has also told my son
that she would do anything to get her children back. My parents and I agreed that we would hide nothing from the children, so when I
was arrested, the kids were told. My dad was so scared that my son was going to have a nervous break down because my son started
shaking and crying hysterically and my daughter said in a very calm voice, "Well, mommy will not have to pay her child support now".

Since the divorce, I have not dated much. The main reason is that both kids would become very upset if they thought I was going out
on or going on a date but they do not mind their mother dating. The only time I would go out was when the ex would have the children.

I have made the kids my whole life. Both kids have a feeling that if I go somewhere that I will not come back and that I will abandon
them like their mother practically has done. I may not have been the model father but I am a good father to them. I did no drinking in
front of the kids. Our street is only one block long and the kids were allowed to play on either side of the street but were not allowed in
other peoples houses and their friends were not allowed in ours. They could not go into their friends' back yards unless they came
and asked me first. Until this started, I thought I was my children's best friend. They would tell me their dreams, what they had done
that day, and would draw pictures for me all the time. They did not tell me a lot that happened at their mothers house since they were
afraid I would not let them see her because of what they said she was doing. There was no set visitation in the divorce decree; it
only said was that visitation would have to be agreed on by the both of us. The judge did this to give me a little control of the situation
so the kids would not get hurt. Since the divorce, my ex has repeatedly said that I stole her children even though she never took the
trouble to show up for the divorce court.

I need to say one thing about my daughter. It is that with her mother coming and going in her
life, she craves attention from all adult women. Until she was in first grade, she would call all women that paid her attention, 'mommy',
whether it was a teacher, babysitter, or even her grandmother. On 2 April 2000, I had to go to Lackland AFB,

Texas for a class in
hazardous cargo training that lasted two weeks. I asked my mother if she would come to town and watch the children while I was
away. When I got back to the Dallas/ Ft. Worth area on 14 April 2000, I took a taxi home from the airport and my father met me at home.
He informed me that three days after I left, my daughter had told my mother who was baby sitting her, that I had been having full
sexual intercourse vaginally, anally, and orally with her. She took my mother into my room and showed her a nylon briefcase that had
some sex toys in it. One of them was a dildo that was bought for my wife as a joke. It was 8 inches by 2 inch big and it was lying on
the closet floor in front of the door. The bag was setting just inside of the open door. The last time I had seen it was a year and a half
to two years before. I threw the case in the closet in the corner on some boxes and later set some bags on top of it and that was the
last time I saw it. My dad came to town a few days later and they talked about this and they decided to take my daughter to the family
doctor. They did not tell the doctor anything, except that they thought she was having female problems. He sent them to a gynecologist
who walked in, saw her, turned around and told them she was too young to be checked. Dad got upset took her to the emergency room
and my daughter told the doctor the story so the doctor called the police and they, in turn, called the Child Protection Services (CPS).

When I got home that night, dad told me that they had just gotten home from Cooks Children's Hospital where my daughter was
examined. I was told that she had no cuts, tears, scaring, and her hymen was still intact. The female doctor that made the examination
said there was no physical signs that my daughter was assaulted. The doctor, who is 30 something years old, also said my daughter
knew more about sex than she does. Dad then told me that the police wanted me to make an appointment with the CPS first thing
Monday morning 17 April 2000 or they would put a warrant out for my arrest. All weekend I had less than 2 hours sleep. Monday
morning I made an appointment for ten AM where the lady that interviewed me, informed me about the accusations against me. She
asked me a few questions. Some that I remember is, did I have cable or a satellite TV. I told her no but I think their mother did. Did I
let the kids on the web, I said yes but I monitor where they went on it. My son was on sites where he could play games, and my
daughter was on the Barbie sites. When I said I had never touched my daughter inappropriately at any time, the CPS lady called me a
liar and told me to tell the truth, admit it and not drag my daughter through this. She then tried to tell me that my son confirmed it,
saying that whenever I went into her room at night she would sometimes cry. I told her yes, sometimes she did, but the reason was
that my ex wife would promise to pick them up from school and then, too late, she would call at 5-6 in the

afternoon and cancel. I told
the CPS lady that my daughter would cry after the call, but sometimes she would hold it back and would cry after she went to bed. I
would go into her room and console her. Sometimes she would not start crying until after I came in to kiss her good night and to ask
her if she was ok. I told the CPS lady that I would lay down beside my daughter, and try to calm her. Sometimes it would get late and
since I could not hear the alarm clock from her room I would take her to my room because I was afraid I would go to sleep and be late
for work. I have surely forgotten most of the questions that I was asked because I was so tired at that time. I told the CPS lady that I
had taken care of both children ever since we got back to the US and that when I changed diapers, I was very uncomfortable in doing
it. That was because in cleaning the girl after she soiled her diapers, it made me feel like I was abusing her. I told her that most men
that I had talked to felt the same way. When my daughter she was sick and had to be given a suppository for throwing up, I had to go
get the baby sitter to do it because I could not do it. I told the CPS lady she should check with the baby sitter and see how I treated
my daughter. I told the CPS lady that I had gone through the same basic thing with my son.

I told the CPS lady that the only time that I
had seen my daughter without any panties on since then was last year. I had been working on the computer after work and the kids
were in the front yard. My daughter came in crying that she had fallen and hurt her lower belly. I pulled her in to my lap, held her,
hugged her and kissed her. She stopped crying, jumped down and went out and played. Later, after she took a bath I sent her to bed. I
had changed into some gym shorts to wear to the bathroom and when I went past her room she was crying. I opened the door and
asked if she was ok. She was holding the upper part of her crotch and cried that it hurt. I walked over, removed her hand and she had
a large red spot on her lower belly, about half an inch above her crotch. I left the room and went to the kitchen to fill a towel with ice to
place on the bruise. I then went to the living room and watched TV for a half-hour or so, then went and checked on her. She had
pulled the ice pack away because she said it was cold. I made her put it back and went back to the living room. After another
half-hour, I removed the ice pack and asked her how she felt. She said "All better daddy" so I dried her off, kissed her goodnight, then
took my own bath. The next morning she acted like it never happened and she never complained about it again.

The CPS lady then
asked why any father would require his daughter to not wear panties. I explained that several months later my parents were visiting

and my daughter developed a high fever. It was on a weekend so we took here to the emergency room. After the examination the
doctor said she had a kidney infection and bladder infection. The doctor thought it was because she was not keeping herself clean
enough. After they broke her fever they released her to go home. The doctor recommended that we watch her more carefully and said
that we might keep her from wearing panties at night to let her breath and help keep the bacteria down. After we got home we sent
her in to take a bath and grand ma went to check on her while she dressed for bed. When my mother walked in, she caught my
daughter putting on her old panties, so after we got her to bed we talked it over and decided to take the doctors advice. I never
thought about it after because it seemed to work and she did not develop any more infections. All the CPS lady did was sniff and
asked if I was sure my mother was there when I made the decision, I told her she was just out side the door and she could ask her but
she just ignored me. I told the CPS lady that my baby sitter was in my house at all different times of the day and night and if I had
been doing any thing with my daughter she would have caught me. I told her that the baby sitter was the type of person that your
house was her house and hers was yours. I told her I was not in the habit of locking my doors and the baby sitter would walk right in,
and when the baby sitter was having marriage trouble, she would walk right in at any time of the day and night. I told her I had nothing
to admit to and that I was innocent.

She asked if my daughter looked like her mother and I told her that her mother was oriental and
my daughter was half. I said "Yes, but she looked like me too". The CPS lady told me she did not believe me and that I was still in love
with my ex-wife and was projecting her on to my daughter. I told her that I was not, that I knew the difference between a 28-year-old
and an 8-year-old. She then told me to go to the waiting room because she had to go talk to her supervisor about putting the kids in
foster homes. About thirty minutes later she came back and said I had two choices: let her put the kids in foster care or let my parents
take them to New Mexico, so I sent them home with my parents. I signed a statement giving my parents temporary custody, for
medical reasons and for school. To say goodbye to the children, I had to go back to the Child Protective Services. After saying
goodbye, the police wanted to interview me. I was introduced to a female officer who conducted the interview. I told them the same
basic story, that I did nothing to my daughter and that I agreed with them that she had too much knowledge of sex for a child her age
but the knowledge did not come from me or from my home. I also told them that I had no way of proving this, and I did not keep a
twenty-four hour a day, seven days a week video of what happened in my house. The officer said that I seemed to be a nice man and

a good father, but every one makes mistakes and I needed to admit mine so she could get me help. I told her that I had done nothing
to admit and I had done nothing, but love my kids. The female police officer asked me if I would take a lie detector test. At first I said
yes but when she asked me again if I was willing, I told her I would like to ask a lawyer about it first. She said I could go but not to
leave the area. I contacted a lawyer and asked him about the lie detector and he said that it was my decision, but if I took it and failed
it I would be arrested. If I took it and it came up inconclusive I would be arrested. If I declined it I was going to be arrested, and if I
passed it, I would be arrested. So if I was going to be arrested anyway, why give them any ammunition to hurt me with. So I declined
taking it. They waited until the eighth day of June to arrest me. I was told that my case would be going to a grand jury within four to six
weeks and it is now the twenty-sixth of July and I am still waiting. Since the interview with Child Protection Services and the police,
neither has contacted my babysitter, my neighbors or anyone that has had any contact with my children other than family and me.

Child Protection Services and the police only took statements from my parents, my ex wife, and me. When my parents first got the
children to their home in New Mexico, they took them to the local Physicians Assistant (PA) since no doctor practices there, to make
sure they were in good health. My daughter told the PA the same story that I had been abusing her. Three weeks ago my mother had
to take my daughter in for a bladder infection and the PA asked her twice in different forms of the same question if any one had ever
touched my daughter down there. In both cases Mother said NO without hesitation. Can you imagine the mental turmoil and
depression all this has unnecessarily caused me?

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British Government Pushes For More Rape Convictions

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IHF highlighted a Guardian Observer story about the current status of rape convictions in Britain. Last year close to 8,500 rape cases were reported, but only 634 were carried through to conviction. From the article: "*The Home Office has now demanded action from the Crown Prosecution Service and the police to push up the low figure. Campaigning groups say Britain should learn from America, where the use of special advocates who support women through the courts has pushed conviction rates above 50 per cent in Washington and New York states.*" If Britain is going to "learn from America" with rape procsecution, what that really means is that they're going to start securing convictions without evidence and making people guilty until proven innocent. This is disturbing news.

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The National Coalition of Free Men recently sent out its latest E-Zine, and you can read it by clicking on "Read More". E-mail subscription info to the E-Zine is also included. NCFM is a non-profit educational organization that examines the way sex discrimination affects men. It also tries to raise public consciousness about little known, but important, topics dealing with the male experience.

NCFM E-Zine Gazette

Editor Richard Kroeger

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Welcome to the NCFM E-Zine Gazette.

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FATHER TO BE ALLOWED TO VISIT CHILDREN HELD IN GERMANY

Reversing an earlier decision, German officials are arranging for an American father to visit with his children. Joseph Cooke's children were taken to Germany six years ago by his ex-wife, Christiane, on what was supposed to be a 2-week vacation. Christiane turned the children over to German authorities before checking herself into a mental hospital, who, in turn, placed the children in foster care without Joseph's knowledge (NCFM EZine Gazette, Vol. 14, July 2000). Joseph has not been able to visit Germany because, under German law, he has failed to pay child support to the foster family. The children's grandmother, Patricia Cooke was recently denied visitation because the family had spoke with the press concerning their situation. This case has become a source of friction between U.S. and German leaders, and was subject of discussion between President Clinton and Chancellor Schroeder last May.

German authorities are providing counseling to prepare the children for their father's visit. It is not clear when or if Joseph will be able to take his children back to the U.S. The only statement reported from German authorities is, "Mr. Cooke has the right of access." Another official also noted "Nothing concerning access and custody is ever final."

27 July 2000, The Washington Post

BREAST CANCER STAMP MAY LOSE APPROVAL

Reauthorization of a special postage stamp known as the "semipostal," is in jeopardy because of a congressional dispute over what causes the government should use the mail to endorse. The special stamp includes a voluntary 7-cent surcharge over the normal first class mail rate, which is donated to breast cancer research. The semipostal has already raised $15 million. Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-NJ, wants to introduce a semipostal for fundraising to support a World War II memorial on the Washington Mall. Women's activists such as Betsy Mullen, founder of the Women's Information Network Against Breast Cancer, are upset that the dispute is jeopardizing one source of funding for breast cancer research. Currently, there is no discussion in Congress concerning other causes such as prostate cancer research that the semipostal could also be used to support.

25 July 2000, USA Today

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I'd like to announce a new web site devoted to tracking news on men's issues, The Men's Activism News Network. Check it out at:

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It's updated *daily* with news stories related to men's rights issues, and also includes feature articles, book reviews, and interviews with important figures in the men's movement. Please stop by and see what it's all about - I hope it will be a useful resource to men's rights activists worldwide.
- Thanks! Scott Garman, Site Admin: sgarman@iname.com

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CALIFORNIA INMATES TO BE OFFERED DNA TESTS

Prosecutors plan to take the unprecedented step of offering free DNA tests to some inmates in San Diego and some other Southern California counties. The tests results may potentially overturn convictions, a prospect that most prosecutors and judges traditionally avoid. Most states have rules that block the introduction of new evidence shortly after a conviction is handed down (21 days in Virginia). Some prosecutors in California are now open to the idea, in part because they say the tests will disprove many claims of wrongful prosecution. San Diego officials are reviewing the cases of 560 inmates convicted before 1992 to determine which might qualify for this program. Officials have reviewed more than 40 cases so far and have found none that qualify. Part of the problem is that old evidence from sex crimes has been destroyed as a matter of routine police procedure. The tests cost $5000 to conduct (the cost of incarcerating a prisoner for a year is about 10 times higher).

26 July 2000, USA Today

Editors note: Wait until the outcome of this program is completed before praising it. It is important that everyone who has a reasonable case for exoneration should be permitted to participate. Nothing has happened so far.

VIRGINA MAN TO GET DNA TESTING AFTER 17 YEARS BEHIND BARS

Virginia Gov. James Gilmore III ordered DNA tests to determine whether a retarded man who was sent to prison in 1983 had committed rape and murder. Earl Washington Jr. was sentenced to death for a 1982 rape and murder of Rebecca Williams after he

confessed, but then Gov. Douglas Wilder commuted his sentence to life in prison amid doubts about his guilt. DNA testing of fluids from Williams body in 1993 (10 years later) found DNA that did not belong to either Washington or Williams' husband.

Virginia officials generally fight against post-conviction DNA tests, going so far as to destroy evidence after the conviction is made. This was the case for Joseph Roger O'Dell who was executed in 1997 for capital murder. O'Dell's supporters seek to prove posthumously that he was also innocent.

2 June 2000, The Washington Post

SUPREME COURT RULING COULD SWAMP COURTS WITH SENTENCING APPEALS

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a New Jersey hate crimes law that increased prison time for conduct, even though a jury did not consider that conduct. The U.S. appeals court ruled on 26 June that applies to thousands of federal drug cases, and that dozens of other state and federal statutes may be unconstitutional. The court ruled that the Sixth Amendment bars judges from going above the statutory maximum sentence by using extra evidence, such as motive, weapon used, or volume of drugs sold, unless these facts were part of the criminal indictment and were voted on by a jury.

23 July 2000, The Washington Post

Editors note: presumably this might impact sentencing for other federal crimes.

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SEXUAL HARASMENT AWARD UPHELD FOLLOWING APPEAL

Maryland's highest court ruled that a Prince George's County man who allegedly promised a co-worker a job promotion in exchange for sex, was soliciting prostitution. The woman was later fired, reportedly for cursing a client of the company where they worked. The decision upholds a $22,240 judgment for the victim, but more significantly, provides an alternative legal route for filing a workplace discrimination lawsuit. Prior to this ruling, plaintiff had to file a federal discrimination claim. Under the new ruling, a wrongful termination suit can be a valid alternative to filing a claim with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The case was appealed to the Maryland high court because it was "a back door attempt to circumvent the legitimate process" according to Insignia, the company where they both worked.

In general terms, workers who are fired for refusing to commit a crime, in this case prostitution, should be able to file suit, even if federal anti-discrimination laws also apply to the case. Judge Dale R. Cathell of the high court expressed a dissenting opinion to the ruling. He argued that his colleagues had stretched the definition of prostitution so far that "a person requesting sexual activity, promising marriage, or any number of other things in return, is soliciting prostitution."

25 July 2000, The Washington Post

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GENDER PAY GAP SHRINKS

The salary gap is closing in academia, science, and advertising, according to Working Woman magazine. The statistic used is generally a simple average of all people in a field or profession. Female instructors at the doctoral level earn 94 cents to the dollar, compared to their male counterparts. Female media directors earn 90 cents to the dollar. Women chief executives of mid-size ad firms earn $10,000 *more* than their male counterparts. Women run 9.1 million companies in the U.S., employ 27 million people, and earn $3.6 trillion in sales per year, according to the National Foundation for Women Business Owners.

24 July 2000, Christian Science Monitor

But... female anchors earn 28% less than male anchors on local TV in Los Angeles, according to the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. The disparity is greater on the radio, where 15 of 19 local radio stations have a single male anchor in the drive-time slots when most commuters are tuning in. Research on television news viewing habits suggests that gender plays no significant role in building an audience according to David L. Smith, president of a survey research firm, with most stations concluding that a male/female co-anchor team works best.

1 June 2000, Los Angles Times

Editors note: local stations in the DC area are increasingly using two female anchors. It is common for the weather and sports reporters to also be female. There are no stations in this area with a single male anchor, or with two male anchors. The NCFM EZine Gazette would be interested in knowing what the situation is like in your city. Take notes and tell us what is happening.

QUEEN ELIZABETH SLIPS TO 19TH RICHEST WOMEN

The world's richest woman is Helen Walton, the 81-year-old wife of Sam Walton who founded Wal-Mart. Her fortune is estimated at $40 billion. Number two falls to France's Liliane Betancourt, 74, who's father founded L'Oreal cosmetics. She is worth $14 billion. According to EuroBusiness magazine, 38 percent of all businesses in the U.S. are owned by women, compared to 60 to 65 percent in Germany.

Queen Elizabeth's fortune is estimated at just under $3 billion. Of course, the Queen doesn't actually own Windsor castle, nor does she pay for its upkeep. The queenship still has its perks.

10 July 2000, CNN.com

Editors comment: it is not clear what "a business is owned by women" actually means. Most large companies such as ATT or Exxon are owned by stock holders. It is not obvious that the statistic "38 percent of U.S. businesses are owned by women" implies that the other 62 percent are owned by men. The NCFM EZine Gazette invites reader comments to expand on this question.

CHICAGO SCHOOLS BAR SEXUAL ABSTINENCE ADVOCACY GROUP

A group advocating sexual abstinence has been barred from Chicago public schools after administrators found the group had presented a controversial curriculum in sex education classrooms without proper approval. The group, Pure Love Alliance (PLA), says it has presented its abstinence program in 61 Chicago schools, as well as schools in Miami, Los Angeles, and Alabama. Rev. Jesse L. Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition have criticized the program as being based on an unsound curriculum, and targeting black communities with a message of "fear and shame." The PLA is affiliated with the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church. Reasons given for baring the group range from separation of church and state, to statements by the American Medical Association (AMA) and the World Health Organization (WHO) that claim programs founded on abstinence-only are of limited value.

21 July 2000, The Washington Post

Editors comment: in short, the Chicago school board has chosen to shield its children from competing ideas, even when those ideas are easily defended and in line with the wishes of most parents. The idea that children can and will decide for themselves seems to escape the AMA and the WHO. It is not at all clear that this makes our children stronger or smarter when faced with making a sexual decision.

** Special Feature **

THE REALITIES OF DIVORCE

Synopsizing a story by John Tierney: Which sex is mostly to blame for divorce? Conservative preachers and liberal feminists are united in their disdain for philandering men who abandon their children. Journalists and politicians (self) righteously condemn "deadbeat dads." The fact remains -- women initiate two thirds of divorce actions. Why?

Domestic violence is a cause, but only 6 percent of divorces in Virginia cited this as the reason. Husbands and wives were cited for adultery in approximately equal numbers. Dr. Margaret Brinig of the University of Iowa states that less than 20 percent of the cases are because women feel they've been exploited.

The answer appears to be child custody. Women are much more willing to split up because -- unlike men -- have no fear of losing custody of the children. Instead, a divorce enables them to *gain* control over the children. Dr. Brinig asserts, "Children are the most important asset in a marriage, and the partner who expects to get sole custody is by far the most likely to file for divorce."

Most states usually grant sole custody to the mother if she wants it. A few states (e.g. West Virginia) have recently begun to make joint custody the presumptive norm. Dr. Brinig observes that this change seems to be keeping more couples together. She also notes that when couples do divorce, fathers who share custody are less likely to renege on their child-support payments.

West Virginia typically awards each parent a share of custody according to how much time that parent spent with the child during the marriage. Dr Brinig suggests, "Custody is now a way for women to achieve a real show of force over men. If you remove that distortion, it's apt to change the way men and women relate to each other and to their kids. Fathers are likely to spend more time with kids if they can expect to still see them if the marriage doesn't work out. Women will be more likely to see men as parenting partners, and less likely to use divorce as a power play."

11 July 2000, The New York Times

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The E-Zine Gazette is compiling a list of stories that document double standards in the American justice system. We plan to compile these stories into a concise and open-minded analysis to help illustrate the problem, and to provide you with the information you need to understand it.

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Thank you for your help!

This concludes this month's installment of the NCFM E-Zine Gazette. Thank you for your time! If you have a moment, please forward this newsletter on to one of your friends or co-workers who may be interested.

See you again next month!

Richard Kroeger, Editor

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National Post Interview With William Pollack

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The National Post printed this story which is an interview with William Pollack, author of Real Boys. I haven't heard much about Pollack lately, and this interview isn't exactly flattering toward him. I think this quote kind of sums up his views: "*Women have the right to be angry...and it may still be a man's world. But it's not a boy's world, and it never was one.*" I have mixed feelings about this, but still wholeheartedly support Pollack for getting the media interested in boy's issues.

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News From Readers

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I have received a few requests from readers to post information here, so here they are:

Joe Dunbar is doing some work to help fathers in the Massachusetts court system. If you're from that area and have ever been treated unfairly by attorney and GAL Vicki L. Shemin or Judge Judith N. Dilday, please contact Joe at joewdunbar@hotmail.com. Documented cases of fee disputes or irrational custody recommendations by Shemin would be of particular interest.

Rich Zubaty wrote in to announce a new pro-male book he's about to release, What Men Know That Women Don't. He has a pre-publication edition which is downloadable from this site for a cost of $4. This rate will increase to $24 once the print edition is released, so you might want to check it out now.

Dr. Charles Corry also wanted to warn readers that there are plans to change domestic violence laws in California and Oregon so that *both* parties are arrested when a 911 call for domestic violence is made. This is not really good news; click Read More below to read his notice and find out why.
E-mail Notice From Dr. Charles E. Corry:

I have heard now from men in both California and Oregon that there are plans to amend the domestic violence laws requiring mandatory arrest to include both parties when 911 is called.
I would presume this idea is in response to the obvious injustice perpetrated by "primary aggressor" laws that virtually mandate arresting the male in family violence situations. One suspects a hidden agenda as well.

My sources relate that this idea is being put forth by the local shelters for abused women in their areas. It seems unlikely then that such a proposal has sprouted independently. I have not yet confirmed that this idea has spread to Colorado but it seems likely.

If both parties are arrested then it is evident that any children present will be taken into foster care. It is worth noting that in El Paso County, Colorado, once children are taken into foster care by DHS the parents have a roughly 25% chance of ever getting their children back. Other counties in Colorado probably have similar numbers.

The radical feminist agenda has long advocated the destruction of families in order to free women (see "Why feminists and N.O.W. concern us" at http://www.dvmen.org/dv-13.htm#pgfId-1054798). For example, the statement by Dr. Mary Jo Bane (feminist and assistant professor of education at Wellesley College, and assoc. dir. of the school's Center for Res. on Woman) that: "In order to raise children with equality, we must take them away from families and communally raise them." Or, if you have a strong stomach, read the S.C.U.M. (Soc. for Cutting Up Men) manifesto by Valerie Solanas posted on a Sweet Briar College site at http://gos.sbc.edu/s/solanas.html Many other references are available but it appears certain that the idea of arresting both parties in a domestic dispute is in line with the radical feminist agenda for the destruction of families.

The booming foster care industry in Colorado, and likely elsewhere, would also be enthusiastic supporters of such law.

I do not presently know whether the idea of arresting both parties has crept into VAWA II at the Federal level. Some feedback there would be helpful.

While I strongly advocate the modification of the current domestic violence and abuse laws in order to fix the problem not the blame, the idea of arresting both parties in a family dispute will only hasten the destruction of families and tear more children away from both parents.

The further destruction of families is not an objective any civilized person should favor.

Chuck Corry

You can reach Dr. Corry at the following e-mail address: ccorry@pcisys.net

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Pro-Boy Article In CS Monitor

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There was a good article in today's Christian Science Monitor which raises awareness of the needs of young boys in education. Both William Pollack and Christina Hoff-Sommers were quoted, and the article was in-depth and informative. It can be found by clicking here.

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Exposing Double Standards In DV Awareness

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Ever wonder why when you bring up the high prevalence of domestic violence perpetrated against men, you get shrugged off? The National Post printed this article that exposes the double standards that work against men when trying to get recognition about domestic violence. A superb analogy is made with the issue of suicide, one that I'll remember for quite some time. Read it for some good strategies to show how callous and selfish it is for someone to say, "violence against women is more severe and prevalent, so violence against men isn't as important."

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Pardon Requested For Rape Convict Based On New Evidence

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ABCnews reported in this story that a Texas man who has already served 10 years of a 99 year sentence for the rape of a sixteen year old girl may be pardoned based on new DNA evidence. His conviction was based primarily on witness testimony, and the prosecution team has changed their views on the case and have submitted a request for pardon to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

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Proof Of Male "Biological Clock"

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Now for some men's health news: new research has proven for the first time that men's ability to procreate decreases as they age. This has been postulated for some time but conclusive evidence has been hard to come by. ABCnews has the report here.

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Men As Killers, Rapists, And Abusers

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In an article which turned my stomach, Maclean's is featuring as its cover story in their latest issue a tirade against male violence. Just about every sentence is directed at demonizing males and masculinity, and the word *misandrist* barely begins to describe it. Please give yourself some time before writing a response to Maclean's - I'm personally going to need about 24 hours before I can compose a reasonable reply.

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Changes In Irish Abortion Laws Could Promote False Rape Accusations

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This ABCnews article discusses how proposed changes in Ireland's abortion laws (which currently outlaw abortion except to save a mother's life) could increase the number of false accusations of rape against men. The reasoning is once women are allowed to have abortions in cases of rape, some women will stoop to making a false accusation in order to get an abortion. This is a significant controversy, but I think it's especially notable that people are at least concerned about false accusations in Ireland and there is a dialogue going on about it.

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Man Kills Himself Over CSA Stress; He's Not The Only One

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IHF submitted this link to a UK Times article which talks about men who have killed themselves due to the stress placed on them from the Child Support Agency. This is shocking news: "*Mr Brett's suicide brings to 55 the number of deaths linked to the CSA. The agency has admitted the possibility of potential connections with two deaths. The campaign group NACSA (National Association for Child Support Action) has documented 42 suicides and eight murders that it believes can be laid at the agency's door.*" What's it going to take to put some reason into paternity laws?

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Man Goes To Court For Custody Of Unborn Child

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A Virginia man is asking the court to obtain custody of his partner's unborn child, as he believes he would be a much better parent than the mother. Salon ran the story in this article. The main legal confusion right now is how to determine custody of a child that hasn't been born yet. This may be the first child custody case of its kind, and raises some interesting questions.

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Send In Your Views On The US Presidential Candidates

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I'm looking for for papers and essays on the topic of men's rights and men's issues to feature on this site. Right now I am particularly interested in receiving people's opinions of the US presidential candidates and where they stand on various men's issues. In order to avoid bias as much as possible, I'm asking my readers to submit their perspectives so I can compile the results and encourage further discussion on the matter. *Note: The Men's Activism News Network does not officially endorse any presidential candidates.* Read on to find out the type of info I'm looking for and where to send your submissions.Disclaimer: The Men's Activism News Network does not officially endorse a particular presidential candidate. I'm doing this to help inform and empower my readers in as unbiased a way as possible.

The Men's Activism News Network, www.mensactivism.org, is looking for papers and essays on the topic of men's rights and men's issues. Right now I am particularly interested in receiving people's opinions of the US presidential candidates and where they stand on various men's issues. Some of these issues might be:

- Male reproductive rights

- Child custody

- Violence against men

- Men's health

- Men of color

- Men's roles in the family

- Boys and education

- The gender"pay gap"

- Men in the military

...as well as many others. My goal with this is to provide men with information so that they can make their decision to vote based on how "male friendly" a particular candidate is, and where each candidate stands on the issues most important to them. To try to be as unbiased about this as possible, I need as many politically aware readers as possible to send in their assessment of the candidates. I will then post a compilation of the responses on the site, and allow there to be further discussion on the issues on the message board.

The Men's Activism News Network makes no claims to copyright on its user's submissions, so you're free to submit

your writings elsewhere in addition to mensactivism.org. Please e-mail me at: scott@mensactivism.org if you have a paper/essay/candidate assessment to submit or plan to start writing one for submission.

Thanks for reading this and I hope all of mensactivism.org's readers will make use of the site for positive change!

Scott Garman - scott@mensactivism.org

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Is Feminism To Blame For Increase In Male Suicide Rate?

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The Australian Associated Press printed this piece which discusses the **70%** increase in suicides over the past twenty years for men aged 20-39. Mention is made of the increasing attacks on masculinity and men's roles in Australian society, as well as the significance of male shame. The article doesn't present much in the way of evidence for this theory, but I have little doubt there is some truth to it, and it is very noteworthy that this idea could get some media attention.

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The Importance Of Fathers

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The Age printed a very pro-father article on the importance and positive effects fathers have on their children. The active nature of parenting by dads and how fathers influence the child's conception of masculinity and sexual identity is talked about in a positive light. It's definitely a good read.

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Male Bashing In Chicago - Help Put An End To It

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I received an e-mail from Les Farkas who wants to get the word out on a male bashing campaign he'd like to end. A retail store called The Alley in Chicago is posting degrading signs about boys which have said, "BOYS SUCK" and "BOYS CHEAT", among other things. Also included with these anti male signs is a "GIRLS RULE" sign. This is obviously very immature behavior, and on top of that they are promoting male bashing. This is a very busy storefront and thousands of people walk by it each day. Click Read More below to read Les' request for help and what you can do to help put an end to this trash. Hello! I need help and reinforcements here in Chicago! There is a store called The Alley, on 858 W. Belmont, that on it's Clark St.
side has a window display that carries multiple messages like: "BOYS
SUCK", "BOYS CHEAT" and "GIRLS RULE". There are other derogatory messages
as well.

When I see such a thing, especially on a daily basis as I walk
by, I get irritated because I realize that only men, as a group could be
so insulted in modern day America. I feel it is partly due to the
fact that we are not good at speaking out against such mean stereotypes as
other groups. I therefore ask that any men in the Chicago area give
them a call if they agree with me - their number is 773-525-3180. The
owner is unavailable; ask for "Adriana" (a man) or managers Mike
Howdyshell or Paul Robinson. I think that if they hear from enough of
us and get enough static, they will think twice before trying such a
window display again!

The staff seemed quite conscious of this as a current, hip cultural trend. They are right in that, it is so part of the current
cultural climate. Again, I think we men let so much of this go by us,
and really we shouldn't. In this case what's at stake is the
self-esteem of growing boys and the lousiness of attitude that we are
permitting in young women. I like to point out to women that this
sort of thing makes American women look bad, like bitchy man haters! It
also makes young women arrogant, abusive and bigoted towards guys.

Please let me know how I can get this message out.

Les - lfarkas@enteract.com

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Dad Saves Family From Airplane Crash

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This is a neat story that I thought I'd post here: A father and his wife and three sons went on a flight in a single-engine airplane when suddenly the pilot passed out. Having never flown before, the father took control of the plane, and with assistance from ground control, safely landed the plane at an airport. CNN ran this story of heroism at this link. This was a brave man indeed.

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Are Youth Sports Getting Too Competitive?

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ABCnews ran this article on youth sports, and what may be the increasing amount of violence and bad sportsmanship among participants (and their parents). Considering the pressure that young men are under today, becoming obsessed with winning in sports is not something that's going to help the way they view themselves. Being active and having a healthy competitiveness in sport is undoubtedly the best lifestyle we should encourage in our young men.

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Even More New UK Rape Laws

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Submitted by IHF: A new British law will ban defendants in rape and sex crimes from cross-examining their accusers in court. This will only apply when the accused is defending himself, and will force him to use a lawyer (court appointed or chosen by him) to do the cross-examination. The UK Independent has the story here. It seems every day that we move further away from fairness toward men in court systems around the world.

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Parents Can Be Court-Ordered To Give Their Children Ritalin

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USAToday reported here that a New York court has ordered a 7 year-old boy's parents to put their son back on Ritalin, after the parents decided to stop giving it to the boy because of side effects the child was experiencing. The article talks about how it could now be construed as child abuse to refuse to administer drugs like Ritalin to your child. Any parent of a young boy should be very concerned about this. Even though ADD and ADHD do exist, tranquilizers like Ritalin are being prescribed in epidemic proportions. Many psychiatrists and parents believe that what was once "normal" behavior for boys is now being treated as a psychological disorder - the idea of masculinity as toxic taken to the extreme.

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Audio Interview With Christina Hoff-Sommers

Scott · 9 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This is a bit old, but I thought very interesting. WBUR featured Christina Hoff-Sommers on The Connection with Christopher Lydon. There is a home page for this program and you can listen to it using Real Audio here. Most of the callers to the program gave some excellent examples anti-male and anti-boy bias, and it was interesting to hear Sommers in action.

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Men Deserve to Live

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Ed Bartlett of Men's Health America released another action item in his Men Deserve to Live campaign. All you need to do this week is take two minutes to write a letter to your Senator in support of the Men's Health Act of 2000. By clicking on Read More, you can view Ed's message and a sample form letter to submit to your Senator's office.
As I mentioned in last week's posting, Sen. Strom Thurmond introduced the companion Men's Health Act in the Senate. It is bill number S. 2925.

So this week, let's make it real simple: Cut and paste this letter on your letterhead, make whatever changes you want, and send it off to your Senator.

That's it for now!

The Honorable [name of senator]

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support Men's Health Act - S. 2925

Dear Senator _____,

Men die 6 years sooner than women. That means that every year, 40,000 men die unnecessarily in the United States. Most of these men are in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. This means that when a man dies prematurely, he leaves behind a widow and children who will grow up without their daddy.

In January of this year, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services approved Healthy People 2010, a plan to eliminate all health disparities by the year 2010. But unfortunately the DHHS has not taken any concrete steps to implement this plan in order to solve the problem of premature male mortality.

Recently, Senator Strom Thurmond introduced the Men's Health Act, S. 2925. The purpose of the act is to establish an Office of Men's Health in the DHHS.

This November, the male vote will decide the outcome of hundreds, if not thousands of elections.

Please become a co-sponsor of S. 2925. All your constituents---men, women, and children---are counting on you.

Sincerely,

Your Name Here

Ed Bartlett is the senior policy advisor for Men's Health America, which does research, education, and advocacy on behalf of men's health.

To subscribe to Ed's e-mail list, **mensheath, create an account at egroups.com and subscribe to the menshealth list. Ed will be sending out his action alerts via the list, which is very low traffic.**

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Ask Warren Farrell Anything!

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Here's a fun way to get people involved more with Mensactivism.org: post a comment to the message board for this story and ask Warren Farrell a question or two! If you've never posted comments to this site before, I'd highly recommend reading the site tutorial, and then come back here and click on "Read More" at the bottom of this blurb to read what the rules are and how this will work. You can also check out Dr. Farrell's web site if you're not already familiar with his work. **Update: I have submitted the interview questions to Dr. Farrell. You can see which ones were selected by clicking here.**

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Woman Who Made Many False Accusations Gets Convicted

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In Vanier, Canada, Cathy Fordham was convicted of "public mischief" for fabricating an assault accusation made against a member of a community recovery home she directed. There several more alleged examples of false accusations she has made against various men on sexual assault charges, and one man has even finished a prison sentence for rape based on one of her accusations, which a lawyer said had no other evidence but Fordman's testimony. The Ottawa Citizen has the story here. This woman is obviously very manipulative and pathologically apathetic to the consequences of what she has done.

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More Reports On Child Support Errors

Scott · 10 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Here's an article by the Christian Science Monitor that investigates the problems of billing errors in the U.S. child support system. Here are some sobering facts from the article: "*In a study released Aug. 8 by the [ACFC], 55 percent of child-support payers say they have experienced billing errors by a child-support agency. Among those who tried to get the agency to fix the error, 61 percent were unsuccessful. In 43 percent of cases, the payer had been subjected to punitive measures as a result of a billing error, such as having cars booted or assets seized.*"

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A Struggle With Testicular Cancer

Scott · 11 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

George submitted this link to a CNN men's health article. It's an account of one young man's struggle with testicular cancer, and I hope everyone will read it. Early detection is the most critical thing, and after reading the story, I went looking for some info on how to do a testicular self-examination. Perhaps you'll find this information useful, or pass it along to someone you know?

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Why Do Women Live Longer Than Men?

Scott · 11 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Aceman writes, "*Here are some ideas why it's not certain but it makes you think.*" Thanks for the link Aceman! The article discusses several of the factors of which affect the gender "death gap", and how they change as a person ages. Take a look.

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Discrimination Against Men In The Military

Scott · 11 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

NewsMax featured this story on how the military is becoming increasingly hostile toward men, with the hypersensitivty surrounding sexual harassment accusations and the lowering of standards to push women ahead into senior positions. The infamous Claudia Kennedy case is discussed, as well as some examples of serious threats to military effectiveness posed by letting women off with less training. A good variety of information here.

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Challenging The Notion of No-Fault Divorce

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I found this interesting article from the Denver Post. It's about an attorney who is challenging no-fault divorce law, and is trying to bring the case to the Supreme Court. The theory is quite interesting: a marriage is a contract, and only in no-fault divorce can either party break the terms of the contract without a penalty. Therefore the legality of no fault divorce undermines contract law, and also ruins the legal meaning of marriage. These are things I never considered before, and perhaps it should be the case that if a spouse wants to end a marriage when the other doesn't, that he or she should pay a penalty.

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Online Chat Transcript About Ritalin

Scott · 12 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Aceman writes *"This is an ABCnews online chat with Dr. Peter Breggin, author of Talking Back to Ritalin and Reclaiming Our Children: The Healing Solution for a Nation in Crisis."* Dr. Breggin is also a medical consultant to plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit against the company that makes Ritalin for over promoting the drug, so you can be sure that his views aren't positive toward Ritalin. I hope many of the disturbing facts discussed in the transcript will continue the dialogue on this controversial drug and the way it's being (mis)used.

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Fresno Child Support Demonstration

Scott · 13 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Fresnobee.com had a recent story on a small demonstration in the city against unfair child support practices. The article mentions the standard inequalities and errors that the child support collection system creates, and it's good to see a local newspaper give attention to the issue.

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School Teacher Rapes 12 YO Boy

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A middle school teacher from Sligo Middle School in the DC area has been charged with having sex with a 12 year-old boy whom she met while teaching summer school. The boy says they have had sex several times since mid-July, and that she would have the boy sneak out of his house at night and pick him up at a street corner to drive him to her home. I will keep an eye on this case and see how it turns out. The Washington Post printed the article here.

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If Men Have All The Power, How Come Women Make The Rules?

Scott · 13 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Jack Kammer wrote in to ask that I post info about his book, titled If Men Have All The Power How Come Women Make The Rules? I have read this book myself and have found it to be an incredible tool in making friends aware of men's issues, which is almost a miracle in itself. The book is not long and consists of many short aphorisms, which seems to appeal to men. Best of all, the book is free (since Jack couldn't find a publisher), and all he asks is that you write to him and let him know that you've read it and any feedback you could offer him. I'm not the only one with glowing praise for this work, here are comments from other readers as well. And finally, click here to go to his site to download the book (again, it's free - please take a moment to check it out).

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Anti-Male Attitudes In American Universities

Scott · 14 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Jim Castelli and an Anonymous User wrote in about this link to a front page Boston Globe article on colleges that are unfriendly to men. Men's Health recently did the survey of colleges and universities and picked the most anti-male schools in the country. I can't find a link to the MH article on-line, but to any young men considering college - find this issue of the magazine and check it out! I'd love to see more assessments of universities based on these criteria.

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"Male Bias" Cheats Women Of First-Class Degrees

Scott · 15 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Brian O'Higgins writes *"According to a "study" by two genderists at Oxford, women are being denied equality in first-class degrees awarded, because the assessment system is geared towards a male style of argumentation. You can read about it at this UK Sunday Times link. Note that in the same breath as these genderists denounce the alleged sexism of this state of affairs, they shamelessly indulge in some very real sexism of their own, blatantly claiming that women consider arguments in a more careful and balanced way than men, exposing once again - for those who have yet to notice - the crypto-racist thinking that underlies much of feminist ideology."* Great submission Brian! I couldn't have said it better myself.

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Trashing British Boys

Scott · 15 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

IHF pointed me to this story from the UK Telegraph, "So, are British boys really that bad?" It's based on the comments of the daughter of the US Ambassador about British boys around the age of 15, including *"British boys really suck."* We're obviously dealing with some high-intellect journalism here.

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Choice For Men Demonstration Update

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I received a press release for the Choice for Men demonstration which is planned for Saturday, August 26, 2000, on Capitol Hill. Click "Read More" to read the press release. Mensactivism.org will be tracking the demonstration and I will provide updates on this site of how the demonstration progresses.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington, DC - On August 26, 2000 a few hundred Americans will assemble at the West Front of the Capitol Building demonstrating for equal reproductive rights for men. From 12 noon to 5:00 p.m, demonstrators will be displaying signs, disseminating information, and giving away bumper stickers trying to create public awareness about men's lack of reproductive choice.

Roe v Wade has given women the choice to opt out of the rights and responsibilities of parenthood since 1973. Abortion usurps a man's choice to be a father.

On the other hand, many men do not want to be fathers and are forced to subsidize a woman's decision to be a mother with 18 years of support.

The US Constitution grants equal protection to all US citizens under the 14th Amendment. Many state constitutions also have an equal protection clause which guarantees state citizens equal rights without discriminating based on gender. Demonstrators from across the nation will be assembling to fight for men's reproductive rights, which should naturally be their constitutional right.

Please contact Scott Garman, scott@mensactivism.org, if you need more info about this event.

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John Leo Reports On PC Absurdities

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John Leo's latest article in US News is a series of "politically correct" absurdities, such as banning the children's game "musical chairs" because it encourages aggression, or having men sit down to urinate because it would make them equal with women. Some of the anecdotes were silly, others were more disturbing.

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Man Falsely Convicted Of Rape Goes Free After 10 Years

Scott · 16 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"CONROE, Texas - Three years after DNA evidence first suggested he was innocent, a logger serving a 99-year sentence for a rape that he always denied went free Tuesday morning."* I didn't receive a link with this, but found an ABCnews story on it here. Note that Mensactivism.org reported on this story back when the pardon was first suggested. **Update:** Our anonymous friend just sent in this link to a Dallas Morning News article which is really good.

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Men's Studies Professor Purged At Dawson College

Scott · 17 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Rand and an Anonymous User both submitted this link to some disturbing news. Prof. Jeffrey Asher from Dawson College (in Canada) had his men's studies classes cancelled by the administration and was told that he could no longer teach on this subject. Prof. Asher then left his job, and is publicly denouncing the decision as a political move to silence his views. Please read this article, and ask yourself, "am I going to keep silent about this?"

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Teacher Acquitted Of Sexually Abusing Schoolgirl

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The Mailman writes *"David Leland Stevens, science teacher of 32 years, sums it up after the trial: 'I love my job. I love my kids and I love what I do. This is the beginning of the beginning again.'"* It's yet another story of a man being falsely accused. The Washington Post has the link here.

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Al Knight On Family Court Issues

Scott · 17 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Denver Post had a great editorial column by Al Knight, which covers a wide range of issues related to men in family court. In it, he discusses bias in custody determination, challenges the "deadbeat dad epidemic" myth, and false accusations. Long, but a good read.

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Montel Williams Looking For Alienated NCPs

Scott · 18 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I received an e-mail forward concerning an upcoming Montel Williams talk show which will be on the topic of non-custodial parents who have been alienated from their children (by the other parent). If you'd like to info on how to get on the show, click "Read More" to see the instructions and contact info. Note that the deadline for being considered as a guest is **August 23**, so act now if you're interested!
Hello,

The Montel Show is doing a show on ncp parents who have been denied a relationship with their children due to visitation interference or parental alienation.

If you meet the following criteria, please contact the producers (names and phone numbers below):

1. You know where your children live.

2. You are estranged from your children due to interference or alienation on the part of the custodial parent.

3. You want to re-establish a relationship with your children.

4. You are willing and able to present your side of the story on national television.

The producers are especially interested in those who have older children from whom they are currently estranged due to interference and with whom you would like to be reconciled.

The show is tentatively scheduled to be taped the week of August 28, 2000
Deadline for contacting the Montel Show to be considered as a guest:
August 23,

2000

Contact: Missy: 1-800-987-5446 (ext. 358)

Lenora 1-800-987-5446 (ext. 381)

If you meet the criteria outlined above, or if you know someone who does, I urge you to contact the producers as soon as possible. If chosen for the show, you would be flown to NY and be given expenses and a hotel.

Also, I implore you to forward this announcement to all other newsletters to which you are subscribed. It is important that this issue get the attention it deserves. It is a marvelous opportunity to let America know just how big a problem interference with visitation and custody really is.

Wishing you the best,

Lowell **** (Last name withheld)

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Series Of False Accusation News

Scott · 18 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I've received a few reports about false accusations that I decided to consolidate into this story. A young woman from the UK received 7,500 pounds by making a false rape charge and was discovered (UK Telegraph). Another teacher was vindicated of sexual harassment charges, whose jury deliberation took less than 30 minutes (UK Telegraph). And a policeman from London received 300,000 pounds for being falsely accused of indecently assaulting a female co-worker (Again, from the UK Telegraph). Credit goes to IHF for submitting these stories.

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The Head Of The Medusa

Scott · 19 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Aceman wrote in to tell me about a book entitled: The Head of the Medusa: The Rise and Fall of Western Civilization at the Hands of Radical Feminism by Perseus. The book is **free** to read on-line. Would anyone like to submit a review of this book that I could post to this site (how about you, Aceman)? If so please send your submissions to scott@mensactivism.org and I'll be glad to post them.

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A Great Example Of Bashing Men

Scott · 19 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Diane Carman really knows the feminist party line well. She uses it profusely in her Denver Post opinion article which is critical of the recent Men's Health assessment of male-friendly colleges. It's entitled, "*A College Guide for Jerks*" and refers to men as Neanderthals and stereotypes college men as "frat boy[s] [looking to] get drunk with a worshipful nymphomaniac." What kind of trash is this? Please take a moment to let her know your opinion about this article.

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Promoting Achievement-Oriented Education For Boys

Scott · 19 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

More news courtesy of IHF: The UK Telegraph reported in this story that the British government is recommending that steps be taken to encourage boys to succeed in academics, to make it "cool to succeed." Mention was made of the different ways boys and girls learn, and that boys respond well to male teachers that mentor and provide examples of good leadership qualities. It was even suggested that all-male classrooms might be a good idea to try. Do you hear this America? Britain actually cares about the the sorry state that young men are in today. Why can't we follow their example?

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Double Standards In Family Murders

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The National Post had an insightful article about the recent tragedy of the baby that was thrown in front of a subway train as the mother commit suicide. The questions raised are: who is the baby, and why doesn't anyone know his last name? The reason, the author points out, is that we subconsciously accept that a baby is the property of its mother, and so when women commit murders such as this, we don't see it in the same light as we do the recent spouse killings by men that have received press. There are double standards concerning who we sympathize with, and a lack of anger where it is deserved.

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Working Wives Reduce Men's Health?

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USAToday printed this story about research which shows that a man with a wife who works full time has a 25% greater chance of being in worse health than a husband whose wife doesn't work full-time. The amount that men work, however, does not affect his wife's health, unless he is unemployed. I posted this story not to encourage women to "stay at home", but for men to realize how dependent we are on women for maintaining our own health. It's something to think about.

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Choice For Men Bumper Stickers And Buttons!

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Jason Hanson has made up some bumper stickers and buttons for the Choice for Men demonstration that will be happening on August 26. If you'd like to show your support for men's reproductive rights, even if you won't be attending the demonstration, please contact Jason for information on how to order a button or bumper sticker. You can see a picture of what they look like at this link. **Update:** Jason has told me that buttons are $1 each and bumper stickers are $2 each, which includes shipping. Jason's address can be found by clicking on "Read More..." below, but I'd still recommend e-mailing him first to check for availability. Contact info for Jason Hanson is:

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More News About Prof. Asher

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Rand submitted this Toronto News story about Prof. Asher, the Men's Studies professor who was forced out of his job due to political pressures from school administration at Dawson College. I've heard from at least one other men's issues teacher at a college that this action has already had a chilling effect on him. I would like to see this become a major case to expose to what degree higher academia is against intellectual freedom and honesty.

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Two Stories On The Ritalin Ruling

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I found two interesting stories that analyze the recent New York court ruling that parents had to administer the drug Ritalin to their son despite their claims that the boy was suffering side effects. The first story from the New York Law Journal and looks at it from a legal perspective, i.e. how the rights of parents to raise their children as they see fit is affected by this. The second is from The Liberator and examines how the epidemic of Ritalin use is encouraged by schools and why it should be stopped.

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Want To Lower The Divorce Rate? Promote Joint Custody

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Robert Cunningham wrote in to tell me about this story from the Australian newspaper SMH. It discusses the reasons that women initiate divorce more, and talks about increasing the use of joint custody as a way to lower the divorce rate. From the article: "*Susan Holmes has spent 18 years working with separating couples and believes there are some who can be helped to put their marriages back on track. She finds that when couples are presented with the notion of shared parenting, rather than sole custody, power battles are reduced and there are more opportunities for talk and possible reconciliation.*" It's a good news report with some very useful statistical data.

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How To Handle Anti-Male Jokes In Public

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Charles Walbridge wrote in with some good strategies to deal with anti-male jokes in the workplace and elsewhere. I like his ideas, and I think this would be a great topic to start a message board discussion on. How have you dealt with male bashing jokes in public? Take a moment to let everyone know on the message board for this story. Click "Read More..." to read Charles' submission and post your own comments.

Handling Anti-male Jokes in the Workplace

Let's say you hear, or overhear, a coworker, "Mary," tell a joke you find offensive.

Try one or both of these strategies;

A. "Oh, good, now we can tell gender jokes. I have a whole bunch of women jokes, blond jokes, lesbian jokes, menstruation jokes...."
Then don't. Walk away. Period.

B. If you need to raise her sensitivity further: Quote her to your fellow employees. Without additional comment:

"Mary said...."

"Mary told a joke...."

"Mary's joke yesterday was...."

"Mary's joke last week was...."

"That reminds me of Mary's joke...."

If somebody asks, "Do you think that's funny?" You reply, without emphasis, "She did."

(Though I dare say that eventually she won't.)

To be truly methodical keep a list of who you repeated which joke to.

At no point have you criticized Mary's sense of humor. Nor have you retaliated in kind. You have risen above that level.

If Mary or any other woman should be so obtuse as to complain of any joke she interprets as sexist, people might remember,
because you quoted her so often; she opened the door to this. (But don't count on it.)

Victim feminists seem to enjoy shooting themselves in the foot. We would be less than gentlemen if we didn't help them.

Remember: We are nice -- but relentless.

Charles Walbridge

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Warren Farrell Responds!

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You asked for it, you got it - Dr. Warren Farrell has responded to the interview questions, and I would like to apologize for the delay - there was a bit of a mix-up in getting Warren's e-mail, and it's not his fault that it took so long. So, without further ado, click on "Read More..." to see his responses to the questions that were selected for the interview.

Submitted by John Curtis - "Questions for Dr. Farrell":

Dr. Farrell,

Thank you very much for your continuing efforts to support fairness and equality between the sexes. Your work has had a great impact on our society and on me personally.

As men are not organizing themselves well yet, certainly not as well as feminists have organized, do you see any positive effort that men as individuals can make to help men, women, families, and children? The men's movement does not have any widely recognized leaders, (other than yourself) do you see anyone that men can organize behind or assist? And, what do you feel would be the best area for men to work in, to help achieve fairness in our government and legal systems?

Thanks very much, and please keep up the good work.

John Curtis

Ojai, CA

Dear John Curtis,

Good questions. The main barrier to the men's movement making progress is the hundreds of thousands of years of evolution that have developed in men a protector instinct toward females, and have led to females choosing men who are protectors. It is difficult to lead a movement confronting those you are supposed to protect, especially when you are dependent on them for love, affection, respect, approval, and sex.

The first solution is decreasing our dependence -- learning to also receive love, affection, respect, and approval from men. More information on this in Women Can't Hear What Men Don't Say.

The second is working on issues related to boys and sons, since women have a protector instinct toward children. Check out Christina Hoff Sommers' The War Against Boys and Michael Gurian's The Wonder of Boys.

The third solution is focusing on father's issues, since that also benefits children and there is a critical mass of men, families, etc., that can identify personally with those issues. This is the reason my next book will be called Father and Child Reunion.

One of the most productive issues we can focus on is a men's birth control pill. I outline the reasons for that, and the current status of the research, in Father and Child Reunion.

Submitted by an Anonymous User:

There seems to be a growing ground swell of anger among men today aimed at feminism and the inequities that men suffer both under the law and as practiced by society at large. Do you forsee any kind of increased backlash against feminism and or women in general?

Dear Anonymous User,

Often the word 'backlash' is used to prevent ourselves from hearing what is being said. It helps to look at what men are saying as men trying to be included in the process of gender transition rather than excluded. The feminist movement has become gender politics' one-party system, and the reason all one-party systems become corrupt is because they don't have to listen to feedback. Do a careful read of Why Men Are The Way They Are and Women Can't Hear What Men Don't Say and then let me know if you have a different perspective.

Submitted by Skippy:

I have been trying to buy another copy of The Myth of Male Power, and I have been having trouble finding one. If there is one book that feminists (and a lot of other women) don't want men to read, this is the one. Is the book still in print? If not, what can we do to get this book back on the market again?

Dear Skippy,

You said you couldn't get hold of The Myth of Male Power and asked if it is still in print. Yes, you are correct -- it is the book that has the most impact. The bad news is that it is out of print. The good news is that it is supposed to be back in print in January. If you would like a copy before January, I have some left. You may send me a check for $14.95 to:

Dr. Warren Farrell

PMB 222

315 S. Coast Hwy 101, Suite U

Encinitas, CA 92024-3555

It would also be helpful if you logged onto the Putnam/Berkley site and asked about when the book is coming back into print. They are at www.penguinputnam.com; then just click on the Contact Us option down the left side menu and email them.

Submitted by Kyle Knutson:

Although I was wise enough not to have purchased Michael Kimmel's book, "Manhood in America", I have taken the time to read substantial portions of it at my local library. I will also say that I've read some of his other writings and I did see him once on the Phil Donahue show several years ago. To be blunt, Mr. Kimmel seems to suffer from a severe attitude problem -- sexist and misandrist to the core. Perhaps he's just trying to ingratiate himself with all manner of feminists to whatever extent possible, with all regard for truth, honesty, and objectivity cast aside. In any event, he strikes me as a very sad man indeed.

Be that as it may, what is or was your reaction to his above mentioned title, specifically the chapter where he calls you such things as 'whiner' and 'chameleon'? Have you ever been able to engage Mr. Kimmel in a serious discussion about men's issues and the myriad prejudices and discriminations that men face? Or does he just go ballistic at any suggestion that the world out there is something other than the never-ending domination and oppression of innocent, wonderful women by evil, brutish men?

In a society and culture filled with far, far too many Michael Kimmel types, I cannot say enough in praise of the Warren Farrells of the world.

Kyle Knutson

National Coalition of Free Men

Twin Cities Chapter

Dear Kyle,

Thank you for your positive responses to my work and for your questions about Michael Kimmel.

I have had a half dozen or so contacts with Michael. My one-to-one discussions have been fairly positive, but as soon as he gets in public, especially on TV, he becomes verbally abusive and takes a hard-line stand that men are the oppressors and therefore anything that happens to men is their fault, created by their rules. I have learned slowly over the years to not focus my attention on the idealogue, or on his or her motives, but to say what I feel is right, listen to where I may be wrong, make changes, and then put it out there and take what comes.

Submitted by The Mule - "Where Are Men's Reproductive Rights?":

Dr. Farrell, you have had your attention focused on various ways which men are discriminated against, and spoken and written at length about your findings and thoughts. As there is a growing consciousness about discrimination against men as to reproductive rights, it becomes obvious that this particular inequality gives rise to some of the most widespread and egregious atrocities visited upon men. Why has there been little to no coverage in this area by you or others in the media?

Dear 'the Mule,'

You are correct that until now I have given minimal attention to men's reproductive rights. For the past 13 years I have been working on research and writing drafts of my thinking in this area. It will be published next January as Father and Child Reunion (Tarcher/Putnam/Penguin). In Father and Child Reunion, I outline Men's ABC Rights, or, more precisely, Men's and Women's ABC Rights and Responsibilities for decision-making in the areas of Abortion, Birth control, and Care of child.

Submitted by Michael Osterbuhr, mdo9318@labs.tamu.edu - "Uniting Men's Groups":

Dr. Farrell,

What do you see as the potential for a political unification of the various and sundry branches of the "men's movement"? :)

- Michael Osterbuhr

mdo9318@labs.tamu.edu

Dear Michael,

I think it is helpful to have conferences and conventions that create unifying themes, and help us join forces where that can be useful. But unity often leads to bureaucracy, political correctness, and the suppression of diversity. That, in turn, undermines the initiative of individuals with different ideas or newcomers. Over time, if we become a force in the social consciousness, we will receive funding which will lead to unifying organizations and conferences. I look forward to that time as long as we keep attention simultaneously focused on encouraging diversity.

In Canada, David Shackleton is doing a Unity Trek to bring some unity to their diverse men's and fathers' groups.

Submitted by an Anonymous User - "Keeping books in print.":

I notice a lot of books on men's rights disappear after a very short time, and as an author yourself, do you have any ideas or suggestions on how to keep books on men's issues in print? Any really male-friendly publishing companies you'd recommend that don't have high sales quotas to keep a book on the shelves?

Dear Anonymous User II ('Keeping books in print'),

Yes, men's issues books disappear quickly, and only a small fraction of those written appear at all.

The real solution is buying ones that are printed. Once publishers see a men's book is selling well, they will jump on the band wagon to publish more, and few publishers drop something from print that is making them money.

Tarcher/Putnam is quite male-friendly.

Submitted by sean beeson:

Dr. Farrell, who if anyone do you still have contact with from your days with NOW and are they at all sympathetic to men's issues?

-:)))s sean beeson

Dear Sean Beeson,

I still have contact with Karen DeCrow, a former president of NOW, who has become quite sympathetic to equality in the area of fathering. Unfortunately, though, she is the exception.

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ACFC Child Support Survey

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The American Coalition for Fathers and Children recently did a survey on people paying child support. The statistics they found were eye-opening, to say the least. Read on for the results of the survey, soon to be published through the University of California at Berkeley.
ACFC Child Support Survey Results

The simple results of the ACFC child support survey are listed below. A full report including the numerical basis, variance, and meaning of each result is in progress in conjunction with the University of California, Berkeley and will be published in the near future.

1. According to the survey, 13.1 % of child support payers (child support payers) are custodial fathers, .6 % custodial mothers, 80.5 % noncustodial fathers, 1.2 % noncustodial mothers, and 4.6 % other.

2. 9.5 % of child support payers are satisfied with the amount of time they spend with their children, 90.5 % are not satisfied.

3. 82.0 % of child support payers have experienced access and visitation denial; 18.0 % have not.

4. Of the 82.0 % that have experienced access and visitation denial, in 17.7 % of cases, the court did something to enforce visitation; in 82.3 % of cases, the court did not do anything to enforce visitation.

5. Of those that spent time in court concerning visitation rights, 25.4 % spent under $1000; 24.1 % spent $1001- 5000; 27.7 % spent $5001-20,000; 7.9 % spent $20,001- 50,000; and 3.8 % spent $50,001-100,000 on court and attorney fees; and in 11.3 % of cases there was no billing error.

6. In 41.2 % of states where children live, there are social service agencies that assist in resolving visitation problems; 20.5 % of states did not possess these agencies and 38.3 % of people responding were not sure whether or not these programs exist.

7. 6.5 % of people surveyed received effective assistance in resolving these problems; 43.1 % did not receive effective assistance; 8.4% claimed that their state has no such program; 9.5 % have not had visitation problems; 32.4 % have not contacted agencies for help.

8. 54.5 % of people surveyed have experienced billing error by the child support agency; 45.5 % have not.

9. Of those experiencing a billing error, 7.9 % have overpaid and 92.1 % have underpaid.

10. Of those experiencing a billing error, 45.1% spent under $1000; 31.4 % spent $1001- $5000; 17.9 % spent $5001- $20,000; 4.9 % spent $20,001- $50,000; and .7% spent $50,000-$100,000.

11. In 90.8 % of cases, the child support payer tried to get the child support agency to fix the error; in 9.2% of cases, s/he did not.

12. In those cases where the child support payer tried to get the child support agency to fix the error, the child support payer was successful 38.5 % of the time and unsuccessful 61.5 % of the time.

13. To fix billing errors, the child support agency took 1 week in 27.8 % of cases, 1 month in 21.0 % of cases, 1 year in 21.2 % of cases, 2 years in 3.4 % of cases, 3-5 years in 5.4 % of cases, and over 5 years in 21.2 % of cases.

14. Regarding a billing error, the number of calls made to a child support enforcement case worker was 1-5 calls in 44.0 % of cases, 6-10 in 23.3 % of cases, 11-20 in 10.9 % of cases, and over 20 calls in 21.8 % of cases.

15. In 29.7 % of cases, the case worker was courteous and responsive to the call; in 70.3% of cases, s/he was not.

16. Concerning errors of the child support agency, 20.7 % of errors were mathematical errors, 16.5 % were the child support agency's failure to record payments made by the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER, 4.1 % regarded the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER being charged for welfare reimbursement when the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER was not aware his/her child was on welfare, 1.7 % were failure to stop child support obligation when child reached the age of emancipation, 3.9 % were because the parent receiving child support incorrectly reported that the other parent owed money, 13.8 % of errors were the failure of the child support agency to update a child support order with a downward or upward modification or later court ruling, and 29.8 % of errors were for a reason other than those listed.

17. While paying the custodial parent directly, 22.9 % of child support payers have been billed by a child support agency for child support already paid (and can be proven paid) because the child was on welfare without the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER being notified; this is not a problem in 77.1 % of cases.

18. If the above was a problem, the agency honored the receipts and presented the correct claim of the amount owed 33.8 % of the time; the agency did not do this 66.2 % of the time.

19. Child support is paid directly to the custodial parent in 28.1 % of cases; it is not paid directly in 71.9 % of cases.

20. When child support is paid directly to the custodial parent, 32.4 % child support payers have been billed by the agency claiming they owe money to the child support agency; 67.6 % of child support payers

have not been billed by the agency.

21. In 43.0 % of cases, the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER has been subjected to punitive measures as a result of a billing error; in 57.0 % of cases, s/he has not.

22. These punitive measures are as follows: lien on property (19.5 %), wage garnishment (26.7 %), loss of driver's license (1.5 %), income tax refund interception (15.9 %), negative credit report (6.7 %), seizure of bank accounts or other assets (3.1 %) and other (26.7 %).

23. 22.4 % of child support payers feel the child support amount is reasonable; 77.6 % do not feel it is set at a reasonable amount.

24. 47.1 % of child support payers have had problems getting credit or buying a home because of incorrect information on their credit report; 52.9 % have not had this problem.

25. Of the child support payers that have wage garnishments, 8.3 % are because they were behind in child support and the court ordered it, 39.1 % because wage garnishments are automatic in the child support payer's state, 24.1 % because the custodial parent requested
it, 6.3 % because the custodial parent is/was on welfare, and 22.3 % because of other reasons.

26. 22.0 % of child support payers pay by cash, 33.7 % by check, 5.2 % by money order, 50.7 % by garnishment, and 8.2 % by voluntary pay allotment.

28. 9.4 % of child support payers have received notices and/or demands for payment from more than one state for the same child support claim; 90.6 % have not.

30. Reasons that child support payers are behind in payment are 9.7 % because the monthly amount is set too high, .6 % because of penalties and interest, 12.0 % because of loss of job, 4.6 % because of billing error, .6 % because of welfare reimbursement, 1.0 % because of illness, 2.9 % because of disability, 21.0 % because of other reasons, and this question is not applicable to 47.7 % of those surveyed.

31. 9.0 % of child support payers have been jailed due to child support issues; 91.0 % have not.

33. Of those jailed due to child support issues, the person who posted bail was the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER in 8.0 % of cases, parents of CHILD SUPPORT PAYER in 17.3 % of cases, spouse in 14.7 % of cases, significant other in 1.3 % of cases, friend in 10.7 % of cases, and other in 48.0 % of cases.

34. Of those jailed due to child support issues, the person who finally paid the amount claimed as owed was the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER in 42.0 % of cases, parents of CHILD SUPPORT PAYER in 8.0 % of cases, spouse in 8.0 % of cases, significant other in 3.4 % of cases, friend in 3.4 % of cases, and other in 35.2 % of cases.

35. 33.6 % of child support payers have been denied access to their children because they were behind in child support payments; 66.4 % have not.

36. 20.4 % of child support payers have reduced contact with their children or abandoned their child/ parent contact altogether as a result of a conflict with the custodial parent over a child support billing error; 79.6 % have not.

37. 4.8 % of child support payers are paying child support for a child who was proven by DNA testing to not be their child; 95.2 % are not.

38. 60.1 % of child support payers have a second family that s/he is supporting; 39.9 % do not.

39. Of the child support payers with a second family, 61.0 % have suffered hardship due to a child support billing error; 39.0 % have not.

40. 29.9 % of child support payers with a second family are also supporting a child from the new spouse who doesn't get child support
from their ex; 70.1 % are not.

41. 22.6 % of child support payers have had a tax refund intercepted as a result of a billing error when they were actually current in their child support; 77.4% have not.

42. Of the child support payers that have had their tax refund intercepted, 29.0 % got their money back while 71.0 % did not.

43. 16.3 % of child support payers have filed for bankruptcy as a result of money being spent for child support billing errors, punitive child support collections, or other child support or custody related issues; 83.7 % have not.

44. When unable to resolve a child support billing error on their own, 24.4 % of child support payers could afford an attorney to represent them while 75.6 % could not afford an attorney.

45. When unable to afford an attorney, 10.0 % of child support payers were able to get free assistance while 90.0 % could not.

46. 12.1 % of child support payers could find an attorney willing to sue the child support agency to recover civil damages as a result of

grossly negligent child support billing error that the state agency knew or should have known was false; 87.9 % could not.

47. 3.2 % of child support payers have filed criminal charges against a child support agency for civil rights violations, false certification, or mail fraud as a result of a grossly negligent child support billing error that the state agency knew or should have known was false; 96.8 % have not.

48. Of those who filed charges, in 18.4 % of cases, the U.S. Attorneys an/or Postal Inspectors took appropriate action to correct misconduct on the part of the child support agencies; in 44.8 % they did not, and in 36.8 % of cases, it is not known if appropriate action was taken.

49. The mean amount spent by the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER on attorney fees since the divorce is $12,016.21.

50. In 40.4 % of cases, someone has helped the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER pay attorney or court fees; in 59.4 % the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER has received no help and the question is not applicable in .2 % of cases.

52. If the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER has received assistance in paying fees, the mean amount was $6,308.56.

53. 42.2% of Child support payers have received a notice from the child support agency stating that they are behind in their child support when in reality the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER was current in child support payments; 57.8 % of Child support payers have not received a notice with this claim.

54. In the cases where the CHILD SUPPORT PAYER did receive this type of notice, the mean amount of the child support billing error was $6,625.21.

56. 3.7 % of child support payers feel that the performance of the child support agencies was very good, 4.4 % feel it was good, 19.3 % feel it was fair, 24.0 % feel it was poor, and 48.6 % feel it was very poor.

57. 3.7 % of child support payers feel that the performance of the courts in dealing with custody and visitation issues was very good, 1.6 % feel it was good, 7.4 % feel it was fair, 19.5 % feel it was poor, and 69.6 % feel it was very poor.

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Suicide Myths Exposed

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Canoe printed an interesting story by a woman who confronts the double standards of when men and women kill. Her main example is the recent murder-suicide of Suzanne Killinger-Johnson and her infant son. From the article: "*We're more willing to blame him and exonerate her because of another myth: that when women kill, they have a "good" reason, even if we don't understand it. The corollary is that when men kill, they're just being selfish jerks.*" Thanks to Rand for submitting this news article.

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Fair Treatment For Boys: An Editorial By Christina...

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George writes *"I found this editorial by Christina Hoff-Sommers at the Washington Post site. It was apparently sparked by an op-ed piece done by David Sadker criticizing her book The War Against Boys. A lot of the information she includes in this article comes straight from her book. She talks about the reality of boys' underachievement in schools in the US and the efforts of 'gender experts' like Sadker and organizations such as NOW to oppose any initiative to remedy this growing imbalance. She expresses hope that increased social awareness of the fallacies promoted by 'die-hard girl partisans' will begin to reverse this unfortunate trend. It's encouraging to see that major news media sources seem to be giving her a fair share of the airtime. Click here for the link."*

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Women Who Want It All And The Men That Can't Deliver It

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Here's a woman who certainly has some insight into the situation the men are in today: Heather Roscoe. In her recent article for SpinTech magazine, she outlines the catch-22 situation that men are in today, the contradictory expectations of men in modern society, and the fact that many women aren't entirely happy with taking on their new freedoms when they have to deal with the responsibilities which accompany them.

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You're Going To The Choice For Men Demonstration, Right?

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What? You haven't heard? There's going to be a public demonstration in support of male reproductive rights on Capitol Hill **this Saturday**. So pack a lunch, bring a sign or two, and head out to D.C.! For more details click here. Mensactivism.org will be reporting live updates from the event, so if you absolutely can't make it, check this site frequently on Saturday the 26th!

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Fred's Common Sense Educational Advice

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Fredoneverything had a good opinion article on the current state of education - and, as you could guess, Fred's got a bone to pick with it. His recommendations are great common sense observations, though he seems to think that women are the ones fit to be teachers (but fathers, he also says, should offer assistance and guidance from home). Fred's generally a very pro-male commentator, so I felt this was appropriate to post considering the awareness of the educational problems boys face.

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Newsday On Battered Men

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This article from Newsday attempts to dispel myths about battered men. I almost sense a tone of restraint from the article's message, but perhaps it will be more effective in that people might be more willing to accept the message. Any recognition of DV against men is worthwhile. Here's a good quote: "*In many ways, it is much more difficult for the male victim of domestic violence because of the special stigma that attaches to being a battered man...Abused men also find it difficult to get out of violent relationships because they fear losing custody or even visitation with their children...they must often deal with ridicule as well as lack of understanding.*"

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British CSA To Pay More For Mistakes?

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I have no idea if this is intended to help women receiving money from the Child Support Agency, or men paying the organization, but this UK Times article (courtesy of IHF) reports that the compensation amount paid to victims of clerical mistakes made by the CSA should be increased from 250 to 1,000 pounds. This *sounds* like some sort of accountability system, but is it? I'm not sure, but it seems like interesting news.

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Vote For Choice For Men!

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Vote.com is doing a legal poll on whether men should have the right to abortion. The results of the poll will be sent to Patricia Ireland of NOW and Sidney Siller, Esq. of the National Organization for Men. Click here to cast your vote and show your support of male reproductive rights! **Update:** The poll is now over. You can view the results by clicking here. Better luck next time, I guess. :(

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More On Men In Higher Education

Scott · 26 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Denver Post printed this fact-filled story on the status of men in higher education. It includes a lot of statistical info and charts, and focuses primarily on Colorado's college system, but includes data on the national situation too. I've actually been pleasantly surprised that this topic has received so much attention from the media. I just hope something is done about it, too.

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Enter The Mind Of A Modern Woman

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Okay, I don't think this is true for *all* women, but quite a few. The National Post printed this story on how women essentially use men for their money, and feel no guilt about it. Why? "*When men hand you money, you're just being treated as you deserve to be treated...It's the new feminism to say, 'I'm expensive. I need lots of attention. I need men to bend over backwards for me'*" If men would fully realize this and stop playing into this trap, we would be so much further ahead. Be sure to send this article to every man you know and observe his reaction. Thanks to Peter Dudley for submitting this news story.

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Live! From The Choice For Men Demonstration

Scott · 26 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I received a phone call from Kim, who's with the group demonstrating at the West Front of the Capitol Building to promote men's reproductive rights. They're picketing, handing out flyers, and informing passers-by about choice for men. They'll be there until 5 PM. I've called the Washington Post, but if anyone in the DC area knows anyone else to call to try to get some reporters down there, *please do so!* Thanks!

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Baskerville On Divorce Law

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Stephen Baskerville wrote an excellent article for DadsDivorce.com, entitled, "What We (Should) Want". In it, he discusses his theory on what divorce law should be, with the primary premise that "No one has the right to separate a child from a parent without compelling evidence of wrongdoing." His ideas go further than mandatory joint custody and the "best interests of the child", which is practically meaningless the way it is applied today. It's a good, thoughtful read.

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Prosecutor Argues Wife of Fred Lane Planned Slaying

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George writes *"This is the most recent development in the shotgun death of NFL running back Fred Lane. The wife, Deidra Lane, appears to be the major suspect. All of the facts are not yet clear, but this may be one to keep an eye on to observe how 'gender-neutrally' the case is handled. The judge has already granted a bond release despite the strong argument of the prosecutor. Click here to read the story"*

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Was Lane Killed To Collect Insurance Money?

Scott · 27 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Here's some more news on Fred Lane, who was shot by his wife early in July. Was he killed so his wife could collect $5 million from an insurance policy that was recently taken out for him? "*'Fred Lane had no value to Deidra Lane while he was alive,' [the prosecuting attorney] said. 'The state contends this was first-degree murder. She laid in wait to kill him.'*" Lane's wife could face the death penalty, so why was she jailed on only $100k bond? This is appalling. ESPN.com ran the story here.

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New Book: Sex, Lies & Feminism

Scott · 27 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Peter Zohrab writes *"My book, "Sex, Lies & Feminism" is now on sale at:*

this site
in electronic (PDF/Acrobat) format.

It will later appear in hard-copy (paper) format. For updates, see:

http://www.backlash.com" Thanks for the news, Peter! Anyone want to do a book review to post here?

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'Climate of Fear' Sweeps Europe Over Pedophilia

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This is disturbing news: the media and feminist activists have been joining forces recently in Europe to portray men as sexual predators of young children. This was sparked the the recent "naming and shaming" campaign which lists convicted sex offenders in local newspapers in the UK. Read the National Post story. I've followed much of this news from IHF, but have not bothered to post any of it here until now. This has been building up for some time, and one can only hope that it won't spread to the U.S.

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Sperm Donors Can Be Forced To Testify In Court

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This is interesting: the Supreme Court of California recently ruled that sperm donors do not have an unlimited right to privacy, and can be forced to testify in court when a compelling state interest is at stake. This could also have profound affects on the privacy of couples who choose to give up a baby for adoption. FindLaw has the Associated Press story here.

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The "Feminisation Of The Teaching Profession"

Scott · 28 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Australian Sunday Telegraph printed this story on the imbalance of female teachers in primary schools, which is acknowledged to have a negative effect on boys. It refers to a federal study which shows that Australian boys are 5% behind girls in academics, and suggests that the gap may be much larger (15-22%) than this.

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New Men's Rights Group At NC State Univ.

Scott · 29 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Chuck Jones from North Carolina State University will be starting a men's group on campus. News of this is already causing a stir, and you can tune in to the college radio station at this link to hear Chuck on the radio on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 6:00 PM Eastern Time. Way to go Chuck!

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Photos From The Choice For Men Demonstration

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Okay, I've now got some pictures from the male reproductive rights demonstration held in Washington, D.C. on August 26, 2000. You can check them out here. Congratulations to all of the protesters and thanks for getting the ball rolling!

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New Info On The Suicide Gap

Scott · 30 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

An anonymous reader sent in this link to a short UK Times article on male suicide - in an interesting context. Apparently it is the case that power line workers and people (generally men) who work with large electrical machinery are more likely to kill themselves. The reason for this is that exposure to high magnetic fields affects the levels of melatonin in the brain. Perhaps this should call for suicide prevention programs at these types of workplaces?

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Deidra Lane Says She Shot In Self Defense

Scott · 31 August 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Here's some new news on the Lane domestic violence tragedy: Deidra Lane told the 911 operator that her husband had hit and choked her before she shot and killed him. ABCnews has the story here. Want to see something interesting? Observe how little attention this case got up until this point, and then see how much attention it will be given from this point on. It was not stated in the article if there was any physical evidence, ie, a physician's report, that would validate her claims of being abused.

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Good News On Prostate Cancer Funding

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Ed Bartlett from Men's Health America announced, "*Many persons may not be aware that a great deal of medical research is done by the Department of Defense. Much of this research addresses cancer. On August 9, President Clinton signed into law a bill that will increase the DOD prostate cancer research budget from $75 million to $100 million for Fiscal Year 2000. Congratulations to those who worked long and hard to make this increase in the prostate research budget a reality.*"

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Child Custody Data For Madison County, AL

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Men's rights news seems kind of slow lately...but I recently found this article from the Huntsville Times that outlines a child custody study done by a local father's rights group in Madison County, Alabama. The findings shouldn't be a big surprise to any of my readers (there was extreme bias against giving custody to the father), but it's interesting that there is data in this level of detail for a local community. It might be useful to keep for future reference.

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Obsolete Feminism

Scott · 1 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Sean writes *"Well, you can't teach old dogs new tricks, but some young women can think on their own. In a breath of fresh air, a twenty one year-old woman pronounces "Feminism: obsolete" in a response to an article in the Seattle Weekly. It is the last letter to the editor, of course. It made my day. I thought it was worth sharing...here's the link."*

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Prostate Cancer Awareness Week Is Coming Up

Scott · 3 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This is to let everyone know that Prostate Cancer Awareness Week is Sept. 18-24, 2000. There's a web page, www.pcaw.com, which has a list of free or low-cost screenings around the country you can attend if you are over the age of 50 or a "high risk" (if it's in your family medical history or you're an African American) male over the age of 35. Click on "Read More" to read a general announcement about PCAW, and please do something to promote awareness of it - write a letter to your local newspaper about it, or buy some prostate cancer awareness US postage stamps.

12th Annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Week: September 18-24, 2000

Prostate Cancer Awareness Week is the nation's largest cancer screening program having attracted over 3 million participants. It was developed because of the alarming percentage of men presenting advanced, incurable prostate cancer. The Prostate Tests/Screening have reduced mortality from the disease as much as 42%. And yet, it is estimated that over 31,000 will die this year because they didn't get an examination soon enough.

If you are a man over 50, or are an African American man over 35 or have a history of prostate cancer in your family, let this be your reminder to arrange a free or low cost appointment now to get tested. For the location nearest you, see http://www.pcaw.com. If you want a free reminder next year, sign-up for the free reminder service at http://www.menstuff.org/feedback/feedbackProstate.html

The national chairmen of this campaign are General Norman Schwartzkopf, who has served as since 1994. In 1996, actor Danny Glover joined as co-chairman in order to help recruit African American men, who have a

223% greater
incidence of prostate cancer and over 30% greater chance of dying from
prostate cancer than other men. This year, legendary golfer Arnold Palmer has
joined in the fight.

This is a national education, service and research program. The first year
of the program (1989), there were fewer than 100 screening centers in the
United States. Today, this number has increased to over 300 locations
providing free or low-cost prostate cancer screening with digital rectal
examination (DRE) and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing during Prostate
Cancer Awareness Week.

This public awareness and education program was conceived and instituted by
the Prostate Cancer Education Council (PCEC) which represents urology,
oncology, patient advocacy, minorities, clinical and behavioral research.
The PCED was formed in 1988 to promote awareness, screening and early
detection of prostate cancer.

If you are a man 15-34, you may be at risk of developing and dying from
testicular cancer. To find out more, see
www.menstuff.org/issues/byissue/testicular.html. If you would like to
sign-up for our free monthly self-exam reminder, you can do that at
http://www.menstuff.org/feedback/feedbackTesticules.html.

Please pass this information on to all of the men you know, and to those who
care about men. And, please put it on your listserv, if you

have one. Yours
in good health.

Gordon Clay, Executive Director

The National Men's Resource Center

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Gender Equity Bites Back

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Rand wrote in to tell me about this link from the Washington Times. It's an editorial piece by a woman who is exposing unfairness in the way that Title IX is implemented - and gives examples of how it also works in the reverse, to work against women's sports. It seems to me that sports must be one area were the physical differences between men and women cannot be ignored, and she makes this point well.

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Experts Debate Whether Boys Or Girls Are In Crisis

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George writes *"I found this article in the Seattle Times. Despite the title, it's more of a collection of views from prominent people in the field on the difficulties faced by boys compared to those faced by girls than it is about scholarly debates, although it does mention The War Against Boys as a catalyst of the discussion. The article seems to convey a positive message in that all children are worthy of our best efforts to raise them well even though that may mean using different approaches to addressing boys' and girls' problems."* Great submission George - thanks!

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Is Jealousy A Feminine Trait?

Scott · 5 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Daily Record printed a short article on jealousy and revenge, quoting a psychologist who claims that women are more likely to have jealous feelings and take revenge on others. I'm sure any man who has initiated a divorce knows exactly how true this is! I'm not trying to present this as a sound scientific study, but something that's perhaps worth further investigation...

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British Teachers Assoc. Asks For Presumption Of Innocence

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IHF submitted this link to a UK Times story on false accusations. A UK teacher's association is asking for changes to be made to school policy in cases of student accusations - including not suspending teachers and maintaining as much anonymity as possible until a conviction is made. This proposal was prompted by a *female* teacher who went through a false abuse accusation recently.

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Blind Justice? Not Even Close

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This is definitely something to think about: The Washington Post printed this story on a carefully built study which shows with great accuracy how race and gender play a role in sentencing. Here are the results: in a typical drunk driving vehicular homicide, if a man is a victim the sentence is 56 percent shorter than if a woman is killed, and if the victim is black the sentence is 53 percent shorter than if a white person was killed. This is some very strong evidence of how men's lives (both black and white) are devalued compared to women's. And we are paying a very real price for this injustice.

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The Effects Of Divorce On Children

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The Hartford Courant had a very informative article on Divorce and its effects on children. The results are are somewhat surprising, and very politically incorrect. You can read the article here.

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Taking A Second Look At Sex Accusations

Scott · 6 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Detroit News had an excellent editorial by Martha Churchill, on the subject of trials on sex crimes. She reasonably examines the hysteria surrounding these cases, and suggests that many of them are not fair trials, using examples to prove her point. No doubt we need more writers such as Churchill to help expose this problem. You can read the article at this link.

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Some More News On The Male Pill

Scott · 6 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Still waiting for the "male pill"? So am I, but according to this CNN article, it's still a long way off. And there are side effects to consider too. Nevertheless, the drug may have a rough beginning but be refined as time goes on, so time will tell how effective an option this will be for men.

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Reader Submission: Sociology Findings

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Bill Kuhl submitted a short writing on the sociology of the Nayar Indian culture, to demonstrate how men have also been marginalized in various world cultures throughout history (to contrast with the feminist party line that only men dominate and oppress). This is an interesting topic that doesn't get much attention today. Click "Read More..." to read his short essay. The media does it's darndest to tell us about cultures and societies around the world where women appear to get the short end of the stick (that is, if you just take a superficial look at that particular society's customs). But they never tell us about society's in which the customs are such that men appear to get a raw deal. The Nayar people of India are a good example. According to "The Encyclopedia of World Cultures (South Asia edition)," in Nayar culture, "Traditional inheritance was in the matriline only. Any property a man possessed went to his sisters and their children. As men took to modern, Western professions and started accumulating personal wealth as opposed to family property, they began passing it on to their own biological children. As a result, there are today slightly different laws regulating inherited and acquired wealth. However, even today it is customary for a man to put his self-acquired property in his wife's name so that it can then be inherited matrilineally. Furthermore, a man feels greater responsibility for his sister's children than for his brothers children. Even men living away from Kerala (the Nayar's home state) in Delhi or New York are more likely to sponsor a sister's son or daughter than a brother's."

To add, the Nayar people also have complex marriage customs in which, at least as of the turn of the century in subgroups of the Nayar, it was acceptable for a wife to have more than one husband, in a sense. Again from the book mention above: "Sambandan involved a man having a "visiting husband" relationship with a woman. While such relationships were considered to be marriages by the woman's family, especially when they occurred with males of higher subcastses or castes, the males tended to view the relationships as concubinage. Traditionally Nayar women were allowed to have more than one "visiting husband" either simultaneously or serially."

This is the kind of stuff you'll never see in "Time" or on "The Today Show". As a former ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher, I've met many women from cultures that are supposed to be oppressive to women. When I've asked these women about their lot in life, none of them have suggested for a moment that they would prefer to trade places with men in their culture.

Bill Kuhl

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Trials For A Prostate Cancer Cure

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Aceman wrote in about a link to this MSNBC story on a potential prostate cancer vaccine. It includes interviews with three men who are participating in preliminary trials of the vaccine, and is a very thought provoking article.

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The XY Files: Real Sexes, Real Differences

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The Independent Women's Forum, whose membership includes Christina Hoff Sommers and Cathy Young, will be hosting a forum on sex differences entitled "The XY Files: The Truth is Out There. . .About the Differences between Boys and Girls": *Building on our reputation as an organization that engages in 'myth-busting,' IWF will host an important panel discussion, "The XY Files: The Truth is out There. . .About the Differences between Boys and Girls " on September 15 at the National Press Club from 12:00 - 2:00 pm in the Holeman Lounge.* Click here for more info about this event, which promises to take a realistic look at gender differences.

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Catholic Bishops Steeped In DV Politics

Scott · 7 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I think this may be my first story under the religion topic: The Irish Times printed this story about a proposal to edit scripture to recognize the reality of domestic violence. The "reality", of course, is what is being debated. There is apparently one sentence that acknowledges that women can be violent toward men, but the rest of the proposal is full of feminist-inspired doctrine on DV. The article itself is pro-male and sympathetic to male survivors of DV.

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Mother Kills Baby Son; No Jail Time Required

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Australia's Daily Telegraph printed a shocking story: A mother killed her 15 month old son because she was depressed that her strict family forced her to give the child up for adoption since she was single. The judge felt the circumstances were so extereme that he is not requiring her to do any jail time. Read the article and see just how extereme these circumstances are - she was simply depressed! She also stabbed the baby 5 times. This outcome would *not* happen to a man in a similar situation.

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Reader Debunks "Shortchanged Girl" Studies

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Marc Angelucci writes *"Mike Spiniola published this letter to the editor in the Denver Post. I just flew to Denver from Los Angeles for a couple weeks to work on a state growth initiative and I read this at a bus stop. Put a smile on my day."*

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Effective Article On Divorce Reform

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Robert Cunningham submitted this link to an article by Jed Abraham in The Washington Times. It's very well written and articulate, and Abraham examines why it is that joint custody has such a positive effect on the well-being of children and reduces the divorce rate. It's an extremely effective article that isn't excessively confrontational, and I think it's something that I would give to a person to demonstrate the pluses of joint custody. Check it out.

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Feminist Logic: Gloria Steinem Gets Married

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Yup, this is for real. Gloria "a a woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle" Steinem has married at the ripe age of 66. The irony of this is incredible. Yahoo! News has the Reuters story here. Considering all the inconsistencies and irrationality of feminst theory, this can't be too much of a surprise.

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Aussie Interview With CHS

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Robert Cunningham also wrote in to let me know of this link, which is a transcript of a news show which featured an interview with Christina Hoff-Sommers (you've seen the name often enough, I can abbreviate it CHS, right?). It's good to see this issue is getting international attention, and mention was made that the Australian Parliament was looking into the crisis boys are in when it comes to education.

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Colorado News Media Ignores DV Against Men

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Dr. Charles Corry has done an investigation of Colorado's leading newspaper, The Denver Post, and found some very biased reporting on domestic violence. Dr. Corry runs the DV Against Men - CO web site, and recently became a site sponsor. Read on to take a look at his findings and see an example of how to bring a media outlet to task for ignoring critical men's issues.

As of August, 2000, Colorado's leading newspaper has run some fifty (50) stories on domestic violence against women, lesbians, and gays since July, 1999 http://www.denverpost.com/news/violence/violence.htm Incredibly, not one story covers intimate violence against or abuse of heterosexual men by women.

Is this what passes in Colorado for fair and balanced reporting?

None of the stories such as the one of the U.S. Attorney who ran over her boyfriend twice, the FBI agent who hit her husband in the face with a snow shovel, or any of the rest of the many news stories the Denver Post covered on domestic violence against men are included or referenced in your coverage of family violence.

Conversely, many vignettes describing violence by Colorado women against their intimate partners can be found in the Violent Women chapter of Domestic Violence Against Men - Colorado at http://www.dvmen.org/dv-70.htm

Some of the many murders of husbands and lovers by women in Colorado are covered in the Women Who Kill section at http://www.dvmen.org/dv-72.htm

I will admit that the idea that heterosexual men should have equal rights with women and homosexuals is radical in these enlightened times. However, heterosexual men are people too.

Note also that seven resources are given in Colorado for gay and

lesbian help with domestic violence http://www.dvmen.org/dv-87.htm while only two can be found for heterosexual men http://www.dvmen.org/dv-81.htm and those two are very limited.

I don't think fewer services should be provided women or homosexuals who are victims of intimate violence. But there is no known reason that established shelters cannot help ALL victims of abuse and violence regardless of sex or sexual orientation.

At present, however, I wouldn't suggest any abused man call up the local shelter and expect help. Perhaps that can be changed?

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Charles E. Corry, Ph.D., F.G.S.A.

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The Women's Vote And Society

Scott · 10 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Aceman writes *"This is a superb article on how women vote and some of the gender differences in voting and best of all it's written by a woman. it's a week or two old but it's well worth reading."* This is a *very* thought provoking article - check it out!

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Betsy Hart Takes On The Wage Gap

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Betsy Hart from Jewish World Review wrote this essay on the recent news that Al Gore is going to give women "equal pay for equal work", which as most of us know already exists. Her debunking of the wage gap myth is quite simple, and shows just how political and irrational the topic is. Anyone interested in researching this topic further might also be interested in some resources I collected together at this web site.

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More On The Effects Of Divorce On Children

Scott · 11 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The National Post printed a story on new research on the effects of divorce on children in their adult lives, and the findings are again disturbing. A greater likelihood to divorce and to use drugs are only two of the findings, and the psychological effects also last into adulthood, making it harder for adults of divorced parents to form intimate relationships. Details on how the study was done suggests that this is going to have a profound effect on the way sociologists view divorce.

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Commentary On Steinem's Wedding Bells

Scott · 11 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

An anonymous reader sent in this link to Kathleen Parker's latest column, where she shares some thoughts on the recent marriage of Gloria Steinem. Her conclusions on Steinem's philosophy: "*Choice is always good, as long as it's a woman's.*" I couldn't have summed it up better myself.

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The Struggles Of Single Dads

Scott · 12 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I think this article from The Denver Post will speak to a lot of single dads out there. It talks about the lack of recognition that many women do walk out on families, and the lack of organizations to lobby for single father's needs. It also speaks of the chaos that is created when many of these women come back a few years later and regain custody of the children, destroying what stability was rebuilt by the father after the abandonment.

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Gender Issues In The Election

Scott · 12 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Adam H submitted this link to an LA Times article on gender preferences in the US presidential election. It's an interesting analysis of voting dynamics in this election and what influences them. *Note: The Men's Activism News Network does not officially endorse any presidential candidates.*

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Paternity Leave In The UK

Scott · 13 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

IHF submitted this story from the UK Telegraph. It's on fathers in Britain asking for paternity leave, and includes statistics supporting the need for paternity leave. The bottom line: men want paternity leave and many will make use of it. So why continue the discrimination? Here is a slightly older link to a story on the proposed government plan for paternity leave, which would allow two week's paid leave for fathers immediately after the child is born.

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Youth Suicide On The Rise

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And more news from IHF: this UK Telegraph article looks at the suicide rates for British college students and found a disturbing rise in the rate over the past several years. Thankfully, the article acknowledges the prevalence of male suicide, stating that the male suicide rate is about three times higher than women. Yet the two examples of suicides they mention were of young women. We have the data, but when are people going to realize: men aren't killing themselves because they've made their patriarchal societies so great for themselves - they have valid problems and issues and they need to be addressed.

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GAO Confirms Lack Of Men's Health Research

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I received this from the Men's Health America mailing list: the General Accounting Office released a report which outlines the research inequities between men's and women's health, showing exactly how under funded and underrepresented men's heath is. Click below to read the press release. September 13, 2000

Press Release---For Immediate Release

Information: Edward E. Bartlett, 301-670-1964

GAO REPORT REVEALS IMBALANCE IN GENDER-SPECIFIC RESEARCH

The General Accounting Office has recently released a report revealing that men's health research is underfunded and men are underrepresented in medical research, compared to women's health.

According to the GAO report (1), the percentage of NIH expenditures allotted to men's health research in FY 99 was 6.4%, compared to 15.5% for women's health research. And males represented only 37.1% of
all participants in extramural research, compared to 61.9% female. The GAO also reported that the NIH has 740 female-only studies in progress,
compared to only 244 male-studies at the present time.

Men's Health America has conducted additional analyses, and has concluded this disparity in gender-specific funding cannot be explained by historical imbalances that unfairly favored men's health research.

This conclusion is especially true in light of men's higher mortality risk. For example, in the area of cancer research:

- A 1991 report revealed that only 43% of Phase II and III enrollees in the Clinical Trials Cooperative Program were male (2).

- A 1999 analysis of the Southwest Oncology Group trials reported a 42% male enrollment (3).

- Prostate cancer research has lagged breast cancer research by a 1:4 margin (4), even though similar numbers of persons are diagnosed with these conditions each year.

- A review of the Medline database reveals from 1966-1999, there were 33% more published studies of cancer in women than in men (5).

The NIH Revitalization Act of 1993 (PL 103-43) mandates equal gender representation in medical research.

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Cathy Young Applauds MH College Article

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Robert Cunningham wrote in to tell me about this Detroit News story by Cathy Young (an incredible asset of ours). She addresses the criticisms of the recent Men's Health article on anti-male colleges, and gives some good examples of instances where men are demeaned and also censored when they question facts or challenge generalizations in Women's Studies classes.

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The Lone Fathers Assocation

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Robert Cunningham also wanted to bring attention to the **Lone Fathers Association of Australia**, which is an organization devoted to helping fathers regain custody of their children and promote equal protection of fathers in family court. Aussie dads will definitely want to check it out.

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Prostate Cancer Research Receives $20M Personal Grant

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The Men's Health America list reported that the University of Virginia School of Medicine received a $20M grant to be used for prostate cancer research funding. The grant was from the estate of the late Paul Mellon. You can read a news report on the donation here.

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Prisons Teaching Fatherhood

Scott · 15 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

George writes *"I found this article about programs being started in several states of the U.S. to help fathers in prison have more interaction with their children. It's perhaps a bit different from the typical article on fathers, but it's kind of encouraging in that these men may now be better able to fulfill at least somewhat the role of father in their children's lives. The new programs reportedly are already promoting better behavior among participating inmates."*

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For Divorced Dads Seking Equal Time

Scott · 15 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Robert Cunningham has submitted another story (way to go Robert!) on father's issues. It's from The Philadelphia Inquirer, and can be read here. It focuses a lot on the organization Fathers' and Children's Equality (FACE), and the ways they are helping divorced fathers out in a very biased family law system.

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Ralph Nader Not Interested In "Gonadal Politics"

Scott · 16 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

An Anonymous Reader writes: *"I know you're not trying to advocate presidential candidates with your site, but I thought this was relevant: Ralph Nader was recently attacked by Patricia Ireland for not being outspoken on women's rights. The SF Gate printed this story on it, then the next day printed this one where Nader rebukes Ireland, saying NOW has not focused on many of his consumer issues which are very relevant to women. BUT, here's what I find most interesting: he's not willing to stoop to the level where he panders to feminists on issues like domestic violence and eating disorders. It seems like he's implicitly saying that he knows it's a load of BS."* **Note:** The Men's Activism News Network does not officially endorse any presidential candidates.

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Culture Conflict: Latinos And Statutory Rape

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Stephen Jacobs submitted this article on a surprising finding: an overwhelming majority of statutory rape convictions are made against Latino men, including those who are successfully married and raising a family. The convictions often tear families apart, and it seems that in Latino culture, having young girls married at an early age is commonplace. There is considerable contempt for men in the article: "*'Sure, there are those cases where there's a baby and the father is sticking around and paying the bills and nobody wishes he was reported,' [Santa Clara District Attorney] said. `But you don't know how long he will be there.'*"

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Fathers Still Expected To Pay Child Support While In Prison

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An anonymous reader sent in this link to a maddening news story. Apparently if a man is convicted of a crime and paying child support, he is still responsible for paying it while serving his prison sentence. This of course causes these men to become "deadbeat dads" by the time they are freed, and in some cases fathers have been thrown back in jail shortly after being freed because of delinquency on child support!

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Healthcare Agencies Unfriendly To Young Men

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Yahoo! News printed this article which discusses some of the reasons that men don't feel comfortable going to the doctor or entering the healthcare field: they are often shunned at healthcare agencies when younger, and doctors and nurses often have negative stereotypes of teen boys as irresponsible and untrustworthy. One example from the story was a young man who went with his girlfriend to learn how to use a diaphragm, and was told by clinic staff that men were not welcome in the waiting room!

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News On Prostate Cancer

Scott · 17 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Adam H writes *"I've found two men's health articles, the first on the lesser known Prostatitis disorder at this link and also an article on the side effects of prostate cancer treatment at this link. Cheers."* Thanks for the links, Adam H! They are very informative articles.

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Examining Victimology

Scott · 18 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Robert Cunningham submitted another thought provoking piece by Cathy Young in The Boston Globe. It is on the topic of sex crime cases, and how we have come to accept that questioning the alleged victim is generally unacceptable and "revictimizes" the person. But at the same time, the presumption of innocence cannot be upheld in this mindset. She uses as an example a recent sex crime case in Massachusetts involving a 12 year-old boy.

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Prenatal Classes For Men Only

Scott · 18 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Robert_Cunningham wrote in about another great story, this one on a man from Canada who has created prenatal parenting classes just for new dads. The National Post article can be read here. The story talks about the importance dads play in the development of children, and recognizes that mothers are often "gatekeepers" affecting how involved dads can be with their kids. It's good to see that programs like this are being started, and I'd like to see them catch on.

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Supreme Court Rules That Police Can Be Held Accountable In False Accusation Cases

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I found this story in the Seattle P-I. It announces that the Supreme Court of Washington State has ruled that police involved in child abuse cases which turn out to be unfounded can be sued if they are guilty of negligence in handling the case. Hopefully this will put a damper on the "witch hunt" style abuse cases similar to the one Washington had five years ago that are based solely on the accusations of a minor.

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Women In Science

Scott · 19 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Bilal writes *"This L.A. Times article*
says that hostility against women in the workplace is the reason for the low numbers of women in science, but shows little evidence for that. It says nothing about gender expectations on men to be primary breadwinners or the choices professional women often make to stay home and raise children. This one deserves as many responses as it can get."

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Deidra Lane Held Without Bail - For Bank Robbery

Scott · 20 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Fred Lane domestic violence saga continues, as I was notified by Steve Hoffman about this ABCnews article. It appears that Fred may have been killed to keep him from revealing that his wife robbed a bank, and she has now been formally charged for the crime and is being held without bail. Can anyone not be outraged that she had been held on $100k bond for the murder charges, but only now is being held without bail?

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Time Article On Divorce

Scott · 20 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Time magazine printed this feature story on divorce and its effects on children. It seems that people are finally starting to wake up to what should be a common sense notion: that divorce can and does affect children for the rest of their lives. And, as un-PC as this may be, barring abuse or addictions, staying together in a bad marriage is generally better for the children than splitting up. I noticed several implicit references to men being the ones to leave or break up families in the article, but overall it is pretty good and well-balanced.

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Fatherlessness And Black Boys' Self Esteem

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Related to the previous divorce article from Time, a reader submitted this Yahoo! news story on the self esteem of fatherless black boys. The study demonstrated a significant difference in self-esteem between African-Americans with and without fathers, but no such gap for black girls. And without father figures in their lives, many young black men turn to gangs for affirming their masculinity.

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Betrayal Of The Child

Scott · 20 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Lots of news today on divorce and family issues... An anonymous user sent in this link to excerpts of an upcoming book Betrayal of the Child, which is on family law issues and how they are destroying families and harming children. There is a good focus on the issue of fathers being shut out of their children's lives (except as a paycheck) and a call for more shared parenting/joint custody rulings in divorce cases.

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Cathy Young Debunks Women's Health Negligence

Scott · 21 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This piece from Salon.com is on the hype and misperceptions surrounding the supposed lack of funding for women's health issues. It's written by Cathy Young, and in her typical style, she does a very thorough job, though she dismisses the gender "death gap" as a simple fact of biology rather than social factors (such as men's roles and lack of concern for men's health issues). Nevertheless, there are lots of good facts to be found in this article.

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Girl Scout Discrimination

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James Bohne writes *"We all know that men discriminate and women are fair-minded victims, don't we? Not according to Joseph Picca, a graphic designer for the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. This article published in the Salt Lake Tribune claims Mr. Picca has been passed over repeatedly in favor of less experienced female designers for art director and other managerial positions. He is exercising his right to seek civil compensation from the Girl Scout's for employment discrimination."*

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Great Men's Health Site

Scott · 22 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

An anonymous reader wrote in to tell me about a great health site with many sound reports on men's health. Check out DrMirkin.com and the numerous reports in the men's health section.

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Young People Still Affected By Gender Steretypes

Scott · 22 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

IHF submitted a link to this UK Guardian story on how young people perceive gender roles and their behavior. It should be little surprise that there are tons of mixed messages out there and still a great tendency to play out the roles of one's parents. The story examines issues facing both boys and girls, and concludes: "*At different times in the past decades public anxiety has focused on one or more of the genders, but it needs to be recognised that both young women and men may be vulnerable in different ways.*"

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The UN Promotes Gender Fallacies

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James Bohne writes *"Using tried and true fallacies and half-truths feminist/supremacist causes are being exported by none other than the United Nations. This article featured in the Salt Lake Tribune repeats many of the claims and finger pointing promoting gender polarity and misandry in America over the last 30 years. Typical of good political propagandizing, it is sprinkled with enough truth to create an appearance of credibility to their scapegoating. The fact that both men and women are affected by poverty is ignored. It isn't enough men in third world countries bare the burden of protecting and providing for women and children under the most difficult conditions, they must now bare the social burden of being blamed for the social conditions keeping them and their families impoverished, and the guilt for not protecting women from conditions beyond their control."*

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Lazio Lashes Out At Debate Critics

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You may have heard of the recent political debate between New York Senator candidates Rick Lazio and Hillary Clinton. Toward the end of the debate, Lazio walked over to Clinton, demanding that she sign a contract to promise not to use soft money in the campaign. Critics of Lazio's "confrontational" tactics were accused of being "sexist" by Lazio recently, and I think it's really good that he is exposing this double standard of gender. Lazio has also spoken bluntly on the issue of gender in the political race. You can read the article from the NY Times here (Free registration with the NYT may be required to view the article).

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Critical News On Ritalin

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This story is on the use and abuse of Ritalin, the notorious drug used for the treatment of hyperactivity and attention defecit disorders. It confirms that Ritalin is an addictive drug when abused, and suggests that children taking the drug who have been misdiagnosed should be considered "abusers" of the drug, and taken off of it. I often wonder: would *I* have been put on Ritalin as a child if I were born in this day, and how would it have influenced my life?

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Feminist Lies & Misinformation

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Robert Cunningham wrote in about the recent Cathy Young article about gender issues in medical research, and also to alert me to this Australian opinion piece by a woman who is attacking the September Men's Health feature article on colleges that are pro/anti-male. She quickly reduces the article to: "At the core of his argument is the assertion that anything pro-women is anti-male." and that the "implicit, and now explicit, anti-women agenda that Men's Health [magazine]...sprouts" has been revealed. Interesting that even Aussie feminists are getting upset up about this article.

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Women Equally Bullies In The Workplace

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Rand wrote in with a very interesting story from the National Post. It's on "workplace bullies", and it was found that women bullied their co-workers and subordinates as often as men did. Very interesting findings. And here's a very thought provoking article: "*'As a man, I'm surprised by those figures,' said Dr. Namie, 'but I'm surrounded by women who say, "What's the big surprise?"'"* **That's** something to think about for a bit. You can read the story at this link.

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Great Interview with CHS.

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Robert Cunningham writes *"Here is a sizeable interview of Christina Hoff Sommers, where she persuasively argues why the special needs of boys are ignored at school. The plight of these boys is not helped when two sociopaths [The Columbine Killers] are presented by educators as symbols of the American maleness. Their plight is also not helped when these educators are silent about the role of fathers and their importance."* I thought CHS did a great job in this interview. She was obviously well prepared for it.

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On-line Divorce Guide For Fathers

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Craig Ventimiglia, Manager of DadsDivorce.com writes *"The following is an excerpt from our online divorce guide written by Joseph Cordell. This portion deals with the steps to take and issues to consider when a custody dispute looms on the horizon..."* Click "Read More..." to read the excerpt or click here to go directly to the DadsDivorce site to read the entire guide.

Custody Issues before Filing: Positioning Yourself Early

An excerpt from **"Dad's Guide to Custody"**

By Joseph Cordell

Filing a petition is the step that formally launches a dissolution action and triggers the panoply of laws governing divorce. Among these laws are provisions regarding interim custody of children (i.e., laws that spell out who has what custody rights before a court issues an order). These provisions are intended to prevent ugly scrambles before a court has the opportunity to issue a temporary order, which stays in effect until the final order in the divorce proceeding.

It should be noted, however that some states have statutes that address the prefiling period. For example, Missouri recently passed a law that states the following:

> §452.310.3 Upon the filing of the petition in a proceeding for dissolution of marriage or legal separation, each child shall immediately be subject to the jurisdiction of the court in which the proceeding is commenced, unless a proceeding involving allegations of abuse or neglect of the child is pending in juvenile court. Until permitted by order of the court, neither parent shall remove any child from the jurisdiction of the court or from any parent with whom the child has primarily resided for the sixty days immediately preceding the filing of a petition for dissolution of marriage or legal separation.

This clearly restricts the range of options otherwise available before filing. In the absence of such a statute, you can make a decision as to whether you will file with or without children in your care. In some jurisdictions this can be a key decision. Many courts refuse to try a custody dispute twice. As a practical matter, what that means is that the court will not hear a full-blown trial over custody at the temporary hearing and then suffer through what would presumably be the same or similar evidence at the final hearing.

Therefore judges have a tendency (absent a Missouri-style statute to the contrary) to maintain the status quo at the temporary hearing and reserve to the final hearing the various issues relating to custody.

Depending on the waiting period for a trial, the interim custodial arrangement could substantially advance or reduce your chances of victory at the final hearing. Often a case remains pending in excess of 1 year before it actually goes to trial. This affords an opportunity to the interim custodial parent to create a record of exemplary parenting, and indeed for some, it is a necessary period to rehabilitate their image as a parent.

Additionally, the interim parent benefits by creating a somewhat settled status quo going into trial. A judge will likely be substantially influenced by the fact that the child at trial is established in a home, a neighborhood, and a school, assuming, of course, that the child is thriving in that environment.

It should be noted that for dads in particular, there is often a need to prove their ability to be a primary care giver. Moms will often allege that dad did not in fact provide much assistance during the marriage. I have found this to be true, even when both parents' work schedules during the marriage are comparable.

Obviously even in those jurisdictions that permit it, it is not always practical for dad to obtain interim primary care.

The reasons are varied: (1) mom may file first, in which case she determines the status quo at the date of filing; (2) there may be no appropriate place for dad to reside with the children, whereas mom is still in the home; and (3) dad's present work schedule in relation to mom's militates against interim primary custody for dad.

Keep in mind that the pendency period provides as much opportunity for loss as for gain. Regardless of the interim custodial arrangement, the parties' conduct during this period will be scrutinized. This will be discussed further below.

If, for logistical or other reasons, you conclude that you cannot obtain interim primary custody, your fallback position must be joint custody (i.e., at least a 50/50 arrangement). Unless the parties can reach an interim agreement as to a 50/50 schedule, which at this stage would be exceptional, the optimum arrangement is for dad to continue living in the marital home throughout the pendency of the case. Furthermore, dad must seize every opportunity for nurturing his children, and he must document everything.

However, a caveat is in order here if dad decides to continue living in the home. Virtually every state has its own version of an adult abuse order. This subject is discussed more fully elsewhere. Suffice it to say that these devices are intended to protect the victims of domestic violence. The unfortunate reality, however, is that they are often used as tools for women in divorce. Although nominally gender neutral, the truth on the ground is that men have a heavier burden than women in trying to get such an order issued.

These legal devices consist of two stages. The first is the ex parte order, which issues on the applicant's word alone without the opposing party being given an opportunity to be heard. If an ex parte order is granted, the defendant is ejected from his home with only his personal effects. He is forbidden to return to his home or anywhere else that his wife may be. He also will be deprived of custody of his children, and his access will be narrowly restricted, if not eliminated entirely. He must live this way until stage two, which is the full order hearing. This hearing typically occurs 10 to 15 days (and sometimes up to 30 days) after the ex parte order is issued.

The full order hearing provides this process with a cloak of constitutionality in that it is the theatrical point at which a citizen is afforded his "due process." However, as any experienced lawyer will tell you, the cold reality is that in the vast majority of courts, the hearing is summary in nature, with a presumption against the defendant. The good legislative intentions and the vigilance of constitutional theory are of little assistance to the accused, as he stands in a crowded courtroom in rural Missouri before a judge determined to err on the side of caution. Despite law to the contrary, the reality is that ex parte orders and full orders of protection are casually granted to women in many, if not most, courtrooms across America.

With that in mind, any dad choosing to reside in the marital home with his wife while a case is pending assumes some risk. Naturally, the degree of risk varies from case to case. I probably do not need to tell you that having an order of protection issued against you does not help your custody case. Furthermore, in many jurisdictions, it is held against you by statute in matters affecting custody.

In summary, when weighing the option of trying to stay in the marital home, you have to perform a balancing act. On the one hand, consider the opportunities it affords you to continue parenting during the pendency of the case (as discussed above). On the other hand, consider the risk associated with that strategy, as well as your accompanying misery index.

If you opt to attempt to stay in the home with your wife, you must walk on eggshells, bite your lip when baited, and refuse to be drawn into any confrontation. This is easier said than done. I cannot count the number of occasions that clients have vowed to me that they would not be drawn into direct conflict and yet have been. Grand strategy dims in the heat of an argument at 1:00 a.m. Saturday morning. I hear about it when I get to the office Monday morning, and immediately, my client is on the defensive.

If you think you are significantly vulnerable to such manipulation and/or fabrication, I recommend that you consider a strategic retreat. It may make more sense to move from the house voluntarily, taking what property you want and yet aggressively continuing to parent.

From a more panoramic perspective, consider whether a delay in filing your petition is to your benefit or detriment. This, of course, assumes that your wife has not already filed and that you do not anticipate her filing soon. In considering a delay in filing, you have to consider your and your wife's relative positions given the criteria discussed earlier. Then, consider whether an additional 6 months, for example, would enable you to improve your relative position as a parent, or on the other hand, whether time is your enemy irrespective of your interim efforts. It is possible that a delay could provide a period during which you are aware of what lies around the corner while your wife is not, which may afford you an opportunity to solidify your position as the primary nurturer, as well as to gather information and evidence. Obviously these opportunities do not exist to the same extent once your wife has been served with a summons. Typically, she will quickly circle the wagons and prepare for battle.

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Gender Bias Bill In California Legislature

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Marc writes *"This bill (**click the 9/12/00 Assembly Analysis version**) in the California Legislature, sponsored by Mazzoni, requires the government to study prisoners with children, but it only focuses of female prisoners and ignores males. This could possibly be an equal protection violation. Californians should write to their assemblypersons and to Mazzoni about this, if not the Department of Justice."*

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Commentary On Lazio-Clinton Debate

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The Washington Times printed this interesting opinion article by a woman who examines the recent Lazio-Clinton debate and is disgusted by the tactics Hillary and her supporters are using to rebuke Lazio for his explicit challenge to her campaign. She also brings up the idea that many people are voting for her as an expression of sympathy for having an unfaithful husband in office and for dealing with Lazio's aggressiveness. It's a well written piece. Thanks to IHF for submitting it.

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How Title IX Is Harming US Olympic And International Sports Teams

Scott · 26 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Bill Kuhl submitted this article from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch about Title IX, and how it's affecting US competitiveness in olympic and international sports. It turns out that the decimation of less popular men's sports (such as gymnastics) to meet the quota system of Title IX (whether it was meant this way or not, that's how it's being implemented) is providing fewer and fewer qualified candidates for US men's teams. Meanwhile, other countries that haven't passed such draconian measures are at a significant advantage against the US. I guess "nice guys finish last" rings true here, eh?

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L.A. Times Letter

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Marc Angelucci writes *"I submitted this short letter to the L.A. Times (in my roommate Bilal's name) disputing a columnist's claim that male hostility explains the shortage of women in science. It's my first one in a major paper."* Way to go Marc! We need more like you.

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Online Book: The Case For Father Custody

Scott · 26 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Adam Hartney writes *"Here's an online link to The Case for Father Custody by Daniel Amneus. It takes a few minutes to load but is well worth it."* Reviews, anyone? I can offer you eternal fame and fortune for submitting one (well, maybe not, unless you have a humble idea of "fame and fortune". And "eternal", too). :)

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British Woman Goes To Jail For False Rape Accusation

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IHF submitted this link to a UK Telegraph article on a woman who has been sentenced six months jail time for making a false rape accusation and wasting police time and resources. She had made the false claim because she was in debt, and originally received 7,500 pounds for "victim compensation". Note that Mensactivism.org reported on this story earlier when it was first discovered that the accusation was false.

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Genders Well Divided On Candidates

Scott · 27 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Adam Hartney writes *"Here's an update on the election and the gender gap from the LA Times."* This seems like a strong indication of a backlash against liberal feminism. It looks like we are coming toward a struggle of "boys versus girls" in politics. Perhaps this is what is needed to get men to organize and act on gender issues? *Note: The Men's Activism News Network does not officially endorse any political candidates.*

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Director Of Women's Studies: "We Prohibit Any Course That Says We Restrict Free Speech!"

Scott · 28 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

That title line is a direct quote from this article found at Town Hall news. It's about a professor of sociology, Dr. Richard Zeller, who wanted to teach a course on political correctness (with plenty of student support for the course) and was denied the opportunity to teach it by the department. He resigned in protest. First Prof. Asher is ousted, now Zeller. Does anyone still believe that higher education is a place were free thinking is encouraged?

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John Leo On New Divorce Research

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John Leo's latest column in Jewish World Review is on the effects of divorce on children, as described in the new book The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce. This book is based on new research which shows that divorce does have a definite negative affect on children's lives, and lasts well into adulthood.

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Eye-Opening Article On Our Modern PC Age

Scott · 29 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Paul Craig Roberts wrote a disturbing article for The Washington Times, which can be read here. In it, he makes analogies between the political climate which gave rise to the Nazi party in Germany and how our media and academic environments are similar. Likewise, the instability of families, facilitated by the government, is being done along the same lines as the Nazis did so. There are just too many coincidences that he writes about to ignore. Hopefully it will knock some people out of the complacency that they're in.

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Feminism And Party Politics

Scott · 30 September 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Adam Hartney writes *"I found this at worldnetdaily, it's written by Linda Bowles about the gender gap in political parties and feminism; well worth a read. Click here."* The conclusion to the article is great: "*And then, perhaps as an omen, Gloria Steinem, a feminist icon who spent an entire lifetime demeaning men and marriage, delivered a stunning message to her sisters. She got married for the first time, at age 66. The message she delivered is this: It's never too late to grow up.*"

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What Would You Do If Falsely Accused?

Scott · 1 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

ABCnews chose false accusations as a recent topic for their "Working Wounded" column. You can read it at this link. It includes a story by someone who was unfairly ousted from his job after having been accused of sexual harassment, and in the end he concludes that the had no rights at all. It's quite bold of ABCnews to post something like this, so encouraging letter writing is strongly suggested.

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MA Schoolteacher Falsely Accused?

Scott · 1 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Jim Castelli writes, *"This Boston Globe article is about a male teacher who stands accused by two female students for sexual harassment in the classroom. The accuser, and another female student, testified that their accusations came after they participated in a health class on sexual harassment. Despite contradictions in their testimony, the prosecution is proceeding in its case. After 26 years of teaching science at a school in Cambridge with no previous accusations, Louis Silva finds his career, his reputation, and his freedom, on the line in a Cambridge Courtroom. School officials would not comment on the case, abandoning Mr Silva to face his accusers alone. Where are Mr Silva's fellow teachers (both men and women) in his hour of need? Has the tyranny of male-bashing-feminism rendered his collegues too afraid to speak up on behalf of Mr Silva and other men who are the targets of this modern day McCarthyism?"*

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NIH Distributing False Information

Scott · 2 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I know it's a shocking headline, but it appears to be the case. According to documents from NIH, health research has been biased against women due to unequal representation of women in health research. But the fact is, men are represented less than women in the health studies which were referred to! Don't believe it? Click "Read More" to view the message from Men's Health America, which includes citations.

NIH IS PLAYING FAST AND LOOSE WITH THE TRUTH

We've been reviewing some of the official documents from the National
Institutes of Health, and compared these statements with the actual facts.

What we found shocked even me. I've included full references at the end
for persons who want to see them.

Ed

What NIH Is Saying:

1. The Women's Health Initiative was established to "address many of
the inequities in women's health research," such as the areas of heart
disease, cancer, and osteoporosis. (WHI Backgrounder, www.nhlbi.nih.gov/whi)

2. The Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) was established "in

response to a report by the U.S. General Accounting Office...that women
were routinely excluded from medical research supported by NIH."
(Vivian Pinn, NIH News and Features, Fall 1997, p. 3)

3. "Historically, research studies were conducted only with men."
(National Institute of Mental Health: Women Hold up Half the Sky. Publication No. 99-4607)

What Our Research Reveals:

Our research demonstrates that these three statements are not merely
exaggerated or one-sided; they are simply false. These are the facts:

CANCER

Cancer research has always favored women:

* An analysis of 1989 enrollees in NCI research reported only 43% male
participation (1).

* A report from the Southwest Oncology Group revealed only 42% were
males (2).

* The recent GAO report stated that men now compose only 29% of participants in NCI research (3).

* A Medline search under the term "malignancy" for the years
1966-1990 reveals 139 clinical trials for men and 191 for women.

* Sex-specific funding patterns reveal that prostate cancer has lagged
behind breast cancer research by a 4:1 margin (4).

HEART DISEASE

A. 55% of participants in the early Framingham Heart Study were female
(5).

B. An analysis of major hypertension studies conducted in the 1970s and
1980s found that women made up nearly half of these studies (6).

C. A search of the Medline database for Heart Disease clinical trials
during the period 1966-1990 turns up 137 studies on men, and 78 studies
with women(7). In 1980, men's risk of dying from heart disease was
280.4/100,000, while women's risk was only 140.3/100,000 (8). Men were
at twice the risk of heart disease mortality, and represented the high-
risk population.

When we consider that men have historically faced twice the risk of
death from heart disease, there is no evidence that overall, women have
been underrepresented in heart disease research. As the Institute of
Medicine put it, "The literature is inconclusive about whether women
have been excluded or importantly underrepresented in clinical trials"
(9).

OSTEOPOROSIS

According to the Medline database, there were 18 female clinical trials
on osteoporosis published 1966-1999, compared to only 7 studies for men
(7). This represents more than a 2:1 disparity in women's favor.

MENTAL HEALTH
Mental health research sponsored by the NIH has long included women. During the period 1966-1990, the number of clinical trials with women has approximated the number of clinical trials with men (7).

The Underrepresentation of Men in NIH Research:

As documented above, men have been and continue to be underrepresented in cancer research. Three other areas with substantial
inequities affecting men's health are reproductive health, contraception, and sex hormones.

An analysis of the NIH sex-specific budget 1988-1990 reveals that women's health research received twice the funding of men's health
research (10), which further discredits the argument that women have been shortchanged by medical research.

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Another Gender Gap?

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Adam Hartney writes *"A new gender gap has evolved when the Danes vetoed the Euro [a common currency for all European countries]. What's interesting is women were 60% against the Euro, and one of the reasons women vetoed it is because it would diminish state welfare. Perhaps that explains why women typically vote democrat in the US, as we all know what gender takes a lot of welfare, don't we? I found this in a Washington Times article."*

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Sign A Petition To Include Men In VAWA Funding

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I'm sorry that I haven't been able to report on VAWA II recently, but unfortunately it looks like the bill is going to pass. As many of you know, the Violence Against Women Act is supposed to provide around 4 BILLION dollars to combat domestic violence - and is politically aimed to provide support for women specifically. There is no explicit provision in VAWA to acknowledge and fund programs for male victims of DV, and many believe that men can be explicitly discriminated against with this law. Please sign this petition to support the amendment of the bill to include men in recognition and funding for DV prevention programs and shelters. Thanks to an anonymous reader for forwarding this to me.

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New Mail-Order DNA Tests Can Be Done Secretly

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This is a *very serious* civil liberties issue....I hope there will be a lot of outrage and dissent against it. The Daily Express reported in this article that an internet based company is offering DNA kits that can be completed with a sample of hair from the child and "father," and in two weeks can return DNA test results that will determine the paternity status of the man. The cost? 195 pounds (about $288 USD). The company has no ethical qualms about performing the test without consent from the parties involved.

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CNN Flaunts The Superiority Of Women

Scott · 3 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

CNN printed this recent story on the rise of female managers, who currently outnumber men in the 20-30 year age bracket, in significant numbers. It's a telling sign that when women have the advantage, the discrimination stories are replaced by elitism and even more blatant sexism.

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Letter On Gore Campaign And Fathers

Scott · 4 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Montgomery Advertiser printed this letter to the editor in which the writer clearly outlined the negative image of fathers that Al Gore is promoting in his presidential campaign. It would be nice if some day political candidates were as afraid of insulting male voters as they are female voters. *Note: The Men's Activism News Network does not officially endorse any political candidates.*

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When Will Men Stand Up For Themselves?

Scott · 5 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Walter Williams from Jewish World Review wrote his latest column on the trash that men are putting up with in the media and elsewhere, and his belief that it is time for men to stop being cowards and stand up for themselves. Although I recall most of the material he refers to from John Leo's article (which he gives credit to), it is good to hear another voice calling out to encourage men to do something.

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Take A Gender Health Test

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Adam Hartney writes *"This is a bit of an odd one - it's a health exam where you test your knowledge in gender health discrepancies. It turns out men are more likely to die at* any age*, which makes me ask: why is nature so biased against men?"* Good question, Adam. No matter how you slice it, men's health is in danger for many reasons, including biological, material, and cultural reasons. We need to do our part by taking care of ourselves, but also to promote attention to men's health in general too.

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Bisexuals Immune From Harassment Charges?

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The Washington Post printed this article which reports that the Supreme Court has ruled that "equal opportunity" harassers - bisexuals who treat both men and women inappropriately - cannot be sued for sexual harassment. This is very odd, and certainly unfair. It also makes me wonder if this could create a serious loophole in harassment law. Accused of sexual harassment? Simply have someone of the same sex as you accuse you of similar behavior, and claim to be bisexual. Does anyone know if this is what this ruling means?

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Columbia University's New Sexual Misconduct Policy

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An Anonymous User writes *"Any man at this University needs to run away, and fast! This is an unbelievable, disgusting policy on sexual misconduct. Click here for the scoop"* I actually felt sick as well after reading details of the new policy. If something like this spreads to other Universities and beyond it could be the biggest blow to men's civil rights ever unleashed (even more so than the paternity testing issue I mentioned a few stories previously).

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More On The Ritalin Controversy

Scott · 8 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The controversy over Ritalin is the subject of a front page article in Friday's edition of The Christian Science Monitor. Read the story, 'Among parents, backlash builds to Ritalin.'"* The story's centerpiece is a young boy whose parents were charged with neglect after taking him off of Ritalin, and also discusses the rights of parents and schools in this type of scenario. Good article.

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Child Support In Oz

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bernee writes *"As we all know, child support laws are a contentious issue. They have remained unchanged here (in Australia) for around 15 years and have caused much grief (and still do). But, change could slowly be happening: read*
this story.
It will be interesting to see if their is any backlash to the proposed changes." These proposals would allow NCPs who have second families to save more money for the second family - this is the first acknowledgment of this unfair problem I've seen yet.

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Columbia Prof. Violates New Sex Code With Exam Question

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FIRE, the same group that's going to challenge Columbia's new sexual misconduct policy on the basis of civil liberties violations, is now reporting that a Professor of Law at Columbia has violated the policy with an exam question that raises a hypothetical situation where violence against a woman creates "a beneficial unintended consequence." From the article: "*'Columbia is out of control,' [the President of FIRE] said. 'What happened to George Fletcher demonstrates the criminalization within the university of academic content via harassment codes and is a terrible assault against academic freedom.'*" The news story includes e-mail addresses for various Columbia University administrators - please make use of them and let them know of your outrage!

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Gender Violence In The Media

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Marc Angelucci writes *"The L.A. Weekly wrote this piece in its* Off Beat News *section that draws attention to a web site where you can slap an animated caricature of Hillary Clinton. The author criticizes the political right for their claim to civility by asking "where were they when [David Horowitz] put up a web site called SlapHillary.com?" I'd like to ask, where was the L.A. Weekly when Spin City did a commercial in which Heather Lochlear repeatedly slapped Michael J. Fox for comedy, or when Hillary reportedly threw furniture at Bill years ago? The L.A. Weekly has never denounced the media bombardment of assaults on male genitals as humor, but one rare site like this comes up on the web, and they're all over it. Let's write the L.A. Weekly at letters@laweekly.com about this. The more letters, the more likely they'll print some."*

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Watch The Montel Show Tomorrow! (Thursday)

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I had meant to post this with greater notice, but tomorrow, October 10, the Montel Williams show will be on the topic, "Confronting Deadbeat Parents." Reportedly, there will be a choice for men supporter interviewed on the show. It should be an interesting program. **Update:** Apparently they switched their schedule at the last minute, and the program will be on **Thursday, Oct. 12**

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The State of Women's Studies

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Anonymous User writes *"The October 6th edition of The Chronicle of Higher Education carried an essay/book review by Daphne Patai about the current state of Women's Studies programs in academia - click here. Following the appearance of this essay was an even more interesting online debate between Patai and her critics - click here."* This is some really interesting stuff, sure to provoke a lot of thought and even some outrage. Check these links out!

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The Portrayal Of Men At UNH

Scott · 10 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Hopefully this won't seem egocentric, but I'm posting a letter I wrote to the Univ. of New Hampshire school newspaper. Recently the newspaper ran a section on "men's health and masculinity," (not in the web edition, unfortunately) which took a fairly negative look at masculinity as the driving force behind oppression and suffering in the world. The authors, which included male counselors from UNH, all concluded that a "new masculinity" be created. I wrote this letter in response to the articles, challenging readers to think about the positive attributes of masculinity instead of focusing on the negative. Here's my letter in case the link doesn't work. I'm actually quite concerned about this issue because it makes it look as if men are getting attention from the university community, but in reality all that's happening is that they're being shamed for being male. This isn't right, and I was inspiried to speak out and address this.

Portraying Men in a Positive Light

Scott Garman

Senior

I read with great interest last Tuesday's section on men's health and masculinity. The authors of these articles should be applauded for the time they spent addressing a very neglected issue in today's politicized gender climate: the needs of men and the issues that we face.

However, without challenging any of the articles that were written, I'd like to address a more subtle issue that I noticed from the viewpoints presented, and from much of the dialogue going on about gender these days. It seems that in an attempt to open a wider range of roles and opportunities for men, we often portray masculinity as something inherently flawed, or out of balance. It is almost as if we are saying that men need to be "less masculine," which isn't something that most men are going to respond or relate to.

In my experiences with men as a "men's rights activist," I find that more than anything, men need to be offered respect and dignity for being male, instead of continually being blamed for social problems such as violence and oppression, or portraying them as mass killers, abusers, and rapists. Part of SHARPP's mission statement for the Men's Discussion Group on Stopping Rape reads, "We as men realize that certain ways of being male perpetuate a rape-prone society." These methods of "reaching out" to men, while well-intentioned, often don't work because they alienate men from thinking of themselves as whole human beings, and are subconsciously degrading.

In our culture, particularly in this academic environment, men and their roles are regularly stereotyped and deconstructed into oppressive patriarchs and selfish tyrants. To successfully reach out to men, we need to do so in a positive way that affirms and empowers men for being who they are, themselves.

Too often, we focus on the negative side of masculinity, as unfortunately the media is eager to sensationalize school shootings and brutal rapes, but I hope most people still realize that the vast majority of men are neither killers nor rapists, nor do most individual men hold power and influence over large numbers of people.

I think that if we want to encourage new opportunities for men to live and express themselves, then we need to acknowledge the positive attributes of masculinity. We need to recognize the distinctly masculine energy and focus that creates good in the world, such as Michaelangelo's divine art, the dedication to rationality and truth seeking that Socrates and Plato embodied, the musical genius of Ludwig van Beethoven and John Coltrane. And not only should we respect the greatness of high-achieving men, but the everyday selfless dedication of fathers, of male teachers and mentors, and for the countless men that gave and risked their lives for others in war.

When we have a society that honors men and the masculine, and allows men to make choices that enable them to lead fulfilling lives, men will have, as Peter Welch put it, "a healthy masculinity that will allow us to be unabashedly human." To that I would add, "and unabashedly male."

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Status Of The "Men Deserve To Live" Campaign

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Ed Bartlett from Men's Health America has sent out a notice about the "Men Deserve To Live" campaign, and there is bad news and good news. The bad news is, the bill isn't going to pass in this session of Congress. The good news is, there is plenty of support for the bill and it will be re-introduced immediately once Congress begins again. Click "Read More" to view the announcement from Ed. And thanks to everyone who took part in this letter writing and activism campaign!MEN DESERVE TO LIVE - What We Have Accomplished

It looks like the Men's Health Act will not pass this session.
Part of the problem was the Health Aide in Sen. Thurmond's
office quit a few weeks ago, so things didn't move as quickly as
expected on the Senate side.

I have been reassured by the Aide in Rep. Cunningham's office
that the Act will be re-introduced first thing in the upcoming
session.

BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THIS BILL HAS ALREADY HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON DHHS.

The DHHS bureaucrats now know that men's health can no longer
be ignored. They know that influential politicians care about this
issue. And that opens doors for us when we ask to meet with these
people.

Don't worry this bill didn't make it the first time around.
Our time is coming.

But do this, please. Whatever you did on behalf of the Men's
Health Act the past four months, give yourself a pat on the back.
Whether you wrote letters, made a phone call, got involved in the
political process, or just did something to improve your own health,
take the credit.

Because we won't be shamed into silence.

Ed

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New Poll

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Note that I just added a new poll - thanks to everyone that participated in the previous one!

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What We Can Look Forward To With VAWA2

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Wendy McElroy wrote a brutally honest article on VAWA2 and what the bill will actually accomplish. It's not a pretty picture, and the last I heard is that it was stalled in the Senate but could be passed very soon. Her conclusions are: "*There is nothing noble or righteous about the VAWA. The Act is a money grab to back an agenda. In the wake of its political turbulence, it is women who will be battered (as well as men) by having to live with the burden of gender apartheid.*"

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UK Government Pushing For Father Access After Divorce

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IHF submitted this UK Telegraph story that the British government has officially adopted the position that "The distress and damage done to children when parents separate can be reduced if they retain strong and loving bonds with both parents." Although it is not law, this position is sure to have a positive effect on fathers going through the family courts in the near future.

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Cancer Support Groups For Men

Scott · 12 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Ed Bartlett writes, *"There are now two national support groups available to help men (and their partners) diagnosed with prostate cancer: Man to Man, sponsored by the American Cancer Society: http://www.cancer.org/m2m/m2m.html, and US Too: http://www.ustoo.com/. These sites provide great information for both the newly-diagnosed patient and the long-term survivor."*

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Action Alert: Write To Barnes & Noble!

Scott · 13 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci has informed me of an activism project to establish a Men's Studies book section at the major bookseller Barnes & Noble. One of their major competitors, Borders, already has a Men's Studies section, so if we make some noise and express interest in it, B&N is likely to comply. Check out the Mensactivism.org activism projects page for full details and a sample letter Marc wrote up. It will only take a minute of your time!

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More Commentary On Columbia's Sex Misconduct Code

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The Washington Times printed this article a few days ago which comments on the recently enacted sexual misconduct policy at Columbia University. Paul Craig Roberts comes straight out and confronts the issue of false accusations, and I'm sure this article will stir up a lot of controversy. Please help keep a dialogue going about this, and don't let it fade away from the media's attention - we can't afford to let this take root in our society.

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Women's Issues Columnist Shifts Gears, Supports Men's Issues

Scott · 14 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"After years of feminist lies in the UCLA Daily Bruin, a respected women's issues columnist came out supporting men's issues. In this article, she addresses male body image as a less controversial men's issue. But then she mentions false accusations, harassment and discrimination as legitimate men's issues, and pointedly says that courts are unfairly stacked against men. She's been my e-mail buddy for a while now, which I think shows that calm dialogue with certain feminists - sincere ones - can sometimes be effective. This is just a pinhole in the "lace curtain." But with unity and perserverence, we can shred it."* Way to go Marc! This is encouraging to hear.

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Standing While Urinating Represents Contempt For Women

Scott · 16 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I kid you not. According to this UK Sunday Times article, submitted by Rand, it is becoming established in Sweden that allowing men to stand while urinating (even at urinals) constitutes contempt for women, and men are encouraged to sit instead. I suppose there really is no limit to the humiliation and shame men are willing to accept for being male. This is ridiculous.

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Cathy Young Addresses The Causes Of Domestic Violence

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Rand submitted another article, this one from the Boston Globe and written by Cathy Young. She discusses the issue of domestic violence, (Oct. is DV awareness month) and debunks the idea that DV is rooted in the patriarchal power of men over women. Young always has some good statistics and facts in her articles, in this one she cites a dating violence study done by a feminist who withheld her findings because it showed women as more violent than men.

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Mensactivism.org Feature: Domestic Violence Knows No Gender

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It's been a while since I've received a feature submission, and I now have a couple queued up for the upcoming weeks. The first one, by James Castelli, is on domestic violence. In his essay, Jim confronts the political nature of domestic violence as portrayed by "male bashing feminists," and calls for an end to the gender warfare going on which is doing nothing to truly prevent domestic violence. Click the "Read More..." link below to view his submission...

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE KNOWS NO GENDER

by James Castelli - jvcastelli@hobbyist.com

"Domestic Violence Awareness Month" should be a time, as well as a phrase, that addresses the problems of all who are impacted by violence in society. Yet, rather than seeking to heal the wounds that afflict society as a whole, the term "Domestic Violence" has become a political wedge that has been driven between men and women by groups who seek to benefit from gender warfare. A woman or man who seeks true equality between the sexes will get no argument from me. Yet, feminists who allegedly began their campaign seeking equality between men and women have chosen to broaden the divide between the sexes. In the political vitriol of the moment, "male bashing feminists" have succeeded in rendering Domestic Violence synonymous with men. I make the distinction between all feminists and "male bashing feminists" for the simple reason that there is a distinction to be made. According to the politics of this group, Domestic Violence is not a problem of society, it is a problem of the men in society. It is a problem they "perceive and promote" as resulting from the uncontrolled violent nature of men which preys upon the innocent and benign nature of women and children.

However, that faction of feminism which I have defined as "male bashing feminists" suffer from a syndrome which is best described as a type of "cafeteria feminism." They walk through the "feminist cafeteria of life" and pick and choose what they like. They demand that women be able to become generals in the military, yet do not insist that women, like young men, accept the responsibility of registering for the draft. They demand that women have exclusive control over reproductive rights which they call "choice", yet insist men be held responsible for choices over which they, (men) have no control.

Likewise, in the area of domestic violence if women demand to be treated as equals, they need to take responsibility for their acts. They can no longer deny a woman's capacity for aggression as well as violence. They can no longer deny that women batter their husbands, or that statistics show that children in America are battered mostly by women. They cannot excuse female murderers by the convenient defense of "battered wives syndrome." They can no longer deny that women as well as men are capable of acts of evil.

In Massachusetts, Kristen Gilbert is presently on trial for killing numbers of helpless men who relied on her as their caregiver in a Veterans Hospital. Louise Woodward shook an infant to death and received probation from the court. In South Carolina Susan Smith murdered her two sons by drowning them in a lake.

In 431 B.C. Euripedes wrote the play "Medea". It is a play about a mother who out of revenge against her husband chooses to slaughter her two young sons. The Greeks over two thousand years ago were willing to recognize the capacity of women for violence. Is America willing to recognize that capacity today? Is America willing to begin to recognize the more subtle forms of female violence and aggression? Or, as would be the preference of "male bashing feminists", will we continue to define Domestic Violence as a syndrome inherent in a flawed male psychology. To heal an illness requires a recognition of all the symptoms that are part of the sickness. If we as a society are sincere in our desire to eliminate the disease of Domestic Violence, we cannot ignore all components of the illness despite the political objectives of those who want to fan the flames of gender war.

James Castelli is a freelance writer with seventeen years of experience analyzing the legal impact of issues presently confronting society.

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Male Teachers Afraid Of Touching Students

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The UK Independent ran this story on the lack of male schoolteachers for primary (elementary) schools. It brings up a reason I had never even considered before: that men are afraid of entering this field due to the likelihood of false accusations of sexual harassment from students. Testimony is included from male teachers who left their careers due to their inability to touch children, comfort them if hurt, or break up fights because of the potential of being accused. And can you blame them? What can be done about this?

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American Bar Association And DV Stats

Scott · 18 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"I'm glad there's been some domestic violence postings here lately, because the American Bar Association Journal, which has a circulation of 400,000 nationwide, just printed this article on domestic violence that opens with* 'about 90 percent of victims are women.' *How about we send them some mail, even just a quick e-mail message (abajournal@abanet.org), so they might print some of it?"* Read on for Marc's explanation of the statistics that will be useful in your letters...As most of us know, the "90 percent" figure comes from DOJ crime reports and archival data (based on reported incidents), which are way underinclusive for male victims because men are about ten times less likely to report it due to the lack of services, fear of arrest or losing custody of children, ridicule, etc. The vast majority of random survey data, which is far more accurate, shows women and men batter each other at equal rates, for the same reasons, and usually not in self defense:

http://www.safe4all.org/resources.html

http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm

Of course, we also know from reading Philip Cook's Abused Men that feminists have used their influence in the DV industry to suppress this data for three decades so they can protect their theory that DV stems from "patriarchy." So men like my friend, who's drunk wife battered him for years with a knife or broken glass, are barred from shelters so that feminists can further their political agenda.

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Online Book: The Garbage Generation

Adam · 18 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Hi everybody, I'm Adam and one of the new co-administrators on Mensactivism.org. I'll be posting articles from time to time, and here's the first one. It's an online book: The Garbarge Generation by Daniel Amneus and you can read it here. Thanks :)

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The Silent Marjoity: DV Against Men And Boys

Scott · 18 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

TGB writes *"The following article is taken from a pamphlet just added to the FRTC Media Pack. Articles related to this topic at FRTC include:*

1. Child Abuse and Neglect Study
2. Divorce and Fatherhood Statistics
3. Justice Department Violence-Related Injuries Report
4. Fathers - Prejudice and Policy
5. Sexual Abuse Allegations in Divorce
6. Parental Alienation Information Archive
7. Personality Characteristics of Falsely Accusing Parents in Divorce
8. Domestic Abuse and False Accusation Links Page

Read on for this **excellent** flyer. Thanks for the submission, TGB!

Domestic Abuse of men and children, the silent majority!

"Women must share responsibility for their behavior and contributions to domestic violence."

-psychologist Judith Shervin

Domestic violence and abuse are not committed only by men as is popularly believed. In fact, men and women abuse each other with almost equal frequency.**[1]** You've probably heard the statistic that claims a woman is abused by her spouse every 15 seconds. What you may not know is that the same study also found that a man is abused by his spouse every 14 seconds.**[2]**

Surprising Facts on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

Until society recognizes and accepts the fact that women can and do commit domestic violence, the problem of domestic violence will never be addressed and a "solution" will never be found. Domestic violence is a societal phenomenon that is not gender-specific. To deny this fact is unrealistic, biased, and shortsighted.

Facts You Probably Haven't Heard:

More than half of all 'severe' domestic violence is committed by women against their husbands or boyfriends. **[1]**

Extrapolating from a 1985 survey of more than six thousand couples, the authors estimate that 1.8 million females are the victims of severe domestic violence each year (with injuries suffered by one in ten), but so were about 2.1 million men. **[2]**

A random survey of 2,143 American homes uncovered the fact that severe abuse was committed equally by men and women. **[3]**

One study of inner city child abuse found that 49% of all child abuse is committed by single parent mothers. **[4]**

Natural mothers are the perpetrators of:

- 93% of physical neglect of children
- 86% of educational neglect
- 78% of emotional neglect
- 60% of physical abuse, and
- 55% of emotional abuse **[5]**

A Bureau of Justice report found that Mothers (55%) are more likely than fathers (45%) to murder their children. **[6]**

According to the government's own figures, females kill 31 times as many children as natural fathers. **[7]**

Females comprise 78% of the perpetrators of fatal child abuse (child murder). **[8]**

As disturbing as these statistics are, even more disturbing is the fact that they are virtually unknown. Only recently

has any attention at all been focused on the issue of female batterers.

As psychologist Judith Shervin writes, "Women must share responsibility for their behavior and contributions to domestic violence."

These contributions are far bigger than feminists and the media are willing to admit.

Dr. Martin Fiebert, (1997) professor of Psychology at the California State University of Long Beach, listed 94 empirical studies that support the position that men and women are assaulting their intimate partners at nearly the same rate. When all the evidence is weighed, the only reasonable conclusion is that men and women commit spousal abuse against each other at nearly equal rates. **[9]**

Are you a victim?

Some indications that you are the victim of abuse include:

- A feeling that you are walking on eggshells trying not to anger the spouse.
- Constant put-downs in public and private.
- Expecting the worst of you and/or the children: "You are so stupid!"; "I told you so!"; "Why don't you ever...?"; "Why do you always...?". Destructive criticism.
- Put-downs that extend to your family and those you love. Attempts to separate you from your family and any emotional support they provide.
- The use of "guilt trips" to shame you and the children into doing what she wants, even though you have not done or intended anything wrong.

- She tries to control your circle of friends and acquaintances. She does not allow you to have your own friends or activities, or discourages attendance at activities with your side of the family.

- She places demands on your time that interfere with work, church, charity service, or other activities outside the home.

- She threatens to leave and take the children if you do not comply with her demands.

- She constantly demands more money, a larger home, more expensive car, or other status symbols, regardless of your ability to afford them. Controls finances, either directly or by unrestricted spending without mutual decision making (e.g. opening large credit accounts without telling you).

- She Insists that her income is hers, sometimes even extending to refusing to share information about her finances, and expecting you to cover all community expenses out of your income.

- Frequent accusations of affairs.

- False accusations of abuse.

- Tries to influence children to "take sides" (see the articles on Parental Alienation Syndrome in the PAS Archive).

  If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse, there are steps you can take:

- Call the police and file a report if your spouse or partner assaults you. Men should use extreme caution, however, because the police often assume the man is the aggressor, and you may well find yourself under arrest. Make sure there is solid evidence that you are not the aggressor before calling the police.

- Take pictures of any visible injuries you receive, and make copies of any injury reports.

- Contact local Fathers' Rights groups in your area for support, advice, and assistance.

- If your wife or partner becomes abusive or violent, leave and seek help. Do not accept domestic violence.

- Make sure the children are safe -- if necessary take the children and stay at a motel or with a friend.

- Do not blame yourself for your wife or partner's behavior. Nothing justifies her violence.

- Free online assistance can be found at the FRTC Web site, at: www.deltabravo.net/

Above all, **SPEAK OUT!** Let someone else know that your partner is abusive. Don't hide it.

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Family Violence Report 2000 Released

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Bunny Sewell writes *"We publish a report on the Internet that contains a family violence bibliography, which clearly demonstrates that gender advocates have*
severely distorted this issue. [This includes the Fiebert Bibliography] The year 2000 edition of the Family Violence Report from Family Resources and Research has been released. It may be quoted, linked and copied
without further permission. The internet version is available at:

http://www.naplesfl.net/~bestself/Family-Violence.htm. Also included is an article written by Sally L. Satel, M.D., about the dangers of present family violence policy." I've received a lot of good DV articles recently. Keep 'em coming, folks!

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Sign A Petition To End Forced Fatherhood

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Ron Burke has created a web site with his essay (which was featured on Mensactivism.org) on male reproductive rights and has an area where you can sign a petition to put an end to forced fatherhood. Please take a moment to head over to the site and sign the petition. Thanks to Mark Cimini for sending this in.

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Making Divorce Even Worse For Men

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According to this news story, on December 1st in the UK, any wife who files for divorce will get half of her ex-husband's pension without needing to show any material evidence at all, and she still gets the standard maintenance payments and a large cut of his assets.You can read it here. It's hard to think of it this way now, but once upon a time it was a good thing for a man to be a good breadwinner. Now it's almost no longer in his self-interest!

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False Accusations Make The News

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James Bohne writes *"It takes considerable courage to print an article on false accusations during domestic violence month. Mike Vigh of the Salt Lake Tribune has the right stuff. The facts are watered down quite a bit, but that doesn't detract much from the significance of the topic being published during the same month both houses passed VAWA. You know the Trib is going to get flak for this, and they probably do also. My guess is this is a feeler to see how much support they will get."* Which of course means we should write in and show support for taking these risks. Anything, even a short note of support will help out!

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Long Choice For Men Article In Salon

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Salon magazine printed this feature length article on male reproductive rights. It's written by Cathy Young, who takes a conservative pro-male view in most of her writings. This one, however, I feel a bit mixed about. She seems sympathetic to men and understands some of the double standards and injustice of the situation, but more or less dismisses current challenges to law or solutions to the problem. But it certainly is a thoughtful and engaging article, and more press for the issue. Thanks to Alan from the new Choice4Men list for submitting it.

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A Monograph on Feminism: Gender Bias In Employment

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Glenn Burger submitted an interesting editorial piece on the topic of gender bias in employment. He raised some issues that I had never considered before, and so I thought it would be of interest to others. If anyone has any personal stories about this topic, feel free to discuss them on the message board to this story. Click "Read More..." below to view his Glenn's writings. A Monograph on Feminism

By Glenn R. Burger

For the past 30 years, the mainstay of feminism has been gender bias in employment. According to the feminists, women have been denied employment
opportunities, pushed aside and just generally treated badly in the job
market because of their sex. Indeed, during the most influential years of
feminism in North America in the 1960's, the feminists claimed that women
were "the last hired and the first fired". Women were victims of gender
bias.

I can cast serious doubts on this notion of gender bias victimizing
women with two simple, straight forward facts and a conclusion.

Fact: In 1939, 65% of the banking staff in Canada was male. True. Two
out of three employees were male. And what was 1939? 1939 was the start of the Second World War.

Fact: By 1943 (the worst of the war years) the banks in Canada had
closed almost half of the banking system due to "lack of staff". The banking text book which inadvertently made me aware of this banking system closure didn't indicate what caused this lack of staff but - considering the dates involved - it is obvious what it was: military requirement for the war effort.

Conclusion: At the end of the war, to prevent any possible future loss of staff expertise to the military in the event of yet another war (which seemed highly possible at that time) the banks and many large business offices, oil company head offices and other labor intensive white collar corporations in both Canada and the United States implemented hiring policies which demanded the exclusive hiring of women for the skills acquiring, upwardly

mobile white collar clerical and supervisory sectors of their organizations because women were not vulnerable to military requirements in the event of war. At the present time, Canadian banking white collar staff is 95% female and this high percentage of female employees is true of most other business offices in both Canada and the US.

It is for this reason that bank and business office staff in North America is almost exclusively female. It has nothing to do with poor wages, or superior female abilities, or female competitiveness or "discrimination" against women forcing them into so called pink collar ghettos. Enter banks or business offices in Asia, Europe or Australia and you will find substantial numbers of male employees. Not so in North America, because in North America many employers hire only women because they aren't wanted for possible military duty.

So, how's that for "gender bias"?

Note: It should be pointed out that men created these hiring policies, not women. The policies, unquestionably, came from the most senior executive level and, as the feminists have been pointing out for years, that level is almost exclusively male. If those executive males had not created the hiring policies, women would not have had exclusive access to the white collar jobs and, thus, they would not have become the spoiled, demanding individuals that they presently are. Feminism was little more than a power grab for the executive suites. Women had all of the white collar jobs and saw no reason why they shouldn't have all of the executive suites too and a movement was created mostly for that end. The movement was called feminism and it is my sincere belief that feminism would not have happened if the hiring policies hadn't been created.

(The thought also occurs that both American and Canadian multinational corporations could export their anti-male hiring policies to other countries in Europe, Asia and Australia without those countries realizing what was happening. Any given office staffed exclusively by women would look as though the all female staff had occurred by chance when, in fact, it was caused by stupid anti-male hiring policies imported from North America, but I digress).

Also, if you find this view of gender bias in employment to be of interest, I encourage you to copy this single page and "pass it around", especially to feminists. Feminists can be remarkably verbal about their views and you might be surprised how fast they go silent when they read this view. Try it. You'll see.

Further, what would be the possibility of beginning a class action law suit against the big banks and other white collar employers in North America in
response to these anti-male hiring policies? Would there be a place for this single page on the Internet, say on a web site?

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LA Weekly Prints Letter On Gender Bashing

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Marc Angelucci writes *"The L.A. Weekly printed my letter about the SlapHillary.com web site. Thank you to all who also wrote to them. I'm sure it helped."* Great work everyone!

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The Politics Of Victimhood Feminism

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Rand submitted this article from the National Post on a recent Canadian protest march for "women's rights." The author points out that some of the demands are overblown and reflect the political nature of the issues involved. She states that what we have is essentially a bunch of "quasi-Marxists" who "have figured out it's easier to get government hand-outs if they claim to be championing women rather than the overthrow of capitalism."

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A Struggle For Recognition: Battered Men In New Zealand

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This news story from NZ Stuff News discusses the struggle for recognition that men's groups are fighting for to establish that men are also victims of domestic violence. There's good information here about a massive study done by Auckland University that followed men and women from birth into their 20s, and found that women were at least as violent as men in relationships, with women even self-reporting initiation violence more than men. Aussie DV advocates, check this out!

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Male Breast Cancer Linked To Hormone Levels - And Orgasms?

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Huh? Let me explain: 1 - Men can and do get breast cancer, in fairly small numbers. 2 - Men who get breast cancer have an extremely high mortality rate from it. 3 - According to this BBC Health News article, the likelihood of a man having breast cancer increases if a man has fewer than six orgasms per month, which would indicate abnormal hormonal levels. This is kind of odd news, somewhat humorous, but also serious at the same time.

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High Schoolers Create DV Advertisements

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Here's something I found pretty disturbing, mainly because I think it represents the indoctrination of our students by perspectives based on misleading, politically motivated research. This story from the NY Daily News describes a contest where high school students created advertisements for domestic violence awareness. The winning entries...photos of young women in "high school portrait" style with captions such as, **Most Likely to Be Killed by Her Boyfriend**, **Most Excuses for a Black Eye**, and **Most Likely to Marry Her Abuser**. Does anyone think that an ad portraying violence against men would have won?

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UK Women Putting Off Divorce For Pensions

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Tim Randles submitted this link to a This Is Money story on the new divorce law in Britain that will give women half of their husband's pension money in a divorce settlement by default. Although the law is technically gender-neutral, (the "breadwinner" of the family is the one whose pension is cut) it's obviously going to adversely affect men in the majority of divorces. But don't worry, there's good news too: "*Some solicitors say the new law may also be beneficial to men because they could avoid maintenance payments by paying off their wife with a slice of their pension.*" At least these lawmakers have our **convenience** in mind. (!)

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DNA Testing Kits A Hit In Australia

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Not PC and Imo Bethere submitted this story from The Sydney Morning Herald. Apparently there is a DNA testing company in Melbourne that has begun marketing their DNA kits on television, and have received an "astonishing response." It is noted that women have made almost two-thirds of the inquiries about the services since the TV ads began. The story ends with a plea from a privacy advocate that "*DNA testing industry needed better regulation, including laws which required written consent from all parties involved in testing.*"

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Some Facts On Child Support Collection

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The Orlando Sentinel ran this story by Kathleen Parker on new information released on child support collection, and the different ways that it has been presented in the media. One interesting fact that Kathleen dug up (which wasn't reported on in the news articles she read) was that there are more "deadbeat moms" than "deadbeat dads," with custodial fathers receiving only 48% of their child support, while custodial mothers received 60% of their payments on average. Another set of interesting facts: "*83 percent of divorced parents who have joint custody and regular contact with their children paid their support in full. By comparison, only 36 percent of parents with neither visitation nor joint custody paid any child support. Can anyone say 'Bingo?'*"

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What Is The Lace Curtain?

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In this preview of Warren Farrell's book Women Can't Hear What Men Don't Say, Farrell explains the concept of the "lace curtain" (the lack of coverage of men's issues in the media) and his own journey through it. And you can read it at this link.

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Divorce Makes Men Richer; Women Poorer?

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Here's an interesting article from the UK Observer which states that men's financial status tends to improve after divorce, while women's worsens. "*Divorce is a complete mess for women...The odds of getting a fair divorce settlement are quite simply stacked against women.*" It does make sense when you think of it this way - women are often a drain on the man's generally higher income, so even if she takes a piece of it when she leaves, she's going to be worse off financially *in the long run*, while he can often recover. Still, I know of too many men that have been decimated in divorce settlements, and struggle through a lot of emotional pain that interferes with their ability to advance their careers. Where is the sympathy for them? IHF submitted this story.

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The Adonis Complex: Male Body Image

Scott · 24 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Bill Kuhl submitted this link to an older article on male body image. This I believe is an issue that needs more attention. From the article: *'"This is a disorder that affects as many men as women, yet people assume this is just a woman's problem. Men die from these various forms of Adonis,' Phillips says. She cites steroid abuse, eating disorders and suicide. 'This is not to*
minimize the suffering that women experience, but to say that men can suffer just as much."'

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Male Suicide In Australia

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The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare released a report this year which shows that more Australian men die by suicide than by road crashes. You can read the report here. Why are these men killing themselves in such high numbers? 8 out of 10 suicides in Australia are by men, and the numbers have been increasing while female suicides have remained constant. This is very sobering news.

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Mensactivism.org Feature: Role Models for Boys

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Our latest feature is from Dr. Karl Glasson, the owner of the IHF (ihatefeminism.com) web site. In his essay, Karl looks at the role models boys are looking up to today and isolates this as a very serious issue of our time. The media, Karl vehemently argues, portrays men so negatively these days because anti-male feminists dominate the media and don't want anything positive said about them. Read on for an extremely engaging and controversial essay!

Entire Human Race Faces Extinction from Meteor Impact - Thanks to Feminism

by Dr. Karl Glasson, ihatefeminism@yahoo.com

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You think that I'm joking, don't you? Not at all.

There cannot be a person in the country who is not aware of the long-term damaging effects of failing to bring up our boys properly. And one of the things that boys really do need in order to develop as citizens fit for society are strong, good, well-adjusted male role models.

'Role models'. The term doesn't have much impact, does it? And yet, without them, where, into what, through what channels, are boys to develop? Where are they supposed to 'go'. Into what are they supposed to 'grow'? How are they supposed to 'know' what to grow into? Who's directing them?

Their morality, their attitudes, their behaviour, their knowledge, their expertise doesn't come from the air - and they aren't built-in at birth. They come from what they see around them as they grow up. And they come from society teaching them, and indoctrinating them, with values that will benefit us all. They come from infusing young boys with a positive attitude towards doing things from which all of society will benefit. That's how societies are formed, that's how they progress, and that's how they better themselves.

Now, hundreds of thousands of our boys simply do not have any decent role models. Even if the fathers are at home (and for so many, they aren't) where are the others? Where do boys encounter men who are going to steer their growth, directly or indirectly?

Well, for many boys, the only available men (or, rather, older boys) are the ones out on the streets or in the clubs. They're the ones sleeping around, taking drugs, doing badly at high school, drinking, stealing cars, shoplifting, and, well, generally behaving badly, because there's nothing much else for them to do.

And then there's the TV.

Now, you really don't think that our young lads are watching the News or Songs of Praise every week, do you? So from where, exactly, are they getting their moral training? They don't even watch programmes like BBC's Question Time. They don't see the scientists on Equinox or Horizon. They don't watch programmes that make them think about their futures or about their roles in life. Some do, but the vast majority don't.

By and large, they're watching crap! And that includes the popular soaps like Eastenders, and the Hollywood films, where, in both cases, boys can relate to rapists, fraudsters, gangsters, drug pushers, abusers, child molesters, wife beaters, absent dads, adulterers, harassers, stalkers, burglars, murderers, serial killers, traitors, arsonists. These are the 'heroes'. These are the ones who push at the boundaries.

And then there are the footballers, who are adored by hundreds of thousands of our boys. But footballers, well, they're mostly playing football.

So, from where are boys to get their direction?

When I was a lad, there were the dads at home, mine and everybody else's. There were loads of male teachers, and even priests, working within the educational system. On the telly, there was John Wayne always fighting the baddies. There was Dixon of Dock Green. There was Elvis - and even though he took drugs, we didn't know it at the time! He always had that spiritual, Christian aura. And then off he went to fight for his country.

And then there were scoutmasters and youth leaders, now all gone because of the dangers of working with children.

There were hordes of men doing good things all around us when we were lads. They showed us the ropes.

But where are the good men now?

They've all but disappeared from the TV screens because the feminist media always want material that portrays men as bad, violent, abusing and aggressive. They want us all to see men as the 'evil' ones. And they have succeeded so well in this, that it is even considered funny when a man has his penis cut off. Can you even imagine any mainstream comedian on TV making a joke about a woman having her breasts cut off? Would anyone laugh?

In Germany, the Nazis managed to achieve the same with their propaganda, and people laughed when Jews were killed. They really did laugh you know. That's how effective the propaganda was then. It's the same type of thing now. It's considered funny for a man to be severely mutilated. That's the world that we men live in. That's the society we have created.

It's not nice.

I remember Joe Brand, in her series, describing men's genitals as being 'disgusting and ugly'. She said it with venom. Can you imagine what women would feel like if this appalling kind of insult was constantly put out by the mainstream media about their genitals - and people laughed and applauded? That's how it was in Germany, in the 30's. That's how it is now, right here.

The feminist-indoctrinated media industry, the shallowest of all industries, continues to succeed to portray men in a way that women would find intolerable if they did this to them. But the men that they portray are the role models for our boys.

In real life, as opposed to on the screen, the trumped-up hysteria over child abuse has made it unsafe for men to work with children, and so the scoutmasters and youth leaders have gone. And so have the teachers. Our primary schools have a massive shortage of male teachers.

So, again, I ask you. Where are the male role models for our boys?

Now, the evidence shows very clearly that boys do better at school educationally, they are better behaved, and they grow up into better citizens if they have good, male teachers within their schools. They relate to these teachers and they are much influenced by them. Female teachers, however, cannot achieve the same results - though the selfish, lying, feminist-indoctrinated teachers argue otherwise. The truth, however, is that boys know where they are 'heading' in terms of growing up, and they know that they are not going to become women!

They simply do not 'identify' with female teachers. Further, as far as boys are concerned in particular, they feel that they are moaned at by women at school throughout the day, and then they are moaned at by women, their mothers, when they return home. By the time they're thirteen, they've had enough of it! And their attitude towards women is very badly affected. (So much so, that single mothers have often given up by then, and this is when the boys start hitting the streets in large numbers.) But who can blame the boys? Moaning, whingeing women is how they see it. All day long. All night long.

They then turn on the TV, and what do they see? Oprah, Ricki, Esther, Roseanne telling them how awful they are, or are going to be! It's complaining, whingeing women throughout their entire upbringing. Who can blame them for growing up with contempt for the entire gender?

Is it surprising that boys are becoming more and more of a real problem?

So, what is the government doing about getting more male teachers into our schools? Bugger All is the answer. Even though it would prevent thousands and thousands of our boys from being disadvantaged, with the consequent disruption to society, the government is doing nothing. Why? Because of Feminism.

We could get more men into the teaching profession by paying them more! Oh no, I hear you say. How can we possibly pay men more than women for doing the same job? It would be sex discrimination.

Well, there are two answers to this.

1. Not to do so is to discriminate against our boys. And very heavily so, in the most important areas of their young lives. Isn't this sex discrimination? Of an even worse kind? Sex-discrimination against children! A type of discrimination for which we will all pay a price? Of course it is. But nothing gets in the way of Feminist Ideology. And it doesn't matter that boys are disadvantaged.

2. Don't we keep hearing the phrase that the children are 'paramount'? Well, if they really are, then why is no-one doing anything about this problem? And the answer to this is very simple again. The children of this country are only considered to be paramount when it suits women - and feminists, in particular. If it comes to offending feminists, then the children can go to Hell. Paying male teachers more would be seen as favouring males. This would offend feminists. Thus, even though our boys will be discriminated against, and society, therefore, will be worse off, we must never upset the feminists. They are number one. (I'm not going to continue with this theme here, for it is evidenced throughout this website, but it really can be shown that, in this country, children are only considered to be paramount when it suits women. And this is evident in very many areas.)

The result of failing to bring up our boys properly, and honing in on their talents, particularly those 'narrow-minded', focused, competitive talents that we are now so accustomed to hearing about (as opposed to the female 'talents' of 'multi-tasking') is that instead of aspiring to, and being educationally capable of, becoming scientists, technicians, medical researchers, and so on, our boys are becoming more 'worthless', more superficial, more antagonistic and more concerned with 'show' than with 'depth'.

How much better for all of us if they were really encouraged to develop their particular talents in those areas that society benefits so much from. Shouldn't we be aiming to train thousands more of them towards futures in medicine, cancer research, gene programmes, environmental work, space exploration, computer sciences, technology, construction, food production, and so on? Wouldn't it be better if we were supplying the planet with armies of young men keen to foster peace, keen to alleviate poverty and food shortages, and keen to make the whole place better for all people? Wouldn't this be better than pandering to the feminist hate of them, disadvantaging them, and turning them into dysfunctional prison fodder?

The callous disregard of our boys' education by a society that continually panders to feminist vindictiveness toward the male gender is doing none of us any good at all. It may make feminists feel superior, and you can see them often gloating in the press about how poorly our boys are behaved and how poorly they do at school - but nobody benefits from all this. Society is harmed.

Whether it be a boy who ends up in prison or a boy who has simply failed his exams, who benefits?

Feminism has most of the media by the throat, it controls policies in our schools, it actively debilitates men in virtually all the areas of their lives, including their families, and it creates a climate where boys and men cannot function properly. And we are ALL paying the price of this.

Our real enemy is the very world that we live in. Nature is not on our side. If we cannot get our act together, worldwide, then we are not going to make it. And, at the moment, the most divisive ideology one can possibly dream up, where men and women are encouraged to hate each other, is alive and kicking. Feminism.

It has got to go.

It has to be destroyed.

And I urge all men to join the fight against it.

This article can also be found directly on Karl's site, at this link.

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The Children's War, The Boy's War

Scott · 25 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Salon Magazine had a feature length article on an issue which demonstrates how people accept the death and exploitation of male children as a given. It's entitled, "The Children's War," although it should really be called "The Boy's War," because it is mostly boys who are being slaughtered in the midst of the Israeli conflicts going on right now. The article is full of male shaming and stereotypes, and can be described as a rationalization of the deliberate killing of young men, particularly those under 18. I have to wonder aloud: if women were the primary ones being killed in this conflict, wouldn't *the entire world* be lamenting and figuring out how to put and end to it, rather than rationalizing it this way?

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A Reality Check Of Just How Far We've Come

Scott · 26 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

And it's not exactly flattering. BBC news posed the question, "Are men trapped in outdated roles?" and got a number of responses from various people throughout Europe. The answers were generally negative about men, and I'm appalled at the number of people (mostly women) who included something in their response about domestic violence. One answer was: "*Surely it's a good thing for male violence to be under scrutiny? Personally I feel that there's a long way to go before women achieve equality with men. Not until fathers accept responsibility for child rearing and men stop using women as punchbags, that women will be equal.*" You can read other responses here, but please don't do it if you're already feeling depressed.

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An Open Letter To Gender Feminists

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Jerry Boggs wrote an incredibly good "open letter to gender feminists" that can be read at this link. The quality of this letter cannot be overstated, in my opinion. He covers several key issues that have divided the sexes - misperceptions about the wage gap, the dynamics at play in male/female relationships, sexual harassment, and domestic violence. Jerry obviously spent a tremendous amount of time on this, so be sure to tell everyone you know about it to spread it wide and far.

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Boys Behind Bars

Adam · 26 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This article tells us about how badly the "justice system" is biased against men and boys in Australia, and how the boys live in conditions no better than third world countries while the courts go out of their way to not imprison girls. Click here to read it.

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GAL System Under Review in MA

Scott · 27 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Joe Dunbar sent me this article from the Massachusetts section of law.com on the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) system, which represents a child's interests in family court often when allegations of domestic violence or drug abuse are involved. Joe has had some direct exposure with this system and is in support of its reform, and writes, "*I am trying to help parents and children in the Massachusetts court system - Middlesex County. If you're from that area and have ever been treated unfairly by attorney and GAL Vicki Shemin or Judge Judith Dilday, please e-mail me. Documented cases of fee disputes or irrational custody recommendations by Shemin would be of particular interest. Shemin extorted over $26,000 from my family, then reversed her first two custody recommendations when I objected to her bill. I am also looking for ideas to help the MA probate courts with use of GALs and other bulletin boards to post this to.*"

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Marc Responds To Gloria Steinem's Political Theorizing Of Men

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Marc Angelucci writes *"The Daily Bruin printed my letter responding to Gloria Steinem's claim about why men vote for Ralph Nader. This letter shows my own progressive angle towards men's issues, but I think men's activism can fit perfectly on any point in the political spectrum, and I respect everyone else's position on that spectrum."* Marc's activism shines through again - thanks for the submission, and your efforts!

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Uncovering Battered Men

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This story from the Bangor Daily News is on battered men in Maine, and does an excellent job both explaining DV statistics and sharing the personal horror stories of battered men in that state. Time and time again the men reveal that they had no one to turn to for help, and were afraid of losing their children if they attempted to flee from the marriage.

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Warren Farrell's New Book Contents

Scott · 28 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Warren Farrell, one of the best known authors in the men's rights movement, is releasing a new book toward the beginning of 2001, Father and Child Reunion. I noticed on Warren's web site that he's put up the Table of Contents of this book, which can be viewed here. In my opinion, Warren was very smart to write a book on father's issues, and this is sure to become a hot seller. (Note, you can view an interview Mensactivism.org hosted with Warren at this link)

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Women Dying In The Military

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Bill Kuhl submitted this story from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. It's on the recent deaths of two women in the Cole destroyer, which was attacked near Yemen. Bill writes, "*[The article] is interesting from a number of angles. I mean, here's the media talking about not its coverage of women but it's lack of coverage of women. Many ironies in this article and some hard hitting truth too. How interesting that nowhere in the article does it say anything about the male only draft.*"

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Great Letter Rebuking "Deadbeat Dads" Myths

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I thought this letter by Richard Weiss was a really effective and concise way of explaining the myths about "deadbeat dads". Bravo, Richard, and thanks for taking the time to write to the Huntsville Times about this!

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Interview With Fred Hayward

Adam · 29 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I came across this a while ago, in this interview Fred Hayward explains what he's been doing for men's issues the past 20 years, his clashes with feminist groups, his meetings with Warren Farrell and much more. Quite a story I'm sure you'll agree, and you can read about it here.

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Tricked Men No Longer To Pay Child Support In Ohio

Scott · 29 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Let's hope other states follow this trend; in Ohio, a 500 year old common law stated that any child born in wedlock is assumed to be the mother's husband's child, and child support payments have been enforced against men who have proven with DNA tests that they are *not* the father of the child. A new law has been passed that nullifies the old law, so that "Ohio no longer rewards mothers who lie about who the father of their baby is," as described by the sponsor of the bill, Rep. Peter Lawson Jones. You can read the story at this link. This is an important, basic step in moving toward the concept of male reproductive rights.

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Men's Issues Awareness In The 21st Century

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bernee writes *"Steve Biddulph, an Australian author with a variety of men's and boy's health books to his credit, is releasing a new book which he has edited and is an anthology of "Mens' Stories".*
This article reflects on some of the issues which are pushing the growing movement towards a need for recognition of issues affecting men's and boy's health and well being." I hope that the explosion of the movement is as inevitable as Biddulph makes it sound.

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New "Divorce Game Show" To Air In 2001

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As if the depths of depravity and greed in television weren't deep enough, the Fox network has created a game-show like program called *I Want a Divorce*, as a followup to the *Who Wants To Marry A Millionaire* show. You can read the article here. "I Want a Divorce *will be a two-hour special in which couples who have recently separated can tell their opposing sides of their stories, answer questions about their spouses' lives, and have a chance to win a grand prize of $100,000 as well as marital assets."* I haven't owned or watched TV regularly for over five years now. Apparently I'm not missing much!

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Divorce Increases Risk Of Suicide In Men

Scott · 31 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Ed Bartlett from MHA forwarded me this story from HealthScout. It discusses new research which shows that men (especially poor men) have a significantly higher risk of suicide shortly after a divorce. The reasons for this have to do with the fact that men generally have smaller support networks, and often loose their family and home, which makes them feel that everything they've worked for has come to nothing. Please consider this if you know a man going through a divorce, and keep an ear open to his pain.

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A Gender Gap In The Election

Adam · 31 October 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Since the election is only a few days away,I thought an update would be useful.Here's an article that says married women could be the deciding bloc in the election, but you can probably take it for granted that whoever wins will do so with a very narrow margin of voters, be they married women or another social group. As we've said before: *The Men's Activism News Network does not officially endorse any political candidates.*

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On-line Chat On DV Hijacked - To Discuss Male Victims!

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This is incredible - The Washington Post held an on-line chat on domestic violence, and a "DV expert" was on the program who told the typical distortions and lies about gender and domestic violence. Amazingly, enough supporters of battered men were participating that she was quickly put on the defensive. Best of all, the moderator of the chat seemed very supportive of men, and undoubtedly facilitated the turn of events. You can read a transcript of the chat at this link. Thanks to Marc Angelucci for sending me this!

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Paul Weller Barely Escapes Rape Charges

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Paul Weller, a popular music artist in the UK, was recently accused of raping a woman during a party back in 1996. The police have finally said he will not be charged with rape. Weller described the ordeal as "*one of the most depressing moments of my life,*" and also said, "*I understand the need for anonymity, [but] it should be extended to both parties in such cases, especially prior to any criminal charges being brought.*" My sentiments exactly. You can read the Yahoo! Music news article here.

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The End Of Boyhood?

Scott · 1 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Jim Castelli writes *"An article by Alex Beam appearing in the Boston Globe today, is entitled Tom Sawyer and the End of Boyhood. According to the article, since the 1960's the natural spirit of boyhood has been turned into a psychological illness. The writing of William Pollack (Real Boys) is cited as one of the most egregious examples of pathologizing what had been considered normal boy behavior. From the article:* "If Tom Sawyer were a boy in school today he would most likely be in therapy three times a week and jacked up on Ritalin." *Is there a correlation between the rise of "male-bashing feminism" and the pathologizing of normal boys behavior? Let's see, most teachers in grades K-12 are women schooled in the contemporary "male-bashing feminism" begun in the 1960's. You decide!"*

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Prone To Violence

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This is an online book by Erin Pizzey who founded the first refuge for battered wives in 1971, the book is her personal story of all the struggles she had in getting the shelter set up, her encounters with DV victims and the men's side of the story and how she also set up a men's shelter, but it was closed down due to the grant being withdrawn. You can read it here. I remember hearing a rumor that Erin Pizzey fled Britain soon after publishing this book due to death threats from women's groups, I can't confirm this but would any of us be surprised? **Scott's note:** Murray Straus, a family violence researcher, has also received death threats and bomb threats at his speaking engagements. At times radical feminists act more like terrorists it seems.

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Conference On Paternal Instinct

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According to this Excite news story, a conference will be held November 10-12 to "*explore whether men have an inherent paternal instinct to maintain supportive and nurturing relationships with their offspring and, if so, how that basic drive can be harnessed for the benefit of their children.*" Warren Farrell will be a keynote speaker at this conference, so you can be sure it's going to be pro-male and pro-father.

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Male Sex Problems On The Rise In China

Scott · 2 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Claude Saint-Jarre wrote in to inform me of this news article from China Daily. It talks about a disturbing rise in male sexual problems, including sterility, erectile dysfunction, and prostate hyperplasia. It is believed that these diseases are "*increasing among men due to the growing stress of work and the family, and the fact that men are often reluctant to visit the doctor. Serious environmental pollution is also seen as a major reason for the increase.*"

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Al Gore's Views On Fatherhood And Child Support

Scott · 2 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Voter.com news has this article, which outlines the public views of presidential candidate Al Gore regarding welfare, fatherhood, and child support. It's not particularly positive to men, to say the least. *Note: The Men's Activism News Network does not officially endorse any political candidates.*

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Daily Bruin Prints More Letters On Men's Issues

Scott · 3 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"The UCLA Daily Bruin surprisingly printed my letter even though they just printed another of mine a week ago. You can read it here. There's also an interesting letter by a "pro-life feminist" just above mine that even asks "where are the father's rights?" regarding abortion. The elections are making gender a hot topic and we need to take advantage of the moment while we have it by writing to the papers."* Marc, your success and enthusiasm are a great sign to me and encouragement to others. Thank you!

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Private Donations And Title IX

Scott · 3 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

There is a new conflict surrounding Title IX, and this one seems absurd. Schools are now starting to require private donation funds, such as booster clubs, to donate equally to men and women's sports, or not to donate at all. As it was put in the article: "*'We're the ones who have been out here working to make money, and ... they're now telling us how we can spend it,' says Mrs. Proctor, president of the booster club, whose son is a center and linebacker on the team. 'If we would like our boys to go to Louisville and be a part of a passing competition, and we have the money, why can't we send them?'*" You can read the Christian Science Monitor article here.

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Gendercide Case Study: Imprisonment

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The gendercide watch website deals with gender selective mass killing. While being imprisoned might not seem like gendercide, the nature of capital punishment and the death penalty is. This case study here tells us how gender-based prisons over a lot of the world are, and also how gender based the death penalty and capital punishment is. The article is very well written and even has a reference from Warren Farrell's book The Myth of Male Power as well.

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What Is The Lace Curtain? - Part 2

Adam · 4 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Here's a continuation of our previous story on the "Lace Curtain." In the second part of his writings, Warren Farrell continues his story of the lace curtain. In this part he explains the workings of publishers when it comes to gender issues, and how 75% of publishers are feminists resistant to men's issues. All this and more can be read at this link.

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Discrimination Against Men In VAWA

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An Anonymous User writes *"VAWA's discrimination against men is denounced in an article by Philip W. Cook (author of a recent book about domestic violence toward men) that appeared today on the Op/Ed page of The Oregonian. The link is here."* Philip Cook's book is Abused Men, and *highly recommended* to anyone interested in this topic.

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Boy On Field Hockey Team Creates Controversy

Scott · 5 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Jim Castelli writes *"Lisa Knight, field hockey coach of Martha's Vinyard High School Field Hockey team complained about Nate Coolidge playing on the girl's field hockey team from Sandwich. After losing to the Sandwich team coach Knight stated,* '...Coolidge has no business competing with girls....I'm big on equality in women's sports...In this country, it's a female sport...Men are going to be bigger, stronger, faster. He's clearly the dominant player on the field. Without him Sandwich would not be the team they are.' *But men and women are equal, aren't they Lisa?"* You can read the Boston Globe article here.

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Prostate Cancer Climb

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Ed Bartlett from Men's Health America notified me of a team of men who plan to climb Mount Aconcagua in Argentina to raise money for prostate cancer awareness and research. Their goal is to raise one million dollars, and they need your help. Please see the Prostate Cancer Climb web site to see what they're up to and how you can donate to this effort.

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Fighting For Father Custody

Adam · 6 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Good news on the fatherhood front - more men are trying for custody and winning (albeit with king sized legal fees). This article from the
UK Sunday Times tells us how fathers are starting to win high profile cases. What really gets me though, is how society devalues men's unique style of parenting (which is practical), and thinks women's style of parenting (which is emotional) is inherently better. I mean, how is a man who provides a house and a monthly income (practical parenting) for his wife and kids not considered a primary or equal caregiver?

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Bill 117 To Destroy Men With One Phone Call

Scott · 6 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Rand submitted this link to an Ottawa Citizen story. It's about a new domestic violence bill that completely blew my mind. Under the new law, a woman accusing a man of violence (in marriage *or* dating relationships) will automatically be transferred ownership of all of the man's property, a restraining order will be enacted, and all this can be done without informing the man first. You've got to read it to believe it.

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Hey You - Get Out And VOTE!

Scott · 7 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This is just a reminder for everyone in the USA that democracy only works if we take part in it. Although this hasn't been a great election from the standpoint of men's issues, there are still many reasons to cast your vote and help influence the future of this country. Please, get to the polls today and stick your vote in the ballot box!

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Men Needed To Improve 'Social Scene' At Colleges

Scott · 7 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This Boston Globe article discusses the decline of male enrollment at universities, but after reading it in its entirety I have to wonder why it is people are concerned about it. Several college women were interviewed about the problem, and all of them complained that it was simply "hard to meet guys" on campus (*ahem* - and have them pay for dates?). Also, toward the end of the story, the decline of "testosterone" and "male violence" is also seen as a welcome result of the larger percentage of women on campus. The misleading "men = violence" equation is at work again.

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Why Feminists Will Never Get What They Want

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In his article, Matthias Matussek tells us of misandry and women's "identity problem." He also explains how togetherness will not be achieved unless men are viewed as equals also. This quote sums up the purpose of the article better than I could: "*In short: when the sucking-dry of men stops being a generally accepted society game*" is when things will begin to improve for both men and women. You may read the article here.

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UK Men Still Struggling For Compensation In Coal Mine Lawsuits

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Thanks to IHF for submitting this: in this UK Independent story, thousands of seriously ill men from coal-mine related respiratory problems are struggling to receive compensation before dying. I share their frustration not only from the delays the government is causing, but also from the apparent lack of outrage over this - these men sacrificed their health and lives on a daily basis just to support their families. Where is the respect we owe them?

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L.A. Times Commentary Repeats Wage Gap Myth

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Marc Angelucci writes *"The L.A. Times printed this article that repeats the "women earn 74 cents to a man's dollar" myth. A few letters to the L.A. Times (letters@latimes.com) might help get a response printed. Go here for some facts to use in response."* The facts Marc refers to were actually compiled by me, and I hope others might find the collection useful.

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6 Year Old Boy Gets Help For Family After Car Wreck

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Despite the large amount of depressing and frustrating news, good things do get into the newspapers occasionally. Here's a story from the Houston Chronicle about a 6 year-old boy who emerged from a car crash in heavy rain and flagged down help for his grandmother and brother who were stuck in the car. This little guy deserves a lot of praise.

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Oprah Winfrey Sued By "False" Domestic Violence Victims

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An anonymous reader sent in this link to a Boston Globe article related to politics in domestic violence. Apparently they were on an Oprah Winfrey talk show where Oprah falsely portrayed them as battered women. Was this the intentional misrepresentation of domestic violence, or a legitimate mistake? I don't know, but the women suing thought they were on the show for reasons completely unrelated to domestic violence.

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Veteran's Day: A Day Of Honor

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Today is Veteran's Day - a day to honor and reflect upon the contributions that war veterans have made to protect the freedoms we currently enjoy in this country. Obviously, this shouldn't be the only day we pay respect to those who have struggled and fought for us, but I hope we will all take some time today to think about what it really means to have risked one's life in wartime. You can visit the Veteran's Day Home Page by the US Dept. of Veteran's Affairs here. Also, read on for a message that I found distributed on the internet last year.

WHAT IS A VET?

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye.

Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg - or perhaps another sort of inner steel: the soul's ally forged in the refinery of adversity.

Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem. You can't tell a vet just by looking.

What is a vet?

He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel. He is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel. She is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang. He is the POW who went away one person and came back another - or didn't come back AT ALL. He is the Quantico drill instructor who has never seen combat - but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account rednecks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them to watch each other's backs. He is the parade-riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

He is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by. They are the three anonymous heroes in The Tomb Of The Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the

ocean's sunless deep. He is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket - palsied now and aggravatingly slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come. He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being - a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs. He is a soldier and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country,
just lean over and say Thank You. That's all most people need, and in
most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been
awarded or were awarded. Two little words that mean a lot, "THANK YOU".

Remember November 11th is Veterans Day

-- Author Unknown

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Advice For Men Falsely Accused Of Domestic Violence

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Dean Tong forwarded me some detailed instructions for men who are falsely accused of domestic violence. Dean is a Trial Consultant who believes that the recent passage of VAWA is going to increase the number of men falsely accused of domestic violence. Click "Read More" to read his advice. *Note: The Men's Activism News Network is not responsible for the results or application of any legal advice presented through this web site.*

How-To Combat VAWA, If YOU Become Victimized:

As VAWA II (Violence Against Women Act) passed into law last month more
men and fathers will *get hit* with domestic violence injunctions,
ex-parte.

What is a DVI (Domestic Violence Injunction)?

A Domestic Violence Injunction is a Complaint sworn out by usually a
woman in affidavit form alleging that a man has beat her, hit her, slapped her, pushed her, intimidated her, threatened her with harm, et al. Every state in the country has their own subsidiary version of VAWA. The *essence* of the law says that a woman need only show by way of hearsay allegation, with no proof or evidence, she is in imminent danger of bodily harm for herself and her child(ren). In Massachusetts DVI's are called 209A's, in
Pennsylvania-PFA's (Protection From Abuse Orders), in Minnesota and Iowa-OFP's (Orders For Protection). In many states, DVI's carry *mandatory arrest* measures against the accused.

The Effects of VAWA and DVI's Upon Your Relationship With Your Children:

If you think that *just being accused* of alleged spousal abuse of your
wife or paramour will *not* dampen your relationship with your kids, think
again! There is a rebuttable presumption that the accused will *not* be allowed joint custody, or unsupervised visitation, unless the DVI is squashed in its entirety. That means-Do NOT plea bargain!!! Do NOT plead nolo contendre, or no contest, meaning you're not contesting the charges against you. If you do so that is tantamount to a plea of guilty!!! Even assuming the district attorney decided against prosecuting you in a criminal case because you accepted a plea bargain (e.g. you decided to enter a batterers intervention program in exchange for no jail time), your *plea* will come back to haunt you in family court where visitation and custody are at issue.

How-To Counter False Domestic Violence Charges?

Accusing a man of spousal abuse in 2000 America is the *new weapon of choice* in both juvenile and family court. Once accused you are presumed guilty. Once accused you're labeled with OJ Simpson Syndrome. And, once accused, you must prove your innocence while impeaching the credibility of your false accusers. I recommend the following defense strategy when falsely accused of spousal abuse:

1. If arrested, retain a criminal defense lawyer who is associated with NACDL (National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers) and who has tried false abuse cases before, successfully so. Get a copy of the attorneys CV (Curriculum Vita-Resume).

2. If in civil court, retain an attorney who is board certified in family/marital law, who is associated with ATLA/AAML (Association of Trial Lawyers of America/American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers), and who has litigated false abuse cases before, successfully so. Get a copy of the attorneys CV (Curriculum Vita-Resume).

3. File A Request For Production of Documents obtaining a copy of the accusers complaint/affidavit sworn out against you.

4. Realizing, once you've been accused of spousal abuse, you have *only* 14 days until your day in court-the evidentiary hearing, where you get to present evidence, witnesses and testimony to refute the allegations against you, consider hiring an investigator to interview collateral witnesses who may be able to impeach the accusers allegations.

4. Take out a mutual DVI against your accuser. This will ensure that no further antics are played out by the complainant as she will not be allowed near you.

5. Have your attorney file a Deposition Duces Tecum against the Complainant to have her deposed under oath.

6. Go for psychological anti-domestic violence testing, specifically, the
MMPI-2, CTS-2, MOSHER HMI, CAPI-Form VI, and Polygraph, to ensure that
you do *not* have the propensity to be the monster she painted you to be. Also, your VRAG (Violence Risk Appraisal Guide) score should be calculated.

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Cop Falsely Accused Of Murder By His Former Lover

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Marc Angelucci writes *"Well, look at this story. Sonia Flores, the former lover of L.A.P.D. Officer Rafael Perez, after telling authorities Perez killed people and buried them in Mexico, now admits - after her story was discounted - that she lied. Why? Because he didn't marry her. According to her own attorney, she 'made up the stories because she still feels jilted by Perez and wanted to see him spend the rest of his life behind bars.' Imagine the terror he's been feeling all this time, with nobody to believe him. Her attorney puts it quite nicely: 'She's a woman scorned . . . She had everybody fooled.' This is a great opportunity to write letters and op-eds to our local papers on false accusations."* I've put some details about suggested research sources for false accusations info in the extended body of this story. Click Read More below to read it.

Using the Men's Activism News Network to Research Men's Issues

I think this is a good opportunity to give a short tutorial on how to use this site to research news and facts on men's issues.

The Search Mensactivism.org box at the top right of the page is the most flexible search engine for the site. Simply type in your text, ie "prostate cancer", and this will return news articles on the topic of Prostate Cancer that have been posted to Mensactivism.org.

You can also browse stories by topic, by clicking on the News Topics link in the box located in the upper left corner of the page, and that will bring you to a page listing all of the news categories currently on Mensactivism.org. If you click on one of the category icons, you will go to a page with a list of news articles posted on that topic, and can click on each headline to go to the corresponding story.

So, give it a try with False Accusations...either type in "fase accusations", "false rape accusations", etc. in the search box, or click News Topics, then False Accusations and browse the articles.

I must note that there are some issues with bookmarking individual stories on this site - and I'm working on fixing that this weekend. This statement will be removed when this is complete.

So, please make use of this site - not only to stay informed on news stories related to men's rights and dignity, but to actively help bring an end to bias and attacks against men in society!

Thanks for reading this,

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Sexism In Hollywood Movies

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This story from Reuters news at AOL examines the misandrist messages in Hollywood movies, taking Charlie's Angels as a case in point. "*Charlie's Angels opened to a record $40 million last weekend, and it's no surprise audience were anxious to see it. Sony did a bang-up job in marketing the film, including an action-packed trailer: One man gets thrown to the ground, two men get slugged and seven men get kicked in the face...Why do men put up with this persecution?"* I'm not much of a movie-goer myself, and this has quite a bit to do with it.

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Mensactivism.org Feature: Male Paths To Healing

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We received an excellent feature article this week from Thomas Golden. Tom is a psychotherapist who approaches his work from a male-affirming perspective, and recently put out a book on the ways that men deal with loss. The feature article is an excerpt from his book Swallowed by a Snake: The Gift of the Masculine Side of Healing. Whether you've lost a loved one recently, gone through a bad divorce, or have to struggle very day to maintain your sanity while trying to get custody of your children back, we have all felt pain and loss at some point of our lives. Tom acknowledges the unique ways that men deal with hurt and loss, and honors them with the essays and healing methods he describes in his book. This is one issue every man must confront, and Tom's writing is rare in how it speaks to men in such positive, productive ways. Click "Read More" below for the text of his essay...

MALE PATHS TO HEALING:

Fixing a Hole: Grieving With Other Men

by Thomas Golden - golden@webhealing.com

http://www.webhealing.com

Note: Although this excerpt is about Tom's own personal experiences, the majority of Swallowed by a Snake is focused on understanding pain and loss, and practical methods of healing from loss.

There I was dripping in sweat, the kind that rolls down the side of your head and innocently into your ear. The still summer evening was allowing me to hear my own breath and my own thoughts. I was determined to make this a great hole and I kept digging - probably farther than I really needed to, but on I went. What seemed like a great deal of sweat was swallowed effortlessly by the hole, absorbed as a matter of course by the dirt in the bottom. The hole and the dirt were equally unmoved by the tears I shed.

This hole was to be the home of a tree that was being given as a memorial to my father who had died the previous November. I had known the hole needed digging, but had put off the task until now - now being just about the last possible moment it could be dug. As I continued digging, I found myself flooded with memories of my father. My thoughts moved back and forth between recent events leading up to his death and childhood experiences. I remembered his engineering talents and nature and tried to dig the hole in a way that would please him.

As I dug, the feelings flowed through me: the sadness of missing him, the gratefulness of having been his son, and the anger and frustration of my powerlessness. All of these feelings found their way into this hole. The act of digging became an avenue for the various thoughts and feelings to arise. Through the action I was opened to my own inner world.

I started wondering why I had put off this job, then realized that I hadn't, and didn't, want to do it. Actually digging the hole brought the death more into reality, and a part of me didn't want that. I've learned to accept this part of me that wants to deny things. Denial is not really such a bad thing, and it doesn't go away as quickly as some people seem to think. I've noticed it has a slow, zigzag decay that can last a long time. In a way, denial can be our friend, allowing us to slowly accept the reality at hand. I became aware of the battle going on between the denying part and the digging-the-hole part. As a friend of mine says, "We have wetware, not hardware."

The tree was planted in an emotional ritual attended by myself and the six men who donated the tree. The activity became an avenue for all of us to delve into our interiors and connect with a variety of issues, from relationships with our fathers to the finality of death. The activity of buying, digging, planting, and gathering together became a hub for a wide variety of spin-offs. As we stood around the tree, we all had a chance to speak and to listen, and somehow having an activity made this process flow smoothly. It would have been much more difficult to simply sit in a circle and talk about our feelings. It was through the doing that we could connect.

Death professionals have long been confounded by the difference in men and women in visiting gravesites, which is that the men tend to visit more often. My own experiences have given me a deeper understanding of why this takes place. Men tend toward linking their grief with a place, action, or thing. There have been many examples presented in this book: the man who wore his deceased daughter's ring as a remembrance of her, the man who carved a bust of his wife after her death, the man who built a pond in memory of his murdered brother, the man who wore his father's watch, and so on. These activities are often quiet and unseen by most people. The casual observer might assume that the man is "not grieving," but that is many times not the case.

I have found a wide variety of activities that, like planting the tree, help me in connecting to my inner spheres. Writing, gardening, and music are examples. All of these activities can take me into myself and my grief and joy.

Another activity I have used is a ritual practiced by Cree Indians, as discussed in chapter seven. Tree wounding is a simple and beautiful ritual. Following ancient custom, Cree men who are grieving go into the forest, select a tree, and after uttering a prayer, strip away a piece of the bark. Now the tree, like the man, has lost something whose loss causes deep pain. Many times over the following months the man will return to visit the tree. As the seasons pass, the wound in the tree heals, and so does the wound in the man's heart. With the tree as a visible reflection of his loss, the man is reminded that he, too, is healing.

In this ritual there is both an action and a place, and both serve as "containers" or "hooks" for the inner state of the man. As the man performs the action or visits the place, he is afforded the opportunity to experience his pain and to have his healing reflected back to him. I have used this ritual a number of times and have found it extremely helpful. The trees I have chosen are mostly in my back yard, and they stand as reminders to me of my grief, pain, and healing.

The use of activity as a means to connect with one's grief is not exclusive to men; women also find this approach helpful. The difference is that women have a strength in connecting their emotions to their words and then are inclined to "share" those words with the people in their life whom they love. This proclivity fits nicely with the keyword of "intimacy" that Deborah Tannen used to describe women in her book You Just Don't Understand. According to Tannen, a woman's world revolves around her intimacy and connection with others. We would expect that when a woman experiences the chaos of grief, a primary mode of healing will be connecting her pain with her intimacy to others.

Tannen uses the keyword of "independence" for men. When independence is your keyword, you are probably less likely to want to "share" your feelings with those around you. You will be more likely to seek out modes of healing that will be harmonious with your interest in maintaining independence. I know for myself, and for many men, the verbal connection is facilitated by linking it with some action, place, or thing. I am less inclined to simply "share" my feelings with those around me. I am grieving, but I do it in my own way, a way that is more quiet and less visible and harmonizes with my interest in independence. It is for this reason that it is unwise to judge a man's grief by how much he "shares" it with others. A man's pain cannot be judged by outer appearances or the abundance of tears. All people are unique in the ways they find to heal themselves. There are probably more individual differences in grief than there are gender differences, but the gender differences do exist and need to be honored.

My father's memorial tree now stands in a park that is adjacent to my home. Not only was the activity surrounding the tree helpful, now the tree has moved from being an activity to being a place. Each time I come or go I see that tree sitting there, being itself. When I see the tree I am reminded of my father, my grief, and the men who lovingly honored both my father and my pain.

You can purchase a copy of Tom's book, Swallowed by a Snake: The Gift of the Masculine Side of Healing on-line at this link.

The book is also available at other on-line booksellers, and should be hitting the shelves of local bookstores by the time you read this. Please note that the book is in its second edition, and to make sure you are ordering the correct edition when shopping at other on-line sources.

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Myths About Health Research Shattered!

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Ed Bartlett of Men's Health America has issued a press release on the myths of gender health research today at the American Public Health convention in Boston, MA. **This event is a very big deal.** We expect a lot of mainstream coverage of this "atomic bomb", as Ed describes it, and Mensactivism.org will be actively monitoring major media outlets for coverage of this event. For now, click here to read a ton of facts on gender in health research that were presented in the press release.

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Major UK Study Shows Women More Violent In Relationships

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Rand wrote in about this story from the UK Independent. It discusses a major study done on domestic violence by Prof. John Archer from the University of Central Lancashire. It is noteworthy that in his conclusions, Archer finds that Western women are more violent because they are "economically emancipated and therefore not afraid of ending a relationship." The article also mentions a forthcoming article in the *Journal of Men's Studies* that traces battered men in history, including John Wayne, Humphrey Bogart, and Abraham Lincoln.

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The Plunder Of Fathers In Family Court

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This article by Stephen Baskerville in DadMag.com is on the trials and tribulations that fathers go through in family court. None of this should be news to most readers of Mensactivism.org, but Baskerville as usual does an excellent job explaining the dangers of divorce to men, and DadMag.com is not really a "father's rights" magazine - so the word is getting out to new people.

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George W. Bush Promoting Fatherhood

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In this acticle (from July), George W. Bush tells us of his "Promoting Fatherhood" initiative, an $185 million program to help strengthen the role of fathers. While he does come at this from the highly dubious "responsible fatherhood" angle, he also says "Our nation must reverse the trend toward fatherless homes." It seems that the problems of fatherlessness are slowly starting to get noticed - keep up the great work people!

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UNH Report Exaggerates Violence Against Women; Emphasizes Lack Of Violence Against Men

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In today's edition of the University of New Hampshire school newspaper, this article presents amazing statistics about violence against women and women's overall fear of violence. Some choice statements from the article: "*67.6 percent of women surveyed*
said that they would be afraid to walk alone at night, while only 4.4 percent of men said the same...[A UNH Police Officer] said this is due to the higher number of assaults on women than on men." **Update:** I am in the process of composing a response to this article. My results will be posted to Mensactivism.org when it is printed in the newspaper.

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Please Ignore Any Site Weirdness

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I'm transferring the management of the Mensactivism.org domain name to a new registrar, in order to fix some quirks of this site's current setup (namely, the frames issue and not being able to bookmark individual stories). If things start acting funny this week please bear with me - everything should be changed over by the end of Friday.

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Boston Globe Features Health Research Editorial

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In today's Boston Globe, Cathy Young wrote a column on the recent press conference on public health research which demonstrated that women have never been neglected by NIH research studies. There are lots of good statistics here, and from my personal contact with Ed Bartlett, the reception of this news went well - he did not have one person come up and challenge him after he released the report. Now we just need to keep promoting this and get it to trickle up to the national media. **Update: I've fixed the link now. Sorry about that.**

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Yahoo! Repeats The Wage Gap Myth

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Marc writes *"Yahoo! News repeated the wage gap myth, again. Click here. It's so tiring. Maybe we need a class action lawsuit to stop this. For now, we can scroll down to 'conversations' and give your input."*

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Girl Assaults Boyfriend For Not Kissing Her

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A high school aged girl gave her prom date two black eyes for not kissing her at the prom. The boy did not retaliate because, "he was taught never to hit a girl." And not only that, but she initially claimed that he had raped her, and recanted charges, saying that she was angry that her boyfriend rejected her in her drunken state. You can read the article here. Can you believe this? According to "progressive" rape theory, this young man was a victim of attempted rape (unwanted sexual contact - kissing), and she then turns around and falsely accuses *him* of rape! And then there's the abuse - what a horrible situation this young man is in.

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Why We Must Fight On

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bernee writes *"This sad story about a man killing himself due to massive child support payments is typical of the perils faced by men - that he must give so much and then lose control his life because of an unfeeling Government policy - a supposedly "gender neutral" policy but one which, when tied in with the Family Courts, is clearly discriminatory. This is the reason why we must fight on. Another distressing aspect of this story is that the editor of the newspaper wrote an editorial two days before this article was published concerning the Child Support Agency. It is a fine example of gutless political crap that totally ignores who is really suffering because of these discriminatory policies. I have written to him in disgust. My letter is yet to be published."*

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Workplace Stress In Men

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I found a good article on stress in the workplace and the ways it affects men. There are some tips about helping to reduce stress, and also signs that a person may be under severe stress (managers and co-workers take note!). You can read the MSN news article at this location.

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Novel Written About Domestic Violence Against Men

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I received notification from Dr. Charles Corry about a novel written by Trudy W. Schuett that focuses on the reality of violent women and domestic violence against men. You can find out more about the book at this link. The book's title is Friends to the End, and is apparently available only on-line. But it's an important step forward.

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Women Feel Their Health Issues Are Ignored

Scott · 18 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This news from Yahoo! claims that women feel that women's health is ignored by politicians and medical researchers, mainly because the people responsible for making these decisions are men. I find this interesting not only in light of the recent report that Men's Health research is neglected by comparison to women's, but also that as far as politics is concerned, I've seen a tremendous amount of attention devoted to it. Promoting women's health issues is one of the key components of getting the "woman's vote," which is so coveted. I guess this just goes to show that perceptions don't always reflect reality.

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New DV Shelter For Men & Children In Kansas City Area

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George McCasland writes, *"I'm George McCasland, the person that answers the 1-800-SEE-DADS line for the National Congress for Fathers & Children. I would like to invite all of you to go to the NCFC-MoKan Chapter Web site at: kidsndads.org and click on the "Shelter" link. We are in the process of putting together a domestic violence shelter for men and children in the Kansas City area. This will be the first major center of its type in the country, and we hope will serve as an example for other shelters. I would like you to review our proposal and consider donating towards this effort. If nothing else, review it, and tell others about what we are trying to accomplish. We will not be able to change the public's views on domestic violence against men and their children, until we can show more than just some studies. We need to be showing some live examples of its effects. So please, take a look and consider helping in our effort."*

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Prof. Alan Hawkins Stresses The Need For Fathers

Scott · 19 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

An anonymous reader submitted this link to a Utah Salt Lake Tribune article about the importance of fathers. Prof. Hawkins of BYU is working with the National Fatherhood Initiative to help pass laws that will help promote fatherhood and marriage. From the article: "*The fact is that fathers are great monitors of the present and especially the futures of children's lives...More than 60 percent of convicted rapists, 72 percent of teen murderers and 70 percent long-term prison inmates are males who grew up without fathers.*"

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Political Debates On Marriage

Adam · 19 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Commenting on the battle for marriage in the UK is Melanie Phillips, whose article from the Sunday Times tells us that the case for marriage is being debated in politics. As this quote tells us, "*a battle has been raging over marriage. In the nuptial corner are Jack Straw, Paul Boateng and David Blunkett. Opposing them is the feminist hard core made up of Baroness Jay, Harriet Harman and sundry women junior ministers.*" Unsurprisingly, the Prime Minister sided with the feminists. And the debate rages on.

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Columbia's Sexual Misconduct Policy In The News Again

Scott · 20 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Today's front page of the Boston Globe had this story on Columbia University's recently enacted sexual misconduct policy. The article contains plenty of information sympathetic to supporters of the code, but also includes: "*At a time when colleges nationwide feel newly emboldened to replace constitutional due process with their unique brands of discipline, the Columbia policy is seen by some students and civil libertarians as an extraordinary step toward injustice. According to Boston University Chancellor John Silber, the system has elements lifted from a Kafka novel: No lawyers. No right to face the accuser or listen to witnesses. Complaints can be filed up to five years after the alleged incident. No right to cross-examination, and no recorded transcript of what was said - of the detailed arguments or of the nuances that might influence the jury.*"

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Domestic Violence Programs In Orange County, CA

Scott · 20 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci sent in this article from the Orange Country Register on domestic violence. It's perspective is based on the political doublethink that we're working to change, and particularly disturbing is an example they use toward the end of the story where a man accused of domestic violence in an act of revenge by his wife goes through the treatment program and claims it has changed his life for the better. We have a very odd relationship to liberty in this country when people claim that being falsely accused of crime can have social benefits.

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The Facts About 'Man Beaters'

Scott · 21 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Rand submitted an article from the Sunday Times on domestic violence. This one is excellent in its extensive use of statistics, and directly refutes domestic violence research made popular in the UK by Betsy Stanko. Prof. John Archer again makes this conclusion: "*Modern secular values, he says, have combined with the economic and sexual emancipation of women to enable them to end relationships with little cost and small risk of male aggression. The result is the rise in female violence.*"

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ABA Journal Prints Letters Disputing Domestic Violence Stats

Scott · 21 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"The December issue of the American Bar Association Journal, which has a circulation of 400,000, printed two letters disputing their claim that 90 percent of domestic violence victims are female. One is from me. They unfortunately didn't put the links and references I gave, but they did mention the National Coalition of Free Men under my name. A big thanks to Scott for posting the ABA's distortion on this site, and to all who wrote letters to them."* And hey Marc, congrats on passing your CA Bar exam!

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International Child Abduction

Scott · 21 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

ABCnews printed this story about when parents abduct children abroad, and the difficulties that the parent left behind has to deal with. Often, there is no hope, as several countries have no means to find children or do not enforce their return orders. The conflicts between US and international law also complicates things.

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L.A. Times Distorts Domestic Violence, Again

Scott · 21 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

There seem to be lots of domestic violence stories lately, and Marc Angelucci is on top of things again, reporting: *"The L.A. Times printed this article on domestic violence in the Latina/o community, and it again completely ignores male victims. Please join me in writing to them (letters@latimes.com). Anything will help, even one line. If we send enough, they might finally print something."*

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Male Suicides Due To Child Support Burdens

Scott · 22 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

"*As many as three men a day are committing suicide because the nation's child-support system is driving them over the edge, according to the Lone Fathers Association Australia.*" This very disturbing news can be found in The Canberra Times. Click here to read it. These numbers are not official statistics but are still jaw-dropping in implications.

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Rape Shield Laws And False Accusations

Scott · 22 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Ottawa Citizen had a great editorial piece by Eva Saira, which lays bare the fact that under current conditions, men accused of rape and sexual harassment are basically guilty until proven innocent. The letter is a line-by-line indictment of the rape shield laws that enable false accusers to get away with their crimes without accountability. While no one can deny the importance of sensitivity in handling sex crime cases, I believe that privacy standards for those accused but not yet convicted would go a long way to reduce the number of false accusations.

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Happy Thanksgiving From Mensactivism.org!

Scott · 23 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I just wanted to take a moment to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and to offer a hearty **THANKS** to everyone who visits this site and makes use of it on a regular basis. It's the diverse and loyal user base that has made The Men's Activism News Network into what it is today. Enjoy your dinner and family!

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New Findings Begin To Rule Out Social Causes Of Anorexia

Scott · 24 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

IHF sent in this link to a story from the UK Independent. It discusses some new research which is suggesting that anorexia nervosa may have genetic, not social, causes. It turns out that people with anorexia exist in remote areas of Africa where Western media has no influence. Also, it is often unexplained why anorexia affects some people more than others, suggesting causes other than social pressures. While the research is not yet conclusive, it does present another way of looking at the disorder. There was no mention if this could also affect the outlook on disorders involving male body image.

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New Fathers Spend More Time Working

Adam · 25 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

According to this study reported on by Yahoo!, new fathers "worked about 53 additional hours a year when the child was a boy rather than a girl," and also if the child was a first born, new fathers worked an additional 66 hours per year. This demonstrates that men's practical style of parenting remains seen by many as providing and not parenting. Hopefully someday this will change.

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G.I. Joe And Male Body Image

Scott · 25 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Time magazine recently had an article on boys' body image. It's by a woman who believes that toys such as G.I. Joe, whose muscular size has dramatically increased over the years, is a root cause for eating disorders and muscle dysmorphia in men. This article is an interesting contrast to our previous one on anorexia, but includes statistics for boys and men: 36% of boys in the 3rd grade have tried to lose weight, and up to 15% of high school aged boys are believed to use androstenedione (basically, an over the counter steroid). Thanks to Bill Kuhl for sending this one in.

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Suspicions And Stereotypes Of Men With Young Children

Scott · 27 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Adam pointed me to this article from the UK Guardian. It's from late August, but is still a timely editorial on the topic of prejudices people have when men are alone with young children. These stereotypes are what keep men out of roles such as early childhood education, where I feel they are desperately needed. You don't hear much public dialogue on this issue, and I hope this will eventually change.

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Cool New Features At Mensactivism.org

Scott · 27 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Okay, maybe this isn't such a big deal, but....I've fixed some of the annoyances of using this web site. You can now bookmark individual pages on Mensactivism.org, so you can return to them later! Before, the way I had the site set up used frames and "domain cloaking" to keep the address *http://www.mensactivism.org* in your browser's Location bar, and this would stay the same no matter where you were looking on the site. Now the URL changes according to the page you are looking at. This should make the site more useful to researchers and those wanting to keep track of our editorials and articles.

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Photos From The Barnes & Noble Campaign Effort

Scott · 27 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci has been running a campaign and petition drive to establish a Men's Studies book section at Barnes & Noble retail stores, and has been highly successful in his efforts. He recently sent me some photos from the events, and I had them scanned and posted to the site. You can view his story and the photos here. Marc's been doing an excellent job, and could use some help to keep the momentum going. Also, thanks to Jim Castelli for scanning the photos for me.

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Obesity Rate Skyrockets For Boys

Scott · 28 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This alarming news article from the National Post reports that for Canadian boys, the obesity rate has tripled in the past 15 years (it also doubled for girls during the same period). "*The findings are considered alarming and significant, particularly since overweight children tend to become obese adults, who are much more likely to suffer from high blood pressure, diabetes, stroke and heart disease.*" Here's a great reason for promoting fathers, who tend to encourage sport and outdoor activity participation with their children.

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Another UK Artist Falsely Accused Of Rape

Scott · 29 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

An article from the UK Telegraph, submitted by IHF, explains how the UK singer and songwriter Mick Hucknall of Simply Red was arrested on false rape allegations. Not too long ago we reported on the similar situation that Paul Weller found himself in. No mention was made of the accuser's name, which again is an example of the lack of accountability in false accusation cases.

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The Wage Gap: "The picture is more complicated than is often thought"

Scott · 29 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

In another UK Telegraph article, someone else is questioning the wage gap between men and women. It is explained that the difference in average wages is mostly the result of men and women's choices, and says, "*the picture is more complicated than is often thought. Single men earn less than married men, who are spurred to work harder by the responsibility of a family. The reverse is true for married women, who earn less than single women largely because they are more likely to work part-time...Only a part of the labour market advantage enjoyed by men can be attributed to discrimination in any sense that can be addressed by public policy.*"

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Sex Differences In Brain Use While Listening

Scott · 29 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I'm posting this as an example of sex differences in human beings (something which is a controversial gender issue), a topic I haven't reported on previously on Mensactivism.org. A news story from Yahoo! states that women tend to use both halves of their brains when listening, while men tend to use only the left side of their brain. While I've read some immature remarks that imply that this is some biological deficiency in men, I've likewise heard that men can do more with half a brain than women can with both halves. I say let's just let the scientists determine the implications of this, and resist the urge to turn this issue into a superiority complex.

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Black Heterosexual Masculinity And AIDS

Scott · 30 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Jim Castelli writes, "*James Carroll's Boston Globe editorial, when stripped of the disingenuous disclaimers, essentially says that black heterosexual men are the cause of AIDS. While purporting to not blame males, Carrol presents thinly veiled stereotypical generalizations of black male sexuality reminiscent of "To Kill A Mockingbird" while absolving women of any role in the spread of AIDS. The demonization of gays which Carroll strongly asserts was wrong two decades ago is now being replaced by the demonization of heterosexual men and boys. It is as if he is subtly suggesting that the safest of all solutions would be to eliminate male heterosexuality.*"

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The Complex Reality Of Child Abuse

Scott · 30 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The UK Sunday Times printed this story on child abuse (including sexual abuse), and many of the misconceptions surrounding it. The article has a good deal of information in it, including data on family situations that are more prone to abuse (broken families are worse than intact ones) and mothers who are abusive. Take a look at the data - I learned quite a bit by reading it.

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Woman Abducts Son To Cuba

Scott · 30 November 2000 · Archived copy · Original

ABCnews reported recently that the wife of Jon Colombini has abducted their son and sailed to Cuba (sound kinda familiar?). Jon has joint custody of the child and is fighting for something to be done. It won't be easy, considering that Cuba does not have an extradition treaty with the U.S, and the fiasco that surrounded the Elian Gonzalez situation. For more information about the complications of international child abduction, you can read another story we previously reported on.

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Men Again Blamed For AIDS Epidemic

Scott · 1 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

John L. writes *"I found on USA Today this story from a London AP news release. In connection with World AIDS Day, the following statement was released:* "The United Nations' message for the 13th World AIDS Day was that men must take responsibility for their behavior to help stop the spread of the deadly virus.'...'Men can make a particular difference - by being more caring, by taking fewer risks and by facing the issue of AIDS head-on,' U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said." *It appears men alone must take "responsibility" for their actions, the implication being that men are responsible somehow for this epidemic. The article also later singles out men as being disease vectors, while ignoring that virtually all infections of babies are transmitted from the mother, and that women can infect men from having intercourse as well. Statistics indicate that the majority of HIV carriers are women, and women are as likely as men to be unaware of the infection. Seems like more scapegoating of men to me."*

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City Living Increases Men's Risk Of Death

Adam · 1 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

According to a University of Michigan study, "*men who lived in urban areas were 62 percent more likely to die than men who lived in suburbs, small towns or rural areas*" What's interesting are the race and gender comparisons in this article. However, this study does seem a bit inconclusive. I believe we need to keep an open mind on this until more scientific studies are done. **Scott's note:** While I didn't see any direct gender comparisons in the article, the way it was worded suggested to me that women do *not* have a corresponding rise in mortality rate from city living - and this is why this is most newsworthy.

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Warren Farrell To Debate On National Public Radio

Scott · 2 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I was forwarded this message written by Warren Farrell: *"...This Monday, December 4, I will be debating feminist attorney Liz Schneider before a live audience...It will be taped, on NPR, meaning, of course, a feminist moderator. Their audience will be at the Civic Center, from 7:30-9:00pm...Schneider favors clemency for women who kill husbands and say they were abused. My question: Do you know of any men's issues people, men who have been victims of domestic violence, or domestic violence against men advocates who could be audience participants? If so, would you ask them to contact Sheryl Flowers, the producer, at (202) 879-6784 or email her at sflowers@appcpenn.org? I have been assured by her she will accommodate the people representing men's perspectives."*

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NIH Changes Misleading Gender Research Fact Sheet

Scott · 2 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I received incredibly good news from Ed Bartlett of Men's Health America. Due to pressure from activists challenging the text of an NIH fact sheet that read, "Historically, research studies were conducted only with men" has now been changed to remove that misrepresentation! You can view the updated sheet here. As Ed put it, "We have just landed a stone in Goliath's eye." Great job to Ed and his team! Now we can go a step further and try to get the NIH to actually *change* the underrepresentation of men in health research.

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The Plight of Custodial Fathers - One Dad's Story

Scott · 3 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Richard Bygrave submitted his web site where you can read about the frustrating but all-too-typical problems he's had with the family court system in Canada. I'd like to see more dads putting their stories on the web, to create a kind of historical record of the injustice many men are dealing with today. Thanks for coming forward to publicly tell your story, Richard.

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Man As 'Nigger'?

Adam · 4 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This controversial article by Warren Farrell tells us how women's oppression has been analogized to black slavery, but how it is also true that men could be seen as "niggers" on the same level, even though the term has been used to imply a one-sided oppressiveness. As Warren puts it, "But what none of us realized was how each sex was the other's slave in different ways." Read it and judge the truth of it for yourself.

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Letter About Ottawa's Bill 117

Scott · 4 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Ottawa Citizen printed a good letter recently by Joe Rade, who counters claims that Dave Brown's recent editorial on Bill 117 was overzealous. It's important to recognize what little public dialogue is going on about this law, and to bring it to people's attention. In today's fast-paced world, it is easy to let controversial issues slip by without comment. "**The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.** " (Edmund Burke)

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Help Out Some Homeless Men

Scott · 5 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Deborah Watkins, President of the Dallas/Fort Worth chapter of NCFM is doing a project to "adopt" homeless men in the area. If you'd like to help contribute to the efforts of this group, click "Read More" below to read Deborah's message and info on who to contact.
Deborah Watkins, President of the Dallas/Fort Worth chapter of the
National Coalition of Free Men writes:

Dear family and friends:

I would like to help the homeless this Holiday Season. The Presbyterian Night Shelter in Fort Worth is in desperate need for some holiday cheer for their adult male residents.

As a society, we tend to have more of a "soft spot" for women and children, and the needy men go ignored. They are just as lonely and afraid as the homeless women and children, but we tend to blame them more for their situation.

There is now a Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men (http://www.ncfm.org), and we would like to "adopt" as many of these homeless men as possible. The Night Shelter will provide us with handled shopping bags; each bag will have a list of "wants" such as: socks, stocking caps, gloves, deodorant, etc. We expect that each bag could be quite adequately filled with $10-$15 worth of items. These are items that would make a HUGE difference this winter!

If you would like to help us with this project, we would be more than happy to do the shopping and delivery for you, if you would only pledge $5-$10 to help.

Let me know if you would like to participate. We'll tally up the pledges and let the Night Shelter know how many bags we need. We'll do ALL THE SHOPPING and take the bags back to the shelter for distribution.

You can send me your pledge after the holidays if that is easier for you, or you can send it to me now. Either way, if you pledge to help, we'll be able to do more bags and help more people.

Thanks for sharing your good fortune!

Deborah

Call me toll-free M-F 8-5 Central if you need more info: 800-644-2297 ext 27610

You can make checks payable to Deborah Watkins and send to:

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Work Choice And The Pay Gap

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Jim Castelli writes, *"In this Boston Globe article, attorney Donnalyn Kahn joins ranks of female lawyers "choosing" to leave the insane work demands of Boston law firms. Ms Kahn describes the "harassment" of women who "choose" to work less than 60/70 hours a week. Over the last 30 years we have heard of the gender pay gap where women supposedly earn a fraction of men's salaries. Perhaps the pay gap is the result of women "choosing" to forego the life-shortening demands of a career which expects the sacrifice of life for the benefits of money. The real harassment in Ms Kahn's former work place is not the policies that caused her to leave but the views of society that force men to stay. At a time when the gender life gap shows that women now outlive men by 7 years, the question of the effects of work demands on men needs to be addressed. When will men get the same choice as Ms. Kahn?"*

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Draft Boards Looking For New Members

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Bill Kuhl submitted this St. Lois Post-Dispatch article and writes, *"Did you know that women are allowed to serve on draft boards? The article gives a brief recent history of the draft. Did you know it was Carter who reinstated selective service registration? The main point of the article is that they are hunting for volunteers to staff draft boards now that board members terms are up. I can't help but wonder (perhaps it's wishful thinking) that people see the draft as so blatantly dicriminatory that they don't want to be associated with it. It's a good, informative article."*

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Blatantly Fabricated Testimony Lands Father In Prison

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The Washington Times printed this article about a false accusations case that the man is still serving time for. Apparently his ex-wife took the children and fled to New Zealand (illegally), confounding further investigation of his case. It's a situation in which the testimony of his children was obviously fabricated, and guided by the mother. It's a depressing story that has no closure.

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A Win For UK Paternity Leave Advocates

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IHF sent in this article from the UK Times, bearing good news: that paid paternity leave equivalent to what mothers receive is expected to become law in the UK soon. From the article: "*Britain now languishes towards the bottom of the European league in conditions for parental leave and the Green Paper will make clear that the status quo is not an option. Mr Byers has said that one of the five key objectives of the paper is to 'widen opportunities for fathers to play a greater role in home life.'*"

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Review Of Warren Farrell's New Book: Father And Child Reunion

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Lawrence Hellmann of the National Congress for Fathers and Children wrote a great book review of Warren Farrell's new book, Father and Child Reunion: How to Bring the Dads We Need to the Children We Love. Click "Read More" below to read the review and find out how to get a copy of the book. This would also be a great book to buy as a gift for family or friends! (or social workers, or politicians, or ...)

Book Review - Father and Child Reunion: How to Bring the Dads We Need to the Children We Love, by Warren Farrell. Putnam Publishing Group, December 2000.

Review by Lawrence Hellmann

Some of the greatest novels - War and Peace, Crime and Punishment,
The Red and the Black, Bread and Wine - exist around the essential
struggle of the Grand Dichotomy. Warren Farrell's latest book,
Father and Child Reunion, due out January 8, 2001, [**SEE NOTE AT BOTTOM, IT MAY BE OUT SOONER**]
is not a novel;
it is fact that lives that great struggle between the two opposites
of fatherhood - its absence and its presence.

Over nine years ago, when I had not been able to see my daughter for
over two years, I was in the depths of despair, torn between the
pain I knew my little girl would suffer through an
intense and continuing custody battle and the pain of her growing up
fatherless. Right about this same time, her mother called me up
to talk to our daughter. She had not eaten in four days
"because her friends were making fun of her because she did not have a
daddy." I was staring the devils of the day and the devils
of the night in the face. I was ready to give up completely.

Warren Farrell gave me a set of statistics from a proposed chapter in
his book The Myth of Male Power (the chapter was refused publication)
- straight information, cold and undeniable facts about the effects
on children from growing up fatherless. He told me simply:
"know this and if you still want to give up, you can." No one had
ever given me permission to give up before, no one had told me that I
had a choice. And once I knew the hard reality of
fatherlessness, I could not give up. The choice was easy. I have
custody of my daughter today.

Father and Child Reunion is the culmination of thirteen years of research and at least nine years search for a publisher.
Applaud the courage of Tarcher-Putnam.

This book is the most important compilation of the effects of fatherhood on children that anyone interested in family, fathers or children will ever find. It has a most generous set of footnotes citing authority, sources, and studies that allow the reader to think with essential truth.

There are many arguments about why there is so much fatherlessness in America, in the world today. We need to get beyond the why.
This book goes right to what happens because there is so much fatherlessness. The problem demands a solution.

What is that solution? Understand the cost of fatherlessness and make it as profitable for children to have that essential relationship with his/her father as it has been for the child not to have a father. The costs are horrendous - drugs, alcohol, suicide, crime, prisons, prostitution, divorce, more father absence.
It's a vicious circle, and there have now been a few generations to verify the extent of the problem.

Warren Farrell has taken a few bold steps beyond the identification of the problem. He has come up with some thought provoking and challenging solutions. Real life solutions. Things we can all do starting today, every day in our own homes with our very own families. Before further problems surface.
While the problem still has a solution.

Anyone who has a father or a child should read this book. Anyone who has a father or a child needs five copies of this book to anyone who doesn't have it. Anyone who has a father or a child must give copies of this book to their priest or minister, to their teachers and congresspersons, to every judge and attorney in town, and to their doctors. Organize a book-fest for the sake of every child who has drawn a breath or will draw a breath in the future. It is *that* important.

My child has a father. Make sure every child you know has one too.

Larry Hellmann, President

National Congress for Fathers and Children

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Note: You can purchase a copy of this book on-line from Barnes & Noble. According to their web page, the book should be available starting December 6, 2000.

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Feminist Group Opposes Columbia's Sexual Misconduct Policy

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The organization Feminists for Free Expression has publicly denounced the new Sexual Misconduct Policy enacted at Columbia University, saying, "*As feminists, we of course applaud the idea of taking sexual assault very seriously and providing for its punishment. But in reading your 'Policy and Disciplinary Procedure,' we are dismayed by provisions that infantilize students by streamlining away both the protections for the accused and the accountability of the accuser*" You can read their official statement here.

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Sweden Debating Mandatory Military Service For Women

Adam · 6 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Here's some more news on the draft topic: As this CS Monitor story from April tells us, women might be subjected to the draft as well as men. At least seven out of ten women oppose being drafted, and if it does go into effect, "*the Swedish Constitution would have to be changed, since it now forbids gender discrimination* except *in the cases of military service or affirmative-action measures.*" However, the "quote of the week" goes to Annica Kronsell who said: "*I think even the women who are very involved in equality issues have taken it a little for granted that men are involved in that sector...This is a little different because it's arguing not to have a right but to have a duty, an obligation.*"

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Letter: The Reality of Male Victims

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Marc Angelucci is in the news again, reminding LA Times readers about the reality of domestic violence against men. You can read his letter here. There is no doubt that Marc has been a letter writing "powerhouse" lately, and he is certainly inspiring change.

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"Men Are Disgusting By Nature"

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One would like to think this is a joke, but in today's gender climate, I seriously doubt it will be taken that way. In an article about the way marriage "civilizes" men, Jonah Goldberg happily takes degrading digs at single men and masculinity in general: "*The first thing that needs to be stipulated is that men are disgusting by nature...Like dogs, men need to have their instincts redirected toward positive ends...[marriage] encourages knuckle-draggers, like me, to stand up straight, work hard and play by the rules.*" Does this man have any self-respect? You can read his article at this link.

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The Decline Of Men In Higher Education

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The UK Telegraph posted this story on the decline of male enrollment at universities. From the article: "*Only 44 per cent of this year's admissions are men and academics now wonder whether their encouragement and preference for women may have gone too far...The pattern of declining male applications and rising female university attendance was established in the 1970s. During the past decade, however, it has worsened drastically...Government estimates forecast that men will make up only 42 per cent of university students by 2010.*"

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Teacher Claims 1.1M For False Harassment Charges

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This story from the Globe and Mail talks about Fred Rutledge, and 8th grade teacher who went through tremendous grief in a false accusations case over 2.5 years ago. Just recently, he finally completed a law suit obtaining 1.1 million dollars in damages. It was a nightmare case: "*In 1998, Mr. Rutledge became one of the hundreds of teachers in Canada falsely accused of sexual misconduct with students. The utter absence of evidence did not prevent the police from arresting him. Convinced that they had stumbled on a vast cover-up, they also laid charges against a school social worker, the vice-principal and the principal for failure to report his crimes.*"

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The Dangers Of Challenging Feminism: Neil Lyndon's Story

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This is a very long, but really insightful and interesting article. Neil Lyndon was a popular writer from Britain, whose life was radically changed after he wrote an article on men's issues that undermined the tenets of feminist theory. His story can be read here, in his own words. I'd highly recommend this article to anyone on his or her way to becoming a high-profile figure in the men's movement, to know what to expect from your opponents. This will continue to be a struggle for us for some time, but things are already changing and opportunities are opening more often these days. I personally continue to remain optimistic. **Update:** I've changed the link so that it should work more consistently.

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Controversy Surrounds "CuntFest" Event At Penn State

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An Anonymous User (you can obviously understand why) submitted this link to a Campus Report of a feminist event at Penn State titled "CuntFest." I don't even know how to sum it up, except it was an extremely vulgar and disturbing performance supporting radical lesbian feminism, whatever that means. It was even more extreme than the Vagina Monologues, if you recall what that was all about. Please don't read the article if you are easily offended.

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Conference Calls For Ban On Circumcision

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In Sydney, Australia, an international conference of scholars and doctors held talks on circumcision, and debated whether it is equivalent to female genital mutilation and should be banned as FGM is. "*Prof. [Greg] Boyle said circumcision was a violation of a child's human rights and should be considered an offence to be prosecuted through the courts.*" You can read the news article by clicking here.

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Yes, Another Story About A Father Being Mistreated In Family Court

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There is a story in the Metroland News by a father who lives 5 minutes from his daughter/ex-wife and yet has little contact with his daughter due to bias in the family court system. He's seen it all: false accusations, blatant disregard for his daughter's well-being, and being stuck and not able to fight back. It's a well written story with plenty of facts about divorced dads, definitely worth reading.

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Gender Differences In Sentencing

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If you click here you'll go to an excellent statistical analysis of sentencing for youth offenders in Canada. Included in the report are some facts about gender, including that males are more likely to be placed into custody and receive harsher sentences on an offense-by-offense basis. Before using these numbers I suggest checking two things: that the age differences between males and females be factored out, as well as Recidivism (repeat offenders). I can't tell from the abstract whether these were accounted for. StatCan is a high-quality organization, so it may be the case that this has already been done.

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Neil Lyndon's Story: Part II

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I was glad to see that Neil Lyndon has a second part to his first article about his fall-out from society due to his public questioning of feminist theory. You can read part two here. In it, Lyndon talks more about his son, discusses domestic violence, academic feminism, and women's suffrage. Check it out! **Update:** I've changed the link to the story, as it was not working consistently for some users.

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Great Analysis Of The Wage Gap

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This article from The Regional Economist destroys myths about the gender wage gap, in particular the myths that the gap is related to equal pay for equal work and that it is due to discrimination. From the article: "*Is one to take from the numbers presented here that the gender wage gap of 23.5 cents is mostly an illusion, and that gender wage discrimination is not a serious problem? Well, yes and no. Most of the gender wage gap is due to factors other than wage discrimination, so it is illusory as an indicator of wage discrimination. Nonetheless, no study has been able to explain it away entirely.*"

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Mensactivism.org Feature: Men's Rights: Backlash or Movement?

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We have a new feature article submitted by Justin Zellers. It's a superbly written essay which summarizes many issues in the men's movement, examines how it came to be and its relationship with feminism. Justin clearly and positively outlines the need for the men's movement, without unreasonably scapegoating feminism or polarizing men and women further. It's an effective presentation of men's issues that has the potential to open many minds. You can read the essay by clicking "Read More" below...

Men's Rights: Backlash or Movement?

By Justin Zellers

In the American pursuit of happiness, many social ills and injustices have been discovered, studied, evaluated, and eliminated. Throughout the history of the United States, there have been various social movements led by activists who had noted problems standing in the way of a group's or individuals' right to this pursuit of happiness. Many of these social fires have been all but extinguished through the years, but not without consequence. Fighting a good battle can and usually does cause a backlash, which may or may not be justified. In the case of the feminist movement in the last quarter of the twentieth century, the Men's Rights backlash has begun, and controversy is surrounding this backlash.

In America, we all learn that women traditionally received the short end of the stick when it came to gender issues. Women's rights activists in the early part of the twentieth century proved just how unfair many of society's commonly accepted laws and traditions were to women. Women were tired of being disregarded and not having the same rights as men in that day enjoyed, such as the right to vote. Men were beginning to take notice and things slowly began to change for women in America.

Flash forward to the 1960's. The beginning of a new era in American women's fight for equality was in full swing. Women were beginning to question gender roles and stereotypes, which began a revolution. The Feminist Movement began with a basic goal in mind: Equality with men (not victory over men). Women wanted equal opportunities where they were denied access throughout American history. However, what began as a struggle for equality soon became a fight overshadowed by extremists who were in it for supremacy. Radical Feminism saw the oppression of women as fundamental and the most basic form of oppression. The extremists said most forms of oppression stemmed from male dominance. Radical statements and ideas such as these caused many to generally view all feminists in a negative way, thus opening the doors for a future backlash.

Many of today's moderate feminists say that these extremists became the normal feminists' worst enemy, destroying their cause and bashing men at the same time. The ideology of legal feminism today goes far beyond the original and widely supported goal of equal treatment for both sexes. The new agenda is to redistribute power from the "dominant class" (men) to the "subordinate class" (women).

Today, there are many men in America that feel they are getting the shoddier treatment when it comes to true equality. "*Men feel that courts and legislatures should resist efforts to limit individual rights in the guise of protecting women as a class, and reaffirm the fundamental principle consistent with the classical liberal origins of the movement for women's rights: equality before the law regardless of gender.*" (Michael Weiss, 1992).

Men today have many legitimate arguments about what exactly today's feminist movement seeks. Every year, there are new laws made to protect women as a group, rather than protecting people in general. A common complaint in today's society is that women are getting special treatment, not equal treatment. For example, The Violence Against Women Act was written and passed with full knowledge that men are the victims of roughly 80 percent of all violence in America (mostly men on men). Both feminists and men's rights activists agree on this point. However, it is the radical feminists that keep pushing for these laws, which in turn, ends up giving women certain areas of

supremacy in many ways.

In their well-founded concern with violent crimes against women--particularly rape and domestic battery--the radicals are intent on eliminating many procedural protections for men accused of such crimes. Of course, there is no reason to think that such encroachments on procedural process will remain confined only to rape cases; but to those feminists who dismiss autonomy, liberty, and privacy as mere male illusions, that is not a matter of great concern. At the same time, radical feminists are taking exactly the reverse doctrinal approach to cases of women who kill their partners. They have worked to create a new procedural defense for such women--the battered woman syndrome, which, if taken to its logical extreme, could free any woman who committed violent crimes. This paradox suggests that to the radical feminists, procedural protections belong exclusively to women. The overweening power men theoretically possess in the "patriarchy" in which we live is used as justification for eviscerating the rights of actual men. (Cathy Young, 1992)

A Men's Movement was inevitable once radical feminists began to go beyond equal rights and move towards oppression of all men. Beginning in the 1970's, men began to notice that they were being completely overlooked in most feminists' plight for equality. Men's issues were ignored and women's concerns were being analyzed thoroughly. Feminists tended to look at equal rights as a single-gender issue and follow a course that blamed men for everything. "*The goal of fundamental feminism has never been to oppress men, but to open the doors for women to pursue their own dreams and fulfill their own destinies. In this agenda, there is no imperative to judge men by women's standards. Unfortunately, this changed.*" (Rod Van Mechelen, 1992)

Many people have heard of the radical, 'All Men Must Die' web pages, or SCUM, Society for Cutting Up Men. With names like these, how could men not be offended and feel threatened? Without getting into specifics, which would require essay's of their own; there are many issues that have caused this recent uproar among America's men. However, it is only fair that I mention some of them in a broad sense to help illustrate some of the justifications for the current backlash to feminism.

In the 1970's, when the gender roles really began to change in America, women entered the workforce in large numbers, in many jobs that were often dominated by males. Sexual harassment became a huge issue and many precedents have been laid down over the years, but many men feel these laws have gotten out of control. A number of men now feel that the social situation in the U.S. has moved off-center, to the point where allegations of sexual misconduct are treated as a conviction before they're even examined.

Many Masculists claim that rape laws are designed merely to protect women and discriminate against men by taking the woman's story for truth most of the time. Men feel that they are guilty until proven innocent in the majority of these cases. Consent laws are so easily turned against men in false accusations. Men's rights activists also say if it's rape to attack a woman's genitals, then an attack on a man's genitals is rape, too. Legal experts and pop-feminists alike disagree, and assert that attacking genitals is not rape, but sexual assault, and that rape is an exclusively male domain: "There is nothing absolutely certain about rapists apart from the fact that they are male." (Women on Rape, Jane Dowdeswell, p 36)

Jane Dowdeswell has repeatedly said words to the effect that all men are rapists, but most have not yet been convicted, which tends to make some men a little irate. Most people know that every male is not a rapist, yet only a few decent feminists are standing up to the absurd anti-male generalizations of radical feminists. Men are trying to unite to reject this feminist propaganda.

Women have comfort groups and many other options for help and comfort after a rape has occurred, yet men feel that they are overlooked when it comes to seeking positive encouragement after being assaulted. Some male extremists even feel that when a girl offensively attacks a boy's testicles, he may be in need of as much treatment as rape victims. A recent study conducted by the *Journal of the American Medical Association* found that one in ten boys between the ages of 10 and 16 has been kicked in the groin by another child, usually as a prank. Many men are becoming disgusted and sensitive to all of the television comedies and movies in which the audience laughs when women hit men in the testicles deliberately, giving children the impression that it is OK to do so when irritated by a

male. These male extremists ask, "If women were repeatedly hit in the breasts in movies for humor, would women still be laughing?" Most likely, they'd be offended and be up in arms.

In that same survey conducted by the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, they found that after most boys' genitals were attacked, they did not tell an adult about the assault. But 25% were injured. A year later 25% had signs of depression and 12% had post-traumatic stress symptoms. Young men's suicide rate is astronomical and society does not pay enough attention to this startling fact.

Men now feel it is time to fight for equal representation for victims of physical sexual assault in the United States. Even though there are plenty of these help centers that are funded by public tax dollars, reports indicate that many will not accept and help males. Feminists do not seem to be saying anything about the blatant discrimination taking place in this area, so many men are now standing up and speaking their minds.

In Wisconsin a woman who is drunk cannot give sexual consent even if she is not passed out. The next morning, she can charge her lover with rape. However, the same consideration is not given to her lover who also might have been intoxicated. Women want to be equal, yet they expect men to continue to take the sexual initiative. If they are pleased by the overtures of a man, they are delighted. If they are not pleased because he may be the wrong man or because of his style of responding to general flirtation, they may accuse him of sexual harassment.

Men feel it is unfair that they are still usually expected to pay for dates and take the initiative to ask the women out. Men know that rejection hurts, and women have the real control over dating, sex, and money, in the opinion of may male extremists.

Abortion is another topic several men feel strongly about. Men do not have a right to choose in the United States, yet it takes two to make a child, and half of that child is biologically his. If a man wants a child and the woman aborts the child, if he grieves most people do not recognize his grief as legitimate.

Domestic abuse is a crisis that many women have to deal with. However, men are now claiming more often that they too are abused. Research strongly suggests that women initiate physical assault far more often than men: violence by women is by no means 'statistically insignificant', and may be as significant a problem as violence by males. This fact may be unpalatable to many, and may even be described as 'anti-feminist', but it is a fact that must now be addressed. (People's Equality Network - January 1995) Violence by men against women is recognized as a significant problem; violence by women is not often enough seen as the serious issue that it is. Feminists feel that these complaints by men are just designed to take away the feminist's thunder and judicial influence in this particular area.

Feminists claim they want equality in the military, but will not lobby for women as a matter of civic duty to be obligated to sign up for the draft or be required to fulfill their obligation of combat duty. "Women and children first!" Do men's lives not have the same intrinsic value? Men want feminists to realize that most males are willing to die for females, but many females take this for granted and are not willing to do the same for men.

Pop feminists defend excusing a woman from crime on the basis of a post partum or PMS defense. Men receive 58% longer prison sentences for conviction of the same crime, furthering men's anger about criminal discrimination. (Dateline NBC, 1998) Men's rights activists report that even though statistics and studies show that more than 50 % of accusations of sexual assault are false, most district attorneys will not bring charges against the lying party even though it is a felony.

Men are still mocked and looked down upon if they are stay-at-home dads. Men protest that they do not get equal work leave, if any, when a baby is added to the family. Fathers are tired of being considered an outsider or visitor to their children by the courts. For example, just 9 years ago 37.9% of fathers have no access/visitation rights in America. (Source: p.6, col.II, para. 6, lines 4 & 5, Census Bureau P-60, #173, Sept 1991.) The percentage of men who pay child support is six times higher than the percentage of women who are ordered to pay child support. (The American Psychological Association, 1995) In the name of fairness, many people are beginning to say that children should go to whichever parent can support them best, as opposed to now when roughly 85-95% of the time children

go to the mother purely by default and challenging that can bring down the wrath of feminist groups for no good reason.

Many feminists vigorously claim that there is little attention paid to their health care. Masculists respond by saying that breast cancer research receives 6 times more dollar subsidy than cancer of the prostate even though the rates of cancer are very similar. (National Cancer Institute, 1997) They ask how can it be said that women's health care is neglected when they are the primary users of the health care system and men live on average 7.6 years less than women. Other men are lobbying for infant's rights in regards to circumcisions of infant males in the U.S., claiming that it is genital mutilation without consent. Numerous men's rights activists feel that men are not receiving enough medical attention from the government.

These are just some of the commonly debated issues that the Masculists are trying to make the public aware of. It is obviously not fair for either feminists or masculists to claim that one gender is oppressed more than the other. This is where the controversy exists. Men and women both have certain troubles that they will always have to deal with. Sure women have many things worse off than men, but what men are now saying is that they too are oppressed by society and not enough attention is given to their tribulations.

I find it interesting that there are now many masculist extremists popping up, just as feminist extremists began to gain in numbers shortly after the woman's liberation movement in the 1960's. History does seem to find a way of repeating itself, but not exactly. I find it very saddening that these extremists on both ends of the gender issues are so recognized by society. The aspect I find most disgusting about gender activism is the radical views on both sides.

However, it seems that both sides go about what they're trying to accomplish in the wrong way, through exaggeration, scare tactics, and occasionally even lies, but those represent the extremists. What's sad in the Feminist movement is that those extremists are highly regarded by many. On the Men's Rights side, the extremists are pretty much universally regarded as crackpots.

I feel that the Feminist movement is heading in the wrong direction, too often following its extremists, and that doing so could well be disastrous for the movement in general. For example, if the feminists want women in the military then the proper way to go about it would be to push for the exact same treatment as men. This means the same boot camp, the same living quarters, and certainly the same draft registration that is now required for men at the age of 18.

Society is slowly beginning to listen to some of these men who feel oppressed, but not yet on the scale that they listen to and accept feminist issues. The U.S. Government has all but ignored the men's movement so far, but I believe that will soon change. As with all true social ills, the current discrimination against men will one day be recognized, and legislature will be put into place to try to level things back out.

The Feminist movement should put its own house in order before trying to affect the world around it, removing those extremists from its organization and being far more careful in its research than it has been in the past. A certain amount of extremism is sometimes necessary in order to be heard and get things rolling in the right direction. Once things begin to roll, as they have for feminists, the extremists should not have as much influence as they once might have.

I think that people should be selected for their job solely based on their capability, not the color of their skin or their gender or sexual orientation. As a humanist, believing in equality and equal rights for all people, I also feel that laws that give special protection to certain groups must also be closely examined and reformed. There is plenty of room for both women and men to fight for rights, but both sides need to start taking into account the other side's reasoning. Everybody needs to look at and take in the whole picture instead of narrowly focusing on one side of the spectrum.

The extremist feminist craze must end now, before it further warps the perceptions of the generations that have already suffered for it. If the existing laws do not serve as sufficient deterrent, then perhaps they should be strengthened, but by no means should we add more laws that enshrine certain groups as somehow more worthy of

protection than others. Men are beginning to take a stand, and rightfully so. Once men and women begin to recognize each other's problems and learn to work together to fight the social ill of discrimination, the free pursuit of happiness can be achieved on a much larger scale. I hope that we can all learn from each other and one-day see harmony between the sexes. I am a Humanist. To improve the lives of all humans is a truly worthy goal, one to which we should all aspire in the name of the pursuit of happiness.

If you'd like to get in touch with Justin, please contact scott@mensactivism.org for his e-mail address. This was done at Justin's request (and to avoid spam bots).

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Rape Shield Law Challenged In The UK

Adam · 13 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Here's some breaking news from the UK Guardian.
As this story tells us, rape shield law which forbids the questioning of a victim's past sexual history in court is being challenged under the Human Rights Act in Britain, as part of the right to a fair trial. This case could have a profound effect on rape cases and may even have a "ripple effect" through the West if it is overturned.

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Cathy Fordham Is Sentenced For False Accusations

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Back in August we included a story about Cathy Fordham, who ran a community recovery home and manipulated and falsely accused several men there of assault and sexual assault. Just recently she has been sentenced, as this story from the Ottawa Citizen tells us. Basically, she was given six months of parole with strict house arrest, because she was "not a danger to the public." Considering how manipulative she's been described as by both her patients and the police, I have some doubts about the effectiveness of this sentence.

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Men's Lack Of Representation In Health Research Gets Worse

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Ed Bartlett from Men's Health America recently posted that the NIH has released its latest report on gender enrollment in NIH sponsored research, and the results aren't good for men. You can read his posting here. "*In Fiscal Year 1994, men represented 44.9% of participants in extramural research, women 51.8%, and the sex of the remaining 3.3% was unknown. By 1997, male participation fell to 37.1%.*
Table 2 in the most recent report presents disturbing news: In 1998, male participation dropped to 32.2%" But Ed also writes that due to the media focus on the election, it is best to hold off on letter writing campaigns and activism until we can expect to get some coverage of the issue.

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The Death of Due Process

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Peter Brimelow wrote an article in Forbes Magazine about the general erosion of due process. I'm including it here since I think civil liberties are *very* relevant to pro-male activists, considering the removal of due process in rape laws and attempts to censor speech by PC advocates. The article gives some interesting background and perspectives on how we got to this state today.

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Female Teacher Acquitted For Sexually Exploiting Boy

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It's pretty obvious how this represents a double standard: a 28-year-old teacher in Canada who was having a sexual relationship with one of her students, 17, and became pregnant by him was recently acquitted in court for the charge of sexual exploitation of a minor. I'm sure the attentive reader will notice many other ways the story is portrayed that wouldn't happen if the genders were reversed in this case. The article is from Canoe News and can be read here.

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Religious And Gender Discrimination Case

Scott · 15 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

WasatchFrontMan writes *"Brian O'Neil is a man and is openly religious. That is a bad combination these days for a college administrator. The inevitable happened - the mostly female administration at Middlesex Community College eventually found a way to have him removed. He was fired even though he had always received good reviews and only a month earlier, he had been given a merit pay raise. Click here for the full story"* This article also deals with gender pay issues and seems to be a pretty clear cut case of discrimination.

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NH Man Demands New Trial; Victim Recanted, DNA Evidence Supports Him

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Foster's Daily Democrat printed this front page story about a man who is serving a 6-20 year sentence for aggravated sexual assault of his former girlfriend. DNA evidence has just proven that he is not the father of the woman's child, who was conceived at the time of the rape, and the victim had even recanted her story *in the original trial!* But he was still convicted because the prosecution claimed she had a vested interest in recanting the story and used an older videotape of her making the accusation to convict him. After the trial, she even went to media outlets saying she had made up the accusation in revenge because she thought he was seeing another woman. Will justice be served?

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Concise Reasoning On Wage Gap Myth

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Although the article is from April of this year, if you click here you'll read a good, concise piece explaining the misconceptions and reality about the gender wage gap. From the article: "*The pay equity movement seemed to be cruising along until a 1999 study came out that cast doubt over the validity of the 73-cent statistic. Researchers Diana Furchtgott-Roth and Christine Stolba argue that the wage gap is virtually nonexistent when you consider factors such as job experience, actual number of hours worked and individual choices, such as flexible scheduling to balance work and family life.*" The researchers wrote Women's Figures, an indispensable reference to have when debunking the wage gap myth.

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UK Man Sues For Being Tricked Into Fatherhood

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IHF sent in this story from the UK Telegraph. It's about a man who is suing his former lover for tricking him into raising a child that isn't his. "*Mr X plans to sue Mrs Y for "deceit", the emotional distress caused by the discovery, and the costs, with interest, he incurred while bringing up the child. The man, from the West Midlands, and his former girlfriend cannot be named because of a court order protecting the child's identity.*" This case could have profound effects on the Choice for Men movement in the UK, and even in the US.

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WOMB - Women Opposed to Male Bashing

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I know many readers will enjoy Jocelyn Payne's web site and organization - Women Opposed to Male Bashing (WOMB). She describes the site as, "*an Egalitarian, Anti-Sexist, Anti Hate site - Pro woman, Pro man, Pro Dialogue. I respect Masculists, Feminists & Humanists who are searching for a fair and balanced relationship between the sexes , while respecting gender differences.*" The WOMB site includes many useful links to men's rights web sites and research on men's issues.

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Beating Up On "Deadbeat Dads"

Adam · 17 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This report by Stephen Baskerville reminds us how corrupt the family courts are, and gives an informal estimate that puts as much as *one-third* of the jail population of this country as fathers on contempt-of-court charges. And with a quote like this "*A Georgia sheriff and superior court judge have proposed creating forced labor camps specifically for fathers*", the analogy between child support and slavery has never been more true. Please send Stephen an email of thanks for his superb and highly articulate articles. He must take a tremendous amount of flak for being so outspoken in the name of fathers and men.

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UK Headmasters Concerned About Paternity Leave Law

Scott · 18 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Apparently some teachers in the UK are concerned that the new paternity law proposal could seriously disrupt education in these times of severe teacher shortage. IHF notified me of this story in the UK Telegraph. A spokesman for the Education Dept. replied to the complaints with "Schools will have to manage in the same way as other businesses."

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Gender Politics: Feminism And The Democratic Party

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This article from The New Republic outlines the increasing role that feminism has played in the democratic party, and gender politics in general. With the U.S. election differences in gender voting preference playing a very significant role in this election, this is probably going to become a very popular topic among political analysts (as it has already).

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Fewer Men On College Campuses

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Time magazine printed this story recently on the gender education gap, where males are consistently doing worse and worse. It's a typical overview of the subject, but includes some good numbers and quotations of Christina Hoff Sommers. Also of possible interest is this fact: "*Last July the University of Georgia lost a lawsuit filed by female students who were denied admission because of an affirmative-action policy that favored men.* Could this be the first case of an explicit affirmative action program for men? Well, I mean besides Selective Service. (sarcasm)

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Canadian Group Challenges Legality Of "Most Wanted" Deadbeat Dad Displays

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A group called the Equitable Child Maintenance and Access Society from Calgary, Canada is planning to legally challenge the public display of "most wanted" lists of "deadbeat dads." Photos of fathers in child support arrears on the internet violates the person's right to privacy, and consequently the Freedom of Information Act and the Freedom of Privacy Act, according to the group. The article from the Calgary Herald can be read here.

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UK Women's Unit To Shut Down?

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The latest UK Sunday Times reports that "*The government's oft-criticised women's unit is in its death throes. Downing Street advisers and female ministers want it junked and replaced with a new outfit to combat discrimination against men and women...The new unit would be as likely to produce a green paper on the under-achievement of boys in state schools as low pay for women.*" All I have to say is...WOW, what a great idea! Could it be possible that people are looking to move beyond gender politics and are tired of one-sided feminism? Click here to read the story.

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Detailed Story Of The Brandeis Rape Accusation Case

Scott · 20 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

The Wall Street Journal Opinion Journal had an editorial on the recent Brandeis false rape accusation case, where there was significant controversy over the way universities are allowed to enforce their own discipline codes. This is one of the most detailed stories about a false accusation of rape on a college campus that I know of, and is immensely valuable reading material. Please check it out. **Update:** I have changed the description of this article, arfter recieving some percpetive comments about it.

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A Child's Vision Of War

Scott · 21 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

David Byron writes *"This article by the New York Times [free registration required] talks about how young boys are used in warfare in Colombia. As an issue I find that the treatment of men and boys in the third world is probably the last thing to be mentioned on men's sites. In a sense this is good, because it is a humanitarian issue not a gendered issue, but feminists have framed the third world as an area where only women are oppressed and it simply isn't true."*

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Case Raises Issue Of Sexual Abuse By Women

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David Byron writes *"Statistics say men sexually abuse children more than women do, but as with most definitions of sexual based crimes the definition itself is biased towards only describing male criminal behaviour. For example the FBI stll defines rape as something that only happens to women. This article in the Chicago Tribune is about a case where a single mother was forcing her 6 year old son to breast feed and sleep naked with her. The state called it sex abuse. She called it good parenting. The judge called it bad parenting but refused to say it was sex abuse. When will sexual crimes be seen as truly gender neutral and when will women's sexual crimes be recognised? The child is now in foster care."*

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$9M For Prostate Research

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Ed Bartlett's post from the Men's Health America list announces that a nine million dollar study has been sponsored by the NIH to research a prostate condition called Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia. "*BPH refers to the non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate gland. This condition may make it difficult for men over 50 years of age to urinate. It is estimated that one in four men will need treatment of BPH by the time they reach 80 years.*" Details of the study can be read here.

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iFeminism: A Unique Feminist Group?

Scott · 22 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

David Byron has been submitting insightful news stories left and right lately, and writes *"I have spent time looking at feminist sites on-line and trying to debate on feminist boards for a couple of years now, and in all that time of trying to find a sincere feminism, only one group has managed to convince me that they might really want sexual equality and are prepared to be honest. The site is now one year old and here's a quote from their newsletter:* For slightly more than a year now, we have been making an all-out effort to heal the destruction wrought by gender feminism and to offer in its place a feminism that embraces men as equals, the free market as opportunity, sex as a source of joy, and civil liberties as every human being's right. My thanks to each and every one of you for sharing and contributing to our vision."Click "Read More" below to view more of David's comments and find out what site he is referring to...

The iFeminist site and newsletter is run by Wendy McElroy, who seems to be a libertarian first and a feminist second (the "i" in "ifeminist" stands for "individualist"), however this is most definitely an unapologetic *feminist* group not a women's group such as the Women's Freedom Network which Cathy Young and Christina Hoff Sommers are associated with. The iFeminist emphasis remains on feminism, and there is plenty to disagree with, but let me list a few of the features that make iFeminism unique as a feminist group:

- **VAWA.** Its very rare to find a feminist who disagrees with the sexism of the US Violence Against Women Act. Wendy McElroy condemns VAWA as gender apartheid.
- **Gender wage gap hoax.** The iFeminist site has many links and articles pointing out that the wage gap is a natural result of women's choices. In my experience this sort of honesty is unheard of in feminism.
- **History.** I know of no other feminist site on the net that is honest about the darker side of feminism in the 19th century. Even some men's rights boards seem to go along with the white wash! McElroy traces *individualist feminism* and the darker side of feminism to its historical roots.
- **Censorship.** The only feminist board (that I know of) on the internet that doesn't censor non-feminist comments. In fact the only feminist board I've been on that hasn't banned me or censored me!

In my experience any one of these items makes the iFeminist site unique among feminist sites, and worth a mention, but the final straw for me was reading a recent iFeminist newsletter which called attention to a counter-feminist site (in fact a site on the Feminism On Trial webring) run by Rowena, an Australian student with a very sharp line in sarcasm. Rowena's form letter for feminists was quoted with approval, as a joke. Feminism with a sense of humor? About **themselves?**

Scott's note: Yes, ifeminism.com is a very different group of feminists. In fact, a month or two ago, Wendy asked if she could include mention of Mensactivism.org in one of her newsletters! Her site and philosophy is definitely worth checking out.

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Sexist Snowmen

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So here's an example of how academic feminists spend their time: "*Dr Tricia Cusack, of Birmingham University, has carried out a five-year study in the cultural meanings of snowmen, and now believes they are obsolete symbols of gender discrimination.*" Ananova News reported on this story - click here to read it.

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NOW Enforces Stricter Censorship

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David Byron writes *"The so-called discussion boards at NOW have realised they must censor and ban comments by non-feminists after several weeks of worrying about how censorship will hurt their public image. Without any announcement NOW has moved its discussion board to a new URL and has deleted many previous posts and threads at the same time placing many non-feminist posters on a banned list to prevent the truth about feminism getting out. Here is the old board and here is the new board.*

The mass deletions, bannings and the move to a new URL were made secretly to prevent giving the impression that NOW supports censorship...." Please click "Read More" below to read the rest of his account of censorship.....

Previously a NOW representative had admitted they would ban me to make sure the board remained feminist in content (ie they specifically admitted the reason for the ban would be political). At that time several hundred posts were deleted (including their own post where they had originally admitted the reasons for censorship), but I was not banned until the new board was created. Other posters who are not recognised as feminist enough have also mysteriously stopped posting, and several have complained.

I have tried to re-register for the NOW board to complain about the secretive censorship policy but I am blocked at the IP level from re-registering. I have no problem with feminist censorship if it is kept honest -- NOW are free to do as they like with their own boards -- but this method of pretending they are open to anyone is deceptive. If NOW cannot afford to debate the issues let them admit it openly!

The NOW board used to allow unregistered posts but now requires registration."

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Boy Could Be Charged With Felony For Slapping A Girl's Butt

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ABCnews is reporting that a 14 year-old boy could face a felony charge of sexual assault for slapping a girl's butt at school. The mother of the victim was quoted as saying, "What he did wasn't right, but I wouldn't have pressed charges, given that it was just a slap on the butt." Likewise, I agree that the boy should be disciplined, but this is going way too far.

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John Waters Defends Himself From Feminist Accusers

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This piece in Irish Times by John Waters describes many journalistic attacks made on him by others offended by his columns on men's issues and criticisms of feminism. "*What I have suggested is that men are in certain ways oppressed. Feminists, claiming a monopoly on suffering, do not like this. Nor do they like the fact that, by advancing a plausible case, people like us have had an effect on public opinion. We must be shamed into silence.*" It's a superb article - maybe we could write John some letters of support for standing up for men and not being shamed into silence.

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The Fragile Male

Adam · 25 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Here's some excellent work from the British Medical Journal about boys and masculinity, as this essay by Sebastian Kraemer tells us: "*A typical attitude to boys is that they are, or must be made, more resilient than girls. This adds social insult to biological injury.*" He explores the basis of this vulnerability in greater detail in the essay, which you may read by clicking here. Also, be sure to send Sebastian an e-mail telling him how you much you hope he'll continue to do research on boys and masculinity since it gives men's issues some much needed credibility, and to put it simply, without scientific studies to back up our issues, we will not gain public support unless we can demonstrate some proof of our claims. So be sure to send him some praise and encouragement.

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Happy Holidays From Mensactivism.org!

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We'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays/Happy Newtonmas/etc, and the best in the New Year! The Men's Activism News Network, now about six months old, has been our gift to help a movement that we strongly believe in. We hope as many people as possible can spend time with their families this season, and for those that cannot, we will continue to fight for you. Take care everyone.

Scott and Adam.

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Coverage Of Kraemer's Report On Boy's Fragility

Scott · 26 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

I received a couple of anonymous submissions about coverage of the recent report on the fragility of boy's health. The story was also distributed on Yahoo! News and also ABCNews. Although I'm glad to see this get more media attention, I have to wonder if it's being done to encourage the need to "resocialize boys" under the stereotype that masculinity is toxic.

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New York Requires Insurance Coverage For Prostate Cancer Screening

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Here's a great move for men's health that could hopefully be imitated by other states: New York recently passed a law requiring the coverage of prostate cancer screening by insurance companies. Ed Bartlett's post to the Men's Health America list can be read here. Please take a moment to sign up with Ed's list if you care about men's health issues!

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Parents Want School Girl Disciplined In Assault

Adam · 27 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Related to the recent ABCnews story about a boy who could face felony charges for slapping a girl's butt, this story from The Tennessean is about a girl who could face discipline charges for sexually assaulting two other girls. While this does bring up the issue of sexual assault/abuse by women, I really think we should leave kids out of it. Click here to read the story.

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President of R-KIDS On Hunger Strike

Scott · 27 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Backlash.com is reporting that Steve Blake, president of R-KIDS of Minnesota, is currently in prison for failure to pay child support. However, Steve claims to have paid his required $750/month payment and has begun a hunger strike to draw attention to his injustice. I plan to follow up on this story for further developments. I have no contact information for people to call at this time.

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Review Of What Women Want

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Don Feder in his latest column for Jewish World Review writes about the new movie *What Women Want*. The movie, of course, is degrading to men and features a feminist utopia where Mel Gibson puts aside his traditional masculinity for the traits of a female-worshiping lapdog. As Feder puts it: "*Like most of today's movies about relationships,* What Women Really Want *is relentlessly anti-male. Men are dense. Men are crude. Men are self-centered. Men just don't listen.*" There's no need to support male-trashing movies such as this, and I'd be wary of anyone who enjoyed it.

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Fraud In High Profile Refugee Case

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"*A Ghanaian woman whose campaign against her deportation from the United States became a rallying point for prominent American women, including Hillary Clinton, Gloria Steinem and Julia Roberts, has been exposed as an impostor and faces prosecution for fraud.*" The story is from the UK Guardian and can be read at this link. She had used the argument that if she were returned to Ghana, she would face female genital mutilation. But it was a lie.

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Russian Women Disappointed With Russian Men

Scott · 28 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

This article from the New York Times (free registration required) is about the disappointments many women are experiencing as their "biological clocks" run down and they still cannot find a man (breadwinner) to marry and have children with. "*'There are no normal men,' [a woman] complained...'They've all got an inferiority complex because they can't earn enough money to support a family. All of them live with their mothers. They all earn 1,000, 1,500 rubles a month,' $35 to $55, roughly. 'Who would want to bear a child with a man like that?' she asked.*" There's more than a bit of irony in this quote, in several ways. I'll leave it to you to interpret it. :)

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Debunking Presidential Statements On Domestic Violence

Scott · 29 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

Ian Murray wrote an article for Jewish World Review that debunks the three statements that President Clinton recently made, that "*In America today, domestic violence is the number one health risk for women between the ages of 15 and 44 ... Every twelve seconds, another woman is beaten. That's nearly 900,000 victims a year.*" It is of course very damaging to have the US President making these false claims, and all the more important to have the true facts ready. Bookmark this article!

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Tips To Avoid And How To React To Parental Child Abduction

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As sad as it is to say this, any man who is going through a divorce or will be doing so soon should read this. The Washington Post printed this article, which is a series of tips on what to do in the event of parental child abduction, and what information you'll need on hand to try to stop it before your children are taken abroad. With so much at stake in a situation like this, it is better to be safe than sorry, and to be prepared.

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Justice Served: Terry Johnson Gets A New Trial

Scott · 30 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

There is good news to follow up to the recent story about Terry Johnson, who was convicted of sexual assault due a videotape of the victim's accusations, which was shown in court even though the alleged victim has publicly recanted the accusations. Thursday, the NH Supreme Court ruled that the videotape should not have been used as evidence in the trial. Johnson will get a new trial, and it is unlikely he can be convicted with the victim still recanting the accusations. Foster's Daily Democrat had the latest news here.

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In Praise Of Canadian Men

Scott · 30 December 2000 · Archived copy · Original

BusterB writes *"Elizabeth Nickson of the National Post writes about how wonderful Canadian men are. Apologies to the fellows south of the border and over the ocean, who don't fare so well in her opinion piece. Although I can't vouch for what she says about men in other countries, I agree with her assessment of Canadian men. What she forgets to mention, though, is that Canadian men are so nice because Canadian women are, as an acquaintance once put it, so macha. We men are easy to get along with because we're surrounded by nasty women and are accustomed to abuse."* **Update**: The link has been fixed.

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Expansion Of The Battered Woman Defense

Scott · 1 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Salon.com printed this article about a Massachusetts court case that could expand the "Battered Woman" defense to include attacks against third parties. Before, the argument was only used in cases were the woman attacked her abuser. And as we know, there is no "battered man" defense, due to the lack of recognition of domestic violence against men. The legal trend toward creating these kinds of excuses for murder is also disturbing.

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Happy New Year/ New Millennium!

Scott · 1 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The Men's Activism News Network wishes everyone a great and prosperous New Year, and welcome to the new Millennium! (yes, the 21st century starts *this year*, not last year, despite the media circus we had). Please consider making some resolutions to participate in activism projects and pay close attention to your health this year - let's use 2001 as an opportunity to make great strides for the cause of men's rights and dignity!

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Activism Project: Protest Patricia Schroeder In The AAP

Scott · 1 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Speaking of activism projects. :) The NCFM letter writing committee this month is protesting the involvement of Patricia Schroeder, a feminist politician, who has recently joined the head of the Association of American Publishers, which puts out many public school texts. Schroeder is very active in promoting the wage gap myth and other issues in gender politics that have been harmful to men. Note that you don't need to be a member of NCFM to participate in the letter writing committee - all are welcome. Click here for more info on where to write and how to participate.

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High Profile International Child Custody Case

Scott · 1 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The National Post reported here that Boris Becker, three-time Wimbledon champion, is demanding that his wife return his two children now in the U.S. back to Germany, and is working to obtain sole custody of them. There are also financial issues why Beckher's ex-wife wants to stay in the U.S. - if the divorce proceedings are done in the States, she could receive up to $75M of Mr. Becker's fortune, as opposed to a mere $3.8M she'd get if they were finalized in Germany. There are lots of interesting dynamics involved in this case.

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Men's Health Year In Review

Scott · 2 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

This posting from Men's Health America gives an annual report of men's health issues in 2000, and what work the organization does. Ed Bartlett's group is very large and extremely active, and men's health is a fairly non-controversial issue that we can really hope to break some ground with. Join Ed's group to help "eliminate the life span gender gap and other disparities affecting men's health."

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Full Time Students Must Still Pay Child Support

Scott · 2 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The Salt Lake Tribune printed this story about a court ruling which denied a full time college student exemption from paying child support. Judge Orme said that "*A child's right to ongoing support should not be held hostage to a parent's desire to get a higher education...Contemporary college students are not forced to choose between earning an income and getting a higher education -- they can do both.*" This is more evidence that denying men reproductive rights has long term negative effects. I know too many men that can barely feed themselves and pay their child support, let alone attend a tech school or university.

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Home Paternity Testing Kits To Be Regulated In UK

Scott · 3 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

IHF sent in this link to a UK Independent story about the fact that Ministers are planning to have the DIY DNA testing kits regulated "*to outlaw DNA testing by fathers using samples from mothers and children which are not verifiable or gained with consent.*" That's right - it's not being done due to civil liberties concerns, but because the kits can threaten the best interests of children. When are people going to go to the root of the problem, women who are tricking men into paternity, instead of forcing men to foot the bill for children who aren't their own? Do men simply exist to financially support women and children? With news like this, one has to wonder.

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Marriage And Quality Of Life

Scott · 3 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Bill Kuhl writes "*On the NBC Nightly News on New Year's Day there was a segment debunkng the myth that following marriage, on average, the quality of men's lives improves while the quality of women's suffers. The recent study was done by sociologist Linda J. Waite of the Univ. of Chicago. Previously, as NBC pointed out, experts in the field had agreed that, after getting married, men's health tended to improve while women tended to become depressed. (I just can't help but wonder, how were they able to compare their sampling with a cloned group of unmarried men and women? There are too many variables that could have brought about the changes in the two groups' quality of life.) Nonetheless, kudos to Dr. Waite and to NBC for reporting on the politically incorrect study. I might add that the segment mentioned a number of areas in which the quality of women's lives tend to improve. A summary of Dr. Waite's findings can be*
found at this link. Perhaps the nicest tidbit that NBC reported was that
only 4% of the married female respondants said they had 'unhappy marriages,' certainly not the picture of marriage that the media and academia would have us believe."

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Deconstructing "Machismo"

Scott · 3 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Bill Kuhl pointed me to this St. Louis Post-Dispatch article and writes, "*My gut reaction to the article is that on the one hand it's good to see men coming together to try and help each other with their problems, and to hear about Latino men for a change, but on the other hand the support groups referred to in the article sound as though they were born out of a gender feminist ideology - perhaps these men should be reflecting on the word for Spanish word for 'hypocrite' instead of 'macho'*." The article is about profeminist men's groups that subscribe to myths about domestic violence and try to "keep men in their place" by reinforcing the male workhorse role with chivalrous sympathy and subtle shaming. I share Bill's mixed feelings about these groups.

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CNN Coverage Of Choice For Men Issues

Scott · 3 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

CNN is reporting on the new Ohio law that allows men who were tricked into paternity to stop paying child support and sue to recover past payments in the event that a DNA test proves that they were not the father. It is **great** to see more coverage of this issue, and there are several anecdotes in the story from men who've been tricked into fatherhood and are still forced to pay. Interesting fact: "*Lab directors say that in about one-third of the welfare cases and 10 percent of other cases, the father named by the mother turns out not to be the biological parent.*"

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Scientists Grow Sperm In Laboratory

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A team of scientists in Japan have successfully cloned the embryo cells of mice and turned them into sperm cells. The UK Sunday Times reported on the story here. From the article: "*The team, from the Machida district of Tokyo, also believe they will be able to reprogramme male cells into producing eggs so that men can both father and 'mother' children.*" The research is also controversial due to the use of cloning technology, and while the sperm haven't yet been used in creating a mouse offspring, it is widely believed among scientists that it would work.

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Police With Too Little To Do

Scott · 4 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Fred Reed's latest column is a commentary on the recent news of a boy who could be charged with a felony for slapping a girl's butt. Fred provokes insight into the story with his usual humor and sarcasm. "*Do you suppose Chief Salazar doesn't have enough to do?...The prissy confused in Espanola are teaching Sally that sexual attention from boys is sick, reprehensible, and a cause for calling the police. Gee, that'll make for happiness later in adulthood. And, dead serious, they may put the boy in juvie for two years, destroying his life forever. They're teaching Bobby that females are dangerous, that a man should never trust them.*"

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Making Boys More Like Girls

Adam · 5 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

There's some surprising info from the Massachusetts News about William Pollack, who "*joined the feminists at Wellesley College and Harvard's Graduate School of Education in their attempt to alter the nature of men by starting with boys in public schools across the country.*" Have a read of it right here. And there are some excerpts from his book, Real Boys. Of course, by "changing men," he means to make them more like women. Also, they included some soundbites from The War Against Boys by Christina Hoff Sommers to balance Pollack's claims, which was unexpected but a very fair move.

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More News About Canada's Bill 117

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Although this is from Dec. 20, I only recently found a web link to this story and want to include it for the sake of thoroughness on the Bill 117 saga. The Ottawa Citizen printed another article on the Bill, also by Dave Brown. In it he mentions, "*Reader reaction [to his original article] was the heaviest I've experienced in more than 30 years of column writing. Many refused to believe it. They thought I must have my facts wrong.*" Unfortunately - and frighteningly - the media seems to be completely ignoring this issue.

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Boy Facing Two Years For "Butt Slapping" Incident

Scott · 6 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The UK Telegraph has an article stating that the boy who recently slapped a 13-yo classmate's butt could be facing *two years* in a juvenile detention center for the incident. Note that both mothers of the children involved in the case do not feel this is necessary. So why is this madness continuing?

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Many Countries Now Phasing Out Military Draft

Scott · 7 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The Washington Times had a great, in-depth article about how several countries are eliminating the military draft, and the reasons for its demise. From the article: "*'The draft was very efficient if what you needed was a large mass of semiskilled labor to deal with a direct and massive threat to your homeland,' said Philip Gold, director of defense studies at the Discovery Institute...'That does not even remotely describe the threat that the United States and its European allies are facing for the foreseeable future.'*" Economic concerns as well as the social unpopularity of the draft, demonstrated during the Vietnam War, are other reasons that the draft is coming to be seen as obsolete.

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Montel Williams Show To Feature Philip Cook

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An Anonymous Reader writes, "*Philip Cook, author of Abused Men - The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence will appear on an upcoming Montel Williams Show. Taping is set for Weds. Jan 10th. Show will air in about two weeks after that date, but no air date has been set yet. Watch your local listings in late January and February. Cook will also appear on the O'Reilly Factor, Fox News Network on January 22nd. This show usually airs the same day, but it may be next day.*" Mark your calendars!

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Divorced Dad Forced To Visit Daughter By Internet Videoconferences

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In a surprising ruling, a New Jersey court ruled that a mother could move across the country with her daughter, and have the father "visit" with her through internet videoconferences. This is an awfully shallow form of "visitation," and the father is justifiably upset over this. David Levy, president of the Children's Rights Council, is disturbed by the precedent set by the case, calling it "unacceptable." Father's rights groups now have yet *another* issue to protest. Salon.com reported on the story at this link.

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German Women Can Now Join Military Combat Forces

Scott · 8 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

As reported on by BBC News, women in Germany can now join combat units of the armed forces, after a woman took the law to court and won. Could this be an opportunity for greater equality of responsibility, or will it turn into another disaster of sexual harassment suits, as has happened with the U.S. military? Time will tell.

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Women's Violence To Cause "A Fundamental Conceptual Shift In How Domestic Violence Is Being Studied"

Scott · 8 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The truth can't be held back much longer...the reality of violent women was reported on in this Massachusetts News article. Even the liberal *Mother Jones* magazine is saying that "Women report using violence in their relationships more often than men." More data is expected to be released by the U.S. Justice Department to demonstrate this disturbing trend.

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Washingtonian says "IWF in, NOW out"

Scott · 8 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

David Byron writes *"The Independent Women's Forum or IWF is thrilled to report that the Washingtonian has featured them in its annual "What's in and what's out" for 2001. The IWF is "in" and NOW is "out" says the Washingtonian. As far as I can remember the IWF has a far larger membership than NOW and has had for some time. The IWF opposes VAWA and the gender wage gap myth, and tends to be more conservative than the Women's Freedom Network. Both women's groups oppose the sex discrimination of feminism. Congratulations IWF!"*

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Barnes & Noble Petition Update

Scott · 8 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"On Sunday, 1/7, I petitioned at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Burbank, California for a men's studies book section, like the one which exists at Borders Bookstore. After three days of petitioning I've got about 800 signatures. But on Sunday, after one hour (and 60 signatures), I was asked to leave. Even though two managers at the Burbank store gave me written permission to petition, the national store in New York called the Burbank store and told a higher up manager (John) to get security and make me leave. Evidently they don't like their customers expressing their views about the store's poor coverage of men's issues in their gender studies section. I'll be back next week at another Barnes & Noble bookstore in Los Angeles where there is a public sidewalk outside the front entrance (rather than in a private mall) so I can assert a 1st Amendment right to speak based on the public forum doctrine. I'll mail copies of the signatures to B&N when I have 1,000 of them, and for each 1,000 thereafter. I'm averaging 250 signatures a day, but I'm alone and very busy. At this rate it could take forever, but I'm not stopping. A few letters and phone calls to them always helps, though."* Please click "Read More" below to read where to send your letters, e-mails, or phone calls to.

Contact information:

Customer Relations

Barnes & Noble Bookstores

122 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY 10011

(212) 633-3301 extension 0

E-mail: customerrelations@bn.com

Also note that the Barnes & Noble campaign is included in the list of Mensactivism.org activism projects, which you can click on to find more details about the project. Here are some photos from his previous petitioning, too.

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Washington Post Repeats Wage Gap Lie

Scott · 9 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"The Washington Post repeated the wage gap lie again, saying women are "second class citizens" and that they "earn three-quarters of what men earn for every hour worked and . . . hold only 5 percent of top-level jobs." Of course, we also know men make over 90% of workers in 24 of the 25 Worst Jobs in the Jobs-Related Almanac (factoring pay, stress, danger, etc.). For further refutation of this myth, Scott Garman prepared some info here, which includes a link to a Detroit News editorial. Some have already responded by writing the Washington Post. I hope they print."*

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Black Men Excluded From NIH Study On STDs

Scott · 9 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I received this press release from the Men's Health America list, stating that a new study on sexually transmitted diseases sponsored by the NIH is excluding black males. Ed Bartlett is calling this "Tuskgee II," referring to the Tuskegee Syphilis Study which denied treatment for almost 400 black men. The list posting includes an address to write to and protest this racial and gender discrimination.

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Parker Provides New Info On "Butt Slapping" Boy

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Kathleen Parker's latest column in Jewish World Review is on the topic of the boy who is facing criminal charges for slapping a 13 year old girl's behind. Parker dug up some new facts which I found interesting: "*This time, everyone's a little bit wrong and a little bit right.*
What's wrong is the assumption that the offending boy is an
innocent...This is his second brush with a girl's behind and his fifth with the New Mexico DCYF...What's right about the case is appropriate concern that this boy could end up spending two years in juvenile detention for what amounts to aggressive bad manners and a history suggesting that he needs more help than punishment."

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Cathy Young Exposes Double Standards In The Courts

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An Anonymous Reader submitted this article by Cathy Young in today's Boston Globe. In it, Young discusses the recent Massachusetts court decision to expand the "battered woman syndrome" defense to allow victimized women to kill others (in this case her son) and get away with it. She gives examples of other cases where fathers are given harsher sentences for not stopping the abuse of their children by the mother, and also double standards in drug sentencing for accomplices based on whether the person is male or female.

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News On A Male Birth Control Pill

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I came upon this news and opinion article which explains various methods of male contraception that have been tried and are being tested. It also explains how the fear of lawsuits and other factors has lowered the size of the potential market for a men's pill in the short term. While it was written last April, it's still an informing read, so please take a look at it.

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The Dangers Of Being A Man (At Least, An Unmarried One)

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This article from the Australian Sydney Morning Herald talks about the wide discrepancy in causes of death between men and women in the 25 to 39 year old age category. The article seemed like a positive one if it weren't for the pervasive highlighting of the increased rates of death for *unmarried* men. While I know this information is true, the tone of the article almost suggests to me that the author may have certain intentions by writing it (i.e, to perpetuate the myth that men must have the "civilizing" influence of a wife to be healthy). Still, it has some useful statistics in it from Australia.

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Great Article On NIH Disparities In Gender Health Research

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Marc Angelucci wrote an article for UCLA's Daily Bruin on the topic of men's health and the amount of neglect the NIH has given it. It's an excellently written piece with *tons* of statistics. He even put a plug in for this web site. Thanks Marc!

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Montel Williams: A Public Ally Of Men?

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Bill Kuhl wrote in about his thoughts regarding Montel Williams and his talk show. Bill believes that Williams has generally been an open minded and supportive public figure for men's issues by the way he handles gender on his program. I'm not too familiar with talk shows personally, but I don't recall *ever* hearing about pro-male issues (including Choice for Men) being discussed on any other TV talk shows (with one or two rare exceptions). Perhaps his program is targeted to more male viewers, which is probably a significant difference from other talk shows. Click "Read More" below to check out Bill's thoughts, and feel free to express your own opinions in the comment board for this story. Montel Williams: Public Ally?

It's quite possible that the men's movement has a very reliable, consistent ally in Montel Williams of the "Montel Williams Show." As noted in Mensactivism.org a few days ago, Williams will feature the author of Abused Men: The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence Philip Cook in a couple of weeks. On today's telecast, January 9, the issue at hand was couples struggling over just what kinds of health treatments their children should or should not undergo. Early in the show a wife and mother debating with her husband over whether to immunize their daughter tried to bolster her point of view by stating, "Usually the mom makes the decisions on a lot of issues like that [that is, health decisions for the child]." Williams immediately countered with, "Woah! Woah! Let's not be so sexist around here! ..... maybe that's the way it has been but I think if 2 people create a child 2 people share a right to make all the decisions about that child ..."

Later, the show contained a segment on a couple debating over whether their 7-month old son should be circumcised. Kudos to Williams for helping bring this controversial procedure to light! The mother, the one opposed to circumcision in this case, referred to it as "barbaric" and "unnecessary." Both sides of the issue were brought out with a number of good points being made by a pair of authorities in attendance. I've consistently watched Williams' show for a few years now. He has done shows on, or that at least touch on, domestic violence by women, fathers' rights, the controversy over sexual harassment and false accusations against men by women. I can resolutely say

that Williams has a side of himself that is wholly devoted to the rights and concerns of men and boys - and he is not at all afraid to express this side. His show is a good vehicle for getting men's and boys' issues into the public spotlight. There are even some television markets that run his show twice in one day (the second time being in the wee hours of the morning). I encourage you to make local television affiliates that carry Williams' show aware of our appreciation to them.

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British CSA Told Teenager To Sue Her Father

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Recently a father from Britain lost a court case where he was forced to pay for his teenage daughter's tuition to attend one of the most expensive private schools in the country (the father was quite wealthy, and was paying for her to go to a cheaper private school, but did not want to pay more). It was recently discovered that the Child Support Agency recommended that Nicole, the daughter, sue her father for the money, rather than having her mother sue so she wouldn't have to pay legal expenses. The UK Sunday Times has the story here. This is probably the most direct and indefensible attack on the family I've ever seen by a government agency. I hope this stirs up some controversy in Britain, and gets some more talking going over here.

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14 YO Boy Speaks Out Against Court Bias; Starts Hunger Strike

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This is both incredible and disturbing...a 14 year-old, very articulate boy from Canada has created a web site about how divorce and the family court system harms children, including a letter he wrote to a Court Justice. He is also keeping an on-line diary of his hunger strike, which he started on January 1. If this is real, I'd imagine the local media must be covering the story. I'm in the process of getting in touch with the boy and will try to find. out. **Update:** This is legit, folks - the Calgary Herald had a front page story yesterday that can be read here.

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The Roles Of White Women In Slave Ownership

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Rand writes *"Here's a review of a book that shatters the myths and feminist propaganda that women did not play a role in slave ownership or were more compassionate to their slaves. Click here to read the review."* Honest research into this part of history will eventually force feminists to admit that women have been just as tyrannical and unjust as men through the times.

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International Journal Of Men's Health Coming

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This announcement from the Men's Health America list states that an international journal on the topic of men's health is being formed. "*The Men's Studies Press will launch a new multidisciplinary and multicultural academic journal in the winter of 2002 devoted to the subject of men's health. The International Journal of Men's Health will publish peer-reviewed papers addressing all aspects of men's health.*" There are editorial positions open for the journal, and contact information is provided in the announcement.

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Tech Companies Sued For Causing Cancer In "Clean Room" Workers

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The New York Law Journal is reporting that a group of employees at IBM who worked in a particular "clean room" and now have cancer are suing IBM and the manufacturers of several chemicals used in the clean room for damages. All of the men are under the age of 30, and two of their coworkers have already died of cancer. The article quotes the lawyer defending the men as saying, "*What makes [this case] unique is that this is the first time anyone has taken on the computer industry.*" For the sake of men's health and to decry the disposability of men working at dangerous jobs, be it in a coal mine or a "clean room" with toxic chemicals, I hope this suit succeeds and makes a statement (and they don't just take a settlement out of court).

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Police In Ohio Don't Have Much To Do, Either

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Tony Delgado directed me to this article from Excite News which is about a man who was convicted for domestic violence because he accidentally knocked off his wife's glasses while driving. His wife didn't want to press charges, but the police went ahead and did so anyway. He had to be pardoned by the Ohio governor to avoid being deported from the country. Tony writes *"The same reasons that immigration offices are trying to use to avoid deportation of women are now used to enforce deportation of men. This doesn't surprise me, but unfortunately it is yet one more example of how biased American society is becoming against men. Apparently police departments in our country must think that women are sacred and untouchable, not even touchable by mistake."*

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Gay Father Wins Custody Of Child From Surrogate Mother

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I discovered this New York Post story about a gay man who won custody of his son who was born though a surrogate mother. NY Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Diamond "*said her decision was mainly based on her belief that it's in the child's best interests to stay with his father, with whom he already lives. The mother was ordered to pay child support.*"

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Help Put Pressure On Group For False DV Portrayal

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I received a request from an anonymous reader to help question the Break-The-Cycle organization for presenting misleading information on domestic violence. His message is a bit long for the main index, so you can read it by clicking "Read More" below. It will only take a moment to send an e-mail to this organization asking for the sources of their statistics, and it would help to put pressure on them to change their extremely harmful portrayal of domestic violence. An Anonymous User writes *"I could really use a hand here. Break-The-Cycle is a very active domestic violence group that speaks at high schools. They recently had a panel discussion in which they claimed "95% of reported DV cases are women." Dr. David Fontes of SAFE shows that this figure is 15 years old and no a longer accurate figure even based on "reported" cases, which now show men make between 15 and 35% of victims (Download the "Violent Touch" document at this link) while survey data shows men make 50% of victims (click here). At the Break-The-Cycle website, they use 'he' for batterers and 'she' for victims. Then they give a disclaimer that says: "*Throughout this web site, we refer to victims as 'she' and abusers as 'he' because that is the reality of most relationship violence. However, boys and men can be victims, and girls and women can be abusers; and domestic violence does occur in same-sex relationships. The above information applies equally in those cases.*" This disclaimer doesn't alleviate the harm done by using gender-exclusive language and lying about the statistics, which is only used to justify the lack of attention to battered men and the failure to reach out to them. So I called and asked politely for their source on the 95% figure and referred them to Dr. Fontes' analysis. They said they'd get back to me with the source for the 95%. That was months ago, and they're ignoring me. I believe it's because the source is 15 years old. Can a few people PLEASE send them a quick e-mail at Info@break-the-cycle.org and ask them the source, along with your comments? Thanks."*

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Columnist Retracts Support From Father Of Hunger Striking Boy

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Licia Corbella of the Calgary Sun was covering the story about Clayton Giles, the 14 year old boy who is on a hunger strike to protest the mistreatment of children in family court and his own custody ruling that kept him from his father. She wrote an article stating that upon review of the court documents in the Giles' case, she was appalled at the vindictive behavior of Clayton's father, and regrets writing in support of him. You can read her article here (sorry, as of 1/14 the link is now outdated). Clayton wrote an e-mail response to Ms. Corbella which can be read from his diary entry. This is obviously an extremely controversial case.

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NIH Changes Position On Health Research Discrepancies

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In a major victory, Ed Bartlett from Men's Health America is reporting that the National Institutes of Health have modified their position on the "gender heath research gap." From the article: "*According to William Harlan, MD, NIH Associate Director for Disease Prevention, 'Women have been included with overall equivalency in most observational epidemiological studies when the conditions commonly affect both genders.'...[the] statements came in response to the recent report, 'Were Women Excluded from Medical Research?' by Men's Health America.*"

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Fifty Australian Men Sue Government For Not Paying For Male HRT

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The Sydney Morning Herald carried this story today, reporting that a class action lawsuit of fifty men are suing the federal government for sex discrimination because testosterone hormone replacement therapy is not covered by the state (as it is for women's HRT). The case may bring attention to the issue of "male menopause," an often neglected men's health problem.

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Male Health Problems Prompt Little Sympathy

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And here's a perfect example - this story from DrKoop.com talks about the various health risks and developmental issues that boys have, and essentially ridicules them in a condescending tone: "*So much for the macho male...New research...says guys are -- brace yourself -- 'fragile.'*" The author then goes on to talk about how boys shouldn't be treated so callously and roughly when young. Apparently it's ok to shame and patronize them, though.

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Martin Luther King Remembered

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I was looking around on the web for something to post here about Martin Luther King, Jr, but found a short e-mail by Ed Bartlett to be very appropriate. It's a quote from Dr. King, and reads, "*If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live.*" - MLK Speech in Detroit, June 23, 1963. I believe the men's movement as a movement can learn a lot from the civil rights movement. Here is a web site at Stanford devoted to the original writings of Dr. King.

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Equal Parenting Hunger Strike In UK

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Richard writes "*I am passing on a special request from Len Miskulin. He asks that as many people as possible go to this website and submit a letter of support for him. He needs as many letters as he can get as quickly as possible. Please take a couple of minutes to do that. It's important for him and all non-custodial parents.*" Len has been striking for a month now, and has stated that he is willing to die. You can find out more info on this site. Please take a moment and show your support of Len.

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Problems Plague Child Support Office

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An article from the Topeka Capital Journal is about the headaches and problems the child support office has caused, not only for non-custodial parents, but also for the CPs and children. Over 2,400 people did not receive child support checks in the month of October from the Kansas payment center. We have reported on other major issues stemming from paperwork and computer problems at child support agencies, and from this article more than one woman quoted in it has become so fed up that they have stopped using the agency.

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Save The Males Web Site

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Henry Makow wrote in to tell me about his new web site, which has a neat multimedia introduction to the issue of men and the anti-male climate at the University of Winnipeg. Henry was formerly a professor of English at UW until he was ousted from the school because he was seen as anti-feminist. You can read his story here. I will be posting a review of his book on this site by the end of the week.

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Erin Pizzey Puts Feminists On The Defensive

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There was an interesting article from The Scotsman on the topic of domestic violence and Erin Pizzey. Pizzey was one of the first people to open battered women's shelters in the UK, and is an equity feminist as evidenced by her frequent criticisms of feminists who support the anti-male portrayal of domestic violence as one-sided. Apparently she has ruffled quite a few feathers, and this article sounds almost apologetic when discussing modern feminism. One thing is for certain - with more and more people challenging false information about domestic violence, radical feminists will be forced to go on the defensive in the near future.

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Clayton Giles Update

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Clayton Giles, the fourteen year-old boy who is hunger striking to get his mother to sign over custody to his father, has moved his web site to a new server. Click here to read his frequent on-line diary entries. At this time his mother has still not given in, and he is still going without food.

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Letter Writing Campaign For Len Miskulin

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Backlash.com is sponsoring a letter writing campaign to help raise awareness of Len Miskulin's hunger strike, and to help ensure that the media and courts have little room to escape accountability for ignoring his situation. Even if you're from the U.S. or Canada, your letters can go a long way to help this cause.

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Restoring Respect To Boyhood

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The London Free Press had an opinion article on the topic of boys being taught that masculinity is toxic at school. The author frequently quotes Christina Hoff-Sommers' latest book The War Against Boys, and insists that we need to start treating boys with more respect and to understand the different conditions under which boys thrive on in school.

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Must Women's Gain Be Men's Loss?

Adam · 18 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

There's an interesting article by Maureen Freely about replacing the women's unit with a "gender equity unit" in the UK, while looking at one of the major men's issues, namely the lack of parental rights. While she does believe a few feminist myths, (i.e, men had all the power while women were the second sex, etc.) she does seem sincere about making men equal in the article, which you may read by clicking here.

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Wage Gap Article In Kiplinger's Magazine

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There was a concise but relevant article in the February 2001 issue of Kiplinger's Personal Finance. "*After narrowing throughout the 1980s, the so-called gender wage gap actually widened a bit in the '90s, with women earning only about 75 cents for every dollar that men make. But that doesn't mean that wage discrimination is rampant, or that it even explains why the gap exists.*"

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Obtaining Your Child's School Records And Grades

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Dadsdivorce Magazine has some useful information for fathers who are being blocked from accessing their child's public school records. You can read the guidelines for obtaining legal access to them here. Your rights are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

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Title IX Is A No-Win Numbers Game

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The Washington Post had an article on Title IX recently, and the ways it has negatively impacted both male and female athletes. "*At JMU and on other campuses, students and faculty alike have a seemingly genuine desire for fairness. But no one questions the twin logical fallacies that underlie the current implementation of Title IX: that the failure of women to participate in sports at the same rate as men means that something is 'wrong,' and that achieving proportionality means everything is 'right.'*"

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UK Government Abandons No-Fault Divorce

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In a controversial move, the British Government has eliminated the law allowing no-fault divorces. "*the Government said it was not convinced* "that removing fault grounds will substantially influence the way parties conduct themselves throughout the divorce process". *A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department added:* "The reduction of acrimony and the adoption of a more conciliatory approach to divorce may require a cultural change beyond the realms of legislation." You can read the UK Independent story at this link.

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Men As "The Weaker Sex"

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Tony Delgado submitted this article from MSNBC on the facts about male vulnerability to health risks. Tony writes "*What I don't like about this article is the obviously insulting tone that the journalist Linda Carrol uses in the introduction part of the article. It is the typical anti-male, pseudo-journalism than the media is so happy to publish these days. I think this article deserves complaints on the MSNBC message board.*" Linda's e-mail is lcarrolljag@mindspring.com. I think Tony is using a lot of restraint in his description; I found the entire article to be one of the most condescending articles about men I've ever read.

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Clayton Giles Ends Hunger Strike

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Clayton Giles has ended his hunger strike today at 1 PM. You can read his press release here. He also announced that he will be walking and bicycling his way from Calgary, Canada to Washington, D.C, along the way gathering stories and signatures from children who want the family courts to change the ways they treat children as property, and to support joint custody. He plans to meet with the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the U.S. If you can donate any time or resources to his efforts, contact information is given in his press release.

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Stolen Sperm!

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An Anonymous User writes "*This tennis player claims that his sperm was stolen. Of course the journalist treats this as a joke. Imagine if a woman was complaining that she was impregnated against her will - would the journalist treat it as a joke too?*" Click here for the story from the Sydney Morning Herald. According to Becker, the woman impregnated herself after having oral sex with him. This could raise some male reproductive rights issues as well - we'll see.

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Steve Blake No Longer Hunger Striking

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Earlier we had reported on the illegal imprisonment of Steve Blake, the president of the Minnesota chapter of R-KIDS. He had begun a hunger strike on December 23. I just received an e-mail from Scott Booth, who has informed me that Steve is no longer on a hunger strike, but he is still in jail, and they are working on getting him out. Scott told me that if there is anything else that can be done, I will be notified. Keep an eye on this site for further details.

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Battered Men Cry For Help

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An Anonymous Reader sent in this link to a superb opinion article by Raymond Saulnier. Saulnier works with a battered men's help line in Maine and wrote an article on the unaddressed problem of battered men, and how almost no one is talking about the recent Jonesboro murder in terms of domestic violence. From the article: "*If a battered man approaches a battered women's agency for emergency housing, he will be referred to a homeless shelter...Advocates for male victims are few and far between. This mirrors the plight of the battered women a generation ago.*"

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Activism Project: Get More Men's Studies Books On The Shelves At Foyles

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Adam has organized a new activism project, especially for those from the UK. The largest bookstore in Britain is called Foyles and it has only two shelves of men's studies books compared to the 25-40 shelves devoted to women's studies, and that's including "lesbian studies" and subtopics of women's issues. So I'd like to start a campaign to enlarge the men's section to the same size. That means trying to convince the store to carry every major men's studies book that exists. Check out our Activism Projects page for a suggested letter format and info on how to participate.

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Dads And Daughters

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Jim Gard writes *"My divorce has been extremely bitter costing thousands of dollars, great amounts of time from work, and constant attempts of alienation on the mother's part. The bottom line is, enjoy your kids and stay neutral concerning any Mom comments. Your children will appreciate it. For all of the Dads who need something different to do with their daughters during an extended vacation, please visit my web site at this link. My two daughters, ages 10 and 4 and I traveled the nation by train. We did the same over Christmas, this time heading up the east coast."* Thanks for the submission, Jim - I enjoy posting information such as this which is definitely of interest to fathers. I'm sure young boys would also enjoy trips like this as well.

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ZDNET: Wage Gap In IT Widens As Experience Increases

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ZDNET printed this story about the wage gap in the Information Technology (IT) field. According to the article, women's salaries equal men's when they first enter the industry, but as men and women gain experience, the wage gap widens. But the author indicates the fallacies of the study, saying "*It is impossible to say why male techies earn more than their female counterparts as both groups gain experience; statisticians did not inquire about the potential salary drag of extended maternity leaves, salary negotiating skills, job tenure or alternative compensation such as stock options.*"

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UK Police To Keep DNA Samples Of Innocents

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In some very disturbing news, police in Britain have been given permission to keep DNA samples and fingerprints of people involved in crime investigations and who were not convicted. Previously, the samples had to be destroyed if the person was innocent. IHF (now AngryHarry) submitted this UK telegraph article. The systematic collection of DNA samples from the population will undoubtedly change the way law enforcement is done, and this is one step closer to a police state where authorities can know with certainty if you've been somewhere or touched something.

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Interview Transcript On "Male Menopause"

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ABCNews posted a transcript of an interview/chat session with Jed Diamond, who has written on the topic of midlife changes in men, sometimes referred to as "male menopause." The Men's Health Network is mentioned in the interview, and it's an interesting discussion on the physical and psychological changes that men go through in middle age.

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The Idea Of "Ecomasculism" - Part One

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I received a feature submission from Claude Saint-Jarre, a Canadian environmentalist and father, who wrote an in-depth essay on the idea of "ecomasculism." Since his paper is quite long, I've divided it up into two sections. Click "Read More" below to read part one, and I hope to post part two on this site in a few weeks. Claude has a tremendous wealth of knowledge about ecology and I'm sure would welcome any questions or feedback from readers. He's also been working to create fatherhood groups based on ecoliteracy, and so if this idea interests you, please drop him a line.

The Idea of Ecomasculism

Following my reply to the Mensactivism.org article Standing While Urinating Represents Contempt For Women, Scott Garman asked me if I would like to write an essay on ecomasculism. Using urinals is ecologically correct; it does not use much water, which is important in these times of clean water scarcity. Thus it would be consistent for ecomasculists (as a counterpart to "ecofeminists") to argue that the use of urinals is best from a standpoint of ecology.

I have many things to say. Here they are in a nutshell:

- Ecomasculism is not a currently widespread concept.
- Many men are in favor of a cultural transformation which would effect the ecology in positive ways.
- Many men are ecologists.
- Very few men are masculists *and* ecologists.
- And even for those who are both masculists and ecologists, they do not tend to identify themselves as ecomasculists.
- Also, the Earth has no rights in the Constitution, says Thomas Berry, who thinks we are autistics toward the environment.

My present writing is, of course, a subjective point of view in this virgin territory. My native language is French, and Scott and I worked to translate this essay into readable English. There may be still be a few rough spots here and there, but please feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions about the essay or my views: stjc@info-internet.net.

First of all, why I am an ecologist?

Both of my parents were raised on a farm. My mother enjoys observing trees and recycles. My father lives in awe before nature; he likes spring water, cows, crows, music. Without forests, there would be no clean air, no natural music, etc.

I was raised in Abitibi, north of Montréal, which is an area as big as France, colonized only a hundred years ago. It was then only forest and lakes. Today, there are almost no forests left. Minamata disease, a form of methyl mercury poisoning in humans caused by eating large quantities of fish from polluted waters, occurs here as in Japan, and gold mines have caused deterioratation to the surroundings. There were even atomic bombs hidden in our local military/civilian airport that I was aware of when I was young, and I had always feared what kind of accidents could occur with this kind of weaponry.

In my youth, I studied social work, but in the turbulent 70's, during the anti-Vietnam War demonstrations, I quit before finishing my bachelor's degree following a student strike in order to obtain democracy at my University. We did a strike for four months - which we named le departement parallele de service social - to pressure the

University to use democratic forms of collective management and self or co-evaluation of exams. The University became impatient and said that if we did not want to use the old systems, then we would not get our bachelor's degrees. Twenty-four of us quit in protest, choosing to remain true to the teachings of Carl Rogers, Paulo Freire, Ivan Illich, and Henri Laboritt.

Then, I traveled. Traveling is a good way to open the mind. I did yoga and meditation, changed my eating habits, quit smoking, reduced the use of white sugar, and studied forestry. But I was deceived because this kind of forestry was far removed from what we think of today as "ecoforestry." I was then living in a small cottage, near a lake, a forest, electric lines, and a railroad. It was a place between the old and the new. Again I left forestry, sad to only be cutting down trees. During this time, I read a book by the French Alain Bombard, who described his crossing of the Atlantic, alone in a small rowboat. He said he was surprised by the amount of pollution he saw. I knew that seaweeds create oxygen as the forest does. And I thought that if the water is polluted, seaweeds probably have difficulty creating oxygen. I wrote to him and he answered that according to NASA, there is a deficit in oxygen creation by the plankton and forests. I was surprised that my intuition was right and that gave me confidence to study ecology further.

Later I studied cooking organic foods and finally, twelve years later, got my masters degree in social work. My thesis was: Ecological and Systemic Social Work for Sustainable Development During The Communications Era, and then I discovered I could find no paying job in the field! Social work is often done on a volunteer basis in these post-Reagan days. I am now working as a clerk in a municipality office, and FATHERING!

So that is my background, and how I became interested in ecology...

Ecofeminism

Let's begin first with ecofeminism. This movement was started in 1978 by Françoise d'Eaubonne with her book Eco-Feminisme. Some say that modern ecology began with the great work of Rachel Carson with her book The Silent Spring, which documented the harmful effects of DDT (an insecticide) on animal life and humans.

Ecofeminists often link the domination of women and of nature to patriarchy. We will see that Andrew Kimbrell has a different view in his book The Masculine Mystique.

The medical doctor Helen Caldicott is certainly a sort of ecofeminist with her critique of nuclear armaments, which she names "macrobes," contributing to the "omnicid" suicide of humanity.

Theodora Colborn has written a very important book: Our Stolen Future, where she documents the effects of small quantities of toxic chemicals - endocrine disruptive - elements, that are responsible, among others, of lowering sperm counts in men. (http://www.canoe.ca/JamBooksReviewsO/ourstolen_colborn.html and http://www.mojones.com/mother_jones/MA98/snell.html)

By the way, "ecological design" is the alternative to this trend. We will see that many men are contributing to this science.

Another very important author is Rosalie Bertell, who won the Alternative Nobel Prize, for her book, No Immediate Danger? where she explains the dangers of low-level radiation. There are at least 20 million victims who have been harmed by the nuclear age, she says.

I must also mention the fantastic work of the scientist Mae-Wan Ho who is criticizing with lucidity and courage the practice of genetic engineering by a cartel of corporations and governments: http://www.i-sis.org

Ecomasculinism

And now, onto the men, or those who have an explicitly supportive outlook on men.

To me, Buckminster Fuller is the grandfather of the future. He saw that science and technology could be used in positive ways for the benefit of all. He cultivated a well rounded, comprehensive mind and conscience. He showed that we can go beyond the Malthusian paradigm and concomitant social darwinism. Thomas Malthus, in 1800, was a professor of Political Economics at the East India Company College. He observed that the population was expanding at a geometrical rate but that the food supply was only available at a linear rate. He then concluded that there will never be enough food for everyone.

In fact, today, there is more than enough food for everyone; it is just not well distributed, people do not have enough money to buy it and a percentage is lost due to lack of refrigeration or electricity in some parts of the world. Malthus did not foresee progress in our capacity to do more with less materials and energy, as Fuller has demonstrated 100 years later.

Meanwhile, Darwin did the same in the Malthusian scarcity context, saying that only the strongest survive. Present day global economic trends exclude a good half of humanity from living a decent life by believing in scarcity and the struggle for life. This is called social darwinism.

Fuller rejected social darwinism, and said that we can create a "success of humanity" by implementing a ten year plan during which we could convert the military industry to civilian use, ecologically and peacefully, and offer a good quality of life to everyone. He is the first person to have theoretically demonstrated this. I felt good and relieved from a kind of sadness by reading his books. But we still have to change.

Fuller criticized our science. He preferred the geometry of triangles and tetraheadrons to squares and cubes. That lead him to investigate geodesic domes. He designed domes that could house poor people, were energy efficient, and could grow food and recycle wastes. He was inspired by the atomic structure, in which he said there is no true parallel or perpendicular, but only geodesic curves. This is explained in his book Synergetics, Explorations in the Geometry of Thinking.

Fuller got often angry to see that the plumbing on the land is 5000 years behind of the plumbing on ships and air ships. He did not agree with, in a round world, perpendiculars, parallels, squares and cubes. That's why he studied synergy. He thought we are not being honest when we say "up" or "down," because we have known for 500 years that the sun does not rise and sleep.

The Buckminster Fuller Institute: http://www.bfi.org

One student of Buckminster Fuller recommends this site: http://www.cyberus.ca/choose.sustain

Fuller's spiritual sons are "ecological designers." I know Amory Lovins, author of The Soft Energy Path and Natural Capitalism, which can be read free on-line at http://www.rmi.org. James Baldwin wrote On Buckminster Fuller. There is also John Todd. He wrote From Ecocities to Living Machines. He also says that it is possible to create a post-industrial society without violating fundamental ecological integrity. His *Living Machines* are examples of living solutions proven as multi-functional, non-chemical waste treatment technologies. They are whole systems to treat wastewater. They are solar powered, accelerated versions of the water treatment facilities found in mature natural systems, incorporating helpful microbes, plants, snails and fish in diverse, self-organizing and responsive communities.

Here are some site specific biological solutions that transform waste streams into resources: http://www.oceanarks.org

I recently read a very interesting article by Ty Cashman on converting our economy to a hydrogen economy. Cashman offers a vision to the youth who knows what it is against but not what it is "for."

Cashman , past coordinator for wind energy for Governor Jerry Brown, writes: "*Currently, the biggest stumbling block to switching to a hydrogen economy (which would prevent 80% of the pollution), is the fact that the general public doesn't know what it is.... We do not have to crash and burn. Having bootstrapped this extraordinary civilization with fossil fuels, we can now instead ease ourselves back into the mainstream of nature with our new understanding and abilities intact. The hydrogen economy will allow us to come home again.*"

The article has only been published in the *Annals of the Earth* journal and is not on the web. If you want to read it, please e-mail me at stjc@info-internet.net and I can send you a copy.

The oncologist Karl-Henrik Robert has also innovated tremendously. He was tired of conceptual fights about the environment and looked for common ground. He prepared a scientific text which he proposed to fifty scientists in Sweden and rewrote it 21 times until they were all satisfied. This consensus was named *The Natural Step*. It consists of four basic scientific principles and four conditions to satisfy in order to do define sustainable development. The paper is in this sense, a compass. The fourth condition he wrote of pleases me, as a social worker:

"There must be fair and efficient use of resources with respect to meeting human needs."

http://www.naturalstep.org

The "green architect" William McDounough also stands apart with his dedication and ingenuity with regard to sustainability. He designed a textile industry that has zero waste. To succeed in doing this, he and a chemist friend analyzed the 8,000 materials used in this industry to find the non-toxic ones. They found only 37 that were safe. Sweaters are now made with these materials and, as a surprising result, the water coming out of the plant is cleaner than the water coming in! So a formerly dangerous production process is now itself a cleaning process!

http://www.radicalmiddle.com/x_hawk_lovins.htm

Suren Erkman is a journalist who has written a good book on industrial ecology. The aim of industrial ecology is to contribute to create a good quality of life, with 90% less materials and energy. Here are some interesting links on the topic:

http://mitpress.mit.edu/JIE

http://www.indecology.org

http://www.smu.ntnu.no

http://www.indigodev.com

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Other Important Men Involved In Ecology

1. Fritjof Capra: he is a physicist who wrote three outstanding books that articulate the ecological philosophy: The Turning Point, The Web of Life, and The Tao of Physics. He also wrote a more political one on "green politics" where he gave considerable space to feminist philosophy. But here is a good article by Capra: http://www.sdearthtimes.com/et0195/et0195s1.html.

2. David Orr: Orr is involved with Capra in ecoliteracy. They articulate it around the "theory of living systems," which presents these core concepts: networks, nested systems, cycles, flow, development, dynamic balance. Some links are:

   http://environmental.jrn.msu.edu/Orr.htm

   http://www.ecoliteracy.org

3. Linus Pauling: this man won *two* Nobel Prizes: one in Peace, and one in Medicine. For Peace, he succeeded to almost completely stop nuclear testings, with a group of international scientists he formed. In Medicine, for his work on vitamin C. He also developed new fields in medicine: orthomolecular medicine and orthomolecular psychiatry. These have led the way to the development of clinical ecology. Pauling has shown the importance of proper nutrition. Improper nutrition can lead to mental illness, including violence. So he suggests in a way that violence is not a gender issue.

4. Seymour Melman: Melman is an industrial engineer who is a leader in the conversion of the military industry to civilian use. I read and enjoyed his book Pentagon Capitalism. Gorbachev said the military pollute a great deal and founded the Green Cross to combat this problem. Fritjof Capra said of Gorbachev in a lecture near Montreal in 1986 that he is the first politician to apply the ecological paradigm.

5. David Shank is not an ecologist per se, but his critique of the way economic powers use computers and shows that it is often anti-ecological. He also advocates a reactionary return to nature.

6. In 1992, 160 Nobel Prize laureates (mostly men, but thanks also to the women who signed it), published a Warning to Humanity, about the dangerous level of destruction of the environment and what we should do about it. (1,700 scientists signed)

   http://www.deoxy.org/sciwarn.htm

7. John Hamaker stands out and is not listened to. In his book The Survival of Civilization, he hypothesizes that instead of global warming, we could enter another ice age, due to our excess petrol use and deforestation which prevents forests from absorbing excess carbon dioxide. To correct this, he proposes a massive remineralization program of forests and agricultural soils with fine rock dust in addition to reforestation and a rapid transition to a solar-powered age. I believe his ideas have not entered the mainstream media because they are owned by the petrol/nuclear/agro/pharmaco conglomerates that would suffer financially (at least in the short term, but not in the long term!). Buckminster Fuller endorsed this book.

8. The physicist Sid Liebes has worked on a volunteer basis for 12 years to create an exhibit that would depict the Story of Universe. Finally, he was helped by his employer, Hewlett-Packard, to realize it. Its purpose is twofold: to convey a sense of wonder about the creation of life on Earth, and give us a sense of responsibility in taking care of our environment. There have been five massive extinctions of life on earth so far and each took 30 million years to replenish biodiversity, and we as a species are creating a sixth one. See the book A Walk Through Time or this web site: http://www.globalcommunity.org

9. In the same endeavor, a cosmologist, Brian Swimme, and a theologian, Thomas Berry, have written a beautiful Story of Universe, which ends with their advice that it is time now to create a new era: the ecozoic era that would be *biocentric* instead of anthropocentric, that would use biocentric technologies inspired by nature. To them, ecology is applied cosmology.

10. Matthew Fox is never far from Thomas Berry. He invented *Creation Spirituality*, which dwells on ancient spiritual saints such as Hildegarde de Bingen or Master Eckard. His book Original Blessing is indeed very de-culpabilizing. And that's good for men! To him, the creation of the universe is always continuing and we need to

reawaken our spirits to our sacred role. In his book The Reinvention of Work, Fox explains the new ecological paradigm (the Universe as an organism, not a machine), and shows how to become less materialistic and adopt an organic world view which springs from the inner hidden seed of mystery and creativity. *We must become truly critical of the systems that keep so many of us out of touch with justice and economic fairness.* If more people listened to him, it would help support spiritual and meaningful roles for men. See http://www.universalmind.com/matfox.htm for more info on this.

11. Edgar Mitchell is an ancient astronaut who attained "instant enlightenment" by looking at the Earth from space, as he was stupefied by its beauty. He founded the Institute of Noetic Sciences to study consciousness, and you can look at Online Noetic Network. In an interview he said this:

    "*I think the next evolutionary step is learning to use the brain mass in a much more holistic way - to achieve greater coherence between the right and the left hemispheres. Now, meditation does that. I mean that's one of the ancient techniques for achieving greater coherence. We also understand that when we learn to utilize the logical, rational functions of the left brain, and the intuitive, creative functions of the right brain in a more coherent fashion, that the rate of learning and the rate of capability goes up an order of magnitude.*"

    And he was asked: what is our more distant potential?

    "*The further we get out into the future, the less our predictions are valid. I think the immediate hurdle here is to become sufficiently aware of ourselves and our impact on the environment to create a sustainable civilization. It's not apparent that we're quite ready to do that yet. We're simply so ego concerned and we have our socio-political, economic structures based upon our Cartesian and Newtonian ideas. And it is falling apart. The infrastructure of that world view is not valid, and we're running out of its limits of validity, much to our peril - unless we shift our thinking and our understanding of what's happening. We're likely to have some rather difficult times ahead of us.*"

12. James Hillman continues: "*I think we are on the Titanic - we are in a system that is itself pathological and dysfunctional. The effect of psychotherapy's underlying assumptions is to help the individual cope by focusing his energies inward and, in effect, anesthetizing the passions and discontent which could otherwise be directed at the problems of the world. We must develop a therapy of the soul itself.*" This comes from his book: We've had a Hundred Years of Psychotherapy - And the World's Getting Worse.

    Concerning men and especially fathering, Hillman, the "archetypal psychologist" has this to add and I don't want you to miss it: "*Even if the father puts everything he has into the child, the child is still left facing a world which will not receive the soul. That's the big job. So fathers have a very important job in addition to keeping a roof over the heads of their sons. They also have to correct the culture. And that's a very hard one. But that's the calling, I think that every man has.*"

    More at: http://www.vix.com/menmag/hillmaiv.htm

The next part of this document will delve in detail into the works and philosophies of some of these great ecological thinkers and others including Andrew Kimbrell and Warren Farrell. Please check this site in a few weeks for the next installment!

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The Feminization Of British Universities

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Not PC submitted some excerpts from the article, How exams are fixed in favour of girls from The Spectator: "*Girls are doing better than boys in exams, but that does not mean that they are brighter, says Madsen Pirie. What has happened is that exams have been feminised - and so has the country...Only five years ago, men gained 1,800 more first-class honours degrees than women. The number of women with firsts has trebled in a decade, with women now leading the field in 12 of the 17 subject areas, including medicine, law and business. Partly, they gain more of the firsts because there are more of them. They make up 55 per cent of the university population, and gain more of all qualifications. There is, nonetheless, a clear trend running through education...Ultimately, we have to ask ourselves what sort of society we are producing if we feminise the entry qualification into its leadership positions. Will it still produce penicillin and hovercraft? Or will it just produce civil servants?*"

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Changing Divorce's Impact On Children

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I received an anonymous submission to this story reported by CBSNews. It is about trying to prevent the negative impact of divorce on children, and the way that seems to be having the best effect is the assumption of joint custody. In fact, in states such as West Virginia which have laws making joint custody the default ruling in divorce settlements, both the rate of divorce and the rate of "deadbeat dads" is dropping significantly. Not to mention the positive benefits of maintaining children's contact with their fathers.

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Is Bias Against Men In Family Court Common Knowledge?

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In this example, we can conclude with a resounding **YES**. In an "Ask Our Experts Column" from the femail web site, expert Sandra Davis gives this advice to a woman concerned about losing her children if she divorces her husband: "*You will not lose your children by moving out. A court would be sympathetic to your reasons for leaving. Its view is 'mother is best' and your husband would have a hard job convincing them otherwise.*" While the reasons this woman wants to leave her marriage are valid, the response clearly indicates that despite the circumstances, it is widely believed that courts are biased in favor of mothers. I just thought this would be a useful reference as a "sign of the times." Source: femail web site/magazine

URL: http://www.femail.co.uk/pages/askourexperts/probadvice.html?in_article_id=11028&in_page_id=473&in_expert_id=122

Author: Sandra Davis

Date: Unknown (Undated?)

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UK Courts Turn To Silencing Len Miskulin

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Len Miskulin, who has been hunger striking for over a month to protest the family court system that has barred him from seeing his children, has apparently had another major stumbling block to his cause. I have been unable to confirm the source of a press release that is circulating by e-mail, but it states that a media gag order has been issued by a British court, forbidding the use of Len's name or personal information in reports on his hunger strike. Effectively, it is undermining the media's ability to report on his case or to exercise free speech. This makes his cause all the more urgent - please visit Len's web site for updates or info on what's going on. Keywords: Len Miskulin, hunger strike, child custody, divorce

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Refuting Myths About Fathers

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This letter to the editor of the Oklahoman is great to see - the writer doing a point-by-point refutation of many myths about fathers, including "Fathers abandon families," "Dads don't want custody," and "Dads do not pay child support," among others. I like to see people speaking out in their local media on this - we need to encourage it as much as possible. Source: The Oklahoman [newspaper]

URL: http://www.oklahoman.com/cgi-bin/show_article?ID=626300&pic=none&TP=getarticle

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Myths About Youth Violence

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Ed Bartlett from the Men's Health America list submitted this report from the Surgeon General on Youth Violence. As we know, youth violence generally means male youth violence, but this report successfully addressed this issue without stereotyping boys or stigmatizing them. It includes a list of myths about youth violence that I'd like everyone to read. Despite the way the media portrays it, we are not on the verge of an explosion of school violence - so let's calm the hysteria before young boys are systematically monitored for "potential" violent tendencies (but give treatment to those who have been violent). Source: Office of the U.S. Surgeon General

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Are Women Better Leaders?

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Are whites better leaders? Are straight men more efficient than gay men? Are these kinds of questions similar? U.S. News magazine had an aritcle on the superiority of female leaders. Much of it has to do with the stereotype that women are more "holistic" and "web thinkers" than men, which like many stereotypes can contain a grain of truth but should not be reinforced due to the potential misuse of the stereotype - such as in making sweeping generalizations about the superority of one gender, race, etc. over another. The article is a perfect example of this.

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Woman Who Shot And Almost Killed Husband Is Now Suing For Support

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The Star from Canada is reporting that a woman who served *two years* in prison for shooting and almost killing her husband is now trying to sue him for alimony. "*That she shot her husband in the face may be a moot point when determining support, since Canada's Divorce Act is 'no fault' and does not take prior conduct into consideration. Nor is there any statute of limitations for filing a claim.*" Her ex-husband is quoted as saying, "*All I want her to do is back off, leave me alone. I still get headaches. I still have a bullet in the back of my spine.*"Source: The Star [Toronto, Canada newspaper]

Title: Victim is sued for support

Author: Martin Patriquin

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Man's Lawsuit Over Paternity Fraud Allowed To Go To UK Court

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In encouraging news for Choice for Men supporters in the UK and abroad, a British judge ruled that a man may sue his ex-wife for paternity fraud and attempt to collect damages for raising a child who is not his own. The ruling "*was welcomed as a caution to women tempted to hoodwink lovers into accepting responsibility for another man's child.*" You can read the story from the UK Telegraph at this link.Source: The Telegraph [UK newspaper]

Title: Man can sue lover over son 'deception'

Author: Maurice Weaver

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Men's Health Programs Lag By A 5:1 Margin At DHHS

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This Report to Congress from Men's Health America analyzes the data and concludes that men's health is being neglected at a rate of **five times** women's health in terms of funding and programs. "*The first-ever survey of men's health programs in the*
federal government has revealed that men's health trails women's health by a 5:1 margin. According to the Report to Congress: Men's Health Lags by a 5:1 Margin at DHHS, which was released today, the budget for men's health programs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services totaled $963.6 million, compared to $5 billion for women's health."
Source: Report to Congress: Men's Health Lags by a 5:1 Margin at DHHS

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Fathers And Families Outline Their Vision

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Joe Dunbar recently attended an important meeting of the Fathers and Families organization, led by Ned Holstein. A description of their plans, both in philosophy and in specific goals are readable by clicking "Read More" below. Especially noteworthy is their formation of a Father's Legal Defense Fund. FAF and Ned have demonstrated a lot of initiative and an ability to work with other father's rights groups in a very synergistic manner, and I think we can expect to see much more from this group. FAF meeting summary, Wed., January 24, 2001 in Woburn, MA

Ned Holstein's Fathers and Families meeting was well planned and very encouraging as he shared their new 2001 plan for open discussion. It was exciting to hear most comments that went both ways as everyone tried to maximize the impact this fund raising and strategic plan had to combat fatherlessness. Ned was superb in promoting their New Vision: A Father for Every Child. They started by emphasizing the importance of a short summarizing Mission statement, and challenged us to improve on the following after many good views showed just how hard it was:

Fathers and Families combats fatherlessness by advocating for the child-father bond. We seek equal parenting rights and responsibilities for divorced or never-married fathers and mothers.

The vision was shaped as they addressed The Problem: Fatherless Children. ``Half of all American children are growing up without a father because their parents are divorced or never-married''

The plans and problem were serious, and their need to employ a more professional approach instead of relying strictly on volunteers was apparent. Their focused with Five Tools for Social Change: 1) Fathers Legal Defense Fund, 2) Lobbying Presence, 3) Public Relations, 4) Research Arm, 5) Member Services: attorney referrals, newsletter, website, etc. And determined: Fathers and Families is the only fatherhood organization with a comprehensive strategy to fight fatherlessness by promoting shared parenting, eliminating gender bias from family policy, and securing equal rights for all parents.

Everyone got their say as Ned eagerly sought out our suggestions, and graciously shared their reasoning from the professional staff that had worked at this plan over the last six months. Actually Ned's been at it for several

years as he recited his beginnings in CPF. He welcomed their eager participation to join in helping as Town Captains to organize calls and a letter writing campaign for the four legislative bills FaF recently introduced. It was the best Fathers meeting I've been to, and certainly not the last as I was eager to sign on as a Town Captain and anxious to hear more. I'd imagine their web site will be back soon, showing the polished plan that many will want to promote. I'm curious on other's take on this and what we can do to further support Fathers and Families.

Great job Ned!

-- Joe Dunbar, joewdunbar@hotmail.com

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Commentary On Alexander v. Alexander In National Post

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The National Post had an editorial piece by a woman who aptly uses the example of Alexander v. Alexander - the case where a woman who shot her husband is now seeking support money - to demonstrate the double standards of the Divorce Act and the problems of government regulating people's personal lives and private matters. It's time to end these laws that can require a man to pay his ex-wife after she cheated on him, abused him, or even tried to kill him. Source: National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Blame it on the Divorce Act

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Montel Williams Episode On DV Reviewed

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Bill Kuhl sent in another good analysis of Montel Williams and his talk show, which may be one of the most far-reaching venues for "men's issues" that currently exists and is (at least in a lukewarm sense) voicing our concerns. Click "Read More" below for Bill's comments. And thanks to everyone who has been submitting editorials recently - I want Mensactivism.org to be a voice of the people who are participating in the men's movement and whose ideas deserve to be heard. On January 24, the Montel Williams show was on the subject of female to male domestic violence. Unfortunately, the show was not billed this way. It was billed as, "Women Who Abuse for Attention" - which is exactly what a graphic at the bottom left hand corner of the screen read through out the entire telecast. (This graphic seemed to lend a slight sense of legitimacy to the behavior of these women. Can you imagine a TV talk show on "Men Who Abuse to Stop Nagging"? I can't.)

Indeed, the show was revealing in that a number of men disclosed, in detail, the violence perpetrated against them by the women in their lives. And Williams chipped in nicely on a couple of occasions, pointing out that a hurled ashtray could hit someone in the temple thereby causing severe injury, even a fatality. However, too much of the telecast was spent with the women attempting to justify their behavior, or the couples discussing the attendant problems in their relationships, or the the audience snickering at the experiences of the male victims. One of the experts, a psychologist, even broke into laughter a couple of times. Much too much of the show possessed a lighthearted tone. There existed a lack of seriousness through out - a tone that wouldn't have been there had this been about men abusing women. Don't get me wrong. I'm glad that ANYONE with the media power that Montel Williams possesses would do ANYTHING to reveal this hidden social ill to the public. I was just hoping for a show that not only exposed the problem but also went into the dynamics of female to male domestic violence, with a sense of compassion. Instead, the biggest round of applause during the show occurred when Williams admonished the men by saying, "You have to figure out, ... why you put yourself in a relationship like this." I'm a grad student in counseling doing my thesis on the inadequate understanding that counselors have of this

problem. There are a lot of dynamics that could have been explored, a lot of very unique issues these men face. Unfortunately, these issues weren't brought up until near the end of the show and it was the men themselves, and author of "Abused Men" Philip Cook, another expert, who brought them up. Cook pointed out that "a lot of times the man will be the one most injured ... and yet, he is arrested." He also noted that "men have no place to call. Where's the men's crisis lines?"

Kudos to Williams for giving this problem exposure. I just hope that the next TV program on female to male domestic violence will have the compassionate tone that exists when the genders are switched.

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Mensactivism.org Gets "Encoded"

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"An Edgy and Intelligent Magazine for ALL Men," The Guy Code featured The Men's Activism News Network in its weekly review of "encoded" web sites, giving this site the "Far More than Backlash" award, along with many kind words. Thanks guys!

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Georgia Senate Hearing On Paternity Fraud

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Kingsley Morse, Jr. forwarded me this press release about an upcoming session in the Georgia senate about the problem of paternity fraud. "*Now is the time to END PATERNITY FRAUD as a legally protected extortion against men. The constitution says the law is supposed to provide equal protection for it's citizens. Georgia must protect the real victim and provide restitution to those who have been victimized. Join us today, at the Georgia State Capitol's Legislative Office Building on Wednesday, January 31, 2001 @ 5:00PM. We need 100 people, victims, wives of victims, girlfriends of victims, fathers rights groups, men and women. Will you join us?*" Contact information is provided in the press release. This looks to be a hopeful opportunity to air this issue and to get some results.

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New Study By US Justice Dept. On Campus Rape

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David Byron writes *"New Jersey Online reports a new study by the Justice Department's National Institute of Justice in this article. As usual from the 'injustice' department, the study is biased towards women - nothing new there - however despite the best gloss that they could put on the result, the study blasts away most feminist claims about college rape. The original report can be found here in text format.*" Click "Read More" below to see some more important comments that David has about the study and some points about ways to interpret it.

Feminists have long used Mary Koss' figures that 25% of college women are raped each year. Although the headline of this article says the figure is really 1.7%, reading further we see there were two protocols used, and the less favoured result said only 0.16% or *one woman in 600* was raped.

Why the big difference? One protocol from the same report gives a figure more than ten times the other. This is a very important point to grasp if you are using statistics on rape and domestic violence. As the article says, "**Highlighting the effect of definitions and survey techniques, the researchers identified their first telephone poll as a survey of 'unwanted sexual experiences' and their second poll as a survey of crime victims**". Its been known for a while now that "crime" surveys give lower results because people are often reluctant to identify events as crimes.

This is big news for men's advocates. Why? Because men are far more reluctant to report an event if it is framed as a "crime" than women are. Both sexes report less in crime surveys but the effect is especially noticeable on men. In particular all the surveys feminists use to suggest there is a large difference in victimization rates on domestic violence are crime surveys.

Source: New Jersey Online (web news site - www.nj.com)

Title: Justice study: 1.7 percent of college women raped, 13 percent stalked

Author: Michael J. Sniffen (Associated Press)

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Florida May Begin Charging Willful "Deadbeat Dads" As Felons

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The Sun-Sentinel is reporting that activist groups are pushing for new laws that will make the willful nonpayment of child support in excess of $5k a felony. The law would not apply to people who are in tight financial situations and are unable to pay. While I'm not arguing that willful non-payers of child support shouldn't be punished, I find this disappointing in light of the fact that there still exist no laws which enforce a father's visitation rights, or require the custodial parent to account for how child support money is spent. Source: Sun-Sentinel [Florida newspaper]

Title: Activist want parents who don't pay child support to be charged as felons

Author: Shana Gruskin

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Long Live The Male?

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Karen De Coster wrote an editorial for LewRockwell.com about how men have become feminized over the years. She prefers a "Marlboro Man" kind of masculinity and believes "*men need to be manly, and women need to let them be manly, and that means taking on some serious anti-wimpification measures.*" While the article is in a superficial sense "supportive" of traditional masculinity, there were a number of interesting counterpoints made in a reply that Mark Lesmeister wrote up and submitted to Mensactivism.org. Read De Coster's article, and then click "Read More" below to view Mark's insightful and decidedly pro-male response.

Karen De Coster's article is a direct frontal assault on an idea currently in vogue in some circles, namely the notion that masculinity itself is inherently bad. She reminds us that there's nothing wrong with men acting like men. Thus, at first blush (if a real man is allowed to use words like "blush") she seems to provide a refreshing counterpoint to the constant stream of radical feminist male-bashing. However, on closer examination one quickly realizes that radical feminist male-bashers and "traditionalist" women such as Ms. De Coster are simply two sides of the same coin. Both groups want to define *for* men how men should behave, rather than let men determine that for themselves. That the radical feminist male-blaming attitude is bad for men is self evident. However, Ms. De Coster's traditionalist views can be just as destructive to men, albeit in different ways.

For example, Ms. De Coster thinks "manly" is looking and acting like the Marlboro Man. It's interesting to note that at least two of the actors who portrayed the Marlboro Man later died of lung cancer. Wayne McLaren, who portrayed the MM in print and billboard ads, died in 1992 at the age of 51. David McLean, who portrayed the MM on TV, died in 1995. My point? The activity that these ads intended to associate with masculinity, namely smoking, in all likelihood led to the premature deaths of the men involved. Their stories are thus a metaphor for the situation all men in our society face. We're constantly being told that in order for us to be real men, we must engage in some kind of risky or self destructive behavior. Sometimes the self destructive aspect of supposed "masculine" behavior is obvious, like smoking, or fighting, or high risk sports. Sometimes the self destructive aspect of the behavior comes from not asking for help when we need it; like the MM, we're supposed to be stoic. "Shut up and take it like a man," the traditionalist woman tells us.

And boy, do we get the message. If boys were taught that it's OK to ask for help, and that their lives are just as valuable as girls, would boys commit suicide at a rate 4 times that of girls? What if men weren't taught to equate their egos with their jobs, as Ms. De Coster does in this essay, and what if men weren't judged by the size of their paycheck but by the content of their character? Would they be so willing to do most of the "death jobs" and put up with unsafe workplaces, so much so that over 90% of workplace deaths are male? Indeed, what if men were taught that it takes just as much if not more courage to fight unsafe working conditions, rather than just stoically accept them? That's one problem with the traditionalist's definition of manliness. Let's say we accept courage as a positive masculine trait. The problem is, the kind of courage displayed by someone like Gandhi, whose demeanor and ectomorphic appearance were opposite that of the Marlboro Man, doesn't even show up in the traditionalist radar scope.

Another example: Ms. De Coster freely admits to "making game of stay-at-home daddies." She then reveals her fundamental mistake about what at-home-dads are when she refers to men who "look good pregnant." This statement arises from the mistaken notion that men who stay at home with the kids somehow want to be women or mothers. Nothing could be further from the truth. I am an at-home dad. But don't call me "Mr. Mom" because I'm not a mom and don't want to be. My kids have a mom, and she's great. I'm a dad, and I do all the same things dads have done throughout history. I teach my sons right from wrong; I act as a role model for them; I protect my family. If Ms. De Coster doesn't think that's manly, that's her narrow minded problem. I just hope when and if her career takes off, and she wants to get married and have kids, (and for all I know she may already have done all that) she'll understand when her "manly" husband insists she be the one to give up her career and take care of them. Surely she

wouldn't want to do something nontraditional or "unladylike" and continue to work when she has kids at home. That's another thing about this essay that grates on me. For a woman who is a CPA and is getting her MA in economics to lecture men against making nontraditional life choices is blatant hypocrisy.

Let me give just a little background, so that everyone will know my comments are not the "sour grapes" of a man who couldn't hack it in the traditional "manly" spheres. I'm a former Marine officer who liked nothing more than rappelling out of helicopters in the dead of night. (By the way, as a Marine I've learned a few things about leadership along the way as well. One thing I've learned is that real leadership happens anywhere, not just in a 9-5 job.) My hobbies include participating in a group of volunteer civilians who serve as opposition forces for Reserve and Guard units. And, though I'm now more Drew Carey in appearance, anytime some Sean Connery or George Clooney type wants to throw on an 80 lb. backpack and hump through the woods to see who drops first, I'm game. I'm not saying this to brag (well, maybe a little (g)) just to let you know where I am coming from. One of my at-home dad buddies is a former saturation diving instructor for the Navy Seals. I'm sure he'd say the same thing; staying at home doesn't make us wimps, nor do we want to be like women.

And no, I don't watch Oprah. Between taking care of the boys and working out at the gym, I don't have time. If anything, I watch reruns of *JAG* and *Law and Order*. The only daytime talk-show I can stand, and that rarely, is Montel Williams, because Montel is a Marine and a former Navy cryptologist, just like me.

Personally, I don't care if my wife brings me flowers. She has, but she has also brought me a man-bouquet on occasion. In case you didn't know, that's two six packs, i.e. a dozen beers instead of a dozen roses. The important point was that she did something to show that she appreciates what I do for our family. I know it comes as a surprise to many when I say this, but men are people too! We deserve to be shown appreciation just as much as women.

In short, Ms. De Coster's prescription for "manly" behavior is just as narrow, just as deleterious for men as the radfems who despise all traditional masculinity. I will modify my earlier dictum about conservatives and liberals and state that "traditionalists" and "nontraditionalists" mainly differ in how they want to screw men. Here's a radical idea: How about if we let men decide what is and isn't masculine for a change? Specifically, how about we let each man decide for himself what masculine behavior is? If he behaves honorably, and contributes to society rather than diminishes it, we should honor his contribution, and not shame a man merely for not fitting into some predetermined role.

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MANN Feature: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Men's Rights Forum

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Trudy Schuett, author of the novel Friends to the End which delves into the taboo subject of domestic violence against men, wrote an essay about the state of gender relations today, and how far we (haven't) come. Trudy outlines the history of the anti-male women's movement, and is not afraid to offer criticism where it is due. As a woman, Trudy's views further validate the need for a restoration of men's rights and dignity. She concludes that trust is the vital aspect missing in most male/female relationships today, and we must change the portrayal of men and divorce on television and the media to restore hope. Click "Read More" below to view her bold and unapologetic essay...

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Men's Rights Forum

by Trudy W. Schuett, dsrtlite@primenet.com

Lately I've been dealing with an avalanche of information relating to men's rights issues. I've been reading everything from scholarly works to online message boards, and I'm finding: there is nothing fair about the way men are being treated by our court systems, governments, and even their wives and mothers. It's almost easier to dump a husband than to get rid of a stray dog who turned up in your yard.

Years ago, when my son was still in school, I thought I was imagining things when I saw mothers of his friends appearing not to love their boys at all. Only, now it seems I was on the right track. Maybe women who got rid of their husbands can't bear to have a man (ugh!) in their house at all, even if they did bring him into the world. So they shut off emotionally at a time when their boys need them more than ever. Sure, they still provide basic subsistence - food, clothing, and shelter - because they have to, but that's all. The kids grow up and get out into the world thinking there's got to be something wrong with them if their moms don't even care.

I can't even imagine how it feels for the adult men who are told, "You don't live here anymore, don't expect to ever see your kids again, and by the way, here's the bill."

What is wrong with women?

It's a complex morass of emotional and legal issues that, as far as I can tell, goes back as far as WWII, when women had to fill the positions in factories and other jobs that were previously held by men. But once all the men came home, and wanted their jobs back, some women went quietly back to their new tract houses and babies while others didn't go quite so quietly. There were adjustments to be made all around. The results of five years of a worldwide culture gone berserk does not go away fast and easy - it lingers, and resentments begin. While most people were busy trying to figure out how this "peacetime" thing should go, some of those women who hadn't gone quietly home when the war ended got noisier and noisier and eventually made themselves heard. These women didn't want to stay home and take care of babies; they'd held jobs and gained respect and they wanted that respect back.

By the mid-60s, with another war simmering in Southeast Asia, the numbers of dissatisfied, unhappy women had grown to thousands. Using the same techniques as the anti-war protesters, women picketed, held sit-ins, and burned their bras. That may well have been the first mistake of the early second-wave feminists. Although the issues weren't the same; the peace movement was against the war, the feminist movement was for equality, somehow the two issues became inextricably entwined in the public consciousness. In those days only men fought wars, so if you were in favor of peace and equality, that meant you had to be anti-male. Even after the war was over, the feminists kept on using the same old protest movement techniques. Calling the movement the fight for equality, they continued to picket, rally, and even riot.

Other issues, such as the abortion issue, domestic violence, even gender-biased language became part of the

equality movement whether they belonged there or not. Soon "the Patriarchic Establishment," and the "male-dominated society" were being blamed for practically everything from inequality in the workplace to the heartbreak of psoriasis. Women who had never burned their bras or read so much as a single issue of *MS Magazine* were becoming aware that everything that was wrong with society had to be the guy's fault. Men didn't do much to defend themselves, perhaps they were unaware that the militant feminist groups were serious about all this. When Gloria Steinem said, "A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle," too many people laughed without a clue as to what was to come.

The Equal Rights Amendment of the 70s failed miserably because it was so confused with other, unrelated issues. Seen on its own it's fairly benign and has nothing at all to do with unisex toilets or closing private schools. (Those are a couple of the arguments I heard used against it.) It was also, mistakenly, seen as the thing that would make feminism the law of the land. Once the ERA was a dead issue, many felt feminism was also a dead issue, and those bitchy, silly women would go home and find another cause.

Only, they didn't do that. They continued to work on other laws, especially now since some of them had gained a bit of renown and prestige. Their message that there was something fundamentally wrong, something bad about men was quietly finding its way into books and magazines, TV, movies and radio until male-bashing was almost respectable. If you tell somebody something often enough, even if it's not true they'll begin to believe it.

So women's feelings toward men began to change. Not all women, of course, but enough to wreck half the marriages in the country. Because at the same time all this other stuff was happening, the idea of divorce as a solution to a woman's self-esteem problems came creeping in. I don't think anybody knows where that came from, but it's there all right. There is also the idea that somehow divorce benefits the children. I think the notion is that it's better for them to live without Dad than to hear him arguing with Mom. I bet if we asked the kids they'd disagree. I wonder how many little kids go to bed at night not feeling quite safe because it's just them and Mom now.

I wonder how many women fully understand what it is they're giving up in exchange for their freedom. I wonder - do they really know what they're setting themselves and their X2B up for?

On TV and in movies, women get happily divorced from their gorgeous, charming husband and a week or so later they've got a new guy equally as charming and gorgeous. Often there's very little or no distinction between the two guys. Maybe one wears Eddie Bauer and the other wears J.Crew. Mom is validated after finding a high-paying job even though she has no apparent marketable skills. Why she couldn't do this before the divorce is not made clear. Meanwhile the ex-husband either begins openly cavorting with his long-term mistress (the rat) or confesses that he's gay. Everyone lives in lovely, large homes and drives late-model SUVs. When one of their kids gets in trouble in school, Mom immediately phones Dad and they visit the school together, though Dad sometimes brings the slut along. Everybody's so happy it makes ya wanna hurl.

The subliminal message is: divorce is fun; all of the benefits of marriage but you still get to date. They don't have anybody on TV like the divorced people I know, some of whom haven't dated in ten or fifteen years and probably won't. I can't think of anybody I know that had a mistress, either. And nobody I know, married, divorced or otherwise, looks anything remotely like those people on TV.

It sure doesn't look like much fun to me. I've begun to think we've now got a situation where a lot of women neither trust nor care for men at all. They've been told so often by the mass media that men are supposed to be unfaithful, dangerous and stupid while at the same time men are also supposed to be rich, handsome and wise that the girls just don't have a clue anymore. And our culture of immediate gratification precludes them taking the time to find out.

The biggest casualty of the 20th Century was not either of the World Wars or even Vietnam. It was the relationship between men and women. So many of the problems of larger society could be solved if we could all trust each other again. I find it easy to get along with men because I've lived and worked with men all my life. In most any situation, it's been me who's been the odd one out. I have developed a few basic observations that may well be true: Men are equally as complex and perplexing as women are. There is no blanket statement you can make that will apply to all

men, all the time. 99% of married men love their wives and want to raise their children. Men have feelings, and they don't have to "be in touch with their feminine side" to express them.

A long time ago, I found an old housekeeping book at a rummage sale. It had been printed somewhere around 1900, and had a lot of things like recipes for floor wax and the directions for cleaning oil lamps and gas fixtures. There was a section on family life, and tucked in among the rules for allowing children to mingle with company and some other things was this statement: "Always treat your husband as an honored guest. His needs are first and foremost, above all others."

Echoes of a gentler time. We've come so far in 100 years - but in the wrong direction.

Trudy W. Schuett is an active supporter of men's rights through the Arizona Father's Rights organization, and the author of Friends to the End, the first-ever novel about domestic violence against men, which can be read at http://hyperpedia.net

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The Inevitability Of Violent Men

Scott · 29 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The Globe and Mail printed this science article about the roots of "male violence." A species of freshwater fish and fig wasps were studied, and testosterone levels of the males were monitored in various behavior situations. But is it reasonable to compare the behavior of simple organisms such as insects with conscious men? As Mark Lesmeister put it, "*This article's headline makes the mistaken substitution of 'men' for 'males.' Human beings aren't cichlid fish or fig wasps.*"

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Gingerbread Man Is Now Gingerbread Person

Scott · 30 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Not PC submitted some excerpts from an article stating that politically correct thinking has now hit the production of gingerbread men: *"Political correctness hits gingerbread man...the gingerbread man has become a gingerbread person.*
The supermarket chain Safeway announced that it would be producing an equal number of gingerbread men and gingerbread women in response to consumer demand...The move provoked mockery in the town of Grantham where the biscuit originated in 1740...'It's political correctness gone way beyond the pale. The gingerbread man has always been an innocuous little fellow. It's not as if he has all his naughty bits showing.'"

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New Domestic Violence Ads In New York Subways

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Salon.com posted part one of a two part article series about a new domestic violence awareness campaign which is being advertised in New York City subway trains. The ads show yearbook portraits of young women with the subtitles, "Most likely to be forced into sex," "Most 911 calls," "Most excuses for a black eye," etc. "*This year's campaign...tells us that high school and college girls are at risk; that partner abuse is so pervasive, many girls won't be able to avoid it; that if they find themselves in an abusive relationship, these women need to get themselves out of it; that they can start by calling the mayor's hot line.*" All of the ads ignore the existence of violence against men, and the author of the article, while thoroughly entrenched in DV politics, at least criticizes the campaign for stressing the victimhood of women and not addressing DV in homosexual relationships.

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Having Women Register For The Draft In The U.S.

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James Castelli submitted this article from the Boston Globe and writes, "*With women making up 14% of the total of the armed forces, isn't it time that the responsibility to register for the draft be shared equally? Since all 18 year old males must register for the draft within 30 days of their 18th birthday isn't it time that the call for equal rights for women be broadened to include equal responsibilities? John Solomon and Thomas Mc Guire write that the rationale for excluding women from the draft is quickly eroding while reasons to include them - from military preparedness to gender equality - multiply.*"Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: A-TEN-shun: It's time to register women for draft

Authors: John Solomon and Thomas McGuire

Date: January 28, 2001

Keywords: military draft, selective service

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C4M Issue Hits The Courts In Massachusetts

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James Castelli sent in another article from the Boston Globe, this one on the topic of male reproductive rights. Jim writes "*After paying child support totaling $28,000 for 7 years Andrew suspected that the child he had supported was not his. DNA tests confirmed his suspicions and now the Massachusetts Supreme Court must decide if he can be forced to continue child support payments despite the fact that the child he is being forced to support is not his biological child. Men, like women, should have a 'choice' about their reproductive and financial destiny...*"
Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: 7 years of child support later...

Author: Kathleen Burge

Date: January 28, 2001

Keywords: choice for men, paternity fraud, family court reform

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CBS Article On Men, Divorce, And Suicide

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Jon Mollison submitted this CBSNews story and writes, "*The article offers a few thin excuses for the increased suicide rate of divorced men but fails to mention the high rates of men who are denied access to their children. It does mention that women do better after divorce, emotionally, and that they initiate divorce more often than men. However, it fails to come to the clear conclusion that most men are genuinely happy being good husbands and fathers.*"

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Female Teacher Sentenced For Having Sex With Student

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BusterB writes *"Well, finally - justice is also starting to apply to women, after the Mary Kay LeTourneau fiasco and a couple of similar cases in Canada in which the teachers in question weren't even charged with a crime (although they did lose their jobs). This is a different jurisdiction, of course, but perhaps the justice system is slowly waking up to the idea that there is no excuse for female teachers having sex with their students, and that the students weren't "asking for it" simply because they were male. Now if only we can get judges to realize that rape victims shouldn't have to pay child support...then we'd be seeing some real progress."*

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Is America Shortchanging Male Children?

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An Anonymous User submitted a link to Cathy Young's article in Reason magazine about boys and the education gap. There is an interesting contrast of the views of Christina Hoff-Sommers vs. William Pollack, and the article is typical of Young's consider-both-sides-of-the-story approach, which always sounds reasonable and lets the reader decide on the outcome. It's a very good essay, and includes many relevant statistics. Check it out.

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Barnes & Noble Campaign Handout

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Marc Angelucci sent me an informational flyer for the Barnes & Noble petition campaign which you can download by clicking here (it's in MS Word format). Feel free to distribute and tell others about it! Barnes & Noble has gone without a book section on Men's Studies for too long, and needs customer feedback for this to change.

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Male Grief And Father Loss

Scott · 31 January 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Ed Bartlett from Men's Health America submitted a great article from the L.A. Times about male grieving and dealing with the death of a father. It is in line with the past feature article we had by Tom Golden, stating "*Men...are not the emotional cripples society has stereotyped them as. They deeply feel the loss of their fathers. Some cry, some don't. Some talk, many won't. But they do grieve, albeit very differently from women.*" Source: L.A. Times [newspaper]

Title: The Big Goodbye

Author: Susan Gregg Gilmore

Date: January 28, 2001

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Warren Farrell On The Air

Scott · 1 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I received a message from Peter Allemano about a special event involving Warren Farrell. He is going to be on a radio program tonight (1/31) and will be debating men's issues with a "gender relations expert" on a show that has a host notorious for being anti-male. You can participate in the program even if you're not within range of the radio station - you can listen on-line and still call in to show your support of Warren. Click "Read More" below for further instructions. Warren Farrell, author of THE MYTH OF MALE POWER and the just-published FATHER AND CHILD REUNION, is arguably the nation's foremost spokesman for men's rights, writing from a perspective that upholds compassion for men and women alike. He has publicly stated that, of all the men's organizations in the country, NCFM best represents his perspectives on gender issues, and, indeed, Warren even serves on NCFM's Board of Advisors.

Warren has called NCFM to ask for the support of members and friends of NCFM in the greater New York area tonight (1/31/01) -- but, actually, it is possible for anyone with Internet access to participate, so regardless of where you happen to be, geographically-speaking, PLEASE CONTINUE READING!

Warren is scheduled to appear as a guest on New York's popular Alan Colmes Show, 11:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. EST, on WEVD--1050AM, along with an unnamed "male/female relations expert" (according to Colmes' own Web site). Colmes has a track record of hostility towards men's perspectives on gender issues, and his "male/female relations expert" is likely to be an anti-male feminist; together these two people can be expected to try to rip Warren from limb to limb. Here's where we can help: the Alan Colmes Show follows an "audience participation" format, and by calling in our support for Warren, we can mitigate the attack Warren is likely to receive while letting other listeners in a significantly large audience know that Warren is by no means a lone voice in the wilderness.

People outside the greater New York area can participate in tonight's broadcast through the radio station's Web site. For instructions on how to do so, click on the following link:

http://www.1050wevd.com/listenlive.html

To get the call-in number, we will have to tune in around 10:00 p.m., and it's possible to call the number a few minutes before the show actually begins to get placed on "hold" in a line-up for being heard on the air.

Folks, it takes courage to stick up for ourselves, but we owe it to ourselves to do so. Here's a golden opportunity not only to do exactly that, but also to express our appreciation for a dedicated author who has served as an inspiration for so many men's rights activists both here in the U.S. and abroad. Here's hoping I get to hear many of your voices over the radio tonight!

Peter Allemano, PAllemano@cravath.com

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Child Abuse Investigation Policies Revamped In Winnipeg

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The Winnipeg, Canada Child and Family Services office has undergone dramatic changes in the way child abuse accusations are investigated, with most of the changes helping to reveal those who were falsely accused. The National Post story can be read here. Most importantly, the accused person is now interviewed by the social workers, where previously he could not even tell his own side of the story. "*The policy of interviewing accused persons is one 'every father and grandparent who has ever been accused has prayed for,' says Ms. Malenfant. 'These changes are fantastic. I used to be the most vocal critic of Winnipeg's child welfare system, but I believe it's the best in the country right now.*"Source: National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: False alarm bells sounded

Author: Donna Laframboise

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Scottish Rape Cases May Protect Anonymity Of Accused

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In another positive false accusations story - AngryHarry submitted this story from the UK Telegraph about the Scottish Parliament Justice Committee's support of creating anonymity for those accused of rape. "*The reforms were proposed by George McAulay, the Scottish chairman of the UK Men's Movement. His petition to parliament had sought for men accused of rape to have the same courtroom anonymity as their alleged victims to protect them from 'unjust stigma.'*" These two stories should help to renew hope that progress can be made to prevent false accusations and protect those falsely accused. Source: The Telegraph [UK newspaper]

Title: Anonymity sought for men in Scottish rape cases

Author: Nick Britten

Date: January 31, 2001

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Man Sues After Being Denied Treatment For Breast Cancer

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This article from Australia's The Age is about an American man who is suing his employer, Verizon, and his health insurance company for not covering expensive treatment for breast cancer. "*An American man with breast cancer sued his employer and health insurers for $US 2 million, saying he was denied adequate treatment because he is a man...[the insurance company] has allowed the same procedure for women...About 1600 men are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and about one-quarter of them will die from the disease, according to the American Cancer Society.*

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Anti-Male Gender Humor A Hit At The Washington Post

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Courtland Milloy shares a few jokes on male sexuality, demonstrating that it's ok to bash men - after all, they never respond or stand up for themselves. Or do they? Read this article and decide for yourself. "*Question: What should you do if you see your cheating husband rolling around in pain on the ground? (Answer: Shoot him again.)*" That one sure cracked me up, among several others.

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Rape Hoax Highlights Need to "Clarify Procedures"

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Steve Hoffman writes *"The Chandler, AZ police department has recognized the need to "clarify police procedure on reporting crimes such as sexual assault" as a result of a false rape report. No word on action they are taking to protect innocent men from women such as the perpetrator of the hoax. Click here for the story."* Note that according to the article, false reporting is punishable by a fine, and is considered a misdemeanor. I wonder how that compares to the effects of being falsely accused on the victim of the accusation?

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Book Review: Women of the Klan

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This is a book review of Women of the Klan: Racism and Gender in the 1920's
by Kathleen M. Blee,the book shows us how involved women were in the KKK and "*that it documents in great detail a direct lineage between the Women's Ku Klux Klan and the radical feminist movement as it exists today.The book draws from a wide variety of historical documents, letters, and in-camera interviews that the author recorded with older women who were still alive at the time the book was written.*"

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Abused Guys Break The "Pink Barrier"

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Trudy W. Schuett writes *"Earlier this week, several members of the Abused Guys Yahoo! Club posted articles in the Domestic Violence category at Themestream.com. Previously, this category contained only articles written by women. There is also a new Men's Issues category. The author of each work gets two cents each time someone reads an article. There is also space for readers to comment on and rate the article."*

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Housewife Poisons Estranged Husband

Scott · 4 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I received an anonymous pointer to an article from the Globe and Mail about a woman who gave her husband wine laced with antifreeze. Later, she had him on the telephone as he drank it "*so that he wouldn't seek medical attention for the effects of the poison, it and kept the conversation going.*" The article makes no mention of domestic violence but in court there were several examples of the abusive and hateful behavior of his wife.

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The Men's Health Campaign Begins - Please Help Out!

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Ed Bartlett and the Men's Health America team have now begun an action-oriented campaign to establish an Office of Men's Health at the DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services). Join the MHA list **now** and you'll receive daily e-mails with action items to take part in. The MHA campaigns are very well laid out and have proven their effectiveness in the past. If you want to make a difference in men's lives, do this! As Ed writes, "*If a man's life isn't worth fighting for, then what's worth fighting for? This is our duty. We're starting Sunday. Are you ready?*"

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"Roe" In Roe v. Wade Lied About Rape, Was Used By Attorneys

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This really eye opening story in WorldNetDaily is about Norma McCorvey, the "Roe" in the Roe v. Wade Abortion case. It outlines many surprising and disturbing facts about her life, including that she has never had an abortion, nor does she support abortion any more, that she lied about being raped and was used callously by her attorneys, and that she attempted suicide and resents many of the pro-abortion feminists. She says "*Plain and simple, I was used. I was a nobody to [the attorneys]. They only needed a pregnant woman to use for their case, and that is it. They cared, not about me, but only about legalizing abortion. Even after the case, I was never respected - probably because I was not an ivy-league educated, liberal feminist like they were...My experience with pro-abortion leaders is that they are snobs.*"

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The Crisis Of Fatherhood

Scott · 5 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Stephen Baskerville wrote an excellent general interest article about the state of fatherhood and the real problems behind fatherless children (the courts and uncooperative mothers). The Washington Post article can be read here.
"*Most of the absent fathers our leaders excoriate so mercilessly are kept away not by high-powered, globetrotting careers but by court orders. Contrary to public perceptions (and government public relations), very few fathers voluntarily abandon their children, and no scientific evidence has ever been adduced to show that they do.*"
Source: Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: The Real Crisis of Fatherhood

Author: Stephen Baskerville

Date: February 4, 2001

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Interview with Greg Bishop on his program "Boot Camp for New Dads"

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Doctor_Damage writes *"ABCNews conducted this interview with Greg Bishop who created the "Boot Camp For New Dads" program. Gregs remarks "...we are swamped just trying to meet the demands from dads. There are alternatives for women in the form of many groups after the birth where new moms can gather and exchange information. And from my office window I often see up 30 moms with strollers on their way to just such class." Given the plethora of facilities for new moms to come to terms with the new responsibilities and tasks that go with becoming a parent, programs such as this with men in mind seem like a remarkably sound idea. More information about the program can be found at www.newdads.com"*

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Combating Male Suicides In Northern Ireland

Scott · 6 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

AngryHarry submitted this article from the UK Sunday Times about suicide prevention programs in Northern Ireland. As the suicide rate has increased, people are now viewing it as a social problem in need of education and prevention campaigns similar to drug abuse and other serious social ills. The article does mention the need to target young men specifically in their prevention programs, and offer resources to them. Hats off to the Times for helping to raise public awareness of this issue. Source: Sunday Times [UK newspaper]

Title: Ulster to tackle record male suicide rate

Author: Chris Ryder

Date: February 4, 2001

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The Need for Choice for Men

Scott · 6 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Tony put up a web site about the lies and manipulation he went through with an ex-girlfriend who frauded him into fatherhood. His story is a perfect example of the injustice done to men who have no recourse from being forced into paternity, and I can assure you his experience isn't all that uncommon. Please check out his site and drop him a note of support. He's particularly looking to contact others who have been in similar situations.

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Man Attempts to Induce Miscarriage

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While this action is NOT TO BE TOLERATED OR CONDONED in any way whatsoever, it makes one wonder how things would be different if men did have reproductive choice - would there be any motive to do this? As the title suggests, a man had surreptitiously inserted pills into his girlfriend's vagina to induce a miscarriage when he discovered she was pregnant. And with the legality of new oral drugs such as RU-486, the potential for inducing abortions and/or miscarriages in women by their lovers is very real. The news story from Hartford Courant can be read here. Source: The Hartford Courant [newspaper]

Title: Woman Alleges Man Attempted To Abort Fetus

Author: Eric Rich

Date: January 10, 2001

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Salon Interview with Warren Farrell

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Salon.com just did an interview with Warren Farrell about his new book Father And Child Reunion to give us a small preview of what to expect in the book. While the interviewer did seem a bit condescending at times, it's a great personalized insight into Warren and his life, so click here to read it.

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Men Who Refuse Paternity Tests Will Be Assumed the Father

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The UK Times reports that a new parenting law will by default presume that a man declared the father of a child by the mother is indeed the father if he refuses to take a DNA paternity test. This is a *very serious* civil liberties issue, as we should all have the ability to safegaurd our genetic information, and not relinquish that right simply because a person names you as the father. The potential for misuse of this law is staggering. Click here to read the article. Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: DNA threat to absentee fathers

Author: Melissa Kite

Date: February 6, 2001

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Lynne Cheney, Anti-feminist Second Lady?

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David Byron writes *"An article about Lynne Cheney in the New York Times (requires free subscription) compares her to Hilary Clinton as a political wife who may have considerable influence on the administration. She is a member of the Independent Women's Forum and although she's kept a pretty low profile so far didn't give the usual answer that so many public women opposed to feminism give when asked about feminism ("That depends what you mean by feminism"). Here's a quote from the article:* "Asked if she considers herself a feminist, Mrs. Cheney, who is 59, said: 'In the early days I certainly did, though now that's identified with a political philosophy I don't agree with. I'm pro-life and think Clarence Thomas is a wonderful justice.'"

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Double Standards in Workplace Discrimination Law?

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David Byron writes *"An article from the New York Times (free sub required) tells the story of a male gynecologist who was fired because of his sex. Women are demanding female gynecologists. Behind the usual male bashing put-downs the story describes a highly discriminatory field of medicine. What I found especially interesting was the legal angle. Apparently the issue "*tests the limits of a longstanding tenet of employment law, namely, that customer preferences generally do not justify discrimination in hiring or employment*". Well as you could expect the rules seem to have changed when the customer wants women, not men. It seems anti-male bias is routine in this field where female-only practices openly discriminate. Also interesting to see that the preference for female gynecologists is largely limited to middle class women. Overall a sympathetic article (see the last paragraph)."*

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Think Before Using 911 for a Domestic violence Call

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Charles E. Corry from the DV Against Men - Colorado group wrote up an informative article about what happens when 911 is called during a domestic dispute, and why this shouldn't be used (by either party) even if one is already in extreme danger. Dr. Corry believes that calling 911 can make the situation worse and has irrevocable consequences for both parties involved. Click "Read More" below to read this article.

Is A Nuclear Weapon Really Needed in a Domestic Argument?

Think before using 911 for a domestic violence call

by Charles E. Corry, Ph.D., F.G.S.A.

The 911 emergency telephone service is a lifeline and should be used in that fashion. Unfortunately, but certainly understandable from a human perspective, it is used as well for everything from a missing dog to a cat up a tree, as well as in domestic arguments.

A woman in a domestic situation should think, however unlikely it is she is going to do that in the heat of an argument, whether she needs a nuclear attack to stop her partner, or whether she should just walk away for awhile until things cool off.
In an intimate relationship, dialing 911 is the equivalent of a nuclear attack. It may be needed but the same safeguards we use to prevent an accidental missile launch should be considered before the 911 call is made.

Once launched, there is no going back under current law. A simple phone call can lead to a lifetime of regret, misery for the children, and extreme financial hardship. And, as in any nuclear attack, the level of violence may well increase. Like a missile launch, police response isn't instantaneous, but they cannot be recalled. It will take the police anywhere from 15 to 45 minutes, or longer, to respond. If real, immediate danger exists from one's partner, it is probably better for a person to leave if they can.

If a police response is necessary, it is certainly safer to call them at a distance from the danger. No rational person would step inside a burning building to call 911 about a fire. However, if a person can't get out, then there is the consideration of whether calling 911 will further enrage the partner and result in greater danger before the police can arrive. The current laws requiring mandatory arrest and "no drop" have been found to increase the level of violence in three out of seven cities studied.

The problem is that people don't behave rationally when dealing with an intimate partner,. particularly if there is a history of abuse in the relationship. However, if there is such a history of abuse, a person can plan a response to the next occurrence. It is likely that calling 911 isn't the best solution a person can come up with to deal with intimate partner violence and abuse.

In a November 12, 2000, editorial in the Denver Post, Ms. Billie Stanton examined the "mandatory arrest" policy that has been in effect in Denver since 1984. She found that most domestic violence calls do not result in an arrest because police don't find probable cause of a crime when they arrive. Ms. Stanton states that Denver police got 16,080 domestic violence calls from October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, but made only 4,619 arrests in those cases. She claims the same has held true in other jurisdictions in Colorado in spite of the state law. Thus, when police are called there is only about a 30% chance that an arrest will be made even under the current draconian laws.

There are many possible explanations for such a low arrest rate but a lifeline isn't any good if all the lifebuoys have already been thrown over the side. Though a woman is hardly likely to be prosecuted for false reporting, making an unjustified nuclear attack on one's partner is very likely to end the relationship, and it isn't likely the termination is going to be amicable.

Use 911 if you really need it, but the odds are that by placing the call to 911, it isn't going to solve your immediate problem, and it may well make the situation worse. As with a nuclear attack, it is Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) in most cases. What happens if the police do make an arrest? Based on FY 1997-1998 figures, 12,166 domestic violence cases were filed in

Colorado state courts as a class 6 felony or lower. About 4,331 people were convicted, or 36% of those charged. It is estimated that the very large majority of those convicted pled guilty or no contest. Thus, an individual has a very substantial chance of winning if they take their case to trial. If a person obtains competent counsel, and the facts support their case, it is estimated that an individual has a better than 90% chance of acquittal in a jury trial on charges involving domestic violence.

Using the figures above, for 1997-1998 there were approximately 40,000 calls to 911 in Colorado concerning domestic violence. In response to these calls ~12,000 arrests were made, and ~4,300 people, mostly men, were convicted. There is thus about a 10% chance a call to 911 will result in a domestic violence conviction. If the person arrested can afford competent counsel, and takes the case to a jury, the odds of conviction after a 911 call are probably less than 1%.

Conversely, it is estimated that 80% to 90% of the time a call to 911 leads to a breakup of the relationship, though it may be as low as only half the time, and the breakup may not occur immediately after the first call. As a result of these calls we estimate that between 32,000 and 36,000 intimate relationships ended in that year, resulting in broken homes, acrimony, heartbroken men, women and, especially, children as a result of what may have been a reflexive moment of anger or panic.

Lawyers, courts, and domestic violence and divorce industries thrive in these circumstances, but the individuals involved are destroyed. Mutually assured destruction is no saner in an intimate relationship than between nations. Is a nuclear weapon really what is needed in a domestic argument?

Think before you use 911 for a domestic violence call!

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Doctors Protest Unreasonable Regulations on Treating Impotence

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This UK Telegraph article was submitted by AngryHarry, and discusses the obstacles many men with erectile dysfunction have to deal with in order to obtain treatment. As the article says, "*we should not lightly dismiss the significance of the condition by regarding it as trivial, or unimportant or a bit of a joke.*" Currently, drugs such as Viagra can only be administered in Britain to men with certain medical conditions, and doctors are lobbying to allow the administration of these treatments on the grounds of clinical need. Source: The Telegraph [UK newspaper]

Title: Doctors demand end to rules on impotence care

Author: Celia Hall

Date: February 8, 2001

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Suicide Rate Extremely High at MIT

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This is a long, informative article from the Boston Globe about the alarmingly high suicide rate for students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Comparisons were made with several other top engineering schools and MIT had the highest suicide rate overall. Many of the deaths, of course, are men. There is an effort to increase counseling services at MIT and to try and do more to prevent suicide. Certainly, the stress and pressure on men to perform and achieve is very prevalent at such a prestigious school, and I also hope that steps will be taken at the other schools listed in the article which had disturbingly high suicide rates. Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: 11 years, 11 suicides

Author: Patrick Healy

Date: February 5, 2001

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University Lies About Rape to Get $543,000

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Not PC submitted a link to this article from the Sacramento Bee. The article describes how the University of California at Davis obtained a U.S. Dept. of Justice grant for over half a million dollars to fight sexual assault on campus. The grant application stated that over 700 rapes or attempted rapes happen each year at UCD, but public data shows that *one* rape occurred there between 1995 and 1998. This discrepancy, of course, is the cause of much controversy, and amazingly, the counsel for the University is trying to claim that since rapes are so underreported, that the 700 figure is still accurate!

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Violence Against Women Day

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E Zielin writes *"From the* More Wild Exaggerations and Misandrist Propaganda Dept: *An effort by feminists across the country to transform Valentine's Day, a millennia-old celebration of romance and friendship, into a "Violence Against Women Day" - a day of resentment against men. Click here for the story."* Thanks also to Ed Bartlett for submitting this.

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Rosie O'Donnell Promotes Fatherless Families

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Not PC sent in another story, this one about Rosie O'Donnell, an outspoken talk show host who has recently started helping adoption agencies give children to celebrity single mothers. And it's specifically for single mothers, married ones or single fathers she will not work with. The second half of the article attempts to refute O'Donnell's work, and demonstrate that she will be directly harming children, especially young boys, by promoting fatherless families. The article is from WorldNetDaily News.Source: WorldNetDaily [web edition news site]

Title: Rosie O'Donnell's baby factory

Author: Debbie Schlussel

Date: February 9, 2001

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Sex Abuse by Women

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Anonymous User writes *"This Ottawa Sun report is an article about how women can be sex offenders and not always the victims as feminists would have us believe."* From the article: "*The criminal acts of pedophiles are similar, whether it is committed by a female or male perpetrator...Rick Goodwin, director of The Men's Project counseling program for male survivors of sexual abuse, agrees that female offenders tend to go unnoticed. He calls sex abuse by women the 'invisible crime.' There is usually no physical evidence; cases go unreported; allegations aren't believed or can't be proven.*" While the article doesn't include much in the way of statistics, it is an encouraging break from the silence which is too often heard on this important issue. Source: Ottawa Sun [newspaper]

Title: Sex abuse by women: The 'invisible crime'

Author: Kathleen Harris

Date: February 10, 2001

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Prayer Circle for Men in Crisis

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Trudy W Schuett writes "
Trudy Mackay, wife of Rev. Laughlin Mackay of Arizona announced today the formation of a prayer circle to aid men in crisis. This global effort will link e-mail volunteers from many countries to offer prayers for men in cases of domestic violence, divorce and other situations. To request prayers e-mail desertlight@angelfire.com with the word ***Request*** *in the Subject line. Requests will be kept entirely confidential and e-mail addresses will not be used for any other purpose. More volunteers are also needed! For more information, send an e-mail to desertlight@angelfire.com with the words* ***Volunteer Info*** *in the subject line."* Thanks for this information, Trudy! I know many men who will appreciate this kind of spiritual support network.

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Man Has Pregnant Girlfriend Beaten to Kill Fetus

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Not PC writes *"Erik Bullock, 30, received an automatic sentence of life in prison in addition to a 20 year sentence for hiring others to beat his girlfriend to kill her fetus. She lived, but the "choice" was stillborn. The case was the first brought under Arkansas' Fetal Protection Act. The 1999 law allows murder charges if a fetus in at least the 12th week of gestation dies as a result of a violent crime. The prosecutor described the defendant as a selfish person, but of course, not the mother. DNA TESTS LATER SHOWED THAT BULLOCK WAS NOT THE FATHER OF THE CHOICE, er, child. Click here to read the article."* This is yet more disturbing news which attests to the despair and resentment of men who are forced into paternity - and in this case, the child wasn't even his! This is NOT the way to lobby for male reproductive rights, but I feel it's important to report on these kinds of events to force people to see what they might otherwise be able to ignore. Source: Fox News [television, also web site]

Title: Man Who Ordered Fetus Killed Gets Life in Prison

Author: Melissa Nelson

Date: February 9, 2001

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Internet Privacy Issues

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The New York Times (free registration required) had an insightful article about making metaphors for the current crisis of on-line privacy issues. Rather than describing it in terms of "Big Brother" (from the novel 1984), Carl Kaplan believes that Kafka's The Trial does a better job explaining the consequences of ignoring the need for privacy standards on-line. It's a good read, and relevant to all readers of Mensactivism.org. To drive the point in a bit further is news that Michigan state is considering a law that will require local ISPs to register their customers' e-mail addresses with a valid phone or credit card number, to ease law enforcement tracking of users based on their activity on-line.

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Full Scholarships for Black Male Teachers

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A short blurb in a recent issue of Time magazine caught my attention - in an attempt to increase the number of black male teachers in inner-city schools, three historically black colleges in South Carolina will be offering full tuition scholarships to male students. The catch is they must work for a minimum of four years in the state after they graduate. This sounds like a much needed incentive to get more male role models in public schools as teachers. Source: Time [magazine]

Title: Someone to Call "Sir"

Author: Desa Philadelphia

Date: February 12, 2001

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Elderly Men Most at Risk from Depression

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Australia's Daily Telegraph reports that a study was done examining why some elderly men kill themselves, and found that large numbers of them were depressed and were not receiving treatment for depression. "*Prof Snowdon's research included reading the notes left by 41 per cent of the suicides and interviewing friends and relatives. Many of the suicide notes were angry and most reflected serious depression, he said.*" No mention was made as to what could be done to help prevent this from happening. Source: The Daily Telegraph [Australian newspaper]

Title: Elderly men most at risk from depression

Author: unknown

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Short Article on Male Victims of Rape

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This short, fairly superficial transcript from a news program on Australia's ABC network mentions the existence of male rape victims, and the lack of support services for them, but that's about it. There was no comment about what kinds of circumstances male rape occurs (for example, by exposing the high incidence of prison rape), and the woman being interviewed claims that the court system is "patriarchal" and this discourages men from coming forward. So while I wouldn't describe this as progress, it is noteworthy in that *something* was at least said about male rape, rather than nothing.

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New Rules Threaten Gender Neutral Domestic Violence Treatment Program

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Dave Maupin from the Family Violence Prevention Services program in North Carolina wrote in and wanted to ask for help to fight new domestic violence legislation. The law will effectively shut out FVPS from taking on clients referred to them by the courts - because compliance with the new rules would require them to be approved and monitored by politically motivated domestic violence groups. Click "Read More" below to read his message and information regarding the new legislation which will end up harming men, women, and children seeking to overcome family violence.

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a psychologist, marriage and family therapist, and founder/director of a private, non-profit family violence prevention and treatment services program that has been in operation for seventeen
years and that serves families in western North Carolina. We provide separate professional counseling groups for men, women, and children. We also offer couples counseling for intact couples who have completed the domestic violence component of our program, and a violence prevention curriculum in the schools (kindergarten through third grade).

I am writing to you concerning a move by the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and other victim advocate groups to legislate standards for abuser treatment programs. Last October, "temporary rules" were distributed to all programs in the state that provide counseling for abusers. For a copy of these rules, please go the NC Domestic Violence Commission website (http://www.doa.state.nc.us/doa/dvc/abuser.htm).

It is the intent of these groups to have the state legislature make these rules permanent in this years' legislative session which began several weeks ago. As a professional counseling program, serving families in which there is violence, we cannot comply with many of the rules and, as a result, are at risk of losing our program and nearly twenty years of effective violence prevention and treatment. (Those programs that are not "approved" will be denied court-referred clients. That is the population our program is most effective with, and represents 75% of our caseload).

In the past few weeks we have gone to the state capital to meet with two groups of legislators who were willing to hear our concerns about the

appropriateness of the rules for family centered programs like ours. We clearly have the ear of some of the legislators who want to help us. At the first meeting, we presented our concerns unopposed to fifteen legislators representing the six counties where our staff reside.

At our second meeting with legislators this past Wednesday, the opposition was out in force in defense or their anti-family, anti-professional, anti-male rules. The executive director of the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence proceeded to trash most of the points we had made the previous week. It was unsettling for me and I have known who these people are and how they operate for many years. At the very least, it must have been confusing to some of the legislators who are probably wondering whom to believe.

If you would like to help, I have additional information that I could fax you for your review. Also, I can answer any questions you may have about our program, its services, and our endless struggle against these radical feminist groups. I believe your involvement could help focus the legislators on the need to adopt more inclusive, less restrictive, family friendly standards for men's treatment programs in North Carolina.

Thank you for your help.

Dave Maupin

Family Violence Prevention Services

Dave also sent me the following, which is what he told the legislative council at their first meeting:

Legislative Meeting, Raleigh, NC - 1/30/01

Thank you all for coming. My name is Dave Maupin. I'm program director for

Family Violence Prevention Services, a private, non-profit, violence prevention and treatment services program in Alexander and Iredell counties.

Each of you should have a manila envelope of materials relevant to today's meeting. You will find a description of our services, some of our effectiveness measures, letters of endorsement, a copy of a recent national study by the US Dept. of Justice on intimate partner violence, and a paper on Standards for Abuser Intervention from the state of Maryland.

First, I would like to introduce some of our staff who have taken time off from their day jobs to come to Raleigh today to meet with you.

Greg LeTourneau - Men's program director

Annette Beam - Women's program director

Yvette Smith - Children's program director

Frances Boerema - Couple's group therapist

Pat Myers - a member of the Executive Committee of our Board

In July of last years' Short Session, legislation was passed that gave the NC Council for Women authority to "approve" abuser treatment programs. Only those programs that are "approved" may receive domestic violence counseling referrals from the courts.

Last October, the Council for Women distributed fourteen pages of "temporary rules" to all domestic violence programs in the state known to provide counseling services for male abusers. Program directors were told that public hearings on these rules would be scheduled at locations across the state for late November and early December but none were ever held.

In December, applications for approval were sent out to all providers. We completed our application and returned it to the Council for Women, even though we had serious concerns. The application was based almost entirely on the "temporary rules" and was not relevant to professional counseling models such

as ours. Our concerns were similar to other professional counseling programs across the state whose directors I have spoken with: We were being told whom we could counsel, how we could counsel, when and where we could counsel, and we were particularly uncomfortable with the thought of employees from the Council for Women having free and open access to confidential client records.

Nevertheless, it was made clear that final "approval" would be based on strict compliance with the "temporary rules", and that our program, and others like us would no longer be permitted to provide the kinds of domestic violence
counseling services through the courts which we know to be needed and effective.

Nearly twenty years ago, we discovered that, when there is domestic violence, most women and men want to maintain their relationships together when at all possible, We developed a family intervention approach that is effective at stopping violence while keeping families intact. Today, other domestic violence programs in North Carolina are also working with families and see a growing need to provide family-based services in this area.

The CARE Domestic Violence Program which operates out of the Department of Social Services in Cumberland County, and the Family Services program of Gaston County are two such programs. The Duke Endowment and other human service foundations in North Carolina have also recognized the importance of family intervention to solve family problems.

The Intensive Family Preservation Services program, adopted in 1999 by the NC Division of Social Services, is another example of the family intervention approach at the state level. Its mission is similar to our own: "To provide services designed to help families alleviate crises that might lead to out-of-home placement of children at imminent risk; maintain the safety of children in their own homes; and assist families in obtaining services and other supports necessary to address their multiple needs in a culturally sensitive manner."

The "rules" issued by the Council for Women have been written from a perspective that is different from our own perspective and professional experience. The majority of court-referred cases we receive involve intact families where victims want to maintain their relationships and want to find ways to solve family problems without violence. We recognize the need for

shelters for women and children in cases of extreme, life-threatening violence. And we do not want to take anything away from existing domestic violence programs, but we do want to have the chance to offer families a choice.

The Department of Justice study says that two-thirds of all intimate attacks are simple assault (pushing, shoving, yelling and name calling), the least serious form of violence studied. We are here today to ask you to help us amend these "temporary rules" or to at least postpone their implementation until they can be modified to reflect the needs of the larger domestic violence population and the services provided by programs such as ours. Input should be welcome from providers who have developed effective approaches to stopping violence in families, whether or not these approaches fit "the mold".

Domestic violence counseling programs should not all have to be the same, because all domestic violence is not the same, either in degree or in kind. We, and other service providers have learned that domestic violence is complicated and that a variety of treatment models are needed.

I've asked each of our staff to speak briefly about their work with families, and then we will do our best to answer your questions.

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A Tragic Tale of Child Abuse

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Trudy Schuett submitted this sickening story from TownHall.com. It's about a women who had a history of drug problems and abusing her husband who eventually received custody of her two young boys. Things were stable for a short while until she took off on a cross-country trip with the boys, along the way cutting and abusing the boys in ways that were blatantly obvious to those around her, but she was never reported to the police by people who saw her. I think it's also clear that this story simply could not have happened had the boys been traveling with their father, and it serves as a disturbing wake up call to end the prejudices about women's incapacity for violence. It's also a good time to ask yourself, what would *you* have done if you had seen this woman and her children in their physical state on a train?

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Canadian Group Seeks to Outlaw Circumcision

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The National Post printed this story about an organization, the Association for Genital Integrity, which trying to obtain funds to have non-therapeutic male circumcision legally recognized as sexual assault. The argument will rely on an equal protection reasoning, claiming that the current law is discriminatory because it outlaws female genital mutilation but ignores male genital mutilation (circumcision). Some religious groups are concerned about the legal challenge, but it is possible that a religious exemption could be made. Personally, I think the issue at stake is that infant boys have no choice in the matter - if they want to become circumcised when they're old enough to make the decision themselves, that's fine, but I believe they need the *choice*.Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Circumcision is against the Charter, group says

Author: Adrian Humphreys

Date: February 12, 2001

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Eminem: As the Left Turns

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Tom Smith from the American Union of Men wrote up an interesting essay about Eminem, the rap star whose music is currently incredibly popular but which is also extremely vulgar and thus has caused quite a bit of controversy. Tom has been willing to put aside the prejudices about Eminem that the PC media has created and examined his music, and found a tremendous amount of angst related to men's issues (father loss, his own divorce problems, etc). If you're open minded, Tom's article is sure to introduce you to this rapper in a new light. Click "Read More" below for the complete article...

Eminem: As the Left Turns

By Tom Smith

I was "turned on to" Eminem when my daughter's fourteen year old friend asked me to cut her a CD of tunes off of Napster in late December 2000. Just out of curiosity I checked out the tunes she listed, one of them being "Stan" by Eminem. It was obvious from the first listening that we had here a new and fresh talent. I went on to check out the rest of his tunes and was blown away. While I struggled with the appropriateness of the music for young kids, it was clear that the social commentary was the most real and honest that I have heard for most of the past thirty years, with the exception of some rare punk tunes.

Not only was this guy Eminem giving voice to issues of substance, most of which fit what I saw as the crisis of American Men, but he was positioned in one of the strongest areas in the history of pop music; another crossover white guy exploiting a black genre. He rang the big bell of contemporary American social issues and at the same time assured himself a place in music history no matter what else he did.

I then got very curious and asked myself how this low life out of Detroit got where he is? Did he just stumble into it or was there something he knew and

then exploited the situation? The first explanation was in the music form itself, rap music. I was in Attica in the mid seventies for pot and loved watching the black guys banter. This essentially is the roots of rap. I knew then that this was a special and precious indigenous American art form needing a vehicle. Five years later rap would come on the scene. A large part of Em's (Eminem) charm is the rap music itself and his skillful representation of it. Because of my jail experience and subsequent friendship with black men, I had developed an ear for this style of art. So I knew right off that Em was being true to it. But there was an added dynamic to the music he was making, and that was that he was 100% white which gave the music a whole other dimension. I also had an ear for how white males expressed themselves and Em was also true to that. You can especially hear it in his song "Guilty Conscience" that he does with Dr Dre (the Dee Barnes slapping part). In that segment he is rapping true to form but at the same time being his white guy self, very different from how black guys would do the same rap (more in your face and "edgy")

The next explanation that I came up with for his stellar performance was in his life at the time he was making the tunes. The first element was his early "hook up" and procreation...he knocked up his girlfriend and was trying to follow through responsibly. He got a lesson that many of us never get and those who do usually find out much later, and that was divorce with kids for a father in America. On top of that he was poor and saw in stark detail that no one gave a fuck about him or his fatherhood. On the contrary, he was actively oppressed by the very people who were supposed to be representing him, the democratic party with it's legions of blacks, feminists and gays. He gives voice to this in one of his songs when he laments about being criticized for doing rap and not being black and he says, "I'm white and don't exist" to the rest of the world. Then he adds he wants the whole world to kiss his big white ass. There's all kinds of other laments in his music about this and being a father with no support from the rest of society, some very touching and others humorous.

Also out of his experience at the time he was writing those tunes was the situation in pop music in the late nineties. Most of the nineties were dominated by female performers and the only male performers on the scene might as well have been females (Eddy Vedder, the "boy groups", etc). Even I was complaining at the time to my young pre-adolescent son that his male contemporaries were doing didley in pop music. I'm sure this situation didn't escape Em and he clearly makes jibes about it in his music. So his music and the inordinate amount of testosterone that it contains is in part most likely a response to that limp period in pop music.

But the main reasons Em (Marshall Mathers III) has done such wonderful work is thirty years of feminism and all the balless men he has seen around him in his twenty eight years of life. Any young man witnessing this debacle of American Manhood would have to be a fool if he didn't complain loudly. Yes, I know, most young American Men are fools when it comes to women and it isn't anything new. The only difference is that in past times men had some semblance of power, this is the only time in history where they not only have no power, but are actively ruled over by women (the feminist democratic party and those traditional traitors of men, the republicans).

Maybe now with the emergence of a bold, honest and talented American Man like Marshall Mathers the Third, we will see American Men begin to be reincarnated.

Tom Smith

The American Union of Men (AUM)

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Pro-Father Radio Program

Scott · 15 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Kingsley Morse writes, "*Jim Whinston [from the National Center for Men] has a pro-father radio show which is now available worldwide on the web via Real Audio. It's at www.kpsu.org from 6 - 7 PM PST on Thursdays.*" Click here for the direct link to the Real Audio feed.

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The Invisible Male Victims of Domestic Violence

Scott · 15 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I'm back - though I could use some sleep. :) The EastSideJournal printed a great story about the way men are systematically ignored in DV awareness campaigns, and points out some of the most prevalent (and false) statistics about DV. From the article: "*For years, we have been told that domestic violence is a serious problem: it must not be tolerated in any form and every victim must be believed. Yet, countless victims of domestic violence are ignored by the system, dismissed as liars, and even charged as abusers. These victims have been hit, kicked, punched, bitten, choked, knifed, shot, run over with cars, and even set on fire. They are men.*"Source: East Side Journal [newspaper]

Title: Gender profiling prevalent in domestic violence

Author: Lisa Scott

Date: February 13, 2001

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Congressmen Move to Create Office of Men's Health

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Here's some news on how Randy Cunningham and James McDermott have been pushing for an Office of Men's Health, and the idea is gaining momentum as it's also being backed by the National Medical Association. However, as they remind us, "*Both Congressmen stressed that the creation of an Office of Men's Health would not impinge on the funding or the status for the Office of Women's Health, which was created in 1990*" it's a real shame they have to point this out, as it shows that we can never offer to help men without first deferring to women's concerns.

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First VMI Pregnant Cadet

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Not PC submitted this link to a news report that the Virginia Military Institute now has its first pregnant female cadet, and it has stirred up a lot of controversy. The Naval Academy policy states that "*Pregnancy and parenthood impose significant responsibilities and demands upon midshipmen which are incompatible with service as midshipmen*" but the woman (who was not identified in the article) was given three options for living quarters to accommodate her needs. Even women who have attended VMI gave disapproval of this situation, and feel she should either leave or be suspended during the pregnancy. One of them said "*Cadets can accumulate demerits and wind up suspended essentially for being late for class and not shining their shoes, and yet this woman is far more irresponsible and gets 'almost preferential treatment.'*"

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Creativity - now a "Chick Thing?"

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I've been meaning to post this for a few days now - Trudy Schuett, who has time and time again shown a great deal of compassion and understanding of men's issues, wrote an essay on Themestream about creativity and gender. Her thesis is that the two have no connection, and that people mistakenly believe women are more creative because they give birth. "*Creativity comes from the spirit, not from DNA...It's not a chick thing, or a guy thing. In fact, it is precisely the thing that will get us all out of this mess of gender issues, of feminism and masculism and mutual hatred and distrust.*" Check it out.

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Deadbeat Dads Portrayed as Dogs

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Kathleen Parker's column in the Orlando Sentinel describes a campaign by Alabama to crack down on deadbeat dads. Ads were taken out in local newspapers which show pictures of deadbeat parents (only one of them, though, is a woman) with the title: "Lost Dogs: Have You Seen Us?" Although the ads are targeting the worst offenders, they still send a powerfully strong anti-male message, and some father's rights groups are planning lawsuits against the state for violating the civil rights of those depicted by the ads. Stuff like this really makes by blood start to boil. I wonder how many more steps can be taken to "beat dead" fathers who owe child support when absolutely nothing is done to ensure the money is actually spent on the child's needs? It just seems too one-sided. Source: Orlando Sentinel [newspaper]

Title: Alabama support law dogs dads

Author: Kathleen Parker

Date: February 14, 2001

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An Enquiry Into the Adult Male Experience of Heterosexual Abuse

Adam · 17 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

This is an excellent study about DV against men committed by women, written by Anne Lewis. The study examines many factors involved in DV against men (powerlessness, feeling trapped, etc.) and does so in a sympathetic way. However, the interviews with the abused men are the most haunting thing in the entire study, and such brutal honesty is hard to take, so don't read the study if you're depressed or feeling uneasy right now. And as Anne says "*In giving abused men a voice and the opportunity to tell their stories in an atmosphere of trust, I went on a journey of discovery. As an abused person, I was giving myself a voice. The men's pain became my pain, their injustice my injustice, their anger my anger. I listened to myself as I listened to them, and in helping to free them, I freed myself. My inner processes were facilitated by the validation which I as a woman receive from society, and I sought to bring something of that hope and vision to the men whose stories I was privileged to share.*" Be certain that you read the study to learn for yourself.

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A Deadbeat Child Support Agency

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Not PC writes *"Despite the fact that he he was making weekly child support payments and had visited the support agency's offices twice recently, an Ohio county's child support agency claims that they couldn't find Charles Collins to give him a check for over $20,000 he overpaid. The agency is also trying to get $327,000 in unclaimed child support dollars to some 500 families. What do you bet that this is not an isolated incident? All those in favor of taking away the CS worker's driver's licenses and throwing them in jail, raise your right hand! And then click here for the story."*Source: The Plain Dealer [newspaper]

Title: Agency said it couldn't find man it owed money

Author: Andrea Simakis

Date: February 16, 2001

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Ending the Battle of the Sexes

Scott · 18 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Claude Saint-Jarre sent me a link to an essay that blew me away with its quality and message. Elizabeth Herron and Aaron Kipnis have been collaborating to help end the war between the sexes, and this essay demonstrates that they are really willing to hear both sides of the story, and to validate both men and women while addressing gender issues. Please read this article, if nothing else the examples they have of men and women's complaints strikes a balance like I have never read before. If you're a fan of Warren Farrell, this will certainly interest you.

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Reproductive Rights News from Australia

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Recently, we reported that tennis pro Boris Becker was frauded into fatherhood. He has recently changed his story and is now accepting paternity for the child. However, this Sydney Morning Herald article is one of a two-part series on men who are forced into paternity, and the first part deals with the legal issues surrounding "stealing someone's sperm." It is written by a woman who "*During the 15 years I answered a Cleo advice column, I had many letters from women who were considering [tricking men into paternity] and wrote seeking my approval for staging a 'supposed accident.'*" It's a really good article, and I can't wait to see the second part, on "Father's Choice."Source: Sydney Morning Herald [Australian newspaper]

Title: Whose sperm is it, anyway?

Author: unknown

Date: February 17, 2000

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On-line Prostate Cancer Support Group

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CNN had a health story on a new support group for men with prostate cancer. The group is called 2Against1 and New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, who has prostate cancer, endorses the site and says, "*When a man is diagnosed, he needs someone thinking clearly...I found friends who had had it only after I went public a couple of years ago*" The article is unique from one's I've read so far in that it also talks about the side effects of treatments and also how family members are affected by it. Source: CNN

Title: Prostate cancer support group forms online

Author: Michele Dula Baum

Date: February 14, 2001

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Men Scarce in U.S. Colleges?

Scott · 19 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"This article at FoxNews.com describes the difficulties at Oberlin College which has a largely female population. The really disappointing thing is that the college administration is fearful of backlash from women's organizations should they actively recruit boys. Sexist statements from Clifford Adelman, senior research analyst with the U.S. Education Department ("Boys like to strut and make claims and tell everyone they are going to do something and then they don't do it") don't help much, but the article does make the point that getting men into college makes both the educational and social environments richer."*

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Len Miskulin Ends Hunger Strike

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After SIXTY-THREE days of hunger striking to protest having his sons taken away from him in his divorce, Len Miskulin has decided to pursue other options than hunger striking. While I'm glad to hear Len will remain with us (he was willing to die this way), I am disappointed at the lack of activism that surrounded his work. This was no doubt due to the media gag order injunction that a UK judge upheld to prevent the local media from reporting on his situation. I would like to think, that if this had happened in the U.S, that there would be riots in the streets. But I'm not so sure anymore. Please drop Len a note of support at: jafp@talk21.com and wish him a speedy recovery to health. Len is currently unable to walk due to his starvation, and will need a few months to restore himself. To read Len's e-mail, click here.

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Women Flirt Subconsciously?

Scott · 19 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

An article from the Sydney Morning Herald discusses a study which showed that women tend to use flirting techniques when meeting a male stranger, and will not give any rejection signals until she has assessed him fully. I found this interesting because men are often blamed for misreading a woman's body language, and this suggests that there is good reason for it - because she will in fact use courtship signals from the start. I wouldn't read too much into the article, though - I'm not aware of too many other studies like this one.

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DNA Fingerprinting Inventor Wants Massive UK Database of DNA

Scott · 20 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

AngryHarry submitted this article from the UK Independent, which states that the inventor of genetic fingerprinting, Sir Alec Jeffreys, believes that the benefits of collecting DNA information from everyone in the UK population would outweigh the drawbacks. Sir Jeffreys and I disagree. Genetic information is being linked to many kinds of diseases, and even mental illnesses and behaviors. Wouldn't it be convenient for the government to have access to this information once these traits are determined more precisely? Source: The Independent [UK newspaper]

Title: Discoverer of genetic fingerprinting calls for universal DNA testing

Author: Andrea Babbington

Date: February 18, 2001

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Father Sues for "Recovered Memory" Accusation Damages

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AngryHarry also pointed me to this story from the UK Sunday Times. It's about a father who is suing for damages after her daughter accused him of sexually abusing her after undergoing controversial "recovered memory" psychiatric treatment. "*If successful, it could open the floodgates for compensation claims running into millions of pounds. The British False Memory Society has 1,400 people listed on its database who claim they have been falsely accused of sexual abuse after adult children 'recovered memories'.*" That is *a lot* of people. It will be interesting to see how this turns out. Source: The Sunday Times [UK newspaper]

Title: Father to sue NHS trust in sex abuse test case

Author: Sue Leonard

Date: February 18, 2001

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Demonizing Men in DV Campaigns

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There was a letter (toward the bottom of the page) by Ed Bartlett in a recent issue of the Washington Times. It makes the point that men are constantly villified by women's groups in order to obtain more funding for women's causes, i.e. domestic violence legislation or funding. "*Feminists have found that portraying women as the helpless victims of male battering is an extraordinarily powerful tool for provoking female anger and male guilt. The end result is to stereotype and scapegoat men...The vilification of men in the name of female liberation is frightening and needs to stop.*"

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Warren Farrell and His Struggles

Scott · 21 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Elliot Zaret from TheGuyCode informed me of this article they had just posted on Warren Farrell. In it, an introduction to Farrell and his work is outlined, but what I found most interesting were the explanations of how Farrell has been blacklisted by his former colleagues (including people at N.O.W.), and the sinister techniques they have used to keep the media silent about him. It's an excellent read, and in another two weeks the site will post something about Father and Child Reunion and the importance of fathers.

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Australian Man Sues Ex-Wife for Paternity Fraud, Pain and Suffering

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Not PC submitted a link to this story from the Australian The Advertiser. It mentions that a man is suing his ex-wife for $400k after DNA tests showed that he is not the father of the two children he has paid child support for the past eight years. The man says he suffered "severe anxiety and depression" from the finding, and who can blame him? When such a fundamental fact of life such as the paternity of your children and fidelity of your wife are taken for granted for so long, pain and suffering must certainly result. But no doubt he will be mocked and disbelieved for his suffering. There is little compassion for fathers and men these days. Source: The Advertiser [Australian newspaper]

Title: Husband in $400,000 lawsuit over DNA tests

Author: Mark Dunn

Date: February 20, 2001

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Child Support and Father Access

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In part two of Arndt's series on male reproductive rights and the family courts, Arndt discusses the problems of getting access to one's children with a vindictive mother, and how blatantly obvious many women are in using the father for child support rather than for being a father. Acknowledgment is made of the unreasonable financial burden that child support can sometimes cause, and also stresses that many men still want access and are willing to pay support for children that aren't theirs. "*It is all very well to say men shouldn't worry whether the children are theirs - but when they are confronted by a child-care system where men are required to pay far more than the actual costs of children and get little or no relief for costs of contact, you can hardly expect them to pay for children that are not theirs. Most step-parents value the relationship with their children and would be happy to pay to support them - provided it was a fair amount.*"Source: Sydney Morning Herald [Australian newspaper]

Title: Father's choice

Author: Bettina Arndt

Date: February 19, 2001

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The Surrendered Wife

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I received a short commentary from Bill Kuhl about the recent book and "movement", The Surrendered Wife. In short, the theory encourages women to submit to their husbands and let him be in charge. But is this really good for men or women? Read on for Bill's thoughts...The CBS Evening News on February 19 carried a segment on a new book entitled, "The Surrendered Wife." The book's author, Laura Doyle, states that women should, generally, give in to their husbands and stop trying to control them with criticism and constant nagging. Her book even argues that women should turn over control of the family's finances to their husbands. Although this sounds like it would be a very unpopular idea with most modern women, the book has actually sold very well - it landed on the New York Times Best Sellers' list the first week it was in bookstores. The CBS segment also featured a group of Dallas women who had formed a "Surrendered Circle Support Group," women who meet to discuss ways of "implementing the controversial ideas" from the book in to their lives.

However, the lighthearted tone of these women, and of the author herself, leads me to believe that this book is, indeed, no epiphany - women as a result of "The Surrendered Wife" will not come to realize the excesses of feminism or the many forms of discrimination against men. In fact, the book's author admits, "I'm not looking for any converts of any kind. I'm just saying this is what worked for me." I would speculate that many of Doyle's most ardent fans are actually upper middle class white women (all the women in the CBS report appeared to be) whose biggest nag is a little voice in the backs of their minds, repeating: "You know, if you keep coming down on him left and right, he's going to demand equality too and then you're going to be the one getting out of bed at 3AM to go check out the strange noise out back." I think you'll be likely to find this book on a lot more living room coffee tables than scholars' desks. Actually, the whole idea seems like nothing more than a new way to make money off of the battle between the sexes. Ho-hum.

Bill Kuhl

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Feminists and Their Enemies

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Along the same theme as the recent Warren Farrell article, this link submitted by Rand is about how feminism has taken over the liberal media and how challenges to this are so difficult to mount. Plenty of focus is given to Christina Hoff Sommers because she is one of the few that has been successful in doing so, and consequently is considered "Public Enemy Number One" by feminists. It's a very insightful article. Source: City Journal [magazine]

Title: Feminists and Their Enemies

Author: Harry Stein

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Woman Calls Ex-Boyfriend 1,000 Times per Day

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Yahoo! news reports in this story that a woman from Hong Kong called her ex-boyfriend 1,000 times each day for three years. The man changed jobs and telephone numbers to get away from this psychotic woman, but eventually his new numbers were found out, and she began calling again, and making 500 faxes to him each day as well. When one day she showed up at his home to demand money from him, they got into a physical fight - and the man was arrested and carted away. This is from the "Oddly Enough" news on Yahoo!, but I feel the issue is more serious than this. This is often the kind of domestic violence that women inflict upon men - things which when taken individually don't seem harmful, but who could deny that this man was pushed over the edge by her behavior?

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Male-Bashing Domestic Violence 800 Number

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Marc Angelucci writes *"During the Grammy's, a commercial depicted a child listening as a man beat his wife in the background, then gave the number 1-800-END-ABUSE to call. When you call, you'll hear a message that talks about "men" beating up "the women they promise to love." If you've got a moment, leave them a message about the harm this slanted and biased message causes. How in the world do they get away with this?"* Considering the enormous viewership of the Grammy Awards, this is doing incredible damage.

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Fathers are not Disposable

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Bill Kuhl submitted an article from the St. Lois Post-Dispatch about the way fathers are devalued in the media. The author, who once supported the portrayal of Murphy Brown in her TV sitcom to have a child on her own, has since changed his mind and strongly believes we are harming children by condoning the absence of fathers in families. "*If I told you a mother was unimportant to a child's well-being, you'd look at me like I had two heads. Yet somehow, we have bought into a lie that says father is dispensable, that anything he brings to the table can be replicated by a determined single mother or, indeed, any loving person who happens to be around.*"Source: St. Lois Post-Dispatch [newspaper]

Title: Fathers again face familiar attacks on television

Author: Leonard Pitts, Jr.

Date: February 22, 2001

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Men as "Success Objects"

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I managed to get a biweekly editorial column in the UNH school newspaper about men's issues. You can read my first article, about how men are seen as "success objects" at this link. I hope to make use of the column to get a dialogue going about men's issues started at the university, and hopefully meet some people in support of men's rights. My articles will also be posted in the "Men in the Media" section of the new Massachusetts Coalition for Men web site, which is currently under development and will be unveiled soon.

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Men and Eating Disorders

Scott · 24 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Also in today's TNH, an article by Chris Godbout on male body image and eating disorders can be read at this link. Chris, myself and Peter Welch from the Health Ed. Dept. are working together on a presentation called *Junk Male: Images of Men in Advertising* which will be shown toward the end of March. This semester is looking to be a great one for awareness of men's issues at UNH!

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L.A. Times Covers Barnes & Noble Campaign

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Marc Angelucci writes *"The Los Angeles Times covered my Barnes & Noble petition drive after I sent 1,000 signatures in. There are a few misquotes, and some things were left out, but I think the article was for the most part pretty well done and I'm happy with it. Click here to read it. I'll still continue to petition. Meanwhile, please don't hesitate to drop Barnes & Noble a line at customerrelations@bn.com."*Source: Los Angeles Times [newspaper]

Title: He's Seeking a New Chapter in Attitudes Toward Men

Author: Martin Miller

Date: February 22, 2001

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UCLA Daily Bruin Prints Article On Anti-Male Bias

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Marc Angelucci writes *"The UCLA Daily Bruin printed my piece on discrimination against men in the Justice System. I had provided a plug to Mensactivism.org, but they didn't include it. They did, however, put the National Coalition of Free Men in there. Click here.*
I'm working on forming a local chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men in Los Angeles. We really need some local grassroots activism. Please e-mail me if you live in the L.A. area or nearby, or if you know someone there who might be interested, and I'll include you in the invite for an initial meeting: Angelucc@2000.law.ucla.edu."

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Kathleen Parker on Paternity Fraud

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Kathleen Parker wrote a column for Town Hall which discusses the uncomfortable subject of paternity fraud. A man from Georgia has been trying to get a law passed that would allow victims of paternity fraud to absolve themselves of child support and relations with the child, if desired, and give fathers who dispute their paternity the legal right to having a DNA test. Parker's sympathy for both men and children in cases such as this is well balanced: "*How can you suddenly stop loving a child for whom you've always been Dad? How can you abandon a child who needs you? These are tough questions and prompt emotions that interfere with one's usual impulse to fairness. But fair is fair, and the truth looks like this: The mother who lies about paternity is guilty of fraud and deserves condemnation at least equal to what we assign fathers who abandon their children. In no other imaginable scenario, meanwhile, do we punish victims of a false allegations.*"

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Man Leaves Prison After 10 Years in False Accusation of Rape

Scott · 25 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Yahoo! News reported that Jimmy Williams of Ohio is receiving a new trial for the rape of a 12 year old girl, who is now a grown woman and has recanted the accusation. Williams has always maintained his innocence through the years, and will finally get to be with his 10 year old son that he has never been able to spend time with. It is possible that Williams could sue for $25k for each year he was imprisoned, for a total of $250,000. Imagine if that money could be put into an organization to lobby for the rights of accused men?

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Proving Daniel Amneus Right

Adam · 25 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

This article describes one of the most hateful studies written about men I've ever come across, but it does have a redeeming feature. Namely, it proves that all the work of Daniel Amneus is true, in that the ghettos are the result of the Male Role having no stability, where he can kicked out of family life at any second for displeasing mom. Be certain that you read Amneaus' works online, including *The Garbage Generation* and download *The Case for Father Custody* in Adobe PDF format to read the truth for yourself - they're "must read" material for anyone in the mens/fathers movement.

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Debbie Schlussel Named Enemy No. 1 by Ms. Magazine

Scott · 26 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Debbie Schlussel wrote an interesting column for WorldNetDaily where she talks about how Ms. Magazine has named her "Enemy No. 1" for being a popular female commentator on conservative issues. "*Clearly, Ms. is out of touch with the modern world. I know, because as a young, Gen-X, professional, single woman, I'm their target audience...And I'm not listening.*" It's good to see women who are willing to take the modern feminist movement to task for claiming to represent them.

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Austrian Minister Slammed for Proposing Men's Dept.

Scott · 27 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Jon writes *"Good news for Austrian men - Yahoo! News (through Reuters) posted this article in their Oddly Enough section about a new Men's Department in the Austrian government's Social Affairs Ministry. Still think that the media isn't biased against men? Notice how Herbert Haupt, the man proposing the department, is described as "a member of the far-right," and his detractors are described as merely "opposition." At least Yahoo! News doesn't judge whether it's odd that the department is being created or odd that critics are so violent in their opposition..."*

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Interesting Article By Gay Men's Activist

Scott · 27 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"Steve Gaskill is an activist in the gay black male community who joined the Barnes & Noble campaign. The sexually-liberating experience he describes in this article can be, in my opinion, analogous to even the non-sexual bond that straight men feel upon sharing male experiences or discovering a common interest in men's issues. I just thought I'd share it."*

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Response To Marc's Daily Bruin Article

Scott · 27 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"For the first time, someone actually responded to me in the Daily Bruin. This one attacks the National Coalition of Free Men and makes some very weak and tired arguments about males being in power (as though men in government meant men's issues were being addressed). I enjoyed this one. Just thought I'd post it."* I thought the article was interesting in that the arguments were transparent - there was little dishonesty in this person's views, they are simply based on a feminist portrayal of reality which has never truly considered men's side of the story.

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NIH Makes Major Retractions of Gender Research Disparities

Scott · 28 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Ed Bartlett of Men's Health America announced today that the NIH has issued *three* letters retracting claims they made that women were neglected in medical research. You can read the MHA press release here. If anyone challenges you when you claim that gender health research disparities have not been harmful to women, this information will certainly be very useful. Now we must go another step and have it demonstrated that the research still isn't equal, and that men are in need of "catching up."

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Challenging Child Abuse Myths - Except Those About Gender

Scott · 28 February 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Australia's The Age printed a story whose apparent purpose is to shatter myths about child abuse, including the misperception that most child abuse is committed by strangers. The article sounds the alarm that child abuse and neglect barely register on most people's minds as a serious, widespread social problem. I also noticed that there was absolutely NO mention about the prevalence of abuse according to gender. No doubt most people who read the article will think that it is men who are the primary abusers of children, when in fact this is not the case. Perhaps the author assumes we can only deal with a couple myths being shattered at a time. Click here for the story. Source: The Age [Australian newspaper]

Title: Child abuse society's hidden scar

Author: Julie-Anne Davies

Date: February 21, 2001

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Office of Men's Health in the News

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The Washington Post printed an article which outlines the current legislation to establish an Office of Men's Health at DHHS. Read it here. The article mentions that much of the 15.5M budget that the Office of Women's Health has was used for public health awareness, and that the establishment of one for Men's Health could go a long way in changing stereotypes about men and health care. Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: It's a Guy Thing

Author: Marc Borbely

Date: February 27, 2001

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Choice for Men Web Site Given Facelift

Scott · 1 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Kingsley Morse has announced that his C4M web site, long deemed the main web site of the male reproductive rights movement, has been completely redone. They have a new redirection domain: www.choiceformen.com. Check out the web site and be sure to send Kingsley your comments. The web site changes were long overdue but well worth the wait!

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Long Live Men? Let's Hope So

Scott · 1 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Al Knight wrote a great column for the Denver Post, outlining the current crisis in men's health. Lots of stats are given and Knight's theory of why the legislation for the Office of Men's Health is going to be well received is that Cunningham has obtained the support of several female legislators, and as he writes "*Clever move. If women are for the bill, who would have the nerve to be against it?*" Thanks to Not PC for submitting the link. Source: Denver Post [newspaper]

Title: Long live men?

Author: Al Knight

Date: February 28, 2001

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Heather Mercer: Not A Heroine

Scott · 2 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I came across this story from the Independent Women's Forum about Heather Mercer, the female kicker who was cut from Duke's football team after showing poor performance in practice. She later sued and won $2M from the university. While hailed as a heroine in some circles, Kimberly Schuld points out that she in fact has made things worse for aspiring female athletes. In retrospect, the Duke coach could have refused to give her a chance outright (this exception is allowed in contact sports), and thus would have been safe from a lawsuit. But by giving women a chance in male contact sports, it is now apparent that schools are opening themselves up to legal liabilities. The result: no one will want to take that risk and women will be denied the chance to try out for male contact sport teams. Keywords: Title IX

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Acknowledging Male Victims of Sexual Abuse

Scott · 2 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Bill Kuhl writes, "*Greg Freeman, who is quite popular locally (he also has a local TV show and a radio show) has done an article on an institute devoted to helping male victims of sexual abuse. The article is well written and very favorable to our cause. The man whom Freeman interviews, the director of the institute, I am almost positive is the same guy who started a men's issues bulletin board at Washington University's School of Social Work (a highly acclaimed MSW program). I strongly encourage readers to e-mail Freeman at: gfreeman@post-dispatch.com and thank him. Like I suggested above, Freeman has a lot of clout at least in this area.Source: St. Lois Post-Dispatch [newspaper]*

Title: Institute seeks to help men who were victimized

Author: Greg Freeman

Date: March 1, 2001

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Female Violence in Night Clubs

Scott · 2 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Jerry Boggs from NCFM submitted this piece about women's violence in night clubs reported on by the Toronto Sun. The article explains how problems of violence used to be mostly with male patrons, but has significantly shifted to female-on-female incidents. Many of them are even over a man! "*'Women rule this world,' says the club's (male) night manager wryly. 'It's not just violence. There's unabashed sexual aggression.'*" Note: article has been archived on the Toronto Sun web site, and is accessible for a fee. Click "Read More" below for reference information to retrieve the article if needed. Source: Toronto Sun [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Female aggression on the rise

Author: Jean Sonmor

Date: March 2, 2001

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MIT Faculty Bias Report Unfounded

Scott · 3 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Not PC submitted a link to this Christian Science Monitor story about a recent flurry of controversy over MIT's unequal treatment of female faculty. As it turns out, there was no evidence to support the claims: "*Check out the study yourself at MIT's website. You will notice an astonishing fact: MIT's study is innocent of evidence of gender discrimination. Not an iota of data is offered to show that MIT treated its female faculty any differently from its male faculty.*" The story demonstrates how quickly the media and public are willing to believe without question any claims of discrimination against women to the point that facts are no longer checked. The woman who made these claims obtained an enormous grant from the Ford Foundation and many other workplace 'perks' from MIT. Source: Christian Science Monitor

Title: False solution on gender

Author: Judith Kleinfeld

Date: February 27, 2001

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Jane Fonda in the News

Scott · 4 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Jim Castelli submitted this link from the Boston Globe and writes, "*Jane Fonda continues the egocentric ways that have endeared her to millions of men since the Vietnam War. Contributing $12.5 million dollars to Harvard to create a center on gender education, Ms. Fonda asserts that for too long "*she had fashioned her opinions and image to make men happy*" because of her low self esteem. Anyone who remembers "Hanoi Jane" from the Vietnam War will have a difficult time accepting her argument. Anyone who has the temerity to go to North Vietam during the height of the Vietnam War and essentially thumb her nose at her country and all the men who were dying in Vietnam is not motivated by a desire to please men. Ms. Fonda now as always suffers from an ego that expects men to worship her beauty and her opinions without question. From Barbarella, to Vietnam, to her fitness videos, to her marriage to Ted Turner, Ms Fonda suffers not from low self esteem but from an exagerrated view of her own importance.*"Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Making over an image

Author: Patrick Healy

Date: March 3, 2001

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Choice for Men Hits Snag in Georgia

Scott · 4 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I received this depressing news from Kingsley Morse: "*The Supreme Court in the U.S. state of Georgia has legalized discrimination! In Palmer v. Bertrand, Georgia's highest court has made men second class citizens by ruling that it's OK to protect women's family planning, but not men's. The man in this case is going to ask the court to reconsider, and if it won't, he intends to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. In a related move, the U.S. based National Center for Men has also thoroughly updated it's internet efforts. You can help too.*" Click "Read More" below to view the rest of his message, and to find out what you can do to help.Men have been treated as an under class without reproductive rights since
Roe v. Wade in 1973, despite the Fourteenth Amendment's guarantee of "equal protection". The National Center for Men takes the position that forcing only men into parenthood discriminates, is demeaning and offensive to the basic principles of human dignity. Ironically, the Georgia Supreme Court's ruling is also counter to the trend of protecting men's family planning in that state's own legislature, which recently introduced HB369 to stop non-paternity fraud.

Unfortunately, although we believe in the principles of his case, his attorney, NCM's executive director and I all expect that he has little chance of getting any relief. It seems to me that we need to foster more of a public discourse about men's reproductive rights before we can realistically expect the U.S. Supreme Court to even consider a case like this. Toward that end, the National Center for Men is fostering public debate by expanding its internet presence:

1.) Our improved web site (www.choiceformen.com) is now officially up and running. It has

a.) news,

b.) case law,

c.) over 10,000 emails,

d.) a search engine,

e.) a click-able flowchart to help paternity suit defendants,

f.) a survey and

g.) much more.

2.) The digest version of the messages submitted to the Legalize Choice for Men email list (a.k.a. lc4m-d) is being forwarded to usenet.

Publicity from the Georgia case would also foster public debate and the man involved told me that he'll reconsider going public once he knows if they'll accept his case under a pseudonym. Evidently we should know in a month to two years.

If you'd like to support his efforts, you can:

1.) Help pay his legal fees. The appeal is expected to cost $US 5000 and he's considering filing for bankruptcy. Send contributions to his attorney:

Philip T. Raymond, III

SHAFFER, RAYMOND & DALTON

Post Office Box 1935

Macon, Georgia 31202-1935

(912) 471-1112

bfturnip@mindspring.com

State Bar No. 596850

2.) Consider writing an amicus brief. We'll know more later about the details of submitting them, but I can tell you now that my understanding is that Federal Courts are very picky about how amicus briefs must be submitted and it may be necessary to get an experienced attorney involved.

3.) Look for other cases that are ready for U.S. Federal Court and which could be combined with his in a class action.

Thanks,

Kingsley G. Morse Jr.

Reproductive Rights Chairman

National Center for Men

Support Fairness in Family Planning

www.choiceformen.com

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UK Pushing for Improvement of Men's Health

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AngryHarry submitted this story from the UK Independent. Although it might be too early to say, perhaps a wave of awareness of men's health issues is starting to sweep the globe! The issues of male suicide as well as increased heat disease risk were mentioned in the article, and the causes of the gender discrepancy were noted as due to both men's attitudes toward health as well as lack of funding for male health problems. With the recent news about setbacks in men's reproductive rights, I think it's all the more hopeful to see some progress being made in the area of men's health. Source: The Independent [UK newspaper]

Title: Drive to improve British men's health

Author: Jo Dillon

Date: March 4, 2001

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MHA Campaign Round 2: Time to Hit the Senate

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Ed Bartlett from Men's Health America has begun "Round 2" of the activism campaign to establish an Office of Men's Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The first round targeted the House of Representatives and resulted in **sixty-one** representatives co-signing the bill! If you want to jump into the campaign and do something for men's lives, now is the time to do so. See this posting for more info and join the MHA mailing list.

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Destabilizing Marriage

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There is an article in the Massachusetts News about how feminist social workers have been working to uproot marriage in the name of bringing forth female victims of domestic violence. While the article lays the rhetoric on pretty thick, it does point out that violence against men continues to go unaddressed and that the funding for these (mostly anti-male) institutions has skyrocketed in recent years. Thanks to Not PC for informing me of this news story.

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Man Knocked Unconscious by Wife; Scenario Made Into Joke

Scott · 6 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

This also belongs under the "inequality/double standards" dept....according to this story from Ananova News, a man who mistakenly sent a gift intended for his mistress to his wife was knocked unconscious by an ashtray she threw at him as he tried to flee. The incident occurred in Romania, and has been made into a joke here in the U.S. If a man had knocked a woman unconscious in the same way, even if he had found out she was unfaithful to him, we would disparage him as a jealous, dominating husband. The words "domestic violence" would be used to describe the incident. But not, for some reason, when the person being attacked is male.

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Office of Men's Health "More Money Down a Rathole"

Scott · 7 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Joseph Farah, a writer for WorldNetDaily, doesn't like government programs. While he is entitled to these views, he has chosen to do a lot of harm to the efforts to create an Office of Men's Health by mocking it and calling it a "rathole" that money is being wasted on. Regardless of your views on libertarianism, men's health is in such a sorry state that we can't afford to miss out on opportunities to help stop the crisis. Please e-mail Farah at: jfarah@worldnetdaily.com and let him know that if he's going to complain about government social programs, that targeting men's health issues is extremely unfair given the enormous gender disparities in health and lifespan - disparities which, in all likelihood, will end up affecting his own life.

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A Major Inroad on CBS "48 Hours"

Scott · 7 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Bill Kuhl submitted comments on last night's CBS *48 Hours* program, which confronted the issue of domestic violence against men in a fair manner. This is something to write positive letters in to reinforce the airing of this important issue. Click "Read More" below to view Bill's comments...Kudos, kudos, kudos to CBS' "48 Hours." A major
inroad was made during their March 5th telecast. The entire one hour newsmagazine was devoted to domestic violence. There were a few segments on women who had been beaten, plus a segment on male batterers and a treatment program in which they participate. The show seemed to have a slight anti-male bias until about midway through the program when a male victim of domestic violence was featured. This segment lasted nearly 10 minutes and not only clearly acknowledged the existence of the problem of domestic violence against men but also went into some of the dynamics. In addition, the segment cemented the picture of this particular female perpetrator as a very seriously violent person, not merely an irritated wife in a tiff, by interviewing her two sons. Both expressed that they were fearful of the mother and afraid for their father as well. Seems she had attacked her husband and one of the sons with a knife in separate incidences - along with threatening her husband with a shotgun. Again, let's hear it for CBS; this is the first time I have ever seen a prime time, major network TV show making a serious attempt to expose the problem of domestic violence against men.

Bill

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Book Review: A Long Way to go for a Date

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David Shackleton, editor of the *Everyman* men's journal, was kind enough to send me his review of Henry Makow's book A Long Way to go for a Date. The book is about Makow's experience with a "mail order bride" from the Philippines, but goes much deeper into gender issues, male psychology, and the often confusing and sometimes irrational state that men and women find themselves in, particularly in relation to each other. Click "Read More" below before making too many judgments - this is definitely an interesting book for those in the men's movement.
Book Review: A Long Way to go for a Date, by Henry Makow. Published by Silas Green, Winnipeg, MB, 2000. ISBN: 0-9687725-0-1. 128 pages, $12.95. Review by David Shackleton.

I was touched by this book. I am always moved by courageous honesty. Henry Makow holds a politically incorrect vision: to love a young, traditional woman who, in her subservience, will love him simply because he looks after her: the traditional masculine virtues of protection and providing. And he is resolute in his pursuit of this daunting goal. He writes, *I am an explorer in the undiscovered continent of love, a scientist in the laboratory of masculine longing. Can a middle-aged man, scarred by the sex wars at home, find a new beginning on a tropical island where women are still feminine?*

A Long Way to go for a Date is the emotionally intimate diary of a man who seeks, finds and marries Cecilia, a mail order bride, and brings her from the Philippines to Winnipeg, MB. As we might expect in these feminist times, nearly everyone in Makow's life disagrees with his plan. He faithfully records these conversations, along with his inner thoughts and feelings about the issues. The book thus becomes an intimate dialogue about the merits of traditional gender roles versus modern notions of liberation, informed by Makow's inner thoughts and experiences as he pursues his dream. He is, of course, a protagonist for what we can call the light side of traditional roles and the dark side of modern, feminist notions of female emancipation. But this is refreshingly different to the depressingly repetitive cultural mantra of today, featuring the oppressive nature of traditional gender roles, and the self-righteous glory of the feminist vision of female liberation. I enjoyed the difference and found it stimulated fresh thought on the question of gender roles.

An appealing aspect of A Long Way to go for a Date is the way it unfolds like fiction, like a novel. This is a consequence, I think, of the fact that it is developed directly from the diary that Makow kept of his thoughts and experiences, and so his ideas and conclusions develop and change as one

progresses through the book. This makes his moments of insight very present and direct: the reader feels his worldview turn and alter. For instance, he writes:

I tell [a Philippine friend of Cecilia's] that many women in America are self-centred, neurotic, ambitious and masculine. The nice ones find me too old. He agrees that Philippine women are 'very loving' and 'submissive.'
He seems to take that for granted, and instead, finds independent women more alluring.
Ed's use of the word 'submissive' rings a bell. I had told myself that I wanted a 'traditional' woman. I did not dare to consider the word 'submissive.' But damn it! That's exactly what I want!
After talking to Ed, I decide to go back to the the house. I ask Cecilia to come home and make a cup of coffee for me.
"Get it yourself, you fucking asshole," I can almost hear her American sisters.

She brings me the coffee. I put it aside and pull her down on the bed.

"Are you a submissive woman?" I ask.

"What does submissive mean?"

It means you obey your husband.

"I obey you because I love you," she says.

"And I'll never do anything to weaken your love," I vow.

Henry Makow is an exceptional individual, perhaps an eccentric. He is willing to invest heavily in his own ideas, and I admire this greatly. From a syndicated column for 38 newspapers called *Ask Henry* at age 11, to his invention of the board game *Scruples*, to being fired from his University teaching position for defending traditional gender roles, Makow has surely cut his own path through life. The story of his mail order search for a traditional wife told in A Long Way to go for a Date continues that pattern.

But what of his vision? Is it practical? Can the feminist genie be coaxed back into the bottle? With some sadness, I have to confess that I think not. Like a radio technician who insists on continuing to design using vacuum tubes and avoids "those newfangled transistors and integrated circuits," Makow's vision is, I think, doomed to failure. But like the

charge of the Light Brigade, his failure may well be magnificent, for he does not lack courage. And then again, maybe I am wrong. Maybe Makow will prove that the twenty first century can be wedded with the nineteenth. I think that I would like that.

Makow's first experiment with Cecilia does not end well. On the back cover of his book, he writes,

Things don't look so good at this moment. Is my hypothesis wrong? Or will it be discredited because I chose the wrong woman? I sense the satisfaction feminists would be feeling now. But I am not about to panic.

Indeed he is not, for he has recently attracted a new 'traditional' woman, from Mexico, into his life. Perhaps a further book will emerge to tell the continuing story of his experiments with love and masculine identity.

An epilogue to A Long Way to go for a Date entitled "What I Believe" tells in more abstract, theoretical terms how Makow sees relationships between men and women, and how he believes modern feminism has poisoned the ground. That chapter is excerpted/summarised as an article entitled "In Defense of Heterosexuality" on page 48 of this issue of Everyman.

A Long Way to go for a Date can be purchased at www.alongwaytogoforadate.com.

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Government-Approved Drug Addicts

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In this article Tom DeWeese links the recent school shootings with "Government-Approved Drug Addicts" - also known as kids who've been put on Ritalin and Prozac against their will. As Tom truthfully writes, "*Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (AHDH) are complete frauds. There is no scientific evidence whatever to prove either exists.*" Please drop him an E-mail of thanks and ask him to write more articles like this.

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Men the Minority (in Education)

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Glenn Burger submitted an article about his theories on why so few men are in today's colleges and universities. Glenn's premise is that the physical demands of "masculine" kinds of blue-collar labor take away a lot of energy that is needed to get a degree, while the jobs that women often take (or are able to get due to discrimination against draftable men) put them on track to improve their education and skills both inside and outside the workplace. Click "Read More" below for Glenn's interesting essay.

Men the Minority (in Education)

According to recently released statistics, colleges and universities in North America now have an undergrad population which is 56% female.

I believe that there is a reason why, increasingly, North American society is educating women and that reason is remarkably provocative and has a strongly anti-male component.

There is a direct relationship between employment and education. Where you work can, and often will, have a major impact on whether or not you acquire higher education.

If, for example, you work in the straight days, upwardly mobile, skills acquiring, stable, secure, generally non-physically demanding white collar employment sector, your chances of furthering your education, particularly at night, can be quite high. This is especially true of white collar workers in large, urban centers who have immediate access to colleges and universities and, of course, is less true of white collar workers who work in more rural areas.

In contrast, if you work in the physically demanding, frequently shiftwork, generally boring and non-skills acquiring blue collar sector your chances of acquiring higher education can be greatly reduced.
It would seem evident to me that there would be a great many more white collar employees furthering their education at night - or at any other time - than there are blue collar ones doing the same.

To my way of thinking, this reality has enormous relevance to an issue

that has bedeviled me for over 25 years, that issue being gender bias in employment. It has been my considered belief for many of those years that many employers have been hiring and training only women for skills acquiring, white collar work because women are not vulnerable to military conscription in the event of war.

Just prior to WWII, many corporations in North America had substantial numbers of male white collar workers. In Canada's banking system, for example, 65% of the employees were male in 1939, just before the outbreak of hostilities. By 1943, the banks had closed almost half of the banking system due to lack of staff, as those male employees left for the war.

At the end of the war, employers implemented draconian anti-male hiring policies for the white collar employment sector. Obviously women could do the work and just as obviously they would not be vulnerable to military conscription if WWIII or any other large conflict occurred.

I have documentation in my possession that shows that these hiring policies were so successful that, by 1987, fully 95% of the white collar staff and supervisory cohort in Canada's banks was female, contrasting with the much smaller in number managerial and executive ranks being almost 98% male. What happened at Canada's banks is typical of what happened in the entire white collar employment sector in both Canada and the United States since the end of The Second World War.

This startling division in gender is understandable. Those executive males were not going to give women all the staff and supervisory positions because of their invulnerability to conscription and then give them most of the executive positions too, so the executive ranks remained almost exclusively male.

Ergo, white collar staff in North America is, and has been, almost exclusively female for generations. If white collar workers are mostly women (and they are); and if white collar workers are more likely than blue collar workers to partake of higher education (seems logical); then the recent statistics showing that 56% of undergrads in tertiary education are female (and that percentage is continuing to rise) should be readily seen as being understandable and shouldn't come as any great surprise.

I think that, just as North American women who work in the white collar sector have gotten stuck on themselves and enormously impressed with themselves because of where they work, North American men confined to the blue collar sector have gotten down on themselves. Male opinion of self

seems to be: "I'm just a (1) cop, (2) fireman, (3) bus driver, (4) trucker, (5) mechanic, (6) mill worker, (7) refinery operator, (8) machinist," etc, etc. "How would getting a higher education benefit me?" And "How would I go about getting it with the often crummy hours that I work?"

It doesn't seem to be likely to many of these men that higher education would do them much good. In other words, most working class men, regardless of intelligence and motivation, are not allowed to be anything except blue collar workers and to the detriment of many of them, they accept it and adapt to it. They don't head to the institutions of higher learning to benefit their lot because they don't think that their lot can be benefited.

In contrast, women are not at all down on themselves because of their skills acquiring, white collar jobs and have a much better feeling about their job prospects and future employment opportunities. Tertiary education CAN lead to even better jobs for women and it is well within reach for most. Wisely for them, many of them grab the chance to further their education and this readiness, I maintain, is being reflected in those tertiary educational institutions now having 56% of their under grads nationwide being female.

And that percentage is growing.

It seems evident to me that men are being pushed aside. First, from white collar employment because employers don't want to spend money to train men and then lose that expense to the military (and if you disagree just go and look at the staffing levels at most white collar corporations) and second, from the institutions of higher learning. The "second" here is directly related, as I said, to the first.

The question that comes most readily to my mind is, "What are we going to do about it?" Complaining to media seems fruitless. Media is big business. Complaining to other business interests is even more naive. That seems like complaining to the coyote about raiding the hen house. It has been my experience that complaining to politicians can have a considerable impact. Initially, I didn't think that it would, but it has.

Also, promulgating this view of gender bias against men on the internet also has worthwhile possibilities.

Obviously, we are going to have to do something. If we don't, we are going to have a society of well educated women (most working in the white collar sector) and poorly educated men.

That may please many of the women's groups, but it does not bode well for society at all.

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Update on NC Attacks on Pro-Family DV Treatment Programs

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Dave Maupin has sent me an update on the current situation in North Carolina, where new domestic violence legislation would deny court referrals to DV treatment programs which don't meet a series of politically-inspired "rules" about treating victims. Dave's non-profit program has been had great success in the past but is now in danger because it provides family intervention programs which help to keep families together, rather than pull them apart. "Read More" below will take you to his message. Anti-male DV programs will only become stronger if we don't act to stop this now!Dave Maupin, from Family Violence Prevention Services writes:

This is where we are as of today. (3/6/2001)

Last Thursday, I received a memo from Joyce Taylor, North Carolina Council for Women, Acting Abuser Program Coordinator, in response to the application we had submitted last December for "approval" as an abuser treatment program. The memo cites ten areas where our application was considered deficient and/or out of compliance by the Oversight Committee of the Abuser Treatment Program. The "temporary rules" issued by the Council for Women last October are the standard by which all programs providing abuser treatment in North Carolina are to be measured. It has been made clear from the outset that final "approval" will be based on strict compliance with the "temporary rules," and that family-centered programs like ours will not be "approved" and will no longer be permitted to receive domestic violence counseling referrals from the courts.

These "rules", a fourteen page document, (a copy of which you can download from the DV Commission website at www.doa.state.nc.us/doa/dvc/dvc.htm) , have been written from a perspective that is different from our own perspective and professional experience. Nearly twenty years ago, we discovered that when there is domestic violence, most women and men want to maintain their relationships together when at all possible. We have developed a family intervention approach that is effective at stopping violence while keeping families intact.

Today, other domestic violence counseling programs in North Carolina are also working with families and see a growing need to provide family-based services in this area. We recognize the need for shelters for women and children in cases of extreme, life-threatening violence. We do not want to take anything away from existing domestic violence programs, but we do want to have the chance to offer families a choice.

So far this year, we have had two meetings in Raleigh with groups of legislators (one which we arranged on January 30, and a second on February 7, which was called for by the legislators) to ask for their help in amending these "temporary rules" or to at least postpone their implementation until they can be modified to reflect the needs of the larger domestic violence population and the services provided by family-centered programs such as ours.

Legislators expressed concern about the restrictive, punitive tone of the "rules" and the fact that established, effective programs like ours, which are supported by the community, might not be approved. One said the "rules" would be somewhat improved if all the 'wills' and 'shalls' were replaced with 'woulds' and 'shoulds.'

As you know, a recent Department of Justice study found that two-thirds of all intimate attacks were simple assaults (pushing, shoving, yelling and name calling), the least serious form of violence studied (Please see copy of AP article attached). Other research supports the modest changes we have suggested (You have a copy of our suggested changes.) These changes would in no way impact those programs that choose to follow another counseling approach. Also attached is a summary of recent correspondence on the subject from three internationally known and highly respected researchers in the field of family violence. The full text of that correspondence was sent to Rep. Theresa Esposito and Rep. Beverly Earle, who were responsible for arranging the February 7 legislators' meeting.

I believe the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a domestic violence victim's advocacy group for women, has been a major influence in the development of these "temporary rules." I can fax you a copy of a document I received in the mail recently that illustrates the mission statement and views that organization seeks to promote.

The population that Family Violence Prevention Services has counseled for the past two decades is very different from the population that the Coalition and the Council for Women describe. Our program does not threaten any other. Our referrals are men and women who are court ordered for misdemeanor offenses that have not resulted in serious physical injury. Our services are often those sought out by both men and women who want to learn ways to communicate and to improve their relationships together.

Our concerns with the "temporary rules" are similar to those of other family-centered professional counseling programs across the state whose directors I have spoken with. We are being told whom we can counsel, how we can counsel, when and where we can counsel, all this by a group with no professional counseling credentials or expertise in this area that provides no funds to the programs they would regulate.

Domestic violence counseling programs should not all have to be the same, because all domestic violence is not the same, either in degree or in kind. We, and other service providers have learned that domestic violence is complicated and that a variety of treatment models are needed.

Public hearings on the "temporary rules" have been scheduled in April at three locations across the state: 4/18 in Greenville; 4/25 in Asheville, and; 4/30 in Greensboro. We plan to speak as do other family-centered programs (I know of three other family-centered programs that were cited for "deficiencies and compliance issues"). If you are interested in attending any of the hearings and perhaps speaking yourself, please let me know and I will give you more specific information.

This is where the action is right now in North Carolina, at least as far as domestic violence prevention and treatment services is concerned. If we don't stop them here, it's going to be just that much harder down the road. The research is on our side. We've got good, effective programs offering needed services to families where there is violence.

This is where we at FVPS draw the line. Will you help us?

Dave Maupin, Founder and Director

Family Violence Prevention Services

Summary of Recent Correspondence On Domestic Violence Treatment Services

To Rep. Beverly Earle and Rep. Theresa Esposito, NC General Assembly

From Terrie Moffitt, Ph.D., Daniel O'Leary, Ph.D., Richard Gelles, Ph.D.

February 28, 2001

Dr. Terrie Moffitt - Although it is imperative that North Carolina ban treatment of couples in felony battery cases, two-thirds
of abuse cases are the common couples abuse type (misdemeanor simple assault). This type can benefit from treatment to prevent
escalation to injurious felony violence, and treatment should be offered to women as well as men. Policy that withholds approval
from service-delivery agencies offering treatment for common couples abuse has the unwanted side effect of discouraging agencies
from developing such treatments and making them available for misdemeanor simple assault cases and to couples seeking help on
their own outside the courts. As a result, state policies prohibiting treatments for common couples abuse will have a net effect
that runs directly counter to violence prevention.

Dr. Daniel O'Leary - To regard all men who engage in physical aggression against their partners as alike simply

does not fit the
evidence. With different levels of physical aggression and relatedly different impacts of the physical aggression, it makes
sense to have different treatment services available to men and women who are in relationships characterized by some level of
physical aggression. As has been documented many times, there is no single treatment program which has shown to be uniquely
effective over any others. Having some alternatives available to men in physically abusive relationships is both desirable and
practical, especially if safety of the women and children are given a first priority. We have found no problem with having men
and women receive services in the same building under these circumstances. In fact, since they live together and may have
transportation and baby sitter problems, they often chose to come together to our facility.

Dr. Richard Gelles - There is no scientific evidence that the prevailing models for batterer's intervention (Emerge and Duluth)
are actually effective in reducing violence. Having standards (for abuser treatment programs) implies effectiveness and conveys
a possibly dangerous message to women that their partners are "cured" after going through an approved program. Ruling out
couples therapy is done for ideological not scientific reasons. Couples therapy may well be as effective as other interventions
depending on the level of violence, level of risk, and readiness to change.

Dr. Terrie Moffitt, Dr. Daniel O'Leary, and Dr. Richard Gelles are internationally known and highly respected researchers in the
field of family violence.

Domestic violence down 21% in 1990s, Justice study finds.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

The rate at which American women are attacked or threatened by loved ones declined 21 percent in the mid-1990s, Attorney General Janet Reno said yesterday. She called for the renewal of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act.

This comes after the Supreme Court struck down Monday a key provision of the law that let rape victims sue their attackers in federal court. Reno called that "deeply disappointing" and asked Congress to act quickly to keep the rest of the act's programs and money from expiring in October.

"Violence still devastates too many lives," she said at a news conference.

In a report, "Intimate Partner Violence," the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics described a widespread decline in violence between husbands and wives, and boyfriends and girlfriends that mirrors the general decline in serious crimes nationwide since 1992.

The rate at which women were attacked by "intimate partners" -- current or former spouses, boyfriends, girlfriends or partners -- declined 21 percent during the mid-1990s and the number of men killed by wives or girlfriends declined 60 percent from 1976 through 1998.

"We've given wives alternatives to feeling like they have to pick up a loaded gun to kill their loaded husbands," said Professor James Alan Fox of Northeastern University in Boston. "Divorce is easier."

Reno and Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., the sponsor of the 1994 legislation, credited the act for the decrease. Under the

law, states had to honor protective orders issued by other states; federal money for shelters more than doubled; and new grants were given to train police and prosecutors, set up special units and track incidents.

To qualify for grants, states also had to adopt policies that encourage police to arrest offenders on a domestic call. In many states, police must make an arrest when they go to a domestic dispute or explain in writing why they didn't.

The Supreme Court threw out the provision allowing rape victims to sue their attackers in federal court, saying that Congress wrongly trampled on an area of state authority. The other provisions were not at issue in the decision.

Biden said he could not figure out a way to rewrite the law to allow rape victims to circumvent the ruling. Asked whether there were any changes that could be made to make federal rape-lawsuits legal, he replied: "Yes, two new justices."

THE BUREAU REPORT, citing FBI data, showed that the number of intimate-partner homicides dropped since 1976 for every race and gender group except white women. Some details of the report:

In 1998, 1,320 women were killed by intimates, and 510 men. In 1976, women accounted for just over half of the 3,000 men and women killed by intimates.

For black men, intimate killings declined by 74 percent from 1976 through 1998.

For black women, the number of killings was down 45 percent.

For white men, it declined 44 percent.

Between 1976 and 1993, the number of white women killed by intimate partners was fairly stable, but such killings dropped by 23 percent between 1993 and 1997.

Black women were far more likely to report such violence to police than white women -- 67 percent of the time, compared with 50 percent for white women.

Overall, the percentage of women who reported intimate violence to police rose from 48 percent in 1993 to 59 percent in 1998. Among men, 46 percent reported intimate violence to the police, with little difference between races.

Counting deadly and lesser violence and threats of violence, attacks on women by intimate partners declined from 1.1 million in 1993 to 876,340 in 1998.

The rate at which men were attacked by wives or girlfriends remained stable during this period, with 160,000 attacks on men in 1993 and 1998.

Two-thirds of all intimate attacks were simple assaults, the least serious form of violence studied.

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Good Overview of Boy's Issues

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An article by Meghan Cox Gurdon from the National Post does a great job covering many gender issues that boys face - including the high rates of male dropouts and boys who are held back a grade, the overprescription of Ritalin and other drugs to modify boys' behavior, the way male sports are being marginalized to compensate for girls' lack of participation, and the stereotypes that have been broken through for girls but not yet for boys. I feel this is a great introduction to the problems our young men have to face, and the lack of attention they receive. Source: National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: The new gender gap -- 'Girls Rule'

Author: Meghan Cox Gurdon

Date: March 5, 2001

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Angelucci to Discuss DV on KRLA Radio Program

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Marc Angelucci from Men Enabling New Solutions will be hosted on radio station KRLA in the Los Angeles area, to discuss the reality of domestic violence against men. You can listen to the show on-line at this link. He will be on the air from 11:00-11:30 AM Pacific Time. Marc will be referring to facts and statistics about domestic violence that can be read on this web site. Click "Read More" below to view this information.

Los Angeles Commission for Men Campaign

A growing number of people are recognizing the dire need for a County Commission for Men in Los Angeles, similar to the Commission for Women. A Commission for Men would address the often neglected issues that affect males and their loved ones. These issues include:

- male victims of partner violence
- depression
- suicide
- violence
- gangs
- fathers
- masculinity
- prostate and testicular cancer
- attention disorders and Ritalin
- dropouts
- homelessness
- gay and bisexual men
- prison conditions
- mental health

One silent but major problem facing men in Los Angeles, for example, is the complete lack of shelter and outreach for male victims of domestic violence.

In 1998, the Institute of Justice found that 835,000 men and 1.5 million women were victims of spousal rape or battery in the previous 12 months. (See exhibit 7 at http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles/172837.pdf). Other studies show much higher numbers. The Institute of Mental Health found in 1975, 1985 and 1992 and that 1.8 million women and 2 million men are victims of domestic violence yearly (http://www.safe4all.org/essays/vtbreak.p df). About 100 other studies verify this (http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm).

No matter what the numbers are, a battered male deserves services just as any other victim does. Statistics cannot change that.

Yet domestic violence has for decades been phrased in terms of "violence against women" while male victims are routinely excluded from shelters and outreach. (*No Place To Run For Male Victims of Domestic Violence*, Detroit News, 4/20/97: http://detnews.com/1997/metro/9704/20/04200070.htm) Even the Violence Against Women Act has language that restricts funds only to shelters for women.

This neglect is fostering the very violence that domestic violence activists claim they are trying to stop. When men don't seek help, the violence tends to escalate, and children who witness the violence and often grow up to become batterers themselves. This cycle will never end until we address the violence in its entirety and get males to come forward for help.

As things are, many in the domestic violence field have political agendas that oppose reaching out to male victims (Philip Cook, Abused Men: The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence). They often cite misleading data to show low numbers of male victims, such as crime reports or crime surveys that are inaccurate because males are less likely than females to report the violence or to see the violence as a crime. One example is the California Bar Association, which says men make between one and five percent of victims (http://stage.calbar.org/2con/calbar_pamp/3condomestic.htm#dom1).

One way to resolve this problem, as well as other problems relating to men, is to create a forum of experts within the county to address the issues faced by men, as we have done for women. June Dunbar, the President of the County Commission for Women, recently wrote a letter supporting a Commission for Men and a battered men's shelter. But much more support is needed.

Anyone interested in helping with this should write to their County Supervisors in Los Angeles and ask to put a Commission for Men on the agenda (http://bos.co.la.ca.us/). Another thing we can do is get various leaders and groups to also support a Commission for Men. And anyone may give their comments in person to the Supervisors at their meetings on Tuesday mornings (http://bos.co.la.ca.us/Categories/MtgsBoard/LiveBroadcast.htm).

For more information, write to MENS (Men Enabling New Solutions) at mens@mensactivism.org.

Please help us. By showing support for a Commission for Men, we can impact the city of Los Angels in ways never tried before. Now is the time to act.

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NIH Retractions Reported on by Wall Street Journal

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It's starting to happen - awareness of the misleading notions we've had about gender health disparities are entering the mainstream media. The Wall Street Journal has reported on the NIH retractions of statements claiming that women's health research has been neglected. Click here to read the article, which was forwarded to the Men's Health America mailing list. Now is the most critical time to keep pushing these facts into the open - we are close to, or at, a pivot point where a flood of news articles on this issue could break free. Source: Wall Street Journal [newspaper]

Title: Feminism is Bad for Women's Health Care

Author: Sally Satel

Date: March 8, 2001

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Bogata Holds a "Night Without Men"

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Anonymous User writes *"Bogota's mayor really has found the way to make the hatred of men even more present in Colombia. Click here for the article."* To "cut down on street crime and domestic abuse," the mayor imposed a curfew on men and encouraged women to go out and party all night. I can't think of a more humiliating way to marginalize men in society that's been done before. If something like this spreads, we'll see just how hopeless today's men have become.

Source: CNN

Title: Colombian women party on 'Night Without Men'

Author: Unknown

Date: March 10, 2001

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DV Against Pets?

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frank h writes *"This link will lead you to an article that portrays men not only as abusers of women and children, but also as the sole and exclusive abusers of pets. What next? Abusers of stuffed animals?"* While people who are violent to other people are probably more likely to be violent to animals, this does seem to be pushing the concept a bit far. The article just reeks with the gender politics of domestic violence we're so familiar with. Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Program Links Domestic Abuse, Pets

Author: David Crary

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MAJOR Choice for Men Article in New York Times

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geoffg50 sent me a link to this New York Times story on paternity fraud and male reproductive rights. The article is in-depth, and presents the problem of children's rights vs. the father's in a fairly objective manner. A lawyer for the man whose case is in question was quoted as saying, "*I now advise every man who's getting a divorce to get paternity testing...I don't like it much, but now it seems like it could be malpractice not to warn them.*" Exposure like this in the NYT could be very significant to the cause. Source: The New York Times [newspaper]

Title: In Genetic Testing for Paternity, Law Often Lags Behind Science

Author: Tamar Lewin

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'Sweet Young Woman' Arrested Under New DV Law

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In Utah, a new law went into effect requiring an arrest to be made when the police take a domestic violence complaint. This story from the Salt Lake Tribune is by a police officer who made the first arrest under the new law - and he had to arrest a woman. The article is good because it's honest and portrays a realistic (indeed, it *was* real) scenario of domestic violence against men. Source: Salt Lake Tribune [newspaper]

Title: 'Sweet Young Woman' With Red-Hot Temper Booked for Domestic Violence

Author: Paul St. John Fleming

Date: March 5, 2001

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Man Sues Hospital for Circumcision

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An Anonymous Reader sent me this link to an ABC Good Morning America story that William Stowell, 19, is suing the hospital that circumcised him as an infant. He claims that his mother, who signed the waiver form, was under the influence of painkillers when she signed the form. "*Stowell's attorney, David Llwellyn, has considerable experience with men who lament the loss of their foreskins. He has filed similar lawsuits in the past, winning as much as $65,000 in one settlement...the hospital claims there is a 10-year statute of limitations on medical malpractice suits. However, Llewellyn responds that in the state of New York, the clock doesn't start ticking until a person turns 18.*" While it might not be productive to open the floodgates of litigation for people who were circumcised, I'd like to see cases like this bring about the end of the practice on infant males who can't give consent. Source: ABC Good Morning America [television program]

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Political Correctness Author Fired for Sexual Harassment

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In more than a twist of irony, a UK police public relations manager who authored a guide on political correctness for the department was fired after four women accused him of sexually harassing them at a party. "*During his 18 months in the job, Mr. Williamson was part of the team which produced a guide called The Power of Language, which advised the force's 7,000 officers to avoid sexually overt terms of endearment such as 'love,' 'pet' and 'dear' because people might find them offensive.*" Read the article here.Source: The Scotsman [UK newspaper]

Title: Sex claim PR man loses job

Author: Sinead McIntyre

Date: March 13, 2001

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CHS Interviewed in Salon

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Salon.com recently interviewed Christina Hoff Sommers about Jane Fonda's recent donation of 12.5 million to Harvard University for the creation of a Gender Studies Center, and Carol Gilligan's recent leaving of Harvard. The article discusses Sommers' views on the future of gender studies and covers a number of important issues, including the problems that college aged men are facing. She ends with: "*I'm sorry to report the good news that little boys are healthy. They are neglected academically. Boys could be doing a lot better, especially in reading and writing and simply caring about educational achievement. But they are not pathological. Being a boy is not a disorder; it's not something you need to recover from.*" Source: Salon Magazine [on-line]

Title: Battle of the celebrity gender theorists

Date: March 9, 2001

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Man Falsely Accused of Abuse Given Right to Sue

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AngryHarry sent in this story from the UK Times. It's about a man who was falsely accused of sexually abusing his (then) three year-old daughter by his wife. The wife was determined to have Munchausen's syndrome by proxy, and the way the child was interviewed by social services and police was irresponsible (leading questions, etc.). He will be suing the police dept. and social services unit that handled the case negligently. Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: Court lets father sue police over abuse case

Author: Ian Cobain

Date: March 13, 2001

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Police Chief Cleared of Sexual Assault Accusation

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In another story of a false accusation, a Michigan police chief, Ronald Deziel, was accused of sexually assaulting a woman working in a hair salon. There were inconsistencies in the woman's story and also no DNA evidence was found where it was expected in the woman's clothing fibers. The case has been very high-profile and damaging to Deziel's reputation. "*County prosecutors are now considering whether to charge the Taylor woman with making false statements to police and the filing of a false police report, which is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail.*" I guess when the consequences of making a false accusation are so insignificant, it's questionable whether to even bother pressing charges! Click here for the Detroit News story. Source: The Detroit News [newspaper]

Title: Deziel won't face sex charges - Police now consider whether woman made false accusations

Author: David Shepardson and Craig Garrett

Date: March 8, 2001

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Chinese Psychiatric Association Takes Homosexuality Off Mental Disorders List

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China has taken a significant step toward the toleration of homosexuality by removing it from the list of mental illnesses created by the country's main Psychological Association. "*China is to remove homosexuality from the official list of mental illness. Up to now homosexuality has been automatically included by the Chinese Psychiatric Association (CPA) in its diagnostic manual.*" The American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality as a mental illness in 1973. The Irish Times article can be read here.Source: The Irish Times [UK newspaper]

Title: China to take gays off mental illness list

Author: Miriam Donohoe

Date: March 9, 2001

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NH Commission on the Status of Men Report On-Line

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There has been lots of interesting activity going on in New Hampshire in support of men's issues (particularly father's rights). The NH chapter of the National Congress for Fathers & Children has been active at the state level, speaking out on legislation and even having legislation for men passed as well. Their recent major undertaking was to draft a report on the status of men in New Hampshire, and their results include a great deal of useful information for men's activists in the state and elsewhere. Go to this link to download the report, and please distribute it wide and far!

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High Stress in IT Careers Cause Women to Leave

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I consider this very relevant news because of the way gender was portrayed in the article. Basically, it acknowledged that men are more willing to destroy their lives in a stressful, all-consuming job and that the high turnover rate of women in the industry is a signal that the job standards need to be changed. "*Stress and lack of work/life balance in the IT workplace is taking [a toll on women]...Women in IT are the "canary in the coal mine" warning that the New Economy workplace is destructive for employees...IT managers should realize that what women are experiencing in the IT workplace is very likely a reflection of men's experience and that unreasonable stress and lack of work/life balance have the power to destroy productivity in the long run.*" Read the article from Computerworld at this link.Source: Computerworld [magazine]

Title: Stressed-out IT women tempted to quit, survey finds

Author: Kathleen Melymuka

Date: March 15, 2001

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Boy Gymnast on Girl's Team Barred from Full Competition

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Jim Castelli submitted this Boston Globe story and writes, "*Mark Scialdone is a boy, but was chosen for this season's Globe's girls' All-Scholastic squad as a gymnast. In 1978, 136 NCAA colleges had men's gymnastics, now only 24 do. In MA, only 8 high schools have boy's gymnastics teams. This year when he accompanied his Beverly, MA team as captain to the New England Girls Gymnastics Championship, he was told that his scores would not be allowed.*"Technically he was a non scoring participant,' said Haig Varadian, executive director of the Council of New England Secondary Schools Principals Association....'The Council feels its an invasion of the girl's tournament...The playing field isn't level when you have a boy competing against girls.'" *But in the wake of Title IX, the girls' teams may be the only playing field left for male gymnasts.*
Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Gymnast vaults into gender-equity flap

Author: John Powers

Date: March 16, 2001

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Reviews of Father and Child Reunion

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Here's a small preview of Warren Farrell's latest book Father and Child Reunion. It has brief excerpts from several chapters so you can get a feel of what the book is about. And there's also another book review by J. Steven Svoboda, who outlines some of the main points to made in the book when it comes to men's parenting rights. If you like what you read, don't delay and order the book now!

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British Airways Considers All Men Potential Paedophiles

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British Airways, a major international airline company, admitted that is has a policy which has been in effect for several years which requires flight attendants to move, if possible, men away from children who fly alone. "*A spokeswoman for British Airways said flight crew and ticket staff were under instructions to keep men away from unaccompanied children wherever possible because of the dangers of paedophiles.*" Thanks to AngryHarry for submitting this link from the UK Times. This is a perfect example of how society views men as sexual predators - and no one should tolerate this kind of biased treatment of men. Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: BA says men cannot sit with lone children

Author: Lewis Smith

Date: March 16, 2001

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$5M Won in Lawsuit Over False Recovered Memory

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frank h submitted this CNN story and writes *"This is one story that got by Ted Turner: a woman, now deceased, had falsely accused her family of abusing her as a result of memories "recovered" through therapy. The award is substantial, but I'm sure it does nothing to compensate for the dishonor falsely visited upon her family."* No doubt this is a very positive step by holding the psychiatric industry accountable for such damaging actions. It also warns other experts who practice unethical forms of memory recovery that their day may be coming as well.

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Woman Tries Poisoning, Suffocating Husband

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A trial is currently underway in the UK in which a wife tried to kill her wealthy husband by poisoning his breakfast cereal with antihistamine tablets and then suffocating him when he was sedated. He barely escaped, and she claimed that she did it to draw attention to their marital problems and that they needed outside help to deal with them. The way in which the woman behaved seemed disturbingly apathetic to the consequences. The UK Times article can be read at this link. Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: 'She tried to kill me. She's gone for a gun'

Author: Joanna Bale

Date: March 16, 2001

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UK Man Tries to Stop Ex-Girlfriend's Abortion

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Not PC informed me that the BBC is reporting that a man is legally challenging a woman's right to abortion against his will. While the article aptly points out that men currently have no rights in the decision of whether or not to abort, it is pretty obvious (to me, at least) that this legal challenge will not be successful. There are too many other ways a woman could thwart a lover's demand to bring a child to term, and now that the possibility to obtain an abortion is viewed as a woman's right over her own body, I can't imagine that these "rights" can be taken away. But the struggle continues, for good reason. Men deserve some reproductive rights, the question is, which rights would be most fair?Source: BBC [UK news network]

Title: Former partner tries to stop abortion

Author: Unknown

Date: March 19, 2001

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E-mailing U.S. Congress Members May Not Be Effective

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According to this ZDNet story (found on Slashdot), " *Members of Congress are inundated with so many e-mail messages from constituents and special interest groups--80 million last year alone--that lawmakers routinely ignore most of them, according to a new study.*" A disturbing part of the report claims that citizen's expectations should be lowered, and that people have no right to expect a response to electronic communications with Congressmen and women. Source: ZDNet [Tech news network]

Title: Tech crisis--D.C. drowning in e-mail

Author: Unknown [Reuters news story]

Date: March 18, 2001

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Debunking Feminist Stats at Brown University

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Nicholas Krippendorf, a recent graduate of Brown University, is currently living in China teaching English. However, when he was at Brown, he wrote a blockbuster article critical of the false statistics that were put out by the university's Women's Center. He's looking to get the article published in other men's magazines, so if you want to re-print this elsewhere, feel free to do so. The text of his essay can be read by clicking "Read More" below. Enjoy!The following article was printed in The Brown Daily Herald on Friday, April
7, 2000.

Reading between the numbers

Statistics don't always tell the whole story in sex crimes

By Nicholas Krippendorf

Herald Opinions Columnist

Twenty-two to thirty-five percent of women who visit emergency rooms are there for injuries related to ongoing abuse. This statistic, printed on a table slip by Brown University's Women's Center last year, was shocking. This table slip turns out to be more disappointing than shocking because the statistic is completely misleading.

The statistic comes from the 1984 article "Domestic Violence Victims in the Emergency Department" published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The study was conducted in a downtown Detroit hospital. The authors admitted that this sample group was not representative of the American population at large.

Ninety percent of the 492 patients questioned were from inner-city Detroit and 60 percent of them were unemployed. The 22 percent figure represents both men and women. Either the Women's Center was unaware of this information, or they deliberately misled the entire Brown community. I'd like to think the former.

Christina Hoff Sommers, women's activist and author of Who Stole Feminism, might not be so forgiving. According to Sommers, many academic feminists "are imposing a narrow political agenda, diluting traditional scholarly standards, and using up scarce resources." Sommers' book identifies and debunks dubious feminist research promoted by irresponsible, narrow-minded, chronically upset and whiny feminist academics.

She discovered that many statistics feminists use to promote their agendas are either misleading or completely false. If you think you can avoid feminist misinformation at Brown, think again.

Attempting to whip up support for the Vagina Monologues, the Brown Women's Center once again distributed table slips with shocking statistics. On one slip I found, "Somewhere in America a women is raped every two minutes."

This statistic comes from the 1996 National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), sponsored by the US Department of Justice. Rape is not only the most underreported crime but it is also the most terrible. The incident of rape should be dealt with responsibly and seriously.

Although the Department of Justice seems like a reliable source, the reality that a woman is raped every two minutes in America seems almost unbelievable.

If you read the survey you will most likely be surprised by what the NCVS counts as a rape. According to the survey, "A completed rape is a report of a respondent physically forced or psychologically coerced to engage in sexual intercourse. An attempted rape may consist of verbal threats of rape."

These definitions are surprisingly broad. Do you consider someone who has not been physically forced or threatened but merely psychologically coerced to have sex a rape victim? Would you count a woman who receives a verbally threatening phone call a victim of an attempted rape?

A candlelight dinner and a few drinks persuade a women to have sex with her date. The next morning the woman feels guilty and regrets her behavior. She realizes that, had it not been for the romantic ambiance and her alcohol buzz she would not have had sex with her date. The NCVS counts her as a rape victim and her date as a rapist.

The NCVS also found that about 330,000 sexual assaults occur each year. What would you count as a sexual assault? (Maybe behavior which results in physical force or violence.) The NCVS claims that a sexual assault "may or may not involve force"[and]"also include verbal threats." The survey goes on to claim, "Sexual assaults also include incidents in which the offender's motive was not clear."

Apparently when a women misinterprets a man's dinner and a movie proposition as an attempt to "get her in bed" the US Department of Justice counts the women as a victim of sexual assault. The NCVS's definitions make it difficult to believe that this survey is a well-designed study without an agenda.

Many feminists are masters at creatively interpreting and transforming statistics to mislead people. On another table

slip printed by the Brown Women's Center was, "Somewhere in America a women is battered every 15 seconds." This statement is a half-truth and misleading.

The statistic comes from a study by the FBI. The FBI study relied on the book "Behind Closed Doors: Violence in The American Family", by Murray Straus and Richard Gelles. Gelles and Straus did find high levels of violence in American families; but they also found that women were as likely to engage in it as men.

They did find that women are more likely to be seriously injured as a result of violence. However, they found the percentage of women who are seriously injured to be smaller than inflated claims of irresponsible feminists - fewer than one percent. Surveys about violence often distinguish between minor violence, such as pushing, shoving, grabbing, and slapping (no injuries) and severe violence, such as kicking, trying to hit with an object, and beating up (injuries).

Often feminists create misleading statistics by deliberately ignoring the distinction between minor and sever violence and counting all acts of violence as abuse. No effort is made to distinguish between non-threatening aggression and physically harmful aggression.

According to the 1998 National Violence Against Women Survey (NVAW) "approximately 5.9 million assaults [were] perpetrated against women" in the previous 12 months. Seems like a high number. Why?

According to this survey a physical assault was defined as "behaviors that threaten, attempt, or actually inflict physical harm." Furthermore, the NVAW survey counts a "push, grab, or shove" as an assault. If a man gets in an argument with his girlfriend and he pushes her out of the way as he stomps out of the room, the NVAW counts the women as a victim of assault.

Many feminist activists want you to think society shortchanges females. To convince us they are quick to discard all comparison of boys and girls in areas where boys are in trouble. We'll hear that girls are more likely than boys to attempt suicide but not that boys are four times more likely to die from suicide. We'll hear that girls score lower than boys on math and science exams and boys get more attention from teachers. We're not as likely to hear that boys significantly trail girls in national reading and writing tests, get lower grades in school, suffer from more learning disabilities, are more likely to drop out of school, abuse drugs or be assaulted.

We should not become fixed on the victimology game. Women's problems are no more and no less important than men's. When irresponsible, narrow-minded, and usually chronically whiny feminists promote sham and misleading information, such as some information here at Brown, the real victims of abuse are cheated. This is a real tragedy.

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Scotland's Police Allowed to Take DNA Samples from All Crime Suspects

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Scotland's national DNA database is about to become a lot bigger, now that police have been given permission to take DNA samples from anyone who is arrested. The UK Daily Telegraph story can be read here. Previously, only major crime suspects, such as murderers and sex criminals, were forced to give DNA samples. While suspects who are found innocent will have the DNA sample destroyed from the database, this still opens the door to the wider use of DNA to identify and track citizens, which carries a number of consequences in regard to privacy and civil liberties issues. Thanks to AngryHarry for the link. Source: The Daily Telegraph [UK newspaper]

Title: Police force lets officers take DNA from all suspects

Author: Tara Womersley

Date: March 20, 2001

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Lawyers Profiting from Gender Polarization

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I've some mixed news about divorce - read this story. It turns out that British men might be able get a "cheaper" divorce settlement in certain countries due to a new European Union regulation. However, the main reason I'm posting this is due to this quote from Alain Cornec, a divorce lawyer in France who says "*Being a lawyer, I'm delighted, the more paranoid that spouses get about their absent partners, the more legal assistance they will seek.*" It just goes to show how much profit there is for lawyers (and certain other groups) in gender polarization.

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Sexism in American Psychologist

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Anonymous User writes *"The February 2001 issue of American Psychologist arrived today (not online, unfortunately) with an article by social psychologists Peter Glick and Susan Fiske, discussing the concept of "benevolent (vs. hostile) sexism." There is much I find offensive in the article, such as the assumptions that "sexism" refers to prejudice against women only, and that disagreement with the feminist agenda is ipso facto prejudice against women. The concept of benign sexism is intriguing, though, because it consists of beliefs that women should be rescued before men in an emergency, that men need women's love in order to be complete, that women are more cultured than men, that women should be protected by men, and that men should make sacrifices in order to provide for women. They argue that these beliefs actually harm women by legitimizing less benevolent forms of discrimination, in the way the "white man's burden" legitimized colonialism. They are completely submerged in feminist ideology, but from a men's rights perspective, one can only hope that some of their ideas catch on!"*

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Woman Cleared of Attempted Murder of Husband

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AngryHarry had a link to this UK Telegraph article, which reports that Melanie Cangardel has been cleared of attempted murder charges. We had reported on this story earlier, which described how Ms. Cangardel crushed antihistamines in her husband's cereal and then tried to suffocate him with a plastic bag when he was sedated from the drugs. Mr. Cangardel did have enormous levels of the drugs in his system when tested, and the earlier story indicated that Ms. Cangardel admitted to doing this to bring attention to their marital problems. I have no idea what must have happened in court, but this is a tragic loss for justice. Source: The Telegraph [UK Times]

Title: Wife cleared of trying to suffocate husband

Author: Richard Savill

Date: March 23, 2001

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Fathers Are the True Heroes of Childbirth

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Some positive news from the UK Times: it turns out that "*FATHERS emerged as the heroes of childbirth yesterday as women criticised maternity services and saved their praise for the men in their lives.* " Fathers were also "*rated as rocks of support.*" All I can say is wow!
It seems things are slowly starting to turn our way, but while we have a long way to go yet, perhaps we should sit back and enjoy this for a few minutes before continuing about our daily business.
Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: Fathers are the true heroes of childbirth

Author: David Charter

Date: March 22, 2001

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CA to Tie Driver's License Registration with Draft Registration

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Marc Angelucci writes *"Kudos to California for having the 5th worst Selective Service registration compliance in the nation (79%). But Assemblyperson Briggs and the L.A. County Board of Supervisors see this as a "problem." To fix it, they want to pass California Assembly Bill (AB1572), which would make draft registration automatic upon applying for a driver's license - if you are male, that is.*" Click "Read More" below to view some quotes and more of Marc's comments. So, gentlemen, if you want to drive in California, you now must pay for your maleness not only in higher auto insurance rates, but by signing off your body as an on-call warrior. After all, driving is a privilege, not a right. And if you're male, it may not even be a privilege anymore.

The L.A. Board of Supervisors put this bill (see Item #3) onto their agenda on 3/20/01 and wound up voting to support it.

Here are excerpts from the L.A. County Board of Supervisors Agenda:

3. Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Knabe: Send a five-signature letter to Governor Gray Davis, Assembly Member Mike Briggs and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation, supporting AB 1572 (Briggs), legislation which would link the Selective Service System registration with the process of applying for a driver's license or State identification card by requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to include on the application a notice to applicants who are at least 18 years of age, but less than 26 years of age, that his submission of the application serves as consent to registration with the Selective Service System; and urging early passage and enactment of the bill.

Federal law requires virtually all male U.S. citizens, as well as immigrant men residing the United States, to register with the Selective Service System (SSS) when reaching age 18. However, despite ongoing education efforts, many men do not know about this important civic obligation and legal requirement.

Declining registration compliance is of concern to officials because it means that any future draft instituted by Congress and the President in a national emergency would be less than fair and equitable. Also, men who fail to register with Selective Service are not eligible for certain programs and benefits that the Congress and 28 states have linked to registration. They include student loans and grants for college, most government jobs, and job training. The Immigration and Naturalization Service can also deny immigrant men who fail to register U. S. citizenship. California is currently at 79% compliance for SSS registration. Out of 50 states, California ranks 45th.

It is generally believed that the key to solving the SSS registration compliance problem in a state is to link SSS

registration with the process of applying for a driver's license or state identification card. These laws are simple and inexpensive to implement and have already been enacted in Oklahoma, Delaware and Arkansas. An SSS registration driver's license law has passed the Utah legislature and is currently awaiting the Governor's signature. There are 22 states where legislation has recently been introduced and will be voted on during the 2001 sessions. Numerous other states are in the process of drafting similar legislation in the near future.

In California, Assembly Bill 1572 (Mike Briggs, R-Assembly District 29, Fresno) has been introduced to link SSS registration with driver's license/identification card process. The people of California have always supported a strong national defense and a prepared America.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that a 5-signature letter be sent in support of Assembly Bill 1572 to the Los Angeles County Assemblymembers and State Senators, the author of the legislation, and to Governor Gray Davis urging early passage and enactment of this proposal.

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More Coverage of NIH Retraction

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The National Center for Policy Analysis has recently started publicizing the gender politics that created the myth that women are neglected in medical research. Their statement on the matter can be read here. The floodgates of truth open a bit further...Source: National Center for Policy Analysis [US]

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Woman Who Raped Boy Walks Free

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A 19-year old Australian woman who had sex with a 13-year old boy as part of a "truth or dare" game was given a 12 month prison sentence but was "*ordered not be sent to jail and that the term be served as part of an intensive correction order.*" This is despite the fact that the judge claims "*the woman's conduct should be considered as serious as that of a man who had preyed on a young female.*" Also from the article: "*a victim impact statement supplied by the boy with whom Dugdale had sex revealed he continued to experience nightmares and had trouble communicating with females. She said the boy experienced on-going embarrassment, guilt about his mother's distress and required on-going counselling.*" Read the article here a>.Source: The Courier-Mail [Australian newspaper]

Title: Woman freed by judge after having 'dare' sex with boy

Author: Tony Keim

Date: March 21, 2001

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Combat Tests Diluted to "Aggressive Camping" for Women to Succeed

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AngryHarry pointed me to this UK Telegraph article about combat training in the Army. Brig Seymour Monro, director of the Army's infantry, is speaking out that the tests have been so watered down that they are little more than "aggressive camping" exercises. "*The exercises, a crucial part of the Army's "Combat Effectiveness Gender Study", have concluded that women are as capable as men of serving in combat units. However, [Monro] said this conclusion could only be reached because the tasks that women soldiers were not physically capable of performing had been made easier or dropped from the trials. A scathing commentary on the trials, written by Monro, had been suppressed by senior officers, defence sources said.*"Source: UK Telegraph

Title: Combat tests 'watered down for women'

Author: Michael Smith

Date: March 26, 2001

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Fred on Computer-Assisted Surveillance

Scott · 27 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Since a lot of Mensactivism.org visitors are fans of Fred Reed's writing, I thought I would post this link to his recent article about computer-assisted surveillance technology, and how the use of this technology for the purpose of social control is going to creep up on us if we aren't vigilant. While his explanation of the problem is very broad, it's a good introduction to the issues that groups like EPIC and the EFF are confronting.

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Lawsuit Filed Against DV Shelter in MA

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A woman has filed a lawsuit against the Independence House battered women's shelter in Barnstable, MA, claiming that she was illegally forced to attend the program by DSS. When she initially refused, DSS put her children into foster care, a tactic which she claimed has been used to force her and other women to "accept the message" that the shelter teaches. "*I complained in the Independence House meetings that I did not want to be there and was being forced to attend through intimidation, threats, and coercion. Independence House did everything to me that they claim would be control and emotional abuse if a man did it. I felt so violated. Our little girl suffered terribly. Independence House, of all places, should understand that when a woman says 'no' - it means 'no.'*" The Massachusetts News has the article here - and thanks to Dr. Charles Corry for the submission.Source: Massachusetts News

Title: Suit Filed Against Battered Women's Shelter in Barnstable

Author: Unknown

Date: March 9, 2001

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Clayton Giles to be Back in Action Soon!

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Dr. Charles Corry from dvmen.org also submitted news about Clayton Giles, whose case we have covered in the past (story 1, 2, 3, 4). He writes: "*Clayton Giles is a 14-year old boy who wanted to be with his father. Only the courts in Calgary, Alberta, Canada wouldn't let him. So first he ran away to his father's home. When the courts still wouldn't acknowledge his father's rights, Clayton went on a hunger strike and picketed the courthouse to international attention gained through his web site. After 19 days the court caved in. He now lives legally with his father. On April 28th he will be starting a bicycle and walking trek from Calgary to Ottawa, and then to Washington, D.C. to promote children's right to have both parents. He deserves and has earned all our support. Details are on his web site at Legalkids.com.*"

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Male Bashing: Today's Politically Correct Sport?

Scott · 28 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

My second article in a series for the UNH school newspaper was printed last Friday, and you can read it at this link. It covers the issue of male bashing, and the differences between how we view female bashing and male bashing. It acknowledges the wrongness of misogyny, and asks for people to recognize the unfairness of misandry. Finally, it offers a plea to both men and women to take the issue seriously and work together to end the "gender war". Enjoy!Source: The New Hampshire [UNH school newspaper]

Title: Male Bashing: Today's Politically Correct Sport?

Author: Scott Garman

Date: March 23, 2001

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Key Congressional Hearing for Men's Health

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Ed Bartlett from Men's Health America writes, "*Next Wednesday, April 4, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health will be holding a hearing for the National Institutes of Health. The topic of the hearing will be "Special Populations." This will be a critical hearing in our battle to overcome the exclusion of men from NIH research studies. In the next few days, I will be asking you to (you guessed it!) make a phone call, write a letter, and fax your letter to one of the members of the House Appropriations Committee.*" **Update:** click here for the MHA announcement of what you can do to help! A little bit of effort now will go a long way at this point in the activism campaign.

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Males as Predators

Scott · 29 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h submitted this link to Kathleen Parker's latest editorial in Town Hall. In it, she discusses the policy of British Airways to seat men away from children who are flying alone, and an incident at a Target store where a single dad was hassled for helping his 8 year-old daughter try on clothes in a dressing room. Parker puts it well when she says, "*In our hypervigilant world of zero tolerance, pedophiliac paranoia and incest sensitivity, everyone's a pervert until proven innocent. If you've had the extremely bad judgment to be born a male, you're automatically suspicious.*"

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Reading, Writing, and Ritalin

Scott · 29 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The Sydney Morning Herald printed a story with a lot of statistics about Ritalin use among children in Australia. "*For the first time, the data breaks down the use of Ritalin and dexamphetamine by age group - and reveals a ninefold increase in their use between 1990 and 2000. The prescription rate is four times higher for boys, but is growing for girls, and any NSW [New South Wales] primary classroom has a one-in-two chance of including a child taking drugs for the condition.*" This alarming trend is out of control and has got to be challenged. Source: Sydney Morning Herald [Australian newspaper]

Title: In 2001, it's readin', writin' and Ritalin

Author: Julie Robotham

Date: March 19, 2001

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Feminism and Pornography

Scott · 29 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

An Anonymous User sent in this link to an article by Jim Peron. It is an overview of feminism's relationship with pornography, and the controversies it has caused within the women's movement. Peron's analysis of two major anti-porn figures, Andrea Dworkin and Catharine MacKinnon, is well researched and excellently written. Regardless of your own views on pornography, this article gives some interesting background and information about current arguments over porn and free speech.

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Man's Attempt to Stop Girlfriend's Abortion Denied

Scott · 30 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Not PC sent me a link to this story from The Scotsman, which follows up to the earlier news we had reported on about a man who legally tried to stop his girlfriend from getting an abortion. The court apparently granted him an injunction to keep her from doing so, but she aborted the fetus anyway. The article didn't make it sound like Stephen Hone had any further legal right to sue for damages, or that he was planning on doing so. As I had said before, while the case brought up the fact that men have no reproductive rights currently, the issue we need to address is ending the ability for men *or women* to force their partner into parenthood. Source: The Scotsman [UK newspaper]

Title: Man loses his battle to stop girlfriend's abortion

Author: Tanya Thompson

Date: March 27, 2001

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Child Support Guidelines: Research and Analysis

Scott · 30 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

An Anonymous User writes *"While attending a meeting of the Massachusetts Joint Committee on the Judiciary which was addressing, among other things, the issue of child support and child custody, I was given a link to this page. Being a divorced Dad in Massachusetts, I was very interested in the section on how Massachusetts stacked up against other states. As one would expect, not very well."*

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Men's Committee Bill Passes NH House

Scott · 30 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

A group of pro-male activists led by the New Hampshire chapter of NCFC has been making extensive progress in the NH legislature. Earlier we reported that a report was written up on the Status of Men in NH, and as of late the group has been pushing for a full-fledged Commission on the Status of Men. They have just reached a major success, having Bill HB587 passed in the House by a vote of 182 to 145. Read the text of the bill by clicking "Read More" below.

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>AN
ACT establishing a commission on the status of men, and making an appropriation therefor.

> name=P13_183>SPONSORS: Rep. Bickford, Straf 1; Rep. Jacobson, Merr 2; Rep. Dickinson, Carr 2; Rep. Gilmore, Straf 11; Rep. Zolla, Rock 13; Sen. Boyce, Dist 4

> name=P15_326>COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

> name=P18_376>AMENDED ANALYSIS

>This bill establishes
a commission on the status of men to address issues of cultural bias and stereotyping, health problems unique to men, and methods for encouraging personal growth.

>An appropriation for
each of the next 2 fiscal years is made from the general fund for the purposes
of the commission.

>The commission is
terminated on September 1, 2009.

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added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***

>Matter removed from
current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]

>Matter which is either
(a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type>.

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>STATE OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE

>In the Year of Our
Lord Two Thousand One

>AN ACT establishing a
commission on the status of men, and making an appropriation
therefor.

>Be it Enacted by the
Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

>1 Purpose. The
general court recognizes men as an important resource for their families and
children and wishes to explore the causes and consequences of a variety of

social, economic and health problems currently facing men, and make recommendations for relief. Specifically, the general court recognizes that fatherlessness is a severe social problem and New Hampshire children who have a poor or non-existent relationship with their father are the largest users of state-funded juvenile services. In addition, the health of men whose average life expectancy was formerly on a par with that of women are now dying 10 years sooner with much higher rates of suicide and mortality rates from the 15 leading causes of disease and accidents. And educationally, the general court recognizes the need to address the poor performance of boys in the areas of reading and language skills and increase the grade passage rate for boys while encouraging the pursuit of post-secondary degrees. Therefore, the general court recommends the establishment of a commission on the status of men.

>2 New Chapter; name=P47_2480>State Commission on the Status of Men. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 19-H the following new chapter:

>CHAPTER
19-I

> name=P49_2600>STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF MEN name=P49_2637>

>19-I:1 Commission
Established; Members; Appointment and Vacancy.

>I. There is hereby
created a state commission on the status of men, hereinafter called the commission, consisting of 7 members.

>II. All members of
the commission shall be appointed by the governor and council for terms of 3 years each, provided that the initial appointees to the commission shall serve the following terms:

>(a) The first 2
persons appointed shall serve one-year terms.

>(b) The second 2
persons appointed shall serve 2-year terms.

>(c) The last 3
persons appointed shall serve 3-year terms.

>III. At least one
member shall be invited from the university system of New Hampshire.

>IV. If a vacancy
occurs on the commission, the governor and council shall appoint a new member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

>19-I:2 Compensation.
The members of the commission shall receive no compensation and shall not be entitled to reimbursement for expenses but shall be entitled to reimbursement for mileage at the same rate provided for state employees.

>19-I:3 Officers. The
governor and council shall designate the chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and treasurer of the commission.

>19-I:4 Duties. The
duties of the commission shall include, but not be limited to:

>I. Examining issues
and effects of cultural biases and stereotyping beginning with childhood experiences and progress in public schools, and extending to include a study of male suicide and adult concerns such as family relations, promoting education and policies which bring fathers and children closer together.

>II. Studying health
problems unique to men or which predominantly affect men, and making appropriate recommendations.

>III. Promoting
initiatives and programs that will enable men to develop career skills and continue their education so that they become productive and responsible citizens.

>19-I:5 Cooperation.
The commission shall cooperate with any state or federal agency or any private organization in conducting investigations and studies in the area of the status of men. All state agencies shall assist the commission in carrying out its duties.

>19-I:6 Report. The
commission shall submit a biennial report of its activities on or before November 1 to the governor and council, the commissioner of administrative services, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house. The report shall include any recommendations the commission finds for the general court to consider.

>19-I:7 Authority to

Accept Gifts. The commission may accept any gifts, donations, or grants from any source whatsoever provided the gifts, donations, or grants so received shall be used exclusively in the furtherance of the duties of the commission.

>19-I:8 Records. The
commission shall file and keep its records in space and facilities made available for such purposes in the offices of the secretary of state by the secretary of state.

>19-I:9
Administratively Attached. The commission shall be administratively attached to the department of administrative services.

>3 Prospective Repeal
of Chapter. RSA 19-I, relative to the state commission on the status of men, is repealed.

>4 Appropriation. The
sum of $69,561 is hereby appropriated to the department of administrative services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002 and $62,008 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003 for the purposes of this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

>5 Effective Date.

>I. Section 3 of this
act shall take effect September 1, 2009.

>II. The remainder of
this act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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**>HB 586-FN-A - FISCAL
NOTE**

>AN ACT establishing a
commission on the status of men, and making an appropriation

therefor.

>FISCAL IMPACT:

>The Department of Administrative Services stated this bill would increase state general fund expenditures by $69,561 in FY 2002, $62,008 in FY 2003, $64,567 in FY 2004, and $67,237 in FY 2005. There will be no fiscal impact on state, county and local revenue or county and local expenditures.

>This bill appropriates $50,000 each year in FY 2002 and FY 2003 in state general funds to the Department of Administrative Services for the purposes of this act.

>METHODOLOGY:

>The Department stated this bill would establish a commission on the status of men and appropriate $50,000 from the general fund in FY 2002 and FY 2003 for the purposes of the commission. The Department states in order for the commission to fulfill its mission, including the submission of a biennial report, an executive director position (LG 24), office space, equipment and supplies will be needed. In addition, commission members will receive mileage reimbursement (currently $.345 per mile). The Department assumes annual steps for the executive director, benefits at 32% of salary, mileage increases of $.005 annually, and a 3% annual increase for rent, telephone/fax services, and supplies. The costs are estimated as follows:

>FY2002 FY2003 FY2004 FY2005

>Salary (LG24) $35,334 $36,933 $38,610 $40,365

>Benefits (32%) 11,307 11,819 12,355 12,917

>Mileage 3,312 3,360 3,408 3,456

>Rent 4,608 4,746

4,889 5,035

>Supplies 4,000 4,120
4,244 4,371

>Telephone/Fax 1,000
1,030 1,061 1,093

>Office Equipment
5,000 0 0 0

>Computer Equip.
5,000 0 0 0

>Total Costs $69,561
$62,008 $64,567 $67,237

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The Least Talked About Male Health Issue

Scott · 31 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Bill Kuhl wrote up a review of last Friday's episode of 20/20 on the ABC television network. It covered an issue you won't find much talk about these days - gynecomastia. Assuming you haven't heard of the term before (I hadn't), gynecomastia is the medical condition of having enlarged male breasts. It is obviously a very embarrassing problem for men, and if you click "Read More" below you can view Bill's comments on the program and an overview of gynecomastia. And kudos to 20/20 for their informative and sensitive coverage of the topic. Let's Hear It for ABC's 20/20!

What is the least talked about male health problem? Prostate enlargement? Testicular cancer? Most likely it's neither of these. ABC's "20/20" had a segment last Friday on what it may very well be - it's medical term is gynecomastia, more commonly referred to as "enlarged male breasts." The segment was straightforward in its examination of this extremely embarrassing problem - as one of the the interviewees stated, men with enlarged breasts have to do an excellent job concealing their chest size. For the record, we are talking about men with what look like small female breasts. As "20/20" pointed out, this is not the same as the temporary condition experienced by some teen males due to raging hormones nor is it the "flabby" looking chest of severely overweight men. This is a permanent condition that will not decrease in size, no matter how much a man exercises. The only medical answer, per the report, appears to be "a liposuction-type of procedure" performed by a plastic surgeon. In the segment, a New York plastic surgeon by the name of Dr. Eliot Jacobs was interviewed along with a couple of his patients. Jacobs, himself a sufferer of the condition, has performed the surgical procedure on hundreds of men. Overall, "20/20" was very respectful of the men who spoke about their embarrassment over their chest size, and the men were very forthcoming. As a result, this straightforward, responsibly handled segment should help other men to feel the courage to come forward and get help. Thank you "20/20!"

(By the way, please don't be confused by the term "gynecomastia" - it can refer to most any mass of unwanted tissue in the male chest. I once had a

gynecomastia; it was nothing more than a very small, hard lump under one of my nipples, the result of some medication I had been on. Please remember that the men in this segment had what looked like permanent small, female breasts - which also are referred to as "gynecomastia." For more information, many websites can be found on the subject by simply putting "gynecomastia" into a search engine.)

Bill Kuhl

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Columbia University Considers Reforming Sex Discipline Code

Scott · 31 March 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Last fall, we reported on the appalling actions of Columbia University's administration to pass a new Sex Discipline Policy that removes several fundamental rights of the accused in rape trials. Since then, a great deal of pressure has been put on Columbia, particularly by FIRE (The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education). After failing to participate in a public discussion or Fox television interview on the policy, the directors of SAFER (an anti-rape program on campus) have called for a reform of the policy in the school's newspaper. Nothing has been done yet, but it looks like an opportunity for change. Read the latest update on the story here.Source: FIRE (The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education)

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One Man's "Psycho" Ex-girlfriend

Scott · 1 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Dave Burroughs writes, "*Check this out: www.psychoexgirlfriend.com. They had this guy on Fox News the other night. His ex*
girlfriend kept calling him with her threats and pleadings - sometimes several times a day for months. He got sick of it and set up this website. He has .mp3 files recorded from his phone message machine and has posted them unedited on his site. No doubt the feminists have some explanation for her behavior that lays the blame squarely on him." The audio files of her phone messages are extremely disturbing, hateful, hurtful, and manipulative. Don't listen to them if you have a weak stomach.

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How Hillary's Village Raises Eminem

Adam · 1 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Regular readers will love this commentary by Debbie Schlussel on how fatherlessness makes men like Eminem. As this quote puts it, "*It should be no surprise, in this world where Hillary Clinton tells us, "It Takes a Village [to raise your children]," that the child becomes a village idiot.*" The commentary is one of the most enjoyably vicious articles I've ever read in defense of fathers and to a lesser degree men in general. By the way can you give Debbie an Email of thanks and ask her for more articles like this? It's a small thing to do to encourage her to writ more articles like this. Source: WorldNetDaily

Title: Hillary's village raises Eminem

Author: Debbie Schlussel

Date: March 2, 2001

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Adam to Take Over for Scott This Week

Scott · 2 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Due to a hair-pulling deadline I have this week (yes, yet another!), I will be unable to post new stories to Mensactivism.org until the weekend. However, Adam, my lead co-administrator, will be taking over for the week and the site will still be updated with news. I'll be forwarding any e-mail news submissions to Adam, and if I seem a bit sluggish in responding to e-mail, please bear with me. Thanks to everyone who visits this site and especially thanks to Adam for filling in for me!

- Scott

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Raider of the Lost Patriarch

Adam · 2 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Patricia Hausman, a member of the Independent Women's Forum
has written a culture essay debunking Women's History Month, explaining how Marxist-feminists are the ones running the show. It also has an excellent counter argument against "men's dominance." What is that counter argument, you ask? You'll have to click here to find out.

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Why Boys Are The Way They Are

Adam · 3 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Warren Farrell has just written a new article on his website, and as usual he defines the problems boys face with superb clarity and insight. He goes on to explain the double standards boys face and offers solutions for their problems, to quote him "*When we seek to find boy's inner world, we will give a gift to our sons in the 21st Century.*" As always, he shows sensitivity to both sides of the issue, so be certain you read the article as soon as you can.

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Women Who Love Men

Scott · 3 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

David Byron writes *"I'm setting up a small web site to list and honor some of the women who are either strong critics of feminism, or involved in the men's movement somehow. Its not meant to be a resource as such, more a sort of "thank you". Please have a look, and add some more recommendations to the guestbook. Click here: Women Who Love Men"*

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ABA Journal Prints Interesting Article On DNA Evidence

Scott · 3 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"Here's an interesting article on DNA evidence and it's gradual acceptance as an important tool not only to fight crime but to protect the innocent. The article mentions false accusations of rape. Click here for the ABA Journal article."*

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Ex-husband, Not Ex-father

Adam · 4 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

This article is quite a surprise in that it's an open discussion in a UK newspaper about fathers after divorce. I've never seen such an open article about the problems fathers face after divorce - it's an excellent sign that things are starting to improve for men and fathers, so don't lose hope. Read it here as it's well worth it.Source: The Independent [UK newspaper]

Title: Ex-husband, not ex-father

Author: Unknown

Date: April 2, 2001

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Garbage In, Gigantic Wage Gap Out

Adam · 5 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Yes, it's Patricia Hausman again, and she's gotten more vicious than ever as she debunks the wage gap myth in her casual and methodical manner. As the subtitle says "*Garbage in, gigantic wage gap out*" so don't forget to read the article when you can.
Source: National Review

Title: I Am Woman, Hear Me Whine

Author: Patricia Hausman

Date: April 3, 2001

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From The Personal To The Political

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Written by Erin Pizzey, this essay explains the history of the women's movement and points out some of links with communism she found in the movement. The article's an excellent read with many great insights into things she found out by working "behind the scenes." For example, in this quote, "*there were just as many women pedophiles as there were men...women go undetected as usual*" she explains from her experience working on child abuse cases, etc, so check the article to find out more.

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UCLA Daily Bruin - Which Sex Does "The Work of the World?"

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Marc Angelucci writes *"Glenn Sacks, a key activist in L.A. who sparked furor at UCLA for twice debunking the rigged "one in four" rape myth, has written another ground-breaking article. This one responds to a feminist professor's claim that "it is women who do the work of the world." Borrowing from Warren Farrell's Women Can't Hear What Men Don't Say, Sacks helps expose the falsified data from the U.N. that women work "more hours" than men internationally. Sacks is upset, though, that the editors titled his article "Women Don't Do The Work of the World, Men Do," explaining he meant to argue that BOTH sexes do the work of the world. Is the title accurate? And if not, was it careless error, or sabotage? You be the judge."*Source: The Daily Bruin [UCLA campus newspaper]

Title: Women don't do the work of the world, men do

Author: Glenn Sacks

Date: April 4, 2001

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Male Sexual Papers

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Lander writes *"Hi, I found your web site while doing a search for another topic. But I know of another site that might be of interest to fellow readers of Mensactivism.org. It has a lot of really good information about male sexual issues, including a lot of taboo or scared to ask about topics. Women could also use the page to understand their partner's sometimes confusing actions. The link to the page is here. Also, keep up the good work on this site. Its one site that I visit several times daily."* This is definitely a site that many men will appreciate - it is completely honest about male sexuality (whether bi, straight, or gay) and is not crude or degrading to men. I'm categorizing it under "Men's health" because male sexuality is an issue directly related to men's health.

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Proving Daniel Amneus Right: Part 2

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The article I've found here sounds a lot like a feminist utopia: "*In the Mosuo language there are no words for **father, illegitimacy, single mother, widow, jealousy, virgin, or monogamy**. The explanation is simple: these concepts do not exist.*" This is exactly what Daniel Amneus tells us what will happen to Western men unless something is done to stop it. Read his books The Garbage Generation and also download The Case for Father Custody to find out just how his writings are starting to become a disturbing reality.Source: The Telegraph [UK newspaper]

Title: Chinese men threaten 'lake of free love' where women rule

Author: Damien McElroy

Date: March 25, 2001

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Being Arrested for Name Calling

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An Anonymous User sent me this link to a story in the UK Spectator. It's about a man who was arrested for "aggravated harassment" because he had called his ex-girlfriend names when they had broken up months ago. From the article: "*In America these days, it seems, being politically incorrect is against the law...when a woman is being hysterical and indecisive should the law really give her all of the leverage? If a woman is still choosing to sleep with an ex boyfriend, to return his telephone calls and emails, to meet with him and discuss matters at hand, is it particularly fair to say that the victim is in fact a victim?*" Source: The Specator [UK magazine]

Title: Smashmouth!

Author: Benjamin Aldo

Date: April 7, 2001

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Ritalin Abuse Is Government Child Abuse

Adam · 7 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Thomas Sowell has written this article explaining the dangers of Ritalin and of government intrusion into family life. "*Claims that "studies prove" the need for Ritalin are far less convincing when you realize how often studies have "proven" one thing, only to have later studies prove the opposite. Parents and voters need to wake up to the dangerous extension of government despotism into the family."*

Source: NewsMax.com

Title: Ritalin Abuse Is Government Child Abuse

Author: Thomas Sowell

Date: August 16, 2000

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Schools Ever More Boy-unfriendly

Scott · 8 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

An article from the National Post discusses the numerous ways in which schools have become more unfriendly to boys and the ways boys are seriously lagging behind girls in the public education system. It's a short article that does an overview of the issues at hand, but I thought a couple of good quotes/facts where included in the article, such as, "*[schools have been called] "the most boy-unfriendly places on Earth"...[there are] institutions where the budget for the equity office may exceed the budget for the library to purchase books. Where administrators turn a blind eye to academic offences such as cheating, but come down hard on any student who might give a sexist chant at a football game.*"Source: National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Schools ever more boy-unfriendly

Author: Ian Hunter

Date: April 3, 2001

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Retiring MA Judge Admits Restraining Orders are Routinely Abused

Scott · 9 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The Massachusetts News is reporting that Judge Malcolm Jones, a retiring judge in Bristol County Probate Court, is openly claiming that restraining orders (or 209A's, as the are officially called), are routinely administered indiscriminately by judges. He was quoted as saying, "*It's a necessary law, but it's an abused one. I've seen it used too many times as leverage in divorce cases, not for women in imminent fear of physical danger. One third of them are not legitimate, merely used as an "I'll fix you."*" A lawyer was also quoted as saying, "*they are issued like candy. It's a rare case that they won't be issued as long as somebody says the magic word, "I've been hit" or "I've been threatened." Unless that person has three heads or something really incredible like that, a District Court judge is going to issue them.*" Source: The Massachusetts News [newspaper]

Title: Retiring Judge Reveals that Restraining Orders Are Huge Problem [sidebar title]

Author: Unknown

Date: April 2, 2001

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Mixed Messages About Fathers' Role in Childbirth

Scott · 10 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I have to admit, I am more than a bit confused and frustrated with this article by Betsy Hart, from the Union Leader. Hart comes down hard on men who are expected to take time off of work to be present when their wife gives birth, and it's apparent that Hart thinks men's place is at work and women's is childrearing. She does make the comment that "*Hey, if a husband really wants to be in the delivery room, OK,*" but she obviously is somewhat repulsed by the idea. What do you make of this?Source: Union Leader [newspaper]

Title: The single place men are needed

Author: Betsy Hart

Date: April 9, 2001

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Prostate Cancer and Race

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Ed Bartlett from Men's Health America submitted this link to a news article about prostate cancer prevalence and treatment rates. It set out to investigate to what extent socioeconomic factors affect the higher death rates of prostate cancer in men of different races. The study raised some new questions about the cancer in black men, as socioeconomic factors did not explain the increased prevalence (but did explain the difference for Hispanic men). Source: The Albuquerque Journal [newspaper]

Title: Prostate Cancer Study Leads to Questions

Author: Jackie Jadrnak

Date: March 26, 2001

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Gender Politics and Young Children

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Cathy Young wrote an excellent article for Reason magazine about the current "gender warfare" going on about socializing children. She begins by discussing Jane Fonda's recent donation to Harvard for a program on gender studies, and does a balanced job reporting the current trends and how this field is being applied to children. "*It's clear that the proposed interdisciplinary Center on Gender and Education will pursue not only academic research but also a social agenda...Maybe the real danger is that, in these ideological gender wars, the needs of children of both sexes will take a back seat to scoring points in the debate.*" Source: Reason [magazine]

Title: Children and the Gender Wars

Author: Cathy Young

Date: April 2, 2001

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Mensactivism.org Reviewed in Nashville Scene

Scott · 11 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

James Hanback, Jr. reviewed a group of pro-male web sites for his Online column in the Nashville Scene, an alternative newspaper. Mensactivism.org is included in the review, as well as several other great sites for men. You can read his article here. As he points out, "*it's the Internet that is giving the greatest rise to men's causes, providing the widest forum for the discussion of these issues.*" From Hanback's discussion of what "men's issues" are in the article, he's obviously someone who "gets it." Source: Nashville Scene [newspaper]

Title: Men Spin - Enough of ivillage; where are the Web sites for men?

Author: James Hanback, Jr.

Date: April 12-18, 2001

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Online Debate on Men's Health Research

Scott · 12 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"The Society for Women's Health Research posted Fallacies and Facts about Women's and Men's Health to dispute many of the claims about gender health research disparities. In response, Dr. Ed Bartlett of Men's Health America posted these point-by-point refutations. This important debate is thankfully taking place in what seems to be a very professional manner. The arguments provide excellent material for research, op-eds and letters to editors."*

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Boys Need Male Teachers for Most Effective Learning

Scott · 12 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The Sydney Morning Herald printed this story which explains that young boys strongly need male mentors and teachers to learn most effectively, particularly about male identity. "*There were important aspects of learning connected to boys' sense of male identity which could not be adequately addressed without the involvement of men...Of course, females make excellent teachers for boys...However, there are important aspects of learning connected to boys' sense of male identity which cannot be adequately addressed without the involvement of older males.*" It's a common-sense notion that we would do well to heed. Source: The Sydney Morning Herald [Australian newspaper]

Title: Yes, sir, boys need a man about the classroom

Author: Unknown (Australian Associated Press?)

Date: April 6, 2001

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Women's Health: $27M; Men's Health: $0

Scott · 13 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

There seems to be a surge of stories about boy's issues and men's health recently. Ed Bartlett from Men's Health America writes, "*DHHS Secretary Tommy Thompson has just released his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2002. His budget includes $0 for an Office of Men's Health. In contrast, the DHHS Office of Women's Health is slated for a whopping $10 million increase, from $17 million in FY 2001 to $27 million in FY 2002.*" Click here to find out what you can do about this problem.

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"SANE Nurse" Testimony Undermined in VA Rape Trials

Scott · 13 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The Washington Post is reporting that the testimony of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) can no longer be considered scientific evidence in rape trials in Fairfax County, VA. These nurses examine the victim immediately after an alleged rape and can supposedly tell whether sex was consentual or not. One defense attortney quoted in the article said: "*It turns out our SANE nurses here have taken their conclusions far beyond what the research says.*" A deputy's attorney also noted, "*when consent is the ultimate issue, experts shouldn't be allowed to testify either way...It's for the jury to decide.*" I'm inclined to agree. Source: The Washington Post

Title: When Rape Is in Question, So Are Nurses' Answers

Author: Tom Jackman

Date: April 2, 2001

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Great Story on False Rape Charges and DNA Evidence

Scott · 13 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"Here is a great article in the New Times LA about Jeffrey Grant, who spent months in prison on rape convictions that were later overturned by DNA evidence. Grant won a $1.7 million judgment against the city as a result. Justin Brooks of the Innocence Project says that, of the cases in which the Project uses DNA to prove that a convicted person is innocent, 85% were convictions based on eyewitness testimony."*Source: New Times L.A. [newspaper]

Title: The Rapist Who Wasn't

Author: Michael Gougis

Date: April 12, 2001

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New Poll Ideas?

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Hey, we've been running this web poll for a few months now, and I was wondering if anyone had any ideas about a new poll to run. Either e-mail them to me at scott@mensactivism.org or post them as a comment to this message. Thanks!

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IL Lawsuit Over "Ladies Night" Discounts at Night Clubs

Scott · 15 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h submitted this link to a Chicago Tribune article about a civil lawsuit being filed by a man upset that women receive discounts routinely at night clubs. He's claiming that it's sex discrimination along the same lines that women have won lawsuits about the different pricing of haircuts or dry cleaning for men and women. The article ends with a somewhat ironic statement that the man filing suit "*would rather spend the extra money I'm charged at the door to buy women drinks at the bar.*" I guess while he's against businesses discriminating against men, he doesn't mind cultural discrimination against men. (!)Source: Chicago Tribune

Title: Suit aims to bar 'ladies' nights'

Author: Dan Mihalopoulos

Date: April 14, 2001

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MHA/SWHR Debate Publicized with Press Release

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Men's Health America has upped the ante in the debate about gender health research disparities that adversely affect men. We reported on the debate which is ongoing with the Society for Women's Health Research. Now, MHA has issued a press release to help thrust this debate into the public spotlight. Seeing that the facts are easily researchable and that we have the truth on our side, this was a very wise thing to do. You can read the press release by clicking "Read More" below...For Immediate Release: Friday, April 13, 2001

Contact: Barbara Oldroyd

WOMEN'S GROUP DISPUTES NIH "RETRACTION"

Rockville, MD -- A leading women's health research organization has disputed the statement that the National Institutes of Health has "retracted" prior claims that women were "routinely excluded" from medical research.

The Society for Women's Health Research, a Washington, DC-based group, recently released a statement that the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health "did not retract any statements regarding the historical inclusion of women in clinical trials." The statement can be found at www.womens-health.org/menshealth.html.

The Society also defended the fact that male participation in NIH-funded studies has fallen from 45% to 32% in recent years, and that female-only studies now outnumber male-only studies by a 3:1 margin. The SWHR downplayed the fact that only 1.5% and of eligible men, vs. 4.0% of eligible women, participate in cancer clinical trials. The Society also calls it a "fallacy" that men face twice the risk of dying of heart disease as women.

The response of Men's Health America can be found at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/menshealth/message/302.

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Men's Health America is dedicated to understanding the 6-year gap in male life expectancy, and its effects on women and children. MHA is a research and education organization based in Rockville, Maryland.

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Reader's Digest Bashes Fathers

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Marc Angelucci writes *"In the April, 2001 issue of Reader's Digest there is an article [not available on-line] entitled "Pay-Up Time for Deadbeat Dads." The article completely ignores reality, such as that fathers have a better record of paying court-ordered child support than mothers do, or that, of non-custodial dads without employment problems and who have access to their children, over 80% pay in full and only 5% don't pay at all. (Sanford Braver, "Divorced Dads.") Instead it presents things in the same one-sided, misandrist manner that the average major media article typically does. You can write a letter to the editor here."*

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New Approach to Rape Awareness Causes Controversy

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Thomas Golden from Webhealing.com submitted this story from the Washington Post. It's about rape awareness groups that have shifted focus from blaming men and putting them on the defensive to encouraging men to empathize with women who are raped and viewing men as "helpers" who can work to stop rape. However, the approaches described in the article still portray men as the empowered group and strive to "reconstruct" masculinity. It also uses examples of male rape not to raise awareness of this neglected issue, but to try to "put men in women's shoes" to understand what rape is like for women. Despite the fact I still see the campaign as implicitly anti-male, women's groups have largely attacked the program for promoting male-only groups of activists and not coming down hard enough on men. Go figure.Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Campus Efforts To Prevent Rape Changing Focus

Author: Amy Argetsinger

Date: April 16, 2001

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Men: Guilty Until Proven Innocent

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For my third article in my men's issues column for the UNH school newspaper, The New Hampshire, I wrote about a challenging topic - advocating the rights of men accused of rape and sexual harassment. I mentioned the news about Columbia University's draconian sex discipline code, and explained how men are routinely denounced when accused of a sex crime, even when few people know what the facts of the case really are. Read the article here.
Source: The New Hampshire [UNH school newspaper]

Title: Men: Guilty Until Proven Innocent

Author: Scott Garman

Date: April 13, 2001

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Women As Warriors?

Scott · 17 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Both frank h and Sergei Hoff himself wrote in to inform me of Hoff's latest column in Toogood Reports. The article is a scathing criticism of compromising military standards for the sake of allowing women into combat positions in the U.S. armed forces. The issue is, of course, very controversial from a men's rights standpoint. On the one hand, our freedom could be at risk if we don't have a military which is anything less than the best, but many of us also see male-only military enrollment as evidence that men's lives are less important and as a gender we are "disposable" in wars. This is a conflict that I have yet to resolve for myself. Source: Toogood Reports

Title: Size 6 Combat Boots

Author: Sergei Hoff

Date: April 16, 2001

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How "Gender Equity" Killed Male Athletics

Scott · 18 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h submitted this link from Reason Magazine and writes *"I haven't read this yet; I just found it. But as I go to colleges with my daughter, I see the diminished opportunities for men in collegiate sports: the programs just aren't there. Yet the effort and expense the colleges go to in populating women's teams is unbelievable. Mediocre girls who clearly aren't as enthralled by sport are being offered full scholarships just to show up. The poor ratings and ticket sales of the WNBA should be an example. The right answer is clear: each candidate athlete ought to have the same chance of being EXCLUDED. That way, athletics would be funded on real student interest, not political correctness."*Source: Reason [magazine]

Title: Title IX's Pyrrhic Victory

Author: Michael Lynch

Date: April 2001

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Gender Differences in Stress

Scott · 18 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In a recent issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry, a study was done to examine whether one gender or the other reported exposure to a greater number of life stresses, or reported greater likelihood of depression in response to stress. Thus, the authors examine the "cost of caring" hypothesis, in which women are thought to be more prone to depression because they have a greater emotional investment in their social networks. Results: Men were more likely to report stresses such as occupational problems, job loss, legal problems, and being robbed. Women were more likely to report stresses from conflict, crisis, or illness in their support network. Results were seen as consistent with gender role expectations. There was no indication that women experienced more stresses or were more sensitive to stress. An abstract of the article can be found here."*Source: American Journal of Psychiatry

Title: Gender Differences in the Rates of Exposure to Stressful Life Events and Sensitivity to Their Depressogenic Effects

Author: Kenneth S. Kendler, M.D., Laura M. Thornton, Ph.D. and Carol A. Prescott, Ph.D.

Date: April 2001

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Few Turn Out to Meet Patricia Ireland

Scott · 19 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

David Byron writes *"An article by the Boston Globe entitled, "On campuses, fewer rallying for feminism" records a turn out of only about 40 women when Patricia Ireland, president of NOW, came to the all-female college at Wellesley. The article briefly discusses the reasons for the dwindling interest in feminism. As you can guess men are partly to blame, even at an all woman college!"*Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: On campuses, fewer rallying for feminism

Author: Farah Stockman

Date: April 14, 2001

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Article on NOW Controversy Distorts the Truth

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Marc Angelucci writes *"Wired News printed an article on how NOW is creating controlled internet forums to avoid the "misogynist talk," "hate" and "verbal abuse" they allegedly receive in their internet forums. If some people were rude in the NOW forums, they should not be. But I have seen NOW take down messages from David Byron and others that were very polite attempts to engage in meaningful dialogue on the issues. NOW is telling half-truths and falsehoods as usual to justify their aversion to debate. If NOW wants to create controlled environments with no controversy for purposes of supportive discussion, that is wonderful. But if they are doing it just to avoid debate, which is very apparent, then they should be honest about it rather than lying and male-bashing to justify their cowardice. And the media should give balanced coverage of it by getting both sides of the story, which they did not. You can write a letter to the Wired News editor here newsfeedback@wired.com."*Source: Wired News

Title: NOW Provides Shelter From Scorn

Author: Robin Clewley

Date: April 16, 2001

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Schuett Leaves The Liberator

Scott · 20 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"Trudy W. Schuett has left the Liberator, a print men's issues magazine, citing personal reasons. She intends to continue supporting the men's movement through other projects, such as The Moms for Dad's Rights Yahoo Club, The Men in Crisis Prayer Circle, and a projected book co-authored with AZFather's Rights Org member David Hamu. She will also begin publication of a bi-weekly e-zine called,* The DesertLight Journal. The DesertLight Journal *will focus on the issues of domestic violence and divorce/child custody, and the people and groups behind these issues.* The DesertLight Journal *will encourage new writers, and will often feature essays and articles written by former contributors to the now-defunct Themestream.com."*

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The Death of the UK Government's "Women's Unit"

Scott · 20 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Jonathan writes *"This is a short article highlighting the fact that for once, the UK Labour Government is removing a useless layer of bureaucracy, the Women's Unit. Unfortunately, despite accepting the fact that it was an embarrassment, derided by both men and women, they are still going to press ahead with positive discrimination for women in Government. This will be achieved by installing far more women ministers in the next Government, irrespective of ability. Click here for the link."*Source: The Daily Telegraph [UK News]

Title: The Women's Unit RIP

Author: Unknown

Date: April 19, 2001

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Male Suicide in Australia

Scott · 20 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

bernee writes *"The high level of suicide in Australia in males aged 29-30 is noted in this article from The Canberra Times. No mention is made as to how to counter this trend nor the reasons for it."* Well, I suppose acknowledging the problem is the first step, but not even offering any kind of explanation for the reasons behind it does seem kind of callous on this critical issue. Source: The Canberra Times [Australian Newspaper]

Title: Men 'four times more likely to suicide'

Author: Unknown

Date: Unknown

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Director Battles Paternity Fraud in Court

Scott · 21 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Carnell Smith submitted this press release. It outlines Smith's Georgia court session where he explains how he was frauded into fatherhood. From the release, "*We don't know and we won't have an answer from the Judge until he completes his review. There was one great victory for Smith, the mother's attorney admitted in open court "they do not want future child support" and the judge replied "I understand that child support is waived". The court recessed after conflicting testimony of the mother and her best friend. Smith observed several members of GA Dept of Human Resources present at the trial, along with 20(?) supporters of CAPF and other interested parties.*"

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Liberté! Egalité! Stupidité!

Adam · 22 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Patricia Hausman is on a roll lately with her latest article about the futility of creating equality of outcomes: "*Like any good gender warrior, La Parité says it is motivated by the principle that the sexes deserve "equal representation" throughout society. Au contraire. The low number of females among prison inmates, workplace fatalities, and non-custodial parents does not trouble this crowd. It focuses solely on stations in life that involve money, power, and prestige. La parité, it seems, is French for a world where women are guaranteed at least half of the good stuff, and men most of the bad.*"

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USA Indifferent to Prison Rape of Men

Scott · 23 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here is an article I think you may find interesting about male-on-male rape in men's prisons in the USA."* From the article: "*"I have been sexually assaulted twice since being incarcerated. Both times the staff refused to do anything except to lock me up and make accusations that I'm homosexual...," wrote J.G. of Florida...."Roughly half of all states don't even gather specific data on prison rape. And those that do, the data is just not realistic," said Joanne Mariner, author of the report. "The fact that other states aren't even collecting the data shows that they are not taking the issue seriously."*"

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International Reading Association Seeks Gender Issues Leader

Scott · 23 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h directed me to the International Reading Association's special interest group on Gender Issues in Reading Achievement and writes, "*The person who currently chairs this group is unable to continue and the group is likely to fold. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a direct, positive effect on the success of males in reading education, especially considering the demonstrated poor performance of males in the recent NAEP results.*" Please consider volunteering if you have the background, and pass this information around to anyone you know who might be interested. Contact information is on the web page linked to above.

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Blaming Men for Women's Choices

Scott · 23 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Not PC submitted this article from Town Hall and writes, "*After years of attempting to educate women on the foolishness of having children out of wedlock, it would appear that the next step is to blame men. Suzanne Fields says that 1.3 million babies are born without fathers. Of course, these children have fathers -- it took two people to make a baby. What she really means is that either these women don't know who is the father of their children or that the father of their child is not married to them. Let's put the blame where it belongs, Suzanne!*"Source: Town Hall

Title: Where have all the daddies gone?

Author: Suzanne Fields

Date: April 23, 2001

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Tony Blair to Reserve Jobs for Women in Every Government Dept.

Scott · 24 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

AngryHarry submitted this story from the UK Telegraph. In Tony Blair's campaign for re-election, he has promised to reserve a position in every government department for a woman. This move is intended to "compensate" for the fact that he disbanded the women's unit, which we reported on earlier this month. (Warning: sarcasm ahead) It's nice to now that, in this day and age, gender discrimination is so unacceptable to our enlightened souls. Source: The Telegraph [UK newspaper]

Title: Blair to give women a job in every department

Author: Sarah Womack

Date: April 19, 2001

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Take Back the Campus

Scott · 25 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy McElroy's ifeminist.com newsletter featured this web site by a woman who's had enough feminist propaganda thrown at her. It was described as, "*Dedicated to advancing reason rather than feminist propaganda on campus. "Are you tired of male-bashing and victimology? Have you had your fill of feminist 'Ms./Information?' Have you been mislead by factually challenged professors?" Take their test and see if you need to be de-programmed.*"

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Violence Toward Men: Fact or Fiction?

Scott · 25 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Dr. Murray Straus e-mailed me about this report from the American Medical Association about violence against men. He wrote, "*despite the title, [this report] presents a quite reasonable statement on male domestic violence victims. Since the AMA is such an authoritative source, you might want to look at it and quote from it, perhaps especially the recommendations at the end.*"Source: The American Medical Assocation

Title: Violence Toward Men: Fact or Fiction?

Author: The American Medical Association

Date: Unknown (1994?)

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Hopkins Researchers: Medical Research has Favored Women

Scott · 26 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Further evidence of bias against men in medical health research was noted in Ed Bartlett's MHA mailing list, message 319. "*The journal,* Statistics in Medicine*, has just published an important article that compares the number of single-sex studies done for men and women, and compares that number with the disease burden faced by both sexes. The study, "Estimation of Gender Bias in Clinical Trials" looks at articles published from 1966-1995. The article...concludes that while women were underrepresented in heart disease trials, men were underrepresented both in cancer and in other trials. The article further abolishes the myth that women were "routinely excluded" from medical research.*

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MA Court Rules that Non-Bio Dads Must Still Pay Support

Scott · 26 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Not PC and Jim Castelli submitted this link from the Boston Globe, a serious setback for male reproductive rights. Not PC writes, "*The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court says that it doesn't matter if there is a biological connection of a man to a child, he's still the father. In other words, he's guilty of being a man. Women, on the other hand, can bear children from any man and never worry about getting paid for it. They can even get college expenses for those children in Massachusetts.*" "Guilty for being a man" is exactly right. Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: SJC says fatherhood goes past DNA test

Author: Kathleen Burge

Date: April 25, 2001

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Jennifer Lopez, Porn, and the Hypocrisy of Equality

Scott · 26 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Elliot Zaret from TheGuyCode sent me a link to this article, which is superb. It discusses the hypocrisy of female stars, such as Jennifer Lopez, who complain about the way women are portrayed in film but then "flaunt their stuff" when it is to their advantage. The article is also interesting in that it is laid out as a dialogue between himself and Lisa Napoli, the co-author, with each side giving their own take on the issue. Both agree that women's sexual power is a very real force and one that isn't recognized as such these days. It's a great read. Source: The Guy Code

Title: Jennifer Lopez, Porn, and the Hypocrisy of Equality

Author: Lisa Napoli and Elliot Zaret

Date: April 26, 2001

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APHA Newsletter Prints Facts About Health Research

Scott · 27 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Ed Bartlett from Men's Health America had an article (scroll to bottom of page) printed in the Spring 2001 issue of the American Public Health Association's Journal Section on Epidemiology. Ed tallied the participation in several key research areas, including heart disease, stroke, cancer, and injury, among others, demonstrating the fallacy that women were routinely discriminated against in health research. Check it out. Source: American Public Health Assocation Epidemiology Section Newsletter

Title: The Exclusion of Women from Medical Research: Perception vs. Reality

Author: Edward Bartlett

Date: Spring 2001

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Circumcision and Consent

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J. Steven Svoboda, Executive Director of Attorneys for the Rights of the Child (ARC) submitted an abstract of an article about the needless procedure of circumcision. "*The article, "Informed Consent for Neonatal Circumcision-An Ethical and Legal Conundrum," appears in the Winter 2000 issue of the* Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy." Click "Read More" below to view more info on this article and what it's all about. J. Steven Svoboda writes *"Attorneys for the Rights of the Child*
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CIRCUMCISION: DOCTORS FAIL TO OBTAIN VALID CONSENT

Berkeley, CA - Doctors who circumcise infants violate the legal requirement of a valid, informed consent, thereby exposing themselves to lawsuits. That is the conclusion of an article recently published in a major legal journal by a team of lawyers and doctors.

The article, "Informed Consent for Neonatal Circumcision-An Ethical and Legal Conundrum" appears in the Winter 2000 issue of the Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy. It was written by J. Steven Svoboda, a Harvard-educated attorney and Executive Director of Attorneys for the Rights of the Child (ARC); Robert S. Van Howe, M.D., a pediatrician at the Marshfield Clinic - Lakeland Center in Minocqua, Wisconsin and Clinical Instructor at the Medical College of Wisconsin; and Assistant Professor James G. Dwyer of the William and Mary College of Law in Williamsburg, Virginia.

No physicians regard neonatal circumcision as necessary, according to the authors, and it is performed on newborns who are incapable of consenting to the procedure. Medical professionals routinely fail to provide parents of newborn boys with the information they need in order to make a knowledgeable decision about the surgery. By disregarding requirements for securing informed consent, doctors risk lawsuits from regretful parents and circumcised males. "Infant circumcision seriously breaches the child's rights and-even when uninformed parents ?consent? to the procedure--is utterly incompatible with the physician's legal and ethical duties toward the child patient," Svoboda said "A parent's consent cannot justify removal of healthy tissue - whether it be a finger, a breast, a clitoris, or a foreskin - without a valid medical reason."

Several circumcision cases have been settled or decided for significant sums, including a $10 million lawsuit by an Ohio boy who lost the tip of his penis in a circumcision which was settled in 1999. Cases are underway where parental

consent was inadequately informed. The article lays the groundwork for legal challenges to "successful" circumcisions even where parents gave "informed consent." One such lawsuit is already underway on behalf of an 18-year-old man in New York.

Svoboda pointed out that the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) both affirm the absence of any medical reason capable of justifying neonatal circumcision. Consent to such a procedure can never be given by the patient, the newborn infant, and no medical emergency exists. Also, non-medical cultural or religious norms are irrelevant to medical decision-making and cannot justify the procedure. Therefore no valid consent to newborn circumcision is possible."

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New Law Recognizes Fetuses as Persons

Scott · 27 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Spartacus and Not PC submitted this link to news that the Unborn Victims of Violence Act was recently passed, which will make it a federal crime to harm a pregnant woman, because the fetus also may be harmed. The bill specifically makes an exemption allowing for women to abort the "person," so there is a great deal of controversy over whether this is contradictory. It certainly seems so to me.

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Sex, Lies and Monogamy

Scott · 27 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

jonathan writes *"This feature from New Scientist, taken from a review paper, reveals some interesting results relating to the biological basis for monogamous relationships."* One has to wonder how much truth there are to stereotypes about men and women - I felt there were some really good points made in the article, but is biology really destiny? I guess it's up to us to decide.

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Columbia Student Speaks Out Against Rape Hysteria

Scott · 28 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Considering Columbia's new Sexual Misconduct Policy and the controversy it has created, the courage of student Jaime Sneider is even more awe inspiring. Sneider's NY Daily News article debunks the statistics used by the promoters of Columbia's Take Back the Night rally, including the "1 in 4" rape statistic and domestic violence myths. It seems that Jaime and I were thinking along the same lines recently (more about that on Monday). Source: New York Daily News [newspaper]

Title: At Columbia, Bad Lessons

Author: Jaime Sneider

Date: April 27, 2001

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Proposed Harassment Policy Divides GWU

Scott · 28 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h submitted this article from the Washington Times. The article discusses a new controversial sexual harassment policy being drafted at George Washington University, which says that "*faculty members accused of sexual harassment would not be told the identity of the accuser or the specific charges against them...teachers could be charged with sexual harassment if something they say in class can be construed as such.*" Frank writes *"Again, we see that men are no longer afforded protection under the Fourteenth Amendment."* Well, I'm hoping that since the faculty are the ones up in arms, that something will actually be done to stop this. The lack of student outrage about Columbia's rape policy is more than a bit disturbing.

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Book Review: Domestic Tranquility

Adam · 29 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Here's a book review of Carolyn Graglia's *Domestic Tranquility: A Brief Against Feminism* it's quite an interesting read, as all the main points are well summarized.
Carolyn Graglia is a 72 year conservative who says of feminists that they are "*borderline misogynistic*" and with a lifetime of seeing social change behind her, this book might well be worth buying.Source: Front Page Magazine

Title: Sexual Counter-Revolution

Author: Robert Locke

Date: April 19, 2001

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Divorced Parents Can be Forced to Pay College Tuition

Scott · 30 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Not PC submitted a link to this story from the Oregon Live, regarding a recent OR Supreme Court Ruling that divorced parents can be forced to pay college expenses for their children, even though married couples are not required by law to do the same. The judge even admitted that it was discrimination, but discrimination with a "rational basis." I guess it must be "rational" to extend the "divorced-father-as-wallet" metaphor for as long as possible. And if you combine this with MA's recent Supreme Court ruling, you'd even get non-bio fathers to pay for their non-bio children's college expenses! This is surely the pinnacle of "rationality"...Source: Oregon Live [newspaper]

Title: Court: Divorced parents can be made to pay tuition

Author: Peter Farrell

Date: April 27, 2001

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Addressing Rape Without Alienating Men

Scott · 30 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

My latest article for the UNH school newspaper, *The New Hampshire*, has been printed. I must admit there was a bit of a struggle to get them to print this article, and it was assumed that my challenging of the "1 in 4" rape statistic was simply wrong, despite the fact that I included my source in the article. I ended up having to show up in person with photocopied sections of Who Stole Feminism? to demonstrate that I had the facts straight, and then they agreed to print the article. But that, of course, was after a week's delay. The on-line editor for the paper has left, so the article isn't on TNH's web site, but you can read it by clicking "Read More" below. Enjoy!

The following article appeared in the Friday, April 27, 2001 issue of *The New Hampshire*, the University of New Hampshire student-run newspaper:

Addressing Rape Without Alienating Men

by Scott Garman, TNH Columnist

The second part in a two part series about men and rape.

In part one of this series, I discussed how men are often considered "guilty until proven innocent" when accused of rape or sexual harassment, and the dangers of accepting this prejudice. As promised, this second part will focus on ways we can address the problem of rape without destroying men's rights or alienating men from participating in anti-rape groups. I came up with these four guidelines, which could serve as a basis for male-friendly activism campaigns to help spread awareness about the reality of rape and how to prevent it from happening in the first place.

1. Don't only portray men as powerful oppressors; most men aren't.

The radical feminist philosophy that men are sexual predators by nature pretty much kills all chances for men to participate in rape prevention, unless they're willing to continually grovel and apologize for their maleness. Today, no man has the right to tell a woman what to do, and it certainly is not culturally acceptable to do so. The idea of "male privilege" is a highly exaggerated concept, and one that doesn't recognize the many ways in which women have power over men.

2. Don't talk down to men. We really want to help.

I personally believe that if the condescending tone toward men were eliminated in rape awareness campaigns, participation by men would not decrease. It would *increase*. Many men naturally feel a strong sense of honor and dignity by participating in a social cause for the sake of the women they love. No one is ever going to argue against rape education programs if the programs are both pro-male and pro-female. If men and women could participate together and on the same terms in a rape awareness campaign, a lot of synergy would result.

3. Shock tactics trivialize rape and its effects.

SHARPP is not unlike many campus groups in that it uses the most shocking statistics in an attempt to motivate people to act. Many social activism groups know the power of statistics, and much "advocacy research" has been done. The famous Koss study by *Ms. Magazine* which came up with the "one in four" rape statistic stretched the meaning of rape in order to obtain this high number. In fact, of the rape "victims" in the Koss study, 42% subsequently had sex with their "rapist" one or more times after the "rape" had occurred! Koss herself now admits that her questionaire did not meet the legal definition of rape in the states for which the study was designed. A thorough investigation of the fallacies in this research was done by Christina Hoff Sommers in her book Who Stole Feminism? (available from the UNH library).

Now, does it make rape any less important an issue if it isn't happening to a quarter of all women? Of course not! In

fact, one might argue that inflating rape numbers to such a degree actually desensitizes men and women to it, and generates suspicions and apathy when the truth is discovered. Six rape cases were handled by the UNH police in 1999. That's six too many for me.

4. Recognize men's rights and get the facts before assuming anything.

As I explained previously, bias against men accused of sex crimes is unfair and something we should identify and discourage. If a woman tells you she was raped, she needs support, and should be given it. If a man says he has been falsely accused, he also needs support, and should be given it. The two are not mutually exclusive. The prevalence of false accusations is irrelevant if this is the case where he *was* falsely accused. The presumption of innocence is in our judicial system for a reason. Defend it, or regret it one day when you find yourself falsely accused of something.

To treat all men as though they are honorable, decent human beings and not as potential rapists is all that I ask. Is that really such a radical idea?

I welcome any and all feedback at [campus e-mail address]. What do you think: Does rape awareness have to be anti-male?

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Editorial on MA Paternity Fraud Case: Keep Paying, Chump

Scott · 30 April 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Jim Castelli submitted this link to Jeff Jacoby's Boston Globe editorial and writes, "*Jacoby reacts to the MA Supreme Court's decision forcing a young man to support a child he has been deceived into believing was his. Mr. Jacoby writes:* "And what burden, you might wonder, does the law place on women? A burden to tell the truth when asked to identify a child's father? A burden not to trick a young man into forfeiting tens of thousands of dollars that he doesn't owe? A burden not to deceive the courts? Nope, none of the above. To judge from the court's opinion, a woman like Cheryl's mother is under no obligation at all....In the court's view he is not a wronged man with a compelling plea for relief. He is an ATM machine.""Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: SJC to paternity victim: Keep paying, chump

Author: Jeff Jacoby

Date: April 30, 2001

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IWF in the News

Scott · 1 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Andrew submitted this story from the Washington Post. It gives a very thorough introduction to the Independent Women's Forum and what the group is involved in, and how it has come a long way in the public profile. Mention was made that IWF has a $1.3M annual budget, something that no men's group can claim, so I think that as an organization which is publicly challenging anti-male feminism, it is something we might do well to learn from.Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Women's Forum Challenges Feminists, Gains Influence

Authors: Richard Morin and Claudia Deane

Date: May 1, 2001

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The Critical Need for Involved Fathers

Scott · 2 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Not PC sent in this link to a NewsMax story on the importance of fathers. The article touches on a wide range of subjects, including the rise of illegitimacy, father's influence on their children's academic success, the problems facing urban black families, reasons why we currently have so many children without regular contact with their dads. The article isn't entirely pro-male, but covers both sides of the issue, closing with "*Many "deadbeat" fathers are actually "dead broke," Rep. Carson said. Carson said she knows it's not all men's fault. Some mothers accept child support but refuse to grant fathers access to their children, she said, and some women drive a wedge between children and their fathers.*"Source: NewsMax

Title: The Importance of Fathers

Author: Unknown

Date: May 1, 2001

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Toronto Father's Rights Workshop

Scott · 2 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Rick Neagle from FACT (Fathers Are Capable Too) wanted to announce that there will be a one-day workshop on June 3, 2001, for divorced/separated fathers and non-custodial mothers, their supporters, and people who work with or provide services to divorced parents. Warren Farrell will be participating, and preregistration is required. Click here to download an info flyer in MS Word Format, or contact Rick at rickneagle@hotmail.com. If you already know you want to register, just go to this site and sign up.

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Falsely Accused Father Gets $20,000 From CFS

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Louise Malenfant sent in this news article from the Winnipeg Free Press about a father who was falsely accused of sexually assaulting his daughter. He received a $20,000 settlement from the Winnipeg Child and Family Services. Louise herself, as head of Parents Helping Parents, is involved in reforming overzealous social services groups when they routinely trump the civil liberties of parents, particularly fathers. She was quoted heavily in this article. **Update:** The link has now been fixed.Source: Winnipeg Free Press [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Wrongly accused dad gets his due

Author: Aldo Santin

Date: April 29, 2001

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Husband Murdered for Money

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frank h submitted this AP story from Excite News, about a woman who shot her husband four times in the head as he slept to get a portion of his $11M fortune. Ron Rudin must have had some inkling that this could occur, because "*he had signed a secret directive in 1991 saying that if he died violently, anyone found responsible would be cut out of his estate.*" Regardless, he is now dead and she is awaiting sentencing having been found guilty of murder.

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Ex-Husbands as Slaves

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Trudy Schuett stumbled across a Yahoo! e-mail list called Ex-husband_is_now_my_slave . Check out the description of the list, which currently has over 350 members: "*A serious and supportive discussion forum for divorced or legally separated women to discuss how they have used divorce, child support, alimony and the courts to make their ex-husbands their financial slaves. Also how ex-wives have used the psychology of divorce to turn their ex-husbands into servants and slaves for their own amusement and enrichment. A forum for women to share their success stories in humiliating and bankrupting ex-husbands--and then moving on, with their ex's money, to better relationships with more attractive men. Humiliation. Revenge. Female power. Female financial domination. No doubt about it: For many women, divorce can be the road to the easy life--and wealth and riches. And the beauty of it all is that it's all done at the expense of your ex, who now is your financial slave. This list is about placing your ex in psychological and financial bondage. Discuss the tactics--and laugh about it--here.*" Incredible. I'm speechless.

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Reforming California's Dependency Courts

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Kevin Thompson, Chairman of the Coalition to Preserve Families, writes *"CPF is working to place the Child and Family Protection Act on California's March 2002 ballot. This initiative will improve juvenile dependency courts by 1) introducing the right to have a jury hear allegations of abuse, 2) requiring a speedy hearing, 3) removing the requirement for absolute confidentiality, and 4) promoting a preference for placement with relatives when a child is removed from the home. We need your help! For more information, see our web site at www.CoalitionToPreserveFamilies.org."*

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Mensactivism.org Serves 1k Pages/Day

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The Men's Activism News Network hit a milestone yesterday, May 3, by serving over 1,000 pages to visitors in a single 24-hour period. To be specific, there were 1,009 Page Hits. Site traffic has increased consistently since the site was started in late May 2000, and I'd like to thank each and every one of you who visits the site, submits news or posts comments. A special thanks also to Adam, my co-administrator, and also Not PC, who has probably submitted more news than any other user so far. You folks are terrific!!!

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Fatherhood Legislation

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Not PC (there he is again!) sent me this story from the Sydney Morning Herald about new legislation aimed at promoting "responsible fatherhood." While the bill is of course aimed at increasing child support payment compliance, the dialogue surrounding the bill confronts the problem of fatherlessness publicly. "*Senator Bayh said 17 million American children were living without a father today, up from 5 million in 1960. Fatherlessness was the most profound problem Americans faced, he said. It cost the Federal Government billions of dollars each year because it led to juvenile violence, teenage pregnancy and failure at school.*" Source: Sydney Morning Herald [Australian newspaper]

Title: Senators push solution to the father of all problems

Author: Unknown

Date: May 2, 2001

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Double Standards in Prisons

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In Canada, The Cross Gender Monitoring Project has recommended that male prison guards be removed from women's prisons, for the protection of women's privacy concerns. While the problems of sexual harassment by the staff of the prisons was investigated, it was found that male prison guards were rarely involved in these cases. But in 1993 the Canadian Supreme Court also decided that male inmates who objected to female prison guards frisking them were not important, since "*"Imprisonment necessarily entails surveillance, searching and scrutiny. A prison cell is expected to be exposed and to require observation." In other words, when men commit crimes, they lose their right to privacy.*" Donna Laframboise examines this double standard in her National Post column. Thanks to Rand for the link. Source: National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Double standard behind bars

Author: Donna Laframboise

Date: May 3, 2001

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Sexual Harassment of U.S. Senate Male Staff

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Michael P. Wright writes *"Ever wonder why David Boren, with two years remaining on his term, gave up one of the most powerful seats in the U.S. Senate in order to take the much lesser job of president of the University of Oklahoma? His surprise resignation took place not long after Queer Nation activist Michael Petrelis began to accuse him of sexually harassing his male staff members. I independently investigated Petrelis' claims. Go here for my findings. My article has numerous references which can be investigated by others."*

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Feminist View of MA Paternity Case

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Andrew writes *"Boston Globe columnist and nationally-syndicated feminist spokeswoman Ellen Goodman presents the politically-correct view of the recent Boston DNA case wherein the Massachusetts Court ruled that a man must continue to support a child not his: as usual when a situation reveals the fundamental fallacies of feminism, it seems we just can't make up our dithering minds. Maybe what the woman did was not on the up-and-up, but think of the child! This heartless man wants to abandon her (men are all alike)! Clearly, Goodman would rather the secret had remained forever hidden; why am I not surprised? The feminist attitude toward children is interesting: on the one hand, a woman has an absolute "right to choose" to kill her children should she find them inconvenient; on the other she can get away with massive fraud by citing a child's 'best interest.' Heads she wins, tails you lose."*Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: The complications for 'duped dads'

Author: Ellen Goodman

Date: April 29, 2001

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Men Forced to Leave Take Back the Night Rally

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Anonymous User writes *"This article on Excite explains how men were asked to leave a Take Back the Night rally on Colorado University's campus last week because women were offended by their presence there. Citing women's prejudices against men (ie, the bigoted belief that all men are attackers), the organizers of the women's rally forced male supporters of the rally to leave, even those who were scheduled to work at the event. It's a sad day when a man isn't even allowed out in public because women are uncomfortable with him."*

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Men Open Up About Erectile-Dysfunction Concerns

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Anonymous User writes *"A spate of recent Excite articles have focused on men's health issues, from exposing an incorrect perception that women suffer more from carpal tunnel because fewer men are reporting it, to this article, which reports that men, contrary to popular belief,* do *want to open up to their partners and discuss their relationships. The article also points out that, until recently, erectile dysfunction was "one of the least discussed and most overlooked medical disorders." Let's hope prostate cancer gets the same turn-around."*

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Newly Discovered Protein Helps Detect Prostate Cancer

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Anonymous User writes *"Excite comes through once again. In this article, dated May 4, scientists with Maritech claim to have discovered the presence of a protein in men with prostate cancer that is not present in healthy men. The discovery of this protein could improve prostate cancer early detection."* This sounds like an important breakthrough...

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Who Gets the Spoils of Divorce

Scott · 7 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

bernee writes *"The Australian Institute of Family Studies has released a working paper into divorce which reveals women are receiving the majority of assets.*
The research has found almost half of divorced couples must divide basic assets including the family home and contents, car and usually the husband's superannuation.
The institute says on average, women receive two thirds of basic assets and a fifth of non-basic assets including businesses, investments and superannuation.
The complete report can be downloaded here."

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Rape Awareness Week at the Univ. of Oklahoma

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Michael Wright wrote an excellent, in-depth report about rape hysteria at the University of Oklahoma. His article appeared in the March/April 2000 issue of Clarion. He thoroughly attacks the "1 in 4" stat and the many ways campus anti-rape groups have modified the definition of rape to ensure that it exists in epidemic proportions no matter how safe the campus seems. It is perhaps one of the most thorough refutations of "all men are potential rapists" campus feminism that I've ever seen.

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Low-income Men Less Likely to be Screened for Prostate Cancer

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Anonymous User writes *"Excite once again reveals men's health news that exposes some (perhaps unintentional) inequity in men's health. The article's main focus is the fact that men of lower incomes are less likely to be screened for prostate cancer, but also points out that prostate screenings are not as accurate as they should be. The physician quoted in the story maintains that scientists are seeking ways to improve the accuracy of prostate screenings."*

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Calling for an End to Gender Politics in Medicine

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Anonymous User writes *"Reason Online recently published this article, exposing how women were never really excluded from medical research, and asserting that gender politics should have no place in medicine. The article attacks both feminists and men's groups, claiming that the "victim mentality" of both groups contributes to the problem. Unfortunately, I believe the "victim mentality" may be a necessary evil for some men's groups to help push government into restoring balance. Let's face it, we *are* victims nowadays... not necessarily of women (although that is many times the case), but certainly of politics."*Source: Reason Magazine

Title: False Diagnosis

Author: Cathy Young

Date: May 2001

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Courts Punish Responsible Fathers

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Maritta Meri sent in an editorial she wrote about two recent divorce court cases in Ontario, Adams v. Adams and Miglin v. Miglin. Both demonstrate the affluent lifestyle divorced women can enjoy without being expected to work or take on responsibilities. Meri's comparison and analysis of these cases should come to no surprise to most readers of this site, but the essay serves as further testimony to the double standards and "man-as-wallet" attitudes so prevalent in North American court systems today. Click "Read More" below to read the essay.Maritta Meri writes:

The Ontario Court of Appeal, in the Adams v. Adams judgement, which was released on April 30, 2001, has once more reaffirmed its position that men who put their families first need to be punished.

Just a few days earlier, on April 26, the judges at the same court had sent a clear message to women when they delivered the Miglin v. Miglin ruling: marry well and divorce will be a lucrative business opportunity. Men are told: you only have yourself to blame if you get married and earn a good living for your family. After the divorce, your income is still considered to be the "family" income, though you yourself will be an outcast.

The interesting thing about the Miglin case is that, besides being husband and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Miglin were business partners. While married, they benefited equally from the business venture. The three judges at the Appeal Court upheld the trial judge's order which provided Mrs. Miglin with a generous income under the guise of child and spousal support after she wanted out of the marriage and accompanying responsibilities.

This income exceeds the amount that she had earned while working alongside with her husband during the partnership. In addition, she got the absolute decision making power over the children and his share of the matrimonial home. When he showed concern about the children and asked for joint custody he was told that he was obsessive about them and only wanted to get out of his responsibilities. Having rejected joint physical custody Mrs. Miglin was seen as the victim who alone had to care for the children. Who, in one's right mind, would want to stay married, share the decision making power and work for one's keep when one can get a divorce, stay at home while earning more by holding the children as hostages, and yet be seen as being a victim?

Mrs. Miglin was her husband's business partner. Her income was far above of what she would have been paid had she been employed by someone else. There is no mention of her other qualifications besides being married to her partner.

In the Adams case, the mother is a qualified nurse, the father a successful plastic surgeon. Because of her marriage,

she enjoyed an elevated standard of living while staying out of the paid labour force. Just like in the Miglin case, there was no mention if she had domestic help or if she herself did all the housework and childminding. Her true contribution to the family in return to the benefits that she enjoyed was not open to scrutiny. His was wide open, and seems that he passed with flying colours.

Mrs. Adams initiated the divorce proceedings. She asked for $6,474 a month in child support for five children born between 1980 and 1989. Her demand for spousal support was $7,000 a month. From the court transcript: "Essentially, from that time [the birth of the first child] forward, she devoted herself to be a house [sic] maker and raise the children." She was not asked what she did, or did not, do. Just like Mrs. Miglin, she did not offer to continue to provide any services to her husband after the divorce.

The children are now at a stage where they no longer need a full time caregiver. The oldest had left the home, but now intends to return to his mother in order to "further his education."

The Court of Appeal concurred with the trial judge: "It is my opinion that support payments should be $5,000 per month as this amount more properly reflects the standard of life that Mrs. Adams was accustomed to during the marriage [my emphasis] and is reflective of the fact that she is a full-time caregiver of four boys who range in age from 11 to 18 years of age. Moreover, a review of the trial record does not suggest even a hint of extravagance on the part of Mrs. Adams," said the judge.

Referring to her estimate of $350 monthly for house repairs and maintenance, Mrs. Adams testified: "Oh, because, because particularly this year I've actually had to replace a fence"

Referring to her general financial situation, Mrs. Adams testified: "Oh, I think I've, you know, certainly come to terms with the fact that, you know, I'm not secure right now, and I haven't, I've become more careful. I mean, I have certainly had a comfortable lifestyle before and I was very fortunate, but now I feel a little differently, and yes, I think I've cut the bills back significantly."

The trial judge rejected Dr. Adams' submissions on the issue that he had made mortgage payments over and above the require amount: "Dr. Adams voluntarily made prepayments on the mortgage and thereby voluntarily accrued a benefit to his wife." Indeed, Dr. Adams concluded his testimony at the trial on this issue by saying that he agreed with Mrs. Adams' counsel "that the primary reason was to provide a roof over the heads of my family."

Further quoting the transcript: "The Adams" matrimonial home was a large and expensive one. Dr. Adams was the legal owner of the home and he was responsible for paying the mortgage [Strange conclusion. The Divorce Act

defines the matrimonial home to be a joint property, and therefore joint responsibility, between husband and wife, no matter who pays the mortgage and/or whose signature is on the deed]. Prior to the separation in October 1996, Dr. Adams made mortgage payments of $1,500 weekly or $78,000 yearly. These high weekly mortgage payments accomplished the goal of, as expressed by Dr. Adams, "paying it off in a very rapid rate."

"After the separation, Dr. Adams made no change in the mortgage payments until September 1997, when he extended the mortgage to 20 years and reduced his payments to $1,436.15 monthly. These payments continued until the home was sold in September 1998, with Dr. Adams making them until May 1998, and then Mrs. Adams making them pursuant to a separation agreement."

Mrs. Adams is a qualified nurse. There is no shortage of jobs for nurses in Ontario. She can pick and choose the type of work that she wants to do as well as her hours of work. The conclusion: she does not want to work.

There is a striking similarity to the Miglin case. Both women benefited from the marriage. They maintained a post divorce standard of living far above what they would have been able achieve without their husbands' income. Why would women want to work when they can earn more by staying at home? Why would they want to stay in a marriage and share the decision making with another person when they can have sole custody, support payments and absolute power over the children? In addition, they are given an awesome power to control the life of their ex-husbands who are ordered to earn enough to provide their ex-families as they had done before they were reduced to the status of walking wallets. Yet, though they garner all the rights without accompanying responsibilities, women are seen as the universal victims of a patriarchal world. The ultimate irony is that this is called "equality."

"In June 1997, the Department [of Justice Canada] released its policy on gender equality analysis which requires that this analysis be integrated into all work of the Department, including policy and program development, research, legal advice, legislative drafting and litigation strategies." [Source: Department of Justice. Diversity and Justice: Gender Perspectives. A Guide to Gender Equality Analysis. 1998]

According to these directives, only the negatives, either perceived or real, affecting women are to be analysed, the positives in their lives are not taken into account. Then those negatives are compared to the positives, either perceived or real, in men's lives. The Department of Justice concludes: "Since both women and men are diverse, being more inclusive of women can also result in inclusion for more men."

The two above cases are an eloquent testimony of how these directives are applied. The more we see women as victims, the more we will be forced to regard men as victimizers. Equal? In my opinion, not.

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CEDAW, Again

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frank h writes *"Wendy McElroy is at it again. This time she takes on the U.N. Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). The fact that the U.S. may be starting to be seen as softening on radical feminism (for those who care to read the writing on the walls, anyway) may well be a contributing factor in our loss of a position on the U.N International Commission on Human Rights. Click here for the link."*Source: Fox News [US Television channel]

Title: The United Nations Moves Beyond Peace to Take On Family Values and Gender Issues

Author: Wendy McElroy

Date: May 1, 2001

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Chemist's Screw-up Nets Rape Conviction for Innocent Man

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Spartacus and an Anonymous User sent in this NY Times article (free registration required) about a false accusation of rape. Anon User writes *"This story is about an Oklahoma man who has been freed after spending 15 years in prison for a rape he didn't commit. According to the story, a police chemist's testimony led to the man's conviction. An investigation into* ***all*** *the chemist's findings since her hiring has been initiated. That's the good news. The bad news is that her conclusions have resulted in at least 11 executions of men over the years. In the words of the now-liberated Oklahoma man:* "The citizens of Oklahoma County have been duped. The juries have been lied to for the last 20 years. There are going to be a lot more victims."*"*Source: The New York Times [newspaper]

Title: Flaws in Chemist's Findings Free Man at Center of Inquiry

Author: Jim Yardley

Date: May 8, 2001

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Boycott Hallmark for Mother's Day Cards

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Warren Farrell has shown some excellent examples in his books of how contempt for men has been institutionalized in society by packaging and selling it in greeting cards. He identifies Hallmark (particularly the "Shoebox" subdivision) as one of the biggest perpetrators of this act. Here's something simple you can do this year - don't buy a Hallmark card for any holiday, especially Mother's Day this weekend (there are a lot of degrading cards about men for this particular holiday). I personally believe that spending $3.50 for a piece of cardboard is a waste anyway, and that spending quality time with someone is the most appropriate gift you can give.

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Home Depot Supports Men's Charities and "Real Men Cook"

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Anonymous User writes *"This article on Excite explains how Home Depot is sponsoring a "Real Men Cook" event on Father's Day this year. According to the article, the event is designed to "mobilize hundreds of men across the country to participate as volunteer cooks on Father's Day. The mission of Real Men Cook is to raise money for charity through family, food and community celebrations" in various metropolitan areas around the country. Among the many charities being supported are: Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History; Real Men Cook for Prostate Cancer, Men's Empowerment; plus many others. My favorite quote from this piece is from a Home Depot spokeswoman:* "Through our support of Real Men Cook, we are able to participate in the real-life celebration of men who have worked very hard to sustain their families and build their communities.""

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Awesome News Submissions

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I just wanted to mention that the influx of quality news submissions has been terrific lately, and I'd like to thank the active participants of Mensactivism.org for their efforts. My apologies if the turnaround time between submitting the news and seeing it posted takes a while - my final exams begin soon so I'm having a hard time keeping organized. But by all means, keep the news coming!

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LA Commission for Men Campaign Makes The News

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Marc Angelucci writes *"The editor of the Pasadena Star News wrote about NCFM's Campaign for a Commission for Men in Los Angeles County. Although the article ends with some half-hearted sympathy, it mostly ridicules the idea that men are in "crisis" and compares the campaign to one for "White" people. You can read it here. I wrote a response (click "Read More" to view it). Others can do the same by using the "write a letter" section on the website."*
Dear Pasadena Star News:

Editor Larry Wilson should do some research before ridiculing my organization for claiming men are in a state of crisis. ("Comedy's Not In Ommissions," 5/5/01).

By doing so, he also ridicules the seventy two members of Congress who have thus far agreed that "There is a silent health crisis affecting the health and well-being of America's men," and have therefore endorsed House Resolution 632 - the Men's Health Act.

The New Hampshire Committee on the Status of Men similarly found men to be in a "silent health crisis" while the Georgia Commission on Men's Health found men to be in a "serious state of decay."

But Mr. Wilson knows best. He thinks it's all funny and calls me a whiner for seeking a Commission for Men in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Wilson even compares the plight of males to the plight of White people. Never mind that men make 85% of homeless, 94% of occupational deaths, 90% of prisoners and 65% of dropouts (disparities that persist within each race), or that men die six years younger than women and have higher mortality rates for each of the top ten leading causes of death, none of which can be said about White people.

In addition to ridiculing 72 members of Congress, Mr. Wilson is also ridiculing several dozen community leaders, including professors, doctors and mental health professionals, many from the African American community, who have signed on to our petition for a Commission for Men.

Incidentally, if Mr. Wilson were to develop prostate cancer, would he find it funny that the federal government spends more than four times the amount on breast cancer research than prostate cancer research even though they boh kill about the same number every year?

(http://www.dailybruin.ucla.edu/db/articles.asp?ID=2307.

Marc Angelucci, Esq.
National Coalition of Free Men"

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Guess Who Needs the ERA? Men Do!

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Anonymous User writes *"Who needs the ERA? Men do, according to a commentary by Robyn Blumner, columnist for the St. Petersburg Times and former director of the American Civil Liberties Union. I've been long opposed to the ERA, supporting instead the equality of all via the 14th Amendment. Ms. Blumner almost has me convinced. The above article, by the way, appears in Black & White, a Birmingham, AL, alternative newsweekly."*Source: Black & White [newspaper]

Title: Guess Who Needs the Equal Rights Amendment?

Author: Robyn Blumner

Date: April 26, 2001

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Male Teacher Punished By School for Protecting Students

Scott · 10 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Chicago Sun Times reported this story about a male teacher who was reprimanded for reporting the bullying of two girls and one disabled boy by school bullies. The school board later heard outraged complaints from the community about the reprimand. Apparently, the teacher was assuming a father-like, strong male leadership role by reprimanding the bullies, but the female principal wanted none of that. Traditionally, men have been the disciplinarians at home and at school. The effects of no longer having that presence at home or at school are all too obvious. It's too bad these bullies have no such role models to help straighten their path to manhood."*Source: Chicago Sun-Times [newspaper]

Title: Teacher battles bullies, gets in fight with school

Title 2: Anti-bully teacher defended

Author: Sabrina Walters

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The Power "Down Below"

Scott · 10 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Spartacus sent in this link to a UK Times story about the Eve Ensler and the Vagina Monologues. Ensler starts off the article talking about how vaginas are the center of women's being, and that they are what motivates women in every part of their lives. And I thought biology wasn't destiny? For those of you who don't know, the Vagina Monologues is a controversial, male-bashing play which has been performed at various universities and theaters around the world. It is almost certainly a sign of the times when a person can make a living doing something like this...Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: The power down below

Author: Penny Wark

Date: May 9, 2001

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Soy Protein Good for Men's Bones

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Anonymous User writes *"Although osteoperosis is often seen as a female-only disease, approximately one-quarter of its victims are male, as stated in this article from Excite. A diet enriched with soy protein apparently strengthens male skeletal health. This isn't the first time soy has been pronounced good for men, although I do not recall some of the other problems it's supposed to counter. Is this good news or is soy just the latest health fad?"*

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In a Slumping Ad Market, Men's Magazine Thrives

Scott · 11 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"Regardless of your opinion of Playboy, I found this article on Excite interesting. Increasingly, advertising agencies have been marketing directly to women and pretty much ignoring men. Now, with advertising in a general slump and the economy going downhill, marketing directed at men (at least for this magazine) is thriving, while other publications are suffering from dramatically slashed customer ad budgets. The news is proof to me that men, contrary to recent convention, should not be ignored by ad agencies as important consumers, and that marketing to men works just as well as marketing to women. There is, however, a new disturbing trend in marketing toward men. Has anyone seen the new Rogaine commercials for men? They encourage us to "ask her if she wants you to use it." If I want to use Rogaine, shouldn't that be MY decision?"*

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Where are all the College Guys?

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Spartacus submitted this link to a USA Today article about the decline of men in higher education. Colleges and Universities are realizing that they are reaching a threshold where men are going to think twice about going to a school which is overwhelmingly female, and affirmative action for male applicants has caused a lot of controversy. "*University of Georgia lost a lawsuit defending its policy of male preference last summer when a female student was denied admission.*" With the U.S. economy the way it's been, men are being able to slip by without many consequences. But as the economy turns down, a college degree becomes increasingly important to have. Source: USA Today [newspaper]

Title: Hey, where are all the college guys? Universities fret about how to attract males as women increasingly dominate campuses

Author: Karen Sloan

Date: May 10, 2001

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UCLA Prints Article On Media Bias

Scott · 12 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"The UCLA Daily Bruin printed my opinion piece in which I criticize their gender bias and their failure to scrutinize feminist "facts." For example, they recently printed an article that regurgitated the American Association of University Women's misleading claim that Latinas drop out of school more than "any other group," and when I showed them that "Hispanic" males drop out more than "Hispanic" females they explained that "any other group" meant "any other group of women" and thus did not print a correction. Click here for the article."*Source: The Daily Bruin [UCLA student newspaper]

Title: Media?s representation of gender issues misleading

Author: Marc Angelucci

Date: May 11, 2001

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Colleges Opening Up to Men's Needs?

Scott · 12 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"USA Today ran this article detailing a lack of attention to male body-image problems on college campuses. More intriguing, however, are the final four paragraphs of the column, which claim that more campuses are beginning to include men in sexual assault awareness programs. Although it doesn't go into a whole lot of detail, the author hints at the wrongness of the male/female equals oppressor/victim mentality. However, she does focus more on men supporting anti-violence against women campaigns and less on violence against men."*Source: USA Today [newspaper]

Title: Colleges start to realize men need body-image help, too

Author: Kimberly Shearer Palmer

Date: May 10, 2001

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Offensive Anti-Rape Slogan Reappears in Restrooms

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Nightmist writes *"Excite posted this story about the reappearance of a sexual assault awareness campaign in men's restrooms on college campuses. Many male students are offended by the campaign, which is why it was originally stopped in 1997. The campaign's slogan informs men that they hold the key to stopping rape "in your hands" (referring, of course, to our penises). Men opposed to the campaign said that it felt accusatory. It most certainly does."*

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Master Manipulator Flunks Her Own Class

Scott · 13 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Bill Kuhl sent in a short editorial about a recent episode of ABC's "Primetime," which interviewed Ellen Fein, co-author of the book The Rules, a guide for women on how to manipulate men most effectively when dating. Well, they've now released a second book, The Rules for Marriage, which explains how to keep husbands in the marriage (at least, until she wants to get rid of him). Click "Read More" below for Bill's comments...Master Manipulator Flunks Her Own Class

Remember the '90's guide on finding a man through manipulation, "The Rules", the book that women purchased to the tune of 2 million copies? Well, its co-authors have put out a sequel. Naturally, their new book is a guide on helping women KEEP their men; it's called, "The Rules for Marriage." According to a report on ABC's "Primetime" this second book sounds like more of the same shallow drivel that preceded it. For example, one of the authors, Ellen Fein, is shown pleading with the interviewer, "It works so well ... it works so well," referring to a particular rule which states: "The key to a romantic evening is to pretend you're in a toothpaste commercial and smile, smile, smile." Certainly, the most notable aspect of the book has to be the story behind its writing - co-author Fein was herself going through a divorce while writing the book. The "Primetime" segment shows Fein on a couple of occasions referring to her own marriage in instructing "The Rules for Marriage" seminar attendees, hordes of women who had paid $50 a pop to hear how to avoid what Fein obviously couldn't. Later in the segment, Fein dismisses questions about her apparent inability to keep her man by saying, "... I was too tired [to apply all the rules] ...[and] I'm not here to talk about whether I slipped with the rules or not." Yet, still, the most interesting part of this story may be that during the period Fein was writing the book and simultaneously going through a divorce - she somehow failed to mention the latter to her publisher. Only because of a phone call from a reporter did Fein's publisher find out, but by this time the book had already been finished. Maybe Fein's real skill is in manipulating publishers and the public, not men.

Bill Kuhl, bridgewater6729@yahoo.com

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L.A. Times Prints Article Debunking Wage Gap

Scott · 14 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"Glenn Sacks, one of our top activists, published an article Saturday in the L.A. Times refuting the pay gap. Right on Glenn! It can be read at this link. And here is the response from a local NOW president, who had the privilege of seeing the opponent's article, which Glenn did not have. Anyhow, fair enough - You be the judge. Anyone who even remotely knows the LA Times would probably agree this is a long-awaited victory."*Source: L.A. Times

Title: Is Pay a Function of Gender Bias?

Author: Glenn Sacks

Date: May 12, 2001

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Ohio Assists Uninsured Female Cancer Victims; Ignores Men

Scott · 14 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *" This editorial on Excite describes new Ohio legislation which guarantees financial assistance for uninsured female victims of breast cancer, but not male breast cancer or prostate cancer. The author lauds the bill's support of uninsured women, but also decries its lack of attention to men. I'm not as sure as the author that the legislators' reasons for assisting uninsured females were sound (it was based upon women's alleged lack of equality in the workplace), but I am glad the problem of ignoring men was mentioned."*

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Conference on Battered Men

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The Bangor Daily News reports that a conference about male victims of domestic violence will be held in Portland, Maine this coming Friday, May 18. Noteworthy speakers will include Cathy Young and Mary Cleary (from AMEN). Myself and a few members of the Massachusetts Coalition for Men will be attending. The conference is one of the first of its kind and has drawn interest from all over the country. Click here for the story and more info on the conference.Source: Bangor Daily News [newspaper]

Title: Event to help battered males

Author: Ruth-Ellen Cohen

Date: May 12, 2001

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CA Court: Father with No Parental Rights Exempted from Child Support

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The L.A. Times printed this story about a recent California court case which has ruled that biological fathers who have terminated their parental rights cannot be held liable for child support. Previously, even when a child was adopted, the bio dad could still be required to pay child support. "*attorney...Patrick Reardon...said it is illogical for a father to have an obligation to support his son but be denied the right to visit him.*" Finally I see a court case which sees fathers as something other than a wallet! Perhaps this could also set a precedent that fathers paying child support have an intrinsic right to visit their children, and that violation of this right puts child support obligations in jeapordy?Source: L.A. Times [newspaper]

Title: Parent Who Lost Rights Need Not Pay Support

Author: Anna Gorman

Date: May 13, 2001

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What do Women Want?

Scott · 14 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Andrew writes *"Finally, the definitive answer to Freud's famous question: According to a national poll commissioned by Women.com in honor of Mother's Day, 'Most American women consider high-profile single mothers such as Rosie O'Donnell positive female role models, but 72 percent of women want two-parent households to raise their children.' Whew; it's good to have that cleared up. (Actually, read the article and it becomes clear that what they want is not the man, but the money.)"*

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Peter Breggin's Anti-Ritalin Site

Adam · 15 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Here's a site all Men's groups and parents in general (even more so if they have sons in school) should read up on, regardless of what they're working towards. Peter Breggin has an excellent resource about informing people of the the undisscussed dangers of stimulants and other drugs (like Ritalin) and is also fronting several lawsuits against Ritalin. I'm sure you've heard the saying "*no man is an island?*" well he's the exception, so click this link to get going.

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YWCA Subscribes to VAWA

Scott · 15 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"I'm not sure how many folks already knew this. I did not, but I had suspected all along the feminist leanings of the YWCA. Hopefully, this will result in decreased funding from private sources, but it probably won't. They must've found a way to get VAWA funding by subscribing to NOW ideals. Look here for more info."*

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Human Rights Watch Documents U.S. Prison Rape

Scott · 16 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The organization Human Rights Watch has completed a three-year study on the prison rape of men, resulting in a 378 page report on the topic. You can view the materials here. There are video interviews with some of the 200+ prisoners who took part in the study. This is by far the most comprehensive study I've ever seen on the topic of prison rape, and by including the accounts and recordings of inmate interviews, this site forces you to confront the personal reality of this issue. If you are doing research in this area, this is one report you must see. Source: Human Rights Watch

Title: No Escape: Male Rape in U.S. Prisons

Author: Human Rights Watch

Date: April 2001

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Prostate Cancer Drug Slows Disease's Progress

Scott · 16 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"Excite posted this story about a new drug which appears to slow the progress of prostate cancer to the bones. The article explains that the spread of prostate cancer to the bones is usually the most painful stage of the disease, and is a major cause of death among men with the cancer. The drug is no cure (it doesn't kill cancer cells), but it apparently does prevent them from growing."*

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N.O.W. Fabricated Budget, Membership Levels

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Insight Magazine reports that the National Organization of Women has been lying about its annual budget and membership levels. A N.O.W. chapter from Virginia requested the IRS non-profit documents of the national group and found that while N.O.W. has claimed it has an annual budget of $10 million, the budget has been under $5 million in the past few years. Furthermore, its claimed membership of over 250,000 is also inaccurate. What I found most interesting is that the salary of Patricia Ireland was disclosed: "*The filings suggest that NOW's top leaders enjoy pretty good incomes and lifestyles. The salaries of the top five, including Ireland, are at the level of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. Ireland receives $143,252 for a 34-hour workweek. All five top officers also receive generous expense accounts and travel allowances.*" Source: Insight [magazine]

Title: NOW's Membership and Budget Are Grossly Overinflated

Author: Unknown

Date: May 28, 2001

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Women Leaders More Peaceful?

Scott · 17 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Spartacus sent in this link from the L.A. Times about the recent news that Japan's princess is pregnant, and writes *"This time the you don't have to read between the lines to get the feminist agenda: "No announcement has yet been made on the sex of the child. But recent calls by the prime minister for legal changes allowing women to ascend the throne have fueled speculation that the child will be a girl. Women's groups and social critics say having an empress could help improve women's profile--and give Japan a better monarch. "Men always seem to be starting wars," said Midori Watanabe, a professor at Bunka Women's University and expert on the royal family. "So we definitely need a female ruler as a symbol of peace in the 21st century.""*Source: L.A. Times [newspaper]

Title: It's Official in Japan: Princess Is Pregnant

Author: Mark Magnier

Date: May 16, 2001

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Father's Rights Conference w/ Warren Farrell: Don't Miss Out!

Scott · 18 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Rick Neagle from Fathers Are Capable Too (FACT) sent me some more information about the pro-father conference at the University of Toronto which will be happening on June 3. Regardless of whether you're from the Toronto area, this conference will be a major event and is well worth attending. Note that the "early bird" registration fee lasts until May 25, and will go up after that - so register today! More information on this conference can be viewed by clicking "Read More" below, and you can register at this web site.

One-day Interactive Workshop Entitled:

"What's Missing When Father's Are Missing?

with Dr. Warren Farrell, author of Father & Child Reunion

SUNDAY JUNE 3RD, 2001

LOCATION: TORONTO- UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S

HART HOUSE

EVENT DETAILS:

NAME OF EVENT: "What's Missing When Father's Are Missing: How to Bring the Dad's we need to the Children we Love"

EVENT HOSTED BY: Fathers Are Capable Too - Parenting Association (F.A.C.T.): A divorced parenting group, that is dedicated to shared parenting & formal equality

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS EVENT:

Fathers and non-custodial mothers who are separated or divorced and their supporters (grand parents, friends, partners, etc.)

People who work or provide service to non-custodial separated/divorced parents and their children , i.e. Social workers, mediators, teachers, paralegals, counselors, psychologists, lawyers, judges, etc.

DATE & TIME OF EVENT: Sunday June 3rd - 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: University of Toronto's Hart House, Debate Room

COST (*):

General admission: $89.00 (before May 25, $109 after May 25)

Members of Father/Parenting groups: $59.00 (before May 25, $79.00 after May 25)

(*) Reduced fee available for people with limited financial resources - call 416-410-FACT for details

* * * * Lunch and morning coffee/tea is included * * * * * * *

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: "What's Missing When Fathers Are Missing?" is a special one-day interactive workshop lead by best selling author Dr. Warren Farrell.

Dr. Farrell will facilitate a discussion based on his best selling book 'Father and Child Reunion' on How to bring the dads we need to the children we love.

Participants will have an opportunity to increase their understanding of the role fathers have in the family and the challenges that separated/divorced fathers deal with when their marriages break-up. As well, participants will discuss and develop strategies to help "put fathers back in the picture" both at the individual family level and at the societal level.

The workshop will open with a panel discussion dealing with the barriers and obstacles separated/divorced fathers are faced with. Followed by a question and answer period.

Don't miss this great learning and networking opportunity. By attending this workshop you will also be supporting F.A.C.T. 's lobbying efforts for changes to the family divorce laws so that they promote shared parenting, equal access and fairness and equality for both parents.

JUNE 3RD WORKSHOP AGENDA:

10:00: Reception and sign in

10:30: Opening Remarks & Introduction

10:45: Panel Discussion: "Barriers & Obstacles Fathers are dealing with Today"

11:25: Question and Answers

12:00: LUNCH (Provided)

1:00: Key Note Presentation & Workshop with Dr. Warren Farrell author of
"Father & Child Reunion" "What's Missing When Father's Are Missing: How to Bring the Dad's we need to the Children we Love"

4:15: Closing Remarks

HOW TO REGISTER: Register on line at www.fact.on.ca and click on "What's Missing ?" or telephone 416-410 FACT (3228)

Thank you

For more information please contact Rick Neagle.

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Can't Have It All? Welcome to the World of Men!

Scott · 18 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"This article in Australia's "The Age" points out that women are just now discovering what men have known for years about developing a career and maintaining a family at the same time: it ain't easy. The author, in fact, says it can't be done. He points out that the "we can have it all" philosophy of the feminists is backfiring on them, but men are getting the blame for it because we "don't pitch in.""*Source: The Age [Australian newspaper]

Title: Can't Have It All? Welcome to the World of Men

Author: Phil Dye

Date: May 15, 2001

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Fund Raising Fraud in Your Community

Scott · 18 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"A hint for some of us activists from Sam and Bunny Sewell: Recently we have been sending the below notice to City Councilmen, County Commissioners, law enforcement agencies, churches, etc. We access a women's shelter web page in Anytown, USA. If that web page contains the usual lies, we start bombarding community leaders with this short note. We are not sure how much good it does, but boy do people respond!"* Click "Read More" below for the notice.
Fund raising fraud in your community

You do not know us. We are clergy from Naples, Florida who are also marriage and family counselors. As part of our research on family violence we discovered a web page for an organization in your community, The Family Refuge Center. http://www.familyrefugecenter.com/ . We thought it was appropriate to alert you that this family violence web page is a scam.

When we read their web page it seemed more like a front for the anti-marriage, anti-family feminists. Their message is blatantly sexist. They have misrepresented the truth about family violence. If they are raising funds by distorting the truth, they are subject to charges of fund raising fraud.

We publish a report on the Internet that contains a family violence bibliography, which clearly demonstrates that gender advocates have severely distorted this issue. The aggregate sample size in the reviewed studies exceeds 70,000. (©Martin S. Fiebert, Ph.D.)

The year 2001 edition of the Family Violence Report from Family Resources and Research has been released. It may be quoted, linked and copied without further permission. The Internet version is available at:

http://www.naplesfl.net/~best self/Family-Violence.htm

Also included is an article written by Sally L. Satel, M.D., about the dangers of present family violence policy. Dr. Satel is a psychiatrist at the Yale School of Medicine.

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The U.S. Census and Fathers

Scott · 19 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h and Nightmist both had news to submit about the recent U.S. Census report. frank h sent in this article from the Washington Post and writes *"This U.S. Census report says that single-parent families led by fathers are in the increase. Note that it also says that fathers tend not to seek child support for fear of losing custody."* Nightmist wrote "*The New York Post ran this commentary, which asserts that there is both good news and bad news from the results of the 2000 Census. Good news? Men are catching up to women in numbers. Bad news? Single motherhood is up 21% while two-parent househoulds are up only 7%."*

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Britain Going the Way of America with the Divorce Industry

Scott · 19 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Spartacus submitted this ABCNews story and these excerpts: *"Hoping for a slice of the competitive, upscale divorce market pie, Brookman Solicitors, a London law firm has released a campaign featuring a poster of a packed designer suitcase with the caption, "Ditch the Bitch."*
Another poster, this one aimed at women, showed a woman in her underwear lying face down on a bed. It reads: "All men are Bastards."...for some women's rights groups, the real villain in this case was the ad campaign. "This is offensive terminology and very derogatory to women," "The heart of the problem, some legal experts feared, was that the British legal tradition was going down the "American road," with aggressive, confrontational campaigns virtually encouraging people to get divorced" Source: ABC News

Title: Divorce, English Style

Author: Leela Jacinto

Date: May 17, 2001

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Portland, Maine DV Against Men Conference a Success!

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I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend *A Conference on Male Victims of Domestic Abuse* in Portland, Maine on Friday evening. The event was sponsored by the Maine Battered Men's Helpline and the Bangor Daily News, and was superbly done. Speakers included David Burroughs, Mary Cleary, Cathy Young, and Richard Davis. Click "Read More" below to view a summary of the event and see some photos that I took (with a very cheap digital camera, I might add).

The conference was held at the University of Southern Maine on Friday, May 18, 2001. I believe it was said that this was the first conference of its kind (focusing on abused men) in New England, and they hope to make it a yearly event. Attendance was moderate, I'd roughly estimate that 30-40 people were there, but this also made it very easy to approach the speakers and attendees and get some good conversations and networking going. Mary Cleary and Cathy Young agreed to do e-mail interviews over the summer, so Mensactivism.org readers can look forward to this in upcoming months!

(Ray Saulnier introduces Cathy Young to the audience)

Ray Saulnier from the Battered Men's Helpline introduced the speakers and acted as the host for the evening. He talked a bit about the Helpline, which is one of only a handful of resources available for men in the entire country. The group is entirely volunteer based (they receive no federal funding from VAWA or the like) and are an official 501c3 non-profit organization. Details about making a donation to the hotline are included at the end of this article. I would encourage people to give to this group, as they are breaking ground in this area and will serve as models for other men's help lines and shelters - so please consider helping them out to keep them going strong!

[image]

(David Burroughs made a lot of good points about activism that evening)

David Borroughs runs the Forum for Equity and Fairness in Family Issues in Delaware and is a member of the Domestic Violence Task Force in that state. He gave a very good overview of current studies which are often cited in DV advocacy, including those used by feminists against male victims and those which show a greater balance of information. He also gave some examples of how and why the bias exists against men when police need to decide who to arrest, as much of the training materials police have use the pronoun "he" for the attacker and "she" for the victim. David urged people to get involved in state politics and work from the local level to convince legislators of the urgency and reality of domestic violence against men. This is the first step we must take before we can even begin to think about changing the social biases about DV, he said. David is a survivor of domestic abuse and also talked about the difficulties he had in confronting the fact that he was being abused and how difficult it is for men (and women) to stop denying the problem when it exists in their own lives.

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(Mary Cleary talks about her AMEN program in Ireland)

The next speaker was Mary Cleary. Mary is the founder of AMEN (Abused MEN), which is a well organized support services group for battered men and their children in Ireland. AMEN was started in December of 1997 and has served the needs of over 15,000 men. Mary believes that she is close to obtaining government funding for her program, and that in some ways it is easier to make this kind of progress in a small country because the community is much tighter and an individual's impact can be much more influential if they are persistent. Mary's talk was mostly anecdotal, giving an outline of how she became aware of the abuse of men when she worked as a nurse in a fracture ward, and how her awareness and compassion brought her to become a full-time advocate for battered men. Her message was hopeful - "*Despite [the naysayers], the truth is emerging...the monologue is turning into a dialogue.*" She is most encouraged by college students, many of whom are doing their thesis papers focusing on DV against men, and she spends much of her time helping them do research in this area. She told me after her lecture that her work is very demanding and often draining, but the fact that she is seeing progress, especially with younger people, keeps her going on in the struggle.

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(Cathy Young talks about how women's violence is almost always "explained away" as the man's fault)

Cathy Young, a well known writer on gender issues for over 15 years, spoke after the intermission. She admitted that at first the idea of male victims of domestic violence wasn't easy for her to accept, but that upon uncovering the advocacy research of domestic violence she was led to conclude that there is a strong bias against finding that men are victims of this tragedy, and that the message needed to be brought out into the open. She discussed many examples of how female violence tends to be "explained away" by researchers and the media, and that no matter what the scenario is, it is assumed that the man is responsible for a woman's violence, even if he remains completely non-violent and non-threatening. She also explained the insidious technique that some researchers use in which certain studies (such as Straus, Gelles, etc) are used to obtain the high number of female victims, and then use others (like the Justice Dept.) to determine the number of male victims, to create as large a spread as possible between the prevalence of domestic violence against each gender.

Cathy also took a close examination of the amount each gender reports being "afraid" of the other, debunking the idea that only women are afraid of men in relationships. Again, dishonest tactics are used to come up with high numbers of women who fear their male partners and not vice versa. One of her final points, which I think was well-placed, was that even if men were only 5% of DV survivors (which is the common feminist advocacy number), the funding for male-related services is nowhere near 5% even now. She compared this to coming up with an Occupational Safety Act for Men, since women are a very small percentage of workplace fatalities. Clearly, the outrage a law like that would incite is not being felt in relation to VAWA, where the genders are reversed!

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(Richard Davis talks about new strategies to get funding for services for men)

The final speaker was Richard Davis, a retired police officer from Massachusetts. He currently teaches Criminal Justice and Domestic Violence classes at Quincy College in Plymouth, MA. He is currently writing a training manual for police officers which does *not* include biases against men or women when discussing the perpetrators and victims of domestic abuse. Richard had an interesting message: that we should change our tactics in approaching DV awareness and instead of turning it into a battle of statistics (with each side having enough data to keep this debate going endlessly), we need to look for the ways feminist tactics open themselves up to rebuttal using their own facts and statistics against them. He compared this to the martial arts techniques of using an enemy's strength against him (or her). He pointed out that the reports being issued under VAWA acknowledge the men are victims in certain numbers and the we should be able to use that to demand resources for male victims of abuse. He strongly voiced his support of the Equal Rights Amendment and encouraged people to make their arguments from a

perspective of establishing equality, not simply as a men's rights issue. Richard believes that if we simply expose the ways data about male victims is hidden in DV research done by feminists, that they will have no way to refute it. He gave several examples of studies (such as the one that showed a woman is beaten every 15 seconds) which also include lots of data about men, but these facts are glossed over in the publicity materials that are used to promote awareness of domestic violence.

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(Members of the Massachusetts Coalition for Men stand with Cathy Young and Mary Cleary)

There was a great deal of enthusiasm about the event, and afterwards I was able to talk with the speakers and attendees about men's rights and domestic violence. I heard in the back of the room there were a couple of people who didn't agree with the message being said, but they had enough sense to stay quiet, knowing they were well outnumbered by supporters and even men who had themselves been abused. It is hard to deny the truth when it is sitting in the same room as you. Again, I can't express how impressed I was with the professionalism of the presentation and the opportunities it presented for meeting people who research or advocate for men in this subject. Mary Cleary shoved a CD-ROM and several research papers into my hands when I explained my purpose for being there. Certainly, Mary's message and her own progress is the proof that we must keep fighting to bring awareness of male survivors of DV into the world.

Unfortunately, in the U.S. we haven't yet achieved what Mary has in her own country of Ireland. As I mentioned before, the Maine Battered Men's Helpline is a non-profit organization which is still being held together on a volunteer basis and is in need of more financial support. If we want shelters and hotlines for men to become more prevalent in the U.S, I think we have an opportunity to help this process along by ensuring the success of the Maine Helpline. They field on average 25 calls each month, and this is with very little advertising in the state. Few of the people who need to know about the hotline are aware of it, so the word needs to be spread further. If you'd like to send a donation to the Helpline, you can send a check made out to **Battered Men's Helpline** to the following address:

Battered Men's Helpline

P.O. Box 252

Harmony, ME 04942

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Don't Accept "Virtual Visitation"

Scott · 20 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Elliot Zaret from TheGuyCode.com sent me this story from MSNBC News. It's an editorial about the latest way fathers can be alienated from their children - the substitution of "virtual visitation" for real visitation when the mother wants to move away. Brock Meeks will have none of it, and sharply criticizes the practice: "*the courts believe such herky-jerky videoconferencing sessions are the next best thing to throwing a Frisbee in the park with dear ol' Dad..."This will be another tool for judges to further distance fathers from their children's lives," Stuart Miller of the American Fathers Coalition told the Associated Press.*" Meeks ends the article with statistics about the prevalence of physical punishment by mothers - which will certainly result in a barrage of hate mail. Perhaps you could write to Meeks and express your support for his courage. Source: MSNBC

Title: Divorced fathers told Net visit with kid is as good as real thing

Author: Brock Meeks

Date: May 16, 2001

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Controversy Surrounds IWF "Feminist Deprogramming" Ad

Scott · 21 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

David Byron sent me this story from the National Review. It covers the news about the full-page ad that the Independent Women's Forum has put in several college and university newspapers, which outlines the "Ten Most Common Feminist Myths" and the reasons they are misperceptions. Christina Hoff Sommers said in response to the outrage related to the ad: "*This is a common response, hysteria and irrational reactions...Free and open discussion doesn't exist in most academic forums. Instead of research or debate, they hold rallies and protests - not exactly the most reasonable way to spark discussion.*"Source: National Review

Title: The Ladies Doth Protest

Author: Ben Domenech

Date: May 18, 2001

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Furor Stirring At UCLA, Glenn Sacks Defends IWF

Scott · 21 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"Our very own Glenn Sacks printed an article in the UCLA Daily Bruin today responding to several opinion pieces that attacked the ad placed by the Independent Women's Forum. He reiterates the points he has repeatedly made in prior articles about "1 in 4," the wage gap and other myths that campus feminists just cannot seem to let go of. The ad has really caused furor at UCLA, but of course, not enough factual dialogue as usual. If Glenn Sacks' article doesn't change that, I'm not sure anything else will."*

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209A Study in MA Shows Women Just as Violent as Men

Scott · 22 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The Massachusetts News reported in this story that Steve Basile of the Fatherhood Coalition has directed a study in the state about domestic violence and 209A restraining orders. His work, which will be presented at the UNH International Family Violence Research Conference in July, demonstrates that men are no more violent that women and that a significant bias by the courts exists against men who try to obtain restraining orders against their violent partners. The article also mentions that Jane Doe, a DV group which opposes the research, went though great lenghts to attack and stop the research from happening. Source: The Massachusetts News [newspaper]

Title: Women As Abusive As Men, Beacon Hill Will Be Shown

Author: Ed Oliver

Date: May 17, 2001

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Colleges Debate How to Attract More Males

Scott · 22 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"Christian Science Monitor is running a two-part series on the gender gap at the college level. Part One partially examines the dilemma university administrators are facing as the lack of males on campuses cause both male and female students to transfer to other, more balanced institutions. Part Two, which will appear May 29, examines the origins of the gender gap in K-12."* Source: Christian Science Monitor

Title: Overview: The Gender Equation [Part one of a two part series]

Author: Mark Clayton

Date: May 22, 2001

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Article Celebrates Circumcision

Scott · 23 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"This link describes an Islamic celebrity who claims to have performed over 106,000 circumcisions. The story can be read here."* There are a lot of references about how circumcision is the "rite of passage" that makes boys into men, but I know quite a few circumcised older males who are certainly not men. The tension between the religious tradition and individual rights continues on...Source: L.A. Times

Title: Spreading Islam With His Scalpel

Author: Amberin Zaman

Date: May 21, 2001

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To Love, Honor, and Manipulate?

Scott · 23 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In the current issue of The Women's Quarterly (an IWF publication), Charlotte Allen offers her considerable wisdom on men, women, and marriage, in a generally negative review of Laura Doyle's recent book, The Surrendered Wife."*

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Mother Kills Baby to "Get Back" at Boyfriend

Scott · 23 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

AngryHarry submitted this article from the UK Telegraph, about a woman who threw her 10 month old daughter out a third-floor window to "get her own back" on her boyfriend during an argument. The child was killed. "*[Helen] Patterson, 23, of Newcastle upon Tyne, denied murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. [The prosecuting attorney] said the Crown had decided to accept the plea following reports from psychiatrists that she was suffering from depression and other mental problems.*" Source: The Telegraph [UK newspaper]

Title: Mother threw her baby out of window

Author: Thomas Penny

Date: May 22, 2001

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More Men Registering For Selective Service

Scott · 24 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"A big part of me would love to see a day when women must register as well. This article on Excite claims the men who do not register are "missing opportunities." To quote: "But even more tragic is that our experience shows the young men most likely to miss the message are the very men who may stand the most to gain from these opportunities.""*

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Restraining Order Reform in MA

Scott · 24 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

This article from the Boston Globe (by Cathy Young) outlines a Judiciary hearing in which argument were heard to reform the Abuse Prevention Law, which covers domestic violence restraining orders. "*While many see the well-intentioned law as a necessary shield for abused women, there is mounting evidence that it is often used as a sword in messy domestic disputes.*" Young cites several examples of non-violent men who were thrown in jail for making a phone call to their child on the wrong day of the week, and similar situations. Some were even pushed to suicide after being alienated and mistreated for so long. How can this happen? Young writes, "*Blame the mentality that it's best to err on the side of safety for women, even if it means trampling on the rights of some innocent men.*" No kidding.Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: When the law is one-sided in domestic disputes

Author: Cathy Young

Date: May 23, 2001

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Number of Elderly Men on the Rise

Scott · 24 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"According to this article from the Atlanta-Journal Constitution, new information indicates that the number of elderly men in this country is on a sharp increase. Men are starting to live longer, catching up to women in lifespan. It suggests that the growing population of elderly men may start to experience some of the frailty generally associated with elderly women now that men are living longer. Also, the number of elderly men is increasing more than the number of elderly women."*Source: Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Title: Increase in elderly propelled by men

Author: M.A.J. McKenna

Date: May 22, 2001

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Deadbeat Dads Day

Scott · 24 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h submitted this article from TooGoodReports about the media hype over "deadbeat dads." It's an interesting, insightful article that is satirical in many places, and unfortunately, all too true. "*Wake up guys! 'Deadbeat Day' is coming, and if you think you can escape the snare of a feminized society, you should be a Hollywood script writer because you are living in virtual reality.*"

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How Far We Have to Go

Scott · 25 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal has a very depressing outlook for men, which he explains in his article for LewRockwell.com. "*It has become clear that left-wing feminists dominate the media, the schools, and key parts of both the legal system and the government. They saturate the country with false or misleading statistics to back up the message that men are violent by nature; and that in the right circumstances, men are only too willing to abuse women and children.*" I hope his article will serve as a wake up call for many men - we have a long way to go.

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One More Way in Which Fathers Have No Rights

Scott · 25 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Not PC sent me this story from the Vancouver Province, which is about a court battle a father lost to have his newborn children given hyphenated last names. The mother instead registered the two sons under her own last name and fled (kidnapped) with the boys. "*When he found her living on Vancouver Island, he said, she told him "to go to hell." "She said if I didn't like it, she'd say I was being violent and stalking her.'*" Excerpts of the judicial decision are included, which explicitly state that as a father, he has no rights. It's a very frustrating and depressing story. Source: The Province [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Dad 'feels like dirt'

Author: Andy Ivens

Date: May 24, 2001

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Men Do Ask For Directions After All

Scott · 25 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"Another shattered stereotype. The proliferation of these types of "studies" disturbs me. It's almost another one of those "let's find some more differences between men and women we can exploit and use to make men look stupid so women buy our products" study, but if that was its true intent, it must've backfired."*

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Are Family Courts Biased Against Fathers?

Scott · 27 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Claude sent me this link to an article from Insight Magazine. It's a point/counterpoint debate on whether the family court system is biased against dads. Stephen Baskerville, a great choice for the article, lists more than a dozen jaw-dropping injustices that fathers have received at the hands of family courts, and claims that this mistreatment is not uncommon. Tim Tippins argues that while the courts aren't perfect, most fathers do get a fair shake in court, and custody decisions are generally not unfair to men. Read it and decide for yourself - and furthermore, send a letter to the editor expressing your own views. Baskerville mentions in an e-mail that "*This magazine is sent to all congressional offices and media outlets, and it is influential with policy makers.*"
Source: Insight Magazine

Title: Q: Are family courts prejudiced against fathers?

Authors: Stephen Baskerville and Tim Tippins

Date: June 18, 2001

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Fathers Day Marches Planned

Adam · 27 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

There are several marches planned, the first is on june 15th called Events to mark Fathers Day by the UK Men's Movement. There's also the American Coalition for Fathers and Children protest happening on June 5 referred to as the National Family Courts Protest so check it out if you're interested. And to finish off, there's the Fathers Rights March & Rally from June 11th to June 17th - Fathers Day. Kindly pass these links along to everybody you know, and lastly, I hope these marches are a great success for all involved!

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Hey, We're a Year Old...Yesterday

Scott · 27 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I knew the one year anniversary of The Men's Activism News Network was coming up soon, but I missed it! It was yesterday, May 26. Mensactivism.org is now a year old, and still going strong. And once again, I'd like to thank the regular visitors to this site for their support and participation in the men's movement - because this web site would be pointless if so many visitors weren't making use of it. I have some great things planned for this summer, and will be giving details about them next week - stay tuned!

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Talking to Dad About His Health

Scott · 28 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

ABCNews has a great article about techniques for approaching fathers about improving their health. It acknowledges that older men often don't take care of their own health well enough but offers ways to approach the issue effectively, without talking down to him. I especially liked the suggestions to work out with your father or bring the grandchildren for a visit and a walk every week - having more involvement with fathers/grandfathers is a great boost to emotional health, as well as encouraging physical activity. Source: ABCNews

Title: So, How's Your Old Man?

Author: Unknown

Date: May 25

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FACT Father's Rights Conference with Warren Farrell

Scott · 28 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Rick Neagle from FACT (Fathers Are Capable Too) wanted to remind everyone that there will be a one-day workshop in Toronto, Canada on June 3, 2001, for divorced/separated fathers and non-custodial mothers, their supporters, and people who work with or provide services to divorced parents. Warren Farrell will be participating, and preregistration is required. Click here to download an info flyer in MS Word Format, or contact Rick at rickneagle@hotmail.com. If you already know you want to register, just go to this site and sign up.

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Judge Spares Woman from Jail for Theft Due to Her "Shopaholism"

Scott · 28 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

In addition to the "battered wife syndrome," which has excused dozens of women from attacking and/or murdering their husbands, a U.S. court has now acknowledged "shopaholism," which can excuse women from theft. The Sydney Morning Herald reported here that a woman (whose salary was $250k/year to begin with) was not given a jail sentence for stealing more than $500,000 from her employer - because her "shopaholic" tendencies were a symptom of depression. In the end, she was sentenced to five years of probation. Source: Sydney Morning Herald [Australian newspaper] Note: article originally appeared in The Sun-Herald

Title: Depressed thief spared from jail

Author: Unknown

Date: May 27, 2001

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Defendants Disadvantaged in Court of Public Opinion

Scott · 29 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"The UCLA Daily Bruin recently printed an editorial in which the author examines how defendants in high profile cases are judged guilty and their lives irreparably damaged by the court of public opinion, regardless of the facts. I must agree that society as a whole assumes guilt when someone is charged with a crime (witness what's currently going with Robert Blake and the way the story is treated by late night talk show hosts...he's already guilty). This is the uphill battle which men, especially, face in our courts."*

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Turning Sacred Cows into Cash Cows

Scott · 29 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Evan Gahr's latest column for Jewiwsh World Review investigates some of the taxpayer funded programs which fuel feminist institutions. He focuses primarily on the Women's Education Equity Act Resource Center and the programs it has sponsored. "*WEEA allows an ideological clique that purports to speak "for women" to turn sacred cows into cash cows.*"Source: Jewish World Review

Title: Funding feminism

Author: Evan Gahr

Date: May 24, 2001

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Men's Health Takes Center Stage in Ireland

Scott · 29 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"The Irish Times is reporting new efforts to increase awareness and assistance for men's health issues in that country, where women's health issues have long been top priority. One positive note, in my opinion, is that the article mentions mental health as well as physical (and points out that suicide is the leading killer of young men)."*Source: The Irish Times [UK newspaper]

Title: Project aims to find out about men's health needs

Author: Unknown

Date: May 23, 2001

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Males Now Admitted At Formerly All-Female College

Scott · 30 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"Part 2 of Christian Science Monitor's series on men in education details how men are now being admitted at a formerly all-female institution, the students at which used to sport T-shirts demonstrating the "Top 10 Reasons Not to Admit Men." Commencement speaker this year was William Shatner. A school official pointed out how appropriate it was for the captain of the Enterprise to speak where men are now "boldly going where no man has gone before.""* Click here if you missed part one. And thanks, Nightmist, for all these great submissions!Source: Christian Science Monitor

Title: Making room for men's gains where women once reigned

Author: Mark Clayton

Date: May 29, 2001

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Activism Project: Stop Paternity Fraud!

Scott · 30 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The Activism Projects page has been updated (I know, it's been a few months...sorry) with the latest NCFM letter writing campaign. The goal of the project is to write to the U.S. Justice Department and express outrage over recent court cases in which men who have been proven not to be the biological father by DNA tests were still ordered to pay child support. If you feel that paternity fraud should not be condoned by our society, please take a moment to write a letter and send it off. Click here for the *Mensactivism.org Activism Projects* page.

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Latest DesertLight Journal Released

Scott · 30 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy Schuett sent out the May 30 issue of *The DesertLight Journal*, which can also be read on the web here. *DLJ* is a bi-weekly e-zine dedicated to father's rights issues and domestic violence against men. Check it out!

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Child Support Slavery

Scott · 30 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"In the Washington Times today, there is an article entitled "Study: Poor fathers need help with jobs to pay child support." I found it incredibly offensive. Absolutely no mention was made of improving custody and visitation enforcement, just finding ways to make men work harder to pay child support that was mandated by the courts without considering the father's means to begin with. "The beatings will continue until morale improves!!""*Source: The Washington Times

Title: Study: Poor fathers need help with jobs to pay child support

Author: Cheryl Wetzstein

Date: May 30, 2001

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Men More Vulnerable to Workplace Stress

Scott · 31 May 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"This article claims that men's health is more affected by threats of layoffs or job insecurities than women. The article hints that one potential reason for this disparity is that men's lives are more devastated by job loss than women's. Perhaps this is because women still may choose to stay at home or work, while men's identities--for the most part--are still closely associated with our jobs."* That sounds like a very reasonable explanation to me. What do you think?

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Top 10 Habits of Great Dads

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Nightmist writes *"MSN published The Top 10 Habits of Great Dads today. In typical MSN fashion, they posted the list on the "Women Central" portion of their Web site (they have no section dedicated to men). The list comes from the 1999 book "Throwaway Dads" by Ross D. Parke and Armin A. Brott."*

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Boys Strip-Searched While on Jail Tour

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Nightmist writes *"This story in the Courier Press details how several middle-school age boys on a tour of prison facilities were forced by teachers and jail employees to 1) watch while inmates were strip-searched and 2) forced to remove their clothes for a strip-search in front of other students as a "demonstration of what it's like in jail." The thing that concerns me most is that officials say they are "looking into whether the boys' civil rights were violated." I say there's no "looking into" to it."*Source: Courier Press [newspaper]

Title: Young students strip-searched while touring jail

Author: Justin Blum and Yolanda Woodlee

Date: May 25, 2001

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Help Support Pro-Equality Feminists

Scott · 1 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

It has come to my attention that the message board over at shethinks.org has become a battleground for gender feminists, who are attacking equity feminists for speaking out against the top 10 lies of gender feminism. If you support the Independent Women's Forum for distributing the ad, please take a moment and help support them by going to their bulletin board, and posting supportive, non-antagonistic messages. Try to counter the irrational hatred with calm, reasonable postings.

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Scotland Decides Against Anonymity for Those Accused of Rape

Scott · 1 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

AngryHarry pointed me to this article from the UK Telegraph. The courts of Scotland were considering allowing anonymity of those accused of rape until a conviction is secured. The Scottish Justice Minister decided against it, however, claiming that he didn't believe false accusations of rape are common. I'd be interested to see what the numbers actually are. The article describes a couple of cases of false accusations, and also interestingly comments that providing anonymity of the accuser is done according to custom, rather than law. Source: The Telegraph [UK newspaper]

Title: Scotland rules out anonymity for men accused of rape

Author: Nick Britten

Date: May 31, 2001

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Washington Times Article on IWF Ad

Scott · 1 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Not PC sent me this editorial from the Washington Times. It outlines the controversy at UCLA for the printing of the Independent Women's Forum Ad which factually refutes feminist myths. Christie Scott's call for an apology and for "this to never happen again" is being well exposed as the oppressive PC-censorship that is really is. The article concludes: "*In their obvious reluctance to joust, fact to fact, in a debate of ideas, campus feminists reveal not only their loathing for the First Amendment...but also their fear of it. Why else try to stifle someone else's freedom of speech, rather than more vigorously exercise one´s own?*"Source: The Washington Times [newspaper]

Title: Feminist fury

Author: Unknown

Date: June 1, 2001

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Modern Literature Overly Political

Scott · 2 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

BusterB writes *"While not strictly a men's rights article, this opinion piece in Canada's National Post amused me because - as a man - this is exactly why I've soured on modern literature, plays, and in some cases film. So much of it seems to be designed to bash me over the head with overt, ideological messages about how ashamed I should be to be white, be a male, or be both. It's refreshing to see a hard-core bookworm complaining about this, too."*

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JunkScience.com: "Feminism Bad for Women's Health"

Scott · 2 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"Junk Science, a fascinating Web site full of debunkery, posted this article regarding the recent retraction of one 1997 study claiming women were "routinely excluded from clinical trials." FYI: this site also debunks a few myths about breast cancer. A 1997 article about the IWF (I have much respect for those women) and its stance against the myths also appears here."*

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Pasadena Star News Prints Response On Male DV Victims

Scott · 3 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"The Pasadena Star News printed my letter responding to their editor's downplaying of male victims of DV. In the original editorial in which the editor belittles the numbers, the editor made a fool of himself because he assumed the National Institute of Justice was some crazy advocacy group and he said "something called the National Institute of Justice says . . ." When I pointed this out to him and showed him the data, he became upset and evasive, called it "nutty," and said "I don't believe your data." (As though it were "my" data and not the National Institute of Justice's data.) I think he's just upset that he made himself look like a fool."* **Update:** I've fixed the link to the story. **Another update:** But now it's broken again! Read More to view instructions on how to access it.Source: Pasedena Star News

Title: Men can be victims

Author: Marc Angelucci

Date: June 1, 2001

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H.I.V Infection Rate Skyrocketing for Black Gay Men

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This article from the New York Times (free registration required to read) was announced on the Men's Health America mailing list. The story is about a report that H.I.V. infections among young black gay men in large cities is dramatically above the rates for young white men - up to six times as much. The report should expose the need for more aggressive screening and educational programs about H.I.V, and "*that programs for black men "must address the stigma of homosexuality which prevents many of these men from identifying themselves as gay and bisexual and may keep them from accessing needed prevention and treatment services.*""Source: The New York Times [newspaper]

Title: Report Finds Young Black Men at Higher Risk for H.I.V.

Author: Lawrence Altman

Date: May 31, 2001

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Creating Change in Advertising

Scott · 3 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"From time to time, I e-mail various corporations about their advertising campaigns. If I find a campaign particularly offensive to men, I send a scathing e-mail. If I find a campaign presenting men in a rare positive light, I will send a congratulatory e-mail. Recently, I sent one of each to Tylenol. Click "Read More" below for the results of those letters."*

A few months ago, I sent the scathing one, admonishing Tylenol for their father-hating "Tylenol for Women" ad, which started out with the words "Face it, guys. It's a woman's world." I received no reply from them, but I noticed that a few weeks later the ad had been edited and shortened, cutting out the "Woman's World" comments.

More recently, Tylenol stopped running that ad and is now running an ad called "Baby Boom," which features a father doing dishes and dancing around to the sound of his baby clanging two pot lids together. The catch at the end is: "Sometimes the difference between noise and music is all in your head." I sent Tylenol a favorable e-mail on this one for a couple of reasons:

1) This commercial was not presented in a "Hey! Look! It's a gender role reversal!" fashion. The father was doing dishes, the kid was clanging pot lids. No mother was present or walking out the door to be a breadwinner. No big deal was made about the father doing dishes.

2) The father and child were having a good time together. No female chaperones were necessary.

Here's the response I received from Tylenol about this commercial:

Thanks for visiting our website and taking the time to contact us
about your satisfaction with our TYLENOL (TM) commercial
depicting a father and child. It is always gratifying when customers are thoughtful enough to let us know when they are pleased with our efforts.

Our first responsibility is to our diverse group of consumers and their families. The TYLENOL (TM) name is your guarantee of our commitment to you. We've worked hard to earn your trust; we'll work even harder to keep it.

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Female Thieves Use Breasts, Drugs to Rob Men

Scott · 3 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Now there's a headline for you. :) Nightmist writes *"This article on Excite explains how several young Colombian women have been rubbing narcotics on their breasts, then luring male victims to lick them. The men are rendered unconscious and then robbed. On rare occassions, the article says, victims of this type of drugged robbery have died."*

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NH Men's Commission Bill in the News

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New Hampshire's Portsmouth Herald printed a front page story about the proposed Commission on the Status of Men in NH, which has passed the House stripped of the program's funding and is headed for the Senate. The article outlines many of the findings of the research group which proposed the commission, listing several key areas where men are not doing well, including health issues, fatherlessness, and education. FYI, the legislative report can be downloaded here.Source: The Portsmouth Herald [newspaper]

Title: Commission on Status of Men proposed in N.H.

Author: Steve Haberman

Date: June 3, 2001

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There's No Equality in Dating

Scott · 4 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"This column on Excite is no doubt meant to be humorous, but it also points out some very real frustrations for males who date females. As the author says, "And that's when I came to a shocking conclusion: We're not equal. Somewhere along the way, we poor men got the short end of the deal.""* This was a great column to see being printed in a campus newspaper - a young man coming to the revelation that women and men are equal, until it comes to paying for dates, initiating relationships, etc.

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Fatty Fish May Cut Prostate Cancer Risk

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Nightmist writes *"Research by Finnish scientists claims that eating fatty fish like salmon and mackerel may significantly reduce a man's risk of getting prostate cancer. "The men who ate no fish had a two-fold to three-fold higher risk of prostate cancer than those who ate moderate or high amounts," one researcher said. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in Swedish men."*

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Second "Walk For a Cure" For Prostate Cancer Scheduled

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Nightmist writes *"LA's Second Annual Champions For A Cure Run/Walk is scheduled for the day before Father's Day. Says the article: "The event will be hosted by sports legend Wayne Gretzky and is expected to draw thousands of Los Angeles area residents to participate in the 10K/5K Run/Walk, the 1K "Kids Dash For Dad" and the Interactive Sports Festival.""* Registration information for the event is included in the article - please consider attending or participating if you're in the area.

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Prostate Cancer Treatment Causes Severe Bone Mass Loss

Scott · 5 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"This frightening article posted on Excite claims that a common treatment for prostate cancer is causing loss of bone mass to accelerate in men. Bone loss which would normally occur within 10 years occurs within one year of starting the treatment. The treatment suppresses testosterone, which is responsible for spurring growth of prostate tumors, but is also responsible for healthy bone mass."*

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D.C. Forms Commission on Black Men and Boys

Scott · 5 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"The Washington Post is reporting in a news brief that "Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) and a civil rights group announced the creation yesterday of a Commission on Black Men and Boys in the District to find services to combat joblessness, crime, illness and family dysfunction that disproportionately strike African American men." This program is reportedly the first of its kind for D.C."*Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Panel to focus on black men and boys

Author: Unknown

Date: June 5, 2001

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Teachers Ignoring Fathers' Roles in Education

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Nightmist writes *"This story on EurekAlert details how teachers for children in low-income, at-risk households were routinely ignoring the role and interest of fathers (or father figures) in the educational development of such children. After some study and sensitivity training for the teachers, they began to include fathers more. The misperception among teachers, according to the study, is that most of these children have no fathers."*

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Mayor Candidate Wants More DV Cases Pushed Into Court

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Terence Hallinan, who is considering running for mayor in San Fransisco, has explicitly stated that he wants the "charge count" on domestic violence cases increased - "*We've got to do better even if it means tightening up the charging criteria*" he said. In response, a police officer was quoted as saying, "*It's B.S...the cases are just going to get tossed [out of court] anyway.*" What is most frightening about this is that due to the highly political climate around domestic violence, his chances of winning the mayor seat are benefiting from this. The story is the second topic covered in this column from the San Fransisco Gate. Source: The San Fransisco Gate [newspaper]

Title: Matier & Ross [column]

Authors: Phillip Matier and Andrew Ross

Date: May 30, 2001

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Go Ahead and Bash Men in Advertising, It's OK With Us

Scott · 6 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"This foolish article in the Christian Science Monitor attempts to defend negative portrayals of men in modern advertising as a way of attracting male buyers to products, and that men aren't offended by such ads, but use them as excuses to* ***be*** *stupid. One moron quoted in the article says the ads resonate with women, too, because "Women know a lot of stupid men." Newsflash, jerk, I've known many a stupid woman in my time."*Source: The Christian Science Monitor

Title: Ad world "dumbs down" American males

Author: Neal Learner

Date: June 4, 2001

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John Leo: Miffing the Myth Makers

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John Leo's column in U.S. News and World Report covers the IWF's feminist myth-busting ad, and serves as yet more embarrassing coverage to colleges and universities which no longer tolerate free speech and open inquiry. Leo analyzes the attacks on the ad, noting that the tactics of campus feminists are to portray the ad as creating a hostile environment for women, and trying to shift the perception of the ad as an issue of free speech to one of violent speech. Leo then quotes Stanley Kurtz with, "*Once words we don't like have been equated with acts of violence, there's no place left for free speech.*" I thought this was a great article for making this issue more explicit. Source: U.S. News and World Report

Title: Miffing the myth makers

Author: John Leo

Date: June 4, 2001

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iFeminists.com Speaks Out on DV Against Men

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The iFeminists.com web site had an article by Wendy McElroy about battered men. It discusses the uphill battle male victims of DV and their supporters have to climb in order to get help and recognition by society, and mentions the recent battered men conference which was held in Portland, ME. From the article: "*For self-interested reasons, many women's shelters continue to deny that men comprise a significant portion of those victimized by domestic abuse. Their funding depends on the denial...The only right abused men seem to have retained in full is the right to remain silent.*"

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"Pit Stop" Program Targets Men's Health at Car Races

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bernee writes *"There is no question that when it comes to the health stakes, men are often short changed, especially in rural areas. An initiative in Australia is hoping to address this. "Pit Stop", as it is known grew out of the observation that getting men to go to the doctor was often difficult but they turned up in droves to car races etc. "Pit Stop" is a mobile clinic that travels to organised car events doing check-ups and advising men on health issues. This initiative was featured on a national TV program, the transcript of which is available here."*

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Equality Marches On

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Andrew writes *"Remember that famous feminist slogan? Something like, 'To get respect in a man's world, a woman must do twice as much in the same time as a man. Fortunately, this is not difficult.' (If anyone has a more accurate version of this, and a source, I'd like to hear about it.) Gee, I guess this news story, Women find army training too tough must be some kind of anti-feminist plot. While the Western nations work to make their military training female-friendly, the Chinese are busy toughening up the largest army on the planet. 'Those who will not learn from history are condemned to repeat it."*Source: The Advertiser [Australian newspaper]

Title: Women find army training too tough

Author: Unknown

Date: June 7, 2001

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Cancer Web Site Launches Prostate Cancer-specific Resource

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Nightmist writes *"Along with Cancer-Option.com's breast cancer and lung cancer sites, Excite news reports that a new prostate cancer-specific site has been launched. ProstateCancerOption.com will focus solely on news and assistance for men suffering the disease. CancerOption.com, meanwhile, is still a general resource on all types of cancers."*

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Family Courts Creating "Deadbolt" Dads

Scott · 8 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"Christian Science Monitor reports on a widespread protest of family court justice in America. The protestors advocated "shared parenting," in which both parents get equal time with their children. It also points out that in 85 percent of cases, the mother gets custody, even though some states already have shared parenting legislation (Massachusetts is apparently working on it)."*Source: Christian Science Monitor

Title: From divorced fathers, a plea for time with kids

Author: Marilyn Gardner

Date: June 8, 2001

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Don't Forget About "Real Men Cook"

Scott · 9 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"The Detroit News ran the article recently on Real Men Cook, which is slated to take place Father's Day in various cities around the country. The event raises money for various urban men's and family's causes."*Source: The Detroit News [newspaper]

Title: Cooks out to prove they are real men

Author: Rhonda Bates-Rudd

Date: June 6, 2001

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Feminists and Father's Groups Clash

Adam · 9 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Feminist groups in Canada have threatened to boycott nation-wide
government consultations on changes to divorce law since they might have to sit with Father's advocates. The hypocrisy here is unbelievable, this quote says it better than I ever could "*The best interests of children...can **only** be met by ensuring the well being of their mothers.*" if you think that's bad, the rest of the article gets worse. The full article can be read from the National Post Online.

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Egalitarianism Confronts Genetics

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Now this is an interesting article. American social scientist Charles Murray believes that "*advances in genetics and neurology will lead to the death of egalitarianism within 20 years.*" From the sounds of it, psuedo-science could finally be eliminated. This last quote is quite interesting: "*What he calls the "intellectual egalitarianism" of the Left actually is not about equal outcomes at all, he says. It just "hates the idea that some people are inherently smarter or more charming [and that you can't change that] by the right social program or the right liberation of people from their oppressors." Social engineering can't cure inequality.*"Source: Sydney Morning Herald [newspaper]

Title: The intolerable truth of genetic inequality

Author: Miranda Devine

Date: May 24, 2001

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Dadmag.com Names Top 12 Dads of the Year

Scott · 10 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"Excite News reports that father-oriented Web site Dadmag.com has named a list of a dozen fathers its "Twelve Top Pops" for Father's Day. Among the names on the list are: Dr. Wade Horn of the National Father's Initiative; Prime Minister Tony Blair; Weatherman Al Roker; "Daddio" star Michael Chiklis; and Bill Clinton. The reasons for each selection are noted by the names."*

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Testicular Cancer Deaths on Decline

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Nightmist writes *"This article on Excite News reports that deaths from testicular cancer are on the decline, although there are a greater number of cases. Interestingly, some researchers are saying that exposure to high levels of estrogen in the womb may be one of the causes for the increase in cases. Testicular cancer is also more likely in men ages 25-29, first-born sons, and fraternal twins."*

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University Population Explosion Creates Co-Ed Dorm Controversy

Scott · 10 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"This editorial in the Daily Texan defends the University of Texas-Austin for temporarily converting an all-female dorm to co-ed because of a summer schedule population explosion on campus. The dorm's female occupants are outraged and have signed a petition to keep men out, claiming that (because men are violent and immature) women will be more likely to be attacked and the dorm will be more likely to be vandalized. The author of the editorial, however, points out that these women are succumbing to stereotypes."*

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Country Music Scene Struggling With Gender Issues

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Mark sent in this USA Today article and writes *"After the success of Shania Twain's 1995 anti-male "The Woman In Me" album and the success of other female acts such as the Dixie Chicks (whose song "Goodbye Earl" was about murdering an abusive husband), country radio stations began tailoring their format to appeal almost entirely to women. Now after having chased away most of their male listeners, these stations are trying to win them back. However, the article mentions that "You can have a record that may send men screaming from the room on your radio station, but you cannot have a song that sends women screaming from the room." Still, the pendulum appears to have started swinging back. The article mentions that women are tired of "bend-over-backward proclamations of love and songs about empowered women." And any male country music listener today has no doubt enjoyed songs like Toby Keith's "How Do You Like Me Now" and Montgomery Gentry's "She Couldn't Change Me""*Source: USA Today [newspaper]

Title: Macho country (subsection: Country's gender agenda)

Author: Brian Mansfield

Date: June 7, 2001

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Men Harassing Other Men

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Peter sent in this article from the New York Times (free registration required). It's about the rise in sexual harassment lawsuits filed by men against male employers. The article is testimony to the unequal treatment of gay men in the workplace. From the article: "*While some of these men are complaining of unwanted sexual overtures, just as women frequently do, most complaints involve men being picked on, through boorish hijinks that come across as offensive and humiliating...Men's claims now account for 13.5 percent of all sexual harassment charges being brought to the commission, nearly double the percentage a decade ago.*" The article describes the problems faced by those who file same-sex harassment claims, which the courts do not take as seriously as claims filed by women against male employers.

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National Men's Health Week is Here!

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Yes, it's here again - National Men's Health Week, June 11-17, 2001. It's time to think about heading to the doctor for a checkup if you haven't been there in a while, and to educate and raise awareness of men's health issues. The Men's Health Week web site has lots of good info, including a calendar of events. I'd also highly recommend subscribing to Ed Bartlett's Men's Health America mailing list to receive updates on news about men's health. And don't forget your mental health, too - when's the last time you took a vacation?

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Mothers of Deception

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This bold story, which appeared in the UK Observer, confronts the stark reality of mothers who use men as sperm donors, then wallets. It begins with a disturbing story of a woman who changed the locks on their house as soon as the father's name was on the birth certificate. It also mentions, "*These women are not rare: the Government's Children First consultation paper found that 40 per cent of the divorced or separated mothers admitted to thwarting child-father contact....Fatherhood is an inalienable right, for both child and father, and we should defend it from those women bent on trampling it.*" Source: The Guardian Unlimited Observer [UK newspaper]

Title: Mothers of Deception

Author: Cristina Odone

Date: June 10, 2001

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Farrell Review in The Report

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Canada's The Report give a review of Warren Farrell's latest book, Father and Child Reunion. It stresses Farrell's findings that children are better off with single dads than with single moms, but doesn't portray this view as too radical or antagonistic, which could easily be done by a reviewer who doesn't like Farrell's findings. Click here for the article. Source: The Report [Canadian magazine]

Title: Dad as nurturer

Author: Candis McLean

Date: June 11, 2001

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The PC Police Strike Again

Scott · 12 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"Fox News ran this column about recent legal and other battles regarding free speech v. politically correct speech. Although not specifically a men's issue, the First Amendment is taking quite a beating lately, and these incidents deserve some attention."*

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Fatherlessness A Problem for Kids, Not Mothers

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Mark sent in this article by Maggie Gallagher. She mentions that President Bush spoke recently to the National Fatherhood Initiative, saying that fatherlessness is one of America's largest social problems. Gallagher also derides wealthy single mothers, like Calista Flockhart (Ally McBeal), who was quoted as saying, "*I want more children. I guess it would be nice to have a husband, too, and if you know where I might find the right one, let me know. But meanwhile, the baby is all I really want.*"

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Doctors Don't Talk to Men About Prostate Cancer

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Nightmist writes *"This article on Excite News claims that a recent report published in Men's Health found that doctors talk to one in two male patients about prostate cancer, the second leading killer cancer among men (behind lung cancer). Likewise, the story says, many men who are high-risk for the disease are not being tested, and about one in five do not even know what a prostate is."*

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Report on Child Soldiers

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A.J. writes *"This Reuters article reports on the use of child soldiers by militaries around the world. I'm appalled that this occurs at all but am also disturbed by the reporting. The article states that "300,000 children under 18 were fighting for government forces or opposition groups at any one time." There is one (count 'em) reference to gender of those children forced to fight: "The report said that 49 children, including 32 girls between 11 and 15, were among 140 LTTE personnel killed in a battle with security forces in October 1999" referring to actions in Sri Lanka. No mention of gender for the other 299,968 children forced to fight. What are we to assume about the gender breakdown of those children?"*

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Man Awarded $1.15 million After False Date Rape Accusation

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Nightmist writes *"Wendy McElroy of iFeminists.com reports on Fox News about one man's seven-year struggle against false date rape allegations which destroyed his teaching career before it had even started. The accusations were leveled by Gonzago University (and denied over and over by his alleged victim). The man in this case was extremely lucky in the fact that his alleged victim continued to deny the charges, even through faculty attempts to brainwash her into believing she had been raped."* Thanks also to the Anonymous User who submitted this article.

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More Dads Taking Advantage of Flexible Work Time

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Nightmist writes *"Ernst & Young claim in this short article that 17 percent of the 1,500 people taking advantage of their flexible work schedules are men who are taking time to be with their children. This article was probably intended as a release for press-only (because it names three fathers who are available to talk about the program). Any journalists out there want to contact these people and write a great fatherhood piece on it?"*

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DesertLight Journal No. 5 Hits the Web

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Trudy Schuett's excellent *DesertLight Journal* has released another issue, which can be read at this link. This one is a special Father's Day themed issue, with lots of great news articles and editorials. Go Trudy!

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Girl Bullies in High School Often Worse Than Boys

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Mark writes *"This article written by a high school teacher of 30 years not only dispels the myth that all bullying is done by males, but also adds that quite often the female bullies are more relentless.*
*"I'd rather be bullied by a guy any day than by a girl. ... Compared to guys, girls are vicious" said one 17-year-old girl."*Source: USA Today [newspaper]

Title: Bully-boy focus overlooks vicious acts by girls

Author: Patrick Welsh

Date: June 12, 2001

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Sex Discrimination in No Man's Land

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Spartacus pointed me to this article from the Washington Post, about a Supreme Court ruling that upheld the double standard that unmarried mothers bearing children abroad can have an easier process to establish the child's U.S. citizenship than fathers. The reason this was justified was that mothers can be certain of their maternity, while paternity of a child can not be such a sure thing. If the court is practically acknowledging the problem of paternity fraud, could an understanding of the need for Choice for Men be that much further away?Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Parent's Sex May Be Factor in Citizenship, Court Rules

Author: Charles Lane

Date: June 12, 2001

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NIH Expands Fatherhood Research

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Ed Bartlett writes, "*The US Department of Health and Human Services is in the process of dramatically expanding its fatherhood programs. As part of of this effort, the National Institutes of Health has developed a compilation of fatherhood research projects that it is funding. These studies are being sponsored by the NIH National Institute on Child Health and Human Development and by other NIH institutes. NIH Activities in Support of the Fatherhood Initiative through September 2000 can be found at this site.*"

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Healthology Teams Up With Men's Web Sites for Men's Health Week

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Nightmist writes *"Healthology, a leading health-oriented Web site has teamed up with Men's Health Network, AskMen.com, and Dadmag.com to provide Web-casts about men's health issues for each day of National Men's Health Week (June 11-17.... this week!). This article on Excite News explains the details and purpose of the arrangement."*

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Server Upgrade on the Way...

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Well, today I received in the mail the parts I'll be using to upgrade the Mensactivism.org server. In addition, I'll be performing an upgrade of the server's OS and the Slash web engine which runs this site. It's not going to be fun, since the setup I'm using is extremely customized. After I've installed the new hardware and tested it, I'll announce when Mensactivism.org will be down for the upgrade. It could be for a duration of 3-4 days if things get really nasty, but I'll create a temporary page to keep people posted on the progress.

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Prime Minister Blair Eligible For Up to 13 Weeks Paternity Leave

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Mark sent me this article from BBC News and writes *"With the arrival of a new baby in the home of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, there is talk of how much of the nation's new 13-week unpaid paternity leave he will take. The article mentions that Britain, though ahead of the US, still lags far behind other industrialized nations in the amount of leave that fathers may take. In Sweden and Japan, the leave (up to 450 days) is completely transferable between the parents and up to 85% of the income is to be paid."*Source: BBC [UK network]

Title: Blair baby sparks leave debate

Author: Unknown

Date: May 21, 2001

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The Factor's View

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Chad from the Men's Movement Connection writes, "*On June 12th 2001, Mr. Bill O' Reilly had the pleasure to have a discussion on the rights of fathers. The discussion took place on "The O' Reilly Factor" on the Fox News Channel. His guest was Mr. Jeffrey Leving, author of the book, Father's Rights. O' Reilly revealed (according to his statistics) that 50% of all fathers are denied visitation to their children, and on top of that, only 12% of fathers see their children, and only once a month. However, Mr. O' Reilly's took the narrow-minded view that it was the father's fault and not the courts or the government. And he went on to say that, "If it is not possible (to see them), don't have them." And on top of all of this O' Reilly seemed to not let his guest explain any of the issues. If you would like to write Bill O' Reilly the email address is OReilly@FoxNews.Com.*"

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Supporting Fatherhood

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frank h writes *"In this Town Hall article, Michelle Malkin takes the time to criticize Camryn Manheim for her "fathers are superfluous" position and her defiant choice to be a single mom. Thanks Michelle!"* From the article: "*In the "progressive" feminist worldview, dads are little more than expendable sperm donors. The strength, discipline and guidance Ms. Manheim received from her own father mean nothing to her now. Women like Ms. Manheim see children not as the fruit of a loving union between two married partners for life -- but as just another accomplishment to check off on their to-do list.*"Source: Town Hall

Title: "Male Stimulant's" Day?

Author: Michelle Malkin

Date: June 13, 2001

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The Amazing Dad

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Nightmist writes *"The Christian Science Monitor published this article about the author of a new book on fatherhood and entertaining children. Dads are generally the entertainers of the household, in addition to their other duties, according to the author. His book provides dads with even more ways of entertaining the kids."*Source: The Christian Science Monitor

Title: The magic bond between fathers and their kids

Author: Ross Atkin

Date: June 13, 2001

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Girl's Treatment Shocks Former Father

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Nightmist writes *"Fox News reported this story about a young girl who was locked in a closet and nearly starved to death by her mother and step-father. The mother regained custody of the girl after changing her mind about allowing another couple to adopt her. A tragic tale, and more proof that our justice system really isn't interested in "what's best for the child" as much as they are protecting the rights of motherhood."*Source: Fox News

Title: Girl's Treatment Shocks Former Father

Author: Unknown

Date: June 14, 2001

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Feminizing the Black Beret

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Andrew writes *"I expected this article to be about the feminist destruction of the American military, particularly in reference to the recent decision to issue the Army Rangers' 'black beret,' previously restricted to an elite fighting force, to all 'soldiers' (including perky girls) regardless of ability or accomplishment. Indeed it began on that subject, but quickly developed into a really excellent analysis of all that has gone wrong in American culture in recent decades, focusing on the 'downsizing' of men and manhood that is the real (and inevitable) aim and effect of the feminist campaign to make everyone 'equal.' And that ultimately can have only one result: as I've noted, while America is working to make its military 'female-friendly,' China is busy toughening up the largest army on the planet. In the* real *world, which will actually prevail? Are you willing to bet your freedom - or your life - on your answer?"* Click on Read More to view more of Andrew's comments and background.As it happens, I've long been a great fan of Chinese culture, and have been studying the language for some years. Nevertheless, I wouldn't want to live in the kind of sociopolitical environment Chinese people seem to like - or at least tolerate. America is far from perfect, to be sure, but it remains the only place on the planet where the citizen's rights are (theoretically, at least) defined as prior and superior to government power. It would be a great tragedy of world history to lose what we have here in the rising sea of feminist/socialist human-termite collectivism. At the moment, unless we turn it around, that is exactly what will happen, and soon.

By the way, I am far from a military cultist; I was a draft-dodger in the Vietnam War (which I don't regret; that war had nothing to do with defending America's hearth and home), have never been in the military or even learned to fight in my youth like a normal boy once would've. In short, I am a product of the times, a good example of the feminist ideal mama's boy 'sensitive' intellectual wussy guy. But I also cannot hide from the truth; indeed, as I grow older and realize how completely I've been lied to throughout my life, I find I have an almost desperate hunger for the truth. And the truth is, in the real world women and men are different, and a country whose men have been feminized *will not survive.*

Please read this article, and give it some serious thought. It says nearly all that needs to be said, and very well.

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Misandry in Canada

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frank h sent in this story from the National Post and writes *"While this news is not new (it was mentioned in a posting a few days ago), this author provides an interesting analysis of the recent announcement by feminists that they will boycott the subject government meetings. Their misandry is showing, glaringly, and I can only conclude from this that progress is being made. However, I'm not sure that the government's language, even now, supports men/fathers very well. The author includes phone and fax numbers at the bottom of the article and I would encourage all of our Canadian readers to use them."*Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: When dad becomes a dirty word

Author: Donna Laframboise

Date: June 14, 2001

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Parental Abduction Rates

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Matthew writes *"A Story from the Ottawa Citizen about parents abducting children is here. It mentions that when a child is abducted by a parent it is 'equally likely to be women or men' who are the abductors. This is provided without a source and it isn't clear whether that's in absolute numbers or as a percent of non-custodial parents. If it is in fact true that the numbers are equal in absolute terms, considering that there's fewer non-custodial mothers than fathers, then that is certainly food for thought."*Source: Ottawa Citizen [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Child abduction occurs four times a week

Author: Michele Oberoi

Date: March 26, 2001

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Father Involvement Improves Sons' Outlook on Marriage

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Mark and Tarek both submitted this story from Yahoo! News. It describes a study in which young men were polled about their attitudes toward marriage and divorce, and it was found that having a close relationship with one's parents, especially one's father for boys, dramatically improves a son's outlook on marriage and confidence in building long-term relationships. From the article: "*In this respect, a boy's relationship with his dad may be even more important than the one he shares with his mother, since fathers remain a boy's most important male role model, shaping his attitudes toward intimate partnerships.*" The article can be read here.

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Women Sentenced More Leniently in New Zealand

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Not PC sent me this article from New Zealand's Stuff site and writes *"The fact that men get tougher sentences shouldn't be too much of a*
surprise to anyone who's been around a courthouse in the last thirty
years. Here is another study, from New Zealand, that also includes family law and domestic violence. As usual, judges look for an explanation and an excuse for an offending woman, whereas all men are bastards. One quote which would be humorous if it wasn't said in all seriousness was from Oakes' lawyer, Judith Ablett-Kerr. She said,
"I believe that it was Cecelia Lashlie who, when she was in charge of
Christchurch Women's Prison, said that most of the women whom she locked up were there directly or indirectly as a result of their association with a man.""
Source: Sunday Star-Times [New Zealand newspaper]

Title: Sugar and spice

Author: John McCombe

Date: June 10, 2001

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CNN Positive on Fatherhood?

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More fatherhood news, appropriate as we get so close to Father's Day: frank h writes *"CNN actually managed to say something about fatherhood, single fatherhood nonetheless, and they did it without being critical or sarcastic!"* It's a short piece on the rising number of single dads, and while they made sure to quote some children as feeling a deep loss without their mother (when's the last time an article on single mothers mentioned father loss?), the article generally seems lukewarm to single dads. Click here for the link.Source: CNN

Title: As numbers grow, single dads still face skeptics

Author: Dr. Sanjay Gupta

Date: June 15, 2001

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Australian Magistrate Under Fire for Admitting Women Can Lie About Being Raped

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Australia's ABC news network is covering the story of a female senior magistrate (judge) who has said that many women lie about rape. Pat O'Shane is defending her comments, saying she is stating a fact: "*It's a fact of life, people do it...there is no question that...women do manufacture complaints against men, just as men manufacture all sorts of allegations against women, and for that matter against each other.*" The outcry from women's groups has been significant, and they are demanding for Ms. O'Shane to resign. The Chief Magistrate of New South Wales is considering reviewing the cases that Ms. O'Shane handles, to ensure she is not given sexual harassment or rape cases.Source: ABC [Australian news network]

Title: O'Shane stands by rape fabrication comments

Author: Unknown

Date: June 16, 2001

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Happy Father's Day!

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We'd like to wish everyone a Happy Father's Day, the second one that Mensactivism.org has been around for. Here's a proclamation by President Bush on Father's Day. All sorts of events are planned, from marches on Washington to local events, such as the NCFC-NH chapter picnic in Dover, NH. Click here to view the official Father's Day 2001 web site, and enjoy the day with dad! I hope many of you also did something to promote men's health, as this is the final day of National Men's Health Week.

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Irresponsible (Black) Fathers

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Neil Steyskal writes *"This column, from the Richmond Times-Dispatch, repeats the perpetual condemnation of black fathers for abandoning their children. When will somebody mention the multitude of mothers who drive black fathers away so the mothers will have undisputed control?"* What a great Father's Day article - why not send Mark Holmberg an e-mail of appreciation? (I'm being sarcastic)Source: The Times-Dispatch [newspaper]

Title: Irresponsible fathers allow hoods to destroy the 'hoods

Author: Mark Holmberg

Date: June 17, 2001

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Here's a GOOD Father's Day Article!

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Marc Angelucci writes *"Los Angeles activist Glenn Sacks published a Father's Day article today that helps make up for the Richmond Times-Dispatch's sad stereotyping of dads. Both the LA Daily News and the Salt Lake City Tribune printed the article (Click on either link to view it). After mentioning how father-presence is the largest predicting factor in major aspects of a child's upbringing, Glenn explains point by point how "we allow hundreds of thousands of fathers to be locked out of their children's lives by ex-spouses . . . and by a family court system that is biased against fathers." Thanks again, Glenn!"* Ditto, Glenn - great work.

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Fathers-to-be Experience Hormonal Changes Too

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Nightmist writes *"Men's hormones fluctuate similarly to women's when a man is expecting to become a father, according to this story on Excite News. Scientists have known for years about the effects of the hormonal changes in women, but only recently discovered that changes occur in men as well. Although research in this area is new, I'd say there's a good chance it could enhance the argument that fathers have as much right to be parents as mothers do by scientifically establishing the similarities of the biological bonds. If we can't win with our hearts and souls, gentlemen, let's prove it with science."*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/01/06/18/026208.shtml

Helping At-Risk Young Men Become Good Fathers

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Nightmist writes *"This article about a young, reluctant father who changed his ways and grew responsible is important. For years, males have been ignored by teen sex/pregnancy education programs. The young man profiled here is now assisting other young men in these types of programs, helping to get them off the streets and to teach them to wait about becoming a father, as well as how to be a good father. The article also details a bill on the floor of the Calif. legislature to extend more funding to the male program."*

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An Interesting Difference of Opinion

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"I noticed kind of an interesting difference of opinion in these two articles - The Seattle Times: ""Do women batter? Sure, but not very often," said Bonnie Campbell, who headed the federal Violence Against Women office under President Clinton. "The more success we have as a society in highlighting violence against women, the more of a backlash we get," she said. "I view a lot of this talk about battered men as a significant part of the backlash."" The Irish Times: "Women are more likely than men to perpetrate domestic violence, according to new research on Irish couples who seek marriage counseling. The report, published yesterday, also found that domestic violence was one of the less important factors in marriage breakdown in the largely middle-class group studied." I wonder what the Irish know that Americans don't? From what I've heard lately, it seems the Irish are beginning to address DV as a non-gender issue, so maybe it bodes well for us Yanks!"*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/01/06/18/1743206.shtml

Prostate Cancer Risks Increases With Number of Sex Partners

Scott · 19 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"This article on Excite News claims that a man's risk of getting prostate cancer increases with the number of female sex partners he has during his lifetime. A good case for monogamy for heterosexual males, although many scientists nowadays believe that monogamy goes against our biological/procreational instincts."* And I'm sure that struggle will continue! :)

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Male Bashing in Academe

Scott · 19 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

An Anonymous User sent in this article. Ilana Mercer wrote the article for Lew Rockwell about how feminist ideology is attacking young men in schools and colleges. She starts out with a statement by a female Computer Science professor that men are lazy because they know they rule the world and their social status is assured. Mercer then delves into the fallacy of this attitude and of "second-wave feminism" itself, including comments by male students who feel they are treated unfairly. It's an excellent read - check it out!
Source: Lew Rockewell [web site]

Title: Male Bashing in Academe

Author: Ilana Mercer

Date: June 15, 2001

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M.A.D. Men United Revamps Web Site

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John Buethe wrote in to announce that his organization, M.A.D. Men United (M.A.D. standing for Men Against Discrimination) has become an official non-profit organization and redesigned their web site. You can view it at www.madmenunited.org.

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Safeway Joins Fight Against Prostate Cancer

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Ed Bartlett from the Men's Health America list writes, "*During the month of June, Safeway Foods has joined forces with CAP Cure (Association for the Cure of Cancer of the Prostate) to raise funds for prostate cancer research. Safeway customers can give the check-out cashier a $1 coupon, which is applied to prostate cancer research. For more information click here.*

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Ann Landers on Women Abusers

Scott · 20 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal and Richard Cann sent me Ann Lander's column today, about domestic violence against men. Neil writes *"Ann Landers is still claiming that there are more male abusers than female. I hope we can get her plenty of evidence to the contrary." I'm a bit lukewarm about her comments, too - while she admits that men need more services for domestic violence, she also is unwilling to accept women's violence, saying that women batterers are only alcoholics or druggies.*

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Men's Hour Program to Counter BBC Women's Hour

Scott · 20 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I think it was Jello Biafra who said, "don't blame the media...become the media!" Well, that is certainly the case for the Men's Hour web site, which was created by some individuals who felt that there needed to be an alternative to the Women's Hour program on the BBC network. The result is the Men's Hour, an audio program with interviews and news about men's issues and men's rights, listenable worldwide to anyone with an internet connection and a streaming audio player. Take a listen, they have the first program available, and while they are having a few technical issues during the program, it shows a great deal of promise.

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Boy Bashing

Scott · 20 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"Wendy McElroy once again exposes the political nature of some "studies" conducted in the 1990s which led to our current public policy of demasculinizing boys. The parents of one of the boys who participated in the study are challenging its results (results which claimed that boys exist in a "bully culture" and need to be feminized). The boys themselves say many of their answers were jokes. Said one subject: "Our immature attempt at humor four years ago should not be the benchmark for the 21st century.""*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/01/06/20/0410245.shtml

Upgrade Plan

Scott · 20 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Well, now that the new hardware seems to be working reliably, it has come time to do the software upgrade of the Mensactivism.org server. This web site will be down beginning Friday morning, June 22, and will come back up (hopefully!) sometime on Sunday, June 24. Visitors to the Mensactivism.org web address will see a temporary page with updates on my progress, and all @mensactivism.org e-mail should still be delivered intact. **PS:** Sorry about the downtime on Thursday night - we had a power outage and the server was unavailable until midnight EST.

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An Example of Unequal Sentencing

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Neuticle writes *"This story is on a 46 year-old woman who hit and killed two elderly people while driving her Benz and talking on the phone at the same time. She was charged on two counts of vehicular manslaughter. The sentence: 120 days HOUSE arrest, restricted driving (only to/from work etc.) and she is "not to use a cell phone while driving". Yeah, that she was only "grounded" for 120 days after killing two people is outrageous, but, especially in light of this study, I'm wondering if she just had one heck of a lawyer, or if gender bias by the judge had anything to do with it. Would a man in the same situation have got away so easy? I can only wonder."*Source: The Sacramento Bee [newspaper]

Title: Woman banned from using cell phone while driving after fatal crash

Author: Unknown

Date: June 14, 2001

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White Men Downsized at Ford Motor Co.

Scott · 21 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

An Anonymous Reader sent in an article from the Virtual New York News. It details how Ford has changed their management evaluation system in ways that discriminate against older white men. Two class action lawsuits have been filed and are in process. Read the article here.Source: Virtual New York

Title: White males accuse Ford of job bias

Author: Unknown [United Press International]

Date: June 20, 2001

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"Date-Rape" Down at UNH, And Men Can Be Victims Too

Scott · 21 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"In this story on Excite News, Dr. Ellen S. Cohn of the University of New Hampshire says that incidents of date rape and nonconsensual sexual contact are on a decline on that campus. The most interesting part of this study, however, is at the end of the article, where Cohn admits that 8 percent of men in the study reported unwanted sexual contact and 4 percent reported unwanted intercourse. Said Cohn: "I think that people for the most part have associated victims with being women. But in fact we know that there are cases of men who are victims, as well. I think it's just harder for men to come forward and admit that they've been victims.""*

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Two Points for More Responsible Rape Prosecutions

Scott · 21 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Bill Kuhl sent in some commentary on a recent report by the CBS Evening News: "*Last night's broadcast of the CBS Evening News contained a segment on the law's handling of testimony by frontline health professionals in rape trials, especially "he said/she said" cases where the outcome hinges on whether the sex was consensual or not. The report stated that in three separate Virginia rape trials, testimony by sexual assault nurses who had treated the women alleging rape was thrown out...*" Click on Read More to view the rest of his comments.The judge in each case stated that the nurse's testimony had gone past the point of simply reporting what she knew; the judges determined that the nurses had, essentially, drawn conclusions. In fact, one of the nurses concluded that, by having read Masters and Johnson's "Human Sexual Response," she was able to distinguish whether the sexual activity between the woman and the alleged rapist was consensual or not. From court documents, the reporter explained that the nurse believed that if there was damage to the woman's body then the sex must have been nonconsensual and if there were no damage then the rape was consensual. The judge agreed with the defense which held that consent cannot be determined by physical examination alone. It was also pointed out in the segment that, by and large, the group of sexual assault nurses shown in the background attending a legal workshop agreed that, as witnesses, they should "stick to the facts." One of the nurses even stated that a nurse giving testimony could not say if the sex was consensual or not "unless she was standing in the room" at the time of the act. The news piece also noted that the importance of testimony by frontline sexual assault nurses in "he said/she said" rape trials is paramount; their testimony usually weighs in heavily in such cases. The entire segment came off as being as responsible as the decisions of the three judges. Sources were cited throughout, defendants were referred to as "alleged" perpetrators, and the nurse who claimed to be able to determine consent from an examination alone was offered time to give her side of the story; however, she declined.

Bill

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Stop Making Schools Sedentary

Scott · 22 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"Today's Christian Science Monitor has a good letter about a very important issue: boys and schools. Read the letter here, titled "Let those kids move around!""* From the article: "*When the education system doesn't meet the needs of boys or require them to endure its hardships for its promise, many boys learn that it is not for them. Instead of trying to direct boys (and girls) into a sedentary mold, and allowing large numbers of men to be marginalized in their social contribution, shouldn't we attempt to make society more people-friendly?*" I thought this quote sounded particularly Warren Farrell-like. The letter makes some excellent points.

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US Black, Poor Men More Likely To Die From Heart Disease

Scott · 22 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"According to this article on Excite News, black men all over the country and poverty-stricken men of all races in the rural south are more likely to die of heart disease than their white or more affluent counterparts. From the article: "The Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in a report on heart disease the results showed the need to reduce inequalities in social environments.""*

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Daily Illini: "Battered Men Need Shelters"

Scott · 27 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"This editorial which ran in the Daily Illini and was reprinted on Excite News, offers some mainstream media support for building domestic violence shelters for men. It mentions the controversy over the numbers (battered women v. battered men), but then makes this well-stated point: "Whether there are 20,000 physically abused men or 20, they should have access to domestic-violence services. Family violence is harmful and wrong, no matter which gender is doling out the abuse.""*

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We're Back!

Scott · 27 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I'd like to thank everyone for being patient for the past five days in which Mensactivism.org was down for the system upgrade. From running out of space on my backup tapes to pulling my hair out trying to configure sendmail, to the lack of responsiveness from the DNS servers which direct the mensactivism.org domain to the correct server, it was a very stressful five days. But with new hardware, a less buggy version of the Slash web engine, and a fresh operating system, The Men's Activism News Network is now prepared for further expansion and some new ideas I've been working on. One of them is a weekly on-line chat session, which I'll release more details about this Friday. It's good to be back!

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/01/06/27/2121255.shtml

Racial Profiling of Black Men

Scott · 28 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"This article on Excite News details how about half of African American men responding to a survey felt discriminated against by law enforcement. Notice that fewer black women reported feeling discriminated against, hinting that not only do some law enforcement officers racially profile, but they also profile by gender."*

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Home Paternity Testing Kits Selling Fast

Scott · 28 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h sent me this story from the National Post. It's about the increasing sales of home DNA "paternity testing kits" in which tiny samples of genetic material are collected from the father and child and sent to a lab for testing. The company can then establish with certainty the paternity of the child. "*although the test was aimed at men, the firm had been surprised at the number of women applying to find out who was the father of their baby...[The lab's director said]:"We make it clear that it's better if all parties are informed, but we do not insist.'*" This, to me, is what I find most disturbing. Genetic testing without consent seems very much like a violation of privacy rights to me. Source: The National Post [newspaper]

Title: Business booming for mail-order paternity test

Author: Michael Leidig

Date: June 25, 2001

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DLJ No. 6

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Trudy Schuett's *DesertLight Journal*, Volume 1, Number 6 has been released and can be read here. Trudy has also created a page where you can view archived past issues of the e-zine, which focuses on father's rights and domestic violence against men. **Update:** Trudy also had a letter printed recently in the Phoenix New Times decrying the abuse of restraining orders.

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LA Times Exploits Men Again, Practices Bias in DV

Scott · 28 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"The LA Times spit out yet another anti-male piece on DV from a purely male=perpetrator perspective. You can read it here. The title says it all: "Helping Boys Be Boys, Not Abusers: A group called Mothers and Adolescent Sons aims to break the cycle of violence that often stems from fathers." They just can't seem to get off their gender-profiling kick. If you can, please write them a few lines at letters@latimes.com with a name, address & phone no, even if out of state."*Source: The L.A. Times [newspaper]

Title: Helping Boys Be Boys, Not Abusers

Author: Elizabeth Mehren

Date: June 26, 2001

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Man Falsely Imprisoned Sued for CS he Owed While in Prison

Scott · 28 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Andrew sent me this disturbing article from Yahoo! News. It begins: " *William Gregory spent eight and a half years in a Kentucky Prison for a rape he did not commit - leaving his son on state child support. But with his freedom came a twist straight out of Kafka: not only did he get no compensation, but the state then sued him for the child support it paid while he was in prison.*" Gregory was quoted as saying he was sleeping in the streets after being freed, and was given nothing to help get him back on his feet, despite the fact he was falsely imprisoned.

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Trial Starts for Brazilian Jail Massacre

Scott · 28 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Matthew writes *"This is a story that I found at www.gendercide.org (a great site for unbiased international news on gender issues). The story is from BBC News and gives a brief history of the massacre. What the story fails to mention is that all the prisoners killed were men. The gender imbalance in the criminal justice system (all over the world) is an issue that doesn't get discussed as often as it should and when something like this happens (to men) the gender aspect has almost always been completely ignored. Part of the problem, I feel, is that organizations that pay the most attention to these issues (Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Peace Brigades International, etc.) tend to have a feminist perspective. It would be beneficial to the people who depend on these organizations if more 'masculists' got involved with these organizations. On a final note I do think that it is to their credit that these organizations are beginning to progress to a more unbiased view of the world. It's just feels agonizingly slow to me."*Source: BBC News Network

Title: Brazilian policeman denies massacre

Author: Unknown

Date: June 21, 2001

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Paula Poundstone Charged With Child Endangerment

Scott · 29 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"This article on Fox News gives little detail on the charges against Paula Poundstone, who has been arrested for "three counts of committing a lewd act on a girl under the age of 14 on May 19 and June 6, as well as endangering two other girls and two boys on June 6, Deputy District Attorney Gina Satriano said in a statement. She could face a maximum of 13 years and four months in prison if convicted of all charges." It is interesting to me that in most cases of child endangerment involving males, the charges and details of those charges are laid out in black and white in the story. Here (even though police reports are public record in most states) we are told the D.A. isn't releasing details... interesting."*

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Breaking the Pink Barrier

Scott · 29 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"Marc Angelucci's short-but-sweet Letter to the Editor suggesting more equitable coverage of domestic violence issues appears in today's LATimes. Way to go, Marc!"*

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Gene Therapy Trials for Prostate Cancer Begin

Scott · 29 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"This article on Excite News details new gene therapy trials which could turn protstate cancer cells into targets for anti-cancer drugs. The therapy involves inserting a modified virus directly into the cancer cells."*

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On-Line Chat Sessions Start Next Week!

Scott · 29 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Mensactivism.org is proud to announce a new feature for the site: an on-line chat page. The only requirement to participate is a web browser with Java enabled, no one even has to sign up for user accounts to use the chat room. Our first official chat session will be held on **Thursday, July 5**, starting at **9:30 PM Eastern Time**. The session will last for as long as people participate. We'll have weekly chats on Wednesday nights at the same time from then on (next Wednesday is July 4, hence the exception). On top of that, there will be another special announcement during next Thursday's chat session including some **free giveaways**!

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Men Banned From Rock City Women's Festival

Adam · 30 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Yes, it's another"no men allowed" incident, according to this Ottawa Citizen article. As you would expect, they're backed up by the law to a certain extent since their justification "*cites a 1986 case in Montreal, in which a feminist group wanted to exclude men from a musical event on International Women's Day. The Quebec Human Rights Commission ruled that excluding men was within the organization's right.*" If ever there was a good reason for men's groups to gatecrash.... Source: The Ottawa Citizen [newspaper]

Title: No offence intended, men, but you're still unwelcome

Author: Bev Wake

Date: June 28, 2001

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Male DV Victims Overcoming Skepticism

Scott · 30 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"The Salt Lake Tribune ran this article recently about Jade Rubik and www.safe4all.org. In the story, Rubik tells some of his own horrifying experiences as a victim of abuse. I e-mailed him after the story ran. He said the piece ran on the front page of the print edition. That's pretty high profile in mainstream media. It's about time."*Source: The Salt Lake Tribune [newspaper]

Title: Victims of Domestic Abuse Slowly Overcoming Skepticism

Author: Ashley Estes

Date: June 26, 2001

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Don't Make Fun of Feminists

Adam · 30 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Here's an amusing incident involving the dress code at the South Carolina House of Representatives, a non existent Men's Caucus sending a memo, and some women's advocates. So how do these things come together to form an amusing story? Why don't you click the link and find out? The scary thing to me is that legal action could be in the works for something that was obviously satire.

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O'Reilly Attacks Fatherhood... AGAIN

Scott · 30 June 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"According to Fox News' Bill O'Reilly, the father of the five Yates children recently slain by their mother (allegedly in a fit of postpartum depression) should bear the responsibility for the deaths of said children. Of course, O'Reilly is going under the assumption that the mother really was insane at the time of the killings, an assumption which the science of postpartum depression may dispute. Again, remember that Bill O'Reilly is Fox News' Jerry Springer, so I wouldn't consider his opinion as being either informed or asserted with any great intellect."*

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Cathy Young Reviews Feminist Books

Scott · 1 July 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"In this Reason magazine review of recent feminist books, Cathy Young finds some documentation of women's desire to control child rearing."* Young's commentary on where feminism stands today is quite interesting, and she calls for the inclusion of men's perspectives in the ongoing dialogue about gender, even in books about feminism.Source: Reason [magazine]

Title: What Do Women Want?

Author: Cathy Young

Date: July 2001

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Singapore Clubs Offer Men's Night Out

Scott · 1 July 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"It's finally happened. Four night clubs in Singapore have offered a response to all the Ladies Nights offered by clubs all over the world: Men's Night. And guess what? They've been successful. In fact, the article suggests that the majority of the crowds who attend men's nights are male and heterosexual, meaning that the guys just want a night out without the girls. Likewise, the males on men's night are getting free or discounted admission to these clubs as well as free or discounted drinks. Maybe other clubs will take a hint and either get rid of the discriminating discounts altogether or offer comparable discount nights to males. Either way, I'd be happy."*

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Big Brother is Watching You

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AngryHarry sent in this story from the UK Sunday Times, about how "*An elite team of detectives and psychiatrists is being set up by police to target would-be killers and stop them before they commit murder.*" To what extent do you think this program will target males - particularly men of color? In other news, the Tampa Bay News Channel 9 is reporting that a camera system has been set up in Ybor city which digitally scans people's faces and compares them to a database of people's faces who have an oustanding arrest warrant. I sure hope they don't get too many false positives. Source: The Sunday Times [UK newspaper]

Title: New police unit will spy on would-be killers

Author: David Leppard

Date: July 1, 2001

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Tennessee Targets Spouse Behavior in Divorce Cases

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Nightmist writes *"A new Tennessee law will automatically place injunctions against spouses running away with children, draining joint bank accounts, and making harassing phone calls during divorce proceedings. The attorneys in this article (all female) disagree on whether the law is a good thing."*

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Activism Project: Get the Truth Out About DV in Scotland

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Douglas Rome, a journalist who writes extensively on men's issues in the UK, has told me that a particular domestic violence organization in Scotland is promoting lies and misleading info about domestic violence. Their "facts and figures," in particular, can be read here. Douglas has been organizing a campaign to lobby the group to change their information, and could use your help. Helen Norman is a main organizer for the group and can be e-mailed at HNorman@dghb.scot.nhs.uk. I would encourage people to be polite, but firm in their lobbying of this organization. Your efforts could be instrumental in changing the way DV awareness is promoted in Scotland.

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Custody Disputes in NH Favor Women

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This article from the Union Leader quoted some work done by the New Hampshire chapter of the National Congress for Fathers and Children, explaining that "*of 275 contested custody cases in 1998, mothers received sole custody of their children in 72 percent of the cases. Fathers received sole custody in 14.5 percent of cases. Joint custody was awarded in 10.5 percent of cases.*" The article falls short of claiming that bias undeniably exists against men in custody decisions, but the facts reported certainly seem to imply this. Source: The Union Leader [newspaper]

Title: Group: Courts favor women in custody cases

Author: Unknown (AP)

Date: June 26, 2001

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Review of Divorced Dads: Shattering the Myths

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Neil Steyskal writes *"Frontpagemag.com has an outstanding review of Dr. Sanford Braver's Divorced Dads"* The article is excellent, and explains how Braver debunks six of the most common anti-father myths one at a time. It's a very informative review. Thanks also to Not PC for submitting this review.

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Reversible Contraceptive for Men Being Tested

Scott · 2 July 2001 · Archived copy · Original

A recent National Post story describes a new form of male contraception that is as effective as a vasectomy but also reversible. A special implant is placed within the vas deferens tubes which blocks the sperm. The procedure for adding and removing the device is simple, and effectively creates a fully reversible vasectomy for its user. Initial safety clinical trials are beginning now, which will be followed by tests of the device's effectiveness.Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Ottawa approves human trials for reversible male contraceptive

Author: Tom Arnold

Date: June 28, 2001

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Time to Re-Write Title IX?

Scott · 2 July 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"Monday, the Washington Times published a good column on Title IX, which prevents single-sex programs in government schools. It implies, but unfortunately it doesn't explicitly show, that the schools are designed for girls."*Source: The Washington Times [newspaper]

Title: Rethinking Title IX

Author: Leonard Sax

Date: July 2, 2001

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Colorado Allows Custodial Parents to Relocate at Will

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A new law in Colorado will allow custodial parents to move at will by only giving the NCP notice of the move. This law will certainly bring more anguish to NCP fathers who will lose contact with their children more easily. Thanks to AngryHarry for notifying me of this article, which can be read at this link.Source: The Denver Post [newspaper]

Title: Another blow to marriage

Author: Al Knight

Date: June 20, 2001

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Making Excuses for Mothers Who Kill

Scott · 3 July 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Nightmist writes *"Wendy McElroy's latest column exposes the truth behind the news reports on Andrea Yates, the woman who recently killed all five of her children by drowning. McElroy touches on all the different ways in which this woman is being protected by media and feminists: from blaming society to blaming the children's father. This is one the best explanations of what's happening with this story that I've seen."*

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Men Benefit From Hormone Replacement Therapy

Nightmist · 4 July 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Although there's been much talk in the news about "male menopause," a scientist in this article on Excite News admits there is no such beast. Nevertheless, he adds that men who suffer from androgen or testosterone deficiencies in advancing age could benefit from hormone replacement therapy. Says the doctor: *"Male life expectancy is increasing and the quality of life for aging men plays a more and more important role; and of course, women notice the benefits of HRT and wonder why there is nothing equivalent for their partners."*

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Prostitute Admits She Killed Clients For Fun, Not Defense

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Now the subject of a television movie and an opera, convicted murderer and prostitute Aileen Wuornos has admitted that she killed six men because *she had "always wanted to kill somebody."* At her trial, she claimed the six men had assaulted her on separate occasions, and that she acted in self defense. She now says she wants to drop her appeals and allow the state to carry out her execution. If released, she says, she would kill again. It makes me sick that the arts have rallied around her, and turned this murderer into a hero while her victims become criminals.

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Happy Fourth of July

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Hope everyone is having a happy Fourth of July. I, personally, am using the time off not for bar-b-que and fireworks, but to contemplate the course of human freedom in this country, why it was established, and where it is going. Considering our many common interests and goals on this Web site, I thought the following might be an appropriate post for Independence Day:

WE hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness --

You may read all of the inspiring words of the Declaration of Independence here.

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Prostate Cancer Patients Have New Therapy Options

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This article describes a new procedure for prostate cancer patients who do not respond well to radiation treatment. Previously, if radiation therapy was not successful, patients were left with no other options. Now, Medicare will reimburse patients for cryotherapy, which destroys a tumor by freezing it.

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Activism Project: MA Reviewing Child Support Guidelines

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frank h sent me Ned Holstein's e-mail calling for action to change the Massachusetts child support guidelines. This is the first time in which fathers will be heard in the process of reviewing the guidelines, so please take part in the hearings if you're in the area! Click here to view details of how to participate and where the hearings are being held. This is a MAJOR opportunity that no MA father's rights advocate should miss out on!

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Scientists Identify New Male Infertility Syndrome

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This article on Excite News claims that male sperm counts have been on a steady decline for several decades, and that both genetics and environmental factors could be contributing to a rising number of male infertility problems and testicular cancer. The scientists believe the problems are beginning in the womb, and that *adverse environmental factors such as hormone disrupters, probably acting on a genetic susceptibility, could be to blame.* "Hormone dirupters" may be found in--among other things--paint, pesticides, and detergents.

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Site Addresses UK Senior Gender Discrimination

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AngryHarry sent in a link to this new web site, which seeks to address the gender inequalities and double standards that senior citizens in the UK face. Examples include benefits that women can take advantage of at age 60 while men must wait until age 65, including discounted bus passes, state pension, winter fuel allowance, prescription drug discounts, and tax breaks. This is all the more unfair considering that men die on average several years before women, lessening the years that men can enjoy these benefits even if they began at the same age as women.

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Report Recommends Women be Given Lighter Sentences than Men

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I was notified of this report from the Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly which proposes that women should receive lighter sentences than men for the same crimes. Part of their reasoning behind this is that since women are the primary caregivers of children, they should be treated more leniently for the sake of their children. Absolutely incredible...

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Viewing Violent Women as Victims

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I received an excellent article from Glenn Sacks, who had it published in both the Pasadena Star-News and the San Gabriel Valley Tribune. He only sold them market rights to the article, so I'm fortunate that it can be reprinted here (it's not in the web edition of either of the two newspapers). Click Read More to view an insightful essay into the reasons why society wants to make excuses for women, especially mothers, who murder.

Female Murderers Seen in a Different Light:

Society Prefers to View Violent Women as Victims

By Glenn Sacks

A Miami mother is drowning her six month-old baby in an apartment swimming pool when a maintenance man stops her and rescues the child. A Jacksonville woman asphyxiates her three children with car fumes. A Houston woman drowns her five children in a bathtub. A San Diego toxicologist poisons and kills her husband after he discovers her affair.

All of these crimes shocked the nation during the past week. But should we really be so surprised?

The truth is, female violence in American families is anything but rare.

For example:

According to the US Department of Justice, 70% of confirmed cases of child abuse and 65% of parental murders of children are committed by mothers.

Police investigators and academics believe that 15% of the roughly 7,000 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) cases reported each year in the United States are really cases of suffocation, primarily committed by the mother. This alone accounts for at least 1,000 homicides a year.

Criminologists point out many if not most cases of SIDS aren't reported and, because autopsies are rarely able to distinguish between suffocation and SIDS, the actual number of murdered infants is probably much higher.

Female juvenile crime rose 75% from 1980 to 1999, and female crime rose 200%. At the same time, violent crime nationwide declined.

Infanticide in the industrialized nations is as common or more common as the killings of adults, and the vast majority of these infants are killed by their mothers, according to the World Health Organization.

A custodial mother is five times more likely to murder her own children as a custodial father, adjusting for the greater number of single mothers, according to the US Department of Health and Human Services.

And women are getting away with it. Among women convicted of killing their infants, two-thirds avoid prison completely and the rest serve an average of only seven years. The average prison sentence for females in the U.S. is only about 70% that of males for most violent crimes. A man convicted of murder is 20 times more likely to receive the death penalty than a woman.

How do women get away with it? For one, their victims tend to be the helpless, or semi-helpless, such as children, the elderly, and infants. Thus there's less struggle in their crimes, and less evidence left behind. Also, they tend to use "hands off" methods such as smothering and poisoning, which are less traceable. Female murderers tend to be older than male murderers, and thus are looked upon with more trust and less suspicion. When killing husbands or other adults, women often hire others to

do the killing.

However, according to crime journalist Patricia Pearson, author of When She Was Bad: How and Why Women Get Away With Murder, the reasons women escape punishment go far beyond the evidence (or lack of it) left at the crime scene. Female killers, Pearson says, are often successful at turning their violent crime into victimhood by citing, among others, defenses such as Postpartum depression, Pre-Menstrual Syndrome, and Battered Wife Syndrome. According to Pearson:

"The operative assumption is that the violent woman couldn't have wanted, deliberately, to cause harm. Therefore, if she says she was abused/coerced/insane, she probably was."

Pearson also blames male judges and law enforcement personnel and men in the media who don't take women's capacity for violence seriously and tend to make excuses for, and cover up for, violent women.

The case of Russell Yates illustrates Pearson's point. His wife Andrea murders their five kids and he, while commenting on the horror of her crime, seeks to protect her from harsh punishment.
During the week after the murders, writers, talk-show hosts, and talk show callers rushed to make excuses for Ms. Yates. One caller suggested that Russell Yates is the real perpetrator for allowing Andrea to be alone with the kids in her condition and that he should be charged with manslaughter. Another caller compared the murders committed by a pair of 10 year-olds to the Andrea Yates
killings, saying that all three perpetrators need sympathy and understanding. The insulting infantilization of the mother--as if a grown woman is no more accountable for her actions than a 10 yea
r-old--went unnoticed by both conservative male talk show host Mark Taylor and his feminist co-host, Gloria Allred. After the Miami near-murder, one prominent internet news service posted the
story and asked readers to sound off on the question: "Should children be permanently removed from their mother if she tries to kill them?"

Treating the violent woman as if she were a child, or insane, or a victim worthy of sympathy--is this the way to protect society and our children from violent criminals?

Glenn Sacks is a columnist who has written for the Los Angeles Times, The Salt Lake City Tribune, and the Los Angeles Daily News.

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Courts Uphold Racial Profiling of Black Men

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This article in Christian Science Monitor tells the story of an African American state trooper who was pulled over, essentially, for "Driving While Black." He took it to court, believing he had a case, but the system apparently believes prejudice is OK if one is a police officer. Next, it'll be Spanish speaking people, then it'll be men in general...

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Man Freed After 14 Years For Rape He Didn't Commit

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Calvin Washington, 45, has been released from a Texas prison after 14 years, according to this article on CNN. He was convicted of rape and murder, but DNA evidence has now exonerated him. From the article: *"I'm speechless," Washington said after leaving the McLennan County Jail. "It was hard to do time like that knowing you didn't commit the crime."*

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Women's Groups Boycott Divorce Law Talks, Demand Their Own

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Earlier we had reported on the Canadian women's groups that have refused to sit at the table with father's rights advocates to discuss changes to Canada's divorce laws. From this National Post story: "*Although the consultations ended last month, the Justice Department and its provincial partners are considering a special session for "women's equality-seeking organizations" that are fighting proposed changes to the federal Divorce Act. Those changes would give separated and divorced parents an equal say in raising their children under a new concept called shared parenting. The women's groups are urging governments "not to cave into a father's rights groups agenda."*" Apparently it's okay to cave into the agenda of the women's groups, though. Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Feminists might be granted own hearing on divorce law

Author: Chris Cobb, with files from Ralph Bodirsky

Date: July 5, 2001

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Ignoring the Obvious When it Comes to Male Suicide

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John Waters wrote an important opinion piece for the Irish Times, where he looks into the causes for the ever-increasing rate of male suicides. He expresses frustration about how society doesn't want to understand why young men are killing themselves in such high numbers, and would rather leave the question to "experts" who can come up with biological reasons for depression rather than exposing the anti-male climate we live in today. It's a great article. Source: The Irish Times [UK newspaper]

Title: Reasons for male suicide all too clear

Author: John Waters

Date: July 1, 2001

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The Men's Helpline

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Tim Campbell posted the following to the newsgroup soc.men, which I thought would be relevant to readers here: "*The Men's Helpline is organized and run by men in the Guelph, Ontario, Canada area, with various backgrounds and experiences. We share a common interest in helping ourselves and others with problems. Our Mission is: to provide a telephone help line for men, to provide an open support group for all men, to invite discussion among men about the issues that we face, and to provide a Web-based presence, as well as resource links to other sites.*" Their web site can be found here.

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Yates Will Get Off "Because She Is a Woman"

Nightmist · 9 July 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Without running the Andrea Yates story in the ground (mother who killed her five children by drowing them in a bathtub), this commentary from the Iowa State Daily in plain-English states what I think many men are probably thinking right now. If the father had been the perpetrator, he would've already been convicted: both in the mind of the public, and especially in the press. The press seems ominously sympathetic to Andrea Yates, though, because of her claims that post-partum depression made her do it. Check the author's stats on that in this piece.

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U.S. DoD Sponsors Prostate Cancer Research

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The Men's Health America list sent out this interesting message which shows how the United States Department of Defense is sponsoring prostate cancer research. More info can be found on this fact sheet.

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Violence Against Men

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frank h writes *"As a follow-up to the Glenn Sacks item posted July 6, here's a piece from the NY Post on a related topic. When will the judges understand that just because a man CAN beat his wife in a fight doesn't mean he WILL."*Source: The New York Post [newspaper]

Title: The Husband Beaters

Author: Hallie Levine

Date: July 9, 2001

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Madonna Steals an Idea From The Dixie Chicks

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This short article on Excite news describes how Madonna has taken what she started with her "What It Feels Like For a Girl" video and continued it on her "Drowned World" tour. At one point in the show, she shoots a man "who has been harassing her" with a rifle. For those who haven't seen the video, it features Madonna and an elderly woman recklessly driving a stolen car, which they then use to run over, kill, and injure men on the streets.

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Abused Son Sues for Mother's Estate

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Chad sent in this article from the UK Guardian. It's about a 48 year-old man who is suing for a part of his late mother's estate. His mother, who sexually abused him when he was a child, left him completely out of her will. Raymond Marks claims he has experienced disorders including bulimia due to the abuse, and was the only child in his family.Source: The Guardian [UK newspaper]

Title: 'Abused' son sues for share of mother's estate

Author: Clare Dyer

Date: July 9, 2001

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Making Sperm Obsolete

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This article on Excite News is a bit frightening because, as the scientist quoted in the article states, it opens up an "ethical can of worms." Scientists in Australia believe they've found a way to fertilize eggs from cells from any part of the body, not just from male sperm (in mice). Scientists argue that this means infertile males may now have their own biological offspring (as can lesbian couples). Right now, they're predicting more problems than successes. Australia and other countries currently have a ban on this type of experimentation with human eggs.

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France Ends Military Draft

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This AP article describes how France has finally ended its military draft, and is releasing all men from service who were conscripted. Like the U.S., any man of 18 years old was eligible to be drafted. Unfortunately, it is not the sexism of the draft which brought about its demise, but France's feeling that it was simply no longer a military necessity (because of volunteerism and the lack of a serious national threat).

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Ford Dumps Discrimination Against Older White Males

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This story on Excite News heralds the end of Ford Motor Co's 2000 grading scale policy, which was introduced in an effort by Ford executives to get rid of the older white males populating the majority of management positions at the company. The policy became the target of several age, sex, and race discrimination lawsuits (the story labels the lawsuits "reverse discrimination" lawsuits because the people filing them are white males).

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Men's Hour Broadcast Number Two

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Episode two has been released of the Men's Hour, a streaming audio program which discusses men's rights issues, particularly in the UK. An interview with Len Miskulin, the father who went on a very severe hunger strike for 63 days, is included, as well as a man who was put in prison for giving his child a birthday present. RealAudio and Windows Media formats are available.

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On-Line Chat Tonight

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Remember, our weekly on-line chat will begin tonight at 9:30 PM Eastern Time. You can join the chat at this page. While we welcome all kinds of discussion in the chat room, tonight's main topic will be the way men are portrayed in the media. We're looking to put together a page on Mensactivism.org that tracks anti-male companies that abuse or defame men in commercials. Readers would then be able to see a list of companies that they might consider boycotting or writing to in protest.

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LA Times Columnist Supports Threatening Men With False Accusations

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Marc Angelucci writes *"John Smith sent this article from the LA Times to me. Take a look at the bigotry this columnist expresses about entrapping men: "I wish every Okinawan woman dating an American military man would implant in his brain the thought or fear that she might send him to jail." This author comes from miles away in Cardiff, California. The LA Times will print her bigotry but they refuse to print things from men's activists who live right here in LA. You can write the editor at letters@latimes.com."*

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MSNBC on Baby Abandonment (It's the man's fault)

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Michael Kramer sent me a link to this transcript of an MSNBC Dateline program about baby abandonment and the legislation which is making it legal (for mothers) in many states. Michael wrote an insightful response to the program and his letter can be read by clicking Read More below. As he said to me, "*The madness not only continues, it worsens daily, something straight out of Kafka. If you're a male in today's America, you best start running.*"Editors:

I just saw your report on the murdered baby.

Unfortunately -- but not surprisingly -- you failed to address the only germane issue in the whole putrid affair.

Blaming the boyfriend -- as the parents and townspeople do, and as your spin implied -- is ludicrous. That is facile scapegoating, but males in America should be used to it by now.

It is illuminating that the good folk of the town "rallied behind" the person responsible for the child's death.

Let us imagine, just for a moment, what the reaction of the good folk, of the courts, and of your show would have been were a man found responsible for leaving a baby to freeze to death in the snow. I can tell you -- he would have been lucky to survive long enough to make it to the courthouse, and if he did, he would be in prison until his toenails fell out. In the prisons we maintain for men, no doubt he would have been beaten and sodomized in line with the jungle justice doled out by the other prisoners. He wouldn't have been weeping crocodile tears at the Women's Correctional Country Club.

In the unlikely event that he were ever released from prison, we can be sure that a roomful of mickey mouse memorabilia and christmas gifts would not be awaiting him. I don't think the townsfolk would be waiting to greet him with open arms and forgiveness, either.

The real issue here -- the one we can't talk about in America, and damn sure can't report on -- is the infantilization, coddling, and massive overprotection of the feminine, especially of girls, along with the comprehensive double standard of justice in America based on gender. Now that's not a report we're likely to see on MSNBC, is it?

The American media, and American culture in general, shares partial culpability for the death of this child. As long as we hold women and girls to one standard of "justice," and men and boys to another, we can expect that many more of "daddy's little girls" will feel sufficiently privileged to do whatever they damn well please, to whomever they please. Why shouldn't they? Even the murder of a child elicits only sympathy when you're one of the Protected Classes.

"There's a babe in the arms of a woman in a rage," Bob Dylan sings, and he ain't just woofin'. From SIDS to sentencing, from the schoolyards to the skyscrapers, we are a culture in total gender denial, with males scapegoated and punished in every cultural context, and females deified and excused. When we entitle, privilege, and protect one class of persons over another, these are the results we must expect, and we are ALL responsible for the outcome.

Until the American media finds the courage to report on that, we will all suffer the consequences. It'll be a long, long time coming.

Michael Kramer

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DesertLight Journal No. 7

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A new issue of the DesertLight Journal is out, with information about Clayton Giles' journey across Candada and the U.S. to protest the way family courts treat children, and a new masculist literature e-mail list, among other things. Check it out at this link, and thanks to Trudy Schuett for her efforts!

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Wisconsin High Court Orders Man Not to Father Children

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A four-man and three-woman Wisconsin high court in this story from Excite News has banned a man from having any more children while he is on probation for not paying $25,000 in child support. The decision was split along gender lines. The three female justices said that the ban denied the man his basic human (and Constitutional) right to father a child. The four male justices said the ban forced the man "to consider responsibility." The female justices and the man's lawyer expressed concern that such action could lead to the trampling of the rights of men who cannot afford child support.

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Male Pill Being Tested in Britain

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Not PC sent me this article from the UK Telegraph about a male contraceptive pill. The drug would be a pill which hormonally stops sperm production and would be effective for three years. Testosterone injections would have to be given to maintain normal sex drive, but according to the article, "*The results to date show completely reversible blockage of sperm production without major side effects.*" Source: The Telegraph [UK newspaper]

Title: 'Pill' for men that lasts three years

Author: Celia Hall

Date: July 11, 2001

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"Politically Incorrect" w/ Bill Maher Tackles Feminism

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Igor writes *"I was channel surfing late last night (7/11/01), and I stopped on "Politically Incorrect," a show on ABC that tackles abrasive issues with comedy (always a good approach). Last night, the focus was on feminism and its flaws. One of the guests was (hooray!!!) Christina Hoff Sommers. She did an amazing job fending off the most anti-male guest (ironically, a man), a film director whose name escapes me. He reminded me of the way I (and, I suspect, a few of you) used to be, and I pitied him. Bill Maher (the host) and CHS made some great points during the show, and a transcript should be up any time now at the "Politically Incorrect" website."*

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Young Men's Satisfaction in Life Dependent on Having Girlfriend

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An Anonymous User sent me an article from the Sydney Morning Herald. It describes how young men surveyed showed a dramatic difference in the satisfaction with their lives, depending on whether they had a girlfriend or not. Furthermore, only 18 percent of fathers feel satisfied with their relationship with their teenage sons. Perhaps the two could be related? It's probable that when men are trained to depend on women for emotional support, that this kind of scenario is bound to happen. You can read the article here.Source: The Sydney Morning Herald [Australian newspaper]

Title: Life tough on young men still in the hunt for love

Author: Leonie Lamont

Date: July 11, 2001

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What Men Want

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Although articles like this one on AskMen.com leave a lot to be desired in terms of depth, I do think it brings up a good point. The author points out that society pressures men to be obsessed with what women want--what makes women happy--in a relationship. Why not turn the tables? Here are 10 things that men might want in order to be happy in a relationship.

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Divorce Research Project in NY

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Peter Allemano writes "*The Greater New York Chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men is considering undertaking a research project involving issues surrounding divorce in New York State. Initially, information is sought about New York attorney JoAnn Douglas and New York Supreme Court Justice Judith J. Gische. Anyone with knowledge about, or personal experience with, either of these individuals is kindly requested to contact Joseph R. Sahid, Esq.*" I've moved Sahid's other contact info into the Read More section, but his e-mail is sahid@att.net.Joseph R. Sahid, Esq.

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British Men Increasingly Suicidal

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This report on Excite News indicates that British men are now three times as likely as women to take their own lives. In 1971, men were 1.5 times more likely. Researchers for this study claim they have not yet found a cause for the increase in suicide among men, while women's suicide rates have remained relatively stable.

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Compensation for Falsely Accused Teacher in Canada

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Anonymous User writes *"A former teacher in Canada has been awarded some money after a parent falsely accused him of sexual misconduct. The story can be read here."* The teacher received $70,000, after having proved that the parent intended to cause "*destruction through a gratuitous, malicious and a vicious attack.*"Source: The Montreal Gazette [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Parent must pay teacher $70,000

Author: Karen Seidman

Date: July 13, 2001

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MANN Feature: The Battle for Men's Rights in Scotland

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Douglas Rome, a Scottish poet and professional journalist, sent in an engaging essay about the current happenings of the men's movement in Scotland, and the struggles it is facing. Of the many things one might call Douglas Rome, complacent isn't one of them - his writing style mixes news journalism with confrontational editorial commentary that makes no apologies. Douglas covers the status of several key men's rights issues, including father's legal rights, male suicide, false rape accusations, and more. Click Read More below for the essay.

The Battle for Men's Rights in Scotland

By Douglas Rome, douglas-rome@lineone.net

Dumfries, Scotland

Embattled men in Scotland have won crucial new rights in the teeth of bitter opposition from the Scottish matriarchy. The Scottish Executive -- the new devolved government in Scotland -- has started an inquiry into women's violence against men.

For decades, feminists have insisted that domestic violence is inflicted exclusively by men on women. Now, after unrelenting pressure by the men's movement, the Executive has been forced to concede otherwise. Announcing the inquiry to the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh, the social justice minister (and feminist) Jackie Baillie said (through gritted teeth) that the results should be known by early next year.

It is not known yet who will lead the probe or how far-ranging its research will be; but campaigners for men's rights have made it clear that if the inquiry team works to a brief dictated by the feminist agenda, they will not accept its (predictable) conclusions. Activists in the men's movement say that as it was their campaign that forced the government into action, they should have a key role in the inquiry.

And in another significant advance for Scottish men, the Executive is to give unmarried fathers full legal rights over their children in reforms planned for Scotland's family laws. Forty per-cent of Scottish children -- about 18,000 -- are born to unmarried couples, but the fathers have no automatic legal rights over their health, welfare and education. All that will change as the Executive strives to create more stability for children for whom often-feckless mothers have sole responsibility.

Alastair McLaughlan is typical of the fathers who have been deprived of their rights. When he and his partner split up, he discovered that because they were not married, he had no legal right to a say in his son's future. Like thousands of other Scottish fathers, he thought that because his name was on his son's birth certificate, his legal rights and responsibilities were guaranteed.

Alastair says: *"With no rights or responsibilities, you are right at the bottom of the ladder. The state is telling you that if you want to be a father to your children, you have to prove you are suitable. You are guilty until proven innocent."* Under the present discriminatory family laws, if a father wants legal parental rights, he has to marry the child's mother, register an agreement with her, or get a court order.

Alison Clelland, convenor of the Child Law Centre in the Scottish capital city Edinburgh, said the proposed changes would benefit children. She said: *"I know of many clients who think that because their name is on the child's birth certificate, they have some rights. They don't. If they have been involved with their children's lives, that seems to them very wrong and unfair -- and the centre agrees with them."*

The changes to the family laws will affect only fathers whose names are on their children's birth certificates. The draft bill goes out for consultation next year: for Scotland's deprived and derided unmarried dads, it can't become law quickly enough.

Meanwhile, men's rights campaigners in Scotland are focusing on two more issues that are central to the struggle between the genders: the national tragedy of young male suicides and the alarming rise in the number of false rape allegations by vindictive or deranged women. Men account for three out of every four suicides in Scotland. The Scottish suicide rate is one of the highest in Europe. Suicide kills more young men here under the age of thirty-five than die in road traffic accidents. Since 1989, suicides and undetermined deaths have risen by more than one-fifth. The latest figures for Dumfries and Galloway, the region of Scotland where I live, show that male suicides outstrip female suicides by a ratio of **five to one**.

Of course, the regional health authority here is worried about men's plight...so very worried that its major promotion this year is the creation of a website devoted to "domestic abuse" -- one that uses the distortions of the women's movement (and public funds) to repeat feminist cant about male violence. Go to www.dumgal.gov.uk/domesticabuse to see what I mean. Then ask spokeswoman Helen Norman how the health authority plans to help the male victims of women's violence mentioned on her site. You can email her at HNorman@dghb.scot.nhs.uk -- although you may have to wait for a reply.

The Scottish Executive is funding an inquiry into suicide and homicide by people suffering from mental illness. I trust that it will ignore the "explanations" offered by psychiatrists and all the other functionally-useless "behavioural experts." According to most of them, young men kill themselves because of some obscure (and never convincingly defined) chemical process in the brain. Significantly, the mind-doctors never talk about the one indisputable fact of the suicide rate among young Scottish males: that its rise runs parallel with, and is inextricably linked to, the triumph of man-hating feminism in Scotland. Feminism -- more properly, womanism -- arrived here just in time to rescue Scotland's mildewed matriarchy from the oblivion so long yearned-for by decent people of both genders. The feminazi chorus began with the aberrant murmurs of Women's Liberationists in the late-1960s, swelling through three dark decades to the full-throated shriek of visceral misandrists who blame all men for everything that is wretched in their sterile lives.

In one of history's most successful propaganda campaigns, feminists persuaded the UK government to open its coffers without limit to Women's Aid, Victim Support, War Against Rape, Rights of Women, Zero Tolerance, Justice for Women, and all the other parasitic supplicants spawned by feminism. At the same time, it levered its zealots into powerful positions in the Government bureaucracy and -- its most significant achievement -- recruited them to the universities and other higher educational institutions. Campus feminism, under the seemingly innocuous syllabus label "gender studies", used Hitlerian indoctrination techniques to foster misandry in the minds of our brightest youngsters from the 1970s onwards.

What the misandrists didn't know (until now) is that among the students whose minds they tried to corrupt in all the major Scottish universities were male and female members of the antifeminist movement who recorded every hate-filled utterance of their feminazi teachers. When a true, gender-blind rule of law prevails in this country, and the mind-manipulators are brought to a rigorous final reckoning, they will have condemned themselves out of their own mouths.

A similar fate awaits those women who cry rape falsely. In 1991, Catherine Commins, then assistant dean of student life at the prestigious Vassar College in New York, extolled (without criticism or dissent) the value for feminism of making false accusations of rape. Her criminal endorsement of one of the gravest crimes was reported in Time Magazine's edition of June 3, 1991. Since then, the international cysterhood has taken up her call with evil glee; each year increasing numbers of men are jailed, and some executed, for crimes of which they are innocent.

It's difficult to imagine a crime more destructive than false rape; for, whatever the outcome of the trial, the victims' lives are wrecked. Even after they have been cleared by the courts, the unjustly accused men are branded forever: they carry a stain that everyone can see. They can change their names, their addresses and their jobs -- but, like men hunted as paedophiles by the vigilante mob, they cannot change the evil destiny forced on them by a lying woman.

Scottish men's rights campaigners, demanding laws to protect men from false rape allegations, say that men accused

of rape should be given equal anonymity with their accusers. The campaigners want a register of false rape accusers -- similar to the British register of sex offenders -- and a study of how the legal system deals with false accusations. Malicious claims should bring sentences equivalent to those handed down for rape, they say.

The activists point to research in the United States which shows that a quarter of the number of men convicted of rape are innocent. *"Impossible, unjust, an insult to women,"* screamed the matriarchy , which found a spokeswoman (of a kind) in Professor Sheila McLean of Glasgow University, an "expert" on medical and legal ethics. She dismissed the campaigners' proposals as "unworkable."

Mclean said that the notion of a "false accusers" register would serve no purpose as it was often difficult to establish whether allegations had been made maliciously. It would therefore be difficult to prosecute malicious accusers. McLean's idiocies show, perfectly, why moral philosophers change nothing (save, occasionally, each other's minds). Her position is best summed up thus: "We think this woman, or these women, is/are lying about being raped. That's a crime. But because we think we can't prove it, we're going to let the criminals carry on with the crime." If present interrogation techniques cannot bring the rape liars to justice, it's time we tried other methods, including the use of a "truth" serum such as sodium pentathol on both the accused and the accuser. Innocent men and women would have nothing to fear.

I acknowledge that this is an extreme step: it goes against every instinct for freedom that I own; it's incompatible with our noblest democratic traditions. But when we fight gender-fascism we fight the most powerful totalitarian force since Hitlerism. The existential plague that calls itself "feminism" is pure death instinct, visceral hatred on a global scale. It threatens all that's best in Western civilization. When we go to the arsenals of democracy for the weapons to fight it with, we find that all the guns are rusted. If I may adapt Churchill slightly, we must be prepared to mete out to the feminazis the measure, and more than the measure, of what the feminazis have meted out to us. And we must use the the most effective weapons we have.

All my life I have opposed capital punishment -- or murder by the state as we should more properly call it. But after a decade of chronicling the atrocities of feminism, I am beginning to change my mind. Rape liars smash lives. Perhaps they should pay with their own, or at the least be imprisoned for life without the possibility of parole. I think the same about the ultimate fate of the evil women in nursery group, primary school classroom and university lecture-hall who, at the behest of gender supremacy, have turned the best education system in the world into a death camp of the mind patrolled by the Gestapo thugs of political correctness.

In 1970, Germaine Greer published The Female Eunuch -- feminism's Mein Kamp -- in which she inquired: *"Is it too much to ask that women be spared the daily struggle for superhuman beauty in order to offer it to the caresses of a subhumanly ugly male?"* That was the signal for her followers everywhere to launch the demonisation of men in terms which exactly mimicked the Nazis' vilification of non-Aryans before the Third Reich began its genocide of the Jews. Since then the feminazi assaults on all decency and humanity have grown in stridency and viciousness, unchallenged by supine judges in their complicit courts, to the point where natural justice demands as savage a response. Let me assure gender totalitarians everywhere: it is coming. The protean surge of the international men's human rights movement is the most thrilling development of my time. It is a great convulsion of rage, anguish, despair and love -- a veritable *tsunami* in the socio-cultural ocean. The great wave carries with it the hopes and dreads of a generation of men all-but-destroyed by feminism's insane supremacist imperative. It is about to engulf the enemy shoreline. Then "let the healing fountain start / in the desert of the heart."

By endless cunning, duplicity and secret conspiracy in the desert of *its* heart, feminism thought to neuter successive generations of men, to make them its slaves. Instead, at the end of one of the darkest nights of the Western soul, all that it has done is rouse a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve.

Douglas Rome is a Scottish poet and journalist.

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Men Still Account for 93% of All Occupational Deaths

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As posted to the Men's Health America list, "*This recent report from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reveals that even though occupational death rates are falling, men account for 93% of all occupational deaths.*" The CDC report updates the information covered by Warren Farrell in his groundbreaking book The Myth of Male Power, where I first learned about this enormous gender disparity.

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International Men's Network

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Alan Carr has created a site and a movement idea called the International Men's Network. The idea is that the network grows by each participant finding two other men to join, and each "cell" of three men writes in protest or support of a particular cause each month. I think it's a neat idea. His web site was pretty hard for me to read, and I've been told he's had problems with some people's browsers but not others, so check it out and if you are having trouble reading it just e-mail Alan at pc006a0002@blueyonder.co.uk and I'm sure he'd be glad to explain.

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Boy Dies at AZ "Reform" Camp

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Ken sent me a few articles about a boy who died while attending a reform school/camp for troubled youths. These camps are often harshly physically abusive to children in an attempt to scare them out of their antisocial behavior. And of course, these camps are populated almost exclusively by boys, something not pointed out in any of these articles. A story from the New York Times (free registration required to read) can be read here, and there are two other articles from the Arizona Republic, article1 and article2.

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Court Threatens Right To Bear Children

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Kathleen Parker wrote a great article for TownHall.com in which she discusses the recent WI court decision barring a "deadbeat dad" from having any more children. While the idea makes sense on the surface, there is a lot more at stake when it comes to our civil rights, as Parker clearly points out. The ruling also reinforces a gender double standard, "*This court ruling is just one more message that men are no-count predators while women are hapless victims. Women choose; men lose.*" And this is how it's been so far in the history of men's reproductive rights.
Source: Town Hall [conservative news web site - www.townhall.com]

Title: Court Threatens Right To Bear Children

Author: Kathleen Parker

Date: July 14, 2001

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Female Teacher Sentenced to 45 Days for Sexual Contact with Students

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cheddah sent in this AP article, which as the title states is about a woman who received 45 days in prison and must stop teaching for having sexual contact with two 17 year-old male students of hers. The teacher's lawyer was quoted as saying "*[his client] was worried about being treated fairly by the courts because of her gender and the publicity surrounding the charges, but was satisfied with the outcome.*"

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More Women Inmates Than Men Treated For Mental Illness

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This report on Excite News claims that prison inmates who are mentally ill often go untreated, and that the number of mentally ill people in prison is underestimated. It also says that female prisoners are treated at a higher rate for mental illness than their male counterparts. Anyone surprised?

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Maine "Child Abuser" Registry Under Fire

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The Portland Press Herald printed a story about controversy stirring over a registry of people who have been investigated for child abuse cases, which is routinely used for background checks by employers. Just recently the people who were in the registry no longer have to be contacted about it, and there are many people in it who have been wrongly accused for child abuse or neglect. The article can be read here.Source: The Portland Press Herald [newspaper]

Title: List of alleged child abusers called unfair

Author: Gregory Kesich

Date: July 12, 2001

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Latino "Men's Movement" Aims to Redefine Masculinity

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Christian Science Monitor ran this article about a growing Latino men's movement. This movement seems to have adopted the feminist notion that men are predatory and women and children are victims. While it is laudable that these men should want to become more in tune with their families, it is disconcerting to hear them say things like "most of us were beaten by our fathers."

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Mother of "Political Correctness" Says She Was Misundertsood

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Fox News' regular PC Police feature offers a couple of stories of interest for men, including a quote from Julia Kristeva, the so-called matriarch of political correctness. "*Kristeva now says she and her work have been misunderstood by groups that held her out as an icon of feminism and multiculturalism. She believes the group identity adopted by some feminist, gay and ethnic leaders is "totalitarian" and that freedom of the individual should take precedence over communitarianism; that political assertion of sexual, ethnic and religious identities eventually erodes democracy."*

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A Day of Discrimination Against Men

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This article from AskMen.com follows one man through his workday and social life as he details every ounce of discrimination he faces. This reads a bit like fiction, and it may be, but it is still an account of problems with which we all identify. It's depressing. And I think we've found another commercial to add to the list of male bashing companies we discussed during last week's chat: Radox Bath Salts. **Update:** Found a strikingly similar article here at bigpond.com. I don't know, now, if this is the same author, plagiarism, or spoof.

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Sitter Who Allegedly Had Sex With Children Says Boys Are To Blame

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A babysitter who allegedly had sex with an 8-year-old and a 9-year-old boy now claims in this article from The Salt Lake Tribune that the young boys forced her into it. A female judge has delayed the babysitter's sentencing so the woman can "undergo psychological counseling." *Male defendants convicted of molesting and then blaming young girls are routinely sentenced to prison. But on Friday, 3rd District Judge Leslie Lewis delayed Nelson's fate for 90 days, and ordered her to undergo a psychosexual evaluation by prison psychologists. "I need to know what happened here," Lewis said.* Click Read More for information on contacting Judge Lewis.
Judge Lewis is, incidentally, the chair of the Utah Gender Bias Implementation Committee. I have so far been unable to find an e-mail address for her. You may contact her through the U.S. mail or phone number below (as posted on the Utah Bar Web site).

Judge Leslie A. Lewis

3rd Judicial District of Utah

240 E. 400 South

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

801-535-5474

I encourage anyone making contact with Judge Lewis to be polite but firm in your assertion that this sitter should not be given a lighter sentence because of her gender.

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Men May Be At Greater Risk for Methamphetamine Damage

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Steve writes *"In this article from HealthScoutNews, Adam Marcus reports that men who use the drug methamphetamine may have an increased risk for brain damage if their mothers abused that drug. New research shows the increased risk affects male laboratory mice, but does not affect female laboratory mice. Methamphetamine is a widely abused drug and is known by the slang names 'crank' 'ice,' and 'chalk.'"*

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Report on MA Child Support Hearings

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Ned Holstein from Fathers and Families sent out an update on the public hearings on the Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines, which are up for review. We reported on this earlier and included it in our Activism Projects page - thanks to everyone to participated! To read Ned's message, click Read More below. Apparently the first two meetings went extremely well.

Last week, the fatherhood movement took an important step forward at the first two of five child support hearings. This week, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, we must keep up the pressure by filling the hearing halls in Worcester and Lawrence.

For the fist time ever, those who are responsible for reviewing the child support guidelines heard the voices of non-custodial parents. Both the Boston and Brockton hearings were packed to standing-room only, indicating the depth of the discontent over the current guidelines. In the time allotted, only 53 speakers could be heard, each for three minutes, almost all of whom were non-custodial parents telling how the present child support guidelines harm their children. Quite a few second wives were heard as well, explaining how their children are made into second-class citizens by the extraordinary amounts of child support that are required in Massachusetts.

Judge Barbara Dortch-Okara, who will have the final say over any changes to the Guidelines, personally attended the Boston hearing, which, like the other hearings, have come about only because of the political pressure generated by Fathers and Families.

A handful of people were there to advocate for HIGHER child support guidelines. These people are taxpayer-supported professionals who openly discriminate against fathers--by their own admission, they will represent only mothers, not fathers, in family law actions. They are employed by the Women's Bar Association, the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Greater Boston Legal Services and various domestic violence groups.

But where were the single mothers--those who, according to the paid poverty lobby, are suffering from inadequate child support? There were only one or two such single mothers there. Why? Because most single mothers know deep in their hearts that the existing guidelines are more than fair to them. There is no grass-roots constituency for raising the child support guidelines, only the paid poverty bureaucracy.

A few single mothers were there because they are not receiving court- ordered child support from their ex's. These women have a legitimate complaint in most cases, but their problem cannot be solved by raising the guidelines for those who do pay. To the contrary, a persuasive argument can be made that many of these mothers receive nothing precisely because the guidelines are so high; their ex- partners would rather disappear, so goes this argument, than subject themselves to a system that will jail them when they inevitably fall behind on an impossibly high child support order.

Call to Renewed Action

We cannot allow the authorities to look out over empty hearing halls in Worcester, Lawrence and Springfield. We must fill these halls as we filled Boston and Brockton. We must show that excessive child support is a problem all over this state, that there is a seething resentment about it, that children are harmed when their fathers are impoverished, and that fathers care deeply about the wellbeing of their children. We need YOU to come to the remaining hearings. WE ESPECIALLY NEED STEPMOTHERS AND GRANDPARENTS.

I especially urge you to attend the hearing on Wednesday evening, July 18 in Lawrence, where I believe there will be the best chance of having an opportunity to speak. Details and directions follow.

Worcester

Tuesday evening, July 17, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Worcester Courthouse

50 Harvard Street

Jury Assembly Room

Lawrence

Wednesday evening, July 18, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Fenton Judicial Center

2 Appleton Street

Courtroom 1

Springfield

Tuesday evening, July 24, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.
More info in a few days.

Ned Holstein, MD, MS

President

Fathers and Families

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Confronting Women's Violence

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Trudy W Schuett and an Anonymous User both sent in this essay from Lew Rockwell.com. Ilana Mercer directly examines the ways society denies that women have a violent nature and the double standards which perpetuate it. She also notes that "*Women's aggression is different to that of men, which is why it so easy to misconstrue*" and concludes, " *the old stereotypes must be replaced with a nuanced understanding; one which recognizes that if women can match men in almost every way that is good and fine - then so can they harbor the potential to be as sinister as men.*"

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Men Opposed To Marriage

Adam · 18 July 2001 · Archived copy · Original

There's an excellent article here at the Alberta Report about "*a growing male mutiny against marriage.*" It turns out that men are becoming very aware of the ways they are treated unfairly with legal marriage, and are avoiding it like the plague. They look at several factors contributing to this including the comments of Greg Kershaw, founder of the father's group Fathers Are Capable Too (FACT). The article well worth bookmarking in my opinion.

Source: The Alberta Report [online newsmagazine]

Title: Do You Take This Woman? No Way!

Author: Paul Wodehouse

Date: January 18, 1999

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On-Line Chat: Strategies for Promoting Men's Rights

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Yes, it's time again for our weekly chat - last week's was very productive, and the list of pro and anti male companies should hit the web site later today. Tonight, our topic will be **strategies for promoting men's rights**. What new and unorthodox methods need to
be tried in this arena? Are there any special tricks or techniques in
the traditional methods (letter writing, etc) which you feel helped to
get your voice heard? Join our discussion and learn how to maximize
the effectiveness of your activism! Click here to go to our chat page at 9:30 PM Eastern Time tonight.

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The Politics of Prison Rape

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frank h sent in this article from FoxNews and writes *"I know I'm treading on thin ice here, but I hope our gay readers will give me some leeway because this article brings up some interesting questions. First among them is why is it that prison rape gets so little attention until it happens to someone who looks/purports to be a woman? I take no issue with Cuoco's desire to change gender, but I have to assert that if Cuoco had presented herself as a male, this would NEVER receive national attention. Is the best way for a man to get attention to injustice to change himself into a woman? Why is it more wrong or more noteworthy to rape a woman than it is to rape a man? If the state regards Cuoco as a man and if the court finds the for the plaintiff (Cuoco), then what precedent is set for other men who are raped in prison?"*

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The Mensactivism.org Media Watch

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I added a Media Watch page to track companies or groups that portray men positively or negatively in the media. Use the list to voice your opinion to these entities and encourage pro-male portrayals and discourage (even boycott) companies or groups which bash men on a regular basis. The initial list is a compilation created from our last on-line chat session and recent e-mails we received on the subject. Thanks so much to the people to contributed to this list!

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Campaign to End Selective Service

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An Anonymous User writes *"This isn't an article per se, but were you aware that the Libertarian Party has launched an online campaign to end Selective Service? Did you know that a bill to end the draft has been introduced to the House of Representatives? Check out the official website for more information, and to sign the petition supporting HR 1597: endselectiveservice.org"*

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Wrongly Convicted Men File $60M Lawsuit

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The men in this story from Excite News were convicted of murder based on the testimony of one female witness, who later recanted and said she testified against them for the $1,000 reward. The two men spent 14 years behind bars before a private detective located the real killer. One woman's word is worth the word of 100 men, perhaps?

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Australian Web Site Attempts to Stem Suicidal Tide

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Doctors in Australia have launched a new Web site (the server is apparently not up yet, though) in an effort to stem the alarming tide of young male suicides in that country. According to this story from Excite News, the suicide rate for young males in Australia has doubled since 1975. One in four deaths of young men in that country is a result of suicide.

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New Commercials Break Down Latino Male Stereotypes

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According to this article from Excite News, the creator of the GOT MILK? ad campaign is starting a new Spanish language advertisement which also focuses on shattering the stereotype that Latino men "wouldn't be caught dead doing woman's work," or spending time with their children. The commercial features a father and daughter shopping for groceries together. The article generalizes that Latino men are family-centric, but most ads depict them as hardened and unemotional toward their wives and children. This sounds like a good spot for the "pro-male" category on our media page.

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Words of Advice From Daniel Amneus

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I'm posting this article for two reasons, firstly it summarizes all his work, so please read this article very carefully and examine everything he says, and lastly, the main point Amneus makes is that by paying child support, alimony, etc, men are paying for the destruction of their own families and themselves, something that cuts close to what countless divorced dads know all too well.

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Executive Women Choose Flexibility Over Pay

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BusterB writes *"As reported in the National Post of Canada, "A survey of 350 female executives in Canada revealed that an overwhelming majority prefer incentives that allow them to attain balance in their lives...." This article outlines how women executives the positions that feminists are always whining that women have trouble attaining prefer job flexibility such as a four-day work week over more pay. The problem for feminism, of course, is that this kind of survey puts a lie to their claim that when women are paid less than men for the same job, it's because of discrimination."*

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MA Child Support Awards Unfair to Fathers

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The Worcester Telegram printed this story about the Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines hearings, with the title, "Support levels high in Mass." It's a supportive article that objectively explains the bias against Non-Custodial Parents in divorce and the reality of false accusations against fathers. How refreshing it is to see such a positive piece about an emotionally charged issue in the mainstream news!Source: The Worcester Telegram

Title: Support levels high in Mass.

Author: Martin Luttrell

Date: July 18, 2001

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Media Watch Submissions

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I'd like to thank the people who have been writing in about the Media Watch page and making suggestions. I promise to update the page this weekend, as I'm busy playing catch-up with work and e-mail today.

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Misandry and Jewish Culture

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Glenn Sacks wrote a particularly courageous editorial for the Intermountain Jewish News. In it, he describes his experiences with Jewish family and friends and the excessive male bashing he's found from Jewish women. While many people will take exception to Glenn's focus on misandry in Jewish culture, Glenn is Jewish himself, so no one can accuse him of harboring anti-semitic prejudice. In an e-mail to me he said he is *not* attacking Jews in general. **Note: This was our 1,000th posting to Mensactivism.org!**

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Sexism Against Men a Result of the "Patriarchy???"

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Here's an interesting bit from Excite News. The National Organization for Men Against Sexism has organized a conference to discuss how sexism against men is a result of a "sexist, patriarchal society." *The overwhelming majority of murderers and homicide victims are male, and men are more likely than women to use drugs or drink in excess. These are the results of a sexist, patriarchal society, according to Brian Klocke, a University of Colorado-Boulder doctoral candidate in sociology.* Although I'm happy that these folks want to shatter male stereotypes, I don't think doing it under the flag of feminist dogma is the way to go about it.

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Discrimination Not To Blame For Women Leaving Labor Force

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This article from Excite News claims that women take longer than men to find new work after losing a job, and are more likely to choose part-time work or not re-enter the labor force at all. Surprisingly for mainstream media (Reuters), the story points out that the reason for this "disparity" is not discrimination against women, but a result of women making their own choices, especially if they happen to have a man around who is already bringing home the bacon. The article also hints at the fact that women generally have more choice about whether to work or stay home than do men.

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Female Serial Killer Gets "Fast Track" To Execution

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Aileen Wuornos, who was convicted of killing six men and claimed that she'd done so because they had sexually assaulted her, may have won her fast track to execution Friday after a Florida circuit judge said he would recommend to the Florida Supreme Court that Wuornos' execution be carried out. Wuornos recently admitted that she had lied about being sexually assaulted by men, that she just wanted to know what it felt like to kill a man. From the story: *"I am a serial killer. I would kill again," Aileen Wuornos said during 1 1/2 hours on the witness stand.*

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Everybody Should Have a White Man

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Andrew writes *"Some time ago a question occurred to me: If, as a white male, I am responsible for everyone else's suffering, then who is responsible for mine? (And furthermore: If I am responsible for my own suffering, while non-whites/non-males are not responsible for theirs, doesn't that set me apart as, well, a superior order of being? Whoops, don't want to go there!) I've never really seen this question addressed (though I do have some ideas about it myself), but this article makes an interesting (and amusing) start. Nice to see somebody (not a white man) finally say it: 'Everybody should have a white man. Even white men should have a white man. Because when you have a white man, nothing is ever your fault.'"*

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Prostate Cancer Stamp to be "Stamped Out" Sept. 30

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Gordon Clay from the MenStuff web site sent out an announcement reminding everyone that the U.S. Post Office Prostate Cancer Awareness stamp will no longer be available at post office branches as of September 30. My local PO hasn't had them in a while, and while they're only 33 cents (requiring an additional 1 cent stamp for first class mail), they're a great way to help remind people about the existence of this critical men's health issue.

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Man Sentenced for Writing Thoughts About Fictional Children

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AngryHarry sent in this link from FrontPage Magazine, about an Ohio man who was recently sentenced to seven years in prison for privately writing disturbing thoughts about sexually abusing fictional children. While I'm not going to claim that there isn't something wrong with this man, the fact that he will be *in prison for seven years* for simply *writing* about something is direct evidence that our civil liberties mean nothing in the U.S. First Amendment? What First Amendment?Source: FrontPage Magazine

Title: The Thought Police

Author: Bob Herbert

Date: July 19, 2001

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Women in Combat

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frank h sent in this article from TownHall.com and writes *"This is a call to action for anyone who thinks that men and women are not equal in combat to contact their Congressmen and tell them so. Thanks to Mona Charen for writing this."* The article points out that "*Recently, the Center for Strategic and International Studies did a study on the military culture. It found that two-thirds of junior enlisted men did not believe women would pull their own weight if it came to combat. Forty-four percent of junior enlisted women agreed!*" Obviously, things aren't right here, something which both genders seem to agree on.

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Taking Sexual Abuse Against Boys Seriously

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An editorial in the Olympian newspaper makes some well-needed points that we are doing a great disservice to society and young men by not taking seriously situations where boys are statutorily raped. Too many people, including judges and the media, accept a double standard when an older woman seduces an underage boy, but the consequences are very real. "*The media has even romanticized idea of the young man or teen-age boy being guided through sexual encounters by an experienced, mature woman -- as if it were a rite of passage for him. Does anyone stop to consider what this does to the development of these boys as sexual beings as they enter adulthood?*" Bravo to Mr. Davis for writing this opinion piece.
Source: The Olympian [newspaper]

Title: Male victims of sexual abuse must be treated equally

Author: M. Shawn Davis

Date: July 20, 2001

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Another MA Child Support Guidelines Update

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Ned Holstein sent out another update on the public hearings in Massachusetts for reviewing the state's Child Support Guidelines. With one hearing left tomorrow, in Springfield, we need to finish this off on the right foot. Be there if you can! Click Read More below for his announcement.The last public hearing on the Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines
will be held this Tuesday, July 24, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at the Springfield Hall of Justice at 50 State Street in Springfield. This is also known as the Hampden County Hall of Justice and also as the Springfield District Court. Please report to the Jury Assembly Area.

To get there, from all points: Take the Mass Pike to Exit 6 (I-291). Take I-291 South to I-91. Take I-91 South to Exit 5 (Broad Street). At the traffic light at the end of the ramp, turn left onto Broad Street. Take Broad Street to the next traffic light and turn left onto East Columbus Avenue. Take East Columbus Avenue to the second traffic light and turn right onto State Street. Court Square is bordered by State Street, Main Street, Court Street and East Columbus Avenue.

A map can be found at:

www.state.ma.us/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/springfielddistrictmain.html

Once in the Jury Assembly Area, look for a sign-up sheet for speakers.

The previous four hearings were filled to capacity, except Lawrence, which was only three-quarters full. All of the hearings have been overwhelmingly dominated by people who feel that the Child Support Guidelines are too high. At each hearing, there have been a few taxpayer-supported poverty lawyers advocating the other way. (These are the same unbiased folks who refuse to represent indigent fathers.) We must be sure that the Jury Assembly Area is overflowing and that our view predominates in Springfield, as in the previous four locations. WE ESPECIALLY NEED SECOND WIVES AND GRANDPARENTS TO APPEAR AND TO SPEAK.

I estimate that approximately 350 supporters of lower Child Support Guidelines have turned out at the previous four hearings combined. Is this a good result or a bad result? Half empty or half full? Clearly, our point of view has predominated. But compared to the thousands of people who have complained to us about the Child Support Guidelines,and the tens of thousands who haven't called us, it is a paltry turn-out. The hearing rooms could have been overflowing into the streets. In a democracy, people's fate is in their own hands. You can choose to be at Springfield, and make a difference, or you can assume that change is impossible and that nothing can be done. The second choice, of course, will become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Ned Holstein, MD, MS

President

Fathers and Families

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Fathers Who Smoke Pot Increase Child's Risk of SIDS

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This report on Excite News opens up some interesting questions about the biological link between fathers and their offspring. According to the article, fathers who smoke pot create a greater risk of SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome) for their offspring than mothers. Not much more is known about this phenomenon right now, but it does further the scientific fact that a child is half his father and half his mother (with respect to genetic make-up)... not all his mother and only fertilized by father.By the way, folks, I'd also like to provide this link to an excellent scientific description of how a fetus develops into a male or female. One of the biggest fallacies among the general public these days is that a human fetus "starts out female" and that maleness is then forced upon that fetus by the Y chromosome and excretions of the developing testes. That's only partially true.

As you'll see from reading above, a fetus actually starts out sexually indifferent. It has the ducts to create either a female OR a male. Now, we HAVE proven that if deprived of the testis secretions, the fetus will naturally develop into a female, but that's a far cry from stating (as is the popular notion) that "we're all female in the beginning."

I love science. :)

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Boyosauruses

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A recent article in the National Post delves into the different ways that boys and girls view dinosaurs, and certain gender differences in general. I felt that the article seemed to focus on these differences in a fairly pointed way, explaining how girls have a more intellectual and productive interest in dinosaurs and science, while boys are only interested in the visceral response they get from movies like *Jurassic Park III*. Click here for the story.Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: A herd of boyosauruses stomps into the theatre

Author: Joseph Brean

Date: July 21, 2001

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Resistance Grows Against Excessive Medicating of Young Children

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The Dallas Morning News reported here that Connecticut recently passed legislation barring school officials and counselors from recommending psychiatric drugs for students. Schools can still recommend that a student be evaluated by a doctor or psychiatrist, and I think this makes sense - so students who *do* have mental health problems can still be helped. The strong support for this bill is testimony to the fact that too often, kids (especially boys) are being drugged up excessively and needlessly, and the public is concerned about this.Source: The Dalls Morning News [newspaper]

Title: Law reflects backlash against medicating kids

Author: Matthew Daly

Date: July 18, 2001

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Men Suffer "Awareness Gap" Regarding Prostate Health

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New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani has begun a campaign to decrease the gap in men's awareness of prostate cancer and what they do about it, according to this article on Excite News. Apparently, even though we are aware of the dangers of prostate cancer, most of us still aren't taking steps to avoid it. On a related note, Baylor University is currently enrolling men in a prostate cancer prevention study.

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Boys as the "Weaker Sex"

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frank h writes *"The title of the article is "Are Boys the Weaker Sex?" which I find to be deliberately inflammatory, and the article quotes my favorite (not!) male feminist, William Pollack. But it does finally begin to recognize that boys are not, and have not for a long time, been doing well in schools, and it recognizes something that feminists have been fighting for a long time: boys and girls are different. I'll read the article again before I decide how I feel about it, but I would encourage all to read the article; don't judge it on its title. The article can be found at this link."*Source: U.S. News and World Report [magazine]

Title: Are Boys the Weaker Sex?

Author: Anna Mulrine

Date: July 30, 2001

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Phillipine Gov't Cracks Down on Harassment; Women Just As Guilty

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This story on Excite News describes a new Phillipine government policy which labels "offensive jokes" sent via e-mail or instant messaging ("texting," the article calls it) as sexual harassment. The interesting part of this story is at the end, though, where a female official is quoted admitting that there's a stereotype against men when it comes to sexual harassment. *Arroyo added that she was glad the practice was no longer viewed in stereotypical terms as always involving an older male superior harassing female subordinates. "This is true in the vast majority of cases ... but it is also true that sexual harassment can and does occur with the traditional roles reversed or with the same gender involved."* Personally, the number of ways in which someone may be considered a "harasser" scares me.

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The Glamorization of War

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Anonymous User writes *"The L.A. Times Magazine published an excellent article about the glamorization of WWII, and war in general, and the lifetime of psychological scarring that war leaves on soldiers. The story focuses on WWII veterans, specifically how the U.S. shipped them off to war, forced them to commit horrendous acts, then gave them no emotional support system when they returned to the States. Even though many of these vets suffered, and continue to suffer, from PTSD, the U.S. military insisted that these men suck it all in and "take it like a man." As a result, many vets fell into a lifetime of depression, alcohol/drug abuse and other emotional disorders. Even worse, Hollywood continues to pump out feel-good WWII movies that portray battle as a positive, wholesome, and overall glamorous experience. After reading this, you'll never look at those movies the same way again."*

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On-line Chat: Advocating Men's Rights for Young Men

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Tonight's on-line chat will be on the topic of boy's issues. Several recent news stories posted to Mensactivism.org have covered the way men's rights is related to issues facing our young men - be it the over-prescription of Ritalin for "overactive" boys, the supposedly "inferior" physical and mental development that boys experience in contrast to girls, and how sex crimes perpetrated against boys by older women are not taken as seriously as if the genders were reversed. Join us for a lively discussion on what we should do to help advocate for boys and young men, and what possibilities exist for educating young men about the harm that anti-male feminism is causing them. The chat login page can be found here, and the chat begins at 9:30 PM Eastern Time.

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Title IX Destroys Men's College Teams

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Neil Steyskal sent in this USA Today article, which adds more examples to the growing list of men's sports teams on colleges and universities that have been harmed or destroyed by Title IX. The article also reiterates the contradictory nature of the law: "*Ironically, the current interpretation of Title IX actually violates the law's own language (to say nothing of the Constitution), which forbids gender discrimination in college programs. Cutting men's teams in the name of gender parity is gender discrimination.*"Source: USA Today [newspaper]

Title: Title IX defeats male athletes

Author: Ann Coulter

Date: July 25, 2001

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Blaming the Father at All Costs

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Anniee sent in this essay from the American Reporter, which pins the blame for the Andrea Yates killings on her husband: "*Yes, I think Rusty Yates, who looks as squeaky clean as the bathtub his children drowned in, ought to be locked up instead of his wife for callously ignoring his wife's needs (if not worse) and for criminal neglect of his children.*" I've been extremely selective about posting more stories about the Yates killings, but this one was just too inflammatory to pass by. It simply reeks with the double standards we have about men and women regarding responsibility.Source: The American Reporter

Title: The Yates Tragedy Reveals Evils of Passivity

Author: Cindy Hasz

Date: July 25, 2001

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Discover, GQ present "Man of the Year" Award

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This article on Excite News announces a GQ magazine "Man of the Year" award sponsored by Discover. The award asks "sons, daughters, wives, and girlfriends" to nominate men for GQ's "Man of the Year." The winner will be announced on Discovercard.com. Certainly, this is simple promotion of a product, but I *do* think that it will make people stop and think about the men in their lives and all the good we can (and do) create. Looks like both GQ and Discover may be good candidates for the pro-male section of our Media Watch page. :)

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Meeting Another Child's "Daddy Woman"

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Christian Science Monitor ran this commentary by a stay-at-home dad who, along with his wife, rediscovered the fact that children tend to take for granted that the situations in their own families exist everywhere. The column is fun and a little humorous, but also a sincere reminder that we need to start educating our children early on all the opportunities that are (or should be) available to them--male or female--as they grow up.

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Defeating Stereotypes of Gay/Bi Men

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Igor writes *"I stumbled upon a great website lately: www.StraightActing.com provides a community for many homosexual/bisexual men who feel rejected by the Gay Pride Movement. Many of these men feel that society pressures them into the "limp wrist" definition of homosexuality. A great deal of them avoid the gay scene entirely just because they are sick of being stereotyped as effeminate. The general consensus on the forums is that the "gay community" is just as bad as the "straight community" when it comes to accepting these men. This is a great website for homosexual/bisexual men (even heterosexual men too) who want to feel masculine while still accepting their sexuality. Society has accepted "lipstick lesbians" (lesbians who act like heterosexual women). When will society accept masculine gay/bi men?"*

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Readers Speak Out About Men Avoiding Marriage

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There were a couple of great letters in the Christian Science Monitor replying to a recent article about how men are avoiding marriage because of the ways it is unfair to them. You may recognize the names as Mensactivism.org readers and commentors. Great work, Alan and Neil! This is a great example of reader activism.

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Dear Abby Comes Around

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Neil Steyskal writes *"Several weeks ago men's activists wrote to Dear Abby about her advice on an issue involving fathers' parenting time. Today she came around to our side: click here."*

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Heroic Boy Was "Just Doing What He Had To Do"

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Here's an inspiring story from Fox News about a 6-year-old boy who, when his mother was incapacitated, managed to rescue his baby brother and himself from a flipped car after an automobile accident. *"We're very fortunate," Gegelman said. "Breyleigh loves his brother, and he's real protective of him. I just think what he did was heroic."* Here's to the destruction of the stereotype that boys (and men) are incapable of the type of love which fuels such action.

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DesertLight Journal No. 8

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It's that time again.... issue number eight of Trudy Schuett's DesertLight Journal has hit the internet. Read it here. 'Nuff said. :)

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New Jersey Men's Issues Group

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frank h is looking to form a chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men in New Jersey, and is looking for potential members. Please e-mail Frank at fhujber@optonline.net if you're interested.

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Celebrating Gender Diversity

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frank h pointed me to this article from TooGoodReports.com and writes *"Duplantier encourages the celebration of gender diversity in this short essay. Not real hard-hitting, but well-said."* From the article: "*Thanks to the persistent intervention of reality, the hostile egalitarianism of the sexes may at long last be on the wane...Instead of trying fanatically to blur the distinctions between the sexes, let's go back to accentuating and celebrating them.*"

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Public School Tries Military-Style Discipline

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With all the talk recently about boys and education--mainly, how boys require more physical activity--I thought that this article from Christian Science Monitor was both relevant and important. It reports on the first public school to adopt military-style discipline for students, and it is, of course, controversial. However, the school officials promise it will not to be one of the "boot camp" schools about which we've heard so much lately. The focus is going to be on education, discipline, and physical activity. Although this sounds particularly good for boys' education (we've all heard about how boys learn better when physical activity is involved), the article only quotes female students (and the parents of female students). I'll be writing an oped letter to point that out to them (e-mail oped@csps.com... you must include your name and address if the letter is to be considered for publication).

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Another Typical DV Article Demonizes Men

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Ray Remark sent me this predictable story from the Spokane Spokesman-Review about domestic violence. The story is specifically about the usage of "Children's Rooms" in courts for children to stay in so they don't have to observe the domestic violence trials that their parents are going through, but practically every paragraph of the article points out the overwhelming prevalence of male abusers. Ray sent in a sharp response, which can be read by clicking Read More below. It probably won't be printed in the paper, so you might as well read it here.

Dear Editor:

Your front page story of July 27 by Kevin Blocker on the domestic violence Children's Waiting Room betrays, yet again, the extraordinary state of denial America cli
ngs to over domestic violence, rape, and gender issues in general.

Again and again, the "protection of children" is used by the culture and its servants as a tool to demonize males. Each instance of domestic violence described in
your story involves an evil male terrorizing a helpless female.

You publish the findings of the Domestic Violence Consortium as truth. The Consortium - essentially a political and ideological special interest group- finds in th
eir self-conducted, self-serving survey that "women were nearly twice as likely to experience intimate partner violence as men."

This finding is contradicted by impartial studies which consistently show that women and men engage in virtually equal amounts of violence in domestic contexts. Me
n, ashamed of their weakness, rarely report this violence, while women are encouraged by ideological criminals to bring men to "justice." Further, non-ideological stud
ies consistently find that women overwhelmingly initiate episodes of domestic violence. We can't have anything like truth in the paper though, can we?

The scapegoating and imprisonment of masculinity that swamps American culture is chillingly reflected in the statement by Gary King, program coordinator for the wai
ting room, who claims it's easy to spot kids from abusive backgrounds. "Those are the ones who are leery of me - the only adult male figure in their lives is an abusi
ve one. They always have at least one eye on me."

While I do not doubt that the brainwashing of children against masculinity is epidemic in American culture, again, impartial research consistently indicates that ch
ildren in America are abused disproportionately by females. This is not a finding the culture wishes to hear, however. It's much more profitable -- and psychological
ly reassuring - to scapegoat males, to indoctrinate children against them, and then to use the "evil male" as an excuse for removing children from any masculine influe
nce.

Likewise, Spokane District Court Judge Richard White reveals the misandry so typical in modern American jurisprudence. He is paraphrased as saying he "can't begin
to count the number of kids who've been exposed to brutal testimony." Judge White is then quoted: "Mom and dad would be testifying against each other - I've sentence
d many a father before their sons."

Indeed, you Honor. But damn few women in front of their daughters, it goes without saying. No wonder American boys are lost and filled with rage. Two parties exp

ress essentially equal contentions before "blind" justice - and always it's the male that goes to jail. Judge White's bias is widely reflected in the policies of many
jurisdictions and enforcement agencies across America involved with domestic violence. The current pattern is to arrest, try, and imprison only males, regardless of
the circumstances surrounding each incident.

I am hardly shocked that funding for the Waiting Room came from McDonalds and Women Helping Women organizations. Like the Domestic Violence Consortium, these group
s have no interest whatsoever in justice, fairness, or equality before the law. They hide behind false service to children and community, when in fact they are enemie
s of both. Their real agenda is to construct a society in which males are second-class citizens, in which the feminine is deified and the masculine demonized, and in
which the feminine dominates the masculine under unceasing threat of punishment, especially imprisonment. In this, they have already succeeded, recapitulating matriar
chal conditions exactly.

Yet another of the endless women "helping" women groups, Stop the Clock, counters FBI statistics showing local declines in sexual violence by conducting -- and publ
icizing -- their own "surveys." Not surprisingly, their findings indicate that sexual violence is everywhere, and that males are to blame. Of course, when "researcher
s" include such categories as "cat calls," "degrading jokes," and "rude stares" in the criteria, it's easy to conclude with satisfaction and sham rage that American me
n oppress and violate women at every instant. When ideologues like Stop the Clock conduct polls at Ani DiFranco concerts, it's like asking foxes in the chicken coop h
ow they like their fryers prepared.

Indeed, were I to include "rude stares" from American women as my criteria for establishing sexual violence, I would be sexually violated a number of times weekly.
Stop the Clock isn't interested in that, though. They're too busy fabricating their truth.

The only honest thing in the entire piece appeared in your sidebar, "Court handles huge caseload." Judge White - that champion of justice - says, "The problem - is
that domestic violence isn't an anger issue, it's a power and control issue."

Correct. In America, domestic violence - and most of jurisprudence - is about gaining and maintaining complete power and control over masculinity. America is not
suffering from mass domestic and sexual violence, but from mass psychosis and hysteria by infantilized females covertly seeking power, privilege and control over anyt
hing even vaguely masculine. In this, they are funded and abetted by every cultural institution and innumerable "watchdog" groups.

Gary King, Judge White, and the domestic/sexual violence propagandists are not the protectors of our children and communities, but instead the foes of a truly just,
inclusive, non-vengeful culture. With each day they corrode and destabilize a once-proud, once-sane nation.

Shame on the editors of the Spokesman-Review, and on reporter Kevin Blocker, for validating and publicizing their prejudices.

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Man Harassed, Needs Advice

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Robert H wrote in about a situation he found himself in where he was being harassed at his workplace and accused of "making moves" on another employee's wife. After having left the job because of the stress, he has attempted several ways to get some sort of support, but found it nowhere. Robert's story can be read by clicking Read More below. I would urge you to contact Robert if you can suggest to him any resources and offer some moral support for another man who was mistreated and is being ignored. Robert H writes *"Hello my name is Robert H. and I have just had an experience that I would like to pass on to you. I worked for a major auto parts retailer for the past 2 yrs. with loyal service. We had a new employee start her training with the company, and the first night that I had to close our store with another employee, myself and the female. Upon leaving our store all three together, her husband which is also an employee of the same company accuses me of MAKING MOVES on his wife. I reported it to my store manager and requested that it be written in all of our files for protection of myself in case any accusations were made in the future. It was not! After a year of torment from these two and two hospital visits to a cardiac unit for job-induced stress from these two people, I have had to quit my job and go to another company. I made repeated complaints to my store mgr. (who is female) and also to my district mgr. and relations mgr. Just four weeks earlier I had a meeting with these upper mgt. personnel and told them to fix this problem or I would quit, they advised me to work it out if I could. It wasn't three weeks until we had another confrontation, and I decided to quit and go somewhere else. My point is this: if the roles were reversed, and I was causing this female these kind of work problems, she could accuse me of harassment or any number of other forms of complaint and I would have been written up or terminated. But because I'm a male and I'm white I don't have any rights as I have been told by the EEOC if I were minority I could claim racism, if I were female I could say sexual harassment or gender discrimination, if I were from an alternative lifestyle I could complain and those organizations would line up to help me. If I were physically challenged I could get those organizations to help me, if I were native american I could get help, if I were famous I could get help, but because I'm just Joe Ordinary White Male living lawfully and working my life away to support my family, TUFF LUCK!*

I have a lot of documentation of the incidents that happened to me and I have contacted lawyers, the EEOC, even the company itself. Point is, I had my rights violated and no one will listen to me long enough to understand. If you have any direction to point me in i would be very grateful.

Robert H.

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Rise In Male Infertility Linked To Pesticides, Solvents

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A study described on Excite News indicates that some pesticides and solvents may be to blame for a dramatic increase in male infertility. *Dwindling sperm counts have been a cause of concern since Danish researchers reported in 1992 that sperm counts worldwide were declining. Many experts blame environmental factors for the decline, as well as an increase in testicular cancer.*

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Yes, Women Are More Likely To Visit The Doctor

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This article on Excite News purports to confirm an old stereotype that women are more likely to visit the doctor than are men. In spite of its headline, the article spends more word space focusing on how to "improve" women's health and relationships with the medical profession than men. In fact, men are only mentioned in three paragraphs of the 12 paragraph story. Most of the comparisons are made between white women and black women. Not surprisingly, women are diagnosed and treated for depression more often than men. It is my personal belief that this is because of the old stereotype in which men must "suck it up and tough it out" while women are too delicate to be allowed to experience any discomfort.

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Lack of Men on Campus Changes Dating Culture

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This study conducted by a University of Texas professor and sponsored by the Independent Women's Forum indicates that the sharp drop of men on college campuses in the U.S. has had an equally dramatic impact on college dating culture. Women are finding it more difficult to find long-term partners, according to the study, while men are enjoying a preponderance of brief sexually charged encounters. The article does stereotype men as "only wanting one thing," but one brave soul speaks up and points out that men do seek out long-term relationships as well. It will be interesting, to me, to find out whether other men lament or laud this change in dating climate.

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Lance Armstrong Wins Tour de France - Again

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Lance Armstrong, who overcame a very serious testicular cancer case about four years ago, has today won the Tour de France - for the third year in a row. Because of this I feel that Armstrong's victory is not just about a bike race, but about a man's victory over cancer and an inspiration to other men. The Lance Armstrong Foundation, which supports research, public awareness, and support to cancer survivors, can be found at this link.

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Restraining Order Abuses - and What You Can Do

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AngryHarry sent me this article which explains the all-too-common scenarios where 209A orders (restraining orders) are abused by women. What's even more important about the article is they have other pages on what to do about false accusations and methods of fighting back against the Massachusetts DSS. I consider this site a "must read" for any man who is currently in a relationship that is having some rough times. A small amount of time spent now could help you tremendously in the future.

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Violence Against Boys in Children's Cinema

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Chad from the Men's Movement Connection writes, "*Recently Disney has released a new motion picture. "The Princess Diaries," targeted towards a younger audience, is rated "G," but the movie contains a scene where the character played by "Erik Von Detten" is sexually abused. This was shown in the theatrical trailer. We must try to stop the male bashing in at least Children's Cinema before it gets out of control.*" Contact info for Disney is listed in the Read More section of this story. To contact The Classification and Rating Administration, to voice your opinion on how a movie with such imagery could possibly swing a "G" rating!? Write to them at:

The Classification and Rating Administration

15503 Ventura Boulevard

Encino, CA 91436

To contact Disney on this issue go to:

http://studio.go.com/cgi-bin/gmail/generic_mail.cgi?template=contactus/contact.tpl

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Accusatory Urinal Splashguards Spread to New Campuses

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An organization calling itself "Men Stopping Rape" is once again distributing the offensive urinal splashguards with the slogan "You hold the key to stopping rape in your hands" to men's restrooms in Pennsylvania. The trend started in Ohio. The article is, of course, supportive of the measure, but does quote a few brave dissenting souls: *"It kind of pissed me off. I know rape is out there and it makes you think, but this is State College, it's not like it's Philly. The splashguards aren't directed to me and so I'm going to ignore them. By putting those in there, you must think all guys are out there abusing women."* **Update:** The first Men's Activism News Network post on this urinal splashguard fad (from back in May) is available here.

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Female Teacher Does 10 Days At Home For Kissing Student

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Former Washington high school teacher Marty Barnes will only do 10 days of a traditionally 90-day sentence for second-degree criminal attempt of sexual misconduct with a minor (a misdemeanor) after she allegedly kissed one of her male students (twice). This story in the Seattle Times details the facts of the case. Barnes pleaded down from second-degree sexual misconduct with a minor, which would have meant she would have been required to register as a sex offender. **Update**: The author of this article (in an e-mail to me) says that several readers have written her asking why Barnes was given such a lenient sentence when a male would've received the max. You may write your letter to the editor to the Seattle Times here (opinion@seattletimes.com).

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Extensive Analysis of DOJ DV and CV Reports

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Michael Snyder (a frequent poster on the newsgroup soc.men) wrote up a detailed analysis "*comparing and cross-referencing the various DOJ reports on violent victimization, to show a pattern of bias in reporting, placing outrageous emphasis on female victimization and downplaying both male victimization and female offenders.*" I hope you'll take a moment to check this out, because it will blow your mind. Click here for his site.

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Police Bias in Domestic Violence Cases

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Rob Exeter writes, "*I came across a rather one sided view of domestic violence stats on this webpage for the Kennebunk, Maine police. What is sad is that the "Mission Statement" of the Maine Police with respect to DV victims refers only to women and children. The crowning glory of the usual selective collection of "stats" is the attempt to compare the number of men killed in the Vietnam war with the number of females killed in the US during the same period. An interesting rebuttal to the figures can be found at this site, however.*

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Mother Forced by DSS to File Abuse Charges Against Father

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In a shocking column on Fox News about how social services systems have a financial incentive to accuse parents of abuse and neglect, Wendy McElroy tells the story of a family torn apart so that the department could receive its "adoption incentive payment." According to the mother of the family, she was forced to accuse her husband of abusing her children so that DSS would have all the more reason to remove them from their home.

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Man Murdered For Showing Compassion

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This story on Excite News illustrates all too well the effect of male stereotypes on society, and their potentially deadly consequences. A Nashville, Tenn., man was murdered recently--I am not making this up--because he was holding his wife's purse and escorting a blind friend to the men's restroom after a short cruise on Nashville's Gen. Jackson Showboat.

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The Chat Tonight is Up to You

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I'm afraid I won't be able to make it to the chat session tonight - but that doesn't mean *you* can't do so! Most people meet at the chat page at 9:30 PM Eastern Time and go from there. Feel free to do so and discuss whatever topics you'd like. I'll try to drop in if I can.

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Shakespeare Brings Male Prisoners Together

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This article and photo essay in the Christian Science Monitor tells the story of male inmates coming together and "transforming their lives" through acting. While females in prison are offered more in the way of social support, males are often left to their own devices (and survival). Shakespeare Behind Bars appears to be trying to break through all that. *Not that it's been easy: Previous wardens were not all supportive of Curt's efforts, and the current warden admits his program probably wouldn't be around if it cost anything. Curt raises money to pay for costumes, and volunteers his time. He says he does it because acting can transform lives - particularly those of prisoners.* The program is, of course, controversial, but the article does present it as bringing an element of humanity back to these men. Make sure you check out the photo essay.

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The American Holocaust

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Spartacus sent in this article from dadi.org. It covers a number of related issues, including the decline of fatherhood, the rise of the welfare state, and the government programs which essentially reward mothers for eliminating dads from the home. It ends with a plea not to let further government intervention in family matters destroy fatherhood and our society further.

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Fathers and Families Meeting

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The Massachusetts based Fathers and Families organization will be holding a meeting on Monday, August 6, from 7 to 9 PM. E-mail Ned Holstien at NedHolst@aol.com for the location. "*This meeting will be a good opportunity to review how the five hearings on the child support guidelines went, and to discuss what our follow-up steps will be. We will also be able to update members on the status of our legislation, and other current matters.*"

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Child Support Liberation

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An Anonymous User pointed me to a for-profit organization called Child Support Liberation. They claim to provide services for NCPs paying child support to help ensure they aren't being taken advantage of. I think this is a great idea, considering all of the resources devoted to the enforcement of CS orders that are too often unfair to the NCP. There needs to be some accountability in this process, and CSL appears offer it (for a fee, of course).

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Everybody Loses in Duke Title IX Discrimination Lawsuit

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This commentary posted on Excite News laments a court's decision to award a female walk-on kicker for Duke monetary damages under Title IX after she was cut from the team. The coaches and author of this piece assert that she was cut based on physical limitations in her performance, just as any male player is. Duke is appealing the decision.

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Title IX Defended by Indigo Girls Singer

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Neil Steyskal writes *"USA Today published a feminist reply to Ann Coulter's column on Title IX. It claims that men's college teams are being dropped because they are expensive. Send your reply to: editor@usatoday.com."*

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Men's Unhealthy Fears

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This story on Australia's news.com.au focuses on why fewer men than women go to the doctor. This issue has drawn considerable attention recently, especially after the study recently reported about on this Web site. Unfortunately, the main reason people seem to believe men do not go to the doctor as often is because of the old male stereotypes: men are afraid they'll be seen as "weak."

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New Dating Abuse Study

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Neil Steyskal sent in an item from the Times-Dispatch about a new study which found that "one in five high school girls is physically or sexually abused by a dating partner." The article's highlight is the statement: "*The study also suggests that a disturbing number of adolescent boys "have adopted attitudes that men are entitled to control their girlfriends through violence," said lead author Jay G. Silverman of Harvard University's School of Public Health.*" I'd encourage people to research this study and examine the methodology. It seems to me that the findings might be explained by an over-emphasis of poor men and women, but is certainly not representative of the population at large.
Source: The Times-Dispatch [newspaper]

Title: One in five girls a date abuse victim: Study says it fuels risky behavior

Author: Unknown (AP article)

Date: August 1, 2001

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Woman Gets 1-10 Years For Sexual Assault on 12-Year-Old Boy

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A 25-year-old Pennsylvania woman has been sentenced to 1-10 years in prison after pleading down from statutory rape to statutory sexual assault for having sex with a 12-year-old boy. She will be eligible for parole after one year. Amazingly, she claims to have been "seduced" by the boy.

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Lifespan Gap Widens Between Japanese Men, Women

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Japan's citizens are living longer than any other people on the earth, but Japnese women's lifespans are increasing at a greater rate than Japanese men, according to this article from Excite News. The article attributes the widening gap to Japan's ailing economy and an increase in male suicides.

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Men's Hour Program #3

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This is just to let everyone know that the Men's Hour, episode no. 3, has been released at this page and is available in RealPlayer and Windows Media formats. In this episode, they interview Len Misulkin extensively, news of a hunger strike in Berlin, Richard Doyle about the Men's Defense Association, and Clayton Giles' journey for kids.

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Feminine Hygiene Manufacturers Marketing to... Men?

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This report on Excite News reveals that the marketers of at least one unlikely product have recognized the extraordinary amount of shopping men now do for households in the U.S. Believe it or not, feminine hygiene products manufacturers are now trying to find ways to market those products to *men*, because they've discovered that many men are taking over the family shopping. The article, unfortunately, paints the picture of men as inept and "floundering," though.

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Adult Male Suicide Prevention Initiative in Australia

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Australia's The Age reports here that a dialogue has begun on the need for prevention programs for adult men, who commit suicide at much higher rates than boys. The biggest event linked to older men taking their own life is a divorce, especially when they lose contact with their children. The article is very well balanced and raises a number of important points. Among them is the implication that advocating for men's contact with children after divorce could be part of a prevention program. Source: The Age [Australian newspaper]

Title: When love fails

Author: Bettina Arndt

Date: August 4, 2001

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Child Support Panel Ejects Baskerville

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Neil Steyskal writes *"Virginia's war on fathers is getting some media attention for dumping the outspoken non-custodial father on its child-support review panel."* The "outspoken" man was none other than Prof. Stephen Baskerville, one of the most articulate advocates for father's rights I know of. The Washington Times article can be read here.Source: The Washington Times [newspaper]

Title: Professor ousted from child-support panel

Author: Daniel F. Drummond

Date: August 4, 2001

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Battered Men Featured on Radio Program

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The WHYY FM station in Pennsylvania ran an on-air feature about male victims of domestic violence. The program was very high quality and sympathetic to battered men, and can be listened to on-line with RealAudio at this link. The fact that this radio program went on with so few detractors (there was only one negative caller, a woman who obviously had an axe to grind) is incredibly encouraging.

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Petition to End Paternity Fraud

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Not PC sent in this link to an on-line petition to stop paternity fraud - when men are deceived into having children against their will. The petition is from the PaternityFraud.com site run by Carnell Smith, so you can be sure he's going to follow through with it.

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Widows Sue for Value of Husbands' Housework

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The Sydney Morning Herald printed this story about a group of widowed women who sued their deceased husbands' employer for a monetary value of the housework that the men would have done in retirement. The men had died prematurely due to asbestos exposure. One would think that if a group of men had sued because of their wives' premature death for the value of their "housework," society would see this as treating women as property and house servants. But when women exploit the deaths of their husbands, no commentary on the degrading nature of the lawsuit is mentioned. Source: The Sydney Morning Herald [Australian newspaper]

Title: The value of men's housework

Author: Unknown (AAP story)

Date: August 2, 2001

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Perceiving Boys as Weak

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Not PC pointed me to this Washington Times op-ed printed today, which questions the recent inquiries into "male fragility" as reported on by U.S. News and World Report, among others. The essay points out that these days any form of masculine behavior is seen as a pathology, and that it's not boys that are "sick," but our culture which continually demonizes men.Source: The Washington Times

Title: . . . the perception of boys does the same

Author: Unknown

Date: August 5, 2001

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Southern Illinois Men's Gymnastics Reunited After Title IX Squelching

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This story on Excite News not only reveals the surprising fact that men's gymnastics is the most successful sport ever on Southern Illinois University's campus, but also details the bittersweet tale of a reunion of the athletes who did the university so proud before Title IX destroyed the program more than 10 years ago. *Mitchell is still baffled by the administration's questionable decision for a sport that costs little to run. "It was a dynasty." Mitchell said. "When you have a dynasty, it's unfortunate that the administration could not see the light.".*

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Providing Alternatives to Divorce

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Bill Fortune from Domestic Solutions of New Hampshire, a consumer protection and advocacy group for people seeking solutions to relationship issues, is working on a project to get legislation passed in NH that would give people alternatives to divorce, particularly if they have young children. The idea is to refer couples to a form of relationship therapy friendly to both men and women, which is based on the work of Dr. Harville Hendrix (see this site for more info). The idea has received attention from UNH's Family Research Laboratory, which would be willing to study the effectiveness of the program if funding can be obtained. Bill is very interested in your input, and I'd encourage you to contact him if you have further questions. By clicking Read More below, you can view excerpts from a letter he wrote to President George Bush. Bill's e-mail is: indust.consult@rcn.com.We all know the problems of the last Century; broken homes, abandoned children, billions spent on studies to determine the cause of the problems and failed social programs, etc. etc., including many proposed solutions.

I have spent many years reviewing the present methods used that try and effect "solutions." These years of investigation and feedback, enable me to say that The Institute for Imago Relationship Therapy has developed the best and most comprehensive methods to resolve the root causes of even relationships in deep conflict. Their methods are a compilation of the best methods of others, and in addition to their own methods, make a quantum leap. . Highlights include; relationships can and should be used to resolve even serious issues, "do it yourself" workbooks and tapes available, people should go forward from where they are and bring about changes, people help themselves as they help another, deals with causes not the symptoms, and expands on marriage enrichment. When people resolve their issues, we know that social ills are greatly reduced.

In marriage, where conflicts are resolved, children grow in healthy, nurturing homes that in turn grow to be healthy, nurturing adults.

Our vision is to introduce and implement these methods along with several other complementary methods. Preliminary experience indicates that just the knowledge and availability of the methods motivates many people to work at resolving their relationship issues. To the extent that people "work out" their own problems, government expenditures are reduced.
The goal is to make the public aware of the theory and install programs statewide, whereby they can be introduced when the state is summoned to be involved; reduce burden upon the taxpayer. This may sound like an insurmountable project. In my experience, I have been told that several times before. Consequently, I have several successes to my credit, while I have gained the respect of my naysayers.

Dr. Murray Straus of the University of New Hampshire's Family Research Lab. has expressed an interest in assisting in the implementation and tracking the success of the program.

As far as I'm concerned this a life and death struggle. Not only does defective relationships cause many of our social ills, they also cause an early death. This is an opportunity for New Hampshire to be a shining star in the center of New England. I am certain that we New Hampshire folks haven't lost our Yankee Ingenuity spirit and I trust the people of New Hampshire to again demonstrate our leadership.

I beg you to assist Domestic Solutions of NH in obtaining seed funding, identifying funding sources and promote our common goals. You are the first president of this new century and this is a great opportunity to start this Century with, as Dr. Laura might say, a new attitude. Your Stature and the Weight of Your Office is needed to overcome the resistance of the divorce industry.

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Couple Falsely Accused of Rape Wins Huge Judgement

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A Washington couple falsely accused of raping a child has won a large judgement, according to the story in the Washington Times. Just as important, though, are the remarks their attorney makes about how easy it is for a case like theirs to get so far in the justice system. *"There is no doubt that child sex abuse happens, and it is tragic," said John Stocks, an attorney who represented the Simses and three other defendants during the trial. "It is also tragic that people can be falsely accused of crimes and to go that far in the system without the checks and balances ferreting them out."*

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Troubled Youth Becomes Rhodes Scholar, Helps Other Youths

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This story in Christian Science Monitor tells the tale of a young man whose mother, exasperated with his poor grades and knack for getting in trouble, finally sent him to a private military school. After running away five times (in four days), the youth realized the hardships his mother was facing to put him through school and buckled down. He is now a Rhodes scholar and has developed a program he calls STAND (Students Taking A New Direction). The program teams other troubled youths with college students for tutoring and mentoring. For all the trouble young men are experiencing in education these days, it's good to see a story turn out like this.

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Feminists, Adultery, and the Destruction of Marriage

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Wendy McElroy's weekly Fox News column explores why feminists are silent about adultery in the case of Gary Condit (and Bill Clinton) when they are so vocal about every other ill they often associate with marriage. McElroy rightly condemns "gender feminists" for their hostility toward marriage as patriarchal oppression, and offers some excerpts from said feminists' writings about adultery. *Given the unsophisticated level of commentary offered by the leading feminist periodical is it any wonder that NOW has nothing useful to say about Condit's conduct? The gamut of the Ms.-advice on adultery runs from "accept it" to "get busy," from "I don't know" to sexual mutilation.* Indeed, one feminist threatens to "hack off" her husband's penis if she caught him committing adultery.

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What Really Did Happen to Stephen Baskerville?

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Speaking of Stephen Baskerville, the Alliance for Non-Custodial Parent's Rights has got their hands on the the full story of what really happened, with all the correspondence involved, so click on all the links to discover the full story. Seeing as how this has national attention, I would advise you to read up on their talking points before responding.

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The ADHD/ADD Debate Continues

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This article is a must read for those of you who are trying to make sense of the whole ADHD/ADD debate and try to answer that question of "does it exist?" Geoff Metcalf interviews psychiatry-abuse crusader Don Pierson to get the full lowdown on the facts you won't hear in the media, such as the fact that we could easily have another Thalidomide incident on our hands. I'll leave you with this quote from the National Institute of Health in 1998 "*We don?t have an independent valid test for ADHD. There are no data to indicate that ADHD is due to a brain malfunction. Existing studies come to conflicting conclusions as to whether use of psycho-stimulants increases or decreases the risk of abuse and, finally, after years of research and experience with ADHD, our knowledge about the cause or causes of ADHD remains speculative."*

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Cloning Experts Gather For Talks

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This story on Fox News details some of the debate surrounding current talks about human cloning, an act the U.S. House of Representatives has already voted to ban. Although this story doesn't say so, the technique used to clone humans is strikingly similar to the technique recently used by an Australian researcher to develop mouse embryos without sperm. The greatest difference is that the somatic cells in the Australian experiment came from two different adults. The HR bill specifically bans the reproduction of humans via somatic cell transfer, which means the Australian research, though not technically "cloning," is included in the ban. The Fox News article also describes some interesting biological problems with somatic cell transfer, including the production of a more rapidly aging animal.

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We're Back!

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Well, we're back... I'll be glad to post a summary of what has gone on, but due to the server's problems we've had these past couple of days, I'm *very* far behind in my work right now. Those of you that are observant, you'll notice the server is running on port 81, and the domain www.mensactivism.org is automagically translated into mensactivism.org:81. The bottom line is, we're back up and running.

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Title IX Destroys More Men's Gymnastics Programs

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The reduction of 200 collegiate men's gymnastics programs to 21 since the introduction of Title IX is a major topic at this year's U.S. Gymnastics Championship, according to this article on Excite News. The article goes so far as to describe it as "an epidemic." Some colleges are trying harder to equalize things, though. *"We've added five women's sports so we don't have to cut any men's sports," said Miles Avery, the head coach at Ohio State, which won the NCAA championship this spring. "Every athletic department can't do that, but that is the way it was intended. To add opportunities for women, not curtail opportunities for men."*

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Jews Threaten To Quit Military Units If Forced to Serve With Women

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This story on Excite News reveals that some Orthodox Jewish rabbis in Jerusalem are threatening to instruct male observant Jews in the Israeli army not to serve in fighting units if the military continues to use women in combat roles. Orthodox soldiers have been complaining about serving with women because Jewish law "prohibits contact between men and women who are not married or related." *The observant soldiers, who also make up a small part of the army, say they encounter women through work in cramped tanks, physical training exercises and sleeping in mixed quarters.*

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Russian First Wives Want Laws To Enact Alimony

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This story in the Financial Times explains how some first wives of rich Russians are attempting to change divorce laws so that their former husbands must continue to support them after divorce. The women claim that their rich husbands' dumping of them for younger women "is a social problem" and that legislation must be enacted to deal with it.

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Prosecutors Seek Death Penalty for Yates

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Although the Men's Activism News Network is attempting to restrain from posting too many Andrea Yates stories (Texas mother who drowned her five children), the latest news in this case is too important to the men's movement not to post. According to this AP story on Excite News, prosecutors in the Yates case will, indeed, seek the death penalty. Whether you are pro- or anti-death penalty, this news is important because it demonstrates that these Texas prosecutors are willing to pursue sentencing for a woman just the same as they would a man.

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"Deadbeat Dads" Myth Gets a Good Debunking

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Men who don't pay child support are neglectful and irresponsible, right? Right? Not necessarily so, according to this article on Salon.com. Specifically, this article deals with the problems generated by the perception that low-income black fathers "don't care about their children," and reveals that other circumstances often contribute to the non-payment of child support. Unfortunately, the author's article does claim that *Men, women, liberals and conservatives all feel fairly comfortable in reviling deadbeat dads*. I think "all" is too general a term here. Anyone else?

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Judge Sentences Man He Believes is Innocent

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Ched sent in this story from the Boston Globe about a man who was found guilty for armed assault with intent to murder and armed robbery, but the judge apparently disagreed with the jury's decision and has pretty much openly stated that he feels he is sentencing an innocent man: "*This is the most difficult moment I have been faced with during my legal career," [Judge] Murphy said. "I am mindful of the possibility that I am sending an innocent man to jail.'*"' The man was sentenced to up to 20 years in prison. The question is: why???Source: The Boston Globe

Title: Judge sentences man even though he doubts his guilt

Author: Unknown (AP story)

Date: August 9, 2001

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Sugar And Spice And Everything Nice? Not Likely.

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This story on Fox News reports on a growing trend of violent offenses by young women and girls. Several reasons have been given for this turn of events, the most reasonable being that law enforcement is now more willing to arrest females and the most outlandish being that it's the result of women caving to the social priorities of "The Patriarchy." Notably, feminism is also blamed for "teaching girls to behave like boys rather than teaching boys to behave like girls." I remember my young female cousin once pulling my hair because she thought I was sitting too close to the television. She was far too young for feminism. Perhaps girls are simply violent by nature as well?

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Family Court Judge Named in Corruption Lawsuit

Scott · 11 August 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Dr. Chuck Corry forwarded me the following press release: "*Colorado Springs, Co. - State District Judge Thomas L. Kennedy was named as a defendant in a $36 million lawsuit filed this day in Colorado Springs, Co. The lawsuit is asking for the disbarrment and the removal of Judge Kennedy for Fraud and Conspiracy to Commit Fraud. Plaintiff, Michael Sandifer, a "Father For Equal Rights" advocate called the Family Court System of Colorado "a cess pool of graft and corruption." Other named defendants are: Robert J. Frank, partner in the law firm of Tegtmeier, Frank & Jones, Virginia Etheridge, a Colorado Springs attorney, Connie W. Frhoring, former President of the Colorado Childs Play Therapy Association, and 5 other defendants. For further information contact Chuck Hansen at (719) 748-9058.*" Legal action is often a path to quick social change. It will be interesting to see if this case is heard and its outcome.

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The Plight of Divorced and Separated Fathers

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Robert Cunningham writes *" A lot of the material written about the plight of divorced and separated fathers is written from a very conservative outlook. This, I believe, helps to limit the appeal of their plight to a narrow audience. Michael Green in his book, Fathers After Divorce and his web site of the same name presents an alternative vision, and in doing so presents their plight in such a way as to appeal to a wider audience. I heartedly recommend his book and site."*

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US News & World Report Gives Half-Truths on Domestic Violence

Scott · 13 August 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"You'd think US News & World Report would be a little more gender-aware after John Leo's coverage of femi-fury at UCLA a few months ago. Not so. This short US News article says one in five girls report violence in relationships, then goes on to tell the usual one-sided story. Not a single word about male victims. Please write to the editor at letters@usnews.com. I'll post the outcomes when they print."*

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Judge Kennedy Threatens Sandifer Over Corruption Lawsuit

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This news just in, again from Dr. Chuck Corry: "*State District Judge Thomas L. Kennedy, angered over being named a defendant in a $36 million corruption lawsuit, has threatened to arrest the Plaintiff, Father's Rights Advocate, Michael Sandifer, and hold him without bail. "No bail" is used only for the most serious capital crimes. Upon learning of the threat, the plaintiff, Father's Rights Advocate, Michael Sandifer replied, " I am taking this threat very seriously. It's hard to believe such an extraordinary abuse of Judicial power could happen in America." For further information contact Chuck Hansen @ (719) 748-9058.*"

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First World Congress on Men's Health

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Ed Bartlett from the Men's Health America list writes "*Men's health is going international! The preliminary program of the First World Congress on Men's Health, to be held in Vienna on Nov 2-4, 2001, is now available at this site.*"

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How To Avoid Violent Women

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The Times, a UK newspaper, posted this review of a new book which purports to teach men how to avoid getting involved with potentially violent women. The book's author is none other than Erin Pizzey, the founder of Britain's first refuge for battered women. The fact that this person wrote a book about this particular subject offers hope to men everywhere that the problem of domestic violence against men is going to finally see mainstream light.

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Making it OK to be Male

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Robert Cunningham writes *"It is necessary for our culture to repudiate the deficit perspective on what it means to be male. Boys and men are not deficient simply by being male. Unless we address this negative understanding of the value of men and boys, which is largely accepted by our society, we cannot make inroads into reducing the high rates of suicide among men and boys. The following PDF document is a good attempt to promote a positive approach to the health and well-being of boys and men."*

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Men, Are You Headed for Divorce?

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Neil Steyskal wrote a great editorial for Lew Rockwell.com. In it, he explains that men need to become aware of the high incidence of divorce which often is initiated by women, and to take steps to avoid it (divorce or marriage). The article begins, "*Would you take action if you learned you might lose the use of your legs within seven years? Well, the odds on your being divorced are much, much higher; and it can cripple you almost as badly.*"

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Not All Fathers Are Child Molesters

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In 1971, the radical gender feminists developed a new theory about "The Patriarchy." They claimed that most fathers molest their daughters, "priming" them for wife and motherhood. Wendy McElroy in this column on Fox News puts the math to the myth.

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Divorced Dad Barred from Implanting Frozen Embryos

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cheddah writes *"The New Jersey Supreme Court today barred a divorced father from having frozen embryos implanted in another woman, which would make his ex-wife a mother against her will."* The article is here from the Boston Globe. The argument here is clear: women cannot be forced into unwanted parenthood. **Now how about the same thing for men?**

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Lessing Decries Male Bashing by Feminists

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Doris Lessing, a well known feminist novelist, has recently spoken out about the needless and vicious male bashing that feminists keep promoting, according to this UK Guardian article. Lessing is quoted as saying, "*It is time we began to ask who are these women who continually rubbish men. The most stupid, ill-educated and nasty woman can rubbish the nicest, kindest and most intelligent man and no one protests. Men seem to be so cowed that they can't fight back, and it is time they did.*"
Source: The Guardian [UK newspaper]

Title: Lay off men, Lessing tells feminists

Author: Fiachra Gibbons

Date: August 14, 2001

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Men's Hour Program No. 4

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The latest episode of The Men's Hour, an internet radio program about men's rights, has been released on the web. Listen to it in Windows Media or RealAudio format at this page. Program 4 includes interviews with Maurice Elfeke about a hunger strike in Berlin, Michael Joiner, who did a hunger striker in Tennessee, and Trudy Schuett, author of the DesertLight Journal, and much more.

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MANN Chat: Using Technology to Advance the Men's Movement

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This week's chat is on the topic of making use of technology, particularly the internet, to promote men's rights and organize the men's movement. Some people have noted that in recent years the men's movement has made more progress than ever before, and that this has corresponded directly with the rise of the internet. With the ability to find people with similar views and experiences only a search engine away, the 'net and other technologies are empowering men's activists in ways that were never before possible. What can we do to help this process along? Click here starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time tonight and join our discussion!

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The Last Time She Hit a Man

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This commentary on responsibleOpposing.com is one woman's story about the last time she ever hit her husband. She makes the important point that it didn't really matter whether she physically injured him when she hit him, the problem is that she hit him at all. It's always good to see someone awaken like this, although it is unfortunate that her husband had to be abused before it happened.

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De Coster Thinks Women Are "Higher Mortal Beings"

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Yes, you did read that title right - during a book review of The War Against Boys she says " *A boy becomes a man by gaining strength, courage and chivalry. He is taught to respect females as a higher category of mortal being."* Here is the book review I'm referring to. Her e-mail is austrian-accountant@home.com. Please kindly remind her that respect is a thing of individual merit which is earned, among other things. Be firm but fair in your replies.

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Man Leaves Prison After 13 Years for False Rape Conviction

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cheddah submitted this article from the Boston Globe. Yet another man has been freed from prison based on rape charges that DNA evidence has vindicated him from. 13 years of Angel Hernandez's life was wasted in prison. "*Hernandez, who maintained his innocence throughout his incarceration, said he forgives the state. He said he planned to spend time with his family."*
Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: DNA evidence clears man of crime after 13 years in prison

Author: Unknown [AP article]

Date: August 16, 2001

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Gay Men's Health Issues Go Beyond HIV

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From the Men's Health America list I found this New York Times article (free registration required). It's about the need for health education for gay men that goes beyond HIV and AIDS, which aren't the only health issues gay men face. The article discusses other STDs, prostate cancer, and problems many gay men face that are just as important to them as for heterosexuals.Source: The New York Times [newspaper]

Title: For Gay Men, Health Care Concerns Move Beyond the Threat of AIDS

Author: David Tuller

Date: August 14, 2001

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Help a Student Speak Out About Misinformation

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Neuticle writes *"I go back to college in a couple of weeks, and I remember that at the annual activities fair there has always been a "feminist"*
booth. Now this booth was distributing a ton of the usual "Ms"-information about rape, discrimination and wage gap. This year,
I want to put up my own booth, with statistics and facts that present a different story, information that shows why the other
statistics are flawed, as well as examples of the discrimination against men (No reproductive choice, draft etc.)
Since I attend a very academically rigorous (and PC) institution, I know that I will need to
document good sources that I can cite to defend against the expected backlash. I have some info, but it has been scattered, and
this is a big project: I'm asking for help researching this.
I plan on publishing the finished compilation on my web site unless someone already has (which would be great)."
Please post any ideas you have in the comments section of this article - I hope Neuticle will also post his e-mail address there too!

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"Justice Files" Examines DNA Exonerations

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This episode of *Justice Files* on the Discovery Channel Thursday night explored the use of DNA as a tool to both exonerate innocent men and identify the guilty. There were a couple of stories about innocent men who spent years behind bars, and who (only by the grace of elected officials) were allowed to use DNA testing to prove their innocence after conviction. I cannot find a repeat of this episode on the Discovery Channel Web site anywhere, but if anyone knows when it will air again, please inform us. The title of Thursday's program was "DNA On Trial."

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A Double Standard?

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Chris Lee sent me this article from the Jerusalem Post. The article describes how a woman while waiting at an airport went into the parking garage, stripped off her clothes, and propositioned men for sex (not as a prostitute, but for "fun", I guess). The police found her and simply told the woman to behave "properly" in the future and set her free. Here's an exercise in thought: what do you think would have happened if a man did this? Source: The Jersalem Post [Israel newspaper]

Title: Ben-Gurion's bare naked lady

Author: Unknown

Date: August 15, 2001

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Sandifer/Judge Kennedy Update

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Here's an update we received by e-mail about Michael Sandifer: "*Six days after being named a defendant in a $36 million lawsuit, [Colorado] State District Judge Thomas L. Kennedy had the Plaintiff, Father's Rights Advocate, Michael Sandifer jailed. Sandifer spent 6 hours in the Criminal Justice Center of El Paso County before being released on bail. Sandifer has responded by saying: "I will be formally notifying State Attorney General, Ken Salazar, of my intention to bring civil action against the State of Colorado in Federal District Court under the Racketeering and Corrupt Practice Act. The lawsuit will seek class action status and be asking for damages in the amount of $ 1 Billion. For further information contact Chuck Hansen @ (719) 748-9058*"

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MANN Feature: Inequality in Sentencing

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Our latest feature article was written by Marc Angelucci and is on the double standards of justice America has for male and female criminals. Are women really treated more leniently than men for the same crime? If so, how does it compare to racial differences in sentencing? Read on for a superb eye-opening article that was so thoroughly researched that Marc also got it published in the Los Angeles Daily Journal, a reputable legal newspaper.

Males Get Longer Sentences than Females for Same Crime

Originally printed in: *Los Angeles Daily Journal*

August 1, 2001

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When Etta Ann Urdiales was murdered in Colorado, two completely different juries convicted two different people of the crime. Both juries believed there was only one murderer. One convicted Bobbie Hogan, a woman. The other convicted Jess Jacobs, a man. She got 10 years in prison. He was put to death.

This case is just one example of the discrimination men face in criminal courts throughout the United States.

According to Pradeep Ramanathan, vice president of the National Coalition of Free Men (NCFM), a volunteer, non-profit organization that has explored and addressed men's issues since 1976, "All the research clearly demonstrates that gender is the most significant biasing factor in determining whether or not someone will be charged, prosecuted, indicted and sentenced, as well as determining the severity of the sentence."

And Ramanathan is right.

Department of Justice figures show that being male increases a murderer's chance of receiving a death sentence by more than 20 times. And the data repeatedly confirms that men receive higher sentences than women for the exact same crime.

One study, published in Justice Quarterly in 1986, examined 181,197 felonies in California and found that, for the same crime, being male increased the chance of incarceration by 165 percent. Being black, in comparison, increased the chance of incarceration by 19 percent.

Another study, published in Crime & Delinquency in 1989, examined non-accomplice crimes and factored together the number of charges, convicted offenses, prior felony convictions, as well as the race, age, work history and family situation of the accused and found that "gender differences, favoring women, are more often found than race differences, favoring whites."

In yet another study, published in the International Journal of the Sociology of Law, researchers Mathew Zingraff and Randall Thomson found that being male increases sentence lengths more than any other discriminatory variable.

The bias applies to victims as well as the accused. When Edward Glaeser of Harvard University and Bruce Sacerdote of Dartmouth College examined 2,800 homicide cases randomly drawn from 33 urban counties by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, they found that killing a female instead of a male increased sentences by 40.6 percent. Killing a white instead of a black, in comparison, increased sentences by 26.8 percent.

Even when the exact same type of crime is accounted for, the disparities still persist. For example, a drunk driver who kills a black male receives an average sentence of two years. A drunk driver who kills a white male, four years. A drunk driver who kills a white female, six years.

To those who recognize the problem, gender stereotypes are a major culprit. In a 1991 NCFM report titled "Gender and Injustice," researchers John Ryan and Ian Wilson suggest the problem stems from stereotypes about women being more innocent, more reformable and less dangerous than men. Barbara Swartz, former Director of New York's Women's Prison Project, called it the "chivalry factor" and says, "If there were more women judges, more women would go to jail."

Others attribute the problem to the devaluing of male lives.

But addressing the causes does little good when the public does not even recognize the problem. One reason that we don't is that the task forces that we appoint to investigate the problem are just as biased as the legal system that they are supposed to monitor, so a full picture of the bias never gets drawn.

In 1980, the National Organization for Women and the National Association of Women Judges formed the National Judicial Education Program to Promote Equality for Women and Men in the Courts (NJEP). In 1986, they wrote "Operating a Task Force on Gender Bias in the Courts: A Manual for Action," which became the manual used by gender bias task forces nationwide. The manual opens by stating that gender bias operates more frequently against women and that it is not a contradiction for task forces to focus primarily on bias against women in courts.

As one might guess, this is exactly what the task forces do.

"None of (the commissions) study bias against men," said Ramanathan.

For example, even though men are more likely to get prison and women to get probation for the same crime, a New York task force claimed that it is women who were discriminated against because - get this - they receive longer probation periods.

One commission recently justified giving women shorter sentences because women are often custodial parents. But the sentencing disparities persisted in the above studies that took family situations are accounted for. So even if custodial parenthood justifies a shorter sentence, courts are giving men longer sentences than women even when neither (or both) are custodial parents. Needless to say, when a father commits a crime, the courts have no trouble calling him an unfit parent and removing him from his kids.

The gender bias in our courts and in our gender bias task forces is not just an injustice to the victims; it is a tragic betrayal of public trust. In fact, as embarrassing as it sounds, we may need to create task forces to investigate the gender bias of the task forces that we created to investigate gender bias in the first place.

Marc Angelucci is a public interest attorney in Los Angeles and the local representative of the National Coalition of Free Men.

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"Mankind Conference" Scheduled for Sept. 15

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Fathers are being driven out of the family--effectively disenfranchised from society--but no one knows. Those are the introductory words on this Web site, which is promoting the Mankind Conference 2001, to be held Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., at The Friends House, Euston Rd., London. Opposite Euston Station. I'm in the U.S. and won't be able to attend, but I encourage anyone interested in fathers' rights to get involved. The ultimate goal of this conference is to make family courts public, because *The process of smearing is now second nature in the media and in the secret family courts. It makes for fabulous headlines but when the cases fall flat the public is never told.*

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FHM Named Fastest Growing Magazine

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Offering proof that men everywhere are finally demanding something of their own in a world rife with periodicals and entertainment geared almost exclusively to women, this story on Excite News reports that FHM has not only become the fastest growing men's magazine in the world, but is also now the fastest growing magazine of any category in the United States. May the advertising and entertainment industries take note. If men once again become a consumer powerhouse, we're likely to see less male bashing as advertisers attempt to cater to men and women equally.

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Mustard Gas May Cause Testicular Damage, Infertility

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As if the military doesn't already screw men over with the draft, now some scientists are claiming that mustard gas, a common biological weapon used in warfare since World War I, causes testicular damage and infertility in men. It was intended to attack the respiratory system, skin, and eyes. So not only have governments forced young men who weren't willing to give their lives into service, but they've also destroyed the survivors' chances of carrying on future generations.

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Study Blames Male Behavior For Increased Female HIV Risk

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This report on Excite News attempts to remove responsibility for a woman's own sexual choices and place them squarely on the shoulders of her male partners. Men who are bisexual and who do not use protection, the study claims, are directly responsible for an increase in HIV among women. Their solution is to include men in education about condom use. I, for one, had no idea we were being excluded.

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Discrimination Laws Intended To Protect Both Sexes: Court

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The 8th U.S. Court of Appeals has overturned another court's acceptance of the University of Minnesota's appeal of a sexual discrimination lawsuit filed by a male professor, according to this story on Excite News. Amazingly, one of the university's arguments was that anti-discrimination laws were intended to protect women only! The male professor filed the lawsuit as a result of women-only pay increases after a 1989 sexual discrimination lawsuit settlement. *In response to the University's second argument, the appeals court ruled both men and women are protected under sexual discrimination laws.* **Update:** You may e-mail the university's Board of Regents here.

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NOW Promoting More Gender "Hate Crime" Laws

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Anonymous User writes *"As if all crimes aren't hate crimes... now we need additional laws to further oppress and strip people of their constitutional rights to appease the radical left. Oppose further dilution of due process and liberty! Be aware of laws like this that pass without opposition!"* The link to the story is here. What I'd be curious about is if this law specifically protects women and not men. Certainly, even if it is egalitarian, it will most likely be interpreted in a biased way against men by the courts.

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Court Affirms U. Texas Sex Harassment Lawsuit

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A federal appeals court last week affirmed that the University of Texas failed to take proper action when a male faculty member claimed he was being sexually harassed by a male superior. This story on Excite News details that the man's case was the first to take advantage of the 1998 Supreme Court ruling which established that sexual harassment could take place between members of the same sex.

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Turning a Blind Eye to the Problems of Boys

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A really passionate article was written on the problems that boys face in the UK Times. While the author writes with a great deal of despair, he accurately describes the many problems that have put boys these days in crisis: suicide, fatherlessness, repression of boys' physical exuberance, etc. Perhaps the article will act as a wake up call to those who claim to care about boys' needs but have taken no action on their behalf as of yet. We can't continue to let things continue this way. The article can be read at this link.Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: Who'd be a boy?

Author: Richard Morrison

Date: August 15, 2001

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L.A. Times: Dads Aren't Needed

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Marc Angelucci writes *"The L.A. Times printed this article today, titled "Moms Are Enough," which essentially says that the success of lesbian parents means dads are not really needed. It's interesting how the author doesn't mention the flipside: the success of gay male parents would mean moms aren't needed. The author also conflates all father's activists with traditional family supporters, which not all of us are. We're just sick and tired of seeing courts blocking fathers from being with their kids. I wrote to them. You can too at letters@latimes.com."*

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Coach Opposed To Title IX Under Scrutiny

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This story on Excite News reports on a Minnesota wrestling coach who is under scrutiny for "misuse of resources" after he developed a program to fight the gender equity problems caused by Title IX. The coach had managed to gather support and funding from several people and schools before being accused of using school property for personal work.

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UK Protects Female Infants Against Circumcision

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This story on Excite News details new UK guidelines for doctors who are being told they must stop parents from having their female children circumcised. There is no mention of male circumcision anywhere in the story, although male circumcision is obviously more widespread (and, as obviously, more widely accepted). I've always found it interesting that women refer to female circumcision as "genital mutilation" and male circumcision as a "medical procedure."

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Tyson Won't Be Prosecuted For Alleged Rape

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Considering the controversy over boxer Mike Tyson's original conviction of rape in the early 1990s (according to polls I recall from those times, males generally perceived the conviction as a bum rap, females perceived it as justice being served), I thought this story on Excite News was appropriate. A 50-year-old woman recently charged that Tyson raped her while training for an upcoming bout. Prosecutors say there is not enough evidence linking Tyson to the reported crime, and they do not expect things to change, but they're not considering the case closed.

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Paying Women To Marry

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This story on knoxstudio.com describes how a Bush aide wants to "run with the idea" of paying women an "extra $100 per month" if they marry the fathers of their children. This seems like a desperate attempt to keep the traditional family together, and in the long run it may hurt more than it helps. "Mommy, do you love Daddy?" "No, honey, I'm just in it for the money. Someday YOU can use a man for some extra cash!" Society would be better served by allowing people to remain independent of marriage while supporting fathers in their attempts to be a larger part of their children's lives.

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Kathleen Parker Comments On The Yates Case

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I know we're not supposed to keep posting articles on Andrea Yates, but this one was far too interesting to pass up. In her latest article Kathleen Parker defends not giving the death penalty to Andrea Yates on the grounds that she was insane (I'm sure we can find a fair few men who got the death penalty for that) she says the tired old line that women do most of the childcare as a seemingly subjective defence, overlooking a father's socializing influence (see here for more info) and his economic contributions to name a few of several factors. However, things get interesting when it's divided down gender lines, I won't spoil it here, but I think most men's activists can spot what's happening.

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Is Sexual Harassment Policy Driving Up College Tuition?

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Wendy McElroy examines the other costs of extremist sexual harassment policies on college campuses these days: a rise in tuition. McElroy uses several cases as examples, including one in which California State University at Fullerton was ordered to pay $75,000 to a student whom they basically told to "keep off the grass." The student claimed she was reprimanded because she was female. *CSUF is just one school. Sexual harassment policies, procedures, complaints, and lawsuits are ongoing at virtually every university and college in America. No figure exists on how much money harassment suits have collectively cost academia within the last twelve months. Nor is there an estimate on how much tuitions have risen in response.*

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Los Angeles Daily News Addresses Male Victims!

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Marc Angelucci writes *"The Los Angeles Daily News, which is the biggest competitor of the Los Angeles Times, printed an opinion piece by Glenn Sacks addressing the discrimination that male victims of domestic violence face throughout the County of Los Angeles. It mentions the data, the discrimination, just about everything that can be put in a short opinion piece."* This is one of the best examples of careful accuracy and concision in newspaper commentary on these subjects I've seen in a while.

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MANN Chat: The Good That Men Do

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Tonight's chat will be guest moderated by Steve Imparl, who also picked tonight's topic. Steve writes: *In William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, Anthony declares that the good that men do "is oft interred with their bones." Is this really true? Do our good works live on in our children, our creations, and our interactions with others? Do our good deeds have great value to all of us today and tomorrow? What good deeds are characteristically male actions? This week's chat topic is "The Good that Men Do." We will explore those special things that men offer the world, list them, and consider how to use them in men's activism.* The chat begins at 9:30 p.m. ET and may be accessed here. Click "Read More" below for the complete details.

Men's Activism News Network--Chat Tonight

The Men's Activism News Network, www.mensactivism.org, would like to announce the topic for its weekly on-line chat tonight.

The Good that Men Do

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HOW TO JOIN OUR CHAT: Just go to the following web page: http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml at 9:30 PM Eastern Time tonight, and
use the Java applet to join the chat - it's simple! Also note that our discussions these past few weeks have lasted well after 11 PM Eastern Time, so if you can't make it at 9:30, feel free to drop by later.

The Men's Activism News Network - Tracking men's rights news from around the globe! Fostering men's activism for the sake of improving men's lives.

See you there!

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The Reintroduction of Fatherhood

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Robert Cunningham writes *" Being an active and involved father does make a difference. I am very thankful that now, compared to when I was a child, more fathers want to be actively involved with their children. But does that mean that fathers are simply male mothers? Do they have a distinctive contribution to make? Just as mothers have a distinctive contribution to make. The following is a good attempt to explore this important domain."* Interestingly, this report does try to strike a balance between fathers sharing motherhood roles and making their own father-specific contributions as well.

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Judge: Father Must Allow Boy to Stay Overnight With Mother in Prison

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cheddah writes *"Risking contempt-of-court charges that could land him in jail, a father is refusing to let his 6-year-old son spend the night in prison with the boy's mother, a convicted killer."* Unfortunately, the father agreed to visitation terms upon their divorce which allow the mother to have the children from Friday through Saturday. It is notable, however, that the mother is not asking the prison to change its rules to comply with the divorce decree for her 11-year-old son as well. Children do not belong in adult prisons. The story is here.Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Boy, 6, is ordered to stay overnight with mother, a killer

Author: Kevin O'Hanlon

Date: August 21, 2001

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Secret Underground of The Patriarchy Exposed!

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With this exclusive first-of-its-kind photograph, the misandrists finally have proof that, yes, we males really do control everything! What do you know? They finally discovered our secret. Hey, Scott and Adam, isn't that you in the front row? ;) (Folks, please do be aware that this piece is assigned to the "humor" department.) ;) Perhaps we should print out this page and tack it onto our bulletin boards.

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Ann Landers Blames Husband for Wife's Behavior

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Both Hawth and Neil Steyskal submitted the following Ann Landers column. Hawth writes *"Ann Landers responded to a man who complained that his wife was spending too much time playing computer games (and chatting excessively with a 25-year-old man!) by telling him that HE needed to liven up the marriage and that his wife was probably just bored. Had it been a woman who wrote in that her husband was spending all his time playing computer games and chatting on the phone with a much younger lady, I doubt Ann's response would have been the same."*

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Lesbian Moms and Junk Science

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frank h writes *"In this article on toogoodreports.com, Dr. Gerald Rowles provides a rebuttal to Dr. Peggy Drexler's "Moms are Enough" piece submitted a few days ago. Needless to say, Dr. Rowles and I agree 100%."* It's great to see a printed rebuttal. Now if only the LA Times would print some of those Letters to the Editor.

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Minimizing the Problems of Boys and Men

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Robex writes *"I came across this article in the UK Independent by a columnist called Natasha Walter. It was written in response to Doris Lessing's (a well known feminist) recent assertion in the UK National press that it is "Time for men to hit back." Lessing was referring to the brow beating of boys and the male gender in UK schools and their subsequent poor exam performances. Natasha Walter's heart apparently "sank" when she read Lessing's words because she does not know where the smug and complacent females referred to by Lessing are.* Click Read More for the rest of Robex's commentary.The plaintive wail of Walter's article seems to suggest that she is only concerned that focusing on Men's Issues in any way might detract from women and their issues, irrespective of the truth of the matter. Amongst the usual cliches and dogma, she includes the following:

"Because despite their much trumpeted failure, men still hold the cards in Britain.....We still live in a world in which the jobs traditionally done by women attract the very worst pay and conditions, in which women still earn only about 60 per cent of the total earned by men"

I have written to Ms Walter explaining that in the absence of context, statistics are useless. Additionally, in this case, she is simply wrong. The actual (misleading)unadjusted figure for the UK "gender gap" is 74.5%. When age, tenure, experience and qualifications are taken into account, the difference shrinks dramatically. However, as all journos know, proof by anecdote is very powerful.

I have also taken issue with her outrageous suggestion that traditional female occupations attract the worst conditions. I have pointed out that unquestionably, men have drawn this particular short straw. In the UK over 96% of all workplace fatalities are male. Even excluding all high risk occupations, men still attract a 20% higher death rate. I have suggested that the next time she gets a chance, she should look at the gender of the person who collects her garbage, cleans her drains, sweeps her streets, fights for her country, fights the fires, and drills for oil. I have suggested that she then informs these people that the low paid secretaries of this world have a tougher job.

Finally, since "men hold all the cards", I have listed for her comment the fact that as a male in the UK, I am more likely to die from all 15 leading causes of death (Heart disease, Cancer etc.) I am also massively more likely to be a victim of all recordable types of crime, commit suicide, die at work or be homeless. I have also pointed out that I hear very little of the other gender gap ? in which men routinely die 5-7 years earlier than women.

I do not seek to minimise the problems that women face, but to deny, ignore or pretend that men do not also have issues sickens me."

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Protecting Primary Breadwinners In France

Adam · 23 August 2001 · Archived copy · Original

An interesting article from the Spectator about France, it seems that the French actually protected the traditional breadwinner role of men, by keeping heavy industry around, and unlike alot of western countries they're better off. The writer seems to think this is a bad thing however, towing the rad-fem line at a point, Still, it's an interesting read so click here to read it. On a side note, I have been thinking about how heavy industry might be regenerated in the west to help men out, do any of you have some ideas?

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Not All Child Killers Are the Same

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Robert Cunningham writes *"Gender feminists join forces with traditional conservatives in promoting that women deserve special treatment, even when children are killed! I thought a crime was a crime was a crime. You might like to send Janet Albrechtsen, the author of this article an email for presenting the case in lucid form that equality does not mean just in the work force, or providing services for female victims of domestic violence. NO, NO, NO. Equality also means that men and women ought to receive the same punishment for the same crime. And also the same compassion, where appropriate!"*

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Writer Berkoff Speaks Out Against Rape Accusation

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Writer Steven Berkoff says rape laws should be changed to protect men from false accusations. This comes after a woman recently filed rape charges against him. Berkoff, who has claimed to be a male feminist, now says *"I have dedicated my life to love and to women and to relationships," he said. "In my poetry and plays I have castigated men for what they have done to women. "I have done nothing wrong and nothing to be ashamed of. All I can say is I will not be vindictive." Berkoff, at the Edinburgh festival with his new play The Secret Love Life of Ophelia, said: "I used to be a feminist. Now I'm a misogynist.* **Update:** I was just made aware that I neglected to post the link to the original article. My humblest apologies. :(

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Women Coaching Male Sports Teams

Scott · 24 August 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"Here's the latest front in the Title IX war. Women are suing to coach men's teams."* The article brings up a very valid controversy about the nature of discrimination. Read it here from TownHall.com and think. Thanks also to Not PC for sending this in.Source: TownHall.com

Title: When coach is a chick

Author: Debbie Schlussel

Date: August 22, 2001

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Increase In Male Enrollment Causes Housing Problems

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A 40 percent increase in male enrollment at Texas Christian University this year has caused dramatic housing problems on campus, according to this story on Excite News. Many freshman males are being housed in frat houses and residence hall lounges until better accomodations can be made. The campus provides more housing for females than males "because of the female-to-male ratio," the story says. I wonder, though, if male dorms would be forced to house female students for a time if the roles were reversed?

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Feminist Claims Idaho Suffers From Wage Gap

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This story, which originally appeared in the Biose State U.'s *The Arbiter* claims that female graduates from the college will make less than male graduates for doing the same jobs. Interestingly, the subject quoted in this article *does* hint that women often choose lower-paying careers than men, but blames this on the way daughters are reared. She shoots down her own blame of The Patriarchy, though, by also claiming that "Women are traditionally not only child-bearers, but also caregivers." So... it's women who are rearing women to take on those smaller paying positions, then? Well, perhaps feminists should then be looking for ways to defeat the "Matriarchy."

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Male-Only Golf Club Under Fire

Scott · 25 August 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Rams sent in this link to an ESPN article about a proposed male-only golf course in Arizona. The club is meant to be specifically geared toward "serious, low-handicap golfers" and will be limited to about 500 members. Is this the 'ol boy network at work, or is it truly analogous to women's health clubs? In any case, it is believed that the club will be legal because it does not serve the public and has a small number of members. Source: ESPN.com

Title: Couples helping to design men-only course

Author: Unknown (AP article)

Date: August 23, 2001

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Women Allowed to Humiliate Men Via One-Way Bathroom Mirrors

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This story in The Sunday Times is as much an insult to men as the accusatory college campus urinals we discussed recently. It seems that some bars in South Africa have decided to put one-way mirrors between men's and women's restrooms so that women can see men at their most vulnerable. They've installed couches in the women's restrooms so that the women can sit "in comfort" and gawk (and laugh) at males. I wonder how long it would take a woman in the reverse situation to file a lawsuit?Source: The Sunday Times [South African newspaper]

Title: Guys, watch out - Big Sister is watching you

Author: Brett Horner

Date: August 19, 2001

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Stop Anti-Male Bias

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Steve wanted to announce a new on-line resource for people to focus on stopping male bashing and anti-male bias. Appropriately, it is titled Stop Anti-Male Bias and is a Yahoo! Club. Their mission is: "*This club is dedicated to promoting a gender-neutral approach to equality, and stopping the destructive influence of anti-male bias in the media, legislation, and general society. "Don't get mad - take action'"*"

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Parental Alienation Questionnaire

Scott · 26 August 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Stan Hayward writes *"A questionnaire on parental alienation set up by Families Need Fathers in the UK is getting many responses from around the world, and in particular from the USA. Check out the website at www.fnf.org.uk for the main site, and click here for the questionnaire. It is permitted for this questionnaire to be used by other fathers groups."*

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Are Your Tax Dollars Being Used to Fund Andrea Yates' Defense?

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frank h writes *"I really didn't want to submit yet another Andrea Yates story, but this one is making me vomit. I just read another article about how the feminists are being financed by the federal government, and it seems like the feds might even be funding Yates' legal defense!"* While I didn't see anyting in the article that stated that money is directly going from federal programs to Yates' defense, these two articles, taken together, strongly suggest that it could be done.

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Australia Considering "Divorce Tax"

Scott · 26 August 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Robert Cunningham wrote in about a proposed tax in Australia for the "guilty party" in a divorce, and brought up some interesting points: *"A "Divorce tax on the guilty party" is a retrograde step! Why increase suffering? Rather it is helpful to try to reduce the suffering of those who are divorcing, both men and women. Marriage is extremely important, especially when children are involved! But couples ought not to be forced to stay together who ought to separate. The goal is shared parenting, not forced marriages. The response of Michael Green to this article is most pertinent. Michael Green has a web-site at fathersafterdivorce.com You can send him an email, via the web site."*Source: Sydney Morning Herald

Title: Pell wants guilt back in divorce - plus tax

Author: Kelly Burke

Date: August 24, 2001

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DC Police Family Violence Study Biased

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Neil Steyskal writes *"The Washington Post reported here about a DC Police Dept. evaluation of their handling of family violence cases. The study interviewed only women. Let's remind them, again, about the men victims. Write to: letters@washpost.com"*

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Colorado State U. Offers Help For All Victims of Sexual Assault

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This story on Excite News reports on a new advocacy program geared toward assisting victims of sexual assault on that campus. The story specifically states (twice) that the program is there to help both female *and male* victims of sexual assault. We'll all remember that Colorado State U. is one university that received quite a bit of flack for preventing male students from participating in "Take Back The Night" rallies, and for repeatedly perpetuating the notion that women are victims and men are predators. Although this looks like a step in the right direction, I am still uncomfortable that the program is run by the "Office of Women's Studies."

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Female Politician May Lose Votes From Men-Only Club

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A Massachusettes politician who was told she cannot speak at a men-only veterans dinner because she is female is enraged and thinking of taking legal action, according to this story on Excite News. The club in question does have some female members, but is a bona fide private club and can, therefore, exclude whom it wishes. The woman says that she could lose a prime networking opportunity if not allowed to attend the dinner. *Silva told DeFranco the men-only dinners are a tradition. "And that's the way it's going to be," he said.*

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Women's Studies Program Becomes "Gender Studies"

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This article on Excite News claims that one of the oldest women's studies programs in the U.S. is changing its name to "gender studies" to "more accurately reflect the goal of the program." Unforunately, it does not appear to me that the program is being in any way altered to include men. Perhaps men aren't even a sex anymore? *Numerous courses are offered through the program that have "gender" in their titles, but the department does not feel that more male students will feel welcome to take such courses.*

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University Bookstore Controversy Reveals Other Women's Studies Problems

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This story on Excite News is largely about the women's studies and English departments at the University of Arizona supporting an independent bookstore rather than the university bookstore. To combat this, the university instituted a policy in which all professors must submit book requirements for their classes to the university's bookstore. It also reveals how misleading the titles of women's studies courses can be. *In some cases, such as the incident that sparked the institution of the policy, the required literature from Antigone has been about gender studies. Rep. Linda Gray, R-Ariz., who came out in support of the policy, said that was not the main issue for putting the mandate into place. "That really wasn't the important aspect," she said. "However, this student had signed up for a women's literature course and was not told it would be a celebration of the gay and lesbian community." Gray said instructors should be "up front" about the content of their courses, and they should practice "truth in advertising."*

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Weekends Peak Time For Men's Heart Attacks

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There's been a tremendous amount of focus on women and heart disease in the media lately, which is surprising when you consider that men have traditionally been more likely to die from heart disease than women. This story on Excite News examines some potential reasons why men are more likely to get heart attacks on weekends rather than during the week.

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Woman Jailed Over False Abuse Claim

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frank h sent in this story and writes *"Finally, someone in law enforcement has woken up to the fact of false allegations! According to court records, the woman took photos of a bruise to her thigh she received in a fall from a ladder, using it later to try to prove her husband had kicked her and thrown a metal file at her."*

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Anti-Ritalin Lawsuits Dropping Fast

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Unfortunately for people who's children (mainly boys) are misdiagnosed with ADD or ADHD, credibility for claims of misdiagnosis is being shot down almost singlehandedly by an overzealous 65-year-old psychiatrist who wrote in a recent book that children should be having sex with each other as a means of liberating themselves from "parental oppression." The psychiatrist in question also happens to be one of Ritalin's biggest foes. This article on Fox News spills out the gory details.

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Spa Vacations Now Catering To Men

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This article on Excite News bodes well for advertisers and the media once again recognizing the buying power of men. According to the PR piece (that's really what it is) more and more men are taking "solo" spa retreats, and more spa vacation packages are beginning to offer the "adventure" type retreats men are seeking. Unfortunately, the article also suggests that the reason men are taking these "solo" retreats is to meet single women. I say perhaps we just want to get away for a while.

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Leading Causes of Death in Canada

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nagzi writes *"This article on CBCnews's webpage is a break down of the leading causes of death in Canada. Towards the bottom of the page is a link to a break down of the stats by gender. Needless to say, men are the biggest victims in all areas with the exception of one. And the one thing that kills more women [psychoses] is by a small fraction."* Of course, the CBS story didn't mention anything about gender in the story, indicating how unimportant this gender inequity is. Source: CBC News [Canadian Broadcasting Company]

Title: Causes of Death

Author: Owen Wood

Date: August 2001

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Woman Arrested for Nearly Castrating Common-law Husband

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Thomas pointed me to this article and writes *"Fox News reports that an Ontario man was nearly castrated by his common-law wife during a domestic dispute. Fortunately, the woman was arrested. Unfortunately, Fox News saw fit to make a joke of the incident with the final comment, "(Sgt. Paul Malik of the Durham Regional Police) did not say whether the man's voice was in a noticeably higher pitch."*

Obviously, Fox News would not make a joke of a woman who was mutilated by a man." You can send your comments to Fox News at topstories@foxnews.com. **Update:** The article's last line has been changed! Thanks to everyone who wrote in to them about this.Source: Fox [news network]

Title: Woman Nearly Rips Off Husband's Testicles in Domestic Spat

Author: Michael Y. Park

Date: August 28, 2001

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MANN Chat: Creating Resources for Abused Men Awareness

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Tonight's chat (starts at 9:30 PM EST, click here, etc.) will be a very important chat session. During it, we will be designing some flyers and informational materials which can be used by battered men's advocates during October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month campaign. Now's your chance to do something to help raise awareness of domestic violence against men. The flyers will be created and then posted to Mensactivism.org for anyone to print out and distribute. Every year, advocates for abused men are silenced and mocked. It's time for this to change, and we need your help. Please join our chat tonight for some serious activism.

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Derbyshire: Are Men Obsolete?

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Neil Steyskal submitted this essay from the National Review. John Derbyshire writes about the increasing "feminization" of culture, and the growing redundancy of men. His outlook is depressing, to say the least, and Derbyshire offers no suggestions on how to avoid the dystopia he describes. It's a fairly somber read.

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Equality Ends When the Check Arrives

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Mark writes *"This article (free registration required to read) from NY Times columnist Maureen Dowd discusses how many women today still feel that even after women's liberation, men should still pay for dating..."Going Dutch is an archaic feminist relic. It's a scuzzy 70's thing, like platform shoes on men." One man admitted that he had to spend $10,000 on dates to "get his wife.""* Source: The New York Times [newspaper]

Title: The Manolo Moochers

Author: Maureen Dowd

Date: August 29, 2001

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Female Deceit of Men

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frank h and Andrew sent in this very disturbing article from Ananova News. It reports on a survey done by the women's magazine *That's Life*, which found that 24% of women would "try to conceive without their partner's consent if they wanted a baby." Other quotes from the article: "*The Scruples and Lies Survey found that modern women are willing to lie about everything from contraception to the size of their bank balance. Whether it's little white lies or serious porkies, 94% of the 5,000 respondents confessed to telling fibs, with 48% lying on a daily basis...The vast majority (84%) said they could lie with a clear conscience, with many justifying their deceit as a means of sparing other people's feelings.*" Source: Ananova [newspaper]

Title: Women confess to lying to their men

Author: Unknown

Date: August 29, 2001

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Feminism: It Wasn't Supposed To Be This Way

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In the commentary in the National Post, Donna Laframboise echoes the recent comments by Doris Lessing, that feminists need to lay off men and boys. It's not what feminism was supposed to be about, she says. She also says that because men are either too afraid to speak out, or are too extremist to be taken seriously, women need to speak for them. On this, I disagree. Certainly, women should speak out for men if they feel so inclined, but not *in place* of men speaking out for ourselves.

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Aggression Obsession

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Robex writes *"I was reading this fairly innocuous article which claims that "workplace violence is all too common in corporate America". In stating this, the female author claims that bad behavior goes unpunished and cites as an example that "Sports figures still play, even if they've beaten their wives"....It seems that "crimes against women" outweigh any other type and the ludicrous inference is that not only should jail sentences be imposed, but the perpetrator should be prevented from working at his job thereafter....Is anyone else concerned at the level of bitterness and spite involved in this particular feminist thought process?"* For space reasons, I had to shorten Robex's submission, but I have included it in full in the comments section. There he gives some specific examples.

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The Fight for Fathers in Canada Concluded

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Bad news for fathers groups in Canada, a while back we reported that women's groups shunned father's advocates and refused to sit at the table with them over divorce law reform hearings. Following on from that, there was more bad news to go around as we learned that the feminists might be granted their own hearing. Now, it's been brought to a conclusion. Sadly there won't be any justice for fathers yet as Anne McLellan has buried the report, which is unsurprising as she has strong feminist leanings. Read the conclusion for yourself to find out the bitter truth.

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When Will the Educators Learn? SAT Fallacies

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frank h writes *"The LA Times Article SAT's Gender Gap Widening analyzes, not very carefully it seems, the gender gap that persists in SAT performance. The "experts" STILL do not recognize the the SAT is a VOLUNTARY test, and that because of this, it NOT a good generalized assessment of academic performance for any group, whether divided along gender or ethnic lines. A better assessment of academic performance is a test that EVERY student must take, such as the New Jersey ESPA and GEPA, which show that girls are ahead by a lot, especially in reading and language arts. The gender and ethnic reports for the NJ 4th and 8th grade tests can be found here."*Source: The L.A. Times [newspaper]

Title: SAT's Gender Gap Widening

Author: Martha Groves

Date: August 29, 2001

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DV Awareness Month is Quickly Approaching

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"As you read this, your local media is planning their coverage of DV Awareness Month (October). This is a good time to contact them suggesting that they cover the men's side of the issue. This not a letter to the editor that you'd expect to see published; rather it is a suggestion for an issue you'd like to see addressed in their programs or pages. Many local talk shows have a spot for feedback or suggestions on their websites. Provide them with links to info, orgs, and support groups that you know of, online or off. Even better if you have someone with an org or website that would be willing to appear or be interviewed. You may have DV counselors in your area, or a local chapter of one of the men's groups. If you can provide them with this info, you have already done half their work for them and you may be pleasantly surprised at the result! The DesertLight Journal is more than willing to help. If you have questions or would like to know where to find this info, e-mail me at dsrtlite@mindspring.com. But time is critical - we need to get our suggestions to them within the next few days if at all possible."*

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Men Overwhelmingly Imprisoned in the Drug War

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According to the the drug war prison facts just being a man makes you more likely to be imprisoned. While that's hardly news to most of you, the gender ratio will be. Based on my calculations, there are 15-16 men in prison for every woman on the charge of drug offences. If some of you thought the drug war was a war on men, albeit an undeclared one, the sad fact is you could well be right. On a side note, the site has a special section on women but not on men. Care for some activism, anyone? dmcvay@drugwarfacts.org

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Ellen Goodman Gloats About Brain Power

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Rsutaruro writes *"In this incredibly sexist article, Ellen Goodman, feminist writer to the extreme gloats about a university study about men and women's brains."* I found that the article itself really had no focal point - making me wonder if Goodman was using "both halves of her brain" while writing it. :)

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Can Rape Be Provoked?

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frank h writes *"This article in the LA Times decries the establishment, in the law, of the recognition of the provocation of rape in northern Mexico. While I don't know the details of how it's implemented, I applaud this measure and I think that the states in the US ought to recognize this notion as well. Hopefully, we have some Mexican readers out there who will let their legislators know that they agree with this instead of allowing only the women to speak against it."* I agree that an open discussion on this topic should be allowed - and that somehow we've got to restore some balance to rape laws, which currently give false accusers too much power and not enough accountability.

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Responses to Dowd's Dating Article

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Neil Steyskal wrote in to let us know that the New York Times has printed a few responses to Maureen Dowd's recent article where she interviews people who think that women who pay for or split the cost of dates are "archaic feminist relics." The responses, which were overwhelmingly critical of this self-serving view, can be read here (free NYT registration required).

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Motorola Donates Phones to "Save Women's Lives"

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In a new woman-oriented PR move for Motorola Corp., the company is rounding up old mobile phones, which it then plans to donate to shelters for female victims of domestic violence. The company claims it wants to provide safety for women by providing them with an easy way to call for help. There are no plans for a similar campaign for male victims of domestic violence. I suppose this is better than donating pepper spray.

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Culture of Dating Spreads to the Internet

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This humorous column in the *Nashville Scene* points out that Internet dating services are now taking advantage of men's wallets in the same way women have been doing for years: shell out loads of cash, potentially get some company. Note the final paragraph of the column, as it has the most relevance to the men's movement.

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Mass. SJC and Restraining Orders

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JDD writes *"This article from the Boston Globe deals with a woman attending a town concert and seeing a man she has filed a restraining order against also in attendance. In addition to it being an interesting read, I found the blatant use of gender in this paragraph to be disturbing:* 'The zone of protection around the victim, in this case, 100 yards, is designed to create a barrier between the victim and the batterer and prevent any contact, Wolfman said. "The victim knows she's safe," she said. "The batterer knows he has to stay away. The police know they can arrest."'"You can e-mail the author of this article at kburge@globe.com.Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: SJC case to spotlight restraining order tangle

Author: Kathleen Burge

Date: August 31, 2001

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Republican Women Don't Get Their Way, Claim Discrimination

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A group of whiny Georgia Republican women are claiming in this story that new districting maps (which openly discriminate against Republicans, according to the Democrats) discriminate more so against women. If the men's movement needed any more evidence that we are friends of neither liberals nor conservatives, this is it. It is notable, however, that the Democrat women in this controversy are not siding with the Republican women, claiming that the new maps are not discriminatory based on gender.

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Judge Orders WOMAN Not To Have Children

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In a surprising twist on the recent Wisconsin Supreme Court decision which banned a so-called "deadbeat" dad from fathering any more children, a Minnesota judge has banned a woman from having any more children after she was convicted for her role in the death of her infant. *Pierce County Judge Dane Morey also sentenced Andrea Goetz, 26, to 10 years probation. Goetz was found guilty in June of second-degree reckless homicide in the death of her 3-month-old daughter. She had faced a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.* Still, she didn't get her due time in jail, as a man would have.

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Men's Contraceptive

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Neil Steyskal sent in this story from Australia's Herald Sun and writes *"Having children that you haven't planned is one of the most serious risks for men. [This] new development brings us a bit closer to having more control over it."*

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No Prison Sleepover for Child with Mother who Murdered

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frank h writes *"This article says that the Governor of Nebraska is revoking the 'right' of an imprisoned mother to have her six-year-old son spend the night with her in prison. Hooo-Ray for common sense. The judges, on the other hand, favored the sleepover. This Governor needs to hear from men nationwide who applaud his action because he will surely hear from the feminists."* This brings up some interesting questions. I think everyone would agree that having a child sleep in a prison with a parent convicted of murder is not a good idea, but what about less serious crimes? Do children not belong in prisons at all or should a parent (often the father, mind you) serving some time for a minor offense be given the right to see his or her child for an extended visit?

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Reader Response on Men's Health

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A. Hunter sent in a short rant (as she described it) on men's health and men's responsibility to take care of their health. You can read it by clicking "Read More" below. Hunter shares her experiences trying to get her husband to see a doctor regularly and the frustration it can cause. She raises some good points about how men are often their own worst enemy when it comes to health issues, but I think there are a lot of other factors that contribute to the problem as well. Listen up, Gentlemen...

There is no feminist plot to deprive men of appropriate health care. If anything, there is a feminist plot to force you into the doctor's office for preventative maintenance, no matter how much men resist.

I'm fed up with men who do not take their own health care seriously, and when my husband and I turned 40 together a coupla four years back, I started using a club to impress upon my love of 30 odd years that he would get an annual physical...or deal with a seriously unhappy wife.
Eventually, it boiled down to threats. "*Honey, you vill get into see the Dr. I haff vays uff makink you.*"

These days, I don't nag and harp anymore. I don't argue, whine or threaten. I simply make the appointment, and I see to it that he keeps the appointment...fortunately, he's a bright guy.

When I was 12, this man informed me that I would spend the rest of my life with him. Had I known then that I would be obliged to use force to get him into see the doctor, I'd have had the obligation written into our marriage vows.

The upshot here is that men do continue to ignore their own best interests, for reasons alll their own, and this feminist is calling the boys on their own nonsense!

Finally:

Gentlemen, as we women generally are obliged to see to our plumbing at a much earlier age, we get used to the indignities associated with medical examinations. We do understand that. But pain is the body's way of telling you something's wrong...and you do yourself (not to mention your loved ones) harm in your refusal to take ostensibly minor injuries and other warning signs more seriously. Moreover, no man needs to die prematurely from prostate cancer...there are superb treatments. Get the damn examination.

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Women Not the Only Losers of the Sexual Revolution

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Not PC sent in this article by TownHall columnist Paul Craig Roberts. Roberts writes that, contrary to the common stereotypes, men have also been harmed by the sexual revolution, which is making it increasingly difficult for men to find long-term relationships and, in particular, marriage with a woman. "*Men do want marriage. There is no comfort in a different woman every night. Moreover, that approach to sex might produce offspring, but not a lifetime relationship with sons, daughters and grandchildren.*" Later in the article Roberts also looks at the way marriage has been decimated by easy divorces. He acknowledges that marriage has even become a foolish choice for most men these days, and that some serious reform of divorce laws will be needed recover the value of marriage. His message is that the sexual revolution has also destroyed the value of lifelong fathers, and so men are also the losers of the sexual revolution.

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Farrell Says Frozen Embryos May Assist Choice For Men

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In this column by Warren Farrell, the sage of the men's movement takes a look at how recent lawsuits over technological advancements like frozen embryos may actually assist men in equalizing ourselves with women over whether we want to become fathers. In essence, he says contract law is going to become more important in custody cases than laws based on biology, specifically because more lesbian couples are going to find themselves in the same types of custody lawsuits as heterosexual couples.

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West Hollywood Declares September Prostate Cancer Month

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Contrary to the recent feminist posting on this Web site accusing men of apathy regarding men's health issues, this story on Excite News indicts a lack of education and awareness of prostate cancer as a chief cause of a lack of early detection, particulary among African American men. Also, if we have any readers from West Hollywood, get out there on Sept. 16 and get your free examination.

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Sexual Liberation: Is It True Liberation Or Oppression?

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In spite of the author's obvious support of women holding sexual power over men, this column on Excite News makes a good point about how duplicitous feminism is regarding the sexual display of femininity, specifically, the exposing of women's undergarments as a fashion statement: is it women sexually expressing themselves, or women oppressing themselves by making themselves "objects" of men's desire? Unfortunately, the author does not point out the third possibility: that these women could be using sex as a manipulative advantage.

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Utah State University Teaches Women To Beat Up Men

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This story on Excite News reveals a new campaign by Utah State University to teach women alone how to to defend themselves against sexual assaults. The college offers a self-defense class "for women only" to this end. The article, at the end, acknowledges male victims of sexual assault, but then dismisses them based on numbers.

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Date Violence Common To Both Boys and Girls

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In typical feminist media fashion this article on Excite News acknowledges that both boys and girls are victims of date violence these days, but then goes on to focus almost entirely on the female victims. The report suggests that 9 percent of females and 6 percent of males in high school are victims of date violence. Not a large difference in percentages there. Wonder why male victims are ignored?

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After Eight Years, Doctor Convicted Of Sexually Abusing Men

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A UK Group has admitted that it failed many young men who were sexually abused by a doctor over a span of eight years. According to the story, the group is considering new guidelines to streamline complaints about doctors. In the cases of the abused young men, the complaints were ignored or bogged down in red tape.

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Activism Project: DV Portrayal Media Campaign

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Steve from the Stop Anti-Male Bias Yahoo! Club created a letter template which can be sent to media outlets such as ABC, CBS, NBC, and other print media sources. The intent is to let the media know that there are people out there who want to hear or read a more balanced portrayal of domestic violence during the upcoming Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. Some interesting links are included at the end of the letter for background reading and references. Send your letters out *now*, and help change the way DV is portrayed in the media this year! See our Activism Projects page for more info.

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Rogaine Ads Bashed In College Column

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A student columnist at North Carolina State U. had this to say about how insulting modern advertising is. She specifically mentions the Rogaine commercials we all despise so much, and points out that they should be as insulting to women as they are to men. Applause.

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Men, Boys Are NOT Emotional Mummies

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You know that William Pollack theory that boys develop emotional deficiencies due to socialization which forces them to be emotionally detached? It's bunk, according to this article on Excite News. Dr. Mark S. Kiselica, associate professor and chair of the department of counselor education at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, says *If that's the norm, then insecure attachments should be the norms for boys and men--men should long for intimate relationships, yet recoil from them. There's no empirical research to support those claims.*

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Drafts of DV Flyers Available for Download

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Well, the fruit of last week's on-line chat is becoming ripe - click here and download the current drafts of the Mensactivism.org DV awareness flyers. We need your comments! Please join tonight's chat session to give feedback and refine these resources that will be used nationwide for promoting awareness of domestic violence against men.

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Home Schooling: Is It The Answer For Boys?

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Wendy McElroy's latest column examines home schooling, and attributes its rise in popularity to the prevelance of feminist political correctness in the public school system. She also mentions Doris Lessing's recent comments about how cowed boys are in school this days, blamed for being male.

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Father Fights Paying For Adult Child's College Education

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This story in the National Post details a long-running battle in Canada against unfair child support laws affecting non-custodial parents (particularly fathers). *In what is widely interpreted as a deliberate attempt to force government to clarify the law, [Judge Jack] Watson ruled that students are destitute because they cannot go to school and work at the same time. The father is asking that the ruling be suspended while he challenges it in the Alberta Court of Appeal.* Many students do work while in college. Hopefully, the appeals court will recognize that fact.

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Gendercide: War Is Hell

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Adam Jones wrote this interesting piece about the slaughter of ethnic-Albanian men in Kosovo. Much is heard around the world about the killing of women because they are women. Jones provides an interesting look at the killing of men and the lack of attention it gets in the media. *A broad sample of media commentary is presented to demonstrate that "unworthy" male victims tend to be marginalized or ignored entirely in mass-media coverage. A trio of common marginalization strategies is discussed, and a theoretical framework of "first-order," "second-order," and "third-order" gendering is proposed to clarify the deficit in coverage. This deficit is then contrasted with the attention given to the victimization experiences of "worthy" victims, such as women, children, and the elderly.*

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Women Soldiers Poor Defenders

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frank h writes *"This Washington Times article finally cites an intelligently-done study that concludes that women in the infantry is a bad idea for defense. There are other sources as well."* Thanks also to Not PC for sending in this story. It's yet another opinion in the ongoing military debate.Source: The Washington Times

Title: Women in combat costly, 'criminal'

Author: Robert Fox

Date: September 5, 2001

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Glenn Sacks Creates Web Site

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Glenn Sacks e-mailed me to tell me about his new web site. To my knowledge, Sacks is the only regularly published male columnist in the U.S. who writes about gender issues from a perspective unapologetically sympathetic to men and on a wide variety of men's issues. His columns have appeared in The Los Angeles Times, The Los Angeles Daily News, The San Francisco Daily Journal, The Salt Lake City Tribune, The Sacramento Business Journal, The Los Angeles Daily Journal, and others (including Mensactivism.org, of course!). Visit his website at www.GlennJSacks.com.

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People Growing Intolerant of Zero Tolerance in Schools

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As if we need any reminder that political correctness is rampant in education these days, this article on Fox News reports that zero tolerance is adversely affecting school systems by tying them too closely to law enforcement. Although the article does not specifically mention gender, one must wonder how many of the students being suspended in these zero tolerance cases are male.

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Feminists Creating a Police State with Zero-Tolerance Laws

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Henry Makow wrote a very thought-provoking article on TooGoodReports.com. In it, he shows how zero-tolerance laws overwhelmed police and take up an enormous proportion of their cases, and how being arrested for the most minor forms of "violence" is hurting men, women, and relationships in general. While I take issue with Makow's comments that homosexuals are leading a conspiracy to destroy heterosexuality, the article does a good job outlining the damage being done to society by attempts to control people's personal behavior and the inevitable consequences of these laws (a police state and reduction of civil liberties). Source: TooGoodReports.com [web site]

Title: The Dawn Of The Feminist Police State

Author: Henry Makow, Ph.D.

Date: September 5, 2001

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The ACLU, Abortion and Women's (Men's?) Rights

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Anonymous User writes *"Here is an interesting article. Lots of information regarding the history of abortion and the ACLU's influence on the issue. One line that caught my attention is attributed to attorney Harriet Pilpel at a 1964 ACLU conference. "She asked: Does it not unconstitutionally deny a woman life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, for example, if despite her wishes and the opinions of concurring doctors she is forced to bear a child she doesn't want and, objectively, shouldn't have?" Why didn't anyone in the ACLU consider replacing the gender in that sentence or making it gender neutral?"*Source: The Human Life Review [magazine]

Title: ACLU v. Unborn Children

Author: Mary Meehan

Date: Spring 2001

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Clayton Giles Arrives in Washtinton, D.C.

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I feel I have to apologize for the lack of reporting we've done on Clayton Giles' Journey for Kids, an incredible 2,500 mile bike ride a 13 year-old boy is doing to protest the way courts treat children in divorce cases. This young man, who I met briefly in NYC, could very well be doing more to reform the court system than the efforts of several focused father's rights groups. Because he's not an adult yet, his message is being listened to, and his petition has thousands of signatures which he will be presenting to President Bush in the next few days. Click here and take a few minutes to read about Clayton's journey and his dedication to doing something to make a difference.

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Sexist Reporting of Teen Violence Stats

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rparent writes *"This is an opinion piece, but it gives an interesting view of how teen violence stats are reported differently, depending on the victim's gender. Check it out at this link."* The article does a great job of unraveling "advocacy research," a concept the general public needs to be aware of. Source: PressDemocrat.com [web site]

Title: Sexist reporting of violence studies

Author: Joe Manthey

Date: September 4, 2001

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Swedish Government to Regulate, Possibly Ban, Male Circumcision

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J. Steven Svoboda from Attorneys for the Rights of the Child sent in a press release announcing that Sweden has passed a law that will study whether male circumcision is a violation of a child's human rights. The law also set up the foundation for government regulation of male circumcision, and if it is found to be a human rights violation, the Swedish government will have the proper authority to ban the practice. "*This marks the first time the circumcision of males under the age of majority has been officially accepted for study by a national government as a human rights issue. Sweden's is the first law in modern times to regulate and restrict the practice of male circumcision.*" Click "Read More" below to view the entire press release.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Swedish Parliament Scrutinizes Male Circumcision as a Violation of Human Rights

The Swedish Parliament has overwhelmingly passed a new law to regulate male circumcision with the purpose of protecting the human rights of the child. The Parliament voted decisively, 249 to 10, in favor of the new law, whose preliminaries also mandate a study to determine what effect the new law will have and whether male circumcision should be considered a human rights violation. The law is in the process of being enacted. Many Swedish Members of Parliament stated that male circumcision violates children's rights. Several Members of Parliament stated that only an outright ban on circumcision of all minors would be consistent with the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child.

This marks the first time the circumcision of males under the age of majority has been officially accepted for study by a national government as a human rights issue. Sweden's is the first law in modern times to regulate and restrict the practice of male circumcision.

All licensed practitioners of male circumcision are now required by law to use anesthesia and to perform the procedure in hospitals or under similar conditions. A temporary exception was included to allow licensed Jewish practitioners of male circumcision (mohelim) to perform the procedure in hospitals or under similar conditions using anesthesia, but only during the first two months of a child's life. Thereafter, ritual circumcisions performed by anyone other than a medical doctor are not allowed. Violation of the law will result in punishment of up to 6 months in prison or a fine of an individually determined amount based on income.

Sweden has a history of pioneering human rights legislation and not one legislator claimed medically unnecessary circumcision was a legitimate procedure. The 10 dissenters objected only because they supported total criminalization, rather than mere regulation, of non-therapeutic circumcision of male children, and without any temporary religious exception.

J. Steven Svoboda, Executive Director of Attorneys for the Rights of the Child, stated, "This historic decision by Sweden represents a turning point in history. Again Sweden has demonstrated its concern for human rights. It is regrettable that the initial version of the bill, which would have banned outright all circumcisions of male minors, did not pass. Nevertheless, we congratulate Sweden for acknowledging that males' right to genital integrity deserves serious evaluation as a human rights concern."

In 1982, Sweden became the first developed country to outlaw female circumcision. This law was strengthened in 1998. Following Sweden's lead, many countries including the United States, Canada, and Australia have recently passed laws criminalizing female circumcision. Human rights organizations and legal scholars in each of these countries have pointed out that laws prohibiting only female genital cutting are discriminatory and violate national equal protection laws and international human rights laws. Worldwide, in the last four years every national professional medical association, which has issued a recommendation regarding routine male circumcision, has recommended against the practice.

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NOW Backpedals On Yates Support

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In a move apparently prompted by a group of 19 (mostly female) prostesters outside NOW's Washington headquarters, the group is backpedaling on its previous statement that it will raise funds for the defense of Andrea Yates, the woman who drowned her five children in the bathtub and is pleading not guilty by reason of insanity. The story in the Washington Times quotes some of the protesters. *"I don't think we should make excuses for murder," said Bishop Imagene Stewart, who represented the African American Women's Clergy Association at the rally. "If we let her get away with this, other women--who are mad at their husbands--will do it too, and just plead insanity." The mostly female group of demonstrators hoisted signs like "Pro-Woman, Pro-Choice, Pro-Drowning?" and "NOW does not speak for me."*

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Why Fathers Are Blamed

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Like the U.S. and Andrea Yates, Ireland has apparently been dealing with its own "killer mom" stories of late. John Waters in this column in the Irish Times explores the reasons why society may believe that children are more likely to come to harm in the care of their fathers than their mothers.

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Sacks: Title IX Hurts Men and Minorities More Than It Helps Women

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Glenn Sacks, the only regularly published male columnist in the US who writes about gender issues from a perspective unapologetically sympathetic to men, condemns the savage attacks on men's collegiate athletics in his latest article "Title IX Lawsuits are Endangering Men's College Sports." It was published in the *Los Angeles Daily News* on Friday, September 7. Readers with comments on the article can write to the *Daily News* letters section or to Glenn at GlennJSacks@cs.com. Click "Read More" to view the essay.

Title IX Helps Women Little, Hurts Men, Minorities a Lot

By Glenn Sacks

Reprinted with persmission from the author

In one of UCLA's proudest moments, UCLA-trained swimmers and gymnasts dominated the 1984 Summer Olympics. Half of the gold-medal winning men's gymnastic team were Bruins. Yet, despite producing 22 Olympic swimming competitors and dozens of world-class gymnasts, these UCLA men's teams were eliminated less than a decade later. In fact, over the past five years more than 350 men's collegiate athletic teams have been eliminated nationwide, and the number of men's gymnastics teams has fallen from 200 to just 21. What happened?

These athletic programs were not felled by mismanagement, drugs, or rules violations. They were destroyed by something far more dangerous than a triple full twist off the parallel bars or a reverse three and a half somersaults dive. They were destroyed by Title IX.

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 barred sex discrimination in any educational program or activity which receives federal funding. In the decades since, women's athletics have burgeoned in high schools and colleges. Title IX was and remains an important and laudable victory for the women's movement.

More recently, however, misguided feminist lawsuits and political lobbying have changed Title IX from a vehicle to open up opportunities for women to a scorched earth policy whereby the destruction of men's athletics has become an acceptable substitute for strengthening women's athletics.

Feminists have used an obscure, hastily prepared bureaucratic action--known now as the 1979 Policy Interpretation--to mandate that the number of athletes in college athletic programs reflect within a few percentage points the proportion of male and female students on campus. The problem is, as studies have shown, fewer women than men are interested in playing organized sports, even though the opportunity is available. Even in all-female colleges the number of women athletes fall considerably below that needed to satisfy Title IX requirements in co-ed colleges.

The fact that women now outnumber men in college 57%-43% nationwide makes it even harder for schools to achieve the numerical gender balance demanded by the 1979 Policy--an interpretation never reviewed or approved by Congress. Time and again the Federal Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) has investigated schools and allowed them only two options to meet Title IX--create new women's teams for which there often are neither funds nor interested female athletes, or cut men's teams.

Thus women have gained a little but men have lost a lot. According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), for every new women's athletics slot created between 1992 and 1997, 3.6 male athletes were dropped. During the same period, colleges added 5,800 female athletes--and cut 20,000 male athletes. Kimberly Schuld, director of the Independent Women's Forum's Title IX Play Fair! Project, calls this "clear, government-sanctioned sex discrimination."

Critics of modern Title IX point out that its equity calculations are misleading in part because they count college football's athletes and dollars without considering football's money-making ability. USC, for example, has been hit hard by feminist legal action based on its greater number of male athletes and higher men's athletic budget. What's not considered is that USC's men's teams--largely football--are responsible for over 99% of the near $20 million total revenue of the Athletic Department. At UCLA, football alone accounts for $15 million in revenue every year--over 40% of UCLA athletics' total. In fact, over 70% of Division I-A football programs turn a profit.

Thus schools are caught in a vise. Because schools need football's revenue yet must also equalize gender numbers, they are forced to cut men's non-revenue sports.

Todd R. Dickey, USC's general counsel, Schuld, and many others argue that football should simply be taken out of the gender equity equation because no other sport earns as much revenue, has such a large number of athletes or staff, and needs as much equipment.

"You can't spend as much on women's sports as you can on men's, because there is no women's equivalent for football," Dickey says.

Title IX's modern application has struck hardest at minority men. Lawsuits brought to balance the number of athletic scholarships awarded to men and women have decreased the number and value of men's scholarships, upon which minority men often rely to finance their educations. Black colleges and universities, where female students outnumber males 60%-40% and money is usually tight, have been particularly wounded by feminist lawsuits. And when Title IX forces schools to drop their football programs, as San Francisco State did in 1995, it is black athletes who are hurt disproportionately.

The situation cries out for a flexible athletics policy based on student interest levels instead of rigid proportionality. Title IX states "no person...shall, on the basis of sex...be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." Misguided women's advocates have used a bureaucratic obscurity to undermine these simple yet high-minded words, and turn Title IX from an instrument used to fight sex discrimination into a policy mandating it.

Glenn Sacks is a columnist who has written for The Los Angeles Times, The San Francisco Daily Journal, The Salt Lake City Tribune, The Sacramento Business Journal, The Los Angeles Daily Journal, and The Los Angeles Daily News. He invites readers to visit his website at www.GlennJSacks.com.

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Good News!

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I recently discovered that my ISP has stopped blocking port 80 incoming connections, so the current "hack" that has kept this site available can be removed. If the web site acts funny during Sunday and Monday, it will probably be me testing and implementing the changes. If you've been wondering why there is a ":81" in all the URLs, you won't have to wonder much longer - they will disappear in the next day or two.

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UN Criticized for Sexist Position on Genital Mutilation

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I received another Press Release from Attorneys for the Rights of the Child, in which J. Steven Svoboda spoke out criticizing the UN and its Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights for discrimination against men with regard to their stance on genital mutilation. "*Svoboda commented that everywhere that FGM occurs, male circumcision also takes place, adding that male circumcision occurs six times for every time FGM occurs. "Some day," Svoboda told the United Nations, "we will come to understand the misguided nature of our attempts to explain why any violation of female genitals is criminal while a comparable, serious, extremely painful, and disfiguring alteration of male genitals is permissible.*" Attorneys for the Rights of the Child has apparently made circumcision one of their main issues, and I applaud them for their advocacy. The full press release can be read in the "Read More" section below.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: United Nations Criticized for Sex Discrimination Against Males

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND-The United Nations and its Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights were sharply criticized yesterday by two human rights organizations for discrimination against males in the enforcement of human rights. Speaking on behalf of the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers and Attorneys for the Rights of the Child, J. Steven Svoboda, Esq., a Harvard-educated human rights lawyer, noted that while a panoply of protections for women and girls has been instituted including aggressive programs to stop female genital mutilation (FGM), male circumcision has never even been studied by any United Nations body including the Sub-Commission.

Svoboda demanded that the Sub-Commission explain why Sub-Commissioner Mrs. Halima Embarek Warzazi, previously its Special Rapporteur on Traditional Practices Affecting Women and Children, was now barred from considering traditional practices' effects on male children.

Svoboda commented that everywhere that FGM occurs, male circumcision also takes place, adding that male circumcision occurs six times for every time FGM occurs. "Some day," Svoboda told the United Nations, "we will come to understand the misguided nature of our attempts to explain why any violation of female genitals is criminal while a comparable, serious, extremely painful, and disfiguring alteration of male genitals is permissible. The best way to do justice to the rights of the child is to do no harm, to let it enjoy life in every aspect and to protect it and to love it. When the child is of the age of consent, he or she can make up his or her own mind about his or her own body. "

Svoboda called the United Nations' attention to the fact that the Parliament of Sweden recently voted decisively, 249 to 10, in favor of new legislation which regulates male circumcision and in its preliminaries also ordered a study to determine what effect the new law will have and whether male circumcision should be considered a human rights violation. Many Swedish Members of Parliament stated that male circumcision violates children's rights.

Svoboda reminded the Sub-Commission that Ms. Gay J. McDougall, its own expert on systematic rape and sexual slavery, stressed that human rights must protect both males and females from all forms of sexual assault. Svoboda added that human rights professor Jacqueline Smith of the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights has emphasized the importance of protecting males as well as females from circumcision.

Svoboda called the Sub-Commission's attention to the disfigured genitals and deaths which are regularly caused by male circumcision wherever it is practiced, in the United States, in the developing world, or elsewhere. He recounted the story of David Reimer, whose penis was entirely burned off, as has since been documented on television and in a best-selling book. Reimer was raised and surgically "reassigned" as a girl but his life and the lives of everyone in his family were catastrophically altered. Svoboda quoted an August 1 article in the New York Times reporting that 35 boys have already died this year in South Africa alone from circumcisions. Ten percent or more

of initiates have been left with no penis or a "disfigured stump."

Svoboda testified that every single national medical association that has examined the issue has failed to find medical benefits which can justify routine removal of healthy tissue from a non-consenting infant. Regarding religion, Svoboda stated that for boys and girls alike, under basic human rights principles, another's right to practice a religion must end where that individual's body begins.

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LA Takes "Deadbeat" Parent Tax Refunds For Child Support

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This story in the LA Daily News highlights, in my mind, the biggest problem with the child support industry: it is, indeed, an industry. To that end, here's a highlight from the major points of one of the sources in the article: *"I think it's a big boost," said Trom, who noted the money will either go to reimburse welfare or directly to families.* Reimburse welfare? Interestingly, though, the article does not use the term "deadbeat dad." It uses "deadbeat parent" instead. Is this sensitivity to men from the news staff, or simply political correctness?

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Texas Mom Fights Discrimination Against Her Son In School

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School dress codes have been controversial with students for years, particularly teen-agers, who often wish to define their personalities by their clothing, piercings, or what have you. This commentary from Texas A&M's Battalion supports a Texas mother in her efforts to fight an elementary school dress code which will allow girls to wear earrings, but not boys. The 5-year-old boy was suspended from school for wearing an earring to kindergarten. The author of this commentary is, perhaps, seeing things too black-and-white, but I support her overall statement that school dress codes should not discriminate between the sexes.

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New Television Show Offers View Of Women Through Men's Eyes

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This story on Excite News reports on a new television show airing on NBC daytime this season (starting Sept. 10). Titled "The Other Half," it's yet another talk show geared toward a female audience, but with men discussing the issues from their perspectives rather than women. The producers describe it as "The View," except with men. Unfortunately, the show's description reads like yet another way for women to bash men on television, but make it appear OK because it's men who are doing the bashing. I'll be interested to see how it works out, though. Anyone home during the daytime on this site? Check out this show and report to us on it.

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Plastics Softener May Cause Health Problems For Young Boys

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A popular plastics softener used in the creation of blood bags and tubing for medical practitioners may cause development problems for children, especially boys, according to new research by the FDA. This story on Excite News suggests that the plastics softener may leach into fluids fed through tubings or blood bags, and into the patient's body. The softener can cause problems with the development of sperm and the development of the testicles.

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Another Survey Reveals How Men And Women Think Differently About Men

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Surveys by corporate America (especially corporations selling products like alcoholic beverages) are often frivolous, and intended to be entertaining. This survey however, hints at a disturbing problem between men, women, and sports. According to the survey, women have more sinister expectations about men's behavior at sporting events. Not surprisingly, according to the survey, men's true actions do not fall in line with the female thoughts on the subject. Perhaps it is this engrained cynicism about men which allowed the "40 percent increase in domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday" myth to take hold?

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Problems Fixed!

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I'm happy to announce that we've transitioned back to using the standard port (port 80) to run our web server on, now that the ISP block has been lifted. Now, if you have any links which refer to mensactivism.org and include a ":81" in them, those will not work. Just remove the :81 and they will work again. Please send any further problem reports to admin@mensactivism.org.

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Well-Researched Article on False Accusations

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Andrew sent in this article from Canada's National Post, which should be very useful for people researching false accusations of sexual assault. The article includes many good stats and quotes from Canadian police departments, and also explains the very touchy issue of *why* a woman might make a false accusation, including cases where "the system" continues to prosecute a man long after it has been discovered that the accusation is false or unfounded. Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Crying wolf

Author: Christie Blatchford

Date: September 8, 2001

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Gold-diggers Justified

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Kingsley Morse sent in another great article from the National Post, this one on "gold diggers" - women who hunt down men with lots of money for financial exploitation. The article interviews some self-professed "gold diggers" and some men who've had experience with this kind of woman, which is really insightful. In the end, though, it seems that there is too much justification of the gold diggers' motives, making it sound like being a gold digger is a demanding job in itself, and worthy of the "fruits" of its labor. I don't think the financial exploitation of men should be condoned any more than the sexual exploitation of women. Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Looking for Mr. Goldbar

Author: Serena French

Date: September 8, 2001

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HBO to Air Anti-Male Series

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Steve writes *"I came across this in the Diversions section of U.S. News & World Report: "The Mind of the Married Man* (HBO, debuts September 11, 10:30 p.m. EDT) is all about horrible husbands. That means cheating hearts, body parts, and R-rated fantasies. The leading men are - how to put this delicately - sex-addicted idiots. Still, the comedy series can be wildly funny, even poignant. Real-life partners won't be able to stop talking (and arguing) about it.*" I realize that HBO airs a few decent movies and shows (as well as mindless drivel), but do we really need a series like this? If you want to contact HBO, click here."*

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Texas Woman Recants Assault Story

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Fortunately for the men of Texas, a woman who claimed two men had assaulted her has now recanted that claim. She originally said two white males had carved the letters "KKK" into her chest. Law enforcement became suspicious of her story when she failed to retell it the same way. Turns out, she had carved the initials in her chest herself with a pair of scissors. Officials have not yet determined her motive for mutilating herself and then falsely alleging that two men had perpetrated the act. The woman is expected to face criminal charges for lying to police and will be charged the cost of the investigation.

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Men's Health Reports on Prostate Cancer Risks and Treatment

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This story in *Men's Health* is particularly appropriate now because September is National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month (you may or may not have read so in the media). The article offers some good advice for men (young and old) about the risks and prevention of prostate cancer.

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Redefining Domestic Violence

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Wendy McElroy's weekly Fox News column this week tackles the sensitive issue of how feminism has hijacked domestic violence and turned it into advocacy. She spends a great deal of print space, as well, explaining in terms with which we men's issues folks are now very familiar that men can be victims of domestic violence as well as women. Herself a victim of domestic violence, McElroy does a great job of examining how feminism has turned all women into victims and all men into perpetrators. She also mentions our own frequent contributor Marc Angelucci.

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Domestic Vandalism and the Element of Surprise

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Bill Kuhl sent in a great essay he wrote about the research he's been doing on domestic violence against men. In it, he discusses two topics that are rarely spoken about in current DV literature: "domestic vandalism" of a person's property, and how the element of surprise is another way that women often gain an upper hand in the domestic abuse of men. See the "Read More" section below for his article.

A Couple Key Aspects of Domestic Violence Against Men That Few People Are Aware Of

I have been working on my graduate thesis on domestic violence against men for some time now. Specifically, it's on the lack of awareness that professional counselors have regarding the key aspects of domestic violence against men (that is, assuming the counselor believes that there actually *is* such a thing). One key aspect of this subject that I rarely come across is the fact that along with the actual physical violence that women direct towards men's bodies, there is a tremendous, tremendous amount of violence directed towards men's property. True, in a lot of the anecdotal information from male victims there will be mention of what I have come to call "domestic vandalism," and once in a great while in the literature on domestic there will be the slightest mention of damage to men's property, but I have yet to see any formalized rhetoric (book chapter or article) or scientific study on the subject.

Now that I think about it, this particular subject could be broadened to include the instances where women take men's possessions and refuse to give them back unless some condition is met, so I guess we could enlarge my phrase to, "domestic vandalism and/or theft." I can assure you that in pursuit of my thesis I have read and heard tons of information on domestic violence against men, some of it scientific studies, some of it articles and some of it books, and I have rarely see any attention paid to this problem. To the best of my knowledge there is absolutely no scientific study that's ever been done on "domestic vandalism and/or theft." To get this problem into the public eye, perhaps it would be good if people started routinely using this phrase; it'd make it easier to slip into conversations on the subject. Plus, I've never seen or heard of an aggregate monetary figure being computed on the amount of (let's get started with using the phrase, I'll drop the quotes) domestic vandalism and/or theft by women against men. (Oh, and by the way, don't think that such illicit acts aren't done by men, it's just not nearly as common.)

Can you imagine it someday? Tom Brokaw leads off the evening news with, "Reports from the Univ. of so and so School of Sociology estimate that men in the United States incur a total cost of $125 million dollars a year in domestic vandalism and/or theft." The other aspect of domestic violence against men that probably gets talked about even less, but is more important, is the method with which women are able to gain an upper hand on men in violent encounters. As much of the literature on the subject states, women are able to get an even footing with men in violent encounters, or even an upper hand, with the use of some sort of weapon. It can be just about anything from a broken glass to a baseball bat to an automobile. But after reading scores upon scores of anecdotes from male victims, the fact that women often will turn to a weapon is certainly something we should keep in mind, but in most cases a weapon is not what really gives a woman the upper hand over a man. What puts a woman in the dominant position over a man physically is the same element of warfare that every general through out history has known to be the most potent of weapons (and I can't emphasize this point enough) - it's the element of surprise!

In countless incidences where men have been seriously injured by women, the women used at least some surprise to gain the dominant position. In one instance, a man was walking down the steps, and he wasn't aware that his wife was behind him; she gave him a good shove; As a result, he broke his kneecap and suffered a concussion. In another, a man was lounging by a hotel pool listening to his walkman when his wife came up behind him with a tire iron: concussion and a broken finger. In yet another, a man with no shirt on was walking through the hallway of his home, and his wife suddenly jumped out in front of him from one of the open bedroom doors. She flogged him with a straightened wire hanger: multiple cuts. With this factor in mind it's easy to see how the need for shelters for

men is even more important than we had thought. Everybody has to eat, sleep, shower, shave, sit and relax, so in a sense men whose wives are routinely violent are constantly at risk - they never know when it might happen.

To add to this element of surprise is the fact that, for some men - especially naive ones, even when a woman is standing within an arm or leg's reach right in front of them, and then suddenly becomes violent, there is still an element of surprise at work - the man trying to get over his shock that a woman would actually do such a thing. Let's face it, we are all still raised on this false "sugar and spice" view of females, and for some of us it takes a long time to get over this conditioning. Pardon me but I just have to digress for a moment on this particular point.

As I look down at the back of my left hand, I am clearly reminded of the moment when I got over this conditioning. I was a sophomore in high school, and it was the first week of classes. I had been assigned to sit next to a pretty, coifed junior girl; she was to be my biology lab partner. Naturally, I felt like a complete idiot. Here, she was all of one year ahead of me in school, very attractive and wearing a very feminine outfit, frills and lace and such. I never knew what to say to ugly girls that I didn't have much interest in. The guy sitting in front of us was a complete dip who routinely hassled everybody, male or female. He continued razzing my biology partner about something, and at one comment she became enraged. Suddenly, she lifted her hand high in the air, bearing a sharpened pencil, and looked right at the back of my left hand, resting on our lab table. As her hand was suspended there, I distinctly remember thinking that she was about to stab me and then thinking to myself, "No way. She's a girl." To this day there's still a tiny black fleck on the back of my left hand, the part of the lead that went in so deep I couldn't dig it out.

Remember, as in warfare, it's all about the element of surprise, just ask any general worth his salt.

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It's Raining Men?

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According to this story on Fox News, the gap between the number of men and number of women in the U.S. has been closing rapidly since 1980, and closed most dramatically in the 1990s. Fortunately, the Fox article takes a newsier approach to this information than the AP and Reuters, which created headlines like this from the story: "Good News For Women! There Are More Men Available."

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OC Weekly Writer Bashed For Circumcision Statements

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This column in alternative newsweekly *OC Weekly* raised the ire of several readers who wrote in to defend a man's right to keep his foreskin. The column writer was called sexist and a bigot for the statements of disgust she makes in her "censorship" column about uncut men.

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To Be Speechless...

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I feel obliged to say something, however unqualified I am to say it, about today's tragedy at the World Trade Center, and offer the condolences of the Mensactivism.org admin team to those who have suffered a personal loss from the attack. Certainly, every U.S. citizen, and most people in the world have felt the sting of this attack on human dignity and freedom. In particular, I hope the best for the folks I met in NYC recently who were organized and promoting men's rights there, and that they are safe at this time.

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The Growing Number of Widowed Men

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cheddah writes *"Although this Boston Globe article does touch on issues relevant to men, it does not explore the reasons why men live on average shorter lives compared to women. Also - referring to men as "males" seems denigrating, and the author points out that men are emotionally dependent on women in order to live a happy life."* I feel that the Globe should be applauded for covering such a rarely talked about topic, though - the lonliness of older men is a problem we should care about as a men's issue. Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: As males live longer, more are, unexpectedly, all alone

Author: Cindy Rodriguez

Date: September 10, 2001

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Tonight's Chat Will Be An Open Discussion

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Tonight's weekly on-line chat is going to be an open discussion. We made this decision since it is probable that people may want to discuss the events surrounding yesterday's tragedies in the United States. There are also a number of men's issues related to this event, including honoring the heroism of the hundreds of firefighters and law enforcement officials who gave their lives yesterday for the sake of saving others. Our on-line chat page can be found here, and we'll be starting the chat at 9:30 PM Eastern Time tonight, 9/12. All friends of the men's movement are welcome to join.

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NBC's "The Other Half" Reviewed

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Trudy W Schuett sent in her opinion on a television show called "The Other Half," which is being aired on the NBC network. Click "Read More" below to read it. The program is not particularly friendly to men, to say the least.They come on stage wearing high heels, and the show degenerates from there.

Dick Clark, ancient rock n' roll legend, Danny Bonaduce, who you might remember from the "Partridge Family," Mario Lopez, from Saturday morning TV, and Jan Adams, plastic surgeon are the hosts of a new AM TV program called, "The Other Half," which is supposed to be about women learning about men or men learning about women or something. You can be sure nobody learns anything practical from this cutesy, giggling waste of airtime. These guys checked their balls at the door, and are proof positive people will sink to any level given enough cash and TV exposure.

After announcing that they "promise to do our best to experience the world of women," the hosts all draw lots and submit to having a body part waxed. Eyebrows, legs, chest, and something called "a Brazilian bikini wax" are all demonstrated on the guys amidst much screaming from the men and high hilarity from the female audience. There's plenty of laughter on this show, and it's pretty clear these women are laughing at the guys, not with them.

It's male bashing sent to a new level-a full hour on a national network. An early segment shows their various wives and mothers giving their boys "advice" on how to deal with this TV show for women. The girls are all still laughing. Dick Clark's wife tells him, "If there's anything you don?t understand, wait til you get home and I'll explain it to you." A later segment shows a woman being dressed as a man, and a man being dressed as a woman. The person doing the makeover on the woman apparently does some kind of home parties where women actually pay her to dress them as men. It is not explained why these women can't do this themselves - most likely they don't know any men, and thus have nobody to borrow from. Her handiwork is nothing better than a high school drama department could have done. Her statement as to why she's in this line of work was chilling: "There is a very powerful idea that men have a right to be entitled in this world, and we're not given that right."

Entitlements - somebody "giving" somebody else rights - where have we heard that before?

This was followed by a meaningless segment (I didn't think it could get any worse, but it did) on how your sleep positions affect your marriage - huh? And then came the letters. This was supposed to be an advice segment. Danny Bonaduce admitted to not being sexually aroused by the sight of his wife nursing their infant son. This elicited a gasp, and the camera panned to the audience, focusing on a 40-ish woman giving him a look that cannot be described as anything but naked hatred. The upshot of it all was that if women aren't interested sexually after giving birth, then it's the man's fault, of course. "He must keep the romance alive," somebody said.

I saw this program on Denver NBC affiliate KUSA, and didn't notice much, if any national advertising. Perhaps this show is on a trial run and not yet available in all markets. Admittedly, I'm not a particularly objective observer in these matters, but it did seem to me the underlying message was: "Men are pigs, and the only way they can redeem themselves is to become more like women." Meanwhile, women are supposed to become more like men. This paradox I've never understood, and probably never will.

I tuned into the program expecting to be bored, or angry, but instead I came away with a sense of deep sadness. Through the power of TV's ability to convey a message, women who watch this program and 'get' the message will continue to ruin their own lives with a false expectation of "the way things should be." Worse, these impossible ideas of women being especially 'entitled' to something they haven't earned is validated by men whose only motive is a big paycheck. This show does everyone a disservice. One can only hope it doesn't last long.

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Did Male Passengers Prevent Further Terrorism?

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Steve writes *"The Associated Press has reported that there is speculation that male passengers on the airplane that crashed in Pennsylvania may have stopped further terrorist activities by the hijackers. In this news story, the AP noted that men have prevented the hijackers from causing further death and destruction. This seems to be another example of positive male behavior. We [as men] are the protectors of the world, and we often risk our personal safety--and sometimes our lives--to protect others."* I just found another article which talks about this event in more detail.

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NOW Claims Family Courts are Biased Against Women

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cheddah sent in this story from the National Organization for Women and writes *"Can you believe that NOW is promoting the idea that family courts are biased against women!? Here is a quote: "*These injustices are commonplace today in the closed-door family court system. These courts often claim to operate in a manner consistent with the "best interests of the child." In practice this often means that a judge, often a male judge, biased and imperious, defines that phrase. These judges decide, time and time again, when a woman raises the allegation of sexual abuse in a custody dispute, that it is she who will lose her children forever.*"*"

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The Guy Code Pontificates on War in America

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Masculist e-zine *The Guy Code* has published articles by three of its writers (one its editor) today about Tuesday's tragedies and America's struggle against Terrorism. Francis L. Scurvy writes from the anti-draft view and demonstrates that you can be anti-draft and still be a patriot. Ordinarily humorous writer Ray Meyers points out that there's nothing funny about what's happening in America right now. And *Guy Code* editor Elliot Zaret writes about heroism among the ruins.

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Goodbye Civil Liberties...

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I found the following two articles from Wired News off of the Slashdot site. I think they are certainly of interest to us, as the men's movement is quite dependent on the internet and secure communications will be very important to us. This Wired article describes how Senator Judd Gregg from NH wants a global ban on encryption systems that don't have a "back door" for the government to use to monitor your communications. In another Wired article, a bill allowing FBI wiretaps of a person's internet communications *without a warrant* has just been passed by the Senate! What we will inevitably see in the upcoming months are blows to people's civil liberties which are unprecedented in our country's history. Click Read More for some of my thoughts on this.

The fear and insecurity of these terrorist attacks are already being used to shove laws through that will restrict, and in some cases, eliminate, many of the civil liberties we enjoy today. The problem is, many of these laws will do *nothing* to offer us more protection, or the gain in safety will be far outweighed by the damage done to our sacred rights of free expression, personal autonomy, and privacy.

First of all, let's look at outlawing strong encryption or encryption that doesn't have a back door for law enforcement agencies... How many terrorists and criminals do you think are going to upgrade their secure cryptographic systems to the new monitoring-enabled ones? None. These people are already breaking the law, and prohibiting secure encryption isn't going to stop them one bit.

Second amendment advocates have said, "Outlaw guns, and only outlaws with have guns." Likewise, outlaw strong encryption and only outlaws will have strong encryption. We want and need the good guys to have unbreakable encryption. We need the whistleblowers and social activists to be able to have secure communications. Remember, we're men's rights activists - not exactly on the political mainstream. Who knows if the PC movement could make it a crime some day to talk about men's rights?

In addition, strong cryptography has been around for a long time, and is fairly embedded in our society. Although the average internet user doesn't encrypt their e-mail (although they *should*), there will be a backlash by industry and crypto-aware individuals who won't like having these rights taken away. Especially when it is unlikely to have any effect on stopping or catching criminals and terrorists (see argument above).

Furthermore, crypto systems with a built-in back door are insecure, period. They offer a single point of failure such that if someone were to crack the backdoor decryption scheme, or the master escrow of secret keys, they'd have access to anyone's messages or communications. Do you think the government can create a cryptosystem so good that a well-funded corporation couldn't crack it? Do you want some rouge company to start selling access to your communications on the black market?

People need to contact their congresspeople NOW. Write them, call them, and don't wait any longer - these bills are already being drafted and jammed through the legislature. Let's try to kill them now instead of having to wait years before they're overturned by the Supreme Court.

As Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance." Let's not forget that.

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A Feminist's Story of Discovering Men's Issues

Scott · 15 September 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Tom Golden from Webhealing.com pointed me to a magnificent essay written by Sheridan Hill. Hill writes about her discovery and acceptance of domestic violence against men and women's violence. As a self-described feminist since she was 14 years old, Hill was able to openly examine the research and statistics about DV and learned that the feminist doctrine about DV was incredibly harmful to men. Toward the end of the article she also acknowledged the problems boys are facing in school. I was struck by how useful this kind of testimony is to getting the message out to feminists, and hope that more women will come forward and speak out like this.

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New Research Indicts Ritalin

Adam · 16 September 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Disturbing news about Ritalin as this quote tells us "*a recently concluded study at the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) not only confirms the similarities of cocaine and Ritalin, but finds that Ritalin is more potent than cocaine in its effect on the dopamine system*" there's alot more reading in the article for your interest. If you have trouble reading it, copy and paste it into notepad if need be. On a side note don't forget to check out Changing children into drug addicts? where this issue is continued in a similar style.

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Boys Entering Puberty Sooner?

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This cautious article from InteliHealth describes some research recently that is showing that boys are entering puberty sooner than they were in the past, with black boys even earlier. The article mentions a couple of potential flaws with the research, but suggests that this is definitely a valid issue to look into. As boys enter puberty sooner, they are at higher risk for some kinds of hormonally influenced diseases, such as testicular cancer. It would also suggest that sex education should begin sooner as well.

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Slow News

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Obviously, the media has been focused pretty exclusively on the terrorist attacks against the U.S, and consequently, news on men's issues has been pretty sparse. Thus the fewer number of postings per day on this web site. But, I have an important announcement coming up that the domestic violence awareness flyers will be released on Monday!

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National Catholic Review Comments on Prison Rape

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This commentary on prison rape by the *National Catholic Review* may represent the first time media has acknowledged the existence of Human Rights Watch's recent report on male rape in prisons. The author of the commentary is horrified by the report. *By allowing rape to go on, the "correctional" authorities ensure that prisoner violence is contained within the cells. Frustrated prisoners are permitted to release aggression on condition that they direct it against other inmates, not the authorities. That the victims, who comprise as much as 20 percent of 2 million inmates held in U.S. prisons and jail, live in perpetual fear is also conducive to control. Divide and conquer is the name of the game; the fact that it amounts to horrendous violations of human rights does not really interest the prison authorities.*

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Fatherhood Coalition Writes Back

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Mike Franco of The Fatherhood Coalition wrote an excellent letter countering the "deadbeat dad" smokescreen, it's hard hitting and well written. Go to Massnews letters and scroll to the end of the page and read his letter titled "*Column in MetroWest Was Wrong*" the last paragraph is a real "*I felt that from over here*" moment in my opinion, you'll understand when you read it.

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Final DV Flyers Available for Download

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After some significant editing, the final versions of the domestic violence awareness flyers have been posted to Mensactivism.org. Download them, distribute them, and do something to help raise awareness of abused men! Click here for the flyers. **Update:** The Q&A flyer was updated around 9 PM Eastern Time on 9/17 - please download the new version if you grabbed them earlier!

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New Poll

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I added a new poll today, one I've been meaning to add for a while which was suggested to me by Rams. Hopefully, it will help people pause and think about their answer, and whether they're happy about it and want to change it. I know I was pretty disappointed about my own answer when I stopped to think about it.

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A Father Attempts To Reach Out To His Son

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This column by *The Guy Code*'s "Commando Dad" is a heart-wrenching look at a divorced father's pain as he attempts to reach out to his eldest son, who will soon be leaving for bootcamp. Commando Dad chronicles the letters and e-mails never acknowledged, and one horrible moment when his own son tells him he has "nothing to say to you." It's a gut-twisting look at what befalls man after divorce. It's sad and depressing, but a must-read.

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Another Woman Speaks Out for Male Reproductive Rights

Scott · 18 September 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Catherine Harris wrote an article about choice for men that was printed on the RITRO (Real Insight Through Raw Opinion) web site. She discusses equality, what it means, and how when it comes to reproductive rights, men and women don't have equal rights. "*Men have no reproductive rights, and for women that fight for true equality this fact should shoot up a red flare. Equality is not about domination, which is what many women are looking for. Equality is about having equal rights along with the equal responsibilities.*" It's great to see more articles like this coming from women.

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Poundstone Makes Plea, Avoids Prison

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Comedian Paula Poundstone has been relieved of three counts of "lewdness" charges against her and has pled no contest to child endangerment, according to this report on Excite News. She's been slapped with five years probation (she could have received 13 years and four months in prison). She will also not be allowed to care for any more foster children, and the two foster children previously under her care will not be returned to her. She may regain custody of her adoptive children, however.

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DesertLight Journal No. 12 Released

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We've missed announcing the past couple editions of Schuett's DesertLight Journal, but this is to let you know that issue number 12 has been released and can be read on-line here. The e-zine covers a couple of interesting editorials related to the terrorist attacks last Tuesday.

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Rape Provocation Controversy Continues in Mexico

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Mexican legislators have reversed a law which would lower sentences for men convicted of rape if said rape was "provoked." This story on nj.com fills in the details. Although I, personally, disagree with most rape provocation theories (I control my penis), this article does prove that women's groups hold a tremendous amount of power all over the world, and that lawmakers will cave for whatever their demands may be.

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When are Boys not Innocents?

Adam · 20 September 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I've come across this e-groups message asking a very important question, one that goes right to the heart of the men's movement: namely at what point do boys become "non innocent" and therefore expendable? And why is half of humanity left out of that infamous saying "women and children only"? It's quite a question, and I doubt we'll find an easy answer.

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Die on TV, Become a Hero

Scott · 20 September 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Robex writes *"This article was printed in The Times of London today entitled "As men became heroes". Amongst other things, Josephine Hart (the article's author), learned the following from the WTC disaster:*
"We learnt that men are not all children, potential rapists and commitment-phobes. We learnt because they taught us with every step they took, trudging their way up the stairs of the World Trade Centre to almost certain doom while others walked down to the hope of safety."
Whether her own personal beliefs, or repeating supposedly commonly held stereotypes, the paragraph tells us much about Hart's attitude to men.
*I have written to The Times today expressing dismay at these comments and pointing out that it pains me greatly that men have to die on live TV to change one embittered writer's view of them."*Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: As men became heroes

Author: Josephine Hart

Date: September 19, 2001

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Here We Go Back to the Old Stereotypes

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This commentary in the UK Guardian points to a lack of female perspective and reporting over the recent terrorist attacks in America. The writer essentially blames The Patriarchy, and then claims that is woman's nature to be less violent and more nurturing than men. She hints, but does not explicity say, that men did the killing, so other men should die fighting the killers. Now *this* is a writer who deserves some letters.

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Fears of Draft Rising Among U.S. College Men

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This article from the University of Wisconsin's *Badger Herald* may put at ease some college age men who fear the draft may soon call them into a physical fight against terrorism against their will. According to the author, Wisconsin professors doubt the draft will be used in the war against terrorism. *One large group of people noticeably absent in the draft is women. The original draft provisions referred only to "male persons" as candidates. The constitutionality of this was upheld in 1981 in Rosktker v. Goldberg. President Clinton also asked the Department of Defense to reconsider the gender requirement in 1994, but they came to no decisive conclusions. Pevehouse said the draft is very unlikely to be reinstated, and young men should not worry about it.* **Update:** The author of this piece misspelled *Roskter*. The summary of the case may be found here.

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Eating Disorders Are Affecting Men, Too

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This article from Boston University's *The Daily Free Press* claims that men are now more and more being affected by eating disorders traditionally thought to be women-only problems. *The Eating Disorders Council of Long Island estimates that at least one in 10 people with eating disorders in the United States is a man. Medical health professionals such as those at the Eating Disorders Council believe more cases exist, but that many go unnoticed and underreported.* That sounds familiar...

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Sacks: All Americans Need to Stand Up for U.S. Arabs, Muslims

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Glenn Sacks, the only regularly published male columnist in the US who
writes about gender issues from a perspective unapologetically sympathetic to men, has in his latest column come out strongly in defense of American Muslims and Arabs who have been targeted for hate crimes since the September 11 terrorist attack. You can read his article, All Americans Need to Stand Up for US Arabs, Muslims, which I feel is an important message we need to support. Arabic men, in particular, are under the most suspicion and distrust these days. **Update:** Glenn also has a new article, "Attacks on American Muslims Reaffirm Wisdom of 2nd Amendment" which should appear on his web site soon.

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Firefighting and Gender

Scott · 23 September 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal sent in this article from the National Review. In it, Kate O'Beirne writes about the firemen in New York, and a court decision that watered down the physical fitness test required for people to become firefighters. An interesting fact is that, even with the test change, only 36 of New York's 11,000 firefighters are women.

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Divorce "Contagious" for Men in the Workplace?

Scott · 24 September 2001 · Archived copy · Original

rparent32 submitted this short Ananova story which reports on a Swedish study which found that men become more likely to divorce when their male co-workers have gone through a divorce, but women behave in the opposite manner. The idea is that when men see other men with new partners after a divorce, they perceive the risks of divorce as minimal. Not much else is mentioned in the article, but it's a curious finding to say the least. Source: Ananova News

Title: Divorce can be contagious in the workplace

Author: Unknown

Date: September 19, 2001

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Parents at Odds Over Son's Circumcision

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rparent32 sent in this Ananova story about a father who objects to having his son circumcised and whose mother insists on the procedure. rparent32 writes, *"It seems this couple split up over the circumcision issue, and are now in court. I don't know if the court will decide if the boy should undergo the procedure or not, or decide which parent gets to decide. I'll keep looking for follow ups to this story and post them."*Source: Ananova News

Title: Court fight over son's circumcision

Author: Unknown

Date: July 17, 2001

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More Pro-Male Stories About Firemen and Policemen

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I do have to admit, that since the terrorist attacks on the U.S, there has been a good number of pro-male news stories in the media. Thanks to Glenn Sacks and Claude Moreau for sending in this one from the National Post. Christie Blatchford writes in appreciation of the men who risked all and pushed their limits to help others. Check it out.Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: This triumph of the spirit belongs to men

Author: Christie Blatchford

Date: September 22, 2001

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Dateline NBC Tells Heroic Flight 93 Man's Story

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This transcript of a recent *Dateline NBC* tells the story of Tom Burnett, one of the now famous passengers of Flight 93, which crashed outside Pittsburgh after Burnett and other passengers attempted to overtake the hijackers. The story is inspiring.

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Yates Deemed Competent to Stand Trial

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Amid all the news about the war against terrorism, this story went largely unnoticed in the major news media last week. Andrea Pia Yates, the Texas mother who methodically drowned her five children in the bathtub, has been deemed competent for trial. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

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Thai Police Chief Hospitalized After Sexual Assault

Scott · 25 September 2001 · Archived copy · Original

rparent32 writes *"This link is to the original story, and the second is a follow up. What I found interesting is that this piece doesn't deal with injured genitals in the familiar humorous genre. Also I found it interesting that the cop didn't want to press charges, because the women had enough problems already. It seems she, and others, lost their jobs, and this was the reason for the protest. Why do so many men refuse to press charges against women? Is it just an extension of the old concept of chivalry?"*

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Shout at Your Spouse, Lose Your House

Scott · 25 September 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Ragtime wrote in a short article about the state of affairs in Ontario, Canada, these days with regard to domestic violence. If you're a long time visitor of this web site, you'll recall that we reported on a law passed in Ontario called Bill 117 - which is the most extreme form of punishment on someone accused of domestic violence that I've heard of to date. The worst part is that the consequences occur not after a conviction, but *upon a simple accusation*, which need not be verified by the police in any form. Click Read More below for Ragtime's discussion of the matter.

Shout at your spouse, lose your house.

I live in Ontario, Canada, and I live alone. I gets pretty lonely, but I have no choice.

I don't have a wife or girlfriend -- I'd like to, but it's just too much risk. I'm pretty much resigned to living alone because I can't take the chance of being destituted on a woman's whim if she were to get angry at me. Pretty sad state of affairs...(sigh)

It really is that bad, you know. New legislation, referred to by critics as the "shout at your spouse, lose your house" legislation, allows almost all of a man's assets to be transferred immediately to a woman. All she has to do is place a call to 911 and say "he frightened me."

When this happens, the man is slapped with a restraining order, he's removed from his house, and his assets are transferred to the woman. The man is not present in court when this takes place. No checking is done on the truth of the accusation (that would be invasive of a woman's rights), and the woman placing the call doesn't even have to be the man's wife or common-law live-in partner; she could be a girl he just brought home after a first date -- or even a hooker. Critics call this law "a pimp's dream." This 'protection' is extended only to women, of course.

This law is an unbelievable, unholy travesty, and stomps jackbooted over a man's most basic human rights.

And this law will never be abused, of course, because a woman would *never* make a false accusation.

Under this legislation, a man is "one phone call away from total ruin." He has no rights whatsoever and is just discarded. He is left with nothing and is completely on his own. If he's lucky, he might find a bus shelter to sleep in. Which is, to follow the 'logic' of the legislation, all he deserves.

By Dave Brown, senior editor at the Ottawa Citizen:

http://tsw.odyssey.on.ca/~balancebeam/one_phone_ca ll.htm

From the 'Fathers Are Capable Too' web site:

http://www.fact.on.ca/news/news0012/ar001218.htm

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A Comment on Heroes

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Frank Hujber submitted his own essay about the value of masculinity in society, particularly to deal with massive disasters such as what the United States has recently experienced. His essay, *A Comment on Heroes*, can be read by clicking Read More below.

A Comment On Heroes

by Frank Hujber, fhujber@optonline.net

September 2001

Evil has struck again and in the aftermath we consider the people who responded: the leaders, the emergency workers, the common men and women. As we write the book on this incredible event, we need to consider how we elevate individuals to hero status, and we need to be objective in how we do this. In our perpetual effort to give equal treatment to all, we risk losing sight of the valor and the response in the face of adversity exhibited by men. Certainly, there are women heroes as well, but in times that required the application of testosterone, machismo, and a brain biology particularly well-suited to fight-or-flight decisions, men stood tall.

It is true that the people at the controls of the four airplanes that hit the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the ground in central Pennsylvania were men. It is also highly likely that these men, or at least some of them, were mentally ill or under the influence of drugs, or both. Regardless of all these factors, no matter how many people they killed, they are no more evil than Andrea Pia Yates. The number of victims only belies their efficiency.

There were nineteen hijackers, all of them men. There were over 300 firemen, policemen, and other emergency personnel who went into the building, consciously walking into the jaws of death with one purpose in mind: saving lives, and one emotion: compassion. To be sure, there were women working with them. Those women, though in the minority, are no less heroes than the men. There were also women supporting the terrorists, if offering no more support than traveling along to America to legitimize their husbands presence. It is difficult to believe that the wives of these terrorists were completely unaware of their husbands mission.

Every day, in every town in America, and most towns world-wide, there are men, MEN, who get up and go to work in jobs that require them to put themselves in harms way. There are women, too, to be sure, who choose to take these risks, but they are overwhelmingly outnumbered by men. Why? Whatever the reason, men are far more likely than women to be attracted to these jobs. Also, men, by and large, are physically better equipped to be successful at them. They usually are bigger, stronger, and can run faster than women. They can usually carry a heavy burden longer than most women, which means that they can carry the equipment they need to the scene or can carry a victim away from the scene. Finally, the biology of the male brain lends itself to fight-or-flight decision-making, and this factor alone may make males considerably more successful in these roles.

A group of men in Flight 93 assessed their situation; some made phone calls: Todd Beamer to the Airfone operator and Thomas Burnett to his wife. They had a plan, and they needed to verify the circumstances. They acted decisively. From Flight 77, Barbara Olson called her husband and asked what she should tell the pilot to do. Flight Attendant Madeline Amy Sweeney, on Flight 11, called a colleague. ``I see water and buildings. Oh my God! Oh my God!'' was the best she could do. I don't wish to disparage these women. I believe they did the best could under the circumstances. Just to make these calls in and of itself is courageous, but it is not heroic. The men, for whatever reason, recognized their situation and took action. In the case of Flight 93, they knowingly sacrificed their lives in order to save others.

I want to make two points:

- There is enough evil to go around, and it is clear that women get as equal a distribution as men do. Evil may

manifest itself differently in women than in men, but it no less prevalent.

- Men are more willing, are physically better equipped, and may be mentally better equipped for the kind of heroics that accompany law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency rescue work.

For the past twenty years or so, we have been listening to the feminists, male and female, talk of how machismo and testosterone are passe. Not only passe, but destructive. I say to you that it was testosterone and machismo that carried those firefighters up the stairs and those three men to the front of the airplane on September 11. And I say to you that testosterone and machismo have, again, demonstrated their value to society.

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MANN Chat: The Draft

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Tonight's on-line chat will be about the male-only military draft. Is it sexist? If so, what should be done about it? Should women be drafted, or should the draft be abolished? Or is there some other solution? Join us tonight to discuss these and other questions related to the draft and men's issues. I've begun to wonder if the draft could now become a common cause for young men that would bring them into the men's movement. If so, how should this be done? Click here for our on-line chat page and join us at 9:30 PM Eastern Time tonight!

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Should Men Be More Conniving To Be Equal?

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I've a found an interesting article where "Doc Love" advises men to be more conniving so they can stand on an equal level with women. Perhaps this quote sums up the article better than I could: "*You and your girlfriends say that I'm teaching men to be conniving women. Well, I couldn't have said it better myself. If fathers would teach their sons to be a little more conniving, then the war of the sexes might be a bit more of a fair fight instead of manslaughter.*" Heresy or honesty? Don't ask me, I just post articles around here :)

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Solving The Problem Of Child Support

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Missingsomething.com has a list of 8 recommendations to solve the problem of child support, mainly by getting rid of the bureaucracy involved and maintaining the parent/child relationship by keeping it the way it was before divorce. One final recommendation I would add is joint physical custody, so that regardless of whom the NCP is, they can look after their kids directly, without compromising their relationship. Here's the link to it.

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Genetics May Contribute to Higher Blood Pressure in Men

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According to this article from CourierPress.com, scientists may have discovered that a certain type of Y-chromosome (which starts the process of a fetus becoming male) may contribute to the fact that men are twice as likely as women to have high blood pressure until age 55.

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Female Fetus Advantages Actually Detrimental?

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This short column on the New York Times Web site (free registration required) points out the well-known fact that females fetuses are less likely to be still-born or spontaneously aborted, but the last line struck me as an extension of the "men's shorter lifespans are a women's issue" argument: *The W.H.O. warns, "When this female potential for greater longevity is not realized it is an indication of serious health hazards in their immediate environment," like malnutrition or neglect.*

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Women Losing Battle of Sexes in Sports?

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This story in the Salt Lake Tribune quotes a female "academic" who claims that the sports world (which she admits was created *by* men *for* men), particularly the Olympics, is discriminatory against women. Nevermind that every year the Olympic committee is adding more sports and medals for women athletes, she says. That's only a reminder that women have a long way to go.

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Playboy Claims Its Readership Is Stupid

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This column in *Playboy* asserts that men are stupid. It backs up this assumption with statistics comparing the number of men in college versus the number of women. Further, it attempts to "guide" men in our efforts to date women "smarter" than we are. Obviously, *Playboy*'s editors decided to trash their famous journalistic endeavors of the past in favor of taking feminist numbers at face value, without exploring the real reasons fewer men are in college or show any ambition these days. Namely, college campuses are politically correct and not male friendly places. Neither is the classroom.

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Young Men Need A Masculist Movement to Give Them Direction, Says Educator

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New Zealand's Stuff reports on a female educator who believes that boys currently have little direction and no true sense of what it means to be male, and for too many young men, prison is their only "male right of passage." She advocates for a men's movement, similar to feminism, that will give boys a strong identity and empower them to lead strong and healthy lives. "*[Ms Lashlie] said the excitement of being truly male had been vaporised and washed away by feminism...She called for the boys' schools to publicly promote the place of men in society and celebrate their differences from women.*" You can read the story here.

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Divorce Filings Dropped En Masse After 9/11 Attack

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Neil Steyskal submitted this article from the Houston Chronicle. Apparently, the number of divorce case dismissals has skyrocketed since the Sept. 11 attack. "*Family-law attorneys have found that clients contemplating divorce, as well as those in the middle of one, now say they will try to patch things up. Family-law cases, the vast majority of which are divorces, have been dismissed in nearly three times the volume in the days after the tragedy as in the days before it.*" I guess the event really put people's problems in perspective.
Source: The Houston Chronicle [newspaper]

Title: Couples want peace at home

Author: Mary Flood

Date: September 25, 2001

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Individualist Feminism: The Men's Movement's Sister?

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In Wendy McElroy's latest column, she explains the differences between mainstream feminism and "individualist" feminism, which focuses on women's issues but seeks equal treatment of men and women under just law (women are neither discriminated against nor given special privleges compared to men). Although the column does not specifically address the men's movement, it does address some of the issues crucial therein. *Mainstream feminism says, "Reform divorce laws to make them just." Individualist feminism says, "the very existence of marriage/divorce laws is an injustice because the State has no proper authority over what should be a private contract between individuals."*

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The Lost Boys of Sudan

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Bill Kuhl sent in an original article he wrote about the "lost boys of Sudan," a group of refugee boys and men who fled chaos and forced military service in their home country and who are now struggling to integrate into a new culture while trying to protect what is left of their own. It's an interesting read. You know the deal - click "Read More" below for the essay.

A Unique Refugee Phenomena

I recently learned of, what the website Refugees International calls a "unique phenomena in the refugee world, ... the lost boys of Sudan." To sum up their story, since 1983 the Sudan has been embroiled in an extremely bloody civil war in which all people in the country are in danger. There are no noncombatants in this war; civilians of all ages are routinely killed. In the late 1980's, a group of boys started literally circulating around the southern Sudan in an attempt to avoid being forced into military service. Any boys who were abducted by the guerrilla forces were sure to be forced into service. If they did not comply with their abductors, they faced being killed or being forced into some non-military form of servitude. Most of these boys had already lost family members in the fighting; many of them had lost both parents. Few if any of the boys in these drifting bands had any possessions other than the rags they wore. They lived in the bush, doing everything they possibly could to hide from the troops. The number of boys who eventually made their way from the Sudan to refugee camps in Ethiopia totalled 17,000. There, they were forced back into the Sudan where they again went on a long trek, this time to Kenya. About 10,000 managed to reach internationally-run refugee camps in Kenya. Along the way to Kenya, they lost many boys to the guerrilla troops, to disease, to starvation, to bombings and land mines and even to the lions who forage in that region of Africa.

Today, the "lost boys" are being placed in homes all around the world, including the United States. Now, many of the boys, some of them in their 20's, are facing a much different obstacle. They are trying to adjust to a new culture while at the same time trying to deal with their own quickly fading culture, which went the way of their families and their homeland. This compelling story of flight possesses a number of interesting angles from a men's activist point of view. What's very interesting is to read the recommendations made by the organization "Refugees International" on their website; this may be the only place where I have ever seen any organization recommend that a group of people be given asylum due, in part, to their being "male." Their website which contains a story about and recommendations for the "lost boys" can be found at www.refintl.org/bulletins/su_090998_01.htm. A wealth of other articles on the "lost boys" can be found by going into the Google search engine and searching under "lost boys of Sudan." One final note, it's interesting that when feminists are confronted with the fact that women are exempt from the military draft they often reply with some feminists tripe along the lines of, "Well men start the wars," or something about men being inherently aggressive and actually relishing the thought of going to war. Perhaps the reason the media has kept this story of 17,000 males who refuse to fight so hush-hush is because it flies in the face of such thinking.

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"World's Smartest Human" Apologizes For Being Male

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Cecil Adams, the pseudonym for the columnist who writes the *Chicago Reader*'s "Straight Dope" column every week, apparently isn't really "The World's Smartest Human" after all. In this column about Kegel exercises, Cecil essentially apologizes to women for being male. *All these years men have worried about how long it is, and now they have to worry about how strong it is. I'm not saying that makes up for labor pains, menstruation, and breast cancer, but at least guys don't have it all their way.* Make up for breast cancer? Apparently, Cecil hasn't heard of prostate cancer. As for the rest, why should men be punished for woman's biology?

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Man Fined for Shaming Wife's Illicit Lover

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Neil Steyskal sent in this short but interesting story, which details how a man whose wife was cheating on him put up a neon sign on his shop exposing the man she was having an affair with. The British courts fined Robert Sofolowski, claiming that he was invading the privacy of his wife's lover by posting the sign. Sofolowski replied, "*I am the one who has been wronged...There is no reason for cuckolds like myself to hide themselves away.*"

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Don't Touch Your Crotch In Utah

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This story in the Salt Lake Tribune reports on a recent Utah Supreme Court ruling which held that a 15-year-old boy could be charged with lewdness for grabbing his (clothed) crotch in public. The court apparently believes the act is equivalent to pubic masturbation. The story does point out that celebrities (Roseanne, Madonna, Michael Jackson) often grab their crotches in public without being charged with lewdness. I wonder how long it will be before Utah adopts the Tennessee and Mississippi laws which have made it illegal for a man to have an erection if he is in public view (even if said erection is clothed).

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Prisons Push Ban on Sexual Material

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This story from the Associated Press claims that MA officials are attempting to remove access to nudie magazines (like *Playboy* and *Penthouse*) from inmates. The officials use the feminist argument that nudie mags "desensitize" men (a fact often disputed by individualist feminists and men who know how to control their own libidos). This is interesting coming from an institution completely desensitized to the sexual frustrations of the imprisoned and male rape.

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WTC Victims Were Largely Male

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Neil Steyskal sent me this USA Today article, which announces that about 80 percent of the people who died in the WTC attacks, particularly those who died in the building, were men. "*Eight of 10 were men, the average age was 40, and many were parents. "We saw the deaths of a lot of young fathers and fathers with young children," says David Blankenhorn, president of the Institute for American Values, a think tank on family issues. "It makes the whole thing that much more tragic.""* Indeed it does.
Source: USA Today [newspaper]

Title: Most victims were male professionals; many were parents

Authors: Paul Overberg and Cheryl Phi

Date: September 27, 2001

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Fertility Ethicists OK Sex Selection of Embryos

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Under certain circumstances, says a fertility ethicist, it is OK for a couple to use invitro fertilization to choose the sex of their child. According to this article on Excite News, the ethicists say it's OK as long as the couple already has children of the opposite sex. Other ethicists were surprised by the decision, calling the selection of sex the start of a discrimination slippery slope which will end in selection of color, intelligence, etc. In other words, a lack of diversity.

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Gender Stereotypes Harmful To Children's Education

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This story on Excite News reports that a new study on gender and ethnic stereotypes in education prove that such stereotypes can influence a child's performance in class and on tests. Surprisingly, both boys and girls between 8-10 years of age performed better when they were told that their sex was "better" than the other. Researchers chalk this up to that specific age group, when each sex fears "cooties" from the other.

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ASRM Says Ethicist's Sex Selection Comments Taken Out of Context

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After one fertility ethicist reported that it is OK for couples to choose the sex of their children under certain circumstances, the American Society of Reproductive Medicine issued a statement saying the ehticist's comments were taken out of context and that ASRM does *not* support sex selection. This story on Excite News says, however, that fertility clinics are already using the previous statement as a "go-ahead" to offer sex selection services to the public.

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Another Columnist Advocates Drafting Women

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This column on Excite News supports changing the male-only status of the U.S. Selective Service. This author portrays The Draft as discriminatory against women rather than discriminatory against men (which I feel it is). Otherwise, he makes several good points about looking at the differences between individuals, not the differences between men and women. *But there are differences within any group of men, and there are situations that certain men shouldn't be in. Not all men, simply by virtue of being men, are suited for any and every position in the military. Decisions about which men are suited for which position often are made on a case-by-case basis; it should be the same for women.*

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Tai Chi May Boost Older Men's Circulation

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This men's health article on Excite News claims that Tai Chi Chuan may be helpful in boosing older men's circulatory systems. *"From the perspective of health promotion, Tai Chi is a suitable exercise for the elderly," Wang said. "It is a low-technology approach to conditioning that can be implemented with minimal cost and can be promoted easily in the elderly population owing to its slow and structured movements."*

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Calcium May Increase Prostate Cancer Risks

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This surprising article on Excite News claims that men who snack heavily on calcium foods like cheese, ice cream, and milk, may be at greater risk of developing prostate cancer. *A high calcium intake, particularly from dairy products, may suppress blood levels of vitamin D. Besides serving as an important nutrient, vitamin D is a hormone that may protect against prostate cancer by preventing the proliferation of prostate cancer cells, Dr. June M. Chan, the study's lead author, told Reuters Health.* Other researchers say evidence for the link between calcium and prostate health is debatable.

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Married Men Deserve More Credit

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Scott Haltzman, MD writes *"Felice J. Freyer, medical journalist for the Providence Journal, interviewed me about my perspective on men's role in relationships. As a psychiatrist specializing in husbands, I have long felt that men are held to a female standard in marriage. Freyer states: "As Haltzman sees it, men are naturally--indeed biologically--inclinded to express themselves in action rather than words." The journalist, on the other hand, reports the men she knows "have trouble shutting up.""*

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DNA Paternity Tests Gaining Popularity in Moscow

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This article in the *Moscow Times* reports that DNA paternity testing is becoming a common solution for everything from visa applications to custody battles. The article also hints at how common paternity fraud may be in Russia. *As strange as it may seem, some Western studies suggest that one out of every 10 children is not the biological offspring of the man officially recognized as the father.*

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Australia Launches 24-Hour Helpline for Men

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This press release documents Australia's first 24-hour helpline for men. The helpline has been established to help men cope with stress, depression, and other problems. *"If this service saves one life, connects one child with its father or better, helps families deal with separation, it will be extremely worthwhile," Mr Anthony said.*

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Domestic Violence Awareness Program Ignores Male Victims

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and, as many of us suspected, male victims are being ignored. This Web site focuses on Domestic Violence Awareness month as a time to acknowledge only female victims. This organization may benefit from a little enlightenment by some of our folks who are familiar with domestic violence against men.

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New DesertLight Journal, and a DV Awareness Campaign

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Trudy Schuett's excellent DesertLight Journal e-zine has reached issue 13, and can be read at this link. As October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the focus is on the domestic abuse of men, with several interesting essays. Trudy's also been heading a campaign to get the media to cover battered men - click here for a letter template and how you can participate.

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Prenuptial Agreements to be Legally Tested

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Cheddah submitted this Boston Globe article and writes *"A prenuptial agreement might not be upheld because the woman may have been under "unfair" circumstances when she signed it - MA Probate and Family Court Judge Catherine Sabaitis ruled that the agreement was not fair and reasonable, noting that Susan DeMatteo did not fully explore her options. "I think this is a pivotal case for prenuptial agreements," said Mark T. Smith, one of Marty DeMatteo's lawyers. "If this decision is upheld, then it is essentially going to make prenuptial agreements unenforceable.""* The ex-wife is complaining that her $35k/year alimony, house, car, and other benefits aren't satisfactory. The ex-husband also didn't earn his wealth - it was inherited. I think this is an obvious case of greed to the extreme. Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: How 'fair' must a prenuptial deal be?

Author: Kathleen Burge

Date: September 30, 2001

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MANN Chat: The Draft, Part 2

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Tonight's Mensactivism.org chat will be a continuation of last week's discussion on the male-only military draft. Based on the great turnout we had last week and the depth of the discussions, this topic is worthy of another chat session. To participate, click here for our on-line chat page and log in tonight, 10/3 at 9:30 PM Eastern Time.

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Female-Only Shortlists for MPs in England

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Vic writes *"This is one of several articles in British Newspapers today that announce Labour's plans to introduce female-only shortlists in choosing MPs to feature in British Parliament as a means of "positive discrimination" against men to bump up the numbers of women in parliament. Is there any such thing as "positive discrimination"? - I'd like to know what others think, and would it lead to less able MPs standing in parliament? Is this cynical Blairite vote-catching in the same way Labour has a Minister for Women but not for men?"*

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Infomercial Promotes Prostate Cancer Awareness

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nagzi writes *"I was just finishing watching Star Trek: TNG (late night) and before I had a chance to turn the TV off, an infomercial came on about a product that's supposed to help with prostate cancer. They gave some pretty scary stats: 10 million men are walking around and do not even know that they have a problem. They talked about some of the operations that men have to go through to treat the cancer -- very scary. Also, Dirk Benedick (StarBuck from Battlestar Galactica) was helping to promote the product. He talked about his experiences when he tried to talk about prostate cancer on national TV, and he basically was told to stop talking about it. Maybe someone in a men's issues group could get a hold of Mr. Benedick to promote prostate cancer. The product is called Beta Prostate, and no, I don't have anything to do with it. I just found it interesting that so much information was given, and that there was actually something about prostate cancer on TV."*

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"Dear Abby" Acknowledges Male Victims of Abusive Relationships

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Today's Dear Abby column includes a heart-wrenching letter from the parents of a man who lived with an abusive woman for years. Fortunately for him, he's broken free of that relationship, and still maintains contact with his children. The most important part of this column, however, is that Dear Abby acknowledges that women can be perpetrators as well as victims. **Scott's update:** We'd like to give credit to Neil Steyskal for submitting this too.

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Is Terrorism Male?

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This column from jsonline.com claims that terrorism is "gendered male," and points to the fact that all 19 terrorists in the recent attacks on America were male. The author goes to great lengths to suggest that "not all men are terrorists," and even suggests that terrorism, like being a doctor and smoking, may be things that are male-dominated only for a time. From a women's studies source in the article: *She would have been surprised, Ferree said, if it had been women who were flying planeloads of innocent people into buildings filled with more innocent people. We know females are capable of violence, but in most parts of the world women are far better known for raising children and nurturing family and community relationships, she said.* The question in my mind is: why did the author choose this subject to write about at this time?

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Spas For Men Springing Up In Some Areas

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Getting pampered in a spa used to be a mainly female pasttime, according to this short article, but now many men are starting to look for places of their own to improve their health and appearances. Enter a Parisian spa for men, which this fall is opening a spa for men in New York. *It's a response to the growing numbers of guys sheepishly seeking help at traditional spas and cosmetic counters. "The idea is that men are too intimidated or embarrassed to ask the saleslady at Nordstrom about the bags under their eyes," says Sarah Anderson of the Grooming Lounge.*

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Indian Men Assist In Developing New Condoms

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This story on azcentral.com reports that contraceptive use by men in India is extremely low, largely because of the high rate of failure of condoms. With that in mind, the India Council of Medical Research is measuring a variety of Indian men in order to create a variety of condom sizes, which they hope will reduce the failure rate. *The ICMR officials said only three percent of Indians use condoms while 52 percent don't use any contraceptive method. "* These measures could help protect men against unwanted children and disease.

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War on Terrorism Renews Women in the Military Debate

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This article on jsonline.com discusses not women and the Draft, but women in the military in general. Opinions from both sides are well-represented: why women *should* be in combat roles and why they *shouldn't*. It's something to think about. From an advocate for women in combat: *"Women are tougher than most people think, and they can shoot as well as any man, that's not sex-linked."*

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Some Responses to Glenn Sacks' Articles

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Glenn Sacks had some responses printed about his recent articles in the UCLA Daily Bruin. In one, Glenn is sharply criticized for his article about Afghanistan's history, but the final letter is a positive and insightful response to his article on Title IX. You can read the letters here.

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Dan Curry Interviews Trudy Schuett from the DesertLight Journal

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DanCurry writes *"The DesertLight Journal's publisher and online author Trudy Schuett will be interviewed on The Dan Curry Show this Saturday at 2PM Pacific time. Dan Curry hosts an Internet talk show focused primarily on men's issues. October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we want to focus on biases against men and realistic solutions for slowing the cycles of domestic violence and abuse. Dan Curry is also accepting requests and recommendations for interviewees and guests on future shows. You can submit those here. Questions for guests can be submitted before or during the show here. All you need to listen is Windows Media Player or any third party MP3 player. Webcasting is made available through the services of Live365.com. If you have trouble listening to the show from my site, help is available here."*

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New Program for Female Juvenile Offenders

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"While the program mentioned in this article from Connecticut's Journal Inquirer appears mostly focused on teaching girls to further manipulate their 'victimhood' as a way to success in life, at least there's an acknowledgement of the increase in females committing violent crimes."*Source: The Journal Inquirer [newspaper]

Title: New law requires special programs for girls in juvenile justice, DCF systems

Author: Kym Soper

Date: October 1, 2001

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Feminist's Anti-American Speech Causes Uproar

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This story on Canada.com details a recent Canadian controversy in which a former president of NAC spoke to a women's conference (to much applause) about America's "trail of blood," adding that people should not feel pain for the deaths of those who were attacked and killed on Sept. 11. (One wonders if she would feel the same had 80 percent of the victims been female.) Naturally, the speech has generated much controversy. One interesting thing about this woman, though, is her stance on mainstream feminism: *As the outspoken leader of the NAC, Thobani created much controversy when she said in 1995 that only white, middle-class women had benefited from the feminist movement.* Although I do not agree with her anti-American rant, I actually do tend to agree with her statement about the feminist movement.

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Men's Health Medical Test Table

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Intellihealth.com printed a very useful article about men's health which includes a table of what kinds of tests men should get and how often, along with a description of what the test is for and how they are done. Please take a moment to check this out and see if you're due for any medical screenings!

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About.com's Coverage of DV Awareness Month

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"Featured yesterday on the About.com portal site, is coverage that various "About Guides" are giving to DV Awareness Month. Paul Reed, author of the "Guide to Current Events: Law" section was first on 10/1 with a balanced view of DV as it affects both men and women. Rod Powers, from the "Guide to U.S. Military" section, also admits he's seen it both ways in military families. About.com has a variety of sites devoted to specific women's issues, while the Fatherhood and Men's Health sites are the only ones for men. The Men's Health section is currently without a Guide."*

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DivorcePort Covers War and Gender

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Anonymous User writes *"Since the September 11 attacks, DivorcePort.com has begun offering extensive coverage of current events as they relate to the Men's Movement. DivorcePort provides a broad range of links related to men, activism, ideology, community support, legal resources, and many other resources."*

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Call For Masculist Literature For New Anthology

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I am now seeking written works (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, journalistic commentary/articles) for publication in a new anthology of masculist literature. I plan to compile these works over a year's time and publish them as a collection in both e-book and physical form (if possible). Any writers interested in contributing to this compendium may do so by e-mailing me at nightmist@mensactivism.org. Click "Read More" below for full details.

Anthology Submission Requirements

- Work must be submitted in either Word, HTML, or text format.
- There is no specific length requirement, but considering that this is an anthology of many authors, we don't want one dominated the entire book. I'd recommend that longer works be no longer than 10,000 words.
- We are attempting to cover ALL aspects of the men's movement in some form or other. That means you have a wide range of topics to choose to write about. Because we don't want everyone writing about the same topic, it would be wise to submit your topic idea to me before you begin writing or submit your work.
- After all works have been collected, they will be judged for inclusion by a yet-to-be-determined team of judges. The final work will be co-edited by myself and Steve Imparl.
- You will retain the copyright on any work you submit to us. We only ask permission to edit your work for mistakes and clarity, and for the rights to publish it in this anthology and any future revisions or redistributions of this anthology.
- There is no guarantee of financial reward for your work in this anthology. It's a labor of love for now. If it does end up turning a profit, we will distribute those profits equally among the authors.
- All works will be given equal consideration. We do have a couple of really big names who have expressed an interest in contributing to this anthology. However, we will not be judging works on name recognition or value. Works will be judged on their relevance to the overall topic of masculism and quality of writing.

Submission Ideas

We are looking for works about any and all of the following:

- Divorce
- Fatherhood
- Choice for Men
- Men and the media
- Male bashing
- Male stereotypes (breaking the molds)
- Male stereotypes (fulfilling the old roles)
- Men's Health
- Education
- Feminism
- Comparisons of Individualist Feminism and the Men's Movement
- War and the Selective Service

- Domestic Violence
- Male rape
- The criminalization of men/men in prison
- Circumcision
- The feminization of boys/young men
- False accusations
- Myths of oppression by men (wage gap, etc.)

Types of Works

We are accepting almost any kind of literary work for this anthology, including:

- Poetry
- Fiction
- Non-fiction essays
- Illustrations
- Journalistic editorials/commentary/articles

Questions and submissions should be directed to nightmist@mensactivism.org.

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Upcoming Movie About Father's Rights

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"Julianna Margulies (ex-Carol) will next star in the movie **Evelyn**, where she will play a woman who helps Pierce Brosnan's character regain custody of his children, who were taken from him by Irish authorities. The movie may also star Stephen Rea and Aidan Quinn and will be directed by Bruce Beresford. There is no release date yet announced."* It would be great to see some mainstream movies include some men's rights issues. I hope Trudy will give us further updates when she hears any more news about this particular film.

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The Draft is Discriminatory

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Paul Clements had an excellent letter printed in Foster's Daily Democrat about the unfairness of the sexist military draft. Clements lists a series of tasks that women could perform in the military without going into combat, so he avoids that hot-button issue entirely. I have to say I agree completely with his comments.
Source: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]

Title: The draft is discriminatory [Letter to the Editor]

Author: Paul Clements

Date: October 6, 2001

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Heroes make a comeback

Adam · 9 October 2001 · Archived copy · Original

There is a great article from the Washington Times about men as heroes making a comeback (have they ever really been gone? I doubt it). Personally, I think it should have been called "Men make a comeback" as it shows masculinity is on the ascent to greater things. Anyway, it's well worth reading, so why not read it here.

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An Interview With Camille Paglia

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Getting straight to the point, this quote is what caught my eye: "*this is the Gloria Steinem line: Masculinity is something that is pernicious and is the cause of all wars and destruction and violence and battering against women, and slowly we're going to be programming it out of our youth. I said it in the Playboy interview: All it takes is one natural disaster for that entire artificial world to come crumbling down, and suddenly everyone will be screaming and yelling for the plumbers and the construction workers. Only masculine men of the working class will hold the civilization together.* " Does this remind you of the WTC? The rest of the interview is an interesting read, to be sure.

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New Guy Code Column Focuses on Men's Activism

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About a month ago, I approached Elliot Zaret, the editor of The Guy Code about writing a bi-weekly men's issues column for his e-zine. After reading some of my clips, he welcomed me aboard. Here is my debut column on his site about a false accusations incident that nearly ruined my life way back in high school. Look for my column on *The Guy Code* every other week.

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At Home Dads Convention Coming Soon

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Slowlane.com has announced an At Home Dads Convention to be held at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines, Ill. for later this month. *A new, wide-open discussion format and two keynote speakers focusing on the joys of fatherhood through all ages await at-home dads attending the 6th Annual At-Home Dads' Convention at Oakton Community College, just outside of Chicago, on Saturday, November 17.*

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Why Women Aren't Required to Register For The Draft

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Finally, after all the debate, here it is from the horse's mouth: Why women aren't required to register for the draft. A supplemental backgrounder document is also available. To draft women, military policy must first be changed to allow them into combat roles. The wording of the law must then be made gender neutral. Then funding must be provided for requiring women to register. Also from the backgrounder: *The U.S. came close to drafting women during World War II, when there was a shortage of military nurses. However, there was a surge of volunteerism and a draft of women nurses was not needed.*

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MANN Chat: The Media and Domestic Violence

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I know it's a little late notice, but tonight's Mensactivism.org chat will be on how the media has handled domestic violence this month. Personally, I haven't seen a lot on the subject considering the current focus on terrorism. This could have both good effects and negative ones. Come to our chat by visiting this page at 9:30 PM Eastern Time tonight (10/10), and share your views.

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Dads Bring Important, Unique Style of Parenting

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There's an awesome article on DrKoop.com about the ways fathers interact with babies, and the benefits of dad's unique style of parenting. Everything from how dads hold and talk to babies to the way they encourage rough-and-tumble play styles, which actually makes children less aggressive as they get older, is mentioned. It's a great article to show others when discussing the importance of fathers even when a child is in its infancy. Source: DrKoop.com

Title: The Daddy Difference

Author: Kim Lachance

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A Crisis of Fatherhood Advocates

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Stephen Baskerville wrote an article for the Washington Post several months ago in defense of fathers. However, his two biggest critics were David Blankenhorn, author of "*Fatherless America : Confronting Our Most Urgent Social Problem*" and Wade F. Horn, president of the National Fatherhood Initiative. I have to say, for father's advocates, their letters are quite surprising. I did some digging and found this interview with Wade Horn where he says "*...Some are fathers' rights groups, keeping you angry and outraged. They give you excuses why you haven't been a good guy.*" That was said by the man who's the President of the National Fatherhood Initiative? You work it out.

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Zubaty's Book in Print

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Rich Zubaty, a men's issues author and just an interesting person in general, had his latest book, What Men Know That Women Don't, put into print. You can still buy in in electronic form (for half the price), and if you haven't read it, I'd highly recommend it. I'd also welcome any book review submissions from readers who have read this book, or any other books related to men's issues. Click here to get a copy of Zubaty's book from the Virtual BookWorm store.

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Ford Discriminating Against White Men

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More "Positive Discrimination" against White Men (the only group discrimination is positive against it seems) To quote Ford "*Action include delaying the hiring, promotion and referral of white males unless there is a good business case to bring them in before year end. Actions also include the pulling ahead of any promotions, upgrades, referral etc of non-white males.* " notice how they say "white males" to deny them basic humanity as much as possible. Don't forget to go here to see for yourself. Terms such as "terrorized by tolerance" and "silenced by sensitivity" spring to mind....

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Visitation and Child Support Should Be Enforced Together

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David Lubofsky from Guam wrote a great article about the correlation between visitation rights and child support compliance. He argues that the child support industry could save immensely by enforcing visitation rights along with child support orders, and that too often, "deadbeat dads" are the ones routinely denied visitation with their children. "*Eloquently put by one parent, not seeing my kid and having to pay child support resembles taxation without representation.*"
Source: Guam Pacific Daily News [newspaper]

Title: Develop strong laws on child custody; enforce visitation orders

Author: David Lubofsky

Date: September 29, 2001

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Funny Guise: Men and Humor

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Funny Guise is an examination of the way men use humor in their day-to-day lives. Presenter Paul Ramsay uses jokes and commercials focusing on men in a program that celebrates the male sense of humor while challenging men to think about the pitfalls of some uses of humor. Paul suggested that the primary form of communication for men is through humor, and that within the broader male culture there is a subculture of humor which men are pretty dependent on. I attended Paul's presentation at UNH this past Tuesday night and I can't speak highly enough of it. If you're involved in any campus programming, please get in touch with Paul, as I'm sure he'd be glad to share notes. His e-mail is: pramsay@cisunix.unh.edu.

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Forensic Consultant and Author Dean Tong on the Dan Curry Show

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DanCurry writes *"Internationally noted forensic consultant and author Dean Tong discusses his new book Elusive Innocence: Survival Guide For The Falsely Accused as we explore solutions to violence and abuse in the home during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Dean reveals the differences between real and unreal child abuse and domestic violence allegations. With over 1600 TV and radio talk show appearances, he delivers common sense advice for men (and women) caught in the web of false allegations. On the Dan Curry Show this Saturday at 2 PM Pacific Time. Dan Curry hosts an Internet Talk Radio program focused on mens issues. You can submit questions for the guest here, both prior to and during the show."*

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Woman Testicle Ripper has Charges Dropped

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rparent32 sent in this short story from Ananova.com and writes *"[The] Crown (Prosecutor) dropped charges against a woman because of the unlikely possibility of conviction. Any Canadians out there?"* What is most disturbing is the fact that the man feels he "deserved" the assault and has been the butt of jokes over it.

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Judge Denies Request to Dismiss Circumcision Civil Suit

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Dan Bollinger from Nocirc.org sent in a press release stating that a federal court has denied the request to dismiss a case in which a 19 year-old man is suing the doctor and hospital that circumcised him when an infant. "*This landmark case brings into question whether a physician can legally obtain consent from a mother while she is debilitated by post-surgical pain and anesthesia, and also raises issues regarding removal of healthy, normal tissue from a non-consenting minor for non-therapeutic reasons.*" Click Read More below for the complete press release.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Marilyn Milos, 1-415-488-9883

Physician and Hospital Motion to Dismiss Circumcision Case Denied

Precedent Set for Men to Sue For Being Circumcised as Infants

SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK - Judge Leonard Wexler, of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, denied last week the Defendants' Motions to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim in the precedent-setting case of William Stowell, a 19-year-old who filed a civil suit against the physician that circumcised him as a newborn and the hospital where he was circumcised.

Plaintiff William G. Stowell, born on December 22, 1981, at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip, NY, was circumcised the following day by his mother's obstetrician, Frank P. Cariello, MD. This landmark case brings into question whether a physician can legally obtain consent from a mother while she is debilitated by post-surgical pain and anesthesia, and also raises issues regarding removal of healthy, normal tissue from a non-consenting minor for non-therapeutic reasons. Depending upon the facts of the case and the jurisdiction, a male who was circumcised as an infant may be able to file a lawsuit of this type within 1, 2, or 3 years of reaching the age of majority, the time depending upon the law of the state in which he was circumcised.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) first acknowledged that there is no medical justification for routine circumcision in 1971. Last year, the AAP reaffirmed its policy that does not recommend routine circumcision. The American Medical Association recently concurred, calling routine circumcision "non-therapeutic." No national or international medical organization recommends routine circumcision.

The case received national attention earlier this year, after Mr. Stowell filed a civil lawsuit against his doctor and hospital on December 19, 2000. The Stowell case has been featured on *Good Morning America*, and in *Newsweek*, *The New York Post*, and numerous other radio talk show programs and news articles.

Mr. Stowell is represented by John L. Juliano of East Northport, NY, and David J. Llewellyn of Conyers, Georgia. Mr. Llewellyn, who regularly represents the victims of circumcision throughout the country, can be reached at 1-770-918-1911.

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NCFC-NH Meeting Announcement

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This Sunday @ 7 PM on 14 October, 2001, at the Newington, NH Town Hall, The New Hampshire Chapter of NCFC will meet to determine the possibilities for promoting and protecting the father/child relationship, and other men's issues. NCFC-NH also recently set up a web site at ncfcnh.org.

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Men Are Fashionable Again

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Neil Steyskal sent in another article praising the virtues of masculine men. Peggy Noonan's Wall Street Journal editorial can be read here. "*We are experiencing a new respect for their old-fashioned masculinity, a new respect for physical courage, for strength and for the willingness to use both for the good of others.*" Also a belated thanks to WasatchFrontMan for sending this story to us.

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Affirmative Action Unconstitutional in New Jersey Casinos

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Breaking news just in, here's the lowdown: "*A federal judge on Wednesday struck down affirmative action regulations that governed virtually every aspect of hiring in New Jersey's casinos, finding that they violate the 14th Amendment rights of white and male workers.*" I don't know about you, But all I can say is it's about time! this looks like it'll be the first of many cases, a small victory but in many ways a great one. Have a look at the full article to find out more.

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War, Violence Are Not Masculine Says Iowa U. Forum

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This story on Excite News delves a little deeper into the issues of war and the gender roles involved in it that have been discussed in so much depth on this site recently. According to the article, not every country is like the U.S. in its wariness about sending women into battle. In Sri Lanka, as a matter of fact, 35 percent of the combat forces are female. *"Women have actively participated as perpetrators of violence," Eyango said. "Historically, women have been combatants because of their physique and ability to conceal weapons. Women make up 35 percent of the fighting force in Sri Lanka."*

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Men Less Afraid of Flying Than Women, Survey Shows

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Steve writes *"This story*
from the Associated Press
reports on a recent poll showing that women are much more likely than
men to be afraid of flying in airplanes. The AP poll found that 6 out of 10 women are bothered by flying, as compared to 3 out of 10 men. 27% of women said they are "afraid" of flying, while only 10% of men said they are afraid. I'd be interested in the thoughts of other Mensactivism.org members about: 1 - Reasons for the gap between men's fears about flying and women's fears about flying, and 2 - The policy implications of this difference, if any."

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Ford Worker May Keep Confidential Documents

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This story on Excite News reports some good news for those of us dismayed by the anti-male discrimination policies of Ford Motor Co. A Ford worker allegedly stole human resources documents which prove Ford's discrimination practices (we saw portions of those documents in a previous post here, I believe). A judge has ruled that the worker does not need to return those documents to Ford, and portions of them have actually been read into the court's records.

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Sperm Gene Discovery May Create New Contraception And Fertility Possibilities

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Scientists have discovered a gene which apparently controls the speed of human sperm, and may result in new contraceptives for men by blocking this gene. On the other hand, repairing a defective copy of of this gene could help cure infertile men (if their infertilty is a result of the defective gene).

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Glenn Sacks Examines Domestic Violence Myths

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In this article from the Daily Bruin, Glenn Sacks examines some popular feminist myths about domestic violence in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. *Serious research on domestic violence overwhelmingly asserts that domestic assault is committed by both men and women and that, by using weapons and the element of surprise, women are abusing their male partners as often as vice versa. Only about a quarter of violent heterosexual relationships fit the feminist "man/aggressor, woman/victim" model - about the same percentage as fit the "woman/aggressor, man/victim" model.*

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Free Speech Hating Feminist Accused of Hate Speech

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Wendy McElroy's latest column on Fox News explores the irony of a Canadian anti-free speech feminist's recent anti-American speech. Her own government, which sponsors her with Canadian tax dollars, is now attempting to distance itself from her. According to McElroy, this woman has for years claimed that free speech is a white male plot to oppress women, and that women could only obtain power by suppressing free speech.

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Sacks Again Refutes DV Myths

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Glenn Sacks, one of the only regularly published male columnists who writes about gender issues from a perspective unapologetically sympathetic to men, is at it again. This time he has an editorial which made it into the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and the *San Francisco Daily Journal*, with an article similarly themed to his Daily Bruin one on the truth about domestic violence. This is particularly significant since the two newspapers are targeted to and read by legal professionals, including lawyers and judges. Since I don't have links to his story on either of those two newspapers, you can read it on his web site here. All I can say is, go Glenn!

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Women's Educational Equity Act is No Longer Necessary

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Neil Steyskal sent in this report by The Heritage Foundation. Krista Kafer writes that the Women's Educational Equity Act is currently wasting taxpayer dollars that could be used to help economically disadvantaged children, which are currently the ones in most need of more educational resources. In the process, Kafer debunks the myth that "schools shortchange girls," and points out many areas where boys are doing very poorly. The report seems targeted to lawmakers, and includes important graphs and statistical information.

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Teen Boys Face Years of Stigma For Minor Infractions

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This story in the *Detriot Free Press* highlights a major flaw in the sexual offenders registry system used all over this country: it can stigmatize men as rapists or pedophiles, even if their actions weren't consistent with those crimes. *He was 16, wanting to be one of the guys, playing truth or dare. The dare: touch a girl's breast during a football game at Hazel Park High School last year. He did. As a result, the boy will be branded as a sex criminal until the year 2024.*

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DesertLight Journal No. 14

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Need I say more? DLJ number 14 is out, and can be read at the usual spot. The focus again is on domestic violence, including a summary I wrote about Day 1 of my DV awareness project at UNH. Enjoy!

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Criminalizing Masculinity

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frank h writes *"This article is an important commentary on the destruction of maleness at the hands of feminists that comes at a critical time, when we now begin to resurrect our recognition of the value of machismo and testosterone in the towers of the WTC and the mountains of Afghanistan. An unspoken message here is that the feminists have done real damage to the military and that maybe it's time for the dismantling of the Pentagon's Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)."* Thanks also to Neil Steyskal for submitting this story.

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California Governor Addresses Men's Rights! Well, Sort of...

Scott · 18 October 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"Governor Davis of California just vetoed SB 700, a California bill that would give special child visitation rights to "Any female prisoner serving a term of imprisonment subject to Section 3041 who has not had a release date" but not to males in a similar situation. Davis vetoed the bill for reasons mostly having to do with security. He did mention that it excludes males, but then he cites the problem as one of "costly litigation" rather than civil rights. Again, men don't *really* have rights. Here is all he says on the discrimination: 'Of additional concern is that by permitting specified female prisoners, but not similarly classified males, to have family visits, could lead to costly litigation due to its gender-specific provisions.' Thanks Governor Davis. Sort of."*

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Paul Craig Roberts on Domestic Violence

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Not PC sent in Paul Craig Roberts' latest article from TownHall.com. In it, Roberts talks about the ways "propaganda has crowded out truth" in domestic violence awareness, with companies such as Philip Morris sponsoring one-sided advertisements "designed to arouse anger at men." Roberts also brings up the Super Bowl Sunday DV myth, which I think serves as an excellent example of how the media goes overboard when trying to report on sensational news (especially the kind that denigrates men at the same time).

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Wales Man Refunded Child Support After Proving He Wasn't the Father

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In some very encouraging news, a man from Wales (UK) will receive a check for 30k pounds, plus interest, after paying child support for seven years for a child that he never fathered. He discovered this fact after taking a DNA paternity test. Gerard Bradbury decided to take the test as the CS payments began to become "crippling" to him. Bradbury said, "*I don't begrudge the child a penny but I hate being taken for a fool. The last few years have been a nightmare. But now at last I can get on with my life.*" This was noted as the second time in Britain that a man was able to stop paying child support when backed by a DNA test. You can read the BBC story at this link.
Source: BBC

Title: CSA pays back 'wrong' dad

Author: Unknown

Date: October 17, 2001

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Glenn Sacks on the Dan Curry Show

Scott · 19 October 2001 · Archived copy · Original

DanCurry writes *"Glenn Sacks will be on the Dan Curry show*
Saturday, October 20th starting at 2PM Pacific Time.
Glenn is the only regularly published Columnist in the US who writes about gender issues from a perspective unapologetically sympathetic to men.
We will be discussing some of his recent articles, including
Domestic Violence: A Two-Way Street and more. You can submit questions prior to the show or in realtime via this form. As always,
you can set the pace for future shows by suggesting a guest."

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Dear Abby Advises Husband Reader About Domestic Violence

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Neil Steyskal writes *"Dear Abby's column today is about a violent woman. It's interesting that she didn't tell the writer to call the police and get away from his wife fast."*

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UNH Student Speaks Out Against Domestic Violence Against Men

Scott · 20 October 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Foster's Daily Democrat ran a story about my domestic violence awareness project at UNH. Sean Goodwin did a decent overall job reporting on it but I feel the article reads very choppy and is somewhat confusing. Dr. Murray Straus is quoted extensively in it, and was an excellent source to help balance the article out. I just wish they could have made it clearer that I'm insisting that the sociology studies show that men and women abuse each other at about equal rates, which isn't clear at all from the article, and was the main point of my press release. Source: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]

Title: UNH senior getting the word out about domestic violence awareness against men

Author: Sean Goodwin

Date: October 19, 2001

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NH Bill Proposes to Ban No-Fault Divorces for Couples with Minor Children

Scott · 21 October 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Kingsley Morse, Jr. sent me an e-mail about a new law proposed in the New Hampshire legislature. HB1301 would prohibit married couples from obtaining no-fault divorces if they have any children under the age of 18. I'm curious, what do readers think of this? It certainly seems like a great way to reduce the ability of selfish parents to harm their children through the process of divorcing, but if they're that selfish to begin with, are they really better off staying together? Another question that popped into my mind is, could this give rise to more false accusations against men by encouraging women to use this route to get out of an unsatisfactory marriage? I'm a bit lukewarm on this one, though I do support the intentions of the bill.

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Suicide in Men Over 50: An Epidemic

Scott · 22 October 2001 · Archived copy · Original

There is an important article posted to the Men's Health America mailing list that includes some statistics about suicide. Sadly, suicide for men overall has gone up for men and down for women between 1970 and 1998, and most disturbingly is a significant increase in sucides by men over the age of 50. Please check out this posting and keep it for reference.

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The Farce of Feminism

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This editorial in Harvard University's *Harvard Crimson* laments the modern face of feminism, pointing out that while the movement once had a noble cause--equality--it is now simply a means for women to paint themselves as victims. The author also points out that modern feminism results in discrimination against men by women. It's an interesting read, and there's a bonus: the author is female.

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Playing Soccer Strengthens Young Men's Bones

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This article on Excite News reports on an interesting study which found that young men who played soccer prior to puberty had heavier bone density in their legs and spine than those who were more sedentary. Health researchers say the activity of these young men may prevent them from having bone-related diseases or problems later in life.

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The BBC's Reporting of Afghan Refugees

Scott · 23 October 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Les Farkas sent in a letter he wrote to the BBC for their focus on female refugees from Afghanistan. Les is encouraging us to also write in and get some exposure on major news web sites such as the BBC, which prints letters from readers. As he wrote me, "*The more society whines about unfairness to women, the more I feel men being written off or disposed of someway, somehow. In the midst of all the sentimentality over females, we must never stop reminding people, whether they like to hear it or not, that the well being of the other half of humanity should also be of concern!*" Read More below to view his letter. And send yours in too!(Aside: If you do contact the BBC, don't forget to praise the Brits.
They are good people who are on our side in this time of crisis.)

To the Editor:

The "role" of afghan women in this conflict is the same for women the
world over in all conflict zones: that is, to DO NOTHING while their men and boys are killed , herded and conscripted into war and violence! I don't feel half as sorry for afghan women as I do for their miserable men and boys. How do we weigh the moral outrage of not allowing women to go about uncovered, as opposed to conscripting eleven year old boys? Talk about a loss of freedom! These are many of the victims of the US military hardware. Who compels this from females? Male refugees trying to flee this madness are also sometimes detained from leaving Afghanistan, forced to fight. I am continuously annoyed by society whining about unfairness to women while overlooking greater injustices against men!

Les Farkas

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Girl Sues Father For Computer, Tennis Racquet... And Wins

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The battle for men's rights in Scotland is far from over, as evidenced by this story in *The Scotsman*. After successfully suing her father to pay for her education, a 17-year-old girl sued him again (and won) for a computer and a tennis racquet. Naturally, the father in this story is painted as cold and heartless. His side of the story, in fact, isn't even presented.

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Dealing With a "Psycho" Girlfriend

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This advice column on AskMen.com attempts to help a young man deal with his "psycho" girlfriend. Apparently, this lady latched herself onto him and, when he tried to get away, threatened him, destroyed his car, and even falsely accused him of sexual harassment. *Be afraid, be very afraid. Thousands of men across America let their guard down, thinking that just because they're with a woman, they have nothing to fear. But the fact remains that a stranger is a stranger and you will never know what they're capable of until you've lived with them long enough to understand their character and even then, you still never know.*

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Chemical Sperm Substitute Allows Baby-Making Without Men

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This story in Australia's *Herald Sun* reports on another new technique for women which will allow them to conceive children without men. Scientists have engineered synthetic sperm which clones the 23 chromosomes from the human female egg, completing the number of chromosomes necessary for an egg to begin cell division and develop into an embryo. This path is filled with dangerous consequences, though, and not just for men. It could also be dangerous for the child produced by such means. *"The big risk with this parthenogenesis is if you've got bad genes . . . (you would be) very concerned about abnormalities of the offspring.*

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Replacing Father's Day with a "Men's Day of Shame"

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Steve writes *"An NZ lawyer is starting a campaign to rename Father's Day into Men's Day of Shame for sexual abuse. The full story can be read here. I have posted my own plan for protest here."* This literally turns my stomach. From the article: "*New Zealand could lead the way internationally if "good" men stood up in shame and denounced the sex crimes committed by other men.*" Good men standing up "in shame?" On Father's Day? This is one of the most degrading things I've heard of in a long time.Source: New Zealand Herald [newspaper]

Title: Father's Day should be a day of shame: lawyer

Author: Mary Longmore

Date: October 22, 2001

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MANN Chat: Legalizing Choice for Men

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Tonight's Mensactivism.org chat will be on the topic of men's reproductive rights (also referred to as "Choice for Men"). As you know, women have multiple options to decline parenthood, including abortion and baby-abandonment laws. Men, on the other hand, have no fail-safe methods for planning their own family life. But did you know that there are cases where boys have been raped and then sued for child support? That Georgia's Supreme Court has even admitted that the laws discriminate against men? Check out www.choiceformen.com for some good background reading and then click here at 9:30 PM Eastern Time on Wednesday, Oct. 24 to log in and participate in the discussion.

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A New Alliance?

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I've been having some discussions with Wendy McElroy, who is recognized as a leader in the "Individualist Feminist" movement. iFeminism, as it's called, is far removed from NOW-ideologies and dogma, and from the number of articles she's written on false accusations, domestic violence against men, and the inconsistencies of mainstream feminism, she has consistently given men a fair shake in her writing. Wendy and I have been discussing ways to try to work together on common goals that both Mensactivism.org and iFeminism.com share, but I want to get reader feedback on this idea. Click "Read More" below to read more info and *please post your thoughts on all of this!* I value and will consider all thoughts by Mensactivism.org readers on how to handle this potential alliance.

More background on iFeminism:

Individualist feminism, as I mentioned above, is nothing like the feminist movement run by Patricia Ireland, Andrea Dworkin, and others like them. Individualist feminism focuses...well, on individualism. Most women (and yes, there are also male iFeminists) in this group tend to have opposite views than the mainstream feminist movement. Many tenets of the iFeminist movement are:

- **Pro-capitalism:** McElroy in particular is a very strong libertarian and capitalistic thinker. Followers of Ayn Rand's philosophy tend to take to iFeminism, because of the strong support for laissez faire capitalism and an open democracy.
- **Pro-second amendment:** Many iFeminists have been outspoken for the rights of Americans to own guns.
- **Free speech activists:** The need for free speech is an obvious aspect of iFeminism. After all, they're speaking out against the politically correct brand of feminism that wants to censor opposing views. Also, many women and men in this movement are pro-pornography, as part and parcel of free speech.
- **Pro-men's rights:** Most significantly to us, many iFeminists have spoken out on behalf of men's rights. Whether it's debunking the myth that only women are victims of domestic violence, or pointing out that all fathers are not potential child molesters, iFeminists have done a great deal of activism on behalf of men.

In short, the "feminism" in iFeminism doesn't have the negative connotations that that we normally associate it with. In fact, I'd say iFeminism is even different from "equity feminism," a term made popular by Christina Hoff Sommers. CHS and other equity feminists often tend to have a conservative agenda, but iFeminists seem to be of a more varied political and philosophical background.

Some links to read up on:

An overview of individualist feminism

Speaking out against myths about domestic violence

Refuting the idea that all fathers are potential child molesters

The iFeminist.com web site.

So what will this "alliance" entail?

First, let me explain what a potential partnership with iFeminism.com will *not* entail. I do not intend to compromise the focus and purpose of The Men's Activsm News Network, which serves to inform and empower readers about men's rights issues. Mensactivism.org and iFeminism.com will remain independent entities, each with their own respective web sites and memberships. We will not have editorial or censorial control over the other, but will share news and information that both groups are interested in. There will be no administrative changes to the web sites,

and I'm not planning to add or remove any of our Mensactivism.org co-administrators.

For example, iFeminism and Mensactivism.org are both interested in exposing inconsistencies in the mainstream feminist movement. We both promote the ideologies of free speech over politically correct censorship, the civil liberties of men (and women) accused of domestic violence and/or rape, and equality for men and women under the law. Wendy's iFeminist e-mail newsletter often includes links to the same stories posted to Mensactivism.org. I'm sure both of us have used the other as a place to check for news stories relevant to our readership already.

Some examples of joint projects iFeminism.com and Mensactivism.org could work on are: a joint chat room and/or bulletin board, or a mutual letter writing or awareness campaign, etc. Wendy has also suggested that we get a joint anthology started about gender equality and justice, with content from both men and women. There are many interesting possibilities.

What's in it for us?

A very important question, of course. :)

Credibility. As unfair as this fact may be, in the current political climate, women who speak up for men's rights are often more likely to get our message across than we are. This isn't to discount the activism efforts of Mensactivism.org readers, but I believe that an alliance with iFeminism.com will give us a degree of credibility in certain situations that we might not be able to obtain otherwise. The fact that they call themselves *feminists* could even work in our favor sometimes.

Wendy has also successfully broken into the mainstream media, something that I've been working on for Mensactivism.org but haven't managed to do yet. Wendy has a weekly article on Fox News' web site, which has served as in incredible public platform for her ideas and advocacy for women's and men's rights.

There are also many people who believe in equality that have shied away from the men's movement due to misperceptions about us (i.e, that we're a bunch of angry white males, woman haters, etc). This alliance would help to break down these prejudices and misperceptions, and bring us some new members and friends. The women's movement couldn't have succeeded without the support of men, and the support of women is also needed in the men's movement. While I strongly believe that men should have male-only groups to go to and bond in, Mensactivism.org has always been an open forum and has included female activists from the start. I will consider creating additional resources (such as a mailing list) just for men if people would find this useful and a way to create some extra space for men to speak their minds.

What's in it for them?

Well, again, I think it's credibility, but from a different perspective. Since iFeminism has already got its "foot in the door" of the media, so to speak, this would give them additional leverage so they could claim they are truly advocating gender equality and fairness. I also believe that there are many people in the iFeminist movement that simply want to join forces with more men so that they can get more done.

You're going to consort with feminists?? You traitor!

I really hope that by the end of this article you're not still thinking this. I can understand it as an initial reaction, because I think the term "feminism" has some strong negative connotations, often for valid reasons. But if we focus only on words and not what is behind them, we will not make any progress as a movement. As far as I'm concerned, iFeminism really isn't feminism. It's simply a group of women and men who believe in equality but have decided to focus mostly (but not exclusively) on women's issues. Wendy and I have set up some pretty clear boundaries for this alliance to ensure that neither side can co-opt the other's web site or editorial slant, and I think these and other ground rules will help preserve each movement but also allow for joint efforts that will benefit us all.

So now it's *your turn* to express your thoughts on this matter. I promise to take each and every one into consideration. I will not delete any comments posted in this section, so please be open and honest with your views

(and use the Anonymous User account if you wish). I have told Wendy that I am very interested in this alliance, but I have not promised her anything yet.

Also, note that for this Wednesday, 10/17, we will be discussing this alliance for our on-line chat. I've invited Wendy to participate and she has agreed to answer questions related to this partnership, so please consider stopping by to meet Wendy "in person," so to speak.

This looks like a "win-win" situation to me. What do you think?

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New Book: Spreading Misandry: The Teaching of Contempt for Men in Popular Culture

Scott · 24 October 2001 · Archived copy · Original

A new book is soon to be released that should be of interest to MANN readers. Spreading Misandry : The Teaching of Contempt for Men in Popular Culture by Paul Nathanson and Katherine K. Young is "*A probing inquiry into the pervasiveness of negative male stereotypes in popular culture...Paul Nathanson and Katherine Young argue that men have routinely been portrayed as evil, inadequate, or as honorary women in popular culture since the 1990s. These stereotypes are profoundly disturbing, the authors argue, for they both reflect and create hatred and thus further fracture an already fractured society. In Spreading Misandry they show that creating a workable society in the twenty-first century requires us to rethink feminist and other assumptions about men.*" This is definitely on my reading list for this winter!

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Foster's Prints Letter Correcting Domestic Violence Article

Scott · 24 October 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Foster's Daily Democrat, which ran a story about my domestic violence project at UNH, wasn't exactly forthright with my views regarding statistics about domestic violence. So I wrote them a short letter explaining the statistics further, which they printed in today's letters section. Hopefully this will help to set the record straight.Source: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]

Title: Domestic abuse not gender issue [Letters to the Editor]

Author: Scott Garman

Date: October 24, 2001

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American Communism And The Making Of Women´s Liberation

Scott · 25 October 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Henry Makow wrote an interesting article about the political nature of feminism for TooGoodReports.com. While I've heard and agree with requests from readers to avoid becoming political with this web site, I think this article and its perspectives deserve some airtime here to balance things out. It's interesting to note that ifeminism is almost completely the opposite of Makow's description, suggesting that ifeminism has few ties with the modern feminist movement.

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Setting The Women's Liberation Issue Straight

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I recently found this article written by Murray Rothbard, while it was written in 1970 it's just as true today (maybe even more so) and it's quite a read. In the article he makes the case that men are the real slaves, and implies this is due to women having a matriarchy over men. He makes such a good case it's just plain scary (is it the truth facing us?) It might be heretical but it's worth hearing him out. Oddly enough, the woman he talks to says she'd rather see a man than be one; is this proof that she knows men have it worse or was she just being polite? I don't know about you, but words fail me.

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Gender Bias No Cure for Domestic Violence

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Claude Moreau sent in this article from the Seattle Times about domestic violence. It's an excellent refutation of myths about domestic violence, and was written by a female family law/domestic violence attorney. From the article: "*Many male victims are ignored or ridiculed by a system that seems to recognize only female victims. When women are the abusers, they are more often than not given a pass. Recent cases with which I have personal experience involve men who have been hit, punched, gouged, choked and threatened with weapons by their spouses. Despite reports to police, none of the women were charged with crimes.*"
Source: The Seattle Times [newspaper]

Title: Gender bias no cure for domestic violence

Author: Lisa Scott

Date: October 24, 2001

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Article Protests Mothers Being Sent to War

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Anonymous User writes *"This article by Maggie Gallagher on Yahoo! News talks about the issue of single parent and dual-service couple soldiers needing to leave their children in the care of others while they go to war; and questions whether it is 'civilized' to send mothers to war. Even though the article quotes a statistic from Brian Mitchell's 1998 book, Women in the Military, which states that dual-service couples and an equal number of single moms and dads will need to leave their children in the care of others, the article gives almost all of it's focus to protecting mothers, and single mothers in particular, from being sent to war. Fathers are merely subsumed into the category of 'parent' - as in a child being asked "to risk both of their parents, or their only parent, for us"."*

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Farrell Addresses Australia: Men Have Fewer Choices

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This story from an Australian publication details a lecture Warren Farrell presented recently to an audience of men about modern man's lack of choices compared to women. *Farrell's central argument is that the traditional image of male-as-oppressor is inaccurate, that power is about choice, freedom to explore options that men don't have. Being a man means being obligated to earn money that other people spend, he says. Farrell recently received an email from his 91-year-old accountant father telling him to give up the fight. "If you continue this way you are going to starve to death," his father wrote.*

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Probable Cause Needed for Arrests in Restraining Order Violations

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A federal court ruled recently that those accused of violating a restraining order cannot be arrested unless the police have determined probable cause for arrest. You'd think this is a basic right but this article from The Massachusetts News explains how men are routinely arrested for 209A violations based only on an accusation. An accusation does not and should not create probable cause. This is definitely a step in the right direction for men's rights, and also civil rights in general. Source: The Massachusetts News [newspaper]

Title: City of Lawrence Pays Man $5000 for Illegal Arrest Under Restraining Order

Author: Unknown

Date: October 22, 2001

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Men Standing Up for Their Honor - Stopping "Day of Shame"

Scott · 27 October 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Steve writes *"So many men spoke up against the idea of Men's Day of Shame, that the lawyer who proposed it had a "week of hell." The story is here."* I was seeing a lot of activity about this on the men's rights mailing lists, and all I can say is, **awesome job people**! This is what *should* happen when someone makes such a public attack on men and fathers!Source: New Zealand Herald [newspaper]

Title: Week of hell for 'shame' lawyer

Author: Michele Hewitson

Date: October 27, 2001

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Testicular Self-Examination How-To

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This page serves as a good guide on how to perform a testicular self-examination, a check which should be done monthly for men 15 years old and older. Early detection is the key to beating this cancer, which is highly treatable when discovered early. Remember, being an activist about your own health is the only way you can stay around to be an activist for men's rights!

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MANN Feature: Men's College Sports Under Assault

Scott · 28 October 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks' latest column is being included on Mensactivism.org as our newest feature article. Glenn continues to be the only regularly published columnist in the U.S. who writes about gender issues from a perspective unapologetically sympathetic to men. This time, Glenn researches the declining state of male athletic programs at the CA State University system, and how legal attacks by N.O.W. have destroyed dozens of men's sports at schools around the state. Read More below for his essay.

California Men's College Sports Under Assault from N.O.W.

By Glenn Sacks, Glennjsacks@cs.com

California State University men's sports are under assault from feminist organizations who are pursuing a course which both ignores the desires of female college students and victimizes male college athletes. This week's casualty was California State University Northridge's (CSUN) 40 year-old football team.

The attack on male CSU athletes began in February of 1993, when the California chapter of the National Organization for Women (Cal-NOW) sued the CSU system for sex discrimination in athletics under federal Title IX legislation. The CSUs were forced to sign a consent decree with Cal-NOW in October of that year, and since then dozens of men's college teams throughout the state have been eliminated.

The consent decree mandates that CSU schools achieve "gender equity" by bringing the percentage of female to male athletes and the percentage of female to male scholarship funding to within 5% of the percentage of females to males eligible to participate in athletics. It also requires that the female portion of the overall athletic budget be within 10% of the school's male-female ratio.

On the surface this seems fair, but it in fact discriminates against male college athletes in several ways. For one, the consent decree judges "gender equity" by male-female enrollment ratios instead of student interest levels. Yet numerous studies demonstrate that female college students, in general, are less interested in competitive team athletics than males are, and are more interested in personal fitness activities (jogging, aerobics, etc.), than males. Even at all-women's colleges the percentage of females participating in and expressing an interest in participating in team sports would not be enough to achieve the consent decree's gender balance at most co-ed schools.

At the same time, some female athletic activities, such as drill team and cheerleading, are not counted as athletics. Thus a male football player and a female drill team captain both practice with their teams, do physically demanding training, and perform every weekend, but only the football player is considered an athlete, and only the money spent on his activity is considered for gender equity.

In addition, gender equity calculations unfairly count a sport's athletes, scholarships, and budget without considering its money-making ability. While most male sports and almost all female sports are not profitable, some, such as football and men's basketball, often bring schools large revenues--revenues which frequently benefit women's athletic programs but which are completely invisible in gender equity calculations.

The attempts by CSUN and other CSU schools to comply with the decree are made even more difficult by the fact that women have come to dominate the enrollment on most college campuses, leading 57% to 43% nationwide and 61% to 39% at CSUN.

Cal-NOW's consent decree sets the gender equity bar so high that even CSUN, which has done a tremendous job in building up its female athletic programs since 1993, has been unable to reach it and is considered to be out of compliance. From 1993 to 1998 CSUN tripled its women's athletic budget and more than tripled its female scholarship budget, while its male scholarship budget has been reduced. Its percentage of female athletes to male

athletes has risen 50%. It has added three women's sports and cut four men's teams (though community activists won a reprieve for the men's sports by securing outside funding). CSUN's percentage of female athletes is over 50%, and its women's athletic budget and women's scholarship funding are just under 50%. All three percentages will be pushed far higher by the elimination of football.

CSUN's expansion of women's athletics has gone considerably beyond the interest levels expressed by its female students in numerous student surveys. In those surveys women comprise between 35 and 40 percent of those CSUN students expressing an interest in playing college sports. Even in the 1992-1993 school year, before the decree was signed, 40% of CSUN's athletic budget and scholarship funds were spent on women, and 35% of the school's 428 student-athletes were women--clearly in line with the interest levels indicated by student surveys.

Certainly CSUN football has many woes unrelated to gender equity calculations, including the lack of a stadium and scant attendance and revenue. However, the leaders of CSUN seem like the factory owner who invests little in his plant for 30 years and then closes it down because it is "outdated" and "unprofitable." Certainly the decision of former CSUN President Blenda Wilson to build a new biotechnology center on the site of the football field without even considering where the team would play in the future doesn't give the impression that CSUN was committed to football.

But Cal-NOW shares responsibility, as do feminist organizations nationwide, who have used similar tactics which have been largely responsible for the elimination of 20,000 male athletic positions over the past decade.

When Title IX was passed in 1972 to bar sex discrimination in programs receiving federal funds, it was a huge and laudable gain for the feminist movement. It was never meant to be a sword wielded to cut down the dreams and hopes of 19 year-old boys.

Glenn Sacks is a regular columnist for the Los Angeles Daily Journal *and the* San Francisco Daily Journal*. He invites readers to visit his website at www.GlennJSacks.com.*

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Spousal Killings of Men Decreasing Significantly

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Neil Steyskal pointed me to this NY Times article (free registration required to read) about intimate partner homicide rates. According to a new CDC study printed in *The Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the "*rate at which men were killed by their wives or companions fell by close to two-thirds over the last 20 years...The rate at which women were killed...also fell, by almost a third....The researchers speculated that the sharper decline in the homicide rate for men was related to various social and legal movements that had given better alternatives to women in abusive relationships.*"

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Anna Quindlen: Women Should Also Be Required to Register for the Draft

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Neil Steyskal sent in another story, this one about the draft. To me the most interesting part was her good summary about the recent history of the draft, and why a constitutional challenge to the all-male draft probably won't hold up this time, since women can and do serve in combat positions today. It's an excellent article. Source: Newsweek [magazine]

Title: Uncle Sam and Aunt Samantha

Author: Anna Quindlen

Date: November 5, 2001

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Court Absolves Mother of Kidnapping Her Children

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The National Post reports that a mother who became an international fugitive after she kidnapped her three children from their father (who had full custody) was absolved of those kidnappings by a jury, who found her "not guilty by reason of necessity." The outraged father says that the court has now set a precedent for an "open season" on child abductions by non-custodial parents. I wonder if the same jury would've found not guilty a father in this mother's same situation.

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Web Site Focuses on Inspiration For and About Men

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A woman interested in the masculist anthology Steve Imparl and I are working on sent this link to me today. The site is full of stories and poetry, much of it celebrating men. In fact, there's a section specifically dedicated to celebrating men. I urge you all to check out this site if you need a little inspirational boost in your day.

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It's Never Father's Day

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Douglas Rome sent in this story from the UK Observer. It's the story about divorced dads who are alienated from their children. One man was quoted as saying, "*I have been to court about 13 times, mostly to try to stabilise the access to my children. I've been in front of nine different judges, none of whom has seen my problem. I feel powerless. I started off seeing my children two or three times a week. Now I see them once a week for four hours, if I'm lucky. I have no overnights, no weekends, no holidays. I'm like an uncle they see occasionally, rather than their father.*" I'm sure many readers know this kind of pain and frustration.Source: The Observer [UK newspaper]

Title: It's never Father's day

Author: Unknown

Date: October 21, 2001

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A World Without Men

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Barbara Ellen wrote an article for the UK Observer which I believe is meant to be a form of satire. It's an essay on how the world will become without the need for men. She begins by explaining that with new reproductive technologies, men are no longer needed and no one is allowed to have male children - only female. Then men are confined to "man zoos," where they serve as examples of what "women had to put up with" in the past. War has ended, but is replaced by "endless international bitching sessions." In the end Ellen states her belief that this brave new world has not changed for the better, and hopefully by this time built up in the reader a sense of disgust at how people could want to live in such a world - a world without men.Source: The Observer [UK newspaper]

Title: How the other half lived

Author: Barbara Ellen

Date: October 28, 2001

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DivorcePort Offers Content of Interest to Men

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Michael Aiello wrote in to let people know about his web site, DivorcePort.com, which offers news and commentary on men's issues and also coverage on the war on terrorism. Aiello's site gives special attention to cross-cultural gender issues. Check it out.

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Audio Interview with Warren Farrell

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Warren Farrell did an audio interview with Australia's ABC News, and can be listened to from this page. This was actually the first time I've heard Farrell on the air, and he had quite a bit to say in this interview. He touched upon a few issues related to the options that men have vs. women, the importance of fathers in families, and the contributions of men's style of parenting.

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No Chat Tonight

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Considering that tonight is Halloween night for most people in the U.S, I've decided to skip the chat this week. If you still want to show up, feel free to do so, though. I'm also getting a bit short on chat topic ideas, and would welcome any suggestions - post them as a comment to this story, or e-mail them to me at scott@mensactivism.org.

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Doyle: The Importance of the Family

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Richard Doyle from the Men's Defense Association sent in a short essay about father's rights and families in general. Toward the end, Doyle looks at it from a political perspective, and acts to help inform his political party's members about the need to help families by helping men, particularly by putting men and women on a more equal ground when it comes to the family courts. Read More below for his essay.

The Importance of the Family

by R. F. Doyle, Men's Defense Association

Recent events should remind us to keep things in perspective, and distinguish the important from the unimportant. Of all things, the family is one of the most important. Strong families make America strong, and more capable of standing up to our enemies, both external and internal.

Unfortunately, the family is not faring well. About half of marriages are ending in divorce. Twenty four million children live with only their mothers. The fatherless ghetto pattern, a relatively recent phenomenon, is becoming commonplace. Consequently, delinquency, crime and other aberrations are skyrocketing.
What has transpired in the last 4 or 5 decades to cause all this? Cultural mores and immorality are certainly to blame, but another factor is even more at blame: anti-male prejudice. While this prejudice exists in several areas, how it exists in domestic relations is of special importance. Both conservatives and liberals are guilty of this mindset: conservatives out of misplaced chivalry, and liberals out of mod. interpretations of political correctness. Both are influenced by, and fear, the feminist juggernaught.

Consider the Elian Gonzalez matter. Conservatives REALLY blew it there. And we claim to be pro-family! It gags me to agree with Janet Reno, but she was right on that issue. Children belong with their fathers - even in Cuba.

Contrary to popular opinion, men are not abandoning their families wholesale, to run off with some bimbo. But many women are doing just that. Almost 80% of divorces are initiated by wives, justifiably confident in walking away with child custody and huge financial settlements, often too huge for men to pay.

Single fathers have demonstrated that they can be good parents, often better than single mothers. Nevertheless, divorce courts enforce what they consider to be men's responsibilities and women's rights, almost exclusively.

Every man is but a guest in his own home, living there only at the forbearance of his wife. He is evictable at a moment's notice if she tires of him or makes unsubstantiated allegations of abuse. This ploy is resorted to in an astonishing number of cases.

Nowadays, men are avoiding marriage and other commitments. Who can blame them? Some are afraid even to associate with or talk freely around women. If we could guarantee men that any children they may father would be inalienably theirs in more than just a monetary sense, they would be more receptive to marriage, and there would be far fewer divorces.

Anti-male prejudice in divorce is but one facet of a much broader phenomenon, one that is so politically incorrect it's seldom mentioned in polite circles. If this country is to overcome many of the dangers facing it, external as well as internal, this prejudice must be recognized for the danger it poses. The very male image is under attack. Not all men are Jack the Ripper, nor are all women Mother Theresa. The restless, active boys that teachers seem too quick to drug with Ritalin are the very ones that may protect us with their energy in time of crisis - if they haven't been demasculinized.
It would take more space than available here to propose remedies, so I'll summarize them in one phrase - *fairness and equal rights for men*.

Of the two persuasions, because they have more common sense, conservatives (and some Libertarians) would appear to be more educable on these matters. I'll grant that fairness and equal rights for men is a unique concept, and feminists would scream bloody murder. But if conservatives supported it strongly, perfidious feminist influence would be greatly diminished.

Last week, putting aside considerations of personal danger, I flew from relatively safe Minnesota to address the Conservative Leadership Conference Washington D.C. Several men's and father's organizations attended in an effort to convince conservative leaders of the importance of saving our families by removing the incentives to destroy it. There were many think tanks there. We gave them something worthy to think about.

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Men's Hotline Opens in Australia

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Robert Cunningham sent in this link and writes *"The following service has just begun in Australia. Men's Line Australia is the first national telephone counselling line for men who want to talk about their family and relationship concerns. It provides information, support and referrals. The service is available 24 hours a day from anywhere in Australia for the cost of a local call."* I'm particularly encouraged to see that the helpline seems focused on helping men who are depressed and/or suicidal. You can click here to find out info on how to support the helpline, by volunteering or donating to them.

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Father's Rights vs. Involved Fatherhood?

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This commentary on Women's eNews accuses father's rights groups and activists of inciting violence and hatred against women and children. The author claims "involved fathers," those who have made job sacrifices, etc., to be with their children, are somehow different from those who have been forceably estranged from their children by a vindictive ex-spouse. He also attempts to vindicate court biases against men by claiming that fathers who seek child custody are often abusers.

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An Interview With Andrea Dworkin

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nagzi submitted this link which is a RealAudio interview with Andrea Dworkin on a free speech radio program. As you would expect, Dworkin gets tripped up a bit when talking about pornography to the host, who in general otherwise seems supportive of Dworkin's work. I'm including this interview because it's instructive to know what we're up against - Dworkin has lost a lot of influence over the years, but she still represents one of the most radical, anti-male forms of feminism we've seen to date. Take note of the techniques she uses to make her points and study them.

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Justice Dept. Stats on Gay Domestic Violence

Scott · 2 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal sent along this link to a report about the latest Bureau of Justice Statistics report which for the first time includes data about domestic violence against homosexuals. Again, this is a crime survey, not a sociology or family violence study, and it exhibits the typical bias against men who are less likely to report domestic violence (including homosexuals, who have other reasons to fear contacting the police for help). Still, we should make note of this because the Justice Dept. stats are the ones most widely used by battered women's advocates, who have been able to define domestic violence over the past quarter century.

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Proposed MI Bill to Prohibit Schools from Recommending Ritalin

Scott · 2 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Cheddah writes *"A package of bills before the Michigan Legislature would prohibit school employees from recommending that any student be prescribed Ritalin. As any Mensactivism reader knows, it has been mostly young boys who have been targeted for this drug."* This certainly opens up some questions about parent's rights vs. public school authority, and I think we need more debate on this issue. You can read the story here.

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Families in Crisis + New DLJ

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Trudy Schuett had an article printed in the Sierra Times about divorce and the family courts. The article is an in-depth look at how our current divorce system in the U.S. is harming everyone involved, particularly children. Trudy includes lots of good stats and I hope her message is heard. Speaking of Trudy, the latest edition of the *DesertLight Journal* was released, and can be read here. Source: The Sierra Times [internet magazine/newspaper]

Title: Families in Crisis

Author: Trudy W. Schuett

Date: November 1, 2001

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UK To Enforce Visitation Rights?

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Neil Steyskal pointed me to this article from the UK Guardian, which states that a proposed law would create consequences for custodial parents who deny court-ordered visitation to non-custodial parents. The accountability would be based on fines and community service orders, and may also require attending parenting or anger management classes depending on the situation. All I can say is, it's about time! I hope our UK readers are lobbying for this law and that it gets passed. Source: The Guardian Unlimited [UK newspaper]

Title: New law may boost rights for fathers

Author: Clare Dyer

Date: October 29, 2001

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N.O.W. Getting Worried About "Gender Studies"

Scott · 2 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Steve writes *"Academic freedom is under further attack. This N.O.W. article attacks all gender studies which are not Women's Studies."* The fear of offering legitimacy to "Men's Studies" is explicitly mentioned in the article, written by Loretta Kane. Apparently, N.O.W. is starting to get worried about the men's movement.

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A New Warrior of the 21st Century

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zerostress writes *"This story of a man and his peculiar war should be an example of what a man who desires to influence the world for the good can do. Let's hope his example will prompt many of us to do the utmost for what we believe"* This is an amazing story about a man who is delivering humanitarian aid on the front lines of battle in Afghanistan. He really is an inspirational person.

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Book Review: Naomi Wolf's Misconceptions

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I've found this book review of "*Misconceptions Truth, Lies, and the Unexpected on the Journey to Motherhood*" by Naomi Wolf, a well known feminist. Reading the review, I was reminded of Carolyn F. Graglia's comment (author of *Domestic Tranquility: A Brief Against Feminism* in case you're not aware) that women's advocates are the biggest woman haters of all, chances are you might get the same impression as well.

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Supervised Child Exchanges Becoming Popular

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Neil Steyskal sent in an article from the Christian Science Monitor about a new idea that is gaining popularity in the U.S: supervised visitation exchanges of children in a neutral setting. The idea is to keep both parents from seeing each other to avoid conflicts which inevitably harm the children. The system seems fair and does what it's intended to do, so I think it's a great idea. Source: The Christian Science Monitor

Title: To protect kids, sites keep warring parents apart

Author: Craig Savoye

Date: October 31, 2001

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Women's eNews: Kids Need Money, Not Men

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Women's eNews' attack on fatherhood continues with this commentary by Cindy Richards, who claims that fathers are not necessary and contribute nothing to the child rearing process, and that fathers may simply be replaced by wallets. Oh, and by the way, the editor's note at the top of this story says that this piece is the "first in a series." I wonder what other BS they have planned?

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McElroy to Debate on Prostitution at Univ. of Colorado

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Thomas Walsh asked me to announce that Wendy McElroy from ifeminists.com will be debating Kathleen Barry about whether prostitution and pornography exploits women. The debate is being sponsored by the Campus Libertarians and will be held this Tuesday, Nov. 6. A poster for the debate can be seen here. If you need more info or are interested in attending it, drop Thomas an e-mail.

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MND Named "Cool Site of the Day" Today

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mpaiello writes *"Men's News Daily has been named today's Cool Site of the Day. The site will be available here for viewing and voting **today only**. If you support Men's News Daily, please click this link and VOTE FOR US!! The higher our rating, the more likely we'll be picked for Cool Site of the Month or even of the year. That would be a boon for putting men's issues in the mainstream of popular thought and discussion. Thank you Scott, and all the readers of Men's Activism - Michael Patrick Aiello, DivorcePort.com."*

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World Conference of Men's Health: "Men must become the new women"

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brad writes *"This National Post article raises issues of male health. "*Doctors gathering today for the first World Conference on Men's Health in Vienna, Austria, have a solution for the sad state of today's male: Men must become the new women.*""* That pretty much sums up the article, too. Although it covers the importance of men to organize and lobby for men's health issues, it seems very condescending at the same time. But at least the issue is getting some more attention.Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Doctors tell men to be the new women

Author: Brad Evenson

Date: November 3, 2001

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Woman Murders and Cooks Husband

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Uberganger writes *"A truly horrific story of domestic violence and murder from Australia, found via AngryHarry.com. The woman abused all four of her husbands, murdering the last one in a particularly grotesque way. Let's hope she is put away for life, as the article suggests she probably will be. How long do you suppose it'll be before some group of 'do-gooders' try to present her as the real victim?"*Source: The Daily Telegraph [Australian newspaper]

Title: Break-up led to slaying

Author: Frances O'Shea

Date: November 3, 2001

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Domestic Violence is a Societal Problem

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"This article in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette details the balanced viewpoint given by a female cop lecturing at Mount Wachusett Community College criminal justice classes. She says, "Do not ever make a domestic violence arrest based on gender.""* I've heard a local story about some female police officers who questioned some of the training given by a local domestic violence shelter too - and I'm thankful for it. Source: The Worcester Telegram and Gazette [newspaper]

Title: Domestic violence is societal problem

Author: Mary Jo Hill

Date: November 5, 2001

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The Extinction of Men?

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Neil Steyskal sent in a mixed article about men's health and social status. The article raises the point that with men's health and longevity in such a poor state, combined with negative attitudes about men's roles in society, that men could literally become extinct in the not so distant future. On the other hand, there's a disturbing quote blaming men for starting and maintaining all of the major wars currently going on in the world. Perhaps these people need to realize that it's *that* kind of negative attitude about men's roles in society that's the problem.

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Is Unilateral Divorce Bad For Children?

Scott · 6 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal sent in another interesting link to an abstract about a study examining the policy implications of making divorce easier for parents, and how it affects children. While some common sense could easily answer this question, it brings to light issues that are starting to get some serious attention from state governments, including New Hampshire, which is considering whether to abolish no-fault divorce for parents with minor children.

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The Seat of Temperance (in Men)

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krob4399 submitted this link to a UK Telegraph story which describes the discovery of a "seat of temperance" in men's brains, which is used to censor sexual drive. Apparently this part of the brain has evolved over time, as it is much smaller and less developed in primates than in human beings. krob4399 thought it was interesting to contrast this discovery with this article, which is about pre-menstrual dysphoric disorder, somewhat the opposite of the "seat of temperance" with women.

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MANN Chat: Male Friendship

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This week's Mensactivism.org on-line chat is on the topic of male friendships, and how to promote friendship and brotherhood amongst men. Too often these days, men are isolated from each other, and don't create opportunities to meet with other men on a regular basis. What can be done to help change this, and what are some ways to establishing new friendships with other men? While this seems like an odd topic in and of itself, it's a very important one for the men's movement to consider. Our success depends on promoting meaningful relationships between men and getting men to see themselves as a group with common interests to act upon. You probably know the routine, click here at 9:30 PM Eastern Time on Wednesday, Nov. 7, to log in and participate.

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Foreskins Used in Burn Bandages

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Neil Steyskal pointed me to this UK Daily Telegraph article which mentions a new bandage that can be used to speed up the healing process for burn victims. The miracle material the bandage is made of?: foreskins from circumcised infants.

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Sacks Exposes Myths in Women's Studies Textbook

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Uberganger writes *"This is an interesting article on the kind of things that are printed in Women's Studies textbooks and taught in Women's Studies classes. A copy of it should be handed to every woman - and man - who parrots the usual feminist rubbish."* Ah, you beat me to it - I've been meaning to post this for a few days now. Glenn Sacks is at it again, writing more articles of interest to men's activists.

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Man Receives Child Support Bill Years After Being Raped

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Kingsley Morse, Jr. sent in this article from the UK Times. It describes a man who received a bill from the Child Support Agency for 55k pounds. He never knew he had fathered a child, and it turns out that the child was conceived when he was statutorially raped when he was 15 years old by a woman two times older than him. He was quoted as saying, "*I am being treated as a criminal, but I was a minor being led on. Presumably she has now reached a point in her life where she needs an easy meal ticket.*"
Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: CSA sends seduced boy a £55,000 bill

Author: Sam Lister

Date: November 6, 2001

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Men's Health Conference: "Will men be needed at all?"

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Ched writes *"MSN.com posted this article about men's health. It basically blames men for not keeping pace with healthcare options, and provided some "are men becoming extinct" examples before addressing some relevant points about men's health buried at the end of the article."* What is it with these people? I'm getting the impression that masculist doctors weren't invited to this conference.

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University of Virginia Writer Tackles Wage Gap Myth

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This article, which recently ran in the University of Virginia's *Cavalier Daily* takes a stab at refuting the oft-media-cited "wage gap" myth perpetuated by groups like the National Organization for Women. It's refreshing to see this kind of column appear in a college media outlet (and by a female writer, no less).

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Professor Studies Male Role Models On Television

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This story in the University of Missouri *Maneater* reports on two professors who are studying the way men are represented in situation comedies on television. In 1998, the professors viewed 55 episodes from 11 top sitcoms. *The study, released at an American Psychological Association meeting, revealed that each show illustrated positive instances of male disclosure. These instances were met with either positive or neutral responses.*

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Activist Alert: Methods of Contacting the Media are Changing

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"Western Newspapers,Inc. has announced it will no longer accept letters to the editor and press relases by snail-mail. "These items should now be submitted only via e-mail, FAX or on floppy disks hand-delivered to the newspaper office outside an envelope," Prescott Courier Editor Ben Hansen said. The Prescott Courier is part of a chain of over 20 newspapers in the state of Arizona. A spokesman for the chain expects other newspapers and news-gathering agencies to follow suit. This is important news for activists and others who deal in publicity for their orgs or often send Letters to the Editor. Snail-mail was once considered the best way to get letters and releases noticed. FAX will now most likely take the lead as the most efficient way to send. Check the next issue of the DesertLight Journal, Wednesday, Nov. 14th, for more on how this change will affect the way groups and orgs handle publicity and promotions."*

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Study Says Beauty Impacts Male Brain Like Food, Drugs

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Ched submitted this Boston Globe story and writes *"It seems that in order to get an article in a major paper relevant to men's issues today, the article has to denigrate men. This article compares men's brains with reptiles (lizards). States that when a pretty woman is viewed that men look like rodents bar-pressing for cocaine. No mention was made of a similar study done on women - probably because the results were about the same..."*

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Domestic Violence Art Attacks Men

Scott · 10 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I'm *waaaay* behind in posting news stories, and I apologize for that. Several people, including frank h, stevenpauljones, Steve
, and Acksiom sent in this story or ones similar to it. The article describes an art exhibit at the Boulder Public Library sponsored by a local domestic violence shelter, which features, "*21 ceramic . . . ummm . . . men's appendages, which are displayed on a clothesline in the library. It's entitled "Hung out to dry."*" The exhibit is meant to say something about domestic violence and gender, and you can guess it's not particularly positive. Steve suggested that we contact the newspaper and I think it's a good idea.

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Is the War Commentary Sexist?

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Neil Steyskal sent in a series of links about complaints that commentary on the war in Afghanistan is sexist because few women are seen as authorities on the subject. The Christian Science Monitor ran this story which was followed up with these letters, and Neil says that this Washington Post story exposes the fact that feminists as a group are working to promote the idea that few female commentators is sexist. What do you think?

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Finding Non-Profits that Help Men

Scott · 11 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

plumber writes *"The list of charitable organizations in the charitable giving campaign for federal workers illustrates distorted priorities for sex equity in the US today. The list includes a large number of organizations promoting reproductive rights for women...[but] no organizations addressing men's reproductive rights. The list includes a large number of organizations addressing women's health...[but] just one organization with a focus on men's health, the Prostate Cancer Research Institute. The list includes a number of organizations addressing domestic violence. While some of the entries refer to men or partners, others assume that only women are victims of domestic violence. What are some good 501(c)(3) organizations that care about the...problems of males? What can be done to encourage charitable donations to men's organizations?"*

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Ceramic Penis Display Stolen

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According to this story at bouldernews.com, the controversial ceramic penis display in a public library was torn down and stolen recently, and replaced by an American flag. The artist, library, and police are up in arms about the theft. The article makes a point of saying that the display was meant to help places which protect "women and children" victims of domestic violence. No mention of male victims. Those of you writing the paper, the artists, and the library, make SURE you mention that women and children are not the only victims of domestic violence. And make SURE you don't stop any planned protests. Just because the exhibit has been removed doesn't mean minds have changed. (I also do not advocate such illegal means as theft as a way of getting one's point across.)

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LA Times Finally Prints the Word "Misandry"

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Marc Angelucci writes *"The LA Times printed my letter to the editor on how the Taliban treats men. I've been wanting to get the word misandry in there for the longest time. This wasn't the best use of the term, but it still worked. Now let's see if we can get them to print the word "masculist.""*

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Pres. Bush Proclaims Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

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nagzi writes *"I got this via the Menshealth a yahoo egroup. I'm not an American, but this is certainly good news for men everywhere. The press release mentions a few interesting facts, such as that prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed form of cancer (with the exception of skin cancer)."*

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Donna Laframboise Needs Our Help

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BusterB writes *"Donna Laframboise, a controversial Canadian newspaper columnist who is sympathetic to men's points of view and who regularly takes feminists to task, has been laid off by Canada's National Post. She is asking readers to enjoy her columns to subscribe to her writings as one would to PBS. See her site for details."*

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"Hung Out to Dry" Penis Exhibit Update

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Thomas writes *"This is a recent report on the Boulder Public Library's display of hanging, ceramic penises. Apparently, the thief, Bob Rowan, hasn't been arrested yet. Note that Susanne Walker, who created the outrage, said "the the theft contradicts the values symbolized by the flag and 'makes a joke of the pain and suffering involved in this exhibit.""* Thanks Thomas - keep us posted on updates to this story!

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Reflections on Veteran's Day and the Feminist View of War

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Although the timing is now pretty bad (it's 40 minutes until midnight), I wanted to post something about Veteran's Day. First of all, I hope everyone took some time out to reflect upon the sacrifices that war veterans have made for us, and what we owe to them. Ed Bartlett wrote up a short essay that relates to men's issues and the way war is often spoken of as an expression of masculinity - when the only thing particularly masculine about it is the body count. Click Read More for the submission.

Reflections on Veteran's Day and the Feminist View of War

A couple days ago I was talking to a woman about Veteran's Day.

During our conversation, she expressed the feminist theory that war is simply an expression of male aggression, and it has nothing to do with men risking their lives to protect their families and countries. She suggested that if women were in control, we wouldn't have any wars.

In response, I mentioned to her these historical facts:

- In 1973, Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir helped launch the Israeli counterattack against Egyptian and Syrian troops in the Yom Kippur War.
- In 1982, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher declared war on Argentina in a battle over the British-occupied Falkland Islands.
- Just a few weeks ago, President Bush requested Congress to support him in his war against terrorism. All but one of the female members of Congress voted in favor of the resolution.

Veteran's Day was established at the close of World War I, a war that claimed over one million U.S. casualties, almost all of them men.

Veteran's Day commemorates the supreme sacrifice that men have made in the past. And Veteran's Day recognizes the four men who have already died in Afghanistan in the fight against Osama bin Laden.

The feminist theory of war stereotypes men as inherently violent. This theory ultimately serves to discount the many sacrifices that men have made since time immortal to protect their children and womenfolk.

It's time we put to rest the feminist explanation for war, a far-fetched, hare-brained theory that does not stand up to even the most superficial historical analysis.

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A Game Show for Fathers

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nagzi writes *"This is a game show from Japan which centers on the father. The point is the show gives the father a task to do. He has one week to practice the task, and then he does the task on tv. If he completes his task his family wins a total of 3 million yen in various prizes. It won the "Golden Rose Award" from Geneva, Switzerland in 2000. The show is available in the US (Hawaii only) via Kikutv, or the internet if you know where to look. The tasks range from completing a Rubic Qube in less than 3mins to memorizing the first 100 places of the square root of 3."*

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Men's Hour Program No. 7

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The Men's Hour, an internet radio program about men's issues, has released program number 7, which can be listened to with either the WindowsMedia or Real players. They also just registered a new domain name, www.menshour.com. This espisode was shortened due to technical problems but they discussed news about World Male Health Day, the proposed "Men's Day of Shame," and calls for submissions to the upcoming masculist anthology. Check it out.

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Murderer Receives Domestic Violence Award

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Amazing. This story on BBC News details the awarding of a "domestic violence" award to an Asian woman for "breaking the silence" about domestic violence against women. What did this Asian woman do that deserved the award? She murdered her husband rather than going to the police. In fact, she was jailed for life for the brutal murder, in which she set her husband on fire. **Scott's note:** Also thanks to an Anon User who submitted this story.

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Men: The Expendable Sex

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I wrote this column about the draft and the perceived expendability of men versus women a while back for my now-defunct *The Guy Code* column. Wendy McElroy at ifeminists.com graciously agreed to use it as a guest editorial on her page. I am also linking to it from MANN because the draft is, of course, a hot topic for us.

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Robert Rowan May Join On-Line Chat

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This is a currently unverified rumor, but I have been told that Robert Rowan, the man who stole the male bashing art display from the Boulder, CO library, is going to participate in our on-line chat tomorrow night. More details will follow as they become available. Don't get your hopes up just yet, though....

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Men Need Not Apply?

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Fredpro writes *"I was just browsing through my University's online jobs listing, and of the three relevant positions available one specifically (and quite obviously) encourages females to apply.*
The job is in the physics/engineering/computer science field and I understand that females are a minority in this particular area. My question is, are they allowed to recommend a specific gender should apply? I'm unsure, and before I whine to the employer, I would like to get my facts straight. Thanks!" Also note that this University is in Australia.

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Sexual Harassment False Accusations Site

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Erik has an excellent web site about false accusations, particularly with regard to sexual harassment. Anyone with personal experience or other interest in this topic should check it out: http://mensrights.bizhosting.com. He includes information about many high profile sexual harassment cases, some of which are real eye-openers.

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ACLU Defends Colorado Misandry

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Steve writes *"The ACLU wants to prosecute the man who stole the ceramic penises. The story is here. You can also vote on whether he should be charged, and comment on it."* It looks like they've closed the voting poll, but people have clearly come out against the display, saying that the man was justified in removing it.

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Part 2 of "Mothers Need Money Not Fathers"

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I'm half tempted to not post the latest piece of anti-father psuedo-science by womensenews.org but I think some activism is needed here. To get straight to it, they blame fathers for the nearest mothers' problems and think a socialistic quick fix is the answer, among other points of mindless folly. If you want to respond to this, try writing in the letters to the editors section. And guess what? it says "*Note: Women's Enews reserves the right to edit or delete letters.*" Funny thing is, that wasn't there last week...

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Bob Rowan Has Been Charged / Chat Update

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Thomas writes *"According to this article in today's Rocky Mountain News, Bob Rowan has received a summons for misdemeanor criminal tampering. The charge is for his removal of the "Hang 'em out to dry" exhibit from the Boulder Public Library. It's worth noting that, when I spoke with him this morning, he was very upbeat because of the amount of community support that he is receiving."* **Update:** Rowan has e-mailed me personally and *will* be attending tonight's chat! Remember, it starts at 9:30 PM Eastern Time tonight, and you can participate by clicking here to go to the on-line chat page. **Update 2:** Bob called and said he wasn't able to make it tonight, but would like to come on next week. Sorry about the let-down...

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An Interview With "El Dildo Bandito"

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HombreVIII writes *"Bob Rowan, the man who recently became known as El Dildo Bandito, was gracious enough to allow me to interview him via e-mail. I kept it fairly short with just 9 questions, and here are the results."* Click Read More below for the interview. And thanks, Hombre! :)

1. Hombre: "How did you first hear about the exhibit hanging at the library?"

Bob: "From a letter that Sen Ben Nighthorse Cambell wrote to the head librarian & was read aloud of Fox radio last Friday morning (KRFX) 103.5 Denver"

2. Hombre: "What was your first reaction when you discovered it?"

Bob: "This bullshit has gotta go!"

3. Hombre: "Why did you decide to react as you did?"

Bob: "I felt time was of the essence... If our Senator cannot persuade the dumb student & librarian - nobody can! For some, words of morale character will forever be meaningless."

4. Hombre: "You're actions could be described as being a bit on the extreme side, yet in the note you left behind you referred to yourself as 'El Dildo Bandito'. This presents the image of someone who isn't seeking to get himself taken seriously, but the issue itself. Was that message you were trying to send?"

Bob: "Hey guy's we're talking about stealing dildo's, crotch humor is not bad, the sarcastic note was intended to bring laughter with hurt."

5. Hombre: "Was it ever your intention to keep the ceramic penises, or had you planned to return them from the start?"

Bob: "We intended to return em & had em boxed by the time the cops came at 1:30 am Sunday."

6. Hombre: "Have you gained a lot of celebrity as a result of this? If so, how has it effected your life?"

Bob: "Yes a little... a bit hectic with interviews, however after asking my lawyer if I should shut up now, he emphatically said no. 'You keep talking & tell the people,' he said, 'enjoy the moment'."

7. Hombre: "Do you feel that your actions have helped make the issue of male bashing a little more known to the public?"

Bob: "Absolutely! no question."

8. Hombre: "What do you think the messages were that this 'artwork' was sending out?"

Bob: "All men are assholes, our military can kiss my ass & screw the flag."

9. Hombre: "Do you think El Dildo Bandito will ever strike again, in a similar fashion to that of Zorro resurfacing whenever the people needed him?"

Bob: "Count on it!"

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Man Awarded $150,000 After False Rape Allegation

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Here's a refreshing tale from law.com. A man falsely accused of rape by a co-worker was branded a rapist without due process, prodded and invaded by his employer, and subjected to all kinds of humiliation. Subsequently, a jury has awarded him $150,000 in damages.

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Men Suffer Under Taliban Regime As Well

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Cathy Young eloquently writes about the oppression of men under the Taliban regime, and reminds us that the suffering of men should not be forgotten amid all the discussion in the media of the oppression of women.

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Harvard Rejects Case For Marriage Out of Political Bias

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This article in the *National Review* suggests that Harvard's publishing house refused to publish a book titled *The Case of Marriage* out of a political bias for feminist orthodoxy rather than the reasons the publishing house's board originally stated: that they believed the book failed to provide evidence of casual benefits of marriage. Now, though, researchers claim to have proven those benefits: *For the first time in the history of research on marriage, Ginther and Zovodny appear to have successfully shown that the "marriage premium" — the tendency of married individuals to make more money than single people — is an actual effect of marriage, and not just a function of a preference shown by both employers and potential spouses for people with qualities likely to bring about success.*

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Kathleen Parker on Drafting Women

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Neil Steyskal sent in this article from TownHall.com and writes *"Kathleen Parker says that drafting women will result in a wave of pregnancies"* Parker's views are mixed, she is strongly against women in combat but does seem to believe that women should make some sacrifices for the sake of our military. It seems that the main purpose of her article is to refute Anna Quindlen's recent Newsweek article which defends drafting women. Source: TownHall.com [on-line media site]

Title: Gender equality isn't a fair question in war

Author: Kathleen Parker

Date: November 14, 2001

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Men in Afghanistan Shave Off Beards

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krob4399 submitted this New York Times article (free registration required to read) about how men in some parts of Afghanistan are now free to shave their beards since the Taliban have left. I thought this was a very interesting story about the new cultural freedoms men will be able to enjoy in a Taliban-free Afghanistan.

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Religious 'Fear' of Women

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Neil Steyskal pointed me to this article from the Washington Post. It's about the history of religions and how they are rooted in male contempt (and fear of) women and femininity. Apparently the author of the article hasn't read anything by Rich Zubaty. Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: The Birth of the Myth That Men Are Closer to God

Author: Robert S. McElvaine

Date: November 11, 2001

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Divorces Could Be on the Rise After 9/11

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Neil Steyskal writes *"Abigail Trafford's column in the Washington Post health section talks about 9/11 as a catalyst for divorces. It's no coincidence that the examples she gives involve women leaving men. Comment to: health@washpost.com."* Talk about a one-sided article - you'd think all divorces are simply about men being inadequate and women righteously moving on.

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Jaks Calls Phallus Art "Hate Speech"

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From Men's News Daily: *"Hi Scott- here is a link to Lowell Jaks' letter to the DA of Boulder, CO on their decision to prosecute Bob Rowan."* With the address of the District Attorney in the letter, I'd encourage others to write in as well.

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New DesertLight Journal

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Trudy Schuett's latest *DesertLight Journal* is out, No. 16. You probably know the routine by now, click here for the latest issue. This particular issue includes info about a new "Activism for Newbies" section on the DLJ web site and also an announcement of a new electronic publishing company friendly to men's issues, *cyberManbooks*. Trudy's efforts on behalf of men are truly incredible.

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Media "Suprised" at Girls Surpassing Boys in Education

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frank h writes *"This article in the Chicago Tribune indicates complete surprise at the "astounding" way in which girls have bested boys in ALL subjects in their most recent standardized tests. These people must have their heads in the sand, what with all the NAEP and other data that's been published on the deficiencies in boys' academic performance. This is something we can do something about on a small scale, because most school districts are operated locally, and it's possible for a small, motivated group to have an impact. Further, few mothers of sons would object to getting help with their boy's reading homework, no matter what their feminist bent."*

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When can I walk as a free American?

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LeonardMisner submitted a story about his struggle with the child support system, which overcharged him and apparently made deliberate accounting mistakes to increase his expenses. The following story will be included in his new book, In the Children's Best Interest, available through his web site. Read More below for a summary of his situation.

Disclaimer: The Men's Activism News Network is not responsible for and cannot ensure the accuracy of the following article. As a rule, we generally do not post personal stories for legal reasons, but the following exception was made since Mr. Misner limited any mention of other individuals in his article and is publishing this material in book form.

When can I walk as a free American?

I've sent this message to Senators and Governors and Mayors in the States most directly in touch with my situation, and to President Bush. Mayor Giuliani's FAX machine just wouldn't pick up. And I hope government representatives can take a hand to accomplish this simple task. I did receive a response from Illinois' Senator Fitzgerald. He has invited me to Washington, to discuss things over breakfast. I am also regularly alerting the media to my situation, and my new book. Over the years, I've tried every related County, State, Regional, and Federal Office and Agency, only to find that County family agencies are above the scrutiny of any other governmental office or agency, and are hence free to, and do, routinely violate laws and the constitution to no consequence.

I am extending this offer with every plea for help in my case. "If anyone can recoup the moneys which Macomb County, Michigan has overcharged for my child support, I would gladly allow 100% of it to be diverted to the relief efforts in New York - that amount of cash should be approaching $25,000. I have all the documentation and receipts."

Everything in this letter is covered in my new book, In The Children's Best Interest. I'm already writing a follow-up book. And this letter will be in the introduction section to that book. I hope you find it in your heart to respond and react to this request for action. Any media time would be greatly appreciated. America's children deserve protection of the laws which are in place. Cases like mine are all too common. And continuing to ignore cases like mine only allow family agencies to continue to violate federal law, state law, and like my case, even their own Circuit Court Orders, all at the expense of our children.

My two daughters were emancipated from child support in October, '95 (6 years ago) and January, '97 (almost 5 years ago). My total child support obligation is overpaid by $25,000. A withholding order is still enforced, and money is still taken from my paychecks. There is a warrant for my arrest TODAY, for non-payment of support, even though this withholding order has been in effect since 1988, and I've changed jobs only once and have been continuously employed and paying. Every day, I wonder if I will ever be allowed to live in America without the constant threat of being jailed at any moment, because no one in the Macomb County, Michigan, Friend of the Court can add and subtract.

For over a year I paid child support to my ex, while simultaneously, my older daughter was a ward of the State of Michigan. I also reimbursed probate court costs, and was billed an additional $11,900 when my ex institutionalized my daughter for voicing her desire to come live with me - her biological father. Hence I was forced to pay for my older daughter to be in two places at the same time for over a year.

I repeatedly requested copies of my accounting for over 11 years. It was only after going to the agency in person, and stating, "If you don't give me a copy of my own accounting records, then you are in violation of the Freedom of Information Act", that I finally did get a copy of my accounting records. Upon review of those records, I found multiple problems.

There were "adjustments" in the accounting, which added thousands to my balance. These were in addition to the

interest being charged. I asked what those adjustments were, and the only response was, "We can't tell you specifically what those adjustments are. They just happen." ...but that's not all!

There was a specific period of over a year, where the accounting was in violation of even their own court orders. When pushed for over six hours of heated exchange, they finally admitted, "Your case worker didn't feel that the court order was fair, so he went to previous orders and adjusted the accounting to something that seemed to make more sense." I asked if a caseworker has the authority to override the signature of a circuit court judge. They promised to make the appropriate deductions from my balance, and proceeded to add this adjustment rather than deduct it from my balance. ...And that's not all!

When the family agents initially established my support, they used income information, which was known to be out of date and not a reflection of my true income. I had been in a debilitating accident at work before my wife filed for divorce. My initial child support obligation was established on income information from before the accident, not a reflection of my current income. So, my initial order for support was in violation of the federal guidelines.

I was told to bring my next income statement for an adjustment. When I did, I was told that I couldn't get an appointment to see a caseworker, unless I had an attorney. I said I had the right to represent myself, and asked for an appointment. The desk clerk picked up the phone and told me she was calling security to have me escorted from the building. Being in a full upper torso brace, and walking only with crutches, I left rather than to be wrestled out of the building. I believe I had a right to see a caseworker, and certainly had a right to represent myself in this situation.

Further, a hearing in my case was held without notifying me. I believe this was in violation of my right to be notified.

And because I was denied access, and denied my right to a hearing, my child support obligation was more than twice my gross income for over 5 years, in violation of the Consumer Protection Act.

There was a warrant issued for my arrest at that hearing, and was forced to desert my children, or go to jail for being debilitated. Had I been arrested and jailed, THAT would have been a violation of the 13th Amendment ("No indebtedness warrants the suspension of the right to be free from compulsory service." - already referenced and upheld as it relates to incarceration for non-payment of child support). Some rulings in these cases also discuss the Antipeonage Act, as implementing the 13th Amendment and under the enabling language of the Amendment. But the current laws make no distinction for those who refuse to pay, as compared to those who cannot pay. So, the courts say if you don't pay, regardless of your ability to pay, we will call it "contempt of court" and put you in jail. If it flies/swims/waddles/quacks like a duck, you can paint it pink, put a bow on it, and call it an elephant, but it's still a duck. Debtor's prison is commonplace in the land of the free.

While in college, putting myself into a position to pay my child support, Michigan initiated an action for hearing in Indiana. The Indiana court reviewed my true income, and proceeded to enforce and order for child support. However, Michigan continued enforcing their order, though their actions resulted in a second order, on the same case, enforced simultaneously in another State. Two orders, enforced simultaneously on the same case is in violation to protection from being twice put in jeopardy. I have a letter stating this type of situation is specifically the impetus for implementing UIFSA. "The Clinton administration in its proposed Work and Responsibility Act of 1994 is pursuing a change in this by advocating that all States adopt the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act which provides for one controlling order at a time, which should eliminate confusion stemming from the existence of multiple orders."

And aside from the impact all of this has had on my children, this is what I find most reprehensible. I've made reference to several Article I rights. Several lawyers have told me that certain portions of Article I were written expressly to protect the rights of criminals. Has it come to this point, where the constitution is interpreted such that some groups have certain protections by the law, while other groups are excluded from the same protection? I find this perspective reprehensible, especially in light of the 14th Amendment's clear insistence for equal protection;

"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." Stating that certain rights are reserved for select groups, while all others are excluded from the same protection is ludicrous, and clearly in violation of the 14th Amendment. And so, these other violations, exercised routinely and daily by the States at the county level should be addressed immediately!

60% of America's rapists, 72% of adolescent murders, and 70% of long-term inmates grew up in fatherless homes. Help our children to have more stable and successful lives. And help us all, as a society to be safer and more stable, by addressing children's needs. The best parent, is both parents.

And above all, parents have a Constitutional right to the care, custody and maintenance of their children as defined by the Supreme Court of the United States in Stanley vs. State of Illinois and Santosky vs. Kramer. Help protect parent's rights, and children's rights. Bringing media attention to my case, and my book, will be a helpful step.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Court: Father Must Pay Support In Spite of Contract

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This harrowing story deals a severe blow to Choice For Men as far as American justice is concerned. A young man agreed to impregnate his girlfriend (who wanted a child) as long as she signed a contract stating he would not be held financially responsible for the child's upbringing and no one would ever know he was the father. Ten years later, the mother filed a paternity suit against him... and won. **Scott's note:** Thanks also to Neil Steyskal for submitting this story.

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Will the Draft Rise from the Dead?

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Writing for LewRockwell.com, Robert Higgs slams the draft in defense of men, by standing by the founding principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It's only 5 paragraphs long, but gets the point across. "*Whatever happened to the idea that every person, even a young man, has inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Whatever happened to the idea that a just government is instituted to secure these rights, not to crush them underfoot upon the earliest pretext?*" this has to be the first anti-draft article I've came across to use that argument.

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Cartoon Depicts Men as Fat, Lazy Pigs

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Thomas writes *"This disgusting editorial cartoon appeared in the 11/15/01 Rocky Mountain News. Copley News Service depicts the "normal" male as a lazy, fat pig, while his wife works outside on the lawn. This is done at a time when young men are struggling and risking their lives for us and the Boulder city government, through the library, preaches anti-male hate and promotes anti-male violence. Note: you'll have to click the "Get Image" button next to 11/05/01."*

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How Men and Women Deal with Stress

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krob4399 sent in this article from BBC News about how hormonal differences between men and women relate to how they cope with stress. They found that young women cope with stress better than men, but post-menopausal women lost the advantage due to lack of the hormone oestradiol. Yet the end of the article observes that there are many kinds of stress and that broad conclusions shouldn't be drawn from the study. Source: BBC News

Title: Women cope better with stress

Author: Unknown

Date: November 15, 2001

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Suicide in Australia

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Robert Cunningham writes *" While this report was published last year, it certainly needs a wider audience. The Suicide in Australia report is full of helpful material. It relates the suicide of men with family breakdown, in a manner that is usually ignored."*

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G.I. Joe Increasing Sales Under Fire

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Calvin Heide submitted this link to a story from CNSNews.com. It's about G.I. Joe, the military action figure that is popular among boys. Increasing sales of the toy are getting the attention of groups which oppose violence in children's toys, and this article is about that subject. While I'm particularly disgusted with the amount of violence on TV, I think G.I. Joe is the least of our worries. As the article ends, "*Parents know their children best [and what is] most appropriate for them.*"

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UK Resource for Sexually Abused Men

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Emanslave let me know about this web site, which he believes might be the only resource specifically for men in the UK who have been sexually abused or assaulted. The site definitely seems sensitive to men who have been abused, and is performing a national census of men who have had personal experience with this issue.

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Review of Spreading Misandry

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zerostress sent this link my way, which is a review from the National Post about the new book Spreading Misandry: The Teaching of Contempt for Men in Popular Culture. It's an excellent review, and as soon as I finish a couple of books I'm in the process of reading, I'm definitely going to get a copy. Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Male-bashing could prove 'disastrous,' authors warn

Author: Graeme Hamilton

Date: November 14, 2001

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PC Means Political Control

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I've two articles for your reading on this topic. Tammy Bruce, in her book The New Thought Police says that "*political correctness is the principal tactic by which civil rights, feminist, and gay and lesbian organizations exercise political control.*" According to this Denver Post article,
that's mainly where the terms "terrorised by tolerance" and "silenced by sensitivity" come from. And I've also found a Geoff Metcalf interview with Tammy Bruce herself, so you can get a better insight into what she thinks. It's interesting stuff to be sure.

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Body Dysmorphic Disorder

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Neil Steyskal submitted this story from the Sydney Morning Herald about body dysmorphic disorder in men. This is a little talked about problem, and one that is on the rise: "*In this month's British Medical Journal, two researchers, Australian David Castle and American Katharine Phillips say body image is becoming almost as big an issue for men as for women...Castle says: "We want people to be healthy, but on the other hand if you look at the sort of images we are being flooded with, nobody could achieve those looks - looks which are extreme.*'"Source: The Sydney Morning Herald [Australian newspaper]

Title: Big, beautiful, but not necessarily benign

Author: Unknown

Date: November 16, 2001

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No Help for Abused Men in Salons

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Neil Steyskal writes *"The Washington Post is promoting San Francisco's use of hair stylists to help abused women, but the program ignores the men who are victims. Remind them about the abused men: letters@washpost.com."* Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: For Some Abuse Victims, A Wash, Set -- and Counsel

Author: Rene Sanchez

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Wage Gap Issue a War of Perception

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Mike LaSalle from Men's News Daily writes *"This article from the Sydney Morning Herald purports to document the wage gap between men and women. Another article (this one from the University of Virginia Cavalier Daily), succinctly refutes the superficial reporting of the first. The SMH article appears pitched at an "elementary-school" reading level, while of course the latter article is written by and for a college audience..."*

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When Women Abuse Men

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Mike from Men's News Daily writes *"This article promotes a new web site/organization that tackles female violence against males."* The couple mentioned in the story created the web site HelpingMen.com, which is soliciting personal stories from site visitors. If you'd like to share your story, please stop by there. **Update:** The link no longer works, but I'd still encourage you to visit helpingmen.com for more info.

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UK to Allow DV Charges Brought by Third Parties

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In one of the most disturbing moves since Ontario's Bill 117, I learned from this UK Independent story that a new law will allow third parties to bring charges of domestic violence against the victim's will. The move is meant to protect women who are too afraid or unwilling to press charges against their abuser. Most disturbingly, "*Possible candidates for this role include social services departments, voluntary groups working with survivors of domestic violence as well as the police.*" The second group is the one I'm most concerned about.

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Apply for a Divorce Now -- Online!

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Yes, you read that right...there are only a few strings attached. For only $249, residents of California can now complete all divorce proceedings though a web site, without having to walk into a courtroom. The service can only be used if the couple is divorcing amicably and can agree on asset distribution and child custody. Still, it's surreal to think of people divorcing this way. And my favorite quote in the article: "*I really don't believe having something available that makes it easier and costs less money is going to encourage divorce.*" Uh-huh. Click here for the story from the LA Times.Source: The Los Angeles Times [newspaper]

Title: Couples Can Untie the Knot Online

Author: Martin Miller

Date: November 19, 2001

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Feminist Majority Foundation Buys Ms. Magazine

Scott · 21 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"Ms. Magazine is now owned by the Feminist Majority Foundation. The magazine's offices will move to Los Angeles in Spring 2002. Most of the New York staff has been laid off."* As Wendy McElroy put it in her latest ifeminist newsletter, "*all attention seems to be focused on the Women of Afghanistan. It is as tho' radical feminism has abandoned domestic politics.*"

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Reasons for Needing Men (Well, Sorta)

Scott · 21 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

In an Irish Independent article, Betty Cody gives an overview of how society has changed and sends inconsistent messages to men. The article begins with the question, "Do we really need men?" and then meanders along stating some of the problems men have faced with the breakdown of rigid roles for men and women. Overall, I found her tone clinical and unfeeling, and her description of men pretty negative overall (ie, fathers are "not particularly competent" at housework and taking care of their kids). But at least in the end she promotes the idea that men need more advocacy for their issues and that they're not receiving it. It's kind of a lukewarm article.Source: The Irish Independent [UK newspaper]

Title: It's official: we don't need men

Author: Betty Cody

Date: Unknown (on or before November 19, 2001)

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Ritalin May Alter Brain Structure

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In a disturbing article from Australia's Herald Sun, it is revealed that a recent Buffalo University study has found that Ritalin, the most popular drug for treating ADD/ADHD, may cause long term brain damage. "*The changes look similar to those with stimulants such as amphetamine and cocaine...One of the genes [modified by large amounts of amphetamine and cocaine] has been linked with addiction when it is activated in certain parts of the brain.*"
Source: The Herald Sun [Australian newspaper]

Title: ADD drug may change brain

Author: Unknown

Date: November 13, 2001

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Tennessee School District May Back Diplomas With Warranties

Nightmist · 21 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

This article in *The Tennessean* reports on a unique new program being considered by Williamson County schools in Tennessee. The school district may back its diplomas with a warranty. If any student graduating from a Williamson County school is forced to take remedial classes upon entering college, the school system will pay for those classes. Although the issue of boys isn't specifically addressed, this could be incentive for teachers to better address boys' struggles in their classrooms. It is also worth noting that Tennessee is currently one of the lowest-ranked states in the nation for education spending, and is also relatively low in the ranks on quality of education.

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MANN Chat: Anti-Male Art, Part II

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Good news, Bob Rowan has been contacted and he's planning on coming to the chat tonight, as is Wendy McElroy. You know the deal, go to this page at 9:30 PM Eastern Time tonight and log in! Hopefully holiday travel won't impact our turnout too much.

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Comment Views Changed for Most Users

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I made a change to the user preferences database so that viewing comments will seem more logical. For anyone who kept their comment view as "Oldest First," I have changed this to "Oldest First (Ignore Threads)" so that comments will be displayed from top to bottom in order of their posting. I think this might make reading the comments more consistent and help prevent people from mistakenly replying to the wrong thread. If you find you don't like this, if you're logged in you can always change it under the User Preferences, "Customize Comments" section. This change affects the Anonymous User account, too.

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Woman Murders Husband with Frying Pan; Sentenced to Four Years

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krob4399 sent in this Yahoo! News story which briefly outlines the murder of a man by his wife after admitting he had an affair. From the article: "*Last November, the 32-year-old housewife stabbed her husband, also 32, with a knife after beating him dozens of times with the steel pan, saying: ``You said you would die if you had an affair, so I want you to die as you had promised.'*"' The woman was sentenced to four years in prison for the murder in a Japanese court.

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The "Boy Code" at Work

Scott · 22 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Emanslave sent in this story from ABCNews.com. It's about the socialization of boys and girls with respect to what kinds of toys they play with. It points out that when girls play with "boy" toys, that it isn't a big deal with other children, but when a boys plays with a "girl" toy, they tend to receive sharp socialization messages which discourage this behavior. William Pollack is quoted in the article, and while I think this is a legitimate issue, I feel the article is tainted with the idea that we need to resocialize children away from any gender differences. Source: ABC News [on-line]

Title: A Gender Straitjacket

Author: Unknown

Date: November 21, 2001

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A Hero Without a Country

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The latest column by Glenn Sacks isn't directly focused on men's rights, but it does deal with the very real phenomenon of young boys being impressed into armies and forced to do horrendous things. Glenn's article, A Hero Without a Country, tells the story of a young boy who is drafted into a Guatemalan faction's army, and his eventual escape and later life as an illegal immigrant in the U.S. It's the kind of article that gets you to stop and reflect for a minute.

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Activism Project: The Plight of Afghan Men

Scott · 23 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Today, the Men's Health America mailing list announced an activism campaign to break the silence about the brutalization of Afghan men. While we've all heard about the oppression of women under the Taliban, the treatment of men under this regime can in no way be likened to "freedom" and "empowerment." It's time to remind the media about this, and to do so in numbers. Starting Friday, November 23, and for at least the next 10 days, messages on the MHA mailing list will outline activities you can participate in to make a difference. Please join the list if you're not a member, as it's a great resource. We will also be linking to each message related to this project.

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Turkey Writes In Law That Men And Women Are Equal

Nightmist · 23 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

This story in the *Chicago Tribune* reports on new legislation to equalize men and women (particularly in divorce) in Turkey. The legislation was lauded by a women's group calling themselves "The Flying Broom," but what's more interesting is the fact that the legislation *genuinely* seems to promote equality rather than privelege of women over men. *Previously, in a divorce women were entitled only to property legally registered in their names. Now, property and assets are to be divided equally. At the same time, men will be able to seek alimony from wives.* Of course, we'll need to wait and see how Turkey interprets the application of the law toward men down the road.

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Female Rap Star Celebrates Men

Scott · 24 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Ched writes *"In [the song] 'Brotha,' Angie Stone celebrates black men instead of dissing them in the usual hip-hop way. "When I give a concert now and say, `Where are my guys at?' they all go, `Yeah!' Because maybe for the first time, they can really enjoy a show. They don't have to squirm down into their seats because they think a woman is going to cut them up."* The Boston Globe story can be read here.Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: One proud sister

Author: Steve Morse

Date: November 23, 2001

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The Selective Brutalization of Men In Afghanistan

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This Men's Health America posting outlines the consistent human rights violations perpetrated against Afghan men, both before and as the Taliban came to power in Afghanistan. The request in this activism project is to let others know about these facts, by distributing the post to friends and mailing lists you belong to.

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Violence Knows No Gender

Scott · 24 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Mike LaSalle writes *"Men's News Daily has published an original article by Bill Kuhl on the subject of women's violence against men. Kuhl is currently writing his graduate thesis on the subject. Men, he says, endure as much violence to their possessions as they do their persons. And women, it turns out, often use weapons to gain advantage in their violent encounters."*

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Biased Article Ignores Afghan Men, Again

Scott · 25 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"The NY Times has published another editorial about Afghan women -- still without a word about the many men in Afghanistan who have been executed, tortured, and subjected to forced labor. Comment to: letters@nytimes.com."*

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UN Neglect of Afghan Men's Human Rights

Scott · 25 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Men's Health America released a second special report on the neglect of Afghan men's human rights. This time, the focus is on the United Nations, which has spoken out on many occasions against the treatment of Afghan women, but neglected men. The report outlines several examples of this, and will serve as good material for any letters you decide to send in to the media. Neil Steyskal is our main media watcher for this campaign, and will be forwarding stories to this site which are in need of response.

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Manly Heroism

Adam · 25 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Here's a conflicting article
From Fox News, I say conflicting because in one-way men are glorified for putting their lives on the line to help others, and on the other hand praised for being open with their emotions. For example in the article Liz Quilty says "*Not just because they are the picture of strength and masculinity, but also because they've done the hardest, most noble job of all, which is to put their own lives second to others.*" and then Nancy Kirsch says "*There is also an inner strength shown. Men on television are welling up and crying, but it doesn't mean they aren't strong ... my gosh, it is the opposite.*" Can you see the culture clash now? Keep your eyes on this one, it's bound to evolve into something interesting.

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Male Bashing Montauk Sofa Ad

Scott · 25 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Les Farkas found this offensive ad in a recent issue of Chicago Magazine. Needless to say, this is another issue worth writing in to protest. Les writes, "*[Montauk was] so smugly satisfied with the ad that they showcase it on their homepage...This kind of advertising creates a climate where men can be systematically ridiculed and put in their place. The ad reinforces this kind attitude in women.*" Click Read More for contact information where you can send your opinion of this. Given that the ad is so outrageous, I think we have a chance of effecting some change. Kudos to Les for initiating this project.

Contact Information

Montauk:

montauk@montauksofa.com

Their New York number is (212) 274-1552

Chicago Magazine:

Letters to the Editor: ChicagoMail@primediamags.com

(312) 322-8999

Other contact info: http://www.chicagomag.com/ros/about_us.htm

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Two Afghan Bias Articles

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Neil Steyskal writes *"Sunday the Washington Post published a major article advocating political preferences for Afghan women. Comment to: letters@washpost.com. The Christian Science Monitor has also editorialized in favor of special programs for Afghan women. Comment to: oped@csps.com."*

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Dads Don't Need To Know?

Scott · 26 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"I found this article courtesy of David Limbaugh (Rush's brother) in his most recent article here. I don't even have the time to get angry about this one, but it's more psycho-babble about how children are better off if dad's don't really KNOW if their children are really theirs."* Something tells me that the field of evolutionary psychology has a long way to go...

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A Feminist Blames Feminism

Adam · 26 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Regulars here at Mensactivism will probably love this article, so I'll ask you a quick question: Have you ever wondered what would happen if a hardcore feminist looked long and hard in the mirror about their beliefs and said what they saw? You don't have to wonder anymore as viewing this link shows you the results, and the honesty is quite surprising and refreshing at the same time. I was gonna give a quote, but where's the fun in that? Read it, it's a rare find.

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Trolls, Sincerity, and Our Public Image

Scott · 26 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I feel that the time is ripe to write something about how we as a movement should give some thought to public relations and how to help increase our numbers in the men's movement. I would like to ask every reader of Mensactivism.org to take a moment to read this article and reflect on it, and tell me what you think. I don't pretend to have all the answers, but I think it's time for a discussion on the following topic. Click "Read More" below for the text...

In the year and a half that I've seen Mensactivism.org grow and flourish, I've always been encouraged by the number of sincere, thoughtful people who are helping to get this movement off the ground. Men's issues are definitely making some headway, in the media and in public consciousness, though the progress has often been slow and meandering. But I think we're approaching a critical point where a large number of new people are going to want to learn more about us, and this is an opportunity that could catapault us ahead or set us back to square one, depending on how we deal with it.

The new cooperation between Mensactivism.org and iFeminism.com has attracted a lot of attention from men and women in both groups. Consequently, we've received a bunch of new visitors to Mensactivism.org recently, and while some of them are already "on our side," others are suspicious of us and some are testing the waters to decide what to make of us.

I think it would be useful to take a moment to think about how we should approach new people who profess to have some interest in the men's movement, through posting on our comment boards. I don't intend to single anyone out, but there have been moments of antagonism and minor flame wars which aren't helping us to reach our common goals. Admittedly, there *have* been a few troll posters (antagonists that simply post nonsense to stir up trouble, usually through the "Anonymous User" account), but some of the hostilities have turned out to be unreasonable.

First of all, I firmly believe that men and women can and *should* be angry about the pervasive discrimination men face these days. Emotion is a strong motivator, and the intent of this message is not to encourage complacency in any way. The intent *is* to ask people to consider the effects of how they utilize their anger and discontent. I'm not talking about censorship or making sure people don't use "bad words" on our comment boards, but for people to consider what effects their words can have beyond the topic they are discussing - that is, how other people will perceive their postings and connect it with the men's movement.

My plea to you, the reader, is to **give other people the benefit of the doubt as much as possible**. In particular, there have been two disturbing trends I've noticed. In one scenario, someone posting here for the first time who signs their message with a female name immediately gets grilled if she expresses anything other than 100% agreement with our views. In another case, anonymous posters who express dissent in any form are sometimes referred to as "she" by other posters. The latter case is apparently intended to alienate the person and brand him or her as "the enemy," and implies that women in general are "our enemy." We're not going to get anywhere by alienating others, including turning supporters away on the basis of their sex. And responding in these ways simply provokes fruitless confrontation and ad hominem flame wars, getting us nowhere.

I hope when you stop and think about these issues you'll agree that we need to focus on building a fair and just image for the men's movement, and that you'll help take part in making Mensactivism.org a community where newbies can come to learn and be encouraged by us - where they will be compelled to defend us in front of others, rather than having their preconceptions of us (ie, as a bunch of "angry, white men") reinforced.

On another note, I *do* recognize the need for men and women to be able to express their disgust at many of the things which go on in the world that get posted here as news stories. But there is a difference between ranting about an unjust law or policy, and allowing the frustration one feels about an issue spill over into the personal interactions that happen on Mensactivism.org. If we are going to build strength as a movement we need to be able to agree to

disagree, and to have arguments which keep the concept of respect intact. Honestly, the stuff that's gone on here is very minor compared to many e-mail lists and newsgroups, but I wanted to get this message out now while we have the most control over it.

And as for the true trolls, just don't spend your time answering them. They get their kicks from inciting others to waste their time and energy responding, time and energy that could be used to keep pushing the men's movement forward. When you've determined that someone is a troll, just try not to respond to them. When you waste your energy with a troll poster, they've won over you.

These are just my own thoughts on the matter. I encourage you to add your own thoughts here.

Scott

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The Invisibility of Afghan Men At Amnesty International

Scott · 26 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

The third and final Special Report from Men's Health America has been released, and can be read here. This one focuses on the way Amnesty International, a leading human rights watch organization, has expressed its own bias against men. Keep the letters going, folks - there's a success story which will appear on this site in an hour or so.

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Latest Coverage of Afgan War Articles

Scott · 26 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"This opinion article from the LA Times gives us yet another imbalanced perspective on gender and the Afgan war. It emphasizes human rights. But it only mentions gender when it comes to women, as usual. It even refers to "women and civilians," as though "civilians" would not do, and as though male soldiers who are forced to fight are somehow less innocent. They printed my letter on this two weeks ago, so I can't write again for a while. But they do print letters from other states, so please write them at letters@latimes.com."* Also of note, Neil Steyskal writes *"The Christian Science Monitor published a letter from Cary Roberts about Afghan men. Thanks Carey!"* Source: The Los Angeles Times [newspaper]

Title: After Bombs Must Come Civil Rights

Author: Rosa Ehrenreich Brooks

Date: November 25, 2001

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Hawaii Supreme Court Strikes Down Sex Offender Registration Law

Nightmist · 27 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

In a surprising move by the Hawaii Supreme Court, that state's version of Megan's Law (a law many states have adopted which requires sex offenders to register with an official registry, and to announce their presence in neighborhoods) has been struck down as unconstitutional. This article in the *Fresno Bee* explains. The court said that the law violates due process by not allowing those charged with sex crimes to present a defense. Hawaii's willingness to scrutinize Megan's Law for due process violations is a step in the right direction for those who fear false accusations.

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McElroy and Nightmist Comment on the Ceramic Penis Controversy

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In her weekly Fox News and ifeminists.com column, Wendy McElroy eloquently tackles the hotly debated issue of El Dildo Bandito's (aka Bob Rowan) recent taking down of 21 ceramic penises from the Boulder Public Library. Likewise, I have written this piece, my personal masculist perspective, on the events surrounding Mr. Rowan. I am ashamed to admit that Wendy, ever-vigiliant, managed to mention both the recent YWCA hate campaign against boys *and* mensactivism.org in her piece, while I merely railed against taxpayer supported hate speech expression. Both these columns are also available directly off ifeminists.com, mine being a guest editorial for the week.

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New Suicide Study Published

Scott · 27 November 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal submitted this article about a new Irish suicide study that outlined the stark gender differences in suicides: "*five times more men died from suicide than women, and 40% of the deaths were men aged 30 or under...The report recommended specific health strategies for men, and they needed greater encouragement in accessing health services.*"

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It's Time to Enlighten Human Rights Watch

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As we enter the activism phase of the Men's Health America campaign to draw attention to the abuse of Afghan men's human rights, we are asked in this MHA posting to contact the organization Human Rights Watch, which claims on their web site that "*Women have borne the lion's share of human rights abuses in Afghanistan throughout the conflict*" (see here). The statement ignores the brutalization of Afghan men and wrongly turns the issue into one where we discount the suffering of half the population. Please contact HRW and ask them to correct this.

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Colleges Biased Against Women?

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Neil Steyskal sent in this article from the Christian Science Monitor about a study which claims that women learn 33% less than men in college. The article suggests that colleges and universities are biased against women, but from the dropping enrollment of men in college and the poorer academic performance of men in general, I think the article failed to present the issue in an unbiased way. Source: The Christian Science Monitor

Title: A 'gender effect' in college learning?

Author: Mark Clayton

Date: November 27, 2001

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Addressing Media Bias in Afghan Human Rights Stories

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The latest Men's Health America posting includes links to three articles (also submitted to Mensactivism.org by Neil Steyskal) which serve as typical examples of the media is ignoring the human rights of Afghan men. Read, and respond: New York Times article, e-mail: letters@nytimes.com. USA Today article, e-mail: editor@usatoday.com. Christian Science Monitor article, e-mail: oped@csps.com. Neil also sent in an interesting article from the Wall Street Journal whic comments on some of the gender politics surrounding condemnation of the Taliban.

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Woman Convicted of Murder for One Child Given Custody of Another

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DAR sent in this story from Maryland's SunSpot and writes *"[This is] Another case where the 'system' incorrectly assumes that the 'blood' parent (being a 'mother') is the best parent."* The article offers a graphic description of some of the abuse this mother perpetrated against her child, and the fact that she was given custody of another (apparently due to the "battered woman defense") is appalling. It's a perfect example of just how far the battered woman defense can be exploited. Source: The SunSpot [newspaper]

Title: Woman Convicted in Death Gets Baby

Author: Susan Skiles Luke

Date: November 26, 2001

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MANN Chat: Welcoming Newcomers

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Tonight's Mensactivism.org chat is intended to serve two purposes. One is to continue discussion about the topics discussed in the Trolls, Sincerity, and Our Public Image thread, and the other is to welcome the wave of newcomers to this site recently (since Wendy's latest Fox News column, we've seen a dramatic jump in new user registrations and site traffic). So drop by our chat page tonight, Nov. 28th at 9:30 PM Eastern Time and say hello, all you new people! We should also note that our first official joint chat with ifeminists.com will be held this Sunday, December 2, starting at 9:00 PM Eastern Time.

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DesertLight Journal No. 17

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Trudy Schuett's *DesertLight Journal* has hit issue number 17, and can be read here. Topics covered in this men's rights e-zine include News From the Battered Men's Helpline, AMEN Ireland DV Awareness Week, the Afghan media bias campaign by Men's Health America, and more. Check it out!

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Gender Feminist Accuses Men's Groups of Creating Hostile Environment

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This story in the Irish Times is perhaps the most significant mention of men's rights by a gender feminist I've ever seen. The woman attributes what she thinks is a rise in hostility toward women to the men's movement's efforts to help male victims of domestic violence! I don't know about Ireland, but an American gender feminist accusing the men's movement of this, in my mind, would be like Microsoft claiming that Apple is destroying its marketshare.

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False Rape Accusation Backfires

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Ched submitted this story from the Boston Globe and writes *"Yet another false allegation gone bad. It seems that this woman knew that falsely accusing a police officer with rape might help her beat the attempted murder charges that she faced."*Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Brother's tip lands sister in jail

Author: Unknown [AP story]

Date: November 28, 2001

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A Barrage of Stories About the MHA Campaign

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Neil Steyskal continues to send in so many news stories related to the Afghan men campaign, we can barely fit them all! Here's a summary: Good news! Carey Roberts *again* got a letter printed pointing out bias, this time in the *Washington Post*. This article from *USA Today* talks about land mines in Afghanistan - and that most of those killed or maimed by them are men: editor@usatoday.com. And this FrontPageMagazine article author is in need of some awareness: radioright@aol.com. The latest Men's Health America posting offers a sample letter to send to Amnesty International, demanding that the plight of Afghan men no longer be silenced. Keep the positive and negative feedback going to those news outlets!

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Hefty Trash Bag Commerical Trashes Men

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'disclaimer' of freerepublic.com sent in this link to a discussion about a recent Hefty trash bag commercial where a garbage bag is compared to a man and then dumped into a garbage can gleefully by a woman. I haven't seen it, but from the sounds of it, this is definitely a case where some activism is appropriate. Anyone have contact info for Hefty?

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iFeminist Newsletter

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If you're not already receiving Wendy McElroy's iFeminist.com newsletter, why not stop by here and sign up? (The weekly update subscription is on the top half of the page) Wendy's weekly newsletter features articles of interest to both men's and women's activists, and has featured articles recently by our prolific Mensactivism.org admin, Nightmist. As one of the only known pro-male feminist organizations, the Individualist Feminist movement has a lot to offer - stop by and check them out.

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Upcoming Conference on Boys' Issues

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nagzi writes *"This conference sounds like one with going to. Its about trying to understand what's happening to boys and young men in Canada today. It takes place in Toronto at the beginning of March. The one problem is that its somewhat expensive, early enrollment $295, and late enrollment $345. And yes, add in the GST (7% tax)."*

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Male Heroes of United Flight 93 Deserve Medals

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Nicola Papp writes *"I read this article in the UK Times. It's a very detailed description of the heroism of the men on Flight 93 that saved hundreds of lives in whatever target the terrorists were directing the plane. I have not seen anything like this in our US press. Is this a case of 'passive' male bashing? Shouldn't these men be awarded a medal for their valor. Maybe is politically incorrect to give them a postmortem medal and not to the other women on board."* Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: Hijackers squabbled as passengers fought back

Author: Katty Kay

Date: November 27, 2001

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Judges Urged to Send Fewer Women to Jail

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phil writes *"I found this article in the UK Telegraph (referenced from www.angryharry.com). If anyone still doubts men are (knowingly!) discriminated against by the justice system, just read it. The quotes and opinions reported really made my jaw drop."*Source: The Telegraph [UK newspaper]

Title: Too many women are sent to jail, judges told

Author: Philip Johnston

Date: November 27, 2001

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Letter Exposes Draft Injustice

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Neil Steyskal writes *"Men's activist Woodrow Dick got a powerful letter about the draft into the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Congratulations, Woody!"*

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Men Who Teach Preschool

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DaveW writes *"This article in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution describes men who teach preschool. It also mentions the prejudice they face for being men."* I happen to know several male middle school teachers in the area, and all of them have had incidents where they were "guilty until proven innocent" from an unfounded accusation by a student. Some are doubtful they will teach much longer, out of fear. It's sad, especially considering how much young kids (both male and female) benefit from having male teachers.Source: The Atlanta Journal-Constitution [newspaper]

Title: Tiny percentage of preschool teachers show it can be man-sized job.

Author: Patti Ghezzi

Date: November 26, 2001

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Are Men Really Back? Doesn't Look Like It

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Neil Steyskal pointed me to this article by Debbie Schlussel, which asks the question, "Are men really back?" Her resounding answer is no - male bashing and degradation are just as pervasive in the media today as they were before the Sept. 11 attacks, which brought masculinity into favor briefly. She cites many examples to back this up, and the article is good food for thought.

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Sexuality Web Site Portrays Men as Aggressors

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brad writes *"Having recently read in my university's newspaper that a new major website on sexuality had been released, I decided to pop over to determine its male friendly status. All in all, it's not as bad as it could be. They acknowledge that men can be victims too. However, they seem intent on driving home the fact that men are the aggressors. On one page they admit that men are victims but the only reference they have available is for female victims. On another I came across the following tidbit: "Men commit 99% of all sexual assaults." No contact was listed on the site for feedback."*

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Contraceptives for Men

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Claire4Liberty writes *"www.malecontraceptives.org believes "that men can, and should, have access to contraceptive options beyond condoms and vasectomy. Male methods could potentially be safer, more effective, and easier to use than the best contraception available on today's market." More and better B.C. choices for men equals fewer unwanted children, and that's a goal everyone can support."*

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Neil's Effort Pays Off

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Marc Angelucci writes *"To all who wrote the LA Times, thanks! They printed Neil Steyskal's letter responding to the articles that only focus on Afghan women but not men. These editors are of course quite biased. I know a number of people who wrote letters. But the editors printed only one and printed a letter on top of it that attacks men for having a back track record in Afghan leadership. No doubt they did this to send the subtle "but it's men who do it" message. Anyhow, nice job Neil!"* Neil also was printed in the Richmond Times-Dispatch *and* the Baltimore Sun. Way to go, man!

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Two More Afghan Bias Articles

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Neil Steyskal writes *"Here's a Baltimore Sun column on Afghan women. Isn't it curious how these media campaigns spread? Comment to: letters@baltsun.com."* In addition, Neil sent in this New York Times article, which also fails to mention men. Comment to: letters@nytimes.com. The latest Men's Health America posting is a request for people to catch up with the background reading and to send in some letters over the weekend.

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New Logos Submitted by Readers

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Tom Parker surprised me by sending in an updated version of our logo. He gave it a more beveled/3-D look, and I think it's great! Thank you, Tom! **Update:** Brad also just sent in new icons for for the following news topics: men's organizations, circumcision, and masculinity. They can be seen here. Thanks Brad!

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MANN/iFeminists.com Chat: Bob Rowan and the Boulder Art Controversy

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Don't forget, Sunday night will be the first chat sponsored by both Mensactivism.org and iFeminism.com. The topic, which has caused a lot of interest from both groups is the Boulder Public Library male-bashing art exhibit. The chat will be held in the Mensactivism.org chat room, and will begin at 9:00 PM Eastern time this Sunday, Dec. 2. We'll have a different group that usual, and this would be a great opportunity to meet some of our supporters from the Individualist Feminist movement.

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Feminists Miss the Point in Afghanistan

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alphamale writes *"This article by Mark Steyn describes how feminists have missed the point of what went on in Afghanistan. Steyn cames across articles in the Boston Globe and the Montreal Gazette in which one feminist (or as I like to think of them: female chauvinists) claimed that women in Afghanistan were forced by society to cover up; while the other article stated that in the Western world, society forces women to undress. Neither viewpoint is accurate and as Steyn notes, society has not thrust unreasonable body image expectations on women - just look around. Most women do not look like Kate Moss! I guess the conclusion is that as long as you can make some connection to the lies of feminism, you can get funding and get published."*

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Cancer Charity Misandrists

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The UK-based Imperial Cancer Research Fund is a leading British medical charity and leads the world in cancer research. It also discriminates against the male sex,almost as a matter of routine, by organising an annual sporting event from which men are excluded. Douglas Rome, a Scottish writer whose work has already appeared here, protested to the ICRF, only to find that it was insultingly arrogant and unconcerned about its sexism. In this essay on AngryHarry, Douglas suggests how the ICRF can be challenged and addresses a ton of other issues related to men's rights. It's long, but good.

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TLC Interviews NOCIRC on "Circumcision Vs. AIDS"

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The Learning Channel Saturday night featured a documentary about a connection between a man's likelihood of contracting AIDS if he is uncircumcised. Scientists working in Africa found that men who were uncut were more likely get to the disease because of thin keratic cells on the inside of the foreskin. NOCIRC, an anti-circumcision group in the U.S., did not dispute the science, but maintained that a public policy encouraging circumcision is *not* a wise step. Instead, they said, this research should promote further research. Check tlc.com for their schedule and when this show will run again. **WARNING:** This documentary is graphic and *does* show the faces of young African boys as they are being circumcised. It also displays the removed foreskin of an adult man who had donated his foreskin to the AIDS research. **Scott's note**: Thanks also to nagzi for submitting this.

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Tolerance.org Ignores DV Against Men

Scott · 2 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Vince writes *"Here, the intolerance of Tolerance.org is displayed. As usual, they don't mention any data whatsoever on battered men. Contact them through this page. Let's make them aware of their intolerance. Let's make them aware that men make up far more than the "5%" myth."* **Update:** Neil Steyskal had also sent in a similar article from the Washington Times.

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Man Gives Up His Life to Save Strangers

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DaveW writes *"Amidst all the anti-male hatred in the media, [there is] a story in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution of a man giving his life to save strangers - a woman and a child he didn't even know."* Randy Burris pushed a baby stroller out of the way of an oncoming car, and was hit instead. He died two days later and is an example of some of the self-sacrifice we take for granted from men these days.

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Sex and Race Discrimination Ends at UGA

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DaveW writes *"Race and sex discrimination finally ends in the admissions process at the University of Georgia after a successful lawsuit by Atlanta attorney Lee Parks over reverse discrimination."*

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Liz Claiborne Site Stereotypes All Abusers as Male

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Dr. Matrix writes *"Liz Claiborne's "love is not abuse" campaign against domestic violence includes a web site. The site suggests that men should be recognized "not only as perpetrators or potential offenders, but as bystanders who can confront abusive males," but directly acknowledges neither that women can be abusers nor the extent to which they are and...promulgates the stereotype that only men are abusers and only women are victims."* Dr. Matrix included some quotes from the site that displayed this bias, which can be read in the Read More section of this story.

The stereotypes are repeated throughout the site in statements such as the following:

> If you suspect that your sister, friend, co-worker or neighbor is being abused, let her know you're there to support her.

In one footnote, justification for the site's anti-male tone, which consists of the stereotypical gendering of victims of domestic violence as female and perpetrators as male is provided in the following statement:

> *The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that more than 90% of all relationship abuse victims are female and most abusers are male. Because of this, we use "she" when referring to victims and "he" when referring to abusers. Whether the victim is male or female, violence of any kind in relationships is unacceptable.

If the situation were reversed and 90% of abuse victims were male and "most" abusers were female, the across the board gendering of abusers as female and victims as male would provoke feminist outrage.
More to the point, other studies suggest abusers are roughly equally male or female.

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Afghan Women Speak Out for Afghan Men

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Neil Steyskal submitted this article about some women from Afghanistan who are challenging the U.S. media's portrayal that men are dominating tyrants in Afghan families. It was an excellent, rare article and we should praise the Washington Post for printing this story. Comment to: letters@washpost.com.

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More Women Face Charges in Domestic Disputes

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Tony sent in this article from the Toronto Star which discusses the rising number of women being charged with domestic violence. In one case mentioned, a woman made 320 harassing phone calls to her estranged boyfriend in a span of two weeks. She even continued to call after the police warned her to stop. We reported on a similar situation a while back where a man created a web site called Psychoexgirlfriend.com and documented her calls on his site. Source: The Toronto Star [Canadian newspaper]

Title: More women face charges in domestic disputes

Author: Unknown

Date: November 23, 2001

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Trends in Educational Equity

Scott · 4 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Tony writes *"You might find this interesting. The educational Statistics Quarterly did a study looking at trends in educational equity of girls and women. The quote I found most interesting is," Data show that in school an in college, females are now doing as well as or better than males in many of the indicators of educational attainment, and that the large gaps in educational attainment that once existed between men and women have significantly decreased or been eliminated altogether." I find it interesting that a study on women and girls mentions this fact."*

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Hefty Responds to Trash Bag Commercial Complaint

Nightmist · 4 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Someone at Hefty has responded to my complaint about their current commercial trashing men. Among other reasons they give for running this ad is the fact that they ran it through several focus groups, which found it "humorous." She does not tell me what the ratio of women to men in those focus groups were. She does, however, apologize for the offensiveness of the advertisement. Her letter (as well as my original) may be read by clicking **Read More** below.--------

Hefty's response to me

Dear Mr. Hanback,

First, I would like to apologize to you for offending you with our new television commercial. We meant no harm. In fact, a lot of research was done before the ad was put together and it was decided to do something like this as a "tongue-in-cheek" approach to the women consumers who do most of the shopping for groceries and clean up items, etc. After filming the ad, but before any final decisions were made as to whether or not we would go with it, the company then spent considerable time showing it to focus groups to get a good feel for their reaction. The overwhelming majority of consumers found it amusing. They thought it funny and cute, with no serious thoughts to "throw out" the men in their lives.

Considering the level of seriousness we all must deal with today, we were simply trying to approach the introduction of a new style trash bag with some humor. We would never knowingly offend or annoy our consumers in anyway. Again, please accept our apology.

Sincerely,

Arlene Stafford

Consumer Affairs Representative

Pactiv Corporation

My original letter

Dear Sir or Madam:

This notice is to inform you that I will no longer be purchasing any products under the "Hefty" brand. I have come to this decision because of a recent advertising campaign intended to besmirch and degrade men to the level of women's garbage.

As a single man and the owner of my own home, I have always relied on Hefty products, but from now on I will be purchasing my garbage bags and other plastics products from your biggest competitor. I also intend to request that my local Wal-Mart and Food Lion (where I do my shopping for these items) refrain from stocking your product, so that other men who have not seen your ad are not unwittingly supporting the idea that they are nothing but garbage.

The advertisement to which I am referring is a television ad campaign in which a woman compares having Hefty trash bags to having a "big strong man" around the house, which she can then trash when she's done with "him." As a man, this advertisement is insulting on a variety of levels:

1. It paints a picture of men as soulless, lifeless "tools," good for nothing but exploitation by women;

2. It encourages women to think of men as "garbage" and not people; garbage which can be tossed out and trampled upon without second thought to our humanity;

3. Together with other male bashing ads by other companies and advertising agencies, your ad further polarizes men and women against each other, and fosters greater resentment between the sexes.

In another way, this particular advertisement insults women because it paints all women as heartless and evil people who are simply looking for someone on whom to take pleasure by destruction.

In this day and age when fewer men are choosing to marry out of fear of divorce and the destruction of their lives, and more and more women are become violent and murderous toward their husbands, boyfriends, and male children, your ad is an unwelcome instigator.

Considering the above, I implore you to take the following action:

1. Remove the offending advertisement and all others like it from the airwaves;

2. Fire your ad agency and marketing people, and demand your money back from the amazing display of social incompetence that created this offensive piece;

3. Reply to my message so that I know you received it and are taking this matter seriously.

I am forwarding this complaint to everyone I can find who may be affiliated with this particular advertisment. I am also posting it to several locations on the Internet which support men's interests, so that others may see my outrage and duplicate my action against it.

I also hope that you do understand my reasons for behaving this way against your company. I have nothing personal against you, nor do I have any complaints about your product. I am simply tired of and frustrated with fighting to prove myself a human being in women's minds every day. Advertisements like yours make that struggle all the more difficult, and make my life all the less worth living.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

James Hanback, Jr.

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Chivalry's Last Rites?

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Neil Steyskal submitted this Washington Times article where Suzanne Fields makes some interesting comments on the concept of chivalry. She starts out by discussing the repealment of old fashioned laws based on chivalry but then comes to point out that in many ways chivalry has taken a new form in domestic violence laws. She ends by discussing the plight of Afghan women, and throughout the article, I had a hard time trying to figure out her position. You can reply to this article at letters@washingtontimes.com.Source: The Washington Times [newspaper]

Title: The last rites for chivalry

Author: Suzanne Fields

Date: December 3, 2001

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Exploiting Afghan Women for Feminism's Gain

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Wendy McElroy's latest Fox News column is interesting because it exposes how the radical feminist movement is getting miffed at Laura Bush's advocacy for Afghan women. McElroy writes that the reason for this is that "*The left wing of feminism is desperate to own this issue. Voices like the Feminist Majority Foundation are trying to use the oppression of Afghan women in the same manner they exploit other international issues, such as the trafficking of women or working conditions in the Third World.*" It's not completely related to men's rights, but provides some insight into the feminist movement, whose tactics we should try to understand.
Source: Fox News

Title: Call Me 'Anti-Woman'

Author: Wendy McElroy

Date: December 4, 2001

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Domestic Violence Against Men Awareness Week

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Eeva Sodhi writes *"Mary Cleary, the spunky and ever so resourceful Irish woman who founded AMEN, suggests that as a postscript to November, celebrating "woman abuse" we need to declare the week of Dec. 3-9 as "Domestic Violence Against Men Awareness Week." I support her wholeheartedly. After all, we women need to demonstrate that we are WOMEN, not feminists who have invented the obscure term "gender.""* So begins Eeva's essay on domestic violence. Please click Read More below to view the rest of her submission. Thanks, Eeva!

Until very recently the term "domestic" or "family" violence was portrayed as being synonymous with "wife abuse."

Even in cases where both men and women were surveyed, only the results of male-to-female violence were available to the general public.

However, as true bidirectional results from independent research began to trickle out, we learned that not all was as it was made to appear. Women actually admitted that they were the main instigators and perpetrators of direct physical violence in intimate relationships.

One of the earlier surveys is a longitudinal study conducted in New Zealand. It shows that three times more women than men (18.6% and 5.7%, respectively) engaged in severe forms of violence against their partners. When less severe types of violence were included, the figures were 37% and 22%, respectively. Further, in the same report: "the preliminary findings of this study do not conflict with those of U.S. epidemiological studies, which survey broad populations, as opposed to clinical studies of domestic violence in which samples are likely to be drawn from shelters or the courts."

Statistics Canada, having included men in its 1999 General Social Science Survey (GSS), had to admit that both sexes were almost equally culpable. When only current partners were counted, the study found that more men than women reported having been victimized during the past five years.

We can carry on comparing who hits whom and how many times, but the outcome will be that, without a weapon, the stronger one is usually the one to inflict more damage. That such methods as poison and motor vehicles, or attacks on sleeping targets, will compensate for the lack of physical strength is a non-issue among the main stream researchers who routinely use the Conflict Tactics Scale (CTS) questionnaires.

Notably absent are any surveys that would focus on indirect aggression. False allegations of abuse are the foremost weapon in this insidious form of abuse that is designed to inflict the maximum damage on the victim while the perpetrator remains under cover. Often the main cause for direct violence is that an individual who has suffered long lasting circuitous abuse in the hands of an intimate partner may, under certain circumstances, suddenly lash out with tragic consequences. The "Battered Woman Defense" has become an accepted defense for women who do not need to produce any evidence save their own word, and who carefully prepare and execute the murder of their sleeping partners. No similar recourse exists for abused men, no matter how valid their evidence, who have been provoked to act in self-defense or in a fit of anger.

Indirect abuse may also manifest itself as emotional or financial abuse, often done by proxy. There can hardly be a more sinister form of abuse than what is meted out to divorced men. They not only stand to lose their children, their reputation and all of their worldly belongings, but they are often condemned to lifelong servitude in order to pay support to the mothers of their children. According to the guidelines "The standards of living of the children and the receiving parent are interrelated because they live together" The courts interpret it in a following manner: "The purpose of the guidelines is to enhance the child's post-separation standard of living to approximate, as far as possible, what that standard would have been had the parents not separated."

One of Justice Canada's directives suggests that the data on domestic violence be disseminated in "two different information brochures: one relating to victims, largely women, and one relating to abusers, largely men." Therefore,

no women ever appear to be perpetrators, and no men can be seen to be victims.

The Hon. Dianne Cunningham (Ontario Women's Directorate) stated in her speech during the opening of the Ontario Domestic Violence Court Pilot Project at North York: "...The offender must plead guilty" and is required to participate in a "male batterer's program."

The project at that particular location targets first time offenders when there is no significant or visible injury to the claimant. Family violence courts, based on the Duluth model, operate in secrecy and on the principle that only men can be offenders. Men have a chance to appear in front of a judge only after they have made their plea. Ms. Cunningham's statement also echoes the current practise of placing a reverse onus on men, but not on women.

The abuses against men by the judiciary all across the industrialized world have become so flagrant that Lord Woolf, the Lord Chief Justice of the United Kingdom, saw it necessary to caution (Nov. 23, 2001) that dozens of men might have been wrongly convicted of child abuse as the allegations might be motivated by claims for compensation.

Revenge, in addition to greed, is often the motive, as the "Family Violence in Canada 2000" documents: "In addition, women were more likely to report the incident to the police so the abuser would be arrested or punished." Note, again, the "incident" and "abuser," without the qualification "alleged." A report, followed by a mandatory charge under the existing zero tolerance policies, can only be called "alleged" until it has been substantiated.

Considering that charges are mandatory only in cases of reported wife assault, and that no charges are necessary in regard to other "family disturbances," the following short excerpt from a Justice Canada interpretations of section 15 (1) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and freedoms proves that the fundamental charter rights of men are violated by Canadian family courts:

"If the impugned provision creates an offence that can, as a matter of fact, be committed by either sex" but goes on to specify that it is only an offence when committed by one sex, then there may well be an infringement of s. 15(1) R. v. Hess, [1990] 2 S.C.R. 906.

And:

"The dominant purpose of s. 15 is to preserve equality. It follows as a matter of principle that a special law or programme which is put forward under s. 15(2) cannot be justified if it unnecessarily denies the existing rights of the non-target group" Apsit et al. v. Manitoba Human Rights Commission (No. 2), [1988] 1 W.W.R. 629 (Man. Q.B.).

Yet, the denial of men's rights goes on, unabated. We have become a selectively afforded rights culture, which sees equality as all the rights to women and all the responsibilities to men. Time to take a pause and reflect on the evidence, especially in the light of the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) report on injury deaths in Ontario released Nov. 28, 2001. The report showed suicide accounted for one-third of Ontario's 3,138 injury deaths in 1998-99. Men made up 79% of the deaths. Our gender biased laws are killing some of the best and brightest of Canadian men. Considering that divorce has been shown to be the main cause for male suicide, it can be seen to be spousal homicide by proxy.

Sincerely,

Eeva Sodhi

Ontario, Canada

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MANN Chat: Is Chivalry Really Dead?

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Chivalry (or, the placement of women on a figurative pedestal) has long been blamed by feminism for women's inequality with men in a variety of areas, but is it also responsible for modern inequalities which directly affect men? Unequal sentencing for similar crimes all the way down to unequal pricing for goods and services could conceivably be blamed on this relic from ages old we call "chivalry." They say it's dead. Are they right? Join us at 9:30 p.m. EST for an online chat on the subject, and we'll attempt to determine the truth.

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Chestnut Hill College to Admit Men in 2003

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Rams sent in this article from PaperClip Communications. It announces that Chestnut Hill College, a Catholic liberal arts college, will be ending its policy of admitting only women beginning in the Fall of 2003. The reason? "*Declining interest in all-women's institutions.*" CHC President Sister Carol Jean Vale said, "*It was the most responsible decision we could make...I think a good number of the remaining women's colleges will either merge with a larger institution or become coed.*"

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Woman Severed Husband's Penis, Nine Months Jail "Enough"

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rparent32 writes *"A woman in Hong Kong was released by a judge, who felt the nine months she had already spent in jail was enough. She drugged her husband, and cut off his penis, when he arrived at their place to discuss a separation. I don't now about the laws in Hong Kong, but this sounds similar to a story in Vancouver, Canada. A women thought her husband was cheating on her, so she got her revenge by hacking off his penis. She was charged with common assault. This charge is usually reserved for such things a punching someone with a fist. She was convicted, and given probation."*

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Britain Gives Women Right to Know Men's Salaries

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In yet another slam against manhood in the United Kingdom, the British government is granting women the right to know the salaries of their male co-workers. The government is painting this as an initiative to promote pay equity. It sounds more like a legal invasion of the privacy of one sex by another, and further attempts to force men into smaller pay scales no matter their years of service and quality of work. The story can be read here.

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Therapist Takes Issue with Dear Abby Response

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Neil Steyskal writes *"A therapist has written to Dear Abby to advise an abused man to leave his wife and take his children. The therapist isn't aware that the man will have to be very lucky to keep his kids, even if he has a well documented case. This is something Dear Abby needs to know. Go to the "reply" link on the site."*

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Men Overreact to Stress?

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Donald Cameron writes *"An article in the National Post reports: "By nature, men overreact to stress...male fetuses release double the amount of the stress hormone, cortisol, than female fetuses do. This "exaggerated stressful response" in males before birth means men may be "over-responsive to stress" after birth." I have to wonder if there is hope for men in light of this kind of research. It is good to know about the causes of diseases and disorders. I just somehow feel that we are headed into some strange territory (dare I say "Brave New World?") where genetic research can be used to make wild claims that go beyond the findings of a study. They could just as easily have said that women underreact to stress, could they not?"*Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: By nature, men overreact to stress, research finds

Author: Sarah Schmidt

Date: December 4, 2001

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More Male-Bashing Ads

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Thanks to an active readership, we've been able to track more anti-male portrayals in the media. Anna wrote in about a demeaning ad she saw in Parents Magazine, Dec. 2001 issue: "*It's for Secret anti-perspirant for women. It reads.. "It's gentle. It's sensitive. It's strong...Men, take note." The "men take note" is in larger and bolder print. I wrote to Proctor and Gamble through their web site I will also write a hard copy.*" cheddah and bledso both wrote in about a new Norelco electric shaver ad on TV. It shows an entertainment center fall apart, presumably due to the man's incompetence at building it, and the announcer ends it with something along the lines of, "...because men can never do anything right." The Media Watch page has been updated accordingly.

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Kosovo to Institute Sex Quota System in Parliament

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Serge submitted this BBC News article, which covers the new parliament in Kosovo, which will institute a quota system to guarantee members will be at least 28% female. "*While many countries, including France, Italy and Belgium have systems that demand a minimum number of women candidates, virtually none ensure that they are elected.*" The article also notes that "*The US has one of the lowest number of elected women officials of any (Western democratic) nation.*" But to that I would add that just because men are the ones making laws doesn't mean that they are not serving women's needs. Who could deny that lawmakers in America are almost continually bending over backwards to please women and feminist groups?Source: BBC [UK News Organization]

Title: Kosovo leads Europe in woman power

Author: Nicholas Wood

Date: November 29, 2001

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Some Thoughts One Woman Has About Men

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Rams writes *"Chris McKendry works for ESPN and wrote this short piece on some of the things she's observed working in an environment dominated by men. They sound reasonable to me, and I particularly like what she wrote about working dads. Check it out."* Rams put this under the "Humor" category, and I think that's a fine place for it. It's a lighthearted article, which I think we could use more often on this site. :)

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Hoff-Sommers Severely Heckled, Insulted During HHS Lecture

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plumber writes *"Christina Hoff Sommers, who wrote The War Against Boys recently encountered outrageous abuse at a government-sponsored conference. Because she dared to question the value of the program "Girl Power," she was told to stop talking by the organizers, heckled by the audience, and Professor Jay Wade of Fordham University shouted from the audience "Shut the fuck up, bitch!" We should recognize the courage of Ms. Hoff Sommers and others who confront feminist power with truth. She might also appreciate some sympathy and thank you notes at sommers22@aol.com."*

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Write to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for Afghan Men

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The latest Men's Health America posting reveals an urgency to contact that U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee to urge them to address the needs of Afghan men, and to prevent the brutalization of Afghan men as has happened for so many years during and before Taliban rule. A sample letter is included, and those with Senators not on the Committee are urged to write to committee chairman Joseph Biden. In other news on this campaign, Neil Steyskal got yet another letter printed in the Washington Times. Spartacus also sent in this link which has a *ton* of stories which are potentially biased. Just pick a few, read them, and consider writing in response.

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Paying for Dates

Scott · 8 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"The Washington Post's advice columnist tells how to deal with women who don't pay their share."* The response is pretty entertaining, too. Check it out.

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ADD/ADHD Treatable Nutritionally?

Adam · 8 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

How's this for unexpected? I came across this interview with Lendon Smith, A man who claims that ADD/ADHD is basically caused by a dietary problem and giving the kid certain foodstuffs would stop the problem. He also claims to have an 80% success rate with his nutritional method. Think of this article as a reminder that we have to help the nearest boy as much as the nearest man.

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Judicial Chivalry

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Mike from Men's News Daily wrote an editorial related to what I like to call "judicial chivalry," or how women often get shorter sentences than men for the same crime, because they're women. Mike's article discusses how feminists have tried to turn the concept on its head, claiming that women are punished more severely for committing crimes, since criminal behavior is seen as a male realm. He ends the essay with an encouraging anecdote of a judge who saw through this issue and refused to be apologetic about sentencing a woman who had nine children.

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The Welfare State and Crime

Adam · 9 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

This testimony by Michael Tanner explains the link between welfare and crime for young black men, but it really is a universal concept and not just a racial issue. Some parts are a bit dubious, but at least they're starting to look at policies that economically marginalize men for the short-term benefit of the sancrosact "women and children," which will only make things worse for everyone in the long run." **Scott's note:** The comments about how welfare checks "replace" the roles of men in poor urban areas is an accurate comment, and there was also mention about the need of fathers and male role models for young men, which I think is very relevant to our cause.

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MANN/iFeminists Chat: Men's Rights/Responsibilities in Abortion

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Please come by tonight for the second Mensactivism.org/iFeminists.com on-line chat, which this time (and from now on) will be held at the iFeminists chat room. Tonight's topic will be a controversial one, I'm sure - the rights and responsibilities of men in abortion. Should men have any say in an abortion, or should they have the option of "abortion" themselves? Or something else? Go to the iFeminists chat page tonight, 12/9, at 9:00 PM Eastern Time and offer your input!

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Education Statistics from Canada

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Donald Cameron writes *"In a National Post article we are treated to an interpretation of a landmark OECD schooling study. According to this article, it would appear that the boys seem to be lacking any benefit from their " innate overreaction to stress." Reporter Heather Sokoloff would have us believe that this study applies to all students. She would also have us believe that the test is actually meaningful in any sense. I have to wonder if Canadian boys just read differently than Canadian girls but schools and tests don't deal with this."*

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Men Fight Back Over Sexist TV Adverts

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An Anonymous User sent in this link from the UK Observer. It's an encouraging testimony to the effect we're having on the advertising industry. "*Figures to be released this week by the Advertising Standards Authority show that the number of complaints has doubled this year. Over the last six years protests have increased tenfold. Men say they are fed up being depicted either as sex gods with unfeasibly muscular bodies and chiselled jaws or - more often - as incompetent, brow-beaten slobs who cannot express themselves, hold down a job, clean the house, or keep a girlfriend.*"
Source: The Observer [UK newspaper]

Title: Men fight back over sexist TV adverts

Author: John Arlidge

Date: December 9, 2001

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Married Men's Health

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Neil Steyskal submitted Richard Morin's latest Unconventional Wisdom column, where he discusses the effect of men and women working long hours on their health it turns out that men's health tends to suffer when their wives work more than 40 hours/week, while women's does not when men work 40+ hours/week. After some commentary on the possibilities of why that is so, a subsection of the column devotes a couple of paragraphs to the way men are portrayed as idiots on popular sitcoms in the past few decades. Source: The Washington Post

Title: Workaholic Wives and Their Sick Husbands

Author: Richard Morin

Date: December 9, 2001

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Sperm Donor Forced to Pay Child Support to Lesbian Mother

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Subversive writes *"A court in Sweden has ruled that a man who donated sperm for artificial insemination, enabling a lesbian couple to have three children, must pay child support after the two women separated. A county court ruled that the man was undoubtedly the children's biological father and hence obliged to pay child support of $265 per month after the women's 10-year relationship broke up. Here's an idea: why not hit up the lesbian for child support instead?"* Thanks also to an Anonymous User and krob4399 who submitted this story.

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Survey About the Men's Movements

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John Fox, a graduate student in the Dept. of Sociology at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst, asked me to make this survey available to Mensactivism.org readers. It's a survey he's doing in his research about the various men's movements. The document is in MS Word format, and he would like people to edit it with their responses and send it back to him at: fox@soc.umass.edu. Please consider taking part in this study.

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Male Bashing Editorial Column

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DaveW writes *"The* Atlanta Journal-Constitution *has its own department of sexist bigotry in the form of columnist Martha Ezzard. In this column, Ezzard continues her anti-male rhetoric by writing about abused girls and "adolescent prostitutes, victimized by male pimps and predators." She fails to mention that women often force or seduce children and young adults into prostitution. She fails to mention that women often manage prostitutes. She fails to mention that male children are sometimes forced into prostitution, often by their mothers. She also derides expenditures for youth sports programs, which can provide discipline, purpose, and mentoring that are the salvation for many kids. Feedback to: mezzard@ajc.com."*

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Female Gunman Victims Honored More Than War Veterans in Canada

Scott · 11 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

AFG writes *"Christie Blatchford at the National Post reports that the Canadian government had chosen to honour the 14 victims of lone gunman Marc Lepine by ordering all federal flags to be flown at half-mast on December 6. While this seems like a good idea, the government had failed to order a similar undertaking for the November 11 Rememberance Day honouring the 100,000+ men and women that died in the two major world wars, and in Korea."* Thanks also to an Anon User who sent this in, and zerostress who sent in this story and this followup which states that the Minister of Canadian Heritage was unaware of the government order, and is concerned about the unequal recognition.

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Boss Tweed Feminism

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Wendy McElroy of ifeminists.com once again tackles gender feminism in her weekly Fox News column. This week's focus is on the struggles by gender feminists to institute quotas for women in the post-Taliban government of Afghanistan to ensure that women have a voice in the new government. McElroy correctly argues that quotas and democracy are contradictions.

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Afghan Bias Articles

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I've gotten behind in announcing the Men's Health America campaign to inform the media about the brutalization of Afghan men. Here are some MHA postings to read, one, two, three, four. Neil Steyskal also submitted this article from the Baltimore Sun. Comment to: letters@baltsun.com.

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Bachelors Finding it Harder to Date

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Neil Steyskal sent in this article from MSNBC. It describes that single men in their 30s are having a harder time finding mates due to a decline in birth rates over the past several decades. The trend is especially true for men looking for younger women, and is expected to continue.

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On-Line List of Men's Rights Activists

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tpaker writes, *"I am starting to assemble a list of nicknames, e-mail addresses and state/province info for men's rights activists at my web-site. The idea is to allow people in the same state to find each other and work together. I can be reached at parkertr@w-link.net, or through the main page of my web site."* Please consider having yourself added to this list - the more people who participate, the more useful the list becomes. And I think it was a smart move not to require people to give out their full names to protect everyone's privacy.

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Fighting Back Against Male Bashing

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My latest column, which will also soon be available as a guest editorial on ifeminists.com, explores the recent report by the UK's Advertising Standards Agency that men are fed up with anti-male advertising. I also briefly examine what's so bad and harmful about male bashing in the media.

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MHA Afghan Campaign: Far Exceeded Our Expectations

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The latest posting on the Men's Health America mailing list summarizes the substantial effect we've had in the campaign to raise awareness about the plight of Afghan men and the bias against them in the media. Special thanks to Ed and Neil, who tirelessly kept this campaign running. And it's not over yet - the end of the message reports that a new phase will be launched in January, and I will do my best to announce them here on Mensactivism.org.

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MANN Chat: Making Child Support Easier to Swallow

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As an extension to last Sunday's joint chat between mensactivism.org and ifeminists.com, this week's MANN chat topic is on ways in which child support could be made more palatable to non-custodial parents. We've all known those parents, usually fathers, who want to support their children, but are either 1) not sure where the money is really going, or 2) not given joint custody or good visitation. So what are some things we could do to improve those situations? Should the custodial parents provide a statement of exactly where the child support is being used? Should the courts be a little more willing to set up joint custody? Join us tonight at 9:30 p.m. EST, talk about it, and decide for yourself.

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Australian Conference Discusses Domestic Violence Against Men

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A controversial study that focuses on male victims of domestic violence is the topic in this story about an Australian national conference on domestic violence this week. The study is controversial because some people in attendance at the conference still believe that women are the overwhelming majority of victims, and that violence against men *is generally seen as less serious than abuse of women.*

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Hoff Sommers Censorship Opens Larger Debate

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This story at Tech Central Station describes some of the scrutiny which the Center of Substance Abuse Prevention is taking after Christina Hoff Sommers was told to "Shut the fuck up, bitch" and heckled off the stage at CSAP's Nov. 1 government-sponsored conference on "Boy Talk" and "Girl Power." Apparently, the original *National Review Online* article struck a nerve, and the outpouring may result in the dismissal of some bureaucrats. The author of this piece says that's not enough.

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Another Mother Kills & New DesertLight Journal

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"In the latest edition of the DesertLight Journal, see the chilling details of the latest infanticide by mother in Yuma Arizona. There is no daddy here to take the blame! *** Family Friendly Groups Merge - 10 Yahoo! groups get together to work for serious change *** Pro Se All The Way - to the Supreme Court!--a North Dakota Man bets the farm to get his kids back. And more!"*

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Ultrasounds Potentially Harmful to Males?

Scott · 13 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

wiccid stepparent writes *"I saw this article and thought it was interesting. It claims that ultrasounds may cause some amount of brain damage in male fetuses. This could have some impact on boys and men if it the evidence is correct."*

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The Veiled Resource

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Tony writes *"This article, from The New York Times (free registration required) is another example of male issues in Afghanistan being ignored. It does mention men and boys in two portions: "In the Dari language, a man who does not beat his wife is sometimes dismissed with the phrase "to nadari," which suggests that he is a eunuch. and hints at some of the issues but fails to discuss them." and another were a local merchant is going to fire all the boys working at his factory because "girls are better workers.""*

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More Outcry Over Sommers Treatment

Scott · 13 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal and Subversive both sent in this link to some more commentary in the National Review about the abhorrent treatment of Christina Hoff-Sommers at the CSAP forum. The whole episode is doing a lot to the CSAP's discredit, and is rightly turning into an enormous negative campaign against them.

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Victims Economic Safety and Security Act

Scott · 14 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

tparker writes *"This bill (S 1249) is aimed at insuring economic safety for women who are victims of DV. Senator Murray (D-WA) is pretty clear about this. For more info on the bill, see this site. There is also a link to the companion House bill. The language of the bill seems gender-neutral, but the intent of Senator Murray and her co-sponsors seems otherwise."*

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Men's Hour Audio Program No. 8

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The streaming audio news program about men's rights, The Men's Hour, has currently released episode 8. Among the topics discussed are: An interview with Richard Hayden of the AbusedGuys Yahoo! club, the recipient of the "Manhater of the Month" award, and news about a study showing that gender counted much more than race in sentencing drunk driver homicides, which I found to be the most interesting. Click here to visit the Men's Hour site and listen to it in RealAudio or Windows Media streaming audio.

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Male Bashing Nine West Store Display

Scott · 14 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Christina S. writes, *"On a recent trip to a local shopping mall in Louisiana, I noticed a disturbing 5' tall sign prominently displayed in the Nine West store window. The advertisement shows a woman in an extremely short, snake scale patterned, red leather dress wearing shiny black, knee-high boots. The woman is stepping on the bare chest of a prone man with one boot."* Click Read More to see more of Christina's comments and contact info for Nine West. *There is no text on the advertisement. This ad seems to promote the image of female superiority. Because of her extremely suggestive clothing and his bare chest, the photo turns the man into a dominated sex object. I'm very disappointed in Nine West and have sent them an email to let them know that I find that sort of advertising unacceptable. If men and women were secure in their equality, perhaps the photo might be humorous. As things stand, I feel these sort of images send a negative message, that women are stronger or more important than men, not equal.*

E-mail: customer_relations@ninewest.com

Phone: 1-800-999-1877

Customer Relations Representatives are available Monday-Friday 9am-5pm EST

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Strongly Biased Afghan Article in USA Today

Scott · 14 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal sent in the following story from USA Today which was so strongly biased with gender politics that the Men's Health America campaign reopened just to urge people to respond to this article. Comment to: editor@usatoday.com.

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'Law & Order: SVU' To Air Episode About Male Rape

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NBC's Law & Order: Special Victims Unit will tonight air a controversial episode in which a male victim of rape must fight to prove he was victimized by a group of women who hired him as a male stripper. The advertisements for this episode include scenes in which one of the women is shouting "women can't rape men" and another scene in which the victim, tears in his eyes, fights to make his voice heard. It looks like powerful episode worth watching. **Scott's note:** I accidentally deleted a user submission on this same topic, and I apologize to this person!

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Donate to a Cancer Charity and Learn to Program

Scott · 15 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

nagzi writes *"This isn't directly a men's issue thing, but still a nice idea. If you want to learn some new programming skills (for beginners), check out this article and then follow the link to icanprogram.com. Just make a donation to your favorite cancer charity and you can take any course of theirs for free."* This is a neat idea. The course teaches some of the fundamentals of programming in the Linux environment and you can donate to the Lance Armstrong Foundation (testicular cancer) or the Prostate Cancer Research Institute, among others.

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Sitting on Santa's Knee: Is It Sexual Harassment?

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The sexual harassment overshadowing of America continues, and spreads all over the world, as evidenced in this commentary in The Australian. *And like passive smoking, passive watching is the next big lawsuit. A directive from the Minneapolis Equal Employment Opportunity Office in May suggests walking by someone who happens to be looking at something offensive may create a hostile work environment.*

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Mother Kills Child, Father Charged with Murder

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Anonymous User sent in this Boston Globe story about some recent cases where a child on life support is taken off of it by the mother, after realizing that the father had been abusing the child. The idea being that the child is better off dead than continuing to be abused. What strikes me as unfair here is that the father is then charged with murder, and the mother is not. If he was abusing the child, charge him with child abuse, but murder? Murder was the woman's choice, and she should be accountable for it. Also, thanks to Luek for sending in this CNN article on the same story.Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Woman's agonizing decision leaves baby dead, husband charged with murder

Author: Randall Chase

Date: December 14, 2001

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Barry Maley Criticizes Divorce Laws in Australia

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Mike LaSalle writes *"Australian Barry Maley has written a book pertaining to family and marriage in Australia. Several articles [including this one and this one] and a radio interview are available. Also, Men's News Daily will be "cool site of the day" at Askmen.com on 12/17/01."* Nice job, Mike!

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Defense Lawyers Counteracting Child Abuse Claims

Scott · 16 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal sent in this article from the Washington Times and writes *"Women who claim child sexual abuse are stepping up their rhetoric. Look out for due process. Comment to: letters@washingtontimes.com."* It looks like the widespread use of false accusations against men is coming back to hurt children who are really being abused, as this article claims that abuse allegations are losing credibility before judges when in a divorce setting. Source: The Washington Times [newspaper]

Title: Courts accused of victimizing children

Author: Matthew Cella

Date: December 15, 2001

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MANN/iFeminists Chat: Men Under the Taliban

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Wendy McElroy writes, *"This Sunday (12/16), the jointly sponsored ifeminists.com/mensactivism.org chat room will feature a discussion of Men Under the Taliban. Has the coverage of Afghan women totally overshadowed the abuse experienced by men?"* The chat begins at 9:00 PM EST at this page, which is the ifeminists chat room. We hope to see you there!

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Women As Peacemakers?

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Neil Steyskal writes *"Here's a column about women as peacemakers. It bothers me, but I don't quite know why. If you want to comment, click the "Contact us" button."* I think it bothers me because the men=warmakers/women=peacemakers stereotypes are easy to translate into men=evil/women=good. Neil also writes, *"Carey Roberts does it again [with] another great letter about Afghan men."*

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Salt Lake Tribune Reports on Male Rape in Prison

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This story in the Sunday *Salt Lake Tribune* throws some light on a little-acknowledged (but much joked about) problem in prison: the rape of men by other inmates. The article quotes studies which claim that at least one-fifth of the United States' 2 million prisoners have been raped or otherwise sexually assaulted in prison. That's 400,000 victims. *"I didn't see them," Turner, who is black, said of his white attackers. "It was three of them. I got raped . . . But what can you do? They saw someone who was young, didn't know what was going on, and took advantage of it . . . . As long as they have prisons, they'll happen."*

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Man Freed From Prison for False Rape Accusation

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This story from the UK Times reports that a man has been freed after serving nine years in prison for the rape of a young girl. The girl admitted that she made up the accusation to get the attention of her mother, and at age 14, finally recanted the story to have the man freed. Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: Prisoner cleared after girl admits rape lie

Author: Laura Peek

Date: December 15, 2001

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Ask MANN: Why do Women Make False Rape Accusations?

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Posting the previous story reminded me of a submission I've been meaning to post here for weeks: An Anonymous User writes, *"I was discussing the issue of false rape allegations with a group of feminists and of course I was very quickly shouted down. I tried to look up articles here that have to do with men being freed from prison after DNA evidence proves their innocence. I do not know the details of these cases. However, [the feminists] insisted quite vigorously that all cases of men being freed were NOT for false rape accusations but for mistaken identity. They seem to believe that women never lie about being raped."* In addition to our previous article, can anyone point this person to more examples of false rape accusations for reasons other than mistaken identity?Following Slashdot's lead, we've decided to add a new type of news story to post. "Ask MANN" will include interesting or relevant questions to direct to the activist community, which might include helping a person with men's issues research or advice on a question we as a movement should address. Look for more "Ask MANN" posts in the future!

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7-YO Boy Sentenced to Alternative School for Pocketknife Possession

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In an example of the particularly harsh treatment of boys in schools, DaveW sent in this story and writes *"A 7-year-old boy is banished to alternative school for 11 days for having a 1-1/2 inch pocket knife in his back pack."* It is believed to be the first time a student so young was sent to this alternative school, which is for students with severe behavioral problems.

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Another Article on Half-Mast Flag Gate in Canada

Scott · 17 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

zerostress writes *"On Angry Harry, I found another story by columnist Christie Blatchford about the half-masting of all Canada's flag to commemorate the 15 women's death by a lone gunman in Montreal and the double standard applied to Canada's war veterans."*

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MANN Chat: Reading About Men's Rights

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This week will be our final Mensactivism.org on-line chat of 2001. Will suggested to encourage people to read books on men's issues by having a few chat sessions set aside for discussing a particular book. This week will be an introductory session where we can decide on which book(s) to hold future chats on and give people the opportunity to buy and read these books before those future chats are held. People new to the Mensactivism.org community, or those who haven't done much reading about men's rights will definitely receive some great suggestions on where to start reading by other members. Join us on Wed. (12/19) night starting at 9:30 PM EST.

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McElroy Urges Women To Stand Up For Men

Nightmist · 18 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy McElroy's FOX News column this week makes one of the most impassioned pleas on behalf of men and the women who understand equality I've ever read. And the timing couldn't be more appropriate. In her ever-eloquent style, McElroy boils down many modern problems with gender feminism and the equal rights of men into a short, but powerful, call to women: *As a Christmas present to the men in your life, make a commitment to stand up for them. Do not tolerate slander directed toward those you love. The infant son you hold in your arms is not an inevitable rapist or exploiter of women. The father who worked every day to make you safe and comfortable is not an enemy. The husband with whom you are planning a future is not a part of "the rape culture." They are family, friends and good neighbors.* **Scott's note:** Also thanks to Thomas for submitting this story.

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Male Coach at Smith College Gets $1.6 Million in Discrimination Lawsuit

Scott · 18 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User submitted this Boston Globe story and writes *"Although I generally think that sex discrimination law suits are awarded monetary damage that far exceeds the damage done, it is refreshing to see an a man benefit from such vindictive laws. A former Coach at Smith college received $1.6 million in a sex/age discrimination case. Anyone familiar with Smith college can easily understand that he worked in a highly sexist environment."*Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Ex-Smith coach awarded $1.6 million in sex, age discrimination case

Author: Unknown [AP story]

Date: December 18, 2001

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E-Book: Suffering Patriarchy

Adam · 19 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I've found a new E-Book on father's issues, it's written by Robert Lindsay, and while its main focus is on fatherhood, he does digress into men's issues a bit, judging from the chapters I've quickly looked at. Robert himself made a forum post over at Arizonafathersrights.com to explain things better, and as the man says, "*This is a watershed work that completely connects-the-dots for any reader so interested to take the time and read this work.*" How can you resist? Visit the book's home page and begin reading.

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L.A. Times Gushes Over Paula Poundstone

Scott · 19 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Claire4Liberty writes *"When I saw this article in my morning paper, regarding Paula Poundstone's return to the stage, I nearly brought up my breakfast. This reporter absolutely fawns over her, making her sound like Mary Poppins instead of an accused pedophile. "To see Poundstone onstage is to understand why she might relate well to kids, and vice versa.""*Source: The L.A. Times, Calendar Live section [newspaper]

Title: Staging Her Return

Author: Paul Brownfield

Date: December 17, 2001

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The Boy Can't Help It

Adam · 19 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

I don't normally post messages from egroups, but this one is a exception. The writer makes the case that "special needs" kids (almost all of whom are boys) suffer due to the fact that there are no role models for them, and this is why they're put in the "special needs" section. It makes for quite a convincing case, so click this link to read it.

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Domestic Violence and the Male Victim

Scott · 19 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

donaldcameron1 writes *"On AngryHarry.com I was surprised to see myself "included" in a study of my own experiences. Reading something like this is most illuminating for me. In addition to providing pure validation and catharsis, it confirms for me just how oppressed we have, and continue to, become. That which does not kill us only makes us know for certain that the system has been corrupted. We have spent much time on getting women to "come forward" it is time to encourage men to do so."*

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Sticks and Stones: Revisited

Nightmist · 20 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

My apologies for the rerun here, but considering that the *The Guy Code* removed my column from their archives, I thought I would repost it with its new URL. Here, for posterity, is my own trial-by-fire with the phenomenon known to us as "false accusations."

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The Torture of Afghan Men

Scott · 20 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal submitted this article from the Washington Post about the way some Afghan men suspected of being spies have been tortured. I'm encouraged to see that this issue is receiving some exposure in the *Post*. Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Inside the Taliban's Torture Chambers

Author: John Pomfret

Date: December 17, 2001

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The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?

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David Compas writes *"“The Male Intellect: an oxymoron?” - [is] a show in Reno, Nevada that begins on 9 January 2002. Probably male bashing at its worst. See the web site here."* Hey, there's nothing like a guy mocking men and masculinity as a way to make money as a comedian, right? Careers have been built on this stuff.

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False Rape Conviction Results in $1.1M Lawsuit

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jaxom writes *"A Calgary man received a $1.1 million payment for his wrongful rape conviction. It looks like the Canadian government tried to once again hide the fact that they have too many wrongful convictions of men with resulting payouts. The story is here."* This article quotes Kaglik extensively on what it was like in prison (inmates tried to rape him), and the background of his false accusation.Source: The London Free Press

Title: Wrongful rape conviction brings $1.1-million award

Author: CP

Date: December 20, 2001

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A Case Against Alimony

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I've been working on this article for a while now, and thought readers might like to see how it's going. To be honest, I need to do a lot more work on it, so think of it as a preview of great things to come. :) I'll keep adding to it on the go, so it can only get better. Feel free to point things out, such as how I could make it better, arguments I might have left out, etc. You can e-mail me at adam@mensactivism.org. Click "Read More" below to read it.A Case Against Alimony

By Adam H

The intent of this article and/or essay is to persuade you, the reader, that Alimony is an outdated concept, no different from forced slavery in many respects and not necessary in an age of equality. The reason I write this article is that Alimony is a much-neglected issue but a vital one that should not be overlooked. To begin with, I shall prove to you that alimony is forced labour for the benefit of another, and also obligations without rights. For example, were you aware that:

Alimony assessed by courts, on the wife's behalf and taken against a man's wages for his work performed, fits ALL of the criteria of INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE, under Title 18, USC., Sec.1584 and PEONAGE, under Title 18, USC., Sec. 1581 Hence: the concept of Alimony is illegal and violates anti-slavery laws in America.

(Were you to make a similar claim in other countries, I have no doubt you would find similar laws to make a case against alimony.)

The International Labour Organization's Forced Labour Convention of 1930 defines forced labour as "all work or service, which is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty and for which the said person has not offered himself voluntarily." Why the gender neutrality? I mean how often does this happen to women?

As you know, alimony is supposed to pay the "marital debt" that women are "owed" he's forced to pay and support a woman who does nothing for him, and if he fails to pay, he risks prison and contempt of court. The only official law remaining in the justice system where imprisonment happens for non-payment of "debt" Except, that this is a "debt" which the man had never started. Last time I checked debitor's prisons were supposed to be outlawed, except if you're a man that's forced to pay alimony and child support. And what of the woman in this? She does nothing for him while he's forced to pay her to do nothing, and as we know there are no laws forcing her to do anything for him. So it is in essence, a forced men to women transfer.

As there's no way for a judge to know what she did around the house, the injustice is huge. For example she could be dropping the kids in full time day care for all the judge knows, and chances are she'd still get alimony. For a woman to claimed she compromised her career because she chose to parent her kids full time is a choice she made and should not have it both ways.

And let's be honest here, Men have no hope in hell of getting alimony off their wife even if they did live up a biological standard that's easier for her to attain in this. Men should not consent to being economically marginalized. Alimony then, is a marriage tax for men only; a subsidy for women only, if you will. In an age of "partnerships" it does not deserve to exist. Otherwise, in the eyes of the law, Men will always be working to economically marginalize themselves by being responsible, in short: Men should not be punished for being responsible.

Of course, some of will you argue that women have a need for alimony, so I'll demolish that argument in several steps:

Firstly, women lost the right to alimony the instant they wanted equality,

Secondly, why do you want to encourage dependency? Alimony undermines the willpower to become self-sufficient and self-reliant, and such a thing is hardly good for a grown adult.

Thirdly, it gives her incentive to break up a marriage; it's unacceptable for any state to provide economic incentives for divorce, and economically marginalize Men in the process.

Moving onto more detailed arguments, a common claim is that women forfeit forgoing a career in favour of staying at home, and raising a family, entitles them to alimony. Were we to flip the coin over to see the other side, I could say that men compromise their parenting relationship by working full time and should be paid by their ex-wife to make up for it, to which I would probably be shouted down with a herd like chorus of "you made a choice, you can't have it both ways" which is my point exactly.

Fred Hayward, in his article "A patriarchy ruled by women?" writes, "A wife's control over her husband's body is so extreme that we invented "alimony." (Alimony is the requirement that a man's body continue to serve the needs of the woman even after their marital contract has officially ended and she no longer has an expectation, let alone a requirement, to lift a finger for him for the rest of her life.)"

Moving on to the ERA (equal rights amendment) that was narrowly defeated, one of the more interesting comments made by main-steam women's advocates is that alimony would have been gotten rid of since it's gender discrimination against men, even women's advocates admit alimony is inherently sexist, how much more justification do you need to get rid of it? After all, if women were forced to pay men after divorce for doing nothing do you seriously think this would still be legal in this day and age? The double standard here is unbelievable. Don't believe me? To quote:

"We can refuse to support an Equal Rights Amendment which would have (1) thrown away protective labour legislation, (2) made it more difficult for a woman to get "alimony" (3) made women eligible for the draft."

Robin Morgan, Going Too Far 1970

In Conclusion:

I remember watching Ally Mcbeal and hearing one woman say she was "riding the alimony pony" with a grin on her face. There you have it, not only is she mocking him for the forced labour she would never do, she's also mocking him for being helpless. Now tell me how many laws force women to support men (here's a hint: none) and now tell me do you seriously want men to always be at a slave like disadvantage? To finish, I would like to say, that if the roles were reversed do you think the nearest woman would stand for it? I doubt it, so why should the nearest man?

(Second Last Note: John Gotti, an infamous crimelord, was taken to court by his wife for not supporting her (In terms of money I imagine) it's against the law to not support your wife, but there are no laws forcing the nearest wife to support their husband....)

(Final Note: Alimony based on the "common law" right of a wife to be supported by her husband, but there is no equal law for a husband to be supported by his wife. What a surprise....)

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Men Are Violent; Men are Careless

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Neil Steyskal sent in two male-bashing articles, the first one a very serious attack on masculinity by equating it with violence. Judy Mann claims that our current idea of manhood is "toxic to men and lethal to women," and equates the Taliban with "ultra-masculinists." Please take a moment to respond: letters@washpost.com. The second article, this one from the UK Telegraph, is a bit less threatening, but still bashes men by perpetuating the stereotype that men are careless gift shoppers, and by extension more selfish or morally flawed than women.

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Detainees In Recent Immigration Sweeps Are Male

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Tony writes *"This article raises some questions about the recent detainees. "Post-9/11, federal law enforcement is on its highest level of alert," said Dan Nelson, a Justice Department spokesman, "We are extremely vigilant in our enforcement of U.S. law." The strange part is that while they are vigilant the ONLY people being rounded up are men. While the racial profiling aspect of the roundups has been discussed it is strange no one has mentioned the obvious gender bias in this crack down."* While most terrorists in the past have been men, it's not going to be long before a woman commits an attack making use of this bias.

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Bush Administration Pledges Tax Dollars For Afghan Women, Children

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In an excellent example of what happens when only one side of an issue gets all the media attention, the Bush administration has pledged U.S. tax dollars for the relief of Afghan women and children who suffered under the Taliban. Never mind, apparently, the young boys who were conscripted and the men who were murdered.

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Men Win Discrimination Settlement at Ford

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DaveW and Neil Steyskal both sent in articles about the recent settlement announcement in a Ford discrimination suit against white males. Dave's link is here and Neil's link is here. To sum it up from Dave's article, " *The lawsuits challenged the automaker's management evaluation system, which the plaintiffs, current and former employees, alleged was unfairly biased against older, white male employees.*" The class action suit was settled for $10.5 million.

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Seasonal Affective Disorder More Pronounced in Men

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Tony writes *"The article at this page discusses a research article about weather related depression, usually referred to as the winter-blues, that found men have greater disparity than women. Maybe this is ONE of the reasons that men are more likely to commit suicide during the winter season."*

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Dealing With a Controlling Spouse

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Laughter is the best medicine, right? Here, AskMen.com's "Doc Love" gives a man married to a controlling woman advice on keeping his sense of humor, and eliminating the problem at the same time. One lesson I take from this is that, when we can, we should try to deal with our problems in good humor. Catch more flies with honey?

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Chicago Mother Guilty of Murdering 3 Children

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AFG writes *"The Chicago Sun-Times ran a story about a mother who has been found guilty of murdering her 3 children. The jury in the case decided to reject her pleas of insanity, and by doing so, has allowed for her to possibly face the death penalty."* The woman killed her children to "get back" at her husband, who was having an affair. Thanks also to DaveW and an Anon User for submitting this story.

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Men "Responsible" for Most Genetic Mutations

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Tony sent in this article from Wired Magazine and writes *"While the article is scientific and logical I just find the opening paragraph highly insulting:* "It figures. Men are responsible for the majority of human genetic mutations, according to a landmark publication in the scientific journal Nature." *Amazing how easy it is to open an article with male bashing."* The title of the article is also, "Human Mutations: Blame Men." Can't we even get away from gender politics when writing science articles?Source: Wired Magazine

Title: Human Mutations: Blame Men

Author: Kristen Philipkoski

Date: February 12, 2001

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Dad's Love is Equally Important as Mom's

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Rand T. submitted this article which announces a recent psychological study which found that a father's love and affection is just as important as a mother's love. This is something that pro-father advocates have known from the start, and you'd like to think that it is common knowledge. But considering the way dads are treated in the family courts and in many families, it's good to have some research to back it up.

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MANN Feature: Men's "Silent Health Crisis" Cries Out for Men's Health Act

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Glenn Sacks, the only regularly published male columnist in the US who writes about gender issues from a perspective unapologetically sympathetic to men, wrote an excellent article about men's health and the need for an Office of Men's Health. We're running this as our newest feature article, but it was also printed in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and *San Francisco Daily Journal*. In it, Glenn points out the most glaring gender health funding disparities, the need for more advocacy to encourage men to pay more attention to their health needs, and that an Office of Men's Health need not "compete" with the Office of Women's Health, but the two can work together to increase the number of men and women living healthy lives. Check out the Read More section for his article.

Men's "Silent Health Crisis" Cries Out for Men's Health Act

By Glenn J. Sacks, Glennjsacks@cs.com

The formation of the federal Office on Women's Health (OWH) a decade ago has brought immeasurable benefit to American women through its numerous outreach and awareness campaigns. Ten years later, health advocates are asking for a similar office for men.

The need for an Office of Men's Health is acute, and the evidence that men's health is being ignored can't be ignored. According to the Centers for Disease Control, adjusting for age, men lead in all of the 10 most common causes of death in the United States, and women live on average six years longer than men.

Indicative of what activists call men's "silent health crisis" is the way research and outreach on prostate cancer, which is as likely to kill the average American man as breast cancer is to kill the average woman, has been underfunded. Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men, accounting for 36% of all cancer cases. An estimated 180,000 men will be newly diagnosed this year, and 37,000 will die.

However, the federal government spends four times as much on breast cancer research as prostate cancer research, and the money raised by private charities for breast cancer is estimated to outnumber that for prostate cancer 20 to 1. Commendably, women's health advocates led the campaign for the breast cancer postage stamp, which has raised over $25 million for breast cancer research since 1998. Unfortunately, a bill proposing a similar stamp for prostate cancer research, introduced in Congress in 1999, was unsuccessful.

Jean Bonhomme, an Atlanta physician and founder of the National Black Men's Health Network, says men's ignorance about prostate cancer is a major problem and "many men are dying unnecessarily from completely preventable and treatable causes."

In a 1995 survey, 90% of the men questioned didn't even know where the prostate is located. In another survey, offered a choice of answers, only 37% of men knew that the correct function of the prostate gland is to maintain healthy sperm. Two out of every five men over 50--who should be getting a prostate exam every single year--have never been screened for prostate cancer.

Men's inattention to their own health needs goes far beyond prostate cancer. According to San Francisco area physician Jim Eichel:

"Surveys show that men are 30 percent less likely than women to visit a doctor [not counting women's prenatal visits], only half as likely to have a regular physician, and significantly less likely to have check-ups and obtain preventive screening tests for serious diseases. It is difficult for me as a primary care practitioner to intervene--if a man won't come to see me, there's no way I can help him."

Last Valentine's Day, the Men's Health Act was introduced in Congress by Representatives Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-CA), himself a prostate cancer survivor, and Jim McDermott (D-WA). Since then the bill, which mandates that the Secretary of Health and Human Services establish an Office of Men's Health to "coordinate and promote the status of men's health in the United States," has drawn considerable support across party and gender lines. The bill currently has 82 sponsors, including California representatives Howard "Buck" McKeon, a conservative, and Barbara Lee, a liberal. The bill currently resides with the Subcommittee on Health of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and is one of many which has been temporarily pushed aside in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attack.

Part of the reason a Men's Office of Health has been so long in coming is the common but nonetheless false perception that the government and the scientific community have paid more attention to men's health than to women's. In 1990 Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) made national headlines by citing the fact that women-specific health research comprised only 14% of the budget of the National Institute of Health (NIH). She called it "blatant discrimination" and led the successful campaign for the creation of the OWH. What Mikulski and many in the media who publicized Mikulski's claims didn't understand was that only 6.5% of the NIH's budget went to male-specific research--the vast majority of the NIH's research was gender neutral.

Today the disparity between men's and women's NIH research has grown from 2 to 1 in favor of women to 2.5 to 1. The ratio of female to male enrollments in studies, and in gender specific studies, which slightly favored women before the creation of the Office of Women's Health, by the late 1990s had grown to favor women three to two and three to one respectively. At the time the Office of Women's Health was formed and even more so today, more money was spent on women's medical research and issues than on men's at every level of government.

Megan Smith, the Director of Project Development for the Men's Health Network in Washington, DC, stresses that the purpose of the proposed Office of Men's Health is not to compete with the Women's Office, but to work with it.

"Many in the scientific community are moving away from the boilerplate, gender-neutral approach to research," she says. "The trend now is toward a gendered approach, which they believe will benefit both men and women. The Men' Health Act can make important contributions, which is why it has received significant support from many women in the health field. The Office of Men's Health should have been formed 10 years ago. It needs to be formed now, for everyone's benefit."

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More Letter Writer Successes

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Neil Steyskal sent in a couple of links to recent responses to anti-male articles in the news. The Dallas Morning News printed two letters from folks from England you might recognize - Raymond Cuttill and Alan Carr, responding to the Peacemaker Role Seems More Natural for Women article. There was also a letter printed in the Washington Post protesting Judy Mann's anti-male article claiming that masculinity is a "culture of violence." Bravo, guys!

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Men Being Pushed Out of Australian Workplace

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This article in *The Age* focuses on a disturbing Australian trend in which men are being pushed out of the workplace in favor of women. As more and more factory jobs disappear, men are having a difficult time competing with women for jobs in which prejudiced employers feel that women are better-suited (jobs with "people skills," in other words). The author, in the end, justifies the failure of many unemployed men to find work as a fitting comeuppance for Australia's "wage gap." She doesn't see the fallacy in her own logic, however, as even she points out that women are working more part-time jobs than are men.

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New Book Exposes American Media Bias

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Ragtime sent in this UK Telegraph article a while ago, which I'm just getting around to posting now. It's about the new book Bias: A CBS Insider Exposes How the Media Distort the News, which claims that all of the major American media outlets have a strongly liberal bias and intentionally make conservatives or liberal cause opponents look bad. This certainly resonates with my observations of the media, but the fact that Goldberg is an "insider" and quotes people directly discussing this bias makes the material all the more interesting. Source: The Telegraph [UK newspaper]

Title: America's TV liberals 'twist stories to fit their own agenda'

Author: Unknown

Date: December 7, 2001

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MANN/iFeminists Chat: Reproductive Technology

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Don't forget, tonight there will be an on-line chat at the iFeminists.com chat room where guest Gordon Pusch, a computational biologist, will discuss genetics and reproductive technology. The discussion will also inevitably focus on how this technology will affect men's and women's reproductive rights. The chat starts at 9:30 PM EST on 12/23. See you there!

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The Disturbing Truth About Child Support Collections

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Mike Geanoulis from the NCFC-NH group wrote an excellent editorial which was printed in Foster's Daily Democrat. Mike's article exposes the bureaucratic inefficiency of the child support collection system, and that despite news reports claiming that the agency is collecting more and more money, the percentage collected per case is actually staying the same, or getting worse. This combined with the fact that child support collection is inextricably linked with a father's access to his children, suggests that the system is doing nothing to help children and families in its current state, and is in need of reform.
Source: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]

Title: Child support collections: Another side of the story

Author: Michael Geanoulis

Date: December 21, 2001

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Ames Vending Machines Sell Boy-Bashing Stickers

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Cheddah wrote in to inform everyone that at Ames department stores, (a popular retail chain in the Northeast) the vending machines found in the store or the entryway have recently included stickers that bash boys. See the Read More section below for Cheddah's description of this (including a photo) and where to write in protest. It's bad enough that children see men mocked on TV continually, but to market stickers like this to their peers? It's disturbing to think that these kids are being "trained" early on to accept male bashing as a fact of life.

Cheddah writes:

I recently went into an Ames department store with my niece. Inside the entrance of this major chain (located throughout the Northeast) is a vending machine intended to attract children. Inside of this machine they sell stickers. Most of the stickers are child friendly, except (approximately 20% of the display) is devoted to anti-boy stickers.

The stickers literally read as follows:

- Boys are Aliens
- Boys are brainless
- Boys lie
- Not interested (in boys)
- Boys cheat
- I make boys cry
- Boys are weird

Here is a photo:

[image]

There were no stickers stating the same sentiments toward girls. This is highly sexist and sends the wrong message to young children, and attempts to instill misandric ideologies at a young age.

The display used to have "girl-power" stickers, and now these have
been replaced with "boy-bashing" stickers (I knew this coming?) I also do not think that this change occurred by chance, as I feel someone internal to Ames is part of a larger agenda.

To add insult to injury, these ?boy bashing? stickers were placed next to the only American flag stickers available at the store. As we all understand, patriotic decals have become popular since the Sept 11th terrorist attacks.

It is very strange that the same people (liberals and feminists) that rant and rave over anything that remotely implies anything sexist, do not even think twice about blatant displays of sexism that I?m sure that they would justify as benign ?name calling? because it has the correct political alignment.

Everyday that these stickers remain visible to children, is a loss for gender equity.

There is a cultural war being waged on America?s male youth, let?s do our part in stopping the misandry.

Here is contact information concerning Ames sexist anti-boy mechandising. Please contact Ames and express your disapproval.

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Men's Groups Challenge DV Reference Book

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Ragtime also sent in this article earlier this month about how men's groups in the Toronto area are challenging a "standard reference book" used by domestic violence advocates which is full of the typical feminist myths regarding DV. The challenge has caused quite a stir, and it will be interesting to see what it results in. Source: The Ottawa Citizen [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Men challenge 'bible' of violence against women

Author: Dave Brown

Date: December 4, 2001

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Terminally Ill Boy Asks for Sex as Dying Request

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donaldcameron1 writes *"In an article in Canadian newspaper The National Post we are informed of the honored last request of a dying young man for sex with a woman. I'm ambivalent about this and wonder if I (one) would respond differently if this was a female adolescent making the request. Do we as a group have an elucidated opinion?"* This is an interesting and unusual dilemma, what do you think?Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Australians debate ethics of dying boy's wish for sex

Author: Benjamin Errett

Date: December 22, 2001

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Men and Heroism

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Shawn Larsen writes *"The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission presented awards to 24 individuals today for recent acts of heroism. 23 of the 24 recipients are boys and men. More information can be found here."*

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Feedback Concerning Ames Stores' Misandry

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James Soucy writes *"The following is a letter I sent by both snail and e-mail in reply to Cheddah's submission concerning the boy-bashing products sold at Ames department stores. I strongly urge all those who partake of this website and others like it to do likewise whenever such an injustice occurs for the following reason: IT WORKS. There really is strength in numbers, guys. So SPEAK UP and be heard! It took me a whole of two minutes to compose and send this response, and I'm only getting faster with each one. You can too. Happy Holidays to all!"* Click Read More to view James' letter, and feel free to post your own in the comments section of this story and the previous Ames one.

Joseph R. Ettore

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Ames Department Stores, Inc.

2418 Main Street

Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Dear Mr. Ettore:

It was on the Mensactivism.org website that I was informed that Ames Department stores are selling from vending machines stickers which state the following:

- Boys are Aliens
- Boys are brainless
- Boys lie
- Not interested (in boys)
- Boys cheat
- I make boys cry
- Boys are weird

I was stunned that any business would partake of such malice—for malice it is—toward children (of either gender). I do not believe for a minute that Ames would sell a similar product denigrating girls, even if such existed, which it certainly doesn't. Living in the Northeast, I have made considerable purchases from Ames Stores; however, given this showcase of blatant animosity towards children, and boys in particular, I will not only be taking my business elsewhere in the future - I will be urging all others to do the same.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Thank you very much.

James E. Soucy

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Is Religion's History Misogynistic?

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Neil Steyskal pointed me to this story in the L.A. Times which expounds upon the popular notion that religions throughout history have been based on misogyny and "masculine insecurity." I would claim that religions and historic traditions were based on certain sex role separations for reasons of survival, not hatred, and that these roles weren't always fair or friendly to men, either. Comment to: letters@latimes.com.

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China Court Throws Out Country's First Sexual Harassment Lawsuit

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This story details China's first ever sexual harassment lawsuit, filed by a woman who claimed that her boss repeatedly groped her and propositioned her for sex. *The court ruled that it was difficult to obtain direct evidence in the case and to confirm independently the alleged victim's story. In addition, it noted that there was no law on sexual harassment in China, the official Xinhua news agency reported.* While sexual harassment is wrong, the Chinese court was correct in its decision in this case. And although women's "issues" groups have been pushing for stricter policies and laws which take alleged female victims at their word (much like America), the court recognized that, in the end, it was his word against hers, and not proven.

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Shopping: It's Not Just a Woman Thing

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Here is a special column I wrote for the holiday editions of both MANN and ifeminists.com. Although I do explore the serious issues of stereotypes and bigotry toward men these days, it is my hope that you will read this column and chuckle a bit, too, at my recent holiday shopping escapade. Happy holidays to each and every one of you.

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Year-End DesertLight Journal

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Trudy Schuett released her final DesertLight Journal of the year today, this issue focusing on holiday greetings and a review of this year's events. The MANN admin team submitted a short piece for this issue which can also be read in the Read More section below. Merry Christmas everyone!

2001 has definitely been an exciting and promising year for the men's movement. From young Clayton Giles' hunger strike and bike trip across Canada and to Washington, D.C, to the publication of "Spreading Misandry: The Teaching of Contempt for Men in Popular Culture," to the outcry over the Boulder Public Library's male bashing art exhibit "Hung out to dry" and more, there has been a lot of activity and increasing media coverage of men's issues.

The Mensactivism.org community has also grown by leaps and bounds, particularly with the announcement that the Individualist Feminist movement, headed by Wendy McElroy, and Mensactivism.org are going to work on more joint projects in the future. The fact that more and more women are joining our movement (including the efforts of Trudy Schuett herself!) are signs that we have a lot to look forward to in 2002. And while we still need to promote men's groups and help awaken more men to the sexism that is silently destroying their lives, no one can deny that it is only when men and women work together with trust and respect for each other that justice for everyone will be achieved.

There are so many people we'd like to thank for their efforts and support that to do so would fill up many pages. So, to keep it short, we'd like to thank every single person who has visited Mensactivism.org this year and wish you all Happy Holidays!

Let's make 2002 at least as good as 2001 for men's rights!

Sincerely,

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Random Acts of Kindness

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Wendy McElroy explores the spirit of this holiday in her latest column, "Random Acts of Kindness." She also tells the tale of how she was attacked in a letter by a mainstream feminist after her last column, which advocated good will toward men. And now we see why it is so important for us to let Wendy know we support her, and to speak up against wrongs, even when some might consider it "whining."

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Book Reading Group in Progress

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During the last MANN on-line chat, we discussed starting a group book reading project to help educate activists about the issues and encourage people to buy and read books on or related to men's rights. The first book we decided on reading is Christina Hoff Sommer's book Who Stole Feminism?: How Women Have Betrayed Women. If you received a gift certificate to a book store recently (or even if you didn't), you might want to pick up a copy of this book and join our discussions on it. Click Read More below for details on our reading schedule and what to do to join us.

Who Stole Feminism is about 275 pages long and consists of twelve chapters. Our reading schedule is to cover 3-4 chapters each week, and have an ongoing discussion of the book via an e-mail list which is being set up right now on Mensactivism.org (I'll announce how to subscribe to it before January 1). When the mailing list is started the plan is that participants will have read the first four chapters by January 1, so you might want to buy the book now or check it out at your local library (if they have a copy).

To anyone who hasn't read WSF, it's a great book, and exposes a ton of significant feminist myths that have permeated our culture (including the infamous "1 in 4 women are raped while in college" lie). While the book focuses more on debunking bad feminist studies than on men's rights, the research exposed in this book is part of what I might call the "baseline literacy" that pro-male activists need to be informed about to promote men's issues most effectively (Warren Farrell's Myth of Male Power is the other seminal book, IMHO).

Where to buy the book? Well, it's up to you, but I'd strongly advise against Barnes & Noble, since they have been lobbied by us but refuse to create a separate book section for Men's Studies books in their retail stores. Borders Books, on the other hand, has a Men's Studies book section and should be encouraged for it. Apparently they are now owned by Amazon.com. But these are simply suggestions for you to consider.

Anyone is welcome to join this book reading group, male or female. I'll be posting this announcement both on MANN and the iFeminists.com bulletin board. We hope you'll join us!

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More Men Outliving Women?

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Tony submitted this CNN article and writes *"Before anyone gets excited that men might be catching up to women should read this article. Widowers 65+ number about 2 million but widows number 8.5 million. A huge disparity still exists. This article discusses a few reasons why being the surviving spouse is more difficult for men. And it has a heart touching story of a widower."*Source: CNN

Title: Census: More men outliving their wives

Author: Unknown (AP article)

Date: December 16, 2001

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Debtor's Prison Is Alive And Well For Non-Custodial Fathers

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This horrifying article from the Fatherhood Coalition's Web site details Massachusettes efforts to put non-custodial parents (namely fathers) in prison for not paying up to 40 percent of their wages to the custodial parent. The story goes on to describe some of the civil rights violations of due process forced upon non-custodial fathers. *For robbery, aggravated assault, homicide -- and perhaps even flying airplanes into buildings -- defendants are assumed innocent until proven guilty, provided legal counsel at taxpayer expense, and given every consideration to guarantee that their civil rights aren't violated in the process of ascertaining their guilt. Non-custodial fathers should be so lucky.*

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Bush Administration Apologizes For Censorship of Christina Hoff Sommers

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I received an e-mail today from Charles Curie, who is the newly appointed administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The e-mail was in regard to my complaint about the treatment of Christina Hoff Sommers when she was invited to speak at a conference discussing the value of the "Girl Power" and "Boy Talk" programs. Hoff Sommers questioned the value of these programs, was shouted off the stage, and told to "shut the fuck up, bitch" by one Dr. Jay Wade, a professor who teaches a class in "listening skills." Mr. Curie was most apologetic, and has apologized to Hoff Sommers as well. Read his message to me by clicking **Read More** below.

Dear Mr. Hanback:

I am writing in response to your e-mail to President Bush, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tommy G. Thompson, Alvera Stern, Ruth Sanchez-Way, and me regarding a meeting convened by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

As the Bush Administration's newly appointed Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in HHS, I was appalled to learn about the disrespectful manner in which a guest of SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) was treated in a federally sponsored forum. No one should ever be censored or silenced as was Dr. Christina Hoff Sommers. Immediately after learning of the situation, I personally communicated my apology to Dr. Sommers and conveyed my conviction that SAMHSA values open and honest dialogue among people of diverse opinions.

I have made it clear to the staff involved in the incident that I expect them to treat all guests with dignity and respect, and ensure comity among meeting participants. Corrective action is being taken in this case. I will not tolerate disrespect of ideas, opinions, or values in the conduct of SAMHSA activities.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Curie, M.A., A.C.S.W.

Administrator, Substance Abuse and

Mental Health Services Administration

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The Men's Movement Gets More Press

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Larry writes *"Men's News Daily points to a pair of articles, one at Scotsman.com and one in The Economist, which comment on the rising visibility of the men's movement. Both tend to characterize men's issues as confused whining. Both take heart in what they interpret as "encouraging" signs of self-doubt in men. These writers seem to believe the proper goal of society for the last thirty years has been to break that damnable male quality of autonomy and self-containment. Apparently they think society has finally succeeded."* Also thanks to an Anon User who sent in the Scotsman article.

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Egypt Stops Flogging Men in Prison

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An Anonymous User sent in this link to a Reuters story which briefly mentions that the practice of flogging men in prison will no longer be used, due to a vote by the Egyptian Parliament. The article did mention that women were never flogged in prisons in the first place, which I thought was interesting.

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Follow-up on Smith Colleges' Discrimination Suit

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Another Anonymous User sent in this article from the Boston Globe that goes into more detail about the Smith College coach who was fired so that they could have a woman coach. The discrimination here becomes very clear despite everything that coach Babyak did for the teams and the school. Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Smith bias case brought justice, ex-coach says

Author: Ralph Ranalli

Date: December 20, 2001

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BC Johnny Hart Father Bashing

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stevenjones sent in a BC comic strip from 12/22 that he found pretty insulting to fathers. It mocks "deadbeat dads" and anyone who might have any compassion for them. Unfortunately, there is no direct link to the strip - you must first click here and then select the Dec. 22 strip from the menu under the Archive section.

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Boy Dies Saving Family From Fire

Scott · 28 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

donaldcameron1 writes *"The left-wing feminist rag, The Toronto Daily Star, plunks this heroic tragedy into a shared article Hero teen dies saving relatives from blaze about two fires in the Toronto area, damming the boy's heroics with faint praise. Yes, [his story] does get first billing in the article, but it gets about the same coverage as a different fire in which personal injuries to two other (anonymous) men occurred. The boy even went back into that fire repeatedly."*

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Sacks Writes About Elder Abuse, Interviewed on Radio

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Glenn Sacks, the only regularly published male columnist in the US who writes about gender issues from a perspective unapologetically sympathetic to men, takes on the issue of domestic violence against elderly men in his latest column. It's a good read on a topic that gets little attention in today's domestic violence news stories. Glenn was also interviewed on talk radio station KABC in Los Angeles, and a streaming audio version of his interview can be heard here in MP3 format.

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Avoiding Divorce

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Neil Steyskal writes *"Here's a helpful article by a woman who does workshops on avoiding divorce: Michell Weiner-Davis. She also has two books out concentrating on how one person can often save a relationship without first convincing his partner to work on it."*

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"Hung Out to Dry" Critiqued in University Newspaper

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Wendy McElroy directed me to Will Shurley's school newspaper article about the male-bashing art exhibit formerly displayed in the Boulder, Colorado public library. Shurley, from Baylor University, is the first college student I'm aware of who has confronted the "hung out to dry" art exhibit and domestic violence against men in a campus newspaper. He should be praised highly for his efforts. Why not drop him a line at Will_Shurley@baylor.edu and say hello?
Source: The Baylor Lariat [Baylor University newspaper]

Title: Display in Colorado library slants spousal abuse problem

Author: Will Shurley

Date: November 16, 2001

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Point/Counterpoint on DV Against Men

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An Anonymous Reader submitted this letter from AngryHarry.com which is in response to this letter in the *Irish Times* about domestic violence against men. The Irish Times letter attempts to debunk all research on women's violence, which Karl takes them to task on. Of course, Karl's letter wasn't printed, as it is very long, but was an important rebuttal that people here may have an interest in reading.

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Sex Predator Sentencing Law Now Applies To More Crimes

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Some time ago, MANN posted an article about a new sexual predator law which intended to keep people convicted of sexual crimes locked up longer than their actual sentences. According to this story in the *Des Moines Register*, this law is now being used to keep people who have been convicted of *other* crimes behind bars beyond their sentences. The following problems now arise: if we're going to ingore sentencing, why have it at all? Does this mean that anyone can now be locked up indefinitely for any offense? What happened to "he paid his debt to society?"

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Eve's Seed

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An Anonymous User writes *"Robert McElvaine of Millsaps University wrote a book called "Eve's Seed," where he states that women invented agriculture and men are jealous because of it. Just the childish cartoon on the book's website, www.evesseed.com, is proof of male-bashing. A part of the song "Margaritaville" plays in the background, which states "...but I know, it's my own damn fault." The explanation of the book's content reveals more male-bashing. McElvaine's e-mail address is mcelvrs@millsaps.edu."*

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Interview with a Domestic Violence Shelter Activist

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Remo writes *"This interview in Feminista! is with a long-time veteran of domestic violence shelters. Note the implicit misandric assumptions. Also the statement near the end that the shelters are but a way-station for a larger political goal. And lastly, note the corrupting influence of money. Let's hope the men's movement doesn't make the same mistakes."*

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Remember Innocent Men in Jail

Scott · 30 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

AFG writes *"This commentary from the Washington Times discusses the epidemic of various men in jail for crimes they did not commit. In particular, it informs us about the way in which governmental and judicial authorities often ignore new evidence or employ "snitches" in order to ensure a conviction or keep a man behind bars. It also talks briefly about feminist lawyers who use the courts to "act out sex grudges""* Also thanks to an Anonymous User who sent in this link.Source: The Washington Times

Title: System of injustices

Author: Paul Craig Roberts

Date: December 26, 2001

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Judy Mann Resigns from The Washington Post

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An Anonymous User writes, *"On Dec. 19, Judy Mann wrote a column in the Washington Post that stereotyped and vilified men. Many of us wrote letters to the editor. On Dec. 22, the Post "Free for All" section ran a letter from a Markus Garlauskas that characterized Mann's column as "an anti-male message of hate." On Friday, Judy Mann resigned her position at the Post. I don't know whether or not we can take full credit for her resignation, but I do believe that we did make a difference to stop anti-male bigotry."* Apparently, Judy couldn't help but make a few final snide remarks about men in her last article (see paragraph 3, in particular). Good riddance.Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: A Farewell Wish: That Women Will Be Heard

Author: Judy Mann

Date: December 28, 2001

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Saudi Men Flogged for Harassing Women

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The same Anon User who sent in the news that Egypt has banned the flogging of male prisoners also discovered this Reuters article which states that 137 Saudi Arabian and five foreign young men were flogged for "harassing women." I have no idea what they mean by harassment, whether it was inappropriate touching or possibly rape, but even Amnesty International believes this to be a grave human rights violation of these men, as reported in the article.

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Old-man Bashing

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Douglas Rome submitted this article from the UK Guardian. It describes the increasing derision people are expressing for older men, and as Douglas writes, *"This article is especially interesting in that it's by a radical feminist who's shown no previous sympathy for men's plight: I think they're becoming worried, at last, over the molten fury of the men's movement about what Karpf describes as sexism hiding behind feminism."*Source: The Guardian [UK newspaper]

Title: Old man blues

Author: Anne Karpf

Date: December 22, 2001

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CNN Interviews Gloria Steinem On-line

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John May sent in this chat transcript from CNN where gender feminist leader Gloria Steinem is interviewed. The main topic of the discussion is women's rights in Afghanistan, but it's always a good idea to keep tabs on what Steinem is up to.

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MANN Book Discussion: Who Stole Feminism?

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As promised, I have set up an e-mail list to be used for the book reading group. If you haven't heard, Mensactivism.org has set up a "book club" of sorts - every couple of months, people who want to participate will decide on a book to be read, and then form a reading schedule for the book. The mailing list will be a place to discuss the contents of the book and other related issues (please note that is not a general purpose list, so please keep discussions on-topic!). The first book we are reading is Christina Hoff-Sommers' Who Stole Feminism?, and we are reading 3-4 chapters each week. To join, click here and fill out the web form. All are welcome.

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/01/12/30/2236249.shtml

Balanced Review of Spreading Misandry

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Margaret Wente wrote a balanced review of Spreading Misandry: The Teaching of Contempt for Men in Popular Culture for the Globe and Mail. I say it's balanced because she offers some criticism for the book as well. Overall, she definitely feels this book is needed, though she finds it to overstate the problem at times. Speaking of this book, I think it's time that I ordered a copy myself. Thanks to an Anonymous User who sent this review our way. Source: The Globe and Mail [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Bashing the male-bashers

Author: Margaret Wente

Date: December 29, 2001

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Letter Urges Prosecution of False Accusers of Child Abuse

Scott · 31 December 2001 · Archived copy · Original

Gordon Finley, a Professor of Psychology at Florida International University, gave us permission to reprint a letter which was published in the *Miami Herald* on 12/28. Prof. Finley responds to an article on the rising numbers of child abuse and neglect deaths, and points out that the social workers dealing with these cases would be more effective if we confronted the problem of false accusations, which comprise a sizable proportion of their caseloads. Go to the **Read More** section to view his letter.

Reduce False Abuse Reports

Re: the Dec. 23 Miami Herald front page article, "Florida child deaths resulting from neglect or abuse rising"

Childrens' deaths at the hands of adults are unacceptable to anyone. One guaranteed way to reduce these deaths is to reduce the false-abuse
caseload of Department of Children & Families workers. Not only are
caseworkers overburdened by false claims, which keep them from doing what they should be doing, but we are wasting vast sums of scarce tax dollars that could better be spent on a host of worthy needs.

One guaranteed way to reduce false-abuse claims is to prosecute those who file them. All fathers' advocacy groups list among their highest concerns the escalating rate of false-abuse allegations filed by mothers and mothers' lawyers against fathers before, during and after child-custody disputes as a means to win custody. This is a dirty little secret whose time for exposure has come.

Guilty also are state attorneys who virtually never prosecute mothers or lawyers for these crimes. The costs are paid by society (in taxes), fathers and children.

Children who go through the false-abuse inquisition are not the same
afterward, nor is their relationship to their father the same. The
emotional damage is severe and long lasting. To put this in perspective, 50 percent of first marriages end in divorce, another 17 percent end in permanent separation. It doesn't take a large percentage of malicious mothers and unscrupulous lawyers to generate a huge false-abuse complaint caseload and the deadly consequences outlined in the article.

Gordon E. Finley

Professor of Psychology

Florida International University

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Reebok Bashes Men in Commercials

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equalitarian62 writes, *"I finally plugged my TV in again in order to see what new male-bashing commercials were airing. I didn't have to wait long. Reebok had two commercials featuring men acting like fools, with the theme music being "This is a Man's World." In one of these commercials, a man walks into a gym full of fit women, and trips and stumbles over the exercise equipment. At the end he is rescued from a machine by one of these strong women, and the message "It's a Woman's World" flashes on the screen. I think that this is once again a highly offensive way of selling products. I'll be sure not to buy anything from Reebok in the future. Apparently these misandristic ads are part of a new campaign called "It's a Woman's World." Click here for more info.*" Also thanks to Adam S. for notifying us of this. **Nightmist's Note**: You can screen the insulting ads (as well as a "behind the scenes" explanation of them) here. Click **Read More** for Reebok contact info.

Reebok contact information

Nightmist's note: I was unable to find electronic contact information for Reebok. However, you may send their corporate office snail mail to the address below:

Reebok International Ltd.

PO Box 1060

Ronks, PA 17573

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Two Reviews of Zubaty's What Men Know That Women Don't

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I've received two book reviews for Rich Zubaty's excellent book, What Men Know That Women Don't. You can view them in the **Read More** section, and the book can be bought at this site, in either electronic form (so you can download it immediately), or in print. Many thanks to J. Steven Svoboda and Ssargon for the reviews!

Review by J. Steven Svoboda, arc@post.harvard.edu

What Men Know That Women Don't. By Rich Zubaty. Preface by Bill Kauth. 547 pp. College Station, Texas and Kaunakakai, Hawaii: Virtualbookworm.com and Zubaty Publishing, 2000. $24 paper. $12 CD or ebook. Downloadable at www.virtualbookworm.com. 877-376-4955.

Rich Zubaty has updated and completely rewritten his classic "Surviving the Feminization of America." Controversial even within the ranks of men's rights activists, the original 1993 edition of "Surviving" sparked a lot of admiration for the author's rambling, tell-it-like-it-is style, not to mention the brilliance of his insights. But for many, "Surviving" also set off perhaps equal levels of denigration for its frequent flaming putdowns of females and perhaps for its sheer ball-busting uniqueness. Almost anyone could find something to dislike about "Surviving." Conservatives hated its clearly stated opposition to corporations and the evils they have spawned in society (about which Zubaty says more in his 2001 book, "The Corporate Cult," also available at the same locations given above and to be reviewed by me in the next issue). Liberals hated with equal vigor the book's attacks on the federal government ("useful for building interstate highways and keeping Cuba from invading us, and as far as I can tell that's just about it") and felt discomfort over Zubaty's evidently more than trace levels of misogyny and anti-Semitism.

I can't think of a men's movement book I have read which has made a stronger impression on me. Here are some of the ideas Zubaty proposes, attempts to justify, and explores in this book. Women are more materialistic than men, he writes, stressing the word's etymology from the Latin "mater," and they are also more analytical than males. Correspondingly, despite common misconceptions, men are more spiritual (and more intuitive) than women, as well as more skilled in relationships, and we need to regenerate a male-flavored spirituality if we are to save this planet before it is really too late. One of the biggest problems today is men and women have swapped mental roles, and neither of us does particularly well at playing the other's role.

Zubaty has a true poet's way with the pithy apothegm. "Women have more emotions, men have deeper feelings." "'Equality' is meaningless. Is a bee equal to a sparrow? The term is meaningless. And anyway, feminism was never honestly about Equality. Feminism was about MORE STUFF FOR WOMEN. Women don't want to mine coal or get drafted into war. That's too much Equality for them." "Men are not the oppressors of women. The simple proof of that is that Women are not oppressed." "Our male models are reconstituted women. They are the men women like, not the men God likes." "Men's intution is to women's intuition as the night sky full of galaxies is to a flashlight. The flashlight looks brighter because it is closer, but that is just an illusion."

Another of the author's knacks is synthesizing data in revealing ways. In the last decade, the number of working men who earn only a poverty wage has increased 100%. Five percent of the people and 75% of the lawyers live and work in the United States. Are we attempting to litigate values? Are we trying to pass laws to enforce morals? Zubaty makes a convincing case that we are doing exactly that. Why, if we get married in a church, don't we get divorced there as well? "Do you think it is any coincidence that the rise of compulsory education has marched in lock step with the Industrial Revolution?" Men's brains are 15% larger than women's, about twice the average body size difference; it may not be coincidence that women are more prone to emotional, manipulative responses which presumably are generated by the more primitive portions of the brain. Zubaty provides a pithy four-page summary of brain differences between men and women. Perhaps most to the point: "It amazes me to hear Americans mock Third World dwellers without for a second understanding that these people have more food laying around in their

own backyard than they could eat in a year." Zubaty has both the skill and the guts to build a case that women are the cause of war. I may not be in FULL agreement but I am in full admiration of his chutzpah, not to mention panache.

The feminization of America and indeed, of the world, which became the title of this book's first edition, can be so profound that we can miss it if we don't have a friend like Zubaty to point it out to us. "Our priests wear gowns, our judges wear robes, and our ex- wives wear jeans." This process may be the most powerful of society's many statements that the masculine is losing its importance. Zubaty draws a pointed analogy between the "decay and dissolution" he has observed in Native Americans with whom he has lived and developments in North America and Europe. "What we are seeing on the reservation is a speeded up version of what Western society has done to all men--killed off the visionaries and turned the rest into a bunch of alcoholic businessmen." Ouch.

Zubaty does at times halfheartedly suggest that all "real men" stop going to work so that the women have to learn how to use shovels and drive garbage trucks. Not a bad idea. And, noting that "men who have not been fathers are vastly less complete individuals than women who never became mothers," Zubaty very sensibly proposes that fathers receive automatic custody of half the children from their marriage as a first step towards reducing divorce and curing a whole range of other problems. I can also sign on to Zubaty's "flake tax" for all childless men and women over the age of 30. Generally, though, "What Men Know" is short on explicit, detailed solutions to the overwhelming problems the author deftly sketches, but he can hardly be blamed for this. Frankly, the resolution to these issues may not exist, at least not yet. Zubaty's function is to alert us that the emperor has no clothes so we can start preparing to accelerate his departure and hopefully begin to think about who we will put in his place and how we will ensure that the same things don't continue to go wrong under the new regime.

It's time for some more Zubatyisms. Regarding our feminized education system, the author acerbically notes, "School is the place you go to learn all the things that are exactly the opposite of what you need to know to succeed in life." "If I tell my kids, 'I happened upon a moment of Buddha consciousness standing on a street corner,' my son will say, 'What's Buddha consciousness?' and my daughter will say 'What street corner?'" "Yes, you have an equal right to fix your own toilet. Go do it." Like it or not, "ALL the major accomplishments of civilization spring from the obsessions of men the sociologists now disdain as 'workaholics.'" "Civilized women don't like war, but they DO like washing machines.... Don't tell me women will give up their washing machines to make life easier for their 'sisters' in poor countries. The sun will ice over before that happens."

These words that flow so nicely point toward some disturbing conclusions. Zubaty can be hard to take, because he can help us to realize, not to put too fine a point on it, how hard life today sucks. He assembles a convincing claim that computers are the most feminizing force in society today, and notes, "We don't need more education. We need more spirituality."

Zubaty notes the great lengths to which Nature has gone to produce the male. "[U]ntil around 1840, females lived 10% shorter lives than men... Is there any doubt who is profiting from the Industrial Revolution?... Our men are going the way of the African elephant. It isn't that we are not hardy. The problem is that our habitat is being destroyed.... There is scarcely a real man left alive." This series of powerful metaphors contains the crux of the matter. Not simply our literal habitat is being eliminated, but also our symbolic habitat, in that our past understanding and appreciation of men's evolutionarily invaluable role is being lost. Most admirably, Zubaty it at his best in some pithy pages where he discusses male spirituality and men's role in the universe. "Our job is not to get along with the Goddess. Our job is to fuck the Goddess." And to be "the patron saints of foolishness," capable of providing "poetry and fascination and risk-taking." "Men were designed to disrupt women," thereby creating human life. Zubaty will similarly disrupt you as reader, and will also similarly help give birth to new ideas and some new thought patterns inside you.

"What Men Know" is at least as good as "Surviving." Longtime activist and New Warrior cofounder Bill Kauth has added a suitably seat-of-the-pants preface. Sure, you will always be able to find ten things to strongly dislike about the book. But the real point should be: I can't think of ANY book you are likely to read with as many original ideas.

You don't even have to like Zubaty's authorial voice for his books to be must-reads, because they will get you thinking either way, and that's the author's ultimate goal. I suspect he would much prefer to have three people read his book and hate it as to have two people read his book and love it, as long as the readers in either case will think about the ideas presented and pursue actions in their own lives related to their conclusions. Sprint, don't run, to your feminized computer, and download Rich Zubaty's stunning, unique, depressing, hilarious, infuriating, delightful, but above all, must-read book. If you only buy one book this year, make it "What Men Know That Women Don't." Your life, and that of those who love you and those whom you love, not to mention that of your society, may depend on it.

Review by Ssargon:

When I read this book it made me feel more secure about my place in the world. I'm 22 years old and this book really explained a lot that I've thought about since I left the political involvement that I had as a teenager.

The book talks about how women make themselves unhappy by confusing security and peace with the need for material possessions. I tells men what they must do for the world to be a better place. The blame isn't really on either women or men, but on the corporate culture that controls our lives and the feminists that follow it (to quote from the book: "Feminists are corporate whores").

It also talks about the injustice that men face when they divorce (or are forced to divorce) when there are children involved. It then goes on to dispell the myth that men aren't spiritual and caring in their relationships.

Zubaty tells his own story and he is NOT afraid to be angry, which I think is a very good thing. The book is well worth reading by anyone who doesn't automatically take the feminist view of society for granted.

/Ssargon

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Ames Strives To Remove Boy-Bashing Stickers

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napnip received a response from Ames Department Stores after he e-mailed them about the vending machines inside those stores containing boy bashing stickers ("Boys Are Aliens," "Boys Are Brainless," "I Make Boys Cry," among others). Store officials point out that they do not stock the vending machines themselves, but have asked the company which does to remove the offending stickers. You can read the e-mail to napnip by clicking **Read more** below. Here again, we see proof that our activism works.

napnip's e-mail to Ames

Dear Ames:

Is it your policy to sell blatantly sexist stickers which bash boys and young males? (Like in the attached picture.)

Do you sell similar stickers bashing girls?

Don't you think you owe the public, and boys in general, a public apology?

And, Ames' reply

Thank you for taking the time to write to Ames. Your message was forwarded to my attention. Feedback from our customers is very important to us.

As you might imagine, Ames was equally stunned to find that the vending machines in our stores contained stickers like you describe. These machines are contracted through an outside company and we were not aware that they contained such disturbing statements. We have immediately requested
that all of these stickers be removed from the machines. This process should be completed within the next week. We will continuously follow up and monitor the situation. We sincerely apologize for this situation and truly appreciate it being bought to our attention.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Liebl

Ames, Customer Relations

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Thanks for Such a Great Year!

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As the founder of Mensactivism.org, I'd like to take a few moments to thank the people who have made this site such a success this year, and more than I ever expected it to be. Click **Read More** below to read some notes on the history of MANN, the people who have brought us to our current point, and the top five comment posters. Let the good times roll...

When it all started....

Most people don't know that when I started MANN in May of 2000, I was almost certain that it was going to be a flop, and I thought of it mainly as an exercise in learning some web and database administration skills. I figured I would maintain interest in it for no more than six months at the most. But I was definitely wrong - an entire user community sprung up around this site and has kept it going the whole time. Since then I've suffered through network outages, a web server port block from my ISP during the "Code Red" worm crisis, hundreds of attempted break-ins, and many lost hours of sleep queuing news stories and customizing the site's interface (anyone remember when logged in users would get a message like "This page was generated by a team of stealth ninjas" at the top of the main page?). I've also had a blast while doing all of this, and the effort has always been more than worthwhile.

This site is only here because *you are*.

One of the reasons why Mensactivism.org is different from other web sites is that it is almost completely user-driven. Users send in news stories. Users write editorials. Users participate in the on-line chats. Users post comments and agree, debate, troll (!), and inform one another. Somehow this web engine has combined the features of an e-mail list, web message board, and portal site in a way that appeals to you folks, and keeps you coming back. *You* are the most important part of this site, and if you've contributed content in any form to it, it's just as much the result of your efforts as it is of myself and the other admins.

I would like to thank everyone who visits this site regularly, who posts productive comments, who submits news stories, who has written an original article that has been posted here, has made a financial donation to the site, or any combination of the above. Each of you is living proof that the efforts of an individual can have a significant impact, and you have helped shape the direction of this site and even the men's movement itself.

Admins keep this site running smoothly...

A very special thanks to James Hanback (aka Nightmist) and Adam Hartney, "Adam," who have made a special dedication of their time to help ensure Mensactivism.org is updated frequently with the best selection of user submissions available, for helping to reduce the impact of trolls and divisive infighting, and sharing the workload of maintaining the content of MANN.

Nightmist has devoted an immense amount of time to MANN, was the stimulus for our relationship with Wendy McElroy and iFeminists.com, and on top of that posts more comments here than I do!

Adam, too has posted dozens of articles here, and written a couple of his own. As our only Admin from the UK, Adam's input is very useful and a great help to us.

Thomas will be coming on board as an admin starting very soon, and I'd like to thank him for offering his help to us.

Brad isn't an admin, but he did send us some nice graphics for our news topics. Likewise, Tom Parker spruced up our main banner logo.

Thanks guys!

The Top Five Commentors

The following is a list of the top five MANN comment posters to date. I originally wanted to list the top five news submitters, but the database apparently doesn't keep track of the number of stories submitted, though it does keep track of the number of comments. One person, by far, posted the greatest number of comments on MANN. *Anonymous User* led the pack by a wide margin with more than 107,000 posts. What a dedicated guy! Ok, seriously though, here are the others:

1. Thomas
2. frank h
3. BusterB
4. Claire4Liberty
5. Hawth

(I've excluded Nightmist from the list since he's an admin, though he would have taken the #1 spot here if I had included him)

While the quantity of posts doesn't mean everything, these people are undoubtably familiar names to most readers, and I'd like to thank them for being such active participants on our comment boards.

I'm a bit uncomfortable singling people out here because there are so many others that deserve praise too. You know who you are, and again, I thank you for your efforts. It has been a wonderful year. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for everything you've done.

Sincerely,

Scott Garman

Founder and Site Admin

PS - Happy New Year!

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Mona Charen: Hooray for Men

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Stan Gaver writes *"Columnist Mona Charen has a great article about the latest male heroes who confronted the "shoe bomber" on AA flight 63. Her closing is particularly enheartening: "God bless our men, who've taken so much undeserved abuse for decades, yet never stopped being men and gentlemen.""* Thanks also to krob4399 for sending this link in, too.Source: TownHall.com

Title: Hooray for men

Author: Mona Charen

Date: December 31, 2001

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MANN Chat: What to Do in 2002?

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This Wednesday's on-line chat will be a discussion about what worked for us in 2001 and how to apply these strategies to promote men's rights and fight male bashing in the new year that has begun. Stop by our chat page at 9:30 PM EST on 1/2/02, say hello to everyone, and share your New Year's Resolutions regarding activism! I'll also be looking for a volunteer to help me maintain the Media Watch page, which I think will become a more important and utilized resource of this site in future. See you there!

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You Can't Force Diversity

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In her latest column, ifeminist and friend of MANN Wendy McElroy describes how the efforts of American government to force "diversification" is not the same thing as promoting equality. While she does criticize the men's movement for claiming that the recent Ford discrimination lawsuit and the Jim Babyak lawsuit are victories, she has a point that government needs to stay out of the diversification business.

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NOW Wants To Steer 9/11 Recovery Funds Away From Victims

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This story, which appeared in the Dec. 27 *Washington Post* details NOW's efforts (via a "Women at Ground Zero" video) to derail federal attempts to assist the victims and cities in recovery by diverting funding earmarked for recovery to encourage more women to enter the rescue fields. Apparently, NOW is upset that only 25 of the 11,000-some-odd firefighters in New York are female, and it doesn't matter to them that women make their own career choices. It's also worth pointing out that images of men in the media got a boost from the emergency workers responses to the 9/11 outrages. Perhaps NOW simply can't stand positive images of men?
Update: My apologies to Neil Steyskal for not mentioning him earlier. He also submitted this story.

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Misandry Is A Real Word

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frank h writes *"The letter copied below is one that I submitted to the Times Of Trenton and it was published today. There's nothing really remarkable about it, except that it does include use of the word "misandry." When submitting the letter, I made a point of asking that the word be left intact. (I covered her last name in this submission; it was not covered as such in the newspaper.)"* Click **Read More** to view frank's letter.

In her letter of December 14, 2001, Kathryn A**** clearly demonstrates her contempt for men and all things masculine. In her attempt to grab the moral high ground, she associates men with gorillas and she is convinced that one woman can do more good than a thousand men. She says that men regard war as a hobby, an entertainment, and implies that women never engage in war or even approve of it, a myth quickly deflated after a brief inspection of the biographies of the following notable women: Queen Victoria; Indira Ghandi; Prime Minister Golda Meir; Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher; and every female member of Congress who voted in favor of Operations Desert Storm or Enduring Freedom. This is exactly this kind of misandrist bigotry that enrages Afghan women like Farida, a 30-year-old Afghan mother of two. Farida and her constituents are furious with the trashing of Afghan men that is implicit in the current outcry on the plight of Afghan women. (See Mary McGrory, December 2, 2001.)

There is no doubt that Afghan men, women, and children have suffered immensely at the hands of the Taliban, and that women's suffering has been particularly acute. Clearly, their needs must be met. But A**** would have us believe that men are the enemy. They are not. The enemy in Afghanistan is the Taliban and their distortion of the Koran. The needs of every citizen of Afghanistan must be represented equally, including women, but allocating a given number of seats to females does not guarantee that. What Afghanistan does not need is the kind of misandrist politics espoused by the likes of Gloria Steinem, Catherine McKinnon, Andrea Dworkin, and, it would appear, Kathryn A****.

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Ann Landers on a Roll

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Neil Steyskal sent in two recent letters from Ann Lander's advice column. One of which addresses the taboo subject of "deadbeat mothers," and the other from a man who reminds people of the problems that non-custodial parents (mostly fathers) face which are not prioritized the way child support payment is.

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Spreading Misandry Out of Stock Everywhere

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After hearing about the problems some people are having ordering the book Spreading Misandry, I contacted Katherine Young, one of the book's co-authors. She wrote, *"Yes, the book is out of print. It was released only in November 2001 and six weeks later was sold out. It has had enormous media and print attention in Canada, which was a surprise to everyone.The press is reprinting it. I've just called them to see when it will be available again. I know they are trying to turn it around fast but the holidays have intervened. When I get the news I'll let you know."* I guess we should be glad that this book is selling so fast. Maybe the publishers will realize there is a market for books on men's issues that they hadn't realized before.

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Post Column on Poor Men

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Neil Steyskal submitted this article from the Washington Post that addresses the issues that low-income men face. It even points out that child support payments should be reduced when a man's income declines, and suggests that arrearages should be forgiven if they can become consistent in paying current support. Read it, this is a rare article. Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Welfare: What About The Men?

Authors: Harry Holzer And Paul Offner

Date: January 3, 2002

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Modern Day Man-Killing Witch?

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DaveW submitted this UK Independent article and writes *"Authorities use insurance fraud laws to prosecute this modern-day, man-killing witch."* This story confirms again that women who murder their husbands often use subversive methods rather than direct ones. Also, do you see the term "domestic violence" anywhere in this article? Source: The Independent [UK newspaper]

Title: 'Witch' is charged over death of three partners

Author: Rupert Cornwell

Date: January 3, 2002

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Army Training "Too Tough for Women"

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An Anonymous User sent us this link to a BBC story about the results of an Army study which is to be published in the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*. In 1998, the British Army ended the double standards for training men and women and the results were predictable: women trainee's likelihood of being injured increased dramatically, while men's stayed about the same. "*women are now eight times more likely than the male recruits to be discharged with an overuse injury...the findings point to a serious conflict between equal opportunity law and health and safety legislation.*"

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Men's News Daily Launches Daily Audio News Briefs

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Mike LaSalle writes *"Comrades - Men's News Daily is now carrying a daily audio news digest called MND News Briefs. Please take a listen and let me know what you all think! My intention is to focus on the current men's news topics of that day and do a quick audio overview of those stories-- maybe two minutes total. Links to the full story text can be found on my web site. The audio is in mp3 format - playable by the usual streaming audio players. Happy New Year!"* Nice idea, Mike!

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Bush Administration to Close Parts of Women's Bureau?

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frank h writes *"I'm submitting this link, which is the links page of a website maintained by a woman named Trish Wilson. She's mounting her own pro-feminist, anti-father campaign to stop the Bush administration from closing several offices fo the Women's Bureau at the Department of Labor. Other topics she's written on are of "interest" as well. As Sun Tzu says: know thine enemy as thyself. I found this page by following a link from at Men's News Daily. A proper response from us might be to send some letters to Dubya in SUPPORT of closing those offices."*

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Posthumously Conceived Children Have Inheritance Rights

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This article on Yahoo! News is interesting because not only does it affirm that children conceived through artifical means after their father's death have inheritance rights, but it also stipulates that the mother *must* prove 1) that the dead man is the child's genetic father, and 2) that the dead man had agreed to conceive and support the child prior to his death. Although posthumous conception is a touchy subject, the court's decision in this case sounds fair to me.

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Ames Follows Through; Removes Boy-Bashing Stickers

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cheddah reports that his local Ames department store has indeed removed the boy-bashing stickers from its vending machines, as promised. A sincere thank you, cheddah, for starting this whole thing and to everyone who wrote to Ames in protest!

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Review of Don't Sweat the Small Stuff for Men

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Jason Leatherman wrote a good review of Richard Carlson's Don't Sweat the Small Stuff for Men. I think there's a strong tendency in the men's movement to stress out about many of the things we see every day (I know I do), so a book of this nature is most welcome. Click **Read More** below to read Jason's review.

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff for Men

Book Review by Jason Leatherman

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff for Men

by Richard Carlson, Ph.D.

Hyperion Books, NY, 2001

Men are an underrepresented group in the self-improvement section of most bookstores. Of course, men don't read such
books as often as women do, so this policy is just good business. However, this makes me wonder why Richard Carlson decided
to write this book. I feel it was not so much to make money, but to deliver a book that he thinks will benefit men.

As it states on the back cover, *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff for Men* concentrates on helping men reduce stress, and gain more peace and joy in their lives. This book is an excellent tool for doing so. It is divided into 100 essays, each a short lesson describing a different life strategy. It's a small book, but this format guarantees a high level of content for a book this size.

This is not a book that you'll want to plow through in a day or two. Instead, read two or three lessons each morning, and try them on during the day. And as is the case for any self-improvement book, to make a lasting change you need to review it again and again, so you don't fall back into the old patterns.

There is some repetition among the lessons. For example, several lessons have to do with being less serious, keeping perspective, and staying present. However, if you stick to the 2-3 lessons a day plan, this won't matter. The author repeats the material that he feels is most important, so as you work through the book, you'll be continuously reminded of its central message.

This is not a self-improvement book that promises a plan for grand achievement. It doesn't play to some masculine ideal. Instead, it's simply human. The author wants men to be feel free to live, not just feel pressured to achieve.

The author also doesn't fall into the pattern of trying to define what a real man is. I've read a couple other books "for men," to find them full of statements such as "A man does not X," or "A real man must Y." It's common for men to say a
nd write such things, for they think that if they're defining what a real man is, then they must be one, themselves. Instead, Dr. Carlson clearly values all men, wherever they may be, and simply makes suggestions that he believes will help them live richer lives.

As mentioned, the lessons touch upon priorities, handling stress, being less serious, keeping perspective, and staying present. However, I believe it's the more singular lessons that give the book its real value. Some of my favorite lessons follow.

In "Learn About Life from Golf," Dr. Carlson uses golf to create a refreshing perspective on life. "When you're

playing effectively, you're completely absorbed in the moment. You're fully present. ... You're relaxed, yet focused. You're having fun. While you're focused on the ball, you're nevertheless aware of the beauty that surrounds you."

"Spend Time with Your Buddies" is an important lesson for men. There are real benefits for men to maintaining a group
of friends, and being active with them. Unfortunately, it's easy for men to let other priorities eliminate time for friend
ship. Or, they may think that a wife or girlfriend will satisfy all of their needs. This is unrealistic and unhealthy.

"Let Go of the Past" is a simple and powerful lesson for both men and women. It may seem obvious, but how easy is it?
Dr. Carlson gives some tools to help: "Seeing our past as memory -- as thoughts carried through time (nothing more or less
) -- is an extremely powerful insight." So seeing the past as a memory, not as a part of you, will help you shake it loose
so you can act, uninhibited, in the present.

At $11.95, the book is a great value if you're the type who can read helpful advice and put it into practice.

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New Legal Breakthrough for C4M?

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Jim Castelli sent in a summary of a recent ruling by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) on the paternity status of posthumously conceived children. Jim claims that the court's ruling is actually an important breakthrough in legalizing men's reproductive rights. Click **Read More** for his letter, which was also submitted to *The Boston Globe*.In the just decided case of *Lauren Woodward vs Commissioner of Social Security*, Docket No. SJC 08490, the SJC has unintentionally given the issue of "Choice For Men" the language and rationale which has long been overdue.

In an article appearing in *The Boston Globe* on January 3, 2002 (Those conceived posthumously can be legal heirs), the Supreme Judicial Court has decided that a mother can collect social security benefits for herself and her two children even though the twins were conceived through artificial insemination after the death of their father. The court ruled, however, that to be entitled to the dead man's money, the mother must prove 1) that the dead man is genetically/biologically the father of the children 2) the parents - "both of them" - agreed to the conception 3) the parent - "the deceased father" - agreed to support the children.

In an article appearing in *The Boston Globe* on April 25, 2001 (SJC says fatherhood goes past DNA test), this same SJC decided that a young boy who had been deceived into believing he was the father of a child must continue to pay child support when 1) he did not agree to the conception, 2) DNA tests proved that he was not the "genetic father," and 3) he did not agree to continue supporting a child that was not his own.

Let's see, if you are a dead man a woman must prove 1) that a child is yours, 2) you both agreed that the child should be born, and 3) you "both" agreed to support it. If you are are alive, a woman can force you to pay child support for 1) a child that is not yours, 2) a child you did not "choose" to have conceived 3) a child you do not want to support. In Massachusetts, apparently, dead men have a more rights than living men over their reproductive choices.

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Old Man Dies Alone: Estate To the People Who Ignored Him

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jaxom writes *"The problem of elderly women living alone, dying, and then not being discovered has mostly been eliminated. Elderly men still die alone, as this story shows. Interestingly, the deceased has left an estate, rumoured to be large, to the people of Prince Rupert: The very people who ignored him."*Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Prince Rupert aghast over an unnoticed death

Author: Mark Hume

Date: January 4, 2002

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The Importance of Father Love

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David Compas writes *"I just learned of this Journal article yesterday via a talk radio program. The article is, "The Importance of Father Love: History and Contemporary Evidence". Most of us will need to utilize an inter-library loan service to retrieve the full article. The summary states: "...the influence of father love on offspring's development is as great as and occasionally greater than the influence of mother love." Will this kind of information ever make the mainstream press?"*

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A "New Model of Masculinity"

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Neil Steyskal and cheddah both submitted this story. Cheddah writes, "*Here is an interesting story from one of Boston's leading misandrists, Ellen Goodman of the Boston Globe. She complains about women's interest in "Kate & Leopold" where a man is depicted as having virtue and honor. Ellen seems disappointed that the media has allowed men to be portrayed as masculine heroes that "protect us (women) ... from powerful men." It is disappointing that anytime this woman rants over men, the Boston Globe and Boston.com put her articles in high profile spots.*"Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: A new model of masculinity

Author: Ellen Goodman

Date: January 3, 2002

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MANN/iFemists Chat: Prostitution

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Tonight's joint Mensactivism.org/iFeminists.com chat will be on the controversial topic of prostitution. To my understanding, Wendy McElroy's views are that prostitution in general is not demeaning or oppressive of women, but there are many other issues to discuss as well. Join us at the iFeminists.com chat room at 9:00 PM EST tonight (1/6) for what is sure to be a lively discussion/debate!

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Rape Acquittal Tactics

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frank h writes *"This story is a reflective on the William Kennedy Smith rape trial and acquittal in 1991. I don't remember much about the trial, but based on what I read here, the acquittal seems justified. However, what I really want to point out is that the defense used an interesting tactic to "...get around [rape shield] laws "by using ordinary language" that contingently constructs, rather than merely reflects," issues of consent, force and sexual history..." I submit this because it seems to me that this is the dawn of the new assault by the feminists on the due process afforded men accused of rape. This is something we ought to watch and react to if it happens. Perhaps we ought to take some pre-emptive action and write, including a copy of this and any current articles on false accusations, to legislators at the state level."*

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Woman 'Slapped On Wrist' After Abducting Child From Father

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This story in the *Chicago Daily News* once again highlights the fact that women are, often, given lighter sentences than men for similar crimes. In this case, a woman who abducted her child from the father 10 years ago was sentenced to probation for it. Ever though everyone agreed the crime was "horrible," the father agreed to the sentence because he wanted the long, drawn out legal proceedings over. The kidnapper had accused the father of child abuse and absconded with his little girl in 1991. *Standing in court, in an anguished voice and bordering on tears, Reichart read a statement condemning his ex-wife as being a "pathological liar."*

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Men's Safety Not so Important for TTC

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AFG sent in this story and writes *"For the last little while, the Toronto Transit Commission has had a "request stop" program for women on buses in between 9pm and 5am. This safety initiative (scroll down on the web page) allows for a woman to request to be let off a bus in between designated stops. While such a program is helpful, men are not given the same option, despite the fact that, in many ways, they are more likely to be the victims of violence/assault."*Source: The City of Toronto Web Site [Canada]

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Disappearing Acts

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I found this article a while ago, it's an opinion piece by Debra Dickerson on the state of affairs between black men and women, and it's brutally honest. To tell the truth, it did seem that she blames the nearest man, but she seems to take it back. There are some conflicting messages here, but perhaps that's because she's speaking from the heart? I don't know - read it and decide for yourself.

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L.A. Times Claims Child Support System Successful

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Marc Angelucci writes *"In this article, the L.A. Times says that California's new child support collection program is a success because a study shows that it "more than doubled the average amount brought in" and because it fostered "cooperation" between father's rights groups and child support advocates." The author does use gender-neutral language. But he only quotes from state officials and a child support advocacy group, never from a men's rights group. Had the author consulted and quoted a men's rights group, then we might also have read about things like biased custody and support awards, excessive enforcement, the system's failure to enforce visitation and ensure that support is spent on the children, or how custodial mothers receive higher support awards than custodial fathers even when all other factors are equal. Please write to the editor at letters@latimes.com."*Source: The L.A. Times [newspaper]

Title: Reformed Child Support System Termed a Success

Author: Greg Krikorian

Date: January 5, 2002

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J.C. Penny Demeans Fathers With "One Day Sale" Ad

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equalitarian62 writes, *"J. C. Penney has a TV commercial for its "One Day Only Sale." This ad shows a man that has been left alone with his young son. The man appears to be overwhelmed as the household falls apart, and he wonders when his wife will be coming home to sort things out. Meanwhile, his wife is having a terrific time at the sale. The ad ends with the message "Don't worry Dad, it's only one day." I find this ad to be demeaning to men and fathers in that it portrays them as incompetent at running a household and caring for children."* Go to the **Read More** section of this story to view equalitarian62's letter and contact info for J.C. Penny.To the staff at J. C. Penney,

I am writing in regard to your TV commercial about your "One Day Only Sale." This ad shows a man that has been left alone with his young son. The man appears to be overwhelmed as the household falls apart, and he wonders when his wife will be coming home to sort things out. Meanwhile, his wife is having a terrific time at the sale. The ad ends with the message "Don't worry Dad, it's only one day."

I find this ad to be demeaning to men and fathers in that it portrays them as incompetent at running a household and caring for children. It should be brought to your attention that anti-male ads such as these are being criticized on several websites (which are viewed by thousands of people each day). Men have become tired of negative portrayals of males in the media, and even some women are starting to speak out against this (it isn't particularly flattering to them either).

It is strongly recommended that you find an alternative approach to selling products, which is not insulting to men. Companies cannot afford to alienate half the population, particularly during a time of recession. While I have been a loyal J. C. Penney customer up until now, I am considering shopping elsewhere (and closing my account) if this particular type of advertising does not cease.

To contact J. C. Penney, please send an email using the following web address:

http://www.jcpenneyeservices.com/csrv/frm_generalinquiries.asp

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Editorial's Sole Purpose is to Bash Men

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ronn sent in this short editorial from the Roanoke Times. The author, Harriet Hodges, claims that "*Women gentle the human impulse... [the savagery of] little boys...is tamed and channeled....Boys grown entirely among males learn arrogance and cruelty.*" How any respectable newspaper could justify printing this trash is beyond me.

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UK Police Doubt Guilt of Alleged Child Abusers

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Douglas Rome sent the following UK Guardian article our way, which reports that "*Terry Grange, Chief Constable of Dyfed Powys...admitted that some recent police inquiries into alleged abuse in care homes may have made mistakes - an admission that could open the way to a flood of successful appeals.* Readers not from Britain should be aware that fear of paedophiles has been near hysterical proportions in this country as of late, and this admission could be the critical opportunity that many men falsely accused of child abuse need to vindicate themselves.Source: The Guardian [UK newspaper]

Title: Police doubt guilt of child abusers

Author: David Rose

Date: January 6, 2002

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Potential Improvement for Prostatitis Treatment

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Bill wrote in about some important medical information for men who are starting to have problems with their prostate. He reports that there is a technique that some doctors should be aware of that can improve the treatment of routine prostatitis (inflammation of the prostate). If you are experiencing this problem, consider talking to your doctor about the following. Click **Read More** below to view Bill's letter. I don't know how much you know about prostates so bear with me if you already know this stuff. One of the most common prostate problems for men is prostatitis (inflammation of the prostate). Most doctors believe it is due to infection so they just start prescribing antibiotics, which certainly makes sense. But these antibiotics can cost a fortune (I'm taking Cipro; $193 for a 3 week supply!!!) and they aren't always the correct antibiotic needed. So it becomes hit and miss, try an antibiotic, doesn't work, try a different one. Also, some doctors will actually encourage patients to have sex (i.e. ejaculate) thereby decreasing pressure on the prostate by decreasing the amount of fluid in it. And there are men who, for any number of reasons, may have a problem with this.

The doctor at www.prostate-usa.com has devised a system (tested on numerous men in the Phillipines) where he actually massages the prostate via the anus. It sounds bizarre, I know, but this is not the first time I've heard of this. He massages it to the point where some fluid actually comes out the penis which gives the patient a little relief and then in a lab detects specifically what bacteria exist in the fluid and prescribes the antibiotic based on the type of bacteria. Sounds novel indeed but it may have potential and God knows prostatitis is a common and recurring problem in men in their 40's. It happens so often to truck drivers they've nicknamed it "truck drivers' disease". Of course for the record I'm not a medical professional or anything like that, so take this advice as you see fit.

Bill

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McElroy Exposes NOW's Grab For WTC Recovery Funding

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Friend of MANN and ifeminist Wendy McElroy's latest Fox News Column is now available online. This week, McElroy delves into the National Organization for Women's attempt to redirect funds earmarked for the World Trade Center recovery effort to other purposes. Amusingly, McElroy points out the lack of common sense behind everything NOW has said or done related to the 9/11 tragedy so far: *[NOW President Kim] Gandy then explained the proper political response to the war on terrorism: Demand justice for the women of Afghanistan, advocate the right of women soldiers to have abortions abroad, speak out for gay and transgender soldiers.*

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ERA Making a Comeback?

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Neil Steyskal sent in a link to an article in the Fairfax Journal, which reports that a couple of Northern Virginia legislators are proposing to revive the Equal Rights Amendment. Many men's activists have mixed views on the ERA, but from my understanding, if it passed, the ERA would put an end to allowing women to have rights without the corresponding responsibilities. **Nightmist's Update**: The story has moved hereSource: The Fairfax Journal [newspaper]

Title: Equal rights debate returns

Author: Michael Neibauer

Date: January 5, 2002

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Women Fined for Returning After Getting Protective Orders

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DaveW writes *"This story, about a judge fining women who get protective orders, but later return to their alleged abusers, may indicate the beginning of a trend to curb the misuse of protective orders."* I'm definitely in favor of policies which encourage people to stop and think before filing a protective order, considering how often they get carelessly used these days.Source: The Lexington Herald-Leader [newspaper]

Title: Judge fines women who return to their alleged abusers

Author: John Cheves

Date: January 3, 2002

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Sex Offenders to be Tracked by Satellite

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donaldcameron1 sent in this very disturbing article from Canada's National Post and writes *"I contend that this is the another step on the path to controlling the movement and lives in general of most men."* The article states that a system is being tested whereby sex offenders, when released from prison, will be forced to wear an electronic ankle bracelet which can report their physical position using the Global Positioning System. Click **Read More** to view Donald's letter to the editor, and consider writing in about this as well.This is my letter to the editor although my reactionary style may preclude it from publication.

This is a crazy idea.

How does this device prevent a child from being molested? Most convicted child molesters are men; women, in this country, don't even get jailed for kidnapping their children. This practice will not only make room in the prisons for more men, but also will make jailing men more palatable.

First we start with child molesters, then we herald the whole experiment as a great success (even though it won't be - we can't even do water sampling properly). Then in the great celebration of its success we quietly add violent offenders - you know the ones, the men who allegedly slap, hit, or even yell at women or children, as they will be the most applauded and easiest to force it on. Then we cite the ever soaring costs of imprisoning these men and make wearing these devices a mandatory part of restraining orders. Remember now, the woman who complains does not need to prove her case, the burden of proof is on the man to show his innocence.

This is nothing more than a pilot project in the general Canadian push for ever greater control on the movement of men and ever greater control over their lives, period.

If Canada really doesn't like or trust its males, why not just screen them out in the first trimester and go with genetic engineering of pregnancy instead?
You don't want or need us and prostitution is illegal, so hell...just get it over with. We just won't call it Nazism, it will be our little secret.

Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Ont. to be first province to introduce satellite monitoring of sex offenders

Author: Ross Marowits

Date: January 7, 2002

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Michael Jordan's Wife Files For Divorce

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This story from sportsillustrated.cnn.com reports that famed basketball player Michael Jordan's wife has filed for divorce. Citing "irreconcilable differences," she wants the house, the children, and half of everything else (the vast majority of which were built from Jordan's basketball career, no doubt). *...Jordan cited a desire to spend more time with his family when he retired from the Bulls the first time in October 1994 and again in January 1999.* Perhaps now he is being punished for returning to the game?

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Murderous Mom Avoids Jail

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jaxom submitted this story from the UK Independent and writes *""A young mother suffering from depression avoided jail yesterday despite killing her baby daughter in a jealous rage by tossing her from the window of a second-floor flat." Can anyone imagine a similar judgment for a father who killed a baby?"*Source: The Independent [UK newspaper]

Title: Mother who killed baby avoids jail term

Author: Paul Peachey

Date: January 5, 2002

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Using Sexual Harassment as a Weapon

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Remo writes *"This article is from a Japanese newspaper, and it deals with the abuse of Japan's new laws on harassment in the workplace. I wonder why they didn't look at the U.S. first, and see an example of how NOT to write these laws?"*Source: Mainichi News [Japanese newspaper]

Title: Fellas feeling the backlash of sexual harassment across their butts

Author: Ryann Connell

Date: December 28, 2001

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New DesertLight Journal Released

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The first 2002 issue of the *DesertLight Journal* is out, and is sure to enjoy the same success that it had in 2001. Click here for the latest edition, which covers news including an Australian community radio program run for fathers by fathers, more domestic violence services in Canada for men, the formation of an international coalition to restore family rights, and much more.

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Afghan Men Devastated

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Neil Steyskal submitted this New York Times article (free registration required) and writes *"The NY Times has a feature article on the mental and physical devastation of Afghan men after decades of war."* From the article: " *Afghanistan is a nation with 24 million people but only three psychiatric hospitals and eight psychiatrists to serve them. It has virtually no ability to treat its enormous population of mentally ill war victims, according to the World Health Organization, which estimates the mentally ill population at two million.*" Source: The New York Times [newspaper]

Title: Ravaged Psyches in a Generation of Fighting

Author: C. J. Chivers

Date: January 9, 2002

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Abortions Hard to Come By for Women Soldiers Abroad

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Hawth writes *"In this recent commentary found at SF Gate, Joan Ryan expresses concern for U.S. women soldiers wanting abortions. The procedure may be banned in certain countries, or performed in poor conditions, thus necessitating women soldiers to be sent home for the procedure - at their own expense. Ryan seems to have trouble with the idea that women soldiers may lack certain freedoms they enjoy as civilians."*Source: The San Fransisco Chronicle [newspaper]

Title: She defends freedoms she can't exercise

Author: Joan Ryan

Date: December 18, 2001

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The Founder Of Masculism?

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A while ago, I was doing a search on masculism over at Google out of boredom, when I found this e-mail from Terry Daly, a man who claims to be the "*sole founder of masculism and leader of the masculist movement.*" and also says "*I want to clear up the confusion which exists in America about the genesis of the men's movement terms 'masculist' and 'masculism', and about the precise nature of what constitutes (and does not constitute) the masculist manifesto.*"
What a big claim, huh? Have a read anyway and see what you think.

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Roanoke Man Demands New Trial After Girl Recants Accusations

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While looking for letters in response to Harriet Hodges' recent male bashing editiorial, I came across a story about a man who has spent two years in jail and is asking for a new trial after a 13-year-old girl has recanted her accusation that the man molested her while he was living with her and her mother. This story in the *Roanoke Times* gives the full details. *Aleck J. Carpitcher was convicted solely on the testimony of his girlfriend's 11-year-old daughter, who later said she fabricated a story about Carpitcher's abusing her because she wanted him out of the house they all shared. ... "I did not know that he would get in so much trouble or that he would have to spend the rest of his life in prison. ... I felt like everything backfired, and now I am trying to make things right."* **Scott's note:** Thanks also to Neil Steyskal for sending in the story as well.

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Dateline, Katie Couric Solicit Opinion from IWF

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Steven Jones writes *"Tuesday, January 8th, NBC Dateline did a story on Post Partum depression and the Andrea Yates case. Katie "the castrator" Couric was the commentator. When it came time to interview a feminist for the official women's view something shocking happened. Katie did not interview Kim Gandy of NOW or anyone from NOW. Katic interviewed Nancy Pftonhauer, the president of the Independent Women's Forum. I was blown away. NBC's summary of their story is here. I e-mailed Dateline and congratulated them on their decision to interview the IWF instead of NOW. I hope they do that more often."* I wonder how much this has to do with the publication of the book Bias?

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Wife Who Identified Husband as Terrorist Indicted

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Anonymous User writes *"A Houston woman was indicted recently on charges of making false statements to the FBI after she told agents that her husband was a terrorist who received an e-mail before the New York attacks that included macabre images of a skull, an airplane, and the World Trade Center. Go to this page to read the details."* Steven Jones also sent in this article - thanks!Source: Houston Chronicle [newspaper]

Title: Wife who identified husband as terrorist indicted

Author: Rosanna Ruiz

Date: January 10, 2002

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Girl Drivers Catching Up With Boys in Car Wrecks

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Steve Jones writes *"Girls are having nearly as many wrecks as boys now and insurance companies are acknowledging the trend. Shirley Muldowney, female drag racer, says in the article that she thinks girls now are just as bad drivers as boys when it comes to being overly aggressive and wreckless. The article is here"* Thanks also to Neil Steyskal for sending in this USA Today article on the same story.Source: USA Today [newspaper]

Title: Girls' driving takes a bad turn 16-year-olds speeding and crashing more, and paying more for insurance

Author: Earle Eldridge

Date: January 7, 2002

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Morally Bankrupt Family Law Court Responsible for Father's Suicide

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Mike LaSalle writes *"I received the following email from Lowell Jaks of ANCPR, who has perfectly summarized the ugly unspoken truth behind this "Family Law" abomination:* "I'm sure there are many on this list who know exactly how this man felt...The combination of factors: 1) destruction of your family, 2) the forced separation from your children, and 3) being forced to pay the other party for the "privilege" of not having to raise your children anymore, is devastating to anyone who has had this happen. It was too much for Derrick K. Miller. He is now dead."" Thanks also to ronn and Luek for submitting the article.

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U.S. Deporting Only Males from Arab Nations

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Steven Jones writes *"The Federal government is deporting 6000 Arab males in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. But not one female. [Some believe that] Islam calls for believers to strike out at non-believers. It does not say that only male Muslims should do this. While [some believe] Christianity says to "turn the other cheek," Islam calls for "an eye for an eye" which is the reason violent attacks on seemingly innocent people are considered justified. We may very well see women being recruited for further attacks in the future. But for now, the story of the mass male deportation is here."* I added the qualifiers in brackets because I know many religious followers both faiths find these interpretations debatable.

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Easier Vasectomies with Ultrasound

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Neil Steyskal submitted this article from the New Scientist about a new method for performing vasectomies. Currently only performed on dogs, the system uses blasts of ultrasound to heat the vas deferens, closing it off without having to perform any minor surgery. This method could also be very useful in developing countries where sterilized equipment is hard to come by. But Neil asks, "*are they reversible?*" The article doesn't mention this. Source: New Scientist [magazine]

Title: Ultrasound used for blood-free vasectomies

Author: Ian Sample

Date: January 9, 2002

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Masculophobia

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LadyRivka writes *"This article describes the cultural phenomenon known as "masculophobia", or fear of the masculine or of men. The author contends that this fear exists not only in women, but in men who buy into feminist stereotypes and/or "typical" male gender roles."* I read this on the NCFM e-mail list a while back, and it is a great essay. Definitely a keeper.

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Sex Profiling Letter Printed

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Neil Steyskal had a letter printed in the Dallas Morning News in response to the recent decision to deport Arabic men. The letter can be read here. Thanks, Neil!

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Canadian University Teacher Degrades Men

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zerostress writes *"Here is another example on how sexist and degrading comments are routinely uttered against men in our society by member of its intelligensia. This article from the site of Ski Canada tells how a woman professor at the University of Manitoba,*
Terri Fuglem, said Tuesday that women who frequent the downtown area will be at risk from "testosterone"-driven males if a new entertainment complex is built in Winnipeg."

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MANN/iFeminists Chat: Roe v. Wade

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Wendy McElroy writes, *"Join us this Sunday (1/13) at 9:00 p.m. EST in the jointly sponsored ifeminists.com/mensactivism.org chat room where we will be discussing the upcoming 29th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion nationwide. Has it been a "success," or a moral travesty? I have extreme reservations about the Court decision that built reproductive rights on shifting sand and some ifeminists are actively pro-life. We'd like to hear from men as well who are too often left out of the abortion dialogue."*

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MANN Feature: The Price of Fatherhood

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Our newest feature article, again by columnist Glenn Sacks (we would definitely have this guy on payroll, if we had a payroll), covers the issues of fatherhood, the risks that men take for the sake of their families, and refutes the idea that mothers are the only ones that make sacrifices for their children. Sacks' writing comes from his own experiences as both a construction worker and as a full-time father, and this unique perspective is very useful to apply to this topic. See the **Read More** section below for another knockout article by Glenn Sacks, which was also printed in both the *San Fransisco Daily Journal* and *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. ronn and tparker also deserve credit for submitting this story to us.

The Price of Fatherhood - a Father's Reply to Ann Crittenden's 'Mothers Manifesto'

By Glenn J. Sacks, Glennjsacks@cs.com

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Ann Crittenden's popular The Price of Motherhood: Why Motherhood is the Most Important--And Least Valued--Job in America, released in paperback this week, has become the first feminist classic of the new millennium. Crittenden's "mothers' manifesto" is an expose of the so-called "mommy tax," which can include reduced job opportunities and salary for mothers, as well as a lack of appreciation, often from working women themselves.

However, if there is a woman paying the "mommy tax" by sacrificing her earning power to be at home full-time or part-time, there has to be a man in the household supporting the family and, by so doing, paying the "daddy tax." Crittenden, by defining "privilege" and "sacrifice" only in terms of pay and career status, sees disadvantages only for mothers and not for fathers. But what about the price of fatherhood?

The average American father works 51 hours a week. While nearly half of American mothers with children under the age of six do not work full time, even those who do average only a 41 hour work week. American men work the longest hours of any workers (male or female) in the industrialized world. Men work 90% of the overtime hours in the US, and are more likely to work nights and weekends, to travel for work, and to have long commutes. All of these deprive fathers of valuable time with their children.

In addition, men do our society's most hazardous and demanding jobs, in large part because the higher pay allows them to better provide for their families. Nearly 100,000 American workers died from job-related injuries over the past decade and a half, 95% of them men. There were over 100 million workplace injuries in the US between 1976 and 1999, again the overwhelming majority of them suffered by men.

Men dominate in all stress-related diseases, including a two to one lead in heart disease. In fact, Gloria Steinem once cited this in advising men to support women's careers, saying, "Men--support feminism! You have nothing to lose but your coronaries!"

Less time with their children, long work days and work weeks, job hazards and job stress--all of these are the daddy tax. I know, because I've paid it. As the main provider for my family, I worked 60 hour, six day weeks far from home, sometimes at hazardous construction jobs. I missed my young son so badly that many times, arriving home from work late at night, I would carry him around the house on my shoulder, even though he was asleep. My fatherhood was the hollow, joyless fatherhood many men endure--all the burdens of supporting children drained of the pleasure of actually being with them. At times it seemed the only interaction I had with my son was disciplining him, the one parenting job which has not so generously always been reserved for fathers.

One day I was so disheartened over the situation that I walked off my job, pulled my son out of his kindergarten class, took him to the toy store, bought him a race car set, and spent the rest of the day playing with him.

Fortunately, it didn't cost me my job.

Even more fortunate is that, unlike many men and fathers, I haven't been financially trapped in a hazardous job--what men's advocate Warren Farrell calls the "glass cellar of male disposability." A construction job I worked at when I was young illustrates well the untold cost of fatherhood which many men pay.

I worked at a nuclear power plant in the South. Every morning we strapped on our tool belts and hard hats, and made the long climb up the rebar skeletal frame of the building. Once we were 50 feet up, we hooked our hook belts around the rebar and then leaned back to work, with most of our weight on that hook belt. Leaving aside the blistering heat, the difficult reaches, and the danger of someone else's tools falling on you, the reality was that your life--minute by minute, hour after hour, day after day--was dependent upon that hook belt.

One day a journeyman electrician called to me to climb down and help him. He had a rope in one hand and his tool box in the other. We walked over to a large room filled with immense electrical panels. He told me to stand 10 feet behind him and hold the rope. I had no idea why, but I did as I was told. He then made the other part of the rope into a harness, put it on, and said "I'm gonna work on these wires, and some of them are live. If I hit the wrong one and start to fry, you pull me out."

I thought he was joking.

He wasn't.

He began to work and every once in a while he would take a tool he was done with and throw it at my feet, saying "hey--you awake? I got three kids to feed and they ain't gonna go barefoot 'cause you aren't payin' attention."

"No, no, I'm here," I protested. "Why don't they turn off the power so you can do this without being in danger?"

"Company won't do it. Too expensive."

"More expensive than your life?"

"To them."

"How come you don't just tell them 'no?' "

"Can't. Got kids to feed."

"You could do something else. Go to college."

"No money for it--got kids, a wife, a mortgage. Wait 'till you get married and have kids--you'll see."

Lunch time was often the time for "scare the new guy" on workplace injuries and safety. Every man had a horror story to tell, either about what happened to him or what happened to his buddy. The guy who shot his nailgun into a knot in wood and the nail glanced off and nailed his hand to the wall--just before his ladder came out from under him. The guy who sliced his fingers off with a saw and stepped on one as he tried to pick them up one by one. The guy who repaired power lines and hit a live wire while working 20 feet up and is only alive today because his buddy kicked him off the pole.

Fortunately for me, with the exception of bangs and bruises and falling off of a ladder a couple times, the closest I've come to a serious injury was when I shot myself in the hand with a nailgun--fortunately for me, a thin finishing nail. Later I did carpentry jobs as a side business, but luckily I no longer have to hang off the side of buildings or do other hazardous jobs. Most of my carpentry skills now are applied toward building my kids a bunk bed or a lemonade stand. But whenever I hear middle-class feminists like Crittenden tell us of her woes as a woman (and Crittenden, who uses herself as an example of motherly victimhood, tells us plenty of her personal woes), I think of those men and of the sacrifices they make to provide for their families and to give them safety and security--safety and security that they themselves will probably never have.

My life changed dramatically when my second child was born--I switched from the traditional father role to the

traditional mother role. Now my wife enthusiastically pursues her new career and I've cut my work schedule back to care for our daughter during the day. I do all the cooking (and we never eat out or take in), the dishes, the shopping, the chauffeuring, the laundry, and the errands. Exactly as Crittenden did, I pursue my freelance writing career at home, in between my household duties. Crittenden is deeply bitter about this "sacrifice," but I consider myself to be quite lucky.

Which is better, paying the mommy tax or paying the daddy tax? There are advantages and disadvantages to both. It depends upon the jobs and personalities of those involved. For me, being at home with my young daughter has been the greatest, most fulfilling experience of my life, and I'll always be grateful to my wife for allowing me the opportunity. All of the "firsts" that I missed with my son--the first words, the first steps--I've been able to enjoy with my daughter, as well as countless other magical, irreplaceable moments. And there's nothing better in the world than when my little daughter walks up to me, puts her hand on my shoulder and says "every night I go sleepies right here." I have no desire to return to a demanding work schedule and be away from my kids. Given a choice, I'd rather pay the mommy tax.

Crittenden has several worthwhile suggestions on how to reduce the mommy tax, including universal preschool, a year's paid leave after the birth of each child, and full benefits for part-time work. I'm not sure how practical these ideas are, but I'm certainly interested, since they could help mothers as well as fathers and children. But how dare she, and other feminists, claim that the burden of children falls only on mothers? Yes, Ms. Crittenden, there is a mommy tax, but the daddy tax is just as large.

Glenn J. Sacks is the only regularly published male columnist in the US who writes about gender issues from a perspective unapologetically sympathetic to men. Glenn writes a regular column for the Los Angeles Daily Journal and the San Francisco Daily Journal. His columns have also appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle, the Los Angeles Times, the Salt Lake City Tribune, the Los Angeles Daily News, and the Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Gender Terrorism

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frank h writes *"I picked this up from Men's News Daily, and I'm surprised that someone else has not already submitted it. Margery Landry should go down in history as the first gender terrorist. Notice the arrogant, "you ain't got nuthin on me!" look on her face. What will be REALLY sickening is if she gets away with her crime, especially after she was identified by her victim."*Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Wife's Friend Charged in Md. Shooting

Author: Phuong Ly

Date: January 9, 2002

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Follow-up Article About the Suicide of Mr. Derrick

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Luek writes *"Journalist Glenn Sacks has written and posted an article about the high rate of male suicides based on the tragic death of Mr. Miller on the courthouse steps January 8th."* Thanks also to ronn for submitting this link from the Union Tribune, which published Sacks' article. This definitely is a topic that should get people's attention and get them to start asking *why* this is becoming such a trend. How can people continue to ignore the suicide of men and fathers?Source: The Union Tribune [newspaper]

Title: America's suicide epidemic worsens

Author: Glenn Sacks

Date: January 11, 2002

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The White Ribbon

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ronn sent in this article from Canada's *Independent* magazine. The editorial is an interesting reflection on the white ribbon campaign currently going on in Canada to protest the Marc Lepine shooting, and the dynamics surrounding gender, violence, and perception. Stephen Roney points out the fallacies and hypocrisies of presuming that violence against women is more important than other forms of violence, and makes several observations about current events which tie into this theme. Source: The Independent [Canadian magazine]

Title: Spare us the white ribbon attack: we surrender

Author: Stephen Roney

Date: January 7, 2002

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9 YO Girl Charged With Sexual Assault

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Luek writes *"Here is a budding neo-feminist breaking gender barriers once the domain of males: "The elementary school student (9 years old) sic was charged last week with fourth-degree sexual assault, a misdemeanor, and three counts of risk of injury to a minor, a felony, said Manchester police Sgt. John Maston.""* This isn't something you see reported on very often, and it's encouraging to hear that the police seem to be taking this seriously.Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Girl, 9, charged with sexual assault

Author: Unknown [AP story]

Date: January 11, 2002

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Issues with Female Cadets at VMI

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DaveW writes *"This editorial in The Women's Quarterly of the Independent Women's Forum thoughtfully discusses some the issues involved in the Supreme-Court-forced introduction of female cadets at Virginia Military Institute."*

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Advice to Fathers: Avoid Court When Possible

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ronn pointed us to this story from the Ottawa Citizen. Dave Brown writes about the experiences of fathers in the family court system, and finds that for most fathers, you're better off avoiding going to court when it's at all possible: "*The best way to deal with the legal industry is to avoid it. It should not be regarded as a justice system. It is an industry that provides incomes for its insiders and, as an industry, its raw material is us.*" Until the family courts regain a semblance of fairness, I have to admit that he's right.Source: The Ottawa Citizen [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Avoiding court is best defence

Author: Dave Brown

Date: January 12, 2002

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L.A. Times Ignoring Abused Men, Again

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Marc Angelucci writes *"The Los Angeles Times printed a long, front page article that focuses on the question of whether a child should stay at home when a mother is abused by a father - not one word about mothers abusing fathers and whether the kids should stay home in that situation. I'm so sick of this that I called the news editor, who surprisingly called back saying "you have a point" and said he'd speak to the editors. It would be nice if he heard from others too. You can leave him a message by calling 213-237-7000 and asking for news editor Dean Bachi. Also, the reader's representative is at 877-554-4000, and the editor's email is letters@latimes.com. Thanks!"*Source: The Los Angeles Times [newspaper]

Title: Deciding if a Child Is Safe

Author: Carla Rivera

Date: January 14, 2002

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It's Time For The Media To Focus On Causes of Male Suicide

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Although I know quite a bit has been written lately about the San Diego suicide of Derrick K. Miller, I felt that something from a media perspective needed to be added to the discussion. As a police reporter for a newspaper in Franklin, Tenn., I covered all kinds of horrifying stories, including one which is remarkably similar to Miller's. Here are my thoughts on how the media should follow up on Miller's story. This column will also appear on ifeminists.com. Special thanks to Wendy McElroy for continuing to run my column.

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NY Wants Taxpayers to Pay For Women's Personal Choices

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Wendy McElroy's latest column warns New York against incoming Mayor Michael Bloomberg's efforts to get taxpayers to fund abortion training for medical residents. Is this, once again, government suggesting that women may make choices without taking responsibility for their actions? McElroy says: *I believe the pro-life side has won the abortion debate in North America precisely because pro-choice advocates insist on tax funding, in one form or another, for abortions. That position is both morally insupportable and legally imprudent.*

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$50k per Month Child Support Payments

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DanCurry writes *"With what is already the highest child support award in the state of California, it's still not enough for this struggling mother. Lisa Bonder Kerkorian is currently seeking a monthly payment of $320k. Listing outrageous monthly expenses such as $144k for travel, $4,300 for food and $7,000 for charities. This clearly shows what her true objective is, taking all his money, not just what the child needs. Though this may seem extreme, many divorce cases, especially those of the poor, equal a complete transfer of income from the father to the mother."* **Update:** I have removed in incorrect mathematical statement from the summary. Also thanks to Deacon for sending in this link on the same story.

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Ontario Tracking False Rape Accusations

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This story from equityfeminism.com details Ontario's efforts at tracking incidents of false accusations of rape. *It would be an interesting experiment to deploy a computerized system like this in several U.S. states and see if rates of false allegations are similar to those in Canada. At the very least, it would be good to have solid numbers rather than just speculation on the false sexual assault allegations in the United States.*

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Glenn Sacks to Appear on KABC Los Angeles

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Glenn Sacks will be an in-studio guest on the Al Rantel Show on KABC 790 AM in Los Angeles this Thursday (1/17) at 8 PM. Glenn and Al will be discussing Glenn's recent column on the tragic courthouse suicide of distraught father Derrick Miller and the epidemic of male suicide in America. Anybody who would like to call in to the show to talk to Glenn and Al may do so at 1-800-222-KABC. You can listen to the show on the web at this site.

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Gender Studies: The Sexuality of Terrorism

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Just when we thought it couldn't get any worse. First, Judy Mann blames men for terrorism. Other feminist writers soon follow suit. Now The Dept. of Women's Studies at California State University is offering a course titled "The Sexuality of Terrorism," according to this story from Pacific Research Institute. *Most people never imagined that terrorism had anything to do with sexuality, but that's not what those who study women think. But according to their materials, it would be more accurate to say that terrorism has a nationality, one that sounds a lot like American.*

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Chat Tonight: Men's Health - What are you Doing About Your Own?

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Tonight's (1/16) MANN on-line chat will be held on a topic related more to "personal activism," namely taking care of your own health. I know that as an advocate for men's health, I've sometimes neglected my own, or at least not prioritized it as I should, and I'm working on eliminating that contradiction. Nightmist will be hosting the chat, which starts at 9:30 PM EST at the MANN on-line chat page. Join us for an informal discussion on men's health in general and what *you* can do to better take care of your own.

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Guys Read: A Literacy Program for Boys

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I almost fell over in my local independent bookstore the other day, when I saw a table display in the children's book section called *Guys Read*. Jon Scieszka is promoting literacy and boys' issues in general with his GuysRead.com web site, suggesting books that young boys will enjoy and offering information to readers about why boys' literacy is such an urgent issue. **Update:** Jon's e-mail is guysread@aol.com. Why not send him a note of thanks?

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James Q. Wilson on the Decline of Marriage

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We have a *ton* of messages submitted by the tireless Neil Steyskal which have yet to be posted, this one being from over a week ago. We are going to catch up with you, Neil! :) Anyway, the article is about the decline of marriage and is by noted author James Q. Wilson. Wilson believes that the decline of stable marriages is largely due to state benefits to single mothers (including, but not limited to, welfare policy) and cultural changes such as the rise of individualism, the loss of stigma related to illegitimacy and divorce, among others. Wilson also admits that there is little we can do to change the culture other than making our own decisions differently. The article is long and in-depth, and can be read here.
Source: City Journal [magazine]

Title: Why We Don't Marry

Author: James Q. Wilson

Date: Winter 2002

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Working Dads Get No Sympathy (Surprised?)

Adam · 17 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

According to this article, dads can expect no sympathy from anyone for their troubles and the discrimination they face. To quote, "*More than a quarter of Australian fathers believe they are expected to sacrifice time with their children to put in more hours at work, but their female co-workers are not sympathetic, a survey has found.*" Where's sensitivity when a man needs it? There's never been a greater need for it, in my opinion.Source: The Sydney Morning Herald [Australian newspaper]

Title: No kidding, working dads whinge and get scant sympathy from mothers

Author: Karen Ingram

Date: January 15, 2002

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NOW Spinoff Wants 9/11 Money

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thrudd sent in this Fox News story and writes *"A women's rights group is demanding a share of the $11 billion in federal disaster relief for the 9/11 terror attacks, saying it wants the money for affirmative action programs to help more women break into traditionally male fields like firefighting, construction and policing."* Perhaps Wendy's recent article on this is drawing others at Fox to report on the issue? Source: Fox News

Title: Women's Group to Congress: Give Us 9/11 Money or See You in Court

Author: Catherine Donaldson-Evans

Date: January 15, 2002

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Single Dad Gets Recognition and Praise

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Steve Burke sent in a wonderful article from New Hampshire's Union Leader. It's about a single father and what he's done for his daughter, who needed two heart transplants before she was even three years old. The dad's dedication is praised several times, and it's clear that this is a guy who has really turned his life around for the better. It's amazing enough to see such a positive article on fatherhood, but this one is one of the best. Source: The Union Leader [newspaper]

Title: Double heart transplant gives girl, 2, shot at life

Author: Carol Robidoux

Date: January 14, 2002

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The New Male Bashers

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Neil Steyskal sent in this column from WorldNetDaily about a new generation of female pop stars, all of them resentful and hateful toward men. *The latest is Brandy, singer and star of UPN Network's defunct sitcom dud "Moesha." Her latest single, "What About Us?" plays out on a soon-to-be released video of Brandy lamenting a failed relationship, while standing on a hill. But, according to MTV News' Shaheem Reid, the hill is made of men.* Nice messages they're sending to our youth. Fortunately, the columnist is also female, and she displays a significant amount of disgust at the hatred.Source: WorldNetDaily.com [web site]

Title: Pop princesses' jihad on men

Author: Debbie Schlussel

Date: January 15, 2002

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Rape-Hunting Nurses Approved In Court, But Limited

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Neil Steyskal sent in this story from the *Washington Post* about Virginia's decision to allow SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) testimony in sex criminal trials. Although the courts will allow the testimony about the physical attributes of the victim's injuries, they have barred SANE nurses from testifying whether those injuries were caused by a sexual assault. *In issuing its ruling, the court ordered a new trial for a Fairfax County man convicted of rape in 1999, saying that the jury heard improper testimony from a SANE nurse called by the prosecution. Eduardo V. Velazquez was found guilty of assaulting a 15-year-old girl.*Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Nurses' Testimony Limited in Rape Cases

Author: Carol Morello

Date: January 13, 2002

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Wonder of Boys Author Releases Wonder of Girls

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Neil Steyskal submitted this *USA Today* story about Michael Gurian's new book *The Wonder of Girls*. In the article, Gurian is credited with launching the "Boy Movement" after his previous book, *The Wonder of Boys*, drew attention to the shortchanging boys get in reading and writing versus the special attention girls get in math and science. In this book, Gurian challenges the gender feminist vision of girlhood: *Feminism ignores scientific explanations for young girls' dilemmas, he says, in favor of saying the culture "socializes" them. He sums up his central message: "Female biology has to be more important than feminist ideology."*
Source: USA Today [newspaper]

Title: 'Wonder' dad nurtures a debate Girls should be taught that the best things in life are bonding, loving, being loved, author says

Author: Karen S. Peterson

Date: January 15, 2002

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Afghan Bias Campaign Phase II to Begin

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The Men's Health America campaign to lobby the media to include news about the brutalization of Afghan men is about to enter phase II. A special thanks to everyone who participated in the first phase, it was a great success, and many letters were published in leading newspapers around the world. Click **Read More** for an announcement about phase II.

Dear Activist:

On January 21, we will be re-launching the Afghan Men grass-roots campaign.

Why should we be concerned about the plight of males in far-away Afghanistan? There are two reasons:

1. Civilian Afghan men have been subjected to some of the worst human rights violations over the past decade.

These abuses include forced labor, involuntary conscription, torture, and widespread killings. These men were not targeted because they were engaged in any illegal activities. They were targeted specifically because they were MEN. And 750,000 other Afghan men have been killed or maimed by land-mines, often while trying to earn money to support their families.

These abuses have been summarized in several Special Reports compiled by Men's Health America.

2. Feminists are exploiting the situation in Afghanistan in order to impose a quota system on the new Afghan government.

According to a recent article by Wendy McElroy, "Boss Tweed" Feminism, [December 11, 2001] feminists are using euphemistic phrases such as *including the voices of women in government* in order to push a feminist utopia on post-Taliban Afghanistan.

This top-down strategy worked in Kosovo, where the parliament now functions under a UN-mandated quota system that required that one-third of all candidates in the 2001 election were female. A similar tactic was also used in Argentina, which dramatically increased the number of women who have been ***elected*** into government.

If Afghanistan goes the way of Kosovo and Argentina, then what countries will be next?

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Women Are Pigs Too

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If turn-about is fair play, then this article on AskMen.com is playing fairest of them all. Challenging the common feminist-perpetuated notion that "men are pigs," Curt Smith points out the ways in which women, in general, are just as swine-like. *I want people to better understand that men and women are more alike than they think when it comes to sex and sins of the flesh.* Oink, oink!Source: AskMen.com [web site]

Title: All Women Are Pigs

Author: Curt Smith

Date: Unknown

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Parenting Rights Bill Pending

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Thomas writes *"Colorado Majority Whip Bill Sinclair has proposed a bill that, if passed, will eliminate some of the gross injustices of the family law juggernaut. To see a summary of the bill, click here. Unfortunately, you'll then have to scroll down and use the link to "House Bill 02-1190" [Due to frames]. The bill requires a presumption of equally shared parenting, to be overruled only in extenuating circumstances. It also contains a clause for - get this - a change in primary custody if the non-custodial parent is victimized by a false allegation on the part of the custodial parent. In addition, it increases the standard for certain allegations from the vague and much abused "preponderance of evidence" to a more stringent "clear and convincing.""*

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National ID Proposal Could Track Fathers

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The Electronic Frontier Foundation recently released an action alert including information about two proposals that have implications for fathers. The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators is recommending that driver's licenses be modified to be used as a National ID card, and are promoting a Driver Record Information Verification System, which would track all sorts of personal data on people to be shared by state and federal agencies. This centralized database will be certain to track fathers and child support payers, if not immediately than in the future. Click here for contact info for the AAMVA, a sample letter, and more background info.

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Angry Divorced Fathers Flood KABC Radio Phone Lines During Glenn Sacks' Appearance

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Calls from angry divorced fathers flooded KABC Los Angeles radio phone lines during Glenn Sacks' two-hour appearance on the Al Rantel Show Thursday night. Glenn and Al discussed Glenn's column on the dramatic courthouse suicide of distraught San Diego father Derrick Miller, and the discrimination which men routinely face in family court.
To listen to the full show (minus news and commercials), go to Glenn's website at GlennJSacks.com. To contact KABC's Al Rantel with comments, e-mail him at Alrantel@aol.com. To contact Glenn Sacks, e-mail him at GlennJSacks@cs.com.

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Family Oriented Men and International Men's Network Unite

Scott · 19 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

JimBWarrior has announced a recent merger between his group, Family Oriented Men, and the International Men's Network. As such, they have a new web site, which can be seen here. I think it's great to see more co-operation between groups in the men's movement. As more people work together, our effectiveness increases.

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Cathy Young on Rape Shield Laws

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Neil Steyskal sent us Cathy Young's latest column in Reason magazine. In it, Young makes some important observations about rape shield laws, and the problem of achieving justice when potentially important and relevant evidence is barred from the courtroom. She argues that rape shield laws were enacted when there were abusive practices involving prejudice against the alleged victim, but now the pendulum has swung too far in the other direction. Source: Reason [magazine]

Title: Excluded Evidence: The dark side of rape shield laws

Author: Cathy Young

Date: February 2002

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MANN/iFeminists Chat: Divorce and Suicide

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This Sunday's (1/20) joint MANN/iFeminists.com chat will be on whether the law is morally responsible for the suicides of fathers who seem to be arbitrarily denied access to their children. The recent protest/suicide of Derrick Miller has temporarily, at least, brought some attention to this problem. What should be done? What are also the implications for the children, the women, society? Join us at 9:00 PM EST at the iFeminists.com chat room.

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Supreme Court Refuses to Hear Case of Man Forced to Pay for Child Not His Own

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Thomas writes *"This article describes the recent refusal by the US Supreme Court to hear the case of a man forced to pay child support for children born by his then-wife as a result of her cheating on him. For now, at least, this all-too-common, monstrous injustice must be fought on a state-by-state basis."* Ouch. This is a major loss for the cause of men's reproductive rights.

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The Wrestlers Have Balls

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Neil Steyskal submitted this story from *USA Today* about a group of college wrestling advocates who are taking the Education Department to task (in court) over the destruction of men's sports by Title IX. *The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, alleges that the Education Department's interpretation of the law has wrongly prompted colleges to bring their athletic programs into compliance by eliminating men's teams and scholarships.* An Anonymous User also submitted this story from jsonline.com.

Source: USA Today [Newspaper]

Title: College wrestlers take on Title IX: Lawsuit charges discrimination

Author: Gary Mihoces

Date: January 17, 2002

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Abuse Letter Printed in LA Times

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The *LA Times* printed Shawn Larsen's letter regarding the *Times* recent article which spoke of abuse of women and children but ignored men. Thanks to Neil Steyskal for this submission, and thanks to the rest of you who wrote the *LA Times*. **Scott's update:** Shawn Larsen himself wrote in to tell us about this success. Great work, Shawn!

Source: LA Times [newspaper]

Title: Child Abuse

Author: Shawn Larsen

Date: January 18, 2002

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Men Need More Domestic Violence Services

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Marc writes, *"The LA Times printed my article addressing male victims of domestic violence. They left out the Fiebert bibliography and a few other things, but it's still progress. I'm working on getting them to do a story on the topic in the near future, and it looks promising. But meanwhile there may be responses that misleadingly attack my facts and figures, so a few positive responses sent to letters@latimes.com would be nice. Thanks!"*Source: The Los Angeles Times [newspaper]

Title: Expand Outreach and Shelter to Include Males

Author: Marc Angelucci

Date: January 19, 2002

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Does More Sex Lead To Greater Risk of Prostate Cancer?

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Neil Steyskal writes *"It appears that sex with more partners increases the risk of [prostate] cancer. However the quantity of sex with one parter, or alone, does not increase risk."* The story is here This *Spectator* article was apparently generated after an anti-pornography advocate wrote to the paper hinting that increased sexual activity among men has led to an increase in prostate cancer.

Source: The Spectator [Newspaper]

Title: The wages of sex

Author: Robert Baker

Date: January 19, 2002

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Gender-Neutral Public Nudity Laws

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Anonymous User writes *"Admittedly, [this is] not the most important topic we'll ever discuss here. This article in the Bangor [Maine] Daily News reviews a Bangor judge's odd belief that a public nudity law might only apply to men. Aside from interest generated by the weirdness factor, no one else seems to think the judge is making sense."*Source: Bangor Daily News [newspaper]

Title: Female streakers' case puts public indecency law to test

Author: Renee Ordway

Date: January 18, 2002

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Sanford, ME Teacher Ruined by Accusations

Scott · 20 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

An Anonymous User sent in a Foster's article about an elementary school teacher who was accused of "improperly touching" one of his 11 year-old students, who he apparently had frequent contact with outside of class, as she lived a few houses down from him. I read an update on this story which I can't find on Foster's site which said that the judge declared a mistrial and the accused teacher cannot be tried again. Note that there were never any formal *sexual* harassment or assault charges filed against the man, nor is it ever clear that the girl once told him she felt uncomfortable with any of his physical contact. Still, I have to wonder how much common sense the guy has making *any* physical contact at all with his students, especially in this day and age. **Update:** The news story of the mistrial can be read here.Source: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]

Title: Testimony begins in assault trial of former Sanford teacher

Author: Unknown [AP story]

Date: January 16, 2002

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Man Forced to Pay CS Despite His Non-Paternity

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Brian Smith writes *"This an an article from the Lewiston, ME Sun Journal newspaper, about a man who must pay child support after a paternity test positively concluded he was not the father."* He is still being forced to pay, and DHS is denying him visitation rights because he's "not the father." While the Supreme Court might not be of much help anymore, perhaps this man should try to establish a state court decision on Maine?Source: The Sun Journal [newspaper]

Title: State seeks child support from man who is not father

Author: Bonnie Washuk

Date: January 19, 2002

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Washington Post Prints Men's Health Articles

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nagzi writes *"The Washington Post has this article about the upcoming Men's Health Bill. Also, there are three articles dealing with Prostate Cancer. Facts about prostate Cancer (VERY short on facts), Prostate Cancer (filled with some interesting info), and Tackling a Man's Disease (a Female Urologist Crusades Against Prostate Cancer)."*

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The End Of Pregnancy?

Adam · 21 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I've found this UK Guardian article claiming that "*Within a generation there will be probably be mass use of artificial wombs to grow babies*". You're probably wondering why I posted this, the main reason is to counter all those claims that the nearest man is "redundant" and "biologically useless" by showing the other side of the coin, as it were. While the technology is still a few years off, the article makes for an informative and perhaps un-nerving read. That said, do read it, as it pays to be in the know.Source: The Guardian (UK Newspaper)

Title: The end of pregnancy

Author: Jeremy Rifkin

Date: January 17, 2002

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MensHour Jan 2002 Program(me)

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I'm again late in announcing this, but the streaming audio program MensHour has had a new release this month. This episode is a kind of year-in-review, with contributions from several people involved in the men's movement, including Karl from AngryHarry.com, Philip Cook, author of Abused Men, Trudy W. Schuett of the DesertLight Journal, Jim Bailey from Family Oriented Men, and several others. You can listen to the program here.

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Three Boys Face Pornography Charges, Girl Does Not

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This story in the *Sun-Sentinel* once again highlights how boys and girls (and men and women) are treated differently when it comes to criminal activity. Four youths (three boys and one girl) produced a pornographic video starring themselves. All four were set to benefit financially from its production. The three boys are now likely to face child pornography charges. The girl will not be charged. *"You can't pick and choose who you're going to charge when you have more than one child involved," Lerman said. "It shows the way society treats boys and girls. The boys are punished but the girls have to be protected."*

Source: Sun-Sentinel [newspaper]

Title: High school sex video spurs debate over charges

Date: January 18, 2002

Author: Kevin Krause

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Man Freed From Child Support He Does Not Owe

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This stunning victory for a man who was sued for $12,303 in back child support, even though he was not the father of the child, is heartening. The *Washington Times* reports that a 4-3 vote in the Maryland Court of Appeals released Nicholas Todd Walter from the payments. *"Without paternity, there is no legal duty; without a legal duty, there can be no financial obligation," according to the judgment written by Lynne A. Battaglia, former U.S. attorney for Maryland who was appointed to the court last year. The ruling reverses a 1994 decision by the state's highest court that a man who agreed to pay child support, but later discovered he was not the biological father, must continue to pay.* **Scott's note:** Thanks also to Neil Steyskal for submitting this story.

Source: Washington Times [newspaper]

Title: Court frees man from child-support order

Author: Arlo Wagner

Date: January 20, 2002

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Massachusetts Under Pressure To Revamp Support Law

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Luek writes *"[This] article... is about the push in Massachusetts to revise the child support and custody statutes to make them more equitable. There are some interesting statements in the piece made to the Chief Justice (a female) sic by a Father's Rights advocate, Mark Charalambous about non-custodial parents (males mostly) being at the breaking point and threatening social upheaval and unrest. Let's watch this one."* Interestingly, the Boston lawyers in this piece are arguing for *more* child support, even in light of the recent suicide of Derrick Miller, who was ordered to pay out 82 percent of his monthly income to his wife (who made twice as much as he in one month).

Source: Massachusetts News [newspaper]

Title: Fathers See Rift Among Lawyers

Author: Unknown

Date: January 15, 2002

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In Praise of Good Men, and Hobbits

Scott · 22 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal sent us this interesting review of *The Fellowship of the Ring*. In it, Marian Coombs talks about the masculine camaraderie that the Fellowship exhibits, and the importance of this movie as a cultural event. I have a friend who also thinks the greatest part of the book and the movie was the male friendships and how they were portrayed. Did anyone else see it and get the same impression?
Source: The Washington Times [newspaper]

Title: Men behaving sublimely

Author: Marian Kester Coombs

Date: January 20, 2002

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Sex Good for Aging Men's Hearts

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Neil Steyskal submitted this short article from the New York Post which dispels the myth that older men can die of a heart attack during sex. It even goes so far as to say that frequent sex is good for your heart as you get older. What a relief!Source: The New York Post [newspaper]

Title: SEX HELPS OLDER HEARTS: STUDY

Author: Unknown

Date: January 18, 2002

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Black Men and Lynching

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Bill Kuhl sent in a short essay on his thoughts regarding a recent NPR program about the new book, At the Hands of Persons Unknown: The Lynching of Black America. While the book wasn't written from a men's issues stance, Bill's comments point out that there is a strong connection between the lynching of blacks and men's issues. **Read More** for his submission...

Black Men and Their Historical Plight:
A New Book on Lynchings

The January 21, 2002 edition of NPR's Fresh Air with Terry Gross, *the Peabody Award-winning weekday magazine of contemporary arts and issues*, aired an interview with the author of a new book on the history of lynching.

Philip Dray's tome, At the Hands of Persons Unknown: The Lynching of Black America, chronicles the history and dynamics of lynchings from Reconstruction to the modern day. You might be asking yourself, *What does this have to do with men's issues?*

First of all, I've never heard of a woman being lynched, and if Dray knows of such an incident, he didn't mention it on the air. In response to Gross' questions, the author elaborated on the history of legislative attempts to put an end to lynchings. He stated that, by and large, federal laws to put an end to this barbaric custom failed; anti-lynching advocates never managed to get passed a law to stop, specifically, lynchings. I couldn't help but wonder if they wouldn't have had far less difficulty had one out of every 10 lynching victims been female. For the record, lynchings stopped for a variety of reasons, one of which was that Nazis and Fascists in Europe publicized lynchings in America as a way of saying, *Look at how you treat your people.* (or *your Black men,* I should say)

Another gender angle to Dray's book is that often lynchings were the result of knee-jerk reactions by white men to protect white women. A very common accusation against the eventual victim was that he had threatened or frightened a white woman in a sexual way. In some cases, the accusation was rape. And, as Dray stated, *an accusation of rape was sure to cause a lynch mob to form.* Dray's book also brings out some interesting insights on the plight of black men in their efforts to avoid being lynched.
He stated that Black parents wouldn't want to teach their sons to be particularly ambitious or bold because this might attract the attention of a lynch mob. He also mentioned that Black families frequently felt forced to move because of the threat of lynchings. And having to be so transient must have placed another burden on Black fathers/husbands, that of finding work in a new community. I'm aware that Dray's book is not written from a men's issues angle. But it's also notable that February is Black History Month. And, thinking of Black History gives me pause.

It leaves me to wonder how the men's movement might be more amenable to Black men and include them in the cause of men's rights as we know it.

Bill Kuhl

At the Hands of Persons Unknown

The Lynching of Black America

Philip Dray

History - Americas | Random House | Hardcover | January 2002 | $35.00 | 0-375-50324-2

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More on Massachusetts Fathers

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AFG writes *"This article discusses the battle being waged by Massachusetts dads in the courts and in the state legislature. In particular, it talks about the many reforms that father's rights groups are trying to get politicians to enact, while meeting considerable resistance from feminists. Some fo the demands are as follows: "We'd like to see the legislature enact shared parenting legislation like S813 from Sen. Stephen Brewer and/or H2546 from Rep. Scott Brown. We also need restraining order reform like S952 or S953, which would protect good, honest and innocent men and fathers and their families from state persecution, political correctness, judicial sophistry, bad laws and people of low character who use the system for vicious and vindictive reasons.""*Source: The Massachusetts News [newspaper]

Title: Fathers Face Uphill Battle for Equality in Commonwealth

Author: Curt Lovelace

Date: January 16, 2002

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Dad's fight for Kids Blocked at Every Turn

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Garth sent in this article from the Vancouver Province and writes *"Take a loving father, an alcoholic and drug addicted ex-wife, and the British Columbia Children's Ministry. Watch as the Ministry does everything possible to keep the kids away from Dad."* The article details this man's struggle for custody of his children. It's good to see his story in print - the more the public is made aware of how often this kind of thing happens, the more likely we are to create change based on outrageous cases such as his.Source: The Vancouver Province [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Dad's fight for kids blocked at every turn

Author: Kathy Tait

Date: January 20, 2002

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Editorial on Title IX

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Neil Steyskal submitted this USA Today article critical of Title IX. " *When college administrators cut men's programs, they rarely add women's sports. Getting equal numbers of athletes, in other words, "living by a quota," is all that matters.*" The article states that in the past six years, more than 350 men's athletic programs have been cut. Mike Moyer, the author, is the director of the National Wrestling Coaches Association.
Source: USA Today [newspaper]

Title: Law hurts men, women

Author: Mike Moyer

Date: January 21, 2002

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DesertLight Journal - Jan. 23

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A new *DesertLight Journal* issue has been released, which includes news about a Maryland paternity fraud court case, a college which is getting a dialogue going between the women's programs and men's programs administrators, and further progress on the International Men's Network, which recently added groups such as Family Oriented Men and Live Beat Dads - Scotland to its umbrella. You can read the latest DLJ at this link.

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No "Official" Chat Tonight

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Due to various reasons, it has been decided that the MANN on-line chats will be held on the **first and third Wednesday nights** of every month. Topics will be announced 1-2 days before the scheduled chats. Thus there will be no official chat this evening. If you still want to meet an chew the fat with other men's activists, you can still stop by the chat room every week, but there's no guarantee that anyone else will be there.

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New DV Center To Open In Nashville; Serves Both Sexes

Nightmist · 24 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This story in the *Nashville Scene* reports on the opening of the Mary Parrish Center for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, coming Feb. 14. According to the article, victims of abuse face more bureaucratic red tape than assistance in Nashville, and this center hopes to change that. The author alludes that the center assists both women *and* men. *A woman--or man, for that matter--who finally musters the courage to seek protection from their abuser is always in for a rude awakening when she or he encounters the city's Byzantine bureaucracy. But the new center's opening is expected to mitigate such procedural red tape for Nashville victims, many of whom face life or death situations.*

Source: Nashville Scene [newspaper]

Title: A Place to Run From Home

Author: Liz Murray Garrigan

Date: January 24, 2002

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Geena Pushes Title IX

Scott · 24 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal also sent in this link to a USA Today story and writes *"Geena Davis is being used to push Title IX even after USA Today showed that it has devastated men's teams. Comment to: editor@usatoday.com."* It's one thing to promote girls' interest in sports, but another to encourage discrimination accusations with "quizzes" on Title IX compliance and promoting a destructive double standard. Source: USA Today [newspaper]

Title: Gender equity is Geena's new target

Author: Janet Kornblum

Date: January 22, 2002

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Red Lobster Ad Portrays Men as Buffoons

Scott · 24 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Bledso writes *"This is yet another classic example of the male buffoon advertising style that plagues us. The Red Lobster commercial can be viewed here. There is also a nauseating writeup that sings its praises here. Some guy acts like a fool as his significant other, not surprisingly, rolls her eyes with disgust. Same old nonsense. Although I'm not a fan of this type of "buffoon" advertising, if they are going to use it, they should at least be "inclusive" and allow women to join men and be free of their "state of invisibility" with regard to idiot characterizations. I hear no cry for equal representation in this arena."*

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Woman Jailed for False Allegation of Rape

Scott · 24 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

AFG sent us this story from the UK Telegraph and writes *"Recently, there has been discussion on this site concerning false allegations of rape. One gender feminist has posted that "women don't lie about rape". Well, here is another case that totally disproves her claim."* The motive for the accusation was that the woman was upset for "having had an affair for the first time." The woman was sentenced for six months in jail for the false accusation.Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: Prison for chatroom woman who lied about rape

Author: Richard Savill

Date: January 19, 2002

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DNA Testing of Men Aged 12-40 to Find Rapist in Scotland

Scott · 25 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Am I the only one to be disturbed by this story? Testing of boys as young as 12? Is there any better way to prepare children for the notion that just by being born male, they are simply rapists-in-waiting? Aside from the implications for the children, what about the adults? If I refuse because I know I didn't do it and resent the implication, doesn't that put me under a cloud of suspicion? Or does everyone take the view that if you've done nothing wrong, you've got nothing to fear?"* This is going TOO FAR. Men should be in open revolt for something like this. "*Detectives are asking* ***every male aged between 12 and 40*** *and living within 300 metres of the scene of the assault to take part in the screening.*" I've been told that this is a huge story on Scotland right now. Please, Scottish activists, don't let this happen!Source: Scotland Today [UK newspaper]

Title: DNA tests underway to identify man who raped teenager

Author: Unknown

Date: January 24, 2002

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Tennessee Making Joint Custody The Law?

Nightmist · 25 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

A bill in the Tennessee House of Representatives (filed for introduction on Monday) proposes to make joint custody of children the law in Tennessee, rather than creating a primary caregiver and visitation for the other parent. This PDF explains the details of the amendment. At its base, the bill says that joint custody should be the default judgment unless one parent is abusive. If a preponderance of evidence contrary to the abuse claims is not presented (guilty until proven innocent), primary custody will be given to the other parent.

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NH Bill to Require Men to Register for Draft to Obtain Driver's Licenses

Scott · 25 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve Burke submitted this story from Foster's Daily Democrat, describing a NH Senate bill that, if passed, will require men to sign consent forms when obtaining drivers licenses to be automatically registered with Selective Service upon turning 18. As the article states, so much for the "Live Free or Die" slogan. It's hard for me not to editorialize more on this here, so I'll refrain from further comment.Source: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]

Title: Bill would require men to register for draft to get driver’s license

Author: Norma Love

Date: January 24, 2002

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Female Teacher Rapes Underage Boy

Scott · 25 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"This article is significant because of the way the state of New Jersey seems to bend over backwards to make the sentence as easy as possible for the female rapist. Ever notice that when boys are statutorily raped by females such as in this case it is rarely referred to as "rape" in the media? It is always, "endangering the welfare of a child" as in the recent Paula Poundstone whitewash or "aggravated(sic)sexual assault." This article illustrates the misandrous double standard when it comes to female sexual predators. They are viewed as having a mental illness whereas male offenders are moral bankrupts who should be put away for at least 20+ years."*Source: The Record [newspaper]

Title: Clifton teacher admits sex assault on boy, 13

Author: Nicole Gaudiano

Date: January 18, 2002

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Feminist Utopia Says Men's Health Is Being Ignored

Nightmist · 25 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This article from *Feminist Utopia* attacks the gender feminist policies which have led to more funding for breast cancer research than prostate cancer research. It also provides a table of facts about various cancers and the differences in mortality for men and women. *While I was collecting information to present here I happened to notice something else... men are infected with cancers that make up the majority of cancer victims at higher rates than women are. I will not speculate why that is, there is plenty of information available for you to investigate on your own. But it is a point worth making notice of.*

Source: Feminist Utopia [Web site]

Title: Gender and Cancer

Author: Unknown

Date: Unknown

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MHA Campaign Underway

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The Men's Health Campaign to stop the media silence on the brutalization of Afghan men is currently in Phase II. If you aren't on the MHA mailing list, join here. There are currently four critical messages that need to be read: introduction, MHA Special Report Facts, MHA and NCFM Join Forces, and 9 Out of 10 Landmine Victims are Male. Let's make Phase II of this campaign just as successful as the first!

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Sacks: In Defense of Michael Jordan

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Glenn Sacks wrote another knockout article on the topic of Michael Jordan's divorce, which was initiated by his wife. The way the article opens is great - it really shows the double standard at play here. As Sacks writes, "*In discussing relationships, American society has taken the immense complexity and difficulty of marriage and family life and reduced it to one simple rule--when in doubt, blame the man.*" Sacks points out several media stories on the divorce which prove this point. His article is also being featured on the ifeminists.com web site. Thanks goes out to ronn for submitting this as well.

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My Reward, My Punishment...My Son

Scott · 26 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

ronn submitted this article from Fathermag.com. It's an essay on what I believe is the typical experience of divorced fathers, and is a good introduction to what father's rights is all about in that respect. For married dads that haven't gone through this yet, he points out that you are only "one decision" away from being in his shoes. The truth of this is often hard to swallow, but needs to be acknowledged. All dads are vulnerable, and they need to realize this and start supporting men's rights. Source: Fathermag.com [web site]

Title: My Reward, My Punishment...My Son

Author: Steven Manchester

Date: Unknown

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Female PhysEd Teacher Alleged to Have Statutorily Raped Three Boys

Scott · 27 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

zensmile writes *"It is ironic that television always portrays men as the sexual protagonists in television shows involving schools. Here is a real life story about a woman who is the wrongdoer."* The woman was quoted as saying to police about one of the accusers, "*If he had been older I would certainly have had a relationship with him.*" Apparently this woman isn't particularly bright, either. The boys were 14 or 15 years-old when this allegedly happened. Thanks also to AFG for sending us this article on the same story.Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: PE mistress 'lured boys into sex at parties'

Author: Michael Horsnell

Date: January 22, 2002

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Russian Mothers to be Freed from Prisons

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AFG sent in this story and writes *"This is disgusting. Reuters (via Men's News Daily) reports that ALL mothers in Russian prisons will be granted pardons - no matter how serious their crimes. There is no mention of similar amnesty for male prisoners; in fact, the article does not even mention men at all."* Thanks also to rparent32 who sent us this link on the same story.

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Women's Managerial Pay Gap Widens?

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An Anonymous User sent in this article and writes *"The wage gap between female managers and their male counterparts was even greater in 2000 than it had been five years earlier, according to a congressional study of 10 industries. Of course the headline was presented in an alarming regard, despite the the fact that women increased 29% in managerial positions, and outpaced men's earnings in three industries. The article does not make any distinction to hours worked (or God forbid productivity factors) but does relate family as a contributing factor. I'd like to see the data from this research, and find out who conducted the analysis of data."* Neil Steyskal also sent in this Washington Post article on the same topic. Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Women earnings compared to men dropped from 1995-2000

Author: Nedra Pickler

Date: January 24, 2002

Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Male-Female Salary Gap Growing, Study Says

Author: Shannon Henry

Date: January 24, 2002

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Estrogen Imbalance Could Be Hazardous To Men's Health

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Luek writes *"Here is another article about using the clinically unproven postpartum depression syndrome as a defense in a murder case. What is odd about this particular story is that the victims's parents are defending the perpetrator! They do not want her prosecuted. Maybe postpartum depression is contagious, like watching someone yawn then you automatically yawn too. Go figure!"*Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Fairfax Woman Free on Bond in Husband's Death

Author: Tom Jackman

Date: January 23, 2002

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No "Official" MANN/iFeminists Chat Tonight

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Wendy and I have both been inordinately busy in the past week, and it was decided that we would not come up with any particular topic for tonight's joint chat, which is held at the iFeminists chat room. So if you want to drop by and talk it up, about just about anything, feel free to do so. The chat normally begins at 9 PM EST.

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Pay Gap Activism Continues

Scott · 28 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal sent us this article from Newsweek and writes *"Eleanor Clift is pushing the story about the pay gap widening. She slants it to imply that discrimination against women is increasing. But the feminists are smart enough to avoid making that claim explicit. It would look pretty silly. Still, this study will clearly provoke a lot of agitation, and probably some new laws. Let's hope someone objective can get at the study's details."*Source: Newsweek [magazine]

Title: The Mellow Side of John Dingell

Author: Eleanor Clift

Date: January 25, 2002

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Media Watch Page Updated

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Nightmist has been helping out by taking over the maintenance of the Media Watch page, which will now be updated more regularly. If you find a commercial or ad which you feel is particularly pro- or anti-male, please drop us a line at admin@mensactivism.org and we will look into adding it. And a special thanks to Nightmist for taking over this project!

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Why Dads Matter

Adam · 28 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Warren Farrell has written a new article on fatherhood based on his findings in Father and Child Reunion. He makes quite a good case that nearly all of us have missed the start of the "silent revolution" involving fatherhood, and that the much unnoticed contributions and sacrifices fathers make. It's part 1 of 2 articles, so can someone keep an eye on the site and inform us when the next part is written? It would be greatly appreciated.Source: www.dadmag.com [web site]

Title: Why Dads Matter

Author: Warren Farrell

Date: Unknown

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Now is the Time - Help Our Afghan Brothers

Scott · 28 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

The Men's Health America campaign to expose the plight of Afghan men is now in full swing. Click here for info on lobbying the director of Amnesty International to stop neglecting the human rights violations of Afghan men. This recent posting also includes the e-mail addresses of other AI officials. Our voice is stronger in numbers - please take a moment to help and increase our volume!

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Terrorism Isn't Male After All

Nightmist · 28 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This story from Lycos News provides the prime example needed to refute gender feminist claims that terrorism is male. A Palenstinian woman apparently blew up herself and another in a terrorist attack in Israel. Surprisingly, the news article does not make a big deal out of the fact that the terrorist was a woman, except for this: *If confirmed, it would be the first suicide bombing carried out by a woman in Israel. It was the first fatal bombing carried out by a woman in a 16-month Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation.* Israeli officials also say they've heard rumblings about more women terrorists. **Update**: Also thanks to frank h for submitting the Yahoo! version of this story and aurora for submitting the Fox News version.

Source: Lycos News [Web site]

Title: Woman Bomber Kills Israeli, Self

Author: Jeffrey Heller

Date: January 27, 2002

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I Held A Masculist Workshop And Lived

Adam · 28 January 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Here's an interesting article about the "fun" a man had trying to hold a masculist workshop and promote men's issues at the same time. He gives some handy tips on what to do and what to expect, and he made some converts for our good cause at the same time. So, have a read of the article to get the full story.

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MTV Bashes Men

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Anonymous User writes *"MTV's TRL (Total Request Live) ran an episode this week called "Ass-Kicking Chicks" featuring 10 of the most popular female acts in music. Videos of the artists were shown and the artists were interviewed, and they talked about how unfair life is for women. Male-bashing was of course the central theme of the show. Just when I thought it couldn't get any worse the two hostesses wrapped up the show by thanking all the women featured and finished with a comment for men..."and thanks for men for being so much lamer than we are" said the one while the other followed with "losers!" and put her hand in the shape of an L on her forehead. I figured they might take it back or add a "just kidding," but they didn't. That was the final send-off. I don't have a link for the show or MTV but I'm sure there is one."*

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Wendy McElroy Comments on Male Suicide and Father's Rights

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Wendy McElroy's increasingly popular Fox News column this week relates the story of Derrick Miller (who committed suicide on the steps of the San Diego courthouse recently) and discusses its relationship to father's rights. *If a similar rise in female suicides was occurring, a public crusade would demand a remedy. Yet the extraordinarily high rate of male suicide is rarely discussed.* Wendy also quotes my Jan. 15 column on the subject. *blush* Fair warning as well: this column may give you chills.

Source: Fox News [Web site]

Title: Are father's rights a factor in male suicide?

Author: Wendy McElroy

Date: January 29, 2002

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Thankfully, Feminism Hasn't Destroyed All Masculine Men

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Tom Campbell and Will Johnson both submitted this article by Phyllis Schafly. In it, Schafly outlines the danger of feminism trying to eliminate masculine men, and our good fortune that we still have some left when they are needed in the war on terrorism. While Schafly is obviously using the double standard of chivalry, she does seem to appreciate men and criticizes how feminism has demonized and marginalized men and masculinity.Source: TownHall.com [web site]

Title: Feminism meets terrorism

Author: Phyllis Schafly

Date: January 23, 2002

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Sommers: Women's Studies Not an Academic Discipline

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tparker writes *"Christina Hoff Sommers is going to be speaking at the Yale Political Union on Monday, 01/28/02, on the topic of Women's Studies. I don't know if this is a debate format or what. Sure would like to hear the results. The URL of the announcement is here."* I bet the feathers are going to fly today!

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Anti-Male Junk Science

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DanCurry writes *"As if we weren't already bombarded with male-bashing in the media, Judicial System and Politics. Enter stage left, more junk science to show our natural inferiority to females, is peering it's ugly head once again. This report, from Michigan State University, laden with contradictions, tries to characterize the increased birth of boys as a defect caused by contamination from pollutants and futher links this to birth defects. At best, the report is inconclusive and should have never seen the printing press as it only serves as ammunition in the ever growing acceptance of male-bashing and female superiority."*

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Women And Why We Leave Them

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If political incorrectness is what you're looking for, this article may be it. Dennis Neder on AskMen.com ventures into uncharted territory by revealing many of the reasons men give up on relationships. After perusing the list, I will say that I've experienced more than one of them.

Source: AskMen.com [Web site]

Title: Reasons We Dump Women

Author: Dennis W. Neder

Date: January 28, 2002

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Proposed DV Bill Could Criminalize Men

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warble sent us this link and writes *"Mississippi Senate Bill 2460 requires a principal aggressor to be arrested, and this sounds nice on the surface. However, it is an example of how super-fems have an agenda to pass laws that will criminalize males. If this law is passed, it will not matter if a female is highly aggressive and violent due to drugs or alcohol. What will happen is that there will be many men that must resort to a use of a defensive force to prevent personal injury...The male will undoubtedly be labeled and prosecuted as the primary aggressor. This is an example of an illegal law that violates current self-defense laws."* I also favor "initial aggressor" (who started attacking first) arrests rather than "primary aggressor" ones because police can be very biased to view men as more dangerous than women. Source: The Clarion-Ledger [newspaper]

Title: Domestic-abuse bills advance at Capitol

Author: Clay Harden

Date: January 29, 2002

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Men Are To Blame For Abortion?

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Neil Steyskal sent in this column from townhall.com which attempts to lay the "blame" for abortions on men. According to the article, most women who get abortions are doing so under pressure from husbands or boyfriends, and not because they are choosing to do so. Bunk? You decide.

Source: www.townhall.com [Web site]

Title: Fathers Play Big Role in Abortion Decision, Experts Say

Author: Unknown

Date: Unknown

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Congress Considering Forced Military Training For Men 18-22

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Neil Steyskal submitted this story from WorldNetDaily. Apparently, a bill went to Congress' Armed Services Committee (without a co-sponsor) in December which would require all U.S. men ages 18-22 to go through military training for "homeland defense." According to the article, a draft today would be dramatically different than the draft of Vietnam and *there would be fewer reasons to excuse a man from service.*

Source: WorldNetDaily [Web site]

Title: Congress considers new kind of draft

Author: Jon Dougherty

Date: January 25, 2002

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Feminists After USA Today on Title IX

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Neil Steyskal submitted this letter from a feminist lawyer in *USA Today* and writes *"The feminists are attacking USA Today for its criticism of Title IX: Reply to: editor@usatoday.com.* The letter's author, in fact, is pretty smug, calling women's sports and discrimination against men's sports (which she denies exists) "the winning team."

Source: USA Today [newspaper]

Title: Title IX support sends winning message

Author: Marcia D. Greenberger [letter to the editor]

Date: Unknown

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The Other Side of the Pay-Gap Story

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Neil Steyskal submitted this story from *National Review*, which explores reasons why women in managerial positions may make less than their male counterparts. *Before we spend more of the taxpayers' money, we might consider some explanations other than "discrimination" for the continuing gender gap in earnings.*

Source: National Review [Web site]

Title: Pride and Prejudice

Author: Ann Marlowe

Date: Unknown

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USA Today Acknowledges Women Are Capable of Terrorism

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Neil Steyskal submitted this column by Patricia Pearson in *USA Today*. Pearson points out that: *Contrary to initial media reports, this was not the first time a Palestinian woman has proved capable of terrorist violence. Far from it.* She also warns that likely victims of terrorism should watch out for the use by terrorists of the "least likely suspects." Namely, women.

Source: USA Today [newspaper]

Title: Hard to imagine a female bad guy? Think again.

Author: Patricia Pearson

Date: January 30, 2002

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Men's News Daily Mentioned in Washington Times

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Men's News Daily received an full-length article in Wednesday's Washington Times, which can be read here. Apparently MND has set its sights on surpassing the Drudge Report as the premier conservative men's issues news web site. Even more significantly, I think this is the first time I know of that a "men's rights" web site has received such attention in the print media. This is a noteworthy event.Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Men's site vows to outdo Drudge

Author: Jennifer Harper

Date: January 30, 2002

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MHA Campaign Continues to Advocate for Afghan Men

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Two recent posts to the Men's Health America mailing list outline new developments in the campaign to advocate for Afghan men's human rights. This post includes a sample letter that you can use to send to your national Congress members to remind them of the invisible plight of Afghan men. In another development, Amnesty International has been sending a standard form letter to people who have been writing in during this campaign, defending their double standards. Is this something that should go without response? It's up to you to decide.

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Valentine's Singles Event Cancelled Because Men Not Interested

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This interesting story on ananova.com reports on a Valentine's Day singles night which attracted the interest of about 500 women, but only two men. The organizer attributes it to "men taking themselves too seriously these days." Perhaps men are also more wary of dating these days as well?

Source: ananova.com [Web site]

Title: Valentine singles night cancelled due to lack of interest from men

Author: Unknown

Date: January 30, 2002

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Larry Elder: No Sympathy For Deadbeat Dads

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This column on WorldNetDaily is Larry Elder's take on apparently recent shifts in attitudes in some media toward so-called "deadbeat" dads. Elder thinks that people focusing on this issue are calling for a "welfare state" and absolution from responsibilities. Of course, then there are those men who are ordered to pay 200% of their income in child support. You can e-mail Elder here. **Scott's note:** Thanks also to Neil Steyskal for sending this in.

Source: WorldNetDaily [Web site]

Title: Deadbeat dads: Victims?

Author: Larry Elder

Date: January 30, 2002

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"Boyfriend Training Kit" Now in Bookstores

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SunCat writes *"Bookstores now carry a boyfriend training kit. It is a brown paper pouch, with "stars" to rate your boyfriend's performance. Warren Farrell fans should note that the package is labled DISPOSABLE. File this under "misandry does not exist." :-("* The package supposedly contains "*all you need to knock your boyfriend into shape...With such a comprehensive guide, you'll never have to follow* his *rules again.*"

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Woman "Accidentally" Stabs Boyfriend, Killing Him

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Dave Compas sent us this article and writes *"Men, this is one more for the record book, and another woman attempting to escape responsibility for her actions. Check out this story from the Sacramento Bee! She "accidentally" stabbed her man to death!"* That is one *freaky* photo of her, too.Source: The Sacramento Bee [newspaper]

Title: Sacramento County woman arrested in boyfriend's death

Author: Unknown (Bee Metro Staff)

Date: January 31, 2002

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CyberMan Books to Launch Feb. 14

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"The DesertLight Journal and the British radio show, The Men's Hour, announced they will join forces to form cyberManbooks.com. The new e-book publisher will target a primarily male audience with new books, as well as classics. Set to launch on February 14, cyberManbooks is unique in the world of e-publishing. Unlike other publishers that provide little or no help for new writers, choosing instead to promote and assist proven authors, cyberMan will encourage and help new writers from the time their work is accepted for publication. This new concept in publishing will connect authors worldwide to assist each other in their promotional efforts, and give readers free access to contact cyberMan authors. In addition to providing quality e-books, cyberManbooks.com will give websurfers access to a variety of online information for writers and readers, including research resources and learning tools."*

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Sacks Challenges Larry Elder to Debate on "Deadbeat Dads"

Scott · 2 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks has challenged columnist and talk show host Larry Elder to "rumble on 'Deadbeat dads: Victims?' in studio, *mano a mano*." Sacks, who has appeared on dozens of radio and TV talk shows, including at Elder's KABC radio in Los Angeles, noted that Elder's column "*has caused an uproar within the Fathers' Rights movement, and given the reaction we received when I was on Al Rantel's show a few weeks ago, I'm sure we'll have plenty of callers and listeners.*" To let Larry (AKA the "Sage from South Central") know you're interested in the proposed debate, e-mail him at the_sage@larryelder.com. Glenn can be reached through his website at GlennJSacks.com.

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MANN News Submission Guidelines

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As MANN has grown over the past several months, we have reached the point where we are consistently flooded with news submissions, and can't post them all. We've been having a hard time picking and choosing which stories will be posted and which won't, and to try to help organize things better, we've come up with the following News Submission Guidelines that will help us post more stories with greater speed and efficiency. Please take a moment to read this, and thank you all for such incredible participation with this web site and community!

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Dilbert Cartoon Series on the "Man Hating Boss"

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shouting writes *"Dilbert has been featuring the "Man Hating Boss" for the past few days."* The series started on January 29, and can be seen here. Click the following days on the calendar you see on that page to view the other ones.

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MANN/iFeminists Chat: Science Fiction and Gender

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This Sunday's joint MANN/iFeminists chat will feature special guest L. Neil Smith, a noted author of Science Fiction. We'll be discussing how men and women are portrayed in Sci-Fi, particularly in cases where men are depicted as heroes, and women as villains. It seems that in Science Fiction, authors are more willing to turn the popular stereotypes on their heads. The chat will begin on Sunday, 2/3, at 9:00 PM EST at the iFeminists chat room. See you there!

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Two Women's Groups Call for an End to Co-Ed Combat Forces

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garypc and DaveW but sent in this article from WorldNetDaily. garypc writes *"This is an interesting commentary about US military policy. It discusses the pros and cons of what role women should play in the military."* and DaveW quoted a line from the article saying, "*Any claim that women are equal to men in combat settings is utterly irrational.*" This could be seen as either a step forward for those of us who are tired of PC decisions damaging our armed forces' strength, or also as a step backward for those of us who more strongly feel that women's rights must come with equal responsibilities. **Update:** Thanks also to Neil Steyskal for sending this link on the same story. Source: WorldNetDaily.com [web site]

Title: Women slam armed forces' PC policies

Author: Jon Dougherty

Date: February 1, 2002

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The Super Bowl Sunday Battering Myth

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ronn submitted this link and sent us the following quotations, which are appropriate to keep in mind this weekend: *"We know that on Super bowl Sunday, for the last 10 years, that I've been keeping data, that there's an increase in the number of women who are seriously hurt, who call battered women shelter's and who use the police.*" -Lenore Walker, Denver psychologist and author of The Battered Woman, *Good Morning America*, (1/23/93). "*You think maybe we have one of these myth things here?…You know, I hate this. I've devoted 14 years of my life trying to bring to the public's attention the very serious problem of battered women. And when people make crazy statements like this, the credibility of the whole cause can go right out the window.*" -Michael Lindsey, Denver psychotherapist and authority on Battered Women, *The Washington Post* (1/31/93)."

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New Bible to Reduce Use of Male Refrences

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Lionheart writes *"I just finished watching ABC News this evening and they ran a story stating the International Bible Society is going to ommit the word "man" and replace it with "person" and also the word "sons or son" and replace it with "children!" Can you believe it! Has anyone else heard this story yet? The story can also be found on FoxNews here."* **Update:** ronn also submitted this story on the same topic.

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Ford Advert Ruled Offensive

Adam · 3 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

What is with Ford? If they're not pulling a "*terrorised by tolerance*" stunt (See Part 1 and Part 2 here), they're being pulled into court again for an advert condoning violence against men. Luckily, the case was won by J. Kirby Inwood, a Canadian men's advocate. To finish off, I found an archive of documents detailing Ford's hiring policies. I would advise you to check the archive, as this seems to go a lot deeper than you'd think.Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Ford's abducted-clerk ad offensive, panel says

Author: Gavin Mackenzie

Date: January 29, 2002

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Forced Fatherhood In The UK

Adam · 3 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I've found a very disturbing article about how the law can destroy the nearest man financially and emotionally when he becomes a dad. When you read the article, you'll start to see just how criminalized fatherhood is the West, and how the only option seems to be abstaining from relationships. The only real advice the article gives to the nearest man (unintentionally) is to not marry, as that seems to be how family courts make a large cut of their money. Of course, with comments in the article such as "*Another important aspect of parenthood is financial provision for the mother,*" it's too easy to lose your cool.Source: The Independent [UK newspaper]

Title: A model example of single motherhood?

Author: Penny Lewis

Date: January 28, 2002

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"Deadbeat" Dad Actually "Dead-Broke"

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Neil Steyskal sent in this story from the *New York Times* (free registration required to read). The story is a feature about a man who *is obligated to pay $899 a month in current and back child support.... The only job he says he can find is a part-time one at a Denver recreation center that pays $600 a month. When he does the math, Mr. Stribling said, he feels as if he is drowning.* According to the story, Stribling is responsible for creating his own situation, but the judge created the payment problem by considering Stribling's "earning potential" and not his actual income.

Source: New York Times [newspaper]

Title: 'Dead Broke' Dads' Child-Support Struggle

Author: Blaine Harden

Date: January 29, 2002

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N.O.W. and Fathers for Equal Rights Working Together for Divorce Court Reform

Scott · 4 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"This article in the Ann Arbor News reports an odd partnership.*
I can't tell if this is a good thing or not! I'm still shaking my head and saying, "Huh?"" While I'm all for men's and women's groups working together on common goals, this one is a big surprise, and I'm suspicious. We'll see how it turns out.Source: The Ann Arbor News [newspaper]

Title: NOW, divorced dads unite for kids

Author: Liz Cobbs

Date: January 28, 2002

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Short Firewoman Sues for Discrimination

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Captain Pistachio writes *"In this article a woman too short to do her job as a firewoman claimed sex discrimination after she was taken off active duty."* The fire dept. continued to employ her part-time as a trainer, but would not her, at 5'1" to be a firefighter. Unless you can show me a 5'1" male firefighter, I don't believe this is legitimate discrimination.Source: The Telegraph [UK newspaper]

Title: Tiny firewoman sues her brigade

Author: Thomas Penny

Date: January 30, 2002

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Media Humanizes Female Terrorists, More Women Volunteer

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An Anonymous User sent in this story from boston.com and writes: "
It is interesting that this article tries to humanize this female terrorist. I have not seen this done before for a terrorist."
Indeed the article does seem to attempt to make excuses for the woman's acts. Another interesting story in the *Washington Times* describes how more Palestinian women--apparently inspired by their sister--are volunteerign for terrorist campaigns.

Source: boston.com [Web site] / Associated Press

Title: Palestinian woman bomber was a paramedic who had been injured in clashes

Author: Hadeel Wahdan

Date: January 30, 2002

Source: Washington Times [newspaper]

Title: Women volunteer for attacks

Author: Inigo Gilmore

Date: February 3, 2002

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Boys Can't be Raped?

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alphamale writes *"This article recently appeared in the Globe & Mail. It considers the question: "what if Amy Gehring was a man?" While the Globe article started off in a positive way, questioning what our reaction would have been had Amy been Tony, the article soon exposed the fictitious female double-standard. The author contends that had Amy been a man the whole situation would naturally been different because if the victim's had been girls they never would have wanted sex. I am tired of these lame female chauvinist lies, but read the article for yourself and decide."*Source: The Globe and Mail [Canadian newspaper]

Title: What if the schoolmistress were a man ...

Author: Margaret Wente

Date: February 2, 2002

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Judge Vilified as Victim Hater

Scott · 5 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"This article is about a female judge who is actually starting to get it. She is Judge Megan Lake Thornton in Fayette County, KY, and she is sending women to jail when they violate their own restraining orders. As usual the super-fems are spouting their hatred of judges that hold women accountable for their actions. It further reports on how the super-fems are seeking to reinforce the female victim status, and reports on how the super-fems vilify the judge as a victim hater."*Source: The Wall Street Journal [newspaper]

Title: Beating the System: Feminists howl at a Kentucky judge's approach to domestic violence.

Author: Collin Levey

Date: February 1, 2002

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"Dead Broke" Dads Get More Press

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This article in the notoriously misandrist *Christian Science Monitor* picks up on the problems so-called "deadbeat" dads are facing, and some of the protest surrounding the treatment of fathers in family court. *Such aggressive pursuit of child-support dollars has not been without its problems - or critics. And perhaps surprisingly, the list of critics now includes more child-welfare advocates.*

Source: Christian Science Monitor

Title: 'Deadbeat' dads - or just 'dead broke'?

Author: Silja J. A. Talvi

January 4, 2002

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Sacks: The Cost of Ignoring Female Abusers

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warble writes *"In this article, a statement by Dr Caro says it all: "*"I was ashamed. I was embarrassed," he testified recently during the penalty phase of Socorro Caro's trial...*" Until the public permits men to come forward, women will continue to commit acts of domestic violence with near impunity. Again, notice the complete absence of media coverage in the major networks. If this were a man, we would hear of the violence almost daily."*

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Radicals Vandalize UNH Fraternity House with "We Rape" Graffiti

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The New Hampshire, the school newspaper at UNH, reported today that on last Thursday morning the slogan "We Rape" was painted on two sides of the Sigma Nu fraternity house. The actions came shortly after a civil lawsuit was announced against the fraternity by a female student who alleges to have been raped in the frat house last year. However, the criminal case was dropped, *because DNA evidence exonerated one of the accused and was inconclusive about the second accused man*. Not only that, but a University judicial hearing (which is a "kangaroo court" baised against men in cases like this) also found the two accused men "not responsible." **Update:** Foster's also has this story on the vandalism, including a photo of it.Source: The New Hampshire [UNH school newspaper]

Title: Sigma Nu in Spotlight

Author: Justin Norton

Date: February 5, 2002

Source2: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]

Title: UNH fraternity hit by vandalism

Author: Sean Goodwin

Date: January 31, 2002

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More Women Terrorists Found

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warble writes *"In this LA Times story we find that more female (and male) terrorist have been rounded up in Singapore. This is proof that female involvement in terrorist activities is not isolated to a single woman in Palestine. However, the mention of the word "women" is almost accidental. In effect, the LA Times implies that a female can be a member of a terrorist group plotting to destroy U.S. targets, and yet they are not part of the criminal activities."*Source: The Los Angeles Times [newspaper]

Title: Singapore's 'Osama' May Have Targeted U.S. Interests

Author: Richard C. Paddock

Date: February 5, 2002

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Media Celebrates Amy Gehrig's Acquittal

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alphamale writes *"While this article was once again chosen from the Globe & Mail, I would like to point out that every major news site in Canada, as their top story, ran with the "Amy is innocent" headline. I'm too shocked, depressed and appalled to comment. Read the story for yourself. Something has to be done about this. If Amy had been a man, there would be protest marches in every major city in the Western Hemisphere. Well, okay, maybe not every major city, but there sure as heck would be a huge outcry in the media. Come guys, are we just going to sit back and let women like Amy go free? For how many decades are we going to allow women to not be held accountable for their actions? We need to "take back the day!""*Source: The Globe and Mail [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Canadian teacher acquitted in British sex case

Author: Alan Freeman

Date: February 4, 2002

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The Evolution of the Child Support Collection Racket

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Luek writes *"This article by Richard Green, M.D. explains how and why the corrupt child support collections racket became a corrupt racket over the years since the late 1980's. It proves the old adage, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." A must read and archive article for future reference."*Source: RightTurns.com [web site]

Title: Limit Federal Child Support Enforcement to Welfare Cases

Author: Richard Green, M.D.

Date: February 1, 2002

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MANN Chat: Male Role Models and Mentoring

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Tonight's offical Mensactivism.org on-line chat will be held on the topic of mentoring and role models for young men. More and more young men these days are growing up without fathers, and what kind of male role models do they have? This discussion will focus on how fatherless young men will affect the men's movement, what we can do to help promote good role models for them, and ideas on how to get directly involved in mentoring men yourself. Join us at 9:30 PM EST tonight, 2/6, in the MANN chat room.

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Men To Be Cited For Women Baring Breasts

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This story in the *Houston Chronicle* details Houston's efforts to cut down on Mardi Gras revelry this year by citing any woman who bares her breasts and any man who *holds a topless woman on his shoulders* for disorderly conduct. Apparently, the police believe women's bare breasts are responsible for starting riots. My question: why cite the men? It's the women who are baring their breasts.

Source: Houston Chronicle [newspaper]

Title:
Women told to keep their shirts on

Author: Associated Press

Date: February 3, 2002

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U.S. Air Force Explains Fitness Test Standards

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Captain Pistachio submitted this article from U.S. Air Force News and writes *"With all the recent articles about male/female double standards in the military I thought this might be Illuminating."* The article is two years old, but it is enlightening because it states that men and women have the same standards for crunches (based on age instead of gender), but that women have lower standards for push-ups (based on age *and* gender).

Source: U.S. Air Force Online News [Web site]

Title: Air Force announces changes to fitness test

Author: Unknown

Date: May 24, 2000

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Birds Are Better Men Than Humans

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Bledso writes *"This is another condescending article that would never have been printed if the genders were reversed. Notice the wonderful credentials of the first "expert".* the article lashes out at human men quite a bit because, apparently, the Australian bowerbird must keep a clean nest, have sharp feathers, and be sensitive to attract a mate. The "expert on human and animal behavior" claims human males are incapable of sensitivity, among other things.

Source: healthscout.com [Web site]

Title: The Sensitive Bird Gets All the Girls

Author: Jennie L. Phipps

Date: Unknown

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When the Babes Beat Up the Boys

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ronn submitted this story from AlterNet, which examines current media violence against men by women and wonders: "What are these women so angry about?" Michelle Goldberg attempts to point out the hypocrisy of women wanting to be sexual predators and punishing men for the same thing. *This new wave of violence against men is no longer about empowered heroines protecting the world from metaphorical rapists and pillagers. This is about raw, crazy, Fatal Attraction-style vengeance. But in this era of the swinging single girl, of hook ups and friendly fucks and Sex and the City, what exactly are women getting revenge for?*

Source: AlterNet [Web site]

Title: When the Babes Beat Up the Boys

Author: Michelle Goldberg

Date: January 31, 2002

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Fatherhood Coalition Urges Resistance to MA Child Support Guidelines

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Adam sent us this press release from the MA Fatherhood Coalition and writes *"This has been coming for some time now, and if anything, it's going to take much courage for this to come together and be effective. By participating, men basically say goodbye to their old lives and hello to being a criminal, or at least to having a criminal record where there was none before. The feminist campaign to criminalize all men is underway at full steam. In my opinion, this shows the time for making drastic changes is well past, and is upon us."* It's important to note that this group has tried legal means to have the support guidelines changed, and the new CS guidelines were not changed in favor of the testimony of over a hundred fathers and supporters during public hearings last year on changing the guidelines.

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"Deadbeat Dads" Used to Promote National ID System

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Del Parker submitted this article from TooGoodReports, which discusses the federal government's use of databases to track details about the lives of its citizens. So why is this related to men's issues? Well, the key argument being put forth to promote these systems is that they will be used to track "deadbeat dads." It's always nice to have a scapegoat that everyone hates in order to implement freedom-usurping surveillance systems, and apparently "deadbeat dads" seem to be a universal group that lawmakers can target.Source: TooGoodReports.com [web site]

Title: Too Late To Stop National ID

Author: Roger F. Gay

Date: November 29, 2001

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Book Discussion of Patai's Heterophobia

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Will Johnson writes *"Daphne Patai has written an excellent expose of the Sexual Harassment Industry created by academic feminists for the express purposes of proving "male wickedness" and "women's victimhood", "bringing men to heel", driving a wedge between men and women, and in the end "dismantling heterosexuality." iFeminists.com will begin a discussion of Heterophobia: Sexual Harassment and the Future of Feminism on Wednesday, February 20 at the iFeminists Writers and Writing forum. A longer description of the book and discussion schedule are found here. A good review of the book was written by Brian Carnell. Finally, click here to read an interview with the author Daphne Patai."*

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DNA Clears Another Man Convicted of Rape

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It's happened again. This story in the *L.A. Times* reports on Bruce Godschalk, who was imprisoned 15 years ago for allegedly raping two different women. DNA testing on samples from the rape kit and Godschalk have exonerated him. *But [the prosecutor] said he would not release Godschalk immediately, maintaining the samples may not be from the rapist and that he cannot discount Godschalk's taped confession.* Godschalk's advocates say the evidence more than points to his innocence.

Source: L.A. Times [newspaper]

Title: Lawyers: DNA Clears Convicted Rapist

Author: Tina Moore

Date: February 5, 2002

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Doc Love: Men, Stand Up For Yourselves In Personal Relationships

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This dating advice column on AskMen.com examines the problem of "marital fraud," and how men have become easy pushovers for women in the dating game. One reader writes in with this horror story: *Fifteen months after buying a house (of which I was the sole mortgage holder), six years of marriage, and two toddlers, I arrived home from work one day, only to be arrested on phony domestic abuse charges. (In my state, this is the only way she could have me removed from the home). This was done with the full support (both emotional and financial) of a meddling mother-in-law. And with the prospect of a fairly large divorce settlement dancing in her head, she was even quoted by mutual friends as being "better off financially without me than with me!"*

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Male-Friendly Relationship Improvement

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Dr. Scott Haltzman will be hosting a presentation on Valentine's Day next week, at the Providence, RI Marriott hotel. His talk is titled, "Give Cupid a Chance: Five Relationship-Boosting Ways to Shoot Love's Arrow Back Into the Heart of Your Marriage." Dr. Haltzman is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Brown and runs the SecretsofMarriedMen.com web site. He has a very pro-male perspective, and best of all, the presentation is free! Look here for more info on how to pre-register.

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Yukon Court Narrows Definition of Harassment

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donaldcameron1 submitted this article from the National Post regarding a recent Appeals Court decision in the Yukon about what constitutes harassment. The court claimed that "*an "objective" standard must be met so the "words convey a threat of serious bodily harm to a reasonable person,*" rather than someone simply feeling afraid. This is good news, since it makes it much harder for a woman to make a false harassment claim against a man by inventing perceived threats. After all, just the existence of men today seems to threaten women, or at least the radical feminists would like us to think so.Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Yukon court narrows definition of harassment

Author: Sarah Schmidt

Date: February 1, 2002

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Judge Flips Coin to Decide Which Parent Kids Stay with for Christmas

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Ganglion42 sent in this story which states that a family court judge flipped a coin to decide which parent would have their children over Christmas. Ganglion42 writes *"Finally! A judge who does something where she can't be accused of bias!"* In a situation where both parents have an equally good case for visitation, I don't mind this much at all, given that other options are generally so biased against men. Source: The Detroit Free Press [newspaper]

Title: Controversy follows coin flip by judge

Author: David Ashenfelter

Date: February 4, 2002

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The Child Protection System Turning Against Parents

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warble writes *"In this Fox News article, we hear of yet more stories of false allegations, seizures of children, the denial of all constitutional rights, and other effects of that the feminist have when legislatures pass their brand of child protection laws. With the new laws, the CPS has successfully created a "...Soviet-style snitch network." That network consists of every public institution where we find children. It is a tragedy that America fails to realize that good families are having their children seized simply because a man changes a diaper in a park."*Source: Fox News [web site]

Title: Parental Rights Under Microscope as Accusations of Child Abuse Mount

Author: Robin Wallace

Date: February 7, 2002

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Woman Organizes Austin Bare Breast Protest

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The citing of women for baring their breasts and men for shouldering women who bare their breasts has incited a Texas woman to organize a protest, according to this story on Fox News. Although the story is more about a woman's right to bare her breasts than anything else, the protest organizer made several interesting comments about men: *"I'm not any kind of topless dancer or porn star," Estes said. "It's not a sexual issue. It's just insulting that they say men can't control themselves in the presence of a bare breast."* She also points out that it is drunkeness which causes fights, not breasts.

Source: Fox News [Web site]

Title: Texas Woman Organizing Bare Breast Protest for Mardi Gras

Author: Unknown (Associated Press)

Date: February 8, 2002

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Sacks Successful on the Radio Again

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Calls from divorced fathers flooded NewsTalk 550 KFYI (Phoenix) radio phone lines during Glenn Sacks' two-hour appearance on the Charles Goyette Show on Tuesday, February 5. Glenn and Charles discussed the discrimination which men routinely face in family court. Callers shared their horror stories about Move Away Moms, blocked visitation, false accusations, parental alienation syndrome, and the struggle of divorced dads to remain fathers to their children. To listen to the entire show (minus news and commercials) go to Glenn's website here.

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DesertLight Journal - Feb. 6 Issue Out

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Trudy Schuett's popular DesertLight Journal has released a new edition, which can be read at the usual spot. Announcements in this issue include the upcoming launch of male-friendly e-publisher cyberManbooks, progress on a Commission for Men in Los Angeles county, Tom Smith's (AUM) take on the men's movement, and more. Enjoy!

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Piney Woods School Hopes to "Save The Males"

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I stumbled across this Web page while looking for information on Warren Farrell's "Save the Males" article. Apparently, Piney Woods is a predominantly black private school which has a program titled "Save the Males" geared specifically for the needs of their male students. More information about the school itself is available here. Perhaps more schools should follow Piney Woods' example? The male council's purpose is to *Retain students who are close to academic and/or personal failure and enhance their academic and personal achievements.* The council also provides young men with good male mentors.

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Volksgaren Project Needs Your Help

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Greg writes, "*The Volksgaren Project works with abused people. We fund our work by selling the* Volksgaren Journal *which looks cognitively at recovery after another person's abuse. The journal is gender inclusive and aims to provide solid information to all. A current project is using Canadian Human Rights law to change Health Canada's policy on Family Violence. They use a gender-feminist viewpoint which results in harm to men and to children. We need people to subscribe so that we may hire experts to show that Health Canada are misinforming the public, resulting in real harm to innocent people. Our web site is here. There is a lot more information on our site!*"

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Girls Becoming Pimps, Committee Says They're Victims

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AFG writes *"This article from the CBC reports that there is a new development with regard to the Saskatoon prostitution scene: An increasing number of teenage girls are forcing other girls to work for them as prostitutes. Thus, it seems that, in this instance, prostitution can no longer be blamed entirely on males. But of course, the other side appears in the article as well -- the side that says that these female* ***pimps*** *are victims and should be treated as such."* Law enforcement appears to want to hold the girls accountable for their actions.

Source: CBC News [Web site]

Title: Saskatoon police say teenage girls now pimps

Author: CBC News Online Staff

Date: January 30, 2002

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Hierarchies Are Male, Right? ...Right?

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bledso writes *"This is a very interesting article about how men and women approach group activity. According to this article, it appears we may behave in a more similar manner than we thought, our timing is just a little different."* In fact, Mast's research seems to bear out what some of us see in life every day, and her research appears to hold up what some other researchers have determined about hierarchies of late.

Source: ABC News [Web site]

Title: He, She Hierarchies

Author: Lee Dye

Date: February 6, 2002

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MANN/iFeminists Chat: Norma Jean Almodovar

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Tonight's jointly sponsored MANN/iFeminists on-line chat will have special guest Norma Jean Almodovar. NJ is an ex-call girl, sex workers' rights activist and author of From Cop to Call Girl. She has fascinating slants on sex, prostitution and the legal system. Join us tonight (2/10) starting at 9 PM Eastern Time in the iFeminists.com chat room.

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Eight Teen Girls Charged With Attempted Murder of Counselor

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This horrifying story in *The Journal News* details how eight girls in Cottage 12 attacked their counselor. The counselor was *punched, kicked, stomped and scratched by the girls before "they doused her with rubbing alcohol and set it on fire," Alagno said. "They continued to beat her and then doused her face with chlorine bleach." They also cut her hair with scissors, beat her with a telephone and kicked her down two flights of steps, according to the charges read in court last night.* The girls were giggling as they entered the courtroom. So far, one person said "without making excuses" said that they suffer emotional problems.

Source: The Journal News [newspaper]

Title: Counselor beaten, set on fire; teen girls arrested

Author: Richard Liebson, Shawn Cohen and Kristoffer A. Garin

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City Bans Clothed Public Erections

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Like Tennessee and Mississippi before it, another nudity ordinance has banned clothed "visibly turgid" genitals in public, in essence banning manhood. The town officials say it *won't* apply to *normal* occurences, but it's up to them to decide what is or is not a *normal* erection. *"This is not meant to be a tricky term, or give our police officers difficulty in enforcing the law," said Kerstetter. Before the vote, Supervisor Dennis Sharrow suggested removing the word "covered" from the ordinance. Kerstetter said the inclusion of covered male genitals in legal definitions of nudity has been upheld by the Supreme Court.*

Source: Press Enterprise [newspaper]

Title: Locust passes nudity ordinance

Author: Jonathan Evans

Date: February 9, 2002

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Men Are Redundant for Reproduction? So Are Women

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This story in the *Guardian Unlimited* claims that the invention of an artificial womb has become reality. *Scientists have created prototypes made out of cells extracted from women's bodies. Embryos successfully attached themselves to the walls of these laboratory wombs and began to grow. However, experiments had to be terminated after a few days to comply with in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) regulations.* Interestingly, those concerned with ethics have already scheduled a conference in Oklahoma next week. *'There are going to be real problems,' said organiser Dr Scott Gelfand, of Oklahoma State University. 'Some feminists even say artificial wombs mean men could eliminate women from the planet and still perpetuate our species. That's a bit alarmist. Nevertheless, this subject clearly raises strong feelings.'*

Source: Guardian Unlimited [newspaper]

Title: Men redundant? Now we don't need women either

Author: Robin McKie

Date: February 10, 2002

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Domestic Abuse in Scotland

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Anonymous User writes *"There is a heavy duty rotation on Scottish TV of a government sponsored advert which claims that 1 in 5 women will be a victim of domestic abuse. On looking for this "recent study" I came across this page on the Scottish Executive's web site. It summarises a recent open forum on domestic abuse and reports this exchange on the subject of abused men:* "A query was raised about the proposed research into abused men. Care needed to be taken with the questions to ensure a proper picture. Some men may be subject to retaliation from women they have abused. Care should also be taken as to whom should be given the contract. Academics may not have a proper knowledge of the issue. ANSWER - The Minister promised a tight specification and monitoring." *It concerns me greatly that at the highest level of Parliament, there is such ignorance and dogma implicit in the research strategy. The delegate list is interesting too."*

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WorldWoman News Claims Newspapers are Male Shaped

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Anonymous User writes *"This site claims the following:*
"Newspapers are male shaped. They are testosterone fueled, knee-jerk, confrontational, short term, pompous and status conscious. They are also punchy, strong, uncompromising and incisive. And they reflect the direction in which the editor wants to move. Usually, that editor is a man."" This seems like the definition of a feminist "knee-jerk" reaction if you ask me. What's most disconcerting is that this kind of posturing is sure to sell the paper to her target audience.

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Georgia Passes Paternity Fraud Bill

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In an incredible victory, Georgia's Senate passed a bill giving men recourse in the event of paternity fraud. This means that when a divorced man takes a DNA test and is proven not to be the father of a child, he is not obligated to pay child support for that child. This common sense law was a long and difficult struggle, but in the end, the efforts paid off. For example, in the GA Senate, the bill passed with a 90% vote in favor of it. You can read a press release about the victory on PaternityFraud.com.

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Wendy McElroy: Take Back Valentine's Day

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In her latest column on Fox News, Wendy McElroy closely examines how gender (anti-male) feminists have attempted to take over and destroy Valentine's Day with V-Day (the V stands for Vagina, Violence [against women by men], and Victory) on college campuses. Among other "celebrations" is usually the presentation of Eve Ensler's male-bashing and child abuse-celebrating play *The Vagina Monologues*. In McElroy's words: *Since 1998, V-Day events have been sponsored on university campuses across America. The stated purpose is to raise awareness. In reality, V-Day embodies the same double standard and dishonesty that has characterized most feminist pronouncements for decades.*

Source: Fox News/ifeminists.com [Web sites]

Title: Take Back Valentine's Day!

Author: Wendy McElroy

Date: February 11, 2002

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Boycott Ford For Discrimination Against Men

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My latest column, which should also appear later today on Wendy McElroy's ifeminists.com, examines the blatant discrimination against men (particularly white men) exercised recently by Ford Motor Co., toward both its employees and its buying public (via a male bashing commercial). Although Ford recently settled the lawsuit brought against it by employees, and pulled the ad campaign from most of its Canadian market, it'll take more than lawsuits and complaints to an advertising panel to change the company's ways.

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UNH Student Creates Stop Hating Men Campus Group

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Scott Garman (now why does that name sound familiar?) is apparently fed up with the way men at the University of New Hampshire were being treated, particularly after the vandalism of a fraternity house by radicals who want to portray men as rapists. His goals with the newly found *Stop Hating Men* group are to bring men and women from the University community together to speak out against male bashing at UNH. The organization has a web site which can be seen here.Source: The New Hampshire [UNH school newspaper]

Title: Students want to change male stereotypes at UNH [letters section]

Author: Scott Garman

Date: February 12, 2002

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Marathon Chat for cyberMan Launch

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"Celebrate V-Day our way! CyberManbooks.com is holding its Grand Opening Thursday, February 14th. Drop by http://www.cyberManbooks.com for the marathon chat! Meet cyberMan authors Dave Bates, Bernard Chapin, and Hareendran Kallinkeel, and talk to Raymond Cuttill and Trudy Schuett, publishers and owners of cyberManbooks.com. Find out about the first-ever international man-friendly publisher, and chat with our homies all over the world."* Click **Read More** below to view the schedule of the chat for various time zones.Time Zone Chat Information:

LA/Vancouver 4 a.m. to 9 p.m.

New York/Toronto 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

London 12 noon to 3 a.m.

Amsterdam 1 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Cape Town 2 p.m. to 5 a. m.

New Delhi 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Singapore 8 p.m. to 11 a.m.

Tokyo 9 p.m. to12 p.m.

Sydney 11 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Auckland 1 a.m. Friday to 4 p.m.

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Georgia Proposes Another Father-Friendly Bill

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Wayne writes *"It looks like the State of Georgia sees the massive injustices heaped upon men and is ACTING to correct some of the problems. Georgians for Child Support Reform Supports*
House Bill 672 because: The current child support guidelines result in excessive and inappropriate awards leaving all but the very wealthy with little left to support themselves. The incomes and child costs of BOTH parents are part of the proposed new guideline. Child-related tax benefits are shared with both parents as part of House Bill 672.
House Bill 672 would replace the current guidelines that use only the one parent's income. Through fair and equitable child support awards, children will no longer be treated as a financial prize by either parent. www.gachildsupport.org."

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February Men's Hour Now Available

Scott · 13 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"It contains segments with Trudy W. Schuett about the DesertLight Journal and cyberManbooks.com (the new men's publisher) and Raymond Cuttill about cyberManbooks.com. It also has an item about women terrorists. It's at www.menshour.com or to go direct to the February programme: here."*

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Amy Gehring Admits Having Sex with Pupil

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Douglas Rome, alphamale
, and warble all submitted news about the recent confession of Amy Gehring in media interviews, after her trial ended where she was acquitted. warble writes *"This article quotes Amy Gehring as "…having sex with a 16-year-old pupil, saying she felt "quite stupid for all of the things I did". Where are the feminists on this issue? Worse, Ms. Gehring was previously "identified as a "risk" to children, but still allowed to work in another school." This would not have happened if this teacher were a male."* She has a lot of nerve for confessing this after the trial. Could she really feel bad about the situation, or is she mocking the judicial system and gloating that she got away with it? Source: BBC News [UK news network]

Title: Gehring admits sex with pupil

Author: Unknown

Date: February 12, 2002

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Men's Family Life Related to Stroke Risk

Scott · 14 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Matthew writes *"This article from Yahoo! news talks about a recent study from Israel that shows that mens risk of stroke is reduced if they have a happy family life. Men were also less likely to have a stroke if they had fewer financial concerns."*

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Armenian-American Fraternity Brought Together by Fathers

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donaldcameron1 writes *"This article from Business Wire is wonderful example of just how important children have always been to their fathers, and how important fathers are to their children.*
Specifically: "The Armenian-American TREX Fraternity was founded in Fresno during the 1920's. Inspired by hatred, prejudice and ignorance, the group was founded as a social club by Armenian fathers whose children weren't being invited to school events. They formed their own social club to fill the void. The fraternity now boasts 1,000 members and 15 chapters statewide, with 70 members in the Orange County chapter.*" I have e-mailed, the Armenian National Committee of America for a more appropriate link to The Armenian-American TREX Fraternity but have not received it yet."*

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Union Leader Coverage of Stop Hating Men

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Josh Adams from the Union Leader interviewed me and wrote an article on the formation of *Stop Hating Men* at UNH. I feel the article was a bit more confrontational or "SHM vs. SHARPP" than I would have liked, but as we all know, the media thrives on conflict. The article was very good in other ways, though. Click here to read it. Source: The Union Leader [newspaper]

Title: UNH student wants to fight men-bashing

Author: Josh Adams

Date: February 14, 2002

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New Site Offers Support for Male DV Victims

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George Rolph writes *"Man2Man is a new site (January 2002) for male victims of female perpetrated domestic violence. We offer support for male victims and list helplines that are available for men. We need funds so if you can help, please do."*

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Dean Tong to Appear on KABC-AM 790

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Dean Tong writes *"For those father's/men's rightsters who reside in the Los Angeles area, I'll be on KABC-AM 790 w/Al Rantel next Wednesday*
February 20th at 9 p.m. PST. We'll be discussing the evolution of false/unfounded child abuse and domestic violence claims. In addition, I'll comment on the Danielle Van Dam kidnapping case."

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UK Family Court Judges Responding to Protests

Scott · 15 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

The UK Guardian has an article here which reports that family court judges are beginning to educate people about the problems divorce causes in an attempt to be more equitable and reduce the number of fathers who picket in front of their homes. This kind of court reform is very powerful coming from inside the system itself, and proves that men's voices can no longer be ignored so callously.Source: The Guardian [UK newspaper]

Title: What about the kids?

Author: Clare Dyer

Date: February 13, 2002

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Sacks Discusses "Who is Expected to Pay for Dates?"

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Glenn Sacks discussed his Valentine's Day article, Should Men Still Be Expected to Pay for Dates? on St. Louis radio Thursday. Callers male and female agreed that it is time for change and that men and women need to start splitting the check. Glenn was on the George Noory Show on KTRS AM 550. Audio of the show will be available on Glenn's website soon.

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It's Time to Address the Needs of Boys

Scott · 16 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

ronn submitted this story from the UK Times which is an excellent article on boys' issues. Libby Purves confronts stereotypes about boys and explains what they need but are not getting from society today: boys need challenge, boys need men, and boys need love and respect. Purves ends the article with an appropriate remark: "*if we let the Lost Boys proliferate, their wasted lives and sadness will haunt us all...Berating them as thugs or tittering at them as sex maniacs is not the answer.*"Source: The Times [UK newspaper]

Title: Time to move beyond 'boys will be boys'

Author: Libby Purves

Date: February 12, 2002

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Proposed Contracts to Solve Office-Relationship Harassment Suits?

Scott · 16 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Deacon sent us this article from Fox News and writes *"In an effort to prevent sexual harassment lawsuits stemming from failed office relationships, employment lawyers in Pittsburgh are creating contracts that prevent workers involved in a failed relationship with a co-worker to press harassment suits. However, that also means that all office relationships are documented."*

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Will Men Take The Pill?

Adam · 16 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Get a load of this, it's a BBC Talking Point article asking will men take the pill? It would have made for quite a good discussion, if man hating and hypocrisy didn't run rife through it. Anyway, Here's another article saying most men "would take the pill" given the chance. Y'know, when I was a kid, I never imagined giving the nearest man a say in family planning would be such a bitterly fought thing, did you?Source: BBC [UK News Network]

Title: Will men take the pill?

Author: Unknown

Date: April 16, 1999

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Title IX Only Applies One-way?

Scott · 17 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Subversive pointed us to this article from the Detroit Free Press. It tells the story of a male high school cheerleader who is currently banned from participating in certain competitions. He has an attorney who is considering filing a Title IX lawsuit. Subersive writes *"Manchester High School (Michigan) sophomore Andrew Coutts said, "I think this is unfair. Girls are allowed to be on the wrestling and football teams, but boys can't do cheerleading. I want to be treated fairly.""*Source: The Detroit Free Press [newspaper]

Title: GENDER EQUITY IN CHEERLEADING: BANNED BOY ASKS FOR A C-H-A-N-C-E

Author: Maryanne George

Date: February 13, 2002

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Someone Had to Do it: The Penis Monologues

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The Independent Women's Forum reports that a group of students at Penn State have created "The Penis Monologues" as a counterpart to the Vagina Monologues. "*'The Penis Monologues' celebrate penises. It's all penis, all the time.*" In other news from the IWF, SheThinks.org is promoting a Take Back the Date initiative to remind people that Valentine's Day is about romance, not violence. They have an interesting PDF of an ad they placed in various school newspapers that can be downloaded here.

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The "A" Team Combats False Accusations

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Luek submitted this link and writes *"I just found this excellent "pro-male" legal services site by Trial Consultant Kenneth R. Pangborn, that has some very good general information for men explaining just what legal ramifications you will face if ever falsely accused of rape, harassment, child or spousal abuse. And most important, how to fight back! One good point that is brought out on this site is that men tend to trivialize and downplay any false accusation brought against them and presume that the "system" has build-in safety mechanisms that will automatically vindicate them. Nothing could be farther from the truth! With misandry-focused legislation like the infamous "VAWA ACT" becoming the social trend, it is best to dust off the old adages: "To be forewarned is to be forearmed." "Knowledge is power, so get empowered!""*

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Every Child Needs a Father

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Ellen Makkai wrote an article for WorldNetDaily which explains the need for fathers in the lives of children, and the risks people take when they voluntarily have children without father involvement. What I found most disturbing in the article was a quote of a 1999 N.O.W. legislative report which said, "*There is very little in the way of scientific evidence that supports the assertions about the consequences of 'fatherlessness' and about the need for father involvement ... in fact, the evidence is heavily weighted in the opposite direction.* Makkai then goes on to debunk this idea with the rest of her article. She definitely deserves some e-mails of support for this. Source: WorldNetDaily [web site]

Title: Every child needs a father

Author: Ellen Makkai

Date: February 16, 2002

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Errors in Child Abuse Cases

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Dean Tong had an article printed in NewsMax which discusses mistaken cases of child abuse. Tong gives a few examples of mistakes made in these cases that put innocent men and women behind bars, and he believes that these mistakes are becoming dangerously common. "*What we don't know in alleged child physical and sexual abuse cases is coming back to haunt us. Social workers, police officers, therapists, guardians-ad-litem, lawyers, judges, teachers and legislators need a wake-up call that all is not well in America's child protection system. And the errors committed are hurting the very individuals we are trying to save from harm, our children!*"
Source: NewsMax.com [web site]

Title: To Err Is Human, Especially in Child Abuse Cases

Author: Dean Tong

Date: February 17, 2002

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The Unity Wall: A Place to Tell Your Story About Unjust Child Support

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ronn sent us a press release regarding a web site called the Unity Wall. "*The Unity Wall, an online, interactive Memorial Wall has been released as a testimonial to those who have been hurt by the current unfair child support laws. It resembles a simple wall of granite with names inscribed on its surface. Each name is a hyperlink to a web page written by that person, telling their own story of the pain these laws have caused them. The Unity Wall contains the names of fathers who have lost custody of their children only to find themselves victims of a divorce industry that profits from of their suffering.*" You can submit your story to the Unity Wall, which I encourage people to do.

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Cathy Young Speaks Out Against V-Day

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Cathy Young has joined Wendy McElroy in denouncing the attempts to change Valentine's Day into a day of remembering violence against women (known as "V-Day"). Young's Boston Globe story explains how the Vagina Monologues and similar events are sexist and paternalistic with their focus on violence against women, and how they contribute to an atmosphere of distrust and antagonism between the sexes. Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: It's Valentine's Day, not Victim's Day

Author: Cathy Young

Date: February 18, 2002

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Australian Attorney Guilty of Making False Rape Accusations

Scott · 19 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

It's always upsetting when someone makes a false accusation of rape, but it's really disturbing when attorneys are caught doing so. This was the case with a young Australian lawyer, whose name is not being released, who pleaded guilty to making six false reports to the police, which included two occasions of her impersonating a child making a rape accusation against a man. "*The woman...claimed that a mental condition triggered by memories of sexual abuse as a child had caused her to make the false reports.*" Fortunately, the Victorian Supreme Court ruled that her law certification should be revoked. The story can be read here.
Source: The Mercury [Australian newspaper]

Title: Fake rape claims end career

Author: Unknown

Date: February 19, 2002

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Yates Trial Begins, Lawyer Claims She Didn't Know What She Was Doing

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In case you've been living under a rock, here's a story about the infamous Andrea Yates (mother who drowned her five children in the family bathtub). Her trial has started. According to her lawyer, she didn't understand the wrongfulness of her actions when she murdered her kids. It should be remembered that Yates herself called police and her husband to report her own crime. The jury is made up of eight women and four men. *In an attempt to show that Yates knew what she was doing, the prosecution pointed out that she complied with instructions from police who arrived at her home, made contact with them and had no problem understanding directions.* Yates also apparently admitted to officers that she had been considering killing her children for two years "because they weren't developing correctly."

Source: CNN [Web site]

Title: Mother accused of killing her 5 children goes on trial

Author: Unknown

Date: February 18, 2002

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Wendy McElroy Examines The Wage Gap Myth

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Wendy McElroy this week in her Fox News column tackles the most recent outbreak of the wage gap myth, and rightly criticizes media which latched onto the statistics as an indicator that women are facing sexism in salary. *But National Review columnist Betsy Hart took the time to examine the study commissioned by Reps. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., and John Dingell, D-MI. She found it to be a "biased and highly-emotionalized reinterpretation" that the "creative" staff of Maloney and Dingell had imposed upon otherwise straightforward data.* In this column, McElroy also quotes Hart's interview with Maloney, who shockingly admits her interpretation of the data was a deceit designed to keep the "right" from stopping money on such studies. McElroy explains the importance of examining statistics (especially as reported by the media) and not blindly accepting them as fact.

Source: Fox News [Web site]

Title: Reading Between the Numbers

Author: Wendy McElroy

Date: February 18, 2002

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Another DNA Witch Hunt in Scotland

Scott · 19 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This story shows that the precedent in Scotland to mass test hundreds of innocent men has been accepted. I despair that this seems now to be an accepted practice in such a short time. You will note that this time, the DNA testing is thrown into the story almost as an aside. I would urge all the affected men to resist this process. Also, what will now happen with the growing DNA "bank"?"* Source: Scotland Today [UK newspaper]

Title: Killer of partially disabled woman branded a coward

Author: Unknown

Date: February 19, 2002

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Abuse of Protective Orders

Scott · 20 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"The Washington Post has printed a highly irresponsible editorial advocating the expansion of so-called protective orders in Maryland. These orders are widely abused to gain an advantage in divorce cases. The supposed due process they afford is a naked sham because the orders are issued almost automatically. A moment's reflection will make it obvious that there is no way to show when a domestic violence claim is a lie, whether for profit or just malice. Comment to: letters@washpost.com."*Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: A Vote Against Violence

Author: Unknown

Date: February 19, 2002

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Book Discussion on Patai's Heterophobia

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Wendy McElroy has announced that there will be a book discussion on Daphne Patai's Heterophobia starting up tomorrow at iFeminists.com. Her iFeminists bulletin board announcement can be read here. Note that she will be giving away free books to random participants, so why not check it out? As Wendy writes, "*Reading the book is a definite plus ;-), but lurkers are welcome.*"

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MANN Chat: Paternity Fraud Successes and Setbacks

Scott · 20 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Tonight's Mensactivism.org on-line chat will be on the recent passage of a Georgia bill which will outlaw paternity fraud, giving men the right to stop paying child support for children that they were tricked into believing where their own. We'll be discussing overall issues related to men's reproductive rights and invariably many unrelated topics too (as usual, :). Join us at 9:30 PM EST tonight (2/20) in the MANN chat room.

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Of Men, Divorce, and Suicide

Nightmist · 20 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Intrigued by Wendy McElroy's column on male suicide a few weeks ago, the *Toronoto Star* decided to take its own look at the rate of male suicide and divorce in Canada. McElroy herself is quoted in the piece, and the men's movement is mentioned prominently. The author also interviewed men who have considered suicide in response to unfair child support payments. *"There has been very little research to find out how alienated men feel after a complicated divorce and after losing custody in courts. But when you go through the research that's there, you come across story after story about men who wrote notes about their divorces or were clutching court orders while they committed suicide," says McElroy, whose anthology Liberty For Women: Freedom And Feminism For The 21st Century, will be published this year.* We should extend both the *Toronto Star* and Wendy our thanks for continuing to shed light on this issue.

Source: Toronto Star [newspaper]

Title: Men, divorce and suicide

Author: San Grewal

Date: February 15, 2002

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Glenn Sacks on V-Day, Choice for Men

Scott · 20 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks wrote an article about V-Day, Eve Ensler's V-Day: For Women, Afghanistan is Everywhere, which debunks many of the statistics commonly used in the campaign. This is one *incredibly useful* resource to have handy. Also, tonight Glenn will discuss his recent column Shouldn't Men Have a Choice, Too? on the Stacy Taylor Show, on KOGO 600 in San Diego, starting at 8 PM PST. His talk will coincide with tonight's MANN chat on reproductive rights, so if anyone in the San Diego area can log in and let us know how he's doing in real-time, that would be great!

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Using Music to Heal and Rebuild

Scott · 21 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Michael Skinner is an artist who has dealt with severe physical and sexual abuse as a child, as well as PTSD and depression as an adult. Yet he uses his music as a means to heal and rebuild himself and others who share his experiences. Mike recently created a web site to
promote his music, his advocacy, and to be a resource to provide information and help regarding the issues and concerns around childhood sexual abuse and the long term effects of this abuse. The various resources and links listed will help lead to other resources, especially for males, as this is a subject most are uncomfortable discussing. Sadly, it is a distasteful subject that has caused severe damage and harm to many in all walks of life.

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Nerve Fault Linked to Domestic Abuse?

Scott · 21 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

ronn submitted this article from BBC News. The article talks about a small-scale study which found that domestic abusers had a problem with the response of the vagal nerve when stressed. This problem would then imply that those who suffer from it would have less control over aggression. The authors of the study were careful to point out that the results were not conclusive, probably because a finding like this would have nothing to do with abuse stemming from the oppressive hegemony of men over women. I also find it curious that the study didn't include women, and whether women could have this disorder in similar numbers as men. Source: BBC News [UK news network]

Title: Nerve fault linked to domestic abuse

Author: Unknown

Date: February 16, 2002

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Ritalin Racketeers

Adam · 21 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Here are some very non-PC links about Ritalin and ADD/ADHD. To start with, here's Part 1 and Part 2 of an interview with Peter Breggin, who's most well known for his anti-Ritalin stance. He also has a web site with some very interesting things to tell about psychiatric drugs such as Ritalin, Prozac, Adderall and many others, so I would advise you to have a good look. Lastly, here's an interview with Fred Baughman, who spent 35 years as a child neurologist, with some interesting comments. He also has a web site.

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Lifetime TV Spreads Anti-Male Propaganda

Scott · 21 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

JohnnyMan writes *"Lifetime TV is of course the TV channel "for women" and it often carries the usual feminist propaganda against men. However, this week they are bumping up that propaganda. They have already started the attack against men with a whole evening of movies (Three in a row - Sun 17th Feb) with the usual feminist themes. The theme of these movies is always the same: Women are victims and men are evil villains. To go along with the movies are TV commercials telling women that they are victims of rape and domestic violence. Sunday Feb 17th on Lifetime TV was certainly the most intense man-hatred I have seen on TV for a long time. Please call your cable company and complain about lifetime's anti-masculine activity."* JohnnyMan's comments continue - click **Read More** below.*This is of course a feminist designed attack on Valentines Day.*
(Feminists also ran anti-masculine commercials on A+E TV on Sunday night [coincidence?] - presumably funded with money from the VAWA).
Lifetime has named this week: "To love, honor and deceive week".
The week is to be topped off by a "documentary" on women being the victims of DV - no doubt with the usual lies and tricks - this weekend.
This propaganda will almost certainly increase false accusations against men - as it always has, and will also cause a flare up of man-hatred in the women who watch this channel.

The intensity of this anti-masculine activity is reminiscent of the eighties and early nineties when TV man-hatred was at its peak and these movies were common. However, the interjecting of commercials in the breaks is a new propaganda trick. The titles of the movies and a description of Lifetime's dedication to V-Day are on their site at: lifetimetv.com. I have asked my cable company to remove this offensive channel. Let's demand an end to this blatant man-hatred.

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Electronic Shackles for Men Accused of DV

Scott · 22 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

ronn sent us this Ottawa Citizen story which includes suggestions from a coroner's jury report from a domestic homicide/suicide case: *"Men should be electronically shackled with a global positioning device when they are accused of violence against a woman, and their names should automatically go into a database of abusers without waiting for a conviction."* Apparently most of the Toronto newspapers has responded positively to this news, according to Dave Brown. Brown is also the the same writer who told us about Bill 117, which would transfer the property of those accused of domestic violence to the alleged victim, before a trial is held. What on earth is going on in Canada?

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Paternity Fraud Bill Introduced in California!

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Marc Angelucci writes *"California Assemblyman Rod Wright, who represents the Los Angeles area and has written a letter of support for a County Commission for Men, just introduced Assembly Bill 2240, an anti-Paternity Fraud Bill that would, among other things, protect a man from being forced to financially support a child that is not his. The L.A. chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men had a part in writing the bill and will team up with the Northern CA chapter to support it. Read the bill for yourself and, if you live in CA, submit a comment to the author. And be sure not to miss the amendment to section 7574(a), which adds the following to the list of groups who *must* be consulted about the voluntary paternity declaration form: "father's rights advocacy groups"!"*

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Article on Female Forms of Aggression

Scott · 23 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

garypc writes *"The New York Times Magazine has an excellent article about how young females are just as aggressive as young males, but that they are aggressive in a different way called "relational aggression." I felt it gave a very fair minded insight into how young males are not more malicious than than young females. It brings a reasonable voice to the discussion of gender differences."*Source: The New York Times Magazine

Title: Girls Just Want to Be Mean

Author: Margaret Talbot

Date: February 24, 2002

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Man Stabbed After Failing to Propose

Scott · 23 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

ronn sent us this disturbing story where a man was stabbed below the ear by his girlfriend when he didn't propose to her on Valentine's Day, as she was expecting. "*"The suspect wanted the victim to marry her and he was not at that point in the relationship at the time. So, she allegedly stabbed him right below the right ear lobe," said Sgt. Robert Douglas of the Oklahoma City Police Department.*"

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False Alarm

Scott · 24 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

After extensive investigation into the suspicious network activity on Mensactivism.org today, I have determined that our intrusion detection systems found a false positive. So there's no need to worry - the "cyber grrrl 3l337" hackers from N.O.W. haven't gotten us yet. :) Still, I have taken additional precautions and will be monitoring the server closely for further suspicious activity over the short-term future.

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Murder Charges Dismissed for Louisville Woman

Scott · 24 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

ronn submitted this story about a woman who stabbed her two year-old son about 30 times with a butcher knife, killing him. However, the murder charges have been dropped after four psychiatrists found the woman to be mentally ill, with a rare disorder called Addison's disease. I did some searches on the internet for Addison's web sites and found that while depression can be one of the symptoms of the disease, it is not generally considered to be the cause of severe mental problems. The woman was sentenced to "up to" 360 days in a mental health program.

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Feb. 20 DesertLight Journal

Scott · 24 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Click here to check out the latest *DesertLight Journal* e-zine. This one includes news of a new group to combat false child abuse accusations, important news about the cyberManbooks e-publisher, the Unity Wall, which offers and outlet for people to tell their stories about unjust child support, and more. Trudy Schuett also announced that the DLJ web site is visited by people in 30 countries. Keep up the great work, Trudy!

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Glenn Sacks on the Radio

Scott · 25 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks is getting some serious airtime to discuss his latest controversial article, Shouldn't Men Have a Choice, Too? Glenn will appear on the show *In the Heat of the Night* on KLSX 97.1 FM (Los Angeles) at 10 PM PST this Sunday (2/24). Listen to the show live at this link. Then he will appear on *The Dave Taylor Show* on CHQR AM 770 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The show will be at 1 PM PST on Monday, February 25. You can listen live here. Finally, Glenn will once again appear on the *Al Rantel Show* (KABC AM 790 in Los Angeles) on Friday, March 1 at 7 PM PST.

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Prostate Cancer Research "10 Years Behind" Breast Cancer Research

Scott · 25 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

The Men's Health America mailing list included this article from the California Press Democrat, which mentioned that prostate cancer research is *ten years* behind breast cancer research. Talk about a great quote to make use of! Also, this post from the British Medical Journal discusses men's health but perpetuated the notion that medical research used to ignore women.

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Maximum Exposure: Men are Stupid

Scott · 25 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The TV show Maximum Exposure aired a show last night focused entirely on the stupidity of males. Lines such as "we're so stupid, it's a miracle women even let us get near them," "if these guys don't make you feel superior, compare yourself to the morons on our list," and "if you still ain't convinced men are IQ-challenged, stay with us" were said throughout and were far too numerous to keep track of. The show aired in Richmond on TV Channel 6 (web site, phone # (804) 254-3600 General Manager - Mark Pimental), which is a CBS-affiliate. Needless to say, the show would never have aired the same show with the genders revered. I am contacting Channel 6 myself and think it would be great if we all held WTVR and CBS accountable for what they are allowing to be broadcast on their networks."*

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Advertising Standards Canada

Scott · 26 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

bledso submitted a link to the Canadian Advertising Standards organization. The site is very useful for activists and includes information on how to submit a complaint about an advertisement and includes reports about advertisement complaints. Our friends from Canada will find this to be some very useful information. Bookmark this site!

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McElroy: NOW Used Yates For Political Gain

Nightmist · 26 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy McElroy's latest Fox News column examines the National Organization for Women's (now played-down) support of Andrea Yates, mother who drowned her five children in a bathtub. McElroy points out that NOW wanted to use the case to point the finger at men, who, in NOW's opinion, keep women locked up and tied down to homes and families. McElroy also explores other examples of NOW's attempts to politicize criminal acts.

Source: Fox News [web site]

Title: NOW distances itself from Yates

Author: Wendy McElroy

Date: February 25, 2002

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It's Time To Vanquish Paternity Fraud

Nightmist · 26 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

My latest column, which will also be available as a guest editorial on Wendy McElroy's ifeminists.com, examines a recent case of Kafkaesque paternity fraud and points to some hope on the horizon in the form of new state legislation to deal with these types of problems.

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DV Protection Law Goes Too Far

Scott · 27 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Live Free or Die sent us this link and writes *"A blind, wheelchair-bound man was arrested by New Hampshire police for violating a restraining order - when he called his ex-wife on the phone. I really doubt a blind man in a wheelchair can be that much of a threat, and the police agreed. But they were forced to arrest him (and take him via ambulance to jail where they refused to hold him for liability reasons) because of the zero-tolerance domestic violence laws. The police would like to have "more discretion" on whether to arrest in cases like this."*Source: The Union Leader [newspaper]

Title: State domestic violence law puts police in bind

Author: Unknown [AP story]

Date: February 25, 2002

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MANN is Looking for Movie Reviewers

Scott · 27 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Mensactivism.org is looking for volunteer movie reviewers, to analyze new movies from a masculist perspective. We currently have one person who is willing to write regular reviews if we can find at least a couple more. If you're regular moviegoer, this could be a fun activism project. Note that we're looking for in-depth reviews, not just a review of a few sentences. Post on the comment board here or e-mail admin@mensactivism.org if this interests you.

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Exploiting Deprived Children for Entertainment

Scott · 27 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

ronn pointed us to this article by the Ottawa Citizen's Dave Brown. Brown laments the exploitation of children and fathers on talk shows, particularly those which feature "Who's the daddy?" themes. I have to agree - this kind of voyeurism is degrading, it exploits children, and it almost never sympathetically treats fathers who were tricked into parenthood. That these kinds of talk shows exist says a lot about our screwed up priorities. Source: The Ottawa Citizen [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Exploiting deprived children for entertainment is sickening

Author: Dave Brown

Date: February 22, 2002

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Allegedly Date-raped Man Forced To Pay Child Support

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This story on azcentral.com reports on a man who has been ordered to pay child support for a baby conceived through forced sex. According to the man, he was drugged and date-raped by the child's mother, who then sued him for child support. *The baby, a boy, was born March 3, 1998, and paternity actions initially were brought against two men, court records said. Blood tests determined the man ordered to pay child support was the father.*

Source: azcentral.com [web site]

Title: Man's date-rape defense doesn't win case

Author: Robert Imrie (Associated Press)

Date: February 26, 2002

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NOW Endorses the Book Stupid White Men

Nightmist · 28 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

John Knouten submitted this media review from the National Organization for Women. The first review is of the book *Stupid White Men* by Michael Moore. The book is largely critical of the Bush administration, but Moore also takes some shots at men in general, much to the delight of NOW. *One chapter in particular should warm the hearts of feminists. "The End of Men" details the havoc that men have wreaked on women, government and the planet. Moore bravely tells it like it is where domestic violence is concerned and he even encourages men to get active in helping end the wage gap between women and men!* And yet NOW insists their movement is not anti-male. Click **Read More** below for contact information.

Source: National Organization for Women [web site]

Title: Feminist Media Round-Up: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

Author: Lisa Bennett

Date: February 22, 2002

Contacts

Lisa Bennett may be reached at NOW's communications office.

Michael Moore may be reached via his publisher, Regan Books, a division of HarperCollins.

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GA Senators Against Paternity Fraud Bill

Scott · 28 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"Earlier I asked the question, what legislators in Georgia voted against the right of a man to be free from paternity fraud? I have found the answer to that question at*
this URL.
I believe there were five Democrats in the Senate that opposed HB369. Five Democrats chose not to vote and one Republican also abstained. If we use the logic that one is either for or against men's rights, then eleven Senators oppose men's rights. Perhaps somebody in GA can call them and inform us why these legislators oppose this bill. Just click on the name next to red "N" to get their phone number. I would like to know. In total that means that about 20% of the Senators oppose men's rights legislation in GA."

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N.O.W. Targets Garman as "Radical Right"

Scott · 28 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve pointed out to me that N.O.W. has included a quote from me (out of context as it is) on their "Scary Quotes: Hair-Raisers from the Radical Right" web page. Click here and check the third quote on the list. I actually didn't say this at the Senate hearing, it was something I spoke of when interviewed about Stop Hating Men. The quote in context is, "'Men as a class have never had much power,'...Sure, certain men have had power, but so have certain women." Although I'm sure this doesn't change it from being the same heresy from N.O.W.'s point of view. :)

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Proposed Virginia Marital Rape Law

Scott · 28 February 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Richmond Times Dispatch reported in an article that there are bills under consideration in the Virginia House of Delegates that would give married women "the ability to charge rape without having to prove they no longer live with their husband or without having to prove a serious bodily injury." When opponents complained that changing the law could cause women in divorce cases to file false charges of rape as leverage for securing more child support and alimony, supporters of the bill "scoffed at that argument, explaining the change was a matter of fairness." The bill's sponsors are Del. Terie L. Suit in the House and state Sen. Thomas K. Norment. If you live in Virginia you can find who your representatives are at: this link."*

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Mass. Gov. Swift Denies Freedom For Innocent Man

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ronn sent in this column from the *Washington Times*, which relates the story of Gerald Amirault, a man who, along with his sister and mother, was convicted on fraudulent child abuse charges 16 years ago. In spite of the unanimous recommendation of the Governor's Board of Pardons to free Amirault, Mass. Gov. Jane Swift has chosen not to do so, apparently for fear of election backlash. The column's author suggests that Swift's re-election campaign is more important to her than justice.

Source: Washington Times [newspaper]

Title: Still the witch trial state

Author: Paul Craig Roberts

Date: February 25, 2002

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Low Testosterone Causes Emotional Instability

Scott · 1 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

sjones writes *"Scientists have just discovered that low levels of testosterone in men causes emotional problems just like it does in women. In the process of reporting this the media made fun of the men, saying that the research "has an amusing side" and that testosterone does not solve the problem of men's inability to wash dishes. The story is here."* One has to wonder if they reported this as a health article or just for laughs. Thanks also to Serge for submitting this BBC article, which has more details about the study.Source: BBC [UK news network]

Title: Moody men blame their hormones

Author: Unknown

Date: February 27, 2002

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Web Site Provides Overview of Male Rape

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I found this link to callrape.com while I was surfing ifeminists.com this morning. This site provides an overview about the rape of males and attempts to dispell some myths surrounding it. There's also a history of male rape and some words about the "aggression vs. sexual desire" debate. *MYTH: The majority of male rape occurs in prison. FACT: A study of incarcerated and non-incarcerated male rape victims in Tennessee concluded that the similarities between these two groups would suggest that the sexual assault of men may not be due to conditions unique to a prison, and that all men are potential victims (Lipscomb et al., 1992).*

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Woman Suicide Bomber/Terrorist

Scott · 1 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User sent us this Boston Globe article and writes *"[This is] yet another example of how terrorism isn't only performed by men."* Thanks also to SJones for sending us this link, and to Rams for sending us this one. It's a sad fact that terrorism, like all violence, isn't a gender issue.

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MANN Upgrade This Weekend

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The Men's Activism News Network will be unavailable this weekend due to a major server software upgrade. The outage will begin early Saturday morning and the site should be back up by Sunday evening. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we intend to offer some cool new features with the upgrade, including an apache file compression module that should increase the download speed of MANN for most users, regardless of your internet connection speed.

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New "Rape Test" from France

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JM writes *"Out of France comes a new test (already starting to be used) that, in the words of an influential science magazine, will "prove rape". It does not prove rape. What it really shows is that a woman has had sex with a man from a certain biological group - NOT a certain individual - up to a week or so after sex. It does this by detecting Y-chromosomes. This test only determines that sex has taken place. The rape aspect is still totally dependent on whether the sex was consensual. It looks very much as though this test could be used as a "plan B" to prosecute men - guilty or innocent - when it has been shown that no sperm are present."*Source: New Scientist [magazine]

Title: Test can prove rape days later

Author: Anil Ananthaswamy

Date: February 2002

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Sunday's mensactivism.org/ifeminists.com chat

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This Sunday (3/3), the jointly sponsored mensactivism.org and ifeminists.com chat will feature a question and answer session about writing as activism. The featured answer-woman and answer-man will be Wendy McElroy and myself. While Wendy can answer specific questions about writing as a widely published columnist/activist, I will answer questions from the newspaper perspective related to getting your op-ed or letters to the editor in print. Join us at 9p.m. EST on Sunday in the ifeminists.com chat room.

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Ok...We're Back!

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The upgrade of Mensactivism.org this weekend went surprisingly well - there were no unexpected problems or delays, except for a temporary DNS issue. As I'm now way behind in a ton of my other commitments, things will get back to normal at a fairly slow rate. The apache compression module hasn't been installed yet, and probably won't be until this weekend. The new moderation system will also become more visible as the week goes on. We'll do our best to get up to date on our current submissions bin, and thanks to everyone for your patience!

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Man Dies From Pain of Castration

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SJones writes *"A transvestite castrated his/her husband, apparently out of anger, and the husband is reported to have died from the pain of the castration itself. The article is here. This is the second time I have read a news article in which a medical professional said a man may actually die from the pain of an injury to his testicles. The first was the case of the woman who bit off the testicle of a drunken man who sat on her."*Source: The Arizona Republic [newspaper]

Title: Transsexual gets 11 years for castration death

Author: Unknown [AP article]

Date: February 27, 2002

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Fathers Can Raise School Performance of Children

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dominic7 sent us this BBC article and writes *"[This is] interesting. It's frustrating to keep on seeing study after study prove that the inclusion of fathers in their children's upbringing is important, yet see these studies ignored by the "powers that be"."* One notable thing about this article is that it also acknowledged that even divorced dads have an important impact on their children's educational success, something I wish many family court judges would take note of. Source: BBC [UK news network]

Title: Fathers can raise school results

Author: Unknown

Date: February 28, 2002

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Swift Accuses Her Critics of Gender Bias

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Anonymous User sent us this story from the Boston Globe and writes *"Poor Jane Swift is playing the "gender card" claiming that powerful men are trying to undermine her next run for MA Governor. She knows that the Massachusetts press will eat this ploy up and and cast doubt on any man that runs against her now. Shameless... The poll at the end of the article shows that she has very low voter support. Maybe she should stick with the issues..."* I do hope MA voters will show Swift and others that this kind of politics will not be supported. Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Swift accuses her critics of gender bias

Author: Stephanie Ebbert and Frank Phillips

Date: March 1, 2002

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The Yates Defense Strikes Again, For Women Only

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Another woman is being let off easy after committing the murder of her two infants, according to this story from Nashville's WSMV NBC affiliate. Her excuse is not postpartum depression, but another "rare" form of mental illness. Similarly, an "angry" Cincinnatti woman will not be indicted on assault charges after she shot a man in the groin. The man was alleged to have assaulted her son, but had not yet been tried or convicted. The grand jury cited "emotional distress" as their excuse for not indicting her. And, in a final act of judicial hypocrisy, an 8-year-old Ann Arbor boy has been charged with felonious assault for pointing a toy gun at his classmates.

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GA Child Support Guidelines Declared Unconstitutional

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warble writes *"Why it takes a woman to get this kind of ruling is beyond me. See the ruling at this press release. I am dumbfounded that a woman is able to get these guidelines proven to be illegal while men's cries were largely ignored. It is stunning and demonstrates how biased and cruel the judicial system is in its treatment of men. This challenge cannot possibly be the first challenge to the oppressive and illegal requirements of the child support laws throughout the U.S."* While I understand the double standard at work here, I think we should still celebrate this ruling as a great step forward.

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Comment Moderation and Metamoderation

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Since the questions are starting to roll in about the comment moderation system, which is in the process of being enabled, I'd like to direct people to some documentation about the system. Unfortunately, I don't have the time this week to rewrite the docs and make them specific to this site, so instead I will point you to Slashdot's Comments and Moderation FAQ. It's long and complex, but worth reading. I'm sure people will still have questions, so feel free to ask them under this story, and I'll do my best to answer them.

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Debra Saunders On Andrea Yates

Adam · 5 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Here we go again, jumping straight in the fray of hypocrisy and heresy on the subject of Andrea Yates. At least this article points out the double standards involved, although she wants Russell Yates imprisoned as well (can anybody say fall guy?), but I think you people can read between the lines. While the article is questionable in places, it looks like the Andrea Yates story will be making debate for quite some time.

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Sacks on Shared Parenting

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Glenn Sacks wrote a great piece on shared parenting in support of a proposed Tennessee bill that would make shared physical custody the default for divorcing parents. "*Advocates of the bill emphasize that it will lower the divorce rate, since parents won't be rewarded by the courts for being the first one to terminate a struggling relationship. In addition, they say, it encourages cooperation and even reconciliation because each parent knows that, barring proof of abuse, they will not be able to drive the other parent out of their children's lives.*" I hope activists in TN are organizing well in support of this bill, which will help many fathers, but most of all, children.

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McElroy: Can The Identity Politics, Men Have Opinions Too

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Wendy McElroy's latest Fox News column explores the core problem many of us see with mainstream feminism: "you're not a woman, so you just can't understand." McElroy examines identity politics in all activism, and points out that men and women, although different, do have common ground, and each should value the opinion of the other, *The parallel in feminism is that, although a man does not experience womanhood, he nevertheless understands injustice. Depending on his life experiences, a man may empathize with a rape victim more deeply than many women do. Moreover, like the doctor, men can have perspectives on "women's issues" which are valuable precisely because they are different. And "womanhood" is not so fragile as to be damaged by listening to the opinions of men.*

Source: Fox News [web site]

Title: Identity Politics Dismisses Shared Humanity

Author: Wendy McElroy

Date: March 4, 2002

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Judge Halts Sexist Army Policy on Promotion

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This article in the *Washington Post* reports that a federal judge has struck down the U.S. Army's equal opportunity policy, which appears to have promoted women and minorities at the expense of white male officers. *The Army's written direction to promotion boards that urges them to consider the "past personal or institutional discrimination" faced by women and minorities is unconstitutional because the policy does not order the board also to consider possible discrimination against white men, the judge found.* This sounds like an important victory for Lt. Col. Raymond Saunders, who has fought this battle for the past three years.

Source: Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Judge Halts An Army Policy on Promotion

Author: Neely Tucker

Date: March 5, 2002

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Berlin Opens Battered Men's Shelter

Scott · 6 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"Berlin is opening the first battered men's shelter in Germany. I found the article in Yahoo! Oddly Enough, which shows what they think of violence against men and men's issues in general. The article is here."* The "Oddly Enough" section is reserved for "fringe" news stories, and it does say a lot about the public perception of abused men that this story was placed in this section.

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New Law Creates Felony for Domestic Assault in MA

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CJ submitted this story and writes *"It's a slippery slope in MA for people accused of domestic violence. It is now a felony for aggravated assault, which sounds like a good idea, but in MA there are so many laws that view domestic issues in a 'a priori' (before the facts) manner that I feel that this is one step closer to martial law and will be used as new weapon to wreck havoc with men's freedom. Jane Swift is shameless in her attempts to stay in office... how long now before a shove turns into aggravated assault is in the eye of the vindictive family courts that are over-run with radical feminists."*Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: New law creates felony for aggravated assault

Author: Unknown [AP article]

Date: March 4, 2002

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Goodman Acknowledges Double Standard in Yates Case

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Neil Steyskal sent us this Boston Globe editorial and writes *"The Yates case is a good platform for pointing out the post-divorce psychosis that affects many men. Maybe creating this new term will raise the consciousness of reporters who find excuses for women's violence, but not for men's. In this column, Ellen Goodman comes close to recognizing this pattern."* I almost fell of my chair when I read this editorial from Goodman. I've known her to be a misandrist belittler of men's rights in the *Globe* for as long as I can remember. Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Mothers and madness

Author: Ellen Goodman

Date: February 28, 2002

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MANN Chat: Identity Politics

Thomas · 6 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

In tonight's Mensactivism.org on-line chat we will discuss identity politics, which holds that only members of a particular group, such as women, can understand issues of importance to that group. (For an overview and critique of this political tactic, see Wendy McElroy's recent Foxnews.com column.) Join us at 9:30 PM EST tonight (3/6) in the MANN chat room.

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International Men's Day

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ronn sent us this link to an editorial by Mike LaSalle of Men's News Daily. LaSalle feels that "International Women's Day," March 8, has been co-opted by radical feminists to pursue their agenda and that a counterbalance is needed - an International Men's Day. LaSalle announces that this weekend, MND will restore some balance to the rampant statistical manipulations and misinformation that radical feminists have used to advance their agenda on days such as International Women's Day. Keep an eye on Mike's site.

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/02/03/06/217201.shtml

Hefty Re-running Male Bashing TV Ad

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disclaimer writes *"The Hefty trash bag ad bashing men is back on the air for another run. I saw the 'men are trash' Hefty ad on the evening of Tuesday, March 5th on CBS. Even though we wrote letters of complaint about the commercial, it appears that Hefty didn't listen. I thought that those who wrote Hefty should know that Hefty has turned a deaf ear to us."* Perhaps they need another reminder?

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Canadian Judge Backs Away From Upside-Down DV Laws

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Uberganger writes *"This is an article from The Ottawa Citizen, found via divorceport.com, written by Dave Brown, the Citizen's senior editor. It describes how Judge Jean-Francois Gosselin 'stepped away' from a preposterous DV case because the definition of violence is now too wide. The case ended with no further action, and crown prosecutors are now 'expected to exercise greater discretion'. It's a welcome touch of sanity in Canada's demented DV landscape."* Thanks also to ronn for submitting this article.Source: The Ottawa Citizen [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Judge takes a stand against flawed domestic violence system

Author: Dave Brown

Date: March 2, 2002

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NCFC-NH Activist Meeting

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This Sunday, March 13 the New Hampshire chapter of the National Congress for Fathers and Children will be meeting in the Newington Town Hall starting at 7 PM. Among the agenda items are updates on the status of the NH Men's Commission Bill, as well as other pending bills related to ex-parte restraining orders, shared parenting, child support, and no-fault divorce reform. For more info contact Mike Genoulis at: geancfc@juno.com.

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GoMemphis.com: Go After Those Deadbeats!

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Anonymous User writes *"Time to raid the accounts of NCPs in Tennessee. This person is so ignorant of the true amount owed and where it actually goes it's appalling. No need to worry about the life of the [non-custodial parent], just raid raid raid. Please write this editor so that wrongs can be righted."* In fact, the author of this editorial advocates the same backward beliefs about child support collection which have recently led other states to re-examine their systems. You may contact the editor here.

Source: GoMemphis.com [Web site]

Title: Editorial: Pursuing child support collection to the limit

Author: Unknown/Staff

Date: February 28, 2002

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More Divorce Subsidies for Women

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Neil Steyskal writes *"The IRS rules currently contain at least six incentives for women to divorce their husbands. For example, he is taxed on child support even though she has the use of the money. Now, the national debate on pensions and Social Security reform is providing feminists with the opening to establish even more divorce incentives. Here's one."*

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"Take Our Daughters To Work Day" Is Sexist

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This story in the *Press Democrat* reports on Joe Manthey, a men's rights advocate who has filed a lawsuit against his county board of supervisors for their support of the sexist, misandrist holiday for girls known as "Take Our Daughters To Work Day." The problem is that the local government is supporting this sexism with public funds. *Manthey's attorney, Chris Ferry of Pleasant Hill, said public agencies cannot put on any event that excludes participation based on gender. "Nothing is more rewarding to a child than to see their mother or father do well in public and be recognized," Ferry said. "The way the county has this event set up, it is being denied to boys. You can't do that. It's discrimination."* Contact the *Press Democrat* to show your support for Mantheny here

Source: Press Democrat [newspaper]

Title: Male activist sues over 'daughters at work' days

Author: Tom Chorneau

Date: March 5, 2002

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El Dildo Bandito Headed to Court

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The *Rocky Mountain News* reports here that Bob Rowan, the man who took down the male bashing art exhibit "Hung out to dry" from the Boulder, CO public library, is headed to trial. The artist who created the work, Susanne Walker, insists on pressing criminal tampering charges against him despite the fact that Rowan has received incredible public support for his actions. The article doesn't exactly paint Rowan as a saint, but it is fairly balanced quoting several people from both sides of the dispute. Source: The Rocky Mountain News [newspaper]

Title: Ceramic penis case headed for trial

Author: Owen S. Good

Date: March 8, 2002

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/02/03/08/2025206.shtml

Women Lawyers Want to Work 20% Fewer Hours to Raise Children

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gte910h writes *"This is a editorial by Karen Selick of the Independent Women's Forum. It denounces a recent proposal in Canada to make women lawyers who are raising children be allowed to bill 20% fewer hours then other lawyers at a firm while being paid the same."* And how about fathers who are raising children? Anyone who can't see the double standard in this must be blind. The title of this article, "Equal Pay for Less Work" also makes a very common sense argument against this. Source: The Independent Women's Forum [web site]

Title: Dispatch: Equal Pay for Less Work

Author: Karen Selick

Date: Unknown

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Male Gymnast Limited by Double Standards

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Foster's Daily Democrat reports here that high school gymnast Ryan Chandler can't compete for points in state competitions because he's male, and there isn't sufficient participation in gymnastics by males to create a separate category for them. Chandler's coach Karla Underwood is quoted as saying, "*I think it's ridiculous...If it was the opposite way something would surely be done. We've been trying to get something done but nobody will listen.*" Coach Underwood also explains that while men do have some advantage in gymnastics due to their strength, women also have advantages over men in terms of flexibility and that the scale of the equipment is geared toward smaller women. Many thanks to Rams for sending this story our way.

Source: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]

Title: Noble gymnast competes, but officially doesn't count in the eyes of the MPA

Author: Mark Quirk

Date: February 5, 2002

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MANN Movie Reviewers E-mail List

Scott · 10 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I have set up an e-mail list for people who would like to write movie reviews for Mensactivism.org. A few people e-mailed me personally stating that they wanted to join the list, and I have subscribed them. But if you haven't received the mailing list welcome message and still want to join up, click here and enter your e-mail address in the subscription form.

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In Defense of Russell Yates

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Glenn Sacks submitted his latest column, which also today ran in the *Houston Chronicle*. Sacks points out that the harsh criticisms mainstream (largely female) press have heaped upon Mr. Yates may be unwarranted. *What these and others forget is that it's hard to make the right decision when you don't have a lot of options. According to Andrea Yates' brother, Andrew Kennedy, Russell Yates "did his best....He trusted the doctors and he did everything they said to do. He made sure she took her medication."*

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NJ Law Still Enforces Child Support by Proven Non-Bio Men

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The Ox
sent us this article from Law.com regarding paternity fraud, where men are still forced to pay child support for children that have been proven not their own via DNA testing. The article includes a fairly technical legal background of the common law which has led to this situation, and is a good read to understand why things have become so messed up in the legal system with regard to paternity these days. Source: Law.com [web site]

Title: In Child-Support Cases, DNA and Paternity Don't Go Hand in Hand

Author: Jim Edwards

Date: March 11, 2002

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iFeminism: A Women's Movement Friendly To Men

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Wendy McElroy's latest Fox News column explores some of the most-often-asked questions she encounters about individualist feminism, like what is it? And how can a feminist movement not be anti-male? Here are Wendy's answers. Wendy has consistently demonstrated to mensactivism.org that she firmly believes in men's equal rights. *A "welcome" sign for men must be posted on the door of feminism. They are fathers, mates, sons, friends and neighbors. It is folly to "solve" a human problem without consulting and co-operating with one-half of the species.*

Source: Fox News/ifeminists.com

Title: 21st Century Feminism

Author: Wendy McElroy

Date: March 11, 2002

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/02/03/11/2259235.shtml

Gender Double Standards in Justice Hurt Everyone

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My latest column, which will also appear today on Wendy McElroy's ifeminists.com, examines the recent cases of Chante Mallard (who allowed a homeless man to die while trapped in her broken windshield), Andrea Yates (who drowned her five children), and Jaymie Hutchins (who shot an alleged child abuser in the groin). Apparently, the justice systems of the United States consider these women less culpable for their criminal acts than Tommy Davis, an 8-year-old Ann Arbor boy, who pulled a toy gun on three of his peers.

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Yates Guilty of Capital Murder

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This story from Yahoo! News reports that the Texas jury in the trial of Andrea Yates has found her guilty of capital murder. Now that the guilty verdict has been returned, the jurors face the task of deciding Yates' sentence, whether it be the death penalty (what the prosecutors are fighting for) or life in prison.

Source: Reuters

Title: Texas Mother Found Guilty of Capital Murder

Author: Unknown/Reuters staff

Date: March 12, 2002

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More Misandry in Massachusetts

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Luek writes *"This is another article about the infamous sex abuse case of Gerald Amirault who was refused parole by the unelected Governor Jane Swift. The usually stern parole board recommended that Amirault be paroled, and his two female codefendants had already been released from prison some time ago. What makes this story uniquely bizarre is that the same Governor Swift who went against the recommendation of her own parole board for the release of Gerald Amirault, just last year issued a full pardon to five women who were convicted and executed during the Salem witch trials in 1692! For an even more in-depth insight on just how toxically misandric Massachusetts has become under the MS-rule of Governor Swift, check out the web site of The Father's Coalition of Massachusetts. It is not for the faint hearted."*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/02/03/12/1812249.shtml

Glenn Sacks To Appear in Two Radio Broadcasts

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Glenn Sacks has informed us that he will be appearing on the Al Rantel show tonight to discuss his most recent column "In Defense of Russell Yates." The show may be heard on KABC-AM 790 in Los Angeles and starts at 7 p.m. PST. Sacks will also appear on the Sterling Show on 610 WTVN-AM in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, March 18 at 9 p.m. EST to discuss the same column. **Update**: Glenn is also appearing on KLBJ-AM 590 in Austin, Texas today (3/13) at 1:20 p.m. CST.

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Stuart Miller On Marital Rape

Adam · 13 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Stuart Miller, a father's advocate, has written a controversial article on marital rape discussing some problems with the entire concept. As he says, "*Contrary to popular propaganda, we do not live in a patriarchal society. Rather, we live in a paternalistic society where we bend over backwards to protect women and children to such an extent that it overshadows our own common sense.*" Throughout the article he points out this kind of thinking for the problem it is, and how it's not good for society in general.

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MANN to Slow Down for Two Weeks

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There comes a time every so often in an activist's career to take things easy for a while. Such is the case here at MANN. It has been decided that we will be running this site in "degraded mode" for the next two weeks, so I can get a handle on academics and enjoy my Spring Break, and the other admins can take it easy for a while and recharge our batteries. Expect updates to this site to be less frequent than usual (probably no more than 2 new stories posted per day) and e-mail responses to be delayed more than usual until Monday, March 25. This kind of downtime is sorely needed for us to catch our breath and prevent the onset of burnout, which would definitely not be cool. I'm certain that we'll be back in form better than before after this break. I'd encourage everyone to do the same on a regular basis to keep our motivation and insight maintained for the long haul.

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Domestic Violence, Male Victims, and the Presumption of Guilt

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Peter submitted this column from the *Ottawa Citizen*. In it, a couple takes the unusual step of asking the columnist (Dave Brown) to be their go-between for communication because government-forced restraining orders prevent them from communicating directly. They say they have been forcibly separated by "warriors in the war against violence towards women." I also found this report linked to from ifeminists.com about the ongoing silence on male victims of domestic violence.

Source: Ottawa Citizen [newspaper]

Title: Couple stymied by presumption of guilt in domestic violence cases

Author: Dave Brown

Date: March 13, 2002

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California Bill to force Draft Registration

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AFG writes *"This article from the L.A. Times discusses a recent Bill in California that threatens young men with the refusal of a driver's permit if they do not register for the draft. One critic of the Bill argued the following: "Young people have the right to make a choice,"..."our Constitution allows for dissent and protest.... This bill fundamentally attacks the premise upon which this nation was founded." Personally, I cannot believe that young men are still discriminated against in this manner."* They're doing the same thing in New Hampshire, too. Ungh. Source: The Los Angeles Times [newspaper]

Title: Bill Designed to Force Draft Registration

Author: Carl Ingram

Date: March 13, 2002

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Sacks: If The Genes Don't Fit, You Must Acquit

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Glenn Sacks submitted his most recent column, which also ran in the *LA Daily News*. In it, Sacks examines California's recent Paternity Justice Act and notes: *Paternity fraud victims' stories often provoke disbelief. For example, four years ago Air Force Master Sergeant Ray Jackson was divorced by his wife. Soon afterwards, he discovered that the three children born during their marriage had, in fact, been the product of three different extramarital affairs. Jackson's ex-wife has disappeared with the children, and Jackson is still paying half his income to support children who aren't his and whom he'll probably never be allowed to see.*

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Yates Gets Life in Prison, Eligible For Parole in 40 Years

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This story on CNN.com details the jury's sentence handed down on Andrea Yates today. Yates was convicted earlier this week of capital murder in the June drowning deaths of her children. Prosecutors were seeking the death penalty. *"This crime is of horrific proportions," prosecutor Kaylynn Williford said during closing arguments Friday morning. "This crime is a crime of the ultimate betrayal -- the betrayal of a mother to her children."*

Source: CNN.com [web site]

Title: Yates sentenced to life in prison

Author: Unknown/CNN staff

Date: March 15, 2002

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Irish Man Who Protested Family Court Cleared of Charges

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This story in Ireland's *Longford Leader* reports that an unnamed Irish man who chained himself to a seat in Carrick-on-Shannon court house in protest against Ireland's discriminatory family law system was cleared of public disorder charges. *The man who cannot be named for legal reasons and in order to protect the identity of his spouse and children was charged with a breach of the peace at Carrick court house when he refused to leave the court room when requested by Judge Deery. The man chained himself to a seat and attempted to read out a statement outlining alleged discrimination against men within the Family Law court.* The gentleman was also supported by a throng of other protestors outside court.

Source: Longford Leader [newspaper]

Title: Protesters support father in his stance against Family Court

Author: Unknown/Staff

Date: March 16, 2002

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Ms Attempts to Subject Boys to "Work Day" Reprogramming

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This article from the Clare Booth Policy Institute examines *Ms.* magazine's recent "change of heart" concerning "Take Our Daughters To Work Day" and its name change to "Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day." *Ms* plans to adopt the change next year. *This was, perhaps, in response to male advocate Joe Manthey's civil rights lawsuit against the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Manthey contends that government support of this holiday discriminates against boys. Manthey is correct in that assumption. However, the Ms. Foundation's plans are now doubly detrimental. It offers boys no benefits and subjects them to the same feminist propaganda girls have had to endure.*

Source: Clare Booth Policy Institute

Title: Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day®:
Now Subjecting Boys to Feminist Propaganda and Reprograming Them Through Gender Sensitivity

Author: Lisa De Pasquale

Date: March 15, 2002

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Tennessee Shared Parenting Bill Under Attack

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On tonight's episode of "Your Legal Rights," which airs on Saturday nights on Nashville's 1510 WLAC-AM, a representative of the Tennessee Women's Political Caucas called in to complain about the state's proposed "Shared Parenting Bill," which would make joint custody the "default" judgement in child custody cases. Although the bill is sponsored by a feminist, the caller disparaged Dads Against Discrimination and father's rights groups in general for bills like this one. She and the hosts disparaged the group for seeking equal rights for men. The TWPC representative is scheduled to be a guest on the show next Saturday night to discuss the bill, which both hosts (Charles Galbreath and Fletcher Long) admitted they knew absolutely nothing about, yet were entirely willing to deride. You can listen to "Your Legal Rights" live on the Internet, Saturday nights at 7 p.m. CST. I encourage anyone interested in supporting this bill to call the show and point out the flaws of this TWPC representative's arguments.

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Men Can Be Victims of Stalkers Too

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This article in the *Nashville Scene* is more than a year old, but I think it's important to consider as some folks take on more public roles in men's rights issues. The article details the experiences of one male victim of stalking, and makes it pretty plain that anyone can become someone else's obsession, even in Internet forums like this one. *According to Seema Zeya, senior program director of the Stalking Resource Center at the National Center for Victims of Crime, men are often too ashamed to report their stalkers. "We haven't gotten a lot of calls from male stalking victims," she says. "They're usually not really comfortable because they feel embarrassed and they're afraid that they won't be taken seriously. Unfortunately, they often are not taken seriously when they do report the crimes. Also, men have complained to us that there are not any support groups in their area for male victims of stalking crimes."* Let's hope that's changing.

Source: Nashville Scene [newspaper]

Title: No Escape: One stalking victim's distressing, disturbing story

Author: Rebekah Gleaves

Date: January 25, 2001

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Joe Manthey Interview Today on the Dan Curry Show

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DanCurry writes *"Joe Manthey will be on the Dan Curry Show Monday, March 18, at 6 p.m. PST to discuss the civil rights lawsuit against the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on "Take your Daughters to work" day. Some question have arisen as to whether this is the right path to pursue. Don't miss this opportunity to voice your opinion."* Some people have wondered aloud whether Manthey's lawsuit prompted *Ms* magazine to recently change the program to "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day."

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Dave Brown: Debtors' Prisons Return

Scott · 19 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"The Ottawa Citizen has run an article detailing how men are being thrown into debtors prisons in the name of feminism and crushing those 'dead beat dads.' The article is here."* The author of this article is, once again, Dave Brown. Brown continues to confront issues that no one else wants to address, and he deserves a lot of support for the flak he must take on a continual basis. His e-mail is: dbrown@thecitizen.southam.ca.Souce: The Ottawa Citizen [Canadian newspaper]

Title: The booming return of debtors' prisons

Author: Dave Brown

Date: March 16, 2002

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Office of Men's Health Resource Center

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The campaign to establish a national Office of Men's Health now has a new web site advocating it, which can be seen here. Note the link towards the bottom of the page where you can send off an e-mail of support for HR 632 to your Representatives and Senators. It only takes a minute to do! The Media Fact Sheet on their site also provides some useful stats that can be referenced when advocating for men's health.

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March Men's Hour is Out

Scott · 20 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"The March Men's Hour is out. Our answer to the sexist BBC's claim that the woman's hour has general appeal and therefore there's no need for a men's hour. It includes Barry Worrall (Cheltenham Group and UK Men's Movement) about the destruction of marriage and how the judges are making up law, Rape Trials (Calls for anonymity for rape suspects ignored in spite of suicides by men later proved innocent) and Women's History Month. It's at www.menshour.com."*

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Mucking Around with the Database...

Scott · 20 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I'll be trying to fix the slash database early in the morning of Wednesday, and the site may become unstable or disappear for a bit. I'll be attempting to fix the broken moderation system so that comments can be rated correctly, which if you haven't noticed, isn't working as it's supposed to. I'll delete this posting when the work is done, whether it succeeds or not.

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Boys' Eating Disorders Unfold

Scott · 20 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Bill Kuhl sent us this article and writes, "*Today's St. Louis Post-Dispatch has a good article on boys and eating disorders. About the first third or so of the article talks about how boys are not recognized as potentially having the disease and it follows the travails of one boy to get help. Apparently he had to be driven from St. Louis to Iowa to get inpatient treatment that accepts boys.*" Source: The St. Louis Post-Dispatch [newspaper]

Title: Boys' eating disorders unfold; insurers hold off on coverage

Author: Cynthia Billhartz

Date: March 19, 2002

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Gloria Steinem and the CIA

Scott · 20 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

An Anonymous User writes, "*There's an amazing article over here by Henry Makow, Ph.D. Makow claims that Gloria Steinem (a la "a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle" fame) has strong ties to the CIA, and that certain spook organizations are responsible for the success of feminism and other liberal movements in the last century. I thought the article was kinda soaked in conspiracy theories, but if Steinem was involved with the CIA, we had better find out more about it.*"Source: TooGoodReports.com [web site]

Title: Gloria Steinem: How The CIA Used Feminism To Destabilize Society

Author: Henry Makow

Date: March 18, 2002

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Back (Yes, Again)

Scott · 22 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

MANN is back, once again. I had to restore the database from backup tapes after I had hosed the system on Wednesday, so things are in the state they were in as of Wednesday morning at about 2 AM, including queued stories. All of that, and moderation *still* isn't quite working right. *Ack*...

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Misandric Governor Swift Drops Out Of Race

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Luek writes *"Well, here is some good news! The misandric unelected female Governor of Massachusetts, Jane Swift is bowing out of the Governor's race.*
What is significant here is that she was banking heavily on the femmunist voting block and their pressure groups to get elected. This tactic did not work in an ultra liberal state such as Massachusetts. This needs to be monitored as a political bellwether on how the men's movement is gaining status and how the election of the new Governor will affect the deplorable situation in the family court system in that unhappy state. I think it is a very good sign."

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Raising Money to Publicize Warren Farrell's Latest Book

Scott · 22 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"I am passing this message on from Larry Hellmann of the National Congress for Fathers and Children. He is trying to raise some money to publicize Father & Child Reunion. Given the cowardly lies that gender feminists have been spreading about Warren to effectively shut him up, I think this is a worthwhile effort and I will contribute a couple hundred to it.*" Click **Read More** below to view the announcement.
If there is a thread of unification among us in the National Congress for Fathers and Children, it is our unique awareness of the tears, the fears, the despair of fathers sitting we meet daily pouring out their souls stripped of their very reason for being because their family has been destroyed, their children have been stolen from them, their support has been reduced to money. We have seen a loving dads transformed into criminals of society by child support orders they cannot maintain. We have seen fathers become walking dead because they are being denied merely to be what they are: fathers. We have all seen some version of what haunts my mind: a Father shot and killed in front of his children as he tried to implement his child visitation orders. If I am preaching to the choir it is because the voices of our choir have often not only gone unheard but, worse, been rejected and derided.

One of the most important events in recent years in the advance of Fatherhood information is the publication of Warren Farrell's latest book Father and Child Reunion (2001). Its combination of readability, balance and documentation makes it the best single resource to help a judge, the legislature make the transition from "mother knows best" to "both parents are best".

I am personally aware of Warren's work on this book from 1992 - ten years ago. I am personally aware of Warren's willingness to give up the world's best publisher (Simon & Schuster) and a hefty advance rather than cave to their demands to drop out the material on the dangers of father-absence and why children with dads do so well. The result is a book that ultimately got published but with a bank account that got wiped-out.

This Father's Day is our last opportunity to get out to the media the voice of our choir: the message of Father and Child Reunion. As President of NCFC, I have made a commitment with a publicist who guarantees radio show appearances for Warren Farrell to promote Father and Child Reunion and the work of NCFC specifically in the top twenty five markets, and in syndicated shows. The first commitment came from the publicist: reducing the fee from $7500 to $5500.

Tarcher Putnam, the publisher, has also committed to another printing of the book if this printing sells out. Our commitment is the $5,500.00. This is something we can do. We can help make the difference we want to make. It is my personal promise that every cent raised will go 100% into the project. Not a dime will be spent on administration. I further promise that for every $100.00 contribution or more, I will send an autographed copy (by Warren, not me!) of Father and Child Reunion to either for the donor or his/her Father.

In order to set up the project and gear up to the effort the publicist is asking for a 50% deposit by March 19.

We can do this. We can make it worthwhile for publishers to publish our message and impossible for the media to ignore what is published. Let's do it. Please make out your check to: National Congress for Fathers and Children and note the check to the Father's Day Project

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A Man Is Battered Every 14 Seconds

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This commentary in the *Washington Times* seems to be the author's *mea culpa* for ignoring male victims of domestic violence in a previous column. He had reported that a woman is battered every 15 seconds, but completely failed to mention the male statistic, which was in the very same study. *This rousing omission was not lost on my readers. Shortly after the commentary ran, letters streamed — poured — into our office documenting acts of domestic violence committed against men. The accounts were tied together by a common theme: the reluctance of men to come forward, for fear of being emasculated.* The author also admits he purposefully neglected to mention male victims as a result of his adherence to "longstanding cultural myths." It's good to see this kind of admission of neglect in print. Williams is a nationally syndicated columnist.

Source: Washington Times [newspaper]

Title: Notes on husband abuse

Author: Armstrong Williams

Date: March 22, 2002

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History Channel Smears Men

Scott · 23 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Ouzinki writes *"Did anyone else witness the "teach BOYS early" advertising segment on the History Channel on the night of 3-20-02? It was in a commercial spot about 7:30 PM (Alaska time), and featured a bit that showed women and children as the only victims of violence. The final segment of the commercial stated "in order to stop violence against Women, TEACH BOYS EARLY" (emphasis mine). I've seen this particularly disgusting advertisement on the History Channel once before, but couldn't remember the date/time. I checked my watch this time 'round, and upon going to thier web site, found no email link to express my displeasure. Does anyone have an email address to anyone that counts at History Channel? This abomination must be stopped."*

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Study: "Women beat men in web browsing"

Scott · 24 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

An Anonymous User writes, "*If you want to see an example of statistical semantics to fit a particular agenda, then read this BBC article which features the title "Women beat men in web browsing". The basis for this claim is that women use their time online more "purposefully" - the examples being "shopping, organising travel, banking, and sending e-greeting cards" (!). Men's lack of "purposeful" use of the web include "browsing, reading content and downloading software".*"Source: BBC [UK News Network]

Title: Women beat men in web browsing

Author: Unknown

Date: March 21, 2002

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Woman Murders Boyfriend After Several Attempts

Scott · 24 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"A woman repeatedly tried to murder her boyfriend. She finally succeeded and, big surprise, she now claims to be the 'real' victim. Why she was never arrested for domestic violence for her previous attempts is not explained, nor why she was not in jail for attempted murder. The story, in which he is called her 'partner,' is here."*

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Men's Health Week Goes International

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Men's Health America writes, "*National Men?s Health Week, an effort to highlight the needs and disparities of men?s health, has now gone international. Beginning this year, Men?s Health America will describe Men?s Health Week as ?International Men?s Health Week.? Men?s health organizations in the United States, Canada, England, and Australia will be participating in the event. The international scope of men?s health was highlighted this past November, when the First World Congress on Men's Health was convened in Vienna, Austria. The dates of this year?s International Men?s Health Week will be June 10-16. These dates are designed to culminate in Father?s Day on June 16.*"

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Cathy Young Blasts Men's Activists for Supporting Russell Yates

Scott · 25 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

In what's sure to be a controversial article for the men's movement, Cathy Young criticized men's activists and specific leaders in the men's movement for supporting Russell Yates and claiming that he is not responsible for his wife's murder of their children. The *Boston Globe* article can be read here. Young doesn't deny that the media blame put on Russell Yates was at times unfair, but she firmly believes that Mr. Yates is morally culpable for this tragedy.Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Yates children's father shares in guilt for deaths

Author: Cathy Young

Date: March 25, 2002

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More Progress on the "Male Pill"

Scott · 26 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"Since the most severe risks for men derive from having children (paternity fraud, divorce, child support, etc.), this report about the development of a contraceptive for men is extremely important. I hope we can find ways to promote its rapid completion and distribution."*Source: The Age [Austrailian newspaper]

Title: Australian scientists develop male pill

Author: David Wroe

Date: March 25, 2002

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Light Dawns on the Media's Ignorance of Male DV Victims

Nightmist · 26 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

My latest column, which will also appear today on Wendy McElroy's ifeminists.com points out the hypocrisy of Western media when covering the issue of domestic violence, and how they ignore male victims even when the evidence is in their own faces. Drawing on nationally syndicated columnist Armstrong Williams' recent admission of his own cultural bias, I feel it is time for all media to examine their own cultural biases when reporting on domestic violence. It shouldn't be a gender issue.

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Gloria Steinem: Men Are Evil

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This story on NewsMax describes gender feminist icon Gloria Steinem's latest hate-rant against men. She spoke at a YWCA charity event, where she blamed masculinity for everything from pedophilia in the Catholic Church, to Nazism, to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Anyone know where one may write to Steinem so we may impart to her what a misandrist bigot she is?

Source: NewsMax [web site]

Title: Steinem Blames White Male Dominance for Church Sex Scandal, 9-11

Author: Unknown

Date: March 25, 2002

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Schlussel Blasts Steinem For Sexist Comments

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Conservative columnist Debbie Schlussel wrote this column about our favorite misandrist Gloria Steinem, who recently claimed at a YWCA charity event that masculinity is responsible for all the evil in the world. *Yup, that's the solution to terrorism against Americans-let's give our boys Barbies, pearls, and china patterns. Everyone knows that would have prevented attacks on the WTC. And created some real macho firemen and policemen to rescue the victims.*

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Against Military Conscription

Adam · 28 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Congressman Ron Paul has written an interesting article Against Military Conscription arguing that conscription violates the principles of democracy, among other common sense ideas. The only problem I have with this article is the fact he puts a gender-neutral spin on the draft, which I feel is quite misleading. Having said that, men's advocates should take notice of the arguments within, as most of them are quite good but easily understated, for example: "*A military draft also appears to contradict the constitutional prohibition of involuntary servitude.*"Source: LewRockwell.com [web site]

Title: Against Military Conscription

Author: Ron Paul

Date: March 23, 2002

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Dear Abby Prints Philip Cook Letter

Scott · 29 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"Dear Abby on March 22nd printed a letter by Phil Cook of Stop Abuse For Everyone and she responded by admitting that domestic violence in not a gender issue but a human issue and that female-to-male violence is an "ugly, often ignored problem.""* This is a good sign that the truth about domestic violence against men is starting to enter common knowledge.

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Kerkorkian to Pay $324k/Month for Child That is Not His

Scott · 29 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Garth writes *"These two stories (one, two), describe the Kerkorkian child support battle. Lisa Bonder Kerkorkian is asking for $324,000 a month to support their 4 year old daughter. It has been shown, however, that she faked the DNA paternity test. Unfortunately, the husband signed a paternity document, which of course nullifies the fact that the girl is not his daughter. Also of note, he must pay half his wife's legal bill because she only has 12 million dollars, whereas he has 6.5 billion."*Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Kerkorian's former wife faked DNA paternity test

Author: Araminta Wordsworth

Date: March 26, 2002

Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Wife's child support claims total US$324,000 a month

Author: Araminta Wordsworth

Date: March 26, 2002

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Cheaters Exploits DV Against Men

Scott · 29 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"On March 23 at midnight, KCAL channel 9 aired an episode of Cheaters that I believe glorifies and condones violence against men. The name of the couple was Christian & Bret. It was about Bret being a cheating husband. What was disturbing were the three distinct alleged physical assaults on Bret by Christian. In addition, there was a police response where Bret was seeking protection from the DV. Cheaters helped Christian avoid arrest. The host pointed out that Bret wanted protection and was asking the police to have his wife arrested for DV. Further, Christian repeatedly brought into question the issue of child neglect. She was claiming that the child was suffering for want of formula. Clearly, the Child Protection Services should have been called and Christian arrested. However, I believe that the host of Cheaters.com obstructed justice. You can voice your protest at Cheeters.com, and you can write or call KCAL channel 9 in Los Angeles to voice your dismay at KCAL."*

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Interesting Men's Health Report

Scott · 30 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Tony writes *"There is a new report out about mens health. I have not read it all (its very long at 80+ pages) but from the opening pages it seems very good, acknowledging "Men's health is greatly ignored,.." You can click here to download the PDF file."* The title of the report is *In Their Own Right: Addressing the Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of American Men*, and it is published by the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

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Maureen Dowd's Misandrist Rantings

Scott · 30 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Equalitarian62 writes *"It appears that the misandrist Maureen Dowd has written another anti-male editorial, (free NYT registration required) this time about Catholic priests. Dowd writes: "The vow of celibacy serves as a magnet for men running away from sexual feelings they are ashamed of. And the allegedly celibate society these men enter retards their sexual development, funneling their impulses in inappropriate directions." I believe that nuns take a similar vow. Would Dowd have described them in a similar fashion?"*Source: The New York Times [newspaper]

Title: Rome Fiddles, We Burn

Author: Maureen Dowd

Date: March 27, 2002

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Gerald Reynolds Appointed to Education Office

Scott · 31 March 2002 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"[President Bush] had appointed Gerald Reynolds to the Department of Education's Office if Civil Rights, the office responsible for enforcing Title IX and all of the draconian measures that have resulted in less-than-acceptable education for boys and the destruction of many boy's sports programs in high schools and colleges. Though Sen. Ted Kennedy was doing his best to block Reynold's nomination through parliamentary maneuvering, the President has appointed Reynolds in a recess appointment. The article is here. We need to write to Mr. Reynolds and keep him advised of the continuing assault on boys in education and scholastic & collegiate sports."*Source: National Review Online [web site]

Title: Reynolds Wrap

Author: John J. Miller

Date: March 29, 2002

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Getting To Batterers While They Are Young

Scott · 1 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"The current anti-violence TV, radio and newspaper campaign that is specifically directed at young males to sensitize them early on about their supposed innate inclination to abuse defenseless and innocent females in their lives is being promoted by an organization in San Francisco, California called "The Family Violence Prevention Fund." Their website is here. This project was previously discussed and critiqued in this forum a couple of days ago. I just sent them an e-mail voicing my concern about their one sided and misandrous approach to resolving this very serious problem of domestic violence."*

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Will NH Have a State Men's Commission?

Scott · 2 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

New Hampshire is inching closer and closer to passing a bill which would establish a state Men's Commission, to study and advocate solutions to issues which negatively impact men as a gender. A full Senate vote on this bill is due any time now, and much of the reason I've been so negligent with Mensactivism.org lately is that I've been very caught up in doing local activism to help promote this bill. An article I wrote for the UNH school newspaper has been adapted for MANN and appears in the **Read More** section below. If you're a NH resident, *please* take a moment and write a letter in support of the bill. If you're not a NH resident, you can still write in support of the bill, and let NH Senators know that the country is eagerly hoping to see the success of a state Men's Commission.

Proposed Bill to Establish State Men's Commission

For more than thirty years, New Hampshire has had a Women's Commission to investigate and advocate for women's issues. This commission has done much to help bring public attention to the problems that women face and has promoted opportunities for women to realize their potential. Now, a bill has been introduced in our state that would do the same for men. HB 587, to establish a New Hampshire Men's Commission, is currently making its way through the NH legislature, and would help bring attention to men's issues which have remained invisible for too long. The staggering suicide rates of men, fatherlessness, domestic violence against men, and double standards which harm men as well as women are just a few of a number of issues that have too often been ignored in the current dialogue on gender. The Men's Commission would help show another side of the coin in gender issues, and improve equal rights for *both* men and women.

Last year, a legislative study committee issued a report outlining men's issues and status in New Hampshire. The report, which can be downloaded here in Adobe PDF format, examines several critical issues mentioned above and explains the need for a state commission to study and advocate for the needs of men. The results of the report conclusively show that despite some people's perceptions, men have serious problems and issues related to their gender roles and expectations which we have a responsibility to address. Did you know that men die, on average, 10 years earlier than women in NH? That fatherlessness is one of the primary determining factors of violence and antisocial behavior among young men? Or that men on average are doing much worse than women academically (and the trend continues to get worse) in education?

It's time that issues such as these received attention from a state commission, which can collect data locally and encourage action to correct these problems. HB 587 has also received significant legislative support, passing by a wide margin in the House, and was recommended for passage in the Senate just recently by the Internal Affairs Committee. This support is an encouraging sign that men's problems are slowly being acknowledged and understood as serious, legitimate issues. And furthermore, that we can advocate for men's issues without negatively impacting the gains that women have made over the years.

If you believe in equal rights for both men and women, please write to your NH Senators in support of HB 587. This is an opportunity to make a difference for gender equality and justice. We have included a sample letter for you to follow if you'd like, but please keep in mind that individualized letters get more attention from Senators.

Dear Senator,

I am writing to express my support for HB 587, to establish a state Men's Commission in New Hampshire. I believe in equality for both men and women and feel that a state Men's Commission would help address many men's issues that are important not only for men, but also for the women and children in men's lives. We have had a state

Women's Commission for more than thirty years, and it's time that we also acknowledged that men have problems and issues that are important. HB 587 would help by collecting data and advocating for men's issues in the state, including problems such as men's high suicide rate, fatherlessness and its social costs, and men's declining educational status. These are all issues we can address without impacting the gains women have made over the years, and a state Men's Commission would be a great step forward for equality and the improvement of both men's and women's lives. Please vote for this bill.

Sincerely,

Contact info for the NH Senate follows. E-mail addresses are included when they exist. Note that half of the Senators don't have public e-mail addresses. A good strategy for sending e-mail to those without addresses is to send your message to Tammy Wright, the Senate clerk, and ask her to print the message out and deliver it to the Senator's mailbox. Tammy Wright's contact information is:

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And whatever you do, **keep your letters positive!** The opponents of this bill have made many attempts to have this portrayed as a "women vs. men" issue, which they know will frighten off many people from voting for the bill and angering the women's lobby. Trying to humilate or shame Senators into voting for this bill is something that has already been tried and has backfired tremendously, so please don't make the same mistake.

If New Hampshire establishes a state Men's Commission, it would serve as a template for many other states to do the same. I have already expressed my willingness in front of the Senate Internal Affairs Committee to volunteer part-time on this commission should the bill pass. Please help make this vision come true!

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Confronting Woman-Bashing in the Men's Movement

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Men's issues columnist Glenn Sacks has written this column, in which he profiles the "woman bashers" of the men's movement and warns against the men's and father's movement becoming too much like their enemies. *It is said "choose your enemies carefully, for someday you'll resemble them." The men's and fathers' movement is gaining in strength and slowly making progress. However, there is a disturbing fringe element whose woman-bashing very much resembles the vicious man-bashing which men and fathers have endured for the past three decades. It is important that men's and fathers' activists confront this fringe rather than turn a blind eye to it.* Glenn also submitted this column about a new study which has found that women's studies is full of misrepresentations and myths.

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MANN Chat: Expanding the Men's Movement

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Tonight's Mensactivism.org on-line chat will be on the topic of what we can do individually to help increase the numbers of participants in the men's movement. What kinds of outreach are appropriate and effective? How can we mix various techniques in order to bring a broad spectrum of men into the movement? How about younger men, in high school or college? And what about women - what kinds of reasons do they decide to speak out for men's rights? Stop by our chat room tonight at 9:30 PM EST and help us answer these questions.

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Few Men in College, Women Suffer

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shawn writes *"This article is about the shortage of men in college. In particular, it discusses the disparity between the number of black men and black women on campus. Of course, the article isn't about the obstacles and issues that prevent African American and other men from obtaining a higher education. No. It seems that women are the real victims of this educational shortfall because they can't find enough men to date. This article is interesting because: 1) it illustrates how the news media exclusively focuses on women even when it's clear that men are the ones with the problem; 2) it's another indication that women are reluctant to consider less educated men who do not have good jobs."*Source: Savannah Morning News [newspaper]

Title: Black women bemoan shortage of black men in college

Author: Megan Scott

Date: March 31, 2002

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Comic Treats Domestic Violence as a Joke

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Anonymous User writes, "*Something's been nagging at me. Lynn Johnston's For Better or For Worse comic depicts a guy being beaten up by two girls (one of whom is one of the main characters). Admittedly he was being a cad and dating both of them, but I don't think violence should be tolerated regardless. Am I being too alarmist by submitting this? No matter how I look at it it seems like Johnston's saying Domestic Violence is okay as long as the person is bad.*" Or male - does anyone really think she would depict two men beating up a woman that was two-timing them?

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Spreading Misandry's Spreading Popularity

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nagzi writes *"Those of us in Canada should tune into Bravo! on Thursday night at 7:30pm EST. On BookTV they will be talking with one of the authors, Katherine K. Young, of "Spreading Misandry." This book is getting a lot of attention, and its seems like mostly positive at that. Unfortunately Chapaters is still sold out. :("*

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Men's Issues In Israel

Adam · 4 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

While browsing a men's web ring, I came across this site about Men's Issues In Israel and I found it to be interesting, to say the least. While some of you might find it a bit "personal" I think it's worth finding out what men's issues are like in other countries. There's some more stuff at the Prisoners Of Zion webpage if you're still interested. It's a pity there's not more masculist sites focusing on men's issues in specific countries.

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U.N Activities on CEDAW

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frank h writes *"I submit this because it is useful for us to be aware of what's going on in the international arena on "women's rights" and because the Bush administration has done something (small though it may be) to tame the American representation thereto. We could all agree that CEDAW has no reason to exist, but then again, it DOES exist and the U.S. needs to pay attention. In the world of women's rights, I'm afraid the world, lead by the women of the European Union, is against us. Mighty steep odds, I'd say. I guess they better go get help!! :-)"*Source: NationalReview.com [web site]

Title: Our Girl at the U.N.

Author: Kate O'Beirne

Date: March 21, 2002

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One Father's Struggle for Custody Despite False Accusations

Scott · 5 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Ron Herbert writes *"This article looks at the plight of a BC man who was finally awarded custody of his daughter, although he had to spend years dealing with the courts and a vindictive ex-wife. Although I'm glad he has been reunited with his child, I'm convinced that if a father had made false allegations against his ex-wife and violated court orders, he wouldn't have evaded [consequences]."*

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Sacks, Angelucci to Appear on Radio Shows

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Men's issues columnist Glenn Sacks and Marc Angelucci of Stop Abuse for Everyone (SAFE) will discuss domestic violence against men and Glenn's latest column, "Domestic Assault on Baseball Player is no Laughing Matter" on the Al Rantel Show at 7 pm PST on Friday, 4/5. The show can be found on KABC AM 790 in Los Angeles. This sounds like an important opportunity to showcase the double-standards regarding domestic violence against women and domestic violence against men. **Update**: Glenn will also be appearing on "Feminazi Radio" with Susan Smith-Harmon today at 4 pm CST on WGNU AM 920 in St. Louis. Glenn and Susan will be discussing Glenn's latest column, "Domestic Assault on Baseball Player is no Laughing Matter."

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Kitaen Charged With Spousal Abuse and Battery

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Subversive writes *"Actress Tawny Kitaen, wife of Cleveland Indians pitcher Chuck Finley, was arrested for spousal abuse and battery. They were having an argument as they drove home from dinner when "she kicked him in the thigh, in the leg, in the arm, she grabbed his ear and twisted it. At one point, her high-heel shoe was on top of his foot pressing the accelerator to the ground." Remarkably, police arrested Kitaen after noticing abrasions and scrapes on the 39-year-old Finley. Perhaps there is an opportunity here to bring light to the fact Finley was actually rather lucky, as many battered husbands who call the police to report the abuse end up quite unfairly being the person arrested."* This is the story Glenn Sacks and Marc Angelucci will be discussing tonight on the radio.

Source: Yahoo! News/Associated Press

Title: Finley's' Wife Charged With Abuse

Author: Unknown/AP Staff

Date: April 4, 2002

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Fathers Are Important for Infants' Emotional Development

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This article in the Salt Lake Tribute discusses a study showing that fathers have a positive effect on the stress level of young children. "*"Society tends to stress the importance of mothers over fathers, especially in caring for infants," said Marissa Diener, assistant professor of Family and Consumer Studies, who conducted the research. "This study shows that fathers are important for infants' emotional development."*" Unfortunately, it seemed that the article bent over backwards to assure its readers that mothers are "still No. 1," to an extent that I found a bit much. Yet it still promotes important information about the need for fathers from a very early age.Source: The Salt Lake Tribune [newspaper]

Title: U. Study Says Dads Are Important, Too

Author: Ashley E. Broughton

Date: April 5, 2002

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Male Victims of Domestic Abuse Flood KABC Lines

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Men's issues columnist Glenn Sacks reports that KABC Phone lines were jammed with abused men seeking to tell their stories on the Al Rantel Show on KABC 790 AM Los Angeles on Friday 4/5. Rantel, Sacks, and Marc Angelucci of Stop Abuse for Everyone (SAFE) discussed Glenn's latest column "Domestic Assault on Baseball Player is no Laughing Matter" and the prevalence of domestic violence against men. Earlier in the day Glenn appeared on "Feminazi Radio" with Susan Smith-Harmon on WGNU AM 920 in St. Louis. Again, male DV victims shared their stories of domestic abuse and judicial discrimination against men. On Thursday, Glenn made a short appearance on the Larry Elder Show on KABC AM 790 in Los Angeles. Larry discussed the domestic assault upon baseball player Chuck Finley and covered domestic violence against men comprehensively and without compromise.

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Single Women Make $1.02 For Single Men's $1

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This article on the *Arizona Republic* Web site claims that women in general are paid less than men, but adds that a new study conducted by the Employment Policy Foundation says that full-time women who have never married, do not have children, and live alone make about two cents more than their male counterparts in the same boat. *The study's author, economist Ron Bird, says the findings are important because they show that lower pay is a result of family choices rather than gender discrimination. Bird's theory is that employers are not responsible for the lower pay.*

Source: The Arizona Republic [newspaper]

Title: Some women earn more

Author: Unknown/Gannett News Service

Date: April 04, 2002

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MANN/ifeminists.com Chat Gets New Moderator

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Sorry for the *really* late notice, but tonight's mensactivism.org/ifeminists.com is taking place at 8 p.m. EDT in the ifeminists.com chat room. Tonight, meet Sunni Marivillosa, who will be taking over the chat reigns from Wendy McElroy on the Sunday night chats. Considering it's after 8 p.m., the chat is already in progress. Please stop by and say "hello."

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Comment Rating System Now Working!

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The Mensactivism.org "comment rating/moderation system" has been broken for a long time, and I finally got around to fixing it tonight. I'd like to take a moment to explain the system as best I can in a few words so that people don't jump to misleading conclusions about the system. Please click **Read More** below to view my two-minute tutorial...

The Slash web engine which runs this site includes a "comment moderation" system which tries to balance the free speech rights of comment posters without allowing loopholes for trolls and flame posters to sabotage the comment boards. The system, while not perfect, is extremely effective, as is evidenced by its use on the popular Slashdot web site, which receives thousands of comment posts each day.

I find the term "comment moderation" for this system to be a bit misleading, because the normal use of the term "moderation" is when you have a human being checking and approving or rejecting the content of messages manually. Rather, this is more of a comment rating system that through the use of rating thresholds, effectively filters comments based on the score they receive by the administrators and other users.

That's right, it's not just admins who have the power to rate comments. Users, on a somewhat random basis, are allowed a certain number of "moderation points" each day with which they can "mod up" or "mod down" comments, on a scale of -1 to 3. By default, posts by an Anonymous User get a score of 0, and users start with a score of 1 or 2, depending on how many karma points they have. Karma points are obtained by submitting news stories to MANN that get posted, or if comments that you post are frequently modded up. The more karma points you have, the more likely it is you will get automatically chosen to receive moderation points on a certain day.

By default, each user (including people without accounts) have their default Comment Threshold set to 0. That is, they will see all Anon User and registered user comments unless those comments are moderated down to -1. Anyone can chose to change their threshold to -1 to see posts that were modded down to that level, but most posts that are scored so low are offtopic, troll, or flame posts that many of us don't want to waste our time with anyway.

It's very important to understand that by modding down a comment to -1, you're not deleting the post, but you are making it invisible by default for most users. This is what is meant by balancing the free speech rights of users without keeping us open to sabotage by people who want to distract us from the work we're doing in the men's movement. Anyone can now rant and rave all they want, but now people have the ability to mod them down to -1 and make their ravings irrelevent to the rest of us.

I wish I had more time to explain this tonight, but I don't. Please post your questions or concerns here and I'll try to answer them as best I can. Slashdot has an FAQ guide for comments and moderation that many people should take the time to read, even though it's long.

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CBS' 48 Hours Misandric Program on Domestic Violence

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SJones writes *"CBS ran a program recently about men who abuse women on 48 Hours. They titled it "Living With The Enemy" and it made me sick. Two stories were done in which the women who were allegedly abused were clearly lying about many important details and the men they accused were ultimately destroyed. CBS presented the women as 'victims' even before the trials, clearly showing their sexist view that a man and only a man can abuse and is guilty as soon as he is accused. The weblink to the program is here. The program originally aired early last year, but apparently the misandric pigs at CBS felt it was so good that they needed to spew it one more time. On CBS's webpage there is a transcript from a chat session that took place immediately following the original showing of the program. It is incredibly offensive and misandric, but it needs to be seen. This is the level of ignorance and anti-male hatred we are up against."*

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Hate my Father? No Ma'am!

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Glenn Sacks submitted a great article as a feature submission for MANN. In it, he talks about the willingness for young men to say, "don't blame me for women's oppression - blame my father or grandfather," and how the examples of Glenn's own father and grandfather only prove that men's sacrifices and burdens are not recognized today. If ever there were an anthem for the men's and fathers' movement, this piece has got to be it. **Read More** below to view his essay.

Hate My Father? No Ma'am!

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The university professor began the first class of the semester by announcing that she was an "anti-imperialist, anti-heterosexist Marxist-feminist." She read us the famous quote from Robin Morgan, the leading feminist and former editor of Ms. Magazine, who said "kill your fathers, not your mothers." Seeing the students' shocked faces, she added "Kill is too strong. Hate your fathers, not your mothers." I guess she was a moderate.

One of the male students in the class, obviously feeling chastised, said the defense I've heard young men say hundreds of times--"don't blame us for what happened to women in the past--blame our fathers and grandfathers."

I've ruminated darkly over those words many times, and when thinking of my father and grandfather, I can't help but be struck by the special burdens they shouldered as men, because they were men, and how these special burdens have now become a blank space in our history.

Hate my grandfather? My grandfather was a milkman. A young immigrant who enlisted to fight in World War I out of gratitude to the country which had allowed him to escape Russian Czarist tyranny. A man who, wounded in the decisive Battle of the Argonne Forest in 1918, received the Purple Heart and the French Croix de Guerre. A tender father who stayed up half the night stroking the fevered brow of his sickly youngest daughter--a "daddy's girl"--before going to work at three in the morning. A man who put his safety and even his life on the line during the violent union strikes and battles of the 1930s, because he believed that workers have the right to decent wages and living conditions.

Hate my father? The man who worked six days a week for 25 years yet somehow always had time to spend with me? Who never once let me down? Who worked 12 hour days when my sister and I were young so he could ensure that we would be provided for? Who recalls sadly as he looks at his little granddaughter that he doesn't even remember what we looked like at that age, because he was rarely able to be home?

The successful feminist re-writing of the pre-feminist past as a virtual dark ages where men lived like nobles and women were their serfs is at the core of the "hate your father" idea. Tens of millions of (male) blue collar workers--who put their bodies on the line in the coal mines and steel mills so their wives and children could live in safety and comfort--have been turned into oppressors. Their wives and children, for whom these men sacrificed so much, have been turned into their victims.

Edited out of our history are the tragedies of millions of American men who were killed or maimed on what early trade unionists called the "battlefield of labor." The miners who died in cave-ins, explosions, or of black lung disease. The sailors and fisherman who died at sea. The oil refinery workers killed in explosions. The factory workers killed in industrial accidents. The construction workers who died carving train tracks and then highways through majestic mountain cliffs or the scorching desert. The construction workers who died building our bridges,

dams, high rises, stadiums and apartments.

All of them have been forgotten, in part because there is no natural constituency which would like to remember them--the right generally does not dwell on yesterday's struggling blue collar workers and heroic union men, and the left is beholden to the feminists, for whom any mention of men as special contributors or as victims is strictly forbidden.

The only credit left for men is the military, and even this has been partially hijacked. We now speak of "the men and women who fought and died in our wars" as if even one percent of our military casualties were ever suffered by women, or as if women were ever conscripted the way men were.

Feminists once excoriated our society--correctly--for ignoring the massive, hidden contributions of women in child rearing and house work. They asked new and important questions like "Who cooked the last supper?" and, even better, "Who washed the dishes afterwards?" But we have now come full circle--men's special and unique contributions (hazardous jobs, long work hours, long commutes, time away from the family, etc.) are ignored, and any reference to them as a male burden is "sexism."

I thought of this recently when I took my young son to a large model train exhibition, one rich in 1940s and 1950s Americana. Looking at the huge displays of trains cutting through mountain peaks, of bridges and railroad trusses towering hundreds of feet above canyons and rivers, of towns and their factories and coal mines, of the sheer industrial might of the old America, I felt torn inside. I know that this was a world where many Americans were terribly mistreated--blacks, Latinos, some women, and often the working-class and the poor. Yet I couldn't also help but feel a tug of nostalgia as I looked at a world which men--through their ingenuity, strength, and raw physical courage--had carved out of wilderness. Men of my generation have endured relentless criticism, and even the best of us must struggle just to attain the moral status automatically granted to women. Yet in this older world, it seems, there was respect for men and the special sacrifices they made.

And perhaps someday, the professor's dictum "hate your father" aside, there will be some respect for the sacrifices my father and grandfather made, the uniquely male sacrifices they made. Hate my father? No ma'am!

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A Politician is Charged with DV

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warble writes *"We finally have an example of a Democratic politician that was subjected to DV. He has filed charges against his wife for domestic assault, and he claims that his wife provoked him to slap her by her assault. Clearly, he was a victim of DV. The story can be found here. I will be interested to have you guys help me learn if this State (Maryland) has primary aggressor laws. It will also be interesting to learn if this four-term Democrat voted in favor of those laws. I am wondering if we should make a lot of noise over this event. What do you think? Also of note is that the Legislative Woman's Caucus is affording him special treatment by failing to condemn him directly as they would a male in the general public."*Source: The Baltimore Sun [newspaper]

Title: Lawmaker accused of hitting wife files charges

Author: Tim Craig

Date: April 4, 2002

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Men's Hour April Programme Now Out

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"The Men's Hour April programme is now out including: an interview with Steven Stevenson who ran a masculist workshop in Australia and lived, news of Tawny Kitaen, the actress arrested for domestic violence, news of a New Jersey improvement in child support for men, events in London this month, Dr Bill Thompson, a lecturer and expert witness recently raided by the police, infanticide, the BBC and Andrea Yates. It's at www.menshour.com."*

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A Male Victim and a Female Abuser Speak Out On Domestic Violence

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My latest column is a Part II to "Broken Silence," my column two weeks ago about a mainstream columnist's admission that he purposefully ignored studies on male victims of domestic violence in favor of reporting on females. In Part II, I have suspended my normal editorializing in favor of allowing a male victim of domestic violence and a female who once committed domestic violence against her boyfriend to tell their stories on the issue of male victims. The column will also run today on Wendy McElroy's ifeminists.com. In addition to the two main sources, you're going to find some useful information herein from some other names you should easily recognize if you've been perusing this site (or men's issues in California and the Arizona desert) for a while.

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Man Ordered to Support 29-year-old Son

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The Italian justice system has taken a great leap backward in child support law. It recently ordered a man to financially support his 29-year-old son (who holds a law degree) until that son can "find the career he wants." *The judges said parents' duty of maintenance did not expire when their children reached adulthood, but continued unchanged until they could prove either that their children had reached economic independence or had failed to do so through culpable inertia. An adult son who refused work that did not reflect his training, abilities and personal interests could not be held to blame, they said.* Apparently, the son owns a home and maintains a diverse investment portfolio in addition to his father's support.

Source: The Sydney Morning Herald

Title: Father to pay child support for son aged 29

Author: Unknown/Staff

Date: April 8, 2002

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Reuters Health: Men Are Abused As Often As Women

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Marc Angelucci writes *"Reuters Health printed a short article announcing the results of UK Researcher John Archer's meta-analysis which found that women physically abuse intimate partners as often as men do, but that men usually just take it and don't seek help. The complete report appeared in the 2/02 issue of the Psychological Bulletin, published by the American Psychological Association. There is simply no way they can discredit this. Maybe we should send *this* to 48 hours?"*

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Men Never Do Their Share of Housework? Not so!

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Glenn Sacks has turned out yet another column, in which he examines a study which confirms that men do, indeed, do their "fair share" of housework, in spite of the old media and feminist myth that women are forced into housework slavery. Sacks looks at the matter of percentages. *The recently released study shows that women do an average of 27 hours of housework a week, compared to 16 hours a week for men. Balanced against this, however, is the study's less-publicized finding that the average man spends 14 hours a week more on the job than the average woman. Thus men's overall contribution to the household is actually slightly higher than women's.*

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Audio of Sacks, Angelucci KABC Appearance Now Available

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Men's issues columnist Glenn Sacks and Marc Angelucci of Stop Abuse For Everyone appeared on KABC's Al Rantel show last week to discuss Glenn's column on the domestic abuse of a baseball pitcher by his wife (both celebrities). The audio of that show is now available at Glenn's Web site. The issue of domestic violence against men seems to be getting more and more press lately. Glenn and Marc deserve praise for getting the message out there on the airwaves.

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NH Senate Passes Men's Commission Bill - Updated

Scott · 11 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I've just found out that the NH Senate passed HB 587, to establish a NH Men's Commission! The vote was 13-10. Getting a roll call vote was essential on passing this bill, as we suspect there were a few people who changed their vote when they knew they would be held personally accountable for it. I'll provide more details in the next day or two. **Update:** The NH Union Leader printed this article today offering some more details about the passage of the bill.

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Study: Male Circumcision Healthy...For Women

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This article on MSNBC.com claims that the New England Journal of Medicine has published a new study which purports that men with foreskin intact are more likely to carry a virus which could contribute to cervical cancer in their partners. *The study conducted in five countries found HPV in nearly 20 percent of uncircumcised men, but fewer than 6 percent of all circumcised men. For women, their chance of developing cervical cancer was at least 58 percent lower if their current partner was circumcised, even if the partner had a history of multiple partners.* So while the "it's healthy for men" argument may no longer hold water for circumcising boys, apparently "it's healthy for women" will.

Source: MSNBC.com [web site]

Title: Circumcision may curb cancer rates

Author: MSNBC News Services

Date: April 10, 2002

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Gender Death Gap Narrowing

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I received this information from the Men's Health America list: "*In 1920, the lifespan gender gap was only 1 year. Over the next several*
decades, the gap steadily widened, and reached a 7.8 year disparity in
1975. Then, the gap begin to shrink. Now, according to a recent report from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), the gap has narrowed to 5.5 years. On average, American women live 79.4 years, while men live 73.9 years. The greatest disparity affects Black males, who only live 67.8 years. The NCHS explains the improvement in male life expectancy by reductions in male deaths from heart disease, stroke, cancer, suicide, and homicide. The first three causes of death are closely linked to cigarette smoking patterns. Despite these improvements, men still have a long way to go until they achieve gender equity in healthcare services, research, and health status."Source: National Center for Health Statistics: United States Life
Tables, 1999. National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 50, No. 6, March
21, 2002.

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Hypocrisy in the Church: Only Men Molest?

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fritzc77 writes *" When I saw this article in print, it incensed me. It is about nuns serving in a church rocked by molestation scandals. The gender focus, of course, is on men. But if it is true that women abuse as much as men, shouldn't it also hold true, that nuns are just as capable of sexual abuse as priests? That we haven't heard about them doesn't mean it isn't happening. But you would never know that from the story. Please note the misandrist comment from one of the nuns: "men are men."*
Here is the link to the article (free reg. required)."

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"Boys to Blame for Girls' Academic Woes"

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Ron Herbert submitted this National Post article and writes *"What I found disturbing about this article was the glaring omission of boys' lagging academic performance in school. Talk about a case of the "elephant in the room" syndrome!"* The researchers explain that boys are less emotionally invested in relationships, so their grades are not affected by having a girlfriend. Perhaps the social pressure on boys to perform well could have something to do with this as well? Or maybe the fact that so many boys are doing so badly, they're not sacrificing academics for the sake of their relationships, but some other time that they give up (ie sports or recreation)? The researchers seem quick to jump to stereotypical conclusions, and yet I don't see much evidence they used to back this up.Source: The National Post [Canadian newspaper]

Title: Boys to blame for girls' academic woes

Author: Adrian Humphreys

Date: April 12, 2002

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NCFC-NH Meeting

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This Sunday, April 14, the NH Chapter of the National Congress for Fathers and Children will be meeting to discuss various activism projects they're working on, including planning the next steps for the NH Men's Commission bill, which could hit the Senate Finance Committee as soon as Monday. Other issues to be discussed are laws related to no-fault divorce, shared parenting, and child support. The meeting will be held at the Newington Town Hall starting at 7 PM. For more info and directions contact Mike Genoulis at: geancfc@juno.com.

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Foster's Daily Democrat Slams Men's Commission

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Today's Foster's Daily Democrat, a seacoast NH-area newspaper, slammed the proposed NH Men's Commission in its editorial section today. "*So, why do men need a commission? Frankly, the idea is absurd. The status of men in New Hampshire is that they're doing just fine. And most men would agree with that.*" Maybe we should demonstrate that quite a few men don't agree with this editorial. Mail to: letters@fosters.com. Note also that Foster's printed this news story on the bill Friday.

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Tonight's iFeminists/Mensactivism Chat: Women Abusers

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Tonight's mensactivism.org/ifeminists.com chat will feature yours truly as the "guest" this week. We'll be discussing my recent column on male victims and female perpetrators of domestic violence. Specifically, we'll focus on some little-discussed areas of female perpetrators. Why do they do it? How do they get away with it? What can we do to help their victims and change the cultural bias against male victims? Chat starts at 9 p.m. EDT in the ifeminists.com chat room. Please join us.

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The POW Pages

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Given the way things have been around here, I think we could do with some humour. So I had a look around the web and I happened to find The POW Pages which is a collection of satirical articles on "*Being the ideological Ms.-adventures of Colleen Hyphenated-Lastname, president of the Propaganda Organization for Women, who personifies the traits of paranoia, delusions, megalomania, bigotry, greed, and intellectual dishonesty, yet still makes more sense than Andrea Dworkin.*" Hmmm, how can one refuse a look? That being said, there is still the feeling that somehow, somewhere, these things were really said....

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"Road Maps to Health" for Men

Scott · 15 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve sent us this story from ABCNews, about a workplace program for men which focuses on men's health, and particularly getting men more comfortable talking about health issues and going to see a doctor. The article provides several examples of men who had gone through great lengths to avoid seeing a doctor, and the unique problem we have in getting men to seek medical attention for themselves. Foster's Daily Democrat also printed a story on this today, which can be read here.Source: ABC News

Title: Men Get Road Maps to Health

Author: Unknown [AP article]

Date: April 14, 2002

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Son of Confest Masculist Workshop

Adam · 15 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

A while ago, I brought you a story about a guy called Steven Stevenson, a man who Held A Masculist Workshop And Lived and guess what? He did it again. I guess you can't keep a good man down, eh? Anyway, I think you'll want to read Son of Confest Masculist Workshop to find out how his second excursion went.

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Boys: The New Underclass in American Schools

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Glenn Sacks takes on American school systems in his newest column, which examines how boys are disciplined more often than girls and are less likely to receive a quality education comparatively. *Boys at all levels are far more likely than girls to be disciplined, suspended, held back, or expelled. By high school the typical boy is a year and a half behind the typical girl in reading and writing, and is less likely to graduate high school, go to college, or graduate college than a typical girl. Boys are three times as likely to receive a diagnosis of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder as girls, four times as likely to commit suicide, and far more likely to fall victim to teen drug or alcohol abuse.*

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Yukon Minister of Women's Issues May Resign After Blasting Gender Feminism

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Dan Lynch submitted this story from *White Horse Star*. Apparently, the Yukon Minister of Women (Sue Edelman) sent out an e-mail in March in which she used the term "feminazis" to describe gender feminists/radical feminists and lamented the way radical feminism took over what was originally an equality movement. Radicals are demanding her resignation, and she has offered it to the prime minister. *I certainly do not agree that men are responsible for all the woes of the world. I don't think my son should be held responsible for all the batterers in the world, and the men who use crude language.* Edelman has both a son and a daughter and seems particularly offended by the anti-male slant of gender feminism. She might be an important person to *keep* in the position of minister of women's issues as long as such a position exists. If anyone has contact information for Edelman, please post it.

Source: White Horse Star [newspaper]

Title: Premier weighs minister's offer to quit

Author: Jason Small

Date: April 12, 2002

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L.A. Times Covers CA Paternity Fraud Bill

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Marc Angelucci writes *"The L.A. Times printed a front page story about the paternity fraud bill in California. The story gives some of the basic arguments on both sides, but as one might predict the author didn't quote any of the men's rights groups who helped write the bill, namely the National Coalition of Free Men (L.A. chapter) and the Alliance for Non-Custodial Parents' Rights. Maybe some letters (letters@latimes.com) would help."*Source: The Los Angeles Times [newspaper]

Title: DNA Shakes Up Child Support Law

Author: Nicholas Riccardi

Date: April 15, 2002

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False Accuser Won't Be Charged

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Dan Lynch submitted this article from the *Ottawa Citizen*. According to the story, Cathy Fordham, who falsely accused Jamie Nelson, 35, of raping her, also allegedly falsely accused several other men. Nelson was exonerated after 3.5 years in prison. But... *Mr. Nelson's [false accusations] complaint was investigated by Ottawa police Sgt. Garry Granger. Sgt. Granger's report was finished in January, and was forwarded to the Ottawa Crown attorney's office to determine if charges should be laid. However, in the meantime, Mr. Nelson filed a civil suit against the police, investigating officer Sgt. Robert Kerr, the Crown attorney who prosecuted him, Mark Moors, Ontario's Attorney General's office, and Ms. Fordham, 31. Because an Ottawa Crown attorney was named in the suit, Sgt. Granger's report was forwarded to the Belleville Crown's office to avoid a conflict of interest.*

Source: Ottawa Citizen [newspaper]

Title: False accuser won't be charged

Author: Unknown/Ottawa Citizen Staff

Date: April 15, 2002

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One NH Democrat's Objections to the Men's Commission

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warble writes *"Sen. Katherine Wheeler, D-Durham claims, "Men are not suffering the kind of institutional discrimination women did. I'm sorry you feel put upon, but it's not institutional discrimination..." This callus statement demonstrates that many women in positions of power do not believe there is a real crisis for men. It does not matter that suicide rates have dramatically risen. For her, that is an acceptable condition. This article outlines some of the objections by democrats to the commission for men. It is truly an indication of ignorance, on the part of Ms. Wheeler, to claim there is no institutional discrimination against men. Ms. Wheeler just doesn't get it."* It has certainly been interesting to see from where the objections to the commission have emerged so far.

Source: Union Leader [newspaper]

Title: Senate OK's panel to study needs of men

Author: Tom Fahey

Date: April 11, 2002

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Maxim Women: We Make Better Men

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Anonymous User writes *"Unfortunately, today everything has to get filtered though a women's perspective. Read this article and see what you think... "Guys are given a bad rap. They are sensitive and caring and all this stuff, but it's just a matter of semantics. If you ask a guy `Do you care about your relationship?' he'll say no. But if you say `Do you want to have more sex?' Yes. `Do you want to fight less?' Yes. It's semantics. We are just giving men the room to be who they are," she adds."* It is important to remember that men are also individuals. **Note: This was the 2,000th story posted to Mensactivism.org!**

Source: Boston Globe

Title: The women of Maxim

Author: Hayley Kaufman

Date: April 11, 2002

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MANN Chat: Establishing a State Men's Commission

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Wednesday night's on-line chat will be on the topic of establishing a state men's commission. I'll be there to discuss the process that led up to this bill, and will try to answer any questions as best I can. I've invited members of the NH NCFC activism group to join the chat and help answer questions and be available as contacts to people who are interested in trying the same in their own states. Stop by the MANN chat room on 4/17 at 9:30 PM EST and say hello!

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Court Rules She Who SLAPPs First Wins

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Subversive writes *"After the relationship between Sean Fabre and his girlfriend, Amalia Walton, soured and Walton placed a restraining order against Fabre, he countersued her for 'abuse of process,' claiming that she filed it for vengeance, not for protection. On Friday the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that under existing anti-SLAPP laws, alleged abusers who are the subjects of restraining orders should not be able to 'easily retaliate' with civil lawsuits against their accusers. Alleged abuse victims will now be able to quickly end* any *civil litigation filed by the target of a restraining order unless that person could prove there is a 'substantial basis' that the restraining order was 'devoid of any reasonable factual support.' This suggests to me that battered men in Massachusetts who have also been falsely accused of domestic violence may have to look to other means than the legal system in order to protect themselves--what a terrible decision!*

Source: Boston.com/Associated Press

Title: State's high court extends protections for abuse victims

Author: Associated Press

Date: April 13, 2002

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Edelman Resigns Under Pressure; Her Defense Provokes Laughter

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Dan Lynch submitted this article from *White Horse Star* in the apparently ongoing controversy over remarks about the radical women's movement by Yukon minister of women's issues Sue Edelman. Apparently, Edelman had already resigned as of Friday, several days prior to the initial posting of her story here. What is more unfortunate is that she has publicly apologized for her anti-radical-feminist remarks in her e-mail (Edelman had referred to radical feminists as "feminazis" in an e-mail titled "women's movement dying"). Statements made in her defense by the prime minister during the public statement were laughed at by black T-shirt wearing feminists, some of whom surrounded Edelman's husband in the audience.

Source: White Horse Star [newspaper]

Title: Defence of Edelman provokes laughter

Author: Jason Small

Date: April 16, 2002

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Montreal Lawyer: Stop Divorcing Like Druken Fools

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The *Ottawa Citizen*'s Dave Brown examines the "sorry state of divorce" in Canada in his latest column. At issue in divorce law are the words "custody" and "access," which critics say should be replaced by "shared parenting." *What makes that difficult was probably best shown by Senator Anne Cools when she read a judgment from a worried judge who had just given custody to a woman who was leaving Canada with two children to live with a new love. He said he wasn't comfortable but felt he had no choice but to give custody "to a woman who is shackled by her own discontent." Father's child-support payments were set and she waived spousal support. She later returned to sue for and get spousal support.*

Source: The Ottawa Citizen [newspaper]

Title: Drawing attention to the sorry state of divorce laws in Canada

Author: Dave Brown

Date: April 12, 2002

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Governor Grants Parole to Husband-Murderer

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This article on Fox News is--once again--proof that there are different standards for men and women in the justice system. Gov. Gray Davis has granted parole to Cheryl Sellers based on the parole board's findings that she "suffered from battered woman syndrome," the convenient illness which routinely absolves women of murder. *Davis said a threat the man had made against Seller's daughter sparked the violence. His decision means Sellers will be released in September 2003, the date set by the board.* One wonders if men would be given the same consideration.

Source: Fox News [web site]

Title: Calif. Gov. Grants Parole to Woman Convicted of Murdering Husband

Author: Associated Press

Date: April 11, 2002

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Fosters Bombarded with Letters Supporting Men's Commission

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In an encouraging show of support, people from the Seacoast area of NH and beyond bombarded Foster's Daily Democrat with letters supporting the proposed Men's Commission and taking the editor writer to task for slamming the commission. Their efforts can be seen here. Kudos to everyone who had their letter printed, and to anyone else who wrote in but wasn't recognized.

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Masculist Anthology Bites The Dust

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Well, folks, it's been months upon months since I announced my effort to pull together an anthology of "masculist" literature, commentary, and art. I am saddened to announce that the project appears to now be officially dead. I have been unable to generate enough interest among men's activists for submissions to fill an entire volume, although the submissions I did receive were of *very* high quality. At one point, I even had a couple of celebrity authors in the mix. Although this project is dead (unless someone else wants to take it up as their own), I do have another one in the works which may generate more interest, or at least will come closer to actual manifestation. :) I appreciate the work of all those who submitted, and I am sorry I can't be the one to get them into print.

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CDC Makes Recommendations for Preventing Suicide

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This fact sheet on the Centers for Disease Control Web site tackles an issue persistently in the front of my mind: the prevention of suicide, especially by the young white males who are most likely to commit it. Many of us have seen this CDC fact sheet before, but because of the significant lack of study the issue of male suicide receives from the medical profession--and the fact that men are four times more likely than women to successfully commit it--I thought it was worth posting here. Also, a good beginning resource for male sufferers of depression may be found on this site, the work of our friend Steve Imparl.

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Sacks Takes Dowd To Task on Male Responsibility For 'Baby Bust'

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Syndicated misandrist Maureen Dowd recently wrote that men's "intimidation" by high-powered modern women is the reason for a rise in the childless rate for 35-year-old career women. Apparently, we men are to blame for both baby booms (raging hormones) and baby busts (intimidation by powerful women). In this column, men's issues columnist Glenn Sacks takes Dowd to task on those theories, providing evidence that the career woman's childless rate is a result of her own choices, and that women (like men) cannot have their cake and eat it, too.

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Finley Files For Divorce From Kitaen After Domestic Violence Incident

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nosecow writes *"[Chuck] Finley files divorce papers against Tawny Kitaen, stating he is "fearful that (Kitaen)...will harm herself or will harm others, including me or including my children". The complete article appears here on espn.com."* Kitaen is alleged to have kicked Finley, scratched him, and twisted his ear while they were driving home from dinner recently. Police noticed Finley's scars and arrested Kitaen on abuse charges. Finley has obtained temporary custody of his children.

Source: ESPN.com [web site]

Title: Finley obtains temporary custody of children

Author: Associated Press

Date: April 17, 2002

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Giuliani's Estanged Wife Wants $1 million in Tax-Free Support

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Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani's estranged wife wants $1 million per year to support herself and her two children. But... *That's about $950,000 more than Giuliani is willing to pay. Giuliani, 57, now pays a court-ordered $1,800 a month and half of all the living expenses for television journalist Donna Hanover and the children. He has offered to double that amount, Raoul Felder, Giuliani's attorney, said at a divorce hearing Tuesday.*

Source: SignonSanDiego.com [web site]

Title: Giuliani's estranged wife seeking $1 million a year tax-free in support

Author: Associated Press

Date: April 17, 2002

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Mallard Fillmore Addresses Ritalin Abuse on Boys in Comic Strip

Scott · 19 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Mallard Fillmore (a syndicated comic strip that runs in the Boston Globe) ran a series of comic strips that address the abuse of Ritalin on boys in grade school. The strip calls the problem "NEBS" (Normal Eight year old Boy Syndrome). The importance of this strip is that it reaches a large audience of people who may be unaware of this issue."*

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CA Paternity Fraud Bill Supported in Public Hearing

Scott · 19 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"California legislators were flooded with paternity fraud victims in a public hearing on April 16, 2002. The story can be found here . Despite the fact that some committee members tried to kill the bill using "...questioning from a couple of the Assembly members, the bill emerged from the hearing alive and well. The committee decided it needed more time to study the bill, and postponed the hearing for two weeks." This bill is a no-brainer. Anybody who opposes the bill is clearly against men's rights. This turnout demonstrates the growing influence and power of the men's movement. Good job!"*

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International Men's Day - November 19

Scott · 19 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Harrack Balramsingh writes *"The International Men's Day Committee is calling on organizations and individuals around the world to join with them in celebrating International Men's Day (IMD) on November 19. The objectives of celebrating an International Men's Day include improving gender relations, promoting gender equality, producing responsible males and highlighting positive male role models. The IMD first started in Trinidad and Tobago in 1999. It is hoped that the day would eventually be recognized worldwide. Please join with us in observing this Men's Day."*

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Father Arrested For Failing To Protect Son From Step-mother

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As Richard Henn sat by his 6-year-old son's hospital bedside recently, police entered and put him under arrest for "failing to protect" his son from the boy's step-mother, a former sheriff's deputy who body-slammed the child so hard he went into convulsions. This story in the *Denver Post* reveals that Henn was actually in another room, giving his 4-month-old daughter a bath when he heard the commotion. *In court documents, Richard Henn told investigators he heard Kevin's body hitting the floor and said his wife threw the boy down. Gail Henn apologized to Kevin as he lay unconscious and convulsing on the floor, according to police statements. The couple had argued in the past about physical punishment, the father told police.* Henn's bond was set at $20,000. Same as his wife, who is currently out of jail on that amount.

Source: Denver Post [newspaper]

Title: Hospitalized child's dad arrested

Author: Kieran Nicholson and Marilyn Robinson

Date: April 14, 2002

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Most Popular Weed Killer Turns Male Frogs Into Females

Scott · 20 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"A recent study found that the most popular weedkiller in the United States turns male frogs into female frogs. The effects on humans has not been studied, but amphibians are considered particularly important in that they show effects before mammals. The story is here."* I'm sure I'm not alone in being concerned about the fact that a lot of the chemicals used in agriculture today seem to disrupt hormonal balances in living things. **Note:** According to this Fox News article, the study appears to be junk science.

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Fathers Lose Custody Either Way

Thomas · 21 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

As this article reports, in a recent UK court decision, a father lost custody of his children even though he had been the stay at home parent. Rather than considering the actual roles the parents had played in raising the children, in handing down the decision Lord Justice Thorpe stated that the court *could not ignore the "realities" of the "very different" traditional functions of men and women*. This sends a strong message to prospective and current fathers.

Source: The Telegraph

Title: Custody ruling deals a blow to house husbands

Author: Matt Born

Date: April 19, 2002

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Woman Sentenced to One Day for Attempted Murder of Husband

Scott · 22 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

jaxom submitted this disturbing story and writes *"A federal appelate court ruling allows judges to consider "a woman's desperation" as a mitigating factor in severe domestic violence.*
This case involves an estranged wife using the children as bait; "She told him her van had broken down, stranding her and their two daughters, and asked him to pick up the girls."
When he arrives, she starts shooting; "When he got out of his car and ducked into the bushes, she searched him out with her headlights and shot him again. She hit him in the head with the gun several times before he hit her in the face and escaped."
Because a gun was involved, the wife was sentenced to five years. But for the actual behavior, battery and attempted murder, the wife received a sentence of ONE DAY.
*The U.S. District Judge's decision was based on "her depression and desperate fear that her husband would take away the children in their impending divorce.""*Source: Sacramento Bee [newspaper]

Title: Appeals court revisits wife's sentence

Author: Claire Cooper

Date: April 18, 2002

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NH Rep: "Men of New Hampshire are overlooked"

Scott · 23 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

New Hampshire Representative David Bickford, a sponsor of HB 587, to establish a Commission on the Status of Men, had a superb article printed in Foster's Daily Democrat today, which can be read here. Rep. Bickford outlines many of the problems facing NH men and the institutional bias we've been dealing with for many years. It's an excellent overview of what we've been trying to educate people about in promoting this bill. Source: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]

Title: Men of New Hampshire are overlooked

Author: David Bickford

Date: April 22, 2002

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Sex, Equality, And Kidding Ourselves

Scott · 23 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"Most of the stories posted on MANN document the insanity of our times, but few consider the background: how did we get here, and why? This article is not an in-depth analysis, but it's a good start, and raises some serious questions worth considering:* Today men are accountable for their behavior. Women are not. The lack of accountability, seldom clearly recognized, is the bedrock of much of today's feminist misbehavior, influence, and politics."

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Heart of the Matter Returns!

Scott · 23 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"There is a new "Heart of the Matter" editorial at the DLJ website, Entitled "What Have They Done with Mother's Day?" it's about the new concept of Mother's Day for women and their daughters. Looks like women with sons no longer count, in a new twist of feminist 'logic.'"*

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Good Portrayals Of Fathers In Advertising

Thomas · 24 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Here's a bit of good news about the portrayal of men. One of the things that I like about the article is the statement regarding the testing of one ad, "The spot tested well with dads, but it tested even better with moms." This sort of thing must drive the genfems, especially many Women's Studies types, absolutely nuts. Despite decades of "Kill your father" types of indoctrination, many women still see the involvement of men with their children as a positive thing.Source: National Post [newspaper]

Title: Father figures more prominent in ad campaigns

Author: Susan Heinrich

Date: April 22, 2002

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HB 587 Passes NH Senate 18-5

Scott · 24 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Today, the NH Senate re-voted on HB 587, to establish a state Commission on the Status of Men. The re-vote was required since the bill was modified in the Senate Finance Committee to correct a few formal errors. There was an attempt to amend the bill to change the name of the commission, which failed. The final vote was 18-5 in favor of the bill, a big improvement over the previous 13-10 vote. Next, the bill goes to NH Governor Jeanne Shaheen to be signed into law. I have informal knowledge that she has expressed her willingness to sign the bill. Folks, this is really going to happen! I'm more excited than I can express in words right now...

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A Ray of Delight

Thomas · 25 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This I found simply wonderful. What more can I say?Source: Men's News Daily

Title: Restoring Testosterone

Author: Barbara Sumner Burstyn

Date: April 25, 2002

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Take Our Sons to Work Day a "New" Feminist Idea

Scott · 25 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

crescentluna writes *"This article covers how feminists are dissenting in opinion over the Ms. Foundation's incredibly original idea of taking "our sons and daughters to work day." Several different feminist prospectives are here, including the "conservative feminist" view that women's financial disparity lies in their family choices, not in discrimination. Men apparently don't care about the issue."*

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More Info on NH Men's Commission

Scott · 26 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This Foster's story offers more details about the outcome of yesterday's Senate vote to establish a Commission on the Status of Men in NH. It includes the final vote broken down by Senator, the last minute attempt to amend the bill to make it a "health and welfare of men" commission, which thankfully failed, and how the commission will be set up. "*The commission would consist of seven members appointed by the governor and council, with at least one member invited from the University System of New Hampshire. While the bill does not have any state money, it authorizes the commission to accept donations or grants to further its duties.*"Source: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]

Title: Senate OKs panel to study status of men

Author: Dan Tuohy

Date: April 25, 2002

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MANN Shut Down - We'll Be Back May 18

Scott · 27 April 2002 · Archived copy · Original

It is with deep regret that I must announce a temporary shut down of Mensactivism.org until I can get a handle on my life. In the past month you've certainly noticed that MANN has not been updated or maintained as diligently as it has in the past, and the reason for that is due to a serious level of over-commitment that I put myself into for the first five months of 2002. I'm not going to offer any heartbreaking story about this, I simply made an error of judgment where I thought I could make it through this time crunch but it's just more than I can handle now. I take full responsibility for getting myself into this mess. Right now I must devote as many resources as possible to academics. My last final exam will be on May 17, and once that is done with I expect to be able to resume running this site in a manner it deserves, rather than the half-hearted way it's been limping along for the past month or so.

In the meantime, I'd highly recommend you check out Men's News Daily, a great site run by Mike LaSalle whose news coverage on men's issues is excellent. I even understand he has a web forum for related discussions that was added recently. In any case, I hope this isn't too much of a let-down for people, and I promise this shutdown will only be temporary. The time I'll be spending will be an investment in the amount of time I'll be able to devote to this site over the summer.

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The Hiatus is Over...

Scott · 19 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Well, folks, I'm back, and I'm ready to start making things happen again with Mensactivism.org. I'd like to sincerely thank everyone who took this temporary outage in stride - I didn't receive *one* angry or impatient e-mail from anyone - and let you all know that my final projects and exams went much, much better than they would have if had I not taken some time off. Now that my life has returned to a reasonable pace, I'm ready to start some new projects for MANN! That's right - due to some strong collaboration between myself and Mike LaSalle from Men's News Daily, I'd like to take advantage of the opportunity to focus MANN more strongly on the activism side of things, and let MND does what it does best, which is to provide news stories and commentary for the movement. Read on for more details about this plan...

Since Mensactivism.org first appeared on the internet in June of 2000, a significant activist community has grown around the site and I've met many people I consider to be true brothers and sisters in the struggle for men's rights. These are people who are willing to put action behind their words, and make things happen. It is for these people that I have worked hard to make MANN as useful as possible. Now, I have some new ideas on how to make this web site even more useful to the folks "down in the trenches" working for the sake of men's rights and dignity.

Providing news and commentary on issues related to men's issues has so far been a large part of what Mensactivism.org has been about. Reading about outrageous violations of men's rights and the incomprehensible double standards in law have provided "fuel for the fire" which has helped motivate people to action. Now, a new web site has come up which has done an incredibly effective job of tracking news stories on men's issues, and it's not going away any time soon. Men's News Daily is the site I'm talking about, of course. I knew Mike LaSalle's site was great asset to the movement from the start, and would like to help promote it for what it does best - providing news and commentary on men's issues of interest to us. With the advent of MND, MANN is now able to focus even more strongly on tracking activism projects that are the lifeblood of making social progress toward a fair and just society.

Over the summer, MANN will undergo a change in philosophy and content to bring it even more in-line with our name - Men's *Activism*. Men's News Daily will keep us informed about daily events in the movement, and Mensactivism.org will provide a means of channeling our energy into projects that will have a direct impact on the state of men's rights in the world. The change will be gradual, and you will see frequent announcements as progress toward this shift occurs.

Mensactivism.org will continue to be run by the Slash web engine, and will help facilitate cooperation and coordination among activist individuals and groups. With more of my time freed from tracking news stories, I will be better able to cater this site to the needs of activists. Also, I intend to expand the scope of activism on this site to include not only men's rights issues, but also certain civil liberties issues related to free speech and the rights of internet users. These issues should be just as important to us, because they threaten the effectiveness of internet-based collaboration and the formation of fledgling social movements. If you have ideas on what would help you make the most out of your activism, please let me know. I look forward to the new opportunities that lie ahead of us!

- Scott

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Free Speech...for Feminists Only!

Scott · 19 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

nazgul writes *"My wife is a student at the University of South Carolina, in the Women's Studies graduate program. While this leads to no end of, shall we say, "spirited" conversation over dinner, there is very little free discussion in the classrooms she attends. Her seminar course has an actual gag order for dissenting opinions in effect, under the auspices of "Guidelines for Classroom Discussion". The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education has accepted the case and is pursuing it now. Please disseminate this story to as many news outlets as possible, and write to the University to correct this injustice. You can read about it at this link."*

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"Reverse" Sexual Harassment?

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frank h writes *"I came across this article about the "Street Harassment Project" that also includes a number of responses and commentary by readers. In terms of activism projects, perhaps we could attend one of their "events" and see how "sensitive" they are. I'm convinced that these women need to be educated as to how their mode of dress inflicts harassment on men, and perhaps they ought to be challenged. Since they apparently arm them selves with spray paint, one should be properly attired in protective glasses and disposable clothing, carrying a small amount of paint thinner and cotton balls, and properly armed with pepper spray.*

In the right place and at the right time, I certainly do enjoy the female form. But in the workplace, at school, or on the street, scantily-clad women are an annoyance and an unnecessary distraction. Unfortunately, after several hundred thousand years of evolution, I find it difficult to restrict my attentiveness to the "appropriate" moments. I find that ALL of the men with whom I've discussed this, no matter how "prudish" they may be, feel the same way.

It's time to push back, guys. We don't need burkas, but longer, looser skirts and looser sweaters are definitely indicated."

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Brief Debate In Physician's Weekly: Is Medical Research Shortchanging Men?

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Marc Angelucci writes *"Jean Bonhomme of the Black Men's Health Network briefly debates Phyllis Greenberger of the Society for Women's Health Research in this point/counterpoint in the Physician's Weekly. It's pretty clear to me who won. Bonhomme gives far more accurate facts, Greenberger repeats the already-debunked myth that women were exluded from medical testing, and Greenberger changes the issue to be whether the female-specific research indirectly benefits men rather than whether the research overall is shortganging men by underaddressing men's health in favor of women's health."*Source: Physician's Weekly [magazine]

Title: Is Medical Research Shortchanging Men?

Author: Jean Bonhomme and Phyllis Greenberger

Date: May 6, 2002

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Mission Success! HB587 Signed Into Law in NH

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New Hampshire will now be the first state in the nation to have a Commission on the Status of Men. All of the hard work and close calls on this bill paid off, and Governor Jeanne Shaheen of NH signed HB 587 today. It was briefly mentioned in this Foster's Daily Democrat article. The commission will be established by July 1. Click here for the text of the bill itself. Now excuse me while I go celebrate.... Source: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]

Title: Shaheen signs shoreland protections, emergency powers bills

Author: Norma Love

Date: May 20, 2002

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CA Paternity Justice Act - AB2240

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warble writes *"For all those interested, the amended version of the Paternity Justice Act can be found here: AB2240. Basically, everything is intact except for the right of men to have equal representation on the format of the paternity declaration form. Currently, the feminists have representation by law and male activists are excluded. Does any body know of a case law where this type of discrimination was disputed and won in the favor of males? If so please let me know. It would be best if the laws were challenged in CA but any other state will be helpful."*

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NCFM Forum to Coincide with NOW Conference

Scott · 22 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

On June 21, the Twin Cities Chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men will be hosting a forum in Saint Paul, MN. The forum is scheduled to coincide with the National Organization of Women's national conference, and NCFM has Warren Farrell, Trudy Schuett, and Wendy McElroy as speakers. The forum is free and open to the public, and media are encouraged to cover the event. This is the closest thing I know of to a "men's rights conference" in the U.S. Learn more here.

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Banning a Father's Right to Equal Paternity Knowledge

Scott · 22 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"In today's hostile environment [toward men], it is not surprising that governments would seek to ban home DNA testing. They are trying to claim that the father should have no right to privately check his child's DNA. I checked and found that a home DNA test costs $250-$500. DNA testing is the only means that a father can use to determine paternity. It removes the requirement to rely only the word of a potentially unfaithful wife. Only the mother can know if she has been unfaithful and have knowledge of any doubt. For the male, there is only belief in the mother's word in the absence of a DNA test. All males have the right to an equal knowledge of paternity, and DNA testing provides the only mechanism whereby a man can enjoy that absolute right. If ever there was a time for men to organize and protect their rights, this is it. The article can be found at the following link: Banning DNA Testing By Father. I would suggest sending emails to the Human Genetics Commission at hgcpressoffice@westminster.com."*

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Sacks on Stay at Home Dads

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Glenn Sacks' latest column came out this morning in *Newsday* of New York, and can be read on Glenn's web site here. Sacks discusses the issue of stay at home dads and the benefits to both men and women if we dropped the stereotypes about men who decide that fathering is more important to them than their careers. Sacks knows what he's talking about in this article, since he's a stay at home dad himself, and finds in immensely rewarding. Sacks is also hosting (along with Father's Rights activist Dianna Thompson) a webcast on Men's News Daily every Tuesday evening at 6 pm PST.

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Lincoln Navigator Ad Mocks Man

Scott · 23 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Deacon writes, "*The latest commercial for the Lincoln Navigator (a Ford company) markets the power running boards feature of the car. The commercial starts with a man and a woman walking towards the car, and they both notice a large puddle underneath it. Then the man chivalrously takes off his jacket and lays it on the puddle so the woman can climb into the car without getting her shoes wet, but instead the woman pushes a button on her keychain remote, and the power running boards slide out from under the car. She climbs up and into the car with a smirk on her face while the man stands outside, obviously chastised.*" Contact info for Lincoln is in the Read More section of this story. Lincoln Motors

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Dearborn, MI 48121

1-800-521-4140

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Web Site Focuses on Male Depression

Scott · 24 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve Imparl has been hard at work on the new web site maledepression.com, which provides resources for people wanting to learn about depression in men. For too long, men's depression has been masked and hidden in our society. We tend to think of it in terms of its symptoms, such as alcoholism or the suicide epidemic among men. Steve's site is a much needed resource to help remove the myths about depression in men and educate us about this taboo subject.

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The Surprises Never End...

Scott · 25 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I've *finally* got the old hardware setup working with MANN, so the web site will continue to run until the replacement motherboard and CPU come in late next week. I'll post more info about what actually happened (for those of you who are interested in such things), but right now I have a bunch of non-computer related things I need to take care of. **Note:** Many thanks to David Decker, Jerry Vrooman, and Anonymous who made donations to help defray the cost of the hardware failure.Okay, so here's the story for all you unix/linux geeks out there who want to know why this took so long... :)

After discovering that my motherboard and CPU bit the dust (apparently from heat damage), I figured it would be a simple procedure to use an older CPU/motherboard combo I had laying around (which is going to be used as part of a father's day gift for my dad - keep it quiet!) for a week until the replacement parts come in.

Well, the burned-out system was an AMD Athlon (K7) architecture and had a kernel optimized for the K7, meaning that it tries to do things that only the K7 and newer processors can do. The temporary system is an AMD K6 (no, I don't support Intel) which can not handle many of the K7 instructions. So, I knew going into this that I needed to boot the system with a different kernel.

This is where the surprises started. By using a rescue disk, it was easy enough to boot using a new kernel, but the system would immediately hang after loading the kernel. After doing some usenet searches, I found that I was using a buggy kernel version. I met with more success using a different version, which started detecting the hardware on startup but hung just before init (the mother of all processes in Unix) started. I was stumped at that point, and wasted a lot of time trying different kernels and initrd versions.

Eventually, I posted my problem to a local linux user group mailing list and announced it on the MANN downtime page, and was fortunate enough that David Hill read about it. He pointed me to a usenet post reminding me that recent releases of Redhat come with an optimized glibc library, and that I was likely using a glibc version that was optimized for the K7. Thus there was no way I could boot the system unless I replaced all of glibc by hand (not a fun possibility) or stick my hard drive into another K7 machine and then boot it up fine and replace the RPMs with pre-K7 versions. I was lazy, had some machines at work that would do the trick, and opted for the latter choice. I was then able to stick the disk back in the server and everything came up fine. In the process I also read a ton of documentation about bootloaders and the unix boot process. So it wasn't a total waste of time.

It was, however, a waste of more than $200 that I had to shell out to get replacement parts (including a more reputable CPU heatsink and fan). I really don't feel comfortable openly asking for money, but donations at this time would be appreciated more than ever.

And for all you sysadmins out there, beware of architecture-optimized software packages (especially the main system libraries)! It's a good idea in many ways, but it can have consequences in hardware emergencies like this.

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Enough a Dangerous Movie for Men

Scott · 27 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

By now I'm sure many of you have heard of (or maybe even seen) the new movie *Enough*, starring Jennifer Lopez. The more I think about this movie, the more concerned I become. In case you don't know about it, the plot goes like this: Lopez plays a waitress who marries a wealthy husband (Mitch), who quickly becomes abusive to her. She flees with their daughter and is stalked and harassed by him, finds that the police won't help her, so she turns to vigilante justice. She trains to fight Mitch and throughout the movie runs the theme/slogan, "self defense is not murder," which should have a chilling effect to those of us who know how effective the battered woman's defense is in court. As reviewer Glenn Whip puts it, "Enough" is...offensive in the way it exploits the hot-button issue of domestic abuse for cheap thrills." And it's also dangerous in how it perpetuates a one-sided and antagonistic view of domestic violence and men. The question I put to you is, what can be done to effectively counter this kind of propaganda, which has now even been embraced by the multi-million dollar movie industry?

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Don't Forget the Meaning of Memorial Day

Scott · 27 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Mensactivism.org would like to take a moment to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. Although we'll hear a lot of politically correct talk about the "men and women" who died in war, the overwhelming majority of them were men. Memorial Day should be inclusive of women but not to the point that we forget that men have shouldered and continue to carry the burden of dying for our ideals and way of life.

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Zohrab on Media Censorship About Marc Lepine

Scott · 28 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Peter Zohrab from the New Zealand Equality Party sent in an article about the now-infamous Marc Lepine, a young man who went on a shooting rampage to kill feminists at a Canadian University in 1989. Zohrab believes that the media is censoring information about Marc's motives, and points to an allegedly leaked suicide letter from Lepine that has been suppressed. While no one can condone the mass murders by Lepine, Zohrab is willing to ask questions about his motives that few others have done. **Read More** below for his article.

Media Censors Extremist Protest Against Media Censorship

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The Men's Movement has reacted defensively to the actions of mass-murderer Marc Lepine - concentrating on pointing out that most men are not like him. That is a fair point, but the act of stating it is just a reaction to the lying Feminist propaganda which called him a misogynist - a woman-hater.

I bet you don't know he wasn't a misogynist - because you have been conned by the media (as usual). In fact, he was a Men's Rights activist (albeit an extremist one), and one of the things he was protesting about was media censorship - and the way the media censored the facts surrounding his action retrospectively justifies some sort of protest action by him, at least !

If you go to http://www.howdyneighbor.com/one-in-ten/FEMINISTmassacre.html#letter you will see the suicide note allegedly left by Marc Lepine. I don't know, of course, if it is genuine or whether it has been altered in any way, but it rings true to me.

In the note, from which it is clear that he is against Feminists -- not against women -- he clearly states that he is protesting against various issues which are aspects of Feminist sexism:

1. They want to retain the advantages of being women while trying to grab those of the men. That is a very serious and valid issue, especially as Feminism is taught as God's Truth in education systems and propounded as God's Truth by the United Nations, governments, and the mass media. Has the media covering Marc Lepine dealt with those issues ? Of course not -- the media are not the solution, but the problem.

2. Sexism in the Olympic Games (he could have mentioned professional and amateur sports in general), where men and women compete in separate competitions for the simple reason that it suits women for that to happen. If something suits women, it happens. If something suits men, it's banned on the grounds of "Gender Equity".

3. Feminists always try to misrepresent men every time they can. Since Feminists virtually control information in western societies, that is a serious issue. His statement may be a slight exaggeration, but has the media dealt with it ? Of course not -- they have been too busy misrepresenting Marc Lepine !

4. Military sexism. Feminists have the vote, are a majority of the electorate, vote in governments that declare war, only the men are conscripted, and after the war the Feminists reinvent history by insisting that women made an equal contribution to the war effort. Women may serve in the military as volunteers (i.e. if they happen to want to), but no modern country has ever drafted them to serve in the front-line (i.e. over-riding their wishes) on the same basis as men.

The write-ups on Marc Lepine concentrate on character-assassination. They take things out of context, in the same way that fathers are slandered in the divorce/family court, in order to deprive them of custody or access. I could go through the slanders one-by-one, but one example will have to do, for now:

The Montreal Gazette (January 16, 1990) reports that Marc Lepine's former roommate, Erik Cossette, claimed that Lepine made "sexist remarks" about women. Eventually, the article does give some evidence for this claim: It states that Cossette claims that Mark Lepine thought that women didn't have the strength to be police officers.

Is that a "sexist remark" ? If you say that women don't have the strength to compete in the men's section of a weightlifting competition, is that also a sexist remark ? It is obviously a true remark, but is it a "sexist" remark ? How would you know ? I guess you'd have to go and ask a Feminist, because it seems to me that, in practice, a "sexist" remark is one that a Feminist doesn't like ! I have been working to change that - see my book, "Sex, Lies & Feminism".

In my opinion, what is sexist here is the fact that we have a separate men's and women's sections in weightlifting competitions, and that men can't get into police forces if they only meet the physical standards that allow women to become police officers ! I wrote and asked the Montreal Police if they operated this sexist recruitment policy, but they evaded my question.

So Marc Lepine was not only not sexist, as the media stated - he was actually fighting sexism !

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Male Bashing E-cards from e-greetings.com

Scott · 28 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

David Alloway writes *"The Website e-greetings.com is full of male bashing e-cards. Go to this site for just one example. If you sent a card advocating killing a woman, what would happen?"* It looks like e-greetings is owned by the Microsoft Network. Anyone have contact info for them? This particular card is blatant and pure misandry, one that I had hoped was discontinued after Hallmark used it during the early '90's.

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Oklahoma Pushing Sexual Mutilation Law for Sex Offenders

Scott · 29 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"The Oklahoma state senate and house have passed a bill mandating chemical and surgical castration of convicted sex offenders. Of course this will not be applied to women, such as those who rape boys because [these women are portrayed as] the "real" victims. Furthermore it is a blatant violation of the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. Once it is accepted as acceptable punishment for the feminist-defined sex crimes how long before it is applied to the others, such as domestic violence and failure to pay child support? The governor has yet to sign the bill. Contact him and let him know how you feel about it. The article is here."*Source: CNN

Title: Okla. lawmakers back chemical castration

Author: Unknown [AP article]

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CA Assembly Rushes to Vote on Sabotaged Paternity Fraud Bill

Scott · 30 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"In less than one week, the CA Assembly has moved a mutilated form of the paternity fraud bill from the Committee of Judiciary to the floor and voted. This is unheard of. Normally it takes weeks to get a bill to be voted on and out of the assembly. Worse, there was very little opposition to the original form of AB2240. Yet the Committee of Judiciary amended the bill to accommodate every bogus argument that the opposition presented. They even waited weeks for the opposition to form a weak attack on the original bill. These political tricks and maneuvers demonstrate the power that radical feminists wield in the CA legislature. You can examine the bill and it's history at the following link: AB2240 We will have to organize and move quickly to oppose the amendments in the Senate. No doubt that the opposition has close ties with the feminist there also."*

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Harvard Increases Standards of Evidence in Rape and Other Cases

Scott · 31 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

scott sager pointed me to this article by Cathy Young in Reason Magazine. Young reports that Harvard is increasing the standards of evidence in order to open administrative investigations for various offenses, including rape. Harvard is the last place I thought this would start, but could this be a signal that the tide could be changing at colleges and universities? We can certainly hope.Source: Reason [magazine]

Title: Unwanted Sex: A turning tide on date rape

Author: Cathy Young

Date: May 14, 2002

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MANN Downtime Tonight

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I expect the replacement motherboard and CPU to come in today, so Mensactivism.org will be unavailable during the upgrade process this evening, which will probably start at around 7 PM and end late in the evening.

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Sacks Analyzes Tawny Kitaen DV Accusation

Scott · 31 May 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks wrote another great article on domestic violence, this one covering the issue of false accusations of DV made against men in custody disputes. In this case, Chuck Finley successfully had Kitaen charged with domestic violence with ample evidence of the attack on his body. But shortly after he was awarded temporary custody of their children, Kitaen struck back with unsubstantiated claims of being a victim of domestic violence too. Sacks uses this as an opportunity to expose the issue of false accusations during divorce and custody battles, and how common this kind of scenario really is.

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On-line Chat About Father's Rights, Includes Mediator Ken Gregg

Scott · 1 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy McElroy writes, "*This Sunday June 2nd, at 9:00 p.m. EST, join professional mediator Ken Gregg in the co-sponsored feminists/mensactivism chat room to explore father's rights in abortion, adoption and custody. Gregg is a staunch advocate for the rights of men in matters of divorce and children, with many years of experience in dealing with the realities of "the system." The chat is free, easy, and friendly. Wendy McElroy is the hostess. Men are most cordially invited.*"

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Sexual Abuse of Males: Research and Statistics

Scott · 2 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve sent in a link to this site, which is the most comprehensive and up to date web site I know of on the subject of sexual abuse of men, particularly boys. It includes dozens of references, information on articles and books on the subject, and even a special section on abuse perpetrated by females. Please take a moment to check it out and send a note of thanks to the author for creating such a site.

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Why Johnny Won't Read

Scott · 3 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal sent us this Washington Post article and writes *"Here's a guy that has developed methods to make reading attractive to boys. With boys falling further and further behind in school, and with the percentage of male college student dropping fast, this is a program that's vitally important."* Scieszka, of course, is the main impetus behind the guysread.com web site. It's good to see he's getting some attention from the media about this issue. Source: The Washington Post [newspaper]

Title: Why Johnny Won't Read

Author: Jon Scieszka

Date: June 2, 2002

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Catholic Nuns Accused of Sexually Molesting Boys

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Anonymous User writes *"With all the focus on the Catholic church sexual abuse scandal these days, it is not surprising to hear feminists claim that the church breeds pedophilia in men. Unfortunately for the feminists, it appears to breed it in nuns as well, as this Boston Herald story explains."*Source: The Boston Herald [newspaper]

Title: Years later, some charge sexual abuse by nuns

Author: Robin Washington

Date: June 3, 2002

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MND Radio Program on Father's Rights

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Men's issues columnist Glenn Sacks and fathers' rights activist Dianna Thompson discuss how the child support enforcement system turns military reservists who answer their country's call into criminals and "deadbeat dads" who are subject to arrest upon their return to the US.
Also discussed are Australian men's "marriage strike" and Canadian Senator Anne Cools' bombshell pro-father address in Washington, DC.
The show is tonight (Tuesday, 6/4) from 6-7 PST and will repeat throughout the evening. For more information or to listen, go to Men's News Daily.

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McElroy Honors Fathers and Father's Rights with Article

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Wendy McElroy wrote for her FoxNews column this week about the importance of fatherhood, and the struggles that dads face in the face of a radical feminism which seeks to eliminate the need for men. She also mentions the NCFM rally which coincides with an N.O.W. conference later this month. Thank you, Wendy.

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Class Action Lawsuit Legit?

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Anonymous User writes *"Based on some email I received I went to the Indiana Civil Rights Council to read about a potential class action lawsuit challenging child support and the concept of "non-custodial" parents. Does anyone know anything about the organization or its officers?"*

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CEDAW, Again

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frank h writes *"Folks,*
a dangerous UN treaty is getting new attention. The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is an absolute attack on men and masculinity worldwide. A Senate hearing is scheduled for June 13 to consider ratifying it. Radical feminists are visiting Senators to convince them to vote for it. The UN committee overseeing the enforcement of CEDAW has: Reprimanded Belarus for celebrating Mother's Day, Told China to "decriminalize prostitution," Complained about Mexico's "lack of access ... to easy and swift abortion," Told Armenia to "combat the traditional stereotype of women in the noble role of mother." Please urge your senator to VOTE NO on CEDAW."

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Critic Blasts IWF, Promotes Myths

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Bledso writes *"My local paper, The Albany Times Union, recently ran this opinion column by Martha Ezzard who is a columnist for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. She expresses some harsh criticism of the IWF and declares feminism an "unfinished revolution". She covers quite a broad spectrum of the usual myths. The Times Union has been a staunch supporter of this type of rhetoric and I think they really deserve an onslaught of rebuttals. I've tried to write them numerous times, but they simply ignore me. Unfortunately, there aren't many strong voices in my neck of the woods. Let's make ourselves known!"*Source: Albany Times Union [newspaper]

Title: Feminist movement far from finish line

Author: Martha Ezzard

Date: June 2, 2002

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Ad Council's DV Prevention Program

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bledso writes, "*The Ad Council's Domestic Violence Prevention program looks as if it exclusively blames men for domestic violence:* "Adults have an important role to play in the fight against domestic violence. The objective of the campaign is to engage men and have them speak to pre-teen/teen boys about how women should be treated. By influencing the attitudes and behaviors of young boys, adults can prevent violence towards women and girls. Through TV, print and radio ads, men are encouraged to learn about the role they can play in putting an end to domestic violence." *This page presents some interesting statistics. It also tells us that George Perlov (info@adcouncil.org) can be contacted for more details. George may need some details from *us*.*"

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Challenging Government MS-information

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Anonymous User writes *"According to a New York Times article [free reg. required], a little-known amendment called the Data Quality Act allows anyone to challenge the accuracy of online information provided by the US Federal Government. From the article:* "The law, which takes full effect on Oct. 1, creates a system under which anyone could point out errors in documents; if an error is confirmed, an agency would have to remove the data from government Web sites and publications." *This could have interesting implications for feminist-inspired "information" about gender issues."*Source: The New York Times [newspaper]

Title: Questions About Online Data

Author: Rebecca Fairley Raney

Date: June 3, 2002

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Oklahoma Governor Vetoes Male-only Castration Bill

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SJones writes *"The governor of Oklahoma showed some rare integrity by vetoing the feminist bill mandating surgical castration for male-only sex offenders on their first conviction. He needs our support because he'll sure catch hell for doing the right thing.*

And the message board associated with this story is filled with idiots demanding worse treatment, so step up and speak out.

The story is here"

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Lands' End Bashes Men in Recent Catalog

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Equalitarian62 writes, "*There is a story titled "When Rosie Rolled 'Em Up" (by Charles Hirshberg) in the June Lands' End catalog. Instead of simply describing the contribution of women to the war effort (which in itself was commendable), this story goes on to portray men as bigoted and lecherous. As I couldn't find a link to the full story at the Lands' End site, I will summarize the anti-male parts here.*" Read on for the full submission.The story describes the experience of a young woman who is hired as a welder at a shipyard in California. She encounters a man at the Union Hall who repeatedly tells her that they don't hire women or blacks. She gets hired anyway. The instructor at the welding class is described as a "little goat bearded man who thought that teaching girls to weld was the funniest thing ever." When a supervisor gets "fresh" with a female coworker, the coworker clobbers him with her "stinger." And when her father finds out that she is earning more that him, he gets mad and tells her to either quit or leave the house (neither of which happens). At the end, the young woman's mother gives her the moral that "them men needs us a lot more than they're willing to admit."

I'm not sure why it was necessary to put a gender-feminist twist on a Norman Rockwell character that was originally intended to portray the contributions of women during World War II. While the contributions of several thousand women were valuable in their own right, it was the 16 million men who served overseas that bore the brunt of the sacrifice during the war. Over 400,000 of them died, and many more were injured. Surely this generation of men deserves better than to be portrayed as boorish and prejudiced, based on the actions of a minority of individuals.

I have received the Lands' End catalog for several years now, but will cancel it if I see anything more like this. It isn't necessary to market clothing to women by putting men down in this way.

If you want to contact Lands' End about this story, their web address is:

www.landsend.com

"You don't build women up by tearing men down"

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Maryland Judicial Equality Committee Seeks Volunteers

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Dan Scott writes, "*I am helping to form an new group in Maryland for the express purpose of lobbying the legislature and raising the issues of gender discrimination in the court system during this election cycle in November 2002. It is my belief that we need to approach the issue as a matter of Civil Rights versus Father's Rights. By taking the approach of equal treatment under the Law we will also be drawing in women to uphold a basic cause which they themselves have benefited. Discrimination is discrimination, no matter who is the object of it. I am sure you are appalled as I am when anyone is discriminated against for whatever the reason whether it be race, age, nationality, ethnicity, religion or gender. The reasons given for the preferential treatment of certain groups range from the subtle to the outrageous, this is done by using people's fear and ignorance to fan hatred using stereotypes.*" Read on for the remainder of Dan's announcement.Most of you are aware of the disturbing behavior being carried out under the guise of victimization. I would like you to consider if they can do this to any man, then who is next? No one should be singled out for discrimination by the State, regardless of the excuses used, including victimization. President Lincoln said "A house divided against itself cannot stand." http://www.historyplace.com/lincoln/divided.htm When the State discriminates, we the people are clearly divided.

I have been in contact with delegates of the House State Judiciary Committee. Due to the recent upheaval concerning Judge Thompson, certain delegates and lawyers have become aware that there is a problem in Montgomery County and Maryland in general with gender discrimination and the undue influence of special interest groups in the court system.

Acceptance of the problem is the first step in coming to a solution. However, the delegates, like us need to have a cohesive organization that will support them in their legislative process. They are ready to introduce legislation, however, they will need the organized lobbying support to pass the bills. I am seeking volunteers to help staff the committee, work

with legal and non-legal concerned citizens. I strongly believe we have a singular opportunity this year to make a difference for our children and everyone who is affected by discrimination.

The Committee is seeking people to begin speaking out against the undo
influence of special interest groups in the judicial process. Of equal concern is exposing and limiting further attempts by special interests groups insisting upon greater rights and preferential treatment for individuals of their group at the expense of everyone else's rights. The basic premise being, one person or group can not have more rights and privileges with equity without taking those rights and privileges from another. That special interest groups insisting upon this course of action are attempting to circumvent one of the foundation stones of the legal system, "equal treatment under the law" as stated in the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.

I think we can all agree that on the part of judges,it is far easier to make a bad decision than to take the effort to make a good one. Judge Thompson is a perfect example of this. The judge made the effort in Mr. Thornett's case to see that a reasonable standard of justice was applied and then was castigated for it by certain lawyers whose political views demanded that anyone of certain physical characteristics be considered guilty regardless of the motive of the accuser. In fact, Judge Thompson's record in granting protective orders bears out the consistency of his conscience in handling the law, while other judges barely bothered to do so. This is in direct contrast to the prevailing legal thought of how judges grant Ex Parte' requests for protective orders. Most judges base their decision on two presumptions, one the accuser is truthfully making a request and therefore the accused is probably guilty. Two, is the ability of the accused to commit the act, where a man is accused, he automatically is presumed to be guilty on the basis of his physical characteristic and stereotype of having the physical strength to abuse. Based on these two presumptions, no corrobating evidence or witnesses are needed. To my knowledge the Judge Thompson has denied 12% of all requested protective orders. A certain political interest group, of which these lawyers are members, brought charges against Judge Thompson because he did not meet the political correctness they demanded in application of the law.

As a group the Committee would get legislators to sponsor legislation to correct the abuses we see in the legal system, would inform the community about the need of a fair and impartial legal system and gain the necessary political support to bring about that change. More importantly, this is an opportunity to sponsor seminars for judges and other officials in the legal system to act as a counterpoint to those special interest groups who push their agenda at the expense of everyone's civil rights.

Personally Since 1998, I have come across a number of men in my situation that were falsely accused by their spouses in order to gain an advantage in the divorce process. Having attended Anger Management at the Abused Person's Program, I found out from speaking with many men in the class that apparently men are being systematically removed from their homes on a routine basis for reasons similar to myself. There is an epidemic of abuse charges and because of precedence they are all settled in the same manner.

As I began to search for answers of how this could happen, I discovered that the problem is not isolated to Montgomery County but is also a nationwide problem. The recent problems that Judge Thompson encountered with the local chapter of NOW bringing charges against him, leads me to believe that the time is right for bringing the issue of Equality Under the Law and the inappropriate influence of special interest groups to the public light. What happened to Judge Thompson is a direct result of his challenging the notion that someone is guilty when they are accused. As an example, 76% of domestic violence cases result in a finding against the accused, how does that compare to percentage of people accused in a criminal case? I believe the percentage is significantly less. How is it that when the police and prosecutor are involved in a criminal case with all the resources of the State at their disposal that the rate of conviction is lower than in a domestic violence case when they are not involved? This is
precisely why Judge Thompson was attacked for his decisions. He recognizes that there is a motive involved when making an accusation. Particularly with married men, the motive is also monetary, not just revenge or hate. Guilt by accusation is Napoleonic Law not English Law.

Having attempted to raise the issue with the State Judiciary Committees in the Maryland Legislature for

the last few years with little interest on their part has brought me to the firm conclusion that as one person, my voice does not count. However, what I have learned is that when a group of concerned citizens who are willing band together to bring the issues to the public as an organization, then and only then will people in the legislature listen and act. There are delegates who are willing to act, however, without the political force of a group, they themselves have little power to push the issue. If we will work together then we can make a difference.

As a founding member of the committee, you and others would have the ability to bring about positive change. The committee will become what you make of it. In the end, I believe everyone would benefit from having a

level playing field, countering the special interest groups and applying pressure to abusive officials as the way to accomplish this goal.

One voice is not enough. Spin colors perception and perception colors reality. Whose voice will win out? Can we afford to keep silent?

Dan Scott

Maryland Judicial Equality Committee

http://www.geocities.com/fightbigotry2002/index

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Celebrate Men's Health Week!

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I received this news from Men's Health America: "*Men's Health Week starts June 9, and runs through Father's Day. The 2002 observance of Men's Health Week will be devoted to the theme of International Men's Health. The reason for the international focus this year is simple: men's health has become global in scope. Men's health is making giant strides in Australia, England, Canada, the United States, and elsewhere. The World Congress on Men´s Health will take place in Vienna, Austria from October 25-27, 2002. And there is a second reason: There are threats to men's health that are looming on the international horizon. And if ignored, these forces could thwart efforts at the national and local levels to achieve gender equality in health. To celebrate Men's Health Week, Men's Health America will post a series of four Special Reports, beginning tomorrow. Then we will ask you to take action to promote men's health. Because men have a right to life.*"

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Are Women Who Study Cosmotology Victims of Career Choice Coercion by Schools?

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CJ writes *"Here is another example of dangerous feminist victimology turned into bountiful lawsuits. Based on this study done by National Women's Law Center, boys that feel like they were stereotyped into a "male" vocational choice, and females who feel like they were stereotyped into a "female" vocational choice, may be able to sue their school system for failing to persuade the boys into child care vocations and the girls into welding and construction vocations... Title IX will be the pry-bar for this sham."*

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Zohrab on Media Bias

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Peter Zorhab from the NZ Equality Party sent in another article on media bias. In this piece, he focuses more broadly on the influece of left-wing politics and the struggle men's issues has in getting airtime in this environment. Whether your politics are left or right, his points provoke a lot of thought on this issue.

Left-Wing Media Bias

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The Problem

How can it be that someone like Peter Mulhern can pen the following words:

"The biases of the elite media are too well documented to make good column fodder. Most journalists have a tribal attachment to the Democrat Party that transcends even ideology" (
http://nj.npri.org/nj99/11/media.htm
),

while (as at 18 May 2002) the page
http://www.cultsock.ndirect.co.uk/MUHome/cshtml/index.html
(on a Media Studies site) treats media bias as if only right-wing media bias existed ? Surely they live in different worlds ?

The media and education systems (the Media-University Complex) in Western countries have the ideological cohesiveness and mass coverage to create "reality", and then to go out and "discover" it, to research it, and to report it. They create reality by seeking out left-wing, Feminist, and ethnic etc. extremists and giving them the same, or more, coverage as/than mainstream organizations, and refusing to give first-person coverage (fair interviews) to right-wing extremists, Pro-Life activists, and Men's/Fathers' groups, etc.. Over time, this moves the criterion of "mainstream" inexorably to the left.

Meanwhile, the real reality is simmering away below the surface of reported

events. On the rare occasions when it attempts to burst out into public consciousness (e.g. when the Right are doing well in the polls), the media do their best to sweep it back under the carpet by means of scare-mongering, libel, and selective reporting. It is really only talk-back radio and the Internet that give people the freedom to bypass Left-Wing media censorship and propaganda.

The media are frequently attacked by "Right-Wing" critics -- not for the bias of the owners of the media (which is relatively minor in scale), but for the bias of the media workers (journalists, in particular). For example, in 2002 media coverage of French Right-Wing politician Jean-Marie Le Pen and the Dutch political assassinee, Forteyn, most journalists were blatantly and openly one-sided, as if the media were a left-wing political party (which, in practice, they are). The media see right-wing extremism as the problem, whereas in fact left-wing media bias forces moderate Right-Wingers into extremism, because the media prevents them from having equal access to the public.

Right-Wing populists are bound to be critical of media bias, because they attract most of it - names such as Rush Limbaugh and Richard Nixon, in the USA, and Robert Muldoon and Winston Peters, in New Zealand, spring to my mind immediately. The website
http://www.mrc.org is solely given over
to the publicizing of Left-Wing media bias. The webpage
http://nj.npri.org/nj99/11/media.htm,
referring to an event involving Lyndon Johnson that was "news" to me, states:

"Nothing Richard Nixon was ever accused of in connection with Watergate posed as great a threat to the integrity of the American political process as the crime Lyndon Johnson committed in James Reston's presence. But Johnson was a Democrat. He could rely on Reston to ignore his crime. He could also rely on Newsweek to continue ignoring it 35 years later."

Though the Fathers' Movement is, at long last, starting to get a little bit of media coverage, any activist in the broader Men's Movement can testify to anti-male, Feminist bias in the media. See
http://members.tripod.com/peterzohrab/marclepi.html
, for example.

Media Power

People often say things like "Knowledge is Power" or "Information is Power," but they seldom seem to realize this applies to politics as well as to everything else. The Media - particularly before the advent of the Internet - controlled

information. This seems to have gone to their heads, in many cases. Some media people have acquired star status, which is an indication of their power over people's minds. They are not aware of their own bias.

The news media are very powerful, as Goebbels knew. He was aware of the need to conceal the "art" of the media professional from the audience by using historical analogies rather than making blatant political propaganda. Similarly, the modern western media propagandizes by choosing what to cover and what questions to ask, rather than by being blatantly biased in the presentation of what it does cover - usually, at any rate. The problem for politically incorrect causes such as Men's Rights has been how to get covered at all.

The Sociology Problem

There is a standard, Left-Wing bias that prevails in Universities, but I will not discuss that topic here - except with reference to the field of Sociology. See my book, "Sex, Lies & Feminism" (http://members.tripod.com/peterzohrab/contents.html) for further details.

The problem of Left-Wing media bias is best understood as pertaining to the field of the Sociology of the Media. However, Sociology is itself known to be a Left-Wing bastion - so much so that I once received an email from a man, asking me about Men's Rights, and apologizing for the fact that he was a Sociology student and therefore likely to be hostile to Men's Rights !

For example, a quick search of the World Wide Web for "Sociology of the Media" (or something similar) yielded the following top results:

- The City University, London, which showed no sign of any interest in the sociology of media personnel in their extensive course-offering;
- The "Equality Studies Centre" of University College Dublin, which has a course on "Sociology of the Media and Equality", taught by a woman, amidst a raft of other optional courses, which are virtually all taught by women, and include "gender", "sexualities", and "women" - but not "men", needless to say;
- The personal page of a female lecturer at the University of New Brunswick, who has so far taught "Sociology of the Media" along with "Introduction to Women's Studies";
- Hope College, which gave no detailed information;
-

New School University, which has a course "Fundamentals of Sociology of Media", which refers to the media as being "a constitutive element in the power structure of capitalist societies", but shows no sign of investigating the role of the employees of media entities;

- A University of Essex gateway to resources about the Sociology of the Media;
- The University of New Brunswick, which does not give much information about the content of courses;
- The University of Limerick, which has a course on "Sociology of the Media", which includes "media representation of women" (but probably not "media representation of men") as one of its topics.

None of these show evidence of any interest in researching the role of the workers in the media industry or men, as such. Their focus seems usually to be on the owners of the media, as capitalists (i.e. from a Leftist perspective), on the effects of the media on Society, and/or on Feminist perspectives on the media.

Conclusion

Far from being mere observers and reporters, the media are powerful and active players in the political process. One example is the well-known Feminist author, Susan Faludi. According to Laura Taflinger,

"Faludi thinks a journalist's job is to create social change by educating people and taking the time to investigate things. A journalist needs to be passionate about a cause, she says." (http://www.dnai.com/~ljtaflin/FEMJOUR/faludi.html)

Since they control the actual perception of political reality of billions of people, the media have to choose between tidying up their act and becoming increasingly a target of political violence.

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On-line Chat with Bettina Greaves

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This Sunday's (6/9) jointly sponsored MANN/iFeminists on-line chat will feature guest Bettina Greaves. Bettina is a free-market scholar, an expert on Ludwig von Mises, a witness to decades of classical liberal history... Come to ask wide ranging questions. Join us at this link around 9 PM EDT.

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U.S. Army Funds Domestic Abuse Study On Women Only

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SJones writes *"According to this article the United States Army used our tax dollars to hire feminists at Johns Hopkins to do a study on how badly women, and ONLY women, are affected by being victims of domestic abuse. The article not only promotes the myth of female victimhood and male guilt, but even provides a link to the National Crime Prevention Council, which further promotes the feminist lie by stating among other things that 4 million women are abused each year by husbands and boyfriends (no mention of lesbian partners) while no mention is made of male victims of domestic abuse at all."*

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Upcoming Constitutional Challenge to CA Custody/Child Support Laws

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jigme writes, "*A Constitutional Challenge directly attacking the Child Support Laws practices, policies and procedures in the State of California will be held at the San Francisco Superior Court, Friday, June 14th, 2002 at 12 Noon at 400 McAllister Street in San Francisco. This Challenge is going all the way up to the United States Supreme Court. The main Constitutional Challenge will be joined by more than 50 Fathers by JOINDER and/or Intervention. We clearly see the whole system as a fraud and will be holding a news conference with the mainstream media as well as having 1000 fathers protest at this event. If you would endeavor to participate, please call us at 925-363-5470 or 925-449-8436. E-mail livebeatdad2(at)msn.com or petedclark(at)hotmail.com or jigcho(at)webtv.net.*

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Men's Health Special Report Focuses on Global Issues

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A special report on the status of men's health worldwide was released by Men's Health America. This report focused on the longevity of men and women, and find that the lower status of men's health is a worldwide problem. Go here to read the report and learn just how pervasive the neglect of men's lives has become. And if you haven't already subscribed to the MHA announcement list, it is highly recommended.

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Men's Hour June Programme Released

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"Due to delays and illness the June programme is finally out. It includes news about London protests in April. An interview with Richard Pitchers about the Californian Constitutional Challenge (Friday June 14th 12pm at Supreme Court, San Francisco) and news of the NCFM event later in June (Friday June 21st 7pm, Minneapolis). There will also be a special update programme on Sunday 16th June 9pm BST, 4pm EDT, about the NCFM event."*

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Global Male-Only DNA Database Grows

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Robex writes *"This article from the BBC shows that the UK (and Scotland in particular) is not the only country pressing ahead with a male-only DNA database. It seems that it's quite prevalent in Australia too, but has rightly been condemned by various civil liberties groups. Again, I would urge all men who ever find themselves subject to such a "request" to resist."*Source: BBC [UK news network]

Title: DNA tests to find backpacker's killer

Author: Unknown

Date: June 9, 2002

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Sex Bias in Treating Heart Disease Refuted

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Tom Campbell writes *"This is a link to an article in the Annals of Internal Medicine that looked at the treatment of heart disease in men and in women. There have been many articles in the medical literature that have purported to prove that women are discriminated against in receiving healthcare, in spite of women's overall greater longevity. These authors took a closer look, and found that when matched for severity, there was no difference in how men and women were treated for coronary heart disease."*Source: Annals of Internal Medicine [medical journal]

Title: Sex Differences in Access to Coronary Revascularization after Cardiac Catheterization: Importance of Detailed Clinical Data

Author: WA Ghali, PD Faris, PD Galbraith, CM Norris, MJ Curtis, LD Saunders, V Dzavik, LB Mitchell, and ML Knudtson

Date: May 21, 2002

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Glenn Sacks Hits the Airwaves Again

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This page lists a series of upcoming radio programs that men's issues writer Glenn Sacks will be a guest on. Sacks' upcoming Father's Day column, "American Fathers Get a Bad Rap" will be his main topic, and is sure to be of interest to activists.

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A Man's Right To Choose

Adam · 16 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I've just found a superb article outlining what choice for men is, and best of all is that it's written from a moral viewpoint which is quite hard to refute. While some of you might think this is old news, bear in mind the article makes for an excellent introduction to C4M that is written to appeal to a universal audience, and is well worth bookmarking to put in discussions and the like. The article was taken from the Alabama Family Rights Association page.

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Happy Father's Day!

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I know this site has not been updated in the past few days, and it's been because I've had a lot of things to do to prepare for Father's Day and some other family events this weekend. I ended up spending the day with my dad yesterday, and it was a lot of fun - we put together a computer for him out of some spare parts I was able to dig up (including the backup server MANN used during that hardware failure). Anyways, I hope others are having a great Father's Day weekend, whether it will be spent being with your dad, honoring his memory, participating in activism, or whatever you find is most appropriate. If you're in the southeastern NH area and want to celebrate the passage of the Men's Commission bill and men's issues in general, the NCFC-NH group is having a very informal meeting tonight at the Town Hall in Newington, NH starting at about 7 PM.

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The Myth of the Deadbeat Dad

Adam · 16 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Stephen Baskerville has done it again, this time getting published in the June issue of Liberty, exposing the family courts to a wider audience of reader. I don't really have much left to say, apart from click this link which will lead you to the article which from the Alliance for Non-Custodial Parents Rights and the article is a PDF (Adobe Acrobat) file to view.

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On-line Chat About Realities of Pornography Industry

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Tonight, Sunday the 16th, at 9:00 p.m. EDT join Wendy McElroy and "Mason" in the free ifeminists/mensactivism chat room to discuss the realities of the pornography industry. Wendy has done a lot of research in this area and this is a rare opportunity to speak with "Mason", who I assume is a person who works or has worked in pornography. Is pornography really exploitation of women? Men? Join this chat and find out.

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Giving Women Land the Path to Solve World Hunger?

Scott · 17 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

crescentluna submitted this story and writes *"Apparently at the World Food Summit the idea of giving women equal property rights as men will end world hunger. Not quite sure if this is an issue for men's rights, it might be just the article but it doesn't seem to show any direct evidence between increased women's property rights and less instances of hunger, and this whole talk of 'if today children continue to be fed, it is because of women' is a little one-sided."*

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Harvard Stalling Gender and Education Center, Angering Jane Fonda

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CJ sent us this Boston Globe article and writes *"Last March actress Jane Fonda announced that she was donating $12.5 million to Harvard University to fund a Center on Gender and Education. Now, many say that Fonda is displeased at the pace with which Harvard has made use of her gift and is seriously considering withholding the $6 million balance."*

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New Zealand Men's Rights Group Changes Name

Scott · 18 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This is just an announcement that the New Zealand Equality Party has now changed it's name to the New Zealand Equality Education Foundation, to help focus more on their purpose of educational outreach about gender equality. If you're interested in more info about this group, contact Peter Zorhab at zohrab@xtra.co.nz.

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Men's Rights and Federal Judgeships

Scott · 18 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Here is a key area where the femmunists maintain their social agenda at the expense of men's rights. They are the force presently behind the logjam in getting Bushes Federal judgeships nominated by the Senate. It would behoove us to contact our Senators to let them know that the the femmunists are no longer the only game in town and this is an election year. Tell them to support pro men's rights judges. You need to get those letters, e-mails and faxes to your Senators out now!"*

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Taking Stock in Title IX

Scott · 20 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

CJ sent in this Boston Globe article and writes *"Women's sports advocates admonish the wrestling coaches and their supporters for targeting the wrong group with their lawsuit. They say it's bloated football programs that eat up the athletic budgets, not the new softball or women's soccer programs. Yet these same "advocates" fail to recognize that men's programs are getting cut despite student interest and participation levels in order to meet Title IX requirements. Also, there are more programs than just wrestling that have been cut. Like at UNH, the baseball program was cut while students were actively involved to meet this ridiculous sexist standard."*

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NCFM Conference to Include Webcast

Scott · 20 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I thought I'd break this news, it's pretty cool. The NCFM-sponsored forum which will be happening on Friday in St. Paul is probably going to be broadcast live on the internet. I'm not sure if it will be just audio or both audio + video, but I promise to deliver details on how to tune in on the broadcast as soon as I hear further details from Ray Cuttill. Since this forum is intended to coincide with the N.O.W. conference going on in the same city that day, this event could have some very significant effects if the media gives it good coverage. **Update:** Check out the Men's Hour site for updates as the time gets closer to the event.

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No Simple Solution to Spousal Abuse

Scott · 20 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Mark writes *"While this editorial, from the Vancouver Sun, seems to have a slight slant towards women, it takes an interesting look at some of the issues around spousal abuse, including the use of it as a tool in divorce and custody, and socio-economic issues. While it looks at these things in the light of the current political state of British Columbia, a lot of what is said can be viewed quite broadly."*

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NCFM Forum Webcast

Scott · 21 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

The NCFM conference happening today (Friday, 2/21) will in fact be broadcast live on the internet. Raymond Cuttill from the Men's Hour is sponsoring the broadcast, which should begin at 7 PM Central Time and can be listened to via this Live365.com link (note that the link probably won't work until that time). Check it out!

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Status on CA Paternity Justice Act (AB2240)

Scott · 21 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"Currently, the CA Senate Committee of Judiciary is working on AB2240 (Stop Paternity Fraud). They are clearly friendlier to our side of the argument when compared to the Assembly Committee of Judiciary. For example, they have amended the act to permit a male victim of paternity fraud to receive compensation for damages....from the bio dad. Unfortunately, the female is still able to get a generous income from child support if she defrauds a wealthy man. Worse, the judiciary has absolute discretion in choosing to hear a DNA case. That means that the majority of victims will be ignored. This level of discretion needs to be removed. Also, they need to be encouraged to modify the declaration of paternity form. This will allow the mother to have an option of checking a box for being uncertain. There is also the option of the state requiring every male to have a DNA test to prove paternity. Now is the time to write to the committee with your suggestions for amendments. Don't wait because they are moving on this bill now. The contact information for the judiciary can be found here: Senate Committee of Judiciary. Write to them now - today - and let them know this fight is not over and that we want justice!"*

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The Devolution of Fatherhood

Scott · 23 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Dan-Lynch writes *"I saw this article on Men's News Daily. I think the topic of how father's are portrayed on television is worth discussing, as television is probably accredited to influencing in large our views and opinions. If the television industry standardizes the father's role we should definitely question the images that are projected."*

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Canadian Women Have Sole Right to Name Children

Scott · 23 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

BusterB writes *"The audacity of the Ontario court is astounding. The judges' claim (unanimous no less) is that the law as it stands clearly gives mothers the final say on whether to even acknowledge the father on the birth certificate, let alone name the child. There may be a Supreme Court appeal, but the Ontario court is held in high regard in Canada. Well, at least there was a dissenting opinion in the B.C. court, but notice that it was just a "dissenting opinion," not a victory for fathers. This is the same "justice" system that has struck down laws right, left, and centre when those laws infringe on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Someone explain to me just exactly why kiddie porn distributors' Charter rights are more important than fathers' Charter rights? Go figure."*

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On-line Chat About NCFM Conference

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Tonight, Sunday the 23rd, 9:00 p.m. EDT, join the free online ifeminists/mensactivism chat where Trudy Schuett, father's rights activist, and Wendy McElroy will discuss their participation in the path-breaking counter-NOW conference on June 21st. Trudy's speech during the conference has been transcribed and can be read here.

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Males Still Fleeing US Schools

Thomas · 25 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

The Washington Post reports on the continuing decline of male enrollment in US colleges and universities. It's interesting that they admit that the problem can no longer be "shrugged off." One has to question the sincerity of many of the people who are currently examining this crisis. There are still a few areas where women don't outnumber men and Jocelyn Samuels, vice president of the National Women's Law Center, states, "The job is not yet done." Also, note that the article does not mention the hardships that this development portends for men. Rather it comments on the fact that "the lack of marriable men is a hot topic of conversation among black women. They can't see it now, but that is going to happen for white women in the future."
Source: Washington Post

Title: Degrees of Separation: Gender Gap Among College Graduates Has Educators Wondering Where the Men Are

Author: Michael A. Fletcher

Date: June 25, 2002

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N.O.W. Launches Misleading "Family Court Report 2002"

Scott · 26 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks writes, "*NOW launched an assault today on the Fathers' Rights movement with the publication of its new "Family Court Report 2002." Many fathers' rights groups are named in the report, including the ACFC and the NCFC. The John Knight/Fathers Manifesto fiasco is used against us, as well as the Warren Farrell/incest nonsense. It's getting a lot of publicity here. I suggest you download and take a good look at the report--if we do not fight this it will serve to kill much of the progress we have made in educating the public on anti-father family court discrimination.*"

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NCFM ContraCon Summary

Scott · 26 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"The signs are put away, the speakers have gone home, but St. Paul Minnesota and the men's movement will never be the same! Read the commentary on how it all went at Men's News Daily."* **Update:** Wendy McElroy has made a transcript available of the on-line chat that happened last Sunday, which can be viewed here. Wendy's speech at the NCFM event can be read here.

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Men Refusing to Commit to Marriage

Thomas · 26 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This article in the Washington Post covers a report by researchers Barbara Dafoe Whitehead and David Popenoe, directors of the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University. While men are described as "phobic," the article does quote some of men's reasons for avoiding marriage. Two examples include, "An ex-wife will 'take you for all you've got' and 'men have more to lose financially than women.'" Whitehead called the work, which was based on interviews with only 60 single men, a "pilot study" and called for a nationally representative examination of the situation.Source: The Washington Times

Title: Wedded bliss not a priority for U.S. bachelors

Author: Cheryl Wetzstein

Date: June 26, 2002

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Trudy Schuett Speech at NCFM Forum

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Here is the text of Trudy Schuett's speech to the recent NCFM forum. It's great to see Trudy point out that the seeds of anti-male hate have resided in feminism for a long time. This fact debunks the claim that early, second-wave feminism was a purely benevolent movement. I also loved her statement, "We didn't realize that feminism, by its own nature, cannot be about equity. It's right there in the word. The word isn't equalitarianism, it's feminism. The word itself suggests concentrating on women -- that they should be elevated in recognition, somehow. That can only be lopsided and unnatural."

Thanks for all the hard work and devotion, Trudy.Source: DesertLight Journal

Author: Trudy Schuett

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Thompson and Sacks Fire Back at N.O.W.

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Dianna Thompson of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children derided the National Organization for Women's new *Family Court Report 2002* in the Los Angeles Times today (free reg. required), noting that the report was a "self-selecting survey among NOW constituents" and not objective research. Thompson also noted that US census data showed that women are granted custody 80% of the time and that "fathers have very small chances of getting even dual custody." Also, men's issues columnist Glenn Sacks blasted NOW. on KTRS AM 550 in St. Louis today, advising listeners that NOW's recently released report is a fraud designed to create the false impression that family courts are biased against women.

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Governor of Virginia Has Never Heard of Paternity Fraud

Scott · 28 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Mark writes *"Governor Mark Warner was on AM 1140 today in Richmond, Virginia taking calls from the listening audience. I called to see if he has or knows of any plans in the Virginia legislature to pass Paternity Fraud laws similar to those in other states. After explaining it to the screener I was put on hold for a few minutes. Eventually the screener came back and said that he will save me the time because the governor NEVER HEARD OF PATERNITY FRAUD, but claims he (Governor Warner) did say that "Fraud is Fraud."*
Perhaps he never did hear of it. If that is the case, I would love to inform him of it. Does anyone have or know of any god draft letters for politicians? I like to think that he wasn't dodging because he knew that it would be hard to defend why such laws shouldn't be passed."

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Feminist Changes Mind About Boys In School?

Scott · 28 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Dan-Lynch writes *"Carol Gilligan, at one time an advocate for "girl power" in schools is now singing a different tune about how boys are doing in school (poorly of course). I submitted this National Post article (found on Men's News Daily) because it just rings of the old saying, "the fox guarding the chicken coup"."*

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San Francisco Protects Female Prostitution; Degrades Male 'Customers'

Scott · 28 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"The city of San Francisco is using a feminist program run by a group called 'SAGE' which defines prostitution to be male exploitation of females and encourages the arrest of male customers while providing (at tax payer expense) protection and services for the prostitutes themselves. On Court TV a program showed police actually watching the hookers to make sure their tricks went well and they weren't hurt while conducting business. Sometimes they'd harass the women, but never did they arrest any. Male customers, on the other hand, were arrested, booked, and forced to pay hundreds of dollars to go through a special 're-education camp' where feminists screamed at them and blatantly sexually harassed them with demeaning criticisms of their male genitalia. According to the SAGE website, many other cities have adopted this state-run prostitution racket after San Francisco did."*

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Woman Not Charged for Shooting Husband in Groin

Scott · 29 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"According to the June 23rd issue of News of the Weird Susan Winkler, 44, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, claims she accidently shot her husband in the groin with a shotgun. Police charged her with reckless endangerment, which is the standard charge for firing a weapon within the city limits without hitting anyone. No charges were filed for the shooting and sexual mutilation of her husband."*

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John Leo on CEDAW

Scott · 30 June 2002 · Archived copy · Original

frank h sent us a link to John Leo's recent article on CEDAW, which appeared in *U.S. News and World Report*, among other periodicals and web sites. Leo explains that the dangers of CEDAW are that "*it bristles with contempt for family, motherhood, religion and tradition*" and will "*impose "gender studies" on the schools and feminist-approved textbooks on students.*" It's encouraging to see the flaws of CEDAW exposed in the media, which has so far been avoiding covering the treaty for as long as possible.

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Colorado Wildfire: Blame It On A Man

Thomas · 1 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This article covers Terry Barton, the woman who finally admitted to starting the worst wildfire in Colorado history. In a ploy reminiscent of the NOW's stand on Russell Yates, Stephanie Howard, a Forest Service wildlife biologist states of Barton's husband, "He didn't know how to love her. He had a drinking problem. He had just a huge amount of issues with trying to deal with loving someone, loving his daughters . . . He was a very difficult man to live with."

Prosecutor Dave Conner asked, "You're not suggesting that John Barton caused Terry Barton to set this fire, are you? Or are you?"

Howard replied, "Indirectly, I am, yes."
Source: Rocky Mountain News

Author: Karen Abbott

Title: "Barton bail OK'd, set at $600,000: Forest Service worker pleads not guilty to Hayman Fire charges

Date: June 21, 2002

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Gender-inclusive Personal Resources

Scott · 1 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy McElroy recently told me about this web page, which aims to create a list of personal resources that are gender-inclusive. The list is currently a bit sparse, but there is an attempt to include info on domestic violence and sexual assault resources which don't exclude men. Many of you might know of some resources for men that could be added - SAFE is one of the ones I have in mind - so feel free to let the webmaster, Kirsten Tynan, know about them: ktynan@seds.lpl.arizona.edu.

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Thompson and Sacks Demolish Recent NOW Study

Scott · 2 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Men's issues columnist Glenn Sacks and Dianna Thompson, the executive director of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children, demolish NOW's new study on family court gender bias on their upcoming nationwide MND radio show. Sacks and Thompson expose the NOW report's sham methodology, ludicrous claims, and pervasive anti-male bigotry. They also detail how advocates for equal rights for fathers are effectively fighting NOW's report in the media. The show can be heard nationwide on MND Radio every Tuesday night from 6-7PM PST and is immediately available for archive replay. For more information or to listen, click here. To read NOW's report, go to California NOW's website.

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McElroy Refutes NOW Study, Accepts Challenge

Scott · 3 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy McElroy has stirred the pot with her rebuttal to the National Organization of Women's "Family Court Report" which claims family courts are corrupt and overwhelmingly biased against women. McElroy's article, which appeared on the Fox News web site, has ruffled a few feathers in the CA Chapter of NOW, to say the least. There is talk that McElroy will personally debate the authors of the study - more details will be made available as they are confirmed.

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Should False Accusers Be Named (And Prosecuted)?

Thomas · 3 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This article dares to raise the question of whether false accusers should be named. Among other important points, the article states, "The woman claimed Hann... forced himself on her as she was in an alcoholic daze, and suggested he may have used the date rape drug Rohypnol... But forensic tests found no evidence of semen on her, no drug traces in her blood or the glass she drank from in Hann's apartment, and a blood alcohol content just below the legal driving limit."

Not only will this woman probably never see the inside of a courtroom, after being charged with making a false accusation, even her name may never be revealed.Source: The Australian

Title: Name snooker star's accuser: MP

Date: July 03, 2002

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Blaming Men For The Crimes Of Women

Thomas · 3 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This essay by Glenn Sacks covers a matter that we've recently discussed, but I think it's worth giving Glenn a prominent spot in this case. It's more of the same: A woman commits a crime, an effort begins to determine which man or men can be blamed.Source: Men's News Daily

Title: Colorado Arsonist Terry Barton's Smart Strategy: When in Trouble, Blame a Man

Author: Glenn J. Sacks

Date: July 3, 2002

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MensMovement.org Launches Today

Scott · 4 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"www.MensMovement.org starts on July 4th and is intended to be a resource for men and men's studies. This will include links to men's websites including men's groups/father's groups. The men's studies part will be about sources of online information about studies relating to men's issues. It should become a resource for any man looking up any men's issues to find websites, men's groups and information about the issue. Users can submit links automatically"*

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MSNHatesMen.com Also Launches Today

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"www.MSNHatesMen.com starts 4th July. It is an antidote to the male bashing ecards on MSN. Including the ecard about hearing men whining there are 4 cards on MSN that are blatantly anti-male. There are no ecards that are blatantly anti-female. There are 4 ecards on MSNHatesMen, equivalent female bashing ecards. If MSN withdraws the male bashing ecard, we'll withdraw the female bashing ecard. MSN also has a women's section but no men's section."*

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Let's Show Our Support for Wendy McElroy

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frank h writes *"Wendy McElroy has apparently been drawing some blood among the NOW gang, as evidenced by their latest invective here. Wendy has been an ardent supporter of men's rights and one of few who have been willing to speak out AND who have a forum from which to do so. She needs our support as we need hers. Now would be the time to write to the folks at Fox AND to the LA Times, the Sacremento Bee, and whatever the big papers in San Francisco are. This is clearly an organized attack designed to discredit Wendy in the same manner in which Warren Farrell and others have been attacked. We cannot let it succeed."*

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Sacks and Thompson Explain Apparent "Marriage Strike" by Men

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Wayne submitted Glenn Sacks' and Dianna Thompson's latest article, which appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer, and comments: *"Since i was divorced 15 years ago I too have been on an absolute [marriage] strike...Any man who gets married needs a full frontal lobotomy."* Sacks' article discusses the possible reasons behind a growing trend of men forgoing marriage. Source: The Philadelphia Inquirer [newspaper]

Title: A 'marriage strike' emerges as men decide not to risk loss

Authors: Glenn Sacks and Dianna Thompson

Date: July 05, 2002

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NOW Family Court Report -- Revealing the Feminist Agenda

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"My editorial entitled, "NOW Family Court Report -- Revealing the Feminist Agenda" now appears at the Sierra Times. Here's an excerpt...* I've been aware of this agenda for some time, yet have hesitated to speak out publicly about any specific organization. I felt that sooner or later, their arrogance and disregard for reality would lead one of them to do something that so clearly and publicly revealed their anti-male hate agenda, that no spin on the part of any hired PR girl could explain it away..."

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DNA Experts Needed for Paternity Fraud Hearing in CA

Scott · 6 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"My friends, in the state of CA we have the most powerful group of radical feminists in the world. Currently, I have information that they are marshaling their forces to testify against the Paternity Justice Act (AB2240) in California on August 6, 2002. They intend to use their trickery to try and disprove genetic testing as a reliable means of determining paternity. For example, I have been told that they intend to testify that paternity testing is unreliable due to the practice of organ transplants. It is their intent to use rare examples of a person having multiple organs for an organ transplant to prove that DNA testing is an unreliable mechanism of establishing paternity. We must fight this lie with every genetic expert possible. This is especially important because CA legislation tends to set trends for the rest of the nation. Therefore, I am issuing a call for any DNA experts to appear before the CA Committee of Judiciary to explain to them why such feminist lies are wrong or misleading. The testimony of these experts will have a dramatic impact on a man's right to be free of paternity fraud. Your testimony as a single expert will make a literal difference in men's rights for the entire planet. We need your help!"*

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Too Few Men Becoming Doctors in UK

Scott · 6 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Serge sent us this BBC article and excerpts from the article: *"Too few men are training to become doctors, the British Medical Association's annual meeting was told on Wednesday...For the first time ever, more women than men graduated from medical schools...Six out of ten present students are women, according to figures, and some are worried that medicine may become overly-dominated by women in the future...[Stephen Sanders] said that just as it had been wrong in the past when the profession was male-dominated, it was equally wrong that the pendulum should swing too far the other way. "*

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Will Lance Armstrong Do It Again?

Scott · 7 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

With the Tour de France ongoing, I thought it would be worthwhile to post news that Lance Armstrong has won the prologue and will be wearing the yellow jersey early on in the bike race. Armstrong, of course, is a survivor of testicular cancer and is responsible for a lot of awareness regarding this men's health issue, not to mention the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Let's all hope the best for Armstrong, who has won the last three Tours in a row. Will he make a fourth? Either way, he's a great role model for men and a spokesman for cancer.

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Young Cites Sentencing Bias in Criminal Courts

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Cathy Young's column in the July issue of Reason magazine examines the issue of gender bias in criminal sentencing, particularly for murder. Young's analysis, as always, attempts to achieve a balance - she criticizes some of Warren Farrell's outline of women-only defenses in criminal cases - but she clearly agrees that there is a substantial bias in courts which obtains more lenient sentences for women. It's definitely a must-read article.
Source: Reason [magazine]

Title: License to Kill

Author: Cathy Young

Date: July 2002

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ILO: Forced Labor by Men Acceptable

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Tony writes *"While this is not recent news it is current news since the the International Labor Union has not changed its policy as of yet. A letter written to the convention in 2001 highlights some of the issues that are still very relevant to male rights around the world.*
",... the ILO's Forced Labour Convention designates one group and one group only as legitimate targets for forced labour: these same adult able-bodied men. Article 11 of the Convention states that "Only adult able-bodied males who are of an apparent age of not less than 18 and not more than 45 years may be called upon for forced or compulsory labour," so long as "they are physically fit for the work required and for the conditions under which it is to be carried out" and "the number of adult able-bodied men indispensable for family and social life" is allowed to remain in communities targeted for forced labour. In addition, the ILO states that both the forced labour involved in military conscription and the use of prison labour are acceptable under the terms of the Convention. Both of these institutions, of course, target males close to 100 percent of the time."
Here is the article and other case studies of international targeting of men for gender specific mass murder."

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Special Ed Gender Gap Stirs Worry

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CJ sent us this Boston Globe story about the prevalence of boys in special education and emotional disability programs. The article is well researched and discusses the fact that the gender gap in these programs is directly related to how vague the "disability" is defined and that we are taking too many active young men and labelling them as disabled rather than dealing with the shortcomings our educational system has with regard to teaching boys. Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Special ed gender gap stirs worry

Authors: Anand Vaishnav and Bill Dedman

Date: July 8, 2002

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Don't Imprison Parents (Ooops! Make That Mothers)

Thomas · 9 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Cherie Booth, the wife of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, is apparently about to propose that mothers be sentenced far more leniently than others for given crimes. Her idea is that, if *mothers* are imprisoned, there is a negative impact on their families. The effect on families of the imprisoning of *fathers* is, of course, given no such consideration. Maybe the UK should just imprison the children's fathers for the crimes of the mothers.Source: Times Online

Title: Booth call for curb on jailing mothers

Author: Frances Gibb

Date: July 08, 2002

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Attacks on McElroy Continue, Worsen

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In Wendy McElroy's latest FoxNews column, we get more of an idea of how low some radical feminists are willing to stoop to attack prominent supporters of men's rights. The CA NOW Report controversy is looking to become one of the most prominent events highlighting men's rights and how misinformation is being spread by anti-male feminists in recent history - so if you've been waiting for a time to write something to your local newspaper, the time is *now*. Let's try to heap as much media and public attention on this battle as possible.

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NCFM Chapter Files Lawsuit for Lack of Men's Commission

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My jaw dropped as I was forwarded the following press release by Marc Angelucci from the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men. They have taken the bold step in filing suit against L.A. County for refusing to establish a men's commission, while a women's commission exists. Suits are also to be filed in Orange county and San Bernardino for discrimination against men in domestic violence shelters. Read More below for the whole story. And *get involved* in this if you can!

NCFM SUES COUNTY FOR LACK OF COMMISSION FOR MEN

On July 11th, 2002, the National Coalition of Free Men, Los Angeles chapter, will file a lawsuit against L.A. County for refusing to create a commission for men, as they have created for women.

“A commission for men can be just as successful as the commission for women has been, and there’s a dire need for it,” says Marc Angelucci, a mental health attorney and president of NCFM L.A. “Men vastly outnumber women in suicides, dropouts, homelessness, incarcerations and job casualties. Men have lots of issues as men, but their issues are ignored even by male politicians.”

In a letter to Supervisor Yvonne Burke dated June 6, 2001, L.A. County’s Chief Executive Office opposed NCFM’s proposal for a commission for men, claiming “there is insufficient data available to substantiate that men are being denied basic human rights due to discrimination.”

“Not true,” says Angelucci. “Men face routine discrimination in family courts, criminal sentences, draft registration, prostate cancer funding, domestic violence services and more. They get denied access to their kids due to judicial bias, false accusations or blocked visitation. Then they’re labeled ‘deadbeat dads’ and dragged through a vicious and hostile system.”

New Hampshire recently formed a statewide commission for men.
http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2002/HB0587.html

Other supporters of a commission for men include:

State Assemblyman Rod Wright

June Dunbar, Commissioner, L.A. County Commission for Women

Martin Fiebert, Ph.D, professor of psychology, Cal State Long Beach

Herb Goldberg, Ph.D., professor of psychology, Cal State L.A.

William Comanor, Ph.D., professor of economics & health, UCLA

Jean Bonhomme, M.D., National Black Men’s Health Network

Warren Farrell, Ph.D., author and former NOW director

Karen DeCrow, Esq., former president of NOW

NCFM will also file suits against the counties of Orange, L.A. and San Bernardino for discriminating against men in domestic violence shelters.

PRESS CONFERENCE: July 11th, 1pm, County Courthouse steps, Grand Ave.

CONTACT: Marc Angelucci; Angelucci2000@alumni.law.ucla.edu

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More Proof that Our Letters Count

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This article from the Canadian press mentions the recent revocation of a Budwieser beer ad which showed women slapping their boyfriends for looking at other women. Due to "a handful" of complaints, the ad was pulled, as was a Chrysler ad in 1999 which had the same theme. The article describes the ad as being "pulled", but then says that it will still be run after 11 PM. Still, it's definitely worthwhile to keep track of progress such as this that we can build on.

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New Circumcision Research and News

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J. Steven Svoboda sent in a couple of interesting press releases on the topic of circumcision. The releases are fairly heavily formatted so I will simply make them downloadable in their native MS Word format. The first one outlines a study in the *Journal of Health Psychology* which shows that circumcision can be the cause of certain psychological problems, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The second release announces that the state of Arizona has become the seventh state to bar Medicaid funding for infant circumcision, with other states likely to follow.

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Progressive Insurance Runs Painful Anti-Male TV Ad

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SJones writes *"Progressive Insurance has begun running an ad in which an angry ex-girlfriend or ex-wife is depicted as creating a voo doo doll of her ex and then injuring him in various ways. At the end of the commercial she uses pliers on his genitals and we are shown him making a horrible face for the last shot. Apparently this insurance company thinks sexual abuse of males is a good way to sell insurance. Unless they hear otherwise from us this will likely continue."*

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New from David Reiser

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"The popular DLJ columnist is back, this time with a modernized version of "Medea." Far from being heavy or obscure, this David Reiser treatment of the story is readable, while being no less heart-searing than the original.*

As you may know, the most famous version of Medea is the Greek tragedy by Euripides, the dramatization of an event that has probably happened many, many times. In the Euripides version, Medea murders her children in front of their father, Jason (of Jason and the Argonauts fame). He had left her for a woman with greater wealth, power, youth, and beauty; not four attributes likely to endear him to Medea. Medea quickly realizes that the only way she can adequately achieve revenge against Jason is by murdering the children. One by one, they line up obediently, kneel at her feet, and allow her to slit their throats, as their father is forced to watch."

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Sacks *Demolishes* NOW's Family Court Report

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The latest article of Glenn Sacks is sure to put him on the highest ranking of N.O.W's hit list. In it, Sacks exposes fundamental flaws in the survey which the report was based on - not the least of which includes the fact that the survey respondents were all women (it's kind of hard to conclude that courts would be biased against men when men aren't even asked). Sacks' article was printed in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and the *San Fransisco Daily Journal*, and I'm sure will result in a lot of scrutiny of NOW's report for the foreseeable future. The men's movement owes a debt of gratitude for Sacks for writing such a courageous, well researched article.

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Standing Up To Feminism

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William "Hootie" Johnson, chairman of Augusta National Golf Club, home to the annual Masters tournament, has dared to stand up to the feminists. Martha Burk, chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations, has contacted Johnson, in a manner that he found "both offensive and coercive," to demand that the all-male golf club admit women. Johnson has refused to submit. Burk has threatened to contact sponsors. If this takes place, perhaps we should contact the same sponsors and go out of our way to purchase their products.Source: The Nando Times

Title: Standing up to feminism

Author: Betsy Hart

Date: July 12, 2002

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Another Nail In Fathers' Coffins

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Glenn Sacks and Dianna Thompson describe the injustice of a new anti-father device imposed by the courts. In her recent decision, Judge E. Chouteau Merrill determined that virtual visitation by computer link is an appropriate replacement for true visitation, where a man might actually be able to hug his children.Source: MensNewsDaily.com

Title: No virtue in 'virtual visitation' rights

Authors: Glenn J. Sacks and Dianna Thompson

Date: July 12, 2002

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Wendy McElroy Under Implied Threat of Lawsuit

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According to this discussion thread on ifeminists.com, Wendy McElroy is possibly being threatened with lawsuits for "ridiculing" the CA NOW Family Court Report 2002. According to McElroy herself, "*I have been told to cease "ridiculing" the CA NOW report and associated feminists. Monetary compensation has been "demanded." But the actual filing of a lawsuit has not occurred.*" This only suggests to me that these people know their lies are being exposed and they will take any desperate action to silence the truth.

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Assemblyman Rod Wright Responds to Critics of Anti Paternity Fraud Bill

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Marc writes *"California Assemblyman Rod Wright, who authored the anti paternity fraud bill AB2240, defended his bill in an editorial in the Sacramento Bee. He introduces what appear to be some new terms: 'deeppocket paternity,' 'revenge paternity,' and 'convenience paternity' (along with honest mistakes).*

Note: feminists successfully diluted AB2240 to give judges total discretion. We (NCFM LA) still support the bill but we oppose the discretionary language because it allows bias and inconsistency. Some of us will drive to Sacramento from L.A. to testify at the 8/6 hearing. Anyone who wants to join us should email me."

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More on the "Marriage Boycott"

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Stephen Baskerville, Ph.D., political science teacher at Howard University, gives his take on the growing marriage boycott by men. Doctor Baskerville states, "men themselves express a weightier explanation of why they fear marriage: For many men, starting a family is a one-way ticket to jail, and even worse." How sad and how true. He also states, "Portraying marriage as a man's ball-and-chain used to be a joke. Now, it is a political problem." I would add that it is also a societal problem that is accompanied by a dangerous rate of population collapse.Source: MensNewsDaily.com

Title: Men Boycott Marriage

Author: Stephen Baskerville, Ph.D.

Date: July 12, 2002.

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"If Men Have All the Power..." Released in 2nd Ed, Paperback

Scott · 14 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Jack Kammer's If Men Have All the Power, How Come Women Make the Rules? book has just been released in a second edition. The book can be downloaded here for free, but also has been released in paperback form. I've personally found this book to be one of the few that can really open the eyes to someone new to the idea of men's rights. The aphoristic style of the book seems very effective this way, and I'd highly recommend it. Why not pick up a few copies of this book in paperback and give them out to people?

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Mass News Runs Series on Wellesley College

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Dan-Lynch writes *"This is a series run by the Massachusetts News on Wellesley's Campus ethics, among other things. You may remember Gilligan and her "girls are disadvantaged" mantra, well this series covers some interesting insights on that as well as a few other topics, including "Wellesley's attack on boys, straight women and men." I highly recommend the read and passing it on, as it covers a great deal of men's concerns from domestic violence to the feminization of males. A very full body of issues in a short piece."*

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Missing Link to NOW's Support of NAFCJ

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warble writes *"This report states, "Richards stated that Cindy Ross was the California director of her group, while Vicky Pierce was its Georgia director. In her email, she also said that Pierce had recently become the Cobb County president of NOW." This email cited in this news release could be the link that ties CA NOW into the potential defamation of property and libel cases that seem to be on the horizon. Notice also that Richards is reported to have "...blasted the leaders of the Father's Rights Movement, calling them "a pack of liars" bent on inflicting their ex-mates with "every single injustice they false(ly) claim to be inflicted on them." In my opinion, we know who Richard's is calling a pack of liars. All we have to do is reference the CA NOW report."*

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Getting Ready for DV Awareness Month 2002

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Trudy Schuett writes, "*Preparation for the Domestic Violence Awareness campaign in October is just getting underway, and I wanted to alert those with an interest in the program. As you're probably aware, last year's campaign was sidetracked due to saturation media coverage of the 9/11 disaster pretty much into the Xmas shopping season. This year will be different, especially considering recent events relating to challenges to the feminist ideology in many areas. This year we will also be expanding to include other countries as well as the US, and hard-copy publications to get the information on as many websites, to as many people as possible.*" Read More below for the rest of her announcement.Here's the basic plan so far: we'll be asking for the cooperation of as many men's groups, orgs, and websites as we can reach. We intend to set up a website, most likely a section of mine, as a basic resource for information for the media and general public. It will contain links to such orgs as provide services for men, as well as the basic facts&figures and other information. Most of the informational articles have already been put together, fortunately. We will also feature bio/press kit material for those experts who want to make themselves available to appear on media, along with links to their websites if they have one. Those experts who do not have a website, and would like to make themselves available, are welcome to participate. We can add their info with the others, no problem.

Websites for groups, etc, will be asked to feature an as-yet-to be-designed logo on their website linking to this info site. (We need a volunteer to design one!) They will get a link back from the site and mention as supporters in any news releases sent.

Over the course of this week, I will be contacting as many of the hard-copy publications as I have e-mail addies for, asking them to feature the logo on their website, and encouraging them to cover the issue, if possible. I'm aware this may be problematic for monthlies, since they've likely got their October issues planned, but they may be open to the website logo. I will need info on these publications, so anyone who knows of any publication with a targeted male audience, please send me the contact info! These need not be 'issues' publications - hunting, fishing, trucks, cars, professional orgs, fraternal orgs -- any kind of male-oriented publication will do. These need not be large national or international publications, either. The sooner I have contact info, the sooner I can start asking!

I'll keep everyone informed as much as possible, as time goes on. We've got Steve VanValkenburg on board again, and will be looking for volunteers from Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the UK to help us with contact info for local media, down the road when we

send news releases. We also need experts from those countries so we can promote them! (We will most likely have the cooperation of AMEN in Ireland, so that's at least one other country covered.) Later phases of the project will include pre-written letters for sending as letters to the editor, legislators, and etecetera. There will be plenty of opportunities for orgs and their members to help promote awareness, while not costing any of them much, in terms of time or money. My background is in publicity for small private charities, and so I look at everything in terms of what we can get for free.

If anyone has questions or suggestions, drop me an e-mail!

Trudy Schuett, dsrtlite@mindspring.com

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McElroy and Schuett Respond To Latest Anti-Fathers' Rights Tirade

Thomas · 15 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

In this essay, Wendy McElroy, responds to an email sent to her by Liz Richards of NAFCJ. Just noting the difference in writing styles was an eye opener for me. Wendy sure has Liz outclassed.

And in this essay, Trudy Schuett responds to the same rant.

I don't know what statement I love most in all this, Liz Richards' "You will be so sorry you have been promoting the cause of a ring of sociopath, deadbeat, and violent abusers," Wendy's "As for the content of Ms. Richards' email to me... To a large extent, I'm not sure what she is talking about," or Trudy's "there is a need to speak to women, and those men who bought the feminist line and thought by going along with it they were doing something positive for the world... those who styled themselves as feminist leaders years ago, who claimed to speak for women and improve their position in society, were not worthy of the trust bestowed on them."Source: Men's News Daily

Authors: Wendy McElroy and Trudy Schuett

Titles: "Primary Source Document: Do Your Homework or Pay Up !!!" and "Trudy Schuett Responds to "Do Your Homework Or Pay Up!!!"

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MSNHatesMen.com Still Not Working

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"MSNHatesMen.com, the ecard site conceived as an antidote to the male-bashing ecards at MSN is still not up. Claims by hostonce.com that the problem has been fixed turn out to be wishful thinking or only temporary. Hostonce.com is either the most incompetent webhosting company ever or lying. Alternatives are being considered. MSNHatesMen will live!"*

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Men's Hour July Programme is Here!

Scott · 16 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"The July Programme is out and contains news about a Wiltshire, England protest in July; an interview with author Bernard Chapin about his book, education and feminism; news of two websites; news of the NCFM conference in June and items about men boycotting marriage, viruses, and does everyone know you're in the Men's Movement? The Mens' Hour is at www.menshour.com"*

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Progressive Insurance Ad Edited...But Still No Improvement

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Mark Thundercloud writes *"Progressive Insurance has now edited its anti-male commercial. It now leaves out all the other forms of torture inflicted on the ex-boyfriend/husband by the ex-girlfriend/wife except the part where she uses the pliers on his genitals! This is obviously an in-your-face response to show contempt for those of us who have contacted Progressive to voice our objections and to show their contempt of men in general! So... What do we do now?"* **Update:** Links to view the ad in RealVideo format can be found in the comments section. See comments #16 and #17, in particular.

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Child Support Enforcement Act

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John S. sent us this link to a press release regarding a new bill in congress - the Child Support Enforcement Act. The bill would allow custodial parents to deduct unpaid portions of child support, and for delinquent parents to add the unpaid support into their income. As John writes, "*Child support is not tax deductible in the first place so all of the man's income is already taxed. Are they proposing adding it on again for clear double taxation? I don't get it.*" I'm sure John is not alone with this sentiment.

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MANN Chat: Informal Discussion on Anything

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I apologize for announcing this so late, I wasn't sure if I'd have other commitments tonight. I'd like to try to revive the MANN on-line chats again, and will be holding one this evening starting at 9:30 PM EST in the MANN chat room. Join us and talk about whatever you like, there's no formal topic for discussion this evening. I would also like to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to coordinate and host the chats.

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Genocide and Gendercide in Rwanda

Scott · 18 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Tony writes *"Here is a recent article in a peer reviewed journal that examines the targeted murder of males in Rwanda. [note: this article is available in the free sample issue (same title as subject heading) offered at the site. registration is required but free.] I will let the introduction speak for itself, "*The aspect of gender in the Rwandan genocide is perhaps more extraordinarily intricate and multifaceted than in any genocide in history. The claim is a bold one, but it can be sustained by considering the combination of factors specfic to the events in Rwanda between April and July, 1994: the enormous stress that traditional gender roles, especially masculine ones,
were under when the genocide erupted; the prominence of women in perpetrating the genocide (a historically unprecedented
feature, in terms of the scale and directness of the involvement); the bluntness of the genocidaires' appeals to gendered expectations and aspirations, again including women as active agents of the slaughter;" *In the conclusion, the author and editor of the magazine confront feminists with their lack of attention on male victims. This article not only shows the atrocities that are occurring around the world against men but also I believe shows that male issues and rights are slowly gaining worldwide attention."*

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New, Limited Bumper Sticker Design

Scott · 19 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

In my latest order for a batch of Mensactivism.org bumper stickers, I also purchased a very small quantity (20) of a different sticker, which has a message that I feel is important and related to men's rights (esp. with regard to the falsely accused). The sticker reads, "*America Means Civil Liberties: Patriotism is Defending Them*." You can see exactly what they look like here. There is no ad for MANN on the sticker, and I'm selling them for $4 each. I know they're not cheap but they're not cheap to buy in such low quantities. If you'd like one please e-mail me at scott@mensactivism.org for more info.

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ManRights Reference Desk

Scott · 19 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Tom Parker's extensive resource of men's issues information, known as the ManRights Reference Desk, has moved to a new address. Check it out here and I'd recommend bookmarking it - there's a lot of stuff to keep one reading!

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Men's Health Act Introduced in Senate

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Equalitarian62 sent us a link to this message on the Men's Health America mailing list, which announces that the Men's Health Act has been introduced in the Senate. "*This exciting development means that a bill to establish an Office of Men's Health has been introduced in both chambers of Congress. The Senate version of the Men's Health Act was assigned bill number S. 2616, and has now been referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions ("HELP") for further consideration. The Senate bill matches H.R. 632, which was introduced in the House of Representatives last year.* If you never got the chance to write to your legislators in support of the MHA, now's a great time to do so!

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Thoughts on the Direction of the Men's Movement

Scott · 20 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Ray sent in an interesting essay for men's activists to consider: *"I have been surfing the net for some time searching for the reasons for the unprovoked physical batterings, the sexual discrimination, the false police report(s), the hatred that I and other men have experienced. The decade of the 90's saw a great escalation of all of the above for many men, not only in America, but throughout the world. I have seen with my own eyes the change from a time when a query on the subject of domestic violence brought only responses from the virulent radical feminists to a time when the truth about the actual statistical dimensions of domestic violence are begining to be known (we're still not seeing the complete/real story). I am witnessing a time when slowly, more and more web sites are popping up like hunted animals, cautiously sticking their heads out of their holes lest some savage predator seize on them and rip ther entrails out. Such is the nature of the territory surrounding the truth about the issues the "MEN'S MOVEMENT" struggles just to cope with day by day.*" Read More to continue...

You've come a long way Mr., but there's no gaurantee that the ray of hope at the end of the tunnel isn't just another light on the front end of the train of radical feminism waiting to flatten you and your wallet again.

It is understandable that with this degreee of acrimony being exhibited toward the entire male population of the world that I notice a significant level of vulgarity and profanity on some "men's web sites," and although I respect that this too can be protected speech under the U.S. constitution, I have to ask myself some tough questions:

1. Is there a code of ethics in the MEN'S MOVEMENT that promotes a higher degree of professional behavior/speech than that which we have seen being used to vilify the nobility of men, or are we just reacting to course behavior with course behavior? Are we content to just brawl like fish wives? "Are we conceeding the high ground (moral or otherwise) when dispationate well reasoned discourse disintegrates into vulgarity and profanity? Are men so frustrated and disempowered that some are left only with the option to vent through profane and vulgar avenues of communications?

2. Is the above shortcoming due to a lack of leadership in the MEN'S MOVEMENT? I'm not inviting any radical feminist visualizations of head butting contests (my neck is still sore from the last one I was baited into, impressing the worthiness of my superior genetic material to male challengers and available females). ...just kidding. Civilized men (& women) now routinely practice the ability to cooperate and make unselfish reasoned decisions that are respectful of the human rights of all men, women and children.

In conclusion, in addition to posting news articles, where people write in to men's web sites and comment on a story when it breaks, why not seize the initiative and write our own relevent stories for discussion that are born out of the unaddressed issues in the MEN'S MOVEMENT (and there are many) that need confronting and discussing? Instead of reacting to the news of others I encourage the MEN'S MOVEMENT to research, to dig deeper, to be journalistically proactive and create our own stories around the issues that burn inside us, and then present them. There is an old proverb (thousands of years old) that says, "as iron sharpens iron so one man sharpens another." Welcoming the thoughtful input of the masses to discuss the issues that affect us as men is a mighty tool in the hands of the MEN'S MOVEMENT for insight and positive direction, and should be employed to its fullest. The pen is mightier than the sword, and I for one am ready to start slingin' some ink.

Ray

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She-Spies: An Excuse to Air Abuse of Men?

Scott · 20 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Mark Thundercloud writes *"Everyone should keep an eye on a new TV show that is about to debut, called "SHE-SPIES". Though I've only seen the previews, this thing looks like yet another "women being sadistically violent towards men" shows. If it's anything like it's predecessors, you can be sure it will feature tons of women beating up men, grabbing and kicking testicles, as well as the "men put in S&M type bondage by the women", scenarios, that is becomeing more and more frequent in TV and movies these days. It premires saturday July, 20 2002, on NBC. I'm not sure of the exact time. Be forewarned, they are cloaking this with the lable that it is a "spoof," so any criticism will be hard pressed to stick."*

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A Good Move for Mens' Literacy

Scott · 22 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Mark writes *"According to a Vancouver Sun article, a book club specifically for men is now being established at the Vancouver Public Library. The title, "Reading group closes the book on allowing women" is unfortunate as it appears to place a negative spin on the subject, but given mens' typically lower academic performances than women these days this club is both welcome and needed."*

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Australia to Make Secret Paternity Testing Illegal

Adam · 22 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Bad News for fathers in Australia - it appears that secret paternity testing is to become a criminal offence. Yep, that's right: if you're a man who wants to know, you'll soon be a criminal unless you do it "their way". What is their way? According to this article, the rumored recommendations are: "*FORCE fathers to get the mother's consent to do a test. MAKE it illegal to steal DNA for a test. ORDER mandatory counselling for families seeking a test. IMPOSE a code of practice for private testing laboratories.*" I guess it's like the old saying, the truth will set you free, I imagine that's why they want to keep the nearest man ignorant?

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Sex-Ploytation Moves to a New Web Site

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The web site for Matthew Fitzgerald's book Sex-Ploytation has changed, and the new site can be found here. The book is an interesting continuation/variation of Esther Vilar's The Manipulated Man, so if you enjoyed that book, be sure to check out this one.

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Scott Erickson Arrested for Domestic Violence After Being Bit

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bledso submitted this ESPN story and writes *"Why is this man being arrested? Why is his girlfriend going free? If the roles had been reversed and he was throwing things in the apartment and refusing to leave, he would likely be arrested on some sort of "presenting a physical threat" charge. What if she were a large woman or trained in the martial arts and was able to remove him from the apartment as he bit her, then drag him to the elevator, and send him to the lobby? Would she not be cheered as a "strong woman"? Yet the man is arrested and virtually convicted in the press, and therefore, by much of the public. Men deserve the right to defend themselves and their environment just as much as women do, it's time we actually see that reflected in both law enforcement and the media."*

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Thompson and Sacks Discuss Child Support Enforcement Act

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The Child Support Enforcement Act, introduced last week by House Policy Chairman Christopher Cox (R-CA) and Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), is the latest salvo in the war against "deadbeat dads." Thompson and Sacks will explain how the bill lies upon a foundation of illusions, and will discuss their upcoming column "Child Support Enforcement Act Substitutes Political Grandstanding for Leadership" on their MND radio show. The show will air tonight (7/23/02) at 6PM PST and repeat hourly for 24 hours. Previous shows are archived and available. To listen, or for more information, click here.

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NH Men's Commission Update

Scott · 24 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I thought I would give everyone an update on the "status" of the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men. While the commission will consist of seven members, with one spot reserved for a member from the NH University system, there have been a lot of applicants for the commission (possibly two dozen or so). The names of those nominated by Governor Shaheen will be released on August 14, at which time the governor's council will invite feedback from the public on the nominees. The final approval of the commission nominees will take place two or more weeks later. The public feedback period will be a critical time when NH residents can show support for candidates they believe are pro-male, and discourage the appointment of those who may be applying in order to sabotage the commission's goals.

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It's So Much Fun, When Women Commit Rape

Thomas · 24 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This one sure bugged me.

More than one woman-journalist thinks statutory rape is acceptable or even wonderful, when women commit it against boys. In this review of *Tadpole*, entertainment writer, Christy Lemire, pays lips service to equality and opposition to the sexual abuse of male children by saying, "Somehow — and admittedly, this sounds hypocritical — it's OK when Diane's flirty friends slip their business cards to Oscar over afternoon tea." After that, though, she goes on to say, "two old friends have a brief heart-to-heart in Central Park about the morality of the affair — then the movie returns to laughing about it." She also says, "Diane (Bebe Neuwirth), recognizes something intriguing about this young man, and has no qualms about seducing him when he's had too much to drink." And Ms. Lemire describes the movie as, "a pleasant surprise — it's funny and sharp, sweet and poignant."

Perhaps we should contact Bebe Neuwirth to let her know how cute and wonderful it is when she rapes drunk boys. We might also contact the article's author, Christy Lemire, to let her know that, as long as she pays lip service to recognizing the hypocrisy, the raping of boys by women really is "funny and sharp, sweet and poignant."

Someone correct me if I'm wrong, but I think the authorities in Nazi Germany often turned their backs, when German gentiles raped Jews.Source: Yahoo! News

Title: At the Movies: 'Tadpole'

Author: Christy Lemire, AP Entertainment Writer

Date: July 18, 2002

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"Militant Men" Threatened

Scott · 25 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

bernee writes *"In the Australian State of Victoria, men who have had the not uncommon run in with the family Court and have lost access to their children, homes etc and have their very livelihood threatened by Child Support Agencies have formed a group called "Blackshirts." This group engages in 'guerilla' tactics to get their message across. They have been threatened with prosecution by the government if they don't desist in their protests. The full story and other links are here. There is also a facility for feedback on the articles and topic."*

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Bulimia Now an Excuse for Shooting Boyfriends

Scott · 25 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This article from New Hampshire's Union Leader shocked me. It's about a woman who emptied a revolver at her boyfriend, hitting him once in the leg, and who in the end received a suspended sentence. The defense's main strategy was to claim that her condition of bulimia caused mental instability. I don't think that changes the fact she would have killed this guy if she had experience with aiming handguns. But we definitely have to blame the man in this case too, who pleaded, "That woman has been punished enough. . .Let her go free" to the judge. Sheesh.
Source: The Union Leader [newspaper]

Title: Woman escapes prison for boyfriend's shooting

Author: Nancy Meersman

Date: July 25, 2002

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An All Too Common Story

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Ronn submitted Henry Makow's latest article, NWO Tyranny: Men are Being Kicked in the Teeth, which outlines the all too common story of a man who begins to struggle being a provider for his family, whose wife gets fed up with him, brings false accusations against him, and divorces him and takes his children away. With so many men seeing this fate, it's frustrating that so few will heed the warning before it's too late. But this story must be told again and again until people listen.

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Is the Progressive insurance Ad Gone?

Scott · 26 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Mark Thundercloud. writes *"I haven't seen the anti-male Progressive Insurance commercial in about a week or so. Does anybody know whether that abominbale thing has been taken off the air, or not? Did we win?"*

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"Blackshirts" Support Fascism

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Another story in Australia's *The Age* offers more information about the "blackshirts," a group of men who are aggressively protesting they way they are treated by the family court system by publicly shaming vindictive ex-wives and using other controversial methods, which some claim is harassment. According to a spokesman for the group, the blackshirts support fascism, and claim that the Nazi's weren't fascists. To me, this is a big disappointment, and I hope the public does not make an association with the men's movement and this radical group.

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Anthology of Men's Thoughts Published: It's a Dick Thing

Scott · 26 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Don Koberg sent us a press release about a new compilation of men's writings, entitled It's a Dick Thing: Secret Thoughts of Silent Men. The book was contributed to by thirty-three men and covers all kinds of perspectives related to maleness. "*When silent men speak to confess, advise, laugh, question, brag a bit, and repair, anything is possible. The silence of the male is herewith broken.*" The press release is downloadable in MS Word format.

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Man Killed; Woman Set Free on 30k Bail

Scott · 27 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Now, from MND, another sensational story of domestic violence from the category of: "I don't need no stinking steam roller." A man is run over, flat as a pancake, dead as a doornail and this is no "Road Runner" cartoon. Now, here's the shocker: $30,000.00 [bail] and she's back out on the street. I guess when a woman kills her husband she's no longer a threat to society, since in this case, the only one she had to kill is now laid out on the slab. Way to go Ms. you really showed that cheating man. We can't wait to see the rest of the circus."* The woman has been charged with first degree murder. His daughter watched him die. $30k bail?

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Male Mortality Bigger Problem than Cancer

Scott · 27 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Raindrop writes *"If you could make male mortality rates the same as female rates, you would do more good than curing cancer.', according to a New Scientist report on male mortality rates."* What a great sound bite - I'd highly recommend using that one with politicians. The study spanned 20 countries again confirms the urgency of the "death gap" issue. Source: New Scientist [magazine]

Title: Men die young - even if old

Author: Betsy Mason

Date: July 25, 2002

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Attack on Boys/Men in Academia

Scott · 28 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Josh writes *"This story focuses on the attack on boys in Academia, exposing the lies about girls being shortchanged, the elimination of recess from public schools, and other such things."* I believe we may have linked to a similar story recently from the Massachusetts News, but even if so, the information this article provides could be very useful in educating people on men's rights issues that boys and young men face.

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MHA Special Report on Male Longevity

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Men's Health America released a special report on male longevity (or the lack thereof) which can be read here. Some interesting facts from the report: " *The World Health Report, published every year by the World Health Organization (WHO), is the most authoritative source of information on life expectancy and mortality patterns in every country around the world...The rate of suicide is almost universally higher among men compared to women by an aggregate ratio of 3.5 to 1... The lifespan gender gap exists in almost every country in the world. The disparity ranges from 3.8 years in Israel to a disturbing 15.4 years in the Russian Federation.*"

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Review of What Men Know That Women Don't

Adam · 28 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Here's a review of Rich Zubaty's
book What Men Know That Women Don't and it's well worth reading. While the reviewer writes from a Christian viewpoint, don't let that put you off, as the review gives a in-depth look at Zubaty's writings far more than most. I think I'll leave at that and let you judge for yourself.

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Education Trends Harming Men

Adam · 28 July 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Mike Medved has written
an article about the problems men and boys have when it comes to education in America. Of course, this is a western problem, but there's nothing wrong with localizing your efforts. Anyway, he's quite aware of the double standards here, and in my opinion takes a hard line stance
in defense of the nearest man, which is much needed.

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Data Restored; MANN Back to Normal (I Hope!)

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Once again Mensactivism.org has overcome another technical glitch, and it appears that I was able to utilize partial backups to recover data up until the night of the crash. If anything is acting odd, let me know. For now, I'm just glad things appear to be working at all! :)

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Attorneys Petition American Bar Association President

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Marc writes *"This is a petition some of us sent to Robert Hirshon, president of the American Bar Asociation, about their misleading info on male victims. I've been telling them about this for almost two years now and they still aren't doing anything. If you have a moment you may want to write to Robert Hirshon at rhirshon@dwmlaw.com and explain why the ABA should be more fair to male victims.*" Read More below to view the petition.
July 27, 2002

Robert Hirshon, President
American Bar Association
rhirshon@dwmlaw.com

Re: ABA's Misinformation About Male Domestic Violence Victims

Dear Mr. Hirshon:

We are writing to express concern that the ABA may be misleading the public with outdated, inaccurate information about male domestic violence victims.

The ABA website states that males account for only 5-10% of domestic violence victims. The Department of Justice (DOJ) figures that it cites, however, are dated 1994. (http://www.abanet.org/domviol/stats.html.)

More recent DOJ figures show that: "Approximately 1.5 million women and 834,732 men are raped and/or physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the United States." (http://www.ncjrs.org/txtfiles1/nij/181867.txt.) That makes men 39% of victims, not 5-10%.

Dr. Martin Fiebert of California State University compiled 130 studies showing that both sexes initiate the violence at about equal rates. (http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm.) "Contrary to the claim that women only hit in self-defense, we found that women were as likely to initiate the violence as were men," explains leading expert Richard Gelles in his 1999 article, "The Missing Persons of Domestic Violence: Male Victims."

Male victims rarely seek help due to social stigmas and a lack of outreach to them. As a result the violence often escalates. Part of getting men to seek help involves helping them realize they are not alone. The misinformation on your website is therefore of particular concern to us.

We would hope that the ABA's domestic violence committee is not purposefully selecting outdated sources in order to lower the number of male victims. In any case, we wish to bring this to your attention and we kindly ask that you correct it. Thank you.

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Questioning the Public Funding of Women's Studies Programs

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Ray writes *"This article is linked through ifeminists.com to the IWF, and is as relevant to issues affecting men as any all-male topic. Should taxpayer dollars be used to fund college level Women's Studies programs that are used to support an anti-male/radical feminist agenda? Are the distortions taught in the Women's Studies programs actually traumatizing otherwise healthy females more than the fallacy they preach of; ie man as patriarchal oppressor? It appears this article from the Independent Women's Forum speaks volumes about where the vitriolic rhetoric against men in America is spawned, hatched, and nurtured, but you be the judge."*

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New Study Again Confirms Egalitarian Nature of DV

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A new study has been done on domestic violence which focuses on DV among college students. Included among the study's authors is Dr. Murray Straus, and the University of New Hampshire was one of the schools where data samples were taken. The results came out as all of the Sociological studies have shown; that assaults are committed by women and men at about equal rates. In some cases, women were even more likely to be the aggressor than men. Foster's Daily Democrat reports on the study here. **Update:** Foster's has printed another story on the study today. **Second Update:** The Concord Monitor printed a must-read article on the study, too. Source: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]

Title: UNH study: Men, women equally violent with partners

Author: Unknown [AP article]

Date: July 30, 2002

Source: Foster's Daily Democrat [newspaper]
Title: UNH study find college women often aggressors

Author: Unknown [AP article]

Date: August 5, 2002

Source: The Concord Monitor [newspaper]
Title: Women steamed over violence study

Author: Kristina Eddy

Date: August 5, 2002

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What is the Men's Movement? and Updates on MSNHatesMen

Scott · 6 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"I saw a need for a brief overview of the issues, and it's up at the DLJ website here."* Raymond Cuttill also writes *"MSNHatesMen is sort of running. Firstly it is not on MSNHatesMen.com as the site has moved, but the upload etc. won't be working for a while, so it's being hosted at menshour.com for the time being. So far only 1 ecard is available. It's "Women are always whining...". It isn't as fancy as the MSN one but it makes it's point. To send an ecard go to this link. As the site says, it's not about hating women, it's about challenging the hating of men. Sauce for the gander."*

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"Birds of Prey" - Another Male Bashing (Literally) TV Series

Scott · 7 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud writes *"Here is yet another "Heads-up."*
After having to endure the new show "SHE-SPIES" (and many others like it), yet another "girls beat-up the guys" (and love it) series has been spotted on my radar. This one is called "BIRDS OF PREY." It is based on the DC Comics characters "Black canary" and "Oracle." It's to debut this fall (September, I think). Once more the previews show, what else, women beating the holy hell out of men (and my guess is the men will probably get masochistic pleasure from it, as in MOST of these types of TV shows and movies). Apparently abusing men sells (to a mostly female audience)."

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CA Paternity Justice Act - AB2240

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warble writes *"On Tuesday, August 6, 2002 the California Senate Committee of Judiciary held a hearing on AB2240. Several men's activist groups appeared, including NCFC, and NCFM, LA. Monday, they lobbied the CA Senate in favor of AB2240, in an effort to discern the arguments presented by the opposition. The effort is directed at moving the bill out of committee onto the floor. As usual, the opposition is forwarding frivolous arguments, trying to dilute the bill, or simply stop it in committee. Currently, the bill has been completely feminized and yet they are still trying to oppose it. The lobbying efforts are aimed at trying to get amendments that eliminate absolute judicial discretion, hold women responsible for paternity fraud instead of rewarding them with money from the richest man, modifications to the declaration of paternity form so that women can choose to declare that they require paternity testing, and elimination of the three-year time limit while moving the bill out of committee. Therefore, your letters in support of the bill are appreciated. To read the bill go to "Bill Information" and enter AB2240. To send an email to the committee go the following link: CA Senate Committee of Judiciary"*

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CA Gov. Davis Denies Early Parole to Two Female Murderers

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Luek writes *"Governor Davis of California denied early parole to two predatory females who killed their boyfriend and husband respectively and who of course used the 'abuse excuse' to get public and political sympathy. This is very encouraging, since the paroles were considered foregone conclusions by the feminist lobbyists who were ram-rodding these two paroles through. If you live in California, give Governor Davis an e-mail pat on the back for having integrity and doing the right thing. Good for you Governor Davis!"*

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Stanford Professor Blames Child Abuse/Abductions on Men

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"In the Aug. 5 edition of the San Francisco Chronicle, Carol Delaney, an associate professor at Stanford, literally blames all men for recent crimes against children."* Contact information and other letters may be found at the Desert Light Journal. **Update:** Men's News Daily includes an interesting exchange between men's activists and the office of the Provost at Stanford - check it out.

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UK Addresses the Father/Son/Education Relationship

Brad · 8 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Robex writes *"Here is a start in the UK at addressing the chronic underperformance of boys at school in the UK."*

> The government hopes that by allowing fathers to take more time off work to spend educational time with their sons, boys' performance at school may improve. The scheme is being targeted at boys rather than girls as boys are more likely to underachieve at school. In September the fathers will be offered one paid hour to spend with their 11 to 14-year-old sons.

One hour is not much, but it's a start. You can have your say on this at the the BBC website which is running a Talking Point on it."

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Journalist Suggests Posting the Names of Men Acquitted of Sex Crimes on Internet

Scott · 8 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

fritzc77 writes *"This CNN story by Julie Hilden now suggests putting the names the men ACQUITTED, or simply accused of sex crimes, on the internet. Nowhere in the article does it seem to mention that such men might be innocent."* Thanks also to John Knouten for submitting this story.

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McElroy Writes About Circumcision

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Wendy McElroy's recent column delved into the topic of male circumcision, and the gender double standards we have as a culture regarding genital mutilation. She gives a basic overview of the arguments about it and provides many links to groups opposing the practice, and briefly discusses the growing legal debate on the legitimacy of infant circumcision of males. This is an issue that received surprisingly little attention from individualist and equity feminists.

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Gender Quotas in Business

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The BBC News reports on a recent proposal in Norway that *"would compel both state owned and listed private companies to appoint women to at least 40% of boardroom places could become law by 2005."*

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Two New Sacks/Thompson Articles - CSEA and Choice for Men

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We're a bit behind in posting the two most recent articles by the powerhouse duo Glenn Sacks and Dianna Thompson. In case you missed them, here's a summary. In this article, Sacks and Thompson explain how the Child Support Enforcement Act is truly an act of "political grandstanding," using "dead beat dads" as scapegoats for oppressive new legislation. Included with their criticism of the bill are constructive suggestions Sacks and Thompson have for improving the system, so that children do receive needed financial support from non-paying parents. The second article is on the subject of male reproductive rights, or as I like to say, the lack thereof. The double standards here of course are also devastating for men, who have no say in the abortion decision or legal recourse when tricked into paternity. A recent PA court case where a father requested the ability to stop an abortion is the starting point for this article.

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Deadbeat Moms

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Agraitear points out a recent FoxNews article.

> *"Single dads are sick and tired of being labeled "deadbeats" when it comes to paying child support. And data suggest they have good reason to be upset.*
>
> *The percentage of "deadbeat" moms is actually higher than that of dads who won't pay, even though mothers are more consistently awarded custody of children by the courts."*

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TN Child Support Guidelines Ruled Unconstitutional

Scott · 10 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

In Tennessee, a state appeals court has ruled that the current child support guidelines are unconstitutional:

> "*The three-judge panel said the state failed to give a Memphis father credit for the expenses of raising two children in his marriage when it decided how much he should pay to support a third child born of a previous liaison. The state contended offspring who were not part of a child support order could not be counted. The appeals court panel said that violated the children's constitutional rights of equal protection.*"

Be sure to check out the article, since it explains the issue being debated in much better detail. The ruling is great news for fathers who were being forced to support some children at the expense of others. Source: The Tennessean [newspaper]

Title: Guide to figure child support is ruled unconstitutional

Author: Duncan Mansfield

Date: August 10, 2002

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New Updates to MaleDepression.com

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Steve Imparl's web site devoted to depression in men has received some new material recently worth noting. Included in the updates are a radio interview about depression, several new articles and commentary, a mother's story about her son's suicide, and more. The site also has a moderated bulletin board and an e-mail list for receiving update announcements to the site.

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Sacks: Erickson's Arrest an Example of Men "Guilty Until Proven Innocent" in DV

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Glenn Sacks' latest article takes the example of baseball pitcher Scott Erickson's recent arrest as an opportunity to expose the "guilty until proven innocent" approach for men used by police during domestic calls. Sacks then gives an overview of how this came to be, including the way police are trained by DV advocates who use the "95%" myth and other propaganda to influence arrest statistics. The end result is that men are unwilling to report DV in fear that they will be arrested, and can't defend themselves for the same reason. This article appeared in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

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Progressive "Progresses" with Anti-male TV Ad

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Thundercloud writes *"It's baaaaaack! After laying low for about a month, Progressive Insurance has begun re-airing their extremely anti-male commercial, in which a vindictive ex-wife uses Progressive's on-line voodoo doll to castrate her ex-husband with a pair of pliers. Apparently, Progressive believed if they simply took the ad off temporarily and then put it back on at a later date, no one would notice! Well, I've noticed!*
Despite MANY letters of protest, these misandrists have chosen to ignore present and potential customers simply because they feel the need to put forth an anti-male, political message. It seems presenting hate speech is more important to them than loyal customers. I say we attack them once again, this time more forcefully. Email them, spam them, contact the networks that run this abomination of an ad. Whatever it takes to make Progressive Insurance comply."

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Cathy Young on Men's Reproductive Rights

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Cathy Young wrote one of the most forthright articles I've seen from her to date on the Choice for Men issue. In this Boston Globe article, Young clearly outlines the double standard men have to deal with in reproduction, and agrees that in normal circumstances, men should have the right to be notified of an abortion and have legal resource to avoid paternity fraud. Young is doubtful that the C4M movement will succeed in this age, but recent events show that paternity fraud is finally becoming an issue that politicians are aware of. Source: The Boston Globe [newspaper]

Title: Reproductive rights for men?

Author: Cathy Young

Date: August 12, 2002

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A Celebration of Male Bashing: MaleBasher.com

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The web site is www.malebasher.com. Need I say more? **Update:** I've fixed the link, sorry about that.

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Update on NH Men's Commission: The Delays Continue...

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I found out just recently that the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men's applicant list, which was due to be publicly released on Wednesday, is being pushed back and will not be released until Aug. 28. The public input period would then open and the governor's council would make the final vote on Sept. 12. The delays are frustrating, but there is nothing that can be done other than to wait and see.

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McElroy Opposes CEDAW

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Ouzinki submitted Wendy McElroy's latest FoxNews column where she voices her opposition to CEDAW, and writes *"As a frightening follow-up, consider this line from the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW):* .."It affirms women's rights to acquire, change or retain their nationality and the nationality of their children".. *What a wonderful recipe - grab the kids, leave the country, and change their nationality. Not much chance of a father regaining custody of a child who's a foreign national, is there? I'm a grand father six times over, and still married, more than a third of a century to the same woman. In other words, I'm probably not going to be personally affected; but this scares the Hell out of me anyway! Time for a congressional letter/email writing deluge perhaps?"*

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MANN Chat: Electing Male-Friendly Politicians

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It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I'd like to announce that the MANN on-line chats will resume, hosted by both Steve Imparl and Scott Haltzman. The next chat will be held this Wednesday night, starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. However, there will be discussion on possibly moving the regular day, so if you'd like the chats to be on a different night, feel free to post a comment on that. The topic for this chat will be electing male-friendly politicians in this fall's elections. Do you know of some candidates in your state or region that would be good or not-so-good choices? Join the chat and let others know about it!

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AB2240 Moves Out of Committee

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warble writes *"It is with pleasure that I'm announcing that AB2240 has moved out of the CA Judiciary Committee and will hit the Finance Committee next week. The primary source of opposition came from two opponents. They were Senator Keuhl and CA NOW. I was stunned that Keuhl actually resorted to arguments similar to arguments used to institutionally discriminate against women 100 years ago. Basically, she stated that she agreed that it is unfair for men to be required to care for another man's children. Then she claimed that it was justified to intentionally harm the man and his biological children because it protects the interest of a single child. Further, she specifically stated on the record that she didn't care about the father's biological children in a paternity fraud matters. She was only interested in the single child in question. I was also stunned (IMHO) that Keuhl was implying that any man could be the father of a fatherless child and that biology doesn't matter. Yea, sure Keuhl...let's have [Bill] Gates be the father of all children where the biological father is unknown because he is rich! In addition, CA NOW specifically stated that they oppose the Paternity Justice Act in ANY FORM! They literally implied (IMHO) that they don't support providing a man that is a victim of paternity fraud with any remedy at law no matter how damaging it is to the biological children of a father or a man. I'll be ordering the transcripts of the testimony because it illustrates the literal bigotry of the opposition. Then we'll get the exact quotes posted for the whole world to view the bigotry of CA NOW and Senator Keuhl. Kudos goes to NCFM, LA for their tireless lobbying efforts of the committee!"*

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Possible Loophole in Paternity Law?

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incredibletulkas writes *"I believe that there is a viable loophole in paternity law to ensure fairness in men's reproductive rights; this is the "Last Clear Chance" doctrine of common law, which provides that, regardless of who was at fault, the person who had the last clear chance to prevent in incident from occurring is ultimately responsible if they fail to do so.*
Since, under current law, a woman obviously has the last clear chance to prevent a pregnancy from coming to term (i.e. she can prevent it later than the man can), then she is wholly responsible for the outcome. Likewise, since the right to life of the unborn is considered a religious issue only, then under the First Amendment the law is precluded from permitting one person's religious preferences from being forced upon another person, which would be the case if a woman used her religious-based refusal to obtain an abortion to force the man to pay for her resulting child.
Therefore, if a man informs the woman outright that he does not wish to participate in any pregnancy at a time of the pregnancy when abortion is legal, then the woman, by act of omission, is wholly responsible for the ensuing child.
I am not a lawyer, but this seems like a reasonable interpretation of existing law, and I invite any legal persons to scrutinize it." I thought this was an insightful idea, and wonder if it could work. Comments from the legal community are especially welcome.

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Peripheral Parenting Presumption

Brad · 15 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"Kathleen Parker discusses the recent case of the father who went to court to demand his right to be a father. She says that if women can choose abortion without input from the father then they should not be able to demand child support. "*

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Murray Straus on the Radio

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Dr. Murray Straus was featured on NH Public Radio's program *The Exchange*, and the archive of the program can be found on this page. During the interview, Straus makes it clear that he believes including women's violence in DV advocacy is needed today, and that separate shelters and services for men and women are a good idea. He also states that women are seven times more likely to be injured in DV scenarios than men, which I'm sure is going to be controversial among men's activists. Overall I think he did very well in debating Scott Hampton, a very vocal and articulate women's advocate, and the callers (generally) did not devolve into a victimhood contest.

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Child Custody and the Glass Ceiling for Men

Scott · 16 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"I found this article linked through Men's News Daily. Half way through this article I had to scroll back to the top, because I couldn't believe a woman could be saying these things. It's just my opinion, but I think some brother, father, son, or husband in her life may have taken a real hit at the hands of the unjust laws, that unfairly target men in child custody struggles. Fasten your seatbelts please, when this lady writes about the unjust treatment of fathers she turns on the afterburners."*

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Man Fought for Custody Before Ex-wife Killed Son

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The Gonzo Kid submitted this Yahoo! News story about a 5 year-old boy who died after being left in a truck on a hot day by his mother. In addition, the child was allegedly being starved by his mother for the last four months before he died. The father of the boy, who is divorced, expressed anger that he was not given custody of the child during the divorce proceedings. On top of all this, the woman's daughter was taken away after she was accused of beating her. It's a frustrating story.

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Blackshirts on the Move in Australia

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Smoking Drive writes *"An article in the Sydney Morning Herald (Sydney's premier broadsheet) says that the Blackshirts are now on the move from the state of Victoria, setting up branches in neighbouring NSW. Not only is the article of interest but there is a table of information at the end which is quite male-positive."* While Mensactivism.org has no official position on the Blackshirts, we will continue to track news on the group, since their activity is based on the lack of men's and father's rights.

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New Men's Hour Includes NCFM Anti-NOW Soundtrack

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"The Men's Hour August programme is out, and is over 3 hours long, including news about August protests in England, and the soundtrack from the NCFM, anti-NOW event on June 21st in St. Paul, Minnesota. The event called "Gender Feminism and the Voice Not Heard: Has America Gone Deaf In One Ear?" It includes Warren Farrell, Trudy W. Schuett, Wendy McElroy, Dianna Thompson and Deborah Watkins. Our next programme will be released on Sunday, 15th September"*

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Original Sponsor of NH Men's Commission Bill Needs Campaign Help

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Due to recent redistricting, New Hampshire state Rep. David Bickford is faced with a challenging campaign to be re-elected to the NH House this fall, with five new towns added to his district. Rep. Bickford is the original sponsor of HB 587, which passed and will establish a NH Commission on the Status of Men, the first such commission in the country. I know David personally, and have been involved in the activity here in NH and seen him at work. I have never met such a successful politician who was so focused on promoting men's rights, and I can say without a doubt that further legislative efforts in NH are heavily, if not fully, dependent on him being re-elected. He is in dire need of donations for signs and local efforts to help promote his re-election. If you are willing to help David in any way, please e-mail him directly at david1@worldpath.net. If there ever were a time that I would ask the Mensactivism.org community to do me a personal favor, it would be to help David out. He knows our issues, he's articulate and politically adept, and we need this guy, not only in NH but as an effort to show how men's activism can be successful in politics. **Update:** David is allowing me to include his address, which is in the Read More section below.If you'd like to send Rep. Bickford a donation, you can make a check out to *Rep. Dave A. Bickford* and send it to:

Rep. David A. Bickford

183 Brackett Road

New Durham, NH 03855

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DesertLight Journal Suspended

Thomas · 19 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy Schuett, one of the guiding stars of the men's movement, has announced the temporary suspension of *The DesertLight Journal* and much of her other activism. She explains that she must do this for personal reasons that involve serious land use issues. Trudy is one of the leaders of the men's movement, and we all owe her a great deal. Please let her know of your gratitude for all she's done. Hopefully for all of us, especially Trudy, this situation will be resolved soon.Source: DesertLight Journal

Author: Trudy Schuett

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"Deadbeat Dad" Gets Vasectomy as Part of Plea Agreement

Scott · 20 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

scottAsinclair writes sent in this article from the Nando Times, about a man who fell behind $1,000 in child support. In order to try to get leniency from the court, the man underwent a vasectomy. It is not clear whether the man received any direct order by the court to get the vasectomy, but he apparently was under the impression that this would help his case. scotAsinclair writes, *"I couldn't believe this. This is like China."*

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MANN Chat: Competition in the Men's Movement

Scott · 21 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve Imparl writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night, starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be "Competition in the Men's Movement: Traditional Ally in Disguise?" Sometimes, men's activism projects can seem like games of one-upmanship. We try to outdo our fellow activists. We want our Web site, lobbying campaign, discussion group, or protest to be the biggest, best, or most effective. Getting cooperation can be difficult. Are these issues necessarily problems? Is there a place in men's activism for healthy--and even friendly--competition? Join the chat and let others know about it!"*

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The War On Fathers

Scott · 23 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"This news story by Roger F. Gay at Men's News Daily, expounds on the alleged crimes of a man who became delinquent in his child support. He has been demonized by law enforcement and the media for his violent attempts to retain his freedom. The more troubling question that no mainstream journalist is asking is, "What role did an out of control child support system play in driving this man beyond the bounds of all reasonable constraints?" I find myself wondering, "What was this man like before his contact with the CSS?" More frightening still, we must ask, "How many more of these men are even now being manufactured by the current (FATHER UNFRIENDLY) legal system in America and the Western world?""*

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The Myth of the Oppressed Japanese Woman

Adam · 23 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I've found a book excerpt
you'll be interested in, it's taken from Not Guilty — In Defence of the Modern Man
written by David Thomas, and in it he gives us a look at Japan which is according to
many feminists "*an un-deniable patriarchy*" however, the rhetoric does not match
the reality (why ain't that surprising?) and it appears to be quite the opposite, which
makes it all the more worth reading.

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Personal Stories of Abuse Needed for New Book

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Dr. Mic Hunter, author of Abused Boys: The Neglected Victims Of Sexual Abuse, is seeking the true stories of men and women who were sexually assaulted while in the military, either in combat or from comrades. He also seeks stories of hazing and sexual harassment of military personnel by other military personnel. These will be included in a book on sexual abuse in the military. He would also like to hear from treatment professionals who are interested in contributing
one or more chapters on these topics. Authors may remain anonymous or use their actual names. Contributors will be required to sign a release granting publication rights. Those who are interested can contact Dr. Hunter at MHunt689@aol.com.

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No More Mr. Nice Guy!

Adam · 24 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

That's what Robert Glover author of No More Mr. Nice Guy! has to say about what the mindset men should have. His work involves battling what he calls "Nice Guy Syndrome." or as he puts it: "*A Nice Guy is a man who has been conditioned by family and society to believe that he has to be good in order to be loved.*" There is much more to his writings than that, so click this link to find out more.

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Fathers Deserve Notification of Pending Adoptions

Scott · 24 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks and Dianna Thompson co-authored an article related to father's rights with regard to adoptions. They discuss a new Florida law that would require mothers to take out newspaper ads to inform absent fathers of the decision to give up their child for adoption, to allow the father the opportunity to raise the child himself. While opponents of the law say that it humiliates mothers, Sacks and Thompson don't deny this fact but instead compare it to the importance of a father's right to raise his child.

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Circumcision Video Demonstrates Barbaric Nature of Procedure

Scott · 24 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Robex writes *"I was sent a link to a bona fide medical infant circumcision. It's here. Ignore the rest of the site - it requires a particular taste for the macabre/gory/tasteless.*

However, you will see that on the listsing dated (2002-08-22), there is a file called circumcision.asf.

I don't want to shock or offend over this topic, but after seeing this video, I'm shocked beyond belief. In fact, I've found it very difficult to concentrate today after seeing it. I would go as far as to say that I'm actually nauseated each time I think about it.

I do feel pretty strongly about this mutilation without consent - and I do realise more than ever that it is all about consent after seeing this." Please do NOT watch the video if you are sensitive to this issue. I would recommend it instead to people who have never really felt circumcision was a big deal and don't quite understand the importance of the issue. This video will drive home that point.

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admin@mensactivism.org is Working Again

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To my complete shock, the admin@mensactivism.org alias was never set up to forward to my account after the system crash in early August. I am just now sorting through those messages, which weren't bounced but sat in a mailbox that I had never bothered to look at. To all the people who have been trying to contact me via that address, I sincerely apologize for not getting back to you. I hope to get through all of the e-mails this weekend.

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Bumper Sticker Policy Change

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After catching up on the admin@mensactivism.org messages, I now see that an attempt is being made to flood MANN with bumper sticker requests, many which are obviously bogus. It is clear from the 30+ requests for free stickers each day starting around August 14 that there is a concerted effort being made to have me send stickers at my expense to people who will not be displaying them. It's likely that many of the requests are being made to random addresses, particularly overseas, to incur the greatest expense to me. Due to this problem, which I've been aware of the possibility of for some time, I must now discontinue our policy of sending the stickers at no cost. I will look into a reasonable pricing rate for the stickers, one for domsetic requests and one for international ones, and payment will only be accepted from valid PayPal accounts. I guess it was fun while it lasted... **Update:** The new bumper sticker prices and requirements have been updated. Click here for more info.

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PA Legislative Effort for Presumptive Joint Custody

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A new bill in the Pennsylvania legislature, Senate Bill 1276, would mandate joint physical and legal custody to divorcing parents by default. A web site has been set up in support of the bill, and if you're a PA resident, you may certainly want to get involved in this effort to help the cause of father's rights.

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Dish Network Ad Literally "Bashes" Man

Scott · 26 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

equalitarian62 writes "*A commercial for Dish Network shows a man and his wife at a swimming pool. The man reads the newspaper while a woman in a bikini bends over in front of him. The man doesn't see this, and says "Wow," presumably due to a Dish Network ad in the paper. The wife, thinking he's referring to the woman in the bikini, strikes him in the jaw. I'm sure that the ad was meant to be humorous. It wasn't for me.*" Thanks also to Thundercloud for submitting news of this ad. The web site for Dish Network is here and they have a feedback form on this page. This is certainly deserving of some feedback.

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September Is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Scott · 26 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"I just got this reminder in my e-mail and thought I would pass it along. Prostate cancer kills as many men per year as breast cancer kills women. But prostate cancer research gets only a small fraction of the funding that breast cancer research gets. This would be a good political point to pass along to your congress person this election year."* The web site is www.pcaw.org, which has tons of links about prostate cancer. Please check it out, and consider doing some prostate cancer advocacy this month.

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Have The GenFems Given Men Everything?

Thomas · 27 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Though I don't fully share the sanguine mood expressed in this essay, the writer presents an interesting take on the fruits of radical feminism. With technology rendering men and women unnecessary to each other for the purpose of reproduction, radical feminism may ultimately hurt women more than men.

From the seeds of anti-male hate, will men ultimately enjoy a harvest of freedom?Source: Ether Zone

Title: GROWING UP IS NOT REQUIRED: RESEARCHERS, PARENTS, AND FEMINAZIS CONCERNED

Author: Joe Blow

Date: August 28, 2002 issue

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Woman Flyer's Suit Rebuffed

Scott · 27 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"According to this story, in April 1996 former U.S. Navy Lt. Carey Dunai Lohrenz was one of the first two women trained to fly the F-14 Tomcat. In 1995, the Center for Military Readiness published a special report entitled "CMR Special Report: Double Standards in Naval Aviation Training." The 20-page report, backed by 104 pages of training records and related documents, exposed a pattern of low scores and major errors in the F-14 training of both women that may have contributed to the tragic death of Kara Hultgreen. Lohrenz was removed from carrier aviation in May 1995, due to flawed flying techniques that her superiors described as "unsafe, undisciplined, and unpredictable." With the help of attorney Susan Barnes, a feminist activist, Lohrenz blamed Elaine Donnelly, former member of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS), for causing her to wash out by publishing the report. The courts responded by dismissing Lohrenz's action "with prejudice," which means (as I understand it) that the plaintiff cannot re-file the suit elsewhere."*

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Men as Sperm Donors v. C4M

Scott · 27 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"This article, A father's role is more than just conceiving a child, presents an interesting and very important variation of the C4M argument. Here a woman is found to have cancer and has some of her eggs harvested. Then she has them fertilized and frozen using the sperm of her lover. In this case the eggs are external to the woman's body so she must share a bilateral choice with the man. Not surprisingly, after the break-up, the man wants the embryos destroyed as a matter of his personal choice. Yet the woman is arguing that she should be considered to be continuously pregnant because she cannot conceive naturally. If this woman wins this legal battle, it will have profound implications in the C4M arena. Clearly, a man must be considered more than a sperm donor in this context and given the right to have a choice over his body. If the woman is granted the right to destroy the man's choice, he may potentially loose his right to be free from burdensome child support obligations. We need to be following this case very closely due to the implications in C4M right. Any ruling from this case will have a major influence on future C4M issues."*

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Male Sexual Abuse Survivor Conference

Scott · 28 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Mic hunter sent in an announcement for the 10th International Conference for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse, which will be held in Minneapolis from Sept. 18-21 this year. Read More below for details. And if you'd like to help organize the conference, be sure to e-mail Mic for more info.

MaleSurvivor: Helping Boys & Men Recover from Sexual Abuse (formally known as the National Organization on Male Sexual Victimization)

Presents: The 10th International Conference: Recognizing Strength & Resilience

September 18-21, 2003

Radisson Metrodome

Minneapolis, MN

Sponsored by the University of Minnesota School of Social Work

Workshops will be divided into four tracks.

Track 1 - Most Appropriate for Sexual Abuse Survivors. This conference typically draws a number of male survivors who are not professionals as well as other lay individuals who have an interest in this topic. In order to meet their needs, workshops are offered on topics related to healing, sexuality, relationships and other areas that may be relevant to this group. While the conference provides safe rooms and trained professionals who volunteer to be available to any survivor, workshops should be designed as safe experiences that would be unlikely to trigger the emergence of trauma symptoms.

Track 2 - Professional Education and TrainingProfessionals with diverse interests and from many disciplines attend this conference. Social Workers, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, massage therapists, homeopaths, art therapists, attorneys, clergy, educators, criminologists, law enforcement officers, rape crisis counselors and volunteers, probation officers, corrections personnel, graduate and undergraduate students have an interest in this topic. Most come to learn new skills that will enable them to work more effectively with male sexual abuse survivors. This track is further divided into beginning, intermediate and advanced levels of training.

Track 3 - Professionals as SurvivorsNOMSV was founded through the efforts of a small group of professionals who worked with male survivors and who were also survivors. There is a sizeable number of professionals who are survivors attending the conference. Being a survivor and working with survivors poses unique challenges. Workshops submitted for this track will address some of the concerns shared by this group.

Track 4 - Research Proposals should attempt to focus on the theme of strength and resilience. Proposals that address the healing diversity of specific cultural groups are highly sought and will receive special consideration

Submission Instructions for Papers & Workshop Proposals (Tracks 1, 2 and 3)

All proposals that focus on any aspect of the sexual abuse of males (adults, adolescents and children including work with perpetrators) will be considered. Sexual abuse is defined as any unwanted, forced or unforced sexual act by a person in a position of power regardless of age or gender difference between the victim and perpetrator. This includes acts such as prison rape, sexual torture, hazing in the military, sports teams and fraternities, verbal and physical sexual assaults by peers, date rape, and all the other experiences more commonly defined as sexual assault. Those proposals that emphasize the conference theme of strength and resilience will receive priority consideration

as well as those that address communities of color. Strength is defined as the efforts made to cope with the effects of abuse at the time it occurred as well as the strength necessary to acknowledge the abuse and engage in the process of healing.

Proposals should contain the following information: Name, professional association, degree and contact information of presenter including a brief biographical sketch (maximum of 25 words); names of co-presenters; abstract describing the main focus of the proposal and the track for which it is designed. In addition, a 500 word description of the proposal that includes length of workshop (90 0r 180 minutes); theoretical underpinnings of the proposal; presentation method (didactic or interactive or both); and audio-visual needs.

Submission Instructions of Artwork for Display and Sale

We encourage the submission of all forms of original artwork. This includes visual arts such as drawing, paintings, sculptures, pottery and digital art; literary art such as short stories, poems, slogans and graffiti; music and vocal compositions; theater and dance. The committee will attempt to find a means of displaying all submissions that meet the criteria of originality, adherence to the conference theme, and good taste. Artwork submitted for sale becomes the property of NOMSV and all proceeds from the sale less the cost of transportation by the artist will be retained by NOMSV. The proceeds from this sale will benefit other male survivors through furthering the goals of NOMSV. If you have artwork that you would like to consider placing on display or having performed, send a photo if visual artwork or score and lyrics if music. All written material should be submitted as either a MS Word document or in a rtf or text format. Your submission should indicate if you wish to have your work considered for the silent auction and should also include short narrative of the work describing the artist or author, title of the work, media used to create it and how you believe your work fits the conference theme.

Submission Instruction for Scientific Abstracts (Track 4)

September 18-21, 2002

MaleSurvivor Conference

A unique conference of professionals and others who share a common concern: the elimination of all forms of sexual victimization and who have a special concern for the treatment of male victims and offenders.

National Organization on Male Sexual Victimization

1-800-738-4181

Visit our website at http://www.malesurvivor.org or email us at nomsv@malesurvivor.org.

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Stanford Prof. Delaney Taken to Task for Blaming Child Abuse on Men

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Many of you will recall Stanford Assoc. Prof. Carol Delaney's short letter in the *San Fransisco Chronicle* blaming men for child abductions and abuse. While a flurry of letters was sent in after that letter, both to Stanford and to the *Chronicle*, Keith Thompson wrote an excellent editorial on the subject that was printed today in the SFC. His discussion of how violence is unfairly seen as masculine and all of the evidence that refutes this notion is excellent. Read it here.

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Julia Child Thanks Her Husband in Reader's Digest

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Dave in California writes *"In the September 2002 issue of Reader's Digest, page 69, there is an article by Julia Child. Her husband Paul is her most unforgettable character! Just think of it guys, here is a woman that has the guts to publicly thank a man for being a great guy, and a lover of good food that guided her into her life's work! Why does this happen so rarely? Why is it so difficult for a woman to acknowledge the goodness in a man and the help rendered? Men thank their wives all the time for help rendered, even if the help does not directly affect what he has done. Unfortunately the Reader's Digest web site does not show this article. You will have to see the magazine to read it."*

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Number of Black Men in Prison Exceeds Black Men in College

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Serge sent in an article from the BBC that discusses the fact that in the U.S, there are currently more black men in prison than there are in college. This disturbing trend is one more reason why men's rights issues cut accross racial boundaries, and if anything, are even more critical for minority men to fight for.

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How "Fast Track" Laws Can Deny Men Equal Protection

Scott · 30 August 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch writes *"This article from INEWS, which I found on Men's News Daily, must have Clarence Darrow rolling in his grave. The system wants to "fast track" domestic violence cases in order to gain a quick resolve. What's happening is defendants are not gaining the advice they need from their lawyers in what may be their first time in jail. The consequences can be staggering for the uninformed. The article also goes on to show concern for the approx. 24% arrest rate of women in these situations, when (according to women's groups) it should only be about 5%, according to DoJ findings. It also goes on to describe women's advocates who are concerned with women pleading guilty just to get out to their kids. If this isn't looked into, what will eventually happen is men will not receive effective legal counsel but women will. Another budding sign of 'unequal protection under the law'."*

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Violence and Gender Reexamined

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Prof. Richard Felson from Penn State has just released a book, Violence and Gender Reexamined, published by the American Psychological Association. Some interesting excerpts from the jacket reviews are: "*Violence and Gender Reexamined challenges one of western culture's most deeply held assumptions: That violence against women is different from violence against men. In this elegantly argued and well-researched book, author Richard Felson argues that this type of violence is rarely the result of sexism or hatred against women. The author cites research suggesting that the motives for violence against women are similar to the motives for violence against men: To gain control or retribution and to promote or defend self-image. These motives play a role in almost all violence, regardless of gender. Using a comparative method to determine how violence against women differs from violence against men, he illustrates not only that violence against women is less frequent than violence against men but also that our culture and legal system treat it more harshly.*" This definitely looks like an interesting book!

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CA Paternity Justice Act (AB2240) Passes in Senate

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warble writes *"It is my pleasure to announce that the California Senate has just passed a narrowed version of AB2240. During the hearing there was overwhelming concern expressed that the bill doesn't go far enough. This is excellent because it demonstrates that next year we will have support for an expanded version of the bill. Nevertheless, the opposition is already setting their sights on further damaging the bill so that women can freely and knowingly defraud men in paternity matters. Currently, the bill only addresses those instances where a default paternity judgment was entered by the state. It was amazing to see the opposition try to argue that men should continue to experience discrimination in paternity matters. These feminists that oppose men's rights, literally argue that a woman should be able to determine the father of the child and exclude men from any consideration. In my opinion, the most bigoted arguments came from Kuehl and Bowen. In both cases, they were making men out like they are evil womanizers that get innocent victims pregnant. What they want is for women to be able to assign any man with paternity if the woman believes it is in the best interest of the child. Obviously, these anti-male bigots are very dangerous and seek to further criminalize men. We cannot afford to relax our efforts in California. I have the transcripts on order from the Senate. When they arrive I will transcribe them so that we can educate the public how they argue in favor of institutionalized discrimination against men. I listened to the testimony live today and believe the final vote was 28 in favor and 4 opposed. Yes! Now we need to bombard Governor Davis with letters in support of AB2240."* The the Read More section for contact info.

What follows is contact information:

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MA Governor Candidate Strong on Men's Rights Issues

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In Massachusetts, there is a candidate for governor whose main campaign platform is men's rights. Her name is Barbara Johnson, also a well-known attorney in the state, and her web site can be found here. Her campaign will be an interesting one to study to see what kinds of response she gets from the voters. I know there are some fairly active father's rights groups in MA and she could get a significant showing. If you'd like to help her campaign out, please contact her.

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NYC Panel on DV Against Men

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Peter Allemano from the NYC chapter of NCFM informed me that a panel on domestic violence against men is being held by the Queens Women's Network, to listen to the needs of male victims of domestic violence. The QWM sponsors a service center for DV victims and does a lot of outreach programs in the borough of Queens. This is a rare opportunity for both sides to come together on an important dialogue, and they are currently looking for speakers that can participate on the panel. They already are including Stanley Green, also a member of NCFM and a co-founder of Stop Abuse for Everyone. This is possibly the first public discussion on DV against men (straight, bi, or gay) being held in NYC. The forum will be held on October 17, and if you can make it to be a panelist or simply want to see the event in person, please contact Peter at PAllemano@cravath.com. I have to say, the fact that events like this are happening at all is a very encouraging sign.

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Boy-Bashing Stickers at Big Y Grocery Stores

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RPB659 writes *"Hi Guys,*
While I visit this site often, this is my first time posting anything. Remember those offensive stickers that were at Ames Department stores? Well, they're back. This time they are at Big Y grocery stores. For those of you that never heard of them, it's a chain of grocery stores in Western Massachusetts. It's run by the D'Amour family. I'm sure we can get them to remove the stickers in the same manner that Ames did." Excellent idea - but we need more info. Are the stickers being sold on the shelves, or at vending machines like they were at Ames? And can anyone find contact info for Big Y so we can write to them?

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Albuquerque Men's Group

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Ken Lucero from Albuquerque, NM sends news that a local men's rights group in that area is growing and that they're working to become an official chapter of NCFM by early 2003. They meet every Thursday at 1 PM at the Bennigan's restaurant on Louisiana St. in Albuquerque. If you'd like to attend the meetings, just show up or contact ken at kenrlucero@juno.com for more info.

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Boy Hating T-shirts Selling in California Chain

Scott · 2 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"Male bashing T-shirts are becoming a big thing again. Unfortunately this latest wave of them is starting in California in the retail chain Hot Topic, which means it will likely sweep eastward without much resistance. Tresa McBee wrote a good article about it for Wendy McElroy's ifeminists. The article is here."* Oh boy. First the stickers, now the shirts. And Hot Topic is a national chain - we've got them in malls on the east coast too.

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Anti-Male Nature of New TV Show "Hidden Hills"?

Scott · 3 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

ahhkaboom writes *"This story is a bit different. I was on NBC's website to peruse the new season of PC tv programming, and stumbled across this website of a new show ["Hidden Hills"]. Doesn't the man look like he has his severed penis on a fork, while his empowered businesswoman-wife looks gleeful? Check out the picture below, where the man covers his crotch after being hit in the you-know-where."*

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Men' Health America Speaks Out Against CEDAW

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A recent post on the Men's Health America mailing list details the "four fatal flaws of CEDAW," including the fact that it's anti-male and allows for no recognition of gender discrimination against men. As they conclude, " *CEDAW is an attempt to impose a radical gender ideology on countries around the world. CEDAW seeks to create a double-standard of rights and responsibilities for men and women. CEDAW represents a serious threat to family stability and gender equality.*"

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Labor Day and 9/11: Glass Ceilings and Glass Cellars

Thomas · 3 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Warren Farrell has written an essay on the glass cellar of dangerous employment in which many men find themselves. The time has long since come for society to accept the fact that men's lives have as much value as women's lives.Source: ifeminists.com

Title: Labor Day and 9/11: Glass Ceilings and Glass Cellars

Author: Warren Farrell, Ph.D.

Date: August 27, 2002.

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Second Annual Conference on Male Victims of Domestic Violence

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The Battered Men's Helpline is sponsoring its second annual conference on domestic violence against men. It will be held in Portland, Maine, on the afternoon of October 19. I attended this event last year and wrote up a summary of it (with photos). I'm definitely planning on attending again this year and I hope if you're in the area you will too. The program last year was excellent and I understand that this year there will be seating for more than 200 people. Help make sure these seats are filled and let others know about this conference, one of the only of its kind, focusing on DV against men. For more info see the BMH announcement of the conference.

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6-Year Old Boy Suspended for "Sexual Harassment"

Scott · 4 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Tummler sent in this article and writes *"A tardy six year old boy was suspended for three days from his Canton Ohio elementary school last spring for running to the window one morning and flagging down his schoolbus. Unfortunately for the pure souls of the six year old girls on board, he hadn't gotten his clothes on yet. Unfortunately for him, he's just become a man."*

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Ellen Goodman Dismisses The Educational Gender Gap

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Bledso writes *"Ellen Goodman is at it again. She has written an article that dismisses the gender gap in education as "crisis reporting". She states "You don't need a bachelor's degree to pick up a subtext in the crisis reporting: Somehow or other, women are upsetting the natural order of things". The article can be read here.*

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Call for Ideas: Honouring Men's Advocates

Scott · 4 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch writes *"I'd like to suggest an open discussion about honouring those who we feel have contributed to the rights, health and glory of men. I'm sure everyone has their favorites but I would like to name as many names as we can brainstorm to accredit to our cause. It could even be people who contribute to this board or people from the past. It could even be people who did so inadvertently in respect to fairness , fellowship or advocacy of any sort towards men. This could be a time to make an awareness of even the least of the notables. I for one strongly believe in knowledge as the precursor to activism. Once we are armed with knowledge nothing can stop us. It's also good to know who is out there and who is on our side and with the constant growth of the men's movement hopefully this is something we will have to up date all the time."*

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Progressive Wins, We Lose?

Scott · 5 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"I don't know about the rest of the country, but where I live, Progressive Insurance is running their "Man being castrated with pliers, by ex-wife" commercial again. They are running it just as often as before our 'letters of protest', and at all hours of the day. Even when children can see it. It seems misandry wins, yet again. As for me, I'm just gonna go bang my head against the wall."*

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Interview Discusses L.A. Lawsuit Over Men's Commission

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Dan Lynch writes *"Dan Curry wanted people to hear this Thompson and Sacks interview (part one, part two) with Marc Angelucci, the leader of the LA chapter of NCFM. On September 3, Angelucci discussed LA/NCFM's groundbreaking civil rights lawsuit and its drive to create a Los Angeles Commission for Men. Angelucci will also discuss his campaign to increase services for male victims of domestic violence in Los Angeles. Angelucci, Thompson, and Sacks will also discuss the California Senate's recent passage of the Paternity Justice Act (AB 2240) and the work and testimony of both the American Coalition for Fathers and Children (ACFC) and LA/NCFM on behalf of the bill. Listeners are urged to write, call, or fax California Governor Gray Davis and urge him to sign this bill.*
Davis can be contacted by e-mail at governor@governor.ca.gov, by phone at 916-445-2841, by fax at 916-445-4633, or by regular mail at Governor's Office, Governor Gray Davis, State Capitol Building,
Sacramento, CA 95814. Listeners are urged to write "I support AB 2240" in big letters across the top of their letters and faxes. For more information on the National Coalition of Free Men, visit their website at www.ncfm.org."

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Outline of Men's Issues

Scott · 6 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve Imparl has put together a very comprehensive outline of men's issues (focusing on men's legal rights), in a PDF document that can be downloaded here. This could be a useful reference for many people, so feel free to download it and give Steve your feedback at SImparl@aol.com.

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Gelles Article Details Repression of DV Research

Scott · 9 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Dr. Richard Gelles wrote an important article for men's activists that details some of the ways that research about DV against men has been repressed and attacked over the years. It's an incredible eye-opener, and is definitely must-read material for DV activists. The L.A. chapter of NCFM received permission to reprint it on their web site, and it can be viewed here.

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NFL Helping to Promote Prostate Cancer Awareness

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napnip sent me a link to this PDF document which announces that the National Football League is promoting prostate cancer awareness this month, particularly during Prostate Cancer Awareness Week (Sept. 15-21). As David Crawford, the founder of the Prostate Cancer Educational Council said, "There could be no better partner for reaching our target audience." Keep an eye out for players talking about this issue during this month. If you haven't already, also check out the PCAW web site.

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Is the NH Men's Commission Being Sabotaged?

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Last Tuesday, the list of nominees NH Governor Jeanne Shaheen made for the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men were released. Information about the seven nominees can be found on the NCFC-NH web site. However, the news is not all good. NCFC-NH members spent a lot of time lobbying for passage of this bill, and were alone through much of this process. Now that the list has been released (after tremendous delay, I might add), we are surprised to find that few of the names are even familiar to us. One individual on the list, Scott Hampton, even went on NH Public Radio debating Rep. Bickford about the legislation, saying that NH does not need a men's commission. It is suspicious, to say the least, that Hampton would then be nominated for the commission. Is the commission being sabotaged? I personally believe it is. And we only have about two weeks to stop it. For this reason, you will see a much lower number of new stories posted to MANN for the next week or so. I'm going to be putting a lot of resources into getting to the bottom of this mess and trying to do what I can correct it.

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Glenn Sacks on Creating Boy-Friendly Classrooms

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Glenn Sacks had a new article printed in the *Los Angeles Daily News* late last week on the topic of boys' educational needs. In it, Sacks discusses how discipline of boys is becoming a worsening problem in schools, and that this indicates how schools are failing to meet boys' needs. Sacks then goes on to make constructive suggestions on how to improve the classroom environment both to reduce discipline problems as well as be more inclusive of the teaching methods boys are most responsive to. Please pass this article around to any educators you know.

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Equal Opportunity Today

Thomas · 9 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Since we're noting the possible undermining of the NH Men's Commission, I thought it would be worth pointing out the stacking of the so-called Equal Opportunities Commission in the United Kingdom. Note that the chair, deputy chair, and chief executive are all women. In total, there are 13 women and 3 men -- equal opportunity in the allegedly post-feminist, western world.Source: eoc.org.uk

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Dan Rather Takes Dixie Chicks to Task for "Goodbye Earl" Video

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Thundercloud. writes *"Any one see "60 Minutes Special Edition", a few nights ago? Well, if you did, maybe you were as shocked as I was to see the Dixie Chicks taken to task about their video celebrating the murdering of men, called, "Goodbye Earl." Dan Rather (of all people), in an interview with the "Chicks", asked one of them: "Do you think it would've been OK if a male singing group had done a video showing the celebration of guys murdering a woman?" Of course, she gave the usual glib answer - she said something like: "No it wouldn't be OK. It's OK for US though, because we look so innocent..." HUH? Well, at least someone in the usually anti-male news media took these misandrists to task."*

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Sacks and Thompson Respond to "Deadbeat Dad Raids"

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Glenn Sacks and Diana Thompson co-authored an article discussing the recent federal raids on "deadbeat dads," which resulted in dozens of arrests in recent weeks. The Sacks & Thompson duo shed light on the phenomena of "deadbeat dads," and find that unemployment, not apathy, is the primary factor in fathers who aren't paying child support. They then continue to tear down the myths about fathers who are not paying sufficient child support, discussing the need to enforce visitation rights and offer unemployed fathers more access to employment resources, rather than stigmatizing them and throwing them in jail.

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CEDAW Show-Down Approaching: It's Time to Act!

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As this post on Men's News Daily states, the United States Senate will be voting in the near future on whether to ratify the CEDAW treaty, which is well known to be a piece of gender feminist propaganda with wide ramifications that would make it harder for legitimate men's issues related to discrimination to be acknowledged. You are asked to write to your Senators and voice your opposition to the treaty. Please take a moment to let them know what you think - the members of N.O.W. certainly are.

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Good News for the NH Bickford Campaign

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If the New Hampshire primary election is any indication, Rep. David Bickford has a clear shot of being re-elected to the NH House. According to this Foster's Daily Democrat story, he received the most votes of any of the other candidates in his district. Rep. Bickford was the original sponsor of HB 587, which established a Commission on the Status of Men in this state. Many people responded from the plea on MANN to help David out, since due to redistricting he was going to have to campaign in six new towns, many of which historically vote only for Democrats (Bickford considers himself a moderate Republican). Due to the outpouring of support, David was able to buy and put up many signs in his district, and the effort clearly paid off. Thanks to everyone that gave David support in any form. His e-mail is david1@worldpath.net.

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MaleDepression.com Pays Tribute to Sept. 11 Victims

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Steve Imparl's MaleDepression.com site was changed this morning, to create a memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. As a site to help promote psycholocial healing, I felt that this was very appropriate. Thanks, Steve.

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More Anti-Male Bias in L.A. County Agenda

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Marc Angelucci writes *"Here you can read L.A. County's agenda for today. Take a look at Items 28 and 32 for more anti-male bias. Excerpt from Item #28: "*specialized services in the areas of domestic violence against Cambodian refugee WOMAN and child care training and certification in total amount of $383,909...*" Apparently Cambodian men are never DV victims, so they need not be included. Never mind that "*approximately 1.5 million women and 834,732 men are raped and/or physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the United States.*" Excerpt from Item 32: "*...$361,000...annually from the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning…to help combat teen pregnancy by prosecuting adult MALES who violate existing statutory rape laws with minor females and to obtain court orders against the fathers to increase child support collections, effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003.*" Is this a sincere effort to combat teen pregnancy? Or is it targeting men for the purpose of political grandstanding? Is imprisoning young males and then seeking child support from them an efficient, rational and effective way to use $361,000 a year to combat teen pregnancy? This is another reason we need a commission for men."*

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NZ Commissioner Questions Legality of Routine Male Genital Mutilation

Scott · 12 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Acksiom submitted this article from NZCity and writes *"New Zealand Children's Commissioner Roger McClay is going to ask the Government to consider criminalizing the routine genital mutilation of male minors. . .a big step forward for intactivism, if it happens!"*

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Woman Fakes Baby for Child Support

Scott · 12 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"Men's News Daily reports that an Australian woman faked the birth of a baby and forged documents in order to fleece an ex-boyfriend of nearly $25,000 dollars. Now tell me it's about the child, and not about money and revenge."*

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Study Blames Bad Fathers for Male Sex Offenders

Scott · 12 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"A study in Australia seeks to blame men for creating sex offenders. Or at least that is the spin the headline gives it. It says bad fathers are to blame for producing male sex offenders. Mothers are given a pass. The article is here. And by all means, get on the bulletin board commenting on this article and slam the radical female supremacists who are dominating it right now."*

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Single Sex Schools

Scott · 13 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"This CNN story is on how single-sex schools are gaining popularity nationwide. It's among the few articles I've seen that highlights the advantages to boys of single sex schools; most highlight the advantages to girls. Perhaps this plays to the boys' advantage because it seems that the people who need to be convinced are feminist groups like the AAUW. Also, the article mentions the National Association for Single Sex Public Education, an organization perhaps we ought to look into supporting. Anyway, I'd like to all states REQUIRE that single sex classrooms (not necessarily whole single sex schools) be offered in public education, as it offers some tremendous advantages for BOTH boys AND girls. The men's movement, as a community of organizations ought to get behind this initiative in a big way. It may well be the "silver bullet" in solving the education gap between boys and girls."*

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Popular Culture Important to Boys' Literacy

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Rams forwarded me this article about an English professor at the University of New Hampshire who has taken a close look at boys and literacy. Prof. Thomas Newkirk argues that instead of viewing popular culture as of no intellectual value, that in the case of boys and reading, it can be a very important influence: "*Newkirk interviewed 100 boys and girls in third, fourth and fifth grades in New Hampshire schools for the book, and discovered that sports, movies, video games and other venues of popular culture are a powerful way to encourage young boys to read and write. In his book, Newkirk argues against the simplistic stereotype of boys, showing that rather than mimic violence, boys most often transform, recombine and participate in storylines, and resist the unreality of popular culture.*" Newkirk has written a book on this subject, Misreading Masculinity: Boys, Literacy, and Popular Culture, that many MANN readers might want to check out.

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MI College Student Looking for Men's Issues Speaker

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Jeff Mapes from Kalamazoo College in Michigan is looking for a pro-male speaker to come to his campus and give a presentation on men's issues. If you're interested, please e-mail Jeff at k00jm03@kzoo.edu. Jeff has been successful in starting a "men's issues house" on campus. Here's an excerpt from the house's mission statement: "*At every level of discussion on this campus, masculinity is ostracized and shunned. From the way sports players are cynically referred to as "jocks," to the tendency of every discussion on masculinity to center around gender violence, the students, faculty and staff of Kalamazoo College largely operate under a fundamentally negative—and utterly wrong—conception of men and masculinity. This conception begins with the assumption that men, left to their own devices, will act like brutish animals in a Hobbesian state of nature. As a house, our primary mission will be to fight this misconception.*" We definitely need more college groups like this.

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ACLU Takes Up Cause of Due Process In Child Support

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Luek sent us this article and writes *"In Lawrence County, Pennsylvania the ACLU got 37 men out of the child support prison gulag. They reasoned correctly that anyone arrested and threatened with imprisonment is entitled to free legal counsel if they can't afford it and due legal process. Just because you are a male you still can't be treated like a piece of property by the iron heeled state tyrants."* This could be a very important breakthrough if this kind of legal case is made in other regions. The ACLU has been lukewarm or completely apathetic to certain men's issues (ie, male reproductive rights) in the past, but this could be a way of getting our "foot in the door" and might lead to the ACLU being more open to men's rights issues. Let's hope for the best.

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Don McPherson Running High-Profile Batterers Group

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chicago joe writes *"There is an article in this month's Oprah magizine [October] that should make everyone see red. It is a story about a former pro football player named Don McPherson and his men's program concerning domestic violence. He has been brainwashed into believing the traditional feminist stereotypes. He tells men at his workshop that women do not commit domestic violence - men do. He labels only men as perpetrators in gender crimes, and he states that male privilege, and our culture that breeds it, are responsible for most of women's woes. The article is also filled with the same anti-male distortions and facts that is common for this subject, and it convinces it's readers that the trend for many males is create or join organizations such as McPherson's so as to "take a hard look at their manhood.""*

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The Invisible Boy

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> ***Purpose of The Invisible Boy***
> *The Invisible Boy is intended for a wide readership. Readers may find some of the issues or research presented in the document new or surprising, maybe even a little controversial. Others may find no surprises at all, but instead a confirmation of what they have experienced, observed themselves or believed all along. In any case, it is perhaps most important to see the document, not as a definitive statement of the male experience (we are too early in the struggle for that), but rather as a snapshot in time of some of the controversies, challenges, knowledge gaps and unexplored issues pertaining to the male experience of victimization. If it spurs the reader to further explore the literature, encourages the therapeutic community to expand its knowledge base about victims and perpetrators, or widens public debate on abuse to make it more inclusive, then it will have achieved its purpose.*

An HTML version is also available from Health Canada.

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McElroy Helps Expose NH Men's Commission Sabotage

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Wendy McElroy's latest column in FoxNews discusses some of the suspicious and outright dirty politics being used to stack the NH Commission on the Status of Men. Not only was it discovered that one of the nominees went on a NH Public Radio program arguing that men don't need this commission, but it has been exposed that the governor's office has been soliciting people to apply even after plenty of qualified individuals had applied for the commission. Some were even solicited after the application deadline had passed. Hopefully with this kind of media exposure, and more expected to follow, politicians will get the message that using underhanded tactics against men's advocates is not worth the cost.

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Men's Health Act Continues to Gain Support

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A recent posting on the Men's Health America list announces that the federal Men's Health Act is gaining more support, with currently 115 co-sponsors in the House. We are encouraged to write to our legislators and ask them to support this bill during this time when they are very eager to get our votes during the election season. The Men's Health Act is a fairly non-controversial men's issue that we should definitely get them to include in their campaigns.

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MANN Chat: Beyond New Hampshire - Threats to Men's Rights

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Steve writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (9/18), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be "New Hampshire Commission and CEDAW:*
Latest Government Attempts to Harm Men's Rights." Recently, we've seen the attempts of N.H. Governor Jeanne Shaheen and her office to sabotage the new state commission on men. We also have CEDAW--a fundamentally anti-male treaty--moving to the floor of the U.S. Senate for a ratification vote. Courts routinely make anti-male decisions. Sometimes, it feels like threats are coming at us from all branches of government. What's an activist to do? Let's share ideas and develop strategy at thes week's MANN chat. Join us and let others know about it!""

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Michigan Unveils Paternity Fraud Legislation

Scott · 18 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Julian Droms writes *"Yesterday, there was a front page news story in the Detroit Free Press about new paternity fraud legislation for the State of Michigan. There are four bills; testimony will be on the 25th of this month in Lansing. All four bills have passed the house and are now in committee. Written testimony can be sent to the Senate Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services; 517-373-3543."* The fact that these bills are coming forth in several states is an exciting wave of change I see affecting men's rights nationwide. But be prepared for a struggle, as has happened in the L.A. County case.

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Indiana Pacers Basketball Player Battered

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The Gonzo Kid submitted this link and writes *"Indiana Pacer Ron Artest was assaulted by his girlfriend - update on the story, on the news this AM he was shown leading her out of the lockup after posting her bond. Fox59 news played his 911 call, which said he feared for his safety, and knew if he defended himself he was going to jail. A sad commentary there."* In other disturbing news, Agraitear sent us a story about woman has been charged with aggravated assault for setting her boyfriend's bed on fire while he slept in it. The man is now in intensive care. Agraiter comments, "*Aggravated assault? Shouldn't this be attempted murder?*"

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What to do About DV Education Programs at Work?

Scott · 19 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Napnip writes, "*I'm writing this hoping to get a bit of advice. In about a week, my place of work will be having a United Way fundraising program. There will be speakers from various agencies to speak with the employees. During my shift, our speaker is supposed to be someone from a local battered women's shelter. No doubt she will be presenting such "facts" as a woman is battered every 15 seconds, etc, while ignoring the other side of the data which states that a man is also battered every 15 seconds. I've already printed out a lot of information and will be carrying this to the meeting with me. Question: Should I confront her about the data? Obviously, I don't plan to be obnoxious about it (as I value my job!), but I would really love to ask her why she ignores the other half of the data (which I'm sure she will)."* This is an excellent question to pose to MANN readers. What would you do? Note that I'm not asking what *should someone do*, but what would *you do*, especially if you value your job?

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BMH Conference One Month Away

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This is a reminder that the Battered Men's Helpline second annual conference on Male Victims of Domestic Violence is one month away. The event will be held on October 19 in Portland, Maine. I'll be there and expect to do some digital recording of the audio which will be made available after the conference in Ogg Vorbis format, which is similar to MP3. But don't think that excuses you from attending this conference - we need people there to show their support of this cause, so make your travel plans today!

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The Men's Hour September Programme is Out

Scott · 20 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"The September programme is out. Domestic violence against men gets less media airtime than Haley's Comet (next due a splurge of publicity in 2061). News of a DV against men conference in Portland, Maine in October may have passed CNN by, but not the Men's Hour. The Blackshirts actions are called harassment and intimidation. John Abbott, leader of the Blackshirts, speaks. Steve Jones claims men are parasites. How far do men need to go before men are heard? Listen at www.menshour.com"*

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iFeminists Chat on NH Men's Commission

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This Sunday's chat in the iFemininsts chat room will also be about the sabotage of the NH Commission on the Status of Men. It will begin at 9 PM EST on Sunday, Sept. 22. If you missed the MANN chat or haven't had enough of this topic yet, please stop by and say hello.

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IWF Members Appointed to DV Advisory Committee by Ashcroft

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Mark Rosenthal writes, "*Nancy Pfotenhauer, president of the Independent Women's Forum, and Margot Hill, a member of the IWF's advisory board, were recently appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women by John Ashcroft. The IWF has consistently questioned the "one-size-fits-all, men-beat-up-women" portrayal of domestic violence promulgated by VAWA and the organizations it funds. Not surprisingly, NOW is launching an all out letter-writing campaign to torpedo these appointments. It is essential that we counter this by contacting the same officials to express our belief that the appointments of Ms. Pfotenhauer and Ms. Hill will help to counter the system's built-in biases which allows VAWA-funded agencies to get away with denying services to the 834,732 men who are victims of domestic violence each year (as reported by the U.S. Department of Justice).*" Check the Read More section below for the rest of Mark's submission and contact info for the officials who will be approving these appointments.Mark Rosenthal continues, "*Be polite and respectful, but emphasize that the plight of male victims is still being ignored by those who administer VAWA in spite of Sen. Orrin Hatch's statement, during the VAWA reauthorization hearings in 2000, that "it was not, and is not, the intent of Congress categorically to exclude men who have suffered domestic abuse or sexual assaults from receiving benefits and services under the Violence Against Women Act.*"

The people NOW is asking their members to contact are:

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Shaheen's Commitment to Status of Men Questioned

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Foster's Daily Democrat printed an article outlining some of the problems men's advocates have with NH Governor Shaheen's nominations to the Commission on the Status of Men. In particular, the nomination of "Men don't have a status problem" Scott Hampton is at the center of the controversy. You can read the story here, but be warned - the article seems to crash Mozilla browsers on the Linux platform, at least.

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Abusive Mother in the News

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CPM submitted Police Searching for Woman Seen Beating Child from FoxNews and writes "*Here we go again... Absent are the words "domestic violence".*
The search for the woman continues and I presume also the search for the "nearest man" to blame it on. I hope that they can find her and the little girl soon if for no other reason but to be assured that the child is either OK or gets medical attention. I have not seen the video, but from the descriptions of it, it is quite possible that this little girl could be seriously injured." As an update to the story, the woman has turned herself in, was freed on bail, and is currently talking with the media taking some responsibility but trying to gain sympathy. Since we're getting so many submissions on this topic, please use the comment board for this story to post more articles and URLs for this story.

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Ghana Female Circumcision Hoax Exposed

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SJones writes *"In the late 1990s the feminists and all their castrated male counterparts in Congress and the media rallied around a woman claiming to be a princess from Ghana who faced genital mutilation if she was not given asylum in the United States. In response to her claims, it is now illegal to mutilate the genitals of a female in all Western nations, even as male genital mutilation is heralded as a great source of fetal tissue for science. But the whole story was a lie. The woman is not a princess, there is no female circumcision going on, and the woman is now being brought up on charges. None of this is mentioned in the feminist media, but Michelle Malkin has written an excellent article about it which can be found here."*

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IWF Opposes CEDAW

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The Independent Women's Forum has a list of 10 Reasons Why CEDAW Should Be Rejected on their web site. They include reasons that many MANN readers are familiar with, including the dangers of an international "Gender Police," the damage to U.S. Sovereignty, and the socialist nature of the treaty's premises. They call it "The Worst Treaty …with The Best Name."

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Men's Activist Looking for Speaking Topic Suggestions

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Dan Lynch writes *"I have an opportunity to do a speaking engagement discussing men's issues. This is the type of activism I would really like to get involved in. It will give me the chance to bring items up to people who are literally "virgins" to the men's movement. The group wants me to speak for about an hour and what I would really like is some advice on what to talk about and how to organize the speach etc.. The group may be small maybe even as many as 20 people I don't know, but I want to get the message to them clear and concisely. Any advice and thought input will be very welcome."* Please offer Dan some suggestions in the comment section of this story.

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Reader Offers Matching Donations to MANN

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Richard Cann from Brookline, MA is willing to make matching donations with anyone who makes a donation to Mensactivism.org between now and October 10, up to a total of $200. So making a donation during this time period is effectively doubling your contribution, and helping out Mensactivism.org even more. Please consider participating in this, however small your donation may be. For more info on how to donate, see our donations page. And many, many thanks to Richard for this offer!

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Maryland Child Custody Discrimination Case

Scott · 25 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Scott writes, "*I managed to obtain the NCHS data base for Marriage and Divorce, 1989-1995 by Sally C. Clarke and do a statistical analysis for the state of Maryland. I completed the analysis of the NCHS data by going past the gender data to the race data. Given the recent legal decision in Georgia, based primarily on the evidence supplied by Ms. Clarke's study, I can understand why the states complained under the euphemism that it was too costly to continue the statistical reporting. We now have the evidence that Maryland discriminated in making custody decisions. African American men are even worse off than men as a group. Any way you look at it, Maryland discriminates based on both race and gender. The "Best Interests of Children" as practiced in Maryland is nothing more than a euphemism for discrimination. We now need a test case to go before the Federal District Court, the Maryland Appeals Court has already ruled in Griffin v. Crane that determination of custody by gender is not permissible, however, the local judges are very clever in getting around an issue for their own personal beliefs and political agenda.*
We need a call to all men having recently lost a custody battle to file an appeal based on sex or race discrimination and have the State of Maryland Family Law system labeled as having committed discriminatory conduct requiring monitoring.

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MANN Chat: "Child Support: Can It Be Fixed?"

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Steve writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (9/25), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location.*
The topic for this chat will be "'Child Support': What's Wrong and How Can We Fix It?" The tax-free transfer of wealth from one parent to another is fraught with legal, economic, political, social, and moral problems. In fact, a frightening number of distraught fathers have committed suicide as a result of draconian "child support" policies. How can we fix this mess? Should we fix it, or scrap it? What are the viable alternatives to so-called "child support"? At this week's MANN chat we will share ideas with fellow activists, and plan strategies for reform. Please join us and tell others about it!"

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Abusive Woman Ordered to Pay $500 to Women's Shelter

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shawn writes *"The case of Chuck Finley and Tawny Kitaen is discussed once again in this report from ABC News and the Associated Press. Although the article focuses on Kitaen's 12 million dollar alimony lawsuit against Finley, the article mentions something that is both bizarre and a sign of our times. To recap, Kitaen (a woman) was found guilty of spousal assault against Finley (a man). Her punishment, you ask? In part, she was ordered to pay $500 dollars to a battered-women's shelter - presumably a shelter that excludes men. A woman commits domestic violence against her husband and the people who benefit are women who deny that battered men exist."*

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NH Commission Victory for Us!

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I just got back from Concord, NH, where the Executive Council voted on the nominations for the NH Commission on the Status of Men (see the room it was held in here). There is lots of good news: the nominations of Scott Hampton and Thomas Kaufhold were soundly rejected by the Executive Council. Stephen Gorin's nomination passed with only a 3-2 vote. The other nominees were pretty much voted in unanimously. I was very concerned when the meeting started, since the Council was approving tons of nominations without any debate. They were really rushing through them. When it came time for the NHCSM nominations, there was no discussion or debate on any of the candidates, it just came down to a quick vote for each nominee. There was no roll call on the votes, so I don't have any permanent record of which councilor voted which way, and I wasn't quick enough to keep track of it myself (sorry). A letter of gratitude to each of the councilors for hearing our concerns is definitely appropriate now. Further, they will have three other nominees to vote on in the future, so we need to keep them listening to us. A thousand thank-yous to everyone who took part in this activism, and supported us. The outcome of this meeting was very much in our favor. We are thwarting the attempted sabotage of the commission! **Addendum:** Paul Clements had a stinging letter printed in Foster's Daily Democrat criticizing Shaheen for her attempt to sabotage the commission.

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Follow-Up to Workplace DV Charity Event

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Napnip sent me a follow-up to his workplace fundraising event for charities, which included a battered women's shelter. It seems from the dialogue that the woman could end up being educated about the hidden problem of domestic violence against men. I think the way napnip handled it also shows an effective way of challenging these myths without risking your job or even being overtly confrontational. See the Read More section for his submission. Napnip writes, "*The forum was pretty much non-confrontational. The lady who gave the presentation didn't mention many statistics, except when she said that "every 9 seconds a woman is battered". I'm not sure where she got the "9 second" figure from, perhaps on a state-wide basis (here in South Carolina). When the meeting was almost over, I said that I had a question for her. I mentioned that not long ago the FBI stated that a woman is beaten every 15 seconds, to which she wholeheartedly agreed. Then I mentioned that the FBI doesn't actually tabulate or collect statistics on domestic violence, that they actually got that number from the Family Research Laboratory. Then I mentioned that according to FRL stats, a man is also beaten once every 15 seconds.*
She was totally shocked when I said that. She really had a genuine look of shock on her face. I then mentioned the Dept. of Justice Violence Against Women Survey which stated men made up over 835,000 victims in '98, which amounts to 36%, and NOT the 5% myth going around. Again, she was in shock. She said that she had never heard those numbers, that she had always heard the 95-5% stats. I told her I would forward her some information from the 'net and she seemed eager to see the info. (I already had her e-mail addy since I had e-mailed her a couple of weeks ago asking advice about starting a men's shelter, and she surprisingly was very helpful.) She seems like she is open to an honest dialogue. I hope this is true."

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Recent DV Study

Brad · 26 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

RPB659 writes in on a recent article found in Massachusetts News. The article reports on the research done by Steve Basile on domestic violence and how the facts don't match up with commonly held beliefs.

> Basile found that female defendants were just as abusive as male defendants in terms of both physical and psychological aggression. The results fly in the face of feminist orthodoxy on which the domestic violence industry has been built.

"Domestic violence is time and time again painted exclusively as something male batterers do to their innocent female victims," said Basile. "Our laws, policies and practices unfortunately reflect this myth."

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Senator Sheila Kuehl's Testimony on Paternity Justice Act

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warble writes *"What follows is the exact quote of Senator Kuehl's testimony as given in the Senate on the Paternity Justice Act. In transcribing this from a video, every effort has been made to preserve the actual statements made by her. They are rather incredible to say the least! NCFM, LA is interested in your objective comments and suggestions of how this can be used.*
" See the Read More section below for the transcript of the speech.warble continues, "*Senator Kuehl's Testimony on AB2240 August 6, 2002:*

"I think that paternity law has been constructed not so that it's fair to the parents, but rather that it most likely guarantees that a child will have a designated father. That doesn't sound fair to people. Because biology, has been the thing that most men have pointed to as saying, 'okay I did this now I'll take responsibility for the child.'

But the law, rather, on its own made some decisions about the security of children in saying for instance; where there is a marriage we will declare that the husband of the mother is the father of the child. We don't care whether he was nor not. We don't want to hear about that. We will just declare it.

And there have been other instances where the law has made the decision, this will be the father, and that has not been necessarily (she smiles at the default paternity fraud victims in the audience) fair, as we heard from many of your witnesses (speaking to Assemblyman Wright).

But I'm disturbed by the breadth of the ability to unravel that. Where, we're not saying, rather than you sir, this gentleman is the appropriate father for this child

…But for me this bill goes way too far in unraveling what 'may be' an unfair situation. Such that there would be many more children who would not legally have fathers, and I do not think that would be in the best interest of society as a whole."

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New Jersey Citizens Against Paternity Fraud

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As more evidence that the public outrcy and acknowledgement of the problem of paternity fraud continues to rise, New Jersey is the newest state to have an anti paternity fraud group form. Their web site can be seen here. Thanks to frank_h for this info. Word is that they've already started on state legislation, and they have two billboards advertising their cause in the Trenton, NJ area.

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15 New Sponsors of Men's Health Act!

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Men's Health America writes, "*In June, Men's Health Magazine issued a call for readers to send in a form to support passage of a bill to create the federal Office of Men's Health. 3,000 readers enthusiastically responded. Then, Men's Health Magazine took the 3,000 names to members of the House of Representatives. Lo and behold, 15 additional Representatives agreed to co-sponsor the bill. So now the bill has 119 co-sponsors! The November 5 elections are six short weeks away. We need to make the Office of Men's Health a campaign issue. Find out if your Representative is supporting the bill (H.R. 632) by visiting this page. And then raise a ruckus if they're not.*

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Woman Associated with Terrorist Group Suspected of Murdering Father

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SJones writes *"A man whose wife is a member of a socialist female supremacist terror organization called MOVE was found shot to death after a judge ruled that he could have visitation with his own child. The ex-wife said she would never let him see his child, but she was not arrested for flagrantly violating the order, of course. The story of his murder is here."* This is absolutely shocking.

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Sunday iFeminists/MANN Chat on NH Commission Outcome

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Wendy McElroy will be moderating this week's iFeminist/Mensactivism.org on-line chat, this Sunday, Sept. 29, at 9 PM EST. I will be there to discuss the current status of the NH Commission on the Status of Men and what still needs to be done (we're not totally out of the woods yet). Please join us at the iFeminist chat room for the discussion.

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Foster's Covers Rejection of Scott Hampton to NHCSM

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Foster's Daily Democrat reports here about the rejection of Scott Hampton's nomination to the NH Commission on the Status of Men. Rep. David Bickford had a really strong quote printed, saying that Hampton's nomination by Shaheen "was kind of like putting Osama bin Laden on a Jewish, anti-defamation board." Also of interest is that the NCFC-NH web site now has a summary of the current history of the NHCSM, which is useful to get background on the commission.

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Kent State Columnist Discusses Paternity Fraud

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drakematrix writes *"I am a columnist for the Daily Kent Stater. This week, my column discussed Paternity Fraud Legislation pending in the Michigan State Legislature. you can access the story by going to this page."* Nice work, Michael. We need to get these issues addressed in colleges and universities, and help educate men as early as possible.

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California Governor Vetoes Paternity Justice Act

Scott · 30 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"Governor Davis vetoed AB2240. In Davis' statement below you can see that his reason is mostly based on the requirement of "personal service." In my opinion the personal service amendment was a poison pill and should never have been there. We're nowhere near finished with this."* An Anonymous User also wrote in with the bad news, saying "*An insightful explanation of WHY he's ignoring DNA evidence is in this news story: "*the state might not meet federal requirements on collecting child support payments, putting California at risk of losing $40 million in federal funds.*" My take on it is that Governor Davis is defrauding men, taxpayers and the U.S. government.*" See the Read More section below for the veto letter that Davis wrote himself.To Members of the California State Assembly:

http://www.governor.ca.gov/govsite/msdocs/press_re lease/L02_199_AB_2240_veto_message.doc

I am returning Assembly Bill 2240 without my signature.

This bill would require additional activities for the local child support agencies by making changes to the current paternity establishment process, including a requirement that the summons and complaint be personally served on the alleged father in any action to establish paternity. In addition, the bill would expand the court's ability to set aside default paternity judgments based on genetic testing and upon determination of the best interest of the child.

The intent of AB 2240 is to provide relief to individuals who are victims of paternity fraud. I recognize that paternity fraud is a serious issue and has the potential of damaging an individual's livelihood. However, AB 2240 is flawed in its attempt to address this issue.

Personal service, as required in the bill, would establish a higher standard of service for paternity actions than all other civil actions. This higher standard does not directly address paternity fraud or prevent fraud in the future but instead would adversely impact the establishment of paternities. Thousands of paternity judgments are established timely each year by serving individuals by substitute service or by mail. The bill's requirement of personal delivery service would severely delay this process, but more important, would provide biological fathers the ability to evade service of process, preventing the establishment of paternity in the majority of these cases and allowing the avoidance of parental responsibilities. This would directly impact child support collections and would jeopardize California's ability to meet federally required performance measures putting California at risk of losing up to $40 million in federal funds.

In addition, AB 2240 has substantial federal compliance problems that would adversely affect California. The bill's requirement of a paternity questionnaire, signed by the mother, would prevent the filing of a paternity action in cases against the father if the mother is deceased or unavailable, or if she simply refuses to cooperate. This would prevent moving ahead on cases even if other evidence establishes paternity. This would also apply to foster care cases where federal law requires the establishment of paternity and child support. AB 2240 would prevent California from proceeding on a large number, if not most, of foster care cases, putting California out of compliance with federal law.

Therefore, I direct the Department of Child Support Services to work with the Legislature and advocates on both sides of this issue to develop recommendations that will address paternity fraud.

Sincerely,

Gray Davis

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Prostate Cancer UNawareness Month?

Scott · 30 September 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"Well, here we are at the end of September, 'Prostate Cancer Awareness Month'. So, did everyone else see all the news coverage and reports on this in the media? ... Neither did I.*
I watched and waited all month to see even ONE mention of the subject.
But I waited in vain. I saw zilch! However, I did notice Katie Couric, about a week ago, reminding everyone that October is 'Breast Cancer Awareness Month'! How nice (and typical) of her and the rest of the media to remind us that October is "Breast Cancer Awareness Month", during "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month". and make NO mention of the latter!" Thundercould makes some valid points. I also saw very little attention to PCAW compared to what I remember last year. Where did we go wrong this time - what do you think?

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Grocery Chain Bashses Men

Scott · 1 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

alphamale writes *"Will the male-bashing by corporations ever stop? The latest company is the A & P grocery chain in Canada. In their most recent flyer (ending October 05) one page 2 they have an advertisement for a "60 minute quick roast." The large bold heading reads "So easy it could be cooked by a child. Heck, even a husband."*

I hope you are all as outraged as I am. As a husband and father of two I am deeply offended by this ad. I hope you too will show your outrage. A & P can be contacted at www.freshobsessed.com or 1-877-76fresh. We must stand up against this type of sexist, misandrist advertising! For a fact, you know they will not be running an ad next week with the word wife inserted for husband!

As for me.....I've stopped shopping there. They just lost thousands of dollars of my business."

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Joe Manthey Talks About Fighting Sexism with Sexism

Scott · 1 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch writes *"Joe Manthey has come out with an article that coincides with every thing I have been saying for a while now. I really like the way he puts this piece together and shows up Michael Moore for what Michael is really doing "Curing Sexism with Sexism"?!. Duh! Anyways I want people to look at this piece objectively. Try to not see the points about racial hate crimes as a tit for tat but to see how misconceptions create hostility; hence, more crime and division."*

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Facts About Men and Heart Disease

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Men's Health America has released a special report called Heart Disease: Why Are Men Still at Higher Risk of Death. This informative posting includes some statistics on heart disease, factors that have affected the rates of heart disease, and most importantly, why men are at such higher risk for death from heart disease. It will serve as good material to draw on for an upcoming activism project that MHA is doing.

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MANN Chat: War with Iraq as a Men's Activism Issue

Scott · 2 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve writes *"Scott Haltzman and I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (10/2), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be "War with Iraq: A Men's Activism Issue." They're in the news daily: war, Iraq, the draft, weapons of mass destruction, inspections, the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. All of these points ignore--or at least understate--the simple reality. If the United States (and its allies) go to war, it will be* ***men*** *dying, and* ***men*** *killing* ***men.*** *We can debate foreign policy and national security until we are blue in the face, but a war with Iraq still means a lot of dead men. Join us at this week's MANN chat to discuss why the prospect of war in Iraq is an important men's issue. Invite some friends to the chat, too!"*

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Matching Donation Drive Completed!

Scott · 2 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Due to the generosity of several individuals, Mensactivism.org has received the full $200 in donations which were matched with another $200 from Richard Cann. I'm in the process of getting permission to name the donors who contributed during this time, but felt it was important to announce that the matching fund drive is over so people were aware of this fact. I'm humbled that people completed this drive so quickly, and cannot thank you all enough. **Update:** The following people are to be thanked as generous supporters of Mensactivism.org: **Marc Angelucci**, **Steve Imparl**, **Thomas Parker**, **Luke Brackett**, **Christopher Fritz**, **David H**, **K.S**, **Anonymous1**, **Anonymous2 (member of NCFM-LA)**, and of course, **Richard Cann**.

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Nashville Woman Sexually Mutilates Sleeping Boyfriend

Scott · 2 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"A Nashville woman used her fingernails to rip off the testicle of her sleeping boyfriend in a case of blatant sexual battery which was only prosecuted as domestic violence and only resulted in an arrest due to outstanding warrants against the violent female sexual predator. This is a case of blatant sex discrimination by the attorney general's office in that the attack is clearly sexual battery and has not been prosecuted as such. The article, buried in the back pages of the Tennessean, is found here. Contact the Governor of Tennessee and complain about the failure of the prosecutor and police to charge this sex offender with sexual battery. This exact crime, the ripping off of men's testicles by women using only their hands, is becoming more and more frequent as no prosecutor has ever filed appropriate charges. In fact, this is the only case I have found in which the woman served any jail time at all, and that was only because of mandatory domestic violence arrest laws and her outstanding warrants. She got away with committing a crime of sexual violence and will not be forced to register as a sex offender as she should be."* Could anyone dig up the contact info for the TN Governor, and perhaps the AG who has jurisdiction in this case?

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More Coverage of NHCSM Nomination Controversy

Scott · 3 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Kristin Prolux of the Concord Monitor wrote an outstanding article on the current status of the NH Commission on the Status of Men. She informs readers of the controversial nomination of Scott Hampton, and the most recent nomination of Neal Boutin, who I understand works directly in child support enforcement and is trying to enact significant reform in this area to improve fairness to non-custodial parents. **Update:** The Union Leader, NH's largest newspaper, also printed a story today on the NHCSM. I've been wondering when they'd finally give it some attention.

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Illinios Domestic Violence Essay Contest

Scott · 3 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

chicago joe writes *"This is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper has given us a golden opportunity to be heard. To raise awareness and education about domestic violence, the newspaper is running an essay contest to hear men and women discuss personal stories concerning DV, and more importantly, present ideas on how to diminish it. The winners of the essay contest must be from Illinios and will be honored at a women's forum at the end of the month. While I know we are not interested in winning any contest, the opportunity to e-mail a major newspaper and flood them with statistics and research concerning abused men is an opportunity that should not be passed up."* See the Read More section for some strategic tips chicago joe suggests, as well as where to e-mail your essay/information.*My basic strategy for my e-mail will be this:*

1. Be as professional as possible. Angry letters won't promote much.

2. Provide them with enough information and links to get their attention.

3. Convince them that domestic violence should be viewed as a gender-blind, individualistic human problem, not a gender war.

4. Ask them, if they are seriously concerned about diminishing domestic violence, could they please educate and bring awareness to this side of the issue within their publication this month, or sometime in the near future.

Let's not pass up this opportunity. The Chicago Sun-Times e-mail address for this contest is: essays@suntimes.com

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How NIH Shortchanges Men with Heart Disease Programs

Scott · 4 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

The Men's Health America list has three recent criticisms of the National Institutes of Health and bias in their heart disease programs. Despite the fact that men have approx. 50% higher risk of death from heart disease, the NIH has underrepresented men in heart disease studies, has more sex-specific publications for women than for men about heart disease, and is currently readying a special heart disease awareness campaign targeted at women, but not men. This is about men **dying**, folks. We all need to make some noise over this injustice, and physicians and others in the medical field have a deep obligation to speak out and demand more attention to heart disease in men. Educate yourself with these three MHA postings - one, two, three. And then take a moment and write.

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Reasonable Paternity Fraud Story

Brad · 5 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Mitchell Smith writes in pointing out this story focusing on paternity laws at ABCNews.com.

> *"The paternity debate is heating up in the courts, too. Two men recently attempted and failed to get the U.S. Supreme Court to hear their cases after lower courts ruled they must continue paying support for children who turned out not to be theirs. One, Carnell Smith of Decatur, Ga., is trying to recoup more than $40,000 from his ex-girlfriend after learning three years ago that her 13-year-old daughter is not his."*

The article goes on to make a few good points, including this one.

> "[Commonlaw Fatherhood] *is an ancient practice going back thousands of years for the government or king or chieftain to make a rule about who is the child's parent. And it really was a way of organizing society.*
>
> *Using that argument, men could justify many socially unacceptable practices by relying on centuries-old law, say fathers' rights advocates. "Well, fine, if you want to bring back common law, then I own children and even a woman as chattel. If I catch the woman in an adulterous relationship, I can kill her. Do you want to bring that back?" Jaks said.*

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Equitable Marrige Benifits

Brad · 5 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"A new study on the effects of marriage by researchers in Australia has found that the 1972 claim (that men benefit from marriage at the expense of women) was false. In fact, both men and women reap similar mental health benefits."* This story may be found at yahoo.

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Server Problems Fixed

Scott · 7 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Since I went away this weekend on a trip, the web and mail server of course had to have problems. The hard drive filled up with irrelevant log messages sometime Saturday and ground the system to a halt. Mail has been delayed, but should get through eventually within the next 24 hours. The web site is running cleanly again, so hopefully things are back to normal. Thanks everyone for your patience...

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Money before Truth

Brad · 7 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

The latest article by Glenn Sacks and Dianna Thompson is out.

> *"California Governor Gray Davis had the chance to free thousands of falsely condemned men last week. He chose federal funds instead."*

Also recently at GlennJSacks.com:

Can Abolishing Sole Custody Curb Divorce?

New York Sun (10/2/02)

Equal Parents Week Highlights Need for Family Court Reform

Lansing State Journal (9/26/02)

Michigan Reform Plan Fights Rising Paternity Fraud

Detroit News (9/25/02)

Shared Custody Could Prevent Abductions

Colorado Springs Gazette (9/22/02)

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Men Critical to Heathy Child Development

Brad · 7 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Scott Haltzman writes *"This article reviews an Austrailian study. Bottom line: men count."*

> *"[T]he extent of a father's involvement in caring for a child between birth to five years old was found to be more influential on a child's ability to cooperate and obey instructions when they started school."*
>
> *"She said policy debates about child care had placed too much emphasis on a mother's role in parenting at the father's expense."*

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Time for Action on Biased Heart Disease Programs

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Continuing the Men's Health America campaign to end the neglect of men in new heart disease programs by the NIH, a sample letter to Claude L'Enfant, medical director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, should be used as a model to help bring attention to this injustice. A letter by David Burroughs of Maryland has also been posted to the MHA mailing list. It only takes a few minutes to write, so please do so. Our tax dollars are paying for this biased program, and we have a right to take issue with this.

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MD District Commissioner Referendum a Danger to Men's Rights

Scott · 8 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Scott writes, "*If you are a Maryland voter be warned that a serious threat to your basic civil rights has been offered for your approval this election year in November 2002. The referendum is asking to you amend the State of Maryland's Constitution to allow District Commissioners after normal business hours to remove people from "their homes" under the guise of domestic violence accusations.*" See the Read More section below for the rest of Dan's submission."*Under current law, a hearing must occur before a judge, to decide whether a person can be removed from "their home" based on an accusation of domestic violence or for a mental health examination. While the idea of protecting "people" from violent family members or cohabitants sounds reasonable on the surface to normal people, are you aware this is not what is actually happening?*

Are you aware that when someone brings an "accusation" of domestic violence, that absolutely no proof or witness(es) are required for a judge and by extension the proposed District Commissioner to issue a protective order removing a person from "their home"? They literally take the accusers word for it! Are you aware that the defendant is "not" at the hearing when the decision to have them removed from "their own home" is currently made? It is called Ex Parte

Are you aware that once removed from "your home" that you are made homeless for seven days until a hearing is held to determine your "guilt"? You have seven days in which to find a lawyer to defend yourself! We say your "guilt" since the majority (94% in one jurisdiction) of domestic violence decisions result in a "finding" against the defendant (male) under the civil rules of evidence where accusations are held on the same level of substance as evidence and witness(es). Did you realize that when a man is accused of domestic violence, the determination of guilt was already made at a hearing you were not allowed to attend? The hearing seven days later is merely a formality in most cases unless the woman fails to show up for the hearing.

Are you aware that the decisions currently made virtually targets only one group of individuals? Yes, only one group, men. We contend these are civil rights violations based on gender. Are you aware that domestic violence is committed with equal frequency by both men and women? Are you aware that divorce lawyers use the Domestic Violence Act as a cynical legal ploy to gain Custody and Use & Possession of the residence for divorcing women? Who do you think sponsored this referendum? The Divorce Lawyer Lobby. Who do you think stands to literally profit from round the clock removal of men from their homes? The Divorce Lawyers! Get the facts before you make a decision. See www.geocities.com/fightbigotry2002 (Maryland Judicial Equality Committee)

Are you aware of the current practice in the mis-use of the bail bond system to deprive men of the financial ability to retain a lawyer and remove men from their homes after hours. The Maryland guidelines for bond issuance is consistently disregarded by Court Commissioners in some cases forcing men to plead guilty in order to obtain freedom from incarceration. The Court Commissioners will set disproportionately high bail and force the accused to obtain a non-refundable 10% bond from a bondsman. Bail in some cases have been

set up to $15,500+. In some cases, men have been forced to stay awake for 30 hours before being released on bond. Particularly troublesome is the practice of charging men under the criminal statute, forcing them to post bond, i.e. 10% non-refundable bond, dropping the criminal charge and then charging them under the Domestic Violence Act during business hours where the likelihood of obtaining a conviction is higher. According to a recent study of the bail bond system "Under Maryland's pretrial release rules, the overwhelming majority of these detainees should have been offered less onerous alternatives and been released without bondsmen."

Do you really want to give District Commissioners the power to remove you from "your own home" without a hearing, or even being presented with evidence or witness(es)? Are you prepared to give up your rights of property and become homeless as has happened to thousands of men in Maryland over the last six years due to the discriminatory mis-use of the Domestic Violence Act?

Pass this email on to your friends, they deserve to be told and warned about a threat to their civil liberties.

We urge you to Vote No to the District Commissioner Referendum!

Contact Us: Fightbigotry2002@yahoo.com
Maryland Judicial Equality Committee"

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MANN Chat: Integrated Men

Brad · 9 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (10/9), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be 'Integrated Men: Healing Ourselves, Healing the World.'"*Steve writes *"In his book, No More Mr. Nice Guy, Dr. Robert Glover describes an integrated man as one who can 'embrace everything that makes him uniquely male: his power, his assertiveness, his courage, and his passion as well as his imperfections, his mistakes, and his dark side.' As men's activists, we want to effect positive change in the world. Still, as Mahatma Ghandi said, 'We must be the change we wish to see in the world.' How can becoming complete, whole, and integrated men help us in our activism? Join us at this week's MANN chat to discuss how being the best men we can be may be our most powerful contribution to men's activism. Take a friend or two to the chat, also!"*

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CBS Program JAG States DV is 50/50 Issue

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Tom writes *"We have some reason to celebrate. Last night my wife yelled to me "You better come watch this." When I made it to the TV she said a lead character on the CBS show JAG had just stated that 50% of Domestic violence is committed by women. How bout that! Network TV has now proclaimed that women are indeed violent in relationships. I hope my man Thundercloud got to watch this. It did my heart good. The tide is certainly turning. You can give them feedback here."*

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MA State Trooper Wins Suit for False Sex Harassment Accusation

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Anonymous User sent us this Boston Globe story and writes *"A Suffolk County jury found Tuesday that Elaine Whitfield Sharp knowingly made false accusations that trooper Randy Cipoletta propositioned her for sex and fondled her breasts after arresting her for driving under the influence of alcohol in May 1998."* Sharp is a high-profile defense attorney who apparently thought she could get away with this. The ruling will be appealed.

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Makers of Celexa/Lexapro Focus on Male Depression

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Anonymous User writes *"I found a brochure [on depression in men] at www.lexapro.com. It is a guide for male victims of depression. This is the first time I have seen a brochure geared specifically toward men for this disease. I encourage male victims of depression to write the makers of Lexapro and thank them for this attention."* While Lexapro obviously has a financial interest in marketing their product to men, they clearly state that depression "is an equal opportunity illness, affecting all ages, races, and economic groups, and both genders" and they are contributing to awareness about depression in men.

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Ireland's Supreme Court Rules Part of DV Act Unconstitutional

Scott · 13 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Mark Rosenthal writes, "*Ireland's Supreme Court just declared the Interim Barring Order provision of Ireland's Domestic Violence Act to be unconstitutional. Read about it on the AMEN website here. AMEN is an organization in Ireland set up by Mary Cleary in 1997 to provide support for male victims of domestic abuse and their children. On October 19, 2002, Mary Cleary will be emcee at the Battered Men's Helpline 2nd Annual Conference on Male Victims of Domestic Abuse in Portland, Maine.*"

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Interesting Bias in a Homeless Outreach Program

Scott · 14 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"The Union Rescue Mission is the most recognized and probably the largest homeless program in Los Angeles. Its programs have a non-denominational Christian basis and serve a huge population of homeless people, mostly men. Ray found the website when searching for organizations that might support a commission for men. That's when we noticed this. If you look under "services," you'll see "Men's Programs," and you'll also see "Women and Family Programs." The women's programs are heavily centered around children and "family" while the men's programs seem to leave parenting and children out almost entirely, with some exceptions. This is probably just reflecting a reality that homeless women are more often with their children than homeless men are, so I'm not making any outright attack here. But wouldn't that still, arguably, create a good reason to create a program that encourages the men to increase their involvement with their children in order to help inspire them to overcome difficulties and to increase father involvement even among homeless men? From what I've read, most homeless men are fathers. And given research we know by Sanford Braver and others, it's likely that a lot of these men are apart from their kids due to judicial and systemic bias against them, perhaps in combination with mental disabilities or other factors (which can even be caused or influenced by the systemic bias). Maybe some of us could contact them and perhaps even praise them their work while also politely sharing some thoughts. I'm curious how others would react to this."*

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NCFM Announces New Web News Service

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Tom Williamson writes, "*The National Coalition of Free Men (NCFM) has just initiated a brand new project at its web site. The new service is an automated news page that scans the internet for relevant headlines from magazines and from other web sites. Headlines will change every week and sometimes every day. Our material is divided up into five categories: Divorce, Civil Rights, Life Style, Health and Fashion. A short list of articles appears on the front page with a brief description. If you want to see a much longer list, simply click on MORE beneath the topic heading. Here is a really neat feature: There is an orange flag next to most of the individual articles. If you want to see a list of related articles click on the orange flag. This is great for anyone doing research; for anyone looking to find material to expand on a topic.*"

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When Men's Health Doesn't Count

Brad · 15 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks' most recent column, "When Men's Health Doesn't Count", just ran in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot (10/9/02). To comment on the article, write to the Virginian-Pilot. The piece was co-written by Dianna Thompson, executive director of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children.

The Men's Health Act needs popular support. To write a letter to your Representative, go to this link.

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Letter Template for DV Awareness

Scott · 16 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Equalitarian62 writes, "*October is Domestic violence awareness month in the United States. Last year I created a letter template that could be sent to media outlets across the USA. My own letter was published in the Denver Rocky Mountain News. I am sending an edited (more concise) version to the Denver Post this year (it had to be less than 200 words). Those of you in the United States are urged to contact as many media outlets as possible (newspaper, radio, TV, magazines, etc.). My template may be used, or you can modify it or write your own letter or email.*" To view the sample letter, view the Read More section below. Making use of a sample letter like this takes only minutes, and can make a big impact in numbers. Please help inform the media that domestic violence is not a gender issue, but a human one.To the staff at [insert media outlet here]:

As you are probably aware, October is Domestic Violence awareness month. Domestic violence is a serious issue that affects both men and women. However, the media has traditionally concentrated on those cases where women are victims and men are abusers. Many people are concerned about the lack of coverage of male victims. Here are just three facts to consider:

- Each year, 1.5 million American women are severely assaulted by their "intimate partners." It is less known that 835,000 men are also assaulted annually.

- Women and men assault each other with roughly equal frequency. This would make the difference in the above figures even closer to parity. However, women are somewhat more likely to be injured, and are more likely to report such injuries to police.

- Many women's shelters exist in the United States and other Western nations, but there are very few shelters for men.

Domestic violence hurts us all, either directly or indirectly. While it is important to maintain coverage of women victims, proportionate coverage should also be given to male victims.

I hope that you will take these opinions into consideration in future reports.

Sincerely,

[Your name, contact info, etc]

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RACP Concludes Circumcision is Not Medically Justified

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I received the following press release from NoCirc.org: "*San Anselmo, CA – Last week, the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP), along with six other Australasian medical associations, published its new circumcision policy statement concluding, "After extensive review of the literature the RACP reaffirms that there is no medical indication for routine male circumcision.*"" Read More for the rest of the release.*"It is time for American physicians to follow this lead and reject routine male circumcision," said Los Angeles pediatrician Paul Fleiss, M.D. "There are absolutely no scientific medical reasons for this procedure to continue parading as standard medical care in the USA."*

"While a handful of American and Canadian circumcision advocates have gotten recent media attention by promoting circumcision to prevent cervical cancer or HIV, this new statement takes into account all recent studies and declares there is no reason to circumcise," said Marilyn Milos, RN, director of the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers (NOCIRC). "It is increasingly obvious that a medical fringe element is working to promote circumcision for no other reason than boosting their careers or their pocketbooks. What is abhorrent to me is that reasonable people are taking harmful advice."

"Physicians have known for years that neither male nor female circumcision could be justified on medical grounds. In both cases it is done for social reasons, not medical need," stated Dr. George Denniston, MD, MPH, president of Doctors Opposing Circumcision. "In the United States, we no longer circumcise girls, but boys are still unprotected. Perhaps other countries will have to take the lead away from this outmoded, harmful practice.

Milos said, "When there is no evidence that potential benefits exceed the known risks and harm of an operation, good medical practice dictates that the operation not be done. The RACP statement says there are no medical indications for circumcision. Therefore, any continued practice of routinely circumcising baby boys is not only medically unnecessary, but also unethical and, perhaps, criminal."

The policy statement was adopted by six other Australian and New Zealand medical organizations, including the Australasian Association of Paediatric Surgeons, New Zealand Society of Paediatric Surgeons, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, and Urological Society of Australasia. The new policy statement observed there have been increasing claims over recent years of health benefits from routine male circumcision at a time when the rest of the western world was eliminating the procedure. The most egregious of these claims are urinary tract infections, HIV, and penile cancer. This thorough review of all literature showed these claims cannot be medically substantiated.

The RACP statement says, "The complication rate of neonatal circumcision is reported to be around 1% to 5% and includes local infection, bleeding, and

damage to the penis. Serious complications such as bleeding, septicemia, and meningitis may occasionally cause death."

NOCIRC claims the complication rate is one hundred percent, calling it 'male genital mutilation' because the boy is denied a fully functioning penis.

Other national medical associations, including the American Cancer Society, American Medical Association, and American Academy of Pediatrics, also have circumcision policy statements that find there is no medical justification for routine infant circumcision. Irresponsibly, they leave the decision to parents who are often misinformed. In the United States, infant circumcision is the only surgery prescribed by parents.

The American medical associations did not reply when invited to comment on the RACP's new policy statement.

"Parents must be informed they are mutilating their sons," said Fleiss, "and that they are not preventing or treating any disease by having the foreskin removed in the first few days of life. The foreskin is necessary for full sexual enjoyment and helps protect this vital purpose throughout life. It should be left alone. Babies have a need to be loved and protected, and I look forward to the day when the agonizing cry of a newborn male being circumcised is no longer heard anywhere in the USA."
The male circumcision rate in the USA is under 60%, down from a high of 85% in 1979. Most European, Asian, and Latin American countries have a near zero circumcision rate. Female circumcision has been outlawed in the western world since at least 1996.

National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers

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www.nocirc.org

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MANN Chat: Open Forum

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Steve writes *"This week's MANN chat will be Wednesday night (10/16), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. This chat will be an open forum, with no designated topic. Come to discuss any men's activism issues that you consider important, and invite a friend to join you."*

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cyberMan & Harbinger Join Forces in E-Book Publishing

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"cyberManbooks.com announced today it now offers e-published versions of books from Harbinger Press, http://harbpress.com an independent specialty publisher.*

> "Our books are meant for, and bought by both genders. Frankly, more women buy them than men. But our male audience is also important and more reachable on the Internet. The men who buy books, especially nonfiction on issues pertinent to them as men, are more likely to be on the Internet, and often more at home acquiring and reading them there. It's an obvious place to take them, " says Keith MacLeod, owner of Harbinger Press. Harbinger features titles such as: "The Ultimate Survival Guide for the Single Father" and "Multiple Scandals Of Child Support."

See the Read More section for the rest of the press release.

cyberManbooks is an e-publisher with real-world bases in Yuma, Arizona and Bracknell, England. They publish a variety of 'guy friendly' titles, ranging from novels to cowboy poetry. The cooperative venture was established in an effort to provide more variety to cyberMan readers, and wider availability for Harbinger press. "In the present day e-books are still a little Shih Tzu barking at a big Alsatian. As more and more people have computers and even portable or handheld computers, e-books will grow. The more e-books there are, the more people will consider using them," says Raymond Cuttill, co-owner of cyberManbooks.

"Certainly the more options of both reading media and purchase media, the more people are served. We do very important books that few other publishers would touch. Not because they say outrageous things. They don't. They directly face very difficult issues that have deep meaning to a great many people like divorce, child support and domestic violence. But the mass media, including big publishers, for fear of offending anyone, only deal with things they feel safe in casting in black and white. It is exactly these black-white casted issues our books explore, and the people those books serve -- who are searching for the colors -- know they can't use traditional media to find it," MacLeod said.

Both companies were established to meet needs previously unaddressed by larger publishers. As big publishers increasingly focus on the women's market, owners Raymond Cuttill and Trudy W. Schuett saw a need for material for men, and a more-traditional focus for women. cyberManbooks went online in February of this year to provide fiction and other books for this niche market, which is growing as more consumers take advantage of the variety of choices offered by independent publishers.

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Battered Men's Conference this Saturday

Scott · 17 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This is just a final reminder that the 2nd Annual Conference on Male Victims of Domestic Abuse will be held this Saturday in Portland, Maine. Word is that Mary Cleary from AMEN (Abused MEN) will be at the event, coming all the way from Ireland. I also know other attendees are coming from all parts of the U.S. and even Canada.

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Biological Clock Strikes Men Too

Brad · 18 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Tummler writes *"Men who put their career before having a family should beware: the ticking of the biological clock is as important for fertility in men as it is in women.*

American scientists have discovered that genetic damage to sperm routinely starts to cause infertility in men as young as 35." **Scott's update:** Men's News Daily also has an interesting follow-up article to this story.

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Wannabe Fathers Ramp-up Testosterone

Brad · 18 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Raindrop writes *"Newscientist reports that men wanting a baby "unconsciously" increase testosterone levels. This goes against popular opinion of the "little brain" controlling the "big brain" - seems it's the other way around."*

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Madonna's New Movie a Change of Pace

Scott · 19 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"I found this article on Madonna's new movie "Swept Away," and after I read what the movie is about, it occurred to me that the reason the critics panned the movie so aggressively might be because the female lead, played by Madonna, is made to look weak and dependent on a man, the male lead played by Adriano Giannini, and worse yet, a man below her "station." The film tells the story of an American "rich bitch," who makes life miserable for a lowly Italian crew member of the yacht on which she is cruising the Aegean. But when the couple are accidentally stranded, the Italian "rough trade" sailor forces her to beg for his help to survive until they become lovers. I haven't seen it yet, and I'm not really a movie critic, but it would be interesting to see what the folks here have to say about it. Is it really a bad movie, or is it just that the illiterati don't like the fact that the woman isn't dominant?"*

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Grants Encourage Male Arrest Policies

Scott · 19 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Here are examples of how police departments become biased against men (with huge grant offerings) by teaching them the "correct way" to handle domestic issues. In MA, against all evidentiary facts in just about every instance, men (fathers, husbands, boyfriends) get arrested because this is the "correct and trained way to handle these things." Many men are sitting in jail in MA without any examination of the facts concerning the incident. I know, I was one of them. Please contact the people listed on this page with accurate domestic violence statistics. Whether they want it or not doesn't matter, they need to know. Stop the "witch hunt" against men in MA."*

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Progress in Prostate Cancer Genetic Research

Scott · 20 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Here is some good news about the fight to cure prostate cancer that kills over 30,000 American men each year. Scientists say a gene has been identified that will predict if the cancer will develop into its most lethal form. The earlier the treatment the more chance there is to cure it. Identifying this gene will give the doctors the edge in their diagnosis and treatment plan.*

How appropriate just a couple of weeks after Prostate Cancer 'Un'awareness Month."

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CANOW Publishes Updates to Family Court Report 2002

Scott · 20 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

An Anonymous User sent us this link to the California chapter of NOW's debunked *Family Court Report 2002*. It appears that it has been revised recently, and I'd be curious to know if anyone familiar with the controversy over the first version could tell us what the new changes are? Please post your thoughts in the comments section below.

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The Baby Ceiling

Adam · 22 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Didja miss me? I hope so, as it shows good taste :-) Ok, enough cheap jokes and let's get to the article. This one is a series of articles centered around Sylvia Ann Hewlett's book Creating A Life: Professional Women and the Quest for Children which is focused on the large trend of childless career women. I admit this is not what you expect to see around here, but this book has got a large amount of feminists going mad over the issues it raises, and I thought you might be interested in seeing what all the fuss is about. Feel free to check it out for yourself.

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The Last "Stronghold of Masculinity"

Adam · 22 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This is quite an interesting article here, as it looks at the monastic community of Mount Athos which is a spiritual retreat for the nearest man, and for a thousand years has banned women and all images of women from the island. The writer thinks this is woman hating at its worst, but overlooks the fact that at the start at the article he says this was done in the name of the Virgin Mary. As Bugs Bunny would say, "what a maroon!"

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Negotiating the Sexes on the Radio

Scott · 22 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch writes *"On Thursday I am scheduled to be on the Lion Radio at Penn State University. I will be talking about Men's Issues that are known to us and possibly challenging whoever it is they bring to debate me. I'm going to try and get an mp3 of the show so I can send around to people if the show turns out well. You can listen to the show live over the net. You will have to suppress your 'pop up squasher program' if you have one, so you can get the pop-up link to choose your bandwidth, etc... The show is planned for October 24th starting at 5 PM EST. Log on early just in case; sometimes the music is pretty good and it has less comercials. You can even call in and rant. I have no idea how many people listen to this station but that's what it's all about - raising awareness wherever you can. I will try to use my negotiation skills in regards to dispute resolution. Let's see what comes of it."*

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MANN Chat: Men's Support Groups and Activism

Scott · 23 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (10/23), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be 'Men's Support Groups as Aids to Activism.' On Sunday, I had the pleasure of meeting several men's activists in Denver, Colorado. They gave me a warm welcome and we discussed, among other things, men's support groups. Establishing a men's support group can be challenging. Running a men's support group can be even more challenging. Yet, great adventures and rewards await those who face the challenges of working with a small group of men who meet regularly and support one another on various issues. What do men's support groups have to do with men's activism? How can I start a men's support group? How can being 'one of the guys' in a men's support group make me a better activist? Join us at this week's MANN chat to discuss these questions and more. Take a friend or two to the chat, also!"*

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McElroy Questions Battered Woman Syndrome

Scott · 25 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

kade writes *"FoxNews has an excellent argument against "Battered Woman Syndrome",*
which claims that battered women are psychologically traumatized and therefore not responsible for their violent actions.
As stated in the article, BWS is "a legal defense available to women and de facto denied to men."" Wendy McElroy is the author of this excellent piece.

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UK Cancer Research Funding Statistics

Scott · 25 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Robex writes *"The BBC reports today that "Some of the UK's biggest cancer killers get only a fraction of the funding they deserve".*

The graph has been produced by The UK National Cancer Research Institute and is the first ever comprehensive breakdown of cancer research in the UK.

You will be unsurprised to find that Breast Cancer is one of the most heavily funded cancers versus mortality rate. And if you ever were in doubt about the task we face in getting people to write about male health, the article manages to avoid mentiononing Prostate Cancer once. Of all the cancers shown on the graph, it and Melanoma are the only ones not mentioned."

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CBS "60 Minutes" Discusses Boys' Performance in Education

Scott · 28 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Serge writes *"CBS recently aired a "60 Minutes" episode on boys. "*Just as educators' special efforts to improve the performance of girls in school is showing success, they now have a new problem: boys are falling behind at all levels of education. Lesley Stahl reports.*" The above snippet is the only transcript found on their site. All the other segments of that showing are transcribed! While partially putting the blame on fathers who fail to encourage their sons in scholastic achievement, as well as crying that "men still earn more," the program did raise important questions that are but all too familiar to this site's readers. But overall, I think it was a step in the right direction and is sure to get some discussion going in wider circles. Perphaps someone else could find the transcript of this on their site, as I am unable to. Otherwise, we should probably encourage them."* I've received word that N.O.W. has issued an action alert to lobby CBS to stop acknowledging the plight of males in school, so we really need to counter their efforts and help *increase* this kind of coverage.

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Grassroots Campaign for Male-Friendly Judge in WA

Scott · 28 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch sent us this story from Men's News Daily and writes *"Here is an opportunity to do some more letter writing activism. There is a male friendly judge who is trying for a supreme court seat. In fact I think he is all about the greatness of fathers. Even his own daugther, which I think is great, is his biggest supporter. His name is Judge Steve Alexander who "is a fiscal and social conservative who believes in the sanctity of family and fatherhood" is trying to get himself on the ballot for Washington State Supreme Court, Position 4. If this is of an interest to you, you may consider writing in or helping with the "grassroots" campaign they, his daugther and many others are trying to organize for his admission. "I wanted to be there for my children--not just a name on their birth certificate, but a strong, warm, and loving presence in their lives"-Judge Alexander."* I'm really sorry for taking so long to post this, I hope there's still time for it to help.

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Men's Groups Making Progress on DV Awareness

Scott · 29 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Here is a somewhat unbiased article that was prominently featured in The Boston Globe concerning domestic abuse. The headline and pictures associated with the article look like they are of standard feminist slanted variety that newspapers regularly publish. But this one presents men's issues as they relate to the domestic violence "industry." As usual, the local feminists have issue with the truth. PLEASE contact the Globe to support unbiased reporting like this, and send them facts and support on domestic violence issues.""* letter@globe.com

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Osteoporosis Ignored in Aging Men

Brad · 29 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"A recent article discusses how the medical community ignores older men's health problems, specifically osteoporosis."*

> *" To investigate whether doctors treat osteoporosis in men who are hospitalized for hip fracture, the researchers reviewed the medical records of more than 300 patients at least 50 years old. Patients were asked in mailed questionnaires whether they received any medication for osteoporosis [...].*
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> *According to the report, less than 5% of men had received any treatment for osteoporosis when they were discharged from the hospital, compared with 27% of women."*

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Live Call-in Show with Thompson and Sacks

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Dianna Thompson and Glenn Sacks will host their first live call-in show on MND radio tonight at 9 PM EST/6 PM PST. They will be discussing the war against so-called "deadbeat dads" and the new, election season punitive measures against divorced dads being discussed in Ohio. The show will be on Men's News Daily radio and the call-in number is 1-888-440-3476.

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Paternity Justice Act Raises Questions

Scott · 30 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In this article on ifeminists.com, Kirsten Tyrnan argues that the veto of California's paternity fraud legislation was not as irresponsible as Glenn Sacks and Dianna Thompson believe. In fact, vetoing the bill prevented the state from making the mistake of trading one set of problems for another. Tyrnan's main concern with the original bill is also well stated. Neither the woman who lied about vital information to the presumed father, nor the system which blindly enforced her fraudulent claims against him, would be held accountable.*
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October Men's Hour Includes Status of Men in NH Update

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"In the October Men's Hour; Michael J. Geanoulis talks about The NH Commission on the Status of Men, how hearts and minds are being won. Will the WHO report on violence save men from everything from suicide through domestic and sexual violence to war? Well, not exactly. In Costa Rica mothers can name the father of their baby if they want to. Presumably then they never get it wrong - right? wrong! Available at www.menshour.com. Listen online or download MP3s."*

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MANN Chat: Do We Need an Office of Men's Health?

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Steve writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (10/30), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be 'Do we need an Office of Men's Health?' The Men's Health Act of 2001 would create an Office of Men's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services. However, that bill is languishing in Congress, while men continue to suffer from the concerns the bill seeks to address. Some men say we need an Office of Men's Health to promote men's health and well-being. Other men say such an office would merely create bigger government and more bureaucracy, and would not produce any tangible benefits for men. What do you say? Join us at this week's MANN chat to share your views on the proposed Office of Men's Health or men's health issues generally. Invite a friend to accompany you to the chat; he'll thank you for it!"*

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VAWA Legislative Intent is to Include Men

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As Stanley Green mentioned during the Conference on Male Victims of Domestic Abuse two Saturdays ago, many people aren't aware that, despite some of the language of the bill, the Violence Against Women Act is not intended to exclude funding for male services, nor could doing so survive a constitutional challenge. Of special interest is the fact that Senator Orin Hatch entered some important comments into the Congressional Record before the bill was passed. These comments can be read in the Read More section below. If you'd like more information on this, the Men's Health Network has some relevant documents you can download from this page. "*There is one final issue that has been raised, recently, which we would like to take this opportunity to address, and that is the eligibility of men to receive benefits and services under the original Violence Against Women Act and under this reauthorizing legislation. The original Act was enacted in 1994 to respond to the serious and escalating problem of violence against women. A voluminous legislative record compiled after four years of congressional hearings demonstrated convincingly that certain violent crimes, such as domestic violence and sexual assault, disproportionally affect women, both in terms of the sheer number of assaults and the seriousness of the injuries inflicted. Accordingly, the Act, through several complementary grant programs, made it a priority to address domestic violence and sexual assault targeted at women, even though women, of course, are not alone in experiencing this type of violence.*

"Recent statistics justify a continued focus on violence targeted against women. For example, a report by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics issued in May 2000 on Intimate Partner Violence confirms that crimes committed against persons by current or former spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends--termed intimate partner violence--is `committed primarily against women.' Of the approximately 1 million violent crimes committed by intimate partners in 1998, 876,340, or about 85 percent, were committed against women. Women were victims of intimate partner violence at a rate about 5 times that of men. That same year, women represented nearly 3 out of 4 victims of the 1,830 murders attributed to intimate partners. Indeed, while there has been a sharp decrease over the years in the rate of murder of men by intimates, the percentage of female murder victims killed by intimates has remained stubbornly at about 30 percent since 1976.

"Despite the need to direct federal funds toward the most pressing problem, it was not, and is not, the intent of Congress categorically to exclude men who have suffered domestic abuse or sexual assaults from receiving benefits and services under the Violence Against Women Act. The Act defines such key terms as `domestic violence' and `sexual assault,' which are used to determine eligibility under several of the grant programs, including the largest, the STOP grant program, in gender-neutral language. Men who have suffered these types of violent attacks are eligible under current law to apply for services and benefits that are funded under the original Act--and they will remain eligible under the Violence Against Women Act of 2000--whether it be for shelter space under the Family Violence Protection and Services Act, or counseling by the National Domestic Violence Hotline, or legal assistance in obtaining a protection order under the Legal Assistance for Victims program.

"We anticipate that the executive branch agencies responsible for making grants under the Act, as amended, will continue to administer these programs so as to ensure that men who have been victimized by domestic violence and sexual assault will receive benefits and services under the Act, as appropriate.

"We append to this joint statement a section by section analysis of the bill and a more detailed section by section analysis of the provisions contained in Title V.

"Thank you."

- Senator Orin Hatch

October 11, 2000

Congressional Record pgs. 10191-92

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Male Witches Executed 400 Years Ago

Brad · 31 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

An anonymous user points to a finding by two Canadian academics. It turns out that the witch-hunts that occured around the 16th century were not exclusively female-oriented, as modern media suggests.

> *"It makes it much harder to maintain the standard, stereotypical narrative of unrelieved misogyny, of blind ignorance, superstition and woman-hating,"*

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A Man Driven To Suicide/Murder?

Thomas · 31 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

We're gonna hear a lot about this.

Robert S. Flores Jr., the man who killed three professors and himself at the University of Arizona, wrote a long letter detailing the reasons for his actions. In that missive he states, "...I will stand up for myself and be assertive. What I discovered was that being a male and non-traditional student, and (shudder!), assertive was not compatible with the instructors at the college of nursing... In many ways male nursing students are 'tokens.'" He speaks of his wife using standard accusations against him during their divorce, though he says she couldn't substantiate any of them and even contradicted herself, and he gives other examples of being abused for being male. He has stated outright that these were among the reasons for his murder/suicide.

It sounds like, among other things, this man cracked after years of abuse and oppression for being male. I'm afraid we will see much more of this sort of thing in the future.Source: azstarnet.com

Title: Robert Stewart Flores Jr.: "Communication from the dead"

Author: Robert Stewart Flores, Jr.

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Breast Cancer Gene Tied to Prostate Cancer

Scott · 31 October 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"After all the disparately high funding for breast cancer research at the expense of other cancers such as prostate cancer it has been found that the gene that increases a woman's risk for breast cancer is tied to a man's increased risk for prostate cancer. The story is here."*

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Australian Phone Counseling Service for Men Swamped

Scott · 1 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This story in The Age says that Australia's new phone counseling service for men is unable to keep up with demand. In spite of the degrading cartoon beside the article, men's voices are finally being heard."* I also found some of the commentary in the article degrading to men, but I'm encouraged to see that men are making use of this service. We need to help these people, not ridicule them.

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Chicago Tribune Columnist Downplays Pedophilia by Women

Scott · 1 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

chicago joe writes *"I just read one of the most disturbing commentaries co-authored by Eric Zorn and Mary Schmich of the Chicago Tribune. It was an opinion piece asking the question,"Is sex with teens different if adult is a woman?" This is concerning the recent arrest of a teacher in the Chicago area who is accused of having sex with three of her male teenage students. Both writers agreed that it is not the same. They essentially said female pedophilia is OK! Eric Zorn wanted to know why the boys were not suspended because "they should have known better", and he diminished the felony charges because it is "every teenage boy's fantasy." Mary Schmich states that men are predators when engaging in sex with underage girls, but women are innocent because they are "just having relationships" with young boys. The Chicago Tribune is owned by the powerful media giant Tribune Co, owners of many media outlets and also owners of the Chicago Cubs. This should be an embarrassment to them."* Here's the link, though free registration is required to read it.

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A Woman' Right to Choose, Not A Man's

Scott · 1 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"This story says that abortion rights are at the center of many key races in this year's election. We need to pay attention to this because as much as the feminists want to keep the focus on access to safe and legal abortion, the Roe v. Wade ruling is key to father's rights: it states that the father has no right to any decision making in the reproductive process. It is possible for father to have reproductive choice AND to keep abortion safe and legal. Note that this MAY be a possible dividing point with the pro-abortion crowd. There may be many women who favor male reproductive choice who also demand the right to safe and legal abortion."*

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NOW's Report on Media Bias

Brad · 2 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

According to this article... well, read this.

> *"Network programming sends a distorted, often offensive image of women, girls and people of color brought to you through the point-of-view of white men and boys," said NOW Foundation president Kim Gandy. "Television remains very much a man's world, with women serving primarily as eye candy."*

Apparently CNN isn't aware that not all women agree.

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UK Law to Men: Prove it

Brad · 2 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Gone is the notion that one is innocent until proven guilty. A new UK law puts the burden of proof on *men* to prove that they are *not* rapists.

> *"The Home Secretary, David Blunkett, has made it clear that the current rate of convictions for rape is "unacceptable", and the explicit aim of these reforms is to find more men guilty."*

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Gender Equity Policies

Brad · 5 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Chas writes *"In "The Australian" 5th Nov. 2002, Angela Shanahan challenges gender equity policies in schools because they result in inequity for boys. The claims by gender feminists that girls suffered because of gender bias is disputed. Shanahan points to the needs of boys being neglected because of such philosophy. She argues that inequity for anyone is not a gender issue but a pedagogic and educational issue."*Make good note of the "feedback" option at the bottom of the link. Support for this type of reporting is critical.

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Does NOW Stand for Equality?

Brad · 6 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Thompson & Sacks ask 'Does NOW Stand for Equality?'
on their new, live call-in show.

Deborah Watkins, former president of the Tarrant County (Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas) chapter of the National Organization for Women, left NOW to become president of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men. What prompted Ms. Watkins to make such a dramatic transition? You can find out by joining Thompson & Sacks as we ask *"Does NOW Stand for Equality?"* on our live call-in show on MND radio. The show will began at 9 PM EST/6 PM PST (Tuesday, November 5).

To listen, or for more information,
go to Mens News Daily.

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MANN Chat: False Accusations - Disarming the Growing Threat

Scott · 6 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (11/6), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be 'False Accusations: Disarming The Growing Threat.' New rape laws in the UK will gravely harm a man's right to due process of law when he is accused of rape. This anti-male legislation is just the latest threat to men's rights that false accusations create. What are we going to do to combat such threats? How are we going to hold false accusers accountable for their crimes? I hope you will join us at this week's MANN chat as we figure out the answers to these questions."*

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NH Men's Commission Sponsor Re-Elected

Scott · 8 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In August and September, this site ran articles about David A. Bickford, who was running for re-election to the New Hampshire House. He won. Read about it here."* That's correct - David was the primary sponsor of the NH Commission on the Status of Men bill, and due to his district changing, he had a lot of concerns about being re-elected. In the end, he actually received the most votes in the new district (of which the top eight candidates receive seats), so he couldn't have done better. Thanks in part to some of the generous donations that went to him after pleas for help appeared on this site.

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An Explosion of Interest in a Commission for Men

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warble writes *"NCFM, LA completed a tabling project on Tuesday November 5th. The objective of the project was to obtain signed letters in support of a Commission for Men in Los Angeles County. Our goal is to obtain over 100 signed letters before November 19th. Currently, we have about 50-signed letters in support of the commission."* See the Read More section below for more info. Congratulations to this group - we look forward to seeing the outcome of your efforts!*The objective of the letters is to place additional pressure in addition to our suit against the L.A. Board of Supervisors. When we tabled, we were outside of the main courthouse on the sidewalk. We initially thought that it would be hard to obtain the signatures and create interest in men's issues. To our surprise we found it difficult for the two of us to manage the interest! We found that many potential contacts were missed because we were so overwhelmed with educating the public as fast as possible while moving on to the next person. You can bet the police were patrolling and watching is very closely. They made several passes but left us alone.*

Due to the success of the response, we now believe that tabling is a key tool of our grassroots effort to expand interest in men's issues. It is amazing how many men commented that they had heard of our work with AB2240. There were people from all walks of life expressing interest in our activism. We literally had attorneys, doctors, laborers, and others taking our flyers, reading them, and coming back with the comment, "now this is an organization that I can support!"

Because of this effort and other efforts in increasing our membership we are finding that we should be able to double the size of NCFM, LA in the next couple of months. That means that our influence will double and that we will be able to increase the chances for success. The sense that we are getting is that there is an explosion of interest in a strong men's rights group. The interest is so strong that it is difficult to manage it. That is a great problem to have. Clearly, the public is fed up with the radical feminists and their lies. They are actively looking for solutions. It is now obvious that men's issues will move forward because of the shear justice of the cause.

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Registration required: Are sex offenders unique?

Thomas · 8 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I've often wondered about the forced registration of sex offenders, when other violent criminals are not required to register with the police. This article questions the dubious reasons for forcing only sex offenders to register and have their names and addresses available to the public. It seems to me that child abusers, at the very least, should also be forced to register. Perhaps they aren't because women are the perpetrators of most physical abuse and murders of children.Source: www.townhall.com

Title: Registration required: Are sex offenders unique?

Author: Jacob Sullum

Date: November 8, 2002

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Staunch Feminist Nancy Pelosi Leads Race To Become House Minority Leader

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Representative Nancy Pelosi will likely become the leader of the Democratic Party in the House of Representatives. Pelosi is very active in spreading the myth that women are paid far less than men for the same work. She supports the discriminatory VAWA, and wants to see it more staunchly enforced. She is also very active in the campaign to ratify the radical feminist CEDAW. If she wins this post, the Democrats will have taken another step toward domination by the radical feminist agenda.Source: www.foxnews.com

Title: Frost Drops Out of House Minority Leader Race

Author: Liza Porteus

Date: November 08, 2002

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Female Bashing E-cards Available to Prove a Point at MSNHatesMen.com

Scott · 9 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"A revived www.MSNHatesMen.com is now running. It is a free antidote to the male bashing e-cards on the MSN "Love Stinks" section. The female e-card is now available, equivalent to the MSN one about pressing the pillow harder so you can't hear a man whining. If you think the female ecard is sexist, then you should think the male ecard sexist. This is not about hating women - it is about challenging the hatred of men."*

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The F-Word: Fatherhood

Thomas · 9 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Though it focuses mostly on men acting individually, this article struck me as a further sign of just how strong an impact the men's movement is having. Researchers have started to ask about the role of men in the plummeting birth rate in Australia (a phenomenon occurring in most or all industrialized nations). This suggests to me that, as we take control of our lives over the next few decades, men and the men's movement will have at least as much of an impact on society as feminism has had over the last 35 or so years.

Hang onto your hats, ladies and gentlemen, we're in for a hell of a ride.Source: theage.com.au

Title: Don't call me daddy

Author: Wendy Tuohy

Date: November 9 2002

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In Honor of our Vets...

Scott · 11 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I'd like to take a moment today to honor the military veterans who have made all kinds of sacrifices for the rights that most of us take for granted. If anyone has poems or other relevant thoughts on this, feel free to post them in the comments section of this story.

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The Silence Of The Man

Thomas · 12 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Unfortunately, this article was put in the entertainment section, rather than being written in a slightly more serious style and published as an editorial. I also don't buy the "Fathers may not, on the whole, have it as bad as mothers." Nevertheless, the essay deals with the silencing of men, and it shows that men are starting to speak out.

This other article deals with the general silencing, in the US, of any voice that runs contrary to pc dogma. It's good to see more and more people speaking out about the silencing of men and the social disease known as political correctness.First article:

Source: www.nypost.com

Title: Is this your wife?

Author: Joseph Steuer

Date: November 11, 2002

Second article:

Source: www.worldnetdaily.com

Title: America is afraid

Author: Dr. Laura Schlessinger

Date: November 11, 2002

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NCFM-LA's Web Site Additions

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Marc writes *"Please check out the website National Coalition of Free Men, Los Angeles chapter, and sign our guesbook! We could use your support and feedback. Be sure to click on "flyer." That cute little boy smiling at you on the upper left is Ray. He grew up to become a battered male and a Vietnam Vet, and he's now one of NCFM's most active members! In fact he designed the flyer! Oh, and don't forget to click on "activist projects" to see the letters of support for a commission for men coming from leaders all over the community. The declaration by Patricia Overberg at the top names the DV shelters who abused and mistreated her just because she dared to make some space for male victims. Big thanks to Warble and his friend for designing the website, to Ray for designing the flyer, to all chapter members for their hard work, to NCFM national for their support and for a start-up grant, and to everyone else for their support as well and for being part of a movement that will not stop, ever, until we see equal justice for men. Of course there's much more in site for our site, but this is what we have so far and we'd love to hear from you in our guestbook. Thanks!"*

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Boston Globe Recognizing Men Abused by Women

Scott · 13 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"The Boston Globe has recognized that men are abused by women by publishing Cathy Young's excellent article that points out that domestic violence policies are all too often influenced by an outdated, one-sided, and sexist view of abuse."*

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MANN Chat: Toward Male-friendly Family Law

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Steve writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (11/13), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be 'Toward Male-friendly Family Law.' I think most men's activists would agree that there are many problems with the family law system and that the system generally discriminates against men. To effect positive change, it might help to consider what a reformed family law system would look like. What is your vision of a male-friendly system of laws relating to marriage and divorce? Join us at this week's MANN chat to share your vision and learn from others. Invite a friend or two to join you!"*

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The Men's Pill: News

Adam · 14 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Have I got an exclusive for you, some interesting news
about the men's pill, I would say more, but the real fun is finding out yourself isn't it? of course it is!
Click the link and read for yourself. I think you'll be surprised....

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Sacks Blasts College Misandry

Brad · 14 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

In his latest article, "Why Males Don't Go to College," men's issues columnist Glenn Sacks blasts American universities as "hostile environments" for males. He takes readers into the classrooms of his old alma mater, UCLA, to expose the bigotry which college men face on a daily basis. He also skewers what he calls the "timid male professors who are so content with their own careers that they were perfectly willing to allow 18 year-old boys to be beat up on rather than jeopardize their own comfort by speaking out" against anti-male bigotry.

Glenn will discuss the article on the Al Rantel Show tonight (Wednesday, November 13) at 7 PM PST on AM 790 KABC in Los Angeles. Listeners can call in to the show at 1-800-222-KABC.

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American Furniture Warehouse Ad Offensive

Scott · 14 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

equalitarian62 writes, "*American Furniture Warehouse (in Colorado) has a commercial that shows a man and his wife on an old squeaky mattress. The man is uncomfortable with the mattress and keeps tossing and turning, which obviously annoys his wife. The wife then suddenly grabs a frying pan and hits him over the head! After this "humor," the viewer is told that that there is a sale on at American Furniture Warehouse. To send an email of protest, see this page.*"

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Glenn to Appear on the Charles Goyette Show

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Glenn will discuss anti-male hostility on college campuses and his new article "Why Males Don't Go to College" (She Thinks, 11/12/02) on the Charles Goyette Show on Friday, November 15 at 5 PM PST on KFYI AM 550 in Phoenix, AZ. Listeners can call the show at (602) 258-5394 or e-mail the host. For more information, go to GlennSacks.com.Glenn will also discuss this issue on the Gary Nolan Show on Radio America on Monday, November 18 at 8:30 PM EST on the Radio America network. Click here to listen.

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Wendy McElroy exposes feminism's "urban legends"

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FoxNews has recently commented on an article by Wendy McElroy that elaborates on how feminism destroys the lives of people who dare to contradict it.

> [T]he media should stop treating slander as though it was a counter-argument. When men who question feminist data are bashed as batterers, reporters should demand hard evidence for this criminal charge.

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Glenn to Appear on ABC Radio in Australia

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Glenn will discuss the increasing trend towards men as primary caregivers of children with host Madeleine Randall on ABC Radio's Early Morning program in Australia on Monday, November 18 at 8:30 am PST. You can listen to the show via the Internet.To read some of Glenn's columns on men as primary caregivers, see "Father Care: The Other Child Care Option" (W. New York Family Magazine, June 2001) and "Stay-at-Home Dads: A Practical Solution to the Career Woman's Dilemma" (Newsday, 5/22/02).

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Man Arrested For Self-Defense

Thomas · 16 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anthony Davis was almost killed in a knife attack by his ex-girlfriend. His defense is that he defended himself by punching his assailant. She got black eyes; he almost died; he was arrested. Read about it here.Source: www.channel3000.com

Title: Defense: Badger Running Back Almost Killed In Attack
Davis Wants Charges Against Him Dropped

Date: November 15, 2002

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Suicide Epidemic at School Not Raising the Right Questions

Scott · 16 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"This story concerns two successful suicides and one attempted suicide within in the span of one week in the Pioneer Central School District near Buffalo, New York. As I sit here shaking my head, all I can say is* ***Isn't about time someone started to investigate why our sons are doing this?!****"*

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Sexism Against Dads at the IRS

Scott · 16 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Aleph Null writes *"Check out this link at the IRS web site. Notice the genders of the presumed child support offenders - always male! File your complaints here. You can also include a reference to statistics which indicate that non-custodial moms are more likely to be in arrears than non-custodial dads."*

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NYTimes Magazine DV Article

Scott · 17 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Matt Campbell writes *"This is a good article questioning the efficacy of DV-related mandatory arrest laws. Still, the article fails to mention that half of DV cases are women assaulting men, though at least it mentions DV vs. men a little more more than in passing. But it also does not discuss the anti-male judicial bias in DV cases, even ones where men were clearly the victim."*

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Radical Feminists Attempt to Silence Senator Anne Cools

Scott · 17 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

AFG writes *"These video links show what the radical feminists don't want you to see. During a conference discussing domestic violence and shared parenting in Canada, Senator Anne Cools (who has fought for the rights of both sexes) was repeatedly shouted down by militant man-hating feminists. At certain times, they even attempted to get the camera shut off, as they didn't want their misandry exposed. One ray of hope at the conference: Most of the audience applauded Cools whenever she stood up to the feminists. I would like to extend my support and thanks to Senator Cools for standing up for what is right and for what is fair. And here is a link to Anne Cools' site (if anyone wants to send her a thank you note)."*

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Series of Articles Document Violent Crime by Women

Scott · 18 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones refutes the idea that women are incapable of violent crime (and the light tone with which the media portrays it) with the following examples from recent news: *"An Iranian woman cut off her husband's ear with a knife after he simply asked her why she was late coming home. He reported to police that she becomes extremely angry easily and often beats him up. The story is here.*

A gang of armed and dangerous pregnant women in Ecuador went on a crime spree and said they did not care who saw them because sexist Ecuadoran law places pregnant women above the law. After their pregnancy tests came back positive the police were forced to release them all. The story is here.

Two 14 year old girls robbed a bank in New York and their mother drove the getaway car. The story is here.

A South African man died after his wife became angry with him and grabbed him by the testicles, squeezing and causing him unbearable pain from which he passed out and never recovered. The story is here.

A Cambodian woman murdered her husband with repeated axe strikes to the genitals so that she could run away with her son-in-law. The story was, of course, dumped into the Oddly Enough news as if it were nothing but a joke."

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A Founding Mother Speaks Out

Thomas · 18 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This one'll put you off your feed.

Germaine Greer is generally recognized as one of the founding mothers of second wave feminism. (You know, that's when feminism was so loving and well intentioned, before it was hijacked.) Well, the great feminist icon had this to say in a Guardian article. I love the fact that she carries on about how vile men are and how 99.9% could be elimated without any real loss. Then she finishes the article by saying, "Women would find a world without men flat and savourless; it is men who dream of a world without women."

The world waited to stop Adolf Hitler, and tens of millions suffered horribly as a result. How long will the world wait before stopping these feminists?Source: www.guardian.co.uk

Title: Surplus to requirements?

Author: Germaine Greer

Date: Nov. 16, 2002

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UK Sex Offenders to Have Electronic Chip Implanted

Scott · 19 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

John Knouten writes "
The technology is being developed to implant electronic chips into sex offenders which will monitor their sexual arousal, thus signaling when they may present a criminal danger. The story is here. Civil liberties groups are horrified."

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Rights & Responsibilities

Brad · 19 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy McElroy's most recent article exposes Martha Burk's contempt for men.

> *"According to PC feminism, the woman alone has the right of choice in carrying a pregnancy to term while the man bears legal responsibility for child support. Yet, in paying child support, he has no guarantee of joint custody or even visitation rights."*

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Men's Groups Speak at L.A. County Supervisor Meeting - Lawsuit News

Scott · 19 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci sent me a press release which can be downloaded here. It begins, "*About 20 or more activists from the L.A. chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men and others will hold a rally outside the L.A. County Board of Supervisors' meeting on November 19, from 9am-12pm. We will also testify before the Supervisors during public comment (Item 76) to ask the County to create a Commission for Men that will address issues affecting men, such as child custody, paternity fraud, domestic violence, prostate cancer, prison rape and false accusations. The testimony can be viewed live from the County website at this link. We have also filed a lawsuit to that effect based on equal protection (Superior Ct. BC77370).*" This is some very important news, and the press release has more details, so please take a look at it.

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Progressive Insurance Threatened with Federal Legal Action

Scott · 20 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

incredibletulkas writes *"I have just threated Progressive.com with civil action in federal district court for its "Voodoo Doll" commercial, via the following warning:*

This notice is a final warning of federal civil action. If Progressive.com does not immediately cease and desist from its rampant anti-male hate-messages, and such are not removed from public airwaves immediately, I will immediately file suit in federal court seeking maximum damages for willful and malicious conduct as well as abuse of public airwaves, citing precedent including previous violations of federal sanctions placed for similar previous case law pertaining to offensive messages attacking race or gender." Read More for the rest of this letter.

I do not know, or care, from what mental institutions and/or abusive childhoods etc. that Progressive.com scours to find its advertising personnel; however, regardless of this in-house dementia, any lack of immediate response in the affirmative to such demand for cessation will be construed as a patent refusal. Attempts to reconcile this matter though proper channels have been exhausted, and this is a final warning beyond all reasonable restraint. Failure to remove such offensive ads immediately, will result in federal action within the coming week, and names of those responsible will be likewise forwarded to corporate management as well as stockholders, including legal costs; it is also a virtual certainty that this case will succeed, with punitive damages calculated to triple that of all profits gained thereby (as determined via pre-trial discovery), in addition to court-costs awarded to the plaintiff included; therefore there is no logical reason to refuse this final request; hence, continued refusal can only indicate a neurotic inclination consistent with the unstable mindset of such expressions of sadistic depravity.

I therefore urge Progressive.com to look to its best interests, as well as those of its stockholders, and take advantage of this final opportunity to avoid finding itself at the focal point of a legal battle that it cannot possibly win.

Legal papers have already been drawn up, and will be filed as of Monday, November 25 in federal district court in the event of a non-response; I therefore urge Progressive.com to make haste in order to cease its lawless and unconscionable disrespect of basic human decency.
Progressive.com's response will determine its future situation.

Brian Armstrong

barmstrong@joimail.com"

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Salem Witch Trials of 1692 and DV Hearings

Scott · 20 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Maryland Judicial Equality Committee writes *"The court documents of the infamous witch trails are on line. After a case review of the seventeen people who were executed for Abuse by Witchcraft, there was a consistent pattern by the court in it's methods of determining guilt. The court's pattern is disturbingly similar to today's Domestic Violence hearings. The details and links to the documents are on this page. Like then Governor William Phips of Mass., who will have the courage to challenge our current dysfunctional legal system?"*

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MANN Chat: Men's Apathy About Men's Issues

Scott · 20 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (11/20), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be 'Why Are Men So Apathetic About Men's Issues?' The title says it all. Let's figure out some answers at this week's MANN chat. Invite a friend or two to join you!"* **Scott's Update:** The chat server that QuickChat uses is apparently down, so unfortunately tonight's chat must be cancelled. We do intend to revisit this topic during the next on-line chat, though.

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DNA Acquittals Show Men as Main Victims of False Accusations

Scott · 21 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"While reading this article, I came upon this link to something called "The Innocence Project," an organization that advocates the use of DNA evidence, post-conviction, to exonerate those wrongfully incarcerated. While there, I happened upon this section of the site, which includes a bar graph showing the factors leading to wrongful convictions, an analysis of the first 70 cases where wrongful convictions were reversed. If you sum the categories of False Witness Testimony, Prosecutorial Misconduct, and Police Misconduct, you see that these factors together overwhelm all others. Also, and maybe more important, I could not find ANY females among the exonerated. Given these two things, I submit to you that this is further evidence of the shoddy treatment of men by the court system."*

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Police Respond Favorably to NCFM, LA's Work

Scott · 21 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"I encourage everybody to read the stories of officers who have become victims of radical feminists. They are quite upset that they have to enforce bigoted male-hate laws. You can read the responses of two anonymous officers at this link: Police join with NCFM, LA in speaking out against male-hate laws!"*

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Man Awarded Damages in Paternity Fraud Case

Scott · 23 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Kingsley G. Morse Jr. writes *"In a dramatic and long over due remedy, a court finally ordered a woman to pay damages for lying to her husband about who the father was. Bizarrely, men are often forced to reward liars with child support."* All I can say is...I sure hope this helps to open the floodgates!

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MSN Ecards Giving Activists the Brush-Off

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Mitchell A. Smith has been making repeated attempts to contact MSN Egreetings and have them remove their male bashing e-cards, but is getting the standard, "thank you for your opinion, it's been forwarded to the appropriate people" response. He would like to put the word out that he could use more support from other men's activists. Please contact them and let them know that we expect more from them. Mitchell would also like to hear from other activists who have tried to address this issue - his e-mail is ppmnow@hotmail.com.

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Marsden Charged with Criminal Harassment of Ex-Boyfriend

Scott · 24 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Mark writes *"This Vancouver Sun article details the charges against Rachel Marsden for criminally harassing her ex-boyfriend. If the name seems familiar to you, it's because she made herself famous for accusing a Simon Fraser University swim coach with sexually harassing her. An interesting note on this trial is the judge has prevented Rachel from defending herself publically to prevent the alleged victim from being 're-victimized.""*

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November 29 Is the Deadline for Title IX Messages

Scott · 26 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Tony submitted the following alert from the National Organization of Women:

> "November 29 Is the Deadline for Title IX Messages. Write to the Commission on Opportunities in Athletics in support of the current policies implementing Title IX, which guarantees equality for girls and women in all federally-funded education programs. Take action!"

Tony writes, "*The link at www.now.org requesting people to submit letters of support for Title IX. As we know Title IX enforcement has caused many sports programs to fold due to the "play it safe" quota enforcement many schools use to abide by the Title IX rules. This needs to change now.*
It has a nice bit of sarcastic irony to use NOW website links against them on NOT supporting this issue."

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Rethinking the Conservative View of Divorce

Scott · 27 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"An article on divorce and the traditional conservative position ends with the statement that conservatives should support "joint physical custody." This is a great step in the right direction. The author even mentions vengeful ex-wives who lock fathers out of their children's lives. The article is here."* The author argues that it is not divorce, but what happens to children after divorce that causes social problems. It's an interesting way of looking at this.

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A Legislative Feminist-Only Club

Scott · 27 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"By now everybody knows that radical feminists are trying to force admission of women into Augusta National. We hear of evil men excluding women and see radical feminist Burk claiming that women would never do such an evil and horrific act like excluding men and having a women's only club. Well if that is true then why is there this women's only group called the Women's Policy, Inc. with a roster that includes only women? Were are the men? Were are the demands for men to be admitted into the leadership? Why is this group black listing Rep. Anne Northup for not being a member? Clearly, women have their own club and this one is shaping the male hate laws that we see flowing out of the federal government."*

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McElroy: "Fighting Feminism"

Scott · 27 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Wendy McElroy's column this week is about recent attacks on her from mainstream feminists, one of whom slandered her to a potential employer in an effort to harm her career. Wendy's latest column is here. We live in a sick world."*

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Father Abuse Leads to Suicide and Violence

Scott · 27 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

John Knouten writes "
Due to discrimination many fathers become desperados with nothing to lose. Thus, some become suicidal. Some become violent. The story is here." From the article:

> "*Men who snap in such violent ways have few defenders. Yet fathers' rights groups, joined by a few academic experts, see a common denominator in these recent bursts of rage, and ask whether America's family court system could be partly at fault by deepening the despair of many divorced men.*"

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Just When Ya Thought It Couldn't Get Any Weirder

Thomas · 28 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

With birth control, abortion, artificial insemination, cloning, and ovular merging, women are well on their way to becoming biologically independent of men. This has led to a very real threat of men being reduced to a "manageable," low percentage of the population.

The promise of male birth control, stem cells, and artificial wombs has helped to reestablish a balance of power, in which men would no longer be dependent upon women for reproduction. A missing link in all of this, however, has been the need to obtain eggs from women in order to clone a man or possibly merge the genes of two men into an offspring.

This article (registration required) describes a prospective attempt to create a human-mouse hybrid using stem cells. It seems it might be possible for such a (mostly) mouse to create human egg cells. If that is the case, in principle a man's genes could be inserted into such an egg cell and the resulting embryo carried to term in an artificial womb. If you think things are strange now, just give us humans a few more years.Source: New York Times

Title: Stem Cell Mixing May Form a Human-Mouse Hybrid

Author: Nicholas Wade

Date: November 27, 2002

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Men's Hour November

Brad · 28 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

The Men's Hour November programme is out including: A protest in Strasbourg, France. Ian Kelly on the newly proposed U.K. rape law. Trudy W. Schuett on CyberManbooks. The death of Myra Hindley, child murderer. MSNHatesMen challenges MSN's sexism.

Also, a Christmas message for men is proposed. Ideas and contributions for a message that just might help men who can be very vulnerable at Christmas time (such as fathers excluded from their family) are welcome.

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New Launch of TheBlackDog.net

Scott · 30 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

"*TheBlackDog.net, an Irish-based website for men who suffer from mental distress, invites its brothers from across the pond to join us for our launch this Friday from 9 PM GMT (that's 4 PM Eastern Time). The night will involve men speaking about their experiences and what they have found useful in dealing with the changing world. There will be plenty of scope for music and mingling. Click on The Men's Room link on our home page, login and meet fellow black dogs in Ireland this Friday evening. theblackdog.net is Ireland's interactive self-help site for men coping with mental turbulence. It is a place for men to visit, take their time, exchange views and advice, get angry, relax or get information which might be useful. We are confidential, independent, non-judgemental, readily available and easy to switch off. We are proud to be brothers of maledepression.com and salute our comrades in America.*"

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Ex-Domestic Violence Leader Charged in Murder

Scott · 30 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

ppmnow sent us this article from the *News Tribune* and writes *"A custody battle, an exchange of words, and an innocent woman shot dead...by another woman. Clearly feminists are becoming much less clever at hiding their violence, and no longer afraid of shooting their own gender."* The murderer was Lorraine Laxton, who formerly chaired the Federal Way Domestic Violence Task Force. She left this position "abruptly," as co-workers were concerned about her " frightening temper and penchant for carrying handguns." Thanks also to Mark Rosenthal for submitted this version from the *Seattle Times*.

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Giving Legal Recourse to Victims of Paternity Fraud

Scott · 30 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"The Jewish World Review has an excellent article dealing with a misandric ruling in Nebraska over paternity fraud. The author argues that a man who is lied to about paternity and made to pay support is a victim of fraud. The article is here."*

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Biased Report attacks Fathers Who Have Been Accused of Abuse

Scott · 30 November 2002 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"This Boston Globe article outlines the non-empirical method upon which feminists gather "statistics" that will support their biased view of gender/family relations. The report drew a sharp response from critics, including the chief justice of the family court system, who condemned the study as skewed because it relied on testimony only from women with complaints about custody decisions, not from those satisfied with the rulings. The author goes on to say that men who are abusers (accused of abuse)were often given custody or liberal visitation rights(?). In MA, all a woman has to do is claim 'abuse' and the system often imprisons the father, and in most cases the family courts strips him of constitutional rights as a result."*

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Mary Daly's Advocacy of Male Gendercide

Scott · 1 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User sent us this article and writes *"Brian Carnell exposes feminist Mary Daly's views on gendercide, her advocacy for killing all men."* From the article:

> "*Daly has long advocated for research into parthenogenesis to dispense with men. Her book, Quintessence is half-science fiction novel, half bizarre manifesto in which she explicitly lays out her views. Daly herself is a character in the book who visits a utopian continent where -- thanks to the influence of Daly's books -- a lesbian elite reproduce solely through parthogenesis....what Daly is advocating here is nothing short of gendercide, and yet Daly is taken seriously by radical feminists.*"

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How to Hire a Lawyer

Scott · 3 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"One of the biggest mistakes men make when confronted with family court is hiring the wrong lawyer. Dishonest lawyers abound in family law, most of them wanting only to squeeze another buck off an already beaten man. A story on bcentral suggests ways of sorting out the honest lawyers from the dishonest."*

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Handling "Emotional Bullies"

Scott · 3 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Wendy McElroy's FoxNews article this week contains some lessons in argument we could all use to our advantage. In it she talks a little about dealing with "emotional bullies" and emotional bullying is something many feminists are really good at. Her article is here and another good article about emotional bullying is here."*

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Scotland Pledges Funds for Suicide Prevention

Scott · 3 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Douglas Rome writes, "*Here is the horrifying truth about male suicide in Scotland. The "experts", of course, have no idea why suicide among men is so very many times higher than for women.*" With the suicide rate increasing 22% over the past 20 years, and the rate of male to female suicides at 3:1, the fact that this issue has been of such low priority for so long is appalling. Also shocking: "*For men under 35 in Scotland, suicide is the biggest single cause of death and exceeds the number of accidental deaths*"

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Child's Best Interest Group Promoting Shared Parenting Legislation

Scott · 3 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Child's Best Interest claims to work toward shared parenting legislation in all states, advocating for both parents (not just fathers and not just mothers). It distances itself from the label "father's rights." Interestingly, 8 out of 10 candidates endorsed by CBI were elected this past election day."*

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MaleDepression.com Opens with On-line Chat

Scott · 4 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve Imparl writes, "*I am happy to announce that the inaugural chat at MaleDepression.com will take place on Tuesday, December 3, 2002, at 8:30 p.m. Central Standard Time. (This is Wednesday, December 4, 2002, at 02:30 GMT.) The chat will be held in MaleDepression.com's chat room at this page. This will be our first chat, so it will be a good idea for us to get acquainted with one another. We will talk about our experiences with depression, with particular emphasis on the male experience of this illness and the difficulties we have in seeking and continuing treatment. We'll also explore possibilities for the formats and themes of future chat sessions at MaleDepression.com. I hope you can join us for our first scheduled chat.*"

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Girls Also at Increased Risk for Using Violence When Witnessing it at Home

Scott · 4 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"A surprising article (for Reuters) about how witnessing family violence influence both the boy and the girl to an increased likelihood of violence in the future is found here. They are dropping this article down and down in their list as quickly as possible. Since I found it the article has already dropped from 5th story to 8th and disappeared from my screen."*

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Fictional Biases?

Brad · 4 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"Among the other things I do, I'm a moderator at the FictionAddiction forum. This may seem like small potatoes, but it's home to about 800 members and many more visitors. The other day, a feminist posted a work about killing men at the critique forum. I spoke my mind and am tonight getting thrashed for it by both sexes. Help me out here, guys! This is one thing where you can make a clear, immediate difference! Blessings and peace! T_____"*

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The War Against Fathers

Thomas · 5 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Here are a three good articles on the war against fathers.

The first and the second (you'll have to click on the link "click here to read" to access them) report on a lawsuit in Canada challenging the government's bias against fathers.

The third is a column in the Toronto Sun that reports on the vicious injustices meted out by the courts to fathers.**First Article**:

Source: www.fairnessforchildren.com/Calgary Herald

Title: Child custody laws discriminate against fathers and children, lawsuit claims -- Federal Court asked to strike down rules that encourage the "battle of the sexes"

Author: Fairness For Children -- Press Release

Date: December 3, 2002

Second Article:

Source: www.fairnessforchildren.com/Calgary Herald

Title: Case challenges child custody -- Moms often win battle

Author: Mario Toneguzzi

Date: December 3, 2002

Third Article:

Source: The Toronto Sun

Title: Dad on the brink

Author: Mark Bonokoski

Date: December 4, 2002

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DV Campaign "Coaches" Boys

Scott · 6 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"The new phase for the Family Violence Prevention Fund is to 'coach' boys into becoming men, the program invites men to help end abuse by teaching boys that violence against women is always wrong. This is good idea, but one sided in approach. Perhaps this well funded organization could include some examples of violence against the male gender and include programs that ensure quality of life for both genders? I found out about this campaign through a banner ad on a high traffic corporate web page. FVPC is getting the word out that they think boys need to be changed. How long will it be before the campaign that states 'boys are bad and abusive' manifests in public classrooms? Lets help ensure gender parity on this issue before our young men are inflicted with more feminist funded psychological abuse."*

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DNA Clears Five Convicted Men of 1989 Rape

Scott · 7 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"CourtTV has been closely following new DNA evidence which has apparently cleared five men who were convicted of raping a Central Park jogger in 1989. The gruesome crime (the jogger was severely beaten and her eyes were destroyed) was originally attributed to five youths. Four of them have already served complete sentences for it. DNA evidence has now exonerated those five after another convicted rapist and murderer confessed to the Central Park crime and provided his DNA as evidence. The story is here. What is most interesting is that the five youths eventually confessed to the crime themselves. They now say their confessions were coerced."*

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"Busted" Documentary Covers Story of a Man's Abuse by His Girlfriend

Scott · 7 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Education Thru Communication writes, "*It's called "BUSTED," and it captures the disturbing reality of the abusive, violent behavior of a woman after being rejected by the man she was living with. But she has no idea that her violence is being documented on video. So imagine her surprise when she gets busted by the evidence and the law. For people who don't realize men can be victims of domestic abuse, "BUSTED" is a shocking, rare glimpse behind the scenes of the domestic battlefront. For men who know the truth, "BUSTED" is a lesson. As one reviewer put it...* "A remarkable story of one man's battle in the legal system... to demonstrate, in no uncertain terms, that he was the victim."

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Two Double Standards in One Article: Child Molestation and Child Custody

Scott · 9 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"This is the typical article of a women getting minimal bail for molesting an 11-year-old boy. Naturally, the police are trying to blame the tall boy for making sexual advances. Oddly enough, the fully-grown 28-year-old woman was unable to overcome the minor's sexual advances and gave-in. By contrast, we all know that tall 14-year-old girls NEVER come on to older men in their late 20's. Nope! According to feminists, such men who give in to the sexual advances of a minor are actually predators who are products of the evil patriarchy! Clearly, we need an explanation for this evil woman's weakness. Too bad it doesn't include her taking personal responsibility.*

Anyway, Everett is a divorced woman who had a child by her ex-husband. Now where do you think that child was taken after the arrest? The logical choice would be the father. Right? Wrong! For the bigoted male-hating police of Virginia Beach, the logical choice is to take the child to the sister of the molester.

Now image a world that is free of male-hate. Do you think the father of the child might have gotten the child while custody hearings take place? A father cannot even get temporary custody while hearings are in progress."

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Mainstream Movie About Father's Rights

Scott · 9 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"In Evelyn, Pierce Brosnan is a father who loses his job and his wife leaves him. Because of custody law, he isn't allowed to keep his three young children who are taken away and put into orphanages. With the help of friends, he prepares to take on the Irish Supreme Court. As 'Ebert & Roeper' stated on their show, "it's nice to see a show about fathers, as fathers are now usually only depicted as absent or evil.""*

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Whitney Houston Admits Hitting Brown. But Who Cares?

Scott · 10 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Troy A. writes *"In a recent much-hyped fluff interview with Whitney Houston, Diane Sawyer asks the following question: "Has [Bobby Brown] ever hit you?" Houston: "No. Never. I have hit him, in anger." [Note: this was in the video interview, not the article]. There is absolutely no follow up to this admission. It is immediately followed with a segment on Brown's risque music, drug use, accusations of affairs, etc. Later in the program Sawyer asks Brown directly if he's ever hit Houston, and his reply is given considerable inquiry and airtime. Apparently, even when a wife admits to abusing her husband, it isn't called what it is - domestic violence. In fact it's totally ignored. You can e-mail your protests via this page. On top of that, when I sent my thoughts on this via the web page, a Progressive Insurance ad popped up!"*

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More Bad Advocacy Coming from the FVPF

Scott · 10 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"The Family Violence Prevention Fund's Judicial Education Project seeks to further erradicate the rights of men by teaching (forcing) judges and the courts' handling of cases involving alledged domestic violence. The FPVC is responsible for creating the statutes that permit probable cause misdemeanor arrest without a warrant in domestic violence cases under specified conditions in most states. These and other changes were prompted by one sided feminist studies that showed that ARREST is a more effective deterrent in domestic violence cases than mediation or other arrest alternatives."*

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Guess Who's A Ms. Magazine Woman Of The Year

Thomas · 11 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

For those of you who were wondering about the direction of the Democratic Party, Ms. Magazine has selected Nancy Pelosi, House Minority (Democratic) Leader, as a woman of the year.

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MANN Chat: Writing About Men

Scott · 11 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

This Wednesday, 12/11, at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, join us for an on-line chat at the MANN chat room. The topic for discussion will be writing about men and men's issues, with a particular focus on how the "lace curtain" poses problems for writers on these issues. Anyone with experience writing about these issues is especially welcome to attend.

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Erin Pizzey Says: Bermuda Too "Matriarchal"

Adam · 11 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Our friend Erin Pizzey has been out defending fatherhood, in Bermuda of all places. Her tone seems a bit more radical than normal, but since it's in defence of us, that's allright by me. There seems to be a bit of doublethink in the article, but I can't quite point it out. Have a read
about it and see what you think.

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Common Chemical Damages Sperm

Scott · 12 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Serge writes *"Scientists from Harvard University have uncovered evdience that exposure to the chemical, one of a group known as the phthalates, may lead to damage to the genetic material of human sperm.*
"The correlation found in this study is extremely troubling" says Dr. Ted Schettler." These chemicals are used in cosmetics and fragrance products, so this is a really big deal.

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Book Review: Bias

Adam · 13 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

During my daily travel around the web I happened to come across a book review of Bernard Goldberg's book Bias. While I it found fairly short, it does make for some very interesting reading, proving the old lace curtain is still around, among other things. I've also heard rumours that there's a section on men's lack of reproductive rights. Perhaps someone who has the book can tell us?

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Creepy New Study on Boys in Education

Scott · 14 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Uberganger writes *"A new Australian study into the problems facing boys in education has arrived at a series of woolly-minded conclusions that seem to amount to very little. The study report itself can be found in PDF form here. The study seems unduly concerned with attacking masculinity and blurring the issues by insisting that solutions benefit girls as well as boys. It is an unsettling document because it shows just how pervasive the feminist version of reality has become in academia."*

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Male Chaperone Faces Double Standard for Dress

Scott · 14 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Severin writes *"The St. Louis Post Dispatch has the following article about a father who chaperones elementary children. He also does so dressed in a traditionally female style (sweater, jeans, makeup, and a "woman's hairstyle"). Many parents are outraged and will not allow their children to go on any outings where he is a chaperone. Why is it that when a woman wears pants, she's considered "liberated", but if a man wears make-up, he's a danger to kids? I think it's important that we stand up for the rights of men to wear whatever they wish, since women are given that opportunity."*

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Whitney Houston / Diane Sawyer ABC Interview Transcript

Scott · 15 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Tolbert writes *"I have been searching for the smoking gun on Whitney for a long time. She has a long history of violence towards others but I had not yet found solid evidence of violence against her husband. After reading the earlier posts about the interview (which I missed viewing), I went on a search for a transcript and finally located it here. I am just amazed that she was upfront about the issue. It is like she knew ahead of time that Diane Sawyer, Primetime and ABC would just gloss over the admission."*

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RulyMob.com Sponsors V-Day Parody Song, Offers $100 Prize

Scott · 15 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Jack Kammer, a men's issues author and ownerof the RulyMob.com web site, is sponsoring a contest to write a song, "If I Only Had a V", modeled after "If I Only Had a Heart" from *The Wizard of Oz*. The song is to be a parody of V-Day, and will by judged by its "*(a) effectiveness in satirizing the idea that women in western societies are always virtuous, never committing violence themselves, (b) effectiveness in satirizing the idea that women in western societies are oppressed, (c) adherence to the original meter and tone of the song "If I Only Had a Heart," (d) suitability for being reported verbatim by the mainstream media and (e) humor.*" Both men and women are welcome to submit entries. The deadline is February 6, 2003 - read the official rules here.

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Basic Promotion for Men's Issues (and Other) Writers

Scott · 16 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W. Schuett writes *"Our writer/activists may benefit from a series I'm doing at Writer Online called, "Basic Promotion for Writers." There is a lot of misinformation and bad ideas floating around as far as promoting books, and in these days of the self-published and indie-published, authors need all the help they can get. I've put my 10 years of experience in publicity and promotions to work here, to give writers a basic strategy for promoting their work both on and offline, working with little or no budget. The series itself is, of course, free of charge."*

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Farrell, Angelucci, Allemano on the Phil Donahue Show

Brad · 16 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Men's issues author Warren Farrell, Marc Angelucci, president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men, and Peter Allemano of the New York City NCFM, will discuss gender issues and the NCFM's gender discrimination lawsuit against Los Angeles County on the Phil Donahue Show. The show will air on MSNBC on Wednesday, December 18th, at 5pm PST and again at 8pm PST. To find out where to watch the show, go to Phil Donahue. To learn more about the NCFM, go to National Coalition Of Free Men. To learn more about the NCFM's suit against Los Angeles County, go to NCFM Los Angeles Chapter. To learn more about Warren Farrell and his work, go to Dr. Warren Farrell.

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On-line Chat at MaleDepression.com

Scott · 18 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve Imparl writes, "*I am happy to announce that the next chat at MaleDepression.com will take place on Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at 8:30 p.m. Central Standard Time. (This is Wednesday, December 18, 2002, at 02:30 GMT.) The chat will be held in MaleDepression.com's chat room. We will talk about our experiences with depression, with particular emphasis on the male experience of this illness and the difficulties we have in seeking and continuing treatment. Specifically, I'd like to suggest that we talk about coping strategies during the holidays--how we keep ourselves well during the end-of-year holiday season. Further, with the winter solstice approaching in the northern hemisphere, it is probably a good time to talk about seasonal depression, too.*

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MANN Chat: What's Right About Men's Activism?

Scott · 18 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Steve writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (12/18), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be 'An Attitude of Gratitude: What's Right with Men's Activism?" The holiday season is a good time to stop for a while and see where we are. What is going well for us men's activists? Stop by this week's MANN chat, have an egg nog or some hot cider, and savor the good things about activism with us!"*

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Transcript of Donahue Men's Issues Show On-line

Scott · 20 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes, "*Here's a transcript of the Donahue show. Overall I'm pleased with things, except of course that Gloria did a lot of interrupting and often Phil cut me off when I wanted to refute her myths. But overall it was a show where we got a lot of issues out there and I did get to mention the lawsuit against L.A. County. Some members of the Queens High School football team spoke up about how their school cut the football team and shattered their dream as a result of the feminist overkill of Title IX implementation. Other audience members had some great things to say. And Warren Farrel and Peter Allemano did great as well.*"

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Pinter And Martin

Adam · 20 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I thought you might be interested to hear, Pinter And Martin are selling the
The Manipulated Man at the
knockdown price of £5.99 for us UK folk, or $8.50 for everyone in the USA. I just got my copy
today, and being halfway through, I have to say there's nothing like this. Make no mistake,
you should get this book, it's well worth it. In case you're wondering, post and packing is free. So don't delay, Order now!

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A (Temporary) Return to Sanity

Scott · 20 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

I just wanted to let readers know that I have finished my final exams and that I really do intend to catch up on the news submissions and e-mails that have been piling up for a while. I have let things get unusually disorganized as of late and it's time to fix that. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

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"Raising Cain"...for Sure

Scott · 21 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"On NPR's Morning Edition news program 12/17/2002: "Susan Stamberg talks to family psychologist Michael Thompson about nurturing boys so they grow into peaceful men. Thompson is the author of* Raising Cain." *(Direct link to RealPlayer file.) Not too bad, despite the obligatory snide remark (Stamberg: "What about all that testosterone?"), and the usual implication that what's wrong with boys is that they aren't girls. Comparisons are also made with the "better" boys found in other countries like Britain, France and Japan -- though of course no there is no mention of the [major factor] that differentiates American child-rearing from practically every other culture's: [infant male genital mutilation],* aka *"circumcision." Every time I see one of the increasing crop of "What's Wrong With Boys?" books, I look in the index for "circumcision." I can't recall ever seeing the subject mentioned -- perhaps because circumcision* is *the American "solution" to the "boy problem."*Philalethes adds, "*Freud put his finger on it: What* do *women want, anyway? First they subject us to vicious, brutal torture directed at the vital core of our infant masculinity, overwhelming pain and terror, then they complain because we're "not in touch with [our] feelings" and "confuse sex with violence." Drop me a line when they figure it out, okay?*"

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Augusta Controversy Spawns Competing Web Sites

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frank h writes *"I direct your attention to this web site [ittakesballs.com]. It seems that Martha Burk has established an anti-Augusta Web site here [augustadiscriminates.org] that attacks Augusta, their members, and their members' employers, and their sponsors. Since turnabout is fair play, a counter site has been established, and it has siblings here [theburkstopshere.com] and here [golfersforarealcause.com].* ***There are opportunities for activism.*** *Ittakesballs.com has a listing of the NCWO's sponsors, along with their addresses and suggests that you write to them. Further, they are selling t-shirts that fund their efforts, and look like fun to wear, as well. At golfersforarealcause.com, you can sign a petition. There are over 2500 signatures there already, mine recent among them. Hootie Johnson may be the last man in a public role with a real spine, and he needs our support. This is an attack on basic the Constitutional rights of men, and we need to back him up."*

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December Men's Hour Programme Released

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"Up to 200 Father Chrismases will be on London buses this Tuesday 17th December. Organised by fathers-4-justice.org. This and more is in the December Men's Hour, including "phone the Men's Hour" with your opinion/contribution, Matthew O'Connor and the 200 Father Christmas protest, Carnell Smith about paternity fraud, news of a film called Busted, news of Father Christmas, Sue Price about the Men's Rights Agency in Australia (to be added Wednesday 18th) and Boys Education in Australia."*

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A Special Gift for Mensactivism Readers!

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"As a special gift to MANN readers, Raymond and I are making copies of "Friends to the End" available as a free download for a very limited time. It's available in MSReader, Adobe e-book, and Palm. But just until midnight GMT New Year's Eve! So get it now while you can! We wish you peace on earth, and good will toward men. From*
Raymond Cuttill,Trudy W. Schuett, and all at cyberManbooks." Many, many thanks to Trudy and Raymond for their generosity and spirit.

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Man sues "Man show," and an Interesting Coincidence

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Thundercloud writes *"I thought this would be an interesting submission, considering the recent post about the Phil Donahue show with Gloria Alred. A Man is suing the "Man Show". Aparently, this guy and his girlfriend were laying out on a beach (I believe in California) when producers from the Man Show sent a little boy to go up to them and talk to the man's girlfriend. While the camera rolled, the boy made rude and sexually explicit remarks to the young woman. The woman's boyfriend, disgusted, made the kid leave. Then two female "Man Show" producers approached the couple and told them it was all a joke and that they were on camera the whole time. According to the man, the "Man Show" producers did not have his permission to air the segment with him and his girlfriend, but they did so anyway. So now he is suing them. But guess who he got to represent him in court? None other than Gloria Alred! Does anyone think Alred's motives are to help a man who's been wronged? Or instead that she's probably been itching for an excuse to go after the politically-incorrect "Man Show" to begin with?"*

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Fathers Flood KABC Phone Lines

Brad · 25 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Calls from disenfranchised fathers flooded the phone lines at KABC radio in Los Angeles during the Al Rantel Show on December 23, as Rantel and men's issues columnist Glenn Sacks discussed what Sacks called "the greatest unrecognized problem in America today"--the way divorced fathers are prevented from being a part of the lives of their children.

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Caller after caller spoke movingly about the way they had been driven out of their kids' lives and the pain of spending another holiday season without the children they love. Don said he lives 10 miles from his three daughters and has not been allowed to see them in two years. Dave, a father of two daughters, has fought 15 years to be a part of their lives. Barbara, a second wife, said her husband has not been allowed to see his daughter for four months. Dan fought nine years to be able to see his children. Several fathers explained how their exes had done everything they could to turn their children against them.

Rantel called what is done to these fathers "heartbreaking" and "inhuman." Sacks noted, "upon a divorce we take away everything that a father has loved and has sacrificed for, without even bothering to ensure that he can still see his children, much less remain a meaningful part of their lives. Then we hand him the bill and call it 'justice.'"

For more information on access and visitation denial and the plight of divorced dads, see the following columns, co-authored by Sacks and Dianna Thompson, executive director of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children:

- "Fathers Bear the Brunt of Gender Bias in Family Courts" (Insight magazine, 8/19/02)
- "'Virtual Visitation' is no Substitute for a Father" (Boston Globe, 7/12/02)
- "Why Are There so Many Women in the Fathers' Movement?" (Minneapolis Star-Tribune, 6/21/02)
- "High-Profile 'Deadbeat Dad' Raids Won't Fix Child Support System Badly in Need of Reform" (Newark Star-Ledger, 9/6/02).

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Degrading Men As A Joke

Thomas · 26 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Take a look at the "Strip and Run" video on this page.

Oxygen is some sort of Women's Media that was, as far as I know, started in part by Oprah.

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A Christmas Message for Men

Scott · 27 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"Men's Hour Christmas message for men is out. It is particularly aimed at men who might be depressed over Christmas, but should be fun for everyone. With music (from Elvis to Sinead O'Connor) (only on Live365 for copyright reasons), the Father Christmas's protest, getting through Christmas, The Samaritans, numerous jokes and how to get the cat to meow, and a free ebook until the new year. Available at the Men's Hour site and Live365 [recommended]."* I'm really sorry this is being posted so late...I got snowed in on the day it was submitted.

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Mock Men and Raise Money for DV Shelters All at Once!

Scott · 27 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"2 women in Salem have written a book they titled "Everything Men Knew About Taking Care of Themselves Before Women Came Along" in which every page is blank. They brag that they are making fun of men to raise money for feminist women's-only DV shelters. The article is here."*

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The Million Dads March

Scott · 27 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

GRomeo747 sent us some information on a Father's Day activity for men's activists, the Million Dad March:"

> "Fathers and Mothers are the two most important resources any child can have. For the last few decades we've been deluged with information about how important mothers are. And mothers ARE
> important. However at the same time fathers have been ignored or worse, demonized. It's time we did both fathers and children right by
> recognizing that fathers are just as important as mothers.
> CHILDREN NEED BOTH PARENTS! "

Enter the Million Dads March... It's international, it's been a long time coming and it is going on now!

Be a part of history not only for yourself but for the betterment of our world as a whole."

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Brian Heidek from Survivor Thailand Abused by Wife

Scott · 28 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Brian Heidek, the winner in the latest Survivor Thailand TV show, just got his wife arrested last month for domestic violence. Wow! According to this article, she was ordered to stay at least 100 yards away from her husband and, now may not own, use or possess any dangerous or deadly weapons. I'd sure like to hear the circumstances behind all this and how Brian overcame the establishment prejudice in favor of women."*

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Cloned Baby Birth Claim

Scott · 29 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"A controversial company linked to a philosophical sect, says that it has produced the world's first cloned human baby. No proof was offered. Animal clones have shown defects as they age - scientists fear the same could happen with humans. Dr Patrick Dixon, an expert on the ethics of human cloning, described the news as "totally inevitable". He said: "There's a global race by maverick scientists to produce clones, motivated by fame, money and warped and twisted beliefs.""* CJ also asks, "*What is the impact of this on men's reproductive rights?*"

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Progressive Posts Edited Voodoo Ad

Scott · 30 December 2002 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Tolbert writes *"Progressive Insurance has posted the edited short form of the infamous Voodoo ad on at this page. It includes links to outtakes and a question section. I am posting this for the benefit of those who have missed the ads in their local markets. If anyone has a video file of the full length ad with pliers please contact me and I will try to get it posted somewhere for everyone to view. Remember to write to Progressive with your opinions on the ad."*

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McElroy Comments on Progress in Father's Rights

Scott · 1 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User sends us this FoxNews article and writes *"Wendy McElroy does a good job of pointing out the governmental forces which have created the current child support industry in the United States."* From the article:

> *Men are confronting a governmental Goliath that has been called "the child abuse industry." In doing so, they defend not only fathers' rights but also those of mothers and children.*

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British MP Calls on Neighbours to Report Wife Beaters

Scott · 1 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Red Kev writes *"Here is a link to the BBC website Talking Point Section. Harriet Harman, British MP has called for neighbours to report 'Wife-batterers to the police. Typically a call to report husband batterers is not even considered. This is just another attempt to demonise men and inflict further injustices upon them. Please feel free to use the form on the website to submit your views on this topic."*

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Planned Legislation Could Re-instate the Draft

Scott · 1 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

According to this article from the *Star Tribune*, Rep. Charles Rangel is going to propose legislation that would "resume the military draft in the event of a war against Iraq." He believes that by doing so, Congress will be less likely to support a war on Iraq. He is quoted as saying:

> *"I believe that if those calling for war knew their children were more likely to be required to serve - and to be placed in harm's way - there would be more caution and a greater willingness to work with the international community in dealing with Iraq."*

Note the use of the gender-neutral "children" - does anyone know if he's planning to include women in this draft legislation?

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Men's Health America Year in Review

Scott · 2 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Men's Health America published a report on the events in 2002 related to the status of men's health issues. Anyone working on men's health as an activist should check it out and see what progress we've made this year (and there has been some interesting progress!). The report can be read on the mailing list at this link. And what better way to start off the new year than by subscribing to this low-traffic, but high quality mailing list.

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Web Server Downtime This Weekend

Scott · 3 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Well, we're expecting a big snowstorm tonight and into the weekend in NH, so I figured it would be a great time to do some OS and hardware updates to the MANN server. Expect the web site to be down from Friday night until late Sunday night. The mail server will be down for a minimal amount of time too. **Update:** The web server has been moved to the dedicated machine, and is now running (with less than 5 minutes of downtime, woo-hoo!). The mail server might take a bit longer, but most users won't notice that anyway.

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MSN Explores "Five Myths of Fatherhood"

Scott · 5 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In a completely flooring surprise for the regularly misandrist MSN.com, the site's "Family" section produced this article on the Five Myths of Fatherhood and how to challenge them. "* I do hope readers that have protested MSN in the past will take a moment to give them some positive reinforcement for this article. Encouraging notes can often make a big impact too.

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Government Grants Awarded to Promote Marriage

Scott · 5 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ sends us this Boston Globe article and writes *"Courts, nonprofits, state agencies are all discovering that reaching out to local faith-based organizations is an effective strategy for making their programs work with populations that have been very difficult to reach, such as fathers coming out of prisons.*
The goal is to increase child support collections, promote fatherhood and healthy marriage, and help struggling families take care of their children. Many 'groups' are concerned about money supporting marriage and fathers, and they are "watching this closely." Feminists do not like the idea of supporting marriage, only breaking them... Good for Gearge Bush!" The policy is controversial due to the fact that religious groups are directly benefitting from this, with some concerns about the separation of church and state being raised. But it is also true that this is helping many fathers and families.

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Vote for Men's Issues Authors in the "Preditors and Editors" Annual Poll

Scott · 6 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"Historically, the Preditors and Editors poll has been overloaded with chickbooks and girl-published 'zines. This year is different! Go over and vote for your favorite author, publisher, 'zine and etcetera. You also have the option to add a favorite that's not already listed — but you only get one vote in each category. Check here and you'll find some familiar names. The poll is only open until January 21, so don't miss out on a fast, free, and painless way to break the pink barrier!"*

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Remembering Derrick Miller

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Men's News Daily has a page with several links related to the story of Derrick Miller, a divorced father who killed himself in front of a San Diego courthouse. January 6 will be the one-year anniversary of Miller's death. The fact that men like Miller, Darrin White, and others have nowhere other than suicide to turn to due to the unjust oppression of men and fathers should be a reminder to us all about our need to keep fighting for these causes.

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Maryland Judicial Hall of Shame

Scott · 7 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

fightbigotry2002 writes *"For those of you who live in Maryland, if you need motivation to get involved with the process, take a risk to make your voice heard, consider what happens when we don't speak up for others. See this collection of articles about people who were wrongfully convicted of crimes and then exhonerated 15 to 20 years into their sentence. Get involved now because someday it may be your turn to be the target of a political witch hunt. Andrew Young was right, there are political prisoners in the US."*

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MaleDepression.com On-line Chat

Scott · 7 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Steve Imparl writes, "*I am happy to announce that the next chat at MaleDepression.com will take place on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at 8:30 p.m. Central Standard Time. (This is Wednesday, January 8, 2003, at 02:30 GMT.)*

The chat will be held in MaleDepression.com's chat room. We will talk about our experiences with depression, with particular emphasis on the male experience of this illness and the difficulties we have in seeking and continuing treatment. Specifically, as a topic, I'd like to suggest that we talk about "Renewing Our Commitment to Personal Wellness." How can we take care of ourselves, stay well, and deal with our mood disorders each day? I am dedicating this chat to the memory of Mr. Derrick Miller, who died one year ago on January 6, 2003. Mr. Miller was a suicide victim."

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Drug Addicts Offered Money to be Sterilized

Scott · 7 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"A California-based group is offering money to drug addicted-men and women in Brooklyn who agree to be sterilized or receive long-term birth control. The program is fundamentally incompatible with a health program that respects a woman's right to choose," Donna Lieberman, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, told the Times. What about a man's right to choice? Like every gender issue today, only a female perspective is considered..."*

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The Form Of The Revolution

Thomas · 8 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Men's most effective response to the hatred, lies, and oppression known as "feminism" may well come one man at a time. A recent study in Australia shows that of men aged 50-54, 67% had children by the age of 30 (33% did not have children by the age of 30). Of men aged 30-34, only 32% had children by the age of 30. Men today seem to be putting off having children, or refusing outright to do it.

Men may well be asking themselves: Would allowing a female to become pregnant using my sperm be the stupidest and most self-destructive thing that I could possibly do?Source: The Age

Title: More men avoid parenthood

Author: Julie-Anne Davies

Date: January 6 2003

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MANN Chat: Starting 2003 with Simple Acts of Activism

Scott · 8 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Steve writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (1/8), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be 'Starting the Year Right: Simple Acts of Activism.' 2003 is here already. Let's start the year with some successful activism. At this week's chat, we'll discuss simple but effective ways we can make the world a better place for men and, ultimately, for all creatures. We'll generate ideas for actions you can accomplish in the next week to advance men's issues. Instead of developing elaborate plans that take years to execute, let's see what we can do in one week. Join us at this week's MANN chat to share your ideas for some speedy, effective activism. Feel free to invite friends to the chat, too!"*

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Teachers Wanted: Non-Deconstructed Males Need Not Apply

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It seems some people in Australia are actually concerned about the status of males in the nation's educational institutions. Peter West, head of the University of Western Sydney's research group on men and families, has stated that "luring more men to teaching may require 'altering the application of a discrimination act' as well as better recruitment and retention strategies."

The Independent Education Union has responded in part with the statement, "Male teachers with traditional views on masculinity may actually be confirming and colluding with the macho culture, not challenging it."

Perhaps only men, who preach that maleness throughout history has been pure evil and that femaleness throughout history has been pure good, should be allowed to have jobs as teachers. That'll sure help boys in school. (sarcasm off)Source: The Age

Title: The matter with boys is that there are not enough blokes in schools

Author: Linda Doherty

Date: January 1 2003

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What Constitutes Rape?

Thomas · 8 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

A 17-year-old male has been convicted of forcible rape in California. What was his offense? A 17-year-old female was engaging in consensual sex with him. He allegedly continued to have sex for a minute and a half after she said, "I should be going now" and "I need to go home." Note that, by all accounts, she never said that she wanted to stop having sex.

If he had said, "I should be going now" and "I need to go home," and they then continued to have sex, would she have been convicted of rape?

Also note the article's statements "In California, for example, the Legislature and the state's courts have been revising the definition of rape," and "Among other changes, women sometimes were required to physically resist to be a rape victim, or their allegations had to be corroborated." Does this mean that no corroborating evidence is required to obtain a rape conviction against a man? **Scott's note:** Thanks also to Willj and Luek for submitting this story.

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DNA Clears Rape Suspect Who Committed Suicide in Jail

Scott · 9 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"This is a sad story about a man who killed himself in a police holding cell, hours after he was charged with rape. He has since been cleared of the crime through DNA evidence. Any man that has been charged with trumped-up or blatantly false charges (be it of rape, DV, in family court, etc.) knows how a mere allegation trumps all of your civil rights and opens the floodgates for a nightmarish experience in the name of victim advocacy. Lately it seems that rape convicts are regularly getting cleared of their sentences, like the group of kids that were held responsible NYC Central Park rape. One has to wonder how many men's lives have been ruined with false charges."*

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A Call for Men's Health Media Monitors

Scott · 9 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I received the following announcement from Men's Health America: "*Are you tired of all the one-sided coverage that the media is giving*
to gender health issues? Are you disturbed about articles that imply
that a person's life counts for less because he happens to be male? This coming year, Men's Health America has established improved media coverage of men's health as one of our top priorities for 2003. We plan to do something about this bias! Men's Health America would like to invite you to participate as one of our Media Watchdogs." See the Read More section below for details on what this involves..." *Men's Health America would like to invite you to participate as one of our Media Watchdogs. Here's what the Media Watchdogs will do:*

1. Identify one newspaper that you read regularly.

2. When you see a gender health article that is biased, write a concise letter to the editor.

3. Then e-mail your letter to Men's Health America, along with the e-mail address of the Letters Editor and the URL of the article (if it's available) to the MHA website at
this link.

4. Men's Health America will post 2-4 such letters each month on the MHA website, and invite all the MHA members to contact the editor about their concerns.

If you are interested, contact Men's Health America at eba@intr.net (eba-at-intr.net). Please respond ASAP. The men's health media campaign is in progress now!

Together, we will make a difference. Beginning now.

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Readers Digest Article on Male Bashing

Scott · 9 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The January, 2003 edition of Readers Digest has devoted the entire "That's Outrageous" section to Male Bashing. There is no link that I can find to the specific article which takes up 2 print pages, but the author, Tucker Carlson is a regular columnist and a co-host for CNN's Crossfire. The article brings up most of the issues that have been presented here before, such as how men are streotyped in advertising and you would be hard pressed to find similar publicity directed towards women. While the article barely scratches the surface, perhaps this exposure to the RD reading public will help open a few more eyes."*

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News Coverage of NCFM, LA Rally

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Marc A. writes *"Big Thanks to NCFM, LA member "Ray" for finding this article by NBC4.TV news that covers NCFM, LA's November 19 rally for a Commission for Men. The article is very brief and just gives a statement about the rally, but it's great that we're finally getting some coverage. It also is nice to see they didn't bash us like others have, and they even quoted a member."*

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Another Law Suit On The All-Male Draft

Thomas · 10 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Three teenagers and a 20-year-old have filed suit challenging the all-male draft. My guess? The draft today would be an opportunity for many women to get educations in fields such as medicine, air traffic control, and computer science. For men, the draft will generally entail clear threats of forced killing, maiming, and death.

Then again, maybe the Selective Service Act will be overthrown or left the way it is. This bears watching.Source: Boston Herald

Title: Teenagers challenge male-only draft law

Author: David Weber

Date: January 10, 2003

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Reader Seeks Help in Unfair Alimony Technicality

Scott · 12 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

cobbbiz@yahoo.com writes *"I have a legal problem that I think is unconstitutional and I don't have the resources or the knowledge to change it. I need help!:*

I am paying $500.00/month in rehabilitative alimony to my ex-wife. She is now living openly with her lesbian partner. Her sexual orientation is the reason for the divorce. Under Alabama state law, the Statute concerning alimony states that it will be terminated if the recipient "cohabitates with a person of the opposite sex". If my ex-wife were heterosexual and living with another man, the alimony could be immediately terminated. I am working what is equivalent to two jobs while my wife lives in one of the most prestigious areas of Alabama.
Is there any source of help? This could make right a poorly-written Statute and unjust ruling not only for me but for all men and in some cases even women."

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Woman Tries to Hire Hitman to Kill Husband

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Dan Lynch writes *"Here is a story [free reg. required] of a wife trying to hire a hitman to kill her husband. Of course it's a sad situation when people come to such a thing, but even more sad is that [news] coverage of this criminal act or attempt is rare. The woman even tried to use battered women's defense to get out of the charge."*

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Men Forgotten in Social Work Research

Scott · 12 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

jmel96 writes ″

> "Social work literature is biased against heterosexual males, leading to "unfair and untrue" stereotypes about men and hampering social workers' ability to counsel men, an Alabama professor has concluded after reviewing articles in two social work journals from the last decade."

So begins a fascinating article in the Washington Times. I have long suspected that the "helping professions" were biased against men, but it is nice to have a member admit it and actually want to do something about it."

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More On What Constitutes Rape

Thomas · 14 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Kathleen Parker has written an essay, published in the Orlando Sentinel, on the 17-year-old boy who was convicted of rape for not stopping consensual sex when the girl said, "I should be going now" and "I need to go home." Unfortunately, Parker asks "Where's Daddy? Who didn't teach this girl the rules of engagement?" while not asking "Where's Mommy?" I guess women/mothers can't be held liable the way men/fathers can. Besides, maybe dad was driven out of the home as a result of a false accusation by the mother.

On the whole, it's a good article, though. I've called to thank her. You can write to her here.Source: Orlando Sentinal

Title: Rape California-style is a woman's prerogative

Author: Kathleen Parker

Date: January 12, 2003

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MANN Chat: A Manly Sense of Humor in Men's Activism

Scott · 15 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Steve writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (1/15), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be 'A Manly Sense of Humor in Men's Activism.' We have seen a lot of anti-male humor in the last few years. Still, humor can be an important tool for men's activists. When should we use humor in our work to promote equality for men and boys? How can we use humor effectively to laugh at ourselves when appropriate? How can we disarm the mean-spirited man-bashing and boy-bashing humor we encounter in the media, in the workplace, and in social situations? Help us answer these questions at this week's MANN chat. As always, invite a buddy or two to join us!"*

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Court Challenge on Maryland Child Support Guidelines

Scott · 16 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

fightbigotry2002 writes *"The Maryland Judicial Equality Committee and other Maryland Men's and Children's advocacy groups are in the process of seeking out both non-custodial mothers and fathers to challenge the current Maryland Custody Guidelines for Child Support. As you may remember, a Georgia lower court has declared the Georgia Child Support Guidelines unconstitutional, which has been appealed to the Georgia Supreme Court. Those of us in Maryland will be building upon that case to mount a challenge to bring equity to the child support issue for all concerned. If you can help us out, please contact us for details at Fightbigotry2002@yahoo.com."*

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"MFNBC" to Broadcast Men's Issues Shows

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HombreVIII writes *"MFNBC is pleased to announce that we will start broadcasting men's rights shows live, via the internet, this Sunday starting at 8 PM Central Time. Accompanying the 2 shows we will be broadcasting this Sunday will be a hosted chat, (accessible through the site), where listeners can discuss the shows as they are being aired. MFNBC - the Masculists Factfinding Network and Broadcast Channel located at www.MFNBC.com, will be presenting episodes of Jack Kammer's 6 year running radio show called "In a Man's Shoes" for the first time ever on the internet starting this Sunday! This will be followed immediately by a broadcast of Raymond Cuttill's newest "Men's Hour" show, scheduled for realease on that date as well.*" For more details, see the Read More section below.

"*MFNBC is a newly created site designed to do two things. First, to provide men's activists with quick and easy access to the information which justifies our cause. Second, MFNBC is attempting to help promote networking among men's activists while at the same time possibly increasing the audience size for men's rights broadcasts. By providing a reason to listen to these shows at specific times, the hope is that interested parties will not wait until they "get around to it" to listen to the shows, which inevitably never happens. The Men's Hour will continue to be archived at its current location, though no archives will be kept of "In a Man's Shoes". As other shows join the lineup, they may or may not choose to archive their shows elsewhere as well.*

Q: Will the broadcasts work?

A: We hope so. The beta-testing has been admittedly short, but so far broadcasts seem to be working properly. Not all platforms have been tested however.

Q: What if I have a show I'd like to see played at MFNBC alongside a hosted chat?

A: Great! Just go to www.mfnbc.com/broadcast/submitshow.htm and fill out the form. Also, there's a short FAQ there which will hopefully answer any questions you have about webcasting a show with us.

For the latest information on these shows or to browse our factfinding network, just visit our site at www.MFNBC.com. Note that we are not affiliated with Microsoft, NBC, or MSNBC in any way."

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Governor Davis' Executive Order on Paternity Fraud

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warble writes *"As we all know, Governor Davis vetoed AB2240 last year and claimed he was doing this because the bill was flawed. That was a very disappointing event in the men's movement. However, NCFM, LA is made up of winners, and winners will always find a way to turn a failure into a success.*
So NCFM, LA examined the veto and determined that there was an Executive Order in place. Then we made some phone calls and sent in a FAX asking about the Executive Order. The order in effect directed the Department of Child Support Services to work with the proponents and opponents of paternity fraud to reach a resolution to the issue. To our surprise we received a phone call from the DCSS and they are demonstrating a literal commitment to resolving this issue. ***It turns out that the DCSS representative is very friendly to men's issues in the matter of paternity fraud. To our surprise, we are finding that the DCSS wants fairness in paternity fraud issues!***" There's much more to this post, see the Read More section below for more info.

"*Also, I've been very careful to gather physical evidence and proof of each and every claim. This involves going to paternity fraud victims and obtaining a trail of documents and very personal information. The result is that we should be able to introduce language next week to start a new bill.*

Next, it should be clear that NCFM is changing the strategy on this complex issue to resolve the problem of paternity fraud through incremental legislation. We will explain more about why that change is being made at a future date. After all, we need to keep some secrets from the radical feminists.

In a nutshell, we are changing our strategy because there have been several years of failed attempts at paternity fraud legislation in California. What we need are incremental successes. We believe that if there is a failure that it is because the issue was incorrectly framed.

The fact of the matter is that the public wants a resolution to paternity fraud. There is also overwhelming support in the California Legislature for a resolution. Now, for the first time, we have the overwhelming support of the Executive Branch of the California Government. All we need to do is change our strategy and move forward. By doing this we should experience success.

As noted, NCFM, LA has examined the political failures and determined they were mostly due to what we believe are strategic errors in trying to resolve the complex issue. The proponents (men's activists) were simply trying to change a very serious problem too fast! The fear was that there would be a resulting chaos. That fear is quite well founded because NCFM, LA believes that about 7 million children have the wrong father assigned as the parent. Making major changes in the paternity laws would almost certainly overload the courts and potentially throw the system into chaos.

Finally, if any paternity fraud victims in California want to help us strengthen our case then please contact NCFM, LA. We will be asking you to submit copies of the documents that prove there is paternity fraud.

Most important: If there are any family law or criminal law attorneys in California that would like to assist us as we move forward in crafting the legislation then please contact us. We will appreciate your support!

Email: ncfm.la@verizon.net"

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National Center for Men Preparing Legal Challenge for Men's Reproductive Rights

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On the 30th anniversary of the historic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, the National Center for Men is announcing their intention to legally challenge the unjust double standard of "her choice, his responsibility." They seek to establish a legal recognition of men's reproductive rights. Their press release can be found on the choiceformen.com web site here.

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New MANN Admins to Replace Scott

Scott · 17 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

It has come time for me to announce that soon I will no longer be administering Mensactivism.org on a day-to-day basis as I have since the site was started. We have taken on some new people who will be working with some of the older co-admins to keep this site running smoothly and in the spirit that it was created. This is a decision I have not made lightly and I think will improve the quality of this site as a resource to men's activists. Read on for more explanation...Mensactivism.org has been running for almost three years, and I have found administering the site to be a very rewarding experience. The time commitment it takes to keep it going is significant, and it has always been worth the effort. However, for several months now I've found it very difficult to maintain all of my time commitments, and far too many worthy news stories haven't been posted out of neglect simply because I've been too overwhelmed with things.

Much of this had to do with a very challenging (and also rewarding) semester I had at UNH this past fall. I am in my final year at UNH and the upcoming semester will be my last in the Computer Science program. My academics have pushed me to many new limits, and I'm finding that I enjoy the work immensely. However, due to the intense time requirements these classes have, I found myself in way over my head last semester, to the point that I was making a lot of compromises with my personal health and relationships. I've decided that I can't do this to myself again. My final semester is going to be even more challenging than the last, and in this depressed tech economy, I am going to have to put even more resources into finding a job for when I graduate.

Now, there's no way I could stop being active in men's issues - it means so much to me that I could not be complete without being a men's activist. However, I've decided that in order to maintain my physical and mental health for the next six months, I will have to focus on local men's issues activism at the expense of some of the wider scale things I've been doing, such as running Mensactivism.org. One of the things I intend to do is make a final attempt to get a seat on the NH Commission on the Status of Men, for which I now have support from several key people.

I also didn't want to consider shutting down Mensactivism.org. Such a vibrant community of activists have kept this site going, and I wanted to see what could be done to allow this community to sustain itself. Thus we have taken on four new administrators who will work with the three we currently have, to edit and post user submissions to the site. I'm confident that this new team has the resources to keep the spirit of the site going strong, and to maintain Mensactivism.org as a useful resource for men's activists in a wide variety of issues.

I'd like to thank Adam, Thomas, and Brad for helping me keep this site going for so long. Nightmist will not be forgotten for his enormous contributions to this site as well. And now I'd like to welcome Steve, Tom, tparker, and Dan as new admins. I'll be helping them get up to speed on things over the next couple of weeks and will be acting as an advisor when needed by the beginning of February. Some of the info pages in the "Navigation" section of the site will be updated to reflect the new status of things over the next week, and e-mails to admin@mensactivism.org will be forwarded to the mailing list of MANN admins so they can keep track of e-mail submissions and such.

Mensactivism.org is really run by all of its readers, the admins just keep a consistent image and "smooth out the edges" editorially. I'm confident that this site will only improve because of these changes. Thanks for sticking with us through all this!

- Scott Garman

scott@mensactivism.org

(who started this site as an "experiment" to learn apache and mysql) :)

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L.A. County Sanctioned $700 for Ignoring NCFM Request

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Marc writes *"The County of Los Angeles was sanctioned $700 by a judge of the L.A. Superior Court for not responding to NCFM, LA's demand for documents on their gender policies that we made several months ago. The judge gave the County 10 days to come up with the documents. We filed this case last year because L.A. County funds a Commission for Women but no Commission for Men. To view the complaint, see this PDF file. We recently filed another suit against L.A. County for spending millions of dollars on an Office of Women's Health but having nothing similar for men at all. We will post that complaint on our website soon."*

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The Media's Double Standards

Scott · 18 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch writes *"This opinion piece is a great example of how things are progressing to the awareness stage for men's issues. Some of the books being mentioned are mainstream books. They are along the same lines as Spreading Misandry. The fact that more and more material is coming out and being published is a welcome sign. One which, according to this author, will lead to the improvement of men's health."*

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V-Day Parody Contest Deadline Approaching

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The parody contest sponsored by Jack Kammer is still accepting entries for their "If I only had a V" contest to satirize the radical feminist hijacking of Valentine's Day as "V-Day". The deadline for submissions is February 6, so please get them in early, for a chance to win $100! Read on for more details, and check out the contest link. You may have heard that for the past several years certain sexist domestic violence zealots have been attempting to convert Valentine's Day into yet another occasion for wrongly portraying violence as something men mainly do to women. They have dubbed February 14 "V-Day." The V stands for, you guessed it, Violence. At the behest of Eve Ensler, author of the much-ballyhooed stage production "The Vagina Monologues," the V also stands for Vaginas.

Hearts to Violence to Vaginas. A lovely trick.

To help poke some fun at this bizarre turn of events, I have agreed to serve as a judge, along with 22 other men and women in the US, UK, Canada and Australia, in the first "If I Only Had a V" satire/parody songwriting contest, based on the "Wizard of Oz" Tin Man's song "If I Only Had a Heart."

The winning entry will humorously describe how a man's life might be better if he only had a vagina. Judging criteria are (a) effectiveness in satirizing the idea that women in western societies are always virtuous, never committing violence themselves, (b) effectiveness in satirizing the idea that women in western societies are oppressed, (c) adherence to the original meter and tone of the song "If I Only Had a Heart," (d) suitability for being reported verbatim by the mainstream media and (e) humor.

The author of the winning entry will receive a cash prize of $100.

The deadline for entries is February 6, 2003. For details on rules and how to enter visit www.RulyMob.com/contest.htm.

Please let the Tin Man's song play in your mind for a while and try to come up with a satire/parody of your own. It just might be the winner.

Here are the words to the original song, the words for which I hope you will submit a sharp, funny, incisive parody.

If I Only Had a Heart

When a man's an empty kettle

He should be on his mettle

And yet I'm torn apart

Just because I'm presumin

That I could be kind-a human

If I only had a heart.

I'd be tender, I'd be gentle

And awful sentimental

Regarding love and art.

I'd be friends with the sparrows

And the boy who shoots the arrows,

If I only had a heart.

Picture me... a balcony...

Above a voice sings low --

Wherefore art thou, Romeo?

I hear a beat.

How sweet!

Just to register emotion,

Jealousy, devotion

And really feel the part.

I could stay young and chipper

And I'd lock it with a zipper

If I only had a heart.

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More On The Baby Bust

Thomas · 18 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I like to keep track of this type of article, because I'm pretty sure that population collapse will soon result in crises throughout the developed world. (The Aussies seem to be paying more attention to the problem than anyone else.)

The piece makes a number of interesting points including, "About 20 per cent more women aged in their late 20s and early 30s have (bachelor) degrees than men in the same age group." So let's review what we frequently find... The fembots drive men out of the school system with their unrelenting anti-male hatred and lies; women are less inclined to "marry down" than men; many women complain about the shortage of worthwhile eligible men and, when they're in their 30s and 40s, complain that they're single and childless.

Brace yourselves, folks. The population collapse is gonna result in serious turmoil.Source: The Age

Title: Fertility crisis: why you can't blame the blokes

Author: Bob Birrell

Date:January 17, 2003

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Men Seek 'the Truth' on Prostate Treatments

Scott · 19 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ sent us this insightful article from the Boston Globe and quotes it:

> *"Men who have suffered prostate issues feel they were misled about the sexual side effects of their treatment. "Why can't we get good solid information?" said one Boston man....The result is that with 180,000 men diagnosed and 55,000 undergoing prostate-removal surgery each year, thousands of survivors are glad to be alive, but painfully disappointed with their sexual function."*

CJ comments, "*Perhaps its time that hospitals start treating men's cancer issues as importnant as they do for breast cancer, and supply support and information in a manner that is effective for the continued health of men."*

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MSN.com Tones Down Male Bashing E-cards

Scott · 22 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"MSN.com has toned down its ecards. The "Man whining" ecard has gone. There are 3 along the lines of "There are no good men to be found", a slight improvement on violence. MSNHatesMen.com has changed its ecards to match although I doubt any feminist would like them. I'm sure MSN would claim that the change was just a facelift of the MSN site, but I can't help thinking that maybe those protest emails and MSNHatesMen.com had some influence."* This is great to hear - many thanks to everyone who has written to MSN and applied some pressure.

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It's All The Woman's Fault

Thomas · 22 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

In this essay about women not taking responsibility for their choices, Taylor Marsh maintains that it's women, not men, who are to blame for the dramatic downturn in male/female relationships. I've put this into the "Humor" category because, though I don't agree with everything Taylor says, the piece cracked me up.

Here's an excerpt:
"Enter men, that wonderfully easy going, happy go lucky, go with the flow gender, who have stood by and watched as women implode, explode, and erode into a group of confused, hesitant, irresponsible people that won't take yes for an answer."

Enjoy!Source: What Do You Want?

Title: It's All the Woman's Fault

Author: Taylor Marsh

Date: November 13, 2002

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January Men's Hour Released

Scott · 22 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"On the January Men's Hour: Senator Anne Cools on her work in the Canadian parliament. Trudy W. Schuett on the successes of 2002 and hopes for 2003. Ian Kelly on the rise of paternity fraud and more media coverage for 2003. MSN has toned down its sexist ecards and the MSNHatesMen.com response. Baby bust - the declining population. See the January programme here.*"

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MANN Chat: Roe v. Wade--Not for men!

Steve · 22 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Steve writes *"I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (1/22), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the usual location. The topic for this chat will be 'Roe v. Wade at 30: Same Old Legal Abuse of Men' In all the hooplah over the 30th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's controversial 'Roe' decision, many people are overlooking a simple fact: in the last 30 years, men's rights concerning reproduction have decreased dramatically. We now have rampant paternity fraud, an antire industry dedicated to collecting so-called 'child support', increasingly anti-father adoption laws, legalized baby abandonment, and a seriously damaged system of divorce law. Where are men today in the area of reproductive choice? What can we do to improve things? Join us at this week's MANN chat to assess the situation and develop a strategy to correct it."*

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Cathy Young Comments on the California Rape Ruling

Scott · 23 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mcc99 writes *"Cathy Young has commented in the Boston Globe on the recent ruling regarding the definition of rape and consent in California. I submitted a letter to the Globe editor, printed below. If you send your own, please make sure it is utterly original, since they are far less likely to publish any letter that appears to be part of a form or write-in campaign."* I would encourage people to read Young's article, since she has brought to light some other factors in this case that I was unaware of until now. Read More below to view mcc99's letter.mcc99's letter: "*Cathy Young's January 20, 2003 article on the California Supreme Court's recent decision to expand the definition of rape indeed brings up some hard-to-answer questions. I agree with her overall conclusion that forced sex is rape.*

What bothers me though, and especially so as a man, is the lack of evidentiary standards in this kind of case. It is he said-she said-- and her words are weighted far more heavily than his. In fact, in today's climate of misandry, one need only accuse a man of a sex-related crime to destroy his reputation and/or send him to jail, with or without any evidence other than an accusation. Divorce and family courts lawyers will tell you how much such allegations, unsubstantiated or corroborated, are thrown about in efforts to besmear a man's reputation, and even when they are groundless, how the woman making the allegation is not prosecuted.

There is a reason the marriage rate has fallen and men these days are categorically uninclined to marry and have kids. Perhaps people need to start looking more objectively at the causes for the decline in both the marriage and reproductive rate in the United States and other western countries before either statistic is likely to trend back upward."

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DNA Dragnet of Men in Louisiana

Scott · 24 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Bill Kuhl writes *"I saw a report on national TV news about a dragnet of men in Louisiana and then later found this article on the same story. Apparently there is a serial killer of women at work in the Baton Rouge/Lafayette area. Police have identified the murderer as male and have commanded hundreds of men in the area to show up to prove themselves innocent through a DNA test. How unbelievably unconstitutional can you get?!!! The same would never be done to women, I believe. One man refused to show up for the test and his name was put in the paper."* To me, the most disturbing thing is the number of men who are willingly giving up their rights. [Question to readers]: When will these dragnets hit the town that you're in? Will you submit to the same, given that you have "nothing to hide?"

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Man Friendly Feminists?

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Dan Lynch writes *"Speaking of fourth generation feminism (not sure if this qualifies)Christina Hoff Sommers is invading campuses in an effort to "Take Back the Campus" campaign. The campaign was originally started by the IWF. Whats good about this is a Chicago unversity club has started up and they are naming themselves "The Partnership for Common Sence Feminism". I know sounds like an oxymoron, but; the group is aiming to set the record straight about research. This undoubtedly will be a welcome sign for the men's movement. So if these women who are starting campus groups are going to be thorough in their investigations there will be another voice speaking out against the misleading information. Best of all it will be women dealing with women. They also ask men to participate aswell. This is FYI to let you know its spreading."*

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Large Scale Study Finds One-Parent Children at Risk

Scott · 25 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This story in the NY Times [free reg. required] reports that according to a Swedish study unprecedented in scale and follow-up, one-parent children have a significantly higher risk to develop serious psychiatric illnesses and addictions later in life. The story didn't focus on children raised by their mother only, but nevertheless this is a strong argument against the current sole custody policies of the family courts."* Studies like this are of great importance to the default joint custody movement.

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Special Events and Violence

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Dan Lynch writes *"This weekend is SuperBowl weekend. It has been reported (falsley I add) that this was a weekend when domestic violence skyrockets and shelter phone lines go threw the roof. None of this was substantiated in any form whatsoever. I'd like to point out that this scare tactic (that teaches women to both fear and hate men) is becoming more and more common. Shelters in Ireland were trying to pull the same stunt on their World Cup Soccer. It has also been reported that DV spikes during Christmas time. None of these allegations are accountable for and none of the accusers state whether or not men are asked about abuse against them. This is a common tactic no doubt to cash in on the events themselves. Im sure they will expand to every and anything they can think of for the bottom line M-O-N-E-Y. I didnt add any links, this post is meant as a reminder, but feel free to list some of relevence. Enjoy your weekend, Dan."*

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Eeva Sodhi Discusses Unjust Laws

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Bruce M. writes *"This is a great commentary written by Eeva Sodhi in lewrockwell.com.*
It basically sums up (as men's rights activists have been saying all along) the unfairness towards men by the laws passed with the influence of gender feminism.

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The Latest From Glenn Sacks

Brad · 26 January 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks' latest column, *"30 Years After Roe v. Wade, How About Choice for Men?"* just came out in the Mail & Guardian (published in Johannesburg & Cape Town, South Africa) as well as Mens News Daily.

He also made two radio appearances on Choice for Men this week, on ABC Radio's Early Morning Program in Australia on Monday and on the Nick Kasoff Show on WGNU in St. Louis on Tuesday. Archived versions of the shows may be available soon on ABC Australia and The Nick Kasoff ShowTo learn more about Choice for Men, see Glenn's previously published columns *"Shouldn't Men Have a Choice, Too?"* (Los Angeles Daily Journal, San Francisco Daily Journal, 2/18/02) and *"Pennsylvania Abortion Case Raises Question of Choice for Men"* (Newsday, 8/7/02). The Newsday column was coauthored by Dianna Thompson, executive director of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children.

Also, see the National Center for Men's Voluntary Fatherhood Project. Archived audio of Glenn's discussion of a man's right to choose (from the Dave Taylor Show in Calgary, Canada last year) is also available.

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Legal Waiver to Protect CA Men Against Rape Charge

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Matthew Weeks writes *"I initially wrote this article about a week ago, once the story of the California Supreme Court's ruling in People v John Z. broke, and published it on my personal site. It concerns the possible implications of the ruling, and contains a very macabre, yet humorous, tone to it. I drafted a possible legal waiver for people thinking of engaging in sex that would disavow them from any rape charges. It's made a lot of people laugh.*

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Angry Harry, Radical Feminists and the Superbowl

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Dan Lynch writes *"Angry Harry's blog brings up the issue of the myths and lies perpetrated on Superbowl sunday. Harry has some history as well as some future concerns about the expanding nature of radical feminists falsehoods on all major sports events."*

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CA Paternity Fraud Champion

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warble writes *"Attention ALL California Paternity Fraud victims! I have reviewed all of the tapes from the legislative sessions that took place last year. As everybody knows we need a champion to push paternity fraud legislation in the California 2003 legislative session. I believe that John Longville is that perfect candidate. THIS MAN GETS IT! P John Longville is the ONLY person on the Committee of the Judiciary that stood up to the bigotry that men face. He identified the issue and went after the issue like a bulldog!*

Please send your FAX now requesting him to be our champion for paternity fraud legislation. I believe John Longville is a major fighter and will fight for the rights of paternity fraud victims. You can view his web site here: Assemblymember Longville

All of the information necessary to send letters and faxes are there. You can even call if you like. Please appraise him for his exposure of the bigotry that paternity fraud victims face and encourage him to be our champion.

Thanks,

Warble"

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/03/01/27/2146213.shtml

UK Human Genetics Commission

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Anon writes "Hi! I came across a web page for a UK Human Genetics Commission plenary meeting.

http://www.hgc.gov.uk/business_meetings_05february .htm

Is this meeting to discuss the topic of regulating men's access to parentage testing services?

a.k.a. http://www.ukmm.org.uk/issues/shame/hgc.htm

Is there anyone out there interested in this meeting? Going to the meeting? If so, I'd appreciate being contacted." Dan's note: Hopefully this person will make themselves known on the board, but; I feel this topic needs to be explored immediately. With men's views and choices always taking a back seat we should always be up to date on new relative issues. Thanks for your understanding.

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What affects all men

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Anonymous User:Storyteller writes *"Dear friends,*
we are an organisation concerned with what affects all men, in all societies. So we hope you can share with us some of your stoires with us at www.jaredstory.com and www.abusedbythesystem.org.uk/ thank you."

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Woman stabs her boyfriend to death, gets one year

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SJones writes *"A female track star stabbed her married boyfriend to death. She only received a sentece of one year for her violent crime. The article made a point of accusing the male victim of domestic violence in an obvious attempt to justify her murderous attack. The article is here"*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/03/01/29/2340258.shtml

Anatomy of a Dysfunctional Legal System

D · 1 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

fightbigotry2002 writes *"When politics decides who is guilty.*
This article is a study of the systematic nature in which the Maryland legal system bends the rules to ensure a predetermined outcome in civil cases. It is not enough to complain in a general manner that men as a group are discriminated against, we must understand how a system works to inform the public. When we make general complaints we are in danger of trivializing the true nature of what we face as a society. It is not just men or any target group who are loosing their civil rights, it's all of us. If we can not overcome the excuse by government to discriminate then we all have lost our civil liberties. Have so many died in 200+ years to fight tyranny only to lose that freedom by the tap of the gavel?"

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Harvard returns money to Jane Fonda

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CJ writes *"Actress Jane Fonda has pulled back most of a $12.5 million pledge to Harvard's Graduate School of Education, ending the school's plans for a major research center on gender in education. Fonda's intent was to study the focus of education as it relates to girls only, despite the fact that during the past two decades, most (all?) gender specific studies have been on girls. The most influential study done on gender in education was by Carol Gilligan, which lacked empirical support to back up her claims (even today she still will not provide her research for analysis). Perhaps academic honesty prevailed here, as the media claims that Fonda had to 'scale back" the project because of concerns about the economy. I think the truth is that some of her money may have benefited boys, who are the only known casualty of the impact feminism has had on secondary education, so Jane pulled her money out." Read an article here.*

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Men "...inherently a threat..."??

D · 3 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mcc99 writes *"Should anyone question misandry as a pan-western world phenomenon I suggest you merely read this article. Well, at least this article reported that the comments were denounced. Read it yourself--I don't make this stuff up, honest."*

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Erin Pizzey: a Spectacular Woman

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Dan Lynch writes *"Since Feburary is the month of Erin Pizzey's birthday I would like to post as much of her writings and contributions as I can find. If you don't already know who Erin is I will link her bio here. I feel its very important that we all get to know this dynamic woman who has challenged adversity for decades for the sole purpose of improving our lives. Both men and women."*

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Anonymous Sperm Donation Damaging

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westcoast writes *"There is movement to remove the anonimity of sperm donors...*

It occured to me that if Mother's commit Paternity Fraud then this may challenge the idea of 'In the best interests of the child' raised when DNA tests show a Man is not the real father.

Is it possible to argue that Paternity Fraud and Sperm donation are similar?

From the BBC news coverage....

"Those who favour change argue that children born as a result of donor insemination can be psychologically damaged by discovering in later life that they will never know their biological father."

Of course in Paternity Fraud they can know their biological father, if the Mother reveals it and puts an end to the Fraud."

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The Judicial Manslaughter of Fatherhood

D · 4 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch writes *"This story is specifically about Mark Edward Dexel, but it plays of so many men's lives it could be anyone of us. This man committed suicide because he could no longer fight the system. He felt beaten so he decided to hang himself. Mark left a note to explain his reasons and he aptly blames the system."*

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Circumcision Opponents Use the Legal System

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This NY Times article (free reg. req) talks about how "circumcision opponents use the legal system and legislatures." Must read.

Serge

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iFeminist Web Site Regains Momentum

Scott · 4 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

After some rough times starting late last December, the iFeminists web site stopped being maintained due to a lack of funding. Fortunately, Wendy McElroy has found support from the Independent Institute, and the web site is slowly being rebuilt again. Note that the main web site is now iFeminists.net - the .org and .com domains now redirect to the new location. If you haven't checked out their site, please do so - this is not your typical group of anti-male feminists.

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Feminist 'Paedophile' Targets Boys

D · 5 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Uberganger writes *"Germaine Greer, the feminist 'icon', has written a new book "challenging conventional views on child pornography". Called 'The Boy', it specifically focuses on boys as objects of sexual desire. It is astonishing that, in the current sexual climate, anyone would consider producing such a book. At the same time it seems consistent with a kind of deliberate perversity in relation to boys, to their depiction and treatment, that seems to be growing up in the wake of the wholesale denigration of men. Sick. A related article on sexual assault to boys by older women is here"*

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Why women are single?

D · 5 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

ppmnow writes *"They just don't get 'it'...and neither does msnbc. Why is it that viewer dissatisfaction with this network is at an all time low? Read the following excerpt of a book featured on the front page of MSN....*

So, why are so many women single today? I am certain there are different opinions to that query than whats being offered by Whitehead's book. Perhaps they should consider asking some men on this. You know, to add to the whole perspective."

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MANN Chat: Misandry in Super Bowl Commercials?

Steve · 5 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (2/5), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location. The topic for this chat will be "Men in Commercials: What Shall We Do About the Misandry?" The National Organization for Women Foundation (NOWF) has published its href="http://www.nowfoundation.org/watchout3/superbowl.html">assessment of the television commercials that aired during Super Bowl XXVII. NOWF's comments on the commercials are interesting because they indicate some ground on which men and radical feminists might agree. Quite troubling, though, is NOWF's clear approval of some commercials that may stereotype men or otherwise portray men in a negative light. What do you think of this development? Join us tonight at MANN chat to have your say. It will help if you >read the href="http://www.nowfoundation.org/watchout3/superbowl.html">NOWF report before attending the chat. Hope to see you there!

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Feminist Response to Circumcision Lawsuit

Adam · 6 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"You may be familiar with the Flatt case in North Dakota, wherein a newly-enlightened mother is suing the hospital that induced her to sign away her newborn son's foreskin (see "Circumcision Opponents Use the Legal System" under Tuesday). Here is a charming editorial from the University of Southern California's* Daily Trojan *student newspaper, representing the views of the modern, liberated young American female.*

J. Steven Svoboda of Attorneys for the Rights of the Child comments, "Without any credit or mention of journalist Adam Liptak and his recent New York Times *article, and without any attempt to directly contact us for comment, the article takes and distorts information from Liptak's piece about the Flatt v. Kantak case (conducted by attorney Zenas Baer) as well as about Attorneys for the Rights of the Child.""*

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Texas woman who ran over husband to be aquitted?

D · 8 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"The Texas woman who ran over her husband 3 times while his daughter was riding in the car with her will probably get away with it by claiming, as Lorena Bobbitt did, that she acted out of 'sudden passion' and is therefore not responsible for her actions. Sudden passion is a defense generally reserved only for women who are clearly guilty of horrible violent crimes such as sexual mutilations or murders. It's simply the "temporary insanity" claim reworded and the standard punishment, which the story doesn't mention, is 'counseling' and no jail time. The story is here."*

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News Flash! Mainstream Media States Facts About Domestic Violence!

Thomas · 8 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

ABC news has published an article that states some important facts about domestic violence. Some of the valuable statements include:

"men are battered by their partners more than 800,000 times a year, according to surveys cited by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

and

"(Attorney and psychologist, Claudia) Dias thinks women who batter are much harder to treat than their male counterparts. According to Dias, female batterers 'start from a place where everyone sees them as victims.' She said men tell the very same stories of childhood abuse, yet men are never excused for hitting women. Women, on the other hand, have gotten just the opposite message."

We should write to commend them for this report.Source: ABC News

Title: Battle of the Sexes:

Spousal Abuse Cuts Both Ways

Date: February 7, 2002

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Teenager Girl challenges male-only draft law

D · 10 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Jeff (aka This is Not Equality) writes *"A 17-year old Boston girl has earned my respect, and she is, along with her step-brother and his friends, taking on the Selective Service System. With this move, she has done more for women than the NOW could ever hope to accomplish.*

"The discrimination is kind of in favor of women," she said yesterday. "But this is kind of an ethical thing. If you say women have the same rights as men, you're going to have to take the good with the bad.""

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Sacks on National Radio Tour

Adam · 10 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"Men's issues columnist Glenn Sacks is doing a national radio tour debating his Valentine's Day column "Should Men Still be Expected to Pay for Dates?" (St. Louis Post-Dispatch , 2/14/02). Sacks has appeared or will be appearing in dozens of major cities leading up to Valentine's Day, including New York City, San Antonio, St. Louis, Phoenix, Los Angeles and others. To follow the tour, go to glennsacks.com."*

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Male Suicide: Genetic Defect or Desperate Act?

D · 11 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch writes *""There is no bottom to stupid when it comes to government inaction" someone mailed me today.*
Read on: " 'New think' thought of the day, published first in the Montreal Gazette – Men commit suicide because they are genetically defective (the Gazette always reports women commit suicide from desperate acts).
Once again the Montreal Gazette Newspaper, continues to call any issue regarding men a PEOPLE ISSUE (Women's issues are reported as women's issues).
It is the same sexist propaganda from the Gazette when it comes to suicides. Because suicide is 80% men, the Gazette reports it as a people issue.
Men are the victims of 75% of violence in Canada, 43% (growing) of spousal abuse victims and ¾ of suicides. Over 90% of the homeless in Canada are men.
Heritage Canada gives 100% of all gender specific funding to women and 100% of gender exclusive resources to the over 500 gender exclusive shelters to women.
The Canadian and Quebec governments refuse to fund a single gender exclusive penny to anything to do with men's issues (health, suicide, etc). Millions to women, nothing to men.
Desperate men / Zero resources = desperate acts.
Yet these researchers as you report, obviously without a clue, are looking for 'a genetic link' and a new study. Study What???
How about the Gazette Newspaper starts asking why there is no emergency funding for men from our Governments.
Today and each and every day 3 men in Quebec will commit suicide.
There is no bottom to stupid when it comes to government inaction and newspaper silence!""

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Stop Denying that Women Batter Men!

Adam · 11 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"In this article*
the outgoing mayor of a Southern California city is reported as having been caught on videotape slugging a City Councilman. She was cited for misdemeanor battery. Does this story confirm once again that violent women really can't do any serious harm, because their upper body strength is not equivalent to that of a man? Does our society view a woman's upper body strength differently here, than when a woman competes against a man for a job?"

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Free Clara Harris?

Adam · 11 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"When I read this article by Joseph Farah, my blood pressure went up so far that I immediately got a headache. As you may recall, Clara Harris murdered her husband by running him over with her Mercedes Benz. Her trial is in progress in Texas. Frankly, I think she deserves the death penalty. But apparently Mr. Farah thinks she is a saint and that there ought to be more women like her. I would encourage anyone who is similarly outraged to share thoses feelings with Farah in no uncertain terms, at: jfarah@worldnetdaily.com*

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Differences between Male and Female Brains

Thomas · 12 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

It makes sense to view with a bit of skepticism such precepts as those espoused in this essay. The article does, however, present some interesting facts about fundamental, cognitive differences between males and females. And it flies in the face of those genfems, who insist that such differences are purely social constructions.Source: The Spectator

Title: Why women can't read maps:

The high incidence of male autism reveals basic mental differences between the sexes

Author: Rod Liddle

Date: November 30, 2002

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Ruling Ended Son's Life

Adam · 12 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

dave100254 writes *"Register Guard/Editor's MailbagOn January 18th, the Swat Team killed my son, Guy Einer McClure. His life was really over when Crook County Circuit Judge George Neilson and the State of Oregon decided what he would pay in child and spousal support in June of 1999. He had no hope and no life after that. I really wish the laws could be changed. Sent in by Kathy McClure, Guy's mother."* I wish I knew what to say here, but words fail me.

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V-Day Parody Song Winner Announced

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The winner of the V-Day parody song contest has been released. Jack Kammer, a men's issues writer, sponsored this contest to find a good parody of the Wizard of Oz song, "If I only had a heart" to satirize the idea that women are the exclusive victims of violence and oppression, which is the main impetus behind changing Valentine's Day to "V-Day". The winning entry can be found here, and the second and third place winners on this page. Many thanks to everyone who participated - the contest was a lot of fun. Plus, the winner received $100 cash prize!

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Sacks' Newest: "Valentine's Day & the Gender Wars"

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Anon User writes "*On Valentine's Day 2003...American men and women often remain bitterly divided...Part of the division...is due to women's legitimate grievances. But much of it is also caused by men's resentment that the very real problems and disadvantages they face as husbands, partners and fathers have been ignored by the media, our lawmakers and by society as a whole. To achieve reconciliation between the genders, it is necessary to address men's grievances.*" Read the article at http://www.glennsacks.com/valentines_day_and.htm --Newsday (2/12/03)

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Cyberman Books Chat

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Just to let you know, it's the first anniversary of Cyberman Books this friday, and you're welcome to come along and chat with the regulars this friday. If you're interested, visit their homepage to find out more.

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Male Victims of DV on the BBC

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westcoast writes *"The BBC did a story on male victims of DV this inside out programme was on at 7:30 pm together with a follow up Radio programme at 10pm.*
Mayor Ken Levingstone when asked about the 50/50 male/female violence figure said 'I do not believe it'
At last the BBC have raised awareness of this issue and showed a sympathetic point of view."

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A Wife Murdering Her Husband is Domestic Violence

Adam · 14 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Cathy Young's new article appears on MND, and is about the alleged murder of Dr. David Harris by Dr. Clara Harris. Ms Young appears to take a reasonably objective and balanced approach to the story, and even goes so far in her closing sentence as to allude to this incident as domestic violence. That is something I have not noticed any other journalist do so far. One can only wonder whether the words contained in the heated debate on mensactivism over her last story (CA Rape Ruling) have had some influence over her balance and objectivity in this story. Hummm???"*

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Masculist Anthology revived

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"We're hoping to revive the Masculist Anthology, originally proposed by Nightmist. We're looking to get men's writers to submit articles on issues ranging from divorce through education through male health through false accusations (to name but four) with a view to publishing later this year. Email us or join the chat, www.cyberManbooks.com Valentine's Day – Friday 14th 2-12 Eastern (7-5 London)"*

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Clara Harris found guilty

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Doug writes *"Clara Harris, the dentist who killed her husband after finding him with another woman, has been found gulity! It is interesting to me that in a case this clear it took over eight hours to reach that verdict. None the less, this is still a victory. Here's the link to a local news story." Here's also a link to the sentencing*

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Exposing a Feminised System

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jll1024 writes ″

I found this article on AskMen.com. It's a letter and a response concerning male-bashing in the media. I think it's important to note that AskMen.com may be one of the web's most visited site concerning general men's issues, and that the reality of a feminized culture is being exposed by a mainstream media source.

Please write to AskMen.com and thank them and encourage them to continue writing without fear of women who fear men."

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Lazy husbands the norm?

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WORKING in Seattle writes "
As you can see from this link, Dodge has joined the male bashing league with a minivan billboard advertisement that states: "Gets more done than most husbands." Can you imagine the media firestorm and feminist backlash if the word Husbands was replace with Wives? Even better, how about a billboard with an advertisement from Playboy with the statement: "Get more pleasure than with your wife!" YOW!

No fewer than (2) of these billboard are within a couple of hundred feet of my workplace. It has several thousand, hard-working husbands who work everyday, year after year, to bring home the cash for their families. What's next for men if this can be put up by a major US corporation?"

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Who cares if a man lives or dies?

Adam · 17 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous writes *"A Boston Globe article addresses some positive health news for men: men are apparently living longer, and the gender gap among living senior citizens is narrowing. However, the article seems to more or less ignore the main reason to celebrate this news - namely, that men are living longer. Instead, it almost exclusively discusses the ways in which this would clearly benefit women. Great! If you are male, social "scientists" will celebrate your longevity - but only if doing so helps and assists your wife. Thanks for the concern! We've all heard it already - it's best not to be too much of a burden. (FYI, this article is very reminiscent of past articles that I have seen regardig the dearth of men on cellege campuses, focusing exclusively on how this reduces the "qualified" dating pool of men available for - you guessed it - women!) Here is the article. The author can be reached here: dembner@globe.com"*

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Column about the negatives of V-Day

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Steve writes *"This is a column I wrote for the Daily Orange, the college newspaper of Syracuse University. It is about the negative aspects of V-Day, the anti-male propaganda holiday originated by Eve Ensler that takes place on Valentine's Day at college campuses all across the country. "V-Day" is a misguided attempt to empower women through hateful statistics that furthers the men-as-abusers stereotype."* Free registration is required to read.

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Testicle attack "Is murder."

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Anonymous User writes *"BBC reports that the "Indian Supreme Court has ruled that anyone who inflicts fatal injuries to the testicles should face first-degree murder charges."*

Serge"

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The Media and the "Hive Mind"

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Dan Lynch writes *"It is my opinion that the men's movement should know everything it can about the media and how it works. A quote from an article I came across " If it's not on television, it never happened. Out of sight, out of mind."(May explain the voicelessness of men's issues). Now this article, about a 10 minute read, may not have identical opinions to everyone, but the framework of what the author is saying stands true. The Author shows the bass work of how television can develope mass opinions and how those opinions can translate into formalized thought control. Men feel more and more they are being reduced to a wallet or a slave in the menial sence. Their civil liberties being shortchanged. I think this article is certianly up for debate and a must read. "Jack Kerouac once noted," remarks the author, "while walking down a residential street at night, glancing into living rooms lit by the gray glare of television sets, that we have become a world of people "thinking the same thoughts at the same time."""*

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Sacks Blasts College Misandry

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Men's Issues columnist Glenn Sacks blasts college misandry in his latest piece "The Best Valentine's Day Gift for College Students: Gender Reconciliation." In it he vivdly describes what he calls "modern collegiate America's darkest hour"--misandrist feminist Catherine MacKinnon's Yale commencement address.

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MANN Chat: Attacking Misandry on Campus

Steve · 19 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (2/19),
starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location. The
topic for this chat will be "Attacking Misandry on Campus." In a
recent essay, href="http://www.glennjsacks.com">Glenn Sacks artfully described
some of the problems college men face on campus. Those problems
are rooted in misandry and happen not just on college and university
campuses, but in elementary schools and high schools as well.
From labeling young boys as "proto-rapists" and "proto-harassers"
to inviting notorious man-hating women to speak at graduation
ceremonies, misandry is alive and well in the academy. Wanna do
something about it? Join us at tonight's MANN chat to discuss
strategies for dealing with misandry on campus. See you there!

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Artists Wanted

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Dan Lynch writes *"To draw political comics based on men's issues. I can come up with the writing and the ideas but would need someone to draw them. It would be a good idea for email campaigns as well as to be held on file on some web site. Obviously there is no money, its all volunteer, but; it will be a good , quick and easy way to get points across hopefully in an interesting and humorous fashion."*

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UCSB columnist endorses domestice violence

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Boy Genteel writes *"I found this piece from a columnist at UC-Santa Barbara that endorsed domestic violence towards males as a way to heighten later sexual pleasure. Below is my angry letter to the newspaper.*

"Beth Van Dyke is a sexist hypocrite. In her November 13 column, she suggested that couples should get into arguments and shouting matches so that they could later have rough "make-up sex".

She specifically condemned the act of a man smacking a woman around "like an inflatable doll", but she proved earlier that she has zero credibility, as she outright endorsed the act of a woman slapping a man"...

"NO ONE, big or small, female or male, should tolerate being physically assaulted. It appears that Beth Van Dyke sorely needs to learn that members of the male gender are also not to be treated like inflatable dolls."

Now do your worst, mensactivism gang!

bg"

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Iowa legislator for Commission on Status of Men

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SJones writes *"A male state senator in Iowa has proposed a Commission on the Status of Men to balance the female supremacist Commission on the Status of Womyn. In the article a female supremacist legislator is given more space for her harassment of him than his proposal receives. And the fact that a Commission for Womyn already exists is also conveniently left out of the biased article. The article is posted in Oddly Enough News rather than in the real news as a final kick in the crotch to all men everywhere. Nevertheless, the article is posted and can be found here.*

We need to do whatever we can to support this Iowa state senator in his efforts to obtain some equality for men. He is going to need whatever we can give him in standing up to the feminist political machine."

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The BBC and Gender Fascism

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Dan Lynch writes *"Here is an article(just click on BBC and Gender Feminsim) written by Melanie Philips who takes the BBC to task in regards to new segments that are appearing in coming weeks. Melanie points out many of the atrocities that the BBC perpetuate for the myths of domestic violence. How monopoly networks can maintain status quo and politically demonize men wholesale. Another Journalist (Jennie Bristow) points out the flaws of 'Hitting Home' campaign in her article"A Licence to Indoctrinate". With the indoctrination tactics and the fearmongering designed to make us suspicious of our partners. She alludes that the government is trying to invade our homes. Which is something I blatently state."*

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Rehabilitative Alimony In Tennessee Courts

Adam · 21 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Lee in Tennessee writes *"I'm not sure of the laws regarding rehabilitative alimony in other states, but in Tennessee, there is no legislature that ceases this type of alimony, even when an ex-spouse lives with someone of the opposite sex, or remarries. I am not a man myself, but rather a woman that is married to a very good man that, at present, even though his ex-wife has remarried, is paying her rehabilitative alimony. I have sat through more court hearings with him than imaginable, because every time she even senses he has gotten a raise, regardless of how much, my husband is drug back into court again. I have come to the definite conclusion that in no way are the laws fair or equal in regard to men, in fact, I have come to refer to rehabilitative alimony only as "the rape of man". How can courts and judges allow women to continually destroy men financially, even after they remarry, without some protection for the man. My husband's income, even before child support and alimony, is not rich, but substantial, around $45,000.00/year. He's not even left with a third of that after he pays his ex-wife. As for the child we have together, that, according to the Tennessee courts, is my responsibility, but yet, his ex-wife's husband does not have to take any responsibility in providing for them, because they can live off of what my husband's paying them. I would love to know what can be done to change Tennessee legislation regarding alimony, particularly this kind, not only for my family, but for the other men in Tennessee that I know are experiencing the same kind of "rape"."* Coincidentally, I'm just about to post an article on this very subject, so stay tuned to this website.

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An Intentional Single Father

Adam · 21 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Hunsvotti writes *"Bold new idea, or just arranged marriage done right? John, like many of us, read the writing on the wall. He knew that the odds were in favor of any marriage he might join ending in a messy divorce. You know what happens next - the separation of his progeny from one or the other parent. (Most likely him, not that he actually says it.) And yet, he wanted to be a father. So he entered into a relationship of convenience with a career-minded woman who wanted to be a weekend mom while still maintaining a career. They were never in love, and they never got married - thus sparing their 11-year-old son, Stefan, from the trauma of marital disputes and eventual divorce. Both parents are interested in Stefan, just not in each other, and each pursues their own romantic interests. Is this a viable new way, or are fathers like John cruising for potentially nasty custody battles?"*

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The V-Monologues

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Bill Kuhl writes *"Hey guys. Wendy McElroy of ifeminists.com just published an article of mine. It's about a "mini-protest" I performed at a performance of the Vagina Monologues a couple years ago. I thought it was especially appropriate now cause during Valentines (or V-day as the feminists are calling it) there will be many performances of the Monologues to coincide with V-day, to generate contempt instead of love for men. If you just go to the first page of Wendy's site it's on the right side,"My Monologues Mini-Protest." I think you'll like it."*

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Default Paternity Fraud Sponsor - California

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warble writes *"It pleases my to announce that California Senator Roy Ashburn has agreed to carry a bill crafted and proposed by NCFM, LA. For political reasons, this bill will focus on obtaining relief for the victims of default paternity judgments.*

It is based on proven language that has taken years to develop and extends the efforts of Roderick Wright and Stan Dorio who have been so helpful in establishing a foundation on this issue.

Paternity fraud from default judgments is a major problem in California. For example, in L.A. County 79% of all paternity judgments are default judgments. As a consequence, California has a 120% paternity rate because more fathers are being assigned to children than were actually born. This means that we have many cases where two fathers are legally assigned to pay child support. An example of this is the Yvette and Chaka Kee family. They are victims of the actions of a fraud mom that has two fathers assigned to her child. Naturally, the corrupt and dishonest opposition supports this practice.

This bill promises, if passed, to grant relief to the poor and many families that suffer from the effects of paternity fraud. The proposed bill also allows for the recovery of damages in civil court where there is actual provable fraud on the part of the mother. NCFM, LA notes that there is no state that has such provisions as a matter of law.

Finally, NCFM-LA, CAPF, ACFC, NCFC, and others will be participating in a Paternity Board sponsored by Governor Davis to draft recommendations on the future laws relating to paternity fraud.

I'd also like to thank Roderick Wright, Stan Dorio, Dianna Thompson, Carnell Smith, Marc A., Taron James, and all those that wrote the letters when requested to petition the California Legislature for support of our proposed language. Obtaining support could not have been accomplished without everybody coming together as a team. This proves that we can make a difference when we work together as a team

Warble"

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"Progressive.com" ads still at it

Adam · 23 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

IncredibleTulkas writes *"It seems Progressive.com is still at it with their "voodoo doll" commercials, which portray a woman torturing a man for fun.*
Apparently this is considered "humorous" despite the fact that the man is always in the receiving end-- or, more accurately, BECAUSE of this fact; the message is clearly that, the image of a man torturing a woman is considered horrendous, while the image of a woman torturing a man is hilarious.
Although Progressive.com has apparently toned down the ads from former portrayals of genital mutilation (I'm not sure since I refused to dignify the new commercial by watching it to completion), Progressive.com's simple history of misandry makes even the appearance of impropriety to be as unacceptable as Lorena Bobbit selling steak knives. Furthermore, the violent misandry portrayed in this commercial is unacceptable on its own."

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Violence and Gender Reexamined

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Dan Lynch writes *"I came across a new book (Violence and Gender Reexamined) written by Professor Rich Felson and published by the American Psychological Association. The author goes on to describe that it is the 'non violence'(or chivalry) in regards to women that is the sexism. Plus a great deal more. The Author does not play to any agenda and shoots from the hip. I will post the flap synapsis of the book with written permission from the author. Also; the contents and the first chapter of this book is available upon request to my email address,(all with the permission of the author). One final note on this book. It was found in a university display. A good sign in my opinion. My email address is lynch4569@rogers.com"*

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Men's Activist Page in France

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This is a French website for men's activists around the world.

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DLJ to Resume Publishing

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Trudy W. Schuett writes *"Yuma AZ — After a six-month hiatus, the DesertLight Journal has returned to a regular publishing schedule. Beginning with the March issue, to appear March 1, the DLJ will contain both some familiar features and some new additions. In addition to news of the groups and orgs of the international men's movement, the DLJ will include book reviews, news of new book releases, as well as short fiction and poetry related to men's issues.*

As in the past, subscriptions will be free. Those wishing to subscribe can go HERE

to sign up. Past subscribers are asked to also go to this address and sign up, as this is a different process than the previous delivery method.

Writers wishing to submit work should e-mail the publisher, Trudy W. Schuett, at dsrtlite@mindspring.com for more information."

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Bill Maher's New Show

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Dan Lynch writes *"Bill Maher is getting a new show. After looking at the site I think its possible that a person can submit their own ideas for a topical discussion. Now I don't know the whole score but I believe that Maher did try to bring some men's issues to the table but was stiffled for whatever reason. The advertisement I have heard states that the guests will have far more "Freedom" to discuss their beliefs on the issues. I think this is an oppurtunity worth trying despite the high chance for *rejections*. Personally its my dream to have more feminists and more masculists debating in the same room. Let's hope Bill stands true to his word."*

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Discrimination against boys

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School programs exclude boys" and "Boys' advocate contends girls-only offerings in Petaluma, Sonoma illegal." See how Joe Manthey's activism is making some notice.

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Privilege Check List

D · 25 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch writes *"This is funny and yet so true. Anyways due to administrations requests I am going to post a check list that you should check out. Just read the first comment of this thread to see an interesting view by an unknown author."*

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Chivalry Linked to Sexist Views of Women

Adam · 26 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Martian Bachelor writes *"Here's some classic damned-if-you-do, damned-if-you-don't academic "research" on chivalry and sexism which was in the news recently. A short quote may help give an idea: "Chivalry isn't all it's cracked up to be, suggests new research showing that men who hold doors for women also tend to hold sexist views about them...""*

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Do shirts and ties discriminate against men?

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Serge writes *"Have your say."* Pointing out the double standards here will be a good thing.

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Pheminism at work - From the "MS." files

Adam · 26 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"I don't know whether this is believable or unbelievable. Read this: http://www.crowmagazine.com/ms-sperm.htm Martha Burke's email is capp@capponline.org. Drop her an email and let her know what you think. On second thought, it is believable. This is what "feminism" is all about; if you've ever doubted it, here's the smoking gun. Fight the Evil!!!!!"*

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topic for this chat will be "Attacking Misandry on Campus." In a
recent essay, href="http://www.glennjsacks.com"> Glenn Sacks artfully described
some of the problems college men face on campus. Those problems
are rooted in misandry and happen not just on college and university
campuses, but in elementary schools and high schools as well. From
labeling young boys as "proto-rapists" and "proto-harassers" to
inviting notorious man-hating women to speak at graduation ceremonies,
misandry is alive and well in the academy. Wanna do something
about it? Join us at tonight's MANN chat to discuss strategies
for dealing with misandry on campus. See you there! (Please
note: This is the topic I had hoped to discuss last week, but the chat
server was down.)

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Women Now Empowered By Everything A Woman Does

Adam · 27 February 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"http://www.theonion.com/onion3906/women_now_empowered.html*

Enjoy this humorous article about how today a woman is empowered by anything that she may do (shopping, buying shoes...), but also realize that mass marketing efforts DO ACTUALLY embody this feminist ideology, and this could account for the dramatic increase in misandric messages in all commercial media outlets. This is so because feminism is a class-based ideology, and so it tends to see everything in antagonistic terms. So, in order for women's lives to get better, men's lives must get worse, and this is reflected in contemporary mass media. Enjoy and reflect..."

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Black men- the biggest victims of feminism

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CJ writes *"Here is a disturbing article that glorifies the successes of black women over black men. A quote from the article "Not just teachers but the entire educational support system now favors girls over boys, argues Monette Evans, a Tuskegee College vice-president." "Most black males were encouraged to be athletes," not scholars. None made it big as jocks (obviously); instead, "over half of the males who graduated with me are in jail." The main focus of the article is that it is "hard to find a good black man" My opinion is that if black women (society) wants more good black men, start creating academic environments that are pro-male, because the current academic climate is misandric, and is expecially broken for the black male.*

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The Case Against Alimony

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A while ago, most of you read my article against alimony and I said I'd get back to you when it's finished, well it's practically finished but when I read Lee's post on alimony I had to post this, so click "*read more/post comments*" to read it. The article is co-written by Allen Cole and I must say were it not for him, chances are this article would not exist. So read it well, learn the counter arguments, and tell people the way it is.The Case Against Alimony

By Allan Cole and Adam H

Before I begin, let me state outright that it would be better to see alimony abolished outright and not some pseudo-equality effort involving equal numbers, for the simple reason that if a woman can withdraw her labour effect from a relationship at any given
time with no penalty, then the same should go for the nearest man, as if the roles were reversed you can be sure that this double standard would not be acceptable.

Permanent and Periodic Alimony are monthly payments given from one ex spouse to the other in an attempt to equalize lifestyle, this is no different from socialism and in theory it can continue forever or until a significant change takes place. This is a practice which is sanctioned in numerous States. Rehabilitative Alimony is more frequently practiced and its purpose is to assist an ex spouse in acquiring a marketable skill so that they can become self sufficient. The characteristics of this form of Alimony are that it is limited in duration to typically 2 years. This essay will primarily focus on the rules and processes followed in the State of Florida dealing with Alimony, and advocate reasons why Alimony in general is illegal and should be abolished.

When a divorce reaches a final judgement, the court must distribute in an equitable manner the accumulated assets that the couple has acquired. These assets in effect are the financial “fruit” that the family works hard to acquire to improve the quality of life, and to achieve their financial goals, examples of these assets are; cars, boats, homes, furniture, savings, pensions, cash & stocks, etc. Thus one could conclude that these assets were the financial reward that both party’s worked for during the marriage.

It would be nice and simple if it would end there, however the state of Florida and other states, permit the courts to also award Permanent and Periodic Alimony, which is based on the following four criteria:

1.Length of Marriage, the marriage must be “of duration” to be awarded Alimony.

2.Significant difference in income producing capabilities of the two spouses.

3.Spouse needs additional support to maintain a lifestyle accustomed to.

4.Ability of the other spouse to pay.

This form of Alimony is permanent; however it can be increased or decreased if either ex spouse can demonstrate a significant change, these changes can be; Retirement, Permanent Change in Earnings, Increased need for support, etc.

To illustrate the inequity; if the ex spouse earnings increase over 20% the other spouse can get the court to increase her Alimony. In addition there are no financial controls or oversight placed on the spouse that receives the alimony. By illustration, if she decides to spend lavishly and go beyond her means, she can ask the court for more alimony.

The arguments against Alimony

Alimony should be banned on two grounds:

Legal (violates the US & Florida Constitutions) Alimony is involuntary servitude and is more often awarded to women.

a.US Constitution, Amendment XIII - Slavery Abolished. Ratified 12/6/1865. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

b.Florida Constitution, Article 1, Section 2
Basic rights.--All natural persons, female and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and to acquire, possess and protect property; except that the ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or prohibited by law. No person shall be deprived of any right because of race, religion, national origin, or physical disability.

Moral and Social reasons:

a.Alimony is forced work under the threat of prison and exists at the nearest man’s expense.

Alimony is involuntary servitude.

Alimony is forced labor for the benefit of another, and also obligations without rights or goods or services.

Alimony assessed by courts, on the wife's behalf and taken against a man's wages for his work performed, fits ALL of the criteria of INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE, under Title 18, USC., Sec.1584 and PEONAGE, under Title 18, USC., Sec. 1581 Hence: the concept of Alimony is illegal and violates anti-slavery laws in America.

From Title 18 USC Sec 1584

Peonage:
Not withstanding its early acknowledgement in the Slaughter-House Cases that peonage was comprehended within the slavery and involuntary servitude proscribed by the Thirteenth Amendment,25 the Court has had frequent occasion to determine whether state legislation or the conduct of individuals has contributed to reestablishment of that prohibited status. Defined as a condition of enforced servitude by which the servitor is compelled to labor against his will in liquidation of some debt or obligation, either real or pretended, peonage was found to have been unconstitutionally sanctioned by an Alabama statute, directed at defaulting sharecroppers, which imposed a criminal liability and subjected to imprisonment farm workers or tenants who abandoned their employment, breached their contracts, and exercised their legal right to enter into employment of a similar nature with another person.

The clear purpose of such a statute was declared to be the coercion of payment, by means of criminal proceedings, of a purely civil liability arising from breach of contract.26 Several years later, in Bailey v. Alabama,27 the Court voided another Alabama statue which made the refusal without just cause to perform the labor called for in a written contract of employment, or to refund the money or pay for the property advanced thereunder, prima facie evidence of an intent to defraud and punishable as a criminal offense, and which was enforced subject to a local rule of evidence which prevented the accused, for the purpose of rebutting the statutory presumption, from testifying as to his "uncommunicated motives, purpose, or intention."

In as much as a state "may not compel one man to labor for another in payment of a debt by punishing him as a criminal if he does not perform the service or pay the debt," the Court refused to permit it "to accomplish the same result [indirectly] by creating a statutory presumption which, upon proof of no other fact, exposes him to conviction."28 Pursuant to its Sec. 2 enforcement powers, Congress enacted a statute by which it abolished peonage and prohibited anyone from holding, arresting, or returning, or causing or aiding in the arresting or returning, of a person to peonage.32

The Court looked to the meaning of the Thirteenth Amendment in interpreting two enforcement statutes, one prohibiting conspiracy to interfere with exercise or enjoyment of constitutional rights,33 the other prohibiting the holding of a person in a condition of involuntary servitude.34 For purposes of prosecution under these authorities, the Court held, "the term 'involuntary servitude' necessarily means a condition of servitude in which the victim is forced to work for the defendant by the use or threat of physical restraint or physical injury, or by the use or threat of coercion through law or the legal process."35

Reference: The U.S. Constitution:

Amendment XIII - Slavery Abolished. Ratified 12/6/1865.
1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Thus the only way that Alimony could therefore be legally justified is as punishment! But, punishment for what? What is the crime? The only event that can trigger Alimony is Divorce. Thus it would appear that Divorce is a crime punishable by Alimony. Yet Divorce is not a criminal matter it is a civil action, thus the dilemma and the basis for a constitutional challenge.

The International Labour Organization's Forced Labour Convention of 1930 defines forced labour as "all work or service, which is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty and for which the said person has not offered himself voluntarily."

From the Florida Constitution, Article 1, Section 2
SECTION 2. Basic rights.--All natural persons, female and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and to acquire, possess and protect property; except that the ownership, inheritance,

disposition and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or prohibited by law. No person shall be deprived of any right because of race, religion, national origin, or physical disability.

From the Florida Civil Rights Act ss.760.01 – 760.11

760.01 Purposes; construction; title.--
(1) Sections 760.01-760.11 and 509.092 shall be cited as the "Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992."
(2) The general purposes of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 are to secure for all individuals within the state freedom from discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status and thereby to protect their interest in personal dignity, to make available to the state their full productive capacities, to secure the state against domestic strife and unrest, to preserve the public safety, health, and general welfare, and to promote the interests, rights, and privileges of individuals within the state.
(3) The Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 shall be construed according to the fair import of its terms and shall be liberally construed to further the general purposes stated in this section and the special purposes of the particular provision involved.

Conclusion #1

Alimony which was court mandated after a divorce violates the United States Constitution Amendment XIII.

Alimony and Common Law Duty

The Supreme Court of the State of Florida states in Gilbert v. Gilbert, 447 So 2d 299 (Fla. 2d DCA 1984) “Alimony evolved from the common law duty of a husband to support his wife. The duty to support survives the dissolution of marriage for equitable and policy reasons.” Hence Alimony is a permanent duty of the Husband regardless of the legal status of the marriage. Alimony based on the "common law" right of a wife to be supported by her husband, but there is no equal law for a husband to be supported by his wife. This interpretation by the Florida Supreme Court is an explicit declaration of sexual discrimination.

Men should not consent to being economically marginalized. Alimony then, is a marriage tax usually for men only; a subsidy for women only, if you will. In an age of “equality” and "partnerships" it does not deserve to exist. Otherwise, in the eyes of the law, Men will always be working to economically marginalize themselves by being responsible, in short: Men should not be punished for being responsible.

The State assigns it’s obligations to its citizens on the former spouse:

The Supreme Court of the State of Florida again states in Killian v. Lawson, 387 So. 2d 960 (Fla. 1980); Brackin v. Brackin, 182 So. 2d 1 (Fla. 1966), “The purpose of Alimony is to prevent a dependent party from becoming a public charge or an object of charity.” It is incredible that Florida can assign it’s responsibilities that it has toward one of its residents and require a former spouse to assume those responsibilities. By this ruling Florida has also transferred Federal responsibilities to the spouse. This violates the basic obligation of Government’s responsibilities to its citizens which is broadly spelled out in The U.S. Constitution Article I, Section 1, Clause 1 which is reproduced as follows:

Reference The US Constitution:
Article I.Section 1.
All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Clause 1:
The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

Comparison between Alimony(Support for an ex spouse) and Welfare (Government support for indigent citizens).

Alimony/Welfare:

Can Amount Change due to ability to pay Yes

Can Amount Change due to greater need Yes

Are there incentives to become self sufficient No

Marital Debt:

Alimony is supposed to pay the "marital debt" that women are "owed" he's forced to pay and support a woman who does nothing for him, and if he fails to pay, he risks prison and contempt of court. The only official law remaining

in the justice system where imprisonment happens for non-payment of "debt" Except, that this is a "debt" which the man had never started. Fred Hayward once wrote "A wife's control over her husband's body is so extreme that we Invented "alimony." (Alimony is the requirement that a man's body continue to serve the needs of the woman even after their marital contract has officially ended and she no longer has an expectation, let alone a requirement, to lift a finger for him for the rest of her life.)"

For a Spouse to claim she compromised her career because she chose to parent her kids full time is a choice she made and should not have it both ways. All benefits that she enjoyed and accrued during the marriage are equally distributed by the Court at dissolution; this would include all property, investments, cash, etc. In this way the spouse that compromised her career is repaid in 3 ways;

1: All the economic benefits acquired during the marriage are distributed, and she receives half of what the husband acquired during the marriage.

2: The Husband has supported her during the marriage in a manner that was comfortable to her and she did not have to go outside the home to earn this, this was a benefit to her.

3: In many cases the wife chooses to stay home and does not want to return to a high pressured work world, thus she accomplishes her objective during the marriage and thus must accept the consequences.

The reality of the situation is that the ex-wife becomes little better than a extortsionist, living in the family home in a good life style. Whereas the ex-husband has to down size his life style to meet the Alimony obligations. The crucial mistake in the concept of Alimony is thinking that a woman staying at home to take care of the children is the only one making a sacrifice. If her leaving her career is to be considered a sacrifice, then his evaporating options (having no choice but to work full time for the time his wife is home) and his added distance from the family must be considered an equal sacrifice.

To be honestly brief, the amount and duration of alimony that a
woman receives after divorce is determined by only two factors: the net worth of her ex-husband ("the style to which she has become accustomed"), and her inability to find a job that will support her in that style. basically, the less promising her career before marriage, the longer she will collect afterward.

US Constitution Article XIV.

Section 1.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

From the Florida Constitution Article 1, SECTION 11.
Imprisonment for debt.--No person shall be imprisoned for debt, except in cases of fraud. From the Florida Constitution Article 1, 1SECTION 17. Excessive punishments.--Excessive fines, cruel and unusual punishment, attainder, forfeiture of estate, indefinite imprisonment, and unreasonable detention of witnesses are forbidden. The death penalty is an authorized punishment for capital crimes designated by the Legislature. The prohibition against cruel or unusual punishment, and the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment, shall be construed in conformity with decisions of the United States Supreme Court which interpret the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment provided in the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Any method of execution shall be allowed, unless prohibited by the United States Constitution. Methods of execution may be designated by the Legislature, and a change in any method of execution may be applied retroactively. A sentence of death shall not be reduced on the basis that a method of execution is invalid. In any case in which an execution method is declared invalid, the death sentence shall remain in force until the sentence can be lawfully executed by any valid method. This section shall apply retroactively.

History.--Am. H.J.R. 3505, 1998; adopted 1998.
1Note.--The changes made by 1998 Constitutional Amendment No. 2, adopted in November 1998 and which are reflected in this section were held unconstitutional by the Florida Supreme Court. Armstrong v. Harris, 773 So.2d 7 (Fla. 2000). In accordance with the final judgment in Armstrong v. Harris, No. 98-5826 (Fla. 2nd Cir. Ct. Feb. 2, 2001), s. 17, Art. I, State Constitution, as it appeared prior to November 3, 1998, is the law that is in full force and effect. Prior to November 3, 1998, s. 17 read as follows: SECTION 17. Excessive punishments.--Excessive fines, cruel or unusual punishment, attainder, forfeiture of estate, indefinite imprisonment, and unreasonable detention of witnesses are forbidden.

Justification for the abolition of Alimony:

Equality of the sexes which is an established doctrine in this country and has been the Law of the Land since 1865. Thus there is no justification for Alimony.

Alimony undermines and discourages the willpower to become self-sufficient and self-reliant, such a thing is hardly good for a grown adult and society. Recent changes in our welfare system are clearly and specifically focused on becoming self sufficient. Consider that Alimony is almost entirely designed to protect women's interests at the nearest man's expense. A woman who "sacrifices" her career or helps him gain a degree to support her is entitled to alimony, for example, but a man who marries a woman and supports her for 20 years gets no compensation. This de-humanizes the nearest man to be little better than a walking wallet. The question here is, why is acceptable for

the nearest woman to own her life and labour while the nearest man does not?

It is an out dated concept that does not apply in today's society, should a spouse need training to become self sufficient a rehabilitative program should be crafted with State participation (the state should provide the same benefits and services it would normally afford to it's residents that were unemployed) this should be enough to get them started.

It can serve as an incentive to break up a marriage; this is completely contrary to our social objectives, it's unacceptable for any state to provide economic incentives for divorce, and economically marginalize a spouse in the process.

Alimony is out-dated and incompatible with the idea of autonomous
responsible individuals; it is not compatible with the concept of marriage as an partnership (since alimony is one way) or contract between equals. How is it acceptable that one set of obligations remain indefinitely when the other (whatever they may be) has ended?

Since women are not bound to the same agreements after a divorce, the same should go for the nearest man as well. If a man is to be forced to do unpaid work for the nearest woman, then it should be a two way thing.

Lastly, consider a man who marries down and financially supports a woman which improves her life immensely. To use the sacrifice argument, she should be forced to compensate him on divorce for the "the lifestyle she was accustomed to" that he provided at his expense.

To finish, I leave you with this quote from E. Belfort Bax. It was written near the start Of the 19th century, but little has changed:

"A wife is now at full liberty to leave her husband, while she retains her right to get her husband sent to gaol if he refuses to maintain her--to put the matter shortly, the law imposes upon the wife no legally enforceable duties whatever towards her husband. The one thing which it will enforce with iron vigour is the wife's right of maintenance against her husband. In the case of a man of the well-to-do classes, the man's property is confiscated by the law in favour of his wife. In the case of a working man the law compels her husband to do corvee [i.e. unpaid work] for her, as the the
feudal serf had to do for his lord. The wife, on the other hand, however wealthy, is not compelled to give a farthing towards the support of her husband...."

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Join us and Protest Feminist Hypocrisy

Tom · 1 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Join us for some MENS ACTIVISM. March 8th at the McLean Hilton outside Washington DC from 8:00 am to noon. Martha Burk is coming to town. Yes, that's right, the feminist who campaigns raucously against Augusta National Golf Club for not admitting women while she presides over dozens of all women organizations. NCFM of DC will be there to meet her. Join us as we protest her feminist hypocrisy. more information about the protest

If you are near the Washington DC area please come and join us. Door prizes are being given away and one is a set of "Drive Burk Out" golf balls for the protester who travels the farthest distance to join us! Be there. Make some history, stand your ground, have some fun. Spend a morning with men who are like-minded. Stop by for a short time or the entire 8:00 am to noon. Bring your golf clubs, bring a sign, or just bring yourself! We would love to have you with us.

If you can't join us how about making some suggestions here about wording for signs or just encourage those men who will be attending.

If you can attend please email me at tom@standyourground.com and let me know!

Hope to see you there.

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Snow Penis offends feminists.

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Chris writes *"This is an article from the Harvard Crimson about some guys who built a giant snow penis, natuarlly offending feminists who decided to destroy it.*

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Possible Problems of Cloning Confirmed

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Dan Lynch writes *"We all know Dolly the cloned sheep. Well she had to be put down because she had serious health problems related to old age. The sheep had only reached it's typical half age cycle. Obviously this is important to a distant future for Men's issues so if you are interested read here."*

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Another man hit by car

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Anonymous User writes *"Atrocity! Here is another case where a woman hits her husband intentionally with her car. Fortunately, this time the man did not die. Reading from the article, this woman was charged with a MISDEMEANOR! Misdemeanor family-violence assault. Why is this not attempted homicide? The Liberty county sheriff, Greg Arthur, can be reached here: cosheriff@co.liberty.tx.us. The district attorney, Mike Little, can be reached here: distattorney@co.liberty.tx.us."*

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KKK supports Augusta National Golf Club

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napnip writes *"Great, just friggin' great. Martha Burk must love this. Notice that she says "It [the Augusta National Golf Club] must expect support of a like-minded group." I predict what Burk and her Burkettes will do is to use this to paint the Augusta members as supporters of the KKK, despite the fact that the Club doesn't want KKK support.*

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IHateMen.com

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Dan Lynch writes *"Im not sure if this site has been submitted or not. I thought I would throw it into the pile and show you what some people think is funny. This site still spouts the usual anti-male propaganda."*

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Sacks Announces New Los Angeles Radio Show

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Men's issues columnist Glenn Sacks' new LA radio show "His Side with Glenn Sacks" will debut on KRLA 870 AM on March 19th.

According to industry estimates, Glenn's show will have between 40,000 and 60,000 listeners in its Wednesday at midnight time slot, and there will be 15 million people within the sound of Glenn's voice. KRLA is one of Southern California's biggest radio stations, and can be heard all the way from San Diego to Santa Barbara. Also, the show will be broadcast live via the Internet and will be archived on HisSide.com.

To learn more about the show, go to www.HisSide.com

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Progressive Insurance runs ads showing violence

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HombreVIII writes *"Last July their ad featured a sexy woman, (the type that girls say "I wanna be like her when I grow up!"), using a webpage to cast voodoo spells on a guy finishing off in grand tradition with a pair of pliers to the genitals. This time at least she leaves the genitals alone, but once again she's smiling contentedly as she uses the voodoo website with the words "Cheating Boyfriend" emblazoned across the top to prick a guy with a pin, burn his foot, and finally shrink his head. Judging by the facial reactions of the girl he's dancing with, another sexy girl, she finds the fact that he's experiencing pain repulsing rather than sympathizing. In light of the fact that this ad was made after recieving the letters MANN readers sent them about the last commercial, under no circumstances will I ever use Progressive insurance."*

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False Accusations Against Men To Rise?

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Dan Lynch writes *"A man who has been keeping track of the BBC wrote an opinion piece with many informative remarks based on the BBC's campaign against men of late. An interesting read to say the least."*

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Fred Reed on Harvard Snow Penis

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I wanted to post this since the topic was still a hot item. Fred has some great lines so its worth the read!!

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Expose "Dead Beat MOMS"

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Anonymous User writes *"you want to read about "Dead Beat Moms"? Read Here"*

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Very Special Guest for Chat This Week

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Last week I posted the book by Dr. Felson. Many of you were interested in his book and his comments. I have asked him to guest host a chat this week (Wednesday night 9:30 est) so that some of you can ask him questions. Dr. Felson is a law proffesor and his book discusses issues of 'chivalry' and 'feminism' in the law. I will post his book cover flap again as the first post. Take some time to read it if not again and hopefully you will be able to make the chat. It's these types of books that should be shown to lawyers, judges, police officers and the general public of interest.

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Junior College Calls Men Tyrannical

Adam · 5 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

jeremyrainman writes *"The local junior college that I attend, Cerritos Community College in Norwalk California (www.cerritos.edu), is having a few events on Mondays in March in lieu of Womens Month (March). I discovered this by walking into the library and seeing this posted in front of it:*

> **The history of mankind is a history of injuries and usurpations on the part of men towards woman, having direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over her.**

> ---- Declaration of Sentiments, The Seneca Falls Convention

Any suggestions on formal letters of protest are appreciated."
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New Threat to Civil Liberites In Maryland

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fightbigotry2002 writes *"Maryland bills HB 668 and SB 273 two bills before the Maryland legislature.*

http://mlis.state.md.us/2003rs/billfile/sb0273.htm and Senate Bill 273

What this means is that someone no longer needs to go before the court to have someone taken against their will for a mental observation request, no hearing. The potential for false accusations are enormous when added to the ease in which a petition is already made and accepted.

I had a friend whose ex-wife, pulled that stunt on him several years ago, he was forced to into a holding pen with other people, stripped naked and kept that way for a week. After the week was over, they told him he was in good physical health and sent him on his way.
Write your legislator www.geocities.com/dscott8186/legislation.htm"

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Boys need conflict to thrive

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Garth writes *"This story argues that boys need conflict in school in order to stay focussed and energized. Dr. Leonard Sax asks "Where did we get this notion that a teacher should never yell at a fourth-grade boy?""*

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Chat Topic Tonight

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Just a quick reminder of our special guest on the chat tonight. I'm hoping several of you can make it out to night to ask some questions of Richard Felson's book. Read the earlier post to see his flap. He discusses chivalry and feminism in the justice system. How feminist assertions don't add up.

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Woman sex offender freed because she is a woman

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madman writes *"Our society is sick enough to confine sex offenders to essentially life imprisonment thru the so called "civil commitment" laws if they have "personality disorders". Who doesn't have some personality disorder??*
However, our legal system has sunk to a new low, where they have essentialy declared that this law will only apply to MEN!!! sound impossible???
A WOMAN sexoffender - sodomized 11 year old boy--- but they ruled because she is a women, they will not confine her. I guess they need the room to lock up all the guys who looked at topless pictures of 17 1/2 year olds... this really really pisses me off!!

Read This.

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Sacks Rises to David Harris' Defense

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Sacks writes:
"...there is no evidence that David Harris was anything worse than a fallible human being who was caught in a difficult situation...The fact that this flawed but decent man could be slaughtered and then vilified for his one comparatively minor transgression speaks volumes about our society's noxious mix of anti-male feminism and anti-male male chivalry. The product of this witches' brew is a sick cultural norm where, in any conflict between a man and a woman, the man is always wrong." Read here.

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TV and the Docile Doofus Dad

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This little opinion piece discusses how the nation has changed. An entire collective thinking the same things and how fathers are accepting their fates. How America is getting dumber by the 30 min. episode. Think about it.

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Dance star sues rape accuser.

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Serge writes *""The Irish-American dancer hit back at his accuser by saying the pair had consensual sex and she was trying to blackmail him. He said she threatened to go public with the claims unless he made "a sufficient payment to satisfy" her, and that she defamed him.""*

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Reminder of Feminist Protest Rally

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I believe this saturday the 8th men and women will be joining together to protest feminist lies and hypocracy. Not only is feminism hateful towards men it is hateful towards women and the whole of society. If you have the time and are willing check it out.

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Women most violent to the unborn

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alphamale writes *"Here is an interesting story*
stating that pregnant women and their fetuses are at risk as victims of domestic violence. While I am sure that pregnant women and their unborn babies may rarely be hurt by a partner, I suggest to you that thru the heinious crime of abortion, an unborn baby's greatest threat of violence is from its mother!
Why does society continue to ignore this blatant form of pre-meditated violence on an innocent victim?" Dan's note: "Here is another opinion column (I say "opinion" as it is void of any fact) to give you an idea how far and wide this spreads in the media regardless of country. In short it is "Short and Sensational" rag mag writing merely cashing in on the dissappearance of Laci Peterson. Everything the author asserts doesn't stand up to scrutiny. In short more unfounded demonization of men. I wrote the author and editor a letter maybe you can too.

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MSN's Dollar-a-Year MEN

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mcc99 writes *"Well, here goes MSN again!*

Note MSN articles and commentaries fairly lavish "man" and "men" on the people they describe when those people are doing something wrong or in some way judged negatively. Note that when they do things judged positively, they are called "people" or referred to by their occupations or relationship to others.

This is one egregious example. I am sure we have all seen others not quite as bad, just as bad, or worse elsewhere.

When, oh, when, will MSN stop hating men?"

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The misery of being a French man

Thomas · 8 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This article describes a crisis that French men are allegedly experiencing. The piece is based on a survey conducted by *Elle* magazine. It repeats several of the tired feminist lies (lies in the US and probably in France) such as the claims that women make less than men and that women are the main victims of domestic violence.

The author states that "One gets the impression that a new war of the sexes is emerging." These bozos have no idea what's coming as the result of decades of anti-male hatred and lies.Source: Times Online

Title: The misery of being a French man

Author: Charles Bremner

Date: March 07, 2003

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Are Ties Sexist?

D · 8 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I thought this might be an interesting topic for discussion. Dresscodes for men in the office. Are 'ties' sexist? This news story shows how english men are taking it to challenge. Read here.

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The Divorce Genie

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I really enjoyed this Ray Peterson commentary, maybe you will too. It rings true for todays man. "The husband meanwhile is without support, resources, friends or legal protection while he lives in his parent's basement or in his car and wonders what the hell happened."

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Protest Rally a Success!!!

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I wish to congradulate all the men with the balls to stand up and protest. Here is the link to the photos of what is described as "What a Day!". Take some time to take a look make some comments and maybe discuss further rallies. Thanks Tom and all.

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Massachusetts Killing State Prostate Cancer Funding

D · 10 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CodeMonkey writes *"The Massachusetts state budget allocated to prostate cancer research and awareness has gone from $3.2 million a few years ago to NOTHING today. According to this MetroWest Daily News article, 765 men in MA died of this disease in 2000. What's even more sickening about this is that state funding for breast cancer is barely being cut, to about $3 million. Breast cancer killed 1,055 women in 2000. The injustice of this, and the discrimination it amounts to, are absolutely incredible. Where is the public outcry from Mass. men and medical professionals?"*

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The not so privileged white male

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Here is something that discusses the other side of the coin. Not intending to offend any other of our posters who are not caucasian. But, I wanted to post this to see how everyone feels on how white men feel they are getting the shaft. My intention is to bring us closer together. Enjoy.

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Tie him up, beat him up, It's all good...!

Adam · 10 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"Just a little 'heads-up', for everyone.*
I just saw on "ENTERTAIMENT TONIGHT" that yet another "women gang-up on and get "revenge" on a man" movie is comeing out, soon.

It's the standard premise:
Man cheats on the woman, abuses the woman, or is just a "jerk" to the woman. of course this is the "excuse" that is given to justify women commiting crimes and illeagle acts against men. this film features the usual stuff. The women beat up and kidnap the man and keep him bound and gagged to a bed while they humiliate, touture and physicaly abuse him. blah, blah, blah. Things that NO movie today would EVER depict being done to a woman. Aparently, women LOVE these male-bondage/hate films, and that is why the same type of film is made again and again.
Here's the kicker. I don't know what the name of the movie is. All I know is that it stars an all hispanic cast.
We need to keep an eye out for this flick, then give thje producers HELL for it, without mercy!!

TC."

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Female on Male Murder to be Legalised??

Adam · 11 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Red Kev writes *"Found this article via the Angry Harry Website http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/2814267.stm.*
Harriet Harman wants a change to the Law in the UK whereby Provocation should no longer be a valid defence in a Murder trial. However, while reading the article it is quite clear, in my opinion that what she is actually advocating is for female on male murder to be legalised. Shocking."

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Father Christmas arrested

Adam · 11 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"Father Christmas, Sarah Ashford and Shaun O'Connell arrested for their purple door painting in England.*

Jack Kammer about the "If I Only Had A V" Contest (including 3 renditions of the song), his book "If Men Rule How Come Women Make the Rules?" and a Washington DC March 8th Protest about Martha Burke.

DesertLightJournal being published again.

Call for submissions for a masculist anthology.

On the belated long February Men's Hour, http://www.menshour.com, an internet audio show that champions men's rights."

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Women Rapists and the Government who backs them

D · 11 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Teacher back in jail on allegations she was at boy's home*

I have so many issues with this story but don't have time to write them now. Here is another link of a woman raping another boy student. So I will just post it now and hopefully jump in later." I wanted to make this all on one thread. To show how underage boys who were raped then forced to pay child support and the government who rewards them. This piece will piss you off.

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2nd Clara Harris copycat run-over in Houston

Adam · 11 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

starzabuv writes *"Actually, since I just heard it on the 10:00 pm news, there isn't anything in print yet. Just an FYI to keep your eyes open for the story. First she stabbed the guy in the arm, then ran him over, breaking both of his legs. He's recuperating at Herman Hospital in serious condition, and she is on the run in a white ford taurus stationwagon. Since men have known these things happen all the time but the stories of women's violence are either suppressed or glossed over by blaming the man, maybe we are seeing a new trend in reporting? Maybe. Maybe not."*

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The Black Gender Gap: MSNBC insults black men

Adam · 12 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

equalitarian62 writes *"Today I found an online article in MSN titled "The Black Gender Gap." Apparently, misandry and anti-male bias is even worse in the black community. The article is here:*

http://www.msnbc.com/news/875614.asp

I'm not against black women advancing so much as the way they put black men down in this article. For example, saying that educated professional black women face a choice of being alone or "settling" for less-educated black men several steps below them. How condescending.

Steve"

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The Down-Trodden Kiwi Male

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This article discusses how men in New Zealand have been emasculated by government. Discarded and down-trodden.

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Raelian Cult to work on artificial wombs

D · 12 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

rage writes *"Here is a link to the Raelian Cult website, whose scientists are said to have achieved the first human cloning a few months ago. So now they have taken to the following step : artificial wombs. To me, this news gives evidence that incubators are on their way in the short-run, else this Cult wouldn't have committed itself to the project. Once achieved, this breakthrough will ensure men's freeedom from women, we will be able to have our own children without resorting to a woman's womb, so no woman won't be able to steal our kids away from us in the courts any more.*

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Fund Raiser for Prostate Cancer

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A New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation is having a fund-raiser for prostate cancer. Please go to the post and check it all out. See if you can help or contribute. Or even just make it known that prostate cancer is a killer.

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MANN Chat: The Power of Protests

Steve · 12 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday
night (3/12), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location. The
topic for this chat will be "The Power of Protests in Men's Activism."
We'll discuss NCFM-DC's
recent successful href="http://www.mensactivism.org/article.pl?sid=03/03/09/1738221&mode=threaded">protest of Martha Burk in MacLean, Virginia. We'll consider the factors
that made the protest successful, discuss the lessons we can learn from
it, and share ideas for future protests related to men's issues.
Join us at tonight's MANN chat and invite a friend or two!

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Yet Another Reversible BC Option for Women...

Adam · 12 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mcc99 writes *"Amazing. This article discusses new BCPs that cause the menstrual cycle to be elongated to three months instead of monthly. The article discusses the many benefits of doing so while quoting some misandrist as follows:*

"'Cultures have long had many practices to manage the taboo and stigma of menstruation over the years. You can see them all as ways of managing women's behavior,' said Joan Chrisler, a professor of psychology at Connecticut College in New London, Conn., and president of the Society for Menstrual Cycle Research. 'Many feminists would say that misogyny is at the base of it.'"

Meanwhile, men still have the same-old options for birth control: abstinence, homosexuality, masturbation, condoms, and sterilization. We apparently don't merit the serious option of reversible BCPs though these are entirely a workable option."

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Bring back otousan!

Adam · 13 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

nagzi writes *"This news article from a Japanese newspaper has a solution to the 'Declining morals of mothers' has the article would put it, that many here would cheer for. PS: otousan is japanese for father."*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/03/03/13/1947241.shtml

Contacting the Father

Adam · 13 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Severin writes *"I saw this news story (http://www.uwire.com/content//topnews031203002.ht ml) posted on ifeminists.net and I was just curious what people thought about this. I personally believe that a father should be notified if he is the father of a child, so that he may be involved in the decision as to what to do about the child, and at least have the chance to state his case one way or another. But is this something that we should require by law?"*

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Men forced to wear ties discriminatory?

Adam · 14 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Here's the latest on the complaint in England by a man fighting against the forced wearing of ties with no corresponding dress code for women:*

http://news.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/n ews/2003/03/12/ntie12.xml&sSheet=/news/2003/03/12/ixnewstop.html/news/2003/03/12/ntie12.xml"

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Martha Burk on the Ropes

Steve · 14 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Hombre writes, "Hey guys,
we've got Martha Burk on the ropes! Last Saturday's
NCFM-sponsored protest in DC was a great success, and Todd Manzi's
site, The Burk Stops Here,
has had a strong impact. Let's go for the knockout punch!
Mr. Manzi has taken it upon himself to spearhead this battle, and
needs all the help he can get. Let's give it to him. Check
out his site for more info and then email him at
href="mailto:tmanzi@theburkstopshere.com">tmanzi@theburkstopshere.com
to see how you can help."

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An Excellent Response To A Critical Woman

Adam · 14 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Freebird writes *"Devvy Kidd blasts American men as unchivalrous and lazy in this article: http://www.newswithviews.com/news_worthy/news_wort hy.htm and gets a response which echoes a lot of the feelings of the men seen on this board, including mine: http://home.iprimus.com.au/grahamstrachan/reply_to _devvy.htm*

Until more alleged "non-feminist" women think about what their silence tells both men and feminists alike, the chasm between the genders will widen. Perhaps the fact that more and more men are turning away from women will prod them to finally speak up."

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A request from columnist Bettina Arndt

Adam · 14 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I've just seen this on a mailing list I'm subscribed to, and I think you'll be interested in this. If you can help out, do so, She's prepared to give our issues a hearing in public, so click "*read more/post comments*" to find what she needs.The HREOC has just knocked back an application for exclusion from the anti-discrimination legislation by the NSW Catholic Education people - who wanted to offer scholarships to attract more males into teaching.

I am looking for other examples where males have been refused exclusions i.e. where they have been seeking pro-male affirmative action but have been refused.

Also am looking for examples where permission has been given to allow positive discrimination in favour of women, particuarly in education/higher ed.

Thanks, Tina.

If you can help please email her via:

Bettina Arndt: tina@starg8.org

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complaints on dv

D · 15 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

gistmason writes *"For there is a right in this state for non warrrented arrests, per states attorney office, unknown of statue for non warrented arrests of youngmen that are innocent of crime. But women should be believed since they are the weaker sex. True crime is believable? A question that is probably asked by youngmen perhaps who can't find a way to prove innocence. Is there control in the judicial system, if so*
where is the line drawn for nonviolent so called crime? Maybe there should be a new law of nonviolent domestic situations to be filed for men so they can have a chance to prove they were the ones victomized
and to be heard in certain cases. Why? Think about being in reverse mode while driving."

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Men's health

D · 16 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"Finally, the problem of male suicide has got some attention here in India. During the last year, in the city of Pune, there were 496 reported cases of suicide out of which 344 (70%)were cases of male suicide. These statistics are based on the analysis done by an Assistant Commissioner of Pune Police. Dr. Ulhas Luktuke, a leading mental health professional based in Pune says that the higher rates of male suicide are due to excessive societal expectations from men and the frustration that it leads to. The link is the story in the Mararthi language newspaper Sakal (15th March, 2003, Pune edition).*

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My name is EARL

D · 16 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Now that the Dixie Chicks are controversial for their anti-american speech, the parody song "My Name Is EARL" by the Dixie DICKS is funnier than ever. It is a sarcastic shot at the Chicks and Martina Mcbride for their hatred of men that can be downloaded here*

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Sacks Writes about the 'Damned of the Earth'--Iraq

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In his latest column,"Iraqi Draftees: We Should Care about Their Boys, Too," mens issues columnist Glenn Sacks writes "Today the young Iraqi male is the damned of the earth. Drafted by force at 18 or younger...this generation of young Iraqi men can see nothing but pain and death both in front of it and behind it....By decrying the death of 'innocent' civilians, those on both sides of the war debate backhandedly ascribe guilt to these young draftees. Yet if they are not innocent victims of this war, who is?" The article can be seen at "Iraqi Draftees: We Should Care about Their Boys, Too."

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Domestic Violence Broadcasts

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Dave writes *"Gentelemen,*

PBS will broadcast via most of their stations Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (18 and 19 March) programs on domestic violence. We should hope that these are done looking at both sides of the matter. Let us watch these shows and judge them for what they are. IF, they are biased against men we need to be prepared to shower them with our thoughts and opinions. Check out their web site at: http://www.pbs.org/previews/DomesticViolence/"

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Radical feminist publicly calls for male gendercid

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Anonymous User writes *"This article by Dr. Helen Caldecott is the most disgusting article I have ever read and the mainstream is taking it seriously. This woman is pissed off becaues an editor at Marvel did not want to run her anti-male rant so she developed this "Code Pink" speech. Be warned that frontpagemag.com is really busy because of this article so you may not be able to see the page on the first try. Here is a quote from the aritcle. ""I mean how dare, HOW DARE these men think they can do this. WHO DO THEY FLAMING WELL THINK THEY ARE? They are truly pathological and they should all be removed, as I have said, for the public health of the people of the planet. Now 53% of us are women. We've had the majority and we've been absolute wimps. And it's time we smacked their bottoms, removed them and we took over. I'm not just joking --this isn't funny. I am deadly serious.""*

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Men's Health Week to become international

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rage writes *"As some of you may already know, men's health week will become international for the first time in 2003. Countries included : USA, England, Scotland, Wales and Australia. Please make sure that all masculist sites and people you know are informed of that. That event must become known on a large scale.*

Here is a link that provides the reader with useful information about this topic.

Men's Health.

Obviously, men's health is perhaps the only one masculist subject that draws public attention, and I think we can be confident for the coming decades as far as men's health is concerned."

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Addressing Gender disparity in the workforce

Adam · 18 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

ahhkaboom writes *"Men still only go to make up 20% of the workforce in most offices across the UK and unemployment has always been largely a male problem. Manbalance intends to target that disproportion.*

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Sacks Blasts Feminist 'Women do the World's work"

Adam · 19 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"In Sacks' newest column, "Men, Women and Work" he writes:*

"One of the staple feminist claims heard every March during International Women's Day and Women's History Month is that 'women do the work of the world'... negative references to men and housework litter our popular culture. 'The Myth of Male Housework: For Women, Toil Looms From Sun to Sun' was a headline in one major publication, over a cartoon depicting a woman juggling (and struggling) with a baby, a roasted turkey, and a house pet, while her husband watches TV and "juggles" his beer and his potato chips...

...[However] the U.N. report upon which most claims of 'women work more' are based was deeply flawed...""

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We Must Seek The Truth

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This fact finding essay puts legislators on the spot. The total disregard for the evidence in front of their eyes. The refusel to look at the complexities of domestic violence. The facts that will show that the patriarchy is not the reason for domestic violence. As more and more people begin to wake up to the falsehoods of the 'Battered Women's Industry'.

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New Miller Lite Ad promotes Male D.V.

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chicago joe writes *"I just read in the local paper that Miller Brewing Co. is going to respond to their controversial Lite ad (with the two women fighting, and their clothes coming off) by creating two female friendly versions. Both spots feature "women fantasies", and will begin airing during the NCAA Tournaments. The first one is going to feature two men who are about to scuffle - their clothes flying off - before they realize they are lovers, not fighters. However, the second spot will feature women who've dated cheating boyfriends. They fantisize about various physically violent ways to get back at them. They include a piano crushing one, a golf shot into the groin of another, and lighting striking another.*
Noting that alcohol is an unequivical co-factor in most assualts and most domestic violence situations, one must question the wisdom of this move. But I'm sure if the people at Miller Brewing Co. have not realized their foolish mistake, the boys at Mensactivism will let them know!
Side Note: Thanks to Jeffery Leving, the well known father rights attorney in Chicago and Rep. William Delgado (D-Chicago), the Illinios House Judiciary Committee has unanimously approved the states first paternity fraud bill. It now goes to the House for a final vote. I'll keep everybody posted."

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MANN Chat: Topics and Guests for Upcoming Chats

Steve · 19 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday night (3/19), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location. The topic for this chat will be "Topics and Guests for Upcoming Chats." In this chat, we'll collect ideas for topics for MANN chats to be held over the next few months. We'll also develop a list of candidates we can invite to be guests at our chats. Don't miss this opportunity to tell the guys at MANN what topics are important to you. See you there!

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Sex as a Weapon

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This story tells us how women are getting jobs in Japan. I wonder if the Playboy article tells us how men are scammed here in America.

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The (convenient) hazards of being female.

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Thundercloud. writes *"Look out everybody.*
*Here we go again with yet another malady that targets *women only*.*
According to some of the news media I've listened to, women can now suffer from what is called "Hurried Woman Syndrome" or "H.W.S.".
This comes, apparently, from women "having it all". You know, a career, a husband, kids, house work, soccer practice, etc.
Funny, men have had similar if not even more responsibilities in life but notice there is no "hurried MAN syndrome".
Seems like every week there is a new ailment that targets women only.
With all these ailments, syndromes, maladies and "disorders" that effect only women, how come we always hear only about how "weak", geneticaly inferior and flawed MEN are...?
Hmmmmm.

TC."

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The Alpha Male Comeback?

Adam · 20 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

An interesting look
at changing gender dynamics from the nearest man's point of view, from the look of things,
It would seem the groundwork and support for our movement is starting to turn up for us to tap into. You'll probably have to fill out a
short form to read the article, but there's very little info to fill out to access it. Reading
this article, I was reminded of Esther Vilar's quote from
The Manipulated Man when she said "*Men are at best praised for their steadfastness, courage, reliability - all qualities useful to women*" if you focus on certain quotes, you'll
probably get that feeling as well.

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"Violence and Gender Re-examined" Richard Felson

Adam · 20 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"Ian Kelly about the new Child Support Agency assessment procedure and the fight with the CSA.*

Richard Felson about his book "Violence and Gender Re-examined" that challenges the feminist view of violence against women.

News of women using sex against men (news??), a woman who wants to sell her father, mothers who don't want equality and men and boys who do.

All this on the March Men's Hour

Been ill but getting better. Hope you enjoy the show."

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Video gets Rape Charge Dismissed

Adam · 21 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"This link This link has a story about three men jailed on charges of rape for almost a week on the sole word of a woman until a video caught her in her lie; showing that there was little in the way of a real investigation, and a rush to judgement. Prosecutors are described as embarassed. I should hope so! It still chaps me, though, that they are only "considering" bringing charges against the false accuser."*

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A new front in the war (of the sexes)

Adam · 21 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Am I good at spotting social trends or what?
No sooner had I posted that, do I come across an article
written by Suzanne Fields calling men in general pigs for lashing out at 30 years and more of
rabid man hating, and then she slams us for not putting women in general first! I imagine she
and Devvy Kidd would
get on quite well....

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Jobs for the boys

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Following Bettina Arndt's request here's the article in question.
It looks like it turned out pretty well, so there's not much left to say apart from read it,
I guess....

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NYTimes reports on Wage Gap

Adam · 22 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mcc99 writes *"The NY Times continues to outdo itself on disseminating false information and misleading statistics favoring females. The latest installment can be found here*

The myth of the "wage gap" between men and women is based on the false notion of aggregation-as-fact and presumption of equal outcomes with equal opportunities. What this and other articles on the matter fail to mention is that 1. women tend to gravitate for whatever reason to service sector jobs *despite* the "affirmative action" (legalized discrimination vs. men) that they enjoy in every sector, both high- and low-paying, of the economy, and 2. such factors as supply and demand for services and things like time in grade and experience on the job are not safely ignored, and when taken into account, show no wage disparity between men and women."

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Abused Men Tell Their Stories on Sacks' New Radio

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Male victims of domestic violence shared their stories of abuse and anti-male bias on His Side with Glenn Sacks last night on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles. Victims included Jim (attacked by his ex-wife with a butcher knife as he held their two month old baby in his arms), Benny (gouged and attacked with household objects by his ex-wife) and Ray (a Vietnam veteran attacked by his ex-wife on several occasions, causing permanent injury). Also, Marc Angelucci of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men discussed the lawsuit his group filed this week against 10 state-funded domestic violence shelters in the Los Angeles area for discriminating against male victims.

Other topics discussed included: anti-male police and judicial bias in domestic violence matters; what Angelucci called the domestic violence industry's "cover-up" of male victims; the Socorro Caro murder/domestic violence case; and the uniquely agonizing position abused fathers often find themselves in.

His Side with Glenn Sacks is a new, men's and fathers' issues radio show hosted by columnist Glenn Sacks. To listen, an archived version of last night's show will be up on His Side with Glenn Sacks Archive this evening. To learn more about the show, how to listen live and how to support it, go to His Side with Glenn Sacks.

To learn more about male victims of domestic violence, contact Stop Abuse for Everyone , an advocacy group which fights for services for all victims of domestic violence, regardless of gender. Also, see Glenn's columns:

"Nowhere to Go: Why Does LA County Refuse to Help Male Victims of Domestic Violence?"
(Los Angeles Daily News, 8/21/01, Pasadena Star-News &Affiliated Papers, 8/23/01)

"Baseball Player's Domestic Violence Arrest Demonstrates How Men are Presumed Guilty in Domestic Disputes"
(Los Angeles Daily Journal, San Francisco Daily Journal, 8/8/02)

"California Mother's Triple Murders Show Cost of Ignoring Female Abusers"
(IFeminists.com, 1/24/02)

"Domestic Violence: A Two-Way Street"
(Los Angeles Daily Journal, San Francisco Daily Journal, 10/15/01)

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More NYTimes misandry with Title IX

Adam · 22 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mcc99 writes "
Speaks for itself

Note the editorial notes that 56% of higher ed students are female, but only 42% of college athletes are female. It fails to even point out the fact, by its own admission, that there are 6% more female students in higher ed than male. And of course the matter of interest in the sports, from students or spectators, goes unmentioned as factors for *anything*.

But what do we expect of the Times these days? Seeing more then one side of a debate? Not anymore!"

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Prison for Streakers - Only if You are Male

Adam · 23 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Red Kev writes *"The UK's definition of 'Equality' - If my girlfriend and I decided to go jogging one morning in the woods naked, only I would get prosecuted and would face up to two years in prison.*
Read the story here:
http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/legal/story.jsp?s tory=388250"

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Judge hauled off to jail.

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For defying higher court orders a judge was hauled of to jail for 'contempt'. This particular judge is quite the 'biased' advocate for domestic violence cases, so it is an interesting read as well as an important precedent for men's advocates.

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The Machismo Monologues

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Continiuing on from the previous parts (which can be read here
and here if you missed 'em)
Gerald Rowles has just written a follow-up called The Machismo Monologues
It's quite good, I know you'll like it. I think this was a good trilogy of articles don't you?

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Letter to Progressive.Com

Adam · 24 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

BlondGuy10 writes *"Glenn Renwick*
Progressive Insurance
6300 Wilson Mills Road
Mayfield Village, OH 44143

Dear Mr. Renwick:

I am writing to you regarding a commercial that you are running. The commercial in question is the voodoo commercial with Kate Martin. This commercial is highly offensive to me and to other males in this country. Every time I see it I want to throw a brick at my television.

It makes absolutely no sense whatsoever to think that airing a commercial over and over depicting a supposedly jilted, revengeful female relentlessly sexually humiliating a male using voodoo and her computer is going to make other males buy your insurance. Are you under the mistaken impression that is does? What kind of message is this type "advertising" sending to young, impressionable minds in country?

I expressed these thoughts at your web site and a female replied that this was a humorous way to sell insurance and that it would continue. Well, male bashing is NOT funny to males and it is going to stop. Let's see a commercial where the tables are turned and it is a female being made a complete fool of and routinely discarded like yesterday's trash under the guise of humorous advertising. That would be on the air about 2 seconds before the women's groups had it removed!

You are spending much money I am sure to run this GARBAGE which is making males NOT buy your insurance. You don't have to be a rocket scientist, Mr. Renwick, to see that there might be an error in this plan.

I would not buy your insurance if it were the only insurance on the planet. Nor will anyone else over whom I have any control. Further, I am going to post this letter to every male movement web site I can find. Hopefully, you will receive additional letters in this regard.

I hope that I have your attention and that this trash will be removed from the air and replaced with a commercial where the male is NOT the subject of humiliation to the delight of a "victimized" female such as "Ms". Martin.

Thank you for your time and attention.

(signed)"

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Progressive Insurance At It Again!

Adam · 24 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Seems like Progressive Insurance just can't stop being misandric in the image they project to the public.*

This time these misandric idiots have put a nude picture of an 82 year old man in their annual report! Would a nude picture of an elderly female ever be used? I don't think so!

I recently got a junkmail solicitation from Progressive offering me insurance. When I read this article I fished it out of my trash barrel and sent the self-hating male president, Glenn Renwick a letter containing the junkmail solicitation and the following note along with a copy of the article about the nude man.

"""Monday, March 24, 2003

Progressive Insurance Corporation
6300 Wilson Mills Road
Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143

Attn: Glenn M. Renwick
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dear Mr. Renwick,

Enclosed in this correspondence you will find a solicitation letter from
your company offering me insurance.

Also you will find a news report about the use of a picture of a nude
elderly man used in your annual report.

Even though I am currently in the market to find the best insurance
rates I will have to pass up your offer due to the situation mentioned
above. I prefer my insurance carrier to have a more mature attitude
about the image they project to the public. I am afraid yours is lacking in this regard."""

Story at:

http://www.wsbtv.com/money/2047118/detail.html"

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Equality: A Man's Claim

Adam · 25 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Now here's an excellent looking book, It's Equality: A Man's Claim
by Alan Millard, The website gives you a good preview of the book, and it's a very interesting perspective written there. It's quite an eye opener, even for us folk in the know. The book is 563-pages long
and at only $14.95, There's no excuse for not getting this book, Since my sources tell me this book gives Warren Farrell's work a serious run for it's
money, You know where to take it from here.

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Census survey only outlines women's issues

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CJ writes ″

Notice how the Associated Press article starts this article off in an inflammatory way by highlighting the data point (not fact until research is shown) that women at the absolute highest level of incomes are not on par with men (I'm sure not all dat is considered when researching this point too). The article then goes on to point out that "Despite lingering disparities, a separate Census Bureau report last week showed that earning levels for women are at record highs" Here is media manipulation at its best...ala the gynarchy."

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Women are powerful, men gutless says Elle magazine

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Willj writes *"This article by a Canadian columnist refers to an article in this month's French magazine Elle which says that French masculinity is in crisis. It describes three "generations" of men: 1) 45-55, guilty, afraid - they've capitulated to women. 2) Bitter divorced men, 35-45, looking for foreign women they can dominate. 3) The New Eunachs, 25-35, married, - they've set virility aside for conflict-free life in a matriarchal family. Interesting that those of us who don't want to live with feminist hatemongers are said to be looking for women we can dominate. I haven't found the original Elle article yet. I keep wondering when large numbers of men will finally stand up and show a bit of self-respect."*

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MANN Chat--Blaming Men for War: A Healthy Masculine Response

Steve · 26 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday
night (3/26), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location. The
topic for this chat will be "Blaming Men for War: A Healthy
Masculine Response." Feminist dogma routinely blames men for
creating and fighting wars. Dr. Helen Caldecott's recent
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/article.pl?sid=03/03/17/2142202&mode=threaded">speech,
put the blame for war and destruction squarely on men's
shoulders. It's convenient--and even popular--to impute to men
the responsibility for all violent human conflict. But can we
answer the issue so simply? If we look deeply into wars, we will
see that women and the material culture they enjoy are at least as
responsible for giving rise to wars as are men. Join us at this
chat to explore some less popular views about the roots of war and how
an authentic, healthy masculinity supports peace rather than war.

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"Self-defense for women only--" my response

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incredibletulkas writes *"In response to the article "The Attack on Women's Sports" which complained against the sexes treating equally in school programs, I was incensed regarding a more serious issue which has been of concern to me for some time. As a result, I used the information in the article to write the following letter to Education Secretary Rod Paige at customerservice@inet.ed.gov :*

"Hello;
I wish to contact Education Secretary Rod Paige regarding a serious and widespread violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which requires schools to treat the two sexes equally; this violation has been going on for a number of years with no protest from the Department of Education.

Specifically, these violations take place in the form of certain self-defense courses, often known as "RAID," which are offered exlusively to women-- at school expense-- and which specifically prohibit men from attending at any time, and in fact ban even male attendance or observation under any circumstances, except for the course instructors.

Furthermore, these courses are often open to female non-students in the community, while likewise barring even male students of the school from participation.
This sexism was rationalized dismissed by simply claiming men had the option to fend for themselves, or in terms of finding--and funding-- other self-defense courses "elsewhere," despite claiming them to be of inferior quality in adequately preparing a person to defend against an actual attack, as well as being more difficult to learn in terms of time, trouble, expense and safety.

Since statistics regarding violent criminal assaults apply at least equally to men as to women in terms of frequency and severity-- and in any event do not indicate men to be inviolate-- then there is no evidence, conclusive or otherwise, that men would not benefit from such a program.

As such, this sexist double-standard is an outright violation of Title IX, and I would like to see this issue addressed immediately; either schools must immediate cease and desist from offering such courses-- either in terms or providing funding or facilities for them-- or else they must offer them to male students or participants on equal terms.""

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Gender/military debate

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napnip writes *"Not sure if this would be considered newsworthy, but MSNBC's homepage has a story on the renewed debate over women in the military. (Renewed due to Shoshawna Johnson being a POW in Iraq.) Ms. Huus does a pretty good job in covering this story, IMHO. The only thing I wish Ms. Huus had covered was the fact that women don't have to register with Selective Service, which seems rather hypocritical to me if they're going to have the same opportunities as men, but not the same responsibilities. The story can be found here: "*

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Overprotected Pregnant Women

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Brightwriter writes *"We fathers have been duped. Pregnant women are told not to lift anything weighing over 20 pounds, but my (pregnant) wife's obstetrician could give no rationale for that edict when we asked what (bad) would happen if she did so. The obstetrician said prospective studies were unethical, and that's that. Problem: a pregnant woman with a child already born will lift him/her often, obstetrician edict or no. Anything more likely to go wrong if it is not a first pregnancy (and the mother often lifts a pre-existing child)? I think not, else where is the evidence? This myth needs formal challenge in the medical community. I am a doctor."*

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Feminism, Iraq and Human Rights for all

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" Feminists should be speaking out for human rights, not just women's rights." writes Cathy Young. In this article Cathy assails feminist diatribe as a pathetic waste. Even in this article it seems that the atrocities against men by Saddam is downplayed. But it does show the equation overall to women. Cathy still nails it. Human rights for all!

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"Dr. Caldecott Spits on My Grandfather"

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In his latest column, men's issues columnist and radio talk show host Glenn Sacks defends men and masculinity against the anti-male attacks of misandrist femninist Dr. Helen Caldecott. Of Sacks' grandfather, a decorated World War I veteran, Sacks writes:
"This magnificent man (and the millions like him) is not your punching bag, Ms. Caldecott. He's not a bloodthirsty warmonger, or an oppressor, or a patriarch, or an abuser, or any other of the dozens of repulsive canards which feminists have used to vilify men over the past three decades"

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Girl accused in plot to kill grandmother

Adam · 28 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mitch Dean writes *"Milwaukee Journal 02/26/03*

This is an article About a fourteen year old girl who alledegly solicited her boyfriend to kill her Grandmother for the sum of $100.00 or else she would break up with him.The grandmother was informed of the attempted plot by a freind of the girl.The girls defense attorney says he will establish that it was all joke.This defense does not surprise me.Our culture would be more comfortable believing a female of any age incapable of such treachery.The story should be tracked just to see the outcome and treatment by the legal system to further demonstrate inequity in charges and sentencing between male and female juviniles."

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John Gardiner Tells it Like It Is

Adam · 29 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

John Gardiner takes an interesting look at Oprah's prank team over at Oxygen, pointing out the hypocrisy involved, It's a great read. Don't just take my word for it, Have a look....

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Using Emotion As Ammunition

Adam · 30 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Now here's un-expected surprise of an article, I could tell you what's said, but I think you want the fun of finding out yourself, so click the link for a refeshing perspective.

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Women And The Vote Part 1

Adam · 31 March 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The question in this article posed by Dorothy Anne Seese is Giving Women the Vote:
A mistake that wounded America? there's alot to comment on here,
and I don't really the room or the time to do so. Oh yeah, have a look around the site to see who runs it, you should get an ironic laugh out of it.

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Does single-sex education help boys to learn better?

Steve · 1 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This href="http://news.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2003/03/30/ncoed30.xml">article reports new research in the UK that indicates that single-sex classes in some subjects may help boys to learn better. Apparently, the experimental single-sex classes helped both boys and girls to obtain better grades, raise their confidence, increase their rates of attendance, and improve their behavior in school. While the idea of single-sex classes and schools is understandably controversial, the approach seems to have merit. I was privileged to attend an all-boys high school, and I must say that the experience is one of the great treasures of my life. I hope other students will have the opportunity at least to explore the benefits of single-sex classes so that they can perform better in school.

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Informing Men about the Evils of Lifetime TV

Adam · 1 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Brett Carlson writes *"This site is for men everywhere whose lives have been affected by Lifetime TV. Husbands Against Lifetime Tv"*

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Women And The Vote Part 2

Adam · 2 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Here's part 2 of the series continuing with The Gap In The Gender Gap and let's just say there's quite a bit of heresy to go around this time. This one should get the comments rolling....

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Nurturing Gold-Digger Socialists?

Adam · 2 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Now this article is a un-expected one, with a title like this: No shame in women choosing dough over the regular Joe Tina Arndt seems to be saying go for the money over the man, after making the case that most guys can't compete with the welfare state when it comes to women, she even goes on to say "*So perhaps it is nurturing instincts that drive women to go for the money. No shame in that.*" And I thought she was on our side. Can't say I'm surprised.

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MANN Chat: Is Single-sex Education Better for Boys?

Steve · 2 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday
night (4/2), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location. The
topic for this chat will be "Is Single-sex Education Better for
Boys?" Recent href="http://www.mensactivism.org/article.pl?sid=03/03/31/2247200&mode=threaded">research in the UK suggests that boys may learn better in some single-sex
classes. Advocates for single-sex education argue that it helps
students get better grades, be more confident in class, and improve
their school attendance and behavior. Opponents of single-sex
education worry that single-sex education deprives boys and girls of
the opportunity to learn how to interact with one another. Got an
opinion about this? Come to the chat, quaff a cold beverage, and
mouth off. Hope to see you there.

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ESPN Commentary shows why Burk is now marginalized

Adam · 3 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

ppmnow writes *"The following link, gives a seminal perspective on the coming fall of the Burk inadequacy."*

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Re-writing the Rules

Adam · 3 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Freebird writes *"This article should be required reading for all those women who endlessly whine "Where are all the decent men??" while harboring their hatred and bitterness against the same. We all should get a few nods and chuckles out of this one. It is good to see more and more people, women no less, waking up to what we have been saying for years. Happy reading!"*

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Another man free after 19 years in jail

Adam · 4 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"DNA clears another man who was sent to jail based upon false allegations. False allegations have ruined many a mans life, and until the US courts become unbiased and require proof, not the current "she said" evidence, things will always be bad. This is true for domestic violence allegations and sexual crimes. Innocent people have to be protected, otherwise there is no justice. It has become a "witch hunt" for men in the courts of the US. Middlesex MA District Attorney Martha Coakley said "There is not much you can say to someone who has unfortunately been at the wrong end of an imperfect system."*

http://www.boston.com/news/daily/03/maher.htm"

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Woe to Women: Ruined Men

Adam · 4 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

What is with conservatives? Is the only way they see men's issues in how it will help or harm the nearest woman or kid? Reading this article you would be forgiven for thinking so. It's not all bad through, At least she makes an effort to the see things from a man's point of view, If only she could leave the "*Women and Children First*" mentality behind. Still, everybody's gotta start somewhere I suppose.

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Links: Buster B

Adam · 5 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Since it's all quiet on the submissions front, I think you'll be interested in visiting Buster B's webpage for a libary of writing on men's issues, you'll probably be there a while :-) And don't miss his web log either.

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"Practice" doesn't make perfect...,

Adam · 6 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"Any body a loyal viewer of the TV show "The PRACTICE"?*
If you are perhaps you have noticed a rather disturbing trend on this show.
This show, like many others, more and more often is dipicting what I refer to as "Male-bondage" senerios. This is when a man is tied up by a woman or women and is threatened physicaly and sexual inuendos are perpetualy made to the bound man. Often times the woman will hold a gun to the mans genitals or elbow or punch him there while she has him tied.
Any time I have seen "The PRACTICE" this senerio seems to ALWAYS be being played out. I just saw a preview for the show this morning, and sure enough I see yet another woman holding a man captive, gagged and tied to a chair, while she makes sexual comments and kisses him "affectionatly". Anyone who hasn't beleived me that this is a perpetual (and phsycolocicaly damageing) theme on this show (and many others) just watch the episode I'm talking about. It airs on Sunday nights, on ABC. I'm not sure of the time. Don't worry if you miss it. The way this show depicts men, I'm SURE you'll get another opportunity to see an example of what I'm talking about.
Personaly, I think we should make it a PRACTICE to boycott "The PRACTICE". AND let them know this sort of bull $#!t will not be tolerated by men any longer.

Thundercloud."

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Replace "Failed" Institution of Marriage?

Adam · 7 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"New Type of Relationship to Replace Failed Institution of Marriage*
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CA - Incorrect Default Paternity Judgments

Adam · 7 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"As everybody knows, anytime that men's activist try to bring fairness to paternity law we get overwhelming opposition, and as predicted the opponents of paternity fraud legislation are opposing SB1030 in California in big numbers. Currently, there are only two letters of support in Senator Ashburn's office for SB1030. Therefore, we need every person on this forum to send in letters and faxes. Do not send emails or make phone calls. They will not work. This must be in writing. Here is a sample letter:* Click Read More/Post Comments for the letter.

Honorable Senator Roy Ashburn

State Capitol, Room 2068

Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax: (916) 322-3304

Dear Senator Ashburn,

I am writing this letter in support of SB1030. For too long innocent families have been victimized by incorrect default paternity judgments and paternity fraud. With the advances in technology we are able to determine the actual paternity of a child. We need to update our paternity laws to account for modern advances in science. Like a person on death row, we should be using DNA testing to provide relief to innocent victims of incorrect default paternity judgments. It is my understanding that SB1030 will do the following:

- 1. Permit a victim of paternity fraud and an incorrect default paternity judgment to seek an affordable remedy at law.
- 2. Permit the victim to have arrearages of an incorrect order to be vacated
- 3. Allow a victim of an incorrect default paternity judgment a reasonable chance to challenge a judgment that would otherwise be final by allowing a judgment to be set aside within two years have a wage garnishment or the actual discovery of an incorrect default paternity judgment.

I encourage you to aggressively move this bill forward and thereby free innocent victims and their children of the oppressive burdens imposed by an incorrect default paternity judgment.

Thanks,

Your Name

Your Address

It is very important to thousands of families in California that we get these letters sent. Thanks for your help.

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Trident Gum castration campaign

Adam · 8 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"Trident Gum has been running an ad featuring two men being castrated by a squirrel which runs up their pant leg and bites their testicles while they scream. Trident's CONTACT link on their web page is not working so they will have to be contacted by other means to complain. But please do complain. Meanwhile, there is a web site that rates ads and has the Trident ad, which you can click on and watch before voting your opinion. The link to the site with the ad is here and so far has rated the ad highly. But only 14 people, including myself, have voted. Only a few of us can bring the rating down closer to where it belongs for using gender-specific sexual violence to sell gum. Please vote and remember this web site next time an ad is run featuring sexual abuse of males to sell a product (and you can be sure there will be a next time, unfortunately.)"*

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Retired Lieutenant gives his opinion on DV

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This is something I feel is at the heart of the matter for the men's movement. Since the ennactment of VAWA more innocent men have gone to jail than we can imagine. Hardline feminists are not at all interested in finding a solution to domestic violence. They are more interested in destroying the family unit and dividing men and women against eachother. This retired-lieutenant, who has seen it all first hand, gives a good essay on the subject. One that I have fought for myself and one that you should too. Read Here

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1 in every 142 people in US was in jail last year.

Adam · 8 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Serge writes *""A report from the US Justice Department also estimated 12 per cent of black men in their 20s and early 30s were in jail last year. [...] The US currently incarcerates more people than any other country in the world.""* Articles like this prove our movement to be a moral imperative.

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Courts, Laws Allow Military Fathers to Be Stripped

Adam · 9 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"When Gary, a US Navy SEAL, was deployed in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, he never dreamed that his service to his country would cost him his little son.*

Gary and Larry Hellmann, president of the National Congress for Fathers and Children, discussed this terrible injustice and the reforms needed to change it on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles yesterday evening. To listen to the archived show, go to http://www.hisside.com/show_archive.htm"

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Erin Pizzey: Ardent Anti-Feminist

Thomas · 9 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

For those who aren't familiar with this wonderful, important woman, Erin Pizzey is the person who started the first shelter for battered women. She quickly became disillusioned by the way feminists stole her efforts and used them in their war against men and little boys. This essay is attributed to her. (It's not on an official, Erin Pizzey site.) I wanted to share it, because it's a good read.

Erin does say, "The gross injustice to men deserves our concern but save your tears for innocent women." I find that statement unfortunate, since feminism has cost men at least as much love from women as it has cost women the love of men. In addition, men are losing their children and being sent to prison as a result of false accusations -- one of feminism's preferred weapons. Nevertheless, this is a good essay.

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MANN Chat: Men's Right to Freedom of Association

Steve · 9 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday
night (4/9), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location.
The topic for this chat will be "Men's Right to Freedom of Association." The recent flap about the Augusta National Golf Club has generated a lot of controversy. However, one point that is often overlooked is the value of men-only spaces. Sometimes, men want to be in the company of men. Should men have the right to have men-only clubs and organizations? What value do such groups offer to individual men and to society, as a whole? We'll discuss this question from an unabashedly male-friendly perspective at tonight's chat. Join us for tonight's chat and share your views on this issue.

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History of the Women's Movement: One Woman's Perspective

Thomas · 11 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Since we're having so much fun discussing Erin Pizzey on another thread, I thought I'd add this essay by her on how she's seen the women's movement develop since the late-60s and early-70s.

By the way, I didn't dig through it, but BC Fathers looks like it may be a good site.

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Japanese Women Putting Money First?

Adam · 11 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like the cynics in us are gonna get their fix of cyncism with
=http://straitstimes.asia1.com.sg/women/story/0,1870,39432,00.html>this article telling us about the Japanese women's
standard in money. The bigest problem I have with this is they're not wanting to marry a man, but an image, and images have a
reputation for fading. This quote makes me wonder "*The survey also found that 64 per cent of women questioned thought they would
never get married, although it offered no explanation as to whether that had more to do with women's high expectations or
the nature of Japanese men.* I do wonder about this sometimes.

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Heroic Father Risks Jail Rather than Lose Daughter

Adam · 11 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"Martin Luther King went to jail to end segregation. Nelson Mandela went to jail to end apartheid. Edgar, a Los Angeles teacher, risked a long jail sentence for his right to be a father. Hear this heroic father's gripping story on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles at 11 PM on Sunday, April 13. To listen to the show live via the Internet, go to Listen Live http://hisside.com/listen_live.htm. Listeners can call the show at 1 866 870-KRLA.*

Also joining Glenn will be Lisa Scott of TABS and former police officer John Brumbaugh."

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Unless we forget

Adam · 13 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

zerostress writes *"I found this story 2 years ago on an Australian site.*
It touched me to know they are still remembered, even if
is only by a small group, the
Men's Titanic Society."

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Martha Burke, still at it...!

Adam · 13 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"I was just watching the NBC evening news.*
They ran a story on the "contraversy" of Augusta national's "men only" policy.
I have to say it was classic far-left, anti-male media bias. They gave Martha (the jerk) Burke plenty of air time to screech like the harpie-feminazi that she is. But the guy who runs Augusta was given perhaps a 3 second blurb to defend his position.
They DID show men counter protesting the feminazi protesters, But they made absolutely certain that they showed the member of the KKK that also showed up at the men's counter rally. This was done, of course, to make it appear that men's activists are SYNONYMOUS with the likes of the Klan!
I find it interesting that the media never asks the question, that if Burke is truely for gender equity, why she and the fem-squad never take to task things like the WNBA, that has no male players. Or why is it that there are at least 500 ALL FEMALE universities in the U.S.A. but NO all men's universities, and why that is the case.
Oh, no. The media would never dare ask such things. If they did Martha (the jerk) Burke's and all feminazi arguments would be rendered completely MOOT! And we can't have that. Not in misandrist America...,

Thundercloud."

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Fizzled Augusta National Protest A Failure. But A Success For Men?

Thomas · 13 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The screwball, Martha Burk's protest against Augusta National for not having any women members went beautifully as far as I'm concerned. Tom has turned us on to this link on another thread, but I enjoyed the article enough to want to make sure as many people as possible read it.

Many thanks to the misandrist, Martha Burk. She's got a lot of people pointing out that men have rights (freedom of association in this case).

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Another Man Driven To Suicide Over Child Support

Adam · 14 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Last year in the US it was Derrick Miller who publically killed himself in California over an outrageous child support order. Now in Canada, Darren White has committed suicide because of the same misandric burden.*

Just when will this insanity end?

The story"

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Against Martha - from an unexpected source

Adam · 14 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Freebird writes *"Now here is something you don't see every day - an article from a college newspaper taking Martha Burk to task for her hypocritical crusade against Augusta National. The author loses it a bit when he calls Augusta's practices "obselete" (hmm, and all-women's clubs and female-only colleges aren't? why not?) and says women should be admitted to Augusta, again offering no rationale for his position. Otherwise, a pretty good article."*

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Its A Crime To Be A Boy!

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I never saw such a thing. What they did to this little boy is sureal. Read this story and shake your head, just as I did.

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Subtle Male Bashing in a Commercial

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Anon User writes *"I am sorry that I can not be specific about the product of this commercial. I can not remember the product due to the overriding message that it exudes about males' ineptness about what is under the hood of a car.*

There is one white male looking under the hood of a car for a dip stick. He takes some time to look and appears puzzled. Then a black male comes to help him look for the dip stick and he can not find it either. He also appears puzzled. Then a white female is seen standing on the side of the car. She says something such as, "Have you found it yet?".

I am a female and I thought this was a bit too much....

Commercials present all types in a subtle to profound negative light. I wonder who writes the commercials and are they sensitive to their audience. If you have ever been discriminated against and,in essence, did not have the power or the forum to fight back, you would scrutinize almost every thing seen with a fine tooth comb."

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Women's violence against men...humorous?

Thomas · 14 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tor Ackman writes *"This article http://www.tucsonweekly.com/tw/current/feat.html recently appearing in the Tucson Weekly demonstrates how women's violence against men is viewed very differently from male on female violence. Until the cloak of innocence is lifted off of women this hypocrisy will be hard to reverse."*

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Is there a DV fundraiser in your area?

Adam · 15 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W. Schuett writes *"This AM I wrote a letter to the editor for a friend in NoCal, in protest of a fundraiser for the local domestic violence shelter. Much to my surprise, I discovered there are similar events here in AZ on the same day. (April 26)*

So if you've got one of these going in your area, send me the e-mail contact info for whatever paper or TV station may be sponsoring the event, along with info for any corporate or government sponsors, and I'll send them a copy of my letter (with the correct references plugged in, of course). I'll need the title, location and date of whatever event they've got going.

E-mails or the direct URL for any 'contact us' form, please! A lot of the corporate websites have their contact info buried, so please don't make me work too hard! Otherwise I'm happy to do this. There's still time to get a word in, so e-mail me direct at dsrtlite@mindspring.com with your info. I'll cc you if you like, so you can see what I said."

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MHA's Opposition To The UN's War Against Boys

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The United Nations has undertaken extensive efforts to improve the lot of girls the world over. The UN has chosen to ignore the plight of boys, however, despite the fact that boys suffer far more than girls in many countries for a variety of reasons. Men's Health America (MHA) has undertaken a campaign to reverse this terrible injustice. Here's an essay by MHA on the status of boys' health around the world. And here's an essay on UNICEF's one-sided pursuit of gender equality (as if gender equality is possible while ignoring the welfare of boys).

Let's thank the fine folks at Men's Health America and work with them as much as possible.

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Different Standards In Relationships

Adam · 15 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

MrDave writes *"Buster offers much wisdom about how women attempt to manipulate men in thousands of subtle ways. Here's a sample from his daily blog:*
"Women expect to be smiled at. They expect to be talked to. They expect some minimum level of courtesy and respect. If a man doesn't look at or talk to a woman, she thinks that there's something wrong. Women are fearful of negative attention; they take positive attention in stride. The one thing they find puzzling and disturbing is no attention at all."
For more see:
Blogger Archive"

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Boycott Budweiser and Post-it Notes

Adam · 16 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Alan Millard writes *"Post-it Note pads (3M company) has expressed many examples of prejudice and discrimination against men. Captions include: "The more I know about men, the more I like my dog," and "Men have only two faults: everything they do and everything they say." After being confronted by Men's Rights, Inc., 3M gave them a shameless if not criminalistic response, ensuring them they would continue to use their products to only bash men, and "...assured us that they would never sell a product which was equally offensive to women." Reward companies that do not practice prejudice and discrimination, perhaps as Beauatone Notes, that can replace the same product.*

Budweiser is guilty of expressing extreme prejudice and abusiveness of men, especially in its Bud-light commercials. Does anyone remember in one Bud Light commercial the woman at the bar, who didn't like the man's demeanor next to her, kills the man, then tells the bartender to "keep the chains," referring to the chains left behind the poor guy had worn around his neck? Ironically, this product also provides an example of men selling out their self-worth, since this beer is often deemed the official beer of many men's sports! Explain that one. Would a product that put down women and conveyed abuse of women be sponsored and endorsed by women's sports events?"

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Men Who Get Hurt

D · 16 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Tucson Weekly has published an article discussing the greater picture of domestic violence. Names like Pizzy, Fiebert and Corry were mentioned. Along with a great story of Fiebert getting booted of Oprah for telling, well, basically the truth. Im not sure how big this paper is, but it is showing more and more that mainstream media is breaking away from the duluth model. Read Here

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DV In India

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Mangesh writes *"Ms Madhu Kishwar is a leading women's rights activist in India (but she refuses to call herself a feminist). The following link is a balanced article (in English) written by her on the use and misuse of DV Laws in India"*

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Canadian Feminist Jurisprudence

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Tor Ackman writes *"Recently, the topic of the tragedy of Darrin White has been mentioned on this forum. It's no secret that Canadian jurisprudence is controlled by the feminist agenda, and is the most onerous on men in the western world. In this document*
Eeva Sodhi describes how Canadian Jurisprudence has been hijacked by the feminist agenda and how Canadian courts have usurped a monopoly on 'justice' in disregard of the actual law. This four part series is fascinating and revealing. Other articles By Eeva can be found here"

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MANN Chat: Open Forum

Steve · 16 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday
night (4/16), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at color="#222222">the usual
location. This chat will be an open forum, with no designated
topic. This is a good opportunity to share any important news you
have about men's activism, ask questions about issues and projects, and
just connect with fellow men's activists. Come to the chat
discuss any men's activism issues that you consider important, and
invite a friend to join you. >Please note: >If you cannot access the chat after a few
attempts, we have a temporary alternate location for tonight's
chat. href="http://pub40.bravenet.com/chat/show.php/3385628227">Click here
to access the alternate location.

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A Golden Oldie: In Defense Of Men

Thomas · 17 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This essay may have been linked to from MANN a couple of years ago. Even if that's the case, there may be a number of people, who didn't see it then but will see it now. Some folks may take exception to a few statements by Heather Roscoe, but on the whole the piece cracks me up.

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"Pulse-ateing"

Adam · 17 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"I recently saw a preview for the TV news show "the PULSE".*
They are going to do a segment on that "contriversial" comercial for some beer company, (I think it was) that depicted two women ripping each other's clothes off in a fight in a fountain.
The question asked was; "Is this ad sexist towards women?"
It may be interesting to watch. I personally want to hear someone ask; "Why the flack over this ONE commercial that may bash women, but not a peep about the HUNDREDS of ads we see every year bashing, belittleing and humiliating MEN?" This is FOX, so Maybe, Just maybe, someone will INDEED ask that question.
I'm not sure of the exact time, but I think it is on at 9:00 pm. (8:00 pm. central) on Thursday nights.
Let's see what happens...!

.....Thundercloud"

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Bill Would Do Away With No-Fault Divorce

Thomas · 17 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This article discusses some of the arguments, pro and con, surrounding a bill to eliminate no-fault divorce in Louisiana. It's a bit of a mystery to me why any man would get married today, but some do so this is an important issue for them.

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In New Zealand....

Adam · 17 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

There's one hell of a double standard, You regulars are gonna love this one, It's something else.

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Further Erosion of our Civil Rights

D · 18 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Here is a suggestion being tabled for domestic violence. This reccomondation will allow the police to monitor just about everyone in the future as far as Im concerned. Ankle monitors will be placed on "offenders". I use the term lightly because none of the alleged offenders will probably see a trial and will have to wear the monitors as a condition of bail. Since the law enforcement will only see men as abusers and are only trained to see men as abusers, this will further subjugate men to the state based on descrimination.

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Activism Needed for NH Men's Commission

Scott · 18 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

After being very patient with the new Governor of New Hampshire, the NH chapter of the National Congress for Fathers and Children is asking for help in a focused letter writing campaign to get the final members of the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men (NHCSM) appointed so that the Commission may fulfill its duties. We suffered attempted sabotage of the commission last year by former Governor Shaheen and now have a more neutral Governor, Craig Benson, in office. However, he apparently doesn't understand the urgency of making these nominations. Please help us demonstrate to Governor Benson that a lot of people care about this Commission and want the nominations to be made immediately. Click here to participate in this campaign. Note that you do **not** need to be a NH resident for your letter to count. And thank you in advance for your help!

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A Victory In Canada?

Adam · 18 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Andrew74 writes *"Old Divorce Agreements Can Not Be Reopened-*

Edmonton Journal

This looks like a victory for divorced men whose ex-wives use the anti-family court system to extort money from them. The only problem is that it still leaves loopholes for anti-family judges to reopen cases. Canadian anti-family judges are notorious for utilizing loopholes to push their feminist agenda."

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Gender War, Sexuality, and Love

Adam · 19 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"The link (last Tuesday) to BusterB's comments led me eventually to Gender War, Sexuality, and Love, which has a lot of commentary I think MANN readers would enjoy. Perhaps it's been featured before, but not recently. I've been browsing it for the last couple of hours, and particularly enjoyed 'Can't we all just get along? Can't we just go out on a date?,' 'An open letter to women,' 'Masculism, not me-too-ism,' to name only a few. Give it a try."*

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Equal Opportunity Creates Greater Female Victims

Adam · 20 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"In this article author Elaine Donnely asks (Are 'women') "serving at greater risk?" (than men?) emphasis mine. This article appears to try to delve deeper and ferret out the ramifications, "Are women today who encounter combat at greater risk than men in every way? Are they at greater risk, simply because of their gender's lesser physical strength and resultant inabilities, or does their physiological roll as sexual attractants to men put them in even greater risk of rape, genital mutilation, torture, and death?" Hum? Could you somehow weave the domestic violence "primary aggressor" rule into some of the replies to these questions? Do policies for women in combat and women in domestic violence reflect an American double standard?"* There was also an interesting soc.men thread on this as well.

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Sommers and Sacks to Discuss 'Boy Crisis'

Adam · 20 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"April 24 is "Take Our Daughters to Work Day," which was renamed "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" for this year. Christina Hoff Sommers, author of The War Against Boys, will join Glenn to discuss the boy crisis in education on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles at 11 PM on Sunday, April 20. To listen to the show live via the Internet, go to http://hisside.com/listen_live.htm>.*

Listeners are invited to call the show and join the discussion at 1 866 870-KRLA. To get CDs and cassettes of all previous and future shows and to learn how to support the show, go to http://hisside.com/store/index.htm>"

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Canadian Supreme Court rules separation agreements

Adam · 20 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Garth writes *"An Ontario judge and later the Ontario Court of Appeals ruled that a spouse should be able to reopen separation agreements simply by showing a material change of circumstance (meaning whenever you feel like it). Now, the Canadian Supreme Court has reversed that and what's more has also stated that judges should not "presume an imbalance of power" between a husband and wife. So, not only do agreements actually mean something now, but the court seems to making a point that husbands aren't always the bad guys."*

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Returning to New Zealand, Things Get Much Worse....

Adam · 21 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I hope you're sitting down and not drinking anything when you click http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/0,2106,2412808a10,00.html>this link and see how things are unfolding, It's.... Well, here's a quote from the 21 year old woman who had adult relations with a 13-year-old swim champion; To quote "*He is not a little kid. If he made the decision to deal with grown up things he needs to own up to what he is doing in a grown up way. Maybe he is a child. But he chose to do grown up things.*" It's quite something when a woman goes around commiting sex crimes on a minor, blaming her victim and practically no-one cares, Don't you think?

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Skakel gets Railroaded

D · 21 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Since when did America start convicting people based on soundbites? Have juries become so stupid to take a man's life away from him without hearing the whole context of a conversation? The prosicution kept replaying over and over a soundbite from a conversation taped decades ago by the police while denying the rest of the conversation to be heard. Our individual rights are nothing but a history lesson. Read Here.

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Men's Health Act : good news at last

Adam · 21 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

rage writes *"The Men's Health Act bill is currently being reintroduced in the Congress, or will be in a few weeks, so perhaps this amazing breakthrough for men's rights is not too far away now. Keep up the good work, brothers, men's health is perhaps the only one field in which we manage to make our voices heard!*

See the latest news in the

following link"

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Scholars ask if manly virtue is all washed up

Adam · 21 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *" What is the future of manliness itself after decades of ignominious retreat? Get a group of academic feminists together, invite a pro-male College professor, and debate the need for masculine studies on campus at Radcliffe. The head feminist asks "whether masculinity studies isn't a form of "academic Viagra"-an attempt to resolve the culture-wide crisis of "hetero-masculinity" by stealing some of feminism's scholarly mojo." The article ends by implying that women have less justice than men do... unbelievable. I'd like to add that it is time to start lawsuits that demand equal budgets for studies in both sexes on college campus, just like in sports. Normative studies on masculinity are all but gone. Thirty years of hard-line feminist studies on perceived masculine socio-pathological constructs have lead to laws which are biased against men, and have resulted in the "culture-wide crisis of "hetero-masculinity" – time for a change."*

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History of the Women's Movement: One Man's Perspective

Thomas · 22 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I recently posted a link to an essay by Erin Pizzey that discussed the development of the women's movement since the late-1960s. Here's an essay by a man on the development of feminism in the same time period. It's a bit long, but a good read.

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Public Humiliation Not Enough Reason For Divorce

Adam · 22 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

AngelKnight writes *"I don't know if you've seen this, but there's been a ruling in Italy where a magistrate who divorced his wife because she would berate him in public and abuse him verbally all the time was wrong in divorcing her - because there was no cause. Of course, she claims that this is just par for the course in married relationships."*

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Let's Tell Our Side

Adam · 22 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Freebird writes *"This article entitled "Women March To End Violence" entitled shows the usual female tendency to ignore violence against males, which of course makes up the overwhelming majority of violence, not to mention female against male violence being nearly as common as vice versa and increasing year by year. There is a place at the bottom of this page to post feedback regarding the article. We should take advantage of opportunities like this to get the truth about violence out. The more the publice hears it, the better for all of us."*

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"Chasing Papi" Rhymes With....

Adam · 23 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"A little while back I submitted a post about yet another anti-male movie that is to be released soon. But I didn't know the name of the movie, untill now. It is called "CHASING PAPI".*
As you (may) recall I described this movie as haveing an all hispanic cast. That's not the bad part, of course. The bad part is that this is yet ANOTHER; "Men are all evil, cheating, louses and women get revenge on man, by tying him up and torturing him.
This is simply an Hispanic version of any given anti-male\males-put-in-bondage-by-"righteous"-wome n movie that we have all seen in the past. The whole "Man as lying, cheater" scenario is just an excuse to show the usual; 'women tying up and gagging and dominating a man bondage situation', that has become so prevalant on TV and movies these days.
I don't know who's sicker. The people who keep cranking these hate-films out or the women who go see them...
And women ask why men don't particularly like them, anymore. Yeah, Can't imagine, ladies. Can't imagine."

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MANN Chat: Sexual Abuse of Men and Boys

Steve · 23 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday
night (4/23), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location.
The topic for this chat will be "Sexual Abuse of Boys and Men."
The sexual abuse of boys and men is largely overlooked by
society. There is a double standard regarding sexual abuse: abuse
of women and girls gets a lot of attention, while abuse of men and boys
is ignored, celebrated, or even rationalized. The consequences of
these social attitudes are incredibly devastating to male victims of
sexual abuse. What can we do to fix this situation? Join us
at this week's chat to discuss what we can do to correct this
problem. Feel free to invite a friend or two to join us.

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Dads On Air Interview Warren Farrell

Adam · 23 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dads on air have re-posted their 2001 interview with Warren Farrell, Here's the lowdown "*Dads On The Air interviewed Warren Farrell last time he was in Australia in 2001 and we are taking this Easter Holidays as a chance to now put this up on line and replay it for those who missed it.*" It's about 1 hour 15 mins with breaks in between. Oh yeah about 50 mins in, the interviewer plays the Dixie Chicks song "*Goodbye Earl*" talk about irony.

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Women Responsible for Homeland Security?

Adam · 23 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

hurkle writes *"In this article*

the author manages to insult both men and women at the same time. Men ignore their societal requirements, and women save the day by giving in to their anxieties."

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UN Feminist Taken To Task For Anti-Male Bias

Thomas · 23 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

We've all seen evidence of anti-male prejudice at the United Nations.

This article points out how Dr. Ned Holstein, clinical assistant professor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York and a specialist in public health and preventive medicine, has challenged Carol Bellamy, executive director of the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), to back up her misandry with some facts or withdraw her proposal to give special attention to the needs of women and children (and as a result less attention to the needs of men) in Africa. Holstein, a spokesman for Fathers and Families ("one of about a dozen gender equity groups from around the world that are calling on Bellamy to retract or renounce her proposal"), states that Bellamy's proposal violates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a U.N. document that prohibits any form of sex discrimination.

Perhaps it's time to look a little deeper into the misandry at the UN and to start demanding not only a few retractions but also some resignations.

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How easy for victims to lie!

Adam · 23 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

MrDave writes "
"To brainwash and manipulate a segment of the population ... convince them they were victims ... easy to blame someone for our problems... victims are conferred a higher moral status ... They become motivated, self-righteous and regimented ... They don't care if society is destroyed as long as they get their way." Those are the thoughts of cantankerous prophet, Henry Makow.

"Victims don't care about objective truth ... their suffering gives them the right to manipulate the truth ... "Post modern" and "feminist" (i.e. Marxist) theory disputes the existence of objective reality ... How easy then to lie!"

Makow's full essay is at: http://www.savethemales.ca/000012.html"

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New Standard of Teamwork in Men's Movement

Thomas · 24 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes

"The men's movement came together yesterday (April 22nd) and fought for male issues with a unified, coordinated, professional, and well-refined front. The organizations instrumental in this effort involved ACFC, CAPF-CA, US-CAPF, NCFM – LA, RAAPFV, MSN, MND, hisside.com, and many more groups and individuals working behind the scenes. Indeed, the effort was an international one that drew people in from all corners of America and drew attention from all corners of the earth. It has taken the veterans of the men's movement ten years to establish this type of foundation from which we could leverage our influence."

For the rest of this message of hope, click on "Read More/Post Comments.""This new milestone in cooperation proves that the members of these groups can come together and cooperate in a highly effective and focused manner to make a difference. The beauty of the coordinated effort was like a delicate work of complex machinery. We would like to extend a special thanks to the paternity fraud victims who were present to make a difference in 100's of thousands of lives.

"The result was that by the time the feminist opposition had a chance to speak all of their issues and concerns had already been addressed. They could not bring up any new issues that we had not already discussed and resolved in SB1030.

"We freely admit to the critics that this bill is not perfect nor by any means was it the ideal. It is clearly a heavily watered down version of what we want. Nevertheless, we are gaining a major political foothold in California for addressing men's issues, and the Senate Committee of Judiciary sent a strong message to the opposition that they will not permit further obstruction, obfuscation, or delay in addressing the issue of incorrect default paternity judgments.

"I would like to extend a special thanks to all of you that answered the emergency call for letters in support of SB1030. We are close to breaking the 200-letter mark. Think about this. In two weeks we went from 2 letters of support to almost 200 letters of support. To the skeptics who don't think those letters wouldn't make a difference or that we would be able to gather the support I say that the facts speak for themselves.

"The result of this coordinated effort resulted in the California Senate Committee of Judiciary passing SB1030 and moving it to the Senate floor. The only person opposing the bill was Senator Kruel with Sher abstaining. All of the rest voted to move the bill forward.

"We have three more steps to go, and it will be a tough fight. While we blindsided the opposition, we can rest assured that they will regroup and fight back. This is not over. Now we need staying power. I'll continue to use this forum to inform everybody on how they can support SB1030 and make a difference in the men's movement.

"Thanks!

"Warble"

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To frown is a crime?!

Adam · 24 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

MrDave writes *"The city council in Palo Alto, California is considering a "code of conduct" mandating officials not to roll their eyes, shake their heads, or frown. The purpose is to discourage non-verbal forms of "disagreement or disgust". The council member proposing the idea is a woman. The scary aspect of this story is Palo Alto is the last city in Silicon Valley, California, to consider such a code – according to the mayor: also a woman. How long until men are arrested and charged with frowning at the silliness of such women? Unless we're careful, laughing out loud at a woman could become a capital crime. News story at http://www.bayarea.com/mld/mercurynews/5576044.htm"*

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Women: Earn $$$ At Home! Threaten False Rape Charges. Minimal Risk.

Thomas · 24 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This story ought to get a rise out of you. Is any man safe?

As the article states, "Langshaw (the woman) pleaded no-contest to six felony counts of extortion, five felony counts of sending threatening letters and three misdemeanor counts of falsely reporting crimes (sexual assault) to law enforcement. She will be sentenced to no more than one year in Sacramento County jail." Her boyfriend (Umana) "pleaded no-contest to three felony counts of attempted extortion and three felony counts of sending threatening letters. As part of a plea agreement, prosecutors agreed that Umana would receive no more than two years in state prison."

The woman pleaded to 6 felony counts of extortion. The man pleaded to *half* as many felony counts of *attempted* extortion ("attempted" usually being less serious than "completed"). The woman pleaded to five felony counts of sending threatening letters. The man pleaded to three felony counts of sending threatening letters (a little more than *half* as many as the woman). In addition the woman pleaded to three misdemeanor counts of falsely reporting crimes. The man didn't plead to any misdemeanors. So what are the sentences? The woman faces a maximum of one year in the county lockup. The man faces up to two years in the state pen.

Fembots will probably spew garbage about how we don't know all the particulars of the case. Well we sure as hell know what the defendents pleaded to.

How do we stop these monsters?

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"Perfect" Boyfriend Movie

Adam · 25 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User writes "*This story absolutely irritated me: The entire basis is a video of a British actor acting like a so-called "perfect" boyfriend (e.g. arranging flowers, gaggable flowery compliments, cleaning the house, cooking dinner, hates strip clubs and football games, etc. ad nauseam) which any woman can watch on her VCR or DVD player. Apart from the fact that the company producing this tape is making this out to be funny, the article quotes a "V.P. of romance" from Match.com as suggesting that the videotape will "fail to deliver like so many bad boyfriends in the past" and that it could be used as a training tool for men! The icing on the cake is the quote at the end of the article from a representative of the company regarding a comparable "Perfect Girlfriend" videotape: "That could be controversial, since she'd probably be a girl in her underwear with tape over her mouth handing you a beer.*"

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Farrell to Discuss College Misandry on Sacks' show

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Tatis writes *"Best-selling men's issues author Warren Farrell will discuss anti-male hostility on our college campuses on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles at 11 PM on Sunday, April 27. To listen to the show live via the Internet, go to http://hisside.com/listen_live.htm. Listeners are invited to call the show and join the discussion at 1 866 870-KRLA.*

Sacks and Farrell will be joined by members of the National Coalition of Free Men Los Angeles who will discuss their recent demonstration against anti-male campus feminism."

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The Enemy of Man

Adam · 25 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

MrDave writes *"David Yeagley, PhD, is a Comanche Indian. His recent essay, "Why Communism Loves Indians"" could have been titled, "The Enemy of Man". Here are some excerpts. Note the parallels with Feminism: 'Communism is the religion of hate. It says, "You have made me suffer. I will therefore violently take from you whatever you have that I want." ... Communism redefines words. "Envy" now means "justice". "Justice" means I have a right to have what's yours. "Equality" means I deserve whatever you have. "Democracy" means the state makes sure I have what you have ... Communism wants to destroy the achievements of the white male, and to subjugate him to all that he has had dominion over ... Feminism envies the strength of the male, and seeks to destroy it. The male represents an inequality which Communism cannot tolerate ... Feminists hate American Indian warrior images, and want them all removed ... In the name of Communist equality, you must devote your life to bringing down the achievers. This is the sinister element of envy, to destroy those who have more than you have, because you hate them for having more.*"

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The War Against Boys – news from the front

Thomas · 26 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

MrDave writes "
Eight-year-old punished with detention for pointing a chicken strip at another student in the cafeteria while saying "pow, pow, pow."

Third grader given five-day suspension for violating substance abuse policy after classmates reported that he took a "purple pill." His offense was taking a multivitamin with his lunch.

16-year-old honor student expelled when security guard found a butter knife in the bed of his pickup truck. The knife apparently fell out of a box of household items he and his father had transported the previous day from his grandmother's home to a local Goodwill store.

Phyllis Schlafly comments, “Almost all zero tolerance rulings punish boys. Boys are also the victims of the current fad to eliminate recess and build new schools without playgrounds. This nonsense may be part of the feminist agenda to try to make little boys behave like little girls.”

Read more here".

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An Essay In Defense Of Fatherhood

Adam · 26 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I came across this feature by Aaron Burr due to one of my fellow admins, And I found it quite interesting, and worth sharing. It's quite a different perspective to what you're used to reading, But I think it will generate some worthy thoughts to be heard. Click "*read more/post comments*" to read it.Dear People,

One of the most outrageous facts in the modern "Codes" and "laws" throughout the United States as well as all the states is the laws which are implemented against fathers for the collection of Child Support. After much analysis, I have come to the conclusion that they are not only unconstitutional--but they are opprobrious and in direct contravention to our foundational form of government. They are, in fact, "anti-law" laws--which our form of government prohibits, and it was the reason why we formed our government in the first place.

Here is a simple deconstruction of the problem:

First, that our children hold some form of status to their parents, cannot be controverted. Your child IS your property. You "created" and "own" your own child. Most Father's Rights advocates go white with fear at this realization--but it is well spelled out in the law...and it is a fact. Children are "something"--and under Hale v. Henkle as well as Dartmouth College cases--that property gives both parents and children substantive rights to this fact that children are property and that the state is prohibited from intruding upon this sacred contract.

When a child is born, it is expecting an unwritten contract--that it should have both parents. There is an unwritten contract that the child has a mother to nurture it. She has been designed, and is best suited for that role. The mother has a contract with the child, that she will be the mother, and uphold all the duties in relation to that station and those duties. The child also has a unwritten contract with the father, to be provided for and protected by him. The father concomitantly has a unwritten contract with the child, that he will be the child's natural guardian; as he is best suited for that role and has shown he upholds that function very well (for six thousand years, this system not only worked, but it ascended Western Civilization, generation after generation). All three parties to this unwritten contract assume the proper places within it.

The child is the child-- the unemancipated minor who cannot decide for itself; and thereby, defers to the protection and guidance of its parents. The mother is the strongest link with the child, and is thereby not the focal point of keeping the family together--as she will always be there, come hell or high-water. She will be there through all, and is not the "glue" to complete the family. The father is. He is the weakest link of the home and family--and may leave it, unless he is given a benefit to stay in the relationship. Society has bolstered his participation in the family by establishing marriage and the social institutions

which give men "Quid Pro Quo" contracts with the father.

"This for that." Society, knows that marriage is the best place all three people can be. The family, Western Civilization has understood, is the best place for men, women and children. This is incontrovertible. This is where families do best: within the home and family.

So, mothers, because they will always be there, are allowed the role of subordinate; as again, they are best suited for that role. The father is the ordinate within the family, and has the obligations--because the law points to him as having all the benefits. (Quid pro Quo).

This interrelation of the family, suited both society and men, woman and children for 5000 to 6000 years. It worked. It kept social pathology rates low. It kept prison rates low. It allowed, year after year, wealth to be slowly accrued within the home and family--not government. It created "free-Societies" advanced and superior to all other tribal institutions before it. It gave both the family, stability--and it allowed society to flourish as it used [the regulation of] sex as a tool to promote society to
societies advancement. Society needed this sexual regulation and the rigid demarcation of the "contract" of the family, between children and their parents.

Currently our society has completely deconstructed this archetype, in favor of socialism. It has allowed the leakage of feminism to directly destroy the home and family (and most particular the father). Presently, it does this and forces the man to be the slave of the child, woman and government--at their bidding. (Yet, our laws clearly state that no person is to use their rights at the expense of another).

One of the largest frauds of this is the Institutionalized implementation of CHILD SUPPORT.

What is extreme and very odd about this "obligation" (which has not been fully and exactly defined at law, nor admitted by government employees whom are enforcing it), is that in their "law" there are only limited defenses for any father attempting to refute it. For instance, the California Family Code states that the following defenses are applicable in court:

4612. An obligor-parent alleged to be in arrears may use any of the following grounds as a defense to the motion filed pursuant to this article or as a basis for filing a motion to stop a sale or use of assets under Section 4631:
(a) Child support payments are not in arrears.

(b) Laches.
(c) There has been a change in the custody of the children.
(d) There is a pending motion for reduction in support due to a reduction in income.
(e) Illness or disability.
(f) Unemployment.
(g) Serious adverse impact on the immediate family of the obligor-parent residing with the obligor-parent that outweighs the impact of denial of the motion or stopping the sale on obligee.
(h) Serious impairment of the ability of the obligor-parent to generate income.
(i) Other emergency conditions.

The only defense NOT ALLOWED is the most obvious one: THAT THE FATHER DOES NOT OWE IT.

What could be the reason the government omitted this defense? Well, the ORIGINAL CONTACT itself which has been violated between a father and child! If a child has been kidnapped, the father has no recourse currently in the law. The courts incorrectly intimate that the father must pay, no matter what outrage, no matter what crime is done against him and his family, no matter what illegality or unjust acts in overt violation to either his rights or the rights of the child--well, the courts illegally compel him to pay. They leave him absolutely no redress at law other than the "no win scenario" defenses shown above.

Yet, the law not only allows, but it compels a father to enforce his power to PUNISH those who defy him in his own home.

"Glanville maintained a contrary doctrine, and insisted that an action lay. 'For,' said he, 'the father hath an interest in every of his children, to educate them and to provide for them; and he has his comfort by them; wherefore, it is not reasonable that any should take them from him and such injury, but that he should have his remedy to punish it." Vaughan v.Rhodes, 2 McCord 227.

Now here is what most Father's Rights activists miss.

The ability of a wife and mother to obtain alimony and child support,
developed under a Patriarchal construct that saw that the wife and mother as incompetents. That because they came under the protection of the father and he provided for them; that under that coverture (the male protecting his wife and taking responsibility for her) that he was thereby obligated to her for Alimony (and then Child Support) upon separation or divorce. This made sense under the light of the institution of Patriarchy.

Yet, the current courts are implementing feminism. The law is feminist. And what we have not placed forwards as a legal proponent to these courts is that under that alien tutelage of feminism, women are now "emancipated." That it is a "you go girl" society where women are now equal, that they do not need men, that they are in fact, superior. (Feminists actually make these claims, and the courts uphold them with a vengeance against men.)

Well, then, if this is the case: then why does the feminist codes compel a man to pay? There never has been any assignment of Alimony or Child Support against a competent father. In fact, it is a fact that most fathers even today, upon getting custody of their children (when that rare event occurs) NEVER ASK FOR CHILD SUPPORT! Nor are the courts too quick in assigning payments to go from the mother to the father--and they are even more recalcitrant in enforcing such support "obligations" when the women defaults!

The big question is here, in the age of feminism--why the assignment of support at all? "IF" women are "you go girl" go-getters and are in fact, "just as good as men" (if not superior, as they allege) and now independent and better than men--and if Patriarchy is now destroyed--then why are we having laws which intimate men only owe Child Support and Alimony--and that we have laws which do not allow men to make the defense that they do not in fact owe the obligation from the onset?!?? (Ergo: "We now are in a feminist society, the Family Code is feminism: Child Support is obsolete because the woman claims she is just as good and just as independent as the man.)

They now say we do not own them. Fine. Okay. Then why are they asking for Alimony?

If they are as good and as responsible as men--then why aren't they assuming the same obligations that men understood? (That you take care of your own without outside support). Men do not ask for child support--but the new feminists implementing this feminist sophistry within the "new" Family Law and throughout the codes--MAKE SURE WITH A DEATH GRIP THAT THEY CLUTCH THE PATRIARCHAL OBLIGATIONS AGAINST THE MALE AND FATHER--when in fact they refute the institution of the Patriarchy.

No person can sit on two sides of the defense. This society is either Matriarchal or it is Patriarchal. "IF" the courts are enforcing Matriarchy: THEN NO MAN OWES CHILD SUPPORT. Because women are independent and equal to men. They don't need coverture...and alimony and child support are Patriarchal systems of COVERTURE.

For "if" children are not property but sovereign citizens with full legal rights (as Hillary Clinton intimates), then they cannot legally compel child support. "IF" women are sovereign and not under the Patriarchal confines of coverture, then they have no basis to demand either alimony or child support.

Either the courts are feminist, or they are Patriarchal....

And if they are Patriarchal, then that means children are property, and they are unemancipated minors who need both parents in a family for help and guidance in their life. They need a mom to be a mom...and they most certainly need a dad to be a dad. And if this is the case, then the full structure of Patriarchy comes into play, and the courts are compelled in the first instance to implement "Quid pro Quo" contract, assured to children and parents under the unwritten contract, so protected under Article I, Section 10 of the US Constitution: Obligations of Contracts (Hale v. Henkle,
Dartmouth College, etc).

Consider my words.

Hope this helps.

Aaron

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Statutory Rape of A Boy - No big deal!

Adam · 27 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Have you seen this yet? In Houston, a 27 year old woman teacher at a private school was convicted of having sex with a 13 year old boy over a seven month period and got 30 days in jail, a $500 fine, and 10 years probation. This sentence was given by a woman judge. According to TV accounts, there is an "uproar" over this light sentence.I wonder how much of an uproar there really is and I also wonder how hard it would be to depose a judge who hands out a sentence like this, whether or not she is an elected judge. I know judges are supposed to be "permanent" in many cases, but I wonder how difficult it would be to overcome this obstacle. Anyone here have ideas on such a possibility?"* The Gonzo Kid also submitted this story and said "*30 days, and a $500 fine for a 27 year old female teacher having sex with a male student. Guys, I'm absolutely speechless for the moment. Especially since I know of someone who got 90 days and a thousand dollar fine for a petty offense."*

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A life of bright promises?

Adam · 28 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"This article*

appeared on the front page of the Boston Sunday Globe with a nice picture of the subject next to it. When one starts to read this article, one would think the story to be about a distinguished person. Instead, the story is about the wonderful and interesting life of a cold-blooded female killer. I have never seen anything remotely similar to this done for a man, where a criminal act is questioned to figure out what went wrong. This woman killed a doctor at Mass General Hospital and then committed suicide. When the story broke, the media took days to point out that a woman had actually done the killing as the police were reluctant to charge her with the murder (even though it must have been obvious), and reporters got positive comments about the woman's life. The feminist hate mongers at the Globe are beyond contempt for this flagrant double standard. Men are viewed as patriarchal monsters, and women get the "what went wrong, she was so wonderful" type of treatment. Please email your disgust to the Globe. Thanks"

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Where Are the Men on Campus?

Thomas · 29 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"This article, co-authored by Philip W. Cook and Glenn Sacks, examines some of the causes for the decline of male college enrollments. Males comprise only 43% of all college students nationwide. It was just published in the book Abuse Your Illusions: The Disinformation Guide to Media Mirages and Establishment Lies (published by The Disinformation Company)."*

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Apologies!!!

Thomas · 29 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I want to apologize to everyone for a submission that I recently posted. I wanted to do some cleaning out of back submissions from readers, so I posted the link after just glancing at the Webpage. That's a mistake that I WON'T repeat. Sheesh!

Turns out the site is very twisted.

I'd like to thank Tor Ackman for letting me know about this.

Again, my sincere apologies.

Thomas

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A New Feature: Ask Ads

Adam · 30 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Yep, Yours truly is about to start doing a weekly advice piece coming to you each friday (Or bi-weekly, depending on how it goes) where you can ask me various questions (not strictly on men's issues) the more interesting questions will be more likely to be answered. To begin asking, send me an email with "Ask Ads" in the header to adam@mensactivism.org while I can't answer everyone, I will read 'em all, So we'll see how it goes.

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Doritoes Comercial??

D · 30 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch writes *"Now I just wanted to post this while it was still on my mind. But there seems to be a recurring theme in many comercials these days. The ones I am speaking of are ones like a recent Doritoes comercial I just saw. The set up is: two guys are at a party surrounded by pretty girls and some cutey catches their eye. Now they don't talk they more or less 'munch' their communications. The conversation ends up with one guy asking the other 'do you think I have a chance with her?' in subtitles. She walks over takes a chip and munches to the subtitle 'slim to none'. My question is--Why is this theme so prevelant on television with guys striking out with girls? Does this really sell stuff? Any thoughts on this?"*

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Are attacks on male genitalia family entertainment

Thomas · 30 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Here is just one example of the ever increasing presence of the bludgeoning of male genitalia on TV and in the movies as humor: Oliver, the main character in Fox's new family sitcom (Oliver Beene) gets scared to dance with a girl in the gym class. So while standing in front of the most attractive girl in his grade, he fakes getting kicked in the groin by someone, with the girl standing above him. The teacher calls the whole class to come and stand over Oliver and observe in a casual way while he asks the boy if his testicles had "retracted into his body" The whole gym class is invited to watch as this boy gets dropped on his behind as a way to fix his condition(?). The students go into an amused panic over this scene, as it was depicted as a fun and interesting event. In the last scene of the show, the teacher gets hit in the groin by a ball and falls to the ground, the students gather around and someone suggests a "testicle drop" and the show ends... This trend is increasingly becoming more popular/common. What can be done about this atrocious double standard, where any perceived violation of a female's reproductive right is an outrage, and the destruction of a male's reproductive system is common acceptable humor or a justified act. The episode guide makes no mention of the central theme of this show. http://www.fox.com/oliver/#episodes"*

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MANN Chat: What Men's Health Crisis?

Steve · 30 April 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday
night (4/30), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location. The
topic for this chat will be "What Men's Health Crisis?" Earlier
this week, a researchers at the University of Michigan published an
article that refers to a
href="http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/ap/20030429/ap_on_he_me/men_s_health_4">"silent health crisis" in men's health, and suggests the need for
href="http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/hsn/20030430/hl_hsn/the_risky_lives_of_american_men">"a
new definition of masculinity that includes greater responsibility for
oneself." What do you think about this issue? Are men
experiencing a "crisis" in their health? How much of the alleged
"crisis" is due to men's individual behaviors? How much of the
"crisis" results from the disproportionate attention the government
pays to women's health? Join us at this week's chat to explore
these questions about the men's health "crisis." See you there.

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Gadzooks! Many Women Stop Pretending to Want Equality

Thomas · 1 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Napnip writes: *I was at my local mall today, and there is a store in it called "Gadzooks". It's a trendy clothing store that has all the latest fasions. Well, when I walked past it, I noticed they had lots of large print signs in the windows. The signs said "SAY NO TO EQUAL RIGHTS" and "PROUD TO BE A SEXIST". The signs all had pictures of beautiful women with the bold letters in front of them.*

Another sign said that all the male-related items were on sale and that the company was switching over to a completely female-related product line.

If you go to their website, you'll notice that their homepage says "By this summer Gazooks will become a whole new place. One that celebrates, glorifies, dresses and accessorizes girls only." Notice the words "celebrates" and "glorifies".

It's one thing to switch over to a strictly women's clothing store. It's another thing entirely to blatantly display sexism to the point that their signs declare that they're proud of it!

Do you think we should start a letter writing campaign to this company?

If you look at the lower left corner of Gadzooks' Home Page, you'll see a poster that says "EVERYTHING FOR GUYS MUST GO!" Note that the "EVERYTHING FOR" is much smaller than the rest, so what really catches the eye is "GUYS MUST GO!"

Also, Dan Lynch found this gem. Can you imagine an all-men's store selling T-shirts that say "GIRLS ARE STUPID... THROW ROCKS AT THEM!"?

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Paternity Fraud with a real sting in the tail

Adam · 1 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Doctor Damage writes "*I found this one at Mens News Daily. For sheer, jaw dropping insensitivity to the needs of men and our right to justice, this one stands head and shoulders above the pack. In this story a brazilian judge ordered that a man not only pay child support amounting to 100 pounds a month, but fined him a further 10000 pounds. Why? because a probability greater than 99.9% that he was not the natural father based on DNA evidence was insufficient to counter the testimony of witnesses who claimed that he was the father. Notice also, that the story is listed in "quirkies" as if this example of judicial misandry completely out of control is somehow amusing!* "

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MSN may NOT hate men so much after all

Adam · 2 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"I couldn't believe my eyes, when I saw on MSN's homepage an article on MEN'S health. Not women's as is the norm, but MEN'S!*
The article is entitled; "Why men die sooner".
They covered all kinds of things that the regular news won't even let see the light of day. Includeing MANY things we have discussed here at MANN.
They compared the life spans of Black and White men, But left out American-Indians, American-Asians and other American men, as usual.
(At least Hispanic men were mentioned, albeit breifly.)
This is a step in the right direction. We should continue to protest MSN when they do their anti-man stuff, But we should also praise them when they do things like this!
If you want to check it out, here's the link;
http://www.msn.com"

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Men and Women: Say Bye-Bye (Another Nail in the Coffin)

Thomas · 2 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

It appears that very soon, with artificial wombs, men will be able to create male and female offspring, and women will be able to make female offspring, without recourse to the other sex or to the female body for gestation. (Women may only need male embryonic stem cells, however, to make Y-chromosome sperm and, thereby, to make male offspring.) This article describes how embryonic stem cells (including male embryonic stem cells) can be used to make human eggs.

It's ironic that, just when men are rising up against their oppression, men are gaining reproductive power equal to or exceeding that of women. Ladies and gentlemen: We are living future shock.

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Free State Project

Adam · 2 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"I wonder how many at this site are aware of the Free State Project. I'm also wondering what others here think of this as a possible avenue to help us and other like-minded men and women to set up one state as not only more "free" than all the others, but a lot more "equal" and male friendly. As a quick synopsis, people are signing up who are fed up with our continued loss of freedom in the U.S. A number of states are being analyzed to determine and compare each's small population (easier to effect changes in state law and to get elected), the current population's predisposition to the philosophy of more rather than less freedom based on their current laws, etc. The goal is to get at least 20,000 people to move to the chosen state within 5 years of the project reaching that number of particpants. The state will be voted on by all members as soon as 5,000 sign up agreeing to move to that state after the 20,000 number is reached. There are over 3300 presently signed up. What do you think? Do you think this might be a good cause for us to join and advocate?"*

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Boy, 12, pays child support

Adam · 3 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

If the previous incidents over in New Zealand didn't get your blood boiling, this will. According to the stuff story it's quite a depressing read, and right now words fail me.

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Men's Health: good news again!

Adam · 3 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

rage writes *"Thanks to the tremendous efforts of Men's Health America, the May issue of the American Journal of Public Health features a theme issue on men's health....and the American Public Health Association held a news conference on April 29 on this topic.*

As the Men's Health America site states, "this is a historic event in the development of men's health. We invite you to thank the American Public Health Association for this publication."

So please do thank them by emailing them, and check out the following

link!"

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Spouse assault policy changes

Adam · 3 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Garth writes *"In British Columbia, Canada, the policy is changing so that there will no longer be mandatory charges laid in every case of alleged spousal abuse. Hopefully this will result in some common sense being used when dealing with these cases, rather than an automatic chasing down of the alleged perpetrator with pitchforks."*

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Check the new features at the DLJ!

Adam · 4 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"We've got a new front page, featuring the site of the month, a link to upcoming events, and a new, easy way to subscribe. We won't be archiving past issues on-site this go-round; Volume 3 issues can be found at Smartgroups. As you'll see from the events, your DLJ publisher is getting around, so this will be one less thing for her to do.*

The May 2003 issue features news on how orgs can get help finding volunteers, the long-awaited film, "Evelyn" starring Pierce Brosnan, and much more!"

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The Man Matrix: The Five Different Types of Men

Adam · 4 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"Shana Davidson, a blogger and graduate of Hampshire College, posited her ideas about the five different types of men and the "rules" of dealing with them. A year later, she reconsidered it. Read the original post at the bottom in bold first, then go back to the top for best results.*

http://beltwaybloggers.com/bloggers/shana/manmatrix.html"

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Woman makes false accusations as blackmail

Adam · 4 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

AFG writes *"According to this story in the Sacramento Bee, a women who had falsely accused 8 men of rape -- in a blackmail effort to get $500,000 from them -- received a maximum of only one year in jail, due to a plea bargain. Now, if that doesn't get your blood boiling, this will: Her boyfriend, who had a lesser role in the crime, received a maximum of 2 years in jail. Even if he was the motivating factor behind her rape claims, she was still guilty of more crimes than he was. And wasn't she the one who made the accusation after all? http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/story/6497918p- 7448998c.html"*

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Voluntary Fatherhood

Adam · 5 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Freebird writes *"Here is the link http://www.nas.com/c4m/ to the Voluntary Fatherhood Project. No doubt a lot of the news material at this site will make your blood boil, but this is an established organization working to stop the exploitation of males for reproduction purposes. This may be an opportunity to help put a stop to the pedophile females we've been reading so much about lately. I didn't get a chance to read the story all the way through, but there is a link on the page about a man in Australia who WON a sizeable settlement in a paternity fraud case. Our battle is not an easy one, but it is definately winnable...if we show up and fight it."* While we do have this link on the frontpage, it looks like we've had an influx of newcomers lately, so here it is.

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Betty Lucas And D.V.

Adam · 5 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"OHIO - In May 2001, Betty Lucas violated an order of protection by inviting her ex-husband to a party. Following a violent exchange, both were charged with domestic violence. Lucas also received an additional charge for her complicity in violating an order of protection. Now, Lucas wants her conviction overturned and the Ohio Supreme Court has the tough decision of establishing one's responsibility and culpability in violating an order of protection in domestic situations.*

http://www.cantonrep.com/index.php?ID=97688"

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Military Fathers Betrayed

Adam · 5 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"Glenn Sacks' latest column, "The Betrayal of the Military Father" (Los Angeles Daily News, 5/4/03) explains how current laws allow military fathers to be stripped of their children while they are away on deployment. Readers can comment on the article by sending letters to the editor to dnforum@dailynews.com."* And on this, you should comment!

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Wife, Husband Ordered to Separate

Adam · 5 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"With one baseless accusation two families were torn apart, three children lost their father, and a woman lost the husband she loves. When John was falsely accused of sexually abusing his daughter from a previous marriage, the state not only drove him out of his daughter's life but also forced John's current wife Rosalind to separate from him and bar him from being a part of their children's lives.*

John, Rosalind and the attorney who's fighting to unite John with his children will tell their story on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles at 11 PM on Sunday, May 4. For more information about the show, click here"

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Mothers More Likely to Marry Fathers of Sons

Adam · 6 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"Lundberg and Rose, two profs from University of Washington, conclude that mothers having sons are more likely to marry the father than when they have daughters. Most interesting are their speculations about why this is so, particularly Lundberg's.*

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2003-05/uow -wma050503.php"

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PCBs Make Mothers Less Likely to Give Birth to Boys

Adam · 6 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"In conjunction with the Lundberg and Rose study concluding that women with boys are more likely to get married, here is another article detailing the possible connection between high PCB content and low birth rate of boys. Seems like there will be a lot less married women then?*

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2003-04/bc- nss043003.php"

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Men forced out of work and into domestic service

Adam · 6 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mcc99 writes *"MSN can barely contain its glee in this article: http://www.msnbc.com/news/907920.asp?vts=050520031 440 at the number of men who, after layoffs and downsizings, are at home being Mr. Mom. Very few by choice, it seems-- most by necessity.*

Notice this quote in from article:

"The first half [of the feminist vision] was to liberate women from domestic servitude," says Suzanne Levine, a founding editor of Ms. Magazine and author of "Father Courage: What Happens When Men Put Family First." "The second half was to integrate the men back into the family."

"...integrate the men back into the family".

So, Step One of the 'Grand Plan of Family Destruction' included driving men out of the family and undermining their econominc base, all at once. This seems to have largely succeeded. Step Two appears to consist of re-including men, but as domestic servants, who may be removed at any time through any of various means, including false accusations, etc.

That 50% replacement western birth-rate looks like it'll probably stay that way for awhile."

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The men's movement, why bother?

Adam · 7 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"Recently I posted some submissions about the way men are being depicted in the media. The formost thing that I found disturbing is the images of "men-in-bondage-by-woman" scenerios as well as simple gratuitous violence against men in general, that are alarmingly freaquent in movies and TV., these days.*
The responses I saw disturbed me further. I kept seeing posts that said things like; "Men like being abused by women.", "Men like being dominated by women." and "Men like being treated like dirt."
This gave me pause for thought. If men LIKE being dominated, humiliated and abused by women, then what the heck are we fighting for?
On the one hand I hear men complaining about domestic violence, then turn around and say; "But we like being abused."
I hear men complain about "women haveing privliges and too much power over them", then they turn around and say; "But we WANT to be dominated by women."
I find this not only disturbing but CONFUSEING.
Either men want equality, or they DON'T. You can not have equality if one person or people have "dominion" over another.
If men WANT to be dominated by women, and abused, etc., Then they do NOT want equality, they want to be dominated.
It is at this point I am wondering if I should even be spending my energy fighting for a group of people who say one thing, but WANT just the opposite.
I hope someone can clear this up. Because it HAS to be one or the other. It can't be BOTH!
I am dis-heartened and disapointed by this "revealation" if it is true. But most of all I'm just confused. And I have enough aggravation.....-Thundercloud."

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Fathers are not optional: a woman's view

Adam · 7 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Chas writes *"Opinion piece in 'The Australian' newpaper of 8th May 2003 by a female journalist. It discusses the significance of fathering - often denigrated - and the role of the Family Court of Australia in parenting orders which favour mothers over fathers.*

She says, "So often the deep bond between father and child goes unnoticed. It is underestimated and sadly misunderstood. How else do you explain a society where fatherlessness is so common?"

This is a pro-father item and is refreshing to read when Naomi Wolf in in Melbourne pushing the motherhood bandwagon this week.

An encouraging item.

Chas"

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Pesticides Linked with Prostate Cancer

Adam · 7 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"Nothing new or unexpected about this, but I'm interested in how this relates to Warren Farrell and his contemporaries theories on men taking on more dangerous occupations."*

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Lifetime Movie Title Generator

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It's been soooooo long since we had a good laugh around here, so why not have a mess with the Lifetime Movie Title Generator and post your results here. We could all do with a laugh.

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Ireland's feminism ill-serves YWCA

Adam · 8 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"This is an excellent article in the Boston Globe by Cathy Young. It covers many issues relevant here: pay wage gap myth, domestic violence, double standards, and how Ireland's leadership at NOW embraced virulent hostility toward fathers. Under Ireland, NOW issued an "Action Alert on `Fathers' Rights' "she accused divorced men who seek a role in their children's lives of abusing power "in the same fashion as do batterers" and urging feminist activists to combat such proposals as joint custody and divorce mediation instead of litigation. What impact will Ireland bring to the YWCA? Her appointment is a radical 'slap in the face' to the founding mothers of this institution."*

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No standards and you can still be an abuser

Adam · 8 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

crescentluna writes *" These are examples of out-dated but still used methods of psychoanalysis, with examples of misintrepretation. A lot of the bad examples involve child custody battles with guess who losing. I think anyone involved in one should ask for a second opinion when any of these experts claim a child has been abused or a parent is an abuser using these methods."*

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Great new radio show

Adam · 8 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

LeMorteMark writes *"Hey,*

Did you guys hear that new show hosted by Dianna Thompson and Jane Silk? It was great! I'm happy to hear these ladies standing up for us. It just proves that there are good women in America. The show is on Sunday nights at 10 pm. The website for the show is families under siege"

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Grrl on Grrl Violence

Adam · 9 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

MrDave writes *"This lends new meaning to the phrase, "You go, grrrl":*
FOX news reports, "A touch football game between suburban Chicago high school girls turned into a brutal hazing in which players were slapped, punched, doused with paint and splattered in the face with mud and feces." Girls will be girls!"

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No Ask Ads This Week

Adam · 9 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Sorry folks, I won't be able to start it this week, due to going through various bouts of nausea, indegestion, and the odd headache/migraine right now. I guess I should have heated those microwaveable snacks a bit better, and the fizzy drink afterwards didn't help either. Ugh, next week hopefully.

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Only Men's Magazines Too Racy?

Adam · 9 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"I just heard that Wal-Mart has decided to no longer carry Maxim, Stuff, and FHM men's magazines because they have been deemed "too racy."I'm not very familiar with these three magazines (I've purchased Maxim twice in the distant past) but I don't remember it as all that bad. Here is a link to the article What do you all think of the content and pictures in these magazines as compared to all the women's magazines that have scantily clad women's pictures on their covers? Are only men's magazines bad and women's magazines with similar content perfectly OK? Are these men's magazines so much worse than their women's magazine counterparts?"*

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Columnist suspended for offending DV speech rules

Adam · 9 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Here is an outrageous double standard: While TV commercials depict woman hitting men (like in the Saturn commercial where the sales guy says, "please stop hitting me"), and today there is a plethora of shows where men are cast as evil and therefore get the stuffing knocked out of them by beautiful models, a Boston Globe columnist gets suspended for saying that a pro-athletes wife should get "smacked" for her self promotion by means of her husbands fame. The phrase the reporter chose to make on a local talk show may not be the best choice of words, but suspending him and threatening his career is akin to an Orwellian (1984 thought-crime) nightmare. The "system" will use him as an example to shut up any dissent against the abuses men suffer in the highly sexist DV industry."*

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The Language Police

Adam · 10 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

MrDave writes *"Women cannot be depicted as caregivers or doing household chores ... Men cannot be lawyers or doctors or plumbers. They must be nurturing helpmates ... Old people cannot be feeble or dependent; they must jog or repair the roof ... Children cannot be shown as disobedient or in conflict with adults. Those are just some of the guidelines used by textbook publishers according to "The Language Police" by Diane Ravitch. For a review of the book see: http://www.languagepolice.com"*

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Is it just me?

Adam · 10 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Futharon writes *"Is it just me, or have we slipped so far in gender relations to practically promote female pedophilia? Check out this article, where a judge...even a male judge on this one...gets 'repremanded' for saying something "just clicked" in the relationship between a teacher and a 13 year old BOY. Why is it I get this funny feeling that he should just be terminated?"*

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Man Prefers Jail Cell to His Wife

Adam · 10 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"For those looking for a good chuckle, try this out."*

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Are you SINK SCUM?

Adam · 10 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"SINK SCUM, acronym*
Single, Independent, No Kids: the Self-Centered Urban Male. Used to describe the growing number of heterosexual men who have little or no interest in marriage and children.

Interesting acronym from our friends at Wordspy"

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Now here's something you don't see every day

Adam · 11 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Freebird writes *"A judge actually getting punished for condoning the statutory rape of a 13 year old boy by his former teacher. ""Gaeta said he didn't see the harm in the sexual encounters. "It's just something between two people that clicked beyond the teacher-student relationship," he said." Yeah, sure judge. Would that pervert - which is exactly what he is - say the same if a male teacher had done the same with a female student? We all know the answer to that one. Here is the article*

Even better is the fact that people actually got UPSET about this judge's leniency with the teacher. Society is, although slowly, coming around to the fact that women who have sex with little boys are indeed sexual predators, and should be treated as such."

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1984

D · 11 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch writes *"Here is a link to a great commentary site on 1984. It's one of the better ones I have seen. It not only shows how Orwell criticizes communism and socialism, it shows how other giant statist organizations are destructive to society. Like the all powerful churches, monarchy's or just bureaucracy in general, that way we won't have to make this about left/right wing politics. It can be about how the state can get out of control when it seeks control. (But if you want to point out why you think its more rightest or leftist I don't want to stop you, but I am hoping that *we* as 'men's activists' can look at it objectively in concern to our common ground here). Its amazing how we can line up the similarities from Orwell's story to our modern day. One being how "TACK BACK THE NIGHT" events are almost identical to the "HATE WEEK" rallies in the book, which use total lies and biaism to maintain that 2 + 2 = 5 (Which is why I think 'Feminism' is 'Totaltarian' and not a true 'Liberal' ideal). They have released the DVD back in April and I am hoping to make it popular again as it becomes classic next year. I think that Orwell's work could be a great basis for language for us all (and to many it already is I realize) to understand the concepts. One being "Some Animals are more Equal than others" from 'Animal Farm' or the 'Doublethink' or 'Newspeak' from 1984 etc..."*

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An Attorney Speaks

Adam · 11 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"On the main editorial page of this major paper, an attorney and guest columnist comes out and down on the side of truth. The current link is at: http://www.indystar.com/print/articles/7/039206-97 17-021.html*

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Zero Tolerance

Adam · 11 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

locksley2k writes *"Eighteen High School baseball players from my hometown of Massapequa, NY were suspended from school and thrown off the team for visiting a strip joint while they had official unsupervised "free" time during the attendence of a baseball camp in FL. while on Spring Break. The coach and assistant coach were fired although they had no knowledge of what the players were up to. They were supossed to be at the beach. All the players were 17 or 18 years old.*

As far as I'm concerened this is a good example of the ill conceived and dangerous concept of ZERO TOLERANCE that appears to have infected our schools on a national level. Zero Tolerance (ZT) has caused the suspention of first graders for sexual harrasment, put tens of thousands of students on Ritalin and forced unnatural and superficial behavior upon a whole generation of minors,mostly boys.
It appears to me that ZT is attempting to convolute children into a short sighted concept of the perfect social member while destroying whom they really are. They are saying to the children "We are going to remove what makes you you because it may offend someone. If you have excess energy we will drug you (I'm not refering to ADD but kids who just fidget), if you stomp in a puddle we will arrest you, if you act like a healthy teenager we will severely punish you, if you are 6 years old we will still treat you like a pervert without regard to the fact that you innocently do not understand.

I wonder if the ball players had visited a gay strip joint they would have been so radically punished.
I believe they wouldn't have been, a message like that may offend someone."

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Parker, Young to Appear on His Side

Adam · 11 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"Syndicated columnist Kathleen Parker and Boston Globe columnist Cathy Young will join His Side with Glenn Sacks http://www.HisSide.com as the show celebrates Mother's Day 2003 by honoring women who help men. The show can be heard on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles and live via the Internet at 11 PM on Sunday, May 11. CDs and cassettes of the show and all previous shows are available at http://www.hisside.com/store"*

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Claim abuse to collect unemployment checks, women

Adam · 12 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"A new "Study" indicates woman get biased treatment from unemployment services, yet the study states that women leave work for different reasons than men. This is a non- empirical study, it compares different sociological data with the assumption that women are short-changed somehow. The underlying premise of this study is to offer women more options for unemployment services than men. In some states women (only) have provisions that permit them to quit their jobs because of domestic violence to collect unemployment insurance. With todays broadly defined standards of "abuse" (because of relentless one-sided advocacy) and with the continual addition of incentives (divorce, custody, property, benefits...) for one gender only to claim that they were abused, inevitably more and more women will play the "abuse card" for payouts, and the feminist DV industry becomes a self-fulfilling anti-male reality.*

http://bostonworks.boston.com/globe/out_field/"

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Reverse Aroma Therapy

Adam · 12 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"Just another case of Domestic Abuse, by a woman against a man, of course."*

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Stone Phillips Discusses Male Depression

Adam · 12 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"Stone Phillips, in support of the Westchester County Depression Support Network, talked on Thursday about his father's bout with depression in order to promote depression awareness Links to outside sources are included in the article."*

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Another "nurturing caregiver"

Adam · 12 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

RPB659 writes *"Here's a link to a story about a woman who escaped from jail, kidnapped her 3-year old kid, and held a gun to her own child's head when confronted by police. Of course it had to have been those evil men that made her do it..."* {sarcasm} Yeah, and it was in the best interests of the child too. {/sarcasm}

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An alderwoman from Alberta

Adam · 12 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

It's big post time, so brace yourselves: **H. Vincent** writes *"This story was very big in canada*
An alderwoman from Alberta went on a trip to the States with some other councillors and went missing. She turned up in a Las Vegas hotel and "told Las Vegas police she had been kidnapped and sexually assaulted but refused a medical examination and wouldn't offer police any details." People thought she was dead and the police searched for her at the taxpayer's expense. It turns out she just had a fling and got caught so she told the usual lies. She has been charged but it will be interesting to so how "accountable" she will be held. One other thing is that she has children. For making them think that their mom had been kidnapped and maybe killed she should be punished. That is very cruel abuse to put a child through. I wish they would prevent her from contacting them." **Andrew74** writes *"Here is a story about a Lethbridge alderman who had a whole city fooled. She went missing and when found she claimed to have been raped and kidnapped. Under further investigation police found that she had made up the whole story and instead had run off with a married man. She cried lots after being caught in her lies and we should all feel sorry for her hairaising ordeal. She shouldn't resign from her post as alderman and just take leave so she can get better after all she went through. At least at the end some Lethbridge folk use there brains and see her for the horrible manipulator and embarresment she is. I'm unsure of how long the story will be here so read it while you can."* **Garth** writes *"Darlene Heatherington, a Lethbridge, Alberta alderwoman, vanished recently, turning up later in Las Vegas. She had a dramatic tale of abduction and rape. Under police questioning, however, her story fell to pieces, and she now claims she got tired of her life and ran off with a married man for a chance at a new life. This second story has yet to be substantiated. The police are quite unhappy with her, but there is no indication yet that she will face charges."*

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Female Columnist Laments About Casual Sex

Adam · 13 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"Bridget Harrison of the New York Post, compares the movies The Real Cancun and Down With Love to real life tension over casual sex between men and women. Post-feminists never had it so angsty!*

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Cut Men: Do They Not Bleed?

Thomas · 13 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Here's an excellent essay by our ally Wendy McElroy. It's a call for an end to male-bashing, to anti-male hatred, really. And it's a great read.

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Men ... a bad smell in the room?

Adam · 13 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

MrDave writes *"Time magazine - back in 1994! - wrote: 'the overt man bashing of recent years has now refined itself into a certain atmospheric snideness – has settled down to a vague male aversion, as if masculinity were a bad smell in the room.' (Time, Feb. 14, 1994) ... This quote in a thoughtful essay by Gerald L. Rowles, Ph.D., "From M.L.K. To N.O.W. To NAMBLA, Devolution And The Abuse Of Power". ... Rowles' essay offers a thoughtful perspective on what society will be like in the years ahead ... http://toogoodreports.com/column/general/rowles/20020520.htm"*

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Men and economic security

Adam · 13 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"According to the latest figures released by the Indian government, the proportion of women holding a job in the organized sector in India has gone up from 15 % to 18.5 % in the last five years. In India, the organized sector accounts for only 7% of the total workforce, and a job in this sector is a passport to prosperity. What is worrying is that male employment in this sector actually declined by 1.3 million and female employment increased by 0.4 million. This data explodes the feminist perpetrated myth of `feminization of poverty'. The following link is to the story in the English language daily `The Economic Times'.*

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/cms.dll/html/u ncomp/articleshow?msid=45504919"

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I Think I'll Take Up Golf

Thomas · 13 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

What with our buddy, Hootie at Augusta National, standing up to the lunatic fembots, and now men like Vijay Singh and Nick Price daring to forthrightly speak the truth, I'm becoming quite the fan of golfers, if not the sport itself. This Sports Illustrated article reports on the ploy of allowing the Swedish woman, Annika Sorenstam, to play in the PGA's Colonial next week.

Women have the LPGA. By letting a woman play in a PGA tournament, the sports powers-that-be nudge out a man, who would otherwise have gotten to play (a man who might well clean the links with Sorenstam).

Maybe it's time to eliminate special teams and leagues for women. Then again, maybe we should create separate teams and leagues for every special interest group that can't measure up. If I were in college, I wouldn't make the basketball team because I am not tall enough and I'm no longer as fast and agile as I once was. Maybe there should be a separate basketball league for people over 40, who are within 4 inches of average height (and yet another league for those who are shorter). The league should receive equal government funding, of course, and the public should be guilt tripped into attending games.

On the other hand, maybe there should be one team per sport per school, and the best men and women should get to be on the team.

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MANN Chat: Gearing Up for Men's Health Week

Steve · 14 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday
night (5/14), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location. MANN
has a new chat server! The
topic for this chat will be "Gearing Up for Men's Health Week."
href="http://www.menshealthweek.org/imhw/imhw.htm">International Men's
Health Week will be observed June 9-15, 2003. The organizers
of Men's Health Week want to raise awareness about health issues that
affect men. Various men's health events are planned all over the
world during this week. What can we as men's activists do to
celebrate International Men's Health Week and make the public more
aware of men's health concerns? Join us at the >new MANN chat server as we share
ideas to celebrate this important week. Tell a friend or two!

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Andrea Yates is at it again....

Adam · 14 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Court Appearance for Texas Woman Charged in Sons' Deaths*

OK I'll get the ball rolling... I suppose she had post-partum psychotic mestrual patriarchal oppression depression/psychosis! Perhaps we can even invent a few more. Also, lets not forget any men who happen to be nearby. For it is not Miss Laney who did this, some man somewhere must certainly be totally responsible for this horrible tragedy.

"We all believe as a family that this wasn't our Dee that did this to her children," I sincerely sympathize with this family, but I can assure you that it was Dee who did this. She said so herself!

"I'm not sure if she can truthfully say she understands what is going on," Files told the judge.

Perhaps a needle in the arm will help to enlighten this "petite" "wide-eyed" angelic picture of innocence.

"bashed their heads in with a rock," Sheriff J.B. Smith said.
I'll see you in hell Miss Laney; you can room with me..."

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Escape from the war on men?

Adam · 14 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

MrDave writes *"Communist leader Leon Trotsky observed, 'You may not be interested in war, but war is interested in you.' ... A perfect view of the war on men ... In the 1930's, in Germany, perceptive Jews escaped to England, Canada, Australia, South Africa, or the USA, fleeing the war of death on their horizon ... Today, where can men escape the war on us?? ... Nowhere in the USA is safe ... Male-bashing is endemic in Canada, Australia, and the U.K. ... I have stopped trying to stem the tidal wave of anti-man attitudes ... I have come to the conclusion that stoping it is impossible ... Now I simply want to get away from this war on men ... Is there any place, anywhere, where a man can escape?"* While I did post about such a place in the first Ask Ads announcement, running away will only make things get much worse.

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Heinz Foundation honors Child Support Queen

Adam · 14 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Richard Green, M.D. writes *" The Heinz foundation awarded*
child support queen Geraldine Jensen a Heinz Award for achievement in public policy. Ms. Jensen is a strong proponent of blatantly unfair presumptive child support guidelines and draconian child support enforcement. She is an enemy of fathers. Heinz should be targetted for boycott.
Regards, Richard Green, M.D."

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Linda Chavez Spits on Fathers

Adam · 15 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *""As tragic as the death of a father is in a young child's life, it simply can't compare to the loss of a mother."*

With these words syndicated columnist Linda Chavez spat on the American father and endorsed the justification under which millions of men have been involuntarily separated from the children who love them and need them. Glenn Sacks and his guests will fire back at Chavez and remind audiences of the importance of fathers in children's lives on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles at 11 PM on Sunday, May 18."

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A Novel Way To Celebrate Mother's Day

Adam · 15 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"This article is about a woman who kills her 2 young sons and tries to kill a third on Mother's Day weekend. This story is almost an exact copy of the Andrea Yates horror of a couple of years ago and in the same state (Texas) believe it or not! I am betting she will get no more than 10 years because her defense team will play somekind of B.S. abuse excuse card!"*

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Disscussion on False Accusations of Rape

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" This female 'cadet' downs six shots of tequila in a men's dorm, then has sex. Guess who's fault it is?"

by Dave Nevers

"And she went to the men's dorm after having drunk alcohol already and then downed another six shots of tequila.

However, the rape- and various associated charges in the case are for a good cause, to save the woman's reputation (the sex was apparently okay):

Defense counsel Capt. Kathleen Reder suggested the woman reported the incident because she was worried her boyfriend, also a cadet, would be angry with her for having sex and that her reputation would be tarnished.

The man's reputation doesn't matter; to save the woman's, the man's reputation needs to be destroyed. That is part of the price to be paid for female "liberation" and "equality".

The moral of the story is, if you are a woman who has had illicit sex and was found out, offence is the best defence: LAY RAPE CHARGES! Chances are it will work more often than not in the woman's favour; if not, so what! There are no consequences for women for lying in the courts.

There's nothing new about any of that." Here's some points you'll find interesting.

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The Secret Fantasies of Women?

Adam · 16 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Andrew74 writes "
This just makes me sick. It's unbelievable, I don't know what to say. It's great to know that only society's standards and the chance of getting caught stop most women from abandoning their families.

Some background history to this story:
Dar Heatherington is a city alderman that made accusations of kidnapping, stalking, and rape when she was found in Las Vegas after disapearing on a trip to Great Falls. She was questioned by the police, her story fell apart, and she admitted that she made the whole story up and had really just ran off with a married man."

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News Story About Rape Charge Spreads Misandry

Adam · 16 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"This is an article about an Air Force Academy cadet charged with raping a female cadet. His name is printed for all the world to see but not the female accusor's.*

This man has not been convicted of any criminal act so why should his name be dragged through the mud? This is always the pattern when the media reports alledged man on woman crime. The man is always named but the female accusor is never mentioned so as to protect her precious sensitivities. And of course women never make false allegations of rape or other crimes as we all know!"

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Ask Ads Week 1

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Ok folks, here goes the first week of **Ask Ads** where you ask your questions and I (along with the regulars) try to answer 'em. So let's begin.

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Fantasy Fighting Women Damaging to Women

Adam · 16 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes ″

This article may only be accesible to AOL subscribers or NYTimes subscribers, I'm not sure. It is about all of the new video games where strong, independent, sexy, sultry, intelligent women beat the living crap out of men. Of course, the focus of this idiotic piece is how this is harmful TO WOMEN!!!! I couldn't believe it either. Mark"

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False Accuser May Be Punished

Thomas · 17 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This article in the UK Independent tells of how Nadine Milroy–Sloan falsely accused former Tory minister Neil Hamilton and his wife, Christine Hamilton, of sexual assault. It looks like she may actually do time for her monstrous crime. According to Christine Hamilton, "The whole thing was preposterous and false. It was a deeply frightening experience."

Now Ms Hamilton has an idea of how so many falsely accused men feel. It's also interesting that in the article's title the Independent refers to the horrendous crime as a "slur."

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Companies with anti-male agendas

Adam · 17 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Wal Mart employes 75% female and has been removing male goods from there shelves citing "racy". . .not. Take a look at comso and the massive amounts of fem mags and then we'll understand "racy."*

I have started watching CNN with my son. . .the journalist male and female are extremely anti-male. Watch as they nearly jump out of there seat when someone attempts to stand up for a boy or man. Every criminal women must be a victim. . .Evey man is guilty and should be exicuted or at least extreme punishment. They do have an older gentlemen that attempts to look and talk about things realistically; however, the other journalist always and very quickly, shuts him up. My son is learning the dangers of being male in today's society and I will do everything in my power to make him understand that he is, the very good person he is. . .reguardless of the schools, courts, tv, or societies general anti-male sentiment. I teach and prove (thanks CNN) the real threat and dangers of dating (especially having sex with a)women these days. Men loose their jobs, careers, property, money, health, they are very regularly and often wrongly imprisoned to be beaten and raped, just to name a few. . . Nobody cares (society). I myself am afraid and have chosen (if I still have that right) to NOT get on the elevator with the snake. . . I'll take the stairs too.

Signed: The persecuted"

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DV Criteria

Adam · 17 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

masculinism writes *"G'Day from Sydney Australia. You would have to question the Justice Department's description of DV. It is so 'gender specific' as to indicate that a male experiencing DV is an impossibility. Under 'Who Commits DV:.....in recent years, some studies suggest women use violence in intimate relationships as frequently as men do. These studies are refuted by credible members of the domestic violence discipline, particularly batterers' treatment providers, who are concerned about flaws in such studies:.....*
The DV description for the Justice Department must have been handed over to the feminist lobby.
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/assist/nvaa2002/chapter9.html"

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Female Suicide Bomber Kills Ten

Adam · 18 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Female Suicide Bomber Kills Ten She is not the first and will not be the last. The grrls also have their hand in the terrorism business. Don't forget to mention this when your femitwit acquaintences tell you how it is only men who inflict violence."*

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MSN & American "Greetings" team up for misandry

Adam · 18 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Martian Bachelor writes *"Well, two of our favorite male-bashing mega-companies have now evidently teamed up to spread their hate wide and far across the land: You only have to look at one or two to get the idea. Any great new ideas on how to put an end to this sort of crappola masquerading as hip humor? Cheers! MB"*

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Domestic violence staff walks out on video showing

Adam · 18 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

SunCat writes "
Karen Dunne and her associates acknowledged
that women do assault men in relationships, but the problem isn't big enough to justify the amount of time and money spent on it.

Family Violence Coordinating Council of Cecil County"

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Business Week says boys are falling behind

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Anonymous User writes *" The biggest problem with this article is how gleefully the author jokes about how boys are falling behind girls in education."*

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Venomous Male Bashing Op-Ed

Adam · 19 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Freebird writes *"In this Op-Ed piece Jim Reeves makes no attempt at all to mask his venomous misandry. Words alone just cannot do justice to this piece. Granted, he's entitled to his opinion, but we should make ours known, not only to him and his newspaper, but everyone else. If this sort of thing goes unanswered, it will just open the floodgates to even more of the same. Now we know how the Jews felt in Germany before the extermination camps began. You'll have to read it to appreciate it."*

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Boycott "The Body Shop" anti male compaign

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Earl writes *"Boycott "The Body Shop" anti-male campaign.*
The Body Shop for many years has been supporting and solicting donations from customers to "Stop the violence against women".

This attitude is blatantly anti male; not recognizing male victims of domestic violence, blaming men for all violence and condoning violence against men by making it a non-issues.

Simply going into a store and telling the manager that they will not shop at the store sends a warning to the management.

Please pass it on!!!"

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Women: The Hardier Sex...

Adam · 19 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"Another report about women being able to tolerate pain better than men. Didn't someone contest this?"*

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Heineken

Adam · 20 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Geo writes *"I watched the new advertisement of the beer named "Heineken" and it shows an actress of the film "Matrix reloaded" kicking a man because he touched her back. I think you should see that ad."* You might be able to catch this at Ifilm if you're lucky.

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Whirlwind Vacumes

Adam · 20 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tim Randles writes *"Eureka Whirlwind vacumes has a commercial on television that shows men as incompetent and how easy it is to install their built in systems and that men can do it even if they are incompetent."* Can anyone verify this?

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2nd Major Win for Paternity Fraud Victims in CA!

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warble writes *"Paternity fraud victims have experienced a second major win, and they are just friggin out! As everybody knows, AB2240 was vetoed by Gov. Davis last year. As part of the veto, he issued an Executive Order to create a Paternity Workgroup. After five months of nothing, NCFM, LA took action and demanded that the Executive Order be carried out.*

The result was that a workgroup, sponsored by the CA-DCSS, started in the last week of Feb. 2002. Prior to the first meeting of the workgroup, the opposition started a bill (AB252) that was designed to give them a means of subverting the efforts of the paternity fraud victims. This bill was worded such that it would have destroyed the efforts of the paternity fraud victims in seeking relief. It would have done this by directly attacking SB1030 and coercing the paternity fraud victims submit to the efforts of the opposition.

That strategy of the opposition has now been thwarted, and the opposition has been put on notice. The vote was close at 34 ayes and 30 noes. It is the abstaining votes that made the difference in this case. The paternity fraud victims are deeply grateful to the Dem's that abstained from voting in favor of AB252.

It is no accident that all Dem's voted in favor of AB252. We believe the opposition misinformed them because they were lied to and haven't heard the truth from the victims. The truth was that AB252 represented the interest of the opposition that was composed of a secret alliance who opposed AB252. Further, the alliance excluded the victims from voicing their objections to AB252 in the analysis that went before the Assembly Committee of Judiciary.

Finally, AB252 failed in that it did not provide any timelines, goals, directives, or specify which categories of paternity fraud were to be addressed by the workgroup. NCFM, LA has made it clear that we will continue to support the Paternity Workgroup despite its being stacked against the victims. This is to demonstrate good faith to the Dem’s and Gov. Davis. In addition, should the workgroup produce an actual product that has merit in relation to the issue of paternity fraud then Senator Ashburn will be most willing to amend SB1030.

Later!

Warble
"

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Gender Fems Invade Africa/Blame Men for epidemic

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Wendy McElroy has a great article on how socialist feminists use their money, i.e... demonize and shortchange men. Much like in Canada where socialist health care it is interesting to know that a prostate cancer check up is the only cancer check up that requires a fee. There has been debate on this board about socialism as an evil, but I want to post this not as a negative response to 'socialism' in and of itself, but rather of how certain groups can run a muk with socialism as it can and as we have seen with capitalism or communism. The end result - men are being demonized unfairly.

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Mass. Medical Society Symposium on Men’s Health

Scott · 21 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Massachusetts Medical Society is sponsoring a symposium on men's health that qualifies as CME credit for physicians. Arnie Robbins, the chair of the recently created Ad Hoc Committee on Men’s Health, would like this info to be distributed as widely as possible. An overview of the symposium and registration forms can be found on this site: "*The burgeoning field of men’s health has exploded in the 21st century. The media touts the benefits of wonder drugs, shakes, and equipment -- all directed toward improving the male psyche and physique -- while the core clinical, environmental, and psychological health issues are often lost in the message. The Symposium on Men’s Health will help physicians better communicate with male patients and their families and address strategies for improving health and reducing the increasing rates of morbidity and mortality.*" I've met Arnie personally and am excited about the progress he's made within the Mass. Medical Society on men's health issues.

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MANN Chat: Why Can't Boys Be Boys?

Steve · 21 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat, Wednesday
night (5/21), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual
location. >The topic for this chat will be "Why
Can't We Let Boys Be Boys?" That's the title of a recent
href="http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/03_21/b3834008_mz001.htm">insightful
commentary, by Marcia Vickers, in the same issue of >Business Week that contains the
controversial cover story, "
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/article.pl?sid=03/05/18/1240239&mode=threaded">The
New Gender Gap." Recounting her son's experience, Vickers warns of the harm that boys can
suffer at the hands of a female-centric school system, particularly in
preschool and in the primary grades. Do you share her
concerns? Join us at this week's MANN chat to discuss why there
may be a lot wrong with our educational systems, but little, if
anything, wrong with boys. Invite some friends to join you!

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Program to help boys catch up in school

Adam · 22 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Chas writes *"'Helping boys catch up is a brilliant idea' by Ross Fitgerald is published in "The Australian" newspaper of 22 May 2003. It catalogues the ways in which boys have been educationally disadvantaged in the past three decades. Fitgerald describes federal government initiatives to address the problem following a 2002 House of Representatives survey of boys' education. In 2004, 30 cluster school zones will be established across Australia to improve boys' education. Each cluster will contain a Lighthouse school to champion best practice in boys' education. Funding of up to $60,000 will be provided to the Lighthouse school to develop, facilitate and implement a professional development program for teachers in a cluster of surrounding schools. Each cluster will be required to evaluate its programs in boys' education and its professional development activities under the Lighthouse project."*

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The 'Dead Beat' Fathers Myth

Adam · 22 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

masculinism writes *"G'Day from Sydney Australia. How many times have we all had to endure the verbal assaults of 'dead beat fathers'? I went and looked at the facts and lifted this comment under Section 2.2 Of the Australian Child Support Agancy website. Here is the link*
"only 6 per cent of children did not have reasonable maintenance action requirements met on their behalf and, in many cases, this can be a temporary situation." Now correct me if I am wrong wouldn't this indicate that the vast and OVERWHELMING!!!! majority of fathers pay their child support IN FULL. Why then are there never ending media stories on 'dead beat fathers' these fathers represent a very small fraction of fathers, almost to the point of insignificance.
Masculinism"

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How America Betrays its Military Fathers

Adam · 22 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"Military men's service to their country often creates the conditions under which they can be the victims of injustice in our family courts. Nationally-known family law attorney Jeffery Leving and paternity fraud crusader Carnell Smith will join columnist and commentator Glenn Sacks to discuss these problems on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles at 11 PM on Sunday, May 25. To listen to the show live via the Internet, go to Listen Live http://www.hisside.com/listen_live.htm."*

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UK police fitness tests made easier.

Adam · 22 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Fitness tests standards for police recruits are being lowered in UK, to increase the number of women officers."*

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Save the Males

D · 23 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"Save the Males is a very well-designed web site by a Canadian university professor who woke up when he was 'slandered and removed for encouraging debate.' Lots of excellent articles, links and other material on feminism, as well as its close relation to the "New World Order" conspiracy program.* 'Feminism has achieved enormous power in society because it serves the long-term elite agenda of destabilizing society and reducing population. The elite's goal is "New World Order"--a United Nations-based global government that uses the arbitrary power of the state to promote the agenda of monopoly capital. It is the “left” in the service of the “right.”' *Henry Makow is also the author of* A Long Way to go for a Date *, the story of 'his quest for love and masculine identity at a time when both are under siege in America.' He married a woman from the Philippines (she's a doll, BTW); a while back in a MANN forum I was trying to remember where I saw this site; I'm glad to have found it again.'*Special note: Makow has been mentioned here before with his views on sept/11. Not everyone here agrees thats for sure, but I still believe Makow has done his homework in areas such as showing how supporters of Nazism turned to supporting Feminism after the war. If some people are to sensitive to his writings I will withdraw the post. Thank you , your friend Dan Lynch.

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anti-male bias in walmart

D · 23 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

ih8hillary writes *"If you think there is anti-male bias in Walmart(HOME OF CHINESE ARMY BX/PX)you are dead wrong.Try Abilene,Texas in Hendrick Health Center where hugging is a hideous crime.I started to work there in August of 2000 and met a girl named Sheila who worked in the o/r.She would always come to my place of work and pick up supplies.She started being friendly with me and we always talked about things.I would always give her a hug and she had no problem with it.She even encouraged it sometimes.Never told me to stop unless people would be in danger of seeing her.All of a sudden she tells her o/r supervisor on me .The o/r supervisor tells my supervisor to tell me to stop.At the time my supervisor tells me about this,I have no idea she was referring to Sheila unitl I went to her work place and confront her and found out she ratted me out.I later told one of her coworkers to tell her i didnt want to see her again.So a few days later i get called by human resources and get fired for retalliation and hugging.The messege I have got is that it is ok for a nurse to hug a doctor but for a supply guy it is taboo.Also while I was being fired ,I was up against 3 women and no male present.Now I HATE hENDRICK AND ANYTIME I SEE A NURSE I SEE RED.!!!!!!!!!!!!!"*

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Capitalism and Misandry

D · 23 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch writes *"I thought fair is fair and I would now post more stuff on how Capitalists go out of their way to slam men. Back when I was teaching self-defence to women in large groups I too used to spout the myth that 1 in 4 women were raped. I now regret this and do what I can to reverse that ignorant lie by Mary Koss. Though I didn't realize it I was just trying to create business for myself. Using scare tactics to convince women to train under me. Here is a new Jacket for women and women only. It is a defensive electrical jacket. Though the idea is a good one they don't make jackets for men and they specifically target men as the only perpetrators of violence or the possible attacker, which is also blatenly false. It is a capitalist venture that terrorizes women and demonizes men all in one shot. Good money."*

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Avoid These Women

Thomas · 23 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"Here's a new woman columnist that we can enjoy promoting:*

http://www.lewrockwell.com/orig/fiori3.html"

As always (this is Thomas writing now) I don't agree with everything that the author of this essay says, but I still loved reading this essay by a good woman, who tears into feminism. One of the things that I respect about Fiori is the fact that, while she holds women primarily responsible for the lunacy and evil of feminism, she doesn't just let men off the hook. (Note her statement, "To the decent men, if you think you're getting the shaft economically and socially now, just continue to sit back like a bunch of feminine cowards and let things continue to deteriorate.")

I think you'll, on the whole, appreciate Fiori's perspective. Enjoy!

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Girls Behaving Badly Redux

Adam · 24 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"Hmmm. Anyone notice this? This story reports that the violent and demeaning hazing incident that took place in Illinois was fueled in part by alchohol provided by the mothers of two of the girls, one the mother of a junior. Anyone taking any bets these are single mothers?"*

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The Anti-Feminist Page

Adam · 24 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"The Anti-Feminist Page presents an excellent, lucid critique of feminism, its context and results, with a gold mine list of internet links and resources.* 'The result of the victory of feminism has been disorder cascading from America throughout the world, from the most immediate personal relationships to high culture and international politics. It must therefore be opposed as a destructive fanaticism based on a gross and wilful misapprehension of human life. In the end feminism cannot win because it radically undermines any stable and productive ordering of private life. It has done a great deal of damage, however, and will do much more before it destroys itself. The more explicit, articulate and successful its opponents the more damage can be prevented. Hence this page.'"

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Big Sister Is Watching

D · 24 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Feminists have officially declared war against Men's activists in Canada and the US. Feminists have cited hundreds of Men's issues internet sites and they are looking for money and personnel to monitor the sites. They will be the ones who will bring 'hate crimes' to court. I will post a mission statement. "Recommendations include increased monitoring of Internet sites and possible legal action with respect to hate propaganda on the Internet, that women's groups develop and disseminate through the Internet positive, egalitarian messages to counter this discourse, that they form a network of experts in fields on which the masculinists are focusing. They also suggest that whenever possible, the release of gendered data be accompanied by contextual analyses." It is clear that the internet is having an effect on them. I also suspect a feminist move towards more centralization of the internet will be following not to long afterwards. Here is the first page. Here is the second page. Scroll to the bottom and see if your group or a group you know about is listed. They list US , Australian and French sites as well.

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Easy foreskin restoration?

Adam · 25 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Hunsvotti writes *"In the past, foreskin restorers relied on weights ("pondus judae") and awkward strap/tape devices that were a nuisance to use and could cause irritation. Now, the folks at Cut/Uncut are offering a foreskin restoration kit for US$19. It is very simple: silicone rings of varying sizes are applied, and these adhere to the skin without the use of tape. Does anyone have experience with this or other restoration methods?"*

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It's my birthday!

D · 25 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I know this is shameless advertising, but I want people to know Im human. A real life person with feelings and events. I also want to encourage others to tell us when its they're birthday, or if their getting married or promoted or something good about their lives. We so much focus on the shit men are dealing with, we should also have some more good stories to tell. Please feel free to post anything you feel is something you want us to know. You can of course remain anonymous under your user name. You dont even have to post the day your birthday is , just tell us its your birthday or you're being promoted or you get the idea. There has been great tragedy expressed on this board many times over. I think a greater tragedy would be not to express some of the happier times we face. Your friend Dan.

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Hormone Replacement Therapy for our older brothers

Adam · 25 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

rage writes *"For years, women have benefited from hormone replacement therapy (estrogen and progesterone), and as usual there was no equivalent for the growing number of men getting older....but recently HRT for men has become the norm, and in the future men will have full access to male hormones and all their health benefices : growth of muscle mass, increase of bone density, improvement of cognitive abilities (spatial, logical and scientist skills), reinforcement of self-confidence. So for all our older brothers on this site who are in their 50's or 60's, do not forget to visit your physician and ask for the prescription.*

Your French brother,
Rage

http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/05/19/health/m ain554633.shtml"

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Just walk into any wal mart and look around

Adam · 25 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Just walk into any wal mart and look around, do you see any guys??? If so what is HE doing??? If you don't want to walk in, just call. . .any department and see if a man actually answers the phone. I have called wal mart (local) and their world headquarters many times. . .managers, human recource, specific departments. . .yet to talk to a man. I watch as anything deemed "Male" items is simply being removed from the shelves. Discrimination . . . against WHO???*
I stopped shopping there, I am driving 30 minutes more to shop at Mejer's. Why? As I told the (apparently "female only")reps for wal mart "I WON'T support any business that has such an obvious anti-male agenda. . . . . .EVER". I (and my family) have shopped primarily at wal marts for the past 20 years. . .never again."

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extraordinarily evil message in WA initiative...

Adam · 26 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

ppmnow writes *"Read this link:*

http://www.citizensforaonestrikelaw.org

Here is a quote from the homepage:

"It also exposes the problem that our government could have created a One Strike You're Out Law but instead proved impotent to deal with these horrendous crimes against our children and women."

She is perpetrating a most egregious falsehood on page one by implying only children and women are affected by sex crimes! She also references more instances of men behaving badly throughout her site (I don't recall her attaching one single referential scenario involving a woman perp).

To everyone involved with this site, get off your duffs and write this lady, tell her what she is doing is flat out wrong! Tell her she either changes the homepage and the rest of her site to make it gender neutral, or we will fight this initiative tooth and nail! Remember, she comes from the same state that produced Mary Kay Letourneau! You can reach her here:

onestrike@monroe.net

I'm also contacting the print and airwave media to point out the absolute hypocrisy of this situation, but I need your help to make a real difference. Let's not allow this to go unchallenged. If we are a force, then let that force be wielded ***now*** !

One last note: The wording behind this initiative is overreaching and so blatantly unconstitutional I know it will fail any higher court challenge.

Mitchell A. Smith"

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The Post Finally Slipped Up

D · 26 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"Here's an historic event: the Washington Post finally let a letter with a man's point of view get into print. Let's hope somebody doesn't get fired over this.*

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A334 56-2003May23.html"

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Where's the Media?

Adam · 26 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"Well, no link, heck you can probably find your own. Annika didn't make the cut; though credits, I suppose, are due her for not shooting from the red tees. What I do notice is that time and again the "applause" for her is mentioned, even when she bogeyed. So where, I ask, is the media mentioning all the men who failed in their efforts to move to the advanced rounds? Why is it that a woman gets all this credit for trying and failing (while in on a pass) when these men aren't even mentioned at all, many who have failed to make the cut for a few years running, but still plugging away? Things to make you go "Hmmmmmm...""*

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Meryl Streep Challenges N.H. Graduates

Adam · 26 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Meryl Streep spreads her wisdom.*

http://apnews1.iwon.com//article/20030525/D7R8L9BG 0.html"

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Extra-uterine fetal development

Adam · 27 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Irish Independent newspaper on 24/5/03. It was reported that a baby girl developed on her mother's liver. The baby weighed in at 6 pounds after an ultrasound scan showed the mother's womb was empty. At operation, Professor Jack Krige found the amniotic sac behind the liver, cut it open and delivered the baby. Operation took place at the Groote Schur hospital in Cape Town, South Africa.*
This is further evidence that uterus not absolutely necessary for human reproduction. Also it makes the concept of an artificial uterus seem more credible" I think I saw this on mensdaily, no promises through.

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Family Law Reloaded

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Dan Lynch writes *"I thought this piece was great. The writer takes some quotes from the Matrix series and applys them to our family courts culture. Its a fun read I think. "Go here."*

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Domestic Violence issues in Norway.

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khankrumthebulgar writes *"Gentlemen,*

While reading the Glenn Beck web site I found a link to terrorism affecting the Norwegians. On that web site is a link regarding the unfair treatment of Men in Norway in Domestic Violence issues and how their concerns are not being addressed. The UK, France, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, Australia, Norway, & the US. I turned 47 on Sunday. I can distinctly remember the "Women's Rights" movement becoming a political force as a teenager. Now the Feminazis are trying to create this Lesbian paradise devoid of Men. I hope those bitches love burqas. If this trend of the feminization of The West continues. We can kiss our freedoms and culture goodbye. Dumb asses all of them.

In my 47 years I have seen Oprah become a Billionaire and own 2 cable Networks both anti-male. She made it by bashing Men. I have witnessed Men friends, cousins, relatives go through Divorce and many never remarry. They are burned out to Women and their demands. I am sick of Women's abuse of my gender. I am sick of their abuse of boys. I agree that Bernard Goldberg's book "Bias" speaks volumes about the propaganda war against Men. I fear for my Three Sons and Grandsons. I have been through a Divorce in the mid 90s, and remarried in the late 90s. If my second marriage fails I am personally done with marriage. It holds nothing for Men but obligation. We can thank the gutless asses in Congress from both Parties for this mess. And for the NOW gang of Lesbians. You hate Men, the feeling is mutual. I could use the materials for another drinking cup.

KhanKrumtheBulgar"

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Girls are victims even when they commit crimes?

Adam · 27 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Here is a despicable article that clearly outlines a new standard of (in)justice, one applied to men, and another to women. The article (and study) is clearly sexist and feminist, it states that "because there is a zero tolerance for violence in the home, it's been criminalized across the board - But in a lot of the girls' cases these are social service problems, not problems solved by prosecutions." What is stated here is the complete opposite of the treatment men (boys) get is MA as set up by feminist jurisprudence. The article states that Girls who commit crimes should get "vehicles to be empowered to control their own destiny." This type of study is non-empirical, and always intends to offer girls less responsibility for their actions while maintaining more options for these girls to get out of any accountability. Please write the Boston Globe with disgust that they would publish this sexist garbage on the front page of their newspaper."*

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Male Bashing at the New York Times

Thomas · 27 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

After getting caught up in the scandal over dishonest reporting by Jayson Blair, the New York Times has sought to portray the problem as an isolated incident. This editorial by Carey Roberts, writing in ifeminists.com, serves to somewhat debunk that spin control by pointing out the newspaper's systematic anti-male bias.

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Women Who Murder Their Children

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radikal writes *The bodies of three dead infants were found in a storage unit in Arizona. Their mother was their killer. Kranes says in her article, "O'Dell had kept the three pregnancies, and the babies' births, a secret, Lungren said, explaining that she was able to hide her condition because she was very heavy."*

Here's an encouraging piece of related news (Thomas writing now). Apparently, courts are starting to hold women a bit more responsible for their actions.

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Mr T Pities Mensactivism!

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You ever wondered what would happen if an certain 80's pop culture icon came across us, and decided to do what we do his way? well, here's a look at would happen if he got his way. He also showed us what he could do to Angryharry and the Ifems as well. Whew, that was something else :-) I'm posting this mainly for keeping our morale up, as it hasn't always got to be doom and gloom in our line of work.

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Wed Night Chat: Big Sister is Watching

D · 28 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Lynch writes *"'BIG SISTER IS WATCHING' will be the topic. Im amazed at the turn of events; personally, I think its good publicity all around. Can't wait for Oprah to do a segment, myself. Here is a good article on the debacle of government funded feminism to go after men's activists. "Make sure you read to the bottom after the long list of names cited by the Canadian Feminists. The other links are up and running now. "*
Here and "Here. It's a move in censorship that would make Stalin proud and Orwell protesting. Of course the the feminists rely on the oldies but goldies of 'abuse' and 'sex crimes' along with women's oppression as their reasoning factors. And as usual with those crimes its always their word and their word alone that is the convicting factor. With so many closed courtrooms and unconstitutional trials the public will never know until its to late. Its also difficult for embarassed men to fight the system that has degraded them so much publicly without fair treatment. I find it astonishingly interesting that those are the crimes in which rules of evidence are very different than regular trials. Here is another link that I feel coincides with all of this. The author asks why there is "double standards." Your input at the chat is important and a greater understanding of what's happening here is needed. "Freedom is the freedom to say 2 + 2 = 4"

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BBC Pulls Offensive Commercial

Adam · 29 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"Perhaps I read into the topic a bit deeply, but I could only imagine the silence if the shoe was on the other foot."*

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Suzanne Fields Does It Again

Adam · 29 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Well well, she's done it again, with her latest article and where to begin? perhaps we should start with what seems to be her condescending attiude and the fact that she pretends to know the nearest man's experience. The initative is in your hands.

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Mothers Who Murder their Children

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Chas writes *"In Melbourne, Australia, Kathleen Folbigg has been convicted of murdering her four infants over a period of 10 years. In the pre-sentencing period, the usual excuses for her behaviour are being canvassed. In particular her father, her husband and 'society' are being examined for causes of her murderous conduct. In this article by Janet Albrechtson, "Mums must not get away with murder", it is refreshing to read a female journalist in the mainstream press examine the evidence of double standards which is familiar to readers of mensactivism.org. Albrechtson says, "... when mothers kill we apply double standards. We look away, explain away, let women off. But a moral universe where we do this, and allow women to go on killing, makes no sense." It is a tightly written article. On line feed back is invited. You should just see what the tired old feminists have to say about it!!"*

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Dr. Chang's Death Fast to Equality

Adam · 30 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Eric writes *"Daniel K. Chang, Ph.D., of New Jersey, starts his 3rd week of a "Death Fast" for his constitutional rights and legal injustices. He declares that only water, salt and a brand name vitamin will pass his lips until he receives true justice and his rights.*

At noon, May 16th, 2003, Chang started his hunger strike to the the death, if need be. Passively infuriated by his false arrests initiated by Middlesex County Child Support (MCCS), Daniel starts his 15th day of fasting until past wrongs are righted. When the New Jersey "family" courts system started with a basic denial of 14th Amendment rights of a parent and a child, then applied unjust levying of assets and finances to charge him with an insurmontable amount of payments to his ex-wife some 14 years ago, he tolerated it. But, when MCCS unjustly destroyed his character and the respect of his child, neighbors and the public, they went past the point of tolerance.

For the story thats "TOO HOT" for local and national media....Only in the:

NCP Advocate
The Non Custodial Parents WORLD information source
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Want to Know the Truth? Go to Jail!

Adam · 30 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"Under a new proposal, wanting to know the truth about whether or not you are the real father of a baby can land you in jail. Which is another way of saying that they are criminalizing the act of catching a woman in a lie. Seig Heil!"*

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Mens Activism Success

Adam · 30 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Canadaman writes *"I have found that most of my kids videos teach children to fit into to sterotype roles and put the value mainly on the mother as the household figure. I was proud to see that mens activism has made an effect on the Disney conquered world of childrens entertainment. There is this show for preschool kids called "Bear In the Big Blue House" that I think is great. It teaches real value of equality, not womens lib. Here's the web site this one is produced by Jim Henson Studios."*

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Why Your Wife Won't Sleep With You

Adam · 30 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"A post on this popular enough weblog deals with a male reader having marital issues with his stay-at-home wife. The comments alone are worth reading. I wonder what would happen if one of us responded."*

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Ask Ads 2

Adam · 30 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Okay, it's the second week of Ask Ads, where you can talk about things not strictly related to men's issues, or if you just wanna vent about something, or if you're wondering about something ask away, it's your call.

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WordSpy's Word of the Day: Alpha Earner

Adam · 31 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"(AL.fuh urn.ur) n. A wife who earns all or most of her household's income.*

Check it out!
http://www.wordspy.com/words/alphaearner.asp"

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Bizarre arguments in supreme court decision

Adam · 31 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt Campbell writes *"Washington Post columnist Michael Kinsley comments about a recent Supreme Court decision penned by CJ Wm. Rehnquist (or, more aptly, by one of his legal aides) in this column*

Kinsley points out the sudden change of direction this decision constitutes away from Rehnquist's bias toward state soverignty and instead, in this case, toward pan-state applicability of federal laws regarding employment. While Kinsley never comes out and says it, it is clear that a massive exception in that direction was made in this case dealing with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 because the matter of gender was introduced into it. The decision may very well amount to a good substantive effect: state workers get the same FMLA benefits as federal workers get. But the disturbing thing about the ruling is the overwhelming pro-feminist sentiment in the wording of the decision. Gender issues and speculative opinions are dragged into a ruling wherein it is clearly not even relevant. This is a further example of the degredation of reasoning and retaining principle of scope when applying and interpreting laws in favor of gender-feminist hysteria.

I can't help but speculate the aide who actually wrote this decision was a 24-year-old female Harvard Law graduate.

The full decision is
here "

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Girls Rule!

Adam · 31 May 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Peter writes *"Here is an article in The Globe and Mail about girls vs boys education: They are accomplished, idealistic, funny, modest, well-rounded, socially aware, and ferociously bright. And all of them are girls. The rest of the article is here"*

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The National Post enables men to stand up

Adam · 1 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

rage writes *"Check the following link out, How about writing letters to this newspaper to defend the masculist cause and explain we're not woman-haters ? Articles released on the National Post up to now about the federally-funded feminist report have shown some kind of criticism against feminists'behaviour concerning this event. They seem to want to let men express their point of views, so why not trying ?*

But in my opinion, we must write to them as individuals and not as "mensactivism" members, we must not give the link of our site, else it could be viewed as inopportune lobbying...."

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Feminist bigotry parading as progressivism

Adam · 1 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

JackTakeyama writes *"Hey guys. Just thought you might be interested in a series of essays by an unabashed feminist bigot on the frontpage of a purportedly progressive website. The latest tirade can be found towards the bottom of this page. Many of her other essays can be found here. The responses are even better than the essays.*

It's stuff like this that keeps me (and a lot of other men I'm sure) from rejoining the so-called progressive community here in Portland.

Jack"

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Feminists alarmed at "masculinist" network

Adam · 2 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I think that we all have noticed the increasing desperation of feminists who realise that the mens movement is starting to pick up momentum. In this article another feminist has noticed us and gone into the usual tailspin that happens when someones comfortable "facts" smack head on into uncomfortable reality. This one, however, is funded by the Canadian government to the tune of $75,000 smackers. In fact, much of what she has to say is true, so long as you ignore the negative connotactions that she attaches to it."*

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Courage, sacrifice, and the 2003 Pulitzer Prize in photography

Thomas · 2 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This may only be tangentially related to men's issues, since both men and women were involved in the struggle against the fires that devastated Colorado last summer. I still wanted to post this, though, perhaps as inspiration. Click on "VIEW PHOTOGRAPHY ESSAY" on the page that first comes up, or just wait for the slide show to begin.

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Finding Nemo Father Friendly!

Adam · 2 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

alphamale writes *"It has been many years since I have come across a male friendly movie but "Finding Nemo" is a refreshing change to the deluge of female chauvinism that we have been inundated with during the past few decades. It is a wonderful story about a single dad whose son is abducted and the amazing adventure and gutsy determination the father endures to rescue his son. While there was one sexist rant about men and asking for directions, the rest of the movie is sexism free. A thoroughly enjoyable story about dad as hero. Just in time for Father's Day and well worth the price of admission."*

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The Child Tax Credit

Adam · 3 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"The Senate is scrambling to expand the child tax credit because it was left out of the recent tax-cut legislation. This is a good opportunity to highlight the tax code's bias against fathers. Send a letter to your local newspaper. Here's mine to the Washington Post (letters@washpost.com).*

To the Editor:

If senators are really concerned about those who miss out on the child tax credit, they will provide for fathers to be eligibile, not just mothers ("Senators Rush to Propose Expanded Child Tax Credit," June 3). Currently a noncustodial father may not take the child tax credit even when he provides a majority of the child's support.

Sincerely,
Neil Steyskal
(address and phone)"

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Where are the men going ...

Adam · 3 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

MrDave writes "
In recent years, I've often heard women say, "What happened to all the good men?" ... Fred Reed has one answer that I expect will
become increasingly common as feminist/socialist control continues to spread: Men are simply leaving ... leaving the USA and other Western countries ... and moving to countries where the culture still respects men. Here's a taste of Mr. Reed's recent essay on this topic: 'For a man of fifty, a sloe-eyed sweetie of twenty-five beats hell out of an angry menopausing gringa with a law degree. Maybe it shouldn't be that way, but it is that way.' "

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Towards a "streamlined" system of justice...

D · 3 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Here is another example of feminist intent to remove due process based on gender profiling. A Lawyer for students at Harvard states: "it's a myth that only rape produces difficult "he said, she said" cases. "In almost every crime, it's the credibility of one person that makes or breaks the case, whether it's a cop watching a drug deal, or a woman who's raped," she said. "You challenge their credibility, assess their demeanor, and render a judgment. That's what the justice system is all about." This is absolute tyranny. A judgment should be FIRST based on the facts, and contributing factors such as credibility are secondary to the case. Last year Harvard attempted to change the school's sexual assault policy - making corroborating evidence a prerequisite for the university to fully investigate - this in turn drove (feminist)students to file a discrimination complaint with the department's Office for Civil Rights. The highly organized feminist movement of today is working toward a gender based standard of justice, and it appears due process and evidence is something that they regard as insignificant. Its time to fight back against the dominant paradigm that gender-socialism has become. Be active before the rights of men are all but gone.*

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STAUNCH WARNING TO AMERICANS!!

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This is a staunch warning to all you Americans about Radical Feminists and the plight of Canada. Take this to heart; because this author nails it.

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vicious attack gets funny headline

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sick of it! writes *"Some vicious women cuts off a man's penis... and the headline makes a joke about the wife giving her husband 'the chop'. on that page is a list of related stories where other women have done the same thing. Maybe they will make this women a folkhero among the fem-nazis. makes me sick.*

Cant imagine the journalist being so 'cute' if the man had attacked the woman.

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ifeminists speak out

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One feminist group that refuses to have their voice as a woman replaced by totalitarian feminist dogma talks about 'masculist discourse'. Wendy McElroy delivers a piece with multiple links including the IWF's (another group of women that refuses to be silenced by totalitarian feminist dogma) letter to NOW. It has been my opinion that "feminists" have replaced women's voice for their own party line indoctrination. Regardless of my agreement or dissagreement with McElroy or IWF I feel they are speaking up for themselves more and more everyday. It will be women like them that will lead men and women to a better communication for eachother.

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SB1030 Passes CA Senate 34 Ayes/2 Noes!

Adam · 3 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"It pleases me to announce that SB1030 has passed out of the California Senate by a vote of 34/2. Considering the power of the opposition, it is astonishing to see this level of support for the bill. SB1030 addresses the category of paternity fraud that we call an incorrect default paternity judgments (IDPJ's).*

An IDPJ results when a judgment is entered against a male who is mislead into believing he is the father, or a male that never receives notice of a paternity hearing because the mother supplies incorrect information. Currently, when the 6 month to two year time limits expire, there is no possibility of making a challenge to the default judgment.

This means that **victims of an IDPJ will potentially be subjected to contempt, oppressive child support burdens, criminal charges, and jail** when they refuse to pay for a child that is not theirs. This pattern will continue until the child is 18 or graduates from college. Worse, the victim of an IDPJ will learn that they are behind on the first day they learn of the judgment. The source of the oppression is the CA DCSS. It is radical feminist organizations that seek the oppression of men and the destruction of their families.

Often the victims do not learn of the IDPJ until there is a wage garnishment, tax seizure, damage to a credit report, and etc. That is because the DCSS relies heavily substitute service. With substitute service the notice of a hearing may go to the wrong address without the victim ever learning of a hearing. In Los Angeles County alone, there is a 79% default judgment rate. This means that significant numbers of males never learn of the judgment until enforcement action is taken.

SB1030 addresses this failure of the system by permitting the victims of an IDPJ to use DNA testing to overturn the judgment and have the arrears dismissed. The victim will have two-years to overturn the judgment from the day a wage garnishment begins. The advantage of this is that for under $1000 an IDPJ can be overturned. Currently, if the male is lucky they can do this for ~$5,000 if they discover the IDPJ in time.

The next stop is the California Assembly. There it will meet stiff and well-organized opposition. NCFM, LA will be working with the Men's Issues Coalition in California to lobby the Assembly in California. This is a tough fight, but it is not an impossible fight.

Warble
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CS Abuses Drive Fathers away

Adam · 4 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"Hundreds of thousands of divorced and unwed fathers are victims of the government's war on so-called "deadbeat dads." Patti Diroff of the Children's Rights Council joined Glenn to discuss these abuses and how they drive decent fathers out of the lives of their children on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles on Sunday, June 1. To listen to the archived version of the show, go to "Past Shows: June 1" at His Side"*

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Million Dads March on the Men's Hour

Adam · 4 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"The May Men's Hour is about the Millions Dads March including Thomas Lessman, the Chairman, Millions Dads March and Stephen Baskerville on Government interference in the family and the Millions Dads March. It also has Harry Crouch on the NCFM-LA protest at San Diego Domestic Violence Council's Annual Awards and News of a Fathers-4-Justice protest at the family court in Plymouth, England and the 'Black Friday' protest on 13th June. Please also add your comments on the Men's Hour in the easy survey."*

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Woman only writing awards should be allowed

Adam · 4 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Caeruleus Flamma writes *"*
This is an article
talking about the Orange prize and how woman only prizes should be allowed."

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Media Campaign Against Canadian Feminists' Call for Censorship

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Men's activist and author Rich Zubaty is starting a media campaign to
attack Canadian feminists' recent
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/article.pl?sid=03/05/24/1942254&mode=threaded">call
for censorship of men's activists. Rich can use help with
creating and disseminating press releases and contacting media
organizations. Also, if you have any news media contacts, please
share them with Rich. This is a great opportunity to **take direct action** to protect your rights to speak and write freely. Please contact Rich directly by e-mail at
the following address (remove the "DELETETHIS"): richzubaty@DELETETHIShotmail.com

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MANN Chat: Big Sister is Watching--Part II

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This week's MANN chat will be held on Wednesday
night (6/4), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual
location. Recently,
Canadian feminists used Canadian taxpayers' money to publish a
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/article.pl?sid=03/05/24/1942254&mode=threaded">call
for censorship of men's activists that was disguised as
"research." We began the discussion at last week's chat.
This week, we'll discuss direct action that we can take to combat this
latest threat to men's rights. Also, Scott has fixed some
settings on our chat server, so it should work much better for us this
week. I hope to see you there!

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DV How Men Are Ignored

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masculinism writes *"G'Day from Sydney Australia. If it wasn't so serious it would be laughable. Under the Office of the Status of Women the Federal Government launched a $50 million dollar 'initiative' on domestic violence to be headed up by a department called Partnerships Against Domestic Violence. Now just take a look at the supposed "Facts About Domestic Violence in Australia" that underpinns this departments philosophy on domestic violence. Here is a exerpt: In 1996 the Australian Bureau of Statistics surveyed 6,300 Australian women for the Women's Safety Survey. The survey asked women about their experience of actual or threatened physical or sexual violence and found that in relation to violence by a male partner" 6,300 WOMEN!!!! What the hell happened to the survey on 6,300 MEN!!!!! Read the exact document here*
Regards Masc"

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Would a man get a fair trial from this judge.?

D · 5 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

MrDave writes *"**Would a man get a fair trial?***

In our culture today men are not allowed to denigrate women, but women compete with each other in their ridicule of men ... In our culture today whites are not allowed to comment about blacks, but blacks can say, well, pretty much anything ... This story in the _NY Post_ combines both of those ironies. http://tinyurl.com/dgxe ... As you read it, wonder, 'Would a white man get a fair and objective trial from this judge?'"

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Open Letter Protesting Canadian Feminists' Demands for Censorship

Steve · 5 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I have sent a lengthy letter to the Honorable Jean Augustine, Secretary of State (Multiculturalism) (Status of Women), to protest Status of Women Canada's recent publication that calls for censorship of men's activists and organizations. You can view the letter as a href="http://www.imparl.com/mensactivism/docs/canada20030604.pdf">PDF file here, or in href="http://www.imparl.com/mensactivism/docs/canada20030604.htm">HTML format here. I hope other men's activists will write letters protesting this advocacy research and the Canadian federal government's funding of it. My letter is an open letter, so feel free to use it for your activism if you find it helpful. I'd appreciate an attribution if you do. Thanks.

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Research shows that men work longer than women

Adam · 5 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Chas writes *"Men are now expected not to stray too far too often. Out-of-home leisure - all-day weekend rounds of golf, days at the dogs - now has to compete with the new demands placed on men by their wives and children.*

Is this true, and if so, is it a good thing?

Bettina Arndt is an Australian journalist who regularly examines men's issues and in the process frequently runs foul of certain feminists. In this article, in Melbourne's "The Age" newspaper, she discusses recent research which shows men generally work longer hours than women in paid and unpaid employment and have far less leisure time than they used to. Read the article here. The online reaction is worth looking at too."

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But it's supposed to be about fairness, isn't it?

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The Gonzo Kid writes *"From the `Things to make ya go hmmm Department:" I find the last line in this whole story very revealing, to wit: "Asked whether she continued the struggle out of a desire for vindication, or in revenge, she said, "A little of both." That's right, you greedy female. Go after the kids from the second marraige. Well, in Boston, it doesn't even end with death, does it?"*

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Office of men's Health activism project.

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Ron J writes *"We now have 53 cosponsors. Write to your congressmen and Senators and keep this momentum going. Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham and Senator Mike Crapo have introduced companion bills which will establish an Office of Men's Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This office would mirror the work of the existing Office of Women's Health, which has helped to save thousands of women's lives and has improved the lives of many more.*

Write a letter to your congressmen and Representatives. Sign this
online petition" The list of co-sponsors is copied below.COSPONSORS(53), ALPHABETICAL

Rep Baldwin, Tammy - 5/9/2003 [WI-2]

Rep Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. - 5/15/2003 [GA-2]

Rep Brady, Robert - 4/10/2003 [PA-1]

Rep Brown, Corrine - 5/1/2003 [FL-3]

Rep Christensen, Donna M. - 5/15/2003 [VI]

Rep Conyers, John, Jr. - 4/10/2003 [MI-14]

Rep Davis, Susan A. - 4/10/2003 [CA-53]

Rep Davis, Tom - 5/15/2003 [VA-11]

Rep Deal, Nathan - 4/10/2003 [GA-10]

Rep Foley, Mark - 4/10/2003 [FL-16]

Rep Ford, Harold E., Jr. - 4/10/2003 [TN-9]

Rep Fossella, Vito - 4/10/2003 [NY-13]

Rep Frelinghuysen, Rodney P. - 4/10/2003 [NJ-11]

Rep Frost, Martin - 4/10/2003 [TX-24]

Rep Garrett, Scott - 5/9/2003 [NJ-5]

Rep Gutierrez, Luis V. - 6/2/2003 [IL-4]

Rep Hinchey, Maurice D. - 5/9/2003 [NY-22]

Rep Hoeffel, Joseph M. - 4/10/2003 [PA-13]

Rep Holden, Tim - 4/10/2003 [PA-17]

Rep Holt, Rush D. - 4/10/2003 [NJ-12]

Rep Isakson, Johnny - 4/10/2003 [GA-6]

Rep Issa, Darrell E. - 4/10/2003 [CA-49]

Rep Johnson, Eddie Bernice - 4/10/2003 [TX-30]

Rep Johnson, Nancy L. - 4/10/2003 [CT-5]

Rep Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. - 4/10/2003 [MI-13]

Rep King, Peter T. - 4/10/2003 [NY-3]

Rep Lantos, Tom - 6/2/2003 [CA-12]

Rep LoBiondo, Frank A. - 4/10/2003 [NJ-2]

Rep McCotter, Thaddeus G. - 4/10/2003 [MI-11]

Rep McDermott, Jim - 4/10/2003 [WA-7]

Rep McIntyre, Mike - 4/10/2003 [NC-7]

Rep McNulty, Michael R. - 4/10/2003 [NY-21]

Rep Meeks, Gregory W. - 5/21/2003 [NY-6]

Rep Menendez, Robert - 4/10/2003 [NJ-13]

Rep Moran, James P. - 4/10/2003 [VA-8]

Rep Musgrave, Marilyn N. - 4/10/2003 [CO-4]

Rep Ney, Robert W. - 4/10/2003 [OH-18]

Rep Norton, Eleanor Holmes - 6/2/2003 [DC]

Rep Owens, Major R. - 4/10/2003 [NY-11]

Rep Pallone, Frank, Jr. - 4/10/2003 [NJ-6]

Rep Pascrell, Bill, Jr. - 5/1/2003 [NJ-8]

Rep Pickering, Charles W. (Chip) - 5/21/2003 [MS-3]

Rep Platts, Todd Russell - 4/10/2003 [PA-19]

Rep Rangel, Charles B. - 4/10/2003 [NY-15]

Rep Rogers, Mike - 4/10/2003 [MI-8]

Rep Saxton, Jim - 4/10/2003 [NJ-3]

Rep Sessions, Pete - 4/10/2003 [TX-32]

Rep Stearns, Cliff - 4/10/2003 [FL-6]

Rep Watt, Melvin L. - 4/10/2003 [NC-12]

Rep Weldon, Curt - 4/10/2003 [PA-7]

Rep Whitfield, Ed - 4/10/2003 [KY-1]

Rep Wilson, Joe - 4/10/2003 [SC-2]

Rep Wynn, Albert Russell - 4/10/2003 [MD-4]

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L.A. Area Media Covers Lawsuit Against DV Shelters

Adam · 6 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Today, numerous media outlets are covering a lawsuit against 10 domestic violence shelters in LA County alleging they use state funds to discriminate against male victims. It has been on the radio and in various large newspapers, one of them being the*
San Bernardino Sun.

Marc"

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Men's Health Magazine

D · 6 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"The June 2003 issue of Men's Health Magazine surprisingly contains an article on how the child support/custody system is devastatingly unfair to fathers. I've subscribed to Men's Health for about 10 years and have never seen them cover men's rights issues this honestly, with the exception of issues like circumcision and the huge disparity in funding for prostate cancer research compared to breast cancer research. I know a number of activists have written the Men's Health editor in the past and requested more coverage of men's rights issues. Maybe it helped after all. It would be good if we purchased the June 2003 issue of Men's Health and even wrote thank you letters to the editor to send the message that we want more coverage of these issues.*

Marc"

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Outlining women's issues despite the relevance

Adam · 6 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *" The Associated Press has an odd propensity for outlining issues relevant to women despite the relevance of the data (or study). In this article, one would read the headline and assume that increased driving speeds are killing women. However at the end of the article it states that "highway deaths may be increasing for women but nearly 28,000 men died in automobile crashes in 2001, compared with more than 13,000 women. Obvioulsy many factors contribute to this disparity (such as more men on the road driving), but to frame this study as a isssue relevant to women while more than double the amount of men are dying on the roads illustrates a common yet slight double standard in contemporary journalism. Post how you think the headline would read if the genders were to be reversed..."*

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Ask Ads 3

Adam · 6 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This week, I'm posting a requested essay from one of our regulars, I think you'll find it interesting. Click the old "read more/post comments" to read it.What's wrong with Woman-Bashing?

Having already expressed my own personal distaste for what some commentators call 'woman-bashing' that appears on some of the Men's Activism websites, I must stand up for those who wish to express these views.

Question: Is it not the inalienable right of every individual in a free and democratic society to hold and express his (or her) views? After all we have seen over three and a half decades of feminist 'male-bashing'! OK, you may argue that just because women bash men, men don't have to bash women, that two wrongs don't make a right. Fair enough, however, the airing of views no matter how extreme, and potentially distasteful to us as individuals, are part of the rich fabric of our society. We may wish to argue with them, ignore them or scorn them – that is also part of our right. Let us be mature and adult enough to exercise that right. The watchword of freedom has always been vigilance ! Surely, we are intelligent enough to recognise and speak up against that with which we disagree? If we are not – then why does the Men's Movement exist?

I would hate to see the Men's Movement develop a 'Guy-speak' the equivalent of political correctness. The Men's Movement should not adopt a single philosophy of what is bad or what is acceptable. Just as there are various hues of feminism, there are likely to be a myriad of hues of masulinism, however, the core objectives of the movement will remain pretty much stable, and this will form a reasonably firm consensus.

We must also not fall into the trap, that feminists are so fond of setting, of believing that every criticism of feminism is 'misogyny' ! For too long we have been stifled by this argument. When the views of (men and) women are of the feminist hue, then we are entitled to disagree and criticise. Feminism has sought to identify itself with all women since its inception.

[The argument that the current Neo-Marxist Women's Movement sprung up from a long tradition of women's protest does not wash with this writer. What we are seeing is an extension of Socialism, not the Suffragettes!]

Given the short-term advantages that feminism has bestowed on women, it is no surprise that a great many women will embrace this dreadful creed and yet more will utilise the tools of feminism to manipulate situations to their own advantage. At the end of the day, very few women actually stood up against feminism. This does not conveniently forget the fact that many men, seduced by the prospect of copious amounts of responsibility-free sex, also signed up to the early promise of feminism. They little realised that 'equality' was another word for

‘domination’. The difference now is that most of the men have wised-up. The women are taking a little longer to get the message and are trying to hold on to the unfair advantages. To achieve this many women are happy to go along with the misandry our society condones. After all they have a mechanism, and a system of social sanctions, that absolves them from all of the consequences of the mistakes they make in their life-choices and personal inadequacies….blame men!

The cult of ‘female victimhood’ is widespread and most pervasive, and although not every single woman on the planet subscribes, it is almost universal in Western Society. By this acknowledgement it is sometimes difficult to separate ‘women’ from ‘feminism’. If women wish to utilise the tools of feminism then they should be tarred with the brush of feminism – and be subject to criticism accordingly.

Concurrent with this myth of female victimhood is the myth of ‘male demonisation’, which holds men responsible for almost all of the evils that befall women in the world. From their early school days boys are taught a feminist view of the world where they are ‘guilty by birth’ of all of the great social evils of society. This has resonance with the concept of ‘original sin’ expounded by the Catholic Church in the Middle Ages. This conditioning continues into adult life where our gender-biased media and feminist societal norms further reinforce the fallacy of male ‘wickedness’ to elicit the correct patterns of speech and behaviour from them. Political correctness is so ingrained in our culture that many responses are like conditioned reflexes. This is what is described by the Psychiatric community as Psychological Abuse. How can we then castigate those men who, in their own personal anger and resentment, after years of psychological abuse stand up and answer back? Remember, misogynists are made, not born!

All in all, the message is really quite simple; if women do not want to be ‘bashed’ by angry men – then they should ditch their feminist practices and start showing a little respect and consideration.

Thunderchild.

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Deceptive women

Adam · 7 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Caeruleus Flamma writes *"This is an article from yahoo that, I think is pretty good. Mostly it discusses Hillary Clinton Which naturally shrewd and shark-like operator won fame, power and certain riches on a platform of pity - posing as the pathetically abused victim of one of the world's most powerful men?*

A. Monica Lewinsky.

B. Jayson Blair.

C. Hillary Clinton (news - web sites).

The correct answer is - you knew this was coming - D. All of the above."

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OMG! MSN presents an article on fatherhood!

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ppmnow writes *"Very nice article (remember to check and remove any spaces!)- written by Bruce Linton. Can't believe MSN actually posted this. Could it be...pressure? I would prefer fairness, understanding, equality. Maybe they're starting to listen afterall. I damn well hope so!"*

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TV for Men? Maybe

Adam · 7 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

LeMorteMark writes *"I just learned that the cable station TNN, will become SpikeTV. It appears they are trying to market this as "TV for Men". I am looking forward to seeing this channel but when I checked out the website, it looked more like a station for reruns of cancelled shows than a "Lifetime for men". Still its a step in the right direction. They should have a couple of shows that focus on men's news and politics. Maybe a news program anchored by Glenn Sacks or a TV version of "families under siege". I would be more interested in that kind of stuff than just seeing more stereotypes of guys belching and watching football. Here's the website: Spike Tv"*

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NCFM on His Side with Glenn Sacks

Adam · 7 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"An influential Canadian ministry has accused American and Canadian men's and fathers' organizations of "hate propaganda" and has issued recommendations which could threaten the Canadian groups with prosecution and jail.*

Marc Angelucci and Ray Blumhorst of the National Coalition of Free Men, one of the groups targeted by the report, will discuss this threat and NCFM's struggle for men and fathers on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles at 11 PM on Sunday, June 8. To listen to the show live via the Internet, go to Listen Live."

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Child Tax Credit

Adam · 8 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"The Washington Post printed my letter about the child tax credit, one of the many divorce subsidies for women in the IRS code."*

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Misandry at askmen.com

Adam · 8 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

hurkle writes *"askmen.com's current newsletter features a joke about a mood ring that revolves around accepting female-on-male violence as funny. Feel free to let them know how you feel about it at newsletter@askmen.com"*

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Global women flood local dating market?

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going down over at the Ifems forum, so check it out!

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Boys More Demanding, Even in Womb

Adam · 9 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes ″

The article includes the cute zinger: "Men start pushing women around even before they leave the womb." Oh, ha ha. It is to laugh.

Please inform the editors that they shouldn't give-in to the urge to man-bash. editors@healthscoutnews.com, jhelmer@healthscoutnews.com"

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NH College Costs Bill Sidelined

Adam · 9 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Code Monkey writes *"In New Hampshire a bill was proposed in the state legislature that would prohibit the family courts from requiring divorced parents to pay college costs for children over the age of 18. The bill's primary sponsor, Rep. David Bickford, proposed it after a Dover man was jailed for 43 days when he couldn't come up with almost $17,000 to pay for half of his daughter's private university tuition. Proponents of the bill say it's unfair to force divorced parents to pay college costs when the same isn't done for married parents. Unfortunately, the bill has been referred back to commission and won't be re-introduced again until next year. Read the Foster's Daily Democrat news article."*

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The War of the Roses Redux

Adam · 9 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"I know that this story is a bit old, but no one seemed to have mentioned it. A wife has been accused of trying to render her husband scents-less."*

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International Men's Health Week (June 9-15, 2003)

Steve · 9 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Around the world, June 9-15, 2003 is being celebrated as
href="http://www.menshealthweek.org/imhw/imhw.htm">International
Men's Health Week (IMHW).
Check href="http://www.menshealthweek.org">this page, and your local public health department or ministry for information about local events planned for this week. Even if there are no local events in which you can participate, try making one personal resolution this week that will help you improve your health. Best wishes for a great, healthy week!

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Erin Pizzey's Response to Feminist Hate List

D · 9 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The other day columnist Ted Byfeild opined as to why he wasn't on the 'Hit List' or 'Hate List' which ever you prefer. Erin Pizzey had the time to read his article and wrote a response to his column. Hopefully the Edmonton Sun will have the courage to print the letter, until then I will post the letter on the 'post comments section' and I recommend that you pass it along as far and wide as you can. For more on Erin Pizzey travel here."I founded the first shelter in the world for victims of domestic violence in 1971 (Chiswick in London). I said then that domestic violence was not a gender issue both men and women can be violent but as you will see from the attached article, my evidence was censored by the emerging feminist movement that hi jacked the subject of domestic violence and distorted the statistics. I toured Canada with Senator Ann Cools and I came away disturbed and appalled at the damage that has been done to families, to fathers and to children by this evil movement. I work internationally and travel to many countries but what concerns me is the apathy of the people of Canada. Why have you allowed a small handful of powerful women to destroy the fabric of your society? My mother was born in Portland near Ottawa, I went to school in Montreal, I came away from Canada saddened, perplexed and ashamed of Canadians who could allow such an unjust persecution to continue. The sick joke is there never was a 'women's movement' it was always a Marxist/communist movement and the idea was the planned destruction of the family. In order to achieve this it was first necessary to disenfranchise men from their partners and their children and then to force the women out to work. Nowhere else in the world have I seen the fulfilment of this plan more successfully accomplished than in Canada and now you are implementing a 'hate list.' I would be proud to be added to this list because those of us on the list are the prophets who have been warning the people of Canada to stop sleeping and wake up before it is too late.
Erin Pizzey"

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Custody Court Massacre

Adam · 9 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I read this article on Strike The Root:*
Custody Court Massacre -- Bernard Chapin 'The thing I don't understand is how the guy in the story was persuaded into marriage in the first place. He went to the court thinking that his life would be changing for the better, but now he found that his life was over. "I'm going to jail" he told me on the phone. I argued with him and said that wasn't possible, but after speaking with somebody who does testimony on the behalf of fathers, I discovered that jail time could well be a likelihood for his failure to pay. Robert summed up the proceedings: "The judge had heard this all before. American man takes advantage of innocent immigrant girl. He'll have to pay and pay and pay." Only you can't get 60 grand from a man who's down 40'. "

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MEN'S GROUP.... WITH A DIFFERENCE

Adam · 10 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Chas writes *"Here is a report of a group of men in Melbourne, Australia, who regularly get together for a meal in a pub. The purpose of the group is to talk crap... just like women do. And to have fun and time together as good mates in a men-only setting.*

Starting with 10 members there is now a waiting list of 69 to join this "Reclaim the Pants" group. Each of the men wears a colour patch which becomes his name for the night.

Sounds like a load of fun! I love the way the group pokes fun at the way men and women communicate, 'getting in touch with your inner female' crap, the implied mockery of 'Reclaim the Night' movement in the group's name, "Reclaim the Pants'.

Maybe this is something to consider for future Men's Groups?"

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Fathers' rights victory in Canada

Adam · 10 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

nutboy writes *"Some good news for fathers in Canada. In the province of British Columbia, a sexist law which barred men from having any rights re the naming of their children, has been struck down.*

What I find interesting is that the details of the couple mentioned seem very similar to those of a B.C. couple in which the man was falsely accused of rape by the woman, and had to prove his innocence. Perhaps someone can look into this."

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Martha Stewarts Parody Site

Adam · 10 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mdcwnt writes *"Martha Stewart posts an open letter on her new site MARTHATALKS.COM while a parody of the very same site is making waves on the internet. If you enjoy internet parody visit http://www.marthastewarttalks.com for a good laugh!"*

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Girls under Pressure !

Adam · 10 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Take a look at this article bemoaning the fact that teenage girls from the UK are under increasing pressure to succeed in exams, life etc.*

Notice how the 'pushy mum' is mentioned and how magazines 'indirectly influence what men find attarctive"

comments please

ThunderChild"

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deadbeat dad - he was only POW - doesnt matter

D · 10 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

madman writes *""Deabeat dad" arrested after returning from POW experience*

He was POW in Kuwaiti- he returned-
now he is POW of the insanity here-

http://www.lewrockwell.com/orig4/roberts-carey2.ht ml"

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Stop Prisoner Rape

Adam · 11 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Stop Prisoner Rape*
http://www.spr.org/

Their campaign is to pass THE PRISON RAPE REDUCTION ACT OF 2003 (H.R. 1707)

I was very heartened to see this organization.
Usually men being raped in prison is considered something which is laughed-at as hilarious."

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Another Female Gets Away With Murder...Sort Of

Adam · 11 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes "
This news story
is significant because one, it shows that a woman will probably get the lesser charge of manslaughter rather than murder when she deliberately kills a man in a manner like this.

And two, it suggests speculation that one of the factors that caused this man's violent brutal death was the social conditioning now in vogue that a man will never ever hit a woman no matter what she does. Did social conditioning in regards to violence against women suppress the natural human instinct to defend one's self against a violent physical attack?"

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"Evidence" not required for sex discrimination law

Adam · 11 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"In a unanimous decision the Supreme Court lowered the standard for discrimination suits to be presented before a jury. "Direct evidence" which requires proof based upon personal knowledge or observation, "which can be difficult to produce" has been replaced with "sufficient evidence" for a jury to conclude that discrimination was a motivating factor for any employment practice.*
"

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Sacks Criticizes 'Move-Away Moms'

Adam · 12 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"Men's issues columnist and radio talk show host Glenn Sacks examines move-aways and the damage they cause children in his latest column, "New Study, Case May Help California Children of Divorce Retain Bonds with Both Parents" (Pasadena Star-News & Affiliated Ppaers, 6/5/03)"*

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MANN Chat: Improving Men's Health, One Man at a TIme

Steve · 12 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This week's MANN chat will be held on
Wednesday night (6/11), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location.
Tonight's topic will be "Improving Men's Health, One Man at a
Time." Around the world, June 9-15,
2003 is being celebrated as href="http://www.menshealthweek.org/imhw/imhw.htm">International Men's
Health Week (IMHW). Being aware of our health and how we men
can improve it seems like a very good thing. However, there is
some debate among men's activists concerning whether we need special
governmental initiatives, offices, or programs to promote men's
health. Some men feel very strongly that we need an href="http://www.menshealthoffice.info">office of men's health in
the government. Other guys want to limit government involvement
in health care matters, and emphasize each man's responsibility for his
own health care. (See the first comment
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/article.pl?sid=03/06/09/1721223&mode=threaded">here.)
How do you feel about this issue? Grab a healthy beverage and
snack, and join your fellow men at tonight's chat to see what each of
us can do to improve his health.

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"The Lowest Moments in Advertising"

Adam · 12 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Kyle Knutson writes *"The June 9, 2003 print edition of Adweek Magazine , features a cover story entitled, "The Lowest Moments in Advertising", which highlights the worst of the worst (supposedly) in advertising history. Surprisingly enough (ha!), the bitterly misandrous Progressive Insurance "voodoo doll - castration" ad didn't make the list. You can let the Adweek editors know how inexcusably remiss they are by sending your letters to letterseditor@adweek.com."*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/03/06/12/1627204.shtml

Progress on Attitudes

Adam · 12 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"Linda Chavez' latest column shows that some are waking up to mothers' role in fatherlessness. She talks about women's attitudes about whether a father is needed; but she doesn't mention that most divorces are initiated by women, nor that 40 percent of divorced mothers interfere with children seeing their fathers. Still, it's progress.*

"

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Men's Rights Martyrs Rising

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Rember this man come father's day. Or any other day we celebrate "Individual Rights". He's willing to sacrifice everything he has in order to fight the corrupt state of affairs. READ HERE.

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Male sweat relaxes women

Adam · 12 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"According to* Nature *, 'Male underarms relax women and may make them more fertile.' Just thought we ought to know. Can we forward this to that 'Explain to me again why I need a man' bumpersticker babe?"*

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"Guy TV" in a women's popular culture?

Adam · 13 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"A must read! If you haven't already heard, "Guy TV" is on its way. Unfortunately, it seems that it will be somewhat stereotypical in that it will cater to the base level of men. The article has some surprisingly interesting statements in it, such as: "a male-focused channel will help rectify an "overemphasis" of women's issues in popular culture" - "Men are the new women, in terms of research. They're very trendy" - Judith Kegan Gardiner, author of "Masculinity Studies and Feminist Theory: New Directions," said that the channel offers an escape for men at a time when they appear to be under attack as more women are graduating from college and growing in economic power. "Many men feel they don't have the earning power or job security they previously had," Please comment, and lets contact this network immediately."*

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African Men Against Female Circumcision?

Adam · 13 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"According to a new report, 'Most male Sudanese college students report that they would prefer to marry a woman who has not been "circumcised," a finding that contradicts the traditional belief that so-called female circumcision increases a woman's chance for finding a husband.' Wait a minute: I thought* ***men*** *-- male lust, male preferences, male cruelty -- were behind this cruel practice? Okay, so maybe it's declining, and good riddance; but as usual, not a word about male circumcision, which is at least as prevalent in the same culture -- but not, apparently, worthy of any concern."*

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Sacks' New Column Defends Abused Man's Lawsuit

Adam · 13 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tatis writes *"Men's and fathers' issues columnist and radio talk show host Glenn Sacks defended male domestic violence victim Ray Blumhorst and his recent, highly publicized lawsuit against 10 LA County domestic violence shelters in a new Los Angeles Daily News opinion column."*

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Newstory "softens" Little League mom attack

Adam · 14 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Just another example of the double standard in the media based upon gender here. This a sympathetic article the Boston Globe ran on a mother who attacked and kicked an 11 year old boy at a little league game. The paper is highly sympathetic to the defense attorney's arguments here; in fact it is the basis of the entire article. If the gender were to be reversed here, a father would likely be portrayed as a monster that should be locked up until trial based on a "dangerous hearing." This woman was released on her own recognizance... trust me, this just doesn't happen for men in MA."*

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Men's Issues Hitting Primetime!

Adam · 14 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mark writes *"I'm not sure if anyone saw lately but Hannity and Colmes on Fox News had a segment on anti-boy bias on Monday of this week and Scarborough Country on MSNBC had a segment on anti-male bias at the NYTimes tonight (Friday). Warren Farrell was tonight's guest and Dr. James Dobson was Monday's.*
For the record, both men had a chance to speak out and Hannity and Scarborough (especially) openly and emphatically agreed."

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Men and women bargain differently

Adam · 14 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"A new study found that men routinely ask for more money than do women in salary negotiations. The study found that the two sexes take radically different tacks as they bargain. The feminist response: Instead of comparing men's and women's negotiating skills, it might be better to examine "gendered" perceptions in the workplace. For example, if women are less greedy about salary than men, why are women not perceived as being better for the organization? Hmmmm...?"*

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Same sex marriage, thinking outside the box

Adam · 15 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

zenpriest writes *"Someone, I think it was Thunderchild, recently commented about "thinking outside the box." Here is what I think is an excellent example. Canadian courts have essentially decreed same-sex 'marriage' to be legal. (BTW, I could not find this guy's archives, so this link has a one week shelf life.) A sexual relationship is already not part of the marriage contract (with marital rape laws and all that) (see also: "Why your wife won't have sex with you")*
So here's the deal - any of you guys want to marry me? I can be the wife and refuse to have a sexual relationship with you, we can pool our resources, live frugally, and retire in 5 years. Any takers?"

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Happy Father's Day!

Adam · 15 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Nancy writes *"Honoring Fathers on this Father's Day."*

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A Father Gets A Break....Finally

Adam · 15 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *" At last a father gets a break from the law on the accidental hyperthermia death of his child he left in a van. There have been a couple of reports recently about women who did the same thing and and didn't get prosecuted either.*

So maybe the law is finally starting to view men and women equally? Let's hope so.

Anyway....Happy Father's Day!"

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Washington Post covers boy soldiers

Adam · 16 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Great! About bloody time! Boy Soldiers Toting AK-47s Put at Front of Congo's War: Wonder when the UN will take this seriously? Relatedly, just today for Father's Day, also from the Post: Making Do Without Dad: and At Least 14 Children Will never Meet Dad:*
**sigh*... Happy Father's (Fatherless) Day, guys."*

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Bashing Men to Celebrate Father's Day

Adam · 16 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mark writes *"Burlington Coat Factory has taken an interesting approach to attract female shoppers for Father's Day...bashing dad, of course!*
In a new TV ad dad - of course chubby, sloppy and balding - messes up the laundry and messes up dinner while mom and the kids look on with condescention.
I am not sure if there is a link to this ad on their company website but I am sure there is a "contact here" link."
Anybody else seen this?

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Moms with no pregnancy, lesbian fathers

Adam · 16 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

zenpriest writes *"Is that cracking sound I hear the camel's back giving way? In this historic week: in addition to Canada declaring same sex marriage to be the unlegislated law of the land, Joan Lunden has proven that the inconvenience*
of going through pregnancy is not required to be a mother (go to any search engine and type in "Joan Lunden surrogate"), and NZ PM Helen Clark has decreed that lesbians can be "fathers."
By my count, that makes 4 of the 5 major English-speaking countries which have declared surrender to the radical paradigm in the past week. I can be a mother if I have the $$$ to hire a surrogate, Ellen DeGenerate or Rosie can be the "father", in Canada I can marry any of you guys, and in the UK women are going to be pushed to work so the village can raise their kids. Is the war over yet?"

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Simone de Beauvior's feminism

Adam · 16 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

zenpriest writes *"Most of you by now are probably familiar with Simone de Beauvior's famous pronouncement that no woman should be allowed the choice to stay home and take care of her children, because too many women would take it. Well, it seems that her disciples are in positions of enough power in the UK to decree that this will be so.*

"The call for mothers to work is made in a 76-page document from the Women and Equality Unit, which is responsible to Trade Secretary Patricia Hewitt."

In the interests of leveling the playing field, let's all get behind Hillary for president and let her also implement the priniciple that the "village" can raise children better than their mothers can."

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Help !!

D · 17 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thunderchild writes *"Can anyone help me with an academic reference ?*

I am writing a letter to a local newspaper which has printed a very biased view of domestic violence and I am looking for the study/studies where the attitudes of young men and women were quoted.
I remember that one of the tags was that young men thought that when a woman 'led a man on' he should not be charged with rape !!

Please help

ThunderChild"

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Men are DV victims too !

D · 17 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thunderchild writes *"Well, I never thought I'd see this in the UK !*

The content may leave a lot to be desired, but the fact that it exists is a huge step forwards. The agitating obviously works !

READ HERE.

Respect,

ThunderChild,

"Die Gedanken sind Frei !""

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Cathy Young: "In abuse, men are victims, too"

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CJ writes ″

This article was prominantly featured in the Boston Globe and addresses many issues that are relevant here. Cathy Young has been doing an excellent job getting the "word" out on true gender equity. The domestic violence establishment still denies or minimizes violence against men, and many DV advocates are hostile at any attempt to even raise the issue. This article is very important information as our judicial system (through 30 years of feminist jurisprudence) has become highly biased against men concerning DV matters."

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African American Fathers and the African American

Adam · 17 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Michae S writes *"I would like to have this artice put in. Check it out."*

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US News (Are Men Obsolete?)

Adam · 17 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

thrudd writes *"If you have the print copy of US News & World report for 6/23/03, check out Jodie T. Allen's opinion piece. The article isn't online now, but it should be soon. Her archive is at http://www.usnews.com/usnews/opinion/jallen.htm. My jaw dropped when I saw this piece of misandry."*

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sexist tv ads

Adam · 17 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In the UK the problem of man-bashing tv ads is getting steadily worse. I was particularly angered by the adverts for Wall's "Carte D'ior" ice cream. To summarise one of these ads shows a man and a woman sharing ice cream in the back of a limosine. The woman is dissatisfied with the ice cream the man gives to her (it's not Carte D'ior) so she quickly kicks him out of the (speeding) limo and sends him spinning onto the ground and landing in a load of rubbish bins. As a result I would like to recommend Walls Ice Cream for the "companies to boycott" list on the "standyourground" site"*

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MANN Chat: A Database to Track Feminist Hate Speech

Steve · 18 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This week's MANN chat will be held on
Wednesday night (6/18), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location.
The topic will be "A Database to Track Feminist Hate Speech."
There is a lot of male-bashing speech and anti-male hate speech
online. Feminist extremists in Canada are asking the Canadian
government to href="http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/pubs/0662882857/index_e.html">monitor
and censor men's
activists. Let's beat them to the punch! Let's build
a database of feminists' hate speech and male-bashing statements.
Join us at this important chat to develop a strategy for monitoring
feminist hate speech and publicizing it. Invite a friend or two
to join you! (Click on "Read More" below to see a
list of some data elements that we can capture for the database.)Feminist_Hate_Speech_Online_Database

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Arabian Paternity Rights

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Neil Steyskal writes *"Here's a very tough issue for men's-rights activists. An American women isn't allowed to take her children out of Arabia. Try making the case for the father when he's a representative of such a repressive culture.*

http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.ht ml?id=110003636"

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Roe of "Roe Vs Wade" Reconsiders?

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I heard rumours about this, but now it looks serious. To quote: "*Norma McCorvey, the woman whose 1973 U.S. Supreme Court case helped make abortion legal in the United States, today petitioned to overturn the historic Roe v. Wade decision."* Hmmm, I think you might want to look through the soc.men archives before you make a judgement.

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Australia to consider equal parenting reforms

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Chas writes *"Australian Prime Minister, John Howard, is favourably considering proposals for changing child custody laws in favour of equal parenting provisions. Much of the impetus for change has come from within his own coalition government. "The Australian" newspaper reports that "Mr Howard told Coalition MPs yesterday he was "interested in the broad concept" of rebuttable joint custody – where the court presumes a child should spend equal time living with each parent unless there are strong reasons against it.*

His spokeswoman said later that the Prime Minister was "mindful of the need for male role-models for children, and the desire for both parents to have continuing responsibility for their upbringing"." Read the full report here http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/common/story_ page/0,5744,6615066%255E2702,00.html and note there is an online feedback link to the newspaper.

Watch this space!"

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The Y chromosome: Fixing problems on one's own

Thomas · 18 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

For years we've heard gleeful titters from feminists about how defects in the Y chromosome can't be repaired. Every other chromosome is paired and can take information from its partner to correct faults. The Y chromosome, having no match, has been cast as inferior, unable to correct its damaged genes. It has even been stated that the chromosome and, therefore, men would disappear in about a million years.

Well knock me over with a feather. Guess what? That clever bit of genetic information that makes a man a man seems to have a way of solving the dilemma. It just works things out on its own! Problem solving on one's own can be difficult, of course, and in this case causes trouble in one out of every several thousand boys, but "'Y chromosomes really have a big trick up their sleeves,' said David Page of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass."

Take a look and have yourselves a good laugh of satisfaction. The Y chromosome is not the decaying piece of trash that feminists would have us believe. It just solves problems in its own way.

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New to this site

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abourret writes *"Hi everyone,*
I don't really know where to post this...but,
I'm new to this site but not new to the ideas. Everything that is on here I have thought about at one time or another and I cannot help but to be filled with rage by the injustices men are faced with today. Everytime I hear one of my female friends brag that she has been pulled over 15 times for speeding and never gotten more then a verbal warning, everytime I hear just one more dictating, power-hungry feminist speak about the gender gaps, everytime I hear another court decision unfairly ruled in favor of a woman, I become angry and inspired to make change all in an instant. I look forward to being apart of this movement."

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The DLJ becomes a blog

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"Yes, I've done the deal and made myself a blog. Check it out at http://dljblog.homestead.com/index.html*

This should be easier for me and more widely-read than ever!

Yes, I'll still be publishing commentary and etecteras, as before. They'll be more immediate, since I'll be able to get things onto the website and announced in the blog whenever they show up rather than working by a strict deadline.

Today the big news is the Heritage Foundation report on feminism and marriage --check the blog for where to find it!"

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English Men Starting To Strike Back

Adam · 19 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes ″

Seems there was a little 'dustup' in family court in England this past week. Over 500 demonstrators for justice protested the way the family court system over there, seems they are just as corrupt as ours, treat men in divorce and child custody.

I think we can learn from the FATHERS 4 JUSTICE that staged this demostration for human rights.

Also, their leader, Matt O'Connor will be interviewed by Glenn Sacks this Sunday night on HIS SIDE radio. Don't miss it."

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Fiebert's DV studies

Adam · 19 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Miletus Prime writes *"Here is a site listing studies done by competent people and institutions on Domestic Violence. Notice the breakdown is essentially 50/50. Maybe the news media's requirement to report statistics is that they must be from incompetent people and institutions? http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm"*

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Could it be?

Adam · 19 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"At this link , it appears that Australia has a proposal to make shared custody the default in divorce cases. Predictably, we have the femboy naysayers like Patrick Parkinson, a family law professor at the University of Sydney, who says, "It only really works when the parents can get along with each other." Hey, Pat! Ever consider that in that case the parent who refuses to get along - FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILD - shouldn't get custody? Oh, but that would usually be the woman, wouldn't it? And that would go against your collosal suck-up to the Pheminists, wouldn't it?"*

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Chid Support Changes in Michigan

Adam · 20 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Bigg John writes *"The Article here tells of how the Michigan Child Support System is being considered for an overhaul, basing support on the amount of parenting time granted to the non-custodial parent.*

And here is a story on how a Father is asking to have the rules clarified, since they are so confusing."

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Million Dad March

Tom · 20 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Million Dad March on DC was a success. It felt good to be standing in front of the Capitol on Father's Day and make a public statement about Men, Fathers, and Father's Rights. The highlight of the day was Dr. Stephen Baskerville's address which you can now see on the web at **http://www.standyourground.com/sb2.php.** Just click the link and it will take you to a page that has some pictures and a link to open a windows media file of his brief and powerful talk.

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Human rights are not for men

Thomas · 20 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

In this essay, which first appeared in the Daily Mail, Melanie Phillips lays into Britain's Home Office for selling out to feminists in their war against men. I think there are a few weaknesses in her logic, but on the whole it's a great essay. And I'm glad she's holding feminists accountable and not just blaming women and letting men off the hook.

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Joint custody plan under fire

Thomas · 20 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Chas writes *"Following yesterday's article about Australian plans to consider equal custody of children, predictable responses are now reported from women's organisations. American readers might like to respond online to these statements in the news report, and to set the record straight: "Sole Parents Union president Kathleen Swinbourne said overseas evidence showed the move was terrible for children, treating them like equally divisible pieces of property. "The research from America shows that it rarely works and kids are the ones that lose," she said.*
Another comment: "Elspeth McInnes, convener of the National Council of Single Mothers and their Children, said California had been forced to amend its shared custody laws to prioritise child safety after "horrendous" problems with violence." Read the article here.

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A bit o' humor from The Onion

Thomas · 21 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Here are a few humorous tidbits that relate, somewhat, to men's issues. Take a look at STATshot for "Why did we propose?" and "Father's Day Gift Way Shittier Than Mother's Day Gift" on the same page. I also enjoyed Hillary's Bestseller and the essay "You are a beautiful woman..." by a properly deconstructed, post-modern man.

If you can laugh, while the world around you is engaged in a gender war, ___ (I'll let you fill in the blank.)

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Divorce As Revolution

Thomas · 21 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

In this essay, Dr. Stephen Baskerville briefly describes the war against fathers being waged by governments that increasingly encroach on our private lives. It's a good essay, with a lot of facts, but I have to say: I'm afraid he falls apart at the end. He recommends that fathers restore fatherhood with nonpolitical politics and a non-ideology "by re-creating the ordinary business of ‘civil society’ and private life," but he gives no details on how this might be done. With so much machinery stacked against fathers and husbands, their protests may have a mitigating effect, but they won't turn things around.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: Young men can protect themselves by refusing to marry and by doing whatever they can (within reason) to avoid becoming fathers. Save your money. If things turn around by the time you're 55-years-old or so, you still want children, and you have a decent home and income, there will be plenty of women of child-bearing age in the US and elsewhere, who will be happy to marry you.

Good luck, gentlemen. The government is at war against you.

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Check This Out

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This one is even more important. Get writing or Ms. Boxer and Ms. Feinstein will get this legislation passed.

LINK Here.

Here is what I wrote:

Regarding SB127/HB262:

I am totally opposed to the idea of allowing the IRS to double tax non-custodial parents who get behind in their child support payments:

1) The money was not "earned" and therefore cannot be taxed; how can the government "create" earnings where there are none?

2) Most non-custodial parents are already giving more than half of their income to the custodial parent (in real dollars meaning before taxes are taken out);

3) Non-custodial parents are already being penalized by not being allowed to see their children or participate in the parenting of their children;

4) These bills fly in the face of the President's Fatherhood Initiative by making it even MORE difficult for fathers (75% of the time the non-custodial parent) to stay close to and involved with raising their children;

5) This proposed legislation is another "bright" idea of the feminist movement -- NOW -- the most destructive organization on the face of the earth when it comes to personal liberties and keeping families in tact; they won't be happy until they have half the population in jail;

6) Feminism has taken a bad turn (gone sour) and most of us (the original feminists of the sixties and seventies) disown the radicals we see these days -- these women don't want equality -- they want dominance;

7) Any legislator that votes for these absurd bills will be written off as viable candidates in the future by those of us who are watching; our numbers are legion; we are in contact across the nation;

9) The women's movement (as it was intended)is over; women like myself are alligning ourselves with our husbands, fathers, sons, brothers and male friends because we have sympathy for their plight;

10)If you don't believe that the public is sick of the feminists, take a look at New Hampshire, where the three most powerful women in the state were all defeated last election -- Governor Shaheen being one of them.

I'm a woman, a career woman, a mother, a grandmother, one of the first women to break through the ranks in the automotive industry back in the sixties. I called myself a feminist then -- but shun the title now. It's embarrassing. When I saw Ms. Shaheen (as she is now called) aligning herself with the feminists, I did everything in my power to get the word out and help defeat her in the last election.

While they disgust me, I can at least understand why women might be angry and vindictive toward men -- enough so to try to get this legislation passed.

What I don't understand is why men are turning on men.

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Girl has boyfriend beaten to death

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napnip writes *"LINK HERE.*

I can't wait to see the feminist spin that'll be put on this. Somehow it won't be the girl's fault. She's the real victim, right?"

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Wendy McElroy has done it again!!

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SunCat writes *"Wendy McElroy has done it again. In A Conscientious Objector to the Gender War she says that mens interests and womens intersts are not inverse. I think she got the Warren Farrell quote that "when only one sex wins both sexes lose."*

Liked her "flat-Earther"ref (and what will future generations think of us?) but

> the list scrolls on.
>
> But protesting men miss the point.

Not this humanist man. Men and women *do* share a common humanity. And that makes all the difference."
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Divorced Dads Struggle to Remain in Kids' Lives

Adam · 22 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Glenn Sacks' powerful new column, "Many Divorced Fathers Struggle Desperately to Remain in Their Children's Lives," tells the story of Jim, a disenfranchised Michigan father who has been kept out of his daughter's life for so long he says he can't even remember what his little daughter looks like. Read it at http://www.glennsacks.com/many_divorced_fathers.htm"*

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Sharing children in separated families

Adam · 22 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Chas writes *""The Australian" newspaper editorialises about the debate over equal custody proposals. You need to scroll down: it is the second editorial piece. Go here: http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5744,6617959%255E7583,00.html"*

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Debating SOW Study in Canadian Parliament

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AFG writes *"This video (found on www.fathers.ca) shows Canadian Alliance MP Betty Hinton blasting Heritage Minister -- and Liberal Party leadership candidate -- Sheila Copps with regard to the now infamous SOW report on men's groups. Look at the way Copps totally side-steps the questions by using the whole "women are still discriminated against" arguement.*

Video Here

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Women As Abusers

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Neil Steyskal writes *"USA Today has broken the taboo on mentioning that women get violent as often as men:ARTICLE HERE*

Unfortunately, the article implies that abuse is worse for women because men are stronger. They fail to note that there is no help for men, unlike all the programs for battered women. More importantly they overlook the fact that men will lose their kids if they leave an abusive wife."

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Leader of British 'Dads Army' on Glen Sacks

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Matt O'Connor, leader of the British "Dads' Army" Fathers 4 Justice --whose spectacular acts of civil disobedience have garnered international attention--discussed his group's rapid rise and its upcoming plans on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles on Sunday, June 22. Also joining Glenn was Pat Lyons, a courageous English businessman who has vowed that he will go to jail rather than pay the Child Support Agency on behalf of employees who are being denied access to their children. To listen to the show archive, go to .

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Is NYTimes Breeding Gender Warfare??

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This is why I always question authority the media and anyone else for that matter. Artile Here

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Warren Farrell Emails MANN Administration

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Warren Farrell emailed the mann admin so I thought it was good for immediate release. I will place it as the first post in this section of the thread, so you can all have a look at it. It's in regards to the Slander Groups in Canada's feminist elite squad. Warren touches on some interesting points but I don't think he goes far enough in the damage that this feminist move can do to all of our freedoms.

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A USA Today Special

Adam · 24 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

It's a USA Today special, for all the wrong reasons. ppmnow writes *"It's all starting to come together. Arm up, gentlemen, and take your weapons of pen and paper and begin the push full steam!*
Mitchell A. Smith" Matt writes *"USA Today quite out of character published this story on the "role women play in DV" They assert men do more physical damage to women in DV incidents. Well, the report needs some work, obviously, in terms of full disclosure. But it's a very good start. The false feminist beliefs around DV are directly challenged by name as such, too. Nice!"* Mark writes *" Less than a week after exposing the truth about domestic violence (that women are as likely to be aggressors as victims), USA Today is back to it's old self.*
This gem of an article tells us that 92% of women fear domestic violence and 90% are concerned with equal pay for equal work.
Also, we are informed that women are very aware of cultural trends and that their feces doesn't stink and they are made of sugar and spice,... These ugh... "statistics" remind me how if you hype anything enough people will buy into it. Does anyone remember the months before 9/11 when everyone's biggest fear was the alarming "increase" in shark attacks? Actual data showed that the numbers were no different than before but the hype machine was telling us otherwise."

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Males have an extra brain gene

Thomas · 24 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Here's another article on the decoding of the Y chromosome. It seems this efficient (read "excess baggage removed") bit of genetic information that makes a man a man contains an extra brain gene. No one knows yet what function this gene serves, but "the gene must have played a key role in the evolution of mankind for it to exist in the genome today."

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Women about as likely as men to cheat

Thomas · 24 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

A survey conducted in Germany reveals that women are about as likely to cheat as men. No wonder the feminists are struggling to prevent men from having paternity tests done without the mother's approval. Also note that women are twice as likely as men to cheat frequently.

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MANN Chat: The Y Chromosome and Men's Activism

Steve · 25 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This week's MANN chat will be held on Wednesday
night (6/25), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual
location.
The topic will be "The Y Chromosome: Its Role in Men's Activism."
Very recently, our manly Y chromosome has gotten a lot of good
press. Scientists have discovered that "Y" can
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/article.pl?sid=03/06/18/2031211&mode=threaded">fix
its own genetic defects,
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/article.pl?sid=03/06/24/1836230&mode=threaded">has
an extra brain gene, and appears to be the href="http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3000742.stm">toughest
chromosome in the human genome. What implications do these
findings have for men's activism? Can we use this new information
to emphasize the good things about being a man, to really buy into
manhood? Join us at this week's chat for some manly
introspection and to explore how some fundamental characteristics of
being male influence our activism. Invite some friends to join
you!

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UK: No protection for men accused of fatherhood

Thomas · 25 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

With fatherhood having been deconstructed into something tantamount to a criminal offense, the government of the United Kingdom is now set to prevent men from using DNA evidence to prove their innocence. If a woman chooses to declare that you are the father of her child, she will be able to have your paycheck attached to take your income. If you try to prevent her from taking your money, the government will track you down as a "deadbeat dad" and imprison you.

Serves you right, guys. You've committed the ultimate crime in a matriarchy—you are in possession of a Y chromosome.

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Male DV Victims

Adam · 25 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thunderchild writes *"Here is another article, from The Times, about Male Victims of DV in the UK - it is dynamite !*
Respect ThunderChild
Die Gedanken sind Frei"

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Bizarre murder trial? No.

Adam · 26 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Look how our friends at MSN are covering this story*

Note that the headline is: "Trial begins in bizarre traffic death". You can be sure it would not be that circumspect in judgment were the defendant male and the victim female (the reverse is true in this case).

Her lawyer stated in his opening that his client was "...hysterical, terrorized and confused." Um, excuse me? She had a dead or dying person on her car's hood which she got into and drove homeward after she had been drinking and drugging-- and this is how her lawyer makes her out to be? Can you imagine the same being used to describe a male perp and a female victim-- imagine this being said in a court under the same circumstances: "He was hysterical, terrorized and confused." It isn't imaginable, is it? It'd never happen.

Then, she called her friends to help her move the dead/dying man off her car and later dump his body in a park. They obliged her. Well, what's that saying, "Friends help you move, real friends help you move bodies"? Guess she has some real friends, all right.

Well, read the article for yourself. Wanna bet that no way in hell does she get the death sentence for it? Now had a man done this-- well, we know what they'd do to him. I am guessing she maybe gets 10-20, tops. Likely she'll be out in 8 if she even gets that much time. She'll be like the other women who kill men in Texas and all but get away with it.

I am never going to Texas. It seems to me it's too dangerous for men-- right up there with marriage and children."

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Playboy's Men columnist dies

D · 26 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Longtime Playboy columnist Asa Baber has died at the age of 66. He often used his column in Playboy to bring men's issues like the wage gap myth and male bashing some public attention. "We men are not the enemy," Baber told Oprah Winfrey's audience a decade ago.*

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Straus Refutes DV Myths Again - Will the Media Lis

D · 26 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Code Monkey writes *"Murry Straus publishes more research again on dating violence in college aged men and women, as described in this UNH press release. From the release:*

> Straus says that while most of the assaults on dating partners by students are relatively minor, such as slapping and shoving a partner in anger, the rate of more dangerous assaults, such as punching, choking and attacks with weapons, although much lower, is still alarmingly high at 10 percent. Women assaulted their partners at about the same rate as male students did, Straus also found....The study also looks at the relation of the social context to crime, finding that a large percentage of students approved of slapping a partner's face in some circumstances. An average of 42 percent approved of a husband slapping his partner, while 76 percent said it was all right for a wife to slap her partner.

Please help to promote this study and get the media and public to accept the truth about domestic violence!"
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Increasing number of SAHMs (and a few civil words for men!)

Thomas · 26 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This article addresses the increasing number of Stay At Home Moms in the US. It focusses on the concerns of women but has some nice things to say about men and fathers. I particularly loved the ending, "Where will this lead? Not to Mommy Wars between moms who work and those who stay home, I hope, but toward a profound and shared recognition of the importance of mothering and of the husbands that give mothers the gift of choices."

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Angelucci, Sacks Defend NCFM-LA Lawsuit

Adam · 27 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon user writes "*Marc Angelucci, president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men, and men's and fathers' issues columnist and radio talk show host Glenn Sacks defended NCFM-LA's sex discrimination lawsuit against 10 Los Angeles County domestic violence shelters in a recent opinion column in the Daily Breeze (Los Angeles. The column can be seen here*"

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Joe Scarborough does it again for us...twice

Adam · 27 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mark writes *"Joe Scarborough of MSNBC's Scarborough Country has become quite the leader in addressing men's issues lately. Within the past 2 weeks he has had feature stories on gender bias at the New York Times and discrimination against boys in school. On tonight's show are articles on a federally subsidized study on female arousal and one on...drumroll please...women being the PRIMARY AGGRESSORS in the majority of domestic violence cases."*

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Proposed Australian Family Law reform

Adam · 27 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Chas writes *"In the 'Canberra Times' (24/7/03) Sue Price challenges the myths and 'statistics' trotted out by opponents to proposed reforms to family law designed to support equal parenting and more equitable arrangements for fathers. She especially targets the position of Chief Justice of the Family Court, Alastair Nicholson, and points out the flaws in his arguments. She argues that, under present law, "...fathers are sidelined; considered unimportant to their children's wellbeing, apart from their ability to provide monetary support, and allowed to see their children only one or two days a fortnight." These developments in Australia will give courage to families in other jurisdiction. Read the article here"*

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Ask Ads 4

Adam · 28 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Alright folks, it's that friday feeling you can't get enough of, it's Ask Ads! *rampant ego off* you know how it goes by now. So ask some interesting questions huh?

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Lifespan gap narrows as men live longer

Adam · 28 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *"New findings by Britain's Continuous Mortality Investigation Bureau show that the gender lifespan gap is narrowing, and men may outlive*
women by the end of the century.

These findings cast doubt on the cherished belief of women's greater lifespan being a biological advantage.

The gender lifespan gap, being highly correlated with environmental factors, shows the new focus on men's health brought about by the men's movement is justified and should continue.

Two articles about the new data:

here
and
here"

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Woman Abandons Children For Freedom

Adam · 28 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"How many feel that this woman, Sara Saga, couldn't have figured out a way to get herself AND children out of Saudi Arabia if everything she is saying about the father and his supposed abuse were REALLY true? Here's the latest."*

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Australian Child Support Agency misleads

Adam · 28 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Chas writes *"The federal government's Child Support Agency makes the front page lead story in today's (28/6) edition of "The Weekend Australian". The Agency is responsible for calculating and monitoring child support payments for more than 1.2 million separated or divorced parents [read fathers]. The newpaper's investigations shows that the agency has mishandled or ignored hundreds of threats of assault, murder and suicide by angry parents. This state of affairs has been uncovered by the newspaper's investigations. Elsewhere in today's edition of the paper (see separate post) sympathetic coverage is given to fathers caught up in the child support/separation for children whirligig. Read the lead story here"*

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Appeal by female magistrate against her sentance

Adam · 29 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

angry_young_men writes *"Hey all, thought you might be interested in this story . It details the failed appeal by a female Australian magistrate (!) against her sentence for intimidating a male colleague. Get this pap from a female-inmate support-group mouthpiece: "She's experiencing the cruel and unusual punishment that every woman goes through in prison." Oh please - "cruel and unusual punishment" is intrinsically part and parcel of the female prison experience?"*

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Debunking The Femitwit Rape Gambit

D · 29 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Resa LaRu Kirkland*

has a very witty article, that, effectively debunks the radical feminist fear mongering mantra we have all been browbeaten with for so long. Doing some math concerning the falsehood of "a woman being raped every 6 seconds in this country".

The authorities should find this woman and give her some relief! She must be pretty damn sore by now. :)"

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Fathers driven to suicide by Child Support Agency

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Chas writes *"This story reports one man's experience of Child Support Agency contact. It is used to illustrate the damage done to fathers by the laws governing child support enforcement. Within Australia, the male suicide rate in a single year is now four times that of the total number of Australian soldiers killed in the Vietnam conflict. Fathers' groups around the country claim at least three clients of the CSA commit suicide every day. "Jack" was almost one of them.Read the story here:*

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Another piece of hypocrisy

Adam · 30 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thunderchild writes *"Well, if you got hot under the collar about proposals to ban DNA testing without consent of both parents - this one will really make you steam ! Two women trying to prevent ex-partners from destroying IVF created embryos. Talk about hypocrisy!"*

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CBS "60 Minutes" talks about Title IX

Adam · 30 June 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes ″

The "Lace Curtain" (feminist tilted media bias) seems to be ripping at some of its seams, but only a little... "60 Minutes" did a story on Title IX. The report pointed out the gains women have made in sports since it was passed, and about the impact this has had on men's athletic programs - basically non-revenue generating men's sport programs have been eliminated on many campuses to meet gender quotas. Of course feminist groups are organized to oppose any reform to Title IX and their viewpoints were a big part of the news story. Title IX was created to stop gender bias, now it is used as a tool to eliminate men's sports despite student interest and participation levels - just to maintain gender quotas, and it is enforced by feminists interested ONLY in the well being of females. Lets support the cause and contact “60 Minutes” with good words for their effort…"

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Lifetime

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As far as boycotting particular companies, I have a problem with that. Only a small percentage of employees at a company (or the advertising executives they hire) are responsible for misandric advertisements, and boycotting could result in loss of business, and many innocent people losing their jobs. The only time I would boycott if is hatred of a particular group is a prerequisite for joining, or a high percentage of the members hate a particular group. Since it seems a very high percentage of NOW members are man-haters, I certainly wouldn't buy anything from them.

As far as boycotting Lifetime, they do have many programs that could appeal to men, such as movies with women many men admire. Also, they once had a movie produced called "Men Don't Tell". It features a man who is physically abused by his crazy, maniacal pig of a wife. She is played by Judith Light, who is a tall, menacing woman.

In a climactic scene near the end, she is yelling at him and hitting him. The little daughter runs up and says, "Mommy. Stop it! Stop it!" She then turns and starts hitting the little girl. To protect his daughter, he slugs his wife and knocks her out. My other e-mail address is mcbricker@webtv.net.

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Sacks Defends Divorced Dads in Newsday

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Glenn Sacks' latest column, "New Study Punctures Myth of Uncaring Divorced Dad" came out in New York Newsday last week and is now available at http://www.glennsacks.com/new_study_shows.htm>
The column discusses new research which shows that divorced dads are far more generous with their children than they are given credit for.

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The Death of Feminism ?

D · 2 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thunderchild writes *"I almost fainted when I read the headline on this one - content leaves a wee bit to be desired !http://www.guardian.co.uk/Distribution/Redirect_A rtifact/0,4678,2-989268,00.html*

TC"

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Men Aren't Marrying Because They're.....

D · 3 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mark writes *"This article in the Baltimore Sun blames the immaturity of men for the declining marriage rates in America. Surprise, surprise...there is no mention of how women may in any way be responsible for this." Or the government for that matter.*

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Fatherhood

D · 3 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thunderchild writes *"It looks like the message is starting to get through in the UK. Article*

TC"

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Boys Poor Readers - Universal ?!?!

D · 3 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Thunderchild writes *"Here's an article claiming that boys are poor readers is a universal phenomenon - I think the scource is UNESCO, so no surprises there then !*

TC"

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Alison Armstrong on Glenn Sacks

Adam · 3 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"Highly recommended: If you didn't hear Glenn Sacks' program Sunday night (June 29), you can still catch it on his archive page for a few days.*

'Educator and relationship guru Alison Armstrong, who has given workshops to thousands of women all over the United States, claims to understand men. Some quotes: "In my relationship courses for women a lot of women will say they want a man who wants a six figure income. I'll ask them if they know the percentage of men who earn a six figure income. It's maybe the top 5%. And then I'll ask them 'are you in the top 5% of all women?" ... "Men give women a lot more slack than women give men." ... "Women expect men to act like women--women can't see men for who they are. All they see are rude, hairy women. When a man doesn't do what a woman would do he's immediately in trouble."'

And my favorite: 'The more I'm willing to be responsible for, the more impact I can have in my own life.' *I had to go back and listen to this again to make sure I heard it right. Nice to hear a woman willing to talk some sense."*

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Goverment inquiry into child custody rights

Adam · 4 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Chas writes *"The Australian Federal Parliament "will consider whether parents should automatically be given equal custody of their children if they split up and whether grandparents should have access rights in the event of a family breakdown.*

Prime Minister John Howard announced yesterday that the Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs will have until December to also consider whether the existing child-support formula works fairly for both parents given how much each contributed to the care of a child."

Notable in this enquiry is an investigation in to financial relief from Child Support payments for non-custodial parents who actively care for their children. Not reported in this item is the suggestion that fathers should be offered financial benefits for increasing their time with their children.

Read the report here"

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Child Abuse

Adam · 4 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"This editorial in the Boston Globe illustrates the lack of progress on child abuse, even after all these years. It's still not a criminal offense! Abusers don't go to jail. They just lose their kids for a short period -- sometimes. Why? Hint: the editorial shows that officials and the media won't even mention who is doing all the child abuse. If it were men, I suspect they'd tell us."*

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Woman boss accused of putting boot in

Adam · 4 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

John Gardiner writes *"Woman boss fooling around kicks male employee in the groin and creates serious injury. Check this out*

This has got to go international. Maintain the rage! Make a noise. It demonstrates the sick and low attitudes held by women and public institutions towards men. An utter disgrace. This is a new low in female behaviour.

Fight the fight,
John"

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Ask Ads 5

Adam · 5 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This week, I've decided to talk about a topic that hasn't been discussed in a while, and that's choice for men or C4M as it's sometimes called. So let's hear your views.

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Mallard gets fifty years

Adam · 5 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

angry_young_men writes *"Now this is what I call justice: A Texas woman who struck a man with her car, drove home and left him to bleed to death while wedged in the windscreen has been sentenced to 50 years in prison for murder. With a sentence of this magnitude, one could have expected the same penalty had the sexes been reversed; hence it shows us that, in sentencing, there exist at least some judges who don't discriminate by sex or gender but rather by severity of the crime."*

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Montana provides free educations for the exonerrated

Adam · 5 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"MSNBC.com reports that Montana has enacted a new law that will require the state to provide free educations to anyone convicted in the legal system and then exonerrated by DNA testing. New Mexico is extending its DNA proof deadline to three years instead of one year to allow convicted felons to prove their innocence through DNA testing. "*

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Men could choose to get pregnant

Adam · 6 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

rage writes *"Check out the following link and especially one of the last paragraphs :*
"Surgeons in Saudi Arabia attempted a womb transplant in a 26-year-old woman in April 2000, but it had to be removed after three months because it suffered from blood clots and began to die. If implantable wombs become a reality in humans, they need not be confined to women. Some men might also be keen. "It's technically possible," said Prof Brannstrom."

Of course the article is mainly focused on women, but it appears clearly that such techniques could give a man the ability to carry a child . We are all waiting for ectogenesis and artificial wombs, but despite the articles already posted here, I'm very skeptical that these breakthroughs could occur before, say, fifteen years. And I think artificial wombs would be outlawed as soon as they would appear to cater for the claims of feminist pressure groups, as usual.

But if a man were given the opportunity to give life to a child by himself, it would be the end of feminism. And it's pretty sure this wouldn't be made illegal. Women control 100% of human reproduction these days. And that's why feminism is so hard to tackle. Because men depend on women, whereas women depend far less on men thanks to sperm banks. But if we can make our sons without resorting to a woman (remember the article stating that male stem cells can make eggs ?), we could attack more harshly feminism and destroy this ideology once and for all.

Your French brother,
Rage"

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Richard Hayden Marrow Donor Drive

Adam · 6 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"Richard Hayden is the listowner of the Abused Guys Yahoo Group, a support group for domestic violence victims active since 1998. Richard has been a source of much encouragement and support for both me and my activism efforts, and was instrumental in ensuring my research into the subject of DV for my book, "Friends to the End", was accurate. He was also among the first to "break the Pink Barrier" by publishing man-friendly DV works at the now-defunct Themestream website. If it wasn't for Richard there probably wouldn't be a DLJ. When I heard a few weeks ago he'd been diagnosed with leukemia, he also told me a bone marrow transplant could be his only hope. So I was determined to do what I could to help.* The rest of this is in the "read more/post comments" section.*The more donors there are, the more chances that Richard can find a match and continue his work with and for abused men.*

How You Can Help:

If you have a website, go to
here
and get the graphic and link for your site. Encourage your visitors to consider participating in the program by becoming part of the National Donor registry in their local area.

If you have a mailing list, or belong to any, tell them about the program and the Richard Hayden Marrow Donor Drive. Volunteer to participate yourself. The link at my site has information that can answer most of your questions, including a list of locations for testing, etc. across the US.

If there are a significant number of potential donors whose only barrier to volunteering is the cost of the test, I'll work with the foundation to establish funding, which is possible. Like so many other things the men's movement has attempted, this may be the first, or close to first, time this kind of thing has been attempted exclusively online. There are bound to be kinks to be ironed out, and unanswered questions, so if you've got questions, e-mail me at: dsrtlite@mindspring.com And I'll try to come up with an answer.

Meanwhile let me know if your group or website is participating by posting the graphic and the URL for the National Marrow Donor Program, and I'll include you in the list of participants in the upcoming press releases to the general media and the main page of the DLJ.

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No more state-funded circumcision in Florida

Adam · 6 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The state of Florida has joined 10 other states by not providing state Medicaid funds for circumcision. You can read about the issue in The St. Petersburg Times . While circumcision is an accepted practice in many religions, in the US millions of boys are circumcised without their consent for what comes down to nothing but cosmetic reasons (since medical justifications for the procedure have long been disproven). The future sexual and psychological health of these boys is risked in what amounts to a double-standard that is still permitted by American society, and in my opinion, should be stopped."*

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Men wrongly accused

Adam · 7 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

angry_young_men writes *"Hello all, this article I found this morning:New laws designed to stop unsuitable people working with children have left many teachers wrongly accused and their reputations tarnished for life. Bettina Arndt reports. Sounds familiar."*

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A Woman Gets It Right About Female Sexploitation

Adam · 7 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *" Here is a female columnist (in misandric ridden Canada no less!!!) who gets it right about older females who rape young underage boys. She points out the condescending hypocrisy of how female rapists are treated by the stupid judiciary as opposed to male sexual offenders. This article is a breath of fresh cool air from the far north."*

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Patai Slams Academic Feminism on His Side

Adam · 7 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon user writes "*Former Women's Studies professor Daphne Patai, co-author of Professing Feminism: Cautionary Tales from the Strange World of Women's Studies, slammed Women's Studies for its hatred of men and fathers on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles on Sunday, July 6. To listen to the show archive, go to His Side Patai's targets included feminist "sexual harassment hysteria" and Women's Studies' relentless promotion of lesbianism.*"

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Petition the Government of Canada

D · 8 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Here is a petition;*

I saw it posted at Men's News Daily, petitioning the government of Canada regarding hate speech. Read it for yourself. If you agree with its contents as I did, then sign it. Our brothers in Canada (and every other nation) need all the help they can get to protect them from the systematic misandry of governments that are biased against men."

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Real Men, Real Depression Chat

Steve · 8 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Men's activists are invited to the next chat at
MaleDepression.com. The chat will take place on Tuesday, July 8,
2003, at 8:30 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time. (That's
Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at 01:30 GMT.), at MaleDepression.com's
href="http://www.maledepression.com/chat.html">chat space, and the
topic will be "Real Men, Real
Depression." Real men do suffer from depression.
However, we don't always recognize it, and we rarely talk about
it. Take a step toward changing that by joining our online chat,
and invite some friends. (Click on "Read
More" below to see more information about the topic.)In the United States alone, about 6 million men suffer from depression
and other mood disorders. According to the href="http://www.nimh.nih.gov">National Institute of Mental Health
(NIMH), as compared to women with the same conditions, men who
suffer from mood disorders may experience the following symptoms much
more frequently:

--abuse of alcohol or drugs,

--feeling frustrated, discouraged, angry, and irritable,

--violence,

--throwing themselves compulsively into work, hobbies, or sports,

--hiding depression from themselves, family, and friends,

--engaging in reckless behavior,

--taking risks, and

--putting themselves in harm's way.

Men also kill themselves four times as often as do women.

(For more information about NIMH's "Real Men, Real Depression" campaign, visit their Web page.)

We'll explore some of these characteristically male symptoms of depression and discuss why they can harm us. We'll also talk about the barriers that men encounter when they try to seek treatment, both cultural and practical.

Join us at this week's chat to ask questions, share information, or just get some friendly support from other men who struggle with mood disorders.

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The degradation of boys

Thomas · 9 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This is just sick. The boys who didn't want to participate in the fights were confined to their cabins. Girls didn't fight, but I wonder if they watched. Nine to 13 years old.

And here's an essay on the degradation of boys from anti-feminism.com.

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Government Hokus Pokus

D · 9 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Here is a short little write up on the state of things. The author points out exactly who really does benifite from 'divorce' and 'anti-male' legislation. I urge you to check it out.

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MANN Chat: The Degradation of Boys

Steve · 9 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This week's MANN chat will be held on
Wednesday night (7/9), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location.
The topic will be "The Degradation of Boys." MANN recently
reported about the href="http://www.mensactivism.org/article.pl?sid=03/07/08/2318227">degrading
speech and actions that have been directed at boys. Why are
such things happening to the next generation of male members of our
society? What can we do to stop such abuses? Join us to
identify and plan appropriate responses.

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De Coster Maligns the 20-something Male

Adam · 9 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Davii boy writes *"Well, Karen De Coster seems to think that males should live to serve women. I wonder if the males she describes in this op-ed are products of a culture that hates men? It also seems to me that disrespect breeds disrespect, and speaking as a 20-something male with expired dreams of family life, the modern day female doesn't look all that appealing from a male perspective."*

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A Touch of Sanity in New Zealand

Thomas · 10 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

It seems that the folks in New Zealand (and Australia) are starting to catch on. Consideration of fathers, who commit suicide after divorce and separation from their children, is terribly overdue, but at least it's finally being addressed.

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Maureen Dowd can't hate men enough

Thomas · 10 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"This speaks for itself.*

Letters to the editor are a good idea."

(Thomas writing now) This piece drips with hatred. Just one example is Dowd's statement, "Self-love as a survival mechanism: the unflinching narcissism of men may send women into despair at times" It seems the New York Times has learned nothing from its recent debacle over Jayson Blair. If anything like this were said about Jews, blacks, women—any group except men—the writer would be fired. In fact, it wouldn't make it into print in any publication masquerading as a serious medium.

You can contact the NYT at letters@nytimes.com.

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There Are Exceptions. I Hope. I Hope.

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This may come as a surprise to no one. If you're a man and a criminal, you might do society and yourself a favor by getting married. However, if you're a genius...

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Support Shared Parenting Bill in MA

Adam · 10 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mike Franco writes "
For anyone in MA (USA) who is interested in fairness, please help support Senate Bill 1075 for Shared Parenting which will be heard before the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, Thursday, July 24 at 1 p.m. in Room A1 of the Statehouse, Boston. To review the bill, please go to here. Several legislators across the state are sponsoring SB1075. Please help us bring attention to the bill by contacting your local representatives. The Fatherhood Coalition."

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Child support ruling - 'donor' up for payments

Adam · 11 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

angry_young_men writes *"This should speak for itself: A VICTORIAN man who donated his sperm in the "usual and customary manner" - by having sex with a lesbian - has been found liable to pay child support."*

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Standardized testing reveals big gap in writing

Adam · 11 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Of course little is mentioned in the article (it would be the reverse if girls were behind). Girls are out performing boys in writing ability by large percentile differences. Federal focus on education has been to eliminate the small gap in math proficiency that boys have over girls, while girls are doing 20% BETTER than the boys (as tested in MA) in writing! Here is an actual quote from the article -"We're seeing it (boys doing poorly)in MCAS, SATs, reading and writing - It's a trend we need to pay attention to." A trend we need to pay attention to!!! What a stupid understatement, I'm sure that they will find a nice feminist solution to the problem. School systems must become boy friendly again and allow programs that interest boys. Right now masculinity is considered a pathogen, as the lesbian-feminist agenda continues to pummel normal and marginal boys into ignorant submission."*

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Ask Ads 6

Adam · 12 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This week, I've decided to do something fun and dust off my 8-Ball to see some active service. Yep that's right, you ask the questions and I'll use the 8-Ball to answer, so ask away, and let's have some good questions ok?

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This Might Be Worth Referencing

Thomas · 12 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This article reports on research showing that men are far less likely (in fact not at all likely, if they think they can't get caught) than women to admit to fear. I post this because one of the most common arguments given by feminists, when they attempt to disregard domestic violence committed by women against men, is that if you ask a woman and a man, who have been victims of DV, if they are afraid of the perpetrator, the woman will say "yes" and the man will say "no."

The feminists claim that this shows that the man isn't really a victim, but they know that a man, even if he is afraid of a woman, is very unlikely to admit it.

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Computer program guesses sex of authors

Adam · 12 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Garth writes *"Researchers have developed a computer program that can guess the sex of an author with 80% accuracy by simply reading their work. Surprisingly (or not), they have been denied publication on the grounds that their work is sexist. One critic states: "This whole rush to categorisation usually works against women." The researchers say they are "just reporting the numbers.""*

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NCFM-DC member does radio interview airing 7/12

Adam · 12 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Listen over the web at:*
Live On Line

From:
here :

-- RADIO INTERVIEW --

NCFM-DC Member to Appear on Radio Show

Washington DC Chapter member Matt Campbell will appear as a guest on a Washington, DC area radio station this Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13. (Pre-recorded)

Mr. Campbell will be on radio station WFAX's "Mainstreet" show, with host Don Karnes and will discuss the chapter's recent press conference, "Voices from the Other Side of the Gender Debate", and other men's rights issues and concerns.

Mr. Campbell will also describe other recent chapter activity, including a rally in March to protest Martha Burk's appearance at a local feminist conference, attendance at The Million Dad's March on Father's Day, and development of the chapter's new expanded web site.

The "Mainstreet" show will be aired on Saturday, July 12 at 7:00 AM, 5:45 PM, and 9:30 PM, and again on Sunday, July 13 at 8:15 PM.

WFAX-AM is at 1220 on the AM dial."

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How and why women kill

Adam · 13 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

zenpriest writes *"Here is a perfect example*
of how women kill - covertly and indirectly - and why they kill - because they don't like the way they are being treated. Notice also that it took almost 5 months for the authorities to file charges against her."

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Guys have to work at reclaiming masculinity

Adam · 13 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes "
One of the most openly misandric articles I have read for quite some time. Right from the beginning, the tone of the piece is defiantly vituperate, with quotations such as: 'Males are, in many ways, parasites upon their partners.' Hornblow continues her salvo by villifying the status of men in education, work, and the family. In conclusion, she argues that, the only way in which modern man may legitimately reclaim his (forbidden) masculinity is through reducing himself to the 'lowest common denominator': thus, embracing the traditional 'bachelor' stereotype. If that doesn't appeal, Hornblow advises buying a copy of Steve Jones' book, "Y: The Descent of Man", and indulging in some real gender autolysis."

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Site answers many questions on Russian women

Adam · 13 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Hey, if you are still at all interested in marriage, maybe start by reading this site It seems to answer a lot of questions about such arrangements that are very hard to get answered elsewhere.*

I would have submitted this under the topic "For the Gambling Man", but there was no such one. :) "Divorce" was the closest I could find. But apparently the divorce rate among US men and Russian women is less than half that of marriages between US men and women, so there still may be hope for some of us, at least, of a decent chance at something like a (more) predictably safe(r) kind of 'traditional' relationship with a woman -- you know, the old fashioned kind wherein the woman doesn't seem to hate the man for no apparent reason and then runs off with his kids in a few years, leaving him with the bill."

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His Side: Does NOW Represent Young Women?

Adam · 14 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User writes "*At its annual conference this weekend on the theme of "The Drive Towards Equality," NOW struggled to win the loyalties of many women in their 20s and 30s. A diverse panel of young women discussed NOW, mainstream feminism, and gender issues on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles on Sunday, July 13. To listen to the show live via the Internet, go to His Side*"

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Woman admits to false accusations.

D · 15 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

angry_young_men writes *"Woman admits rape lies. She talked her kids into lying on her behalf too - heavy stuff."*

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MANN Chat: NH Men's Commission Finally Becomes Reality

Scott · 15 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will be hosting this week's MANN chat in Steve Imparl's place. The topic for this chat will be the new NH Commission on the Status of Men and its future. This Wednesday, NH Governor Craig Benson will announce the final two nominations for the NH Commission on the Status of Men. This is the final step we've been waiting for since last May when former Governor Jeanne Shaheen signed the bill into law. What kinds of strategies do you think the NH Men's Commission should use, given its mission? And how do you think it can overcome the problem of its complete lack of funding? Join us Wednesday night, July 16, starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time in the usual place for a discussion of this topic.

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Many Men's Response to Our Anti-Male Culture

Thomas · 15 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

WHOA!

Here's an essay on how feminism is leading to anti-social behavior by men. I'd say it hits quite a few nails on the head.

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Two men having a baby together : how it works

Adam · 16 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

rage writes *"As some of you already know, scientists managed to make eggs out of male embryonic stem cells a few weeks ago. Following this step towards male reproductive independance, here is an explanation of the whole process to enabling two men to have a baby who is genetically theirs. Note that a donor is required for the first egg used to cloning the man willing to obtain an egg of his own, but once one woman has given an egg, then theorically no more women are needed for every man interested in the experiment, as scientists then have at disposal a virtual infinite supply of eggs thanks to embryonic male stem cells."*

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Child Support and Fatherhood

Adam · 16 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"The John Walsh Show, a talk show on during the day, did the entire show today (7/15/2003) on fathers forced into fathering children of other men after the wife cheats and doesn't tell the husband. Here's a link to the website giving details of the show. One guy didn't find out until after the divorce because of one of his children's medical problems, that 3 of his 4 children weren't his. If it weren't for that, he still wouldn't know the truth. Another guy didn't find out until after his wife died. A year later, the biological father who had had an affair with the wife, claimed that he was the child's biological father and sought full custody of the child. Naturally, the wife and John Walsh, in the first case, were more on the side of the man sucking it up and continuing to father the children and pay child support ($1100 per month!) for the SAKE OF THE CHILDREN. Don't you get sick of that "for the sake of the children" crap being used whenever it's convenient?"*

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Divorce, Custody, and Visitation: Japanese Style

Thomas · 17 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Men, who think they're going to get a fair deal by marrying foreign (especially Japanese) women, should read this. As fair warning, take note of the statement, "Even if children are taken away from a parent abroad who has legal custody and are brought here, Japan is a haven from international law."

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Feminism Today

Thomas · 17 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Here's another good essay on the societal train wreck known as feminism.

Granted, there are some points in the essay that trouble me. First of all, the author, George Rolph, seems to buy into the fallacy that women were far more oppressed than men in the past. He also seems to feel a need to be some *type* of feminist, judging by his apparent comfort with what he believes feminism's earliest ideals were--"removing from society those things which discriminate against the female gender in particular and both genders in general." That sounds rather like the statement from "Animal Farm," "All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others."

Still, it's a damn good read.

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Divorce Great For Men?

Thomas · 17 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Do you all buy this?*

Looks like just another feminist-created phony survey that claims just the opposite of what the truth really is.

What does everybody here think? How many here know divorced men who feel they gained financially after the divorce?"

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"Judging Amy" supports paternity fraud

D · 17 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

amperro writes *"July 8 CBS ran an episode of "Judging Amy" about a woman suing her husband for more child support, and then reveals that he isn't the real father! Then Judge Amy Gray threatens to put HIM (not her!) in jail! Frankly, if we are to win the war on paternity fraud, we need to call for the prosecution and imprisonment of the mothers, rather than just relief from child support orders."*

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NCFM-DC Press conference covered in news

Adam · 18 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mcc99 writes *"See: The Washington Times they got our name not quite right - but if you search on the name given in Google, you'll find us!"*

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Double Standards

Adam · 18 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"Indian Supreme Court has ruled that different retirement age for male and female flight attendants in Air India does not violate the Indian constitution. Currently, the retirement age is 58 and 50 respectively. This was challenged on the ground that it is based on gender discrimination and therefore violates article 14 of the constitution. Feminists have demanded a review of the verdict. You can find a sample article at here. The law on DV in India discriminates against men but feminists have never taken up the issue. If a man subjects his wife to cruelty, he can go to jail for upto 3 years, and cruelty is defined in the most general manner as "any wilful act which is likely to drive her to kill herself or causes or is likely to cause grave danger to her life, limb or health (whether physical or mental)". A woman subjecting her husband to cruelty is not a crime at all!"*

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Bush Drops the Ball on Title IX Reform

Adam · 18 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Chuck Jones writes *"The Bush Education Department last Friday affirmed the use of destructive gender quotas in enforcing Title IX in school athletics. These quotas result in eliminating thousands of opportunities for male wrestlers, swimmers, etc., Recently on a 60 Minutes special, a male athlete who loved wrestling all his life but was suddenly told that he couldn't play because he was male, said "I pray that I have daughters because that's the only way they'll have any opportunities to play."*

Please follow the URL to take action today and show your disapproval of this cave-in to the quota-advocate gender feminists.

URL: here"

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Posing a Question to Men's Activists

D · 19 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Do men have to wage a Marxist Class(gender) War in order to get fair treatment? Hitler's brand of marxist class war consisted of bloated statistics, vile political cartoons, insinuating and biased "scientific research" studies among other things. Pretty much like many of the feminist research models we see today. I am asking, is it necessary for men's rights groups to 'lie', to inflate statistics, to create a manufactured reality and to drive home dramatic overtones that paralize society with distrust and division in order to advance our agenda, just in order to be heard and considered? Its a 'at what length will we go to acheive our goal' sort of thought. Will we retain respect and dignaty with our objectives? A special thanks to Wendy McElroy, Trudy Schuett, Dianna Thompson and Christina Hoff Sommers for thier relentless efforts for the co-operative love of both sexes.

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Calling Pager is DV in New Jersey

D · 19 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *""In a 5-0 decision, the court said even a fit father with joint custody and liberal visitation rights does not have an automatic right to know the whereabouts of his child....Cynthia Sacharow accused him [her husband] of domestic violence because he repeatedly called her pager. She said he was harassing and stalking her, acts considered domestic violence under New Jersey law...." Gees. This basically says it all. A father can be fit, reputable, have visitation rights and it can be lost if he calls an x-wife's pager too many times in an attempt to visit a child. To qualify all a woman must do in New Jersey is call the police and report to a domestic violence (DV) shelter. If anybody still doubts that DV shelters are actually family destructions units they must be out-of-their-friggin minds!"*

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Fred on Marriage

Thomas · 21 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Here's Fred's take on marrying in the US today. I suspect he'd say something similar about marriage in much of the rest of the English speaking world. (Note the exception of Singapore.)

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Society's Wake-Up Call To Men's Health

D · 22 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

locksley2k writes *"The Long Island newspaper, Newsday, ran this article today acknowledging the exsistence of the health care crsis for men in this country.*

Of course the author had to make a comment on the tired argument of who's the weaker sex question and a snide remark that concludes men are dying for the same reason they don't ask for directions.
However the problem is being recognized and that's what counts.Then again part of the problem is us, if men in general show more intrest in their own health the rest will follow."

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A Call to Activists, Journalists and Protesters

D · 22 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Warble has recently brought it to my attention that men are going to jail for refusing to pay child support to children that are not theirs. Resisting the tyranny of the state. I urge writers from men's news daily, journalists or activists alike to see what can be done about this. Is it possible to get interviews from some of the men who have gone to jail? For an investigative reporter this is a good story because a special note should be made of these men. Im sure there is more on this topic that I have overlooked. At the very least a mention on men's news daily. If anyone has a link on this issue I can use please send it to the admin email. It is the type of news that mainstream steers from, but it is news.

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Men Barred From Outdoors--For Equality

Thomas · 23 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The mayor of a Spanish town has barred men (1, 2) from the outdoors on Thursday nights. Any man caught outside during the all-male curfew will be fined, and the money will be given to "groups that deal with domestic violence and equality between the sexes."

This sort of thing has been done elsewhere, I think in Bogota, Columbia, and the feminists in Boulder, Colorado, have proposed barring men from the outdoors on a regular basis.

Remember how blacks used to be barred from the outdoors unless they were accompanied by an owner?

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Men, Marriage, and 'Finding your Nuts'

Adam · 24 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User writes "*Glenn Sacks discussed men, marriage and how men can be "married and happy" with men's counselor Wayne Levine, M.A., director of the West Coast Men's Center on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles on Sunday, July 20.*

Levine stressed the importance of men "finding their nuts"--their "nonnegotiable, unalterable terms" in their marriages, and criticized traditional marriage counseling as being bad for men. To listen to the show archive, go to His Side"

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Race, sex, and age drive speeding

Adam · 24 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"This study reveals that minorities and men are least likely to receive warnings as opposed to tickets for speeding in a car. That there is a pattern of differential treatment between men and women is clear and it adds up to an estimated cost of $25 million a year in traffic fines and higher insurance premiums - just in MA alone. It is safe to assume that any interpretive interaction with a police officer probably yields harsher results for men, this is especially so in alleged domestic violence matters where men are always assumed guilty. The fact that intentional discrimination violates the constitution's equal protection guarantee seems to have little meaning when men are victimized by our own government.*

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Sean Hannity exposes double standard

Adam · 25 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mark writes *"Sean Hannity, host of the nation's 2nd most listened to talk radio show, discussed at length today the blatant double standard in the way rape accusers are treated in comparison to the accused. This was in regard to the Kobe Bryant situation. He acknowleged that while women's lives can in fact be ruined by rapes (a point that a female caller kept screaming at him), men's lives can be ruined by false accusations of rape. The majority of the callers overall (probably 60% or so) agreed with him, while about 30% or so of the women agreed. To anyone who is familiar with Hannity, this is definitely significant. He has been known to side with women in nearly every case split along gender lines. He is of the old school "men are naturally bad and women are naturally pure" train of thought. I've heard him tell his female callers to refuse to go out with any guy who doesn't pay for EVERYTHING. But, this appears to signal a potential change. At the very least, it signals an awareness. The topic will also be on tonight's Hannity & Colmes (9pm EST, FoxNews). We can contact him to thank him at hannity@foxnews.com"*

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Tom Leykis makes a stand

Adam · 25 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

A double post here: Matt writes *"Discussed here, Note how the article ends:*

"'This is a violation of privacy, and in that way, it is very much, psychologically, like a rape,' said Patricia Saunders, director of the Graham Windham Manhattan Mental Health Center in New York."

OK, so openly accusing a man of a crime for which he is presumed innocent (supposedly) until proven guilty (as if he isn't assumed guilty by "virtue" of the mere accusation) is not a violation of his privacy-- but revealing the name of the accuser is, and if she is female and is charging him with rape, she is thus being raped again.
But what is happening to him is just fine.

I continue to be surprised, but really, why should I be?"

Hunsvotti writes *"On Tuesday, July 22, 2003, radio host Tom Leykis revealed the name of the woman who has accused Kobe Bryant of rape on his nationally-syndicated radio show. Since then, there have been well over 100 media reports covering the revelation. Tom Leykis' e-mail has been flooded with hundreds of letters, many (all?) of which are displayed here. The e-mails ranged from staunch support to incredulous outrage. One woman taglined her e-mail with "Grow up you stupid bastard .....oh and watch out." Another woman wrote "...However, I do feel it unjust for a woman to accuse someone (anyone) of rape, then hide and request anonymity." The saddest part was the men who derided him for outing the accuser. Don't they realize how vulnerable they are to false accusations? Whether or not Kobe Bryant raped this girl is irrelevant - you can't drag the accused through the mud before they've even had a trial, while vehemently insisting that the accuser should have full anonymity."*

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The Mommy Dearest to the Max

Adam · 25 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes ″

This is a story about hideous monster called Theresa Cross.

She murdered her 'first husband' when she was 18 and got away with it by playing the abuse excuse card in court. This was in the early 1960's! She then killed two of her daughters and plea bargained. Before she killed her two siblings she ruled her brood for years with a venomous brutality that would make Ghenghis Khan blush.

Theresa Cross is epitomizes the denial society is in when it comes to female domestic violence. For years this cretin carried on a reign of terror against her family that would never have been tolerated if she were a man."

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No Man Could Do this!

Adam · 26 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Tuesday night on Dateline, they did a story about a child who during his first year or two, developed severe and frequent epileptic seizures. Many each day. Doctors tried different drugs and the seizures weren't diminishing. Frustrated, the father did some heavy research and found out about a specific diet (low carb) known about at least 50 years ago to diminish or stop seizures in children) but no doubt isn't readily known or utilized because it doesn't utilize drugs. He took his child to the actual doctor (retired now) who discovered the effects of this diet on child epilepsy. Turns out this diet has a 50%-70% success rate. In this case, it stopped the seizures completely until the child grew out of the problem at 7 years of age.*

To make a long story short, Hollywood found out about this and did/is doing a movie about this case. Guess who's playing the father. Meryl Streep! MERYL STREEP!!!!! **MERYL STREEP!!!!**

Are we fighting a losing battle???? I still can't believe the chutzpuh!"

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His Side: Bush Caves in to Feminists on Title IX

Adam · 26 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User writes "*Largely due to Title IX, over 350 men's collegiate athletic teams have been cut over the past two decades. Glenn will discuss the feminist assault on men's collegiate athletics and the recent Bush cave-in on Title IX reform with Charlotte Hays, senior editor of the Independent Women's Forum, and Leo Kocher, Board President of the College Sports Council, on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles at 11 PM on Sunday, July 27. To listen to the show live via the Internet, go to His Side*

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NCFM suing battered women's shelters

Adam · 26 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

HombreVIII writes *"Three cheers to Angelucci and the National Coalition of Free Men, who have decided to represent Eldon Ray Blumhorst in a suit against battered women's shelters for discrimination.*
From the article -
"According to the complaint, Eldon Ray Blumhorst's civil rights were violated when he called each of the Los Angeles County shelters last December telling them he "needed shelter from domestic violence perpetrated against him" and none of the shelters took him in."

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Oh My God.

Adam · 26 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"The story speaks for itself. Click here"* Now this is a bit of a weird one, don't know quite what to make of it.

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Australia considering quotas for government boards

Adam · 27 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

HombreVIII writes *"From the article .... The poor turnout has prompted calls for quotas of up to 50 per cent, to set an example to industry.*
"I don't think that (figure) is a bad thing," SA Water chief executive and board member Anne Howe said."

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MSN.com: What's a home-maker worth?

Adam · 27 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"MSN is at it again with: this*

Actually, accoring to our old friend Jed Abraham (author of "From Courtship to the Courtroom"), being a homemaker is worth half of whatever it is your husband made when you were being a home-maker (male home-makers don't get similar consideration).
Some more from MSN:
here as well
What's the lesson here for the gals? Divorce the sucker while you still can~
Get this, too:
and here as well
This beaut finishes with:
"Also on the bright side, discovering that a second income really doesn't contribute much financially can free a spouse to learn new skills, go back to school, pursue an unprofitable dream career or launch a home-based business that may pay little during the first few years. If you're going to work for free, after all, you might as well enjoy it."

I.e., let your husband finance your get-set-to-divorce plans so after you take him for half he's worth, get the kids, get his $ flowing in alimony and C/S, you can still go get a job, too! Wooo!!! *Thuch* a deal!"

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Media trend - Sympathetic regard for violent women

Adam · 27 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"A typical trend in the media that deserves attention is how females who commit acts of violence often get sympathetic regard and complete consideration concerning what may have lead to these actions. Here is a story about a woman who did an armed carjacking, a 33-mile chase, rammed several police cars and struck a state trooper and the article is sympathetic and inquires for reasons why it happened. The report goes on to bring up custody issues (rare case where a couple lost custody), and how someone feared she was fleeing an "abusive spouse," I would like to add that another car chase occurred around the same time that involved a male, and both got media attention, but there has been no follow up about what happened in a sympathetic light for his case. If a man had done this, he would be charged criminally – no matter what, end of story."*

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1st Men's Issues Study opening in Oregon

Adam · 28 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

HombreVIII writes *"Many of us have lamented about the lack of men's issues sections in our local bookstores, but for Gordon Clay a men's issues* ***section*** *isn't good enough. Gordon is the owner of the new Men's Issues Study, a* ***library*** *soon to be opened in southern Oregon. After having toured 26 US states with thousands of men's issues books, cassettes, and videos in his Browser Bookmobile, Mr. Clay has created a new home for them by personally funding the construction of a suitable building to house them out of his own savings. The building was completed on July 19th and the shelves are expected to be fully stocked in August."*

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Suzy Whaley - A Winner even when a Loser

Adam · 28 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Rob writes *"Like another female golfer, Anneka Sorenstam, this story paints Suzy Whaley as a crusader for women and a winner even when a loser. There are a number of issues with this type of reporting. Firstly, her male golf partners were "exemplary" because they allowed her onto the green first to take the applause. Mindless chivalry? She played "for women and their daughters" and "carried herself with the dignity...of champions". Leaving aside the fact she qualified by "beating" men (she was allowed to play from the Ladies tees in the qualifying tournament), she ended up about 146th out of 150. Hardly a winner! I'm firmly for equality, but this incessant focus and reporting slant that women are taking on and "beating" men is pointless and surely just riles the men. In addition, how do the jobbing pros on the PGA Tour feel about a place being taken in the Open by a qualifier who did not have to meet their qualifying criteria?"*

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I Refuse To Be Pigeonholed

Adam · 28 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Garth writes *"This intelligent article discusses how, these days, superficial things (skin colour, sex, sexual orientation) are used to measure how "worthy" your opinions are, and how this approach in fact works towards conformity rather than diversity."*

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Sacks Blasts Those Harassing Kobe's Accuser

D · 29 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Men's and fathers' issues radio talk-show host Glenn Sacks blasted those threatening and harassing the alleged victim in the Kobe Bryant rape case, calling them "demented animals" on his Los Angeles talk show His Side with Glenn Sacks. The entire statement, which Sacks read on his Sunday, July 27 show on KRLA AM 870 can be found on the underlined hyperlink.

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Toronto Star column attacks fathers' rights advocates

D · 29 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

HombreVIII writes *"Michelle Landsberg slams father's rights activist in this article entitled* ***Children of divorce need our protection****. A few excerpts - "The fathers' rights activists have shrewdly thrown up a fog of misstatement, false "anecdotes" and outright lies designed to elicit public sympathy. The first whopper: "Every child has a right to two parents" and "Kids need fathers.""*

- "A loving father, of course, is a boon to any child. But just any old father? A drunk, a batterer, a tyrant, an infantile male supremacist? A man who stalks his ex-wife through the courts? I don't think so."

- "Maybe fathers are being bamboozled by their own propaganda."

Maybe Ms. Landsberg is so bamboozled by her propaganda that she inadvertantly slipped and attacked fathers in that statement instead of father's activists."

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UK Father's rights group stage protest

Adam · 29 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

HombreVIII writes *"Fathers-4-Justice has been getting a lot of press in the UK for their demonstrations this summer. Perhaps this is because they demonstrate in biohazard overalls while setting off air raid sirens? Find out more here."*

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30 Reasons Why Feminists Really Are 'Feminazis'

Thomas · 30 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Angry Harry has written an interesting list of similarities between Nazism and feminism.

If his article entitled "30 Reasons Why Feminists Really Are 'Feminazis'" isn't at the top of the page after today, you might have to scroll down or search for it.

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MANN Chat: An Activist by Any Other Name

Steve · 30 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I will host this week's MANN chat on
Wednesday night (7/30), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location.
The topic will be "An Activist by Any Other Name." As activists, we work in a world of words. Therefore, we have to be careful about the words we use to advance men's issues. But what are the right words? If we use some words, we will alienate men--and women--who could be allies. On the other hand, if we try to be too "nice" and please everyone, we'll drive ourselves mad. Where is a workable balance? What are the words that "push people's buttons"? How can we use them, or avoid using them, to communicate most effectively? Join us to talk about the role of language in men's activism.

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American Women should be Outraged!

D · 31 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

An up and coming writer and past president of the Independant Women's Club, Amber Pawlick, has written an article (click here) that starts like this "American women should be outraged. Not because of their supposed oppression over the years, not because of over inflated rape statistics that are always being beat into their brains, but because American women have been starved of one of the greatest values open to them while living life on earth – masculinity. " It is an enjoyable read and I hope you like it as much as I did. As a minor forwarning: this woman is hetrosexual.

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His Side: Seattle Press Brands Cops Batterers

Adam · 31 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User writes *"The pro-feminist Seattle press recently launched an assault on Washington state police officers with the publication of a series of hit pieces on the alleged link between cops and domestic violence.*
Glenn will discuss this anti-male press campaign with domestic violence activist Greg Schmidt and criminal defense attorney Lisa Scott on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles at 11 PM on Sunday, August 3. To listen to the show live via the Internet, go to Listen Live His Side.

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Susan Reimer blames men again

Adam · 31 July 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Read all about it here. It's a bit more of the same, so you know how it goes.

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Rape law permits changing mind during sex act

Adam · 1 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Ryan writes *"SPRINGFIELD, Illinois (AP) -- A new rape law in Illinois attempts to clarify the issue of consent by emphasizing that people can change their mind while having sex.*

Under the law, if someone says "no" at any time the other person must stop or it becomes rape. The National Crime Victim Law Institute said it believed the law is the first of its kind in the country.

Read more at here" Napnip also submitted this link and said *"Not sure if this has been submitted yet, but a law just passed in Illinois will allow someone (probably only women) to consent to sex, then change her mind during the act. If the man doesn't immediately stop, he can be charged with rape. Question: Will a man be able to use this law as well?*

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Scarborough Update

Adam · 1 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mark writes *"Tonight's Scarborough Country (10pm EST on MSNBC) will feature an article on the anti-male bias inherent in rape shield laws. If this posts too late, I believe MSNBC may re-run the show at 1am EST. Also, Wednesday's show featured Tom Leykis, a popular talk-show host out of LA and a men's right's advocate (in an odd way) who has received alot of attention lately for naming (Kate Faber) as Kobe's accuser."*

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Another celebrity ruined then cleared

Adam · 1 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Rob writes *"I wearily report another story of a Celebrity being accused of sexual assault only for all the charges to be dropped today. The prosecution have "come into possession of further material that has led to the charges against the defendant being reviewed". The reasons for the charges being dropped are not being revealed as it would be "unfair to the complainant". She is of course anonymous. He has of course lost his high-profile TV presenting job and been a social leper for almost a year. You can comment on the story here."*

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Of Men, Female Companionship, and Nooses

Thomas · 2 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This editorial is a mixed bag, as far as I'm concerned, but it makes a few good points and may inspire some interesting discussion. At least the author, Marianne M. Jennings, states, "Some professional athletes need to worry about even being alone with their wives, but that's a story for another time," and "What man is safe from accusations if he spends time alone with a woman these days?"

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Schlessinger Devalues Males to Speck of Sperm

Adam · 2 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"As usual we find this conservative female appealing to chauvinism and blaming the male when he objects to her bigotry. I've never cared much for Schlessinger, but now I know that I dislike her because she is an anti-male bigot. In this article, "Sperm donor or the father?" we find her devaluing a the natural father of a child to a speck of fluid while elevating the mother to near god-like stature. If Schlessinger were not a bigot then we would find her considering the mother to be nothing more than an egg donor. Instead Schlessinger promotes permitting the mother superior rights by permitting the mother to randomly choose any male to be the father while dehumanizing the natural father to a speck of fluid. Clearly, there is no doubt that if the mother went on welfare, had the male named as the father and assigned paternity, obtained oppressive child support obligations, and the male fell behind due to unemployment that Schlessinger would label him a deadbeat dad and spew her hate. What is also interesting is that Schlessinger spends so much time explaining and excusing her blow-up when the male objects to her hate speech. Naturally, Schlessinger believes the male is at fault."*

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Divorce makes men richer - July Men's Hour

Adam · 2 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"The July Men's Hour is out; Including "Divorce makes men richer", "Western Authors Book Look - 16th August, Arizona", "Male Suffrage - Heard of it?", "NOW convention - Fun workshops?". News items including - Boys read, they just don't read books - Low pay a choice? - Marriage tames genius - Father suicides - Women lie about their sex lives. And there's now a forum; Fathers-4-Justice 27th July protest photos and a transcript."*

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A refreshing take on the Kobe saga.

Adam · 3 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond writes *"I was listening to the Larry Elder show today and heard about FreeKobeBryant.net. Larry got a kick out of it, so i decided to check it out. They seem to have a refreshing and sometimes hilarious take on the entire Kobe controversy."*

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Men are promiscuous down to their genes?

Adam · 4 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Jen writes *"Another slam on men supposedly proven by science. While later in the article the writer concedes that women lie on the tests if privacy is not guarenteed, the most adament points are made in the beginning as hard fact. Many of the social observations made are 20 years outdated, as not many parents in the post-AIDS, 'rape' happy age encourage their boys to have sex at all. "*

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Why women make better managers?!

Adam · 4 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Again we can see another feminist who promotes her sexist materials with prejudiced ideas and excessive love and admiration for her and her counterparts ideas and usage of them as generalized and proven scientific facts. Go and read the article"*

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Men and Alcoholism

D · 5 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This is an area I don't think I've seen very much of in regards to men's activism. Though I think women are suseptible to this as well, from what I know it is mostly men who suffer from alcoholism. Go to this LINK and have a look at the subliminal messaging this ad expert is describing to us. I found the site to be very informative overall and is worth looking at in regards to media, marketing and conditioning of the masses. Also make sure to read this LINK Perhaps not all alcoholics are born some are made.

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Watermelons Are In Season!!!

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The Viagra Monologues, by a New Zealand playwright, is reportedly an answer to The Vagina Monologues. The Viagra Monologues is receiving good reviews and might be worth seeing. Is anyone in NZ on this board, able to check this out, and willing to report to us? I might want to suggest to a local acting troupe that they put it on.

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A Good Website

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This is a rather large Website, so I've only been able to read a bit of it. So far, it seems quite good, despite the fact that it uses frames (Yuck!).

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You go, Australian boys !

Adam · 6 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

rage writes *"It seems that people in Australia are beginning to be aware of the various discriminations most boys face in schools because of the feminist indoctrination.....*

And this time, it is not everyday people who become aware but rather authorities and officials themselves, and the message is being displayed in the mainstream media !

Check

this out and
and this

In the USA, things are also beginning, though slowly, to change : the media are more boy-friendly than previously. Some more

here as well,

good news at last.

And for the example, you can see as follows the usual denials
of feminists who systematically refuse to acknowledge gender-bias against boys."

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Conservative women on modern manhood (Bah!)

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Hi, we're a bunch of conservatives who talk about masculinity over here after 9/11 we remembered that we needed the nearest man to save us from ourselves, because ya know, we're not the ones with abilities around here. We're the worst of both worlds for you men, as we're feminist enough to beat you over the head with a pseudo-moral club, but conservative enough to think you exist only to be un-emotional expendables. Either we way don't care, we just want you to be whatever we need you to be, your basic humanity be damned. We want it all, and you better provide, even through we'll give you nothing in return, not even the most basic pretence of lip service. And of course being men you're morally inferior anyway, so we're doing you a favour.

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MANN Chat: "No" means "no"? Implications for Men

Steve · 6 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This week's MANN chat will be held on
Wednesday night (8/6), starting at 9:30 PM Eastern Time, at the
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/chat.shtml">usual location.
The topic will be "'No' Means 'No'? Implications for Men."
Illinois recently enacted a
href="http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=093-0389">law
that allows a person who consented to sexual activity to withdraw that
consent at any time. (MANN's coverage of the law is
href="http://www.mensactivism.org/article.pl?sid=03/08/01/1641235">here.)
How often does this situation really arise? Do we really need a
law to deal with it? Is this just an overreaction to one
publicized case Is it another example of Oliver Wendell
Holmes' maxim, "Hard cases make bad law"? What are the
implications for men? Join us to share ideas about how to deal
with such laws and the hysteria that drives them.

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Men Finally Win A Gender Discrimination Lawsuit!!!

Adam · 7 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *" Well, well the proverbial worm has finally turned in this case anyway.*
Two men in California got an out of court settlement to the tune of over $100,000 dollars for being discriminated against because of their gender. The culprit was the infamous "ladies night discount" gimmick used by wateringholes to draw in more female customers and thus supposedly more horny men looking to score. It seems to only perpetuate the negative stereotypes of men.

Notice the not too subtle misandric catty remark at the end of the article. Sounds like someone has been eating sour grapes to me!"

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Talking About Tears

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I just chanced upon this article by Katharine Winans talking about tears, and I thought you folks might be interested. That's all for now.

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His Side: UC Bans Faculty-Student Relationships

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Anon User writes "*The University of California Regents recently passed new rules banning most faculty-student romantic relationships. CSULB professor Barry Dank, Ph.D. calls this the "bureaucratization of sexuality," and criticizes the new policy as an "unethical intrusion into personal and private relationships."*

Dank will discuss the new ban, the John Dwyer/Boalt Hall controversy, and anti-male sexual harassment hysteria on campus on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles at 11 PM on Sunday, August 10. To listen to the show live via the Internet, go to His Side"

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Ask Ads 7

Adam · 8 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This week, we're looking at counter arguments, ever been in a debate about men's issues and been kept on the defensive for lack of a good counter argument? Post the arguments you had the most trouble countering, and we'll help you to turn the pressure back on them.

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Powerpuff girls episode reflect current Feminist s

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Firey Outbreak writes *"WEll, not sure if this has been posted before, but I think the Episode Equal Fights reflects the state of feminism quite nicely. It is about a feminist villain who persuades thePowerpuff Girls (the superheroines of the cartoon) not to attack her because "girls need to stick up to each other". Read the rest of this in the read more section.*
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Femme Fatale: Oh?hello, girls. I didn?t expect to see you here. Hear you?ve been kicking some male butt. Good for you!

(No response. Blossom keeps flipping her coin.)

Femme Fatale: (starting across street) Keep up the good work. (They do not move.)

Buttercup: Susan B. Anthony coins, huh?

Bubbles: Do you even know who she was?

Femme Fatale: Er?she was?uh?um?

Buttercup: Once upon a time, women weren?t allowed to do much of anything.

Bubbles: Susan B. Anthony knew that that was wrong.

Blossom: In 1872, she broke the law by voting. (Back to Femme Fatale, watching the coin; she continues o.c.) And even though she was found guilty, the feds wanted to go easy on her.

Girls: (from o.c.) Because she was a girl!

Blossom: (from o.c.) And not send her to jail.

Femme Fatale: (stammering) Well, you?you know, she was this?well, men?girls should?oh, man!

(She drops the sack and makes a break for it, but Buttercup cuts her off.)

Buttercup: Susan B. Anthony didn?t want special treatment. She wanted to be treated equally.

(Femme Fatale backs up a bit and bolts in a different direction; this time, Bubbles intercepts.)

Bubbles: She demanded that she be sent to jail, just like any man who broke the law.

(Again the robber backs away before trying to escape, but Blossom stops her after only a couple of steps. The coin is produced and held aloft; extreme close-up of her face.)

Blossom: And that?s exactly what we?re gonna do to you.

If only hard-core feminists demanded to be thrown in jail like any man lik they used to. Instead, now, they claim psychological abuse and demand the men to go to jail."

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TAKE BACK SOCIETY!

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Shattered Men writes *"TAKE BACK SOCIETY!*

Our society is being held hostage by gender feminist.
They hold our Business, Courts, Health care system, Schools, Colleges and society in general hostage.

Isn't it about time for us to TAKE BACK SOCIETY?

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Company Encourages Domestic Violence

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Member 29? submits "I wish to submit the company, "Factory Mattress" for our list of companies to be boycotted. Their latest ad on TV starts out showing a woman's face, totally annoyed as she's lying awake in bed. We see her being moved up and down and hear the bed creaking as her husband is repeatedly tossing and turning beside her. Suddenly without warning, she takes a frying pan that she apparently has "at the ready" in her left hand and soundly knocks her husband in the head with it. Evidently knocked out while in his sleep, he immediately becomes motionless. Is it OK for spouses to hit their companion in the head with a frying pan to stop their tossing and turning in bed if they can't afford one of Factory Mattress' new mattresses? Are there people who could get this message? If a woman hits her husband in this way and he doesn't get knocked out, is it OK for him to hit her back in the same way? Or maybe with something much bigger and more lethal to ensure it never happens again?"

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The Pink Bloque

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Matt writes *"Comments?*

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A379 61-2003Jul23.html"

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letter published on domestic violence

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Boy Genteel writes *"I'm published often in the PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS. This appeared today (July 23rd, 2003):*

I agree with Kim Elton (July 15) that women aren't to "blame" for most of the violence inflicted on them, but I'm not sure I understand her other point, that men are "taught" that it is OK to abuse.

I think we do a pretty decent job of trying to steer men away from violence. Unfortunately, we're at the same time dropping the ball when it comes to violent women, as various media seem to give them the green light for letting out their anger onto another person.

So when dozens of studies indicate that women initiate domestic abuse approximately as often as men, they're dismissed as unimportant." Maybe Kim Elton should see the Factory Mattress comercial?

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More Shenanigans from AZCADV

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"Remember the CANOW Report?*

Not to be outdone, the AZ Coalition FOR Domestic Violence has produced one if its own. This time they've interviewed a big, whopping, 57 angry girls (surely that must represent a trend) and will present this to the AZ state Committee on Domestic Relations.

To see a copy of this and the call to action sent out to their supporters yesterday, go to:

DesertLightJournalAZDV

They complain about this report being suppressed -- OK, let's help 'em out here! ;>)

If you live in AZ, send this to your county attorney and/or state representive in legislature with your comments. The girls of the AZCFDV also accuse the state committee of making this a political issue. Like they didn't establish the whole situation as a political one themselves? Yeah, right."

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Lawsuit Victory

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Anonymous User writes ″

Here is another article about a man winning a gender discrimination lawsuit. I personally think he should have gotten a much larger monetary settlement but a win is a win. Enjoy!"

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Megan's Law

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Having recieved an email discussing "Megan's Law", I'd like to share it with the rest of the men's activism community. If anyone can help or knows of this law and can explain it fully please do so. It appears from this woman's comments that a number of young boys are being treated cruelly in true Nazi style brutality. Go to 'read more comments' to see her email. Stop the injustice being done to her son and others.Sirs,

I am seeking any kind of help or advise regarding the over use of the sex offender laws in California against teenage boys.

There are hundreds, maybe thousands, of teen boys 14 through 17 who are charged with a sex offense called PC 288(a), this is a lewd act with a minor 14 or under. This means, if a 14 to 17 year old boy and a 13 to 14 year old girl are engaged in any kind of consensual contact, ie. kissing, fondling, even holding hands, the boy is guilty of a felony if his actions causes a sexual desire in himself or the girl. The girl is not held responsible for her conduct because she is not "old enough" to give consent to the contact, even if she initiates the contact, lies about her age, or misleads the boy in any way.

Many parents find this avenue through the DA when a statutory rape charge cannot be pursued; both kids are virgins. If the boy has even a minor juvenile record, it is common for the Judge to send these boys to the California Youth Authority for up to 8 years. Once the boys survive the brutality of the CYA, if they survive, they must then register as sex offenders for the rest of their lives. There have been suicides at CYA due to the fear of being targeted by the cruel and corrupt staff.

I have found that it is more typical for a rural county to commit on this charge.

Please do not confuse this PC 288(a) with a more serious charge PC 288a, the two are VERY different. A great deal of the abuse towards these boys while in the CYA is due to the staff's ignorance of the law and the difference between the two offenses.

Please forward this e mail to anyone who could help or give some guidance.

Laura Belmont

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Father's For Life

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This has to be one of the most extensive web sites I have seen in regards to men's issues. It is solid with facts, facts, facts. I must warn you that there is a musical theme on the web page that plays for a few minuts, so if you have any other programs going or your stereo is on, be forwarned. This website has to be a five star site that is enourmous with information and useable citations. FATHERS FOR LIFE

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Sacks Signs Syndication Deal with Salem Radio

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Men's rights radio talk show host and columnist Glenn Sacks recently announced the signing of a syndication agreement with the Salem Radio Network to bring his Los Angeles-based radio talk show, His Side with Glenn Sacks, to Seattle. The show, currently heard on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles, will begin airing on September 7 on KKOL AM 1300 in Seattle, putting His Side in two of the top three radio markets on the West Coast.
To learn more, go to This link at Men's News Daily.

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Older Women - Become Lesbians!

Adam · 11 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *" Women are coming to the conclusion that they are no longer attractive to men at older ages, plus men don't live as long as women, so what's the solution? Become lesbians! Notice that no mention is made as to possibly discerning why they are not attractive to men, how they could make themselves more attractive to men, or possibly support research to solve the problem of men dying earlier. Noooooooo! Become lesbians!*

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The Marriage Strike

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Wendy McElroy has written a fine article on the marriage strike being waged by an increasing number of men. In her article, Wendy refers to this insightful article by Matt Weeks.

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More On Why Feminism Is Feminazism

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Carey Roberts has written another fine essay. This one, "Feminism's Thousand Year Reich," describes a number of similarities between Nazism and feminism.

When are men gonna wake up?

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"Family" Violence Prevention Fund

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Anonymous User writes *"Hiding under the veil of "family" this site has even recruited the Yankees to spread their one sided message. Check out the Yankees commercial on the right of the page. I just saw it watching the game...http://endabuse.org/"*

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MANN Chats Taking Summer Break

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To give the guys on the MANN Admins team and all of our faithful supporters a break, our weekly MANN chats are taking a summer vacation. Therefore, there will be no chats scheduled for the next 6 Wednesdays. Our chats will resume on Wednesday, September 24, 2003. As we get closer to that date, we'll post announcements about the time and the topic. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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Two "conservatives" on rape shield laws

Adam · 13 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Well well, if there's one thing two certain groups love, it's attacking the nearest man through his kids or sexuality, and in
these two cases, it's the latter. As Maggie Gallagher asks
Should rape
shields hold? And Kathleen Parker says Naming rape victims may liberate the rapist I hope you notice
how feminists put women first if it comes to a throwdown between the nearst man and woman, and how
"conservatives" do the same thing. And also the fact that the paternalism they want is dependant on the
very men it will harm. In closing, I would just like to add that with the spread of information they can't hide any
longer. They're dependant on our consent to do this to us, and that being modern men, saying no is a moral
imperative.

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CPS CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

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This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to show the utter destruction the state has imposed on families.

Please post this to any and all boards, forums, etc. so people can be informed and attend to give testimony in regard to the travesties and destruction of CPS.

If the congressional Panel will listen and take the testimonies given I do believe that this can be the beginning of a Nation wide Sweep of CPS and DHS to enact changes that our families so despirately need.

Thanks,
kmps4887 (Pleas go to Read More Comments)
CPS CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT AUG 2003

Good news. After ten months of research and lobbying, Government Watch succeeded in getting the first Congressional Inquiry into CPS/DHSS/court abuses scheduled for January. It will be in the Inland Empire, date to be announced.

We are seeking commitments from victims to testify before a
congressional panel. Please let me know if I can add you to the list. We are inviting people, victims and expert witnesses, from all over the United States. Hope you can join us. Major media will be invited also.

We plan to lead off the Inquiry with experts, such as a sociologist who
researched the child "protection" system for 10 years and has developed
solutions.

If you know of other expert witnesses, dedicated social workers,
authors, doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, etc., who want to share their
research and knowledge with Congress, please have them contact me.

The formal hearing will be on a Saturday morning, longer if needed.
Date and location to be determined, depending on the number of people who want to testify.

Now we are looking at the County Board of Supervisors chambers in San
Bernardino or Riverside. They are equipped with audiovisual systems,
theater seating for over 200, a separate media booth, etc.

As plans are finalized and the witness/expert list is developed
Government Watch will be sending out press releases to all major media.
Congresspeople are helping to notify their colleagues.

Please share this info with other interested persons. We must get at
least 200 witnesses there in January.

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The Onion does it again

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This is too funny to describe, the title is enough to make you laugh out loud. Go on, have a read. To make things even funnier, just remind yourselves of all those feminist comments about DV.

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Warren Farrell to run for California Governor

Adam · 13 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tom writes *"Warren Farrell has decided to run for Governor of California. His web site will be updated later this week to reflect this. No matter what happens I think it is an important event for mens rights activists. I know I am planning to make a contribution to his campaign! Let's give him all the support we can.*

Click *Read More* to see his opening campaign statement.Here's his opening campaign statement:

I am Dr. Warren Farrell. I am running for Governor of California. For thirty years I have researched men, women and families, authoring books like Father and Child Reunion and Why Men Are The Way They Are.

I am a darker horse than Seabiscuit. I am running to call our attention to solutions to family problems that are too politically incorrect for mainstream candidates to address. The state is now spending money on prisons and social services that largely exacerbate those problems. Problems like:

...our sons dropping out of school at a rate much faster than our daughters;

...the long term challenges endured by children brought up by one parent

Solutions like:

...keeping dads involved in families

...communication skills taught in early grades with parental involvement

With these issues addressed properly by our state, we can save both our state's money and save our families.

Dr. Warren Farrell for Governor!"

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NH Men's Commission Nominees Confirmed

Scott · 14 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men has been plagued by delays and problems for more than a year now. Finally, NH Governor Craig Benson has made two solid nominations for the commission and on Wednesday, they were confirmed by the Executive Council. Attorney Gerry Boyle from Plymouth, NH and Mike Geanoulis from Newcastle, NH are now officially members of the commission. Mr. Geanoulis is also president of the NH Chapter of NCFC and has led much of the activism in NH for men's and father's rights. This is definitely something to cheer about!

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Is School House Rock Anti-Male?

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amperro writes *"Remember the educational cartoon School House Rock? The one titled "Unpack Your Adjectives" goes like this:*

"Girls who are tall can get taller," (Girl grows)
"Boys who are small can get smaller," (Boy shrinks)
"Till one is the tallest" (Girl becomes giant while boy gets tiny)
"And the other's the smallest of all." (Girl CRUSHES BOY WITH FOOT).

We even teach children that violence against males is acceptable!"

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Online Petitions

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LeMorteMark writes *"While politicians are not legally required to look at online petitions it would be my guess that some do.*

Here is a link to a petition of male interest. http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/10401765 6

Also does anyone know of a political party devoted to mens issues?"

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Fred Lane's wife pleads guilty to manslaughter

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Doug writes *"As per this story that just broke, the wife of former Carolina Panthers running back Fred Lane has plead guilty to killing him. Apparently she was trying to cash in on a 5-million dollar life insurance policy. It's interesting to note that her defense was centered around allegations of abuse by her husband, but she was still convincted."*

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More on the M-Word

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The following are a few essays on marriage and divorce.

In the first, "Custody Court Massacre," Bernard Chapin describes the destruction of a friend of his by the divorce court. In the second, "(C-BINO) Confirmed Bachelor In Name Only", Chapin explains why he thinks marriage, given the right circumstances, may still conceivably be a realistic option for a man.

The third essay, by Robert Jackson, "Free Market Marriage," strikes me as downright bizarre at the end, but it might be worthy of some discussion.

And then there's this one, by W. James Antle III, entitled "The problem with marriage today – is me."

I truly wonder if the institution of marriage has been mortally wounded.

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And Men Need...

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This cracked me up. At least the fembots recognize that women will need robots, which are far more complex than inflatable dolls. ;)

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End Rape Shield!

Thomas · 16 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I heartily agree with this editorial, which calls for an end to shielding the names of women, who accuse men of rape. It's good to see that this idea is finally being openly debated. Also, I've noticed a reduction in the rate at which accusers of rape are referred to in the press as "victims." They are now often referred to as "alleged victims." That alone is a major step forward. The press, these days, isn't always going along with the hateful, feminist declaration that no woman would ever lie about being raped.

Next step? Prison for false accusers and a lifetime position on a national, public registry.

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Exclusive interview with candidate Warren Farrell

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HombreVIII writes *"In an effort to find out more information about Warren Farrell's candidacy, I've contacted him via email and requested he conduct an email interview, the results of which would be posted on this site. He graciously agreed, and here it is. SEE READ MORE*

Me: What are the reasons you decided to run for governor?

WF: First, my wife, Liz Dowling, suggested it. I would never run without her pro-active support, otherwise you win office by destroying a family. Second, this is a perfect opportunity to present fathers' and mens' issues to the public, which are otherwise too politically
incorrect for any mainstream candidate to articulate. With 30 years
of writing about these issues, and a PhD in political science, well,
all the forces came together.

Me: Is this run planned as a one time thing, or are we looking at a career shift into politics for you?

WF: A one time thing unless some other extraordinary opportunity like
this recall re-creates the conditions in which I can again be totally
honest and not have to live a long-term political life with its
Sirens of political correctness and its sacrifices to privacy, etc.

Me: You discuss your policies on father's rights, gun control, and abortion at your site
http://www.warrenfarrell.com/gov/ but where do you stand on other issues such as drugs, the economy, and security?

WF: Drugs: Marijuana, alcohol, coffee and sugar legalized but well taxed. Economy: be business-friendly (low taxes, caps on unemployment insurance); subsidize job training and education, especially in the technical fields; eliminate affirmative action hiring, but expand affirmative action scholarships and training awards for the minority
sex in fields that have less than 20% of one sex. Security: spy, infiltrate, use technology to tap phones, etc., but do not publicly reveal names of suspects until the suspect has been subjected to careful investigation and determined to be reasonably likely of being guilty.

Me: What else would you like to tell us about your campaign?

WF: It's exhausting, unifying, energizing and increases my respect for politicians. Politics is the only job you get by exposing yourself to people who won't get their job unless they attempt to ruin you. Between that and campaign laws, if you go into politics to make money dishonestly, you're crazy.

Me: On your site you mention the need for more male teachers in school. As governor how would you go about encouraging this?

WF: Three ways: Hiring:Exchange programs with male business executives, entrepreuneurs, accountants, politicians, leaders. Recruiting: special males-for-teachers scholarships; free tuition; and special outreach to boys in high school. Legislation:The more single moms a school district has the higher the percentage of male teachers the district be required to have so boys brought up by moms have positive male role models when young, and do not join gangs to get a male role model.

Me: Since tossing in your hat, what has been the reception you've recieved from others in the Democratic party? Has it been what you expected?

WF: My supporters are about 1/3 Democrats, 1/3 Republican and 1/3 Independent.

Me: Having seen you on a couple talk shows, you appear to be a soft-spoken man. Do you carry a proverbial big stick? Can you relate an example of when you've used it?

WF: My "big sticks" are The Myth of Male Power, Father and Child Reunion and in brief, my writing, where a loud voice and interrupting are not required. My other "big sticks" are being willing to research, speak up, hone sound bites from in-depth material, and, now, risk it all in the political arena. Interrupting and shouting are mediums that defy my message, so they must be used sparingly. When I taught a class once, I never raised my voice until, once, at the end of the year, it felt momentarily appropriate: three kids in the class cried.

Me: In addition to father's rights, what other men's or boys issues will you work on if elected governor?

WF: First, boys in school; second, undoing all the small and big ways we make boys into the disposable sex by cheering football games and channelling males into the hazardous occupations so that 92% of workplace deaths are males.

Me: How can people assist you in your campaign?

WF: It is so hard for me to ask for the help of others, but boy, it's character-building to realize that is part of the test: knowing how to inspire a state run by a team starts with knowing how to create a campaign team. The toughest part is asking for contributions. The upfront costs are over $10,000, and then there's no real end to it. The only way this campaign will be effective is with activists inviting me to do press conferences/protests, etc., in their city. So please email me with your willingness to help, or help via logging on to paypal through my www.warrenfarrell.com/gov web site.

Me: Any final words?

WF: Let others have the final word.

Me: I'd like to thank Dr. Farrell for allowing me to conduct this interview and also for his prompt reply. Good luck in all that your trying to do with your campaign and remember there are many who are fighting alongside you."

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Warren Farrell in the Washington Times

Adam · 16 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

In case you hadn't noticed Warren made the Washington Times, scroll down to "It's a guy thing" to read. The coverage is good BTW.

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No Justice in Canadian Family Courts

Hombre · 17 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

AFG writes *"Here is a good site dealing with the corrupt and feminist controlled family courts in Canada. Take a look at some of the articles and letters and get a good idea of why Canada's family court system is one of the most misandrist in the world.*

http://www.nojustice.info/"

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New MANN Admin: Hombre

Scott · 17 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

As you can see from the posting below, we have a new member of the Mensactivism.org admin team. Hombre is probably well-known to many of the regulars here, especially to participants of the on-line chats. Hombre's activism and enthusiasm for men's rights is a great example for us all and his web site, MFNBC.com, is a great resource. Welcome, Hombre!

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You reap what you sow

Adam · 18 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

bernee writes *"This article in the Sydney Morning Herald outlines how the Australian government is suffering somewhat of a rebound from legislation originally formulated to 'protect' battered wives. Immigration legislation was amended to allow foreign spouses who were being sponsored by Australian residents special treatment when it came to getting a visa if they had been subjected to domestic abuse. It seems many women were abusing the system (surprise, surprise). Being the egalitarian society it is, law required the Australian legislators to make this legislation gender neutral – of course, only women are abused, aren't they. Lo and behold men are now applying in droves for protection under the law."*

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Farrell Discusses Historic Campaign for Governor

Hombre · 19 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Best-selling men's issues author Warren Farrell discussed his historic men's and fathers' rights campaign for Governor of California on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles on Sunday, August 17. To listen to the archived version of the show, go to His Side.

Farrell put forth his long-term solution to relieving California's budget problems--keeping fathers in children's lives. Farrell proposed a package of reforms to solve this problem, including the rebuttable presumption of joint custody and placing legal limits on post-divorce move-aways.

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Y Bother: Men Are Doomed

Hombre · 19 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Another british male biologist (Bryan Sykes, professor of human genetics at Oxford University) claims that men are doomed to be extinct and that women will rule the planet. I feel that the article is in a fairly mocking tone as usual with these types of reports.*

http://www.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,4057,69 87400%5E13762,00.html"

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Mini-British Backlash

D · 20 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Analog Worms writes *"It seems that the feminist controlled Department Of Trade And Industry in the UK is suffering from a male backlash against it's blantant anti-male rules. A small group of male workers have written a pamphlet called the backlash which exposes the lies within the department. Read about it here.*

http://www.standyourground.com/forum/viewtopic.php ?t=741 (You may have to scroll down a bit)"

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A Change In Media Trend???

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I posted this because it might make men feel there is some good out there. The author of this article is making an argument that the latest Terminator movie is "Anti-Feminist". I seen the movie and I thought the exact same things and a few more. Careful not to confuse anti-feminist with anti-women, because the movie is not anti-woman in any regards. To make it simple the robots represent the "system" and its almost as if the system is "feminist". Maybe Cameron's divorce gave him a view at the biased nature of our environment? Read Here.

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Y-Not? Human Males May Last, After All

Hombre · 20 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

tparker writes *"A BBC article offering counter arguments in the "Y-Males? Y-Not!" debate here. Some interesting information on the decoding of the Y chromosome, and indications that human males may be around a bit longer."*

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NCFM and others to host Warren Farrell Rally

Hombre · 20 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The National Coalition of Free Men and others will be hosting a rally in order to support Warren Farrell and men's rights starting at 9 AM on Tuesday, August 26th at 600 S. Commonwealth Avenue, in front of the Los Angeles County Courthouse. JeffS provides more details in the Read More section.JeffS writes *"As many of you may already know, men's movement leader Warren Farrell has announced his candidacy for the governorship of California. Farrell is, of course, America's leading spokesman for men's and father's rights, and the author of such groundbreaking works as "The Myth of Male Power," "Father and Child Reunion," and "Why Men Are the Way They Are."*

This marks the first time in history that a major leader of the men's movement has announced his candidacy for a statewide office. Regardless of the outcome of the election, this is an historic opportunity to educate the media and the voting public about men's and father's issues.

The Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men and a variety of other men's organizations are helping Warren kick off his campaign by staging a rally in front of the Los Angeles County Courthouse at 600 S. Commonwealth Avenue in Los Angeles at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 26th.

If we can get the appropriate permits, then any group that would like to will be invited to set up an informational table at the event. Our plan is to have a podium where whoever wants to speak to the crowd can do so during the first two hours of the rally. Then, at 10:30, Warren will address the gathering and talk about his candidacy.

In order to demonstrate that Warren's campaign is serious and that the issues he's addressing have popular support, we would like to have as large a showing as possible at this kickoff rally. The California gubernatorial race is being watched closely by the national news outlets, so this is a tremendous opportunity to educate the news media, not just in California, but across the nation.

Won't you or other members of your organization consider joining us? If you're interested in attending, please contact the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men at 818-907-9383 or send us an email at ncfm.la@verizon.net.

We hope to see you there!"

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Good Contraceptive News From India!

Hombre · 21 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Acksiom writes *"A Delhi biomedical engineering professor has developed a new male contraceptive that looks very promising!*

According to the Alternet article at http://www.alternet.org/story.html?StoryID=16617 :

"The injection coats the vas with a clear polymer gel that has a negative and positive electric charge. Sperm cells also have a charge, so the differential charge from the gel ruptures the cell membrane as it passes through the vas, stopping the sperm in their tracks before they can even start their journey to the egg.""

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MANN launches grassroots campaign to support Farrell!

Hombre · 21 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Mens Activism News Network is challenging its readers to take part in our grassroots campaign to support Farrell's candidacy and put men's issues on the political map. A new page has been added to this site, (see the new link at the bottom of the activism section to the right), which will list the daily, weekly, and campaign long activism challenges we encourage everyone to participate in. The time until the election is short, so lets make the most of it by redoubling our activist efforts for the few weeks we have. Together we can make a difference, let's do so!

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Illinois Woman Hires Hit Man

Hombre · 21 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A Central Illinois woman was arrested after she was videotaped hiring a hit man to kill her ex-boyfriend and his sister in order to regain custody of her daughter. He had been given custody of their daughter after she had attempted to kill the child in her own suicide attempt. The story is covered at: http://www.pantagraph.com/stories/082103/new_20030 821025.shtml"*

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Feminists just love paternity fraud!

Adam · 22 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

amperro writes *"I came across the following article on the web by Jenny Skoble, an apparent enemy of men. Does anyone truly believe that feminists support paternity fraud for the benefit of children? Or do they just want to be able to lie, cheat, and steal with total impunity?"*

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Rowdy Bride Spends Night In Jail

Adam · 22 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Rowdy Bride Spends Night In Jail Wow! She sure didn't waste any time showing her true personality. Pity it wasn't before the wedding, so the poor sap might have been able to change his mind. Every guy considering marriage should read this story and take a long hard look at this chick's ugly mug. There is a good chance that this is what your little cupcake will soon reveal herself as. This one could barely wait until the wedding. Of course there were other hooligans in this group, but since this is HER special day, lets give all the attention to her just like she wants it."* Ray also submitted this tory and said "*I find it very biased that the words "domestic violence" were never once used in the telling of this story. Perhaps this new bride was just trying to clearly state here empowerment over any semblence of male oppression*

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Our Philosophy

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And I say "our" , because it is our's. The ideals of Men's Activism News Network are simple. Its not complex even if the issues we tackle are. Every once and a while the administrators of this board like to post this page Please go here. In keeping with the tradition that MANN hopes to create I hope all posters take five minuts to read this. This of course is not to stifle debate or censor anyone's feelings, but the one thing it does encourage is 'empathy'. Not just for men, but for women and all races and individuals of all sorts. Still encouraging you to speak your mind, but please consider the posts you submit and it's relevance to our cause. One of the smallest poems ever spoken was by Muhammad Ali, it goes "Me, We". Our war is an ideological one and their weapon is hate, not ours. We need to nuetralize it, not inflame it. And to remind you, there is no end to our appreciation of your contributions. We will continue and we will love, laugh and smile as we do it. :)

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Why Won't Men Watch Women's Sports

Adam · 23 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"Graham Hays asks in this article, Why don't men watch women's sports?" Okay, Graham, let's try this slowly: They play like girls. They're not good. They are playing a game designed by man, to test the limits of the male physique, and the best professional women's team would be hard pressed to win a series against a small college men's team. It's like a picture of a pregnant man - it's just wrong. Let them play in the NFL or the NBA, (And not on an affirmative action free pass) and I'll be impressed - until then, we have seperate women's leagues, well, because we need them. Because they can't run with the men. Sorry, but them's the facts."*

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Farrell Campaign Rally on Tuesday

Hombre · 24 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Just a reminder that a rally to support Warren Farrell for CA governor is scheduled for this Tuesday, from 9AM to 12PM, in front of the Los Angeles Superior Court on Commonwealth Ave. For more details, see the official flyer here.

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Who's Lying About Early Feminism?

Hombre · 24 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"Art Lemasters over at MND has a very interesting article on the suppressed early history of what we now know as the feminist movement: 'Susan B. Anthony: Racist Manipulator.' This censored history (written, as always, by the victors) needs to be returned to the public eye: 'When mentioning feminism, people often write about those good, moderate feminists--feminist leaders of the 1800s. Let's go Web surfing. You might be really surprised at what we'll find.'"*

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Weekly Activist Challenge!

Hombre · 24 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Here at MANN, activism is literally our middle name. As such, we have challenged ourselves and our readers to make the most of Farrell's candidacy for governor to spread the word about men's issues. Over at the grassroots center, we're putting up a new challenge every day, and a new weekly challenge every week, that will help to spread the word about men's issues and lead to greater consideration towards them from politicians in the future. Will you take the challenge?

08-21 to 08-30: This week's Weekly Activist Challenge is to write up an article that discusses Farrell's campaign and submit it to at least 4 media outlets for publishing, ideally located in California. Note that this week's challenge has been extended to run until next Sunday.

Archived challenges can be found here.
If you'd like to contribute some daily, weekly, or campaign long challenge ideas, please let us know.

Know of someone who's gone above and beyond the call of duty for Farrell's campaign? Let us know about that too!

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Smear Campaign agianst Fathers??

D · 25 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Hoax Bombs have been sent to various places in the UK , such as court houses, family offices etc.. The target for blame is at the Fathers' Rights Movement. Well, it is quite well known among the followers of Erin Pizzey of how she was constantly threatened with bomb threats while on her book tour. In fact Erin needed armed guards to escort across the UK. We know that Radical Feminists can be very militant, this web site has links to many of their violent protests especially with Senator Anne Cools. Make no mistake these bomb hoaxes real or not will only increase a police state in an already increasingly totalitarian society. This is huge in my opinion and will create laws to further oppress the movement. Wether it's a smear campaign against men, or; a men's group or individual becoming desperate enough to do the hoax, this will change things. Warble has described false accusations by feminist organizations as a standard procedure. I think we should consider the various alternatives and deal with them.

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Brainwashed Novelists

D · 25 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"I read a lot of scienc fiction, mysteries and adventure novels; and I'm amazed at the number of male writers who have fallen for the feminist line. These books are full of macho women and men who victimize women. They never show the men who have been driven to desperation or suicide by vicious women. So I've started making comments about these books at amazon.com. The page for each book at their site allows you to post a rating and comments about the book. Let's take advantage of it to spread the word!"*

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Teenage kids charged with statutory rape of each other

Hombre · 25 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This is the kind of thing you'd expect to come from The Onion, except in this case its real. From the article...

"Sex between kids is not legal," said Assistant District Attorney Lori Kornblum, who is prosecuting the case.

According to the law, "Whoever has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a person who has not attained the age of 16 is guilty of a Class C felony." There is no mention of consent.

Read about it at http://www.jsonline.com/news/metro/aug03/163688.asp.

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10 Rules for Women

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This is great from Ask-Men. Not sure if it was posted, good for a laugh and very true. I also recomend watching the first half or so of the Tao of Steve. Anyways enjoy.

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NCFM-DC Interview on WFAX-AM available for downloa

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Matt Campbell writes *"For those interested who didn't catch it a few weeks back, a radio interview with Don Karnes of WFAX-AM in Falls Church, VA, and myself is available for download by going to:*

http://briefcase.yahoo.com/mcc99

and click on the "interview" folder link, then right-click on the file and save it to your hard drive.

The file size is just over 9 MB, so T-1 (ie, at work) or via DSL/cable modem is definitely recommended to get it. Please let me know what you think of of it.

- Matt""

For those who don't already know, Matt Campbell is the head of the DC chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men. This file require Realplayer to use, which is freeware available for downloading here for the PC and here for the mac.

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Need a Publisher for your Men's Issues Book?

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This is a reletively inexpensive way to get your book going. Granted it won't get the big push from the networks, but you know you can do it. Trafford Publishing offers an alternative. Also Cyberman Books is another resource to get your book started. These are places that should be utilized by anyone interested in the Men's Movement. The important thing is that people read what you have to say. One issue that affects men's issues is that men do not read or buy books as much. This is a challenge for the men's movement, and one that can be overcome.

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From the mouth of a woman...

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The Gonzo Kid writes *"Well, I will be go to ... You almost have to wonder if this is really a woman. Of course, read the "comments" section at the bottom of this, and a few show their true colors... http://64.33.12.99/childsupport.php If this is a woman, I want to bear her children."*

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The Degradation of LA's 'Deadbeat Dad Court'

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The government's all-encompassing war on so-called "deadbeat dads" is often simply a war on low-income and minority fathers. Nowhere is this made clearer than by the degradation, demonization and dehumanization of hard luck fathers in downtown Los Angeles' notorious "Deadbeat Dad Court."

Los Angeles family law attorneys Jeffrey Jacobsen and Bill Hauck discussed this ongoing and unrecognized human tragedy on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles on Sunday, August 24. To listen to the archived version of the show, go to His Side .

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Woman Arrested on Sex Charges

Adam · 27 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes "
Here is yet another story about a woman having sex with underage males and being charged with sexual misconduct NOT statutory rape mind you.

Would a man in this situation be charged only with "lewd and lascivious battery?"

I don't think so. He would be charged with rape!"

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Memo Feminists: Fathers Have a Role in Families Too

Hombre · 27 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I'm seeing more and more articles like this slipping past the lace curtain lately. This one makes the simple point that fathers are integral to a family, and that "men are not money-making machines".
http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2003/08/26/1061663791169.html

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"Ladies" Attack Stripper At Bachelorette Party

Adam · 27 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Ladies Attack Stripper At Bachelorette Party*

Hmm, let's see... A bachelorette, her mother, and a bridesmaid expect a little something from a stripper, they don't get it, so they punch, kick, and hit him over the head with a bottle. Mom gets 30 days court supervision (read "no punishment at all") and $2500 restitution. Daughter and bridesmaid get all charges dropped. Not a bad deal for the ladies! You guys know the routine right? Flip it around. A bachelor, his father, and a groomsman expect a little something from a stripper and she does not deliver. So the three guys decide to beat her up instead. By show of hands, how many of you believe that any of these guys will not be charged with rape (among other miscellaneous charges)? No wait, keep your hands up, I'm not finished counting. Also, would any of the three men have all charges against them dropped? And just in case you didn't notice, this little story just happens to be in the "Strange News" section so as to make it seem funny. My god, I think my comments here are longer than the article."

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Suicides as Result of Court Decisions?

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Australian courts are probing suicides as a result of court decisions. I think this is a major step towards looking at the injustices of the courts. I also want to point out the amount of homocides in relation to the court's decisions. In many cases it's a murder suicide scenario. A big issue for men and women. One that needs to be looked at objectively. Click Here

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Female Childlove - Feminist NAMBLA?

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tparker writes *"Not sure if this is a correct venue for this site, but I think it is worth bringing to the attention of fathers out there, in any case. Read the FAQ and draw your own conclusions. I don't imagine this sites speaks for any large portion of the population, but it argues that mother-child incest and woman-child sex should be considered acceptable and appropriate. (Father-child incest is condemned on the site, however....)"*

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Exposing Feminist Militant Terrorism Tactics

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If anyone has any more information or evidence of how feminists have used terrorist style tactics to get their way please send it to MANN administration. Erin Pizzey was constantly bomb threatened as she tried to do her book tour. In her book "Prone To Violence" Erin discribed how she need policemen to escort her around the UK for fear of harm. In the recent events of bomb threats in the UK I believe this is something that should be looked at. Nobody has any evidence as to who the culprits are but people are still pointing fingers. Is it the desperation of a father who can't win no matter what he does? Is it the desperation of feminist organizations wanting to stifle fathers` rights movement. Hell it could be the MI5 trying to expain an excuse to shut down fathers' rights activists before they get to out of hand. If we are going to talk conspiracies lets go all the way. These tactics are nothing new to feminists. Read Here for more on Erin Pizzey

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Bizarre birthday behavior sets mom on court course

Hombre · 28 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The title makes you think she's just an eccentric woman who got a little out of hand doesn't it? You'd never guess that this woman, who was released on her own recognizance, had repeatedly attempted to grope her son's friends, tried to give them drugs, gave them beer, driven drunk over 100 mph with them in the car, went off the road twice in the process, handed them bills to stick into her panties, and pressured them into driving her car even after they told her they didn't have licenses. All of the boys were under 16, though their exact ages aren't revealed. On the bright side, at least it looks like she's being charged for the whole gambit, and the paper did mention her name.

http://www.sharon-herald.com/localnews/recentnews/0308/ln082703b.html

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Women teachers doping our young boys

D · 28 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

donaldcameron1 writes *"It would appear that the custodians of our boys minds can't cope with young boys! Using drugs to enforce politically correct behavior is inexcusable, and I want the perpetrators of this form of child abuse held accountable.*

Teachers diagnosing ADD in 50% of cases: study

Doctors act as 'rubber stamp'

Julie Smyth

National Post

Thursday, August 28, 2003"

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death penalty

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greg walden writes *"please tell everyone please checkout www.moratoriumcampaign.org people sign petitions on line nationwide because of the growing crisis in this country thank you."*

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Farrell addresses spirited protest rally in front

Adam · 29 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User writes: "*Men's and fathers' rights California gubernatorial candidate Warren Farrell addressed a spirited protest rally against anti-father family court bias Tuesday in downtown Los Angeles. For details, see "Fathers' Rights California Gubernatorial Candidate Warren Farrell Addresses Rally in Front of LA Court*"

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This is what it's come to.

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Man runs from police because he is wanted for 'child support'. He nearly gets killed as police describe him as putting his hands in his pants and acting suspicious. Story Here

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Woman Killed Infant Son Then Had Sex

D · 30 August 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Woman Killed Infant Son Then Had Sex*

Not much to say here other than I would like to know the specifics of the case. I think that for the woman to blame the boyfriend and the jury not fall for it, there must have been overwhelming evidence pointing to her. We all know that juries tend to search for a scapegoat or an excuse to let the woman off. For some reason this jury did not!"

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MSN.com: Girls, Boys, and Autism

Adam · 1 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"This is interesting*
coming from MSN:
It actually doesn't bash boys. But notice the title of the aricle puts the girls first despite the fact that 80% of autistics are male.

Also note the various subtle anti-male jabs in the article. I'll let you spot them for yourself-- oh that's right, most of you are men and can only view things in terms of systems and stuff. Not able to perceive social vagaries and so forth. Oh yeah, that's it. Well, never mind, don't even try, you're male and thus can't interepret social cues or subtle distinctions in your environment... stuff like being beat up on TV by females and having the canned audience laugh at you. Or something like that..."

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Terry Bradshaw Speaks Out about his Depression

Hombre · 1 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

"I thought maybe if I won a Super Bowl ... then maybe two Super Bowls will make me happy, or three or four ... but nothing pleased me." - Terry Bradshaw, see article.

This is the way the Superman complex works. No matter where you're at in life, the feeling is that to be okay you need to be more successful than you are right now, you need to make more money, have a prettier girlfriend, be in the same shape you were in back in college, etc. to be okay. As Terry Bradshaw's statement demonstrates, this feeling doesn't go away when you accomplish those goals, but typically makes you think you need to accomplish them even more or transfers itself to other goals.

For more information about how men's success object pressure can lead to depression or just male depression in general, see MaleDepression.com.

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Woman kidnapper!

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Dave writes *"Father, the legal custodian, is denied 2 of his daughters for 16 years! The mother runs away with 2 daughters and goes underground to deprive the father of his children. This is a very disgusting and bizarre story of a fathers rights denied. And the authorities in Riverside County CA were going to release this woman from jail, until the Texas sheriff called to stop it. By her own words she has "never committed a crime". If released she could run away from justice again!!!!*

See part of the story at: http://www.blythecanews.com/BLYTHECANEWS/sites/BLYTHECANEWS/0290edition/myarticles800016.asp?P=80001 6&S=395&PubID=11112"

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Australian judge calls for urgent review of Rape Shield legislation

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A new law due to be passed in two weeks stating that defenders in rape cases are not allowed to cross examine prosecutors, instead using a "person" appointed by the court to question them on the defendants behalf has rightfully drawn the ire of Justice Brian Sully, whom we hope can inspire common sense in the Australian Parliament. Some excerpts from the article...

But Justice Sully said that if the legislation, due to take effect on September 11, went through in its present form, there was a "very real risk" that the case before him would miscarry.

"It is imperative that someone get through that if we have this sorry interference with the law, it had better be done in a way that is workable - and this is probably unworkable."

Justice Sully said he presumed that the "person" would be legally qualified and be prepared to act without fee. But he asked where such a person would be found.

"What am I to do, ring the Bar Association and say, 'The best I can tell you is that the person is to be questioned in a week's time and I will send your chambers two folders'?" he asked.

http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2003/08/29/1062050674873.html

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Prosecutors Fight DNA use for Exoneration

Hombre · 1 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This New York Times article exposes the moral bankruptcy of prosecutors who are challenging the release of convicted rapists from jail freed on DNA evidence. From the article...

"Mr. Dow said this exchange illustrates a trend. "What we're seeing is a double standard," he said. "Evidence will be considered more than sufficient by prosecutors if it establishes guilt and questionable or insufficient if it established innocence.""

Note that registration at the NYT website is required in order to read the article, however there is no charge for doing so.

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The routine drugging of little boys

Adam · 2 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"I was watching MSNBC and heard that Scarborough Country (Labor Day evening) was going to be talking about the drugging of little boys in school, "just because they're little boys who do not fit the feminist model for males."*

One of our protest signs says, WE DON'T SUBSCRIBE TO THE FEMINIST MODEL FOR MALES.

I would like to see a discussion of sports as a place for the displacement of aggression for males. The feminists don't subscribe to displacing aggression, because they feel that all forms of aggression are wrong. Title IX certainly is helping to derail the displacement of aggression for males, and drugs seem to me to be a far worse alternative.

What's a guy to do?

Ray,
California"

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Father guilty after taking son to hospital.

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Does a restraining order mean that a father can not legally go pick up his child to bring him to the hospital at the mother's request? According to Justice Trevor Riley, apparently so.
http://news.com.au/common/story_page/0,4057,7138499%255E13569,00.html

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No Winner for Yesterday's Daily Activist Challenge

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As some of you may know, yesterday's grassroots challenge was to write up a short editorial about your opinion on Farrell's candidacy and/or its effect on men's rights and send it to us with the best one being put on the front page today. Unfortunately, since we recieved no entries, there's no stellar article to display in all it's glory. This has caused me to question the grassroots campaign. See Read More.There has been a trend for men's activists to not get involved in activities, and the grassroots campaign has been no exception. I've seen this issue discussed on MANN, in newsgroups, on men's activists yahoo groups, and even on Angry Harry last winter when he called the inactive men's activists "Wet Whiny Whingers!", "Master Moaning Minnie(s)!", and "lazy good-for-nothing SCUMBAG(s)!". When I look at the results of some of the activities men's activists have been petitioned to support, it seems glaringly obvious to me that something is wrong.

Now I don't know that something is. I could speculate regarding the grassroots challenges that maybe this group doesn't support Farrell as much as I'd thought, perhaps most of you consider men's issues more of a hobby than a cause to be involved in, maybe you're very busy people and don't have the time to participate much. I don't know, and I think it doesn't matter. Either you'll get involved in an activity or you won't, regardless of your myriad reasons. Its not my place to judge you or to try to make you feel guilty about what you decide to and not to be a part of. After all, I haven't taken every activist opportunity I've seen either.

However, right now I'd like to figure out if continuing with the challenges is a waste of time I could better spend on other endeavors. If nobody wants to participate in the challenges, then there's no point in making them. If that's the case, I'd like to know now. If you aren't willing to participate in tommorow's daily challenge, just don't post a comment in reply to this. If however you do feel that the activist challenges are a worthwhile thing and you're willing to commit to participating in them, please post a reply to this stating so. If I get at least 5 different people to make a commitment to doing tommorow's challenge, and a few a week from here on out, I'll keep making them. Considering the amount of traffic this site gets that isn't asking for all that many. If I get fewer than that I don't consider it productive and I'll invest my efforts on other ventures. I won't be judgmental towards this group or have hard feelings, I'll just look at it as this particular activist attempt didn't work out. For an idea of what kinds of challenges I'm talking about, see the archived list at http://www.mensactivism.org/grassroots/PreviousChallenges.htm.

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His Side: Less Dads, More Crime

Adam · 2 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon user writes "*According to a new Justice Department study, the United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world. More than 5.6 million Americans are in prison or have served time there--one out of every 37 American adults. Studies show that crime is correlated with fatherlessness more than with any other social factor, including income and race. Jennifer Roback Morse, author of "Parents or Prisons," discussed this problem on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles on Sunday, August 31. To listen to the archived version of the show, go to His Side for more.*"

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Men's Hour forum is here!

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"After being dropped by MND the Men's Hour forum is back. It is divided into 4 areas, Serious, Fun, News, Feminist Free Area (No, you don't get a free feminist. It means you must have a valid email address to post there). Posts include female childlove site (from MensActivism), Men's DV site in top 25 of bad sites? (from DLJ blog), another hunger strike and Fathers-4-Justice are impugned about bomb hoaxes. Hope to see you there!"*

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Activists' Activism

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Today , as I do often in a year, I put an ad in a local paper that reads: "Learn how biased and misleading "research" can discriminate against you or someone you love. For info email: profair@rogers.com". I advertise in the Penny Saver which circulates about 40 000 papers once a week and costs about $7.00 a week. This time I am running the ad for about 3 weeks. It works. I usually send respondants my speech, which covers a variety of poorely made public policies that discriminate against men based on bad research. I try to be gentle in my delivery while nailing the facts of the matter. I urge anyone to do it. And I have to commend Ray, a member here who has a sign on the back of his pick up truck. Ray drives around L.A. ? with this giant sign. If you've seen the pictures you know what Im talking about. Handing out pamplets is another good way. Everything helps. Reaching new people is key.

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/03/09/03/1848224.shtml

A web site to my far away daughter

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Benoit Leroux writes *"A father build a web site to his 2 and half year old daughter. She is far away. She is in America, he is in Canada.*

http://www.carbanzo.com/mafille/fr/micaela.html"

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Men's Hour Adding Video!

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"The August Men's Hour is delayed, at least until September! Due to editing of the F4J Brecon and Exeter protests which is taking longer than anticipated due to doing both video and audio editing for the first time. I hope it will be worth the wait when it is finished."*

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Saying No to Zero Tolerance

Hombre · 3 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like some people in the Ontario education system are finally waking up to the problems with zero tolerance policies, as this Globe and Mail article explains. From the article...

"Not one of the 20 educators contacted for this story endorsed zero tolerance. Most felt the time had come for a more proactive strategy."

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Belief.net runs piece on Ritalin Use

Hombre · 3 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Pleasantly surprised to see this article on overuse/misuse of Ritalin: http://www.beliefnet.com/story/131/story_13161_1.h tml*

Belief.net is highly trafficked, too."

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MSN on "Why women make better managers"

Hombre · 4 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"MSN had a link to this misandric article about "Why women make better managers."*

Can you spot the errors in this article?

The link to it is:

http://www.bcentral.com/articles/krotz/150.asp"

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Mere Men

Hombre · 4 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

This article in The Age discusses in some detail the negative protrayal of men in the media. An interesting tidbit mentioned therein...

"A survey conducted for the ASB in 2002, revealed that while 40 per cent of all complainants thought women were portrayed offensively, 23 per cent were offended by the depiction of men."

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Impending Florida Execution Piques Abortion Debate

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This Christian Science Monitor article reports...

"The events involving Hill mark the singular intersection of two of the most controversial issues in US society: the death penalty and abortion. Although violence against abortion providers has declined somewhat in recent years, the impending landmark execution has once again drawn close attention to the issues - which has elicited a vocal and unusual set of responses across the spectrum."

Paul Hill's website is, for the moment, still up and contains several articles in which he argues in favor of killing abortion doctors.

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Misandric Insanity Is Worldwide

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Luek writes *"http://pub.tv2.no/nettavisen/english/article131263 .ece*

Here is an article from far away Norway where getting an unintentional "woody" in the presense of at least two females can cause you to lose you livelilhood.

Evidently, the insanity of misandry is a world wide problem."

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Woman Murders Boyfriend, Gets Custody, Murders Child

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SacredNaCl writes *"As reported by CTV Canada Shirley Turner killed her boyfriend, fled to Canada to avoid prosecution, was picked up by authorities there and was facing extradition hearings. The childs grandparents had filled a motion for custody, but Canadian authorities still gave the child back to the mother even though she was facing extradition for first degree murder in the US. End result? Three dead including a small child."*

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Skimpy swimsuit on men indecent exposure?

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CJ writes *"A man is arrested at a Taco bell because his Speedo swimsuit that he was wearing at a local beach violated an Arkansas law where a person (read - a man) can be charged with indecent exposure if "he knows his conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm." The man faces a $750 fine and possible jail time if convicted of indecent exposure. Not that I agree that this man's decision was in good taste, but would the same happen to a woman if she wore her bikini top and I considered it an "affront?" Or how about women wearing sexy clothing at work while men have to wear suits? It seems that many laws are written specifically for men alone.*

http://www.boston.com/news/daily/04/odds_speedo.ht m"

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Farrell Planning Bold Move for Tommorow Morning!

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The following was just sent to us by the Farrell Campaign...

"Dr. Warren Farrell, Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate, Claims Democrats Have Driven Men Out of the Party and Businesses out of the State.

Farrell to "Nail" to the Capitol Door His "Ten Theses Toward a 'Reformation' of the Democratic Party"

CARLSBAD, Ca. Almost 500 years after Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the castle church at Wittenburg, Dr. Warren Farrell, with a Ph.D. (in political science) in his pocket and a "hammer" in his hand, will "nail" to the Capitol door in Sacramento his "Call for a Reformation of the Democratic Party." The "nailing"
will occur at 10:15 am pct. on Friday, September 5 at the Capitol's main entrance.

Dr. Farrell is the first California Gubernatorial Candidate to be listed on the ballot as a "Fathers' Issues Author." His Ten Theses envision a three-part Reformation. First, a Reformation of the Democratic Party's propensity for driving men out of the party;
second, a Reformation of the Party's propensity for driving businesses out of the state; and third, a Reformation of the Democratic Party's focus on pleasing constituencies by putting out fires more than by preventing the fires."

So where can I find out what the 10 theses are? As of the time of this writing, only on MANN. Click read more for details.
Dr. Warren Farrell's Ten Theses Toward a 'Reformation' of the Democratic Party

Social Solutions that Create Financial Solutions

1. Equal Father and Mother Involvement, Especially if there is Divorce. Worldwide research reported in Father and Child Reunion makes clear that children of divorce do best when they have equal time with both mom and dad. The savings are billions less for prisons, education, special education, social services, and unwed teenage pregnancies... When moms know that anything other than 50-50

parenting will cost a court fight, there will be less taxpayer money spent subsidizing fights in courts and more balanced children at home.

2. Universal prenatal care. An anxious or undernourished mom means a child damaged for life. Nine months of prevention saves ninety years of intervention.

3. A Men's Birth Control Pill and a Paternity Fraud Bill. A men's pill means fewer children who are not wanted by their dad because the dad felt tricked into fatherhood; a paternity fraud bill means fewer men falsely named "dad." Both will reduce the child support enforcement bureaucracy that currently, at great expense, chases down mens who are hiding from the fatherhood into which they felt tricked.

4. Intensive Communication Training Taught from First Grade, with Simultaneous Retraining of Parents. Both families and businesses are destroyed by poor communication--our inability to handle criticism is our human Achilles' heel. It is more cost-effective to prevent divorce and business inefficiency than to repair it--to communicate rather than litigate.

5. Schools with More Male Teachers--Men Who are as Responsive to the Needs of our Sons as our Daughters. For most of the 20th Century fewer women than men graduated from high school and college; now the reverse is true. But we have thousands of programs and scholarships exclusively for women as if they were the sex in crisis. Boys go from mother-only homes to female-only classrooms, and then, without positive male role models, we wonder why they join gangs. The result is a "boys' crisis." The costs are emotional and financial: increases in our sons committing suicides, leading to Columbines, suffering from ADD, doing worse than girls socially, emotionally, physically and in all subjects except math. Our neglect of the "boys' crisis" costs California billions to "pick up the pieces" by hiring more teachers per class, special education, and special schools. The solution begins with confronting our double standard: when girls do worse, we blame the schools; when boys do worse, we blame the boys.

6. Prioritize Long-term and Win-win Economic Solutions. Caring about labor means caring about businesses that create the jobs for labor. Which means creating incentives that attract business and jobs, not taxes that drive them away. Work safety standards need stronger enforcement (to counter the easier profits of neglect), but workers' comp needs caps. The fiercest attack must be on tax loopholes such as offshore banking that indirectly increases the taxes of the honest taxpayer. California must increase its tax incentives for alternative energy development, and the development of long-term pacts with Canada that has 40% of the world's fresh water supply.

7. Update California's Institutions to Reflect the Shift from the "Women's Crisis" of the 20th Century to the "Men's Crisis" of the

21st Century. Today men die sooner of all 15 leading causes of death; our sons' suicide rates are increasing even as our daughters' are decreasing. These gaps are magnified by Commissions on the Status of Women, and by Offices of Women's Health, even as we neglect equivalent studies for men. In California's universities, Women's Studies without Men's Studies create a hostile environment for men that keep men away from the social sciences. (See The Myth of Male Power and Women Can't Hear What Men Don't Say for full documentation.)

8. Empower our Daughters with Long-Term Female Empowerment rather than Short-term Female Victim Power. The Women Industry from Diversity to Domestic Violence, from Affirmative Action to Women's Studies, from Family Court to Social Workersóis invested in the magnification of women's status as victim. The woman who portrays herself as a victim gets power. Thus Female Victim Power. The dismantling of the Women Industry means billions of reduced costs, and thousands of our daughters being self-empowered rather than dependent on victim power.

9. Discourage the Government-as-Substitute-Husband. When the state of California offers a mom more than the dad can provide if she does not marry the dad, it bribes the mom to "marry" the governmentóthe state turns itself into the Government-as-Substitute Husband. We now know that children from poorer families living with both mom and dad do better emotionally and educationally than children from wealthier families without dad. (See Father and Child Reunion.) The bureaucracies and social workers that oversee WIC, welfare, food stamps, housing subsidies and the host of substitute dads wastes money that could better be spent on dad involvement. Money is no substitute for daddy.

10. Recognize How Our Neglect of Reforms 1-9, and especially our Neglect of Fathers and Men, has had a Disproportionate Impact on Working Class and Minority Communities. Ironically and tragically, the problems these reforms address have had a disproportionately negative impact on the very constituencies -- African-Americans, Native Americans and Latinas/os, the poor, the less educated -- about whom Democrats care deeply. Subsidized prenatal care is crucial to poor women; the combination of Government-as-Substitute-Husband and the disenfranchisement of fathers after divorce has destroyed poor families, and especially African-American families. The Democratic Party has unwittingly supported dependency as if it were afraid that a less dependent constituency would vote Republican.

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Selective Service

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Anonymous User writes *"The federal government requires only males above 18 to register for the Selective Service (i.e., sign up for the draft) in order to receive financial aid for school. Only males. A group of students have filed a lawsuit claiming 5th and 14th Amendment violations. The article does not mention results. Does anyone know what has happened?"*

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Women Admits Lying About Rape

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SacredNaCl writes *"The Age Has a story of how a woman faked a violent rape story, claiming her husband raped her in front of the kids to get the edge in a divorce. It's even complete with video evidence of her coaching the kids to lie, a fallback lie, and just for good measure the female attorney throws in the old worn out fallback lie to deny accountability "this shows how dysfunctional and how much abuse she took"?*

Unfortunately it doesn't say what they will do to her, but irregardless of what they do, it will not be severe enough IMO."

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Update - Farrell has nailed the theses

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I've just received confirmation that Farrell has nailed the theses to the Capitol door as planned. Apparently there was only a minor problem when police arrived and informed him he needed a permit to nail the ten theses to the capital building, (makes you wonder how some of these laws come about), so the cops handed him a few papers, he filled them out and was granted a permit. I've not found any info from any major news sources yet but the incident was watched by both FOX and NBC's Sacramento affiliates and word has it you might want to keep your eye on the Sacramento Bee for a report too.

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Ask Ads 8

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This time, we're looking at marital rape, namely what are your opinions of it? Do you see it as a way to attack the nearest man through his sexuality? Or perhaps as an excuse for the nearest woman to play sexual power games? Or as a sign of madness that there's a law for women who are terrified of having adult relations with the man she loved enough to marry? Regardless, let's hear what you have to say. I know my comments above cut close to heresy for some of us, but if you want to see the big picture, it helps to look at everything, ya know?

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Last day to complete this week's challenge

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Just a reminder that today is the last day to complete the Weekly Activist Challenge over at the grassroots center. By the way I received a fortune cookie at lunch who's fortune read "Great tidings of joy will befall those who meet life's challenges", and I'm pretty sure life's challenges in this case refers to the Farrell Grassroots Activism Challenges. Also todays Daily Activist Challenge should be a fun one for those who wish to participate, but you'll probably want to start right away.

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Boom in female inmates focus of national meeting

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Over the last 20 years, the number of women in prison has jumped from 4.3% of the total US prison population to 6.8%. The list of reasons includes gender-blind sentencing, but it appears as if the spokeswoman for the recently created National Workshop on Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders plans to stress harsher drug laws as the reason. See Press Herald article here.

Considering that men are far more likely than women to be locked up, (rather than sent to treatment), for drugs and that even with the gender-blind sentencing guidelines men in the US still recieve an average sentence length twice that of women regardless of the severity of the crime see DOJ statistics, (table 5-5), methinks this is yet another attempt to pretend female criminals really aren't criminals.

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Women's advocacy group misused money, state report says

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From the Star Tribune...

"A board overseeing a St. Paul battered women's shelter and advocacy organization failed to make sure that state grants and other state money were used appropriately, the state legislative auditor said in a report released Friday."

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First hand account of a "rape"

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Been through too much already writes *"Monday 4th August was a memorable day for me; it was the day that three policemen walked into my place of work and escorted me outside, before telling me I was under arrest for rape.*

(Before I go on, I should make clear that I am from England, but I have read your site for some time, and it seems that you have to put up with the same injustices that we do. Strangely I have found no English equivalent of your board.)

Go to read more.
The weekend prior to this I had been at a nightclub looking to meet some girls, as I am single. I met a girl named Chloe, and as time went on we decided to go to my place. You're probably thinking that the evening's looking good so far, and so was I - but that's not how it turned out.

When we got back to my house in Sheffield, I opened a *very* expensive bottle of wine, which we drank together, all the time her legs crossed towards me, playing with her hair and laughing at my jokes - giving me all the right signals. I'm sure you all know what I mean. Well after the wine, some cleverly chosen music and a few brandies, we started touching each other and went to my room.

I don't want to go into personal details, but things were progressing very pleasantly right until I started to penetrate her. Suddenly she froze up and told me "no", like she was just after some free drinks and attention or something. I carried on despite her, and while she was telling me "no", it was obvious that she wanted it.

Which brings me back to Monday. Suddenly I'm not the nice generous guy I used to be, I'm a rapist. It's taken me this long to actually hear what I'm supposed to have done, spend *long* hours being interrogated, and finally get bail for far more than my mother could afford (but bless her she paid the police anyway) and I can finally post my story here. My friends are avoiding me, thinking I'm a monster, and my employers have fired me because I've not been able to work for a month. I'm a pariah.

My court date is not set, but my lawyer thinks it will be within a couple of months. I hope he's right. Once that's over with I'll tell you how it went, but until then I want you all to know how it feels to be on the receiving end of a false accusation from an unstable woman.

I apologise for not giving more details, but I have been advised not to talk about my case. I've left out anything too identifying, but I felt you all deserved to know about what women can put you through with a single phone call."

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Comic Relief

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Dittohd writes *"Spending any serious time at this website can become seriously depressing after awhile. My son sent me these yesterday and I decided to share them here*

Only in America…..

Go to read more.

1. can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

2. are there handicap parking places in front of skating rinks.

3. do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

4. do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

5. do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

6. do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and the buns in packages of eight.

7. do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.

8. do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

Do you ever wonder….

1. why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

2. why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?

3. why you never see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery!"?

4. why "abbreviated" is such a long word?

5. why doctors call what they do "practice"?

6. why it is that to stop Windows 98, you have to click on "Start"?

7. why lemon juice is made with artificial flavor and dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?

8. why the man who invests all your money is called a broker?

9. why the time of day with the slowest traffic is called rush hour?

10. why there's no mouse-flavored cat food?

11. when dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?

12. why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes?

13. why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

14. Why they don't make the whole plane out of that same stuff that indestructible black box is made of?

15. why sheep don't shrink when it rains?

16. why they are called apartments when they are all stuck together?

17. if con is the opposite of pro, is congress the opposite of progress?

18. if flying is so safe, why they call the main section of an airport the terminal?"

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Feminists haven't been complaining enough

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I never thought I would write those words in my life, but it seems that when it comes to Warren Farrell's campaign feminists have suddenly become unusually silent. Now I'm not sure what the medical reason is for this, (I'm guessing an outbreak of laryngitis), but as we all know if the feminists were healthy they'd be protesting up a storm. So it occured to me that men's activists, being the kind and helpful people we are, might want to complain about Farrell's campaign for them. See this week's challenge for details.

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Higher-Ed Gender Gap Article Sends Bad Message

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Code Monkey writes *"I found this article in the Portland, Maine* Press-Herald *to be similar to a lot on the topic of men's declining enrollment in higher education. The article acknowledges that women are getting degrees at a much higher rate than men, that this gender gap is continually increasing, but makes excuses for the disparity that tries to downlplay the significance of this issue. For example, claiming that "women need college degrees just to get jobs that pay as much as the jobs men get straight out of high school", and focusing on the oh-so-urgent issue that women won't be able to find enough "qualified" men to marry. The article even refers to* Boston Globe's *leading male-bashing columnist, Ellen Goodman. You can send respones to the editor at letters@pressherald.com."*

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Gender Stereotypes

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Mangesh writes *"This is an interesting article from India's Financial Express on the how gender stereotypes are breaking down in urban India. You can read the story here.*

http://fecolumnists.expressindia.com/full_column.p hp?content_id=41451"

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Huge List of Evidence of DV against Men

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crescentluna writes *"I would guess at roughly 300 entries shown here. This is a reference list, some are books about domestic violence, some aren't studies of domestic violence but of how people respond to it. If people try to claim Straus and Gelles aren't enough, here are plenty more."*

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Womenists in denial

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donaldcameron1 writes "

> Woman accused of plotting rape apologizes ??????

Graeme Hamilton

National Post

Saturday, September 06, 2003

> "She wrote in July, 2002, [in] her long-running correspondence with an imprisoned rapist and certified dangerous offender. "My limits? I don't really know," … **But no, I don't think I'd want to witness a slaying. Torture maybe!**" … "I don't want her dead. I want her alive to live with the pain and suffering."

IMHO statistics on spousal abuse are junk science in pristine form."
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Soldier's father accuses Jessica Lynch

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From the Ananova article...

"He told a TV station in Comfort, Texas: "Pretty severe, isn't it? That she makes money off the death of my son and off the deaths of so many others.""

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Amazon woman arrested for ritualistic serial killings

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Valentina de Andrade, the ringleader of a religious cult which believes that all boys born after 1981 are possessed by the devil, has finally been arrested 14 years after the group started torturing, maiming, castrating, and killing little boys. Details here.

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How Divorce Makes Men Outlaws

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Stephen Baskerville does great work. It should be read and passed around. I believe the Courts are already in Disrepute, they are just unwilling to admit it yet. Read Here.

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Misandry In CPS Kills Child

Adam · 9 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *" This is a story of a father whose baby daughter was killed by her mentally deranged mother after he filed a warning with Child Protective Services stating his daughter was in grave danger being in custody of the mother.*

He is suing the CPS and one of the points in his lawsuit is that he was virtually ignored by the apparatchiks in CPS because he is a male. Let's hope he wins big!"

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Please Call Project Sanctuary

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Anonymous User writes *"Steve Deluca is having computer problems and asked me to post this announcement from him about a Project Sanctuary ad that announces the "every 12 seconds" figure for female DV victims but fails to state that the same source for all of these "every XX seconds" factoids says----"* Please go to read more. ----the same number of males are also victimized. I called the number myself and left a message, and they called back and left me a message apologizing for excluding male victims and saying they did that to get the public's interest. Amazing how they foster existing steretoypes just by playing off them and create their own relentless cycle of abuse against males. Marc. Here's the announcement from Steve _____
Today's paper, Fort Bragg Advocate News, has this submission from
Project Sanctuary "A woman is beaten every 12 seconds" (and you thought it was "in this nation Eighteen percent of all law enforcement deaths are the result of responding to domestic violence calls. These are facts that society lives with. Project Sanctuary is accepting application for the fall 2003 volunteer training. Volunteers are essential to the operation of Project Sanctuary..."
So, anyone out there who is wishing to call to volunteer, OR TO ASK THEM WHERE THEY GET THIS INFO ... the number is 707 961 1507 ... If you call long distance, I will reimburse you for the call. Anyone who wants to give me some statistics related to police deaths, or the 12 seconds stuff ... send same e mail to me, for my next letter to the editor... Please let me know what responses you had when you questioned where this 12 second statistic came from. I would appreciate it if they heard from more than one person, I like them to know that they are being watched.

Steve DeLuca"

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Jury Nullification

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Luek writes *"http://www.juryduty.org/JuryDuty.htm*

One of the reasons men are oppressed under misandric laws is that these laws have never really been subjected to the process of passing muster in jury trials where jury nullification could stop the abuse.

The link above has details on just how jury nullification works and most important tells how to avoid getting tossed out of the potential jury pool due to your beliefs.

Men in the movement have to be prepared to take advantage of the opportunity to use jury nullification to stop judicial misandry when and if they ever are called for jury duty on cases like marital rape, violations under the VAWA, workplace sexual harassment and so forth."

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His Side: Father Spends 3 Months in Jail

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Anon User Writes: "*One of the greatest dangers men and fathers face today is the way restraining orders based on false domestic violence allegations are used to drive fathers out of their children's lives. There have been numerous documented cases of decent fathers being arrested for sending their children birthday cards, attending their son's Little League games, or calling their own children at the wrong time of the day. Last night Craig, a Seattle father of two who was sentenced to three months in jail for returning his ex-wife's phone call, told his story on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles and KKOL AM 1300 in Seattle/Tacoma. To listen to the archive, go to His Side*"

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New Group: Warren Farrell for Governor

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mens_issues writes *"I have created a new Yahoo! Group called Warren Farrell for governor. The web address of the group is:*

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WarrenFarrellForGove rnor/

Please join this group and support Warren in his bid for governor of California. Even a couple of hundred members would bring this group into the top ten California politics groups, making it more visible to those seeking such groups on the web.

Steve"

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Men's Health Article on "Idiot Male" Sitcom Roles

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Code Monkey writes *"This month's* Men's Health *magazine includes an article about the way men are overwhelmingly portrayed as idiots and losers in today's sitcoms. While the author doesn't do much more than complain about this situation and offer examples of it, I do think this is a good sign that the issue is being discussed in a maintstream mag like* Men's Health*. The media does have an impact on our culture and we should care about the consistently negative portrayals of men as incompetent jerks on TV."*

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Man recieves child support payback after 20 years

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The Times Recorder reports that *"Money that Jonathan Sims paid for child support -- for a child that was determined through DNA testing not to be his daughter -- was finally returned to him last week by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services through the Muskingum County Child Support Enforcement Agency"*

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Fathers-4-Justice member ties self to crane

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Jolly Stainsby, a member of the father's rights group Fathers-4-Justice, has tied himself to a crane from which he intends to stage week long protest of the way father's rights are treated in court. See this Echo&Exress News article for more details.

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Sexual Harassment Novel

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Neil Steyskal writes *"Today, Wednesday, the Wall Street Journal reviewed a new novel about a fraudulent sexual-harassment lawsuit: "You Look Nice Today," by Stanley Bing. It sounds like a good read. Here's the amazon.com review"*

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Judge Rejects Draft Lawsuit

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To quote: "*If a deeply-rooted military tradition of male-only draft registration is to be ended, it should be accomplished by that branch of government which has the constitutional power to do so and which best represents the 'consent of the governed' - the Congress of the United States, the elected representatives of the people*"
Hmmm, I got a few opinions about this, but let's read the article for now.

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Farrell to Challenge Democrats

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This just in from the Farrell Campaign...

"CARLSBAD, Ca. At the Los Angeles Convention Center at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, Dr. Warren Farrell will challenge his Democratic colleagues/opponents to take a quill pen in hand to sign his "Ten Theses for 'Reformation' of the Democratic Party."

See Read More for details.
"Farrell's "Ten Theses" stress solutions he believes simultaneously solve social and fiscal problems. With a Ph.D. in political science and books such as Father and Child Reunion and Why Men Are The Way They Are emanating from his own updated "quill" pen, Farrell puts a focus on what he considers "the Party's propensity to drive dads out of the home, drive men out of the Party, and drive businesses out of state."

Farrell claims the Party has not updated itself from the "Women's Crisis" of the 20th Century to what he feels is the "Men's Crisis" of the 21st Century.

In his official statement to the California Democratic Party, Dr. Farrell says:

"The Democratic Party is my Party. It is the Party of sensitivity and inclusiveness. Yet in some ways we are being insensitive and exclusionary. We care about families, but are disenfranchising dads after divorce. We care about education, but are ignoring why our sons are less likely to graduate from high school and college, and are neglecting the recruitment of male teachers. We care about inclusiveness, but support scholarships for women only. We care about integrity, but ignore paternity fraud. We care about health, but are ignoring the six times greater suicide rate of our sons and the six year earlier death rate of our dads. We care about jobs, but tax the job creators until they leave the state. We care about minorities, but miss how our failures disproportionately hurt minorities. We call

ourselves progressive, but fail to update policies from the "women's crisis" of the 20th Century to the "men's crisis" of the 21st Century. We are driving dads out of the family, men out of the party, and businesses out of the state. My "Ten Theses Toward a 'Reformation' of the Democratic Party" will restore congruity with our values and save the state billions. See www.warrenfarrell.com.""

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Ultrasound Zaps Prostate Cancer

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While there are some side effects, this new treatment shows great potenial. It does look like the way ahead. "*In a study published in the journal Urology, Japanese researchers tested a new method that uses high-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) to deliver intense sound energy to destroy the tumor without damaging the surrounding tissue.*"

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German court determines man is liable to ex-wive's widowed husband

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Matt writes *"http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=573&ncid=757&e=1&u=/nm/20030911/od_nm/odd_germany_pe nsion_dc*

Yep, you got it. A German court ruled that a man divorced from his wife owes her new husband part of his pension after she died. So a man is paying the man his wife hooked up with after she dies because she hooked up with him after they divorced.

Why does Yahoo! News keep putting stuff like this in the Oddly Enough category when it ought to be in a new category called Civil Rights Violations of Men category?

Again, stay single. Here and abroad."

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Ex-rocker Geldof speaks on behalf of fathers

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Bob Geldof, formally of the punk band the Boomtown Rats, has decided to speak up for deadbolt dads. Sky News tells us that...

"He was speaking at the launch of a new book on the subject, Children and Their Families, to which he which he has contributed a chapter.

He told the audience, which included Cherie Blair, parents should get equal "50-50" access to their children, as in Denmark."

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Where's the justice? I'd say it's been served.

Hombre · 13 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dominic7 writes *"I often wonder why the Toronto Star keep publishing this vile writer. Anne Marie Aikins misused public funds, was caught and found guilty end of story.*

http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pag ename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=1 063231812644&call_pageid=970599109774

I love the line:

"I don't really blame myself for what happened, but I still haven't entirely forgiven myself for the hurt that people experienced when they lost their jobs, lost their counsellors, lost their services."

Huh?

Donna Laframboise gives us a bit more detail here:

http://www.dvmen.org/dv-73.htm"

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Mainstream Discourse on the Nonexistent Wage Gap

Hombre · 13 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

hurkle writes *"http://www.askmen.com/dating/curtsmith_100/101_dat ing_advice.html*

What a thing to see in a typically FHM/Maxim - oriented site. I love it I love it I love it. Note, some points are made that even veteran male advocates forget sometimes. Good stuff."

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2-Day Challenge to catch up for Farrell

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09-13 & 09-14: This 2-day Daily Activist Challenge is to catch up on helping Farrell! I know its not always convenient to do a small bit of activism every day, so lets all take advantage of the extra time on the weekends to catch up. The challenge is to pick 10 challenges from the archives which you haven't yet done and do them over the weekend. The reward will be knowing you've put some real effort out in helping the movement and Farrell's campaign. Good luck!

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Photos of Fathers' Rally in L.A. with Warren Farrel

Adam · 14 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Warren Farrell's website has been updated to include a schedule, media coverage (some of it), a video of his CNN coverage, and some photos of the fathers' rally held at the courthouse in Los Angeles on 8/26. You can view the photos here.*
We have been holding lots of small rallies that aren't on the website. We held one today with about 13 people with signs, a bullhorn, and tons of fliers, at the Democratic Convention. We challenged the democrats for losing sight of their values, for becoming femicrats, and for driving so many men out of their party, and we informed hundreds of them, perhaps thousands, about fathers' rights and paternity fraud. We were both outside and inside.

Tomorrow Warren will speak at a church service, a homeless center, and a dinner (three separate events). This is an exhausting campaign but it's very worthwhile and we thank everyone for their support.

We're getting the issues out one small event at a time.

Marc"

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British fertility expert doubts the doom of the Y

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Analog Worms writes *"British fertility expert Lord Robert Winston, author and TV presenter of BBC Science programs believes declining sperm counts and the doom of the Y Chromosone is a load of media rubbish."*

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Destroying the Family

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"People are most susceptible to propaganda when already in a high state of tension, and the emotion aroused by this scene was quickly used in the play to deal with what is perhaps the most difficult problem facing the Communists: how to break down the traditional family system in a manner that will split fathers and sons in hatred, and thus turn them in bitterness to the promising haven of Communism."

This quote is on the topic of a play that was being presented to university students. It was titled: "The Question of Thought".

It could probably be saddled right beside the propaganda known as "The Vagina Monologues".

The entire book is on the pdf file. A great read if I must say. Brain-Washing in Red China. In hopes of understanding what exactly is behind Misandry.

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Men are smarter than women because they.....

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rage writes *"Found on the Angry Harry's website, an interesting article in the Times (UK) stating a well-known fact : men are at the same time at the top and at the bottom of the human race when it comes to the IQs. Have you ever wondered why all the geniuses throughout history happened to be males exclusively ? Now scientists have discovered the reason at last. Einstein, Beethoven, Mozart or Picasso could never have been female. To be a superior intellect, you've got to possess the once called puny Y-chromosome as explained in the article. Bad news for feminazis.*

Enjoy !

http://www.angryharry.com/reBoysareStillTopDogs.ht m"

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Boys on Girls Sports Teams

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Anonymous User writes *"Here is an excellent example of the hypocrisy surrounding equality in sports. While the feminazi's and mass media practically idolize women who play on the football team, go out for wrestling, and make the PGA circuit, look at the foaming and outrage when a male hits the female circuit. American women are increasingly indicting themselves as two-faced sexists. See www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2003/09_10_18/HIG . If this link fails, the article is linked at www.mensnewsdaily.com Remember, equality is only equlaity when its in their favor."*

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His Side: The Boy Crisis in Education

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Anonymous User writes *"Boys have fallen seriously behind girls at all K-12 levels. Educational consultants Bret Burkholder and Ed Leitner, founders of Boys' Hearts &Boys' Minds, explained what we need to do to make our schools more boy-friendly on His Side with Glenn Sacks on KRLA 870 AM in Los Angeles and KKOL AM 1300 in Seattle on Sunday, September 14. To listen to the show, go to http://hisside.com/show_archive.htm'*

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Petition against D.V. restraining order abuse

Hombre · 16 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Stop restraining order abuse and prosecute false accussers is the request at the top of this petition: http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/10401765 6*
Orange County CA is the target of this petition, but all can sign. Men have written in to Mensactivism from Orange County CA, expressing their misery over abuses at the hands of the Domestic Violence Industry. We need your help, your signature on this petition."

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States Differ on College Fees in Divorce

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The Las Vegas Sun writes...

"States are all over the place on this issue," said Sandra Morris, president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. "In many situations, it's very tragic - the divorced parents don't do what they would have done if they had stayed together, and the children are pretty much cut off (from any support)."

"Judges need to listen more to how it makes a father feel when a kid says, 'Don't ever call me, I don't want to speak to you, here's my bill for $20,000,'" Boc said. "It drives people crazy."

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Prison Rape Elimination Act Signed Into Law

Hombre · 16 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"http://www.sbcbaptistpress.org/bpnews.asp?ID=16630*

President Bush signed into law recently a bill that is supposed to stop the rape of prisoners in the nation's prisons."

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Man successfully sues for misuse of sperm

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Ananova gives us the scoop...

"The court ruled in favour of Kaspar after he claimed that in 1999 Bouchalova got him to give her a sample of his sperm after she told him doctors at the clinic needed it to determine what contraception was best for her."

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DNA To The Rescue...AGAIN!

Hombre · 16 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"http://www.jsonline.com/news/state/sep03/169169.as p*

Here is a story about Steven Avery a man who was wrongly convicted of rape and served 17 years before DNA proved his innocence. He is the 137th innocent victim of the feminist promoted rape hysteria to be released by DNA.

When he was arrested he was the father of 5 minor children. It will be interesting to see if the misandric state of Wisconsin sues him for back child support. The bastards would probably do that if Mr. Avery justifiably sued the state for his 17 years in the belly of the beast."

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Want to become a Public Speaker??!

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Toastmasters International: Making Effective Communication a Worldwide Reality. No you don't have to do any speaking the first night you go. Nor are you forced to speak at any time. However, Toastmasters International can certainly give you great experience in public speaking. Either for men's issues such as male depression or for your own business, career or personal quests, Toastmasters can really help you develope. Each area charges their own rates, but I believe their goal is to be as cheap as possible. My area charges $46 for 6 months. There are thousands of chapters to my understanding and it is a great way to network and add experience to your resume or personal life. You can ask me for info on a local chapter, or you can do a quick search on their site. Good luck, and don't be afraid to speak up!

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Feminist disquiet at "imbalance"

Adam · 17 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Doctor Damage writes *"It seems that feminists don't much like it when the boot is on the other foot. In fridays courier mail Margaret Wenham reports During brisbane hearings by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Services, the committee members were, it seems, hostile to the notion that 50/50 joint custody was a bad starting position. It seems conservative politicians have learned from the example of their more liberal peers. Warning for non Australians: Here in the land of Oz, the Liberal party is our major right wing party, although I'm still a little fuzzy on how the left managed to appropriate that label"*

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Man wins sexual harrassment case

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A Chinese man wins a case in the courts claiming a woman harrassed him severly over a period of years. It harmed his marriage and his day to day life. At the bottom of the article it explains that "Victims, often women, also shy away from filing lawsuits for fear of losing their jobs." I would like to make a statement regarding their propaganda and that is. "Victims, just as often men, also shy away from filing lawsuits for fear of being ridiculed, emasculated and not believed". Most of this contraversy really just fills lawyers backyards with big pools, but whatever.The Article Here

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Boxing Anyone?

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Crimson Arrow writes *"I would have thought by now that someone would have commented on the Angry Harry vs. Karen De Coster sparring match. And in this corner ...."*

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Washington Post covers DC Commission on Black Men

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Matt writes *"My letter to the Post is as follows. I hope they publish it.*

To the Editors:

It's great that the Post covered the problems of black men and boys in DC on 9/13/03 at: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A364 7-2003Sep12.html

The problem though is that the article fails to mention what the root cause of fatherlessness is among blacks (and whites as well) in America's families: government programs that discourage ordinary women from forming long-term, committed relationships with ordinary men, the teaching of misandry to our young people of both sexes in our colleges, and so-called "family courts", influenced over the last 30 years by gender-based ideological dogma, that have worked mercilessly as a father-and-child-separating machine. All this, to create some kind of feminist utopian single-motherhood state. What's happened here in DC for the black population is an example of what is happening all across America, only moreso in DC for a variety of reasons.

Feminists and their allies in the government are the root cause of fatherlessness in society. Generalized misandry, found all over pop culture and in the mass media, reinforce the attitudes that support the policies.

The government has led the war on men and boys at the behest of feminists; they now are responsible for leading the effort to counter their misguided application of the family-destroying agenda they started in the first place."

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Mercedes murderer to get joint custody.

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SacredNaCl writes *" Houston Chronicle*
"

A judge on Monday granted Clara Harris, serving a 20-year sentence for running down her husband with her Mercedes Benz, joint custody of her 5-year-old twin sons. The boys' paternal grandparents were given visitation rights.

The agreement approved by state District Judge K. Randall Hufstetler in Brazoria County names Harris as well as her former neighbors, Pat and Ana Jones, as joint managing conservators of Brian and Bradley Harris. The boys' grandparents, Gerald and Mildred Harris, will have visitation rights every other weekend, for extended periods in the summer and on alternating holidays, said attorney Lloyd Stansberry, who represented the Joneses.""

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Embarrassment

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thrudd writes *"Sometimes, I am really embarrassed by my Alma Mater. Parents this is how your money is being spent on your sons' (daughters' education) !! "It is a rare class at Brown where the syllabus includes pornography screenings and a fieldtrip to Miko Exoticwear. Female anatomy as well as sexuality, body image, masturbation and contraception are all among the topics addressed in the female sexuality workshop offered at Brown this semester." http://www.browndailyherald.com/stories.asp?show=1 &storyID=1350"*

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Dumb Stereotypes Take Hope Out of Boys Hearts

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SMH journalist Andrew Block, who publicly states an interest in men's issues, wrote...

" John Marsden, the best-selling adolescents' fiction writer, and author of the non-fiction books Secret Men's Business and The Boy You Brought Home, said, "Teenage boys are among the most maligned group in our society ...

"The media portrays them as either drug-crazed, illiterate, unemployable, suicidal, failures at school, sex criminals or vandals. So adults tend to treat them more suspiciously, and that causes them [unconsciously] to become angry or frustrated or alienated."

The Advertising Standards Bureau, one of the few organisations that measures complaints about stereotypes in the media, reports a steady increase in the percentage of men (now more than a third) complaining about advertising, and their most frequent complaint is about sexual discrimination."

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Mike Ditka speaking out about men's health issues

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Menstuff.org reports that...

"The Ditka you will see will be older, wiser and a little out of character. He will implore the millions of men 40 and older in the NFL's audience to prevent the things that caused him to have a heart attack at age 48 in his coaching prime with the Chicago Bears.

Ditka is spokesman for the NFL's health education campaign called "Tackling Men's Health," which is being launched today (www.tacklingmenshealth.com)."

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Male-Friendly DV Conference in Portsmouth, NH this October

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The third annual national conference on domestic violence will be held on October 18 in Portsmouth, NH. The event is co-sponsored by the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and the Violence Intervention Program (NH's S.A.F.E. chapter). It is one of the only DV conferences I'm aware of that specifically focuses on male victims, and I have attended it since these annual conferences began. This year they have a very ambitious program with *four* separate workshop session tracks - check out the list of speakers at the DAHM web site, and register before Oct. 3 for a discount!

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Is this a parody? I have trouble telling.

Adam · 20 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

What is going over here? either this is bad satire, or Bettina Arndt showing signs of rabid man hating? to quote: "*There is a very good reason that domestic violence is now taken very seriously, given the long history of men using physical force to intimidate women. The new rules are there for a reason. He has to get it, fair or not These are tough lessons. No male entitlement, no cock crows or strutting.*" What do you folks make of this? I think she's projecting her problems onto us....

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Woman Gets Arrested For Stalking Football Coach

Hombre · 21 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/sports/6759366. htm*

Here is a new blurp (it is 5th down on the list) about some banana headed woman who repeatedly called the football coach of Ohio State harrassing him.

What is good to note here is that she was actually arrested and charged with stalking and held in jail in lieu of a $105,000 bond. It looks like the DA did not laugh it off as the antics of just another harmless eccentric woman.

It is encourageing, however if this case ever goes to trial and she is convicted a feminized middle-aged male bastard in a black sheet will only give her mild probation and or a couple of hours community service. You can pretty well count on it."

Note: You do have to scroll a little to see the report. Also, the news on top about the Title IX suit is worth a look.

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Feminists catch heat for their politics

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azcentral.com reports that...

" In the latest blow, the New York Times a longtime champion of women's rights, dismissed as "silly" NOW's decision to endorse the lone woman in the Democratic race.

"We have become a target," said Roselyn O'Connell, president of the National Women's Political Caucus, which joined NOW in endorsing former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley Braun."

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Alleged abusers could avoid jail until conviction

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Indystar.com writes...

"Prosecutor Carl Brizzi says the public would be better served if officials stopped the emergency releases and opted to pay fines of $40 a day for each inmate over the limit.

He opposes any plan to release accused domestic batterers.

"By keeping these people in jail, I'm doing my part to protect the women and children of this community," Brizzi said.

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Bodybuilder has offered to kill Kate Faber, (Kobe Bryant's rape accuser)

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The Star Online wrote today that...

"A Swiss bodybuilder will be charged with multiple felonies for allegedly proposing a US$3mil murder-for-hire scheme to kill the Colorado woman who accused Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant of rape, the Los Angeles County district attorney's office said.

Charges to be filed tomorrow include four counts of solicitation to commit murder, two counts of solicitation to dissuade a witness, one count of conspiracy to commit murder, and one count of obtaining money, labour or property by false pretences, according to a statement released on Friday by Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for the office."

Perhaps the movement needs to work on getting those passionate about the issues into pro-active solutions as a team instead of desperate, detrimental acts motivated by individual powerlessness?

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It Doesn't Matter What Women Want

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Sometimes we see a lot of issues in society that has men at disadvantages. I thought I would write an article and post something that could give men some advantages and some good attitudes in the dating arena. I know our current climate has some men avoiding women but it's meant to be fun and light hearted and I think it has some good strong advice. Enjoy. Read Here

It Doesn't Matter What Women Want

by **Dan Lynch**

When it comes to sex and dating all too often we are concerened what the other sex wants. Admit it, you don't really care what the other sex wants. You really care what you want.

Be it a roll in the hay, a walk in the park, or a long lasting journey of love and commitment - even in this hostile-to-marriage climate we live in.

You already know what you want. If you don't, don't waste your time going after a woman. Even asking the question, "What do women want?" is misleading. The constant barrage of propaganda that women are a mystery is misleading (and vice versa for the female readers of this website).

Each guy has a girl he admires, each to his own liking. Some like blondes, some like brunnettes, some like freaky gothic ghoul looking chicks (who I currently have a crush on right now), and yes

some like red heads.

Don't think of what women want in the plural. You're not after a plural girl; you're after one. It could be that blonde that works at the coffee shop, or a waitress, or a struggling actress, perhaps a millionairess who made her fortune independantly.

As a man that is motivated by the beauty of this woman (a subjective beauty), you have to make contact. You have to say, "I like you" in so many words. Something that let's her know you're interested.

Is your ego fragile? Sorry about your luck, but don't hang all your hopes on one woman: it doesn't give you much of a position to bargain from. And I gurantee you that the more you ask, the more opportunities you will have with women. So, if you are reading me correctly, then you've guessed that I am talking about treating the relationship like a negotiated agreement.

If she is interested in you, it's all good. But, just like every negotiator or bargainer, they try to keep their secrets to themselves. They don't want to reveal their hand, so to speak and neither do you.

If you want to buy a car, do you sit around looking from the outside wondering what the salesmen will take for that car? Pinning all day long hoping you can get the car? No, that's pretty fricking ridiclous isn't it?

You have to go in and talk to the guy to find out if he will take a lower price, or a price you can deal with. It may be a one of a kind car, but that's no matter, you're still negotiating and you can't let that out of the bag unless you really think it will help your position.

Timing is crucial. It's not always price that get's the car; it's how badly the salesman wants to sell the car. Women are no different. She may have a boyfriend or husband. In which case you should probably drop pursuit. If she's available, it might get interesting. You're frumpy; she's refined. The more you discuss with her, the more she lets you know what *she* wants in a man. Because *she* won't be telling you what all *women* want. She's not interested in them and neither should you at the moment.

What do men want? I want a girl that's pretty. I want a girl with nice breasts. I want a girl with nice teeth. But I want a girl that is fun to be with, that I can talk to. One that I can enjoy my time

with. One that likes sex as much as me (don't worry these women do exist). Maybe sex isn't all that important and just having someone to walk the dog with is aces (I'm alergic to dogs but whatever).

I'm going to be brutally honest - that's how I like to write - so don't get too pissy when I say this, because I believe it's true. I like to be seen with a hot girl so that I can feel confident about myself. Guess what, so do women. Many women like status, your status, because it gives them status. They like to say they date so and so (and forget the feminist propaganda because women only pay it lip service when it suits them, then jump the fence when it doesn't).

That's why they like musicians, it puts them in the spotlight. That's why they date arrogant egomanic type guys, it gives them a false pretence, but it still gives them something more than what they had. It also means they will date you, as soon as you realize your status.

If I asked you what you want, you could very well tell me you want the moon. Why not go for the stars right? But define it, as in "what do you want for this car?" It narrows it down. Just like when you ask a woman what she wants in exchange for her. That's when the coversation becomes more reasonable. She knows what she's worth, even if she does have an inflated or deflated ego, it's still going to be relative to you.

If she tells you she wants the moon, it's likely she doesn't want to sell to you. That's okay. Don't even let it bother you. Never commit yourself over one woman so badly that it skews your vision and rationality. Ask her sister out, her best friend or don't. You have to remind yourself that you are a good bargain and that they didn't see the value. You don't even have to be rude about this, because believe it or not, many a salesmen have chased a potential buyer out into the parking lot in order to make the deal.

Now combine this with tact, ingenuity, artistic flavour, experience, politeness, back up alternatives and an all around love for the game, because women will be telling you what they want just as soon as you ask them. It's about what you want that matters first.

by Dan Lynch

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14 Years And Counting For Marital Rape

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Luek writes *"So you think marital rape is a joke and you would never be accused of or convicted of it? Read on and go to this site for some sobering reflection:*

http://www.ncfm.org/will.htm

WILLIAM HETHERINGTON is in a Michigan prison on a Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) conviction. His wife claimed that he had raped her. The case was a matter of "he said/she said". Wil has been in prison, now, for more than 14 years. During all of that time he has consistently maintained his innocence."

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NCFM-DC at Olde Town Gaithersburg Day in Maryland

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Matt writes *"NCFM-DC was present at the Olde Town Gaitherburg Day Fair in Gaithersburg, MD, which was attended by thousands of DC-area residents.*

We had a table set up and passed out hundreds of fliers and leaflets. We were met with a variety of reactions, some supportive, others dismissive- but no pies in the face or shrill screaming from enraged feminists. :)

It was a great success. Getting the word out is the name of the game; public outreach is well worth the effort!!

HUZZAH!!

Matt Campbell
VP/Treasurer, DC chapter"

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Into the Abyss and Back

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Our very own Steve Imparl has written an incredible piece regarding Depression. His description may be of every man. That reaching out from depression is not a crime of shame. Showing those who have walked down that road may help others. His story is here.

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Into the Abyss and Back

Into the Abyss and Back

By Steven D. Imparl

(Published in *Newsweek Japan*, December 4, 2002, pp. 54-55)

"Beep…beep…beep…beep," my alarm clock sounded on a sunny, clear morning in mid-October, 2001. A warm breeze blew through the open window. Birds chirped happily in the backyard. Outside, the day was starting very well.

There was only one problem: I could not get out of bed. My brain simply could not be bothered to tell my arms and legs to move. During the previous few months, I had begun to dread the mornings and I did not want to face another day. Although I love my work, the thought of going to my downtown Chicago office on

this particular day was positively horrifying.

Under
normal circumstances, I relished autumn days like this one. Now, I wanted to hide under the covers and wait for the world to disappear.

My
low mood was not a surprise. For the previous three months, a strange fear—a sense of impending doom—greeted me when I awoke in the morning. That fear followed me through my waking hours like a lost black dog. I was having trouble concentrating, working, and enjoying life.

Knowing
what lay ahead of me, I did not greet the day with my usual enthusiasm. Instead, I found myself tumbling down a bottomless abyss from which there appeared to be no escape. Indeed, at that point, I did not even want to escape. I was content to continue my free fall into oblivion, unconcerned about such mundane things as paying my bills, getting dressed, or even eating. A profound apathy tainted everything in my life; I just did not care what happened.

Sure,
the economy was deteriorating all around me and I was highly anxious about keeping new clients and trying to find new ones. Yes, I had been chronically cranky, irritable, and restless. I hadn't slept longer than 30 minutes at a time for several months. I had broken off a relationship with a woman whom I had loved deeply and to whom I had nearly become engaged.

I
found myself angry almost all the time. Although I am usually calm and fairly even-tempered, lately, the slightest provocation could make my blood boil. Once, while I was walking down the street at lunchtime, a man driving a small red sports car in the snarled Chicago traffic blew his horn just a little too long. I yelled at the driver and he yelled something back. Almost instantly, I was shouting at him and ready—no, *eager*—to throw punches. I calmed myself with a few deep breaths as the noisy man and his car disappeared into the endless flood of vehicles. My response had been totally out of character; I knew something was wrong and I didn't like it.

On
top of this, I was working insanely long hours, yet accomplishing less and less, despite all my effort. On weekends, I mostly laid on my bed, staring at the ceiling. Spending time with friends was unbearable. I was contemplating suicide with an alarming frequency, and I had plotted my demise in gruesome detail. But no, I wasn't *depressed*.

In
my one-man law practice, I counsel and represent small businesses, especially Internet and e-commerce companies. I intentionally surround myself with fellow entrepreneurs, in part, to boost my energy and mood. My work is interesting and very rewarding. However, in the summer of 2001, I was turning away new clients because I could not generate the enthusiasm to work for them. Consequently, my income was dropping. As my income dropped, my mood sank, too. As my mood worsened, my income fell further. A dangerous cycle had begun.

Because
all of these feelings and behaviors were so unusual for me, I started seeing a therapist. The sessions were helpful, but something was missing. I mentioned my frustration with the "missing" piece to my therapist, and he gently invited me to consider medical treatment. For a few months, I balked at that idea. I told him I was not "crazy" or "unstable," and I resented any suggestion that I was. I did not want to see a psychiatrist. Seeing a psychotherapist was bad enough, but to see a psychiatrist implied mental illness, with its embarrassing baggage of misconceptions and stigma.

Nevertheless,
on that October morning, I realized I had two options: try medications or kill myself. Facing that grim Hobson's choice, I contacted a psychiatrist that my therapist had recommended and scheduled an appointment with her at the end of the following week.

Arriving
at the psychiatrist's office, I expected to meet a cold, disagreeable figure who would delve into my earliest childhood memories, fill me with exotic brain-numbing pills, and administer painful electric shock therapies when the former methods failed to cure me. I was pleasantly surprised. The doctor was a friendly middle-aged woman with a soft voice and a gracious demeanor. She asked a few questions, but mostly let me talk. She listened intently and wrote a few notes. After pausing for a moment, the good doctor smiled respectfully and told me I was suffering from major depression.

I
was shocked. Me? Depressed? No way! I bristled at the doctor's diagnosis. On the surface, everything seemed to be going great. As a lawyer-businessman in my late 30s, I had been blessed with success and interesting opportunities in law, information technology, business, and writing. I had achieved most of the goals I had set for myself professionally and personally. I had been happily self-employed for seven years and had published a highly successful three-volume book about Internet law. I was exploring some promising new business ventures. My family was healthy. I had a lot of friends. How could I be depressed?

Initially,
accepting that I had depression was extremely difficult. I felt weak and inadequate, flawed and lazy. I concluded I must have had some terrible character flaw to be feeling so awful. Because most things in my life were going very well, a diagnosis of depression made no sense to me.

Nor
did I like the idea of taking pills for depression; in part, because I worried they would change my personality or turn me into a zombie. I had read about antidepressants. I knew that the process of prescribing antidepressant medicines could be a matter of trial and error, and that doctors had only "theories" about how those medicines worked, rather than facts. I was very uncomfortable with the idea of medical treatment for depression because it seemed so unscientific.

Further,
I had thought that depression was an illness that primarily affected women. In the popular media, I had seen many depictions of depressed women, but never of depressed men. As a guy who liked to be active and engaged in life, I felt ashamed of a condition that threatened to bench me in the game of life at a critical point in that game. Depression was too unmanly and, well, too depressing to accept.

Since
I was paying my hard-earned money for the 45-minute visit with the psychiatrist, I told her all of my concerns. I expressed my disbelief and asked her how I could possibly be depressed. Patiently, my doctor explained that depression is a physical illness as much as it is an illness of the mind. I learned that most psychiatrists now believe depression results from an

imbalance of certain chemicals in the brain called neurotransmitters. Encouragingly, the doctor said that depression usually responds well to treatment. She also told me that a lot of people suffer from depression and that there is no reason to feel ashamed of the illness. Becoming somber for a moment, she cautioned that untreated depression could be fatal: as many as 15% of depressed persons who do not receive treatment eventually kill themselves.

The doctor prescribed a medication called EffexorXR®. I'd like to say that there was a miraculous change the next day, but it didn't work that way. In fact, for the first few weeks, I felt nothing. I wanted to abandon the treatment. I called my doctor, who suggested I be patient because antidepressants can take several weeks to reach their full effect. I waited three months, punctuated by regular visits with my doctor. Finally, after taking the medication for about three and one half months, I began to feel consistently better and more like my usual self.

A year later, I am feeling much better. Most of my enthusiasm for life has returned. Increasingly, I have moments of joy and a sense of direction and purpose. My income is gradually rising, too, although it will take time to recover the recent losses. I am developing a new Internet-based business, actively networking with other professionals, and seeking new clients for my law practice.

I now realize that I did not have to suffer as long as I did or feel ashamed of my depression. Effective treatments are available and offer us hope. I am the living proof.

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Injustices against men

Adam · 23 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"This is a short piece from the Indian newspaper Telegraph on how DV laws are unfair to men, and the proposed changes in Indian DV laws to restore the balance. On the whole, it's a male positive article.*
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Sexual Harassment of Men

Adam · 23 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"Did you see the CBS report on sexual harassment of men by women? The HR department of course ignored this guy's complaint and said he must have brought it on himself! Bet that Kristen Carmen was surprised to see herself on the national news!"*

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Men's Rights Candidate needed in 2004!

Adam · 23 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Friends:*

I just heard a news report wherein Democrat, Carol Mosley Braun formally announced her candidacy for President, and blamed the problems of the world on men. She has garnered an endorsement from N.O.W., and has stated that she wants to bring women's issues front and center. She is getting a lot of press for her women's issues.

The only question we need ask now is, "Who is the men's rights candidate for President in 04?" I'm running in 08 against Hillary, but we need to take the "bull" by the horns in 04.

My campaign motto in 08 will be either,

VOTE MEN'S RIGHTS,
OR BE PILLORIED BY HILLARY

or

EQUAL JUSTICE
IN EVERY FAMILY

or

END THE
FEMICRAT
CONSPIRACY
AGAINST AMERICA

My motto for today is LET'S NOT WAIT 'TILL 08.

"A laptop in every pot,"
Ray"

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His Side: Father & Son Reunited

Adam · 24 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon user writes: *"Despite a decade of physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his mother, Darius never gave up on his dream to be reunited with his father.*

Darius and his father told their story on His Side with Glenn Sacks to commemorate Equal Parents Week (September 22-28), an international week of recognition of children's right to both parents. To listen to the show, go to His Side"

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Man arrested over domestic dispute

Adam · 24 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

No nick yet writes *"This story appeared in the newspaper where I work. I know the person in the story who is named as a friend of the man arrested. He was with the accused when he was arrested. They were returning to the guy's apartment, with slushies in hand, and found it surrounded by the Crisis Response Team. The guy goes up to a cop and asks what was going on and they tell him there is a guy in an apartment with a rifle - him! The cops had evacuated the building and blocked off the street and then held a four-hour stand-off with an empty apartment. Why? Someone phoned the police and told them he was holding a woman hostage with a rifle. Coincidentally, he had an argument with his girlfriend that morning. So even though the call was a false alarm and there was no victim they arrested him anyway and then went into his apartment and seized his rifle."*

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Men have no rights?

Adam · 25 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"This is (yet another) tragic story of a man who was falsely implicated and lost everything - his job, reputation and his daughter."*

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Sacks: Convicted Murderess Gets Custody

Adam · 25 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon user writes: *"Glenn Sacks blasts the family court system in his newest column, "Convicted Murderess Can Get Custody but Decent Fathers Can't" (Houston Chronicle, 9/19/03). To read the column, go here"*

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Boys bottom of the class worldwide

Adam · 26 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"This study (presented in a somewhat celebratory fashion) shows that women have overtaken men at every level of education in developed countries around the world and blames boys for not being able to overcome peer-pressure as well as unable to deal with disruptions in the family unit as a cause for this problem. Likely, the real culprit behind lagging male interest isn't ability, but motivation. Feminism has replaced core educational standards with a "female empowering emotive-feminist" model. Educational programming has to be a primary factor in the sharp decline in male interest in higher education, not "peer-pressure" which often makes boys thrive. For this article to imply that the educational failure of boys isn't an academic issue that needs high level concern is insidious, and it is indicative of what the global academic feminist institutions intend to do to fix the problem of educational equality - nothing."*

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Farrell's Campaign Bringing More Light to Us

Adam · 26 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Warren Farrell's campaign for governor of California is bringing some fairly good media attention to fathers' issues. We just learned about this one in the National Review by Jennifer Roback Morse. She supports Warren as her favorite of the lesser-known candidates. She then makes a list of good ideas from the lesser-knowns, and the top two items on the list are Warren's call for joint custody laws and a paternity fraud bill. You can also view TV footage from CNN National and some local stations. Marc"*

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Finding Men's Activists

D · 27 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The gloominess of men's activism is sometimes difficult to deal with. I would like to point out how there are far more men's activists then we may formerly acknowledge at present. After hearing a speech presented by a children's service departement head no less I am inclined to believe there are far more of us out there than we may realize. I think it is important to find these people and make contact with them. They too may not realize the large movement developing in our mysts. Keep in mind not all of them are up to date as many of us and still may even hold onto feminist propaganda as truth. Try to focus on what they do believe and work slowly from there. A positive attitude opens all doors.

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University shuts down Affirmative Action protest

Adam · 27 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Doctor Damage writes *"Newsday.com reports that Texas University shut down a bake sale which was set up to protest Affirmative Action. white males had to pay $1 for a cookie. The price was 75 cents for white women, 50 cents for Hispanics and 25 cents for blacks. The Universities justified its action saying "This was not an issue about free speech" (uh huh...) "It was really an issue where we had a hostile environment being created."Has anyone heard of a protest which did not result in hostility? is hostility not the underlying reason and purpose for* ***any*** *protest. One remark:"They were arguing that affirmative action was solely based on race. It's not based on race. It's based on bringing a diverse community to a certain organization." struck me as the most egregious sophistry I have encountered in many years (over a decade) following the development of mens politics"*

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Stone Soup comic reinforces myth of male power

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mens_issues writes *"The Stone Soup comic strip, by Jan Eliot, is usually quite entertaining. However, the past two days have featured a conversation between the mother and her daughter "Alix" in which Alix says that she wants to grow up to be a man because "it's a man's world" and she thinks she will earn more money, etc. It does say that Jan Eliot took women's studies in college, which may just have something to do with this.*

Here's the link"

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Marriage? Just Say No.

Adam · 28 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Darren Blacksmith has just written a superb piece on marriage, and it's a must read. Having seen what happened to my uncle, you're better off without marriage, believe me.

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Male-bashing on go.espn.com vs 'metrosexuals'

Adam · 28 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"This article condemns "metrosexuality". No surprise it was off-linked from msn.com's Hotmail opening page.*

I submitted a comment as written here, and also sent it to the author of this lovely little tract whose e-mail address is found at the bottom of the article she wrote.

For decades men have been scolded to be more like women. Some have become that way, and now they are condemned for it?

The underlying phnomenon here is this: When a man stops living to serve women, he is condemned. If he takes care of himself and/or acts as "self-absorbed" as the average woman does, he is also condemned for it. Women want the right of self-absorption and self-care to themseleves. They would rather sit safely on the bleachers watching men hurt themseleves in sports like football for their own entertainment than watch a man be happy and healthy and care for himself. There is nothing wrong with a man taking care of himself as he sees fit.

The mistake men have been making for a long time is that they have been too much taking their cues about what they ought to be from women. Of course if you live for anyone else's opinion of you, you are bound to get caught in a cycle of pleasing/not pleasing that leads to no one's happiness. You must live life the way you think is right for you, and not for anyone else. To not do so is to allow oneself to get caught in a kind of co-dependency, and that is not good because the results are rarely satisfying.

I say this: individual men should be the way they want to be, act as they want to, and live for their own goals. If those include playing football and not 'doing their hair', so be it. If they include spending $1,000/month+ at the spa, so be that, too.

Men should have as much CHOICE as women have in every area that they have it.

Ms. Pressman needs to update her notions of "equality of the sexes" to include men."

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Ann Richards "joke"

D · 29 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dave writes *"Gentleman,*

Ann Richards, the former governor of Texas, made violence against men the subject of a most disgusting "joke" today (26 September) at a ralley of women for Gov. Davis in the Los Angeles area. I have not been able to locate any report on this on the web. Her story was: the economy is bad all over, it is so bad in Texas that women are now carpooling to run over their husbands! Can you believe this?!! This was shown on L.A. local TV news tonight. I hope that some of the media pick up on this, and all decent concerned people make her a pariah."

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Man claims sexual harassment from female boss

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A male employee at the online service America Online claimed to have been subject to sexual harassment from his female boss. Among other things, he claims she touched him and prevented him from leaving when he was at her home. One supervisor at AOL suggested that the man himself was to blame for the harassment, possibly because of the clothing he was wearing.

The CBS News article (last checked Sept. 26, 2003) is at the URL Read Here

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Domestic Violence Conference, Diverse Perspectives

D · 29 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Lee Newman writes *"Please reserve your seat at this very important event!*

The excitement is building!

Violence Intervention Program SAFE-NH is co-sponsoring this unique Domestic Violence Conference with the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and...READ MORE

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We have been swamped with phone calls,e-mails and visits to our websites...regarding not only this important Conference during Domestic Violence Awareness Month,but many crisis calls along with requests for information.

The last few weeks have made us even more committed to the visions of both of the Co-sponsors of this event!

The sheer numbers of callers in need of services speaks very clearly to us that we are a necessary addition to services already available! We have been attending an increasing number of hearings as DV Advocates,the Helpline is experiencing an incredible upsurge in calls and registrations for this Conference are coming in a steady flow.

The reason for this e-mail is to remind you to register soon so that you won't be among those who wait to long. Space is limited to the first 400 registrants and our deadline is Oct.4th before the ticket price increases.

More and more everyday we are receiving positive feedback ,not only from individuals who work in the helping professions,educational institutions,medical facilities and State Agencies,but most of all from those who suffer the effects of abuse in their personal lives! We are receiving validation that yes...we ARE "Making a Difference"!

PLEASE...register to attend what some are saying could be "the most important Conference that has come along regarding these issues ...in a long time!"

Join all of the people who have already commited to adding their voices,increasing their awareness and forging important connections at the :

Diverse Perspectives...

Conflict & Violence In Our Families...

Our Communities...

Domestic Violence Conference

Your presence,your voice,your ideas,your perspectives and your compassion are important. The time has come for all of us to join together in order to assure that every victim of violence and abuse has a place to reach out to and an understanding voice to speak to.

This is a Conference where"politics and personal agendas" are left outside the door so that open and "inclusive" communication can take place.

The time has come for new solutions,new initiatives...and new voices to be heard.

Let's work to blend the old and the new so that we can end the devastation that occurs in our Communities when voices of victims can not be heard!

Please take the time to join the many who are meeting on "common ground" to "Take a Stand Against Violence" on October 18th .

Your attendance will send a clear message that you are ready to forge alliances with those who are ready to make changes and progress!

Presenters from across the country are coming to share their ideas and experience...registrants are coming from everywhere to take ideas home with them and make much needed changes in their communities,while sharing their resources with us.

A regionally well known musical talent and "advocate/activist" will be joining us to share his music so please come early and enjoy your "morning coffee" while listening to him. He will perform for us while we all settle in for our Keynote speaker and the beginning of our day.

The future of services in in all of our hands...important work needs to be done...and will be...!

Come spend a few hours and add your voice and your visions to this important initiative.

Please forward this to others you think may be interested and feel free to share these materials via e-mail or print.

Comments and questions can be e-mailed directly to me via reply or visit www.VIP-NH.org
for more details.

Take care,and be SAFE,

Lee Newman

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The Men's Hour at last! (New and improved)

Adam · 30 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"Following video/software/health delays the New Men's Hour is here. It now has a blog, a forum and video. This includes videos and photos of 2 Fathers-4-Justice protests in the UK. It also has links to other media on the net, such as Warren Farrell interviews and Bob Geldof attacking the treatment of fathers in Britain."*

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Forced Weddings? Really?

Adam · 30 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Do you all believe this? After such a forced wedding, the groom has no option to void the marriage? Huh? Is this a joke by some prankster trying to see if she could get such an outlandish story printed?"*

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Time online covers high rate of marital breakups

Adam · 30 September 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Ever notice how when females break engagements, they are being independent-minded, but when males do it, they are said to fear commitment?*

At least Time got the fear of divorce right with regard to being among the top reasons for why people are not following through with this most ridiculous of arrangements. I would say any man who studies the stats should make it his top reason. And predictably, this article focuses on women's opinions of the whole thing.

Read it
here"

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What *Real* patriarchy looks like

D · 1 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

SunCat writes *"Hey, if Western Rational Thought is so male and so evil then why do the worst misogynists in the world slash their daughters to death for being Western?*

http://littlegreenfootballs.com/weblog/?entry=8350 _Honor_Killing_in_London

I don't do this sort of thing so why blame me?"

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NYPost discusses wealthiest women

Adam · 1 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Speaks for itself"* Yeah it does, but this speaks even more "*but if you're looking for the strongest growth numbers it's probably through divorce'*" I hope that didn't comprimise your gag reflex too much. Eugh....

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His Side: P.I. Reveals Secrets Behind Mercedes Murder

Adam · 1 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon user writes "*The Clara Harris "murder by Mercedes" case--wherein a Texas woman garnered widespread sympathy after killing her husband as his daughter begged her not to kill her father--has been a textbook example of our society's noxious mix of anti-male feminism and anti-male male chivalry. Incredibly, last week the murderess was granted joint custody of her twin five year-old boys.*

Sunday on His Side, Glenn discussed the Harris case with the private detective who knows it best--Bobbi Bacha of Blue Moon Investigations, the agency which Clara hired to spy on her husband. To listen to the show, go to His Side"

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Women Lie About Sexual History

D · 2 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Grant Hayes writes *"The New Scientist is running a piece about how men and women lie about their sex lives. Of course, the more likely it was that the women believed she would be caught, the more she lied. The much maligned male, however, proved to tell the truth more often. Conclusions, anyone?"*

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Male brain science gives clue to nagging questions

Adam · 2 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Here is an article that touches many deep issues for men. The article tries to help promote a better understanding of men and reverse what seems to be a dangerous assumption born of the past 40 years of radical femininism that men have simply become redundant, but falls short as it argues that it is men that ultimately must live up to the expectations or the newly fabricated "independant women"*

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Non Sequitur comic shows date with vindictive woman

Adam · 2 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"The Non Sequitur comic strip for 9/26 (by Wiley Miller) features a father on a date with a vindictive woman who quotes the worn out cliche about men and toilet seats before dumping a wine glass on his head. It ends with his daughter's horse "Lucy" asking why her dad hadn't remarried. The daughter, Danae, replies that he's overqualified. This cartoonist is good! Here is a link to the comic strip (choose the 9/26 episode)"*

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Boys are better for marriages

Adam · 3 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Jen writes *"Well, here is something, as the mother of sons, I knew for a long time and never realized was universally true-boys are much easier to have around than girls. Apparently easier on marraiges as well.This story claims that world wide, marraiges with sons fare better than those with daughters, and the more the better. Very interesting read. I did find the piece at first seemed to be blaming boys, but later down the girls get the same treatment, so I don't think it was really angled one way or the other."*

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No jail for mom who killed baby

Hombre · 3 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

donaldcameron1 writes *"Do I have to say that this is outrageous?"*

Time served is sufficient, but judge orders Krystal Coombs to get psychological help
Chris
Purdy
The Edmonton Journal
Wednesday,
October 01, 2003

"Krystal Coombs will not go to prison for the beating
death of her baby daughter a crime she continues to deny.

Court of
Queen's
Bench Justice Joanne Veit said Tuesday the 20-year-old woman deserves a
four-year sentence for manslaughter but has already served the
equivalent of
that time in custody awaiting the outcome of her trial.

Veit
sentenced
Coombs to one day in jail, which she technically served Tuesday in
court, as
well as three years' probation with psychological treatment and
addictions
counselling.

She also ordered Coombs to notify her probation
officer if
she becomes pregnant again
..."

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Misandric play - "The male intellect: an oxymoron?

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mens_issues writes *"There is a play showing in Boulder (where else?) called "The male intellect: an oxymoron?" by Robert Dubac. The "protagonist" of this stupid play is a man named Bobby who supposedly can't figure women out. The explanation then goes into the worn out cliche about him being a chauvinist "like most guys," as well as the fact that the five men who have taught him the most about women are even bigger "chauvinists."*

Here is the link:

http://www.maleintellect.com/

Steve"

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Abortion Bill's Passage Expected

Hombre · 3 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Cape Cod Times is one of many papers telling us that...

"The House voted overwhelmingly yesterday to ban what opponents call "partial-birth abortion," and the Senate is expected to agree today, sending the measure to President Bush, who says he will sign it into law"

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Quentin Tarantino says "Kill Bill" about "Girl Power"

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CNN.com tells us that...

"Tarantino said Kill Bill was a feminist statement, "a film about girl power."

"Tarantino said that over 380 litres of fake blood had been used for the movie, and described how one fight scene, in which Thurman dismembers 88 opponents with a Japanese sword, took over eight weeks to shoot."

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Men denied equality by new Afghan constitution

Hombre · 3 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Afghan News Network's title to this story says it all, albeit inadvertantly.

"The draft constitution guarantees women at least one seat from each of the 32 provinces on the wholesi jirga, the national parliament, and a minimum of 25 seats in the mushran jirga, the senate, said Fatima Gailani, a member of the Constitutional Review Commission. The total number of seats in each assembly has not yet been decided. "

"The draft document says the government must provide women with education and health care not only equal to men, but that additional provisions must be written to care for pregnant women and educate widows whose husbands were killed during the last two decades of war."

Amazing how people can miss the irony.

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Male birth control pill soon a reality (hopefully)

Adam · 3 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

It's looking hopeful, acording to this story it looks like we might have several choices before long. And with minimal side effects too. Anybody else got the feeling this invention might be like using a flamethrower on a planet full of gunpowder?

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Prostitutes bribed to make false rape claims

Hombre · 3 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Daily Nation and Telegraph.uk have uncovered a story in which they reveal...

"Human rights activists have encouraged Kenyan prostitutes to submit fake rape claims against British soldiers"

"They told me that if I said I was raped by British soldiers and showed them my baby then I would get three million shillings [£30,000]," Miss Muguri said. "I would take two million and they would take one."

"I know none of them was raped. The fathers were either British soldiers or tourists or white Kenyan citizens. If a child looked partly Indian we would tell them to say they were raped by Gurkhas."

"Another prostitute, Rose, who has two mixed-race children as a result of liaisons with Italian tourists at the coast, refused to say she was raped, despite attempts by activists to persuade her."

"However, lawyer Martyn Day maintains that most of the claims are genuine and is set to continue with the legal action on behalf of several hundred Samburu and Maasai women."

Anyone want to make some money by claiming Martyn Day raped you?

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So what has feminism to be proud of?

Adam · 4 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Hope your readers would like to give these links a look at and leave a few comments.*
We'd like to know....
What the word 'Feminism' means to you?
What have feminist ideas meant to you in your life - has this changed over the years?
Your personal stories?
What are feminism's successes and failures?
What's the future for feminism? In the second article feminists are crowing about being terrorists. These days rather than being funded through drugs they use your taxes to destroy you.

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NH Men's Commission Now Ready for Action!

Scott · 5 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Foster's Daily Democrat printed an excellent front page news story on Saturday about the NH Commission on the Status of Men. The article objectively mentioned many of the injustices and problems we had getting the commission established and included some great quotes about men's issues. My favorite, from Rep. David Bickford, was: "*For so long, it was politically incorrect to examine whether there was anything wrong with the way men are treated in society. To not even consider where men fell in the mix, I think, has had a negative effect on society...This will give people a chance to hear from the other side. Until now, information about gender issues has been very tainted and one-sided.*" Right on, David!

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The pill for men

Adam · 5 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

More news on the pill here, not too much longer hopefully. To quote: "*A male pill is potentially the next step after the successful Australian trial of a treatment of hormones that switches off sperm production. The five-year study, led by David Handelsman of the ANZAC Research Institute in Sydney, involved 55 couples. None of the women in the trial became pregnant. Sky News revealed last night that the treatment was a world first, and Professor Handelsman said the method would eventually have men taking an injection every three to four months.*"

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Jobless, single and male

Adam · 5 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

That's what it says here and it's about the time this issue got some coverage. However, she does leave out two very important factors, namely the fact that alot of jobs get shipped off to third world countries for cheap sweatshop labour, and she neatly side-steps the issue of women in the workforce, which is a pity as you won't see the full picture until you look at everything I suppose. Still, it's a start right?

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Unsung Hero

Hombre · 7 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

locksley2k writes *" Today's Newsday ran a feature story about Pfc.Patrick Miller whom appears to be the real hero of the 507th, Jessica Lynch's outfit.*
Although Pfc. Miller received the Silever Star for his actions, he was not promoted and still only receives $25K/year as a Pfc.while Ms.Lynch is making millions. True to form Pfc. Miller has apparently never said a word about it.
http://www.newsday.com/mynews/ny-p2cover3483031oct 06,0,3500854.story"

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His Side Commemorates DV Awareness Month

Hombre · 7 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

October is DV Awareness Month, the month when the men of America have to endure listening to feminists and their endless array of media lackeys pretend that domestic violence is only committed by men.

Glenn discussed the anti-male myths guiding current DV policies with domestic violence experts Phil Cook and Jan Brown on His Side with Glenn Sacks on Sunday, October 5. Cook is the author of Abused Men: The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence. Brown is the founder and executive director of the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men. To listen to the show, go to His Side Archive http://hisside.com/show_archive.htm>.

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Letter from Farrell to men's activists

Hombre · 7 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Warren Farrell sent us the following letter...

"On Tuesday a few friends of yours in California will vote for children to have their dad only if you call them, and only if you address your friends' unconscious ambivalence: their openness to voting for me versus their desire to make their vote count. Here's how they can do both:

Explain that there's about a chance in a billion that their one vote will make the difference between the winner and the loser. But since I am identified on the ballot with fathers' issues, each vote for me can be seen, and delivers a crystal clear message to politicians, "stop giving moms the right to children while making dads fight for children."

In brief, their vote will tell politicians, "you can no longer ignore dads". (This is the way the Green party forced politicians to no longer ignore the environment.)

If your friend objects, "I care about children, not dads," explain that since every child is half their mom and half their dad, a vote for me is a vote for a child to have both halves of itself.

It's the first chance we've ever had to do this. We don't know if we'll have that chance again. Please think of a California friend and make that call tonight.

Warmly,

Warren

www.warrenfarrell.com "

Until recently I'd been offering a new challenge to you everyday to work for the men's rights cause by supporting Farrell. Election day is today! This is your last chance to participate by taking up Farrell's challenge and talking to any friends you have in California, or if you don't have friends there discussing it on a California forum.

"What did you do when a politician ran on a men's issues platform?"

"Nothing, I was tired and didn't want to miss my favorite TV show."

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Men Get Own Kindergarten While Women Shop

Adam · 8 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Isn't this demeaning? Reuters' "Oddly Enough" reports that "German women fed up with their partners' grumbling on weekend shopping trips can now dump them at a special kindergarten for men offering beer and entertainment." Interesting that there isn't a similar kindergarten for women who grumble about their men attending sporting events! The link is here*

Steve"

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Anti-Male Hate Campaign Kicks Off in PHX

Adam · 9 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"Ads drive home message on abuse*
by Susie Steckner
The Arizona Republic
Oct. 9, 2003 12:00 AM

Waxing a car. Pitching a tent. Throwing a spiral. Punching a woman.

A new public service campaign aimed at fathers will carry messages like this, explaining "There are certain things only a father can teach his son."

The campaign, like two previous blitzes launched during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, intentionally go for shock value....

A television spot, for instance, traces through adulthood a little boy who has heard his father repeatedly yell at his mother, slap her around and knock over furniture. When the boy grows up, he repeats the abuse in his own home. The lesson for dads: "He becomes more like you every day."

Full text is
here

The campaign comes from MAN, the Men's Anti-Violence Network in Phoenix, established in 2000. This site is loaded with false and misleading factoids!

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No Plans to Charge Ben Affleck's False Accuser

Thomas · 10 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

According to this BBC article, Tara Ray, the woman who filed an unfounded arrest warrent against Ben Affleck, won't be charged with any crime. Mr. Affleck's spokesman claims that there are a number of witnesses, who can testify to Affleck's innocence. Nevertheless, North Carolina District Attorney, John Carriker, stated that there are no plans to charge Ms. Ray with any offense.

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Men Flex Political Muscle in California

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As you know Steve Imparl works with male depression. His great attitude is greatly appreciated at Men's Activism News Network. A major function of MANN is simply the activism. From time to time Steve will be sharing with us his views on Male Depression and its relation to us. Here is his latest journel in regards to California's recall vote. Read here and enjoy :).

Steve's Midlife Crisis: Men Flex Political Muscle in California Archives

Steve's Midlife Crisis

Welcome to Steve's Midlife Crisis!

October 09, 2003

Men Flex Political Muscle in California

Here we are, shortly after the big California recall election. Arnold “the Terminator” Schwarzenegger is the governor-elect of the Golden State. From a male perspective, the election has been interesting for at least three reasons.

First, California's recall election featured a prominent men's rights expert and advocate as a candidate. Dr. Warren Farrell campaigned on an innovative platform in which he called for a “Reformation” of the Democratic Party. His campaign emphasized practical solutions for men's issues and the benefit of families and children. I am grateful to Dr. Farrell for bringing those issues to the public debate in a once-in-a-lifetime election. I also congratulate him for running a fine campaign, focused on the issues, and totally free of the nasty mudslinging that we so often see in today's politics. I appreciate Dr. Farrell's work on behalf of men, and, by extension, on behalf of all people.

Second, male voters are getting attention as an electoral force to be reckoned with. Susan Faludi claimed that Arnold Schwarzenegger owed his election to “a lopsidedly male following.” In a sneering commentary in the *Village Voice*, James Ridgeway notes that “[t]he main force behind [Schwarzenegger] were macho men.” It also appears the male vote was decisive in approving the recall itself, and that more than half of Schwarzenegger's voters were men. The whining—and thoroughly predictable—Katha Pollitt moaned, "aggressive male chauvinism is back in style, and Mr. Schwarzenegger is its standard-bearer.”

Finally, the results of the election seem to suggest that voters will not be swayed by desperate, last-minute attempts to discredit a male candidate by claiming that he sexually harassed some women, with no opportunity to investigate or rebut the claims. Perhaps that is a sign of an electorate that is becoming more savvy about politcal gamesmanship. On the other hand, it could be a sign of an electorate that just doesn't care about the harm that individuals may have suffered. The latter possibility is unfortunate and frightening. Still, we might be seeing a case of political opportunists having “cried wolf” once too often.

In any event, the mainstream media may not be reporting on these male-significant implications of California's recall election. However, it is important to consider and discuss them because men are beginning to flex their political muscles. While we have a long way to go, we have taken the first steps toward a reformation. It may not be the precise reformation that Dr. Farrell sought in his campaign, but I think this election is a wake-up call for all

men in the USA. Let's build on this foundation to make this world a better place for all beings.

Posted by Steve at 01:15 AM
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The sexist death penalty, sexual abuse, and homoph

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P. George writes *" A gay man named Eddie Hartman was(?) put to death by the state of North Carolina last Friday. The prosecuter used people's prejudices against homosexual men in particular to bias the jury against him. This situation may be able to bring to light the sexist and useless death penalty that mainly targets men, and also the homophobia that seems to mostly target men more so than lesbians. It also shows the ignored but very real sexual abuse/assault that does happen to some boys.*

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Menafists.com

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Tom Pierce

Admin, Menafists.com:
"Having been put through 3 years of hell in a Georgia Family Court system which repeatedly reminded me that only mothers can raise children, I've decided to put my computer/internet skills to work. The site is at www.menafists.com and while it don't look too pretty right now it is fully database driven. I'm currently seeking advice/comments etc., on shaping the content of this site. I have not yet taken any steps on advertising the link on Google, etc., but am hoping your site would be so kind to direct some traffic there to help shape the community a bit before advertising further."

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Oops, she did it again!

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Matt writes *"Way funny.*

http://www.cnn.com/2003/SHOWBIZ/10/09/spears.maryl and.reut/index.html

In short, Kendel Ehrlich, wife of the state's Gov. Robert Ehrlich, suggested she'd like to shoot Britney Spears - saying this at a DV conference.

Sugar 'n Spice..."

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Censored by Feminists

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I was rudely banned from babble's board. They claim to be domocratic and open to debate. I for one never said anything rude or vile and merely presented facts that were contradictory to their brain-washed ideologies. Yu can see for yourselves what I wrote here. If you feel like engaging them in debate try to be open and polite using fact and principle. 90% of the men's movement will be in confronting the falsehoods and laying down a standard for fairness. I'm not asking you to troll I'm asking you to take a stand either on the internet or in your community. It will be a tactfull and principled battle but most of you are well equiped. All you really need is a good and honest heart.

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Harvard student columnist discusses Paternity Fraud

Adam · 12 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

amperro writes *"I found this article It is refreshing to know that the word is getting out about paternity fraud, even at Harvard! Still, we are not making progress quickly enough. Maybe men's groups all over the country should band together and persuade the media to blitz the airwaves with the paternity fraud issue."*

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FluMist's sexist ad depicts father as inept

Adam · 12 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"FluMist has a sexist new ad which depicts a mother in bed with the flu while her husband gets their two kids ready for school. The husband lets the kids dress in light clothing while the radio predicts heavy snow. After the kids have their breakfast, the kitchen is a mess and he doesn't know what to do. Mothers then get the message that this scenario can be avoided by taking FluMist.*

The site for FluMist is

here

Steve"

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Head to head: Embryo court case!

Adam · 13 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

John C writes *"Head to head: Embryo court case*
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I know the blessings that children are, and I can understand the anguish of those people who cannot have children.
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"But we mustn't lose sight of the importance of the children having a father, or both parents, in their life.
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I think we're thinking about the rights of the mothers to have children and not too much about the rights of the children.
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Full Story
Here!"

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The New Meaning of "Rape"

Thomas · 13 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

In light of the cases against Kobe Bryant and an (in this article) unnamed football player, whose guilt or innocence have not yet been judged in court, Barbara Amiel examines the new meaning of "rape" under a matriarchy.

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It's good to be a man

Adam · 13 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

John C writes *"It's good to be a man by Paul S. Boynton - Can there be any doubt than men are in the midst of the most important transitions in their history? Are there men who don't feel, on some level, this new beginning? For me there is a strong sense of impending joy, as men, individually and collectively, begin to make startling discoveries about what it means to be a man. Some of the most important discoveries revolve around our incredible potential for goodness. Surprise! Things aren't always as they seem. Things aren't always as we've been taught. We are finally discovering that it is good to be a man.*
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Story Here!"

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We did It guys!

Adam · 14 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"We did it guys! THX to the many e-mails and phone calls from dedicated activists, the AZ 'Public has publicly admitted that men need help too!!!*

Men also domestic-abuse victims

Plight often overlooked, not reported, author says

Susie Steckner
The Arizona Republic
Oct. 14, 2003 12:00 AM

Author Philip Cook calls it the hidden side of domestic violence: male victims, overlooked, ignored and underserved.
Full text at:

http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/art icles/1014dv-men14.html"

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The Good and the bad

Adam · 14 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Julian Abbott writes *"First article to inspire you chaps and to get writing. "David Elliott and Brad Thompson said men were finding it increasingly hard to have books accepted by mainstream publishers. As a result there are too few "good reads" for men and boys".*

Second article gives an opportunity to comment on the article of women working longer hours. Remember all the whining from the fem brigade about men not helping around the house? Well this article states that men work on average 11 hours longer per week, that adds up to a whole lot of housework."

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Top 10 most dangerous jobs in America

Adam · 15 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Jen writes *"Top 10 most dangerous jobs in America*

"Loggers and fishermen faced the most daunting odds of dying at work in 2002, but the highways remained the most dangerous place for American workers...."

"....But highway accidents were the biggest overall killer in 2002, accounting for a quarter of all worker deaths. Falls killed 13%. Men were still, by far, the most likely to be killed on the job. Ninety-two percent of all workplace fatalities were male."

"Among the 441 women who died on the job, though, the chief cause of death was homicide. "

Ok, I would like to know why that last bit had to be stuck on there. It's like they are saying "Even though way more men die, it is men's fault for the women dying, and that is more important. " Grrr."

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Advertising and Gender

Adam · 15 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

tparker writes *"The Gender Ads Project attempts to categorize advertisments in various ways to indicate how they relate to gender. The have over 1600 ads categorized, and accept email comments (and maybe new ads?) Maybe the site could use some more examples of misandrist ads, since they seem to be focused misogyny at the moment."*

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Sexism in nature

Adam · 15 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Miletus Prime writes *"Here is a great story I found by The Onion on sexism It is only funny because we know he is joking but the same absurdity is expressed by feminists who want and expect to be taken seriously."*

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Stop Hitting Mum!

Adam · 16 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Here is an article about a book describing the child's perspective on domestic violence.*

The name of the book *NOT* surprisingly is "Stop Hitting Mum!"

Some people still do not seem to "get it" that 50% of domestic violence is committed by women against men and the percentage is even higher of women who abuse children.

When is domestic violence going to be taken seriously and stop being used as a radical feminist political wedge issue?"

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Pro-choice rally

Adam · 16 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Jen writes "
Here is the NOW rally in Washington for reproductive choice
April 2004. I don't know if there is anyone interested in setting up a booth to represent father's choice (or lack there of)issues. It may be a way to get some exposure for the issues, as the news likes to show conflict, and I am sure it would cause conflict. I would be interested in heading this up, if anyone thinks it would do any good. If anyone else is interested please let me know. Jen"

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Domestic Violence in the Workplace

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Here is the disclaimer "The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that more than 90 percent of all victims of domestic violence are women and most perpetrators men.* For this reason, this website uses she when referring to victims and he when referring to abusers." It's unfortunate that these disclaimers exist period, and the bigger question is why do they use the 'U.S. Department of Justice as the only standard for their remarks. If you read their page they are certianly hypocritical Go Here. For some email addresses see at the bottom left of page safe_at_work@liz.com and caepv@caepv.org

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Check List for Violence

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Increasingly the system doesn't hear the "man's" version of things. We here know that. Unfortunately to many of us know it first hand. I wrote this article to give us a start at learning how to defend ourselves from abusers and false accusers. It doesn't have to end here either, but it's a good start. Enjoy. Read Here. You also have my permission to pass it around to those you think it might help.***Check List for Violence***

A self defence approach to weeding out women that are potentially violent or who will use the justice system to extort, blackmail or to commit indirect forms of violence against you.

Here is a story for ya. I used to date a young woman, we'll call her Michelle. Michelle was a liar. A big fat liar, who used to tell the most amazing stories to garner your sympathy. Not only was Michelle a liar, she was an actress. Involved in various amature plays performed at a local theatre. A deadly combination for sure.,

Here is my hell with Michelle, which in reality is not nearly as bad as some men have gone through, but, there is a bit of smart advice at the end.

Dating Michelle was interesting, she was a cross between a redhead and a blonde with a body made for porn. However, Michelle's psyche was made for psycho thrillers. This woman lied about everything and anything. She lied about having cancer, which I drove up to see her in the hospital two towns over to be with her. She lied about being pregnant, she lied about a cist being removed from her overies as being something much more serious. She lied to the police about me breaking into her house, when in fact she broke into my house and stole my stuff. She put on quite a performance, and played the little helpless victim for the heroic and chivilrous cops to eat up and I had to higher a lawyer. This little lovely also virtually blackmailed me. She knew that I was going to Europe and that I was going without her so she told me that I would go to jail based on her report to the police if I did not take her. What was worse, she could do it and the police would believe it. Welcome to Ontario.

Did I also tell you about her stalking me even after we had broke up? This little honey made friends with my current girlfriend in order to get close to me. She is a devious woman.

I went to Europe without her and face the music when I got back because she was so pissed she did file a report. It was obvious the charge was fallacious and it was thrown out. But the hell and anxiety I went through was aweful and nobody gave a darn about me simply because I was a man and they were trained otherwise about these situations.

My feelings now is that the system is all about process and politics. Not truth and justice as I was raised to believe.

Now get this, even after we broke up, and after the court b.s. in which I had a restraining order agaisnt me to see her she kept harassing me. It was me who was trying to get rid of her but the system gave her the leverage to play me and try to control me to do her whim. After all the lies about cancer and such I dumped her, she made friends with my girlfriend and got back into my house even after I told her and everyone else that I never wanted her around again. She stole a number of my things, which I wish I just had of let go, and kept them. She moved right into an apartment down the road from me and was doing her laundry at my house weekly. Gawd. Now back to the story.

So Michelle, after about a year or two, calls me right out of the blue. She asks me what I'm doing, how things are going etc... I'm fine, things are good, so what? But of course I'm playing nice. She then is making a date with me. And during all this nice time extending over a couple of calls she goes over the list. The list is very simple, do I have a house, do I own my own car, how much money am I making, how much is in my bank account, how big is my house, of course you get the idea. It seems meaningless and typical questions for a girl looking for a status guy but it gets worse, let me tell you. The conversation moves along and she starts to tell me about her life. About her

life with her latest boyfriend. Guess what, they lived together and well, he beat her up.

Automatically I don't care. I don't care if she lied, or if he did. My assumption is she probably threw a large pair of cutting shears at him like she did me, but unlike me he wailed off and hit her. Whatever. It turns out my little sweetheart has been to a shelter and this woman, who by every definition of the word a freeloader, was not trying to be with me as a longterm commitment. She was trying to be with me for a short term commitment. One just long enough to allow her to make an allegation about me to the police which under the new law bill c 117 which was passed recently, gives her all of my stuff. That's right. She by court order would have my house, car, bank account and probably my wages signed right over to her on the spot. Think I'm kidding. I don't even have to hit her. She just has to have some sort of intuition about it. It could be the furtherest thing from my mind and a sunny beautiful day and that's what she can claim in Ontario.

Does it work both ways? I doubt it, no one really talks about men as victims. However I am hearing more and more about men using this tactic. But there are no shelters for men, and no stats pounded on billboards that show men as victims. No pamplets or social workers ready to speak to men on the subject and inform them of their rights.

I hear it is increasingly like this in several states as well. Colorado? California?

There is a high motivation to make allegations here. In Australia they are now looking at the possibility of male suicides related to court decisions. I think they should also look into the possibility that the courts decisions and politicians panderings are also contributing to homocides as well. The unjust laws are creating crime. Quite frankley the system is already in dispute, they are just unwilling to either accept it or acknowledge it because in my opinion they are cowards who are only to happy to ride that gravy chain of in-justice.

Honestly, if someone took away everything you have and worked so hard for, even in my case for possibly only a one night stand, you might be tempted to kill someone and or yourself. Feminists can have all the vigils they want, their brain-washing tactics are wearing thin on the rest of us and not just men, but mothers, daughters, sons, sisters, brothers and all relatives of the victims the system creates because of political insentive and dishonesty about the facts.

Like I said, Welcome to Ontario, and if you hear that check list being recited, you know what to do.

By Dan Lynch.

Dan Lynch is a Fellow Mann administrator, has studied Self-Defence for over 23 years and he is a trained mediator.

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NBC4.TV Quotes Ray of NCFM re: Shelter Lawsuits

Scott · 17 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"This article by NBC4.TV briefly covers the court's recent dismissal of Ray Blumhorst's lawsuit against 10 state funded domestic violence shelters for discriminating against males, which we are immediately appealing. As the article states, the court dismissed the case based on Government Code section 11139, which exempts "programs benefiting women" from the ban on discrimination in state funded programs. But the article fails to mention that we made a constitutional challenge to section 11139 based on Connerly v. State Personnel Board, which makes gender classifications in the law presumed unconstitutional, and that the judge refused to respond to our constitutional challenge and only said, "I'm not going to declare it unconstitutional." We are appealing this immediately."*

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UCLA Daily Bruin Prints NCFM Letter Refuting Pay Gap

Scott · 17 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"There is currently a 4-day conference at UCLA on women and pay inequities. So the UCLA Daily Bruin on Monday printed the usual myths about pay gaps by citing weekly earnings without giving details about other important factors (hours worked, experience, spending power, etc.). Thankfully they did print our letter refuting their distortions. And it's good timing - right while the conference is still taking place. I thank Joe Manthey of Kid Culture in the Schools for sending us the original Daily Bruin article."*

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Why a child is not a house?

Adam · 18 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Member2k3 writes *"Good article. I definitely agree that it's about the needs of the children - rather than the rights of the father."* Oh man, I'm gonna keep a distance from this one....

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Washington Post champions dating dishonesty

Adam · 18 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"... ahh, they pine for the good ol' days, don't they, when women and girls could flirt and lead men on and not be held responsible in any way for it. (Well, they still can.) But now should that noble and lofty paradigm be challenged in the least, they are crying bloody murder and once again blaming boys and men (in this case, boys in particular).*

I can tell them why the boys are not interested in dating-- the short version: why bother? It wastes the boys'/men's time and money for the most part and leads eventually to a lot of whining about commitment (which isn't really commitment when half of marriages end in divorce, these being largely intitiated by the female). What, do they think we're so stupid as to keep walking into this trap again and again? Maybe today's adolescent boys, after seeing what has happened to their fathers and uncles, are wisely saying no to the relationship/marriage trap.

The boycott will continue until men get their rights back!"

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Frankly this man amazes me.

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Dominic7 writes *"Bob Almighty." AKA Bob Geldof*.

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The Top Ten Myths of Marriage

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JohnC. writes *"The Top Ten Myths of Marriage*
By David Popenoe

The most recent U.S. Census figures confirm what most everyone already knows divorce rates, indeed, are on the rise.

1. Myth: Marriage benefits men much more than women.

Details Here!"

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If MEN have all the POWER.....

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JohnC. writes *"If MEN have all the POWER, how come WOMEN make the RULES?*

- You keep hearing that “It’s a man’s world”
and “women are oppressed,”
but it sure doesn’t seem that way to you.

- Is “something wrong with you”?
- Do you have “an emotional problem”?

- Are you going crazy?

- Or is maybe something else going on,
something you’re not supposed to think,
and certainly not talk about?

- This book lays it out in plain language
with vivid images and examples
to help you see clearly what’s really going on
between men and women.

-And why you’re right for thinking something
is very, very wrong...

"Download eBook

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When Your Partner Cheats...

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JohnC. writes *"When Your Partner Cheats*
By Karen Berney -

Few events cause as much turmoil in a marriage as

infidelity, which can reduce a marriage to rubble,

shattering trust and creating a breeding ground for

insecurity, mistrust and resentment.

Peggy Vaughan, author of The Monogamy Myth, estimates

that 60 percent of husbands and 40 percent of wives

will have an affair at some point in their marriage.

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Men are going to extinct...

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Anonymous User writes ″

Seriously, what is the media's interest in this topic? Why is it every article on this issue always has to include some little snide comment on what a wonder step forward this will be?

Why is it so hilarious to muse about the genetic withering of half the populace? If I were to welcome the devestation of the world's black population via HIV, what would that say about my character?"

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Polls should heed Arnie's angry army

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JohnC. writes *"Polls should heed Arnie's angry army*
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Daily News editors, The New York Daily News
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Riding the crest of one of the more astonishing people's insurrections in modern memory - a rebellion of historic proportions and enormous implications - Arnold Schwarzenegger is today the man who will govern California. And Gray Davis is not. There's a bottom line for you.
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TWO Network Shows Address Paternity Fraud!

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amperro writes *"On Sunday (10/12)ABC's "The Practice" ran the first of a two-parter concerning a man whose wife was cheating on him. She reveals to him that his children were in fact fathered by another man.*
On Tuesday (10/14)CBS's "The Guardian" ran an episode about a couple suing a fertility clinic because the wife's eggs were fertilized with another man's sperm. Later it is revealed she had an affair and the clinic was not at fault.
Why doesn't Congress have the guts that Hollywood seems to be showing when addressing this issue?"

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Does Prostitution Exploit Men?

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I'm really just posing a question here which I hope you'll read. But ask yourself, is it the "payee" or the "payer" that comes out on top? Check it out here. As always feel free to pass it around for discussion. Enjoy!**Does Prostitution Exploit Men?**

Key word "satisfaction". There are allegedly over 280 million porn sites on the internet. Brothels from here to kingdom come, strippers times two, massage parlours, street walkers, escorts, video shops, tittie bars, and college. Just to name a few. Now I'm only half kidding about college but the double standards are evident even on a simple night out.

Even disputes over "Ladies Night" abound. The usual arguement from men's activists opponets is that "Ladies Night" is for guys. It is not. It is for the establishment, so let's keep focused here. Ladies night envites women to get in early or for free or whatever in the marketing genius that *men* will show up and buy loads of beer. It's all money that goes to the establishment. Women will take up this offer perhaps realizing , perhaps not, that the said establishment is using women as bait. Women don't really drink much anyways. Societal norms still have men buying drinks for women to get to know them. These are not things I have a problem with particularly, nobody twisted your arm to buy the hottie a drink, accept perhaps your little friend. In the long run these are things that hold women back in the scheme of things and they always will. Perhaps that's for another debate. What I will point out here is that *both* sexes are being exploited. Both for sex, one for money. (Hmmm kind of reminds me of divorce court.)

People have urges. Men do. Women do too. In fact if you've ever seen a woman in heat you will see just how much her urges take her. A dramatic scenario is watching a female cat in heat. It's pretty extreme. Women aren't to far off, but men, usually, in their younger and more un-experienced days don't realize the significance of this. Oddly, women in their later years are more often the initiators of sex while men the not so interested. This could be why the new cougar craze is fitting in. You know "cougar", it's an older women with a younger man. Think Demi and Ashton, but subtract the blatent publicity stunt of the whole thing.

Does anyone have any idea how much a woman can earn in the sex industry? Basically the sky is the limit given her "talent". But what does a woman provide? Nothing. Is the woman being "exploited"? Not necessarily. Is the man? Yes he is. However, many women are "shipped" (or so we are led to believe) in what is termed the "white slavery trade", and yes, that is exploitation at it's absolute worse. Poor families sell either their sons or daughters for pennies in backroom "romps", and yes, that is the worst kind of exploitation. I'd like to stop it, who wouldn't. But, let's talk about "Claudia" that works the 'Red Light District' in Amsterdam. Is she being exploited? No! She is unbelievably gorgeous. I mean fucking solid top to toe and you won't believe me until you see her with your own eyes. Now, Claudia charges as much as she can. Perhaps $200 American for 15 to 20 minutes and the next guy is in. Keep in mind that the district is rich with tourists and for a girl this hot 20 men is not unusual in one night. Hmmm $4000 American in one night, not bad work and some would say she earned every penny. But was she really exploited? Is her position in life because of her gender exploitation? Give me a frikin break, dude.

There are all kinds of jobs for her to take on. None of which pay that kind of money. What she made in one night could cover many people's tuition for a year. We could argue that they are both being exploited. Very few stand for the idea that *he* is the one being exploited. My stance gets pretty weak when it comes to personal choice. (He has free will right?) But the thing is a woman like Claudia knows that she can cash in on this biological function. This necessity of life. So as it is claimed the first industry was formed. Supply and demand. Sex for goods. (Perhaps another day I will explain why I think it was actually nursing that was the first real proffession for women. Until then.)

Our bodies were formed to biologically reproduce it's that simple. But women like Betty Friedan claim that marriage is an institute of class hiearchy, where sex is a commodity that needs to be seized in the market place. To

be witheld until further notice, in ideological terms. And don't even get me started on Catherine MacKinnon, who also has made a class war out of sex extend into the work place, creating a Stalin like state of fear and reportiveness. Either way you look at it, it's about a transfer of wealth in the name of s-e-x. Guess who pays?

If women have a "biological clock" than so do men, I say and prostitution is something that exploits that. We could throw rocks all day long trying to figure out who is really responsible for it, but with women like Claudia, tall, blonde, built, she knew it was easier to lie on her back than it was to go about it the hard way. Now don't get me wrong. I'm not here to preach conservative values and point to the greatness of "marriage", cause quite frankly, in this day and age, prostitution is might really be the safest sex going for many men.

I was for prostitution, I was against prostition and now I'm both for and against prostitution. I'm for it because it's not up to me what two consenting adults do. I'm against it, because my experience with it is that nobody really comes away fullfilled. The women are damaged goods and the men are no better off. It's a coldness that might never be warmed again. Call me a romantic.

However, in the end, women are not exploited solely because they prostitute themselves out for money, it is the men who are exploited. They do the jobs that are either high risk or of great physical strain. It is their labour and toil that does not measure up to the time in exchange for sex. And men usually by necessity have to do it. Sex should not be a commodity bought for and traded with, sex should be something shared for and cultivated with two people in my thinking. But if that's not your bag, and you want to see the wonderful world of prostitution and all that comes with it, don't think for a moment because she's lying on her back that she is the one being exploited, because it's bullshit. Feminists have merely *claimed exploitation* with out backing it up. Repeating it over and over again until people accepted it as truth. Much like I did here with my view. In the end it is something that exploits itself for either way. Natures curse and blessing on us. It doesn't mean we have to stop making the claim that prostitution actually exploits men, nor do we have to thank bars for having ladies night, because neither one is for men, they are both exploiting men when it comes right down to it.

by Dan Lynch

Dan Lynch is a fellow MANN administrator who has studied self-defence for over 22 years, he is also a trained mediator.

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Thou shalt speak only as "we" allow

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donaldcameron1 writes *"Nebraska*
man ordered to speak English to his daughter or face limited visits

Canadian Press
Tuesday, October 14, 2003

"PAPILLION, Neb. (AP) - A Hispanic man who spoke to his
five-year-old daughter in Spanish has been ordered to use primarily English
around the girl as a condition of his visitation rights.

I wrote a letter to the Governor expressing my concerns and urge readers to contact this governor to express their concerns or outrage over this kind of stupidity.

Email
the Governor
Go to
Governor's Website
or you can send an e-mail to the newspaper of record The Papillion Times

Thanks for taking the time to read this."

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Buy some mushrooms....help cure prostate cancer

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napnip writes *"It seems like everyday I see an ad by this or that company stating that it contributes to breast cancer research and awareness, yet I have never seen a company mention prostate cancer, until today! I bought a package of fresh To-Jo mushrooms from my local grocery store, and it has a logo on the package stating that the company is a "Blue Ribbon Partner" in the fight against prostate cancer! I went to their website, and it has some more info: http://www.mushroominfo.com/ If only more companies would do this. Let's write them and thank them!"*

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Wash. Post covers bris ceremony

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Matt writes *"In the 10/18 Wash Post:*

Washingtonpost.

This is a toughie- the challenge here is to call into question the practice without seeming to attack the faith of those doing it. If this can be done, since it is likely to get coverage vs. "routine" circumcision, bringing the issue up in a letter to the editor in this context could serve the cause of getting awareness of male genital integrity issues increased-- but it's a tightrope-walk, no doubt. No objection can be seen to be an attack on the religious context in which it applies, or risk distraction from the issue or worse yet, a further entrenchment of the practice in the name of religious self-defense."

"Only those who think they can word their letters appropriately would I encourage you to write; I suggest you have several people review it before sending it, esp. find if you can find observant members of the Jewish faith to see if they think the wording of your letter may be counter-productive; they need not agree with you, just see if they think the wording is patently offensive to their religious beliefs. I feel that the goal is not to annoy or alienate people but to communicate the position that boys deserve genital integrity as much as girls regardless of the beliefs of adults, and that such a decision should be made by the man himself once old enough to do so, not his kin for him.

Uusally I lean toward the side of taking action at risk if need be, but in this case, if you don't think you can write with clear sensitivity to the religious matters involved, I say, don't do it, as it is not likely to help the cause. But the good news is, hey, this article was even published at all in the first place."

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AZ Shelter, Utility Charged With Fraud

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"An AZ women's shelter and a public utility has been charged with soliciting funds from the public in a fraudulent manner.*

Please Read More.....

In a formal complaint filed with the AZ Attorney General last week, Yuma resident Trudy W. Schuett accused Catholic Community Services, the administering agency of Safe House, a women-only shelter, of misrepresenting both domestic violence statistics and census figures of the shelter itself, in order to raise money for a proposed expansion effort. The Arizona Public Service Company, which paid for a half-page ad which appeared in the September 28 issue of the Yuma Daily Sun, was included in the complaint.

Schuett believes the shelter's claim of "turning away 350 families" and a section of the ad purporting to contain "National Domestic Violence Statistics" to be both without basis in fact and misleading to the public. "There is no evidence given or statement of fact to support any claims made in this advertisement," she says in the letter, which was received at the Attorney General's office on October 15.

The ad, which asks Yuma residents for help in raising $180,000 to expand the shelter, claims that "Domestic Violence is the #1 cause of emergency room visits," and that "95% of victims are women and children, among other statements. Schuett maintains these statements to be "wildly incorrect and inflammatory…No reference source for these numbers was given; neither was any time frame in which they applied."

The complaint was made after direct attempts at contact with both Catholic Community Services and APS were ignored. Schuett faxed and/or e-mailed letters to all parties, including the Yuma and Tucson offices of CCS, and the Yuma office of APS shortly after the ad appeared in the newspaper. Her letters protested the use of this kind of information to solicit funding, and requested that CCS and APS publicly admit to "the false and misleading statements made by Safe House," and return any funds derived from the campaign. She has had no response from either APS or Catholic Community Services.

When an article on the Safe House expansion appeared in the Yuma Daily Sun on October 3, Margie Coffaro, Executive Director of CCS, repeated the ambiguous "350 families" term, which led Schuett to believe CCS was intentionally misleading the public.

This led to the filing of the formal complaint. "I'm well aware of the way fundraisers are conducted," Schuett says. "In fact, I've worked in fundraising for CCS myself in the past. But this kind of numbers game cannot be allowed, especially when the agency has been given the chance to admit to an error. Apparently CCS feels they can tell the public anything they like without challenge, or providing any definition of their terms or proof."

In addition to serving either as volunteer or as paid staff at Yuma charities at various times since 1986, Schuett has been an advocate and activist for domestic violence victims since 1999. She first became aware of what she terms "the crisis in service" while doing research for a novel on a male victim of domestic violence. The novel, Friends to the End, was initially published in 2000. "The agencies of the entire domestic violence field have failed their communities miserably," she said in a recent post in the DesertLight Journal, her publication related to issues of domestic violence and divorce. The DLJ has been in publication since 2001."

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The Rising: Tanks on the streets of London. F4J

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"A tank is to lead over a thousand fathers in a march in London tomorrow (Wednesday 22 October) to demand a legal right to see their kids. The fathers, who say they have been discriminated against by the Family Courts, are members of Fathers 4 Justice (F4J), a radical campaign group that has stormed into the headlines thanks to a series of high profile protests, including 200 Father Christmases in one protest and Men In Black sit-in in another. Being video for the Men's Hour"*

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Anyone else tired of this crap?!

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NYPD Blue

ABC 7 Oct 21 09:00pm Add to My Calendar
Series/Drama, 60 Mins.

"Keeping Abreast"

A serial killer targets women from an upscale bar; Jones attempts to protect a boy from his violent father. Adult Situations.

Cast: Dennis Franz, Mark-Paul Gosselaar, Gordon Clapp, Bill Brochtrup, Henry Simmons, Charlotte Ross, Garcelle Beauvais, Esai Morales, Jacqueline Obradors, Austin Majors, Kim Delaney, Chandra West, Andre Jamal Kinney, Philipp Karner , Michael Reilly Burke, Albie Selznick, Joseph Will, Julie St. Claire, Billy Kay, Molly Hagan.
Director(s): Jesse Bochco .
Producer(s): Steven Bochco, Mark Tinker, Bill Clark.
Writer(s): Bill Clark, Matt Olmstead.

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Why Aren't Males Watching TV? DUH!!

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CPM writes *"Why oh why won't men watch our shows? Because they're fucking pissed that's why! I love how one theory is that most of their Nielson samplers(men) have been deployed to Iraq. That's funny, I always hear that it is "men and women" who are serving as if to get equal billing. If this is so, then it is also "men and women" Nielson people who are not home to watch TV. Crappy misandrist programming/advertising has nothing to do with it...!*

Few Viewers and Network Execs Scratch Their Heads"

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THE POLITICS OF MANHOOD

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CJ writes *""Not only have we Americans lost the powerful influence of real men, we also have universally accepted the counterfeit. Ray Romano, star of the award-winning CBS comedy sitcom Everybody Loves Raymond, is the quintessential man of modern America. This is manhood, as represented by the social engineers, to all of America's children." This article outlines the plight of true American manhood which is under attack by modern culture, alternative lifestyles and feminism.*
Put your "seatbelts on" - this is a great article...

http://www.newswithviews.com/EmanuelMcLittle/mclit tle7.htm"

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Republicans Continue Male Persecution

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Quote Ashcroft Attorny General:"Domestic violence is wrong and destroys the lives of far too many women and children. I'm challenging men across America to take the pledge against domestic violence. We must work together to eliminate the horrific cycle of violence," said Attorney General John Ashcroft. "This public service announcement demonstrates the Bush Administration's unceasing commitment to keep families safe, hold offenders accountable, and bring communities together in our ongoing efforts to end domestic violence."

They will be spending 20 million dollars to make men look like evil bastards. Even if the comercials on the front look all warm and fuzzy with everyone working together, we know all to well the ugliness of the bureaucracy behind it all. Here is the link I promised.

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A Brief History of Collaborative Family Law

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JohnC. writes *"A Brief History of Collaborative Family Law*
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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world & indeed it is the only thing that ever has. - Margaret Meade, 1970 -
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Lawyer Stuart Webb of Minneapolis, Minnesota is generally credited with being the founder of collaborative family law. In 1990, after 15 years' experience practicing "traditional" family law, Mr. Webb decided to do something about the frustration and stress he and his clients were experiencing. He decided to "unilaterally disarm".
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What You Don't Know About Honor Killings

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What you don't know about honor killings. Read on and Enjoy!

What you don't know about Honor Killings

What you do know … is that honor killings are, by and large, committed by men. That they happen somewhere in countries you've never been, and that collectively feminists probably blame the men in America just as much as the men in Pakistan.
You also know that honor killings usually revolve around a woman's fidelity, such as: did the woman sleep with such and such guy before she was married, is she sleeping around on her husband with someone else's husband, did she resist the marriage proposal of a man, and so on.

What you don't know … is that the majority of honor killings are instigated by women. This is pointed out by Patricia Pearson her 1997 book on violent women, When She Was Bad. In it she references Ilsa M. Glaza Wahipa and Abu Ras's article, "On aggression, human rights, and hegemonic discourse: The case of a murder for family honor in Israel," which describes how it is women who actually instigate honor killings. Much like the rest of Pearson's book that describes women's covert tactics in violence, these women do their work behind closed doors. The motives are just like motives here: to extract revenge, to beat out a competitor, or gain respect.

Even if the alleged crimes were committed, it is the gossip network that instigates the process in which men are forced by culture to levy out. "So even though it's violence against women, it is violence against women by women," Pearson, When She Was Bad.

Even in America – where shows like Oprah Winfrey describe these issues – the blame is leveled against men as the sole proprietors of honor killings. From an article on Oprah.com giving a brief overview on their show on honor killings: "For women in some Middle Eastern countries, this is a constant fear. In these countries, men have the power of life or death over their female relatives. Thousands of women are killed because men believe they have brought shame to their family." Men are described as the only ones who want to uphold this tradition of honor killings.

However, even during an Oprah show on honor killings, a short clip interviewing a Pakistani man described that these men do not always want to kill their wives, daughters, sisters or other females – that the traditions force them to carry these out or faced being killed as well. The man also described how many men just pick up and flee with the respective woman and their families. However, the abruptness in which that clip stopped and the brevity of it, makes me believe I saw that clip by editorial error.

Zainab Saldi of Women for Women International describes these situations also as all-male violators against all-female victims. From the same Oprah.com article, Saldi admits that, "[O]ther women in the family cooperate with the perpetrators. They know that if they try to defend a woman, their own morality will be questioned." For women, she admits that they help kill only for fear of being morally condemned, but she does not offer the same leniency to men. Men, she implies by neglecting to mention their situation, must want to kill women just for the desire to kill. Obviously this woman knows the score, and is down playing just exactly what is going on here with women's involvement, namely because of her feminist views that often put women in the "women can do no wrong" category.

We can run around in circles playing the blame game, but tearing down these traditions is far too difficult. We shouldn't waste our energy fighting each other. Clearly their battle is against men instead of objectively solving the problem of honor killings. The objective view would be to bring about the right of a victim to face their accuser. Ironically those are the exact rights that feminists are trying to destroy here at home. Another would be to clearly

state that the crime does not fit the punishment. And again feminists are known for crying for harsher punishments than meet the crime here at home. So what exactly is going on?

I like to hypothesize that feminism is being used as a form of imperialism to invade foreign countries, which has a sole aim to tear down traditions and claim “Democratic Reform.” But just because an agency is called “Human Rights,” it doesn't necessarily point out which group of humans will have the rights when the smoke all clears.

Now for those men who do their honor killings out of pride and ego, like the women who instigate honor killings, I cannot defend them, nor do I want to. I want to tear down those traditions as much as anyone else does, but I want to tear it down for the right reasons not the wrong ones. I agree, feminism may be successful at tearing those traditions down; tearing down traditions is what feminism is good at. However, let’s not tear down traditions merely to resurrect other ones just as evil or worse. Like Christ, who set the example with his very life by stopping an honor killing, let's use solutions that use love and forgiveness as a staple, not oppression and victimhood as a divider.
Author's side note: I feel I should mention an email conversation with a Pakistani man. He verified many of my points, but though he never witnessed an honor killing, he tells me that it is likely either gender will instigate it. Petty rivalry, or even to gain inheritance from another sibling can be the reasons. My concern is of how feminists in America use this to demonize men in general where it is difficult for us here to verify the facts and reasons.

By Dan Lynch

Dan Lynch is an avid enthusiast of Self-Defence, with over 22 years of training.
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Men's Movement Fires Back with own 'Pledge Against

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"I pledge to work against ALL domestic violence, whether committed by a male or a female...I pledge to raise my voice when I see a man using his strength to abuse a woman, or when I see a woman using the police to abuse a man.....

For full pledge, go to http://mensnewsdaily.com/archive/s/sacks/03/sacks1 02203.htm

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A Double Standard for Sex Offenders

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Psychologist Katherine Peterson of the Kentucky Department of Corrections has looked into double standards regarding the reporting and punishing of female vs. male sex offenders. Here is a brief report.

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Feminism has achieved very little for women

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tjc writes *"Women enjoy greater freedoms today because of progress in the areas of science, medicine and technology, not because of feminism.*
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Those who have doubts about this should try to imagine how feminist policies or attitudes could possibly have succeeded 100 years ago - or in impoverished places in the world today.
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1,000 Thank Yous and Here's the Skinny!

Adam · 25 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"First, I'd like to thank everyone for the many kind posts in support of my little project. I've had many equally-lovely msgs at my e-mail, as well. Please forgive me if I don't answer you all personally -- there are so many, and as you can imagine, this is a very busy time here at the desert outpost, as I'm still just one person! ;>)*

I've written up a basic how-to at the blog, which will give some insight you into how I went about Phase One of what I'm calling "The Attorney General Project."

There are no secrets here, so don't be concerned that the opposition can or will attempt to use this against us. Because it is all based on demonstrable fact, and truth, it's not anything they can even challenge effectively. As you know, the domestic violence industry is based on smoke and mirrors, and as more of us who are determined that the truth be known embark on small projects here and there, the truth will out.

Something that is less well-known is that in some states (AZ especially) DV services are withdrawing from their state chapters of NCADV. The public statements made by the groups withdrawing suggest an ideological disagreement. If anyone hears about this kind of thing happening in your own state, please let me know! I will be addressing this as soon as I can."

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For Immediate Release: Cox Cancer

Adam · 25 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Stephanie Frostic writes *"~ FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ~*
ATTENTION ALL MEN'S & PARENT'S RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

ENDANGERED SPECIES: ALL NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS

NEW TUMOR DISCOVERED THROUGHOUT MICHIGAN

Honor, Michigan, USA October 22, 2003 -- Michigan's Attorney General Mike Cox's Enslaving Deadbeat Parents Agenda is one of the toughest amongst the nation. He has been holding the status of Attorney General in the State of Michigan and hiding behind America's children since he won the election in 2002. Cox's Enslaving Agenda, in the name of children and families abroad, has already conceived the first of its malignant cells, thus it is just a matter of time before this newly conjured Cancer, recently named as Cox Cancer by Stephanie Frostic of PaternityByChoice.com, multiplies at such an enormous rate, a National Quarantine would be inevitable. PaternityByChoice.com's Founding Mother, Stephanie Frostic, notes "[t]here is no need for panic or alarm, but it doesn't mean that it's safe to ignore it, either." While Mrs. Frostic looks further into discovering an antidote for this new epidemic, scientific details on it are offered to you for your own research and protection on the web at paykids.com
Stephanie Frostic, Founding Mother Paternity By Choice"

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Fox News Reports Male-Bashing Outrage

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Michael Phillip Wright writes *"This Fox News story is about how I came under suspicion of being a "stalker," just because I tried to contact a woman to return her lost student ID card, which I had found. Unfortunately writer McElroy made some mistakes. The town is Norman -- not "Normal." I am 56 -- not a "young man." Also I am not an OU student. Here is the link to the Fox story "*

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"It's a boy"?

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Sorry about this post, I've been seeing billboards that have a little piglet in a blue blanket. The sign reads:"It's a boy!" but it has nothing that I could see denoting what it is. Could someone possibly inform me of what that sign is in regards to? Thank you.

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NYTimes hops on divorce-and-boys bandwagon

Adam · 26 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Well, the NYT has done it again. Jumping on the recent junk-science-based "revelation" that couples with boys stay together more often than those with only female children, they bemoan the difficult place of girls as a result.*

Read it and barf here.

No mention of the male-only draft or much higher injury and suicide rates of males, though. Guess that isn't important to them."

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Patricia Ireland Fired from Girl Scouts...

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Anonymous User writes ″

Read about it!"

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"No shame. No blame. No names."

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"No shame. No blame. No names."

Posters bearing this slogan can be found in bus stops and on billboards all over Los Angeles, urging unhappy new mothers to drop off their babies at hospitals and fire stations. The Safe Haven Laws now in place in 44 states starkly reveal the enormous inequality in reproductive rights between men and women.

Glenn Sacks debated the issue of Choice for Men with Kingsley Morse of the Voluntary Fatherhood Project and feminist columnist Elaine Vigneault on His Side with Glenn Sacks in Los Angeles and Seattle on Sunday, October 19. To listen to the show, go to His Side Archive.

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Minnelli files for divorce from Gest

D · 28 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

tjc writes *"Minnelli files for divorce from Gest*
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Entertainer denies husband's abuse allegations
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NEW YORK, Oct. 22 — Liza Minnelli filed for divorce from estranged husband David Gest on Wednesday, a day after he filed a $10 million lawsuit against the entertainer, accusing her of beating him during alcoholic rages. Minnelli moved to end her 16-month marriage shortly after issuing a statement denying Gest's allegations
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Advocating Violence

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Dittohd writes *"What is the best action concerning a website like this and the last comment that advocates "enlisting the aid of our friends Colt, Smith, and Wesson"?*

Should the police be notified? Have they broken the law? Should we find out the ISP and get them taken down, if possible? If so, how do we get this information?

If any of you have trouble with my link, as I seem to have found more and more lately, here is the address for copying and pasting:

www.feminazi.org"

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Gendercide web site

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Matt writes *"Good site on "gendercide":*

www.gendercide.org

I see an opportunity for men's issues/rights activists to be involved in this area, especially as it links us in more directly with human rights issues (ie, it's a possible "in" for our issues, which have such a hard time getting press in human rights circles as such).

From their "about" page:

"Gendercide is gender-selective mass killing. The term was first used by Mary Anne Warren in her 1985 book, Gendercide: The Implications of Sex Selection. Warren drew "an analogy between the concept of genocide" and what she called "gendercide." Citing the Oxford English Dictionary definition of genocide as 'the deliberate extermination of a race of people,' Warren wrote...." Please Read More.

Warren wrote:"By analogy, gendercide would be the deliberate extermination of persons of a particular sex (or gender). Other terms, such as "gynocide" and "femicide," have been used to refer to the wrongful killing of girls and women. But "gendercide" is a sex-neutral term, in that the victims may be either male or female. There is a need for such a sex-neutral term, since sexually discriminatory killing is just as wrong when the victims happen to be male. The term also calls attention to the fact that gender roles have often had lethal consequences, and that these are in important respects analogous to the lethal consequences of racial, religious, and class prejudice."
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Record childlessness

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Matt writes *"As many of us know/suspected:*

I submitted this link under "Fatherhood" because I wasn't sure where else to submit it under. After all, if women aren't having kids, neither are men!

Anthropological suicide in action. Make it too risky for men to have kids and incent women not to, and what do you expect the result to be?"

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Women-only floors in hotels...

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Matt writes *"... that are nicer and more spacious than the "ordinary" floors. Gotta make sure they have lots of room and, with the bigger peep-holes, they can keep an eye out for those evil, awful MEN that are lurking everywhere!!! Hooray for those "forward-thinking" hotels, yes sirree!!!*

Here it is:

I wonder if the poor dears are charged a little more for these rooms??"

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Sisters fed, brothers starved

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Matt writes *"Speaks for itself:"*

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Child Medication Article in TIME

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Anonymous User writes ″

The most recent cover-article in TIME magazine is on medication (or possible over-medication) of youngsters... however, in order to humanize the account, they give two girls personalized treatment (three girls, if you include the sidebar "Life on Medication")... even though it is boys who receive the lion's share of children's prescriptions relating to ADHD and bipolar disorder.

Seriously, look through this article-- where are boys mentioned? Not one. They are completely invisible in this narrative."

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New Forum To Discuss Various Issues

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Anonymous User writes *"A new forum has been set up to discuss various issues. Things ranging from gender issues, politics and current events. Aswell fun stuff like music. The place is sympathic towards men's rights so you should feel right at home.*

It's called Reality Check -

A Whopping Dose of Clue for the Clueless."

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Must-read DV Gulag Essay by Baskerville

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Roy writes *"Excellent brief essay by Stephen Baskerville on the MND site. Dr. Baskerville echoes many of our reader's sentiments in describing the Domestic Violence Industry as a Stalinist/Fascist Gulag that has eroded civil liberties and legal due process, while strategically inculcating FEAR in its "target population," i.e. men.*

A must-read for those concerned about our nation's growing DV Gestapo regime!"

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Davis' Parting Shot at CA. Men

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Glenn Sacks' latest column--"New California Move-Away Law Hurts Children of Divorce" (Daily Breeze, Los Angeles, 10/28/03)-- describes a new law which is Governor Gray Davis' parting shot at the men of California. The law, which was rammed through the California Legislature by feminist groups with almost no resistance or publicity, is a major defeat for California fathers and children. Read the column at Link Here
To respond to the column, go to letters@dailybreeze.com

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John Walsh Show on Domestic Violence and Men

Scott · 29 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Tom writes *"John Walsh is taping a show this Friday that will focus on male victims of domestic violence. They are seeking men and women who can offer insight into these issues. Click Read more for the contact details."*JOHN WALSH SHOW: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

We're doing a show about domestic abuse, focusing on the abuse of MEN. We are looking for couples dealing with these issues who will share their story to bring enlightenment and hope to couples in similar situations. The show tapes this Fri, Oct. 31 at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City. We will take care of all travel accommodations (costs and arrangements).

Andrew Goldman

The John Walsh Show

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Three Stories Deleted

Scott · 29 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I have deleted three recent postings on MANN that were too far off-topic for this site. One was on the subject of separation of church and state in the U.S, another on the shutdown of a Nestle plant, and a third on junk food and alternative medicine. I'd like to reiterate that the purpose of Mensactivism.org is to focus on stories and activism directly related to men's rights and dignity - we are not a general news site for men (such as Men's News Daily, which is a great site for that purpose). The deleted stories are legitimate topics of discussion and debate, just not here. Please check out Our Philosophy page to get an idea of what Mensactivism.org's guiding principles are. Thank you for keeping this in mind.

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Comparing Feminism to Fascism

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Lawrence Britt has examined the fascist regimes of Hitler
(Germany), Mussolini (Italy), Franco (Spain), Suharto (Indonesia) and several Latin American regimes. Britt found 14 defining characteristics common to each: (Personally I feel he left out Stalinism. Perhaps on purpose.) So what I have done is added Feminism to the mold to see how it stands up. Read here and Enjoy. Dr. Lawrence Britt has examined the fascist regimes of Hitler
(Germany), Mussolini (Italy), Franco (Spain), Suharto (Indonesia) and several Latin American regimes. Britt found 14 defining characteristics common to each: (Personally I feel he left out Stalinism. Perhaps on purpose.) So what I have done is added Feminism to the mold to see how it stands up. Enjoy.

Quote:

1. Powerful and Continuing Nationalism - Fascist regimes tend to make constant use of patriotic mottos, slogans, symbols, songs, and other paraphernalia. Flags are seen everywhere, as are flag symbols on clothing and in public displays.

Instead of 'nationalism' its identity tracer is replaced with gender. Feminists constantly use mottos, slogans, symbols, songs and other paraphernalia. Instead of 'flags' they might use white ribbons or other ornaments.

Quote:

2. Disdain for the Recognition of Human Rights - Because of fear of enemies and the need for security, the people in fascist regimes are persuaded that human rights can be ignored in certain cases because of "need." The people tend to look the other way or even approve of torture, summary executions, assassinations, long incarcerations of prisoners, etc.

Doesn't this look a lot like 'family court'? Or accused of domestic violence, or sexual assault? Its very difficult to get anyone to look honestly at the above mentioned. When I asked a room full of women if they felt they "needed, or deserved special protection" every single one of them said yes. Of course I blame this on media hysteria. A manufactured reality, not actual reality. Because of a media blackout of violence perpetrated against men and overpotrayals and over dramatization of violence against women a very distorted view of reality can exist. In true Pavlovian style it is no wonder that women respond in this way.

Quote:

3. Identification of Enemies/Scapegoats as a Unifying Cause - The people are rallied into a unifying patriotic frenzy over the need to eliminate a perceived common threat or foe: racial , ethnic or religious minorities; liberals; communists; socialists, terrorists, conservatives etc.

Enemies/Scapegoats , unifying cause, this does sound like men doesn't it (in feminists' eyes). The unifying patriotic frenzy is gender the common threat is gender which should be added to the list mentioned in quote 3. By the use of faulty research designed to de-humanize men with Pavlovian style response techniques feminists , such as authors like michele landsberg, can create this unifying patriotic hysteria in women by using trigger words. Constantly inspiring women to be resentful, spiteful, angry and hateful. Without hate their 'movement' is void. Their cause is already void and this they are well aware of, or why else would they lie so much?

Quote:

*4. Supremacy of the Military - Even when there are widespread
domestic problems, the military is given a disproportionate amount of government funding, and the domestic agenda is*

neglected. Soldiers and military service are glamorized.

This one is still the same. The military can be seen in the social workers as indoctrinators and brainwashers. Found in almost any abuse shelter, children services, sexual assault centers. They are given a disproportionate amount of government funding and power that is not tallied for and is not shared with the demonized gender. These groups are glamorized and dramatized. These organizations are not meant to help domestic problems they are meant to increase government of fascism (bureaucracy). In this case under the guise of feminism.

Quote:

5. Rampant Sexism - The governments of fascist nations tend to be almost exclusively male-dominated. Under fascist regimes, traditional gender roles are made more rigid. Divorce, abortion and homosexuality are suppressed and the state is represented as the ultimate guardian of the family institution.

Its all really just the other side of the coin isn't it? One could even argue that they are trying to promote such fascism, nazism from playing the other side forcing the target group to rise up. The State is still the ultimate guardian of the family. Not only are father's being forced out of their children's lives, women are being persuaded out of their children's lives. Different tactics, same result.

Quote:

6. Controlled Mass Media - Sometimes the media is directly controlled by the government, but in other cases, the media is indirectly controlled by government regulation, or sympathetic media spokespeople and executives. Censorship, especially in war time, is very common.

Women's groups do the exact same thing. Look at how Canada is being pushed into extreme censorship laws. Important research on many of the feminist main issues are supressed. Statistics of violence against men were suppressed for years and still is in many regards. Even if the stats come full circle the harsh fascist laws are in place and now will be working against women as much as it does against men. So in a sence feminists have been working to undermine women's rights all along.

Quote:

7. Obsession with National Security - Fear is used as a motivational tool by the government over the masses.

Feminsim may very well be what Hitler spoke of when he said, "Today Germany, Tomorrow the world". Feminism has no borders and its ideology can reach the entire globe. The same methods are being used to enforce this, with identity, women are terrorized with images of violence perpetrated against women daily and as the men's movement increases so will these false images. Women are being manipulated to vote in such a direction. It doesn't matter who sets up the massive police forces or why, in the end they will be set up for whomever to use and thats what counts. This is fascism at its finest.

Quote:

8. Religion and Government are Intertwined - Governments in fascist nations tend to use the most common religion in the nation as a tool to manipulate public opinion. Religious rhetoric and terminology is common from government leaders, even when the major tenets of the religion are diametrically opposed to the government's policies or actions.

With feminism it could be argued that it opposes religeon and is trying to do away with it. It doesn't really matter if the feminist movement goes with religeon or not, in this case religeon is still being used as a tool. It is used to identify an oppressor. Thereby for the fascist government at hand killing two birds with one stone.

Quote:

9. Corporate Power is Protected - The industrial and business aristocracy of a fascist nation often are the ones who put the government leaders into power, creating a mutually beneficial business/government relationship and power elite.

Well, this would lend credence to the likes of Henry Makow. But feminism has taken over corperate power and has allowed the government into not only our businesses but our homes our sex lives even our private conversations. This is fascist rule. Because of feminism the government is everywhere. It even has a grip on our children.

Quote:

10. Labor Power is Suppressed - Because the organizing power of labor is the only real threat to a fascist government, labor unions are either eliminated entirely, or are severely suppressed.

Feminism in this case glutted the market with employees. Thereby making the unemployment rate go up and weakening the power of the individual especially men who are emasculated and walk a tight rope around women in the office. Our status of living has decreased and will continue to decrease with foreign competitors in the labour markets.

Quote:

11. Disdain for Intellectuals and the Arts - Fascist nations tend to promote and tolerate open hostility to higher education, and academia. It is not uncommon for professors and other academics to be censored or even arrested. Free expression in the arts and letters is openly attacked.

In our case they have invaded the intellectual foundations and control it with strong propaganda techniques. They control this with money. The rest just follow blindly as 'feminism' has a cult like drawing. Its indoctrinating process is severe and powerful. Dissent is punishable with ridicule , lower grades, loss of funding for certain clubs based on ideology. Universities are not the place for debate, they have become becons of brain-washing exactly as in Red China.

Quote:

12. Obsession with Crime and Punishment - Under fascist regimes, the police are given almost limitless power to enforce laws. The people are often willing to overlook police abuses and even forego civil liberties in the name of patriotism. There is often a national police force with virtually unlimited power in fascist nations.

Social Justice for Women is the continual battle cry. Meanwhile supressing and excusing any and all of women's crimes (for now). No where in the legal system is anyone denied rights more than with gender related crimes. Such as domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harrassment, etc..... Civil liberties are denied in the name of feminism (nationalism/patriotism). Descrimation against men is being described as 'positive descrimination'. The regular police forces are ideal and shows an advancement on the ideology because now it can be utilized at the home base--the municipulality, and work its way up instead of down.

Quote:

13. Rampant Cronyism and Corruption - Fascist regimes almost always are governed by groups of friends and associates who appoint each other to government positions and use governmental power and authority to protect their friends from accountability. It is not uncommon in fascist regimes for national resources and even treasures to be appropriated or even outright stolen by government leaders.

Feminists favour feminists. In fact even women who try to make it in politics who are not under the feminist

mindset are horrendeously attacked by feminists.

Quote:

14. Fraudulent Elections - Sometimes elections in fascist nations are a complete sham. Other times elections are manipulated by smear campaigns against or even assassination of opposition candidates, use of legislation to control voting numbers or political district boundaries, and manipulation of the media. Fascist nations also typically use their judiciaries to manipulate or control elections.

Feminists control and manipulate media. They also use other forms of enforced elections to gain power, terming it 'quota'. I am not aware of any feminist or finacial elitest trying to assasinate anyone. But since I feel that someone is cranking the wheel of feminism its rather a matter of manipulating the masses into their governmental control.

by Dan Lynch

Dan Lynch teaches the martial arts and self-defence. Having over 22 years of experience.

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Anyone See "ER" on October 30th?

Adam · 31 October 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"Here's the episode guide, episode is titled "Out of Africa." It seems that a mother going through a divorce has her kids out, and is drunk, dropping one and fracturing his skull. Social Services is called, and emergency custody given to the father. She then torches herself in her SUV. What is bizarre is that (1) great angst is expressed over calling CPS, (2) Great sympathy is shown the woman, (3) Of course, ex-hubby is made as much a monster as possible, and finally (4) the litany of excuses is recited. I had the occasion to be watching this in my local tavern, towards the end some pheminist gasbag commented on "What a tragedy" it was - I looked her dead in the eyes and asked for all to hear, "Happens to men every day, chicky. Why is it suddenly a tragedy now?" LOL - you should have seen her eyes bug out and get the fishy face!! (For the ignorant: Fishy face is when your mouth opens and shuts and no sound comes out - like fish do in a tank.)"*

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Sometimes you can judge a book by its cover ....

Adam · 1 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CrimsonArrow writes *"Sure, "Divorce War!: 50 Strategies Every Woman Needs to Know to Win" has seen seven years in printing. But try reading a few reviews from these two links: [1] [2]"* Ack, If women in general want to suffer a future world of hurt, they're going the "right" way about it. *sighs* Like my dad used to say: god bless us and save us.

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How To Kidnap A Child

Adam · 1 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

JohnC. writes *"How To Kidnap A Child*
by Stephen Baskerville, PhD
/
Congratulations! You have embarked on a great adventure. Kidnapping a child is probably unlike anything you have done before. If you are a first-time kidnapper you may be hesitant; perhaps you have lingering scruples. It is true you will probably do irreparable harm to your own child. Children of divorce more often become involved in drugs, alcohol, and crime, become pregnant as teenagers, perform poorly in school, join gangs, and commit suicide.
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UNICEF Devolves

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This Christmas, instead of buying the high-priced UNICEF cards, you might want to help children with a donation to Christian Children's Fund instead. Douglas Sylvia, (who unfortunately confuses feminism for the entirety of left-wing political thought), explains why here.

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Politicians reach out to "NASCAR dads"

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A.J. writes *"Did I read this right? Are politicians actually concerned about the male vote? They do according to this article.*
A quote "These are the NASCAR dads. They're replacing the soccer moms of yesteryear." I don't remember ever seeing another article about politicians courting the male vote. Unfortunately they seem to be avoiding the core issues of manhood that so many of us are deeply concerned about, like losing kids, imprisonment for losing a job, etc. The article is clear that the demographic they're seeking is the long term married male. Nonetheless, I think this is extremely positive. Eventually antimale policies will have to be addressed.

http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/1101pir-fan s.html"

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Title IX Suit Against OU Women's Outreach Center

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Michael P. Wright writes *"I'm writing to ask readers to support the idea of a Title IX lawsuit against the University of Oklahoma to seek an order requiring that they either establish a Men's Outreach Center with a level of funding equal to its Women's Outreach Center, or abolish the WOC.*

I think abolishing the WOC would be the better outcome. It seems to be not much more than a propaganda center for advancing the ideological agenda of orthodox feminism (what some critics call "gender feminism"). See this newspaper column by WOC staff member Kristen Bain, who admires Andrea Dworkin:

http://www.oudaily.com/vnews/display.v/ART/2002/11 /04/3dc5eb632549c?in_archive=1"

I tend to think establishing a MOC would be the prefered choice. One less feminist indoctrination camp wouldn't mean a whole lot right now, but a college center presenting the masculist side of things could have a signifigant impact. - Hombre

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The Fix is In.

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JohnC. writes *"No man can count on justice in family court, argues an angry professor.*
'by Stephen Baskerville'

"Debtors' prisons were theoretically abolished long ago, but this does not stop family court judges from using the bench to shake down fathers who have done nothing wrong and funnel everything they have into the pockets of the court's cronies. In fact the looting and criminal-ization of fathers like Ken Gallahan is now routine in divorce courts."
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The Fix is In"

A great article, though I do think he understates the problem by leaving out that women are conditioned to feel entitled to have any excuse for making their lives better in the name of "rights" treated as sacred truths no matter how much it interferes in the basic rights of men, the defense of which is seen as evil. - Hombre

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12 yr girl gives 14 yr old boy oral sex, boy charged

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Anonymous User writes *"A 12 yr old girl gave a 14 yr old boy oral sex during a science class at Robert T. Hill Middle School. What I find really alarming is that the police have filed a sexual assault charge against only the boy. There is no mention that the girl was forced to perform on the oral sex on the boy and the age of consent in Texas is 17 (source: Age of Consent). It sounds like sexism is at work again."*

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Spiderman goes to the Tower in London

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"The November Men's Hour page is up. It will be added to.*

Spiderman ascended a high crane near the Tower Bridge in London, on Friday. Spiderman is protesting that he is legally entitled to see his child, but his ex-wife does not allow him and the courts do nothing about it.
This afternoon lots of police and a mobile work platform arrived. They may be planning something.
There are photos and a video at Blog or Men's Hour"

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Women have a better time when men are left behind

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Anonymous User writes *"Here is a benign article with a harmful headline. The headline was prominently positioned on the Boston Globe's homepage and it read "Women have a better time when men are left behind."*

The problem with this type of headline is that it creates the idea for women that a lot of other women leave their men behind while traveling, whether this is true or not. It seems to be a self fulfilling prophecy. Tell women this is the thing to do, and like in fashion, other women will sheepishly start doing it, and another anti-male industry will result. Of course feminists like the idea of shipping snobby self-entitled western women over the entire world to help spread their hate agenda too."

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Domestic Violence

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Ray writes *"Friends: Here is a great article, written by a retired cop, about domestic violence. This article was a great read, because it backs up everything it says with hard facts, supported by statistics.*
It's too bad for men that the truth about domestic violence doesn't play well on talk shows, or Presidential podiums!"

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Calling Ca members

Hombre · 3 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Jen writes *"Here is a chance to meet face to face with Huffington. If I wasn't 3000 miles away I would go myself."*

Anyone want to go ask the tough questions?

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NH Men's Commission Holds First Public Meeting

Scott · 4 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I attended the first official meeting of the NH Commission on the Status of Men last Friday, and the following two articles described the event pretty well. The purpose of the first meeting was to obtain some input from the public on issues that the commission should address, and father's issues were overwhelmingly represented by the public testimony. DV against men and the lack of services for them was also a topic discussed. Overall, the commission members were very supportive and didn't flinch during some of the strongly-worded accusations of bias that were made by the divorced fathers. Foster's has a good article here, and the Concord Monitor has a another one here.

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Men Forced to Fight

Hombre · 4 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mbwuto writes *"What happened to freedom? Our government may be once again preparing to institute the draft. Why is it that only men are forced into slavery? Write your politicians and let them know that the draft boards should be destroyed outright, not expanded.*

Advertisement recruiting draft board workers
Article (requires commercial view)"

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Interesting recent research on working mothers and

Hombre · 4 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Member2k3 writes *"This Welfare to Work Study and*

this article

refute the myth, promoted by the traditional family lobby, that the increase in working women has had a negative effect on childrens behaviour . I also thought this bit in the second piece was interesting from a mans perspective "Most fathers felt that the mother's work was beneficial and facilitated family life. They talked about it enhancing the quality of their relationship together, and recognised the way in which work enabled their partner to develop and express different aspects of her identity. They also appreciated having help in supplementing the financial costs of raising a family." There are many fantastic mothers who go out to work, and many dreadful mothers you wouldn't trust to look after your hamster who stay at home, usually on benefits."

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NCFM-DC Confronts Joe Farah's Anti-male Sexism

Hombre · 6 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Check out the home page of NCFM's Washington chapter for a great laugh. They've nominated Joe Farah of World Net Daily as "Female Apologist of the Year", for his incredibly offensive articles and stupid position defending Clara Harris, the Texas woman who ran over her husband in her Mercedes. Joe Farah deserves our contempt, and NCFM-DC deserves praise for directly exposing and confronting this dumb SOB. (The page uses a pop-up, so if you use a pop-up blocker, you'll need to temporarily turn it off.)*

Note to NCFM-DC: A suggestion - why not add Farah's email address, so people can send him email and complain about his dumb articles and his anti-male bias?"

Actually you can leave the pop-up blocker turned on and still see it by clicking here.

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Advice columnist gets it wrong

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Garth writes *"Widely read advice columnist Dan Savage this week repeated long accepted yet false facts to defend his claim that women are victims of violence much more often than men. I think the reason is simple ignorance, not malice, and that if people were to write clear, rational (not heated and confrontational) emails to him pointing out his factual errors (with references), the truth might get some exposure in his column. Note: his advice often deals with touchy issues not for the squeamish or very conservative, so be warned. His email is mail@savagelove.net."*

I'm not extremely familiar with Savage, but I believe he has taken stands against feminists in the past and agree with Garth that a confrontational approach would be ill-advised. I'd encourage sending letters with a respectful tone with some good links to information on DV statistics.

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Spiderman goes global

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CJ writes *"Hats off to a true patriot - David Chick. Unbelievable, but Boston Globe online gave men's (fathers) rights a little*
homepage exposure with the story of the 36-year-old father who has sat atop a 120-foot crane beside London's Tower Bridge, dressed as Spiderman, in a bid to draw attention to the plight of dads denied access to their children. The area around Tower Bridge draws men who say they have not seen their children in several years and who resent a legal system they believe is biased in favor of women.
"It's like a ritual humiliation," said divorced dad Harrison, 45, who said he has not seen his 12-year-old daughter in two years. "You're taken into court, stripped absolutely bare."

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Good Brit Essay on Anti-male Court System

Hombre · 6 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes "
Excellent essay by Melanie Phillips in London's Daily Mail (linked from MND site) following the "Spiderman" incident of civil disobedience to bring attention to legal injustices against men and fathers.

While the context is the U.K., the same tyranny in the courts is evident here in the Land o' the Free.

(Excerpts) -

"The whole justice system is institutionally biased against men and marriage. It is driven by an extreme feminist agenda, which stretches from the humblest family lawyer through the politically correct Law Commission to reach all the way up to government and the senior reaches of the judiciary.

How else can one explain the extraordinary proposal by the Law Commission -- which is expected to be backed by the government -- that women who commit premeditated murder of their menfolk may be charged merely with manslaughter if they have been abused?

…through a combination of moral cowardice and extreme feminism, family lawyers have been writing personal responsibility out of the script for decades. First, they removed the idea that behaviour mattered, so that eventually divorce law became so meaningless that fault was removed from it altogether.
And now, they actually reward bad behaviour. Despite the fact that women have been becoming increasingly unfaithful and predatory, they are now mainly awarded the lion's share of divorce settlements.""

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Mother who abducted kids denied access

Hombre · 6 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Garth writes *"Carline VandenElsen was acquitted of kidnapping her children from their father and taking them to Mexico, and was initially given liberal unsupervised access to them, while the father had custody. The courts have finally decided that this is not a good idea and have revoked all access by the mother. I find it very surprising that they even considered giving her unsupervised access in the first place."*

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Women Have Career Choices - For Men It's Same Old

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Roy writes *"Excellent brief commentary by Cathy Young examines the "glass ceiling" theory and concludes it may in fact be that women have far greater choices to exercise than do men, partly due to women's reliance on their male partners' lack of the same choices, dedication to earning maximum bucks, and social stigmas against men who "opt out" of the high-earning fast track."*

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Spiderman Tower Bridge Protest Ends

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"Newly added to the Men's Hour Blog*

Spiderman Tower Bridge Protest ends - Fathers-4-Justice on Channel 5 November 5th

Spiderman ended his protest today about 4pm.

BBC - "The police have been criticised about their handling of this."

Channel 5 - "He claims his action was to highlight the problem when they are refused access to their children" (Claims? Maybe he went up there sight-seeing?).

Video from the BBC and Channel 5 discussion with Matt O'Connor, Fathers 4 Justice"

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The Glass Ceiling Myth

Hombre · 7 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous writes *"What is up with the New York Times? They publish a story debunking the feminist myth of the glass ceiling and then they published this article.*
The woman disseminating (or is it oviating?) [*groan* - Hombre] *this article is on California Governor Schwarzenegger's transition team. One can only wonder what new persecutions await California's collegiate men as well as males in California's work force."*

Perhaps someone here might volunteer to contact Schwartzenegger and advise him as to the men's activist view of this?

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Schoolboy Advocate hired down under...

Hombre · 7 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Dave K writes *"Here's a link to a good article... positive news on the educational front:*

"Richard Fletcher, of Newcastle University, is part of a team commissioned to redraft the gender equity framework designed to support the particular needs of boys and girls in schools.""

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Men's Activism Dissed!

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Anonymous User writes *"Check this out. This very site is being mocked over at the democratic underground. They are calling us wimps and saying we're scared of female equality. Not only that but they then go on and list the various feminist lies to try and justify themselves. Very sickening stuff."*

I think its good every now and then to link to what our critics have to say about us. This helps ensure that our visitors have a chance to hear from those who oppose us as well as our devotees, and this thread in particular has quite a few of our detractors explaining why they dislike this site and father's rights supporters in general. As it turns out, I happen to have been banned from that forum after one week of participation last spring, for questioning Michael Moore's "Stupid White Men", being overly critical of Hillary Clinton, and defending Wendy McElroy and the IWF.

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NH Men's Commission Dissed Too!

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As was to be expected, some negative press is coming out regarding the recent meeting of the NH Commission on the Status of Men. Yesterday's *Concord Monitor* editorial negatively portrayed the fact that father's rights issues were so overrepresented by the public testimony, and called the meeting "a vehicle to bash women and gripe about life's inequities." An even worse letter to the editor took the typical "men don't have problems and no real man is a victim" attitude and mocked the commission futher. What we need are some focused, rational rebuttals to these attacks. You know what to do: send your letters to letters@cmonitor.com. Don't forget to include your contact info so they can confirm and print these replies. We need to show the *Concord Monitor* the level of support that this commission has!

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ESPN calls Kobe selfish for staying at work

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CJ writes *"Mike Greenberg, a writer and commentator for ESPN, calls for Kobe to quit his work until the legal system has determined guilt or not. "What he needs to do is walk away, exit stage left, disappear into thin air to whatever degree that is possible, until all this blows over." Excuse me Greenberg, but this country once had a standard of innocent until proven guilty. Clearly "she-said-he-said" laws have undermined due process enough, and makes any allegation against a man difficult to defend; now this idiot calls for Kobe to stop what he does for a living because he has allegations against him. MSN has jumped on the "misandry wagon" and broadcasted this article from its website too.*

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Male Rape used to advertise PaddyPower

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Anonymous User writes *"Did you know that male rape is a great way to sell your product? Apparently PaddyPower thinks so."*

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Beasts of Burden

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Philalethes writes *"This excellent article examines the reality behind some major feminist myths, e.g. "equal pay for equal work": it turns out that only a small percentage of women are really interested in the "equal work" part. Even among the new generations of "liberated" female college graduates with "advanced" degrees, most work at best part-time, at enjoyable "hobby" jobs, while pushing their husbands to work themselves to death to maintain them "in the style to which they've become accustomed."* Plus ça change... *Some useful statistics, e.g. "Despite an epidemic of obesity among women, there are five widows for every widower.""*

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Men's Health Bill

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jenk writes *"http://www.menshealthoffice.info "Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham and Senator Mike Crapo have introduced companion bills which will establish an Office of Men's Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This office would mirror the work of the existing Office of Women's Health, which has helped to save thousands of women's lives and has improved the lives of many more."*

I think we need to look into this and vocaly promote and support this bill."

There's a link right on the page that you can use to send a letter showing support. In fact the main body of the letter has already been written for you, and by filling in just a couple of fields it will be sent to your senator and congressional representative automatically with one click. Being a men's activist has never been so easy!

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Positive Spin from Instapundit

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"For those not yet fully versed in the world of blogs, Glenn Reynolds' Instapundit blog is one of the biggies. This last week he had an active, and quite favorable discussion on men's issues.*

So the news isn't all bad. Once the bloggers get a hold of it, watch out! I got a mention in this but no link (sigh)"

But you were credited for submitting this story! :)

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Concord Monitor Prints Letters From Men's Activists

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It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I have learned that the editor of the *Concord Monitor* was **overwhelmed** with letters this weekend in response to his recent editorial on the NH Commission on the Status of Men and a male-bashing letter that were printed late last week. Five responses were printed on these pages: one, two. Pat yourselves on the back, folks! You did some excellent work and it was a great show of unity in support of the NH Men's Commission.

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'Straight Plan for the Gay Man'

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Matt writes *"Comedy Central seems to be countering the notion of the "inherent defect" of straight men that is part of our misandrist culture with a new TV show. Read it here.*

Guess we'll see what they do with it."

What I read doesn't look like "countering" the notion that straight men have defects but rather promoting that view even more. From the article...

"The make-overs include lessons in such areas as spartan home decorating, oafish manners, less-than-fashionable wardrobes, and an overdeveloped ego to mask all personal failings"

If anything I expect this show to say that straight guys are defective but so are gay guys. Yay, all men are bad!

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What happens when you cross Darwin with Feminism?

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CrimsonArrow writes *"... and then broadcast it over the air waves?"*

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All the Latest News on Spiderman

Hombre · 12 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Spiderman Speaks in this exclusive interview with Nick Webster in which he discusses watching the kids wave up at him in the crane and being made to feel like a monster for wanting to see his daughter.

Anonymous User writes *"English fathers' rights protester David Chick is being vilified by the mayor of London and others for his traffic stopping, six day protest on a crane above Tower Bridge. In his newest column "In Defense of Spiderman" men's and fathers' issues columnist Glenn Sacks rises to his defense."*

Men's News Daily also has a new article posted in which Carey Roberts dicusses the antics of Fathers 4 Justice, the explosion of men's rights activism, and of course Spiderman.

A.J. writes *"Here is an online petition" to "Free Spiderman". I think he deserves our support.*

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His Side: Judge Leaves Former NFL Star Penniless

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Anonymous User writes *"Two time All-Pro cornerback Tim McKyer played on three Super Bowl champions during his distinguished, 12-year NFL career. However, everything that he had was taken away in a divorce by a judge who, oddly enough, gave him custody of his two children. McKyer says:*

"I'm grateful that I have my children, particularly when so many fathers don't. But it's insane that they give me my children...and leave me without a way to support them."

McKyer told his story on His Side with Glenn Sacks on Sunday, November 9."

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Malebiz Web Site

Scott · 12 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Malebiz writes, "*Malebiz.com is dedicated to reality issues facing men today, especially those that reside in Connecticut. Special emphasis is placed on the divorce process and the failures of those that enter into it, the Attorneys who control the Family Law process and our Judicial System. We attempt to look at all sides of an issue and encourage a women's point of view.*"

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Daily Breeze Prints Veterans' Day Article

Adam · 12 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"The Torrance Daily Breeze (a fairly big paper in Los Angeles County) just printed this Veterans' Day article about decorated veteran Taron James' experience with paternity fraud. He was served improperly, even under a different name, while serving in the Gulf War. When he returned he found himself locked into a child support obligation that he can't get out of even though a DNA test proves the child is NOT his. He never met, fathered, or saw the child. Meanwhile his entire family suffers. Taron and his friend Raegan, who founded Women Against Paternity Fraud, have been extremely supportive of NCFM-LA even on matters other than paternity fraud. They have become dear friends and we want their story to be known. Here's a good quote from Taron in the article: "Sometimes I just feel like a sucker. Veterans Day only reminds me that my government holds me and other vets in such contempt that it cannot lift a finger to stop a blatant fraud which victimizes tens of thousands of servicemen. Worse, the government actively enforces that fraud."*

Thank you to Glenn Sacks and Jeff Leving for this story.

Marc"

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"Men may see themselves in these comics"

Adam · 13 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Isn't this lovely. I checked out the uComics website today, and a page was displayed with the caption "Men may see themselves in these comics." The comics listed were "The Duplex, The Fusco Brothers, and Shoe." Needless to say, at least the first two comics portray men as oafish and boorish skirt chasers who are treated with contempt by women.*

I don't know how long this link will lead to this wonderful feature, but for now it's here

Steve"

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MSN surprises me!

Adam · 13 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Every now and then, MSN actually doesn't bash men... see:*

here

I can only wonder at miracles. :)"

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Commercial DNA Testing

Adam · 14 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

tparker writes *"DNA Solutions is a commercial outfit that provides DNA testing for paternity. They also have an online chat for people who want more information (didn't work when I tested it, however) and they will answer questions about procedure, etc by email. If you know someone who has questions or concerns about paternity, maybe these folks can help."*

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Trials seen needed for anti-aging testosterone

Adam · 14 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"There is evidence that testosterone replacement could combat declining strength, failing memory, and decreased sex drive in aging men. But unlike the multitude of contemporary studies on hormone replacement for women, testosterone as an anti-aging agent still has had no large-scale trial into the hormone therapy's true risks and benefits. The NIA plans to fund studies of testosterone replacement as recommended by Institue of Medicine panel who found that data was lacking in this area."*

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Looking for interviews for a college paper

Adam · 14 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

jimmyd writes *"I am a college student who is looking for interviews for an anthropology paper on the online men's movement. for those who would like to give me a hand I need to know how and why you got involved and how you think you as an individual fit into the online movement's community. If privacy is an issue you can e-mail me at agtxid4@aol.com. By the way it's nice to read the truth here after listening to lies all day."*

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Slater's wife gets her dues?

Adam · 14 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Biscuit Queen writes *" Actor Christian Slater received stitches for a cut on his head and his wife, Ryan Haddon, was arrested after she was accused of hitting him with a drinking glass during a fight in their Las Vegas hotel room, authorities said Tuesday."*

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More Anti-Male "Humor"

Adam · 15 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Boy Genteel writes *"I've found another company that we need to "have a little talk with". I saw one of their calendars--the one called MEN! with the retro-stylings--in a bookstore. More of the same, 12 months of "Men are great...every woman should have a pet!" and "Men: half the population, quarter the brains." There are others like it on the website. I looked for a similar calendar degrading women--not that I'd buy one...I think that would be just as wrong--but it's telling that there isn't one about women. The name of the company is Ronnie Sellers Productions and their contact addresses are rsp@RSVP.com and mweiner@RSVP.com. Let's have a few words with them, how about it?"*

And they say it's a best seller too! Ack!

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No sooner than....

Adam · 15 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"... MSN puts out something not bashing men, another link appears discussing "why women cheat". At no point is there discusses a condemnation of it, as MSN has done when "guys" cheat."*

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Free Spiderman, Aka Dave Chick

Adam · 16 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"From the Men's Hour Blog*

Your last chance to sign the petition. It's overdue and only 41 signatures to go.

Yes, I'm sure a petition to the (London) Metropolitan Police is not going to sweep 30 years of father denigration away, but if we can't get 1000 signatures for this then the next time some feminist on TV makes a remark about men's/fathers groups being "2 or 3 men crying in their beers" then don't ask why men don't have any rights. You will know the answer!

Petition"

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Some Truths About Early Feminism

Adam · 16 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I saw some interest here in the series on early feminism, so here's the latest. Enjoy, and follow the links (evidence) in each column!*

Susan B. Anthony: Against Marriage

Previous pieces.

Susan B. Anthony: Racist Manipulator

Susan B. Anthony: Victim Feminist

Keep up the good work at MensActivism.org."

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ESPN shows plight of a single father

Adam · 17 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

jimmyd writes *"I've got something for all you fathers right's guys out there. The espn drama Playmakers just ended it's first season and in final episode one of the main characters, a linebacker named Olczyk, has just found out his going to be a dad. he tries to become involved as a father only to discover that the mother basicly wants him to be a pay check. the show's site is here"*

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Fathers' Rights Showdown in CA Supreme Court

Adam · 17 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User Writes "*Over two dozen feminist groups nationwide have joined together to help ensure that California custodial parents can move children hundreds or thousands of miles away from their noncustodial parents.*

Against them all stands one loving father and his tenacious attorney.

Gary LaMusga has fought a seven-year battle to prevent his two boys, now aged 11 and 9, from being moved 2,400 miles away from him. The issue of move-aways is headed for a showdown in the California Supreme Court.

Family law attorney Garrett C. Dailey, the attorney representing Gary before the California Supreme Court, will discuss the case and the move-away issue on His Side with Glenn Sacks on Sunday, November 16 at 9 PM. To listen to the show archive, go to His Side"

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Daily Breeze Prints NCFM-LA's Letter

Adam · 17 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"The Daily Breeze printed NCFM-LA's letter*
in response to the op ed they printed on veterans and paternity fraud.
I'm especially glad because it names NOW, DCSS, and Senators Sheila Kuehl and Hannah-Beth Jackson, all of whom have opposed and prolonged paternity fraud legislation all along.

Thank you Mensactivism.org and everyone who wrote letters! That's what helped get one printed!

Marc"

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Teenage Girl Takes Responsibility For Her Actions

Adam · 18 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"The girl (whose name has been withheld) lied about her age, got drunk, and tattooed with a few questionable choices by a few 20-something men and women. When she sobered up, havoc ensued and resulted in the arrest of a 22-year old male for tattooing a minor.*

To her credit, she told them her real age and also held herself responsible for being drunk and getting tattooed. You have to read it to truly appreciate it..."

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Michigan gets tough on deadbeat "parents"(ie dads)

Adam · 18 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Biscuit Queen writes *"State gets tough on deadbeat parents:*
Attorney General's Office has collected $900,000 this year.Tougher measures by county prosecutors and Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox's office have helped the state collect hundreds of thousands of dollars in back child support payments in the last year."

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What Are Men's Issues

Thomas · 19 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Steve Van Valkenburg, creator and administrator of the Yahoo group, Men's Issues Online, and a frequent contributor to MANN under the handle "mens_issues," has created a list of concerns particular to men and boys.

Steve states, "I created the brochure 'What are Men's Issues?' as an outreach piece to inform the public (and newcomers to the men's movement) about the major issues that men face. It was adapted with permission from Trudy Schuett's online document 'What is the Men's Movement.' This brochure is merely a first edition, and will be updated as the discourse on men's issues develops over time. I hope that it will be useful to those who wish to further our cause."

Any useful additions or links to sites giving specific details will be quite useful. MANN will post a permanent link to download the document in the "Activism Projects" box.

See "Read More, Post Comments" for the full brochure.

What Are Men's Issues?

Men's issues are as valid as women's issues, but until recently they have received little attention from the media or public policy. This brochure is intended as an introduction to men's issues, which are part of the broader men's movement.

First of all, it is important to realize that most people in the men's movement aren't interested in pushing women into subservience. While their approaches may vary, most men's advocates are interested in addressing the disparities that have increasingly affected men and boys in (mostly) Western nations since the late 1960s. This is an essential part of achieving gender fairness for both sexes.

Second, the men's movement is not just a concern of white men. Men's issues affect all men and boys, regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality or socioeconomic status.

The men's movement exists because men and boys are at a disadvantage in several important areas in today's politically correct social structure. Laws and conventions originally intended to encourage equal rights for women have evolved into special privileges without responsibility for women and an elevated status for women only. This is taking place against a backdrop of misandry (hatred of men) in society. The result has been serious harm to many areas of society, such as family structure, education, and social services programs. Ironically, this has ultimately had a negative impact on women in general — and children in particular.

While this brochure cannot list all of the issues affecting men and boys, it does provide a summary of the most visible ones. These issues are:

- Divorce and Child Custody

- Domestic Violence against Men
- Media Representation of Men
- Workplace Issues for Men
- Men's Health and Safety
- Education
- Other issues: Male only selective service, unequal sentencing, false accusations, and double standards against men

Note: While many of the examples and statistics in this brochure are from the United States, the same concepts apply throughout much of the Western world.

Divorce/Child Custody

With roughly 50% of marriages ending in divorce, and most child custody decisions going in favor of mothers, many men find themselves deprived of their children while making large support payments to an ex-wife who may be turning their children against them. The family court system is in itself adversarial, and makes an "amicable divorce" unlikely. In far too many cases, this has led fathers to become unemployed, bankrupt, imprisoned, homeless, and even suicidal. Meanwhile, children from fatherless homes are more likely to abuse illicit drugs or alcohol, become pregnant as teenagers, drop out of school, commit crimes, and go to jail. Children benefit most when both parents are equally involved in their lives, and public policy should reflect this by adopting a presumption of shared custody.

Related issues: Reproductive rights for men are very limited compared to what women enjoy. For example, a woman can abort her unborn child without any input from the father. Alternatively, she can give birth to a child and force the father to pay child support for at least 18 years. Paternity fraud occurs when a man is forced to pay support for a child that isn't even his. Studies of DNA tests show that this is the case from 20 – 30% of the time. Many men's advocates are in favor of choice for men, which would give men the right to joint custody of their child, or the ability to sign away all rights and responsibilities regarding the child.

Domestic Violence against Men

Domestic violence is a serious issue that affects both men and women. However — for reasons of funding — public policy has traditionally concentrated on those cases where women are victims and men are abusers. Many people are concerned about the lack of attention given to male victims. Here are some facts to consider:

- According to a recent CDC survey, 1.5 million American women are severely assaulted by their "intimate partners" each year. It is less known that 835,000 men are also assaulted annually by intimate partners, representing some 36% of the total. (Note: the methodology of this survey has been criticized by men's

advocates as flawed, however this is still a significant finding).

- Women and men assault each other with roughly equal frequency. This would make the difference in the above figures even closer to parity. However, women are somewhat more likely to be injured, and are more likely to report injuries to police. (It should be noted that there is no standard definition of an “injury”).
- Women often compensate for their smaller size by using weapons such as knives, guns, baseball bats, and fireplace pokers. One study found that 86% of female-on-male violence involved weapons, contrasted with 25% in cases of male-on-female violence.
- Men are usually reluctant to call the police in a domestic dispute for fear of ridicule. Also, police will often arrest the man even when it is the woman who committed the assault.
- Many women's shelters exist in the United States and other Western nations, but there are very few shelters for men.
- Child abuse, a related issue, is committed by women more often than men (and even less often by a biological father).

Domestic violence hurts us all, either directly or indirectly. While it is important to maintain assistance to women-victims, proportionate aid should also be given to male victims. Rational laws and public policy would help in achieving this goal.

Media Representation of Men

Media bias against men generally falls into two categories: errors of commission and errors of omission.

Such errors of commission are common in the mass media (TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, books, movies, and the internet). TV is perhaps the worst offender in this category. Men are routinely portrayed as boorish and inadequate at best; violent and perverted at worst. TV sitcoms commonly feature pathetic and uncouth men who are constantly in need of rescue by their “superior” girlfriends, wives, or female relatives. It is also “acceptable” for women to kick, punch and slap men in these programs. Even worse, crime shows routinely depict men as sexually deviant and murderous. Meanwhile, commercials portray men as idiots, unable to care for their children or understand the function of household appliances.

Of course, this contempt for men can be found in other media as well. Newspapers and magazines commonly print articles written from a feminist perspective. The reader is given the impression that women as a group are victims of male oppression, when the reality is far more complex and ambiguous. Cartoons often mock men and boys as stereotypes rather than real people, while also portraying violence against males as humorous.

Men’s advocates often ask whether it would be acceptable to substitute “women” or “blacks” for “men” in the above situations. Such disrespect wouldn’t be tolerated. Surely men deserve the same consideration from the media.

Errors of omission occur when a male perspective is either omitted or downplayed in the above situations. For example, the phrase “women and children” is commonly used when describing people affected by a particular crisis. This implies that men are somehow more expendable. The phrase “men, women, and children” is much more inclusive. If the media is to achieve a fair balance in gender issues, men’s viewpoints should get the same attention as women’s viewpoints.

Workplace Issues for Men

Preferential hiring and promotion practices for women are common in the modern workplace. Affirmative action programs have done little to provide equal opportunity for anyone, while giving preference to women who may or may not be the best qualified candidates for given positions. The myths of the “glass ceiling” and “pay gap” have been repeatedly debunked, yet feminists continue to use them as excuses to demand preferential treatment. Promoting and overpaying under performers will eventually result in higher costs to the consumer and lowered productivity overall. It must be understood that some professions are more attractive to, and better performed by one sex or another. While jobs should be open to anyone, men and women both deserve an equal chance to be considered on the basis of performance and ability, not gender.

The issues of sexual harassment and workplace violence have probably done more to harm morale and cause distrust among co-workers than they have to uncover improper behavior and punish offenders. Men are especially suspect under these relatively recent company and government policies, which tend to favor women. An offhand comment or misunderstood gesture can now cost a man his job and ruin his career, and, as in other areas like divorce or domestic violence, a man has little or no recourse in defending himself. Certainly women should have adequate protection in real cases of sexual harassment or intimidation, but this is an issue where employers have gone overboard in implementing policies. A rational, realistic consideration of these policies needs to be undertaken — with due process and presumption of innocence — as the policies themselves are far too often abused for purposes unintended by those who established them.

Men’s Health and Safety

Men’s health and safety lags behind that of women’s in several areas. Men are more likely to die from heart disease, stroke, cancer, infectious diseases, accidents, suicide, and homicide. Consider these statistics for the United States:

- Males have a higher overall mortality rate than females at all ages (roughly 1.6 times greater). This mortality ratio is roughly the same as that between blacks and whites. Also, men have higher mortality rates for the top 10 causes of death.
- In particular, males have a suicide rate roughly 4 times that of females – this ratio is 14 times greater for the elderly over 85.
- Men represent some 94% of workplace deaths annually as a result of being concentrated in the most hazardous professions.
- Men are 3 times more likely to use illicit drugs, and 2 times more likely to be alcoholic.
- Men have a life expectancy roughly 6 years less than women.
- The disparity in longevity is greatest for black and Native American men.
- In 1920, this difference in life expectancy was only 1 year, which implies that improvements in public health have disproportionately benefited women.

In spite of these disparities in health and safety between men and women, public policy has concentrated on

women's health issues at the expense of men's health. For example:

- There is an Office of Women's Health in the U. S. federal government, but no Office of Men's Health.
- While most funding at the National Institutes of Health is non-gender specific, some 10% of this funding is for women's health, with only 5% given to men's health.
- In particular, funding for prostate cancer research receives less than half the funding that breast cancer receives, even though both diseases have roughly equal mortality rates.

Given the interdependent nature of the sexes on health issues, surely it would be beneficial to society as a whole if men's health and safety were taken as seriously as women's health and safety. Greater advocacy, research, and information in this area are much needed.

Circumcision of infant boys is a related area of concern to men's advocates. It is now questionable whether the benefits of circumcision are worth the risks. As the practice of genital mutilation of girls is forbidden, boys should at least get the chance to make a choice for themselves, when they are old enough to make an informed decision.

Education

Contrary to feminist assertions, a boy in school today is at an automatic disadvantage. As many "Women's Studies" graduates end up in teaching, feminist theory has filtered down to the high school and elementary levels. Because feminist ideology requires that boys be educated in the same manner as girls, a boy's natural tendency to be more active and outspoken will always be a "problem." While boys thrive in learning environments that emphasize physically connected hands-on activities, they are confined to sitting quietly for hours at a time. Some schools have even eliminated recess and any kind of active games.

Such insensitivity to the learning needs of boys has contributed to the following:

- Boys are three times as likely to receive a diagnosis of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder as girls. They are also more likely to be drugged as a result of these diagnoses.
- Boys at all levels are far more likely than girls to be disciplined, suspended, held back, or expelled.
- By high school the typical boy is a year and a half behind the typical girl in reading and writing, and is less likely to graduate from high school. This is despite the fact that special attention to girls' needs have eliminated the advantage that boys once enjoyed in math and science.
- Boys are now less likely than girls to go to college.

This disparity in boys' educational performance carries through to the college level:

- Males now represent only 43% of university students (and the Department of Education predicts that this gap will continue to widen).
- Among black university students, only 33% are male.
- Men who enter college or university are less likely to graduate from college or go to graduate school.

Part of this difference may be due to the fact that the less than friendly school environment that boys face becomes a hostile environment for young men when they enter college. Some instructors feel free to make disparaging remarks about men in class, while campus newspapers routinely carry articles with an anti-male bias. Consequently, some young men may leave college, rather than stay in an environment where they feel devalued or even despised.

Title IX is a related educational issue which started out as an attempt to guarantee equal opportunity for women in athletics. This has evolved into a system of rigid proportionality between sports participation and enrollment for women. As female enrollment has increased, institutions of higher education are required to increase the proportion of female sports participation in order to meet their required target. This has resulted in many athletic programs for men being cut, while it is questionable that women even want the levels of participation in sports that are required. As with other gender issues, differences in participation rates should reflect individual interests and abilities, rather than an arbitrary quota system.

School violence has been an area of particular concern for boys. Unfortunately, recent school shootings have been carried out mostly by boys, resulting in violence prevention material that targets boys in particular. Overly repressive zero-tolerance policies have probably stigmatized many innocent boys unnecessarily far more than they have helped to prevent violence. While schools should take reasonable precautions against school violence, it would be better if the root causes were also addressed (e.g. bullying and anti-male attitudes by teachers and administrators).

Other Issues

While the six above issues are the most prominent, there are others that deserve mention as well. Some of these are briefly described below.

Male-only selective service registration is mandatory for young men between 18 and 25. Failure to register is a felony punishable by a fine of up to $250,000, imprisonment for up to five years, or both. Furthermore, if a man fails to register, he can be denied certain benefits such as student financial aid and government employment. At times of war or national emergency, the draft can be reinstated by Congress and the President. Such military conscription, while perhaps necessary for national security, is a prime example of men being required to take a disproportionate risk of injury or death.

Unequal sentencing for men is the rule in the criminal justice system. Men are more likely to be imprisoned (and are given significantly longer sentences) than women for the same crime. The death penalty is imposed almost exclusively on men. One study showed that for a conviction of first degree murder, a man is 22 times more likely than a woman to receive the death penalty. While in prison, a man may be subjected to rape and other forms of assault — a phenomena that, unlike with women, is tolerated by prison officials and laughed at by late-night talk show hosts.

Two other common themes in men's issues are false accusations and double standards against men. False accusations of domestic violence or child abuse may result in a man losing custody of his children, while a false charge of sexual harassment or discrimination may result in him losing his job. Even worse, a false accusation of sexual assault may result in an innocent man being imprisoned — women are generally not punished for making

such false accusations. Various studies have shown that 40 – 50% of accusations of sexual assault are false. Meanwhile, double standards against men are also common. For example, the media often praises female-only sports clubs as “progressive,” while deriding private male-only clubs as “sexist.” Similarly, unmarried women are often described as “strong and independent,” while unmarried men are disdained as “immature” and having a “fear of commitment.”

Conclusion

As society began to value women more, and feminism became ever more exclusive and elitist, men became devalued. This is morally wrong. There is no valid excuse for valuing one sex over the other. It is also wrong to attempt to build women up by tearing men down. Anti-male bias ultimately harms everyone, as the men who are ridiculed in the media and cheated in family court are someone’s father, brother, husband, or son.

It is time that society recognized that feminism (particularly the “gender” and “radical” variety) is a social experiment that failed. It should be replaced by a movement that fairly balances rights and responsibilities for both men and women – one that values the complementary nature of the sexes rather than pitting one against the other. Only then can society be on a path to true gender fairness.

What You Can Do for Men’s Issues

Contact the media: Write to your newspaper, magazine, radio/TV station or internet service provider expressing your concern at the lack of sensitivity toward men’s issues in the media. Or call in to a talk radio show.

Confront people engaging in anti-male bias: In the most tactful manner possible, of course. Let people know of the harm that such bias causes, and that you would like them to stop.

Boycott companies that use anti-male advertising: Write to companies that promote their products by disparaging men or boys. Let them know that you will boycott their products and services until they cease this practice.

Contact your politician: Let your politician know your concern about men’s issues, and that your vote and support may depend on their position on these issues. Join a political group or caucus, if one is available in your area.

Join or form a local men’s group: This is a great way to meet others in your area who are interested in the men’s movement.

Get better informed: The following contacts, resources, and books are a good start.

Contacts and Resources

Desert Light Journal

http://www.desertlightjournal.homestead.com/

Men's Issues Online

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MensIssuesOnline

Mensactivism.org

http://www.mensactivism.org

Men's News Daily

http://www.mensnewsdaily.com

MaleDepression.com

http://www.maledepression.com

National Coalition of Free Men

http://www.ncfm.org

National Congress for Fathers and Children

http://www.ncfc.net

Stop Abuse for Everyone

http://www.safe4all.org

Domestic Violence against Men

http://www.dvmen.org

Men's Health Network

http://www.menshealthnetwork.org/

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Hi Honey...What's For Dinner Tonight?

Adam · 19 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *" Here is a story about a woman who murdered her male friend 10 years ago and made a stew out of some of his flesh. She was diagnosed as legally insane at the time of the murder and was committed to a state insane asylum.*

However, she has now been proclaimed sane by the powers that be and may be moving into your neighborhood soon. Also, the article said she had two young children at the time of the murder. I wonder if she will now be given custody of them when she is released? Probably!"

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New DV center to further criminalize men

Adam · 19 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children adds that partner violence by men is the greatest single source of injury to women requiring emergency treatment. Now MA intends to build a center that will place victims of domestic violence under one roof with police, prosecutors, and advocates. This is very scary and brings MA one step closer to a complete gender based Marxist society - considering the criteria for evidential standards for DV have already been completely erased. I am a victim of the false DV allegations, and I could not have conceived in my worst nightmare that the judicial system in MA could become more biased than it already is. Yet a new Parthenon of misandry is getting built and the hypocrites building it are using sexual assault on children as the Trojan Horse for public support to gain funding for their underhand methods to further obliterate the rights of men/fathers. Once again, the rights of men and consideration for male victims have been completely left out of the agenda. Pleae help anyway you can. Here's the*

link"

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When oral sex is outlawed, only men will be outlaws

Adam · 20 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A Singapore policeman has been sentence to jail for two years for receiving oral sex from a girl. The girl was of age and consented to the act but only the male police officer is going to jail. Oral sex is illegal in Singapore."*

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She Longs for the Old Days

Adam · 21 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"I saw this in a employee rant forum. It seemed appropriate to men's issues in the sense of old school vs. modern family structure. This woman is "busy and bored" at her job and wishes that she could be a "stay at home wife and mother". She's in her early thirties now. She also adds that "When you even mention this to people, even other women, they look at you like you're from another planet..." I'm stealing your experience! Go here and read for yourself."*

What was it feminists said about men not wanting to live in the 21st century again?

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Washington City Paper and "catfighting"

Adam · 21 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Entertaining but predictable article on so-called "catfighting" in DC area bars and pubs. Written by one of the cats herself! Notice she tries to shift the blame for her and her fellow "catfighters" onto men in more than a few places. So much for adults taking responsibility for their actions. Sounds like a chance for a letter or two to the editors..."*

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NH Men's Commission TV Footage Now On-line

Scott · 21 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Updated! On Wednesday, the second meeting of the NH Commission on the Status of Men was held in Concord, NH. We had the room packed and two local TV crews filmed the event. NH Public Television aired a half-hour segment with footage from the meeting on their *NH Outlook* program. You can view streaming video (RealPlayer) of the program at this link. Interviewed on the program included commission chair Gerry Boyle, Rep. David Bickford (who sponsored the men's commission legislation), and Mike Geanoulis, president of the NH chapter of NCFC.

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Cleveland Brown's runningback is a victim

Adam · 22 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

jimmyd writes *"apperently william green the runningback for the cleveland browns was attacked by his fiance Asia Gray. who apperantly stabbed him. what I think is most unbelivable about this is that they actually arrested her!! The story is here"*

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Towards an Understanding of Heterosexual Violence

Adam · 23 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

crescentluna writes *"This is the opposition. This is their research. If women use violence against their male partners, they are in need of understanding. We need to examine the cultural attitudes that shape it. Those cultural attitudes are that men abuse to maintain power, whereas women aren't really abusers. Here's the link"*

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BusterB is on Hiatus

Scott · 24 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"Our beloved BusterB has gone on hiatus. If you don't know who he is, please take a minute to read his site and blog. Actually, take an afternoon. It's good stuff. I'll miss him and hope that he chooses to continue."*

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Parental Salary, OOOPS... Government Handout to Women Proposed

Thomas · 24 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Liberal Party think tank, the Menzies Research Centre, has proposed that Australian mothers (not fathers) receive tax free $11,000 per year for five years after having a child. Lucy Sullivan, the author of the report, also recommended an additional government payout of "$4000 a year for primary school children and $6000 for high school children."

Women would have the option, through childbirth, of taking this government handout, so they can stay home. Men would have no such option.

Now that marriage is collapsing and men are being systematically removed from the family, men would be forced, through taxes, to support mothers, in most cases whom they've never even met.

Will Australian men be stupid enough to allow this to be done to them?

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Reader Query Regarding Women Only Gym Areas

Scott · 24 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

albundy writes *"My Gym has a "women only" workout area but no corresponding "men only" area. I complained to the manager but was told, "That's just the way it is." I live in California. Is anyone aware of any laws against this blatant sexism?"*

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Subway Sandwich Chain Bashing Men?

Scott · 24 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

An Anonymous User submitted the following message that was sent to the Subway corporation: *"Just a comment on your latest ad campaign. I'm referring to the one in which a man is shown being hit in the groin at the end, for no reason, not that any would justify the physical harm. I wonder why you consider this funny. Your poor taste and insensitivity has just lost you another customer - after years of supporting you, no one in my family will eat at a Subway again. Fire the ad agency, clean up your act!"* Please comment if you've seen this ad.

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Turner Touts Female-Dominated Foundation

Hombre · 26 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

jenk writes *"From Newsday...*

"UNITED NATIONS -- Media mogul Ted Turner has taken a small step to demonstrate his belief that women should run the world because men have "mucked it up" with too much warfare and military spending."

Turner is a very powerful man, we need a large and cohesive backlash to this...now."

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Men Putting Down the Remote

Hombre · 26 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"This is the second time in as many months I've seen an article on this topic. It seems that Neilsen is saying that TV viewership among males 18-34 is dropping sharply, and the networks are blaming Neilsen's research methods (!@@!). They simply can't see (or refuse to acknowledge) that the emperor is nekkid."*

In a related story it seems a local newpaper has lost much of its Jewish demographic after repeatedly portraying Jews as bumblers, depicting violence against Jews as humor, condemning Jews as dangerous, and repeatedly stating that any problems which affect Jews are unimportant and whining since a lot of the businesses in the world are owned by Jews and besides that talking about their problems won't get them laid. Experts are stumped.

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Stormy Future of Marriage

Hombre · 26 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"NY Times article briefly looks at several controversies in the ongoing marriage debate, brought on by the recent Massachusetts recognition of same-sex marriage.*

One interesting fact is that single households in the U.S. now outnumber those occupied by a married couple.

And, there's a growing interest in getting the government out of the marriage contract, leaving partners to determine exactly what the terms of marriage will be... including even the option of "renewable" short-term vows.

Between the men's marriage "strike" and multiple emerging forms of matrimony, it looks like the traditional church-blessed union may be fading away....

Article here"

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Male DV Victims in Military

Hombre · 27 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"Here is a good article on male domestic violence victims in the military. The article helps confirm that the military is way ahead of the domestic violence movement on this issue. This is exactly what we found when we set up a table at the DV Conference in San Diego, CA this year (where rad-fems tried to get us barred). We came across a number of military folks there who knew, based on their experience in doing DV work in the military while free from feminist propaganda, that men and women are initiating the violence at about the same rate. They explained that their military programs emphasize communication and preventative measures (as Warren Farrell and SAFE do) rather than reactionism, blame, bashing, and gender politics, and that as a result they have seen a marked reduction in the frequency of the problem. Will the DV industry ever learn from this?"*

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Washington Mutual TV Ad

Scott · 27 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"Yet another man gets tortured for laughs in this ad. It's for Washington Mutual, a bank apparently. The dumb dorky guy is so happy with his loan from this bank that nothing can get him down. He gets a pot of hot coffee spilled on his head, which is fine with him. Then of course, the deal closer. He gets hit in the groin with a bowling ball! How original. Excuse me while I rush out and get a loan! Not! Anyone else seen it??"*

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Feminists want less confusing bathrooms

Hombre · 29 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Men, women, what the... ?
WHERE'S THE "OTHER" CATEGORY??

Ah, those wacky feminists are at it again.

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NY Times Still Lying After All These Years

Hombre · 29 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"It looks like the New York Times hasn't changed much even after the public exposure about their bias. Here is a recent article titled "Abused Mothers Keep Children in a Test of Rights and Safety." In case the link breaks, here's an excerpt that gives the gist of the article: "Domestic violence has always been a tricky problem for child welfare workers. Studies have shown, for instance, that households victimized by domestic violence can be spectacularly dangerous, even lethal, for children. And even temporary interventions — the brief removal of children or the forced treatment of the parents — can be undone as battered mothers return again and again to their abusive husbands or partners."*
Response letters can be sent to letters@nytimes.com or by fax to (212)556-3622."

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Marx, Lenin, Friedan and Feminism

Hombre · 29 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Untold Story of Betty Friedan, an article on MND by Carey Roberts, is an interesting read, and for many it will be an eye opener. Yes, Marxist-Leninism has a long history of affiliation with the Feminist movement."*

I understand Elizabeth Cady Staton not only belonged to and frequented church, she also owned her own personal copy of the Bible! I hope that comes as a real eye opener for everyone. Yes, Christianity has a long history of affiliation with the Feminist movement.

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He's Attacked, yet he's the Aggressor?

Hombre · 29 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Paul writes *"She comes after him with a baseball bat, a jar of olives and a butcher knife, yet he's arrested as the aggressor in the situation.*

Details here."

Another example of the Christian feminist domestic violence industry.

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The Eyes of the World are upon us!

Hombre · 29 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Lee Newman writes *"The first Commission on the Status of Men in the World has been established in NH.*
This Commission was appointed by the Governor to address health concerns and other issues that affect men. This is a very important and necessary initiative considering the high rates of male suicide and other major health, family and even the legal concerns of men.

VIP/SAFE-NH will take an active role in assisting the Commission regarding the issues surrounding violence against boys and men. Everyday we see the impact on men caused by the gender bias that is frequently present in provision of services and compassionate understanding.
We see the impact on boys who are beginning to believe that they are going to grow up to be “bad men”, because of the gender bias they observe and experience as young children.
After a while, if society only hears one version of the ”truth” they begin to believe that it is the only truth…we hope that this Commission will bring another perspective forward that needs to be considered.
Depression, isolation, suicide, stress related illnesses, emotional trauma, homelessness and other issues have a serious impact on the men and boys who go without the services and care provided to women and girls…it is time to “take gender out” of these issues and
”put humanity in”!

We hope that those in our State who have been prejudiced against the formation of this Commission will eventually see it as a good thing for all of us who enjoy the “quality of life” in NH and want to make sure that ALL of our citizens have the chance to pursue that as well!

Please use this link to voice your opinions or show support for this important Commission!
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Schwarzenegger Sellout?

Scott · 30 November 2003 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"It looks like the Terminator may need a new bionic backbone. Schwarzenegger paroles a female murderer because she shows remorse and promises not to do it again."* The article also mentions that he has paroled a man convicted of a murder and denied parole to a man who killed a woman in a drunk driving accident.

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CBC Article on the Gender Gap in Schools

Scott · 1 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has an article on their website about the current gender gap for male youths in terms of reading. It states that the current gap for reading in favour of girls is twice as large as the (now closed) gap for maths and sciences that used to favour boys. It also states that contrary to popular belief boys are not "catching up" to girls as they get older in their reading skills."*

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The Christian Comments were authored by me.

Hombre · 1 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I'd just like to clear up for the record that the men who submitted the recent articles containing remarks about the "Christian Domestic Violence industry", (Paul and Ray), were not the authors of those remarks.

I added those comments to their submitted articles solely as an attempt to demonstrate a point through analogy and not as a serious attack on Christianity, (I am a Christian after all). I am dissappointed that those remarks were taken as a serious attack, in part because I believe some of the people who did so knew better and wanted to capitalize on the un-PC quality of those remarks when taken seriously. These are people I would have expected better from.

If anyone really was truly offended by what they felt was some kind of religious slur then I apologize and hope that I've cleared up any misunderstandings. - Hombre

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The Mankind Project New Warrior Training

Scott · 1 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

JohnC. writes "
Are you looking for a challenge like none other that you have ever faced? Then have we got a weekend for you. The ManKind Project sponsors the New Warrior Training Adventure, an intense educational training presented over the course of a forty-eight hour period. The ManKind Project is an organization of men working together to improve their lives and help other men. The New Warrior Training Adventure is where this starts."

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False accuser to be charged

Hombre · 1 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"The Detroit Free Press reports that one Nicole Milburn is to be charged with a felony in connection to a September 17 incident. Apparently Ms. Milburn had consensual and protected sex with one of Scotty Anderson's teammates, stole $700 from Scotty, and was trying to inseminate herself with used condoms. According to Mike Dugan, the prosecutor, this was "apparently, either to hopefully cause herself to be pregnant and have a child support claim, or potentially, as it turned out, possibly to support a rape claim." Read the story here at the DFP, and marvel. Hopefully this will become a trend."*

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Parents Bristle at AttornGen child support Crackdown

D · 1 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Stephanie Frostic writes *"Some parents bristle at attorney general's child support crackdown*

By ALEXANDRA R. MOSES
The Associated Press
11/9/03 9:18 AM

LANSING, Mich. (AP)

""Cox says his PayKids initiative is focusing on those parents who can pay support but don't, not on those who can't afford to pay.""

""""They're taking away custody and only giving visitation. ... Then there isn't a relationship there, it's all about money," says Stephanie Frostic, 30, who pays support for a son from her previous marriage.""

For the full story:
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Using hate speech to promote business

D · 1 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

LeMorteMark writes *"I found a link where a woman claims:*
"Today, these fathers rights groups, many of which have posted on their website that they feel women are second class citizens and even should not have the power to vote".

I don't recall ever seeing a father's rights website that says women should not have the right to vote. As I read further, I realized that the true motivation for these sexist lies was the promotion of a "facial exercise" business.

I wonder how much sexism and bigotry this woman is willing to promote to sell her useless crap.

Here's the link so you know what I'm talking about:
Here"

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Men's Movement: Legitimate Grievances?

D · 1 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

In recent years men's and fathers' issues have exploded on the web, including on websites such as MensNewsDaily.com and Mensactivism.org. Are these and other prominent men's sites the beginnings of a coming civil rights movement? Or are they merely a forum for the grumbling and petty complaints of a privileged class?

Tom Sylvester of the Institute for American Values and MensNewsDaily columnist Bernard Chapin debated the virtues and vices of the men's movement on His Side with Glenn Sacks on Sunday, November 23. To listen to the show archive, go to http://hisside.com/11_23_03.htm>

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A woman was convicted of kidnapping

D · 1 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

ahhkaboom writes *"SANTA FE, N.M. - A woman faces 18 years in prison for plotting an attack in which four of her friends assaulted and attempted to savagely castrate her ex-boyfriend.*

read here"

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U.S. News: A "gender gap" in Cardiovascular Disease

Scott · 1 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"U.S. News & World Report has a feature called "The End of Heart Disease" in its December 1 edition. This issue has a graphic on page 42 titled "SEX AND DEATH - a gender gap in cardiovascular disease." This graphic implies that women are at a disadvantage as they suffer more cardiovascular deaths than men. This is misleading as men (on average) die of their heart attacks several years before women. [Note: the online version didn't have this graphic]."*

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A strong stand against the DV industry

Hombre · 2 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Cathy Young has done it again. She has outlined in a prominent Boston Globe article how the domestic violence Industry is based on the false premise that violence happens as a result of "patriarchal norms" and not because of personal psychological reasons, and that the current "lock 'em up" dogma that plagues average non-violent men in our society is tragically flawed. Linda G. Mills (of New York University, a professor of law and social work and author of the new book) book "From Insult to Injury: Rethinking Our Responses to Intimate Abuse" addresses the flawed dogma of the DV industry. The current ideology that views all men as wolves and all women as lambs is too deeply entrenched in society needs to be heard by politicians, judges, prosecutors and many others. It took the "mainstream" feminists about 30 years to establish their monopoly on the public debate about domestic violence. Mills' book may be the first step in dismantling that monopoly. Lets show our support for the book and to the Boston Globe for publishing this brave article. Lets get behind this one!"*

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Linda Mills on Domestic Violence

Thomas · 2 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I've decided to list this link separately, rather than mentioning it under the Cathy Young article's post, so that the maximum number of people will see it. Professor Mills provides some valuable insights into the complex problem of domestic violence. One of them is how often shaming tactics are used against men who are victims of DV.

If I were investing in a social movement today, I wouldn't put my hard earned cash into shares of mainstream feminism.

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'Grope' Gripe

Thomas · 3 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I'm posting a link to this article, because I think it shows where we are headed in the near future or, perhaps, where we've already arrived.

Now that the courts as well as the general public are becoming aware of the fact that some women lie about being assaulted or otherwise victimized, I suspect we will soon see an increasing number of cases like this, where the woman claims the man abused her and the man claims the woman abused him and government entities find it's in their interest to side with the man.

It was so *easy*, when we all knew that women never lie about being assaulted (sarcasm off). I can't tell you how often I've been told, "No woman would ever lie about being assaulted by a man," though I haven't heard that one for a couple years.

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Citigroup's womenandco.com

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Anonymous User writes *"Citigroup has a program open to women only called Women and Company. Members receive a wide range of benefeits from Citigroup associates such as Citibank, Smith Barney, and Travelers Insurance. Benefeits include a hotline for financial planning advice and discounts for childcare services for mom (sorry, dad). Surprisingly, members have access to lower interest rates for home mortgages, auto loans and student loans. The rationale for all of this is the 76.3 cents per every dollar a man earns argument."*

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Essay on Feminism at the DLJ

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"I've got an essay on feminism up at the DLJ*

It is a somewhat different viewpoint than I've taken before. Take a look!"

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Judge feels the heat

Hombre · 4 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

jenk writes *"As reported in The Age,*

The Chief Justice of the Family Court has accused a federal MP of attempting to intimidate him by calling for his resignation amid a heated public debate over child custody.

Chris Pearce, Liberal MP for the eastern Melbourne seat of Aston and a member of the parliamentary committee examining reforms to joint custody law, said yesterday Chief Justice Alastair Nicholson should step down because he had unduly tried to influence the committee.

A prominent parenting lobby group, the Shared Parenting Council of Australia, joined the call for Justice Nicholson's resignation."

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Life-Gap Awareness Day

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Henry Vincent writes *"I'd like to propose that Dec. 7 be recognized as Life-Gap Awareness Day. Men in the Western world die on average 5-6 years earlier than women. This works out to around 24 days a year less that men have to live than women. The number of days from Dec. 7 to the start of the new year would represent the difference in the amount of lifespan between men and women each year.*

Anyone think this is a good idea?"

Sounds like a great way to get the message out to me.

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media injustice

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Anonymous User writes *"While people might differ about the importance of the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone should agree that it's a tragedy for fathers to be turned into wallets and be legally deprived of the opportunity to be a father. Yet the fact that the guy in this case cares about his daughter is being used in a front-page Washington Post article (Dec. 2, "An Allegiance to Dissent") to portray him as a weirdo! Here's my response to the Post:"*

Click "Read More" for the text of the very well-written letter.*"Your front-page story, "An Allegiance to Dissent," (Dec. 2), associates Michael Newdow's challenge to the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance with his battle for custody of his daughter. This story associates these two issues with vague insinuations of character flaws while trivializing neglected stories important to your readers.*

The story insinuates that "California atheist" Newdow is a weirdo and a congenital troublemaker. He "has a restless, uncompromising mind, a mind that dissents radically from many widely accepted aspects of American life." He says that the whole system of family law is "a crock of dung." The first two paragraphs of the story set up a freakish (?) contrast between Newdow representing himself in family court and him participating once a week in co-parenting classes. The story notes that Newdow objects to gender-specific pronouns: "Newdow uses 'ree' instead of 'he' or 'she,' and 'rees' instead of 'his' or her.'" The story suggests that he's an "out-of-control epitome of the Me generation," someone seeking "a right to be fastidiously self-indulgent and intolerant." Towards the end of the article, a reader might notice that Newdow, who once personally was worth $3 million, may go bankrupt, and that he is spreading himself very thin working on causes not directly related to his own personal welfare. Perhaps that's just more evidence of his selfishness.

What's so bizarre about Newdow and his situation? He is a man who realizes that men in the U.S. today have no reproductive rights whatsoever. The Post runs countless front-page articles about restrictions on partial birth abortion and their grave implications of such laws for women's lives. Meanwhile, the Post does its part to maintain total media silence about men who face an unplanned pregnancy. Simply by virtue of having reproductive-type sex, men can suffer, under the strictures of U.S. family law, harsh financial penalties ("child support payments"), emotional distress, and prison sentences. Such a result could follow from an unplanned pregnancy in which a woman does not choose to have an abortion, does not choose give the baby up for adoption, does not choose to abandon the child, and chooses, sometime in the next 18 years, to identify the father. Image someone who dissents from this widely accepted aspect of American life!

But it's worse than that. In addition to being legally required to pay child support, Newdow loves his daughter and likes to be able to see her. But a judge, who considers himself to be the authority on the best interests of Newdow's child, has told Newdow that if he doesn't get along with his ex-girlfriend, Newdow won't be allowed to see his daughter. Your reporter might have asked if the judge requires Newdow to regularly compliment his ex-girlfriend's hairstyle in order for Newdow to be able to see his daughter. Or perhaps just invite her over for dinner occasionally? The judge ruled that Newdow could not involve his daughter in the case without his ex-girlfriend's consent. Without his ex-girlfriend's consent, such involvement would present a risk to the girls' "health and safety"; with his ex-girlfriend's consent, such risk evidently vanishes. A widely accepted aspect of America life is for men to accept that in a divorce, their children will be taken from them and they will be transformed into nothing more than a source of money. Image dissenting from sexism in child custody cases and family law transforming fathers into wallets!

This story indicates that the Washington Post simply accepts that males are second-class citizens and cares nothing

for the real injustices that men face today. The Post needs to make its reporters sensitive to men's issues. I suggest, for a start, that your reporters regularly read Glenn J. Sacks columns, available at www.glennjsacks.com While there are legions of "feminist" columnists, Sacks is one of the few journalists who writes about gender issues from a male perspective. Your paper needs to become aware of that perspective, or it will rapidly lose the respect of its readers."

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Vote for Spiderman

Thomas · 5 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

jenk writes:
Vote Spiderman, AKA Dave Chick, as London's Personality of the Year!

I put in my vote,

The Biscuit Queen

Thomas writing now -- The Biscuit Queen/jenk has informed me that they are only seeking votes from Europeans.

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Petition

Thomas · 5 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

jenk writes *"Here is a petition to instate mysandry as a hate crime.*

The more the merrier.The Biscuit Queen"

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A Female Rapist !@@!?

Thomas · 5 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"We so rarely see the coarsest of terms applied to women accused of sexual misconduct, so I thought I'd submit this article. It's statutory rape, but rape nonetheless, and the newspaper actually called her a* ***rapist****!"*

Thomas writing now: Slowly... slowly, we are having an effect.

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Flumist ads

Thomas · 6 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

jenk writes *"FluMist has been running misandrist ads showing that a mother with the flu means the house falls into complete chaos with inept fathers. Here are some contacts, let them know how you feel.*

Media Contacts:

Jamie Lacey

MedImmune, Inc.

240.632.4035

Douglas Petkus

Wyeth

484.865.5140

Investor Contacts:

William Roberts

MedImmune, Inc.

301.527.4358

Justin R. Victoria

Wyeth

973.660.5340"

Thomas writing now: Please note that, while I have a great deal of respect for Jenk, unless I saw the ad myself, any letter that I wrote would contain a statement such as "though I haven't seen it, I understand that you are circulating an ad depicting fathers as bumbling fools. Rest assured that, if I ever do see such an ad for your products, I will never purchase any of your products again."

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Kidnapping mom gets back custody

Thomas · 6 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

NOTE (Thomas writing now): I've fixed the bad link in the original post. (Sorry for any inconvenience.) If you tried to view the article and gave up, please try again. It's an interesting read.

jenk writes *The former Gwinnett school teacher who three years ago fled to the Cayman Islands with her children, only to lose them to their father earlier this year when authorities returned her to the United States, got them back in a Fulton court Tuesday.*

Fulton County Superior Court Judge John J. Goger overturned an earlier order that had given custody of Emily and Jeffrey Taylor Weeks to their father, Jeff Weeks. In a decision late Tuesday morning, Goger gave primary custody of the children back to Joyce Williams, 35, of Sugar Hill, claiming he had misgivings about their father's character.

Thomas writing again: This case may be of concern to both men's rights activists and gay/lesbian/bi-sexual rights activists.

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This is really old, but still....

Adam · 7 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Boy Genteel writes *"...not old enough for me to say she's living in the Stone Age. Page down to a column by Stephanie Mencimer. If we want to tell her how we feel about her, though, it may require some detective work. This is like a copy of a copy of a copy."*

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Susan B. Anthony: Lucifer's Babe?

Adam · 7 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This is the last of the Susan B. Anthony series for now. See it at MensNewsDaily.com, or read the whole series at this site. Or post a reply under the copy of the latest at this site. Feel free to post a whole copy on your Web site (exactly as is, with the links and list of references as shown here), with credit and an e-mail to the author, Art Lemasters, and with a link back to the series at this site or here. Enjoy!"*

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New York City Comprimising men's bathrooms

Adam · 8 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"The city council of New York has decided to order that all new buildings proved 2 women's bathrooms for every 1 men's bathroom. Their justification is that it willl 'benefit men too because when you are standing holding her packages it won't take as long for her to come back.' This is the lamest excuse for blatant anti-male sexism they could possibly come up with.*

Also, they offer that builders can be put in compliance by simply eliminating existing men's bathrooms or converting them into women's bathrooms.

The story is here"

Notice the bill is called "The Restroom Equity Bill" I was unware that Equity consisted of twice as much as everybody else. And since I'm in a sideswipe mood: Yvette Clarke, the woman behind it, said"*"We don't have the same type of equipment that you men have and it requires gentle procedures. At certain times that's much more time consuming."* That's what this is all about: A woman resents a man's natural ability, and seeks to criminalize him for it. Alot like a certain ideology I could name.

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Boy Genteel published

Hombre · 8 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Boy Genteel writes *"Article*>>

I was responding to a column on the diminishing numbers for young males watching television.

bg"

Great work Brian!

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If the shoe doesn't fit, get foot changed for whistles!

Hombre · 8 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Does the average woman want to get whistled at in the street, willing to go to such lengths as cosmetic foot surgery to get such attention? A doctor quoted in this article (search on "whistle") seems to think so.*

Wasn't men whistling at women in the street a complaint feminists had about men in the 60's and 70s? Or is it now something some of them want?

Such complex times!

BTW, I submitted this under "Media" because no other topic seemed to fit it; one thing I will say was good about this article and decidedly un-NYTimes-like was that it did not have the "obligatory" interview with a "women's advocate" blaming the whole thing on "patriarchal oppression" and somesuch babblings. But the bad thing is that it suggests men (categorically) whistle at women on the street. I have seen sych whistling only a few times, sometimes by women at men. But it is not a regular thing, at least in my experience, to view such happenings."

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Innocent - Until Proven Guilty

Hombre · 8 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *""Don't be so quick to judge in Bryant case," is a letter to the editor of the San Diego Union-Tribune, written back in July, but is still a timely read. A growing number of men in the movement are beginning to speak up and get published. Let us hope this continues and becomes a trend. A little media objectivity would be a refreshing change."*

Note - The letter is about two thirds of the way down the page.

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Police cripple teen over offroad permit

Hombre · 8 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Doctor Damage writes *"A young man is confined to a wheelchair and his hopes of a career in aviation are more than likely permanently dashed following an incident of police brutality after a misunderstanding over a permit to take his pickup offroad. The article can be found here and it is being discussed at LibertyForum*

Anyone think this incident would have been so egregiously mishandled if the young man were a young woman?"

But haven't feminists taught us that men in power treat other men better than they treat women? In this enlightened age, don't we understand that simply because the officer who savagely attacked the boy was a man his actions therefore represent men's interests?

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Penetration Kills

Hombre · 9 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

P George writes *" Here is a short article on AIDS. The arctile summary says "Latest AIDS statistics point to sexual and syringe intromission as the vectors of contamination of a disease that disproportionately cuts down women, gays and racially-despised minorities. Created in Quebec by Montreal men against sexism, this logo attempts to raise the issue of penetration as cultural icon."*

Now if you go to the bottom of the page it gives a link to the National Institue of Health. Near the top of the page it says "Approximately 50 percent of adults living with HIV/AIDS worldwide are women.", which means the other 50% are men! Then further down the page under the heading " HIV/AIDS in the US" and exactly right above the statistics that these "men against sexism" cut and pasted it says "Approximately 40,000 new HIV infections occur each year in the United States, about 70 percent among men and 30 percent among women." Whose being the sexist here?

Then click on their attached file. It's a picture of a red no smoking sign with a syringe turning into a penis. On the sides it says "Penetration Kills" followed by the inside saying "Montreal men against sexism"! I can't articulate on how this sign is misandry but I can't imagine a similar sign with a vagina that says "cavern of chlamydia" or something. This seems like purely Hate propaganda to demonize men. Why would they do this? What do you guys think?"

I agree with you that the sign is misandrous, and the reason I would call it that is it clearly focuses on the penis as an object of hate and fear, while implying everyone with a penis, (and only those with a penis), is responsible for the spreading of STDs. As to the question of why they would do that, well some people may not be aware of this but in addition to ourselves and groups like the NCFM, ACFC, etc. there is also a fake men's movement. A movement which purports to oppose sexism and care about the issues which effect men but is really just composed of self-hating male feminists. Men Against Sexism is a group which fits this category, and I would bet that the Montreal Men Against Sexism is just a division of that group. A brief perusal of their homepage should tell you what they're about, and why they would actively try to demonize men.

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Let's get together

Thomas · 9 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

nick writes *"Might I suggest that all men opposed to feminism and other forms of political correctness visit www.traditionalmen.meetup.com . This is part of the www.meetup.com website.*

Meetup.com is a brilliant, simple and free (!) website which allows like-minded people to meet up in their home town, wherever in the world this might be. If you visit the site you will understand how this works. There are pages devoted to all sorts of interests and categories and I have persuaded them to start a category for men opposed to feminism and political correctness, which I have called 'Traditional Men'.

If you are a 'traditional man' please join up so that we can all meet up, have a few drinks and discuss issues of interest to us among like-minded friends. Also, if you know anyone else who might be interested in this idea please pass this message on to them too.

Let's fight the good fight – and have fun doing it!

Nick"

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Dads vow to storm courts

Hombre · 9 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Our counterparts in Great Britain are making quite a show these days. Can men in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and elsewhere learn from the bold and dramatic tactics of these men, or are they merely committing futile and foolish acts of desperation?"*

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Girls enforce gender roles by framing boy

Hombre · 9 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

I'm guessing they were jealous because he was getting a bigger fan reaction than they were. Whatever the reason, the future NOW members of the Pasco High School cheerleading squad demonstrated their support for diversity by allegedly framing the only boy in order to get him expelled so they can have an all girl squad. One of the girls who attends church with some of the cheerleaders says she heard them plotting...

"I heard (a cheerleader) state to these two other girls that she was going to find a way to get Johnathan kicked off the cheerleading squad because he was a boy," she said. Story here.

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McElroy's Latest Fox News Column Exposes Anti-Male

Hombre · 10 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"Wendy McElroy's recent FoxNews.com article discusses the use of discretion in holiday charity giving and domestic violence shelters, a major factor being their policies toward males. She mentions NCFM, and in particular mentions Deborah Watkins' (leader of Dallas/Fort Worth NCFM chapter) Homeless Project and Mask Project! McElroy also linked Glenn Sacks' Daily Breeze article about NCFM's civil rights lawsuit against DV shelters (click on "women only policy"). Thank you Wendy!*

Marc"

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Another female bomber

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CPM writes *"Add another one to the list, but remember that when you speak of suicide bombers, always use the pronoun "he".*

Moscow Female Bomber"

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Anti-peonage Posters

Hombre · 10 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

jenk writes "
Here is a site
with war posters reworked to fit the anti-peonage movement. Some are very clever, and worth putting up. The Biscuit Queen"

Note - Peonage refers to the imprisonment or forced labor of debtors.

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Mensactivism.org Temporary Shutdown

Scott · 10 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Both the Mensactivism.org web server and mail server will be unavailable beginning Friday, December 12. Downtime is expected to be up to one week until the servers are relocated. I wish I could have planned this better, but the shutdown is required. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

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You Just Can't Keep a Good MANN Down!

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Well, we're back, even if it is a bit late :). The server is in its new home and we should have some more bandwidth to boot. Thanks, everyone, for being so patient during the outage!

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NCFM-DC gets word out on Joe Farah

Hombre · 23 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Week-end before last, some restless misandry-despising members of NCFM-DC decided to get the word out on man-hater Joe Farah. Read about it, see the pics at the NCFM-DC home page.*

Misandrists be warned: we are not going away!

Happy holidays, all, and I am so glad this site is back up!

-Matt"

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Father's 4 Justice protesters being charged.

Hombre · 23 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

It seems that UK police are demonstrating a pattern in dealing with the F4J civil rights crusaders. A recent demonstration in which five campaigners dressed as Santa and held signs on a walkway above a major road resulted in police assuming they were dangerous, closing the road to traffic, and then charging them with being a public nuisance. Article here.

However unlike the case with David Chick, (aka spiderman), there was no crane or any other impediment to the police simply walking up and arresting them. So why was the road closed? Is this the UK police force's way of trying to bias the populace against father's rights protestors, by making them think they "force" roads to be closed? Would the actions of the protestors be legal under UK law had police not decided traffic needed to be diverted thus causing the Santas to become a public nuisance?

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Mass protest hits London

Hombre · 23 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Fathers 4 Justice, the tireless father's rights crusaders in the UK, staged a repeat of last years Santa protest when 200 members dressed as Santa Clause to present Minister Margaret Hodge with a 6 foot turkey. Details here.

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Recognizing genuine differences?

Adam · 24 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Doctor Damage writes *"Apparently the answer to the question in the subject is "equality". At least, this is what the president of Australian Women Lawyers, Jennifer Batrouney, SC is quoted as claiming in this article at the Sydney Morning Herald.*

The whole quote goes like this:

> But the president of Australian Women Lawyers, Jennifer Batrouney, SC, says affirmative action is needed because "equality involves the recognition of genuine difference and, where it exists, different treatment".

I keep seeing this stuff and like the feminists of the 80s used to do, I just shake my head and say: they just don't get it.
When are they going to figure out that equality does not involve the granting of priveliged status for favored groups?"

Anybody else notice how she says equality and different in the same sentance? Oh yeah, no double standards there *rolls eyes skyward*

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Men's Issues - Valid Grievances, or Just "Whining?"

Adam · 24 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Are today's activist men, in today's men's movement, following, lock step in the same "whining," complaining patterns of the "militant feminists of past decades as this author would have us believe, or are they marching to the tune of a different drummer with valid issues completely unique to the real oppressions they are facing? Is their activism just "whining" or do they really have valid grievances?"*

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Women Pass Men in White Collar Jobs

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CJ writes *"For the first time since tracking began 20 years ago, U.S. women outnumber men in higher paying, white collar managerial and professional occupations. The gap will continue because of a self-perpetuating cycle of workplace gains for women, according to international outplacment firm Chicago-based Challenger, Gray & Christmas.*
Article here."

In the younger groups, women far outnumber men in these positions. It's only because many older women have chosen to be housewives that it's even close.

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Britain's first safe house for battered men

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"Britain's first safe house for battered men is to open in secret over the New Year. So far: 1 for men, 426 for women. Women's Aid wants to double the number for women, that's equality for you! "There should be at least 70 refuges for men." Full article at Battered men get their own refuge From the Men's Hour Blog"*

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A Victory for the Men's Movement

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Anonymous User writes... *"Bon Macy's has pulled T-shirts which say "Boys are Stupid--Throw Rocks at Them" after a storm of protest led by men's advocates. To learn more, see Wendy McElroy's "Christmas in a War Zone" and MND Newswire's "Bon-Macy's Pulls Anti-Boy Shirts as His Side Listeners Flood Store with Calls, E-Mails" at "Bon-Macy's Pulls Anti-Boy Shirts as His Side Listeners Flood Store with Calls, E-Mails"*

Good work and thanks to everyone who was involved in this protest, and a special thanks to Glenn Sacks for letting the public know about it. Great job!

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ADFORUM

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bledso writes *"This site provides information on advertising and advertising agency's. It could be an excellent resource when misandric ads pop up, as they always do. http://www.adforum.com/"*

Thanks Bledso, I think this will prove very useful over time and encourage others interested in media misandry to add it to their bookmarks.

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For Battered Men the Battering Never Ends!

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Ray writes *"Happy holidays to battered men. Here's a rather plaintiff letter from a male victim of domestic violence.*

What I wondered about most was, "Why did this man feel compelled to not identify himself, by name, with the horrible treatment he lived/lives through?" Do you think America should treat this man/all men with more understanding and compassion, or should they just continue showing men the "get tough or die" formula that the D.V. industry, and most of America, now shows to its battered men?"

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Male Bashing on Television

Hombre · 27 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Jack Thomas, Jr. writes *"I am so pleased to see a web site dedicated to men fighting back in a society gone berserk under the guise of "feminism" and "women's rights".*

I am becoming more and more distressed each day as I witness the continuous, blatant and unrelenting bashing and discarding of men, especially white men, on television. It is very obvious on sitcoms and tabloid/talk shows, but I think it is the worst on commercials. I suppose that it is because they only have 60 seconds to complete their task, which is to make a guy look foolish, inane, and lacking intelligence and to completely destroy his self-respect and image as the head of the household.

The vast majority of television commercials now have a new purpose. Not to sell a product, but to show how many ways a man can be belittled, humiliated and shown to be an inept, blithering idiot to the delight of a "superior" in-your-face female.

There are two things I don't understand about this. The first is why the sponsors approve of and buy this garbage, which is supposedly designed to make the entire population, which I believe still technically includes us "lowly" men, buy their product or service. Do they feel that men are so incapable of making intelligent decisions, have no control over purchasing, and are so are totally inane, that it doesn't matter that the commercials make such fools of us day after day? I keep a list of commercials that offend me in this respect and I refuse the buy their products. If more and more guys did this, believe me, this insane mindset would disappear."

It's a tough battle. Women control 80% of all consumer dollars. Much like the idiotic, clumsy, ape-like, lazy black Jim Crow charicatures promoted a century ago to appeal to the elitist white dollar, the idiotic, clumsy, ape-like, lazy man charicatures promoted today are designed to appeal to the elitist female dollar. The first "Secret" deodorant commercial really exposed just how profitable appeals to female elitism are when their product was yanked out of the hands of a man (filmed in black and white with his face kept off the screen), by a woman, (filmed in color), as the message "made for us" was narrated. Other deodorants, whose commercials showed women or men picking up the deodorant off of the shelf and made no attempts to dehumanize the men by hiding their faces got clobbered by Secret deodorant. In addition to these "women violating the rights of insignificant men who submissively let them" types of ads Hallmark's Shoebox division came out in the early 90s appealing to female elitism by making horribly anti-male greeting cards, often depicting sexual abuse of men as humor. These cards outsold all the other Mother's Day, Birthday, and Christmas cards, (the ones that weren't produced by Shoebox), quickly becoming the most profitable division for Hallmark. There's a lot of money in appealing to the female supremacist majority, and when even most men can't see that Homer Simpson is identical to the charicature of "Sambo" from the Jim Crow days given a bleach job you know misandry has become so infiltrated into the social code as to be invisible.

See *read more* below for the rest of Jack's article.Continued... *"Secondly, don't the guys see what is happening before their eyes? Why are the men of this country allowing this to continue? Ricardo Montalban had the Frito Bandito removed from the air because the cartoon character cast a slightly negative image on the Hispanic population by being a bandit. That was incredibly minuscule compared to what is happening today. Where are the white Ricardo Montalban's looking out for the interest of white men today?*

Every sitcom has the exact same scenario. Find a loudmouth, liberated, angry, "victimized" female who can cross her arms and roll her eyes and a man whose every remark is intentionally designed as fuel for her rebukes and insults and there you have it…entertainment television of the 21st century! If you don't believe that, watch any new sitcom.

To the delight of the studio audience, the predominant theme used for daytime tabloid and talk shows is "Boo hoo hoo, look what a man did to me, boo hoo hoo. How can he be destroyed?"

"TV Land" cannot even promo it's reruns of "Father Knows Best" without inserting a disclaimer, "Not always, of course".

A program can no longer have a male host alone. There now must be a female "co-host" whose mission is to out talk him, be heard above him and to be the center of attention. And, of course, to put him down at every opportunity.

And, of course, females have taken over reporting the news. Men are only used now as background and filler and someone to be shown as being subservient to the female anchor. Watch CNN for 30 seconds to see this.

There is a "voodoo" commercial seemingly aired every 10 minutes by Progressive.com. The supposedly jilted female uses her computer and voodoo to completely humiliate and destroy a guy. I complained to the company about this blatant male bashing and the female's response was that it was a humorous way to sell their product, which is insurance, and that it would continue. Am I missing something here? Are men going to buy insurance because they enjoy watching a guy being relentlessly sexually humiliated to the delight of this revengeful female? I think not!

If anything offensive is presented about females, the feminists groups immediately jump on it and it is rebuked. And, of course, nothing negative or offensive can be written about blacks. But it is open season on white men. Anything and everything negative can be said and no one says a word. It is time for this injustice to end.

And, after all this, women still expect chivalry and "ladies first". No, I don't think so.

I think it is time that we men stood up and said loudly, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! Men need to contact the sponsors who air this trash and let them know that they are not going to buy their products. And to contact the commercial studios who produce this garbage and let them know that men have had enough.

If females want to wear the pants in the family, drive the big trucks and SUVs in order to feel powerful, be "equal" on a 60-40 basis and be the dominator of men, then let's see some commercials where their fat rear ends or tiny breasts are the subject of male ridicule and jocularity and where females are routinely disdained and casually discarded like yesterday's trash and see how long THEY stay on the air.

Jack Thomas, Jr."

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League of Men Voters

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mens_issues writes *"The League of Women Voters and Emily's List have been part of an effort to increase the female vote over the last few decades. While men and women voted in roughly equal numbers in the early 1960s, there was an 8 million vote deficit for men by the 2000 election. This 15% gap cannot be good for democracy. Fortunately, a long overdue League of Men Voters was created earlier this year to address this problem.*

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VIP/SAFE-NH in the News!

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Lee Newman writes "
Please read the Portsmouth Herald Sunday News either here or at the VIP-NH website and feel free to voice your opinions on it.

We are starting to get alot of positive attention and wehave high hopes for the New Year...things WILL change.

Happy Holidays!

Lee Newman

Founding Executive Director:Violence Intervention Program/SAFE-NH"

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Men's Activism Regular gets Net-Published

Adam · 28 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

The Gonzo Kid writes *"I wanted to wait and see if it would work out to something of a regular gig, but Mike LaSalle over at Men's News Daily has generously invited me to pitch my soapbox over there on a semi-regular basis. Check out the columns by Pete Jensen, aka yours truly."*

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Hope for Husbands?

Adam · 28 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"A helpline for victimised husbands is now operative in the Indian city of Bangalore. There is definitely a growing awareness about false accusations in India. Is the tide turning? Read it*

here"

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Shattered Glass Ceiling....

Adam · 29 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Well, what will the fems think about this report? Keep this bit of ammo bookmarked, fellas, as it will come in handy dandy on those days when you encounter fems attempting to perpetuate their full slate of shrill rhetoric. The bigger action to be taken, however, is to reverse the trend in education. Time to take up ranks and make our voices heard!!!! The Shark."*

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Testimony From Hell

Hombre · 29 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Dr. David Reiser gives a very moving and profound description of the misandric judicial system and in particular its insane practice of issuing draconian restraining orders at the whim of a vindictive ex wife.*

This is an excellent article that describes what really goes on in the "belly of the beast." After reading this, one begins to see the futility of chasing tyrants in Iraq when very corrupt and evil bastards are right here at home infesting our judicial system and destroying our families and civilization."

As Nick Danger once penned referring to women, "It's their country, let them defend it." As the system continues to trample more and more men they're going to realize that perhaps compared to losing their children, becoming wage slaves, and the presumption of guilty when they face certain kinds of accusations maybe a four finger beard wouldn't be so bad after all.

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NYTimes.com: Women In Prison

Hombre · 29 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Just look at*

this!

"Poor Dearism" run amok. Still, they did make some points that they would not have made 20 years ago re the fact that women are committing more crimes than before because of the opportunities to do so. Somehow though, I imagine observers will find ways to make men the fall guys.

But I have to say that this one quote:

"'When you arrest a woman, you are also disrupting the lives of her children,' said Ann Jacobs, executive director of the Women's Prison Association, a New York organization that helps female inmates and their families"

realllly makes me see RED!!! I mean, when you arrest a man, same thing happens, yes?? What a load of &()*^%^*(!!!"

Perhaps this calls for a few letters to the editor at letters@nytimes.com? See this page for a guide to writing them.

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Accusation of harassment and the response

Adam · 29 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"A former Miss Universe and currently a top model has accused a senior executive of Coca Cola India of sexual harassment. Reaction from the Indian advertising industry is that of disbelief. Happily, the media has been restrained in its treatment of the issue without the usual `guilty until proven innocent' attitude.*
link here"

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Woman kills pregnant woman

Hombre · 30 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"I am quite surprised they didn't suppress*

this story.

I am sure she will use some kind of "defense" now well-known to many and all. But that the victim was another woman may just lead the sheeple dealing with this one to actually put her away. Well, we can hope."

Notice the story spent more time talking about how much Effie really wanted a baby of her own than on the details of the murder. Oh well, at least they didn't blame her husband yet.

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Family court euphemisms that make good sign slogan

Hombre · 30 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Please publish the following euphemisms that are related to the mistreatment of men in family court. These euphemisms make good sign slogans as well "fodder" for letters to the editor to your area newspapers. Note: Are you part of a local men and fathers' group? If not, you should be."*

See *read more* below for euphemismsSave these familiar euphemisms to your file:

Petitioner - Mother,

Respondent - Father,

Plaintiff - Mother,

Defendant - Father,

Obligee - Mother,

Obligor - Father,

Judgment Creditor - Mother,

Judgment Debtor - Father,

CP - Mother,

NCP - Father,

Agreed to pay - Ordered to pay,

Willfully ignored his obligation - He is unemployed,

Has the ability to pay - We assume he must have assets,

Your arguments are not well founded - You're the father, stop trying to get fairness,

We are obligated to give you annual notice - This is the only due process notification you'll see,

It's for the children - Your ex-wife gets the money,

Mandatory Mediation - Mediated agreements only apply to fathers,

Imputed Incomes - Father higher than actual, mother lower than actual,

Address of Record - Where we'll serve you with legal notices,

IV-D Services - Mothers only need apply,

Former Family - Your ex-wife and children,

Private Attorneys - What fathers need,

Federal Registry and New Hire Directory - How we track down fathers,

Wage Withholding - We don't trust you to pay on your own,

Arrearage Garnishment - Our records are screwed up,

Grievance Procedure - How fathers can complain, but we don't care,

Consent Decree - We got caught screwing fathers,

CS Guidelines - Payment schedule for fathers,

Guideline Reviews - We've already made up our mind, but take a chance anyway,

Privacy Safeguards - Your ex is hiding your children from you,

Federal Legislation - We only screw you because the feds say we have to,

Assignment of Support - You ex is on welfare,

Support Enforcement Division - Nothing here for fathers,

Department of Human Resources - Nothing here for fathers either,

District Attorney - Not a father's friend, beware,

Presumption of Inability to Pay - Mothers on welfare never pay, they just collect benefits,

Reasonable and seasonal visitation - Whatever your ex-wife says you can have,

Modification - You earn more now so we're increasing the CS,

Change of Circumstance - What you consider as significant really isn't,

CS Accounting Unit - Where we launder the money to collect our federal bonus checks

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I give up

Adam · 31 December 2003 · Archived copy · Original

zenpriest writes *"I really do give up. The undisputed queen of yuppie kvetching, Naomi Wolf, has actually managed to twist things around so that men's decreasing attraction to women over the past 20 years has nothing at all to do with the rape hysteria and the hostility, suspicion, contempt, and general exploitation that men have gotten from women, and managed to blame it all on porn. She credits Andrea Dworking with being right, by being wrong, and remains blind to the extent to which Dworkin herself contributed to bringing this about. article here."*

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The Men's Movement Looks Forward

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Trudy W Schuett writes *"Things look good for the year to come! I've got my year-end essay up at the DLJ blog."*

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The Wenches War

Adam · 1 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I think you'll like this one for the symbolism, if nothing else. It's a tale of gender archetypes from the 8th century Czechoslovakian style. Grab a seat and a drink, it'll take a few mins to read, but like a certain haircare product, it's worth it. :-)

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Call for men victims of family and domestic violence

Hombre · 1 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"The BBC is doing a series on bullying. They are looking around for personal stories of men being bullied by women. Bullying of the whole family and/or bullying/bad reactions by the police and courts would also be of interest. To be considered you should contact Dickon Le Marchant by email dickon.le.marchant@bbc.co.uk or at the office on 020 8752 6209 immediately, certainly in the next week or so.*

From Men's Hour Blog "

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It was a very good year

Hombre · 1 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

As 2003 fades out to make room for the new year, a lot of us are asking ourselves where we're at, where we're going, and where we've been. Normally we ask those sorts of questions about our finances, our relationships, our career goals, etc. but this year I encourage everyone here to set aside a little time to review what all we've accomplished as men's activists as well. We've accomplished a lot, and I know most of us are looking forward to bigger and better things from the movement, but let's not forget to stop and reflect on what all we've accomplished already and give ourselves a well-earned pat on the back before charging ahead.

See *read more* to look back at men's activism in 2003.2003, at it's beginning, did not promise to be an extraordinary year for the men's rights movement. The creation of the New Hampshire Comission on the Status of Men was being fought tooth and nail by people who wanted to see it blocked. Providian Insurance had launched another of their horribly misandrous "voodoo" commercials. Boys were facing sexual harassment suits for making anatomically correct snowmen. And with talk of the war between the US and Iraq it seemed like the last thing people we're going to be interested in was men's issues.

Things weren't all bad however. More websites, yahoo groups, and internet dialogues were seriously focusing on men's issues. Mini-protests were conducted against the "Vagina Monologues". Martha Burk's protest, designed to shame Augusta, instead proved that people are now willing to stand up to feminist social pressures, even ridiculing them. And articles telling the real story of domestic violence were becoming more commonplace in mainstream sources then ever before. The Status of Women Canada decided something needed to be done. That something, they decided, was to create a report lambasting the men's movement, categorizing men's activists as "hate crime" perpetrators and to drive them off the net silencing them for good.

Whether it was a result of this attempt at censorship or not we can only speculate, but for the rest of the year men's activists were more vocal than ever before in our letters, protests, internet activities, and any other way we could think of, and it hasn't shown any signs of stopping. And we've been more successful than ever before. Here is a list of some of the major men's activists accomplishments of 2003.

Martha Burk's protest showed the impotence of feminism.

Glenn Sacks started the "His Side" radio show, now syndicated in multiple cities.

Gordon Clay opened the first Men's Issues Library.

A Paternity Fraud bill was passed in California.

Dozens of new websites were created focusing on men's issues.

The New Hampshire Comission on the Status of Men went into operation depite the opposition.

Tom Leykis took a stand and mentioned Kobe Bryant's accuser's name, Kate Faber, on the air.

Several celebrities spoke out about men's issues including Mike Ditka and Bob Geldof.

More and more, men's rights concerns were being taken seriously by various mainstream media publications.

Warren Farrell became the first men's rights gubernatorial candidate.

Fathers 4 Justice organized several protests which brought major news, most notably David Chick's Spiderman Protest and the two Santa Clause protests, one of which drew 200 men's activists!

The "Boys are Stupid, Throw Rocks at Them" t-shirts were removed from many stores.

Feel free to add on anything that I missed because I'm sure there's a lot I did, but one thing is for certain, it was a very good year!

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Not Acting "Like a Man"?

Adam · 2 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Here is an editorial by Michelle Malkin detailing her choices for "Whiners of the Year". Note the segment on Rep. Bill Janklow. Below is the e-mail I sent to her at her address MMalkin@WorldNetDaily.com.*

Dear Ms. Malkin,

In your article, you state, "Rep. Bill Janklow. The Republican congressman from South Dakota is still refusing to accept the consequences of his actions like a man." Does this mean that he is acting like a woman? Are all men the same? Do all men act in one particular way? Should they? Is "acting like a man" good? If so, should women act "like a man" also? Do you consider your comment to be sexist?

Sincerely,

Dittohd Austin, Texas"

Whether you agree with the morality of the case in question is not the issue here, the issue here is one of definition. Namely, that we must define ourselves, and not let others tell us what a "man/real man" is, as if they define us, they define our self worth, and our honour and dignity will be forever dependant on others, and we can't have that. So make an unyielding stand, and say "I am a man, and none shall say otherwise" that is all.

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'Monster' movie spreads lies...new call to action!

Hombre · 2 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Well, the feminists are at it again. 'Monster', which will be in wide release soon, is the sad, empathetic story of poor, mishandled Aileen Wuornos, lowly prostitute, serial killer. Of course, all her ill-will is lodged within her by 'men', as usual. This movie acts as though she didn't admit to lying on the stand and in reports (she told the truth before her execution), and so justifies her killing due to a 'rape'.*
See the CNN article for more details.

Time to boycott, or maybe even picket. Placard up, boys, let's get to work. The Shark"

Also see the movie's website here.

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Woman, ex-boss dating after harassment suit

Hombre · 2 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"After getting caught together together on Christmas Eve, a woman and her ex-boss have paid back $35,000 in taxpayer funds she received after accusing him of sexual harassment (insert circus music here..)"*

Yet more proof that feminist phobias make bad laws.

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Punished just for an accusation?

Hombre · 3 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Scudsucker writes *"Ell Roberson, the Kansas State quaterback, might not be allowed to play in his final college game because a woman claimed he raped her at the team's hotel. No charges have been filed, but its possible that he could be banned from the game. Looks like men are usually still assumed to be guilty until proven innocent when it comes to accusations. NYTimes story here, free login required."*

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Faces of the Fallen

Adam · 4 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"The NCFM-DC web site has something very special on it; it's the faces of those killed in Iraq, courtesy of the Wash. Post.*

Note they are almost all men (surprise, surprise). Rest in peace, brothers.

Faces of the Fallen

Don't forget to click the "Answer" link in the upper right corner..."

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Proposal to draft all young men

Thomas · 5 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

In this op-ed to the Denver Post, Rick O'Donnell, executive director of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, proposes that all boys be removed from high school after the first semester of 12th grade and forced into homeland security, the armed forces, or community service. He justifies this with a quote from a Colorado legislator who asked, "If more than 25 percent of Colorado men drop out before the 12th grade, and for those who remain it is a blow-off year, why are we paying for it?"

According to this despiser of boys, *all* boys leave school before or blow off the 12th grade.

Girls, of course, would be allowed to continue their educations.

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Lieberman Riding The Domestic Violence Horse

Scott · 5 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Presidential candidate Lieberman is pushing the same old tired misandric eyewash (women good men bad) about domestic violence to get the women's vote. Quote from article:*

> "I want to say to women who may be in this situation, 'Come out of the shadows. Don't take it. Ask for help,'" Lieberman said during a discussion at a campaign supporter's home in Bedford. "And I say to men, 'Strong men don't beat women. Strong men take care of their women.'"

He says nothing about the other half of domestic violence that is ignored by society and as bizarre as it seems he proposes criminalizing violations of restraining orders as if they are not already!"

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New Campaign Against Boy-Bashing Shirts

Scott · 5 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks from His Side is organizing another protest against the sales of anti-boy shirts at Tilly's stores, which have 32 locations in Southern California. Glenn writes, "*They sell "Boys Are Stupid--Throw Rocks at Them" T-Shirts as well as pajamas, stickers, postcards and journals. Go to Join His Side Campaign Against Hateful T-Shirt for Tilly's and David & Goliath's e-mail addresses and toll free telephone numbers. I want all of you to write them and call them and LIGHT THEM UP. Be polite, but let them know EXACTLY how you feel. Our victory in Washington state shows that this is a battle we can win.*" **Update:** Mission success! We're receiving word that Tilly's has announced they will no longer sell these shirts. See the Read More section below for more info, and check Glenn's site for updates.

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Army discharged 4 soldiers for abuse of POWs - inc

Hombre · 6 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Four soldiers discharged; two were female, one in fact a sergeant. Now how about that old "women don't abuse" thing?*

Article here."

Also see this site for an excellent source of information regarding female violence, including 183 documented examples of female serial killers who'd been convicted before Aileen Wuornos supposedly became the first.

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New Movie: My Baby's Daddy

Hombre · 7 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Bledso writes *"Here's another movie that appears to be relying on the "Daddy as inept moron" formula for laughs. The trailer tries to end with a touching moment where one of the men recognizes just how important fatherhood is, but it just can't reclaim my favor after hearing "Three big babies taking care of three little babies". Nevermind seeing little kids and women punching and kicking men. This trend is getting worse. See trailor here."*

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Interesting take... comments?

Hombre · 7 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Hmm, saw this editorial and thought it was an interesting take on things. I don't agree with the presumptions underlying the author's opinions; for example, I see the loss in mnfg. jobs here in the US as being less the result* ***exclusively*** *of current or past Rep'n admin'n policies and more the result of the lack of protection for men vs. discrimination/the all-out blitz vs. men in the workplace on-going since the 70s (the numbers of men 'downsized' or not hired at all or promoted when best-suited for a position because they were men and/or white at this point numbers in the millions of such instances), as well as the rush toward "free trade" -- which is something* ***both*** *major parties have been, no pun intended, a substantial and key party to over the last 30+ years. Still, I am sure such an article will illicit comments and observations from this crowd. :) So, fire away, lads!"*

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Essay in support of fathers and fatherhood

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angry_young_men writes *"The Sydney Morning Herald recently published an essay in support of changing societal attitudes towards fathers and fatherhood."*

Worth reading, mentions some points even men's activists often miss.

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Sugar and spice and everything BRIDEZILLA

Hombre · 8 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Madcap Misogynist writes *"'Here's a little lady who was arrested for having a bimbo eruption at her own wedding, later for brawling with her sister and now for mooning a cop. Yeah, that's right. The good ones are all married.*

Madcap Misogynist"

Sure, just as soon as the article convinces me she's my soulmate it slaps me in the face with the last sentence, "Her telephone number is not listed." :(

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Wow! Recent Court Ruling in Favor of Eric Foretich

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Stan Gaver writes *"Incredible! I was searching for information on the infamous Eric Foretich vs. Elizabeth Morgan case, (remember that travesty of justice?), and stumbled into a recent US Court of Appeals case that ruled in Foretich's favor, essentially concluding that Congress acted unconstitutionally when it passed the (vomit!) "Elizabeth Morgan Act". Recall that a judge had imprisoned Morgan for contempt for violating court orders, but The Cowardly Congress passed a special law to override the judge's order.*

From the article: "Since the abuse charges had been so definitively disproved, the two judges reasoned, Congress could not have been acting to protect Hilary from abuse, but only to stigmatize and punish Foretich, which it cannot constitutionally do.""

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The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands

Hombre · 8 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"If the content of this book is anything like this article written by the author, Dr. Laura, she deserves a big kiss... and our gratitude. She has made me very angry with a couple of her comments in the past, but on the whole, she is more fair and balanced in her opinions (and equally caustic towards women as well as men when she feels it's deserved) than any other talk show host or hostess I've ever heard."*

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NH Legislature Passes College Costs Bill

Scott · 8 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

On January 7, 2004, the NH Senate passed HB 299. This bill removes judicial discretion to order a divorced parent to contribute to an adult child's college expenses. At least two fathers in NH have been jailed for not being able to pay their children's college tuition. You can read about one man's story here. Once the bill is signed by the governor, this should never happen again. This bill is a huge win for us in returning common sense to the child support system. Married parents aren't required by law to pay their children's college expenses, and divorced parents should not be treated differently.

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Another Woman Who Can't...

Hombre · 9 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"Here we have yet another woman who can't control herself. This time the boy is eleven years old.*

Ahem."

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Roberson's Accuser Thought He Was Someone Else

Hombre · 9 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

A.J. writes *"Here's a follow-up to the Ell Roberson rape accusation.*

Get this - according to the story the accuser thought he was someone else.

"The woman who accused Kansas State quarterback Ell Roberson of raping her on the eve of the Fiesta Bowl said she believed she was having sex with another man, according to a police report released Wednesday."

Roberson's name will always be associated with a rape accusation. In addition to the damage to his personal life, it may make him less attractive to pro teams.

The accuser will remain anonymous."

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Call for Action

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jenk writes *"Here is something that will take only a few minutes, and will make a big difference. John is a member of Fathers4Justice International, and is fighting to see his son. He is asking we all write letters to the governor in Virginia demanding something be done. Here is his letter to me-*

"Note, I haven't seen my son in two years..in ten years I have had him around ten times,
My court order says..I can have him fri-sun..twicw monthly,
You know how that goes,
The letter should protest that the Governor is doing nothing at all to fix our problems in Family Law."

Please write to johnlinville99@hotmail.com for the address, let's help him on this one-he has been battling cancer and the courts, and neither has been kind.
Please do NOT use the F4JInt name, this is a private effort not affiliated with the group. Thanks, Jen"

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Domestic Violence claims the life of California Cop

Hombre · 9 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *"Here is a blatant and brutal case of domestic violence, and against a Policeman! The story appears in*

the L.A. Daily News.

This egregious act of domestic violence appears to have just happened early yesterday, and there is also a story in the

Los Angeles Times.

Neither paper ever mentions domestic violence, thereby showing an apparent bias against men being victims of domestic violence. How can a man ever get away from domestic violence, if the major medias can't even admit that a male victim exists in a blatant and brutal case such as this?"

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How about this for disgusting...

Hombre · 10 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes ″

Check out the closing paragraph of this article.

"When I met him, I wanted to know what happens if you interrupt and challenge a general," said Lt. Gov. Barbara Lawton of Wisconsin, who was traveling with the general this week. "I didn't want to be party to the election of one more defensive, arrogant male. What I found was that it's part of his nature to understand the lives of women."

OK, so when do we hear a male politician ever saying something like:

"When I met her, I wanted to know what happens if you interrupt and challenge a feminist," said Lt. Gov. Jim Smith of Wisconsin, who was traveling with the candidate this week. "I didn't want to be party to the election of one more defensive, arrogant female. What I found was that it's part of her nature to understand the lives of men.""

Since when did objecting to being interrupted and dealt with in an argumentative fashion become "arrogant" and "defensive"? Oh, since the person is a lowly male and the instigator the intentionally boorish Ms. Lawton.

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Father's day rally

Hombre · 10 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jenk writes "
Let me introduce myself, my name is Mike Reagan. I am with an organization called FathersDayDC. FathersDayDC Inc. is a coordinating group that sponsors an annual Father's Day rally in Washington, D.C. to promote public awareness of fatherlessness in America.

On Father's Day, 2004, we invite all organizations, mothers, fathers and their children to join us to bring overdue attention to the problems of fatherless children and the importance of fathers to all children.

FathersDayDC has obtained permits for two locations on the Mall in Washington D.C.. We are currently signing-up groups at both locations for organizations to set-up informational booths, hold seminars, and a forum for speakers. There is no cost for your participation at the event. Volunteers are encouraged and welcome.

Mike Reagan

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A Men's Activism Booth would be a great idea-I am willing to contact Mike and get space, anyone care to join me?
The Biscuit Queen"

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Bitter Post by ex-family lawyer

Adam · 10 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

hurkle writes *"Venemous Kate tells it like it is at her blog. A great post about what the family courts are like and how the privileged members of our society bypass the justice that is dispensed to the rest of us."*

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TSA hiring - if you fit the right mold

Hombre · 11 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"I heard an ad for TSA positions on the radio here in the DC area the other day. It mentioned that women, minorities, and sr. citizens were strongly encouraged to apply. The ad ended two sentences later with "TSA is an equal opportunity employer".*

Well, unless of course you are white, male, and under 65."

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White Sambo charicature appearing in more ads again

Hombre · 11 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Jack Thomas, Jr. writes to us about the following misandrous ads...*"The gist of the Sony commercial is as follows: A young man's kid sister secretly videotapes him singing "You Are My Shining Star" to his girlfriend. Then she shows the tape to the family while they all laugh and make fun of him for the purpose of humiliating and embarrassing him. And, when the dad says to the mom that this is a good line, she does the usual eye roll, making the dad look foolish and immature.*

The KFC commercial shows two young white males eating something with barbecue sauce which is smeared all over their faces like a baby eating. Then the black male makes some condescending, disparaging remarks about how foolish they look."

Also, Disney's recent ad about going to Disneyland talks about doing what you really want to do and showing men sleeping in many different places in a manner to mock them as lazy, (again only white men), keep that in mind when planning your next vacation.

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Sex Survey unearths domestic violence disparity

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CJ writes *"A new survey from the University of Chicago found that typical urban-dwellers spend much of their adult lives unmarried -- either dating or single; and that there are no shelters in any of the studied communities for gay domestic abuse victims. The article fell short of mentioning all forms of abuse, but the interesting point about this is that for traditional radical feminist "abuse" shelters to recognize other victims of violence, even gay men, the doors will have to be open for a discussion on the true nature of the DV Industry, which is to criminalize men and destroy the family unit with no evidentiary standards, and neglect every other forms of abuse (including mother on child, or female on male).*

The article is an interesting read too."

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Coup d' Etat at Men's News Daily Forum!

Hombre · 11 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"MEN'S NEWS DAILY Forum has been erased and disabled by the joint actions of the forum's owner and its newbie female moderator, effective Saturday, January 10, 2004.*

Anyone visiting the MND Forum site will discover "O" posts on the forum where thousands resided only yesterday.Men's rights advocates interested in witnessing the co-optation of men's free speech on the Internet might wish to follow this story as it unfolds! The only current messages are two communiques from the self-elected People's Revolutionary Forum Junta:

(Quotes from site posts) --

Braveheart (Site Owner) –

"The old forum has been permanently erased. In future, only members approved by the moderator will have posting rights.

This forum will no longer be a haven for misogyny, women-bashing or personal venting. Violation of this basic tenet will result in instant expulsion from the group.

You must be a member of this group to post here."

Navyblue (moderator) –

"The forum is in transition. Please be patient with the changes and you will be notified/receive access as soon as the administrative kinks are worked out."

~ Robin"

Feminist censorship is real. By taking down the MND forum, feminists have just attempted to shove a gag into the mouth of every person that regularly posted there. The question is, how loudly will the activists respond?

Note - since posting this more important information about this development has come out. For one thing, apparently it was not an outside group that had hosted the board which decided to erase it but Mike LaSalle, the owner of men's news daily, (and certainly no feminist), who decided to erase the board himself. Read the comments for more details.

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Domestic Violence

Hombre · 12 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *""A Marine's wife and another woman were arrested with the deadly poison ricin, and authorities said the pair planned to kill the husband to get insurance money." - article* .

Once again the news media fails to use the words "domestic violence" to describe violence (planned) against a male by a female "intimate" and her associate."

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Father Ordered by Illinois Judge to Pay College Tuition

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Ron Kuris writes *"Press release: A father of four was ordered this month by a circuit court judge to pay his adult daughter's college expenses, regardless of his ability to pay, and will be incarcerated if he cannot pay the obligation. See the whole press release here."*

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Sacks Targets Universal Studios to Protest Boy-Bashing Clothing

Scott · 12 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks has announced a new campaign to have the infamous boy-bashing shirts removed from all Dapy's clothing stores. Universal Studios owns the Dapy's chain and are the target for this protest:

> "*Dapy's preteen girls section has an anti-boy center - a 6' by 5' display of shirts and other items which say "Boys Make Good Pets, Everyone Should Own One," "Boys Are Stupid, Throw Rocks at Them," and "Stupid Factory - Where Boys Are Made." Some of the products depict violence against boys. Our goal is for Dapy to remove that center and all of the anti-boy products it advertises.*"

Click here for the full summary, pictures of the shirts, and contact information for this campaign. Let's keep that momentum rolling and score another victory! **Update:** This victory was quick once again, due to the organized efforts of NCFM-LA. Universal Studios has agreed to pull the offensive shirts from all of its clothing stores and not sell them again! A big thanks to everyone who participated!

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Sheding Light On Female Sex Abusers

Hombre · 13 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Last week,like many other times in recent years,a female teacher was accused of sexually abusing a male student.This article, (from Florida`s Sun Sentinel), tries to shed some light on the problem and lists other offenders.*

I feel this topic is in need of a serious study of some sort."

One thing these articles always seem to miss is the pressure on boys to have sex. By the age of 10, every boy I grew up with knew that if a woman offered them sex they must take it or they are "gay", which to a young boy means they are stupid, don't deserve any friends or respect, and that it's okay for other kids to beat them up. We hear about the pressure teenage boys put on teenage girls for sex all the time, but the media ignores the pressure society puts on boys by it's very concept of manhood.

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Massachusetts candidates for senate discuss father's rights

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"Three of the seven Democratic candidates vying to succeed state Sen. Cheryl Jacques showed up at a well-attended candidates forum in Wellesley last night hosted by a fathers' rights group."

"For us men who were always first-class citizens; on this issue we are third-class citizens," said Lipof, referring to the rights of fathers in the court system."

- Milford Daily News

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Father's rights activist receives award for community service

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Congratulations to Larry Davis, co-founder of the Coalition for Fathering Families, on being recognized with a Jefferson Award for his community service. See this Post-Gazette article for details.

"Fortunately, Davis, 43, is a fast learner. As a result of his efforts on behalf of fathers like him, he is a winner of one of seven local Jefferson Awards given for community service. On Jan. 29 at the Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland, he and the others will receive a medallion, and Kaufmann's will donate $1,000 in his honor to the Coalition for Fathering Families, the group he co-founded."

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Anti-Male Bias on Judge Judy

Adam · 15 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"Today was a case involving a woman suing a man for return of property she considered hers after a breakup. The man had been honest with the woman for several years that he had no intention of marrying her. Even so, Judge Judy went into a tizzy accusing the man of "wasting her time" whereby she began to award the woman most items in dispute as compensation for her lost time. Then she went off on how "men never get better, we just get used to them." I wrote in to Judge Judy to complain of her bias. She needs to understand that marriage is no longer an intelligent choice for men. And maybe women don't get better either. Anyone else see it?"*

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He never came forward because he thought no one would believe him

Hombre · 15 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

LUEK writes *"Here is yet another article about a female batterer.*

But what makes this story special is that the prosecuting Assistant District Attorney (a female by the way!) recognizes the social stigma that protects female batterers and further victimizes male victims in these abusive relationships: HE THOUGHT NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE HIM!"

Even if he was believed at a conscious level, the light sentence indicates to me that the judge at some subconscious level at least just couldn't believe a woman could abuse a man. I would be amazed if this had been a man who'd pled no contest to charges of attacking a woman with a hammer, stabbing her a few times with scissors, disfiguring her genitals by biting them, and sending her to the hospital with a life-threatening injury if the sentence would have been the same, 9 months plus counselling. Anyway, the good news is that the DA recognized the stigma and the article not only refers to a female abuser as an abuser it even mentions her name!

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Boy Abusing Female Couple Get 30 Years Each

Hombre · 15 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Cleveland Plain Dealer has this story about a woman who stood by and did nothing while her lesbian lover abused 5 boys living at the house.There was also a daughter living there who was not abused.*

"She sentenced each woman to 30 years in prison for abusing the five boys by denying them food, beating them, locking them in a closet and forcing them to eat animal feces and lick the toilet seat if it was soiled"

"Assistant Summit County prosecutors Mary Ann Kovach and Greg Peacock told Cosgrove the five boys took the brunt of the physical abuse but all six children suffered long-term psychological damage. "What strikes me the most is that these are hate crimes, motivated by gender and racial bias," Peacock said. ""

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Earl Sholley's run

Hombre · 15 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes "

Below is a Press release for Earl Sholley. He is a strong advocate for Fathers Rights:

Dear Precious Dads & Supporters:

One of our dads... one of us, Earl Henry Sholley, is running for the Mass. state Senate. It's a special election with a primary on Feb. 3 and general election, March 2. It's important to support Earl, not only for the cause, but because he's a highly viable candidate as well.

Here's an immediate opportunity to rally:

This Friday, Jan. 16 at 3:00 p.m. is Earl's first debate to be hosted by the Community Newspapers at 254 2nd Avenue in Needham. Reporters from the following newspapers will attend; Wellesley Townsman, Dover-Sherborn Press, Needham Times, MetroWest and several others.

The Sholley for State Senator campaign needs sign holders, information gatherers and general supporters to be in attendance at the debate in Needham. People should begin arriving at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Alan Thomas at the Sholley Campaign Headquarters at 1-508-699-0432 or reply to this e-mail. Financial contributions are always welcome.

Thank you,

Mike Franco"

Remember this is going to be this Friday so if you want to participate or know others in Massachusetts whom you think might you need to jump on this right away. By the way, does anyone know if Mr. Sholley has a website detailing his campaign?

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Female school principal strikes boy's face

Hombre · 16 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In January 2003, the female principal at a charter school struck a male student in the face. In court recently, she has entered a plea of no contest. It is said that she will likely get probation. The mother of the boy is not happy about the principal getting a light punishment; the parent removed her son from the school after the incident.*

What kind of message does this incident send about the use of violence?"

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MSN on Men - refreshingly non-bashing

Hombre · 16 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"MSN usually is not so sympathetic with the male gender on such topics. Still, as we know, they have plenty of opportunity to turn from their misandrist ways in a far more affirmative fashion.*

Hey, should MSN have its own topic on mensactivism.org? :)"

Grouping it in with "press" seems okay to me. This article is surprisingly sympathetic *for MSN*, but myths 1,6, and 10 could use a little work.

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Clark makes stand...

Hombre · 16 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jenk writes "
"Democrat presidential candidate Wesley Clark recently spelled out his position on abortion for the Manchester Union Leader. "Life," General Clark proclaims, "begins with the mother's decision.""

Just great, this is all we need. Excellent article though, very well thought out from the male perspective, demanding accountability on the part of women. The Biscuit Queen"

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Internet Activism: Getting Involved

Scott · 17 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

zenpriest recently submitted a request for a permanent thread on Internet activism to be created on MANN. We think this is a great idea, so here's how it will work: post your comments/ideas under this story, and a permanent link will appear on MANN's Activism Projects box for easy access even after the story moves off the main index. zenpriest writes *"I would be happy to answer any questions about basic webmastering for guys who would like to try setting up their own men's activist site. Create a few web rings, and we have an instant activist network."*

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Steve Irwin Outrage

Scott · 17 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Is anyone else here outraged that Steve Irwin's wife's culpability and sanity in this matter is not being questioned? Since women are automatically assumed to be primarily responsible for their children and are awarded sole custody when women and their husbands get a divorce, and men are automatically assumed to be the "outsider" in almost every case, isn't the wife REALLY responsible for allowing Steve Irwin to perform this stunt with their baby son? Here is the email address I used to send a letter of complaint to Jamie Berry and Claire O'Rourke, the authors of this article: newsdesk@theage.com.au"* Steve Imparl also mentioned this event in his blog.

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Eating Disorders in Males

Scott · 17 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

crescentluna writes *"The National Eating Disorder Association's ED Info Index has several articles pertaining to males about anorexia, bulimia, binge eating, enhancing male body image, a statistics page (10% of those who come to a mental health professional about an eating disorder are male), and strategies for prevention and early intervention of male eating disorders. Even on the rest of their site, they strive to not to be biased towards females in their information."*

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Goodbye, Mr. Chips

Adam · 18 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"There are some good points in*

this article

about the declining numbers of male teachers. However, as always, we get the bigot who gets me going with statements like

"I think," she said, "it means schools are becoming environments where women prosper."

She should have followed that with "and boys get shortchanged""

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Divorce and suicide

Adam · 18 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Mention of the correlation between divorce and suicide, in an unlikely place, about half-way down the page:*
here

An interesting footnote to this study was the discovery of a strong correlation between the rates of suicide and divorce.

Alas it fails to mention the much higher number of men than women who kill themselves after a divorce."

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DV Petition Against Fathers

Hombre · 19 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"While websurfing I came across an interesting post in a women's forum. The post is split into three sections here:*

http://forums.newyork.craigslist.org/?act=Q&ID=117 40964
http://forums.newyork.craigslist.org/?act=Q&ID=117 41009
http://forums.newyork.craigslist.org/?act=Q&ID=117 41023

I don't know if this was just a troll, but it does include a link to a petition to make people accused of domestic violence prove their innocence instead of having presumed innocence."

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Still too many white males in engineering

Hombre · 19 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"It looks like we need to get busy and disrupt the careers of more white males. Obviously the patriarchy is behind the lack of women and minorities in math and science. Read about the shocking oppression here. "*

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Glenn Sacks's campaign targets Major Outlet! Your assistance needed!

Hombre · 19 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

zenpriest writes *"The "A" in "MANN" stands for "Activism", and the most activist thing I have seen come out of the men's movement yet is Glenn Sacks's campaign against the violence against boys advocated by david & goliath. We discussed here before that this issue might be the "Stonewall" of the men's movement. After 3 decisive victories, Glen himself has characterized the current focus, Claire's and Icing, as being the "Stalingrad" of his campaign.*

Claire's has 2,875 of d & g's 3500 retail outlets. To encourage them to drop the line would eliminate over 80% of d & g's market. This is the best opportunity for men, AND the women who support them, to roar.
There is nothing defensible about this product line. They slander Asians, blacks, and, interestingly, gold-digging women as well as white males.

http://www.hisside.com/join_his_side_campaign.htm

Here is the text of the email that I sent to the 5 officers of the corporation which Glenn so thoughtfully provided to us. Please, either plagiarize this, or write your own. Forward it to EVERYONE in your address book, and post it to every mailing list you are on."

I would encourage people to choose to write their own as individual letters tend to do a little better than everyone sending copies of the same letter, or to at least put a couple personalizing touches onto Zenpriest's well written letter. Glenn has asked all his listeners to participate. I would like to ask all our readers to participate as well. Glenn has called this battle the "Stalingrad" of this campaign. He needs all the help he can get.

See read more for the text of the letter itself.==========

To: The Management of Claire's
Subject: Serious complaint against one of your lines of products.

In a time when child abuse is a serious concern to all, I believe that selling products which show it in a humorous light to be in the worst possible taste, and a horrible example of poor corporate citizenship.

The david & goliath line of products panders to hatred, and shows violence in a cartoon fashion. Like Wylie Coyote in the Road Runner cartoons, it portrays violence as having no lasting consequences - while in real life it certainly does. One of david & goliath's designs actually shows a child with his eye gouged out and the bloody eyeball lying on the ground. That anyone could find "humor" in this is sad. And, the fact that someone could make the trivialization of such violence into a multi-million dollar company is nothing short of tragic. The reality of what

is being suggested - a picture of a real live boy with his eye gouged out - would make most people sick. I am saddened by the courseness of our culture today that a cartoon of it does not have the same effect.

It would be nice to believe that most people are not so concerned about the almighty dollar that simply bringing to their attention the destructiveness of one of their product lines would be enough to get them to reconsider it.

However, there are other factors at work here as well. Claire's and Icing are not just stores, they are brands. As your competitor Gadzooks just learned, it can be serious mistake to have your
brand become associated with being anti-something in the public consciousness.

There is certainly no shortage of retail outlets available as choices to the consumer,and small things can tilt the scales toward choosing one outlet over another.

There are 3 Claire's outlets in my immediate vicinity. And, as long as Claire's carries the david & golitath brand, I will prevail on everyone I know, in every way I can, to do no business with any
of them.

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Adoptive parents choose girls

Hombre · 19 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jenk writes *""Bringing Up Babes*
Why do adoptive parents prefer girls?",
By John Gravois.

Adoptive parents overwhelmingly show a preference toward girls, which plays out in many more girls being adopted than boys. Interesting article, with several different veiwpoints presented.The Biscuit Queen"

They seem to have left out the viewpoint that caring about anyone male is antithetical to modern cultural mores, so of course when adoptive parents are looking for a child to love and care for they'll pick a girl.

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Unequal Justice: Male sex offenders chemically castrated

Hombre · 21 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes "

Have any of you ever heard of a female sex offender being chemically castrated? I didn't think so. It is a special punishment reserved only for men. Because a male sex offender is much worse than the equivalent female. Right???

Isn't this an unequal application of the law? Isn't it sick and cruel to castrate, chemically or surgically?? I can imagine the uproar if it was applied to a female. But in our society today we can do whatever we want to men. They are just men, they deserve it.

I think it is great that because of the pressure applied you were able to make some store chains remove their anti-boy t-shirts. I think it is time that we change this obvious injustice.

- Angry man"

Interesting topic. By the way we're still fighting the battle with the t-shirts, and if you haven't written a letter yet, please go to His Side's campaign site and do so.

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British political party comes onboard

Hombre · 21 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Julian Abbott writes *"A big cheer for the British National Party !!!!! The BNP recognises that very large numbers of loving fathers are discriminated against, abused and badly hurt"*

Looks like Fathers4Justice may be making an impact. Great work!

Scott's Note: We have been hearing that the BNP is a radical group with questionable policies when it comes to racial issues and immigration. Mensactivism.org is not endorsing the BNP due to these concerns, and readers are encouraged to investigate this further and decide on their own.

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Boy gets 10 years for breaking girl's hymen

Hombre · 21 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"Did anyone see this on the CBS news? An 18 year old is found NOT guilty of rape, but has to serve 10 years for injury to a minor (breaking her hymen.) The female prosecutor misled the jury into thinking it was a misdemeanor, so they convicted. This is going to the Georgia Supreme Court this week."*

The poor kid's already spent a year in jail over this. Anyone think the jury didn't just assume the virginal qualities, (both literal and figuritive), of the girl before finding him guilty? Even though it's a ridiculous reason to throw someone in jail, did they ever bother to prove he was the one who took her virginity or was her word on that just taken for granted?

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9/11 - Too Desperate to Find Women Heros

Hombre · 21 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Stan Gaver writes *"Some people just can't accept the fact that, BY FAR, men were the heros of September 11, and that male firefighters -- no, make that fireMEN -- and policeMEN were almost exclusively the ones who gave their lives while saving others.*

While doing an internet search to get exact numbers, I ran across this preposterous web page that desperately tries to "out-victim" the loss of men on that terrible day.

While we certainly must also appreciate the duty and sacrifice of women who serve alongside men, I personally find it both amusing and offensive when a femno-writer (femno-liar?) resorts to linking a so-called "war against women" in Afghanistan as "proof" that women's sacrifice on September 11 was equal to that of men. Lord, what crap!

I've filed this under "Humor" because it is so incredibly laughable."

That's nothing. Hillary Clinton once said that "The real victims of war are women and children". Take heed, feminist claims don't stand up to peer review very well, and we're starting to get a voice to expose them.

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America a Safe Haven for International DeadBeats?

Scott · 21 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Laura Wright has submitted news that a woman who is wanted for non-payment of child support in Germany is running scot-free in the United States, where similar non-payment of child support would ordinarily result in a prison sentence. The short version of her story is, "*Ex-wife pushes for prison sentence of so-called deadbeat dad, to find out she is wanted in Germany for non-payment of support for her two abandoned children. She has the staus of a deadbeat parent in St. Wendel, Germany and has taken citizenship in the US to avoid prosecution in homeland-Germany. Immigration says ok.*" Laura has extensive documentation about this case that she would like to distribute, particlarly to any media outlets. Please e-mail her at lawright10@hotmail.com for more info.

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Evidence of Prior False Accusations is Inadmissible

Hombre · 22 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A man was convicted of date rape based on the testimony of a woman who made false accusations of rape in the past. And while the judges of Arkansas Supreme Court are intelligent enough to understand that they are most likely destroying an innocent man's life, they unanimously convicted him to further their careers."*

Ok, so this guy's going to prison for 13 years, where he will be repeatedly raped and recieve all the treatment famously given to convicted rapists in prison during that time while the guards look the other way but let's have keep some perspective. A woman was saved from the possibility of feeling uncomfortable by talking about her sexual past on the stand! Thank God that travesty was averted.

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Propaganda In Arizona

Hombre · 22 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

hurkle writes *"In the last couple days driving around Scottsdale, AZ, I have seen signs in the back of taxicabs reading, "Break the cycle of Domestic Violence" with a phone number, and the words "Men's Anti-Violence Network".*

So I looked it up: website

Turns out it's an initiative of the Arizona Foundation for
Women, (kind of like how the sequel to the Vagina Monologues, about penises, was written by a woman) and filled with the same old tired misandric lies. I'm so disgusted, I don't even know what to do. No, that's not true. I'll try to gather some irrefutable facts, and send them a letter pointing out that men are not the only abusers. If it disgusts you too, please feel free to contact them and point out the truth."

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Celebrity joins battle to save wrestling from title IX

Hombre · 22 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

It seems that actor William Baldwin has decided to try and save the wrestling program at Binghamton University. You can read a short article about it here, and you can also read letters sent out by Mr Baldwin to the wrestling community and university president Lois DeFleur here.

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Update on Glenn Sacks's David & Goliath campaign

Thomas · 23 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

zenpriest writes *"From an email from Glenn -*

Last Sunday evening we initiated round 4 of our campaign against our largest target yet--Claire's, which has 2,875 retail outlets in nearly a dozen countries. They sell hats, wallets, wristbands, socks and other products which say "Boys are Stupid--Throw Rocks at Them" and "Stupid Factory--Where Boys Are Made." The next morning hundreds of you wrote and called Claire's to complain, and Claire's executives met Monday morning to decide whether they should continue to sell the products.

Apparently the result of that meeting was a decision to request that all letter writers and callers send Claire's their full names and mailing addresses so that Claire's could snail mail them a response. I speculate that Claire's did this to gauge our true level of support. Perhaps they believe that our campaign is really the work of a few individuals with a bunch of different e-mail addresses. Also, I believe they are stalling in the hope that our campaign will lose steam.

As I said during my January 18 broadcast, I did not expect Claire's to give in as quickly as our three previous targets did, all of whom capitulated before noon the day following our broadcast. Please give them the information they requested so they will see the broad support our campaign has garnered. Also, urge your families, friends, and colleagues to get involved.

Also, while I'm touched that hundreds of you have joined our campaign, given the size of this e-list it is clear that there are many of you who have not participated. If this is because you disagree with our campaign then I'll respect your opinion. If not, then I urge you to join us. All information about the campaign, including contact information for Claire's, will always be available at Join Campaign Against 'Boys are Stupid' Products.

The campaign against Claire's has received some prominent endorsements and press coverage. and has made local news in Cleveland, Washington state, and others. There are major media outlets who have expressed an interest in covering our campaign, though if our action against Claireâ??s fails they probably won't materialize.

Some of you have been writing Claire's about "Boys are Stupid--Throw Rocks at Them" T-shirts. Please remember, as I stated in my broadcast and on our campaign page, Claire's sells many "Boys are Stupid" products **but does not sell T-shirts.**

zenpriest writing now: My position is that Claire's has already proven that they are not worth doing any business with in the future. They don't have the quality of people who would discontinue the products just because they are foul, but must have it proven to them that there are enough people involved in this campaign for it to really hurt them if they continue to ignore such people.

Let's show them how wrong they are, and see how much of a decrease in their business we can achieve by bad mouthing them to everyone who will listen."

Thomas writing now: Often people who lead boycotts don't threaten never to do business with a company in the future, even if that company desists in the offending behavior, since by making that threat boycotters make it clear that their actions will be the same, whether or not the offending behavior is stopped. As a result, the company has less incentive to stop. Everyone can decide for themselves, but I agree that Claire's has shown itself to be the type of business with which no decent person should do business at any time in the future. Unless, perhaps, *every* officer of the corporation is removed over this.

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Uniquely ME!

Thomas · 23 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Oy, vey! My head is spinning a bit over this one.

The girl scouts are changing their image and recruiting message. Be sure to enlarge the side image to get a good look at it.

I think for now that I'll just post this and people can discuss it, if they want.

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VIP/SAFE-NH acquires access to Legal Assistance

Thomas · 25 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Lee Newman writes *"Our Services are available to ALL Victims*

VIP/SAFE-NH acquires access to Legal Assistance for "victim"clients.
Lee Newman
January 23, 2004
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Thomas writing: SAFE (Stop Abuse For Everyone) is an organization that provides assistance to victims of domestic abuse even if they are male. While this announcement may be of particular interest to readers who live in New Hampshire, this is an important step toward the goal of providing help to *all* victims of domestic violence.

Please go to "Read More/Post Comments" to see the rest of the announcement.*On January 21,2004 Lee Newman,The Founding Executive Director and Deb Roy one of the Founding Co-Director's of Violence Intervention Program/SAFE-NH had a meeting with NH Legal Assistance and was approved to access the same legal services as all of the other Domestic Violence Crisis Centers in the State!*

This means that if one of our clients we are assisting needs a lawyer,but can't afford one for DV related hearings or other legal needs that arise from the same ,we will be able to help them through NH Legal Assistance.

We received the income guidlines today and 'intake 'forms and are now able to help 'financially challenged' clients so that they don't have to go to Court without a lawyer or have to go into debt to acquire one.

Prior to this, our clients often would have to borrow legal fees from family and friends in order to have legal representation,or try to represent themselves.

This is a big step toward validation by the 'established' DV resources in NH!

We applaud Attorney Valerie Reed of NH Legal Assistance for her open mind and her professionalism when it comes to helping ALL victims of abuse. We can now do a better job 'Taking a Stand Against Violence and 'Making a Difference ' in NH thanks to NH Legal Assistance!

If you are a victim of Intimate Partner Violence/Domestic Violence in NH and need a lawyer but can't afford one,please contact us.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRO BONO REFERRAL SYSTEM has income guidlines. You can see the list of guidlines on our website at http://www.VIP-NH.org
Please contact us via e-mail ,phone or using the contact us link on our website for more info. or if you need to have intake paperwork done for legal assistance."

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Domestic Violence, California Style

Adam · 25 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *"A California woman, who poisons her husband (with Oleander and antifreeze) for the insurance money, gets the death penalty, and once again they never call it domestic violence.*
Article here."

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The SCUM Manifesto

Hombre · 26 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Skippy writes *"I ran across a copy of The Scum Manifesto by Valerie Solanas on the Web Site of Sweet Briar College where it is treated as just another "woman's voice".*

The wildest rantings of the angriest MRA are pretty tame compared to this document, but it is very interesting. Most people dismiss Solanas as some kind of far out kook, but if you can desensitize yourself to the misandry long enough to read and comprehend it, and interpret it in the light of what has actually happened since it was written, you can gain new insight into the feminist game plan. If you have ever been mystified by some new attack on men by a feminist newspaper columnist, the manifesto may help explain what is going on."

The SCUM Manifesto is actually linked by many feminist sites on the web, and is required reading for women's studies programs in several major universities. It is very analagous to the worst of the Nazi's anti-Semitic rants, including a promise to annihilate all men. Lots of excuses have been made for the SCUM Manifesto, including that it was written as sarcasm, however that Valerie went on to commit attempted murder proves otherwise. If you're not already familiar with the SCUM Manifesto, you should probably go have a look.

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A Sample of Women's Studies Courses

Hombre · 26 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"Have a look at the Gender and Women's Studies offerings from the University of Illinois to get an idea what young women are getting stuffed into their heads. Where are all the men's courses? Where are the seminars offering critical thinking? Doesn't Title IX apply here? I wonder if the general public knows how far this has gone?"*

Well, it's not like anyone who teaches these courses would know anything about critical thinking.

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Target Stores Weekly Ads

Hombre · 26 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Raegan writes *"Twice in January Target stores weekly advertisements have had statements for sale items such as MOM & BABY Stock up for your new life together and MOM & BABY Savings for you & your little one too. I feel that this advertisement and statement is disrespecting fathers suggesting that only mothers do the shopping, especially for baby.*
You can view one ad this week at Target.com weekly ads"

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Warren Farrell on NPR

Thomas · 27 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Men's rights activist, Dr. Warren Farrell, will be on National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation" tomorrow, Tuesday, January 27, from 2 pm to 3 pm, EST, 11 am to 12 pm PST. The program, to the best of my knowledge, is nationally broadcast. He will be answering the question "Is there a Glass Ceiling?"

You can call in to add your input.

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What Do Women Want?

Thomas · 27 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ye gods and little fishes! Check this out.

Now they want to be supported by men who go out to the battlefield every day to earn a living. The women want to stay in their pretty houses with their children and to take vacations in France -- and maybe to boff that hot, young landscaper. (Hey, he's good genetic stock.)

I was in a bar a few weeks ago, and I met a woman at the pool table, when we became partners for a game. She told me she had recently graduated from the University of Colorado and she was depressed because she had to go to work as a school teacher. She had wanted to get married and have a couple kids and be supported by a man with a good profession. (I didn't preach anything to her. I just enjoyed the wildness of her fantasy.) She didn't strike me as particularly bright, or a particularly good conversationalist, and the only reason she was the least bit attractive was because she was still young.

Why the hell, I thought, would any man want to marry her and have to slave his ass off to support her and her kids, while knowing that, even if her kids turned out not to be his, he'd have to continue to support her (even if they divorced) and her children, with no assurance of ever seeing the kids. (I think maybe I needed a question mark at the end of that sentence.)

To put it mildly, the genie's out of the bottle. I doubt men will go for this in large numbers. Frankly, I think all these idiot books, by and for women, are just marriage, mortally wounded by four decades of feminism, morbidly displaying its death throes.

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Ambiguous Genitalia & Orthodox Feminism

Hombre · 28 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Michael Wright writes *"Study: Genes may trump nurture with intersex kids*

Orthodox feminists and "queer" theorists are fond of saying that "gender roles" are purely the outcome of "socialization" by the "heterosexist patriarchy."

One of the most notorious advocotes of this line of trash thinking and ideological mish-mash is the lunatic Andrea Dworkin, who advocates a vision of "pansexual androgyny" which will do away with the recognition of any significant distinctions between males and females. The myth of universal bisexuality is incorporated into this nonsense, but it even goes beyond that, since the notion of bisexuality does at least presuppose that there are differences between males and females.

For debunking this nonsense, the most interesting evidence from the news article about ambiguous genitalia is that eight of the 14 males raised as females later declared themselves to be male, and six of them said they wanted to undergo sex-change surgery to gain penises. All 14 had some male traits: They had trouble interacting with girls (but not boys), and they reported little interest in playing with dolls or playing house."

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Battered Men? Battered Facts

Hombre · 28 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

P. George writes *"Does anyone want to help me with this article? I'm not sure who to believe when it comes to statistics, I'm not good at math and even though I'm down with some mens issues I'm also skeptical. It doesn't mention how battered men quite often have no one to go to for support. And since it's obvious this author had to do some research on this topic she/he/it had to come across the argument that most men don't even report being battered. I didn't get the feeling that this person even cares about men. I've never got that feeling from feminists. Also notice the quotations around "battered men". Can anyone give us an argument against the article? Thanks."*

Click "Read More" for more info.P George continues, quoting the article *"All these claims and suggestions about "battered men" being as pervasive and serious a problem as battered women are based on studies that are either discredited or taken out of context.....The Gelles/Strauss numbers that Leo and others seize on are based on simply asking people whether they have ever hit, pushed, slapped, etc. their partners. They do not reflect the context of family violence. They do not indicate whether violence was used as aggression or in self-defense, or whether violence caused or was intended to cause injury.....Those who equate domestic violence against men with that against women either ignore or dismiss the results of the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, which found that 92 percent of those who report being assaulted by an intimate partner are female. They also brush off reports from emergency rooms, where 90 percent of the victims of domestic violence are women.....Sherven and Sniechowski, in their op-ed, claim that "half of spousal murders are committed by wives, a statistic that has been stable over time." In fact, according to 1991 figures from the FBI, which has the most comprehensive murder statistics, 71 percent of people murdered by their spouses are women.*
While it is true that some men are battered, research that looks at violence in a meaningful way shows that they are a tiny fraction of the number of battered women--perhaps 5 percent.....These men are not helped by pundits who use overhyped, out-of-context numbers to argue that battering is no one's fault in particular--with the implication that nothing in particular needs to be done about it.""

Here's a list of hundreds of studies which FAIR is ignoring when they claim that one can't equate the amount of violence done against men with that against women. As to the first of the two studies they alluded to but did not provide actual citations for, I'm unfamiliar with any Bureau of Justice Statistics report on the subject. I imagine that such a report would have been created with data supplied from the Department of Justice based only on convictions or supplied from feminist sources, based on their desire to recieve more funding. Neither of which paints an accurate picture. With regards to the reports from emergency rooms, doctors have been trained to question women's claims of "falling down the stairs" and press to try and get them to say they were abused, they've never been trained to question a man's "sports injury" or to press for an admission of being a victim from men. That alone throws out any emergency room studies.

Spousal murders I'm not very well educated on, someone else will have to try and tackle that one.

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Choice for Men Petition

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JenK writes *"This petition*
has been going on for a while, if you haven't signed it please do, and pass it on to any group you know of. Thanks,
The Biscuit Queen"

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Women as Homicide Bombers

Hombre · 28 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"I'm sure the hard-liners here will find some column by this columnist that will seem to speak ill of men. No matter. This piece addresses the growth among Palestinians in the number of women as homicide bombers. No longer can the feminists claim that terrorism comes exclusively from men."*

Unfortunately I've yet to see a major media outlet mention the existence of even one female terrorist. They still think Aileen Wournos was the world's first female serial killer!

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Just in time for Valentine's day!

Hombre · 28 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

It's "50 First Dates"! A wonderfully romantic comedy opening in theatres on Febuary 13th about a man who must try to win the love of his forgetful girfriend day after day after day. Remember what Farrell said about human beings and human doings? She gets loved just for being, and his being, (and even his past doings), are forgotten every day and so he must do more to earn her love, (and naturally she simply needs to be in order to "earn" his, no matter how a**holish her doings have been). Best of all, while women and girls across the US are oohing and ahhing about how that would be the perfect relationship, they get to watch the beautiful Drew Barrymore beat a man repeatedly with a baseball bat as a hilarious result of him trying to help the boyfriend win her love.

"She's soooooo pretty. I want to be just like her when I grow up!" - A young girl scout, out watching a movie to "earn" herself an entitlement charm.

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A Breakthrough in Africa

Thomas · 29 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

There's a move toward equality in statutory rape laws, as shown by this article. If proposed changes become law, both boys and girls, who engage in consentual underage sex, can be charged with statutory rape. I have to say that I'm not sure either should be charged, if they're close to the same age, but if the government believes that boys should be open to charges, then girls should also be open to charges. The way the law now stands only boys can be charged.

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Fathers 4 Justice Protestor "could die" in cold

Hombre · 29 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"Fathers 4 Justice Tamar Bridge Protestor "could die" in the cold but declines police's kind assistance towards a nice warm cell.*

In 1588 Francis Drake played his famous game of bowls on The Hoe, Plymouth before joining battle with the Spanish Armada.

In 1620 the Pilgrims set sail from Plymouth's West Pier aboard the Mayflower for the New World.

In 2004 on a Plymouth bridge Jolly Stanesby escaped the police trap when the police reneged on their word ...

From the Men's Hour Blog"

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VICTORY!

Thomas · 30 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

A tip of the hat to hobbes for alerting us to this. Glenn Sacks has announced that "Claire's company spokeswoman Marisa Jacobs says Claire's has 'canceled all pending orders that bear any of the slogans that people found offensive'"

Stalingrad! From which the Nazis recoiled after reaching their limit of power and influence.

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Study "proves" female execs outperform peers

Hombre · 30 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"Here it is. Proof that women are better corporate execs than men. Top companies with more female execs make more money. Oh wait. Maybe it's just "statistically significant," not a study about cause and effect. But let's go ahead and draw conclusions from it."*

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Yahoo Coverage of Campaign Against D&G

Hombre · 30 January 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bledso writes *"It's good that this is getting some press, but we've been relegated to the "Strange" category. I'm not at all surprised."*

A few pieces of the article seem to attempt to bias it against Glenn's campaign, such as the title and the unnecessary mention that he's "often at odds with feminists.", and putting it in the "strange" category. However, I think it's obvious enough that the shirts are offensive that the article won't keep people from realizing it, and if anything is a good advertisement for the His Side radio show.

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An Article

Adam · 1 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

tjc writes *"THE MOTHER OF ALL DISASTERS!!!*
COWARDLY MEN AND STUPID WOMEN.
/
The papers are filled with it. The courts can't handle it. Welfare offices overflow with it. Ministers rail against it. Teachers must deal with the results of it. Society abhors it. Children suffer for it. And the whole country pays for it in one way or another.

Article Here"

Angry Harry puts things straight here Scroll to about half way to read it.

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D.A.D.I. To Close Soon

Adam · 2 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

On the 28th of this month, Dadi.org is due to close down due to lack of funds, with ten years of service in our movement. A sad end, seeing as how there's a huge amount of info there, a last second save might be possible, I can't say, but drop Gerald a line at dadi.org@earthlink.net give him some good words for his effort. Perhaps you might want to have a look through the archive, at stuff like this this classic I posted a while ago. A real shame, that's all I can say.

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Misandry at Texas Tech

Adam · 2 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Texas Tech has been mostly spared the plaugue of misandry in the past, but unfortunatly things are changing. Here is a University Daily article steeotyping modern men and blaming them for lack of chivalry.*

You can send a letter to editor at opinions@universitydaily.net"

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Superman joins Spiderman, Batman and Robin

Adam · 3 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"A number of protests throught Britain started early this morning. This evening some are still going. Details on the blog - Superman arrives and the police are all out of Kryptonite (Fathers 4 Justice protest on roads throughout Britain) and Superman arrested - Will he get Marlon Brando to defend him? (Some down, some to go in Fathers 4 Justice Roads protest)"*

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Budweiser's misandric Super Bowl commercial(s)

Adam · 3 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Bud Lite has a Super Bowl commercial featuring two men and their dogs. One man orders his dog "Piper" to fetch a Bud Lite from an icebox. After the dog does so, he asks the other man what his dog can do. The second man prompts his dog "Fergus" to apparently attack the crotch of the first, who throws the beer in the air. It's caught by the second man with glee.*

You can view "Piper and Fergus" over

here"

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Male contraceptive implant

Thomas · 4 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Shering Plough and Organon are moving forward with Phase II trials for the male contraceptive implant / injection.*

If you would like to offer a word of encouragement (and encourage them that there is a healthy market) or even enroll in the trial (to take place at 14 centers in Europe), you might try to contact Schering Plough or Organon.

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A Woman-Activist in Fathers 4 Justice

Thomas · 4 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Jayne Woodman is the first woman to be arrested for participating in a Fathers 4 Justice, F4J, rally in the UK. She speaks her mind on the gender apartheid system of Great Britain.

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Good press about D&G from alternet.org.

Thomas · 5 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Jack Spratt writes *"Alternet is a website read by many progressives (what some of you might call leftists), myself included.*
This article seems to indicate that many people, not just men's advocates, find the D&G paraphenilia offensive.
*Of course, as ever, it focuses on how the D&G stuff harms *women*. Ah well, one step at a time.*

Check it out here.

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Seems some stores are developing a soul

Adam · 5 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jimmyd writes *"Appearently, according to this article in the light of our actions agianst stores that carry D&G items some stores are (shock) reconsidering the merchindise they carry. however the article also features a new target,urban outfiters, and a glorious qoute by toddy boy "I don't sell rocks with the T-shirts" you gotta be kidding me."*

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Woman found lying about gang rape

Adam · 6 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Woman files a police report claiming gang rape against university basketball players. School officials expelled the team's second-leading scorer and disciplined four other players. Woman reveals she lied about the gang rape. A woman is charged with filing fictitious reports, attempted extortion and prostitution. The MALE basketball players have not had their punishment reversed."* **TLE** also submitted this and said "*Good thing it was on video, or she would probably have gotten away with it. Even though the charges turned out to be false, the men are being punished. I wonder if senior Grady Reynolds can get unexpelled.*"

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New HBO Series on Women's Suffrage History

Hombre · 6 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Today's men have issues that have always been there (oppressions they have never dealt with), and issues that have come about as a result of anti-male propaganda being disseminated through out the long, misandirst history of the women's activist movement. The time is long overdue that men present a cogent voice addressing the issues of oppression in their lives, issues that are no less egregious than those women have faced, just different in their specifics.*

There is a new series soon to be aired on HBO about the Women's Suffrage movement that took place around the time of Woodrow Wilson's Presidency. It is called Ironed Jawed Angels and premieres Feb. 15th, 2004: HBO's Iron Jawed Angels"

Click "Read More" for further info.Ray continues...

"

From a historical perspective this should be an interesting series to watch. From a men's activist's perspective this should be a very interesting series to watch, because the trailers show men of that time in a very negative light, violently attacking female suffragettes and opposing them. I suspect such overtly negative portrayals of men will help to further fuel today's vilifying stereotypes of men. I suspect such imagery will help to further fuel the kind of male oppression that is so feverishly being advocated for through Women's Studies Programs on College Campuses, and through Women's Commissions, which are active in our political and government arenas (to name but two hotbeds of radical feminism).

By the way the term "Iron Jawed Angels" comes from the hunger strike the suffragettes staged while in prison. It seems no one had ever picketed the White House before, and they got arrested for that. In one of the trailers they show some women inside a government building unfurling a banner in the presence of Woodrow Wilson. The seamstress skills of those early suffragettes was evidently of significant use to them in their cause.

I am eager to see this series to see what political tactics and strategies the suffragettes employed, but I am equally eager to see what portrayal HBO gives to the suffragette's political ideologies, and how historically accurate that is. I will not presume a liberal Hollywood bias, but will watch carefully for any instance of that, since there is reason to suspect it, based on the track record.

There are a number of well established actresses in this series: Julia Ormond, Angelica Houston, Hillary Swank, Francis O'conner. and others.

There is an old saying which says, "That he/she who forgets history is doomed to repeat it." I will be watching this

series intently to see what mistakes men and women of that time made in dealing with women's activists of that time. There were a number of issues in the women's activism of that time that intertwine into today's more radical feminist movement so I will also be watching, studying this docudrama intently to see how those issues have led to further oppression of men and the further striping away of their rights.

I can only wonder when the day will come when a series will be done showing the oppressions males have faced, just because they're males. Let us make sure that the history of men's oppression, in all its forms, is not the legacy we leave to a future generation of disempowered males."

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Ad Council

Hombre · 6 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bledso writes *"You have to see just how lopsided this "campaign" is. It's about "Dating Abuse Prevention"(the domestic violence campaign isn't any better). Guess who they are interested in protecting from abuse? Be sure to check out the media links on the right hand side of the page here and it will be painfully clear."*

Isn't nice that they make these lessons to teach boys not to be abusers, and girls not to be abused? Since boys and girls are equals we know that boys are more mean than girls and not as innocent, because that's what feminists have taught us equality means. Since we know that girls are always right, (or at least, close enough that it's best to pretend they are and not make videos showing the girls as guilty or anything), then we know that the behavior must have been unwarranted. In the first conversation perhaps she had his study materials for his upcoming SATs and he needed them in order to try and get into the college he wants to go to. But even still, because of our "girls are innocent" principal of "logic", we know that if that is the case, he must have done something really mean to her to deserve that. Or maybe she just forgot to return them and it's his fault for not reminding her properly or for loaning them to someone who was obviously so absent-minded. No matter what, he has no right to be mad because she avoided him that day, because we've taken as an assumption that she's right and he's wrong. It's just too bad being a jerk isn't a crime yet, because this guy is obviously really upset with some girl somewhere and yelling at her so he deserves to be in jail. Ack!

PS - You can contact the organization responsible for this ad at info@teenactioncampaign.org

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Policeman fired based on accusation alone

Hombre · 7 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

hurkle writes ″

The Phoenix New Times this week has a cover story about a rookie policeman who brought in a woman who would likely face charges of DUI, and she immediately charged him with anally raping her. She has a history of such behavior, but as we all know, that don't mean nuthin'."

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Freedom of dress

Adam · 8 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Interesting story - men seeking right to wear skirts and not be assumed to be transvestites, gay, etc. Didn't women have the same thing with dress pants a couple decades back? I doubt though these men will get as much sympathy as women got then. Story here"*

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Men Are Dogs

Adam · 8 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Skippy writes *"Feminists have long complained about men objectifying women, and most of us have learned to be cautious about using words like "chick", "fox" or even "girl" unless it is pronounced with two r's. But little is said about the ways in which women objectify men. The author of Men Are Dogs actually claims to like men. Or at least she likes dogs which is almost the same."*

Is there some of weird trend to paint the nearest man as an animal going on? First it was "The Care And Feeding Of Husbands" and now it's "Men Are Dogs" and all this from supposedly non-feminist women too. Ugh, I'm taking a hit of the whiskey right now.

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Bright Beacon

Thomas · 9 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This Men's Program at Pierce College seems to send a bright, positive message.*

Those of you who may be interested in getting involved with forming a similar program at another university may be interested in inquiring with them to see what works."

This does look like a good program. I was in a high school yesterday and saw their list of National Honor Society students -- 20 females and 5 males. Yup, girls are the victims of terrible discrimination in the nation's academy. Sure, you betcha.

On a related note, this program may signify much more than what appears on the surface. Today women are able to have professional organizations, but such groups of men are seen as discriminatory. It would be good to see men, and not just those who benefit from programs such as this, start to form men's professional organizations to help each other with job placement and advancement and other workplace issues. Full-time employed women, on average, work far fewer hours than men, *and* there are far fewer full-time employed women than men, yet most company officers are women. It's time men started ignoring the lies about anti-*female* discrimination and started networking to help each other.

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More False Accusations

Thomas · 10 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Here's yet another story of a false rape claim. Note that Washtenaw County Sheriff's Cmdr. Dave Egeler stated, "I'm not sure charges (for filing a false police report) are likely." The article goes on to state that next Wednesday's safety awareness meeting will still be held. Janet Hawkins, a spokeswoman for the community college said, "This will be an opportunity for us to review our safety procedures on campus."

Why do I doubt they'll be discussing how to make men safe from false accusations?

And here's a story of a false accusation of assault against a homeless man, who spent eight months in jail as a result. At least in this case, the girls were arrested. Since they were apprehended at school, students saw that society might be starting to hold females responsible for their actions.

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Paternity Fraud: Female Violence Against Men

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As K. C. Wilson states in this essay, "Any fraud a man commits is called a crime. In forty-six states, the one exclusive to women is protected." He goes on to say, "Estimates are based on limited data but range from 3% to 5% of all children may be fathered by someone other than who they call by that name." I'm not sure where he got that statistic. From what I've read the rate for the entire population is about 10% and for the self-selected group of men who are suspicious the rate is about 30%. In any case, it's a prevalent, monstrous crime that is legal.

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Divorce Court

Thomas · 11 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I've got to share this. Any man who is contemplating marriage should watch "Divorce Court" on TV. I just had to sit through a show for some research that I'm doing, and it was an eye opener.

The divorcing man accused his wife of domestic violence. When the judge asked the woman if it was true, the woman gave a snide smile and a little nod, which the judge took to mean "yes." When the judge told the woman that her actions were against the law, the woman kept saying, "He ain't gonna call (the police). He ain't gonna call." The judge lectured her about how she could go to jail for domestic violence but did nothing. (Would the judge have had the husband taken off to jail if he had admitted to beating his wife?)

In fact, the woman admitted to threatening on several occasions to call the police on her husband, when she was angry at him for (one example) using dishwashing liquid to wash the clothes. When the judge asked the woman what she would have told the police if she had called them, if she would have lied to the police, the woman just smirked. It was clear that she could have made a false accusation against her husband, who always left when she ordered him to. One time he had just stepped out of the shower, was wearing nothing but a towel, and had to cross town to go to a friend's house in the cold.

The kicker was at the end when the judge ruled on the settlement, gave everything but one car to the woman, and said to the woman (I swear this is true) "There's such a thing as equality, and you're getting most of it."

My god! I'm gonna have to remember that one.

I guess if a man is madly in love and has a desperate need to have kids, he'll want to get married, but men need to wake up and realize something. If a man is *ever* alone with a woman and doesn't record every moment, under the law he becomes that woman's slave. She may or may not do it, but she knows she can beat him with near assurance of impunity and destroy him in a moment with a false accusation.

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A tale of Valentine's cartoons

Adam · 12 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Compare the two Valentine's cartoons on the same internet page (courtesy Daryl Cagle of MSN). The "Valentine's cards" by Ann Telnaes feature four abused/oppressed women. The cartoon at the bottom, by Mark Streeter, shows a man giving his partner an inappropriate Valentine card and gift. At the bottom, the man has been beaten up and wrapped in duct tape, while saying he's lucky she didn't have the keys to the Mercedes.*

This telling juxtaposition can be found :

here"

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Fred on Everything

Adam · 12 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"I laughed when I read this. Fred Reed at his best. Enjoy..."*

For the humour impaired, this is satire, **SATIRE!** and besides, I doubt there's a demographic group on the planet Fred hasn't taken sideswipes at anyway....

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Prison for Filming a Sexual Encounter

Thomas · 13 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

As anyone knows, if they've been reading the news linked from this site for even a few months, one of the few ways that men are able to prove their innocence, when they're falsely accused of sexual assault, is by providing a recording of the sex act. In this case a man was sentenced to one and a half years in prison and three and a half years of extended supervision for recording consensual sex acts. According to the defense attorney, the recordings were never shown outside of his house or distributed in any way, and there is no indication in the article that anyone disputed this fact or the fact that the sex was consensual.

By removing more evidence from the defense, this could prove to be extremely dire for falsely accused men.

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The Words of a Former Prosecutor

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In this essay, former prosecutor, Craig Silverman, states that "during my time as a prosecutor who made case filing decisions, I was amazed to see all the false rape allegations that were made to the Denver Police Department. It was remarkable and surprising to me. You would have to see it to believe it."

I wonder how many of these were formally filed false reports for which no prosecution took place.

Silverman goes on to say, "Any honest veteran sex assault investigator will tell you that rape is one of the most falsely reported crimes that there is. A command officer in the Denver Police sex assaults unit recently told me he placed the false rape numbers at approximately 45 percent."

The article is part of a dispute between Silverman and Jeff Shapiro, a former reporter for the tabloid "The Globe", who is apparently coming out with a book about the Kobe Bryant case. If you want to skip much of the stuff related to the dispute between these two and get to the former prosecutor's statements on the rate of false accusations of rape, seach the page for "For 16 years" and read that paragraph and the following several paragraphs.

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Women and Trump

Adam · 13 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Speaks for itself:*
Commentary
is interesting, isn't it, esp. toward the end."

Crunch time guys: In an age where there is nothing a woman is forbidden to use against the nearest man, and where a man can't use even the most basic self defense to defend himself, I want every man reading this to ask himself one question: Do I want to fight fair, or effectively?

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Besting Misandry

Adam · 13 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Glenn Sacks explains the importance of his campaign. Moreover, Dillards victory seems to have come unexpectedly."*

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Watch out MEN, Catwoman is coming

Adam · 15 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"Any one seen many previews to the up comeing Halle Berry movie "CATWOMAN"?*
I haven't either but I have seen snipetts of the film. and guess what? we apearantly have yet ANOTHER whip crackin' dominatrix type woman that will, You guessed it;, tie up, gag, beat up and hit men with a whip.
since the subject of anti-man violence has been brought up on other posts, I just thought I'd give every one a heads up on this little gem of a flick.
Frankly I'm sick to death of these types of films. and I wish there was more protest from men about them.
The film is to be released on July 30th 2004.
How long do we let this go on?"

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Irish Father on Hunger Strike

Adam · 15 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Father of two, Tony Hamilton, on hunger strike in Dublin prison after inability to pay maintenance payments to his wife."*

You want to know what this is really about? This is about making men pay for sex. Yep, from alimony to child support and everything in between, men get thrown into prison for not wanting to be treated like a sub-human. I think I better get to work on updating my anti-alimony article....

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Glenn Sacks vs. Michael Moore

Adam · 16 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Glenn Sacks blasts best-selling author Michael Moore's manbashing in his latest opinion column, "Michael Moore, You Used to Be My Hero." The column can be found here"*

Yep, It's a good one. I would advise you to keep a very close eye on folk like Michael Moore for the simple reason that as the winds of change blow our way, people like him will try to double back on what they said, and get all man friendly and the like. Of course, we won't fall for that will we?

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Assemblywoman Rebecca Cohn

Thomas · 16 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"Okay, this probably isn't really **BIG** news, but it is unusual: A woman elected to state office being accused of sexual harassment, by some of her aides. I've always wondered why it is that this and related indiscretions by men are big news, while women who stray across the line are given a pass. Have any of you wondered when a woman elected to office was going to have an affair exposed by the media? (Don't believe for a minute they don't happen!)"*

It's certainly possible for someone to be oversensitive about what they perceive as sexual harassment. Nevertheless, I'm sure harassment can be severe enough create a horrible, untenable situation for the target. This article highlights the fact that we need to bear a few things in mind. Men are often considered far more likely than women to cheat in relationships, despite the fact that every survey and study I've seen for the last few years (sorry, I don't have links handy) has indicated that women are at least as likely to cheat. Men are generally considered far more likely than women to commit domestic violence, despite the fact that studies consistently show that women commit at least as much DV against men as men do against women, women initiate the domestic violence more often than men do, and women commit most DV against children.

I wouldn't doubt that, if the truth ever comes out about sexual harassment in and out of the workplace, we'll find that women commit at least as much as men.

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Female serial killer portrayed as victim

Adam · 17 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes
"The Academy Awards are coming up with Charlize Theron favoured to win the Best Actress award for her role in Monster, which claims it is 'based on a true story.' But it is not as true as you might think."

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"Rape Free Zones" at Penn State Fraternities

Adam · 17 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Interfraternity Council at Penn State voted to establish fraternities as "rape free zones", "educate" the fraternity members about sexual assault, and place optional "rape free zone" stickers on their doors. There is also an editorial from the student newspaper commenting on this plan, justifying the feminist idea that "all men are rapists". This is similar to an incident a few years ago when the campus "Men Stopping Rape" group placed urinal splashguards on campus reading "You Hold the Power to Stop Rape in Your Hands." as well."*

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Girls only program

Adam · 18 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"I just noticed an ad on the local FOX TV station calling for girls from 8 to 12 to attend a free video film production workshop. The program is called Girlstart and has funding from many sources. The intent is to help ensure girls get good careers in technology. Of course, there is no boystart program. Who cares about them?"*

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No Indoctrination....

Adam · 18 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"I thought I'd share this No Indoctrination web link with the group. The organization in question seeks to push back on the liberal bias that's so apparent in our colleges and universities today. I know there are visitors here who regard themselves as liberal and dismiss the notion of conservatives being better supporters of men's rights, and perhaps that's valid, at least partially. What's useful to note about the postings there (click on the "View Postings" link at the upper left corner) is that there seems to be a large percentage of them complaining about the women's studies programs. I didn't look at all of them, but of the number I did check, I thought that protests against women's studies was inordinately large. I also sent this group an email asking them their position on administration-sponsored claims of "one-in-four women will be raped" to which I have not yet received a reply. I will post it when I get it. If you know anyone in college, you might share this link with them, as I did with my daughter this morning. (No reaction yet from her.)"*

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A tale of two standards

Adam · 18 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

NextEntity writes *"An advertisement for a novelty dartboard featuring a women breasts as targets is drawing heat in Britian, yet the ads featuring damage to men's genitals continue to be "cute".*

Read the Article Here!"

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3% Gender Gap at Penn State

Adam · 19 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This article about the gender gap at Penn State praises the use of affirmative action to correct the "problem" of there being more men majoring in the information sciences than women, while at the same time ignoring the greater number of women majoring in education. Article here"*

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Boys' Education Gap

Thomas · 19 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Maine State Education Commissioner is forming a study group to examine causes and solutions for boys having lower grades and educational aspirations than girls. The Bangor Daily News article is here: and includes the following:*

"Research says boys are in trouble on other fronts. They are 15 times as likely as girls to be victims of violent crimes; they commit suicide more often; drop out of high school at four times the rate of adolescent girls; and are more apt to be left behind a grade and diagnosed with attention deficit disorder."

The article also states, "During interviews a couple of years ago when asked whether they liked school, the majority of little girls said yes, while most little boys answered no." Many of those looking into this will probably try to sing and dance around the truth, but the fact is: Feminist teachers and administrators have turned the nation's academy into a viciously hostile environment for men and boys.

The article also states, "It doesn't bode well for society in general. Boys are abandoning ship." Well, if feminism continues to poison all of industrialized society, especially the English speaking nations, then we won't have to worry about this for long. Industrialized society, through the end of birthing, will cease to exist.

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"Menstrual Awareness Week" at OU

Thomas · 19 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Michael Wright writes *"The faux feminists at the University of Oklahoma have found a new cause: "period week" or "menstrual awareness week." The idea is to encourage women "not to be ashamed of their bodies" and to "expel taboos that are part of being a woman."*

They are also "reclaiming" something "that's thought of as bad by our society." That's funny. I never thought periods were bad.
But faux feminists have to make everything a confrontation against the "patriarchy." They believe that evil patriarchs have been slandering women for centuries because they have periods. Now it's pay-back time.

They'll have the usual "health experts" addressing this topic. I'll bet you a dollar to a dime they won't tell women what they really need to know about periods, i.e., when they stop happening, beware of hormone replacement therapy. There's a growing body of literature among the truly hip (rather than the pseudo-hip we find in abundance at OU) about the problems of HRT. At OU, they won't be treading on the profit interests of the pharms as they wage their "struggle" against the "patriarchs."

Go here for the Oklahoma Daily article about "menstrual awareness week."

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Male-friendly Domestic Abuse Helpline Needs Financial Support

Scott · 20 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Jan Brown writes, "*The Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men (DAHM) needs your help! Our call volume to the toll free 24/7 helpline has quadrupled in the over three years we have been in existence. Additionally, Verizon is working over the next year to include our toll free 24 hour number on the crisis line page of every phone book they make in the country!* Please click Read More for the rest of this request for help.

For over three years we have worked out of a small home office responding to callers 24/7, developing trainings, mailing requested materials, and setting up annual educational conferences on male victimization etc. Now is the time to start expanding our services and capabilities! There is a building for sale nearby that has just the space we need to accommodate offices for our volunteer staff and a larger room to hold trainings, support groups and other meetings. There is also an efficiency apartment on the second floor. The building needs some updating and remodeling and friends of DAHM are willing to donate time and services to make this happen.

When we began our mission in October 2000 to give voice to male victims/targets of domestic abuse we had no idea what the need was. The first two years it was quite a struggle to keep the helpline running 24/7 with just two volunteers covering the line and funding limited to a few small private donations. Today we are still pretty much self supporting but we have an all volunteer staff made up of an Executive Director, a Volunteer Coordinator and seven trained volunteers who man the helpline as well as donated services from the American Message Center of Ohio, a 24/7answering service.

We have had over 3,000 calls to the helpline since that time and have discovered that there is an undeniable need for support, referrals, shelter and advocacy work for male victims/targets and their children. Please help us to expand DAHM so that we can continue to do this much needed work!

The approximately 20 x 40 log building (on a slab) we have in mind is sitting on 3.75 acres of land here in Harmony, Maine. The price has recently been reduced to $19,900 and we hear that the owner is willing to pay some of the closing costs. We are looking for a contributor or contributors to buy the building and donate it to DAHM. If one person donated 19,900 or 25 people donated 1,000 each or 250 people donated 100.00 each DAHM could have an office and expand their services for male victims of domestic abuse. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to help us make this dream happen!

To find out more about us visit our website: www.noexcuse4abuse.org or contact the Executive Director, Jan Brown at: 207-683-5758. Thanks!

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Sheila Kuehl Hates Men and Loves Paternity Fraud

Adam · 20 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

amperro writes *"California State Senator Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica) is an enemy in the war on paternity fraud, and the proof is in this article We will never be able to win people like her over with reason, compassion, fairness or logic. Therefore we must ensure that they never win re-election again."*

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Judgement Against Anti-Male Discrimination

Adam · 20 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Here's an article about a judgement against the U.S. government's Small Business Administration after a female manager tried to rid the organization of its "too many" male supervisors and then retaliated against a woman employee who wouldn't cooperate, forcing her to eventually quit the organization. Progress!"* **Frank H** also said *"This story is self explanatory. It seems the Small Business Administration has been undertaking a campaign to get rid of what it regards as "too many" male supervisors. The sad thing here is that the plaintiff, a woman who chose to speak up, is the only beneficiary. I wonder how many men actually lost their jobs or had their opportunities for advancement diminished? Will they be able to sue now, as well?"*

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Kidnapping mom caught 14 years later

Adam · 21 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jenk writes *"Authorities arrested the mother of a 17-year-old boy after her son saw his picture on a missing children's Web site and discovered that she was accused of abducting him from his father 14 years ago."*

The thing that sickens me is that the mother gets sympathy, no one has even mentioned how the father felt or why he got custody in the first place, and the boy is in foster care. I would like to think the father would get him immediately, after the mother stole the last 14 years.

The Biscuit Queen"

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P.C. at U.C. -- Football Coach Reprimanded in Rape

Adam · 21 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes "
University of Colorado football coach Gary Barnett has been reprimanded and placed on administrative leave after he had the temerity to speak truthfully about the "awful" level of play of a former U.C. female kicker who has made rape allegations against the team.

"Not only was she a girl, she was terrible. And there's no other way to say it. She couldn't kick the ball through the uprights."

U.C.'s President, Elizabeth Hoffman said "In the context of rape allegations, it is inappropriate to make statements about the ability of the player."

Apparently U.C. has expanded its already draconian campus "speech code" to now include Thought Crime!

CNN on-line has full details here"

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Raping Boys for Fun and Profit

Thomas · 21 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

This article in the Detroit Free Press describes how a woman, who 15-years-ago had sex with a 14-year-old boy (it was probably a crime, since she was an adult at the time), has now been awarded child support. The court, of course, says it's all for the sake of the child.

Notice to all American women, or at least those in Michigan: If no man is willing to be stuck with you while you have and raise kids, just rape a boy! The courts will reward you! And remember, you're a widdle baby wictim of da paaatweeeaaaarchy! WAAAAAAAAAH!!!

ADDED NOTE 02/22/04: LSBeene, aka Steven, has provided us with this additional news on the case. The victim claims that, when the woman (Laura Michelle Evelyn) raped him, she drugged him with alcohol. The court has yet to decide how much of a reward will be taken from the victim and given to the woman (Laura Michelle Evelyn) who raped him.

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BBC Web Pages on Fathers4Justice Disappeared?

Scott · 22 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"The only place on the BBC website that mentions the police raids on the homes of Fathers 4 Justice demonstrators has disappeared.*

Now maybe there's a minor problem or the BBC doesn't want to say that the fathers are being treated badly in any way, in other words it's just a bunch of men complaining about nothing. Maybe I'm paranoid or maybe they're out to get me. Probably both.

http://men.typepad.com for full text."

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Secret Anti-perspirant Ad

Scott · 22 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Cain writes, "*Procter and Gamble are running yet another unbeleivably contemptous television ad for their product Secret Antiperspirant and since a search on this site has turned up three ather articles concerning ads for the same product I have sent them the attached email and suggest that others send similar emails or letters. It would seem that since the product is an exclusively female one Procter and Gamble are reluctant to take men and our response to the ads for this product seriously. So I have included a list of products that are not exclusively female and I would encourage all those that read this to spend their money elsewhere.* See the Read More section for Cain's letter and send your feedback here.

I am writing this in response to your companies long standing policy of displaying the most extraordinary levels of contempt and derision towards everything male. Your company Procter and Gamble has been running a television commercial for the product Secret Antiperspirant in which a lone male is shown helplessly stranded on the side of the road with a flat tire desperately calling a female for aid. She arrives and promptly asks "where's the spare" the response given by the hapless male is "whats a spare". She changes the tire for the poor little boy expressing the appropriate amounts of contempt and derision then walks of to the sound of "strong enough for a man but made for a women".

The contempt and derision are clear since they were intended to be so but what astonishes me most was the lie used as the vehicle of your contempt. Female presented as more than male, and male presented as less than female in an area that is at the very center of male culture and activity namely mechanical literacy, which is also an area that is almost completely absent from female culture and activity. And yet this lie and others like them so activity promoted by feminism seem now to have become Procter and Gambles lies as well.

There is a web page online known as mensactivism.org that I am quite sure your company is aware of since a quick search of the site turned up no fewer than 3 other mentions of advertising campaigns for Secret Antiperspirant all expressing the same levels of contempt. I will be posting this email along with a list of products made by Procter and Gamble and encouraging its members and visitors to spend there families income elsewhere.

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Men's Studies Programs, Departments

Thomas · 22 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Here is a link to over 700 women's studies programs, departments, and research centers (mostly in the United States):* ***Women's Studies Programs, Departments, and Research Centers***
With Title IX wreaking havoc in Men's Sports Programs, why is there no comparable legal ruling demanding an equal number of "gender specific" programs educating about and advocating for the many issues that males face? Men's Studies should be taught in colleges and universities (from the male perspective) based on the number of students (by gender) enrolled in each college or university? Sexism 101 (taught from a male perspective) would be a good beginning, explaining how schools today treat male students in sexist and hostile ways."

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Naomi Wolf - Lipstick Fem Abuser

Thomas · 23 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"In a piece to be published this week in New York Magazine, "lipstick feminist" author Naomi Wolf ("The Beauty Myth") has publicly accused aging Yale professor Harold Bloom of groping her in the 1980's when she was his student. A shameless self-promoter who has used her vixen facade to market her pseudo-intellectual brand of new feminism, Ms. Wolf apparently also has no qualms about using "third party abuse" via the media to destroy the reputation of an eminent scholar.*

Independent Women's Forum has a good take on the flap.

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Raising boys' achievement in schools (UK)

Thomas · 23 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

rage writes *"Here is an article from The Independent (UK) about the ongoing initiatives to helping boys catch up with girls in schools. For those interested in the topic, you can go to www.google.com and make an advanced search with the exact phrase "raising boys' achievement" and you will see that there are currently in Great-Britain lots of programs designed for young male underachievers. It seems that things are beginning to change at last.*

Rage"

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When will it stop

Thomas · 23 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I remember the Doctor asking me if I wanted this procedure done when my son was born. I wondered if they would have been so eager to perform a clitorectomy if I had had a girl? Guess not.*

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Female computer virus author arrested

Adam · 24 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A female computer virus author in Belgium was recently arrested. Apparently, she was angered when a male anti-virus expert made a statement that most virus authors are male and she wanted to show that he was wrong. The virus author was also angered about comments that suggested stereotypes about virus authors."*

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Dominatrix in the dumper!

Adam · 24 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"I know I probably seem hyper-sensitve to the subject of female on male violence in "entertainment". especialy when the violence is sexualized and in a sado-masochistic manner.*
I recently posted an article about the movie "CATWOMAN" and it's use of a 'dominatrix' type character, and aired my concernes on the matter. But perhaps I've been a bit to hasty in my concern over the polifferation of this image.
Case in point. The movie "EURO-TRIP" was released this past friday. It boasted of scenes with Lucy Lawless as, (what else?) a Dominatrix and a TEEN AGED boy in (What else?) bondage.
Well, according to Yahoo news the movie BOMBED.
If, when "CATWOMAN" is released the male audience again rejects this "Dominatrix-male victim" scenerio, perhaps I'll back off the subject a bit.
Perhaps...,"

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"Wifebeater" Night is Offensive?

Adam · 25 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Isn't it funny how this lighthearted joke at a bar is considered offensive but "Boys Are Stupid, Throw Rocks at Them" t-shirts are harmless fun. Notice the last line in the article, "Police will visit the pub to outline their dismay.*
""

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Why Women Expose...

Adam · 25 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"I don't usually spend a lot of time at Joe Farah's WND, as I have a rather low regard for him and his positions on gender equality. However, I did come across this second part of an article by Dennis Prager. It is actually a 2 part piece (which can be found here) on why women are exposing themselves through provocative dress, and it comes more or less in response to Nipplegate (Janet Jackson and her "exposition" during this year's Superbowl halftime show). I like his analysis, and if you read part 2, you'll note his position on sexual harassment laws and how they are so one-sided."*

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Sacks, 'Boys are Stupid' Designer Mix it up on CNB

Adam · 26 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User writes "*There was no love lost between a crusading radio talk show host and the businessman who is the target of the boycott he organized as the two debated on CNBC's "Bullseye" yesterday. Read the full story here*"

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Woman Going To Prison For Booze,Sex,Porn Parties

Adam · 26 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This time a 37 year old woman(and mother of 3) was given 2 years in prison for giving underaged boys sex,porno, and booze while hubby was at work.Her 39 year old friend also took part and got 4 years.They let kids as young as 12 drink at their "parties" Point of interest from story (quoting Prosecutor Daliah Weiss):*

Predatory behavior necessitates prison time," she said. "Two women acting together -- it's unusual, but again predatory, just as it would be considered if it were a man. The fact that both of them were sentenced to prison says something. It's just not to be tolerated, period."

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Men's Medical Association

Adam · 26 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

FutureDoc writes *"St. Louis University School of Medicine is attempting to charter a student group [tentatively] called "American Men's Medical Association". The initiative is to offer male students (who are a statistical minority this year) the same benefits and representation that the women's group (AMWA) provides. There has been an incredible uproar as the meer proposal is "a slap in the face of [oppressed] women". It is likely that the group will never be allowed to be sanctioned; funny since educating about prostate cancer and the risks of heart disease in men are amongst the most pertinent topics in practical medicine; instead we will continue to support breast cancer (in women only) and try our best to insure that our female classmates are propelled ahead of us in the professional field through whatever means necessary."*

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New Boys Are Stupid Game at David & Goliath

Adam · 27 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

hurkle writes *"While we've been slapping our backs and congratulating ourselves on a big victory for men's activism, Todd Goldman has been busy capitalizing on the press generated by the "Boys Are Stupid" campaign. Check out the new game he has at their website: here How many boys can you hit with a rock? Please note the black eyes, bloody lips, and the like that appear when you play. Cute and silly as he claims? No way. Offensive? Oh yeah."*

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MSN: Ways to get men to do chores

Adam · 27 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *" At no time have I ever seen an article extolling women to stop being so uptight about things like the occasional sock here and there. And puhleeze, you think today's man doesn't do his share of the housework and more? Note that this article never mentions that men do most or all of the "handy" work in the average house. Somehow that isn't considered housework. And let's also not forget that there is "man clean" and "woman clean". If we are really seeking equality, there ought to be equal consideration to the standards of both parties, not just of the female.*

Stuff like this is only more reason for men to eschew marriage... on top of all that legal stuff... :)"

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"You all look alike to me" - Black Congresswoman

Adam · 27 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

LSBeene writes *"During a closed briefing on the Haiti crisis an African-American Conresswoman, who was opining that Bush's policy on Haiti was racist, said that Bush's representatives were: "A bunch of white men". A member of the committee, whom she was directly addressing and who was hispanic, told the Congresswoman he was offended by her racist comment. Her reply: "You all look alike to me."*

Link to story:

here"

I think you can guess why this is posted, if not, here's a hint: reverse the roles, can you guess what'll happen?

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Men's Rights Congress - June 2004

Adam · 29 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"DC Chapter of NCFM is sponsoring a mens' rights congress this summer, over Father's Day week-end. This will be a summit of sorts, intended to bring many different groups together to find ways men's rights activists can start interacting and working with one another on an on-going basis. We will find our strength in cooperation and numbers, and this is where it can begin.... bot ONLY if you are willing to make it happen!!*

Please go to www.mensrights2004.com and register for the conference as soon as possible so we can make the appropriate conference-related logistical decisions in good time to accomodate attendees.

Matt"

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/04/02/28/2010227.shtml

DV against men

Adam · 29 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"In India, a man in his mid-twenties commited suicide. According to the police, the reason seems to be torture and harassment from his wife. Read the story here"*

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Differing views on critics of boy-bashing clothing

Adam · 29 February 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"An article in the San Franicsco Chronicle newspaper targets the critics of boy-bashing T-shirts. The article implies that nobody would actually throw rocks at boys due to a T-shirt. For females, it mentions that there are issues for them such as female-bashing rap music and pressure to dress like hookers. Rush Limbaugh has his comments about this article."*

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Grade School Nefarious Program to Feminize Boys

Adam · 1 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Local 6 in Florida is reporting that a* ***preschool forces five year old boys to wear dresses as punishment*** *for "talking too much while watching TV." The female teachers humiliated several boys in front of their class. For all of the feminist hype about women being being more caring and nurturing, forgive me if I don't see it here. The DFC investigated and didn't lift a finger. But keep in mind, that's the Child Protective Service that literally looses children in their care. Anyway, I think everyone here, at least, sees thru the ulterior modivations. It has nothing to do with punishment, it's a deliberate attempt to feminize the boys according to feminidiot doctrine that gender doesn't exist."*

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Birth control for men nearly here?

Adam · 1 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

According to this article it says: "*A new contraceptive for men has been developed - the biggest revolution in family planning since the launch of the Pill. Thousands of volunteers will begin testing the implant - which works by lowering sperm count with doses of the female hormone progesterone - this month. Experts are confident that the treatment will be almost 100 per cent effective and side-effect free, and predict it could be on the market in three years.*" Don't forget there's similar work happening in various countries on this as well.

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No Child (Girl?) Left Behind?

Adam · 2 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"The title of this article is "No Parent Left Behind." It addresses the things that the No Child Left Behind Act requires that schools make available to parents. Among these things are information on achievement numbers by race, teacher qualifications, test explanations, and offers to transfer students from struggling or dangerous schools. What's missing is gender. This law does NOT require that districts maek achievement by gender available to parents.*

This is a small thing but the implications are large. It's something we ought to try to change."

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Fathers Rights

Adam · 2 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Mother jailed for denying Father access to child ! Unbelievable. There has been more positive developments in mens rights in 2004 than in the past 20 years. See link here: article"*

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Virus Spoofing Attack Targets Mensactivism.org Users

Scott · 3 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

This morning I received an e-mail which claimed to be from "support@mensactivism.org." The message claims that the recipient's account has been disabled, and to see the attachment. It claims to be from "The Mensactivism.org team." The attachment, of course, is a virus (W32/Bagle). Please forward the entirety of any messages you receive along these lines (with the complete mail headers) to scott@mensactivism.org. **Update:** This is a known new internet worm that is attacking other organizations as well. Keep your anti-virus software up to date and don't trust suspicious or unsolicited e-mails.

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L.A. judge acknowledges anti-male bias

Adam · 3 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"This article at NBC4.TV discusses the paternity fraud case of Taron James, a Gulf War veteran in Torrance, CA, a member of NCFM-LA, and the founder of Veterans Fighting Paternity Fraud. Taron was stationed in the Gulf of Mexico on drug interdiction when a woman falsely identified him as the father of her child in order to collect benefits. The DA obtained a default judgment against Taron using faulty service that wasn't even in Taron's name. When the DA then came after Taron, he got a DNA test that excluded him as the father. The DA still pursued him and took over $45,000 of his property, driving him virtually penniless. When the DA garnished Taron's unemployment pay, Taron appealed it. The administrative law judge wrote a decision saying that he cannot do anything about it but that this was totally unjust. The article quotes part of the decision, but the best part, not quoted in the article, is when the judge says: "Further, it is acknowledged that ongoing fraud in the child support arena occurs regularly, and there is a distinct anti-male prejudice at work, of which the claimant is a victim. Hundreds if not thousands of individuals are being deprived of their due process rights to liberty and property as a result of draconian child support laws."*

When NCFM-LA gets its website finally updated, we'll post the full decision."

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Blaming Hubbie to Stay Out of Jail

Adam · 3 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Mark Turner writes *"Here's a great story: Dar Heatherington is a city councillor in the city of Lethbridge, Canada; about a year ago she disappeared on a business trip to Montana and showed up in Las Vegas three days later, claiming to have been drugged, kidnapped and sexually assaulted. A few days later she admitted to making the whole story up, and running off to Las Vegas with a married man. (background) NOW, in order to stay out of jail, she is claiming that her husband STALKED her, even though she's lied to police before and has absolutely no physical evidence to prove her allegations. (Story)"*

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Texas Jury Didn't Honor The Abuse Excuse Card!

Adam · 5 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes "
A Texas jury convicted a woman for the brutal murder of her husband.

Her defense was based on the abuse excuse and claimed justified self-defense. She alleged he repeatedly beat her and she killed him after he raped her adding in the marital rape charge which is becoming a domestic violence popular false allegation to use against the husband.

Also, she murdered him by stabbing him almost 200 times!!!"

TLE also writes *"In Houston a woman was just convicted of the murder of her husband, claiming "self defense" as the justification for stabbing him 193 times while he was bound to the bed.*

CNN acticle here.

Houston Chronicle article from last week here.

How could they convict her? She's so cute!"

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Abduction faked to hurt ex

Adam · 6 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A dethroned beauty queen admitted yesterday she staged her own abduction and beating and blamed her ex-hubby to bolster her position in a child-custody battle. Story*

here"

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Amnesty International Spreading Misandry

Adam · 6 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *" Now Amnesty International has gotten*
into the disinformation act about violence against women.

The are stirring up the crock pot by spewing out the same old tired myths about how a woman is raped, beaten or otherwise abused by a man ever couple of seconds somewhere in the world.

Never is any mention made of the violence perpetrated against men!

Too bad Amnesty International has turned into a political organ and has apparently abandoned its original purpose as a humanitarian organization.

There is an e-mail address to contact the local Amnesty International office in your country if you would like to educate the twits!"

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British dad's magazine

Adam · 7 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Fq Magazine*

Hm! 150 k or so subscribers. Looks promising, no? Some of this, some of that, some articles on F4J! Have a look

here"

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If? More like already is! But not for much longer....

Adam · 7 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Get a load of this "use"
of taxpayer money (mostly the nearest man's I imagine) It pretty much proves Esther Vilar
right when she says man hardly exists in woman's world. Sometimes, I think a gendered civil war is pre-determined, what am I saying? We're already in the middle of one!

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WashPost columnist decries Naomi Wolf's latest

Hombre · 8 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Washington Post columnist Anne Applebaum courageously and rationally called Naomi Wolf on her latest attempt to get attention for herself, ruin a man's career and/or repuatation, and otherwise be a jerk. The column speaks for itself.*

While three weeks old, I came across a reference to it in today's Post's letters. Two were published, predictably both denouncing Applebaum's column. Well, what did I expect? :-)"

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John Kerry And Sucking Up To Feminism

Hombre · 8 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Likely Presidential candidate John Kerry says if elected his administration will put American government and our legal system back on the side of women.*

Well excuse me Mr. Kerry but as I see it the government has made women a social class of over privileged aristocrats at the expense of men. I don't believe this arrangement is what this country is about.

It is past time for the tide to go the other way and restore men's rights for a change!

I don't know wether to label this misandry by the Kerry campaign shameless pandering or just plain stupidity. Probably a mix of both."

Additional reading of his site shows that he supports affirmative action and Title IX, believes that women only earn 73 cent for every dollar earned by men **due to massive hidden discrimination by millions of employers and not women's own choices to work fewer hours, safer jobs, etc.**, co-sponsored the Violence Against Women Act and the Women's Health Equity Act, and will only appoint pro-choice judges to the Supreme Court. I'm not sure that it matters whether his misandry is shameless pandering, stupidity, or anything else. As long as he's going to act like a feminist, he might as well be one.

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End of the Line for Canada's Top Feminazi Mandarin

Hombre · 8 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

MAUS writes *"Canada's foremost elected feminist official has been crowded out of the arena. After coming dangerously close to winning the leadership of the front running Liberal Party, Sheila Copps, who championed the initiative to form a "hate watch"of men's groups on the internet has lost the nomination to re-run as a Liberal in her once secure bastion. Apparently she has also burned her bridges with the NDP. This marks a receeding of the tide of feminist power in Canada. Article here."*

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Anti-male sexual violence in the media

Adam · 9 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Doug Wells writes *"Here is a (heavily edited by the newspaper) letter to the editor that I submited to the Idaho State Journal about attacks on the male groin as a source of "humor". It criticises the widespread acceptance of this particular form of sexual sadism (not to mention the hypocrisy (sp?) of women who enjoy this) and its consequences for boys. The bottom line is that best-estimates run around 50,000 school-age boys in the U.S. suffer medically-significant sexual injuries each year due to "acceptance" of this brand of sexual assualt, and the media are partly to blame for putting this "humor" nearly all childrens shows, movies, etc."*

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NH Men's Commission Web Site Up

Scott · 10 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The NH Commission on the Status of Men now has a web site where you can download the meeting minutes and keep up with what is going on there. Also listed is contact information for the Commission members, and a calendar of upcoming meetings/events.

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Anti-Circumcision Bill Submitted to Congress

Scott · 10 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

napnip writes *"A group called MGMBill.org has submitted a bill to Congress to ban routine male genital mutilation. Their website is here: http://www.mgmbill.org*

Any thoughts on this? Do you think there is a chance Congress will put it to a vote? Since infant girls are protected by law from genital mutilation, I feel that it's only fair that infant boys receive the same protection.

Also, is there any chance that exclusive protection of girls could be challenged as unconstitutional, since it violates the equal protection clause?"

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UK Advertising Standards Authority Adjudication

Adam · 10 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rob writes *"There is an interesting Adjudication from the UK ASA on a series of adverts from Nokia on their N-Gage Phone/Games Console. PC Pro reports:*

"With tag lines such as 'This is where I took on three guys... And made them cry like babies' and, 'This is where I made Kev look small', the ASA ruled that some of the ads were indeed 'offensive and distressing' and could 'condone or encourage violence'. The judgement also said that one advert which featured the line 'This is where I left Kate, Lucy and Michelle begging for more' might encourage sexual violence towards women."

The whole adjudication can be read here. Look under New Adjudications Published, 18th Feb-10th March, then search by Advertiser name.

It's interesting that they feel "taking on three guys... and making them cry" refers to violence by **persons**, but where female names are mentioned in the adverts, then that can only encourage violence against **women**"

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National Committee on Status of Women broke?

Adam · 10 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Henry Vincent writes *"The National Action Committee on the Status of Women is broke because the government stopped giving them money and women didn't continue to support it with monetary donations. One of Canada's loudest feminists even says the feminism born in the 60's is dead, but she still thinks the government should keep handing over money despite the fact that Canadian women seem to think this organization is irrelevant. Article*

here"

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Kobe's Prosecutors Seek to Erase History

Hombre · 11 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"The prosecutors in the Kobe Bryant rape case have appealed to the Colorado Supreme Court to deny the defendant's inquiry into the sexual history of his accuser. Under Colorado's rape-shield laws, the pattern of sexual promiscuity and predation by the female accuser are to be deemed "irrelevant." Interesting that this intrepretation of the law basically means that the "lady" seeking to end Mr. Bryant's career has no personal responsibility for her own past actions and choices, and that the CO. law is biased against any man who seeks vindication by showing a pattern of intentional predatory behavior by a female. Go figure.*

Article here."

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Hollywood 'Stereotypes Violence to Women' - Actor

Hombre · 11 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *"The mind boggles...*

Hollywood 'Stereotypes Violence to Women' - Actor"

"The film industry is partly to blame for the global culture of violence against women, Star Trek actor Patrick Stewart said on Friday."

Of course they are. Just like they are to partly to blame for the interplanetary war we have with hostile martians. Both are Hollywood creations.

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Group to review prosecution practices

Hombre · 11 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Prosecutors and police in Suffolk County (MA)will review investigation and prosecution practices after the release Monday of a man wrongfully convicted of rape. This sounds like a step in the right direction. One has to wonder how many innocent lives have been ruined by false rape allegations? When a "she said he did" basis is used for convictions, one has to seriously question the direction that democracy has taken.*

Story here."

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Feminist response to false accusations

Adam · 12 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"This is how Indian feminists are responding to the growing awareness about false accusations. According to them, the perception that women make false accusations is 'a myth'. Read the story here"*

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New Site Helps Men with Life Struggles

Adam · 12 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

GeekFish writes *"A story is running on Religion Journal about a website geared to helping men with men's issues. MensRefuge offers individual help for men seeking advice, who may not otherwise reach out in a non-anonymous enviornment. The site is based on Christian principles, but offers hope and advice to all men, not just Christians. Looks like they don't even allow women to post on their forums. Finally, someone reaching out to men."*

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Age is no Barrier

Adam · 13 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rob writes *"It seems age is no barrier in preventing a female killing her husband and then blaming it on other people. This 81 year old, killed her husband and blamed it on two male burglars, before claiming he committed suicide before finally admitting the truth. It seems she was tired of his deteriorating health and having to look after him. Although not in this particular news item, it was reported in other stories that the defence claimed that it "was not in anyone's interest" to prosecute an old woman."*

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Feminist inspired mess in Massachusetts

Adam · 14 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"MA is perhaps one on the worst states to live in if you happen to be male. The same court system that is now under national scrutiny because the will of 4 judges intends to change the definition of marriage for all citizens in the state, has denied upholding the basic constitutional rights of divorced fathers and for all men for decades now. "We're up against like powers that be in the courts," (in regard to the courts decision on marriage) said Mike Franco, state chairman of The Fatherhood Coalition. "It's judicial tyranny and activism where judges are using their discretion to put forth a political agenda." Feminist Jurisprudence has wrecked havoc in men's lives for decades now. Several of the "couples" suing to effect marriage change are NOW lesbians. In MA the media is pro-feminist in all issues relating to gender. Another issue in MA is that the Boston marathon has decided to let the women run 25 minutes before the men so that women will not get "lost in the pack and enjoy the victory without 2nd-tier male athletes in the way." This prestigious sporting event has been spoiled by gender policy! All of the local newscasts ran 5 minute segments about an alleged "groping" of a female college student where no one was hurt before airing this news about the marathon. Every station! This had to be a deliberate attempt to stir up anger in women and shame men before dropping another feminist/elitist maneuver on the public. Another court case, where both parents starved a child to death, the man gets life, she got time served. Every day, it is an outrage living in MA, and most people still view women as oppressed? How much longer until women and men have a completely separate set of laws? article here"*

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Woman who worked in clip joint has 'Heart of Gold'

Adam · 14 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

ahhkaboom writes *"In London, England, the Soho district is notorious for its 'clip joints'. Women lure men in with the promise of a cheap strip show, and then bouncers arrive after ten minutes to rob the man of all he has. The police laugh at you if you complain about this robbery, probably because you've committed a heterosexual-male-crime by going into a strip club. Recently, a robbed man stabbed a woman who worked at clip joints, but she had a 'heart of gold' according to the press. Articles*
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Britain's Father's Rights Activists Rock Family Law

Adam · 14 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"MND is covering Britain's Father's Rights Campaign: here"*

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Happy Birthday to MaleDepression.com!

Steve · 15 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I'm happy to announce that March 14, 2004 was MaleDepression.com's second birthday! We would serve cake and ice cream if we could figure out a way to do it virtually that wasn't too messy. :-) The guys on our team are ready to come out swinging in our third year of helping men who suffer from mood disorders. Please visit our home page (http://www.maledepression.com) for the latest updates about the exciting things happening at the site.

Over the past two years, it has been a real blessing and privilege to provide this site. This work has been very important to me and I hope to continue it for many years to come. I especially thank Scott G., MANN's founder, for his generosity and his unflagging support for MaleDepression.com and all men's health issues.

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Sacks Nails NOW on Family Court Hypocrisy

Adam · 15 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User writes "*Glenn's latest column concerns NOW's role in the crucuial LaMusga move-away case currently in the CA. Supreme Court. He writes:*
"My wife is a successful career woman. She has moved up rapidly in a competitive field, and is advancing her career by attending law school at night. I work out of our home and I do most of the child care. If I decide I don't want her anymore, should I be able to move our kids 2,400 miles away from their mother?

The California National Organization for Women thinks I should."

Read the full column here"

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More good work from Fathers 4 Justice

Adam · 15 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"More good work from Fathers 4 Justice in February. Read all about it! Keep up the good work, guys! a bit*

here and some

more here
and
more there
and a bit over here as well"

Don't relent now folks, keep up the pressure.

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Drive for Referendum on Shared Custody in Michigan

Adam · 16 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Larry writes *"Dads of Michigan is starting a petition drive to get a question on the the November Ballot. The ultimate goal is to get a law passed so that divorced couples share custody of their children, unless one parent is declared unfit. The kickoff of the campaign was covered by both Channel 7 News in Detroit and the Detroit News newspaper. To learn more about the petition drive that Dads of Michigan started Saturday at post officers across the state, give Dads of Michigan a call at 248-559-DADS."*

Look at all this activism! In all my time as an admin here, I've never seen so much activism happening as I have now.

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Sex, Lies, and Video Stores

Adam · 16 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Hunchback writes *"Usually with false allegations of sex abuse, the best the accused can hope for is exoneration. The man barely escapes with his life in tatters, and the true victimizer drifts back into anonymiity with her life in tact. What happens when (finally) the accused strikes back. Check this out"*

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UK Police Data on DV - Women Abuse Too

Adam · 16 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rob writes *"An excellent illustration of DV stats by the London Metropolitan Police which debunks the myth of "male=offender, female=victim". The BBC article shows that in 25% of all cases investigated, the woman was the abuser.*

Unfortunately, there is the usual mitigating statement about some women's violence:
"[some women's]..violence appeared to be defensive and in retaliation to the threat of or actual violence from the male partner."

Since every rational person could argue that "some" men would also have been "abusers" by this definition, and that these two groups of abusers should cancel each other out, then the fact remains that the police force in the UK's biggest city has found that 1 in 4 DV perpetrators it arrests/investigates are female!"

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Men's Health is the topic of the future

Adam · 17 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

rage writes *"Although the first article in PDF format is a bit old, I thought it would be interesting to inform the site's readers about the implementation of a vast men's health network throughout the Western countries. Now there is even an MPs' group in the UK parliament dedicated to men's health that gathers left-wing as well as right-wing MPs.*

The second article is also very useful, as it informs us of the creation of the equivalent of gynecologists for men in two cities of Germany, so that men could be followed early in life by doctors (like women). The purpose is to reduce the lifespan gap between the sexes. As it is said in the article, once having reached the age of 70, the difference of life expectancy between men and women is only 2.5 years, so it highlights the need for early prevention for young men, who are the most at risk.

Good news, after all maybe men will see their lives getting better in the future."

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Mother charged in killing newborns

Adam · 17 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mcc99 writes *"Wow.*
In this
story they sort of suggest that the insanity excuse will be pursued. Predictably."

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Another falsified police report

Adam · 18 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Jeff writes *"Another woman lies, scares the community, and costs taxpayers. Oh, but she's sorry...guess that makes everything okay, doesn't it? When will it stop? Will these women ever be held accountable for their actions? Read the article here"*

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False rape accuser convicted of 2nd degree murder

Adam · 18 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *""A 17-year-old girl whose false rape claim led to the shooting death of television and film actor Merlin Santana was convicted Tuesday of second-degree murder" article*

here"

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U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Hearsay Evidence

Adam · 18 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *"Supreme Court Ruling on Hearsay Evidence The Oregonian reports on a recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, which will help a defendant to face his accuser. The article reports that this will affect domestic violence and abuse cases, and is a victory for our Constitutional law (6th Amendment), which states that a defendant has a right to face his accuser. One can't help but wonder what will happen to the numerous, almost identical, victim advocate reports that are used in alleged abuse cases by victim advocates as they regurgitate the vernacular of the gender feminist domestic violence movement?"*

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Differences in Male and Female Sexual Behavior Biologically Determined

Thomas · 19 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

It cracks me up that so many feminists still claim that differences between males and females are social constructs and that the world will be far better off once men's artificial masculinity has been properly deconstructed along the lines of feminist doctrine. It's as though mainstream feminists, in the face of a growing torrent of scientific evidence, are hell bent on making laughing stocks of themselves.

Here's yet another piece of evidence debunking that ridiculous feminist myth. With respect to the long "debate about how much sexual behaviour was biological and how much was learned," Dr. Darren Russell, senior lecturer in sexual health at Melbourne University, states, "I think more and more we're moving toward a biological model of sex, that a large part of our sexual behaviour and other behaviours are preordained... A lot of our sexual chemistry and behaviour is probably determined before birth."

I s'pose many fembots will eventually drop their claim that differences between males and females are social constructs and instead state that males and females are fundamentally different and females are, by nature, superior.

NB: Joe Manthey submitted this related essay on the importance of biological differences between males and females.

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The Kraken Wakes

Thomas · 19 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy McElroy has published an essay on FoxNews.com (probably read by quite a few people) about the cold reception being given to Naomi Wolf's most recent claim to victimhood. As McElroy points out, "a cultural tide has turned."

It's been my personal experience to find that, here at the hypocenter of the Kobe Bryant tempest, women as well as men are no longer falling for the vile claim that women don't lie about rape. Most of the people with whom I've spoken about the Bryant case, at least those who state their opinion on the matter (and in many cases they're the ones who broach the topic), say they believe he's innocent. And several, including women, have expressed outrage at this nation's plague of false accusations against men.

Hey, Ray. Do you have a T-shirt that states, "Imprison False Accusers"?

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Man seeks $65,000 for flawed alimony ruling

Thomas · 20 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes "*STOCKHOLM (Reuters) - A Swedish man who paid alimony for 13 years for a child he knew was not his has been proven right and now wants half a million crowns ($65,000) in compensation."*

Thomas writing now: Maybe the law wouldn't allow it, but it's too bad the man isn't trying to have the mother imprisoned for fraud.

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Police officer in landmark challenge for single fathers

Thomas · 20 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Julian Abbott writes *"In the UK, A divorced police officer begins a sex discrimination challenge against his force today, accusing senior officers of adopting practices that favour single working mothers over single fathers."*

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Not one, but two false complaints in Rhode Island

Thomas · 20 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"There is another report of a woman, by the name of Sinead E. O'Brien, charged with submitting a false rape report to the police. She was charged 1 week ago. The case also occurred in Rhode Island, the same state where another woman, Stephanie E. Estep, was also charged on the very following day.*

Thomas writing now: The second case is discussed on MANN here. And here's a discussion of the hateful, feminist declaration that women don't lie about rape.

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Child Abuse

Adam · 20 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *"What influences in American culture have led these females to believe that "a girl kissing a boy" deserves this kind of behavioral reaction?*
Females Batter Child Into Coma Has radical feminist ideology so stigmatized heterosexuality that "puppy love" now triggers such a violent reaction?"

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A man friendly book

Adam · 21 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Am I to believe Rachel Snyder's book on amazon called "What There Is to Love About a Man" has only two reviews? Outrageous! you know what to do.

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Blog for DAHM

Adam · 22 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"I've begun posting another previously-published novel of mine in blog form at The DesertLight Journal here.*

This is "Friends to the End", about a male victim of domestic violence. This is a subject that seldom comes to light, due to society's resistance to the idea that a man could actually be a victim.

While it is fiction, I've been told by men who have been in this situation, that it is in fact, quite true to life.

Readers can make a donation to the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men at the link provided at the DLJ."

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Domestic Violence Against Men in South Africa

Thomas · 23 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"I came across this news report from South Africa. Looks like the authorities in that country are taking the problem seriously and initiating measures to tackle it. Read it here"*.

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Advances in Education -- BIG TIME!

Thomas · 23 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like ol' George is following through, and the results may well be magnificent. (I might actually vote for this guy. That's a mind bender, but a different story. Hell, I might even *campaign* for him.) This FoxNews.com article reports on how the Bush administration is "following through on a promise to make it easier for school districts across the country to operate girls-only and boys-only schools".

Of course, the article goes on and on about females' educational needs and never mentions how boys are lagging far behind girls in school these days. Nevertheless, this is great news. I went to an all-boys high school. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life, and that was before feminist teacheresses and administratoresses turned schools into bastions of anti-male indoctrination.

It's a lot to say, but I think this education-movement may prove to be one of the most important advances/corrections in American culture in decades.

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Sorry. I'm not sure why, but this got posted twice, so I'm deleting the text message here. If you're going to discuss this topic, please do so on the other thread.

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Have a drink for your heart

Thomas · 23 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *Here is a little good news for men (and women) who like to have a drink now and then. Drinking in moderation appears to reduce heart-related deaths in men with high blood pressure, new research suggests, challenging the belief among many doctors that alcohol should be off-limits to such patients. It is nice to see a contemporary study with a focus on men for a change in the Boston Globe."*

Thomas writing now. I've now seen reports on numerous studies indicating that drinking in moderation is good for one's health (typically one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men). Of course, there are always caveats published with the results. Some of the studies have indicated that wine, especially red wine, is best for one's health. Others seem to indicate that it is ethanol that has the health benefits. Every report that I've read warns about excessive consumption and emphasizes that individual circumstances are of critical importance. In any case, it is good to see this study done with such a large sample of men. 14,125. Wow.

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Offensive Foley's ad

Thomas · 23 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Today I saw a Foley's ad on some of the plasma TV's hanging in the middle of the FlatIron Crossing Mall (Broomfield, CO). This showed a male mannequin admiring a woman who was trying on clothes in the store. A female mannequin next to him then hit him over the head with her purse. Afterwards, he looked humbled while she had a smug smile on her face.*

I'm so sick of companys marketing misandry.

Here is Foley's home page."

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Yahoo! portal features Men's Health Week

Adam · 24 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Well, 'bout time! yahoo is featuring Men's Health Week. A pleasant surprise. The feature links to this page: here"*

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Spin Sisters

Adam · 25 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *""Spin Sisters: How the Women of the Media Sell Unhappiness and Liberalism to the Women of America" by former Ladies Home Journal editor Myrna Blyth, exposes the predominance of liberal, feminist-leaning journalists in women's magazines.*

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New Free E-book: Breaking The Shackles

Adam · 25 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Roan Kaufman writes *"I am currently working as the publisher of the newly revised edition of Breaking the Shackles, edited by John Everingham and Roy Schenk. The book features chapters with Robert Bly, Gershen Kaufman, Bill Kauth, Rich tosi, Asa Baber and more.*
The book is available for free at www.shametojoy.com
Please let your readers know.
Sincerely,
Roan Kaufman
(608)-238-6681"

Do make an effort to donate and help support this kind of work ok?

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Woman Fired for Sexual Harassment

Adam · 25 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

hurkle writes *"The tide slowly turns. Of course, this article about a woman getting fired for sexual harassment appears in Yahoo's Oddly Enough section, but it is clear that the PC world of do-nothing-nice-for-anyone-ever is now beginning to backfire on women. The way it's written, everyone involved seems slightly confused that this could actually happen. Hah!*

article"

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Bobby Brown is being used as an example

Adam · 26 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Singer Bobby Brown was jailed for failure to pay $63,500 in child support payments to the mother of two of his children. After being incarcerated for one day (but up to 90 days) in debtor's prison by Family Court Judge Paula Carey, he paid this court ordered debt. Brown is by no means a role model, or perhaps even a good man, but his life reflects that of many underprivileged men who end up in debtor's prison (remember the constitution was supposed to protect against this). Now this isn't to say that fathers do not have responsibility for their children, but awarded monthly support payment amounts often exceed the actual costs of raising a child and often resemble punitive damage payments to the mother who has sole responsibility for every decision for the child. The "Spin Sisters" in the media have made sure that Bobby's imprisonment is broadcasted and set as an example for other men who have similar backgrounds to Bobby. Obey, pay, or jail."*

You know, whenever I look at articles like this, I keep being reminded of a name "Daniel Amneus" perhaps if you did a search, you might find out why?

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Advocates fear due process

Adam · 26 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"The woman accusing NBA star Kobe Bryant of rape will be forced to testify Wednesday about her sex life a move some experts (who are these experts?)fear could discourage other women from reporting sexual assaults, so the feminist media outlets are already crying foul and are concerned that due process might get restored in cases of alleged rape. Women are indoctrinated from early childhood to report any issue that hints of assault, so to say that someone's history is irrelevant is ludicrous as everywoman knows that she can ruin a man on mere allegation alone today. When one has a rape allegation against them, the media broadcasts his face and name to the world before a verdict is met while the "victim" hides behind a veil of secrecy. The victim advocacy that exists in today's courts jeopardize any semblance of a fair trial, plain and simple. The media outlets never give someone acquitted of charges much attention. With DNA testing, many men are freed from jail every year, and I bet if a look at the false accuser's life were admissible in the court room, many innocent men would not have their lives ruined to satisfy feminist jurisprudence and the feminist media spin doctors.*

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Canada's Top Court Upholds Pre-Nups

Adam · 27 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

MAUS writes *"Today the Supreme Court of Canada overturned decisions of two lower courts which cut a man's assets in two in spite of pre-nuptual agreement. The top court has ruled that pre-nuptuals and separation agreements, especially when both parties had fair access to legal council WILL NOT be subject to review or revision by any court in Canada because one party may deem them unfair after the fact. For unscrupulous lawyers in Canada who have profitted by the culture of mysandry, becomming a millionaire through screwing men in divorce court has just become harder. Prehaps the thought police commisioned by SOW to monitor mens activism sites on the internet are starting to get the message article"*

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Suing the False Accuser

Adam · 27 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *""How much money do you think it would be worth to you for every year spent in a maximum-security prison for a crime you didn't commit?" Soldier whose rape case was overturned files suit That's a tough question to ask, but that is exactly what the man in this story is doing. Another question one might want to ask is, "Did 'Rape Shield Laws' play any part in the false conviction and incarceration of this innocent man?" When one goes to the Innocence Project web site, Innocence Project and looks over the 143 people (all but one are male) who've been freed by DNA evidence, it boggles the mind to think how many other innocent men must be rotting in American jails today. Look over the reasons for false convictions on that web site if you get a chance. Are those 143 men who were falsely convicted just the tip of the iceberg in our misandric country that now has the highest rate of incarceration in the world (we passed Russia), 93% of whom are men? No wonder more and more men have no confidence in the integrity of our entire legal system."*

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Female teacher busted for sexual abuse

Adam · 28 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *"The unusual twist in this story, one that should make the public response to the case particularly interesting to watch, is that the student is a female. here's one*
article
and the
other"

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Glenn Sacks asks for our help

Adam · 29 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

LSBeene writes *"I wrote to Glenn Sacks about starting a new campaign. I suggested that we target a company that makes male-bashing commercials or uses violence against men as an advertising tool. He replied:*

Steven--I can't do a campaign on this right now for various reasons. What I would like to do is to do a show on anti-male TV and radio advertising, with audio clips from some anti-male ads. If you and your sympathizers could collect some for us (Foleys and others) we could do the show. I don't have the staff to prepare it myself, at least for now.
Best Wishes,
Glenn Sacks

I am hoping that people at this BBS and others I post on would be willing to send him examples of violence against men as an advertising tool. From our examples he can get a new campaign started. This is our call to action. I could really use the help. What do you say?"

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God Made Her Do It, Not The Devil

Adam · 30 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Miss Yates said it was the Devil, Miss Laney will claim it was God.*

This is the first I hear of this one, but I obviously missed it the first go round. This article says that it is already at trial and that this all happened on May 10 (2003?) Did anyone see this reported back in May? I have seen many stories on women killing their children in the last year, even though it is usually only a blip on the newspage and usually in one of those "oddly enough" sections. But, I think I would remember if this was one of them. I actually find this one more disturbing than Andrea Yates. A tip for Miss Laney: when you tell the jury that God made you do it, make sure you point out that in this kind of situation, God is a man."

RPB659 also writes *"Here is a link to a story about a woman that killed two of her sons with rocks, and seriously and permanently injured the other (18 mo. old) son. We should make sure that POS at David & Goliath sees this. Remember when Todd Goldman said that no one was actually going to use rocks against boys?"*

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Duped Husband Also Guilty?

Adam · 30 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"In this case, a woman duped her husband and others into thinking their daughter had cancer to keep the husband from leaving them. They both accepted donations to cover nonexistant cancer treatments, the father trusting the wife and having her handle all the medical visits and bills. The woman got 6 1/2 years in prison. The husband - 4 years 11 months. Are men ever "victims"?"*

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Paternity Testing Now!

Thomas · 31 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

amperro writes *"Marilyn vos Savant, of Parade magazine's "Ask Marilyn" (Sunday, March 14, 2004) states that "based on genetic counselors stumbling across many cases of discrepant fatherhood in the course of testing for inheritable diseases" 10% of American children were fathered by someone other than "Daddy"! She goes on to say that the figure may be even higher, stating women might avoid "medical tests unless absolutely necessary." WE NEED MANDATORY PATERNITY TESTING AT BIRTH RIGHT NOW!!!"*

Thomas writing now: Sorry I'm late getting this posted.

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Child support agencies not doing their "job"

Adam · 31 March 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"The Senate voted Tuesday for an additional $6 billion for child care for welfare recipients. This increase in welfare begs a few questions: If the huge amount of federal money spent to subsidize the government attack on "dead beat dads" is in place to supposedly decrease the burden of taxpayers in an effort to support single mother homes, then perhaps the anti-father collection agencies backed by our government's forces aren't functioning correctly. Or perhaps these agencies exist for the sole purpose of attacking heterosexual males as run by feminist power bureaucracies, as huge budgets will get allocated for welfare needs anyway? One opponent of this additional money, Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said a $1 billion increase already built into the legislation was sufficient. "The idea that there isn't enough money out there for day care is a ruse," Santorum said. "What this is about is a social policy that people should be more and more dependent upon government." Article is*

here"

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Vote on "If... women ruled the world" good or bad

Adam · 1 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"The BBC broadcast a programme called "If... women ruled the world". I discuss it on my blog. BBC - "If... women ruled the world" - Don't Blink You Might Miss The Men Talking.*

"All the drama-documentaries in the IF series are based on rigorous journalism and research, here's just a few facts about how women's roles have changed, and could continue to change in the future."

I'm tempted to say that it was researched as well as weapons of mass destruction were researched before the Iraq invasion.

Anyway, at If... women ruled the world you can vote on "Would a women's world be a better place?" Currently 55% No. Can we get it higher?"

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25 Greatest Getaways for Men by MSN

Adam · 1 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *" We've found the best places you've never been. The map is in your hands. All you have to do is pack a bag and walk out the door. Here is a little pro-male reporting from the typically misandric MSN crew. Enjoy, and perhaps take a trip."*

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Do We Need a Men's Rights Movement?

Thomas · 1 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The Christian Science Monitor is having a poll on whether or not there should be a men's rights movement.

Unfortunately, they missed the boat by having as the only two options, "No. Men still enjoy a privileged position," and "Yes. Casual male-bashing has become too commonplace." Casual male-bashing is hardly the only anti-male discrimination in a society, where men and boys are disappearing from the educational system; male suicide is rampant; far more money is put into researching female-specific diseases than male-specific diseases; for a given crime men receive far more severe sentences than women; paternity fraud is pandemic; men are railroaded in divorce and child custody determinations; domestic violence by women against men is either ignored or excused as self-defense; men account for 94% of workplace fatalities, and there is a federal Office of Women's Health but no federal Office of Men's Health, despite the fact that on average women outlive men by the better part of a decade — to name a few items.

If you'd like, you can vote here. When I last checked, the poll was running 81% in favor of a men's movement.

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IWF dismisses men's concerns

Adam · 2 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes ″

Notice their commentary reflecting a lack of sympathy for men paying C/S and then on to talking about what happened recently in Iraq. Do they suppose those Iraqi men were raised by their fathers? And I won't even start on the question of whether or not anyone, male or female can be trained to be killer or for that matter, whether they appreciate being invaded and occupied.

This is again part of the general dismissal of men's issues I find so offensive, coupled with a lack of ability to analyze situations that come from too many people of both sexes these days. Really makes me want to move out. I suppose the idea of paternity fraud doesn't strike IWF as being patently unfair, or the sexist selective service, etc., etc.?

I am sure in their own way groups like IWF mean well but the truth is, they're still feminists. They don't care a whit about men except in so far as we are useful in some way to women."

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Fred on the Feminization of America

Adam · 4 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"In his usual haphazard, insightful and amusing fashion, Fred Reed once again hits several nails on the head:* To quote: *"In the United States women are, I think for the first time in history, gaining real power. What will be the consequences? ... Men use [power] to conquer their neighbors whether in business or war, women to impose security and pleasantness. ... Just about everything that once defined masculinity is now denounced as "macho," a hostile word embodying the female incomprehension of men. ... The question may be whether one fears most being conquered or being nicened to death. ... Men are happy for men to be men and women to be women; women want us all to be women."*

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The time for revolution is now!

Adam · 4 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes "
Stephen Baskerville has compiled the most accurate assessment of the anti-father police state machinery. This article clearly exposes the horrendously misandric governmental controls that has been spawned by the relentless machinations of feminism and right wing criminology on fathers. "Virtually every major social pathology has been linked to fatherless children: violent crime, drug and alcohol abuse, truancy, unwed pregnancy, suicide, and psychological disorders—all correlating more strongly with fatherlessness than with any other single factor. Tragically, however, government policies intended to deal with the "fatherhood crisis" have been ineffective at best because the root cause is not child abandonment by fathers but policies that give mothers an incentive to initiate marital separation and divorce." Forward this article to everyone you know!"

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Man fighting for equal rights.

Adam · 5 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"In this article*

Christian Tompras can't get a seat on Chesterfield Township Republican Committee because he's a man. This married 43-year-old Saint Louis University law student plans to sue, alleging that Missouri's committeeman/committeewoman setup violates federal and state anti-discrimination laws. His papers were rejected because state law mandates that only a woman can run for this post. Once again the Associated Press (AP) and the Boston Globe have relegated government sanctioned sexism against men as an "Odds and Ends" news report, whereas if this were to happen to a woman it would be all over the media.. Hasn't society suffered enough due to feminist inspired lawsuits that simply hint of sexism, yet our own government and the same feminists that created these very same types of lawsuits support overt sexism against men? Lets get behind this one…"

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Misandric Dairy Queen commercial

Adam · 5 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Shortly after the misandric Capital One commercial, I also saw the last part of a misandric Dairy Queen commercial in which a toddler head butts and kicks his dad in the groin because dad didn't share his food.*

To complain about this commercial to Dairy Queen, please go to:

here

Steve"

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Justice Denied to Abused & Murdered Boys

Adam · 6 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *"A Texas woman who brutally battered two of her young sons to death with rocks in a barbaric act of domestic violence was found not guilty by reason of insanity: Rock kills boys - Female "not guilty" A third son was left badly damaged. It was revealed that "hearing voices" was one of the criteria she met for insanity. Isn't it an ironic coincidence that women's voices, pleading for lenient sentencing, are more frequently "heard" by our courts than male voices pleading for justice. It appears no one in that court "heard" the cries of those three little boys."*

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Domestic violence propaganda in California

Adam · 6 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Severin writes *"This article discusses a group called WEAVE (Women Escaping a Violent Environment) based out of Sacramento, CA. It would appear that this group is promoting a very one-sided picture of domestic violence and is doing it in the public schools in front of, as the author of the article states, "a captive audience of students." A read of their website is also rather enlightening, and frustrating. I intend to write them, directing them to some appropriate alternative viewpoints. Anyone else want in on this?"*

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Sacks Condemns CA Senate Assault on Fathers

Adam · 7 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User writes "*In the LaMusga move-away case, the California Supreme Court is currently debating how to best preserve the bonds between children and their parents after a divorce. By contrast, Senate President Pro Tem John Burton (D-San Francisco) is trying to slip a bill through the legislature to make it easier for custodial parents to sever these bonds by slipping out of town."*
See Glenn's article on the bill here"\I>

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Again With The "Strange News"

Adam · 8 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Here we go again... Anything a female does wrong is automatically considered "Strange News". Fifteen months for buying beer? Right! Sounds to me like she got a sweetheart deal for a perverted little fetish of getting naked in front of young boys.*

It goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway. Switch the genders. I know she did not admit to, nor was she convicted of, the stripping thing. But substitute a man in her position buying beer for young girls. For one thing, it would be called "plieing them with alcohol" rather than just "buying beer". And only 15 months, sure...."

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New legislation announced today

Adam · 9 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"California State Senator Bill Morrow (R-Oceanside) today announced he is authoring Senate Bill 1335, a legislative "Academic Bill of Rights" designed to protect students and promote learning in California's public universities and colleges.*

Senate Bill 1335 would implement several affirmative principles that protect the academic freedom of students and faculty. The legislation would direct the California State University system and California Community Colleges to adopt the safeguards. SB 1335 would recommend voluntary adoption by the Board of Regents of the more autonomous University of California system. The principles include:

(partial list)

Faculty shall expose students to the spectrum of significant scholarly viewpoints on the subjects examined in their courses and not use the courses as platforms for the purpose of ideological, religious or anti-religious indoctrination.

Selection of visiting speakers, allocation of speaker program funds, and related activities shall observe the principles of academic freedom and intellectual pluralism."

"The only question I asked Sen. Morrow was, "How will this legislation affect the historically biased veiwpoint that women's studies programs have historically presented concerning all "men?" I await his reply.

If you live in California I urge you to write and call Senator Morrow in support of this legislation at:

Senator Bill Morrow -
State Capitol, Room 4048 -
Sacramento, CA 95814 -
Phone: (916) 445-3731 - or email: Senator.Morrow@sen.ca.gov

If this submission is posted I will post more of this bills points from the email sent to me. I have been unable to find a link to this bills contents."

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More 'Oddly Enough' on Yahoo's news site

Adam · 9 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Article.*

Of course if she had been a he... we all know that he'd be in jail and get fined!

Maybe we ought to start an e-mail write-in campaign to Yahoo re its sexist 2x-standard placement of when-she-was-bad stories in the "Oddly Enough" section vs. placing the when-he-was-bad stories right up on the front page. Any takers?"

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AP: Women and children only may leave Fallujah

Adam · 11 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"The following AP article speaks volumes about the expendability of civilian men in Fallujah, Iraq:*
here
"A stream of hundreds of cars carrying women, children and elderly headed out of the city after Marines announced they would be allowed to leave. Families pleaded to be allowed to take out men, and when Marines refused, some entire families turned back."
In fairness to the Marines, almost all of those killed in Iraq have also been men as well - Steve"

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Grown men need to grow up apparently

Adam · 11 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Jim writes *"This article from the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. examines the reasons why so many men are apparently still living with their parents well into their 30's and 40's. I thought this would be an objective look into an interesting subject, but it soon becomes obvious after a few paragraphs that this is not an even-handed article. Who agrees?"*

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Domestic Abuse Helpline For Men Fundraiser

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Luek writes *"No Excuse For Abuse*

The Domestic Abuse Helpline For Men is having a fundraiser of $20,000 dollars to purchase more space to carryout the ever growing number of cases of domestic abuse against men that are coming its way. So far as I can tell there has been a whooping $2,000 raised for this noble effort! Have all the men and women who visit this site sent in a contribution? You can donate by Paypal on site. I have!

The call volume to our toll free 24x7 helpline has quadrupled in the over three years we have been in existence. For over three years we have worked out of a small home office responding to callers from all across the U.S. 24 hours a day, developing trainings, mailing requested materials, and setting up annual educational conferences on male victimization etc. Now is the time to start expanding our services and capabilities! There is a building for sale nearby that has just the space we need to accommodate offices for our volunteer staff and a larger room to hold trainings, support groups and other meetings."

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Bumbling Dad Ads

Adam · 11 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

MB-Chicago writes *"Clueless Dads*

Search: Bumbling Dad Ads

Ads have found new fall guys to sell products

By Theresa Howard, USA TODAY

Clueless men and bumbling dads have been the laughing stock of Madison Avenue lately. With political correctness putting an ever-increasing portion of the population off limits for humorous situations, advertisers are increasingly casting straight males as folks who can't cook, drive or watch the kids without making a mess of it."

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We are looking for 50 good men and women

Tom · 12 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Are you tired of seeing good men shot down by bad laws and bad courts? Are you tired of the feminist propaganda being the status quo?

If you are please join us and take a stand at the href="http://www.mensrights2004.com"> Men's Rights Congress this

June 18-19 in Washington DC. If these issues are important to you please

drop what you are doing and join us. We need you to be there. Our goal is to

gather a sizable number of men and women to make a strong statement that our

issues deserve to be addressed. We have a goal of registering at least 50

people by May 15th. If you are planning to come, as many of you are,

please sign up now. In the event that we don't get a good turnout we

will likely cancel the event so *href="http://www.mensrights2004.com/reg.php3">please sign up now.*
All too often men's

events such as this are under-attended and we are determined not to let that

happen for this event. Join us! Take a stand at the U.S. Capitol on

Capitol Hill. Be there.

We have gotten a great response from presenters and leaders from around the

country who are planning to be with us. Scott Garman, the creator of MANN

will be among them. Come and meet Scott along with Steven Baskerville, Jack

Kammer, Michael Geanoulis and many others. Mike is a member of the New

Hampshire Men's Commission and will be presenting one of many planned

sessions. Glenn Sacks and Warren Farrell may also be attending.

If you can't come please consider offering a href="http://www.mensrights2004.com/reg.php3">scholarship or making a
donation to the cause. If you are worried about money let us know. We
will

do whatever we can to help you attend including help in finding affordable

housing.

We must all hang together,

or most assuredly we shall all hang separately. - Benjamin Franklin, 1776

If you won't take a stand who will?

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Womenforhire.com

Hombre · 12 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"Got an email from careerbuilder.com advertising a WomenForHire (www.womenforhire.com) event in the DC area. Immediately my blood pressure went up. Do they do MenForHire conferences? No.*

Calls to their office at (212) 580-6100 nets one a less-than-ideal response. Comments, they say, are taken via e-mail at jami@womenforhire.com.

Let them know what you think of their sexist ways. Would "MenForHire" or "WhitesForHire" stand a chance of going unchallenged? Why let this go unchallenged?"

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Refuting the "Self-Defense" DV argument

Hombre · 12 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"In the recent discussion at mensactivism.org, an anonymous poster (who sounds like the male feminist known as "ampersand") quotes Dr. Richard Gelles as saying that domestic violence by women is often self defense or retaliation. I wrote a response but I don't see it posting. I think it's important that men's rights activists all be aware of why the "self defense" argument is unfounded. Too many of us go silent when confronted with it due to lack of awareness about the research, and feminists are using this as a very misleading tool. Below is a response I wrote to the anonymous poster on the issue in which I give references to some very good refutations of the self-defense argument. Anyone who is not familiar enough with the "self defense" argument should look up the sources and be prepared to answer it when the argument comes up, which it will.*

*Marc"*Anon, You quote Richard Gelles in a 1994 article in which he implies that domestic violence by women is often self defense or retaliation. I provide a link (below) to a thorough refutation of the "self-defense" argument (which stems from the claim that the Conflict Tactics Scale used by many studies does not ask about context or self-defense).

But first, you should know that your 1994 source is outdated and that Gelles later took a completely different position in his 1999 article, "The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence: Male Victims," in which he states: "contrary to the claim that women only hit in self-defense, we found that women were as likely to initiate the violence as were men. In order to correct for a possible bias in reporting, we reexamined our data looking only at the self-reports of women. The women reported similar rates of female-to-male violence compared to male-to-female, and women also reported they were as likely to initiate the violence as were men." http://www.ncfmla.org/gelles.html

Gelles' email is on the article and you are free to email him, as I did, to confirm that he stands by this 1999 article.

When Gelles spoke at the San Diego DV Conference in California in 2003, someone asked him, "but couldn't a person 'initiate' DV as an act of self-defense when they see an assault coming?" Gelles, answered, "that is true, on BOTH ends" (i.e., both women and men can strike in self-defense). (Interestingly, feminists have been citing studies that use the Conflict Tactics Scale for decades to show figures on female violence, including the Department of Justice studies, and it is only when the same studies show high numbers of male victims that feminists suddenly find problems with the Conflict Tactics Scale.)

In 1997, Dr. Murray Straus, who was Gelles' research partner, explains this shift in beliefs when he says: "In previous work I have explained the high rate of attacks on partners by women as largely a response to or a defense against assault by the partner. However, new evidence raises questions about that interpretation." After explaining, Straus then says: "one can conclude that the research on who hit first does not support the hypothesis that assaults by women are primarily acts of self-defense or retaliation." (Quoted from pages 213 and 215 of "Physical Assaults

by Women Partners: A Major Social Problem," published in the 1997 issue of "Women, Men, & Gender; Ongoing Debates.")

In a recent paper, Dr. David Fontes, who is the Employee Assistance Program manager for the California Department of Social Services, thoroughly refutes the self defense myth. He references several studies that inquired about motives, context and self defense and shows how those studies found that women and men initiate DV for very much the same reasons, most often "to get through to" their partners, and that self defense accounts for only a small percentage of the violence by either sex. Fontes also goes into the important issues relating to injuries and "aggregate violence." ("Violent Touch," available at http://www.safe4all.org/essays/vtbreak.pdf , go to page 34.)

Still recently, Dr. Martin Fiebert and Dr. Denise Gonzales of California State University surveyed 978 college women at Cal State Long Beach and found that 29 percent of them committed violence against their male partners. Their top three reasons were: "My partner was not sensitive to my needs," "I wished to gain my partner's attention," and "my partner was not listening to me." www.batteredmen.com/fiebertg.htm This supports the research cited by Fontes in "Violent Touch."

Dr. John Archer further refutes the self defense argument in a meta-analysis in the November 2000 issue of the Psychological Bulletin., a top-notch, peer reviewed academic journal published by the American Psychological Association. Dr. Martin Fiebert references Archer's meta-analysis in his bibliography at http://www.csulb.edu/%7Emfiebert/assault.htm, which summarizes 150 scholarly investigations, all of which show that "women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners."

Again, for a thorough refutation of the self defense argument I highly recommend Dr. David Fontes' Violent Touch" at http://www.safe4all.org/essays/vtbreak.pdf It is easy to reach, thorough, and addresses other important issues as well, such as injury rates and "aggregate violence."

Marc

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Woman closed airport to avoid vacation with boyfriend

Hombre · 12 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"No one here will be suprised to learn that a woman fabricated a story for personal gain (yet she still is a "victim")and the system was easy on her. In this case a Woman closed an airport to avoid a vacation with boyfriend. The threat prompted authorities to shut down Germany's third busiest airport on a busy Sunday in September, stranding 64,000 people for hours, while police searched in vain for a bomb. The woman was given a suspended sentence after admitting in court that she called authorities and, in a hoax, made an al Qaeda bomb threat because her parents disapproved of her boyfriend. If a male had done this, you know that he would have been locked up for a long, long time. Again, this story is listed under the "unusual article" section, damn spin sisters."*

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Freedom is scary to some, no?

Adam · 12 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Here we have a interesting article called Heather's Compromise by Terrence O. Moore which is quite simply, A morally bankrupt shaming ploy. Indeed, the whole article can be summed up this one quote "*Though women can command higher salaries, they have ceased to be able to command men.*"
He also wrote an similar entilted article Wimps and Barbarians given the spate of articles like this, the status quo folk must getting worried about our advocacy efforts. It is crucial that we as men are not dependant on others for our self worth, and that we are not shamed into doing things for certain demographic groups (you know who you are!) that harm and compromise us. Still, at least the self flagellant stance in the articles will make for a good discussion eh?

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ACLU appeals to only-women-are-battered myth

Matt · 13 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mcc99 writes *"The ACLU has, like Amnesty International, been overtaken by feminists. Like AI they try to keep it quiet but it comes out every now and then unequivolcally in what they choose for their causes. Thus an organization that started off as being good and noble and a necessary corrective has become a force for feminist indoctrination and promulgation of women's-interests-only-need-be-considered thinking. ACLU won't touch men's issues with a 20' pole but will happily promulgate feminist myths of all kinds. Like AI it champions a number of gender-non-specific causes and then when it finds a feminist one, it goes all-out advertising it and pushing it. They try to avoid getting noticed for their bias but alas they cannot help but be scrutinized.*

ACLU's latest offense can be seen in their recent action item at:
http://www.aclu.org/CriminalJustice/CriminalJustic e.cfm?ID=9955&c=249

Get this in the second talking-point item:

"Many victims' organizations oppose the amendment. Victims' rights groups like the National Network to End Domestic Violence, Citizens for the Fair Treatment of Victims and the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women oppose the amendment because they are concerned that battered women -- who are often arrested and charged with assaulting their batterers -- would lose the right to a fair trial and presumed innocence. Other victims' groups are concerned that giving victims the 'right to a trial free from unreasonable delay" will force hasty prosecutions that result in the wrong person being convicted.'"

Their feedback form URL is:
https://www.aclu.org/feedback/feedback.cfm

Let them know what you think of their tactics to demonize men at the same time they seek to guarantee presumed innocence - not like men charghed in DV or other he said-she said cases are presumed innocent, anyway, is it?"

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Man gets 15 to 225 years for phone harassment

Adam · 14 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A man who harassed more than 40 women whose names he got from accident reports and obituaries that ran in local newspapers was sentenced to 15-225 years in prison along with 46 years of probation after his release. The guy definitely has some problems, but I would suspect that if the sexes were reversed in this case, this story wouldn't have even made the news, and the woman would have got nothing more than a little slap on the hand. article"*

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Call to Protect Abused Children From Men (?!)

Adam · 14 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"NOW-NYS Demands Federal Investigation - Family Courts Fail to Protect Abused Children: A National Crisis (click) For Immediate Release Maybe we should support this, but not for the reasons given by NOW... Is it possible they really don't get it?"*

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A One Stop Divorce Shop in Virginia

Hombre · 15 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Here is a very interesting letter that was sent anonymously to Mensactivism, that wound up as post #93 in the discussion on "Domestic Violence Propaganda in CA," and is entitled, A One Stop Divorce Shop In Virginia. I am very pleased that Mensactivism has reached a level of integrity, where someone feels confident enough to send/post such a letter. I forwarded it on to "appropriate authorities" as best I could, and requested that they try to further ascertain allegations made in the body of the letter. Lastly, in post # 94 of that thread, is a copy of my forwarding email, REGARDING:A One Stop Divorce Shop In Virginia that I sent directly to Anon."*

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We have bigger lawyer problems than ACLU

Hombre · 15 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

MAUS writes *"Look at what was submitted to Dear Abby as advice on how to deal with unwanted flirting. If this group of lawyers is anything like their counterpart in Canada they are composed of lesbians with marine sergeant haircuts, little round Leon Trotsky glasses and snears that would intimidate a rottweiller. And they are bent upon making heterosexuality as illegal as possible. I know this will make a great forum discussion and I think it might be a nice gesture if we gleaned the best of that discussion and sent it as a reply both to Abby and this "ERA" group of lawyers."*

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"What Are Men's Issues?" Introductory Flyer

Scott · 16 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

After many delays, I've finally converted Steve van Valkenburg's What Are Men's Issues? document to PDF format to make it available for easier distribution. Click on the link to download it or find it in the *Activism Projects* box on the right side of the main page. We encourage everyone to download, print, and distribute this document wherever appropriate. It's a wonderful introduction and summary of men's issues and is a great resource to be used in men's advocacy. I'd like to thank Steve and everyone who contributed to its creation for doing such a professional job!

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You Are What You Learn

Adam · 16 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"This study says Girls Have Been Faster Learners, but faster learners of what? And what biases of the reasearchers led them to conclude that what girls learn is what boys should also learn? Are educational researchers telling males, "This is a woman's world," rather than taking a more objective approach showing that the sexes learn different things at different rates based on their interests, and perhaps their "hard wired" genetic differences?"*

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Females dominate teaching in Nova Scotia

Adam · 16 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A shortage of male teachers is causing concerns in Nova Scotia. "Many elementary students come from single-parent families typically headed by women, and they can benefit in many ways from exposure to positive male role models at school." Except 80% of school teachers are female.*

Maybe they need some affirmative action to encourage men to go back into teaching.

Read the story here"

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Sororities scrutinized-- in a manner of speaking

Matt · 17 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

There's so much to say on this, I don't know where to begin! A book written by an undercover 'investogator' re sorority life in America. She ends the review saying they have really great parties. The usual rape stuff is mentioned, too. I am not surprised MSN carried this review. Frankly I think this is a work of fiction. Thoughts?

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Convicted Women Drunk Drivers Are Victims.

Adam · 17 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"For many women drunken drivers, jail not a cure*
Prisons need to offer gender-based treatment options, officials say
But some prison officials have concluded that the system has to improve the type of treatment it offers and come up with more gender-specific programs.

Women often have a harder time than male alcoholics re-integrating themselves into the community after they have been punished, said Sandy DeYoung, a social worker who counsels female alcoholics at Taycheedah.

"The stigma of going to prison for a woman is huge," DeYoung said. "It adds shame and guilt to the underlying reasons they have for drinking in the first place.

"The issues for women are different than men. That's been a problem we didn't understand for a long time."

"It's absolutely amazing how many of these women have been sexually abused. Eating disorders are huge in here. The issues just pile on and on." article
here"

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Domestic Violence

Adam · 17 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Dr. Stephen Baskerville writes of yet another atroctity committed by our government against men (and their families) in his article. Violence Against Women Panel Commits Violence Against Democracy. In this election year, it appears the Bush administration has no desire to offend any of the potential voters in that multi-billion taxpayer ripoff, (cesspool of corruption) known as the domestic violence industry. It likewise appears he has no care about offending every voting male in America, including this registered Republican."*

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False Accusations and Justice - or lack thereof

Adam · 18 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"In the story about the 19 year old student who faked her own abduction it is revealed that the police (in looking for a "male suspect") had a gun to the head of one male fitting their profileFalse Accuser and Her Victim.*

The 19 year old student has been charged with two misdemeanor counts of obstructing officers, each carrying up to a 9-month jail sentence plus a fine.
False Accuser Student Charged. In looking over the facts involved in this chaotic series of events one can only wonder, "Has justice been served, and if so, how?""

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College student charged in fake abduction

Adam · 19 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Jeff writes *"It's okay that she fabricated the assualt and abduction (here) ...she is a "young woman upset by a fading relationship with her boyfriend, Ryan Fisher. Friends said the two had been fighting, and Seiler's roommate, Heather Thue, told officers that Fisher did not pay as much attention to Seiler as she wanted. Seiler's mother told police her daughter had not been herself lately and was "extremely needy" of Fisher.""*

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Life as a guy (Ah, L'Amour)

Adam · 19 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

While This is going in the humour section, I doubt most guys will find this funny, here's a link to Life as a guy (Asf File) there's some history behind it in case you're interested. make of it what you will.

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The tip of the iceberg...

Matt · 20 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

PJ writes *"Would it be about time to establish a database of the false accusers?*
(You might need to login for free to NYTimesonline to view the story: "Study Suspects Thousands of False Convictions")"

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Woman "Wins" Boston Marathon

Matt · 20 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Woman "Wins" Boston Marathon*

...with a half-hour head start. Why don't the men get the head start? Oh I know, so a woman can be first to cross the line thereby "winning". Also I'm sure that the leading men had to also deal with the obstacles of lagging females thereby increasing their times.

Upon reading the first sentence, I was thrilled to see that a female had won the whole thing. I really do want a woman to win so that they can then get rid of these silly men's/women's divisions. Once a woman wins, they can no longer claim that it is some kind of biological obstacle preventing them from winning.

Her time was actually 14 minutes slower than the winner of the "men's race". Geez, I can run two miles in 14 minutes and I hardly consider myself to be a runner at all.

I don't know how they record these things, but is she actually declared the official winner? Also, how many men finished under 2:24:27?"

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No Such Thing as a Free Lunch

Thomas · 20 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

This is apparently yet another case of a woman falsely accusing a man of rape. The man, who was accused of rape, has filed a lawsuit for just over $25 million. (He is, of course, identified by name, while the alleged false-accuser is simply called "Amy Doe" in the suit.)

It would be good to see successful civil suits against false accusers, but the plague of false accusations is unlikely to abate until lengthy prison sentences are meted out to perpetrators of this monstrous crime.

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Another son-murdering mother

Thomas · 20 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Matt writes *"It's getting so routine, isn't it? Read it and weep:*

Bet she'll get put into an 'institution' for the 'criminally insane'. Men get prison. Women get psychiatry. And boys continue to get murdered by their mothers without any real effort to stop it.

Things like this continue to confirm my decision to remain unmarried and childless. America, sow what you reap."

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American Men: Brace Yourselves

Thomas · 20 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The drumbeat to reinstitute the draft is growing louder.

American men need to gird themselves for being called up to fight, kill, be maimed, and die at rates far greater than those faced by women. At the same time it's a safe bet that, if women are drafted, they will on the whole not only be given far safer positions than men. They will be given positions in which they will learn skills with which they can later make a comfortable living. And no doubt we will still hear about how oppressed women are.

In addition, numerous high ranking officers will be women, who have never had to face combat. In many cases these women will determine where the male-draftees will be sent to suffer the hell of war.

The majority- (read "female-") elected government is preparing to come for you.

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No Wonder Australia Is Collapsing

Thomas · 20 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

This piece is from Pru Goward, the federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner of Australia. Note the standard, feminist distortions and lies about "the greater poverty, violence and earnings disparity suffered by women." Also note that she cops the feminist attitude that generally goes along the lines of "it's men's fault" or "men can't handle strong, independent women" rather than addressing the many legitimate grievances presented by the men's movement.

Australian men might consider doing themselves a few favors: Give women as little preferential treatment as possible in the workplace; avoid marriage; do your best not to become responsible for some woman's children (by law, they won't be your children).

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A Witch-hunt at the University of Colorado?

Thomas · 21 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Frankly, the sexual assault scandals at both the Air Force Academy and CU have had the foul smell of witch-hunts from the start. In this essay, Wendy McElroy gives her take on the growing skepticism in response to claims of sexual assault.

On the whole, I think this is a fine piece, but I do have to take some exception to her statement, "I was raped years ago. As a teenager, I ran away from home and lived on the streets, which placed me in a high-risk category for violence. Were I to go to Richard Grego right now, would he listen with sympathy or skepticism? If the answer is "skepticism," should I blame Grego or the university/tax-funded program of false awareness that pushed a compassionate person toward disbelief?"

No blame should be attached to the skepticism. Every accusation of a crime should be viewed with skepticism until it is shown that the crime did, in fact, take place.

I can speak about this with the perspective that comes with personal experience. I was raped when I was 14. But my statement regarding the matter should be viewed with skepticism by those who weren't witnesses.

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MSN covers unfaithful wives

Matt · 21 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Surprised to see this on MSN.

Usually MSN's line is as we know, "men are the cheaters, women are not." I note the speed with which MSN pulls in "experts" to explain away the causes, however. How about just this: Long-term monogamy doesn't come naturally for most people of either sex. Why is this so hard for so many people to accept when experience bears it out again and again?

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Men for Justice Website

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Men for Justice is a new Website dealing with men's issues. People who were involved in "The Great Erasure" at Men's News Daily will see, as site builders, a number of others, who were involved.

I have to admit that I've only glanced over part of this site, so I can't speak for all of it. But what I've seen looks damned good.

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Mousey Got No Daddy

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Well, scientists have now done it with mammals. Two female mice have been used to reproduce without the need for a male parent. A lot of high-tech tricks had to be used to pull this off, but the implications for humans may ultimately be profound.

Perhaps.

Actually, I have to say that this type of thing used to concern me, but it doesn't any more. For one thing, I'm convinced that men will become able to reproduce without women at about the same time that women will become able to reproduce without men. For another thing, I think that feminism and political correctness have already sent us reeling toward disaster to such an extent that these scientific wonders will soon be the least of the problems faced by male-female relations. It won't much matter if a few women and men have children without each other, when the vast majority of women and men are having no children at all.

Anyway, I do find this stuff fascinating.

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Denver's 9news.com promulgates wage gap myth

Thomas · 22 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *Here we go again with the wage gap myth, this time from Denver's 9news.com. Their article states that "Colorado women won't close the 'wage gap,' which limits their earning power compared to men, until 2040."*

What about the extra overtime worked by men when their wives work part time due to childcare? What about how the money is actually spent?

Steve"

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No climbing up the balconies Fathers 4 Justice

Adam · 22 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *""When an ordinary person is pushed to an extreme, they become capable of extraordinary things. The Rising - Fathers 4 Justice Documentary by Kevin Keating"*

There's a free showing of the Fathers 4 Justice documentary "The Rising" next Wednesday, 28th April in London. It includes the Fathers 4 Justice march and Spiderman who climbed a crane near Tower Bridge and stopped London traffic for several days and helped put father's rights on the map.
See Men's Hour Blog for details."

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www.stopthedraft.com

Matt · 23 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Please visit http://www.stopthedraft.com/ . You will have access there to articles that have been published re the US gov't's plans to reinstate the draft. Visit http://thomas.loc.gov/ and type "national service" in the search box and hit "Search". The first two hits will be the two bills on the House and Senate describing the "National Service" plan to make all 18-to-25-year-olds required to perform "national service" for two years, presumably mostly military service but also other kinds as determined by the authorities.

While these bills make females subject to the draft, they also allow the gov't to determine how people will serve the country, either in military or non-military roles. You can be quite sure that women will not be required to don uniforms in the same number as men, nor will they be required/expected to go into combat. Do you think any of these coffins hold women, and if they do, do they hold nearly as many women as men? If men do not stand up against this, it is us who will lose our own lives, freedoms (what we have of them), and watch our sons, nephews, and grand-sons have to deal with this situation. If we do not stand up for ourselves, who will?Those of us with teen-aged children/relatives need especially to be very concerned with this development, as well as anyone under the age of, I'd say, 22. There is bi-partisan support for this in the Congress and the only person of administrative rank and real policy influence in the current administration who really opposes it is Sec'y of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, only because he feels conscripts are more trouble than they are worth. But he can be persuaded and I predict he will be as long as US military retention rates drop and morale sags, and/or the war in Iraq continues to get more intense.

I predict the vote on the two "National Service" bills will come at latest in January 2005, perhaps before then (but after November when the elections are over). Both GW and John Kerry have endorsed this idea. Historically when the president has asked for conscription, he has gotten it. Both of the major candidates support it. It will happen - unless the people make it clear it won't be tolerated.

Please get busy with this, contacting your legislators on state and federal levels (use http://www.congress.org/congressorg/home/ to look up contact info.), if you do not want to see young Americans forced to serve in the armed forces. If you do, then do nothing, for most assuredly it will happen if you don't.

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Sexist attack against "The Donald"

Matt · 23 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Here is an editorial article by Rabbi Smuley Boteach attacking Donald Trump because based on situations Rabbi Smuley could not possibly know to be true, he asserts that "The Donald" can't be a hero because he allegedly doesn't honor women. There is so much bias against men and so much blind "honoring" of women in this article, I think we all need to write to him and tell him how biased he is and why he is so wrong on so many fronts, as respectfully as possible considering his title. How and where is he wrong? I could no doubt write a book and am drafting my comments to him tonight. There is a link to email your comments at the bottom of the editorial web page."*

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L.A. Times Prints NCFM-LA Letter Citing Data on DV

Matt · 23 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci writes *"Mineke Schipper is a feminist who is getting publicity for her book in which she digs up proverbs, from all over the world, that are negative toward women and then uses these proverbs to help spread stereotypes and one-sided distortions about gender and domestic violence. The Los Angeles Times ran her op-ed a few days ago. Today they printed this http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/letters/la-le-violence23apr23,0,7034554.story?coll=la-news-comme nt-letters letter from NCFM-LA in response. Unfortunately they cut out the web link to Dr. Fiebert's bibliography, but at least they printed the letter. Note the interesting letter following it by a Rabbi who quotes female-positive proverbs from the Bible that Schipper never mentions, and then says, "I guess this makes the Bible a radical feminist document." (The web link will probably break after about a day or two.)"*

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Feminism vs. Male Sexuality

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Here is an interesting essay from the Website Men for Justice. It discusses the extent to which feminism has been waging war on male sexuality for decades. And for those, who are inclined to fall for the lie that feminism was a noble movement in the 60s and 70s, I'll emphasize the dates of the following quotes from feminist leaders.

"The nuclear family must be destroyed, and people must find better ways of living together.... Whatever its ultimate meaning, the breakup of families now is an objectively revolutionary process.... No woman should have to deny herself any opportunities because of her special responsibilities to her children...."
" Functions of the Family," WOMEN: A Journal of Liberation, Fall, **1969** - Linda Gordon

"We can't destroy the inequities between men and women until we destroy marriage."
From Sisterhood Is Powerful, (ed), **1970**, p. 537 - Robin Morgan

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New Web Resource on Family Law

Scott · 24 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Tom James writes *"Family Law Source is a new web site that has been set up to provide information on family law topics, including custody, child support, domestic violence, and many others. It includes links to the laws of all 50 states and the federal government, books, articles, and a growing list of links to related web sites and helping organizations."*

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Activism time

Adam · 25 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

LSBeene writes *"A girl who had consensual sex with 3 boys in a school bathroom later claimed it was rape. The boys went through the hellish ordeal of being accused rapists. The girls story quickly fell apart and she confessed to lying. The interesting parts: 1) the forensic evidence originally said to be VERY CLEAR that she WAS raped. Now that same evidence is "inconclusive". 2) The boys (15-18/yo) have had their names dragged through the "accused rapist" mill, while the girl, even after she confessed to lying, will remain anonymous. 3) Also, the DA says no charges will be filed, and that he'll recommend the girl get "help". 4) At the high school, AFTER the confession, administrators, parents, and students had a meeting to discuss "the incident and other safety issues". The feminist buzz words for concentrating on rape, which didn't happen, the girl, who is the only criminal here, and boys sexuality. No mention of a discussion on how to safeguard boys from false accusations or any invites of men's advocates mentioned. (big surprise)*
Link to article:here

Let's write a few letters on this one? I have all the E-mail addresses and will post them as my first post, with my letter, once this gets "up".
Steven"

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More anti-male commercials

Adam · 25 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here are some more anti-male commercials for you guys to ponder. One is from SuperCuts, a hair salon/barbershop. In the commercial it shows young men trying to describe what kind of hair style they want. The stylists (female) always interrupt them with a smart-ass remark like, "soemthing that says I don't live in my parents basement" or something to the effect of not looking like a failure in women's eyes. Also, Ford has not listened to you guys - they have come up with a commercial that shows a wife folding seats and preparing the kids safety seats while the husband struggles with the stroller. At the end she does it for him with ease and he's left standing there."*

It's activism day today, so can anyone verify?

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Domestic Violence Against Men Being Recognized

Adam · 25 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes "
Here is an article about how slowly but surely domestic violence against men is being recognized in Britain.

According to the article there are now 3 shelters for men in Britain but women still have something like 500+ devoted to them only.

article here

BTW: How many have contributed $ to the only domestic abuse helpline for men that I know of in the US at:

No Excuse For Abuse"

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Fourth annual Genital Integrity Awareness Week

Matt · 26 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Genital Integrity Awareness Week

The fourth annual Genital Integrity Awareness Week is in Philadelphia May 1-7 with demonstrations at the Pennsylvania Convention Center lead by the International Coalition for Genital Integrity (ICGI) picketing the national conference of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) for performing non-therapeutic infant circumcisions.

More details... click "Read More"Obstetricians and gynecologists perform half of the circumcisions in the United States. Technically, they are trained only to deal with female anatomy, yet they have published a male circumcision brochure that explains the so-called "benefits" of the male genital surgery they are willing to perform for $350 or more each. Seven out of eight
OBs in the Northeastern states perform circumcisions. Activists will be demonstrating outside the ACOG convention to remind obstetricians they took an oath to "First, do no harm". By performing unnecessary circumcisions, obstetricians are violating their oath, risking litigation, and putting their patients at short-term and long-term risk, plus the disadvantages of being circumcised.

"We are focusing on the rights of every child to an intact body," ICGI director Dan Bollinger says.

ICGI is joined with Stop Infant Circumcision Society (SIC Society), and the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers (NOCIRC) in a week of activities (May 1-7) with marches, demonstrations, and an education fair.

Demonstrations will be at 12th and Arch Streets.

A Federal law protecting girls from genital cutting was passed in 1996 and activists are asking for equal protection for boys and intersex children.

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More Misandry

Adam · 26 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

35699 writes *"Latest commercial from Cooper Tires focuses on the wife telling her husband what a moron he is. Just a dumb person in a brown sweater who obviously bought another brand of tires and she's not happy. I emailed Cooper tires and told them they lost my business...you should do the same."*

Come on people, let's get some contact info and do some activism.

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NFI, Fathers' Rights Activists Shoot it out

Adam · 27 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anon user writes *"The National Fatherhood Initiative has launched an insulting billboard and bus-card campaign depicting small black children who have biting words for their fathers. Reginald Brass and Alvin Thomas of My Child Says Daddy and NFI president Roland Warren had a spirited debate on the issue last night on His Side with Glenn Sacks. To see the anti-father billboards and to listen to the show archive, click on here"*

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Men's Tribune

Adam · 28 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I think the regulars here will be interested in visiting the Men's Tribune and just recently, the site has been updated with E. Belfort Bax's book The Legal Subjection of Men and also his other book The Fraud of Feminism As they were written around the early 20th century, there are must reads.

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How to cash in on your divorce?

Adam · 29 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"This guy found his ex-wife's wedding dress in the attic ('she took the $4000 engagement ring but left the dress') and put it up on eBay, hoping to recoup the $1200 it cost him when 'my drunken sot of an ex-father-in-law swore up and down he would pay for but didn't so I got stuck with the bill. Luckily I only got stuck with his daughter for 5 years. Thank the Lord we didn't have kids. If they would have turned out like her or her family I would have slit my wrists.' Seems he hit a nerve; it's been forwarded around the 'Net (I heard about it from a friend's mailing list), and after six days the auction's had more than 4,800,000 hits (yes, that's four million eight hundred thousand -- 25,000 in the last four minutes), the bidding's over $15,000, and he's had a lot of emails, both negative and supportive. And media invitations. (The auction ends today, but the page should remain accessible for 90 days.) Looks like a possible new career for this guy."*

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Trident commercial revisited

Adam · 29 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Sometime last year someone posted here about a Trident ad called "The Fifth Dentist" featuring a squirrel biting the testicles of a man.*

To view (and rate) the commercial online), please go to:

here

You can now go to the Trident website to email your contempt for their advertising practices at this

link

Select the "Contact Us" option at the top of the page to do so.

Note: Last year Trident's "Contact Us" feature did not work.

Steve"

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April NH Men's Commission Reporting

Scott · 30 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Foster's Daily Democrat printed this article about the April meeting of the NH Commission on the Status of Men. One of the noteworthy eye-openers of the meeting was testimony by Lee Newman of VIP/SAFE-NH, who explained that the NH Coalition Against Domestic Violence refuses to designate "grantee status" to his program because he works predominantly with male victims. The Commission continues to make headway in research on male suicide in NH, but little else appears to be in the works. Only two of the seven Commissioners showed up at April's meeting, which also hindered progress since a quorum was not present.

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Remember Gary Dotson?

Adam · 30 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Here is a blast from the past about a man who was convicted of rape and was tortured by the state for 8 years before the false accuser recanted. Even after she told the truth Gary Dotson still was not released from prison by the sadistic state!"*

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Only men can stop domestic violence?

Adam · 30 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"485 men living North of Boston have taken a pledge to effect change on other men though "attitude" — by stating the need for men to stop abusing women and children and then taking this attitude into places of work. These men are part of HAWC - which has billboards stating that they "Make Domestic Violence their BUSINESS" all over the Boston area. HAWC has Clear Channel sponsoring anti-male billboards on every major route North of Boston, every month. HAWC has put posters in just about every store front including state run facilities (even motor vehicle registry) with their anti-male DV propaganda. The state has placed actual road signs along all major roads entering many communities that read "you are entering a domestic free Zone." May 2nd there will be a major DV walk. Bumper stickers that state "Strong men don't bully" are all over Northern Boston area. If you look at the websites, it is easy to tell that this activism is blown out of proportion. This shelter has room for 6 people, yet the amount of presence HAWC has in many communities can not even closely be matched by any business. HAWC is perpetuating a sexist one sided feminist model on a complex sociological problem. HAWC would label and prosecute you as an abuser if you have ever "disregarded your wives thoughts." At the same time, HAWC wants all women to study martial arts. Any ideas about doing some activism on HAWC's Walk day? This organization is out of control.*

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Men for Hawc"

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UNH Take Back the Night Event Evokes Anti-Male Sentiment

Scott · 30 April 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Today's front page story in the University of New Hampshire's school newspaper demonstrates a rise in anti-male feminism on campus. This year's rape awareness march, Take Back the Night, which has traditionally welcomed the participation of campus fraternities, was this time an exhibit of anti-male hatred and fraternity bashing. Members of the Feminist Action League protested the participation of men with a large banner reading, **"We Don't Negotiate With Terrorists,"** equating fraternities with terrorist organizations. Two members of the FAL were quoted extensively in the article but their names were anonymized due to concerns over their safety. Apparently there were no concerns about holding these individuals accountable for the sweeping statements they made about fraternity members such as "We need to stop coddling the perpetrators." There are a few additional photos of the event on the NH Independent Media Center: one, two, three, four.

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Forced labor for child support

Adam · 1 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Here is a glimpse into one of the many different directions that feminism is going in today. Granted this is just an op-ed piece, but do not think for one moment that things are not already heading this way: Any time a court ordered child support parent (read father) loses a job, quits one, or even gets laid off, this person would automatically be put into a government run - forced labor program to collect child support. If a person is forced into jail because they can not meet the court ordered payment level, the same program would exist for these poor convicts. Can you imagine what type of people would run this forced labor program? "1984" was different in what way?*

article"

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Landmark child custody ruling

Adam · 2 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Doctor Damage writes *"It seems that every time I turn around, I am seeing hopeful signs of a change in the wind. A landmark ruling by the California Supreme Court upheld a decision by a lower court to transfer custody to the father if the childrens mother chose to move out of state. Even more hopeful in my opinion, are these words from NOW:*

"The National Organization for Women said the decision "binds the lives of many women **and men, for that matter**, who are trying to provide safety and economic opportunity for their families."

Setting aside the blatant attempt to portray moveaway moms as abused waifs fleeing from the depredations of slavering males, if even the NOW is beginning to recognise that it takes more than weeping over the hardships of women to move public and/or official opinion, then perhaps our work has not been in vain."

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Jared commercials disdain men

Adam · 3 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"There are at least two Jared commercials in which the men who buy their wives Jared jewelry receive the incredulous response "He went to Jared!" while the men that don't are treated with disdain by their wives. One of these men gets a cold look from his wife, while in another commercial the "offending" husband has a piece of "non-Jared" jewelry dropped in his drink.*

You can let Jared know what you think of their commercials at here.

Steve"

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Father with custody forced to pay child support

Adam · 3 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

OldManSenile writes *" Heres one to boggle your mind here,*
Isn't child support for the children? I think some judges were smoking something."

This is why it should really be called mommy support.

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Female soldier gets in on the fun

Matt · 3 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,118627,00.html*

To the extent that these guys are guilty of being terrorists, I really don't give a $hit what happens to them. But, just look at the delight on her face. I think these soldiers should be disciplined for this but somehow I think that the fact that a female is involved will not find its way into the history books. Also, yeah I know their giblets were blurred out but there is no way in hell a photo of naked female prisoners in this type of situation would be shown on mainstream news TV(these same pictures were just shown on FOX a few minutes ago) like this, as if they would even TAKE female prisoners - you know all that "women and children" crap!"

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Taron James, Paternity Fraud Victim & Gulf War vet

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Marc writes *"The following detailed story of the paternity fraud case of Taron James, a Navyman, Gulf War veteran, and NCFM-LA member, appears on the front page of the 5/3/04 issue of the Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journals, the official newspapers of the city and county of Los Angeles and San Francisco and the largest legal newspapers in California. (The Monday issue comes out on Saturdays.) It has a big photo of Taron on the front page wearing his military medals, and a statement that he is suing L.A. County. The story broke as a result of an NCFM-LA news release that also resulted in a short NBC4.TV story at www.nbc4.tv/news/2891653/detail.html. There is no link because it's subscription only. It could be harder-hitting and it has errors but it's a good eye-opener especially considering the caliber of the paper and its circulation.*

Marc

Los Angeles Daily Journal

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Fighting Paternity-Fraud Bureaucracy
State's Process Crushes All Contrary Evidence, Critics Say

By Susan McRae

Daily Journal Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES -Taron James is fighting back.

The Gulf War veteran contends that officials have snared him in a paternity-fraud nightmare with no end in sight. It's all because of an unforgiving state law that makes it nearly impossible for a man to challenge a paternity judgment once it's been entered, even if he later turns up DNA evidence excluding him as the father, James said.

He spent eight years trying to get a default judgment against him set aside, including conducting genetic testing to prove he was not the father.

Now, the Torrance man has decided to sue Los Angeles County, alleging officials illegally forced him into supporting a child who isn't his.

James, 34, said he was never notified about a hearing that resulted in his wages being garnisheed. The court action drove him into bankruptcy, he said.

"I can't believe the system operates like this and is allowed to continue to operate like this," James said from the South Bay home of his aunt, where he's lived since his money ran out.

His complaint, filed last month, also names the child's mother, Tami Burton, who James said acted with reckless disregard for the truth when she told county welfare and child-support officials that he was the father of her child, while knowing he was not or "at minimum was not certain" that he was. James v. Burton, BC312873 (L.A. Super. Ct., filed March 29, 2004).

The lawsuit alleges fraud and negligence against Burton and claims the county violated his due-process and equal-protection rights, among other causes of action.

Burton, who lives in Arizona with her son and husband, could not be reached for comment.
James isn't alone in his predicament.

Philip Browning, director of the county's child support services office, said the department's rate of default

judgments, in which the defendant doesn't show up and the court issues a judgment against him, stands at 48 percent. The state's rate is 47 percent, Browning added.

"I feel so bad for some of these situations," Browning said.

He added that California is one of the few states that does not allow for overturning a paternity order once a judgment has been entered. "It just doesn't seem fair to me," Browning said.

An assemblywoman is sponsoring legislation, which, if passed, would extend the time limit to contest a default paternity judgment to two years from when a man "knew or should have known" he had been named as the father in a court action.

AB252 by Assemblywoman Hannah-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara, also would provide a two-year amnesty from the time of its enactment to allow men to contest past cases.

James claims that Burton was after his military benefits and that a growing number of veterans are facing similar claims.

His case has become a cause célèbre among lawyers and grass-roots men's groups that advocate for child custody and support reform.

James also spawned a group, Veterans Fighting Paternity Fraud, that supports Jackson's legislation and encourages men to consult a family law attorney in these situations.

James' complaint reiterates his claim made eight years ago that county officials never notified him that a petition for child support had been filed against him.

He said the first he knew of it was when the Department of Motor Vehicles informed him that his driver's license had been suspended for failing to make child-support payments.
By then, James said, the default judgment was in force, and it was too late to do anything about it -although he tried, without success.

The suit seeks from the county and Burton the $19,000 James was forced to pay. It also asks that his paternity judgment be set aside permanently, that he be relieved of any further debt and that his credit be restored.

Browning said that he's sympathetic to James' claim but that the office can do nothing.
"The problem is the law," he said. "As it's currently written, it does not allow us to right this situation."

Child advocates said the laws were written to protect the children, so a father cannot just walk away or delay or defer payments by going to court.

Under California law, a man can be declared a father if he has established a relationship with a woman and assumed parenting duties, even if he has no biological link to the child.
But in trying to help children, men's rights advocates say, the law has gone too far.

Under the state's Code of Civil Procedure, the laws governing default judgments are the same for paternity claims as for any other civil action. But the consequences for the defendant can be more severe.

To establish a paternity judgment, a woman must file a claim with the county's child-support services department. The department, in turn, notifies all the parties of the court date and the amount of child support sought.

If the alleged father contacts the department before the hearing to challenge the claim or if the woman says she isn't sure who the father is, the department may provide genetic testing at its own expense. But it cannot force the woman to comply.

However, once the matter goes to court, a judge can order testing in cases in which paternity is in dispute.

Like in any civil case, if the defendant doesn't show up in court, a default judgment is entered. And, as for any civil order, the opposing party can go back into court relatively easily within six months of the judgment and argue to

have it set aside.
After that, relitigating a case is difficult unless fraud is suspected. Even then, it must be appealed within two years of the judgment.

Once a claim is finalized, it cannot be undone. The idea is to provide closure so people can get on with their lives.

Support payments can continue until the child is 18.

"The premise is that the state is trying to get parentage established, and there's not much support for undoing parentage, even when it's known by genetic testing that the man alleged to be the father is not the father," Browning explained.

"In the scheme of things, it makes sense when talking in general terms about establishing parentages and making sure the child has a legal father," he said.

The difficulty is with cases, such as James, in which a man turns out not to be the father, has never held himself out to be the father and claims never to have received notice of a paternity claim.
Marc Angelucci, a men's rights attorney who is representing James in his civil suit, has been at the forefront of a movement for legislative change to help paternity-fraud victims.

"Taron's case is the tip of the iceberg," said Angelucci, president and founder of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men. "It's been devastating for some of these men. Many are going underground. They feel hopeless and in despair. In most cases, they say that they don't even know the child.

"A lot of these men are in the military, and that makes them good targets because of the benefits and because the men are overseas [and not around to fight the claim]."

Angelucci, who worked with legislators on earlier versions of proposed paternity-fraud laws, said that the coalition is creating a paternity justice program to specialize in helping men overturn mistaken paternity judgments if Jackson's bill becomes law.

The California Commission for Women, which opposed earlier legislative efforts, supports Jackson's bill because it specifically states that a judge has the discretion to determine paternity based on how much the man has been involved in the child's life.

Other versions did not provide these safeguards, said Vicki Atwood, the commission's legislative coordinator.

James said that he saw the child only once, briefly, and has never been involved in the boy's life.
James said he met Burton, then named Tami Cooper, in 1991, and the two had a one-month affair. When he decided to join the U.S. Navy, he told Burton that he wanted to end their relationship.

Three months later, he said, Burton told him that she was pregnant and that he was the father. At the time, he said, he believed it was possible. He said that he talked to her about marriage to "do the right thing for the child" and that she agreed it would be a good idea.

But when James came home on leave a month later, he said, friends warned him that Burton had been going out with many other men and was intimately involved with at least one.
He said that he decided to call off the marriage but nonetheless told her to keep in touch and that he would send money for the child when he could afford it.

While he was deployed to Panama, he said, Burton gave birth to a son and, without telling James, named him as the father on the birth certificate.

The next time he heard from Burton was four months later, when he received a letter from Cliff Burton, who said he met Burton the year before, that they immediately became intimate and moved in together and that he had bonded with her son. The couple later married and have had two more children together, James said.

Three months after hearing from Cliff Burton, while James was deployed in the Persian Gulf, his superiors received

a request from Tami Burton for child-support benefits.

Navy officials asked for proof of paternity and recommended she arrange for a blood test, which the Navy would pay for, James said.

Burton never replied or tried to contact him, he said.

James said that he tried to keep in contact with Burton, but she and her husband moved frequently, and Burton's father refused to tell him where she lived.

In March 1994, when her son was 18 months old, Burton, without James' knowledge, began collecting welfare for her son, naming James as the father, he said.

That December, the district attorney's office served notice to James' mother that a paternity claim had been filed. But when James opened the summons, the notice was in someone else's name.
James said he immediately notified the district attorney's office about the error. After acknowledging the error, state officials told him that he had been named in a paternity action.
James said he asked whether the office could arrange a blood test because he wasn't sure he was the father. He said that he was told it could be done, but he would have to wait.

For the next 15 months, James said, he phoned the district attorney's office to follow up and repeatedly was told to wait until he heard from their representative, he said.

Instead, he heard from the Department of Motor Vehicles that his license had been suspended for nonpayment of child-support payments. Only then did he learn that a default judgment had been entered against him.

By the time he got legal advice on how to challenge the claim, the six-month time limit had passed. Still, he tried representing himself in court.

He subpoenaed the process server who testified that he served a "John Doe" summons on James at his mother's address. But the server couldn't describe the house or the person who took the summons.

In January 1998, Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Roberta Lee ruled that James had been properly served and denied his appeal.

James began paying $150 a month in child support. When he fell behind because of his minimum-wage job, the child-support office began garnisheeing his wages. He filed for bankruptcy. Later, the office garnisheed his unemployment checks.

"There's a joke going around that, if you want to catch Osama bin Laden, file a paternity claim against him," James said.

Meanwhile, James had not seen or heard from Burton for several years.

In March 2000, the district attorney's office phoned James and asked whether he knew Burton's whereabouts because the office had collected $9,000 on her behalf but did not know where to send it. A month later, Burton wrote him from Arizona, saying she had received the money.

In 2001, James found a family law attorney who agreed to help him. After trying unsuccessfully to reopen his case, Karen Miller of Manhattan Beach was able, with James' help, to get Burton to agree to genetic testing. The results excluded James as the father.

With that information and a written agreement from Burton that she did not want to receive any more child-support money, child-support officials agreed to close the case - but they refused to promise it would not be reopened.

James said that Burton also agreed to repay him the $19,000 he shelled out, but since then she has cut off all communication.

Under current law, James' paternity case remains active. Burton can reopen her claim at any time until her child

reaches 18, seven years from now.

"All she has to do in theory is sign up for welfare, and with me as the 'legal father,' the nightmare starts all over again, and I am living in constant fear of that," James said."

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Need a Maid? Article drips with misandry and classism

Matt · 4 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

MSN, not content to hate men and blame *us* for the rise in divorce as this article does, now is also adopting snooty classist tendencies. Only, they peddle them in a softer, less elitist way. Take not my word for it, read up and barf on it for yourself.

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9news.com: Boys lagging behind in reading

Matt · 5 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Denver's 9news.com posted a story about the reading gap between boys and girls in Colorado schools. At least this issue received some attention this time.*

An excerpt from the story:

"Educators are scrambling to find books that appeal to third-grade boys after statewide scores released Monday show they consistently lag behind girls on reading tests. ... The results showed 77 percent of girls tested proficient and advanced, compared with 70 percent of the boys."

The story is here:

http://9news.com/acm_news.aspx?OSGNAME=KUSA&IKOBJE CTID=4b839e04-0abe-421a-01d8-f8efb06b2c46&TEMPLATE ID=0c76dce6-ac1f-02d8-0047-c589c01ca7bf

Steve"

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Women Compete Poorly Against Men

Matt · 5 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

hurkle writes *"A new study in the QJE shows that women do not compete well against men in a competitive environment. They do, however, compete well against other women. Has implications for the "glass ceiling" and single-sex education.*

http://www.stanford.edu/~niederle/Gender.pdf"

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Take action to stop the draft

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Workingassets.com has an action center release to contact representatives re the draft. It is found here. Please use it to lobby against the reintroduction of the draft.

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Women Paying Child Support

Adam · 6 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

borgy1 writes *"WISCONSIN*
More moms made to pay child support
A single mother in Milwaukee who had spent years raising her son without the financial support of his father gasped when informed that she would be required to pay child support. This article seems gender biased at first, but does give the male viewpoint toward the end of the

article."

Luek also submitted this story and said: "*This article from Wisconsin, a misandric crazed state if there ever was one, states that more women are being required to pay child support. The article has some telling points that are very interesting like these:*

"It was pure sexism," said John Hayes, director of the Milwaukee County child-support agency. "**Fifteen years ago, you simply didn't ask for child-support orders against women."**

Last June, the daughter was placed in Holland's care all but six hours each week. While he could use money to help pay off the **$10,000 in attorneys' fees** he owes from the custody battle, Holland doubts he'd succeed if he sought support from the mother. "During the custody case no matter what Mom did, **I was held to a higher bar,"** Holland said. "I don't care what people say. The system still treats women differently than men."

Indeed, expect to hear cries of "reform!" quite soon if this trend continues.

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Canadian divorce rate declines at joint custody

Adam · 6 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Its kind of sad that 35,000 children were involved in divorces in 2002, but the good news is that Dads are way more involved with their kids now.*

"Fewer than half of the dependents were put in custody of the wife in 2002. Of 35,000 dependents for whom custody was awarded by the courts, 49.5 per cent went to the wife.

About 42 per cent of dependents were put into joint custody.

In 1988, custody for 75 per cent of dependents was granted to the wife in divorce proceedings." Article is

here"

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Ucomics: misandric cartoon

Matt · 7 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Ucomics.com has a new cartoon called Clear Blue Water (by Karen Montague-Reyes) that got off on the wrong foot with me. The May 5 strip features the quote of the wife about men "You can spit, and belch, and scratch yourself, and lots of other things."*

The cartoon is here:

http://www.ucomics.com/clearbluewater/2004/05/05/

Steve"

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Female role in Iraqi prisoner abuse

Adam · 7 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"The cover up has already begun. Even media outlets are allowing General Janis Karpinski a chance to state her innocence. Karpanski is in charge of the prison where naked male Iraqi prisoners of war were humiliated into forced sex simulations and endured female taunting of their genitals. The Army has photographs that show a detainee with wires attached to his genitals. Another shows a dog attacking an Iraqi prisoner. Other photos have piles of naked men bent over with their genitals exposed with a smiling female soldier stands behind them. If you remember how the feminists used Tailhook (an incident where male officers were accused of touching some women) as a national outrage to effect change within the "patriarchal" military, what should be the logical outcome of this mess?* ***If the genders were reversed, the media would still be force feeding us this atrocity, and any male general in charge would already likely be out of power.*** *The media would be demanding a breakdown of the whole chain of power. These Iraqi men are victims of female sexual assault, yet this type of thinking is not part of the dialogue on this matter. Link to pics*

The emphasis in bold is my doing, to remind you of how this is most definitely a men's issue, and that the link leads to pics of the torture, so be warned.

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Update on the Men's Rights 2004 Congress

Tom · 7 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Update on the Men's Rights 2004 Congress

Thanks to many of you for registering for the Men's Rights Congress in Washington DC on June 18-19. The response has been great. We have men signed up to attend from Texas, Utah, Colorado, Minnesota, Florida, New Hampshire, Maryland, Virginia and of course Washington DC. We are looking forward to a great time together in June and hope that more of you will be registering.

Glenn Sacks and Steven Baskerville are now confirmed as speakers for the event as are Carnell Smith and Dean Tong. Mike Geanoulis from the New Hampshire Men's Commission will also be a speaker.

It will be great to be around like-minded men and women who are working on these issues. Join us and make a difference. If you don't take a stand, who will?

More information

Register here

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Deadbeat Dads Offered Jail or Vasectomy

Matt · 7 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

OldManSenile writes *" Can you believe this? It's OK to impose this on a man, but not a woman. I think that females should be held to this ruling also, and if not, stop doing it to men. If a female is gonna reproduce and take no responsibility, cut her reproductive organs out. I dont care if its "invasive" or "ir-reversible". How would this judge feel to have his balls cut on?"*

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Marcus Dixon Update

Scott · 8 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"Remember the 18 year old who got 10 years for "aggravated child molestation" for having consensual sex with a 15 year-old? Looks like the Georgia Supreme Court has thrown out the charge, allowing him to be sentenced for statutory rape instead. This is good news because it overturns the feminist judge's original rape hysteria ruling. Story here."* Noteworthy is the fact that statutory rape has a sentence of one year, while the aggravated child molestation conviction got him a mandatory sentence of 10 years, of which he has served 15 months already. This could mean Marcus should walk free sometime soon.

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No. 1 "deadbeat" pleads not guilty

Adam · 9 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"This article ran in a local paper, as well as the Boston Globe. The Salem Evening News (which has a large subscriber base) had a picture of the ex-wife and her friends taunting and yelling at this poor man as he was lead into the court from jail tied in chains. This man is destitute of property or means of comfortable subsistence; yet the court ordered him to pay over $2200 a month after taxes. He also maintains that the child-support system made mistakes and he did try to make some payments."*

Click "Read More" to read more, naturally. The link isn't working at this second in time, but one of you might find the article if you look, Regardless, we have activism to do.
The judge didn't even look at these when bail was set at $200,000. A special dead-beat Dad DA was brought in to punish this man as an example for the rest of us. I'd like to add that this guys fat ex-wife yelling at him in the picture does not look like she has been deprived at all. The local feminist reporter (Julie Manganis) called him indigent, and gave a one sided account of matrimonial discontent by the wife. Manganis further denigrates the local Fatherhood Coalition advocates for trying to contact the ex-wife for mediation purposes.

Even though this article was front page news, Manganis quotes the ex-wife with "I'd like to see more media attention paid to the issue of deadbeat dads....I don't think the public is aware of what really goes on...Maybe more people would be brought to justice." sic... The reporter also added "the ex-wife was disappointed that he wasn't convicted" immediately for up to 5 years. Julie Manganis is towing the feminist line in all issues related to Please write the Salem Evening News expressing disgust in Manganis' biased reporting, and add your thoughts on the nature of court ordered payments too. We need to start making our voices heard.

I already wrote mine.Editor Karen Andreas, (978) 338-2671 for corrections or comments on overall editorial content and quality; e-mail kandreas@ecnnews.com.Metro Editor Helen Gifford at (978) 744-0600 for news coverage of Salem, Beverly and Peabody; e-mail hgifford@ecnnews.com.

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Female Soldier charged over Iraqi prisoner abuse

Adam · 9 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A female soldier, Lynndie England, is facing charges for alleged involvement in the abuse of Iraqi prisoners. One picture shows her with a naked prisoner on a leash and another picture shows her giving a 'thumbs up' sign next to a naked prisoner. Her sister thinks England is innocent and that someone else told her to do what she did. Some of England's companions in the military justified the mistreatement of prisoners. Let's see what happens...On the topic of Iraqi prisoner abuse and the female gender, There's this Reuters article, a female soldier, Sabrina Harman, was told to break down prisoners for interrogations. Harman appeared in a photo with naked detainees. It is said that she struck detained individuals, and did the stand on the box or be electrocuted by attached wires technique on a hooded prisoner."*

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Boy's Conference article

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Joe Manthey writes *"Boys' brains influence teaching"*

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Sex Offender Listing Prompts Suicide of 20 Year-Old

Matt · 9 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

borgy1 writes *"He maintained an ``A'' average at Oakland Community College and planned to start a computer business with his father.*

Then his past came back to haunt him.

Fawcett, who as a teenager was charged with statutory rape for having sex with a fellow high school student, learned his name would appear for 25 years on the state's sex offender registry, despite a plea agreement that allowed him to avoid inclusion on the list.

A few weeks later, on March 19, the 20-year-old was found dead of an apparent drug overdose at his boyhood home in West Bloomfield Township. Story link."

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Men and skirts?

Matt · 10 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Brad Pitt is suggesting that his new film, "Troy", may encourage fashion-conscious men to try wearing kilts/skirts in public at events.
[Click "Read More" for more]Once the avg. man feels he won't be diminished for wearing a kilt/skirt/whatever, or attacked by homophobes, he may just try it. The reason men's clothing styles are so limited is because of the western tradition of uniformity among males in appearance. It has to do with the militarization of the male person as well as the psychology of tribal inclusion. Women have this going on too but not nearly to the same degree since their persons are not militarized in the popular mind-set or culture.

Something like getting men to try wearing skirts may in fact do a lot to help de-militarize the male person and thus help promulgate men's civil rights, which are in desperate need of defense.

What do you all think? Please post your commentary.

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More on false accusations, unjust laws

Adam · 11 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"This is a news report from the Indian Express. What I like about this one is police officials have openly admitted that 1) false accusations by women as well as outright harassment of men do happen, 2) Indian law on DV is blatantly anti-male. Harassment of a married woman is punishable with up to 3 years of rigorous imprisonment plus fine. It is also a non-bailable offense (which means husbands can be arrested and held without bail based on the mere complaint by the wife). Harassment of married men is not a criminal offense at all, so the police has no option but to attempt some sort of counselling! The story is here"*

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Down At Abu Ghraib....

Adam · 11 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here is an interesting atricle, that makes some points most of our traidtional media seem to be overlooking. Abu Ghraib and American Misandry"*

Sidor's Goat writes *"In some expert's opinion, atrocities of female soldiers at Abu Ghraib are due to the culture of misandry prevelent in USA. The story is here."*

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No Arrests in CU's Rape Allegations

Thomas · 11 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I've placed this article under education, because I think the whole situation points to the American culture of anti-male bias that is centered in the nation's schools. You can bet the Attorney General looked long and hard to find prosecutable evidence of rape in these cases, yet his office made a "unanimous decision against charges." This whole thing stinks of a witch hunt. Feminists have testified before the investigating committee that a culture of rape exists at CU. It's time more men started standing up for themselves and each other by pointing out that a culture of false sexual assault accusations exists throughout American society.

This reminds me of the charges at the Air Force Academy. Many women claimed they were sexually assaulted, but the woman, who was in charge of looking into such matters, said that not one claim involving any type of coercion came before her. Some of the accusers claimed they were punished for coming forward with their charges, but I was left wondering if they admitted that they were drunk, when the alleged assaults took place, and they were in fact punished for getting drunk. (I'm pretty sure that getting drunk is a violation of academy rules.)

Living in Colorado, the current epicenter of this cultural earthquake, (Kobe Bryant, the Air Force Academy scandal, the CU football scandal), I can report first hand that more and more people around here are starting to see what's going on. Many parents of football players are in fact stating outright that this is a witch hunt.

IMPRISON FALSE ACCUSERS!

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McElroy Comments on Fraternity Perceptions and Stereotypes

Scott · 12 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy McElroy writes in her latest FoxNews column about the stereotypes people have regarding fraternities. She examines the media portrayal of fraternities and comments on the modern day "threat" fraternities pose to political correctness on campus. That threat is likely the primary reason why anti-male groups on campuses have such free reign to bash fraternity members as rapists and terrorists.

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Lesbian mom finds out what it's like

Matt · 12 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Welcome to the jungle, madame. You now know what it's like to be the "donor" of genetic material when things go downhill and the law gets involved. Welcome to the 'equality' of being treated 'like a man'.

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Now Racism Used To Get Back At Males

Scott · 12 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"A 15 year old Ohio school girl reported that several white boys she knew, one of which was her insensitive boyfriend, were going to shoot black students in her school on the anniversary of the Columbine Massacre. She concocted this story to get back at her boyfriend. Also true to form, she accused one hapless young male of, drum roll please...sexual assault. It is time to publish the names of these "nasty girls" who use accusations to "get back" at males they don't like!"*

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Dads Deliver More Than Just DNA, Scientists Say

Adam · 13 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *""Despite the specter of cloning and the birth of a fatherless mouse, scientists have uncovered evidence that men play a more vital role in procreation than they may have thought." Read it here"*

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Lynndie England : Quintessential Feminist

Thomas · 13 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like America's feminist darling, Lynndie England, just keeps getting in deeper and deeper. I saw part of her interview last night on the news, and the reporter handled her with kid gloves, feeding her opportunities to justify her actions. Among other things, she claimed that she was just following orders. Well, now it comes out that she was recorded having sex with numerous partners, in some cases in front of Iraqi prisoners. How many people believe that she was just following orders to have sex in front of numerous viewers including prisoners, who had no choice in the matter?

I can understand the argument for refusing to release the new photos and videos to the public, at least until after investigations and trials are over. I'd hate to see evidence compromised. After the trials, though, I hope they become public. This babe is a pure expression of feminist culture, and it would be good for all interested adults to be able to graphically see what that means.

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Again...Yahoo Puts Killing of a Husband in "Oddly Enough" Section

Scott · 14 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

this is not equality writes *"As we have come to expect from Yahoo..."A Portuguese woman confessed to murdering her husband and hiding his body in a kitchen freezer for three years." I realize that the freezer makes it a bit odd, but if the husband and wife were reversed, you can bet the story would not wind up in Oddly Enough."*

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Spiderman Found Not Guilty

Scott · 14 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"From the Men's Hour Blog: Today in London, to applause from Fathers 4 Justice supporters in the court room, Dave "Spiderman" Chick was found not guilty of causing a public nuisance when he climbed a crane last November by Tower Bridge, London and stayed there 6 days to highlight his being illegally stopped from seeing his 4 year old daughter. It emerged that the police used the road closures around the crane, which caused 2 hour plus traffic jams in central London, as a bargaining tool with Dave and didn't open them because it would weaken their case. Dave called the verdict "Common sense" and as to further protests he said "Watch this space!""*

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Spike TV Announces "First Network for Men"

Scott · 15 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. sent us this article about Spike TV positioning themselves as the first network geared exclusively towards men: *""Every day in every way, Spike TV is revealing just how testosterone-lite television used to be... Now, the only cable network to actively alienate women has assembled its first slate of news and documentary programs aimed specifically at men.""* They also mention a series they're developing called "True Dads" about the issues that fathers face.

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Defendants to Pay $100 Fine for Being Served with a Restraining Order in NC

Scott · 15 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Michael_NC writes *"An article in the Raleigh, NC News and Observer tells of new regulations and laws for domestic violence. The one thing that stands out the most is the introduction of a $100 fee that the person served with a restraining order would have to pay to help defray administrative costs. So lets see if I have this right. I saved the text of the article, so email me if you would like it. A woman gets a restraining order on dubious grounds to make room for a new boyfriend. So not only is the current guy out on the street, he gets to pay $100 for the privilege? I think this is rotten to the core."*

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An 11 year old girl arrested for filing a false rape

Scott · 16 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

SuzMemphis sent us this article (registration required) and writes *"In Memphis, TN an 11 year old girl accused a man of rape, but for once someone LISTENED to her story and found it to be false. Instead of allowing her to ruin an innocent person's life, she was arrested for the false accusation. Perhaps this is an indication that this horrible habit of believing all children without question will come to an end? We sure hope so!*
We did notice that folks are still making excuses for this appalling behavior, but as long as justice is served, that's ok with us. We don't want children hurt either."

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DV Against Men (Barbados)

Adam · 16 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"A meeting of police officials and other govt agencies dealing with DV was held in Barabados. The main focus was violence against women, but DV against men was also discussed, which is `swept under the proverbial carpet'. Some participants also acted out a scene where a man is facing physical abuse (the story carries a picture of the scene). Some awareness! Read it here"*

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Teacher Wrote Love Letters To Student

Adam · 16 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Age issues aside, there seems to be some serious stalking issues going on here. Also interesting is that the attorney for the school board is concerned about how this could disrupt the school. HELLO!!! Screw the school, how about the poor boy who has some whack job psuedo teacher stalking him ready to ruin any meaningful relationships that he may develop. It's a matter of time before she will defend herself with phony sex assault allegations."*

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Playing Both Sides

Adam · 16 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The NCFM regarding the article in the NY Times here*

I don't think this is something that the NCFM should be celebrating -- another poorly veiled power grab by 4th/5th wave feminists. The NYT is printing this article not because they are stepping back on feminism, but because they are stepping up. They want women to rule the workplace AND the family. Women can have as much as they choose to want in the world of employment - time to put the brakes on men when it comes to family.

Don't be convinced by this feminine stroke on the male ego. (Oooh you big strong working man!) I'm certainly not impressed."

You can probably guess what to click to read the rest by now.

Problem here is, sometime during the 1990's, younger feminists started putting their panties back on. They wanted all the priviledges of being a man, but they still want to be treated like a woman. As always, a woman wants to choose between work and family; men are stuck with whatever is left over. Nobody even asks you.

Note, I don't see any mention in this article regarding who gets custody of the kids in case of a divorce (No doubt they feel it ought to be them). It doesn't say that women who choose to stay at home are any less likely to divorce. It doesn't say anything about "family values." Or how (in contrast to 50 years ago) these women can end up screwing their husbands by taking the children yet expecting to be "supported in the manner to which they have grown accustomed." Or even that stay-at-home moms should be especially appreciative of their working husbands. In fact, husbands aren't even mentioned at all.

If you're a guy, you're not even a consideration so far as the article is concerned. It's the same old story. Women have kids. Man's paternal relationship to the children extends by proxy through the mother. She's legally and financially protected yet has no obligation to you at all. You're obligated to everyone and are perennially out on a limb.

Don't be a bunch of idiots. These women aren't retreating back to tradition. They're not giving up no-fault divorce. The divorce rate is not 50 %, and there is no indication that isgoing to change. They're not going back to the presumption that the male "rules the roost" in the house and owns everything material in the marriage. How is this in your best interest to be sucked into sucha situation?

There is no going back on these issues. Clearly, this is a case of "What's yours is mine and what's mine is mine too."

For the luxury of staying at home with the children, what exactly are they proposing to reciprocate? They haven't said.

Because they don't care.

There is NO TURNING BACK. DEMAND equal respect and consideration as a parent. After all, what's the use of having a career if you are divorced and have no family?

See it for what it is. This is one of the most selfish feminist articles I have ever seen.

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Sacks, Leving Fire Back at 'Vasectomy or Jail' Judge

Adam · 17 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anon user writes "*Family attorney Jeff Leving and columnist Glenn Sacks fired back at the now famous Kentucky judge who ordered 'deadbeat dads' to have vasectomies or go to jail in their new column, "It's Child Support Guidelines that Need Surgery, Not 'Deadbeat Dads.'" The column is here*"

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Domestic Violence Charges

Adam · 17 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *"The man in this domestic violence story Bethlehem woman found guilty of assaulting boyfriend was "Beaten so badly he lost 80 percent of his kidney function." Yet, the Prosecutor questions the veracity of the man, "who took his beatings like a man" without striking back at the woman. The Prosecutor asked, "What man would allow himself to be beaten like that?" and "Why didn't the boyfriend just leave?" If you want to see a glaring example of a domestic violence victim being battered, then battered again by the legal system, then look no further. ...and what would have happened to this battered man if he had tried to leave, or had put up his hands to ward off the blows, or simply tried to hold (restrain) his brutal attacker? How can a man get away from domestic violence, when every shelter he calls treats him like a batterer, or refuses him admittance, or tries to send him on a hundred mile drive?"*

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NH Child Support Study Committee Holds Final Hearing

Scott · 17 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The *Laconia Citizen* reported on the final public hearing of the NH Child Support Study Committee last Friday in Plymouth, NH. The Commission was formed to examine the current child support system and make recommendations for change. Some of the ideas that are likely to be brought forward officially by the Commission are to base child support on the USDA data of the cost to raise a child rather than the current "standard of living" measure. Many people have testified before the Commission that the current system is abused to benefit the custodial parent rather than the child, and provides enormous incentives for women to marry, have a child, and then leave the marriage to obtain child support money. Rep. David Bickford chairs this Commission, so the outcome of this is likely to have a major impact.

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Lawyer says man robbed bank for child support

Adam · 18 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

this is not equality writes *"This is what it comes down to for some men who just can't take the abuse at the hands of ex-wives (and society) anymore. Some have killed themselves, while others rob banks (article). Things will continue to go downhill until laws are changed.*

Jeff"

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Fathers 4 Justice Throws Powder at Tony Blair

Scott · 19 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

caeruleus writes *"According to this members of Fathers 4 Justice threw a capsule of purple powder at British PM Tony Blair."* There is also a CNN story on the event. Whether or not you agree with F4J's actions in this case, they are now getting global media attention. Adam also writes, "I'll advise some caution here, while this could well be the work of F4J this could just as easily be be part of a smear campaign against them. Either way, why not visit the talking points and have your say?"

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Debunking Yet Another Feminist Lie

Thomas · 19 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Here's an essay by K.C.Wilson debunking the typical, feminist lie that in the past men were allowed to beat their wives, so long as their weapons were no wider than their thumbs.

I've put this under false accusations because the so-called "rule of thumb" is a standard feminist lie against the alleged "patriarchy." In other words, it's a typical, false accusation against men in general.

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Needed: More Women's Studies Classes

Thomas · 19 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

A couple essays related to the college scene...

Here's Wendy McElroy's most recent FoxNews.com essay. What troubles me is that, instead of pointing out that an increasing number of men face extreme difficulty as a result of not receiving good educations, she seems to feel that all will be well with women being far more educated than men. A true, two-sided role reversal would hardly be a disaster for most men. But women will not allow a system to develop in which women find it nearly impossible to have careers, and in many cases find themselves social pariahs, unless they support men and the men's children, and in which, if the relationship breaks down, the men receive the houses, custody of the children, and alimony/child support as long as an ex-husband and ex-wife are both alive or until the ex-husband remarries. (Can you imagine feminists calling that situation oppression of *men* they way they call the reverse situation oppression of women?)

The sociologists in Wendy's essay, who are bemoaning the fact that their poor daughters will have to go slumming, clearly need to take more women's studies classes. Haven't they learned that their daughters can all just decide to be lesbians?

(To see the rest of this post, click on "Read More.")And this essay by Terry Mapes opens with an absurd claim that women tamed the wild west. Men, of course, had no desire to have families and didn't care if their children were safe and educated. The article then goes on to present a twisted take on what's happening in the college mating scene.

There's no doubt that college men today are more able to freely test many waters than they were in the past. Since a great many college women today have heartily and happily bought into feminist lies, far fewer of them than in the past are worth having a committed relationship with. College men aren't a bunch of savages. Many of them would like to have a committed relationship with a fine woman. Given the plethora of feminists, however, and the associated dirth of fine women, many men will simply avail themselves of the sexual abandon of the women while avoiding marriage, fatherhood, and divorce, which in far too many cases today are hellholes for men.

Note that, according to Mapes, the college women, who have bought into feminism complete with sexual license, are not responsible for what's happening. According to Mapes, when there were fewer women than men, women could afford to be choosy. Now that there are fewer men than women, it's not that men are being choosy, it's that women are facing difficulty getting the attention of college men.

Now why wouldn't a man want to marry one of these wonderful, eternal victims?

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Kidnapping Grandma Released Early (Egypt)

Adam · 20 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Here is a story about a woman forgiven for kidnapping two kids "because they were family". This is an ongoing crime and one of the two perps is simply given a literal "get out of jail free" ticket. She's being deported not extradited! Why is she being set free when the kids are still in the kidnappers' hands?"*

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Women with kids can't work?

Adam · 20 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

dipy911 writes *"In thisarticle*
I was reading the costs associated with moms working I saw several problems.
1. Daycare may not be mandatory. The dad may be willing to take the kids while the mom works. The woman's mom might be willing to take the kids. She might even find a job with daycare.

2. The grocery bill doesn't have to be larger. Just bring in the same food to work that you normally eat. I do this and save quite a bit of money.

3. You do not have to pay for gifts at work. This is always optional. If you have little money, most co-workers understand your situation.

4. You don't need to spent a lot every month for clothing. I probably spend no more that $500 a year total on all my clothing. Just wear the same clothing over and over again. Now if I could just convince my office to allow my kilt, which look more professional that a lot of the skimpy outfits that women at my office wear."

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Quite a quagmire for those feminists

Adam · 21 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

this is not equality writes *"Here is an interesting article from Canada (go figure) that should pose quite a dilemma for those hypocritical feminists. I'm not condoning this man's actions, simply pointing out the quagmire that will exist when those nutty feminists read it (i.e. We hate males, but do we want to admit that he ended a human life?? Hmmm?) article*

here.

This line is the kicker...'Society cannot tolerate a male partner in a relationship unilaterally putting an end to a pregnancy.'"

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Women in Sports be Damned!!

Adam · 21 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"I submit this article on the International Olympic Committee here because I think that this decision, which may well be celebrated by the feminists, may spell the end for women's sports. The nitwits that think the differences between men and women can be reduced to nurture, not nature, are going to celebrate this, but the reality is that biology plays a far larger role than the courts choose to recognize. Look for transexual females (formerly males) to compete at the highest levels in all sports, thereby ruining women's sports. This is not a good thing for men, either. On the other hand, I guess it's wise to be careful what you ask for, isn't it?"*

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Fight the flour

Adam · 22 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *"A humorous (i.e. positive), article about the purple flour incidence, surprisingly from the usual feminist-inclinced Guardian:*

here"

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Female False Accusers

Adam · 22 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *"A third teen is involved in filing a false police report that alleges sexual assault, all in a weeks time. This story talks about two of the teens,* ***A Female Would Never Lie About Sexual Assault*** *What makes females lie about being raped? Judging by the responses of these three, I'd say, "anything." Is it possible that females could lie about other things like domestic violence, child abuse sexual harassment, etc., where physical evidence isn't as readily available to show their lying? Only our gender feminist trained police, judges and law makers are stupid enough to believe they wouldn't."*

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Talking toilet orders men to sit down

Adam · 23 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"'A German inventor who developed a gadget that berates men if they try to use the toilet standing up has sold more than 1.6 million devices.' Came across this link in the weblog of Claire Wolfe, who remarks that '...this whole business of trying to get men to sit to pee has a lot more to do with feminism gone amuck than with keeping a ty-de-bowl,' and also links a great Walter Williams article I remember from a couple years back. *Sigh.* More and more I find myself feeling relieved that at age 60 I probably won't live long enough to see the worst of it."*

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Call to Activism

Adam · 23 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Mensactivism is prominently mentioned in this article published at Men's News Daily Are We Men, Or Sheep, Or Men, Or... The author issues a call for men to supersede their natural (and learned) drive to be isolated individuals (loners/dominate males) for the sake of the greater good of all men. Men alive today are targeted as individuals in a group by various "oppressive things," but men have not learned to respond to those "oppressive things" in a concerted fashion. Men tend* ***not*** *to be effectively united as a group, yet they share a common bond as men affected by common "personal" issues. Is it the targeted personal shaming of each men's deepest and most private feelings by radical feminist tactics, that has left men as individuals and as a group so utterly disempowered, or do we each fall prey to our own innate drive to be more dominate than the next male? Men have many, many valid issues! Men are certainly dying to prove that, but not intentionally."*

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Orlando Sentinel Covers Male-Bashing Ads, MANN

Matt · 23 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Nice work from Kate Santich of the Orlando Sentinel. Please drop her a note at ksantich@orlandosentinel.com to thank her for covering this topic.

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Doonesbury strip shows man's head on platter

Matt · 23 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"The Doonesbury comic strip (by Gary Trudeau) for May 23 shows the character "Joanie" carrying a platter with a university president's head on it. The headless man says "What's this?" to which she replies "A good start."*

The strip's site is found here. Universal Press apologized for running the strip so soon after Nicholas Berg's beheading in Iraq.

Why it would be OK to have published the cartoon if the beheading had not recently taken place?

Steve"

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UK Petition on Contact Orders

Scott · 24 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

ReformEightyNine writes *""We, the undersigned, ask the Government to recognise the flouting of contact orders to be an act of harassment against the non-resident parent under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997. Further that contact orders be made with notice that denial of contact will be met with either non-punitive or punitive action or both." This is a genuine opportunity to lobby the UK Government and apply pressure for reform. PLEASE add your signature in support because your signature will count. Electronic petitions of 300 or more signatures are usually assured of an official Government response on the Prime Minister's website."*

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Special Restrictions for Male Rescue Volunteers

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An Anonymous User writes, "*The Orange County Rescue Mission has an application packet which individuals can use to apply as volunteers [file is in PDF format.] (View application as HTML.) This packet has some restrictions whereby male volunteers are prohibited from holding female children. Also, male volunteers may not meet with a client when the door is closed without a female present. Notice that these restrictions are specific to the male gender. Likely, it is because abusers are usually men (or are usually thought to be men) that these restrictions exist. Protecting children from abuse is important, but how effective are restrictions like these? (Perhaps they just guard against false accusations.) Or are there better methods that minimize discrimination?*" See the Read More section for additional commentary."*Notice that even hugging is restricted for those of either gender (only 'side-hugs' are allowed.) This too is likely for reasons of preventing abuse. (If it is impossible to allow hugging by males due to liability, a ban on hugs by any might be more fair than a male-specific ban on hugs. This might be considered with respect to some of the other male-specific restrictions.) It could be considered whether a potential for liability can mean it is better to overdo the restrictions than to not go far enough. A hug by a non-abuser or being held by an individual might provide comfort for a child who is having a difficult time. Is there a way to protect children and provide comfort which is fair to everyone?*"

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Prison Abuse Blamed on "Gender Inequalities" in Military

Scott · 25 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"OK, so here's the reason for the prisoner abuse in Iraq: it was women soldiers trying to fit in with the men. See this insightful article courtesy of ABCNews.com. Notice that the article doesn't mention the inequality in the number of deaths suffered by men in the military."*

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Murder Over a Sexual Harassment Suit?

Scott · 25 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Something must have gone terribly wrong with somebody . . . In Kentucky, a female worker was shot and killed after filing a sexual harassment suit against a male co-worker. She was going to testify two days later. The male co-worker, whom some said had an interest in the woman, was suspected. A female who had been in a relationship with the victim was also suspected (she had threatened the victim in retaliation for a previous threat.) However, she said she was sick in bed at the time and was not responsible for the murder. In the end, the male worker was found not guilty because proof was lacking and some witnesses were questionable. There is a timeline of articles on the case to see."*

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Women charged with dog-drowning, false reporting

Matt · 25 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Another example of a counter-stereotype. Won't see this story beyond local news: Woman Drowns Boyfriend's Little Dachshund and 2 women charged in dog killing

I am amazed it made it that far, really.

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Carpitcher Loses Appeal

Scott · 26 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The_Beedle writes *"Aleck J. Carpitcher, sentenced to 38 years for molesting an 11 year old girl, has lost his appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court. Carpitchers accuser recanted her testimony nine months after he was convicted in 1999. There was no physical or corroborative evidence. This appeal challenged a Virginia law prohibiting introduction of new evidence more than 21 days after conviction.*
Roanoke Times Story

There was a Men's Activism story two years ago about this, before the appeal: Men's Activism Thread from 2002

And of course, it made News of the Weird this week: Fourth Bullet under 'Can't Possibly be True'"

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The MALE Vote

Thomas · 26 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"You won't actually read the New York Times saying that the male vote is swinging the election, but if you read between the lines here, you'll see. Of course, the pollsters and politicos won't say it out loud because they WANT the women to have the power, or at least think they do, and they don't want the politicians actually DOING anything to get the male vote, like maybe standing up to the feminist minority. But it's there, guys. It's there."*

Thomas writing now. This article is actually about the *white* male vote.

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More Women, More Underaged Boys

Thomas · 26 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Hey, I thought men were the ones who had to be looked after when it came to interacting with teens? At least that`s what society tells us. A New Brighton woman was arrested on accusations that she performed sex acts on a 13-year-old friend of her son and provided pornographic materials to other boys. In another case, an angry judge is holding Rebecca Burden in jail until she comes up with $100,000 for a full-cash bond. The 27-year-old Bullitt County woman is accused of having sex with two 15-year-old boys."*

Thomas writing now. It's important to keep these cases in the open to try to wear thin the feminist notion that women are always innocent or even victims. Here's a commentary by K.C. Wilson on that issue.

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Honda Pilot ad: "My husband was raised by wolves"

Thomas · 27 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Honda has an annoying ad for its Pilot SUV where a wife states that "My husband was raised by wolves." The first time I saw this was on Super Bowl Sunday (the day of the infamous Janet Jackson incident at half-time). It showed the husband looking all dishevelled while licking a plate like a dog, drinking straight from the water cooler at work, and chasing a Frisbee (thrown by his son) into a stream.*

I hate this nonsense! They can expect a letter from me about where I'll buy my next car (unless there is an apology and a retraction of the ad in which case I might reconsider).

To contact Honda, try this:

By Phone:
Toll-free number: (800) 999-1009

By Fax:
(310) 783-3023 (24 Hours)

By Mail:
American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

Honda Automobile Customer Service

1919 Torrance Boulevard

Mail Stop: 500 - 2N - 7D

Torrance, CA 90501-2746

Honda states: "Our business hours are Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time."

Note: No email address was provided.

Their site is:
http://www.hondacars.com

Steve"

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Glenn Sacks on F4J

Adam · 27 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anon user writes "*Columnist Glenn Sacks defends the English Fathers' Rights group Fathers 4 Justice in his latest column here. While F4J has received criticism for its actions, Sacks points out that "most protesters have court-ordered visitation with their children but cannot get English courts to enforce those rights. Their protests have broken the law, but have done so only in an effort to get the English government to enforce the law."*

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One in 75 US men in jail

Matt · 28 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Yahoo! News finally comes out with something that desperately needs revealing. The gulag system of criminalizing and warehousing men seems to be getting more and more efficient as time goes on. Read about it. The article actually notes the huge disparity in incarceration numbers for men and women as well. Great start, Yahoo!, keep it up!

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Major Seattle Station Spreads Misandry

Matt · 28 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

seattleshark writes *"KomoTV, a Seattle ABC local newstation, has posted an extraordinarily misandric report on their website. http://www.komotv.com/stories/31443.htm. Here's an excerpt: "Of the teens aged 15 to 19 who are murdered each year in this country, a third are killed by their boyfriends." Need more? Here: "Forty percent of students aged 14 to 17 say they know someone their age who has been hit by a boyfriend." The end of the article offers the following: "For more information on teen domestic violence go to www.loveisnotabuse.com and click on "Just for teens." Please make your displeasure visible by writing the reporter: AprilZ@komotv.com. Oh, and it's time to add Liz Clairborne to the list of companies to boycott!"*

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"Men's Habits, Not Biology, Cause Early Death"

Adam · 28 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *"Quote: "Last week saw two new developments in the emerging men's health movement: the debut of a peer-reviewed scientific journal, The Journal of Men's Health and Gender, and what sponsors say is the first men's health conference convened in the USA."*

Article
here"

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Daily Toon from a Single Father's POV

Adam · 28 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

tparker writes *"Just came across "The Humble Stumble", a cartoon about a single father and his daughter. (Incredibly, the mother didn't die, she divorced him.)*

It's not exactly great art, but after most of the stuff on the comics page, it's a bit of a relief."

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Mike's Hard Lemonade Ad

Scott · 30 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Bledso writes *"Mike's Hard Lemonade has released a new commercial that condones violence against men. A man and a woman are sitting at the bar and another man walks up with a series of blatantly cheesy and juvenile pick-up lines in an attempt to impress the woman. He's clearly portrayed as a big jerk. The first and second attempts draw eye rolls. On the third attempt, the man that's with the woman attempts to tell the offender to leave, but is cut off at the pass when the woman head butts the pick-up artist, knocking him to the floor. Then, apparently, all is well again. The violence seemingly justified. As always, imagine if a man head butted a woman in an ad. The horror! The web site isn't exactly easy to navigate, but you need to get to the "Mike's Media Room" section to see the ad."*

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Can Gender Be Socially Constructed?

Adam · 30 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Can Gender be socially constructed as women's studies programs teach on our college campuses? Wendy McElroy writes about the life & death of Bruce Reimer, a boy whose botched circumcision led to medical science's failed attempt(s) to literally, physically, (and mentally) transform him into a girl, Death By Theory The gender controversy that raged around (and in) his life, rages to this day. School Debates Difference Between Gender & Sex Should children as young as elementary school be allowed to choose their "gender" as California law advocates? Letter From CA Dept. of Ed Have steps to protect the rights of homosexual children created a climate of "politically correct heterophobia," that threatens the rights of heterosexual people not to be "harassed" by the gay, lesbian and transgendered agenda? In this whole debate, is the right to be a heterosexual male the one sexual construct that is being left totally out of the equation? The issue appears to confront a number of perspectives as wide ranging and intritcate as the topic of human sexuality itself. California law purports to be seeking an enlightened perspective. However, is the current California attempt to define human sexuality in an all encompassing benevolence, yet one more example of the "tyranny of tolerance" that has for decades worked so aggressively to belittle and humiliate all things associated with heterosexual maleness as unacceptable oppression of the "privileged patriarchy?""*

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The girls who cried wolf?

Adam · 31 May 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Doctor Damage writes *"On Friday May 28, The Republican published this story in which feminists complain that judges are no longer taking claims of domestic violence seriously, saying that the court system "derides these allegations as a tactic in divorce litigation"*

Chickens coming home to roost?"

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Degrading Hardees Commercials

Adam · 1 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Josh N. writes *"Recent Hardees® commercials depict men as too stupid to select a loaf of bread or open a cardboard tube of instant biscuits, while a narrator's voice proclaims that "without Hardees®, some guys would starve…" Aren't we all lucky that Hardees® is making sure that the men of America don't die of starvation because they're so stupid? Hardees® though, is not the only culprit. For example, another series of advertisements from Domino's Pizza's promoting their Philly Cheese Steak Pizzas show a group of men teasing a dog by summoning it with a bell (a parallel to Pavlov's bell experiments) so that the dog comes in expectation of food, but instead is mocked as a "stupid dog." A few seconds later, the doorbell rings, and all the men run to the door making panting dog sounds (another Pavlov draw, this time equating the men to dogs) and are greeted by a pizza delivery man who says "No drooling this time guys." Thus the commercial first takes the time to establish the dog's intelligence as "stupid". It next makes the men behave like dogs, so an easy inference can be made by the viewer based on what they've established about dogs' intelligence, that men are also stupid."*

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The Empire Strikes Back

Scott · 1 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Hunchback writes *"How does the femborg fight back when the true face of domestic violence is being exposed? It latches on to a handful of sensational, well publicized cases; one of its reps sponsors a bill to create an "advisory board"; eventually the "findings" of the board funnel even more public funds into selected feminist-controlled coffers. This article depicts the birth of a dark star. The campaign was executed quietly, announced publicly only when the result was a fait accompli. Notice the background of the bill's sponsor and the proposed make-up of the board. Letters to the editor might forestall this measure from becoming a national model. Letters to the editor should be no more than 70 words and submitted immediately."*

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Women's Right/Gynaeocracy is The Supreme Law

Adam · 2 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *" U.S. National - AP*

Judge: Bush Abortion Ban Unconstitutional

3 minutes ago Add U.S. National - AP to My Yahoo!

By DAVID KRAVETS, Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO - In a ruling with coast-to-coast effect, a federal judge declared the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act unconstitutional Tuesday, saying it infringes on a woman's right to choose.

U.S. District Judge Phyllis Hamilton's ruling came in one of three lawsuits challenging the legislation President Bush (news - web sites) signed last year.

She agreed with abortion rights activists that a woman's right to choose is paramount, and that it is therefore "irrelevant" whether a fetus suffers pain, as abortion foes contend. The

article quotes:

"a woman's right to choose is paramount, and that it is therefore "irrelevant" whether a fetus suffers pain"

Matriarchy or Gynaeocracy is the Supreme Law and death and suffering then become "irrelevant.""

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No more "Ladies Night" in New Jersey

Matt · 2 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Steve Krakauer writes *"Check out this story about New Jersey's court ruling banning Ladies Night promotions at bars and clubs after a man took a club to court claiming gender bias.*

I guess equal rights means paying equal for drinks and cover also...

It makes sense."

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UK Telegraph warns men to avoid divorce in Britain

Matt · 2 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Can you believe a man's future earnings will be open to confiscation should he and his wife split? This is anticipated in Britain. Read it here.*

Interesting is the commentary contrasting things in GB with here in the US, New York in particular.

Stay single. Just stay single. For the love of God, man, STAY SINGLE!!

* Registration required. Go ahead, it's free and only takes a second.

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Peterson vs. Harris

Adam · 3 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"According to this article, Scott Peterson's double murder trial begins today. For me, there's no question: if he's guilty, he deserves his punishment. Put aside, for a moment, the notion that he's being tried for one kind of murder that women commit every day in this country. Consider, instead, the harsh treatment he'll receive at the hands of the media and compare that with the sympathetic way in which Clara Harris was treated during her murder trial. Ladies and gentlemen, I submit to you a true and clear demonstration of anti-male bias in the media."*

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The Estrogen Is Choking The Environment....

Adam · 4 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CrimsonArrow writes *"... But do not take my word for it, just read about the 'March for Women's Lives' rally from Frontpage Magazine written by Anthony Gankarski. As Ashley Judd puts it: "This is what feminism looks like.""*

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Cartoon Strip on MND Portrays Violence Against Men

Adam · 4 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"If you go to the Men's News Daily site regularly you will notice the cartoon strip Day By Day written by someone called Chris Muir. This strip has recently given in to the concept that violence against men by females is okay and humorous. The current one, as of 4 June, has a male character called Zed getting slapped by a female character because he sent a picture of her breasts, I think it was, over the internet.*

I sent Mr. Muir this e-mail protesting his condoning of violence against men by females as okay and funny." See the Read More section for the e-mail.

Hello Mr Muir,

(FYI,his e-mail address is: daybyday@daybydaycartoon.com)

I have been reading your cartoon strip, Day By Day at the Men's News Daily site for a couple of weeks now.
The most current one has a male character called Zed who gets slapped by a female character for e-mailing a picture of her bosom I presume over the internet. I also recall another male character in an earlier strip getting hit by an object thrown by a female character over some slight.

The media has developed a very bad habit of portraying violence against men by females as something that is okay, justified and even humorous.
Even men getting hit or kicked in the testicles an act which could be defined as criminal sexual assault, has become a common sight in too many commercials and movies where the assault is suggested as being funny and even empowering for the abuser who is usually a female.

If you think I am being overly sensitive and just not appreciating the joke, well how about doing this as an experiment? Switch the scenario where the male characters slap or otherwise abuse the female characters over some trivial offense and see the reaction from the public. It would be an outrage!

So would you please do something about combating the social acceptance of domestic and other violence against men? It would be original and even more entertaining not to mention more intelligent.

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Spot the double standards! (there's several)

Adam · 5 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"article 1*

A Parma woman who carried on a two-year sexual affair with a boy who was 13 when it began dodged prison Wednesday when a judge sentenced her to probation on felony sex charges.

Dawn Bacon, a 34-year-old mother of three, pleaded guilty earlier to 20 counts of unlawful sexual contact with a minor. She will serve six months of electronically monitored home confinement and must continue psychotherapy...

Another story in the same vein article 2

Jennifer Joel Wilder, 33, was charged with sexual battery on May 14. She is free on $10,000 bond.

Authorities said Wilder was a science teacher at East Central High School. They said the teenager was not in any of her classes."

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Eleven-Year-Old Girl Slashes Classmate's Throat

Adam · 5 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Story here "The killing appeared especially shocking because of the age of the children involved and the fact that both were girls. "*
The age of the killer can legitimately be referred to as "shocking", but there is nothing shocking about a female killer. The shocking part is that it made the news and that she was actually identified as female. There are many stories I see where a violent female is referred to as a: coworker, friend, acquiantence, classmate, or other gender neutral term. Many times even after reading the entire article, the gender of the perp is still not divulged - which is a near guarantee that it is female. They also had to throw in a couple mentions of young boy killers to show that young killers are supposed to be male."

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Colombian police arrest woman for stealing unborn

Adam · 6 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ragtime writes *"Colombian baby 'stolen from womb' -- Colombian police say they have arrested a woman for stealing an unborn baby from its mother's womb."*

What was the motive? I wonder.

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Domestic Violence Batters Men

Adam · 6 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *"Domestic violence information is honestly reported here, Women who batter, and the men who fear them Male victims of domestic violence really need to be written about in main stream media, but rarely are. Robert L. Jamieson shows journalistic integrity by objectively reporting the events in this story, without all the usual domestic violence industry misinformation and lies we so frequently see in media coverage of domestic violence stories."*

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Ray Blumhorst Cited in ChicagoTribune Article

Adam · 7 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Frequent poster to MANN Ray Blumhorst was quoted in a "Commentary" piece by Kathleen Parker (6.2.02) - "Blindsided by Political Correctiness..." an essay regarding the damages done to feminism by the recent Abu Ghraib scandals.*

Ray's quote: "What happened in Abu Ghraib is no isolated incident, no abberation," wrote Ray Blumhorst... I have little doubt that all of the females implicated at Abu Ghraib will have little trouble finding jobs in the multi-billion-dollar VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) domestic violence industry, just as soon as American, gender feminist justice rationalizes away all their misbehavior."

Link to full article here"

Registration required.

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California's History of Politically Correct Group Attacks

Adam · 7 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here's a convoluted piece of writing, Politically Correct, Pseudoscientific Ideologies Targeting Groups of People in the Golden State that compares and contrasts California's past practices with present day practices in regards to the Golden State's "unique ways" of dealing with issues of "societally deficient" human beings, human sexuality, and "gender." Apparently, today's males have not been the first group of people to be systematically stigmitized, demonized, and persecuted by "Golden State" politics and pseudoscientific hokum. The details presented in this article, reveal a fascinating past and present for the "Golden State" that is a truth hiding in plain sight, yet seldom mentioned. Gee, I wonder why?"*

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AP News Wire Bias in Wage Reporting

Matt · 8 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The_Beedle writes *"The Associated Press ran a report last Friday on the gender wage gap in which they claim that women earn less than men for the same work. Once again the crucial factor in earnings, the number of years an individual has been performing their job, is left out.*

For comments AP spoke exclusively to women. They mention education, but fail to mention that women now receive more degrees than men. And for the finale the economist they quote equates single-parenthood with motherhood and argues that employers should be forced to pay more for less productive workers."

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Forbes article covers worker injuries... sort of.

Matt · 8 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Read this article in Forbes on-line, off-linked from the AOL AIM news pop-up. The article is glaring in its omissions. My letter to the editor is below (comments to Forbes can be submitted here).Carrie Coolidge's "The Most Dangerous Jobs in America" falls way short of adequately covering the topic. Moreover, she leaves out vital statistics with regard to who receives injuries while on the job based on such factors as gender and ethnicity, factors that are cited in nearly every sociologically-relevent topical discussion in the popular press except for those that do not favor a certain agenda. The fact of the matter is that men are far more likely to be injured or killed on the job than women and that non-whites suffer disproportionately more injuries on the job than do whites. Also, no mention of injuries and deaths in military service is mentioned, most of which are sustained by men.

Next time Forbes runs such an article as this, please be sure to do it the topic the justice it deserves, including the relevant demographic information that normally accompanies articles of this type.

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John Kerry opens thread on mens issues

Adam · 9 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Betrayed in America writes *"The wage gap brought MRA's to Kerry's "womens issues" thread. This opened the door to the report (not study) used to foster womens vote, by MRA's. A lot of debunking going on there. Also the MRA's injected some men's issues. . .to the point were a mens issue's thread was opened. Now I don't know if the thread was an attempt to derail the men on the wage gap or a genuine desire to here mens issues. Either way there is a public thread on a presidetial candidates site. It seems to be a good opportunity to get some issues into public debate. Please be courtious as they tend to ban people easily there. Beware there are a couple of seemingly feminist that are attempting to trivialize and deter the issues. Stay focused. . .have fun! One note: If the link doesn't work. . .the thread is listed under the topic of "womens issues" as "issues that concern men"."*

Update: Betrayed in America writes *"Its under "Civil rights for all Americans" now. Here's the*

link."

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Abusive women

Adam · 9 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"This article is from Malaysia. Particularly good in the opening. It starts with some historical perspective on violent behavior by women - from Catherine II to Lynndie England. It also mentions that violence by wives against their husbands is quite common in Malyasia, but men don't report it because they are ashamed to admit what happened to them, and that women abuse children as much as (or maybe more than) men do. The later part is somewhat disappointing. It offers a number of explanations (excuses) for femal violent behavior.*

It seems that the media in diffrent parts of the world has begun to report on violence by women and/or against men. Surly a good sign!

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Sexism is OK against men

Matt · 10 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Man can't fill woman's spot on county committees political party office."*

Our broken judicial system sided with the motion to deny this man an opportunity: "The Supreme Court upheld that decision, saying a political party office was not the same as public office. As such, the court said it was not protected by a state constitutional provision stating that "no person shall be disqualified from holding office in this state because of sex." Anytime someone registers for office, be it political or public, and someone has to first see what they look like -- be it man, woman, black or white -- there's something wrong with that. Feminism - do as we say, not as we do...as usual. This is an "Odds and Ends" piece. If the genders were reversed Dan Rather would be talking about it...

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Violent femme gets noticed under "Entertainment"

Matt · 10 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Not unlike men getting murdered by women showing up under "Oddly Enough", I have come to expect this sort of thing from Yahoo! News. The (in)famous Courtney Love, high on coke and who knows what else, attacks another woman with a deadly weapon, and it is reported as "Entertainment". You know, I can't help but think that if the victim were male, it would not even have made it into the paper much less get the attention of the law.Get this from the piece:

Love was not in custody, and it was unclear whether she had been served with the warrant. She has been charged in three additional cases, including two that occurred hours apart in October.

Those other cases, the article notes, included an attempted break-in into a former boyfriend's house. Yet, she remains out of jail and out on bail, as they say. Doubt she'll do real time for any of this.

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Pay Gap Reporting

Adam · 10 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here is an article from MSNBC*

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The studies say what we've been saying all along: women are more apt to leave the work force.

Of course, the article puts a VERY biased slant on the interpretation of these statistics, implying that the blame rests on employers who are not accomodating. Did it ever occur to them that men are under greater competative pressures to work, garner experience, and earn more money, hence why they are less apt to leave the work force? That women have choices to leave the work force that men don't have? That leaving the work force is a sign of lesser commitment to work, rather than a cause (because women are more able to find partners who are willing to financially support them)? Did it ever occur to them that this might be unpleasant for men?

I hear many women complaining about have to make choices regarding whether or not they wish to work. Funny, nobody ever asks me what I would choose. "Fully 96% of these prime-age women worked at least one of those 15 years." Gee, they make it sound like such an accomplishment. Sounds like a pretty low standard. I never grew up with the expectation that I would spend *any* number of years without working. That would be swell, though.

Must be nice to have the choice to relax and not stress out, then have everyone feel sorry for you once you do."

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Men's Rights Congress next week! Here's the synopsis of issues

Tom · 10 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

We are looking forward to seeing many of the posters from MANN next week at the Men's Rights Congress in Washington DC, June 18-19. We have a great group of nearly forty men and women who are registered and coming from 14 states and Great Britain. We expect more. Please sign up soon if you are planning to come. We need to make accurate estimates by next Wednesday for food for lunch on Saturday so let us know soon if you are coming! Join us!

We have written a brief synopsis of men's rights issues for the Congress. We would love your feedback on it. What would you add? What would you edit? Let us know. Click 'Read More / Post Comments' to see the synopsis.

Summary

We have developed a booklet for the Congress that has a 2-4 page summary of each issue listed below. Each of the separate summaries is written by men who are experts in their topics. Authors include Glenn Sacks, Warren Farrell, Marc Angelucci, David Burroughs, Carnell Smith, Stephen Baskerville, Dean Tong and many others. These will be distributed at the Congress.

Let us know what you think!

Men's Health – Men die on average over 4.5 years earlier than women, commit suicide 4 times more often than women, for all 10 leading causes of death, have higher death rates than women, yet our government focuses on women's health and ignores men. We have 4 offices of women's health in the Department of Health and Human Services, and none for men. Prostate cancer receives only a third of the funding of breast cancer from the National Institutes of Health, but kills as many men as breast cancer kills women. Funding for male specific health research is less than one half of the funding for female specific research. We need equity. Our government needs to help both men and women.

Circumcision – Over a million infant boys are subjected to painful, sometimes dangerous and life altering surgery each year without their consent. The American Medical Association tells us that routine circumcision is not medically necessary, that this procedure is invasive, painful, and is known to diminish sexual pleasure later in life. Our country has laws that protect little girls from this sort of procedure but has nothing to protect our little boys.

Domestic Violence - Although the department of Justice tell us that 835,000 men are victims of domestic violence every year these men have no services or shelters. Actually research clearly indicates that it is women who initiate domestic violence more often than men yet the feminist driven domestic violence industry does its best to make people think that men are but a tiny fraction of the victims. Billions of dollars have been spent for the aid of women who are victims. Don't you think it is time to care about both men and women?

Paternity Fraud - With the advent of DNA testing we can now easily prove paternity. The shocking truth is that so far, of those tested who were questioning paternity, 33% have found that they were not the father! This indicates

that paternity fraud is likely a profound problem which leaves many men paying for and in some cases forced to pay for children which are not actually their own. Up to this point we have trusted the mother's word about paternity. The wisdom of this assumption is now rightly being called into question.

Selective Service – Our young men must register for the draft or face stiff fines and possible incarceration, along with a denial of benefits and opportunities which are available to young women without further requirement. Our boys can be forced to serve their country and die if necessary. Our girls have no such responsibility. Is that fair?

Family Courts – Fathers are being removed from their children and families against their will and through no fault of their own. False accusations of domestic violence or child abuse are commonplace in an effort to insure custody goes to the mother. Men are then subjected to a system that forces them to pay lawyers they didn't hire and pay child support without any system of gurantee or audit to make sure the money they pay for the benefit of their children is actually used for such. The system then refuses to enforce their ability to see their own children.

Education - After decades of shifting educational environments to help girls our boys are left to school environments that are hostile to their nature. Their more active nature is being pathologized and medicated. A striking example of this is that the recess period is now being eliminated from schools all over America. Our schools are becoming more and more unfriendly to boys. While the girls are encouraged to claim their power the boys are getting the message that they are defective. They are responding by dropping out at higher percentages than girls, failing more often, graduating less often, less likely to attend college, and, sadly, committing suicide six times more often. Our boys are very bright, traditionally outscoring girls on both math and verbal parts of the SAT's. Their intelligence is excellent; it's the anti-male environment that is causing the trouble. Our boys need our attention and help now!

Criminal Bias - Gender is the most significant biasing factor in determining whether or not someone will be charged, prosecuted, indicted and sentenced, as well as determining the severity of the sentence. Simply put, men get longer sentences for the same crime and are 20 times more likely than women to receive the death penalty when convicted of murder. If you are a man you will be treated more harshly by our court system.

False Accusation – 270,000 men and fathers are victimized each year across America by unfounded and false child sex abuse reports. This number is pushed much higher when you include false accusations of rape and domestic violence. Being accused of any of these crimes is often decimating to a man's life. Even though he is proven innocent (which is often required for him not to be found guilty, in contradiction of the right of presumed innocence) he will still carry the scars of this false accusation and the damage to his reputation and psyche. The false accuser is often allowed to remain anonymous and usually is permitted to remain without responsibility for her false accusations after the fact.

Reproductive Rights - Men have no reproductive rights. Women can choose to have the baby, or an abortion, or put the baby up for adoption. The man has only one option if the woman chooses to have the child: pay child support. If a woman has the right to "opt out" of a pregnancy via abortion or adoption why shouldn't a man also have this right? Many are suggesting "paper abortions" as a means to give men a similar right.

Wage Gap – The "Wage Gap" disappears when factors such as maternity leave, overtime hours, and educational levels are taken into account. Women tend to choose occupations that allow them choices in their time with family and options such as school or leisure. Men tend to only work full time. This difference leads many to erroneously

assume that men make more for the same work. This assumption is a media sweetheart and is proclaimed loudly. It will be put to rest with the publishing of Warren Farrell's next book on this topic.

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Missing Men Underreported in Media

Matt · 11 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

seattleshark writes *"Find out more here. Very good article on the plight of the families of missing men, and how the media generally ignores them. Those of you that don't support foxnews should really take another look. Of the major media outlets, fox is the ONLY one that gives reasonably fair coverage."*

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The survey says for the english woman....

Adam · 11 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CrimsonArrow writes *"Oh, crap! Another poll is taken from 2000 women living in the UK. The results? 'Eight out of 10 women surveyed (81%) said they wished they could change their lives, 67% felt like they were on a treadmill and were worn out, and 60% thought life was easier for men.' That is not all, folks. If you read on, it gets worse for these poor, girls ..."*

Anon user also submitted this: "*Over 2,000 women in the UK were interviewed for a study and the end result? Most women are very miserable in a post-feminist age. Among the study findings -- Six out of 10 women said they felt their work/life balance was the greatest obstacle to their happiness, while the emotion experienced on a daily basis by 56% of women was "frustration". More than half admitted their finances were "out of control", while six out of 10 found their social and sex lives "unfulfilling", 92% declared they were unhappy with their bodies, 60% felt "life was easier for men" and 66% of women wanted to "quit the rat race". Are women finally wake up to the failure of modern feminism?"*

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New women's prison in Britain

Adam · 12 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

cosmo writes *"In order to aid female prisoners' "state of mind", a new prison is opening in Britain that will offer TVs, baby rooms, and fitness centres. Sometimes I think that women would be less upset if we just didn't send them to prison in the first place! Article at: this link"*

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Good men come in all sizes and ages

Adam · 12 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"I was stunned by this story, Boy Who Saved Girl in Pool Now on Life Support and didn't know quite what to make of it. The next time a gender feminist wants to stereotype all men and boys as violent or evil by saying, "What can males do to stop their violence against females," tell the bigot about this story, and ask her what she ever selflessly did to make the world a better place for "all" people."*

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ABCNews.com: Double bash headline special

Adam · 13 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Two of the three main "headlines" in ABCNews.com today promulgate the wage-gap myth and insult fathers.*

One is titled "Pay Snub: Why do most women earn less than men?"

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The other is titled: "Daddy Knows Best? One father says he was accused of child abuse for taking his child off Ritalin."

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As a bonus, I got to see a pop-up ad from Honda with the caption “My husband was raised by wolves.” Sounds familiar.

Steve"

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16 y/o girl murders step-dad, mom planned it

Adam · 13 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

zenpriest writes *"A 16-year-old girl has pleaded guilty to murdering her stepfather and will testify against her mother, who is accused of plotting the killing."*

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Where is the switch ...

Adam · 13 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CrimsonArrow writes *"... so we can turn Amy Alkon off?! A guy writes in a simple question at McCall.com and proceeds to get blasted by a long winded femi-speech. Excerpt: 'Men want beautiful women. Women want men of status and power. Deal with it. This isn't some new phenomenon. Any man alive today is a beauty-grubber descended from a very, very long line of beauty-grubbers — stretching all the way back to the Pleistocene era. Likewise, modern women are hard-wired to be "gold-diggers" — descended from an equally long line of female ancestors who would have sold their hairy left knuckle to bear Joe Alpha's furry little children.'*

I think it best that this guy take Bernard Chapin's advice from his articles, The Presumption Against Marriage parts [1] &
[2]

' ... with women, unless they're without flaw, my advice is to ride the train for as long as you can, but let some other sucker pay for its maintenance and servicing, and always make sure you get off of the route before it reaches matrimonial terminal.'"

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Lunatics Setting Child Support Amounts

Hombre · 13 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Here is yet another story of a man who has been turned into a financial slave by the lunatic family court system.*

He has been ordered to pay 81% of his take home pay by some blacksheeted bastard that answers to the name of Peatross. He will probably go to prison for this and not being able to pay for braces for his kid's teeth!

It is stories like this that makes one wonder just why we are in Iraq fighting tyranny over there when there is plenty of tyranny here."

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Sons and Daughters Giving Praise To Dads

Adam · 13 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CrimsonArrow writes *"Here is something positive that is worth cheering about. From the Rocky Mountain News: 'My Dad Is A Hero, 6 Winning Essays For Father's Day. Awesome. Special Extraordinary. Committed. A Super Hero.'*

'My dad is a hero because he does so much for me and my brother. He cooks, he drives us around, he cleans and he makes sure our clothes are clean. When my brother and I are fighting, sad, or upset, he tries to fix it. What makes him the most special is that he does all of this without the help of a wife. He does this all by himself because my mom passed away four years ago. I'm thankful to have a dad to raise me after such a tragic event.'

Read the stories of kids celebrating their hero: Dad."

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What Is Mine Is Mine, What Is His Is Mine!

Hombre · 14 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CrimsonArrow writes *"Look, I know this is article is a month old, but that changes things not one bit. Another poll of 2100 women was taken in the UK that suggested, 'Young mothers are rejecting equality in the workplace and preferring the idea of becoming full-time housewives - but not ones who actually do housework.*

This is the overall conclusion of research among 2,100 British adults that says women are happy to abandon the workplace but not if it means spending all day at home cooking, cleaning and looking after children.'

Being married to these broads sounds like a great life, huh? *wink*"

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False rape accuser sentenced to a year in jail

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Finally, a woman recieves jailtime for falsely accusing someone of rape. They even mentioned her name in the article! The 1 year sentence was awfully light, but it's a start.

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Supreme Court: Fathers lack standing

Matt · 14 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Is this really so unexpected? The US Supreme Court dismissed the case of the father who sued the school district of the school his daughter was attending to allow her not to recite the Pledge of Allegiance using "under God". Regardless of whether or not you think the pledge should include that phrase, the point here is that the SC has affirmed what many of us already know either by experience or previous studies: fathers lack standing to make decisions for their kids. Note that the father in this case is in a custody battle with his ex-wife, the mother of his children. The SC decided he didn't have "sufficient custody" to give him standing. That he brought them as they are into the world apparently is not enough to give him standing.

You can bet your next paycheck that if a mom had brought the suit, they would not have dismissed it for that reason. Perhaps another, but not for that one.

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Police Web Site Prints Photos, Addresses Of The Accused

Hombre · 14 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This article is about the Dallas Police Department. They`re posting pics and other info of alleged johns. I guess if they`re guilty or not doesn`t matter. I don`t know if they`re posting pics of the hookers.*

"The DPD is posting pictures on its Web site of people busted for allegedly soliciting prostitution.""

"It is important, likewise, that the habits of thinking in a free Country should inspire caution in those entrusted with its administration, to confine themselves within their respective Constitutional spheres; avoiding in the exercise of the Powers of one department to encroach upon another. The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all the departments in one, and thus to create whatever the form of government, a real despotism." - Hamilton Abert Long

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Underacheivement of males in the education system

Hombre · 15 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

A_level_student_needing_help writes *"As an A level sociology student I am interested in completing a piece of coursework detailing the underacheivement of males in the education system. Why is it? I need to include some parliamentary acts passed within the last centuary to support this argument. If anyone has any ideas that I may find useful please post on this site. Any contribution whatsoever would be appreciated, and I'll let you know how I get on. Thanks."*

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The Vasectomy Judges Speaks

Adam · 15 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Here*

from the horse's....ah....mouth is Judge D. Michael "Mickey" Foellger who gained 15 minutes of fame by ordering a man to be sterilized or go to jail for not being able to pay child support.

Notice how he always refers to men's sexual indescretion in cases he cites but never the women's. Also, he never acknowledges that women unlike men can abort their parental responsiblities before the child is born.

If anyone knows how to contact him let us know."

Well, you could just look at the fifth result over here and reach for the phone....

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The New Face of Wealth Wears Lipstick

Adam · 15 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

NextEntity writes *"News on the British front shows that more women are wealthy than men now. Now new and improved with glib quotes, statistics and an ending along the lines of:*

"Once upon a time little girls on both sides of the Atlantic may have dreamed about marrying a millionaire. These days they're dreaming about running their own companies. Will little boys dream about marrying them?"

How long before the tired old hat of rich men being the oppressors and evil bastards gets retired in favor of the opposite?

The full article can be read
here".

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Economist Rebuts NH Child Support Guidelines

Scott · 16 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Economist R. Mark Rogers of Economic Consulting wrote a concise and insightful rebuttal of the NH Child Support Guidelines in PDF format. Not only are the guidelines full of inconsistencies and unfair burdens (mostly to the disadvantage of the non-custodial parent), but it turns out that the current NH guidelines do not even use the sliding percentage of income scale that the NH DHHS recommended, but instead are based on a fixed percentage of income with no cap. At only 11 pages, this document is a quick read and I hope will it inspire others to investigate child support guidelines in other states and form rebuttal strategies.

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Useful DV Stats in California

Adam · 16 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"Aside from all the randomized surveys showing that men and women initiate DV at the same rates (like in Fiebert's bibliography here and Linda Kelly's law review journal in PDF format), sometimes it is also very useful to cite local and state police reports and other "archival" data in one's advocacy for male victims in civil rights lawsuits, lobbying or other advocacy. Below are some California stats from an online State of California source that can be very useful in this regard. Marc*

The document I refer to above is titled "The Prevalence of Domestic Violence in California." It is a State document that, despite the extreme gender bias in its analytical language, still shows that, according to police data, men comprise about 1/4 of DV victims. The document is available at this site in PDF format.

Here are some highlights:

1. In 2000, 9,340 women and 41,885 men were arrested for DV (p 40).

2. From 1988 to 2000, women went from 6 percent to 18.2 percent of DV arrestees, while men went from 94 percent to 81.8 percent (p 41).

3. In 2000, out of 147 homicides with DV as a precipitating event, 22 victims were husbands and 72 were wives; 8 were boyfriends and 32 were girlfriends; 1 was an ex husband and 0 were ex wives (p 45).

4. In San Diego County in 1996, law enforcement showed that 18 percent of DV victims were male and 82 percent were female, while 82 percent of suspects were male and 18 percent were female (p 48).

5. From July 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002, in the victim compensation program for DV victims, 2,936 primary claimants were male and 9,898 were female (p 53).

6. "One responding shelter, located in Los Angeles, reported a significant number of gay and lesbian domestic violence clients, with more male domestic violence victims than female." (p 14.)

Marc"

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Woman abandons baby in bar parking lot, isn't charged

Matt · 17 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

At this point I wouldn't have kids to save my own bloody life. Look at this will you. Apparently, in CA anyway, a mother can abandon a baby anyplace and as long as she calls for pick-up, it's OK. If a man did that, he'd be toast.

Barf.

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IWF - A Supporter of Fatherhood

Adam · 17 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Granted, the IWF has been an advocate for traditional fatherhood and for marriage - they should be lauded for this. But look at their "Father's Day" page:*

here

Read the first listed article, "Meet Today's Dad: A Model to Avoid." Grrr..."

Hmmm. I dunno about you, but I'm starting to get the feeling the IWF values the nearest man's uses more than his characteristics. For independant women, they sure do glorify the traditional man, but not the traditional woman? if there was ever going to be a universal slogan for this kind of thing, it would have to be "*No reciprocity? no way*!" Or perhaps "*You can't have it both ways baybee!*" as a wise man once said.

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It's No Joke: TV Dads Get Short Shrift

Adam · 18 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *""Dads, you see, are the last subculture in America whom it is permissible to bash and malign with impunity. They have no lobby whose sole task it is to protect their honor. You can depict dads as stumbling, bumbling doofs all you want and receive not a single shred of flak for it. "*

Full article
here"

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Missing Men

Adam · 18 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Here is an excellent article about the underreporting (or should I say non-reporting) of men who are missing, as opposed to the media frenzy when a woman is missing."*

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Nicole Kidman Movie Causing Outrage

Adam · 18 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"It seems in her new movie "Birth" she fools arond with a 10 (!) year old boy in a hot tub.The movie may never come out because of the trouble it`s causing. Article*

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Does 'Victim Status' justify crime?

Adam · 19 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *" A woman bites off her boyfriend's tongue and perhaps swallows it because he squeezed her a bit too tight while kissing. The AP news story granted her "victim status" on her account alone, which as usual is an odd twist of logic aimed at justifying violent female behavior based upon her previous experience with men. Media's constant justification of violent female behavior seems to be the norm today and it softens the impact of violent female behavior, and denigrates men in the process. This was another "odds and ends" new item."*

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2004 Men's Congress Day One: Big Success!!

Matt · 19 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I am very glad to announce that Day One of the 2004 Men's Rights Congress was a big success!! Activists from all over the country converged at a church near Capitol Hill to organize and depart for "Lobby Day on the Hill". I can't tell you the great sense of satisfaction and accomplishment that came just from going directly to the seat of legislation and making our case to our senators and Congressmen, or their staffers. Following that, participants made signs and protested in front of the Supreme Court, talking to passers-by, handing out leaflets, and posing for photos taken by tourists and passing media people. From there, we moved on to the Capitol lawn to join fellow protesters for photo ops and to make our presence known there as well.

It was a long but very satisfying day. We remained stolidly undaunted in the face of the heat and humidity. :) We all look forward to tomorrow for the second day of the Congress at the Carnegie Endowment for Peace building.

Oh yes - photos coming soon!

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All men are voles..?

Matt · 19 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes "

Apparently scientists have discovered a gene that makes voles faithful and ends their natural promiscuity. I just love the comments about 'how women may want to implant this in their men'..."

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2004 Men's Rights Congress, Day Two: Great Big Success!!

Matt · 20 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The second and final day of the 2004 Men's Rights Congress concluded today as a big success. With upwards of 50 attendees and a great list of speakers, along with a great deal of enthusiasm and a spirit of cooperation and commonness of cause, the Conference Day ended too soon.

Attendees left with a strong sense that this Congress was the start of something great. We who were part of its organization and execution certainly hope so! If you were there, you know what I mean, and thank you for attending. If not, well, you missed a great conference! :) Hope to see you next year in any case!

Oh yeah....pictures coming soon!

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Woman leads caging of boys

Matt · 20 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

ahhkaboom writes *"Adopted boys were systematically abused on an ongoing basis for 13½ years by their adoptive parents, with the adoptive mother taking the lead.*

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Washington Times op-ed piece on father's rights, 2004 Congress

Matt · 21 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

2004 Men's Rights Congress Committee member Brett Freeman had an op-ed published today in The Washington Times. The Times and the Washington Post are DC's two major newspapers. Way to go, Brett!!!

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NYTimes.com: Guess Who's Holding the Briefcase

Matt · 21 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I could hardly believe my eyes, but there it is in black and white. The New York Times itself has published this article in its Week In Review section, an article which appears to unabashedly sympathize with the plight of the "modern" married man.

Happy Father's Day!

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Happy Father's Day

Matt · 21 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Nancy writes *"To all of you who are fathers, step-fathers, 'big brothers', uncles, grampas, role-models and friends. This is your day. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!!!!!!!!"*

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Post-Father's Day slap - the Bridget Marks case

Adam · 22 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Hunchback writes *"By now everyone should be aware of the Bridget Marks case, championed by the NY Daily News. This latest insult to falsely accused fathers everywhere has to be seen to be believed. The authors' book should be titled "Why Women are Running Family Court." (Letters to the Daily News should be under 60 words--written letters with name, address, and daytime phone seem to have a better chance of publication than e-letters.)"*

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Woman sentenced for killing son

Adam · 22 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

OldManSenile writes *" Finally, Score one for the good guys and gals. This 20 yr old tried to play the "I'm sorry" cards and got shwacked. The only bad thing is, they never said anything about the father IE... where is he, his feelings, or even if he would have taken the baby so she didn't have to kill the son. Here is the link."*

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Wil Hetherington Up For Parole?

Adam · 22 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Please take a little time out of you day to send some kind of letter of support for Mr. Hetherington. Thanks!*

From: QT - Joe O'Connor
To: QT topic subscribers

Reply by email or visit here I just received a letter from Wil stating that he's coming up for parole soon and that he needs as many letters as possible to the parole board asking for his release.

The address is:

Michigan Parole Board
c/o Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 30003
Lansing, MI 48909

Wil says he would like everyone sending out a letter to make 2 copies for him and send them to his address. He would also like a copy, if possible of the response the parole board mails out.

His current address is below:

William J. Hetherington #186155
1790 E. Parnall Road
Jackson, MI 49201-7139"

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Will New Jersey overturn the ban on Ladies Night?

Adam · 24 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Ladies Nights (where bars, etc. charge women less than they do men) have been banned in New Jersey. However, Assemblyman Joseph Cryan (D-Union) has introduced a bill that would allow facilities to have gender-based prices but "for economic purposes only". The New Jersey Restaurant Association opposed the ban on ladies' nights for reasons of revenue and the good of the community. The owner of the restaurant where the ladies night policy was originally challenged claimed that ladies nights are a benefit for men. A university professor said that ladies nights were examined by 15 states in terms of discrimination, and that 12 states banned the practice with no bad effects. None of those other states have legalized ladies nights so far. In another article, an individual claims that the man would not have challenged ladies nights if he had a girlfriend. Some men supposedly preferred places with more women. The executive director of the ACLU in NJ said that ladies nights discrimination was not as serious as discrimination against women and minorities but that she did support the ban.The second article compares ladies nights to senior discounts or McDonalds Happy Meals for kids, but virtually everyone is a kid at one time and a senior at one time, regardless of gender. On the other hand, gender itself never changes. It might be worth considering what would happen if a mens night was implemented somewhere. What would be the reaction?"*

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Men admit they're working too hard (England)

Adam · 24 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Seventy per cent of men say their work is suffering because they're working too hard.*

The modern euphemism, used in the survey conducted by a men's magazine with the Department of Trade and Industry, is 'work-life balance' but what it really means is that working in the country with the longest working hours in Europe is knackering.

In the survey, more than half the men questioned (52%) said their personal relationships were their main priority. Almost a quarter (23%) named their health as the main issue. Despite this they were working longer than they wanted to and didn't have time to exercise. Article

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Virginia Department Of Health Says....

Adam · 24 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Men are the only ones who do anything wrong*
here
"The campaign targets men age 18 to 29. The campaign hopes to change the norms around relationships with minors, making it no longer acceptable for adults to engage in sex with minors. "We encourage adult men to talk to their peers and discourage them from pursuing teenagers. What they are doing is unhealthy and against the law," said Robert Franklin, male outreach coordinator for sexual violence prevention at the Virginia Department of Health.""

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British court upholds a man's right to choose

Adam · 25 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *""A British woman lost her legal battle on Friday to have a baby using frozen embryos which her former partner wants destroyed."*

Read the full article
here"

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Nothing "odd" about female violence!

Adam · 25 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

alphamale writes *"Once again, Reuters.com has an article about a woman assaulting her male partner with a weapon and has placed the article in their 'oddly enough" section. It boggles the mind how this sort of domestic violence always ends up as being considered "odd." If I were to stab my wife because I didn't want to watch some show she was watching (think "Extreme Makeover"), would the article about me stabbing her show up under the "oddly enough" section? Not likely. I'd be on the front page of every newspaper and be branded a violent, typical male who should be locked up forever. Providing yet another excuse for female chauvinists to demand that billions more should be spent on preventing violence against poor, helpless, innocent women."*

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Destiny Hunter tells men to put down remote control

Adam · 25 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dr. Dan writes *"In this Savannah Morning News article Destiny Hunter says she sought to know "why [men] struggle to say they're sorry." She concludes with apology instructions summarized with: "this means you are going to have to put down the remote and talk to your sweetheart." Stereotype alert! And guys are supposed to accept this misandrist drivel. Are women really better than men at apologizing? Do only guys have to say "I'm sorry"? I don't buy it."*

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T-shirts that mocked violence aganist women pulled

Adam · 26 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

this is not equality writes *"I'll bet (my opinion) most of these women and girls felt that the David and Goliath shirts were no big deal, but look at their successful actions and comments once the tables are turned! "Any violence against women is not a good thing to be advertising" or "It's not funny."*

article"

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ABC news report on women and violence

Adam · 28 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Toaster writes *"Women during wartime can be brutal, sadistic, sexually depraved and equal to their male counterparts in the worst possible way.*

women might "forge whole new ways" to torture and sexually humiliate their victims.

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A certain kind of feminism, or perhaps I should say a certain kind of feminist naiveté, died in Abu Ghraib," wrote noted feminist Barbara Ehrenreich in a recent Los Angeles Times column. "It was a feminism that saw men as the perpetual perpetrators, women as the perpetual victims and male sexual violence against women as the root of all injustice."

And of the seven U.S. soldiers charged in the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal, three are women."

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Ask Marilyn column on male bashing

Adam · 28 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"I normally don't get the Denver Post, but the Sunday paper was being offered for free at the local supermarket today. In the Parade Magazine section, I found this in the Ask Marilyn column:*

Why do so many women complain so much about men? It seems to go on 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This just blows my mind! David Alston, Silver Spring, Md.

Please click on "Read More" for Marilyn's reply."

Marilyn vos Savant replied:

It's everywhere these days, isn't it? I think that a teensy bit of jealousy may reside at the heart of the matter (along with some other stuff, of course). Men seem to have it all - with the exception of things like enough hair - and this rankles many women, expecially those who believe that some men abuse their positions. P.S. I'm bracing myself for an onslaught of mail, David. Sometimes it's easy to be honest, and sometimes it's not!

So what do you think? At least Marilyn was brave enough to call women on being jealous, as well as using the phrase "Men SEEM to have it all" and "This rankles many women, especially those who BELIEVE that some men abuse their positions."

Perhaps we could email Marilyn and inform her more of our perspective, though I'd like to thank her for at least not reflexively bashing men. Well, she does have the world's highest recorded IQ - it's nice that a woman with such intelligence is able to at least see part of what is going on.

Her site can be found

here

Steve"

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Lopsided at the top. Girls rule academia.

Adam · 28 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"For the past five graduating classes, girls have made up a majority of Boston's top-ranked high school seniors. The girls' share of the No. 1 rank started creeping up and reached 80 percent this year. This numbers reflects decades of local and national efforts to broaden girls' career aspirations and guide them into college, educators say (when will the boys receive the same?) "A lot of the reasons women made gains are the specific programs made for them -- programs for math, for science, mentoring that give them a high level of support," Said Andrew M. Sum, director of Northeastern University's Center for Labor Market Studies. Other quotes from the article in the Boston Globe: "it is girls' nature to be more focused," "Guys are not as organized as we are," "They're boys -- they mature a little bit after we do." As graduates lined up Friday afternoon in the gymnasiums, seniors pointed out the academic divide, far more girls wore honor society vests than boys. It is clear that secondary academic institutions (especially in MA) have become hostile environments for boys, and nurturing empowering environments for girls. Feminism is to blame for the war on boys. If boys are achieving higher scores on standardized testing, why are they so behind in academia? Please write your opinions to the Globe on this article, and do what you can to support programs that will restore academic honesty and equality to secondary education.*

article"

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Double Standards on Sexual Relationships

Adam · 28 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

OldManSenile writes *" Here it is, the guy gets four years in jail. The girl was 18, but they said he used his authority to manipulate her. Here is*
the link OMS"

Compare and contrast that article to this one sent in by a anon user to see some real double standards.

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Liberty and Justice for All (except men)

Adam · 29 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Here is an important story about proposed legislation that could have a Draconion effect on men's activism as well as a stifling effect on free speech in America in general, Afraid to Say What We Think . This is yet one more example of the erosion of America's constitutional freedoms. It appears that soon it will be only men who will be allowed to be targets of hate crimes. This article proves yet again why Carey Roberts is one of the most insightful commentators writing on issues affecting men. I sent e-FAXes to elected representatives today, alerting them to the dangers of this* ***unAmerican*** *legislation."*

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Group Says No Such Thing as False Rape Reporting

Adam · 29 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

amperro writes *"The National Coalition Against Violent Athletes (here) insists that false rape accusations are almost non-existent. In fact, they claim that there are more people who fake their own deaths than there are those who file a false rape report. They use a "quote" from the FBI to support this claim. I'm skeptical of that claim."*

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Alderwoman found guilty

Adam · 30 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ragtime writes *"Finally, this nut-bar has been found guilty.*

What's really appalling is the kid-gloves treatment she's getting: she needs "psychiatric assessment" and "time to heal." Amazingly, her husband, who her lawyer tried to portray as the perp, is standing by her. Personally, I think he should run like hell away from her as fast as he can. And get this; she still has her seat as an alderwoman! Though the mayor **is** thinking of asking her to stand down... The mind boggles."

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Another female teacher has sex with 14-year-old

Adam · 30 June 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"It's happened again, even though women don't do this kind of thing, and if they do it must have been love. We'll have to see if if she gets equal treatment like women have been demanding. Link here."*

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Father Knows Best? Not if he’s Homer

Adam · 1 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Here is an MSN article that outlines TV's worst and best dads. Naturally the article was written by a liberal woman who chose to take a humorous view of the grossly negative portrayal of fathers on TV for the past several decades instead of asking why fathers are bashed in modern media. Dads from vintage shows were omitted, as "we (she) had to draw the line somewhere." By doing so the article neglects to note that the state of fatherhood has been reduced to almost a purely dysfunctional state on TV. The author chose to add feminist issues that occurred on these shows mixed in with occasional compliments towards TV dads/men. She has no real interest in fatherhood (nor does MSNBC), then again, what feminist does? Take a minute to vote for your favorite dad."*

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Dan Reynolds' "Men Are Idiots" feature

Adam · 1 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"How's this for the bottom of the misandric barrel. Cartoonist Dan Reynolds has created a series of cartoons that were posted on MSN's "Daryl Cagle's Professional Cartoonist's Index." The whole spectrum of misandric themes is covered in this sexist anti-male collection. See for yourself*

here

I'm waiting for Dan Reynolds to come out with an equivalent "Women Are Idiots" collection of cartoons (sarcasm).

Steve"

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A critique of the modern world

Adam · 2 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here is an interesting essay on the 1970's post-apocalyptic film Logans Run. The author takes the reader through the story line of Logans Run and analyzes its Freudian/Jungian meanings, especially in relation to the 60's generation that the film was aimed at.*

The author sees Logans Run as a critque of the feminist dominated post 60's era, which over-protects and controls people, while also imprisoning them in a neurotic pleasure seeking consumerism, where masculinity and the realities of life are kept from them. The author sees the film suggesting that the weakness of the modern paternal role combined with the overpowering strength of the maternal/feminist role is the primary cause of this situation.

These findings could never be more relevant than today, with childern of dysfunctional families without a strong paternal presence falling deeper into a false pleasure-seeking neurosis comprised of over-eating, isolationism, TV, computers, drugs and suicide."

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Girls Know The Rules Don't Apply To Them

Adam · 2 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"These two bits of news are a trifle old, but I didn't run across them when the initial debacles happened. To me, the key quote was "girls know the rules don't apply to them". Welcome to the happy place."*

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Judge favours father over mother in custody dispute

Adam · 3 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Amom User writes "*That unusual still that this is the actual headline of the piece in the UK's Telegraph newspaper. What's really great though, is that it appears that there has been some real, though small, movement for father's rights here: "Mrs Justice Bracewell supported calls for new legislation. The courts needed the ability to refer parties to mediation at any stage of the proceedings and additional powers were required, short of imprisonment, to enforce contact orders." It still took a case involving "constant litigation since the year 2000, which has involved 17 court orders and directions and 16 judges" for her to realise this, but it's a small step forward."*

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Woman Gets 5 Years For Sex With Foster Son

Adam · 3 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here is a story about a very bad foster mother "(Whited) used every means possible to control him, including alcohol and threatening suicide," said Lane. "(She) prohibited him from sleeping in his own room and constantly harassed him after he left the residence." It also says*
"During that time the boy contracted an incurable sexually transmitted disease from Whited.""

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Study Finds Girls Molest Young Boys

Adam · 4 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"New research from New Zealand discovers under-reporting of female sexual predation of young boys, suggesting that it is more widespread than limited media coverage would indicate.*

Interestingly, social reaction to young male molestation is typically that it is a "positive, developmental" experience, quite unlike being raped if you are female!

Full article

here"

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2 Women Go On Crime Spree

Adam · 4 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *" Who says girls are made of "sugar and spice and everything nice?" These two monsters killed three men for just $30 to $200 dollars each in a six week long crme spree! It must have been for "kicks" since there was very little money taken. The money must have been an after thought."*

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CA Appellate Court Overturns Paternity Fraud Judgment

Adam · 4 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"The Second District Court of Appeal of California just overturned L.A. County's false paternity judgment against Manuel Navarro! L.A. County KNEW the child was not his because a paternity test excluded him, and it knew that he never raised the child, and yet it pursued child support against him as it has for thousands of other men. Navarro appealed, and the appellate court reversed it and said it is WRONG of L.A. County to do this. Paternity fraud victims should use this landmark decision, as controlling authority in CA, and as persuasive authority outside CA, to overturn their false paternity judgments. Please distribute this case to all PF victims. It is at here (PDF File) Marc"*

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Mother Orders Savage Beating To "Defend Family Honour"

Adam · 5 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"I found a more detailed description of the savage all-girl beating that took place because someone kissed a boy on the cheek at a family birthday party. The story gets even better -- the beating was ordered by the matriarch of the clan. Even more amazing is that two out of the six females involved in this gang-bash were very much adults! To put it right over the top of surreal, the principal of the girls' school said, 'But for a lot of girls, it's all about respect, defending your turf, fighting for your man.' An adult-encouraged savage group beating is a form of respect? Another person's birthday party is 'your turf'? Fighting for 'your' 'man'? Since when is a male, of whatever age, an object or possession? Since when is a 13-year-old boy a 'man'? And what the hell kind of principal would say that? Can you guess the gender of the quoted principal?"*

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Score "1" for equal justice under the law

Adam · 5 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Say what you want about small town America. These two prosecutors exhibit a world more common sense and constitutional fairness than the whole feminist indoctrinated District Attornies offices of some bigger cities like Los Angeles or Boston.* ***Stiff sentence imposed following probation violation*** *"...a college-educated white female, should not be given a substantially lesser sentence than Flowers, a black male raised in a disadvantaged economic situation," Stouffer said at the time of the sentencing. "As prosecutors, Jay and I have lived by the premise that no one should be above the law and that who a defendant is should not determine criminal liability."'*

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School shootings by women

Adam · 6 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In 1979, 16-year-old Brenda Spencer opened fire at her school which was located across the street from her home. Two male staff members were killed. Brenda Spencer said "I don't like Mondays" to a reporter who asked about a motive. In the end, Spencer got a sentence of 25 years to life. The Boomtown Rats music group did a song that was inspired by the incident. One of the staff members who was killed was trying to protect students. Later, in 2001, 14-year-old Elizabeth Bush fired a gunshot that injured a female student at school. It is said that the shooter had been picked on by the student who was shot at but this is not clear. A male student talked Elizabeth out of shooting herself and likely prevented further trouble. Anyone heard much about these two incidents?"*

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Female Cheating Now OK!

Adam · 7 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

ikeman53 writes *"The cover story for the July 12, 2004 issue of Newsweek is "The New Infidelity" and seems intent on telling us that not only are more wives cheating, but that it's good and women have earned it. About half the article , naturally, talks about how awful husbands are - as if we get everything we want out of our marriages! All in all, the article is mostly generalizations and some shaky statistics designed to push this agenda that all manner of sexual misdeeds by women in this day and age are OK, but if you're a man you're evil and icky. Check your local newsstand or, for our brothers outside the United Sates, visit here."*

Anonymous User also submitted a similar link and said *"Newsweek has an article on cheating wives. Not surprisely, "overscheduled lives and inattentive husbands" are listed as reasons. It's not hard to get the drift from the article that if your wife cheats its because you as a husband were not supportive, kind, loving, enough to your wife.*
I wonder if they did an article on cheating husbands if the men would be given the same free pass and non-judgemental treatment?"

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Maths Teacher Arrested

Adam · 7 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"In the wake of a half-decade of horrific school shootings, it is reasonable to expect that any student or teacher who threatens to come to school with a loaded shotgun and start killing randomly will be instantly taken down by a SWAT team via bullets and tear gas. Why didn't it happen here? Why didn't we hear about this in the major press? And why is there no follow-up? Why am I asking questions I already know the answers to? I'm sure she'll receive some state-funded counselling to help this poor, administratively victimized woman come to terms with her terrible mental illness."*

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Oh Canada!

Adam · 7 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Would anyone like to bust a gut at this story ?"*

Another Anonymous User also submitted a releated link and wrote *"Let me get this straight:*

She lied to police and almost got her ex jailed but "did commit a crime, but I'm not a criminal"

Notice how they refer to the husband as abusive. One must take note that, in Canada, you are encouraged to plead guilty by everyone when accused of domestic violence (it's easier they say). Who'll take a bet that she lied about the abuse in the first place (call me a cynic)

here"

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Teacher kicks student, gets paid leave

Adam · 8 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"In the state I live in (Oregon), if I walk up to someone and hit them in any way, I will get five years of jail time (minimum). However, if you're a female teacher and kick a student, you will get paid leave and the issue will simply evaporate. Viva la difference!"*

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Daddy, Mommy Never Used A Hood!

Adam · 8 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"The July 4, 2004 Doonesbury cartoon concerning the torture at Abu Gharib prison left me in tears -- it says it all, as does the title I put on this entry."*

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Man Imprisoned For Impersonating Ex

Adam · 9 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

borgy1 writes *"Prosecutors charged that Anthony Lee Napier posed as his ex in Internet chat rooms -- looking for sex partners. Napier -- impersonating his former wife -- gave out her address and phone number and said she would play dumb when the men called but still wanted sex. This week he was sentenced to two years in prison and another 10 on supervised probation.*
Quite a harsh sentence for this crime. Compare this to false allegations of domestic or child abuse. Rarely is the women punished at all. Article

here"

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Child's Last Wish

Hombre · 12 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

DasCoon writes *"This is the article.*

Well, it is pretty sad that all this kid wants out of life is the pain of others. What is even worse is that the foundation would even consider trying to make it a possibility. Trying to ambush a man visiting a sick kid so they can punch him repeatidly in the testicles. I can only hope if they do that they are charged and prosicuted to the full extent of the law."

From the article *"Why do I hate Barry Bonds? There's no specific reason. I just think he's a dick," said Wickman. "He's so conceited and he thinks he's better than everyone else"*. I wonder if this kid ever hated any woman for thinking too highly of herself. Obviously, the Make-A-Wish foundation would not try to ambush a woman who consistantly referred to herself as a goddess, (thus demonstrating a greater ego than Barry's), and repeatedly attack her genitalia, they know that would be wrong.

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Cnet article says men hog remotes

Hombre · 12 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

LeMorteMark writes *"According to this article at cnet.com, 35 percent of men want to add a second television to the house and 46 percent of women want to add a second television. The author of the article makes the assumption that these statistics mean that men are "hogging the remote".*

He doesn't even entertain the possibility that men don't want a second television because they're simply too busy working to watch it.

I like this snotty little statement here: "In short, a lot of married women apparently aren't getting to watch the regularly scheduled programs they like." I guess now we're all guilty of television abuse.

Here's a link to the article."

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Anti-Marriage website

Hombre · 12 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

EvilPundit writes *"I've just found NoMarriage.com, a site that provides comprehensive arguments against marriage for men. The author sells a $9.95 manual to help men evaluate whether they really ought to get married, but the site is much more than a marketing exercise. I think it's worth publicising this page because it says a lot about what men are missing in our society."*

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No Rights to Cohabiting Women in Britain?

Adam · 12 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Is this really true? Or is it just more lies to stem the tide of more and more men deselecting the marriage option? And what about child support which they don't mention, I suspect conveniently. Isn't this the way it should be?"*

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Inciting hatred of women "should be made a crime"

Adam · 12 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Inciting hatred of women 'should be made a crime' - because, women in Scotland are like Jews in Germany or something ..."*

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Worst movie of the year?

Adam · 13 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"Though I haven't seen it (I refuse to contribute money to such things) I can tell Anchorman will be my candidate for worst movie of the year. In case you haven't seen the ads, Will Ferrell is the typical man trying to keep poor Chistina Applegate from succeeding in 1970 pre-feminism America. It's the cartoon image of manhood that feminism has been promoting all this time, and apparently, have convinced men like Ferrell to participate in. Since he wrote the script, he spares himself the mandatory crotch kick. That's reserved for one of his asshole male chauvinist compatriots.*

Here's a positive review
from a female CNN writer.

I prefer this negative review."

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Sacks Launches New Campaign

Adam · 13 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User writes: "*Last night men's rights radio talk show host Glenn Sacks launched a new listener campaign, this time to fight a new, extreme feminist, anti-father bill in the California legislature. To take action, go to here*"

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Woman kills man by spiking his smoothie with antifreeze

Adam · 13 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"In this article, a woman charged with killing her brother-in-law by spiking his smoothie with antifreeze admits putting the chemicals in the drink, however she pleads not guilty to the charge of murder. Why? Because she only intended to hurt her relative severely enough so that he would have to move into her home — and she could then take control of his finances, claims her attorney. Who wants to bet she'll end up with some sentence like a year in some low security prison while if a man was found guilty, he'd be sitting in the chair?"*

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Is Innocence Now A Defense?

Thomas · 14 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy McElroy has penned this essay on the recent paternity fraud decision by the Second District Court of Appeal of California. I suppose we'll have to wait, to see if this goes to the California Supreme Court, but this may prove to be a landmark for the state and a guiding light for the rest of the country and beyond.

Our work is paying off.

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Women Can't Find Good Men? Blame Feminism!

Thomas · 14 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Resa LaRu Kirkland has published this rant against feminism and some of its negative effects on women. Here's just a tidbit:

Does any decent American man want a modern American woman?

Signs are there...no, they don't, or given our behavior, they shouldn't. And we only have women to blame. Yeah, I said it: women.

WHOA! Are women starting to hold women responsible for their wrongdoings? Why, it's a veritable revolution! I've believed for a while that, as feminism collapses, the worst offenders (perpetrators of paternity fraud, those who drug school age boys to *deconstruct* their masculinity, false rape accusers, etc.) should be brought to justice by fair-minded men and women.

I'm now beginning to suspect that, once it becomes clear how terribly the lies of feminism have hurt the majority of women, it might be best to just let women deal with the hate mongers. ;) I'd pay good money for a ringside seat.

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Woman lies about nazi attack

Matt · 14 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

plebius writes *"This story from the BBC tell of a woman who lied about being attacked and covered with swastikas. This shows you the lengths that some women will go to for attention."*

Ed. commentary: And it also shows the speed with which people will believe them without corroborating evidence. French newspapers were quick to press with this story, needing days later to retract it based on investigations by the police that showed her story was false. Now we'll see if she is even prosecuted. (She'll probably write a book or something saying why she did it and still get lots of sympathy for essentially perpetuating a public fraud. Ugh.) -- Matt

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Rental Discrimination

Matt · 14 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

DB8 Link writes *"I'm looking for housing in Baltimore/Washington DC. My girlfriend is looking for the same housing in the same area in the same timeframe.*

Today, we went separate ways looking for housing. I came back after looking at 8 places - each requesting credit checks and significant application fees with deposits. I applied to one, and will have to wait 7-14 days for them to call every contact on my application.

My girlfriend, on the other hand, went to 10 places, two of which offered her rent at a $100 discount. She signed a lease today, with no credit check, and then her new landlord gave her a ride home.

I've found, perusing rent sites that you see "Female Only" all the time but never "Men Only". This has been the case on both coasts, including my 6 years in Los Angeles. It's hard to find housing as a single man in this country."

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Woman sets son on fire

Matt · 14 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

A Canadian woman set her 13-year-old son on fire. Amazed it even made it to press, really, given the sexes of the people involved.

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FIRM's TV & First Seminar

Matt · 14 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Eric Ericson writes *"FIRM's TV & First Seminar*

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Click on "Read more" link for a full description of FIRM's event.

On Sunday, July 25th at 2 P.M. E.S.T (11 Pacific, 12 Mountain & 1 Central Standard Time) Fathers' Integrity & Rights Movement (FIRM) will have it's first seminar and internet TV show with renowned North American speaker, Big Bad Dad discussing:

I. Introduction

II. Separation Agreements / Pre-Nuptual Agreements

III. Restraining Orders

IV. The Courts and Pro-Se Litigants

V. Lawyers

VI. False Allegations

VII. Motions

VIII. Affidavits

IX. Exhibits

X. Paperwork and Filing Procedures

The seminar itself will be 3-4 hours and may last into Monday morning depending upon the questions that you ask...

These topics will cover the basics for the novice and for the experienced and are a must for you to know whether you are beginning, in the middle, at the end or have muddled through litigation already.

If not able to attend in person, you will be able to call in and ask your on topic questions or instant message your questions via MSN Messenger or Yahoo Messenger.

Please e-mail me (do NOT respond in any group or forum) if you wish to attend or watch the seminar on the internet since the show will be password protected and you will need to know the procedures to use your Windows Media Player (all Windows operating systems have this player and can normally be found here: Start Menu\Programs\Accessories\Entertainment\Windows Media Player. If you do not have Windows Media Player- NO MATTER WHAT OPERATING SYSTEM THAT YOU HAVE, you can download it for FREE from www.Microsoft.com

For those that attend the seminar in Northern Maine, you are more than welcome to stay at my home for free to visit with Big Bad Dad, me and others in like situations.

We may be having a few surprise speakers and guests. Big Bad Dad will be staying at my home with all of us for about a week before and after the seminar. You can stay for a day, night or up to a week.

If you have problems getting to Northern Maine, let me know and we will see if we can get you a ride here.

If this show is a success, it will launch FIRM's TV that will broadcast 24 hours a day, 7 days a week all over the

world. If you truly want to know what is happening in the Fathers/Children rights arena along with non-custodial parent news, grandparent rights, Step-parents, paternity fraud, choice for males, new laws, support of the UPREPA proposal as found on the www.FIRMncp.com site and etc., you need to support us by watching, participating and helping us get the word out. Please tell everyone you know about this seminar. All groups, all individuals, all Usenet, all forums...EVERYONE.

Please feel free to create or copy and paste this announcement into a flyer and post the flyers EVERYWHERE. You can also add the following as a heading if you so desire:

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Just Say "No!" To Marriage?

Thomas · 14 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Here's an essay by Carey Roberts on men who are postponing marriage or flat out deciding against it. This social development may continue to grow, even as courts are forced to recognize a few of men's and fathers' rights. It's gonna be hard to get the genie back in the bottle, now that men are realizing that they can get most if not all of the benefits of marriage without tying the knot.

If and when we add safe, efficient, easily reversed male birth control to our cultural soup (and that ingredient may be tossed in soon), we're likely to see a further collapse in fertility rates. More and more men may opt out of having children -- something that was once a difficulty that also brought great joy and fulfillment but that many men now see as a one-way ticket to wage slavery.

It's taken men 10,000 years to build the comfort, health, and long lives that so many enjoy today. It may well take feminism 1% of that much time to destroy it all.

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Lewd and Lavicious Behavior

Adam · 15 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"This article describes a complaint made about a senior Republican FEMALE in the White House drug policy office who is a possible candidate for the US Senate (Republican) from Illinois. She thinks it's all behind her and it ought to be forgotten. It so happens she's looking to take the candidacy that was recently vacated by one Jack Ryan, who had his divorce records unsealed by the Chicago Tribune. You remember Ryan? The one who allegedly asked his model/actress/wife for public sex at a swingers club? Waddaya think, guys? Think we should vote for her? (Naaaaaahh.)"*

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Tennessee May Use GPS on Parolees

Adam · 15 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"A chilling story, particularly toward the end where TN considers using GPS devices on "those convicted of domestic violence or behind in child support payments." Do I hear George Orwell somewhere? 1984 was just off by a couple of decades.*

Curiously, I found this at Space.com, a place I go on the internet to get away from this kind of stuff:

here

Steve"

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Domestic Violence Research Data Suppressed

Matt · 16 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"(click)* ***Researcher Hides Domestic Violence Study Behind University Lawyers*** *This article by Mark Charalambous details the efforts of Steve Basile to find out the truth regarding domestic violence and domestic violence research.*

Click "Read More" for more.*This article questions: the "scientific methodologies employed by other researher(s) at a leading university (Harvard), the secrecy with which Harvard University protects information that should be readily available for other researchers like Steve to study and replicate. Are the conclusions of domestic violence researchers at Harvard University (as well as information those conclusions are based on) so confidential that the level of secrecy being employed is required, or are there more sinister factors at work here such as: suppression of academic freedom, the freedom of information act taking a back seat to domestic violence industry ideology? Have any public (taxpayer) funds been spent doing this Harvard University research, or do the funds for such questionable research come from private sources? If from private sources who are those private sources supporting such ethically questionable behavior? Could the following study be just some of the information that the Massachusettes domestic violence industry doesn't want the public to know? (click)* ***Comparison of Abuse Alleged by Same- and Opposite-Gender Litigants as Cited in Requests for Abuse Prevention Orders.*** *Just click the PDF link at the top of the page if you'd like to buy a copy of Steve Basile's Research."*

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Feminist Law Professor Supports Pat. Fraud

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Anonymous User writes:
This is unbelievable. Very infuriating and insulting to all honorable men."

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Belief.net author covers "women's spirituality"

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An interesting commentary indeed and one you are not likely to see in mainstream press. She must be getting inundated with hate-e-mails!

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Dan Reynolds "Women are Fools" feature now on MSN

Adam · 17 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Dan Reynolds has posted several "Women are Fools" cartoons on Daryl Cagle's Professional Cartoonists Index! The link is*

here.

While the cartoons have probably been around awhile, I wonder how much influence Men's Issues Online and Mensactivism may have had in this becoming a feature alongside the older "Men are Idiots/Fools."

Thanks to all of you who wrote to Dan Reynolds to complain.

Steve"

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14 Year Old Girl Must Register As Sex Offender (Scotland)

Adam · 17 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"For those interested in cases of boy abuse by girls:*
A 14 year old girl having to register as a sex offender?Is this a first?The girl committed the crime against a boy aged nine when she was 13. Article

here"

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The unfairness of the Kobe Bryant trial

Adam · 18 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The Saneman writes *"The famous trial-laywer Gerry Spence offers his insights on the Kobe Bryant trial, and how the legal system and the media unjustly favor the female accuser. Gerry Spence is a prominent figure in the US legal system, and his opinions about this case are well worth reading as he points out some fundamental problems with how these cases are dealt with in both the legal system and the media. From here"*

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Its the man's fault more women aren't in politics

Adam · 18 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

apetr writes *"Typical article again blaming men for the failings or lack of participation of women in government, the writer said "Macho posturing has always been part of politics; it's one reason women have found it hard to break into the business". Heres the full article"*

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Anyone want to join the Air Force now?

Adam · 18 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"I know I wouldn't. Even our Republican President has caved to the rape hysteria and nominated a woman psychologist as dean of the Air Force Academy. No mention in the article about the number of false accusations at the academy."*

Anything and everything to have dominion over the nearest man, ain't that right guys?

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"Girlie Men" comment by Gov. Schwarzenegger

Adam · 19 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Did Governor Schwarzenegger hurt all men's issues in California, when he made a "sterotypically macho/anti-macho" comment about Democrats that denigrated gays? "Girlie Men" Does Gov. S. have a "macho/chivalrous image/prejudice" that he expects all men to try to live up to? Should men be divided by Gov. S. into categories such as gay, macho, etc. for means of poiliticizing issues? Has Gov. S. crossed that line of political correctness, by uttering this clearly sexist remark about gays as Sheila Kuhel (avid men's rights opponent) says? Has Gov. S. committed sexual harassment and does he now need to be sent to sensitivity training, or are the negative reactions against Gov. S. just one more example of the rampant Heterophobia that grips the State of California?"*

amperro writes *"Okay, maybe this doesn't directly concern the men's movement, but California State Sen. Sheila Kuehl, a major Paternity Fraud Supporter, got a little hissy when Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger used the term "Girlie Men" to describe state legislators in this story*

I guess we should all care what Sen. Kuehl thinks."

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ABCNews Special

Adam · 20 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"I found the following misandric stories about men on ABCNews.com today. One story implies that a high ratio of males to females in some countries (e.g. India, China) is dangerous, and can lead to warlike conditions:*

here

A related story suggests that men have higher mortality rates as they are genetically inferior:

over here

The first story is mitigated by suggestions that women can be violent too, while the second story ends by suggesting a push for men's health issues.

Steve"

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The great thing about HIV is...

Adam · 20 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"...it will empower women. Who would have thought that HIV would be the catalyst to liberate women throughout the world? Not me, but apparently, "Many experts" say so. So do "Advocates," and "Experts at the conference..." Read the "good" news here."*

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Double Standard Female Teacher Alert

Adam · 21 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In this story here*

"Chmela, 34, a former substitute teacher in Crystal City, pleaded guilty in February on one count of second-degree statutory rape and one count of second-degree statutory sodomy. The case involves two boys, ages 14 and 15"

It also goes on to say(Guberman is her lawyer):

"There are two schools of thought on this," Guberman said. "One is that a woman should be punished as much as a man, the other is that there is a double standard that boys do not have to be protected to the same extent as girls.

"All statutory rape cases are different," Guberman said. "You have to look at the facts of each case and how much harm was done. In this case, I don't think much harm was done."

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Teacher found not guilty in killing

Adam · 21 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Pittsburgh Post Gazette Story of Kindergarten teacher, who originally lied about boyfriend's death...but is still acquitted. article here"*

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MSN article discusses missing persons reporting bias

Matt · 22 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Well, sometimes the sun rises in the west! MSN has covered the discrepency between reporting of cases in national media involving missing women and men and the factors involved. Read it here. Will wonders never cease??

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3-Year-Old Ethan Faces Genital Mutilation

Matt · 22 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Acksiom writes *"Ethan Azar, a 3-year-old boy in the midwest, is facing forced genital mutilation. His mother Camille, along with many men's genital integrity intactivists, is fighting hard in the courts -- of both judicial and public opinon -- to protect him from this lifelong sexual violation. Ethan desperately needs our help, and this case has tremendous potential to break through the Lace Curtain of bigoted silence and censorship surrounding male genital mutilation in particular and men's issues in general. Initial media response has been more positive than any previous case which I can remember, so let's EXPLOIT THE OPPORTUNITY! Get ACTIVIST, and contact everyone you can think of -- help tear down this Curtain, for little Ethan and for boys and men everywhere!"*

Ed. Note: Some links on this topic: FreeRepublic article, NBC article,
Columbia Tribune article

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columnist writes about "groin kicks"

Matt · 22 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Boy Genteel writes *"A writer for the LOS ANGELES TIMES did a piece about the history and prevalence of men being hurt in the groin in entertainment. Unfortunately, the writer's approach is to explain "why it's funny" (when, of course, it isn't) and makes the false claim that no one complains about this "gag". I've written the TIMES a letter to disabuse him of that myth, at least. I strongly suggest you do the same, at letters@latimes.com.*

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TrueEquality.com site now up and running

Matt · 22 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Good news to report from the 2004 Men's Rights Congress Committee: the TrueEquality.com web site is now up and running. As time goes on we will be adding material and updating it from the content of the 2004 Congress site. We intend that the Men's Rights Congress be an annual event for the foreseeable future, growing each year and supporting the men's rights cause in its efforts to achieve social, legal, and social equality with women. The trueequality.com web site will, we hope, serve as a base for that, as well as help facilitate cooperation and activism across group lines and issues.

Also note that we have started a listserv for the Congress attendees. However others are welcome and encouraged to join the list so as to help promulgate the intent of the site and to facilitate communication and cooperation among groups and individuals. The list may be joined at this page.

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Men's Rights Activist or Total Nutbag?

Thomas · 23 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The EU-parliament has a member who claims that he represents men's rights. Here's an article on him. While the guy strikes me as a nitwit, the article does point out that the UK's current paid-parental-leave policy is *two weeks* for fathers and *six months* for mothers.

Aaaaaah. Eeek-wallet-eeeee.

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The End of Civilization?

Thomas · 23 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The world has begun to harvest the bitter fruit of feminism -- population collapse resulting from the ruination of male-female relations, the systematic removal of fathers from the family (the destruction of the traditional, nuclear family), and so-called "family planning" (birth-control and abortion). Fertility rates in most advanced nations continue to decline despite the fact that they are already, in some cases drastically, below replacement rate. (In advanced societies, replacement rate is about 2.1 births per woman, since a man and a woman must be replaced and not all children reach the age of average rate of reproduction. In less advanced societies, replacement fertility rate is higher due to a greater mortality rate among youths.)

This chart gives fertility rates by nation, region, and the world for the years 1970-1975 and 2000-2005 (projected, of course).

This article describes the overall failure thus far of Japan's effort to stave off disaster through its "new angel plan." I've read elsewhere that young men and women in Japan are increasingly avoiding each other -- the women preferring to shop and the men preferring to relieve sexual pressures in private, alone.

This article reports that more than 80% of German women are happy to live without a man "in tow."

Please see "Read More."As the populations of aging, advanced societies collapse, they will be replaced somewhat by immigration, often from poor nations. These immigrants don't always adopt their new home's culture; instead they often hold onto the cultures of the nations that they left. Also, they are generally less educated than the average person of the nation into which they move. It's important to note that this population contraction in many nations is not controlled or gentle, it has begun to occur, in numerous cases, at an untenable, catastrophic rate.

In addition, feminism's left hand hasn't been careful about what its right hand is doing. Governments are encouraging women to have more children, which will require that men, who to a large extent have been removed from the family, work more to create more wealth to support both the additional children and the women, who will spend more time with the additional children and less time out in the workforce. Unfortunately, while men have been removed from the family, they have also been driven from the academy. Overall, they won't have the educations to replace the better educated women. (In Iceland, for example, 83% of women attend college, while only 42% of men do so.)

Many of these advanced societies will soon be defaulting on pensions and social security. Not only will a shrinking pool of well-trained, well-educated workers have to support retirement systems for a growing population of elderly people, they will also in many cases be burdened with the massive debts bequeathed to them by the aging population. (Call it "fiscal child abuse.") In the mean time, the marriage strike is growing, and male birth control will soon arrive on the scene.

Hold onto your hats, folks. It's gonna get ugly.

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Hairdressers to be trained to report men for DV

Adam · 24 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Doctor Damage writes *"This article really speaks for itself. My astonishment and outrage at the undisguised hatred that exudes from the people being quoted is exceeded only by my surprise that I can still be shocked and outraged by this stuff. Fortunately, Hairdressing salons have so far been reluctant to participate in being trained to recognise a man who drives his partner to the salon as abusive."*

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Wearing a dress to work to protest

Adam · 24 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"There's a rule in Montreal that says men have to work 30 years to retire but that women have to work only 25.*

He's protesting by wearing a dress to work, but he's told to stop it. Article

here"

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75% of suicide victims are male (Japan)

Adam · 24 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

alphamale writes *"While I do not know the population of Japan offhand, 34,000 suicides in a year seems to be a catastrophe no matter what the population is. This is a shocking loss of life in epidemic proportions. 75% of the suicides were committed by men. Yet nothing is done. You can bet if 75% of the suicides were of women, there would be a beating of breasts, tearing of robes with billions of yen being thrown at the problem. Japan is not an aberration, the percentage of suicide participants who are male is similar the world over, yet society continues to ignore these lost, neglected and forgotten souls. Check out the story here"*

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Woman kills man in DV dispute, 3 articles vary greatly

Adam · 25 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

seattleshark writes *"it's important that you read all three articles, then try to figure out what's what. Amazing, is all I can say (the last article may require registration...very easy to do). The first article, the second article, and the third article"*

Third article requires registration.

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A Response to Melanie Jacobs about Paternity

Adam · 25 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

LSBeene writes *"I wrote a response to Melanie Jacobs article that said that "Paternity Fraud is a legal theory". Mike LaSalle was kind enough to post it on MND. Due to the length (6 Pages in WORD) it is in the Archive Section. I sent my reply to Melanie too. My article:*
here.
Paternity fraud isn't a "theory" any more than pregnancy is a "theory". It makes a wage slave of an innocent person so that a lazy deceitful person can steal to live more comfortably. The best parent is BOTH parents.
Steven"

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Woman Reveals Machiavellianism Via Maxim

Adam · 26 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"Truly amazing. Here we have a fascinatingly frank article from a gal at Maxim, supposedly giving advice to younger men on how to hunt older women. In its insights, it reveals appalling shallowness, subterfuge, manipulativeness, condescension towards all males, bitterness towards 'commitmentphobes', an amazing neurosis concerning age (since when is 26 'old'?), and complete and utter disregard for any form of emotional link between two adults. Not only is it disregarded -- it is aggressively encouraged. This woman is specifically hunting for a 'toy' to use and drop like a used Kleenex, and is triumphantly proud of it. Moreover, she makes it clear that she beleives utterly that this is all that males have ever or will be interested in. Oh, and one more thing -- the 'older woman' should always be in charge of every aspect of the situation, because she's smarter and more experienced at everything than you, and don't you forget it. I have no problem with the idea of dating older women, but this person's attitude towards the entire thing left me wanting to take a shower and join a men's drumming circle. Please read it, and let us know what you think."*

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PA court rules sperm donor must pay C/S

Matt · 26 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Is it really any surprise, a report of this recent ruling requiring a sperm donor to pay child support? The justification again: best interests of the child. I will say this much though-- the old maxim that a verbal contract is not worth the paper it is written on holds in pretty much every context you can imagine, including this one. Keep watch for the fallout; it may be that this ruling serves as the basis for going after contractually anonymous sperm donors when the mother decides she wants a new sportscar and that "nice man out there" just may be the perfect means to that end.

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MSN reports 1 in 36 Americans in jail, probation, etc.

Matt · 27 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

MSN reported (with characteristic lack of detail when it comes to these topics) that 1 in 36 Americans are in prison, on parole, or on probation.

Click 'Read more' for more commentary.The actual report and supporting data charts can be downloaded here. I note in looking at this report that the authors broke down probation/parole statistics by gender, among other things; but they did not break down incarceration by gender. I find that interesting to say the least. If someone else finds this break-down, please post it. Even so, note the number of men v. women on parole as a percentage in 2003 for those persons on parole: 77% male to 23% female. If we (are forced to, essentially, for now) assume that the same ratio holds for incarceration, that would mean in 2003 of the 3.6% of Americans under penal supervision of some kind (including jail), 77% of that number of the locked up portion of adults is male. According to the report, the number of adults in jail or prison by e/o 2003 was 2,078,570 (on page 1 of the report, adding the jail and prison figures together). If the 77% figure holds true, this would mean 1,600,498 men are in jail in the U.S. (while only 478,072 women are in jail). Somehow though I don't think the 77/23 ratio holds; I imagine it is even greater for men than women, probably more like 85/15 or even 90/10.

Consider then that the US has a population of 138,053,563 men (see the census chart). Estimating therefore with a *conservative* figure of 1,600,498 men being in jail, this would mean 1.1% of the *male* population is in jail. But wait; we're including all males in this calculation at this point. Subtract males under 19 and over 59 and the number of males you have to work with is down to 77,262,100. OK, so now the %age of adult men under 59 in jail comes in at 2%. This means 2 in every 100 men (or every 1 in 50 if you prefer to think of it that way) in IN JAIL--not just on parole or "under supervision"-- IN JAIL. And this report indicates the trend of people in jail and "under supervision" is only going upward.

Read the report, by the way-- I think you will find the headings of certain areas quite telling. For example, one heading on page 4 reads "At year end 2003, 1 in 5 probationers were women; 1 in 3 were black". Well gee, this would mean 4 in 5 probationers are men and 2 in 3 were other-than-black (white, Asian, Latino, etc.) Given that these numbers are larger and have as much implication for society's well-being as anything else, why do you suppose they chose to call attention to statistical discrepancies this way? I'll leave it to you to figure out.

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More women in Engineering?

Adam · 28 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

apetr writes *"The American society of Civil Engineers feels the pressure that if there aren't just as many women in the field then something must be done! I find this sickening, how about a coalition to get more men into college. All the great achievments man (as in males) have made in techonology and engineering will get glossed over as it means nothing. If someone wants to be an engineer, it should be becasue they find the discipline awe inspiring, not because a handful of women were involved now lets make a curriculum out of it. Here is the article"*

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Oddly Enough More Female Violence Trivialized

Adam · 28 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"Oddly enough, Yahoo news is continuing to classify horrifying acts of public female violence as a mere current events trivialities. For example, a woman can publicly assault an 11-year-old boy in front of God and everybody at a water park, kicking him in the groin, and attacking bystanders who try to intervene. What will happen? Her water park pass will be revoked and she will receive trivial charges, the STRONGEST of which is third-degree assault. What would a news story look like in which a grown man, say at an ice cream parlor, slapped, punched, and kicked an 11-year-old girl to the ground for cutting in line front of him? What would the man be charged with, and how do you think our hypothetical case would be presented differently from the real one cited above? It is also intriguing to see the glimpses of personality revealed by the woman culprit's own words concerning unrelated subjects."*

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Gender Bias at the DNC

Adam · 29 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Cain writes *" Just one more female political group whose main agenda is hypocrisy."*

Yep, it's the old do as we say, not as we do.

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MANN Mail Server Problems

Scott · 29 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

E-mail to admin@mensactivism.org is piped through some mailing list sofware that has been giving us problems for the past week. There are quite a few messages in the queue that have not yet been delivered, and it may take until the weekend for me to find time to fix the problem. The messages have not been lost but they are not accessible at this time. Your patience is appreciated.

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Man Wins Lottery 2 days After Divorce

Adam · 29 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"All I've got to say is this guy better spend his winnings as fast as he can, before his ex can get the word, get all the advice she's going to get from all her girlfriends, and then sue him in court, saying that she should get half because he bought the ticket with "their" money while they were still married. Ha! ha!"*

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MSN: "Activities that Attract Men"

Matt · 29 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

More of the same, right here from MSN. Article's author is a man, too, but as we know, men are often men's worst enemies!

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Zeta-Jones death threats from female stalker

Adam · 29 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Colin writes *"Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones has received a string of abusive letters and phone calls containing death threats from a stalker - guess what? The stalker is a woman. I thought only men did things like that. The story is here"*

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Hollywood Chases Young Men Online

Adam · 30 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Well well, it looks like the withholding strategy is something worth considering with the news article makes. To quote "*While the major movie studios spent just 1.3 percent of their $6.76 billion advertising budget online in 2003, the portion will balloon rapidly in coming years, industry executives say. Hollywood doesn't have a choice. Young men and other desirable audiences are not watching television, and they are relying less on newspapers to find reviews and movie times, according to industry research*" You hear that? withholding has been used against the nearest man for long enough, it's about time he made it work for him.

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Breaking Through Thick Skulls Down Under

Thomas · 30 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

There may be some problems with the government proposals that are being bandied about south of the equator, but there's no doubt that men's rights activists have gotten the attention of polititians down under.

In this article, we see that New Zealand's Minister of Youth Affairs, John Tamihere, seems to be taking men's issues to heart.

Here we see that fathers' rights advocates in Australia have gotten the attention of the government, though the politicos seem to be trying to get away with tossing men a bare bone from women's/mothers' table of plenty. As Men's Rights Agency director, Sue Price, expressed, "the proposed changes would do little to help divorced fathers get more access to their children... She was worried staff at family centres might be biased against fathers." At least we've got their attention. We'll see what happens next.

Then there's this piece, which includes statements from Sue Price as well as Nigel Spence from the Association of Children's Welfare Agencies.

What gets me is that the politicos in Australia are insisting that "responsibility" be equally shared, but not time with the children. Hmmmmm. Responsibility for men without associated rights... Why does this sound familiar?

At least we're getting their attention, even if some of them are apparently trying to get away with what any thinking person should know won't succeed.

As a side point I've gotta say, Sue Price sounds mighty kewl to me.

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The First Rejected Change This! Manifesto

Adam · 30 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"You may have heard about Seth Godin's experiment in social change.*
My submission on domestic violence was rejected for whatever reasons; and so it appears at the DLJ in its entirety. For downloadable versions in Word and plain text formats, please go here.

This is a long piece, about 5000 words, but I did my best to cover all the bases."

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Are educated women interested in blue collar men?

Adam · 31 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

apetr writes *"This article seems to describe something that I've noticed more and more, and that is women complaing they are too "educated" for some men. I don't ever recall the reverse being true. That men who are educated complaining about not being able to find an educated women. I think it is because these women are arrogant and priveledged and they are still looking for someone to "take care of them" and obviously do not know true equality. "Then there was Judy, a twice-divorced and once-widowed lawyer and mother of grown children. She sometimes felt a little too experienced and too sophisticated for the men in the conservative Bible Belt city where she lived" Here is the full article."*

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Misandric Leanin' Tree card

Adam · 31 July 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Leanin' Tree greeting card spotted today:*

Men have often been compared to dogs, pigs and jackasses.

But I just don't think that's fair.

Why pick on dogs, pigs and jackasses?

(The card had a picture on the front of three men that looked like each animal. Har har har.)

Leanin' Tree

Note: I couldn't find this on the leanintree.com website, but I did find another one (Top 20 reasons why chocolate is better than men):

here

Steve"

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MSN: Vatican paper criticizes radical feminism

Matt · 1 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The Vatican's letter is reported here. I would be curious to read it myself though I suspect it may not go quite far enough in that it probably does not explicitly condemn feminism as the hate movement it is. It's been my experience that large religious institutions fear women in many ways and so despite many such groups' restrictions on females being admitted into such things as the religious orders (which I personally think is wrong for them to do), they tend to pander to them in other ways, such as promulgating the myth of feminine moral supriority and fostering mother-obsession and denigration of the father while at the same time paying lip-service to "family values". Well, anyway...

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Sit down before you read this article

Adam · 1 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

apetr writes *"The title says it all, A Men-ual ROBIN BAKAY'S GUIDE TO MEN. She is some kind of sports caster. I've already emailed and told her she is a female chauvanist pig. Enjoy it here."*

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A Different Perspective on Polygamy

Adam · 1 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

A.J. writes *"This article is about young men and boys that are thrown out of the nation's largest polygamous community. Most opponents of polygamy characterize it as slavery for women and power for men but conveniently ignore the near equal birth rates for males and females. What happens to all the "excess" males? Many are simply banished for alleged "sins". A quote from the article: "The worst sin, though - the one for which most are banned - is simply becoming a mature young man in a society where older married men are seeking younger brides.""*

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Discrimination against men by Los Angeles County

Adam · 2 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *"This news story Budget woes, jail crowding let many female inmates out early , points out that, "Male inmates serve anywhere from 10 percent to 100 percent of their sentences, depending on the seriousness of their offense..." and one legal expert points out that this policy will be difficult to challenge, "Legal experts said it would be difficult to challenge the sheriff's policy on the grounds that it discriminates against men.*

"It's not a cut-and-dried equal- protection violation,' said Carrie Hempel, a clinical professor of law at USC. "The standard for equal protection for prisoners is much lower than for someone who's not incarcerated.'"

That's right, criminals lose constitutional rights when they are sentenced, and here I thought they were losing their rights just for having been born male. What do you think?"

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Medical profession losing stature

Adam · 2 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

thatold55 writes *"In an interesting article, Britain's Professor Carol Black suggests that as the medical field becomes ever more dominated by women, the profession runs the risk of suffering the same loss of stature as in the field of education."*

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Misandric Kleenex Commercial

Adam · 2 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"A Kleenex commercial shows a young man walking along the side of a muddy dirt road. An attractive young woman speeds by in a sports car, which splashes him with muddy water. She stops, and he looks at her like she's a goddess. Without a word she throws a box of Kleenex at his chest and speeds off.*

Contact Kleenex at here (Note: I had to turn off my pop-up blocker to get the site to work).

Steve"

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Feminized Men are more successful in work?

Adam · 3 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

apetr writes *"Metrosexuals or feminized men, apparently are finding more success in the executive world because they are possesing traits normally associated by women. Slowly we are being turned into women and girls, boys are being drugged in school for dare I say "being boys" and now, if you are a man who behaves more like a women, you will be more successful! How wonderful it must be to be a women, it is not masculinity but femininity, see they don't have to change, we do, to become better human beings. Here is the article."*

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Sacks, NOW Clash over Bryant Ruling

Adam · 3 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User writes "*Columnist and talk show host Glenn Sacks debated two leaders of the National Organization for Women on the recent rape-shield ruling in the Kobe Bryant trial in the San Francisco Chronicle. See:*
here

and over here

The Chronicle has a web-based vote on the Bryant decision
at this link"

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Mary Kay Letourneau Update

Adam · 3 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Mary Kay, the teacher who had sex (or as the Post calls it "forbidden love affair") with her 12-year old male student is about to be released from jail. In this article by the New York Post, they speak of her letters that she has recently written to her victim. In these crazy and sometimes angry letters she brags about: having sex with a 23 year old prison guard,flirting with a lesbian, and she tells of how "People pay big money for my autograph now" article here"*

And in related news Thundercloud writes *"Just to show that the whole fad of female pedophiles is not only on the rise but has gained acceptance in western culture, I submit to you the up coming TV show "DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES", When this show airs this fall we will be treated to yet another relationship between an older woman and an under aged teenage boy. I am not sure how old the woman is supposed to be. I think she is in her late 30s, and the boy is supposed to be 16. Although the actor portraying the boy is 18 or 19. Which, of course, isn't the issue. The issue is FEMALE PEDOPHILIA and STATUTORY RAPE! and the fact that it is being celebrated, again and again in the mainstream media.*
You can bet your a$$ that if there was a trend going on where men were RAPING underage girls,it would NOT be celebrated, pushed and submitted for approval by the "entertainment" industry. No it would be completely CONDEMNED by all.
this thing has gotten out of hand! We MUST start holding FEMALE pedophiles to the same standard that we hold male pedophiles! We must tell female pedophiles that we will NOT tolerate this!"

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MA Supreme Court allows online sex registry

Adam · 4 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"The same state supreme court (MA) that ruled that the unique institution of heterosexual marriage violated the rights of gays/lesbians, and also denies the natural parental rights of fathers to be involved in their own children's lives with custodial privileges - today ruled that the right for widespread public access of level three sex offender information on the internet including pictures, names and addresses is "an 'apt fit' to contemporary life." This was a unanimous decision (7-0) with the understanding that this ruling violated the liberty and privacy rights of a person accused and found guilty of a Level 3 sex crime (and who also served their sentence). It was also noted and accepted that by publishing this information could lead to harassment or even vigilantism. Rulings like this open the doors for the further dilution of liberty and privacy rights of citizens as precedent has been set, and socio-political interest groups have been empowered by this decision. For issues relating to gender, father rights and male citizenship and liberty, this is a milestone ruling as it will likely start trickling down into lower courts. This is not an argument to protect criminals, but rather a statement concerning "what next?" An apt quote: "In Germany the Nazis first came for the Communists and I didn't object because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't object because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't object because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't object because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me." Article*

here"

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False accusations (India)

Adam · 4 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Indianmale writes *"Sangyabalya is a men's rights group in India. They have recently launched their website. It's http://www.sangyabalya.org.*

This is an article from Amnesty International. This says that the growing concern in India reg false accusations by women is `much ado about nothing'. Read it here"

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DIsney Employee Found Not Guilty of Molestation

Adam · 5 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"A Walt Disney World worker who portrayed the character Tigger was found not guilty Wednesday of touching the breast of a 13-year-old girl while posing for a photo at the Magic Kingdom. Read more here..."*

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SAFE New Hampshire loses domestic violence office

Adam · 5 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jadeforrest writes *"The New Hampshire Chapter of Stop Abuse For Everyone (VIP/SAFE-NH) has had to close its office due to lack of funds. This is not affecting the services offered there, but it underscores the need to support truly gender-neutral domestic violence services:*

here"

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GOP Asks for Grassroots Participation in 2004

Adam · 5 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

this is not equality writes *"The GOP is asking for individual input for the party platform in 2004. This year, for the first time, suggestions given online may be included in the final document.*

Anyone can logon to the web site (here) and participate in the platform process.

We need to tell the Republicans that Men's Issues are important. If we don't make an effort, we can only blame ourselves.

Please help form the GOP platform in 2004. Visit the website and tell them that we are fed up."

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There Is Good Out There

Thomas · 6 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I almost always enjoy FredOnEverything. Quite often, the guy hammers the nail smack dabby on the noggin, and I particularly enjoyed this piece.

Fred makes a distinction between many US women and oh-so-many women of Mexico by saying about relationships with Mexicanas, "You don’t marry a hundred pounds of irrational anger looking for an excuse." Just tonight I was in the hot tub, at the gym where I work out. A woman sat next to me (it was somewhat crowded). I was stretching, pulling my left knee up toward my chest, when a large guy walked past me as he headed out. He caused a current that knocked me off balance and almost pushed my left arm against the woman's right tit. All of a sudden, I found myself struggling so that I wouldn't make contact with her. I knew I was facing a possible decade or more in prison. I sincerely wished she wasn't part of my universe.

Anyway, it seems the man in Mexico may have fallen in love.

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Crime if slapped by men but not by women

Adam · 6 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bharati writes *"In this article in outlook magazine in India it mentions that it is a crime to slap a women and then it makes old discredited notions about how Australian men abuse women . In another article in India however a police constable who has been regularly beaten by his wife is given advice on how to "Please" his wife so that she will hit him less. Different strokes for Different Genders I guess"*

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Domestic violence coalition honors man killed

Adam · 6 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jadeforrest writes *"In a sign that things may be changing in the domestic violence community, a domestic violence coalition in North Carolina is marching to honor a man who was killed by his wife, and are calling it domestic violence. They are marching every Tuesday after a person is killed for domestic violence*

here.

Other links and discussion:

over here"

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Onion: Deadbeat Dads March on Las Vegas

Matt · 7 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"The Onion has posted an insulting and sterotypical view of "deadbeat dads" in this article. OK, it's supposed to be satire, but there sure is a disconnect between what I see posted on men's groups and what appears in this article.*

Steve"

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Teenage Girls Accused in Stabbing Deaths

Matt · 7 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"This might be one worth following."*

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Misandric Expedia commercial

Adam · 8 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Expedia.com has a commercial in which a man and his wife are discussing vacation plans. The man is looking up places to see in New York on his laptop. The wife asks if they would be able to see a play called Magique. The man imagines himself at the play, where the actors strip off his shirt and paint a goofy face on his chest. The man then suggests an alternative event.*

To contact Expedia.com, please go to

here"

Here is my email to Expedia.com:

I am writing in regard to an Expedia.com commercial called "Magique." This commercial shows a man and his wife discussing vacation plans in their kitchen. The man is looking up places to see in New York on his laptop computer by using Expedia.com. The wife asks if they would be able to see a play called Magique. The man imagines himself at the play, where the actors strip off his shirt and paint a goofy face on his chest. The man then suggests an alternative event, which the wife agrees to.

I realize that it's important to have a sense of humor, but it gets tiresome when men are always the butt of the joke. Frankly, I'm tired of commercials in which men are humiliated like this. I don't think you would have shown a similar commercial with the gender roles reversed. Please discontinue this commercial (and others like it) and start portraying men in as respectful a manner as you portray women. Otherwise, I will not use your online service anymore.

Steve"

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Dinosaurs out!

Adam · 8 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"OK, I guess I knew that India is conservative in many respects, but wow, check this out!*

> BJP leader Sushma Swaraj on Tuesday advocated the need for a regulatory body "to stop distortion of women's image in society."
>
> "In the name of entertainment, it is despicable the way women are portrayed in the so-called popular primetime soap operas," the deputy leader of Rajya Sabha said
>
> ... She said women are increasingly shown as conspirators and home breakers in these soaps and serials, causing a negative impact on the society, particularly children.
>
> "During my tenure as the Information and Broadcasting Minister I took off the air many ads that were offensive to women," she said, stressing immediate need for a body to screen and monitor the serials.
>
> Swaraj said she had raised in Parliament the issue of formation of a broadcasting regulatory authority as a follow up of the Convergence Bill she introduced during her tenure.

If nothing else, this is more proof that ultra conservatives and feminists are reading from the same hymn sheet.

Thank the Lord that the West isn't this bad .... lol"

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Rison to be jailed for delinquent C/S

Matt · 9 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

YahooNews reports here that Andre Rison is to be arrested for failure to pay C/S payments.

Of course if his ex denies him visitation, that's just fine, though.

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Web page lists movies featuring male groin attacks

Matt · 9 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Someone has done a listing of movies where men are hit in a certain sensitive area by females. As of this date, there are 1,560 movies listed. Some of the descriptions seem to almost take pleasure in what happens. On the other hand, this could serve as an instance of how pervasive male groin attacks are in movies (compare it to equivalent attacks on females.) Of course, it is easy to find amusement from something as long as it happens to someone else."*

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Judge tells teens to fear rape in prison

Adam · 10 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

NextEntity writes *"These people aren't even trying to deny the cruel and unusual punishment anymore. While I'm all for shock tactics if they work to turn around young kids lives, threatening them with man on man rape in a federal prison by a judge whom acknowledges this goes on seems over the top. Remember rape is only bad if someone without a penis is involved boys, otherwise its funny as a kick in the groin.*
Article located
here"

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More articles calling out domestic violence

Adam · 10 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jadeforrest writes *"There are two more articles I've noticed this week that have called violence by women domestic violence:*

here

and

over here

While there is still a lot of work to do before domestic violence services are available for all (man or women, gay or straight, old or young), this represents a large shift in the media's coverage. I wasn't seeing these articles a couple of years ago."

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Mens names made public for soliciting sex

Adam · 10 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

apetr writes *""The names of 16 men convicted of soliciting prostitution have gone up in big,*
The billboards are part of an offensive by several neighborhood associations southwest of downtown Omaha to stop prostitution by outing the men who pay for it."

Thats right folks, there is no worse crime in the world. What about the women, are they "protected". Why don't they put up their names in lights? I forget, by being female, they are innocent! Here is the article"

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SAFE activists receive important invites

Matt · 11 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jadeforrest writes *"Two activists from Stop Abuse For Everyone (the domestic violence organization that offers services for everyone) have been not only been invited to attend an invitation-only domestic violence conference of the movers and shakers in the domestic violence community, but they have also been given a scholarship!*

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Man Murdered and Eaten in Phillipines Over Accidental Touch

Matt · 11 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Well I imagine there may be more to the story that just the reported accidental butt-touching incident, but it does point up the extremes some men will go to in order to "protect" a woman. This is misandric chivalry at its "finest", combined perhaps with a great deal of family dysfunction and mental health problems.

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Biological Referees

Matt · 11 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

thatold55 writes *"Here's a good article from the Christian Science Monitor on nontraditional custody issues. A couple of sections jumped out at me as I read it.*

Click "Read More" for thatold55's observations.

From the article:

> Also in California, a woman last week won a $1 million lawsuit against the fertility clinic which implanted her with the wrong embryo, mistakenly giving her one created using another client's sperm (rather than sperm donated anonymously) instead of an embryo from two anonymous donors. She learned of the error after her son was born, and has been engaged in a custody battle ever since. The sperm donor and his wife - who had another child from the same batch of embryos - insist the boy is their son. The woman who bore him considers him hers. A judge declared her the mother, the sperm donor the father, and the donor's wife no relation.

I have not heard about this case, but I would like to know if the "father" was given custodial rights to the child, or merely given the privilege of supporting the child?

In another case, a lesbian couple produced a child using artificial insemnination with an egg donated from one mother implanted into the birth mother. When the relationship failed, the birth mother wrote the egg donor mother out of the equation. What was interesting was the comment of the donor's attorney...

> Jill Hersh, K.M.'s attorney, is convinced the case wouldn't even be an issue if her client wasn't a lesbian. "If they were married, the donor document would have been irrelevant, and if they were unmarried, but a man and a woman, they wouldn't let the man off the hook," she says. Ms. Hersh cites a recent Southern California case where an unmarried man, living with a woman and helping to raise her child, was judged a legal parent.

So basically, it sounds like the attorney is arguing the donor should be put on the hook, and given the privilege of supporting the child without equal custody?

Is it me, or are things kind of out of control?"

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Cable "Public Service" Announcement

Adam · 12 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Bledso writes *"A website called ControlYourTV.com felt the need to explain to us how we can set up parental controls on our remote controls. Naturally, the best way to do this is to make a man look as impotent as possible, especially around his wife and daughter. This is the "Public Service" announcement. It's called "Debbie & Dad". here"*

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Father "abducts" his own child?

Adam · 12 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes "
Well the media went into "full alert" over this story. Here is a story about a father trying to keep his child while his wife was trying to get a restraining order against him, and he suffered injuries from her, yet he is the "kidnapper." The the police with full headline news coverage from the media in MA (both knowing that the father had the child anyway as cited in the police reports) enacted a state wide Amber Alert. Was this an alert for the safety of the child or an alert to citizens that men have no rights? The whole time the father had his own child, yet he is a criminal? There is a serious issue with the way the media covered this story. It seems that any tactic to make fathers/men look bad is the the goal. I bet this man - who is an immigrant- will suffer for this... Welcome to the U.S."

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No More Than 6 Months In Jail For Woman Who Raped

Hombre · 13 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes "
"Tuifel was arrested in March 2002 after the boy came forward. Jury selection in the case began on Monday. The boy's family, however, had urged the prosecution to accept a plea from Tuifel, to spare the student from having to testify, prosecutor Joy Watson said." Article here."

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Perhaps we should form a Men's Political Action Co

Hombre · 14 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"It occurred to me this week (Primaries) that the men's movement might be able to form a Men's Political Action Committee (MPAC?) along the lines of the Leauge of Women Voters and Emily's list. What if the NCFM were to team up with, say, the fledgling League of Men Voters to form such a MPAC. We could contact various political parties (Republican, Democrat, Reform, Green, Libertarian and Constitution) with a list of men's issues questions for their candidates."*

More under Read Comments section.Those candidates for the U.S. Senate and House that are most amenable to men's issues would be supported by the MPAC list. We could then fund those candidates as well as endorsing them - after all, money talks in politics, as well as votes.

Here is a good site for finding the various candidates and their views:

http://ontheissues.org/default.htm

Interestingly, I found many of the positions of the Constitution Party to be similar to the traditional part of the men's movement. For example, Michael Peroutka (their nominee) decried the denigration of fathers in the media and society:

http://www.constitutionparty.com/news.php?aid=107

However, I can see where more liberal men's advocates may take issue with other parts of this party. Well, it was a thought.

On a bit of a tangent:

I find the political diamond concept this site uses (i.e. Liberal, Centrist, Conservative, Populist, and Libertarian) to be interesting, although perhaps a bit superficial on specifics. I did an unscientific survey by comparing the people who cosponsored the Office of Men's Health with their position on this political diamond. I expected that there would be a cluster of these

politicians centered in the moderate conservative range. Instead, it turned out that they were scattered across the political spectrum from liberal to conservative. So perhaps men's issues aren't soley the domain of moderates to conservatives.

The list of Men's Health Office supporters is here:

http://www.menshealthoffice.info/list.htm

For example, Randy "Duke" Cunningham came out a conservative, but Mark Udall (D-CO) in my district is a moderate liberal (well, it does include Boulder). And he's on the list because I went to one of his meetings and handed his legislative assistants a hard copy letter advocating for the Office of Men's Health. So even if your Senator or Representative is a Democrat, that doesn't mean that they won't be receptive to men's issues, provided you contact them.

On the other hand, it's possible that different politicians will react differently to different men's issues. A Democrat may be more receptive to government solutions to these issues (and an Office of Men's Health is one). A Republican may be more receptive to amending overbroad feminist-inspired legislation that impinges on men's rights.

Anyway, that's my download for tonight. Let me know what you think.

Steve Van Valkenburg

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Day Care provider found innocent of murdering yet another child

Hombre · 15 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

It's hard to fault the jury in this case. After all, they weren't allowed to hear the testimony of those who had formerly been abused and injured in Dianne Scribner's care. Also, it appears from the article, (though it isn't entirely clear), that judge Timothy McManus didn't allow the prosecution to mention that this is the second time a child has died while in her care. Everything seems to be business as usual here, Mr. Scribner was the first prime suspect in spite of a rock solid alibi, the Star Tribune publishes the story with a very sympathetic tone for Mrs. Scribner, community members show her lots of support, and we can only hope that next time her history of abusing and murdering children is found admissable.

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The Sexually Manipulative Abuser

Adam · 16 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Sexually Manipulative Abuser*

Vili Fualaau, the 21 year-old boy statutorily raped by Mary Kay Letourneau when he was 12 years old, was interviewed by Matt Lauer: here . He states that she destroyed his ability to have relationships with women close to his age. He has been emotionally troubled. He was unable to finish high school. There were two children, the first born when he was 13. Sadly, Vili is now asking to reestablish contact with Letourneau."

Another link and more commentary below.*Perhaps if he had better self esteem, he would realize that he didn't need her; that he has his two children and can make a life for himself. If she really is a decent person, she'll find herself the best job she can, work long hours, and support him the best that she can. She owes him at least that much. I'm not a lawyer, so I don't know where this will all end. I hope he finds happiness. It only saddens me that Letourneau may gain in all of this, and that ultimately she is the one left with the emotional power to either destroy or (perhaps seemingly) repair this young man's life. Particularly disgusting is the fact that she appears (so far as I know) entirely remorseless. She deserves everything that she got, and more. It doesn't matter how this turns out in the end. You don't take these kinds of risks with a young boy's life. Society rightfully rebukes her character. Even if Vili ends up all right in the end, it could have been worse; ergo, it's reckless endangerment.*

Letourneau fits a prototype which one could label the sexually manipulative abuser.

Another article:
over here
Following are some quotes from the article:

"..."F--- HIM, if he doesn't have more class than that ... I don't expect him to forget that he has a penis [he needs to remind her it's mine] but there are other ways ... he may as well spit in his babies' faces - and tell them 'Mommy's dead' too ... it's just not right." .. "Today I heard you weren't going to court tomorrow," she said in one letter. "Why not? Did you give up? ... F--- you. Some f--king warrior. I'm fighting ... until I f--king die." ... When the lashing-out didn't work, Letourneau tried other approaches, promising Fualaau more sex and a new car if he would only tell the judge that he forced himself on her. "I LOVE YOU ... Big loves Big kisses Big f--ks Big sounds Big squeeze Big sigh Big missing you ... so so much. Hold on ... take me away." Two former inmates who knew Letourneau in prison claim she did end up having two lesbian relationships behind bars. Aside from the lesbian games, Letourneau boasted of at least one steamy romp with a male correction officer. "I fell into some crazy spell here, and I let this guy totally come on to me," she wrote to Fuave. "I let him even touch me ... more happened that you don't need to hear about. ..."

Notice the sexual teasing, provoked anxieties regarding a young adolescent's developing masculinity, insistence on exclusively emotional thinking (to which young children are susceptible, in short part due to social conditioning), use of sexual and monetary bribes. She grabs power and control over a younger person by sexual enticement and

psychological torcher. Emotions can be like weapons. (A hard lesson learned for children; those who live by the sword, often die by the sword.)

Note also the hypocrisy that she employs to manipulate ("spitting in his babies' faces"... when in fact she was legally married and had four children with her previous husband at the time she statutorily raped Vili.)

Last, Letourneau wishes to be reunited with her children. She has already demonstrated lack of restraint in her sexual attachments to children. There are some indications that she has poorly developed ethical boundaries and gravitates towards the taboo. Will her visitations be supervised? I don't even know if she is on parole.

In summary, this could turn out badly for Vili or perhaps decently. What actually happens in this specific case is more or less irrelevant. If a 12 year old child were to implore a woman to drive him at 130 mph in her car "to see what it would be like to be a race car driver" and she obliged, she would be rightfully charged with reckless endangerment, regardless of the child's assent, and regardless of whether the car came to a safe halt. A criminal took an enormous risk with this child's life. Bright line, best interest.

A young boy's eagerness for sexual attention makes him more vulnerable to sexual exploitation, not less vulnerable as some would suggest. One can only expect that the trends towards sexual exploitation of young boys by sexually aggressive women will increase in incidence over coming generations.

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Blog Interrupted

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I am posting this link regarding Jessica Cutler, aka The Capitol Hill Blogger. I will refrain from commenting ahead of time. I am more interested in others' thoughts and comments. Please post.

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A tide of violence

Hombre · 16 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Davie_boy writes *"This article in a Salt Lake City newspaper left me fuming.*

Apparently, women just don't commit acts of domestic violence. This article speaks volumes about the media bias against men. I just wonder how, as Searle suggests at the end of the article, men are supposed to stop domestic violence when people are turning a blind eye to 1/2 of the problem. It's unfortunate that what will probably happen as DV advocates try to educate the public and local ecclesiastical leaders on the issue is that it will always be from a "woman is victim" position. Sadly, I think this approach will only add fuel to the fire."

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Book Review, Domestic Violence: The 12 Things you Aren't Supposed to Know

Hombre · 17 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jadeforrest writes *"Stop Abuse For Everyone speaker and board member Dr. Jack Turteltaub reviews Thomas James' Domestic Violence: The 12 Things You Aren't Supposed to Know, a book that attempts to debunk a lot of the myths in the domestic violence community."*

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Many Reservists Losing Civilian Jobs

Hombre · 17 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *""Benefits reduced. Promotions forgotten. Jobs gone. It's tough to find these conditions when returning home from the mean streets of Iraq, ready to resume your civilian career. Increasing numbers of National Guard and Reserve troops returning home are experiencing just such disappointment."*

Article here."

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Biased article on move-aways

Hombre · 17 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The New York Times is such a s****y and biased paper. Here is a clearly biased article on move-aways. It belongs in the editorial section, not the news section. Nary a word is offered to point out that non-custodial dads are almost always just as good or better parents as their female counterparts. Thus, switching primary custody to the dad in case the mom moves away should most often be a clear and healthy alternative to allowing mom to uproot the child and move away."*

More in the Read More section. Anonymous User continues - "The Times sheds crocodile tears over moms who move away to leave a child behind with the dad, but don't mention fathers at all, except in the third-person sense. I've seen dozens of articles on dads who are left behind by move-aways. The "paper of record" could not find just one with whom to speak? The fact that fathers are likewise torn from their children when moms move away with the children. "But Ms. Sheid's ex-husband, who shares joint legal custody of their daughter, refused to allow the girl to move away. So Ms. Sheid has spent much of the last year using JetBlue to shuttle between her son and husband on the West Coast and her daughter (and ex) on the East." Obviously, this is sad. But equally sad would be where the mother moved away with the child and the father had to spend much of the last year using JetBlue to shuttle between his job and seeing his daughter. It mentions that Mr. Shied (mom's new husband) has a job on Wall Street. Does Ms. Shied have a job? If not, wouldn't it be easier for her to shuttle using JetBlue than for the child's father (whose name isn't even mentioned) to do the same, given that the dad probably works to support his child? "Worst, she added, 'they are making me choose between my children.' " Point out, that she is making her child choose between her parents. Can't Mr. Shied find a job doing *something* else? Can't she find a job? "But now mothers with physical custody say they feel trapped in untenable situations, especially since alimony has become uncommon and the economy remains rocky in many regions." Yes, see, but they don't *have* to maintain primary custody of their children. They *can* transfer primary custody to their husbands voluntarily. "Practically, though, judges know they can often stop a move by threatening to give the other parent custody. (Noncustodial parents can move without dealing with the court at all.)" I love how they throw that one in there - as if this is somehow unfair (*gasp* a woman being required to do something that a man is not.) Actually no, custodial parents can move without dealing with the courts. It's just that they may have to voluntarily transfer custody of the child over to the other parent in order to do so."

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Old boys' clubs contribute to gender gap in IT?

Hombre · 18 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes ″

This item from a recent Penn State newsletter mentions some "research" that has been done by the university regarding the "problem" of there being more men than women in the information technology field (of course, there is no "problem" that there are less men than women in the education field).

"Because only one in four IT jobs belongs to a woman, the researchers questioned how the combination of an Old Boys' Network and the male-dominated IT workplace affected women."

The conclusion of the "study" is that companies need to provide special social networking opportunities for women to solve this "problem".

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Stress and the Super Dad

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apetr writes *"Interesting article, would like to hear other's thoughts on it. Here is the article."*

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Dr. K's divorce

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Kyo writes *"Former Mets and Yankees pitcher Dwight Gooden and his wife are divorcing, and despite the fact that they *as a couple* have shown themselves unable to manage their assets, the judge seems to be setting his ex-wife up nicely, forcing Dwight to turn over close to 60% of his current salary as a Yankees advisor to her. It's not going to get any easier for Dwight to pay his wife $5,929 per month, is it?*

Article here."

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Fishing trip with wife ends in death

Hombre · 19 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"It is unfortunate when anyone loses a life due to violence - whether inflicted by a male or female. Here is a case where a couple went fishing, the wife became angry, went home, and threw her husbands belongings out on the lawn of their apartment complex. After he arrived home, he began laughing at her, and she ran him over five times with her mini-van.*
Article here."

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Foley's "Girls Rule" shirt in advertisement

Matt · 19 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Foley's has just sent me an advertisement with a picture of a smiling young girl wearing a "Girls Rule" shirt."*

Please see my e-mail to them under Read More/Post Comments
Here is my email to them:

"Several months ago I had expressed concern over a mannequin commercial in which an animated female mannequin hit a male mannequin over the head with her purse. Fortunately, I received an apology for this from Foley's, and the commercials were discontinued. Following this, I opened a Foley's account, which I now use.

Therefore, I was disappointed to see what I feel is an inappropriate piece of merchandise in your latest advertisement. This shows a smiling young girl wearing a gray "Girls Rule" shirt.

To say that "girls rule" emphasizes the purported superiority of girls over boys - whether the boys agree or not. Such statements are, in my view, contrary to Foley's policy of non-discrimination; it is therefore disappointing to see such language used.

Please consider the impact on family violence when a generation that has been told that "girls rule" for years comes to maturity. This will, at best, create tension rather than harmony between the sexes; domestic violence may even worsen. Surely, Foley's does not want to contribute to this scenario.

I would urge Foley's to discontinue such merchandise as soon as possible."

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Empowered Women Teaching Respect Via Violence

Matt · 19 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"Here is yet another story in which a mother takes matters into her own hands to teach someone a lesson in 'respect'. In this case, the woman in question did it with a long length of steel pipe, leaving six people injured. The reason? Her teenage son was asked to leave a party that he gate-crashed. When, exactly, did liberation and empowerment just melt right into psychotic sociopathy?"*

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She's no angel, she's a witch

Matt · 19 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

seattleshark writes *"I'm not really trying to inflame everyone here, but this story is almost unbelievable. Also, I challenge ANYONE that reads this site to find a similar story involving a father doing the same, and being treated the same.*

May justice have mercy on your maleness."

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Cars let angered females inflict serious violence

Matt · 20 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

An article explains how angered females can inflict serious violence from the wheel of a car . Such incidents of female violence include a man who was run over after a fishing trip and the Clara Harris incident. Men were killed in both incidents. The article says that for violent females, vehicles may compensate for their lack of physical strength compared to men. It does not sound as though a huge amount of concern is expressed in a sense. For example, females are often viewed as the "weaker sex" (and thus usually incapable of violence.) However, vehicles used as weapons can even the odds such that they can do serious violence.

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YWCA takes example from YMCA

Matt · 20 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

DasCoon writes "*Here we see an article on a YWCA allowing men in on the board of directors. The article states YMCAs have allowed women on the board of directors for over 70 years. Of course some women are protesting it for the same old reasons. What's good for the gander is good for the goose.*"

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Popular Campaign Kills CA. Anti-Father Bill

Hombre · 20 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In the face of enormous opposition, California Senate President Pro Tem John Burton (D-San Francisco) has decided to withdraw a bill which would have granted custodial parents an almost unlimited right to move children far way from their noncustodial parents.*

Popular outrage--including over 2,000 calls, letters and faxes to Sacramento as well as wide media coverage--was generated by radio talk show hosts Glenn Sacks and Dr. Laura Schlesinger.

Article here."

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Two Women Shoot Each Other's HUSBANDS Over Dispute

Hombre · 20 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"Normally, I'd think of a clever commentary to go with the headline on this particular current-events tripe, but I'm flabbergasted. WTF? And why the HELL doesn't anyone else find this as outrageous as I do?"*

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Mother Abandons Son In Turkey For New Lover; Police Monitoring Situation

Hombre · 21 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"As we read this heartwarming story of maternal love, we see once again how women are obviously naturally superior mothers, with enhanced 'emotional knowing' and social networking skills. (Yes, that's sarcastic.) Note that the police are far more worried about protecting the mother than the child. Also note that the father simply doesn't exist in the picture at all -- no mention is made of him whatsoever. Did this child spring whole from the forehead of Zeus?"*

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Eerily Familiar?

Hombre · 21 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Does this sound a bit familiar? Like the woman who is accusing Kobe Bryant of rape? Sex with a lot of men... then suddenly accuses one or more of rape? The meat is in paragraphs 3 and 4. Sick! Sick! Sick! Do we need some serious, new laws to protect men against these false accusations or what?"*

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Paternity Fraud Battle in CA

Hombre · 21 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"Here is a Washington Times article about the turmoil in California over the Navarro case. Manuel Navarro got his paternity fraud case overturned in a heroic decision by the 2nd District Court of Appeal. But Child Support Services is asking the CA Supreme Court to depublish Navarro, saying it is causing confusion in the courts (which is really nonsense). Both sides are submitting amicus letters to the California Supreme Court."*

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Deadbeat Dad Hypocrite

Hombre · 21 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"This American guy who lives in Mexico and married a Mexican woman has written articles criticizing "thousands of Mexican men (who) use emigration to abandon their wives and children," calling them "deadbeat dads", yet he repeatedly reenlists in the U.S. National Guard after marrying and having children, knowingly setting himself and his family up for exactly what just happened to him/them. Now he's been Called to Fight in Iraq (duh!) and is complaining about not having U.S. law to protect his job while he's gone so that he can come back to that same job when (and if) he makes it back. Plus he complains that his family has now lost the health insurance his previous employer provided.*

Isn't this guy every bit a "deadbeat dad" as all the other men he criticizes or what? Was he putting his family and children first and foremost each time he reenlisted in the National Guard or wasn't he selfishly putting his family at risk in return for the few extra dollars he received from the U.S. Government for staying in and repeatedly reenlisting in the Guard?

What a loser!"

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Exposing the REAL situation of men in ISRAEL

Hombre · 22 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Jacob Kandlaker writes *"Finally, here's an interview from Jerusalem Post that expose the real situation of men in Israel, living under Feminist dictatorship.*

Taly Bron's story

Taly Bron. 'Many men have committed suicide in similar situations...The establishment is responsible, especially the feminist movement and women's lobby in the Knesset.'"

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Women Behaving Badly Because Of Men

Hombre · 22 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"Intially I was quite intrigued by this article that explores why women turn so readily on other women in work / social situations...until I discovered the terrible secret that it was all men's fault! Yes, you see, the world outside the bedroom is apparently so "universally misogynistic" that women are required to behave "like men", i.e., cruelly. When men behave badly, it is our fault. When women behave badly, it is our fault. Get it?"*

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For Jesus' Sake, Smash: The Days And Nights Of Ca

Hombre · 22 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"This masterpiece of historic, political humor made me laugh until I spilled my coffee, concerning a subject that should make me cry. Hysterically bluntly written, factual, informative, and so funny it hurts. Please, please, please read to get a fascinatingly frank view of historic feminism and activism. Brought to us by our delightfully suave and hip masculist friends, Modern Drunkard Magazine."*

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Two Women Seduce, Then Stab 13 Times In The Groin

Hombre · 23 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"My day begins with this testament to the peaceful, spiritual, saintly purity of the double-X chromosome. Note the coordination and preplanning that went into the attack, and note their motivation, the motivation for all too many instances of female violence: not self-defense, but money. Lots of money.*

It is a cliched rhetorical question, but how would this story be reported differently if two young strong black men, armed with butcher knives and a hammer, had tag-teamed stabbing a middle-aged woman 13 times in the groin? Would they be hung, drawn, quartered, burned alive, or all of the above, before he even made it to trial? And how many pages of text would we see testifying to the heroic strength and character of a female victim? Whereas here, the victim is flatly portrayed as just an older man looking for sex, and no further mention is made of him aside from his role as a female punching bag."

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Child custody laws poised for change

Hombre · 23 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy McElroy writes on the current battle over California SB170, the bill which attempted to remove the rights of non-custodial parents in move away cases. The article gives informative details of some of the important cout rulings involved as well as providing the history of the bill itself, showing us why "SB 730 had the appearance of legislation being sneaked in through the back door."

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Woman calls for men to stand up for ourselves and our rights

Hombre · 23 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

After apparently watching one more episode of "Everybody Loves Raymond" than she could stand, Kerry Marsala has written an article challenging men to stand up for ourselves.

"So the real question is: Are you A Man or just a male sperm with fecundating fluid that enjoys being kicked in the groin?"

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Male homosexuality 3 1/2 times more damaging to Zanzibar than female homosexuality

Hombre · 23 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"The New Feminine Order continues its worldwide spread. In Zanzibar, they have freshly outlawed homosexual sex. If you are a woman, the maximum is seven years. If you are a man, the penalty is 25 years. No explanation is really given for this, other than it will "really improve the country"."*

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NH Men's Commission Gets New Member

Scott · 24 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I'm honored to announce that I have been recently appointed to serve on the NH Commission on the Status of Men. Commissioner Tony Raymond, a Police Chief from Plymouth, NH, resigned from the Commission earlier this summer due to family and time constraints. Governor Craig Benson then nominated me on July 28 and the Executive Council unanimously approved the nomination on August 18. I am excited to be able to serve on the Commission as an official member, and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead. Please see the Read More section for more info, and a request for assistance.The Commission on the Status of Men in NH has three main areas which it was assigned to study by the legislature: Men's health needs, the effects of fatherlessness on society, and the educational needs of boys and young men in the state. To date the Commission and the public have given quite a bit of attention to the first two mandates. So while I intend to help the Commission on all of its work, I plan to make my particular focus on the educational status of our state's boys and young men.

Young people are literally the future of our society. I am aware of many national trends which show that males are, on average, doing quite poorly compared to females in our educational institutions. From dropout rates to learning disabilities to college enrollment and academic performance, a substantial percentage of our nation's young male population is not laying the groundwork for a successful future. This is a gender issue that does not receive the attention it deserves, and there is still a lot of misinformation and stereotypes out there that have blinded the public and educational administrators from paying proper attention to this issue.

I intend to help quantify the educational needs that boys and young men have in NH, and identify areas where their needs are the strongest. Not only do the education administrators and teachers need this information, but the media and public need to be educated about it as well. In recent years, I've seen at least a half-dozen front page news articles about a local school district's alarming dropout rate, but never is it framed as a gender issue, nor are the statistics reported on even broken down by gender.

There's no way I can do this work in a vacuum, and I would like to request the help of anyone with a background in education, statistics, or young male advocacy. You don't have to be local to New Hampshire if you'd like to offer help - I need to obtain data about national trends to compare them with what's going on in NH. Please drop me an e-mail if you'd like to help out and I will start a mailing list where discussion of this work will be held. I want to see this Men's Commission succeed, and become an example that others can follow. Any assistance, either financial or in time, is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Scott Garman

scott at mensactivism dot org

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Teflon Military Women

Adam · 24 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"The American military machine is not immune to the gender-based poisons in our society. Here we have the short, sour, and heartripping story of a Lieutenant Colonel Williams. Lt. Col. Williams had entirely consensual, comprehensively documented sex with two female soldiers, one an NCO. He was instantly court-martialed in disgrace, and sentenced to seven months of good hard prison time. His girlfriends? Not a single black mark on their records -- they were let off scot-free. Why? Well, they were* ***women****, weren't they? On the same site, one can also read just how well PFC Jessica Lynch is doing in the midst of all her personally generated confusion and controversy.Military women seem to be Teflon -- s**t just won't stick!*

*Seconds after I typed that, I found this. I'd say 'enjoy', but I doubt that applies here. If you don't have time to read the story, the summary is simple: Male = dishonorable, female = honorable. Just like in civilian life! Oh, and did I mention she suddenly decided months after landing in hot water that she was raped? Did I mention that this was clearly a steaming load? The article ends by telling us that this poor, suffering, flower of womanhood avoided 26 years in pound-me-in-the-*** military prison because the fragile doe was suffering from attention deficit disorder and post-traumatic stress. Naturally I'm fighting back the urge to send the traumatized little girl a fruit basket out of sheer pity and sympathy."*

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Lesbian not required to pay child support

Adam · 25 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"MA Supreme Court has a history of contradictory and odd rulings. In this case a woman who agreed to have a child with her lesbian partner cannot be forced to pay child support, the state's highest court ruled Wednesday. Because the defendant is not a parent under any of the statutory provisions enacted to establish parenthood, she has no duty to support the child financially, and she may not be ordered to pay child support," I honestly think the court would have ruled differently if this had been a man involved. Also, if this court agrees homosexual marriages should be like normal marriage arrangements, this is a highly contradictory ruling. Article*

here"

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DSS Used to Abuse Children

Adam · 26 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The_Beedle writes *"Two teenage girls in Australia ran away from DSS custody after being abducted from their home where they had been living with their father. Despite the girls choice to live with their father, and their claims of his innocence, DSS is insisting they not have any contact with him.*

They haven't even bothered to tell the father that his children are on the run : "The girls' father, who is fighting the protection orders, said he had not been advised by the department that his daughters had absconded from care." News.com.au link"

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Major progress for shared custodial rights in MA!

Adam · 26 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"I have to admit I was shocked to see the Boston Globe cover a pro-father issue, but progress can not be denied as the Mass fatherhood Coalition got a nonbinding question that will appear on ballots in 37 legislative districts this November asks voters if they support joint custody of children after divorce, unless one parent is deemed unfit or both agree otherwise. "It's like putting up guardrails on the road of marriage," said Mike O'Neil, co-chairman of the Fatherhood Coalition, a statewide group that has about 3,000 members. "We just want protection of our rights." Lets applaud Mike Franco for his efforts in Mass where men's rights have been brutalized for decades.*

Fatherhood Coalition article
here"

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Maleness or Extinction? (Israel)

Adam · 27 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Jacob Kandlaker writes *"In Israel, beating feminism is a prerequisite for standing up to the external enemy. Maleness or Extinction by Gil Ronen Militant Israeli feminists have determined the national agenda since the early 1990s, mocking all things male and and criminalizing normal masculine behavior. If we wish to regain our fighting spirit and discover new leaders in our midst, we must first restore dignity to Israel's men."*

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'Virtual girlfriend' demands gifts

Adam · 27 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"She needs to be coddled with sweet talk and pampered with gifts, but you'll never see her in the flesh. A Hong Kong company has developed a "virtual girlfriend" for new cell phones with video capability.If she's neglected, "she'll be unhappy and she won't talk to you," The company also hopes to develop a virtual boyfriend by early next year. I wonder what he will expect? Respect perhaps? Chime in with your opinions... here"*

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Violent crimes by girls rising, but....

Adam · 27 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This article says girls are victims who need help, even when they are violent. here The shrinks are confused why after empowering girls they have turned violent. Even when females are violent they are victims of society in some way. Notice they say the reason juvenile female violence is rising is unclear. The reason is obvious 30 years of radical femminist ideaology. I think these shrinks are all in denial ha ha. Here is a quote from a womens studies professor. "We have a crisis in the juvenile justice system," said Meda Chesney-Lind, a professor in women's studies at the University of Hawaii, who has written books on female violence. "We're arresting all these girls, but we're not doing anything to deal with their issues.""*

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Men "scared" of sexual women

Hombre · 28 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Doctor Damage writes *"Yup, even though the practice is performed and perpetuated by women, female genital mutilation is the fault of those nasty evil (and frightened) men. Article here "*

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Male Heroism

Hombre · 28 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"Short and sweet: Can you easily imagine an everyday woman doing this? Had a woman done so, how would the article be different?"*

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Interesting

Hombre · 30 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

gudenuff writes *"A 10-year-old boy believed to have killed his father was a longtime witness to an ugly, drawn-out divorce that included unproven allegations of sexual abuse.*
Article here."

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Guys fill new network lineups - more misandry - or

Hombre · 30 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Not too long ago, the networks were obsessing over women. Is TV courting male audiences this season, after last year's ratings scare, when Nielsen Media Research announced that men age 18 to 34 were leaving TV for video games, DVDs, and the Internet (or bad programming for men - which was left out of the analysis)? The TV networks are hoping to snag viewers by showcasing the lives of men. Most of the fall's fellows deal with ambivalent feelings and they shed tears. This is in stark contrast to the cover of TV Guide's 2001 fall preview which stated - "Tough Women Rule." Lets see what happens...more misandry or is it time for gender equality in the media?*

Article here."

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Joint Custody Blues

Hombre · 31 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jenk writes *"Finally, here*
is an article, in main stream media, which presents the joint custody issue pretty fairly. The Biscuit Queen"

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Canada's Supreme Court - God help us all.

Hombre · 31 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ragtime writes *"Two recent vacancies in the Supreme Court of Canada had justice-minded Canadians hoping for new appointees who might show some respect for our Constitution and Charter of Rights and who would enforce law rather than try to create it to suit their personal agendas. Instead, our hopes have been cruelly dashed: at least one known radical feminist lesbian has received the nod.*
Justice Rosalie Abella spells even worse times ahead for men, fathers, and boys and any right-minded citizens who oppose judical activism. The, ahem, jury is still out on the other appointee, Justice Louise Charron. CP News"

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When Good Husbands Go Bad

Matt · 31 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jadeforrest writes *"When Good Husbands Go Bad lists a bunch of bad men doing bad things. It isn't hard to find a lot of list of men doing bad things, or for a list of women doing bad things..."*

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belief.net: Theology of the Body

Matt · 31 August 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The Pope's biographer discusses The Theology of the Body, supposedly promising to revolutionaize the Cath. church's POV on sexuality and the body. Well, we'll see.

But condemning male sexuality is still very much on the agenda. On page 4 of this epistle, one reads:

> **What response have you been getting specifically from women?**
>
> I do seminars specifically for women and I begin these seminars with an apology for the lusts of men and for the way that male lust has wounded the female heart.

Just great.

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"Gunmen" and "Attackers" at Russian School

Thomas · 1 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes

"http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,131060,00.html

Wow! Just wow! Absolutely no mention that some of the terrorists are female. When refering to hundreds of men and just a handful of women dieing in combat, we must call them "men and women." When referring some male and some female terrorists are threatening to blow up kids, we must call them "gunmen" and "attackers". I'm sure that the ladies involved are only there to nurture."

Thomas writing now:

The threat of these "black widows" is growing, as pointed out in this article. Of course, the article goes out of its way to try to absolve these women who murder innocent civilians, including children. "There is no religious aspect to this -- it's psychological ... terrorists exploiting the misfortune of these women."

If all males had the decency to die, then every person on earth would be spiritually perfect. (Sarcasm off)

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Kobe Bryant Case Dismissed!

Thomas · 2 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The criminal case against Bryant has been dismissed.

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Son Carries Mother 6,000km, Eight Years

Adam · 2 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"This man has carried his blind, aged mother across the whole of India on a holy pilgrimage for the past eight years. She says he is "nice". He is indeed a holy man."*

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The Sexual Revolution Becomes Passe

Adam · 3 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Cain writes *"An interesting article highlighting the conflict between reality and feminist ideology.*

here"

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Hunger striker enters 7th week

Adam · 3 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"John is now 6 weeks into a hunger strike in Newbury, England as the media continues to ignore his story. Full item at Thames Valley branch of Father 4 Justice (Hosted by the Men's Hour). You are welcome to add comments for John. John is aware of the debate about the usefulness of hunger strikes in the father's movement but feels it is his only option so any encouragement and messages of support would be most welcome."*

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THIS IS A TEST...

Hombre · 4 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Larry writes ***"THIS IS A TEST OF THE ACTIVIST'S BROADCAST SYSTEM***

The Rapid Response Team at menforjustice.com is dedicated to identifying new strategies against the men's movement as they appear and providing the MRA community with clean, efficient defenses against such tactics. Please read the following to inoculate yourself against the latest attack, then pass it on."

Vaccine found in the Read More section.Larry continues "From the Detroit Free Press:

ASK SADIE: Bloviating hubby is a bore

August 30, 2004

Dear Sadie: My husband has always been opinionated, but now he's gone over the edge. He's joined a men's rights organization. Some years ago, he had problems with his first wife over alimony, which he's never resolved in his head. Anyway, he recently connected with some fellow he met on the train about this organization, and it's become his "cause." It's bad enough when he carries on with me, but he bores everyone with his new passion. Any ideas? -- **Bored Wife**

Sadie says: Quick, did you sign a prenup? (OK, kidding -- maybe.) Now if he were Mr. Sadie, I'd just scream, "Shut up already! People are wearing garlic around you!" and then don heavy-duty earmuffs. But that would be so tacky. Then again, so is preaching points over shrimp puffs.

Getting it: Your personal strategy

The sensible thing is to say simply: "Darling, I love seeing you passionate. But serving up too much public passion is like too much sushi. A bit tantalizes. But if your dessert is hand-rolled, your guests will fling rice at each other in a boredom-frenzy." Tell him his attempts at enlisting interest (or converts) are collapsing under the weight of his ponderous stump.

Follow the cues. Gently tell him that, if someone asks what he's up to, he may certainly intro his new org and follow with a tonally pleasing brief conversation. But when his audience yawns, darts, moves off, interrupts, changes the topic, flees for an exit -- or picks up a carving knife -- it's time to change the topic to something less emotional -- Michael Moore . . . the 9-11 report . . . WMD . . . anything but men's rights.

Signal the cues. If BM (Boring Mate) still finds himself blabbering to little children or the rumaki, agree to stand by him next time and signal when he needs to quit mouthing off and move off.

Let him write it! Nothing can quiet excess puffery faster than a pen. He has a position? Write a paper. It's easier on the ears and might be a nifty handout that piques interest without putting his public into a state of petrifaction. Finally, this passion with men's rights is quelling some old grudges. Time could be the best toner. Give it some. Oh, and go check on that prenup. Wouldn't hurt.

ASK SADIE appears in the Free Press Mondays and Wednesdays. E-mail asksadie@aol.com. Write her and other advice columnists at P.O. Box 828, Detroit 48231.

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NOT from the Detroit Free Press:

ASK MRA GUY: Bored wife is a downer
September 3, 2004

Dear MRA Guy: Some years ago, my first wife turned on me and put me through a devastating divorce in which I lost everything. I have since put my life back together and remarried. Anyway, I recently met a fellow on a train who connected me with a men's rights group. They've helped me understand what happened and how the courts were stacked against me. I have become an enthusiastic men's right activist (MRA) and talk to everyone I can about it. My wife says that I'm boring her and boring everone I meet. She thinks I'm just mad about having to pay alimony. How do I show her that it's not the money, that the alimony is just a constant, galling reminder of how I was betrayed, demonized and walked on by a woman I thought loved me? **- Deflated in Detroit**

MRA Guy says -Quick, did you get a prenup? (OK, kidding -- maybe) Your wife's reaction is not uncommon. When she says she's bored, what she really means is that she's uncomfortable. As you have no doubt experienced, talking about men's issues is NOT boring. It's emotional dynamite! As my sister advice columnist Sadie so aptly put it - "it's time to change the topic to something less emotional -- Michael Moore . . . the 9-11 report . . . WMD . . . anything but men's rights."

Your wife is uncomfortable with your new activity and wishes you would stop. Toward that end, she is feigning boredom in the hopes that you too will become bored, lose your enthusiasm and drop your activity. She is uncomfortable on two levels. On the surface, she is uncomfortable that you are not engaging in small talk, "If traffic

is heavy on I-999, I like to switch onto Hubert Wicker Avenue in the mornings" but starting passionate debates. A no-no in her idea of polite society.

On a more serious level, she is uncomfortable with the possibility that you will succeed. Most states have a time period for marriages after which a woman becomes eligible for alimony. I don't know the time period in your state, but you can bet that your wife does. Under the current family law system, she knows that if she decides you aren't "fulfilling her needs," she can kick you out of her life. With some standard whining ("I sacrificed my career for him!"), she can count on a court forcing you to continue to support her financially. If MRA's are successful, she won't have that option. You say your sweetie wouldn't do that? Well, you thought that about your first wife, too.

It is doubtful you can ever convince her that you're **not** focussed on the money because she **is** focussed on the money.

Don't let her apparent indifference get you down. She'll either get over her discomfort or she won't. Oh, and go find that prenup and put it in a safe place. Wouldn't hurt.

MRA GUY is a Man for Justice."

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The logic behind prohibiting teacher-student touching

Adam · 5 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anon User writes "*The paper Risk anxiety in the classroom: teachers touching children explores the logic behind the idea that teacher-to-student touching (no matter how "innocent") must be considered suspiciously and must be avoided. (Without mentioning gender, it should be quite obvious that teachers of a certain gender have to be more careful about this...) There is the issue of avoiding false accusations, but the authors refer to the perceptions of risk and danger in society. It is said that "no touching" policies have lead to such situations as male teachers afraid to pick up injured students lying on sports fields. Basically, this report talks about why teachers end up being warned about touching students and the effects that can result from rules and fears about touching students."*

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Marcel Shurman's anti-male greeting cards

Adam · 5 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Marcel Shurman's anti-male greeting cards*

Today I was at the Border's at the Flatiron Crossing mall in Broomfield, CO. I stopped by the greeting card section to see what was available.

There were several cards by Marcel Shurman that could be considered misandric:"

If you wanna "read more", I think you can guess where to click.
- A card with a photo of a fat man on the beach next to a hippopotamus.

- A card with a photo of a woman carrying a man over her shoulder. The caption said something like "A rummage sale is a great way to get rid of useless stuff." On the inside it said "Such as your husband."

- A card with a drawing of two men. The caption said "There are two kinds of men - nice guys and jerks." On the inside it said "The nice guys become jerks later."

- A card with a picture of a man ironing. The caption said something like "The good news is that there are men that iron." On the inside it just said "You know the bad news." (Let me guess, the card implies that men that iron are gay?).

- A card with the caption "Fortunately, you only need to know three topics to have a conversation with a man." On the inside it said "Him, him, and him."

To be fair, there were many cards that were cute and creative, but the presence of these five cards spoiled the effect for me, and I would never buy a card from Marcel Shurman (though I wonder if you can buy a card, photocopy it as evidence, then return it to the store - "It turned out I didn't really like it.")

There is a "Contact us" option on this twit's homepage, but the cards in question weren't displayed.

Shurman's site

I noticed a book in the store titled “I still miss my ex, but my aim is getting better.” Nice.

As I walked through the mall, I checked in on Claire's to see the status of the "Boys are smelly" line of goods (ironically, something sure smelled bad in the store today). It was heartening to see that the display had dwindled as it was sold off, but there were still some of the offensive items there. (Claire's decided a few months ago not to reorder David and Goliath merchandise, but to sell the remaining stock.)

As I walked by a store called "Limited Too" I noticed a few signs saying "It's a girl's world." Well, sure it is, thanks to three decades of misandry. Make that four.

Steve

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Society Is Killing Its Males

Adam · 6 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"Fresh in from Scientific American, we have an excellent article examining male and female mortality -- right from the get-go, they are quite emphatic that an enormous number of social factors are to blame for males' early demise; it is **not** purely a question of longevity being linked only to physiology of gender."*

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Touching Teacher Stories

Adam · 6 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"Rather ironically in regards to the immediately previous entry concerning the total and absolute prohibition on teacher/student contract, particuarly emphasized towards men, we have this heartwarming tale of a female schoolteacher harassing several of her students with endless pornographic messages, as well as forcing the class in general to discuss her sexual habits with her boyfriend. Clearly, a total, modern woman. Oh, by the way -- the case against her was completely dismissed due to court irregularities. How handy! How fitting! How standard! How obscenely offensive to any sapient two-legged organism with the faintest concept of human equality!"*

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SPIKE TV

Matt · 6 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

tonysprout writes *"Spike TV claims it is the first network for men. I'm a man, and I don't watch it. I've sent email (via an online contact form at here)*
asking them to consider doing a show advocating men's rights.

We NEED this show. You NEED to contact them and ask for the same thing. As a channel for men, they continue to reinforce the negative stereotypes of masculinity with shows like "Stripperella"."

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Nobel Prize Winner Loses In Divorce Court

Matt · 6 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"Apparently being one of the most brilliant men on earth earns one the right to get penalized for it by one's ex-wife in divorce court. The judge ruled that since his ex's future career prospects were 'paltry and stagnant', that his prize money should be regarded as income for her to take. He's more successful, she's less successful, so therefore his wealth becomes hers. A breathtaking demonstration of The New 'Equality'."*

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MSN's "Top Five Reasons to go for a Younger Man"

Matt · 6 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ahh, MSN again. Just amazing. This latest has it all: stereotyping, men-as-means-to-an-end, and on and on. But I will say that it does lack the usual "men suck and are basically evil" fare that MSN, et al., usually serves up, substituting it this time for a men-as-sexual-tools theme.

Suppose they will publish an article tomorrow entitled "Top Five Reasons to go for a Younger Woman"? Nah.

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Promoting Women In Business Is Cruelty

Adam · 7 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"I simply never would have thought of this spin on modern life. Here we have an article from the BBC explaining that if a woman is put in charge and the business does badly, it does NOT mean that the woman was in any way unsuitable for the position; it means that her promotion was actually an act of discrimination by the Old Boys' Network, to try and MAKE the business fail. You see, now that the glass ceiling is dissolving, we males have constructed 'glass cliffs' instead. As Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Dave Barry has often noted, 'I am not making this up'."*

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'Black Widows' behind Beslan tragedy

Adam · 8 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bharati writes *"Story on terrorism by black widows . violence is not one genders game and past time"*

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Gender discrimination in justice

Adam · 8 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This quote says it all:*

"I think you're getting the deal of the week," Arnold said. "If you were a man standing in front of me we would not be talking about misdemeanor probation; we'd be talking about how many years you're going to prison." said the judge. Time for a CLASS ACTION SUIT I think.... read all about it
here"

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Domestic Violence Ignorance Month

Hombre · 8 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"An excellent article denouncing the flagrant 'women and children only' bias ingrained at all levels of our society."*

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Teacher Forces Potty Mouths On Students

Hombre · 8 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"Straight from the shoulder: A teacher, frustrated by her 'unruly' students, forced twenty of them to lick toilet floors. Here we again see the advanced, more evolved nature of modern femininity. It is becoming a cliched rhetorical question, but how would people have reacted, both locally and in the media, if the teacher in question had been male? Would a simple apology clear up the matter then? I don't think so, but I would love to be proved wrong..."*

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50 Year Old Female Teacher Accused Of Sex Assault

Matt · 9 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes
In this disgusting story we read that:

"Cecelia Schneider, a high school mathematics teacher, is accused of child endangerment and aggravated sexual assault. "

and

"Complaints against Schneider, suspended with pay from her job as a mathematics teacher at Monmouth Regional High School, Tinton Falls, allege that in 2002 she performed oral sex on the boy and produced and distributed child pornography, specifically a photograph of herself with the toddler.
"

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Another Teacher and Student

Adam · 9 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CPM writes *"Story here*

It seems that "teaching" is the preferred profession for these perverts who need an icebreaker to prey upon young boys. With all of these teacher/student "trysts" that I am aware of, it seems that it is almost always a woman that is the pervert. Knowing how the media try to bury incidents of criminal behavior by females, I can't even fathom how many of these teacher/student incidents aren't even making it to the news. Perhaps women should not be allowed near young students, you know kind of like male day care workers.

I particularly like when she said that it was not just about sex. Well, then it must be ok, so long as there was more to it than just sex. There's also the money she will try to get if she can manage to get herself knocked-up.

Geez we almost need a seperate category here just for these female teacher/young boy stories.

If you'll excuse me, I'm late for a vomit appointment..."

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More men report being molested by Women

Adam · 9 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

apetr writes *"In this article*

men reporting being sexually assaulted is on the rise. Men, given an outlet for these crimes against them will show that it is not the majority of men who are perpetraitors, establish some other shelters and such for men and you will see just how many have been abused."

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Nicole Kidman Booed For "Child Love" Film.

Adam · 9 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"Democracy in action: Theater patrons walked out and booed viciously at the movie screening for Nicole Kidman's new film which features her molestation of a 10-year-old boy -- only as she is a woman, this act of pedophilia is referred to as "love". As excellent as it is that she received the public ridicule she so richly deserved, how do you feel the audience would have reacted if Tom Cruise had made a movie about himself taking a nude bath with a ten-year-old girl, and would his character have had the brass cojones to tell an unsuspecting public that it is entirely okay because he "loves" the girl in question?"*

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Glass corridor?

Adam · 10 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Indianmale writes *"India's top corporate (women) professionals are quitting their jobs to stay at home and take care of the kids. The story blames it on `social conditioning'. At another place, it also mentions the choices available to women - work (full time or part time), stay at home (for the kids or yourself), and the flexible working conditions offered by corporates (one year's leave, time off to attend an event in which her daughter participates). None of these choices are available to men. (Under the current law applicable to Hindus and Christians, the husband has a legal obligation to support his wife). The story is here"*

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Update on Zeta-Jones stalking case

Adam · 10 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The trial has been delayed because the stalker attempted suicide and then blamed Zeta-Jones for driving her to it. You can't help pitying the woman. The latest tawdry episode is here.*

hhere"

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Australia: Woman beats boy viciously, gets 4 months

Matt · 12 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Proving once again that the phenomenon of women-are-innocent-even-when-proven-guilty spans the globe, this from Australia. She is found guilty yet sentenced to only four months in jail for doing what would have landed a man in jail for *years* had the genders been reversed.

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Germaine Greer cheers divorcing women

Hombre · 13 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"In this article, feminist Germaine Greer recently was quoted saying that "the high rate of divorce should be celebrated as the major sign of progress in the feminist movement." What ever happened to trying work things out first?"*

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As a father, where do I go from here?

Hombre · 13 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

J writes *"Hi,*

I spare you the details, but when my wife levied false allegations of domestic violence in Nov 03, the last thought on my mind was to attack the lies and twisted references to truth. I was too focused on saving my marriage, living on the hope of reconciliation for our children, 4, 5 and 11. Now she's filed for divorce and 100% legal and physical custody. She denies: (1) her psychosis (e.g. seeing demons leap from one person to another, putting oils on the heads of our children who she fears might be possessed -- REAL Andrea Yates stuff, (2) her perjuring herself numerous times in her written declaration to the court and to the court appointed 730 evaluator, and (3) her moving her lesbian lover in when she moved me out. The problem is, with women, it seems allegation carries the day, and all the documented evidence in the world will do a man no good. I have an attorney (just recently fired one for not fighting), but in the 9 months I've been battling this I've lost my house, the kids and over $20,000. I love my little ones. Any suggestions???

J"

Hombre - We get a lot of submissions here asking for assistance for troubled fathers, so any large organizations that any of you know of which can offer real help to men in these situations will be appreciated by many readers.

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Fathers 4 Justice protest at Palace

Thomas · 13 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A protester dressed as Batman has climbed on to the balcony of Buckingham Palace. This is the latest in a series of recent high-profile demonstrations by the British men's rights group Fathers 4 Justice. Long may it continue.*

Details here.

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Activist opportunity for Virgina residents

Matt · 13 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

All,

Those who live in Virginia, especially those whose House rep. is Jim Moran, will be interested to know Mr. Moran is sponsoring a women's issues conference for Sept. 18, 2004. Info found here. Please contact Mr. Moran's office by using his site feedback form here asking for equal time for men.

Please click "Read More" to see the note I sent him.Dear Mr. Moran:

I got your e-mail re the women's issues conference. While it is a good and noble effort it is alas duplicated all over the country. While surely it is useful to have a women's issues conference, it has as they say been done before, is being done now, done often, and likely to continue to be done.

What our society lacks at this point is public men's issues conferences. It would be wonderful if your office would consider sponsoring one. Please see:

http://www.trueequality.com/booklet/

for more re what are men's issues of today.

Your constituent,

Matt Campbell

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ABC's new Fall Headliner: "Desperate Housewives"

Matt · 13 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Saw an ad for it today on the side of a bus and just knew what to expect... my suspicions well-confirmed. The show's pilot plot is discussed here. Look for plenty of husband-murdering and complaining about all the things mom isn't getting, aside from the house, car, lack of job responsibilities, etc.

What's "funny" is that the concept authors, etc., all seem to be men - or at least the ones they talk about on the site. Sad but predictable.

I am sure it'll get high ratings.

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The perennial issue of female nudity

Adam · 14 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Britain's biggest-selling newspaper 'The Sun', publishes a topless photo on page 3 every day. This article*

article

traces the history of this phenomenon, and the efforts of feminists to stop it. It's interesting to hear the models themselves defending their choices. I accept the argument that nude girls are not news, but it's difficult to accept the feminist whining about them being exploited - look how much money they earn! This kind of censorship is really about policing male sexuality, and attempting to manage the sexual market-place by controlling the supply-side."

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Dating advice from a "man-trainer" on MSN

Adam · 14 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"MSN is so casual and blatant in publishing astonishingly misandric articles. Here is a "love advice" columnist whose credentials read as follows: Womanly Arts and Mama Gena's Guide To Owning And Operating Men. Her advice in this particular piece tells women to "Join the ranks of the brilliant man-trainers of the world: Women who use men to fulfill their dreams and desires!"...and… "guys on their own recognizance won't necessarily aim very high. A beer and a channel-changer is about enough excitement for them" The problem with this form of casual misandry is that the same type of article with the genders reversed would not be published as it would be highly offensive to women. Let's write MSN to tell them what the "man-trainer" can do with her advice...*

here"

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Fathers 4 Justice protest causes national furore

Adam · 14 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The fathers' rights protest at London's Buckingham Palace has caused a national scandal. Good work guys! Details*

here"

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From A Kids Rights Org

Hombre · 16 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Eric87443 writes *"Good People & People of Faith,*

I wanted to bring you up-to-date on what has been happening in Syracuse regarding our efforts to get a meeting between Senator Clinton and parents. I will be returning to the outside of the Syracuse Federal Building at 9am on Tuesday, Sep 21st, and my trial (open to the public) is scheduled to start in Federal Court at 10 am.

It would be nice to see a few of you there and have a chance to talk before the time for Trial. If you are new to the group or need more background, you will find a complete history at:

http://www.AKidsRight.Org/actionc_syr
"

Rest under Read More section.Eric87443 continues...

"When I returned to the building on Sep 2nd I was very surprised to see the extent security went to - to keep me out of the building. After again 'pushing' me out of the entrance two officers kept watch as I attempted to move between the doors to enter. They would 'push' me farther away if I go to close, but then I would just come back. This went on for two hours and I couldn't help feeling 'silly.' The effort appeared to be coordinated by the US Attorney's office and the Judge didn't seem to care what was happening . . . what could I do next? What could WE do next?

I couldn't help but feel 'flashbacks' to the way things are in Family Court. The way all of us were simple 'pushed' out of the way when it came to our children. The silly allegations and the simple indiginity of the entire process. The Judges and Lawyers and staff -- just too busy for us and ready to get on with it - NEXT!

I've had some thoughts on how to proceed (and I welcome yours) and you may see some different NonViolent Action next Tuesday. In a another attempt I wrote to Senator Clinton, the Judge, and the US Attorney's office (below). I certainly appreciate the efforts of those of you who have written and called - it has made a difference. I have repeated the contact information for all these people at the end of this message -- your personal contact with them would be a great help both to me and our effort.

Best regards!

John Murtari

========== From the letter ==========

Mr. Richard Southwick, Assistant United States Attorney

RE: United States v. Murtari

P.O. Box 7198

100 S. Clinton St

Syracuse, NY 13261-7198

Dear Mr. Southwick and Ms. Clinton: (13 Sep 2004)
Events at the Federal Building in recent weeks have caused me to reconsider my methods. I never expected to be `pushed' away from the building as I attempted to contact a Member of Congress (but not charged with a crime). Physical force has been used to resolve an uncomfortable situation. This has placed me in a difficult position. I had to review all that has happened:
I am a peaceful and respectful parent trying to communicate with my Member of Congress about recognizing and protecting the Civil Right I have to be a parent to my own child. I have been:
* Arrested and tried unjustly. Found guilty of violating rules that don't exist or of actions that did not happen. I was surprised to find how `weak' building rules were, but GSA has a giant staff and they should have rewritten their rules.
* Reported unjustly to the Secret Service (by my Member of Congress) for investigation and have staff use that as an excuse for no meeting to take place.

* Pushed around a Federal Building without arrest and had a Federal Judge aware of the situation offer no protection.
* Subjected to a 'broad' stay away order that prohibits me from peacefully visiting the offices of ALL my Members of Congress in that building.

The 'overwhelming' physical power of the State separated me from my Son (and didn't care of the love we had), it has ruined my personal life and it is difficult for any parent to respond. I have no animosity toward the individuals, but what happened then (and now) is just plain wrong. I am being (was) treated like some kind of 'bag lady' that just needed to be pushed away....
Between the Offices of Senator Clinton and the US Attorney, and myself - we need to resolve this, but no one appears ready to reconsider. I know there are accommodations that can be reached in the `interest of justice.' As a minimum, to allow a constituent to peacefully petition outside her offices on the 14th floor - if the Senator is still not ready for a meeting. But I think we need to "write things down" - that peaceful conduct will not be disturbed; I will not be `pushed' away from the building again - that reporting a peaceful constituent to the Secret Service was a mistake.

Both of you are in positions of great power and authority. I hardly think to pull back a bit would be seen as a sign of weakness. It would certainly be seen as a sign of compassion and graciousness. It would send a positive message to the many people watching this situation and who are cynical about government.
As the `weakest link' I am hardly in a position to withdraw. It would too easily be seen as cowardice and lack of conviction (especially now that physical force is being applied). I would have to deny my belief in NonViolent Action and in the power of

peaceful voluntary sacrifice in major social reform. What could I say to the loving parents of the AKidsRight.Org group - `it all sounded good in theory, but didn't work out too well in practice?'

Most of all, what could I say to my son, Domenic. I have talked to him about Faith, and Love, and a God that loves each of us dearly (more than any parent loves their own child). He is old enough now to understand what Daddy `does' to try to change things and I have talked to him about the Civil Rights struggle to break segregation. That people had to sacrifice and there was a lot of pain (and it is hard for him to understand why - it still is for me). But I have told him that `good things will happen' and that `someday' we will have a normal life together - how can I ever just walk away?

Please, I do ask you to act quickly and before the Court date next week. There is no need for more jail time here. Because of the change in `schedule' I was able to plan a trip to see Domenic for the weekend with my mother - we even got a good deal on the fair. I am thankful for that time and so is Dom.

Respectfully yours,

John Murtari
http://www.AKidsRight.Org/

315-635-1968, x-211

315-430-2702 (cell)

CC: Federal Magistrate Gustav J. DiBianco

CC: Washington & Syracuse Offices of Senator Clinton
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========== Contact Information ==========

Please send a fax or make a phone call to the Senator's offices both in Washington and Syracuse. They are paying attention to what is going on here. The Senator is a member of the Senate Subcommittee on Children and Families.

http://labor.senate.gov/committee_members.html#Chi ldrenFamiles

You don't have to be a resident of New York to call her offices.

Syracuse Local rep, Cathy Calhoun,

tel: 315-448-0470, fax: 315-448-0476

Washington Scheduling Office, Lona Valmoro (Senior Advisor to the Senator),

tel: 202-224-4451, fax: 202-228-0121

Most of all, you don't have to express anger. Just let her staff know that you care about Civil Rights protection for families and the Senator should meet with parent's groups regarding the need for National reform... Let them know being a parent is one of our GREATEST rights. It needs official recognition and protection.

If you take the time to send a fax, try to send copies to the Judge and US Attorney (also email us a copy or tell us about your phone conversation). Let them know you care.

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This piece of misandry PRINTED in CORNELL SUN real

Hombre · 16 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"You should read Anna Weiss's manhating gendercidal rant about men being useless here. You can also submit a comment below the article. Also you should send a letter to the editor of the* ***Cornwell Daily Sun*** *here. They think* ***that men are perfect target for unlimited abuse****. Flood them with letters! Show them that we are not their whipping boys! Also as it is the newspaper for the university we can sue them for hate speech to get Weiss and editors in trouble."*

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False Accusations of Rape

Adam · 16 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"The Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journals (the largest daily legal newspapers in the U.S.) just printed an expanded op-ed by Glenn Sacks on the frequency of false accusations of rape and how the media, victims' advocates and prosecutors neglect the problem, in light of the Kobe Bryant events. The Daily Journal has no link for non-subscribers, but the article was re-printed at Michnews.com here at this link The data cited can be helpful for advocates to raise awareness about this problem that, like male victims of DV, is severely neglected and covered-up because of gender feminist politics."*

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Domestic Violence

Adam · 16 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"This article Would You Help a Domestic Violence Shelter that Helps Men "...provides us with a means to honor Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) by contributing to a neglected cause -- helping the male victims of violence." Thanks to Wendy McElroy for posting this information about the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men (DAHM) at her Ifeminist web site, and thanks to* ***Mensactivism*** *for helping the many male victims of domestic violence who have so often come to this site for help."*

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DLJ Gets Back

Adam · 17 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"Since March, the DesertLight Journal blog has been posting Friends to the End, the first-ever novel on domestic violence with a male victim. The book now appears in its entirety. It will stay up at the blog until October 1st, when it will be removed from the site.*

The book will be replaced with a new campaign to promote full awareness of the issue of domestic violence. This campaign will be the simplest, and possibly the most effective so far. The way it will work is this: I'm asking everyone to track their local media and keep an eye out for stories on DV shelters and services that promote the well-known myths and bad statistics. Send me a link to these stories when they appear online, or in national media that I can access. I'll post them on the DLJ blog, and contact the source with corrections whenever possible. I'll be happy to credit each of you who submit links!

If you have a blog or website of your own, please feel free to post this announcement there, or pass it along to your friends however you like. On October 1st, I'll post the most frequently-repeated misinformation for everyone's reference, along with the reasons why the statements are wrong. Please don't hesitate to use this information in making your own contacts.

If bloggers and new media can take down CBS, there isn't any reason why we can't make a dent in domestic violence services that serve no one, and exist primarily to promote divorce and misandry.

Please use this e-mail to submit your information: DVA2004 at desertlightjournal –dot-com
You can also send a postcard to: TW Schuett P.O. Box 1252 Yuma AZ 85366

Also, the DLJ will continue to provide the link for donations to DAHM."

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Shortage of surgeons in U.S.

Adam · 17 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

thatold55 writes *"About two months ago, we were discussing concerns within the British medical community that the full spectrum of medical care was not being covered because of the influx of women into medical schools, and the unsuitability of some areas of specialization to the needs and wants of women. See this archived Mensactivism article.*

Now, Newsweek reports a similar trend in American medical care. Residency requirements for surgeons require 80 to 120 hour week of training. This requirement, and the general unpleasantness of working with nasty, veteran male surgeons, is causing women doctors to shy away from surgery. Depending on how you look at things, we face either a shortage of surgeons, or a glut in ob/gyn, internalist, and gp areas."

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Domestic Violence Coalition sued

Adam · 19 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *"The Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men (DAHM) and a person identified as John Doe have filed suite against the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence here. The news article quotes "Andy" Slater (who is representing DAHM) as saying, "The Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men wants to assist battered men and their children with the same ability that the nine coalition members do with women and their children," Slater goes on to say, "It appears on its face that the coalition is drawing a distinction and stating that women and children deserve more protection than men."*

At the risk of repeating himself Ray Blumhorst asks yet again, "Would You Help A Domestic Violence Shelter That Helps Men?" here and especially here. It appears "on its face" that the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence has a hearing problem, or even worse a prejudice against men problem."

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Military Corruption.com

Adam · 19 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ever wonder about double standards in the American Military? You don't have to wonder any more, you can go to Military Corruption and find out. With a special look at the double standards involved (you can guess which half of humanity the status quo benefits can't you?) It's one site you should be aware of.

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Sacks Attacks 'Fatal Fathers' Myth

Adam · 20 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anon user writes "*Glenn Sacks takes on the latest anti-father media drumbeat in his new column "'Fatal Fathers' Myth Promoted in Wake of Peterson, Hacking Cases" (Daily Breeze [Los Angeles], 9/17/04, LewRockwell.com, 9/17/04). According to Sacks, despite the furor, "...only one out of every 75,000 are murdered by a male intimate each year. Moreover, contrary to popular belief, there are as many wives and girlfriends who murder their male partners as vice versa."*
Read the full article at
here"

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Separated Parenting Access and Resource Center (SPARC)

Adam · 20 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Since we get asked for help alot on family issues, I'm gonna post this link to the Separated Parenting Access and Resource Center. It's got just about something for everyone there. So have a look.

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Is the woman's draft coming?

Adam · 22 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"According to this article in Seattle Post-Intelligencer, the chief of the Selective Service System has proposed registering women for the military draft. The only question I have is, if they were to introduce the draft again, think the girls would be sharing the front lines with the boys?"*

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Latest Dumb Dad Sitcoms

Adam · 22 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"The new TV season offers us a couple more stupid dad shows. The first is CBS's "Listen Up" with Seinfeld's Jason Alexander as an idiot dad with a comb-over who embarrasses his intelligent beautiful teenage daughter. The other is ABC's "Rodney," which features a loser redneck wannabe standup comic who can't hold a regular job, is a bad influence on his kids, and is addicted to betting. The frustrated wife tolerates him because, well, she loves him in spite of all his shortcomings. There's a feedback form at the bottom of the CBS website here. ABC viewer relations can be emailed at: netaudr@abc.com. I will be sharing my unambiguous thoughts with them."*

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Even football is getting feminized.

Adam · 22 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jenk writes *"Even football is getting pretty in pink. New rules are looking to make football less about contact and more about...um..not much."*

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Modern Schools: Girls Good, Boys Bad

Hombre · 23 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes... *"Glenn Sacks's latest piece, Start of School Very Different for Parents of Boys, Parents of Girls, criticizes the school system, saying "rather than reform a system woefully out of touch with boys' real world natures and needs, our schools find it easier to demand that boys be something other than boys." Read it here."*

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Planned Parenthood sued for sexism, racism

Adam · 23 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jimmyd writes *"Well, well, well seems that our feminist friends down at planned parenthood are in some hot water for their anti-male sexism and the us of a certain n-word given that the ACLU and NAACP may get involved, it looks like it may be a job for the NCFM as wll as a chance for some good publicity the story is here"*

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Women are the future of I.T. (?)

Adam · 23 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

robrob writes *"It is reported here that Professor Wendy Hall, computer scientist, advisor to the government, and president of the British Computer Society thinks the future of I.T. is female. Perhaps she could answer why everytime certain "female" skills are seen as important, women seem to think that they will soon dominate that particular field. As for her suggestion that we could discriminate by allowing women to study IT at university for free, we could perhaps ask her if we could do the same for men in medicine, law and teaching courses where men are now under-represented. Remember, she's an advisor to the UK Government!"*

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Unsafe sex is criminal act against Women

Adam · 25 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Aquix writes *"In this article author seeks to prosecute men, and only men, for not using condoms duing intercourse. He claims unprotected sex is 'wreckless' and irresponsible.*

here"

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Hypocritical Protests on T-Shirt Designs

Adam · 25 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

D. E. Unrau writes *"This article*
"has a T-shirt that plays on the issue of domestic violence is generating plenty of controversy as well as getting attention from the Ontario government.

The shirt is sold at a St. Catharines clothing store and features a hammer dripping with blood above a statement that reads, "she was asking for it.""

What the article doesn't say, and what wasn't protested it all, is that the store also sells a shirt that has a pair of bloody scissors that says "he was asking for it.""

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Men, Women More Different Than Thought

Adam · 26 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"According to this article, researchers are discovering that men and women are even more different than anyone realized. However, as usual, the researchers and doctors interviewed for this article, seem obsessed with making treatment more "female-friendly". Even at the end of the article, there are links provided to two female-only health organizations."*

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Ohio mayor murdered man in 1982

Adam · 26 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"The (female) mayor of East Cleveland brushes off the fact that she murdered a man in 1982. Oh that. It was in self-defense. Nevertheless, she wanted the records sealed. Read it for yourself here."*

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Barbara Walters' Interview with a Pedophile

Matt · 27 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Tonight (Sept 24, 2004) ABC's 20/20 aired Barbara Walters' interview with pedophile Mary Kay Letourneau. Mary has had a long-term sexual relationship with her then 6th grade student. Because she is a women pedophile the interview centered around her 'tragic relationship.' She was asked questions like 'How did you feel [when you were caught]?', 'your children [the victim's] are growing up without a mother', and 'Will you marry him?' A pedophile should never be given such treatment regardless of gender but for some reason women pedophiles are given a free pass. Shame on you Barbara, 20/20, and ABC."*

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College students in trouble for having stippers' pole

Matt · 27 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Amyone who thinks males/male sexuality are not being persecuted on college campuses need only read this story. I doubt if the sexes in the story were reversed would a group of girls get into any trouble. (Pleae click 'Read More', below).These boys (termed men of course - making them men maks it easier to persecute them) merely held a contest, giving away a $100 gift certificate to Victoria's Secret to the winner, who didn't even disrobe as part of the contest! For this, they are punished?? I have seen a lot more intense behavior on college campuses than this go unnoticed/unpunished. So much for consenting adults and the right to life, liberty, etc.-- well, for males, anyway. The winner of the prize got into some amount of unspecified trouble as well. She was probably told to "stop contributing to your own oppression" or something like that. Wonder if she spent the $100 Victoria's Secret gift certificate prize money already?

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Nun Receives Suspended Sentence for Child Molestation

Matt · 27 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

It isn't just certain priests in the church these days, apparently, in trouble for sex-related offenses against children. However you are not likely to see this story on the front page any time real soon. Her punishment? 6 months in jail, counselling, and a 10-year suspended sentence. The story closes with: "Commonwealth's Attorney Harvey L. Bryant III had sought a long prison term, noting that this was not a one-time act."

Wonder what she would have gotten if her victim in this case had been a little girl instead?

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Another father railroaded by the legal system...

Matt · 27 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

... in collusion with a vindictive ex-wife. Read here.

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"Kill gay man" remark gets applause, reluctant apology

Matt · 27 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I doubt he would have said anything like the same sort of thing were he discussing lesbians.

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Cheerleaders bully reluctant sticker-non-taker

Matt · 27 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I didn't know whether to post this under Humor or News. I settled on News since it sure wasn't a funny episode to their victim - or since the victim was female, was it that the cheerleaders were empowered and picked the wrong target to vent their righteous and wholly understandable anger against the evil, oppressive patriarchy? Or was it something else? I am sure a man or men are going to be held to blame eventually...

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Girls' HS Volleyball Team Beats Up Opponents

Matt · 27 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Another violent femmes type story here. Apparently "empowerment" without good sportsmanship is the rule of the day in some girls' high school athletic deprtments.

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Another serial killer nurse

Matt · 28 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"51 year old female nurse charged with murdering 3 elderly patients, attempting to murder 1 more, and harming 13 others. It will be intersting to follow how this one develops. Story is here"*

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Males Are Never too Young to be Humiliated...

Matt · 28 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

... by a woman, or so it appears yet again. The War on Boys continues unabated. Latest chapter is here. You can be sure she would not have done this to a little girl.

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How the DVA2004 Media Recon Project Works

Matt · 28 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"This is a cooperative event, folks!*

I have set up alerts from Google, Yahoo and Bloglines to notify me and am monitoring Topix for news stories related to the obvious keywords. I'll be checking these each day from now through the month of October, posting links to those that either provide disinformation (as noted in the categories below each post) or PROGRESS!"

Please click "Read More" for more information.

"Since there are so many posts each day, I'll also add contact information for the various publications whenever easily available, and commentary if a specific point merits doing so. You will most likely find the stories to be closely similar, with the only differences being the location of the publication. This has been happening for years, but it is only with the advent of the search engines and newsreaders that we've been able to track the full impact of the disinformation machine put in place by women-only services.

When a publication is noted, please send them an e-mail, or phone if they are local to you. If they are providing disinfo or faulty statistics, politely inform them of this, and request correction or clarification as soon as possible. If they are making progress toward truth in reporting, by providing information on services for the unserved/underserved populations, or otherwise informing the public that domestic violence is not a gender or political issue, send them a thank you note for their honesty and clarity.

The links in the section marked Information should be helpful for you to see how the various agencies fudge their numbers in order to make them seem as if their impact on the problem is far more extensive than it really is, or that only women are ever victims. Their intention is to lead the public to believe that male victims, female abusers, and serial victims of both sexes are undeserving of public notice and/or assistance.

If you refer to this project or any specific disinfo/progress posting at your blog, please let me know at twschuett-at-peoplepc.com, in the comments section, or trackback to the post if your blog allows for that. This project has been publicized to the best of my ability, now it's your turn to alert your readership of this event!

Please keep in mind the domestic violence "establishment" is watching this project closely and will most likely be using this information in the same way as we are. So don't think that the DLJ's voice is enough. Your voice must also be heard in order for honesty and full awareness to take place. Billions of your tax dollars and charitable donations are being wasted in ineffective programs that are ultimately damaging to the community at large.

There can be no solutions for domestic violence without full awareness! Services must be provided on a gender-neutral basis, with assistance and help that offers other options beyond simply running away from the problem, only to have it happen again in another location. These options cannot be found as long as the public believes current programs are effective."

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The Cornell Sun Says....

Adam · 29 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

In response to The End of Mankind by Anna Weiss, that it was all a joke. Yup, that's right, gendercide is a laughing matter when it's aimed at the nearest man. Given the responses, I don't think they'll be doing something similar anytime soon. Then again....

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Kiss Singer Against Marriage

Adam · 29 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Gene Simmons, AKA the front man of KISS, has just come out to say his thoughts about marriage. To quote "*It's not beneficial for a man to marry."* It's a short article, but it shows our beliefs on the marriage strike are starting to get heard. Article's over here in case you're wondering.

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At The Cornell Sun....

Adam · 30 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The fun never stops. And things are hotting up quite a bit, since they're not too fond of folk like us apparently.

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Pitcairn sex abuse trials

Adam · 30 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Not quite sure what to make of this one. Half the male population of Pitcairn Island (7 men!) are facing a string of sex abuse charges, but the island's women have rallied to their defence, claiming that the young 'victims' were coerced into testifying. Story*

here."

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A dating violence site

Adam · 30 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

LibertyUNH writes "
Unlike your tipycal misandrist DV organisation which does not even mention male DV victims, See It And uses gender neutral terms to describe abusers and victims. Unfortunately, their poster gallery and advertizing is very misandrist and one sided.

See It And Stop it advertizement to end DV appears constantly under the electronic version of The UNH newspaper. As most UNH students read the paper online, IT EFFECTS THE CLIMATE AT UNH VERY MUCH!

Contact them and tell them that by portraying men as only the abusers they show **absolutely no compassion** for male victims. Tell them that men will be far more likely to join them if they had at least one or two posters about boys who are abused. Given their well intent from the start they may listen."

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Class Action Lawsuit on behalf of Dads & NCP's

Matt · 30 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Masculiste writes *"Sorry About The Size But It's Too Important To Delete..."*

Text of article is at this link entitled "Across U.S., Non-Custodial Parents Sue," by Wendy McElroy.

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A win or tie on DV

Adam · 30 September 2004 · Archived copy · Original

NextEntity writes *"While I care a lot more about reproductive rights and equality for men, this article concerning DV after natural disasters was surprisingly non gender specific. Chalk one up for the good guys. It's a start. Article located here"*

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VIP/SAFE-NH represents SAFE's Mission in D.C.

Matt · 1 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

VIP SAFE NH writes *"NH's Violence Intervention Program/SAFE-NH Makes Impact in Washington, DC*

Lee Newman, Founding Executive Director of VIP/SAFE-NH traveled to Washington to attend the "invitation only" 10th Anniversary Symposium of the Violence Against Women Act. (also known as VAWA)

Click "Read More" to read the entire submission.

This was his second trip to DC, having presented testimony originally at the meeting of the National Advisory Committee on VAWA in April of this year. After his initial meeting with this Committee which reports directly to John Ashcroft at the Department of Justice, Mr. Newman received an invitation to this exclusive National event held September 13th and 14th.

This Symposium was in part to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of VAWA as well as to learn from the experiences of the past and to discuss initiatives for the future. It is an honor for a new program such as NH's Chapter of SAFE to be recognized and included among the attendees. Due in part to the fact that VIP/SAFE-NH currently has no major funding, Mr. Newman, applied for and was awarded a full scholarship to attend.

Ms.Diane Stuart, the head of the VAWA Office in DC, met Mr. Newman in April, while attending the National Advisory Committee meetings and again briefly when she made a speech at the NH Domestic Violence Conference at the Mount Washington Hotel in May of this year. Ms. Stuart made arrangements for VIP/SAFE-NH brochures and other SAFE materials to be available to all attendees at the Resource room that was available throughout the 2 day Symposium.

Mr. Newman was also in Washington during this trip to present information to members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Orrin Hatch, Senator Joseph Biden and members of the National Advisory Committee on VAWA. This was done at a bi-partisan luncheon Sponsored by the Independent Women's Forum and was billed as a Summit on Intimate Partner Abuse. At the conclusion of his presentation Mr. Newman distributed written Recommendations and Policy Questions developed by SAFE to be considered by those responsible for changes in the Violence Against Women Act during the reauthorization process.

The intention of Mr. Newman's presentation was to bring awareness to the plight of the underserved victims who are not represented in VAWA. The mission of VIP/SAFE-NH and of the entire organization of SAFE was to encourage the attendees to make VAWA an inclusive Act that will provide relief for ALL victims regardless of gender, age or lifestyle. The first 10 years of VAWA have proven to be discriminatory to all but the "traditional" female victims of abusive men, while not providing funding streams for any of the other voiceless victims in this Country, including the innocent children of these citizens.

VIP/SAFE-NH is the NH Chapter of Stop Abuse For Everyone and provides direct services and support to victims of Domestic Violence throughout the State and operates a 24 hour Crisis Line. The focus of VIP/SAFE-NH is to provide these services to the "underserved" victims including heterosexual men, gay men, lesbians, bi-sexual, trans-gendered men and women, the elderly, teens and victims of sibling violence.

VIP/SAFE-NH was founded by Mr. Newman and his 2 Co-Directors after having worked together as Domestic Violence Advocates and realizing that there were many victims who were not able to access equal services within the existing Coalition and Domestic Violence services framework.VIP became the NH Chapter of SAFE in October,2002.

If you would like to learn more about the innovative and progressive approaches to Intimate Partner Violence and surrounding issues that are represented by VIP/SAFE-NH check out their website at http://www.VIP-NH.org or

simply do a search for VIP SAFE NH. If you would like to contribute time, services or money, all would be greatly appreciated.

If you need assistance in New Hampshire call
VIP/SAFE-NH (603)859-0859"

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"Desperate Housewives" panned by NYTimes

Matt · 1 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I almost thought about adding this under Humor. Anyway, it seems that to the NY Times' Alesandra Stanley, "Desperate Housewives" is a terribly sexist, regressive TV show that never should have made it to TV. (She pans "Boston Legal", too, which apparently has William Shatner himself on it.)

Well, who knows. I must say I was surprised; I rather imagined a different kind of show being reviewed. But you know, why should it be too surprising? The pilot hasn't even aired yet so no one except media, industry insiders and select audiences have even seen it.

Hmm, maybe I *should* have posted this under "Humor" after all...

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Scalia advocates for orgies

Matt · 2 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

OK, I am posting this under 'Humor' only because you will of course laugh hysterically when you read it. However, this is a real story from the UK"s Guardian and I will presume it is accurate unless they issue a retraction for whatever reason.

How does it fit into Men's Rights activism? I am not sure. I think it does fit in somewhere though however. Just, I am not sure how. =)

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Court asserts man's right to procreate

Adam · 2 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"A sentence that restricted a man's right to procreate was overturned by the Ohio Supreme Court. A lower court placed felony charges (jail) on a father who had children with multiple women if he fathered another child. This father was behind on child support for some of the children. It appears that this man has bad judgment, as any man should now understand that the US government (as mandated by decades of un-opposed feminist jurisprudence) has taken over the family unit. Soon enough we will see more rulings against a male's right to procreate while we see more hysteria about a woman's right to chose.*

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Move-away leads to death of son

Adam · 2 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Hunchback writes *"This story of a bereaved single father mourning for his son, but grateful to be reunited with his daughters, is a direct consequence of the Michigan move-aways laws. The newspaper's coverage, while sympathetic, was bland compared to the reportage on this story here which in days past had the usual full spread pictures, etc."*

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Boys' play creates sensitive boys AND girls

Adam · 2 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This research suggests that Boys play creates sensitive children, whereas girls talk creates less sensitive children. Feminism taught me it was the other way around. Here is the story."*

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The MIO DAHM matching funds challenge

Adam · 3 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"The Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men (DAHM) needs your help! So far people have been generous enough to donate $805 towards roofing materials for the shelter (this is for the rebuilt second floor) before winter sets in. Without a roof it will be very difficult to keep snow, ice, and sleet from damaging the inside of this newly built apartment. This will be used to house male DV victims (and their children)when ready.*

[Please post the rest under Read More/Add Comments]

Also the downstairs is ready for sheet rock and could be usable later this winter if there is a roof on the second floor. However, the total need is about $4,500. So, in order to raise more money, I'm willing to match donations from others up to $500.

You can contribute to DAHM through PayPal at:

here

Or send a check to:

Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men
P.O. Box 252
Harmony, ME 04942"

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Feminist Speech Underlies a World of Man Hating

Adam · 3 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"You could almost laugh along with Mr. Roberts at the rediculousness of this story here, but the reality is no laughing matter. The addled, Femi-babble language that defines the radical/gender feminist hate movement is at the core of women's studies programs on college campuses. What can the future hold for America when dumbing down ideology like the feminist agenda, with all of its misnomers and inane definitions, is sweeping through America's higher educational institutions and disallowing all: opposing viewpoints, dissenting opinions, objective criticism or constructive criticism. In California with the recent passage of Sheila Kuehl's SB 1234 we are one step closer to the concept in law of "anti-intellectual feminist harassment" (a form of sexual harassment) that threatens academic freedom and free speech as never before. Big sister is running amok in our society, and I for one am sick and tired of her gross intolerance, and downright hatred of all things male. Maybe the time has come to sue the gender feminist bigots for the hate speech they spew at males."*

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Why is this Mens Rights Group run by Women?

Adam · 3 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The_Beedle writes *"So I'm reading through the local livejournal community for my city and come across an open invitation to attend a talk held by both a Womens Group and a Mens Group. September Feminist Culture Club Meeting So who the heck is NOMAS? Why haven't we heard about them before?*

After taking a look at their website, they appear to be composed entirely of Womens Studies graduates, with a gay man and a hetero male apologist thrown in for good measure. Their stated goals are :

1. Pro-Feminist
2. Gay-Affirmative
3. Anti-Racist
4. Dedicated to Enhancing Men's Lives

#2 and #3 are all well and good. Why is #1 there at all, and why do men come in 4th place in an organization that sounds like it should be pro-Men?"

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Wells College students upset over admission of males

Matt · 4 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Brian writes *"When equal rights is reversed, it becomes a problem. They use the excuse of "tradition" for not allowing males admitted. Funny, was the same excuse thought of as archaic in conjunction with gold courses (Augusta) and the like that are male-only? Read here.*

Ed. note: This could have gone under News, Education, or Inequality, it covers so much ground. But that's not uncommon for many stories on this site.

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Male BC

Adam · 4 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"So called "child support" laws punish men even for "unplanned parenthood" and place a huge burden on male sexuality. Male birth control pills would offer men a choice to avoid this artificial, government created penality for having sex. There's some good news about male birth control, but naturally it put in a story dripping with contempt for men and disgusting attempts to obscure reality."*

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CBS encourages Domestic Violence

Adam · 5 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Tom writes ″

From Stand Your Ground. The show Suburban Madness was on CBS last night. It focused on Clara Harris and the story behind her murdering her husband by running him over three times in a parking lot. Rather than portraying her as a violent murderer the show's voiceover near the conclusion of the movie asks the following loaded question: **"Clara Harris was in a life and death fight for her family. Her survival instinct kicked in. I want you to ask yourself, would you kill to save your family?"** Kill to save her family? How can she save her family if she is killing them?

The misandry, hatefulness, and misdirection are astounding. Here's the phone number for CBS's main office in NYC:

212 975-4321

Tell them you have a comment about a program and they will connect you with the programming department that tallies the comments.

Please call and complain! Tell them that they are advocating murder, that they are encouraging violence in the family and that is an insult to any viewer. Demand a personal apology.

You can go to www.cbs.com and go to the bottom of the page and click on "feedback" to leave online comments.

It's time we gave them a ton of feedback. Please take a moment to call and give them your perspective. This is an outrage."

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The Significance Of Male Hair

Adam · 5 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Now here's a silent classic by Raj Singh back in 1997 (makes ya feel a bit old huh?) about the symbolism involved in men's hair, I won't spoil it, but there is a alot to think about. It's a good one folks.

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SAFE starts up Media Corps

Matt · 6 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jadeforrest writes *"Stop Abuse For Everyone has started up the volunteer SAFE Media Corps, for those of you who are inclined towards tactful letter-writing compaigns."*

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Provisional NCFM chapter for Colorado

Matt · 6 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"I am announcing my intent to create a provisional NCFM chapter for Colorado. We have the required minimum 5 members for such a provisional chapter, but would like more, so feel free to contact me if you're interested at mens_issues@att.net. We hope to be able to meet for the first time sometime this month, preferably on a Saturday afternoon.*

More under "Read More"*Our activities could include contacting and lobbying politicians (particularly at the state level where a lot of laws are made), contacting companies that use misandric advertising (and boycotting the recalcitrant ones), getting libraries and bookstores to carry "men's issues" books, outreach (particularly at universities) to counter the effects of feminist influenced media, and protests - such as the one at the CO state capitol (thanks to those who showed up for this in June).*

Steve Van Valkenburg"

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IWF expose feminist lies about work

Adam · 6 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"In this interesting article, the Independent Women's Forum refers to the Department of Labor's Time Use Survey to expose some familiar feminist lies about how poor, oppressed women have to do more work than those lazy good-for-nothing men. Guess what? It isn't really true...*

(URL again:)
here"

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SAFE posts essay

Adam · 6 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

jadeforrest writes *"Stop Abuse For Everyone has posted an essay by Richard L. Davis entitled An Unbiased Domestic Violence month."*

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Feminists attack Asperger men as deviant

Adam · 6 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"This article was published in April, and discusses how radical feminists are trying to characterise men with Asperger's Syndrome as deviant sociopathic abusers, based on the femi-fascist superstition about 'women's ways of knowing' being superior. It is a lesson in how even basic things like health care can be poisoned by misandrist femi-fascism.*

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Radical Marxist-Feminist Awarded Nobel Prize in Literature

Thomas · 7 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The 2004 Nobel Prize in literature has been awarded to Austrian Radical Marxist-feminist, Elfriede Jelinek.

Additional note by Thomas: I'm adding the following after there've been 10 posts to this thread, but I don't think it should cause confusion, and I want to show up front how far gone this Ms. Jelinek is.

Here are the Nobel organization's "biobibliographical" notes for Ms. Jelinek. Note that "Jelinek lets her social analysis swell to fundamental criticism of civilisation by describing sexual violence against women as the actual template for our culture."

So, sexual violence against women is "the actual template for our culture."

Also, her *Gier. Ein Unterhaltungsroman* (2000), is "a study in the cold-blooded practice of male power."

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Swedish MPs want men taxed

Adam · 7 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"Let me quote this story:*

"A group of Swedish parliamentarians has proposed levying a "**man tax**" to cover the social cost of violence against women. "It must be obvious to all of us that society has a huge problem with male violence against women and that has a cost," Left Party deputy Gudrun Schyman told Swedish radio on Monday. "We must have a discussion where men understand **they as a group have a responsibility**," said Schyman, one of the party members to sign the motion for debate on the new tax." So, equality equals man tax. Makes you wonder about inequality, doesn't it?"

Anonymous User writes *"In Sweden a group of MP's have suggested to pose a tax on men... Check the vote next to the article and see the opinions!!!*

here"

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NCP Lawsuits Get National Coverage

Matt · 8 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Great news! ACFC's, et al., recent series of lawsuits have made Yahoo!'s main news board. Let's hope it makes the airwaves, too.

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Cornell Apologies to Men....kinda?

Matt · 8 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

thea writes *"On October 7, Zach and Alex wrote an article under Opinions called 'Editor's Note' at (you may have to scroll down and look to the right or look it up under Red Letter Daze) saying they concede that had the bigoted article been a man wanting to commit mass gendercide on women, then the Cornell would have been in deep trouble. And because of their immature and disrespectful remarks to Male readers they have been forced to resign. But at the end of the article you ask yourself "WTF?""*

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Hate Reaches New Depths at UNH

Scott · 9 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

At the University of New Hampshire (my alma mater), radical feminism has reached new depths of public contempt for men. It appears that last year's Take Back the Night rally was only a hint of things to come. Whitney Williams, a Feminist Action League member at UNH, has been taking her radical anti-rape message that blames men and fraternities for violence against women to the school newspaper, where she writes a column. Recently she claims to have received a death threat and has rallied more supporters to her cause, who attended a protest rally on Tuesday. On Friday, Williams printed her most extreme diatriabe yet against men, which clearly exposes her intentions. It is, in my opinion, the worst time ever to be a male at UNH. And it continues to baffle me why these young men sit in silence.Quote:

I do not write for men. I do not write for the men who whine about feeling stereotyped, generalized, discriminated against, sad, upset, sorry, or guilty. I do not write for you. I do not do this work for you, I do not believe you and I do not live for you. I do not care
that you think I am wrong, stupid, angry, narrow-minded, uneducated, or any four letter words. I do not owe you an apology, an explanation, a written response, or acknowledgment. Women do not owe you anything. You do not deserve to be praised for taking women's studies classes. You do not deserve gratitude for abstaining from raping women. You do not "deserve" anything; but you keep taking as if you do, you keep raping as if you do, you keep talking arrogantly, astonished by my audacity, as if you deserve getting away with it all.

I do not care if you think you have never raped or hurt a woman. I do not care if you think you are not complicit in women's oppression. That is the point. You are not even aware of what you do. You do not even know what rape is. You do it all the time and call women "sluts" for "being too drunk to decide." You do not know what oppression is. Guess why: you don't have to!

Men: you have a responsibility. You must stop raping women. You must stop beating us and coercing us and objectifying us. You must stop oppressing us in the workplace, at home, on the streets. You must tell other men to stop. You must do something. You must apologize. And then apologize some more, and then some more. You must not tell us that "I don't rape" and turn your back. You must stop using pornography and demeaning language. You must stop raping. You must stop raping and beating women, minorities, GLBTQ people, children.

You must stop.

You will be held accountable without apology.

- Whitney Williams, Oct 8, 2004

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UNH Update

Matt · 10 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Here is an update on the fallout from Whitney Williams article and claim of being the target of a death threat, dated Oct. 8, 2004.

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A 'mother' starves her two sons...

Matt · 10 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *"Here's a shocking story about a woman who lived a very comfortable life while, at the same time, starving her own two young sons. She was sentenced to a pifitully short 15 months in prison!*

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Students Form Group to Fight UNH Misandry

Matt · 11 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Via a comment to the previous post, I was made aware of this newly-formed group at UNH to fight the kind of misandry we have been seeing there. Great work guys!!! The fight will be hard and an uphill battle for sure, but men have got to stand up for themselves and this is one way you are doing it. Congratulations and I hope you will succeed at building membership and freeing your campus from the grip of feminist tyranny.

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Positive CNN Article on Custody Reform

Matt · 11 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dave K writes *"Shocked me to read it...*
It appears that some of the liberal media is realizing that this is a subject that is going to be addressed... irregardless of how much they try to ignore it. Lawsuits accross all 50 states is something I would certainly consider newsworthy."

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The changing face of violence

Matt · 11 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"What's interesting is for the first half the usual excuses are given, then this quote:*

"They may be even more committed than their male colleagues, because they have more social hurdles to overcome. But in the West, they are often tied to the conventional stereotype of reacting to male violence."

After this, interesting read.

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Request from Reader for Support for NCP Class Action Suit

Matt · 12 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

MANN Admins received a note from Dr. Richard C. Weiss, displayed below in the "Read More" section, for support for the Alabama NCP class action lawsuit. Especially if you live in Alabama, please take the time to express your support of the action to the presiding judge.ALL:

This is an urgent request to ALL Alabama noncustodial parents affected
by the class action AND ALL interested parties no matter what state or
country you reside. This MUST be a concerted and OVERWHELMING response.

PLEASE send a letter to Federal Judge Harold Albritton (address BELOW)
who is presiding over the noncustodial parents class action lawsuit and give your strong support for this action. This is CRITICAL! I cannot overemphasize how much that this mass effort of letters to him showing the widespread support and need for relief will help our cause.

Please keep your letters BRIEF, and TO THE POINT... If you feel like
adding any details about your own horror story with a state
judge/court/etc, still BE BRIEF.

ALL letters should be only one brief page [preferable], but with an
absolute MAXIMUM of TWO (2) PAGES TOTAL. Absolutely no more than two
full pages. Ever.

ALL letters should be DIRECTLY ADDRESSED to Judge W. Harold Albritton
and salutory, as in, "The Honorable W. Harold Albritton (for address)
and "Your Honor: [begin first paragraph just below]"

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO:

The Honorable W. Harold Albriton

United States District Court

Middle District of Alabama

P.O. Box 711

Montgomery, AL 36101-0711

Thank you ALL for helping out, your contribution is invaluable!

Dr. Richard C. Weiss

Principal Plaintiff, Alabama

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Request from Reader to Sign Petition

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MANN administrators also received a request from a reader to sign a petition addressed to Pres. Bush, the Congress, and the Supreme Court, demanding redress for the ignoring or misapplication of Constitutional principles that has resulted in the problems of fathers separated from their children, imprisoned, abused, and driven to suicide by the legal system. The note MANN admins received is below under "Read More". The link to the petition is http://www.petitiononline.com/usncpr.Dear Sir or Madam,

There is a Petition located at http://www.petitiononline.com/usncpr asking for changes in the child custody laws in order to give parents equal rights to their children. I hope you will take the time to read the Petition and forward the link to anyone you know that would be willing to sign. It would be a big help.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Koda

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Update on DVA2004 – The Media Recon Project

Matt · 13 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes ″

We’re only two weeks into October, and I’ve tracked about 175 news items from traditional media and blogs all over the US. The first ten days was mainly about various fundraisers and events, now we get into the important news!

There has never been a better time to contact your local media and government officials and have your voice heard! Communities all over the country have begun to question their domestic violence programs, laws, and procedures. It’s time for you to speak up and be a force for change! You can have the most impact at the local level, which is where the changes are beginning. District attorneys, law enforcement administrators, public officials of all kinds will soon be involved in re-visiting old policies that no longer serve their communities.

Every media outlet mentioned in the DLJ has heard from me – now it’s your turn to add your voice! Check the DLJ for activities in your local area.

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Violence against men covered in Singapore paper

Matt · 13 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Indianmale writes *"This report comes from Singapore. The coverage is very pro-male, comprehensive. During the last six months, I've read stories on this topic from India, South Africa, Barbados, Malaysia, and now Singapore. I think it's a good beginning."*

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ISU Article Misleads on DV

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dougwells writes *"Here is yet another grossly misleading domestic violence article by a university student newspaper (Idaho State University) that quotes a number of false (anti-male) statistics. Please let them know that such dishonest (or lazy) reporting should not be tolerated."*

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Update on the Cornell Sun

Thomas · 14 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Just to allay any doubts that may have existed, the femboy, Alex Linhardt, is still Associate Arts & Entertainment Editor at the Cornell Daily Sun.

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Cox Buckles On Misandric Contest

Matt · 14 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes "
Seems that the misandric self hating Attorney General of Michigan Mike Cox has backpedaled on one part of a campaign to further marginalize and criminalize non custodial parents (90% of the time this is fathers) in a bizarro contest aimed at the children of broken homes. Their artwork was to be used to help keep the child support racket going. Note: Father's rights groups were instrumental in getting this Cox cretin to back off!"

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Kerry Promulgates Wage Gap Myth

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Well, I was conflicted with myself on posting this. Surely there are supporters of Sen. Kerry as well as Pres. Bush who are MANN regulars. In the end though this is about getting the facts right and discouraging pols from pandering to feminists by promulgating their falsehoods. Regardless of whether you are a Bush or Kerry supporter, most MANN readers would agree that any politican promulgating the wage gap myth does a disservice to men, to the truth, and also ultimately to women and children as well. So please contact the Kerry campaign by phone or fax regarding Sen. Kerry's incorrect statement in last night's debate that asserted the standard falsehood that women underearn men 76 cents on the dollar for the same work under the same circumstances. Please see the transcript if you need to, searching on "76 cents" to find the line.

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Request from Reader for Feedback re Spike TV

Matt · 14 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

MANN admins received a request from a reader who asked that her inquiry regarding Spike TV and how it portrays men be passed along to MANN redership. Please see "Read More" for the details and her contact information. Also please note that this request for feedback times out in two weeks (ie, on Oct. 28, 2004) since it is pursuant to a college assignment.

Hello,

My name is Jessica Krippendorf and I am a fourth year media studies student at Malaspina University-College in Nanaimo, BC. I am currently writing a narrative on Spike TV and the ways in which I feel it 1) excludes a huge demographic of men and 2) promotes negative stereotypes about men.

I was glad to happen upon your site and see that you are attempting to approach Spike TV to be more inclusive and include material focusing on mens' rights and issues.

I was wondering two things:

1. From the perspective of a mens' rights group, what are the key demographics you feel Spike is not appealing to?

2. What sort of reaction, if any, have you recieved from Spike in regards to your proposal?

If you have time to answer these questions, I would most appreciate it. If not, I understand and I wish you all the best in your endeavours.

peace~

jk

jessicakeely@shaw.ca

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Martian Psychopaths Take Over Government!!!

Thomas · 14 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Damn. This essay would belong in the lowest of tabloids, if only it didn't contain so much truth. It really captures how bad things have gotten.

In his examination of anti-male discrimination throughout society, including the police forces and courts, Michael Gilson De Lemos states, "Increasingly, thanks to the Internet, a variety of eccentric but informative sites have emerged as men begin to talk to one another and realize that if the Nation had been invaded by psychopathic infiltrators from Mars who had jimmied the entire legal system and brainwashed their very families, things could scarcely be worse."

I was happy to see De Lemos go on to say, "these (Internet) sites regularly collect hard-to-find government statistics, collate similar stories from many sources and countries, and act as an intellectual underground for academics who go to them to track down contrarian information that has disappeared from State University research libraries — and, as I found recently, which sites are censored so they cannot be accessed from some Public Libraries."

By the way, De Lemos is on the US Libertarian Party's National Committee.

Folks: We are having a powerful impact. Group hug! Group hug!

P.S. Thanks and a tip o' the hat to Angry Harry, on whose site I found the link to this article.

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NSBA: Okay to discriminate against boys.

Adam · 15 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Aquix writes *"The National School Board Association, here, suggest specific dress code restrictions on boys only. Girls should be allowed to wear pants and dresses, but boys should not be given the choice of the two.*

While many may agree, it's yet another example where girls get a choice and boys are excluded."

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The Kinsey Movie

Adam · 15 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"I submit this article from WND because I'd like the perspective of this group. I rememebr reading excerpts from Kinsey's research when I was a kid hunting for some titillation in my mother's Good Housekeeping magazines. I really don't recall having much judgement on the value of the research, but I do recall his work being the justification for a lot of talk on sexual liberation. Here's the thing: the person attacking him is a woman named Dr. Judith Reisman. She wrote a white paper here In PDF Format, that appears, on a cursory inspection, to attack men as exclusive perpetrators of sex misbehavior.*

More recent examination of sexual misbehavior now includes women as perpetrators, and it appears to me that Dr. Reisman still lives in the world where all evil comes from men, and so my analysis of her response to the Kinsey movie is that it is decidedly baised against men, and therefore specious."

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Suzanne Fields' Anti-Male Diatribe

Matt · 17 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ed writes *"Columnist Suzanne Fields has just unleashed another attack on men, "A Long Way from Kabul, Baby," which recently ran in the Washington Times. How's this for enlightened political commentary:*

'Many Afghan men fear that the presidential election marks the loosening of their traditional power and control over their women, and we can rejoice that they're probably right. Warlords and tribal elders are particularly threatened.'

You can view the whole article here.

Here's the e-mail for Letters to the Editor:

Letters@washingtontimes.com

And while you're at it, here is Fields' e-mail: sfields1000@aol.com"

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Starting NCFM chapters

Thomas · 17 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Pradeep Ramanathan writes

Lords & Ladies,

Recently, someone on the Mensactivism site enquired as to what was the difference between provisional chapters of NCFM and regular chapters. Also, there was some question as to how to start a chapter. As Vice President of NCFM, it is my responsibility (among other things) to assist with chapter development. The following is a brief excerpt from a 12 page pamphlet that Tom Williamson and I wrote years ago to assist with chapter development. I have not included comments on how to go from provisional to official since that takes place over a year after establishing the chapter. Hope this helps.

Please see "Read More" for details.*Starting an NCFM chapter happens in two stages. The first stage is to start a provisional chapter. All chapters start out with provisional status. The purpose of giving a group "provisional" status is so that they can benefit from using the NCFM name, logo, resources, a start-up grant of money, etc., even while they are trying to build membership, and jump through the paperwork hoops to obtain "official" chapter status. This way, you can place ads, etc. and call yourselves a "chapter" of NCFM even though you aren't really official yet. Otherwise you'd have to go around saying that you're a group of people who intend to become a chapter - kind of cumbersome.*

After the provisional chapter has been in existence for a year, has a total of 10 or more members of NCFM, and has demonstrated that it upholds the mission and standards of the National Coalition of Free Men, as well as meeting a few other requirements, the provisional chapter may then petition to be granted official chapter status.
...

(Side note: The only difference between provisional and official chapters, aside from IRS rules, etc., is that delegates from provisional chapters don't get to vote on issues of the national board of directors, whereas delegates from official chapters do. Otherwise, delegates from provisional chapters do have a voice and do participate fully in all aspects on the national board.)
...

Summary of the 7 Steps to Become a Provisional Chapter:

1. Form a group of at least 5 local people who are paid members of NCFM National.
2. Hold face-to-face meetings at least once per month with your group of 5 or more paid members.
3. Establish a dues structure for your chapter. (ie: decide on how much to charge for chapter dues - can be as little as $0)
4. Select chapter officers, representatives, and delegates.
5. Submit a petition (letter) to NCFM requesting provisional chapter status.

Upon being granted Provisional status:

1. Submit a treasurer's report 2 times in the first year (at 6 and 12 months).
2. Set up a bank account (to deposit dues and donations).

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Equal access to children after a divorce

Thomas · 17 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Cathy Young has published this brief analysis of the case for joint parental custody after divorce. She's presented some references, though not specific citations, and debunked the feminist distortion of the *1989 Gender Bias Study of the Massachusetts SJC*.

This good read was published in the Boston Globe.

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Upcoming natural science, gender role broadcast

Adam · 18 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Here is an upcoming TV show here Series: The Most Extreme, Episode: Battle of the Sexes,*

"It's all about who's in control and the males and females of the animal kingdom will use size, speed, strength, and brains to come out on top. Find out which gender will rule the roost in this epic battle of the sexes."

Oct 19, 2004 @12:00 AM on The Animal Planet. Other times and date are listed too so check your local listings.

IMHO, Gender can be a modern social construction to the degree that homo sapiens have the ability to intelligently manipulate their role in their environment and still survive as a speices.

Beyond that I see gender purely as a construction of nature/evolution with the intent of survival of the species as the ultimate goal of the "constructed genders."

Given how gender is being legislated by lawmakers like Sheila Kuehl, and others, to suit gender feminist ideology *here* , this episode of the The Most Extreme looked interesting."*I for one do not think that we will easily manipulate and change millenia of biologically constructed gender roles that are intent on preserving the viabitlity of homo sapiens, no matter how much jack boot idealists would like to impose their viewpoints on our species.*

Sheila Kuehl may want to fool Mother Nature with her imposed constructions of gender, but it's not nice to play so foolishly with other human's lives.

I suspect that gender feminists who watch this episode will allege that this show helps prove that all homo sapien males are natural impregnating machines (rapists) intent on power, control, domination, fornication, violence and aggression in an advanced societal hierarchy of homo sapiens that would be better off without such primitive natural encumbrnaces (heterosexual males)." What do you think?

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DV Urban Legends Debunked

Matt · 18 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"The two major urban legends related to Domestic Violence -- "95% of victims are women" and "a woman is battered every 15 (9 or 6) seconds" have been debunked and laid to rest at the DLJ. Please feel free to pass this info along to anyone you care to inform!*

Thanks to Jan at DAHM for contributing info!"

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A Woman Gives Her Opinion On Drafting Women

Adam · 20 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

amperro writes *"This article speaks for itself*.

here"

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Bob Geldof defends marriage and the family

Adam · 21 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Live Aid organiser Bob Geldof speaks out in defence of marriage, the traditional family, and father's rights. Interestingly this article is on the Women's page! After all, where else should a story about parenting go? Here is a much better commentary by journalist Melanie Phillips."*

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Russian Army Crippled by Bullying

Adam · 21 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Russia has 2-years compulsory military service for all men (none for women!) However, the army is crippled by a culture of bullying which causes widespread misery, has led to suicides, and reduces combat effectiveness. I wonder if other armies are so different. This is another issue to consider when talking about the draft. Article here"*

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Double standards - incessant

Adam · 21 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

robrob writes *"A female prison officer has successfully argued that it is sexual discrimination against her that she has to strip-search male inmates. Of course, female inmates enjoy the privilege of only being strip searched by female officers. She, the employment tribunal and the BBC seem oblivious to the double standard. Men can be strip-searched by men or women, women can be strip-searched by women only. The female officers that strip-search the men are discriminated against. Mind boggling.....read it here."*

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All pregnant women to asked: "Does your husband beat you?"

Adam · 22 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *"A truly terrifying turn of events here. All pregnant women in Britain, will in future be asked if their husbands (or boyfriends I guess) are beating them! Words fail me...*

here"

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How to turn boys on to studying

Adam · 22 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"This article is an unusual ray of optimism, showing what can be done to improve boys' educational performance. In short: stop treating them like girls."*

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Another Step Toward Women In Combat?

Thomas · 23 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The Washington Times reports here on another step by the Pentagon to move women closer to direct combat roles.

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Kerry: Learn about 'hard work' from women

Adam · 23 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"I got rather annoyed when reading about how John Kerry felt he had to deprecate men in order to pander to the women's voting bloc. He predictably throws in the old canard about the "wage gap" as well. I'm voting for Badnarik for President anyway (and Libertarian for the U. S. Congressional races as well). The CNN article is here (originally in Reuters):*

here"

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Nuns take turns shooting burglar

Adam · 23 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Two nuns in Tunja took turns in shooting a burglar as he lay motionless. They were acquitted of murder on the grounds of self-defence. Story Here"*

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Plan To Jail Men For Questioning Feminism

Adam · 24 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Jacob Kandlaker writes *"Here is an interesting article I found about Feminist political action in Canada actually planning to arrest men that have the nerve to critizise Feminism in the Internet!*

Canadian Feminazis Shock Plan To Jail Men For Questioning Feminism - by Steven Stevenson"

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Misandric Advertising

Adam · 24 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"MassMutual is engaged in misandric advertising. One of the television commericials show the need to save for a girl who overcomes the glass ceiling to be a success. The other television commerical shows the need to save for a "deadbeat" son who never leaves home. Go to the MassMutual website and let them know how you feel about their misandry."*

Anyone else seen this? If so, kindly verify.

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"Teen Action Campaign" Promotes One-Sided Views

Matt · 25 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Buddy-Rey writes *" After seeing a TV commercial for http://www.seeitandstopit.org/, an anti-Domestic Violence group sponsored by the Ad Council, I visited their website, just to see what the whole thing was all about. It seemed pretty harmless, but then I noticed something. Out of two TV spots, one radio spot, and six profiles, not ONE featured a female abuser, or referenced a woman's capacity for violence, except toward female victims.*

If you're as incensed as I am after seeing it, contact here."

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Some election time humor for you

Matt · 25 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Given some conversations I have heard, this one comes to mind....

Once upon a time, living in a cotton field, was a rather large community of boll weevils. There happened to be in one weevil family two brothers. The first was rather lazy and spent a lot of time hanging out drinking beer and smoking. He got little or no exercise except for jumping to conclusions, watched TV a lot and generally didn't lift a finger all day. Predictably, he didn't do a lick of work. Why his parents put up with him is anyone's guess since he lived with them well into adulthood. Now, the second brother was studious, industrious, and thrifty, always looking for ways to better himself. He got lots of exercise, worked hard, saved money, went to college, and otherwise made his parents proud as punch, opening no fewer than three new businesses, writing 4 books, and did a successful break-out marathon on the book-signing and talk-show circuit. He had his sites set on the governor's mansion and he was only 28 years old (in weevil years)! He positively shown bright from among the weevil peoples.

So naturally the first of the two brothers was known among the insects of the field as the lesser of two weevils.

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Pro-Male NH State Rep Needs Your Help

Scott · 26 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

NH State Representative David Bickford is seeking re-election this fall and is taking out newspaper ads for his campaign. I can attest to Rep. Bickford's motivation and values to improve the state of men's and father's rights. He is probably the most consistently pro-male lawmaker in the country. Rep. Bickford has been the most important sposnor of father friendly-legislation in the state, and has a strong strategic sense of how to succeed in his work. He is tirelessly helping to make steady progress in NH, and by example, for the rest of the country. Rep. Bickford helped establish the first state Commission on the Status of Men in the country, and he needs your financial help to continue his work. Please Read More below to view a list of his recent activity and information on where to send donations to.

Rep. David Bickford writes:

Please consider helping me win another term as NH State Representative for District #3 with a campaign contribution to me.

I know we're up against another tough year. We've awakened the opposition with the passage of some of the following bills I sponsored:

HB 587 of 2002 established a Commission on the Status of Men. The mission of the Commission includes promoting education and policies that bring fathers and children closer together, with an emphasis on the importance of the role of the father in child development.

HB 299 of 2004 that ended the court's ability to order divorced parent to pay their adult child's college expenses.

HB 1312 of 2004 ending the court's ability to extend child support obligations after high school.

HB 447 of 2003 limiting retroactive child support awards to no more than 3 months of paternity action.

HB 509 of 2001 sets a 5 year statute of limitations for spousal support orders, also known as alimony.

HB 674 of 2003 Prior to any order authorizing foster care placement, the child protective service worker shall inform the judge of efforts to locate any non-custodial parent for placement.

I missed getting signs out in the communities due to a water main that broke in a community system I own. The leak is repaired and I'm now cleaning up from the backhoe work and fixing equipment. Now I'm ready to go after re-election.

I can make up for time by advertising in the local newspaper. It costs $255 per ad, 2" x 3.5" in size and twice that for the next size larger.

Please make check to **Rep. David A. Bickford** and state **"re-election contribution"** in the memo line of the check.

Send check to:

Rep. David A. Bickford

183 Brackett Road

New Durham, NH 03855

(603) 859-7899

david1@worldpath.net

Your generosity and help are greatly needed and appreciated.

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Shhh! Don't Tell Anyone

Adam · 26 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The_Beedle writes *"Chuck Shepard's News of the Weird continues to be the prime source for men's rights news, this time with the lead story that a court in California has refused the LA child support agency its request that a reversal of paternity be kept secret, with the intention of preventing other falsely named fathers from finding out precedent has been set for DNA evidence to be used to clear them. The media that originally published this story was the Reverend Moon's own Washington Times. Nothing like seeing the principles of an open and honest society at work."*

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UK Gov. Promotes Workplace Myths

Adam · 26 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The UK government has bought into the feminist mythology about the workplace. This BBC article tells how Secretary Patricia Hewitt will announce a new drive to help women who want to work in 'male dominated sectors', such as IT and science, at a Downing Street conference on Tuesday."*

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Rape? RAPE!?

Adam · 27 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"Why, I think this article is a first! Or at least, a first in recent memory: a news organization actually using the term 'rape' in association with a woman "having sex" with her students. Check it out."*

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Sexist Volkswagen

Adam · 27 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In Australia Volkswagen advertised the Golf in TV ads that objectified men. Women driving the cars were using the rear vision mirrors to ogle men's crotches. The punch line of the ad revolved around objects viewed in the mirror may appear larger.*

What I found totally offensive is the fact that the Australian Advertising Standards Bureau found the ad acceptable yet if any ad reversed the roles and had men ogling women, the ad would never have aired."

Anyone verify and got contact links? Let's get some activism going.

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Woman attacks co-worker over promotion

Matt · 28 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A woman cut the brake cables on her male co-worker's car, because he got the promotion she wanted. The judge gave her 4 years. Story here"*

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Female Men's Rights Activist Is Number One

Thomas · 28 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Canadian Senator Ann Cools has been voted the top woman in the Toronto Sun's 10 Top Women poll. She's a men's rights activist.

Senator Cools received nearly 50% of the votes, mostly from men. Are men's rights activists starting to gain serious attention? You'd better believe it!

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Female Sexual Harrassment Predator FAILS!

Adam · 29 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *" Bill O'Reilly, the top ranked Fox News commentator as we all know was hit by a sexual harassment lawsuit by one of his female co workers. He countersued on the complaint that the female accuser and her ambulance chasing male lawyer were just working a corporate shakedown scheme to get $60 million dollars to drop the suit.*

The news is that both complaints have been dropped with the female predator admitting that no harassment took place.

But before this resolution it was widely reported that Bill O'Reilly would be forever damaged by this accusation whether or not he prevailed against the accuser. Just the mere fact that a man has been charged with the dire act of sexual harassment is enough to ruin a vibrant career.

However, since the accusation, Mr. O'Reilly's show's ratings, which where in the top percentile before the slander, **have skyrocketed an amazing 30%!!!**

Maybe this is a sign that the majority of the public is becoming wise to the sexual harassment gambit played by golddigging females to advance their careers?"

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Article on Domestic Violence

Adam · 29 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"This article from the 'lectric law library' debunks many of the myths about DV, and contains many useful facts and figures."*

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UNH Student Evicted From Dorm for Posting Flyer That Insulted Women

Scott · 29 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

UNH continues its administrative assault on men. A male sophomore student, Timothy Garneau, posted a flyer in his dorm hall suggesting that female students could lose the "freshman fifteen" by taking the stairs instead of the elevator if they only live a few floors up. The offensive (and admittedly tasteless) flyer was removed within two hours and the student promptly found guilty of violating policies on affirmative action, harassment and disorderly conduct. He was evicted from his dorm and now lives out of his car. The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education is defending him.

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Women excluded from DV pledge

Matt · 31 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"In Austin, the annual pledge against domestic violence took place with great fanfare outside the Capitol steps, and you guessed it - only MEN were called upon to make the pledge. The local shelter (which claims to accept male victims as well as female) called SafePlace can be reached here for anyone wishing to ask them why women are not called upon to promise not to commit violence against men and children. And why not also have women promise not to provoke violent responses from men by throwing and breaking things, or lying about sexual assault? I suspect they accept male DV victims (in theory) to get around legal funding problems, while never admitting that women also commit DV."*

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Woman dissolves husband in acid bath over child custody

Adam · 31 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"I think this happened in 2003, but I just came across it. Those child custody battles can get very messy..."*

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The Price of the Fatherless Family

Adam · 31 October 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Remember Germaine Greer praising divorce?*

After 30 years of socially re-engineering the family,
this excellent site shows the truly horrible results.
"The weight of evidence indicates that the traditional family based upon a married father and mother is still the best environment for raising children"

All fathers need to read this."

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False Rape Accusation was Revenge

Adam · 1 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A woman whose anonymmity is protected falsely accused teacher Giles Rush of rape after a date. He left immediately after sex and she wanted to teach him a lesson. Story here, but check out this commentary by Victoria Coren in the highbrow London Observer - apparently Mr Rush got just what he deserved. Even dating is becoming increasingly dangerous..."*

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Fatal Fathers No.1 for killing pregnant women

Adam · 1 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"The A&E Network is as I write this running a "Special Presentation" program called "Fatal Fathers" in which it promotes the sexist lie that fathers are the number 1 cause of death for pregnant women.*

Here is their advertisement for this misandric propaganda:

"The death of Laci Peterson has captivated the nation--but it turns out that her tragic case is part of a much larger phenomenon supported by a frightening statistic--the leading cause of death for pregnant women is murder...by a spouse, partner, or ex. In this hour, we will examine this phenomenon and help shed light on a subject that is currently only whispered about. Includes interviews with leading experts and the words of a man who actually killed his pregnant wife."

If possible, write or call them and complain loudly. Get someone in person on the telephone if possible. I have searched their website and not found any available means of communicating with them. Here is all I found and it appears to be nothing more than a message board in which the offensive program is not even offered as an option."

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The New Enforcers

Adam · 2 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"This is a comment on how Boston's media favor females in positions of power. Boston's new Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole took over the police department after February's Super Bowl riots which left one man dead. The newspapers vigorously attacked the previous police chief and forged public opinion in favor of O'toole. Now less than a year later the same police department shot and killed a girl during the Red Sox celebration (not a riot) and the media has not once looked to the top (O'toole) for accountability. Instead the leading newspaper has an article honoring (?) the new heads of the police, prison, and sheriff's departments – all who are woman who have careers in domestic violence policy. Just to remind people, MA has biased and fascist DV policy. Remember this before voting anyone from MA into any office. Article*

here"

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"Should Have Kicked You Higher And Harder"

Adam · 2 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Benjamin Adam Studtmann writes *"We are all taught that we must endlessly respect and nurture diversity of all forms -- race, religion, age, sex, and political leanings. Unless you're a female college professor -- in which case, you can assault any male student you like if he's wearing a GOP T-shirt to class."*

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A&E Program Propagates False Information

Matt · 3 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

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Title IX Run Amok

Adam · 4 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"As the Kansas City Star reported, St. Mary's voluntarily forfeited its Sept. 24 football game against White City High School when it learned that White City's roster included a 14-year-old freshman girl who plays offensive and defensive line. Title IX is not mentioned in this here article. But it's in there nonetheless. Despite those here who rail against chivalry, the point being driven home here is not chivalry, but the foolish, feminist-driven notion that there is no difference between boys and girls."*

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No Wine Without Wife's Permission?

Thomas · 4 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

It seems that in Bihar, India, men may soon face three years in prison if they consume alcohol without written permission from their wives.

Sometimes I think that instead of throwing a party for a man before he gets married, his male friends and family members should dress him up like a corpse, have him lie in a coffin, and hold a funeral ceremony.

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A History Lesson

Adam · 4 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"This BBC article says "The greatest Victorian serial killer wasn't Jack the Ripper, as you may think. It was a woman! In 1873…Mary Ann Cotton was hanged and it was believed she had murdered three husbands and 15 of her children! Mary Ann is forgotten while Jack the Ripper, who killed half the number of victims, is remembered. Strange." More info here."*

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Humor is dangerous to your health...?

Adam · 5 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Gilligan writes *"Here's another one from the halls of Political Correctness. Timothy Garneau posted fliers in his dorm which suggested that some of the women in the dorm could lose weight by taking the stairs instead of using the elevators. His intent was to humourously suggest a way to relieve congestion, since many students were using the elevators to go up one or two floors, and he lived on the seventh floor. UNH's Judicial & Mediation Programs Office initially found Garneau responsible for harassment, disorderly conduct, violating affirmative action policies and lying. The Judicial Affairs Office at the university found Garneau guilty of all charges, sentenced him to immediate expulsion from student housing and put him on probation through May 30, 2006. He was also required to meet with a counselor to discuss his actions, write a 3,000-word reflection paper about the session and write a letter of apology to residents of Stokes Hall. Fortunately, he was able to fight the sentence with the help of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education and has since moved back into campus housing. You can read the entire article here:*

here"

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Equal numbers of men as women are assaulted

Adam · 5 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *"This story claims that one in three assault victims treated at casualty departments in Wales, is there as the result of domestic violence. And of those, a quarter of the victims are men. Hardly an insignificant amount!*

The article then goes on to say that an Israeli report suggests that there are equal numbers of men and women subject to domestic violence.
article
here"

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Another Gendercide?!

Matt · 6 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Jacob Kandlaker writes *"Look:*
Falluja emptied of women and children

Only women and children allowed to leave the city Falluja at Iraq, so only men will die in cross-fire zone, even if they are totaly unarmed and innocent! It's seems that when it's comes to massive death of men, nobody care that men are dying like flies and it's even doesn't get into the catagory of human rights violation or war crime!

Where are all those so-called brave Feminist women who demand equal rights?? They will fight for women's politictal representaion in Afghanistan but mass death of many thousands of civilian males it's "OK"!

That's a GENDERCIDE!"

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Female Supremacists and Lesbian Separatists Agenda

Matt · 6 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This is an excerpt of James Roger Brown's The Family Defense Manual. It's an eye opener where he describes how radical Feminists are trying to subvert males and normal nuclear marriage. One quote from the excerpt is an example of the information he uses to base his argument: "I claim that rape exists any time sexual intercourse occurs when it has not been initiated by the woman, out of her own genuine affection and desire."*

I don't know if this has been posted before, but it is an eye opener."

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Glass ceiling not so urgent?

Adam · 6 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"From this press release:*

BOSTON, MA (PRWEB) October 21, 2004 -- When asked what causes them the most stress in the office, the majority of the 2,000 members surveyed by the Downtown Women's Club (DWC) -- a business networking organization for women -- ranked "too much work" well above the "glass ceiling."

Looks like the "glass ceiling" is not regarded as the most important problem. But here comes the surprise:

What is surprising is the low ranking of stress about the glass ceiling and lack of equal pay. Especially when, for the first time in 12 years, we have seen an increase in the gender gap, with women make only 75.5 cents for every dollar that men earn, according to a release this summer by the U.S. Census Bureau. "It's almost a Catch-22 where women are working too much to focus on the gender gap, and as a result are creating a situation where they'll have to work even harder and longer for less money in the future," concluded Danielson.

Now it looks like women work too much, therefore they cannot spare some time to complain about the gender gap (?)."

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www.parents4protest.co.uk features Geldof videos

Matt · 7 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Layton Bevan of http://www.parents4protest.co.uk contacted MANN administrators to let us know that a series of new web-based videos was available for viewing on their web site, featuring Bob Geldof advocating for father's rights. Please take a look and support their efforts!

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Woman accused of severing man's penis

Adam · 7 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"When a woman cuts off her partner's penis, it is not domestic violence, it is a joke, or a noble revolutionary act. But if a man was to cut his partner's genitalia while she slept, it would be a hate crime, a gross act of misogyny.*
Story here"

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Ejaculation may protect against cancer

Adam · 8 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A US scientific study finds that men who ejaculate frequently are less prone to prostate cancer: "Although much more research remains to be done, the take home message is that ejaculation is not harmful, and very probably protective of prostatic health - and it feels good!" There are implications for social attitudes towards male sexuality - the fact is, masturbation is good for you! Article here"*

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Sacks Launches New Campaign--Men, Take Action!

Matt · 8 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

. writes *"Radio talk show host Glenn Sacks has launched a new campaign--this time against an insulting Verizon DSL commercial. In the commercial a father is trying to help his young daughter with her homework when he is belittled and scolded by his wife, who orders him to 'leave her alone!' and go wash the dog. To view the ad and participate in the campaign, go to http://hisside.com/verizon_campaign.htm"*

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Procreation Bans in Parole

Adam · 10 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The_Beedle writes *"A month ago the Supreme Court of Ohio didn't overturned a lower court decision to prohibit the fathering of additional children by a father on probation for failure to pay his child support charges Fox News Reference. The Court of Ohio failed dodged the issue of whether such a restriction was legal in favor of overruling this particular case on the grounds that there was no provision for the man to pay up and then have more kids.*

By way of comparison, People v. Pointer (California, 1984 available at Findlaw.com, free registration required) the Supreme Court of California found that a similar prohibition for a female convicted of child abuse and neglect was too great an inhibition on her constitutional rights :

"[5d] The challenged condition was apparently not intended to serve any rehabilitative purpose but rather to protect the public by preventing injury to an unborn child. We believe this salutary purpose can adequately be served by alternative restrictions less subversive of appellant's fundamental right to procreate."

A similar ruling was handed down by the Supreme Court of California in 1992, People v. Zaring after a judge there ordered a mother of five and heroin/cocaine addict not to conceive as a term of her probation. The California Supreme Court overturned that, saying

"Recognizing that drug addiction could have an adverse impact on the unborn, we must conclude under the law that even if we were to assume arguendo that the safeguarding of the health of any yet to be conceived unborn child of appellant may properly be the subject of probation conditions, it is clear to us that other conditions, less drastic than an outright ban on pregnancy, could be used here to accomplish this objective, just as they could have been used in Pointer."

They also quoted similar rulings from Kansas, Ohio and Florida, all of which illustrates a clear double standard with respect to procreation. A woman's right to concieve is inviolate, despite convictions of child endangerment, child abuse, neglect or even kidnapping. A man's right to procreate is fair game for having incurred a bad debt."

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29 Year Old Woman Arrested for Sex with 8 Year Old

Matt · 11 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

amperro writes *"How much longer will the feminists deny that this crime happens?*

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Woman Reportedly Tortures 'Special Needs' Students

Matt · 11 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"A 48-year-old teacher in Seminole County, Fla., is accused of torturing her autistic students, including allegedly rubbing a child's face in vomit and slamming another child's head so hard that he lost his front teeth."*

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Chemical castration for sex offenders in France

Matt · 11 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"France introduces chemical castration for sex offenders - but only for male ones. Sweden and Germany already use it. Story here".*

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Liza Minnelli Sued Over Sexual Harasment

Matt · 11 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

I know, I know, innocent until proven guilty. Indeed, he may be making the whole thing up just to get money. Then again, maybe not. Suppose she'll be given the benefit of the doubt because she's a she? I am betting so. We all know what happens in that regard when the sexes are reversed though don't we?

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Female Mobs Murder Men Who Were Freed by Courts

Thomas · 12 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Remind me never to visit India.

Mobs of women are attacking and killing or burning down the houses of men, some of whom were set free by the courts after being accused of rape and other crimes. In one case, a man was stabbed and stoned to death in court by a mob led by women. Police detained five women, but released them in response to public outcry.

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More Truth about Male DV Victims

Thomas · 12 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

And more lies from the British government, I'm afraid. We've sure got a long way to go, with governments largely controlled by feminist hate-mongers, but at least the truth is starting to come out.

The article states, "Men accounted for 34 per cent of victims last year, compared with 27 per cent the year before," but I suspect that the difference is due not only to an increase in victimization of males but to the fact that male victims are starting to come forward.

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U.S. Won't Let Men Flee Fallujah

Adam · 12 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dave K writes ″

After arguing that the US wouldn't do this (in a thread below)... I have to admit this is exactly what they're doing.

Looks like their belief is that it's better to force male refugees back into the city to prevent any combatants to escape than to incarcerate them. Obviously they don't want combatants in jail... they want them dead, and are willing to risk the lives of (an admittedly low percentage of) innocent Iraqi males still in the city to do it.

It's a sad thing, right or wrong."

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Yeah, She's the Victim Here

Adam · 12 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The_Beedle writes *"This woman intentionally causes a collision and then babbles at the Police that she was trying to hurt her boyfriend, yet the press is calling it 'Road Rage'. What does a woman have to do before it's labelled Domestic Violence?"*

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Police Use Tazer on 6-YO Boy

Matt · 13 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I wonder if the police would have done the same thing had a 6-YO girl been behaving this way? I can only imagine what sort of effects this will have on him, as clearly he is already very disturbed by something going on in his life and/or mind. I wonder if the officers will even get into any serious trouble for what they did? Now contrast the concern for his well-being as compared to the concern for this girl's, both appearing as links on CNN's home page as of this writing. Would these stories be written the same way had the sexes been reversed? You bet they would not have.

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Respectyourman.org - Australian web site

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The operator of http://www.respectyourman.org/ contacted MANN administrators to let us know of his site. Please take a minute to visit it. There's some good stuff there.

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Anti-boy Toys "R" Us commercial

Matt · 15 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Toys "R" Us has an anti-boy commercial on TV showing two boys exiting their bedroom at the same time. They get stuck in the door and are apparently too stupid to figure out how to solve the problem. Their sister condescendingly says "Maybe next year boys," while reading a Toys "R" Us catalog. She goes into her bedroom and closes the door, which has a sign saying "Girls Rule, Boys Drool."*

Contact these jerks here or call 1-888-869-7932. The Toys "R" Us corporate Web site is at http://www.toysrusinc.com."

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FL Police's Second Tazer Use Incident

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This time, they used a tazer on a 12-YO girl who was believed to be drunk, skipping class, and fleeing police. According to the article, that use of the tazer was apparently wrong-- but not the other one wherein they used it on a 6-YO boy who apparently could not be stopped from self-injury any other way.

No 2x-standards here... nope...

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Swedes Post Photos of Men Violating Women's integrity

Adam · 16 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"A news item posted on the iFeminist site reports that a Swedish newspaper plans to publish the names and photos of men "convicted of violating the integrity of women."*

Apparently women are born with this "integrity chromosome..."

It's hard to believe that American feminists have overlooked this lucrative scam to further criminalize maleness.

(Brief article here) -

Swedish newspaper to name men guilty of violence against women

STOCKHOLM : A Swedish newspaper announced on Saturday it would break with press custom and in future publish the names and photographs of men found guilty of violence against women.

Norrlaendska Socialdemokraten, the leading newspaper of the northern region of Norrbotten, made the announcement after a local man killed his ex-wife, a mother of three, with an axe.

"We will in future publish the names of men convicted of violating the integrity of women (the legal definition in Sweden of any form of violence or threat against women), together with photographs if we have these," wrote editor Lennart Haakansson.

He said there were men who "committed systematic, serious and repeated violence and acts of repression against women, worthy of the worst mafiosi."

"Very often they use violence against women they have just met," the editor continued.

He said his newpsaper's action, rare in the Swedish press in such cases, was in the public interest.

"We consider it important to let our women readers know the identities of individuals to avoid." – AFP

Full Story"

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UK Anti-Male Paedophile Witch-Hunt Continues

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AngryMan writes *"A new report claims that the conviction rate for child sex abuse is too low. Particularly worrying is the call for "better handling of "soft" information - such as anecdotal evidence of past wrongdoings". Are more men going to be jailed on the basis of gossip? As usual, no mention of women offenders, no mention of false accusations.*

Story here"

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Female sexual abuse more common than thought.

Adam · 17 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dave K writes *"From the Herald Sun via MND: here*

It seems that adult women abusing young men may... JUST MAY... be more of a problem than previously thought. In fact, I'll bet a dollar that it just may be more prevelant (due to it's virtually OPEN acceptance in society) than the reverse (which will get you jail time).

I know I was propositioned by an older woman when I was Well under 18. I distinctly recall thinking she was ANCIENT... 30 or maybe 35! I know friends who's first experiences were with "older" women. To be honest I didn't think anything of it at the time, but how many young men get pulled into those sorts of relationships... I'll go out on a short limb and say "A LOT".

So lets encourage the study of this sort of behavior, lets point out all the Mary Kay's out there. Our young men need as much if not MORE (slower development remember?) protection from predatory women as young women need from predatory men."

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Government Women's Health website

Matt · 17 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"The U.S. government is spending a large amount of our tax dollars for the Women's Health network, while spending nothing for men's health. They have set up a website, http://www.4woman.gov/, which includes not only information about women's health issues, but also the usual disproven female supremacist propaganda about violence against women, and suprisingly a link to minor information about men's health.*

Click "Read More" for more information...
The link leads to a page defining men and men's health in female terms, as if males are a new life form that we know little about. Under the "men's" links about violence is more propaganda about violence against women. The women's pages open with Netscape or Internet Explore, but the men's pages don't work with Netscape.

Complain to your Congressmen about the discrimination of not funding a Men's Health network equal to the one they created for women as well as about the feminist propaganda on the women's page. We have fought this before, but it isn't over. We have to keep fighting until they stop blocking the use of taxmoney for men's health research and education and establish a website for men's health issues. If there is a 4woman.gov site then there should be a 4men.gov site. And there should be an equal amount of taxmoney spent on men's health research and education as is spent on women's."

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Radio Program on Equal Pay

Matt · 17 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The BBC radio show Woman's Hour is both a national institution and a feminist mouthpiece. Here is a recent item they covered "Gateshead Council is giving a pay-out to female employees but not to the men who work alongside them". You need RealPlayer to listen."*

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29 year old woman "has affair with" 8-year-old boy

Matt · 17 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *"A 29 year old woman called Tammy Imre has 'sex' with an eight year old boy!*

What's the betting she doesn't get sent to prison? I'm sure she'll be declared 'insane' and given three months in a hospital. If the sexes were reversed of course, the man would be facing life behind bars."

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"Mother" starves sons to death

Matt · 17 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

This story made it to the front page of cnn.com, but only as an off-link. Well, sometimes, it does happen that these kinds of stories are not totally buried on page G67. Note she had a history of child abuse and neglect but that wasn't enough to get her custody of these children called into question; apprently it isn't a priority to save the lives of children, particularly when they are male and when the abuser is their "mother".

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More failure at the UK Child Support Agency

Adam · 17 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The UK government agency responsible for seizing fathers' income, the Child Support Agency, continues to be a national embarrassment. Story here"*

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1990s UK Child Abuse Witch Hunt

Adam · 17 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Britain has been in the grip of a child-abuse witch-hunt since the mid-1980s. As a result, innocent men have gone to prison and many children have been removed from their families unnecessarily. This article traces the history of the sorry affair, and notes that feminists have played a significant role in stirring up the hysteria. Also see the excellent site of writer Richard Webster."*

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Alberta Council of Women's Shelters ad campaign

Adam · 18 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Kavius writes *"I heard a radio ad this morning sponsored by the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (http://www.acws.ca).*

The ad features a 911 call of a little girl crying asking for help while her parent fight in the background. Right at the end of the ad, the little girls screams "DON'T HIT MY MOMMY!".

In my opinon, this was reasonable (difficult to listen too, but reasonable), until the little girl screamed those words. Unless the ACWS has the intention of running similar ads where the father is the victim (which would not make sense since they are a Women's group) these ads are damaging.

I have written a letter to both Country 105 (who played the advertisement: http://www.country105.com), and the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, indicating that I consider the ad to be inflamitory and damaging to men's reputations who may be the victims of domestic violence.

I was not impressed the response from the radio station and am still waiting on a response from the ACWS. I'll post that as a comment."

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More on the Baby Bust

Thomas · 18 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Here's more info and commentary on the growing baby bust in developed nations. The writer comments that women are having fewer children because: "Women are putting off childbirth, either for financial reasons or because they want to establish their careers first. High house prices have made it impossible for many couples of child-bearing age to afford a home large enough in which to bring up a family." In typical fashion, the author doesn't mention the wide scale destruction of male-female relations as a direct result of feminism. He also avoids mention of any male-specific reasons for avoiding parenthood. The explosion in divorce rates, the systematic separation of many fathers from their children, the high rate of paternity fraud, the financial exploitation of fathers after divorce, and the associated and growing marriage strike (which may well be occuring in Australia as it is in the US) fail to warrent his attention.

Please see "Read More."There are a few problems with the article's analysis. First of all, men's specific needs must be addressed in any honest attempt to solve the soon-to-be devastating aging and collapse of populations. Second, proposed solutions involve greater government intrusion into the family. Third, a bonus of £3,000 to new parents might encourage poor couples to have a child that they otherwise wouldn't have, if only to get a desperately needed short-term financial boost. But I suspect that few solidly middle class and wealthy couples will have children that they otherwise wouldn't have, just to get the £3,000. As a result, there will probably be a further drain on government finances (such as welfare payments), which are already approaching collapse due to increasing inability to make transfer payments, such as Social Security in the US. And this approaching collapse is a direct result of the baby bust. We may already be caught in a dangerous positive feedback loop.

Such proposals ask the government to do too little too late and show no awareness of the specific concerns of men, who are, after all, potential parents.

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Growing Awareness of Sexual Abuse by Females

Thomas · 19 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

By the day, the feminist delusion that females are victims and males are evil continues to collapse. Here's commentary on the growing awareness of sexual abuse of children by females. Now I wish they'd more frequently address the often hidden and ignored violent abuse of children by women.

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Dying Woman Confesses To Mudering Her Husband

Matt · 19 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

thea writes *"CNN's website reports on a woman confessing to murdering her husband and getting rid of his body in a much similar and gruesome form of a serial killer on her deathbed to one of her children. Would it have made any difference had she lived and been arrested? Or would she have gotten a slap on the wrist with a "distraught" defense, then a book and movie deal? Oh and don't forget an interview with Oprah and ABC."*

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WashPost.com: Mother Charged in 1972 Murder of Son

Matt · 19 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Do my eyes deceive me? The Washington Post's web site home page as of this writing has a large link to this story. I decided to post this under "Media" because while of course the story content is very significant, we all know women murdering their own kids is not new. However the Post putting link to such a story on its home page sure is.

Click "Read more..." for more.A quote from the article:

"It is quite an unusual case," Baltimore County police spokesman Bill Toohey said yesterday. "It's old, the mother is accused of killing her child, and the tip came from another child."

Actually Mr. Toohey, it's not unusual at all. It's just unusal that it gets reported on.

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F4J USA on way!

Adam · 20 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"From the Men's Hour Blog*

Father4Justice is coming to the United States of America (big place, across the Atlantic, you can't miss it). F4J USA operations will commence in 2005. The full press release is at Fathers 4 Justice Announce US Launch & Co-ordinator and there's a photo of the F4J co-ordinators conference in England at conference. Jamil, USA co-ordinator, is bottom left next to one of the Supermen."

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White Feather Feminism

Adam · 20 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"In Britain during WWI groups of feminists, including the great Pankhursts, used public humiliation to coerce men into enlisting in the army by presenting them with white feathers, a symbol of cowardice. Next time you hear a feminist complain about male aggression don't forget to remind her of this. Articles here and here."*

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F4J Protester handcuffs himself to Children's Minister

Adam · 20 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"In another dramatic demonstration, the same Fathers4Justice protester who climbed Buckingham Palace and stood on the Queen's Balcony handcuffs himself to Children's Minister Margaret Hodge during a conference. Story Here"*

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Massachusetts Dads' group pushes for fairness

Adam · 21 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Scott Haltzman writes "

- DADS' GROUP PUSHES FOR FAIRNESS IN CUSTODY LAWS
Lowell Sun
November 14, 2004
By JULIE MEHEGAN, Sun Statehouse Bureau

BOSTON - Advocates for divorced fathers say they won their first fight by convincing voters that shared custody of children is a good idea.

Now, they hope to win over the state Legislature.

On Election Day, voters approved a non-binding question backed by Fathers & Families, seeking to reform custody laws. "This is a great step in the right direction for kids," said Ned Holstein, president of the nonprofit advocacy group. "We now have both the voters and
the researchers agreeing that the best thing for children is spending a lot of time with both parents."

Holstein and Garry said they will press to ensure family courts enter divorce proceedings under the assumption both parents want and are entitled to shared legal and physical custody."

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Another Male denigrating TV commercial

Adam · 21 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"I keep seeing this really annoying Dell Computer commercial airing on TV stations. I just saw it this morning on the FOX cable channel in Los Angeles. In alternating scenes, a young man is sitting at his computer: playing cards, cutting and pasting his head on statues, crying at a scene of a dog running on the beach. He is then shown "rocking out" to music as he is uses drum sticks on the back of his chair to keep rhythm.*

At this point a woman with blond stringy hair barges in and asks, "How are the bills coming?" Is this woman his wife or his mother? She could be either. The young man says, "okay" or something like that, the woman leaves, and he goes back to what he was doing. Moments later the woman barges back in again, this time hurling the door open with no regard for what, or who, is on the other side, and the young man says, "What?" In the final scene after Dell shows some of it product, the man is shown really rocking out, jumps on a chair and falls on the floor like a "big dufus." "

More below."*One can only wonder, "Is Dell trying to send a message to half the population (males) that they should buy a Dell Computer and then make payments in an irresponsible manner?"*

This commercial portrays the male as an irresponsible bill payer and the female as a physically aggressive, authoritarian figure who has power and control over the male, and who needs to "mother" the male to make sure he is responsibly paying his bills. What would be the public response if the sex roles were reversed and the male was treating the female in this way? The female's controlling behavior, when viewed in light of domestic violence industry parameters, clearly qualifies as a form of domestic violence. Imagine the revictimization and trauma that a male victim of domestic violence feels when seeing this commercial. If you are as tired of seeing this demeaning, "male bashing" commercial as I am, then write to Dell Computers here:

Dell Inc.

One Dell Way

Round Rock, Texas 78682

United States

They're web site only has this email feedback for its web site ***here***

and here is their customer care phone # 800-624-9897."

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British Govt still promoting DV myths

Adam · 21 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The UK govt announces additional funding to deal with DV against ethnic minority women.*

"We are targeting domestic violence in general and that includes all women."

Story here"

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Kobe's Story to be made into a film in India

Adam · 21 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bharati writes *"The abbaas Mastan Duo are planning a release of the film "Aitbaar" here*
This is loosly based on the trials and Tribulations of Kobe Bryant though it will be Indianised by having Songs and Dances In words of Abbas "Basically, it is about how a woman can destroy a man's career by accusing him of sexual harassment. We have taken the idea from famous cases that hit the headlines - like the Kobe Bryant case, the South African judge accused of rape in Mumbai and other fairly frequent examples where women in corporate houses have accused men of sexual harassment. In some of these cases, men often turn out to be victims".

I think it would be a good watch given the fact that Abbas Mastan have produced really good movies in the past. It is due to be released soon."

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The Blue Ribbon Prostate Initiative

Adam · 22 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anon user writes "*Blue Ribbon Prostate Initiative*

I was watching "Deborah Norville Tonight" on MSNBC today (11/18) and saw a story about a prostate cancer awareness advertising campaign. The story focused on whether or not the ads were "appropriate" for children to view because of their slogans. (Of course, I don't think that similar ads for breast cancer awareness would be "inappropriate".)

Julie Lewit-Nirenberg, the President and CEO of the Blue Ribbon Prostate Initiative (BRPI), mentioned that prostate cancer awareness is important enough to justify the campaign that could save the lives of 30,000 men a year.

She also pointed out that prostate cancer is as dangerous for men as breast cancer is for women, something that MRAs already know, but it was the first time I saw something like this mentioned in the mainstream media. The BRPI was only formed a few months ago, and from what I saw on their web site, it looks promising!

From the BRPI web site:
"The Blue Ribbon Prostate Initiative was started by women who are veterans of the breast cancer wars. For several reasons, some of them selfish:

* We want our men healthy and able to perform.

* We want them alive.

* We have seen what the power of driven women can do.

* We have seen what information and ingenuity can do.

* We believe that saving men's lives is as important as saving women's lives."

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Woman plots to kill marine husband

Adam · 22 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A woman plotted to kill her husband, a marine serving in Kuwait, by getting her lover, another marine, to fake a terrorist attack. She had planned to make money from talk shows afterwards. She got 7 years, the lover 25. Story here"*

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Australian Study Says Men Are Softies About Pain

Adam · 23 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dr. Dan writes *"A study in Australia found that men take more narcotics than women even when the pain level is the same. "Men's reputations as being big softies when confronted with pain could also help explain the result," said Prof. Mari Botti, the woman who chairs the research unit where the study was done.*

Isn't it tiresome that when men complain about pain, we're babies or "softies," but when we tough it out, we're harangued for just trying to be macho?"

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Six-year-old accused of harassment

Matt · 24 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Cain writes "
The Queensland Government has ordered an investigation into why a six-year-old boy was suspended from school after being accused of sexual harassment.

The Year 1 student was sent home this week after he poked a female classmate on the bottom."

Story here

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F4J Protester Makes International AP Headline News

Matt · 24 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Congratulations to F4J, once again! Driving into work today my commute was made bearable by the news on Washington, DC's WTOP radio news that F4J protester David Pyke, dressed as Santa Claus, handcuffed himself to Buckingham Palace's main gate! Wonderful!

More coverage at:

CNN.com

NYTimes.com

sfgate.com

Fox News

Click "Read More" link for more....As of this posting, this story is noticably absent from the Washington Post. You would think that they would at least mention it in their Europe section. Well if you feel moved to mention the omission to them, the e-mail address for feedback for that section is: world@washingtonpost.com. And to be fair, the Washington Times, which is considered ideologically contrary to the Post and more likely to take a less misandrist stance on news-related matters than the Post, is not covering the story either, even in their World section. It is available though if you search their AP news stories and is found here.

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Murder and Mutilation by "Mother"

Matt · 24 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

OldManSenile writes *"Dang, Where does it end. Check this article out.*

A mother with a history of postpartum depression and psychosis cuts her childs arms off. She went through a 7 month investigation for alleged abuse in the past and the children services said she was fine.

Click "Read More" for more...
"Schlosser, who had a history of postpartum depression, had been investigated on child neglect allegations earlier this year, but Texas Child Protective Services had recently closed a seven-month investigation, concluding that Schlosser did not pose a risk to her children. Neighbors said she seemed to be a loving, attentive mother."

Of course about half way through the article is where all the excuses start filtering in:

"There were never any indications of violence with this family," agency spokeswoman Marissa Gonzales said," and "'At the time we closed the case, we had been assured that Mom was stabilized and that she was not a risk to herself or her children,' Geoff Wool, spokesman for the Family and Protective Services Department, said.'"

Top it all off, they want to interview the 2 surviving kids and the father before they decide if they want to remove the rest of the children from the home:

"Child-protective officials were interviewing Schlosser's daughters and would talk to the father before deciding whether to remove the girls from the home."

WTH she is a risk. Remove her from the home and into a psychiatric ward for evaluation then to court for prosecution."

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Links on manipulation

Adam · 24 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"This page contains many links on the subject of manipulation and violence by women, lots of facts as well as information on how to protect yourself."*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/04/11/24/1920201.shtml

Celebrate Thanksgiving

Matt · 25 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Celebrate Thanksgiving by thanking your favorite mactivist for his or her efforts in fighting anti-male bigotry and anti-male laws. I'd like to thank Ray, a regular right here on this site. As anyone who visits this site knows, Ray is a courageous and tireless fighter for men's basic human dignity. He drives a truck that shows the world the signs they need to see. He makes male-positive t-shirts and has given some for free to homeless persons. He's a deligent letter-writer on behalf of justice for men. In short, he's a real man, a guy fighting for a better life for all of us. THANKS RAY!!!"*

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Half of sub-Saharan African Adults with HIV are Women

Matt · 25 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"An article on CNN mentions that half of adults infected with HIV (in sub-Saharan Africa) are women. Doing the math, that must mean that the other half are men, worthy the same awareness as the female statistic. However, as usual, men are only mentioned in this article as a scapegoat for the rising infection rate in women."*

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Nearly Half of AIDS Sufferers are Women! Shocking!

Matt · 25 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *"Er... what about the other AIDS sufferers? Not worth making a fuss about them I suppose. Unbelievable...*

"Record numbers of women with HIV"

"Nearly half of 37.2 million adults living with HIV are women, figures show."

I'd expect no more from the oh-so-feminist BBC though. Story here."

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/04/11/25/1722230.shtml

The father they never had

Adam · 26 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

apetr writes *"A moving article about a real life preacher acting as a role model for troubled boys. here"*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/04/11/26/1918247.shtml

Mom forces 12 yo son to rake leaves in the nude

Adam · 26 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bro writes *"Here is the article. I wonder if this would have gone the same way if it was a father forcing a 12 yo girl to do this? It just goes to show how biased the judicial system is when a woman can do this to her son and only walk away with a possible slap on the wrist?"*

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A man shortage in London?

Adam · 27 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

According to this article
there is a man shortage in London, and it's going to get worse. However, I have a feeling the real meaning of this article can be found in this quote "*This could make it increasingly hard for the city's women to settle down with their **ideal** partner, said Jenny Trent-Hughes, a relationship expert and agony aunt.*" Ah, that sounds about right. For "ideal" read: high earning man who enables her to stay at home, I think that's what they mean by man shortage. The question remains, with the "man shortage" bound to get worse, what will women's reaction be?

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Open letter to Mr. Paul Martin, PM of Canada

Matt · 27 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

MANN Admins received the following from William Levy of The Council for the Status of Men - Canada. It is as follows:

Council for the Status of Men - Canada

Conseil pour la Condition Masculine - Canada

344 Lagace, Dorval, Québec, Canada H9S 2M3

Tel: 514-999-0001 Email: csmcanada@hotmail.com

CANADIAN READERSHIP IS NOW OVER 106,231 STRONG !!

JOIN CSM TODAY AND HELP END GOVERNMENT ANTI-FAMILY TERRORISM

Press Release:

Open letter to Mr. Paul Martin

11-24-04

HOW MUCH MORE BLOOD Mr. Martin!

10 YEARS AND 30,000 MALE SUICIDES

- STILL NOT A PENNY FOR MEN

The Suicide Letter of Andrew T. Renouf (10 YEARS AGO October 17) - http://www.fact.on.ca/renouf/r_letter.htm

If Andy was a Woman, he would still be alive today, clothed and fed, seeing his now Adult daughter and getting money for his home and free counseling.

Click "Read more" for the rest of the letterLike half of the humans inhabiting Canada Andy had a penis! As such he did not qualify for keeping his parental, civil or human rights because of a change of marital status, or for any of the free shelters or services the government provides only for Canadians with Vaginas!

So he was murdered by his Canada through its disregard for the rule of law, human rights and the fundamental Principles of Justice in the matter of Canadians with Penises.

Andrew T. Renouf committed suicide on or about October 17, 1995 because he had 100% of his wages taken by the Family Responsibility Office, an agency of the Government of Ontario, Canada.

Should he have eaten Cake Mr. Martin (As Marie Antoinette said to the hungry masses ?)

We are still waiting for your pre-election promise to meet us Mr. Martin.

You do still have a penis do you not?

Respectfully,

William Levy

Ethics Committee

Cc: Worldwide friends, Media

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/04/11/27/061238.shtml

Jared's anti-male commercial reappears

Adam · 27 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"One of the anti-male Jared commercials reappeared on TV earlier this week. Please click on "Read More/Post Comments" to see my message to them at:*

this link

"Jared has in the past run several commercials where the men who buy their wives Jared jewelry receive the incredulous response "He went to Jared!" In contrast, the men that don't are treated with disdain by their wives. Several months ago there was a letter writing campaign which targeted these commercials, resulting in an apologetic response from Jared.

For some time it appeared that these commercials had been taken off the air. Unfortunately, at least one of these commercials seems to have reappeared."

More Below.*The one I am referring to starts with a social gathering in which one woman proudly proclaims to another that that her husband "Went to Jared." The other woman replies indignantly "Oh, really." Apparently her husband had the poor judgment to have purchased jewelry elsewhere. This woman then exacts revenge on her husband by dropping the offending piece of "non-Jared" jewelry in her husband's drink, to which he replies "What?"*

Why do companies feel it is necessary to sell merchandise by putting men down in their advertisements? These commercials aren't flattering to women either, as the women in these commercials come across as spiteful and materialistic.

Please find an alternative way to advertise jewelry that treats both men and women with respect. After viewing these commercials, I'm more inclined to shop at a competitor. I know many other men feel the same, as we share our views on such anti-male advertising in numerous online forums which are viewed by thousands of people each day."

Steve

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Doesn't anyone see this as child abuse??

Matt · 28 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

this is not equality writes *"Granted, this is occuring in the middle east, but shouldn't someone be calling these mothers out for abusing their sons by encouraging them to commit suicide in the name of allah...by using lies, pressure, propoganda and pseudo-martyrdom status?!?!*

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The Ultimate Female Blame Shift Gambit!

Matt · 28 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Here is an article about a woman who posed as a Saudi Princess and got a special big spender's credit card from American Express and maxed it out big time. Now she is claiming innocence and compensable injury because AmEx should have known she was a fake and mentally unbalanced and is suing them for $2,000,000. She is out of jail on $100,000 bail which she probably put on another credit card. Something gives me the feeling that she might win!"*

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Husbands are jerks

Adam · 28 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

chicago joe writes *"An article appearing in the Chicago Tribune today explored the controversy surrounding the use of a testosterone skin patch to treat female sexual dysfunction. In the article, Amy Allina, the Program and Policy Director for the National Women's Health Network based in Washington D.C. states that a lack of sexual desire in a woman can be related to one thing; "Maybe the real problem is their husband is a jerk."*
Here is a woman that is a program and policy director for a national organization and she finds comfort and confidence using ugly gender stereotypes and degrading language to analyze and procure policy in Washington D.C.. Anybody else find this disturbing?
I'm going to drop them a few words explaining how disgusted I am with their imature "Sex and the City" approach to serious healthcare issues. If anyone cares to join me, their contact info is: nwhn@nwhn.org.
Maybe they need to find a real woman to do Mrs. Allina's job because this teenage approach isn't working."

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9news.com (Denver): Women "inappriopriately" arrested

Adam · 28 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"This article is a rationalization by a law professor (Jan Laitos)
regarding the increasing arrest of women in domestic violence
cases. It appears that she can't accept the reality that women are
as responsible for domestic violence as are men. She is mostly concerned that the arrest of women in DV cases is "inappropriate"*

A link to the story is:

here
To email this station: kusa@9news.com

To email Jan Laitos: jlaitos@law.du.edu"

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/04/11/28/2235247.shtml

Texas Woman Charged with Severing Baby's Arms

Adam · 29 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"Reuters tells us about the latest news from the "nurturing department": "HOUSTON (Reuters) - A Texas woman who allegedly severed her 11-month-old daughter's arms and then called police to report the crime was charged with capital murder on Monday, authorities said. Police in the Dallas suburb of Plano said Dena Schlosser, 35, sounded calm when she phoned the department and told officers what she had done." Of course, it's always due to depression. Also note the usual lack of the strong words..."*

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F4J Does It Again

Matt · 29 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ahhh, nice to read this after a long and tiring holiday week-end... good work guys!

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Fathers and Families covered in Boston Globe

Matt · 29 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The Lace Curtain getting a few tears in it.... encouraging story here. Their website is here.

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Mother accused of poisoning son aged 9.

Matt · 29 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"In London, a mother is accused of killing her 9-year-old son by deliberate salt poisoning. Story here"*

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Cultural 'bias' keeps women off death row

Matt · 29 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

A.J. writes *"In this article Jim Walsh at the Arizona Republic removes a few threads from the lace curtain. He proposes that women are less likely than men to get the death penalty in capital offenses due to cultural reasons. A quote from the article: "In the minds of the jury and the judge, they don't believe women deserve the death penalty." The author can be contacted at: jim.walsh@arizonarepublic.com.*

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Verizon DSL Advertising and McGarry Bowen

Matt · 29 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Please consider our new web site as it relates to McGarry Bowen and the Verizon DSL advertising campaign. Please let them know what you think, and pass it on!*

Ed. note: This is a follow-up to the issue discussed here.

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Schoolgirl mob attacks girl

Matt · 30 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A 'Mob' of 40 girls suspended from school after attacking and threatening to kill a girl in a dispute over a boyfriend. What was that about 'sugar and spice'? Story here"*

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F4J USA Seeks Feedback and Participants

Matt · 30 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of author:

Hello everyone.

I am working directly with the United States coordinator for Fathers 4 Justice and would like to hear from anyone that is being raked over the coals and that would be interested in becoming active with F4J on any level.

Many of our local groups tread lightly and speak with a soft voice and we have all seen exactly how much hasn't changed for any of us. While some are intimidated by F4J, as you have seen people are taking notice whether it is Batman or Santa, things are happening abroad as a result of their efforts and the time has come for us to get on board here.

We owe it to ourselves and our children to do whatever it takes (legally of course) to make change happen. If you are willing to be an active participant in a demonstration or if you'd prefer to be involved behind the scenes we need your help.

I can be contacted at MnDadsRock@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Airport Pat-Downs Too Intrusive, Say Some Women

Matt · 30 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

As tempted as I am to go off on an editorial, I will let MANN readers do the honors. Read it and laugh/weep/fume/etc.

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Debunking Feminist "Science"

Thomas · 30 November 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Scientific American has published an article on David C. Page, who has spent a large part of his career debunking some of the proclamations of feminist "science."

A couple of worthy quotes from the article:

"The very idea of investigating the Y chromosome offends those feminists who believe that it serves as nothing more than a subterfuge to promulgate an inherent male bias in biology. And, in Page's view, some reputable scientists have even pandered to these sentiments by writing books and papers that predict the extinction of men--or the Y's disappearance."

and

"Biologist Jennifer A. Marshall Graves of the Australian National University in Canberra argues that gene conversion in the palindromes represents a form of 'genetic masturbation' that may not only fail to inhibit deleterious mutations but may even speed the process of the chromosome's decline. Page's terse response: 'Ah, rhetoric and theory unburdened by experimental data.'"

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Another Falsely Accused Man Freed

Thomas · 1 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

After spending 14 years in prison as a child molestor, James Bernard Parker has been freed. His accusers admitted that he hadn't committed the alleged crimes or that the crimes had, in fact, never occurred. Note, however, that the article still refers to the false accusers as "victims." Who is the true victim, and who are the true criminals?

The article also states that "Police found no physical evidence (of the alleged molestations), even though children told stories of being tied to trees and fed poisoned ice cream. They also gave a wide range of descriptions of their attacker." In addition, "The Charlotte Observer ran stories in 2002 in which 15 reported victims and witnesses said the crimes never happened or that Parker wasn't the attacker."

2002... It's damned difficult for a man to prove his innocence in the US of A.

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Orbital trouble for women!

Adam · 1 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"According to CNN, there's a new mighty tool in the hands of abusive men: satellite imagery. Don't believe it? "Cindy Cowan, the director of a Toronto shelter for battered women, echoed Rastogi's concerns, saying the technology could put women at greater risk of abuse. "Already the Internet has become a place where women are stalked, so to give another tool to abusive men motivated to find and track and stalk -- it frightens me," she said." Gone are the days when the simple minded "abusive male stalker" just stalked around pointlessly: now they will spend countless hours chasing their potential victims from the sky. Is this getting ridiculous or what? Will abusive males eventually team up with alien abductors? Makes you wonder..."*

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More on the AIDS being a disaster for women story

Adam · 1 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *"So all along we've believed that AIDS is a disaster for all people. But now it seems it's only catastrophic for women:*

here

"...a generation of African girls is standing on the frontline of the carnage...."

Unbelievable..."

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"It's Still a Man's World on the Idiot Box"

Adam · 2 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"From Maureen Dowd of the NYT*

"I honestly thought, eight or nine years ago, that when we left," Mr. Brokaw said, referring to himself, Peter and Dan Rather, "that it would be the end of white male anchor time."

Nah. Those guys are hard to kill off. Indeed, white men are ascendant in Red State America.

As my mom said, discussing her belief that Martha Stewart had been railroaded by jealous men, "If men could figure out how to have babies, they'd get rid of us altogether."

Article here"

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Verizon's "Homework Ad" Pulled Off the Air

Matt · 2 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Congratulations to Glenn Sacks and to all of us who participated in the campaign to end the now-infamous "homework ad" that Verizon was airing! They have informed Glenn that they are no longer going to air it. Story here.

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The Pinky Defense?

Thomas · 3 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

We've definitely made progress, when the sexual molestation of a child by a woman is called rape, as is the sexual molestation of a child by a man. It will be interesting, though, to watch the progress of this case. Will defense attorneys succeed in having Debra LaFave acquitted on the basis of insanity partly because of her cutesy talk involving a "pinky promise?"

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Pay closer attention: Boys are struggling

Adam · 3 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bro writes *"Here "Boys are doing miserably, and nobody knows quite why. On measures ranging from writing ability to the likelihood of needing special education, boys are flat-lining - or worse."*

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Blunkett seeks child access

Adam · 3 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"If Secretary Blunkett has to go to court to get access to his child, maybe he will have some sympathy for the father's rights cause. Let's hope so. Story here"*

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News from Italy: First father's shelter, C/S Injustice

Matt · 4 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"If you do not speak Italian, good! You will not be able to fully understand these two very painful news items. First: if you are a divorced father, earn less than 650 euros/month, and have to pay for child support, do not have DV precedents, you're lucky: you may access the first father shelter! The article even suggests that these fathers will feel kind of younger, because - you see - it's like a college dorm. Second: a court of appeal just decided that a father has to pay child support for his two daughers. Too bad his daughters have 34 and 32 years: the court said that there's no age limit to "child" support, and he has to pay until his daughters get a job and become "independent". Now fathers have to "demonstrate" that the "children" willingly avoid working. (hey - I told you it was painful)"*

Ed's note: You can use the "Translate a Web Page" facility at http://babelfish.altavista.com/ to translate these articles from Italian to English.

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Sermon text: "Living Under Fascism"

Matt · 4 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Read this and thought it was thought-provoking material. I am sure it will likely generate some discussion here on MANN. :)

Click "Read More..."The one thing I can safely predict will get some people's dander up is the author's listing of features of fascism, with no. 5 being:

5. Rampant Sexism

The governments of fascist nations tend to be almost exclusively male-dominated. Under fascist regimes, traditional gender roles are made more rigid. Opposition to abortion is high, as is homophobia and anti-gay legislation and national policy.

Indeed, he's right that under any totalitarian state there will be plenty of compartmentalizing and categorizing in order to manage people en masse without consideration for the justice or rightness of the methodology or the aims. Sexism will be part of that apparatus, no doubt. But he does quite obviously fail to recognize that it's men today who are suffering the most egregiously with the misandrist sexism that permeates our society. He also ignores completely the fact that when fascist banners fly and orders to march troops to battle are given, these troops are also exclusively male (with rare exception) and many motivated by coercion and fear of punishment (ie, death or worse) for failing to obey. Nonetheless despite these obvious failings to be complete, the sermon-as-essay he has written is quite thought-provoking and, IMHO, courageous, even if it is subject to interpretation and disagreement.

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Female Pedophile Teacher Abuses and "Weds" 14 YO

Matt · 6 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"In this article it is mentioned that a teacher and a 14-year-old former female student whom she is accused of sexually assaulting participated in witchcraft together and even "wed" in a pagan ritual. Call me cynical but I suspect this case may result in more sympathy and a harsh sentence then previously female teacher abuse cases only because the victim is only a female."*

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Men are broken, need fixing....

Matt · 6 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

... or so says Ms. Beverly McPhail in this op-ed. Masculinity is so closely tied to violence, she reasons, that it must be re-invented for the good of all, most especially men.

Well perhaps she's right in a few senses-- men do suffer greatly from violence as being expected of them and as the targets of violence most of the time. But she utterly ignores the many acts of violence committed by women to pace those of men if not exceed them. More of the same, folks-- men are violent, women are not, men broken and inferior, women the model in all things and superior. More of the same.

The Houston Chronicle's summary of who she is is a bit lacking. Apparently she's more than a writer; she appears also to be a teacher of WST courses at the U of Houston as well; see here. The Chronicle's editor can be reached at viewpoints@chron.com.

Ms. McPhail can be reached at bevmcphail@earthlink.net.

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Russia's Collapse Has Begun

Thomas · 7 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The collapse faced by the developed world, as a result of the catastrophic fall in fertility rates, has begun in Russia. Each nation's collapse will have its own style. The US, for instance, may well maintain growth due to immigration, but the entire world economy will be dragged down due to extreme population aging and collapse in most developed (and then undeveloped) nations.

The causes are the destruction of the family and widescale use of birth control and abortion. In Russia, feminism's highest sacrament -- abortion -- is especially to blame. When we are in dire economic circumstances as a result of this, if you want to talk to one of the people who are most responsible for causing our collapse, look for a Women's Studies professor.

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Batman will not face criminal charges

Adam · 7 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *""A Fathers 4 Justice campaigner who scaled Buckingham Palace dressed as Batman will not face criminal charges." here But who is this? "Speaking about Mr Hatch's case, Norman Brennan, director of the Victims of Crime Trust over here, said: "This man could have put the security of our monarchy at risk - that there are no laws which can be used to prosecute him is barmy.""*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/04/12/07/1736253.shtml

UK: Women MPs bullied in Commons!

Adam · 7 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"More news from UK: women get "bullied and abused" in Commons. "When scores of young female MPs arrived in the Commons in 1997, Labour's Claire Curtis-Thomas assumed the red ribbons tied to coat hangers were for Aids day, only to be told they were for members to hang up their swords. Another new MP, Yvette Cooper, found it hard to persuade Commons officials that she was an MP, not a researcher or secretary."*

This is standard stuff - get this one: "But the research suggests that Britain's politics have been dramatically changed by the arrival of more female MPs." - say what? - "Commons' hours have been made more "family friendly", and childcare and domestic violence have become important concerns for parliament."

Maybe F4J didn't notice that the Commons have been made more FAMILY FRIENDLY? (makes you wonder...)"

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Massachusetts Reforming Misandric Judiciary?

Adam · 7 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *""As a result, when a father walks into Family Court, he is the only one in the courtroom without immunity to commit perjury and fraud,"*

The quote from the article above indicates that the state of Massachusetts may be waking up from its comatose sleep induced by the feminazi sirens song of perpetual female victimhood.
Well, let's hope so because when it comes to the legal status and standing of 50% of the states population (MEN!) there is no place to go but up."

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Over-50 Divorce Rate Soars

Thomas · 8 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ugh!

"Over the past five years the divorce rate among over-fifties has risen by 8.7%... Generous divorce settlements and the right of a wife to claim part of her husband's pension are fuelling the rise." You can read the rest here.

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Woman Runs Over Boys

Matt · 8 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Kingsley G. Morse Jr. writes *"This is what boys are up against.*
A forty seven year old woman ran over two boys after they accidentally hit her SUV with the golf ball they were bouncing in a parking lot.
Then she calmly smoked a cigarette and watched her victims lie there.
Is it any wonder that todays boys are struggling? Click here."

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Call to Join NCP Class Action Case As Plaintiff

Matt · 9 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Harold Leist. One need only be an NCP but you do not need to be a Virginia resident even though it is a Virginia case.

"We must all hang together or assuredly we will all hang seperately." -- Ben Franklin

Please click "Read more..." to read Harold's request.
Hi everyone,

As I tell everyone, when I have news I'll let you
know.

Well we have now been directed to ask who would like
to intervene (join) the suit. I would encourage all
of you to do so and become a part of it and not be
part of "and
on behalf of all persons similarly situated".

What do you have to do? Not much. However, you do
need to do it by Friday. What you have to do is send
me your name, address including zip code and your
telephone number. Very quickly I'll return to you a
set of documents that you will need to print out and
sign. Then return one to the state and one to the
court BY REGULAR MAIL. Why the deadline? Because we
go to court on Monday and the court needs them AND THE
SOONER THE BETTER.

What are the rules to Intervene? You have to be a NCP
because of a VA court case. You do not have to live
in VA.

You can not have been convicted of a crime.

So who can I count on for support? Please fill up my
email box.

Email me quickly by return mail.

Thanks,

Harold

=====

Harold Leist

VA Coordinator,

National Non-custodial Parent Class Action Law Suit

http://www.leist.us (read the suit)

harold@leist.us (contact me)

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Virginiacivilrightscouncil (discuss the case)

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Sprewell suspended for verbal abuse at a woman

Adam · 9 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"In this article, it seems that a female fan was verbally assaulted by Latrell Sprewell, and because it was a female fan, Sprewell received a harsher than usual penalty. Read for yourself..."*

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Boys Struggle at School because Women are Cleverer

Adam · 9 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"London: A male Labour MP has stated that boys' academic performance is no cause for concern. It is because women are cleverer than men, and this is a cause for celebration. He is stooping very low to attract extra votes. Story here"*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/04/12/09/2049214.shtml

Child Support - But NO Child

Adam · 10 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

warble writes *"In another indication of how corrupt and biased against males the child support system is we find that a male is forced to pay $20,000 in child support before the court listened and determined there was no child.*
Heeeellllloooo! Mandatory DNA testing anyone?
Funny how the news media thinks this stuff is rare. What exactly do they think is happening with the current widespread paternity fraud against males and children? Where there is paternity fraud THERE IS NO CHILD! Yet if the woman can produce ANY child, even another mans child, then it is assumed that there is a child and that the man should be screwed to the wall.

Finally, what really burns me is that if a male were to kidnap the pseudo child in question, the authorities would issue an Amber alert, arrest the male on kidnapping charges, and throw away the key. But nooooo! This kidnapper is a **woman**; special priviledge and laws apply because she is assumed superior to a male.
Therefore, the DA feels that kidnapping charges do not apply. Note how the actual child's mother exclaims she, '... couldn't keep up and lost them both. I thought I was never going to see my baby girl again ... It's the scariest thing. Anything could happen.'
Well DUUUUUGH! Yea. I'd say so! 'Anything' did happen. The child was in fact kidnapped for at least an hour if not more."

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The BBC showing their true colours

Adam · 10 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Today's headlines:*
Women 'bearing the brunt of war' here

Egypt feminist in presidency bid
over here

Women cleverer than men, says MP
right here"

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interactiveDAD.com Online Dad Magazine

Matt · 10 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Check out this new magazine just for dads. GREAT original articles and resources. Kicks FQ's butt!*

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The National Men's Council of Ireland

Adam · 10 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Harry Rea writes *"Parental Rights in Ireland, November 2004*

An Analysis - National Men's Council of Ireland - how do we compare to Australia?

This extraordinary analysis of parental rights in Ireland in 2004 is of extreme public interest especially at this point in time when the Government have asked for a Review to be conducted into the position of the Family in Irish society.

We believe it is of vital importance that parents know where they stand in Law in relation to their right to protect and nurture their children."

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/04/12/10/2219240.shtml

CBS 60 Minutes: 5,500 MEN have deserted the U. S.

Adam · 10 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Tonight's 60 Minutes (CBS) episode concerned 5,500 MEN deserting the military during the war in Iraq. It's interesting that the media always talks about over 100,000 MEN and WOMEN fighting in Iraq, but when it comes to soldiers deserting the military for Canada every last one of them is a man.*

Here's the story:

here

Let CBS know how you feel about this sexism by writing them at:

CBS

Click on "Feedback" at the bottom of the home page.

Steve"

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/04/12/10/2220257.shtml

Women Lie !@@!?

Adam · 11 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"I realize this article is nothing more than restating the obvious, but there you go..."*

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9news.com (Denver): Women "inappropriately" arrested

Adam · 11 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Here we go again with the second part of 9news.com's report on domestic violence. They have a hard time understanding that it's a two way street.*

Here is
the story

Steve"

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Domestic Violence at a Wedding

Matt · 12 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here's an interesting article. Why was the wife not charged with battery for having hit him over the head with an ash tray? If the injuries to his head could have caused him to react in a violent and confused manner towards others subsequently, could she not be held responsible for the entire episode?"*

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NY divorce law: unfair - and just?

Matt · 12 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"In this editorial, Susan Cheever makes some outlandish assertions. She obviously did no homework whatsoever but instead chose to get her statistics right out of her a--."*

Click "Read more..." for more.Clancy continues...

"On the one hand, it's a shame to spend resources keeping people together who don't want to be together. On the other hand, making divorce difficult protects those who don't want divorce, ***and this often includes the wife and children of the marriage.***

According to what I've read, women overwhelmingly initiate divorce proceedings. The following paragraph made me wonder if I was in one of those evil parallel universes where everything is backward.

There's a difference between justice and fairness. 'This law is still the last protection of the abandoned wife,' says one experienced lawyer. The law as it is gives the rejected spouse the power to say no. The world isn't fair, and it is particularly unfair to women who have compromised their earning power to raise their children. As long as women make less money and do most of the domestic work, and as long as women still lose their sexual power at an age when men come into theirs, the world will be unfair.

Let's see. If a woman loses her sexual power at an age when the man is coming into his, that must mean the woman is about 30 years older than her husband. Maybe it's just me but I think this column has more holes in it than Bonnie and Clyde's last set of clothes."

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Irritable Male Syndrome?

Matt · 13 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"http://www.mensnewsdaily.com/archive/m-n/m-n-misc/ manthey121104.htm"*

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MSN.com asks: Is he a Scrooge?

Matt · 13 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Need I say more?! Here it is. Exercise: Replace the "he"s with "she"s and vice versa, then maybe add/change some of the activities that are described as part of the questions such that at least some of them are the sorts that men may actually enjoy doing, and then see what you get!

Ahh, MSN is sure keeping up its well-earned reputation for hating/devaluing/picking on men. Maybe MANN should have an "MSN" category all its own?

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/04/12/13/1821215.shtml

Internal Army Report leans toward women in combat

Adam · 14 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"According to this article, the US military is slowly moving towards putting women into combat roles in the US military. And the feminist response? Straight from the article -- "Female soldiers, including young mothers, should not have to pay the price for Pentagon bureaucratic blunders and gender-based recruiting quotas that have caused apparent shortages in male soldiers for the new land-combat brigades," Mrs. Donnelly said. "It does not make sense to sacrifice the advantage of modular organizations, just to make ideological points about gender equality. Land combat is not fair or equal, nor is it even civilized," she said. Sorry sisters, you wanted equality and gender quotas, you got it."*

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NPR Airs "The End of Men"

Matt · 15 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Have a read, and listen to the report either by clicking the "Listen" link on the page or you can use use this link. Windows Media Player worked for me.

Click "Read More..." for commentary.A friend sent me the link to the page. I replied to his note as follows; tell me, readers, what's your take on it?

Hmm, I listened to this story. The story was not openly misandric and so I have a hard time wondering that MANN readers will have much to say about it when they hear it. There's far more openly misandric stuff out there that gets and rightly so a lot of attention from MANN.

I think the phrase "the end of men" is more of a commentary on the state of society. Manhood as a defined thing seems to have been eliminated. Rather than the social role emphasized the biological role has been emphasized for the sexes. This perhaps to some degree explains why "guy" and "male" have replaced "man" in much conversation and writing, as manhood is not needed for reproduction but maleness is. I also think it's both a mechanism and symptom of the diminution/decrease of respect for men in general; in the mean time, the use of "woman" versus "female/gal/girl" has been vaunted and asserted so that it is used all the time, and even to describe, laughably, adolescent girls ("the rights of this 15-year old woman can't be denied!" and other ridiculous stuff like that). And there is no mistaking or ignoring the shift from "men and women" to "women and guys" in conversation. "Ladies first" has become "Women (wymyn) first," in particular when referring to the sexes as two groups in the same sentence. So the end of men is really more of a contemporary social and political phenomenon rather than a biological one.

I rather think humanity will have died off for other reasons long before Y chromosomal breakdown destroys it.

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Andrea Yates Seeks Appeal

Matt · 15 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The infamous child murderer is seeking an overturn of her conviction. Read it here.

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Male Birth Control

Matt · 15 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A global sex survey reports: "More than half of men globally (59%) would be willing to take the male contraceptive pill - but less than half of women would trust a man to take it responsibly."*

What the survey apparently does not ask, is what percentage of men trust a woman to take their birth control responsibly. I know I don't. Mayhaps, if there are two people having sex, neither of whom wish to become parents, both of them should be using birth control?

Why trust anyone, when it comes to such grave decisions, especially if one does not have to."

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Mom Beats Student on Camera

Matt · 15 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Perhaps MANN should also add another category called "violent women", simply because there seems to be so much of it even despite the underreporting of it. Apparently she didn't bother to show up for sentencing in the matter either. Story and video here.

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Global warming spells the end of woman!!!

Matt · 16 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"Great news, men. The faster the glaciers melt, the sooner feminism will die since there will be no more women to support it. They'll all be dead. And, as simple as it was to kill the Martians in H.G. Wells 'War of the worlds', as the oceans rise from melting ice, millions of women will flounder to their death because* ***"...often women don't know how to swim, so in a flood situation that can lead to a higher instance of death or injury,..."***

Could it be that simple? Discourage all women from taking swimming lessons???? Beleive it, or not!

How in the name of God's Green Earth can EVERYTHING that happens either naturally, or un-naturally, ALWAYS be detrimental to WOMEN????? Take heart O ye men of the world for we are immortal. We ALL know how to swim!!! BWAAAA HAAAAA HAAAAAA!!!!!"

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Contact Information for NPR's "End of Men" Author

Matt · 16 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

As a follow-up to this story on MANN, contact information for the NPR correspondent who wrote and aired it, Joe Palca, is as follows:

Joe Palca

NPR

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Washington, DC 20008

202-513-2776

jpalca@npr.org

Feel free to share your thoughts on the tone or content of his report with him.

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Blunkett custody fight ends in resignation

Matt · 18 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Home Secretary David Blunkett has lost his career as a result of his battle for access to the child he believes is his. He went to court to get parental rights, the child's mother responded by making allegations of corruption, and he was forced to resign.*

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How to live longer

Matt · 18 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Men are more likely than women to die of heart disease. Changing your diet could increase your life span by more than 6 years.*

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Mensnewsdaily.com hacked

Matt · 18 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"What happened to the Mensnewsdaily.com website?*

Did they close it down? Were they hacked into and brought down by the feminazis?

Just in case things get back to normal between now and when you see this post, this is what I found this afternoon when trying to bring up the site. Everything was centered on an all black background:

Rebellious Fingers Brazilian Defacements Crew!

We'are:

Ackstr0n_X - D3m0n_suspect - failed - FDL

irc.gigachat.com.br on #rf | Email: rf@iname.com

"Pra quem vive na guerra a paz nunca existiu"

"Racionais MC's"

"Negro Drama"

Dittohd"

Ed note: Wow, looks like the site was hacked by some individual or a group calling themseleves "Rebellious Fingers Brazilian Defacements Crew". I hope they will have the site back up soon.

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Women Like Women More than Men Like Men

Adam · 18 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes ″

This new research shows that when adults' automatic attitudes are measured, they have more positive feelings about women as a group.

"Even though men are often perceived to be at the top, especially in the corporate world, new gender research shows that men are not generally the preferred gender. This new research shows that when adults' automatic attitudes are measured, they have more positive feelings about women as a group.""

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Washington Post Launches Pro-VAWA Campaign

Matt · 19 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

A reader in the DC area who is involved in men's rights work has sent me the following item. This is definitely an activism item for us MANN regulars and for anyone else interested in stopping legislated bigotry and institutionalized judicial inequality.

Please click "Read more..." for the details and, as they say, "follow the directions!"

Washington Post set to launch pro-VAWA campaign – And this time we're ready!
NEWS FLASH:

According to inside sources, the Washington Post is about to launch its publicity campaign to renew the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). But the Washington Post's coverage of this issue will be biased and will unfairly stereotype men.

BACKGROUND:

Violence between intimate partners is a concern in our society. Research consistently shows that men and women are equally likely to initiate domestic violence [See http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm]. Linda Kelly recently analyzed this issue in the Florida State University Law Review, and concluded that feminists frequently present a distorted picture of domestic violence, depicting only women as DV victims [See http://www.papa-help.ch/downloads/kelly.pdf].

The Violence Against Women Act, which first passed in 1996, was written to benefit female victims only. VAWA was renewed in 2001, with a $4 billion price tag. The current VAWA expires in 2005. Renewal legislation for the third cycle will be introduced in the next few months.

The key question this time will be whether VAWA will continue to discriminate against male victims. Gender equity experts say the law should be broadened to include all persons, and the law should be re-named the Violence Against Persons Act.

The National Organization for Women continues to claim that only women suffer from domestic violence. N.O.W. wants to continue to exclude male victims from this legislation, which funnels billions of dollars to women's shelters and other feminist programs.

The Washington Post is well-known for its pro-feminist stance. This bias affects both its editorial positions and news reporting of gender issues. When Congress was debating VAWA five years ago, the Post ran numerous articles on domestic violence. The articles consistently depicted women as victims.

THE WP STRATEGY:

Beginning Sunday, December 19, 2004, the Washington Post will be running a three-part series on Maternal Homicide. This is the publication schedule:

Sunday, December 19: Many New or Expectant Mothers Die Violent Deaths

Monday, December 20: The Victims

Tuesday, December 21: The Legacy

As this series unfolds, we will see media bias at work. We will see that statistics are presented in a misleading manner, that misleading logic is used, that false headlines are employed, and that male victims are excluded from consideration.

By giving front-page coverage to this emotion-laden issue, the Post is attempting to pre-empt discussion on whether

VAWA should become gender-inclusive.

OUR STRATEGY:

In the past, men have had to simply tolerate the false stereotypes as abusers and women as victims. But this time we're ready.

Set a bookmark to http://www.washingtonpost.com/

and make note of these key contacts:

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Over the next three days we plan to ask the Washington Post editors why their coverage of this issue repeatedly does violence to the journalistic principles of objectivity, fairness, and balance.

Stay tuned for more!

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Washington Post Launches Pro-VAWA Campaign - Sunday

Matt · 19 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

A follow-up report on the Washington Post's pro-VAWA series, with links and actions to take. Please click "Read more..." for more.

The Washington Post: Where Men's Lives Count for Less
NEWS FLASH

On Sunday, December 19, the Washington Post features a 3-page article titled "Many New or Expectant Mothers Die Violent Deaths". The article probes the deaths of mothers due to domestic violence. Sadly, the Washington Post continues its pattern of ignoring male victims of domestic violence.

WHAT THE WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE SAYS

The Washington Post reports on the issue of domestic violence against pregnant and new mothers. The WP reporter, Donna St. George, surveyed all state health departments and interviewed the victims' family members.

Ms. St. George concludes that 295 new or expectant mothers die from homicides each year, and that 70% of these deaths were caused by boyfriends or husbands. So the Washington Post analysis indicates that 207 maternal deaths each year are the result of domestic violence.

WHERE THE ARTICLE GOES WRONG

According to the latest report from the Department of Justice, 510 men are killed each year by their wives and girlfriends (see Table 1 on p. 2 of linked document). This number represents 28% of all persons killed due to partner violence.

But that critical fact is never mentioned in the Washington Post article.

The Post article is designed to appeal to the reader's emotions. Much of the story provides graphic details of the deaths. It features the names and color photographs of 24 female victims. The article features alarmist commentaries by domestic violence experts and emotional headlines such as, "Researchers Stunned by Scope of Slayings."

The article is designed to arouse women's sense of fear and vulnerability. The essay does not provide anything that resembles an objective or balanced discussion of an important social problem.

A PATTERN OF BIAS AND NEGLECT

Each year, 510 men and 207 mothers die as a result of domestic violence.

It is good that the Washington Post has highlighted the tragedy of 207 mothers killed by domestic violence. As the article sadly notes, "Their killings produced a few local headlines, then faded, a seeming aberration in the community where it happened."

But what about the 510 men?

The Washington Post has never published a three-page article on men killed by their wives or girlfriends. The Post has never surveyed health departments or interviewed their grief-stricken family members to piece together their stories. The Post has never printed their pictures. Their killings have never produced front-page headlines in the Washington Post.

These male victims remain neglected and invisible.

At the Washington Post, it's not just that the lives of men count for less. It's that the lives of men killed by their wives and girlfriends simply don't count.

A PRINCIPLED RESPONSE IS CALLED FOR

The voices of men killed by domestic violence are now silent. But we need to speak out:

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A Sense of Helplessness

Matt · 20 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"An article of interest appeared at MSNBC today concerning the recent increase in killings of new, expectant mothers. The article quoted Pat Brown, a criminal profiler based in Minneapolis. She said:*

'For some men, the situation boils down to one set of unadorned facts: if the woman doesn't want the baby, she can get an abortion. If the guy doesn't want it, he can't do a damn thing about it. He is stuck with a child for the rest of his life, and he's stuck with that woman for the rest of his life. If she goes away the problem goes away.'"

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More about the Italian father shelter

Matt · 20 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"I found a good translation of the news item about the italian father shelter in Bolzano.*

'Divorced and separated men who have been _forced_ to give up their houses and empty their pockets for child support can apply for one of the five rooms with private bath in the communal home which could soon be copied across Italy.'"

Click "Read more..." for more from the submitter.Linucs writes
"The proper translation for "mamma-loving country" should be "forcibly emasculated country under the radical-feminist boot", while "forced" actually stands for "fraudolent wealth redistribution", but you get the idea anyway: divorced dads sound like refugees from some war torn country. The thought of being possibly removed from my own house and sent to a socialist-sounding shelter really is the wind under my wings... Hey, at least we still have "democracy"."

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Woman Murders Woman and Steals Unborn Baby

Matt · 21 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Many of you have seen different reports about this story in the news recently, but to not mention it would be ignoring the proverbial 800-lb. gorilla. It is just too unspeakably horrible to contemplate and maybe that is why no one posted it on MANN... until now. Anway, I am at a loss for commentary, except to say, just imagine how this story would have read if the perp had been male.

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DLJ Launches anti-VAWA Campaign

Matt · 21 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"We've activated our resources and were prepared when the WaPo story hit!*

To launch the campaign, there's an essay entitled Why YOU Should Fight VAWA here.

Click "Read more..." for more from Trudy
Also some early responses to the piece. I'll track the reactions from bloggers and various news outlets, and add them as I see them. If anyone's got a heads-up on a piece I may have missed, leave a comment at the DLJ, or send e-mail.

I'm also actively seeking essays and commentaries from those who may not yet have your own blogs or websites. e-mail me at DVA2004-at-desertlightjournal-dot-com

I encourage anyone who has been thinking about starting a blog to do so now! They're free at Blog-City http://www.Blog-City.com but cheap if you want more than the basics. The more blogs we have speaking out against VAWA, the better progress we can make!"

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Washington Post Launches Pro-VAWA Campaign - Monday

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Following on its opening story of yesterday, the Washington Post continues promulgating half-truths and half-picture reporting on DV in an effort to support re-funding VAWA. Click "Read more..." for the details.

The Washington Post: Where "Rape Hysteria" Takes a New Turn
NEWS FLASH

On Monday December 20, the Washington Post featured a 3-page article titled Violence Intersects Lives of Promise. This story, written by Donna St. George, is a follow-up to a similar piece that ran on December 19.

The purpose of the second article is to provide heart-rending descriptions of several pregnant women killed as a result of domestic violence.

BACKGROUND

Beginning in the 1920s, newspapers in the Southern United States began to run stories of black men who had allegedly raped white women. The sensationalistic articles played on readers' emotions in such a way that the public at large became unduly fearful.

The inflammatory news coverage had two effects:

1. Thousands of men, mostly black, were lynched by vigilante mobs.

2. Laws were passed that made it easier to convict alleged rapists.

In the early 1990s, rape hysteria descended on America's college campuses, this time under the guise of stopping "date rape". As a result, colleges instituted new disciplinary procedures that, in many cases, removed the presumption of innocence from accused male students.

Now in 2004, a new type of rape hysteria is on the rise. That hysteria is being promoted by the domestic violence (DV) industry and by certain media outlets.

WHAT THE WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE SAYS

The Washington Post article provides graphic details, based on interviews with family members of two DV victims -- Shameka Fludd and Ceeatta McKinnie - and summaries of the deaths of several other women. The essay includes 7 photographs of victims and their family members.

A sidebar article, "States Add Penalties for Death of Unborn" discusses the effects of the Laci Peterson death on homicide laws around the country.

WHERE THE ARTICLE GOES WRONG

The WP article is anecdotal in nature. It is written to play on the emotions. It does not provide any real **news** beyond what was reported in the previous story. It is the kind of story one would expect to see on the Oprah Winfrey or Jerry Springer shows.

The concluding paragraph of the account reveals the legal outcome of one of the woman's murderers, Donte Allen, who was sentenced to 45 years in prison. After the sentence was announced, the father of the woman was quoted to say, "It's not enough."

Translation: We need stronger laws to prevent domestic violence.

CONCLUSION

Each year, 207 mothers (some pregnant, others not) and 507 men die as a result of domestic violence. Their tragic

deaths are never pleasant to recount. A three-page account of the slayings of the 507 men would have had a similar emotional impact.

Those men who have been victimized by domestic violence should no longer be ignored. Nor should the tragic deaths of 200 women be exploited by the domestic violence industry to sway public opinion about upcoming federal legislation.

The Washington Post is engaged in a biased - some would say scurrilous -- effort to impose a one-sided perspective on a problem that affects men and women alike.

TELL THE WASHINGTON POST TO HALT THE DV HYSTERIA

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Wesley Snipes sues NYC over DNA order

Matt · 21 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From CNN, Action film star Wesley Snipes sued the city Monday, charging that it had no jurisdiction to seek his DNA in a paternity suit filed in Indiana by a woman he said was crack-addicted and mentally ill. Always nice to see a man who can fight back, does against these dingbats."*

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Slate's response to Washinton Post DV articles

Matt · 22 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Jack Shafer, who is editor-at-large for Slate magazine, writes a decent analysis of pregnancy murder statistics in response to the Washington Post's sexist policies. As you all know, the Post has been arguing for the VAWA act, without arguing for changes that would provide adequate and comparable services to male victims of domestic violence. The Post is creating news at a time where there would otherwise be none, designed to coincide with politicians' push to re-fund VAWA. The Post continues to neglect the problem of female-on-male DV."*

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Washington Post Launches Pro-VAWA Campaign - Tuesday

Matt · 22 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

The last of a three-part series on Domestic Violence which utterly ignores male victims by the Washington Post concluded Tuesday, Dec. 21 with, as predicted, more of the same. Please click "Read more..." for a review and a response, as well as actionable contact information for the Post.

The Washington Post: Where Male DV Victims are Shortchanged

NEWS FLASH

On Tuesday December 21, the Washington Post concluded its three-part series on maternal homicide. Tuesday's article Mending Shattered Childhoods, provides an in-depth account of the murder of Cherica Adams and the struggles of her surviving son.

The main article is accompanied by three shorter articles: "Bittersweet Childhoods of Love and Loss," "Boyfriend Indicted in Slaying of Girlfriend, Fetus in Fairfax" and "Baby Cut from Mother's Womb Leaves Hospital."

This series is an example of newspaper coverage which ignores male victims of domestic violence.

BACKGROUND

Research shows that women are just as likely as men to instigate domestic violence:

1. Law professor Linda Kelly reviewed the domestic violence research in the Florida State University Law Review and concluded: "leading sociologists have repeatedly found that men and women commit violence at similar rates.".

2. Psychologist John Archer reviewed 522 articles and concluded, "Women were slightly more likely than men to use one or more act of physical aggression and to use such acts more frequently." (Psychological Bulletin, Vol. 126, No. 5, 2000)

Summaries of the actual studies can be seen at http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm

MALE AND FEMALE VICTIMS ARE PRESENTED DIFFERENTLY

Domestic violence is an equal-opportunity problem. But the Washington Post continues to emphasize the paradigm of male-as-perpetrator, female-as-victim.

The Washington Post coverage of female victims tends to be more frequent and extensive, and to include color photographs. These articles are often given prominent location on page one of the section, above the fold.

In contrast, the WP treatment of male victims is different: The articles are much less frequent, shorter, and present the issue of male victimization in abstract terms.

This bias was seen in the recent Maternal Homicide series, which concluded that 207 expectant or new mothers die each year from homicide. The series never acknowledged the fact that the Department of Justice has found that 510 men die each year from domestic violence [see Table 1].

PERSISTENT BIAS

What is distressing is the Washington Post reporters have seemingly ignored the efforts of WP readers to correct the bias.

On March 25, 2000, the Post ran a Letter to the Editor which warned: "Your article 'What on Earth?' [02/18/00] wherein you publicize the allegation that 'one in three women around the world has been physically assaulted by her husband or intimate partner' is dangerous reporting."

A June 7, 2000 Letter to the Editor explained, "women are as likely as men to commit violent acts against their opposite-sex domestic partners. This is borne out by research. Further, most studies show that domestic violence is

not gender-motivated but the result of psychological disorders, alcohol and drug abuse."

On August 17, 2000 the Post published a Letter to the Editor which stated, "Every credible study on domestic violence has shown that women initiate domestic violence as often as men. One study published in the American Journal of Public Health in 1989 found that according to FBI statistics, wives had been the perpetrators of 43.4% of all spousal murders."

This pattern seems to be explained by Armin Brott, MD, who wrote an article which appeared in the Post on December 28, 1993. Dr. Brott presciently wrote, "Despite all the evidence about female-on-male violence, many groups actively try to suppress coverage of the issue."

THE BIAS NEEDS TO STOP

The Washington Post needs to follow accepted journalistic standards of fairness, balance, and objectivity in its coverage of domestic violence.

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'Tis the season for false accusers....

Adam · 22 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A civil servant has been acquitted of rape after a 14-month ordeal. The accuser said she was too ill to continue the trial. One thing to notice about the case is the lack of anonymity for the accused man - his name, photograph and place of work are openly published, but his accuser is described as 'a woman'. This anonymity gives shelter to serial false accusers. Story here. Check out the 'See also' links on the right for the history of the case."*

Luek writes *"*

The Innocense Project has used DNA to vindicate another innocent man accused of rape. He had served 17 wasted years of a 75 year sentence.

The article states that whe *MAY* be eligible to receive a measley $25,000 from the state for each year he was incarcerated.

It is time to review the rape laws in this country and impliment effective safeguards that will prevent state atrocities like this one happening again! No more of this "he said, she said" and her word rules garbage."

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Father charged with abducting his own children

Matt · 22 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Story here. A Father is held in jail with a $100,000 bail set for 'abducting' his own children from state social workers - while his wife, who is divorcing him and has accused him of abuse is under treated for depression and other mental illnesses. An Amber alert was activated so the entire police force in his state was notified of this event.*
The article paints this man as a monster, likely he was just fighting for his right as a parent. The tone of this article (in typical feminist fashion) makes this man look like a monster and depicts the social service programs as a solution. Since when is an Amber Alert supposed to be used on fathers?"

Click "Read more..." for excerpts.
Some excerpts:

1. The abduction came a day after testy court appearance for this father.

2. "A judge on Monday admonished Yeaw for not filing financial affidavits and other paperwork on time, Karanian said."

3. "This man told the judge, 'There's no sense in me doing anything. I'm going to lose my parental rights anyway.'"

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From India: Only Men Arrested in eBay Porn Mess

Matt · 22 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From the Guardian:*

'The trouble started a few days after the teenager made the recording, when someone tried to sell a video clip of him and his 16-year-old girlfriend on the Indian online auction site Baazee.com. The firm is a subsidiary of the US auction giant eBay.

'On Friday detectives arrested Baazee.com's chief executive, Avnish Bajaj, a US citizen and Harvard graduate. On Saturday a court bundled him off to jail for a week.

'Yesterday the police arrested the 17-year-old boy as well.'

Not surprisingly, the girl has not been arrested."

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Resisting VAWA: Excellent Analysis by Trudy Schuett

Adam · 22 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Trudy Schuett of desertlightjournal blog has posted two excellent essays examining the Washington Post's current campaign in support of reauthorizing funding for VAWA (Violence Against Women Act). She exposes the dangerous, fraudulent, sexist lies that underlie VAWA's assault against men, women, and families.*

(1)

Why YOU Should Fight VAWA

(2) Washington Post Series -- Part Two

"Rape Hysteria" Takes a New Turn"

An excerpt:

"All it takes for a woman to begin turning the wheels of VAWA in her aid is an accusation. No proof or demonstration of need is ever required by women's shelters, because it is presumed that no woman would ever misrepresent or lie about being abused. An accused man has no recourse in defending himself, guilty or not. Generally, an Order of Protection is arranged for ex parte, that is, separate from the accused. Some locales even allow for application for the orders to be made online. Often an accused abuser has no knowledge of the order, and finds himself informed of it only after he's violated it by going home. In one extreme case I'm aware of, the accused was hauled out of his bed by police and arrested. His wife had not bothered to even tell him about his violation, or of the order itself. They'd had dinner and spent the evening as usual, and this man had no hint of what was in store for him after he fell asleep.""

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Woman uses Rohypnol to rob men

Adam · 23 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"London: A woman has been convicted of using the 'date-rape drug' Rohypnol to render men unconscious before robbing them. Are we going to start calling it the 'date-rob' drug? Is the media going to start a hysterical campaign warning men against 'date-robbery'? Don't hold your breath..."*

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CS Monitor Covers F4J and Growing Father's Rights

Adam · 23 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"The Christian Science Monitor prominently covers the British Fathers for Justice phenomenon and growing social support for father's rights in piece titled "Divorced British dads push courts for more access to children: Former cabinet secretary's push to see his child highlights a growing father's rights movement."*

An excerpt - "There is a presumption that a father has to prove himself... We are constantly up against this accusation that a father doesn't deserve his children. Mothers never get that even if they are hopeless."

Full article -
here"

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Insulting story on MSNBC.com

Matt · 24 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Leslie Burns-Dell'Acqua writes *"This article on MSNBC.com repeatedly refers to a men's lounge section in a London department store as a "men's nursery." Mind you, the store doesn't do this--just the writer (and, by extension, MSNBC.com)."*

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Footballer loses job - for jilting his bride

Matt · 24 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"The BBC reports that a Malaysian footballer has been sacked after he jilted his bride at the altar, for 'bringing the game into disrepute'. He did it by text which is a pretty heartless act - but if the roles were reversed you can bet she'd have kept her job, without a doubt..."*

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Washington Post DV Series Draws Criticisms

Matt · 24 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Predictably, the Washington Post's recent series on maternal murders has drawn criticism. Click "Read more..." for excerpts and links.

The Critics Are Having a Field Day Over the Washington Post DV Series
NEWS FLASH

The Washington Post has just concluded a three-part series on Maternal Homicide. The series presented a one-sided view of domestic violence which stereotyped and vilified men. The articles were seen as a publicity effort by the Washington Post on behalf of the Violence Against Women Act, which comes up for renewal this coming year.

Now, the critics are having a field day. Here are five examples:

1. THE MUDDLED MATERNAL MURDER SERIES LOSES ITS WAY

Research shows that women are just as likely as men to instigate domestic violence:

Slate editor Jack Shafer criticizes the failure of the Washington Post series to meet minimal standards of good journalism. Shafer concludes:

"The pity of this series is that after latching on to a compelling subject and reporting the murderous hell out of it, the Post lost track of what all its research added up to."

2. EXPECTANT MOTHERS' REAL RISK OF VIOLENCE

Richard Davis takes aim at the shoddy statistical methods used by Washington Post reporter Donna St. George, especially her reference to a 2002 Massachusetts study. Davis summarizes:

"The problem of domestic violence, in all its different insidious forms, must not be used by any single group as a means to achieve their particular social and political agenda."

3. WOMAN STRANGLES EXPECTANT MOTHER, CUTS OUT BABY - ANDY ROONEY UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

What is distressing is the Washington Post reporters have seemingly ignored the efforts of WP readers to correct the bias.

Mike LaSalle was disturbed by the media's attempt to sweep the Bobbie Jo Stinnett murder under the rug. He comments:

"The Washington Post has gone several steps further with a three-part series meant to dilute the gruesome murder of Bobbie Jo Stinnett at the hands of Lisa Montgomery by reminding readers that Scott Peterson did it too, and by restaging Stinnett's unique murder as a statistical fluke against the backdrop of 'hundreds' of murders of pregnant women that have taken place of the years."

4. PREGNANT WOMEN, PREPARE TO BE MURDERED

Peter Ambler takes issue with the fear-mongering tone of the Washington Post series. He notes:

"Instead of creating a discourse addressing the vulnerability and disconnectedness of young girls who become pregnant, Ms. St. George fear-mongers by talking about the invisability of this 'social syndrome' and intimating that, because of our ignorance, maternal homicide is far more prevalent than she can even currently count."

5. WHY YOU SHOULD FIGHT VAWA

Trudy Schuett sees the VAWA legislation as having an essentially ideological agenda. She writes:

"VAWA is nothing more than one of the last bastions of feminist superiority. We can erase this horrible mistake and begin to move forward in providing real help for the abused if we can get rid of this badly-conceived law."

THE ONE-SIDED REPORTING NEEDS TO STOP

The skeptics have spoken their minds - now how about you?

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Open Letter to Washington Post from NCFM-DC

Matt · 25 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

I received the following (click "Read More..." for the text) from the NCFM-DC chapter. It seems they are not impressed by the Post's recent DV articles. No surprise there! Please read and e-mail the Post in support of the sentiments expressed.The following letter is being sent to Leonard Downie, Executive Editor of the Washington Post. If you wish to support this letter, please e-mail the Washington Post at:

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December 24, 2004

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Dear Mr. Downie:

I am writing on behalf of the National Coalition of Free Men – DC Chapter to express our numerous concerns with the Washington Post's recent series on Maternal Homicide. The series, written by Donna St. George and others, consists of three main articles:

December 19: “Many New or Expectant Mothers Die Violent Deaths”

December 20: “Violence Intersects Lives of Promise”

December 21: “Mending Shattered Childhoods”

Before sharing our concerns, I will mention that others have expressed serious reservations about this series:

1. Jack Shafer, Slate editor-in-chief: THE MUDDLED MATERNAL MURDER SERIES LOSES ITS WAY [http://slate.msn.com/id/2111254/]

2. Richard Davis, vice president of Family Non-Violence Inc.: EXPECTANT MOTHERS’ REAL RISK OF VIOLENCE [http://www.ifeminists.net/introduction/editorials/2004/1222davis.html]

3. Mike LaSalle, MensNewsDaily.com editor: WOMAN STRANGLES EXPECTANT MOTHER, CUTS OUT BABY – ANDY ROONEY UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT [http://mensnewsdaily.com/blog/2004/12/woman-strangles-expectant-mother-cuts.htm]

The Maternal Homicide series contains many serious flaws, both of a journalistic and social nature:

DOES NOT REPRESENT GOOD JOURNALISM

On nine counts, the Maternal Homicide series does not measure up to accepted standards of good journalistic practice:

1. Gives a Distorted Picture

Research shows that women are just as likely as men to instigate domestic violence (DV).

Law professor Linda Kelly reviewed the domestic violence research in the Florida State University Law Review and concluded, "leading sociologists have repeatedly found that men and women commit violence at similar rates." [http://www.law.fsu.edu/journals/lawreview/downloads/304/kelly.pdf].

And psychologist John Archer reviewed 522 articles and concluded, “Women were slightly more likely than men to use one or more act of physical aggression and to use such acts more frequently.” (Psychological Bulletin, Vol. 126, No. 5, 2000)

But the Washington Post series never acknowledges that domestic violence is a problem that affects men and women alike.

2. Does Not Include Relevant Context

The series focuses on 207 expectant or new mothers who were killed each year by their boyfriends or husbands. While tragic, the series does not mention that there were 4,022,000 -- over four million -- births in the United States in 2002.

While the articles foster the impression that maternal homicide is widespread, statistics reveal the exact opposite: only five one-thousandths of 1% of expectant or new mothers – that is, 0.005% – are victims of fatal domestic violence.

3. Ignores Conflicting Information

The series states most maternal homicides arise from domestic violence. To support that thesis, Donna St. George did an in-depth review of only 72 cases. On the basis of that review, she concludes that "nearly 30 percent" of them were not due to domestic violence.

St. George’s “nearly 30 percent” figure is very different from the large Massachusetts study that she cites. In Massachusetts, 62% of maternal homicides were not related to DV [www.mass.gov/dph/fch/safemoms/preg02rg.htm]. The large discrepancy between “nearly 30 percent” and 62% seriously undermines the thesis of the articles.

Clearly the reporter’s 72 cases do not consist of a representative sample, and therefore cannot provide the basis for drawing generalizations.

4. Contains Factual Errors

The "Researchers Stunned by Scope of Slayings" article states, “In 2002, Massachusetts weighed in with a study that also showed homicide as the top cause of maternal death, followed by cancer.”

That statement is incorrect. For White non-Hispanic women, the Massachusetts study found that motor vehicle accidents, not homicides, were the number one cause of injury-related death.

5. Imposes Agreement When No Agreement Exists

The Sunday article states, “many experts have come to agree that 4 percent to 8 percent of pregnant women – 160,000 to 320,000 a year – are physically hurt by husbands, boyfriends or partners.”

That statement is self-evidently false. A two-fold difference in the range of 160,000 to 320,000 DV cases a year does not represent anything that resembles “agreement.” And given the controversies in this field, why doesn’t St. George provide the reader with the names of her “experts”?

6. Relies on Innuendo

Sunday's article includes statements suggesting the problem may be far worse, but provides no factual basis for that implication: “The Unknown Toll,” “few could be sure they knew of all or even most cases,” etc.

7. Uses Emotion-Laden Headlines

"Many New or Expectant Mothers Die Violent Deaths," "Researchers Stunned by Scope of Slayings," and "Mending Shattered Childhoods" are the type of headlines one would expect to find in a supermarket tabloid, not in the Washington Post.

8. Provides Very Little News

The real "news" of the series can be summarized in a single sentence: Each year 295 new or expectant mothers die from homicides, and possibly 70% of these deaths are caused by boyfriends or husbands.

That finding deserves a single 1,000-word article, not the front-page recounting of tragic anecdotes that the series becomes fixated upon.

9. Represents “Red-Meat” Journalism

Fatal domestic violence against mothers is a highly emotional issue that deserves objective and balanced journalistic treatment. Unfortunately, this is not the case in the Maternal Homicide series.

DOES A DISSERVICE TO YOUR READERS

In addition to the above-listed journalistic flaws, the series does a disservice to the Washington Post readers:

1. Leaves the Reader with the Wrong Conclusion

By failing to mention that there are over four million births each year, the series implies that DV-related maternal deaths are commonplace. That is an ostensibly false conclusion.

2. Promotes a Form of "Rape Hysteria"

The series becomes overwhelmed with tragic anecdotes. Women are always depicted as victims, and men are portrayed as perpetrators. The parallels between this series and newspaper articles in the southern United States in the 1920s that promoted “rape hysteria” are disturbing indeed.

3. Ignores Abusive Women Who Need Help

Women who initiate domestic violence need help. By ignoring those women, society never focuses on assuring they can receive the counseling and therapy they need.

In summary, the Washington Post’s Maternal Homicide series, in both the journalistic and social senses, is grossly deficient. Whether intended or not, its effect is to stereotype and vilify men.

ACTIONS TO TAKE

Domestic violence is an important social issue, and it deserves balanced treatment by the Washington Post. Therefore we are requesting that you promptly implement the three following actions:

1. Schedule an educational session for your reporters and editors, to be presented by one or more of our Chapter members, on the scope, nature, and trends of domestic violence, based on the findings of scientific research.

2. Research and run a three-part series that features domestic violence against men. The series should address the following topics: research findings, how male victims are often ignored by DV programs and services, and what male victims can do to protect themselves and get help.

3. In all future DV articles, the Washington Post should assure that your reporters and editors provide a balanced and fair perspective.

In closing, I know that you are dedicated to the highest ideals of journalistic practice, and strive to assure that the Post reflects the best standards of objectivity and fairness. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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"Wars happen because men like fighting"

Matt · 25 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"On Christmas Day 1914, exactly ninety years ago, British and German soldiers in WW1 called a ceasefire and got together to sing carols, exchange gifts, and play football. In some places on the front line, the peace lasted for weeks. Meanwhile back in London, feminists were giving out white feathers to men not in uniform. See 'Christmas Truce' by Malcolm Brown and Shirley Seaton.*

Links here and here"

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Washington Post DV Series Draws More Criticism

Matt · 27 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Again from Slate's Jack Shafer, this time an article entitled, Body Count: Doing the Math on the Washington Post's momicide series."*

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AIDS: it's a female epidemic

Matt · 27 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The BBC presents Princess Kasune Zulu sweetly smiling in tradition African dress. She declares, "The latest UNAids annual report only confirms what we know -- Aids is a female epidemic." Thanks for delivering that load of manure, Princess. But wait, there's more. The Princess intones that AIDS prevention programs should "expand the freedom of girls and women to negotiate their sexual activity, and engage boys and men in discussion about their assumptions regarding their own gender roles." Great AIDS prevention strategy. Sounds to me like warmed-over Western academic feminitwit-babble. It's the new form of global colonialism. And it shows contempt for men lives and ignores the many male victims of AIDS. Thanks for your care for men, Princess."*

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Who's Your Daddy?

Matt · 27 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Last year, more than 3,000 DNA paternity tests were commissioned by Australian men, and in almost a quarter of those cases, the test revealed that not only had their partners been unfaithful, but the children they thought were theirs had been sired by someone else. The Supreme Court in Victoria is scheduled to hear an appeal from a woman who was successfully sued by her ex-husband for paternity fraud. This report examines the ramifications of this landmark case. Meanwhile, in Germany, father's rights groups in Germany are fighting to retain their right to have secret paternity tests without a mother's permission. They say it is the only way to combat paternity fraud.*

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Men "Still Suffering in Silence"

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Anonymous User writes
"Most may be too humiliated to report it, but PAUL BOWEN bears testimony to the fact that men endure domestic abuse at the hands of their female partners."

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"Vagina Monologues" draws protest

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Linucs writes *"According to the Oregon Daily Emerald, the 'Vagina Monologues' drew protests. What kind of protests? Get this: 'In flyers handed out to audience members at the show, University graduate Nicole Sangsuree Barrett wrote that while there was `diversity` in the show, it was minimal. Women of `a variety of skin colors, body sizes, abilities and gender expressions were not adequately represented,` she said. Maybe women are underrepresented in this diverse, multicultural, inclusive process, which will lead to dialogue and facilitates emancipation from the patriarchy-made race-based stereotypes that may hurt sensitive and oppressed women.'*

At last, I see the light..."

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Another biased DV story

Matt · 28 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Ric writes *"Sydney's leading daily newspaper has just run another story about domestic violence and you guessed it - no mention of violence against men or against children. RespectYourMan has set up a protest page with sample email to send to the columnist - Piers Akerman. This is the third DV article along these lines in this newspaper in the last 12 months. Enough!*

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Home Run at the Post!

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Please click "Read more..." for the good news. Thanks to all who participated!

We Hit a Home Run at the Washington Post!
Last week the Washington Post ran a three-part series on Maternal Homicide that was an example of writing (it didn't qualify as 'journalism') that appealed more to the emotions than the intellect.

But this time around, we were ready. Thanks to a cooperative effort among the National Coalition of Free Men - DC chapter, the Men's Activism News Network, the Desert Light Journal, and several men's rights discussion groups, we hit a home run!

On Saturday, the Post ran two excellent letters to the editor.

And then on Sunday, the WP Ombudsman Michael Getler devoted one-third of his weekly column to a critique of the series. This was his best line: "The criticism that seemed most worthy of attention was directed at the statistical underpinnings of the project, especially those statistics that were not in the articles, and the cautions about the data."

This time we proved that we are capable of mounting a fast response; that we are able to generate hundreds of emails, phone calls and letters from around the country; and that we are able to be heard by a high-ranking editor at the Post.

A hearty clap on the back to everyone who helped to make this a success!

And while you're still in the generous Christmas spirit, why not send Mr. Getler a quick thank-you note? We want to show our appreciation -- and give him a subtle reminder that we will continue to closely monitor the Washington Post's coverage of the DV issue!

Here's how to contact him:

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Telephone: 202-334-7582

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Winnepeg Sun Columnist Writes Hard-Hitter

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Ross Parent writes *"Lydia Lovric of the Winnipeg Sun, has penned the most honest, hard-hitting, truthful essay about the equality scam that I've seen since Donna Laframbious left the National Post. You really must read this to believe it. I hope she still has a job. Check it out soon, as I don't know how long it will be accessible. A quick note to the Winnipeg Sun and Miss Lovric would be great."*

Ed. note: Ms. Lovric's web site is found at http://www.lydialovric.com/.

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Susan Sontag's Death Reported - with Omissions

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The AP and the are reporting BBC the death of Susan Sontag, among other news providers (see stories: AP and BBC). However they failed to make note of Ms. Sontag's feminism or her pinning the responsibility for 9/11 on the US. Contrast the BBC's report with this writing, originally appearing on the IWF web site.

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National Non-custodial Parent Class Action Lawsuit Seeks Virginia Coordinators

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Harold Leist seeks local coordinators to continue the NCP lawsuit effort in Virginia. Please click "Read more..." for the details and if you are an NCP in Virginia, please consider joing Harold's efforts to help you and other NCPs get some sembalnce of justice.

Hi everyone,

Well as you all know we are not dead in the water. Considering the judge gave us leave to amend the complaint and told us what the problem is, I would say we are looking good. I would like to think that all of you who sent letters and all the other things that have been done had some impact on it.

I write to you today in an effort to form leaders in every county in Virginia. Of the group that we have we go from the coast to the mountains, from rural farms to the largest of cities. We are everywhere. The problem is we have only scratched the surface of the people who know about us.

Would you be interested in putting together a team where you live to help get the word out? You would be asked to set up some type of email service (yahoo works great) so you can contact people, work on passing fliers by posting in Wal-Mart, K Mart and passing them out at the malls and other such stuff to try to get people involved.

Now you don’t have to do all the work yourself. It will be up to you to build a local team to help you with the projects.

Now would be a great time for everyone to get involved. According to the court tracking system (Pacer) lots of paperwork has been filed for the case. Lots more wouldn't hurt. Let the court, and everyone else know we are here.

There are over 360,000 NCP’s in VA. Add to that what every you want for those who have remarried (you new wife or husband has the same problems you have) and you could say we are a large voting block that needs to be considered.

So let’s break the state down into smaller pieces and press to get the word out and everyone on the same page. It will only help our children.

Let me know if you can help,

Thank you,

Harold

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Harold Leist

VA Coordinator,

National Non-custodial Parent Class Action Law Suit

http://www.leist.us/ (read the suit)

harold-at-leist.us (contact me)

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Virginiacivilrightscouncil
(discuss the case)

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Domestic Violence Delusions...a PBS documelodrama - Part 1 of 3

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Part 1 of a 3-part essay, submitted by Harry Crouch. Click "Read more..." for the text.

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Domestic Violence Delusions…a PBS documelodrama
The evening of Wednesday, December 8, was reserved for the screening Breaking the Silence, Journeys of Hope, a new PBS documentary produced by KPBS, which operates from a large plush building on the main campus of San Diego State University, the home of the first women's studies program in the United States.

The documentary was co-sponsored by The Waite Family Foundation, which funds many of San Diego family violence related events and organizations, including $125,000 of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council's annual budget.

I walked into a party of sorts, thought I was in the wrong room; there was a stage, couple of podiums, nice chairs in neat rows, display tables filled with literature, and lots of good eats. There were all sorts of finger foods, including shrimp, pot-stickers, veggies, egg-rolls… Gourmet stuff, not that frozen in the box deep-fry. I guess the cash strapped domestic violence industry does better than they let on.

Thirty or forty people surrounded the food table, others gathered to talk, and more sauntered in. Someone was singing and strumming cords on a guitar. Maybe it was a wedding and I made a wrong turn. Nope, I spotted some DV industry operatives I knew. I brought a selection of brochures and put them conspicuously on a display table by the door. I really needed a cup of coffee, found it, and surveyed the room for allies. I spotted one, but not the one I had come with, Albert Schafer, a rehab therapist case manager and President of The Coalition of Parent Support. Albert was already lost lobbying somewhere in the growing crowd.

The coffee was decent. I grabbed a pot-sticker. Then, it hit me like a ton of frivolous restraining orders. One of men's rights activist allies recently had to beg a local shelter for a hotel voucher for an abused man looking for a safe place to hide from his violent wife. Initially, the shelter refused. After more begging, the activist was able to secure a voucher for a roach motel. I imagined a junkie crash pad, mold in the walls comforting rats, and unwashed, stained sheets on a lumpy bed with squeaky, broken, box springs. The next day the advocate begged for a better and safer room for the abused man. The shelter relented and coughed up three days rent for a room minus my imagined roaches, mold, rats, and stained sheets. Here I was sucking down a fancy pot-sticker. I wanted to spit it out, but that would have been tacky, plus it was tasty. I ate nothing more, guzzled my coffee, and wondered how many hotel vouchers could have been bought instead of the gourmet frilly food. What a waste of supposedly precious resources. There must be an abuse excuse for that to… They should always have coffee.

One of the event's opening speakers was a young woman from the Waite Family Foundation. After a few comments, she announced that 95% of all domestic violence perpetrators are men. Truth aside, the young woman delivered the party line straight faced like other victimhood party operatives. Her research apparently overlooked the recent assessment of domestic violence resources in San Diego. The County Office of Violence and Crime Prevention conducted the assessment and found that women accounted for 24% of domestic violence arrests, which is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg, as most reputable family violence researchers and cops know.

Virtually every California police officer I have asked about male versus female aggressors, perhaps a 100 or so, gave roughly the same answer; about 50/50 with up to a 10% or less variance one way or the other.

Interestingly, I witnessed a San Diego Police Domestic Violence Unit Investigator announce the 95% myth in a

training that I recently attended, and one Queen of Denial Long Beach Sergeant Sheriff's deputy had never, ever, not once, heard of a woman perp. Hmm… Long Beach and San Diego must be safe places for heterosexual men and lesbians, which they are not, or the good Sergeant and SDPD Investigator work part-time in the misinformation office of the National Organization of Women.

Of course, the industry wants people to believe western women are still oppressed and suffer horrendous abuse simply because they are women. I wondered if they ever considered that men die six years earlier, suffer almost all work related deaths and injuries, die by the thousands in war, suffer the most alcoholism, and commit suicide 10 times more than women when intimate relationships end. Unfortunately, the male bias in the abuse industry directly contributes to the premature death of men, particularly suicides. Even so, everyone knows victims cannot be blamed, except for men, and, to reiterate, there is no excuse for abuse, except for women; hence, long live the 95% myth.

A local who's who of San Diego's domestic violence industry insiders comprise the Advisory Board of the KPBS Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign, a subcommittee of which appears to have guided the production of the documentary. However, none of the Who's Who seemed to know the first thing about, or at least care about, male recipients of domestic abuse, unless they are gay.

Radical feminism's influence on KPBS, local domestic violence industry operatives, and the industry's disregard for heterosexual males came through loud and clear in what was shown of the documentary. Such bias permeates KPBS's domestic violence campaign's "Someone You Know Needs Help" website too. "Someone," being women of course.

The website has sound bites like, "…teaching young boys that violence against women and children is wrong" and "…half of female victims of intimate violence live in households with children under the age of 12." There is not one word I could find about teaching young girls that violence against men and women is wrong, so I guess female perpetrated violence is Ok, if not promoted, excuse or no excuse. The first sound bite, by omission, also implies it is fine if boys learn that violence against men is Ok. Moreover, I wonder which households the millions of abused men and boys live in, apparently none with children under 12? The link "Learn the Facts," reveals a short list of me-ism Gender Feminist statistics with not one mention of an abused man or boy, like we only exist to beat women and deserve no further consideration. Violence is a high price to pay for ignorance, politics, and ideology.

The documentary is stale, rehashed, and stereotypical pandering propaganda. It has standard tear-jerk stories of beaten women, followed by a white heterosexual man's rendition of life as a reformed woman beater. The film has a well-known actor, perhaps Hispanic, telling young school children about his saga growing up with an abusive father and beating bad dad into a fetal position until he blubbered like an idiot, just before our actor roll model ran away to find fame and fortune in Hollywood.

With all the Law degrees and PhDs on the documentary subcommittee, one would think the slightest degree of fair and original thinking might shine through. However, the documentary is the same old gender biased stuff; bashing bad man breeders of European descent. It is just repackaged, in another, "We refuse to talk about women who kick, maim, and kill" documelodrama.

How do these professionals, some with graduate degrees in child psychology and family counseling, justify showing such incomplete and misleading drivel to children who may go home every afternoon from school, only to be beaten bloody by a drug addicted, alcoholic, or personality disordered mother?

Part 2 will be posted tomorrow.

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Domestic Violence Delusions...a PBS documelodrama - Part 2 of 3

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Domestic Violence Delusions…a PBS documelodrama
(continued from part 1...)

The documentary played up the bad dad slight of hand, again blaming wife beaters for raising boys to beat women. Nevertheless, there was no mention of women like Texan Dena Schlosser, who cut off the legs and arms of her 11-month-old baby. I saw no reenactment of Waco whacko grandma Rose M. Cherry who daily whipped her 4-year-old granddaughter, until she died from blunt force trauma. The propaganda included nothing about New South Wales Kathleen Folbigg who killed in cold blood her four children over a ten year period because their crying annoyed her and the little buggers interrupted her gym time and dancing. I saw no segments about any of the millions of women who abuse men, women, or children.

The documentary did not even mention local Astrid Tepatti and her lesbian lover Ebony Wood, who unsuccessfully tried more than once to murder Tepatti's Camp Pendleton Marine husband, Stephan Tepatti, for his insurance money. Earlier this year, Houston's Dr. Rick Lohstroh's, 10-year-old son pumped bullets into his Dad until dead. After a contentious divorce, ex-wife Deborah Geisler bought the gun and may have encouraged their son to use it. Moreover, let us not forget infamous women like Clara Harris with her Mercedes, her weapon of choice used to run circles over her estranged hubby. Harris even took their daughter along for the ride. Later, incarcerated murderer Harris was awarded legal custody of her children. Geisler and Harris did not make the documelodrama's casting call either. Go figure…

I guess examples like those don't qualify as domestic violence; either that, or, industry operatives can't find a man to blame, like some blamed the husband of estrogen deficient mass murderer Andrea Yates, who snuffed out her five children in a matter of minutes. Obviously, such situations are a hard squeeze into the misogynistic patriarchal model of oppressed women victimhood, as are homosexual on homosexual violence, lesbian on lesbian violence, prison rape, and all those abused boys caught up in the continuing Catholic Church debacle, particularly the ones abused by Nuns. Then there's Lynndie England's having way to much fun smile as she tortured naked male prisoners in Iraq, but that's foreign violence and doesn't count here, or does it?

Men who beat women may be responsible for some boys growing up women beaters, but there is no question, none, nada, zero, zip, that westernized women commit the lion's share of child abuse and a hefty hunk of adult on adult family violence; so, who really raises most of the boys that abuse women? If boys were raised by and survived Schlosser, Cherry, Folbigg, Geisler, Harris, or women like them, can anyone reasonably believe such boys would grow up with no propensity to abuse women?

Additionally, what happens to little girls and young women in analogous situations, like Clara Harris's daughter along for the ride? Then there is the California woman convicted of stalking the foster family caring for her teenage daughter and soliciting a former client to kidnap her. Last month, a jury convicted the woman of residential burglary, child endangerment, and battery. The daughter was reportedly hit, kicked, and suffered years of physical and emotional abuse, though the mother maintained innocence, alleging her daughter invented the abuse charges after an argument. Regardless of truth, it appears the daughter may have continuing difficulties, particularly with her mother, family lawyer, Marilyn Freeman. Only wrongheaded ideologically driven politics keeps us from better protecting such children.

The KPBS documelodrama was apparently stopped short to make room for more speakers and a panel discussion. Two speakers of note were recipients and givers of abuse. The first was a young woman whose story was truly heart wrenching, then they paraded out the token gay guy. I had seen this trick before when I took a 40-hour volunteer course for the Family Justice Center, where, to offer up a victim and show gender inclusiveness, they paraded out a gay guy whose lover stuck a knife somewhere. Nevertheless, this gourmet bash was different; this gay guy was a reformed perp. Whoa! A reformed perp gay guy, how progressive is that? Moreover, he was Hispanic. One has to applaud the multi-faceted diversity. I felt honored just to be there, especially since so few heterosexual guys were in the group, relatively speaking.

Curiously, they had a gay guy who abused another gay guy, and a woman abused by many men, but no lesbian who abused another lesbian, or man abused by many women. No women who abused anyone? Now how did that happened?

A gnarly story about kinky lesbian intimate violence would have added a bit of color. Maybe even a passing mention about the lesbian dilemma and theoretical debate about lesbian consensual sadomasochism and how it squares with intimate abuse and the law.

But, Hey, why discuss anything relevant to help lesbians? No reason to "…disrupt certain dominant feminist homogenizing views," as remarked by Janice Ristock in her landmark work No More Secrets: Violence in Lesbian Relationships, wherein she also reports that a whopping 48% of the lesbians she studied experienced sexual assaults by their lesbian lovers. Lesbian Ristock says,

> "(Her) whole book is a refusal of the science/social drive to create all-explanatory models. (Her) point is that all such models, all monolithic understandings of abuse, are flawed. 'Mutual abuse' is wrong, 'power and control' is wrong, 'effects of patriarchy' is wrong when indiscriminately applied."

Go girl! Ristock put herself at great risk in the feminist community by sharing her thoughts and findings.

KPBS's monolithically myopic production Breaking the Silence, Journeys of Hope, took no risks and walks straight down the industry line of delusional sobriety. More apt is, Causing More Violence, Travels in Omission by the Politically Correct; or, perhaps, Blame the Big Bad Man and Shame the Male Child, Adventures in Misandry and Other Card Tricks.

The panel discussion came next. On stage were Sterling Alexander, PhD., licensed clinical psychologist and the Chair of San Diego County's Commission on Children, Youth and Families Child Abuse Prevention Committee. To his left sat Pat McGrath, Deputy District Attorney, Assistant Chief of the Family Protection Division. Then came Aurora Zepeda, M.P.A., who advises various organizations on policies concerning the whole range of victimhood, from infancy until death. Last, was Vincent J. Felitti, M.D., Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California and founder of the California Institutes of Preventive Medicine. Dr. Felitti conducted research on the long-term relationship of adverse childhood experiences to adult health.

I must say, with no disrespect, that I don't remember much of what this esteemed panel said, since I'd heard the bullet points many times before; so, the information bounced off me with the redundancy of Klingon torpedoes caroming off Starship Enterprise's force field. When at such events, I hear a continuous subliminal chorus chanting, "bIjatlh 'e' yImev. naDevvo' yIghoS. bIjatlh 'e' yImev. naDevvo' yIghoS…," which in Klingon means, "Shut up. Go away. Shut up. Go away…" Paranoia can be fun. No matter, there were a few memorable moments.

MC Gloria Penner, host of the popular local KPBS show "Editors Roundtable," asked the panel a question about emotional abuse, which panel members seemed to quickly sidestep. The question also gave me a great lead for a question. I raised my hand when the question period began and was chosen. I offered something like, "I want to thank Ms. Penner for raising the issue of emotional abuse. I wonder if Mr. McGrath would explain how many emotional abusers the District Attorney's Office has prosecuted for paternity fraud, parental alienation, and false accusations." The room got quiet, but McGrath deftly fielded the question. His short answer, none. His long answer

pitched such matters back to family court. McGrath was truthful, to his credit.

Part 3 will be posted tomorrow.

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BBC: Women 'still face glass ceiling'

Matt · 30 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

More "glass ceiling" nonsense from the BBC.

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Insult woman - go to jail!

Matt · 31 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"Will it ever stop? From the Guardian: "The law puts anti-gay and sexist comments on an equal footing with racist or anti-semitic insults, allowing French courts to hand down fines of up to €45,000 (£30,000) and jail sentences of up to 12 months for "defamation or incitement to discrimination, hatred or violence on the grounds of a person's sex or sexual orientation"." Aside from saying goodbye to free speech, I cannot help but wonder: what is a "sexist comment" for the Law? "The feminist group Les Chiennes de Garde, or Guard Bitches, added that it hoped the law would lead to a fall in the number of physical attacks on women "by first outlawing verbal violence"." No, this will not outlaw anti-men advertisement and media bias, but thanks for asking. Maybe we could outlaw any form of speech for men, so everybody would just climb trees, eat fruit and get along? Oog oog!"*

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National Geographic Places Women's Suffering Above Men's

Matt · 31 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"The newly arrived January 2005 issue of the National Geographic has the following text on page 89 "The women of Anefgou mourn the death of one of their own, from old age. Tied to the countryside by tradition and lack of education, women "do the heavy lifting," says GEOGRAPHIC researcher Marisa Larson, who served this region as a Peace Corps volunteer. Women plow the fields and raise the children while their men increasingly toil in the cities."*

Ed. note: On-line excerpt from article is found here.

Click "Read more..." for more.

So, it seems that the Moroccan Patriarchy is oppressing the Berber women in the Atlas Mountains, while their men have the privilege of living in shantytowns on the outskirts of Casablanca and Rabat where they work long hours for a pittance to send home.

Granted, it sounds like a tough life for BOTH genders, but is it necessary to denigrate the Berber men like this? The National Geographic is a fine magazine otherwise, but it has this annoying tendency to insert "academic" feminism into many of its articles.

Ironically, on page 85 the following text may be found "Bold strokes of saffron mark a woman in Zaouia Ahansal as the mother of a boy being circumsised and also as a Berber, or Amazigh (Free Person)." Also, page 91 has "Following Muslim custom, villagers circumcise a two-year-old [boy] in a Taarart courtyard."

Where is the outcry against male genital mutilation by the National Geographic?

Contact the National Geographic via this page, or send a letter to the editor at: ngsforum@nationalgeographic.com.

Steve"

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Desperately Seeking Quote to Rebut DC Post

Matt · 31 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

DemandingJustice writes *"Sorry if this isn't the right place for this request, but I looked all over and couldn't find any other way to submit it.*

I'm writing a lengthy article to rebut The Washington Post's recent articles on "murdered mothers", and am trying to find a particular quote that I had stored away some years ago, but (of course!) cannot find now that I need it. I'm hoping that a MANN reader might be able to help me.

The quote is by a woman, I believe a university professor from New England (or at least the northeast). In it, she says *something* like: "Feminism has done more damage than any other movement in history and most of this damage is irreversible [or maybe "permanent"].

PLEASE, I've spent the past 4 hours looking for it on my PC and on the web ... does ANYBODY remember seeing this statement anywhere?

THANKS!"

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Domestic Violence Delusions...a PBS documelodrama - Part 3 of 3

Matt · 31 December 2004 · Archived copy · Original

Part 3 of a 3-part essay, submitted by Harry Crouch. Click "Read more..." for the text. [Part 2 is found here.]

The author is a full time men's rights activist, co-proprietor of MENSBIZ, publisher of Women Industry News, member of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council, and Board Member of the National Coalition of Free Men Los Angeles.

At his request, if you e-mail him, please use "re KPBS Documelodrama" as the subject line.

Domestic Violence Delusions...a PBS documelodrama
(continued from href="http://www.mensactivism.org/article.pl?sid=04/12/30/1829254">part 2...)

Nonetheless, such abuses are devastating and often life-threatening forms of premeditated emotional abuse and otherwise clearly satisfy legal definitions of criminal domestic violence, child abuse, and elder abuse, as applicable.

Fortunately, for the abuse industry, family courts are not overly encumbered by minor inconveniences like due process, witness testimony, physical evidence, pushy public defenders, and bail hearings. Of course, many in attendance knew that, some even worked hard to make it that way.

Without question, when one considers the high incidence of paternity fraud, parental alienation, and false accusations, women violently and maliciously abuse men overwhelmingly more than men violently and maliciously abuse women, including traumatizing forced rape for good measure. I guess many at the screening knew that too, which is why the room got so quiet and the industry shuffled such abuse over to family court, where it could be better hidden and manipulated, primarily in favor of violent women; again, in the best interests of children of course.

Now, I may have been remiss, since it appeared the entire documelodrama was not shown. So, let me apologize now to whomever I offended if it turns out the rest of the production shows violent and abusive women, lesbians even; and, abused men, like gays. Alas, I must confess, I still suspect there is nothing included about women abusing heterosexual men or transgenders abusing whomever transgenders abuse. *Diversity* is one of the best exclusive inclusiveness schemes ever conjured up.

In my view, the "Diversity Movement" mirrors a reverse hate group grope, like the KKK. Instead of hooded white guys, the Diversity Movement seems tightly controlled largely by pampered rich to upper middle class white women once uniformed in tie-dye cotton smocks with sandals, flapping around hand painted "Men are SCUM" signs; now turned contemporary custom English men's business suits, Gucci pumps, thinking about flapping around "Men are SCUM" signs printed at Kinko's. So showing women beating men in this documelodrama was surely considered counterproductive, even if men are abused regularly simply by omission? Talking about abused men, particularly heterosexual men, is apparently tantamount to sharing the location of the next cross burning with the FBI. Maybe these lateral thinking, connected way of knowing, Gender Feminist, documelodrama producers ought to come out of the closet and join the rest of us non-haters, if for no other reason than diversity. We can work on truth, understanding, and tolerance later.

I was anxious to leave and I suspect many others were equally, if not more, anxious for me to go, even though I was well behaved. As soon as all the mucky-muck thanking was over, I headed for the door shaking hands on the way. I forgot to mention that between the pot-stickers and first speaker, most of the brochures that I had earlier conspicuously placed on the table by the door disappeared and I had to go back to the parking garage, open my trunk, and drag some more back to the festivities. Leaving through the entry, I noticed a few second trip brochures still on the table; I strained my neck backwards looking at them, jeopardized my balance, stumbled over my own feet, and bumped into the gay guy.

"Whoops, Sorry, I appreciate very much you sharing your story with us," I stammered quickly while regaining my balance and trying not to sound glib, since he deserved the compliment.

He was a bit nervous. Apparently, this was the largest group to which he had shared his soul, "Thanks, I appreciate you telling me."

Now that we had appreciated each other with proper humanist protocol, I offered, "Yeah, they always parade out a gay guy, never a heterosexual. Go figure... I'm a men's rights activist, did you get any of our brochures?"

Somewhat chagrined, he said, "No, I..."

I cut him off, put my arm around his shoulder, turned him around, and gave marching orders, "Come on obligatory gay guy, I've got some good brochures about gay victims of domestic violence in here. Let me show you..." and off we went.

We talked some more after I rescued copies of the brochures that I drug in, including the one about abused gay guys, and encouraged him to give me a call if he needed someone to talk with or whatever, but I don't date. As far as I could see, no one else brought literature to help gays or lesbians, amazing, if true.

Then I butted into a conversation between Dr. Alexander and friend David Bruer, the other men's rights advocate there. David operates the Fathers Resource Center in Encinitas, CA.

After some discussion, Dr. Alexander asked me if I had any solutions in mind. That threw me. In the last three years as an equity advocate, there were only two times I can remember when anyone in the San Diego abuse industry asked me about solutions. Those opportunities came from Linda Wong-Kerbert of the County Office of Crime Prevention and members of the non-denominational SAFE Place Faith Communities committee designing and implementing a broad based information, education, and referral program for area congregations. I was totally unprepared for Alexander's question.

I started babbling incoherently and could not understand myself or shut up. Must be the better living through chemicals approach I adopted. No matter, I spit out in no particular order rough ideas about getting various abuse industries to talk with each other, better assessment, mostly health problem not criminal, long-term support systems, prosecuting false accusers, meaningful programs for abused men, and trashing the bad man, patriarchal, ideological garbage. I referred him to Linda Mill's book, Insult to Injury: Rethinking our Responses to Intimate Abuse, and gave him a copy of Domestic Violence: The 12 Things You Aren't Supposed to Know, by Thomas James. We exchanged cards and I followed him out blah, blah, blah as we went. I would have driven me crazy. I have to get over those short periods of uncontrollable excitement when someone in the abuse industry shows interest in what I might know or have to say.

From beginning to end, the later of which we are approaching here, I judiciously gave away five copies of the Thomas James book, including one to the 95% young woman from the Waite Family Foundation. In handing it to her I said, "Here, I'd like you to have this. If you read it, you will find that men perpetrate nowhere near 95% of domestic violence." They never have.

Maybe anyone who reads this should send a letter to their local PBS station denouncing the documelodrama, particularly NPR and PBS contributors. Several have done so in San Diego along with a comment that their donations will no longer be forthcoming.

Harry Crouch

NOTE: I took great liberty with dialog since I can never remember who says what to whom, and for brevity.

End of essay

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Court throws out $88.5 million award to Anna Nicole

Adam · 1 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From USA Today, A federal appeals court Thursday threw out a judge's ruling that awarded $88.5 million to former Playboy model Anna Nicole Smith from the estate of her late husband, an oil tycoon who died at age 90 just over a year after they wed. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled a Texas probate court's decision that the oilman's son was his sole heir should stand. The appeals court said the federal judge in California who ruled in Smith's favor in 2002 should never have even heard the case. Now if we could only get family courts to recognize that some women are only motivated by financial greed."*

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Women 'still face glass ceiling'

Adam · 1 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *" Is this the BBC trying to stir up gender hatred again and taking advantage of a natural disaster to announce the report and entwine the two in the hearts and minds of the readers?"*

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Glass Ceiling myth still not shattered

Adam · 2 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The British media is pandering to another biased report from the Equal Opportunities Commission, recycling all the tired old myths about the glass ceiling, and the supposed unfair discrimination women face in the workplace. Links BBC, Guardian and Independent "research shows that most high-ranking jobs in business, the judiciary and the police are filled by men...women's careers are still blighted by a glass ceiling." There is another explanation - maybe women just aren't as motivated as men to seek top jobs."*

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Woman "accused" of scalding baby to death

Adam · 2 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From CNN, A pregnant woman was charged with killing her boyfriend's toddler daughter by scalding her in what prosecutors say was 147-degree water, then ignoring her suffering for several hours."*

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Most complained-about ads of 2004

Adam · 3 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"Sydney Morning Herald today reports on the most complained about ads of 2004, and how many of them involve violence and sexual references read it here.*

Interestingly 4 of those ads relate to men with two in particular being what I would term derogatory in nature - for example one involves a woman using her rear-view mirror to stare at a guys crotch, the other a guy crashing naked through his shower floor to a girl-packed dancefloor below.

The complaints were dismissed - but hopefully the fact that these ads made it into the top ten means men are complaining more often about these forms of ads, which is a good start..."

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Women escape car insurance hike

Adam · 3 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I notice that the BBC have said nothing about part of the original directive which was to give women the same pension payments as men even though they lived longer. This of course is still sex discrimination against women whereas the car insurance hike is not a case of discrimination.*

If ever there was a reason to fight feminism and come out of the EU especially in the UK this is it. It shows in true colur the hypocracy of feminism and it's twisted logic.

Notice also that the BBC state men cause most of the serious accidents. I suspect then that women cause most of the non serious accidents but the BBC don't tell you this...."

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False accusations can kill

Adam · 3 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Getting back to things in India, the mob justice is picking up in pace. While reading the article, notice that for a so called "tradtional" society, they're already making excuses for the women who go around killing, and the feminists are making excuses for them as well. At this rate feminism will be entrenched there soon enough, due to them exploiting traditional chivalry. Are you starting to see how the radfems subvert cultures by playing on traditional chivalry yet?

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New breed of consumers?

Adam · 4 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"From the Guardian: '"Young women now drive the decisions on what to buy and, unlike older women, it is she, and not her boyfriend or husband, who decides how much to spend,' said Young." That looks fine, as long as she spends her own money... "But Joanna is playing hard to get. She may be the darling of the corporations, but, despite her education and strong opinions, she has left the politicians confounded by her reluctance to vote." - And what will happen to the dumb, uneducated men? '"Young women are the great untapped power in today's society: it is not an exaggeration to say future democracy relies on engaging their voices and their votes in a way we have so far failed to do,'" - Big idea: let's place some voting booths inside Body Shop. '"The feminisation of the high street has been so pronounced in the last five years that men are being chased away: your average heterosexual man feels completely out of place on the high street now,' said Experian's Patrick Gray. 'It is only "feminised men", or metrosexual man, who dares to face it. Most men prefer the internet to real-life shops now.'" - I surely feel out of place while reading The Guardian..."*

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One Doctor's Words Against Circumcision

Matt · 4 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This is part of a doctor's journal regarding his experience as an intern. It has some really good information re circumcision in it. Send it on to anyone who tells you it's "medically necessary" or "advantageous" to do this to an infant.

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Too smart to be a wife?

Adam · 4 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports here that a recent study has found that intelligent women are less likely to be married than less intelligent ones. All through the article, this is blamed on men - men are intimidated by intelligent women, men prefer 'the little woman' to stay at home and be like their mothers. It's all mens fault. Almost nothing is made of the opposite finding - that less intelligent men are far less likely to be married, and this certainly isn't blamed on women. Then right at the end, the quoted expert finally admits, "We find more women now are choosing not to have children or get married.". Hmm."*

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"True Love"

Matt · 4 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Interesting page on the NYTimes.com site. A reporter interviewed a number of scientific persons regarding decidedly non-scientific topics via the question "What do you believe is true even though you cannot prove it?" and came up with some fascinating replies. The last one in particular was quite noteworthy. Click the "Read more..." link for it.From http://www.nytimes.com/2005/01/04/science/04edgehed.html?oref=login&pagewanted=all:

David Buss

Psychologist, University of Texas; author, "The Evolution of Desire"

True love.

I've spent two decades of my professional life studying human mating. In that time, I've documented phenomena ranging from what men and women desire in a mate to the most diabolical forms of sexual treachery. I've discovered the astonishingly creative ways in which men and women deceive and manipulate each other. I've studied mate poachers, obsessed stalkers, sexual predators and spouse murderers. But throughout this exploration of the dark dimensions of human mating, I've remained unwavering in my belief in true love.

While love is common, true love is rare, and I believe that few people are fortunate enough to experience it. The roads of regular love are well traveled and their markers are well understood by many - the mesmerizing attraction, the ideational obsession, the sexual afterglow, profound self-sacrifice and the desire to combine DNA. But true love takes its own course through uncharted territory. It knows no fences, has no barriers or boundaries. It's difficult to define, eludes modern measurement and seems scientifically woolly. But I know true love exists. I just can't prove it.

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More statistics: Violent kids and the military

Matt · 4 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"Straight from the Military.com: "The Josephson Institute of Ethics, after conducting a national survey, found that "43 percent of high school and 37 percent of middle school boys believe it is ok to hit or threaten a person that makes them angry." The same survey found that "75 percent of all boys and over 60 percent of all teenage girls said they hit someone in the last 12 months because they were angry." These are the same students that are recruited into the Army. Think these anger issues are resolved before they enter the military? Think they won't be a problem in the future? Think again." At last, we found the other half of violence..."*

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Girl Not Prosectuted in Illegal Abortion

Matt · 5 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Garth writes *"Two teens, a mother and father to be, decide to end a pregnancy using the do-it-yourself method. Guess who gets arrested?"*

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N.O.W. on the Post Series

Matt · 5 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"The N.O.W. site has posted their typical P.C. feminazi take on the recent three-part series in the Washington Post on pregnancy and homicide.*

Note all the usual feminist deceptions ... omit critical information, selectively quote the so-called research, ignore voluminous rebuttals and even the Post's own admission that the articles were poorly written, and finally, lay the groundwork for yet another DV myth and the necessary hysteria.

It's the usual standard of integrity we've come to expect from the Stalinist sisterhood, though one might agree with N.O.W.'s concluding statement – "It's not too late to save the next victim..." .. OF FEMINIST LIES!

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BBC Amps "Women and Children" in Wake of Tsunami

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Well, didn't we just have to expect it? Here it is, gang. Surprised it took them this long, actually.

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Wells College Going Co-Ed Draws Uproar from Students

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NPR has a piece on how Wells College in upstate New York is going co-ed. The audio clip is available form this page.

Amazing, some of the comments to be heard, all the while the interviewer speaks with a tone of sympathy in her voice. When all-male schools went co-ed in the 1960s, few in the press seemed sympathetic to the complaints of male students. More of the same: Boys bad, girls good.

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Andrea Yates' Murder Conviction Overturned

Matt · 6 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

dschmidt writes *"The Associated Press is reporting that a Houston Judge has overturned Andrea Yates' conviction for murdering her children (all boys)."*

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The non-existent child

Matt · 6 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"You can read more about the non-existing child previously discussed here."*

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Lesbians raising sons; got a problem with that?

Matt · 6 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

ArtflDgr writes: *"BP News has a commentary on:*

FIRST-PERSON: Lesbians raising sons; got a problem with that?

It can be read here HERE

Click "Read more..." for more commentary from the submitter.ArtflDgr writes:

The article is blithly interspersed with all manner of offensive junk.
for example:

"The disproportionate number of boys born to lesbian mothers is thus, at least in part, an ironic slap in the face from an unforgiving biological fact."

of course no one is mentioning that the reason that nature makes more males than females is that we die off faster in all age groups from adolescence on. Though the article is making the assumption that lesbians only want girl children, which then begs the question of what or why the author things this is so.

of course the article points out that these boys will be utopian men who "dance, sing, decorate, play music, sew, and do theater and imaginative dress-up as well as play football and baseball, surf, ski, and shoot hoops"

The sad part of all this is not the issue in how the boys are raised or what their interests in, but what happens when they seek mates of their own. i dont know about you guys, but i dont see the men who do "imaginative dress-up" doing too well in the dating arena. generally those horrible brutes do better... i am not saying its right, but ladies pick what they like, and men like this are not high on their list of selections...

The truth is that if the majority of attractive women went after men like this rather than the men that get their blood running hot then we would have tons of men like this. raising your children as part of a social experiment as to how you think the world should be, over how it is, doesnt help either."

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Prenuptial Agreements May Suffer Setback for Men

Adam · 7 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Boston Herald ran an article titled "Judge to hubby: Forget prenup, pay up" in their December 30, 2004 edition. The first sentence of the article sums it all up nicely: "In a possibly precedent-setting case, the state Appeals Court has ruled that an ex-wife is entitled to alimony even though she signed a prenuptial agreement waiving it." The upshot? Men: don't get married!"*

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When science and feminism become bedfellows

Adam · 7 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *"An article about the pro-feminist bias in scientific research of sex-differences and the media that report it:*

Over here"

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Female teachers and sex offenders

Adam · 7 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"In the news. 2 examples of sexual abuse coupled with the fact that they are both teachers, and women. What are the odds? What are the odds that either will serve time?*

Article 1 and
Article 2"

bandersnatch writes *"Article 3, A Bay City high school teacher was arrested and charged with having sex with a student, Local 2 reported in an exclusive story Wednesday. Janay Willson, 31, was indicted on two counts of sexual assault of a child. Matagorda County officials said she had a sexual relationship with the 16-year-old male student in December 1999 and January 2000 but it did not come to light until 2004. The student has since graduated. As usual, it's not rape or sexual assault but "having sex" with a minor."*

I've also found another article or two you might be interested in,

Article 4 and
Article 5
. Perhaps we should start gender profiling women teachers, after all it's for the children.

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More on the Washington Post and VAWA

Adam · 8 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"Somebody is doing the math over the latest Washington Post stunt over the VAWA."*

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Female arrested in cyber-abuse case

Adam · 8 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From WAFB 9, We all know about high school bullying but have you heard of cyber-bullying? It's real and three Loranger High School students have been arrested for it. You're looking at computer equipment confiscated as part of the Attorney General's High Tech Crimes Unit investigation.*
They say the bullying started when a 15-year-old female student created a website picking on a 14-year old male student. He responded with his own site featuring poems with threatening language. A concerned parent alerted the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff, and he contacted authorities. One student, 18-year old Joseph Sanchez, was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor; he helped the younger male set up and maintain his website. Was the girl disciplined for her website and teasing? There's no mention of it in the article but my money's on the bet she hasn't nor will she."

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N. Korea Wages War vs. Men's Long Hair

Matt · 9 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

I simply didn't know what to list this under so I chose 'News'; it could have been 'Inequality' or maybe even 'Humor', but to the publicly condemned men who are mentioned in the article, there is I am sure nothing funny about it. Well we are talking about N. Korea here so there's no end of discussion we could have about abrogated human rights. But I do wonder if they also have a similar campaign devised to exhort women to wear their hair in a "womanly" fashion? One thing's for sure: stuff like this confirms my belief that the world is a strange place and getting yet more stranger with each passing day.

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AP news: "Feminists Face Tough Times"

Matt · 10 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Well, readers, have you comments regarding this news story?

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New TV ads paint pictures of competent Dads.

Adam · 10 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"Dad's in Charge in New TV Ads*
Monday, January 10, 2005
By Catherine Donaldson-Evans:

They say sex sells in advertising, but apparently, Daddy changing a diaper can also lead to big bucks. Fathers are watching the little tykes without Mom around in ads for carpeting, department stores, nasal spray, wireless technology, cereal and other products — a move that experts say reflects the modern family.

rest of story over here"

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Newspaper Publishes Op-Ed Criticizing maternal homicides

Adam · 10 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anon user writes: "*Glenn Sacks' newest column, "New Report on Maternal Homicide Crisis: Myth-Making and Manbashing" (Lexington Herald-Leader, 1/3/05) criticizes the Washington Post's recent series on maternal homicides. To read the article, go to here*"

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VA General Assembly Bill Would Make Failure To Pay C/S a Felony

Matt · 11 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

A pending bill (HB 1737), section 1.B, in the Virginia General Assembly would make failure to pay child support a Class 6 felony. Delegate John A. Cosgrove (R-Chesapeake) has introduced the bill and under its conditions would make any NCP in arrears $25,000 or more subject to arrest and prosecution (ie, persecution) for "failure to pay child support". In short, Del. Cosgrove is trying to make Virginia a lot like Michigan in that should a man be unable to find work, have a computer error happen with his payment records, or just plain have a judge not like him and refuse to allow him to submit evidence of payment, he will go to jail, be denied a profesisonal license, and the right to vote, among other things.

Click "Read more..." for more information and contact links.The 2005 VA General Assembly convenes tomorrow, Jan 12, 2005. If you live in Virginia it is imperative you contact your delegate and let your opinion be known. If not, please contact the bill's sponsor and let him know you're watching from outside the state and don't like what you are seeing.

For Del. Cosgrove, click here.

To look up a Virginia delegate, click here.

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Good News for Those with Prostate Cancer

Adam · 11 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"HealthCentral published an article titled Biothermy for Prostate Cancer, which relates the story of men who are "successfully treated only to have their cancer return a few years later." The new treatment, biothermy, is "very promising," according to Arve Gillette, M.D., a radiation oncologist at Community Health Network in Indianapolis. Biothermy uses high dose radiation -- 10,000-times more powerful than standard radiation seeds. "You can perfectly paint the dose so that every bit of prostate that needs treating gets treated," Dr. Gillette says."*

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New research shines a light on why women live longer

Adam · 11 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

ArtflDgr writes *"This article was posted to physorg... you can read it here.*
Given that this subject comes up all the time i thought i would include it."

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Men's willingness to reproduce 'the key to parenthood'

Adam · 12 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *"Looks like we're not that powerless when it comes to reproduction!*

"Men play the dominant role when it comes to making decisions about planned parenthood, social and medical experts said.
"In recent years, birthrate research conducted in the US has been focusing on men instead of women, because studies show that men's willingness to reproduce is the key to parenthood"

Full article here"

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Latest Guard Deployment Includes Mostly Women

Adam · 12 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"Maj. William Yuhas said the Taylor detachment is 85 percent women, most of them under 25. He said many women have joined because the 228th is the only non-combat unit in the area." as a man, would you complain that women are still given preferential treatment in the military? Or, thank them for serving our country no matter what the capacity?"*

Ray also writes *"Here is a timely news story reflecting America's* ***Women in War*** *"zeit geist." I take my hat off to women who are willing to accept the same responsibilities put on men, and tangibly be equal to men. Males are still the gender dying in this war over 97% of the time, yet the percentage of women who are experiencing the military responsibilities (historically placed on men for thousands of years) has arguably never been greater. Is it possible that through our never ending desire to show compassion for females (in this case female soldiers) we will somehow increase our compassion for male soldiers? ======*
"Maj. William Yuhas said the Taylor detachment is 85 percent women, most of them under 25. He said many women have joined because the 228th is the only non-combat unit in the area." "Spc. Corchado-Reyes said she was inspired to serve by her father, Luis Corchado, a Vietnam veteran.
"I'm sad because I know what people see in war," he said."

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Demand Equal Pay for Equal Work!

Thomas · 13 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

It's time men started filing a load of anti-discrimination law suits. The fact is: Men deserve equal pay for equal work. In this article, Carey Roberts relates some gems from Warren Farrell's newest book, *Why Men Earn More*. The book can be purchased here.

The demand for Equal Pay for Equal Work should be a bellwether of the men's movement.

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Which Men Marry and Why

Thomas · 13 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Late last year, the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University released its 2004 annual report on the state of marriage in the US.

One interesting point:

"Challenging the popular stereotype of the marriagephobic male, findings from a new national survey of young heterosexual men, ages 25-34, indicate that while men are delaying marriage until older ages, most men are "the marrying kind." Among all men surveyed, those from traditional, religiously observant family backgrounds are more likely to be married, to seek marriage and to have positive views of marriage, women, and children than young males from nontraditional and nonreligously observant family backgrounds."

Please click "Read More" for further details.Another excerpt:

"Compared to the rest of unmarried men in this sample, those who say that marriage is "personally not for you" are strikingly more averse to marriage on a number of key questions. For example, they are substantially more likely to mistrust women to tell the truth about past relationships (60 percent v. 39 percent); more likely to worry about the risks of divorce (66 percent v. 53 percent); more likely to believe that it is okay for a woman to have a child on her own (70 percent v. 61 percent); more likely to say that they do not want children (29 percent v. 6 percent); more likely to say that single men have better sex lives than married men (52 percent v. 31 percent) and more likely to agree that "if you marry, your biggest concern would be losing your personal freedom" (62 percent v. 30 percent). They are also less likely than other unmarried men to have grown up in traditional families (41 percent v. 58 percent) and less likely to have had fathers who were involved in their lives (58 percent v. 75 percent)."

The article can be downloaded as a pdf file here.

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VA HB1737 Going to Vote 1/17/2005

Matt · 13 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

With reference to this story on MANN, MANN received the following from Harold Leist:

Hello everyone,

Earlier we chatted about HB 1737. I have been informed that today it came up for consideration in the Virginia General Assembly House Courts of Justice Criminal Subcommittee.

To refresh your memory, this is the bill where they will put you in jail for being $25,000 behind in your child support. Now for some that seems like a lot of money. To some of you it would take a couple of years of not paying to rake up that much past due. However, to some on this list it is about 4-5 months. All it would take is for someone in this range to have a serious medical condition or get fired before they can go to jail.

Click "Read more..." for the rest of Harold's note.

This Monday, 1-17-05, it's going back to a vote. I want to ask each of you to contact everyone on the list below and express your displeasure over this bill. It needs to die in the subcommittee where it currently is.

For those who know me you know I'm not much on the "slippery slope" thinking. However, what is next year? Reduce it to $15,00 then what?

In the chat from the state coordinators it looks like lots of state Attorney Generals, who want to run for Governor, are making their bones on "being tough on deadbeat dads". I wouldn't put it past or AG Kilgore for doing the same thing.

Please contact the people below. Please have your friends do it also. Remember the vote comes up on Monday. Please do this soon.

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(discuss the case)

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Teacher's aide charged with having sex with boy

Matt · 14 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From Tampa Bay 10 News, A 35-year-old central Florida teacher's aide is under arrest on charges she had sex with a 15-year-old male student.*
Yet another female pedophile sexually assaults a young boy and the media headline calls it "having sex"."

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Pittsburgh Tribune-Review: "Deadbeat dads work to avoid manhood"

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Anonymous User submitted the text of this article.

Ed note: It's a must-read. Contact info. for the author is at the bottom of the article.

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Australian MPs' sperm in demand

Matt · 14 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In Australia, they have decided to remove the anonymity of sperm donors. Result: Men aren't donating anymore. Solution? Ask sperm from the MPs. Will it work? Probably not.*

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Woman rips off her ex-lover's testicle

Matt · 14 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *"... for refusing to have sex with her. Another example of 'the fairer sex' in action.*

She pleaded guilty but has yet to be sentenced. I bet she doesn't get a custodial sentence. If a man had mutilated a woman in such a way (cutting off a breast f'rinstance) he'd be locked up for years and put on the sex offenders' register for life etc etc..."

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Fight for paternal custody rights proving popular

Matt · 14 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"So says Phyllis Schlafly in this Op-Ed. It begins with:*

One impressive Nov. 2 vote has been overlooked by the media. By 85 percent to 15 percent, a ballot initiative in Massachusetts approved equal legal and physical custody of children whose parents are divorced.

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RADAR...Coming this Sunday!

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R.A.D.A.R. = Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting....

....Domestic Violence Media Watch for Men....

....Coming Sunday, January 16.

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NiceGuy. a new site I found.

Matt · 15 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"I was just roaming around the 'net and came across a "new" website. It is called "NICEGUY'S WOMEN/AMERISKANKS (MOSTLY) SUCK PAGE"*

The webmaster is called "NiceGuy". Although I find him a bit too harsh and critical of American women, at times, and he is obviously very angry (often with good cause) he makes alot of valid points about 'Male-bashing', the media, socialized American women and especialy feminists and the workings of feminism.
If you can get passed his anger and mild gynophobia, it is a very interesting site and an interesting read. Judge for yourself.

Here's the link:
http://niceguy.dearingfilm.com/index.php"

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UK F4J continue to make headlines

Matt · 15 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The UK is gripped by the reality TV show Celebrity Big Brother, and in the latest in an on-going series of spectacular publicity stunts, Fathers 4 Justice broke into the show's compound and set off fireworks. Well done guys!"*

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Maureen Dowd: Men just want mommy

Matt · 15 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Here is the latest in a series of Maureen Dowd's misandric rantings in the New York Times. This time it's about how men supposedly don't want to marry women who are more successful than them (she then equates this with men wanting to marry their mommies). Huh? I thought that the trend more that women don't want to marry men less successful than them.*

Steve"

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RADAR is Scanning for Media Bias

Matt · 15 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Over the past 10 years, the American public has been fed a steady diet of negative depictions of men by the mainstream media. We see it on the Oprah Winfrey Show, TV sitcoms, advertisements, movies, and even Hallmark greeting cards.

At best, men and fathers are portrayed as inept and confused. At worst, men are presented as the object of derision and scorn.

There is no better example of these negative portrayals than how the media covers the issue of domestic violence.

Over 100 studies have analyzed the nature of domestic violence. These articles consistently report the same result: domestic violence (DV) is an equal opportunity problem. Women are just as likely to initiate partner aggression as men. Anyone can review these studies by visiting the online compilation of Martin Fiebert, Ph.D., professor of Psychology at California State University at Long Beach.

Click "Read more..." for more.But the mainstream media see things a little differently. Playing fast and loose with the truth, the media routinely portray men as the aggressors and women as the victims.

Biased media depictions of DV are a particular problem for fathers. Eventually those false stereotypes become translated into unfair laws and law enforcement procedures. And those stereotypes give rise to false allegations, which are used to evict fathers from their homes and remove them from their children.

The media misrepresentation goes far beyond what anyone could reasonably call sloppy reporting or inadvertent bias.

Editors and reporters have been repeatedly informed of the bias, both by letter and direct telephone conversations. But the calls for balanced and fair coverage remain ignored. The unspoken -- and arrogant -- message is, "We don't care what the truth is. We know what information you need to hear. Now go away."

Four weeks ago the Washington Post ran a sensationalistic three-part series on Maternal Homicide. The full-color articles were splashed across three pages. The series attracted withering criticism from websites representing the full political spectrum: the liberal Slate, ifeminists.net, libertarian LewRockwell.com, and the men's rights site Men's News Daily, and elsewhere.

On December 24 the DC chapter of the National Coalition for Men sent a five-page letter of complaint to the Post. And what was the official response? A seven-sentence dismissal that ended with the absurd claim, "In no way does our coverage of this issue stereotype or vilify men generally."

That's exactly what CBS did when it responded to the recent Rathergate scandal: deny, dissemble, and stonewall.

This deplorable state of affairs is about to change.

On Sunday, January 16, a concerned group of men and women from around the country will launch a domestic violence media watch. The effort is called RADAR. RADAR stands for Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting. The purpose of RADAR is to assure the media, especially the major newspapers and other national media, provide fair and balanced coverage of the domestic violence topic.

The issue is timely, since the current Violence Against Women Act is set to expire later this year. Advocacy organizations soon will be introducing renewal legislation. To support passage of the VAWA renewal, gender advocates at media outlets will no doubt begin to "plant" stories that cater to the scurilous gender stereotypes.

So how will RADAR teach the old media dog new tricks?

Simple: Every time a biased article is published, RADAR will generate hundreds or thousands of phone calls, e-mails, and letters from concerned readers. The letters will be factual and reasonable in tone, but will drive home the

basic message: DV is an equal opportunity problem. By ignoring male victims, our society will never solve the problem of domestic violence.

Those e-mailers, telephoners, and letter writers will be people like you, persons who are sick and tired of being maligned and vilified as a batterers and abusers.

But how will we learn about those biased articles?

Actually, that's the purpose of this messge. RADAR is currently searching for Media Monitors across the country. The Media Monitors are persons who read their newspapers on a regular basis - either online or the paper version.

When the Monitor spots a biased article, he or she will have two possible courses of action, depending on whether the source of the biased story is a national publication (like the New York Times) or a local media outlet (like your hometown newspaper):

1. Major national paper: The Monitor will send an e-mail to the RADAR Coordinating Team, which in turn will put out a general alert via internet websites, listservs, and the RADAR website.

2. Local paper: The Monitor will write a letter to the editor, make a friendly call to the reporter, or other appropriate action.

RADAR currently has a number of persons who have signed up to bird-dog their local media. But we want to exponentially expand that network.

Are you game?

Contact Mark Rosenthal, the RADAR Media Monitor Coordinator. Send the following information to him at info-at-mediaradar.org (use a @ in place of -at- in the actual e-mail address you use):

-Your name

-Media outlet you want to track

-State (like Illinois) where the media outlet is located

Join the RADAR campaign, assure fairness in the media, and make a difference. If not now, what are you waiting for?

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RADAR – How Can I Help?

Matt · 16 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Are you are tired of media articles that depict men as abusers and batterers? Are you worried that one day you might be falsely accused of domestic violence? Have you felt frustrated wondering what you can do to stop this?

Now, there's a solution in sight. RADAR – which stands for Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting -- is a campaign that will harness the efforts of hundreds, if not thousands, of men's and father's rights advocates around the country.

Click "Read more..." for more.RADAR has identified five key messages:

1. Women are just as likely as men to commit domestic violence
2. Men sustain over one-third of all domestic violence-related injuries
3. Men are far less likely to report the incident
4. Media coverage of the DV issue is often biased
5. That bias often allows DV myths to continue and to grow

These messages will be conveyed to representatives of the media through e-mail communications, telephone calls, and letters to the editor.

So how can people get involved? Here are eight steps to success:

1. Visit our website, and visit frequently: http://www.mediaradar.org/. We need to get our site listed high in the Google search engine. Every time you visit, that ups the Google rating. And when reporters do a search on "domestic violence," they are more likely to find our web site.
2. Become knowledgeable about the facts of domestic violence. We have assembled the key information under the Resources section of our home page.
3. Begin to track how your local media covers the DV story. Pick one local media outlet – newspaper, radio, or TV – and establish positive contacts with its reporters, editors, or producers.
4. If you are tracking a major media outlet, join the national network of Media Monitors.
5. Sign up to receive the RADAR E-lerts. You can do that at the RADAR home page.
6. When you receive an E-lert, respond promptly. Send an e-mail or letter, or telephone the listed editor. Your message doesn't have to be detailed or lengthy. Suggestions on how to get your letter published can be found here.
7. Disseminate the male perspective on DV to the blog scene.
8. When you get your letter to the editor published, or convince your local paper to run a story on male victims, let us know about your successes. We'll list them in our Campaign Successes section!

The men's/father's rights movement has become the civil rights movement of the 21st century, and we are on the cutting edge. Now, let's do it!

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German Pols Want to Ban Man-Initiated Paternity Tests

Matt · 16 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Bad news from Germany!*

German Justice Minister Brigitte Zypries plans to outlaw paternity tests without the mother's or a court's consent. The law shall be extended to the whole European community. According to the BBC, there are similar plans in the UK and in North America(?).

See the following links:

http://www.deutsche-welle.de/dw/article/0,1564,145 7216,00.html

http://www.deutsche-welle.de/dw/article/0,1564,142 2595,00.html
(You can write a comment at the bottom of the page.)

Some interesting papers concerning this issue can be found here.

Best Wishes,
Samuel"

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Mother Murders Daughter Over Virginity

Matt · 16 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Madcap Misogynist writes *"You know women are too fat when they kill people by sitting on them.*
She killed one of her kids."

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Woman gets prison for extortion

Matt · 16 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Garth writes *"A California woman successfully extorted $2 million, and went for $13.5 million more, by threatening to accuse a wealthy man of fondling her at a Las Vegas Casino. After the second threat the man went to police, and they recorded the woman making the threats. She is facing at least 28 months in prison. It is possible that her biggest mistake was targeting the husband of famous singer Celine Dion. I doubt that a less well connected man would be so lucky."*

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Watershed NH study on Child Support

Matt · 16 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"This report honestly looks to be a major milestone. It is highly critical of current NH child support guidelines and how they unfairly treat the non-custodial parent. Included are specific recommendations on possible resolutions as well. It looks like New Hampshire has now become the first state to conduct a comprehensive legislative review of child support issues and how the non-custodial parent's rights are abused. Please do whatever you can to spread the word about this and help facilitate the grassroots effort that will keep the pressure on the New Hampshire legislature as the necessary and long overdue legislation to resolve this massive problem is being evaluated."*

Click "Read more..." for more.
"My understanding is that the next step is an attempt to get an appropriation passed by the New Hampshire legislature to provide for expert economists to objectively determine what the real level of support should be... If New Hampshire can get it done then it should only be a matter of time until other states follow suit.

I have more information on the associated (and as yet unpassed) bills relative to an appropriation for hiring an economist to develop new guidelines and extending the task force which would be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the committee's report recommendations..."

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Rohypnol robber jailed

Adam · 17 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The woman who used the date rob drug to render her male victims unconscious has been locked up for five years. Story here."*

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Salvation Army converted to feminism?

Adam · 17 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"The Memphis Tennessee Salvation Army has joined the swelling ranks of feminist non-profits that claim to assist families, but create their own definition to excluse fathers altogether. I sent them money and received a letter of thanks say, "on behalf of .. all the other women and children we serve, we once again say thank you." No mention of serving men at all. When I worked for AutoZone's corporate office in Memphis the Salvation Army convinced the company to donate money for a women-only shelter in which pre-existing space for homeless men was switched to a female-only building. When I asked about this they claimed there are far more homeless women than men. I checked on this claim and found it to be completely false.*

I emailed the Salvation Army a reply to their letter saying, in effect, since you quietly discriminate against males while claiming to be a Christian ministry I will never again offer any assistance of any kind to you. Spread the word. Anyone who wants to give to their local Salvation Army needs to check it out first. I checked their main homepage and found only a women's ministry, but no men's ministry. There was a policy statement saying that females are the cornerstones of family and society, with no mention of males having any value at all. I emailed their main office asking for an explanation and warning that I am going to spread the word to men's rights groups about them. So everyone spread the word. And then bombard them with letters or phone calls."

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RADAR ALERT: Washington Post: 'In no way does our coverage of this issue stereotype or vilify men...

Matt · 18 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Contact the Washington Post and tell them the following:

1. The Washington Post series on Maternal Homicide sensationalizes and distorts an important social problem.
2. By failing to place the issue in proper context, the series serves to stereotype and malign men.
3. Mr. Downie's letter, which does not respond to any of the requested actions, insults the basic notion of media accountability.

Click "Read more..." for backround and contact information.

Washington Post: "In no way does our coverage of this issue stereotype or vilify men generally."
Here's the contact information:

1. Leonard Downie: Telephone: 202-334-7512 (please be nice to the polite lady who will answer your call)
2. Michael Getler, Ombudsman:
   1. Telephone: 202-334-7582
   2. E-mail: ombudsman-at-washpost.com

3. Letters to the Editor:

   The Washington Post

   1150 15th Street, NW

   Washington, D.C. 20071

   letters-at-washpost.com

   (Include your name, address, and daytime telephone number)

To help generate media interest in RADAR, please mention you are contacting the Post in response to a RADAR Alert.

Folks, it's time to take action. Can we generate at least a thousand phone calls, e-mails, and letters this time?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Beginning December 19, the Washington Post ran a three-part, front-page series on Maternal Homicide.

The series has received intense criticism from persons representing the full gamut of political perspectives. These essays can be found on the RADAR website: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

On December 24, the NCFM-DC sent a 5-page letter to Leonard Downie, Executive Editor of the Washington Post. You can read the letter here.

The letter detailed the journalistic problems with the Post's Maternal Homicide series, and explained why the series did a disservice to the Washington Post readers. The letter concluded with three requests:

> *"1. Schedule an educational session for your reporters and editors, to be presented by one or more of our Chapter members, on the scope, nature, and trends of domestic violence, based on the findings of scientific research.*
>
> 2. Research and run a three-part series that features domestic violence against men. The series should address the following topics: research findings, how male victims are often ignored by DV programs and services, and what male victims can do to protect themselves and get help.
>
> 3. In all future DV articles, the Washington Post should assure that your reporters and editors provide a balanced and fair perspective."

On January 4, Mr. Downie responded. His letter, which can be read at the end of this message, did not respond to any of the requested actions. In fact, his letter denies any journalistic flaws with the series whatsoever.

Mr. Downie's response is identical to how CBS News handled the Rathergate scandal: deny, dissemble, and stonewall.

Mr. Downie's letter concludes, *"In no way does our coverage of this issue stereotype or vilify men generally."*

Many would disagree with Mr. Downie's conclusion. In fact, some would label it absurd.

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January 4, 2005

NCFM – DC Chapter

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Rockville, MD 20849

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your thoughtful and detailed letter of December 24 critiquing the series of articles that The Washington Post recently published about maternal homicide.

I understand the viewpoint that you are expressing, but this series of articles did not cover the entire subject of

domestic violence. It was focused only on homicide cases involving pregnant women and women who had recently become mothers. It never stated that this phenomenon was widespread and did not generalize beyond the specific studies it covered and the research our own reporter did.

The stories made clear that, because the research done so far and the statistics kept by law enforcement agencies are fragmented on this subject, the cases presented to readers were not necessarily a representative sample. However, the research made clear that this is a significant and newsworthy phenomenon that had not been reported elsewhere in the media. In no way does our coverage of this issue stereotype or vilify men generally.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leonard Downie, Jr.

Executive Editor

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F4J campaign showing results

Matt · 18 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Blair's government has announced plans to allow equal child access by both parents, and to punish parents who refuse access. It doesn't go far enough, but it is something. Despite what the government pretends, this would never have happened without F4J. The only concern is that it might turn out to be a sop to take the momentum out of F4J without really changing anything.*

The BBC page also allows you to post your own comments."

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Harvard U. President Under Fire for Comments

Matt · 18 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From Local6, The president of Harvard University prompted criticism for suggesting that innate differences between the sexes could help explain why fewer women succeed in science and math careers. "It's possible I made some reference to innate differences," he said. He said people "would prefer to believe" that the differences in performance between the sexes are due to social factors, "but these are things that need to be studied."*
He also cited as an example one of his daughters, who as a child was given two trucks in an effort at gender-neutral upbringing. Yet he said she named them "daddy truck" and "baby truck," as if they were dolls. As usual, the feminists are fuming."

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NH child support study and more information...

Matt · 18 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Marc S....

Here is a list of the pending bills associated with the prospective implementation of the report's recommendations and the appropriation for appointment of an economist to develop guidelines. [Ed.: See this MANN item.] Please try to get the word out on these bills which bills need grassroots support. Thanks for your work there, and many thanks to Rep. David Bickford and the other courageous individuals who contributed to the pursuit of this issue in New Hampshire.

If we can all get together and work behind the New Hamsphire effort to rectify the ugly reality of child support laws/guidelines endured by so many of us then perhaps we can save the next generations of would-be alienated and disenfranchised single parents (sadly, too often Fathers) from the same overwhelming grief. This is truly a major step (potentially) toward the reestablishment of marriage and the family as a viable and worthy American institution.

Marc

Click "Read more..." for details.----------

(CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE and extending the family law taskforce)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

9:30 a.m. HB 61, extending the family law task force.

2005-H-0147-R

HB61 extending the family law task force. Sponsors: (Prime) Carolyn M Gargasz

David A Bickford

Peter E Franklin

Sheila Roberge

Link to committee page; click 'Show Bills Currently in Committee', then click 'HB61'.

2005-H-0586-R extending the commission to study child support and related child custody issues and relative to hiring an economist to assist in revising the child support guidelines and making an appropriation therefor. Sponsors: (Prime) David A Bickford

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2005-H-0905-R relative to the child support guidelines and establishing a committee to study further revisions to the guidelines. Sponsors: (Prime) David A Bickford

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2005-H-0524-R separating child support and child custody laws from the chapter governing divorce and legal separation, implementing parenting plans, and changing terminology based on the recommendations of the task force on family law. Sponsors: (Prime) David A Bickford

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2005-H-0110-R establishing a presumption in favor of shared parental rights and responsibilities. Sponsors: (Prime) David A Bickford

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2005-H-0889-R relative to the periodic review of child support guidelines. Sponsors: (Prime) David A Bickford

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Two college women arraigned on rape charges

Adam · 19 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"NORTHAMPTON, Mass. -- Two women, including a Smith College student, pleaded innocent to charges they raped and handcuffed another female student and slashed her with knives.*

here"

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BBC's subtle media bias..?

Adam · 19 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"The bbc reports here what at first glance looks like a balanced article on divorce, and how partners use family court as a means of revenge. The stories of one man and one woman are presented, with little else. It could be me being too sensitive, but look a little closer and it no longer seems quite so balanced. The woman's story appears first (of course). She eloquently puts her story, an unreasonable and combative husband who refuses to agree to anything and demands everything, a judge who 'hated her on site' and made unfair decisions. Poor thing. Then the mans story, and he almost immediately admits to voilence and abandonment. Just seems to present another picture of women as victims, and men as whinging trouble-makers..."*

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Laura Bush Comes Out Swinging for Boys

Matt · 20 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Read about Laura Bush's expose for her second-term agenda. She comes out swinging for ... *Gasp*... Boys' education! Read all about it in Maggie Gallagher's new column. USA Today also covers her here.*

Bless her little heart. Apparently, someone in Washington is listening. Hopefully, some of the messages from Christina Hoff Sommers' War Against Boys have made it to the top!
If you like, email the White House to convey your personal experiences. In the words of Glenn Sacks, as always, be polite and be *positive* (e.g. congratulate her on her bravery; don't engage in rabid anti-feminist rants.)

Direct the email to "First Lady Laura Bush" in the subject heading. Email addresses include president-at-whitehouse.gov and first.lady-at-whitehouse.gov."

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Blake Murder Motivation: Avoid Paternity

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Read it here.

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Intellect related to sucide risk

Matt · 21 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *""Between 1971 and 1998, the suicide rate for women in England and Wales almost halved, while in the same period the rate for men almost doubled." Research suggests more intelligent young men are less likely to take their own lives, perhaps because they have better prospects. Story here."*

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DNA Acquits but court still wants a trial

Matt · 21 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bharati writes *"DNA acquits and yet prosecution wants to continue and army wants to court marshall. Need I say more?"*

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Collecting a DNA sample from every man in town

Matt · 21 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In one town, police are seeking a DNA sample from every man. The purpose is to hopefully solve a 2002 murder of a woman writer. (Semen was found on the murder victim.) Providing the samples is voluntary, but information is being recorded about those who do not cooperate. The article says that wide sweeps for DNA have not been effective with respect to solving previous crimes. The ACLU has criticized the "DNA dragnet" as well."*

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NOW calls for Summers Resignation

Matt · 22 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"NEWS FLASH!!!*

NOW Says Harvard President Lawrence Summers Should Resign.
Will Pressure Harvard to Promote Women Regardless of Ability.

Boy, I never saw THIS coming. If you read the article please take note that Lawrence Summers has issued no less than 3 apologies. I would rather he issued 3 middle fingers in rapid succession. Affirmative action? Who needs it. Let us promote women REGARDLESS of ability without any due process or pretense. Why the hell not. I can't see behind the scenes but I'm guessing that every man at Harvard is rolling over into the fetal position right about now. It's A-OK to say that girls are smarter and that our boy's decline in education is, well... "NO WORRIES, MATE!". Has NOW ever considered the male propensity for ACTION when words fail? Especially when they constantly are being handed the short end of the stick."

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Original Wisdom

Matt · 22 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

A lot to think about from this essay. An excerpt:

> James Bricknell, who was captured by the Delaware in the early 1800s and lived among them for several years before returning to his family, wrote in 1842: "The Delawares are the best people to train up children I ever was with… Their leisure hours are, in a great measure, spent in training up their children to observe what they believe to be right… They certainly follow what they are taught to believe right more closely, and I might say more honestly, in general, than we Christians… I know I am influenced to good, even at this day, more from what I learned among them, than what I learned among people of my own color."

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Sydney Herald: Men should be trained as worker drones for women

Matt · 23 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ric writes *"Australia's Sydney Morning Herald, serves up this opinion piece: "If more men were supported in lowering their expectations of themselves to be clever in more practical ways, they might also be more valued by women."*

The article suggests boys should be taken away from professional education in schools and taught vocational skills like sanding floors and fixing fences. This worthwhile employment will benefit women and cause them to value us again.

Not to forget "Women don't start wars" and "women are more agreeable socially". She forgot "women write self-delusional crap".

I have set up a protest page here
Please make them regret printing this crap.

Regards

Ric"

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Women cleverer than men, says MP

Matt · 23 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From the BBC, Women are brighter than men, according to the Labour chairman of the Commons education committee. Huddersfield MP Barry Sheerman said there was a "danger" of being obsessed about how boys were doing at school. His comments followed a committee discussion about whether girls or boys found it easier to learn to read.*
"My own personal view is that women are brighter than men," the MP said, adding that women now earned on average more than men as middle managers. He said: "We should celebrate this, shouldn't we? The brightest kids are coming through and they happen to be women."
And of course, there's been no calls for him to step down or apologize."

Ed. note: This story was published previously on MANN, but re-publishing it seems appropriate given the recent Harvard flap. The contrast in response is striking, yes?

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Police and woman collude to extort money with false rape claim

Matt · 23 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

SacredNaCl writes *"According to IOL South Africa News, this woman was so bold as to attack the man screaming she would file a charge of rape while holding a soiled condom unless he immediately gave her money. Worse, the police were in on the deal and had delt with her 3 times earlier that week, but not had arrested her, and on top of it, tried to extort money from him themselves."*

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Sponge Bob Flap: Make them Female and It Would All Be OK

Matt · 23 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

I can only ask myself, would this recent outcry against two male cartoon characters holding hands have arisen if the characters were female? I doubt it.

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Not Exactly Romeo and Juliet

Matt · 23 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This story is billed as a modern-day Romeo and Juliet tale. But as I recall and as the article points out, Juliet committed suicide upon learning that Romeo had done so out of despair, thinking she was dead. This story's Juliet did not. Also, Romeo and Juliet were both a lot younger and had feuding families to deal with. No mention of that here.

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Boys Falling Behind in Education

Matt · 23 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here is an excellent article regarding boy's lagging behind girls in education. Please e-mail the author and thank her for reporting on this important issue."*

Ed. Note: Fascinating, this piece, when Harvard's president is knuckling to the feminists (see here). He too can be reached by e-mail, at lawrence_summers-at-harvard.edu . While writing to thank the author of the article on boys' education, why not also let Summers know about its existence as well?

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CNN: Woman Threw Drug and Sex Parties for Teenagers

Matt · 23 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

... for teenage boys, that is. Read it here.

ARVADA, Colorado (AP) -- A 40-year-old woman held sex and drug parties with teenage boys, telling police she wanted to be a "cool mom," authorities say.

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RADAR Alert: "Curtis": Wife Can Break Husband's Arm if he Forgets their Anniversary

Matt · 24 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Contact Ray Billingsley (the comic strip artist) and King Features Syndicate (which distributes the comic strip) and tell them the following:

1. The Curtis comic strip which ran on January 18, 2005 represents mean-spirited and highly inappropriate humor.
2. The comic strip reinforces a societal double-standard which warns, "There is no excuse for domestic violence" when the victim is female; but then says, "But it's perfectly fine for a wife to injure and maim her husband."
3. Mr. Billingsley's comic strip is extremely offensive to the hundreds of thousands of men who suffer from domestic violence each year.

Click "Read more..." for background and contact information.These are the people to contact:

1. Ray Billingsley: kfs-cartoonists-at-hearst.com

2. King Features Syndicate

a. Rose McAlister, Promotion Manager: kfs-public-relations-at-hearst.com
or telephone: 212-455-4180

b. Keith McCloat, Vice President: telephone: 1-212-455-4000 or snail mail: King Features, 2nd floor, 888 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10019

3. Your local newspaper, if your paper features the "Curtis" comic strip.

Folks, this "humor" is downright offensive. Would King Features run a similar comic strip if the butt of the joke was a woman? Then why do they tolerate this double-standard?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ray Billingsley is an artist whose comic strips "always try to influence his young readers in positive ways," according to his own description. His Curtis comic runs in more than 250 newspapers nationwide.

On January 18, the Curtis comic went like this:

Frame 1:

Hearing the sound of a baby crying, Greg runs in the front door. Greg exclaims to his wife, "Diane, what is THAT?!" Diane deadpans, "It's a baby, Greg!"

Frame 2:

Greg responds, "I know what it is! I mean, Why is it HERE?"

Frame 3:

Diane explains what the baby is unable to say: "I'm from next door! My daddy got a black eye and a broken arm, and mommy had to rush him to the emergency room!"

Frame 4:

Greg is appalled. He wonders, “Oh, man! Poor guy! What happened?” Diane then lands the punch line: “He forgot her birthday for the third year in a row.”

You can see the comic strip by visiting the website of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. However, if your computer has Norton Internet Security, you may first need to adjust your Privacy Control.

If you are unable to see the actual comic strip, the information about the four frames presented above is accurate and complete.

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/05/01/24/0445230.shtml

False Accusations Can Be Costly... to Accusers, too

Matt · 25 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"A male basketball couch was awarded almost $5 million on a false molestation charge. He may get even more if punitive damages are awarded later this month!*

This guy did not rollover and just tried to forget it or get mad.

HE GOT EVEN!"

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Life Sentence for Husband-Murdering Teacher

Matt · 25 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here, note the elements of her story in the article.

What's your opinion, MANN readers?

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Australia: More Double Standards for Sex with Minors

Matt · 25 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of TirryB:

On News.com.au in href="http://www.news.com.au/story/0,10117,12044730-1248,00.html">this article, a woman sleeps with a 15 year old boy, is charged with unlawful carnal knowledge of a child and gets a 6 month suspended sentence as she was 'depressed about the breakup of a relationship'. In this similar article, a teacher admits to an affair with a 15 year old female student and gets three charges of committing an indecent act and one count of sexual penetration of a child under 16. He's awaiting sentencing, but what's the betting he gets a serious jail term as well as losing his job/career?

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/05/01/25/195238.shtml

VCRC Web Site Now Operating

Matt · 26 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Harold Leist writes:

Hello everyone,

I am pleased to announce that a website has finally been completed. It has the updated information on it. The information on my personal website, http://www.leist.us/) will remain up for a while.

Click "Read more..." for more.

You are invited to view, and please make comments and suggestions, about the website at it's new URL http://www.virginiacrc.org/. I would also like to take a minute of your time to thank Tommy Switzer (one of our NCP's) for his time and effort in making this website come to life.

Please invite all your friends and other NCP's to join our action.

Harold

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Harold Leist

VA Coordinator,

National Non-custodial Parent Class Action Law Suit

http://www.leist.us/ (read the suit)

harold-at-leist.us (contact me)

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Virginiacivilrightscouncil

(discuss the case)

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Progressive Insurance's Latest Virtual Neutering

Matt · 26 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dr. Dan writes *"Progressive Insurance is thumbing its nose at us on TV again. A woman interrupts her husband while he's watching football. He sheepishly takes the phone she's shoving at him, because he didn't bother to search hard enough for the best insurance deal. They make sure this male-stereotype incarnate has a facial expression making it plain that he's a doofus. The commercial is entitled, "Bad Call."*

Progressive will keep up with this crap until it costs them big money."

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Foreskin Products?

Matt · 26 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Clint O writes *"I have ?'s and a story. My questions are about the legalities of owning and possessing (female cosmetic) products made from human foreskin. MTV's REALITY TV series "Rich Girls" shows Ally Hilfiger telling her friend, a teenage boy, how her mom's (or step-mom's?) product (some sort of facial product I think) is made from little boys' foreskins. The boy says "What do they do just collect all the foreskins from the little boys getting circumcised?". And it goes on. I think the series still airs on Tuesday nights. Of course I want something and everything done about this. The episode should be pulled, these products should b outlawed and Mrs. Hilfiger should be ashamed at least. Beyond the legal questions, what can I, we do about this particular show and these products? Thanks for this site."*

Ed. Note: MANN readers, please post information that may be helpful on this topic, and feel free to add commentary about this particular episode of this particular TV show if you saw it.

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Bride Kills Husband One Week After Honeymoon

Matt · 26 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From The Telegraph, a bride stabbed her husband to death seven days after they returned from their honeymoon, a court was told yesterday.*
Catherine Osliffe, 34, is alleged to have carried out the attack within minutes of telling her victim: 'We`ve only been together for a week and I hate you already. I can't stand you.'"

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Action Needed: Vote Pending for Visitation Plan

Matt · 26 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Harold Leist writes:

Hi everyone,

Well tonight I found out tonight that HB 2294 (in Virginia) is going to come up for a vote in the next few days. We need to urge the committee members to vote for this bill.

Ed. note: You do not need to be a Virginia resident to communicate your support of this bill to the VA Assembly. It is important they know that others out of state are watching their actions, and that this is a national-level issue of concern to people all over the country.

Click "Read more..." for what to do.
This bill is based on the TX visitation plan. The TX Bar Association, and the judges in TX support it. It provides guidelines that are good for the children. Studies show that support of both parents is better than the support of one.

Ladies, we really need you to write. It seems that, for some reason, some of these people think this a just a male issue. As we all know that is wrong. While the vast majority of NCP's are male, there are lots of female NCPs.

This list, is designed so you can cut and paste it into the to field of you email program and send the message to everyone at once.

So how do you write to a Delegate? There are a couple of rules that I'll cover here.

1. Keep it down to two or three sentences.

2. Make sure it says you support or don't support the bill.

3. Make sure you include the bill number so they know what bill you are talking about. They have lots to deal with.

4. Don't tell your story. They hear them all the time. They know what is going on and just want to know that what they are doing will or won't fix the problem.

5. DON'T SOUND MAD! If you do they will just dismiss you as an upset complainer.

6. Whatever you say, just make sure you do it. Too many people just never get around to it.

Delegate e-mail addresses to cut and paste:

Del_McDonnell@house.state.va.us, Del_Albo@house.state.va.us,Del_Griffith@house.state.va.us,
Del_Kilgore@house.state.va.us,Del_McQuigg@house.state.va.us,
Del_Black@house.state.va.us,Del_Weatherholtz@house.state.va.us,
Del_Hurt@house.state.va.us,Del_Athey@house.state.va.us,
Del_Janis@house.state.va.us,Del_Bell@house.state.va.us,
Del_Marrs@house.state.va.us,Del_McDougle@house.state.va.us,
Del_Reese@house.state.va.us,Del_Johnson@house.state.va.us,
Del_Melvin@house.state.va.us,Del_Armstrong@house.state.va.us,
Del_Moran@house.state.va.us,Del_Barlow@house.state.va.us,
Del_Watts@house.state.va.us,Del_Brink@house.state.va.us

Also please note this same bill is in the Senate as SB 1231. Please contact VA state senators to express support as

well:

district08@sov.state.va.us, district35@sov.state.va.us, district16@sov.state.va.us, district13@sov.state.va.us district03@sov.state.va.us, district32@sov.state.va.us, district18@sov.state.va.us, district21@sov.state.va.us, district20@sov.state.va.us, district33@sov.state.va.us, district36@sov.state.va.us, district06@sov.state.va.us, district14@sov.state.va.us, district37@sov.state.va.us, district26@sov.state.va.us

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11 YO Boy Abused by Teachers

Matt · 27 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Thomas Jefferson writes *"Mathew Scott Thornberry, through his father, Ryan Thornberry, has filed a lawsuit against Pittsylvania County School Superintendent James E. McDaniel, Twin Springs principal Emma Austin and Twin Springs assistant principal Jenny Eaton seeking a $200,000 judgment for damages suffered as a result of being forced to wear red fingernail polish, lipstick and a bow in his hair on Jan. 23, 2004, according to the lawsuit.*

It makes you wonder just why they are only suing for $200,000 for such a terrible incident of abuse. The Virginia state police need to arrest the school officials and teachers involved and be locked away in the pokey for this."

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IL Girl Charged In Dismembering Death Of Girl

Matt · 28 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From WFIE News A 16-year-old Milan, Illinois girl has been charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of another teenager.*
Sarah Kolb is accused of killing and dismembering 16-year-old Andrianne Reynolds of East Moline, who was reported missing by her father last Friday after she failed to show up for work.
*According to court records, Kolb, who has been charged as an adult, allegedly strangled Reynolds and struck her with a piece of wood. Her dismembered body was found last night in Black Hawk State Park in Rock Island. Remember, sixteen year old girls are only made with sugar, spice and everything nice. *rolls eyes*"*

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Sexual Torture at Gitmo

Matt · 28 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From Yahoo! News:*

> Female interrogators tried to break Muslim detainees at the U.S. prison camp in Guantanamo Bay by sexual touching, wearing a miniskirt and thong underwear and in one case smearing a Saudi man's face with fake menstrual blood, according to an insider's written account.

Click "Read more..." for the rest of the excerpt.
The female interrogator wanted to "break him," Saar adds, describing how she removed her uniform top to expose a tight-fitting T-shirt and began taunting the detainee, touching her breasts, rubbing them against the prisoner's back and commenting on his apparent erection. Sexual tactics used by female interrogators have been criticized by the FBI, which complained in a letter obtained by AP last month that U.S. defense officials hadn't acted on complaints by FBI observers of "highly aggressive" interrogation techniques, including one in which a female interrogator grabbed a detainee's genitals.

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In the company of women

Hombre · 28 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The BBC is still at it. In the Company of Women tells us how more women than ever are starting their own businesses to get away from Old Boy" style networking and the "wage gap". Interestingly, these women somehow have set up "women-only support networks". These are obviously different to the male only equivalents which are unacceptable. The women also feel that there are not enough women in the high paying industries like law, finance and IT. They don't feel that women should be represented in higher numbers amongst our road cleaners and firefighters though.*

Finally, they are staggered that the "wage gap" is so high - suggesting that they really have no idea what that phrase means, and how untrue it is."

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Boys Arrested for Stick Figure Drawings

Hombre · 28 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

From the "males are dangerous and must be strictly controlled" files, this story demonstrates once more the excesses of modern misandric cultures. Yes, someone actually called the police. Yes, they're actually being charged. Yes, with a felony. I'm speechless.

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Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa: Confessions of a Misogynist

Matt · 29 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"**More bad news for Hugo Schwyzer** By PAUL ROBBINS, Ph.D.*

This has to be one of the best Op/Eds I've ever read. Paul Robbins finds the head of the nail and hammers it over and over....

I think he just became one of my favorite writers. Don't miss this."

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N.Y Times Mentions Mensactivism, Stand Your Ground

Matt · 29 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"The New York Times reports that men are becoming the target of the gender sneer. But the silver lining is that we're starting to make progress in removing these misandric ads, althought there's still a way to go. And Mensactivism.org and StandYourGround.com were mentioned in this article as well! Everyone who sent notice of misandric ads to this site can be proud.*

Steve"

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Paternity Fraud in New Zealand

Matt · 30 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Contrast the information in this article with what is found here. When it comes to paternity fraud, there are no national boundaries!

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Male contraceptive trial

Matt · 31 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Another experimental reversible male contraceptive method enters clinical trials.*

Contact information is included in the article for those who may be interested in participating."

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Harvard President's Comments Debated

Matt · 31 January 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"And the debate lineup is 1. Mallika Sarabhai - actor and activist. She accuses Summers of jingoism, chauvinism, and patriarchial attitude. 2. Vikas Singh - Assistant Editor - Times of India. He cites academic research - most of it done by women - confirming that on average, men are better at spatial skills, women at verbal skills. He also attacks the political correctness in academic research. Read them here:*
http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/100 5072.cms
http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/100 5080.cms "

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NH Legislative Reform Effort Is Going On Right Now

Matt · 1 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc writes *"This is both a news story and an activism link. Please help get the word out about the ongoing NH effort. We don't have much time to get the public's voice heard by the legislators at the House of Representatives. They are considering this reform legislation right now! Please visit: http://www.nhchildcustodyreform.org*

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CBS "Still Standing" episode

Matt · 2 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"A little girl learns the value of false accusations.*

Click "Read more..." for more

CBS has a show called "Still Standing" on misandry Monday nights. Last week there was an episode where the youngest daughter, Tina, came into the living room where Brian, an older teenager, was sitting. She announced that she just learned a new trick at a friend's house, and then proceeded to hit her arm and say "Ouch!" Brian came up to her, held her arms and asked what she was doing. She yelled "Stop hitting me!" which resulted in the mother walking in and asking what was going on. Tina replied that Brian was hitting her, which he vehemently denied. The mother didn't believe him, and yelled at him that hitting wasn't allowed in the family. She then ordered him to his room. Meanwhile, she consoled Tina and offered her some ice cream.

Isn't this just great? Now little girls who watched this episode can learn the value of false accusations of violence. Not only do they get a boy or man in trouble, but they also get rewarded for it.

Here's a link to the show:
http://www.cbs.com/primetime/still_standing/about. shtml

Also, it's interesting to note this description of the father:

"Since Bill has a far more immature approach to marriage and raising children than Judy does, they work at striking a balance and remembering why they love each other, quirks and all."

Typical - an overweight immature goofball married to an attractive intelligent woman.

Also, on last night's misandry Monday the following shows (Listen Up and Everybody Loves Raymond) both had scenes in which a female character hit a male character. Yuk yuk yuk.

Steve"

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Superbowl advertising: 'Mama`s boy' Dolls

Matt · 2 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

chicago joe writes *"The makers of "Degree for Men" deodorant are launching a new ad campaign for their product during the second quarter of the Super Bowl game.*
The commercial is titled "Mama's boy" and it stars action figures that will be sold on the internet. The other commercials to follow will feature the "Wuss" and the "Suck up". The company will eventually sell the dolls seen in the commercials through the internet after the initial Super Bowl spot. They will be titled the "In-Action Heroes" because a company spokesperson said, "Their determination is to avoid risk and remain inactive". They claim this is supposed to motivate men to take risks. Give me a break! Of course they think it is quite creative and funny.
If you Google "Degree for Men", you can read it for yourselves. Look for the link that says "New Degree(R) for Men begins blitz"."

Ed. Note: The URL to visit is here.

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RADAR ALERT: RADAR Blows the Whistle on Super Bowl DV Myth

Matt · 2 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

On January 28, 1993, domestic violence advocates threw the long bomb, which in turn set up the winning touchdown.

The long bomb, of course, was the infamous press conference, held three days before the Super Bowl, which claimed that domestic violence increased 40% after men watched professional football games. And the winning touchdown was passage of the first Violence Against Women Act in 1994.

Click "Read more..." for more.In her book Who Stole Feminism?, Christina Hoff Sommers revealed that the 40% claim was a complete hoax. But that hasn't stopped DV advocates from spreading the myth. RADAR believes it's time to blow the whistle on the Super Bowl myth. So we've developed a blitz strategy, to sack the quarterback before they can lob another long bomb!

Here's the Game Plan:

1. Publication of an OpEd column, "Superbowl Myth has More Lives than a Cat." This column will be distributed to multiple internet sites and newspapers on Wednesday, February 2, 2005. Do a Google search on Friday, and you can see where it's been published!

2. Press Release to be posted on PR Web, which will be seen by thousands of reporters and editors.

3. Press Release to be e-mailed to your local newspaper. But this is essential – we need to get this Press Release in the hands of your local reporter before they write an article that repeats the old myths – in other words, sometime this week.

And this is where you come in.

The RADAR Press Release is attached at the end of this Alert. We are asking that you take 5 minutes out of your busy schedule to e-mail the Press Release to your local newspaper. This is all you need to do:

I. Get the e-mail address:

1. Call the news desk at the local newspaper (or other news outlet).

2. Tell them you'd like to know the name of the reporter who does their stories about domestic violence and family issues. Ask for the e-mail address where you can direct a Press Release to that reporter's attention.

3. If they tell you that there's just one email address for all Press Releases, that's OK. Just take that down.

4. If they say they prefer to receive the Press Release by fax, no problem, just take down the fax number instead.

II. Send them the Press Release by doing the following:

1. Select all the text in the Press Release at the bottom of this page.

2. Copy and paste that text into the body of your email.

3. Type the news organization's e-mail address into your mail program.

4. Type "PRESS RELEASE: Super Bowl Looms, The Hoax Lives On" in the subject line.

5. Click send.

6. If you are faxing the Press Release, simply cut and paste the Release into a separate Word document, print it out, and fax it.

If they e-mail you back with a question, have them contact Trudy Schuett, who can set up an interview. And when they run a story based on our Press Release, be sure to e-mail it to RADAR at info-at-mediaradar.org, so we can feature it on the RADAR website.

Remember, the whole idea is to get our Press Release out first, before they can throw another long bomb!

That's it. Easy, wasn't it? Thanks for your help! And enjoy the Super Bowl.

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Super Bowl Looms, The Hoax Lives On

Mark Twain once observed, "One of the most striking differences between a cat and a lie is that a cat has only nine lives."

Sheila Kuehl and representatives of an organization, which calls itself Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, must surely have had this in mind when they held a press conference in advance of the 1993 Super Bowl to announce that Super Bowl Sunday is "the biggest day of the year for violence against women." They claimed that domestic violence increases by 40%. Ms. Kuehl, now a Calif. State Senator, was then an attorney for the California Women's Law Center.

Playing upon the stereotype that men in general and football fans in particular are brutes, these claims were instantly accepted and reported as fact by the media. Ken Ringle of the Washington Post was one of the few reporters to bother to check the claims before accepting them as factual. His article entitled "Debunking the 'Day of Dread' for Women" was published a mere three days after the press conference.

Although the claims were quickly shown to be baseless, those who manufactured this factoid had achieved their goals. F.A.I.R. acknowledges on its own website that the real goal was to get the NFL to provide $500,000 of free advertising.

Even the Family Violence Prevention Fund acknowledges that no rigorous national studies have confirmed a link between sports broadcasts and domestic violence.

Nevertheless, every year many of those in a position to know better keep this falsehood alive. For example, last January, a full decade after the Super Bowl Hoax was debunked, the California Assembly's Select Committee on Domestic Violence issued a press release repeating virtually all of the original claims.

It is time this harmful notion is laid to rest. It is harmful because families affected by domestic violence need the best data possible; not marketing hype designed for shock value.

This year, RADAR (http://www.mediaradar.org/) suggests that all media, both traditional and online, use the power of their medium to provide their readers/viewers/listeners with facts, not fiction. It is a unique opportunity for media throughout the US to show their communities they care, and to reclaim their places as valued and trusted providers of news and solid information.

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Online references:

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http://www.fair.org/extra/9304/superbowl.html

http://endabuse.org/programs/display.php3?DocID=262

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Infant boy's death a result of circumcision?

Thomas · 2 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

New York City health officials are investigating the possibility that at least three boys have contracted herpes as a result of circumcision. One of the boys died.

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Pregnant workers face 'discrimination'

Matt · 2 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The BBC does it again. The evil Patriarchy has come up with another cunning way to harm women, and that's pregnancy discrimination.*
"Around 30,000 women a year are sacked or made redundant or ***leave their jobs*** *due to pregnancy discrimination, research* ***suggests****....many businesses do face genuine challenges in managing pregnancy"*
What, you mean they can't afford to keep an employee on full salary for a year without doing any work, while the other employees (mainly men) have to do extra work to cover for them? How unreasonable."

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An aggressor in DV

Adam · 3 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Link here: article in question

"*It's one thing to ask couples how often their arguments escalate to physical attack. It's another to actually watch them go at it. Deborah Capaldi has. A senior scientist at Eugene's Oregon Social Learning Center, Capaldi has spent hours watching young couples tackle problem-solving exercises in the center's lab assessment rooms.*

To the surprise of Capaldi and her colleagues, a partner would sometimes lash out in the midst of debating how to solve the problem.
Deborah Capaldi researches how young women initiate physical aggression against a partner. Who were the primary initiators of such slaps, pokes and kicks?"

Read the article to find out.

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Fight at Girls Basketball Game

Matt · 3 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Should I have listed this under Humor or just News? I was not sure so played it safe. Note the closing paragraph:

> "People were screaming and running," Prattville cheerleader Cherish Cartee said. "Girls lost their cell phones. Keys got lost. It's something I will never forget."

I'm speechless. And that's not easy to do with me.

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Builders' Little Apprentice

Matt · 3 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Now this is definitely one for Humor:

This is a quick story about the bond formed between a little girl and a group of building workers. It's allegedly true and makes you want to believe in the goodness of people and that there is hope for the human race.

Click "Read more..." for the rest.*A young family moved into a house next door to a vacant building plot. One day Willie Brunsden and a gang of building workers turned up to start building a house on the empty plot. The young family's 5-year-old daughter naturally took an interest in all the activity going on next door and started talking with the workers.*

She hung around and eventually the builders, all with hearts of gold, more or less adopted the little girl as a sort of project mascot. They chatted with her, let her sit with them while they had tea and lunch breaks, and gave her little jobs to do here and there to make her feel important. At the end of the first week they even presented her with a pay envelope containing two pounds in 10p coins. The little girl took her 'pay' home to her mother who suggested that they take the money
she had received to the bank the next day to start a savings account. When they got to the bank the cashier was tickled pink listening to the little girl telling her about her 'work' on the building site and the fact she had a 'pay packet'.

"You must have worked very hard to earn all this" said the bank cashier. The little girl proudly replied, "I worked all last week with the men building a big house."

"My goodness gracious," said the cashier, "Will you be working on the house again this week, as well?"

The little girl thought for a moment and said, "I think so. Provided those c*nts at Jewson deliver the f*cking bricks".

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Living off her paycheck, "You go guy!"

Adam · 4 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"It seems more is changing in lifestyles than some women are happy with* ***here*** *.*

"'I'm going to quit my job next year and just hang out," Ms. Drozd says she overheard her fiance, then 24, an accountant, boasting to friends. Ms. Drozd, who at 21 already had a successful career as a public-relations manager, says the notion nauseated her. "At that exact moment I felt like I was going to throw up. I looked at him and thought, 'Who are you?'" She soon broke off the engagement."

...so what's so wrong about some guys picking a lifestyle arrangement that many women have enjoyed for centuries???"

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New Anti-feminist Book

Adam · 5 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"Some of you might recall that I have been working on a book. Well, I am pleased to announce that* ***The Rantings of a Single Male: Losing Patience with Feminism, Political Correctness... and Basically Everything*** *is now available on Amazon.*

It has been 5 years in the works, with the last 2 1/2 years dedicated to the actual writing and production of the book. I'll give fair warning that this is not a touchy feely book. It's very intense, but also very entertaining. **The Rantings** is a collection of outrageous original stories, satire, and social commentary from the male perspective. It is my contribution to the meager selection of men's literature. Enjoy!
- Tom Ellis"

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Discriminatory Abortion Rights in Maryland

Matt · 5 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Douglas Bittinger writes *"Maryland has a facially discriminatory abortion law giving women, but not men, the right to terminate pregnancy, and thus the right not to have to pay child support. A father defending a child support action has filed a motion for summary judgment alleging that abortion laws discriminate on the basis of gender, and child support therefore violates men's 14th amendment equal protection rights. The case is CAD 04-04369, in the Prince George's County, Maryland, Circuit Court."*

Ed. note: The Daily Docket listing for the court is found here though I was not able to locate a case search facility on the web site.

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Pay even if you are not the father

Matt · 6 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Apparently Canadian Supreme Court case law dictates that once a person has made a commitment to stand in the place of a parent, they must continue to do so if capable. Read it here.*

An Albertan recently discovered he's not the father of a three-year-old girl says he shouldn't have to pay her child support. A Court of Queen's Bench Justice has said Justin Sumner must still shoulder the $165 monthly fee because he acted as the girl's father for two years before divorcing her mother.

Justice Sterling Sanderman said in his decision the real father, they know who he is, walked away from the family.

His ex says. "It's not about the money," Yeah right.

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Feature Submission: Inequality Demonstrated by Condemning Male Sexuality

Matt · 6 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Alan Millard submitted a feature to MANN entitled "Inequality Demonstrated by Condemning Male Sexuality".

Click "Read more..." to read and certainly enjoy it!

Inequality Demonstrated by Condemning Male Sexuality

by Alan Millard

As part of our self-esteem, we acquire a behavior and an attitude that matches our personal identity. For example, many criminals come from a background of abuse and neglect. They have little self-worth, a poor self-esteem and a negative self-image. This is the category in which the male's sexuality is placed. Instead of accept male sexuality, we target it as unacceptable. And our sexuality is the core to our existence. If we feel poor about our sexuality, we feel poorly about ourselves. The more this occurs the more we damage males and society as a whole. Sexual fulfillment is very important to male health, both physically and mentally. And this exclusive male characteristic is commonly acknowledged in negative terms, despite the female's sexual solicitation. ("Sex is all men want." But that's often all women show men they have to offer, which is conveyed by them as their primary value. Sex is a primary need of the male who is sexually stimulated by visual means.) Compatibility between men and women contributes to a complete and content result regarding sexual relations between men and women. Do you first offer a starving person food or compassion? Are the two entities combined? Often deceit is evident by women who convey their sexual effects without kindness.

Studies have shown that a parallel exists between depriving one's freedom to indulge and problems with abuse when such freedom is inhibited. This is the case with alcohol or other indulgences. For example, many cultures and societies that don't inhibit alcohol indulgence have fewer alcoholics. And those that have fewer restrictions and hang-ups concerning sex, have fewer sex crimes. In the same way, if we accept our sex differences, and work together to make allowances for them, we will find a much happier and content society--if not unified by marriage, by compatibility, with needs at least provided for as once was the case within marriage.

A joke is often made concerning the exploitation of the male's sexuality. He is further punished and ridiculed by religious and some traditional people who convey the endorsement of his victimization—his violation due merely to his sexuality. The following 'joke' offers an example:

> A man driving down a highway sees an advertisement along the road of a house of prostitution operated by nuns. At first he thinks it's a joke, but then he sees another sign, and then a third. Finally, sure enough, he comes upon the business establishment. Thinking it's a safe haven and the money goes to a worthy cause, he investigates. He is greeted at the door by a nun in a long, black gown. He says that he wants to do business. She instructs him to deposit $100.00 in the cup, then to enter through a door at the end of the hall. He enters through the door and finds himself outside the establishment where he started, with a sign reading, "Thanks for your donation. You've just been screwed by... (the name of the church).

This is prejudiced 'humor,' no less 'funny' than a joke about blacks or one against the female's sexuality, perhaps regarding her period. A lot of male hatred is rooted in religion, or at least associated with those practicing it, and within other traditional realms where this type of 'humor' exists. Males/boys are commonly raised to believe they, and their sexuality, are bad, and that their sexual needs as males are immoral. Look at what differences in terms

exist pertaining to male versus female sexual aides, with male being pornography/illegal and female being erotica/romance. The male is put down and punished for his sexuality. This stigma, as a premise to being male, is extremely unhealthy and detrimental, but unfortunately, very common.

The prior joke's scenario, instead of sex, could as easily concern a very hungry person paying to receive food and being sent out the door "screwed." In exactly the same way, one is blamed for being hungry and needing to eat. Perhaps this is an anti-meat establishment that advertises a steak dinner in a country where steak is illegal and very difficult to acquire, and the establishment is vegetarian.

Here is a joke I find much more healthy, genuine and realistic:

> A priest who desires to study the original scriptures is taken to a far away, isolated place. He must walk down many halls, go through many rooms, open many doors, and tolerate dusty, creepy conditions to get to where these ancient scriptures are kept. Once he arrives at the location of the scriptures, he stays there studying for many hours. A couple of days pass. When he is summoned, he appears to be very distraught and in a mild state of shock. Upon being interviewed, he claims of making a great discovery that affects the whole world. When asked what he discovered, he replied that a misspelling had caused a horrible misinterpretation and a lack of understanding regarding sexual activity, with the original scriptures, instead of the word celibate, actually reading "celebrate."

The movie “Catch Me if You Can,” offers what one might call 'poetic justice,' portraying a sexy young woman who charges the young man she has seduced $1,000 for him to have sex with her. But since he doesn't have the cash, she accepts a $1,400.00 company check she didn't know was counterfeit, and gives him $400.00 cash as change. She got burned in her attempt to exploit a man by use of her female sexual powers.

Religion's anti-feminist beliefs are not to be opposed. However, they stop short of an effective barrier, and fail to provide a comprehensive and thorough analogy necessary for understanding that must extract from the total realms of maleness the unadulterated truth necessary for a complete equality assessment. Thus, knowledge and understanding necessary to defend the male's equal representation concerning the equality issue, will not be brought out through religious-based means or avenues. Although religion has offered some limited barriers to feminist influence, inroads in to religion are being effectively made by feminism through religion's chivalrous channels. Any effort for men's equality within the confines of religion will eventually, amidst religion's own contents/philosophies, undermine any chances for its success. A premise of truth based on research, individual sex differences, personal understanding and acceptance is necessary for that result to occur.

The idea of a woman being “deflowered”—contaminated—by a man for having sex with her conveys the male dirty/guilty connotation, which couldn't be more damaging to the male's identity, selfworth and equal status to the female. (Even lesbianism is often considered by some to be absent of the “contaminant.”) Any value placed on female virginity and associated “virtue” directly opposes the male's health and well-being—sexual fulfillment—which need, as food, exists whether he's single or married. By harboring this prejudice, with the female considered pure and the male dirty, the equal status of the male's sexuality and maleness to the female's sexuality and basic existence is impossible to maintain. From this premise is where many gender-biased sex laws have originated, which is the platform feminists have used to impose worse sex laws targeting men, promoting the negative perception of male sexuality, with additional laws implemented against it. There could be no worse foundation underlying male/female differences than to regard one sex as the contaminant of the other. Some

believe that feminism originated through religious avenues, which is quite plausible when we see such a blatant correlation.

One must believe in, and value the truth, and not blindly accept the wishes of others, including blind followers of religious faith or feminism. Think for yourself. Have a comfort from within, not from the outside based on others' beliefs. Any worthy god honors the truth and what is right within the face of those who claim otherwise. God is in your heart, religion is man-made. Truth and right or wrong comes from within, which quality when applied to the human condition must take into consideration the full spectrum of humanity, equally representing and accepting both sexes in its assessment. And this is done without rating one sexuality above the other, or depriving one's needs due to a belief that holds certain needs in contempt. As a condition of a normal and equal human being, our needs must be respected and accepted with dignity, not condemnation and abuse. This is where feminism and religion mesh against males.

To entertain the sex-biased feminist efforts, is to endorse doom as well as injustice. Something as basic and genuine as male sexuality can't be targeted as bad, with the male's persecution justified, without eventually causing complete social chaos, horrendous suffering, and the destruction of the human race. Prejudice begets more prejudice. Negative produces more negative. But identifying the negative is positive. An equal amount of negative could be brought forth concerning females and their poor traits, with prejudice being produced with it, but this would serve no useful purpose. But perhaps an awareness of the female's imperfections should be included in the equation to keep the balance in check.

Alan Millard is a published writer, and author of the 563-page book, Equality: A Man's Claim, available now for only $12.00 directly from the author. E-mail him at alanlmillard-at-yahoo.com or visit the Men and Fathers For Justice web site.

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F4J Men to be Re-Prosecuted

Matt · 6 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Three F4J protesters who were cleared of conspiracy charges are, apparently, to be "retried" - that is, **re-prosecuted** for the same alleged crime! The story is here.

The phrase "miscarriage of justice" leaps to mind. Then again, why should anyone be too surprised?

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WashPost: Grass-Roots Men's Ministries Growing

Matt · 7 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Remarkable, this from the Post! It isn't mean-spirited, hostile, or openly misandrist! Amazing!

Some from the article:

"Men are very confused today about what it means to be a man," said Burke Community Church senior pastor Jack Elwood. "While women are encouraged to be all you can be, men don't know what they want to be. . . . Are they supposed to be a helper or a leader?"

Men's ministries "help men come up with a vision . . . that's bigger than just get a paycheck, go through life, get married, have kids and die," Elwood said. "A lot of men . . . wake up in their forties and say, 'Is this all there is?' I've been ministering to men for 30 years. . . . This is more and more evident to me as a pastor."

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Film Released: Baby's Momma Drama

Matt · 7 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

MANN administrators received an e-mail announcing the release of a film on DVD entitled "Baby's Momma Drama", produced by Theodore Miller and directed by Douglas Green. Visit the website here.

I predict that this movie will make a splash. Congratulations to cast and crew!

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Superbowl Ad "groin attack"

Matt · 7 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"As the New England Patriots became the 2nd team to win three Super Bowls in four-year span, the world was entertained yet again with another attack on men's genitals in the most highly viewed commercial sequence of the game. The first set of TV commercials after game play by FedEx Kinko commenced with Burt Reynolds getting kicked in the groin by a Grizzly Bear with the word "Groin Kick" illuminated across the screen for the world to ponder upon. Last year, in the first television advertisement sequence after game-play the TV viewers were treated with a man instructing his dog to attack another man's genitals so he could steal his beer. Please use this link to let the advertisers know that sexual assault is not entertainment. The fact that this has become a recurring theme indicates that serious efforts have been implemented for groin attacks to be the first thing for people to see during the most watched game in the US.*

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Women Who Rage

Matt · 7 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From The Age:*

Anger management has traditionally been seen as a male domain, but a number of courses cater to females, writes Caroline Illingworth.
In her mums' group in Melbourne's north-eastern suburbs, Angie Perugini is known as the happy, laughing one, the one who "always gets things done". Yet a few months ago, her bubbly facade belied the fact that, inside, she was seething with rage.
As a former chef, Perugini, 32, had been used to stressful environments, but it was only when she became a mother for the second time and found herself at home caring for two young sons that the bubble of calmness slowly began to burst. Best quote ever -- "After going to anger management I realised it wasn't my husband's fault, it wasn't the house, or the kids, it was all those years of not being shown how to deal with life properly, of not being able to express myself.""

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Male Body Images Suffer in Western Societies

Matt · 7 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From WebMD, Western men have a much more distorted view of their own bodies than men in Taiwan, according to a new study.*
Researchers say the findings suggest that there's an East-West divide in terms of male body image, which may explain why body image disorders, such as muscle dysmorphia, and anabolic steroid use are major problems in western societies yet rarely seen in Asia."

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U.N. Sharply Rebukes Iran Over Women's Rights

Matt · 7 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes "
What makes this story worth noting is that each complaint that women have in Iran can be turned around and applied to the plight of men here in the US and the other Western countries.

For instance:

Yakin said in too many cases the tables were turned against women who filed suits, particularly after domestic violence.

"Those seeking redress are condemned as the guilty ones,

Sounds like S.O.P. when police go to a domestic violence call, especially in backward misandric places like Massachusetts!"

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RADAR ALERT: Everett Herald Turns Valentine's into a Day of Violence and Fear

Matt · 7 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

In recent years domestic violence advocates have attempted to hijack Valentine's Day, and turn a day devoted to love into a day consumed by fear. Julie Muhlstein's January 23 article in the Everett (Washington) Herald is a perfect example. Her article, "The Dark Side of Love" is filled with distortions and sensationalistic journalism.

The article implies that Valentine's Day is a particularly dangerous time for women. That's false! An Indiana University study recently found that Valentine's Day is the one holiday when violence decreases.

Click "Read more..." for more information and what to do.

Everett Herald Turns Valentine's into a Day of Violence and Fear
Contact the Everett (WA) Herald and tell them:

1. Julie Muhlstein's "Dark Side of Love" represents a highly biased and sensationalized portrayal of domestic violence which ignores the 510 men who are killed by their girlfriends and wives every year, as cited at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ipv.pdf.
2. The article makes repeated statements that are demonstrably false, e.g., "Pregnancy is the second most likely time violent crime will happen." In fact, many experts believe pregnant women are less likely to suffer from violence, as discussed here: http://slate.msn.com/id/2111390.
3. The article is an obvious effort to malign men and to frighten women.
4. The editors at the Everett Herald need to start doing some fact-checking, and stop accepting the claims of domestic violence advocates at face value.

Here's the contact information:

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3. Letters to the Editor:

Email: letters-at-heraldnet.com

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The Daily Herald Company

PO Box 960

Everett, WA 98206

(Include your name, address, and daytime telephone number)

Please mention you are contacting the Herald in response to a RADAR Alert.

Fifteen years of this sort of distorted reporting has produced the unfair DV policies we have in place today. It's time we demand that reporters and editors live up to their high-minded statements of ethical principles.

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WashTimes: A Virgina Family Bill of Rights

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Stephen Baskerville, president of ACFC, had this article discussing pro-family legislative initiatives in Virginia, published in the Washington Times. Way to go, Stephen!

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American Heart Association Breaks the Hearts of Men

Adam · 8 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Carey Roberts writes:" *On Friday, February 4, the American Heart Association will be celebrating its "National Wear Red Day." And for the second year in a row, the AHA is breaking the hearts of men – see excerpt from my column below. I'm listing their contact information, so you can complain. I don't think men's hearts or lives should count for less.*

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Carey Roberts
February 2, 2005
Men Feeling Blue on February the Fourth

Two national health organizations are teaming up in an Orwellian effort to pander to women and mislead the American public about the threat of heart disease.....

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Idaho Teen Is Tied Up and Scalped

Adam · 9 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"This is just incredible: "BOISE, Idaho - A 16-year-old girl was allegedly tied up and scalped with a 4-inch knife in what police say may have been an act of revenge by another woman." - "The motive, as near as we've been told by witnesses, was retaliation for acting in a way that the adult perceived as being offensive to women as a gender," Braddock said. "According to their creed, if you disrespect women you are not allowed to wear a mohawk."*

Offensive to women "as a gender." Get it?"

bandersnatch writes *"From Newsday, A 16-year-old girl was allegedly tied up and scalped with a 4-inch knife in what police say may have been an act of revenge by another woman. "When I say this gal was scalped, she was truly scalped," said Chief Deputy Bill Braddock. "The top of her head, her hair, was completely cut off.""*

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Australian Parliamentarian Publicy Takes Up C/S Cause

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From the Australian Herald Sun, a Member of Parliament in Australia has publicly taken up C/S reform and anti-male discrimination, as reported in this article. This is good news!

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Sexual Harassment at Gitmo

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frank h writes *"The title says "Detainees Accuse Female Interrogators" and the subtext is "Pentagon inquiry confirms sexual tactics." While I have little sympathy for these terrorists, why am I not surprised at the behavior of the women? Read the story here."*

Ed note: Same story appears on page 1 of the Feb. 10, 2005 Washington Post here.

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Woman Faces Perjury Charges

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bandersnatch writes *From "Local 6:*

'At 5-foot-9, 140 pounds, 25-year-old Beate Faanis cut a stunning figure as a University of Central Florida golfer, and she quickly caught the eye of fellow golfer Trason Brooks. They would date off and on over 18 months, but after their last break-up things turned downright bizarre. The first sign of trouble came August 8, when Brooks was arrested while working at the Stoneybrook East golf club and charged with attempted first-degree murder and aggravated stalking.'

This story is absolutely unreal -- read it and see how one false accusation from a vindictive woman can ruin a man's life."

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Girls Jailed for Murdering Drunk Man

Matt · 10 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From News.Com.Au, Two teenage girls who kicked and stamped to death a drunk middle-aged man who they said made "inappropriate sexual advances" at a party were jailed for life today.*
Maxine Breakspear, 19, and Rochelle Etherington, 18, were found guilty at the Old Bailey in December of the murder of 42-year-old James Dalrymple from Northern Ireland."

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After School, The Documentary

Matt · 10 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From the official website:*

In the summer of 2004, Debbie Lafave, a 23 year old schoolteacher from Florida, was arrested for allegedly having numerous sexual encounters with her 14 year old 8th grade student. She has pleaded “not guilty” by reason of insanity; her trial is set for April 2005.
Months after the tragedy, Owen Lafave, her husband of less than one year, wants answers. He has teamed up with a documentary crew to narrate and explore the truth and reasons behind the rise in cases of child molestation by teachers in our schools.
“After School” is a disturbing look at a plague affecting our families and, more importantly, our children."

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RADAR Super Bowl Campaign Tosses a Shut-out

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Click "Read more..." to read a press release from RADAR regarding recent efforts to eductate media outlets about the true facts about domestic violence.**For Immediate Release**

Date: February 9, 2005

Contact:

Trudy Schuett

928-726-6200

media-at-mediaradar.org

RADAR Super Bowl Campaign Tosses a Shut-out

The RADAR campaign to stop false claims about domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday recorded a shut-out. Not a single article making the claim of an increase of domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday has been identified. And not a single women's shelter is known to have seen an increase in requests for service that day.

During the week preceding the Super Bowl, RADAR mounted broad-ranging efforts to educate newspaper editors and the public about the facts of domestic violence – that women are just as likely as men to commit partner violence. RADAR Media Monitors sent hundreds of press releases to newspaper editors all over the country.

In addition, RADAR released an Op/Ed column, "Superbowl Myth Has More Lives Than a Cat," which was published on the following websites:

1. Ifeminists.net

2. FreeRepublic.com

3. RightNation.com

4. ThePriceofLiberty.com

5. FamilyRightsAssociation.com

6. SierraTimes.com

7. MensActivism.org

8. TheRealityCheck.org

9. RightNation.us

According to Ned Holstein, MD, a public health specialist in Boston, "By making sure that media reports about domestic violence are accurate, RADAR performs an important public service. The history of public health shows that we cannot cure problems such as domestic violence until we share an accurate understanding of them."

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RADAR is the acronym for Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting. RADAR is a coalition of men and women working to assure balanced and accurate media coverage of the domestic violence issue. For more information, contact Trudy Schuett or visit the website, http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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DV activist beats child to death

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Thomas Jefferson writes *"Lynn Giovanni told state troopers about her horrible crime: How she bashed in her daughter's head while the teenager slept and took off in her car to end her own life. Friends said Lynn Giovanni had written a book, "Judicial System Loopholes," last year that slammed the court's treatment of domestic violence. Giovanni*
used the nom de plume "Faith Hope.""

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Pregnant woman kills woman attacker

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Anonymous User writes *"I guess men are not the only ones that threaten pregnant women. Read here"*

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Abuse cases face double standard

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ahhkaboom writes *"A news story about how females sexually abusing males is not taken seriously. It uses examples of school teachers abusing children."*

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Woman Fabricates Tossed Baby Story

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To hide her pregnancy and abandon her baby, a woman made up a story she told to police. Why do people still question the ability of a woman to lie to the authorities?

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The female/feminist privilege checklist

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This was written a few years ago by various unknown authors, since it's been going around again, I think you'll be interested in having a read. Anybody else wanna add to this list? I think there's a few things we can add.
The female/feminist privilege checklist:

1. Do you experience other people paying for your dates, or occasionally even picking up the tab in non-romantic settings? Or paying for vacations when the relationship moves along?

2. Do you occasionally experience subservient gestures by the opposite sex(opening doors, giving up a seat in the bus, standing up when you come in the room)?

3. Are you able to simply pursue what you are interested in at university without much societal pressure on "breadwinning" - although you could also take that route if it interests you?

4.a. Have you had to register for selective service? Would you be ripped out of your life and forced to defend your country in time of attack or national emergency? Can you demand strength and full participation in society, but then get out of this obligation by pretending to be weak with no influence over society (only when it suits you)?

4.b. Can you come up with any and every excuse to get out of this without being laughed at ("No one should be drafted" - when you would be the first to cower in the corner and demand that someone do something if China & Russia combined and attacked full force - and "If men start wars ..." when women are the majority of voters and the expression is more likely "Men are SENT in wars ..." - exactly what you're trying to get out of - and sometimes sent by M. Thatcher, G. Meir, I. Gandhi, B. Bhutto and others)

5. Will you statistically get a much lighter sentence for exactly the same offense if you commit a crime?

6. Are you able to take on a job or choose a career route that is only
capable of supporting yourself, with no thought to preparing yourself to also support a spouse/children, although you are also free to choose a more difficult career that will bring you more money? Do you not have much pressure on you with regard to this?

7. If you are in a committed relationship, do you have much greater flexibility to choose whether you want to work or simply stay at home (even without kids)?

8. Will you be called an unemployed loser if you decide to be a homemaker?

9. If you have a flat tire on the road, if someone is harassing you in a public place, if an animal attacks you, or if you are lost, will someone be much, much more likely to help you?

10. Are people generally much nicer to you in public? Are you sometimes given privileged treatment?

11. Are you much more capable of "marrying up" - enjoying the money and status that comes with this?

12. Are you statistically much more likely to be given money in a divorce - sometimes huge amounts - even if your behavior caused the divorce (e.g. affair) and even if you didn't work for the money?

13. If you slap a person - or even knock someone's tooth out throwing your Aunt Selma's Christmas mug at that person - is it much more likely to just be viewed as cute, understandable or not a problem?

14. Do you statistically live much longer - possibly due to less stress on you with regard to breadwinning, providing protection, being responsible, not having society viewing you as "expendable" or viewing your problems as not being important?

15. Do you have much more money spent on your health concerns in reality (e.g. 5 times as much on breast cancer as on prostate cancer - although they have roughly the same death rates) while you simultaneously claim that more has to be done for you?

16. Are you much less likely to be homeless? Is more offered to you by society when you are in this position?

17. Is there far less scorn and pressure on you by society when you are an irresponsible doofus? Are your default rates for payment of child support roughly twice those of the other gender, while you simultaneously complain about the other gender not paying?

18. Has whining about and hating the other gender actually been made into a course of studies in college (women's studies) - as opposed to the true, neutral, unbiased study of this topic - which is simply anthropology?

19. Do you have full opportunity to do anything you want in life - become a doctor, a lawyer, start a business - while simultaneously using the fact that many of your gender don't CHOOSE themselves to do these things as an argument to try to gain even more advantages? Do you get affirmative action because many of your gender don't choose to do these things, and thus the numbers don't "come out right"?

20. Can you manipulate the other gender with sex in some cases to get what you want? Can you pretend like you don't even know what anyone is talking about on this topic?

21. Can you manipulate using old notions of men protecting and deferring to women when it comes in handy?

22. Can you effectively manipulate by playing the victim? Do tears work sometimes?

23. Can you get sympathy if you don't work and don't have children by
listing all the household work (hmm ... Oprah really does get high ratings, though) while simultaneously being able to bear the cognitive dissonance of calling your sister's husband who stays home a worthless bum that she ought to leave?

24. Can you "mix and match" traditional and progressive roles - finding just the right mix to get what you want? Can you be a "traditional wife" - enjoying the positive features of that (like not having to work) - while simultaneously being a progressive feminist when THAT gets you advantages? Or having a career while simultaneously using traditional chivalry and male deference to your advantage?

25. Can you constantly say "that's just typical" and "it doesn't surprise me a bit" and make a lemon face if you are a parent-in-law? Is near-universal contempt by both genders for your behavior hidden to a much greater extent?

26. Can almost any remark by your partner be construed as verbal abuse if you want sympathy, but the meanest, nastiest, most humiliating things that you can say simply involve "speaking your mind" and "some people just don't want to hear the truth"?

27. Can you use the fact that gender roles were differentiated long ago - with different advantages/disadvantages for both genders - to try to induce guilt today in people who had absolutely no connection with any of that? Can you say that you have been discriminated against for thousands of years - when you're only 20 years old - with a straight face? Can you even make things up about history and no one will really check or dare call you on it?

28. Can you propagate myths and outright lies ("Superbowl/domestic violence hoax", "rule of thumb", 1/4 rape statistic, intentional misconstrual of pay figures, and many more) and be given a "pass" - without more rigor being demanded?

29. Can you rationalize your own failures using the concept of the "patriarchy", and blame the other gender for nearly everything that goes wrong in your life - even with quite contorted explanations that no one would otherwise buy - while failures of the other gender are just ... failures?

30. Do you want to be treated like a child when it suits you but as an adult when you get an advantage from that? Do you "look the other way" when someone doesn't require responsibility from you that they certainly would from the other gender?

31. Can you focus heavily on perceived earnings in the workforce - the statistics of which are influenced by people's choices in reality - while utterly ignoring the inter-family transfer of wealth? Can you completely ignore the fact that one gender picks tougher jobs (garbage collector), works more hours and takes on more responsibility because of more pressure to earn - but the other gender has the same lifestyle and statistically more assets (and not just because of inheritance/earlier age of male at death...). Can you deliberately claim that earnings figures are based on equal pay for equal work? (when you probably full well know that they simply involve all people working more than 35 hours - and don't take type of job, hours worked over 35/week, danger, responsibility, years in the work force etc. into consideration at all).

32. Is what used to simply be an irritation for grown-ups many years ago - the self-centered rantings and foot stompings of spoiled high-school and college brats - now not only embraced by your movement but almost the modern cornerstone of it?

33. And if you irritated about generalizations and stereotypes - and utterly fail to see the hypocrisy in stereotyping and generalizing about one gender while simultaneously making a

career (literally in some cases) whining about your own gender being stereotyped ...

... you may have female/feminist privilege! But don't let on - because you can gain much more with a continual victim status.

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Blogs Aplenty

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Here's a few blogs to keep you busy, commentary on all sorts of things the mainstream media won't even consider:

Gonzo's Bar and Go-Go Grill II

Men's Hour Blog

Mirror Of The Soul

Man Power: Men going their own way

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What, no baby?

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I just came across an interesting book review over at the The Age about the fertility crisis in Australia. Evidently, a certain half of humanity is still having alot of trouble seeing the link between action and reaction, and just can't quite figure out why their world of hurt is starting to get bigger. And of course, the fact that everything else should change (the nearest man, the enviroment, the workplace policies etc) to suit them, while they remain the same won't strictly encourage you to empathize.

Oh yeah, since it's The Age, read it quick, since they're infamous for archiving their stuff in under a week.

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Suicide Outstrips War-Related Deaths

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Just look at this. See the sex-related differences? No surprise to many of us.

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Son Shoots Father Over DV Perception Error

Matt · 13 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Have a field day with this one:* ***Official: Son Mistakes Parents' Sex For Domestic Abuse Boy, 16, Charged With Assault With Deadly Weapon*** . This story is missing a few key details, but the details it gives create a whole new perception of how dysfunctional families can be dangerous places. Due to the gender feminists' widespread indoctrination of society, that there's a domestic violence epidemic in families, it's not too terribly surprising to see a "shoot first" attitude towards the family patriarch in this story."

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Woman who killed child agrees to be sterilized

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In Atlanta, a woman killed her 5-week-old daughter. The woman has agreed to undergo sterilization plus 5 months probation in order to avoid a murder charge.

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Carl Fiorina? He'd Probably Be Out of Work, Too

Matt · 14 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From The New York Times, THE question was bound to come up: If Carleton S. Fiorina were a man, would the outcome of her turbulent tenure as chief executive of Hewlett-Packard have been different?*
Most management specialists say no. They contend that the company's misguided Compaq acquisition and sluggish performance would have taken down any chief executive, of either sex. And many note that Hewlett-Packard has tried hard to avoid any taint of sex discrimination; one woman, Ann M. Livermore, a respected Hewlett executive, is a possible candidate to replace Ms. Fiorina, and another, Patricia C. Dunn, is the nonexecutive chairwoman of Hewlett's board. As usual, feminists are spreading their doom and gloom message equating Carly's firing as a major setback for women."

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RADAR Alert: Men's Resource Center Abuses Men with False Stereotypes

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On Monday February 14, the Men's Resource Center of Western Massachusetts is running a Valentine's Day advertisement (see below) which states, "Women are entitled to live their lives free of fear of abuse and violence."

The ad conveniently forgets to mention that women are just as likely as men to commit domestic violence. Indeed, the advertisement promotes the worst stereotypes about the so-called "masculine culture of violence."

Click "Read more..." for more.

Men's Resource Center Abuses Men with False Stereotypes
On February 4, 2005, Tammy Warner of Lake Jackson, Texas was indicted for negligent homicide. She is accused of killing her husband, Michael, by giving him a sherry enema that caused his blood-alcohol level to rise to almost one-half of one percent

But the Men's Resource Center would like you to think that victims like Michael Warner don't exist.

Contact the Men's Resource Center and tell them the following:

1. Their advertisement is one-sided and misleading because it ignores the fact that women commit domestic violence as often as men – see RADAR Fact Sheet at http://www.mediaradar.org/media_fact_sheet.php.
2. The advertisement abuses men by promoting scurrilous stereotypes. Tell the MRC, "Men are entitled to live their lives free of social abuse and false stereotypes."
3. The Men's Resource Center's website openly admits it wants to "give Valentine's Day a whole new meaning." But Valentine's is a day devoted to romantic love. It should not be turned into an orgy of male-bashing and fear.

Contact Rob Okun, executive director of the MRC:

E-mail: raokun-at-mensresourcecenter.org

Telephone: 1-413-253-9887, extension 10

Fax: 1-413-253-4801

Address: Men's Resource Center, 236 North Pleasant Street, Amherst MA 01002

Please mention you are contacting Mr. Okun in response to a RADAR Alert.

This group claims to be working to help men. So how does fear-mongering and anti-male propaganda do that?

Here's the MRC advertisement – see it for yourself at the following web address:

http://www.mensresourcecenter.org/menofheart2005.html

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Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting (RADAR) is a coalition of men and women working to assure balance and accuracy in media coverage of the domestic violence issue. More information can be found at: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Fred on Maureen (and the Sisterhood)

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Philalethes writes *"Fred Reed's latest column does it again:*

'Maureen [Dowd] is the resentment columnist for the New York Times. ... In a recent column, headed "Men Just Want Mommy," ... we have the eternal cry (at least it's beginning to feel eternal) of the unhappy feminist: "The whole world can't stand me. What's wrong with the whole world?" ... Actually, what men very much do not want is to marry Mommy. The problem for Maureen is that she *is* Mommy: censorious, moralizing, self-pitying, endlessly instructive, and so achingly tedious that men find themselves thinking of moldy bath sponges.'

Actually, it's all pretty depressing, but it's good to get a laugh out of it now and then; thanks, Fred."

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California Default Judgements

Matt · 16 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Adam G. Alsop writes *"I happened to come across your article on Taron James' Paternity Fraud case and thought that this link should be widely spread, as is speaks *directly* to the heart of that (and many similar cases).*

In this appeal, the Court is VERY clear about the "wording" of the Law vs the "intent" of the law:

"The County, a political embodiment of its citizens and inhabitants, must always act in the public interest and for the general good. It should not enforce child support judgments it knows to be unfounded. And in particular, it should not ask the courts to assist it in doing so. Despite the Legislature's clear directive that child support agencies not pursue mistaken child support actions, the County persists in asking that we do so. We will not sully our hands by participating in an unjust, and factually unfounded, result. We say no to the County, and we reverse."

This is a MAJOR victory for all those falsely accused of paternity and hit with a default judgement. While I am not in a similar position, I felt it important to pass along this information to you and your readers. Hopefully it will help set a standard across other states as well."

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Swedish government bans science on gender differences

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Cain writes *"Swedish government bans science on gender differences.*
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Stop bogus restraining orders in Massachusetts

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Kingsley G. Morse Jr. writes *"A new Massachusetts law would put global positioning systems on people with restraining orders. Now that the law is being reviewed, isn't it a good time to ask lawmakers to fix the notorious problem of bogus restraining orders?"*

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Men's Courses Bad, Women's Courses Good....

Matt · 17 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bro writes *"The University of California is reconsidering their earlier stance on a men's lit course called: "Literature By and About Men." You can find it Here.*

After being accused of gender discrimination, the University of California has reversed an earlier decision to reject a lower-division English course called "Literature By and About Men."

I bet the feminists are fuming over this university's decision!"

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Growing Apart From Dad Makes Teens Sad

Matt · 17 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Garth writes *"A recent study of roughly 900 teenagers suggests that growing apart from Dad makes children more prone to depression. The same link was not found when boys and girls grew apart from their mother. Maybe we should reverse the standard custody practises?"*

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Suicide TV boxer KOd by Reality

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ArtflDgr writes *"The full text can be found here.*

In today's NY Daily News there is a piece about a Boxer that appeared on the new reality boxing show "The Contender". He didn't meet the cut and committed suicide on Valentine's day in front of his girlfriend's house.

The article is almost a full page and after it points out that EVERYONE around him said the show was not the issue they keep trying to make the new show the issue. Even with the following quote they don't stop.

Click "Read more..." for more. ***"He kind of made a joke about it," said Gallagher. "He said, 'If we got 10 rounds I would have beaten that guy easy.'***
"That's the kind of guy he was. He didn't take it hard."

Philadelphia Police Sgt. Ron McClane added, "There's nothing to tie the suicide to 'The Contender.'"

Two Quotes in the article say the real reason, but is totally glossed over, over and over again throughout the article. they refuse to accept what his father AND girlfriend say. Here are the two key quotes:

"The 22-year-old fighter shot himself in the head after quarrelling with girlfriend Angela Chapple over custody of their 2-year-old daughter, Anyae, relatives said."

But his father said his son told him something that foreshadowed Monday's tragedy. "'I just can't live like this,'" Daniel Daugherty said Turpin told him. "I guess he was talking about living away from his kid."

They won't let the show go and report that he was about to be forced to give up his dream of being a boxer. The courts would never let him continue to lose and not work once child support would start. He also knew the girlfriend (as did the father), and already knew that he wouldn't be with his kid."

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Misandrist Domestic Violence legal decision

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Ray Blumhorst writes *"A man who had his leg knocked out from under him in an act of domestic violence committed by a woman, doesn't have "standing" to sue for shelter services for men.*

"What a strange (and cruel) irony in the use of that word (standing) from the English language," says Ray Blumhorst."

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Circumcision addressed in stage show questionnaire

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Acksiom writes *"The website for Richard Herring's stage show 'Talking Cock' has a questionnaire page, which praiseworthily addresses circumcision, or less euphemistically, routine and ritual male genital amputation.*

Go to http://www.talkingcock.co.uk/ , "Questionnaire" link at top left.

There's also a questionnaire for women, about which my female intactivist contact who sent me the link said:

"One of the questions on mine was if I ever wished I had a penis or envied men for having a penis...I brought circ up too, and said no...I was happy with my genitals and my sexuality and capacity for pleasure...and I was darn glad to live in a country where my genital integrity was protected, and nobody could cut anything off of me for social, cultural or religious reasons...and that men deserved the same respect and protection."

Let's tell him how we feel too -- it's incredibly rare for anyone to ask about how feel about having been sexually mutilated, and that asking should be encouraged with responses."

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Restraining Orders

Matt · 17 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Gordon Hillesland writes *"An Oregon State Representative is requesting two bills be written for this session of the legislature. One will put due process into the issuance of a restraining order. The other bill will prohibit the awarding of real or personal property to a person who has no financial interest in the property. Would anyone who is interested in writing letters or testifying before the committee, after the bills are written, especially Oregonians, please contact me. Thank you."*

Ed note: Author can be reached at dongtamnsa67-at-yahoo.com.

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Another RADAR Success

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Marc Angelucci writes: *Steven Svoboda works closely with them, and we can consider this another RADAR success. Scroll down to "Domestic Abuse."*

Marc

Click "Read more..." for the letter text.DOMESTIC ABUSE

Editors, Daily Planet:

I greatly enjoy your newspaper and am especially gratified by its sensible combination of critical thinking and political awareness. It is therefore with some disappointment that I saw an egregious error in the Feb. 4 issue by J. Douglas Allen-Taylor ("Mayor Brown Takes Wrong Turn with Parolee Curfew"). Admittedly, it was not the central point of his column, but it is nevertheless galling to read regarding domestic violence calls for assistance: "The report did not specify whether the victims of the violence were wives or children." Let's see now, who is the author missing here?
Many human beings struck by domestic violence, in fact almost certainly the majority of adult victims are not "wives." Non-married women can of course be victims of domestic violence. And, as the Department of Justice has acknowledged, males constitute a significant percentage of domestic violence victims. Exact figures vary, as they inevitably will, but somewhere between 36 and 60 percent of all adult victims of domestic violence carry a Y chromosome. If there ever was an excuse for willfully ignoring male victims, it disappeared with the 1997 publication of Philip Cook's seminal book Abused Men: The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence. Dr. Martin S. Fiebert, psychology professor at California State University, Long Beach, has tabulated no fewer than 155 studies documenting the substantial levels of male victimization in domestic violence.

Sure, males are on average stronger than females, but there are many exceptions, and the elements of surprise and weapons can easily flip the advantage to a female against even the brawniest male. As best-selling author Dr. Warren Farrell has repeatedly, tirelessly pointed out, out of well over 50 studies using randomly chosen subjects and studying both male and female violence, not a single one has concluded that males commit a substantial majority of domestic violence. Most studies find that, when we compare male and female, violence is an equal opportunity atrocity. At the National Coalition of Free Men, the world's largest and oldest membership organization devoted to public education regarding gender discrimination against males, we deplore all violence equally. We only seek to set the record, and Mr. Allen-Taylor, straight.

J. Steven Svoboda

Public Relations Director

National Coalition of Free Men

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Prostate cancer advice

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AngryMan writes *"For once the BBC website has something useful for men, a page of information about prostate cancer. Link here"*

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An Interesting Read: "Myth of the Perfect Mother"

Matt · 18 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tumescent writes *"The latest Newsweek cover is The Myth of the Perfect Mother.*

What does this story have to do with men? To me it highlights that in many ways, women have more choices than men. The choice to have children, the choice to work or stay at home, the choice to work part time or full time, the choice to go back to school or not. Men with children rarely have these sorts of options. Ultimately, the article highlights that women who "choose" to have it all rarely end up obtaining their unrealistic dreams. Meanwhile, the men in these women's lives are left to go to work to bring home the bacon that allow these women to eventually "find themselves". Something about the article really bothered me. Being a mother, holding a job, and being a wife is hard----but women need to stop bitching about it."

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'The Contender' to air despite suicide

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Despite one of the contestant's suicide, the show nonetheless will be aired.

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Morons running the universities

Matt · 18 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The presidents of MIT, Princeton, and Stanford have written an opinion column about "women in math, engineering, and science." What about all those female math and science teachers and all those nursing science majors? Well, the column is really about women holding elite research positions in math, engineering, and science at places like MIT, Princeton, and Stanford. Few women hold those positions. And this is a HUGE problem, or so these university presidents argue. If you have any young children, see if even they can spot the emptiness of the university presidents' "reasoning". Then teach your children to fight against real, major injustices."*

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Women denied bail in fatal stabbing

Matt · 19 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Story here.*

Quotes:

'Two young women charged with the fatal stabbing of a 19-year-old woman were denied bail a second time. They stabbed the victim several times in the throat and stomach with broken beer bottles and steak knives. The confrontation apparently stemmed from an argument over a boyfriend. In MA, judges routinely deny men bail on simple charges alone if related to DV - it is rare for women to get denied bail unless the case is extreme like this one.'"

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Controlling vs. Empowered

Matt · 19 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ahh, MSN at it again with this. Were the sexes/roles reversed, who doubts that in that case a female partner to the famous one would not be touted as "empowered" or something else. Instead, in this case, he is called "controlling".

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Emasculated Kenyan Boys Receive Surgery

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The ignorance leading to this attack is truly astonishing. I don't know what else to say.

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NY Times Acknowledges Injustice of Child Support

Matt · 20 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Locksley2k writes *"This NY Times article exposes the counterproductive measures of punishing indigent men who are unable to pay court ordered child support."*

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Sexual Harassment Lawsuit Over Gorilla

Matt · 20 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Here is a intriguing episode of "animal sexuality" that borders on the bizzare,* ***Women Allege Monkey Business Caring for Gorilla***
. I know at times we primates have all been treated like a monkey's uncle, but can a gorilla really use sign language to say, "Koko's your daddy???" Keep abreast with all the news that's fit to report, and some that isn't, or you too could wind up on the short end of the long arm of sexual harassment law. Once again the poor, lonely male, who was already behind bars this time, was just hoping for a little bonding with the opposite sex, albeit cross speices. I suspect diversity training will take on an all new meaing for Zoo administrators across America after this episode, and Koko will need to be re-educated in the politically correct use of sign language."

Ed. note: Koko is in fact a female gorilla (see this page). The person being sued, Dr. Patterson, is also female.

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Heart Disease Research Short-Changing Men

Matt · 20 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Here's a study presented at the 2nd International Conference on Women, Heart Disease and Stroke - **Marital stress kills*** . "Elaine D. Eaker worked with colleagues from Boston University to analyze marital discord and its effects on heart disease and overall mortality." "While the men who kept quiet during a conflict did not suffer harmful health effects, the women did, she found." **Whoa Nellie!** Could this story be just one more example of advocacy research, propagandized through our feminist controlled news media??? If this story is true, then this fact strikes me as even more amazing - ***MEN HAVE A 70% GREATER RISK OF DYING OF HEART DISEASE THAN WOMEN*** . What's going on at the American Heart Association? Is the American Heart Association now spending the money donated to it on an agenda driven by gender feminist ideology, instead of spending that money on an "as needs dictate" basis?"

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MSN on Men, Women, Love, and Depression

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MSN has come out with this story. You know, I can't keep up with them. Today women are just fine without love, the next day, without love they are miserable (and the blame is usually placed on men).

Sadly I am quite sure there are people out there who actually take MSN's babblings seriously.

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Dead? That's no excuse not to pay child support.

Adam · 20 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From Omaha Channel, The state of Nebraska is trying to collect child support from a dead man. This is not child support he owed when he was still alive, but instead, the debt accumulated after he died. The government had intercepted $1,867 of her tax refund to pay her husband's child support. Harriman protested some more, but got nowhere.*
Much to Harriman's surprise, that is the law. Nebraska statute 43-513.01 states: "A judgment for child support shall not abate upon the death of the judgment debtor." In other words, a dead man can still owe child support."

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Girl: Killed sister over burger / Where's Dad?

Adam · 20 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

ArtflDgr writes *"The article can be found here*

The article details in short with a 12 year old "tiny terror" that has been charged with killing her sister in a fight over a hamburger.
the detectives note that it must be "devastating to the mother"
Of course there is no mention of dad, and it seems to me that all the children are getting more and more seriously violent at earlier and earlier ages. as the article mentions...."It's a true tragedy""

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Men, Women, and Family Issues

Matt · 21 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tumescent writes *"This is commentary piece from a professional newspaper writer in Portland, OR. She expresses a fairly common attitude and opinion many women hold these days..."*

Click "Read more..." for more commentary from the story submitter.*"...That only women are concerned with the serious issues of the family. Apparently, men only worry about sports and spend their time day dreaming while it is solely women who think about real issues concerning the family. I know she was trying to be cute with her story but could it be that men seem not too concerned because we know that we have no real choices? Women have all the choices, then spend their time complaining about it. They should suck it up. This is what women wanted isn't it? To "have it all?" Unfortuneately, in their desire to have it all they usually end up doing a half assed job of everything. Choices come with sacrifices, deal with it."*

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RADAR ALERT: Why Is It So Hard For The Rocky Mountain News To Talk About Male Victims?

Matt · 21 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The Rocky Mountain News in Denver, Colorado just ran a column by Dora-Lee Larson titled, “Why is it so Hard to Call it Like it Is? Domestic Violence is a Crime.” Larson is the executive director of the Denver Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. Larson’s column was printed in response to a series of articles on "Battered Justice" that ran in the Rocky Mountain News February 5-9.

Click "Read more..." for moreThree times in her article, Ms. Larson uses the phrase, “battered women.” But she finds it very hard to talk about “battered men.” She repeatedly equates men as abusers and women with victims. Only once does she give the slightest hint that women also may be batterers: “How many women and children’s lives have been spared if half of the (mostly) men who receive treatment stop battering?”

There is an entire web site devoted to documenting men in Colorado who were abused or killed by their girlfriends and wives -- apparently Ms. Larson finds it hard to talk about that.

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Contact the Rocky Mountain News and tell them the following:

1. Dora-Lee Larson’s article glosses over the well-documented finding that women are just as likely as men to commit domestic violence.
2. Readers of the Rocky Mountain News should be asking Ms. Larson, “Why does she find it so hard to talk about male victims?,” especially when their plight has been repeatedly documented.
3. The Rocky Mountain News series on Battered Justice did mention male victims, but the overall series left the misleading impression that female batterers are infrequent and even treated unfairly by the criminal law system.

Here’s the contact information for Letters to the Editor:

E-mail: letters-at-RockyMountainNews.com

Snail mail: 100 Gene Amole Way, Denver, CO 80204

Here’s the contact information for Sarah Huntley, the reporter who wrote most of the articles for the "Battered Justice" series:

E-mail: huntleys-at-RockyMountainNews.com

Phone: 303-892-5212

Please cc your e-mail to info-at-mediaradar.org, so RADAR can keep track of the level of response.

For this week’s Alert, we are looking for objective, thoughtful, persuasive letters to the editor to be sent.

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Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting (RADAR) is a coalition of men and women working to assure media balance and accuracy in coverage of the domestic violence issue. More information can be found at: http://www.mediaradar.org/

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India: Three-YO Jailed in False Dowry Harassment Case

Matt · 22 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bharati writes *"A three-year-old girl is jailed in a false dowry harassment case. This link is from Save Indian Families.*

There is also travel advisory warning in USA regarding the misuse of Dowry Act. False acccusation have reached such a huge proportion that even the United States government has been forced to recognise it in a travel advisory here (search on "dowry" to find the relevant text).

Lisa Tsering exposes the dowry fraud in this article here and the history of the travel advisory here."

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Schwarzenegger Remarks on Women Anger Many

Matt · 23 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"False accusations have long been the forte of California gender feminists, but is California's "Governator" burying his foot in his mouth so deeply, that he is hurting the efforts of men's rights activists in California? During Governor Schwarzenegger's campaign he was alleged by some to have groped certain females, and now some women are accusing him of "bullying women"* ***Schwarzenegger Remarks on Women Anger Many*** . This men's rights activist can only wonder what ***legislation biased against males*** , he will sign next to try to appease the growing hostility of women's groups in California."

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More on Harvard

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From Anne Applebaum in the Washington Post, this commentary.

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Florida boy accused of assault with rubber band

Matt · 24 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"13-year-old suspended 10 days after confrontation with teacher.*

I guess he didn't have a conceal/carry license. Yes, folks, rubber bands are deadly and they can hurt you really, really bad. Looks like hard time for this hoodlum. Alcatraz is reopening, I hear."

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Testicle-ripper gets only 2.5 years in jail

Matt · 24 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rob writes *"We often hear about sentencing disparities. Here is a woman who ripped off an ex lover's testicle after she offered him sex and he refused her. Her female lawyer mitigates this act by saying "She did not use a weapon, only her rather small hands." She was jailed for 2.5 years.*

A man who "offered" sex to an unwilling female and then sliced off her breast in rage at her refusal would be considered the worst kind of sex maniac. He would certainly be looking at 10 years in jail here in the UK."

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Man Can Sue Over Surprise Pregnancy

Matt · 25 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From My Way, An appeals court said a man can press a claim for emotional distress after learning a former lover had used his sperm to have a baby. But he can't claim theft, the ruling said, because the sperm was hers to keep.*
The ruling Wednesday by the Illinois Appellate Court sends Dr. Richard O. Phillips' distress case back to trial court. Phillips accuses Dr. Sharon Irons of a "calculated, profound personal betrayal" after their affair six years ago, saying she secretly kept semen after they had oral sex, then used it to get pregnant.
He said he didn't find out about the child for nearly two years, when Irons filed a paternity lawsuit. DNA tests confirmed Phillips was the father, the court papers state.
Phillips was ordered to pay about $800 a month in child support, said Irons' attorney, Enrico Mirabelli. Scary stuff for men. Is there any surprise some men prefer masturbation or the open arms of a prostitute?"

and

Anonymous User writes *"A married woman in suburban Chicago impregnants herself with semen she kept from her lover and gains child support. A court ruled that he at least had standing to sue.*

You have to read it to believe it."

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Men Don't Take a Wage Hit?

Matt · 25 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tumescent writes *"An associated press story is here*
and probably in a newspaper near you! The article seems innocuous enough. It simply states the fact that women take a salary hit when they leave the workforce for family reasons. Well duh, ANYONE would probably take a salary hit if they took a year or more off from their career. That would probably include both women and men, not just women. Of course the research study was limited to studying women, not men. This way, the results could be viewed as being discriminatory toward women and they can be seen as the victim once again."

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Google video search

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A good resource for searching TV shows for instances of various kinds of words/phrases is here: http://video.google.com/. I hope it will be of some use to M/R activists.

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UNtruth at the UN Women's Unit

Matt · 25 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This coming Monday, the United Nations will convene a controversial meeting sponsored by the UN Commission on the Status of Women. The meeting, to be held in New York City, will review the 10-year progress in implementing the recommendations of the Beijing Women's Conference, which was held in 1995.

The Beijing Women's Conference issued the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a sensationalized document that serves as a sort of Manifesto for women's rights activists around the world.

Click "Read more..." for more.While the document begins by advocating gender equality, the report soon becomes filled with a litany of claims about the mistreatment of women. While the specific examples are certainly true, there is no attempt to provide any kind of hard data, or to place the issues in the appropriate context. The report often uses emotion-laden language.

More troubling is that many of the statements in the Beijing Declaration are demonstrably false. Paragraph 47 alleges: "More than 1 billion people in the world today, the great majority of whom are women, live in unacceptable conditions of poverty." Of course, the report does not offer a shred of evidence to support this claim about the preponderance of women in poverty.

The most egregious lies, however, are found in the section on Violence. Repeatedly, the report indicates that women are victims of domestic violence – but never acknowledges the hidden side of domestic violence.

Five years ago, psychologist John Archer reviewed hundreds of studies from around the world. Most of those studies had already been published before the 1995 Beijing Declaration was written. His research, published in the "Psychological Bulletin", concluded, "Women were slightly more likely than men to use one or more act of physical aggression and to use such acts more frequently."

Beginning this coming Monday, we expect the UN Commission on the Status of Women will pick up where it left off. The Commission will continue its pattern of churning out exaggerations, half-truths, and lies.

But this time, we'll be ready.

RADAR – which stands for Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – was established earlier this year to respond to media bias in the coverage of domestic violence.

RADAR has established a national network of men and women who monitor newspapers, radio, and TV stations. During the next two weeks, these Monitors will be watching closely to assure media accuracy and balance. When they spot biased reporting, they will contact the reporter, editor, or producer, and request that future coverage of this issue be balanced and fair.

In addition, RADAR will release a report that summarizes the scientific research about domestic violence. The report, "The Emperor's Clothes: How the U.N. Hides the Truth of Domestic Violence," will be released on Friday, February 25. The report will be posted at the RADAR website: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Finally, RADAR will release a number of press releases and OpEd columns on this important topic.

We encourage other persons to keep on eye on how their local media outlets cover the Commission on the Status of Women conference, and to respond to any bias they observe, as appropriate. Persons who wish to join the network of Media Monitors should contact info-at-mediaradar.org.

As they say, stay tuned.

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The Emperor's Clothes: How the UN Hides the Truth on Domestic Violence

Matt · 26 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Here's the RADAR report -- please review it so you can respond to the myths that the media will be reporting from the UN's conference on the Status of Women over the next two weeks.

Click "Read more..." for the report.

THE EMPEROR'S CLOTHES: HOW THE UN HIDES THE TRUTH ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
by Mark B. Rosenthal

Over the years the United Nations has issued numerous statements about domestic violence (DV). It began in 1980 at a UN-sponsored conference in Denmark, which adopted a resolution on "battered women and violence in the family." Five years later, the UN General Assembly adopted its first resolution on the subject.

Since then, the UN has sponsored various conferences, reports, and recommendations on DV. At the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995, violence against women was identified as one of 12 critical areas of concern. In 2000, an Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was enacted which allowed individual abused women to directly petition CEDAW.

Now, efforts to stop violence against women have become mainstreamed into the full range of UN agencies that address health, human rights, and refugee protection. These agencies include the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the UN Population Fund, and the UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

The assumption behind all these efforts is the same: Women are the victims -- and never the aggressors – in incidents of partner aggression.

But does that assumption agree with the research?

Research on Domestic Violence in Western Countries

Over 100 studies have examined the extent of DV in developed countries such as the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, and Australia. These studies have reached a consistent conclusion: men and women are equally likely to engage in partner aggression.

As Linda Kelly recently noted in the Florida State University Law Review, "leading sociologists have repeatedly found that men and women commit violence at similar rates." In fact, some studies have found that women are slightly more likely to instigate partner aggression.

But what about partner aggression in non-Western societies, many of which are less developed economically? Is it possible that males are the sole or primary aggressors in those countries?

Research in Non-Western Countries

Two compilations were searched to locate studies that compared sex-specific rates of domestic violence in non-Western countries. The two compilations were:

1. Population Information Program: Ending Violence Against Women. Population Reports Series L, No. 11, 1999

2. Martin S. Fiebert: References Examining Assaults by Women on their Spouses or Male Partners: An Annotated Bibliography. 2005.

Five studies were identified. Following are summaries of those research projects:

1. Kim, K., & Cho, Y. (1992). Epidemiological survey of spousal abuse in Korea. In E. C. Viano (Ed.) Intimate

Violence: Interdisciplinary Perspectives. (pp. 277-282). Bristol, PA: Taylor and Francis. Utilized the Conflict Tactics Scale in interviews with a random sample of 1,316 married Koreans (609 men, 707 women). Compared to findings with American couples, results indicate that Korean men were victimized by their wives twice as much as American men, while Korean women were victimized by their spouses three times as much as American women.

2. Kim, J-Y., & Emery, C. (2003). Marital power, conflict, norm consensus, and marital violence in a nationally representative sample of Korean couples. Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 18, 197-219. A sample of 1,500 South Koreans were surveyed. Marital power, conflict, and norm consensus were correlated with marital violence. Findings reveal that the incidence of husband-to-wife violence was 27.8%, while wife-to-husband was 15.8%.

3. Steinmetz, S. K. (1981). A cross cultural comparison of marital abuse. Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare, 8, 404-414. Using a modified version of the CTS, examined marital violence in small samples from six societies: Finland, United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Belize, and Israel. Total sample: 630 persons. Concluded that "in each society the percentage of husbands who used violence was similar to the percentage of violent wives." The major exception was Puerto Rico, where men were more violent. The author also reported, "Wives who used violence... tended to use greater amounts."

4. Straus, M. A. (2001). Prevalence of violence against dating partners by male and female university students worldwide. Violence Against Women, 10, 790-811. Dating aggression was studied at 31 universities in 16 countries worldwide. Responding to the revised Conflict Tactics Scale were 8,666 students (2,747 men, 5,919 women). Results reveal that overall, 25% of men and 28% of women assaulted their dating partner in the past year. At 21 of the 31 universities, a larger percentage of women than men assaulted their dating partners. In terms of severe assaults, a higher rate of perpetration by women occurred in a majority (18 of the 31) of the sites.

5. Tang, C. S. (1994). Prevalence of spouse aggression in Hong Kong. Journal of Family Violence, 9, 347-356. Subjects were 382 undergraduates (136 men, 246 women) at the Chinese University in Hong Kong. The CTS was used to assess students' evaluation of their parents' responses during family conflict. Fourteen percent of the students reported that their parents engaged in physical violence. The author concluded, "Mothers were as likely as fathers to use actual physical force toward their spouses."

What Conclusions Can We Draw?

These five studies compared partner aggression rates in the following non-Western countries: Korea, Puerto Rico, Belize, Israel, Mexico, India, Hong Kong, Brazil, and Singapore. The Conflict Tactics Scale (CTS) was the most widely used survey tool.

Among the five studies, the Straus study had by far the largest sample -- 2,747 men and 5,919 women – and was carried out in 16 Western and non-Western countries. The participants were university students enrolled in social science classes, however, so the results may not be generalizable.

The Straus study reported that in Singapore, 27.8% of females and 11.6% of males had perpetrated partner assaults – more than a two-fold difference. In India, 25.8% of females and 12.5% of males had committed severe assaults. Straus concludes, "the most important similarity is the high rate of assault perpetrated by both male and female students in all the countries."

The other studies suggest that in countries such as Korea (Kim and Cho, 1992; Kim and Emery, 2003) and Puerto Rico (Steinmetz 1981), the males in the groups studied were more likely to commit assaults. And in Belize and Israel (Steinmetz 1981) and Hong Kong (Tang 1994), the assault rate was similar for both sexes.

Overall, the results from these surveys of over 12,000 persons in nine non-Western countries are generally consistent with the findings in Western societies: men and women are equally likely to commit partner aggression.

Reconciling the UN Perspective with the Research

The UN resolutions and recommendations exclusively highlight male-on-female violence. In contrast, the research in both Western and non-Western countries shows that partner aggression is split equally. How do we reconcile

these conflicting perspectives?

A review of the UN statements reveals a disturbing fact: they provide no statistics or hard numbers; they refer only to studies that surveyed women but not men; or they resort to grisly but one-sided anecdotes.

For example, the UN 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action is generally viewed as a landmark document on the issue of women's rights. The section on Violence Against Women contains nine single-spaced pages of analysis and recommendations.

But the Beijing Declaration does not mention even a single study or statistic on domestic violence.

The Declaration offers examples of DV and speculates on its possible causes. But it never states the incidence, nor does it give any hint that women are just as likely to engage in partner aggression as men.

The explanation for this surprising omission is found in paragraph 120 of the Declaration: "The absence of adequate gender-disaggregated data and statistics on the incidence of violence makes the elaboration of programmes and monitoring of changes difficult.".

But is that explanation true? The research on domestic violence began in the early-1970s. Almost every study disaggregated the results by sex. It is almost inconceivable that any study would not break out the data. So the Beijing Declaration's claim about an "absence" of disaggregated data is clearly false.

Likewise, the 1999 WHO publication, Putting Women First: Ethical and Safety Recommendations for Research on Domestic Violence Against Women, never gives any hint that women are often instigators of DV. Likewise, the report does not suggest that female abusers be the focus of research.

Engendering Global Myths About DV

Psychologist John Archer reviewed and analyzed 552 DV reports from around the world. His study represents the most rigorous summary ever conducted of the domestic violence literature. His article, published in the Psychological Bulletin in 2000, reached this conclusion:

"Women were slightly more likely than men to use one or more acts of physical aggression and to use such acts more frequently."

But you would never suspect that by reading the many pronouncements on domestic violence from the United Nations.

The UN emperor has no clothes.

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More on Koko the Gorilla: Third Woman Sues

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I would laugh but it's so pathetic I can't. A third woman is suing Koko's caretakers over their request that she expose her breasts to the gorilla. Bear in mind, ALL the particpants here in this flap are female. [First post on MANN about this topic is here.]

Eventually though, I am sure someone will find a man to sue.

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A Domestic Abuse Murderer Speaks

Matt · 28 February 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"The convicted domestic abuse killer Clara Harris gives a rather self serving prison interview to the media recently. There are audio excerpt downloads of this interview available at this site too.*

As you may remember she killed her husband by running over him with her car. She was given a 20 year prison sentence of which she will have to serve at least 10. And yes a man who did the same crime would have gotten more and probably the death penalty."

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Re Feminist PC Garbage at Harvard

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Tumescent writes *"A commentary by Deb Saunders is here. She makes some excellent points about the PC feminists that dominate some of our higher educational facilities."*

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RADAR Alert: U.N. Conference Expected to Unleash Torrent of Anti-Male Propaganda

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In 1995, the UN Commission on the Status of Women held a conference in Beijing which issued the "Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action". This document presents a distorted picture that focuses exclusively on ill treatment of women, while pretending that men's suffering does not exist. These distortions have served as the basis for male-hostile policies and laws throughout the world.

Click "Read more..." for more.

U.N. Conference Expected to Unleash Torrent of Anti-Male Propaganda
The Women's Commission will be holding a progress review beginning this Monday, February 28 in New York City. If things go as they have in the past, this year's conference will churn out yet another batch of exaggerations, half-truths, and lies. And news organizations across the nation may well report this propaganda as factual.

This time, you can help turn things around. Here's what you need to do:

1. Arm yourself with the facts. Read the RADAR Special Report, "The Emperor's Clothes: How the UN Hides the Truth of Domestic Violence". The Report's conclusion is found at the bottom of this Alert.

2. Watch your local media for one-sided and false reports filtering out of the UN Conference.

3. When you spot these biased articles, send a Letter to the Editor. Remember to make your letter short and sweet – generally 2-4 paragraphs long. Keep it factual and reasonable, and try to make only one key point.

4. Send a copy of your letter to us at info-at-mediaradar.org.

Newspapers publish guidelines for letters on their "Letters to the Editor" page. TV and radio contact information can be found by looking up the station's call letters in the phone directory. Or you can do a Google search on the call letters to find their website.

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Conclusion of RADAR Special Report, "The Emperor's Clothes: How the UN Hides the Truth of Domestic Violence:"

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Missing Aristocrat's Wife Arrested on Murder Suspicion

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French police have arrested the wife of a missing British aristocrat on suspicion of murder over his inexplicable disappearance. They arrested her brother too, apparently. Story here. The article's intimation is of course, predictably, that he "deserved it" because he was having an affair, or was suspected of doing so anyway.

Gee, guess that makes murder OK? Well, if you're female, anyway...

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Junk-Sci Update: Dentists Say We're Wimps

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Dr. Dan writes *"This report in the Chicago Sun Times begins, 'Put a guy in a dental chair, and he turns into a wimp.' That is the result of a survey conducted by the Chicago Dental Society. The tone of the article shows more amusement, than serious concern about male dental health.*

One can only wonder if the reporter would have been more compassionate, or questioned the study's validity, had the results been the opposite."

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Humor: "Moment of Clarity"

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This is very funny, a 3.63 MB .mpg file. It should be available at the link until March 4, 2005. It's also really satisfying to see an otherwise mundane product like bottled water advertised with "the shoe on the other foot," so to speak.

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BBC.co.uk: Abortion Major Issue at UN Meeting

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Looks like it took little time for the UN Women's Conference to get heated. Story here. Now if only they would create a few declarations guaranteeing the rights of men!

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Harvard President Receives Support in Press

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Do my eyes deceive me? Right here, off-linked from Yahoo's main site page, no less!

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F4J Strikes Again with Batman, Robin, and Capt. America

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What a day for news! Congratulations to F4J for their latest protest action!

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Request from Author for Publishing Guidance

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rachel snyder writes: *I know this is a longshot, but I just stumbled onto the chat string from March 2004, in which Adam and others spoke of my book, What There Is To Love About A Man (Sourcebooks, 2000).*

I was heartened to see men validating my book! Yes, the book is out-of-print, though all rights have reverted to me and I am seeking to repackage, reformat, retitle, and remarket the material. The book was simply ahead of its time: too many women still too angry, and too many men oppressed by male-bashing and anti-patriarchal rhetoric! I was interviewed on more than 85 radio shows, and my heart sank when the exposure did not translate into sales.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Can you help guide me to publishers, magazines, or other media who focus on men-friendly work -- and would be interested in re-releasing an improved version of What There Is To Love About A Man? I am open to a variety of collaborative, co-creative, efforts with organizations or companies who understand why this material is important.

The best response to the book was always from men doing men's work at individual or community levels - both gay and hetero. To the best of my knowledge, no other book exists, written by a woman, that honors and celebrates masculine qualities of body, mind and spirit.

'Tis more than coincidence that I discovered your web site and Adam's rallying cry at the same time I am actively looking to bring this content back around! You may post this, along with my email address.

Thanks so much. I am grateful for the support of the men who participated in the conversation nearly one year ago.

Rachel Snyder

author. storyteller. inspiratrix.

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"365 Words of Well-Being for Women" (Contemporary Books 1997)

"What There Is To Love About A Man" (Sourcebooks, 2000)

"365 Words of Well-Being for Mothers" (McGraw-Hill 2002)

"Making Love To God" (unpublished)

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UNICEF chief defends "feminism" in aiding children

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bro writes *"Here is the article.*

Carol Bellamy comments: "Women are central to UNICEF's mission in that their well-being directly impacts families and children."

She also comments: "Since 1990, women and children constitute most of the deaths in war zones. Boys were brutalized and forced to become soldiers, while too many women and girls were too ashamed to complain," she said.

My only question is if women and children constitute most of the deaths in war zones, then male deaths don't matter or are there no male deaths within war zones?"

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USAToday.com: Boys bad, girls good

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Well it seems 16-YO boys are the main reason girls die in car accidents, or so you may gather from USA Today's March 1, 2005 cover story.

From the article:

To many who knew the victims, the crash seemed like a cruel act of fate, a freak tragedy beyond anyone's control. But it fit a common formula for teen deaths on the USA's roadways: Put a 16-year-old boy at the wheel of an SUV. Add two or three teens, including at least one other boy. Send them out at night. Finally, let them travel fast — and unbelted.

I guess girls never drive recklessly, do they? Not according to this publication from the Scottish government:

Although boys constitute the majority of road accident casualties at all ages, accident statistics show that the difference between boys and girls is narrowest during their early teenage years. This research did not find strong evidence to explain this phenomenon. There was little evidence to suggest that girls were any less likely to engage in 'common risk' behaviour but there was some evidence that they were slightly more careful when they did so.

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Little League mother guilty of assault

Matt · 2 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"A mother was ordered to watch a sportsmanship video and write an essay about it after she was found guilty yesterday of assaulting an 11-year-old boy who was cheering the opposing team at her son's game nearly two years ago. She was initially charged with kicking the boy in the crotch. Apparently women have behavioral issues at sporting events too. Hard for the gender feminists to say that this type of action is a patriarchal norm... Also, if a man (father) had done this - we all know that he would be sitting in jail right now, and his face would have been on the front page of the paper."*

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Men save '50% more' than women

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Linucs writes *"From here: "More people are saving regularly, but women are managing to save less than men, according to a report published today." - Guess why? - "Women's salaries are, on average, lower than men's so you would expect a lower amount of savings, both in total and regular monthly amounts. But they also save a lower percentage of income."*

Surprise..."

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Indian Govt To Prepare Gender Oriented Budget

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Mangesh writes *"The highlights of the latest budget presented to Parliament are 1. Women pay Rs. 2,500 less tax on their income, 2. All govt departments required to prepare `gender budgets' which means they should allocate part of their planned fund outlay specifically for the benefit of women, 3. In some Indian states, women pay less stamp duty on property purchase than what men pay (in Delhi, it's 6% & 8%). The Finance Minister recommends the same model to other states as well.*

The Times of India editorial is quite supportive of these `affirmative action' measures."

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Cathy Young on the Harvard Flap

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Counter-DV Bias Letter Published in Major CA Regional Paper

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Congratulations to NCFM-LA member Harry Crouch for this letter's publication in the North County Times. That "Lace Curtain" gets thinner and thinner every day!

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Bryant Case Settled Out of Court

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Here is the story, from the BBC. I quote:

In it, the woman claimed unspecified damages for mental injuries, public scorn and humiliation she had suffered after the encounter.

At the time of the collapse of the criminal case, Mr Bryant issued a statement apologising to the woman for any distress he had caused.

According to the statement, the woman had agreed not to use the apology against him in the civil claim.

No mention of the scorn and humiliation she may have caused Bryant with her unsupportable allegations. The message is clear: fame and money can be gotten for a woman by having sex with a famous/wealthy man, then suing him for it. Makes me glad I am neither!

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Extreme misandry at UNH

Matt · 4 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Palladin writes *"*
Here the resident UNH misandrist Whitney Williams spews some of its venom at the male half of human population yet again."

Click "Read more..." for more.
“"Good Guys" in the patriarchy are harder to find than the Loch Ness monster in a desert.”

“I felt astounded repeatedly by many men's refusal to acknowledge their complicity in the oppression of women;”

“By existing as men, men directly aid in the oppression of women … there is no such thing as a "good guy" in the patriarchy.”

But then after showing so much kindness to us in her drivel she blames men for not being her allies:

“"Good guys" condescend us in the classroom and school paper and laugh at our feminist agenda.”

Perhaps she is a little (or not) psychotic, so she should not be blamed. But the newspaper editors who create VERY HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT for men by printing hate propaganda should be contacted by all of us:

To contact the Editor-in-Chief's office, call 603-862-4076.
Send e-mail to: tnh.editor-at-unh.edu.

Also email the UNH president at: presidents.office-at-unh.edu.

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Female Teacher Accused of Sex Abuse

Matt · 4 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From WOWK TV:*

"A Braxton County middle school teacher is in police custody after allegedly confessing to sexual misconduct with five of her students. Toni Lynn Woods, 37, of Strange Creek was arrested Wednesday on eight counts of sexual assault."

Finally, the media is using the headline of sex abuse instead of just "having sex or sexual relations" to describe this."

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Man Learns Penalty for Wanting to Stay In for the Evening

Matt · 4 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

SLOPDOG writes *"Anti-Social Man Almost Loses Nose*

A Texas man nearly lost his snout after telling his wife he didn't want to go out.

Police said Maria Serrano, of San Antonio, got in a fight with her husband, Zeferino Barrera, after he told her he'd rather not hit the town last weekend.

"The woman in this situation assaulted the man, nearly cutting off his nose and sending him to the hospital," police spokeswoman Sandy Gutierrez told WOAI-TV.

Barrera said Serrano hit him in the head with a frying pan, but police couldn't find any kind of cutting weapon.

"She claims she never had anything in her hands, that it was simply her fist she used to hit him on the nose," Gutierrez said.

A plastic surgeon doubted that story.

"That would be a huge force to knock it off like that," said plastic surgeon Dr. Thomas Jeneby, who said Barrera's nose could be saved with multiple operations.

Serrano was charged with aggravated assault.

— Thanks to Out There reader David B."

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"We overlook AIDS in women at our own peril"

Matt · 5 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"Are you asking "could it ever get worse?" Sure: just read this. But I'm pretty sure UNAIDS welcomes "funding" from male taxpayers too..."*

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Federal Class Action Lawsuit for Equal Parenting

Matt · 6 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

People for Equal Parenting, Inc. writes *"The Supreme Court has ruled that parenting is a fundamental right. In a class action lawsuit against the Texas Attorney General, People for Equal Parenting, Inc. (PEP) is challenging current Texas laws which establish non-custodial parenthood and unequal possession of children as unconstitutional. We have a winnable case. PEP seeks donations to a legal fund to change custody laws so that all fit, divorced parents have the presumptive right to equal physical and legal custody of their children."*

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An "Affair" with an 11 year Old?

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Tumescent writes *"Everyone involved in this unseemly story is at fault, but once again the media portrays this in the headlines as an “affair”. An adult cannot have a sexual "affair" with an 11 year old boy or girl. The words "slept with" and "having sex" when applied to a child should not be used. Yes, they are just words, but "sexual assault" or "child rape" seems more appropriate. Also, the article seems to spend more time questioning the activities of the victim's father than on the alleged child rapist."*

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Sacks, Leving on 'Sperm Theft' Case

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In "Hoodwinked into fatherhood" Glenn Sacks and Jeff Leving discuss the highly-publicized 'Sperm Theft'/Men's Reproductive Rights case--see the article in the Houston Chronicle.

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RADAR Alert: Lifetime TV Reaches out to Men by Ignoring DV Against Men

Matt · 8 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Lifetime TV is planning to broadcast a one-hour “documentary” about domestic violence on April 4 titled “Terror at Home: Domestic Violence in America.” The Press Release which announces the film is attached at the end of this Alert.

Lifetime TV claims that it wants to stop domestic violence by involving men in its efforts, and is partnering with groups like ESPN. But then Lifetime TV turns around and produces a film about DV that completely ignores DV against men.

Somebody needs to ask Lifetime, “How can you say you are reaching out to men, and then turn around and pretend that men are never the victims of DV?”

Click "Read more..." for more.

Lifetime TV Reaches out to Men by Ignoring DV Against Men
Contact Lifetime TV and tell them the following:

1. In the introduction to its “documentary,” Lifetime TV needs to clearly and specifically indicate that males are also DV victims, and that women are just as likely to commit DV as men. (Lifetime is still finalizing the introductory information to the program, so prompt action can make a big difference.)

2. Lifetime TV needs to air the acclaimed “Men Don’t Tell” program, which examines female-on-male violence.

3. If Lifetime TV is serious about reaching out to men, it needs to partner with some of the domestic violence organizations that actually recognize and provide services to male victims.

Here’s the contact information:

1. Telephone: Call Mary Dixon in Public Affairs at 1-212-424-7195

2. Send an e-mail by going to this web address: http://www.lifetimetv.com/about/write.html -- under “Topic,” select “Other Comments or Concerns”

3. Send a constructive letter:

Meredith Wagner, Executive Vice President

Lifetime TV

309 West 49th Street

New York, NY 10019

If you want, you can also contact Tracey Spector, 917-716-8048 or tspector-at-lifetimetv.com.

While Lifetime TV is to be commended for trying to reach out to men, their decision to ignore female-on-male violence is a slap in the face to men.

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Lifetime Television Premieres New Documentary:

'Terror at Home: Domestic Violence in America' at Special Screening Monday, March 7

To: Assignment Desk, Daybook Editor

Contact: Tracey Spector, 917-716-8048 or tspector@lifetimetv.com, Maggie Gallant, 917-207-0010 or Maggie@spotlightcomm.com, both for Lifetime Television

News Advisory:

-- Lifetime Television Premieres New Documentary: 'Terror At Home: Domestic Violence In America' At Special Screening Monday, March 7th At 6:30 PM

-- Panel Discussion Following with Filmmakers Oscar-winner Maryann De Leo and Grammy Winner Michael Bolton

-- Launches National College Education Outreach on the Heels of New Lifetime Poll of Young Women and Men Ages 16-24 Finding that 7 Out of 10 Know Someone in an Abusive Relationship

WHAT: Lifetime Television, Amnesty International, The Body Shop, and Comcast host a premiere screening of Lifetime's new documentary, Terror at Home: Domestic Violence in America. The one-hour documentary (which will air commercial-free on Lifetime, Sunday, April 10) is directed and executive produced by Oscar-winning filmmaker Maryann De Leo and executive produced by Grammy-winning singer, songwriter and activist Michael Bolton - both of whom will participate in a post screening panel discussion regarding how women and men can work together to prevent domestic violence. In combination with the documentary, Lifetime is distributing a viewer's guide to help facilitate and inform further similar conversation between men and women across the country.

The special screening launches a national college outreach initiative to engage more young women and men in efforts to stop the violence. It also launches Lifetime's "Stop Violence Against Women Week" in Washington, D.C. -- a series of events whereby Lifetime leads thousands of anti-violence advocates from around the country to raise awareness of an issue which affects one in three women in her life. As part of the "Donate a Phone, Save a Life" initiative, attendees are encouraged to bring used wireless phones to donate to raise funds for the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV). Donated phones will be refurbished and sold with proceeds benefiting the NCADV and the Wireless Foundation.

WHO:

-- Maryann De Leo, Academy Award-winning filmmaker (HBO's Chernobyl Heart); executive producer and director, Terror at Home: Domestic Violence in America

-- Michael Bolton, Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and anti violence activist; executive producer, Terror at Home: Domestic Violence in America

-- Sheryl Cates, Executive Director, National Domestic Violence Hotline

-- Dr. Oliver Williams, The Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community

-- Rachel Coleman, Amnesty International Student Representative

-- Rita Smith, Executive Director, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

WHEN: Monday, March 7th, Doors open at 5:30 p.m. (Press should be set by 6 p.m.)

WHERE: George Washington University: The School of Media and Public Affairs, Jack Morton Auditorium, 805 21st Street, NW (Corner of 21st and H Street)

ABOUT THE DOCUMENTARY:

One in three American women will live with frightening and degrading domestic violence every day, trapped in relationships from which escape is difficult and dangerous. To acknowledge this too often silent epidemic -- and to foster a conversation among women and men about how it can be stopped -- Terror at Home: Domestic Violence in America offers a report from the streets, police beats, and both modest and spacious homes -- putting a real-time lens on domestic abuse, the escape and the complex aftermath for women and their families. The documentary is a key component of Lifetime's Emmy award-winning advocacy outreach campaign "Our Lifetime Commitment: Stop Violence Against Women."

Lifetime is the leader in women's television and one of the top-rated basic cable television networks. A diverse, multi-media company, Lifetime is committed to offering the highest quality entertainment and information programming, and advocating a wide range of issues affecting women and their families. LIFETIME Television, Lifetime Movie Network, Lifetime Real Women, Lifetime Radio for Women, Lifetime Home Entertainment and Lifetime Online are part of Lifetime Entertainment Services, a 50/50 joint venture of The Hearst Corporation and The Walt Disney Company.

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Date of Release of RADAR Alert: March 7, 2005

Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting (RADAR) is a coalition of men and women working to assure media balance and accuracy in coverage of the domestic violence issue. More information can be found at: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Playground insults against females banned, boys ok

Adam · 8 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"From This is London, Teachers are warned today that words such as "slag" and "slut" lead to boys feeling superior to girls and make domestic violence seem more acceptable. Boys should be challenged if they are heard directing such terms at girls. It is considered equally unacceptable for girls to aim such insults at one another. Teachers' leaders said such language is common in secondary schools and even among older children at primaries. Not surprisingly, there's no mention if what happens if a girl insults a guy for being a pervert, a horndog or a lech. I seriously doubt such behavior will be banned as well by the new rules."*

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NY Times Prints NCFM letter, NOW letter

Matt · 9 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"Peter Allemano of the NY chapter of NCFM just send out the following message that I'd like to convey:*

"On page 10 of yesterday's (i.e., 3/6/05) Sunday Business section, THE NEW YORK TIMES published two letters in response to its 2/27/05 article about Warren Farrell. One is a standard-issue, ideological feminist screech about anti-female discrimination and harassment, submitted by Kathy Rodgers, President of Legal Momentum (formerly NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund), and the other is a highly condensed version of the letter I submitted. Although a "search" for both our names on the TIMES's Web site turns up the fact that our letters were published, the actual text of the letters is not available on line. So here's what the TIMES published of mine:"

Click "Read more..." for more

To the Editor:

"Any woman - indeed, any man - who wishes to earn more can do so by
following Dr. Farrell's advice. Moreover, as he says, anyone who chooses inherently lower-paying work can better appreciate the nonmonetary benefits of the choice.

I am a man who works full time as a secretary - a predominantly female profession - in a large corporate law firm, earning a small fraction of the wages paid to the lawyers. Unlike many of them, however, I usually can leave work at 5 p.m., sleep eight hours a night and have time to go to the gym. I am not paid any more or less than any of my fellow secretaries who are my equals in seniority. And I am not saddled with a mind-set that insists I should be paid as much as our bosses. It is obvious to me that
they work harder, make larger sacrifices for their careers and perform more important work."

Peter Allemano

Manhattan, Feb. 27

The writer is a director of the Greater New York Chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men, which examines sex discrimination issues that affect men.

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Further message from Peter A.: While, of course, I feel delighted that I was able to get NCFM's name into print, at the same time I feel saddened by the need for the TIMES to publish my letter at all. In my opinion, the thoughts conveyed in the letter constitute simple, self-evident truth, and I believe it says something terribly unfortunate about our society's being in the thrall of destructive ideological nonsense that "the paper of record" must quote a secretary, for heaven's sake, to convey a down-to-earth philosophical
perspective. This observation is by no means intended to disparage myself for being a secretary. Rather, it is to express dismay that those who we ought to be able to trust in academia, government and elsewhere to productively provoke our thinking often can only be counted on to dispense sanctimonious rodomontade and nihilistic folderol."

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Rape Reported to Cover Public Drunkenness

Matt · 9 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Here is an article about a woman who claimed to have been brutally raped in a restroom to cover up underage public drunkenness and being in possession of alcohol. But later admitted she had lied. Big surprise huh? The upside: she will be charged with making a false crime report. The downside: she will probably not get any jail time, more likely mild probation. And all will probably have a big laugh over it.*

More evidence that there is a urgent need to pass federal legislation to prosecute false rape allegations and add real prison time."

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Australia: Report paints sad portrait of the modern woman

Matt · 9 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

ArtflDgr writes *"You can read the whole text HERE.*

"The new look at the Australian everywoman" that "paints a picture of women as increasingly lonely and unhealthy."

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Office Romances-- Just Say No

Matt · 9 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tumescent writes *"We've all probably heard about Harry Stonecipher, ex-CEO of Boeing. Now we finally hear about the other side of the equation here. It just goes to highlight once again that there is little upside and a great big downside in having an office romance no matter what level you are in the company. If you like your job, don't get romantically involved at work-- it doesn't matter if you are the CEO or not. Actually, according to the article, Stonecipher wasn't fired for the romance, but it led to violation of the company code of ethics. Probably deserved. Now let's see if the company code of ethics applies to the woman executive involved as well."*

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Indian state government offering money to one-girl families

Matt · 10 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Apparently one-child (ie, one-boy or -girl) families do not get the same consideration. Story here.

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Male pill proposal flawed at conception (allegedly)

Adam · 10 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

It's been quite a while since we had a condescending talking down about the male pill by a woman, or a pseuedo-man lackey, so here's a new article. Of course, we all know the condescension is really a projection of fear onto the nearest man for being able to do what women have been doing for at least 2 generations, or longer if you consider keeping your fertility ambiguous is what a certain half of humanity use to sexually manipulate the other half of humanity? Yeah I think so. Even if the side effects are harsh, it would most likely reverse the sexual dynamics, and that alone would be worth it. And since we're at it, shall we take a few guesses at the scare mongering tactics we'll have to endure when our pill gets released?

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Boeing employees raise Stonecipher questions

Matt · 11 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From USA Today, Boeing on Tuesday issued a brief notice to all employees that said "many employees" have questioned why the female executive remains with the company while Stonecipher was forced to resign. It's good to see individuals in the workplace (usual awash in femnazi HR policies) asking this exact question. After all, if it was violation of company ethics for Stonecipher to have an affair. How come it's not one for the female executive in question?"*

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IKEA in trouble over male-only furniture assembly

Matt · 11 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From CNN Money, Swedish home furnishings giant IKEA is guilty of sex discrimination by showing only men putting together furniture in its instruction manuals, Norway's prime minister says.*
*Isn't there something better Norway's Prime Minister could target? *shakes head*"*

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Feminist Recruiting Targets

Matt · 11 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Neil Steyskal writes *"Here is an interview that details some new feminist recruiting targets.*

The site, beliefnet.com, has a dialog icon where the writer replies to comments from 'respectful guests.'"

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Women given 15 minute handicap at LA Marathon

Matt · 11 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From Running USA:*

> Under hazy skies, relative calm and temperatures in the mid-50s, the elite women took off 15 minutes and 50 seconds ahead of the elite men and the rest of the 25,000 plus entrants. The handicap differential was determined by past LA Marathon winning times and the relative strength of the elite fields (last year's, differential was 20:30).

After the race, Lyubov Denisova expressed disappointment in finishing third in The Challenge (46 seconds behind) and believed the 15:50 handicap favored the men. I'm confused and speechless. Confused as I thought whatever a man can do, a woman can do just as good or better. So why the need for a handicap, ladies? Speechless because I can't believe I just read a woman saying that a 15 minute handicap for the women runners favored the men."

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NCFM-LA Mentioned in MI Ballot Proposal Story

Matt · 11 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The NCFM-LA lawsuit against California was metnioned in a news story regarding a challenge to Michigan's state university admission policies.

Click "Read more..." for more.On-line, this story is found at:
http://www.mlive.com/newsflash/business/index.ssf?/base/news-23/111048131026580.xml&storylist=mibusiness

Ballot proposal could threaten programs for women, study says

3/10/2005, 2:55 p.m. ET

By DEE-ANN DURBIN

The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) - Breast cancer screenings, science camps for girls and other programs for women would be threatened under a proposal that could appear on Michigan's ballot in 2006, a University of Michigan researcher says.

Susan Kaufmann, associate director of the Center for the Education of Women, planned to release her report Friday at the Michigan Women's Summit. The summit was being held in three locations connected by satellite. Among those scheduled to attend were Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the women presidents of Michigan, Michigan State University and Western Michigan University.

Jennifer Gratz, who sued the University of Michigan over its admission policies, now is promoting the ballot measure for the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative. The group says the measure would ban universities and state and local governments from discriminating based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin.

Gratz said Thursday that the proposal is taking aim at discrimination in public contracts and public education but wouldn't affect health programs.

"The University of Michigan is reaching. They're grabbing at straws," Gratz said. "They are practicing discrimination based on race, and they want to change the debate."

The group wants to get the proposal on the ballot in Michigan in November 2006. State officials are reviewing 508,000 signatures that the group submitted in January.

Kaufmann said a similar measure that passed in California in 1996 has eliminated or changed many programs originally meant to help women. A summer science academy that used to emphasize education of girls and minorities had to change its focus, she said. Other programs now target low-income communities instead of girls and minorities, Kaufmann said.

Kaufmann said the National Coalition of Free Men, a men's rights group, is challenging all state programs for women in California in a lawsuit. The group also filed a lawsuit against California domestic violence shelters receiving state funding, but a judge upheld that funding under a separate California law that protects programs for women and minorities.

Kaufmann said Michigan law has no protections against such lawsuits, so state- or locally funded programs for women could be at risk. That would include scholarships for women, government programs that help women-owned businesses and gender-specific screenings for cervical or prostate cancer, Kaufmann said.

"(The proposal) does not provide for exceptions for the health and well-being of affected populations, but instead seeks a blanket ban on targeted programs based in race, gender and ethnicity," Kaufmann said in the study.

Gratz said opponents should ask themselves why they believe programs should give special attention to one race or gender.

"If it's good for one gender or if it's good for one race, why wouldn't it be good for everyone?" she said.

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On the Net:

Michigan Civil Rights Initiative: http://www.mcri2004.org/

Center for the Education of Women: http://www.umich.edu/~cew/

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15 Year Old Girl Poisons Mother's Boyfriend

Matt · 11 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

ArtflDgr writes *"The full text of the article can be found HERE*

Basically during a day outing shopping and a stop at McDonalds this girl added a micky finn of copper sulfate she stole from school to her mothers boyfriends soda.

My Favorite Quote: ***Danielle Sander's family describes her as a "sweet girl"***

Despite what many are thinking, this man is a very very lucky man given that this material is quite toxic.

ArtflDgr"

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Woman Superior Cited In Police Harassment Suit

Matt · 11 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

cmdr iceman writes *"Officer says his complaints were ignored by department. This article is just more proof that sexual harrassment laws were only written to serve women. The saddest part I found in all of this was how obdurate his male superiors were as they stymied the officer's efforts for the harassment to end and instead encouraged him to accede to her advances because she would be chief one day."*

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MSN Columnist: Wife cheating-- what did YOU do wrong?

Matt · 11 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes "
*Advice columnist gives sh*tty advice to men regarding how to deal with infidelity.*

I have a hard time imagining her advising a woman "I am not blaming the victim here — fidelity is a choice — but there probably are things you can do to lessen the chance your [husband] will cheat again."... and then run on into a litany of potentially wifely obligations that she ought to entertain (doing dishes, shining his shoes).

Email the old hag at inquiries-at-drgailsaltz.com"

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Desperate to be "housewives"

Matt · 12 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From The Independent:*

> They are the generation of women who grew up expecting to have it all. No longer forced to choose between children and a career, they were set to embrace superwomanhood by doing both - while holding down a perfect relationship and keeping a spotless home in their spare time. But modern woman has taken a reality check. The average 29-year-old now hankers for a return to the lifestyle of a 1950s housewife. The daughters of the "Cosmo" generation of feminists want nothing more than a happy marriage and domestic bliss in the countryside, according to a survey. Research into the attitudes of 1,500 women with an average age of 29 found that 61 per cent believe "domestic goddess" role models who juggle top jobs with motherhood and jet-set social lives are "unhelpful" and "irritating". More than two-thirds agree that the man should be the main provider in a family, while 70 per cent do not want to work as hard as their mother's generation. On average, the women questioned want to "settle down" with their partner by 30 and have their first child a year later.

And of course, guys, we all know what this means -- they want to be housewives without any of the housework."

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Woman commits murder, arson, attempted murder of rescuing fireman

Matt · 12 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From Firehouse.com:*

> A woman being carried out of a burning house put a gun to a firefighter's head and pulled the trigger repeatedly but was out of bullets following the shooting death of her boyfriend, police say. The woman, in her late 50s, was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation Monday. Once she is released she will be jailed for investigation of first-degree murder and two counts of assault, officer Mark Fulghum said. Police and fire investigators said she apparently tried to set fire to the house in a suicide attempt after the shooting of her longtime boyfriend, 65.

Obviously, this woman was very ill and deserves absolutely no jail time for this domestic violence against her boyfriend. *turns off sarcasm*"

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Australian Insurance Company Takes Page from Progressive Playbook

Matt · 13 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like Progressive is not the only insurance company using male bashing these days to "reach out" to potential female customers. Mutual Community South Australia looks like it has been getting ideas from Progressive Insurance with its latest offering. Visit the Mutual Community link above and scroll down to the lower right corner of the page and view the "It's Dangerous Being Single" ad.

Gee, what a riot!

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RADAR Alert: Minnesota Men Killed by Wives Unlikely to Answer Health Survey

Matt · 14 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Francis Manthey of Hill City, Minnesota was shot and killed in the early morning hours of March 5, 2003. His wife, Ardelle Manthey, has now been indicted on charges of first degree murder.

But according to the Minneapolis Star Tribune, the killing never happened. In fact, the 30,000 Minnesota men who were assaulted by their wives and girlfriends in 2004 were just imagining things.

The Star Tribune just ran an article titled, “3% of Minnesota Women Report Attack by Their Partner.” The article reported the results of a Health Department survey of 2,000 women. The Health Department did not bother to survey men. The results of the Health Department survey can be found here.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Minnesota Men Killed by Wives Unlikely to Answer Health Survey
The article quotes Carolyn Hamm of the Battered Women’s Justice Project: “We know that a lot of this stuff goes unreported.”

We might add, a lot of domestic violence against men goes unreported, as well.

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Contact the Star Tribune and tell them the following:

1. Women are just as likely as men to commit domestic violence, as discussed here.

2. Good journalism needs to report both sides of the story to be balanced and fair.

3. The Star Tribune should now run an article about male victims of DV.

Please send a message to the Star Tribune. If you send a letter, keep it polite and short. Here’s the contact information:

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Anders Gyllenhaal

Minneapolis Star Tribune

435 Portland Ave South

Minneapolis, MN 55488

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Telephone: 612-673-1734

Reporter:

Maura Lerner

Minneapolis Star Tribune

435 Portland Ave South

Minneapolis, MN 55488

E-mail: mlerner-at-startribune.com

Telephone: 612-673-4414

If you are upset by this biased survey, contact the Minnesota Department of Health directly:

John Stieger

MDH Communications

P.O. Box 64975

E-mail feedback: http://www.health.state.mn.us/webmaster/mail.html

Telephone: 651-215-1301

Sara Seifert

MDH Injury and Violence Prevention

Minnesota Department of Health

P.O. Box 64975

E-mail feedback: http://www.health.state.mn.us/webmaster/mail.html

Telephone: 651-215-2968

In this week's Alert, we are hoping for a stand-up double from both the newspaper and the Health Department. Or if we get enough people to write in, maybe we'll end up with a home run!

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3% of Minnesota Women Report Attack by their Partner

Maura Lerner

March 10, 2005

http://www.startribune.com/stories/462/5283797.html

Three percent of Minnesota women aged 18 to 44 reported being victims of domestic violence between January 2003 and May 2004, according to a survey by the Minnesota Department of Health. In addition, 1 percent of those surveyed were victims of sexual assault.

Based on the findings, the department estimates that 30,000 women are victims of domestic violence in Minnesota every year, and another 10,000 are sexually assaulted. Less than half of those who needed medical care sought treatment for their injuries, the survey found.

The survey confirmed previous national and local surveys about the extent of violence against women, Sara Seifert,

one of the authors of the study, said Wednesday.

"[The] take-home message for me is, we have pretty large numbers of victims of violence, and most of them probably are not going to a formal system for assistance," said Seifert, an epidemiologist with the Health Department's Injury and Violence Prevention program.

The telephone survey, conducted in 2004, asked 2,000 Minnesota women whether they had been victims of violence in the previous 12 months. Of those surveyed, 57 women said they had been physically assaulted by a spouse, boyfriend or other domestic partner; another 26 reported a sexual attack.

Of those injured, only about four in 10 sought treatment at a hospital or clinic, the survey found. Seifert said medical professionals and others need to do more to reach out to potential victims and to encourage them to seek treatment.

Carolyn Ham, of the Battered Women's Justice Project in Minneapolis, said she was not surprised by the findings. "We know that a lot of this stuff goes unreported, whether to medical professionals or to the police," she said. "But obviously it's still very much of a social problem."

The survey did not attempt to assess violence against older women, men or children, but concentrated on women 18 to 44 because they're often a prime target of such attacks, Seifert said.

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S.D. Supreme Court rules on prenuptial agreements

Matt · 14 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

ArtflDgr writes *"The whole article can be found here.*

The supreme court in South Dakota ruled that a pre-nup can not limit alimony because it runs counter to state public policy.
However, the parts that deal with division of property can be enforced. IMHO this is just one more reason not to get married (out of the many out there). As I see it the whole thing is pushing towards a situation of either give up all your rights at the thresshold OR do not take the step at all. Bottom line is that one should not ever consider marriage anymore..."

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Military Women Colocation Rules Changing

Matt · 16 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

ArtflDgr writes *"The full text of the article can be found here.*

The article is from the center for military readiness and criticizes some of the changes that are/may be going through. hold on to your hat guys as you hear some of these things. many sacrifice readiness and material and things in favor of meeting PC goals.

Click "Read more..." for moreFrom the article:

> *"The altered language of the collocation rule apparently underlies the unrealistic notion that only male soldiers will go forward when a unit is "conducting" a battle, while female soldiers will be evacuated and sent elsewhere just prior to hostilities. That would leave as many as 24 positions vacant when the combined infantry/armor battalion is most in need of formerly all-male soldiers in its collocated forward support company.*
>
> *"Evacuating 24 fully loaded female soldiers would require two Blackhawk helicopters, six Huey helicopters, one Chinook helicopter, two 5-ton trucks, or 12 fully-crewed up-armored humvees—assets that cannot be spared on the eve of battle."*

Yes, you read it right... in order that the women are protected from a forward combat position (for which they train), is to have them jump ship just before the battle... so long boys, we have things to do elsewhere...

This is a prime example of something that is all too common now, and thats the process that happens after a PC thing is established on some spurious points. After the first thing is unworkable there are more and more odd gyrations and rules as we try to adjust a Volkswagen to be a Rolls Royce all while ignoring that you cant get there from here.

ArtflDgr"

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Teen patricide set up for exoneration

Matt · 16 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here. Bets are on she walks free. "Another mean old single dad laid to rest and good riddance." Exactly what I'd expect from MSN.

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MR2005 Registration Reminder

Matt · 16 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The Second Men's Equality Congress has been taking registrations since early March. Please visit the registration page to register. The dates are July 15-16, 2005. More information is available on the web site. MANN's own Scott Garman will be there, too!

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Tell Us Your Story!

Matt · 17 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"The DesertLight Journal is gathering material for a book to be published later this year on domestic violence. This book will focus on the currently underserved people affected – the male victims, female abusers, serial victims, and those addicted to violence.*

We'd like to hear your story, and also to hear how you went about seeking help; if you did seek help, what happened if you did, and if you were able to find what you needed.

Click "Read more..." for more.
Submissions need not be of professional quality. We know not everybody is a writer, but that shouldn't stop you from telling us what happened to you. Just do the best you can. We're more interested in truth than a polished presentation. Submissions chosen for the final publication will be edited for quality.

Length is not a major concern, but we'd ask that you keep your story under 10,000 words. If your submission has been previously published, please make sure you still have the rights to the work.

Submissions should be sent in the body of an e-mail, and include your name, mailing address, and phone number. This information is for verification and clarification purposes only, and will never be used for anything else.

You identity will be kept entirely confidential should you prefer we do that. If you have a website or blog related to this issue, and would like to have this information included, we can do that as well. Let us know your preference in your submission.

Deadline for submissions is May 30, 2005. Send to: dva2004-at-desertlightjournal.com.

This is an activist/fundraising project. Look for further details to be announced at the DesertLight Journal.

All participants do so as volunteers. Any proceeds from the book will be donated to the Domestic Abuse Men's Helpline."

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Peterson Sentenced to Death

Matt · 17 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Scott Peterson was sentenced to death today (March 16, 2005) for the murder of his pregnant wife, or as MSN is wont to put it, "his wife and their unborn child". Now had she gone and had an abortion, that would not have been anything wrong as far as the law was concerned, and Scott Peterson would have had no say in the matter either, depsite his being respoinsible for supporting the child. As to if *she* had murdered *him*, well, I doubt very much she would have received a death sentence. Remember this woman?

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Of men, women, and money

Matt · 17 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From US News:*

> Do men earn more money than women in comparable jobs with comparable responsibility? Most people seem to think so. During one of the presidential debates, John Kerry complained that full-time working men made a dollar for every 76 cents paid to women for the same work. President Bush didn't challenge the statement, and reporters let it go by as well. "The average woman is cheated out of about $250,000 in wages over a lifetime," said an article in Ms. Magazine. The AFL-CIO estimates that working families lose $200 billion of income annually to the male-female wage gap. Oh, really? The Census Bureau did find that women earned 76 cents for every dollar paid to a male (now up to 80 cents on the dollar), but that was a raw number, not adjusted for comparable jobs and responsibility. A new book, Why Men Earn More by Warren Farrell, goes further, examining a broad array of wage statistics. His conclusion: When reasonable adjustments are made, women earn just as much as men, and sometimes more.

Good to see the MSM (mainstream media) finally providing opposing viewpoints to such blatantly obvious feminist lies."

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Data may help to explain sex differences

Matt · 17 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

ArtflDgr writes *"the text of the article can be found here.*

The article details that 'researchers have found that the sexes differ more than we thought, particularly when it comes to the genes on one crucial chromosome.'

'Taken together, the two papers may eventually explain some of the behavioural and biological differences between individual women, and perhaps, between women and men.'"

Click "Read more..." for more.
If you are like me then you read a lot of science journals and such. I guess so does Larry Summers. The reason I say this is that in the science world the things we argue about in the public sphere are very different than the facts that the bean counters and bottle washers have collected.

It is to be noted that even with solid physical evidence the researchers still dance around not wanting to solidify anything to a conclusion that may not be liked (science is science but funding is a whole other ball game).

There is also a follow up feature article HERE.
However you will need to pay for it or already have a subscription (which is usually cost prohibitive in the sciences).

I predict that we may hear more from this given the recent spate of situations throwing the spotlight on the situation...

Artfldgr

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Harvard President Receives No Confidence Vote from Faculty

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Larry Summers is pilloried by the faculty.

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"Miss Savannah" Acquitted of Murder

Matt · 17 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The verdict is in. It's open-season not just on unfaithful husbands but boyfriends/fiances, too. Sort of reminds me of what NOW and the like complain about happening in Middle Eastern countries, only in this case, it's the males in danger of getting killed by the females, and it's happening here in the West.

As always, she claims she was being abused.

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Article text is at "Read more..." view for those not interested in registering with the Savannah Morning News.**Nikki: 'I had a right to protect my life'**

Acquitted of all charges in the shooting death of her fianc, the former beauty queen gives her first post-trial interview

When her lawyer told her there was a verdict, Sharron Nicole "Nikki" Redmond was tucked behind a brown courthouse snack machine.

Her mother, brothers and grandmother as well as an extended family of aunts, cousins and friends kept her company and the media away.

Bible in hand, she walked into the Chatham County courtroom where for more than a week her trial on murder charges unfolded.

Her family walked with her as far as they could until she eased into the chair at the defendant's table for the last time.

She stood up again for the verdict. Deputies were there in case they had to handcuff her. Behind her, the benches were filled with people.

Not guilty.

After deliberating about nine hours, a jury of three men and nine women said Redmond is not a murderer for killing fianc Kevin Darnell Shorter in December 2003.

"Jesus, thank you," said her mom, Sharron Elaine Redmond.

Shorter's parents showed no reaction.

Neither did Shorter's other fiance, Rachel Hall.

Defense attorneys Michael Schiavone, Brian Daly and Steve Sparger hugged Nikki Redmond, Miss Savannah 2003.

Superior Court Judge Michael Karpf thanked jurors and excused them.

Elaine Redmond went to her only daughter and youngest child.

Holding each other, mother and daughter walked out of the courtroom, past the cameramen and through the back door.

Hours later, inside the dark crimson walls of her attorney's conference room on Bull Street, Nikki Redmond, dressed in a black suit, gave her first interview.

"I was created into a larger-than-life, obsessed beauty queen that had to have everything her way," she said. "To sit there and listen to things said that are not true is like sitting with your hands tied behind your back and having someone repeatedly spit in your face.

"In a month, maybe in 10 years, I'll just be another face that people pass and don't even know."

What she wants most now is to be her old self again.

The person she was before the shooting and the trial tested her.

"I stood fast," Redmond, 23, said.

Prison "was a grave and enormous possibility," she said. The former high-school teacher trembled as she spoke.

"I had a right to protect my life," she said.

The night she shot Shorter, Nikki Redmond had gone to Hall's house to talk to her about some harassing phone calls Hall, 24, had been getting.

Shorter, 25, a former Jenkins High School football standout, had accused Redmond of contacting the other woman in his life. Redmond wasn't making those calls and wanted to tell Hall so.

But the beauty queen didn't have Hall's number. So Redmond drove around Hall's Runaway Point neighborhood until she found her house.

The two women were talking cordially in the front yard when Shorter showed up.

The man who'd asked both women to marry him bolted from the car and came at Redmond - threatening to kill her, she testified Monday.

Ultimately, Redmond fired her .40-caliber pistol from the window of her white Mitsubishi Galant as she made her

getaway. She thought he was reaching into his gray Monte Carlo for the gun she knew he carried. Her bullet struck him in the buttocks, severing his left femoral artery.

Redmond kept driving.

Didn't know she'd hit him.

She talked to police later that night - Tuesday, Dec. 16.

She told them she'd fired a warning shot; that she was afraid Shorter was going to kill her. She told them Shorter had hit her before, that he had been abusive over the course of their three-year relationship.

But she didn't tell detectives her lover had threatened her life that night.

The police told her then she'd wounded Shorter, but Redmond thought he'd recover.

Prosecutors told jurors Redmond's testimony that Shorter threatened her was a lie.

If that were true, prosecutors said, she would have told police that night.

At her attorney's office Wednesday, Redmond explained why she hadn't.

"I didn't think that Kevin was seriously hurt that night, and I didn't want him to get into trouble," she said.

Shorter died three days after Redmond shot him.

"I was in disbelief and in shock," she said. "I screamed out.

"I never got a chance to see him. I was never able to say goodbye."

She loved him even though she testified about the two black eyes he'd given her and the repeated slapping, kicking and choking episodes.

"I would hope that the experiences that happened to lead up to this case would be a red light to women that just because we are the weaker sex that that in no way means we have to let ourselves be weakened or torn down by someone of the opposite sex," she said.

Prosecutors had told jurors Redmond, a Spelman College honors graduate, was too smart to stick with an abusive boyfriend.

"Nobody is too smart to be an abused woman," Redmond said.

"Being abused is not something people like to admit to," she said, "and anyone is vulnerable."

Redmond hid it from her family and friends until Shorter's blows became bruises.

Now, she said, she's wiser.

She and her family said prayer got them through the ordeal.

Prosecutors said they were disappointed by the verdict.

Shorter's parents didn't want to talk about the verdict Wednesday.

After meeting with prosecutors in their sixth-floor office, the Shorters left the courthouse through a side door. Last week, after the jury was selected Monday, Phyllis and Daniel Shorter said while they had forgiven Redmond, they wanted justice for their son.

Nikki Redmond didn't know that.

She hasn't spoken to them since before the shooting.

But she and her mother still pray for the Shorters.

"I'm a mother," Elaine Redmond said. "They lost a child. There's no easy way around what happened.

"But justice has spoken."

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What Chutzpuh!

Matt · 18 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"World Net Daily reported on Robert Blake's acquittal but just couldn't hold back their misandry. Notice their last sentence of the article, "...(he) had been described by both sides in the case as a career con artist."*

This is is same media outlet that cheered Clara Harris after killing her husband because he cheated on her and didn't correct "his" problem.

I'm presently trying to decide whether or stop my subscription to their Whistleblower magazine and request a refund for the rest of that subscription or just to not renew when the subscription expires.

What blatant bias! Absolutely disgusting!"

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Women Want Another Pass

Matt · 18 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tumescent writes *"Some of the issues pointed out in this article are really over the top.*

> "Most imprisoned women, and relatively few imprisoned men, leave behind children for whom they were the sole primary caretaker. The separation can be shattering for mothers, who may lose parental rights, and for children, thousands of whom are placed in foster care at state expense."

Oh cry me a river. If these women were at all concerned about their children they wouldn't be out possessing and selling drugs or hanging out with those that do. To use the screwed up child custody laws to rationalize why they should not do the same time for the same crime is really amazing. It's hard to fathom how their position on this can be deemed anything be laughable."

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Different sentences for similar crimes

Matt · 19 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *"Spot the difference!*

Story 1:

"A man who murdered his partner in front of her two daughters has been jailed for life..."

Story 2:

"A teenage girl who killed her fiancée after he admitted having sex with her friend on the night he died has been sentenced to eight years in custody."

Incredible..."

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Eligible? How much money have you got?

Matt · 19 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"When the UK recently passed the Freedom of Information Act, Angela Wright decided to use it to find a husband. She has a thing about police officers, and she emailed her local police headquarters asking for details of "eligible bachelors within Hampshire constabulary between the ages of 35 and 49 and details of their email addresses, salary details and pension values".*

Got to make sure you get your hands on the money, Angela.

Want to know why most high-earners are men? Because men work harder. Why? Because they know that their value in the marriage marketplace depends on how much they earn.

Don't believe me? Ask Angela."

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Battered Justice, all right...

Matt · 20 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

.. at least as far as the truth goes. The Washington Post has done it again. The author's article ends with the usual appeal to governmental chivalry with:

In fact, the history of profound gender inequality in the government's treatment of wife-beating makes the problem one of core constitutional concern. No less than police brutality, this kind of passive misconduct implicates fundamental civil rights.

Actually it's more the other way 'round really. Has a battered woman ever been made to ride backward on a donkey while crowds threw garbage at her (search on "donkey" to get to the relevant text on the page)?

See menweb.org and mediaradar.org for more resources on this topic. Also, you can read about the author of the Post article here; her e-mail address is jmeier-at-law.gwu.edu.

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Snail a dollar!

Matt · 21 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"We're launching a campaign at the DesertLight Journal called "Snail a Dollar" to benefit the Domestic Abuse Men's Helpline.*
DAHM is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS. Here's their website:
http://www.batteredmenshelpline.org/

They are the only nationwide agency serving male victims of domestic violence. As awareness of the full problem grows, and men needing help become more willing to ask, DAHM's resources are ever-more depleted. They depend entirely on private donations to keep the service running. They are restricted from accessing any of the billions of dollars in federal, state, or local government funding because they help men.

Most state and federal funding is reserved for member programs of state domestic violence coalitions. DAHM has been refused membership in their state's coalition, because their services are primarily focused on male victims.

It's up to the private sector now to help men!

Here's the link:

http://desertlightjournal.blog-city.com/read/11436 33.htm"

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Maureen Dowd: Bad at Science

Matt · 21 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Maureen Dowd is:*

(a) Hypocritical.

(b) Bad at science.

Here's the piece."

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RADAR Alert: Washington Post Ignores Battered Justice For Male Victims

Matt · 21 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

On December 16, 2003 Georgia beauty queen Sharron Nicole Redmond rolled down the window of her car and shot boyfriend Kevin Shorter. Three days later, Shorter bled to death.

Even though Shorter did not have a gun with him, and even though Redmond easily could have driven away in her car, Redmond later testified that she killed Shorter in self-defense. This past week the jury in Savannah found Miss Redmond not guilty of murder.

A case of battered justice for a male victim of domestic violence.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Washington Post Ignores Battered Justice For Male Victims
Three days after the jury verdict, the Washington Post ran an editorial about Battered Justice in domestic violence cases. The article did not mention anything about Kevin Shorter. The article did not say anything about Ray Blumhorst, a battered man who was turned away by a local domestic violence shelter. The article did not refer to male victims at all.

Written by law professor Joan Meier, the essay tells the tragic story of Jessica Gonzalez. Finding her daughters missing from the house, she called the police for help, who did not respond to her appeal. The daughters were later found dead.

In her editorial, Joan Meier ignores the cold indifference that meets male DV victims, instead claiming that “too many have continued to be indifferent and sometimes hostile to women’s calls for help.”

Meier rightfully refers to “protecting battered women and children,” but fails to point out that women are equally likely to commit DV as men, and that mothers are more likely to physically abuse children than fathers.

Contact the Washington Post and tell them the following:

1. Joan Meier’s editorial on “Battered Justice for Battered Women” is biased and unfair.

2. Editorialists who make claims about “protecting battered women and children” should be expected to provide evidence to back such one-sided statements.

3. The Washington Post should run an article about “Battered Justice for Battered Men,” and highlight the recent tragic case of Kevin Shorter.

Here’s the contact information at the Washington Post:

Michael Getler, Ombudsman:

E-mail: ombudsman-at-washpost.com

Telephone: 202-334-7582

Leonard Downie, Executive Editor:

Telephone: 202-334-7512

Letters to the Editor (remember to keep your letter courteous and concise):

The Washington Post

1150 15th Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20071

E-mail: letters-at-washpost.com

If you are really bothered by this blatant example of media bias, contact the writer directly:

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E-mail: jmeier-at-law.gwu.edu

Telephone: 202-994-2278

The Washington Post has never run a major article that highlights DV against men. With the re-introduction of VAWA coming any day now, we need to generate at least 1,000 e-mails, phone calls, and letters about this unfair editorial.

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'Dead-broke' Dad will sell a kidney to see his son

Adam · 21 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ragtime writes *"A man whose 'support' payments are set at higher than 100% of his income has tried to sell one of his kidneys on eBay. For two reasons, I just about couldn't believe my eyes when I came across this article. First, for the unbelievably sad story of a desperate father and a heartless mother and, second, for the fact that the story ran in a MAJOR main-stream paper, and was SYMPATHETIC to the father!*

From the article: **The 48-year-old car salesman is desperate for cash, $50,000, to be exact. It's the sum he owes his ex-wife in spousal support, and he believes that paying up is the only way that, after almost five years, he'll finally be allowed to see his beloved son again.**
...and...
"I feel he's being held ransom and it's horrible that she's put a price on his head."

Meanwhile, the court system, he says, acts as her willing accomplice.

After months of her harassment, he lost his well-paying job as a sales manager..."

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Male Easter Bunny Arrested For Scaring Woman

Matt · 22 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Just in time for Easter. A man working at a mall dressed as the Easter bunny was arrested and charged with harassment after he yelled at a female. There is noting in the story saying he made her cry so that is good news. Maybe that will reduce his prison sentence or make his chances for parole better."*

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UNH: Misandry Escalates: Patriarchy Bash

Matt · 23 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Palladin writes *"*
On March 10, 2005, there was a "Patriarchy Bash" at UNH. Posters announced it everywhere. They defined "Patriarchy" as men. For more information read here.

In my humble opinion, the main reason misandry is so popular in our culture is because we men are seen as a perfect target -- because most of us are gentlemen. If we protested, or started many **hostile learning environment** and **sexual harassement** suits, these scumbags would have quickly found another target. After all, is not "poetry" about cutting off genitals the worst case of sexual harassement?

I would also say that now it is definitly the time to switch off our gentleman mode and switch on our survival mode."

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Men's Rights March in Mexico

Matt · 23 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"Mexican men march for their rights. Story here."*

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Female crime and punishment (?)

Matt · 24 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"From the BBC: "As the prison population rises, more and more women are being locked up. Critics, however, believe women offenders should be treated differently from men and now the government has outlined plans to build female rehabilitation centres as an alternative to jail."*

Get this one:

"For instance, they claim that half of women prisoners - far more than men - have suffered physical, sexual or mental abuse."

I guess that men who suffered physical, sexual or mental abuse as kids should just rot in jail, right?"

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The Latest on "The Rantings"

Matt · 25 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"It's been a few weeks since I announced my anti-feminist book, The Rantings of a Single Male. In that time, several positive reviews have appeared on Amazon. It's also the featured book this month at Mensight Magazine, where you can find some very intense excerpts. Darren Blacksmith has recently endorsed The Rantings and has published an off-the-wall conversation with me on his CoolTools4Men website. And now Angry Harry has the book listed in the UK. If you have read The Rantings, let's hear what you think!"*

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UNH Newspaper creating hostile environment

Hombre · 26 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Palladin writes *"In the bottom of the papers electronic version they have an ad comparing men to dogs! The paper is here.*

I believe that in a university where a student was evicted for a politically incorrect joke that must be a violation of harassement rules!

There is also a fuller version of the events which occured at Patriarchy Slam.

Please contact the paper at 603-862-1490."

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2 women arrested for rape hoax

Hombre · 26 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Story here.*

Two women get caught lying about a girl getting raped by an armed kidnapper - this sent a SWAT team to the house and closed city blocks. To quote the feminist mantra "women do not lie about rape" -indeed."

I wonder if any feminist mantra will ever stand up to honest investigation? - Hombre

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Mom accused in child porn plot

Hombre · 26 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

cnewbyuk writes *"Even though this is an extreme example, I'm still shocked at the levels some women will go:-*

Story here."

That's what happens when people become convinced that others aren't as human as they are. Without 50 years of feminist propaganda dominating the media, this very well might not have happened. - Hombre

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UNH examines discrimination at "Patriarchy Slam"

Hombre · 26 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"This New Hampshire newspaper reports on the "Patriarchy Slam held in the basement of UNH's Memorial Union Building the evening of March 10,"* ***here*** . One comment describes the event as "a public feminist poetry event where women wore scissors on their necks and talked of castrating rapists." Another comment speaks of the event's participants as, "using the scissors to pop balloons that spelled out "The Patriarchy,'" A UNH vice president says, among other things, "We're not finished dealing with the whole issue...""

Looks like the feminists are backpedaling. Unfortunately, something in that quote "not finished dealing with the whole issue" sounds like "are finished dealing with this part of the issue", but we'll see how this develops. - Hombre

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Military Dads Denied Father's Rights

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Wendy McElroy writes this informative article on an all too familiar situation for many military fathers.

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Interview with Thomas Ellis, author of 'The Rantings of a Single Male'

Hombre · 26 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Darren Blacksmith has recently interviewed Tom Ellis about his book. An interesting read for those who either already purchased it or are considering doing so, with information about how it was written, further clarification on some of the themes, and the response from some of the readers. Read it here.

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BBC.com: More female dead, bigger tragedy

Matt · 27 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ahh the BBC at it again here. Like MSN, leave it to them to use the tsunami to pander to feminists. If 80% of th dead were men, believe me, no one at the BBC would bother mentioning it. It ends with this dig at the male sex:

She added it is important to work with men who had lost their wives and teach them how to care properly for their children.

Sigh....

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Georgia Residents: Support HB 221

Matt · 27 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

MANN administrators received the following with a request to post it:

"The misandric-ridden state of Georgia is in the process of reforming its antiquated and tyrannical child support laws. The reform legislation is HB 221 which would take in consideration the custodial parent's income, 90+ percent of the time the mother, in determining child support. Presently, only the non-custodial parent's income, 90+ percent of the time the father's, is used in determining child support which of course is completely nuts."

Click "Read more..." for more.

*"HB 221 *almost* became law Thursday but failed by one vote. However, it will be re-voted on on Tuesday the 29th. This is a real opportunity to help throw off the yoke of governmental tyranny if enough support shows up at the capitol on this coming Tuesday.*

The organization that is pushing this legislation is called Georgians For Child Support Reform and their website is at: http://www.gachildsupport.org/, and you can e-mail the President, Julie Batson (yes, a female is actually pushing for pro male reform), at: julesbatman-at-yahoo.com.

There are powerful feminist lobbyists on the other side that are working feverously trying to scuttle this reform which is probably why it failed by one measly vote.

So if you are in Georgia and can come to the capitol in Atlanta on Tuesday and show your support when HB 221 is re-re-voted on it would be most appreciated."

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Woman Rows Across the Pacific

Matt · 27 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Congratulations to her! Now, why again is it that women are excluded from Selective Service registration?

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Paternity by Choice: The Reasonable Person Test

Matt · 27 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Stephanie Frostic writes *"We American women are at liberty to freely accept or decline parenthood, but it is illegal for a man to even attempt to do the same, and it is indeed politically incorrect for a man to even think of such concept. Fortunately, in law, there is 'the reasonable person test,' and it reveals the unconstitutional absence of male reproductive rights."*

To learn about the reasonable person test and how to argue it for male family planning rights, see "Paternity by Choice: The Reasonable Person Test" at http://www.paternitybychoice.com

-Stephanie Frostic, Founding Mother
www.PaternityByChoice.com"

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Prostate Cancer Article

Matt · 28 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here is an article on prostate cancer that makes some good points, and actually appeared in print. Maybe the main-stream media are starting to consider the possibility of being relevant to the 50% of their customers they usually ignore?*

Tom P"

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Purell Denigrates Men

Matt · 29 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Jeffrey Asher writes *"[Regarding] Purell Sanitizers:*

Purell's television advertisement, "You can't touch this," has alerted the world to the primary infection vector: men.

Purell shows a man leaving the washroom without washing his hands; a boy in daycare dribbling nasal mucous on a ball; and an obese man sneezing explosively on supermarket shelves and a shopping basket. The victims of such masculine slovenliness and irresponsibility are all female.

Click "Read more..." for more.
When may the public expect to see Purell broadcast a similar advertisement showing females as slovenly and males as their victims? If Purell will not run such and advertisement, then its message is clearly misandric.

Purell may rest assured that this man, and every other fair-minded woman and man I may persuade, will not buy your products for at least five years. I will attempt to bring Purell's demeaning message about males to every forum I can."

Ed. note: Purell is owned by Pfizer, whose contact form is here.

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False Accusations

Hombre · 29 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"Chief Police Prosecutor and other senior police officers of India's West Bengal state say laws that unduly favor women must be changed. According to them, in `violence against women' cases, the man is usually presumed guilty unless proven innocent. This encourages women to make false accusations. Article here."*

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Title IX protects whistleblowers

Hombre · 29 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"The Supreme Court expanded the scope of a landmark gender equity law, ruling Tuesday that it shields whistleblowers who accuse academic institutions of discrimination based on sex. Now the floodgates are open... Lets hope that the ruinious effect Title IX has had on lower profile men's sports can find a way to use this law when the next men's sports team gets dropped because there isn't enough interest among the women in the same sport.*
Article here."

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Men who beat up their wives or girlfriends will be prosecuted even if their partners drop the charge

Hombre · 29 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

It looks like its time to educate Britian's top policeman on the realities of domestic violence. Ian Blair has a very distorted view of them, and because of that the UK is about to launch a very sexist terror campaign including prosecuting men even after the women drop charges and a series of fear and hate generating billboard ads making men look like monsters. But Sandra Horley from Refuge reassures us “Domestic violence affects us all – perpetrators need to know that they cannot get away with violent crime and women and children need to know that they will be protected.” Thanks Sandra, I feel so much better knowing that. Article here.

If anyone has contact information for Mr Blair, please post it here so we may share our concerns with him.

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Fathers4Justice protest as monks atop St Paul's cathedral

Hombre · 29 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

"It is to do with Easter and the fact a lot of dads will not see their kids this Easter." - Matt O'Connor. BBC article here.

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Thieves should be jailed

Matt · 30 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Lib Dems, a UK political party, are offering amnesty for women who steal. The men's movement answer is that once a thief always a thief; there is evidence to show that the cost of such deception is costing the country £50,000,000 and is damaging to our young.*

"Evan Harris MP for Oxford stated: Although I believe in eugenics and women's rights I can't quite get my head round the idea that women thieves should be given preferential treatment. This is not quite what I had in mind when I considered equality, there must be thousands of men in prison for theft.."

Ed. note: Quote from Evan Harris is not attributed (ie, we have no URL and a Google search did not bring up the quoted text). If anyone can supply a reliable attribution, please post it.

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ACFC: Prominent Leaders Criticize Family Law

Matt · 30 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

I received the following e-mail from ACFC and thought it was too good not to post. Kudos to them!

Prominent Leaders Criticize Family Law

Yesterday, Monday, March 28 a second ACFC newspaper advertisement ran in the Washington Times National Weekly Edition. The ad will be repeated next Monday, April 4.

Click "Read more..." for more.

This ad is endorsed by some of the most eminent and respected leaders in America. In addition to the national officers of ACFC, the following names appear on the ad:

Phyllis Schlafly, President, Eagle Forum

Paul Weyrich, Chairman and CEO, Free Congress Foundation

William J. Murray, President, Religious Freedom Coalition

Dr. Don Wildmon, President, American Family Association

Concerned Women for America

Michael J. McManus, President, Marriage Savers

Dr. Allan Carlson, author, "Fractured Generations"

William Greene, President, RightMarch

Pacific Justice Institute

Urban League of Northern Virginia

Heather Higgins, Chairman, The Independent Women's Forum

Dr. Mark I. Klein, MD, board certified psychiatrist

Bryce Christensen, Associate Professor, Southern Utah University

David M. Wagner, Associate Professor, Regent University School of Law

John Eisendrath, Executive Producer, ABC's "Alias"

Dr. Warren Farrell, author, "Father and Child Reunion"

Glenn Sacks, columnist and nationally-syndicated radio talk show host

David Buchanan, author, "Gendercide and Human Rights"

These names cannot be ignored. These are eminent leaders who speak to the President and members of Congress

on a regular basis. They head organizations with hundreds of thousands of members and followers.

These leaders are sticking their necks out for us. They sympathize with our plight, support our efforts, and are willing to back us further. It is now up to us to act. These people cannot fight our battle for us. We are now on the national stage, and what we do will be seen by the world.

This ad presents an inescapable choice to elected officials: Either our charges are without merit, in which case why are they being endorsed by leaders of this stature? Or our charges are true, in which case a major national scandal is being ignored by our elected officials. Either way, it demands attention, and that is all we are demanding: An investigation into allegations of government wrongdoing alleged by millions of American citizens and a full report to the American people.

Here is what you can do:

* Copy this ad and circulate it to your elected officials and to the media.

* Solicit local endorsements, and run the ad in your own local newspapers.

* Some of the organizations listed above have local affiliates. Contact them and offer to create a coalition for mutual support.

* Go to http://www.acfc.org/ and make a contribution in support of these efforts.

* Forward this email to ten other people who have been affected by the family law system and ask them to consider supporting the effort also.

We have major support among national leaders in Washington. We have only to act and act responsibly, and the door will swing open to us.

These endorsements demonstrate that we have now accumulated perhaps the most valuable commodity in politics: trust. These leaders trust that we are telling the truth about these abuses. They know our allegations have not been refuted and cannot be refuted. It has taken years to acquire this trust, and it cannot easily be built up again.

We must now invest this "political capital" or it is wasted.

Stephen Baskerville, President

Michael McCormick, Executive Director

David Roberts, Chairman of the Board

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The censored side of gender issues

Hombre · 31 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Mike Shubov writes about men's issues, censorship, and taking action in The New Hampshire, (the student publication of the University of New Hampshire).

"Had I not read "The Universal Myth of the 'Oppressed Woman'" by Diana Lewis and "Painefully Right" by James Paine and other letters criticizing radical feminism, I would still be pretending I have freedom of speech without daring to use it." - From the article.

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Mum's the word on dad

Hombre · 31 March 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Some recent political goings-on in Australia have inspired this article, which not only mentions that 20-30% of fathers discover through DNA testing that their kids aren't theirs, but also interestingly ponders *"if women were more trustworthy on the question of paternity, perhaps men could be more trusting that women undertake abortion only when strictly necessary"*

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Anti-Male Advertising

Matt · 1 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

gordon clay writes *"Check out the listing of many companies that do male negative advertising and the campaign we at The National Men's Resource Center, developers of http://www.menstuff.org/, have waged."*

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Gender Empowerment at the U.N.

Matt · 2 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"From here: " U.N. refugee chief Ruud Lubbers resigned in February amid sexual harassment allegations, and word leaked out this week that Carina Perelli, the **highly regarded** head of the U.N. elections unit, was accused in a confidential U.N.-commissioned report of making unwanted sexual advances toward a male employee and creating a **sexually charged** work environment."*

Glossary - Sexually charged: read "harassment".

Don't ever say that the U.N. doesn't 'empower' women..."

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Call to protect teachers from false accusations

Matt · 2 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A teachers' conference has again highlighted the high incidence of false accusations against teachers, and called for false accusers to face prison. It doesn't mention that male teachers are by far the most likely to suffer such allegations. Story here."*

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Castration and tolerance at UNH

Matt · 2 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes writes *"This event has been covered in a couple of previous stories, but I think this article is worth reading, especially for the quote from one participant, which pretty well sums up the phenomenon known as feminism: 'Hello, my name is Mary Man-Hating-Is-Fun. I am 23 years old, and I am what a feminist looks like. Ever since I learned to embrace my feminist nature, I found great joy in threatening men's lives....'*

I am reminded of two other quotes: (1) 'If you allow them [women] to pull away restraints and put themselves on an equality with their husbands, do you imagine that you will be able to tolerate them? From the moment that they become your fellows, they will become your masters.' (Cato the Elder, 234-149 BCE) (2) 'The idea that women were repressed until the sexual revolution in the 1960s is absurd ... they were certainly restrained, a crucially different matter.' (Melanie Phillips, 'The Sex-Change Society: Feminised Britain and the Neutered Male') The reasons for the historical 'subjugation' of women are becoming clear: they will not (perhaps cannot) restrain themselves. When they are allowed to 'run free,' this is what results."

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Women in the police force

Hombre · 3 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *"An informative article by conservative columnist Ann Coulter, entitled, "FREEZE! I JUST HAD MY NAILS DONE!", here."*

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False Accusations

Hombre · 3 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mic730 writes *"My husband was accused of rape 2 years ago. After submitting to DNA and taking a polygraph he was exonerated. However, while we waited for the DNA testing I started wetting the bed from the stress of the situation and my husband became depressed. The DNA test showed the "victim" had 3 samples present but none of them matched my husband. She also refused to take a polygraph although she specifically named my husband. The police let us know that no charges would be filed against my husband or the "accuser." I am so angry that she could make these accusations and walk away. I have always considered myself a champion for women's causes and now feel like I should screen women beforehand.*
My stress level of wetting the bed is no longer a problem but I will now take every claim of rape with a grain of salt until a trial occurs."

I normally don't post personal stories that get submitted without articles, but since this was an example of how feminist laws can even harm their supporters I decided to make an exception. Often it seems people have to be personally victimised before they start to see the bias in a system, and I'm sorry the author and her husband had to suffer because of it. I'm sure that if she starts looking at all the "women's causes" with a more scientific eye - looking at evidence presented by all sides and always with equal scrutiny, we'll be seeing more of her in the men's movement. - Hombre

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A father's place is in the classroom

Hombre · 3 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This Guardian article discusses the positive influence of fathers being involved with their childrens schooling. From the article - "There has been a definite improvement in performance in the classroom.", "The children say they feel special and like it when their father visits the school"

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The Rantings of a Single Male

Matt · 3 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

JustSayNo writes *"I like to read in the evening after dinner, but usually after a full day of work, doing dinner and helping with homework, I usually drift off 15 minutes after opening a book.*

Not so with Thomas Ellis' new book, The Rantings of a Single Male. Not so by a mile! I got the book Thursday, read two-thirds of it by midnight, and gobbled up the rest of it Friday evening.

I cannot recommend this book highly enough to everyone on this list. I promise you that you will not be disappointed. In fact, I guarantee that you will be hugely entertained.

Click "Read more..." for more.

And that entertainment value is why I think that Ellis' book may very well be The Book That Changes Everything.

I don't say that lightly. I know the ignorance that we're up against, but I think that the real genius of this book is that it delivers a devastatingly accurate message in a hugely entertaining way, all the while managing to "deconstruct feminism". Ellis successfully tears to shreds the lies, the distortions and the pathology that is feminism … and does it with a cutting humor and scathing satire equal to that of Mark Twain, Will Rogers or any of America's other great humorists. Mr. Ellis gives Western women the "equality" that they've asked for and so richly deserve.

While only a relatively few motivated individuals will ever take the time to read the "academic" books about feminism to learn about the evil that feminism has become, Ellis has written a book that even unmotivated and "clueless" individuals will – I hope – gobble up. THIS book has the potential to tear the Lace Curtain to shreds.

Please pardon the closing, but I'm sure Mr. Ellis would appreciate it: In my humble opinion, Thomas Ellis is a fucking genius!

Read the book. You'll understand.

PS. Does anyone on this list know Mr. Ellis or how I might be able to contact him? I want to buy a few hundred copies of his book... no kidding.

Stan Gaver"

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HB 221 Passes Georgia House, Awaits Gov Signature

Matt · 3 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Great news! HB 221 passed the Georgia Assembly and now awaits Gov. Sonny Perdue's signature. Congratulations to Georgians for Child Support Reform and everyone else who was involved in lobbying for the bill.

MANN related link

Click "Read more..." for contact information for the governor.Those seeking to contact the governor to express your support for his signing of the bill into law can reach his office at:

Phone: 404-656-1776

E-mail: governor-at-gov.state.ga.us
Fax: 404-657-7332

Snail mail:

State Capitol Building, Room 203

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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The Choices of Men

Matt · 4 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

cnewbyuk writes "
"The Choices of Men" by T.S Tyrone

Truly a novel about male power and sexuality in a feminist age.

For the first time in a long time, I have read a book with 239 pages in a single sitting. This book is a joy to read. It's most certainly a book written by man - for men. Tyrones style is deep, thought-provoking and sometimes brutally direct. The humour in the book is at times delicously dark and enjoyable. Witty, sharp and well time and thought-out.

This is an amazing read!!!!!

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RADAR Alert: And Now For Something...

Matt · 5 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mbr writes *"... Completely Different.*

In previous alerts, RADAR has highlighted articles that present an inaccurate one-sided portrayal of the problem of domestic violence. Biased articles are so plentiful that it's often difficult for us to choose the one most deserving of an alert.

Sad to say, balanced portrayals of this very human problem are in short supply. That's why, when a prominent member of the media does recognize that women can be abusive and men do get victimized, it's important to let them know just how much we appreciate their understanding and support.

Click "Read More..." for more.

Last Sunday, March 26, 2005, Berke Breathed did just that in his nationally syndicated comic strip "Opus". Since the strip is not available anywhere on the web, the dialog from the strip can be viewed at http://www.mediaradar.org/alert_opus.php#the_strip , so you can get some idea of what the strip said.

This week, let's take this opportunity to express our gratitude by sending Berke Breathed letters thanking him for acknowledging that a penchant for violence is not a male trait, but a human trait, and likewise that compassion and empathy are human traits which are not the exclusive domain of women.

You might also mention some facts that Berke Breathed might not be aware of, such as:

* the U.S. Department of Justice reports 834,732 annual cases of men abused by women, representing 36% of all cases of abuse annually. (See Exhibit 7, Page 7 http://ncjrs.org/pdffiles/172837.pdf)

* virtually all funding for organizations to serve domestic abuse victims is provided by VAWA. Before VAWA was enacted, early drafts of the domestic violence section of the law used gender neutral language. However the version of the law that was enacted in 1994 used gender-discriminatory language. As a result, organizations that wish to provide services to male victims have been routinely excluded from receiving funding.

Additional facts you might want to cite can be found on our media fact sheet at http://www.mediaradar.org/media_fact_sheet.php.

Berke Breathed may be contacted at opus-at-washpost.com.

Opus is syndicated by the Washington Post Writers Group. The contact for the Opus comic strip is:

Alan Shearer, Editorial Director/General Manager

Washington Post Writers Group

1150 15th St. NW

Washington, DC 20071

shearera-at-washpost.com

When you write, be sure to include your name, address, and daytime telephone number.

To help generate media interest in RADAR, please mention you are contacting them in response to a RADAR Alert.

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Date of RADAR Release: April 3, 2005

Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting (RADAR) is a coalition of men and women working to assure media balance and accuracy in coverage of the domestic violence issue. More information can be found at: http://www.mediaradar.org/."

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Injustice Call over Rape Case

Hombre · 7 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Campaigners are calling for the release of a 33-year-old Aviemore man who is facing rape charges in France. Stephen Jakobi, director of the UK's Fair Trials Abroad, is quoted as saying "It is bewildering when you've got clear DNA evidence that no rape took place, or anything like it, that the guy is still in prison awaiting trial, three months after the scientific proof came back."

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Girls Savagely Beat Girl at School

Matt · 8 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes "
Four 15-year-old girls from Boston
were arrested at the scene and charged with unarmed robbery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (a shod foot) in the beating where they beat a minority girl who was part of a progam that brings urban kids to suburban schools. Naturally, the article does not say that the attackers are girls unless one reads well into the story. Also, this took place in the town where 5 high school boys got expelled from a school because a girl gave them oral sex in a locker room (and she had been doing this on a regular basis)."

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Pistons Player's Wife Accused of DV

Matt · 8 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Old Man Senile writes "Sorry I haven't posted in awhile, but I am deployed and have lots of work to do....lol.
I think its great more men are reporting abuse, but check out this quote from the
article.

Attorneys are working on an arrangement to have Deneitra Ham remain with the children at the couple's home on the condition that her husband leave the house and the two stay apart, the station reported.

I don't know if its both thier attorneys, or if its just hers. But I do know this, If it were a male that smacked a female in the head with a wine bottle, his butt would be in jail and he would lose his kids due to the domestic violence card being played

Just my 2 cents
OMS"

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Spain and No-Fault

Matt · 9 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"Blow to machismo as Spain forces men to do housework*

It's not that I don't think it's a bad idea to help more around the house, but it's THIS that caught my attention:

"This will be a good way of reminding people what their duties are. It is something feminists have been wanting for a long time."

Click "Read more..." for more

Failure to meet the obligations will be taken into consideration by judges when determining the terms of divorces. Men who refuse to do their part may be given less frequent contact with their children.

That should guarantee that, when the law - which will also make divorce proceedings faster and easier - is voted on in parliament in the next few weeks, the obligation to share domestic chores will be added to the statute books.

So, Spain is headed toward a No-Fault divorce society. I don't think anyone here will disagree that no-fault divorce effectively cut the legs out from under traditional families and father's rights. Men of Spain, I spell relief:

"M a r r i a g e S t r i k e".

Forcing anyone to do anything under point of bayonet is NOT the way to get someone to see your side of the argument. Once this law is implemented, I'd be interested to see the crime statistics from this year and from 10 years down the road. Do they really think that separating a father from his children is only punishing the father???? JESUS CHRISTOS, what are they thinking????"

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The Masters Tournament - Augusta

Matt · 9 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"The Master's Tournament is at it again, and so is Martha Burk. Uh, not exactly parallel events. The Masters is a golf tournament and the other is a feminist protest of the tournament. The protest supposedly draws attention to the tournament's allegedly horrible oppression of women. Carrie Lukas writes* ***here*** *. '...as sure as the Azaleas will bloom, millions of Americans are going to watch the final round on Sunday. In doing so, they will be celebrating golf's finest tradition, not a scourge against women.'"*

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NOW Chapter President Admits to False Rape Accusation

Hombre · 9 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"An old gender feminist mantra says, "A woman would never lie about anything as horrible as rape." And **here** , when we see not just another woman lying about being raped, but a President of a NOW chapter, some other woman still has the nerve to tell us, "...if we (women) get the reputation of lying, then people won't start to believe us if it (rape) does happen." Uh, does that mean that someday men accused of rape will no longer be assumed guilty until proven innocent?"*

It will be interesting to see what action, if any, NOW takes as a result of this. Usually when chapter presidents of "charitable" organizations commit serious crimes they are removed from the organization. - Hombre

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New Sacks Campaign in Support of NCPs Bill

Matt · 12 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Nationally-syndicated radio talk show host Glenn Sacks has launched a new campaign, this time in support of SB 1082, a bill which will help military noncustodial fathers. To join the campaign, go to http://www.militaryparents.org/take_action.php.

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Andrea Dworkin Dead

Matt · 12 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Lee writes *"From A Feminist Blog comes word that Andrea Dworkin died Saturday morning."*

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Half-Truths and Disinformation in Canadian DV Campaign

Matt · 13 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Eeva writes *"The Canadian Women's Foundation has issued a press release claiming that "Every minute a woman in Canada is abused. That is why Canadian Women's Foundation, Hudson's Bay Company (Hbc) and Rogers are asking Canadians not to wait another minute."*

Click "Read more..." for contact information.
Write to:

kluttrell-at-canadianwomen.org

mariana.direzze-at-hbc.com

brenda.burns-at-rci.rogers.com

hbc.communications-at-hbc.com

jan.innes-at-rci.rogers.com

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WorldNet Commentator Covers Marriage for Men

Matt · 15 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Angelucci of NCFM-LA passed this link along to MANN administrators. It's a great piece by Vox Day regarding marriage today and the importance of remaining single for men, notably written for the religiously traditional and non-traditional reader alike. Enjoy it!

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His Side Wiretapped

Matt · 16 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"From the Glenn Sacks His Side newsletter:*

> **His Side** Wiretapped!
>
> On Sunday's show I interviewed Eric Washington, a highly decorated New Jersey officer who has founded the Police Officer Solidarity Commission.

Click "Read more..." for more.

> *"POSC fights draconian domestic violence policies which often destroy veteran officers' careers based on a single flimsy domestic violence allegation. We did a line check with Eric a half hour before the show but Eric's phone was dead by the time we called back at 5 PM to start the show. As some of you may remember, we had to pick-up with Eric via cell phone after the first commercial break.*
> Interestingly, Eric examined the phone wires and found that someone had wiretapped his line on Sunday! Eric believes that some of the enemies he has made within the New Jersey law enforcement establishment tried to interfere with his appearance on my show. The audio archive of the show, which came off well despite the interference, can be heard by clicking here."

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Violence Against Men - Zimbabwe

Matt · 16 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"This report is from Zimbabwe, Africa. The title is 'Cases of Women Abusing Men Rise'."*

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Girlfriends Conspire, Murder Grandparents

Matt · 16 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Where to begin with this story? I don't want to believe such things happen but I know they do.

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Online game promotes violence against boys

Matt · 18 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I'm afraid this could be filed under "Yet Another Story About The Double Standard Against Males", or "If it were the other way around, there'd be protests in the streets".*

This highly graphic online game encourages girls to throw rocks at boys. It makes light of it. Makes it fun. Rewards you with a graphic depiction of the boy getting hurt.

Where will it end?"

Ed. note: Looks like David & Goliath just can't seem to get the message can they? Click the "Contact" link on their home page for their contact information.

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Michigan Law Prof Decries "War On Women"

Matt · 18 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

zozo writes *"Professor Catharine MacKinnon recently spoke at Stanford, equating violence against women with the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the US. "The number of people who died at [the terrorists'] hands is the same as the number of women who die at men's hands-every year," she said. "A kind of war is being fought, but there is no name for this war in which men are the aggressors and women the victims."*

Does this sort of rhetoric really help gender equity?"

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RADAR Alert: NYTimes Falsifies Truth about DV

Matt · 19 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

When it comes to committing domestic violence, women are fully the equal of men. Scores of research studies in the United States and elsewhere show that women are just as likely as men to engage in partner aggression. And fully 38% of persons who suffer injuries from domestic violence are male. [See http://www.mediaradar.org/media_fact_sheet.php]

But the New York Times consistently portrays the domestic violence issue as men who beat up their wives and girlfriends. That depiction is scurrilous and false.

Click "Read more..." for more.

NYT FALSIFIES THE TRUTH ABOUT DV
On April 6, 2005 the Times published the article, Sweden Boldly Exposes a Secret Side of Women's Lives. Most disturbing was this description of domestic abusers: "It's not alcoholics and drug users…It's every man and in every class of society." Every man? In every class of society? But not women?

The article did not provide a shred of evidence to support such a sweeping statement, nor did NYT reporter Lizette Alvarez dispute that hateful allegation.

In response to this statement, RADAR – a coalition of men and women who are working for balanced media coverage of domestic violence – issued an Alert on April 10. The Alert called upon persons to contact public editor Daniel Okrent, requesting the Times to retract this ideologically-slanted article.

Hundreds of e-mails, letters, and telephone calls went out to the Times. But Mr. Okrent did not respond. Publishing a one-sided and libelous article, and then refusing to respond to persons' concerns, is an example of media arrogance.

Beginning April 18, RADAR will go to Phase II of its effort to stop the falsification of truth about domestic violence at the Times.

Phase II:

April 18-22: Concerned persons will contact all the editors at the New York Times, requesting a retraction of the Alvarez article, and asking the editors to assure objectivity and balance in future coverage of domestic violence.

Phase III:

On-going: Request columnists to write articles on bias at the New York Times

Phase IV

April 30: Protest at the annual White House Correspondents Dinner at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009. 4:00 – 8:00pm.

Persons are encouraged to wear T-shirts with an appropriate domestic violence message and to carry a sign.

More information about this campaign will be posted at http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Do Women Really Want a Male Birth Control Pill?

Matt · 19 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Glenn Sacks' newest column "Do Women Really Want a Male Birth Control Pill?" (Newsday, 4/11/05) discusses the transfer of power that will occur when the male pill is marketed. Read the column here."*

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RADAR Alert: NYTimes Refuses to Budge

Matt · 19 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

On April 6 the New York Times published the article, Sweden Boldly Exposes a Secret Side of Women's Lives. That article included this description of domestic abusers by Gudrun Schyman: “It’s every man and in every class of society.”

The article did not provide a shred of evidence to support that slanderous statement, nor did reporter Lizette Alvarez challenge or dispute the comment.

Click "Read more..." for more.

NYT Refuses to Budge: Every Man is a Domestic Abuser
Last week RADAR issued an Alert to contact the Times to request a retraction of that article.

Hundreds, maybe thousands, of e-mails, letters, and telephone calls went out to the Times. But public editor Mr. Okrent did not respond. Publishing a one-sided and contemptuous article, and then ignoring legitimate concerns, is journalistic arrogance.

It also makes a mockery of the claim in the NYT’s own Ethical Journalism Guidebook that their “fundamental purpose is to protect the impartiality and neutrality of The Times.”

Because the Times sits at the hub of a vast media empire, and because Lizette Alvarez’ article was so biased and hateful, RADAR has decided to continue and INTENSIFY our campaign.

This week, we’re going to send a message that the New York Times won’t be able to ignore. SO THIS TIME, WE’RE GOING TO TURN UP THE VOLUME.

Here’s this week’s Game Plan:

On Tuesday, telephone the Times at 212-556-7652. That’s the phone number of the NYT public editor, Daniel Okrent. The system will limit your comments to 30 seconds. So just call back a second or third time, if necessary.

On Wednesday, send the editors an e-mail: public-at-nytimes.com.

On Thursday, send off a Letter to the Editor:

Letters to the Editor

New York Times

229 West 43rd Street

New York, NY 10036

E-mail: letters-at-nytimes.com

Fax: 212-556-3622

And don’t forget RADAR’s protest of the New York Times on Saturday, April 30 at the White House Correspondents Dinner at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009. 4:00 – 8:00pm. More information about the protest will be posted on the RADAR website.

If we’re not outraged by this article, then what is the point of outrage?

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Severe beating by the growing police state

Matt · 20 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Here is a disgusting display of police brutality. This man is clearly guilty of his crime but LOOK at the beating this man took while in custody. His face is so severely beaten the police made him wear a mask to court. Although this isn't a feminist inspired attack on men's civil rights like most articles here, it illustrates the fact the the U.S. has become a police state. The police and the legal system (as driven by polorized agrendas from the left and right) is out of control. Civil liberties erode as martial law takes over out land."*

Ed note: This is indeed a men's issue. While having no sympathy for the suspect as such, do you think the suspect would have been beaten like that had he been a she?

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Sacks, Feminist DV Leader Spar in SF Chronicle

Matt · 20 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Esta Soler, founder and president of the Family Violence Prevention Fund, one of the world's leading domestic violence organizations, attacked Glenn Sacks' recent San Francisco Chronicle column Domestic violence a two-way street. Soler labelled Sacks' column a "shameful example of cherry-picking and distorting data to confuse readers" (scroll down to see her letter).

As Sacks noted in a recent broadcast of His Side, "Liberal newspapers are feminist turf and they don't like when it's invaded."

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RADAR Alert: Stopping the Culture of Contempt at the NYT

Matt · 20 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Arthur Sulzberger Jr., owner and publisher of the New York Times, is one of the most influential persons in the international media. In 1992 Mr. Sulzberger announced his plan to revamp the newspaper's editorial focus so it would no longer reflect a "predominantly white, straight male vision of events."

Soon, we were reading articles and columns by Anna Quindlen, Natalie Angier, and later Maureen Dowd that were demeaning, derogatory, and hostile to men. That hostility was reflected in one-sided articles about domestic violence that consistently ignored male victims.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Stopping the Culture of Contempt at the NYT
When some began to worry about the paper's growing anti-male tone, Sulzberger gave this arrogant response: "If white men were not complaining, it would be an indication we weren't succeeding and making the inroads that we are."

Now, that Culture of Contempt has spawned an article that contained this spiteful stereotype of persons who commit DV: "It's every man and in every class of society."

Despite the outpouring of e-mails, letters, and telephone calls that complained about the article, the NYT did not respond -- further proof of its Culture of Contempt.

IT'S TIME TO TURN UP THE VOLUME.

On Tuesday, RADAR asked people to telephone the Times at 212-556-7652.

On Wednesday, we are asking people to send their complaint to the editors and reporters at the NYT. We are requesting the NYT do these two things:

1. Retract Lizette Alvarez's biased and inflammatory article

2. Assure objective and balanced reporting of future DV articles

Here are the e-mail addresses. Note: In case your listing of e-mail addresses gets cut off, all NYT e-mail addresses end with the letters "nytimes.com" after the "@":

Top Executives:

Arthur Sulzberger Jr., Publisher

publisher-at-nytimes.com

Scott H. Heekin-Canedy, President, General Manager

president-at-nytimes.com

Top Editors:

executive-editor-at-nytimes.com

managing-editor-at-nytimes.com

Editorial Page:

editorial-at-nytimes.com

Public Editor:

public-at-nytimes.com

Newsroom:

news-tips-at-nytimes.com

the-arts-at-nytimes.com

bizday-at-nytimes.com

foreign-at-nytimes.com

metro-at-nytimes.com

national-at-nytimes.com

sports-at-nytimes.com

washington-at-nytimes.com

And if you really want to make an impact, you can obtain an automated listing of many editors and reporters by sending a request to staff-at-nytimes.com. Select the editors and reporters that are most involved in reporting domestic violence, and send them your complaint.

Remember RADAR's protest of the New York Times on Saturday, April 30 at the White House Correspondents Dinner at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009. 4:00 – 8:00pm. More information about the protest will be posted on the RADAR website.

Remember, it only takes one person to shape the course of history.

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Recent Deadly Paris Fire Started by Woman During Domestic Dispute

Matt · 20 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Keep your eye on this story. We'll have to see if she's charged even with something like negligence.

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RADAR Alert: NYT Ignores RADAR Requests, Profits Drop 21%

Matt · 21 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

To say the New York Times is obsessed with domestic violence against women is an understatement. A search of the NYT database reveals over 337,000 “hits” on the phrase “violence against women” just since 1996!

The Times has gotten in a lot of hot water for its long-standing anti-male and other forms of bias. Visit the Times Watch at http://www.timeswatch.com/ and you will see the many ways that the NYT slants, distorts, filters, and otherwise biases the truth.

Click "Read more..." for more.Last week, RADAR launched an ambitious campaign for the Times to report both sides of the domestic violence issue. But the NYT didn’t even respond to RADAR’s request.

Earlier this week, it was reported that first-quarter profits at the Times dropped 21%. (Of course, we’re not trying to imply that ignoring last week’s request caused the Times’ profits to plummet – but clearly, things are not well at the NYT.)

So this week we continued our campaign.

On Tuesday, we asked persons to telephone the Times at 212-556-7652.

On Wednesday, we asked people to e-mail their complaint to the editors and reporters at the NYT. A listing of their e-mail addresses can be found here.

Thursday is the last day of the campaign. This is what we are asking you to do:

1. Open a new message in your e-mail program and in the To line, enter: letters@nytimes.com.
2. In the Subject line, put “Sweden Boldly Exposes a Secret Side of Women’s Lives, April 6”
3. In the Message box, write whatever you want to say about the article, and include the request that the NYT retract the article and assure balanced reporting of DV in the future.
4. Indicate your name, address, and telephone number.
5. Remember to keep your letter short, factual, and reasonable.

If you prefer, send your letter by snail-mail to this address:

Letters to the Editor

New York Times

229 West 43rd Street

New York, NY 10036

The New York Times campaign is not finished! RADAR will hold a protest of the Times on Saturday, April 30 at the White House Correspondents Dinner at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009. 4:00 – 8:00pm. More information about the protest will be posted on the RADAR website.

RADAR thanks every person who made complaints to the New York Times, and made this campaign a success!

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Report Of Rape A Hoax, Cops Say

Matt · 22 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

cmdr iceman writes *"Here we are again gentlemen with yet another story of a woman claiming to be raped when she really wasn't. What really vexes me is the degree of forbearance authorities have exercised in not releasing her name as they "consider" charging her. She should be forced to reimburse every expenditure and man hour wasted on her little stage production."*

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Feminism and the WKKK

Matt · 22 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"April 21, 2005*

by **David R. Usher**

From Men's News Daily

Excerpt-

"Feminism is the post-modern Women's Ku Klux Klan

It is time everyone come to grips with history and imprint an important fact on our brains: Feminism as we know it is the direct ideological and political descendant of the Women's Ku Klux Klan (WKKK)."

The author is obviously a conservative, as am I. But, if you can get past that and read what he has to say... Well, I received a good history lesson. I thought he made some valid suggestions and good observations. This editorial should make a lot of harpies extremely furious."

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National Geographic Prints Letter on Berbers

Matt · 22 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Some of you may recall that I raised a minor ruckus back in January over an article in that month's National Geographic regarding Berber men and women in Morocco (I raised a bigger ruckus the following month over their demeaning "Ladies' Lunch" feature). Well, they printed my letter regarding the Berbers. Here it is from the Forum section of the May 2005 edition:"*

Click "Read more..." to read the letter.
"Berber life sounds tough for both men and women, but your article seems to denigrate Berber men by saying that women "do the heavy lifting." At the end of the article you note that these men have the privilege of living in shantytowns on the outskirts of Casablanca or Rabat, where they work long hours for a pittance to send home. This doesn't sound particularly easy either.

Steven G. Van Valkenburg

Westminster, Colorado"

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Times of India points up Double Standard in DV Case

Matt · 23 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Mangesh writes *"A woman storms into the apartment of her separated husband, bites him, hurls abuse, and leaves. She is arrested and released on bail. Fortunately, this Times of India story points out the double standards.*

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Female Pilot Wins Discrimination Case

Matt · 23 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A female BA pilot has taken the airline to court for sex discrimination because they wouldn't allow her to work half-time to look after her kid. They say she needs to complete her flying hours for safety reasons, and that the rules apply to everybody. She won. I hope I don't find myself on her plane. Story here."*

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Myth Busted!: Women wealthier than men!

Matt · 23 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor (EWMO) writes *"And we still keep the phony myth alive that women are poverty-striken victims in a partiarchal capitlaist world....*

EXCERPT: "Female millionaires will outnumber their male counterparts across all age groups within 20 years, says research published today..."

Click "Read more..." for the rest of the quote
"It describes women as the "financial powerhouses" of Britain. Women are increasingly using their business wiles to gain financial rewards from their private lives. In America they are classified as Boomers (those who have inherited their husband's wealth) and Sarahs (Single And Rich And Happy) who have made their cash through clever wrangling in the divorce courts."

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India: Tax Men More than Women

Matt · 23 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

GuyOutHere writes *"In this Times of India letter to the editor, the writer makes some wild suggestions about social engineering through state taxation, all in the name of 'female empowerment'."*

Click "Read more..." for more.
"Towards the end of the letter the writer states: "Some will ask, why discriminate against men? . . . to reverse historical gender discrimination" and "Social engineering is often best done by measures with low immediate impact (thus avoiding sabotage), but sufficient long-term impact to change power relations." Nice to see she's not afraid of telling the truth about her manipulative suggestions!"

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Women achieving "equality" rights.....

Matt · 23 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Indiana Jones writes *"So, all these recent female lawsuit victories in family court, divorce court, and violence court is just for 'equality?'"*

Click "Read more..." for more.
"Plan of action:

1. Everyone write a POLITE response for the article and send it to Letters-at-cbc.ca

2. Everyone CALL cbc and complain about this radical feminist Georgie Binks 1866-206-INFO --canada only, you might want to look up how to dial it from the US.

3. Everyone formally write letters of complaint against Georgie Binks to CBC headquarters.

This plan will work, because CBC staff almost ALWAYS responds."

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RADAR Alert: Stanford Law School Promotes Feminist Hate Speech

Matt · 25 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Did you know that “aggression against women” represents a war, and that “the domestic criminal laws are so under-enforced that they can be considered not there.” The speaker further explained, “International law doesn’t capture the reality that half of society is attacking the other half. This is a real war that has gone on for millennia.”

It’s hard to imagine a speech that is more inflammatory or hateful than the one that Catherine MacKinnon gave at Stanford Law School last week. The speech was sponsored by Women of Stanford Law and the Institute for Research on Women and Gender.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Stanford Law School Promotes Feminist Hate Speech
Most people would dismiss MacKinnon’s comments as the sad rantings of a deranged or warped mind. But Carol Li, a second-year law student, praised MacKinnon’s speech as “thought-provoking” and incisive. And Stanford Daily reporter Ronald Chan did not bother to research any statistics that would challenge or dispute MacKinnon’s misguided statements.

The dean of the Stanford Law School, Katherine Sullivan, only had words of praise for MacKinnon’s contributions to women’s liberation: “There are many other prominent feminist theorists in our times, but none of their philosophy is as sweeping and profound as MacKinnon’s.”

In response to MacKinnon’s disturbing diatribe, columnist Cathy Young had this to say:

“Anyone who blamed African-Americans as a group for violent crimes committed by black perpetrators, or Arabs or Muslims as a group for radical Islamic terrorism, would be branded a bigot – and rightly so.”

We whole-heartedly agree.

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Contact the Stanford Daily and Katherine Sullivan and tell them the following:

1. Catherine MacKinnon’s speech is oblivious to the fact that women are just as likely as men to commit domestic violence. [http://www.mediaradar.org/media_fact_sheet.php]
2. Reporter Ronald Chan published MacKinnon’s over-the-top allegations without making any attempt to assure balanced, objective, or responsible journalism.
3. Blaming men as a group for domestic violence against women is misguided and hateful, and represents gender bigotry.

Here’s the contact information:

1. Stanford Daily:

Editor in Chief:

Telephone: 650-725-2100, Ext. 501

E-mail: eic-at-daily.stanford.edu.

Letters to the editor: letters-at-daily.stanford.edu

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The Stanford Daily

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Stanford CA 94305-2240

2. Katherine Sullivan, Dean of the Stanford School of Law

Telephone: 650-725-9875

E-mail: sullivan-at-law.stanford.edu

MacKinnon's remarks represent hate speech, plain and simple. We can't let this pass unnoticed.

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Come join us for a protest of the New York Times at the White House Correspondent's Dinner, April 30. For more information, see: http://www.mediaradar.org/protest_wh.php.

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The Usual Propaganda

Matt · 27 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

jim4146 writes *"Okay Fellas,*

I'm a newjack and feeling my way around this. Basically, I'm a happily married man with two lovely grown daughters. Want nothing but the best for them. With that said I am conciously aware of the legalized and socially accepted injustices that men face today. I'm sure this movement (Men's) will prevail...the question is how soon? Hopefully we'll live to see it. Anyway, I ran accross this link and am thinking of a good rebuttal for it. Not sure if you guys and gals want to do the same. Check it out...take care.
Jim"

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More Black women with AIDS - Blame the black men!!

Matt · 27 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

cnewbyuk writes *"The whole "Down Low" thing has got out of hand. What amazes me is the fact that it is so easy to demonise black men, while showing black women as helpless poor victims of an evil animal. Below I have linked to a more postive and logical look at both the "facts" in this issue. The author also considers the reaction of the media (including the sinister Oprah), and the reaction of the US public (including black women). Relations between black men and women are already at an all time low, this is just driving us apart even more.*

A Down Low Dirty Shame by Joshunda Sanders - Click here for the full article."

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NYTimes Outdoes Itself Marginalizing DV Against Men - Again!

Matt · 27 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

There's so much to say about this, I don't know where to start! OK, gotta try: It minimizes the fact that the wounded man in the story was knifed (ie, attempted murder) by his girlfriend, and later that he tried to kill himself over her. It takes an opportunity to discuss several men's health issues (eg: DV, psychological problems with boundaries and women, suicide, etc.) and throws it aside - right there in the Health section!

I am sure there's more to say about it but I'll let MANN readers run with the ball.

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AskMen asks Why Do Divorce Laws Marginalize Men?

Matt · 28 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From Ask Men -- 'Ask a buddy at work. Ask your neighbor. Even a relative will probably have heard of one. And the stories are always the same: she took his house, his car, and his kids. She made more money than him and he still had to pay alimony. She accused him of physical abuse and the courts didn't even ask for evidence."*

Click "Read more..." for the rest of the quote.
'"It seems that no matter who you talk to these days, someone knows of a man who came out of a divorce robbed and humiliated. And there is no end to how harrowing such stories get.
In America, men are forced to pay around 40% of their income to ex-wives, regardless of wrongdoing on the woman's parts (often called "no-fault" alimony). She could commit adultery and beat her husband or kids, and none of it will influence the court's decision.
More shockingly still, a woman can simply accuse her husband of sexual or physical abuse (or simply express a fear of it) and instantly win a restraining order forcing him away from his home and children, without so much as a hearing. In fact, most divorce lawyers will advise a woman to do this, and those who do not can be sued for legal malpractice.'

It's refreshing to see this on a mainstream website such as Ask Men -- They also have a men's rights forum now, check it out."

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Housework? Men do it best!! :-) And more...

Matt · 28 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

cnewbyuk writes *"A nice up tempo article to show that men (in real life) are nothing like what you see in poorly scripted misandarist TV programs. Enjoy and feel good to be a man (found this via Angryharry.com - another good website):-*

Housework? Men do it best!! Click Here for the full article"

Click "Read more..." for more.Second submission...

cnewbyuk writes *"Another feel good article. I actually took part in this experiement - unfortunately, I don't know what my score was. Jemima Lewis seems to like saying positive things about men. Anyway, enjoy (you may need to register):-*

Intuition: it's a man thing -
Click here to read the article

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"Some volunteers!"

Hombre · 28 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Linucs writes *"From here, "More than 400 young [Iranian] men and women have volunteered to carry out suicide bombing attacks against Americans in Iraq and targets in Israel, a militant group said Wednesday.[...]"Some 440 volunteers, most of them women, signed up today," said group spokesman Mohammad Ali Samadi."*

So much for gender empowerment (more "victims" for the U.N. to complain about?)"

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School girl punches her baby to death - and avoids jail

Hombre · 28 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"In Australia News.com.au reports here that a school girl killed her new born baby, but has been spared jail. Apparently she gave birth in her room, cut the chord, punched the baby several times in the head to kill it, then wrapped it in a blanket and placed it beside her bed - all to avoid losing face with friends and family. The judge said "I am satisfied that the interest of the community and particularly the interest of you are best served by you becoming a useful member of society, certainly not by going to jail,"*

Just what would the schoolboy father have received if he'd done the deed..?"

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Intuition: it's a man thing :-)

Hombre · 28 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

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Intuition: it's a man thing -

Click here to read the article "

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Australian Men Now One False DV Claim Away ...

Matt · 29 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"And another on News.com.au, which reports here that Australian men accused of DV can now legally be removed from their home even if they have nowhere to go to - and given vouchers to be used at cheap hotel room or caravan park accommodation... Gee, the future's looking scary...."*

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Horribly Misandric Article

Matt · 29 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Clint E. writes *"http://news.scotsman.com/features.cfm?id=446602005"*

Ed. note: Normally I don't post links submitted just as is, but this one is a whopping exception. Go ahead and read it-- as bad as the whole thing is, just wait 'til you get to the last paragraph.

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DV Billboards for Male Victims!

Matt · 29 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tom writes *"Great news! A huge billboard on I-95 calling for VAWA to serve male victims is up and running. Two more have been placed at the amtrak station in Wilmington, Delaware. It is the work of a group called Safe Homes for Children and Families Coalition (SHCFC) and can be found at http://www.vawa4all.org. Pictures of the billboards can be seen here This group is interested in helping others get DV billboards running around the country. If you are interested contact them. If you can help out give them a hand and donate a buck or two through their paypal donate button. These guys are on the front lines doing great work!"*

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Norway Convicts a Woman of Rape

Matt · 29 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Indiana Jones writes *"Finally some sense have been knocked into feminist-influenced Scandivanian judges. This is a major blow for radical feminist in Norway, but not far enough. Norway proposed that 40% of ALL its corporate employees must be women by 2007, right now its 11%. So basically from now on, all they are going to hire is women? What about all the male graduates?"*

Ed. note: Re the 40% comment, a story is here. The article date is Aug. 8, 2002, however. Can anyone supply an update on this issue? Also, it seems as if the law in question seeks a 40% rate of women as corporate *directors*, not employees as mentioned in the submitted text.

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"Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day"

Matt · 30 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *" No discrimination going on here, no way...*
Girls will get hands-on experience of work while those potential rapists sometimes known as boys will get a dose of this claptrap:

"learn about violence prevention and how to be allies to the girls and women in their lives"

Unbelievable..."

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Caddie Sues LPGA Golfer Over Deception

Matt · 30 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Doesn't this story really just make you cringe? Sorry to say I predict he won't get very far in the case, if previous such matters are any indicator.

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Pvt. Lynndie England Accepts Plea Deal

Matt · 30 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like she'll get only as much as 11 years according to this BBC story.

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A True Monument to the Integrity of the DV Industry

Matt · 30 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"This is a shocking expose', but one that is truly worth reading* ***Arrest reveals the true Barbara Dehl*** .

"How is it that former Spirit of Idaho recipient Barbara Dehl is behind bars today following charges of murder, kidnapping and drug trafficking?" "People are hurt because they feel they have now lost a voice on domestic violence. Don't look at this as "losing a voice," but as a lesson on whose voice we listen to.""

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Another Female "Deadbeat False Accuser"

Matt · 30 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Does anyone else in this country see a pattern of lying by females about crimes against them? Well **here's another one** ."*

Click "Read more..." for more.
"Wilbanks, whose disappearance set off a nationwide hunt, called her fiance, John Mason, from a pay phone late Friday and told him that she had been kidnapped while jogging three days before..." ...but evidently it's okay for females to lie about crimes against them. This quote from the police chief in GA, "...no criminal charges." ...and of course we have to try to understand the reasons that drove the poor dear to her misbehavior, and have sympathy for her now, "...the chief said. "She's obviously very concerned about the stress that she's been through, the stress that's been placed on her family," he said. "She is very upset."

At least we understand that law and journalism continue to work hard so that nothing destroys our society's modus operandi, "man accountable, Woman unaccountable," Woman good, man bad."

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Speaking of Running off to Las Vegas...

Matt · 30 April 2005 · Archived copy · Original

It seems not just inconsiderate brides-to-be can be the only women running off to Vegas! USA Today covers the trend of women-only getaways, some including week-long hotel discounts (for women only) and no-men-allowed package deals, with trips to Chippendales-like strip clubs too!

Click "Read more..." for more.Just imagine if this story were run with the sexes reversed, touted on the cover of a national newpaper, what the outcry would be. Better yet, replace the references to the sexes with references to ethnic groups (pick your two) and imagine the article then. The misandry is quite palpable too, though not as blatant as one of the more recent examples mentioned here on MANN.

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Washington Post Actually Covers Female Arsonist

Matt · 2 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Do my eyes deceive me? Is it real? The Washington Post actually printed this, and in a Sunday edition no less! But alas, the tone is characteristically sympathetic to the arsonist, who is (not so) coincidentally, female. Get this from the article:

> Danahey reminded Brown of his only child. He could easily imagine his free-spirited son trapped in a similar situation, another victim of impulse.

"Victim of impulse"? If it had been his son, you can be sure the author would not be using language like that to describe him!

I also find it real strange that this story appears in their "Style" section.

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Washing machine fingers lazy male

Matt · 4 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rob writes *"When will some men get some self respect? This article tells of a Spanish male "inventor" who wanted to: "finish with macho man from the ice age who doesn't do anything around the house except drink beers". Based on fingerprint technology, it prevents the same person starting the washing machine twice in a row. Perhaps his next invention could be for the lawn mower start button, the garage door, the electric drill or some other hugely assumptive piece of stereotyping?"*

Ed. note: It's hard to know what to list this one under. Maybe a new topic called "Self-Hating Men/Manholes" is needed!

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Women's Worth?

Matt · 4 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"I have a solution to this problem of women's housework being worth so much and them not being paid. All women who have husbands who are paid less than the $131,000 computed worth of women's childcare and housework should go out into the workforce and earn that money. We stupid, lowly paid men should be required by law, in these cases, to stay home. I wonder how much our worth would be computed at once we started staying home with our children?"*

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P-Day celebration suppressed

Matt · 4 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

EvilPundit writes *"A group of male College Republicans at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island has had its mascot penis hauled off and locked away soon after group members lampooned the 'V-Day' celebration that has become popular on American campuses. Lots of links, including pictures, here."*

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Ex-Top Model Seeks "Revenge" for Leaving Career

Matt · 4 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

federico writes *"Ok, this is funny. It's in an Italian newspaper.*
I'm not going to translate the all article but basically this seems to be the story:
She was a model, then she met this billonare guy, and she decide to leave her "job" and be with him. So, of course, she started to use HIS money, HIS credit cards and so on and on spending up to 50/60,000 Euros a NIGHT!

Click "Read more..." for more.

Now, after living like a princess for 10 years, he left her.
And guess what!? For 10 years she's been collecting material (photos, newspaper articles, etc.) to prove the relationship in a future trial.
Now she asks for 100 million euros (!) or 50,000 euros a month, because she "deserves" it. The trial so far is going pretty bad for her (thank god!) but you never know.

The interesting thing is that in her statement to the newspaper her opening sentence is:

"With him I lived like a princess.We loved each other, but now is finished. But he is rich and HAS to support me. This is the way things work in America."

« Con lui ho vissuto come una principessa. Ci amavamo ed è finita. Ma lui è ricco e deve continuare a mantenermi. In America le cose vanno così »

Sorry darling, you're not in America.

Article here."

Ed. note: A rough (very rough!) translation from Italian to English can be done at http://babelfish.altavista.com/.

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RADAR Alert: Could Diane Rehm Have Saved Phil Hartman?

Matt · 4 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Diane Rehm hosts an influential, nationally syndicated show on the Washington, D.C. NPR station WAMU. On April 28th she devoted an hour of her show to an interview with Victor Rivas Rivers, Hollywood actor, former Miami Dolphins football player, and spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence. You can listen to the interview at http://archives.wamu.org/real/2005/dr/r2050428.rm.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Could Diane Rehm Have Saved Phil Hartman?
In the interview, as in his recent book “A Private Family Matter,” Rivers recounts the horrors of his childhood with an abusive father. Rivers' tale is compelling. Having survived a truly horrific childhood, he now speaks “under the umbrella of domestic violence because,” he says, “domestic violence is all violence -- it's all encompassing. If there's a woman who's being abused, chances are she has children, and her children are either witnessing, or are being abused themselves.” Mr. Rivers' willingness to speak out is commendable. Although he fails to include violent women and victimized fathers and children when he says “domestic violence is all violence,” his myopia is certainly forgiveable in light of his personal experiences.

The question is not whether Mr. Rivers' speaking out is a noble act. It most certainly is. The question is whether Mr. Rivers would be provided a public forum to speak out if his own personal story contradicted the general belief that domestic violence is nearly always perpetrated by a brutal man against a helpless woman and children.

The fact is that this stereotype is false. The U.S. Dept. of Justice reports that men comprise 36% of victims of physical assault by an intimate partner - 834,732 per year! Yet movies like those Rivers acts in and radio shows like Rehm's keep the public uninformed about this part of the problem. And as a result, government funding for domestic violence services explicitly excludes programs for male victims.

Diane Rehm has done a public service by producing this show. But providing the public with only one part of the picture leaves us blind to a great deal of human suffering. Victor Rivers' own website mentions that he made his film debut in the movie “Last Resort” which starred the late Phil Hartman. After Phil Hartman was brutally murdered by his wife Brynn, stories started coming out about Brynn's abusive treatment of Phil thoughout their marriage. Yet the media steadfastly refused to apply the term “domestic violence” because the sex roles were reversed. If the media, including people like Ms. Rehm, had painted an accurate picture of domestic violence, perhaps a compassionate person like Mr. Rivers might have recognized the symptoms and offered Mr. Hartman the help he needed before it was too late.

The cost to society of the media's penchant for one-sided coverage of this issue is increased human misery. What would be the cost to the media to provide society with balanced coverage?

Please contact Diane Rehm and WAMU. Tell them the following points. Keep in mind the old adage that you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.

1. 834,732 men are physically assaulted by their wives or girlfriends annually. (US-DOJ National Violence Against Women Survey)

2. Under current law, programs that focus on services for male victims are not eligible to receive federal funds.

3. Doing a show on male domestic violence victims and their children would raise awareness and could save thousands of lives.

When you contact them, remember to include your name, address, and daytime telephone number. Here’s the contact information:

Email: drshow-at-wamu.org.

Snail mail:

The Diane Rehm Show

WAMU 88.5 FM American University Radio

4000 Brandywine Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20016-8082

Call-in Line: 1-800-433-8850

Comment Line: 202-885-1231

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Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting (RADAR) is a coalition of men and women working to assure media balance and accuracy in coverage of the domestic violence issue. More information can be found at: http://www.mediaradar.org/

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Hanoi Jane's Got Religion

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Yes, read about it here. She's still a feminist though, by golly!

Try not to laugh yourselves off your seats, fellas.

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AB 1307 Defeated

Matt · 5 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Sorry to report this. I hope though this will be of inspiration:

> *We shall go on to the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills;* ***we shall never surrender****...*
>
> -- Sir Winston Churchill

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England's Guilty Plea Tossed while Evidence Destroyed in Tillman's Death

Matt · 5 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Pvt. Melissa England isn't even allowed to plead guilty when she wants to. Meanwhile, it appears as if evidence in Pat Tillman's death-by-accidental-friendly-fire was destroyed as part of a deliberate effort.

Compare and contrast!

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Men Harm Themselves to Spread Feminist Misandry

Matt · 6 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"This **male bashing event** apparently injures some men and helps spread feminist propaganda about sexual assault and gender violence. Here is brave site that provides valuable information to refute feminist propaganda, and it dares to ask **Why Would A Woman Lie About Rape**? Here you will find honest information that is **not available** at male bashing marches."*

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UK Electorate Rejects "Positive Discrimination"

Matt · 7 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rob writes *"Fantastic news! British electorate today rejected a female candidate imposed in a constituency from an "all woman shortlist" for the United Kingdom's General Election. Peter Law resigned in protest from the Labour Party, stood as an independent and caused one of the biggest reverses in UK Election history by winning one of the safest Labour seats in the UK. 20,000 folk agreed with him. Let's hope this is the start of some common sense. And an acknowledgement that whether in politics, the work-place or just real life, women compete purely on their own merits without any help from the PC brigade."*

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Denver Post: A one-sided anti-male article

Matt · 7 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Former Broncos player Reggie Rivers wrote a condescending one-sided anti-male article in the Denver Post titled "Good news, guys: It's back to those good ol' sexist days." This was spurred by the rejection of an emergency contraception bill in the Colorado State House. While I agree that this action was misguided, Rivers makes the leap to saying that men want to keep women under control by keeping them pregnant.*

The article is here.

His email address is: regrivers-at-msn.com

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Boys Education Book Banned

Matt · 9 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Thousands of copies of a boys' education book have been sealed in boxes for three years and their distribution to schools banned by the NSW Education Department, which spent $10,000 printing them."*

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NY Times Mag Major Piece on Father's Rights

Matt · 9 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"The NY Times Magazine today published a major 10-page article on the Father's Rights Movement, covering both U.K. and U.S. groups and issues: The Fathers' Crusade*

The piece is on whole a balanced overview of the movement of fathers fighting for more fairness in child custody decisions and in the Family Courts.

Lots of quotes from men leading the F4J campaigns, speaking in their own voices rather than being "spun" by fluff reporters."

Click "Read more..." for more.
"Of course, N.O.W.'s Kim Gandy makes a cameo appearance just to make clear her personal stance that rights always entail obligations ... for MEN!

'Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women, told me that fathers' rights groups are 'focused only on the rights of fathers, and not on the rights of children, and particularly, not on the obligations of fathers that should go with those rights.'"

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Title IX Benefitting Women ONLY, Ignores Men

Matt · 9 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Indiana Jones writes *"Feminist and unfair TITLE IX already grants American women more money and scholarships than men, so what does*
this have to happen??

Furthermore, the university has 5 more female sports team than men. Clearly, this march benefitting women-only sports should be illegal since Title IX grants men and women EQUAL oppertunity. Clearly, if women gets more sports money its good, when men gets more sports money its considered to be gender discrimination."

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MANN comments quoted in Star Tribune!

Hombre · 10 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The lace curtain is weakening! Both Ray and Tumescent had comments on this site that were quoted, (althought Tumescent wasn't named), in Sunday's edition of the Star Tribune. This refreshing article about the double standards in the Willbanks incident, (AKA, the runaway bride), talks about the reaction from men on the net.

"Does anyone else in this country see a pattern of lying by females about crimes against them?" asked a man named Ray in an online news posting."

"One man [Tumescent] *predicted Monday that "now it's time for all the psychobabblers to come out of the woodwork to give us a laundry list of 'issues' and 'syndromes' to excuse this spineless Cinderella's actions. Maybe all the desperate housewives out there will see her on 'Oprah' real soon.""*

We're making waves guys, keep it up!

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I was just going to lunch, not stalking?

Matt · 10 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Not finding actual issues of violence or assault to deal with, this university's Womyn's Center has worked with campus police to develop a stalking policy, has just published an informational brochure for students on stalking. Here is a fine example of Marxist feminist paranoia propaganda at work; every incoming freshman is lectured about stalking issues, and simple "looks" now constitute stalking behavior, and students are held accountable for actions that may or may not be stalking behavior,and as we all now know, allegation alone is sufficient evidence to ruins one's life path."*

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DAHM/STV request

Matt · 10 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Please consider sending a donation to Jan Brown at the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men so that she can present the case for male victims of DV at the 9th International Family Violence Research Conference in New Hampshire. Karen Clay (of Stop the Violence) would also like to attend.*

Steve"

Click "Read More..." to see Jan's message.
"Dear Friends and Supporters,

Many of you already know that our poster submission, "Best Practices: Service Provisions for Male Victims of Domestic Abuse," was accepted at the UNH 9th International Family Violence Research Conference. This is an exciting chance for DAHM/STV to share the information we have learned. Below is the abstract for the poster presentation:

"The Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men (DAHM) is a nonprofit that originated in 2000 as a toll free crisis line to serve domestically abused men nationwide. Since inception, DAHM has collected extensive data on all incoming crisis calls. Stop the Violence, Inc.(STV) originated in 1998 and since its inception has accumulated service provision data for all clients seeking assistance for domestic abuse nationwide. This study is the result of a collaborative project between DAHM and STV.DAHM methodology was comprised by using a standard interview protocol administered to all incoming crisis line callers having male domestic violence concerns. Data from STV included service provision information gathered on all male domestic violence clients that were given services. Data on occupational status obtained from the DAHM indicate that there is a need for service provisions nationwide for victims of various socioeconomic backgrounds. Data obtained through STV qualified the nature of the services needed for abused men. Collectively the results are consistent with current research indicating that there are substantial needs in this population that have been thus far underserved and unrepresented. In comparison to research conducted on abused women, data from the DAHM suggest that abuse patterns may differ for men. Implications are drawn for best practices concerning current service provision needs in this field."

We are delighted and thrilled to have this opportunity to share what we have learned with researchers and others at this conference!

Our only challenge at this time is of a financial nature. As you may or may not know DAHM/STV is a totally volunteer run organization that relies solely on the generosity of private donations in order to continue our work. We have managed to pay for the phone bill, volunteer calling cards, the answering service for the helpline as well as send out thousands of victim brochures and business cards to Victim Witness Advocates, Police Departments, DA's, domestic violence shelter programs, hospitals, mental health agencies et al in order to bring public awareness and services to victims over the past four years while working with an average budget of under $6,500.00 annually.

We are currently in the process of renovating a building that will house our offices and a shelter for victims and their children also.

The registration fee, due by May 13th for Karen Clay (DAHM/STV Co-director) and myself to participate in this conference is $660.00. The approximate cost of lodging, food, gasoline and tolls for the two of us will be $1,000.00

Presenting at this conference is an honor and a privilege and the information we will be sharing is unique in that no other domestic violence program has collected and disseminated this valuable information on male victims to our knowledge. Please consider sending along a donation of any size (which may be tax deductible) so that we can continue to bring more public awareness to this important and much maligned issue.

Sincerely Yours,

Jan Brown and Karen Clay

Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men/Stop the Violence, Inc.

P.O. Box 252

Harmony, Maine 04942

Or use paypal at our DAHM site!

Note: site is being moved and will be back up by 5/10/05

http://www.noexcuse4abuse.org/
and
http://www.stoptheviolenceinc.org/

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Another Woman Teacher Satutory Rape

Matt · 11 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"In Tennessee, the maximum sentence for statutory rape is only two years? Would this maximum sentence be the same if the gender roles were reversed in this situation? Is this situation getting to feel like an epidemic to you? I wonder if this is really new or just women being afforded a taste of equal responsibility along with those so-called equal rights."*

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More Feminist Bias at the BBC

Matt · 12 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"This article from the BBC covers a new report into international forced labour. I'm sure we're all opposed to slavery of every kind, but the article concentrates solely on prostitution. If you download the report (PDF on the right), turn to page 12 and look at the pie chart, the report identifies 3 categories of forced labour: economic, military and sexual. Of these 3, sexual is the least significant. It's interesting that most forced workers and soldiers are male, but these get ignored. The BBC concentrates solely on women. The article turns this report into another attack on male sexuality. The implication is that all prostitutes are slaves. Thanks once again BBC."*

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Women have the "right to sexuality"??

Matt · 12 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Indiana Jones writes *"Wow.... [In Italy] Men must pay damages to women if they don't offer them sex.*

Now, if its the other way around.....men forcing their wife into sex, he would lose everything in court."

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No Male Birth Control Pill

Matt · 13 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes "
This MSN article says it's unlikely a male birth control pill will be developed. They don't say why.

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Women-Only Train Cars and Other Services in Japan

Matt · 14 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Kyo writes *"Japan's "women-only train car" fad is covered by the Wall Street Journal here, with allusions to other women-only venues such as sports clubs, hotels, and even internet cafes. The journalist is surprisingly even-handed, presenting valid reasons why the trains discriminate against men along with a quote from a male-train-rider activist group."*

Click "Read more..." for more.

Note that in the statistics from the article:

'In December of 2002, Kobe City introduced women-only cars on some of the lines running through the city. A survey of commuters conducted a few months later by the city's Department of Transportation found that 73.8% of the women approved of the train cars, while only 28.1% of the men offered their support. Conversely, 45.4% of the men said that they were against providing women with their own train cars, an opinion held by only 7.4% of the women.'

...not surprisingly, quite a few men are willing to support this discrimination against themselves, whereas almost no women are willing to give up their favorable treatment!"

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300 boys disappear in UK in three months

Matt · 14 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From This is London, Scotland Yard today revealed it has been unable to trace all but two of 300 black boys aged four to seven reported missing from school in a three-month period. Child welfare experts say the number highlights the scale of the trade in children brought to Britain as domestic servants and covers for benefit fraud. Detectives asked each London local education authority to give them details of black boys aged four to seven reported missing from school between July and September 2001. It emerged 300 had vanished, 299 from Africa and one from the Caribbean. *gasp* You mean it's only not young girls being trafficked? Imagine that!"*

Ed.: Also this is covered here.

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Paternity Fraud Judicial Foot-dragging

Matt · 16 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Taron James is member of the National Coalition of Free Men, L.A., and a veteran of the 1st gulf war. For a long, long time he's been fighting an act of paternity fraud commited against him. "After more than a decade of legal battles the court ruled he wasn't the father, but his child support judgement has yet to be reversed." XETV, Fox 6, San Diego has a story on his struggles **here** , Scroll down the page of listed videos to the one titled "Paternity Fraud" and click on the link to the video. In the video there are also shots of NCFMLA's protest at the "Deadbeat Dad's Courthouse," comments by Marc Angelucci, NCFMLA President and Taron's attorney, and near the end is a shot of "the truck" with a 4' X 8' sign in the bed saying **PATERNITY FRAUD IS DEADBEAT GOVERNMENT**."*

Ed. Note: Requires use of IE for the in-line video player to work. Also this post is time-sensitive since the video may be bumped by new stories at any time.

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UK Campaign Demonizes Men to Reduce Female Alcohol Consumption

Matt · 16 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

It is not good news that British female alcohol consuption is skyrocketing, outpacing any other group in Britain. What is also bad is that in an effort to reduce it, the UK gov't is using scare tactics with men as the target pariah group to try to discourage it. Not to put too fine a point on it, but it is reminiscent of the anti-Semitic posters used by the Third Reich to get the Germans to fear and hate Jews, isn't it?

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Boys' Educational Deficit Still Pronounced

Matt · 17 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"In British high schools, 'girls are up to 115 per cent more likely to achieve an A or B grade than boys.' Boys problems at school are still not being effectively addressed. Not surprising when one school principal 'David Haywood believes this is to do with the intrinsic ability of boys rather than the school's educational ethos.' Article here."*

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Girls Outperform Boys from Day One

Matt · 17 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports that a study of 10,000 children from birth age up has shown that girls outperform boys almost from day 1, learning to walk and talk earlier. Quote: "Boys lead girls in every measure of disengagement and psychological disorder from attention deficit syndromes to at-risk social behaviour. The latest neuro-imaging research has identified gender differences in brain maturation, with boys slower to develop impulse control and executive planning skills.*

Although boys and girls are parented in a similar fashion, levels of hostile parenting were higher for boys than girls."
So given this evidence, what does the (female) federal Minister for Family and Community Affairs say? "I have consistently said that children are better off in a household where both parents have a job," she said...."

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Harvard's Summers Commits to "Gender Initiatives"

Matt · 17 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

What's a sentence or two worth? To some, $50 million. Read it here.

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RADAR Alert: Washington Times Endangers Children in the Name of "Protecting the Children"

Matt · 17 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

One can only wonder what the Washington Times had in mind when they published their May 11 article Protecting the Children. The article ignores the predominance of women among perpetrators of child abuse and leaves the very strong impression that most cases of child abuse are perpetrated by men.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Washington Times Endangers Children in the Name of “Protecting the Children”
To grab the reader's attention, the article opens with the story of a 5-year old who's afraid his abusive stepfather might kill him. Then, having firmly established the image of an abusive man in the reader's mind, the very next sentence describes an abused baby girl. The reader is not informed until the end of the article that the suspected abuser in this case is the mother. The article immediately follows up with several paragraphs giving details of this one violent man's attacks on his wife and stepson. It then goes on to cite statistics showing that caseworkers are predominantly women whose jobs require them to handle too many cases for too little pay.

The takeaway picture is that self-sacrificing, compassionate women are fighting a battle to protect helpless children and women from monstrous men.

Child abuse reports from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services paint a very different picture. In child abuse cases perpetrated by one parent acting alone, it is approximately twice as common for the abuser to be the mother than the father. When such cases result in the child's death, it is likewise approximately twice as common for the killer to be the mother than the father.

By creating the false impression that the majority of child abuse is perpetrated by men, the Washington Times misdirects the attention of policymakers, and leaves the majority of abused children vulnerable.

One would have to be a mind-reader to know what the writer had in mind in writing this story. But one thing is certain. Protecting children was not foremost in the author's mind.

Please contact the Washington Times and tell them the following:

1. U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services statistics show that mothers are twice as likely as fathers to be sole perpetrators of child abuse.

2. By slanting the truth, their article encourages policymakers to distort the allocation of scarce resources, focusing disproportionate amounts on less common scenarios at the expense of more common scenarios.

3. As a result, their article “Protecting the Children” puts children at greater risk.

Here’s the contact information:

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Washington, DC 20002

When you write, be sure to include your name, address, and daytime telephone number.

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Protesting the Abuse of Men by the Abuse Industry

Matt · 17 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"The National Coalition of Free Men, Los Angeles and concerned citizens participated in a **protest** outside a "Domestic Violence Industry Gala" held in San Diego last weekend. We protested the Women's Industries' abuse of men. Ironically, while the "rich and famous" of the Domestic Violence Industry feasted on delicacies inside, an apparently abused, homeless man (with his kids in tow), approached the group. It seems the well dressed, well fed in that group would do nothing (no hotel voucher) to get a man experiencing domestic violence a room for he and his kids for the night. We took up a collection and got him a room. How appropriate that many of us wore T-shirts saying **Shame on the Domestic Violence Movement for Lying**. There were many things those well dressed, well fed "discriminators against men" should be ashamed of as our protest signs indicate."*

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Schiavo Redux?

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frank h writes *"For those of you who are interested in what would happen were the gender roles reveresed in the Terry Schiavo case, watch this one"*

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USA Today Says Boys are Behind in Education

Matt · 18 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"It is refreshing to see this story. Too bad the rest of the media are dragging their heels."*

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Youngster Made Up Rape Story

Matt · 18 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"British newspaper The Guardian reports, Wednesday May 18, 2005, on a very young girl (aged under 10 years old) who fabricated an elaborate rape story.*

What are young girls learning this behavior from? What are they being exposed to in the media, from their parents and in schools to make them behave this way?

The police investigation is estimated to have cost £120,000 (approx US$ 250,000). More money wasted in the pursuit of the misandric agenda."

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Fox's McElroy Covers F4J-USA

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The article is here.

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RADAR Release: RADAR Reports Success in Media Coverage of DV

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Five years ago, the Washington Post was one of the most ardent supporters for the renewal of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). News articles, columns, and editorials appeared on a regular and continuing basis, all designed to convince wavering lawmakers to vote “yes” for this $1 billion dollar-a-year pork.

Last year the Washington Post knew that VAWA would be coming up for renewal in 2005, so they ordered up more DV blood-and-guts stories. In December the Washington Post ran a three-part, high-octane series on Maternal Homicide.

Click "Read more..." for more.But instead of attracting accolades, the series received sharp criticism from columnists representing the full gamut of political persuasions, including Wendy McElroy, Stephen Baskerville, Richard Davis, Michael Getler, Jack Shafer, and Glenn Sacks.

Just as importantly, thousands of persons made phone calls, sent e-mails, and wrote letters to protest three articles that were obviously biased, inflammatory, and contemptuous of men.

It has now been five months since that testament to Yellow Journalism appeared on the front pages of the Washington Post. Normally, the Post would have run at least 10 grisly articles on DV by now, all vilifying men, all ignoring that women are just as likely to abuse their male partners.

But times have changed. During the last five months, the Post has run only one DV article -- and that was written by a non-WP staffer. Of course, RADAR issued an Alert about that article, just to remind the WP editors that we’re still paying attention.

Of course, it’s possible that once VAWA is re-introduced, the Washington Post will go back to its old ways. But we like to think that RADAR has already had a major impact on how the Washington Post and other newspapers are reporting the DV story.

So to every person who has responded to a RADAR Alert and sent an e-mail, made a telephone call, or written a letter, we say, “Working together with conviction and determination, we can really make a difference.”

Thank you for your support of RADAR.

P.S. VAWA is due to be re-introduced any day now, and we will have our work cut out for us! Sign up now to receive RADAR’s e-lerts by visiting our website: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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RADAR to VAWA: “This Time We’re Ready for You!”

Matt · 19 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The current Violence Against Women Act will expire on September 30, and the renewal legislation is expected any day now. It is expected that the new VAWA bill will propose to expand and enhance services – but only for female victims.

That represents gross discrimination against men.

But this time, RADAR is ready for the expected round of media coverage that will extol the proposed law and will perpetuate the myth that women never assault their male partners. This is our 8-step game plan...

Click "Read More..." for more

RADAR to VAWA: “This Time We’re Ready for You!”
First, RADAR has a committed group of experienced Media Monitors who are scouring the nation’s newspapers, looking for bias.

Second, RADAR has a fast alert system, consisting of e-lerts and notices placed on strategic websites. (If you are not yet signed up for the RADAR e-lerts, go to http://www.mediaradar.org/, and enter your e-mail address into the indicated space in the left-hand navigation bar – it’s that simple!)

Third, RADAR has proven that it is able to generate thousands of phone calls, e-mails, and letters.

Fourth, RADAR has succeeded in convincing the Washington Post, which is widely read by Washington lawmakers, to cut back on its inflammatory blood-and-guts DV articles.

Fifth, RADAR has established a quick-response system for the blogosphere.

Sixth, RADAR has partnered with other key groups who are working to assure that VAWA is male-inclusive.

Seventh, RADAR is upgrading its website to provide more information about VAWA.

And eighth, RADAR will be coordinating a series of Op-Ed articles that will be published on key internet sites.

There’s nothing to hold back, folks, this is going to be one to write home about!!

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Richard Hayden

Matt · 20 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Trudy W Schuett writes *"The founder of the Abused Guys Yahoo Group and much-loved friend, Richard Hayden, has passed.*

I will provide information on the memorial and other things in a few days, when I have them. There will be an in-person memorial service in Northern California in about three weeks. At the same time, I will set up an online service for those who are unable to attend the physical memorial.

For those of you who depend on the Yahoo group, please do not be concerned as I promised Richard some time ago that it would continue. It will. It is one of a very few resources for abused men anywhere, and so we will make sure men will continue to have a place to seek help and get support.

Love and light!

T____"

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Women in Combat

Matt · 20 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Story here:*

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Women in the military would be barred from serving in direct ground combat roles, under a House bill that sets Defense Department policy and spending plans for the upcoming budget year.

The House Armed Services Committee approved the overall measure early Thursday on a 61-1 vote. The same committee in the Senate passed a different version last week. The House and Senate are to vote on their respective bills next week."

Click "Read more..." for the rest of the excerpt.

"The language would put into law a Pentagon policy from 1994 that prohibits female troops in all four service branches from serving in units below brigade level whose primary mission is direct ground combat.

"Many Americans feel that women in combat or combat support positions is not a bridge we want to cross at this point," said Rep. John McHugh, R-New York, who sponsored the amendment.

It also allows the Pentagon to further exclude women from units in other instances, while requiring defense officials to notify Congress when opening up positions to women. The amendment replaced narrower language in the bill that applied only to the Army and banned women from some combat support positions.

The Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps currently operate under a 10-year-old policy that prohibits women from "direct combat on the ground" but allows the services discretion to open some jobs to women in combat as needed."

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Are video games only for men?

Matt · 20 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"This BBC item asks "Are video games only for men?". The article is covering the launch of new game consoles by the three big manufacturers, but, bizarrely - though unsurprisingly - turns it into a 'gender issue'. "...the Entertainment Software Association says makers have failed to come up with mass market products the helps (sic) encourage women to play "*
WTF? If you want to play, play, if you don't, don't. If you have an idea for a new game you'd like to see, promote it. What is the problem? The article asks "What do you think? Are too many games aimed at young men?" The page provides a place to post your own comments."

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Information ALL MEN should know about

Matt · 20 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

cnewbyuk writes *"As a man I been made more aware about Breast cancer than Prostate cancer. As a Black man I'm actually a high-risk group (I have never been told this before). Not enough men know about this illness. I hope this link proves to be informative to you all:*

The Prostate Cancer Charity

By the time you have finished checking out this website, you all should be avid Soya bean fans!! ;-)"

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The Cost of Weddings

Matt · 20 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Sure, divorce is expensive-- financially, emotionally, etc. But the actual wedding itself has gotten outrageously priced. Who do you imagine is doing most of the paying for it, too? I certainly can imagine!

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N.O.W. 's VAWA Promo Admits Girl-on-Girl Violence

Matt · 22 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"The National Organization for Women (NOW) is cranking up its propaganda engines in anticipation of the bill about to go to Congress to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). One of the proposed additions to VAWA is expanded funding for anti-violence education programs for minor-age children. A Press Release on NOW's web site emphasizes abuse young women experience from boys and men; however, it also mentions girl-on-girl violence and harassment, and even includes a story about a girl who was targeted by other girls."*

Click "Read more..." for more.
"Is N.O.W. advocating gender-neutral language in VAWA to acknowledge that girls and women commit domestic violence? Not yet.

'During the 1999-2000 school year, the U.S. Department of Education reported 628 rapes or attempted rapes, 4,261 cases of sexual battery other than rape and 127,568 incidents of sexual harassment on public school grounds. Yet, public school systems rarely report such incidents. This kind of abuse of young women, perpetrated by both young men and other YOUNG WOMEN is seen by some adults as normal, or at least avoidable. Such incidents are waved off with: "she shouldn't have worn that," or "she shouldn't have acted that way"—the game we're all familiar with, Blame the Victim.'"

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Letourneau Marries Boy She Raped

Matt · 22 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"As Mary Kay Letourneau marries her former child victim, the BBC reports it as a happy ending, in a story which is largely sympathetic to her, although it does use the word 'rape'."*

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False Accusers Ordered To Pay Legal Costs

Matt · 23 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Here is a bit of good news.*

The women who falsely accused University of Colorado football players of raping them are ordered to pay the university's legal defense fees.

They will not of course serve any prison time for their crime of false rape allegations but this is a start."

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"Exhausted Mothers Walk Out on Families"

Matt · 25 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

GuyOutHere writes *"In this news story from Australia, "Exhausted Mothers Walk Out On Families", we learn that "modern mothers are resorting to a Kramer vs Kramer-style escape from their families to strike a better balance between personal freedom and the demands of children." Read the entire article. Not a word, of course, about how men have had to deal with work/family balance for ages!"*

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Feminist witch-hunt in the Labour Party

Matt · 25 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"In the recent UK election, Blair's Labour Party lost its safest seat in Wales because they tried to rig the election by allowing only women candidates. The local politician, Peter Law, stood as an independent and won. A victory for democracy and a slap in the face for the feminists. Now they are getting their revenge. Twenty people - anyone who supported Law's campaign - are being expelled from the Labour Party. Maybe it should rename itself the 'Communist Party'."*

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The Eternal Silence of a Unique Group of Rarely Mentioned Men

Matt · 25 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In a few more days Memorial Day will be upon us, and **here** is information you'll seldom, if ever, find in any college women's studies, gender studies, or even "His"tory class. "Historically, it is men who almost exclusively make up the millions who've been "asked" to die for their country, and in that group of millions is a select group of men seldom mentioned. Sadly, that group of Americans (all male) from a recent time in our history, were asked to make the supreme sacrifice for their country (and did so) without having ever been granted the sacred right of voting in their own country (America)."'*

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"Runaway Bride" Faces Charges

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Let's see if they stick! Story here.

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Parental rights for same-sex couple (or only lesbians)

Matt · 26 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

federico writes *"Here is an article about parental rights for same-sex couple in the San Francisco Chronicle. Besides the fact that I'm not sure that this is a great idea one thing really attracted my attention: altough in the all article it's seems all about "same-sex cases" (gay and lesbian) the title on the front page states "Lesbian Parenthood Debated". Now I think that this is a typo (or maybe more a lapsus) that tells a lot about what we already know, that of course for gay couples there will never be any right to parenthood. In fact all the examples in the article are lesbian couples."*

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Sweden - - Land of Honest Feminists

Matt · 26 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"A new TV documentary on domestic violence in Sweden has sparked controversy over a comment by the president of Sweden's version of N.O.W. During a filmed interview, she rejected the idea that the Swedish government should fund "rehabilitation shelters" for men who batter their partners, referring to men as "animals," and stated that there is a worldwide "gender civil war."*

Of course, there was no acknowledgement whatsoever of battered men.

"Controversy continues here surrounding ROKS, the National Organization for Women's Shelters, one of Sweden's largest non-government organizations to help the victims of domestic violence. In a television documentary broadcast Sunday night the group's president opposed rehabilitation centers for men who abuse their partners, with the comment that all 'men are animals'".

Full article here."

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Op-Ed on Blumhorst Case Published

Matt · 27 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journal, the biggest legal newspapers in California, just printed the following op ed which informs the legal community about the Blumhorst decision's denial of civil rights testers standing to sue and how this dealt a blow to male DV victims but is not the end of it.

Click "Read more..." for the rest of Marc's post and the op-ed.There are non "tester" victims coming forward, so this is just the beginning. As a side note, the Blumhorst case led to many victories in terms of media coverage of the issue. The oppression that the case addresses has thrived for decades on the media's failure to cover the issue (especially not with any degree of fairness) and the public's ongoing ignorance about it. The Blumhorst case got the issue into a major AP story that printed all over the nation, and the issue was covered by other major media outlets. Blumhorst has now been interviewed by two major local TV news stations, one of which is pending and the other of which aired in San Diego and will air again in a much more involved story to come. There's a long way to go for gender equity advocactes, but good things are happening. Much more to come. Please keep battling this evil in your respective fields and locations. And stay tuned for more.

Marc A.

REJECTION OF TESTER STANDING DEALS ADDED BLOW TO BATTERED MEN

By Marc E. Angelucci

Los Angeles Daily Journal

San Francisco Daily Journal

May 26, 2005

In medieval France, if a man was assaulted by his wife, he was forced to ride a donkey backwards through the streets wearing an outlandish outfit while people threw trash at him.

Although things have somewhat changed, figuratively speaking, male victims of domestic violence are still riding their donkeys backwards. One need look no further than here in California, where Health & Safety Code §124250 defines "domestic violence" so that men cannot even be deemed victims, let alone receive the services therein.

The California Research Bureau reports that over 4,000 men seek domestic violence shelter every year. But the only shelter that takes men is the Valley Oasis shelter in Lancaster, which has sheltered men and women for over ten years with no problems, welcoming men who travel from hundreds of miles because nobody else would help them. Their former director, Patricia Overberg, calls this a major human rights violation and has long said that a lawsuit is needed.

In the recently published case of Blumhorst v. Jewish Family Services, Eldon Ray Blumhorst did just that.

About ten years ago, Blumhorst's wife hurled a large piece of furniture at him in one of her violent fits. He was knocked down, put in crutches and given a permanent limp. Then he was abused a second time by the system. When he called the suicide hotline and searched for available help, everything was for "battered women."

After getting his life back together, he remained deeply hurt by this experience. And every framing of the issue as "battered women," and men-as-batterers, only worsened his pain. He eventually found the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men, a volunteer group that works with male victims and addresses their high frequency and public neglect. He also learned what the world's leading experts on domestic violence have said for years: that the research overwhelmingly shows women initiate domestic violence as often as men, that men do need outreach and shelter services, and that male victims have been swept under the rug for decades because they don't fit the feminist, man/bad woman/good model for domestic violence. (See Prof Linda Kelly, “Disabusing the Definition of Domestic Abuse: How Women Batter Men and the Role of the Feminist State,” 30 Fla. St. U. L. Rev 791 (2003).)

Blumhorst also learned that Government Code § 11135 forbids sex discrimination in state-funded programs and creates a private right of action for injunctive relief. At the time, among the male victims denied services that the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men knew of, Blumhorst was also the only one willing to face the public humiliation of a lawsuit. But his statute of limitations had expired.

So instead, he tried another approach: civil rights testing. A civil rights tester is a person who requests services from an entity in order to uncover discrimination. Federal courts have repeatedly upheld tester standing to sue if the civil rights statute protects "all persons" and is preventative in nature, and the same courts found testers "frequently valuable, if not indispensable" to civil rights enforcement because barriers hinder victims from suing. (Kyles v. J.K. Guardian Sec. Services, Inc. (2000) 222 F.3d 289.)

Blumhorst, acting as a tester, requested services from ten state-funded shelter programs. When they denied him services - even a motel voucher – based on his gender, he sued for injunctive relief under Government Code §11135, relying on tester standing.

The trial court found the shelters exempt under Government Code § 11139, which exempts "lawful programs benefiting women" from the ban on discrimination (the court never addressed Blumhorst's equal protection challenge to the exemption). On appeal, the Second Appellate District said testers lack standing to sue under Government Code § 11135. The State Supreme Court denied review on April 27, 2005.

Had the courts followed federal jurisprudence, Blumhorst would have standing. Like the civil rights statutes in the federal cases, Government Code § 11135 protects all persons from discrimination and is preventative in nature. And, male victims who need state-funded services face major barriers to suing. They often don't recognize the discrimination. They don't know it's illegal. They rarely can afford counsel to sue for an injunction under a non fee-shifting statute. They are too preoccupied with escaping the violence to sue. And they don't want the public humiliation that comes with such a lawsuit.

Blumhorst was one of those men. And he is not alone. The Violence against Women Survey, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, found "approximately 2.9 million intimate partner physical assaults are committed against U.S. men annually," which makes men at least 36% of the victims. (http://www.ncjrs.org/txtfiles1/nij/181867.txt) And the most comprehensive analysis of existing research (Archer, Psychological Bulletin, 11/02) conclusively shows that women initiate domestic violence at least as often as men, that men make 38% of injured victims, and

that self defense does not explain the female-initiated violence. (See http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm.)

Of course, numbers shouldn’t matter. It's wrong to exclude the minority. Period. Even if there were only one male victim, he should be entitled to equal treatment.

Men pay at least half of the taxes that fund these programs. The programs should be need-based, not gender based. Denying services to men violates equal protection and is very dangerous public policy. When victims don’t seek help, the violence often escalates, and even minor violence is harmful when children witness it. Even if it were true (it is not) that state-funded shelters cannot accommodate both genders, they can create space for men as Valley Oasis did, and they can at least provide motel vouchers, which are a form of shelter services.

There are those who cheer the Blumhorst decision, as though it's a good thing that male victims can't receive state-funded services. As an activist for men, I disagree. But more importantly, Blumhorst only ruled that testers lack standing. So now, it will take a non-tester victim to sue if every victim is going to count. With over 4,000 men seeking shelter ever year, the problem isn't numbers, it's who will be willing to face the humiliation that Blumhorst courageously endured.

Marc E. Angelucci is an attorney in Los Angeles who represented Eldon Ray Blumhorst pro bono in Blumhorst v. Jewish Family Services. He is also the president of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men, a non-profit organization that looks at how sex discrimination affects men and boys.

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Warren Farrell to be on 20/20 tonight

Matt · 27 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tom writes *"Warren Farrell is to be on 20/20 tonight Friday May 27th at 10:00 pm eastern time. It looks likely that the show will validate his views and put Hillary Clinton and Martha Burk in a position of looking silly and supporting half truths and misinformation. This could be a huge event for our cause. It would mark the first time a major television network has openly and plainly shown that a feminist inspired myth is just that, a myth with the intent of whipping women into a victim frenzy.*

Let's hope 20/20 has the fortitude to tell the truth."

Click "Read more..." for more.
"Warren Farrell is now asking for our help to get his book more exposure. He is suggesting that people purchase it shortly after the 20/20 program and if we get enough people simultaneously making the purchase it will catapult the book into much greater notoriety and encouarge some retailers to push the book. I know I will be buying a copy tonight and I hope many of you will as well. Here is a note that is being circulated from Warren:

Dear Friends,

Remember when I mentioned about ABC doing their feature on me, Hillary Clinton and Why Men Earn More on 20/20 this Friday?

Well, now I'm going to ask a favor: Why Men Earn More is a money-back- guaranteed book, and a perfect present for any one wanting a higher-paid career without sacrificing a better life (someone in college or graduating?).

Would you be good enough to try it out by buying it on Amazon right after the 20/20 show Friday evening (May 27th at 10 pm Eastern and Pacific, 9 pm Central)? Doing it right after the show will allow the Amazon ratings to go high enough to encourage bookstores to stock it.

Thank you. And I do believe you will also be thanking me.

Just click here for more information and a possible purchase.

Warren"

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Double Gender Standards Down Under

Matt · 28 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Here are two news stories about how Australians view victims of judicial tyranny.*

The first is about how a 27 yo Australian female who got busted in Indonesia for smuggling in drugs and was sentenced to 20 years. It seems the whole nation of Australia is all aflutter and outraged about this gross miscarriage of justice against a woman. She even has a rich male financial backer supporting her case.

The other is about a misandric Domestic Violence law in the state of Tasmania. Here a judge criticizes the law in denying bail to a man accused of DV after having spent 5 weeks awaiting the bail hearing as being unfair and not in the best tradition of Western jurisprudence where innocence is presumed until proven guilty. Of course this story is buried in the back pages and evidently the citizenry of Tasmania and the rest of the nation don't seem to give a damn."

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Widow Denied Use of Sperm - Strange!

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Dittohd writes *"From Australia: Do you find it really strange that a judge would deny a woman use of her dead husband's sperm because he hadn't given permission prior to death? I suspect the deal killer must have been that the courts would have no one to hit up for child support."*

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Good article on Masculinity and Society

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Read it here. Excerpt:

The crisis undermining masculinity has now reached alarming proportions. Under the aegis of the masculine mystique, masculinity has become the "shadow" gender. This is especially apparent in the general view that many men and women have of male sexuality. Masculine sexuality has become routinely associated with promiscuity, rape, and violence. Phallic penetration is most often analogized to the destructive penetration of guns (bullets) and missiles. The concept of generative penetration, the phallus as seed bearer, similar to the creative penetration of planting seeds in the soil or communicating a penetrating idea, is almost never associated with masculine power in our culture but was commonplace in virtually all prior cultures.

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SC Paternity Fraud Victims Sought

Matt · 30 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I am searching for men who have been victimized by paternity fraud in South Carolina. Please resond to soboski@bellsouth.net."*

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Husband annoying? Put him in a box

Hombre · 30 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports that Japanese company Yamaha has come up with a novel solution to keep Japanese women happy.*

Apparently husbands can be very annoying with the noise and mess they make, so Yahama have developed a big sound-proof box called 'MyRoom' that can be installed in the home and decked out with mini tables etc for the husband to 'spend his time in without annoying the wife'. Apparently Japanese wive's are mortified about losing their tranquility (i.e. living at home while their husbands kill themselves working hard) when hubby retires. The solution, of course, is to shove him in a box so you can carry on being a couch potato.

Of course the media is treating this as a hilarious story, men treated like pets or little kids to be locked away.

Yamaha has already heard from me on how they've lost my business for good - anyone else want to tell them what men think of this, the Yamaha corporation of America can be contacted on infostation@yamaha.com. This article was originally written by The Times of London, Leo Lewis. The Times online editor can be contacted at online.editor@timesonline.co.uk."

I wonder how many fair women, who are grateful to their husbands for working their whole lives to pay for their homes, will object to their sacrifices being demeaned like this? - Hombre

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NYC feminasty busybodies pass law requiring 2 female bathrooms

Hombre · 30 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"In New York City, the feminist city government unanimously passed a law requiring all new buildings to have 2 women's bathrooms for every 1 men's bathroom. The blatant discrimination is explained away with the usual bullcrap about how equality really discriminates against women and thus must be redefined. The disgusting article is here."*

The unanimous support for this bill perfectly demonstrates the quintessence of feminism and bureaucracy combined. - Hombre

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Chivalry & Cultural Sensitivity Part of Women in Combat

Hombre · 30 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Excellent Memorial Day piece in The Christian Science Monitor on-line examines the complex debate about US women soldiers in combat roles in Iraq. Reservations about women being expected to function as killers, concerns about accepting violence against women if it's inflicted by the enemy, and female's physical limitations are part of the stew. Female Army reservists are being excluded from the ongoing Iraqui army and police training effort due to cultural sensitivities on gender roles.*

Full piece here -- http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/0526/p01s03-usmi.html"

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RADAR Alert: NPR Article Diverts Listener's Attention Away From Majority of Victims

Matt · 31 May 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Considering that the majority of those victimized by violent crime are men, why does National Public Radio turn a story about the Federal Crime Victim's Fund into a story about battered women?

Men are 3.4 times as likely to be murdered than women according to the U.S. Dept. of Justice. And although rates for all types of violent crime have dropped significantly in the last decade, men continue to be 38.4% more likely to be victims of violent crime than are women (see http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/tables/vsxtab.htm).

Click "Read more..." for more.

NPR Article Diverts Listener's Attention Away From Majority of Victims
If NPR must focus on victims of domestic abuse, why do they focus exclusively on female victims when the U.S. Dept. of Justice reports (*PDF document*) that 834,732 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner, constituting 36% of those so victimized?

The article claims, "Money goes to states to help families make up for lost wages or pay hospital bills or funeral expenses." But based on the organization featured in the article, it would appear that funding is going instead to organizations that blatantly discriminate against males, both adult and child. The featured organization is the Family Crisis Center's Prince Georges County "Safe House", which is listed on the DC Housing Network's website as accepting only women and their children, and then only if the children don't happen to be boys over 12.

After discriminatory organizations like that have received their cut, is there any money left to cover the lost wages, hospital bills, and funeral expenses that the program was intended to cover? Are the majority of crime victims, who happen to be male, left unserved while the funding that was intended to compensate them is used by organizations that vilify them? And why does NPR choose to glorify such organizations?

Contact National Public Radio and tell them:

1. More than three times as many men as women are murdered annually. (U.S. Dept. of Justice: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/homicide/gender.htm)

2. 38.4% more men than women suffer violent crime. (U.S. Dept. of Justice: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/tables/vsxtab.htm)

3. Even when considering only domestic violence cases, over one-third of those victimized are men. (U.S. Dept. of Justice: http://ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/183781.pdf).

4. By using only battered women to illustrate a story on the Crime Victim's Fund, they've made the majority of victims of violent crime invisible.

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National Public Radio

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Ombudsman:
Jeffrey A. Dvorkin

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FAX: 202-513-3329

When you write, be sure to include your name, address, and daytime telephone number.

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More information about the RADAR project can be found here.

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SAFE posts recommendations for VAWA 2005

Matt · 2 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Jade Rubick writes *"Stop Abuse For Everyone has posted a set of Recommendations for the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act 2005. SAFE calls for gender-inclusive language in the bill, so that people can receive services regardless of what **type** of person they are."*

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Three Boys Could Get Life for High School Sex

Matt · 2 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Here is a story of three boys (age 16 at the time of the alleged "rape") and a girl who performed oral sex on them who was 15. Statutory rape charges were filed yesterday against these three boys and at the minimum they would have to register as sex offenders; at the maximum, they would be sentenced to life in prison. The article indicates fellow classmates are upset at the charges, and the article blames the culture's "obsession" with sex, and never mentions the impact of feminist "0% tolerance" laws in place against male sexually. The paper published the pictures of these boys (who have not been proven guilty yet) and it is Globe policy not to name victims of alleged sexual abuse without their consent. This is equality? "*

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Monster.com blog on housework division

Matt · 2 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

gilligan writes *"Monster.com has added this item to their blogs.*

Once again, it's the usual biased tripe about how long-suffering women have to endure the terrible burden of endless hours of housework, while their husbands (when they can pry them off the couch and get them to do some sort of work) are barely able to wash a dish, let alone take care of kids, do the laundry, etc. I know it's not a news story, but it bothered me to see yet another instance of socially-sponsored misandry."

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Runaway Bride Sentenced to Probation and Counseling

Matt · 4 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

SacredNaCl writes *"Runaway Bride - Jennifer Wilbanks, sentenced to probation & a fine. Just as predicted, not a day of time, and the usual psychological counseling bit. Disparate justice really ticks me off, especially when it includes a false rape allegation as well, you can listen to the full tape of her call to her husband here."*

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Men, Depression, and Genetics

Matt · 4 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

While searching on other matters (I wanted to know linguistic roots of the word "sanguine"), I came across this document (.pdf format). [For those of us who prefer to avoid opening .pdf documents, the HTML version of it can be had here].

The author is very careful to point out he is only identifying correlational factors, not necessarily causative factors, in his report. Nonetheless, there is still good food for thought here on several fronts and fodder for exploration.

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"Multiculturalists" Take Over Schools

Matt · 5 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous writes *"An illuminating article linked from Angry Harry's site exposes how the leftist multiculturalist movement has captured college teacher education programs in 37 states, by requiring that students be judged on their "dispositions" --- code for Political Correctness. New standards incorporate the concept of dispositions, which seek to sort out teachers who are likeliest to be successful. Dispositions "are guided by beliefs and attitudes related to values such as caring, fairness, honesty, responsibility, and social justice." Students at CUNY have been punished for deviating from the views of their feminist-leftist professors. Links at --*
http://www.nysun.com/article/14604
-or-
http://www.angryharry.com/"

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Women and Children (main) victims of war??

Matt · 5 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Indiana Jones writes *"Feminists have long argued that women and children are the (main) victims of war. True, some of them might have been raped or beaten. However, nothing beats a complete gendercide, where a specfic gender is entirely wiped out.*

In 1995, the Srebrenica massacre was the worst civilian massacre in europe since WWII. What's worst, it is a massacre of MEN AND BOYS. Men and boys were seperated from women and children, and they were systematically killed one by one while the women and children were hauled off to safety by the Dutch troops.

More proofs of these gendercide against men have emerged as video tapes. Link: http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory?id=8 18874&CMP=OTC-RSSFeeds0312"

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"Men's rights" Covered in Wikipedia

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Nice to see this. Thanks to any and all who made it happen!

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Want Lifetime Job Security? Wear a Dress to Work!

Matt · 6 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous writes: *"There's a bill being introduced before Congress -- the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2005 -- that seeks to provide civil rights protections for persons of any and all actual and/or perceived genders. Confused? N.O.W. "Applauds Groundbreaking Effort to Pass Gender-Inclusive Legislation." At -- http://www.now.org/press/05-05/05-25-b.html*

(No heterosexual males are invited to apply. They are not sufficiently conflicted or oppressed about their sexuality.)"

Click "Read more..." for more.*"Other commentators say -- "If this legislation passes, a businessman would be criminally liable if he "discriminated" against a man who wears a dress to work— or uses a woman's restroom because he "thinks" he's really a woman. At -- http://www.traditionalvalues.org/modules.php?sid=519)*

(S.625 / H.R.1343) would expand the definition of a hate crime to include crimes induced by the disability of the victim, gender, or sexual orientation, and provide money to states to develop hate crime prevention programs. At - http://www.naswdc.org/advocacy/alerts/2002/062102. asp)."

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Warren Farrell among Scheduled Speakers for July's Men's Equality Congress

Thomas · 7 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Thomas writes *"The dates of this July's Second National Men's Equality Congress in Washington D.C. are fast approaching. This year promises to be even more successful and enjoyable than last year, with a number of well-known MRAs giving talks.*

As you can see on the congress' website, http://www.trueequality.com, Warren Farrell will be speaking as well as Glenn Sacks, Carnell Smith, Stephen Baskerville, Jack Kammer, Dave Burroughs, and others including MANN's founder, Scott Garman.

To keep up on the news, join the email list at:
http://www.trueequality.com/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi? f=list&l=testo.

I (this is Thomas writing) will do my best to help people save money by finding roommates for their stays at the Washington Court Hotel,
http://www.washingtoncourthotel.com. If you are interested in sharing a room, you can contact me at mensrights01ATyahoo.com. Remember to change the "AT" in mensrights01ATyahoo.com to the "@" symbol.

I will also function as self-appointed Secretary of the Department of
Entertainment for the afternoon and night before the congress opens. If you expect to be in DC the night before the congress begins (that night would be Thursday, July 14) and you would like to meet to traipse around the Smithsonian for a few hours that afternoon or to gather for drinks that evening, contact me at mensrights01ATyahoo.com. Again, remember to change the "AT" in mensrights01ATyahoo.com to the "@" symbol."

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Missing TX Student Discovered Working at a Sam's Club

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I wonder if she will have to pay for the time and money spent looking for her? Story here.

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Title IX Challenge Rejected Without Comment

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Without a word, the Supreme Court declined to hear the latest challenge to Title IX.

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Newsweek article on Marriage

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Comments? The article is here.

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Ending pregnancy is legal...only if you are a girl

Matt · 8 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

thrudd writes *"I am pro-life, but the double standard here is disgusting. "A 19-year-old East Texas man faces a life prison sentence for causing his teenage girlfriend to miscarry twins, even though she wanted to end the pregnancy....Erica Basoria acknowledged asking Flores to help end her pregnancy. But the 17-year-old can't be prosecuted because of her legal right to abortion."*

I am against abortion, but I find it hard to see the REAL difference in terms of the law between the boyfriend and Planned Parenthood. At worst, he should have been charged with assault."

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Cult of Power

Matt · 8 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Martha Burk's book has garnered four 5-star reviews on Amazon.com so far. Look under "Product Details". Ugh!! I just bought the book used and plan to give it a proper review as soon as I finish it. For anyone here who feels so inclined to also add their two cents in the form of a proper review, I suggest buying the book used so as to not put any additional money into this feminazi's pocketbook or raise her Amazon.com number-sold rating. Here are two possibilities: Half.com and Amazon.com. Your local public library is also always a possibility. If you do review the book, please keep it calm, reasoned, and factual so others don't quickly write you off as a wacko from the other side.*

By the way, I just purchased Tom Ellis' book, "Rantings of a Single Male" and started reading and really enjoying it last night. Got Warren Farrell's latest book, "Why Men Earn More" along with it and it looks really top notch, including important information to anyone looking to start or change their career and not quite sure where the money is."

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RADAR Alert: North Carolina Program Shortchanges Abusive Women

Matt · 8 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The Winston-Salem Journal recently reported on a domestic violence mentoring program for boys. If it's a good thing to teach boys that violence against women is unacceptable, one would think it should also be a good thing to teach girls that violence against men is unacceptable. Surely something is needed to counter the images Hollywood bombards us with showing women self-righteously hitting men, sometimes for a slight insult, sometimes for no reason at all.

Click "Read more..." for more.

North Carolina Program Shortchanges Abusive Women
The Winston-Salem Journal story tells us the city of Winston-Salem, N.C., Wachovia Corp., and Sara Lee Corp. all think that only boys need to be taught this lesson. Yet it's certainly a lesson that both sexes need to learn. The U.S. Dept. of Justice reports that 36% of those physically assaulted by an intimate partner are men. Clearly the women who physically attack these men were never taught that violence against men is unacceptable.

Girls who learn to think of violence as "empowering" never learn to control their anger, and when they grow up it's not just their husbands and boyfriends who pay the price. Their children suffer as well. The fact that we don't think girls need to learn to control their anger helps explain the fact that mothers are more than twice as likely as fathers to be sole perpetrators of child abuse, according to the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

If Wachovia and Sara Lee were truly public-spirited corporations, they would arrange to have mentors teaching girls as well as boys to keep their inclination toward violence under control.

The Winston-Salem Journal chose to applaud this one-sided program as something that "targets men in a positive way". They could have instead helped open people's eyes by pointing out the bias inherent in the programs, and suggested that Wachovia, Sara Lee, and the city of Winston-Salem should stop shortchanging girls with abusive tendencies.

Since they were too blind to see the bias, we're asking you to write the Winston-Salem Journal, and help open their eyes. Tell them:

1. Girls need to be taught that violence is unacceptable every bit as much as boys need to be taught that lesson.
2. The U.S. Dept. of Justice reports (.pdf file) that 36% of physical assaults on intimate partners are perpetrated by wives or girlfriends.
3. The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services reports that "40.8 percent of child victims were maltreated by their mothers acting alone" whereas only "18.8 percent were maltreated by their fathers acting alone"

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Woman Jailed For 12 Months For False Rape Claim

Matt · 9 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"From misandric Britain of all places!*

A wife and mother who reported being raped by two men to coverup her one night stand was sentenced to a year in prison.

Very encouraging since it did happen in Britain. Usually, the drill there is to order probation and mental counseling."

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How Can We Coach Little Girls Into Women...

Matt · 9 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes ***"HOW CAN WE COACH LITTLE GIRLS INTO WOMEN WHO AREN'T MALE VILIFYING ABUSERS?***

I was walking through the park today on my way to pick up my car from the mechanic. It's about a mile, and the mechanic is in a rather "industrial" part of town so I dressed in blue jeans and a denim shirt so I would be less likely to get mugged. I walked by the new gymnasium the City of Los Angeles is building and noticed that somebody had torched the place, since the last time I was in the park about a week ago. As I got to the jogging track I noticed hundreds of elementary school kids playing soccer on the big field, while their parents looked on. One Mom gave me a rather disapproving glance as I walked by. I guess I wasn't properly attired to be walking on the jogging track in her book, or maybe she's just learned from the gender feminist influence in our society to look at all men as potential rapists and child molesters."

Click "Read more..." for the rest.*"I walked on and saw three Dads leaning against a tree watching over their kids, and a second later I just busted out laughing. No, the Dads or kids hadn't done anything funny. I was just thinking about that Family Violence Prevention Fund's mentoring program where men are encouraged to Coach Boys into Men. It sounds like a really good program initially, until we see that women are doing nothing to coach little girls in women who don't batter men.*

Here are a few select quotes from the http://endabuse.org/cbim/ web site:

"Boys need your advice on how to behave toward girls. Boys are watching how you and other men relate to women to figure out their own stance towards girls. So teach boys early, and teach them often, that there is no place for violence in a relationship."

"A kid will never approach you and ask for guidance on how to treat women. But that doesn't mean he doesn't need it."

"Hear what he has to say. Listen to how he and his friends talk about girls. Ask him if he's ever seen abusive behavior in his friends."

"Let him know how you define a healthy relationship and always treat women and girls in a way that your son can admire."

"Show him how important the issue of violence against women and children is to you."

The thought that had run through my head that caused me to erupt in spontaneous hilarity was, **"How can we coach little girls into women who aren't male vilifying, gender feminist abusers?"** "Now that," I said to myself, "is a real $64,000.00 question."

Yes, there certainly is a need for that, but unfortunately there aren't any Men's Studies programs on college campuses to alert people to the need to fix that and other perceived problems with females, and there are almost no Men's Commissions (1) to lobby for money to help men who have been hurt by misandrist, gender feminist movements plaguing our society, and there aren't any taxpayer subsidized programs run by males to encourage women to mentor little girls into women who don't vilify, abuse, batter, exploit, or defraud males.

A couple of blocks later I walked by an elementary school, and was tempted to look at the little kids playing in the school yard, but kept my eyes looking straight ahead. After-all, I wouldn't want to be mistaken for a potential child molester. Sadly, I recalled a time in my life when a man could enjoy watching little kids play without that worry; a time before gender feminism had so poisoned society to look at all men as "criminals waiting to happen."

Yes, we certainly need to raise the next generation of girls not to be gender feminists. Perhaps, after we get the Violence Against Men Act passed, and get mentoring programs started for girls, we can even have some bumper stickers made up that say, **"There's No Excuse for Vilifying Males."** It's gong to be quite a challenge to get girls to consider other opinions besides the gender feminist viewpoint once they get into college and start getting indoctrinated in tax-payer funded women's studies classes. It's just so much easier for those "females" to state their opinions as fact without having truth interfere with perceptions, and it's just so much easier to get together with a group of other "females" and present the consensus of the group as a scholarly researched study, than it is to do the real research and fact finding.

Women need to help "girls" do the hard work of scholarly research, and fact finding if we are ever going to put an end to the abusive way gender feminists treat males. If girls and boys, and men and women are ever to have equitable relations in our society, certainly gender feminists must begin to be honest about all forms of violence and the role(s) that females as well as males play in it. As a man, who was once put on crutches by the out of control raging violence of an abusive woman, I'm asking, "What can women do to stop female violence and abuse of males?" God help us if we do not break the cycle of gender feminist Ms-information that is fueling the epidemic of abuse all males are facing today.

(1) There is one Men's Commission currently operating in New Hampshire."

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Zero-sum Gender War: Sweden's Feminist Initiative

Matt · 9 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"The two-month old Feminist Initiative (F.I., a new political party in Sweden), has published its "manifesto," which proclaims - "gender politics have hitherto been based on a view of equality as a non-zero sum game, meaning that women's conditions can improve without affecting those of men. F.I. builds its politics upon an analysis, which makes it clear that women's subordination results from the privileging of men. Therefore, men must agree to relinquish their privileges... F.I formulates a politics, which in every area and aspect of life poses a challenge to patriarchy. We anticipate a large degree of resistance, but expect an even larger and stronger feminist desire for change."*

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More scary civil liberty violations at hand in MA

Matt · 9 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"This is very important information to understand. Restraining orders which are handled out in MA in almost every divorce case in MA, makes the "victim" of "abuse" (read woman) eligible for police protection, police transportation, free social services, simplified filing forms, free and unlimited access to the courts, immunity from perjury, a comprehensive recital and listing of her "rights" under Chapter 209A, the children from her relationship with the accused, and the property and salary of the accused, among other perks."*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"Now a new statute intends to add the following: Women would be entitled to live wherever they want without any contractual obligations, by merely pointing a finger at a man.*

Summary: Bill: HB3163 - Entitles victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, rape or stalking to terminate rental agreements on residential housing without penalty; regulates the termination of rental agreements by said victims; prohibits landlords from terminating a rental agreement, refusing to renew a rental agreement or refusing to enter into a rental agreement on the basis of status as a victim of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault or stalking; imposes civil penalties for said discrimination. There is one thing you must do to end this injustice now. Contact the members of the Mass Judiciary Committee - start with the cochairmen - and demand they support the Fatherhood Coalition restraining order reform legislation.

THERE IS NO OTHER DIRECT WAY TO START FIXING THIS PROBLEM THIS YEAR."

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UK Protest Alert: London Tesco Supermarket: June 10 2005, 10:00 AM

Matt · 9 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

MANN administrators received the following:

Dear men and women,

Tesco, the UK's largest supermarket, has chosen to deploy male-bashing imagery on the cover of its (free) Tesco Magazine May/June, 2005 edition; A woman is pushing a man backwards off a pier in an act of unprovoked relational and physical aggression. The female model is smiling in a righteous manner, whilst the male model is smiling in an embarrassed, face-saving manner.

To see the cover of the magazine, click here.

click "Read more..." for more.
Tesco magazine is full of adverts for junk food and diets. Carte D'or icecream is advertised on one page; a company which has previously used male-bashing in a long-running tv ad campaign. On another page, an advert for 'W.I.T.C.H. Magazine' features, targeting young girls - enough said!

Tesco has chosen, on balance, to dismiss my complaint out of hand, which leaves me with only one other option...

... to strategically picket a Tesco store where an alternative competitor's store lies within close walking distance!
So, even my one-person-picket will inflict serious damage on Tesco's takings for the day(s)!!!

My placard will read... TESCO ATTACKS MEN -TO MARKET JUNK FOOD AND DIETS, TO WOMEN -PLEASE SHOP ELSEWHERE; and on the other side... PICKET TESCO MARGINALS AND SEND A MESSAGE TO ALL MALE-BASHING ADVERTISERS- ask me how!

I will politely ask pedestrians to consider shopping elsewhere AND ask them to sign my petition, calling for Tesco to withdraw the magazine and issue a sincere apology to them and ALL its customers.

I will not intimidate anyone, or cause a nuissance or an obstruction. I will inform the police of my plans, and ensure not to allow a crowd of more than 20 to gather, as further prior permission would then be required. If passers-by wish to join in, they are welcome. If it gets too crowded, I'll direct them to the other 'vulnerable' Tesco stores in the area.

Tesco say they have informed the police too, but as long as we stay within the law, no-one need be arrested.

I will carry out my initial action at the Tesco Express on Tottenham Court Road, Central London (just north of the Centrepoint building and just opposite a Sainsburys!) at 10 am on Friday 10th June, 2005. Please come along and bring placard materials with you- The weather forecast is good!

To get hold of the offending magazine, either go to one of the larger Tesco stores, or phone its publisher, who'll send you as many free copies as you like, though don't tell them its for a campaign of direct action against them! Phone: 0207 534 2400.

If any journos show up on the day(s), have a short and simple message ready for them, i.e. "Male-bashing advertising perpetuates cycles of aggression and violence"... OR "When a product resorts to a male-bashing advertising campaign, I can be certain better quality and value lies elsewhere"...
OR

"We won't let Tesco push ANYONE around" OR... "Britain needs a Minister for Men to tackle the media misandry epidemic."

There are more violent male-bashing images around than this one, but I target Tesco in order to send the warning to advertisers, that NO level of misandry will be left unchallenged.

If a few people tell a few more, this thing could really mushroom. Tell a friend!

Please, do not hesitate to contact me for any advise or encouragement you might need to get you started.

Tom Martin

0775 44 10 350

E-mail: tcmartin1-at-hotmail.com

P.S. Don't forget to take lots of digital stills on the day(s) to send to men's sites, newspapers and the like. Just because the next Tesco Magazine issue will be out at the beginning of July DOESN'T mean we can't continue protesting all summer long, as such an insidious campaign as Tesco's truly deserves to be made an example of. This IS the big one.

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VAWA 2005 Bill Introduced to Congress Yesterday

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Roy writes *"A Press Release from Joseph Biden's (D-DE) office yesterday announces the bill to reauthorize and expand funding for the Violence Against Women Act. Obviously there is no mention in the bill about male victims of DV. In cleverly worded language, the bill seeks to increase funding while "saving money." Special goals include more anti-boy "education" in our schools, mandating DV "home visitations," making employers pay for female's leave-from-work due to alleged DV, requiring doctor's to interrogate patients about DV, and expanding the hysteria about the non-existent campus rape crisis. Link at http://biden.senate.gov/newsroom/details.cfm?id=23 8601&&*

A section-by-section summary of the bill is at –

http://biden.senate.gov/documents/VAWA_Sec_060605. pdf"

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Men's Health Week Gets Major Media Attention

Matt · 10 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Indiana Jones writes *"National Men's Health Week got coverage from over 10 news sites around the globe. Here's one from Yahoo.*

Senator Biden also introduced the VAWA yesterday without a SINGLE WORD on men. In fact, it is even more gender-specific (for women) than last time. I'm afraid that it's going to pass, nearly all of those kind of re-authorization bills passes. Senator Biden had the most complaints, posts, and protests about male DV victims too."

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Woman Brutally DVs Boyfriend - gets 30 days

Matt · 10 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

LSBeene writes *"A woman who bit, scratched, punched, kicked, and then tried to maim her fiance by crushing his testicles got 30 days in jail. When the police arrived she was so violent that she tried to BLIND one of the police officers. In my opinion that's the ONLY reason she got the 30 days. The tone of the article is light hearted, has little depth, is vague in what she was charged with, and gives NO time to her victims point of view.*

I wrote them a letter - maybe some of you could do the same. With VAWA looming it's stories like this that make our case that the language of this sexist bill needs to address women's brutality (with impunity) towards men. - Steven"

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They Start Young

Matt · 12 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rob writes *"A 12 year old girl has appeared in court charged with attempting to hang a 5 year old boy. True to form, she blamed 5 other children for the crime who were put through the trauma of being detained and questioned. The feminists start them young now don't they? Read it here."*

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VAWA - Abusing Justice to Destroy Fathers

Matt · 12 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"After the tragic news that some of our elected buffons have again proposed to fund the hate war against men known as VAWA, **this article** is refreshing in its honesty for putting the truth about VAWA in clear persepective."*

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Site Encourages Boys to Read!

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Underage writes *"Great news everyone. A man by the name of Jon Scieszka has made a site in honour of helping boys to read. On the site he lists a few reasons why boys fall behind in reading, and how you can help improve the issue. Very male-friendly from what I've noticed. Anyway, I think we should all be happy about this because this is great news, so take a look at Jon's site right here."*

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A Long Days Journey into Hopelessness

Matt · 12 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray Blumhorst writes *"**A Long Days Journey into Hopelessness***
(Happy Disenfranchised Father's Day)

"I heard the news again today," and men are still maligned in every blurb. Even in the stories coming from people sympathetic to the plights and rights of men, the depressing details of male realities leaves one with a sinking feeling in his soul. If you read the propaganda from the gender feminists and their toady politicians, and newscasters, the pain in your stomach leaves you curled up in a knot. It's fashionable to batter men, then ignore the whole lot."

Click "Read more..." for the rest.

*"Kind-hearted Schlafley laments the war on Dads **here** , while Biden (D), Hatch (R) and Specter (R) fuel "man-hating" by introducing VAWA with nary a mention of males as victims, **here** . Davis wants to know why the truth can't be found at the National Domestic Violence Hotline, but you can be sure no one there will answer his call, **here** . "Where is the major media, where are the people's representatives," he asks too, but you can bet they won't be talking, since harming men fills their pockets full.*

The culture of violent death takes many a turn from Hollywood to Baghdad and all points in between. You hear about the women, the girls, the daughters, the Moms, but when you count the number of bodies it is the males who are three times the victims of violent death, yet get only blips, or short lines, or just plain no time at all. It just doesn't sell to give caring time to males. It's not in the public interest to show care and compassion to one of those burly things. In pictures and print, in news, and movies the monsters, the thugs, the heartless, the cruel are all cast as men, and when victims are shown, the humanity revealed shows not a damned man in site appearing on your screen.

It just doesn't sell. We've said that before. If you'd heard us the first time, you'd learn not to care. We're trying to educate you in schools and in colleges. If you'd listen in Women's Studies, Sociology, Polly Sci., and all those, you'd already have the new gender feminist world view. Men don't matter. It's as simple as that. Men have no feelings and their disposable too. Men cause all violence, spread oppression and doom, and if you'd just believe the propaganda, you'd cast them as demons and persecute the masculine brutes.

So what's your problem? Is your mind just not right? Do you expect to find hope in traditional male roles? Are you a Father, a man, a boy or a guy? Do you expect to have rights and protections, or justice under law? Are you tired? Are you weary? Are you battered and bruised? Are you lonely, depressed, dejected and blue? Are you sick? Are you lame? Are you hurt through and through? Well that's just too bad, if you're a male, and I'll bet you knew.

Most males came into this world comforted and loved, but sooner and sooner that ends as our lives grow worn. It started out promising, hopeful, and new, but then came the "Patriarch label" from the "prophetesses of doom."

The road grows harder as the days go on, and for males born of women the pain approaches closer to the second they're born. It isn't all hell at this moment we speak, but just a little longer and you'll hear Lucifera calling, and from the gates of hell, she'll beckon the new. At the second their born she'll welcome all males. It won't be long now, when men enter this world, they'll hear hell's welcome, "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here." (1) This world's evil is calling to your sons, your baby boys, all those children marked for the gender feminists' witches brew. Politicians like Biden stir the pot, ask for billions for VAWA, and call out, "More meat! Enjoy your stew!"

(1) Dante's Inferno"

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Elder Abuse in India by Daughters-in-law

Matt · 12 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes:*"Mistreatment and Harassment of Elders (Elder Abuse) in India*

by Sumanth

Elder abuse, the mistreatment and torture of of older people, though a manifestation of the timeless phenomenon of inter-personal violence is prevalent in India. Still, there is no systematic collection of statistics or prevalence studies, crime records, journalistic reports, social welfare records and small scale studies to provide evidence on existence of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of elders.

This is an extremely sorry state of affairs. We all will grow old sooner or later. Imagine, being mistreated, verbally abused, denied proper food, proper mediaction and care by younger members of family. Older people are indeed in a very helpless situation with eroding social values system in India. We all must have come across at least one or two cases of elder abuse or mistreatment in our neighbourhood."

Click here for the rest of the article.

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Join National Effort To Eliminate Alimony in US

Matt · 13 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"If you are divorced and paying alimony please visit http://www.endalimonynow.org/ and sign up. There is a national effort underway to challange the constitutionality of alimony which subjects men to involuntary servitude which is outlawed by the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution. This subject has never been reviewed by or ruled on by the Supreme Court, and the goal of this group is to get this issue before the court for a ruling, so that men can get their lives back."*

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Murder Your Son and then Say "Oh Well"

Matt · 13 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Miletus Prime writes *"This story was posted on the yahoo home page under the "In the News" section. The title was "Mother Explains Fatal Pit Bull Mauling". Notice the reporter simply accepts what the Mother says as the "Explantion" Imagine what would happen if a father locked his 12 year daughter in the basement with a hostile male pit bull and a female pit bull in heat. Imagine that the father then propped the door shut with a shovel. Imagine that the father left the house to run some errands. The mother simply writes off the incident by saying that it was just her son's time to go. The reprter apparently buys it."*

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Manhaters.com

Matt · 13 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Champion75 writes *"I am a new member. Here's an unabashed male-bashing web site I've come across. Also of interest is a list of sponsors, including match.com and lavalife.com. That these seemingly mainstream websites would even associate with such a blatantly sexist domain is beyond disgusting. It just shows you how little regard there is for true equality these days. Nevertheless, I encourage all of you to put these negligent sponsors on notice (I already have) that we will not give business to any company that condones and supports prejudiced web sites such as manhaters.com."*

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"Disruptive" Toddlers to be Treated as Potential Criminals

Matt · 13 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"If the **government report** in this news story is concerned about targeting preschoolers who grow up to be bullies, does that mean the children of gender feminists will be 1st in line for remedial correction?*

Excerpt:

'CHILDREN as young as three are to be singled out by nursery staff if they display aggressive behaviour or have a family background of criminality, according to a government report.'"

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New Child Support Rules - Australia

Matt · 13 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"It looks like Australia is changing their child support rules to prevent women from coming back for more every time the ex-husband's income rises."*

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RADAR Release: VAWA 2005: Time of Decision

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This past Thursday Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) introduced the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 in the Senate. A similar bill is expected to be introduced in the House of Representatives in the next few days.

The proposed law, known as VAWA 2005, ignores the hundreds of thousands of men who are victims of domestic violence. This ideologically-loaded bill proposes to expand the previous VAWA legislation by taking the male = batterer, female = victim message and carrying it to children and youth, American Indians, and college students around the country. By our calculations, the bill carries a taxpayer price tag of $842 million a year.

Click "Read more..." for more.

VAWA 2005: Time of Decision
Since its formation in January 2005, RADAR has made enormous strides in reducing media bias about domestic violence. But if passed in its current form, VAWA 2005 will spawn countless media stories that push the old domestic violence myths.

Worse, VAWA-induced hysteria will be used to thwart proposed fathers rights legislation. And the continued perception of an “epidemic” of domestic violence may well lead to new laws that discriminate against men and fathers.

At this point, Americans face two choices:

1. Simply allow the proposed VAWA law to pass as proposed, OR

2. Become actively involved in the legislative process.

If you are in the second category, please read on.

During the upcoming weeks and months, VAWA 2005 will undergo a number of steps in both the Senate and House of Representatives:

1. Crime Sub-committee

2. Judiciary Committee

3. Vote by the full Senate and House

4. Conference committee to reconcile differences between the Senate and House versions of the bill.

5. Confirmatory vote by both the Senate and House

6. Approval or veto by President Bush

Each of these steps presents an opportunity to influence the direction of VAWA 2005. However, it is usually easier to influence legislation in the early stages of the process.

At this time, it is imperative that every person concerned about gender fairness to decide on your position:

A. VAWA should be defeated, OR

B. VAWA be modified so male victims of DV can receive services.

To help people make this decision, RADAR has posted several articles on its website at www.mediaradar.org, including the following:

1. Promotional piece by VAWA advocates (2 pages):

http://www.mediaradar.org/vawa_info/Two-pagerVAWA6.6.05.doc

2. VAWA factual summary (14 pages):

http://www.mediaradar.org/vawa_info/VAWA Sec 6.6.05.doc

3. VAWA bill (266 pages):

http://www.mediaradar.org/vawa_info/JEN05634_LC.PDF

Also, Phyllis Schlafly's recent article, What Have Feminists Done to America's Fathers? makes some provocative comments.

Next week's Alert will ask you to contact their Senators and express their views on VAWA. If you have not already signed up to receive the RADAR e-lerts, visit our website at http://www.mediaradar.org/.

VAWA is such a far-reaching law that if passed, every American will be affected by its programs. So now, for every one of us, it's a Time of Decision.

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Date of RADAR Release: June 13, 2005

Join other men's and father's rights activists at the Second National Men's Equality Congress, July 15-16 in Washington DC. The first day of the Congress, July 15, will be devoted to lobbying activities on Capitol Hill. RADAR representatives will be there to orient attendees to the current status of VAWA.

To receive RADAR Alerts, press releases, and other special announcements, sign up for the RADAR E-lert. You can sign up for the E-lert on the RADAR home page at http://www.mediaradar.org/. Your e-mail address will be kept confidential, and will not be shared with any outside organization. It's fast, easy, and keeps you in the loop.

Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting (RADAR) is a coalition of men and women working to assure media balance and accuracy in coverage of the domestic violence issue.

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Runaway Bride Follow Up

Matt · 16 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tumescent writes *"We've all probably seen the follow up to the Runaway Bride story, but just in case you haven't here it is.*
Just as expected, she and her idiot fiancé will profit from all of this."

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Boys Used as Human Sacrifice by Recent Immigrants in UK

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This story is utterly chilling. Some excerpts:

'"Members of the workshop said for spells to be powerful it required a sacrifice of a male child unblemished by circumcision," the report said.

'Contributors said boys were being trafficked into the UK for this purpose, but did not give details because they said they feared they would be "dead meat" if they told any more.'

Girls are not left out, either, it seems:

"There were also claims that youngsters were being smuggled into the UK as domestic slaves and for men with HIV who believed if they had sex with a child they would be cleansed."

"It [ie, this story] *follows the case of a girl tortured by her guardians for being a witch."*

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"Don and Mike" Discuss Father's Day

Matt · 16 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

It was refreshing to hear Don and Mike ("The Don and Mike Show" is a popular, syndicated afternoon talk show that airs in the major metropolitan areas in the US, including DC) today on the radio discuss how Mother's Day is a national holiday while Father's Day is considered at best a Hallmark occasion. They took some callers and took a few of them on, too. I hope some of you had a chance to hear it yourselves.

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Jeb Bush Renews Man-hunt on Schiavo's Husband

Matt · 17 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Do you think maybe Jeb's already courting the feminazi vote for his anticipated 2008 Presidential bid?*

From the Miami Herald today --

"One day after an exhaustive autopsy sought to end much of the controversy over Terri Schiavo's life, and eventual death, Gov. Jeb Bush said he plans to ask prosecutors to investigate whether her husband took too long to call for help on the night she collapsed in 1990.
A lawyer for Michael Schiavo called the governor's comments "disgusting" and said there was no delay in the husband's call for help."

Full article
here."

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No Real Men in France?

Thomas · 17 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Kathleen Parker has offered this commentary on recent news items about French men.

First, I'd like to say that, in part because I've visited France about a dozen times, I know a number of French men who are as heteronormative (Like that word? I couldn't resist.) as any American man. Her article, though, does carry some insight and a forecast regarding those dark clouds on the horizon. The following contains a few excerpts and my own commentary. If this seems long, please pardon the rantings of a married male. (A tip o' the hat to Tom Ellis.)"The French finding of maternity envy was the result of a telephone survey of more than 500 fathers, 38 percent of whom said that, science permitting, they'd like to have carried their children through the nine-month gestation."

Looks like the feminized schools may be succeeding in deconstructing boys, at least in many cases.

"On the other hand, science is closing in on an artificial womb that may make gestation possible outside a woman's body. Although touted as a solution for women unable to bear children, such wombs conceivably could be made available to men who want babies without the messy complication of a female."

I suppose "messy complication of a female" means facing the threats of losing contact with your children, being forced (under penalty of imprisonment) to pay for children even if you never get to see them and even if you've proven that they aren't your offspring, being forced to pay alimony or (if one prefers) household support or maintenance to someone with whom you no longer have a relationship other than that of mistress and slave, enduring endless insinuations or outright declarations to the effect that you are fundamentally inferior, having little or no defense if you are violently attacked, being slammed with false accusations while knowing that if it's proven that the accusations were false the woman will face little or no punishment... I could go on and on, of course, but anyone with so much as a single gray cell already knows the list.

"Strapping on our Huxley hats, we easily visualize a brave new world in which women, no longer essential to procreation, are eliminated."

I doubt it. For one thing, most men will still want women around for sex. For another, I question whether men have it in them to hate women as much as feminists hate men and boys. I wonder if men have an instinctual inclination to protect themselves, women, and their children, while women have an instinctual inclination to protect themselves and their children, with little or no instinctual regard for men beyond a concern for how men can provide for women and their children. Nonetheless, a hurricane of rage is barreling down the tracks at society. (Yeah, it's a mixed metaphor. Hey. I'm ranting.)

"Men — rage-filled by their former roles as sperm donors and human ATMs — would have a newly leveled playing field."

Damn straight. She certainly sees the rage coming. But let's not forget men having their health concerns ignored by the majority (read "female") elected government, still facing the all-male draft, being systematically and relentlessly extirpated from the academy... Again, the list goes on and on.

"It can't be mere coincidence that his (Michael Jackson's) trial on charges of pedophilia — the ultimate expression of the narcissistic impulse — intersected with the birth of a postmodern man who's all boy."

And the arrival of the artificial womb may well intersect with the crash of advanced societies, especially European, due to deconstruction of males, extreme population collapse, and a host of other feminist blessings.

Hold onto your hats!

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DV in Fargo

Matt · 18 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tumescent writes *"I guess this article is written to be funny, and I guess maybe it is to the extent that apparently this guy has a hard time staying awake, but its pretty typical to how the media reacts to a lot of women against men domestic violence. It's framed in a "man bites dog" context. Two puncture holes to the arm and scratches from previous attacks, but its nothing to worry about, "I assumed he went back to sleep, har...har...har...."'*

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A Stunning Victory for RADAR?

Matt · 18 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Five months ago RADAR set out to do what some considered the impossible: to convince the mainstream media to report the domestic violence issue in a balanced and objective manner.

Beginning January 16, we started to issue weekly Alerts that targeted newspapers, radio, and television. We went after the big fish, like the New York Times, and some of the small fry, like the Everett (WA) Herald.

Click "Read more..." for more.

A Stunning Victory for RADAR?
Now, it looks like RADAR has succeeded. All across the nation, the nation's media outlets have substantially reduced their biased coverage of domestic violence. Even the Washington Post, long a source of DV-bias, has been silent, except for a single guest editorial on March 19.

In fact earlier this month, the Dr. Phil Show ran a story on DV, and gave a surprisingly balanced depiction of the issue.

So let's pause and reflect how all our phone calls, e-mails, and letters indeed have made a difference. To all those who responded to the RADAR Alerts these past several months, we say a hearty, "Thank you!"

Of course, now that the Violence Against Women Act has been re-introduced in the Congress, the media may go back to their old ways. We need to continue to monitor our local newspapers – and RADAR will respond when necessary.

But now we face a new challenge: a VAWA bill that callously ignores the hundreds of thousands of male victims of DV – a bill that, if passed in its current form – will continue to subsidize the stereotype of men as batterers and abusers.

Fortunately, a vigorous coalition of groups representing fathers, women, and others recently has formed. This coalition consists of some of the heavy-hitters in the DC political scene. This coalition will be working in the weeks ahead to educate lawmakers about the serious flaws of VAWA.

But this coalition will not be effective unless lawmakers know there is an overwhelming groundswell of discontent with VAWA.

THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN.

Beginning this coming week, RADAR will be issuing a series of weekly Alerts. Each Alert will advise persons to the current legislative status of the VAWA legislation, and ask you to take action. We will be asking you to telephone, write, or personally meet with your elected officials.

Throughout the process, it is essential that you express your views in a reasonable, polite, and concise manner. A three-page rant is far less effective than a one-page letter that objectively explains why VAWA is wrong.

VAWA is the big kahuna of gender politics, and the financial and ideological stakes are high. Some persons say we face an impossible task – that's exactly what they said when we started RADAR. Yes, we face a well-financed opponent -- but truth and reason are on our side.

Let's roll.

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Happy Donor's Day

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Can't wait to read comments on this one.

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San Francisco Fire Chief Assaults Her Husband

Matt · 20 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

What will the excuse be this time, "job-related stress"? Read it here.

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If most missing cases are men, why do we only hear about white women

Matt · 20 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From Seattle PI:*

Most of the missing adults tracked by the FBI are men. More than one-in-five of those abducted or kidnapped are black. But you might not get that impression from the news media, and some journalism watchdogs are now taking the industry to task for what they see as a disproportionate emphasis on cases in which white girls and women - overwhelmingly upper-middle class and attractive - disappear.

"To be blunt, blond white chicks who go missing get covered and poor, black, Hispanic or other people of color who go missing do not get covered," said Tom Rosenstiel, director of the Washington-based Project for Excellence in Journalism. "You're more likely to get coverage if you're attractive than if you're not."

-- In my opinion, this is one of the more obvious signs that feminism has pretty much been composed of white women only concerned about their pocketbook and their reproductive freedom -- if you happen to of color or worse, male, too bad, you're SOL."

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Kathleen Parker pulls the "I'm not a feminist, but..." routine

Matt · 20 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I am giving you a link to Kathleen Parker's latest article not strictly because it's father's day, but because Kathleen is perpetuating a hateful stereotype about the nearest man, and is doing it in a indirect attract and repel way. She's done this before, as evidenced by this previous article I will try to explain below."*

Click "Read more..." for more.
"I want you to observe how the first 8 paragraphs are full of praise for father's restraint, but then the ninth paragraph is this:

"Women are frankly better at defending themselves than men are, which may be a function of the fact that they were the underdogs for so many centuries. Under the heel of a boot, one learns to think creatively. Men are just beginning to feel the crunch of gravel pressing into their faces."

You see, according to her, we deserve it! Kathleen sows seeds of hatred by pulling the "I'm not a feminist, but..." and then states a feminist statement? If she's saying feminist things, then's she's a feminist! You, as a man don't notice these things, because the dose of misandrist poison comes from behind a facade of weakness, and is enough of a low dose to destroy over time, unlike feminists who use high doseages of manhating poison which would trigger something you could react to.

In fact, I would say conservative women and feminists are the "Good cop, bad cop" and both of them are working against you as a man, comprimising everything you are and do as a man. See here:

Good cop, bad cop

She also quotes the Gilder Fallacy of which I am posting a link to disprove her claims, and I am also reminded of Esther Vilar saying that men are praised for their qualities useful to women.

In short, don't trust conservative women any more than you would a feminist."

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Ottawa Men's Centre

Matt · 20 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ottawa Men's Centre writes *"Ottawa Men's Centre*
A dedicated support group whose primary goal is to stem the trend of suicide by fathers. We provide divorce resources, impartial attorney referrals and support for men or fathers who are victims of false allegations, parental alienation and or gender bias.

Email: info-at-OttawaMensCentre.com

Call 1-613-797-3237

http://www.OttawaMensCentre.com"

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Fathers 4 Justice Spilt

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Raymond Cuttill writes *"Fathers 4 Justice have spilt. Sadly men's/father's organisations often do that. I suppose it's a forlorn hope that they can get together again. Partly it is to do with the agreement between F4J and CAFCASS, effectively a truce. CAFCASS, which is a court service that recommends child custody arrangements, has to improve in 3 months and F4J will not target them for protests. If nothing changes, then the protests begin again. Some have split over this new softer policy. The Real F4J press release is on Men's Hour Blog, and more about the cancelled protest and CAFCASS on F4J News"*

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Donnie Hauser-Richerme

Matt · 21 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

kavius writes *"A follow up to an earlier story. The six year-old boy who saved a girl from drowning did die. Last posted, he was in critical condition."*

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An update on the male birth control pill

Matt · 21 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Indiana Jones writes *"I'm glad that it actually received formal, offical grant from NIH with a statement saying that the male part of the population has been ignored for too long. Story here."*

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RADAR Alert: VAWA Must Not Discriminate Against Male Victims of Domestic Violence!

Matt · 21 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The Violence Against Women Act was re-introduced in the Senate and House last week. The number of the Senate bill is S. 1197, and the number of the House bill is H.R. 2876.

Since VAWA was first enacted in 1994, its discriminatory effects have kept innumerable victims of domestic violence from receiving help. Their offense – being male.

Click "Read more..." for more.

VAWA Must Not Discriminate Against Male Victims of Domestic Violence!
Unless we take action now, VAWA will continue to discriminate against male victims. Now is the time to tell our representatives in Congress that the gender-discrimination must stop!

This is the first of many RADAR Alerts that will ask you to speak out and express your concerns about VAWA.

This week, we're asking you to telephone the Washington office of your elected officials and deliver this very simple message: "VAWA must not discriminate against male victims of domestic violence."

This is what to do:

1. To find out the names of your two Senators, go to http://www.senate.gov/ and select your state.

To get the name of your Representative, go to http://www.house.gov/ and enter your ZIP code.

2. When you enter this information, you will get the names and telephone numbers of your elected officials. Or you can simply call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and the operator will connect you.

3. Call your two Senators. Call them NOW. When the receptionist answers your call, politely say:

"My name is [your name] and I am a constituent of Senator [xxx]. I am calling about the Violence Against Women Act, Senate bill S. 1197. I would like to request that you convey this message to Senator [xxx]: 'VAWA must not discriminate against male victims of domestic violence.'"

Then thank the receptionist.

4. Now do the same thing for your Representative, using this wording:

"My name is [your name] and I am a constituent of Representative [yyy]. I am calling about the Violence Against Women Act, House bill H.R. 2876. I would like to request that you convey this message to Representative yyy: 'VAWA must not discriminate against male victims of domestic violence.'"

The point of this week's Alert is to generate literally THOUSANDS of phone calls pouring into Congress. In fact, we strongly encourage you to call your elected officials every day this week.

Keep the information for this week's Alert handy for future reference. Because they're going to be hearing a lot from us in the weeks and months ahead.

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Father's Rights Activist shot by police in Seattle

Hombre · 22 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Yesterday, Father's Rights Activist and longtime participator in the Anti-Peonage movement Perry Manley was killed by police during an incident in which he brought an unusable hand grenade into the downtown Seattle federal courthouse. The hand grenade had been drilled out making it harmless, and Perry had his living will on him at the time he was killed. He also had some court papers on him at the time, but police have so far chosen not to tell us what they were. Story here.

Exactly what Perry had intended this protest to mean is unknown, although this article suggests that he was denied access to his children, had $14,000 in child support taken from him after his children were adults, and recently discovered that he was not allowed to attend his daughter's wedding. My condolences to Perry's friends and family.

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Breast cancer - not only a woman's problem

Matt · 22 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

cnewbyuk writes *"Very sobering article. Something we need to consider:- Can Breast cancer affect men directly"*

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Male Reproductive Rights on "The View" on Tuesday, June 28, 2005

Matt · 23 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Kingsley G. Morse Jr. writes *"The National Center for Men promptly found a guest for ABC's highly rated TV talk show named "The View".*

It's a good opportunity to educate the public about improving the law by legalizing choice for men.

We're booked for next Tuesday, 6/28, live! Find out the time and channel for your area at:

http://abc.go.com/daytime/theview/whentowatch

Spread the word."

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Here We Go Again: Anguish Over Dead Female Soldier

Matt · 26 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Today's headline on msnbc.com reads* ---

"4 women among 6 troops slain in Iraq bombing ---
Lethal ambush underscores hardships of keeping women away from combat."

Gosh, by feminist math, that makes women the majority of the casualties, right? (Never mind that of the nearly 2,000 dead and 14,000 wounded, less than 1% have been women.)

But let's focus on the women's "hardships" even though N.O.W. wants the girlies on the front lines.

"BAGHDAD, Iraq - The lethal ambush of a convoy carrying female U.S. troops in Fallujah underscored the difficulties of keeping women away from the front lines in a war where such boundaries are far from clear-cut.
A suicide car bomber slammed into a 7-ton U.S. military vehicle in Fallujah, killing five Marines and a Navy sailor, Marine Corps sources told NBC News, adding that at least four of the dead were women.

Link at --

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/8202434/"

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Delegate Ron Grignol hopes to bring equal parenting to agenda

Matt · 26 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Support for Ron Grignol - Running for General Assembly - Delegate who will fight for father's and children's rights to both parents in Virginia.*

I also want to suggest support for Ron Grignol, who is running for the House of Delegates in northern Virginia. Ron is a former submarine officer who heads Fathers for Virginia. Ron has a good chance to win in a seat where the Democratic incumbent has served only one term. Ron is the Republican candidate and is enthusiastically backed by the Republican leadership. Imagine what an open door we would have in Richmond if Ron wins in November!
Please send your much-needed contributions to Ron Grignol for Delegate, 5241 Bally Castle Circle, Alexandria, VA 22315, phone 703/868-0535.
It takes a lot to run a campaign, so please support Ron.
I live in Maryland, but Virginia developments are important to the entire regional development of pro child, two-parent family legislation.
I speak only as an individual, not as part of an organization, in urging support for Ron Grignol.
David L. Levy"

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L.A. Times letters respond to article on special treatment for female prisoners

Matt · 27 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"Last week the L.A. Times printed another biased article about the new movement to create special visitation and counseling privileges only for female prisoners. The article quoted no opposition and never even suggested sex discrimination. Today they printed five letters in response. The first two are supportive of the discrimination. The other three object to it, two of which are from NCFM members and one mentions NCFM in the bio. The first page only gives gives the first 3 letters, so you'll need to hit "next page." And the link will probably break soon."*

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RADAR Alert: VAWA4All Coalition Needs to Hear from You

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The first Violence Against Women Act was signed into law by President Clinton in 1994. Since then it has mushroomed into law that not only turns a cold shoulder to male DV victims, but also promotes malicious stereotypes about men as abusers and batterers.

The current VAWA law expires on September 30, and renewal legislation was recently introduced. Please make note of these bill numbers, and be sure to refer to them in all communications with your elected officials:

-- Senate bill: S. 1197

-- House of Representatives bill: H.R. 2876

A powerful lobbying coalition has now been assembled to make VAWA male-inclusive. But in the final analysis, our elected officials are looking for votes -- and that's where you come in.

Click "Read more..." for more.

VAWA4All Coalition Needs to Hear from You
Last week we asked you to telephone your two Senators and one Representative and deliver this message: "VAWA must not discriminate against male victims of domestic violence." (If you did not get around to doing this, do it now. Call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and the operator will connect you to your elected official's office.)

GAME PLAN FOR THIS WEEK:

1. Call the office of your Senators and Representative.

2. Ask the receptionist to give you their fax number and mailing address. Keep this information in a safe place – we will be using it many times during the course of our VAWA4All campaign.

3. Write a short letter to your elected official. The letter should include this key phrase: "VAWA must not discriminate against male victims of domestic violence." A one- or two-paragraph letter works best.

4. FAX your letter to the number you obtained in Step 2. And then mail your letter.

That's it for this week! And stay tuned – next week RADAR will be announcing our VAWA Shock and Awe Campaign!

Remember, always be COURTEOUS and REASONABLE in your communications. A letter or phone call that sounds angry just reinforces the negative stereotypes.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

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To track the current status of VAWA, go to http://thomas.loc.gov/ and enter the bill number.

Come to Washington DC on July 15 and join the national effort to lobby your elected officials about VAWA. See http://www.trueequality.com/index2.php for more details.

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One-Man Show about Men in Chapel Hill

Matt · 27 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Bryan Cohen writes *"A Guy's Tale shows the mind of a 22-year old male as he goes through a long-term dating relationship. It probes into how a guy thinks when meeting a girl, what he loves about her, what sex means to him, and how much it hurts when she breaks up with him. The protagonist, Mike, dispels myths about what a man should be, discussing how a true man should treat women and how he should be treated in return."*

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The Other Side of Polygamy

Matt · 27 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Up to 1,000 teenage boys have been separated from their parents and thrown out of their communities by a polygamous sect to make more young women available for older men, Utah officials claim.*

Many of these "Lost Boys", some as young as 13, have simply been dumped on the side of the road in Arizona and Utah, by the leaders of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (FLDS), and told they will never see their families again or go to heaven."

We only ever hear about the effects of polygamy on women. This is the other side of the coin. Story here"

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Sheriff's Website Refutes Feminist DV Myths

Matt · 29 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"The Sheriff of San Bernardino County in California has refuted some feminist myths about domestic violence on its website. They refute the 95% myth, the "female violence isn't serious" myth, and the self defense myth. Of course, there's much more they could cite, and refute, and unfortunately they then go on to use gender-exclusive language about things that are true about both sexes (thereby spreading other falsehoods). But this is still a good sign, and I'd say quite surprising for California. There is no doubt that the work of MRAs in stirring things up have helped prompt this kind of thing. We look forward to it increasing."*

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Tucker Carlson: Violence against women worse than

Matt · 29 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Tucker Carlson, host of MSNBC's "The Situation" had a discussion with a female Navy captain on the issue of women in combat. Suffice it to say that Carlson flatly states that violence against men and violence against women are different.*

The transcript is here (but you will have to scroll down quite a bit for the topic)."

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Women strip to scare guards into letting their husbands go

Matt · 29 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"This story on News.com.au explains how guards in a certain part of India are being forced into letting timber thieves go - because the women with them begin to strip and call for help. Scared of 'trouble with the police', the guards are forced to let the thieves go. What does that say about the gender inequalities existant in the Indian legal system today..?"*

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Online Petition to Joseph Biden to Fix VAWA

Matt · 29 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Stanley B. Gaver writes *"I've always been skeptical about the effectiveness of online petitions. However, after writing a pointed letter to Senator Joseph Biden about VAWA, I didn't feel that it was sufficient only to write a letter that would likely be ignored by Biden anyway.*

VAWA is such an incredibly biased and bigoted law, I think that it's time to turn up the heat on "VAWA Joe", using any legitimate avenue available. I have created a petition on PetitionOnline that summarizes why VAWA is such a bad law and requests Biden to make it gender neutral."

Click "Read more..." for more.
I think the petition makes a pretty strong case. Please take a moment and sign it. Once complete, I will deliver it to Biden's office.

To: Senator Joseph Biden

Dear Senator Biden,

Please reconsider your well-meaning but misguided support for the Violence Against Women Act. This law does not promote justice; it promotes hatred of men, and discriminates against men. Please make VAWA gender neutral.

The Violence Against Women Act is the most blatantly discriminatory law passed by the United States Congress in more than a century. The law is based, not on fact, but on gender prejudice, and it denies much-needed services to an entire class of American citizens, based only on their sex – because they are men!

Far from being a fair and just law, VAWA spreads hate and anti-male bigotry by promoting a provably false and one-sided gender stereotype of “violent men hurting innocent women”. The law advances a misleading, sugar-and-spice depiction of domestic violence that denies the female role in intimate violence and completely ignores half of domestic violence victims – because they are male!

VAWA is undeniably discriminatory. Even its name attests to this fact.

VAWA is provably a lie. There are hundreds of legitimate studies, many sponsored by the federal government, that conclusively show that the majority of domestic violence is perpetuated, not by men, but by women!

Don’t believe it? Before you hold your hearings to extend VAWA, you may wish to take time to read the National Family Violence Surveys of 1975 and 1985. These two federally-sponsored studies were the first to conclusively reveal the predominant female role in domestic violence. These pioneering studies have been validated over the past 30 years by hundreds of other studies that have all arrived at the same counter-intuitive, but undeniable conclusion:

Women are at least as violent as men in intimate relationships.

You might want to do some reading. A suggestion: “When She Was Bad – Violent Women and the Myth of Innocence”, written by Patricia Pearson, a self-described feminist. A single paragraph from this book perfectly summarizes the truth that The National Organization of Women and other gender extremists wish to keep hidden from you:

“Women commit the majority of child homicides in the United States, a greater share of physical child abuse, an equal rate of sibling violence and assaults on the elderly, about a quarter of child sexual abuse, an overwhelming share of the killings of newborns, and a fair preponderance of spousal assaults.”

Any hearings that you sponsor to contemplate extending the Violence Against Women Act that fail to include the results of these many scientific studies or that refuse to consider the many male victims of female violence cannot possibly be fair or just.

Senator Biden, with all due respect, the facts simply are not on your side.

History will ultimately show that, with your active support and assistance, the United States Congress, in passing the Violence Against Women Act, enshrined into American law an Act that shares the same ideological parents as the Nuremberg Laws of Nazi Germany: hate and prejudice.

This law is not worthy of a nation that needs to present itself to the rest of the world as a “fair and just democracy”.

Please reconsider your ill-advised, discriminatory support for the Violence Against Women Act. Please make this law fair and just. Please show us that your male constituents deserve equal protection under the law.

Please make the Violence Against Women Act gender neutral.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned"

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Did Phil Hartman Die from Congressionally-Sanctioned Discrimination?

Matt · 30 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"This author asks the question,* ***Did Phil Hartman Die from Congressionally-Sanctioned Discrimination?*** Mark Rosenthal, the author, then states:

"Senator Joseph Biden recently introduced the 2005 VAWA reauthorization bill. When challenged to make the bill gender inclusive, Biden responded, "Nothing in the act denies services, programs, funding or assistance to male victims of violence."

"If these services are so readily available to men abused by their wives, why didn't Phil seek help from one of the numerous battered women's shelters around Los Angeles? Could it be that being "eligible to apply for services" is quite a different thing from being able to receive services when you need them?"

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MSN Bucks Its Own Trend In Discussing Infidelity

Matt · 30 June 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Well it's not quite the whole truth, but for MSN, it's a start anyway. This article discusses infidelity and its causes, openly acknowledging (*gasp!*) that yes indeed, women have affairs, too, and for diverse reasons.

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Mother Jones' Biased Article on Domestic Violence

Matt · 1 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"Mother Jones Magazine just did a totally biased article on domestic violence. It ignored male victims altogether and talked about VAWA and the lack of services for "battered women" only. It didn't even give the token recognition that we're starting to see occasionally.*

Years ago they did an article titled "Hitting the Wall" about how researchers are repeatedly finding that women initiate DV as often as men do. It looks like they "forgot" that article.

You send a letter for publishing at backtalk-at-motherjones.com.

Marc A."

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'Glass Elevator' in UK Health care sector

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AngryMan writes *"You've heard of the 'glass ceiling' - now here comes the 'glass elevator'. Story here"*

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He grabbed girl's arm -- now he's a sex offender

Matt · 1 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Fitzroy Barnaby said he had to swerve to avoid hitting the 14-year-old Des Plaines girl who walked in front of his car."*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"She said he yelled, "Come here, little girl," before getting out of his car and grabbing her by the arm.*

He said he simply lectured her.

She said she broke free and ran, fearful of what he'd do next.

In a Thursday ruling, the Appellate Court of Illinois said the 28-year-old Evanston man must register as a sex offender."

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Article: "I lost my job because I was a man playing with children"

Matt · 2 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

cnewbyuk writes *"An article that highlights why is probably not a good idea for men to work with children.*

I lost my job because I was a man playing with children

I wonder how long it will be before fathers are given rules on how to act around their children."

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Woman Charged With Falsely Accusing 6 Men Of Rape

Matt · 2 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From MSNBC:*

A 29-year-old Orange County woman has been charged with falsely accusing six men of kidnapping her at gunpoint and raping her.

An indictment returned by an Orange County grand jury also accuses Tamara Anne Moonier with fraudulently receiving more than $1,800 from a state emergency fund for crime victims. Authorities said Moonier went to the Fullerton Police Department on June 6 to report that she had been abducted outside a bar at gunpoint, taken to an unknown location and raped. Police said one of the men Moonier had accused provided a tape showing she had orchestrated the sexual encounter."

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Man Arrested At His Own Wedding for Restraining Order "Violation"

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Again, truth being much stranger than fiction, stories like this one dwarf any fiction ever written.

Would that that were not the case.

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Second National Men's Equality Congress Only Thirteen Days Away!

Matt · 2 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Come one, come all! This year's Congress promises to rival last year's in progress for the cause of men's/father's rights as well as just plain being a whole lotta fun. Visit the web site where you will find details here.

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Correction to Previous Announcement Regarding Men's Equality Congress

Matt · 3 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Sorry, folks, I don't know WHAT I was thinking when I made the previous post's headline on MANN out as the Men's Equality Congress being only 6 days away. I have corrected it to reflect reality. I would claim this as a senior moment but alas I am just not old enough yet to get away with it. :) Hope y'all can forgive my mistake.

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No Statutory Rape in England?

Matt · 3 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Here's a story about a sexual threesome between two female teachers and a 16 year old student but no charges being filed because the student didn't complain! Does England have a minimum age for a minor to legally give consent to have sex?"*

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Bias in the press?

Matt · 3 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"I followed a link to the UK newspaper the Guardian, and noticed that the story was within a folder called 'gender'. On editing the link I found an index page listing numerous recent gender-based stories. Quite interesting, but if you skip down the list it seems very one-sided - I'd say 10 headline 'poor women' stories for every small 'gee men may have it a bit rough too' story. Or maybe it's just me..."*

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New contraception for men

Matt · 3 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Practical Feminist writes *"There is a way that a man can choose not to have kids.*
Keep your dick in your pants!!!!

After conception, the child is part of the woman's body and that is why only the woman can choose what to do.

You guys are a bunch of pathetic morons."

Ed note: I am publishing this submission so that the submitter can be responded to with the appropriate arguments. Go ahead, gang.

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RADAR Alert: Joseph Biden Wants to Stack the VAWA Hearing; We Say, "No Way Jose!

Matt · 5 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

On July 19th, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold hearings on reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. And right now, Senator Biden only wants to invite persons who will sing the praises of VAWA. In other words, he wants to have a rubber-stamp hearing.

It's crucial that the Judiciary Committee hear the truth about VAWA -- how it ignores the research about DV and grossly discriminates against men.

Two persons who have each spent over three decades researching family violence:

* Murray Straus, Ph.D., founder of the University of New Hampshire Family Research Laboratory

* Richard Gelles, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Social Policy & Practice at the University of Pennsylvania

These are the people who should be testifying on July 19, not the advocates who knowingly slant the truth and discriminate against needy DV victims.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Joseph Biden Wants to Stack the VAWA Hearing;
We Say, "No Way Jose!"
This is Week 1 of our Shock and Awe campaign. So do this today:

We're asking you to contact the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and tell them:

"Don't let the VAWA hearing be rubber-stamp event. Invite Drs. Murray Straus and Richard Gelles to testify. And be sure to invite a male victim of DV who has been turned away by a VAWA-funded program."

The voice and FAX phone numbers of Senate Judiciary Committee members are listed below. Please send them a fax and call their office. Please try to do both.

Remember to make your points politely and respectfully. Being rude or making extreme analogies (like comparisons to Nazis) will only serve to discredit our cause.

Senator	Voice phone	Fax	State	Party
Arlen Specter, Chairman	202/224-4254	202/228-1229	Pennsylvania	R
Orrin G. Hatch	202/224-5251	202/224-6331	Utah	R
Charles E. Grassley	202/224-3744	202/224-6020	Iowa	R
Jon Kyl	202/224-4521	202/224-2207	Arizona	R
Mike DeWine	202/224-2315	202/224-6519	Ohio	R
Jeff Sessions	202/224-4124	202/224-3149	Alabama	R
Lindsey Graham	202/224-5972	202/224-3807	South Carolina	R
John Cornyn	202/224-2934	202/228-2856	Texas	R
Sam Brownback	202/224-6521	202/228-1265	Kansas	R
Tom Coburn	202/224-5754	202/224-6008	Oklahoma	R

Senator	Voice phone	Fax	State	Party
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	202/224-5042	202/224-0139	Delaware	D
Patrick J. Leahy, Ranking Democrat	202/224-4242	Sen. Leahy's office won't give out his fax number. They said to email him at senator_leahy-at-leahy.senate.gov.	Vermont	D
Edward M. Kennedy	202/224-4543	202/224-2417	Massachusetts	D
Herbert Kohl	202/224-5653	202/224-9787	Wisconsin	D
Dianne Feinstein	202/224-3841	202/228-3954	California	D
Russell D. Feingold	202/224-5323	202/224-2725	Wisconsin	D
Charles E. Schumer	202/224-6542	202/228-3027	New York	D
Richard J. Durbin	202/224-2152	202/228-0400	Illinois	D

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Read RADAR's analysis of the Violence Against Women Act at http://www.mediaradar.org/RADAR_Analysis_of_VAWA.pdf.

To track the current status of VAWA, go to http://thomas.loc.gov/, click the radiobox "Enter bill number", enter the bill number ("H.R.2876") and click the "Search" button.

Come to Washington DC on July 15 and join the national effort to lobby your elected officials about VAWA. See http://www.trueequality.com/index2.php for more details.

To receive RADAR Alerts, press releases, and other special announcements, sign up for the RADAR E-lert. You can sign up for the E-lert on the RADAR home page at http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting (RADAR) is a coalition of men and women working to assure media balance and accuracy in coverage of the domestic violence issue. More information can be found at http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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RADAR Release: Analysis of the Violence Against Women Act

Matt · 6 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The US Senate and House of Representatives are currently debating the Violence Against Women Act. RADAR has identified 12 serious flaws with the proposed bill.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Analysis of the Violence Against Women Act
1. Abuses the truth. A recent VAWA-funded report documented that 1.5% of women and 0.9% of men were physically or sexually assaulted by a partner in the previous year. The report further notes that one-fifth of these men – as well as two-fifths of the women -- were injured as a result of the assault. But VAWA simply ignores the facts about domestic violence. [Extent, Nature, and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence, http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/181867.pdf, p. iii-iv]

2. Blatantly discriminates against men. The title, findings, and programs of VAWA violate men's constitutional right to equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment. None of the billions of VAWA dollars have been spent to help heterosexual male victims of DV. Imagine a federal law designed to protect white victims from criminal acts, while ignoring black victims.

3. Takes children away from their fathers. VAWA allows women to make false allegations of domestic violence, and then petition for divorce and custody of the children. In some states, a father who has ever had a restraining order filed against him is automatically rendered ineligible for joint custody of his children.

4. Blurs the distinction between violent crime and a verbal argument. The National Research Council notes that "Rigorous inquiry into violence against women is precluded when scholars fail to distinguish among what constitutes an act of violence, abuse, or battering." [Advancing the Federal Research Agenda on Violence Against Women, http://books.nap.edu/catalog/10849.html, p. 26]

5. Allows unrestrained use of restraining orders. Judges typically issue restraining orders based only on the word of the woman, without obtaining hard evidence or even allowing the man to present his side of the story. And many state laws define "violence" so broadly as to allow restraining orders to be issued on the flimsiest pretext.

6. Provides perverse incentives for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors. VAWA encourages local authorities to implement policies for mandatory reporting, mandatory arrest, and "no-drop" prosecutions. A Feminist Majority Foundation report recommends that domestic violence programs should abandon such rigid and unfair practices because they often end up harming families [Safety & Justice for All: Examining the Relationship between the Women's Anti-Violence Movement and the Criminal Legal System http://www.ms.foundation.org/user-assets/PDF/Program/safety_justice.pdf, pp. 12-16]

7. Pre-empts existing law enforcement programs. States currently have strong partner assault laws. And the federal Violence of Crime Act already addresses the issue of domestic violence. VAWA spends $1 billion a year to duplicate existing programs.

8. Politicizes the judiciary. VAWA provides funding for judicial education which in practice amounts to ideologically-loaded rants. At one such training session judges were instructed: "Your job is not to become concerned about all the constitutional rights of the man that you're violating as you grant a restraining order. Thrown him out on the street, give him the clothes on his back and tell him, 'See ya' around.'" [http://www.ejfi.org/DV/dv-10.htm]

9. Funds ideologically-based treatment programs. The National Academy of Sciences recently concluded that domestic violence programs are frequently "driven by ideology and stakeholder interests rather than by plausible theories and scientific evidence of cause." [Advancing the Federal Research Agenda on Violence Against Women, http://books.nap.edu/catalog/10849.html, p. 6]

10. Represents an over-reaching of federal power. VAWA represents unwarranted government interference into the personal relationships of intimate partners. Furthermore, the Supreme Court has condemned parts of VAWA as representing federal intrusion into an area of law that falls squarely within the domain of the states (United States v. Morrison, 2000). [http://www.oyez.org/oyez/resource/case/1261/]

11. Corrupts family violence research. VAWA-funded researchers often seek to bias the outcome of their research by interviewing only women, by slanting the wording of questions, or by selectively reporting research findings. [The Controversy over Domestic Violence by Women: A Methodological, Theoretical, and Sociology of Science Analysis. http://www.menweb.org/straus21.htm]

12. Unfairly stereotypes men. VAWA funds educational programs that consistently depict men as perpetrators and women as victims of domestic violence. Most educational programs refer to the perpetrator as “him” and the victim as “her.”

VAWA tramples on people's basic human rights, undermines the family, and makes a mockery of fairness and justice. Our elected officials have a responsibility to make sure VAWA helps all victims of domestic violence.

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RADAR is a coalition of men and women concerned about bias in domestic violence reporting and laws. For more information, visit http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Extremely shocking video of US Prisoner abuse

Matt · 6 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

SacredNaCl writes *"This link Direct Download (81MB WMV format, right click save as) provides a look inside at some of the abuses occuring in our own US Prisons, primarily against men. This footage is far worse than that coming out of Iraq & Cuba. While I don't agree with all of their policitical views, the BBC did an excellent job in presenting their case here and it is definitely worth a look."*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"If you haven't experienced it, you will be shocked by the level of abuse, and in particular the means employed. Chemical weapons in a confined area? You bet, every day occurance in US Prisons. These are graphic pictures, this is not pretty footage, and I guarantee that it is only barely scratching the surface of what is really going on inside of the US Prison system today. It also sheds new light on the claims made by Dr. Sell of the scalding, beating, and other torture he has suffered while waiting over 8 years for trial, and the reasons for the Dept. of Corrections refusing to release those tapes showing the incidents.*

If there ever was an area of public spending that needed sunshine, this is it, we have over two million people pre-trial and post-trial as inmates in the criminal justice system in the US, more than 90% of them men. As long as the goings on are shrouded in secrecy, this kind of abuse will continue unchecked."

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The false claim that "paternity fraud is an urban myth"

Matt · 6 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Barry Pearson writes *"Recently, there have been some newspaper headlines claiming 'Paternity fraud is an urban myth'. They claim to be based on some research in Australia. In fact, they totally distort the research, which came to no such conclusion. My description of the media errors is found here and here."*

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NH Men's Commission Supports a Gender-Inclusive VAWA

Scott · 6 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Concord, NH: The New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men voted last Wednesday to support efforts to make the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) gender-inclusive.

The resolution states: "The Commission on the Status of Men supports the renewal of the Violence Against Women Act only if it is made gender-neutral in language, intent, and application." Read on for the full press release.

State Men's Commission Supports Violence Against Women Act, With Changes

Concord, NH: *The New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men voted last Wednesday to support efforts to make the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) gender-inclusive.*

The resolution states: "The Commission on the Status of Men supports the renewal of the Violence Against Women Act only if it is made gender-neutral in language, intent, and application."

The declaration is one indicator of growing support for a grassroots movement which aims to make VAWA funding available to traditionally under-served populations. Awareness of the social problem of abused men has increased significantly since the law was first enacted in 1995.

"Now that the Violence Against Women Act is up for renewal, we should take this opportunity to make sure it serves victims based on need, not on gender," said Commissioner Michael Geanoulis, who supported the resolution. "Domestic violence organizations which offer full services for men are few and far between, and they're struggling desperately for funding to meet the needs of the community."

These needs are not currently being met by traditional service providers in the granite state, which do not provide shelters for men or equivalent services that are offered to women, according to Commissioner Geanoulis.

The Commission's resolution supports making funds available on a gender-inclusive basis, and does not call for a minimum percentage or dollar amount to be allocated to services that focus specifically on men.

One local domestic violence organization which currently doesn't receive VAWA funds is the NH chapter of Stop Abuse for Everyone (SAFE-NH). Lee Newman, the group's Executive Director, said "Our organization serves as proof that when services are offered which specifically target men and other under-served victim populations, these victims will seek out the help they need and are entitled to." SAFE-NH has received 1,580 calls on their domestic violence helpline between October 2002 and December 2004. 1,117 of them were regarding men who were being abused.

The reauthorization of VAWA has gained the attention of many gender equality activists, and lobbying efforts to make the bill gender-inclusive have been led by David R. Burroughs, Esq, Legislative Consultant for the Safe Homes for Children and Families Coalition (www.vawa4all.org).

"Congress is receptive to our message in a way it was not five years ago during the last VAWA reauthorization. We are hopeful that this time around the Congress will vote not only to end domestic violence, but to uphold the 14th Amendment requirement of equal protection while doing so," said Attorney Burroughs.

Burroughs gained nationwide attention when his group raised the funds to rent three public billboards for the summer in Delaware, home of VAWA's primary sponsor, Senator Joe Biden. The billboards urge Senator Biden to make the Violence Against Women Act gender-inclusive.

VAWA is undergoing legislative work sessions in the House and Senate Subcommitties on Crime this month, and is expected to be voted upon this fall.

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Danica Patrick's on a road less raced

Matt · 7 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *"A new article critical of feminist politics and Title IX."*

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High profile Swedish feminist resigns post amid controversy

Matt · 7 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Wow! If this is a valid reason for a shelter official to resign* ***(...assigning a characteristic to everybody of a certain gender)*** , then very soon they'll all be un-womaned, and not just in Sweden:

"After a period of intense criticism and scrutiny, Ireen von Wachenfeldt, chairwoman of women's shelter organisation ROKS, has resigned.

Von Wachenfeldt is a high profile and influential radical feminist, who found herself at the centre of a media storm recently following her appearance in the SVT documentary 'Könskriget' (Battle of the Sexes). In the programme, she appeared to state that **"men are animals"**. But she claimed the comments was taken out of context.'"

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Circumcised - 70% less Chance of Contracting HIV!

Matt · 8 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Several of the guys posting here have used this website in the past to rail against circumcision. Wow! They, along with the radio personality, Dr. Dean Edell, are sure not going to be happy to see this!*

Special quote from the article: It was deemed unethical to continue the trial after an early peek at data showed that the uncircumcised men were so much more likely to become infected."

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Josef Cannon Narrowly Avoids Death/Injury in Recent London Attacks

Matt · 8 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Some of you may recognize the name Josef Cannon associated with California's Synclair-Cannon Law to help prevent child abduction. It seems Mr. Cannon also narrowly escaped death or serious injury yesterday (search for "Brosnan" to get to the relevant entry) in London's subway system.

More links to relevant information:

http://groups.msn.com/AbductedDaughterShelby/_whatsnew.msnw

http://www.geocities.com/lsynclair/

Click "Read more..." to see the relevant entry from the page.
Lucky latte

I am in London where actor Pierce Brosnan assisted in finding my abducted daughter who had been missing for five plus years. I was on my way to another press interview on this case when I was about to board the train at Kings Cross. During this hour of morning, the trains are packed and at times, there is nowhere to move. Having just picked up my daily coffee from Starbucks I was in no mood to have it spill on me by boarding a very packed subway train so I turned and headed up the platform and made my way to the exits to walk the short distance when I heard an explosion. People started running towards the escalators...seeing this massive rush but not knowing why I turned and ran upwards as well, feeling that if I stopped I might be trampled.

My heart was racing for here I was running, but did not know exactly why. The looks on the faces of those behind me spoke volumes. Ironically, the coffee I didn't want to spill on me was all over my jacket as I sprinted towards the exit. Rumor began to spread amongst the confused crowd that there were other "attacks" going on around the city. What at first seemed like an isolated incident was confirmed to be an attack on the city of London. As I stood shaking at the thought of how close I came to boarding that train and if it were not for the coffee in my hand, in all probability I wouldn't be alive to write this e-mail. I searched around the world to find my missing daughter and through one miracle (Pierce Brosnan) I was able to find her and now through another one (a Latte' from Starbucks) I will be allowed to see her for another day!!

Text messages began to fill my cell phone from those who knew I was to be boarding the train at that time. Each text reminded me of how fragile life can be and how quickly it can be taken away. I will never forget the fear that I saw in the eyes of not just the people rushing to safety, but the heroism that merged from the people of London. They rose to the challenge and did so in a calm manner that made those of us around search within ourselves for the courage to do whatever we could to assist. No longer was the coffee on my jacket or missing an all-important interview a concern as I searched for those I knew to be in the city as well, making sure they were safe.

Though I am American, I can say that I was very proud of how our brothers and sisters across the Atlantic handle such a horrific situation. The way everyone was concerned about one another reminded me of how we as Americans bonded during 911. To be in the middle of such a disaster and to witness the highs and the lows of its effect is very hard to put into words. The tears that flowed from my face then and do so now at just the thought of what occurred 24 hrs ago says it all.

--Josef Cannon, Marina Del Rey, Calif.

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Letter re sex bias in dating/marriage printed in Washington Post

Matt · 9 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"On July 4, the Washington Post printed this letter from NCFM member Jerry B. about inequities in dating and marriage, which the editor titled, 'Gender Bias Cuts Both ways'."*

Click "Read more..." to read the letter.GENDER BIAS CUTS BOTH WAYS

In her refreshing June 25 op-ed column, "Marriage Penalty," Ruth Marcus explored why it is that so many successful women are single and childless.

Part of the reason, I believe, is that many women still want to marry "up." Thus they are conditioned to feel as threatened by less successful men as less successful men are by more successful women. Most single women would be scared silly to hear a date say, "When I marry, I want to be a house husband and a stay-at-home dad."

Consider, too, Ms. Marcus's statement about a White House official: "... a smart, attractive woman . . . who . . . hadn't been asked out" on a date in about two years.

Cat got her tongue? This woman can't ask out one of the men around her who may be too afraid to ask her out? Are equal rights and responsibilities a smorgasbord from which she picks only what suits her?

If we want gender equality, we must demand change in women as much as we demand it in men.

JERRY A. BOGGS

Livonia, Mich.

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Second National Men's Equality Congress-- Less Than a Week Away

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The Second National Men's Equality Congress is less than a week away! So if you haven't registered yet, please do so. See you soon!

P.S. I mean it this time, really! :-)

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RADAR ALERT: VAWA 4 All: This is the Week to Deliver

Matt · 11 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This week the VAWA4All Campaign has good news and bad news to share.

The good news is, our people in Washington are meeting with some key elected officials who are extremely supportive of our cause. That's very encouraging.

The bad news is, these elected officials say they have not seen or heard anything that resembles an outpouring of mass discontent with the current version of VAWA.

That worries us, because next week on July 19th, the Senate Judiciary Committee will be holding hearings on VAWA. As things stand right now, the VAWA bill will sail through the hearings without even a peep of concern.

Click "Read more..." for more.

RADAR ALERT:VAWA 4 All: This is the Week to Deliver
It's crucial that the Judiciary Committee hear the truth about VAWA.

So RADAR has just unveiled an analysis that identifies the 12 major flaws with VAWA. This analysis is found at the end of this Alert, and copy suitable for printing can be downloaded from the internet at: http://www.mediaradar.org/RADAR_Analysis_of_VAWA.pdf. We encourage you to carefully review this analysis and share it with others as appropriate.

So for the July 19 hearings, it's absolutely vital that the Senators hear from all sides, not just the people who willingly abuse the truth and discriminate against men.

So for Week 2 of our Shock and Awe campaign, we're going to pick up where we left off last week.

Since this is the critical week leading up the hearings, we are asking that each person who reads this Alert telephone and/or fax the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and politely insist that the hearings include:

1. A recognized expert on the topic of family violence such as:

   * Murray Straus, Ph.D., founder of the University of New Hampshire Family Research Laboratory

   * Richard Gelles, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Social Policy & Practice at the University of Pennsylvania
2. A male victim of domestic violence who has been discriminated against by VAWA-funded services.

"Don't let the July 19 hearings become a rubber-stamp for VAWA. Invite Drs. Murray Straus or Richard Gelles to testify. And be sure to invite a male victim of DV who has been turned away by a VAWA-funded program."

The voice and FAX phone numbers of the Judiciary Committee members are listed below.

Threats like "If you don't get VAWA changed, I'm going to get you defeated in the next election" will only hurt our cause. Remember to make your points respectfully.

Senate Judiciary Committee Members

Senator	Voice phone	Fax	State	Party
Arlen Specter, Chairman	202/224-4254	202/228-1229	Pennsylvania	R
Orrin G. Hatch	202/224-5251	202/224-6331	Utah	R
Charles E. Grassley	202/224-3744	202/224-6020	Iowa	R

Senator	Voice phone	Fax	State	Party
Jon Kyl	202/224-4521	202/224-2207	Arizona	R
Mike DeWine	202/224-2315	202/224-6519	Ohio	R
Jeff Sessions	202/224-4124	202/224-3149	Alabama	R
Lindsey Graham	202/224-5972	202/224-3808	South Carolina	R
John Cornyn	202/224-2934	202/228-2856	Texas	R
Sam Brownback	202/224-6521	202/228-1265	Kansas	R
Tom Coburn	202/224-5754	202/224-6008	Oklahoma	R
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	202/224-5042	202/224-0139	Delaware	D
Patrick J. Leahy, Ranking Democrat	202/224-4242	Sen. Leahy's office won't give out his fax number. They said to email him at senator_leahy-at-leahy.senate.gov.	Vermont	D
Edward M. Kennedy	202/224-4543	202/224-2417	Massachusetts	D
Herbert Kohl	202/224-5653	202/224-9787	Wisconsin	D
Dianne Feinstein	202/224-3841	202/228-3954	California	D
Russell D. Feingold	202/224-5323	202/224-2725	Wisconsin	D
Charles E. Schumer	202/224-6542	202/228-3027	New York	D
Richard J. Durbin	202/224-2152	202/228-0400	Illinois	D

RADAR'S Analysis of the Violence Against Women Act
The US Senate and House of Representatives are currently debating the Violence Against Women Act. RADAR has identified 12 serious flaws with the proposed bill:

1. Abuses the truth. A recent VAWA-funded report documented that 1.5% of women and 0.9% of men were physically or sexually assaulted by a partner in the previous year. The report further notes that one-fifth of these men - as well as two-fifths of the women -- were injured as a result of the assault. But VAWA simply ignores the facts about domestic violence. [Extent, Nature, and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence, http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/181867.pdf, p. iii-iv]

2. Blatantly discriminates against men. The title, findings, and programs of VAWA violate men's constitutional right to equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment. None of the billions of VAWA dollars have been spent to help heterosexual male victims of DV. Imagine a federal law designed to protect white victims from criminal acts, while ignoring black victims.

3. Takes children away from their fathers. VAWA allows women to make false allegations of domestic violence, and then petition for divorce and custody of the children. In some states, a father who has ever had a restraining order filed against him is automatically rendered ineligible for joint custody of his children.

4. Blurs the distinction between violent crime and a verbal argument. The National Research Council notes that "Rigorous inquiry into violence against women is precluded when scholars fail to distinguish among what constitutes an act of violence, abuse, or battering." [Advancing the Federal Research Agenda on Violence Against Women, http://books.nap.edu/catalog/10849.html, p. 26]

5. Allows unrestrained use of restraining orders. Judges typically issue restraining orders based only on the word of

the woman, without obtaining hard evidence or even allowing the man to present his side of the story. And many state laws define "violence" so broadly as to allow restraining orders to be issued on the flimsiest pretext.

6. Provides perverse incentives for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors. VAWA encourages local authorities to implement policies for mandatory reporting, mandatory arrest, and "no-drop" prosecutions. A Feminist Majority Foundation report recommends that domestic violence programs should abandon such rigid and unfair practices because they often end up harming families [Safety & Justice for All: Examining the Relationship between the Women's Anti-Violence Movement and the Criminal Legal System, http://www.ms.foundation.org/user-assets/PDF/Program/safety_justice.pdf, pp. 12-16]

7. Pre-empts existing law enforcement programs. States currently have strong partner assault laws. And the federal Violence of Crime Act already addresses the issue of domestic violence. VAWA spends $1 billion a year to duplicate existing programs.

8. Politicizes the judiciary. VAWA provides funding for judicial education which in practice amounts to ideologically-loaded rants. At one such training session judges were instructed: "Your job is not to become concerned about all the constitutional rights of the man that you're violating as you grant a restraining order. Thrown him out on the street, give him the clothes on his back and tell him, 'See ya' around.'" [http://www.ejfi.org/DV/dv-10.htm]

9. Funds ideologically-based treatment programs. The National Academy of Sciences recently concluded that domestic violence programs are frequently "driven by ideology and stakeholder interests rather than by plausible theories and scientific evidence of cause." [Advancing the Federal Research Agenda on Violence Against Women, http://books.nap.edu/catalog/10849.html, p. 6]

10. Represents an over-reaching of federal power. VAWA represents unwarranted government interference into the personal relationships of intimate partners. Furthermore, the Supreme Court has condemned parts of VAWA as representing federal intrusion into an area of law that falls squarely within the domain of the states (United States v. Morrison, 2000). [http://www.oyez.org/oyez/resource/case/1261]

11. Corrupts family violence research. VAWA-funded researchers often seek to bias the outcome of their research by interviewing only women, by slanting the wording of questions, or by selectively reporting research findings. [The Controversy over Domestic Violence by Women: A Methodological, Theoretical, and Sociology of Science Analysis. http://www.menweb.org/straus21.htm]

12. Unfairly stereotypes men. VAWA funds educational programs that consistently depict men as perpetrators and women as victims of domestic violence. Most educational programs refer to the perpetrator as "him" and the victim as "her."

VAWA tramples on persons' basic human rights, undermines the family, and makes a mockery of fairness and justice. Our elected officials have a responsibility to make sure VAWA helps all victims of domestic violence.

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To track the current status of VAWA, go to http://thomas.loc.gov/ and enter the bill number: Senate bill S. 1197; House of Representatives bill H.R. 2876.

Come to Washington DC on July 15 and join the national effort to lobby your elected officials about VAWA. See http://www.trueequality.com/index2.php for more details.

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Mother Charged in Children-in-Trunk Case

Matt · 12 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

So, they actually charged her? Good to see it. Of course if she had been a he, there would have been no delay in the charges, would there have been?

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T-minus-Three Days to Men's Equality Congress

Matt · 12 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Well just in case you hadn't seen the previous postings, we are three days away from the Second National Men's Equality Congress in Washington, D.C. If you are all set to attend, see you soon! Otherwise, hey, there's still time to make plans.

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First Lady Wants a Female Judge

Matt · 13 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

You know, I am not too impressed when a high-profile political figure openly and publicly declares that an indelible characteristic should be consideration for appointment of a person to a high (or any) office. Oh yes, well, since she is referring to a person's sex and it's a "pro-woman" comment, I guess it must be all right then...

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RADAR ALERT: July 19 Hearings Not Yet Finalized, Call Sen. Specter's Office Today

Matt · 13 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The list of persons who will be speaking at the July 19, 2005 Senate hearing on VAWA is still in limbo. We have an important opportunity to assure the truth is heard next Tuesday.

The staffer who is arranging the hearings is Mr. Brett Tolman in Senator Specter's office.

Click "Read more..." for more.

July 19 Hearings Not Yet Finalized, Call Sen. Specter's Office Today
Please call Mr. Tolman TODAY at this number: 202-224-4254.

Explain to him that it is important that the Senators hear all sides of the issue. Request that the hearings include:

1. A male victim of DV who was refused service by a VAWA-funded program, AND

2. Murray Straus, Ph.D. (University of New Hampshire Family Research Laboratory) or Richard Gelles, Ph.D. (University of Pennsylvania), both recognized experts in family violence

REMEMBER: Be courteous and objective in your conversation.
Timing is all important. Do this TODAY.

The number to call is: 202-224-4254.

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Washington Times Prints Letters Refuting False Paternal Custody Claims

Matt · 14 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"The Washington times just printed two letters from men's rights activists responding to the false claims of feminists in an article on fathers' custody. One letter refutes the feminist myth that when fathers request physical and legal custody they get it 70% of the time, which comes from a distortion of a study that does not say this at all and in fact shows otherwise."*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"Cynthia McNeely gives a solid refutation of the 70% father custody myth in the excellent law review article about child custody and anti-father bias, called "Lagging Behind the Times; Parenthood, Custody and Gender Bias in the Family Court," and Mark Rosenthal gives a more focused analysis of it here (.pdf file)."*

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Rapist chooses castration over life in jail

Matt · 14 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A man who admitted raping two young girls in the US has agreed to be castrated to avoid serving a life prison sentence.*

Excerpt:

Keith Raymond Fremin, 42, accepted a 25-year sentence without parole for molesting the two sisters, who were 11 and 13 at the time of the attacks in 1999.

Judge Donald Fendlason, in the Louisiana court, said he would revoke the lighter sentence if Fremin does not undergo the surgery by August 18.

The victims, now 17 and 19, were in court yesterday and agreed to the plea deal."

Ed note: I debated with myself about posting this but then thought about the "what if" situation had the confessed rapist been female and the victims boys. Would the judge have 1) sentenced her to life in jail and 2) offered an ovariectomy to the woman in exchange for imposing a lesser sentence?

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Men's Equality Congress: Day One a Success!

Matt · 16 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Many thanks to all who attended Day One of the Second National Men's Equality Congress in Washington, D.C. The lobby portion of the day was very productive, and included a "fact-blitz" on the Senate Justiciary Committee members regarding the upcoming VAWA re-authorization bill. Our Supreme Court protest was energized and well-attended despite the foul weather, with tourists from Britain and other parts of America spontaneously joining in with us. Pictures will be coming soon, so stay tuned! Tomorrow's gonna be great!

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New MensactivismWiki Released

Scott · 16 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

You may have noticed a new link in the Navigation box in the upper-left of Mensactivism.org. It is to a new section of MANN, which is called the MensactivismWiki. If you don't know what a wiki is, check it out and start reading some of the documentation. I realize the docs are very sparse right now but I will impove them significantly over the next week. I am announcing this at the second annual Men's Equality Conference, so it's being released now even if it's still a bit rough around the edges. If you have worked with wikis before, this one is dedicated to the men's rights community to collaborate and share knowledge related to pro-male activism. Feel free to start adding content to it in that spirit!

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Men's Equality Congress: Day Two Complete

Matt · 17 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The second and final day of the Second National Men's Equality Congress in Washington, DC crossed the line with a strong finish! Thanks to everyone who attended, spoke, or facilitated break-out sessions. The final tally is TBD, but I can confidently report that at least 70 people attended the Congress. Look for pictures shortly.

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RADAR Alert: Shock and Awe Week 3: Now on to the House!

Matt · 18 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Two weeks ago RADAR launched its Shock and Awe campaign. We asked people to contact members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and request they invite a male DV victim and other qualified experts to testify at the July 19 Committee hearings.

And it truly was Shock and Awe. Thousands of persons made phone calls and sent faxes. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO RESPONDED. And we know from inside sources that they really heard us.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Shock and Awe Week 3: Now on to the House!
The other good news is that in the last two weeks, a coalition of over 15 groups – including some of the respected big guns on Capitol Hill – has come together to make VAWA a fairer law.

At this time we do not know who will actually testify at Tuesday's hearings. But we have opened many, many doors to the lobbyists who are working on behalf of our VAWA coalition, and our voice is finally being heard.

This week it's time to focus our energies on the House of Representatives. Why? Because the House Judiciary Committee plans to vote on the VAWA bill before the end of this month – and they don't even plan to hold hearings!

So let's crank it up! This is what we are asking you to do this week:

1. Find out the name of your Representative. Each district has only one Representative. To do that, go to http://www.house.gov/ and enter your zip code.

2. Go to your Representative's website and get their telephone and fax number. You may have to call the office during business hours to get the fax number.

3. Write a short letter like this and fax it ASAP. You can use this exact wording, or revise it slightly to reflect your thoughts:

> RE: H.R. 2876
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> Dear Representative :
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> I am a registered voter in your district, and I'm writing about the Violence Against Women Act, H.R. 2876. According to the Department of Justice, 835,000 American men are victims of domestic violence each year. But it has been shown that VAWA-funded programs refuse to serve those men – that's called “discrimination.”
>
> So I'm asking you to do what is fair and right, and make sure this language is added to the VAWA bill to make it non-discriminatory:
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> “Nothing in this statute shall be construed as prohibiting funding for programs focused on or serving male victims of domestic violence. Male victims shall be considered an underserved population.”
>
> Thank you for your attention and help.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Your name
>
> Address
>
> Telephone number

4. If you do not have access to a fax machine, telephone your Representative's Legislative Assistant (referred to as the “L.A.”) who is responsible for VAWA – your Representative's receptionist will give you that person's name. When you speak to the L.A., convey the same information as in this letter.

ABOVE ALL, BE RESPECTFUL AND POLITE. Coming across as angry, bitter, or threatening only reinforces the negative stereotypes, and will make it more difficult for our front-line lobbyists.

Remember, time is extremely short. We have a lot to accomplish a lot in two short weeks!

News flash! We have just learned that in the next couple days, Phyllis Schlafly will be releasing her article: "Time to Defund Feminist Pork". Look for it at http://www.humaneventsonline.com/ and then politely encourage your editor to run it in your local newspaper.

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Teenage girl hangs 5 Year Old boy

Matt · 19 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A 5 year old boy narrowly escaped death when a teenage girl hanged him from a tree with a length of string, and then tried to incriminate 4 other children for it."*

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Sacks Criticizes VAWA Restraining Order Policies

Matt · 20 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous user writes *"Men's and fathers' issues columnist Glenn Sacks criticizes VAWA-related restraining order policies in his new column "VAWA Renewal Provides Opportunity to Stop Destruction of Innocent Cops' Careers" (Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, 7/19/05). The column describes the way police officers often have their careers destroyed by baseless accusations of domestic violence.*

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Cellphone data may yield child support

Matt · 20 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Virginia has issued subpoenas to cellphone companies seeking delinquent parents."*

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VAWA Hearing 7.19.05 Testimony Transcripts on Web

Matt · 21 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"The Senate Judiciary Committee has published most of the transcripts from those who testified at yesterday's VAWA hearing. It is the usual litany of feminist misinformation, hysteria, and misandrist screed, with no mention of male DV victims that I could find on a first read. Testifying were the heads of the National Sherriff's Association, Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, Director of the National Network to End Domestic Violence, and actress Salma Hayek, among others."*

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RADAR Alert: Fresh Ammo for Shock and Awe

Matt · 21 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Pressure continues to mount to reform VAWA, a law that discriminates against men and shreds their civil liberties.

In recent weeks a number of Op-Ed columns have targeted VAWA. On Tuesday, well-known writer Phyllis Schlafly published a bell-ringer column that called VAWA an example of "anti-marriage and anti-male ideology" and called for persons to "stop the act from spending any more taxpayers' money to promote family dissolution and fatherless children."

Her full column is reprinted below.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Fresh Ammo for Shock and Awe
WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MOMENT.

RADAR is calling on all readers to disseminate this column far and wide. TODAY, please forward Mrs. Schlafly's column to the following:

1. Your Representative and two Senators in Washington DC (fax, letter, or e-mail is OK - whatever is easiest for you)

2. The Editor(s) of your local newspaper(s)

3. One or more listservs or on-line discussion groups that you participate in.

Remember that to the media, what's news today is history tomorrow, so please take action TODAY. And always be polite in your dealings.

Time to Dispose of Radical Feminist Pork

http://www.humaneventsonline.com/article.php?id=8134

Phyllis Schlafly

July 19, 2005
If Republicans are looking for a way to return to their principles of limited government and reduced federal spending, a good place to start would be rejection of the coming reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act sponsored by Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del. It's a mystery why Republicans continue to put a billion dollars a year of taxpayers' money into the hands of radical feminists who use it to preach their anti-marriage and anti-male ideology, promote divorce, corrupt the family court system, and engage in liberal political advocacy.

Accountability is supposed to be the watchword of the Bush administration, but there's been no accountability or oversight for the act's spending of many billions of dollars. There is no evidence that the Violence Against Women Act has benefited anyone except the radical feminists on its payroll.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, which is gearing up for a battle royal over the Supreme Court vacancy, has scheduled a hearing on the act for mid-July. It's apparently designed as a be-nice-to-Biden-before-the court-fight event, since no critic has been invited to speak.

Let's have a reality check. The Violence Against Women Act's gender-specific title is pejorative: it's based on the false, unscientific, unjust and blatantly offensive premise that men are innately violent and abusive toward women, making all women victims of men.

The president of Harvard University was publicly pilloried for months earlier this year for implying innate differences between men and women. But the act is spending a billion dollars a year to inculcate that very notion in the minds of men and women who are having marital difficulties, as well as police, prosecutors, psychologists and family court judges.

Feminists staged tantrums at the suggestion of innate math-aptitude differences between men and women, but the whole premise of the Violence Against Women Act is that men have an innate propensity to violence against women. It's not because some are bad individuals or drunks or psychologically troubled, but because men want to keep women subservient in an oppressive patriarchal society.

The Violence Against Women Act was passed using such bogus statistics as "a woman is beaten every 15 seconds" and "80 percent of fathers who seek custody of their children fit the profile of a batterer." Remember the Super Bowl hoax, the ridiculous claim that "the biggest day of the year for violence against women" is Super Bowl Sunday? It's an assertion conclusively refuted by Dr. Christina Hoff Sommers' research.

The Violence Against Women Act comes out of Andrea Dworkin's tirades of hate such as, "Under patriarchy, every woman's son is her betrayer and also the inevitable rapist or exploiter of another woman." The act comes out of Gloria Steinem's nonsense, such as "the patriarchy requires violence or the subliminal threat of violence in order to maintain itself."

Here is some mischief in act-funded activities that should be investigated in the coming Senate Judiciary Committee hearing.

The act refuses to provide any help whatsoever for male victims of domestic violence. Let's hear from professor Martin Fiebert of California State University at Long Beach who compiled a bibliography of 170 scholarly investigations, 134 empirical studies and 36 analyses, which demonstrate that women are almost as physically abusive toward their partners as men.

The act encourages women to make false allegations, and then petition for full child custody and a denial of all fathers' rights to see their own children.

The act promotes the unrestrained use of restraining orders, which family courts issue on the woman's say-so. This powerful weapon (according to the Illinois Bar Journal) is "part of the gamesmanship of divorce" and virtually guarantees that fathers are expelled from the lives of their own children.

A woman seeking help from an act-funded center is not offered any options except to leave her husband, divorce him, accuse him of being a criminal and have her sons targeted as suspects in future crimes. The Violence Against Women Act ideology rejects joint counseling, reconciliation and saving marriages.

The act denies that alcohol and illegal drugs are a cause of domestic violence, a peculiar assumption contrary to all human experience. In fact, most domestic violence incidents involve those components.

The act uses a definition of domestic violence that blurs the difference between violent action and run-of-the-mill marital tiffs and arguments. Definitions of abuse can even include minor insults and refusing to help with child care or housework.

The act funds the re-education of judges and all law enforcement personnel to teach them feminist stereotypes about male abusers and female victims, how to game the system to empower women, and how to ride roughshod over the constitutional rights of men.

The act forces Soviet-style psychological re-education on men. The accused men are not given treatment for real problems, but are assigned to classes where feminists teach shame and guilt because of a vast male conspiracy to subjugate women.

The Violence Against Women Act-funded centers engage in political advocacy for feminist legislation such as the "must-arrest" laws even if there is no sign of violence and even if the woman doesn't want the man arrested, and political advocacy against non-feminist legislation such as shared parental rights.

It's time to stop the act from spending any more taxpayers' money to promote family dissolution and fatherless children.

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Tell Congress to Amend or Reject VAWA!

Matt · 22 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Here's an online site that has a canned letter opposing the VAWA.*
Tell Congress to Amend or Reject VAWA!

You can send the message by email or Western Union for $8.95. It's fairly easy to fill out and automatically provides your elected Reps from the address you enter. If you haven't sent something yet, or even if you have, here is an opportunity to voice your opposition to this horrible man-destroying law. The process starts with you entering your zip code."

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Alabama state house passes mandatory castration bill

Matt · 24 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous user writes *"The Alabama state House passed a bill yesterday that would require mandatory castration of persons convicted of violent sex crimes against children under 12 years old.*

The associated press story is available here."

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A new book by John Irving

Matt · 24 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

zerostress writes *" This article in the Globe and Mail*
talk about the latest book by John Irving
(of The World According to Garp fame) , Until I Find You. In this book, Irving, himself a victim of sexual abuse by an older female family friend, approach the subject of
of sexual abuse and its repercussion on the life of a man. Warning : contains spoilers, heeds author's advice."

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John Irving plumbs pain of sexual abuse in new book

Matt · 24 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

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talk about the latest book by John Irving (of The World According to Garp fame) , Until I Find You. In this book, Irving, himself a victim of sexual abuse by an older female family friend, approach the subject of
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"Internet Tools..." Conference Audio Available for Download

Scott · 25 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The talk I gave at the 2005 Men's Equality Conference in Washington, D.C. last weekend is now available for download. The breakout session was titled "Internet Tools for Promoting Collaboration and Activism," and you can download the mp3 audio of it (9.3 MB) as well as the PDF slides (350 kb) to follow along with (except for the live demo part). My talk didn't exactly set the world on fire but I wanted to make it available in case others might find it useful. Enjoy!

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RADAR Alert: Shock and Awe Week 4: House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime

Matt · 25 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Last Tuesday, July 19th, the Senate Judiciary Committee held "hearings" on the bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act which left them no better informed about the truth of VAWA. A transcript of the testimony can be seen at http://judiciary.senate.gov/hearing.cfm?id=1570.

Now we turn our focus to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime. This week we're asking you to contact members of that committee to inform them of the facts on VAWA.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Shock and Awe Week 4: House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE VOTING ON VAWA LATER THIS WEEK, SO PROMPT ACTION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

Please do the following right away:

1. Write a short letter something like this. You can modify it to reflect your own thoughts, but be sure to keep it respectful. Hostility or extreme analogies like comparisons to Nazis will only make it harder for our viewpoint to be heard.
   The Honorable {name here}

   FAX no: {fax no. here}

   Subject: H.R. 2876 - Violence Against Women Act

   Position: Provide equal funding for organizations focused on helping male victims

   Dear Representative {name here}:

   I'm writing about major problems with H.R. 2876, the Violence Against Women Act. According to the Department of Justice, men constitute 36% of domestic violence victims annually. But despite claims to the contrary, VAWA-funded programs deny services to those 835,000 American men and their children.

   Before the House votes on VAWA, the bill must be fixed to guarantee that all victims are helped, regardless of gender. It is unacceptable to require victimized men and children to seek help from organizations whose decade-long track record clearly demonstrates their lack of sympathy for, or even outright hostility to the needs of these victims.

   Please make VAWA non-discriminatory by adding the following language:

   “Nothing in this statute shall be construed as prohibiting funding for programs focused on or serving male victims of domestic violence. Male victims shall be considered an underserved population.”

   Thank you for your attention and help.

   Sincerely,

   Your name

   Your address

   Your phone number

2. Below are names and fax numbers for the members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime. For each member, edit a unique copy of the letter to include his or her name and fax no. Then fax that copy to the committee member.
3. If you do not have access to a fax machine, telephone the Representative's L.A. (Legislative Assistant) who is responsible for VAWA – the receptionist can tell you which L.A. is assigned to VAWA. Speak to the L.A. and tell him or her the facts in this letter. And remember, our chances of getting them to understand the need for a non-discriminatory law will only be harmed by angry or extreme language.
Remember, Congress will recess at the end of this week. Fax your letter today!

Members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime

Congressperson	Fax	Voice phone	State	Party
Howard Coble, Chariman	202/225-8611	202/225-3065	North Carolina	R
Dan Lungren	202/226-1298	202/225-5716	California	R
Tom Feeney	202/226-6299	202/225-2706	Florida	R
Steve Chabot	202/225-3012	202/225-2216	Ohio	R
Ric Keller	202/225-0999	202/225-2176	Florida	R
Jeff Flake	202/226-4386	202/225-2635	Arizona	R
Mike Pence	202/225-3382	202/225-3021	Indiana	R
Randy Forbes	202/226-1170	202/225-6365	Virginia	R
Louie Gohmert	202/225-5866	202/225-3035	Texas	R
Bobby Scott, Ranking Democrat	202/225-8354	202/225-8351	Florida	D
Sheila Jackson Lee	202/225-3317	202/225-3816	Texas	D
Maxine Waters	202/225-7854	202/225-2201	California	D
Marty Meehan	202/226-0771	202/225-3411	Massachusetts	D
William Delahunt	202/225-5658	202/225-3111	Massachusetts	D
Anthony Weiner	202/226-7253	202/225-6616	New York	D

News Flash! A major critique of the Violence Against Women Act, written by Dr. Stephen Baskerville, is appearing in the July 25 issue of The American Conservative. As soon as it is available online, we will post the article's URL at http://www.mediaradar.org/baskerville0725.php. We encourage you to distribute this article to your conservative elected officials and others as appropriate.
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Effort to Outlaw MGM Underway

Matt · 25 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Matthew Hess:

"I head an organization in San Diego called MGMbill.org, and our goal is to pass federal and state legislation that would amend existing female circumcision laws to make them gender neutral."

Click "Read more..." for more.*"Our proposed legislation is currently endorsed by eight different organizations, including the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers, Attorneys for the Rights of the Child, and the Ashley Montagu Resolution and Petition (which includes endorsements from more than 2,500 individuals, including the late Nobel Laureate Dr. Francis Crick and the late Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Dr. Jonas Salk).*

I ask that organizations that would be interested in endorsing our federal and state MGM Bill proposals, which would legally protect baby boys from medically unnecessary circumcision, take action. All that would mean is that the organization's name and website link would be added to our Endorsements page, and it would not require any additional action by the group.

Our U.S. MGM Bill proposal has already found one supporter in Congress (Rep Virgil Goode), and several California legislators have indicated their willingness to sponsor a state version of the MGM Bill in California when enough endorsements are received (see http://www.mgmbill.org/govresponses.htm)."

If interested, please use the following contact information:

Matthew Hess

President, MGMbill.org

San Diego, CA

Phone/Fax: (208) 330-8435

mhess-at-mgmbill.org

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Violence Against Men - Australia Says Yes

Matt · 25 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A commerical for Country Cup Soup in Australia depicts a police officer head-butting a man and then kicking him in as hard as she can in the groin. Once again complaints about violence against men in advertising are dismissed. In fact the kick to the groin is considered "humourous". I was disgusted when I saw this commerical here in Australia and now outraged that the complaints against it are just dismissed as "get a sense of humour".*

See http://www.advertisingstandardsbureau.com.au/PDF/05_150.pdf."

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Men's reproductive choice on TV

Matt · 26 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Kingsley G. Morse Jr. writes "

Who: Mel Feit of the (U.S.) National Center for Men

What: Talks about men's reproductive choice

When: July 27th, 2005, 7:30 PM EST

Where: Regional News Network (New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and North East Pennsylvania)

Why: Public education"

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Woman admits to holding sex parties for boys

Matt · 26 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Wonder what sort of time she'll get-- if any? Story here.

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Woman jailed for cutting off lover's penis

Matt · 26 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Why is it when a woman slices off a man's penis she is only guilty of aggravated assualt and not aggravated sexual assualt?*

It seems to me that there appear to be more and more attacks on mens gentials - well at least this woman was jailed, unlike the Kim Tran case, were the violent woman was given a conditional sentence so she could - get this - still see her children."

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Man whose frozen sperm was stolen by wife is required to pay C/S

Matt · 28 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *'"[W]hat happens to sperm in a bank when you stop paying to keep it frozen? Can your estranged wife pick up the freezing bills and use your sperm, then come after you for child support payments?"*

Story here."

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Click "Read more..." for more

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SEC. 402. DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAMS RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. Part T of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 is amended by inserting before section 2001 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg) the following new sections:

‘SEC. 2000A. CLARIFICATION THAT PROGRAMS RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ARE GENDER-NEUTRAL. “In this part, and in any other Act of Congress, unless the context unequivocally requires otherwise, a provision authorizing or requiring the Department of Justice to make grants, or to carry out other activities, for assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, or trafficking in persons, shall be construed to cover grants that provide assistance to female victims, male victims, or both.”’

You can see it for yourself by going to http://thomas.loc.gov/ and entering HR 3402 (which is the new number for the House bill).

There is one slight problem with the wording: “unless the context unequivocally requires otherwise.” That means someone who wants to defy Congressional intent might come up with some ridiculous argument why male victims cannot be helped. But we'll deal with that problem later.

To every person who has written a letter, sent a fax or e-mail, or made a phone call for RADAR's Shock and Awe campaign, we say, “Thank you!”

But this is just the beginning. The Senate version of the bill still ignores male victims, so now we need to take advantage of the moment.

This week, we are asking you to e-mail the following persons:

1. Your two Senators [go to http://www.senate.gov/ to get their e-mail addresses]
2. Senator Arlen Specter [http://specter.senate.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=ContactInfo.Home]
3. Senator Patrick Leahy [http://leahy.senate.gov/contact.html]

Put this in the Subject line: "Make VAWA (S. 1197) Male-Inclusive"

And then send them a message like this:

RE: S. 1197, Violence Against Women Act

Dear Senator _____:

The House of Representatives has just changed the wording of the Violence Against Women Act to make it male inclusive (see H.R. 3402). It is only fair that VAWA help the 835,000 men who are victims of domestic violence each year.

I am asking you to make sure that the following language is added to S. 1197:

‘CLARIFICATION THAT PROGRAMS RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ARE GENDER-NEUTRAL. “In this part, and in any other Act of Congress, a provision authorizing or requiring the Department of Justice to make grants, or to carry out other activities, for assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, or trafficking in persons, shall be construed to cover grants that provide assistance to female victims, male victims, or both.”’

Thank you for making VAWA a law that helps all victims of domestic violence.

Sincerely,

{name}

{address}

{phone}

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Agape Press publishes article quoting Sacks & Baskerville

Matt · 29 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *"Agape Press, a conservative Christian news source heavily quotes Glenn Sacks and Dr. Stephen Basherville in this just published article,* ***Critics Claim Act Curbing Violence Against Women Leaves Men Unprotected****.""From the article:*

"And according to columnist Glenn Sacks, the evidence standard for restraining orders is so low that they are often issued without any allegation of violence."

"...Baskerville believes the legislation is being manipulated in U.S. courts. "It politicizes crime so that crimes are not defined by due process, by criminality, or by one's acts," he avers. "They come to be defined by what group one belongs to, or the relationship between the parties."

"Baskerville says the Violence Against Women Act, while designed to protect women from abuse, has actually been used to destroy families and undermine fathers' rights. Like Sacks, he wants to see major changes in the legislation so that men as well as women are protected."

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Man cleared of sexual abuse charges levelled for kissing his son on the belly

Matt · 29 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *"http://www.nbc17.com/news/4773243/detail.html"*

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Mother Abandons Son on Capital Beltway

Matt · 29 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The lace curtain gets a little thinner - at the expense of this boy who has been abused and abandoned. Story here.

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Doctoral Student Seeks Testimony from Male DV Victims

Matt · 29 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Jessi Eckstein:

ARE YOU MALE? Have you been in a heterosexual relationship?
ABUSIVE, HETEROSEXUAL RELATIONSHIP?

My name is Jessi Eckstein and I am working on doctoral studies in communication at the University of Illinois. I am conducting a study on the experiences of men who have been abused in heterosexual relationships.

The goal of this study is to better understand abused men's experiences, with the hope that this understanding can be used to help others.

Click "Read more..." for more.*If you are interested in participating, all you will need to do is send me an email (jessi.research-at-gmail.com, or jeckste2-at-uiuc.edu) so we can set up a time when I can call you on the phone. Everything you tell me will be strictly confidential and you do not even have to tell me your real name. I'll also share the results of the study with you if you are interested.*

The only requirements of the study are that you be male, are or have been in an abusive relationship with a female partner, are English-speaking, and reside within the United States.

If you have any additional questions or wish to participate in this study, please feel free to contact me immediately. I'm easiest to reach at jessi.research-at-gmail.com.

Also, if you know other men who have been abused in their heterosexual relationships, feel free to pass on my email address to them.

Jessi Eckstein

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University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Department of Speech Communication

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Violence Against Women - Australia Says No

Matt · 30 July 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Well the "Violence Against Women - Australia Says No" campaign from last year has resurfaced its ugly head here in Australia again. We are being bombarded with misandrist commericals here that protray men as the ugly perpertartors/rapist/abusers and women as helpless victims at their mercy."*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"Here is an article on the campaign.*

Here (.pdf file) are the complaints about the commerical being dismissed last year.

Do you think they'd take the complaints any more seriously this year?"

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8-year-old boy charged for being sexually assaulted

Matt · 1 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *"Charges were dropped, although the District Attorney claims "both the child and teenager were equal participants." (So why wasn't the girl charged?) Story here."*

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Indian Supreme Court Upholds DV Law

Matt · 2 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Indian Supreme Court has upheld the constitutional validity of Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code which makes `cruelty to a married women by the husband or his relatives' a criminal offense. This law was enacted in 1983 under pressure from feminist groups. There are widespread reports that this law is being used by many women as a tool of revenge. The Supreme Court also advised the legislature to evolve guidelines to prevent misuse."*

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MSN Article On Women and "Career Off-Tracking"

Matt · 2 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This article addresses the wage gap myth indirectly, but the implications are obvious: you can't do two different things at the same time in the same time space allotted, not unlike how two objects can't occupy the same space at the same time.

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Woman on Woman Domestic Violence

Matt · 3 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"A woman was sentenced to 18 to 20 years in prison Tuesday for fatally stabbing her girlfriend multiple times in a hotel room in and leaving her body in a waste bin. Not suprisingly, this story was not a highly visible news story, it was buried in the back pages of the paper."*

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RADAR Alert: Use August to Build on our Momentum

Matt · 3 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

On August 1 our elected officials began their August recess. The August recess is when they go back to their home districts and see how the political winds are blowing. And this year, our Senators and Congressmen will be meeting with persons saying that VAWA needs to be changed!

Click "Read more..." for more.

RADAR ALERT: USE AUGUST TO BUILD ON OUR MOMENTUM
To make sure you can get an appointment, it's critical that you do the following THIS WEEK:

1. Get the phone number of the Washington office of your Representative (available at http://www.house.gov/)
2. Call your Representative's office and request to speak with the Scheduler.
3. When you speak to the Scheduler, state that you are a constituent and you wish to meet with the Representative during the August recess, preferably during the last two weeks of August. (That will give you enough time to finalize the meeting date and find 1-2 other persons from your District to join you.)
4. If you are asked what organization you are with, state "RADAR" (or any other appropriate group you are involved with).
5. The Scheduler may ask you to fax a written request indicating the topic you want to discuss, along with a couple of preferred meeting dates. Simply state that you want to discuss "VAWA reauthorization".
6. Make a note of the Scheduler's name, in case you need to follow-up.
7. If you are ambitious, now do the same for your two Senators! You can find their phone numbers at http://www.senate.gov/.

That's all you need to do this week - make an initial call to set up a meeting date. When you do meet with your legislator, make the following two requests:

1. Change the title from VAWA to the "Family Violence Prevention Act".
2. Add language to the bill to require that 36% of the funding go to programs that serve male victims of DV.

Keep an eye on RADAR's website (http://www.mediaradar.org/) or sign up for our E-lert to keep up to date on specifics of what to tell your legislators when you meet with them.

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Date of RADAR Release: August 2, 2005

To track the current status of VAWA, go to http://thomas.loc.gov/ and enter the bill number: Senate bill S. 1197; House of Representatives bill H.R. 3402.

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Popular feminist website source of hilarious parody

Matt · 3 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Looks like some fine ladies sympathic to our cause have put together a satire parody of feministing.com, a popular feminist website. You can find the spoof at http://www.feministing.org/. It's funny because its true, yes?"*

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Female Catholic School Teacher Charged with Statutory Rape

Matt · 3 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Another one surfaces. From the article:

"If [Geisel] were a man, she'd likely be referred to as a predator," said Colonie Police Chief Steven Heider."

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Felony Charges Filed Against Girl for Rock Assault on Boy

Matt · 3 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Would there be any controversy if the assailant had been a boy? Story here. Really calls to mind the whole "Boys are stupid, throw rocks at them" T-shirts, doesn't it?

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NY fraudster posed as Saudi princess

Matt · 4 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A New York woman who posed in high-society circles as a Saudi princess pleaded guilty on Tuesday to grand larceny and insurance fraud and was ordered to a mental hospital. Antoinette Millard, 42, used a special credit card to spend nearly $US 1 million ($NZ 1.4m) during a three-month shopping spree.*

...

After her arrest, she blamed her predicament on traumatic events in her life including being sexually harassed at work, and witnessing "people jumping out of the Twin Towers" while on her way to work on September 11, 2001."

Ed. note: I posted this under "Inequality" because I doubt if she were a he, he would have merely been sent to a psychiatric ward aftergetting caught.

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State Rating for Men Considering or in Families

Matt · 4 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

TMN writes *"Not sure where to air this idea so I am trying a few places. What would really be great is a webpage and or Articles/Ads which list all of the states and rate them in terms of Men "friendliness" during custody and child support cases. Sort of a "Places Rated Almanac" for men considering parenthood or are parents (actually would apply to all men considering the risk men are at for out-of wed-lock births as well). Considering that about 1 in 2 marriages fail – most men really need this information and it is critical to their well being and their children's well being."*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"The ratings: for example a state which has a shared parenting presumption in custody issues would rank high for men considering parenthood or currently a parent (or single men at risk of out-of-wedlock birth). States, like New York, which apply the child support guidelines in a draconian fashion (all the New York Courts totally ignore the $80,000 combined income limit) would rank low, i.e. very undesirable. New York would also get another bad mark as it only awards sole-custody (usually to the mother). A state that awards sole-custody but applies the $80,000 combined income limit and/or requires custodial parent accounting for child support payments, would rank somewhere in-between.*

Not sure how to do this - we probably need some serious activists to do this. But if it was wide spread enough then states would have to compete for men's money and residency in order to make the situation more favorable for them to live there.

Just a thought - perhaps you can post this as a worthy item on your main page.

Tom"

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26 Years Later, DNA Clears Man of Rapes

Matt · 4 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A man who spent 26 years behind bars as Florida's "Bird Road Rapist" was released from prison Wednesday after DNA evidence cleared him in two of the attacks and cast doubt on whether he was responsible for any of the crimes. Story here."*

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Male Nurse Sues for Sexual Harrassment

Matt · 6 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

NextEntity writes *"Another case where if one were to reverse the genders, the "you go grrl" clique would come out of the woodworks chanting "Down with the patriarchy!".*

BANGOR - Fed up with comments such as "men are jerks" and "men are idiots," a former male nurse at Eastern Maine Medical Center has filed a lawsuit in federal court alleging he was sexually harassed by the female nursing staff and discriminated against on the basis of gender.

Check out this article to learn more."

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Mother Moves Overseas and Leaves her Daughter Behind

Matt · 6 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"In This story on the BBC, a mother moved to Turkey and left her 14/15 year old daughter alone to fend for herself. This was a permanent move, not just a 'quicky holiday escape'.*

Of course, there is no talk of charges. "The police have confirmed they are trying to trace the woman's whereabouts with a view to bringing her back to the UK." A slap on the wrist seems likely."

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Men, Boys, and Steroids

Matt · 7 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"An article by a pro wrestler that discusses the serious problem of steroids and the dangerous effects on men and young boys that the media never covers.*

From the article:

'Steroids are the male equivalent of female eating disorders. Women starve themselves to reach their unrealistic body image standards; guys are taking steroids to reach theirs. This is a very dangerous situation because unfortunately we look for results first and worry about the consequences after. I think we owe it to our kids to be better than that!' "

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RADAR Alert: Our Lobbying Team in Washington Needs Your Help and Support

Matt · 8 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Let's be realistic. After 30 years of the one-party gender system, it's going to take awhile to reform all the unjust laws that discriminate against men. The Violence Against Women Act is one example of these unfair laws.

We have to work for the changes that will do the most to reduce bias against men, and have a good chance of success.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Our Lobbying Team in Washington Needs Your Help and Support
Fortunately, our movement has now assembled a savvy lobbying team that is working the halls of Congress on our behalf. This team knows the players and understands what we can realistically achieve, given the current political climate. This team has also established a broad coalition of groups of both sexes and all political stripes, also working to reform VAWA.

This team works in close consultation with RADAR representatives and other allies in our movement. At this point in time, the two most important things we are pushing for are:

1. **Add language to the bill that clearly indicates that services for male victims qualify for funding.** (It's important to ask that "services that focus on male victims qualify for funding" rather than just asking that male victims qualify for services, because many VAWA proponents claim that men are already eligible to request help from women's shelters.)
2. **Divide the VAWA funds equitably so that 36% of the funds for victim services go to programs that focus on male victims.** (Why 36%? Because according to the Department of Justice, 835,000 men are victims of partner assault each year - that's 36% of the total number. [See p.7, exhibit 7 of http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles/172837.pdf] And why not push for a higher number, like 50%? Because in the current thinking on Capital Hill, that request would lack credibility.)

If we want to reform VAWA, we have to be smart.

Our lobbyists are saying that August is a critical opportunity to get our message out - SO LET'S GO!

In previous Alerts we asked you to contact your Senator and Representative about adding male-inclusive language. (If you haven't done so yet, please do so ASAP. Click here for instructions.)

Now we need to push the issue of equitable allocation of funds. This is the message we are asking you to get out for the rest of August:

“Please add language to VAWA that specifies 36% of funding for victim services go to programs that focus on male victims.”

You may also want to explain that under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), 40% of funds are designated for family violence programs, so using percentage allocations has been done before in DV programs.

Because we want to strongly emphasize the 36% funding issue, it's not necessary to bring up the issue of changing the name of VAWA at this time.

Remember that during August, our opponents are making phone calls, sending letters, and holding face-to-face meetings with our elected officials. We must match their efforts -- in fact, we must surpass them.

If you haven't scheduled an appointment already, do it today:

1. Get the phone number of the Washington office of your Representative (available at http://www.house.gov/)
2. Call your Representative's office and request to speak with the Scheduler.
3. When you speak to the Scheduler, state that you are a constituent and you wish to meet with the Representative during the August recess. If it is too late to schedule a meeting with the Representative, ask to meet with the legislative director (L.D.).
4. If you are asked what organization you are with, state "RADAR" (or any other appropriate group you are involved with).
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7. Try to find 1-2 other interested persons from your District to join you at the meeting.
8. If you're feeling ambitious, do the same for your two Senators! You can find their phone numbers at http://www.senate.gov/.

Let's do it!

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Missing VAWA Hearing Testimony Located

Matt · 8 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Way back on 20 July '05 I posted links to the Senate Judiciary Committee's web site for VAWA's 7/19/05 hearings. Mysteriously, the lead-off testimony by Diane Stuart, Director of the DOJ's Office on Violence Against Women, has never appeared on the site. It has been published on the OVW's site now."*

Click "Read more..." for more.
"In her testimony, the fed's chief DV officer, while asking for more money and expanded and intrusive VAWA programs, states that -- 'The Federal government's efforts to reduce violence against women must continue. In the last 10 years, the rate of domestic violence has declined by 59 percent and the rate of rape and sexual assault declined by 68 percent due to a combination of factors. These are dramatic changes by any measure. But, this is only part of a somewhat more sobering picture. Although violent crime has decreased nationwide, it still devastates the lives of many women. .... Our ultimate goal is to change perceptions around violence against women so that these crimes are considered unacceptable and no longer tolerated in our society.' Do you think that when there's been an additional 40% decrease in DV that OVW will recommend VAWA's elimination?

Link at -- http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/docs/testimony071920 05.pdf"

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MSN Strikes Again: Men Are Drooling Semi-literates

Matt · 8 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

apetr writes *"This article looked promising but started off on the wrong foot. I was offended to say the least.*

Opening lines:

"Get out the spittoon. Men produce twice as much saliva as women. Women, for their part, learn to speak earlier, know more words, recall them better, pause less and glide through tongue twisters."

How about this intro: "Women can only produce half as much saliva as Men, while men commmand better math and spatial abilities, excel in physics and calculus and tend not to run off at the mouth."

Here is the entire article."

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UK Hotel Bans Men from an Entire Wing

Matt · 9 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"The BBC reports here that an exclusive London hotel has banned men from an entire building/wing (68 rooms) to make a female-friendly environment."*

Click "Read more..." for more.

"Even the staff in that building will be female only, and the rooms will have nice features handy for both men and women, such as lit wardrobes - except, of course, men won't be allowed to use them.

I just love this bit: 'He admitted the ban on men could not be fully enforceable if, for example, a guest wanted to invite a man to her room.' So as long as a man is on a leash he won't be arrested for being there. Wooppee. There are no email addresses for the hotel, but I'm writing a letter anyway explaining that noone who works for my company will ever stay there while they hold such a sexist policy."

Ed note: There are indeed email addresses for this hotel as well as phone contacts. See this page for contact information, with this page being for the specific hotel in question and City-at-grangehotels.com being the email address for it. How's this for a rhetorical question to ask them: "If a lot of white people said they felt vulnerable among black people within the hotel, would you create an all-white section? Or vice versa?"

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Woman on Woman Radio Stunt considered Domestic Violence

Matt · 9 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes *"A radio station that held a contest for concert tickets where women voluntarily slap each other is busted and forced to donate money to a nonprofit group that promotes awareness of domestic violence. So what the hell is boxing?!?"*

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If men Can Be Aggressive, Women Can Be Subversive

Matt · 11 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This is from TribuneIndia Aug 2003. I posted it because it's really male friendly. And it features in `Her World' section of the newspaper!"*

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Plea Deal in Woman-on-Girl Sexual Battery

Matt · 11 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A Pasco County woman pleaded guilty Monday to charges of lewd or lascivious battery after admitting she had a two-year sexual relationship with a 15-year-old friend of her daughter. Story here"*

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U.K.: 1-in-25 Men Not the Actual Father

Matt · 11 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Subhuman writes *"Reuters reports that one out of 25 men (at least in Britain) is thought to be raising another man's kids.*

I know mine are mine... I had to prove it via DNA test during my divorce with their mother."

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Female Teacher-Rapist Gets 9 Months in Plea Bargain

Matt · 13 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"AP reports today that Pamela Rogers Turner, a 28 year-old former elementary teacher in Tenn., pleaded no contest to charges of sexual battery and statutory rape, and was sentenced to 9 months in prison, eight years of probabtion, loss of her teaching license, and registration as a sex offender. In my state, a man's average sentence for rape/sexual assault is 15.7 years, with a mandatory minimum of 6 years. Feminist justice in action?"*

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SAFE-NH's Executive Director named Co-Chair of DV Council

Matt · 15 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

VIP SAFE NH writes *"Lee Newman, Executive Director of SAFE-NH was nominated, recently elected and named Co-Chair of the Greater Derry Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.*

Mr. Newman has been an active and contributing member of this council for 2 years and is pleased to be able to continue his necessary and important work with the council in this new capacity. Mr. Newman will also be the council's Administrative contact for it's website which is in development."

Click "Read more..." for more.*"In the past Mr. Newman has helped to recruit new membership among local professionals, has taken an active role in providing outside experts to present information to council members and has provided a constant flow of information regarding diverse perspectives and under-served victim populations. This activity will continue along with his new responsibilities as Co-Chair. He is very pleased that he will continue to be in a position to help guide this progressive and open-minded Council in it's important work!*

This Council's membership is representative of professionals within the scope of social service providers, law enforcement, educators, mental health providers, court personnel, religious leaders and domestic violence professionals among others.

This Council serves the Family Division of the Derry District Court and the 9 town coverage area within it's jurisdiction.

The Mission Statement of the Greater Derry Domestic Violence Coordinating Council:

To investigate, analyze, understand and direct cooperative efforts to help end Domestic Violence through education. support services and law enforcement.

Brief history of NH's DV Coordinating Councils:

32 original councils were formed in 1994 and these local "committees" were populated with representatives from legal and law enforcement professionals, the advocacy community, schools and other community representatives. The goals of these local councils were to:

(A) Educate communities about all aspects of the justice system as it relates to domestic violence matters.

(B) Create a forum for the free-flow of information with which these cases are handled, including an opportunity to critically review how each of the "contact points" of the system are performing their function.

(C) Engage the community in discussion of the need for continued information and education about domestic violence at a local level.
In 1997 the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges recognized this council "project" in New Hampshire as a model for Coordinating Council programs across the country!

In addition to its outreach, education and other initiatives the Greater Derry Domestic Violence Council:

* issues several scholarships per year to high school students in their coverage area

* designed and prints a pocket sized Domestic Violence Safety Plan , practical information and resource guide which is carried by law enforcement, advocates and others to distribute to victims in need.

* This Council also produced and distributes a video for education and outreach purposes entitled, "Behind Closed Doors".

Mr. Newman is looking forward to helping to enhance this council's ability to reach out to the communities in it's coverage area by promoting outreach and a more public profile for the council in the future, this will be among his core responsibilities as Co-Chair."

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RADAR Alert: Now is the time to contact your legislator

Matt · 15 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Congress reconvenes after Labor Day, a mere three weeks from now. Since the Violence Against Women Act expires September 30th, it's likely that the 2005 reauthorization bill will be one of the first things to be considered by Congress once they're back in session.

During the coming three weeks our lobbyists will be meeting with congressional staffmembers, working to convince them to remove the gender-bias from the bill. But those who want the discrimination to continue will be lobbying hard as well.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Now is the time to contact your legislator
So we need you to do your part. The next three weeks, while our legislators are back in their home districts, are a critical time to make sure our legislators hear our message that basic concepts of fairness and justice, not to mention the Fourteenth Amendment's "equal protection" clause, require that neither battered men nor battered women be revictimized by discriminatory legislation.

If you have not yet made an appointment to meet with your legislator, please call immediately. If it's too late to get an appointment to meet with your legislator directly, arrange an appointment with the overall Legislative Director or a staff Legislative Assistant who deals with VAWA. If they cannot schedule a face-to-face meeting, then arrange a telephone meeting. When you meet, emphasize the following points:

1. VAWA must have language added that clearly states that services focusing on male victims qualify for funding. Many legislators mistakenly believe that VAWA-funded women's shelters are required to help abused men who seek help from them. So it's important that VAWA have specific language added that unequivocally requires that services primarily focusing on male victims qualify for funding.
2. Equitable distribution of VAWA funding means that 36% of the funds for victim services must go to programs that focus on male victims. This is not a randomly selected number. The Federal government's own "National Violence Against Women Survey" found 835,000 men and 1.5 million women are physically assault by an intimate partner annually. Men constitute 36% of all victims. [See p.7, exhibit 7 of http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles/172837.pdf] It's not unusual for DV legislation to specify percentage allocations. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) specifies that 40% of funds are designated for family violence programs.

If you haven't scheduled an appointment already, do it today:

1. Get the phone number of the Washington office of your Representative (available at http://www.house.gov/).
2. Call your Representative's office and request to speak with the Scheduler.
3. When you speak to the Scheduler, state that you are a constituent and you wish to meet with the Representative during the August recess.
   1. If it is too late to schedule a meeting with the Representative, ask to meet with the overall Legislative Director or a staff Legislative Assistant who deals with VAWA.
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5. The Scheduler may ask you to fax a written request indicating the topic you want to discuss, along with a couple of preferred meeting dates. Simply state that you want to discuss "making the VAWA reauthorization bill gender-inclusive".
6. Make a note of the Scheduler's name, in case you need to follow-up.

7. Try to find 1-2 other interested persons from your District to join you at the meeting.
8. If you're feeling ambitious, do the same for your two Senators! You can find their phone numbers at http://www.senate.gov/.

Time is short! Do it today!

Be ready for Shock and Awe, Phase II, coming September 6!

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HHS Dept Recognizes Govt Intrusion into Men's Rights

Matt · 16 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Wade Horn, Asst. Secretary for Families and Children speaks out about men's loss of rights in divorce, in a recent NRO article. Could this indicate a change in the way our government veiws men?"*

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British Newscaster Speaks Out Publicly Against Feminism's Consequences

Matt · 16 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes *"BREAKING NEWS: Long-time British newsreader has had enough and blasts the changes a feminist society has wrought. NOT-SO-BREAKING-NEWS: Is Anybody Really Listening Anymore?"*

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Are Family Courts Unfair?

Matt · 18 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Miss A writes *"This post quotes NJ and NY judges on the treatment of men in the family courts. If this is what judges say **on the record**, imagine how bad the situation really is."*

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MSN Again: Guess Who Loses Out Most in Breakups

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Anonymous User writes *"An article written by a woman interviewing, interestingly, only women, about who loses out more financially in breakups. I wonder how the article would look if it was oh, equal in information and interviewees. Nothing new here but it is amazing how blatantly MSN can take sides on these issues."*

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BBC: "Bring Your Husband to Heel"

Matt · 18 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *"For British people: On BBC2 this Monday evening (Aug. 22) at 7:00 PM is the beginning of a 'light-hearted' series all about how 'desperate housewives' are using dog-training techniques to train their husbands... a Chris Morris type spoof? I'm afraid not. Link here."*

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Billions for battered women, not a penny for battered men

Matt · 18 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes *" VAWA Reauthorization: Billions for battered women, not a penny for battered men!*

Mark Rosenthal writes: "Even after receiving $5.1 billion under the past two VAWA bills, battered women's advocates still argue that there's too little money, and therefore the government should allocate no funding whatsoever for organizations whose primary purpose is to help the 835,000 men the U.S. Dept. of Justice estimates are assaulted by their partner annually.7 Yet somehow there's enough money in the current $4.2 billion VAWA reauthorization bill to make special provisions for an estimated 32,600 Native Americans,8 but of course, only if those Native Americans are female. No males need apply."

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78-YO Woman Murders Ex-Boyfriend in Retirement Home

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With age not always cometh wisdom, I suppose. The latest example is here.

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Executive Director of SAFE-NH accepts Nomination

Matt · 23 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

VIP SAFE NH writes "

Executive Director of SAFE-NH accepts nomination to the Board of Director's of NH TREE

Lee Newman, Executive Director of SAFE-NH and his wife were recently invited to attend the quarterly Board of Director's meeting and dinner of New Hampshire Transgender Resources for Education and Empowerment.
NH TREE is a non-profit Transgendered Rights organization which among other initiatives holds a Spring Summit (conference)on the campus of the University of New Hampshire in collaboration with the UNH Alliance for GLBTQ students.
Mr. Newman had met with Sarah Thompson the Executive Director of NH TREE several months ago to discuss future possible collaborations between the two organizations due to the fact that SAFE-NH provides services and support to Transgendered clients who have experienced intimate partner violence/domestic violence. Many Transgendered individuals "identify" as gay and lesbian as well as heterosexual so the fact that SAFE-NH counts ALL victims and survivors among their clients is conducive to some collaborative efforts between these organizations.

During the quarterly meeting ,Mr. Newman was asked to join as a Director, after nomination and voting was completed, Mr. Newman accepted a seat on the Board.

The Board then made decisions regarding upcoming initiatives and discussions listed on the agenda. Mr. Newman is looking forward to a positive and productive term with NH TREE."

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Canada Sticks it to NCPs - Again

Matt · 23 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes "
This is an article about how Canadian parents (mostly dads) will now be forced to pay increased back support payments even though they have abided by the courts decisions over the last 15 years. This is disgusting. There should be income support limits. Why should you pay a woman 50,000 a month just because you are a millionaire? The payment is for the clothing, shelter and education of a child. This can be easily achieved for no more than $2000 a month maximum (assuming that she is also responsible for the other half)

This is getting out of hand. No wonder so many honest guys these days simply just leave the country."

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Hero Syndrome: Boy, 13, uses own body to shield girl

Matt · 23 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes "
Story here:

A 13-year-old boy threw his body in front of a little girl early yesterday as a gunman sprayed a Brooklyn stoop with bullets, wounding the two children, police said."

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Child Abusers Most Often Women

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A Study on the health and human services website shows that women child abusers outnumber men by a ratio of 2:1.

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Fems Debate DV Shelter Hiring a Male Director

Matt · 23 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"If you thought feminists were in favor of Equal Employment Opportunity, apparently that doesn't extend to hiring a man to oversee a battered women's shelter. The battle over the next director of (Boston's) Transition House has got activists in the shelter system questioning whether embracing male leadership is the next logical step in the progress of the shelter movement or a violation of its mission to protect and treat women and children affected by domestic violence. Some feminists protest - "We human rights activists have always had the vision of abolishing male violence--not making a living off of it. It's such a regrettable irony that some men (and women) previously opposed to feminism are now doing just that by exploiting the initiatives of feminists and making a profit off of male violence against women."*

Full article here."

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RADAR ALERT: Exciting Progress in the House, Now We Need to Zero in on the Senate

Matt · 23 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The thousands of letters, faxes, phone calls, and personal visits we've been making are beginning to work. Our lobbyists in Washington say the doors are beginning to swing open, and our message is being heard more sympathetically.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Exciting Progress in the House, Now We Need to Zero in on the Senate
Encouraging news comes from the House of Representatives:

1. As we reported previously, the House added language to make VAWA “gender-neutral.” There's still some ambiguity in the wording, so our lobbyists continue to work on fixing that.
2. In order to make the bill gender-neutral, the House Judiciary Committee has now removed the Findings that say DV is a problem that only affects women (go to http://thomas.loc.gov/, where it says Search Bill Text, enter HR 3402, to see how the bill now reads).
3. The House Judiciary Committee moved VAWA into the Appropriations bill for the Department of Justice. This may delay the final vote on VAWA, possibly into October.

Now we want the Senate to make the changes the House has made. Since the Senate Judiciary Committee will be tied up with the Supreme Court hearings after Labor Day, we're now going to zero in on the Senate.

If you've scheduled a face-to-face meeting with your Representative or Senator, go ahead with the meeting. We've added a TAKE ACTION NOW column on the RADAR website with the key information you'll need, including a summary of the VAWA bill, RADAR's analysis, requested changes to the bill, and Key Articles.

If you don't have a face-to-face meeting scheduled, we recommend you set up a 10-minute telephone appointment with the Legislative Assistant (L.A.) in your Senator's office. Please do it this week – we have only two weeks until Congress goes back to session.

Here's an approach we've found works: When you get on telephone with the L.A., invite them to get on their computer and go to the RADAR website: http://www.mediaradar.org/. Invite them to open the Fact Sheet in the Press Room. Now highlight the information that shows that women are equally likely to commit DV, and that men comprise over one-third of persons injured by DV.

You don't have to do any “arm-twisting” or high-pressure sales jobs – let the facts speak for themselves!

Then highlight our two main requests:

1. Make VAWA male-inclusive, and
2. Allocate 36% of funding to programs that focus on male victims, since the 835,000 men physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually represent 36% of all victims.

This is what our lobbyists are asking you to emphasize: “What is clear is that legislators need to keep hearing that men are victims of domestic violence in significant numbers, and that VAWA must be made unambiguously nondiscriminatory as both a fairness and constitutional matter.”

Finally, invite the L.A. to peruse any of the Key Articles that may be appropriate. For example, if you're talking to a liberal official, Cathy Young's article in the Boston Globe may be most helpful. A conservative official will likely be more impressed by Phyllis Schlaffly's column.

Above all, be courteous and respectful in your conversations. Do not become angry or get into an argument.

Chances are, you will have more contacts with this same person in September!

We've got the BIG MO. Now let's keep riding the wave!!

Be ready for Shock and Awe, Phase II, coming September 6!

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"Animal" Comment Triggers Equality Debate in Sweden

Matt · 25 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This article from Women'sEnews is innocently entitled "Animal Comment Triggers Equality Debate in Sweden," but it does not relate the viciousness of the statements made about men by Ireen von Wachenfeldt, a government official who is one of Sweden's best-known feminists. From the article:*
"The Swedish TV reporter, Evin Rubar, asked von Wachenfeldt about the statement from the SCUM Manifesto: "To call a man an animal is to flatter him; he's a machine, a walking dildo."
"Is that your standpoint?" Rubar asked.
"Yes, it's my standpoint," the director said.
"That man is an animal?" the reporter said.
"Man is an animal," von Wachenfeldt said. "Don't you think so?""

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Houston's Racist DV Perp Round-Up

Matt · 25 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"The politically ambitious Chief of Police in Houston TX has launched a campaign to arrest alleged domestic violence perpetrators, with the catchy title "Abusers Are Losers.""*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"Those who have been arrested will have their mug shots displayed on our Web site along with a brief summary of their crime," (Chief)Hurtt said.*

A quick look at the web site (link below) shows that of 50 posted mug shots, 46 are black or hispanic individuals. Three are black women. Four are white men.

These individuals are being publicly exposed as criminals BEFORE they have even had their day in court! Another fine example of feminist/fascist "justice?"

Story and mug-shot links at -

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/9050690/

http://www.houstontx.gov/police/warrant_roundup.htm"

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Japan's female workers: "wasted asset"

Matt · 25 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Kyo writes *"Time Magazine has a story on female workers as a "wasted asset" in Japan.*

The usual fallacious logic finds its way into print yet again:

Activist Hiroko Hara says, "We have to figure out whether to keep fighting for our dream of equality or just give up on having it all."

Once again the "stark career-or-kids choice" is given as an injustice o women, conveniently forgetting that those overworked "salarymen" have no choice at all -- for them, it's work until you collapse."

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Call to Action: Child Support Review in Arkansas

Matt · 27 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

TMN writes *"Recevied from eli72117-at-yahoo.com*

September 8th, 2005 at 1:00 PM: The Justice Building, 625 Marshall Street, Room 101, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Hello Everyone,

Arkansas Child Support is not determined by legislation, but by a private committee. The Committee on Child Support meets approximately every four years in order to discuss child support amounts. Historically the amount is raised every time without a wide spectrum of viewpoints. The determination based on neither scientific statistics nor common-sense. I encourage everyone to be on time. There are few opportunities like this to make a real difference."

Click "Read more..." for more.
"There was another detrimental meeting that occurred earlier in the year and nobody with our similar viewpoint attended. Upon contacting many of us whom I had e-mailed, each person stated that he or she believed that plenty of other people would attend. They all assumed that the next person would be there. I ask that you make a strong effort to attend. There are going to possibly be multiple representatives of "women's rights" organizations, including N.O.W., attending this meeting. Although women's rights are very different from children's or mother's rights, the conference center will have many representatives of women's rights organizations present. There is a strong probability that the term "DEADBEAT DADS" will be throughout the room. The ideology of "DEADBEAT DADS" should not be used in determining child support. If you do not attend or encourage others to attend, then do not complain about the inevitable outcome. I also highly encourage representatives of out-of-state organizations also attend this meeting. This will set the stage for common-sense rules to be implemented in every state. There are several considerations that the committee is ignoring:

Interstate child support

Surplus child support amounts received by the CP

OCSE getting the amounts incorrect

Being double taxed on the child support

Does the Custodial Parent use the money appropriately?

Summer daycare and extra-curricular activities for the child

These issues should be considered in court. What most view as common-sense differs from the opinion of the courts. So, we must erase the ambiguity and do what makes America a democratic and safe nation.

Pass this e-mail on to everyone as you see fit.

Best Regards,
Eli

For confirmation of times, feel free to call Donna Gay at (501) 682-9400"

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SAFE-NH Sibling Violence Brochure available now!

Matt · 27 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

VIP SAFE NH writes *"There is not much information regarding sibling violence available so we have responded to this need from our contacts by developing a brochure on the subject so that families who need help with this issue will know that we are available to assist.*
Sibling Violence is not sibling rivalry, it should be looked at more in the context of bullying,child abuse and possibly as another form of domestic violence."

Click "Read more..." for more.*"The effects on the victim are enormously damaging emotionally and possibly lethal in its extremes. The effects of this on the abusive sibling are equally damaging in other ways, and can potentially set in motion the precedence for the perpetration of abuse as the child matures and develops intimate relationships.*

More studies need to be done but assistance is available for families struggling with this. Our brochure is one of the ways we are utilizing to get the word out that there is help available.

SAFE-NH is available to anyone dealing with this issue and others relating to intimate partner and family violence, bullying etc. and we do so regardless of age or gender.

PLEASE remember that our services are FREE to anyone who contacts us, so if you are able,consider helping us to remain available by sending a donation. Our efforts can grow and our services will remain intact with your help.

Doantions can be made by sending a check to SAFE-NH (P.O. Box 523, Rochester, NH 03867) or by using a credit card, Pay Pal or a monthly contribution on the SAFE site http://www.safe4all.org/donate/ and designating your support for SAFE-NH.

If you live in the U.S. your donation is tax deductible.

For more information about SAFE-NH, the NH Chapter of Stop Abuse For Everyone, please visit our website at: http://www.SAFE-NH.org

Thank you,take care and be SAFE,

Lee Newman

Executive Director: SAFE-NH

P O Box 523

Rochester, NH 03867

lee-at-safe4all.org"

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Blame hubby for failing his suicidal wife

Matt · 27 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes: *"Wife is refused admittance to one facility, doesn't take nurse's advice to visit ER, kills self four days before daughter's wedding. Says in suicide note, "In my death, no one is guilty." Read it here."*

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UK: Another woman gets away with infanticide

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Anonymous User writes *"Story here."*

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Women in Power and always Probation

Matt · 27 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Jim Moore writes *"Within a year three women at the Daviess County Detention Center (Kentucky), two nurses and a deputy jailer, are caught stealing drugs, forgery, evidence tampering and related activities. The latest: fakes a report of domestic violence and, after being caught at that, is taken home where police then discover drugs stolen from the Center. All three get probation.*
http://www.messenger-inquirer.com/news/kentucky/8815746.htm"

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CNN reports workplace fatalities

Matt · 27 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

johnnyp writes *"I am curious - how come the news media regularly fails to point out the disparity between men and women when reporting workplace fatalities, but never fail to report that women make less than men? Furthermore, when the income disparity is reported the media almost always fails to mention that there is no income disparity when you factor in work experience and education within job type."*

Click "Read more..." for more.

"Here is an example:

America's most dangerous jobs

Survey: Loggers and fisherman still take the most risk; roofers record sharp increase in fatalities.

August 26, 2005: 11:08 AM EDT

By Les Christie, CNN/Money staff writer

One gross omission from the story was that 93% of workplace fatality victims are male and only 7% are female. When these numbers are compared to the fact that nearly half of the workforce is female there is a horrible sex disparity. If the statistics for the sexes were reversed, there would be 24 hour coverage by all of the news outlets until the situation was remedied!

You can find the Bureau of Labor Statistics report here (.pdf file)."

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NC to Encourage Women Seeking TROs to Get Guns

Matt · 28 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"North Carolina wants to issue guns with their restraining orders. Bad enough throwing guns into a volatile situation, if we didn't know already that a huge percentage of restraining orders are falsified to get the man out of the house and get the upper hand in a divorce. The Gov has until Oct 1 to veto. How about sending him a letter? Story link here."*

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China Joins the Sexual Harassment Bandwagon

Matt · 28 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

So it begins... read it here. Article closes with:

"Under the amended law, "gender equality is designated as one of the country's basic national policies", China's official Xinhua news agency reports.

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Pornography exploits men, not women, says porn star

Matt · 29 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From BBC News:*

Many people argue that pornography is degrading and exploitative to women. But Michelle Thorne, who has worked in the porn industry for six years, does not agree. "I have never felt exploited. If anything it's giving you power over men. The only people exploited, if anyone is, are the men who go out and spend their money on porn," says the 26-year-old from Bristol. But Miss Thorne claims: "The people in this world who are really being exploited are those women in those countries where they have to cover up all the time and can't vote or anything. A woman's sexuality does give her power."

Her last sentence carries a deep resonance with me -- is it any surprise why feminists push for carte blanche privilege with their sexuality while constantly pushing for social / legal changes to keep a man's in check?"

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Germaine Greer - paedophile?

Matt · 30 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Steven X Brown writes *"Excellent article here from Jonathan Gornall in today's Times. He writes (prompted by Greer's new book 'The Boy') of how it's almost 'acceptable' nowadays for grown women to abuse and lust after underage boys, whereas if the genders were reversed there would be an outcry*

His email address is: jonathan.gornall-at-thetimes.co.uk"

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Michael Buerk Criticizes our Feminised World on British TV

Matt · 30 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

ahhkaboom writes *"On British television (on the first episode of "Don't Get Me Started" on Channel Five), Michael Buerk dared to note and also criticize how our world is becoming feminised. He noted how masculine qualities are being forced aside, men are being forced out of the family, and how men are being feminised in various ways. The press, of course, has hated Mr. Buerk for these views.*

Here, however, is a more fair view from the press on the program here."

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RADAR Alert: Congress Reconvenes Next Week. Call Your Senators Today!

Matt · 30 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

There's only one week left until Congress reconvenes. This is a critical week for contacting your Senators about removing the gender-discriminatory language from VAWA. We've made good progress in the House. Now we need to make certain that the Senate's version of the bill is also made male-inclusive.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Congress reconvenes next week. Call your Senators today!
The bill is currently being worked on by the Senate Judiciary Committee. But we need to convince every member of the Senate that there is a groundswell of support for making the bill male-inclusive.

Please contact both of your own Senators, whether or not they're on the Judiciary Committee:

1. Get the phone number of the Washington, D.C. office for each of your Senators from http://www.senate.gov/ or by calling the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.
2. Ask to speak with the Legislative Assistant responsible for VAWA.
3. When you speak to the L.A., state that you are a constituent.
4. Explain that you want your Senator to tell the Senators on the Judiciary Committee (or to tell the other Senators on the committee, if your Senator is a committee member) that his/her constituents are telling him/her:
   1. Programs that focus on male victims must receive VAWA funding, just as programs that focus on female victims do.
   2. The House has already made these changes to the bill. Now it's time for the Senate to do the same.
5. Repeat from step 1 for your other Senator.

If you want to send something in writing, don't use email or U.S. mail. The anthrax quarrantine can delay delivery of U.S. mail by several weeks. And whether a legislator pays attention to email can vary a great deal from one legislator to another.

Your best choice for written communication is to send it by FAX. Unfortunately, a few legislators' websites list the wrong FAX number. So the best bet is to call the Senator's office and ask for the FAX number. Also ask for the name of the Legislative Assistant responsible for VAWA, so you'll know who to address your FAX to.

Time is short! Call or FAX today!

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Aren't Divorced Men Just Plain Evil?

Matt · 31 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Are men who get divorced evil? Does our culture judge them unfairly? MIsForMalevolent says 'no', and 'yes', respectively."*

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Couple challenge Virginia law on registering for draft

Matt · 31 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Kelly R. Rice writes *"Couple challenge Virginia law on registering for draft*

Do you agree? Post your thoughts"

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BBC says it is sorry for a sexist program

Matt · 31 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

ahhkaboom writes *"On its website, the BBC says it has issued an apology over the program "Bring Your Husband to Heel" after receiving complaints it was sexist towards men. On this show, a woman dog trainer used her techniques to teach women how to modify their husbands' behaviour.*

Yep, the UK is just lovely."

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Women's Superior Legal Firepower

Matt · 31 August 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"While North Carlina is trying to issue firearms to women who seek Temporary Restraining Orders, Canada is busily trying to confiscate men's firearms.*

Through it all, a common denominator of misrepresentations by women being taken seriously by the courts, and men's rights taking a back seat."

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Expatriate Woman Convicted of Murdering Husband

Matt · 1 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"An American woman in Hong Kong, Nancy Kissel, was convicted this Thursday after she drugged her husband with a milkshake laced with sedatives, and then beat him to death -all to avoid a divorce that was threatened after her infidelity. Her defense? "I was abused, he was a workaholic, he snorted cocaine, and, perhaps most incredibly:* ***it was self-defense****". The jury didn't buy it."*

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Carnival of VAWA-Opposing Websites

Matt · 1 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"MIsForMalevolent has a good 'carnival' (or vortex?) of web-sites commenting on VAWA in a male-positive way. Arm yourselves with knowledge, and contact your Senator."*

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Hitchens on Circumcision

Matt · 1 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Christopher Hitchens doesn't lack for courage! Read this. This is big exposure for this issue.

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More on declining fertility

Thomas · 2 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Though the populations of developing nations are expected to increase at least through mid-century, collapsing fertility rates throughout most of the developed world have already begun to take a severe toll. Japan's population has aged for years as a result of this phenomenon, and its population has already started to collapse -- two years before expected. It's hard to find an analysis of such a politically incorrect notion, but I suspect that the destructively rapid collapse in fertility rates has arisen in part from the systematic destruction of traditional families and of male-female relations in general as well as from high rates of abortion, in other words as a result of feminism.

As Europe and Japan collapse, the US may find itself standing on top of an ash heap. In this article, Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore paints a frightening picture of what we face as a result of collapsing fertility rates (with a few comments about other problems).

Click "Read More" for the rest of this post.To learn more about this dire threat, especially how it will affect the US, I recommend "The Coming Generational Storm : What You Need to Know about America's Economic Future" by Kotlikoff and Burns. Be prepared for a bit of pandering to women in the book, but at least it's not extreme.
We should all be thinking very carefully about how to prepare ourselves. There's gonna be hell to pay.

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Grass Roots to Counter Feminism

Matt · 2 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

johnnyp writes *"Until "regular" women start confronting feminists, politicians, and the media, no progress will be made. We can lobby, and complain all we want to the politicians and media elite too no effect because nothing can overcome a shrill feminist except a large number of women. Unless regular women see the costs of feminism, they will not act."*

Click "Read more..." for the rest.*"This is what I do to bring the reality of modern feminism to the ordinary woman, so she can no longer isolate herself from the costs of the privileges that feminists have won (women will not respond until they share in the pain).*

Whenever I encounter a woman that needs the "traditional" services of a man – changing a flat tire, carrying something heavy, or rescue from something, I ask her if she is a feminist. I usually get a curios look before she answers: yes, or no. If she answers no, I say "that is good and I will help you with this situation". I then tell that "if she would have answered yes, then I could not help her because my help would be sexist and condescending". By the way – I am more than willing to help a woman because I actually believe in chivalry and a man's responsibility to protect women.

This simple question and explanation of why you asked the question brings home the cost of feminism to the ordinary woman. Ordinary women take for granted that they can have all of the benefits of feminism, while still enjoying the benefits of paternalism. You also might make an impact on the woman who is on the fence. No matter what you say, you will not make an impact on ideological feminist.

I did this exact thing two weeks ago. I saw a woman in a mini-van with children and a flat tire near my house the other day. I stopped to see if she needed help. She did not have her cell phone so she could not call a tow truck and charge her husbands credit card to rent a man to fix the situation. I asked her if she was a feminist, and she stammered, looked confused, and seemed to become uncomfortable. I could see the wheels turning in her head – she wanted to standup and have me "hear her roar", but she also knew that she did not know how to change a tire, like any 15 year old boy could. So after a few moments she stuttered a "no". I told her "that is good, and that I was happy to help – and if you would have said yes, I could not have helped her because I did not want to offend her feministness, after all changing her tire would have been a form of soft bigotry". I then happily changed her tire and in a few minutes we exchanged pleasantries and were both on out merry way. This simple interaction may have planted seed – maybe she will think twice before assuming that she can have the benefits of feminism and the traditional services of men. Maybe she will speak up the next time a feminist is spouting crap, and point out that men are good and helpful and that she does not agree with this feminist rhetoric.

You might also spark a debate in which you can express your frustration with feminism and modern society. Remember, in this kind of situation you are on your home turf, and that gives you a lot of points on the field of debate.

What do y'all think?"

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A Global Phenomenon

Matt · 2 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

In case there was any doubt... Japan: Private tutor imparts carnal knowledge to schoolboy.

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Men's Rights in the Bookstores

Matt · 3 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"MisforMalevolent takes Barnes and Noble to task for their lack of coverage, or understanding of Men's Rights. Why can't the major publishers give men's rights more coverage? It probably would sell as well as dry tomes like "Women's Rights in France" (A top ten match for "Women's Rights" on B&K.com)."*

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VAWA 2005: PROGRESS TO DATE AND CHALLENGES THAT REMAIN

Matt · 4 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Over the last nine months, efforts to stop domestic violence bias against men have logged four major accomplishments.

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VAWA 2005: PROGRESS TO DATE AND CHALLENGES THAT REMAIN
Over the last nine months, efforts to stop domestic violence bias against men have logged four major accomplishments:

1. Thanks to thousands of letters, phone calls, and emails, we have largely succeeded in stopping the blood-and-guts articles that routinely depicted men as the aggressors and women as the victims of domestic violence. In particular, the Washington Post, which strongly backed VAWA 2000, has not run a single article on DV since the VAWA legislation was introduced by Sen. Joe Biden.
2. In June a powerful coalition to reform VAWA was formed. These groups represent the concerns of fathers, women, and others. This coalition sent a letter to all members of Congress and ran a full-page advertisement in the Washington Times. [http://www.mediaradar.org/ACFC_OpenLetterToCongress.pdf] Members of this coalition are lobbying Congress on a daily basis.
3. We have succeeded in getting many hard-hitting editorials published in both the internet and print media. The latest example is "Amnesty International Promotes Violence by Women" by David Usher.
4. In July RADAR launched a Shock and Awe campaign designed to make the Violence Against Women Act male-inclusive. As a result, the House of Representatives removed language from the bill that referred to DV as a problem that only affects women, and added language designed to make the law gender-neutral. Although the wording contains some ambiguity, this represents a major victory for us.

But the disturbing fact is, the Senate version of VAWA – S. 1197 – does not contain male-inclusive language. The last thing we want is for the Senate bill to be passed as is, leaving the issue of male inclusion to be resolved behind closed doors in a House-Senate Conference Committee.

On Tuesday September 6 the Senate Judiciary Committee will begin its hearings on Supreme Court nominee John Roberts. No one knows how long it will take the Judiciary Committee to deliberate on the nomination, but it is unlikely the Committee will make any changes to VAWA until after it has voted on Judge Roberts.

Some battles hinge mostly on the matter of strategy and tactics, and other battles are won on the basis of firepower alone. At this point, getting the Senate Judiciary Committee to make VAWA male-inclusive will depend mostly on firepower.

Requiring VAWA to serve male victims will require an overwhelming number of phone calls and faxes to their Senators. It's fine to send repeated messages to your elected officials, as long as your communications are RESPECTFUL and COURTEOUS. And the shorter your letter, the better.

VAWA represents a major violation of men's civil and human rights, and we will not accept legislation that is discriminatory against men.

Despite all of our hard work over the past nine months, it now comes down to what we do in the next few short weeks. Look for RADAR's weekly Alerts, visit RADAR's website frequently at http://www.mediaradar.org/, and above all, expect success.

Let's roll.

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Ms. Mag Exploits Katrina Crisis for Abortion Funds

Matt · 6 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Ms. Magazine is appealing for donations to help ensure that hurricane victims can still have their abortions. It's a revealing illustration of feminist compassion. They also want to make sure the Domestic Violence Industry will not be disrupted.*

(Excerpt) - 'The National Abortion Fund, a nationwide network of funds providing financial assistance to poor women seeking abortions, is also accepting donations for hurricane victims to help cover the costs associated with abortions—transportation, lodging, daycare and procedure costs.'"

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RADAR Alert: Senate Judiciary May Act on VAWA This Week – Urgent to Contact Your Senators Now

Matt · 6 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

We have just learned that the Senate Judiciary Committee has postponed the hearings on Supreme Court nominee John Roberts. Which means the Judiciary Committee is likely to do its final review on VAWA this week.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Senate Judiciary May Act on VAWA This Week – Urgent to Contact Your Senators Now
RADAR is asking that each and every person who reads this Alert to contact the two Senators from your state three times this week – on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Use fax, phone, or a combination of the two. If you call, ask to speak to the Senator's Legislative Director or to the Legislative Assistant in charge of VAWA.

This is the key message to convey:

"In July, the House Judiciary Committee revised VAWA to make it gender-neutral. Now we are asking the Senate Judiciary Committee to build on what the House has done:

1. Add language to allow programs that focus on serving male victims to become eligible for funding, and
2. Eliminate language that implies that only women suffer from domestic violence.

Please ask the Judiciary Committee to assure that VAWA no longer discriminates against men."

Keep your message short and sweet. We need to absolutely overwhelm the Senate with our message.

It's gut-check time, folks. The Judiciary Committee may vote on VAWA later this week. Let's not hold anything back.
To get the phone number and fax number of your Senator, go to http://www.senate.gov/.

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Paternity Case Marks Progress for Defrauded Father

Matt · 8 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Check out:
this story."*

MANN received another submission with this story, but the linked-to item has a take on things most of us here on this site would immediately understand. So, here is the second submission:

Anonymous User writes "New Jersey allows a man to sue for restoration of the support he paid for a child that wasn't his. Guess Paternity Fraud doesn't pay in NJ... OR DOES IT?"

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An Underground Railroad For Men?

Matt · 8 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"MisforMalevolent picks up on an article from the Western Standard - outlining an organization that provides safe passage from the subjugation of North America's Family Court Slave States - to offshore freedom. One father notes that he might as well enjoy not seeing his children from the UK, rather than not seeing them from a Canadian debtor's prison."*

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Woman accused of abusing 'boyfriend' aged 8

Matt · 9 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *""A woman, accused of sexually abusing an eight-year-old boy, considered him to be her boyfriend, say US police." Bet she gets off with a slap on the wrist... story here."*

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Violent Crime--The Gender Gap is Closing

Matt · 9 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"According to the U.S. Department of Justice • Office of Justice Programs • Bureau of Justice Statistics; Violent crime rates declined for both males and females since 1994. Rates for males and females have been getting closer in recent years. Violent crimes included are homicide, rape, robbery, and both simple and aggravated assault. Just the facts! Could it be that the justice systems are holding the "ladies" more accountable?*"

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NeW is a college campus movement to watch

Matt · 9 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"It has far fewer campus chapters than NOW, but a fledgling group called NeW is mounting a cultural challenge to the National Organization for Women and joining a growing attack on the progressive culture of U.S. universities. Read the full story here."*

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FEMA Made 1,000 Firefighters Take 'Sexual Harrassment Training' during Katrina Crisis

Matt · 9 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes *""They've got people here who are search-and-rescue certified, paramedics, haz-mat certified," said a Texas firefighter. "We're sitting in here having a sexual-harassment class while there are still [victims] in Louisiana who haven't been contacted yet." Nuff said..." Link here.*

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More people living alone

Matt · 9 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Jim Moore writes *"The very types of people who drove the wedge between U.S. men and women are now surprised the number of single person households already exceeds any other group - and their guesses are predictable.*
I predicted this in the 80s writing "...and the bra-burners will grow old and die alone like Nazi war criminals, and they deserve it."
They were all thrilled and amused to tell their men "I don't need you" never realizing that shoe would be on their foot today. Time to pay the Piper. Link here"

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Alam loses FA sex case tribunal

Matt · 10 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"You can fool some of the people some of the time - but not the members of this tribunal."*

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Women vote for women, not for issues?

Matt · 10 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes *'"As female voters weigh their choices in Germany's Sept. 18 parliamentary elections, some are wondering whether the chance to put a woman at the helm of their nation is more important to them than the party she represents.'*

The female candidate states that the choice of a candidate should not be based on gender, but in a nationally televised debate last week, she underlined she would make women's issues — combining families and career, and promoting women into top echelons of business and politics — part of her job. Story here.

QUESTION: Why are only women allowed to openly discriminate based on sex and gender?"

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Insane men get jail while criminal women get psychiatric care

Matt · 11 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

I read this and thought, "Gee, would they have thrown the book at this person like this if he had been a she?"

Of course not.

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Prostate surgery claims misleading

Matt · 11 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This article relates the findings of Bradley Hennenfent, M.D., author of the new book, "Surviving Prostate Cancer Without Surgery."*

His studies show that the claims that prostate removal surgeries have a high rate of success are based on biased and misinformed analysis of medical studies. These reports come from doctors with an interest in surgeries and uneducated members of the media.

Success rates for radical prostate removal are in fact low and even lower than alternative methods of treating prostate cancer, and have severe side effects such as sterility, impotence, incontinence, and reduction in penis size to name a few. Do your homework before letting a doctor tell you how to make a decision so critical to a man's life, one that effects so many men."

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Progress in the Senate, Now Time for a Pause

Matt · 13 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This past week our elected officials were deluged with telephone calls and faxes demanding that VAWA be made male-inclusive. Rest assured that every call and every fax you made helped our lobbyists who are working every day on our behalf. Thank you to everyone who pitched in.

As a result, on Thursday the Senate Judiciary Committee approved new language that states, Nothing in this title shall be construed to prohibit male victims of domestic violence...from receiving benefits and services under this title.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Progress in the Senate, Now Time for a Pause
The Senate language is not as strong as the House language. But that is not a complete surprise since key VAWA advocates (Kim Gandy of NOW and Eleanor Smeal of the Feminist Majority), worried that our efforts might actually succeed, went to Capital Hill at the last minute to do some serious arm-twisting.

S. 1197 has now been sent to the floor where it awaits a full vote by the Senate. It will likely pass by unanimous consent.

The next step is for the House of Representatives to approve HR 3402. This bill is the budget appropriation bill for the Department of Justice, to which VAWA was added at the last minute. Because appropriations bills are often controversial, House approval may take awhile.

Once the House approves its bill, then VAWA will go to Conference Committee. The Conference Committee will iron out the differences between the Senate and House versions of VAWA. We do not know when this will happen, but it may take several weeks.

But in the meantime, RADAR wants to make a request: We would like to ask each person who reads this Alert to get the name of a man in your state or town who was a DV victim. You may know a male victim personally, or you may have read about him in your local newspaper.

Or go the Equal Justice Foundation website at http://www.ejfi.org/DV/dv-41.htm#DVmen, scroll down to Listings by State, and find a man's name there.

We don't want to reveal exactly how we will use this information (we assume our opponents are monitoring our Alerts), but when Shock and Awe shifts back into high gear, you will be using the information about this person.

And remember, we will not rest until VAWA assures that every male victim of domestic violence receives the services to which he is entitled.

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Man gets stripped publicly at airport security point

Matt · 13 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports here that a senior member for a French association for accident victims was publicly stripped by airport security, after a metal prosthesis set off an alarm.*

First they pull his trousers down and leave him in underpants in front of 300 people, then they pull those down too. Of course the reporting is completely 'And on a lighter note...' If this was a woman everyone involved would be instantly sacked, and probably jailed..."

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Female Chauvanist Pig = Erie County Controller

Matt · 13 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

apetr writes *"Came across this article and she should issue a public apology, I've written her an email, please do the same not only to her, but to her boss. Here is the article."*

Click "Read more..." for the contact info.*"County Executive:*

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How Many VAWA Bills Are We Fighting?

Matt · 13 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Can anyone with Congressional process expertise explain why there appear to be four active bills reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act in the House and Senate? House bills HR 3171, HR 2876, HR 3402, and Senate bill S. 1197 all seek to renew VAWA. On Sept. 8th, S. 1197 was reported out of the Judiciary Committee "with an amendement in the nature of a substitute favorably." I believe that means a full Senate vote is upcoming soon. Look 'em all up on http://thomas.loc.gov."*

Ed. note: RADAR folks, please respond to this inquiry. -- Matt

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Internet and offline world gets active with Indian dowry laws

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bharati writes *"The victims of misuse of dowry acts and laws have started getting voice, at least on the Internet. Here are some important sites, but there are many more:*

http://pariwariksuraksha.blogspot.com/

http://www.gender-indian.blogspot.com/

http://www.saveindianfamily.org/blogs/

http://misuseof498a.clawz.com/

http://498a_misuse.rediffblogs.com/

Earlier when you do a search did a search of the Internet it took two months to find some organisation who would help you when you were falsely accused. Now it takes a search on 'dowry misuse' or '498a' miuse to find a telephone helpline in the nearest city. For a 'net-savvy person it takes 5 minutes to find a helpline. As Mohan said, he was surprised to receive guidance which gave him a far better view of the situation and actionables then any lawyer gave him, and it happened in just 15 minutes, and so he knows now it is no longer a lonely battle. In a space of 4 months of activity, NGOs have opened in four cities: Mumbai, Bangalore, Delhi and Jaipur."

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Daughter admits lying about rape, father released

Matt · 14 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

radikal writes *"Interesting story about the words of a child, bad marriages, visitation rights, polygraph machines, juries n' judges, and good ol' fashioned lazy thinking!"*

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Men's Rights Movement Gaining Respectability

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We still have a long road ahead of us, but there's little doubt that the MRM is gaining respectability. As this article points out, we're no longer being simply ignored and cast as whining idiots, at least not to the extent that we were just a few years ago.

Congratulations to all for a fine job done so far. Let's keep up the pressure!

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Farrell Article on Wage Gap Myth

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Warren Farrell recently had the following article, on the wage gap myth, published in the New York Times and the International Herald Tribune.

Note that, given the exposure, this is a good time to buy his "Why Men Earn More: The Startling Truth Behind the Pay Gap - and What Women Can Do About It." Even if you already own the book, consider buying it for a man or woman who's heading off to college. A surge in sales will help his standing on Amazon, if you buy it there.

See "Read More" for a copy of the article.Exploiting the Gender Gap

By WARREN FARRELL

Carlsbad, Calif.

Nothing disturbs working women more than the statistics often mentioned on Labor Day showing that they are paid only 76 cents to men's dollar for the same work. If that were the whole story, it should disturb all of us; like many men, I have two daughters and a wife in the work force.

When I was on the board of the National Organization for Women in New York City, I blamed discrimination for that gap. Then I asked myself, "If an employer has to pay a man one dollar for the same work a woman would do for 76 cents, why would anyone hire a man?"

Perhaps, I thought, male bosses undervalue women. But I discovered that in 2000, women without bosses - who own their own businesses - earned only 49 percent of male business owners. Why? When the Rochester Institute of Technology surveyed business owners with M.B.A.'s from one top business school, they found that money was the primary motivator for only 29 percent of the women, versus 76 percent of the men. Women put a premium on autonomy, flexibility (25- to 35-hour weeks and proximity to home), fulfillment and safety.

After years of research, I discovered 25 differences in the work-life choices of men and women. All 25 lead to men earning more money, but to women having better lives.

High pay, as it turns out, is about tradeoffs. Men's tradeoffs include working more hours (women work more around the home); taking more dangerous, dirtier and outdoor jobs (garbage collecting, instruction, trucking); relocating and traveling; and training for technical jobs with less people contact (like engineering).

Is the pay gap, then, about the different choices of men and women? Not quite. It's about parents' choices. Women who have never been married and are childless earn 117 percent of their childless male counterparts. (This comparison controls for education, hours worked and age.) Their decisions are more like married men's, and never-married men's decisions are more like women's in general (careers in arts, no weekend work, etc.)

Does this imply that mothers sacrifice careers? Not really. Surveys of > men and women in their 20's find that both sexes (70 percent of men, and 63 percent of women) would sacrifice pay for more family time. The next generation's discussion will be about who gets to be the primary parent.

Don't women, though, earn less than men in the same job? Yes and no. For example, the Bureau of Labor Statistics lumps together all medical doctors. Men are more likely to be surgeons (versus general practitioners) and work in private practice for hours that are longer and less predictable, and for more years. In brief, the same job is not the same. Are these women's choices? When I taught at a medical school, I saw that even my first-year female students eyed specialties with fewer and more predictable hours.

But don't female executives also make less than male executives? Yes. Discrimination? Let's look. The men are more frequently executives of national and international firms with more personnel and revenues, and responsible for bottom-line sales, marketing and finances, not human resources or public relations. They have more experience, relocate and travel overseas more, and so on.

Comparing men and women with the "same jobs," then, is to compare apples and oranges. However, when all 25 choices are the same, the great news for women is that then the women make more than the men. Is there discrimination against women? Yes, like the old boys' network. And sometimes discrimination against women becomes discrimination against men: in hazardous fields, women suffer fewer hazards. For example, more than 500 marines have died in the war in Iraq. All but two were men. In other fields, men are virtually excluded - try getting hired as a male dental hygienist, nursery school teacher, cocktail waiter.

There are 80 jobs in which women earn more than men - positions like financial analyst, speech-language pathologist, radiation therapist, library worker, biological technician, motion picture projectionist. Female sales engineers make 143 percent of their male counterparts; female statisticians earn 135 percent.

I want my daughters to know that people who work 44 hours a week make, on average, more than twice the pay of someone working 34 hours a week. And that pharmacists now earn almost as much as doctors. But only by abandoning our focus on discrimination against women can we discover these opportunities for women.

Warren Farrell is the author of "Why Men Earn More: The Startling Truth Behind the Pay Gap - and What Women Can Do About It."

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Women as Abusers... are you surprised?

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Anonymous User writes *"As if this is a surprise...women constituting a large percentage of sexual abusers in Norway. Story here."*

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Turning Liars into Victims

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Anonymous User writes *"MisforMalevolent discovers the power of language, as NJ converts women who lie to get men thrown out of their homes into 'victims'. Link here."*

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Activists Sought For Roe V. Wade... for MEN

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Kingsley G. Morse Jr. writes *"The U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion in the famous case "Roe v. Wade".*

Now the National Center for Men is preparing a similar case.... for men.

Men should also have a limited time to permanently accept, or decline, the rights and responsibilities of parenthood.

No one knows how the case will turn out, but it has already attracted a plaintiff, funds, a TV network and lawyers.

To donate money, or help send out press releases, email: activist-at-nationalcenterformen.org."

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A Novelist Wakes Up

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Neil Steyskal writes *"If you read fiction and have been frustrated by the way feminist stereotypes dominate novels these days, get Robert K. Tannenbaum's new novel, Fury. In the past Tannenbaum wrote several stories about abused women, but someone seems to have educated him about the other side of the story. This new novel revolves around false charges of rape."*

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Rape case thrown out - judge criticises prosecution

Matt · 18 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Finally, a judge refuses to be politically correct and just beleive the woman despite the lack of evidence. The judge also said the prosecutor may have to pay the costs of bringing the matter to court. Story here."*

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BBC News: Stereotypes in advertising

Matt · 19 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"BBC News has an article about stereotypes in advertising, many of which portray women as heroes but men as idiots. Writer John Camm, who is interviewed in this article, finds the stereotypes "irritating"."*

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RADAR ALERT: Amnesty International Spits on the Human Rights of Men

Matt · 19 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

On August 17, RADAR sent a letter of complaint to William F. Schulz, Executive Director of Amnesty International. The five-page letter alleges that Amnesty's "Stop Violence Against Women Campaign" is factually erroneous and promotes the passage of laws such as VAWA that directly violate the human rights of men.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Amnesty International Spits on the Human Rights of Men
RADAR's letter outlines the fundamental human rights of men that are routinely violated by VAWA, and concludes:

"In sum, domestic violence programs have been documented to violate men's human rights in five ways: excessive issuance of restraining orders against men, greater difficulty for men to obtain restraining orders, false arrests of male victims, gender bias in prosecution of cases, and sex-based discrimination in provision of services."

The letter requested a response from Mr. Schulz by August 24. The entire letter is printed below, and is also posted on the RADAR website at http://www.mediaradar.org/AI_letter.pdf.

One month has passed and Mr. Schulz has failed to respond. Apparently he believes that violating the human rights of men requires no explanation.

Isn't it time we ask Mr. Schulz why a respected human rights organization would disregard the fundamental human rights of half the nation's population? Aren't we at least entitled to an answer?

Here's Mr. Schulz' direct e-mail address: bschulz@aiusa.org.

While you're at it, why not send a copy to all the senior managers of Amnesty-USA (in case the part after the "@" is cut off below, it's "aiusa.org"): ccarpentieri@aiusa.org, cgoering@aiusa.org, jhertzog@aiusa.org, glemelle@aiusa.org, jlongo@aiusa.org, kschneider@aiusa.org, lwalton@aiusa.org.

Here are e-mail addresses for Amnesty-Canada, which is also participating in the Stop Violence Against Women Campaign (after the @, the domain name is "aito.ca"): chair@aito.ca, vicechair@aito.ca, secretary@aito.ca, treasurer@aito.ca, activism@aito.ca, orders@aito.ca, eventsfundraising@aito.ca, eventslisting@aito.ca, educators@aito.ca, exec@aito.ca, webmaster@aito.ca, aint@aito.ca, business@aito.ca, info@amnesty.ca, info@amnistie.qc.ca, pro@amnesty.ca, info@aito.ca

And if Amnesty's campaign really makes your blood boil, why not file a complaint directly with Amnesty's International Secretariat at http://web.amnesty.org/contacts/contact_us/eng-000.

And next week, RADAR will resume our Shock and Awe campaign targeting key members of the US Congress.

August 17, 2005
RE: Stop Violence Against Women Campaign

William F. Schulz, Executive Director

Amnesty International USA

5 Penn Plaza - 14th floor New York, NY 10001

Dear Dr. Schulz:

We are writing regarding Amnesty International USA's Stop Violence Against Women (SVAW) campaign. As this letter demonstrates, Amnesty's SVAW campaign is based on a false premise, promotes false stereotypes of men, and advocates passage of legislation that has been repeatedly shown to violate the human rights of men.

Findings of Domestic Violence Research

Aggression between intimate partners, often referred to as "domestic violence," is a widespread human rights concern. One of the most consistent findings from scientifically-valid domestic violence (DV) research is that almost identical percentages of men and women engage in partner aggression. This finding comes from dozens of studies conducted both in the United States and elsewhere:

1. The Family Research Laboratory at the University of New Hampshire has conducted several community surveys of partner aggression. These surveys have repeatedly found that men and women are equally likely to engage in partner aggression, and that women initiate the incident as often as men. Their research can be seen at the following website: http://pubpages.unh.edu/~mas2/IPV-Empirical.htm
2. Dr. John Archer published a meta-analysis of all published research on DV. He concluded, "Women were slightly more likely than men to use one or more act of physical aggression and to use such acts more frequently." Archer also found that men were the victims in 38% of all injuries arising from DV. [John Archer et al: "Sex differences in aggression between heterosexual partners: A meta-analytic review." Psychological Bulletin, Vol. 126, No. 5, 2000.]
3. A report issued last month by Statistics Canada concluded, "An estimated 7% of women and 6% of men in a current or previous spousal relationship encountered spousal violence during the five years up to and including 2004." The report also found that men represented almost one-third of persons injured by domestic violence [Statistics Canada: Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile - http://www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/85-224-XIE/85-224-XIE2005000.pdf].
4. These findings also apply in non-Western countries. An international survey of violence between dating partners in 16 countries concluded: "Perhaps the most important similarity is the high rate of assault perpetrated by both male and female students in all the countries." [Murray Straus: "Prevalence of violence against dating partners by male and female university students worldwide." Violence Against Women, Vol. 10, No. 7, 2001 - http://pubpages.unh.edu/~mas2/ID16.pdf]
5. A summary of the domestic violence research can be found on-line at: http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm

In conclusion, women are just as likely as men to commit domestic violence, and men represent about one-third of all persons injured as a result of DV.

Domestic Violence Research is Sometimes Distorted

Despite these findings, some groups have attempted to distort the research for apparently ideological reasons. These are the most common strategies used to bias the findings of DV research:

1. Interview only women. This commonly-used strategy obviously yields the finding that only women suffer from partner aggression.
2. Confuse the meaning of key concepts. Abuse, assault, and violence refer to different concepts. But some researchers conflate these terms. As the National Research Council recently warned, "Rigorous inquiry into violence against women is precluded when scholars fail to distinguish among what constitutes an act of violence, abuse, or battering." [National Research Council: "Advancing the Federal Research Agenda on Violence Against Women, 2005" - http://books.nap.edu/catalog/10849.html]
3. Bias the wording of the questionnaire. Knowing that women are generally more concerned for their physical safety than men, some DV researchers insert wording that emphasizes the issues of safety and victimization, which women are more likely to respond affirmatively to. This strategy creates what are known as "demand

characteristics" that bias and invalidate the survey findings.

Thus, only studies that interview both men and women and use objectively-worded surveys can be considered valid.

Domestic Violence Laws Violate the Human Rights of Men

In recent years, laws have been passed in the United States and elsewhere designed to counter domestic violence. Many of these laws state or imply a male offender, e.g., the "Violence Against Women Act." This implicit bias causes a number of serious violations of due process when the woman is the perpetrator and the man is the victim:

1. Excessive use of restraining orders. It is widely known that restraining orders against men, usually issued without following due process protections, typically require the man to vacate his house and are later used to deprive a father of child custody rights:

   * Elaine Epstein, former president of the Massachusetts Women's Bar Association, notes, "Everyone knows that restraining orders and orders to vacate are granted to virtually all who apply." [Epstein E: "Speaking the Unspeakable," Massachusetts Bar Association Newsletter, 1993]

   * A 1995 government study found that less than half of all restraining orders issued in Massachusetts involved even an allegation of violence [Young C: "When the Law is One-Sided in Domestic Disputes," Boston Globe, May 23, 2001 - http://www.fatherhoodcoalition.org/cpf/inthenews/2001/Cathy_Young_Globe_0523htm.htm]

   * Thomas Kasper notes in the June 2005 issue of the Illinois Bar Journal that restraining orders can "become part of the gamesmanship of divorce." [http://www.isba.org/Member/jun05lj/tocp.html]

   * Washington state attorney Lisa Scott recently wrote, "Originated to immediately protect victims of severe abuse, protection orders have become 'weapons of mass destruction' in family courts. Whenever a woman claims to be a victim, she is automatically believed. No proof of abuse is required." [Scott L: "Scream Queens Fuel Nightmarish VAWA System," July 5, 2005 -- http://www.thepriceofliberty.org/05/07/05/guest_scott.htm]
2. Greater difficulty in obtaining a restraining order. A recent analysis of all ex-parte hearings in one jurisdiction in Massachusetts found that 34% of requests from men were deferred or turned down, compared to only 10% of requests from women - [Charalambous M., Journal of Family Violence June 2005 - http://www.mensnewsdaily.com/archive/c-e/charalambous/2005/charalambous072505.htm]
3. False arrests of male victims. Many law enforcement agencies have instituted "must-arrest" policies that require the arrest of one of the parties involved in a family dispute. In the absence of any visible injuries, these officers are forced to rely on criteria such as which of the persons is the "dominant party." The vagueness and subjectivity of this standard means that it is almost always the man who is arrested. As a result, "there are a growing number of complaints that attempts by men to obtain policy protection may result in the man being arrested." [Murray A. Straus: The Controversy over Domestic Violence by Women: A Methodological, Theoretical, and Sociology of Science Analysis -- http://www.menweb.org/straus21.htm]
4. Gender bias in the prosecution of cases. In one case, a state agency openly admitted, "The prosecutors we fund are prohibited from prosecuting female cases." [*Communication from the Iowa Attorney General's Crime Victim Assistance Division*, January 19, 2005. http://www.vawa4all.org/news/PROSECUTOR%20OFFICE%20SPECIFICALLY%20PROHIBITED.htm]
5. Gender-based discrimination in providing services. The Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Office, which administers the Violence Against Women Act, prohibits VAWA funds for programs that focus on male victims. [http://www.menshealthnetwork.org/library/VAWArejectDel1002.pdf] As a result, male victims of DV have been refused service by domestic violence shelters. [Blumhorst R., "Make the Violence Against Women Act Gender-Inclusive." http://www.ifeminists.net/introduction/editorials/2004/1229blumhorst.html].

In sum, domestic violence programs have been documented to violate men's human rights in five ways: excessive issuance of restraining orders against men, greater difficulty for men to obtain restraining orders, false arrests of male victims, gender bias in prosecution of cases, and sex-based discrimination in provision of services.

How VAWA Violates the Human Rights of Men

The 1948 UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights is the most widely-recognized standard of human rights. Article 2 of the Declaration specifically notes, "Everyone is entitled to the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, [or] sex." Article 16, Section (3), is also pertinent: "The family is the natural and fundamental unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State."

Six of the Declaration's articles or sections reveal how domestic violence laws, particularly the Violence Against Women Act, violate the human rights of men:

1. Article 7: "All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law."
2. Article 9: "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention, or exile."
3. Article 11, Section (1): "Everyone charged with a penal offense has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law"
4. Article 12: "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home, or correspondence, nor to attacks on his honor and reputation."
5. Article 16, Section (1): "Men and women of full age…have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage, and at its dissolution."
6. Article 17, Section (2): "No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property."

Thus, domestic violence laws violate many of men's fundamental human rights, especially those related to equal protection under the law, due process, and protection from arbitrary interference by the state.

Requested Actions

This letter has provided extensive documentation that women are equally likely to engage in domestic violence, that some DV research has been distorted to meet ideological ends, that laws such as the Violence Against Women Act violate constitutional protections of equal treatment under the law, and that these infractions represent serious violations of international human rights law.

On July 21 Amnesty International USA issued a press release which called for "rapid, widespread support of [the] Violence Against Women Act." This statement not only ignores the legitimate needs of abused men, it actively promotes the violation of men's basic human rights.

Therefore, we are requesting that AIUSA promptly take the following actions:

1. Change the title of the Stop Violence Against Women campaign to Stop Violence Against Partners (or similar male-inclusive wording).
2. Promote passage of the Violence Against Women Act only if the title and provisions are changed to be male-inclusive, and appropriate guarantees are made to assure that services are provided to under-served male populations by organizations that are sensitive to the unique needs of male populations.
3. Initiate monitoring of state-level law enforcement programs to assure men are not falsely-accused and deprived of their civil rights.

Because a final vote on VAWA will be taken in September, we are requesting a substantive response to this letter later no later than Wednesday, August 24.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Geanoulis

Director, International Relations

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Unexpected Essay in Post on Lewd Conduct by Young Women

Matt · 19 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Wasn't expecting the Post to publish such an essay, especially as it openly declares that young women are as *gasp* responsible for their lewd behavior as young men!

But as much as the author writes a strong, brave essay, I do beg to differ on this matter: young women are **entirely** responsible for their own behavior, lewd or not, as are young men for their own.

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MRAs in India Face a Backlash

Matt · 20 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bharati writes *"First they laugh at us, then they ignore us and when they cannot Ignore us they fight with us and that is when we win.*
Our modest success has provoked our openents into realising that no longer are we ignorable and hence the backlash has started and when there is a backlash we know we are winning."

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"And it helps us to know that we are the part of international turning of tide and of course the books by Christina Hoff Sommers and Warren Farell & the Fathers 4 Justice experience, etc. With the divorce rates doubling every year and expected to rise to at least 20-25% of all marriages after DV bill in next 5 years, we are already ready to cut it to size. We will not allow our elder abuse and, yes, men also have no right to be abused."

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MSN Reports Dangerous Jobs - No Mention of Men

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Well it's great they did it, an article on the most dangerous jobs. The author conveniently neglects to mention that the vast majority of those in these lines of work are men.

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Sunday PARADE mentions "Paternal Discrepancy"

Matt · 20 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Sept. 18 issue of PARADE (found in many Sunday newspapers) mentions that "the average rate of 'paternal discrepancy' (i.e., paternity FRAUD) in the Western world is about 4%". PARADE also states that 'paternal discrepancy' is highest with young mothers, because they are more likely to have multiple sexual partners."*

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Major Bridge Blocked by Fathers-4-Justice Quebec

Matt · 22 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

zerostress writes *"A major bridge was blocked for 12 hours in Montreal by a FJ4 activist last Monday. It created monstrous traffic jams in the city and generated much controversy in the media.*

F4J Québec new coordinator Andy Srougy climbed the Jacques-Cartier Bridge today. He and F4J Québec want an immediate Royal Commission of Inquiry on the Quebec Justice Administration.
Here is a story in the Montreal Gazette that resume pretty much the story."

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Boy Genteel Published on DV

Matt · 22 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Boy Genteel writes *"I responded to a column on domestic abuse that ran a little more than a week ago, and my response was published yesterday (Sept. 20)"*

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Amber Frey: Perpetrator of Paternity Fraud

Matt · 22 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *Story here:*

"Frey's attorney, Gloria Allred, said Wednesday that her client never intended to deceive [Anthony] Flores.

"Amber, in good faith, always believed that Mr. Flores was her child's father," Allred said."

NEWS FLASH, Ms. Allred: It is impossible to name the wrong man as the father in good faith."

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Pfc. England Blames Boyfriend for Prison Abuse

Matt · 22 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Kyo writes *"Private First Class Lynndie England, accused of torturing Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib, is attempting to shift the blame to her boyfriend by claiming that her acts were all in an effort to please him! Story at Yahoo."*

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"Spiked Drink" -- or Not

Matt · 23 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"This study by the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in Perth, Australia has shown that drink spiking is not as common as was at first thought.*

Women apparently often report to hospital claiming that their drinks have been spiked, "the scenario of an offender slipping a sedative into another person's drink, presumably to stupefy them in order to take advantage of them". Most of the study participants were women under the age of 25...

But what the study found was that in the vast majority of cases, they had either taken recreational drugs themselves or had not realised how drunk they were - no spiking ocurred...!

Sounds like this is another scaremongering uncovered to me..."

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Amnesty finally responds, but still ignores the truth of DV

Matt · 24 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

On August 17, RADAR sent a five-page letter (.pdf file) to Amnesty International – USA about its Stop Violence Against Women Campaign, complaining that the campaign violates the basic human and civil rights of men.

When Amnesty didn't bother to respond, RADAR put out an Alert on September 19, requesting people to contact AI. The folks at AI obviously got an earful, because three days later – that's warp speed for an organization like Amnesty – AI head Bill Schulz answered. His letter is shown below.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Amnesty finally responds, but still ignores the truth of DV
Clearly Mr. Schulz still doesn't understand that men are often DV victims, and that men are often turned away by VAWA-funded programs. But at least we got his attention.

RADAR will be following up, and we will keep you posted.

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September 22, 2005

Michael J. Geanoulis

Director, International Relations

RADAR

P.O. Box 1404

Rockville MD 20849

Dear Mr. Geanoulis,

Thank you for your letter concerning Amnesty International USA's Stop Violence Against Women (SVAW) campaign. Our international SVAW campaign aims to push governments, institutions and the public to take responsibility to stop violence against women. AI bases its work on the UN Declaration of Human Rights which states that all of us are born free and equal in dignity and rights and that women and girls are entitled to enjoy their human rights and fundamental freedoms on a basis of equality with men and boys. In addition, the organization works for implementation of UN human rights treaties and the recommendations of treaty bodies that state that gender-based violence, including violence in the family and community, is a form of discrimination against women and that this violence is a major obstacle to women and girls' ability to enjoy their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

To further our goal, AIUSA supports Congressional reauthorization of VAWA. VAWA was a major ground-breaking step forward in the U.S. government response to the epidemic of violence against women in our country. VAWA is gender neutral. Since its inception in 1994, VAWA has provided immeasurable help to women, children and men.

VAWA funds have been and will continue to be available to violence victims regardless of gender; male victims have frequently received assistance from VAWA funded programs. VAWA 2005 contains improvements to ensure it addresses the broadest range of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

We believe VAWA has already made a great difference by helping to train and educate officials and the public and

by creating programs to support families who are suffering from the effects of domestic violence. We encourage all Americans to take action to end the suffering caused by domestic violence, whether perpetrated against men or women.

Sincerely,
Bill Schulz, Executive Director

Amnesty International USA

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Volvo Convicted of Gender Discrimination

Matt · 24 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From AutoBlog -- "Volvo's Sweden division has been convicted by the Sweden Labor Court of gender discrimination and ordered to pay the equivalent of $5,200 to a woman who was denied a job at a plant because she was too short to work on an assembly line. How their legal department missed that one, we have no clue. Evidently the gap between denying someone a job for being too short to denying someone a job because she's a woman was bridged by calling it "indirect gender discrimination." According to the plant's hiring policy, employees must be between 5'5" and 6'5" to work on the assembly line, and the court ruled that since this excluded more women than men, it was gender discrimination." Remember Volvo is the company that created the world's first concept female car. Poor Volvo -- they had to learn the hard way, give the feminists an inch and they will take a mile."*

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Reaping the Absurdity One Sows

Matt · 24 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

TLE writes *"Is this what the radical feminists want? Boys are now permitted on girls' high school teams, just like girls can join boys' teams. Of course, the coach won't actually let them play against opposing teams! Can't beat up on the girls! Maybe this is how this type of absurdity will end. There are no rules about the numbers of boys on girls teams, so the whole girls' team could be made up of boys! But probably, it will get fixed in a PC way, that is, making rules to protect girls from defeat by boys, but not the reverse."*

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The Patriarchy Isn't Falling (Allegedly)

Matt · 24 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"That's what we always like to see. Good, healthy, unbiased reporting in USA Today. Kim Gandy's view on why women are still disadvantaged.*

That was sarcasm up there, I know she's from NOW, just amazes me that they get so much publishing space in a nat'l newspaper"

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Pakistan's Musharraf in Hot Water for Comment

Matt · 24 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

johnnyp writes *"From this story:*

"This week, Musharraf returned from a U.S. visit marred by controversy over his reportedly telling The Washington Post that many Pakistanis see rape allegations as a way for women to make money and get visas to leave the country. He later denied saying that, but the newspaper said the recorded interview proved he was correctly quoted.""

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Misandry alive and well at new web site

Matt · 25 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From Don't Date Him Girl:*

Each day, thousands of women around the world are cheated on by their boyfriends, fiancés and husbands. A man's infidelity causes the destruction of thousands of marriages, engagements and relationships every year. What's a woman to do? Hire expensive private detectives? Pay for costly background checks? Now, women have a new cost-effective weapon in the war on cheating men! Founded by women with women in mind, www.DontDateHimGirl.com is a free service that allows sisters to share their experiences with cheating men by posting pictures and other information about them in an easy-to-use, searchable database. Using www.DontDateHimGirl.com is easy. To warn other women about a cheating man by posting his picture and profile into the database, simply log on and follow the instructions for posting. To find out about a suspected cheater, log on, type the cheater's name into the database and watch as the website searches through hundreds of pictures and profiles to find a match!

-- So we're all cheaters? Lovely. Not to mention if a man ends an relationship with a vindictive woman -- she could easily post his pictures on this site and slander his character with impunity. And no one would doubt her word because um, "thousands of women around the world are cheated on by their boyfriends, fiancés and husbands"."

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Sex, Father Both Optional

Matt · 25 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

MANN received a submission from Evil White Male Oppressor pointing out this story entitled "Women bypass sex in favour of 'instant pregnancies'" from the BBC website. Side-linked from it was this one entitled "Doctors may disregard 'need for a father' when deciding on IVF". From that story I followed this one entitled "Ban on sex selection could be lifted".

See a pattern forming here?

Click "Read more..." for more.He mentioned that it seemed a lot of these stories were coming from England and we should look to them as warnings of things to come here in the US. Sort of reminds me of Orwell's 1984 and how it was set in England, too. But a trend toward factory-like pro-single-parent production of new people scares me even more than the notion of a Big Brother state. Two such scenarios at the same time is almost unthinkable, but then again, so were two Category 5 hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico within a month of each other -- and unfortunately, that did happen.

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RADAR Alert: Mr. Biden, We’re Not Done with You Yet!

Matt · 26 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Senator Joseph Biden has long been the prime mover behind the Violence Against Women Act. He organized the first hearings in the early 1990s. He wrote the legislation and sponsored the bills. He did the arm-twisting. At the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings in July, Joseph Biden admitted, "this law is my baby."

Click "Read more..." for more.

Mr. Biden, We’re Not Done with You Yet!
And when VAWA goes to the Senate-House Conference Committee in the next few weeks, guess who’s going to be there at the table? Senator Biden, of course.

Whenever Sen. Biden is challenged about VAWA's discriminatory effects, he misleadingly claims that the law has never denied services to men. What he hopes you won't notice is that it denies funding to organizations unless their primary focus is women. Only the traditional DV service providers can receive VAWA funds. Most of them provide little or no help to men, and some have even gone to court to defend their right to discriminate against male victims.

This week, Mr. Biden is going to hear from the thousands of persons who want VAWA to be equitable and fair for men and women alike.

To this point, we’ve succeeded in adding language to VAWA to make it male-inclusive. That’s a first step.

But what good is to say that you can’t discriminate against male victims, but then funnel all the funds to the very groups who have always turned a cold shoulder to men?

VAWA now needs to add language that directs 36% of funds to go to programs that focus on serving made victims. That number comes from the National Violence Against Women Survey, which found that men constitute 36% of all DV victims. [http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles/172837.pdf]

This is the last time RADAR’s Shock and Awe campaign will be calling on you to contact Mr. Biden. So this is it!

1. Your best approach: Send him fax at 202-224-0139
2. Second best: Telephone his office at 202-224-5042
3. Third: E-mail him at senator-at-biden.senate.gov

If you use e-mail, put a short message in the Subject line, like, "36% VAWA Funding for Programs Focusing on Male Victims." Let the good Senator know that you're not taken in by his phony claims of gender neutrality.

For maximum effectiveness, send him a message every day this week. As always, keep your message short, polite, and reasonable.

VAWA is Senator Biden’s baby. We want this to be a week he never forgets!

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To track the current status of VAWA, go to http://thomas.loc.gov/ and enter the bill number: Senate bill S. 1197; House of Representatives bill H.R. 3402.

Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting (RADAR) is a coalition of men and women working to assure balance in the domestic violence issue: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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None Dare Call It Treason

Thomas · 26 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Here's yet another piece on the collapse of male education. The point should not be missed that the phenomenon, of males fleeing from the academy, is taking place throughout the developed world, where family breakdown, extreme population aging, and impending catastrophic rates of population collapse are the other dominant characteristics of social evolution. Together, these circumstances threaten to ravage advanced societies.

In her superb "The War Against Boys," Chistina Hoff Sommers carefully analyzed the causes of society's growing failure to properly educate boys. Imbued with feminism, the academy has become a bastion of misandry. Unfortunately, with politicians living in fear for their careers in face of feminist wrath, and with mainstream media steeped in feminism, it remains unlikely that anything more than superficial corrections will be applied to solve this problem.

We are losing a significant proportion of another generation of boys, and, partly because of this, our populations will collapse at an unsustainable rate. At the very least, we should inform boys that, when the misery sets in and they want to hold a culpable person responsible, they should look for a feminist.

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Lynndie England Goes Down

Thomas · 27 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The five men on Lynndie England's jury didn't buy her defense that love made her sexually torment male prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

So goes the continuing saga of the modern, American pinup girl. (We used to have the likes of Rita Hayworth. Sigh.)

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Falsely-accused Man Denied Right to Sue

Matt · 28 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"M is for Malevolent reports on a case from the Rapid City Journal where a young man's life was worth far less than the testimony of a few young girls who needed an excuse for truancy. The alibis of the young man from his job and those who were with him that day didn't matter, and neither did the evidence. What mattered was that he was male, and the girls picked his picture out of a police book of photos. He spent 86 days in jail, was severely beaten by other prisoners, lost his job, his home, and his car. Just for being a man."*

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Fathers-4-Justice, UK is back in the news

Matt · 28 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

qronick writes *"Guy Harrison of Fathers 4 Justice, the same guy as pelted Tony Blair with purple powder last year, climbed up on the Houses of Parliament today for his daughter's seventh birthday.*

I love how the powers that be gloss over the real issue by prattling on about "security breaches" -- it's classic psychological denail. Half a minute's thought and we might a) realize that the security forces in a "free" country cannot stop anyone who is truly determined and b) wonder why a father can't see his daughter on her 7th birthday. So, yeah, why not...?"

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Dare We Hope that VAWA may be Defeated?

Matt · 28 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Warble writes *"Here comes the nationwide roundup of men. We all know that VAWA is loaded with language that will create massive new federally funded family prosecutions centers, and that those centers are designed to collect data on all men. That data will of course be entered into a permanent National database. No charges or arrest will be required. All that is required is for a police officer or some mandated reporter to file paperwork on the hated male. Now we have news of an amendment that would permit compulsory collection male DNA without charges or an arrest. Still think we should ask for equal treatment as RADAR suggest? NOT! This bill is to be opposed outright. This is no poison pill. It is the actual agenda of our Congress in relation to VAWA and the coming round-up men."*

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Math, Engineering Interest Dearth

Matt · 29 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This is another take on the reduction of men (and Americans in general) in the sciences and mathematics fields. It is also very well-written, funny, and makes some very good points.

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False Multi-Rape Allegations in UK

Matt · 29 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Multiple false rape allegations in the same area, 8 week police investigation, fear and hysteria and a poster campaign. All unnecessary - police are taking action against 2 females and calling off the hunt for a gang of "predatory men". Read it here."*

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"Gender Bending" and Anti-Fertility Chemicals

Matt · 29 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Baniadam writes *"Story here.*

"Gender-bending chemicals are to be exempted from tough new Europe-wide safety controls despite increasing concern that they are causing bizarre sex changes in children and wildlife, leaked documents reveal.

...

Research published in May showed that boys born to mothers exposed to phthalates, used to make plastics more pliable, had smaller penises and other signs of genital feminisation..."

In the EU we have some laws. In the North America I believe it is (even) more lax. I think (not in EU) phthalates are still being used in stuff like cling-film and food wrappings etc. This is particularly important for every man (person) who has a young boy or even more so if with a pregnant wife."

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Target Selling Misandric Carlton Cards Collectible

Matt · 29 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"While at a local Target I noticed that there was a packet of Carlton Cards collectible magnets in the greeting card rack. One was titled "Men - you can't live with 'em." Here is what was on these magnets..."*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"*
-If his lips are moving he's lying, honey.

-Women are from Venus, men are disgusting pigs.

-If he wants a clean house he can go live with his mommy.

-Speak slowly - there are men in the room.

-Men only want one thing - well two things - I forgot about the remote.

-I suffer from PMS - Pathetic Men Syndrome.

I noticed that another Carlton Card had "Men are like chocolate" on the front. On the inside it said "You find them in bars, they go straight to your thighs, and they don't last long enough to satisfy you."

To contact Target, go here and select "Target Stores, Merchandise and Programs" under the heading "Our Stores and Company."

To contact Carlton Cards (a subsidiary of American Greetings), send an email to:

crms-at-amgreetings.com

-- Steve"

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Some Uplifting Thoughts

Matt · 30 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"MIsForMalevolent posts some uplifting thoughts and suggestions for those of us who feel depressed or crushed by the current status of men, and our own personal situations."*

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False Rape Accusations: India

Matt · 30 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here are two recent stories.*

In one case, the man was lucky enough to be discharged at investigation stage (the story does not mention that but that's what happened later).

In another case, the man committed suicide a day before being cleared by the court."

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Feminists protest Roberts / Great discussion ensues!

Matt · 30 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

ArtflDgr writes *"A friend (whose name I will not divulge) was a bit perturbed at a kind of protest of Roberts on abortion grounds and ended up getting into a large discusion on abortion and such in relation to men's rights. You have to page down to get to some great stuff!*

The page can be found here.

I think that many people here would love to see someone take so many of them on, and actually not get censored, attacked too much, and actually have a back and forth.

Enjoy!"

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VAWA background

Matt · 30 September 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In light of the recent Cornyn/Kyl amendment to VAWA, the following article is disconcerting. Maybe a simple archive on VAWA background materials might be started/added on one of the MRA sites (mediaradar.org has a good start). Here is the URL."*

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Senate Puts Off Vote on Controversial VAWA

Matt · 1 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Despite enormous pressure by VAWA advocates, the Senate failed to vote on the Violence Against Women Act yesterday. We believe the reason for the delay is that bill contains a number of contentious issues. The Senate has now adjourned, and will come back into session this coming Wednesday.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Senate Puts Off Vote on Controversial VAWA
This is good news for us, because it gives us a few more days to get our message across.

At this point, this is what we are asking for:

1. The Senate bill needs to include clear and explicit language that clarifies that male DV victims are entitled to service. The Senate bill currently has male-inclusive language, but we want to make it much stronger.
2. The bill needs to remove specific references to women and girls, to make the language gender-neutral.

Watch for RADAR's Alert coming out this Monday morning.

In the meantime, if you want to contact your Senator at their local office on Monday or Tuesday, that's fine.

But it's important that we stay on message – see points 1. and 2. above. If you request other changes to VAWA, it will dilute the key message that advocates for equal treatment are trying to make.

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Drunk mother suffocates baby - no jail

Matt · 1 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This mother got drunk and suffocated her baby by falling asleep on the child. She gets three years 'community rehabilitation'. If you get drunk and kill someone in an car accident you go to jail - but get drunk and kill your own baby and somehow that is different.*

Now imagine how many years in prison a man would have got for a similar offence. "

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New Yahoo! Group: The Patriarchy

Matt · 3 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Our friend Thomas (Tom) Fullery has created a satirical new Yahoo group called The Patriarchy. Its web address is:*

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ThePatriarchy"

Click "Read more..." for more.

Here is its description:

This is the officious website of The Patriarchy.

Feminists are always talking about how they are against patriarchy, or even "The Patriarchy." I find the latter term to be rather intriguing, and even amusing. It conjures up images of a group of elderly men in white robes who meet in secret locations to scheme how to benefit men by oppressing women. Such meetings would involve outlandish rituals. And edicts would be given out from some sort of Patriarchy Central to men around the world.

The purpose of this group, of course, is to illustrate the absurdity of the feminist concept of The Patriarchy by indirectly pointing out the inherent contradictions within such a concept. And to find a little fun and humor along the way.

Thomas (Tom) Fullery

Communications Engineer

Ministry of Communications

PATRIARCHY CENTRAL"

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RADAR Alert: Mr. Specter, Why are Disabled Boys Ineligible for VAWA Services?

Matt · 3 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Section 1402 of the Senate version of VAWA states how the funds will be used:

(b) USE OF FUNDS- Grants awarded under this section shall be used--

> `(1) to provide personnel, training, technical assistance, advocacy, intervention, risk reduction and prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault against disabled women and girls;

Note that disabled women and girls qualify, but apparently not disabled boys or men. This is simply outrageous.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Mr. Specter, Why are Disabled Boys Ineligible for VAWA Services?
As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and an original co-sponsor of the Violence Against Women Act, Senator Specter has the power to remove this discriminatory language.

This is what we are asking him to do:

1. Remove specific references to women and girls (like in Section 1402) to make the language gender-neutral.
2. Add clear and explicit language clarifying that male DV victims are entitled to service. The Senate bill currently has male-inclusive language, but we want to make it much stronger.

This is how to contact Senator Specter's office:

Fax (the most effective strategy): 202-228-1229

Telephone: 202-224-4254

E-mail: Use his comments submission page – be sure to put the words "Make VAWA Male-Inclusive" into the subject line.

It is essential get your message through as many times as possible. As always, keep your message short and sweet.

And PLEASE stay "On-Message." It is true that there are many problems with VAWA. But if everyone complains about their particular issue, we will end up canceling each other out. At this point in time, the most important thing is to make VAWA male-inclusive. That will get us a seat at the table.

We've come too far and worked too hard to dilute our focus. Please stay On-Message.

VAWA may go to the Senate floor for a vote later this week. Then it will go to the Senate-House Conference Committee to work out the differences in the Senate and House bills.

You can be sure our opponents will be pressuring Congress to get VAWA approved this week. We need to work very, very hard to match their efforts, fax by fax, phone call by phone call, and e-mail by e-mail.

Let's roll.

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Boy-hanging girl gets no time

Matt · 4 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rob writes *"You'll remember an article here a while back about a 12yr old girl who hung a 5yr old boy from a tree. The boy nearly died. Before being caught, she blamed 3 other boys who were all taken from their homes and interrogated at a police station.*

Anyway, she effectively escapes punishment. Read it here. Also, read her defence lawyers mitigating claims and his anger at her being treated as an "Adult". I'm not sure what his complaint is. IF she was an adult, she'd probably still got off."

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Pictures of MRAs at Work

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This at standyourground.com. Hooray to those who get the message out!

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Not the Father? Really?

Matt · 6 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"Country singer Chris Cagle has had a little bit of disappointing news of late. It seems he is not the father of the baby him and his "girlfriend" were expecting.*

OBTW, this morning (10-5-2005), Diane Sawyer had a piece where a non-father was interviewed, along with his (female) lawyer. It seems his ex-wife duped him, and by G-d, the lawyer actually used the term "paternity fraud." I was shocked, **SHOCKED**, I tell you."

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VAWA Passed the Senate Today!

Matt · 6 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, VAWA (S. 1197) was passed in the Senate today, "by unanimous consent."*

Copy from NNEDV's always-lovely Allison...

Click "Read more..." for more.
Tuesday, October 4, 2005 5:36 PM

The Violence Against Women Act of 2005 was just passed by unanimous consent in the Senate.

This unanimous support of VAWA is tremendous and we thank all Senators for their work to bring VAWA to the floor! Chairman Specter and Senator Biden and their staff really pulled out all the stops to make this happen. Many Senators set aside other pressing issues to move VAWA forward, particularly Senator Landrieu, and we thank them and the Republican and Democrat Senate Leadership for making VAWA a priority.

This was really down to the wire, and truly all the credit goes to YOU who mobilized your grassroots, who made calls yourself, who spoke on behalf of all the victims who have been silenced.

The versions of VAWA passed in the House (HR 3402) and the Senate (S 1197) are different, and now must go to conference where the differences between them will be resolved. We will need your voices again in the coming months to ensure that needs of victims are met in the final VAWA that is signed into law!!

Thank you again for all the amazing work you do.

Allison

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Honor Killings' Victims Not Always Female

Matt · 7 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"Just so you know, "honour killing" is not just for women. Check this out:*

A UNIVERSITY student was murdered to 'vindicate a family's honour' after he fell in love with their daughter and made her pregnant, a court was told yesterday."

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Men and Success - Post-Divorce

Matt · 7 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"MIsForMalevolent struggles with why a divorced man in the system would ever choose to try and better himself or improve his income. He seems to indicate faith as an answer, but he may be discounting plain old subborness (whoops, tenacity)."*

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Woman Gets 20 Years for Killing Son

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Another 'abused woman' gets away with killing her husband

Matt · 8 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This woman stabs her husband because he is verbally abusive. She is severely and harshly punished with a community rehabilitation order. The judge and prosecutor fall over themselves to avoid blaming her.*

Next time your wife nags or yells at you, try stabbing her. The judge will understand and be appropriately sympathetic."

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Great MRA Letter Prints in Star Bulletin

Matt · 9 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"http://starbulletin.com/print/?fr=/2005/10/08/edit orial/commentary.html*

'Ignoring the fact that gender inequities hurt boys has promoted the idea of girls as "underdogs" while suggesting that boys are somehow privileged.'"

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RADAR Alert: D.V. Providers Who Violate The Law Must Not Be Granted A Monopoly

Matt · 10 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The House and the Senate have now passed bills to reauthorize VAWA for another 5 years. Both versions of the reauthorization bill acknowledge that male victims of DV need help too, however the language needs to be strengthened.

Click "Read more..." for more.

D.V. Providers Who Violate The Law Must Not Be Granted A Monopoly
As the bills now stand, existing domestic violence programs are granted a monopoly, and any new programs must partner with an existing program. Unfortunately the majority of existing programs make male victims and their children sit at the back of the bus, if they even allow them on the bus at all. Most established domestic violence service providers find males so toxic that if a woman has a son over 12 years of age, they'll sooner send the woman back to her abuser than permit the son to accompany his mother into the shelter.

Sen. Joseph Biden, who calls the bill "his baby," claims that VAWA-funded shelters are already required to provide help to male victims. If Biden's claim is correct, then shelters that regularly violate the law are being rewarded with $5 billion federal tax-dollars for thumbing their noses at the very concept of equal treatment for all. Ten of the largest recipients of VAWA funds in Los Angeles recently went to court to defend their right to discriminate against male victims (http://www.menshealthnetwork.org/library/Blumhorstbrief.pdf).

The next legislative step for VAWA 2005 is for both versions of the bill to be reconciled in conference committee. This will be the last chance to make this legislation truly fair, equal, and just. At this point, nobody knows who will be on the conference committee. This week we need to make certain that likely members of the conference committee understand that male victims of domestic violence need help from sympathetic providers, just as female victims do. VAWA funding must be made available to new programs whose primary focus is on male victims of domestic violence.

Please call or fax the following legislators:

Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner	voice:202/225-5101	fax:202-225-3190
Sen. Arlen Specter	voice:202/224-4254	fax:202/228-1229
Sen. Orrin Hatch	voice:202/224-5251	fax:202/224-6331

Tell them:

The VAWA conference committee must make sure that new programs with a primary focus on male victims of domestic violence must be eligible to receive funding without having to partner with the established male-hostile domestic violence providers.

As always, be sure to be polite and respectful.

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UK divorce laws - read it and weep

Matt · 11 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Fantastic article here on the heavily female biased divorce laws in the UK. Some of the stories will make you gasp in amazement. The print edition of the Sunday Times chose to illustrate this story with a picture of a power dressed woman sneering imperiously at a crestfallen man. At least it accurately captures the mood of your average female divorcee!*

Rob"

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Article Retracted

Matt · 11 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

All,

MANN received good information that the article regarding the adoptive mother who wanted a sex change operation for her son was, as many of you suspected, incorrect. All I can say is: Sorry! It was posted and defended in good faith (hey, even major media sources print bad stories from time to time). So, the story has been removed from MANN and sorry again for accidentally publicizing what appears now to be a false story.

-- Matt

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Article: Abuse against men ignored

Matt · 11 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

johnnyp writes *"Abuse against men ignored*

researcher: Just as likely as women to be battered
Karen Kleiss

The Edmonton Journal

Sunday, October 09, 2005

EDMONTON -- Husbands and boyfriends are abused by their partners far more often than most Canadians realize, yet there is virtually no support for battered men, attendees of a two-day conference heard Saturday."

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Enticement of Male Hate - "'All Men Are Bastards' Knife Block"

Matt · 12 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Gang-banged writes *"Frankly, this just leaves me speachless. Check it out GUYS!!"*

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Crticism against women is ALWAYS sexism

Matt · 12 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes *"Hey everybody, now anyone can play the sexism card! Lack of experience? Never! Cronyism? Pishaw! It MUST be sexism!"*

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Sperm donor to pay child support

Matt · 14 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Steve P writes *"Sperm donor to pay child support*

From correspondents in Stockholm, Sweden

October 13, 2005

A SWEDISH man who donated his sperm to a lesbian couple must pay child support for the three children he fathered, Sweden's Supreme Court ruled today.

The man, now 39, donated his sperm to the couple in the early 1990s. Three sons were born during the years 1992-1996, according to Swedish news agency TT which reported the ruling.

The man told the court that he and the women had agreed that he would play no role in the boys' child rearing and that the two women would be their parents.

Nonetheless, the man signed a document confirming that he was the biological father of the children.

Shortly after he signed the document, the two women separated and the biological mother demanded that the man pay child support.

The man took the case to court, but lost in the district and appeals courts.

The Supreme Court upheld those rulings today, saying that as the biological father he is required to pay for the children's upbringing."

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Mainstream Media Recognition of Unequal Treatment of Accused Sex Offenders

Matt · 14 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes *"As yet another story emerges about a female teacher, this one involving a teacher who allegedly cut her wrists with broken glass in front of her class as well as performed oral sex on a 9-year-old boy in her classroom, let students peek down her blouse and talked to some of the children about sexual matters, Fox News does a story about how female teachers are often treated differently in the media than male teachers who have sex with underage students.*

"The main dichotomy is in coverage — men are demonized, women are diagnosed," Felling said. "Men are beasts, but women are troubled, or mentally ill." Or the women are simply portrayed as voluptuous and sexual. Yet they quickly point out that sometimes, the "offenders" turn out not to be guilty. 'The teacher has to be concerned because there can be a vindictive kid" who can falsely accuse the person at the head of the class of a sex crime."

TELL THAT TO THE FALSELY ACCUSED MEN IT HAPPENS TO IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL ALL THE TIME..."

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'Female champion' Hewitt discriminated against man

Matt · 14 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From The Independent:*

Career sexism that stops women "achieving their full potential" is something that the former trade and industry secretary Patricia Hewitt fought hard against. But it seems that her fight against sexism also includes discriminating positively towards women. Yesterday, it emerged she was found guilty of overlooking a strong male candidate for a job in favour of a weaker female applicant. Mr Hanney used the Freedom of Information Act to access the interviewers' notes, which included comments such as "Malcolm Hanney, much the strongest candidate" and described him as the "clear favourite". The notes concluded the panel "agreed to appoint Malcolm Hanney". But the ultimate decision was left to Patricia Hewitt, who was in charge of sex discrimination laws as minister for women and equality. She appointed Christine Channon, who was placed third in line by the RDA."

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General Round-Up of "DV-Suspected" Men in Florida

Matt · 14 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The Pasco County Sheriff's Office is keeping the streets free and clear by removing dozens of domestic violence suspects from the streets."*

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List of NJ Law Resources

Matt · 14 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Misandrope writes *"I have posted a list of NJ Legal resources relating to custody and child support on MIsForMalevolent that will hopefully be of use to persons struggling through the system.*

Yours,
-M"

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Marine Corps Spokesman Acknowledges Male DV Victims

Matt · 15 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Marc A.:

Story here.

"According to Tech. Sgt. Hastings, the statistics for male victims of abuse are even higher.
'A man is abused every 14 seconds,' he said. That's 6,192 men every day.

Click "Read more..." for larger story quotation.

> "U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL OKINAWA, Japan (Oct. 12, 2005) -- More than 200 men, women and children came together Oct. 8 at Lester Middle School to battle domestic abuse by participating in the 2nd annual Joint Services Family Shelter Domestic Violence Awareness 5k Run/Walk.
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> The annual run/walk took place in conjunction with this month's Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The event is intended to raise domestic violence awareness, explained Emeline Hastings, the shelter manager at the Joint Services Family Shelter.
>
> More than 30 volunteers came out to register participants, pass out T-shirts and purple ribbons and serve as road guards while participants completed the course.
>
> The opening ceremonies kicked off after the 6:30 a.m. registration session came to a close. Several key speakers offered inspiration for the run and information on domestic violence, including Tech. Sgt. Robert Hastings, the section chief of electronic warfare for the 353rd Special Operations Group, and a former victim of domestic abuse.
>
> "A woman is abused every 15 seconds," Tech. Sgt. Hastings said during the ceremony. "That's 5,760 women every 24 hours."
>
> According to Tech. Sgt. Hastings, the statistics for male victims of abuse are even higher.
> "A man is abused every 14 seconds," he said. "That's 6,192 men every day."
>
> Once the key speakers left the podium, the runners took a few minutes to stretch their muscles, and then lined up at the starting point."

Visit the link in the posting for the entire story.

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UK Men - Discriminated against in Cancer Research

Matt · 16 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rob writes *"At last, the actual proof that men are discriminated against in Prostate Cancer funding versus Breast Cancer. The opening paragraphs are:"A MAN diagnosed with prostate cancer has only one-quarter of the cash spent on research into his disease compared to the amount devoted to a woman's breast cancer. The wide discrepancy shows the scale of the discrimination against men. The two diseases kill similar numbers."*
And in the biggest selling UK Sunday newspaper too! Of course the UK's female Health Minister said:"Gender is not a factor in any of the government's decisions on cancer funding." Sure - unless you're female!"

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NYTimes' David Brooks Addresses Boys' Lag in Education

Matt · 17 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

David Brooks helps with the Lace Curtain problem with this article. Alas, the NYT has recently decided to start charging for access to their Op-Ed content, but if you subscribe, apparently, you can register for site access "for free". If not, it's worth a look next time you're at your local library. It's in the Oct. 16, 2005 issue of the New York Times in the Op-Ed section, titled: "Mind Over Muscle". The Times graciously allows unpaying readers the first sentence:

"If we want to help boys keep up with girls, we have to have an honest discussion about innate differences between the sexes."

I read it in the NYT today and thought, "Wow, how did **this** get past the editor-in-chief?"

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Child Support for Step-Kids

Matt · 18 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"If you marry a divorced woman with kids, and it goes sour, at least you don't have to worry about child support... ...or do you? You do in New Jersey."*

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CA Bar Journal Runs NCFM-LA Letter re Male DV Victims

Matt · 18 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Way to go, Marc!

"Men are victims, too"

Text:

As an attorney who works with male victims of domestic violence, I was very offended by your article, "Safety and services under one roof" (August). Every example of domestic violence in the article was male-on-female, and the article was prefaced with a drawing of "the difference between the family's old life and their new life after Dad is gone." Male victims are stigmatized and ignored enough as it is without having to read articles like yours.

Click "Read more..." for the rest
According to a study by the Centers for Disease Control, "approximately 1.5 million women and 834,732 men are raped and/or physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the United States" (i.e., at least 36 percent of the victims are men), which is at ncjrs.org/ txtfiles1/nij/181867.txt. California State University maintains an online bibliography of over 174 studies showing "women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners" at csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm. One of the studies is the most comprehensive analysis of existing research on the topic ever published (Archer, Psych. Bulletin, 11/00), which found that 38 percent of injured victims are men and that self-defense does not explain the female violence.

A report by the California Research Bureau shows that thousands of men seek shelter-based services every year. But Health & Safety Code §124250 excludes them from the services, including motel vouchers and court advocacy, because of their gender. So they have to travel hundreds of miles to the Valley Oasis shelter in Lancaster, the only one that will help males, in order to escape the violence. They have faced over 30 years of exclusion, neglect and outright sexism from the domestic violence industry because they do not fit the feminist man/bad woman/good model.

I hope you will be more fair and honest next time in how you depict this issue.

Marc E. Angelucci, President

National Coalition of Free Men

Los Angeles chapter

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UN Report Cites Russian Men in Crisis

Matt · 18 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Well it's nice to see a UN report that isn't all about women. But it comes at such a terrible price. Read about it here.

From the article:

"Stereotypes of men's behaviour in Russia include excess alcohol consumption, drug addiction and smoking as stress reduction measures and ways of demonstrating manhood. Growth of suicides among men is an extreme form of reaction to growing socio-economic pressure and inability to perform the traditional role of breadwinner," the statement said.

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MSN: Wow, a Marriage Article Not Written by a Woman or Manhole!

Matt · 18 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

A surprise from MSN: What a Happy Marriage Really Looks Like

I truly believe -- and I know I can get a lot of backing from my fellow husbands on this -- that women worry way too much about The Relationship, worry that even the smallest problem is the first step on the road to divorce court. I would be the last one to deny that there are a certain number of marital stress points. But many of them -- certainly the five detailed below -- are not worth one moment of lost sleep.

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RADAR Alert: PBS Smears Fathers Who Contest Child Custody

Matt · 18 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Beginning this coming Thursday, PBS stations around the country are planning to air a film entitled "Breaking the Silence, Children's Stories". This film denigrates divorcing fathers with it's bald-faced assertion that in "75% of cases in which fathers contest custody, fathers have history of being batterers".

Click "Read more..." for moreThe flaws in this film are as numerous as they are flagrant:

1. The film paints a false picture of a world in which the only abusive parents are fathers, ignoring the fact that far more children are abused and killed by their mothers than by their fathers (U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (refs: here and here).
2. The film misleads the viewer by failing to explain that psychiatrists who've called Parental Alienation Syndrome "junk science" don't mean that parental alienation doesn't happen, but rather that it's not an officially recognized mental illness. (See: http://www.mediaradar.org/mr_breaking_the_science.php#pas)
3. The program makes a number of very serious accusations against fathers without allowing the accused to defend themselves.

A detailed analysis of the flawed logic and biased "research" this PBS program is based on can be found here.

Public Broadcasting Service and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting are funded out of your tax dollars, and have a responsibility not to disseminate bias. The CPB's own Code of Ethics (.pdf file) requires employees to "avoid any conduct that might result in the loss of public confidence in CPB's programs and activities ... or might reasonably give the appearance of ... the compromise or loss of complete impartiality of judgment and action."

This week, we're asking you to contact the officials at PBS and CPB listed below to cancel the show as currently edited, and revise it so it reflects commonly-accepted journalistic standards of fairness, accuracy, and balance.

The revised program should interview adult children of abusive mothers, as well as fathers who've been forced to stand helplessly by, unable to protect their children, due to decisions by biased court officials.

The most important point of contact is your local PBS station:

1. Go to the website of your local PBS station. To find that website, go to http://www.pbs.org/stationfinder/index.html and enter your zip code.
2. Each PBS station's website is laid out differently, but somewhere on the website will be a link labeled something like "Contact Us". If this takes you to a webform, enter your comments. If it shows a list of contact names, identify the station manager. If there's no email address listed, call the station and ask to speak with the station manager.

As always, remember to courteous and respectful in your communications with them.

If you're still bothered about PBS' unfair depiction of fathers, there are a number of other people you can contact. If you don't have time to contact all of them, contact as many or as few as you have time for.

CPB national headquarters:

Mr. Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, Chairman of the Board

Corporation for Public Broadcasting

401 Ninth Street, NW

Washington, DC 20004-2129

Ombudsman:

Webform at http://www.cpb.org/ombudsmen

-or-

U.S. mail to:

Ombudsmen

Corporation for Public Broadcasting

401 Ninth Street, NW

Washington, DC 20004

PBS national headquarters:

U.S. Mail:

Pat Mitchell, President & Chief Executive Officer

Public Broadcasting Service

1320 Braddock Place

Alexandria, VA 22314

Michael Getler, Ombudsman

Public Broadcasting Service

1320 Braddock Place

Alexandria, VA 22314

Connecticut Public Broadcasting (co-producer of the film):

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1049 Asylum Avenue

Hartford, CT 06105-2411

Phone: 860/278-5310

Jerry Franklin, President and Chief Executive Officer

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Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting (RADAR) is a coalition of men and women working to assure balance in the domestic violence issue: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Divorce Parties

Matt · 19 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes:

"'Good Morning America' Celebrates Divorce in the United States

ABC's Andrea Canning on Sunday's "Good Morning America" did a report on Divorce Parties. That's right, married women having a party to celebrate their divorces. In fact, Canning in her report referred to the party as "Part celebration, part exorcism."

At this party, they play games like throwing the wedding ring into the toilet, as well as with voodoo doll figurines of the former husband.

Of particular note, the report made no mention of ex-husbands having such parties. Quite the contrary, the only person in this piece who wasn't celebrating was a divorced man: "I don't find anything about divorce to be funny at all. I find the whole experience rather tragic."

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USA TODAY: College gender gap widens

Matt · 21 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"It seems that USA TODAY is finally recognizing that the education system over the last few decades has been so tilted against boys that it is resulting in a gender gap of 57% women to 43% men. The disparity is even greater for black men.*

While the article is not perfect (it also mentions the so-called wage gap as if it were fact), it is an improvement. The article is here.

Also, see these related articles:
http://www.usatoday.com/printedition/news/20051020/admitboyside.art.htm

http://www.usatoday.com/printedition/news/20051020/d_admitboysgraphic19.art.htm

Steve"

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/05/10/21/0139215.shtml

Teacher "snogs" pupil

Matt · 21 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I know these stories are common now, but this one is a good example of the brazen nature of some of these women. She admits kissing the boy, then claims instead he sexually assaulted her, then her solicitors decide they can no longer represent her after she gave evidence in the trial. She has now been found guilty and was criticised by the judge for letting the case get "so far" because she refused to plead guilty. She evidently felt she could do what she liked and get let off because she's a woman and can't possibly be to blame. Ironically, it will probably work out that way. The judge(female) has already told her she won't be imprisoned."*

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"North Country"

Matt · 21 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

crescentluna writes *"*North Country *is a movie about female coal miners in Minnesota fighting "male coworker brutality" through a class action lawsuit. Starring Charlize Theron, who is quoted here as saying "This case was only settled seven years ago, and you go, 'How dare you sit back as a young female and think the feminist movement happened in the '60s, some bras were burned and now everything is fine'?"*
It is also a plug for http://www.participate.net/, a website with a section on starting your own anti-harassment campaign at school and how to raise caring men."

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Swedish Feminist Party Implodes

Matt · 21 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *""Feminist Initiative is in disarray with the loss of several founding members who abruptly departed over the radical direction the party was taking" ... "Support for feminism took another hit this summer with the airing of a Swedish television documentary ... which showed militant feminism to be widespread, reaching into official circles: Ireen von Wachenfeldt, the chairman of Roks, Sweden's largest women's shelter organization, for one, was shown asserting that "men are animals."*

Full article here"

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/05/10/21/207255.shtml

A good movie, let's hope: "After Innocence"

Matt · 21 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

zerostress writes *"I have always wished that women would stop making movies about how they are poor victims of men and do a movie about, let's say, what a man can feel after spending 20 years in jail for a rape he did not commit.*

It seems that my prayers have been answered. This movie, After Innocence seems to be very interesting. I will not judge a movie by its website but this is something I am definitely going to see. Another thing I can't wait to see is also the reaction of the feminists."

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Feminist PC Claims Another Victim

Matt · 21 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From The Globe and Mail:*

Legendary adman Neil French is leaving one of the premier jobs in advertising after telling a Toronto audience that family duties usually prevent women from succeeding in the business. Mr. French confirmed yesterday that he has quit as worldwide creative director of WPP Group PLC, the world's second-largest marketing company where he oversaw famous agency networks including Ogilvy & Mather, JWT, Young & Rubicam and Grey Worldwide."

Click "Read more..." for the rest.
'"The woman asked why there are so few women creative directors. I said because you can't commit yourself to the job. And everyone who doesn't commit themselves fully to the job is crap at it . . .' Mr. French said yesterday in an interview. 'You can't be a great creative director and have a baby and keep spending time off every time your kids are ill. You can't do the job. Somebody has to do it and the guy has to do it the same way that I've had to spend months and months flying around the world and not seeing my kid. You think that's not a sacrifice? Of course it's a sacrifice. I hate it. But that's the job and that's what I do in order to keep my family fed.'"

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Miers and Race/Sex Quotas

Matt · 22 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Wonder what the feminist establishment will do with this?

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Danica Patrick hits male IRL driver, plays it off

Matt · 23 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From The Sun Sentinel:*

"Danica Patrick didn't hold back words or apparently one of her fists after she got tangled up with Jaques Lazier late in Sunday's Toyota Indy 400 at the California Speedway. "The first person I saw after the accident was Jaques, and that wasn't a good thing," said Patrick, who blamed Lazier for the Turn 4 mishap that knocked both from the race with 15 laps remaining. "I confronted him. I told him how I felt. I was mad at him." But sometime during the ride to the infield-care center in the back of an IRL safety-team vehicle, Patrick evidently took it up a notch. The Press-Telegram learned that the 23-year-old IRL rookie sensation struck Lazier in the face. The driver of the SUV had to stop briefly to tend to the situation, which reverted back to verbal sparring as they circled the track."

Check out Google News for more journalists defending Danica for assaulting a man... I mean fair and balanced news stories."

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Oh, Ellen... "Equal Opportunity Bash", by Ellen Goodman

Matt · 23 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Normally I don't initiate the post of links to widely-syndicated mainstream columnists myself, but this one from our old pal Ellen Goodman warrants an exception. If you can find an argument of some kind in here or some sense of what she is trying to get at, please, post it and clue me in!

You can't deny though that she is an entertaining writer, from a style perspective anyway, depite the lines (or circles) of argument she does (or doesn't) draw...

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Female inmates increase but not at the same rate as male

Matt · 24 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes "
Notice that women now account for 25% of arrests but only 7% of inmates in jails?"

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RADAR Alert: Despite Urgent Requests, PBS Releases "Breaking the Silence"

Matt · 24 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Last week RADAR requested that PBS delay the release of Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories until it could be revised to reflect basic journalistic standards of accuracy and fairness. Ignoring the thousands of e-mails, phone calls, and letters, PBS went ahead and released the program anyway.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Despite Urgent Requests, PBS Releases "Breaking the Silence"
So the evening of October 20, a group of men gathered outside the headquarters of the Los Angeles PBS affiliate. Armed with signs and a bullhorn, they made it clear that a lot of people were very upset. This is their report:

"We just handed out RADAR's flyers to KCET (PBS) employees in Los Angeles as they entered and exited. We stood out there for two hours with signs. We got lots of honks from cars passing, including a bus driver. The best part was when the KCET van pulled up, bewildered and curious what we were about, and they took a flyer."

Breaking the Silence, which was funded by the Mary Kay Ash Foundation, has been widely criticized by editorialists and others:

* "Balance was sacrificed to the political agenda of the sponsors" (Mike McCormick)

* Reflects an "extremist point of view" (Ned Holstein)

* "Compromise of impartiality violates PBS's own code of ethics" (Mark Rosenthal)

* Promotes an "ideological dogma" (Dean Tong)

* Represents a "direct assault on American fathers" (Jeff Leving and Glenn Sacks)

* Program is "larded with Leftist fantasies and sweeping stereotypes" (Carey Roberts)

The most intensive campaign in the history of the American fatherhood movement is now underway. This effort is being waged at the local, state, and national levels. RADAR invites you to join this break-through campaign.

The foundation of PBS is the hundreds of affiliates around the nation. These affiliates rely heavily on local contributions and community support. So this week, we are asking you to contact your local affiliate. To find your local affiliate:

1. Go to http://www.pbs.org/stationfinder/index.html and enter your zip code, or
2. Look in your local telephone directory

Second, find out whether Breaking the Silence has already been aired, or if not, if the affiliate plans to air it.

Then telephone, e-mail, and/or write the Station Manager with this message:

"Please do not air Breaking the Silence until it can be revised to reflect basic journalistic standards of accuracy, fairness, and balance."

If you have a conversation with an employee, emphasize these two points:

1. Disseminating false information about fathers will only hurt, not help abused children.

2. Breaking the Silence does not conform to the CPB Code of Ethics which requires PBS to "give the appearance as well as the fact of such impartiality, devotion, and integrity." [http://www.cpb.org/aboutcpb/cpbethicsguide.pdf]

If the program has already been aired, ask the affiliate to not air it again.

Or take your effort to a higher level. Find a couple other people, print out some copies of RADAR's flyer (Word document), and pass it out in front of your local PBS office (please send a brief report to info-at-mediaradar.org and attach pictures if possible!). Don't make this too complicated - just get out there and have some fun!

Above all, do not come across as a "mad-dad" or send "poison-pen" letters. These only reinforce the worst stereotypes and hurt our cause. Always be polite and reasonable.

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Date of RADAR Release: October 23, 2005

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Nationwide Comic Strip Promotes Warren Farrell Book

Thomas · 25 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

dschmidt writes *"A bit late on this, I know, but just wanted to point out the 10/16/2005 comic strip "Mallard Fillmore" mentions Warren Farrell's recent book and even seems sympathetic to what it has to say! If your paper carries this strip, I'd suggest writing them in support of keeping it. (Hint: Read it as sarcasm/humor)*

We all know how few in the media are so openly supportive of men's issues."

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A Couple Good Ones

Thomas · 25 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Every once in a while, it's good to lighten up with a little humor.

First, from The Onion, astronomers discovered a new galaxy.

Then there's this insight from Fred Reed.

Enjoy.

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Boys abandon the box office

Matt · 25 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"With all the misandry in todays movies - is it any wonder that boys are turning their backs on Hollywood?"*

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Domestic violence shelters for pets in MA

Matt · 25 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"The domestic violence hysteria clans expand their networks in MA: Noah's Arkis - a domestic violence service for pets! It will be housed in the newly opened Family Justice Center in MA. The DV organizers will recruit and train potential foster owners, particularly on the sensitive and secretive nature of their roles. Animals won't be walked near areas where they originally lived, for fear that the abusive men will see them. Classes in foster care will be held at the Family Justice Center, at the MSPCA, and at the Animal Rescue League. What the article fails to mention is that men are removed from their homes for up to a year without due process and are arrested and often incarcerated without evidence when any type of allegation of DV is made. Naturally, this article got front page coverage."*

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Request for contact information

Matt · 25 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"Does anyone know this student in Utah who printed this men's rights letter to the editor of his campus newspaper?*

Marc A."

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Alleged assault on Tonya Harding

Thomas · 26 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Christopher Nolan has been arrested after allegedly assaulting former figure skater, Tonya Harding. Though Nolan stated that Harding attacked him, and Harding lied to the police, apparently only Nolan was arrested.

Note that the article states that Harding's husband hired a hit man for the January 6, 1994, attack on champion figure skater, Nancy Kerrigan, but no mention is made of any criminal activity by Harding in the case. (She later plead guilty to hampering the investigation into the attack.) More details on the attack on Kerrigan can be found here. In addition, as noted here, the U.S. Figure Skating Association later concluded, using civil standards (preponderance of evidence) not criminal standards, that Harding "had prior knowledge and was involved prior to the incident." In addition, Jeff Gillooly, Harding's husband at the time of the Kerrigan attack, and Shawn Eckardt, who arranged it, both testified that "Harding had prior knowledge of the attack on Kerrigan and procured information that helped them carry it out."

But, once again, only the man, Christopher Nolan, was arrested in the recent fracas.

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Wife jailed for plotting to kill husband

Matt · 26 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A British woman has been jailed for trying to hire a hitman to kill her husband. The saddest part of the story is that her husband forgives her and wants her back. Story here"*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/05/10/26/1717206.shtml

First Female Designated "Sexually Dangerous"

Matt · 27 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes *"The "sexually dangerous" designation assures that Wheeler will get the counseling she needs... WHEW, I WAS WORRIED THERE FOR A SECOND!"*

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Woman gets 20 years for killing defacto husband

Matt · 27 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Finally an "I killed him in self-defence" story that the judge didn't buy!"*

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Rise in Sydneys Domestic Violence

Matt · 27 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Wow! A story that not only acknowledges that men are victioms of domestic violence but also mentions that there are cases where male victims than of DV outnumber female victims!*

So much for the "Violence against women, Australia Says No!" campaign..."

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Men's Breast Cancer

Matt · 27 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

SpikeRants writes *"Finally, they're getting into the topic of MEN having breast cancer. Now, if only they'll do a "Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure" type fundraiser for prostate cancer, we'll be good."*

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Dealing with Posters You Don't Like

Matt · 27 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

All,

It's no secret to MANN regulars that there has recently been a "troll-flame" war going on between an anonymous poster and some of our regular members. I would like to point out that people who "troll", bearing in mind that "troll" is a judgment and not a strictly-defined word, do so specifically in order to be provacative and get a reply. One who posts merely controversial comments is not a "troll" as long as he or she does so in sincerity; it's a matter of intent on the part of the poster. Nonetheless if you find someone whose posts for whatever reason consistently annoy you and you want them to stop/go away, the best thing to do in general is ignore them. Eventually, troll or not, they will go away, since shouting into a black hole is no one's idea of a good time.

So in the name of keeping the site focused and topical, please consider how and why you respond to posts you believe are meant to be provacative. Remember that there is this thing, the "right to remain silent"-- in some cases, staying quiet in the face of commentary/speculation is the best thing to do, for any number of reasons.

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Marriage Like the Perfect Storm?

Matt · 28 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"MIsForMalevolent compares marriage to a perfect storm, one where skill, care and intelligence count for little, because it is all about how women are tempted by the overwhelming power given them by the family court system. He also points out how men discount the misfortune of other men, assuming that those who went before were somehow at fault."*

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Islam Feminists Urge Gender Jihad

Matt · 28 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This from the BBC. Closes with:

Organisers say they want more collaboration with western feminists but say non-Muslim feminists need to challenge their anti-Islamic stereotypes.

I'd buy tickets to watch the proceedings of the first conference between Muslim and western feminists, just for the sheer entertainment value if nothing else!

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US Sets Unwed Births Record

Matt · 28 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

I wonder if single moms will soon be having "unwed maternity" parties to go with their mothers' "divorce parties"? Story here. Meanwhile, the fathers of American children remain without parental rights-- married or not.

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San Pedro Woman Kills Husband with Scissors

Matt · 29 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"San Pedro woman shoves sissors in husband's eye, tapes him to chair, kills him because she didn't like the way he played with his beard. And according to Health & Safety Code Section 124250, this elderly man is still *not* a victim. Why? Because he is a man.*

Marc"

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Men's Rights Group: Victim Support Only For Women

Matt · 29 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes:*"Link here:*

Men's Rights Group: Victim Support Only For Women

Group says male victims of violence don't get same support as women.

Jon Baird

Reporting

(CBS 13) SACRAMENTO A men's rights group claims the domestic violence system is skewed toward women.

Today, a lawsuit was filed in Sacramento court, claiming that male victims don't get the same help as female victims.

"I remember going to phone 911, saying get here now, I'm going to kill him!" said Ruth Woods.

They fought all the time, often over money. Things sometimes got violent.

"I do it. I do hit. I do slap," said Ruth.

"She reaches a point when she's angry, you look in her eyes, there's no one there," said Ruth's husband, David Woods."

Click the link above for the full article.

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2005 Bankruptcy Act and Debt Servitude

Matt · 29 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Misandrope writes *"I was suprised and shocked to find that the recent bankruptcy act directly affects men paying support or alimony. Now to obtain any relief from their creditors, a support/alimony paying man must FIRST bring his support and alimony payments current. How exactly one is supposed to do that when he is insolvent isn't clear to me, but then that's the approach that the courts have traditionally taken to men and their money - "just load the bills on, he'll find a way to pay, somehow, and if he doesn't, we can throw him in jail". My MIsForMalevolent Post on Topic Here.*

Yours
-M"

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What's a Modern Girl to Do?

Matt · 31 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes *"Oh Ms. Dowd, does it ever end? Another 'woe is me, what has happened to feminism?' piece from the 'better half.'"*

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RADAR Alert: PBS Stonewalls Protesters

Matt · 31 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

On October 20 PBS released Breaking the Silence (BTS), a "documentary" that portrays fathers seeking joint custody as batterers and makes false claims about domestic violence.

In response to last week's RADAR Alert, fatherhood advocates flooded local PBS affiliates with e-mails, phone calls, and letters.

Click "Read more..." for more.

PBS Stonewalls Protesters
At one major affiliate, RADAR flyers [http://www.mediaradar.org/RADAR_BTS_Flyer.doc] were passed out to employees as they came to work in the morning, coffee cups in hand. Two hours later, the station's Vice President for Communications came outside and announced that her affiliate would not be running BTS.

Other affiliates have decided to delay broadcasting the program or to air opposing views.

And the PBS headquarters took a lot of heat, as well:

* On Monday the American Psychological Association criticized the BTS portrayal of parental alienation syndrome as "incorrect" and "inaccurate." [http://www.glennsacks.com/pbs/apa-102405.php]

* On Tuesday, over 25 mental health professionals called on PBS to allow them to respond to the distortions in the program. [http://www.glennsacks.com/pbs/mental-health.php]

* On Wednesday RADAR released a press release to over 11,000 media outlets criticizing the program. [http://www.therealitycheck.org/TRCMediawire/pbs102605.htm]

* On Thursday, Family News in Focus quoted ACFC director Michael McCormick as describing BTS as a "classic example of the lack of balance" of PBS shows. [http://www.family.org/cforum/fnif/news/a0038359.cfm]

* On Friday, Agape Press ran an article critical of the show. [http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/10/272005f.asp]

Despite all this, PBS executives have decided to stonewall, apparently thinking the storm soon would pass. It's time to politely let them know this is one storm they won't be able to weather.

Because this week, we are asking you to contact your elected official in the House of Representatives, and ask them to give Pat Mitchell, the PBS president, a friendly little call.

We want them to ask Ms. Mitchell, **"Why is PBS standing behind a flawed program that has been widely criticized as biased, distorted, and inaccurate?"**

Here's what we'd like you to do:

1. Get the name and phone number of your Representative by going to http://www.house.gov/, and entering your zip code.
2. Telephone the Washington office and ask to speak with the Legislative Aide ("L.A.") who deals with family issues.
3. Chances are you will end up talking to an answering machine. At the sound of the tone, state your name and indicate you are a constituent. Then give this message:

> "I'm calling to complain about the recent PBS program, Breaking the Silence. Groups like the American

> Psychological Association, Focus on the Family, and others are saying this program is not only inaccurate and false, it is also biased against fathers and families. Please call PBS president Pat Mitchell at 703-739-5000, and ask her why PBS continues to broadcast a program that doesn't meet even the most basic standards of journalism."

4. Ask the L.A. to return your call and leave your phone number. SPEAK IN A COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL TONE - the old saying that it's easier to attract bees with honey than with vinegar.
5. If you end up talking to the Legislative Aide, explain that we are asking PBS to revise the program content before any more affiliates broadcast it. Also, invite the person to visit the RADAR website at http://www.mediaradar.org/ for more information.
6. Finally, consider faxing a copy of the RADAR flyer to the L.A. The flyer can be downloaded from http://www.mediaradar.org/RADAR_BTS_Flyer.doc.

And remember, no rants please!

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Bully-girls just want to be loved

Matt · 31 October 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here's a story on a study of girls who bully - as usual, excuses such "Those behaviours are to protect themselves" are used to justify the verbal, mental and physical abuse that the girls dished out..."*

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Mike Adams to Sue UNC-Wilmington?

Thomas · 1 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This looks great to me. I hope Professor Adams follows through on what he promises here. It might help to rectify some of the anti-male sexism at UNC-Wilmington.

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DV Litmus Test

Matt · 1 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

frank h writes *"It seems that there is now a litmus test to identify men who are potential batterers, as studied by Florida Atlantic University and described here. There was no mention of such a test for women. What's interesting is that I found this (via WND) in a Scottish newspaper, not an American one."*

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Not a Chance in Hell?

Matt · 1 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Here's a story detailing a proposed change in England's law doing away with a man's obligation to keep a woman supported to the level to which she has become accustomed after a divorce. There are a couple of other common sense "believe it or not" changes too that you'll find hard to believe. Anyone here think this will get passed... even considering that of the 646 members of parliament, only 127 are women?"*

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More News Coverage of Class Action DV Suit in CA

Matt · 1 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous user writes: *Article here. Excerpt:*

Man joins lawsuit against shelters

By Brittany Retherford

October 29, 2005

A Grass Valley man is claiming he was turned away because of his gender when he sought help from the county's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, said the man's attorney Friday.

The man, Patrick Neff, is part of a class action lawsuit filed Friday along with three other men and one woman against the State of California and two state-funded domestic violence agencies, including Grass Valley's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition and Women Escaping a Violent Environment in Sacramento, said Neff's attorney, Marc Angelucci.

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Domestic Violence in a non-domestic environment?

Matt · 1 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"The 'domestic violence' pork barrel keeps expanding. Last week the Boston Globe reported on the creation of domestic violence shelters for animals (pets), now the Globe reports that "domestic violence" activism will take place at the workplace as violence is highly prevalent now at work too(?). Oddly enough this alleged unreported violence will still be called 'domestic' violence despite the fact that it did not occur in a domestic environment. Clearly the totalitarian "DV industry" is looking to spread its might into the workplace so that men will be further incriminated and will also suffer career disadvantage in the workplace now too. Yet another way to spend the forthcoming VAWA grant money...expand the definition of "violence" and the expand the definition of 'domestic.'"*

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New SC Nominee Good for Men's Rights?

Matt · 1 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Misandrope writes *"Is it possible that Supreme Court Nominee Samuel Alito will cast a favorable eye towards Men's Rights? I believe that this is possible. See my post here.*

Yours
-M"

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RADAR Alert: Congress Stalls on VAWA Approval - You Can Still Make a Difference

Matt · 2 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The Senate and the House have each passed bills to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, but Congress has not yet formed a conference committee to reconcile the bills. Although the House version of the bill contains a statement that the bill is gender-neutral, the bill is still seriously flawed.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Congress Stalls on VAWA Approval - You Can Still Make a Difference
It has been said that when the only tool you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail. And that's especially true of the approach taken by VAWA-funded shelters that, as Phyllis Schlafly points out in http://www.mediaradar.org/Schlafly_on_VAWA.pdf, treat even the most trivial disputes between partners as life-or-limb endangerment and promote arrest of the man and divorce as the only solution. This encourages law enforcement and the judicial system to violate men's civil rights, and tears families apart.

VAWA funnels a billion dollars a year into battered women's programs, but even with the gender-neutral language added by the House, it still denies funding to programs that focus on male victims of domestic violence. The bill makes special provisions for underserved populations, but doesn't consider the 835,000 men victimized per year to be underserved.

VAWA is based on the false premise that in virtually all disputes between men and women, men are batterers and women are innocent victims, in spite of 174 scholarly investigations over the past three decades (http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm) that show that women are as physically aggressive as men.

The bills as currently written also contain "gatekeeper" provisions, preventing funding from going to new organizations unless they are willing to partner with women's organizations currently receiving funding, thus perpetuating the "man bad/woman good" ideology.

This week we're asking you to contact your Representatives and Senators to make sure they know we haven't forgotten about VAWA. Tell them that the conference committee, when it is formed, should fix VAWA so that, at a minimum, the bill clearly states that men are frequently DV victims, and so groups that are not hostile to men receive appropriate levels of funding to service male victims.

1. Please contact both of your Senators and your Representative.
2. To find your Senators' contact information, go to http://www.senate.gov/ and enter your zip code.
3. For your Representative's contact information, go to http://www.house.gov/ and enter your zip code.
4. Call and ask to speak with the Legislative Assistant who deals with family issues.
5. Explain that there's an important article you want to send, and ask for their fax number.
6. Download Schlafly's report by right-clicking on http://www.mediaradar.org/Schlafly_on_VAWA.pdf and selecting "Save Target As". Save the document to your desktop, double-click to open it, and then print a copy.
7. Fax a copy to the Legislative Assistant.
8. Repeat for both your Senators and your Representative in the House.

As always, be courteous in all communications with your legislators' offices.

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US Divorce and Suicides

Matt · 2 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Misandrope finds statistics that show a man in the US commits suicide as a result of divorce every 35 minutes. The same data show that suicide rates among women are not affected by divorce."*

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NEUROTICA cartoon once again shows elder abuse as

Matt · 2 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Several months ago, the NEUROTICA cartoon strip (by Big Al, the Gal) showed the "protagonist," Petunia, punching her grandfather "Gramps" in the face. Once again she has assaulted him in this manner. As if punching a 100-year-old man in the face is "funny." The strip was actually printed on October 10, but I just came across it now.*

The email address of the cartoonist is: bigal-at-bigalcartoons.com

Steve"

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Teacher charged with having sex with student

Matt · 2 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Teacher charged with having sex with student. Excerpt:*

Teacher charged with having sex with student

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Tampa police have arrested former Wharton High School math teacher and girls basketball coach Jaymee Lane Wallace for allegedly having a sexual relationship with one of her students.

Wallace, 28, is charged with one count of lewd or lascivious battery, a third-degree felony. She was arrested Monday and released on $7,500 bond."

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Kathleen Parker: Feminism's Devolution From Hoaxers to Whores

Matt · 2 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

cmdr iceman writes *"Perhaps the sand is beginning to shift beneath the feminist's feet "just a little" as we see here in this article as the conservative columnist Kathleen Parker lambastes moderern feminism for the bill of social dysfunctional goods it has foisted upon us all. Excerpt:*

"Men haven't turned away from smart, successful women because they're smart and successful. More likely they've turned away because the feminist movement that encouraged women to be smart and successful also encouraged them to be hostile and demeaning to men.""

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Angry Ex Glues Man's Penis, Testicles, and Buttocks

Matt · 3 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes *"The Article is titled: "Civil Suit Goes To Court: A Scorned Lover, Glue And A Naked Man" (oh how cute!) and goes on to say Gail O'Toole was convicted of simple assault and sentenced to six months probation for acts she committed against her ex-lover.*

FILE THIS ONE UNDER: WHAT IF THE SEX OF THE VICTIM AND VICTIMIZER WERE REVERSED...?"

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Actor assulted by celebrity wife

Matt · 4 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The British TV star Ross Kemp has been assaulted by his wife. She is Rebekka Wade, the editor of the top national newspaper The Sun. He suffered a cut mouth, but declined medical treatment. Wade was arrested and released without charge. Story here"*

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Autism 'extreme male brain' clue

Matt · 4 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This from the BBC... excerpt:

The brain structure of people with autism is an "exaggeration" of the normal male brain, researchers suggest.

It has long been suggested that autistic behaviour is an exaggeration of male habits such as making lists.

But Cambridge Autism Research Centre researchers say the actual development of the autistic brain also exaggerates what happens in male brains.

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State moves to ban T-shirts that are deemed offensive to girls

Matt · 4 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes *"This is great! Girls have started a boycott--or girlcott, as they're calling it -- of Abercrombie & Fitch. "We're telling [girls] to think about the fact that they're being degraded," Emma Blackman-Mathis, the 16-year-old co-chair of the group, told RedEye on Tuesday. "We're all going to come together in this one effort to fight this message that we're getting from pop culture."*

From this story:

"State Senator Steve Rauschenberger says he plans to introduce a resolution in the state Senate this week, calling on trendy retailer Abercrombie and Fitch to stop selling a line of racy t-shirts. The Republican, who is a GOP candidate for governor, says the $24.50 t-shirts are "offensive" and "degrading." He says if the Senate resolution doesn't stop Abercrombie from selling its shirts - he'll lead a boycott of the stores."

DOES ANYBODY REMEMBER THE T-SHIRTS THAT SAID "BOYS ARE STUPID, THROW ROCKS AT THEM," THE GREETING CARDS THAT MADE FUN OF AND DEMEANED MEN, AND THE KNIFE HOLDER SHAPED LIKE A MAN?!!! WHAT WERE MEN TOLD? GET A SENSE OF HUMOR! I GUESS WE NEEDED LEGISLATION INSTEAD. PEOPLE, THIS REALLY MAKES ME CRAZY!"

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False Accusations - India

Matt · 4 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This article discusses some of the recent cases of false accusations of rape, and even provides details on the legal remedies available to the victims of such accusations. Surely, the tide is turning!"*

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Female Killer Jailed -- on Appeal

Matt · 4 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"UK: A woman kicked a grandmother to death in a row over a parking space. She wasn't jailed! A female judge gave her three years' probation and 240 hours' unpaid work, because she expressed remorse. The dead woman's family appealed, and the Appeal judge has sentenced the killer to 4 years. This is regarded as a victory. How much would a man have got for the same offence? Story here."*

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Woman Pleads Guilty in Sex Acts with Boy

Matt · 5 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes "
"When this was first in the paper, it was almost a joke, because of the role reversal," prosecutor Cornelius Kelly said. "It conjures up thoughts of, 'Oh, that's a young man's dream.' But as we stand here today, we still don't know what damage this will have on the young boy's self-esteem, his interpersonal relationships. We don't know what damage the young girl suffered."

The article goes on to say... "Defense attorney Donald Papcsy said Imre had been raped and has a mental problem that made it hard for her to understand that what she did was wrong. "She's not a wicked person," he said."

AT LEAST SHE IS DOING TIME..."

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Women "excluded" from Senegal circumcision rites

Matt · 5 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Reuters reports about a circumcision rite in Senegal in which a mythical figure called "Kankouran" guards the boys being circumcised from the village women. This is spinned to make it seem that since women are being "excluded" from this ritual it must be "discrimination" against them. The irony is that the article also mentions that female circumcision was banned in 1999, but does question the fact that it is still done to boys.*

The article is here.

Steve"

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Fox News Laughs at Male Victims of Domestic Violence

Matt · 5 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Ray writes ″

I just sent the email (below) to Fox News (Fox & Friends) regarding coverage of the news story about a man who had his "private parts super glued by an intimate female partner." ***Civil Suit Goes To Court: A Scorned Lover, Glue And A Naked Man*** "

Click "Read more..." for more.

"My email:

"It is not enough that the vast majority of time Fox spends on homicide victims revolves around privileged, pampered white women (although 76% of homicides) are male, you have to make fun and laugh at a male who is tortured and seriously injured in a super glue attack by a vicious female.

What if a male had super glued a female's body parts together? Would you be laughing at that, or pillorying the male as some sort of violent, sexual deviant batterer? You have provided me this morning with just one more example of the glaringly sexist, man-hating, gender double standards Fox news routinely broadcasts."

They actually read someone else's email that (paraphrasing) started, Quote:
"Since when is domestic violence such a laughing matter? Would you still be laughing if the gender roles were reversed?"
I suspect they would, because even though they were somewhat more serious while reading that email, they were still somewhat yuking it up. Allison Camerata still thought it was funny, because the woman was able to do all this "while the man was sleeping." Julian Phillips said he "almost fell out of his chair laughing," when he first read about the Super Glue attack.

Here is the email address for Fox and Friends,

Friends-at-foxnews.com

The "three newscasters" who were on the show this morning when this happened were Allison Camerata, Page Hopkins, and Julian Phillips. Please email Fox and Friends and tell them there's nothing funny about domestic violence just because it is committed against man by a woman (as they seem to think)."

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NYTimes Re-Runs Dowd's Latest

Matt · 6 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Well, it's unavailable to the general public (NYT print subscribers can see it on-line though if they sign up for the extra service), but our very own Maureen Dowd's recent woe-is-me piece appears in the Nov. 6, 2005 New York Times Magazine. So if you can, have a look; it includes a pic of our gal sitting on a bar stool, in black stockings and heels no less -- waiting for someone to buy her a drink, I guess.

My how the people change as the years go by... what would the Maureen of 20 years ago say of herself today?

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MSN Article on Depression Among Successful Men

Matt · 7 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

MSN surprised me with this. There's some of the usual anti-male stereotyping and so on, but there is an air of sympathy here that is unusual for MSN when it comes to men. Excerpt:

The very qualities that propel them to success can arise from an extremely dark place in the psyche. The tendency to build their identity on achievement makes a downturn unbearable. The modern American corporation is structured to give CEOs wealth and power but also crushing isolation. What's more, there's something in the nature of success that makes being at the top dramatically different psychological terrain from getting there. And the American dream that wealth transmutes success into happiness always ends in bitter disappointment. "You're the same you, just in posher surroundings," says psychotherapist Terence Real, head of the Real Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and author of I Don't Want To Talk About It: Overcoming the Secret Legacy of Male Depression.

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RADAR Alert: "Breaking the Silence" = Junk Journalism

Matt · 7 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The program Breaking the Silence has been widely criticized for bias and inaccuracy in depicting a world in which the only abusive parents are fathers. The program amounts to a libel that dads who seek child custody are wife-beaters.

Click "Read more..." for more.

"Breaking the Silence" = Junk Journalism
In light of recent revalations (listed below), it's no longer appropriate to ask that the show be revised. The bias is so widespread and so egregious that there's no solution other than to pull the plug on this sad example of a "documentary."

The local PBS affiliates choose which shows they will air. This week, we're asking you to contact your local PBS station. Explain to them:

1. It is now known that the filmmakers were informed on numerous occasions that one of the mothers featured in the film had been found by a court to have committed eight counts of child abuse. But the producers chose to portray her as the victim anyway. [http://www.glennsacks.com/pbs/loeliger.php]
2. The American Psychological Association has now called the film's claims "incorrect", and says that far from having debunked PAS, the APA has no official position on PAS. [http://www.glennsacks.com/pbs/apa-102405.php]
3. A number of people with stories of anti-father court bias have now come forward to say that the producers scheduled and then cancelled interviews with then. [http://www.familytx.org/research/articles/PAS/BreakingTheScience-OstrichSyndrome.html#rejected-interviewees]

Then request that they:

1. Not broadcast "Breaking the Silence".
2. Produce a documentary focusing on the plight of children abused by their mothers, and the anguish of fathers who are prevented by the courts from protecting their children.

To find your local PBS affiliate:

1. Go to http://www.pbs.org/stationfinder/index.html and enter your zip code, or
2. Look in your local telephone directory

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Date of RADAR Release: November 6, 2005

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Prostate Cancer Drug "too expensive"

Matt · 8 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"So men in Scotland can't get the best drug for treatment of prostate cancer because it is too expensive and not 'cost-effective'.*

Imagine a drug for the treatment of breast cancer not being made available to women for the same reasons.

Story here.

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Abercrombie and Fitch fold over "girl-cott".

Matt · 8 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud. writes *"Well I just saw on YAHOO news that Abercrombie and Fitch have folded, because of the boycott led by some irate girls and women.*
They caved just like that. I was surprised to see A and F try to use the old "But it's meant to be humorous" excuse. They usually only try that on guys who complain of sexism. Well maybe these gals know how we guys feel, now."

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Frisky cheerleaders not charged for public lewdness

Matt · 8 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Read this. Now ask yourself, "Why aren't they being charged with lewd conduct as well?" Two men sure would have been.

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Follow-up on super-glue woman

Matt · 9 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Verdict - $46,200. I'm sure it's not what a man would have been stuck with had the roles been reversed but it's a lot better than nothing. Not surprisingly, the jury foreman said the verdict was not a slam-dunk, even with a mostly male jury. Also, the woman tried to get out of any blame by blaming the man. Gee, what a surprise!"*

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NH Commission on the Status of Men Releases Report

Scott · 9 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men (CSM) has released its first biennial report to the public. The 44-page report is the result of two years of research and testimony in the areas of men's health, fatherhood issues, domestic violence, family law, child custody, and education. You can download the report from the publications section of the CSM web site.

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No more jail for Edmonton woman who concealed birth

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federico writes *"Do you think that letting a baby die is murder? Infanticide?! Think again! Obviusly is not if you're a woman, specifically the mother.*

Incredibly, Justice Terrance Clackson said, "While this is about loss of life, this is not about murder," and also noted that Anderwald's crimes involved deception but not violence. The article contiues stating that "After [passing out] she woke up, she put the baby in a garbage bag beside her bed, had a bath and watched TV" and "Co-workers said she was happy [the day after]". Of course the tearjerker line follows as the deception manual prescribe: "I wish I could change the past and bring Angela back," she said, using the name she gave the child."

Click "Read more..." for more.
Now, leaving aside the consideration of the fact that "Scott Peterson was sentenced to death earlier this year for killing his wife and their unborn son. Their bodies were found..." as CNN puts it, given the understanding that an unborn baby has (depending on the gender of the killer) more human value than a born one, should we consider the fact that "Anderwald [the mother] was originally charged with second-degree murder, but the charge was reduced to infanticide after a preliminary hearing. On Oct. 7, she pleaded guilty to the lesser charges of causing the death of a baby by neglecting to obtain assistance in childbirth and disposing of the body of a child," as an assumption that it is acceptable and non-violent to suffocate a human being?

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BBC: Becoming a father 'civilises' men

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More anti-male junk science propagation from the BBC here. Excerpt:

A UK expert said the fall was nature's way of ensuring men behaved in a 'civilised' and non-aggressive way around newborn offspring.

sigh...

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Unfair expectations lead to divorce

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Anonymous User writes *"This article in the Times On-Line celeberates soaring indian divorce as result of womens liberation, while bharati counters it in similar vein saying unfair expecation caused by militant feminism leads to soaring divorce.*

What do you people say?"

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Mother Attacks Son with Axe

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Anonymous User writes *"Here is another example of how women are diagonosed instead of demonised when they do something heinous. A mother attackers her baby son with an axe and she 'would undergo a psychiatric assessment.'"*

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Retrial For Andrea Yates

Matt · 10 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Story here":*

"'It's a good day,' Parnham said. 'The whole issue of mental health, specifically women's mental health, has been championed in this decision.'

Parnham said a new trial is a mixed blessing, because Yates will have to relive the horror of her children's deaths, but added, 'She needs to be found not guilty by reason of insanity.'"

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RADAR Turns the Tide on Domestic Violence

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RADAR – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of men and women working to assure the domestic violence (DV) issue is addressed in a balanced manner. RADAR was established in early 2005 in response to a series of inflammatory articles that appeared in the Washington Post.

RADAR Turns the Tide on Domestic Violence
Each week, RADAR's Media Monitors kept tabs on DV coverage in scores of national and local news outlets. When a biased article was spotted, an Alert went out calling on persons around the country to respond. The Alerts were posted at the RADAR website: http://www.mediaradar.org/ and at other key websites.

As the result of the hard-hitting Alerts, RADAR succeeded in curbing the biased depictions of DV in the major print media that were based on the formula of "male = abuser, female = victim."

Beginning in June, RADAR turned its attention to the Violence Against Women Act. In July we launched our Shock and Awe campaign. Over a four month period, and working in close collaboration with RADAR's partners, thousands of persons sent faxes, e-mails, and letters, and made phone calls and personal visits to members of the Senate and House of Representatives. Impressive!

RADAR also enlisted a group of columnists to write articles about VAWA: Stephen Baskerville, Richard Davis, Gordon Finley, Mark Rosenthal, Lisa Scott, Mike Spaniola, and David Usher. These articles appeared in the Washington Times and in many internet editorial sites. Other well-known columnists such as Wendy McElroy, Cathy Young, and Phyllis Schlafly also wrote articles that highlighted RADAR's concerns.

This was the first time in the fathers'/men's movement that such a coordinated and sustained effort to influence national legislation was mounted. A detailed listing of RADAR's activities and accomplishments is shown at the end of this report.

As a direct result of the outcry from the grass roots and intensive lobbying efforts, both the Senate and House versions of the bill added language designed to clarify that male victims of DV qualify for VAWA services. Currently, VAWA is stalled in Congress and its final outcome is uncertain.

Overall, RADAR succeeded in changing the way the print media portrays the domestic violence issue and in influencing national legislation. But more work is needed, as shown by the recent PBS program, Breaking the Silence.

Many thanks go to RADAR's Media Monitors, organizational partners, HisSide for its website support, Men's News Daily, Men's Activism News Network, and to the thousands of persons who participated in the RADAR campaigns over the past 10 months.

Together we made a difference – and the best is yet to come.

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RADAR's Activities and Accomplishments, January to October, 2005

ACTIVITIES

Issue-Specific Campaigns:

1. VAWA
2. Amnesty International
3. PBS Breaking the Silence

Alerts:

Issued 44 Alerts organized in three phases:

1. 1. January 16 – June 7: Biased articles in the print media
2. 2. June 13 – Oct. 9: VAWA
3. 3. Oct. 17 – Oct. 30: Breaking the Silence

Press Releases: 8

Publications (listed on RADAR website):

1. Op-Ed Columns and Articles: 46 (this number is known to be an under-count)
2. Letters to the editor: 10 (also known to be an under-count)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Stopped the publication of biased DV articles in the major mainstream print media.
2. Placed dozens of op-eds favorable to our perspective throughout the men's rights and internet media.
3. Helped to generate thousands of phone calls, emails, faxes, letters, and personal visits over a four-month period to elected officials regarding VAWA, resulting in expected changes to VAWA that will recognize men as DV victims.
4. Generated widespread awareness of RADAR – a Google search of "Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting" brought up 363 hits, including a section on domestic violence in Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domestic_violence
5. Stimulated broad awareness and concern about PBS' Breaking the Silence.

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Child support payments upheld by high court

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Garth writes *"The Supreme Court of Canada has decided that divorced parents can't necessarily get their child support payments reduced just because they start taking more care of their children. What is most interesting about this article are the reader responses at the bottom, which are universally opposed to the decision. It is obvious that there are a large number of people opposed to the current trend of governmental and judicial stupidity. Will politicians ever take notice, change their stance to be more sane and reasonable, and reap a windfall of votes from bitter parents?"*

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Warren Farrell on NBC Nightly News Tonight

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Warren Farrell writes *"Here's NBC's question: If a mom takes a leave of absence, if she wishes to return should she be guaranteed her same job at the same pay? I think you'll appreciate my answer (a la Why Men Earn More). NBC Nightly News is this Friday, Nov. 11th at 6:30 pm Eastern, 5:30 in the rest of the country. And that would be the perfect time to do an Amazon order if you are thinking about giving your daughter or son a Christmas or Chanukah present that will both help them earn more and have a better life."*

You can let NBC know your answer by writing to Nightly@NBC.com.

If you haven't purchased Warren's latest book, "Why Men Earn More: The Startling Truth Behind the Pay Gap -- and What Women Can Do About It," this is a good time to provide support for a man who has done a tremendous amount to advance men's rights.

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NCFM, NY and GLBT Community Working Together

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Peter Allemano writes *"NCFM's (National Coalition of Free Men) Greater New York Chapter experimented several times during the Spring by participating in 'Orientation' night at The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center here in New York, where we manned a table, greeted visitors and gave away literature. The overwhelmingly positive reception suggested that taking the next step and scheduling presentations at The Center might be worthwhile."*

(Thomas writing now) Gay/bisexual men are, in general, well-educated and organized. In addition, because they have fewer children on average than heterosexuals, they have time for political activities and a relatively large amount of disposable income. (Several years ago, I read that, because of this, numerous companies had begun advertising campaigns designed to appeal to this demographic.) To the extent that the Men's Rights Movement works with gay/bisexual men, I believe we all stand to gain.

Interested people should click "Read More" for details, contact information, and dates.MEN'S ISSUES FOR GAY/BISEXUAL MEN

THE NATIONAL COALITION OF FREE MEN,
GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER
/AT THE CENTER!/

Thursday, November 17, 2005

and

Thursday, December 15, 2005

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The National Coalition of Free Men ("NCFM") is a nonprofit educational
and civil rights organization that examines the ways sex discrimination affects men and boys. NCFM also helps males to identify their inherent strengths and goodness and to build upon these qualities. All are welcome to join us on November 17 and December 15 at The Center for a presentation and discussion of issues of particular concern to gay/bisexual men /from the perspective of gender/, including:

- masculophobia, the seldom-acknowledged, insidious companion to homophobia
- health, both physical and mental, especially in the realm of men's widely underdiagnosed problems with depression and mental health issues
- intimate partner violence and the scarcity of resources for male victims
- reproductive rights (or, more accurately, the lack thereof) and the anti-male "presumption of perversion"
- widespread male-bashing humor in the media and its deleterious impact upon gay/bisexual males' self-esteem and relationships
- the disparity in intensity of disapproval for same-gender sex for males compared to females
- the inadequacy of the dominant paradigm of gender relations and a proposal for a new one that honors men and

women alike, regardless
of sexual orientation

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center

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/NATIONAL COALITION OF FREE MEN, GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER/

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Men's Issues and The Psychiatric Society of Westchester

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The Psychiatric Society of Westchester has formed the first Committee on Men's Issues within a branch of the American Psychiatric Association.

Click "Read More" for a fascinating article, written by Edward M. Stephens, M.D., Chair, Committee on Men's Issues, The Psychiatric Society of Westchester, (a district branch of The American Psychiatric Association) and President, NCFM, Greater New York Chapter.

Special thanks to Peter Allemano for alerting us to this development and to NCFM's Greater New York Chapter as well as The Male Voice e-newsletter, www.themalevoice.org.THE DECLINE OF MALES
(originally published in The Westchester Psychiatrist and reproduced with permission)

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The Psychiatric Society of Westchester

(a district branch of The American Psychiatric Association)

- and -

President, NCFM, Greater New York Chapter

"Gender, not geography will determine the direction of world resource use in the 21st Century."

In my recent dinner with Professor Lionel Tiger, the talk was all about sex. Not the stuff you have in bed but its __expression in the more abstract, less sticky and infinitely more complex question of gender.

Lionel, the Charles Darwin Professor of Anthropology at Rutgers University and the author of The Decline of Males, had become the strange bedfellow of a psychiatrist out of a shared concern for the declining prospects for males. Our dinner conversation was about the prospect of creating a Department for International Men's Studies at a major university and the ground breaking formation of The Committee on Men's Issues of The Psychiatric Society of Westchester (PSW).

As psychiatrists, gender is not usually high on our list of causative factors for diagnostic concern. That 20th century perspective changes when we begin to understand that gender is destiny in the 21st century and it is not just the women's movement that is affecting our world view. Tiger opines that a basic change has occurred in our relation as men and women. Through the shift in the control of reproduction, women are now able to manage their

reproductive function with the Pill with no one but themselves knowing whether it is their time or not. Men are out of the loop for the first time in the history of our species.

Learning from Primates

Austin, the stump tail monkey, found this out in the '70s study of progesterone when it was given sequentially to his three active sex partners in the primate troop. He lost interest in his favorite mate when she was on birth control and regained it when the progesterone effect wore off. When all three of his mates were on the stuff, Austin became nervous, irritable and began to masturbate, refusing sex with all three of his sexual partners. Austin's story is relevant to us since he and his partners are our closest primate relatives.

Although Austin was confused when his partners signaled pheromonally that they were artificially pregnant with a birth control substance, his mates didn't compound the problem by changing life roles. Austin's mates, released from their sexual obligations, didn't take up 60% of undergraduate places in college or 75% of graduate spots. They didn't get pregnant outside of marriage as women all over the industrialized world are doing. They didn't create single parent families. They didn't divorce Austin. They didn't change the nature of the workforce, displacing Austin. They did demonstrate that primate sexual responses are radically altered by chemical birth control without signs being posted and they make us wonder about the profound and unexplored effects on our species of change in reproductive responsibility.

Austin got cranky and aggressive when a major change was made in the fundamental nature of his relationship to his gender-mates. What is happening to us as men and women in the midst of the changes we so glibly characterize as "women's liberation"? What is happening to one half of our patient population who are sometimes characterized as alexithymic and whose needs have become socially invisible as the male gender is increasingly characterized as "the problem"? Today's men seem as surprised as Austin that they are living in a different world, over which they have very little control.

Men's Issues?

When I went into The Committee on Women's Issues at the national meeting of the APA, asking for help to set up a corresponding Committee for men, I received some interesting responses. By and large, I think that the Committee members thought I was far fetching until some hard core sentiment emerged from one of the members: "The whole organization of the APA is about men's issues."

Fortunately, that's not the response I got from the leadership of PSW and many of the female psychiatrists to whom I presented the concept, so that PSW has the first Committee on Men's Issues (COMI) in the APA. COMI has invited Lionel Tiger to speak to us in person and describe the crisis in men's lives not just in Western societies but also on a worldwide basis. (Editor's note: This special event was attended by members of NCFM, GNY, and a report on it was featured in The Male Voice e-newsletter.)

The Canary in the Coal Mine

For many years, we have been appalled as a society about what is happening to our men of color. In some communities, there are unemployment rates of up to 50%. Murder rates by men of men in these communities are as startling as are rates of drug and alcohol addiction and incarceration. Alarmingly, "all the indices that were commonly thought to be confined to the African-American community are in fact rising more quickly in white

communities. The prevailing African-American situation is part of the American system, and its characteristics are shared in other countries," according to Prof. Tiger. While the illustration appears to create race as a significant element, it is actually "a spurious and imprecise category that has nothing to do with biogenetic competence." We know this because when men of all colors are allowed to perform on a level playing field, as in the armed services, men of all backgrounds perform equally well. "Race is skin deep, but sex is implicated in many fundamental human systems."

Until we begin to appreciate the sea changes taking place in the world of employment, we are out of touch with the world of these men. Each year in the United States there are one million fewer jobs created for men than for women; men, unlike women, are not culturized to the concept of "part time work." The net effect for our office practice is that we have a cohort of depressed men who are having what we might euphemistically call an "adjustment reaction of adult life" for whom we may have no adequate counsel because we are unaware of the major economic shifts taking place as a result of the new alignments of gender in the workplace. Then, even when they might be candidates for antidepressants, we hesitate to interfere with their already fragile maleness because we don't want to depress their sex lives.

In the Committee on Men's Issues, we are looking for some answers. What may be more important for us as psychiatrists will be the new set of questions that come up for us about our men and boys, brothers and fathers, husbands and sons, our patients and ourselves.

The Psychiatric Society of Westchester's Committee on Men's Issues was founded by Dr. Stephens and is the first-ever such committee within a district branch of the APA. Dr. Stephens can be contacted in care of NCFM, GNY via e-mail at ncfmgny@themalevoice.org or by leaving a telephonic message at (516) 482-6378.

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Concord Monitor Reports on Men's Commission Findings

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The traditionally anti-male Concord Monitor published a glowing article on the findings of the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men's first biennial report. Mentioning all of the issues the Commission reported on, the article is a decent summary of the 44-page report.

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CNN Article Addresses Family Issues in French Unrest

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bandersnatch writes *"From CNN:*

Families break down in the pressure-cooker of crime, poverty and unemployment. Many single mothers are left to fend alone, said Imloul, a single mother herself whose Algerian parents divorced before her father's death. "Fathers do not play any role in their children's lives. The father doesn't exist at all. French justice gives full rights to mothers," Imloul said. Coming to France has given some Muslim North African women new freedoms. "They want to lead a similar life as their French counterparts," Imloul said. "But it is very difficult to leave a patriarchal culture all of a sudden. Women take on the responsibility of both mother and father while they are not at all suited for it. In the end, it is their children who suffer." She estimated 40 percent of families in the suburbs where she works are dysfunctional, causing a high rate of school dropouts, drug use, petty crimes and aggressive behavior. Police records for petty crimes burden youths, making it harder to build a productive life, she said."

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MA Lt. Gov. seeks GPS for restraining orders

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CJ writes *"Story here. Excerpt:*

Lt. Gov. Kerry got mixed reviews as she continued her push for the state to attach electronic tracking bracelets to certain people who violate restraining orders.

Healey's bill requires Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking as a condition of probation for people convicted of violating a restraining order issued due to domestic relations concerns. It is necessary to curb the "genuinely staggering" statistics of domestic abuse cases here each year, she said last week."

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Bush administration accuses SIU of anti-white and anti-male bias

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From the Chicago Sun Times, *"President Bush's administration has threatened to sue Southern Illinois University, alleging its fellowship programs for minority and female students violate federal civil rights laws by discriminating against whites, men and others...*

The University has engaged in a pattern or practice of intentional discrimination against whites, non-preferred minorities and males...

The letter demands the university cease the fellowship programs, or the department's civil rights division will sue SIU by Nov. 18...

I don't think there's any way that Southern Illinois can defend these programs legally, and I don't understand why they'd want to run a program that refuses to consider some individuals on the basis of their skin color...

"I'll be upfront with you -- no white male will get this award," McNeil said."

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Nowegian Government On the Verge...

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... of madness, or so it seems. Story here.

Norway has said it might close down companies that fail to meet proposed boardroom quotas for women.

The new coalition government in Oslo said it was considering introducing a law which would require 40% of boardroom posts to be filled by women.

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"It is a question of power," the spokeswoman said, insisting that several surveys had found that companies where both sexes were strongly represented on the board were more profitable.

"For a woman to get in a man must get out. It is not difficult to find qualified women."

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Girl bullying continues to hit UK headlines

Matt · 14 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"This is the third major story in as many weeks reporting serious assaults among high school girls in the UK.*

In the first case, a 12 yo girl had her face slashed by another girl using the blade from a pencil sharpener. She suffered serious injuries and may be scarred for life.

Last week 15yo Natasha Jackman was the victim of a multiple stabbing in the school cafeteria, and underwent eye surgery as a result. Three girls were arrested on conspiracy to commit grievous boldily harm and pervert the course of justice.

This time, 15yo Danielle Price was punched repeatedly in the face by another girl after receiving two achievement awards in high school.

So much for sugar and spice and all things nice."

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RADAR Alert: "Breaking the Silence": Time for Congress to Investigate

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Over three weeks ago PBS released its flawed program, *Breaking the Silence*.

Since that date, the factual content of the program has been shown to be biased and unfair. One of the mothers portrayed as a victim turned out to be a serial child abuser. And the program makes numerous claims that unfairly libel fathers.

Click "Read more..." for more.

"Breaking the Silence": Time for Congress to Investigate
Thousands of viewers have complained, and several affiliates have declined to air the program. But PBS has refused to pull the program. *More than three weeks later, PBS has only promised to do "a review of the research behind and conclusions presented" in the program.*

So why did the Corporation for Public Broadcasting let PBS to air such a biased program? Part of CPB's legal mandate is to ensure "strict adherence to objectivity and balance in all programs or series of programs of a controversial nature." (http://www.cpb.org/aboutcpb/goals/objectivity). If they don't hold PBS accountable, who will?

The US Congress, that's who.

This week, our lobbyists will be meeting with key members of the House of Representatives. They will be delivering a letter signed by RADAR and 15 other organizations around the country. A copy of that letter is shown at the bottom of this Alert.

So while our lobbyists are talking to staff members in the front room, the phones need to be ringing off the hook in the back. Please call the following Congressmen TODAY:

Rep. Fred Upton, Chairman Telecommunications and the Internet	202/225-3761
Rep. Joe Barton, Chairman Commerce and Energy	202/225-2002
Rep. Ed Whitfield, Chairman Oversight and Investigations	202/225-3115

"I'm calling about Breaking the Silence, a program that was recently aired by PBS. This program has been caught up in allegations of bias and misrepresentation. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting has a legal mandate to assure objectivity and balance in all public broadcasting. Please investigate to find out exactly what went wrong. Thank you."

Your prompt response is critical to the success of this effort.

Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting

P.O. Box 1404, Rockville, MD 20849

http://www.mediaradar.org/

603-436-8810
November 14, 2005

Fred Upton, Chairman

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet

2183 Rayburn Building

Washington, DC 20515

RE: Complaint about the Corporation for Public Broadcasting

Dear Chairman Upton:

We are writing in regard to the PBS program *Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories*, a documentary about the treatment of abused children by divorce courts in America. The program falsely concludes that children are frequently awarded to abusive fathers by divorce courts.

As such, the program directly violates the legal mandate of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to ensure "strict adherence to objectivity in all programs or series of programs of a controversial nature."
Even though CPB did not create this program, CPB is nonetheless obligated by law to assure that all public broadcasting programs conform to journalistic standards of objectivity and balance.

Breaking the Silence was released by the Public Broadcasting Service on October 20. Even before its release, this controversial program has been surrounded by allegations of bias and misrepresentation. We know the following to be true:

1. Breaking the Silence (BTS) was funded by a $500,000 grant from the Mary Kay Ash Foundation, which has previously funded misleading television programs about domestic violence.
2. The program's directors refused to interview persons who would have presented a balancing perspective on the issue, leaving a one-sided and inaccurate portrayal. [http://www.familytx.org/research/articles/PAS/BreakingTheScience-OstrichSyndrome.html#rejected-interviewees]

3. The program makes numerous sweeping claims that unfairly libel fathers. These claims are easily refuted by government reports and/or widely-accepted research:
   a. BTS claims that children are "most often in danger from the father." But government statistics show that more children are abused and neglected by their mother than their father. [http://faq.acf.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/acfrightnow.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=70]
   b. BTS claims, "All over America, battered mothers lose custody of their children." But the US Census Bureau reports that in 2002, "about 5 of every 6 custodial parents were mothers." [http://www.census.gov/prod/2003pubs/p60-225.pdf]
   c. BTS indicates the vast majority of divorced dads who seek custody of their children are "abusive." But research shows women are just as likely as men to commit domestic violence. [http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm]
   d. BTS claims that the parental alienation syndrome "has been thoroughly debunked by the American Psychological Association." But the APA responded on October 24, 2005 that the BTS claim was "incorrect." [http://www.therealitycheck.org/GuestColumnist/mrosenthal110405.htm]
4. The program features Sadia Loeliger, who is portrayed as a heroic mother who battled a biased divorce court system to regain custody of her child. But recently-released documents prove that Ms. Loeliger had been found by a California Juvenile Court to be a serial child abuser. [http://www.glennsacks.com/pbs/loeliger.php]
5. Six months before the program was scheduled to be aired, the program directors were apprised of Ms. Loeliger's history of child abuse, but they chose to conceal that important information from program viewers. [http://www.glennsacks.com/pbs/loeliger-producers-warned.php]
6. To date, CPB and PBS executives have failed to comment on the substance of any of these charges.

The controversy surrounding *Breaking the Silence* has been reported on numerous news outlets, including Fox News, NPR radio, and various newspapers. We are enclosing a number of these articles with this letter. Several PBS affiliates have already aired opposing perspectives, or refused to air the program all together.

RADAR – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – believes that fundamental journalistic principles of balance, integrity, and accuracy have been violated by this program. RADAR asserts that the Public Broadcasting Service should retract this flawed show.

Furthermore, RADAR has requested PBS to produce an objective documentary that focuses on the plight of children abused by their mothers, and the anguish of fathers who are prevented by the courts from protecting their children.

We the undersigned call on you to investigate CPB's egregious violation of its Congressional mandate to ensure "strict adherence to objectivity in all programs or series of programs of a controversial nature."

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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15 yo girl holds down 12 yo boy while pit bull rapes him and gets less than 2 years probation

Hombre · 15 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Masculiste writes *"See the story here... http://www.torontosun.com/News/Columnists/Bonokosk i_Mark/2005/11/04/1291748.html*

...with an additionally commentary here... http://www.torontosun.com/News/TorontoAndGTA/2005/ 11/08/pf-1297471.html

This is as sick an example of Judicial bias in favor of females as you'll EVER see."

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Are Men Necessary?

Thomas · 15 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

My Sweetiepie, Maureen Dowd (don't tell my other Sweetiepie, Hillary Clinton), is getting more press for her new book, "Are Men Necessary?"

It's interesting for me to read about this sort of professional blathering from English speaking women, because I no longer have an emotional response to it. Except for the few who are men's rights activists, these folks have become pretty much irrelevant to me. Not an irritation. Not a joke.

Irrelevant.

Click "Read More" if you think you can tolerate the rest of my own blathering.
In her book, my Sweetiepie opines, "Men are simply not biologically suited to hold higher office." And "There's a body of evidence now that the Y chromosome is rotting at such a fast rate that it will go out of business in about 100,000 years..." And "So now that women don't need men to reproduce and refinance, the question is, will we keep you around? And the answer is, you know we need you in the way we need ice cream, you'll be more ornamental."

With inimitable feminist insight she also states that men avoid women like her because they are *successful*. (Okay. Sometimes I still get a chuckle out of these clowns.)

Despite her success and awesome (to herself, at least) brain power, she is at a loss to understand why it is *women* who have taken passionate exception to her gibberish. Well, Sweets, it's because women are realizing that men with any sense are simply walkin' away. No panic. No running.

Walkin'.

And most women, despite all the feminist lunacy that's been drilled through their sculls non-stop for four decades, don't want to be devoid of men.

Note: a lot of research indicates that the Y chromosome is no longer dispensing with unnecessary genetic material. And the research showing that it will decay away smacks of feminist advocacy. In addition, my own scientific insight (yup, nothin' but my own scientific insight based on a Ph.D. in physics and years of research) tells me that it is far more probable that, in much less than 100,000 years, humans will have complete control of their genetic makeup than that the Y chromosome will have decayed away. The research, that the Y chromosome will have disappeared in about 100,000 years, should be published in and only in the *Journal of Unverifiable Conclusions*.

So, gentlemen, it used to be that we'd have a good ol' American group hug. But this calls for somethin' different.

Group yawn! Group yawn!

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New website: "Breaking the Science"

Matt · 15 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mbr writes *"I've finally done it! For ages I've wanted to gather articles I've written all together in one place. I've now created a website called Breaking the Science. Check it out at http://www.breakingthescience.org.*

Most of the articles currently on the website are related to domestic violence. I hope eventually to include articles that will broaden the focus beyond that to the entire subject of how too much research in the soft sciences is driven by the researchers' agenda rather than objectivity."

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Colorado's "Cool Mom" Gets 30 Years

Matt · 15 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Finally, some justice! Read it here.

Excerpt:

GOLDEN, Colo. - A woman who authorities said had sex with high school boys during alcohol- and drug-fueled parties has been sentenced to 30 years in prison, officials said.

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Sugar and Spice and Everything Deadly....

Matt · 16 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes *"I wonder if these situations will become so commonplace that we stereotype all women as violent thugs, just like we do to men now..."*

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Sage Mens Circle in Yakima, WA Marks 10-Year Anniversary

Matt · 16 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

sagemenscircle writes *"Sage Men's Circle will be 10 years old on January 3, 2006. We are a small men's support group for men 25 and older. No other criteria apply and we have no political, social or economic agenda. Just men's support."*

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"Family Court" Judge send man to jail for sighing

Hombre · 17 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

SJones writes *"A New York "Family Court" judge is in the news for sending a man to jail because he sighed and because the judge didn't like the way his eyes looked. The judge was admonished not for his prejudice in sending a man to jail for what amounts to breathing and standing silently, but simply for failing to follow protocal. Apparently the judge was supposed to warn the man before sending him to jail for essentially no reason at all. The story is here"*

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Too close to home

Hombre · 17 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Debra Lafave is one of the female teachers who've become famous lately for being charged with statuatory rape of one of her students. After hearing about the charges, Lisa York, a mother of two, filed for a restraining order to keep Debra away from her children. Her request was denied. Story here

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Stud Farm in Nevada

Thomas · 17 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

I guess I'll just say, "Make of this what you will."

Well, okay, I won't stop *quite* there.

People often say that sex crazed women are acting like men. No. They're not. They're acting like women, who no longer face societal condemnation for sexual license and who no longer have to worry about unwanted pregnancy.

I'm not at all certain that, in and of itself, that is a bad thing. And it may indicate why efforts to get women to keep their pants on more often, in order to bring men in line as far as committing to marriage, might be a very steep, uphill battle.

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Out-of-This-World Sex

Thomas · 18 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This is an interesting presentation of the sexual concerns of astronauts on long missions. It's a theoretical matter today, but in the future a number of people may be personally involved with the issue.

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Problems with Assisted Reproduction Technique

Thomas · 18 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Most readers here might not be concerned with this, but it's worth reading to become more informed about problems with technologically assisted reproduction techniques.

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"Save the Males" on New Zealand TV

Thomas · 19 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The television show described here may be viewable only on NZ TV, and late at night on a Wednesday at that, but it's still good to see that it's airing. It seems to cover many of the concerns of men's rights activists everywhere. If you're in NZ and can see it, please do so and give us feedback. (Please record it and view it later, if you have to.)

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UK: Child Support Agency Still a Disaster

Matt · 19 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"This week Tony Blair stated in Parliament that the Child Support Agency isn't doing its job. Other reports concur. The UK government admits that one third of Child Support assessments are wrong. Here is what the BBC feminists have to say on the matter."*

Click "Read more..." for more.
What all these people are saying is that the CSA is bad because it doesn't properly serve the interests of women. No-one mentions the effect it has on men. After 24 years of marriage, my brother's wife had an affair, took the kids and left him. He, an innocent man, hasn't seen his own kids in over two years, but the CSA hounds him for money. He hasn't had a raise, but this week he had his payments doubled with no explanation. Just in the interests of balance, here is Fathers 4 Justice.

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10 Girls Brawl at Columbus, Ohio High Scool

Thomas · 19 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous writes:

A high school brawl leads to arrests at East High school, and the participants aren't who you'd think they would be.

Media still doesn't get that women are violent too.

Thomas writing now. At least the media is *starting* to catch on, in part due to the efforts of those good people who are reading this right now.

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The Domestic Abuse Helpline Needs Your Support

Matt · 20 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"The Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women recently sent out a newsletter highlighting the need for services for male victims of domestic abuse. Of note, the shelter for abused men managed to get a roof in the nick of time before last winter, but still needs renovations before it can open.*

Donations can be sent to:

Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women

P.O. Box 252

Harmony, Maine (ME) 04942

Or donate through PayPal at:

http://noexcuse4abuse.org/support.html

Steve

Please click on Read More/Post Comments to see the newsletter."
October 27, 2005 - Five Years of helping victims!

Hello Friends! Today marks the fifth anniversary of our helpline being launched. Five years ago today our new helpline number was placed at the end of the first ever Bangor Daily News front page article on, "Battered Males, the domestic abuse secret."

That very first day fourteen calls came into the helpline. Since that day we have had close to 10,000 calls from men in need of assistance, concerned family members, friends, social service agencies, law enforcement, and others. We have provided support, information, referrals, court advocacy, emergency shelter, transportation expenses, education, brochures and brought public awareness to this issue through the media and provide trainings concerning male victimization. Below are examples of just some of the work we have done in the past five years to bring more public awareness and services to victims of domestic violence: From 2001-2003 we held three successful educational conferences in Maine and New Hampshire on domestic violence. In 2002 the National Crime Prevention Council included information about our helpline in their publication, "50 Strategies to Prevent Violent Domestic Crimes."

In 2003 Verizon began publishing our toll free helpline number on the crisis pages of their phone books across the country. Many callers were now able to find us in their local phone book as well as via our website and referrals from other social service and law enforcement agencies. In September of 2004 the Journal of Family Violence notified co-authors Dr. Denise Hines, Jan Brown and Edward Dunning that their peer reviewed article, "Characteristics of Callers to the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men," had been accepted for publication. (available upon request) In July of 2005 we were invited to do a poster presentation on, "Best Practices: Service Provisions for Male Victims of Domestic Abuse," at the University of New Hampshire's 9th International Family Violence Conference. (available upon request) We have distributed thousands of brochures to social service agencies, students doing research papers, court house personnel and law enforcement agencies at their request. We have answered calls from journalists, college students, and others who were researching and writing about abused men. These achievements are the just a few of the highlights of the many activities that we have focused on. Over the years we have worked diligently to give voice to the many victims we hear from daily on the helpline and through our website email. Many who call say, "It's so embarrassing, I can't tell my extended family or friends...I thought I was the only one...I am so grateful to have someone who believes me...I called other programs but your organization

is the only one that would help..."

Current and future projects include but are not limited to: Publishing an informational booklet about male victims of domestic violence for both victims and service providers. Many service providers have requested copies of this booklet when it is available. Finish remodeling on our shelter and office/meeting space so that we can house victims and their children and offer support groups and other services. Put together a resource list of providers around the country that help male victims and offer the same services (emergency shelter, one on one counseling, educational support groups for victims, court advocacy, transitional housing, job placement etc) as they do to female victims and their children. Continue to collaborate with other service providers around the country.

What you can do: We still have a long way to go! If we ever hope to fulfill our mission of making sure that all victims are offered the services they need to escape domestically violent situations. Although our costs to offer services and keep the helpline staffed and running 24/7 has increased greatly due to the much higher call volume we have received over the last five years (we currently receive nearly 10 times the amount of calls now as we did in 2000-2001) our contributions have decreased greatly. Please consider making a contribution to our non profit organization so that we can continue to assist victims of domestic abuse and their children. You contribution may be tax deductible. No amount is too small (or too big ;-))!

Send your donation to:

Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women

P.O. Box 252

Harmony, Maine 04942

Also, we are currently redesigning and updating the website and will be putting the PayPal donation button back up ASAP so that you can make a contribution at our website.

Yours Truly,

Ms. Jan Brown, Founder and Executive Director"

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How Men's Lives would be Affected if Roe v Wade were Overturned

Matt · 20 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

unrulypassenger writes *"I haven't seen much here on the subject of the U.S. Supreme Court nominee and how the possiblitiy of Roe v Wade (abortion rights) being overturned would negatively impact the lives of all American males. Perhaps it's because this is primarily a Canadian forum, I'm not sure if I'm right on that. I suppose it would be an economic advantage to Canada and the other countries where abortions are obtainable. But American males' lives would be thrown back into the 20th Century/1950's backseat Chevy era and shotgun wedding times of yore ...not to mention the consequences of changes in child support laws, collection of social security numbers and all that has changed since the Pill and abortion rights. Men would be impacted far more than women and it looks as if that hasn't yet become apparent to many. There's not much we can do other than writing our Senators and keeping it zipped until we die. Article here."*

Ed. note: MANN is owned and moderated largely (if not entirely) by American men. However it is meant to be a pan-national information/activism site and accepts submissions from anywhere in the world about topics relevant to men's issues regardless of where they come up, as misandry is, unfortunately, a global phenomenon.

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Canada's Public Works: Males Need Not Apply

Matt · 20 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here's a story in today's National Post newspaper. Isn't this discrimination? And isn't this the same issue that early feminists fought in the mid-1960's?"*

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MSN Surprises with Article on Infidelity

Matt · 20 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Expecting the usual "it's all guys doing it" subtext, I was pleasantly surprised to read this on MSN. Despite the title it directly states, and repeatedly, that women cheat as often as men. Refreshing coming from MSN.

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Drunk Woman Tries to Leave Aircraft in Flight

Matt · 22 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Evil White Male Oppressor writes *"A drunk woman tries to open the door of an aircraft in flight and she is released on a "Good Behavior" Bond". Uhm, isn't what she did a terrorist act?!"*

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Latest Rationalization for MGM

Matt · 22 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Here it is-- it'll help prevent AIDS, don't you know? Gee, so would emasculating men entirely, or maybe making women wear chastity belts, so let's just do it!

Excerpt:

The South African study, reported in Public Library of Science Medicine, found it had a protective effect for some of the 3,280 young men involved.

Circumcision is thought to help protect against HIV because cells under the foreskin are vulnerable to the virus.

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"Fortune" asks, "Why Aren't More CEOs Women?"

Matt · 22 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The answer is of course predictable. The closing comment:

Gloria Steinem once remarked that we'll know women have reached full equality when a mediocre woman can get as far as a mediocre man. Are we there yet?

We're still a long way from there. But women can avoid the trap of having to be better than their male colleagues in order to reach the same heights. I advise my students to think carefully before they join any organization—to avoid leaping at the first job offer they get. Figure out whether that company is likely to help you reach your goals, as well as vice versa. Of course, you can go to work in a male-dominated industry or at a company with few or no high-ranking women, but you must go in with your eyes open and be prepared to tough it out. Be aware that, even today, you may be a pioneer. And the way you can always tell a pioneer is, she's the one with the arrows sticking out of her back.

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Taking the Mommy Card to Task

Thomas · 23 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

In this *Dayton Daily News* article, D.L. Stewart discusses the overconcern with motherhood and the lack of concern with fatherhood in both news reporting and the courtroom. It's refreshing to see mainstream news that reveals the female-favoring disparity between treatment of men and women.

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Zambian Constitution and Men's Rights

Matt · 26 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I came across this interesting column on the constitutional debate in Zambia and its emphasis on `gender equality'. The writer argues that the draft constitution actually encourages discrimination against men. (You need to scroll down a bit to get to the relevant part, starting from an anlaysis of Section 40 (4))."*

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Only One Year in Jail for Twelve Felony Counts of Sex with Boys

Matt · 26 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Twelve felony counts and only one year in jail? They even comment on the obvious bias at the end of the article"*

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58 YO Father Falsely Accused of Rape

Matt · 26 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Disgusting-- I am at loss of words.*

--bharati"

Excerpt:

'And now the daughter, on whose complaint the father is in prison, has confessed in a sworn affidavit that her dad was innocent.

She said she had framed him at the instance of her mother whose relationship with her father was strained. This bizarre case—senior lawyers say they've not heard of a more weird twist to a case—has raised several questions.'

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Ottawa "Rescinds" Hiring Ban on Able-bodied White Men

Matt · 26 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

zerostress writes *"From ifeminists, here is some good news for a change. Even there, they tried to weasel out of this mess by saying that the policy had been "misconstrued by some as being non-inclusive. This was not the intention."*

Being an optimist, I think this policy will still be implemented but not as publicly. Still, it its good to see that by protesting we can make things change."

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Paternity Fraud: It's Done by Oppressed Women!

Thomas · 26 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

That's rights, folks, you heard it here first. Paternity fraud is committed because of (among other things) "The threat of sexual violence or shaming..." I swear, this confused piece of crackpot sociology might outdo even the best of my Sweetie Pie, Moaning Dud. Ooops, I mean Maureen Dowd.

If you can stomach more of my take on this, click "Read More."A few excerpts and comments:

"The voices of children and women are rarely heard. Indeed, even in the wake of her victory in the Victorian Supreme Court, Meredith Magill refused to grant interviews to any of the assembled reporters."

I can't tell you how awful I fell for the poor women (and children?) whose voices aren't heard because, after their victories in the Supreme Court, they refuse to grant interviews to the assembled reporters.

"Both of these women, as well as others to whom Turney spoke, had dismissed the reproductive potential of these one-off encounters because they wanted to believe that their chosen or permanent partner - the one with whom they were having regular (as opposed to irregular -- my comment) unprotected sex - was the genetic father."

Well, the women *did* want their regular partners, as opposed to their hot humps, to be the genetic father. In case you didn't know, that makes the women victims.

"In Turney's sample, several women admitted uncertainty about the genetic father of their child."

Why, that's awful. I wonder why they were uncertain. Gonna have to think about that one.

Here's one of my favorites: "Abortion was considered by several women unsure who caused their pregnancy." Note the "*who caused* their pregnancy." As we all know, it's men who cause pregnancy. Women are, well, *victims* of pregnancy.

Hell, you can read the article, but I can't resist one more priceless insight: "From the wife-swapping husband to the abortion-opposing partner to the spouse who knew his wife had conceived during a short break in their relationship yet chose to sign the birth registration papers and act in the role of the child's father, Turney exposes a range of scenarios in which fraud poorly describes what the men involved describe as the problem they face, if indeed they define their situation as problematic at all."

It strikes me that, perhaps, these people (feminists) are, to borrow an expression from the psychology profession, clinically batshit.

Any young man, who isn't considering a wife-free life without financial responsibility (under penalty of imprisonment) for some woman's children, might seek out advice. In any case, I'm gonna find me a wonderful woman, one who's committed paternity fraud, and buy her a nice fruit basket.

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'Snog' Teacher indeed!

Matt · 26 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *"Imagine if the sexes had been reversed in this case (the man would almost certainly have been imprisoned and never allowed to teach again).*

Note also the light-hearted use of the word 'snog' in the headline to the story: "'Snog' Teacher Spared Ban".

Excerpt:

'A geography teacher who kissed a 15-year-old male pupil at school has been spared a ban from her profession.

Judge Sally Cahill QC, at Leeds Crown Court, said the offences were serious but they did not merit a custodial sentence or a teaching ban.'"

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Naturally, No Prison for Lafave

Matt · 27 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes "
Link here.
Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- In a last-minute effort to keep herself out of prison, a 25-year-old middle school teacher pleaded guilty Tuesday to having sex with a 14-year-old.

Debra Lafave, a former remedial reading teacher at Greco Middle School in Temple Terrace, Florida, pleaded guilty to two counts of lewd and lascivious behavior, and was sentenced to three years of house arrest followed by seven years probation. She also must register as a sex offender.'

The question of disparity of sentencing due to the perp's sex does get covered here. Excerpt:

'Debra Lafave's plea deal raises the question of whether there's a double standard when it comes to female offenders involved in a sexual crime.

Would a man in the same situation have received a similar sentence?'"

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Men's Anger May Mask Anguish

Matt · 27 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

locksley2k writes *"An interesting and breakthrough article in today's Newsday, originating from the LA Times, deals with male depression as an often misdiagnosed distinct and unique gender based mental disorder caused by men feeling emasculated and vulnerable manifesting itself by aggression and recklessness amongst other symptoms. It's the inverse of what therapists have traditionally considered the signs of depression or as the article calls it "melancholy on steroids."*

The greatest significance of all this is mental health professionals are trying to legitimize "male-based depression" as a new mental health category in the same way they have Battered Wife Syndrome and Post-Partum Depression. If they are successful, MBD can be used as a legal defense in domestic abuse or other battery crimes. A good lawyer can logically argue his aggressive behavior was therefore caused by the victim as has been successfully done with the BWS defense. Therapy will replace jail time. This is not a good thing; it can cause a lot of harm unless it forces the mental health and judicial communities to have ALL people made to be responsible for their own actions regardless of their Battered Wife Syndrome, Post-Partum Depression or Male-Base Depression."

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Female Statutory Rape - More Cases or Just More Reporting?

Matt · 28 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"These cases are really starting to stack up. I wonder if women are changing, our perception of the occurrence has changed, or just that these cases are being reported has changed."*

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Male Genital Mutilation — Death in South Africa

Thomas · 29 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Here's an article (albeit a little short on clarity) about male genital mutilation in South Africa. I begin to wonder if more males than females worldwide are damaged and/or killed by genital mutilation, and if we rarely hear about the mutilation of male genitals in the mainstream media because of the standard anti-male prejudice.

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Air New Zealand and Quantas will not allow Men to Sit next to Children

Matt · 29 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Ban on men sitting next to children on Quantas flights and Air New Zealand- see story by Ainsley Thompson, Nov. 29, 2005. This is a case of discrimination gone mad!"*

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Corporal Punishment

Matt · 29 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

David Hill writes *"I was just wanting to let this men's group know about the horrible corporal punishment that men are subjected to everyday around the world. Remember Singapore this horrible torturous humiliating practice is done only to men. It can not be done to a women for any reason even if she breaks the same law. Check out World Corporal Punishment Research, there are literally thousands of countries that practice caning and it is done to only one sex ours. Women can not have it happen to them even when they break the same law. It is a horrible humiliating practice they do it across the buttocks just like in school its only us that gets spanked. This is a very serious issue that should be addressed if women have a higher pain tolerance than men why is this horrible punishment done only to men? In Singapore in particular women are on equal footing as men but still this horrible practice is only for us as it also is. If women and men are equal then why is this horrible practice only reserved for one sex?"*

Ed. note: It's not true to say only males are caned or spanked in official and non-official forms of punishment. It is true however to say the vast majority of people abused this way are men and boys and the public's stomach for it is much larger when it is males at the end of the cane. Same goes of course for all manner of punishment, including the death penalty.

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RADAR Alert: Don't Let N.O.W.'s Voice Be The Only One Congress Hears On VAWA

Matt · 29 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

In late September, different bills to reauthorize VAWA for the next 5 years were passed by the House and the Senate. The House bill includes language stating that VAWA is gender neutral.

Separate from that, a bill to provide continuing funding for VAWA programs for the next year has now passed both the House and the Senate and was signed into law by the President on November 22nd. This one year continuing funding bill contains no mention that Congress intends VAWA to be gender neutral.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Don't Let N.O.W.'s Voice Be The Only One Congress Hears On VAWA
Meanwhile, the differing versions of the 5 year reauthorization bills must still be reconciled in conference committee before a final vote to make them law. N.O.W. recently called on their members to launch a massive telephone campaign urging Congress to form the conference committee when they reconvene in early December, and even though the current levels of funding provide women's advocacy programs nearly a billion dollars per year, N.O.W. is instructing their members to ask for still more programs.

It's a safe bet that N.O.W.'s members will not be asking Congress to make sure the bills allocate funding to programs that focus on male victims of domestic violence, or that the 835,000 men victimized per year should be included in the list of underserved populations. Only you can do that.

It's also a safe bet that N.O.W.'s members will not be objecting to provisions which deny new organizations funding unless they partner with currently-funded women's organizations. These provisions give organizations that are unsympathetic or outright hostile to male victims, a virtual lock on all funding.

And finally, it's a safe bet that N.O.W.'s members will not be demanding that Congress prohibit VAWA funds from being used for any political purpose.

Congress will be hearing from N.O.W.'s members. They need to hear from you too. If your own legislators are included in the list below, please call them. Otherwise, please call the Senate and House leadership.

Tell them:

> "Since HR2682, providing basic funding for VAWA, was signed into law on Nov. 22, it's far more important for the conference committee to fix what's wrong with VAWA than to rush it through. Please

> make sure the final bill allocates funding to programs that focus on male victims of domestic violence, without requiring them to partner with the established male-hostile organizations. And please make sure the final bill explicitly prohibits any recipient of VAWA funds from using those funds for any political purpose whatsoever."

As always, be courteous and respectful when you call.

If Congress doesn't hear from you **NOW**, there's no reason for them not
to do N.O.W.'s bidding. So don't put this off. Make the call today!

It's particularly important for legislators to hear from their own constituents. So if any Congressman or Senator in the list below represents your district, call your own legislator. If not, call the Congressional leadership, whose names are marked with an asterisk.

Jeff Sessions		202/224-4124	Alabama	Senate Judiciary Committee
Ted Stevens		202/224-3004	Alaska	Senate President Pro Tempore
Jeff Flake		202/225-2635	Arizona	House Judiciary SubCommittee on Crime
Jon Kyl		202/224-4521	Arizona	Senate Judiciary Committee
Dan Lungren		202/225-5716	California	House Judiciary SubCommittee on Crime
Ric Keller		202/225-2176	Florida	House Judiciary SubCommittee on Crime
Tom Feeney		202/225-2706	Florida	House Judiciary SubCommittee on Crime
Dennis Hastert	***	202/225-2976	Illinois	Speaker of the House
Mike Pence		202/225-3021	Indiana	House Judiciary SubCommittee on Crime
Charles E. Grassley		202/224-3744	Iowa	Senate Judiciary Committee
Sam Brownback		202/224-6521	Kansas	Senate Judiciary Committee
Mitch McConnell	***	202/224-2541	Kentucky	Senate Assistant Majority Leader
Roy Blunt	***	202/225-0197	Missouri	House Majority Whip
Howard Coble		202/225-3065	North Carolina	House Judiciary SubCommittee on Crime Chairman
Mike DeWine		202/224-2315	Ohio	Senate Judiciary Committee
Steve Chabot		202/225-2216	Ohio	House Judiciary SubCommittee on Crime
Tom Coburn		202/224-5754	Oklahoma	Senate Judiciary Committeea
Arlen Specter		202/224-4254	Pennsylvania	Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman
Lindsey Graham		202/224-5972	South Carolina	Senate Judiciary Committee
Bill Frist	***	202/224-3344	Tennessee	Senate Majority Leader
John Cornyn		202/224-2934	Texas	Senate Judiciary Committee
Louie Gohmert		202/225-3035	Texas	House Judiciary SubCommittee on Crime
Tom DeLay		202/225-5951	Texas	House Majority Leader
Orrin G. Hatch		202/224-5251	Utah	Senate Judiciary Committee

Randy Forbes		202/225-6365	Virginia	House Judiciary SubCommittee on Crime

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Albany Teacher Gets Little More Than Time Served for Statutory Rape

Matt · 30 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

As a follow-up to this story, the perp is not only given little more than time served (she'll be out of jail by Christmas) but also, the judge in his sentencing said she was really the victim.

Excerpt:

"The 16-year-old in this case is a victim in the statutory sense only," Albany County Judge Stephen Herrick told Sandra Beth Geisel. "He was certainly not victimized by you in any other sense of the word."

Geisel pleaded guilty to one count of third-degree rape on Sept. 27 after admitting to having had sex with the boy in May. She was sentenced to six months in jail but is scheduled for release in several weeks, counting time already served. Though she also admitted to having sex with two 17-year-old students, no charges were filed in those incidents because the boys were of legal age.

[Judge] Herrick, in handing down his sentence, said the students "manipulated, used and sexually abused" Geisel.

This story was covered on Inside Edition (a TV news program) on 11/29/2005 (and is covered on their web site too, so have a look). In their report tonight, they mentioned that after the boy stopped seeing her the teacher started having sex with several other students, including three (i.e, all of them together) in the school's stadium.

Folks, I couldn't make this stuff up if I tried.

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Double Standard in Sex Offender Sentencing

Thomas · 30 November 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This is a somewhat confused article, but it also contains a few good points. It's good to see USA Today quote Richard Gartner, the psychologist in New York who authored *Betrayed as Boys*, "(regarding jail time) we definitely still have a double standard," with women receiving lesser jail terms than men.

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CPB (PBS) Ombudsman Issues Statement on "Breaking the Silence"

Matt · 1 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Mark R. for the word on this report, featured on the web site http://www.breakingthescience.org/.

The final paragraph of the CPB ombudsman's statement reads as follows:

PBS says it has received around 4,000 letters, calls and e-mails about Breaking the Silence. The National Organization for Women issued an action alert calling for mail supporting the program. Glenn Sacks used his radio show to promote mailings objecting to the broadcast. Jan McNamara the director of corporate communication at PBS says the program is now under official review. That's good. Along with the motives of its sponsor (The Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation), Breaking the Silence needs to be reviewed for accuracy, fairness and balance.

This is a big win! Thanks to Glenn Sacks and RADAR for their efforts to make these folks admit, finally, that they got it wrong. This also proves that public pressure to get to the actual truth in the face of lies and distortions can and does work. Inspirational stuff!

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10,000 years of Alimony?

Matt · 1 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"A $15M alimony judgement to be paid at $125 per month for 10,000 years? Anybody here from Iran? Does this alimony obligation continue as an obligation to this guy's successors to be paid to the ex-wife's successors?"*

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UK: CSA Must Return Money to Men

Matt · 1 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Nice to see some justice anyway.

The Child Support Agency has had to refund hundreds of thousands of pounds in maintenance payments to more than 3,000 men after DNA tests revealed that they had been wrongly named by mothers in paternity suits. One in six men who took a DNA test to challenge claims by women that they were the fathers of their children were cleared by the results, according to official figures disclosed by the agency.

Under CSA rules, **men must start paying maintenance the moment they are named by mothers as the father of the child. They can challenge the ruling by asking for a DNA test but have to pay for it themselves.**

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UK: More Overt Anti-Male (White in particular) Discrimination

Matt · 1 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Candidates for an unidentified UK police force were quite explicitly turned away because of their race and sex. The police force in question is being held to account, but one must ask why they feel they can behave this way with such impunity?

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Female Murderer/Rapist Released After Twelve Years in Jail

Matt · 1 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

A willing accomplice and participant, she is released after 12 years in prison while her husband rightly stays behind bars. Had she been a he, she would still be there as well.

Excerpt:

Months after prosecutors made the plea bargain, however, Bernardo's attorneys handed over homemade videotapes by the couple that indicated Homolka was a willing participant, drawing the ire of Canadians.

When she was released in July, a Superior Court judge in Montreal imposed several restrictions, which her lawyers argued violated the plea bargain agreement.

"The possibility that Ms. (Homolka) might reoffend one day cannot be completely eliminated," Brunton wrote. "However, her development over the last 12 years demonstrates, on a balance of probabilities, that this is unlikely to occur. She does not represent a real and imminent danger."

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Fast, At Home HIV Test Might Be Available Soon

Thomas · 2 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

A rapid, over-the-counter HIV test may be available soon. Some details can be read here.

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More falses accusations

Thomas · 2 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

zerostress writes *"This time, it is six men that had their lives broken and spent years in preventive detention following false accusations by a woman. Another good article on this affair can be found here.*

In total, 13 of the initial 17 persons originally accused have been innocented."

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Wife 1.0

Thomas · 2 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"I know. I know. This is off the subject. But this website's posters need a good laugh once in a while."*

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Birth Control and the Law of Unintended Consequences

Thomas · 2 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

I've gotta say, this creeps me out. If you've got a weak stomach, you might not want to read it.

This article takes a look at the feminization of the hornyhead turbot (no, I didn't make up that name), a fish off the coast of southern California. It seems that estrogen, both natural and artificial (from birth control), is entering males of this species through the food chain and causing them to develop female characteristics. Some of the males have actually grown small eggs in their testes.

The hornyhead turbot isn't consumed by humans. Scientists are now looking at seafood species, including the pacific sand dab -- one of my favorite fish when I was a poor grad student, to see if they contain concentrations of estrogen, which might pose a danger to humans.

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Sexual Discrimination Lawsuit

Matt · 2 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

William Joseph Lake writes *"I currently have a $75,000,000.00 sex discrimination suit against the family court of my district. First District Circuit Court of Florida. States may have a 11th amendment immunity against law suits but it doesn't cover actions by individuals that deprive a group or class of their fundamental constitutional rights. Unlike the class action suit waged by the Indiana group that took a scatter gun approach we are targeting one really bad judge that has a proven record of favoring women. The same thing can be done in any state under USC 42-1883 discrimination under color of law. This is a list of of writings we are using. Some of them are from Australia and England but they use American data and research it also shows that Fathers all over the world are fighting for their children. I also have this on CD and will mail it to you if you wish. If you have any relevant information that we don't have please let me know. Thank you William J Lake, 3056 Safronia Shores Rd Navarre Florida 32566,"*

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Backhanded Extortion?

Thomas · 3 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Just when you thought that the world couldn't get any loopier, this comes along.

Across much of the world, especially the developed world, women have gotten their wish to legally abort. Now that abortion is contributing to a catastrophic collapse of fertility rates, and resultant population aging and population collapse -- in Russia there are now more abortions than births and the country is losing nearly a million people a year, MPs in Italy are on the verge of *paying women not to abort*. (This isn't the first case of paying women to have children, but it's the first time I've seen it called what it often is -- paying women not to abort their children.)

As far as I know, it was zenpriest, who coined the term "prostimum". Interesting word.

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Interesting Twist in a Rape Trial

Matt · 4 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tumescent writes *"Here is an interesting story about an unusual ruling in a rape case in Oregon where the tables were turned. The males in the case were on trial and were acquitted and the woman was then charged and convicted of filing a false police report. This is the second time this has occurred in Oregon recently and it may be show a trend in acknowledging that false rape accusations occur and should be dealt with."*

Click "Read more..." for more.
"Of course, I'm all for harsh penalties for convicted rapists and I'm not suggesting otherwise, but given the seriousness of a rape accusation, false reporting of rape should be dealt with seriously as well, Of course, the males standing trial, if convicted, faced at least 7 years in prison and a lifetime labeled as a sex offender, but for filing a false rape report, her maximum penalty is 30 days in jail and a $1,250 fine. To access the story you might have to truthfully or untruthfully enter a date of birth and your gender."

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RADAR Alert: BTS Producers "Plainly Got it Wrong"

Matt · 5 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This past Tuesday the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) Ombudsman released a 3-page report that slammed *Breaking the Silence*.

The CPB report highlighted RADAR's November 14 letter to chairman Fred Upton, which called on the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications to investigate the documentary's widespread bias. The RADAR letter was co-signed by more than a dozen organizations representing families and fathers.

Click "Read more..." for more.

BTS Producers “Plainly Got it Wrong”
CPB didn't pull any punches in its criticism of BTS - here's just a sampler:

1. Regarding the claim that parental alienation syndrome is junk science: “it appears that Lasseur/Tatge plainly got it wrong.”
2. “... there is no hint of balance in *Breaking the Silence*. The father's point of view is ignored.”
3. “The producers apparently do not subscribe to the idea that an argument can be more convincing by giving the other side a fair presentation.”
4. “But this broadcast is so slanted as to raise suspicions that either the family courts of America have gone crazy or there must be another side to the story.”
5. “The Mary Kay Ash Foundation is providing a stipend so that every battered women's organization in the country can put on private screenings of this film for their local judges and legislators.”
6. “Along with the motives of its sponsor (The Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation), *Breaking the Silence* needs to be reviewed for accuracy, fairness, and balance.”

Basically, CPB supported everything that RADAR has been claiming all along. The full report can be seen here: http://www.cpb.org/ombudsmen/051129bode.html

PBS is expected to finish its 30-day review of *Breaking the Silence* this coming Thursday, December 8. Last week RADAR sent a letter to PBS head Pat Mitchell asking her to retract BTS and to air a documentary that focuses on the plight of abused children and the anguish of fathers who are prevented by the courts from protecting their children: [http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADAR_letter_to_Upton.pdf]

Now, PBS needs to hear from all the men and women who deplore the bias of *Breaking the Silence*, and ask PBS to produce a second documentary that gives the fathers' perspective.

So please contact Pat Mitchell with this message:

“Last week the Corporation for Public Broadcasting said *Breaking the Silence* is slanted and inflammatory. PBS should IMMEDIATELY

retract *Breaking the Silence*.
Then PBS should produce and broadcast a documentary highlighting the plight of children endangered by a court system that prevents their fathers from protecting them."

Here's how to contact Pat Mitchell:

E-mail:	pmitchell@pbs.org
Telephone:	1-703-739-5000
Fax:	1-703-739-5777

Do this today. We can't let up when we're so close to victory.

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Date of RADAR Release: December 4, 2005

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner: http://www.mediaradar.org.

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Where Are the Boys?

Matt · 5 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tumescent writes *"According to this story boys and men are losing the battle. This has been part of the feminists' plan-- to discourage and discriminate against boys and men in education to the point that they simply drop out. Then blame is placed on the boys themselves."*

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Twisted Statistics Against Fathers

Matt · 5 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes "
This is very interesting because the people whose statistical findings were twisted in a PBS program called "Breaking the Silence," detail how their research was totally twisted. The progress of the Glenn Sacks campaign against the "Breaking the Silence" PBS showing can be found on his website). "Breaking the Silence" gave the impression that only men abuse children and all men who try to get custody of their children in divorce proceedings are child abusers.

In this article, the research organization gives their actual research findings which everyone here should find heartening."

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Nokia Capitalizes on Misandry

Matt · 6 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

MANN admins received a note from a reader who corresponded with Nokia customer service over a TV ad they are airing that features a Nokia user gloating merrily over how she uses her phone to exorcise ex-boyfriends from her life. Needless to say, the same kind of ad is unlikely ever to appear with the sexes revesed. So far Nokia hasn't acknowledged the capitalization off of misandry that this ad represents. In fact, it appears as if this ad or a tale very much like it is prominenetly featured on Nokia's website, here, as "Jill's story"-- have a look.

Alas this is just one of many instances of ads made by companies that seek to make appeals to misandry (either directly or indirectly) in an effort to sell products and services. And, I know many of us here who visit MANN are sick to death of it. So I encourage MANN readers to write pointed, respectful, but honest faxes and emails (communication.corp@nokia.com) regarding Nokia's attempt to capitalize off of anti-male sentiment in society. Also mentioning how you feel about purchasing their products and services will assuredly help - big corporations think with their wallets since profit seems to be all they are concerned with. Their contact page is found here.

Click "Read more..." for the reader's letter, response, and counter-response. And, stay tuned for updates!Original letter to Nokia:

Date: December 6, 2005

To: William Plummer

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Dear Mr.Plummer:

Nokia currently is running in heavy rotation a television advertisement in which a female describes with tremendous enthusiasm and glee how she "gets rid" of her former boyfriend -- "David" -- including erasing his name from her Nokia cell phone contact list. At the conclusion, she invokes his name as if she never knew him and asks, "David Who?"...and laughs. Tag line -- Buy more Nokia phones (so you can have fun getting rid of men like this too!)

The attitude portrayed and supported by Nokia in this spot truly MEAN SPIRITED and supports the offensive societal bias that male bashing is perfectly acceptable, desirable, and even fun. The audience knows nothing about who David is, what he did right or wrong in this situation, or why we should side with this female in her joyous elimination of him from her life. What, perhaps, was David's side of this story?

Just Consider this....

How would this advertisement play if you REVERSED THE ROLES -- i.e., a male describing with great glee his technique for "getting rid" of a former girlfriend, then smiling and laughing as if this were attractive behavior.

I challenge you, Nokia, to produce and broadcast the exact same "David Who?" spot, except REVERSING the gender casting and editing the script to a male perspective, e.g. "Susan Who?" [laugh-laugh!]. Would that have the same appeal and help you sell more phones?

What is most disappointing too is your TIMING for the release of this spot. This is Christmas...a time for people to come together and love one another...not to take pride and pleasure in disconnecting from people they previously cared about. "Bah Humbug to THAT spirit!", says Nokia in this advertisement of yours.

We give you NEGATIVE POINTS, Nokia, for VERY BAD TASTE, and REALLY POOR TIMING with this "David Who?" campaign.

Consider taking corrective measures in your advertising.

Respectfully,

John Speer
President

Media III Partners

Palm Valley, TX

CommitteeAssociates@Yahoo.com

Nokia's reply:

Hi Mr. Speer-

Thank you for your comments - however, this commercial was not written or scripted - this is an actual consumer's story of how she uses her Nokia phone.

While this may not be the method that every person may use while dealing with a breakup - this is how she deals with it - and is a
story that illustrates the myriad of unique ways that individuals use
their Nokia phones.

While your proposal is certainly interesting, it would not be in the
spirit of our current campaign which uses real people (not actors)
telling their own stories.

Keith Nowak

Nokia

Reader's reply:

Date: December 6, 2005

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Dear Mr. Nowak,

First of all, I am impressed that Nokia would respond to my email in such a timely fashion. Your response was in hours, not days. Thank you! That is appreciated. Nokia does have its ears open.

Secondly, I appreciate now that your enactment of the "David Who?" spot was just a testimonial from a real customer. I am a Nokia phone owner and a Nokia customer of many years myself.

QUESTION: May I write Nokia a testimonial as to how I use my Nokia phone and then have my testimonial made into a commercial too?

I have a testimonial which might present the "male perspective" as a balance to the female perspective you are funding and promoting with the "David Who?" spot.

By way of background, I'm a former creative executive / copywriter from the largest ad agency in the Southwest (worked on American Airlines account and others). I could send you something developed and ready for production, if you feel a corporate responsibility towards gender fairness in your public relations and dealings with existing and future customers.

SUGGESTION: If the controversial attitude and approach promulgated by the woman in the "David Who?" spot are truly just her own and do not represent the corporate position or opinions of Nokia, perhaps some DISCLAIMER to that effect would be in order, either in a voice tag or a written disclaimer on screen.

Merely by your funding and promoting this anti-male point of view in a broad based media campaign, others naturally ASSUME this customer's male bashing dialogue is Nokia's brain child or an attitude Nokia supports with considerable corporate resources devoted to its national promotion.

And I must ask you as a male, Mr. Nowak...do you smile with this woman when she gloats and laughs about her various ways of ridding her life of her boyfriend, David? Just from a basic position of general appeal (or lack thereof) and beyond all considerations of gender issues, the "David Who?" spot comes across as unkind, rather arrogant, and purposely disrespectful. It "smacks" of emotional abandonment or even abuse (we don't know the full story). Snubbing those you once loved is not particularly adult-like or kind behavior.

Did you test market this spot before airing it? I'd love to see the test group results and composition of your focus group. Every time I see the "David Who?" spot, it makes me reluctant to chance dating or committing to a woman who might act like this -- and I've had unpleasant experiences with several like her. Don't we have enough problems with a highly disposable-minded society, distrust between the sexes, divorce rates that are out of control, and a general lack of committment in America already?

I offer this as constructive criticism for improvement as a marketing professional with a background in consumer research.

Best Wishes,

John Speer

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Woman Gets Three Years For False Accusation

Matt · 7 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"Finally, a bit of justice. It appears that a woman has received a relatively harsh prison sentence for perjury for falsely accusing her ex of rape to "get back at him". Story here. Of course another woman had to come forward to get the man out of 8 months of wrongful detention, but progress is progress."*

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UN Election Chief Fired for Sexual Harassment

Matt · 7 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Well I didn't think this was possible-- a female sexual harrasser, and a sort of queen harasser at that! Wait, it must be a conspiracy to get rid of her... yeah, that's it. I mean, women can't sexually harass anyone, can they? It's just not possible... or is it?

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Courts Go Easy on Women Who Commit Rape

Thomas · 7 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The Courier-Mail carries this article on how "COURTS across the US are cracking down on women, especially teachers, who have sex with underage boys." Word is getting out that women are not the persecuted saints that feminists claim they are. I've often seen it stated that when adult women and boys have sex, the boys want it. Well... that is the nature of statutory rape -- an adult with a willing child or adolescent who, according to the law, can't give *informed consent*. This is the first time that I've seen it unequivocally pointed out that in cases of *statutory* rape of girls by men, the girl also wants it, though, according to law, she is too young to give informed consent.

The article also points out "...the courts are reluctant to punish women as harshly as men convicted of similar crimes. Whereas male abusers of girls routinely receive sentences of 15 to 20 years, women often avoid jail." The fact is sickening, but at least the word is getting out. It's incredible that these people still imagine that they're oppressed.

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Why Males Fail in School

Thomas · 7 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

There've been a few articles recently about males falling farther behind females in school. Michael Gurian is often cited as an expert on the subject, but he seems to have little understanding of *why* males are failing. Here's an article in the National Review Online by Kate O'Beirne, who lays the blame where it belongs -- on the feminist take over of the academy.

Until the root cause of the crisis is recognized and eliminated, attempts to address the problem will amount to nothing more than cosmetics that make the powers-that-be feel good about themselves.

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"Women-Only" Bank? Legal in Germany?

Matt · 8 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Doesn't Germany have regulations requiring certain percentages of women and men employees? Or are the regulations only applied, like in the U.S., when necessary to increase female employment?"*

Excerpt:

Frauenbank's customers are typically university-educated women between 30 and 55.

There is also "a handful" of male clients. "We are women friendly, but that does not mean that we are hostile to men," Miss Hastreiter said.

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Advocates for Boys Battle Back

Matt · 8 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Article here:*

Excerpt:

Such talk gets gender warriors on the other side loading their muskets.

"When girls were thought to be hurting in schools, the approach was to change the schools," said boys advocate Manthey. "When it's boys who are in trouble, people say, `Change the boy.'"

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Equality is grand 'til it involves jail sentences

Matt · 9 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From The Independent, Baroness Hale of Richmond will point to the "disproportionate increase" in the numbers of women and teenage girls in custody and call for judges to consider alternative community sentences for female offenders. Delivering the Longford Lecture, sponsored by The Independent, Lady Hale, the only female law lord, will denounce "some very unequal treatment" faced by women and girls who appear before the courts. "A male-ordered world has applied to them its perceptions of the appropriate treatment for male offenders," she will say.* ***More and more in recent years, women and girls have been punished in the same way as men and boys. There seems to be less and less understanding of the ways in which their lives are very different from men's."*** *-- Sorry, ladies -- can't have it both ways! You made your bed, now go lie in it."*

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"After Innocence" - Film About the Wrongfully Convicted

Matt · 9 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Please check this film out and tell all -- a must-see for everyone. Thank you for your time GOD BLESS."*

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Mother chops baby's leg off with an axe

Matt · 9 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports here that a mother chopped her own 20 month old son's leg off with an axe. Although she's been charged with attempted murder and other minor charges, she's getting help of course (diagnosis rather than punishment). Quote: "...court heard police had shown her great compassion since the attack... The court was told the mother would be taken to the Thomas Embling secure hospital rather than be kept in prison while on remand."*

And, the father is now having to fight for custody with her parents... Where is the justice in this world..."

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Boys' Education — Finally a Straight Article

Thomas · 9 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This editorial in USA Today lays it on the line. There's no excess of comments about how we also need to attend to girls. It focusses on the plight of boys. Damn! And it mentions the promise of single sex schools — one of the blessings of my life (Fairfield College Preparatory School in Fairfield, Connecticut).

I'm into financial investment, in part because I want to retire someday, but fertility rate collapse is going to flail society's pot, crank up the heat, and dump in a gallon of Tobasco. At least I know not to invest in feminism. The rate at which it's being debunked today is surprising even me.

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Canadian Men - 0.014% as Valuable as Canadian Women

Matt · 10 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Random Man writes *"On the recent anniversary of the killing of 14 fellow students (the dead were female) by a deranged person named Marc Lepine in Montreal, (he also wounded men, who are not honoured at all),* ***all*** *government flags in Canada flew at half mast to honour victims of violence against women. Of course, that same courtesy has only recently been extended to the 100,000 men who died in the world wars, Korea and peacekeeping missions on our "Rememberance Day" on November 11th, when only the flag over the parliament buildings was lowered in honour of the men who died defending our freedom, and then only in response to harsh public criticism of the incredible disrespect Canada's so-called Heritage Department was showing veterans and those killed in action.*

It's nice to know where one stands on a quantitative basis. Some details here and here and the FINALLY revised flag-lowering policy that covers Rememberance Day here.

Still, we're now 0.014% as valuable as women. At least it's an improvement from a millionth of that a few years back"

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"Off The Chain": A Disgusting Anti-male Movie

Matt · 10 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"I received the following post at Men's Issues Online regarding a misandric movie called "Off The Chain.""*

Click "Read more..." for more.
"As a teacher in the public schools, I am concerned about the messages boys and girls are getting from current television programs and movies. It has become a national pastime to bash men and perpetuate negative stereotypes of males. How can young men grow into productive adults when we are being bombarded with this kind of thing? A notable case in point is the film "Off The Chain." I was appalled by the totally offensive content. It holds men up to constant ridicule (disguised as comedy), and offers joke after joke about male amputation. Pardon me, but I fail to see the humor in any of it.

It is based on a story that would make any self-respecting male cringe (a man is so lazy and no-account that his wife decides to liberate herself by killing him). What ever happened to divorce? Instead of this or anything that remotely resembles a sane solution to her problems, she tries repeatedly to murder him.

If that isn't reason enough to complain, the largely female audience delighted in the numerous references to male amputation and male bashing. It was so offensive, I nearly walked out. Against my better, judgment though, I white-knuckled it to the bitter end; thinking somehow the film would redeem itself. Believe me when I say it didn't. Virtually every man in the movie was either stupid, lazy or both. In the final scene, Joe Everege (I guess the name is supposed to mean Average Joe, as though men are typically dumb and lazy), begs the judge to go easy on his wife so they can get back together.

If I was married to someone that tried to kill me a half dozen times, I would want her locked up for good. Not this guy, he tells the judge that the whole thing is his fault and pleads to get his wife back! Personally, "Off The Chain" is just another film in a long line of movies that makes male bashing an acceptable form of entertainment. This is exactly the kind of thing that is eroding our society.

You can go to http://www.beckjacobs.com and petition the releasing of this movie. Please, let's stand together and get this off the shelf before it even hits the shelf. Lets not corrode the minds of our youth to portrayals of men like this.

[There is a message board at the site with some defensive responses at: http://beckjacobs.com/sitebuilder/viewtopic.php?t= 2]"

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Lafave must stand trial - agreement rejected!

Matt · 10 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

quetzal writes *"As you may recall, Debra Lafave was the woman arrested for sexual battery in Florida a few months ago. She then reached an agreement with the victim's family such that she would serve no jail time. The agreement has now been nullified by a judge, and it appears she will stand trial for the Marion County charges (and possibly the Hillsborough County charges)!!*

Here it is."

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Are 'Ubersexuals' Replacing 'Metrosexuals'?

Matt · 10 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Emanslave writes *"It seems like our beloved pop culture wants to phase out "metrosexuals" in favor of "ubersexuals", the men who combine masculine traits and feminine traits and are socially aware. This AOL-WebMD article explains how men are redefining manhood and masculinity for themselves. I can tell you this, having the best of both worlds is one thing, but selfishly having a little for yourself is another.*
Article here."

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Another Murdered Child, Another Man in Debtor's Prison

Matt · 10 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"Just reading Men's News Daily, and noticed these pieces. The continuous stream of these articles about poor, oppressed* ***child murderers*** *is just depressing. Meanwhile, men are sent to debtor's prison for not paying and paying and paying when they don't have the means. It makes it hard to look an average woman in the eye sometimes, even though I know that most of them would share our revulsion at this nonsense."*

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Blame Men for Global Warming

Matt · 11 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Fidelbogen writes *"Men, so they say, are larger contributors to global greenhouse gassing. Personally, I think that trying to quantify something like this (with its myriad intangibles and ambiguities) is like measuring a gaseous substance with a rubber band. BUT..... notice the call to "integrate gender sensitivity into all mechanisms, policies and measures, and tools and guidelines within the climate debate."*
This is the kind of stuff that makes feminism profoundly sinister... link here."

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Indian Feminist Defends Court-martialed Woman

Matt · 11 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A woman flying officer in the Indian Air Force - Anjali Gupta was court-martialed and dismissed from service for fudging travel bills and indiscipline. After the court-martial procedeeings began, Anjali accused her male seniors of sexual harassment. She claimed she was victimised for standing up to their behaviour. After a long drawn enquiry, charges against her were proved, charges of sexual harassment were dismissed. Now a feminist lawyer comes forward to defend Anjali saying she was punished because she dared to enter a male bastion!"*

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Insight from TV-land

Thomas · 11 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Though this article has a rather stupid title and is about television (which means little to me), I found that it contains a few good insights.

As a result of thousands of interviews with young men, to determine what they want in television, Spike TV "found that men responded not only to brave and extremely competent leads but to a menagerie of characters with strikingly antisocial tendencies".

Also, the director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University, Robert Thompson, states that the enemy of the contemporary male is "the legal, cultural and social infrastructure of the nation itself."

Ya think?

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RADAR Alert: It's Time for the Inspector General to Investigate What Went Wrong at PBS

Matt · 12 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

On December 2nd, the Public Broadcasting Service Ombudsman Michael Getler issued his report on *Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories* [http://www.pbs.org/ombudsman].
Getler criticized the program, saying:

- "there was no recognition of opposing views on this program."
- "I thought this particular program had almost no balance, and went too far, turning it, at least in my mind, into more of an advocacy, or point-of-view, presentation."
- "the totality of the presentation came across as quite tilted"

Click "Read more..." for more.

It's Time for the Inspector General to Investigate What Went Wrong at PBS

This criticism came hard on the heels of the report by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Ombudsman, Ken Bode [http://www.cpb.org/ombudsmen/051129bode.html]. Bode described the program as "slanted", said "there is no hint of balance in *Breaking the Silence*", and concluded that "*Breaking the Silence* needs to be reviewed for accuracy, fairness, and balance."

PBS and their affiliates have systems in place to assure adherence to the PBS Editorial Standards and Practices. Given the unanimity of both the PBS and the CPB ombudsmen on how seriously flawed this program was, it's clear that this program represents a massive system failure.

So RADAR is requesting that CPB's Inspector General, Ken Konz, conduct an investigation of *Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories* and make specific recommendations for how to make sure a system failure like this one doesn't happen again. A copy of the letter to Inspector General Konz can be read at http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADAR_letterToCPB_InspectorGeneral.pdf.

Please call or fax CPB's Inspector General with the message:

“Both the PBS and the CPB ombudsmen have stated that *Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories* lacked any balance and ignored the existence of any alternative views. The CPB ombudsman called for *Breaking the Silence*

to be reviewed for accuracy, fairness, and balance. Please conduct such a review and recommend changes to guarantee that future programs comply with the US Congressional mandate to assure ‘strict adherence to objectivity and balance in all programs or series of programs of a controversial nature.’”

Here's the contact information:

Ken Konz, CPB Inspector General	
Telephone:	1-202-879-9600

Fax:	1-202-879-9700

Don't put it off. Call today!

Date of RADAR Release: December 11, 2005

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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BiscuitQueen Takes the Helm

Thomas · 13 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Posters here may be familiar with BiscuitQueen, aka JenK, a highly intelligent and delightful woman, who is becoming an increasing force in the men's rights movement. She has recently taken over as editor of The Male Voice, e-newsletter of the National Coalition of Free Men, Greater New York chapter.

I won't reprint the entire publication (her first as editor), though I'll separately post an article contained therein by Edward M. Stephens, M.D., President of NCFM, GNY and Chair, Committee on Men's Issues, The Psychiatric Society of Westchester (NY), a district branch of The American Psychiatric Association.

The newsletter contains several additional items, including a fine interview with Tom Ellis, groundbreaking author of "The Rantings of a Single Male: Losing Patience with Feminism, Political Correctness... and Basically Everything."

I have to say, BQ/JenK has done a superb job with her first NCFM newsletter. It's a blessing to have her as a player in our civil rights movement.

Members of NCFM can subscribe to the newsletter at http://www.themalevoice.org/

Thanks, BQ, for all your great work!

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Male Suicide: From the Westchester Psychiatrist

Thomas · 13 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

The following is an article written by Edward M. Stephens, M.D., Chair, Committee on Men's Issues, The Psychiatric Society of Westchester (a district branch of The American Psychiatric Association [APA]) and President, NCFM, Greater New York Chapter (NCFM, GNY). The article, published in *The Westchester Psychiatrist,*, was also published in *The Male Voice*, e-newsletter of NCFM, GNY.

The piece has great value in and of itself, but it's also good to see that this information is being brought forth by The Psychiatric Society of Westchester's Committee on Men's Issues, founded by Dr. Stephens and the first-ever such committee (men's issues) within a district branch of the APA.

To view the article, click "Read More"WHERE HAVE ALL THE OLD MEN GONE?

GONE TO GRAVEYARDS EVERYWHERE

(with a nod to Paul Simon)

(originally published in The Westchester Psychiatrist and reproduced with permission)

by Edward M. Stephens, M.D.

Chair, Committee on Men's Issues

The Psychiatric Society of Westchester

(a district branch of The American Psychiatric Association)

- and -

President, NCFM, Greater New York Chapter

Why are males killing themselves at an alarming rate? Suicide, in every age group, is higher for males than females with a peak ratio of 8 to 1 in the over 65 category.

In my earlier newsletter message, "The Death of John -- Age 16 -- Suicide," I paid tribute to an adolescent who simply needed counseling. He didn't get it. He had some reverses in school and was upset over the fighting between

his mother and father. His reported experience, in his suicide note, was that he was “tired of life.”

In the week before he shot himself, he was acting up in class and offered his apologies to his teacher in the suicide note. If only someone had seen his depression instead of seeing him as an obstreperous boy, he would still be alive.

As physicians, we have to ask ourselves about our awareness of depression in males with such alarming rates of suicide and clear categories of risk. Are we routinely screening our male patients for depression? Do we recognize the different ways depression shows up in men and boys as opposed to women and girls? Do we have referral resources for distressed boys and men?

For many years, we have known that there are genetic links to depression that are not gender referenced. If depression occurs in first degree relatives, it can usually be traced back through the family history with other markers such as alcoholism, suicide, antisocial behavior and mental illness. The genetic predisposition for depression is equally divided between the genders.

After a positive history for depression and its equivalents in a patient and other family members, our index of suspicion about the seriousness of the case in front of us should rise appreciably. What we are more than likely looking at is a depression that is potentially life threatening; even if it is only presenting as lowered energy, sleep disturbance, increased use of alcohol or back pain.

We probably all remember the axiom, “You don’t diagnose what you don’t know.” One of my suspicions in regard to the low rate of diagnosis and treatment of depression in men is that we have been brainwashed out of seeing depression as a disorder of men. Every drug ad that comes through my office has a woman prominently displayed on the material, and the commonly held and promoted wisdom is that women become depressed twice as often as men. We don’t diagnose what we don’t know or don’t suspect.

I cornered a drug rep and asked point blank about this preponderance of advertising about depression in women. Her response: “I guess that’s where the manufacturers feel the market share is.” That may be so, but we are not dealing with market share in our offices.

In all fairness, while I was in training, the ideal control patient was an attractive, intelligent young woman with a touch of depression, dependency and awe of her brilliant young male doctor. We certainly didn’t want angry, depressed men with a potential for acting out aggressively as our control case. In effect, we were institutionalizing our prejudice against the recognition of depression in men in our own psychiatric training.

After recalling the death by suicide of 16-year-old John, the son of my patient, I am glad to have intervened effectively in the case of a patient of mine, John, age 54. In the latter situation, realizing that he was suicidally depressed, I was determined not just to continue with antidepressants and a prayer. I called his wife and told her to get his sons, in their late twenties, to descend on him and take him to the hospital until he was on the mend.

Hospitalization worked. Stronger doses of antidepressants, mood stabilizers and some hard-hitting bedtime sedation turned him away from the sure path of suicide. Two years and at least two grandchildren later, his is a happy senior who did not leave the devastating legacy of his own self-inflicted death to his boys.

While my emphasis has been on recognition of depression in men and boys, it is important to keep in mind that, despite popular belief, there is a one third higher cancer rate in men than in women. Boys in school and men in the workplace and life place are having a tougher time than is known without the same sense of sympathy and support that is being extended to girls and women. Any perusal of services for women, across a broad spectrum of difficulties, nets a long list of resources while the same inquiry for services for men may come up with a zero.

The Committee on Men's Issues of The Westchester Psychiatric Society is on a consciousness-raising mission about boys' and men's needs in both the medical and psychiatric realms. The Committee encourages participation of both male and female physicians and leaders from the community. Meetings regularly have general physicians, social workers, psychologists and school personnel who have seen the need first hand and are searching for ways to make a difference.

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Boy was no Victim, but Girl was

Matt · 13 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Off-linked from the CNN home page (as of this posting), are two stories:

Man faces 50 years for sex with bride, 14

and

Wife: Child groom is 'no victim': Pregnant woman says she prefers older men

Need I say more?

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The Feminist Agenda (NZ)

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Baniadam writes *"The feminist agenda three decades on (10 Dec 2005)*

Article describing the history of "Radical Feminism" and its main goal to destroy the "nuclear family". It has quotes and reference to the current polices in New Zealand. Very interesting if you're from Oceania region.

Here are a two excerpts:

"The effect of the DPB was to pay women to separate from their husbands and partners. It paid them more money to have more children, and it didn't matter how many different fathers were involved. In fact, it was not even necessary for the woman to name a father on a child's birth certificate."

"Further, as the DPB has caused parenting and inheritance lines to become increasingly blurred, men have been prevented from using modern DNA technology to establish paternity - unless the mother agrees."
"

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Men Are Chellenged to Speak About Feminism

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Liberty Unh writes "
In the misandrist article Let's hear from the boys on feminism, Sushi Das challenges us to speak about feminism:

> Men need to discuss whether their behaviour and demands need reform. Their cowardly opting out of discussions that relate to feminism is apparent in their silence... Where are men's voices? I challenge men to speak out. Show you understand these issues are important to everybody, not just women. Let's hear what you've got to say.

Let's send letters (letters @ theage.com.au) to The Age editor showing that we indeed have an opinion on gender issues."

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High School Female on Male "Domestic" Violence High

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Dittohd writes *"Surprise! Surprise! In Florida, high school males are reporting more physical violence against them by their girlfriends than the girls are reporting against them by their boyfriends. Notice that in the statistic, they changed "girlfriends" to "significant others.""*

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New MANN Server and New Wiki Address

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Some major changes will be underway at Mensactivism.org in coming months. I've finally decided to buy a dedicated server and have it hosted at a professional internet co-location site. You can see pictures of the old and new server as well as some more background info here. I have just completed migrating the Mensactivism.org Wiki to the new server. As a result, the URL (web address) of the site has changed. It no longer has "3333" in the address and can now be found at http://wiki.mensactivism.org. Enjoy!

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More Men Cleared of False Rape Convictions

Matt · 15 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Fidelbogen writes *"Verrrrrrry interesting case! Several men exonerated from bogus rape raps due to old DNA samples inserted in their files and rediscovered years later.*

Is it my imagination, or are such stories on an accelerating growth curve? Well it's bound to reach critical mass, and THEN..... mass realization in the mass media and in the mass consciousness."

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MANN Reader Likens Misandry to Racism

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I HATE BLACK PEOPLE

By George Rolph

If I said, "I hate black people!" How would you react?

Stop and think very carefully about that sentence. Does it make any sense to you at all? Can it ever be justified? Can it ever be anything other than just a sign of my own mental illness?

Is there a single instance, circumstance or situation in anyone's life, in which it is possible to lump together a whole race of people and say, "I hate them all." What if I was witness to the gang rape and murder of my wife, children and mother by a whole village full of black men? Would that be enough reason to hate the whole race?

Click "Read more..." for the rest.

I HATE BLACK PEOPLE

By George Rolph
Continued from main entry...

Should I also hate the black guy who dived into the river and saved my neighbor's son? How about the black woman who donated her heart to my sick father and gave him life? Perhaps I should include the black fireman who carried my friend from the burning house, or the black nurse who thought quickly and saved my own life when I was choking to death in a restaurant one night? They are part of the black race, should I hate them for what the sickos in the village did?

Assuming that the person reading this is sane, the answer has to be a resounding, "NO!"

All of the sane people reading this know, just as I know, how stupid, sick and twisted racism really is. Yet many of the people reading this are also racist.

In reality, there are only two races on earth: male and female. The rest are just males or females with differing degrees of sunburn. Just as with men and women, there are cultural differences between races and these may, at times, produce tensions, but I want to ignore those differences for the purposes of this article and focus instead on the race issue in its own right. In order to do that, and to address an issue that is too often ignored in this context, I am going to ask a fundamental question of women (and some men) in general. That question is a very simple one:

Do you realise how many of your gender are filled to the brim with sick, disgusting, twisted and crazy race hate?

If I said, "I hate men!", how would you react?

Stop and think very carefully about that question. Does it make any sense to you at all? Can it ever be justified? Can it ever be anything other than just a sign of my own mental illness?

When most of us think about racists we think of extreme right wing groups, but not all racists give the appearance of Nazis. There are left wing racists too and when it comes to hating men, most of the perpetrators are left wingers. Yet these poor, deluded and sick people, are as infected with Nazism as any Jew- or black-hating fascist.

The problem with hypocrisy is we often do not realise we are hypocrites and we often do not want to know that we are. It's easier to kill the cause of our discomfort and justify that killing, than it is to admit it is us that need the help, not them. Therefore, it is easy to be Oh-so-PC about the kind of racism that we understand (white versus black or vice versa) but difficult to understand that we are soaked in the same racism we condemn in others. Because of this, we can all observe the left wing, radical feminists -- whether male or female -- sitting in the TV

studio and decrying the latest racist attack by "right wing thugs" while being sublimely stupid to their own racism when, seconds later, they call all men "pigs" or, "stupid" or, "rapists" or, "wife beaters" or.., ad infinitum. These foolish and damaged people crop up in the press with depressing regularity also. In fact, so prevalent are they, that it is possible to find them anywhere. From the classroom to the boardroom. From the social worker to the doctor. From the plumber to the politician.

Authors, publishers, TV and film actresses and actors, sportsmen and -women, journalists, TV presenters and on and on. All soaked in hate for the male gender and all being encouraged in that hate by a political group making lots of money and pursuing political power on the back of it.

Just as it is insane for the traditional racist to say, "I hate blacks and it is their fault I hate them," so it is insane for radical feminists, and those who support them, to say, "I hate men and it's their fault I hate them."

Hate breeds hate. If you do not believe that, try walking up to a stranger in your local bar and insulting them. 90% of the people you do that too will call you on it. Yet, men have been astonishingly patient for four and a half decades during which they, as a race, have endured a staggering degree of insult.

For forty five years, radical feminists have been branding all men as -- well, you can add any insult you like at the end of that sentence. Many of these racist men and women are doing it unconsciously. They have no idea of the depth their racial hatred for men has reached or, just how sick they have become because of it. Yet most of them would react in horror at the opening sentence of this article. Oblivious to their colossal hypocrisy.

Of course, this is the poison that infects those who advocate gender politics in our society. Those who pour this racist poison into the hearts and minds of our daughters and our sons, do so in the knowledge that most people do not think about man-hating as racism at all. Because of this, they have a social cover for their activities and can even make those activities sound reasonable and logical. Lift the cover, as this article is attempting to do, and what you find is the same thing you find when you lift a stone. It's a dark world inhabited by dangerous creatures.

A serpent can be a beautiful animal to look at but its bite can kill you nevertheless. Don't be fooled by good looks! What lurks inside these racists can destroy the lives of everyone they come into contact with.

Perhaps it is time that the hunted became the hunters? Perhaps it is time we all spent some energy lifting up the social rocks these vermin hide under and exposing the occupants to the light? How to do just that will be the topic of my next article. In the meantime, you could do worse than start your education here:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/tv_and_radio/4158624.stm
and then contrast the racist views expressed by Anna Ford, Sarah Montague and Joan Bakewell (All female broadcasters in Britain) with the more reasonable and considered approach taken by the non-racist, (unatrributed) at this link: http://www.newsandstar.co.uk/opinion/viewarticle.aspx?id=275369

Finally, take a look at this link to see the reactions of some men to the attacks made against feminist dissenters:
http://www.mensactivism.org/articles/05/08/30/1257247.shtml

George Rolph

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MSN, Men, Women, and Chores

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This was a pleasant surprise-- and funny, too. Excerpt:

I watched in utter disbelief. She laid them all out flat on the bed, and began giving me a little tutorial on the proper method of folding towels, which involved some form of terry-cloth origami. Instead of folding in successive halves, she wanted one-third of the towel to be folded in from either side. I thought this was ridiculous, but nowhere near as ridiculous as the idea of unfolding already-folded towels -- and thereby sending a signal to your newlywed husband that it is more important that a chore be done a certain way than it is for him to actually do it.

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Excellent Column on Men and Society in Wall Street Journal

Matt · 18 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

garypc writes *"There was an excellent column in support of men's rights on the editorial page of the 12/17/05 Wall Street Journal:*

You've Got Male!

By LIONEL TIGER

December 17, 2005; Page A10

Male resentment of the self-righteous and automatic public support for women's interests and issues has been increasingly on the boil for some time. Civic celebrations of antipathy to men such as the Violence Against Women Act are finally generating specific and pointed responses by men fatigued, if still baffled, by the knee-jerk assumption that they suffer irredeemably from what I call Male Original Sin."

Click "Read more..." for the rest.

Ed note: The article is given entirely here because the WSJ on-line requires registration and commitment to a 2-week trial subscription, which would effectively block most of our readers from seeing it.*"At my university as at countless others, one of the very first official greeting to students is a rape seminar predicated on the intrinsic danger which males carry with them. And in family courts, the presumption of male behavioral malefaction has yielded heartbreakingly numerous cases in which men are charged with domestic violence to which courts overwhelmingly -- often in brief hearings in which the male is not even present -- issue temporary "restraining orders." These frequently segue into permanence, and award women the dwelling they've shared, financial support and the all-important privilege of custody -- mothers gain custody in 66% of uncontested cases and 75% of contested ones. Less than a quarter of parents are awarded joint custody.*

Judges issue such orders based only on the word of the alleged victim. It is small wonder the overwhelming majority of such actions are sought and achieved by women. It has been legitimately argued that there is a merciless post-marital racket of therapists, lawyers, judges and governmental advocates who prosper because it is so easy to define males as guilty.

Meanwhile, the publicly financed educational system is at least 20% better at producing successful female students than male, yet hardly anyone sees this as remarkable gender discrimination. While there is a vigorous national program to equalize male and female rates of success in science and math, there is not a shred of equivalent attention to the far more central practical impact of the sharp deficit males face in reading and writing.

There are countless thriving "women's studies" programs and only a paltry number of male equivalents. The graduates of such programs (which rarely pass the laxest test for gender diversity) staff the offices of politicians and judges, and assert the obligation of society to redress centuries of dominance by that gaseous overgeneralization -- "patriarchy."

When it comes to health status, the disparity in favor of women is enhanced by such patterns as seven times more Federal expenditure on breast cancer than on the prostate variety. And no one is provoked into action because vaunted male patriarchs commit suicide between four and 10 times more frequently than oppressed and brainwashed women. This isn't simply carping about invidious comparison, or reluctance to support legitimate social responses to the needs of women as workers, parents, citizens and virtuousi of their private lives. It is solely about inequity in law, funding and productive public attention. There is scant acknowledgment of the fact that we face a generation of young men increasingly failing in a school system seemingly calibrated to female rhythms.

A consequence is that male income falls and female income rises. Nothing wrong with that, except that men inexorably withdraw from domestic life: they become out-laws rather than in-laws. Legions of women despair of

finding a mate compatible in function and vibrancy. So they go it alone: a third of babies are born to unmarried women, perhaps making a sage choice given the feckless, demoralized chaps from whom they must choose. We lead the world in fatherless families -- 40% of children fall asleep without a resident father regularly within reach.

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Into this acrimonious climate has whispered a breath of spring air in winter -- an extraordinary document which may have surprising impact because of its severe countercultural implications and its almost sweet innocence of purpose. In early November, the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men issued its first report (www.nh.gov/csm). The commission was proposed in a 1999 bill by N.H. Rep. David Bickford. The House passed the bill, awarding a budget of $69,561. But months later, the state Senate stripped away funding. The commission was finally established in 2002. According to its report, the Senate's effort to defund it reflects "the inaction of good people who apparently have been led to believe that legislative activity designed to primarily benefit men is somehow not appropriate politically, financially, or otherwise."

To the contrary, the commission's report frontally accepts that there are intrinsic differences in how men and women cope with health, education, responsibility and violence. It concludes that social policies must not begin by denying differences. If you're running a zoo, know the real nature of your guests. This applies nationally, not only in New Hampshire. The clout of female voters has been transmuted into a strangely pervasive inattention to the legitimate needs of boys and men. While there remain grating sources of unfairness to women, the community is in the process of steadily creating a new legal and educational structure which generates new gender unfairness: 90% of the victims of Ritalin and similar drugs prescribed for schoolkids are boys; but even drugged they perform less well than girls. A 2005 study at Yale found nationally that even in prekindergarten boys are nearly five times more likely to be expelled than girls.

What is going on in this country?

Of course those who can do the work should receive the rewards. However, the broader question is: Who defines the work and evaluates it? The drastic occupational and familial situation of especially minority males suggests the urgency of a hard review of this issue. Were females the victims of such apparent sex-based unfairness, the legal paper attacking the matter would cloud the air like flakes of New Hampshire snow. But since it's only males...

The report is an innovative 44 pages focused on life in one state. It grips the macrocosm of stunning changes in American sociosexual and family experience. Like those which affect the terrain of a delta the changes are gradual and barely perceptible and yet suddenly it becomes clear there is a new barrier, a new channel, a new uncertainty. So with the issue of men in America. The New Hampshire report may not be a full map of the delta but its alerts us to the large reality of implacable changes. And we may not like them.

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Mr. Tiger, Charles Darwin Professor of Anthropology at Rutgers, is the author of "The Decline of Males" (St. Martin's, 1999).

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RADAR Alert: VAWA Clears Congress: Some Progress, But Still Much Work to Do

Matt · 19 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This week's alert has a positive twist. As a result of your determined efforts, we have something to be thankful for in terms of making VAWA laws applicable to all victims of domestic violence.

Click "Read more..." for more

VAWA Clears Congress: Some Progress, But Still Much Work to Do

First is a revision that seems small but holds promise for the future. Section 40002 [Definitions and Grant Provisions] section (b), paragraph 8, now contains the following language:

NONEXCLUSIVITY - Nothing in this title shall be construed to prohibit male victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking from receiving benefits and services under this title.

A second provision we worked hard for is an investigation of VAWA programs by the General Accounting Office:

SEC. 119. GAO STUDY AND REPORT.

(a) Study Required- The Comptroller General shall conduct a study to establish the extent to which men, women, youth, and children are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and the availability to all victims of shelter, counseling, legal representation, and other services commonly provided to victims of domestic violence.

(b) Activities Under Study- In conducting the study, the following shall apply:

(1) CRIME STATISTICS- The Comptroller General shall not rely only on crime statistics, but may also use existing research available, including public health studies and academic studies.

(2) SURVEY- The Comptroller General shall survey the Department

of Justice, as well as any recipients of Federal funding for any purpose or an appropriate sampling of recipients, to determine--

(A) what services are provided to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;

(B) whether those services are made available to youth, child, female, and male victims; and

(C) the number, age, and gender of victims receiving each available service.

(c) Report- Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on the activities carried out under this section.

However, the language providing for funding eligibility of programs focused on male
victims did not survive. That is a disappointment.

Nonetheless, we consider this revision a step forward in the effort to get that proverbial
pendulum back to the middle.

**To maintain this momentum, we ask you to send/e-mail/fax notes of appreciation to all
of your elected officials.**

1. Tell them you appreciate that they were willing to be responsive to the need to
   serve male victims of domestic violence.
2. Highlight the need for continued monitoring of VAWA-funded programs to
   make sure that male victims receive the services they need.

Contact information for your Representative can be found at http://www.house.gov/.

Contact information for your Senators can be found at http://www.senate.gov/.

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Congress Committee Passes Gender-Neutral VAWA?

Matt · 19 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"An MND blogger reports that the Senate/House conference committee yesterday passed a version of VAWA 2005 that includes "gender-neutral" language. Problem is, nothing in this language actually mandates any spending or support for male DV services, nor does it reform the biased funding authority of the Office Against Violence for Women that distributes the five billion. "Today VAWA passed through the Senate/House Conference Committee with the entire gender-neutral text that we asked for. David Burroughs who wrote the text said ... 'Through the hard work and support of many dedicated supporters of equality we have succeeded in having language inserted in the VAWA that makes it clear to the DOJ [Department Of Justice] VAWO [Violence Against Women Office] that it can no longer circumvent the original intent of Congress that this legislation provide shelter and services to all victims of domestic violence regardless of their gender.' " Link at --*

http://mensnewsdaily.com/blog/feminist4fathers/200 5/12/in-this-time-of-holiday-magic.html"

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Further Commentary from CPB's Ombudsman re "Breaking the Silence"

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Glenn Sacks' Dec. 19, 2005 newsletter points out this latest statement from Ken Bode, CPB's ombudsman. Excerpt:

"I agree with everything Getler says, to a point. He allows that PBS editorial guidelines for fairness and objectivity were "bumped up against and maybe breached," but does not assert they were clearly breached.

I think it is worse than that. There was no alternative point of view presented in "Breaking the Silence," and the producer admits it was intended to be that way. It might be difficult to find a clearer breach of PBS editorial standards unless one concludes there is only one side to child and spousal abuse issues in the country's custody cases."

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Marriage Broker Act Sneaks Into VAWA 2005

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Lee writes *"Maria Cantwell (WA) has succeeded and inserted the 2003 language for International Marriage Broker Regulation of 2005 into Appendix D of VAWA 2005, which passed this weekend.*

This language would require all who seek to meet or communicate with a foreign love interest online to first pass an invasive and extensive background check. The foreign national client would also get the scoop on how the U.S. Domestic Violence and Divorce Industries work.

See thread on standyourground.com for a discussion."

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WorldNetDaily Author Spews Misandry

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Anonymous user writes *"I saw this and knew I had to share it. It speaks for itself. Once past the tip of her hat to the recent newsflashes about female teachers molesting minor males, she goes on to lay in mercilessly to the male sex. From the article:*

'Sorry, young co-eds are being sexually brutalized by "Joe College" – the ones they know – from fraternity abuses to "hooking up" for what passes for a "date" these days. Well, after all, the sexy stars do it on "Sex and the City" with no downside.'"

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More from the Women-as-Far-More-Valuable Department

Matt · 20 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

This NYTimes article speaks volumes about how women are considered darn-near infinitely more valuable than men. Excerpt:

"Making sure the women's commute was safe was the responsibility of the men who provided convoy security. "That was their job," said Corporal Saalman, the group's leader, of Branchville, Ind."

Those killed in this incident were all Marines. All of them valuable people but all equally valuable as war-fighters. So why does this article fairly drip with contempt for and lack of recognition for the men who served, and some of whom also died, in this same incident?

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RADAR Alert: PBS Whitewashes Flawed Documentary

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After a month-long review, the Public Broadcasting Service has disappointed thousands of viewers and given its stamp of approval to *Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories*.

According to the PBS statement, “The producers approached the topic with the open mindedness and commitment to fairness that we require of our journalists. Their research was extensive and supports the conclusions drawn in the program.”

Click "Read more..." for more.

PBS Whitewashes Flawed Documentary

PBS plans to produce a follow-up documentary on child custody, family courts, and parental alienation syndrome, to be aired in Spring 2006. PBS does not indicate that the second program will highlight the concerns or perspectives of fathers; indeed, the PBS statement does not even include the word, “father.”

Of greater concern is the PBS statement that says, “Additionally, the documentary's ‘first-person story telling approach’ **did not allow the depth of the producers' research to be as evident to the viewer as it could have been.**” [emphasis added]. RADAR is concerned that in *Breaking the Silence Part II*, PBS will simply present biased experts and one-sided research that will reinforce the propaganda-like conclusions contained in *Breaking the Silence Part I*.

The PBS statement made no concession to Ken Bode, ombudsman for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, who wrote on Monday, “It was precisely the lack of balance and fairness that caused so many viewers to contact PBS and CPB ... Lasseur now says that [lack of balance] was intentional. Simply put, that amounts to a plea of guilty to violating the fairness and balance standards of PBS.” [http://www.cpb.org/ombudsmen/051219bode.html]

The PBS statement also ignored the criticisms by PBS' own ombudsman, Michael Getler, who wrote on December 2 that the program comes across “as a one-sided, advocacy program” and “there was no recognition of opposing views.” [http://www.pbs.org/ombudsman/2005/12/introduction_and_breaking_the_silence.html]

On December 12, RADAR sent a letter to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting calling for an Inspector General investigation of the program. The letter reiterated RADAR's demands that PBS completely retract *Breaking the Silence*, and that PBS commission a follow-up documentary that highlights the plight of children endangered by a court system that awards custody to fathers only 15% of the time. [http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADAR_letterToCPB_InspectorGeneral.pdf]

A recent column by David Usher reveals how *Breaking the Silence* is part of a broader campaign to influence public policy that would make it far more difficult for divorcing fathers to gain shared parenting rights of their children. [http://www.therealitycheck.org/GuestColumnist/dusher121905.htm]

RADAR will analyze the situation over the upcoming holidays and issue our next Alert on January 2, 2006.

PBS Programming Statement on BREAKING THE SILENCE: CHILDREN'S STORIES

BREAKING THE SILENCE: CHILDREN'S STORIES chronicles the impact of domestic violence on children and the recurring failings of family courts across the country to protect them from their abusers. In stark and often poignant interviews, children and battered mothers tell their stories of abuse at home and continued trauma within the courts. The producers approached the topic with the open mindedness and commitment to fairness that we require of our journalists. Their research was extensive and supports the conclusions drawn in the program. Funding from the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation met PBS's underwriting guidelines; the Foundation had no editorial influence on program content.

However, the program would have benefited from more in-depth treatment of the complex issues surrounding child custody and the role of family courts and most specifically the provocative topic of Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS). Additionally, the documentary's "first-person story telling approach" did not allow the depth of the producers' research to be as evident to the viewer as it could have been.

PBS has received a substantial body of analysis and documentation from both supporters of the documentary and its critics.

It is clear to us that this complex and important issue would benefit from further examination. To that end, PBS will commission an hour-long documentary for that purpose. Plans call for the documentary to be produced and broadcast in Spring 2006. We expect that the hour-long treatment of the subject will allow ample opportunity for doctors, psychologists, judges, parent advocates and victims of abuse to have their perspectives shared, challenged and debated.

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Indian Policewomen Assault Couples for Dating

Matt · 21 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Just when you don't think it can't get any weirder, just read this.

Excerpt:

Two policewomen have been suspended in the northern Indian city of Meerut for slapping and punching couples who were dating in a public park.

Police were carrying out "Operation Romeo", which they said was to target the sexual harassment of women.

Anti-police protests erupted after TV pictures showed officers punching and pulling the hair of young women.

So let's see, this is an assault not just on the right to associate and freedom to assemble (which is guaranteed under Indian law) but also an assault on romantic relations between the sexes. Note that the ostensible reason for the "program" that placed these policewomen in the park was targetted specifically at stopping **men** from... dating women? Note there is implied in the name of the operation itself ("Operation Romeo") that the female of the couple is not presumed to be an active part in what... making out or something? And just how is making out in a park "sexual harassment" anyway? Anyone who needs explicit evidence that male sexuality itself is being directly persecuted need only look at this story.

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"Cheaper by the Dozen" Another Cliche Dumb-Daddy Movie

Matt · 22 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

CJ writes *"Finally, a movie columnist (one from the Globe too!) stands up for men/fathers:*

"I have to say Tom Baker is one idiot patriarch too many. We're saddled with the cliche dumb daddy in ads, TV sitcoms, comic strips, but a neutered (numerous crotch injuries) Steve Martin is the last straw. I therefore announce the founding of a new anti-defamation organization, Fathers United against Dopey Dads -- or F.U.D.D. -- and call for volunteers and greater media awareness of this slanderous stereotype. A dad is a terrible thing to waste A dad is a terrible thing to waste, and 'Cheaper by the Dozen 2' is one vast, cheery wasteland."

Let's offer support to the writer of this article."

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Letterman finds out how easy it is to get restraining order

Matt · 22 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From CNN, Lawyers for David Letterman want a judge to quash a restraining order granted to a Santa Fe woman who contends the CBS late-night host used code words to show he wanted to marry her and train her as his co-host. A state judge granted a temporary restraining order to Colleen Nestler, who alleged in a request filed last Thursday that Letterman has forced her to go bankrupt and caused her "mental cruelty" and "sleep deprivation" since May 1994. Nestler requested that Letterman, who tapes his show in New York, stay at least 3 yards away and not "think of me, and release me from his mental harassment and hammering." Lawyers for Letterman, in a motion filed Tuesday, contend the order is without merit and asked state District Judge Daniel Sanchez to quash it.* ***That's right, folks. A woman was able to get a restraining order against David Letterman based on that in her mind he is using code words to show he wanted to marry her and train her as his co-host. And the feminists have the nerve to cry about how "hard" it is to file a restraining order."***

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HIV positive woman faces life in prison for raping boy

Matt · 22 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes:

Police Say HIV-Positive Woman Raped Boy

AVOCA, Ark. -- Authorities said a 13-year-old Arkansas boy was exposed to HIV when he was allegedly raped by a 42-year-old woman in his own home.

Deputies thought they were headed to a domestic disturbance call at the teen's home near Avoca, Ark., at about 2 a.m. Monday.

When they arrived they found two men arguing with a woman named Donna Sue Mars. However, during subsequent interviews, police said one of the men said Mars had sex with his 13-year-old son, Fort Smith, Ark., television station KHBS reported."

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Homeless Boys Line African City Streets

Matt · 23 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

"Young and Homeless Fill Africa's City Streets" - no mention though of UNICEF, or any other organizational outrage, over the fact that the vast majority of these are boys. That's because, quite predictably, no one seems to care nearly as much as they would if these kids were predominently girls. And people wonder why Africa is plagued by problems with violent, angry young men. Excerpt:

They are part of an unprecedented and growing phenomenon of homeless youths in Africa's exploding urban centers, according to studies by UNICEF and Save the Children. There is no reliable estimate of their total number, but studies indicate it could be as high as 1 million.

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Now, nearly every major African city has its own name for them. In Khartoum, they are called "the children of the market." In Nairobi, they are known as "glue boys," because they sniff glue out of old bottles, holding the rims to their lips as if they were whispering into the neck. In Kinshasa, the capital of Congo, they are called "the desperate children" -- barefoot boys who shine shoes, banging a stick with a bottle cap to attract customers.

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Virginia Men Cleared of Rape with DNA Testing

Matt · 23 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

If you haven't seem the Innocence Project web site yet, please take a look. The number of men who have been railroaded into jail on flimsy evidence for the crime of rape is truly heartbreaking, and DNA testing that exonerates them is showing "The System's" routinized knee-jerk anti-male bigotry for what it is. Most recent news of DNA testing-based exonerations is here. Excerpt:

He wasn't always that resolute. He remembers saying over and over to himself the night he was convicted: "I am innocent. I am not a rapist." It was a refrain he would repeat in the coming years in handwritten letters to judges and lawyers and advocates for those wrongly imprisoned.

Thurman said he trusted the criminal justice system; he said he believed it wouldn't fail him. But in the end, it did, he said, and his only choice was to carry out his sentence in silence.

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Wife, Her BF, and Daughter's BF Held in Slaying of Reservist

Matt · 25 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The enemy was his own wife. Story here.*

Excerpt:

'RALEIGH, N.C. --Home for Christmas after nearly a year in the Middle East, Navy Reservist Paul Berkley was making up for lost time with his family.

He arrived Wednesday, in time to hear his 18-year-old son, Zeke, sing the national anthem with his high school chorus. On Friday, he and 16-year-old daughter Becky ate pizza, watched movies and danced.

By Sunday, the 46-year-old sailor was dead, shot once in the head during a walk in the park with his wife, Monique. She now stands charged with his slaying, along with two men -- her alleged teenage lover and her stepdaughter Becky's boyfriend.'"

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Ex-coach had sexual relations with player, indictment alleges

Matt · 25 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Story here.*
Both female. I wonder if there will be any real punishment? Excerpt:

'NEWARK, Ohio — A Licking County grand jury yesterday indicted a former assistant softball coach at Newark High School on three counts each of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor and sexual battery.

Jessica Spain, 26, of Newark, was arrested Dec. 16 by Newark police after they investigated a relationship between Spain and a player on the high-school team. Some staff members and a police officer assigned to the school observed Spain and the 16-year-old girl kissing in a car in a school parking lot on Dec. 14, authorities said.'"

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"Moms in prison"

Matt · 25 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Not much mention here of "dads in prison" or any chance they have (or don't) to see their kids today.

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"Cool Mom" in Crash

Matt · 26 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

She just can't seem to control herself, can she? Story here.

GOLDEN, Colo. - A woman who authorities said had sex with high school boys so she could be a "cool mom" was injured while riding in an SUV that veered off an interstate a day before she was to be sentenced. The driver was a 14-year-old girl.

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Johnson and three other passengers — her 14-year-old daughter, 11-year-old son and a 12-year-old boy — were hospitalized with serious injuries, authorities said. Only the driver was wearing a seat belt and escaped serious injury, authorities said.

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USA Today: Female Tsunami Survivors are Biggest Victims

Matt · 27 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"One year after the horrific Indian Ocean tsunami, it appears that most of the survivors are still living in tents or other rudimentary conditions. Unfortunately, USA Today just had to put in something unsubstantiated about women survivors being particularly vulnerable to abuse (from the "beastly male" tsunami survivors, one is led to assume).*

It's sad that a tragedy like this has to be reported on through the distorted lens of gender-feminist groups.

A link to this article is here."

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Restraining Order vs. Letterman Quashed

Matt · 28 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Good news for David Letterman... problem is, it never should have been issued in the first place. Story here.

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Wall Street Journal Prints Supportive Letters Re Men's Commission

Matt · 28 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"Today the Wall Street Journal printed two supportive letters responding to Professor Lionel Tiger's op ed on neglected issues affecting men and on the findings of the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men."*

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CNN wants to Hear from Male DV Victims

Matt · 28 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"CNN wants to hear from male victims of domestic violence. If you were a victim within the last three years, this is your chance to present the other side of the domestic violence issue.*

This information is from a newsletter sent out by Chuck Corry of the Equal Justice Foundation."

Click on Read More/Post Comments to see the original newsletter with his announcement.
From: "Dr. Charles E. Corry"

To: EJF comments

Cc: "Abate, Angelena"

Subject: EJF notice - CNN looking for abused men

Date: Tue, 27 Dec 2005

Charles,

My name is Angelena and I am a producer at CNN's Paula Zahn Now program.

We are working on a story about battered men and I got your name from Lisa who works with DV victims. I have also talked to Marc Angelucci and several others.

I would like to talk to you about your experience helping men who have experienced domestic violence.

I can be reached at 212-275-8340 or I am happy to call you if you give me a good number. I look forward to hearing from you.

Angelena

I received the above from Angelena Abate with CNN and spoke with her on the phone today. She would like to speak to men who have been physically abused by their wives or girlfriends within the past three years and are willing to discuss their experience.

Given CNN's global coverage I would assume this invitation includes men in the many other countries the EJF works with. Also please feel free to forward this to your local lists if you think any in your group would possibly be interested.

Her phone number and email address are given above if you meet this criteria, and would like to talk about it, please contact her directly.

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The good men may do separately is small compared with what they may do collectively.

-- Benjamin Franklin

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Female Ohio SC Justice Scolded for DUI

Matt · 28 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Hmmm, this is the kind of story I ponder about because the question is, is she being let off light (with a mere reprimand, when any "ordinary person" would lose a professional license, get jailed, etc.) because she is female, or a senior citizen, or a state supreme court justice, or because she is cop-friendly, or any combination/all of these? That is, is this a gender/class/sandbox thing or a combination thereof? What do YOU think?

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California Domestic Violence Lawsuit Will Help Secure Services for All Abuse Victims

Matt · 30 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"Sacks/Angelucci print column on class action lawsuit to end state's discrimination against male DV victims in California here. A Superior Court family law judge called me saying he read this and he wants to know the data on male DV victims.*

A CBS video covering this effort can be seen here."

Ed. note: Way to go, guys!

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Woman Killed By Son During DV Was Justified

Matt · 31 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Well, this is rare!*

A woman who was attacking her 73 yo father with a pair of scissors during a DV confrontation was shot and killed by her son.

This woman's death during this domestic violence incident was ruled justifiable homicide.
No charges filed against the son or his grandfather."

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Lawsuit says gym's women-only policy illegally discriminates

Matt · 31 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes "

Article published - Dec 29, 2005

BODY CENTRAL

State sues SR health club

Lawsuit says gym's women-only policy illegally discriminates against men

By STEVE HART

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

A state agency that enforces civil rights laws has filed a lawsuit against a Santa Rosa women's health club, charging its women-only policy unlawfully discriminates against men.

The state Department of Fair Employment and Housing is seeking a court injunction against Body Central, a fitness center on Ross Street in downtown Santa Rosa.

(snip)"

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"HOSTEL" is hostile to men

Matt · 31 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

Thundercloud writes *"If anyone still doubts that violence against men in "entertainment" is MUCH worse than at any other time in our history, I present to you the latest Quentin Tarantino movie called "HOSTEL" (Macromedia Flash required).*

In this movie two American males are led to believe that they are going to have sex with beautiful women. Instead the women lead the men to the Hostel to be kidnapped, bound and gagged, tortured, sodomized and cut up into pieces for the viewing pleasure of the "audience".

This type of "hate-male" imagery is becoming worse, more graphic and more sadistic with each like movie. Not only is it a disturbing trend, it is a harmful one to our society.
If this were FEMALES portrayed in this manner, even to a lesser extent, it would NEVER make it to the screen.
It is time for MRAs to break the silence on this issue, NOW!
The silence is deafening..."

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Men's Studies Activism Project Launched

Scott · 31 December 2005 · Archived copy · Original

I am collaborating with Dr. Ed Stephens (president of NCFM's Greater New York chapter) to do some research necessary for an effort to get Men's Studies programs established at major 4-year colleges and universities. There is now a wiki page where you can participate in this project, and this is a perfect activism project from the standpoint that you can made a helpful contribution with as little as ten minutes' research on the web. The information we collect will be used to approach these colleges and universities to request that Men's Studies departments be created, to collect paperwork of their responses, and (in all likelihood), have a strong body of documentation that could be used in a future sex discrimination lawsuit. **Please** take a look at this project and offer some help - there is a lot of work to do, but it will be easy if a good number of people participate to help break up the tasks.

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WP Covers Men in Commercials

Matt · 1 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I was surprised, pleasantly, by this piece in the Washington Post. I do get the impression that the author is playing both sides of the fence, however. Still, it's a good thing we're seeing it some discussion of it in mainstream press. Excerpt:

Advertisers make fun of men, in part, because they always have, says ad executive Marian Salzman, who points out that the guys have been the butt of the joke in sitcoms and movies for decades. Men don't seem to mind, she says, and what's more, who else is there to make fun of? Women and members of minority groups have long reacted with hostility to similar portrayals. Says Salzman, "The only people [advertisers] are still allowed to offend these days are straight white men with a full head of hair."

But the "doofus" approach is doomed to fail with young men because it underestimates them, says Salzman, a trend-spotter with the giant ad agency J. Walter Thompson and the co-author of "The Future of Men." "[Men] think with a multiplicity of organs, not just the one below the belt. They want to be respected, admired, entertained, to be part of a community," she says. "They don't want to be patronized like they're a bunch of morons."

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NY Times Essay on Divorce Neglects Facts

Matt · 2 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

No mention in this essay regarding how 70% of divorces are initiated by the wife, nor any chance for her ex-husband to discuss his own reasons. Classic stuff, indeed, just bursting forth into the new year!

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RADAR Alert: Tell PBS Stations that PBS' Whitewash Doesn't Mean 'Breaking the Silence' is Unbiased

Matt · 3 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A few days before Christmas, PBS finally issued their statement on *Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories*. (See http://www.pbs.org/aboutpbs/news/20051221_breakingthesilence.html) PBS' statement gives their affiliated stations a green light to continue airing this biased program.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Tell PBS Stations that PBS' Whitewash Doesn't Mean *Breaking the Silence* is Unbiased

In the statement, PBS says, “The producers approached the topic with the open mindedness and commitment to fairness that we require of our journalists.” To make this assertion, they had to completely ignore their own ombudsman's opinion that “this particular program had almost no balance” and the CPB ombudsman's opinion that the producers' stated intention to exclude any alternative view “amounts to a plea of guilty to violating the fairness and balance standards of PBS”. (See http://www.pbs.org/ombudsman/2005/12/introduction_and_breaking_the_silence.html and http://www.cpb.org/ombudsmen/051219bode.html)

PBS also claims that the producers' research “was extensive and supports the conclusions drawn in the program,” in spite of their having received a detailed analysis, which shows that the research cited by the program's creators does not support the program's message (http://www.fathersandfamilies.org/Publications/BTS/BTSResearchCritiqueWithComments.pdf) One has to wonder if they even bothered to read the analysis, or if they decided early on to support the producers' research no matter what.

PBS' implicit message to their affiliates is that there's nothing wrong with them broadcasting this biased program. So this week we're asking you to contact your local PBS affiliate with the message:

The PBS Ombudsman has described *Breaking the Silence* as “a one-sided, advocacy program”. The CPB Ombudsman has called the producers guilty of violating the fairness and balance standards of PBS. Affiliates that want to maintain the public's trust in their commitment to PBS' own fairness and balance standards should refrain from rebroadcasting *Breaking the Silence*.

To find your local PBS affiliate:

1. Go to http://www.pbs.org/stationfinder/index.html and enter your zip code, or
2. Look in your local telephone directory

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Salon.com Advice Columnist Excuses F-on-M DV

Matt · 3 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The only good news about this piece is that the readers' comments are uniformly against the "advice" the columnist serves up to the letter-writer.

Note that to see premium content (though I myself wouldn't call it that), one must either subscribe to salon.com or put up with watching a 4-page ad for something. At least the ad allows fast click-through to get to the content, and given what a blatantly outrageous apology for F-on-M battery the response represents, it's worth the hassle.

Feel free to make ample use of the "Make a comment to the editor." link as well as the "Post a letter about this article" button.

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Planet Mensactivism: A New Blog Feedreader

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The Men's Activism News Network has a new addition to our family of sites, planet.mensactivism.org. Planet Mensactivism is an aggregator of men's rights-oriented blog postings. We currently only have a handful of blogs subscribed to with it, including Cathy Young's blog, the DesertLight Journal, The Men's Hour, and a few more. Please send your blog recommendations to admin@mensactivism.org so we can increase this list. Also, please be aware that there are still some bugs to shake out of the new site and occasionally you'll see some odd formatting of the entries.

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Japan: Divorce Boom on Deck

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This article demonstrates the effects that government-induced financial incentives have on people as they evaluate marriage, or staying married, as the case may be. The result is no surprise, really. Excerpt:

With a new law set to come into force in 2007 allowing ex-wives to claim half their husband's pension, domestic media are warning of a possible divorce boom.

The number of Japanese couples parting ways has risen rapidly over the past 20 years to a 2002 peak of 290,000, while divorce among those married more than 20 years has increased even faster.

Now figures are drifting downwards, but many commentators speculate that women -- who initiate the majority of divorces -- are holding out until 2007.

Wait 'til the law is in effect, then take the old man for half, or better -- simple enough, yes?

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Comparing Justice: Men vs Women

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Misandrope writes *"Statistics can tell interesting stories. Here we learn about relative rates of incarceration for men vs women, and we also learn about a HUGE disparity between sentence lengths for the same types of crimes.*

Women murderers are sentenced to term lengths about 17% of what men are sentenced to. In particular, I believe this is because in about 88% of the cases, they are murdering men, their spouses, and ex-spouses.

Yet another chilling piece of evidence demonstrating how very misandrous our legal system is.

-M"

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Mine Tragedy - Men as Casualties of Work

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The current mine tragedy story points up the fact that men are far-more often victims of industrial accidents than women due to the jobs they do and the way they are perceived as being "less valuable" than women, so more readily sacrificed in the name of profit margins. As this story points out, the last thoughts of some seem only to have been of their families. So next time a feminist tries to tell you that men don't care much for their children as compared to women, etc., send them that link as a reply needing no further elaboration.

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First 2006 edition of Journal of PAS Newsletter Available

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Your free copy of the January/February edition of the Journal of Parental Alienation is now available for download at http://www.helpstoppas.org/.

Click "Read more..." for more.Click on “Newsletter” and you will find the latest edition of the Journal available as a free download in Adobe Acrobat. If you do not currently have Adobe or you wish to upgrade to the latest edition just click the Adobe icon on the newsletter webpage. This month we have started a new feature – a Q and A with Dr. Reena Sommer. Information on how to send your questions to Dr. Sommer is located on page 7. Also, be sure to read the information regarding virtual visitation and look for more information on this hot topic in our next edition.

We would like to introduce you all to our new editorial committee. Dr Richard Austin, Dr. Katherine Andre, Dr. Catherine Cain, and Dr. Reena Sommer have all agreed to join our editorial committee to volunteer their time and efforts to further the development of the Journal of Parental Alienation. We warmly welcome them aboard and thank them for donating their considerable expertise to help make the Help Stop PAS Journal the number one source for parental alienation information. The Journal has a current distribution rate of over 6000 and, thanks to you, is still growing rapidly.

Inside this Issue:

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'Off the Chain' Update

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Ron writes *"There is a very sick and disturbing film on its way out under the title 'Off the Chain'.*

The film is full of male-bashing jokes, critism and even has a scene
about male castration.

Click here to see a trailer for the movie.

If men were to make a movie about female bashing and cutting off tatters, there would be mobs taking over the set stopping the scenes from being shot!

I am asking everyone to begin a boycott of this film immediately"

Ed. note: Seeing the trailer is easier if you download the .mov file itself to your PC and run it from there using the Apple Quicktime Player or some other video player that can handle .mov files.

To download the file, right-click on this link and choose "Save Link As..." and save the file. This movie was reported in Dec. 2005 here on MANN at this entry but there was no trailer available at the time.

Of likely interest also is the response to MRAs' complaints about the movie that the producers of this film currently have on their home page, here. Apparently, they do not much care about the opinions of MRAs regarding the topic of DV against men.

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Another abusive mother gets a suspended sentence

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Anonymous User writes *"Convicted of child abuse, the judge suspends the sentence because the child may blame himself if his mother goes to jail!!*

What do women have to do to their kids to be punished as a man would be?"

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RADAR Alert: Ombudsmen Refuse to Let the BTS Controversy Go Away

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When PBS executives issued their whitewash of *Breaking the Silence* four days before Christmas, they figured that all the controversy would die down and things would soon get back to normal. [http://www.pbs.org/aboutpbs/news/20051221_breakingthesilence.html]

Because the very next day, PBS ombudsman Michael Getler appeared on the PBS MacNeil-Lehrer report. He pointed out that the documentary did not interview even a single father, and again criticized *Breaking the Silence* for being "quite a one-sided presentation."

Click "Read more..." for more

Ombudsmen Refuse to Let the BTS Controversy Go Away

And then a few days ago Ken Bode, ombudsman for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, came out with his third critique of the flawed documentary. Bode didn't pull any punches: "I found the program to be so totally unbalanced as to fall outside the boundaries of PBS editorial standards on fairness and balance." [http://www.cpb.org/ombudsmen/060104bode.html]

Translation: PBS blew it.

Now, PBS local affiliates have to decide who's right: the PBS executives who approved the program in the first place, or the two independent ombudsmen of the Public Broadcasting Service and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Of course it's possible the statements by Ken Bode and Michael Getler will be ignored. That's exactly what the abuse advocates are hoping for. Because they have more surprises in store.

Or maybe word will get out that most fathers who seek custody of their children are doing it to protect and care for their children. That's the message that RADAR wants to get out, because that's the truth.

On Monday, January 9, RADAR sent a press release to over 10,000 media outlets – shown below. We want the truth to get out.

But what about the PBS affiliates? That's where you come in.

This week we are asking you to e-mail RADAR's press release to your local PBS affiliate. And if you can, send it to other media contacts.

Because the truth needs to get out. It's in our hands.

Today, please take these steps:

1.

Go to http://www.pbs.org/stationfinder/index.html and enter your zip code to get the web address for your local PBS affiliate.

2.

E-mail

the attached Press Release to the PBS contact listed on their webpage.

3.

Forward
the Press Release to any other media or other contacts you may have.

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Ombudsman Slams Documentary, Despite PBS Whitewash

PRESS RELEASE

January 9, 2006

Contact: Mark B. Rosenthal
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WASHINGTON
– Ombudsman Ken Bode has charged PBS with violating its own editorial standards in airing the program, *Breaking the Silence*.
In his January 4 report, Bode concluded, "I found the program to be so totally unbalanced as to fall outside the boundaries of PBS editorial standards on fairness and balance."
[http://www.cpb.org/ombudsmen/060104bode.html]

In a previous statement, Bode, who works as ombudsman for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, criticized producer Dominique Lasseur for not interviewing any fathers for the program: "Simply put, that amounts to a plea of guilty to violating the fairness and balance standards of PBS."

Since its broadcast on October 20, *Breaking the Silence* has generated a firestorm of controversy for the Public Broadcasting Service. The program, which probes the issues of child abuse and child custody, triggered thousands of protests from viewers who deplored the inaccurate and one-sided presentation of the issues.

On December 21, PBS re-affirmed its support for producer Dominique Lasseur, saying he "approached the topic with the open mindedness and commitment to fairness that we require of our journalists."

Many viewed the PBS statement as a less than candid acknowledgement of the program's shortcomings. Bode suggests PBS' failure to admit bias and retract the program may be due to "the possibility of litigation."

"We encourage PBS affiliates to carefully consider Mr. Bode's latest critique in their decision whether to air *Breaking the Silence*," notes RADAR member Gordon Finley. "Neither the best interests of children or the public are well-served by one-sided, misleading programming."

Bode's January 4 report was his third statement highly critical of the PBS documentary. His previous reports were issued on November 29 and December 19. Additional analyses and critiques of *Breaking the Silence* can be found at http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Date of RADAR Release: January 9, 2005

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner:

http://www.mediaradar.org/

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Bush Signs VAWA - What Did MRA's Learn?

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Roy writes *"The press reports that on 5 January 2006 President Bush signed VAWA endorsing a 20% increase in the billions of dollars funding this primary legal assault against men. "The act, which expired in September, helps children exposed to violence, trains health care workers on how to support victims of abuse and encourages men to teach youngsters that violence is wrong. The extension includes new provisions on health care, early intervention and outreach to American Indian women." Note there is no mention of "gender-neutrality" in any of the press coverage. Link here."*

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Woman dresses up as man to explore stereotypes

Matt · 10 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Rand T. writes *"Interesting story at the New-York Post:*

If you need a name and password to log in, you can use http://www.bugmenot.com/"

Click "Read more..." to read the Post article; bugmenot's userid/passwords are often hit-and-miss. :(**GAL DONS A GUY'S GUISE TO EXPLORE A MAN'S WORLD**

By BILLY HELLER

As a woman, New Yorker Norah Vincent was used to being stared at by men she passed in her Village neighborhood. It's a way men "assert their dominance," she says.

But she often wondered what was behind those stares. So she conducted an experiment.

Like John Howard Griffin, who disguised himself as an African-American in the South of 1959 for "Black Like Me," and Gregory Peck playing a writer posing as a Jew to investigate anti-Semitism in the Oscar-winning "Gentleman's Agreement," Vincent went undercover.

With makeup, workouts, wardrobe and a voice coach, she became a man and plunged into a world she had only known from the other side.

The result is a book, "Self-Made Man" (Viking, $24.95), in which Vincent, a journalist, tells how she used her childhood nickname, Ned, and joined a men's bowling league; went into the woods with nearly three dozen guys for a touchy-feely retreat; got a job with a testosterone-fueled sales force; and hung out with her guy pals at strip clubs.

She even went out on some dates with women, although Vincent revealed her true identity before things went too far.

To transform herself into a convincing man, Vincent, who's gay, glued tiny clippings of synthetic hair to her face for a 5 o'clock shadow, and got a flat-top haircut. She bound her breasts with a cupless sports bra and wore loose-fitting clothes and layers, lifted weights and consumed a lot of protein.

She even wore a prosthetic penis in a jockstrap.

In the end, Vincent was surprised by her stereotype-defying discoveries, which included:

* It's men who frequently suffer rejection — and supposedly emotionally in-tune women are extraordinarily self-absorbed.

* Although men are supposedly the dominant species, it's women who dominate most dating conversations.

"I listened to them talk literally for hours about the most minute, mind-numbing details of their personal lives," Vincent writes. "Listening to them was like undergoing a slow frontal lobotomy."

* Women are responsible for some of the hostility they encounter while playing the dating game.

"The women who were hostile to me made me mad," she writes, "and that made me want to be hostile to them. I can't imagine men in the same position not reacting the same way."

* Women could learn a lot about sincerity from a man's handshake.

On her first night of bowling, Vincent's team's captain, Jim, offered his hand in introduction. "There was something so warm and bonded in this handshake . . . It was more affectionate than any handshake I'd ever received from a strange woman. To me, woman-to-woman introductions often seem fake and cold, full of limp gentility."

Vincent was also surprised to hear manly, muscular men complain about being "ob jectified."

Toby, from the men's self-help group she joined, "was built like an English bulldog, with wide lats, burly shoulders and a tiny waist." But he moaned, "Every time I come into a room or restaurant, especially with other guys, I can see the fear on their faces, like they think I'm going to hurt them. They assume I'm violent because of the way I look."

Vincent compares that to men presuming all blondes are bimbos.

Even the sleazy strip-club culture should not all be blamed on men, Vincent now believes. After observing a strip joint as a man, she decided it wasn't only a place men visited "to be beasts. It was also where women came to exercise some vestige of sexual power in the most unvarnished way possible."

What Vincent hated most about being a man, she wrote, was that society expects men to express limited emotions.

"As a guy, you get about a three-note emotional range. That's it as far as the outside world is concerned," she writes. "Women get octaves, chromatic scales of tears and joys and anxieties . . . but guys get little more than bravado and rage."

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Bad prostate cancer test is harmful to men

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zerostress writes *"According to this article, a prostate cancer test used to screen tens of thousands of men every year may be dangerously flawed. This test does not detect early form of cancer and cause many false positive result, bringing on unnecessary anxieties and surgeries."*

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NOW confuses allegations of rape with conviction

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DocDamage writes *"As reported in this article, N.O.W. wants Penn St. coach Joe Paterno to resign over comment he made regarding allegations of sexual assault made against AJ Nicholson. Paterno claims his comments were taken out of context, and having read the article, the comments are so garbled that there is* ***obviously*** *a considerable quantity of context required to make sense of the remarks.*

Wouldn't it be nice if NOW were to wait for a conviction before acting as if the accused was guilty?"

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VAWA -- "Annoying" Someone Online Is Now Illegal

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bandersnatch writes *"From CNet News -- Annoying someone via the Internet is now a federal crime. It's no joke. Last Thursday, President Bush signed into law a prohibition on posting annoying Web messages or sending annoying e-mail messages without disclosing your true identity. In other words, it's OK to flame someone on a mailing list or in a blog as long as you do it under your real name. Thank Congress for small favors, I guess. This ridiculous prohibition, which would likely imperil much of Usenet, is buried in the so-called Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act. Criminal penalties include stiff fines and two years in prison. "The use of the word 'annoy' is particularly problematic," says Marv Johnson, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union. "What's annoying to one person may not be annoying to someone else." A new federal law states that when you annoy someone on the Internet, you must disclose your identity.* ***Wow, just wow. Talk about your rights ending where her feelings begin."***

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Boston Globe prints DV-balanced op-ed

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Thanks to Marc A. for pointing out this op-ed in the Boston Globe written by Cathy Young.

Click "Read more..." to read the article. Family violence strikes men, too

By Cathy Young | January 9, 2006

LAST MONTH, in a little-noticed end-of-the-year action, Congress reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act. The final version includes text that, for the first time, recognizes male victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This is a step in the right direction of a balanced approach to family violence -- but only the first step.

The new language, included due to lobbying by men's advocacy groups, states that authorized federal grants can be given to programs that "provide assistance to female victims, male victims, or both." There has been confusion over this issue in the past, and the clarification is most welcome.

No less important, the bill directs the General Accounting Office to "conduct a study to establish the extent to which men, women, youth, and children are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and the availability to all victims of shelter, counseling, legal representation, and other services commonly provided to victims of domestic violence." The text of this provision specifies that the study should rely not only on crime statistics but on public health and academic studies and should investigate whether services are available to male as well as female victims.

Whether men as well as women are victims of domestic violence has been the subject of many arguments and dueling statistics. Men's rights activists cite numerous family violence surveys showing that women are just as likely to be aggressors in the home as men, but often downplay the fact that women are at greater risk of injury. Battered women's groups point to Justice Department statistics from crime victimization surveys showing that 85 percent of intimate partner violence victims are women, but fail to mention that these surveys miss many violent acts that the victim does not regard as a crime. The 1996 National Violence Against Women Survey, cosponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institute of Justice, found that 38 percent of the approximately 2.3 million Americans who experience partner violence every year are men.

Too often, abused men have to fight an uphill battle to be taken seriously. Men are presumed to be able to take care of themselves because they are generally bigger and stronger; but that advantage can be neutralized by a weapon, a surprise attack, or a man's reluctance to use force against a woman even to fend off her assault. (The most reliable research shows that up to 35 percent of victims injured by violent partners are men.) Yet many domestic violence programs offer minimal or no services to men, and male victims often have to deal with attitudes that are considered Neanderthal if expressed toward women -- for instance, that they must have done something to provoke the assault.

Bias against male victims is harmful not only to men. It hurts children whose fathers are unable to remove them from abusive households and women whose brothers or sons are victims of abuse. Actually, it's bad for all women, who will never be truly equal unless they are held equally accountable for their actions.

The recognition of violence toward men in the new law is an important achievement. But some major problems with the legislation remain.

First, the law has created a symbiotic relationship between the federal government and the battered women's advocacy movement. State coalitions against domestic violence play a vital role in the implementation of programs and policies based on the law. Unfortunately, most of these groups espouse a radical feminist ideology that reduces the complex issues of abuse to "women good, men bad" -- a secular religion with the patriarchy as the devil. Take this tidbit from the website of the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence: "All men benefit from the

violence of batterers. There is no man who has not enjoyed the male privilege resulting from male domination reinforced by the use of physical violence. . . . Battering by individual men keeps all women in line." This is hateful stuff.

Congress should have directed each state to create a domestic violence board to oversee the implementation of Violence Against Women Act programs, with no more than a quarter or a third of the seats going to members of battered women's groups and the rest to scholars, mental health professionals, and community activists.

In addition, the gender-specific title of the legislation still perpetuates the notion that violence against women deserves special concern. A gender-neutral title such as "The Family Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Act" would have sent a much better message.

Still, the bill creates new opportunities to ensure fairness in domestic violence services, and that counts for a great deal. These opportunities should not be missed.

Cathy Young is a contributing editor at Reason magazine. Her column appears regularly in the Globe.

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Colombia town requires all men to carry condoms

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Anonymous User writes *"I suppose this law applies even to men that are not sexually active.*
Also, carrying a condom is not the same as USING a condom, but this point is naturally lost on the stupid people behind this law."

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ABCNews.com: Retired Husband Syndrome

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mens_issues writes *"Note the latest gem from ABCNews.com called "Retired Husband Syndrome." The reference to wanting to toss one's husband out the window is apparently OK in this article - with the roles reversed it would be "domestic violence."*

The demeaning article can be found here.

Steve"

Ed. note: A recent MANN post on the divorce boom wating to break in Japan is found here.

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Kathleen Parker Op-ed addresses "Dangers of Cussing Like a Sailor"

Matt · 12 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Apparently loose lips sink more than ships... even minor wisecracks with any implications of sexual tension made by a man in uniform is enough to get him into a military court. Ms. Parker addresses the latest excess of the militarized-P.C.-world here.

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'Off the Chain' Producers have Apology for MRAs

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Well, not really... take a look:

http://www.offthechain.us/

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New Book Recommendation "Women Who Make The World Worse"

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Anonymous User writes *"In her new book Women Who Make The World Worse and How Their Radical Feminist Assault Is Ruining Our Schools, Families, Military and Sports, author Kate O'Beirne has shown the courage to expose the plan, name the perpetrators and give fair warning to all who will listen. All concerned men and women should buy, and read this book to show the publishing world that there is a market for any authors willing, and courageous enough to stand up and say to the man haters "we have all had enough"."*

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An older version of present domestic violence scares

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ahhkaboom writes *"An older version of present domestic violence accusations is: White Slavery.*

Wikipedia defines this as a moral panic in late 19th century and early 20th century United States, where there was a perception that abduction of (white) girls into forced prostitution was a danger to every young woman.

In this moral panic, the selected scapegoats were Chinese immigrants (known as Yellow peril), who were stereotyped and demonized as white slavers (eg: Thoroughly Modern Millie)."

Ed. note: Note the off-site link at the bottom of the entry leading to here, discussing the current scare regarding "trafficking in women" by one Jo Doezema.

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Enlightenment Japanese Style?

Thomas · 12 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This article is definitely written from the "It's men's fault but women are blamed. Waaaaa!" perspective. Nevertheless, it presents some interesting points about what seems to be the Japanese equivalent of American men's Marriage Strike. The odd thing to me is that it implies that Japanese men have turned away from sex, whereas the US has a hearty hook-up scene. Maybe Japanese men just prefer to spank the bishop while preserving their integrity and sanity.

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Support Groups in or Near Orlando, Florida?

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We've been contacted by someone who is going through an intense divorce, and is looking for other men's groups or male-friendly support resources in or near the Orlando, Florida area. Does anyone know of anything around there? Please post anything in the comments section here if you can. It would also be of help to post any internet resources such as e-mail lists or forums that might be useful to someone in the midst of this kind of crisis. Thank you for your help!

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Mona Charen: Enemy of Feminism But No Friend of Men

Matt · 14 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Columnist Mona Charen writes about Kate O'Beirne's new book "Women Who Make the World Worse".*

To use a quote by Charen:
"Against the better judgment of generals and admirals, women have been given more and more access to combat, to the point where scores of women have been killed and wounded in Iraq."

SCORES of women have been killed and wounded in Iraq!! Is that REALLY worse than the THOUSANDS of MEN killed and wounded in Iraq?

Apparently, it's not just the feminists that are anti-male. Even the anti-feminists like Charen and O'Beirne are anti-male!"

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NH Bill Aims to Improve Visitation Enforcement

Scott · 15 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Kathleen Parker wrote an excellent editorial about an effort underway in New Hampshire to put some teeth into child visitation orders. Rep. David Bickford is sponsoring the bill, HB 1585, whose idea was originally proposed by psychologist Dr. Stevan Gressitt of Maine. The bill would refer violators of child visitation orders to the state's Department of Health and Human Services to prompt an investigation for child abuse or neglect. New Hampshire's head of DHHS supports the legislation. This bill could help reduce the number of Parental Alienation Syndrome cases in the state, and is definitely a piece of legislation to keep an eye on.

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I Want My 'Lifetime' Back! Fems Mount Attack on Dish Networks

Matt · 17 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"There's an intriguing media battle going on right now as feminists are mounting a P.R. assault on satellite network DISH TV for pulling the plug on the womyn-centric "Lifetime" channel. Claiming that DISH TV, a private company, has no right to "deprive women of their favorite entertainment...." Lifetime's CEO writes -- "DISH has no right to decide for women that they should not have all of the viewing options for which they have paid — especially their favorite networks. The only disservice to women in this dispute is keeping Lifetime off the air." Another Evil Patriarchal plot to make women unhappy?"*

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Court overturns conviction of woman who killed ex-boyfriend

Matt · 17 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Story here.*

Excerpt:

'The high court ruled in a 45-page decision that Cary did not receive a fair trial because instructions about self-defense were not given to the jury. The Supreme Court said Circuit Judge Charles D. Griffith Jr., who presided over the trial, erred in keeping that information from the jury.'
"

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CBS/Tom Selleck promote more sexual violence vs. men

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SJones writes *"Sunday night, January 15, CBS ran a Tom Selleck movie, Jesse Stone: Night Passage in which the so-called hero, Sheriff Jesse Stone, goes to his very first call as sheriff to a domestic dispute. At the house he finds Stephen Baldwin playing the lesbian-feminst stereotype of a divorced man. Baldwin says obnoxious things, but has no weapons and does not make any threatening motions towards anyone. Tom Selleck then kicks Baldwin in the groin."*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"They focused on Stephen Baldwin's suffering, dragging it out for as long as possible as if the audience will of course enjoy it and thus it needs to be given as much attention as possible. Tom Selleck then leaves. The story clearly intends for him to seem heroic for having sexually assaulted a divorced man who was standing in his own living room, but to anyone who considers sexual assault of a man, especially by a police officer who has absolutely no justification for it, to be a hate crime this scene was in itself a crime.*

Variety Online said in their review of this sexist misandric scene, "The prequel also affords Stone a chance to begin breaking in his staff, which must grow accustomed to his little eccentricities, from bringing his dog to the office to settling a domestic dispute call by giving the pugnacious husband (Stephen Baldwin, with maybe the worst hairdo ever) ***a swift kick where it will do the most good.****". Clearly, Variety thinks sexual abuse of men is a good thing, too, and apparently wants to see our police using and abusing it as often as possible, which is what in fact will occur as our society increasingly accepts, encourages, and even celebrates this gender-specific hate-crime against males.*

Write to CBS and complain about their sexism and celebration of sexual abuse. Write to Tom Selleck, if you can find an address, and tell him how you feel about him producing and staring in this misandric hate-film. And write to Variety and tell them what a bunch of sexist pigs they are for celebrating sexual assault of an unarmed non-violent man by a police officer. Don't let this keep happening without complaining every single time. It's getting much, much worse with each passing year that the mens' movement does virtually nothing about it."

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"Just Another 12 Dead Men"

Matt · 18 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Feature submission addressing the deaths of the 12 miners in West Virginia, and how they are part of a flood of largely unrecognized male victims of workplace accidents/violence.

Click "Read more..." to read this outstanding essay.“Just Another 12 Dead Men”

by Mike Spaniola

Memorial services were held recently for the 12 men who died in West Virginia’s Sago Mine. The men died Jan. 2 after returning to the mine from the holiday break. An investigation continues to determine what went wrong.

The tragic death toll in the West Virginia mining
accident is ironic. Every day of the year, an average of 12 men die in this country in work-related incidents [1](.pdf file). We are often reminded of the more than 2,000 deaths suffered by U.S. Armed Forces in the Afghanistan and Iraq. But each year,
that grisly death toll is reached in the U.S. workplace by the end of May.

A majority of these deaths are white males and typically cut short the lives of the youngest men. (Women account for 8 percent of U.S.
workplace deaths.) This annual workplace slaughter of men is ignored by media, making it a truly silent crisis.

Many initial media reports on the mining
tragedy referred to the men only as “miners,” which is an odd twist for a media so otherwise gender-conscious. But when men die in war, they are merely “soldiers;” and when men die in construction accidents, they are merely “workers.”

In the article, “Dying at Work,” by Carrie Coolidge for Forbes.com [2], she lays out the statistics but never mentions that more than 90 percent of U.S. workplace deaths inconvenience men, and permanently so. Ms. Coolidge works for a business publication but seems
unable to do the math or to discern a statistical omission.

While our country’s death toll from mining operations is regrettable, men elsewhere fare much worse. From 1992 through 2002, mining accidents killed 434 miners in the U.S. and a staggering 59,543 in China. Working
hours and conditions in Chinese mines are debilitating, and holidays are rarely given. One survivor from a mining disaster in China’s Lianing province, where 220 men died in two days in February 2005, said he worked without stop for a year because “there is a great demand for coal in the country.” [3]

PC imagery vs. hard reality

When terrorists attacked the TwinTowers
on Sept. 11, 2001, the politically correct term “firefighters” applied to dead firemen only. The New York City firefighter death toll from that horrendous day was: men 343, women 0. America as a gender-neutral society seems a swell idea until someone gets hurt.

But it’s an old story. Remember the Titanic? Ninety-four percent of those in first-class who survived and 81 percent of those in second-class were women. A modern take on the chivalrous
phrase “women and children first” coincided with the release of the movie, *Titanic*. The joke was: “How long can a feminist hold her breath?”

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 5,703 deaths occurred in the U.S. workplace in 2004, a 2 percent increase over 2003. Most of the deaths occurred mainly in construction, agriculture, transportation and law enforcement. In 2003, a total 5,129 men died on the job, an average of more than 12 male deaths every day,

weekends and holidays included. More than 70 percent of those deaths were white males, ages 35 to 54. Hispanic men accounted for 15 percent of male workplace deaths that year and male African-American workers, 10 percent.

Ironically, the controversial “Violence Against Women Act” is based on making the workplace safer for women. When the multibillion-dollar VAWA was first passed in 1994 under President Bill Clinton, critics pointed out that relatively few women experienced job-related “assaults and violent acts,” a key category used in granting VAWA federal authority under the Commerce Act. In fact, only about 2 percent of all assaults and violent acts involved women. Incidents in this category include “violence by persons, self-inflicted injury and assaults by animals.” The figure remains nearly the same today.

Nonetheless, our federal legislators renewed VAWA late last year, and, in the process, condoned a millennia-old social norm: men are expendable. Yet imagine the reaction if one were to suggest affirmative action or a “Violence Against Men Act” to bring about true
equality in the workplace?

Of course, men can only be victims of other men, and not societal injustice. A letter from a woman printed in the *Houston Chronicle* recently used the trite feminist excuse: Men have all the power; therefore, men are to blame for the miners’ deaths. Of course, if men had all the power, then women would work the coal mines.

Women consume a great deal more than they produce. Most retail stores -- 75 percent by one estimate -- cater to women and girls. Men largely build these stores and provide the raw materials and transportation for the goods, including the fuel, trucks and jets involved
and maintenance of same.

The woman’s comments reflect the reprehensible politics of feminism, which encourage a primal narcissism among followers. And once having succumbed, they are incapable of acknowledging, let alone expressing gratitude, for the millennia of sacrifices made by men on behalf
of women.

Mike Spaniola writes political commentary from high atop the Rocky Mountains in central Colorado. He seeks to counter the oxymoron known as mainstream media.

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F4J Disbands After Blair Planned Kidnap Story

Matt · 19 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The UK fathers' rights group Fathers 4 Justice has decided to suspend its activities following newspaper reports that fringe elements were plotting to kidnap Tony Blair's son Leo as a publicity stunt. Story here."*

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Netscape.com Rivals MSN for Guerrila Anti-Male Spin

Matt · 19 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I guess the Netscape folks want to compete with MSN so they maintain their "news" portal in much the same vein as MSN. You need only visit their main page to see articles and stories the likes of these: No. 1 Reason Women are Unfaithful (complete with racy strip-tease-like picture) and Man Said to Fake Death, Keep Child Support (complete with inside-the-prison picture).

Summary: Cheating women get sexualized while desperate men get demonized.

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Sacks Article on Abuse of Restraining Orders

Matt · 19 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"Glenn Sacks just had an article printed in the Alburquerque Tribune re the David Letterman example of the abuse of restraining orders."*

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News Article Describing Men as Lacking Empathy

Matt · 20 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Dan writes *"This was a study to determine gender differences in seeing pain in other people. It is slanted to say that men like to see others suffer.*
The last paragraph of the article does say that the study might be flawed because the men felt threatened."

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Men Get Jail, Women and Children Get Housing

Matt · 20 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bulldogo.1 writes *"Most Australians are appalled with the way the conservative Federal government treats political asylum seekers here. They are routinely rounded up and immediately placed in detention centres (jails), where they are held for years. In the past some have been freed, but only if they are women or children. The latest chapter in this sorry story again has humane Australians up in arms. But no-one, now or in the past, comments on the gender discrimination of it all."*

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Corporal punishment/double standard/mocking tone

Matt · 20 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The usual frivolous take on a disgusting double standard. Excerpt:*

'Singapore‘s drug laws, which include the death penalty for possession of certain amounts of drugs, provide for different punishments for males and females.

While male offenders can be punished with up to 15 strokes of the rattan cane for drug-related offences, female offenders are exempt from caning.'"

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No Jail Time for Female Statutory-Raping Citrus County Teacher

Matt · 20 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"No jail time for Citrus County, FL teacher. Excerpt:*

'Howard said Lilley received the reduced sentence because the girl's father didn't want to press charges. The vocational teacher and softball coach was arrested Nov. 1 after the girl told deputies about their three-month relationship that began in September. Lilley said it was consensual.'"

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Homeless Men Ignored While "Bag Lady Syndrome" Makes News

Matt · 20 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I saw this and wanted to scream. The media ignores the relatively much larger numbers of homeless/shelterless men as compared to homeless/shelterless women, all while running "stories" like this one?? Yes, believe it.

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14th Annual Conference on Men and Masculinities Scheduled

Matt · 21 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Peter Allemano of NCFM-GNY:

The American Men's Studies Association ("AMSA") has scheduled its 14th Annual Conference on Men and Masculinities for April 7 - 9, 2006 at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest, in Ypsilanti, Michigan (which is near Detroit); this year's theme is "No Man is an Island: Masculinities-in-Relation."

Click "Read more..." for more.Edward M. Stephens, M.D., President of NCFM's Greater New York Chapter, submitted a proposal for a presentation at the AMSA conference, "A Roadmap for an International Department of Men's Studies with a Named Chair." The proposal has been accepted, and Dr. Stephens writes:

"Now the work begins. I need to have in my hands a print-out of every gender program in the U.S. From there I want to see what is available internationally. I understand the University of Leeds has a department of men's studies, etc.

"I would hope to have input from economists, anthropologists, sociologists, historians of culture, family law specialists, social policy experts, biologists, epidemiologists, educators, etc. so that a truly larger picture of men's studies can emerge. Anything that can be done to encourage participation by the international community will be crucial to broaden the scope of the proposed studies."

Dr. Stephens can be contacted via e-mail at ems3md-at-yahoo.com.

At last year's AMSA conference in Nashville, TRANSITIONS editor Jason Leatherman and I manned an exhibitor's table for NCFM, where we greeted attendees, gave away literature and answered questions. We plan a "repeat performance" in Ypsilanti, and anyone who would like to join us for this event is more than welcome to do so. As reported in TRANSITIONS, we took turns manning the table, which enabled us to attend presentations too -- so the more volunteers we have this year, the more presentations all of us will be able to attend!

For more information on AMSA and its conference, visit AMSA's website at http://www.mensstudies.org/. As the dates of the conference draw near, more details will be available on that site, including a complete schedule and discount rate reservation information for the Marriott.

Best wishes,

Peter Allemano

Member, Board of Directors

National Coalition of Free Men, Greater New York Chapter

http://www.themalevoice.org/

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Husband Killer Gets Life

Matt · 22 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Here is a good article about a woman who lost custody of her children to her ex and ambushed and murdered him to regain custody. She was also $7,000 behind on her child support; another deadbeat mom. The ex also got the house too!*

It is significant to note what the now convicted murderous felon's mother said at the sentencing. She said, *"You cannot take your children away from a mother and come out with the same person," Betty Rountree said. "It's almost like **God** gave children to a mother, **and the father comes second.**"*

Only a real misandrous b1tch would say something like this but unfortunately too many family court judges have the same negative attitude."

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NYT Reviews "Self-Made Man" by Lisa McNulty

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Here is the review. Excerpt:

"But in its best moments, "Self-Made Man" transcends its premise altogether, offering not an undercover woman's take on male experience, but simply a fascinating, fly-on-the-wall look at various unglamorous male milieus that are well off the radar of most journalists and book authors.

...

"Ned's whistle-stop tour of modern manhood also takes him to a Roman Catholic monastery, a lap-dance club, a men's consciousness-raising group and on a series of awkward dates with women. (Amusingly, Vincent is utterly astounded by the amount of rejection and hauteur that heterosexual men put up with.) Conspicuously absent from 'Self-Made Man,' though, are men leading full, contented lives. Perhaps this is a function of the limitations of Vincent's experiment - after all, a "man" created out of thin air and stoppelpaste can't very well insinuate himself into an elegant country club or a loving nuclear family."

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Articles on the Education Crisis among Boys

Matt · 23 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Surprisingly, MSN features these two stories, this one by "a feminist scholar" and this one which includes off-links to the works of Lionel Tiger and Michael Thompson. It seems they are part of the Jan. 30, 2006 issue of Newsweek.

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RADAR Alert: Lynch Language in OK Child Abuse Story

Matt · 23 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A recent article in *The Oklahoman*, the largest newspaper in Oklahoma, sticks to the old formula about domestic violence and child abuse: men = abusers, women and children = victims. The article, by columnist Tom Lindley, keys off the recent deaths of Kelsey Smith-Briggs and Caitlin Wooten.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Lynch Language in OK Child Abuse Story

Sadly, the article ignores the fact that men are now recognized by the Violence Against Women Act as victims of domestic violence. The article neglects to mention that in most cases of child abuse, it.s the mother who is the perpetrator. This is what the federal Administration on Children and Families says about child abuse [http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm03/index.htm]:

- 58% of persons who commit child abuse and neglect are female
- In 31% of child abuse deaths, the perpetrator was the mother acting alone, compared to only 18% of fathers acting alone.

By combining an example of a wife who'd been battered for 20 years with the stories of the two murdered girls, the article misleads the reader into thinking that the greatest danger to children is from their fathers.

The truth is, children face far greater risk when their mother's love-interest is someone other than their biological father. Two-year-old Kelsey, was beaten to death her STEP-father, possibly with her mother's help. Teenaged Caitlin, was gunned down by her mother's ex-boyfriend.

Boys are at even greater risk of death and injury from their mothers than girls are. If Mr. Lindley had wanted to do a fair-minded story, he would not have limited his story solely to murdered girls.

And he might have mentioned Caren McDonald of Choctaw, OK who is serving a prison term after admitting she beat her husband with a baseball bat on June 21, 2002.

Worse, Mr. Lindley's article uses inflammatory language similar to the words used a century ago by Southern newspapers to vilify Black men:

- Mr. Lindley claims there is a 'growing number of perpetrators of violence' without providing even a single statistic.
- Lindley repeats the old feminist myth that men batter their wives because of 'the need to be in control of someone else'.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of restraining orders are issued around the United States against men accused of domestic abuse. As David Heleniak documented (.pdf file), these orders frequently violate the fundamental civil rights of men.

But apparently those constitutional violations do not concern Mr. Lindley, who actually pushes for strengthening these protection orders. In fact according to Mr. Lindley, the time for debate has long passed:

"As long as this debate rages, so too will the violence directed at women and children."

Contact columnist Tom Lindley and his editors at *The Oklahoman* and tell them -- politely -- the truth about domestic violence and child abuse. Here.s the contact information:

Tom Lindley: tlindley-at-cox.net

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Ed Kelly, editor: ekelley-at-oklahoman.com

Sue Hale, executive editor: shale-at-oklahoman.com

Mike Shannon: managing editor: mshannon-at-oklahoman.com

Joe Hight, managing editor: jhight-at-oklahoman.com

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Do More than Demand Justice for Kelsey, Caitlin

By Tom Lindley

The Oklahoman

January 19, 2006

http://newsok.com/article/1737520/?template=

If fear is the flip side of rage, then too many women and children in Oklahoma have their battered faces plastered on the wrong side of the coin.
When child abuse and domestic abuse are carried out to the extreme, when a 2-year-old such as Kelsey Smith-Briggs of Meeker or a teen such as Caitlin Wooten of Ada is killed, it becomes unfathomable.

Then, for a short time, it gets personal, which usually means more tough talk by the state Legislature and law enforcement, followed by new laws and more

rows of prison cells.

But the question always comes down to whether Oklahoma's compassion for women and children will outlast the rage of a growing number of perpetrators of violence or will it disappear with the rest of yesterday's news.

Those who see the bruises up close say there is too much evidence the judicial system doesn't push hard enough to hold accountable those perpetrators who have a history of abuse.

Can a state that ranks so low nationally in so many categories that matter -- income and education attainment -- and so high in others -- the number of women incarcerated, teen date violence, alcohol and methamphetamine use and the number of women killed by their partners -- overcome its reluctance to get involved in somebody else's business?

"We have a pioneering, independent streak in Oklahoma where you pull yourself up by your boot straps and don't ask for help," said Pamela Cross, executive director of central Oklahoma HeartLine, a 24-hour support service.

"We also are shaped by our own experiences, good or bad, and unfortunately, we all don't start out on a level playing field."

Cries for help
Can Oklahomans resist the temptation to blame the victims? She didn't have dinner on the table on time or keep the kids quiet enough, so she must have asked for it, right?

That would be the only way Jan Peery, chief executive officer of the Oklahoma City YWCA, which operates three hot lines, can explain why a judge would order a battered wife who after 20 years of abuse finally got the nerve to go to the court for help to go across the hall with her husband and make up with him.

If it's true that children who witness violence in the home are more disposed to resort to violence or end up victims of it as adults, is the proliferation of computer-game violence and violence on television and at the movies a good learning tool?

Those are the questions some of those who hear the cries for help and understand the root causes of violence would like for Oklahomans to honestly answer. If the statistics aren't enough to demand answers,

maybe Kelsey's sweet face will.

She died Oct. 11 after suffering blunt force trauma to the abdomen, genital area, head, torso and extremities. Her stepfather is charged with first-degree murder and her mother is under investigation.

Caitlin Wooten died when her mother's ex-boyfriend, who a few weeks earlier had kidnapped her mother at gunpoint and was out of jail on bond, kidnapped the high school junior from school and shot her to death.

Violence rages on
Such hideous crimes send all of us searching for answers.

For some, the blame for violent behavior begins with "he was born with a mean streak" and ends with "he has no one to blame but himself" or "she was an unfit mother."

For those trained to understand human behavior, it often ends with a partial indictment of a society that gives some kids their first opportunity to get three meals a day when it puts them in prison.

As long as this debate rages, so too will the violence directed at women and children.

"It seems to me we have to look at how someone loses the ability to relate to someone else's pain," said Cross, whose hot line fielded almost 50,000 calls for help last year.

Substance abuse, financial and emotional stress, depression and the need to be in control of someone else when everything else is spinning out of control remain high on the list of causes of violence.

A cut-off notice from the utility company can send someone over the edge.

A lot of Oklahomans don't know it, but there is help on the other end of the line -- the kind of assistance that can help them solve problems and redirect their anger.

"I'm not trying to excuse child abuse or domestic violence, but it helps when we understand it," Cross said. "And it makes it easier for people to get assistance before they act on their anger."

As for the rest of us, we need to do more than demand justice for Kelsey and Caitlin, although that would be a good start.

Among the suggestions:

End the culture of silence in Oklahoma and report suspected child abuse as state law already demands.

Make necessary changes in the child protection system and require people charged with kidnapping to prove they are not a public threat before they can post bond.

Strengthen and enforce victim protection orders and implement an electronic notification system to alert victims when offenders move through the criminal justice system.

Adopt Oklahoma County's system of educating law enforcement and the judicial system in dealing with crimes related to domestic abuse or sexual assault.

Lobby lawmakers not to cut counseling services and social programs aimed at preventing abuse and neglect.

"There is no real simple answer and there is not one solution," Peery said. "Hopefully, these high-profile cases will make all of us a little more aware."

The hope is that some day maybe a child won't have to die to get our attention.

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Domestic Violence and Murder/Suicide

Matt · 24 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Shattererd Men writes *"The Early Show (CBS) has a segment about David Brame. He was a police chief who murdered his wife and then took his own life. There have been charges of domestic violence but we are only hearing one side of this story.*

Check Shattered Men for the other side of the story."

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Miami Herald Columnist Defends Paternity Fraud

Matt · 24 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bulldogo.1 writes *"The author of this misses the whole point. She says that parenthood isn't about biology, but is about who raises the child and I agree. What is wrong about the situation is that the court only ackowledges fatherhood as an obligation to provide financially. It does not recognise the deception and fraud the mother has committed, not only on the ex-husband, but her own child. How much psychological damage is done when a parent lies to a child about this."*

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"Break Your Date with Death"

Matt · 24 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

MSN surprises from time to time, and did so today with this article discussing the most common ways men meet untimely demises, and how to avoid becoming a statistic.

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Antelope Valley Press covers DV shelter for both sexes

Matt · 25 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"This past Sunday the Antelope Valley Press ran a story about Valley Oasis, the only DV shelter in California, perhaps the U.S., that takes both male and female victims.*

Valley Oasis' former director was put through "continuous abuse" by other shelter directors for helping men, according to her sworn declaration at: http://www.ncfmla.org/pdf/overberg.pdf.

Men travel hundreds of miles for services at Valley Oasis, in the remote desert community of Lancaster, California, because nobody else will help them."

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US Army Characterized as "Thin Green Line"

Matt · 25 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This story is important because whether the report is accepted or not publicly by the government for what it says, eventually any shortfall in the supply of troops to fight for whatever reasons for the United States or its perceived interests will have to be "augmented" in a "cost-effective" manner. Anyone who still thinks that the draft is not on the table, think again. Note the results for the poll associated with the article, too. As of this writing, "Bring back the draft" is neck-and-neck for the lead among the responses.

So what does this story have to do with men's rights or interests directly as such, you ask? Well, suppose men and women would be drafted in proportion to their population and sent into combat also in proportion? Not any time soon.

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Shocking Video of Woman Abusing Boy

Matt · 26 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Sumanth writes *"Blogged:*

Women who abuse male kids create probable criminals of future.

Male kids who are tortured by women (mothers, aunts, sisters, maid servants) in their infancy, grow up with sub-conscious post traumatic stress, which makes them violent towards women (if they get cornered by women)." Click "Read more..." for more.*"Every year, millions of male kids are brutally abused or killed by women all over the world.*

Please see this shocking video, in which a maid servant is brutally abusing a male kid:

http://www.neethu.com/abbasiya/

(Viewers are advised to exercise discretion, as this video can be quite disturbing)

Do feminists have any answers for this kind of violence by women? What do those bloggers and so called progressivists, who suck up to the feminazis, have to say about this proof of female violence on an infant, who can hardly explain this torture to anyone?"

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AAUW Releases Latest Foolishness on "Sexual Harrassment" on College Campuses

Matt · 26 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This story speaks for itself. "Boys in crisis" hits the media, followed immediately by a story regarding how things are so tough for the girls because of the way
those nasty boys are. Answer? Get those boys off campus, of course!

Shortly, I predict you will see very few men on college campuses, thanks to the likes of the AAUW and their feminist friends and sympathizers. Men with higher educations will be the exception (by 10%), not the rule, and we all will have to live with the consequences.

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Schoolboy's Bias Suit

Matt · 26 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"A Milton, MA High School senior has filed a federal discrimination suit, saying his school is unfair to boys. Excerpt:*

'At Milton High School, girls outnumber boys by almost 2 to 1 on the honor roll. In Advanced Placement classes, almost 60 percent of the students are female.

It's not that girls are smarter than boys, said Doug Anglin, a 17-year-old senior at the high school.

Girls are outperforming boys because the school system favors them, said Anglin, who has filed a federal civil rights complaint contending that his school discriminates against boys.

Among Anglin's allegations: Girls face fewer restrictions from teachers, like being able to wander the hallways without passes, and girls are rewarded for abiding by the rules, while boys' more rebellious ways are punished.'"

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U.S. Military Releases Five Iraqi Women

Matt · 26 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"We DON'T negotiate with terrorists UNLESS a woman is the hostage. This is ABSOLUTE PROOF of a complete disregard for men's lives (how many male hostages and soldiers who were brutally murdered could have been saved if we gave in to the terrorist's demands?) over that of woman. I am left speechless..."*

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"I wish I had killed him. I really do hate him." - Welsh Woman Assaults Boyfriend over Job-Seeking

Matt · 26 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *"So what kind of sentence would a man have got if he'd assaulted his girlfriend like this? Excerpt:*

'The argument started about their income. Thomas ripped off Mr Smith's glasses and started punching him to the face.

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'She admitted inflicting actual bodily harm and was given a two-year community rehabilitation order.'

I'm sure it wouldn't have been this: 'a two-year community rehabilitation order'.

Sickening."

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Female Wrestler Arrested as Most-Wanted Murderer in Mexico

Matt · 26 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

It seems the most-wanted serial killer in Mexico is believed to be a female wrestler. Read it here. All the victims also appear to have been old women. Innocent until proven guilty, I say, so wait and see what happens. Of interest to those who wonder about "gender blinders," look at the denial in action:

'Mexico City prosecutors said fingerprint evidence linked Ms Barraza to at least 10 murders carried out in recent years. She was arrested at the scene of the killing of 82-year-old Ana Maria Reyes on Wednesday in the Venustiano Carranza area of the capital.

After reports that a woman had carried out the killings, police suspected a man in woman's clothes.'

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Pilots are worth the same as stewardesses?

Matt · 27 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"According to this recent decision here in Canada, highly trained and experienced commercial pilots and skilled aircraft mechanics should not be paid more than women who spend most of their time handing out peanuts, serving lousy food, scowling at passengers and forcing males from their pre-assigned seats next to unaccompanied children (story here). According to this same logic, an unskilled cleaner working at a computer company should be able to sue for discrimination because she makes less than an electrical engineer, programmer or even the CEO. How does working for the "same organization in the same business" make everyone's work equally valuable? Would male cabin crews expect to be paid as much as the pilots or mechanics? Should female orderlies be paid as much as male surgeons?"*

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"Vagina Monologues" Author has New Show

Matt · 27 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

For those interested in tracking the theatrical efforts of Eve Ensler (author of The Vagina Monologues), note the showing of her latest production, The Good Body.

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"Institutionally Racist"? Or is it more like "Institutionally Sexist"?

Matt · 27 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The entire matter of the sexes of the two young victims in this case has been entirely ignored. Had the victims been boys of any ethnic background, I have no doubt the story would not have made headlines in the UK, and wouldn't have here in the US either... or Germany, Australia, New Zealand, France, Spain, Belgium, or... you get the idea.

Amazing the level of denial going on here, isn't it?

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Pregnant Mother of Fourteen Arrested for Abuse and Neglect

Matt · 27 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

So I wonder how this will get spinned into *her* being a victim? What will it be, institutional dereliction perhaps or maybe, just maybe... it's all their father's (or fathers') fault!

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School Stands by Falsely-Accused Aide

Matt · 28 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"Link here. Excerpt:*

'Fla. School Stands by Aide Hit by Father

BRADENTON, Fla. — A teenager who accused a teacher's aide of molesting her _ prompting the girl's father to march into school and punch the man in the face _ made up the story, officials said.

School surveillance cameras show the aide was not even in the room when the 15-year-old said she was touched inappropriately, said Lakewood Ranch High School Superintendent Roger Dearing.'

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Marriage in U.K. Soon to Mean Lifetime Wage Extortion

Matt · 30 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"This piece linked from Angry Harry's web site covers a critically important court case in Britain that will determine whether a divorcing man will be obligated to provide a percentage of his future (post-divorce) earnings to his ex-wife. He already must give her 50% of everything acquired during the marriage. Excerpt:*

'This will be argued on the grounds that his money-making potential should be treated as an income-yielding asset that Kenneth could not have built up without the contribution of Julia in building the home and looking after the children. Kenneth McFarlane is senior tax partner at the accountants Deloitte, earning more than £750,000 a year, and his marriage to Julia lasted more than 16 years. She gave up her career as a solicitor with a City firm to look after their children.
James Pirrie, a solicitor with Family Law in Partnership, who is acting for Julia McFarlane, said: "The fruits of the partnership should be shared equally. One of the things created by a marriage is an earning capacity.'"

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Granny got her gun...

Matt · 30 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

MR writes *"**Man Fatally Shot by Ex-Wife's Grandmother***

"A man picking up his young son for a supervised court visit was shot twice at point-blank range by the boy's 81-year-old great-grandmother and died of his injuries, police said.

Alex Reyes, 26, was shot Saturday while picking up his 18-month-old son, said Jim Amormino, a spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

"There was no argument," he said. 'She just pulled the gun out and started firing.'"

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Help from Hollywood?: Alec Baldwin Wants Custody Battle Book to Help Desperate Dads

Matt · 30 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bulldogo.1 writes *"Good to see public identities doing things that bring the plight of fathers into the media. As more and more men like Baldwin or are put throught the divorce and custody circus, the more men's rights will be in the public forum. They have the fame and financial resources to help men's plight. Sadly, it's the only way that people will sit up and listen. Maybe Baldwin would be interested in doing a movie that tells the real story. Story here."*

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RadFem Playwright Wendy Wasserstein Dies At 55

Matt · 30 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Yet another overrated misandric radfem checks out at age 55. First Dworkin, now feminist playwright Wendy Wasserstein dies.*

Her seriously misandric works included The Heidi Chronicles (not to be confused with the Sci-Fi classic, The Martian Chronicles) and of course the all time favorite, The Sisters Rosensweig.

"The Heidi Chronicles," is about an insecure feminist heroine's life over a 20-year period beginning in the late 1960s and changes her attitudes about herself, men and other women. "The Sisters Rosensweig" concerned three female siblings who find strength in themselves and in each other. The usual self-serving stuff. Yawn!

Has anyone heard from that over-the-hill (70+ years old!) arch-misandrist, Gloria Steinhem lately?"

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Oh, the poor, lonely women who rape.

Thomas · 31 January 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This piece, justifying the rape of male youths by women, is from Pravda. You'll be happy to see of the Mary Kay Leturno case "Luckily, the story ended quite happily, and the woman was pardoned." You'll also learn that "Men are more inclined to employ women's weak points for their selfish ends." This latter statement is followed by a description of how David Ashbrook was allegedly driven from his job for refusing to have sex with his female boss. (That's an example of how "Men are more inclined to employ women's weak points for their selfish ends"???)

Well, in Russia, there are now many more abortions than births and the population is dropping by nearly 1 million a year. Perhaps this form of anti-male madness has something to do with that national collapse?

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Woman Goes Postal - Literally

Matt · 1 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"And they would have us believe that women NEVER do this kind of thing!"*

Ed. note: In the MSN story, it has a mid-article red-colored link: Workplace shootings almost always by men. Suppose an article on the topic of, oh, I dunno, say sexual extortion by a male of a female, would ever headline with "Sexual extortion almost always perpetrated by women"?

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Joint Custody to be the Norm in Italy

Matt · 1 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"The Italian Senate just approved a new law that will make joint custody the norm in Italy. Excerpt:*

"The legislation makes joint custody of children the norm when parents split up. This means single-parent custody - which usually goes to the mother - will now only be granted in a minority of cases."

Some fathers' rights groups, however, point out that the bill is too watered down."

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US woman accused of sex with Kenyan street boys

Matt · 1 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"And here I thought she raped them; luckily it was just 'indecent assault.'"*

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U.S. abortion policy violates men’s rights

Thomas · 1 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here's an editorial on choice for men. It was actually published in the newspaper of a US university, the University of Northern Iowa.

The fembots and femboys must be going crazy with the way things are developing these days.

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Two 14-year-old girls held over murder of a disabled cabbie

Matt · 3 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"Another story of female violence - News.com.au reports here on two 14 year old girls, arrested for the beating and murder of a disabled taxi driver. The poor guy had only been back at work for a week, after being robbed at gunpoint twice in the past...*

They are also being held over other robberies. I wonder how long it will be before a man somewhere is blamed for their behaviour, poor things."

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Too Many Men Is Bad, Too Many Women is Good

Matt · 3 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"This is unbelievable. At the University of Utah, they're going to start programs to attract more women, including day care and women-only scholarships because according to the article, the university "bucks the trend" and actually has the audacity to have more males than females attending undergraduate programs, whereas the national trend is the reverse, with men outnumbered by women almost everywhere.*

Their hypocrisy is unbelieveable. In effect, the article is saying: "women don't outnumber men, so something must be done to correct this situation". There is absolutely no interest in "equality", Title IX or correcting the overwhelming discrimination against men in the educational system. Where are the programs to correct the *national* over-representation of women on college and university campuses?

Let's hope they teach both irony **and** Orwell in freshman English Lit: 'All people are created equal, but some are more equal than others.'"

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Andrea Yates leaves Jail for Treatment

Matt · 3 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Well, there she goes. Yet another horrendous female murderer gets "treatment" instead of jail time. This is especially poignant for me since when I was falsely accused of rape last year and arrested and incarcerated for four days, my bail was set at $200,000 as well. Let's do the math: False Rape Allegation = $200,000 bail, A woman murdering five children = $200,000 bail. Yep, sounds about right."*

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OH Supreme Court Upholds Paternity Testing

Matt · 4 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes:*"The article confirms that about 30% of DNA tests are turning out negative. A link to the document from the American Association of Blood banks confirming this figure is here (.pdf file).*

Marc

Click "Read more..." for excerpt.

Cleveland Plain Dealer

No limit on proving paternity

Thursday, February 02, 2006

Donna J. Miller

Plain Dealer Reporter

The Ohio Supreme Court upheld a state law Wednesday that gives men unlimited time to use DNA proof that they are not biological fathers, which means they could stop paying child support.

Previously, men had one year to challenge support orders with DNA. The law removing the time limit, enacted by the General Assembly in 2000, was challenged by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutors Office.

Thousands of the 685,000 child support orders in Ohio could be overturned, sending mothers and child support enforcement agencies searching for the real fathers.

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Grieving Dads

Matt · 4 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This may be interesting to fathers who have lost babies and felt ignored as if a fathers' grief is a much lesser emotion than that of the mother."*

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Man Forced to Marry - Four Times?

Matt · 4 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Is this more funny than sad or more sad than funny? I don't know whether to feel sorry for the guy or to laugh. And I thought men were king in Arab countries. If women are victims and men are victims, who's in charge? If the mother can force this guy to marry against his will twice, just like the father, how victimized are Arab women, really?"*

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Betty Friedan has Died

Matt · 5 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Betty Friedan has reportedly died at the age of 85.

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TV Interview with Kate O'Beirne

Thomas · 5 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

C-Span2 BookTV had an interview this evening with Kate O'Beirne, author of "Women Who Make the World Worse." It will be replayed tomorrow at 6 and 9 PM. (Apparently that's Eastern Standard Time.) She did a fine job.

For more info see this page.

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WA Residents Asked to Protest "The Vagina Monologues"

Matt · 5 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

From e-mailed announcement, posted with permission:

GREAT NEWS!! There is a nationally organized protest against both (1) the play "Vagina Monologues" and against (2) the anti-male hate groups that are promoting it nationwide.

Click "Read more..." for more.BAD NEWS!! This play shockingly and wrongly demeans females as victimized sex-objects. It intently degrades and exploits males as evil, oppressive, sexist/sexual monsters. The hate groups that produce this play are likely funded, directly or indirectly, by your male taxes via VAWA. Nearly all campuses that produce the play are definitely funded by your taxes.

WORSE NEWS!! These hate groups are attempting to steal Valentine's Day with a nationwide blitz via this play. (Remember the cruelly bogus protests of the Super Bowl, years ago?)

BEST NEWS!! There is very cheap, immediate, positive and effective action you can take, NOW. Many college officials are in an honest quandary, juggling strongly opposing arguments about producing this controversial play. They need your help; and you deserve to be heard. You are paying their salaries.

Contact your local college officials regarding this play, now Give them honest, positive reasons to disallow this play on their campuses. You are invited to use any of the several arguments in the following paragraphs. (If you us other arguments, please let me hear about them.)

Be confident and self-empowered! Our prior protests to our local public television stations and to our local Claire's stores were a success! It proves that when we voice ourselves, we have the rising power to turn back the intellectual and commercial forces that have intently degraded, exploited, and lethally disposed us males for generations.

Also below is a list of college campuses in Washington State where applications to produce "Vagina Monologues" in recent years are reported. Wherever or not the play actually occurred, the list is a measure of the historic presence of such virulent, organized anti-male hate and bigotry. It best indicates where this play may (again?) be produced in the immediate future, WITH YOUR OWN TAX/BLOOD MONEY! You and your local tax-funded college officials need and deserve to be mutually aware of your legitimate, legal opposition. All but three or four listed campuses are tax-funded.

Many college officials have acquiesced to this play when confronted by promoters' assertions of "artistic freedom", "freedom of speech" and the

necessary expose of the “domestic violence and rape suffered by 25% of college coeds”. If so, consider any of the following.

Painting the swastika or burning a cross on a college campus is not “artistic freedom” or “freedom of speech”. It is a hate crime. The rape statistics given are the proven wrongful fabrications and deceit of hate groups that have some insidious similarities to the Nazi Party and the Klu Klux Klan. They are not dissimilar from the Salem witch trials or the intellect of Senator Joseph McCarthy. These tax-funded campus groups must be held accountable for their hatefully deceitful misinformation and agenda. They commit a rapacious disservice to the generations of tax-paying men who more than pay for the existence of these campus groups. The same men routinely have been—and still are—uniquely and mutely obligated to suffer immeasurable violence for the very existence and freedom of the individuals and resources that serve these groups. It is male blood and money that provides the “artistic freedom”, “freedom of speech”, and secure freedom from truly maiming abuse and truly horrific violence… which this play’s coddled promoters can blithely take so wantonly, monstrously for granted.

(Part II to follow)

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College Campuses in Washington State alleged to be historic sites of "The Vagina Monologues":

Clark College [Community College in Vancouver?]

Washington State University

Central Washington University (Sign Interpreted)

Pacific Lutheran University

Seattle Central Community College (Sign Interpreted)

Western Washington University

Eastern Washington University

University of Washington

Peninsula College

Spokane Falls Community College

Bastyr University

Seattle University

Tacoma Community College

University of Puget Sound (Sign Interpreted)

Skagit Valley College, Whidbey Island campus

Pierce College [Community College in Puyallup and S. Tacoma?]

Evergreen State College

Olympic Community College

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"Commitment-phobia" = Sanity?

Matt · 6 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Martian Bachelor writes *"In the light of Betty F.'s recent death, and all the subsequent reports about how much women's lives have changed, I thought this was a bit of a reality check...*

From "Divorce settlements: B.A.C.K.L.A.S.H."

'The lawyer responsible for one of Britain's most influential divorce settlements has told The Independent on Sunday she 'would not blame men' for deciding not to marry if a divorce settlement before the House of Lords is not overturned.'"

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Wake for an Indian Warrior

Matt · 6 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"Nothing to do with Men's Rights but everything to do with men. I cried ... Link here."*

Ed. note: This is a must-see, guys. Take the time to go through the photos.

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Cathy Young: "The Lost Boys"

Matt · 6 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"Link here. Excerpt:*

IN THE EARLY 1990s, talk about girls as an endangered species was everywhere. There were studies purporting to show that patriarchy-damaged girls suffered a disastrous drop in self-esteem in adolescence. The American Association of University Women published a report titled "How Schools Shortchange Girls," which landed on the front pages of many newspapers. Educators and legislators alike rushed to tackle the problem of gender bias that was allegedly keeping girls from reaching their full potential -- despite the fact that, by then, girls were already graduating from America's colleges in higher numbers than boys.'

What will be done for the boys?"

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Dove's "Campaign for Real Beauty" Ignores Boys

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This made it to the legendary spate of Superbowl advertisements yesterday during Superbowl XL. While most of the advertising, if not all of it, was otherwise touting consumer products such as beer, cars, and skin care lotion (with the usual dose of men getting beat on, made out to look like fools or whatever, etc.), the makers of Dove cleansers managed to tout their latest save-the-girls P/R campaign and to solicit donations for it. [I read that Superbowl ad time this year was $33,000/second - it strikes me they could have used that money instead for their own cause rather than using it to try to get TV viewers to fork over the cash!]

Click "Read more..." for more.In any case, it's P/R campaigns such as these that lead people to believe that only girls have problems like those described. Regulars to MANN already know the statistics on boyhood suicide, drop-out, and alcohol and drug abuse rates, to name a few problem areas boys have these days. What do the makers of Dove suppose such behavior stems from, an *overage* of self-esteem?

If you agree, please send Dove a note from this page, or call them if you prefer at their given 1-800 number, asking them to stop discriminating against boys, particularly as they show far more in the way of signs of low self-esteem in general than do girls, and instead change their campaign such that it supports **all** children's healthy growth in self-esteem... or do they think such lofty goals as "inclusivity" only apply to girls?

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China Paternity Fraud - Ex-Wife Pays!

Matt · 8 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Looks like China has the right idea. $3100 is not all that much but I suppose it's worth a bit more to them assuming their cost of living is lower over there. I wonder how much it would be if we equalized theirs and our two countries' costs of living."*

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Dishonored Colonel Spreads False Alarms about Rape of Female Troops in Army

Matt · 8 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Clancy writes *"This is from a military BLOG called "The Mudville Gazette". I found it a good read. It's a story that I have not heard about. Perhaps some of you guys have. Unfortunately, it is unabashedly tiltted to the right which will likely offend many members of this group. Nevertheless, it puts the spotlight on victim feminism in action within our military."*

Click "Read more..." for excerpt.*Excerpt:*

Death Before Dishonor

Greyhawk

The latest Iraq war urban legend:

Several female service members have died of dehydration because they refused to drink liquids late in the day due to fear of being raped by male soldiers if they had to use the women's latrine after dark.

This is absurd for countless reasons - the most obvious being that death by dehydration takes a little longer than a couple hours without fluids, even in the hottest conditions.

But this fabrication has an interesting source: Col. Janis Karpinski, former commander of the unit responsible for torturing prisoners at Abu Ghraib. And she's found a sympathetic forum in which to tell the story: The "Commission of Inquiry for Crimes against Humanity Committed by the Bush Administration" - a mock trial sponsored by "Not in Our Name", a group originally founded by members of the Revolutionary Communist Party to protest the US-led war in Afghanistan."

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Posting troubles on mensactivism.org

Matt · 8 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

All,

Some of you have mentioned in posted comments or by e-mail to MANN admins that you have had problems submitting comments or new stories successfully to MANN.

The problem some are getting is this: After typing in a comment or a story for submission, the user clicks "Post" (or whatever the submission button reads) and after a few seconds, a standard "Unable to display page" error comes up. Frustrating though this is it does not mean the text you have typed is lost! The thing to do when this happens is to click the 'Refresh' button on your web browser. [For the major browsers, this is the third or fourth button from the left at the top of the browser, and looks like two arrows pointing at each other.] You will then get a message saying you are re-posting this data and are you sure you want to? Click "Yes" or "OK", whichever is the affirmative response in the dialog box for your browser. The post should complete OK on the second attempt but if it doesn't, click 'Refresh' to try again.

I have had this problem myself occasionally and this always works to make sure my typing hasn't been for naught.

-- Matt

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Future Ban on Circumcision?

Matt · 8 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Story here. This is about a proposal for a bill that would make laws banning "female genital mutilation" gender neutral is circulating through congress and fifteen state legislatures. The proposal, and the group advocating it, claims infantile circumcision is mutilation and sexual assault done without a child's consent. As a Jewish man and a man opposed to circumcision I have much interest in this topic. I'm curious as to whether there would have to be first amendment exceptions provided for Jews (and perhaps Muslims) for religious freedom purposes."*

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Man wrongly convicted now owes $38,000 in back child support

Matt · 8 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"If this isn't the ultimate in chutzpuh! The guy is sent to prison unjustly for 13 years, child support continues to accrue plus interest and penalties, and they blame it on him as though it would have been possible to have the child support suspended. Neither women nor the government are ever at fault, no matter what!"*

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Sweden: More men complain of sex discrimination

Matt · 8 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

al_nbd writes *"Story here. Excerpt:*

"The number of Swedish men who believe they have been discriminated on the basis of their gender has increased dramatically, according to the equality ombudsman's office, Jämo.

On July 1st last year an amendment was made to the law against discrimination, specifically banning gender discrimination. This has led to a rapid rise in the number of incidents reported by men, who were previously under-represented.

Of 56 cases reported under the new amendment, 45 concerned complaints made by men. Added to a series of complaints under the previous legislation, Jämo is now handling a total of 82 incidents reported by men in 2005, compared to just 23 the year before."

Will the complaints of those men be handled with the same attidude as women's ones? I think discrimination against men will be justified by law soon."

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"Draft created patriots, respect"

Matt · 8 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Kelly Rice writes
""Draft created patriots, respect"

Whether they wanted it or not.
"

Ed. note: Reverse all gender references in this article and see if it would still be the least bit palatable.

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Sheriff's Deputies Suspended from Work for Infidelity

Matt · 8 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

klp writes *"Deputies in Pinellas County, Florida can now be suspended for cheating on their own spouses or doing another person's spouse.*

Query: How will the complaints be handled? Will this give a new retaliation vehicle to criminals? Or vengeful ex's?"

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Wash Post Points to Boys/Men for Girls' Rise in Substance Abuse

Matt · 9 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Seems the girls themselves can't be blamed for it. Read it here. Excerpt:

"It's really sad the girls are winning," said Warren Seigel, chairman of pediatrics at Brooklyn's Coney Island Hospital. "This isn't the game they should be winning at."

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There is no single reason why girls are smoking, drinking and taking pills more than ever. Academics, therapists, teachers and teenagers themselves report that today's young women live in an increasingly stressful environment; many are worried about their appearance, eager to date older boys or recovering from physical or sexual abuse. Unlike young men, who often use illegal substances for an adrenalin rush, teenage girls use alcohol or drugs as an escape."

Only toward the end is parental behavior mentioned as a contributing factor. No one would want to imply "maternal permissiveness" though in any way, given that such isn't P.C., despite the facts that single-parent households are now 28% of all households with children, that 84% of these households are headed by women (ie, are single-mother households), and that the number of single-parent households continues to grow. [You may want to browse more stats and facts on this topic here].

There's so many ways this article ignores relevant facts and tries to shift/conjure blame, it's hard to just get through a single sentence of it without wanting to eat glass!

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First-Grade Boy Suspended for Sexual Harassment

Matt · 9 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"A first grader was suspended for three days after school officials said he sexually harassed a girl in his class by allegedly putting two fingers inside the girl's waistband while she sat on the floor in front of him. The boy's mother said she "screamed" about last week's suspension, and added her son doesn't know what sexual harassment is. "He doesn't know those things," she told The Enterprise of Brockton, MA. "He's only 6 years old." Proving that for the feminists who dominate K-12 education nowadays, it's never too soon to identify a predatory-patriarch-in-training!"*

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NOW's Prez Sounds Alarm Over "Extremist Fathers' Rights Groups"

Matt · 9 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"In her February 8th newsletter, NOW's Prez Kim Gandy approaches her usual near-hysteria over program funding cuts proposed for the FY 2006 federal budget, while shrieking especially loud about funding fathers' rights groups and pro-marriage initiatives:*

'This legislation includes up to $50 million annually to fund questionable fatherhood programs ... NOW suspects that some of those monies will end up with extremist "fathers' rights" groups. The authorized total would be $150 million annually for both fatherhood and marriage promotion initiatives; all states will be mandated under this bill to establish marriage promotion programs and to meet numerical performance objectives. NOW regards marriage promotion efforts targeting low-income women as potentially coercive, discriminatory and an invasion of privacy.'"

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Warning Urged for ADHD Drugs

Matt · 10 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The Washington Post, on the same day it all but places the blame for the increase in cigarette, alcohol, and drug usage by girls on boys and men, also reports that an FDA Panel is urging the use of very serious notices with ADHD drugs "because of reports that they may have caused sudden deaths or serious complications." It makes some reference to how 10% of 10-year-old American boys have been placed on these drugs (you read that right: **TEN PERCENT**) but doesn't spend a lot of time suggesting that it's the fault of girls that they "need" it.

You can be pretty darn sure though if 10% of America's 10-year-old girls were on ADHD drugs, just as with their other article, the Post would be blaming males for it.

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BBC: Teasing 'fuels unhealthy dieting' - Impact Greater on Boys

Matt · 12 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This story covers how especialy harmful teasing is to boys in terms of how they perceive their weight and how they react to it. Note however that the article still panders to feminist "sensibilities" in its reporting. Excerpt:

The researchers suggest that teasing may have a greater impact on boys because they are not used to facing a negative reaction to their weight.

Girls, in comparison, are constantly bombarded with a variety of media messages and images hammering home the need to stay slim.

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RADAR ALERT: V-Day Hypocrisy at Roger Williams University

Matt · 14 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

For the last decade there has been a concerted effort to convert Valentines Day from a celebration of loving relationships between men and women into a day reserved for vilification of males as perpetrators of "rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sexual slavery." (http://www.vday.org/contents/vday/aboutvday)

V-Day Hypocrisy at Roger Williams University
More offensive than the play *Vagina Monologues* is the way college administrators have censored light-hearted criticism of the play, even as they turn a blind eye to the gender-based contempt that *Vagina Monologues* fosters. These administrators seem less concerned about even-handed treatment of all students than they are about pandering to powerful interest-groups.

The best example of this hypocrisy was the reaction of Roger Williams University to the spoof *The Penis Monologues*, as reported by Christina Hoff Sommers in her National Review article *Why Can't They "Just Get Along"?* (http://www.nationalreview.com/comment/sommers200505020808.asp)

Sommers reports that Edward J. Kavanagh, Provost of Roger Williams University, was so scandalized at being greeted by the play's costumed penis-mascot "Testaclese" that he seized the costume and placed students Monique Stuart and Andy Mainiero on probation for creating the spoof.

V-Day, the New-York-based organization devoted to getting campuses nationwide to do Valentines Day productions of *Vagina Monologues*, reports that Roger Williams University is making the school's fieldhouse available for this year's Vagina Monologues presentation. (http://events.vday.org/2006/College/Roger_Williams_University)

Do we conclude that Provost Kavanagh, so offended by the appearance of the spoof penis-costume, is unperturbed by the prospect of the RWU Fieldhouse filled with women loudly chanting "C**t", as happens in the play's *"Reclaiming C**t"* section? Does the RWU administration approve of the idea that child-rape is good rape if it's committed by a lesbian, as sympathetically portrayed in *"The Little Coochie Snorcher that Could"*? Does the RWU administration think the university should encourage its female students to abandon studying for successful careers and instead seek fulfillment as dominatrixprostitutes specializing in whips, handcuffs and ropes, as glowingly portrayed in *"The Woman Who Loved To Make Vaginas Happy"*?

RWU president Roy J. Nirschel has stated, in an open letter to the university community (http://frontpagemag.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=10394) "the university will not condone publications that create a hostile environment for our students and community." What could create a more hostile environment for male students than *Vagina Monologues'*

consistently hostile portrayal of males as brutal oppressors?

This week, please write a letter to your local newspaper pointing out how Roger Williams University is a prime example of the hypocrisy demonstrated by colleges all across the country that permit hate-speech from favored members of the student community while using an iron fist to suppress simple satire from disfavored groups.

If you happen to know sympathetic RWU alumni, please ask them to write letters too.

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org.

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Teacher Bounds, Gags Students

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bull writes *"Montreal school teacher tapes student in his chair, then, gags him and two other students as punishment.*

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Cohabitation and Support

Matt · 14 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Misandrope writes *"In several cases that came up on appeal this fall and winter, New Jersey has shown that they are taking cohabitation more seriously. In one case, a woman was actually ordered to pay back alimony recieved when it was found that she was already cohabiting at the point where she signed her divorce agreement."*

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New Zealand: Men's Rights Activist Turned Down as Lawyer

Matt · 14 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

EvilPundit writes *"An outspoken men's activist and critic of New Zealand's legal system has been told he is not a fit and proper person to be a lawyer.*

But Peter Zohrab, acting president of New Zealand Equality Education Foundation, says he will not let matters rest there. "I just intend to keep at it and see how long it takes," he said of his quest to become a lawyer."

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Domestic Violence vs Men in the News

Matt · 14 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bulldogo.1 writes *"This and this may be evidence that the message is finally getting through; women are violent too. Hopefully, judges, family courts and governments will take their heads out of the sand and realise that they are wrecking children's and fathers lives by believing that only men are violent.*
Notice, however, that when women are finally identified as capable of violence, authorities start talking of mental health etc. Before it was simply; men are violent. Also, the Florida woman says it happens because 'you just get pushed and pushed', which means, it's men's fault. And as for men 'are becoming victims', there have always been male victims of domestic violence. But, it's a start.

-- Bulldogo."

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India : State Women's Commission To Help Men

Matt · 14 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Maharashtra State Women's Commission decides to help men who are victims of harassment or false accusations by women. I live in this state, and so very pleased with this development! This is also a state where the feminist lobby has been very powerful, so looks like men's activism is beginning to make an impact. Story here."*

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Woman Puts 'Sex Offender' Sign on Wrong House - No Charges Pressed

Matt · 14 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"In this case, how do you feel about the guy not pressing charges against this crazy woman? Not only that, even the police let her off with just a warning when they caught her breaking the law."*

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Resources re Deaths Caused by Ritalin

Matt · 14 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The feminist/psychotherapy led education system is branding many thousands of normal healthy boys as mentally ill, mainly because they do not act like girls, and is turning them into drug addicts. Evidence is mounting that Ritalin is actually causing death from heart failure. Who is it that is dying? Boys of course. Some sources:*

The UK Guardian newspaper.

Bereaved US parents tell their story.

Another excellent article, Psychiatrists and Ritalin.

This pathologisation of boys must stop."

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Another Mom Tried For Grievous Assault on Infant

Matt · 14 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Seems like Texas is setting some type of record for murdering moms who plead (temporary) insanity as their defense.*

The trial for Dena Schlosser, 37 a sole custody mom who cut off the arms of her infant daughter starts. Remember Texas is also the home of Andrea Yates who slaughtered her five children by methodically drowning each one in the bathtub. She is now out of prison on a technicality and will be retried. The "fix" is obviously in to get her off on an insanity plea too. Also, Texas recently found murdering mom Deanna Laney not guilty by reason of insanity for fatally beating two of her young sons with rocks and seriously injuring a third.

Someone needs to check the water out there!"

Ed. note: Stories from Texas make the news a lot these days perhaps because our current president is from there. However I don't think it's fair to the state of Texas as a whole to single it out as having more than the average number of problems with abusive mothers/parents in general. Child abuse is a nationwide problem, as is the under-reporting and overall lack of awareness of the rate of abusiveness by mothers of their children. Also, the fact that mothers get off far more often on insanity pleas than dads do when charged with child abuse-related crimes is also a nationwide, of not also a worldwide, problem.

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False Rape Allegations Worth Less Than Theft

Matt · 15 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bulldogo.1 writes *"You are not going to believe this.*
Besides showing how unbelievingly stupid some women can be, this highlights the gender bias in law. If not for a video these men would have spent most of their lives in jail. The most time she can get for endangering all these men is 44 months. And most of that time is for theft of public money."

Ed note: **Explicit content warning**. Bulldogo's points however are so well-represented in this story that it can't be ignored in the name of "taste". I wonder if "taste" will be the excuse mainstream media uses to avoid covering it any time soon?

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"Boyhood Studies" Journal Initiative

Matt · 18 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Boyhood Studies is a new peer reviewed journal initiative. This website tracks its status: http://www.boyhoodstudies.com/. From their intro:*

"[W]e want to situate historical applications of Kenneth Kidd's "boyology" within their respective cultural contexts, including, for example, nationalism, feminism, the medicolegal apparatus, scholastic institutions, and even the capitalist system itself. With these contexts given their due scrutiny, we argue, scholars can productively begin to map the structures and strictures that inform both boys' lives and those who play leading roles in the lives of boys.""

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Violence: it's all men's fault!

Matt · 19 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

alphamale writes *"I just about fell off my chair reading this article. This guy must be from another planet! He actually is arguing that there is more sexual violence towards women today than in the past.*

He makes no mention of the millions of violent women and lays the blame for all violence squarely at the feet of all men. He even goes so far as to assert that "our consumer dollars contibutes to a system that reinforces sexist beliefs and attitudes." Apparently this guy has never turned on a television or walked through a mall and seen all of the pro-female, anti-male messages that are bombarding both genders on a daily basis. I know pro-athletes aren't always the brightest of the bunch, but this guys needs a serious re-education!"

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'Paternity Fraud' Headline

Matt · 19 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"I realize this is old hat for regulars of this website but paternity fraud being given top headline status (this top billing dated 2/18 won't last more than a day before being replaced with something else) on the internet news site whose editor wrote a sympathy piece crying for Clara Harris' release from jail after she ran over and killed her husband, is definitely news worth noting."*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/06/02/19/0423235.shtml

Circumcision battle goes to court

Matt · 19 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

SpikeRants writes *"Oh yeah! An Illinois court is hearing arguments wherein a father is opposing the circumcision of his 8-year-old son, and the mother wants it because of "health reasons."*

Note that in the article, "health reasons" is not in quotations, but "unnecessary amputation" is."

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Colorado: Woman, 26, has "affair" with boy, 13

Matt · 19 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Yet another case of an older woman having sex with an underage boy. She got a one year prison sentence. What's the going rate for when the genders are reversed again?*

BTW, this happened just miles from where Sylvia Johnson aka the "cool mom" lived.

Story starts with:

"She was 26-years-old, 5 foot 1, 100 pounds, blonde and blue eyed, and in early 2003 the Westminster wife and mother of three initiated a sexual affair with the 13-year-old son of a close friend and eventually gave birth to the 7th grader's baby."

Steve"

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/06/02/19/0432201.shtml

Japan: Woman murders two children

Matt · 20 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A woman in Japan has admitted stabbing to death two five-year-olds and tossing their bodies into a rice field. They were classmates of her own child. The motive is unclear. Story here."*

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NH Men's Commission Member to Appear on Tucker Carlson Show

Scott · 21 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

NH Commission on the Status of Men Commissioner Michael Geanoulis will appear Tuesday night (2/21/06) on MSNBC's Tucker Carlson show to discuss some of the Commission's findings. This will be the first national TV converage the Commission has received.

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WorldNet Daily Cites NH Commission in Article on Bias vs. Men

Matt · 21 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *Herein a study cited, documenting the fact that affirmative action has gone beyond the pale and is actually killing men. Men are literally dieing because so little attention is being paid to men's needs."*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/06/02/21/0125235.shtml

Domestic Violence Suit against CA

Matt · 22 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

MR writes *"Domestic violence, to quote Dear Abby, is a human problem, not a gender problem. But in California, it's defined as abuse against women.*

Now, a father, daughter, and three other men are suing the state, so that shelters and services will help men too.

NBC4's Robert Kovacik has their story **here** *

*There is a short commercial preceding the video."
Ed. note: Windows Media Player and IE browser required to view video. Also, for those with slower connections and stream-sensitive O/Ss, be aware that the page opens right to in-line video.

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Harvard's Summers Announces Resignation

Matt · 22 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here. It's also covered in the Washington Post here, for those who care to deal with a log-in.

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Wendy McElroy Says No Victim Class Status for Men

Matt · 23 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Wendy McElroy argues that the men's movement is making a blunder by seeking to identify men as a new "victim class." She says rather than seeking inclusion for services under VAWA, MRAs should be advocating for the repeal of bad laws. "Only time will tell whether the men's movement will become a politics of rage as the feminist movement did in the mid-70s ... Only time will tell whether men will become the next group to use government force to seek restitution, not for wronged individuals (which is just) but for an entire class of people." Interesting iFeminist variation on Chivalry... only women deserve status/power as an organized social group ... but a man must go it alone?"*

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Tucker Carlson/NHCSM Video Available for Download

Scott · 24 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

There is now a digital video available of the Tucker Carlson interview with Commissioner Michael Geanoulis of the NH Commission on the Status of Men. The video is very low resolution/low quality, but still gives you an idea of how the interview went. You can download the 7.1 MB MPEG here.

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Columbia: Touch a woman's behind, get 4 years

Matt · 24 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A man in Columbia has been sentenced to four years in jail for touching a woman's ass in the street. Get this: 'When he was arrested, she was given the option of slapping him, letting him go, or filing a complaint.' Story here."*

Ed. note: The exercise here is, once again, switch the sexes. Would a woman who grabbed a man's behind like this have gotten the same treatment?

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Woman accused of plotting to kill rich husband

Matt · 24 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"UK: A 37 year old woman is being tried for soliciting to kill her 60 year old millionaire husband. She had a string of affairs, persuaded her husband to change his will in her favour, and allegedly asked one of her boyfriends to kill him. The trial continues. Story here."*

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/06/02/24/1939228.shtml

Update on Andrea Yates

Matt · 24 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

klp writes *"It seems that Andrea Yates may have been more culpable than her lawyers implied.*

It seems she advised one of her cellies to fake mental illness to get of easy for her crimes. Article here."

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Shared Parenting Bills - New York

Matt · 24 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"We're slowly making progress, little by little. Next in shared parenting cases, we need to do away with alimony and child support completely."*

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BBC: "Temp work 'harms women's health'"

Matt · 25 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The BBC strikes again! Read it here.

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New Book from APA on Men and Therapy

Matt · 25 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The American Psychological Assn. (APA) has published this book, In the Room With Men: A Casebook of Therapeutic Change. Amazon.com says it isn't available yet but it looks like it may be available directly from APA's web site.

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/06/02/25/0441248.shtml

Female teacher accused of sex with 11 YO boy

Matt · 26 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"From 9news.com (Denver):*

"LAURENS, S.C. (AP) -- It's the latest case of a female schoolteacher accused of having sex with a young boy.

Authorities in Laurens, South Carolina, have arrested a 36-year-old elementary school teacher on charges that she'd had sex with one of her eleven-year-old students."

The whole sordid story is here.

Steve"

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/06/02/25/2048224.shtml

Lesbian Teacher Pedophile Will Not Be Charged

Matt · 26 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"A lesbian teacher who had sexual relations with a 17 year-old female student will not be charged with criminal sexual conduct, after her anonymous victim declined to press charges. She's been suspended without pay from her teaching job, pending a school board review. A local lesbian minister says it's a shame that when the schools need excellent teachers, this predator is being kept out of the classrooms. Note that if this case were about a male perpetrator, the state's "no drop" policies would guarantee his prosecution.*

Link here."

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Former Female Nazi Guard: She was "manipulated"

Matt · 26 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The Washington Post, which normally and rightly condemns people who commit the most heinous of crimes, again balks when the perp is female. Their latest offense against common sense is here.

Excerpt:

All she wants is to set the record straight, Margarete says, for others to see her for the manipulated young woman she believed herself to be, not one of the criminal "blond beasts" that female SS are seen as. Her family learned her secret first -- and they believe her. When her daughter, Monika, was 16, Margarete recounted her life story. "At the time, I was enraged," Monika told one of Jacobeit's researchers in 2004. "But when I learned it wasn't voluntary -- that she'd been sent there -- well, what kind of chance did she have? What could she have done?"

Well, she could have refused, for one thing, accepting execution like any number of male draftees who refused to go along with the Nazi "program", or she could have worked within the system to undermine it in some way. But instead, like so many others of **both** sexes, she just went along.

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'Tis the Season: The Vagina Monologues Re-emerges

Matt · 26 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Like a crop of mushrooms or crabgrass on the front lawn of academe, The Vagina Monologues is popping up all over to celebrate the springtime season of romance and endless victimhood and oppression. One such example: U of Rochester, Rochester, NY. There are dozens of other such examples of this piece of joy erupting on US and Canadian college campuses, as discussed in this MANN post.

Since the Vagina Monologues seems to be like Cerebrus, multi-headed guardian-hound of Hell, simultaneous attacks on the heads of the beast are probably a good strategy.

Homework for the month of March: check your local institution of "higher learning" and see if the beast is rearing one of its ugly heads there. If so, make your opinion about it heard to the producers, trustees, president, whoever. If enough people openly challenge the beast, it will lose potency and may one day retreat back to the firey depths from which it emerged.

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Men's activist runs for Congress

Matt · 27 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous user writes: "*Tom Kovach has a day job, and also writes investigative columns. He has written for Men's News Daily, World Net Daily, and Renew America. Before moving to Nashville in 2001, he was active with the Fathers' Rights Association of NY State for several years. He was hand-picked to serve on a 1998 Legislative Task Force, and wrote the major portion of the report on Family Court Reform.*

But, when he announced a run for Congress, he was snubbed by the media. You can read the details here.

Fighting pro-se, Tom got his ex-wife's NY lawyer sanctioned twice. The lawyer appealed twice, and lost ... twice."

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The Penis Monologues

Matt · 27 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bull writes *"Monique Stewart, who hated the play The Vagina Monologues, has been making waves with her own spoof/satire play, The Penis Monologues.*
Click Here"

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RADAR Alert: Why Does AARP Have No Compassion for Elderly Abused Men?

Matt · 27 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The article And Then He Hit Me
minimizes elder male domestic violence victimization. It was published in the January/February 2006 issue of the *AARP Magazine*. The author, David France, claims that the numbers of woman-on-man incidents of domestic violence are, in his words, "negligible".
He also notes that data from a 1988 study of elder abuse in Boston suggests that the extrapolated number of elders abused could be a million a year.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Why Does AARP Have No Compassion for Elderly Abused Men?
This is yet another egregious example of a nationally published article by authors and publishers who have little to no real understanding of domestic violence. What the authors of that Boston study actually document is that **43% of the physical violence cases were of the wife assaulting the husband**,
whereas only 17% were of the husband assaulting the wife [Pillemer, K. and D. Finkelor. (1988) The Prevalence of Elder Abuse: A Random Sample Survey. *Gerontologist*, Vol. 28, No. 1, 51-57].

This clearly documents that the author and the publisher of the *AARP magazine*, similar to the majority of members of the media, mislead their readers, and mislead policymakers as well, by printing untruths about domestic violence as if they were the truth.

Please contact the publisher of *AARP magazine*, and tell him:

1. By misrepresenting the number of woman-on-man incidents of domestic violence as "negligible", they have put a great number of elderly at risk -- many of them *AARP magazine*'s very own readers!
2. A first step in rectifying the harm AARP has done would be for them to
publish an unbiased article that emphasizes the plight of elder male domestic violence victims who, because they're male, find that virtually no services are available to them.

Here's the contact info:

Publisher: Ed Dwyer

Email: edwyer-at-aarp.org

Phone: 202-434-6880

Date of RADAR Release: February 26, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Possible Progress in Prostate Cancer Research

Thomas · 27 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This CNN article discusses possible progress in prostate cancer research. It seems that the cancer might be linked to a virus.

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/06/02/27/0245203.shtml

Low Bail for Female Teacher

Matt · 27 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here is the follow-up to the teacher that had sex with her 11 year-old student. Her bail set at $100,000. The boy she raped is terrified and traumatized. Her bail set at $100,000. My bail set at $200,000 for a false rape allegation by a consenting female adult."*

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Fox News Legal Analyst Supports Libelous Anti-Male Website

Matt · 27 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"On 2/26/06, I was shocked to see Fox News legal analyst Lis Wiehl so enthusiastically embrace the "www.dontdatehimgirl.com" website.*

The site makes it free and easy for women to publish libel about a man with no consequence to themselves.

Wiehl laughed as she state that all the men identified were probably "guilty as charged" -- i.e. cheaters, had venereal diseases, etc. We must correct this..."

Ed. note: Would like to see on-line available confirmation of this report. If anyone can post, please do so.

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UK: More lies about the 'pay gap'

Matt · 27 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"In 2004 the Blair government commissioned a report into the gender 'pay gap'. It is published today, and surprise, surprise, it repeats the usual feminist myths. "Women earn 17% less than men", "There is widespread discrimination within the system", blah blah blah. The feminist account usually takes no account of men's and women's different priorities and life-choices, or the fact that men have greater cultural and psychological incentives to chase money, or the fact that women have other socially-acceptable ways of getting money apart from working for it. Instead, it describes everything in hopelessly simplistic terms of an evil conspiracy against women. Whenever feminism does take account of women's choices, it claims that these choices are invalid, and the result of cultural brain-washing. "It is because of structural problems; because of young girls' choices in schools and the fact that our careers education system completely fails to make them realise that the choices they make will determine what they earn". If women are happy with the choices they make, then what's the problem?*
I'd also like to hear an answer to this one: If women are cheaper to employ than men, then why do employers ever hire men at all?"

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Sydney AM Herald: "Why men won't commit"

Matt · 27 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The usual article on why are men being afraid to commit? Of course the author paints men as "messy, greedy, sports-loving, junk-food-scoffing and womanizing". Women on the other hand are the long-suffering victims trying to "understand the antics of the opposite sex." The author goes on to lay the blame for the downward spiral of marriage at the feet of men.*

Nothing too surprising there - but what is surprising is the backlash to the article from men in the commments section! It looks like a hella of a lot of men arent putting up with this crap any longer!

C'mon guys let show the author what we think!"

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http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/06/02/27/1920227.shtml

No Jail Time for Woman Who Stabs Husband Over Flowers

Matt · 27 February 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"This past Valentine's Day, a woman stabbed her husband for not spending enough on flowers on Valentine's Day. At least we know the Vagina Monologues are having their desired effect on "V-Day": domestic violence is still "something men do to women". Perhaps Eve might consider adding a line or two to her play, something to the effect of "stabbing your husband over insufficient gifts is OK: it was a good stabbing". No jail time for the attacker. As usual, reverse the genders and see if this still works."*

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4th-Wave Feminists Just Wanna Stay Home, Make Babies

Matt · 1 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"A new survey of teenaged girls linked off AngryHarry's web site finds that they want traditional homemaker/mommie futures and hubbies that will work to provide them with that privileged lifestyle:*
"According to a survey of 5,000-plus teenage girls, their main ambition is to complete university then return to the homestead - whether their partners like it or not.
More than nine out of 10 of the girls believe it should be up to their husbands to provide for them, with 97 per cent disagreeing with the statement 'It doesn't matter who is the main earner, as long as we are happy.'" Feminists call this preference for heterosexual domesticity "false consciousness."

MRA's might label it "predatory gold-digging?" Link here."

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Australian dads to pay less, mums to pay more

Matt · 1 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports here that proposed changes to the child support laws in Australia (due to come into play in 2008) will mean fathers will pay less in some cases, whilst mothers become more responsible.*

In particular, fathers who spend one day a week with their children will have their child support payments reduced, and more of a mothers income will be taken into account when calculating child support payments (currently it's set pretty high).

But, I wonder how long before this has the opposite effect? Won't mothers now be incentivised to stop fathers from seeing their kids once a week, so they can claim more..?"

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Cocaine Brought To Class By Second-Grade Girl- No Charges Filed

Matt · 1 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Yep you guessed it...no mention of any charges against her or suspension. Oh by the way, do ya remember the six-year old boy suspended for sexual harassment...thought so...*

Story here."

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"Virtual Visitation" More Common

Matt · 1 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Comments on this story, folks? From the article:

The idea has its critics, though, who fear judges might use the option of virtual visitation as justification for ordering fewer real visits with children or letting one parent move away with the children.

“Real parents need real time. Real kids need real time,” said David L. Levy, director of the Children’s Rights Council.

“It can be a wonderful accessory, but the danger is that it will be used as a substitute for real visitation.”

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Article on "The Return of Patriarchy"

Matt · 1 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Acksiom writes *"Are secular leftists non-breeding themselves into a minority, compared to their more religious and conservative fellow-citizens? Phillip Longman, in an article in Foreign Policy magazine, considers the demographics involved, and some historical parallels, and thinks it likely."*

Ed. note: Not only is such an article surprising to see in publication, but what is also surpising is in which magazine it is being published!

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Woman awarded $100k for raising 'an unwanted child'

Matt · 2 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports that a woman who had a failed abortion has been awarded over one hundred thousand dollars to cover the cost of raising her 'unwanted child' (for physical/psychological trauma, too).*

Whereas fathers who have no say in the abortion and end up with an unwanted child are forced to PAY UP for 18 years. That seems fair..."

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CNN Money Covers Farrell's Arguments

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Nice to see this in a major media channel.

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Suspended sentence for abusing teacher, but outcry ensues

Matt · 3 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports here that a female teacher who had sex with a 15 year old male student (sex, not rape of course) has gotten a suspended sentence.*

Nothing new there, but the outcry is definitely something new - and includes the State premier. Things are beginning to change!"

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15 years for man who took bite out of girlfriend

Matt · 3 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Sick Boi writes *"Found this article on MSN today. (I try not to read this biased Feminazi-friendly junk but I could not resist.) Funny how a woman can repeatedly stab her partner and gets a slap on the hand, but when the shoe is on the other foot... Prison here HE comes. They do not talk about what sparked the fight. Maybe she just did not spend enough on flowers for him on Valentines Day? Maybe she is like my wife and felt she has no need to even acknowledge him at all on Valentines Day? Who knows?"*

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Tennis Champ Bjorn Borg Selling Trophies -- after Two Divorces

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Remember Bjorn Borg? Well, he has to sell his trophies to cover his bankruptcy/two divorces. Story here.

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N.O.W. "Discovers" that Females Can and Do Sexually Harass Males

Matt · 3 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Citing a new research study by the American Association of University Women, N.O.W. admits that female students sexually harass males:*

"Male and female students are nearly equally likely to be sexually harassed on campus... Female students are more likely to be the target of sexual jokes, comments, gestures, or looks. Male students are more likely to be called gay or a homophobic name."
The definition of sexual harassment is so broad and subjective as to make most inter-gender communication suspect -- "Sexual harassment is unwanted and unwelcome behavior which interferes with your life...
Such as, a person made sexual comments, jokes, gestures, or looks..."

Full AAUW report here (.pdf file)."

Ed. note: This is somewhat 'old news' in that the AAUW report has been out since 2005. However that N.O.W. is "announcing" it at this time is a recent event. Read the N.O.W. release carefully; it downplays heavily the harassment men suffer and up-plays heavily the harrassment of women. Of course the very definition of harrassment, as pointed out by Roy, is not too close to the average legal or dictionary defintions. By their defintion, sexual harassment is pretty much anything you don't like that someone says or does in your presence. I suppose I could say then that just about everyone I ever met has sexually harassed me in some form or another-- that's it, gonna call a lawyer right now and sue everyone!

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37-YO female rapist blames four-YO boy for "seduction"

Matt · 3 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

SacredNaCl writes *"Apparently, blaming the "man" extends all of the way to the tender age of 4, as in the case of this 37 year old, accused of having sex with a 4 year old boy. In her statement she said:* ***"Sources tell us in what amounts to a bizarre confession that the suspect is actually accusing the four-year-old boy of seducing her. But police are not buying that explanation as they investigate several instances of rape and sexual abuse inside the day care center over a six-week period."***

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Jim Izard - R.I.P.

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I don't know if his actions were related to what went on between him and Indiana University, but what happened is mentioned in this news item. Rest in peace, Mr. Izard.

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Students Suspended for Viewing Postings

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Without condoning what the boy reportedly did, is it fair what happened in this case, particularly to the 20 other students? Would the school have taken these steps if a girl had done the same thing, only with a boy as the target of hostility?

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Woman sniper kills husband - but found not guilty

Matt · 4 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports here that a woman dresses in camoflage gear, lies in wait in a snipers 'nest', and shoots her husband dead - but of course she's found not guilty of either manslaughter or murder...*

The reason of course is that she was abused mercilessly during her marriage. Even if her version of the marriage is completely true she could have left or had him arrested, but instead chose to put a bullet through his heart and end his life. Not guilty. Go figure."

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Woman's Gang Rape Story is Bogus

Matt · 4 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Yet another one... at Disney World no less. Imagine my shock when I saw it was yet another false rape accusation..."*

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Wall Street Journal Again Championing Men

Matt · 6 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

garypc writes *"I submit the following article in its entirety from the Wall Street Journal, since they require a subscription for access. The Wall Street Journal has increasingly been championing the ideas of men's right and the virtues of masculinity. This article is the latest, and interestingly has a female author."*

Click "Read more..." for the article.
Harvey Mansfield: Calling All Hombres

By NAOMI SCHAEFER RILEY

March 4, 2006; Page A8

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. -- "Defend yourself." That's the lesson Harvey Mansfield drew for Larry Summers the week before Harvard's president was forced to resign. Mr. Mansfield, a 73-year-old government professor and conservative elder statesman of the university, went on to suggest that Mr. Summers's capitulation to those he offended (when he said women might be biologically less inclined to succeed in the hard sciences) is not simply a craven kowtow to political correctness, but proof, also, of a character flaw. Indeed, Mr. Mansfield continued with a mischievous smile, "He has apologized so much that he looks unmanly."

Perhaps this seems like a quaint insult, but Mr. Mansfield means something very particular by it. He would like to return the notion of manliness to the modern lexicon. His new book, "Manliness" (manfully, no subtitle), argues that the gender-neutral society created by modern feminists has been bad both for women and men, and that it is time for men to rediscover, and women to appreciate, the virtue of manliness.

Mr. Mansfield's former office in the grand neoclassical Littauer Hall just off Harvard Yard seemed better suited to his project, but the government department moved into a new building this year and he has been relegated to a spare, modern room in which even the blinds are operated electronically. The professor, with his elegantly tailored suits and sharp fedoras, looks out of place in his ungracious surroundings. (The poster-size portrait of Machiavelli, about whom he has written extensively, doesn't seem to fit in either.)

But after more than a half-century at the university -- as undergrad, grad student and professor -- Mr. Mansfield seems to have settled into his role as campus gadfly. This is not to say that scholarship and teaching do not occupy his time. In the past 40 years, he has published more than a dozen books, including a translation of Tocqueville, as well as groundbreaking studies of Machiavelli and Burke.

But it is his combat with campus liberal orthodoxy that has brought him a more public profile. To drive home his crusade against grade inflation, he began giving students a real grade (what he actually thinks of their work) and an "ironic grade" (which goes to the registrar). More controversially, Mr. Mansfield argues that grade inflation is the result of the university's affirmative-action program -- admitting too many underqualified minority students and then not wanting to give them poor marks.

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Of all the enemies Mr. Mansfield has made, none has he more consistently provoked than feminists. It's been 20 years since he voted against the proposal for a women's studies major at Harvard (the only faculty member to do so), arguing that "it is not possible to study women except in relation to men." And he has not let up since.

"I've had a lifelong interest in women," Mr. Mansfield purrs in his smooth classical-radio-announcer voice when I ask why he decided to embark on his manliness project. Joking aside, he explains that "I always wanted to write a book on the woman question, and one reason, perhaps the main reason, I see is that we are embarked on a great experiment in our society, something very radical: to make the status of men and women equal, or, better to say, the same."

Mr. Mansfield's contention that women and men are not the same is now widely supported by social scientists. The core of his definition of manliness -- "confidence in a risky situation" -- is not so far from that of biologists and sociologists, who find men to be more abstract in their thinking and aggressive in their behavior than women, who are more contextual in their thinking and conciliatory in their behavior.

Science is good for confirming what "common sense" already tells us, Mr. Mansfield allows, but beyond that, he has little use for it: "Science is a particular enemy of manliness. Manliness asserts something you can't scientifically prove, namely the importance of human beings." Science simply sees people as just another part of the natural world. But what manly men assert, according to Mr. Mansfield, is that "they are important and that their party, their country, their society, their group, whatever it may be, is important." As examples, Mr. Mansfield offers Arnold Schwarzenegger (predictably, since he's no girly-man), Humphrey Bogart, Donald Rumsfeld and Margaret Thatcher -- yes, women can occasionally be manly. (Both Clintons are manly in their own ways -- Hillary is "formidable," while Bill is the "envy of vulgar men.")

Achilles, though, is Mr. Mansfield's model of a manly man. "He challenged his boss, Agamemnon, who had taken his girlfriend from him. He didn't so much make a complaint against him as to . . . say that what Agamemnon had done was the act of an inferior person, and that only true heroes, the men of virtue like Achilles, are fit to rule." In other words, Achilles raised the stakes and resolved to defend a cause larger than himself -- the manly action par excellence.

Mr. Mansfield suggests that it is difficult to rid men of their tendency to seek out such battles. Yet he believes that the sexual revolution has been a surprisingly easy one. "Certainly," he notes, "there has been no massive resistance like the segregationists opposed to the civil-rights movement." He has been surprised by the extent to which men have adjusted to this current system, but believes the evidence that they will never do so completely is to be found all around us.

Take housework. Mr. Mansfield cites surveys that show that despite their now equal capacity to be hired for jobs outside the home, American women still do two-thirds of the housework. He argues that this is not simply a hangover from our former oppressive patriarchy. Rather, he writes, it is evidence of manliness. "Men look down on women's work . . . not because they think it is dirty or boring or insignificant, which is often true of men's work; they look down on it because it is women's work."

When it comes to the subject of housework, Mr. Mansfield has a decidedly different take from that of the late Betty Friedan. He accepts her point that keeping house in the modern era need not be a full-time job, and that boredom, or "the problem that has no name," is a natural byproduct of forcing educated women to remain in the home, even when there is not enough to keep them occupied mentally or physically. But he disapproves of her "demeaning of

household work to . . . a necessary thing that you can't take any pride in." And though he doesn't accuse Friedan of doing so, Mr. Mansfield suggests that more radical feminists, like Simone de Beauvoir, built upon this notion "to demean motherhood as well."

But what does this have to do with manliness? In our conversation and in his book, Mr. Mansfield often seems to want to discuss women more than men. Ultimately, he concludes that it is OK for men and women to be treated similarly in the workplace; but in private life, "it should be recognized that men will be manly and sometimes a bit bossy . . . and that women will recognize manliness with a smile by checking it while giving it something to do or, on occasion, by urging it on."

Given what he hopes to achieve -- more humoring of men by women -- it may not be surprising that Mr. Mansfield writes that he wants to "convince skeptical readers -- above all, educated women" -- of his argument.

Such women might well wonder, as I did, what we have to gain from encouraging men to do less of the housework. But Mr. Mansfield believes that women do instinctually realize the value of respecting manliness. He offers the example of the police detective in the movie "Fargo." She performs her job "wonderfully," says Mr. Mansfield, but "she's careful to maintain the sensibilities of her husband . . ., an artist, who at the end of the movie succeeds in getting his drawing accepted for a two-cent postage stamp." "This is pitiful," he laughs, "but she makes a big thing of it."

Of course, Mr. Mansfield doesn't need to go to the movies to see how men and women behave today. He has the classroom for that. Though he thinks that his female students have become "more assertive than they used to be," he observes that "the very same women will be careful of the sensibilities of the men they wish to attract and not try to compete with them except in fun or ironically." "If not," his brow rises slightly, "I think they would have trouble getting married."

Mr. Mansfield's other observations about the dating scene at Harvard are no less provocative. At a speech to students a couple of years ago, he observed that the only "gentlemen" at Harvard were conservatives and gay men. Conservatives, he believes, realize something's been lost in the recent social revolution; and gay men "have a certain greater awareness and perspicacity than other men." (He doesn't get into the subject of homosexuality in his book, and when I press him on this, he says, "If I had, I might have said something unpleasing to homosexuals and I'm taking on enough critics as it is.")

"What you see today at Harvard and elsewhere are a lot of liberal males who are trying to make women happy by trying to treat them as if they weren't women." "And that," says the man who never misses the chance to open a door for a woman or help her put on her coat, "doesn't work very well." So why didn't he simply write a book on gentlemanliness? "Because before you're a gentleman, you have to be a man. Gentlemanliness is a refinement. It presupposes that you have a certain superiority over women, but teaches you how to exercise it. It also teaches you that women are superior in their ways."

Nine years ago, when Mr. Mansfield offered his first seminar on manliness, I barely managed to score a seat in the small classroom. So many campus feminists had crowded in that students were forced to sit on the floor. These women saw their opportunity, finally, to have it out with the conservative bogeyman.

But Mr. Mansfield got the best of them. He proceeded to talk for much of the next two hours about the ancient

Greek notion of thumos, or spiritedness, an idea he believes is the precursor of modern-day manliness. The feminists were bored silly -- almost none returned the following week.

Despite his statements outside the classroom, Mr. Mansfield sees his role of professor very differently from that of provocateur. His classes rarely descend into debates over current affairs. Arguments from Plato may not convince these "educated women" that he is right, but unlike Larry Summers, Mr. Mansfield has tenure.

Ms. Riley, deputy editor of the Journal's Taste page, is the author of "God on the Quad" (2005), out next month in paperback from Ivan Dee."

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Plan USA Follows in Amnesty International's Footsteps

Matt · 7 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Recently Plan USA started a new campaign: Give a girl child an equal chance. Recent recipients of donation reminders face a well-directed solicitation for this new program on the back of their remittance envelopes.

If you feel so inclined, contact them at: DonorRelations-at-planusa.org or 800-556-7918 and let them know what you think of their highly selective vision regarding the well-being of children. May I suggest sending them facts about the state of boys and men in the world and remind them of the many ways in which males die at alarmingly (for some anyway) higher rates than females in all sorts of contexts and for many reasons that are a direct expression of how they are perceived, treated, and USED, simply due to their maleness.

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Doctor forced to pay half his income as child support

Matt · 7 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports here that a doctor got divorced, and due to the stress gave up his high paid job to take a part-time much lower stress position.*

However the Child Support Agency decided that he had earning 'potential' of at least twice what his new job paid, and he's got slugged with child support payments at that level - equivalent to half his current income.

The moral of the story is simple - we divorce, and we're slaves. Work harder or go to jail, what a choice."

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Uganda politician cleared of rape

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It seems that false accusation of rape is now an overt political tool.

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Yanni Arrested in Alleged Domestic Dispute

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Anonymous User writes *"The New Age musician Yanni was arrested on "domestic violence" charges. As usual a woman lied and a man got punished. Hopefully, this incident will bring public's attention to the epidemic of false DV charges and the corrupt system of mandatory arrest and no-drop prosecution under which American men suffer..."*

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UK: Ensure consent for sex, men told

Matt · 7 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

robrob writes *"This is the latest attempt in the UK to "increase" conviction rates for rape. In short, if a woman is drunk and has sex with you, the onus will be on you to prove she consented. This is another example of the "Adult-Baby" defence. A woman can be adult enough to drink alcohol, own a house, and invite men back. However, if she wants sex and even consents to it, but can't remember doing so the next day, she can claim rape and the responsibility will be on the male to prove she ever gave consent. It's amazing how Rape Laws are continuously tweaked compared to any other legislation, isn't it?"*

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Desperate Feminist Wives: Liberation = Miserable?

Matt · 8 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Slate's culture editor Meghan O'Rourke reviews a new research study that links feminist beliefs with female unhappiness: "Feminist ideals, not domestic duties, seem to be what make wives morose. Progressive married women — who should be enjoying some or all of the fruits that Freidan lobbied for — are less happy, it would appear, than women who live as if Friedan never existed." DUH? Only a university educated neo-feminist journalism major would be flabbergasted by this "discovery!" Good read and excellent debate link here."*

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Support Shared Parenting

Matt · 9 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"Glenn Sacks is supporting a new law in New York that would presume shared parenting over sole custody in divorces. You can read about this new law and easily send an email to all the committee members presently considering this change by clicking on the link."*

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Another Killer Mom Gets Away With It.....Almost

Matt · 9 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Well, almost. She did plea down to 5 years in prison for letting her infant daughter die from heat stress.*

When the police found her passed out in her car from drug and alcohol intoxication they revived her and let her drive off though she had two outstanding warrants against her for failure to appear on two charges of driving with a suspended license.

This happened in Florida the same state that arrested the singer Yanni under the VAWA law for allegedly hitting his freeloading treaspassing girlfriend. Freeloading girlfriends in Florida have more priority than children in danger from drunken moms, it seems."

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UK: Women must get Partners' Consent to use Embryos

Matt · 9 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A woman is required to get her ex-fiance's permission to use their stored frozen embryos. This is a score for men, finally. In this case HE has the "choice" of wether or not a pregnancy proceeds. Link is here"*

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For Men, it's 1962

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Anonymous User writes *"For Men, it's 1962"*

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BBC: EU's gender gap still wide open

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Despite taking more P/T jobs than men (three guesses as to who makes up the income difference-- *hint*: choices are: husband, boyfriend, ex-husband), the BBC once again paints women-as-victims despite the better educational levels and opportunities presented to them. Of course in response, "something must be done", and the EC plans to do just that. Read it here.

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"Choice" for Men on CNN

Matt · 10 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

amperro writes *"Don't expect feminist support, but it's on the major news now."*

MANN also received this submission on this story as well, so the posts are combined:

Anonymous User writes *"The reaction to "Roe vs Wade for Men" on Fark.com is interesting for its length (many posts) and for the overall position that responsibility for and rights with respect to pregnancy is way out of balance and needs some redress."*

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David Hasselhoff's Wife Claims Domestic Violence

Matt · 10 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Sound fishy to you? David Hasselhoff's wife claimed domestic violence AFTER the divorce proceedings had started. Who wants to bet this was yet another bogus DV charge made up by an ex-wife for advantage during divorce? AMAZINGLY, NO RESTRANING ORDER WAS ISSUED! Now that we have two male celebrities inside of week being nailed with fake DV charges the public will start to pay attention?*

Maybe one man can make a difference?"

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Teacher Accused of Sending Sexual Text Message to Girl Quickly Pilloried

Matt · 10 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"While in no way do I condone what this teacher did, will you look at the HUGE deal they are making about a text message. The male teacher was arrested, fired, and may be stripped of his teaching credential. The "victim" in this story is devistated and in need of counselling. Funny that when boys are the victims of actual physical rape by their female teachers, the words "victim," "stripped of teaching credentials," "counselling," etc. never seemed to get used."*

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13-YO Girl's Abduction Claim in Doubt, Police Capt. Sympathizes... with Girl

Matt · 10 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"She's 13, she claims she was abducted, raped, and the chivalrous police captain proclaims...*

"If it turns out to be a total hoax, quite frankly, I feel sorry for (the girl) and her parents..I would not say that precludes us from bringing any charges." Story here."

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"Ice is like a man's ego. Fun to crush."

Matt · 10 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Natalia writes *"Not quite sure what topic this would go under, but it was for Standyourground.com. A few months ago I was glancing through a Vanity Fair that my mother had bought and an advertisement for Rolex had caught my eye, or rather, the slogan had. "Ice is like a man's ego. Fun to crush." I wasn't particularly offended, but I believed that it was a horrible message to be sending to women. I have not been able to locate a contact for them to comment on it directly and I'm not sure if anyone has yet even if the advertisement is old, it is out of turn.*

Thank you for your time."

Ed. note: Reverse the sexes in the ad and see how it would go over. It seems magazines like Vanity Fair and other "women's magazines" will go places in topics, writing, and advertising that "men's magazines" would not dare to tread.

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Discrimination Against Men at Rutgers University

Matt · 12 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

charger writes *"Rutgers University (State University of New Jersey) which just announced a major reorganization of its main campus, preserves the only public single-sex college left in the United States. With the number of men attending college declining, one would hope that there would be programs for men at Rutgers, but that would be politically incorrect."*

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Different sentences for child sexual abuse

Thomas · 14 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here's an excerpt from the article.

Robert J. Shoop, professor of education at Kansas State University, has studied teacher sex abuse for 15 years and has written a book on the subject. He said his review of five years of news reports shows that male teachers are likely to get 15 to 20 years in prison, while female teachers typically are placed on probation or go to prison for one to three years.

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Boy pupil sues over 'sexist' US schools system

Hombre · 15 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

arindamp writes *"The fear of being branded a girly swot has long been cited as the reason some boys fail their examinations. Now this may be presented as evidence in an American schoolboy's landmark lawsuit. In a federal civil rights action brought this month, Doug Anglin, a 17-year-old lawyer's son, is arguing that his country's education system is institutionally sexist.*

He claims that American teachers push girls into top streams while discriminating against boys, creating an atmosphere in which boys inevitably fail.

With the help of his parents, he is suing the United States Department of Education.

The complete story."

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Husband murdered in passport plot

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AngryMan writes *"UK: A math teacher was stabbed to death by his wife and her lover so that she could collect on the insurance, marry the lover, and get him a UK passport. The lover got life in prison, the wife got mental hospital. Story here."*

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Mother/Wife Violently Abuses Family in Survellience Video

Matt · 16 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

John Fleming writes *"This video (.mpg file) explicitly reveals a mother/wife violently abusing her kids and husband. She has gotten away with it. She has never been prosecuted or even reprimanded for it. She made false allegations of abuse A FEW HOURS after learning of the existence of the video by DYFS. The father is the one that is called the abuser after submitting the video to DYFS and the police. The father has not been with his children in three years. Please note that this is a small segment of the full video that is under complete control of victim. Main page: http://johnflemingmps0.tripod.com/"*

Ed. note: Opening the web site includes the playing of an audio file, so if viewing at work or elsewhere public you may want to turn your speakers down. Also, the video clip is a must-see.

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The Manly Man's Man

Matt · 16 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"Harvey Mansfield, conservative political theorist and academic provocateur, argues that women--and society--need to come to terms with 'manliness' - The gender-neutral society is by definition a mediocre one, with male greatness viewed as threatening to the social order and men and women crammed into boxes they don't fit in."*

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More U.S. Women Swap Briefcase for Diaper Bag

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Clancy writes "
March 10, 2006— More and more American women are swapping briefcases and office suits for dungarees and diaper bags as they opt to stay home and raise children, putting the brakes on decades of female advances in the workplace."

Ed. note: Notice how this is described, "putting the brakes..." Also, they don't discuss who is financing these women's choice to stay home. Do their husbands really have any choice to stay home vs. go work? Then what choice do they have when their wives leave them and stick them with the alimony and C/S debt?

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Vigilantism: It's okay if you're Female

Matt · 16 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Prostitutes in the Daytona Beach area are arming themselves and teaming up in order to hunt down and murder a serial killer on the loose. Strangely, the local police appear to have no objection. If a group of men were to try the same thing I wonder what the authorities would have to say about it...Hmmm..."*

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FAU student admits rape was a lie

Matt · 16 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This is infuriating! Another coed lies about rape and gets off scott free! We need to start punishing females that lie about rape with severe penalties... excerpt:*

'Police do not know why the woman, whose name was not released, concocted the story.

The woman will not face criminal charges for filing a false police report, Ferrell said.

"I do believe the psychological effect of having to talk to her parents, because they supported her and believed in her that this did occur...will have more of an impact on her than me filing charges on her or having charges filed on her," Ferrell said.'"

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Missing Males Not Worthy of Discussion

Matt · 16 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

al_nbd writes *"A CNN journalist in his blog tries to analyse why crime stories where victims are white females receive much more coverage in media than others. More than a hundred people left their commentaries on this topic. The absolute majority of commentators agree that it's not fair when lives of white females are valued more than other lives. But they think that it's not fair only in respect of FEMALES OF OTHER COLORS, NOT MALES. Below is a commentary reflecting the general mood:*

"If the "socially concious" media made an effort to report disappearances of ALL women, it would effect what your viewers are interested in. Last I checked, your audience is made up of many non-whites, including myself. I feel insulted that CNN might not value my disappearance or that of any other woman of color."

Misandry is becoming more and more deeply rooted in the western society.

The blog entry can be found here."

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careerwomen.com: No men allowed

Matt · 16 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"This career placement company advertises regularly in major media outlets. It places only women into career paths. I thought it was illegal to profile for jobs on the basis of gender?"*

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RADAR Alert: VAWA Violates the Civil Rights of 2,000 Americans Every Day

Matt · 16 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Equal protection under the law. Due process. Innocent until proven guilty.

Those principles, enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, are foundations of a free and just society. Those concepts are routinely violated every day by the Violence Against Women Act. Each and every day in the United States, over 2,000 Americans have their civil rights violated by VAWA.

Click "Read more..." for more.

VAWA Violates the Civil Rights of 2,000 Americans Every Day

- These people include over 750 male victims of severe partner assaults every day – who don't seek service because they know they will be turned away. Or worse, they fear they will be accused of the very crime that they were just subjected to.
- These people include over 1,250 men – and sometimes women – who are evicted from their homes on the basis of a restraining order that does not even *allege* violence.
- These people include an uncounted number of persons accused of partner assault who are unfairly arrested as a result of mandatory arrest policies.

As a result, families are broken up and children are removed from their fathers.

In short, the Violence Against Women Act represents a grave threat to people's civil rights and to the family structure of America.

On March 20, 2006, nineteen organizations around the country will be coming together to launch a major public education campaign. The five-week campaign will consist of a series of Special Reports that will document:

1. How VAWA harms families, children, men, and women
2. How VAWA programs discriminate against male victims
3. How restraining orders are widely abused
4. How mandatory-arrest policies violate basic principles of justice
5. How VAWA policies have biased the prosecution and adjudication of DV cases

For this Campaign to be successful, we will be calling on people to pass along the Special Reports to media contacts, friends, and others. We would like to invite you to participate.

To make sure you get the vital Campaign information, please sign up for our E-lerts. It just takes a few seconds:

1. Go to http://www.mediaradar.org/.
2. Type in your email address in the E-lert box in the left hand column
3. Hit the Subscribe button.

It's that easy!

It's time to get the truth out about the Violence Against Women Act – how it shamelessly disregards civil liberties and routinely breaks up families – sign up for the E-lert list now!

Date of RADAR Release: March 12, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org.

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Australian Teacher Bailed on 92 Counts of Sexual Assault

Matt · 17 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports here that a female teacher has been bailed on 92 charges of sexual abuse of a student, now aged 16, over a 2 year period.*

What will be interesting to see here is whether her treatment differs because the student is female. We've all seen so many cases lately where female teacher/male student equates to a slap on the wrist, I wonder if she'll get more because it was (shock!) a girl that suffered and not a boy. I'll try and keep a trace on this story..."

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Abusive Female Teacher Fired... for BITING Boy

Matt · 17 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Accused of biting a student, she is initially reassigned to non-instructional duties even though in 2004 and 2005, administrators had warned her to avoid being physically confrontational with students, according to her termination letter. God, can you imagine if this were a male teacher -- oh that's right male teachers are being drummed from the field because they are all perverts... story here."*

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Good News on Prostate Cancer

Matt · 17 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

klp writes *"The Washington Times has this article on a simple regimen to lower risk of prostate cancer. No mention of the funding source for this research, interestingly."*

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Redefining Marital Happiness?

Matt · 18 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"Ellen Goodman once again gives us a biased one sided only perspective on redefining marital happiness. Her sexist muse is a follows: The question is not whether women should lower their expectations (on men - implying that it is men alone who need to change). It's whether men will kick it up another notch and make progressive (feminist) women happy. She wants women to express their feminist views with men they date to scare off future "ex-husbands." Nice."*

Ed. note: Saw this in the local paper right above the Goodman article; it discusses how the same-sex marriage rights battle inevitably ushers in the permissibility of legalized polygamy/polyamory. I just laughed, seeing the two columns sitting there on the same page togther.

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Men also suffering from media/society body image pressures

Matt · 18 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"BBC.co.uk reports here that men now suffer from the same pressures woman have complained of for years - pressure to change your body to conform to society and the media's view of how you SHOULD look.*

Apparently as much as 20% of eating disorders occur in men, 25% of men lie about their health/weight etc because they feel pressured to live up to stereotypes and many are unhappy with how they look.

So, are we to be helped in this? Apparently not - quote from the piece:

"He said: "It is often easier to get through to men using image than it is to get through to them on health."But there is a danger with the way that we highlight issues that it can skew perceptions of risk.""

Apparently sounds like its acceptable to screw men up pyschologically, as long as it might benefit their health to do so..."

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New Anti-Feminist Forum

Matt · 18 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I found this British based Anti-Feminist forum. It seems pretty new, and it's a lot of fun. Enjoy!*

http://www.forum.mathews.me.uk/index.php"

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Boston Globe: "The politics of female voters"

Matt · 18 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"Excerpt:*

'ONE OF the myths that Kate O'Beirne skewers in "Women Who Make the World Worse," her shrewd and refreshing new book on the modern women's movement, is the myth of the gender gap -- the potent edge that Democrats are supposed to have over Republicans when it comes to attracting women's votes.'

Full article here."

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Time Magazine on Choice for Men

Thomas · 18 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The online edition of Time Magazine has this to say regarding choice for men. Each day, it seems, men's issues are taken more seriously by parts of the mainstream media.

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The He Hormone

Matt · 19 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"An article about testosterone as it relates to all of society enlightens many issues relevant to the rights of men. After a feminist century, we are in need of a new understanding of masculinity. The concepts of manliness, of gentlemanly behavior, of chivalry have been debunked by a ferocious post-feminist culture. Indications of masculine cultural displacement are everywhere today, in a world in which the power of testosterone is ignored or attacked, with the result that it re-emerges in cruder, weaker and less social forms. Our main task in the gender wars of the new century may not be how to bring women fully into our society, but how to keep men from seceding from it, how to reroute testosterone for constructive ends, rather than ignore it for political point-making."*

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RADAR Alert: VAWA Spring Campaign

Matt · 20 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The VAWA Spring Campaign kicks off on Monday, March 20.

Twenty-two organizations around the country will be working together to educate the public and elected officials about the truth of the Violence Against Women Act.

To get in on the action, go to www.mediaradar.org and sign up to receive the E-lerts.

LET'S ROLL.

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Unwed fathers fight for adoption rights

Matt · 20 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The article here found in the NYTimes online describes the plight unwed fathers go through when fighting for babies that are placed for adoption by mothers."*

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RADAR Alert: VAWA Violates Civil Rights, Destroys Families, Harms Children

Matt · 20 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This week, RADAR has released a ground-breaking report, "VAWA: Threat to Families, Children, Men, and Women," (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Threat-to-Families.pdf) that concludes that VAWA, although well intentioned, imposes a one-size-fits-all policy on American families. By treating families experiencing minor non-violent disagreements as if one party had attacked the other with a gun, families are ripped apart, the innocent are penalized, and children pay the price.

Click "Read more..." for more.

VAWA Violates Civil Rights, Destroys Families, Harms Children

Among the points highlighted by the RADAR report:

- Even when couple aggression is mutual or minor, domestic violence programs discourage partner reconciliation and encourage divorce.
- A National Institute for Justice study concluded, "Restrictions on couples therapy and individual psychotherapy for battering are a point of contention between feminist-oriented batterer intervention providers and mental health providers in many communities."
- The total absence of safeguards to prevent restraining orders from being issued for false or frivolous reasons deprives innocent people of their civil rights. Each year, half a million restraining orders are issued in cases with not even an allegation of violence.
- When New Mexico Judge Daniel Sanchez issued a temporary order requiring David Letterman to have no contact with a woman he'd never met, who'd accused him of harassing her telepathically over the airwaves, that was no abberation. It was business as usual for the family court system.
- Family law attorney Lisa Scott describes restraining orders as 'weapons of mass destruction'. She says of family courts, "Whenever a woman claims to be a victim, she is automatically believed. No proof of abuse is required.
- The result is that children typically lose daily contact with their father. While this may be appropriate in the minority of cases that are pathologically violent, the children of those half million orders no allegation of violence are are two to three times more likely to use drugs, do badly in school, be socially maladjusted, and engage in criminal behavior.

This week, RADAR is asking you to contact your legislators by telephone, fax, or U.S. mail. Ask that they investigate the civil rights violations documented in "VAWA: Threat to Families, Children, Men, and Women" (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Threat-to-Families.pdf)

Phone numbers and mailing addresses can be found at:

Your Representative in the House: http://www.house.gov/

Your two Senators: http://www.senate.gov/

Remember to keep all your communications polite and respectful.

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Black Men Doing Worse Than Ever....

Matt · 20 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Emanslave writes *"According to this New York Times article, young black boys in America today are doing worse than ever, thanks in part to unemployment, poverty, incarceration, and abuse! It makes you wonder, when will it be time for black men like me as well as others liberate ourselves from this? Please read!"*

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NYTimes: Wanted: A Few Good Sperm

Matt · 20 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The NYTimes seems to be on this issue fairly regularly. It's a long read but worth the review. My own take is that a lot of things are contributing to the phenomenon, not just the vastly-reduced status of men in our society or even just the perceived importance of fathers in the lives of children, though obviously these are major factors. Anyway, read it here.

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"Donor 401" Sperm selling like hotcakes

Matt · 21 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous user writes*""Donor 401" has fathered eleven babies... now the are trying to find out who this mysterious donor is. There's a waiting list for his sperm! I don't blame this guy (blonde haired, blue eyed, athletic, 6'1) for trying to conceal his identity. If you think one child support is bad... try eleven and counting."*

Ed. note: Posted not to belabor the topic, but as an interesting follow-on to yesterday's post on the topic of artificial insemination. All I can say is, the world just gets weirder and weirder. Is this some sort of strange kind of polygamy-at-a-distance thing? If I had any reason to believe this story was fiction, perhaps I would, but don't.

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WP Columnist: Bush is too, "manly"

Matt · 21 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"As usual the media attempts portray all things male as deeply flawed and probably evil. The latest attack on manhood is directed at the President. A laundry list of complaints about Bush is offered in this article suggesting if that he were just more female none of these terrible events, all conserative victories by the way, could have been avoided. Is anyone else tired of being attacked simply beacuse you're man? It's time to stop the hate. Email this troll and let her know how you really feel: marcusr-at-washpost.com"*

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MRAs: Take a Lesson from NOW's Herstory Action Plan

Matt · 21 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"N.O.W. has published an excellent menu of activist suggestions for promoting Women's Herstory Month. These ideas could be easily adapted by MRA's to raise awareness of men's rights. Among the creative ideas -*

MAP IT OUT Create a timeline of the women's movement on your campus or of women's contributions in your local community... Be sure to use bright colors and pictures! *TEACH IT* Many schools' history programs do not give a full portrayal of women's herstory. Organize a Women's Herstory 101, and talk about the importance of teaching women's herstory in our schools. If your university does not have a women's studies department, consider petitioning the administration to establish one. *SLAM IT OUT* Organize a women's herstory poetry slam.

(WTF, no bake sale of vagina-shaped confectionaries?)"

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Latest Charges in LaFave Case Dropped

Matt · 21 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

For our LaFave watchers, read it here. The stated motivation for the dropping of this set of charges is that they don't want to put the boy through the process of testifying for his own sake, and such would be required since the judge has rejected the proposed plea bargain. Thoughts?

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Are American Men Slackers?

Thomas · 22 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

In this essay, Jeffery M. Leving and Glenn Sacks refute the unjust and unfounded feminist claim that American men are slackers.

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Falsely Accused Man MAY Get Compensated

Matt · 22 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"Here is yet another man cleared of rape after spending many years in the Gulag.*

What makes this story of interest is that the state of Texas "MAY" pay him up to $250,000 for the time he spent in prison for a crime he didn't commit. $250K / 18 years = $13,888 for each year incarcerated. Gee, how magnanimous of the state! It is common for judges award that much for a years worth of child support for one child!

A new twist to these now common false rape convictions is that the current DA actually apologized to him. However, this same DA said nothing about implementing failsafe procedures that would prevent such judicial outrages from occurring in the future."

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Domestic Violence allegations and illegal searches

Matt · 22 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"The Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday (Mar. 22, 2006) that police without a warrant cannot search a home when one resident says to come in but another tells them to go away, and the court's new leader complained that the ruling could hamper investigations of domestic abuse. Yet, This case has no bearing on the capacity of the police to protect domestic victims," Souter wrote. "No question has been raised, or reasonably could be, about the authority of the police to enter a dwelling to protect a resident from domestic violence; so long as they have good reason to believe such a threat exists." In other words, the police will enter your home on assumption of threat which is already assumed, anyway."*

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FindLaw Commentator Defends Status Quo on Male Repro Rights

Matt · 22 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Joanna Grossman, a FindLaw commentator and legal professor, defends the status quo re the lack of parental rights for men here. Needless to say, the arguments she uses as well as the ones she cites that the Supreme Court has used to deny men equal protection are laughable but alas, all too common. Mysteriously, the message board link at the bottom of the article leads to a page-not-found type of error. I submitted a note telling them it was broken; we'll see if they fix it!

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Kathleen Parker: "Deleting Dad"

Matt · 23 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

John Doe writes *"Kathleen Parker reviews some recent NY Times articles on the decline of fatherhood. Excerpts:*

'...men are necessary, if not to certain women, then certainly to children, who, despite the creative inventions of many modern mothers, seem to love their daddies.

A society in which women are alone, men are lonely, and children don't have fathers is nothing to celebrate. And a future world filled with fatherless children - bereft of half their identity and robbed of a father's love, discipline and authority - won't likely be a pleasant place to live.'

Column here."

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MSN on Men's Health

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Surprising, in a positive way, this article from MSN.

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'Wondermum' article in British newspaper - father is nominee

Matt · 23 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Craig writes *"From 'The Sun' on Tuesday 21st about 'wondermums'. Six mothers from across the UK and Ireland have been nominated as wondermums-except one of the mothers is actually a single father of two nominated by his kids. Read about and vote for the nominees here.*

It's nice to see positive recognition for fathers for a change, especially single fathers. I voted for the father and I hope others will do the same."

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DADS UNITED to Hold March in London - June 2006

Matt · 24 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

DADS UNITED DEMO - Friday 16th June 2006

Every day loving dads and grandparents are being shown the red card in family courts throughout the UK. Children pay the penalty for a misguided and corrupt system. If you believe parenting is a game of two halves then join the red card dads for the annual Fathers Day demo through Central London on Friday 16th June 2006.

GET YER KIT ON!

Click "Read more..." for details.

Dress: Football kits (any colours) and/or footie hats and scarves.

Bring: Pictures of your children, whistles, air-horns, rattles, team spirit!

Venue: Meeting at Queens Walk, Piccadilly, London - Green Park tube - at 11.00am for 12.00 Kick-off. Full-time: 2.00pm (approx) at RCJ in The Strand.

March: Giant inflatable football, stiltwalker, brass band, balloons, guest speakers.

Rules: No 'foul' language or offside tactics.

THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER - IT ISN'T YET!

Register now at: www.dadsunited.org

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Female Teacher Sentenced

Matt · 24 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"She has sex with four students under 16 and gets '4 to 20 years.'*

Teacher tries to use the same defense that Debra Lefave used too. Interesting quote: "Debra LaFave, a Florida teacher facing similar charges avoided prison this week. What was different?"

Uhm, she was a pretty blonde..."

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Even in State Repression, Chivalry Reigns

Matt · 24 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Seems Belarusian police think women are not as responsible for law-breaking than men. While at once anyone not being hauled off for the "crime" of objecting peacably to election results is a good thing, it isn't good that only some people seem to be worthy of this indulgence over others for no other reason than the content of their pants. Article here. It closes with:

According to an opposition presidential candidate who arrived at the square, all the women were allowed to leave.

So, I guess it's not so bad then, right? Wrong.

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Life for wife who killed husband

Matt · 24 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A former prostitute who murdered her elderly husband after finding he was not wealthy has been jailed for life. She was violent towards him during the 2-year marriage, and eventually killed him with a kitchen knife. She will serve at least 12 years. Story here."*

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Ex-Teacher sues over noisy chair

Matt · 24 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous user writes *"A UK teacher is suing her school for sexism over a noisy chair. Just... wow. I can't even tell you what I think of this. Switch the genders on this one is all I can say."*

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"Perfect Mother and Wife" Cops to Murder-One

Matt · 24 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The only good news about this story is that is seems to be all over the news today. I wonder what sort of Chicago-like "He had it comin'" excuses will get made though?

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Female NY state senator charged with assaulting staffer

Matt · 24 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes
State Sen. Ada Smith was accused in a criminal summons Thursday of throwing hot coffee into the eyes of a former staffer. Smith, a Queens Democrat, faces a misdemeanor charge of third-degree assault, according to court records."

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Couple Directs Young Daughter to Beat Neighbor Boy for No Apparent Reason

Matt · 25 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This is so sick and is fodder for so much thought and commentary on so many levels, I am at a loss for where to begin. Suffice it to say, I can only imagine the scars both kids will carry around, how it may affect them and their relations with others as they grow up, and marvel at the kind of dementedness of perspective the so-called "adults" have evinced.

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Boy Murdered for Refusal to Comply with Gender Dysphoria

Matt · 27 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Ragtime writes *"I'm really not sure what I can add to this bit of horror. -- Four-year-old Jandre Botha disobeyed an order to call his mother's lesbian lover "Daddy". So the lover, Engeline de Nysschen (33), viciously assaulted Jandre while demanding that he must call her "Daddy". Jandre died from his injuries, which trauma expert Professor Mohammed Dada said were similar to those of a person who had fallen from a double-storey building. -- Appalling story here."*

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Wendy McElroy Tracks Legal Redefining of Dads

Matt · 27 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Wendy McElroy writes an objective piece about several current cases in the legal system that affect fathers' rights, mostly related to child custody in divorce and reproductive choices or lack thereof. One of the most important cases comes up this week – "On March 28, the New York State Assembly's Children & Families Committee is scheduled to hear Bill A330 on shared parenting. The bill seeks to establish "the presumption in matrimonial proceedings for awarding shared parenting of minor children in the absence of an allegation that shared parenting would be detrimental to the best interests of the child." (It's interesting that the bill's language requires merely an "allegation" to derail presumption of shared parenting. Women's divorce lawyers will be found negligent if they do not tell their client to make a false accusation of domestic violence against the soon-to-be-ex-husband. This in no way advances fathers' legal standing, unless a test of proof is required for allegations.)"*

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ADHD drugs linked to heart attacks, etc.

Matt · 27 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports here that ADHD drugs have caused serious health problems in children as young as 3. Of course it's 'children' and not 'boys', I wonder what the percentage of prescription boy to girl is..?*

Excerpt:

Documents obtained by The Australian reveal that almost 400 serious adverse reactions have been reported to the Therapeutic Goods Administration, some involving children as young as three.

Cases include the sudden death of a seven-year-old, and a five-year-old who suffered a stroke after taking Ritalin. Children also experienced heart palpitations and shortness of breath after taking Dexamphetamine.

Others taking Ritalin or Dexamphetamine - the two most commonly used ADHD drugs - experienced hair loss, muscle spasms, severe abdominal pain, tremors, insomnia, severe weight loss, depression and paranoia.

Almost 60 of the adverse-reaction reports dating back to 1980, obtained under Freedom of Information laws, involved children under the age of 10."

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Men's Hour United Conference, June 2006, London

Matt · 27 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"Following the disbanding of Fathers 4 Justice, it was unclear which way to go and how to get there. A conference was conceived by Thames Valley Equal Parenting and the Men's Hour. The "Men's Hour United Conference - The Way Forward" is in London on June 17th, 2006, the day before Father's Day.*

It is to discuss the way forward for children's rights, equal parenting, men's and fathers issues, including mutual support, media campaigning, political lobbying, protest, marches and non-violent direct action."

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RADAR Alert: Massive Civil Rights Violations Under VAWA

Matt · 27 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Today RADAR is releasing a report that documents how the Violence Against Women Act, and the state laws it has spawned, routinely violate people's civil liberties.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Massive Civil Rights Violations Under VAWA
"Without Restraint: The Use and Abuse of Domestic Restraining Orders" reveals the following:

- Each year, one-half million domestic restraining orders are issued in the United States that do not involve even an *allegation* of violence.
- Such orders are often sought during a divorce proceeding, often making it impossible for the father to gain shared custody.
- The issuance of both temporary and final restraining orders is done without regard for due process protections.

The report can be viewed at this address: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Restraining-Orders.pdf

So now 25 organizations around the country are calling on the U.S. Congress to investigate. (See http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Resolution.pdf) We are asking the Judiciary Committees in both the Senate and the House of Representatives to hold hearings to make the judges who issue these orders more accountable.

It's time to stand up for our rights. This week, we're making phone calls to key members of Congress:

1. Telephone the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, James Sensenbrenner at 202-225-3951.
   Politely tell the person who answers:
   - Your name, city, and state
   - The reason for your call: "I'm calling about the recent RADAR report that documents that *one-half million domestic restraining orders are issued each year without even an allegation of violence.* These orders represent a massive violation of people's civil rights."
   - Your request: "I am requesting that the Constitution Subcommittee promptly hold hearings to investigate this problem."
2. Telephone the chairman of the House Constitution Subcommittee, Steve Chabot (pronounced "SHA-bot") and tell him the same things listed in the three bullets above.

NOW ON TO THE SENATE!

3. Telephone the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Arlen Specter, and tell him exactly the same three points listed above: 202-224-4254.
4. Telephone the chairman of the Senate Constitution Subcommittee,

Sam Brownback, and give him the same message: 202-224-6521.

**Your one-minute telephone call will help protect a family -
and maybe someone you know -- from future restraining order abuse.**

Date of RADAR Release: March 26, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org.

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Ten years to artificial wombs?

Thomas · 27 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

It seems that population restoration efforts for animals may encourage the development of artificial wombs.

According to this article populations of gray nurse sharks may be replenished in part through the use of artificial wombs within 10 years.

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Serious Achievement Gap in Maine's Schools

Matt · 28 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"In an about-face from decades ago, boys' grades lag behind those of girls, and boys go to college in far fewer numbers than they did even 20 years ago while female enrollment has skyrocketed. In Part One of a four-part series that outlines the plight of boys in education, the reporters fail to point out that decades of one sided sexist advocacy favoring girls alone from a federal level on down IS the reason for the failure of boys in school. Women's advocates say pay equity should be a higher priority than boys' lagging achievement while 38% of Maine undergraduates are male and they drop out of school in higher numbers as well..."*

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Boy, 8, Accused of Sexual Harassment

Matt · 28 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here we go again...*

'LORAIN -- Lorain school officials this week executed an "emergency removal" of an 8-year-old boy who they say sexually harassed a girl in gym class.'

Story
here."

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Re-Born Fathers4Justice Launches 'Child Focused' Campaign

Matt · 29 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"F4J back but not bigger and better, more smaller and quieter. Re-Born Fathers4Justice Launches 'Child Focused' Campaign"*

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Abuse of Boy-- Not Quite So Important to School Authorities

Matt · 29 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"And no mention of sexual harassment. Well of course it's not when the boy is the victim -- I guess he wanted it. Story here."*

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Valuable Citation Material for Fathers and Children Studies Available

Matt · 29 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

James Adams writes *"I have collated citations to all the published research I could find supporting the case that children suffer without their fathers for our Government's enquiry on the Family Law ("Feminist Law"?). It lists hundreds of citations, running to 80 pages. Please download a copy of the document from the Australian Government website. This is submission no. 110 [main (.pdf file) and attachment (.pdf file)].*

This was part of our campaign for a presumption of equal parenting time in Australia by Fathers4Equality-australia.org, the Non Custodial Parents Party, Dads In Distress, the Fatherhood Foundation, the Men's Rights Agency and not least the Shared Parenting Council of Australia (especially Yuri Joakimidis). Debate is continuing in our parliament (upper house).

Hope grows!

James Adams

PartTimeParent-at-yahoo.com.au"

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NOW slams shared parenting bill

Matt · 29 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This article/propaganda piece printed for the feminists by the Times Union is a scathing attack on the shared parenting bill currently before the New York legislature. This bill would provide for automatic shared parenting in all New York divorces. This would be a devastating setback for the feminists who worked long and hard to eliminate fathers from families, separate them from thier children, and ensure that they serve as permanent wage slaves for women. NOW can't have this, so predictly the "article" is filled with usual lies and distortions used so often by the feminazis. Read it, get mad and rip Marcia Pappas a new one."*

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No justice for rape victims, apparently

Matt · 30 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"BBC News reports here that apparently there is almost no justice for victims of rape, with less than 1 in 20 accused of rape being convicted and with those horrible men still able to defend themselves in court and 'get away with it'.*

Of course all the usual excuses are trotted out - institutional sexism (she flirted so she deserved it), old fashioned judges, men bamboozling the jury with expert witnesses, etc. And not even a mention of the possibility of a growth in false accusations.

Then right at the end, the shock figure - only 15% of rapes ever get reported. Yeah, right."

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Concern Grows Over College Gender Gap

Matt · 30 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Joe Manthey writes *"Article here. Excerpt:*

'Joe Manthey: "If you look at who is filling up our jails, our juvenile halls, our prisons; who is more likely to be homeless; who is more likely to commit suicide; who is more likely to commit crimes; who is more likely to be institutionalized; it's boys and men."

'Manthey says men who make it to college don't get the same kind of encouragement women do. For example, most universities have support organizations for women, but nothing specifically for men -- even though the women are often doing better.'"

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Afghan Convert was also Seeking Child Custody when Arrested

Matt · 30 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This BBC news report adds a critical missing piece of information about the recent story regarding the Afghan man who, after converting to Christianity, was held for trial on charges of apostasy. It appears as if he had converted **sixteen** years ago and had left Kabul, but returned from the Panjshir Valley to try to get custody of his daughters. Only then after his relatives complained was he arrested for the crime of choosing his own "unacceptable" religious beliefs! This important piece of information of course only comes toward the end of the report, so read the whole article.

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Hidden dangers of failure to diagnose ADHD correctly

Matt · 30 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Interesting article in New Scientist about ADHD. "Now reports are coming in of serious adverse reactions, including hallucinations and, in rare suspected cases, sudden death from cardiovascular problems...10 per cent of 12-year-old boys in the US, where diagnosis of ADHD is more common than in most other countries, are being treated for the condition" And how many girls?"*

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Indiana Civil Rights Council Asks for Push to Hold Counties Accountable for NCP Violations

Matt · 30 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

You know about the nationwide NCP classactions filed directly against the STATES. Now - welcome to Round #2: nationwide NCP lawsuits directly against the COUNTIES.

Click "Read more..." for more.While many federal judges did violate their oath of office, dismissing their STATE classaction by choosing to ignore clear statutory law that automatically waives immunity of a state, there are, actually, a handful of these previous classactions still pending in the lower federal district courts, and there also are, as of this writing, at least three of the illegally dismissed classactions against the states now under appeal in the higher federal courts.

But, that's no reason to wait on launching Round #2...

Suing a STATE, at all, let alone for damages, is difficult, although it actually can be done. However, suing a city or a town or a COUNTY for violations of rights, and for damages, is well established in this country, and can easily be done. In fact, it is done almost every day, somewhere in this country. Moreover, cities and towns and counties do not have any immunity to being sued, which blows away the very notion of dismissing for immunity...

On our revamped website, you can find out about the new NCP classactions against the 3142 USA counties:

- details about the claims, arguments, and damages, etc.

- details about how to start a county classaction lawsuit.

- details about how to find other NCPs from the same county.

- checking to see the status for a particular county.

In fact, a few people got early wind of Round #2, and volunteers are already beginning to select their counties...

GO HERE TO LEARN MORE:

http://www.indianacrc.org/

http://www.indianacrc.org/classactionco.html

Please distribute this information as widely as possible... TODAY...
Ideally, there should be a team filing against each of the 3,142 counties in the USA.

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The most men-friendly university in America?

Matt · 31 March 2006 · Archived copy · Original

zerostress writes *"While wandering on the Internet, I found this place. This must be the most men-friendly university in America. I have never seen or heard about something similar. Check this out."*

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Take Back the Campus

Matt · 1 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bull writes *"An interesting article I found on the "Independent Women's Forum" website about the "Ten Most Common Feminist Myths." Click Here"*

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Weirdest False Rape Conviction Story Yet

Matt · 2 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This article is about a man who has served 5 years in prison for sodomizing his daughter. He was convicted on the state's expert witnesses testimony that his daughter was suffering from repressed memory syndrome. This expect witness the state relied so heavily on for conviction got her doctorate degree from an unaccredited online internet university! Additionally, the judge who threw out his conviction noted he was poorly represented by his defense counsel.*

Also, the daughter who was supposed to have been sodomized was killed by a pregnant woman when the daughter tried to cut out her baby and claim it for her own.

However, the man still remains in jail. The state may ask for a retrial for some stupid reason. Society doesn't have money to pay for proper veteran's medical care and other worthwhile causes but we have tons of money to keep innocent men in prison on bogus sex assault charges."

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Mass. Family Courts Expose

Matt · 2 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In case you hadn't heard, Mr. Kevin Thompson has written a book about the bias and corruption found in the Massachusettes Family Courts. This book landed him in hot water. The kangaroo courts didn't want this information public. While they tried to get it banned it is still available from Lulu.com. Please get it and distribute it as widely as possible."*

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Why Parenting Time Motions Fail and Child Support

Matt · 2 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Lary Holland writes *"An overview of why parenting time motions are more likely to fail than child support motions are to succeed. Short concise statement of a major issue surrounding bias in the family courts.*

After a Friend of the Court Citizen Advisory Committee (Michigan FOC) meeting an attorney indicated that it seemed that their parenting time motions seem to fail more frequently than child support motions succeed. This was a brilliant observation and I wanted to take a quick moment and tell you why."

Click "Read more..." for more

For every three dollars ($3.00) that your local court spends on Child Support Enforcement the court receives two dollars ($2.00) by way of federal block grant money. Additionally to make up the difference of the remaining one dollar balance the local courts have been able to use what is known as federal incentive grants from the federal government, which has made it possible to “profit” from operating a “successful” child support enforcement program. An immense gain by the state is to be had by operating a "successful" child support enforcement program which means that a child cannot have substantially equal time with both parents. In order to maximize federal money the states create the appearance of an absentee parent for purposes of the Child Support Enforcement welfare program. Successful also means maximizing the number of participants the state has in its Child Support Enforcement welfare program by including the middle-class at the sole expense of the U.S. Tax Payer.

See 42 USC 655; “Payment to States”;

See 42 USC 658a; “Incentive payments to States”;

In a parenting time conflict, there is disincentive to allow children to have substantially equal time with their parents because then the parents do not fit wholly into the above welfare program model as being absent. The more parenting time provided, typically, child support is reduced or abated. A reduction in participants is a reduction in the justification of federal monies to the state. Normally the reduction of expenditures is encouraged by government but in this case the oppositeholds true because there is a profit derived from the excess influx of funds. Because of lack of eligibility requirements there is immense waste in the new Child Support Enforcement Beuracracy. In 2006 alone, 4.2 BILLION of our Social Security Fund, nationally, is being invested into this program which is a huge disincentive for the states to allow substantially equal parenting time with both parents.

The huge mass of money out of your social security also is the reason that the State is so eager to incorporate all the middle-class into their Child Support Enforcement Welfare programs; that means higher support awards and an appearance of more need for federal money now that there is widespread expanded group participation.

The new welfare abuser is not the people, but the states who have shaped their participant numbers to create the appearance of need for a program that lacks eligibility requirements. The reality is that there are many fit, willing, and competent parents that are trapped in a welfare system against their will and they are being prevented from parenting their children because the state wants to maximize their federal funding and make them look absent.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ /s/

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MSN and "Marie Claire": Women Must Trade Sex for Food

Matt · 3 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Read this. Excerpt:

In war-torn countries, food is frequently a barter tool through which women are exploited. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Uganda, and many other countries, "food for sex" is well documented by human-rights organizations: That is, food is withheld by peacekeepers (as in the case of the DRC) or local soldiers (as is the situation in Uganda) until women, at the brink of starvation, submit to sex.

Comments?

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RADAR Alert: VAWA Appropriations Hearings on April 5th - Call Senators ASAP

Matt · 3 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Next Wednesday, April 5th, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee will hold hearings concerning funding for the Violence Against Women Act. And for the first time since VAWA was initially passed, the 2005 reauthorization bill includes language explicitly stating that VAWA-funded benefits and services are to be available to male as well as female victims.

Click "Read more..." for more.

VAWA Appropriations Hearings on April 5th – Call Senators ASAP
Although Senators Hatch and Biden have publicly stated that this was always the intent of Congress, the majority of organizations in the Federal grants pipeline that are destined to receive VAWA funds remain firmly convinced that domestic violence is caused by sexism and the power and control of men over women in our society. This ideologically held belief renders these organizations unable or unwilling to recognize male victimization.

The majority of domestic violence organization websites *clearly document* that those organizations ignore empirical studies in favor of ideology, and they *willingly and purposely ignore male victimization.*

Furthermore, restraining order abuse is rampant, as documented in RADAR's recent report *"Without Restraint: The Use and Abuse of Domestic Restraining Orders"* (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Restraining-Orders.pdf) Contrary to the original intent of restraining orders – to provide protection to spouses who are in danger of being beaten and battered – these orders are now granted for minor family disputes. And according to a recent article in the Illinois Bar Journal, restraining orders have become "part of the gamesmanship of divorce." Each year, half a million restraining orders are issued without any allegation of violence.

The temporary restraining order recently issued by New Mexico Judge Daniel Sanchez is only unusual because the target happened to be a celebrity who could defend himself. Sanchez, for those who don't remember, is the judge who issued an order against David Letterman, based on the claim that Letterman had used code words, gestures and "eye expressions" on the air to respond to a woman who said she'd been communicating with him telepathically.

The issuance of millions of unfounded orders each year trivializes and minimizes their effectiveness for those in real need of services and assistance. And an increasing number of studies by the National Institute of Justice and National Academy of Science document that mandatory arrest and no drop prosecution policies create as many

problems as they solve.

The new RADAR report: *"VAWA Programs Discriminate Against Male Victims"*, also documents many of the contemporary problems and presents some solutions. (See http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Discriminates-Against-Males.pdf)

This week, it's extremely important to contact the following members of the Appropriations Subcommittee **before their April 5th hearings**.

Senator	Voice phone	FAX
Thad Cochran	202-224-5054	202-224-9450
Richard Shelby	202-224-5744	202-224-3416

When you call or fax them, ask them to get substantive answers to the following questions during their hearings:

1. How does the Violence Against Women Office plan to protect the civil rights of innocent Americans falsely accused of domestic violence?
2. How does the Violence Against Women Office propose to monitor compliance with Section 40002(b)(8) of VAWA 2005, whose purpose is to prohibit discrimination against male victims?

As always, be polite and respectful in all your communications with the Senators' offices.

Date of RADAR Release: April 2, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org.

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Congresswoman Assaults Capitol Police Officer - Uses Ethnicity and Gender as Defense

Matt · 3 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This little excerpt explains why a man in this stiuation would be arrested on the spot: he is white and male...*

'WASHINGTON (CNN) -- As U.S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Georgia, faces possible criminal charges for a Wednesday altercation with a Capitol Police officer, one of her lawyers said Friday that the real issues were "sex, race and Ms. McKinney's progressiveness."

In a news conference featuring actor Danny Glover and singer Harry Belafonte, McKinney said she would be exonerated and that "this whole incident was instigated by the inappropriate touching and stopping of me, a female, black congresswoman.'

Story here."

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NY Shared Parenting Bill Stalled in Committee

Matt · 4 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

According to Glenn Sacks' most recent e-mail newsletter, the Shared Parenting bill in the NYS Assembly has been stalled. He is asking for the resumption of emails and faxes (initially suspended due to their request, since so many were arriving that they couldn't do anything else).

Click "Read more..." for how to act.From the newsletter:

Despite media coverage and over 5,000 calls and letters, powerful members of the New York Assembly Committee on Children & Families are trying to stall voting on A330, the New York Shared Parenting Bill.

We recently suspended the thousands of faxes being sent to the Committee members through our campaign page because the committee members told us they were unable to get any work done. James Hays of the Coalition of Fathers and Families New York, which is sponsoring the New York Shared Parenting Bill, has now asked us to go back to emails to deliver the message. To email now, click here.

This bill has been locked up in committee for 12 years! Opponents of Shared Parenting cannot win this battle fairly and openly--they can only prevail through political maneuvers. If one doubts the correctness of our position, one need only read last week's clash between shared parenting advocates and the National Organization for Women in the pages of the Albany Times Union. Marcia Pappas, president of New York State NOW, wrote a column called Joint custody bill not in child's interest. The column in support of the bill, penned by Mike McCormick of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children and myself, was Supporting the child by order of the court.

The vote on the bill was set for March 28 but has been postponed twice. New York is a battleground state for shared parenting and fatherhood, and we want a vote on this bill. **Again, to support the bill, click here**.

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CALL FOR ACTION: Phone Senators TODAY re VAWA

Matt · 4 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Originated by Lee Newman, Exec. Dir. of SAFE-NH:

VAWA violates people's civil rights, undermines families, and causes fatherlessness. Please make these calls by noon Wednesday, in time for the VAWA hearings which will start Wednesday (April 5, 2006) at 2PM.

Click "Read more..." for what to do.
Please telephone Senator Gregg's office at 202-224-3324 and ask him to raise the two questions below at the Dept. of Justice hearings; also call Senator Murray's office at 202-224-2621 and ask her to do the same. The questions are:

1. How does the Department of Justice plan to protect the civil rights of innocent Americans falsely accused of domestic violence?

2. How does the Department of Justice propose to monitor compliance with Section 40002(b)(8) of VAWA 2005, whose purpose is to prohibit discrimination against male victims?

Please take a few minutes today or tomorrow morning and call the Senators... You may call after hours and leave a voicemail if that is more convenient for you.

The first question is on behalf of men AND women because EVERYONE's at risk of being falsely accused and suffering the results.
The second question is important on behalf of your loved ones of all ages who happen to be male...Do you love them less than the females in your life? Of course not...but they are not equally protected under this law!

PLEASE take a little time today to make a big difference and possibly save the life of someone you love!

Thank you as usual for "Making a Difference" and "Taking a Stand Against Violence" with SAFE-NH.

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Female Judge Mocks Male Assault Victim

Matt · 5 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Another for the "reverse the genders" file...*

http://www.breitbart.com/news/2006/04/04/D8GP9IPG6 .html

Excerpt:

'A municipal judge has accepted censure as punishment for mocking an assault victim by comparing him to a lying character on "Saturday Night Live."

The state Commission on Judicial Conduct said Monday that Syracuse City Court Judge Karen Uplinger "demeaned and mocked" assault victim Anthony Nushwat in October 2004.'"

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Female Teacher and 13-year-old Student

Matt · 5 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Yep, it's a woman. Another female teacher caught having sex with an underaged male. At least this one is in jail after admitting to the whole thing. Who wants to bet she'll get off scott free? Also, included on this webpage is a bunch of hyperlinks to arrest records for other female teachers who did the same thing and got caught. Book mark it and email to the next person who claims that only MEN do that sort of thing. Excerpt:*

'APRIL 4--Meet Rachel Holt. The 34-year-old Delaware teacher is facing rape charges for allegedly having sex with a 13-year-old student 28 times during a one-week period last month.'"

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BBC.com: "Woman jailed for Paris 'slavery'"

Matt · 5 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. I wonder, why is the BBC using quotes in the headline of this article? I notice they do this a lot with not just these but other kinds of news items as well, perhaps as a way of avoiding accusations of bias of some kind. But it only makes them look (even more) stupid, IMHO. Excerpt:

The events began in 1990, when Mensah went to her country and brought the then 15-year-old Olivia back to France with the promise to her parents she would receive an education in return for a few hours' babysitting.

But the reality turned out to be completely different.

Once in Paris, Olivia was locked up in the house working 20 hours a day, and told to sleep in the basement.

She was badly beaten up, burned with cigarettes and sexually abused every time she was accused of making a mistake in her housework.

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Class Action Suit by EEOC Against Restaurants

Matt · 6 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A writes *"The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission just filed a class action lawsuit against Lawry's Restaurants, Inc., dba Lawry's The Prime Rib, Five Crowns, and the Tam O'Shanter Inn, on behalf of male applicants who were systematically rejected for hire as food servers due to their gender. Lawry's, a California-based corporation, operates restaurants in Las Vegas, Nevada, Chicago, Illinois, Dallas, Texas, Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and Corona del Mar, Calif.*

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Are Schools Geared to Girls?

Matt · 6 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Martian Bachelor writes *""Battle of the Sexes: Are Schools Geared to Girls?", by Martha Brockenbrough, is pretty standard msn.com drivel, but some of what she writes may motivate you to email her at martha-at-marthabee.com..."*

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New Prostate Cancer Tests Developed

Matt · 6 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in U.S. men. It is diagnosed in 232,000 men every year and kills up to 30,000 of them. Worldwide, 221,000 men die from prostate cancer each year.

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Truth about DV in mainstream media

Thomas · 7 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Facts continue to slip, on occasion, into reports by mainstream media. This article on CNN reports on DV by women against men. It ends with a bit about anger and frustration felt by many women, which to me sounds like an insinuation of an excuse, but on the whole it's a decent article.

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Another Teacher Has Child with an Underage Student

Matt · 7 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Let's see, the police tazed him for trying not to get caught with her and he is the father of her child -- he'll be paying soon... story here."*

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New Book on DV to be Released

Matt · 7 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Rethinking Domestic Violence to be released May 8, 2006. There is at least one other book by this title out there already, so note the author, publisher, and year when looking for it. First reader(s), please submit reviews.

From the "About the book" section on the publisher's site:

After twenty years of viewing intimate partner violence as generated by gender and focusing on a punitive "law and order" approach, Dutton now argues that this approach must be more varied and flexible. Treatment providers, criminal justice system personnel, lawyers, and researchers have indicated the need for a new view of the problem – ***one less invested in gender politics and more open to collaborative views and interdisciplinary insights****.*

Also note that Amazon.com already has a stub for this book here.

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NY College Student Charged with False Reporting of Rape

Matt · 7 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I wonder what motivates some people, sometimes. I can only speculate. Rather brief and under-descriptive story here.

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Woman found not guilty of severing daughter's arms

Matt · 8 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Story here. Excerpt:*

'A mother charged with murder for cutting off her baby daughter's arms in what her lawyers portrayed as a religious frenzy was found not guilty by reason of insanity Friday by a judge.

Dena Schlosser, 38, will be sent to a state mental hospital and held until she is no longer deemed a threat to herself or others.'

How thoughtful of our judicial system. A psychotic baby killer is being given the opportunity to be "healed" and ultimately released back into society. Presumably as if nothing ever happened. I wonder, would a man be treated with such leniency as to be committed to a state mental hospital for a few years and then let go? Not a chance. At the very least he'd be behind bars for the rest of his natural life. But more than likely he would be counting the minutes until his speedy execution."

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Paternity Fraud Update - making progress

Matt · 8 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

oregon dad writes *"This article shows that progress is slow, but steady. Even the woman attorneys are stating that women are losing ground...and its about time.*

Excerpt:

"This is the new underdog," said Michigan family law attorney Michele Kelly, who represents mostly men tangled in paternity disputes. "I was a staunch feminist. I marched with Gloria Steinem. But the new victims in America are working men. All they are is a mule train.""

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High School Dropout Crisis

Matt · 9 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Surfed over to cnn.com and saw this article reporting that almost 1/3 of US high school students don't graduate. It's only part of the actual "Time" magazine article, which of course requires a paid subscription to see the entire thing. But in the part on cnn.com that is there, what is amazingly absent is any mention of gender breakdown-- even though they do mention the ethnic breakdown of the drop-outs. MANN regulars already know that this 1/3 of high school drop-outs are most assuredly overwhelmingly male. cnn.com also has this report on the now-critical shortage of child psychiatrists in all our states. Again, anyone care to guess how many of these underserved children are boys?

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Single-gender classroom are good for both sexes

Matt · 10 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

zerostress writes *"I found this blog entry while searching blogs. Look like what has been said all along by many peoples is right: single-gender classroom benefits both gender. Let's all hope now their experiment won't be closed down by some feminazi."*

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RADAR Alert: Tell Congress Not To Fund Discrimination And Destruction Of Due Process

Matt · 10 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RADAR has recently released reports that reveal how the Violence Against Women Act routinely discriminates against male victims, tramples on due process protections, and undermines the family.

Today, RADAR is issuing a fourth report: "Justice Denied: Arrest Policies for Domestic Violence." The report reveals how mandatory arrest policies have turned "innocent until proven guilty" into "guilty unless proven otherwise." The report is available at: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Justice-Denied-DV-Arrest-Policies.pdf.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Tell Congress Not To Fund Discrimination And Destruction Of Due Process
Word is now getting out that VAWA is at the root of massive civil rights violations. Law enforcement programs typically train officials to think of the victim as "she" and the perpetrator as "he". A top-ranking judge, when training a class of other judges on how to handle domestic violence cases, stated:

"Your job is not to become concerned about all the constitutional rights of the man that you're violating as you grant a restraining order. Throw him out on the street, give him the clothes on his back and tell him, 'See ya' around.' We don't have to worry about the rights."

RADAR's series of reports document that this mentality is typical of those who run the system. On February 6, President Bush delivered his 2007 budget request to Congress. His budget requested $347 million for VAWA - that's $39.5 million less than for 2006. (http://www.womenspolicy.org/thesource/issue.cfm?issueID=243). By simply reallocating funding away from programs that destroy due process, and the very principles that make the U.S. a free society, this budget request will be more than sufficient to fund those victim services that demonstrably provide equal assistance for all domestic violence victims regardless of gender.

Last week FamilyViolence.org put out a desperate call saying that VAWA is "in trouble." The group called on people to pressure Congress to provide full funding for all VAWA programs.

It's bottom of the second inning, the score is tied 1-1, and two of our men are on base. Now we're up to bat - let's bring our boys home!

This week, call the following key Senators who will make BIG decisions about the VAWA budget for 2007:

Senator	Voice phone	FAX	Chairman of
Thad Cochran	202-224-5054	202-224-9450	Appropriations Committee

Richard Shelby	202-224-5744	202-224-3416	Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science (this subcommittee will decide on funding for the Department of Justice, which administers VAWA)

When you call or fax, urge them to approve the President's 2007 budget proposal for VAWA. The VAWA budget cuts should be directed to curbing overly-aggressive law enforcement programs, not to reducing services for victims of domestic violence.

Your telephone call or fax will help assure that VAWA stops violating the civil rights of hundreds of thousands of innocent American citizens.

Date of RADAR Release: April 9, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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No DNA Match in Duke Lacrosse Team Scandal

Matt · 11 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I debated which category to post this under: News, False Accusations, The Media, or Inequality. Really, this story touches all of them, so I went with "News" since that is the most general, though it sort of seems like it underemphasizes what is a very comprehensive example of how men and male sexuality in particular is attacked and condemned.

Click "Read more..." for more.There's no doubt that it is in some people's judgment immoral to hire a stripper. At the same time, it's perfectly legal and geez, women do it too (Google "Chippendales" or better yet just look up "adult entertainment" listings in the Yellow Pages to see that strippers come in both sexes). The morality of the actions of the lacrosse players though is not nor should be a factor-- the legality of their actions are what should be examined, since we can play the morality game all day and come up empty. As for the lousy attitude shown by one of the players in one of the emails reportedly sent by him to his friends, I will be first to say that it is not at all desirable and eminently condemnable. However, is his attitude enough to label him a criminal? And would the parallel attitude from a female toward a male, stripper or not, be as readily condemned? We here at MANN know about how many times a day prominent women in media and other spheres say or write equally nasty things about men and seem to get away with it without the least bit in recriminations. So I stress that such behavior and attitudes are wrong *coming from people of either sex*. But are they grounds for criminal prosecution or the ruining of one's future, especially if the person in question is still rather young yet and perhaps has some growing up to do? No, they are not.

I saw the breaking news yesterday on CNN when it was revealed there was no DNA match on the boys, nor any forensic evidence at all of any sexual assault committed by any of them. The reporters seemed embarrassed and harried and one remarked that "rapists can use condoms," implying that the lacrosse players had done what they were accused of, and just were smart enough to use condoms to avoid detection. There has been no evidence reported that such was the case (ie, condoms recovered, or other evidence, such as of physical injury to the accused or the accuser), and even if there had been, in the case of a used condom being discovered, such is not *prima facie* evidence that a rape occurred.

So at the present time, what this appears to be simply is a case of a false accusation that has likely led to the ruining of the futures, at least the foreseeable futures, of a number of young men who have been publicly named-- while their accuser has not been and can't be under law. It is another case, or so it appears, of a man/men being presumed guilty based solely on the accusation of a woman, with any further evidence entirely lacking.

In short, it seems to be a textbook example of what MANN regulars have been discussing now for years: men are guilty of whatever, no matter what, when accused of whatever by a woman.

Justice for all, indeed!

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DEMONSTRATION FOR CONGRESS TO HOLD HEARINGS ON JUDICIAL REFORM

Matt · 11 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"LAW VICTIMS ORGANIZE*

By Barry Weinstein

In a sprawling yellow two story house in the seaside Boston suburb of Hull a 50ish, balding and chunky lawyer is working over time to bring radical change to his profession.

David Grossack has been though a lot of battles, having won some and lost some, but in every move using his wars to organize what he immodesty calls a Second American Revolution."

Click "Read more..." for more.
On April 17 Grossack is scheduled to lead a rally of what he calls:
'victims of legal abuse', it is a constellation of victims of judicial bias, vicious lawyers, corruption, official misconduct, bad decisions and similar outrages to demand that the House Judiciary begging investigations as to why Americans are losing confidence in their courts.

Grossack, the author of a self-published book entitled How to Win A Lawsuit Without Hiring A Lawyer (see http://www.citizensjustice.com/) is a lawyer, who in addition to having regular law practice, has made a sideline of holding seminars for pro se, or self represented litigants. He believes the system is broken beyond repair and his Citizens Justice Institute has built a alliances with other legal reformers to bring folks to the steps of the Rayburn Office Building at 1 pm on the 17th to issue demands that, if enacted, would greatly reduce the role of lawyers in society.

Grossack believes the country is over 'lawyered'. He believes the courts and the laws should be user friendly so his profession would be less needed.

A self described libertarian, Grossack believes lawyers have used their power in the legislature to help government cross the boundaries between the rights of individuals and government to the detriment of individual rights over and over again and he isn't going to quit until the process is reversed.

Is he a dreamer, a utopian or a revolutionary?

His colleagues chose him as a Lawyer of the Year in 1999 reported in the Mass. Lawyers Weekly. That same year the Boston herald listed him as one of the state's ten best lawyers, a claim he self effacingly would not make for himself.

In any event, his April 17th demonstration is on at the Rayburn offices, and is not an event that should be ignored."

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Police Hunt for Women In Beating Death Of Bingo Winner

Matt · 11 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Police claim they are searching for four women who beat a man to death over his bingo winnings. According to witnesses the man refused to hand over his $1,000 bingo jackpot and so they beat him to death over it. Question: If there were witnesses why did no one come this man's aid when he was under attack by this female gang? Answer: Well, he's a man! He's expected to be able to protect himself and everyone else for that matter. After all his attackers were only female. It's not like they were capable of injuring anyone, especially a man. Sadly, if this man had managed to fight back an win, this news story would have been framed as, "Yet another terrible act of violence against women." The fact this story was reported at all amazed me. Excerpt:*

'When Youkhana refused to hand over the jackpot, the women kicked and punched him, the report said.

Witnesses said the man stumbled back into the bingo hall after the attack and later died from his injuries.'"

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Pink Visits High school and Speaks on Body Image Issues and Girl Power-- while Boys Attend Classes

Matt · 12 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

cmft_jihad writes *"It seems as though body image and self-esteem issues only affect women, at least according to to Pink. She recently visited a Toronto area shcool to talk about these issues with the female students while the male students attended their regular classes. And I can't be the only one who sees the ominous similarity between the terms "Girl Power" and "White Power". Both seem pretty oppressive to those who don't belong."*

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Men twice as likely as women to get fired in Australia

Matt · 12 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"According to News.com.au in a story here, men are twice as likely as women to get the sack in the workplace. They are also less likely than women to 'see the end of their marriage coming'.*

Of course the excuses are instantly made. Quote: "It is possible that, at any given job level, women are somewhat more competent, or perhaps less likely to cause trouble at work than men," the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia report says.

No consideration for the fact that most employers are terrified of sacking women because they get dragged into unfair dismissal claims based on gender almost immediately. Or that women call it quits in marriage far more often than men, which is why men 'don't see it coming'. Nope, it's all the fault of us dumb, useless, incompetent males...."

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"The Myth of The Boy Crisis"

Matt · 12 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

jim4146 writes *"Fellow Activists... here is another two feminists refusing to acknowledge the current crisis young men face today in education. As usual the spin is wielded, "The boy crisis we're hearing about is largely a manufactured one, the product of both a backlash against the women's movement and the media's penchant for continuously churning out news about the latest dire threat to the nation." Please check it out and respond to the authors or the Washington Post accordingly."*

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NOW Launches Counterattack Against FaFNY, Sackson Horde

Matt · 12 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Following is part of Glenn Sacks' April 12, 2006 newsletter. It calls for action on the NYS Shared Parenting Bill, so I though it was too important not to post, even though many MANN regulars get his newsletter.

In response
to over 7,000 calls and letters to the New York
Assembly Committee on Children & Families in
support of A330, the

New York Shared Parenting Bill, the New
York State Chapter of the National Organization
for Women and

Stop Family Violence
have launched a counterattack.
To see NOW's Call to Action, click

here. To read the

Stop Family Violence

Call to Action,
click

here.

Click "Read more..." for the rest.

In both cases, it's the usual feminist
hysterics about savage males and innocent, saintly,
victimized females.

As during
our

Campaign Against PBS's Father-Bashing *Breaking the Silence*, NOW is

not able to match our numbers. However,
their counterattack is still problematic. This
is because the Assembly committee members began
blocking emails from our supporters after last
week's wave, and we stopped faxing the committee

members two weeks

ago at their
request. I don't blame them--staffers told our activists
that the deluge prevented them from being able to get
any work done.

However, the
result is that at this point the committee members are
pretty much just hearing from feminist opponents of
A330, even though we have far more supporters. As a
remedy, I suggest you call the committee members yourselves
and send them faxes and emails independently. These
aren't blocked and will get through. To call, fax, and
email the committee members, click

here.

A330,
the New York Shared Parenting Bill, is sponsored by
the Coalition of Fathers
and Families New York, the New York affiliate of
the

American Coalition for Fathers & Children. To learn
more about the bill, see my co-authored column

Shared Parenting Bill Would Help New York's Children
of Divorce (*Albany Times Union*, 3/28/06)
and NOW president Marcia Pappas' *Joint custody bill not in child's interest.*
Again, to contact the committee members, click

here.

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Prostate cancer cholesterol link

Matt · 12 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Scientists have produced evidence linking high cholesterol levels to a raised risk of prostate cancer. Story here."*

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Catherine MacKinnon: "Are Women Human?"

Matt · 13 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A UK Guardian journalist interviews Catherine MacKinnon about her new book Are Women Human?.*

MacKinnon thinks that a woman's act of giving consent to sex is not relevant, because sexual inequality os so all-pervasive that she does not have the power to give consent in a meaningful way. Therefore, all heterosexual sex is rape "in a certain structural sense". In other words, women, like children, are not capable of making their own decisions."

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The Media and the Boys' Education Crisis

Matt · 14 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"The boy crisis in poor school performance is fast becoming a hot button issue in the mass media. It's creating much "buzz." And it promises to illuminate the sexist, hateful, misandrist true nature of feminism. Already feminist journalists are mobilizing to define the boy crisis as non-existent or trivial. The reason this issue has massive potential for the men's and father's movement is because mothers love their sons. Moms will mobilize if they are convinced that harm is being done to their boys in feminized classrooms. See an excellent article – Survey Finds Young Boys Failing in Schools Across the US. Quote from an all-boys school Headmaster: '...you can't ask a boy to fake it. You have to redirect his passion, and they are going to be passionate and they should be passionate.'"*

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Ellen G at it again!

Matt · 14 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Ahh, Ellen, what would we do without you? In her latest column, our Ellen makes criticizing our current president a full-scale assault on manliness in nearly any of its potent forms. Does she really think the world's problems would go away if every position of any authority were filled exclusively by women? You know, I really think she does.

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Coffeeville Teacher accused of student 'sex' and murder plot

Matt · 14 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"There appears to be no end to the recent parade of female teachers having sex with male students. This one is especially disturbing. Coffeeville High School teacher Sharon Linton Rutherford is awaiting trial on charges of: Solicitation of murder, first-degree rape, 2 counts of enticing a child to enter a vehicle or room, sexual abuse second degree. That's right folks she not only had sex with TWO underage boys but she tried to get one of them TO MURDER HER HUSBAND.*

This is just sick. We need to start keeping records of all these female freaks and shove them in the face of naysayers all the time or we run the risk of having only men being branded as sexual predators. And we all know what that feels like..."

Ed. note: I placed the word "sex" in single-quotes in the title line because once again, statutory rape when done to boys by a woman is referred to as "sex" in the press.

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Sexist Celebration in British Medical Journal re Life Expectancies

Matt · 14 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Check out this editorial in the British Medical Journal Life expectancy: women now on top everywhere and how the authors gloat over women now living longer all over the world. Also see the rebuttals people wrote in in the Rapid Responses."*

Ed. note: Since the BMJ is a subscription service, I have copied the entire article (for educational purposes only, mind you) in the extended section, so click "Read More..." to see the entire thing.BMJ 2006;332:808 (8 April), doi:10.1136/bmj.332.7545.808

Editorial

Life expectancy: women now on top everywhere

During 2006, even in the poorest countries, women can expectto outlive men

"Women who seek to be equal with men lack ambition."
TimothyLeary (1920-1996)

The year 2006 should not be allowed to pass without at leasta quiet celebration that this is the first year in human historywhen—across almost all the world—women can expectto enjoy a longer life expectancy than men. That the trend ismoving in this direction will probably be confirmed this weekin the 2006 world health report.

In its world health report of 2002, the World Health Organization,using data for 2001, reported that male life expectancy exceededfemale life expectancy in only six countries: Nepal, Botswana,Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Bangladesh, and Swaziland.[1] A year later,the situation seemed to have reversed in all six countries,with two other countries (Qatar and the Maldives) reportingthat men were living slightly longer than women.[2] In its 2004report the WHO continued to report the same 2002 data and inonly those two tiny territories (the Maldives and Qatar) didwomen die younger than men.[3] In the 2005 report, life expectancydata for 2003 were reported, but only to the nearest year ofage, making comparison difficult.[4]

In January this year the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)updated its *World Factbook* and reported its estimates for lifeexpectancy in 2005.[5] According to the CIA, in Qatar and theMaldives women now lived longer than men. Elsewhere, however,women's fate had slipped back, by the CIA estimates which donot tally with the WHO data for earlier years. According tothe CIA, in Niger women could expect to live a dozen days lessthan men and in Botswana three dozen days less by 2005, butnearer to two years less in Zimbabwe and Kenya by 2005. Theunderlying source of the CIA data is vague, as befits a somewhatsecretive organisation. We will never know with certainty theexact year in which women everywhere can expect to live on averagelonger than men, but this year—2006—is as likelyas any.

Almost 30 years ago, amid much fanfare, the eradication of smallpoxwas announced.[6] But when it becomes certain that women everywherecan expect to live longer than men, also a remarkable achievement,a similar announcement is unlikely. We tend to forget that inmany countries of the world women could expect, until recently,to live fewer years than men and that maternal mortality inparticular remains a big killer.

The most reliable historical mortality records are in Europe,where states were sufficiently affluent and interested to keepaccurate records. In Europe men last outlived women in the Netherlandsin 1860 and in Italy in 1889. Elsewhere females' life expectancyhas long exceeded males': in Sweden since 1751, Denmark since1835, England and Wales since 1841.[7]

But in all western European countries the life expectancy gapbetween women and men is now narrowing. Except in one aberrantyear, 1789, the gap reached its maximum in Sweden in 1978 (6.2years); in Denmark in 1979 (6.2 years); and in England and Walesin 1969 (6.3 years).

Greater emancipation has freed women to demand better healthcare and to behave more like men, and most importantly to smoke.A century ago it would have been hard to imagine such changes,or the fact that women now expect to live longer than men almosteverywhere. As this transition is so recent, the processes drivingit cannot be purely biological: they relate primarily to socialchange. In a way, women's life expectancy is an indicator ofhow well everyone can do, akin to the healthy districts identifiedin the 1850s by William Farr, the British epidemiologist whofirst reported on health inequalities.[8] In 1990 Amartya Sen,Indian economist and Nobel laureate, concluded from an analysisof unequal rights between men and women and mortality in thedeveloping world that, worldwide, more than 100 million womenwere missing.[9] The women who were born when Sen wrote this arecoming of age in a very different world. We must remember, though,that life expectancy data apply from birth onwards. The picturewould be different in some countries if life expectancy fromconception was considered: the first doctor to be imprisonedfor carrying out sex selective abortion in India was sentencedon 28 March 2006, which may be another landmark.[10] Even thelife expectancy from birth may not be a permanent achievement,given that the largest remaining untapped market for cigarettesin the world is made up of women living in poorer countries.

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Quarter of Men in US with Vasectomies not following up with Effectiveness Test

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Read about it here. Short version: If you get a vasectomy, make sure you check to see it worked!

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Real Fathers for Justice scale Westminster Abbey

Matt · 15 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Craig writes *"Unfortunately the protest has happened without me even hearing about it on the radio as it took place. I'd be willing to bet it wasn't mentioned on TV either. Protesters have scaled Westminster Abbey claiming fathers are being "crucified" by the courts over access to their children.*

First part:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/4905836. stm

Second part:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/4909934. stm"

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Women's Studies Professor and Students Vandalize Campus

Matt · 16 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Little Lion writes *"Interim Director of Women Studies and English Professor Dr. Sally Jacobsen of Northern Kentucky University is alleged this April 12th to have invited her students to join her in the destruction of an anti-abortion display of nearly 400 crosses on the NKU campus. Professor Jacobsen was quoted as justifying her civil disobedience, which she characterized to the NKU administration as an exercise of free speech, on the grounds that "any violence perpetrated against that silly display was minor compared to how I felt when I saw it." A report on the incident in The Northerner Online is available here."*

Ed. note: Would like a link for the quote attributed to Prof. Jacobsen; seems to me to be the most telling summary of the "modern" principle: "Your rights end where her feelings begin".

Ed. note II: Thanks to the original poster for providing the link requested in my note above. It is here.

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RADAR Alert: This Week, We FLOOD Capitol Hill with Calls and Faxes

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The past four weeks RADAR has released a series of Special Reports that document how the Violence Against Women Act violates persons' civil rights on a **massive** scale:

Restraining orders: According to the FBI, over one million restraining orders are issued each year. Half of these restraining orders do not include even an *allegation* of violence. These orders are widely used as a legal ploy during a divorce proceeding.

Click "Read more..." for more.

This Week, We FLOOD Capitol Hill with Calls and Faxes

Must- and pro-arrest policies: Twenty-two jurisdictions have mandatory arrest laws for DV cases, and 8 others strongly encourage arrest. And 33 states mandate arrest if a restraining order has been violated, even for the smallest technicality.

Primary aggressor laws: Worse, 24 states have laws on the books that discourage dual arrests, and instead rely on a "primary aggressor" assessment which amounts to blatant gender profiling and the inevitable arrest of the man.

No-drop prosecution: any jurisdictions require prosecution of the case, even if the woman withdraws her complaint. In some cases, prosecutors have coerced a woman into testifying against her will by threatening to have the state take custody of her children if she refuses to testify.

Discrimination against male victims: It is estimated that only 1-5% of victims served by VAWA programs are males. Worse, in many cases when a man does reach out for help, he finds himself accused of the very crime to which he has become the unwitting victim.

This week, RADAR releases its fifth Special Report, "Bias in the Judiciary: The Case of Domestic Violence." The report reveals how judicial education programs openly tell judges to disregard men's civil rights, and shows how fast-track prosecution programs operate on the principle, "guilty with no opportunity to prove otherwise."

The report can be viewed at:
http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Bias-In-The-Judiciary.pdf

VAWA, and the 600-odd state laws it has engendered, is the product of a poisonous gender ideology that claims domestic violence is a tool of patriarchal dominance. But its real target is not just men, because many women also have become caught up in VAWA's law enforcement abuses.

The real target of VAWA is the family. Why? Because every instance of marital discord – a shove, a thrown object, even a sharp word – is now subject to state intervention and criminalization of the alleged

perpetrator. The family unit cannot withstand this assault for much longer.

It is time to cast political correctness and complacency aside.

WE WANT CONGRESS TO CONDUCT HEARINGS ON THE MASSIVE CIVIL RIGHTS ABUSES OF VAWA. AND WE WANT THE HEARINGS NOW.

Telephone or fax these Chairmen:

	Voice phone:	Fax:
Congressman Steve Chabot, Chairman House Constitutional Subcommittee	202-225-2216	202-225-3012
Sen Sam Brownback, Kansas, Chairman Senate Constitutional Subcommittee	202-224-6521	202-228-1265

Be polite, yet firm in your request.

Your telephone call or fax will help stop the VAWA assault on families.

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Ex-manager acquitted in sexual assault on busboy

Matt · 17 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This article has less to do with women then it does with the biased nature of our justice system against men. All signs pointed to a brutal rape of one man by another, and yet the alleged attacker was aquitted. Simply put a female in the victim's place and tell me if this guy would have been aquitted..."*

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Feminist Falsehoods about Boys' Education Crisis

Matt · 18 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

QuickNick writes *"The recent racist, misandristic op-ed in the Washington Post, "The Myth of the Boy Crisis," deserved to be condemned as the usual moral and intellectual rot on display in the mainstream media today. But just in case you have any doubt, the main point of the article is false. White women in 2001 received 31% more bachelor degrees than men (56% of all degrees). Including bachelor and associate degrees, white women received 35% more degrees than men. These statistics are from p. 9, Tables 1-A and 1-B of this report (.pdf file). Did you really expect the truth from a feminist journalism professor and a senior scientist at the Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis University? The important point is that men's social justice activists should stand up for ALL MEN. Women receive 39% more college degrees than do ALL MEN. Don't let feminists pretend that black men aren't men."*

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Take Action: CA Bill Threatens NCPs, Children

Matt · 19 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

From a Glenn Sacks action alert... passing it along, of particular interest to CA residents:

A new bill has been introduced into the California Senate which will make it more difficult for children of divorce to retain the loving bonds they share with both parents. The bill's backers made a sweeping, last minute amendment to the bill in order to slip it through before opponents had a chance to organize.

I want all of you to write the Judiciary Committee members in opposition to SB 1482 by clicking

here.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Under

SB 1482, which will be voted on by the California Senate Judiciary Committee next Tuesday (April 25), a parent seeking to block a move is specifically prohibited from citing most of the evidence that could provide a basis for restraining the move. Nonmoving parents are prevented from citing the move's impact on their children's relationships with them or the effects of the children losing their schools and friends. This directly abrogates current California case law which says that the children's relationship with their nonmoving parent must be considered when deciding a relocation case.

SB 1482 is an attempt by the extremist Coalition for Family Equity and misguided feminists to reverse the progress made on behalf of California's children of divorce over the past two years. From 1996 to 2004 move-away determinations were based on the *Burgess* decision, which was interpreted by California courts as conferring unlimited move-away privileges. Under *Burgess* the bonds between tens of thousands of children and their noncustodial parents were needlessly ruptured.

The California Supreme Court addressed the problem in the *LaMusga* decision in April, 2004 by making it clear

that courts can prevent children from being moved when it is detrimental to their interests. Among the factors deemed important were the relationship between the child and the nonmoving parent.

In the summer of 2004 then Senate President John Burton, one of the most powerful people in California, introduced SB 730, a bill which would have granted custodial parents an almost unlimited right to move children far way from their noncustodial parents.

We organized opposition to SB 730, and thousands of you wrote and called Sacramento to oppose the bill. Our campaign gained widespread media attention and was endorsed by numerous mental health and family law professionals. Burton surprised Sacramento insiders by withdrawing the bill a few weeks later.

Today we must again fight to preserve the relationships children of divorce share with their mothers and fathers. **To voice your opposition to SB 1482, click here.** By filling in the form, you will be both faxing and emailing Sacramento. Also, we suggest you call the members of the committee--the phone numbers are here.

California family law has a huge influence on other states, and parents all over the United States have a large stake in what happens here. I hear every day from devastated parents who lost their children in the aftermath of the misguided *Burgess* decision. I often hear from parents whose relationships with their children were saved by the *LaMusga* decision.

The Alliance for Children Concerned About Move-Aways, which we originally formed to defeat SB 730, is working with the California Alliance for Families and Children to defeat SB 1482. Again, to take action, click here.

Best Wishes,

Glenn Sacks

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Responses to Feminist Dismissal of Boy Crisis Printed in Wash Post

Matt · 19 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"Last week, feminists Caryl Rivers and Rosalind Chait Barnett had printed an op ed in the Washington Post dismissing the boy crisis in education because it only affects minority and low income boys.*

Click "Read more..." for more.
A number of responses were sent in pointing out how racist and classist these feminists were, and also that they are wrong, because even white boys drop out more than girls within their own race (http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d04/tables/dt0 4_107.asp), and white women in 2001 received 31% more bachelor degrees than men (p. 9, tables 1-A and 1-B at http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2005/2005169.pdf).

The Washington Post printed the following two letters responding to Rivers and Barnett.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/04/14/AR2006041400912.html

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As a professional high school counselor in an urban school, I found the April 9 Outlook piece "The Myth of 'The Boy Crisis' " contrary to the reality that I see every day.
To say that it's only inner-city and rural boys who are not doing as well as girls is like saying that besides women, breast cancer is not a big problem (men can acquire the disease as well).

That may be a suitable perspective from the ivory tower of the article's authors. But for those of us who work in the trenches every day, all populations matter. We are not willing to discount any to serve our own agenda, which the authors clearly have.

-- Gus Griffin

Suitland

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Caryl Rivers and Rosalind Chait Barnett cite my New Republic article as an example of poor reporting on the boy troubles, which they see primarily as an issue concerning African American boys.

They may not be aware that the alarms about boys' academic problems are heard loudest in states such as Vermont and Maine, which lack high minority populations. The state that appears to have the largest gender gap at the university level? Minnesota. Scores of private colleges that rely mostly on white, middle class students grant admission preferences to boys as a way to keep the female-male balance on campus under 60-40.

The authors' contention that literacy gaps are not driving the gender imbalances is undermined by the reality that the schools that produce equal outcomes among girls and boys do so by doubling or tripling the amount of time and effort spent on literacy instruction. One such school is Washington's Kipp DC: Key Academy.

-- Richard Whitmire

McLean"

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Acquitted Teacher Still Not Rehired

Matt · 20 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Acquitted teacher may lose job*
Excerpt:

'Fronczak was charged with one count of capital sex battery and one count of lewd and lascivious molestation. It took the jury less than an hour to acquit him, but more than nine months later he still doesn't have his job back.'"

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Scotland Creates Special DV Courts

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Roy writes *"Apparently the nation where men proudly wear kilts is fast becoming the most feminazi-fied place on earth. In this article linked from AngryHarry's site, the Scots have decided it's better to coerce a man accused of domestic violence into a confession of guilt as quickly as possible. Excerpts:*

'As a result, many vulnerable women are spared the trauma of giving evidence against their husbands or boyfriends.'

'Domestic abuse is unlike any other crime, it's not like house-breaking or robbery or drug dealing,'... 'You are dealing with a specific complex set of circumstances in which the offender and victim are intimately connected. It is appropriate that the court system recognises that difference with specialist courts... a specialist court on domestic violence allows for the creation of a constructive atmosphere.'

In the U.S. thousands of counties are using VAWA money to establish similar "DV fast-track" gulags."

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Duke Case Update

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At this stage of it, it reminds me of The Bonfire of the Vanities. Latest is here. My prediction is that after thousands, perhaps millions, in legal fees are spent, there will be no trial, or if there is one, the case will be dismissed or the jury will acquit or return no verdict.

The lawyers will of course get rich off this case. Some will manage to capitalize off the whole thing while others will be effectively ruined. Now just guess which'll be which!

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The Philosophical Void of Modern Feminism

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Submitted by Patrick Bryant:

The feminist movement, which initially was based on the desire to achieve equality and dignity for women, has been hijacked by a core of mostly-lesbian misandrists who have turned it into a doctrine of hate, blame, and imagined superiority. Those three elements make it remarkably similar to Nazi doctrine.

This would all be of little consequence, and the movement would have been disregarded long ago along with the mindless blame and hateful mutterings of other extremist groups like the KKK and the Neo-Nazis, were it not for the fact that feminism has become an institution in American politics.

Click "Read more..." for the rest.As someone who has traveled the world, I've found that activist feminism is an almost exclusively American phenomenon, and it can be further defined as being comprised almost exclusively of the white middle-class to upper class bourgeoisie women. It is rare, for example, to find a black woman who claims to be a "feminist". It should come as no surprise that this division among women also defines the social group most affected by the narcissistic consumer economy. The real root cause for allegiance to feminism is probably best defined by Carl Jung's definition of the Electra Complex: if there is a perversion in the development of females or if their aggression is somehow stifled, resentment can be displaced towards the dominant male (the father) or patriarchal cultures in general. This explains both lesbianism and its closely related manifestation: feminism.

Rather than seeking equality and parity with men, the popular feminist seeks superiority. Consequently, the popular feminist movement can be viewed as a sexist partisan force; and yet this partisan force has been treated as though it were a gender-neutral humanist movement that has been afforded an invalid yet powerful position in modern American society.

Of its core values, the most prominent is the overthrow of the "white male 'good-old-boy'" network (known in the 60s and 70 by the more gender-neutral term: "The Establishment"). What the movement tends to neglect is that this 'good-old-boy network' is based on class, not on gender, and that the average working class white male is no more welcomed into that network than are working class females. The methods used to overthrow this network come straight from classical Marxism: wherein Marx stated that it is appropriate for the "under class" to use any means necessary, however brutal, to wrest power away from the "upper class." The history and eventual collapse of the USSR is a classic example of the failure of this doctrine: eventually, EVERYONE comes to see themselves as being in the "underclass," and what results is a kleptocracy where everyone feels justified in stealing from everyone else. However, Marx suggested that the primary social division was between a "ruling class (the class of people exerting power or authority) and a laboring class. Since most white men fall into Marx's definition of the laboring class, I am sure even Marx would be appalled at the rationally vacant concept of women in the "proletariat" attacking their own men!

Unfortunately, since the popular feminist movement has defined the "enemy" as being males, rather than the upper ruling class, they have irrationally converted the issue from a class struggle into a gender struggle. By drawing the battle lines between genders instead of between classes, the movement does real and significant harm to its own sons, brothers, husbands and fathers, who invariably get caught in the "friendly fire". The net effect over time is to corrode and undermine the feminist movement's own interests by:

1) marginalizing struggling working class males by erecting hurdles to effectively supporting their families

2) increasing the number of single parent families supported by the mother alone, and

3) deactivating what is historically the most powerful weapon in any class struggle: the family

The hurdles to working class men come in the forms of special entitlements reserved exclusively for female students. If the current trend continues there will be no more males graduating from college by the middle of this century. This vicious cycle threatens to marginalize men to such an extent that women will be hard pressed to find a man who is capable of supporting a family. And in the future, fewer men will be able to afford to attend college without the tuition subsidies and entitlements reserved exclusively for women. Due to this redistribution of education that progressively excludes men, an oppressive and evil class system built along gender lines - as currently imagined by the feminists - will eventually become a reality, with the women in the upper ruling classes and the men in the lower labor class! This, whether consciously or unconsciously, appears to be the final end goal of the American Feminist movement. Such a matriarchal society is not without historical precedent. And when such societies existed in the past, they were among the most oppressive, unjust, warlike and bloodthirsty in human history.

An example of the blamefulness practiced by popular feminism is their common reaction to economic compromise. The desire to seek a career, for example, instead of nurturing a family involves a significant compromise. All compromises involve giving something up. However, true to form, the feminist movement even goes so far as to blame men for what is surrendered by choice when making this compromise. Here is an example of that type of blame: "Our oppressive male-dominated American society has forced women into a 'cruel trade-off': if they focus on their careers in their youth, it's extremely difficult to get pregnant after age 40." (The Phyllis Schlafly Report, VOL. 35, NO. 12, JULY 2002). No one is FORCED to follow a career rather than have children. Having children is a personal choice. The basic premise of the argument expressed by Ms. Schafly is transparently bogus.

When confronted by the injustices of American feminism, a common argument heard from feminists is that the injustices produced by their movement, the repression of working class males, and their selection of men as victims regardless of their social class, is a case of the "pendulum swinging too far the other way," and that in any social revolution there are bound to be innocent victims. I am sure those were the rationalizations on the lips of many Germans while their Jewish neighbors were being carted away to Auschwitz. The rationalization is clearly specious for anyone who claims their goal is social justice. "An Eye for an Eye" leaves everyone blind, and two wrongs never make a right.

The most alarming rhetoric of the movement is more than vaguely reminiscent of Nazi propaganda. This comes in the form of statements like: "the Y Chromosome is defective" (Valerie Solanas, considered by many to be the first modern radical feminist). The feminist rhetoric that ascribes destructive attributes to all who have the genetic code that defines the male gender could have come straight out of Hitler's Mein Kampf! Then there is the rhetoric that men are exclusively responsible for destructive acts such as war. In fact, some of the most warlike leaders have been women. From Cleopatra in ancient history, to Indra Ghandi, Margaret Thatcher, and Golda Mier in modern times, women have lead societies into battle at least as often as have men. War isn't caused by "testosterone poisoning," and depriving men of their testosterone making parts won't cure it - as the feminists would have you believe - but rather war is caused by greed and the desire to increase one's prestige - both characteristics that are evenly distributed between the sexes. If an enemy of peace were to be defined - a mindset likely to produce widespread death, atrocities and genocide - it is the very mindset of the American Feminist: blame, hate, and imagined superiority. This is the core lesson learned from the Holocaust: that blaming another group for your economic woes, hating another group because they are different and are imagined to be engaged in a secret conspiracy to keep you down, and thinking yourself superior and possessed of the manifest destiny to improve the world - are all of the essential ingredients for genocide. Or perhaps, in this instance, I could coin the term "gendercide." Be it the purges of Stalin or the Holocaust imposed on the Jews, all of these atrocities were justified by the belief that they were necessary for "the greater good" and that the victims were somehow inferior to the perpetrators. Tthe main impetrative that comes down to us from the Holocaust is that this type of destructive behavior MUST be called out and exposed to the light of day at its earliest inception. This must be done early, vigorously, and fearlessly because the particular form of psychosis that this type of thinking represents soon takes on a mob mentality of its own. I'm afraid that we are now several decades into this feminist psychosis, and in all

likelihood, only a generational change will now reverse its impact. Fortunately, that seems to be coming to pass, as younger women are beginning to complain about the passive-aggressive character of the men that the "feminist age" has produced - men who were pummeled into feeling guilt over their own masculinity.

Since the popular feminist movement has no philosophical defense, since its underpinnings are based on a set of false premises, and since it is eventually bound to bring about harm to women as well as men, the two antidotes to its fallacies are time, and men and women of courage who are not afraid to call its lies out into the light of day. Time is on our side, and as anyone who has ever debated a feminist will attest, their fragile doctrine cannot tolerate the light of logic any more than Count Dracula could stand the light of day. Popular feminism is based on frail and broken precepts that cannot withstand even a trivial assault by logic and rationality. But a word of caution: don't expect to change the feminist. Psychologically, the outlook of a feminist can best be viewed as a psychotic delusion, classically described as: "false, inaccurate beliefs the person holds onto even when he/she is presented with accurate information." Anyone who has argued with a feminist will find that definition fits well with their circular logic and their bending of reality to fit their distorted world view founded mostly on half-truths, myths and urban legends. They won't change their opinion because if they did, they would be forced to confront the atrocious injustices that they have supported. Just like the Nazi Julius Streicher who incited hatred and murder against the Jews, and whose last words shouted at the gallows of the Nuremberg Trials were: "Heil Hitler!" they refuse to see the blatant failure of their own doctrine. In a free society we all have a duty to confront dangerous lies that affect public policy, and you may help dissuade those around them from the corrosive effects of their falsely-held beliefs while helping to roll back some of the injustices already perpetrated on others.

The best course for men is to not be afraid to act like men, to not give up their principles and sense of honor that make them men and reject the angst and self-loathing about your masculinity that you have been force-fed since birth. Unfortunately, since manhood is a learned set of traits, it takes only one break in generations to have its teachings lost to history, and in far too many cases, boys are raised by only mothers who are naturally unequipped to teach them manhood. In cases such as these, it behooves a man to either find a suitable mentor, or to live for some time outside the confines of the effects of the feminist psychosis that is generally defined by the borders of the United States. After living in Europe for several years, I can personally attest to the fact that women there will reward and nurture whatever remnants of masculinity an American male has managed to retain.

Each generation has its challenges, and among those for this generation is rolling back the distorted realities of feminism. Were I to call myself a masculinist, you would have every right to call me a sexist. I am instead a humanist, who believes that everyone - regardless of factors like race and gender - should have the right to choose their own path in life. I am a man, and I object to the accusations assailed upon me by feminist rhetoric that - owning only to my gender - that I am an oppressor and a destroyer. As a father of two sons, I hope that this yoke of blame will someday be lifted from their shoulders, and that the feminists will learn to put down their arms and embrace what is good in men, rather than focusing on or imagining their flaws. Until then, I'll settle for people just seeing the truth.

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Teacher Cleared of Rape - Too Late

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AngryMan writes *"UK: A male teacher falsely accused of rape by a female student dies of cancer in prison and then has his name cleared by the Appeal Court. His 88-year-old mother has collected compensation from the government. The accuser, who remains anonymous, also accused another man, who was cleared. Lock this psychopath up. She is obviously a danger to the public. Story here."*

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Is Ritalin creating 'Zombie kids'?

Matt · 23 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Top British scientist Susan Greenfield has voiced public concern about the use of Ritalin in the classroom.*

"The use of Ritalin is probably having the effect of making the classroom more manageable," said Susan Greenfield. "But we should be considering how to design the classroom to fit the child, rather than the other way around," she said."

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Charlie Sheen Issued Restraining Order

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apetr26542 writes *"http://entertainment.msn.com/celebs/article.aspx?n ews=221654&GT1=7701*

Excerpt:

'The court papers include a 17-page declaration by Richards alleging that Sheen pushed her, shoved her and made threats against her and her parents. They also include transcriptions of telephone messages Richards said were left by Sheen in April 2005.

Sheen denied the allegations and the judge granted his request that he and Richards be allowed to tape record telephone conversations with each other. In a declaration signed Thursday, he said he and Richards had agreed to undergo counseling to "address parenting issues and to establish a mutually acceptable custody schedule," but that Richards stopped participating after two sessions.

He also alleged that he had been seeking overnight visits with the children but that last week, Richards "abruptly refused" to allow him any contact with them.'"

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Newsweek, Parker on the Duke Story

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Just won't seem to go away, this story. It has some of everything people love to gawk at and get worked up about.

The behavior of pretty much everyone in this case is reprehensible, all for different and varying reasons. The only question though anyone should be asking is, "Did a rape take place and if so, who did it?" Instead, money, politics (race and otherwise), class struggle and simple rudeness vs. comity all come together to form a great big massive stew of gunk. And is the actual, germane question in the matter really being asked? Will that be what goes on trial?

Relatedly, look at this from Kathleen Parker. Ms. Parker is usually a voice of reason in a lot of instances but IMO in this case she succomed to the urge to think inside the box. Note that she seems to think the LAX players are guilty, presumes them to be guilty, and doesn't seem to even allow for the chance that while they are not the sort of fellows you want in polite company, they may, just may, be innocent of the crime for which they stand accused (contrast the tone she has now with the tone she had on this same topic just recently; I wonder what prompted the changed?). Alas, as men, they will continue to be presumed guilty even if they are proven innocent. She also seems to utterly ignore the fact that strippers come in both sexes and are watched by both sexes-- just Google "chippendales" or look under "adult entertainment" in the Yellow Pages for all the proof you need.

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Teen Launches Web Site for Children of Divorce

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Big kudos to Bill for launching http://www.billsarena.com/. Let's hope it provides a place for children of divorce to find fellowship and resources.

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RADAR Alert: Protect Our Children, Tell Congress to Hold VAWA Hearings Now

Matt · 25 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Each year the parents of 1 million American children get a divorce.

In an estimated one-third of divorces, an allegation of domestic violence is made, often in the form of a restraining order. These restraining orders have become so widespread that they are referred to as “silver bullets,” “slam-dunks,” or simply, “divorce planning.”

In half of all restraining orders, there is not even an allegation of violence. (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Restraining-Orders.pdf) Even in those orders that do allege violence, often the person who requested the order was mutually involved, the dispute was minor, or the allegation of violence was flat-out false. So it is estimated that 80% or more of DV allegations represent trumped-up and even malicious claims of domestic “violence.”

Click "Read more..." for more.

Protect Our Children, Tell Congress to Hold VAWA Hearings Now
In 85% of divorces, custody is awarded to the mother, thus depriving the children of contact from their father.

That means each year, false claims of domestic violence contribute to over 200,000 children losing daily contact with their father. That's about 550 children each and every day. **And that's a huge tragedy for our children and for our nation.**

This spring, 25 organizations from across the country banded together and signed on to a Resolution to counter the negative impact of VAWA. The Resolution is shown at the end of this Alert.

We are requesting that Congress hold hearings on the massive civil rights violations that are happening each and every day, as a direct result of VAWA-funded programs.

This Alert is the last call for our VAWA Spring Campaign.
This is it. Please contact your Representative and two Senators with this very simple message:

WE WANT CONGRESS TO CONDUCT HEARINGS ON THE MASSIVE CIVIL RIGHTS ABUSES OF VAWA. AND WE WANT THE HEARINGS NOW.

Please make a telephone call to the Legislative Aide who deals with judicial or family issues. Or better yet, fax a copy a copy of the Resolution to your elected official.

Please do it now, for a better future, for our children.

RESOLUTION

Regarding the Violence Against Women Act

1. **Whereas,** in 2000 Senator Orrin Hatch directed the executive branch to "ensure that men who have been victimized by domestic violence and sexual assault will receive benefits and services under the Act" [1]
2. **Whereas,** despite that statement of Congressional intent, male victims continue to be turned away from VAWA-funded shelters. [2]
3. **Whereas,** the language of the 2005 Violence Against Women Act now recognizes that male victims of domestic violence are in need of treatment and protection, and requires VAWA-funded programs to provide them with such services. [3]
4. **Whereas,** VAWA funds judicial education programs that instruct judges to disregard constitutionally-protected due process provisions, [4]
5. **Whereas,** judges often issue restraining orders without any direct threat of harm, [5], [6]
   and restraining orders are widely used as "part of the gamesmanship of divorce." [7], [8]
6. **Whereas,** the Massachusetts Trial Court found that less than half of all restraining orders issued in that state involved even an *allegation* of physical violence, [9]
7. **Whereas,** it has been estimated that each year one million protective orders are issued in the United States, and about 500,000 of such orders represent a direct violation of due process protections, [10], [11]
8. **Whereas,** 15% of such protective orders are issued against women and 85% against men. [12]
9. **Whereas,** research shows that most instances of partner aggression are minor in nature, [13]
   and such cases require counseling, not legal intervention,
10. **Whereas,** VAWA-funded programs and policies often discourage couple counseling and partner reconciliation, and
11. **Whereas,** various VAWA incentives serve to promote family break-up, [14]
    which results in children losing daily contact with one of their parents. [15]

Therefore, the undersigned organizations request that:

1. The VAWA appropriation bill for FY2007 include report language directing the DoJ Violence Against Women Office to provide Congress, no later than December 30, 2007, with client utilization statistics of VAWA-funded programs and services, in compliance with the male-inclusive requirements of Section 40002(b)(8) of the 2005 Violence Against Women Act.
2. The Senate and House Appropriations Committees support and approve President Bush's budget request to fund the Violence Against Women Act at the $347 million level in FY2007.
3. The United States Congress establish a panel to investigate the claims that the Violence Against Women Act promotes the excessive issuance of restraining orders, which often leads to family break-up and inappropriate loss of parent involvement.

Signed:

Michael J. Geanoulis *RADAR: Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting*	Mike East *FATHERS: Fathers Asking to Have Equal Rights*	Gary Gagnon *National Congress of Fathers and Children – New Hampshire*
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Alan Rusmisel *Alabama Coalition of Fathers and Children*	D'Arcy L. McGreer *Fathers for Virginia*	Lee Newman *Stop Abuse for Everyone, NH Chapter*
Michael McCormick *American Coalition for Fathers and Children*	Jamil Jabr *Fathers-4-Justice*	Philip Cook *Stop Abuse for Everyone*
Tom Smith *American Union for Men*	Richar' Farr *Krights Radio*	Lisa Scott *TABS: Taking Action Against Bias in the System*
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Michael Burns *Dialogue on Sustainable Community*	Marc Angelucci *National Coalition of Free Men, Los Angeles Chapter*	

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Document on Indian Dowry Law Misuse

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Anonymous User writes *"Here's (.pdf file) a good report on the misuse of India's dowry law (Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code)."*

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NOW: April 25th is "Equal Pay Day"

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Anonymous user writes: *"The National Organisation of Women has deemed the 25th of April to be the date when women equalise wages with men, their news article directs readers to a census article which makes none of the equality claims that their main page does. Read for yourselves and try and work out how they arrive at their conclusions."*

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Maury Povich Sued for Sexual Harassment

Matt · 25 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Another high-profile case, this... we'll see where it goes. Excerpt:

Bianca Nardi, 28, of Fort Lee, N.J., says in court papers that the sexually charged atmosphere among the show's production staff was fostered by the "intimate and sexual relationship between defendants Maurice Richard Povich and Donna Benner Ingber."

...

Povich is married to the veteran television news anchor Connie Chung.

Gary Rosen, spokesman for the show, flatly denied the allegations, as did a spokeswoman for NBC Universal.

"We are aware of the allegations of harassment made by Ms. Nardi. We have done a complete and thorough investigation of her allegations of harassment and we are satisfied that there is no merit to them," Rosen said. "We stand behind our experienced and dedicated staff, fully."

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Monster.com "Gets It" on Wage Gap

Matt · 26 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Stan Gaver writes *"I found a link on Monster.com entitled The Gender Wage Gap. I clicked it, expecting to find the same old lies and distortions about the so-called Wage Gap. As expected, the opening line included the typical BS, about how "...women in the US workforce still earn substantially less than their male colleagues."*

I almost stopped reading right there, but decided to continue on, and was pleasantly surprised to find that most of the article, instead of simply repeating the same old feminist pay-gap mantra, actually rebutted the "discrimination" excuse. In fact, the article went on to include much of the information from Warren Farrell's new book "Why Men Earn More" and did a decent job of fairly presenting the "other" side of the issue.

A good sign that the truth is starting to come out."

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Largo, FL police department to start anti-DV campaign

Matt · 26 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

quetzal writes *"..which of course is totally one-sided, i.e. anti-male. Excerpt from the article: "Most of the time when men are abusive it's because of insecurity."*

You may phone the Largo Police Department Division of Media Relations at 727-582-6221, to let them know what you think!"

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"Brothers of the unpopped question"

Matt · 26 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

quetzal writes *"The St. Petersberg (FL) Times has printed its second front-page article in a series about single dating. Here is an excerpt from the Tuesday installment:*

"Pepper Schwartz, a sociologist at the Univ. of Washington (and also a 'Relationship Expert' on PerfectMatch.com) says: 'One group[of middle-aged single men]...is the men nobody wants...They don't earn money or they are obese... They are losers in the truest sense of the word.'"

Ed. note: Check out the discussion on this article here. Also take a look at the first installment in the series. As you may have gathered from the quotation above, the series tone is most definitely not male-friendly, and it's also incredibly shallow in its analysis as well. Maybe they'll do better on the next two parts but I wouldn't hold my breath. Among many other things, the picture that this stampede toward singleness and especially childlessness points to is quite clear: the problem of elder-care facilities being short on staff won't be improving any time soon!

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Media Columnist makes Personal Allegation of Rape

Matt · 26 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"News & Observer columnist Ruth Sheehan claims she was raped two decades ago with zero evidence. (Sidebar to the Duke LaCrosse Case). Sheehan's column is here."*

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Another Man Snaps

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One Herbert L. Chalmers of St. Louis, MO, finally lost it and did what some other men driven to the brink do. All very sad.... story here.

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"Effort under way to close wages' gender gap"

Matt · 27 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Story here. Excerpt:*

'A nationwide grass roots campaign has aligned with lawmakers to push passage of two laws designed to close the wage gap between men and women.

The campaign is working with four lawmakers, including New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, in moving forward the Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act.'"

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Duke Case: Photo Line-up Exclusively of LAX Players

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Dittohd writes *"It appears in this story that in the photo line-up of pictures that the stripper had to choose her three alleged rapists from, there were no wrong answers! All the pictures presented were of lacrosse players so whomever she chose, she couldn't miss. Now if the lacrosse players go free based on the disqualification of the line-up evidence, will they always be considered to have been guilty because they 'got off on a technicality'?"*

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Policewoman faces charge in mishandling of domestic dispute

Matt · 27 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Ragtime writes *"From the story:*

'A veteran Chatham police officer who headed the force's domestic-violence unit has been charged with assault following a domestic dispute.'

I suspect this violent police woman fully expected to be treated like the "victim" after she slapped and kicked a man, just like so many other violent women before her, "but police were called by a witness, Chief Carl Herder said yesterday." "We have an obligation to the community," Herder said. "We're there to protect the victims, regardless of who the accused is." Nice to see a police chief who's grown a pair!."

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Wales: Woman Attempts to Murder Husbands over a "Sneer"

Matt · 27 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Brown writes *"A good thing he only sneered at her, otherwise who knows what she'll have been forced to do to him! Story here. Excerpt:*

'Mr Hamilton believes had he not sneered at his wife, she wouldn't have carried out these actions.'

These 'actions' being lunging at him with two knives! Also note the headline and general tone of the story. She's referred to as 'mum' and he's referred to as 'husband' not 'dad'!

No need to say of course, that if the genders had been reversed he'd be in prison and she'd be hailed as survivor of domestic violence.

The silly man has decided to stay with her..."

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Germany: Woman Births and Murders Eight Children

Matt · 27 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Read it and weep... hard to even come close to believing the excuses she is coming up with, and of course, guess who is really responsible... her husband!

I find it hard to believe that either of them were this stupid/ignorant. Something really evil and/or nuts was going on here.

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Woman rapes, lies, and tries to kill child... and gets to be on Oprah

Matt · 28 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"See this story.*

This woman had a child and placed it in a trash bag and then into a dumpster to abandon it to die. Luckily a passer by found it. She lied and said the child was the product of a rape at a party. I wonder how many men were harassed on these false charges. The charges against her for trying to kill her child were dropped. Turns out the father of the child was her cousin, who at the time was 12, I believe she was about 20 when she raped him. Currently rape of a child under 13 carries a life sentence, but did not at the time, so she faces 5-25 yrs, and is expected to serve at least three. We know all this becuase she admitted it, trying to make things right."

Click "Read more..." for more.*"Oh, she got her kid back too, the one she tried to kill who is the product of her raping a child, in 2000.*

Oh, and she has been on 20/20 and Oprah speaking about her experiences, not the rape the trying to kill the kid and not getting punished part.

Oh yeah, the 12 yr old, now 23, is in prison for rape, not suprising considering his cousin raped him when he was 12 and nobody did anything about it.

So, rape a 12 yr old, try to kill the baby, what happens, get the kid back, do no time and you get a book deal and a guest spot on Oprah and 20/20. WOW!!"

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Circumcision Studied in Africa as AIDS Preventive

Matt · 28 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Apparently the fact that circumcision doesn't prevent HIV transmission is irrelevant to the Zambian government. Story here.

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Drunk Mother Suffocates Baby - Should Get "Some Prison Time"

Matt · 28 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Another story of an intoxicated mother passing out onto her baby during breastfeeding only to wake up to find she had smothered the child to death. How much time does she get? Not that much. Would a dad who drunkenly passed out while cradling a baby and smothering the child to death as a result also just get "some time"? Doubt it. Excerpt:

Prosecutor John Jorgensen said he would recommend that she receive at least some prison time.

"We just believe she should be held accountable for the neglect," he said.

Hawkins had been drinking at a bowling alley in February 2005, and after her husband dropped her and the child off at home, she started breast-feeding the baby but fell asleep, a criminal complaint said.

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BBC: Male contraceptives 'reversible'

Matt · 28 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Some good news here. Of course there has to be the ding on men with this thrown in there:

However, far fewer women said they would trust men in general to use the contraceptive.

Still, it's good news, and the Pill-4-Men can't come too soon.

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Follow-up to Twyana Davis Story

Matt · 29 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

MANN Admins received the following from the author of the MANN submission found here.

"I recently submitted a story to the site about Twyana Davis.

This is a woman who recently confessed to raping her 12 yr old male cousin some 10 yrs ago. The rape resulted in a pregnancy, she then hid the pregnancy, threw the baby out, lied and said the child was the result of her being raped, and recieved leniency from the court, getting no jail time and eventually regaining custody of her child. She then wrote a book about her tragedy, continuing her lie about the rape and was featured on 20/20 and Oprah."

Click "Read more..." for more.*"The 12 yr old, now 23, is in prison for rape. Had it not been for her rape of this child and her lies this man may not be where he is, may have gotten help, and his victim would not have had to suffer the rape she did. She has ruined at least 2 lives.*

I am sure the story will be posted, I write to request something be added to it. I have contacted Oprah's site administrators with a request she make known to her audience the truth about this woman. She had James Frey, author of "A Million Little Pieces" back on her show for lying about his own experiences with drug abuse. Surely this warrants the same, or at least some mention since this woman is likely not available since she is up on rape charges. In fact Ms. Davis's story is still on Oprah's website. 20/20 should do the same thing, making the truth known, they ran the story which was false, they should correct it, let it be known this woman deserves no sympathy and is a rapist.

I want it added to the post that people should contact Oprah and 20/20 and ask that the truth be told. This woman profited from her lies, from rape, from false allegations. She recieved sympathy from America and leniency from the courts and it is not right. She deserves the max for her crime, although I doubt she will recieve it. Perhaps more publicity will mean more jail time."

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NYTimes.com: Girls and Horror Films

Matt · 29 April 2006 · Archived copy · Original

If you are past a certain age and don't find what this article reports as even a wee disturbing, then perhaps you are not past that "certain age" just yet. Excerpt:

To her, the tension-and-release cycle that accompanies cinematic terror brings about something like a gambler's high. "It's not that I'm a self-mutilator," she said, "but it's just a powerful rush when you can overcome some pain."

...

Of the 25 top-grossing movies released so far this year, almost a quarter are horror films. David Edelstein, a critic for New York Magazine, equated some with "torture porn."

...

"I loved how the women used their bodies to deceive," Ms. Zelez said, referring to the women in "Hostel," who appear to be sexual playthings for the victims but actually lure the men to their deaths. As women, she asserted, "We use our bodies and get what we want. And they definitely got what they wanted."

I wonder how popular these movies would be among teenage girls and young women if both the slashers and slashees were female.

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Pesticides and Male Genital Deformities

Matt · 1 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Perhaps these two stories should be read in conjunction.*

One is about the effects of pesticides containing estrogen like compounds on male fetal development, how overexposure can result in decreased penis size and abnormalities and potentially effect fertility.

The other is about a teenager driven to suicide over his belief his penis was too small.

I'm sure we have all heard about the increasing concern over chemical compounds containing pthalates which have an estrogen like effect. The EU has gone so far as to begin considering restrictions if not bans on the plastic softeners, but the US does nothing."

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RADAR Alert: VAWA Campaign Reaches Over 10 Million

Matt · 1 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Change is in the air!

In the past month and a half, RADAR has
orchestrated a campaign to inform legislators about civil rights
abuses under VAWA that Congress surely did not intend.

Twenty-seven organizations across the country co-signed a
Resolution Regarding the Violence Against Women Act.
(See http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Resolution.pdf)

Click "Read more..." for more.

VAWA Campaign Reaches Over 10 Million
The past month's activities are detailed at http://www.mediaradar.org/accomplishments2006SpringCampaign.php.
Below are just a few of the highlights:

- RADAR released a series of Special Reports documenting the abuses that occur under VAWA. These were faxed to over 460 federal and state government officials.
  - *VAWA: Threat to Families,*
    Children, Men, and Women

    http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Threat-to-Families.pdf
  - *Without Restraint: The*
    Use and Abuse of Domestic Restraining Orders

    http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Restraining-Orders.pdf
  - *VAWA Programs*
    Discriminate Against Male Victims

    href="http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Discriminates-Against-Males.pdf">http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Discriminates-Against-Males.pdf
  - *Justice Denied: Arrest*
    Policies for Domestic Violence

    http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Justice-Denied-DV-Arrest-Policies.pdf
  - *Bias in the Judiciary:*
    The Case of Domestic Violence

    http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Bias-In-The-Judiciary.pdf
- Countless members of the organizations that co-signed the resolution wrote their Senators and Representatives.
- Representatives of many of the co-signing organizations:
  - held meetings with their elected officials
  - were interviewed on radio, including on the Sean Hannity radio show, which has 10+ million listeners
  - published editorials

- Newspapers across the country printed articles on the issue.
- RADAR and SAFE-NH submitted written comments to be included in the minutes of the meeting of the National Advisory Committee on VAWA on April 25-26.

And so, with your help, we've made a good start at getting the word out, all across the nation. From California to the New York island, from the Redwood forests to the Gulf Stream waters, our voices are starting to be heard.

This week we'd like to express our thanks for your support in this effort. No need to write letters or make phone calls this week. It's time for a breather. So enjoy a well-earned rest.

And stay tuned. This is only the beginning!

Date of RADAR Release: May 1, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Student Claims Colleges Teach Male-Discrimination

Matt · 2 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Doug Baker writes *"Missouri's second largest college is charged with teaching male-discrimination. As part of a course, a male student says, 'the class was assigned to read and discuss 96 pages of text that denigrated men and elevated women, which I believe discriminated against males. I was then denied educational opportunities when the school provided no way to avoid the discrimination except to drop the class. Similar data is being taught in other courses and throughout higher education nation-wide. The government has failed to objectively investigate my complaints.'*

Go to http://EmasculationOfAmerica.com/ for the entire story, full case documentation, and a wealth of research information."

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"Sexpo" in Australia features re-enactment of Bobbit Assault

Matt · 2 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"News.com.au reports here that a "sex expo" in Perth, Australia is opening a Sex Train Ride - kind of like a ghost train, but with simulated sex scenes instead of coffins and skeletons.*

Nothing wrong with that, until you reach this paragraph:

'And then there's the reenactment of the infamous 1993 Bobbit attack, in which American woman Lorena Bobbitt cut off part of her husband John's penis.'"

Click "Read more..." for more.*"I was pretty surprised to see that, I mean if this ride has simulated sex scenes then surely it's meant to be sexual, how could mutilation such as this fit in with that? So what does the organiser say? QUOTE:*

He said one group had expressed concerns the ride might be a bit too real, and could inspire people to emulate Lorena Bobbitt's act.

"But if anyone mistakes it for real, and thinks that that is something they should go off and do in their private life, then they are sadly mistaken and should probably have their funny bone checked out," he said.

I only hope he would find it just as 'fun' should something like this ever happen to him..."

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"Mom gets probation for gun at school"

Matt · 3 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Hard to believe, or is it? Read it here. Excerpt:

Cozad was in assistant Principal Martha Beseau Bock's office Oct. 11 at Park Glen Elementary School in Fort Worth to discuss her son's one-day suspension for a fight on a school bus, according to Fort Worth police reports. Park Glen is in the Keller school district.

After the door was closed, Cozad took a handgun and holster from her purse and placed it on a shelf near the assistant principal, according to reports.

No shots were fired, and Cozad left the office with the gun, police said.

She got probation. Wonder what 'dad' would have drawn at court had he done the same thing?

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The Pendulum of Rights?

Matt · 3 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Misandrope writes *"I keep getting told that there is a mythical pendulum of rights that was very in favor of men at one point, that now has swung in favor of women, and against men - but just how long has the pendulum favored women? Over 111 years, I found out."*

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UK: Conservatives Seek to Protect Accused Teachers

Matt · 3 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"False accusations against male teachers are reaching epidemic proportions over here. In 2003, teacher Alastair Wilbee committed suicide after being accused of a sex offence against a boy. Now the Conservative Party is calling for greater protection for accused teachers, including anonymity. Story here."*

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Duke Case: Mike Nifong Wins Primary

Matt · 3 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Misandrope writes *"Mike Nifong has won the Durham NC Democratic Primary for DA. There being no Republican opposition, he will continue as DA in the Duke Lacrosse case. I see this as a loss for men, because in my opinion the case has been trumped up for votes, and is mostly based on predjudices against the accused men. Nifong orignally based his case on his claim that he would absolutely find DNA from the purported rapists. I wonder, how would you tell DNA from a paying client from DNA from a rapist? But there wasn't any DNA. More here."*

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Woman drugs, molests stepson, gets 20 years

Matt · 4 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

dschmidt writes *"WFAA is reporting that a Tyler, TX woman who molested her then 14 year old stepson while supplying him with drugs and alcohol has been sentenced to 20 years in prison.*

Note the article refers to "an affair" and "a relationship" rather than repeated molestation/statutory rape/rape due to the victim being under the influence."

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"Why women don't relax"

Matt · 4 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"More bizarre drivel from Germaine Greer to the effect that a woman's work is never done. "The typical world citizen - who is still female, illiterate and an unpaid family worker - knows only too well that if she is ever to be seen with her hands in her lap, a job will be found for her."*

Yes, Germaine. It's time for your medication now."

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"Men: Cut Stress in 5 Minutes"

Matt · 4 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Didn't know if posting this under 'Humor' or 'Men's Health' was most appropriate, but in the end, I picked 'Humor' simply because it is so funny. Enjoy!

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Teen Pregnancies and Sperm Count

Matt · 4 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This article is something of a follow-up to other posts under "Men's Health" on the same or a related theme. It suggests that the likeliest reason for the recent drop in teen pregnancies is not the effects of abstinence or education programs, but instead from the steady and significant decline in human sperm count over the past 100 years, which doesn't seem to be slowing down. Even worse, since the causes are likely to be environmental and irreversible for the near future, we may not be able to stop this phenomenon in time to keep it from becoming a serious threat to our species.

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"Study": Mothers Deserve Salary

Matt · 5 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

As if the whole dollar-to-78-cents myth weren't bad enough, check this out. Guess dads are only worth what they can make at work then?

Comments can be posted here.

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Male Suicide

Matt · 5 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bulldogo.1 writes *"While it's great this is finally being acknowledged, the response is hardly encouraging. A quarter of a century to stamp out male suicide? 25 years? Imagine if this was about female suicide.*

On top of that it'll be hard actually dealing with the problem, as its causes (parental alienation, toxic feminist social engineering, female driven divorce etc.) aren't politically correct enough to be made public.

Also, newspapers don't report lone male car accidents etc., with no other evident cause, as suicide so the actual number is definately way higher."

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Death of a Hero: Peter Law

Matt · 5 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"UK: The Member of Parliament Peter Law, has died of a brain tumour at 58. A life-long Labour Party supporter, he was the MP for Blaenau Gwent, Labour's safest seat in Wales. However, in the May 2005 election, the Blair government decided to impose all-women shortlists for election candidates, a blatant feminist-inspired attempt at election rigging. Law decided to stand as an independent against the official Labour candidate, Maggie Jones, even though he had been diagnosed with a brain tumour. Rumours are surfacing that the Blair government tried to bribe him with a peerage (a seat in the unelected upper house) if he agreed not to oppose them. He refused, fought the election, and won by a landslide, delivering a slap in the face to the feminists and to Blair. What happened to Maggie Jones? As one of Tony's cronies, she was given a peerage. His illness finally caught up with him. His widow is considering standing next time to continue his work in upholding democracy. RIP Peter Law, a politician with integrity. We need more like him."*

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Not Attempted Murder?

Matt · 6 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This woman stabbed her husband's ex-lover 17 times and is acquitted of attempted murder but found guilty of grevious bodily harm.*

How can you stab someone 17 times and not intend to kill them?"

Ed. note: Some may ask how this relates to men's rights issues as such. This is an example of how a person's femaleness is taken into consideration implicity and without true relevance to the matter at hand-- had this been a man killing another man under similar circumstances, can anyone doubt that he would be found guilty of murder and sentenced commensurately with the ferocity of the crime? The problem here is that the sex of the perp has obviously been taken into account when viewing the question of her level of accountability for her actions, and she has in essence been largely let off the hook simply because she is a woman.

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13-YO Girl Recants Gang Rape Allegation

Matt · 7 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here we go again, another female recanting a gang rape charge. This girl lied to Illinois police claiming she was raped by a group of seven teenage boys last month in an apartment complex laundry room.*

Of course, the police are not even bothering to charge her with filing a false report. She gets "counseling" while the boys will get a permantly damaged reputation. The sad part is that we still do not know the accuser's name. When are we going to start punishing females for heinous actions like these?"

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Another Serial False Accuser Remains Anonymous

Matt · 8 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Former Deputy President of South Africa Jacob Zuma has been cleared of rape. In his verdict, the judge said the accuser had a history of making rape claims that turned out to be false. We need to know who this woman is. She is a danger to the public. Expose her name and start a false accusers' register now!"*

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Men, Suicide, Divorce, and Cuba

Matt · 8 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Misandrope writes *"We know that suicide is a serious problem for men in the US, that the vast majority of men committing suicide are divorced, that women experience no similar uptick in suicide after a divorce, and that if divorced men were removed from the equation, suicide rates for men and women would be the same. But what about foreign men? What are their suicide rates like, and can we link that to divorce? Today I pulled together some clues from here and there for the status of Cuban men."*

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Dating Violence - Just Blame Men

Matt · 8 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"More of the usual "men bad, women good" here. No mention of the fact that women in dating relationships are equally likely to be violent, just the usual misandry and fear-mongering."*

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NYTimes.com: "One Thing They Aren't: Maternal"

Matt · 9 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I suppose you could call this an educational piece, but the object lesson is quite clear and readily made to anyone who says "How could a mother do such a thing?" when faced with a mother-abandons-baby story in the news. Just send them this link and say, "Happens all the time!"

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Carey Roberts Columns

Matt · 9 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bull writes *"Carey Roberts' weekly column is interesting reading; he typically disarms feminist myths and claims using facts and credible citation. Facts, you know; the things that radical feminists typically distort, invent, or exaggerate! Click here."*

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Female British Soldier Killed in Iraq - Media Goes Wild

Matt · 9 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"The British press is full of reports of the first British servicewoman to die in Iraq apparently as a result of enemy action. The only other female casualty, Military Police officer Denise Rose, apparently killed herself at an army base in Basra in 2004. The last time the British Army lost a woman to the enemy was 22 years ago.*

Corporal Heather Kerrigan, 20, was killed by an IRA landmine in 1984. Women's contributions to the British military are still insignificant compared to men's, but you would never know it from the media. The papers are full of glowing praise for the latest casualty, pictures and biographies everywhere. No mention of the fact that men die all the time. This is the gender-neutral military: all men can have the *obligation* for combat, a few privileged women can have the right to *choose* combat, and their contribution is grossly exaggerated. Doesn't sound very equal to me."

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Former Deputy President of SA Cleared of Rape, now the Whining Begins

Matt · 9 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"Naturally, 'women's groups' are screaming for blood, because some man 'got away' with heterosexual sex, which is always rape, apparently. The fact that he was found not guilty by a court which allows evidence of the alleged victim's conduct into evidence just doesn't seem to matter. The fact that he was foolish enough to have unprotected sex with an HIV-positive partner was stupid, but not criminal."*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"Just as rape accusations are false as much as 41% of the time, no doubt the occasional rapist walks free. But given the misandric climate in the judical system, and the rabid hatred of ALL men the 'women's groups' out there have repeatedly demonstrated, what exactly does a man have to do to clear his name when a women files a false accusation after the fact, if intercourse occurred at all? Being found not guilty by a fair trial isn't enough. Is it even possible?*

From the article: 'Gender activists criticized the judge for saying the accuser was inappropriately dressed, for accepting detailed testimony on her sexual history and for implying that not saying "no" means sex is consensual.'

So an adult woman who doesn't explicitly say 'no' reserves the right to charge her partner with rape? Where is the adult woman's responsibility here?

Apparently the legal definition of women as irresponsible children who don't even have to indicate their refusal to have sex when they don't consent, or take any sort of responsibility for their conduct continues unabated.

This case is solid proof that anonymity should be extended to the accused as well as the victim, and the ridiculous 'rape shield' laws in the West should cover BOTH the alleged victim and the alleged offender, if there is ever to be any sort of equality in the justice system."

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AIDS in America: A Black Woman's Disease?

Matt · 9 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Not content to make HIV out to be largely the fault of men (gay ones in particular), some in the media seem to need to paint it as a "black" disease and in particular, a "black woman's disease". A "mere" gynocentric observation when talking about sub-Saharan Africa, HIV infection rates in African women have come to be a staple of discussions about Africa's health. But in this article, they're talking about America!

Even, it seems, in the case of devastating pandemics, the media cannot resist the urge to gender and/or ethnicify pretty much anything. Right from the get-go, the article starts with:

Battling a Black Epidemic
At home: AIDS now threatens tens of thousands of African-Americans, many of them women, in big cities and small towns alike. A community in peril tries to save itself.

Nowhere in this article does the author seem to suggest that maybe, just maybe, anyone who engages in known high-risk behavior for HIV transmission ought to be taking a wee bit more responsibility for their own actions--regardless of their sex or ethnicity. Precautionary measures are well-known and widely available in America, yet some folks, even when they know their likelihood of contracting HIV is high, just seem to think the law of probability doesn't apply to them.

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Teens Treated Much Differently for Same Act due to Gender

Matt · 10 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Dittohd writes *"In this case, a seventeen year old girl and sixteen year old boy were caught having sex in the girl's home during a lunch break from school and only the boy was suspended. I checked North Carolina's statutory rape laws and the age of consent there is sixteen years of age, so no crime was committed. Note that in this case, the girl is older than the guy and she drove him to her house, yet he is still the predator and she the victim. Sigh!!!!!"*

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Indian Boy Nearly Run to Death for Entertainment

Matt · 10 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Hard to believe it, but can the gender blinders be so incredibly thick that people couldn't see what was wrong with this until a child welfare group pointed it out to them? Excerpt:

On May 3, Budhia was woken up at 3:15 a.m. and started running at 4:07 a.m. to avoid the worst of the heat as he made his way from the temple town of Puri to Bhubaneswar, the capital of the eastern state of Orissa.

He ran for 7 hours 2 minutes, braving a peak temperature of 36.7 degrees Celsius, or 98 degrees Fahrenheit, but collapsed from exhaustion 5 kilometers before reaching his goal of 70 kilometers.

As soon as he had recovered sufficiently to face the cameras, he was met by the Orissa sports minister and a contingent of dignitaries from the local police brigade, which had sponsored the event.

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SB1482 (CA) Withdrawn

Matt · 10 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Good news in Glenn Sacks' May 9, 2006 newsletter: SB1482 in California has been withdrawn! From the newsletter:

In the face of over 4,000 opposition calls, letters and faxes, California Senator Gloria Romero (D-Los Angeles) has decided to withdraw a bill which would have granted custodial parents an almost unlimited right to move children far way from their noncustodial parents. Romero pulled SB 1482 just before today's scheduled hearing on the bill.

SB 1482 would have weakened if not abrogated the California Supreme Court's 2004 LaMusga move-away decision, which affirmed that courts have the power to restrain moves which run counter to children's best interests.

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Boys to be Charged as Criminals... meanwhile...

Matt · 10 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Today's news couldn't be more pointed in terms of double-standards as applied to males and females, boys and girls. This article reports a current case now splashing the headlines.

Now compare this news with the following piece in the front page of "B" section under local news in Rochester, NY as a "News Brief": Woman Faces Rape Charge. If a man had been charged in the rape a girl like this, it would be front-page news.

Click "Read more..." for more.
The article doesn't even discuss what acts the boys are accused of. However in this article they are referred to as 'young men' by the school superintendent- umm, 6-8 YO boys are no where near to being men, so why are they referred to that way? They are children!

The boys are minors-- more than that, they are pre-adolescent minors. Anything that a child or children that young may do wrong to another child may be condemnable, but is it punishable by law? They are facing criminal charges, and are not much past walking age. Can an 8-year-old really be said to understand what he or she is doing (with exactly what they were doing not even made clear)?

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Russian Men's Health Crisis Finally Getting Attention from Russian Leaders

Matt · 11 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This article reports that Russian president Putin has finally decided to address the crisis in health/population implosion in Russia. Guaranteed if it were Russian women's health that was in such bad shape, it would have gotten a lot more attention a lot sooner. He also seems to be stressing the idea that Russian women should just have children -- and get paid for it, no less -- over Russian men getting better health care and education. Excerpt:

MOSCOW, May 10 — President Vladimir V. Putin today directed the Russian Parliament to adopt a 10-year program to stop Russia's sharply declining population, principally by offering financial incentives and subsidies to encourage Russian women to have more children.

...

Mr. Putin then warned that Russia's population has been declining by almost 700,000 people a year, and that the state must stop the decline. In 2004, for every 16 Russians who died, only 10.4 Russian babies were born, according to the most recently available official data.

Click "Read more..." for more.
And the average age of death for a Russian man was 58.9 years, far below that of other industrial nations, and roughly two decades behind the average age at death of an American male. Birth rates have also plummeted since Soviet times, falling from an average of 2.63 children per woman in 1958 and 1959 to 1.89 children per woman in 1990 and to 1.34 children per woman in 2004.

"The Russian crisis is not due to a single disease, or even a small set of microbial horrors," [Dr. Murray Feshbach, of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars] wrote... it is the result of "a constellation of occurrences that include not only infectious disease, but alcoholism, drug abuse, suicide, trauma injuries, astounding levels of cardiovascular disease, male/female estrangement and loss of family cohesion, declining physiological fertility, ugly environmental pollution and micronutrient starvation."

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Duke Update: Defense Witness Arrested

Matt · 11 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Nifong must be getting desperate. The Durham police have arrested the taxi driver, Moezeldin Elmostafa, who placed Seligmann away from the crime scene the night of the alleged rape, on a 2 1/2-year-old misdemeanor warrant. Ernest Conner, a lawyer representing Seligmann, asserts that this is nothing more than an attempt to intimidate and pressure a witness who presents a rock solid alibi for the defendant.*

Especially damning in this article is the following quote: "Conner said it was highly unusual for police to arrest someone for a misdemeanor more than two years after the crime. He contrasted the treatment of the taxi driver with that of Kim Roberts, the other dancer at the party. Conner said Roberts initially told police no rape occurred at the party but changed her story after she was arrested on a probation violation. District Attorney Mike Nifong later reduced Roberts' bail". Apparently, the DA in this case will stop at nothing in order to get a conviction, regardless of the facts."

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Domestic abuse role reversal

Matt · 12 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"Good article here. Excerpt:*

'"It's becoming less taboo for male victims to come forward," she said, "and there certainly is a need to provide similar services to them."

There could be a legal need as well. Herma Hill Kay, a Boalt Hall law professor who specializes in anti-discrimination law, said federal court decisions and state law suggest that excluding male victims from funding may violate the law.

"Equal protection under the law sounds like a cliché," said David Woods, who claims he was denied a restraining order against his wife and mocked by police when he reported being hit. "But wouldn't it be nice for someone who never got it."'"

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The Female Discount?

Matt · 12 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"No explanation why - but the three men in this case each get 12 years in prison while the only woman gets four.*

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/staffor dshire/4762481.stm"

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Principal did backround checks on girls' prom dates

Matt · 12 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A Cape Cod area high school principal is under investigation for performing criminal background checks on the male prom dates for a number of female students. While the prom dates of these females students were not actually enrolled at this school this is largely irrelevent. In essence, what we have here is a government official screening male citizens for their romantic suitablity via criminal backround checks. Admittedly, some of the male guests did have minor records but this is not the point. How long until the government requires all males to submit to a criminal backround check in order to initate a romantic relationship with a female citizen? Think it can't happen? Have we forgotten IMBRA?"*

Ed. note: IMBRA is also discussed in this Wikipedia entry.

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Website to Support Duke Lacrosse Players

Matt · 12 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Ora Pro Eis writes *"I have opened a new website entitled Support Duke Lacrosse / Pray For Colin and Reade. This site is a support and prayer site for the Duke Lacrosse team and specifically for the two boys who are falsely accused of rape. Visitors can add their prayers to our "Prayer Chain", or just log on to the Message Board and post words of support for these young men. This is an excellent way to show support for these young men in the midst of the media's rush to judgment. Please visit the site today and write your words of support and your prayers. The boys very well may read the site, and I'm sure it would mean a great deal to them."*

Ed. note: In particular note the presence of a message board at this site.

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UCLA Daily Bruin Columnist Supports Choice4Men

Matt · 12 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"This UCLA Daily Bruin columnist did a pretty good piece supporting choice for men. I was impressed to see this at UCLA. It would be good to email and thank her."*

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Petition to Repeal IMBRA

Matt · 12 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The petition to end IMBRA can be found on this website. So far they have over three thousand signatures. If you click on the "View Signatures" button at the bottom of the webpage you may view the comments of the signers. There are quite a few people who are angry at this new law, and they're not all men. The good news is that according to Wikipedia, 'On Feb 4, 2006, The District Court of Northern Georgia placed a restraining order preventing the enforcement of IMBRA. A trial will be held to determine its Constitutionality'. In the meantime, please sign the petition to repeal IMBRA. No man should have to go through the lengths that IMBRA specifies in order to communicate with a foreign female. By allowing this law to go unchallenged we are agreeing that every American man who intiates a romantic interest in a foreign woman is a criminal. Is this how you want men to be known?"*

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Woman jailed for beating daughter's teacher

Matt · 13 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Is it just me or is there a rash of mothers beating up their kids' teachers these days? Well, at least she drew jail time rather than "counselling". Story here. What adds an odd twist to this case is that the assailant was herself a teacher! Excerpt:

DALLAS - A woman convicted of beating and kicking her daughter's teacher in front of the girl's seventh-grade class was sentenced to six months in jail Thursday.

Paulette Baines, 45, was convicted Wednesday of felony assault on a public servant. She also was fined $800 and ordered to pay $14,000 restitution to Mary Oliver.

Baines, a high school teacher, walked into Oliver's science classroom, grabbed Oliver's hair and dragged her across the room while punching her in the face and kicking her, Oliver testified.

So much for the "conventional wisdom" about women and violence, but then again, regular readers of MANN already know this. :)

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Feminist Politics in Scientific Publications

Matt · 13 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

J Turner writes *"Unfortunately, it is common to hear the lies of feminist politicians on television and radio and see them written in newspapers and in many magazines. However, it is rare to see them in well-known and respected science magazines because these publications usually have an objective screening process akin to the scientific process itself*.

It should be of great concern to all of us when this screening process fails or is disabled. This is a reply to one such article in The New Scientist which states in part: "...when women kill their mates it is usually in response to the man's controlling violence"

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Eighth-grade girl suspended for sexual assault

Matt · 15 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Sykolojik writes *"Suspended... that's it. And her name is being withheld... if the roles were reversed, the punishment wouldn't just be heavier but the offender's name would be made well known, regardless of age... as a victim/survivor of similar situations I'm too enraged to say much more..."*

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Anti-feminist Ilana Mercer

Matt · 15 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Maybe you've already discovered her excellent writing, but if not, check out Iliana Mercer's web site at http://www.ilanamercer.com/.*
An excerpt from worthwhile archives:

'Like a black hole, whose collapse becomes increasingly likely as its center of gravity grows heavier, women—especially feminists—risk vanishing into self-centerdness and self-preoccupation. "New feminism" embodies an oppressive and authoritarian culture of grievance and chronic offense. When it comes to longevity, the propensity for suicide, unemployment, and death or injury on the job, men, in reality, are at a considerable disadvantage...'"

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Third Duke Lacrosse Team Member Indicted

Matt · 15 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A third member of the Duke Lacrosse Team has been indicted by the Grand Jury. David Evans from Bethsada, Maryland had been charged with first-degree forcible rape, sexual offense and kidnapping. Strangely, there is still no DNA evidence linking ANY of the players to the stripper. Also, if we take the stripper's original story at face value then the Grand Jury still has yet to indict 17 of the remaining players. OOPS! I forgot, she changed her story. It's really only three. But what's the difference, it's an election year."*

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New Senate Immigration Bill

Matt · 16 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The number of extended family members that U.S. citizens or legal residents can bring into this country would double. More dramatically, the number of workers and their immediate families could increase sevenfold if there are enough U.S. employers looking for cheap foreign labor.* ***Another provision would grant humanitarian visas to any woman or orphaned child anywhere in the world "at risk of harm" because of age or sex.*** *Read it here.*

HOW DO WOMEN GET LUMPED INTO THE SAME CATEGORY AS AN ORPHANED CHILD?"

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MSN Hasn't Lost its Touch

Matt · 16 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

When it comes to mixed-up priorities and pandering to the lowest denominator, MSN can't seem to be beat. Latest examples, all on the very same day on the very same front page:

The world's most eligible billionaires (This one has been around for the past few days; must be real popular)

Sexy, successful... and single?

Mixed messages, priorities, and everything else. Just too damned funny.

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False Paternity - Only a Bad Thing When It Benefits Men

Matt · 16 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"In Germany, there is a loophole which allows men to 'falsely' declare paternity (there's a switch), allowing mothers with children to remain in the country and receive social benefits. The man receives some compensation from the woman for committing this fraud.*

Unethical and immoral, but it's happening. However, women have been saddling men with false accusations of paternity as a money-making scheme for over a century, but now 'action is being taken', because something about all this lying might somehow benefit a MAN who chooses to lie. It's not that I support lying by anyone, but...double standard, anyone? The fact that this loophole exists because the laws were designed to permit the fraudulent naming of fathers for the profit of women seems to tbe quite lost on the government officials involved."

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Women Finally Free of Music Dowloading Oppression

Matt · 16 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"When I see stories like this I am always amazed at the subtle and not so subtle way the media has created the modern gynocentric world in which we live. An article about downloading music laced with terms like freedom and choice for women, all while gloating that men download less. Really, what is the point of this media fluff piece? Excerpt:*

'Ms Watson Smyth said: "The freedom afforded by new technology means that women are now confidently downloading music at home and broadening their musical horizons in private.'"

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cnn.com: Why do girls lose interest in math and science?

Matt · 17 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In light of the known state of education today (boy's performance down, fewer men going to college, 'girl power' programs, special programs for women, the blatant manufacturing of non-existent female deficits--Gilligan/Pifer/Sadker etc., destruction of men's sports programs through Title IX, 700+ women's studies programs, take our daughters to work day, on and on and on...), what would you call this article?"*

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Fine article on DV vs. men

Thomas · 17 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The UCLA Daily Bruin has printed this article on male victims of domestic violence. I'm not surprised that Marc Angelucci of NCFM-LA presents important facts, but it's very refreshing to see the same done by Tina Oakland, director for the UCLA Center for Women & Men, and UCLA Clothesline Project executive co-chair, Alexis Flyer.

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Woman Pulls Off Husband's Genitals, MAY Face Charges

Matt · 18 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"A women 'pulled off' her husband's genitals when she discovered he was cheating on her. Story here. It's a sad story, but it wasn't treated as 'humorous' and the article pointedly mentions the fact that 'authorities said she could have faced attempted murder'. Why doesn't she still face attempted murder charges, since her violent actions could easily have resulted in the man's death? I was under the impression that the victim did not need to actually die for his or her assailant to be guilty of 'attempted' murder. I feel terribly sorry for the man involved, and wish him a full and speedy recovery, but I'm pleased that the media and the police didn't make their usual attempt to laugh this attempted murder off as has been the norm in recent years. It's nice to see that mutilating and attempting to kill one's intimate partner is finally starting to matter to police, even if the attacker is a woman."*

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Woman gets ASBO after terror campaign

Matt · 18 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A 57 year old woman has been convicted of waging a hate campaign against her neighbours for more than a year. The court has given her an Anti-Social Behaviour Order, a kind of injunction which means she is banned from doing certain things. What would a man have got in the same circumstances? Almost certainly jail time. This woman is a psychopath who has apparently shown no concern about her actions."*

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Parker on Duke Case, Rush to Judgment of White Males

Matt · 18 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Well she has redeemed herself to some degree in my eyes. :) I saw this in my local paper and thought, wow, how did THIS get past the editors? I also found it several other places, including here on the Orlando Sentinel. It ends with:

White males -- descendant as they are of the imperialistic, colonizing, native-raping patriarchy -- are the new culturally approved targets of the lynch mob.

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McCartney May Lose $390 Million in Divorce

Matt · 18 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

dschmidt writes *"Analysts believe former Beatle Paul McCartney may lose 1/4 of his 1.56 billion dollars to his soon to be ex-wife in his allegedly upcoming divorce.*

If that happens, ex-wife Heather Mills stands to gain ***roughly $1.9 million for every week of a 4-year marriage!!***

Even sadder, Mills offered to sign a pre-nup, and McCartney refused! Wish he had that little piece of paper now!"

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Please Respond to Feminist 95% DV Myth in Contra Coasta Times

Matt · 19 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"This Contra Costa Times editorial on dating violence spews the feminist myth that, "In male-female relationships, 95 percent of the victims are the girls." No current credible data supports that. I wrote the opinion editors and the letters editor about this, showing the data and asking them to provide their sources. If you have a moment, please do so also.*

The letters editor is at letters-at-cctimes.com.

The opinion editors are at tdrummond-at-cctimes.com, mfry-at-cctimes.com, jglennon-at-cctimes.com, dhatfield-at-cctimes.com"

Click "Read more..." for more.
DATA ON TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

Nearly 8.8 percent of girls and 8.9 percent of boys report that they were hit, slapped or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend. About 11.9 percent of girls and 6.1 percent of teenage boys were physically forced to have sexual intercourse against their will with dating partners. Sources: National Youth Risk Behavior Survey: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/SS/SS5302.pdf and Straus, M. (2004). "Prevalence of violence against dating partners by male and female university students worldwide." Violence Against Women, 10 (7), 790-811.

Most recently, in a Florida high school study, more boys than girls reported being physically hurt by dating partners, while about 9% of boys and 12% of girls said they were physically forced to have sex. That study was publicized by the Tampa Tribune at ("Sex Survey 'Eye-Opening' For Local Parents", 12/11/05).

California State University Professor Martin Fiebert's bibliography has a number of sources on teen dating violence showing girls are as violent as boys.

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"Jack The Ripper" was more likely "Jill the Ripper"

Matt · 19 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"Sounds like 'Jack' the Ripper may actually have been a 'Jill', according to recent DNA testing. Correlates with other evidence, too, as it turns out. Story here. Can't wait to hear who the feminists in the media blame for this one!"*

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Elderly women target homeless men in fraud scheme

Matt · 19 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

While on the Contra Coasta Times re the second most previous submission, I found this story as well. To think, these "old ladies" are probably grandmothers.

Helen Golay, 75, and Olga Rutterschmidt, 72, were arrested Thursday after they allegedly collected more than $2 million in benefits from policies issued on the lives of two homeless men killed in hit-and-run crashes in 1999 and 2005, authorities said.

Police believe the women may have committed the fatal accidents themselves, and were befriending other men to set up more insurance policies.

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UK: Teenage girls are 'out of control'

Matt · 20 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Clearly these poor girls are victims of the white male patriarchy. We need to help them. Notice one of the solutions is to make school more interesting for these poor girls. Yes, gear school to be even more feminized. Also, its ironic that the headline isn't 'Boys better Behaved than Girls'. Story here. Excerpt:*

'In a disturbing confirmation of the spread of the 'ladette' culture, it found violence, aggression and self-destructive behaviour has spread alarmingly among girls over the past 20 years.'"

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Erin Pizzy interview discussed on journalist's blog

Matt · 21 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"NCFM-LA convinced this journalist to go interview Erin Pizzey, which he just got through doing. Apparently he got several hours of footage of her. That should be very valuable to our cause in the future. The journalist talks about the interview in his blog at here.*

I wish him luck getting the story publicized."

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F4J Is Back

Matt · 21 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"F4J re-launched itself (after the smear campaign that tried to shut it down), with a high profile protest on a live lottery broadcast. Details here."*

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Alternative Sentencing Urged for Women in High-Incarceration States

Matt · 21 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bull writes *"Oklahoma, Mississippi and the Mountain states have set the pace in increasing the imprisonment of women, while several Northeastern states are curtailing the practice, according to a new report detailing sharp regional differences in the handling of female offenders. Rest of the story here. A telling excerpt:*

'Ann Jacobs, executive director of the Women's Prison Association, said states with high rates of women behind bars should look closely at alternative sentencing, particularly mandatory treatment as an option for drug offenders.'"

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Girls' Lacrosse the Line, Strippers & the Pope

Matt · 21 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Members of the women's lacrosse team at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., are seen in sexually suggestive poses with a male stripper in just a thong and socks on the website badjocks.com." In this naïve essay, the authoress promotes the chauvinistic notion that girls behaving badly should still be revered and respected, and quotes the Pope in support of her argument. Funny stuff!"*

Ed. note: The essay author you will note quickly brings up the Duke case but rushes to draw distinctions based largely on the fact that the LAX players are on the other end of (thus-far unsubstantiated or corroborated) rape allegations.

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Burgeoning Prison Population...Mostly Males

Matt · 22 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Luek writes *"America's mania for locking up a sizable chunk of its population has never been more popular according to this article. Now 1 out of every 136 US residents are behind bars and they are mostly men. We can also surmise that an equally large number are on probation or parole so the ratio of 1 in 136 is understating the crisis.*

The article focuses on drugs and sentencing guidelines as the reasons for the increase. However, nothing is said about false rape accusations, trumped up domestic violence charges, barbaric child support enforcement policies or other feminist political agenda driven laws causing the increase in the male prison population."

Ed. note: Yes, and notice who they pick for a picture of an inmate for the article: a woman. On the heels of this piece of news, look for a push to get women released from prison into "alternative sentencing" programs all across the country while the men languish behind bars.

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The United Equal Parenting Conference – The Way Forward

Matt · 22 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"The United Equal Parenting Conference – The Way Forward (http://www.unitedconference.com/) is proud to announce a conference that includes Neil Lyndon, vilified in the 1990s for his book "No More Sex War: The Failures of Feminism", Barry Worrall, author of "Without Authority" that details his story at the hands of the family courts and The Equal Parenting Alliance, a new UK political party. London, Saturday June 17th, 2006, the day before Father's Day."*

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The Power of False Accusations

Matt · 22 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"If you ever doubt that false accusations can do serious damage, then read this story. Race-riots took place last year in the UK's second largest city, Birmingham, following rumours that a local West Indian girl had been raped by a gang of Asian men. There is no eidence the rape ever happened, but the ensuing public disorder left one man dead, and at least 30 people taken to hospital."*

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RADAR Alert: Contra Costa Times' Claim is Wildly Different Than CDC

Matt · 22 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

On May 17th, the *Contra Costa Times* published their editorial entitled *"Teen Dating Violence"*, in which they repeat the long-debunked claim that 95% of domestic violence victims in male-female relationships are female.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Contra Costa Times' Claim is Wildly Different Than CDC Research Results
Last Friday's issue of the CDC's *"Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report"* reports that 8.9% of U.S. high school boys have been physically attacked by their girlfriends, a rate nearly identical to the 8.8% of high school girls who have been physically attacked by their boyfriends. (See http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5519a3.htm).

And the most comprehensive research into dating violence worldwide, the University of New Hampshire's Family Research Laboratory's ongoing International Dating Violence study, covering 19 countries, finds that the median rate of female-on-male dating violence (29.2%) is actually higher than the rate of male-on-female dating violence (24.7%). Even when limited their investigation to severe violence, female perpetrators predominated at 9.4% as compared to 9.0% male perpetrators. (http://www.nh.gov/csm/dv_straus.html)

On Monday, May 22, RADAR will issue a press release entitled *"Males Equally at Risk of Partner Violence, But Media Bias Persists"*. (See http://www.mediaradar.org/press_release_20060522.php)

It's traditional for newspapers that learn they've disseminated false information to print a retraction. So this week we're asking you to contact the *Contra Costa Times*. Be respectful in your communications with them, and the facts will speak for themselves. Tell them:

1. The CDC just reported that the rate of dating violence is the same for boys as for girls.
2. The UNH Family Research Laboratory, the first and most respected such research institute in the world, has studied dating violence in 19 different countries and found that the rate of dating violence perpetrated by girls against boys is actually higher than the rate of violence against girls.
3. In their May 17th article *"Teen Dating Violence"*, the *Contra Costa Times* made the demonstrably false statement, "In male-female relationships, 95 percent of the victims are the girls."
4. In light of this, journalistic ethics requires that the *Contra Costa Times* print a retraction.

Send your letters to:

Email: letters-at-cctimes.com

Snail mail:
Editor

Contra Costa Newspapers

2640 Shadelands Drive

Walnut Creek, CA 94598
Phone: 925-943-8235

Date of RADAR Release: May 21, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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First-Year-as-Coed-College Report Sounds Vaguely Familiar...

Matt · 22 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This is very much like the sort of thing written about whites-only colleges accepting black students back in the '50s and '60s. Here's an exercise: Replace all references to men/male/etc. with the corresponding reference to black ethnicity (black/African-American/etc.), and replace all women/female/etc. references with the corresponding reference to white ethnicity (white/Caucasian/etc.), and marvel at the result.

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Cancer in Boys and Floridated Water

Matt · 23 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Dave in CA writes *"Floride causing an increase of bone cancer in boys?? Check out this report. Excerpt:*

'(WASHINGTON, April 5) — Boys who drink water with levels of fluoride considered safe by federal guidelines are five times more likely to have a rare bone cancer than boys who drink unfluoridated water, according to a study by Harvard University scientists published in a peer-reviewed journal.

The study, led by Dr. Elise Bassin and published online today in Cancer Causes and Control, the official journal of the Harvard Center for Cancer Prevention, found a strong link between fluoridated drinking water and osteocarcoma, a rare and often fatal bone cancer, in boys. The study confirms studies by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the New Jersey health department that also found increased rates of bone cancer in boys who drank fluoridated tap water.'"

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Feminist Distortion about Pensions

Matt · 23 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"This article in the London Independent tells us what a hard time women have regarding state pension entitlement. It is the usual distorted feminist whining, "Boo Hoo. It's not fair". It does mention in passing "To qualify for the full pension, women need to work for 39 years (men, 44 years)", but strangely, this doesn't seem to be a problem for the sisterhood. Combine it with the fact that men die before women, and you can see who is really being discriminated against! Men work longer, pay more taxes, and then claim less back in pension because they die sooner. Women work less, pay less tax, and then get more back in pension becuase they live longer, yet it is women who are being treated unfairly. Unbelievable."*

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The Revolution is Revolting

Matt · 23 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A NY Times article from Sunday covered the 'revolution' of women entering male dominated fields/jobs.*

On making men "understand the female perspective":

"'I sent one of my managers out to buy a pair of size 12 high-heeled pumps at Payless,' recalls Mary Sipes, the vehicle line director for full-size sport utility vehicles at General Motors. Then she had male engineers, dressed in skirts, heels and press-on fingernails, use the cars they designed."

Hat tip to Broadsheet for noticing the story."

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South Asian Women's Forum: Men are More Likely Than Women to Be Victims in Dating Violence

Matt · 24 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes: *"Link here. Excerpt:*

'A 32-nation study by University partners that about a third of dating partners had been violent, and most incidents of partner violence involve violence by both the man and woman, according to Murray Straus from the University of New Hampshire. The second largest category was couples where the female partner was the only one to carry about physical attacks, not the male partner.

Straus' new research also found that dominance by the female partner is even more closely related to violence by women than is male dominance. These results call into question the widely held belief that partner violence is primarily a male crime and that when women are violent it is self defense.'"

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15-YO Girl Makes False Accusation of Rape To Avoid Cab Fare

Matt · 25 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"A 15 year-old girl decided that given the climate of racism and misandry in western society, it would be easier to destroy an innocent cab driver's life than to pay the fare. Of course, the girl's clearly criminal acts of fraud and filing a false police report have not yet resulted in charges against her. Story here. From the article:*

'None of the girl's allegations — that Otunba-Payne offered to waive the fare in exchange for a sex act and then tried to rape her in the back seat of his Metro Taxi cab before she managed to escape — turned out to be true, police said. The case is still under investigation, Moscato said, and the girl could be arrested herself for making a false report.'

How nice. An innocent cab driver is arrested without the slightest bit of evidence in order to further this girl's attempted fraud, but when there is clear evidence of wrong-doing and criminal behavior on the part of said girl, no charges are filed."

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Reader's Digest Prints Anti-male Story

Matt · 25 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"The Reader's Digest printed a demeaning and insulting anti-male story in its "Life in These United States.""*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"'I helped a lost little girl by taking her to the store's service counter, and having them page her mother. I saw this as a chance to teach my 12-year old daughter, Kylie, a safety lesson.*

"That girl did the right thing," I said. "Do you know why? Because she asked a woman for help, NOT A MAN."

Kylie looked at me mystified. "Why on earth would I ask a man for help if I was already lost?"

Submitted by STEPHANIE TAIT, Olathe, Colo. to Readers Digest.'

This is in the June 2006 issue on p. 197 at the bottom.

Let these jerks know what you think of their nasty little story, and the formerly decent magazine that became politically correct several years ago. Their link is here.

Steve

[Thanks to K9 at Stand Your Ground for bringing this to my attention."

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Published Letter on Sexual Mutilation Victim

Matt · 25 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Boy Genteel writes *"Letter found here (it's the second one on the page). Excerpt:*

'Let's turn this around: If a man had ripped his wife's breasts off with his bare hands, would your writer have turned out a similar story? If a man mutilated his wife's vagina, would there be a double entendre on the cover?'"

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More Feminist Spin at the BBC News

Matt · 25 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"This story describes the seizure by police of a £4.4m haul of the drug GHB in Lothian, Scotland. The story states that the drug "In small doses...can have a relaxing effect, lowering inhibitions and making the user feel talkative and elated." The story seems to imply that the purpose of the drug is for rape, that only rapists would buy it, and that rape is some kind of lucrative industry. We could equally say that GHB is a robbery drug, or that alcohol is a rape drug. This story has nothing to do with rape. Thanks once again, BBC feminists."*

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Brit Divorce Law Kills Marriage For Good

Matt · 30 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Story here. Excerpt:*

'ALL couples were advised last night to sign prenuptial agreements before getting married after a landmark ruling that gives wives much bigger divorce settlements... In the most important judgment on divorce for more than 20 years the law lords ruled that women who sacrifice careers to bring up children and look after the home should be compensated and may claim a share of their husband's future income.'"

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Richard Doyle's new book -- "Save the Males"

Matt · 30 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Kyle Knutson writes *"Save the Males*

by Richard Doyle of Forest Lake, Minnesota

Available at http://www.lulu.com/content/279780

Prices: $6.95 Download, $16.45 Print

Description:

"Save the Males" presents a common sense approach to gender issues. The 236 page book is divided into three parts. In the first part, author Richard Doyle examines differential treatment in four areas - criminal justice, family law, employment and image - finding that men, as a class, are shortchanged nearly everywhere. Part II concerns itself with the search for causes and culprits. Among the culprits he finds legislators, judges, attorneys, politicians, feminists, the media and even men themselves. Part III, "Reality, Sensibility, Liberation," explores ideas for solutions to the problems identified in the first two parts.

The book is intended to restore men and traditional families to their formerly respected status by defeating the widespread discrimination against men throughout society. Warning: this book is incorrect politically. It has `attitude. A philosophic street-fighter, Doyle takes on highly sensitive issues such as feminism, homosexuality and SNAGS (sensitive new age guys)."

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Feminism Masquerading as Men's Studies

Thomas · 31 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A Men's Studies curriculum will soon be established at Nottingham Trent University in the UK. The program will offer degrees.

The course convener, Jim Wild, states, "...we need to apply what we have learned from feminists about men's abuse within the family, and apply it to day-to-day work."

The article goes on to state, "Wild is keen to emphasise the high levels of physical, emotional and sexual violence men inflict on women, children and one another. Students will explore why some men are abusive and how the structures that maintain this behaviour can be challenged. 'I want the course to contribute to ways in which statutory and voluntary agencies can assist men to break out of these patterns of behaviour and, as a consequence, protect women and children from such abuse.'"

The article makes no mention of violence by women against anyone.

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Another Columnist Disillusioned by Reality

Matt · 31 May 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Hang in there, Mr. Starr. The power of cognitive dissonance knows no limits and soon, you too will be back to thinking of them as goddesses on Earth (just as many of them also do, apparently).

From
Why are women athletes in college choosing to mimic the worst behaviors of their male counterparts?:

Instead they appear to be mimicking the basest instincts of male athletes, embracing a pathetic notion that predicates acceptance on the willingness to share humiliating rituals. Indeed there is almost nothing that distinguishes this Northwestern affair from the seamy and demeaning antics of the Duke men's lacrosse team at their team fiesta—except, of course, that at Duke it escalated into allegations of criminal behavior.

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NH Public Radio: Boys in Trouble?

Scott · 1 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This morning, New Hampshire Public Radio's "The Exchange" program covered the problems boys are facing in education. Interviewed are both Dr. Michael Thompson (author of Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys) and Kathy Stevens, (co-author of The Minds of Boys: Saving Our Sons from Falling Behind in School and Life). The program was generally very male-positive and can be listened to on-line here.

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Will there be a coin for prostate cancer victims?

Matt · 1 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I got my first one these coins the other day in my change and couldn't help wondering if there will ever be a coin for prostate cancer victims. Obviously there never will be. I don't know the statistics but I'm sure prostate cancer kills a number on par with breast cancer. Not only is there this coin but the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation also organizes a marathon in large cities every year that recieves a lot of press."*

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German woman convicted over baby deaths

Matt · 1 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A German woman has been found guilty of the manslaughter of eight of her newborn babies. A ninth baby also died, but too long ago to allow prosecution.*
Sabine H, 40, was sentenced to 15 years in prison, the maximum jail term the Frankfurt court could hand down. Story here."

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"Dateline" Desperately Needs Balance

Matt · 1 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

NBC could use some education on the topic of sexual predation. Take a look at Dateline's main page and see how they are dealing with the issue of Internet predators. In case anyone has been following this series, they are catching men who make illicit contact with supposed underage girls for sexual encounters, and then when they show up, they are getting interviewed by Dateline and then arrested by local police. This is a good thing and NBC should be commended for having the courage to go this far in addressing this sort of problem. Where NBC is failing is in how they are not reporting in a balanced fashion. Next week's episode promises to review the Mary Kay Letourneau case and all but makes it out to be a matter of love-denied-by-evil-society. The reality contrasts sharply with the perception.

Feel free to send them an email from their web form at the lower center portion of the series' home page.

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Not to overdo the issue of female predation, but...

Matt · 1 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

... it just never seems to end, really (though you wouldn't know it by watching Dateline): Woman jailed for hiding child groom. Excerpt:

DOUGLASVILLE, Georgia (AP) -- A 37-year-old woman who married one of her son's 15-year-old friends pleaded guilty to helping her young husband escape from state custody.

Lisa Clark was sentenced Wednesday to two years in jail and three years' probation after entering the plea to two counts of hindering the apprehension of a child.

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Scottish Lawyers to Refuse Sex Crime Cases

Matt · 2 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"If you get falsely accused in Scotland, you won't even get a lawyer to defend you, unless you are rich enough to pay for it yourself. Lawyers are planning to refuse sexual offence cases unless the government pays them more. Story here."*

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UK Looks to Extend Divorce to the Unmarried

Matt · 2 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"More British divorce silliness. As many of us suspected, they're now trying to extend divorce to cover unmarried people who live together, as if there aren't enough ways for women to pick men's pockets. Wonder if they've figured out that this will mean no support for women who cohabitate after divorce, but avoid marriage to continue receiving alimony. Time to start packing up your stuff, guys."*

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I guess they won't be happy until men are categorically illiterate

Matt · 2 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

MANN regulars will want to have their barf bags handy for this one; it is getting syndicated all around the country and trumpets the 76-cents-on-the-dollar wage gap myth along with the "they're aren't enough female engineering professors in colleges!" complaint.

Meanwhile, along with the majority of all college degrees getting awarded to women in every category (i.e.: liberal arts, engineering, and the physical sciences), and at the current rate of implosion, you will be hard-pressed to find a 25-year-old college-educated American man by the year 2020. Only at the bottom of the article does it mention the deteriorating educational condition of men in some way as to make it sound undesirable. [I would post the article author's e-mail address but I wasn't able to locate it on-line. If anyone can find it, please post it.]

In fact the whole report is generally bleak, with US schools consistently underperfoming Asian and some European countries, particularly in math and science.

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RIT Student Fights Sexual Assault Accusation

Matt · 3 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Check out this story - RIT Student Fights Sexual Assault Accusation. Excerpt:*

'Taylor and his family prepared to launch an aggressive defense.

Taylor's lawyers arranged a polygraph test. He passed.
...

The report says the accuser has a history of making false allegations.

The private investigator visited the woman's hometown. He discovered a restraining order she took out four years earlier against a high school classmate. The investigator tracked down the boy, who said she accused him of raping her and threatening her with a knife. The boy said the case was dropped after two of her friends told police she admitted making the story up. The boy was never arrested.

...

"We allow hearsay in our process," said Rob Eckhart, Assistant Director for Student Conduct. "It's not a criminal process. I want to make it very clear it's not criminal. This is RIT's student conduct process and when we make a decision, it's based on what's most likely to have happened."'"

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Hillary in 2008?!

Matt · 4 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bull writes *"Carey Roberts' article, "The day the matriarchy came to power," summarizes key events during what he calls the "Clinton Co-Presidency" that firmly entrenched feminists in key positions of power. Hillary may have a shot at the presidency in 2008. Roberts' article gives a good feel for what one might expect with her at the helm. It would be a sad day for Men's Activism should she be elected! Excerpt:*

"It was a bloodless coup. It happened under the penumbra of the law. In fact chief justice William Rehnquist presided at the event. The date was January 20, 1993." Click here to read more."

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DV article for deconstruction

Matt · 4 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here's one that made the front page of Fox. As far as I can tell it only contains one indirect reference. The reference, in my mind, is questionable.*

Should be a good article for deconstruction.

BK"

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New Men's Activism Website

Matt · 4 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Check out Men's Links (http://www.mens-links.net), a new men's activism site. The blurb claims "This site was designed as a resource for men's rights activists. The idea is to gather useful men's activism links into single web portal. We hope to keep adding to the content, and any suggestions for new links would be much appreciated." Let's see if we can find them some. Good luck to them."*

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Judge: Women's fitness club must open to men

Matt · 5 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Judge rules SR women's fitness club must open to men*

Excerpt:

'In a case that could have repercussions for single-sex fitness clubs, a Sonoma County judge has ordered a Santa Rosa women's health club to open its doors to men.

Judge Knoel Owen said Body Central must provide showers and lockers for men and stop advertising itself as a women-only health club.

He ruled in favor of the state Department of Fair Employment and Housing, which sued Body Central last year for allegedly violating California's anti-discrimination law.'"

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Gender wage gap myth trumps boys educational crisis

Matt · 6 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I stumbled across this article from a couple months ago, its a double whammy:*

'Improving pay for women should be a higher priority than trying to figure out why there is a gender gap between students' performance, some women's advocates say.'

It is so irresponsible for organizations/media to report the 76 cents per dollar gender wage gap myth without breaking down the numbers in any way."

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More Discrimination from the British Health system

Matt · 7 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

zerostress writes *"From Angry Harry, here is another story about how the British National Health is discriminating against men by refusing to pay for an alternative to the usual prostate cancer treatment. Business as usual for the NHS, I guess."*

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Ann Coulter's New Book Disses Feminism

Matt · 8 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"Ann Coulter is hawking her new book all over the mediasphere ... Godless: The Church of Liberalism, includes a few slams of feminism. This one for example ---*

"Women are no different from men, but we need a library of laws and codes to protect women from sexual harassment. As Chesterson said, where we once had a few big rules, now we need an encyclopedia of little rules."

But then, you also have to deal with her main premise --- 'Liberals can believe what they want to believe, but let us not flinch from identifying liberalism as the opposition party to God.'

And as expected, on the cover of her new book, Ann is slinky skinny in a black designer outfit... posing as a chick who doesn't want to be objectified!

She's really, really into her own irony!

The story has something for everybody, no matter your MRA politics."

Ed. note: Spotted this piece reporting the nastiness between Coulter and Hillary Clinton, and thought our MANN regulars would get a real kick, so I have included it.

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Girls "Pressured" into Sex

Matt · 8 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Celarnor writes *"I stumbled across this article earlier today. Naturally, the young women aren't 'having sex because they want to', but they are doing it 'because they felt their boyfriend would get angry'.*

The article, of course, contains the obligatory 'boys bad, women helpless' subtext that is typically seen here. From the article: *"That means [. . .] boys to understand what constitutes pressure."*, and *"The importance of educating boys [. . .] is often the untalked about part.'"*

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Police Say Woman Had Sex With Two Underage Boys

Matt · 9 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Here we go again, another woman busted for having sex with underaged boys. Peggy Bick, 30, a Portsmouth, NH resident has been arrested and held on $50,000 bond for allegedly having sex with two and possibly more underage boys. The really sad part about this news report is the nonchalant attitude presented by the police and reporters. Let me ask you, what if a thirty year old man got several teenage girls drunk and then proceeded to have sex with them all, what would the the news report would have sounded like then? Just some food for thought the next time some feminut starts howling about how only women can be victims of sexual assault."*

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Fox propagates human trafficking distortions

Matt · 9 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Lis Wiehl is cranking these out rather quickly. The last article she did had only one indirect reference through a feminist page that featured the SCUM manifesto. These articles are beginning to smell like a number of the issues C. H. Sommers destroyed. Unfortunately, it may be, that truth is just getting its boots on in the time it takes a lie to travel around the world."*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"I note several red flags. She says:*

"The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) says human trafficking is the third largest criminal industry in the world, right behind drugs and gun smuggling. Sex traffickers lure hundreds of thousands of desperate girls from overseas with the promise of a new life, only to enslave them once they've arrived."

Notice the sleight of hand here. HUMAN trafficking is the third largest criminal industry, but in the next sentence it becomes 'Sex traffickers'. I suspect there's a big difference.

I suspect that what is happening on our southern border right now is classified as human trafficking. If this is, indeed, what is being referred to in this article, blaming U.S. citizens as a general class, and in particular men, for these problems would be one of the lowest feminist tricks yet.

Does anyone have any data on this? She certainly doesn't reference any, apart from several bills. (We know what happened with VAWA.)"

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Duke case: Second stripper called allegations a 'crock'

Matt · 9 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Lawyers for the defense of the Duke lacrosse players made public a police report indicating the Kim Roberts, the second stripper at the now infamous party, claimed that the accuser's story was a 'crock' and the two were together the ENTIRE time while at the party. Assuming it holds up in court, this is the silver bullet, folks. In essence, what the defense now has is a witness that completely exonerates the defense. It's over and now is the time for the real justice to begin. We must strike while the iron is hot. MRAs must call for strict punishment of the accuser as well as new laws that protect men from this sort of slander in the future."*

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Use GoodSearch.com to support DAHMW

Matt · 10 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Jan Brown at DAHMW sent me this regarding GoodSearch - a search engine powered by Yahoo! which donates money to the charity of your choice each time you use it. While it's only 1 cent for each use, this could add up to hundreds of dollars a year for the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women if enough MRAs use it. Remember that they are also trying to get a shelter for men up and running, so every bit helps.*

Steve"

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Abusive wife files DV case against husband

Matt · 10 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"In Calcutta, India: a woman physically assaults her husband, and files a DV case against him and gets him arrested! Story here."*

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Female Forcible-Rapist of Boy Draws Six Months of Jail

Matt · 10 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A child-rape crime covered by a mere news brief mentioned here on MANN a month ago about a woman in Rochester, NY who reportedly raped a boy at knifepoint, actually gets a full article today! The confessed child-forcible-rapist draws a whole six moths in jail plus 10 years of probation on a plea bargain. Ostensible excuse for not taking the case to trial: "it's too hard to prove". Would the same excuse be used were the sexes reversed? DOUBT IT! Story here.

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UK: MPs urge family court 'openness'

Matt · 12 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"'The UK government is being urged by MPs to open up family court proceedings as a way of restoring confidence in decisions on adoption, custody and contact with children'. MRAs are beginning to have some effect, but I think 'openness' is not enough - we need a just, unbiased system. Story here."*

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Female Sex-Slaver in Australia Sentenced

Matt · 12 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bulldogo.1 writes *"Funny isn't it? The first person jailed in Australia for having sex slaves is a woman.*
Re a story on MANN earlier about the misleading report that sex slavery is rampant in America: well, we get the same crap here. And we also get the feminist garbage that it is only men and the patriarchy to blame."

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Father's Day Activism 2006 Begins

Matt · 12 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

MR writes *"At the crack of dawn, before the sun even peeked over the horizon, NCFMLA activists took it to the streets of Los Angeles for Day 1 of "Father's Day" week, 2006, protests.* ***Big Truck Sign***

Yes, boys and girls in the land of ***stretch Hummers*** and ***tropical plants*** it's difficult to be noticed amidst all the glitter and glamour, but a humble attempt is still worth the effort if one Dad can be encouraged, or one misandrist judge's mind enlightened. Some say it will be a cold day in L.A. (it very rarely freezes in L.A.) before Dads ever see justice in family courts, but I say all the more reason to publicly call attention to their plight in prominent protest(s). Let the Father's Day protests 2006 begin, and may the plight of Dads truly become a front burner issue this Father's Day. "Happy Father's Day week," to one and all. Stay tuned for Day 2..."

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Woman Indicted for Murder of Preacher Husband

Matt · 12 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Wonder what the spin will be for this one?

The McNairy County grand jury in Selmer, Tennessee, named Mary Winkler, 32, in an indictment alleging "premeditated murder."

Winkler has been in custody since the day after the March 22 slaying of her husband, Matthew Winkler, who was 31 and the popular minister at First Street Church of Christ in Selmer. The community is about 80 miles east of Memphis.

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'UK Schools too feminized for boys' says academic

Matt · 13 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Boys are being failed by schools because lessons have become too "feminised" in recent years says Dr Tony Sewell, a leading academic. He calls for more male teachers, and more competitiveness, and more exciting lessons. We need more like him."*

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Divorcing Couple Warring Over Son's Circumcision

Matt · 14 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"In a really extreme case of how ugly a divorce litigation can get, check out this article describing how a divorcing couple are using the threat of circumcizing their 8 year-old son's penis as part of the psychotic Family Court warfare. The mom's lawyer (female) wants the foreskin badly. The dad's lawyers (female and male) want it preserved. This kid must be about ready to become a runaway ...*
See Dad sues to block son's circumcision."

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Where is Masculinity Headed?

Matt · 14 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Dave in CA writes *"Where are men (our behaviors, beliefs, etc.) headed? Read this recent article and decide for yourself. Excerpt:*

'We are now witnessing the corruption of the masculine ideal into absolute violence and amorality. This phenomenon has developed over time, as manhood and the role of men in the home and in the society have been undermined by social, legal, economic, and ideological forces.

'We now know that boys are doing more poorly in school than girls and that young women now outnumber young men on college campuses. The vast majority of violent crimes are committed by young men, and young males drive the statistics in virtually every form of antisocial behavior. The absence of strong male role models for boys and young men to respect and emulate — especially fathers — is surely the largest contributing factor to the rise in the social pathologies and antisocial behaviors.'"

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Family Court Judge Shot in Reno

Matt · 14 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"A family court judge was shot in Reno yesterday. Judge Chuck Weller was shot through a window in his office at the Mills B. Lane Justice Center. He was wounded in the chest and taken to the local hospital in serious condition. He has survived, so far. Who wants to bet this was the result of yet another father who was railroaded by the family court system? When the police do catch the suspect involved my guess his biography will be one all too familiar fathers rights advocates."*

Ed. note: Looks like indeed that may be the case; the main suspect fits that description. Follow-up is here.

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Humor: "Things a Man Should Know: About Fatherhood"

Matt · 14 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

While there are a couple items in here MRAs may find not-so-funny, all in all, this is pretty good. Surprisingly, it's found on MSN, too.

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Does marriage matter to the nuturing of children?

Matt · 14 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Does marriage matter to the nuturing of children? Yes - very clearly, according to this study. More than cohabitating, and more than step-parenting. Married Dads, in the home, make the biggest difference in the outcome of children."*

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How to be a well man

Matt · 14 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"To mark Men's Health Week, Dr Sabreena Malik explains the things that every male should know."*

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Drive to bring down male suicides

Matt · 15 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Suicide is the most common cause of death among men under 35. If we are all basking in our Patriarchal power, why are so many of us killing ourselves?"*

Ed. note: The AFSP holds suicide prevention walk-a-thons that are done at night. These walk-a-thons however require a minimum of $1000 in pledges from sponsors for each walker and an entrance fee, sort of like the AIDS rides that were in the news a lot last year (there was big controversy too over the very high percentage of the amount raised going to "overhead costs"). I don't know anything about AFSP or how well they use their donations; I am just mentioning that it exists and there does seem to be a national awareness campaign, at least here in the U.S., regarding suicide-- though it doesn't seem to be too well-known nor mention particularly the fact of the much-higher percentage of males who commit suicide.

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National Post Stands Up for Men

Matt · 15 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AFG writes *"Canada's National Post, one of the country's largest daily newspapers, has devoted an entire page to men's rights in its 'Issues & Ideas' editorial section. One article, by Barbera Kay, is called Welcome to the Matriarchy; the other, by Prof. Don Dutton (author of Rethinking Domestic Violence) is called Domestic Violence isn't One-sided. These articles appear under the header 'Stacking the Deck Against Men.'*

Note: The *Post* has featured many anti-feminist editorials in the past, and next week, Barbara Kay will continue the assault by writing about a family court system that exiles 'disenfranchised fathers to a Kafkaesque non-custodial limbo.'"

Ed. note: Paid registration is required to read most of the content.

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Anti-Husband Cadillac SUV Commercial

Matt · 15 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"I was watching the news this afternoon, when a commercial for the Cadillac SRX Crossover came on. It showed a few women returning from a vacation together. One of them commented on how nice it was to have a vacation with 'No stress,' and then all of them said 'No husband!' in unison. As they got out of their SUV in an upper middle class residential neighborhood, one of them then said 'Back to reality!'"*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"The last comment was an obvious reference to the husbands whose very existence must cause them such unbearable stress. Oh, those poor oppressed women who had to get away from their husbands in a $37,000 SUV for a vacation. (I wonder who paid for it.)*

Here is a link to the homepage of this overpriced gas guzzler.

There is a 'Contact Us' link at the bottom of the page.

Yeah, I know that not all of us regularly buy $37,000 SUVs, but they need to hear from us anyway.

Steve"

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F4J is now in the USA: Rally for Equal Parenting - Sat. June 17, 2006

Matt · 15 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

F4J is now in the USA!

Rally for Equal Parenting

Saturday June 17th, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Ohio Statehouse, downtown Columbus (Map here)

Plan to attend!

Click "Read more..." for more.Saturday, June 17th, Fathers-4-Justice USA will make their national launch known in honor of Father's Day at the Statehouse steps in Columbus, Ohio!

A motorcycle rally will begin the event starting at The Iron Pony leaving at 10:00 AM and the rally to start at 11:00 AM. It is a family-friendly event with Super Heroes, music, chanting, and speakers from around the USA. Knight's Radio will be there and events for the kids will be featured. It is for all the children, parents, grandparents and others who have been abused by our system.

For more information go to http://www.f4j.us/ and also view the ad (Apple Quicktime required to view) that is running all over Ohio. All donations are welcome even if someone is unable to come as they are tax deductible. F4J-USA is an all-volunteer group.

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Elder Abuse & Men's Rights Issues

Matt · 15 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Today (15th June), the First Elder Abuse Awareness Day is being observed. I think this is related to men's rights because it clearly shows that DV is NOT a gender issue. Here (.pdf file) is a World Health Organization fact sheet (prepared in 2002) which clearly states 'elder men are at risk of abuse in about the same proportion as elder women'."*

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Misandry alive and well in Hollywood: "My Super ex-Girlfriend"

Matt · 15 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"One of the trailers playing on all the latest films is for a movie called My Super Ex-Girlfriend."*

Click "read more..." for more.*"Basically, this guy meets a girl and goes out with her a few times, they have sex, and he figures out that she's crazy and extremely needy. He breaks up with her. Then he finds out that she is actually a superhero ("G-Girl"). She uses her super strength and flight powers to make his life a living hell. Examples: she takes his car, flies to a high spot and throws it down onto the street in front of him. She appears in front of him out of nowhere, grabs him by the throat, and lifts him off the ground. While he's lying in bed with his new girlfriend, she flies up, looks in the window, and hurls a giant shark into the room onto the bed. The finale is when they are having dinner together (apparently they are on a date again). She leans close to him and whispers 'I had a feeling you'd realize your mistake and come back to me. That's why I didn't kill you.'*

Can you even IMAGINE Hollywood making a movie like this where a "superman"-type guy gets dumped by a girl and proceeds to violently assault her, destroy her property, and threaten her with death? And this is the type of shite that passes for COMEDY now? Just another propaganda piece telling women that it's OK to beat up men if they do something the woman doesn't like. No wonder we've got women like Clara Harris driving over men with SUVs!

Remember guys, if a woman feels wronged in her mind that gives her a license to pursue unlimited revenge with impunity on you!"

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Rape rumour sparked attack, teen boy set on fire

Matt · 15 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From Nine MSN, A teenager was doused with kerosene and set alight in a "vigilante" attack sparked by false rumours he was a rapist, a Melbourne court was told. Prosecutor Gavin Silbert told the County Court there was an unsubstantiated rumour circulating amongst a group of teens who congregated at Greensborough Plaza that 19-year-old James Merrett had raped a girl and cheated on his girlfriend. The girlfriend then made it known she wanted retribution, telling one man: "He's gotta be bashed. He cheated on me." -- Wow, she sounds like our superhero ex-girlfriend."*

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Mother made cash demand after alleged sex abuse of daughters

Matt · 15 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A businessman is on trial accused of abusing two girls more than 25 years ago. It is alleged that the mother did not report the supposed abuse to the police but instead tried to blackmail him for £100,000 per girl. He refused and chose to got court instead - sounds like he believes himself to be innocent. It will be interesting to see how this one turns out. If he is acquitted maybe we will see the mother on trial for blackmail."*

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More Details on Recent Circumcision Court Fight

Matt · 15 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Recently reported here on MANN, this made it to cnn.com. While it has a few more details of the case and represents broader exposure, it doesn't discuss the case against circumcision and of course, just has to throw religion into the mix as well.

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Double standard for sex offenders discussed in MSM

Matt · 15 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Finally some progress in seeing that women do get off easier than men do in the courts."*

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United Equal Parenting Conference - London - Saturday, June 17

Matt · 16 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Raymond Cuttill writes *"Come and help plan the way forward at the United Equal Parenting Conference – The Way Forward, this Saturday, June 17th 10:00 AM at the Central Hall Westminster, London (opposite Westminster Abbey and close to Parliament).*

Hear from authors Barry Worrall ("Without Authority") and Neil Lyndon ("No More Sex War"), hear from Philip A. Else, Equal Parenting Alliance and Mike Kelly, Real Fathers For Justice (hopefully with video of the protest at Tony Blair's house on Friday) and others."

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Polk guilty of killing therapist husband

Matt · 17 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bull writes *"Woman acted as her own attorney during four-month trial*

Interestingly enough, even though she came across as delusional, she was allowed to represent herself and ultimately found guilty. If she appeals, and gets backing from a feminist organization, will the verict probably be overturned?"

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'Focus on the Family' Diminishes Dads

Matt · 17 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

mens_issues writes *"Just in time for Father's Day, Focus on the Family (with James Dobson) has aired a two-part series about the importance of involved fathers. Unfortunately, the two-part series takes the view that it is fathers who are abdicating their responsibility to their families, while mothers are taken for granted."*

Click "Read more..." for more.*"The speaker was Josh McDowell, who is the author of 'More than a Carpenter' which is a book that I read that made a compelling case for Christianity. This makes writing this all the more difficult, as I had respected McDowell, except for what I heard here.*

While I agree about the importance of involved fathers, it appears that McDowell may not realize the extent to which fathers are pushed away from their families by separation and divorce, most often initiated by their wives. Or the extent to which fathers are unable to spend as much time with their children as they would like as they spend a lot of time at work supporting their families financially while the the mother is able to stay home with the children.

Finally, to make matters worse, at one point James Dobson said "The biggest problem in this country is renegade males - men not doing their jobs."

If you want to send a comment to Focus on the Family, try this link (please try to be polite, infuriating as this is).

The homepage for Focus on the Family is http://www.family.org/"

Ed. note: This submission posted without review or assessment of the content to which the submitter is referring. Therefore, before taking action to contact the author of the content, I suggest you listen to it yourself before making any judgments.

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BBC: Study shows Women Approve of Female-on-Male Violence

Matt · 19 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"The BBC reports here that Professor Murray Strauss' latest research in Europe shows that a large percentage of women believe that it is acceptable for them to hit their male partners. He says 'The bottom line is that we need make the same "big deal" about violence by women as we do about men who behave violently.'*

This study is due to be published in the European Journal of Criminology. It is unfortunate then that this journal's editor found the results 'surprising' and that 'the number of women who admit to assaulting men is interesting as it's well known that men are more violent than woman.'"

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"The Weaker Sex"

Matt · 19 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RandomMan writes *"Despite the insulting title - consider what would happen to a male columnist using that phrase to describe women - this piece by a female medical columnist is very refreshing, especially on Father's Day. It's a pleasant departure from the NY Times old habit of running a 'women's health' pull-out section on Fathers Day, as they have in the past.*

An astonishing note from the article: the author claims that studying diseases that affect both genders in men only was 'sexist', and she describes the current focus on women first and women only in healthcare as something along the lines of 'atonement', but this is the first time I've heard a female opine that only studying diseases that affect women while neglecting men entirely is 'sexist' as well.

If this continues, men might actually start to matter one day. I'm not holding my breath, but it's refreshing, nonetheless."

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F4J-UK Makes the News Again - in Style!

Matt · 19 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Huzzah to F4J for their latest attempt to draw attention to the plight of fathers. Great work, lads!!

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Woman jailed for infecting lover with HIV

Matt · 19 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A London woman has been jailed for 32 months for deliberately infecting her male partner with HIV. Somehow, I think a man would have got longer."*

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RADAR Alert: Mark Your Calendar, Hold the Date: June 26!

Matt · 19 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Monday, June 26, 2006. That's the day that 40 organizations around the country will launch an unprecedented effort to educate candidates how the Violence Against Women Act tramples on people's civil rights and destroys families.

The campaign theme is "Truth and Consequences: 2006 Elections." The purpose of the campaign is to educate candidates involved in the 2006 elections about the **truth** of domestic violence, and the **consequences** of VAWA on families and children.

Click "Read more..." for more.

Mark Your Calendar, Hold the Date: June 26!

The 40 participating groups have a broad range of missions, including promoting children's rights, family stability, shared parenting, victim advocacy, and media accuracy. These groups have signed a three-point Resolution Regarding the Violence Against Women Act: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Resolution.pdf

This is what some of these groups are saying about the campaign:

- "Susan Faludi once wrote, 'Men have no clearly-defined enemy who is oppressing them.' Well, thanks to VAWA, now they do." – Richard L. Davis, Family Nonviolence, Inc. (Massachusetts)
- "Our campaign to end the discrimination by VAWA is a 'circling of the wagons' to defend traditional American values." – Paul Clements, DADD-NH
- "For two decades I have struggled against the anti-father bias in court. It is a blessing to be a part of this movement." – Mike East, Fathers Asking To Have Equal Rights (Kentucky)
- "A system without redress is tyranny, and those who do nothing about it have abnegated their freedom and acquiesced to slavery." . Terri Lynn Tersak, True Equality Network (North Carolina)
- "You can blow out a flame, but our solidarity is becoming an inferno." – Alan Rusmisel, Alabama Coalition for Fathers and Children
- "Restraining order abuse has skyrocketed since passage of VAWA. TABS stands 100% behind this effort to expose the truth how domestic violence laws have gone too far." – Lisa Scott, TABS: Taking Action against Bias in the System (Washington)

During the course of the campaign, we will be calling on people around the country to meet with candidates in all 470 national races (33 in the Senate, 437 in the House of Representatives). We will request that immediately after the November 7 elections, the newly-elected official call for Congressional hearings to investigate VAWA abuse.

The first step of the campaign will be for people to contact the candidate's Scheduler and request to set up a meeting in August. We will explain the details in next week's Alert.

For now we encourage people to sign up to receive E-lerts which will be issued on a weekly basis throughout the Campaign. Go to http://www.mediaradar.org/ and enter your e-mail address in the box in the left-hand column.

Stay tuned!

Date of RADAR Release: June 19, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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New Study Confirms Males Outperform Females in Engineering-Related Tasks

Matt · 20 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

oregon dad writes *"Here is another study that clearly shows that boys outperform girls in Math, Chemistry, and Physics.*
These are the foundation courses for Engineering degrees and this study points out (AGAIN!!) why Men perform better in that function."

Ed. note: What is really interesting about this report is that more women then men are now graduating with engineering degrees from universities and colleges. So why is it that men are graduating at a lesser rate in not just these fields but generally while as boys taking AP tests just a few years before, they are generally scoring higher? Very strange indeed.

College is filled with plenty of opportunities for distraction as well as, we know, special scholarships and support programs for women who want to go into engineering and the sciences. Perhaps between these two forces, the net result is what we see today: fewer men graduating with engineering degrees than women, and fewer men attending/graduating from college overall-- with the increasing tendency of this trend showing no signs of slowing.

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Woman Commits Suicide-- Husband Blamed and Arrested

Matt · 21 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Victor Han, 34, of Staten Island has been charged with promoting a suicide attempt after his WIFE killed herself by driving off a cliff in New York. That's right folks. Wifey killed herself and now the husband is responsible for her actions. Try getting your mind around that idea, much less the fact that he's been arrested. Furthermore, Victor Han did nothing more than step out of his vehicle to take some pictures when she rolled up all the windows, locked all the doors, and drove his van off a cliff WITH HER TWO KIDS IN THE CAR. She died, they lived. The man is to blame of course for her voluntary actions and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. When are we as a society going to start holding women accountable for their actions? When will we stop blaming and prosecuting men for the poor choices that women make? I'll tell you when, the time is now..."*

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Kentucky Supreme Court Upholds Paternity Fraud Finding

Matt · 21 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

oregon dad writes *"Finally - a very small measure of justice.*
Search on "Kentucky Supreme Court" on the page to read the story."

Ed. note: Great site for those interested in tracking developments in "family law". Definitely bookmarkable!

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China: Woman Kills Husband with Sword

Matt · 21 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tirryb writes *"For those who doubt woman are as abusive as men... This report states that this Chinese woman 'accidentally' killed her husband with a sword, when he refused to make her dinner.*

Apparently she had often held her husband at the end of her sword to force him to do her bidding. She's an expert swordswoman who had been using it since she was young. And, yet again, just what do we think would happen to a man who'd killed his wife with a sword after a lifetime of threatening her to be his slave..?"

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Update on "Murdering Grannies" Story

Matt · 21 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Referring to this story reported on MANN, cnn.com has an update here.

Police say they have new evidence linking two elderly women to the death of a second homeless man on whom they had taken out an insurance policy.

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Canada: Fault Surrepititiously Returned to Alimony Determination

Matt · 21 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bandersnatch writes *"From the Globe and Mail: A Vancouver woman will receive monthly support payments from the ex-husband who cheated on her because the emotional toll of his conduct prevented her returning to the workplace, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Wednesday morning. A 7-0 majority emphasized that their ruling it not intended to return the concept of fault to divorce law. They instead expressed confidence that the emotional consequences of marital misconduct can be considered in spousal support cases without actually slipping 'fault' back into the Divorce Act. The Court awarded Sherry Leskun a continuation of her $2,200 monthly payments, based on the harm that Mr. Leskun's philandering caused her as well as the particular difficulty that a woman of her age has returning to full employment."*

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India: Hope for male prisoners

Matt · 22 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Friday, a new law comes into effect. Under this law, a prisoner can claim bail as a matter of right if he/she has been under detention for more than half the prescribed period of imprisonment.*

There were more than 217,000 undertrials in Indian jails (2003), 96.5% of whom were male. See http://ncrb.nic.in/PS-2003.pdf.

With this law, about 50,000 inmates are expected to be set free. Most of them will be male since males typically spend more time in jail as undertrials."

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Article on False Allegations of Sexual Harassment in Prominent Psychology Journal

Matt · 22 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"I thought this might be of interest. It is a new research article entitled "Pathways to false allegations of sexual harassment" in the 'Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling', vol. 3, 1, pp.47-74. Regards."*

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L.A.-Local Editor Admits Error re DV stats, Covers NCFM

Matt · 22 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes *"Not long ago the Mountain Valley News, a weekly newspaper covering about ten cities Los Angeles County, printed a story on a battered women's shelter and told the usual femi-fibs about domestic violence.*

NCFM-LA wrote the editor a letter refuting the lies. The editor not only printed it but, the following week, ran a surprisingly-positive story on NCFM-LA and discrimination against men. The actual article is here (.pdf file) , and the text is also linked to NCFM-LA's website here.

Thank you letters can be sent to the editor at editor-at-mvnnews.com."

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Court opens employers to more retaliation suits

Matt · 23 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"The U.S. Supreme Court made it easier on Thursday for an employer to be held liable for money damages when a worker has been 'retaliated' against after a discrimination complaint.*

This ruling means that anytime a woman alleges any type of harassment, then ANY action afterward by the company - even years later (i.e. if she fails to show up for work and is penalized, if her job responsibilities EVER change, if her title changes, if she used to file in cabinet A and now files in cabinet B ...ANYTHING... then she is now a victim of the employer and can sue for damages).

It should be of no surprise that harassment cases are the fastest growing lawsuits currently in the U.S. The court ruled workers can collect damages even if the retaliation did not involve a firing or lost wages (?!)"

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Wife gets life for 'dance' murder

Matt · 23 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A woman shot her husband through the heart with a shotgun, and claimed that it went off accidentally while she was doing an erotic dance to please him. The jury didn't believe her. Story here, but it is not described as a domestic violence death."*

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Father has parental rights terminated after mother lied

Matt · 23 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Michael_NC writes *"A court rules against the father for not filing an affidavit to legimate a child after the mother lied to him and told him she had a miscarriage. He had previously did all he could for the mother and upcoming child until the lie.*

'RALEIGH - A biological father should lose his parental rights because he did not establish himself as a caregiver, even though the mother deceived the man by claiming she had a miscarriage, the state Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday.'"

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National Post Stands Up for Men, Once Again

Matt · 24 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AFG writes *"Continuing her assault on radical feminism and the family courts, the National Post's Barbara Kay writes about how it is men who suffer the most after divorce due to feminist ideology influencing Canada's judicial and political circles. Last week, Kay was one of two writers who lambasted the one-sided view of domestic violence in Canada (among other gender related issues), and next week, she will offer solutions to fix the problem. Excerpt:*

'In fact, non-custodial fathers' loss of their children causes them fathomless anguish. Herein lies a paradox: We know that fatherlessness is the single biggest predictor of criminality for boys, and low self-esteem for girls, leading to a variety of social failures. Nevertheless, no significant swell of political will has yet materialized to bring more balance into post-separation childcare.'"

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Coming Soon to a City Near You: Women-Only Subway Cars!

Matt · 24 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

They're not just for Tokyo anymore! This article is a lovely entree into establishing them right here in America.

Maybe they'll add entire women-only subway lines, too. They'll hit all the major stops plus new ones at all the women-only gyms, banks, spas, etc. that are both already here and on the way!

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Female molester fugitive considered "missing"

Matt · 24 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"A female youth counselor vanishes after allegations that she was having a relationship with a minor she met at a school where she worked - and the newspaper and police call HER missing and have not brought charges against her. She has been spotted thousands of miles away from her home state with the young male student. Can you imagine what would happen if the genders were reversed? The whole nation would be hearing about it every minute of the day. This woman has received a highly sympathetic handling of her crimes. It is time to dismantle the feminist poisoning of this nation's police. Excerpt:*

'At least two witnesses reported seeing 8-year-old Brennan Malone with his mother, Jennifer Malone, and 16-year-old Christopher Cole.

Police Chief Gwen Deurell said Saturday she believes these are two solid leads that place them in the Tampa area late Friday...

...

Police this week began a nationwide search for Brennan, his mother, 32, and Cole, the teenage boy she is believed to be involved with.'"

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Social Isolation, Depression

Matt · 24 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A topic recently discussed in a syndicated story is the increasing social isolation that typifies living in "modern society." It leads to problems all by itself and exacerbates existing problems, most notably those that can be addressed at least in part by the company of others (for example, depression).

Isolation and depression impact men in particular ways and for a variety of reasons. So, be on the look out for the effects of isolation and depression and if you spot it in yourself, do something about it: get help, get more social, whatever you need to do. Happy men are healthier men! Some related news/sites:

1. Men Get Angry, Not Sad
2. Maledepression.com
3. www.depression.org Donates 15k on Behalf of Merrill, Duncan Honored
4. Clinical Depression A Hidden Disease
    - Statement from Doug Duncan on Pulling Out From Gubanatorial Race

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NOW Opposes Michigan Approval of Single-Sex School

Matt · 25 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"In yet another stunning illogical about-face, NOW argues that single-sex schools cannot be allowed. The Michigan Senate has passed a bill to allow single-sex schools, but Kim Gandy proclaims – "We strongly oppose these bills because the separation of boys and girls, and the underlying (and false) assumption that girls and boys are so different that they shouldn't even be educated together, introduces harmful gender stereotypes into public education... Contrary to what supporters are saying, research does not show that gender is an accurate, consistent, or even useful determinant of educational needs." Gosh, did I misinterpret the last twenty years of the "girl's educational crisis" that was at the forefront of feminism's protests? And, now that 57% of college students are female, did I miss something else in the alleged "harmful gender stereotypes?" NOW is a priceless exemplar of feminist integrity."*

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Andrea Yates Gets Second Trial, Chance

Matt · 26 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Looks like Andrea Yates will get her second go at pleading insanity due to postpartum depression. Another classic example of women using their femaleness as an excuse for their criminal behavior. They wouldn't do it if men weren't so gullible as to buy this bunk.*

'(CourtTV) -- For the second time since Andrea Yates drowned her five children in a bathtub, her lawyers will attempt to convince a jury she was legally insane when she did the unthinkable.

With its guilty verdict in 2002, a jury in Houston, Texas, seemed to reject defense arguments that a history of mental illness compounded by postpartum depression drove Yates to drown four sons and a daughter, ages six months to seven years.'"

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Oh, Danica... why did you?

Matt · 26 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

You know, I wasn't sure whether to post this link or not. She is a great pro IRL driver; there is no reason at all for her to start peddling her femaleness/looks as a commodity in this fashion.

Next time a feminist tells you women do this sort of thing because "they have to", send them the link. 'Danica the Pro Racer' had absolutely no reason, except perhaps vanity or insecurity, to start being being 'Danica the SI Model'. Sad, really.

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Columnist Declares It Serves Boys Right to be Abused by Education System

Matt · 26 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I am going to give a heads-up for you all before reading this column in the Waco Tribune. The columnist, one Rowland Nethaway, is stating categorically and in all seriousness that it's just fine, if not also perfectly fair, for boys to be left behind in education, drugged to keep them "calm", etc. He also repeats a few feminist myths such as the "Rule of Thumb" myth which has been debunked repeatedly. Be forewarned, some of you may find this article so infuriating you will want to do violence to the computer monitor in front of you.

Well now that I have prepped you for it, I want to encourage everyone to write him at RNethaway-at-wacotrib.com, discussing your opinion of his essay.

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RADAR Alert: Set Up a Meeting with your Representative This Week!

Matt · 26 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This year we begin to reform the Violence Against Women Act, to stop the injustices, to protect our families, and to save our children.

The name of our campaign is "Truth and Consequences: Election 2006." Our objective is simple: *To meet with candidates in every single district around the country, explain the abuses of VAWA, and ask for their support to request Congressional hearings right after the November 7 election.*

Click "Read more..." for more.

Set Up a Meeting with your Representative This Week!

To do that, we've put together a Coalition of almost 50 organizations, 37 state-level contact persons, and a variety of Special Reports and other resource materials. These can be seen at http://www.mediaradar.org/.

So let's roll up our sleeves and get on with it. These are the steps you need to do this week:

Step 1: Find out what Congressional District you live in. Go to http://www.house.gov/ and enter your ZIP code in the box at the top of the page.

Step 2: Get the telephone number of your Congressman's local office. You can do this by:

- Reviewing your representative's web page,
- Looking up the number in the telephone book, or
- Calling the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and asking to be connected to your Congressman's office.

Step 3: Call your Congressman's local office and ask to speak with the Scheduler. Explain that you are a member of a coalition of 50 organizations around the country. Request to meet with the

Congressman (or staff) to discuss how the Violence Against Women Act affects families and children. Keep it short and sweet -- you just want to set up a face-to-face meeting.

Step 4: The Scheduler may ask you to send or fax them a request letter. If so, just fill in the blanks on the letter shown below and send or fax it right away.

That's all there is to it! The July 10 Alert will explain how to prepare for your meeting.

Additional Questions:

1. *"I belong to an organization in my area that is arranging to meet with the Representative to talk about VAWA. Should I coordinate with my group?"*
   Yes, by all means.

2. *"One of the senators in my state is also up for re-election this year. Should I try to meet with the Senator, as well?"*

   Yes. We encourage you to coordinate this meeting with others in your state.

3. *"The Alert only mentions meeting with the incumbent. What about the challenger?"*
   Good question. As the campaign progresses, we'll be asking persons to get involved in activities such as putting up signs and making phone calls for the candidate. Obviously, you can't do that for both the incumbent and the challenger. So you have to choose. The incumbent wins 95% of all races, so generally you'll want to meet with the incumbent.

Sample letter for requesting a meeting. Copy the section below and paste it into your favorite word processor. Then fill in the information indicated in *[brackets]*.

[Letterhead with your name, address, and phone number]

[Date of letter]

[Name of scheduler]
[Street address]
[City,
state, zip]

Dear *[Name of scheduler]*:

I am a member of a coalition of 50
organizations around the country. *[If you are*
writing as a representative of a local group, indicate the name of that
organization.]

I am following up on our conversation to
meet with Congressman *[Last name]* to discuss the Violence Against Women Act and how it impacts
families and children.

The best dates for me to meet are
[fill in several dates and/or times, and any other
information about location].

Thank you for your help. I'll look forward to
hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that
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Allegation Nets Female Executive $1.14m Settlement

Matt · 26 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"A CEO is forced to resign after he invited a fellow female executive to accompany him on his sailboat and shared frustrations about his marriage with her. This netted Georgina Fisk, the accuser, (now corporate swindler) $1.14 million to settle a sexual harassment case which can not be empirically proven in a court of law. Feminist jurisprudence is running rampant, time to fix a broken system."*

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Harriet Lechter? Cannibal Murderess Seeks Acquittal due to Her Gender

Matt · 27 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Roy writes *"This one's so over the top it begs belief! An Australian grandmother who skinned and cooked her de facto husband will plead with a court to overturn her life sentence - because she is a woman. The mother of four pleaded guilty to murder after hubby's body was found on the floor of his Aberdeen home in the Hunter Valley in 2000. She worked as a slicer and packer at Aberdeen Abattoir and her lover had been carefully skinned and his skin hung on a meat hook in a doorway at the house. His decapitated head was found in a pot on the stove. The table had been laid for dinner with name cards for Mr Price's three children and parts of his buttocks cooked and served up with vegetables and gravy on dinner plates. Her solicitor refused to comment on the grounds of her appeal, due to be heard this week, but it is understood it involves innovative grounds, including that she is a woman."*

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The Elitist Feminist Trash Can Runneth Over

Matt · 27 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"This crap made me cancel my LA Times subscription. This elitist piece of trash dictates to women on what they should be from her ivory tower. I would be really curious where she got her money from... perhaps her first husband?*

EXCERPT: 'Never do yourself what you can pay someone else to do, because that then frees you up to do what you're good at," said Hirshman of housework. "When workmen come to my house and say, 'So what's the matter with the lamp?' I say, 'OK, you stand up in front of a class of 200 people and explain to them about Plato, and I will figure out what's wrong with the lamp...For many years she was a union side labor lawyer, and bargaining in marriage plays a big role in Hirshman's philosophy. For example: "You want more children?" she said a woman could say to her husband, "Then start doing the laundry."'

LIKE THE GUY WANTS MORE OF A FINANCIAL BURDEN AND THE WIFE IS GRACIOUS ENOUGH TO HAVE ANOTHER KID FOR HIM..."

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CA Case Decision Advances Cause of Fathers

Matt · 28 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Marc A. writes "*This decision (.pdf file) is a must-read. It just came down yesterday from the 2nd District Court of Appeal (Los Angeles) and overturns a disgusting decision by a dependency court judge, making it very clear how shocked the appellate court is a the lower court judge's attitude toward this potential father who wanted a DNA test before the child was permanently placed in foster care.*

A drug-addicted mother couldn't care for the child, so the child was placed in foster care temporarily. Mother didn't give names of possible fathers, but later told Jesus H. he might be the dad. Jesus immediately comes to the DCFS, just before the child turns 1 and just before the court permanently places the child in foster care. DCFS refuses to let Jesus see the child but tells him to appear at the upcoming hearing. He did. Ultimately the court refuses him a DNA test, treats him like garbarge, and acts like he should have come forward sooner. Even the child's own attorney waffles on its position. Jesus appealed on his own with a handwritten notice of appeal. DCFS fought him and even tried to argue his notice was insufficient. The appellate court wrote this scathing decision reversing the judge's order and repeatedly quoting the judge to show how outrageous her reasoning was."

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Sick Judge, Sick D.A., Sick Jury Won't Listen to False Accuser's Recant

Matt · 28 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Chuck H writes *"Woman recants story of being sexually assaulted by her boyfriend. Now the court runs with the ball of false witness. Sounds like Bell County Texas all over again. I can't believe it's happening in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. I am ashamed to live here!"*

Ed. note: Since the Leader-Telegram has a particularly thorough (ie, annoying) registration process, the story is posted in its entirety under "Read more..."6/27/2006 12:24:38 PM

Despite plea from girlfriend, man sent to prison for attack

Alyssa Waters

Chippewa Falls News Bureau

CHIPPEWA FALLS — A Stanley man will spend six years in prison for sexually assaulting his girlfriend, even though she says it never happened.

Donald J. Lewallen, 26, of 238 Dewey St. was found guilty of two counts of sexual assault and one count of battery during a jury trial in Chippewa County Court in April. He was sentenced Monday.

Lewallen's girlfriend, Amanda McNamara, initially called police in January after being beaten by Lewallen. During the police interview, she said Lewallen had slapped her in the face, pulled her hair, slammed her face into a concrete floor and then sexually assaulted her.

Several days later McNamara recanted her story, saying it was consensual sex.

Even though McNamara told the jury she lied to investigators, jurors found Lewallen guilty.

At the sentence hearing, McNamara said all she's ever wanted is for someone to believe her now.

"Coming forward with the truth is the hardest thing I've ever done," McNamara said. "(Lewallen) is not guilty of rape and shouldn't have to pay for something he didn't do."

Assistant District Attorney Wade Newell asked Chippewa County Judge Roderick Cameron to sentence Lewallen to 20 years in prison because of the nature of the crime.

"This is something where his violent behavior has escalated over the years," Newell said. "This was a very violent sexual assault. She was made to do reprehensible things."

Lewallen has a criminal record that includes operating vehicles while intoxicated and disorderly conduct.

After hearing McNamara's final plea to save Lewallen from prison, Cameron decided that prison time was necessary.

"At this time in his life, (Lewallen) is not able to control his alcoholism," Cameron said. "This sentence will let others know regardless of how the victim feels, (the perpetrator) will serve a lengthy sentence."

In conjunction with prison time, Lewallen was sentenced to five years of extended supervision and nine months in jail concurrent with his sentence.

Waters can be reached at 723-0303 or alyssa.waters-at-ecpc.com.

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Oracle Head Cancels Major Harvard Donation

Matt · 28 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Tumescent writes *"It's not certain why Larry Ellison of Oracle changed his mind on the donation but it looks like the feminists just cost their school a cool $100M for running Summers out for no good reason."*

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Female Paedophile Teacher Jailed

Matt · 29 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A 49-year-old female teacher has been jailed for 4 years 3 months for repeatedly raping a 14-year-old boy. The article call it rape, doesn't call her a paedophile, and doesn't complain that the sentence is too lenient. How many years would a male teacher get for having sex with a 14-year-old girl? That's the female discount for you, guys!"*

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Privacy or justice?

Matt · 29 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

John Doe writes *"A significant victory for fathers' rights in the UK: The Times reports that Fathers (and I would assume mothers) will now have the right to talk openly about family court cases.*

Something to celebrate for a change...?"

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Female Psychopath gets Life

Matt · 29 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"A 17-year old girl has been given life for the cold-blooded killing of an elderly woman. Her plan was to kill a defenceless old woman for her money. This killing of a neighbour was a test run. Was she desperate for money? No. Her father is a millionaire. He has now disowned her, and she will serve at least 20 years."*

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Newsflash: Einstein's First Wife Behind the Theory of Relativity

Matt · 29 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Last night on the local public TV station, I saw Einstein's Wife, about Albert's first wife. It is implying strongly that she really was the one behind the theory of relativity as well as nearly everything else he did. It even has a poll asking viewers if they think she "collaborated" with Einstein for the creation of the momentus series of papers he published in 1905.

I knew it would come to pass. Soon Napolean Bonaparte will in fact have been a female, and every great world leader (the hero ones anyway) will have in fact been women or controlled by women.

Hitler and Stalin of course will remain men.

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Must Be an MRA Working at Dictionary.com!

Matt · 30 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Stan Gaver writes *"We all know how sexist and feminist-manipulated mainstream dictionaries have been in the past. For example, many didn't and some still don't include a definition for "misandry".*

My son brought something to my attention today that sure surprised the hell out of me and brought a smile to my face. Check out the Word of the Day on Dictionary.com for June 29, at http://dictionary.reference.com/wordoftheday/archive/2006/06/29.html. Check out that first example for the word "timorous"... you won't believe it!

Put a smile on YOUR face today!"

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Another Pro-Father National Post Article!

Matt · 30 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AFG writes *"For the third week in a row, Barbara Kay of the National Post has slammed Canada's feminist family courts and politicians. This week, she explains why the lives of so many dads are destroyed through divorce, and thus, she goes on to offer solutions to the problem."*

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Woman gets slap on wrist for $1.5M embezzlement

Matt · 30 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Return of the King writes *"It seems that judges are reluctant to view women guilty of committing crimes without a man involved. In this case a woman embezzled more than $1.5 million from a credit union and bought more than 1,500 items, including hundreds of pairs of shoes and a $60,000 swimming pool, and was sentenced to a mere 27 months in prison (this is what men get for petty theft). The judge stated from the bench "You have a small fish here. Where are the big fish? No one else has been charged with a parking ticket in this case...? Translation: no men to blame? Also, this is under the "Odds and Ends" section of the paper..."*

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Twelve-Step Program for Feminists

Matt · 30 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

bull writes *"Another gem by Carey Roberts; he offers a solution for women who have been programmed by the feminist movement to be victims and not take responsibilty for their own lives.*

'The solution is a 12-step self-help program — you guessed it: Feminists Anonymous. With no apologies to the Friends of Bill, here are the 12 Steps to gender recovery...'"

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Man Robbed at Gunpoint by Schoolgirls

Matt · 30 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"Two girls in the US, aged 13 and 14, have been charged with holding up at gunpoint a man they are said to have contacted on social networking website MySpace.com."*

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Lawyer sues 'Don't Date Him' Web site

Matt · 30 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anonymous User writes *"Story here. Excerpt:*

'The lawsuit filed on behalf of Mr. Hollis, 38, of East Liberty, said Ms. Joseph has "conspired with disingenuous people whose only agenda is to attack the character of those individuals who have been identified on her site." The suit says there are no protocols to ensure statements on the site are valid or truthful. Mr. Hollis, who has practiced criminal law for 12 years, claims statements posted on the site, which appear to be by different people, have affected his practice and family life.'"

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Schoolgirl violence goes to trial

Matt · 30 June 2006 · Archived copy · Original

AngryMan writes *"One of the girl-bullying cases reported on last year has gone to trial. One girl repeatedly punched another in school so that her head was banging against the wall. The next day the victim retaliated by slashing her attacker's face with a razor. The razor-wielding girl is in court. So much for the natural peace-loving nature of women."*

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MANN to Move to New Server This Weekend

Scott · 1 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

www.mensactivism.org will be down this weekend (July 1-2) so that I can migrate the site to a new, faster, and much more modern server and web engine. This is an exciting change for the site, which has remained in its current state more or less since its inception in late May of 2000. The migration will not be as seamless as I would like, but it needs to be done because the old server and software it's currently running on is getting close to failure. Please Read More below to view some Q&A on the migration process.

Winkler Murder Case Update

Matt · 1 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Pastor's wife said she 'snapped', agent testified

SELMER, Tennessee (AP) -- A woman charged with murdering her minister husband told police she shot him after they argued over family finances and then told him "I'm sorry" as he lay dying in their bedroom, according to testimony at a bail hearing Friday.

NOTICE: This story was migrated from the old software that used to run Mensactivism.org. Unfortunately, user comments did not get included in the migration. However, you may view a copy of the original story, with comments, at the following link:

http://news.mensactivism.org/articles/06/07/01/0052219.shtml

A New Server, a New Lease on Life...

Scott · 2 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Mensactivism.org is back now, at least 99% of what I wanted to accomplish this weekend. There are still a couple of minor things I'd like to change, but I felt the rest of you would prefer that the site become available again ASAP.

If you're using Internet Explorer, the menu tabs at the top of the page look horrible, and I do intend to remedy that. There are some minor formatting issues from our old static pages that need some attention as well. But you should now be able to submit new stories and post comments on this story and stories posted after this one (all previous ones are frozen).

Please let us know about any problems that arise when using the new site: admin@mensactivism.org. Thanks for your patience, and we hope it was worth the wait!

Remember, all user accounts must be re-registered now. I was unable to migrate them from the old site due to complex dependencies in the old database.

Harvard's Summers' Parting CNN Interview

Matt · 3 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Text here. Relevant excerpt:

AP: You have apologized for your controversial remarks that innate ability may partly explain why fewer women reach top-level science jobs, but you also said any idea should be on the table as a university. How do you reconcile that?

Summers: As president I bear responsibility for the signal that my remarks send, and the signal that was sent by those remarks was anything but what I intended or what I believe. And so I have taken responsibility for that. At the same time, no subject should be off limits for academic research in a university, and at a time when 30 percent more women are graduating from college than men, I think we ignore the whole topic of gender differences in learning styles very much at our peril.

In the meantime while that research is being done I think the right agenda is pretty clear: it's to turn heat into light. ... We've done that with a variety of changes in our parental leave policies, or changes in the ways in which we provide research support and mentoring, and I think that's something quite constructive that has come out of the furor.

Local editors battle over DV Stats and NCFM - Please Write letters of support!

Matt · 4 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Marc A.:
NCFM is caught up in a battle between two rival newspapers. One is honest and ethical about DV stats, etc., while the other insists on PCness, bias and reactionism.Please write letters in support of NCFM-LA and editor Steve Tobia of the Mountain Valley News. Tobia had printed a positive article on NCFM-LA that cited the DV data and admitted he was wrong in previously citing the 95% DV figure.
In response, editor Larry Wilson of the Pasadena Star News criticized Tobia, attacked NCFM and reactively dismissed NCFM's claim about gender and DV by quoting a local DV shelter and a cop but without looking at randomized research. Tobia then defended himself and the 50/50 data, citing Gelles and the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men, and challenged Wilson (.pdf file) for his PCness, bias and personal motives. He also printed two letters to the editor supporting NCFM-LA.

This is a rare case of journalistic ethics, especially since Tobia is a co-chair of a battered women's shelter! PLEASE WRITE the Pasadena Star News in defense of Tobia and NCFM at letters.star-news-at-sgvn.com and larry.wilson-at-sgvn.com.

Girls mug man they contacted on MySpace

GaryB · 4 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

BBC News reports here that two girls reportedly mugged a guy that they made contact with on the MySpace site.

From the article: "Two teenage girls in the US have been charged with holding up at gunpoint a man they are said to have contacted on social networking website MySpace.com.

Yana Galilova and Rafaella Yusupova, 14 and 13, are accused of armed robbery and carrying a concealed weapon. The girls, from Florida, are said to have posed as an 18-year-old to lure men into chatting to them online."

Of course, the article then immediately sets about mentioning a previous incident of a man sexually assaulting a girl he met on MySpace as if to balance out any idea that girls can be evil all on their own.

...BTW This is Tirryb, changed my nick when registering again for the new site.

Dr. Murray Straus Testifies Before the NH CSM

Scott · 5 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

During the June 2006 meeting of the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men, UNH Family Violence Professor Murry Straus testified on domestic violence issues, and answered questions regarding the Conflict Tactics Scale. Foster's Daily Democrat reported on Dr. Straus' testimony today, but as of this time the article is not available on the Foster's web site. Read more below to view a temporary version of the article. Also, an audio recording of the testimony will be made available from the NH CSM's web site later this month. Perhaps this information will help the NCFM-LA letter writing effort?

Researcher calls for women to stop abusing men

Wednesday, July 5, 2006

By Chloe Johnson
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CONCORD — Murray Straus says its time for a men's movement.

Posters and broadcasts on partner violence always portray male perpetrators and female victims, he said. According to his new research findings, that leaves the other half out of the picture.

He told this to the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men at their meeting Friday in the Legislative Office Building in Concord.

Straus, co-director of the Family Research Lab at the University of New Hampshire, recently completed an international study on partner violence among university students. His queries of more than 13,600 students revealed that the most common instance of partner violence is mutual abuse.

The second most common situation of partner violence is when the female is the perpetrator against the male, he said. This leaves the reverse — when males abuse females — to be the least common in practice, although the most common in publicity.

"I have a long-term prevention goal that I hope my research will make a contribution to," Murray said prior to the meeting at which he was asked to testify. He added that it's not enough to provide services for the battered, and that the solution is to stop the aggressive behavior in the first place.

He said it's possible to stop half of abuse by making it as reprehensible for a woman to slap a man as it for a man to hit a woman.

"If we want men to stop it," he said. "Women have to stop it also."

This is in part because his research indicates that abuse can escalate from one partner to both.

He said overall partner abuse has decreased since the problem was recognized nationally. However, he said, the change only applies to abuse by men, not against them. That's because society has not made a "big deal" out of abuse against men, he said.

Straus said he lauds the women's movement for calling attention to violence against them. Now, he says it's men's turn.

"We should make the same big deal about women hitting men," Straus told his audience. "That's one of the things your Commission can do."

Commissioner Marshall Hickok said the effort is blocked by society. "There's a perceptual wall we run into where it's not taken seriously," he said.

Straus said the fact that the commission even exists is evidence that people are taking the position of men more seriously. It was established by the Legislature in 2002.

"It's going to depend on a mass social change of opinion," he said. "And that takes a movement."

Straus said the study relied on self-reporting since partner violence is rarely observed and rarely reported.

He said violence usually has to lead to injury or a disturbance of the peace before the police are notified, and that is only a small fraction.

Straus said men are less likely to report abuse because of their own shame and the disbelief of other people.

"No one has waged a campaign to get men to come forward when they are victimized," Straus said.

Straus said female perpetrators of violence don't get reported by shelters because they aren't asked if they also hit the men. And women do not go to a shelter if they are the only one doing the hitting.

Research indicates that women are as likely to initiate violence as men, Straus said.

Straus said the offenses range from a slap to homicide. He said nationally women only commit 10 percent of homicides, but they commit one third of domestic violence-related homicides.

"Women rarely commit homicide," he said. "But when they do, it's a male partner."

Commissioner David Lauren asked whether the study took into account the reason women would be abusive. Straus said his research found that dominance is the primary reason people use violence.

People get violent out of anger and frustration, Straus said. He said they are frequently attempting to correct misbehavior or punish for wrongdoing.

Chairman Joseph Mastromarino said the problem is not based on gender, but on the ability to function in a relationship. He said people need to learn to deal with conflicts without resorting to violence.

Straus noted that there is a difference between the type of violence the different genders inflict. He said men cause two-thirds of the partner violence that results in injuries requiring medical treatment.

"Men's violence against women has more severe consequences both physically and mentally," he said.

But, he said, the other one-third can't be ignored.

Lauren agreed. "No violence should be ignored," he said. "It's a problem regardless of who perpetrates it."

Hickok asked whether there is a correlation between the changing roles of women in society and increased violence perpetrated by them. Straus said the issue is disputed, but there is a theory of that nature. He said his international study is consistent with the theory because countries with liberated women have more cases of violence by women.

"Does that mean we shouldn't have equality?" he asked. "No."

"Every social change — including desirable ones — has its downside," he said.

The commission asked Straus for advice on what kind of public initiative could help lower the violence against men.

Straus said the violence presentation programs in public schools need to be changed to address violence by females against males.

"Little by little — too little at a time — but things are happening," Straus said

DNA Frees Yet Another Falsely Accused Man

Luek · 6 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Well, it just keeps happening. Another man has been exonerated through DNA evidence (or lack thereof), of a rape that happened 21 years ago.

A particularly noteworthy point in this story is the falsely accused man never admitted to the rape, and lost several chances at making parole because of that. Turns out he did the right thing. Now, I hope his lawyers do the right thing and get him a huge monetary settlement from the state. The only way to get rid of institutionalized misandry is to make it costly.

Indian Woman Sodomizes Girl with Aluminum Rod

Anonymous · 6 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Feminists present Indian women are to the whole world as weak and helpless. But, in reality, Indian Visual Media suppresses most stories where the women commit heinous crimes including proxy murders of husbands, torture and murder of children.

Here is what an urban Indian Woman of 40 did in her posh apartment in Mumbai. Excerpt:

'Roma Bhatia caught her 10-year old maidservant trying on her mother's make up, flew into rage and PUSHED AN ALUMINIUM ROD up the anus of this child not older than her three kids, bound her hands and feet, and left her to bleed to death.'

Man free 21 years after wrongful rape conviction

Anonymous · 7 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

From MSNBC -- A man who spent more than two decades in prison after being wrongfully convicted of a brutal rape was freed Thursday because DNA evidence has cleared him. Relatives of Alan Newton, 44, whooped loudly as he entered the crowded courtroom. Newton stood quietly in a beige suit and bright blue shirt as Judge John Byrne signed the order declaring him free. After his paperwork was processed, he stepped outside the courthouse, thanking his attorneys and offering his sympathy to the woman whose rape led to his wrongful conviction.

DV in the media - My Super Ex-Girlfriend

GaryB · 7 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I saw an ad for a new movie today, and checked it out at Rotten Tomatoes (check it here. Stars Uma Thurman, it's not some byway b-movie.

The outline is basically this: Nice guy meets neurotic, controlling girl, they date, she gets too freaky, so he breaks up. The kicker being that she actually has super powers. What then follows - at least based on the outline and trailer - is her berating, embarrassing and beating him up and generally trying to ruin the poor guys life.

Official outline is: "Everyone's had a painful parting of the ways with a romantic partner. We pick up the pieces and move on. But for one New York guy, it's not going to be so easy. When he breaks up with his girlfriend, he discovers his ex is actually the reluctant superhero, G-Girl. A scorned woman, she unleashes her super powers to humiliate and torment him."

So now we have yet another major movie release showing that it's acceptable and even funny to torture and otherwise humiliate men, even when they've done nothing wrong - time to boycott for all we're worth...

Ex-Michigan Band Teacher Admits to Sex

Evil White Male... · 7 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Not only disturbing are the number of male children she raped, but the article states she will change her plea bargain deal if they dare to give her more than seven years for this heinous act. Note that ALL the male rape victims and their parents agreed to the plea deal. Reverse the genders anyone?

A New Zealand Man's Protest Walk Begins for Fathers and Children

Paul Catton · 8 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Wayne Pruden of New Zealand is walking from Hamilton to Wellington to hand over to the Parliament of New Zealand a petition demanding a full public inquiry into the Family Court of New Zealand

Waynes journey can be tracked at www.waynepruden.co.nz.

This is another string in the bow of activities being conducted down in New Zealand to stop the systemic abuse of children and margianlisation of fathers.

Verizon is at it again

Anonymous · 8 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Well it seems Verizon hasn't learned their lesson from their earlier misandric commercials. The new one has a guy ask a (female) hardware store worker if they stock Verizon phones with navigation systems. To which, she gives the usual annoyed facial expression & the "Ummmm, you're in a hardware store" response. The idiot man then says "wow, I need that phone more than I thought!" Voiceover with phone info. & then it cuts to the same man leaving the Verizon store confused & you hear the phone say "go left" & the man follows the orders.

Right back to the "idiot man" formula. I will be switching to Cingular as soon as my contract ends.

...No doubt.

Why boys really are in a crisis

Anonymous · 8 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Why boys really are in a crisis

Gender feminists spin the facts in order to claim that boys' lower academic performance relative to their sisters is not a gender issue but due to "behavioral and emotional" reasons, as Warner wrote, or "larger educational and social problems," as Mead wrote.

U.K. Study Finds Women Seeking Repeated Abuse

Roy · 8 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A new study from the U.K. makes a controversial claim about domestic violence, documenting that some women repeatedly seek out abusive relationships. These findings dispute the dominant feminist DV creed that the Evil Patriarchy is the sole explanation for domestic conflict. Erin Pizzey, who set up the first woman's refuge in 1971, said that the study confirmed what she had been saying for years: "Violent relationships can be like an addiction to drugs and alcohol and these are the people who need the most help."

Murray Straus CSM Testimony Available

Scott · 8 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men's web site won't be updated until next week at the earliest, so I thought I'd make available the audio recording of Dr. Straus' testimony. It's very worthwhile listening material, both for the information on domestic violence, as well as insight into the state of the Commission. You can download an mp3 of the audio here (22 MB).

NYTimes.com: At Colleges, Women Are Leaving Men in the Dust

Evil White Male... · 8 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here is an interesting article on women attending college more, graduating with honors more, etc., but not to worry -- according to the article there is no crisis in boys ... sure they are expelled from high school more, sure they are more likely to be diagnosed with ADD or ADHD, sure they drop out more, but hey they still earn much more on the dollar than women. Sheesh! Is it my imagination or does this article try a little too hard to legitimate the sudden acceleration of girls in school at the expense of boys...?

Home-Alone Boy Survives 11-Story Fall

Matt · 9 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Home-Alone Boy Survives 11-Story Fall. Excerpt:

'The boy ended up in the same pediatric intensive care unit at Albany Medical Center where his mother works as a receptionist, police reports said.

'Elizabeth Burciaga, 21, was charged with endangering the welfare of a child. She initially told police the boy had been left with a baby sitter, officials said.

'A psychiatric evaluation has been ordered for her, authorities said, and an order of protection to keep her away from the boy has been filed.'

RADAR Alert: Step 2: Now Get Ready to Meet with Your Congressman

Matt · 10 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Step 2: Now Get Ready to Meet with Your Congressman

The 2006 elections are already beginning to heat up. The goal of the Truth and Consequences campaign is to meet with every Congressman throughout the country to explain how the Violence Against Women Act is violating people's civil rights on a massive scale.

See first comment for more

Protesting outside the Judges / Lawyers Homes

Paul Catton · 10 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here in New Zealand we have found that taking the protests directly (Note: preceding link opens directly to RealMedia clip) to Family Court Lawyers and Judges, outside their homes is the most effective way of letting these Family Court parasites know the true damage they inflict upon seperated families and children. (Main video page here).

These protests are completely legal and let the neighbourhood know what a seriously nasty neigbour they have.

Kind Regards
Paul

NH CSM May Meeting Minutes Available

Scott · 10 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I'm going to start taking a more pro-active effort to announce happenings of the NH Commission on the Status of Men. The CSM web site has now been updated with the May meeting minutes PDF and the mp3 file of Dr. Murray Straus' testimony (22 MB) during the June meeting.

Female "care-givers" force-feed elderly woman with talcum powder

AngryMan · 11 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Although the three women workers were actually captured on video force-feeding talcum powder to an 89-year-old disabled woman, they were acquitted of assault by the court.

The agency they worked for had its license revoked and went out of business, and now the victim has received compensation.

What is the reason for the perpetrators' acquittal? It can only be because they are women. Can you imagine what would have happened if 3 men had done this? They would be doing jail time for sure. Story here.

NBC News: "What working moms want"

Matt · 11 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Apparently they want more time with their kids and if their (lazy good-for-nothing) husbands would just make more money or the government would just intervene and force employers or other taxpayers to pay them to stay home, they'd be just fine. Oh yeah, their coworkers should not mind it if they get paid the same for half the work, too.

Yep, that's pretty much the summary version. Saw it tonight on NBC Nightly News and predictably they have a web-based version of this claptrap here. One comment that stands out to me made by an interviewee was that it breaks her heart when she leaves home in the morning and her kids say they want her to stay. Well every man I know who has had to leave small kids at home (usually with their moms) has had the same experience. Yet somehow, it's not so bad when it happens to men.

Contact NBC Nightly News at nightly-at-nbc.com.

Backlash over new 'women's only' craze has Japan split down the middle

Anonymous · 12 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'At 2 o'clock every afternoon, an employee of Buon Viaggio walks out to the front of the restaurant in the JR Hakodate Station building and posts a huge sign saying, "Women Only," according to AERA (7/17).'

RADAR Alert: Blow the Whistle on VAWA Waste, Fraud, and Abuse!

Matt · 12 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Domestic violence programs around the country have become larded with waste, fraud, and abuse. These are some recent examples:

MICHIGAN: Two weeks ago the Michigan Department of Human Services affirmed its decision to require the SafeHouse Center of Washtenaw County to repay the state $483,000 for services it billed for but apparently never provided. The state's decision follows on the resignation of executive director Susan McGee, who admitted in 2001 she had falsified financial reports to cover up delinquent tax payments.

Click "Read more" for more.

MINNESOTA: This past May, Paulette Wang, former treasurer of Asian Women United, pleaded guilty to stealing $265,000 from her domestic violence organization. Ms. Wang is scheduled to be sentenced on August 1.

NEBRASKA: A 2005 audit by the U.S. Department of Justice of Legal Aid of Nebraska identified $1.3 million in non-allowable and questionable expenses. TEXAS: An audit of a VAWA grant to the Texas Office of the Governor discovered that $852,000 in claimed matching costs could not be documented.

WISCONSIN: A DoJ audit of the domestic violence program in Dane County concluded, "we question $1,766,964 in grant funds received." The total amount of the grant was $1,771,146 -- which means 99% of the total grant expenditures were questionable!

That's just the beginning. The Equal Justice Foundation has compiled dozens of examples of domestic violence programs that abuse women and children and violate the civil liberties of men. [http://www.ejfi.org/DV/dv-25.htm#pgfId-998197] And, RADAR has issued five Special Reports that document widespread abuses under VAWA.

IT'S TIME TO BLOW THE WHISTLE ON VAWA ABUSE.

Earlier this week our Truth and Consequences campaign got a HUGE boost – an Alert went out to one million Americans, asking them protect families from VAWA abuse: http://capwiz.com/sicminc/issues/alert/?alertid=8899031&type=CO

Now we need to capitalize on that message. So this week we are asking you to take 5 minutes to make two telephone calls and send one fax or e-mail:

1. Call both of your Senators at the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121. When the receptionist answers, state your name and the city where you live, and then explain, "I am calling to ask Senator _____ to request an investigation into the rampant waste, fraud, and abuse involving the Violence Against Women Act." (If you do not know the names of your Senators, just ask the switchboard operator.)
2. Send a message to Mr. Glen Fine, Inspector General at the Department of Justice. His fax number is 1-202-616-9884. His e-mail is inspector.general-at-usdoj.gov. Your message should be factual, something like this:

   Dear Mr. Fine:
   I am writing to request that your Office investigate the widespread waste, fraud, and abuse involving Violence Against Women Act funds. The media has recently reported the following examples of fraud:- Two weeks ago the Michigan Department of Human Services affirmed its decision to require the SafeHouse Center of Washtenaw County to repay the state $483,000 for services it billed for but apparently never provided. The state's decision follows on the resignation of executive director Susan McGee, who admitted in 2001 she had falsified financial reports to cover up delinquent tax payments.

- This past May Paulette Wang, former treasurer of Asian Women United in Minnesota, pleaded guilty to stealing $265,000 from her domestic violence organization. Ms. Wang is scheduled to be sentenced on August 1.

Department of Justice auditors have also documented waste among VAWA grantees:- An audit of Legal Aid of Nebraska identified $1.3 million in non-allowable and questionable expenses. (Audit Report No. GR-60-05-012)- An audit of a VAWA grant to the Texas Office of the Governor discovered that $852,000 in claimed matching costs could not be documented. (Audit Report No. GR-80-05-008)

- An audit of the domestic violence program in Dane County, Wisconsin concluded, “we question $1,766,964 in grant funds received.” The total amount of the grant was $1,771,146, which means 99% of the total grant monies were questionable. (Audit Report No. GR-50-04-003)

Many other examples of waste, fraud, and abuse have been documented by watchdog organizations such as Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting [http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Discriminates-Against-Males.pdf]. Please act now to ensure that these abuses stop NOW.

I look forward to hearing your decision on this request.

Sincerely,

Your name
Address
Telephone

Register now for the National Family Law Reform Conference, to be held September 15-16 in Alexandria, Virginia (near Washington, DC). The conference will address the crisis of family law, including biased family courts, false allegations of domestic violence, child abuse, and much more. For more information: http://www.acfc.org/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=100021

Date of RADAR Release: July 11, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Men less likely to Report Domestic Violence, due in part to lack of Agencies for Men

RandomMan · 13 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

From the article:

"Whether a person reports an incident depends on a number of factors. Women are twice as likely to report abuse than men, and aboriginals more likely than non-aborginals."

Concord Monitor Editorial Trivializes the Impact of Female Abusers

Scott · 13 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here's one article regariding abusive women that I feel directly relates to gender inequity and bias. This editorial in the (NH) Concord Monitor starts out by advocating for equal justice for men and women, but then rationalizes reasons why female sex abusers could be treated more leniently. The editorial suggests "Females are much less likely to use force or intimidation, less likely to threaten retaliation for reporting the offense and more likely to believe that they are truly in love with their victim. They are also far less likely to have multiple victims." I think this article tries to sound fair-minded, but has a more insidious purpose: to justify the leniency that female offenders, particularly of sex crimes, often receive in the criminal justice system.

Iraq Vets Left Stranded

Matt · 13 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Check this out. Used, discarded. They are after all, only men.

The article mentions a female vet who returned and said she had her bank account cleaned out by her boyfriend and is left with nothing, living in a shelter. That is bad indeed. However the article fails to mention the many men who come back to find the law after them for child support, etc. they couldn't pay when they were in service. Welcome home, brave warriors.

WHO helps women quit smoking while men are on their own

Anonymous · 14 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The United States of America has signed a treaty with the World Health Organization in order help curtial smoking all over the planet. That's the good news.

The bad news is that it's for women only. Apparently, the health of men worldwide is less important than that of women and thusly they must be excluded. Not only is WHO selling men out to please feminists but so is our government. The U.S. Senate has yet to vote on this. Please contact your senators and let them know that they should NOT vote to pass a bigoted treaty like this one.

Sperm from Stem Cells

Anonymous · 14 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here is a particularly desturbing take, as such cannot be ignored, by someone called Vanessa Feltz (you may know her name) from a national newsaper 'The Daily Star', here in the UK. Brace yourselves and read it.

Then email Vanessa at:

vanessa.feltz-at-dailystar.co.uk

and the newspaper at:

news-at-dailystar.co.uk

Thanks, Red Kev

[Story covered here by the BBC. No URL to the story referenced herein though was submitted. If anyone finds it, please post it. Click "Read more" to read it as submitted.]

Here it is:

Reigning Men? Not any More!

Gents, it gives me great pleasure to reveal that pretty soon you'll be surplus to requirements. We won't have to iron your shirts, massage your egos, supply endless sex or be polite to your mothers.

Why not? Because in the delightfully foreseeable future we won't need you OR your sperm.

A genius of a scientist took some stem cells from a mouse embryo, fiddled with them in a test tube, turned them into grade A, fully-functioning, Olympic swimming sperm – all my himself without an adult male mouse in sight – and hey presto, seven tiny, warm, fury baby mice have now happily arrived on planet Earth.

You'll indulge me if I crow a little. No male mouse! Chaps, blokes, guys of any description were 100% unnecessary.

The miracle of life was accomplished without the sweaty, expensive, embarrassing, potentially heart-breaking business of courting or rumpy-pumpy with the opposite sex.

Fast forward a few years and for mice, read humans. No human males required. How liberating! How empowering! What a fabulous way of cutting out the middle man!

If we're more honest than most of us dare to be, many women will admit they only want you for your sperm. We're forced to remember your birthday, dress up in French maid's outfits, take the bones out of your fish and cherish you until your dying day, not because you're any great shakes but because we have designs on what lurks in your testicles.

Frankly, if we can have the precious liquid without all the inconvenience we'll take it in a heartbeat. Trot to the lab, order some Grow Your Own Sperm, have the baby of your dreams without Dad sulking, hogging the remote and feeling jealous that you're not breast-feeding him. Paradise.

Sure, love will still find a way. Sure, sex will be supersonic. This way though, there'll be no need to wake up next to the snoring bore who got you up the duff 10 years ago.

Babies will be a private matter between a woman and her lab technician. Making love and romance will be strictly for the man fawning, crawling and obedient enough to deserve it. So gents, you're strictly on borrowed time. Enjoy our worship while it lasts.

That clever scientist may have put you just where you belong – on your knees, at our feet, offering hours of top quality foreplay.

Ex-Teacher Goes to Jail for Nude Photos

bull · 14 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

“When Pamela Rogers, 29, was released after serving 198 days in jail, she was under orders not to contact the student or his family or use the Internet. But authorities say that even after appearing in court on a charge of violating her probation in April, she continued talking with the boy and sending him text messages and sexually explicit photos and video of herself.”

It’s refreshing to see a female sex predator being held culpable for her dastardly deeds. What is it about “STOP” that she didn’t understand!? Could it be that she was running with the notion that she would not be severely punished because she is a woman? Perhaps times are changing as precedents like this case would imply?

Story Here

CSM: Men as Big Babies = Big Box Office $$$

Roy · 15 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

CSM's film critic writes that Hollywood has invented a new cultural stereotype for men to add to our lexicon of deadbeat dads, homicidal maniacs, rapists, pedophiles, and incompetent eunuchs – the "Big Baby." A series of recent movies portray men as arrested adolescents who can't make the transition to married domesticity, fatherhood, and careerism. For the perpetual man-child, 'male camaraderie is both hailed and assailed. It represents a noble rite of passage that all too easily becomes a case of arrested development. The women in this universe are doting, exasperated saints who rescue men from themselves. These films are saying that men, left to their own devices, are nothing more than porno-obsessed lunkheads. Only through the acquisition of a wife and family are they truly fulfilled.'

False Rape Accusation Follow up- "Just Shut Up".

Tumescent · 15 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I don't know if anyone remembered the original story here, but it was unusual in that a woman who made a false rape accusation was later charged and convicted with making that accusation, even though it was only a class C misdemeanor for filing a false police report. Now, apparently, it turns out that even this is too much for her and society to bear. Story here.

Despite the previous conviction, and prior to an appellate trial by a higher court, the judge dismissed the case, had the woman enter a "diversion" program, and is making sure no one says a word about it... even though it stems from a criminal case. What is the diversion program for making a false rape accusation that can put someone away for years? 40 hours of community service, talk to a mental-health counselor at least once about the case and post $250 security. If she violates the terms of the agreement, including talking to the media, she forfeits the money.

But even if she violates the agreement, the case against her will be dismissed by Dec. 15 and won't appear on her record.

MIT feminists mad that Nobel laureate denied female hire

Anonymous · 15 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

One of the most brilliant neuro-scientists in the world denied a female a job position in his research efforts and 11 gender feminists blast him and produce media condemning this man. Yet, six MIT faculty who WORK WITH him, including two women, wrote in favor of his decision. Apparently, men can not pick who they want to mentor if a female applicant applies for the job. Feminist bias is so apparent on high level issues, yet the same feminist deny bias in secondary education. Story here.

"Heading South" Wreaks of 2x-Standards

Matt · 15 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Ahh, another "reverse the sexes" exercise for you... Libidos of a Certain Age, indeed! Not just the movie, but the audiences', as well as the NYTimes' reaction to it stink of double-standards. Men "of a certain age" heading south for sexual relations with teenage girls would of course be condemned, arrested, etc. Women doing the same to get with teen-aged island boys, however-- well, that's not only OK, it's grrreeeaaattt!!!

Woman 'spared' jail for sex abuse of son

Ragtime · 16 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Note that this rapist didn't "avoid" jail, but was "spared." Yet another female predator escapes jail on the pu**y-pass. And this monster raped her own SON! Note also how the writer of the news article desparately tries to find a man to blame it on, and it's quite a stretch, too -- apparently, the woman got messages on the Internet telling her to do it. Is that like blaming the voices in her head? Heaven forbid women should behave like grown-ups and have the strength of character to say "no" to an email. Good God!

CNN.com's latest foolishness

Matt · 17 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

All I can think is that CNN.com has taken a page from MSN and happily copied it. These sorts of "stories" are now a regular thing on their news site. Excerpt:

'LONDON, England (Reuters) -- Working long hours has a greater negative impact on women than men because it makes them more likely to smoke, drink coffee and eat unhealthy food.

'Both sexes consume less alcohol if they spend more time working, researchers said this week, but toiling extra hours makes women crave unhealthy snacks.'

Let's see, where to begin deconstructing this claptrap...

Boys found starving; adoptive parents charged

Matt · 17 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Contrast the previous posting re their idiotic women-"made"-to-crave-unhealthy-snacks piece with this story also on CNN.com (what, was someone asleep at the editor's desk?). Perhaps those poor long-hours-working-women need to donate their candy bars to adoptive boys held in basements, unfed for days.

RADAR Alert: Blow the Whistle on VAWA Waste, Fraud, and Abuse! Part 2

Matt · 17 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

RADAR ALERT:

Step 3: Talking Points for the Meeting with Your Congressman

VAWA is riddled with waste, fraud, and abuse. It's time for change. And it's time to put this on the political agenda.

The goal of the Truth and Consequences campaign is to meet with every Congressman around the country and explain the problem of VAWA abuse. August is often a good time for a meeting, but you may hold the meeting anytime before November 7.

Previous Alerts asked you to contact the Scheduler to set up a meeting, and then to prepare yourself for the meeting. You may want to review these Alerts at: http://www.mediaradar.org/alert20060626.php and http://www.mediaradar.org/alert20060710.php

This list of 10 Talking Points is intended to outline the main points to cover during your meeting. This is a possible set of issues to be covered —feel free to select the points you want to discuss.

These Talking Points are based on information contained in 4 handouts to be printed out from the RADAR website and given to the Congressman or staffer:

Massive Civil Rights Violations under the Violence Against Act – http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Candidate_Handout-Civil_Rights.pdf

Letterman Lawyers Fight Restraining Order -- http://www.comcast.net/tv/index.jsp?cat=TELEVISION&fn=/2005/12/21/288641.html

Without Restraint: The Use and Abuse of Domestic Restraining Orders -- http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Restraining-Orders.pdf

Jury Acquits Rucker Smith -- http://www.americustimesrecorder.com/siteSearch/apstorysection/local_story_125003348.html

We recommend before the meeting, use a colored highlighter to emphasize key sentences in the handouts.

These are the 10 Talking Points:

1. The Violence Against Women Act was conceived with good intentions, and has done good things in treating victims of domestic violence. However, the law enforcement aspects of the law are now raising concerns about widespread violations of civil rights.

2. The problem begins with VAWA funding to train judges and police officers. [Read out loud the quote from first handout: "Your job is not to become concerned about all the constitutional protections…] These training programs have been found to be biased and misleading. That sets the stage for how the rest of the domestic violence system works.

3. Turn to the second handout, Letterman Lawyers Fight Restraining Order. Outline the key facts of the case, in which a judge issued a restraining order under civil law to protect a woman from a man who was allegedly using mental telepathy to harass her.

4. Go to the third handout, Without Restraint and turn to page 7, which is an actual restraining order from Illinois. Review the check boxes in section 1, which reveal that physical abuse was not even alleged. Then go to sections 5 and 7, which spell out the dire consequences of this order, which turned the child's father into a mere visitor.

5. Go the page 9 of the third handout, half way down. Highlight the fact that 2-3 million temporary restraining orders are issued every year. In half of those orders, there is not even an allegation of physical violence! [Key point, let this really sink in] Under civil law, only a preponderance of evidence is necessary, which explains why these orders are so difficult to get dismissed. [Again, key point].

6. Now go back to the Massive Civil Rights handout, to the Arrest and Prosecution section – we're now dealing with criminal (not civil) law. As a result of VAWA, 33 states now have mandatory arrest laws, which disregard civil liberties protections. Review example of former NFL quarterback
Warren Moon.

7. Go to the handout about Rucker Smith, a chief judge in Georgia who was accused of assaulting his girlfriend. Turns out, she was the perpetrator. Review the story. Highlight the judge's statement after he was found innocent: "For someone to falsely accuse another out of anger and vengeance silences the voices of the many real victims." [Let this sink in -- it should be one of strongest points you make during the meeting].

8. Go back to the Massive Civil Rights handout and review whatever other material you have time for.

9. Now highlight your request: We are asking you, right after the Nov. 7 elections, to call upon Congress to hold hearings to investigate VAWA abuse. Don't expect a definite answer at this time.

10. Leave enough time for discussion. End the meeting on a positive note. Don't pressure the person for an answer to your request.

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Kathleen Parker Lionizes Paternity Fraud

Matt · 17 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Well I used to count Kathleen Parker as an ally of MRAs-- a sort of ally-in-denial-herself, but one lurking in there. Sadly I must now conclude after reading this column by her that she isn't. She uses part of the plot/scenario in the recent Superman movie re-make to glorify the man who puts up with being cuckolded, and does so all the while not so much as mentioning the behavior of the mother in the matter. Needless to say, the superhero of the movie is not much above pond scum in her eyes, while I suppose, the leading lady is some sort of victim.

Just no end of it, is there?

The Death of Real Science...

Anonymous · 17 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This article is instructive. I would have said 'eye-opening', but anyone with half a brain should have passed the 'eye-opening' stage years ago.

Having read the above article, the results of this article should cause one to ask some questions.

All three winners of this fair are women. The gender distribution of the fair participants, though not given in this article, was, according to other articles on the subject, 'still skewed'. I may be wrong, but I take this to mean that more boys than girls were participating. Still, assume that the genders were equally represented. This means roughly, a 12.5% random chance all three winners were women. If, say, a third of the participants were women, this means a ~4% random chance all three winners were women. All this in spite of the fact that boys still, somehow, manage to achieve higher scores on science aptitude tests. Indeed.

Why Johnny Can't Read: Schools Favor Girls

RandomMan · 18 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

It seems this idea is finally gaining momentum. Citing a "new study", this article also mentions that there is *no* difference in literacy between home-schooled boys and girls. Why aren't the women who dominate elementary teaching being disciplined for failing to educate half of their students?

Girl Sues Los Angeles over Denial of Reunion with Father

Matt · 18 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. No surprise it has come to this: children must sue now to get to be with their fathers. Notice too this man was paying child support for years while his daughter was in a foster home. Did the money he was sending in actually get to his daughter in any way, shape, or form, or was it just another entry in the LA County's General Accounts Receivable system? Excerpt:

'But the lawsuit alleges that the Department of Children and Family Services failed to use "due diligence" to locate Thomas Smith. It claims the agency never notified Smith, who had continued making child support payments, that his daughter was in foster care and never gave him a chance to claim her.

"He's a registered voter with a valid driver's license 'and an open child support case," said Smith's attorney, L. Wallace Pate. "All they had to do, at any time during those 10 years, was pick up the phone and ask the L.A. County Child Support Services Department: `Do you have a contact on this man?""'

Joint custody recommended when women abuse men

Anonymous · 19 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Syndicated advice columnist Ellie Tesher suggests that a man beaten by his girlfriend seek joint custody with his abuser, even though the girlfriend is a danger to him and their child.

Several times, she has hit me, usually after several drinks [...] all while I was holding our 20-month-old baby.

Her advice: *"... focus on getting a legal separation with joint child custody."*

Ed. note: Submitter is referring to the second letter on the page.

Feminism's Last Frontiers

bull · 19 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Woody Zimmerman does a nice job of summarizing areas that remain largely male turf. Despite radical feminism's incessant attempts at minimizing naturalistic gender differences that give advantage to males in certain domains, males continue to outperform females in these areas. They (radical feminists) can jump up and down and scream all they want; however, their protests will not change what is.

Breaking the Silence...

Anonymous · 20 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This isn't a news story, per se. It's a question regarding PBS 'Breaking the Silence' propaganda piece. PBS had promised to bring out another program with 'balance'. (Even alluding to the truth would probably provide more balance than was in the original piece). They had promised this in the Spring. Spring has come and gone and there's still no program that I'm aware of. Does anyone know what the status of this is? All I'm aware of is silence...

Breaking the silence on 'Breaking the Silence'.

How to 'train' your husband - treat him like an animal

Anonymous · 22 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Check your blood pressure after reading this piece of misandry. Despite the disclaimer that this is not a tryoical 'men bad - women good' article - it is.

Woman Granted Court Order Against Cusack

bull · 22 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

After Cusack got a retraining order on his female stalker, she requested a restraining order against him. The court obliged her pending a hearing in August even though she is the predator. We only hear about cases like this when a celebrity is targeted. Makes me wonder how many female whack-jobs are awarded retraining orders against their prey? Story here.

Feminists cannot defend their positions

afg · 23 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here (.mp3 file - 4.5 MB) is a taped phone call by a men's rights activist to a Canadian feminist government worker. She cannot defend her position when asked various questions about feminist beliefs.

Paternity Fraud/Glenn Sacks Covered in Popular CA Weekly

Matt · 25 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This is a good sign, and unexpected indeed. Progress! Starts with:

"It's not politically correct to say that child support laws are biased against men. But cases of questionable fatherhood and bizarre prosecutions of disproved dads show that, sometimes, it's true."

RADAR Alert: Step 4: How to Win Friends and Influence Politicians

Matt · 25 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This is our mission: To meet with every Congressman between now and November 7 to explain how VAWA is violating civil rights and breaking up families.

Last week's Alert laid out the Talking Points for the meeting: http://www.mediaradar.org/alert20060716.php. But a successful meeting also depends on your ability to present yourself in the best possible light.

Here are a few tips how to get the Congressman or staff to become persuaded of the need to call for civil rights hearings:

1. Wear business attire. That means a jacket and tie for men. Act in a professional manner.
2. Be courteous and friendly. Comment about some of the work the Congressman has done that you appreciate. Anything to make a connection.
3. When you start your presentation, get to the point quickly: the massive civil rights violations under VAWA. Then work through the Talking Points. Practice your presentation in advance so it comes across smoothly.
4. Do not get argumentative or angry. This will only hurt your credibility. Try to find an area that you can agree on.
5. Do not mention your own case. The purpose of your visit is to avoid future VAWA abuses, not to resolve your personal legal issues.
6. Play to the Congressman's or staffer's interests:
   - If the person is a strong supporter of Constitutional protections, then emphasize how VAWA violates due process and civil liberties.
   - If the person believes strongly in equality, then explain how VAWA promotes sex-based discrimination.
   - If the Congressman is known to be a strong supporter of VAWA, then emphasize how VAWA addresses an important social problem, and you have suggestions to make the law better.
7. If you are asked a question that you can't answer, tell them you will get back to them later with the information.
8. At the end of the meeting, ask them what their impression is. Ask if they have any suggestions on what you should do next. Don't press your case too hard.
9. Ask if there is anything you can do for them such as getting statistics, etc. It may be as simple as keeping them updated.
10. End the meeting on a friendly, positive note.

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Jury Deliberates for Second Day in Andrea Yates Trial

Anonymous · 25 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Read how many possible excuses were made for this horrible child murderer. She was possessed and depressed with the tagline that she had postpartum depression: "Yates suffered from severe postpartum psychosis, which he called the cruelest of mental illnesses" Yes the cruelest, and it ONLY happens to women. How convenient.

Mensactivism.org Fund Drive

Scott · 25 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

MANN has now been running on our new server and software for nearly a month. I hope everyone is happy with the changes - I know it's definitely improved the reliability and usefulness of the site to me. I've rarely done this before, but I'd like to make a special request for donations to help keep Mensactivism.org going. Our new dedicated server and hosting costs have gone up significantly, and while I will continue to pay for them out of pocket, contributions are greatly appreciated, and I pledge that 100% of donations received will go to defraying our hosting costs. Please consider making a donation via PayPal. I will take down this post on August 1. Thanks for your support!

Excellent Essay by Erin Pizzey, U.K. DV Expert

Roy · 25 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy's iFeminist site gets some props for publishing a new essay by Erin Pizzey. Just a sample of E.P.'s quotes -- "(Feminists) redefined the Marxist goalposts and declared that it was MEN (the patriarchs) not Capitalism that held power advantages over women ... and all men were now the enemy."... "It cannot therefore be assumed that men are bound to be an asset to family life." ... "Both sexes are harmed when exposed to violence and either sex can become a victim or a perpetrator."... "The feminist movement resolutely refuted any argument that women should be allowed to take responsibility for their choice of relationships. The image of women as victims, as helpless childish dependents upon brutal men worldwide has damaged relationships between the sexes."

Men are More Likely Than Women to Be Victims in Dating Violence, UNH Expert Says

bull · 26 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A 32-nation study of violence against dating partners by university partners found that about a third had been violent, and most incidents of partner violence involve violence by both the man and woman, according to Murray Straus, founder and co-director of the Family Research Laboratory at the University of New Hampshire. The second largest category was couples where the female partner was the only one to carry about physical attacks, not the male partner.

As studies, such as this, make their way into mainstream thinking, perhaps most reasonable people will start calling into question feminist myths that have yielded them much and altered social policy in destructive ways?

Article Here

UK: Men may be banned from daring to bare their chests

Evil White Male... · 26 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Chalk this one up to "criminalizing being a man." As the story states: "...But one of the things that is depressing for anyone going shopping is the numbers of shaven-headed men, mainly in their 30s and 40s, who seem to think people want to see their torsos...It is an unfortunate thing, but those men who like best to bare their stomachs are the ones who have too much stomach." I wonder when they will criminalize women who where belly shirts with their big fat bellies hanging out. Oh never because we must celebrtae femininity and the female form in all its shapes and sizes, and criminalize the masculine.

Andrea Yates NOT GUILTY!

Anonymous · 26 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This is the most disgusting thing I have ever seen -- kill children and walk free. A man sits next to a young child on a plane and is immediately considered a criminal molester. I am so upset I can't express it...

Arrest Warrant Issued for N.J. Stripper Who Kept Severed Hand in Mason Jar

bull · 26 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

“Police were looking for a nude dancer who kept six human skulls and a human hand in a Mason jar in her home here after the woman failed to show up for a court arraignment on Wednesday.”

Yet another nut-case on the loose! I can’t imagine how she will link her bizarre behavior to the “oppressive patriarchy,” but, I’m sure it will enter into the picture; poor dear!

Story here.

Alumnus' Letter to Large University sets an Example

Matt · 27 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I nearly fell out of my chair in stunned disbelief when I saw this letter.

The U of Rochester has a large women's studies center and attracts numerous "scholars" to this place every year so they can do "research" and write their papers condemning the evil patriarchy, etc. Thus the fact that the official magazine of such a place would print not just that letter, but have it as the first one of the issue, is astounding. Kudos to the author and to the brave souls who let it go to press. I am sure they will get a good thrashing from the director of the "Susan B. Anthony Center for Women's Leadership" for it.

Ahh, another brick is knocked from the wall and a little more daylight is allowed to shine through...

A long overdue essay: Honey, you're not a victim

klp · 27 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Anne Taylor Fleming finally takes a high-profile victim wanabee to task in
Honey, you're not a victim

Excerpts:

1. Just once, it would be great to hear a young woman stand up and say, "I take total responsibility for my part in this," instead of ducking and dodging. That would be a great service. That's the path of true women's liberation, instead of this victim pose that is just a male-bashing perversion of what it means to be liberated.
2. It would be refreshing if Bianchi could do that -- take responsibility -- and then just disappear and refuse to answer any more questions. But, of course, in a culture in which celebrity is the highest value and there is little distinction between fame and infamy, you'd better enjoy your limelight moment, even if it's a tawdry tabloid one. You want a book deal? Step right up.

   I couldn't find Fleming's contact information, but some words of thanks and compliments are clearly in order.

Duke LAX Case: Nifong Admits Some Criticism Justified

Evil White Male... · 29 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.
Excerpt: Nifong also said there was evidence he hoped to have in the case, such as DNA, but that it didn't pan out..."There were things we hoped to have in terms of evidence that we ended up not having," Nifong said...However, Nifong said that he stands behind the case....

"I have not backed down from my initial assessments of the case," Nifong said.

Translation: We hoped to have evidence to back up our wild, false, politically motivated, misandric claims, we didn't, but they're still guilty. I FEEL it!

Match.com Resorts to Shaming and Sexism

Anonymous · 29 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

From Yahoo PR, Match.com has released a press release that's just chalk full of sexism, outdated gender roles and typical male shaming. Citing a rampant rise of "Bachelorism", it continues, "educating" readers about the symptoms of this "horrible disease" which includes: "Generally acting like a jerk, Leaving the toilet seat up and Generally unkempt appearance." Eventually winding down to suggest the cure and you guessed it, finding your soulmate on their site.

IMO, this is both negative and positive news. Negative that companies still find it acceptable to shame/slur/insult men in their advertising. Positive that is evidence that more and more men are waking up to the fraud that is marriage and the anti-male courts and proactively joining in the marriage strike.

Verdict for Murder of Two Children by Father Shows Pro-Female Bias in Courts

Anonymous · 29 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Ever wonder how things would have played out if Andrea Yates was an Andrew? Wonder no more -- "A bank executive who said he had battled depression for years was sentenced Friday to life in prison for killing his 5-year-old twin daughters. David Crespi, 45, pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree murder to spare his family the trauma of a trial and possible death penalty. He has a wife, Kim, and three surviving children. In court, Crespi apologized to his family and his late daughters, Samantha and Tessara, saying the girls "deserved to grow up" and be loved. Crespi told police that in his periods of depression, he thought of killing his children, wife and parents or running over strangers with his car, but he had always been able to stop himself.

New Comment Viewing Options

Scott · 30 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Philalethes dropped us an e-mail earlier today lamenting the lack of sorting options for viewing comments on the new site. Fortunately, this was a feature I simply forgot to enable, and users can now configure how they want comments to appear. Just like the old site, the comment sorting controls appear at the top of the comments list. Set it as you'd prefer and click the "Save settings" button. Enjoy!

Children Are More ValuableThan Women Are More Valuable Than Men, Says UN

Anonymous · 31 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Not that this will come as a surprise, but in an emergency session of the UN's security council about Isreal's continuing attacks on Lebanon, there were plently of the usual anti-male comments:

"Action is needed now before many more children, women and men become casualties of a conflict over which they have no control," Annan said.

"These bombs which killed 57 children and women are American bombs," Syria's U.N. Ambassador Bashar Ja'afari said.

The real surprise was that a member of the UN said anything at all which recognized that a few men might also be injured or killed, when in fact it is primarily men who suffer and die during wars and armed conflict.

While it's a tragedy that **people** are dying, the UN just couldn't resist the chance to put men in their place. It appears that the less one contributes to society, the more that person is "worth" in society's eyes. Perhaps we should stop working ourselves to death to provide for children and women, fighting the wars to protect them and paying the majority of taxes if we wish to improve our status.

Another Defeat at the Supreme Court of Canada

Paragon · 31 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Divorced dads lose in SCC ruling on child support

Here is the story.

Excerpt:

Canada's Supreme Court has ruled ex-spouses [READ: DADS] could face hefty retroactive child support payments if they fail to declare increased earnings -- a decision that could affect thousands of divorced and separated couples across the country.

The ruling was unanimous: 7-0. The top court decided that ex-spouses -- the fathers in most cases -- who pay support have an obligation to report increases in income which could therefore boost their court-ordered payments.

NH Men's Commission June 2006 Minutes

Scott · 31 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The June 2006 minutes of the NH Commission on the Status of Men have been released. They include a summary of Dr. Murray Straus' testimony before the Commission, as well as two different perspectives regarding the annual domestic violence conference sponsored by the NH Attorney General's office.

Mom gets 40 years for raping her children; Dad gets FIVE life sentences!

SpikeRants · 31 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

So, the crime is the same: the parents are having sex with their children and doing it live over the web. But, mom only gets 40 years, but the dad gets 5 consecutive life sentences PLUS 96 additional years!

No bias indeed.

Story here.

The Missing Men: Laid-off Workers Dropping Out Permanently

Roy · 31 July 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Millions of men in the prime of their lives, between 30 and 55 -have dropped out of regular work. They are turning down jobs they think beneath them or are unable to find work for which they are qualified. About 13 percent of American men in this age group are not working, up from 5 percent in the late 1960's. Most of these missing men are former blue-collar workers with no more than a high school education. But their ranks are growing at all education and income levels. It is a significant cultural shift from three decades ago, when men almost invariably went back into the work force after losing a job and were more often able to find a new one that met their needs. The missing men are also more likely to live alone. Nearly 60 percent are divorced, separated, widowed or never married, up from 50 percent a decade earlier...

Story here.

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Ed. note: This also printed (surprisingly) in the NYTimes today here.

Mass Mutilation of Boys Celebrated, Trumpeted

Matt · 1 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

In the same issue as they covered the matter of millions of non-working/work-discouraged men, they laud and trumpet mass mutilation of boys here. There's seemingly just no end to the madness the MSM promulgates.

RADAR Alert: Step 5: Follow-through Makes for a Successful Pitch

Matt · 1 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

In step 4 we gave tips on how to meet with your Congressman and persuade him or her of the need for Congressional hearings into the egregious civil rights violations fostered by VAWA.

Just as important as holding the meeting is following up after the meeting:

1. As soon as possible after the meeting, review your notes. Your recall about the meeting will be much better if you review your notes sooner rather than later. Add to your notes any details that you did not have time to write down.
2. Pay particular attention to the following:
   - Write down any actions the staffer asked you for, such as looking up statistics or providing other documentation. If you promised
     you'd get them information, you do not want to forget what you promised them. So write down what you promised. And then be sure to look up the information and get back to them as soon as you can. If the things they ask for require explaining, set-up another meeting.
   - Write down any tips they gave you about other legislators, etc. Pass this information on to RADAR so other people can take
     advantage of it as well. Send email to election2006-at-mediaradar.org
3. Regardless of the outcome, be sure to send a thank you to your legislator by mail or FAX. The thank you should summarize what was discussed during the meeting, as well as any followup actions agreed to during the meeting, both actions that you agreed to take and actions that they agreed to take.
4. Phone the office to follow up on any action items they said they would do for you. Be persistent, without making yourself a pest. Unless the action item is time-critical, calling every week or so should be sufficient.

And above all, regardless of whether or not your Congressman or his staff seem supportive, always remember to be polite and courteous when you talk to anyone in the Congressman's office.

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Dead Broke Dad Starts Non-violent Protest

Luek · 1 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here is a story about a "deadbroke dad" John Murtari who decided to stop cooporating with the system that enslaved him.

July 31, 2006 - UPDATE - John began his six month jail sentence today, at the Jamesville Correctional Facility near Syracuse. He reported to the Jail at 4 PM, and as planned, refused to cooperate with staff once he identified himself. He took a seat in the lobby. He refused to answer processing questions and politely explained that he was not going to cooperate. John stayed sitting in a chair until two officers placed him into custody and dragged him out of the room.

AT LEAST SEND HIM LETTERS OF SUPPORT!

John Murtari, P.O. Box 143, Jamesville, NY 13078

Woman jailed in housekeeper slavery case

Evil White Male... · 1 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A woman keeps another woman enslaved for years and receives two months of jail time -- the last sentence has the husband yet to be tried. They appear to have added sexcual assault on to the list of "other charges" he faces. Any bets on his jail term? Story here.

Movement in UK: Close Women's Prisons!

Anonymous · 2 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I don't think any introduction is needed for this story, other than soon the streets of the UK will be plagued with psycho women! I am even more strongly thinking about moving to South America. The UK is really becoming a joke.

Mother Sentenced For Cutting Son's Tongue -- NO JAIL TIME!

Anonymous · 2 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A mother accused of cutting off part of her son's tongue with hot scissors avoided a 5-year prison sentence and was sentenced to 10 years' probation.

Davis heated a pair of scissors on a stove in August 2004 and held it to her 6-year-old son's neck before cutting off a piece of his tongue as punishment for talking back, authorities said. Her estranged husband, Toby Davis reported the injuries to police and she was arrested.

The most telling: In the meantime, Richardson said Samantha Davis was relieved by the sentence. "She was hoping for straight probation but at least it isn't the five years in prison the state wanted," he said.

Update on Nationwide Equal Parenting Class-actions

Anonymous · 2 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

As of today (Aug 2, 2006), exactly 2650 of 3143 (84.3%) potential Yahoo groups for each and every USA county are online and running, including total saturation in 43 States, one more State completed by tomorrow morning, one other State within a few days, and working on people now to setup the remaining five States. Graphic here.

All 3000+ county classactions are tentatively scheduled for nationwide simultaneous court filings during "Constitution Week" (Sept 17-23), assuming a couple of remaining manpower factors are leveraged into proper place by that time.

Plaintiffs are THREE "Classes": (1) noncustodials; (2) young adult children of custody; (3) any taxpayer -- YES, each and every one of the 230+ million American taxpayers are eligible Plaintiffs in these lawsuits against family court injustices. Details on eligibility, and which county is appropriate, for each plaintiff, are available here.

Defendants in each suit are the county itself, and that county's family court judges/masters/commissioners.

More general details, and links to each State's set of county groups, are found here.

Violent Femmes at Any Age

Matt · 3 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Some of you will remember hearing about this story some months back. Goes to show you that anyone at any age regardless of their sex can murder with impunity-- and almost get away with it. Speaking of which, I wonder what she'll say was her motivation for doing this to her husband? Three guesses.

Prison Guard Indicted in Candy-for-Sex (ie, Rape) Case

Matt · 3 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Suppose she'll see any jail time for this little caper? Probably not. Excerpt:

"SEATTLE -- A King County Jail guard accused of having sex with two juvenile inmates pleaded not guilty to four charges of custodial sexual misconduct at her arraignment Tuesday, KIRO 7 Eyewitness News reported.

Lydia Korolak, 34, is accused of having inappropriate sexual relations with two boys half her age that were under her guard at the King County Juvenile Detention Center in 2001 and 2002."

The Kiss-and-Accuse Capers

bull · 3 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

If you are falsely accused of domestic violence, and don't have the financial resources to fight back, you are screwed! This is probably not news to those MRAs that have been there.

Or as Carey Roberts puts it, ""But few men have the financial where-with-all of a former NFL player, sitting judge, or media personality. So when they are accused of domestic violence, men often find themselves dragged into a legal machinery that eventually leaves them penniless, disillusioned, and broken."

Carey's Article Here

Protesting Fathers Assaulted by Lawyer's Wife

Paul Catton · 3 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The NZ Fathers Coalition were out again on Sunday 30th July 2006 protesting against the carnage created by the Family Court process outside the homes of the the most notorious Lawyers who assist this devastation with alacrity.

We were then subject to assault.

A referral to Anger Management?

Kind Regards
Paul

Another teacher rapist - 229 charges!

Anonymous · 4 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This story in NineMSN today has a lot to be encouraged about, The Police are clearly throwing the book at her. The story uses the term "sexual assault" not "seduced" or "slept with". At last decent journalism from NineMSN!

Ric
Respectworks.org

Michigan man not even allowed to seek parrental rights to biological son

Demonspawn · 4 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

In this story we can see the plight of a man not allowed to seek any parental rights of his son that he had begun to raise. Why? The mother no longer wants him around, and since the child was conceived before her divorce from a previous marriage, her former husband is the one who has to take responsibility.

Shocking excerpt from a member of the Supreme Court of Michigan: "As a practical matter, defendant's former husband will almost certainly never provide financial support for defendant's son."

That's right, folks! This man is attempting to sue for rights to SEE his son, and the courts are complaining about who is going to pay for the child. Can the courts make it more obvious that they see men as nothing more than walking wallets?

A Man to be Proud Of!

Matt · 5 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Saw this story today and it made me feel good. Glad to see someone living his convictions even if it means foresaking running water! Of course, now that his story is published, will he get a moment's peace? His observations about finding a mate will likely get some laughs from the audeience as well.

Woman assulted teen - not the other way around

Matt · 5 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I will render the entire story, brief as it is and noticably scant in details, since the registration and login is tedious.

Published : Friday-August 04, 2006

Woman attacked teen, police say

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) - A woman has been charged with sexually assaulting a teenage boy and filing a false police report saying she had been raped.

Police say Robin Mowery of Nashua, 35, was arrested Wednesday night on seven sexual assault charges.

Investigators say she had sexual contact with the boy in April and May and, when confronted about it, reported he had raped her at knifepoint.

Police began investigating after they came into contact with the boy through an unrelated investigation.

They said Mowery later retracted the rape report.

Convicted female murderer granted 4th trial

Paragon · 5 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This story shows a true bias and a definite problem in the Canadian legal system. Giving a 4th trial to this monsterous killer allows the victim's family to endure nearly a decade thus far, and probably more, than a decade of torture when it's all said and done.

Kelly Ellard will get a 4th trial in the beating death of Reena Virk. It took two trials to get her found guilty and now she's getting a 4th trial almost a decade after the fact.

To give come perspective, her at-the-time boyfriend was an accomplice (though Ellard was the planner, instigator, and primary attacker in the beating) and he only got one trial, was found guilty, and has already finished his sentance. After this long, why on Earth should she get another trial?

Suman Virk, Reena's mother, called the situation "ridiculous."

"I don't know where this judge gets off thinking that Kelly Ellard is entitled to this," she said. "There's been three trials. She's been found guilty.

Potential US Pres'l Candidate Seeks Platform Including Joint Custody

Matt · 6 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I just learned about this fellow. Not making any judgments one way or another re political parties, it is simply very significant that someone has as a major part of his would-be platform such things as mandates for a presumption of joint custody and accountability for how C/S payments are spent. This would not have even appeared on a potential gubenatorial candidate's web site five years ago; now we see it on a possible contender for a major party nomination for president placing it on his campaign's home page. It's progress!

Excerpt:

- introducing an EQUAL PHYSICAL CUSTODY ACT that would mandate states to enact a rebuttal presumption of joint physical custody in divorce;

- introducing the CHILD SUPPORT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT, which would mandate child support recipients to file reports supported by documentation that child support payments were used for the child’s direct benefit.

Routine questioning prompts fight, arrest

bull · 6 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

“A young woman assaulted an Anchorage police officer Saturday morning in Mountain View after the officer approached her for a routine questioning on the street, police said.”

Notice her bail is only $10,000 even though she had an outstanding warrant for violating her probation from a previous assault charge. If a guy, with a history of assault, attacked a police officer what would his bond be set at?

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RADAR Alert: Step 6: Now Tell Us About Your Successes!

Matt · 7 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

If you have followed the first five Alerts, you have already requested a meeting with your Congressman. (If you haven't done this yet, it's not too late to request your meeting - but time is running out!!)

As soon as you hold your meeting, please report the results of your meeting to RADAR. Please answer these 5 questions:

1. Name of Congressman (or Senator) and state
2. Date of your meeting
3. Did the staffer or Congressman appear to be supportive of your request to call for civil rights hearings on VAWA abuse?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unsure
4. Were there any particular sub-issues (false accusation, male victims, mandatory arrest, etc.) that particularly attracted the staffer's interest?
5. Other comments

Please send your information to RADAR at election2006-at-mediaradar.org. We will compile this information and provide feedback shortly after the November 7 election.

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Date of RADAR Release: August 7, 2006

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a network of concerned men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Indian cabinet proposes women-only judges for rape cases

Evil White Male... · 7 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

So here it is(alternate link here). Only women are qualified to hear rape cases. So the assumption here is that somebody's biology, thier vagina in this case -- makes them better qualified at deciding on cases with impartial justice.

"This is a very positive step and will help get justice for the rape victim," said Girija Vyas of India's National Womens' Commission. "Until now, male lawyers were able to threaten the victim and scare her." The government has already introduced new fast-track courts to try to clear the backlog of rape and other serious cases.

By no means do I believe that rape is something that should be taken lightly, but coming from someone who has been falsely accused of it here in the good old USA, does anyone smell the potential for abuse by the ever-increasing number of feminist lawyers and judges that call all intercourse rape?

UCLA's Daily Bruin Publishes Op-Ed by NCFM-LA Member

Matt · 8 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Kudos to Marc Angelucci for this well-written piece. It was so good, it even got published! At UCLA, no less!

Excerpt:

When problems carry on into adulthood, men today make 85 percent of homeless adults, 92 percent of occupational deaths, 90 percent of prisoners, 80 percent of deaths by suicide, and have higher death rates than women for each of the 10 leading causes of death.

Meanwhile, fatherlessness remains the leading predictor of crime in a community.

The illusion of male privilege at the top of society masks male disposability at the bottom and the rest of society.

Feminism has become a billion-dollar industry, while men's issues remain severely neglected due to a combination of political correctness, chivalry, misandry and the myth of male power.

Ads and Male-bashing: Newsbusters gets it

Anonymous · 8 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

It was good to see this blog entry on the Newsbusters site. More of this can only help. For those of you not familiar with Newsbusters, they deconstruct, on a daily basis, the news of the day as fabricated by the MSM. Great stuff.

Male Gender Bias Test AKA "What Would Gloria Steinem Do?"

Anonymous · 8 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I'm not sure how many of you have seen this already, but it's a hilarious Q&A about gender feminism's paranoid, anti-male *psychosis*. It's also about the funniest thing I've ever seen that contains the words "gender" and "feminists". Thanks to Fred X for pointing it out.

"Facing Middle Age With No Degree, and No Wife"

Matt · 8 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The NYTimes seems to have become obsessed of late with such topics as what are people's sleeping arrangements. Nonetheless, this article actually starts discussing some of the issues MRAs have been talking about for years. Alas they don't get too deep into them, but that they are even mentioned and not immediately dismissed or set upon shows there is some MSM progress here.

But soft, we should not get our hopes up too much, for there is always tomorrow's edition!

Dedicated MRA Completes Eighth Day of Hunger Strike

Matt · 9 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

John Murtari has completed eight days without food or water in protest of the injustices meted out by the so-called family courts. read about him here in MDN. Excerpt:

"Drawing on his faith, John Murtari is enduring the suffering that comes from eight days of dehydration and starvation, surprisingly, conditions he imposes upon himself. Murtari, father to Domenic, 13, decided his 6-month sentence for child support arrears would include the 'nonviolent action of noncooperation,' to draw attention to the need for Family Law Reform and Parents' Civil Rights. Murtari, a faithful, loving, gentle man graciously calls it being 'uncomfortable,' yet speaks in a weak voice, saying the feeding tube he once feared was, 'now the best thing I can imagine.'"

News Station Identifies & Includes Photograph Of Juvenile Male Rape Victim

Anonymous · 9 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A 19 year old teacher's aide ran off with a 14 year old student at the school where she taught. She is being arraigned on charges of interference with custody, but nothing else. They quote the police claiming the two had a "romantic relationship". They identify the boy, and include a picture of him with the teacher's aide. The age of consent in New Hampshire is 16. Even if the woman isn't charged with rape, it is ridiculous to post a 14 year old boy's picture and name on the internet in a case like this.

Story here. Hat tip to fark.com

Blame it on the patriarchy

bull · 9 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

“The feminism is a secular religion with its own high priestesses, dogmas, and initiation rituals. Its creation myth holds that on the first day Goddess created Eve, and all was right with the world. But that idyllic state was shattered when first patriarch Adam stumbled into the Garden, pounded on the table, and demanded his apple.”

Carey Roberts, in his usual straightforward (male) fashion, takes another slab at debunking feminism.

Carey’s Article Here

Disparities in Workday Dress Standards for the Sexes

Matt · 10 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This in the NYTimes does a good job of pointing up how men and women are held to substantially different standards of "business attire" and speculates on why that may be. Indeed, heaven help the man who dares wear anything not within very prescribed limits to the office!

Latest in the McCartney Divorce

Matt · 10 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

For those wanting a little tabloidism today, the latest in the McCartney divorce news is here. She's going to walk away with a great big chunk of this guy's wealth, all for five minutes of "work": standing there and saying "I do", in a dress no doubt bought by Paul.

The New Double-Standard

anthony · 10 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The New Double Standard, by Marty Nemko. Excerpt:

'This establishes a new double standard: you can, without reprisal, viciously denigrate men without substantiation but dare you make a milder statement about women, your career is eviscerated. That double standard will make academics, leaders, and the media think 10 times before saying something negative about a woman, but not about a man. That will immeasurably hurt how men are treated today, and in future generations.'

Mother and Grandmother Send Kids on Boosting Spree

Matt · 11 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A mother and grandmother would never do this sort of thing, now would they? Of course not. Some man must be behind it all.

"BEDFORD, New Hampshire (AP) -- A woman turned herself in to police Wednesday after a store surveillance video captured footage of two children sneaking behind display cases to steal thousands of dollars worth of jewelry, allegedly on instructions from their mother and grandmother."

Dads Get Postpartum Depression, too

Matt · 11 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Hard to believe, except for men whose wives/partners have had children-- or is it? This is one less thing feminists can assert is the exclusive province of women, though I am sure some will try.

Does this mean if a man does something insanely violent after a baby is born he can claim it as a defense, too?

Mary Winkler Out on Bond

Matt · 11 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The update is here. I doubt if she had been the victim, he would be out on bond. The report closes with the usual sort of "she has only seen her kids once," blithering foolishness. Well, that's because she's unpredictably muderous!

India: Wife charged in abortion-extortion case

bharati · 11 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Save Indian Family member Swarup finally was able to summon his wife (to court) for killing his unborn child on account of not meeting her monetary demand.

This sends a strong message to ladies who would like to kill their child that it is not proper to kill a child on failure of the husband to meet your monetary demands.

Charged With Underaged Sex At 15

Luek · 12 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here is one that is hard to believe. A 15 year old male is to be sentenced this month because he had sex with an 11 year old female who subsequently got preggo and is now a mother at 12. If a 15 year old male can be convicted of having underaged sex then why can't the 12 year old female?

And to think this happened in the land of Braveheart. BTW: the 12 year old female was recently arrested for a "drunken incident." Get it?

Update on John Murtari's Protest

Matt · 12 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

"Commitment" is a word that doesn't begin to cover this fellow's dedication. He has been put on a feeding tube but continues his vigil. Story here.

John, we're in your corner!

Gold Diggers Are Alive and Well in 2006

bull · 13 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

“Men, I urge you to be more conscious about whether you are allowing yourself to be turned into being a beast of burden to pay for the expensive house, kids, and all the material “stuff” that you might well be willing to trade away for a more pleasant life.” Marty Nemko

Apparently, according to Marty, most women who start out on a career path, in the end, long to be taken-care of by a successful male breadwinner who will maintain them in a lap of luxury.

Marty’s Article Here

Petition to Finnish Government

Matt · 13 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Please sign the petition here to the government of Finland to rectify the injustices in their child custody/divorce system. The petition accepts signatures from people regardless of their nationality. The more the merrier, so please do your part.

Mary Winkler out on bond

bull · 15 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

"I have nerve now, and I have self-esteem. So, my ugly came out," Alabama investigator Stan Stabler quoted Mary Winkler as saying, according to a report on the hearing published in The Jackson Sun. She referred to herself as a "moron" and an "evil woman," the newspaper reported.

My bet is that eventually the preacher will be condemned as an evil patriarchic oppressor and she will be painted as poor Ms. Wonderful who fell victim to his abuse and rightfully killed him in self-defense.

Article Here

RADAR ALERT: What if my Congressman is a Die-Hard VAWA Supporter?

Matt · 15 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The goal of the Truth and Consequences campaign is to meet with every Congressman to discuss VAWA abuse. One question that is often asked is, "What should I do if my Congressman (or senator) is known to be a strong supporter of VAWA?"

Basically you've got two options:

1. Work with the incumbent, or
2. Support the challenger.

Work with the Incumbent

If you choose to work with the VAWA supporter, you need to adjust your goals and expectations. Any progress you make will be incremental. When you meet with the staff person, highlight the good work that VAWA has done in serving DV victims. From here you have two possible strategies:

1. Walk through the unintended consequences of VAWA. Show how overly-broad definitions of DV and mandatory arrest laws often lead to false accusations. The goal with this strategy is bring the system back into balance so the true victims of domestic violence can be helped.
2. Key in on the male victims of domestic violence. Emphasize how VAWA does not treat men equally and male victims are often turned away. The goal here is to make the language of all VAWA appropriations bills and policy documents male-inclusive.

Support the Challenger

If you choose to work with the challenger, set up a meeting and explain his or her opponent's position. State your objections to VAWA and explain what you are asking for: Congressional hearings on the massive civil rights abuses of VAWA.

As long as they agree with you, support them. Challengers are desperate for help. Here you will want to help as much as you can on their campaign. Putting up signs and knocking on doors are very helpful.

If the challenger wins, he will be grateful to you. Then set up a follow-up meeting as soon as he is in office. If he loses, stay in contact because he may run for another office. Play for the long term.

It's Your Call

You make the call: Work with the VAWA supporter and key on short-term, incremental change, or help the challenger and look for long-term change.

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Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada speaks about women's contributions to the court: 'a Piano'

Paragon · 16 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

From The Toronto Star:
"Since we have women on our bench, we have nicer pictures on the walls, better food in our dining room, a cake for every judge's birthday, yoga and, recently, a piano," McLachlin said in a speech at the Canadian Bar Association's annual meeting.

On a personal level, women judges could make for "happier courts," McLachlin said yesterday.
[SNIP]
For at least two decades, Canada has defined merit as the ability to do the job, McLachlin said. As a result, the pool of prospective judges has widened, with more women, academics and lawyers with limited courtroom experience becoming judges, she said.

So, Chief justice Beverley McLachlin thinks that the important role that women play in the justice system is to make sure that the court houses get pretty pictures in the hallways and birthday cakes for judges; oh and a piano, can't forget the piano. BUT, she also mentions that Canada hires inexpirienced women judges [READ: INCOMPOTENT] over males (who if hired, must be even more incompotent then the females so as not to show them up) who have much greater in court experience.

Once again, a hardcore feminist puts having a vagina (and optional YOGA classes) over hard work and experience in order to fast track 'equality'

God help every man when YOGA classes are higher on the list then justice according to the Supreme Court!

Story here

Confessions of a Divorced Wife

anthony · 16 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I was absoltely horrified when I read this story (search on "'x'files" to see the post). I never realized how the legal system and vindictive women can so easily destroy a man's life. If there was one positive aspect, was this woman realized her mistake, and understood how she was manipulated. She is now taking action from preventing the same injustice from destroying her brother's life.

Also of interest: An Open Letter To Women In The Domestic Violence Movement

So. Carolina: Four women, 15-year-old Girl Arrested after Murderous Crime Spree

Evil White Male... · 16 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

E.B. Strong, executive director of Gang Out in Columbia, said he has seen increased violence among groups of young women in the Midlands. “I think young ladies are trying to prove they are just as bad as males and are attacking males,” he said.

YOUNG LADIES?! AHH, GIMMEE MORE OF THAT OL' CHIVALRY...

Story here.

More Excuses in MSM for MGM

Matt · 17 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Use of Circumcision to Fight AIDS Epidemic Is Debated

Mutilation over education... always some excuse for MGM, isn’t there? You can be sure if it was so much as hinted at in any way that FGM in any way reduced the spread of any disease, there'd be hell to pay for whoever wrote it, true or not.

There seems to be no end to the desire among certain civilizations to see people, sometimes men, sometimes women, sexually mutilated. I wonder what the genesis of this sickness is?

Two Good Pieces: Real F4J Update, Murtari Backgrounder

Matt · 17 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

MANN Admins received notices from the author of these two pieces, Teri Stoddard, for our information. Great pieces, both-- thanks Teri!

Prison Break-in Averted: Real Fathers For Justice Downes Free, Photos

John Murtari: Man, Son, Father... Peace-loving Activist

Mens-links.net

AngryMan · 17 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Check out the new look Men's Links. It has had a face-life and lots of great new content. Content changes every week, so check back regularly. If you have any suggestions for links, please let them know.

Death leap father 'murder charge'

bull · 18 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here's a case to compare and contrast with the Winkler murder. Let's see how the press, society, and the judicial system handle this. Will there be inquires about an abusive wife or of his suffering from depression that led to his actions? I think not! Will there be a rallying of support and people minimizing his responsibility? I think not! According to the hospital director, "He should commit suicide."

Article Here

Update on 'Murdering Grannies' Case

Matt · 18 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The latest is here. Apparently, murder and fraud weren't enough; they had to kill their victims more slowly than necessary.

Does one ever hear an older male murderer referred to in press as a "murdering grandpa"?

School Shooting Appears Tied to Bullying, Gender Stereotypes

Scott · 19 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A group I had never known of before, the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition, reports here about a shooting at a Farmington, Missouri high school last year related to the bullying and taunting of Joshua Minks. Minks was subjected to teasing on a regular basis because of his appearance, and one day last October brought a shotgun to school, firing it into the ceiling when he was confronted by three students (fortunately no one was physically injured). GPAC reports an interesting study by the California State Schools Coalition that "27% of students reported harassment for not being masculine or feminine enough and over half said that school was unsafe for boys who weren't as masculine as other boys."

High suicide rate for older white males

Evil White Male... · 19 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Well a small blurb appears at UPI regarding the fact the suicide rate is 3 times the national average for white males. Just imagine the uproar if women's suicide rates were higher. The reason cited:

"Suicide experts are unable to pinpoint an exact cause for the higher rate but some believe white males lack the resilience and coping mechanisms that women and other ethnic groups have."

SO WAIT, ALL OF A SUDDEN WHITE MALES ARE WEAKER. AND HERE I BELIEVED THEM WHEN THEY TOLD ME WHITE MALES WERE THE MOST POWERFUL GROUP -- HENCE THE REASON WHY THEY OPPRESS EVERYONE...

Ed. note: Of interest: the comments people are leaving around the story on the UPI page. Apparently, plenty of folks see through the foolishness.

N.O.W. Urges Fems To Blog More

Roy · 21 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I guess the poor turnout at last month's 40th Anniversary bash (only 800 of N.O.W.'s alleged 500,000 members showed up -.001%) has made Kim Gandy pay more attention to "new" media. A recent N.O.W. website "Take Action" blurb worries that –"There are already many feminist voices in the blogosphere, but many of the blogs are written by ultra-conservative men with narrow perspectives." Fem-bloggers are advised – "If someone blogs about feminism being dead, or NOW being washed up, write a comment about why this is far from the truth and why you are proud to be a NOW activist!" Sounds like a self-esteem crisis, and creeping paranoia have invaded N.O.W.'s HQ.

UK: "Accused", Tues. 22nd Aug, BBC2, 9:00pm - 10:30pm

Anonymous · 21 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Documentary about the allegations of ritual child abuse on the remote Orkney island of South Ronaldsay in 1991, for which social workers were severely criticised. Fathers speak about their experiences. DVD this program and show it to everyone you know.

"Oh no!! You're one of THEM!!?"

Matt · 22 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Apparently, for certain women of a certain orientation, there can be nothing worse than becoming... male! Or, at least looking and acting like one.

So much for the whole "acceptance of differences" that gets touted from some quarters, eh? Looks like exercises in mind-broadening and learning tolerance appear to be necessary for more than just a couple types of person. Read The Trouble When Jane Becomes Jack.

RADAR ALERT: It's Baaa...aack! "Breaking the Silence" re-aired by PBS affiliate!

Matt · 22 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Last Sunday, KVCR in San Bernardino, CA aired Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories.

Many of you will remember that when this film was aired last October, its blatant bias resulted in a veritable firestorm of criticism for PBS, and condemnation from both the PBS and the CPB ombudsmen.

For those who need a reminder, a history of the controversy is included below and also found on RADAR's site here.

Last December, the CPB ombudsman found that the producer's attempt to justify excluding certain interviewees, "amounts to a plea of guilty to violating the fairness and balance standards of PBS."

Considering this, one wonders why a PBS station would choose to air this film now? Three possible explanations come to mind:

- Cluelessness?
  Perhaps the management at KVCR is so clued out that they managed to remain blissfully unaware of the universal condemnation of this film's bias.
- Arrogance?
  Could it be that the management at KVCR consists entirely of true-believers who intend to push this bias onto an unsuspecting public, regardless of whether or not it violates PBS' editorial standards?
- A harbinger of things to come?
  Could it be that PBS has a real doozy planned for this October, and their stations are re-airing "Breaking the Silence" to soften up their viewership in advance?

This week please write to KVCR. Tell them:

- The bias in "Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories" has been condemned by both the PBS ombudsman and the CPB ombudsman.
- The CPB ombudsman has stated, "It might be difficult to find a clearer breach of PBS editorial standards," in regard to producer Lasseur's admission that the film's suppression of alternative views was intentional.
- PBS affiliates should require that any material they broadcast must rigorously adhere to standards of objectivity and honesty. The taxpayers and PBS' donors deserve no less.

Address your letters to:

KVCR General Manager: Larry Ciecalone
and
KVCR TV Program Director: Don Leiffer, Jr.

You may email them at:
hometeam-at-kvcr.pbs.org or send snail mail
to:
KVCR TV
701 South Mount Vernon Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92410

We also recommend you send a copy of the letter to PBS headquarters. If emailing, CC to the following addresses: pkerger-at-pbs.org, rnrauer-at-pbs.org, and jmcnamara-at-pbs.org.

If sending via U.S. mail, address the copy to:

Paula Kerger
President and Chief Executive Officer
Public Broadcasting Service
1320 Braddock Place
Alexandria, VA 22314

History of the controversy caused by the bias in "Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories":

- Production of this film was paid for by the non-profit arm of Mary Kay cosmetics. The non-profit has a demonstrated history of one-sided portrayals of domestic violence.
- The film's producers, Dominique Lasseur and Catherine Tatge, cherry-picked their interviewees, outright rejecting anyone whose story might call their biased premise into question.
- Furthermore, although they knew that one of the mothers in their film had been found by the court to have committed child abuse, Lasseur and Tatge portrayed her in the film as a sympathetic victim.
- In one of the very first analyses of the film, RADAR worried that it would be used by women's rights activists to stampede legislators into passing ill considered laws. It was! The Mother's Research and Reference Center organized screenings and demonstrations at courthouses nationwide. They even announced that one PBS affiliate planned to help them advertise and promote a special screening of the film for judges and other officials.
- When one commentator suggested that the PBS station's willingness to provide special favors for this lobbying effort may be considered evidence of partisanship, which would violate PBS' own mission statement as well as their Congressional mandate, the evidence was quickly removed from the web.
- This is a film that was so biased that it was roundly criticized by both the PBS and the CPB ombudsmen. PBS' own ombudsman said the program "had almost no balance".
  And echoing RADAR's prediction, CPB ombudsman Ken Bode opined, "PBS may find it has been the launching pad for a very partisan effort to drive public policy and law."

  But Bode went even further. He quoted producer Dominique Lasseur as stating that the lack of balance and fairness was intentional, and concluded, "It might be difficult to find a clearer breach of PBS editorial standards".

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LiveScience: Christopher Wanjek supports male circumcision

mens_issues · 22 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I used to respect Christopher Wanjek's articles, until I read this one in support of male circumcision. What about "My body, my choice" for men as well, Christopher? Wanjek also makes the false analogy between the men's movement and a white rights club in college. What a jerk!

Christopher Wanjek's email address is wanjek-at-yahoo.com in case you want to write to him about what you think of his article.

Steve

Update: Activist father Murtari thankful for press, lucky to be alive

Matt · 22 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The latest from Teri Stoddard re John Murtari's brave efforts is here. Thanks to everyone who is part of making his sacrifices appreciated and his cause noticed!

Woman goes on trial for polygamy

Matt · 23 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

'Polygamy'? Well, that too, but also try 'fraud', 'grand theft', etc., etc.

Story here. Excerpt:

Kyle Elizabeth McConnell admits she has a habit of marrying men.

But while a lawyer for the 46-year-old says McConnell is simply a serial monogamist, Michigan authorities claim McConnell was a polygamist.

They allege she went from from one spouse to the next before they realized she had cleaned out their bank accounts.

McConnell has already pleaded guilty to attempted forgery and intent to defraud for writing bad checks to her former husband, Richard McConnell. Those checks were drawn on an account belonging to Len Battaglia, who she married before McConnell.

"Rally for polygamy"?

Matt · 23 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

On the heels of the last story, look at this (requires RealPlayer plug-in). Add it to your list of things that fall under "Now I've seen everything," and send it on to your favorite feminist when she starts babbling in any way, shape, or form about marriage.

Murtari Hunger Strike Makes TV News

Matt · 24 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A local news station covered the Murtari hunger strike, including the interview on its web site. Teri Stoddard has the latest here.

"John Murtari, 49, former Air Force training pilot and loving father to 13-year-old Domenic says he's back on strike. The New York father stopped eating and drinking July 31 to highlight the desperate need for family law reform when he reported to serve a 6-month sentence for child support arrears."

Mismeasuring Women

Anonymous · 25 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article shows 'A study done in 1994 hints that if women think nobody is watching and judging them, and there are no physical consequences, they might be more aggressive than men.'

Very good stuff here. How does this relate to crime activity when they are likely not to be punished for pedophilia, or reproductive rape?

Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department Helping Prisoners but Abusing Good Fathers

AbusedFather · 25 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

News Release:

August 25, 2006

On Sunday, August 20, 2006 two representatives from the Los Angeles County Services Department (LACCSSD), attorney Lisa Garrett and Al Reyes Division Chief of Communications and Marketing, appeared on a Los Angeles television show (KTLA, Pacesetters) touting "Child Support Awareness Month" and the wonders of their abusive government agency. Not surprisingly, Garrett merely reiterated the propaganda that LACCSSD wants the public to believe and Reyes practically beamed with joy when he stated, "We have a new approach in our department where we try to reach out and start a dialog," and "We're doing outreach in jail."

What Garrett and Reyes didn't discuss was the blatant disregard for the rights of innocent fathers who serve as prey for LACCSSD's ceaseless illegal and unethical actions whereby they literally steal money from good men who have never missed a single child support payment. In fact, Garrett had the audacity to state, "We are helping all the parents in the case, not just the custodial parents." Of course, one father knows that this statement is a blatant lie as he has been subjected to severe ongoing abuse at the hands of LACCSSD since January of this year when their chief attorney, Lori A. Cruz illegally garnished his wages without a court order and by intentionally lying when she fraudulently told his employer that he owed arrears. The fact of the matter is that the father had always made every court ordered child support payment, on his own, for six years and had actually overpaid.

His exhaustive efforts to stop LACCSSD's abuse were only met with scorn and belligerence. Things became so out of control that he filed a suit against LACCSSD and appeared in Los Angeles Superior Court on April 17, 2006. During that hearing LACCSSD and their attorney, Dennis Coe, were ordered to halt their aggressive and completely unfounded collection activities. This only serves to demonstrate the hypocrisy of Garrett's statement on Pacesetters that "Any of the enforcement remedies that we do use, due process is still available to everyone. We can't throw that out the door." The father had had his wages garnished based upon Cruz's entirely fraudulent claims that he was in arrears and had been denied all due process. The court then set a second hearing date for July 7, 2006. Not surprisingly, Dennis Coe intentionally ignored that court order and LACCSSD continued to harass the father. Since then, LACCSSD has:

- continued to fraudulently garnish the father's wages
- tried to have a professional license held by the father revoked
- fraudulently reported the father as being severely past due on child support to the credit bureaus
- illegally garnished money from the father's unemployment checks after he was laid off in June
- stole the father's tax refunds in July

At the second court hearing, Dennis Coe even signed the court document that stated that the father had actually overpaid his child support. That, of course, hasn't halted LACCSSD's and Coe's abuse. In fact, the father's attorney wrote three (3) letters to Coe after the July court hearing demanding that the abuse stop but Coe, not surprisingly, refused to respond to a single one of them. It wasn't until after the father sent out his first news release, on July 27, 2006, as well as wrote to every member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, that another LACCSSD attorney, Deborah Echeverria, finally wrote back to the father's attorney. Not surprisingly, Echeverria glossed over the facts and completely ignored the ongoing abuse. Two weeks ago, Coe finally called the father's attorney and again lied by promising to correct the fraudulent information on the father's credit reports that were now stating that he was more than 90 days past due. As of today, Coe has refused to correct any of the problems. In fact, the father learned that LACCSSD just stole more money from his latest unemployment check.

Garrett made numerous other patently false statements on Pacesetters, as evidenced by the above, including:

“We are now working with the non-custodial parents to ensure that they receive the same services that the custodial parent receives.”

“We are helping all the parents in the case, not just the custodial parents.”

“We try to look at both sides of the story.”

“If someone doesn’t owe any arrears then we send out a notice saying there is no arrears owed and just forget it.”

As Los Angeles County Child Support Services has no problem appearing on television shows bragging about their prison outreach programs while, at the same time, ignoring court orders, committing fraud, lying, etc., an e-mail writing campaign is now underway to inform LACCSSD that the rights of innocent fathers will no longer be tolerated. We are urging all members of the public to write to:

Philip Browning, Director - pbrowning@childsupport.co.la.ca.us
Lori A. Cruz, Chief Attorney - loricruz@childsupport.co.la.ca.us
Dennis Coe, Attorney - Dennis_Coe@childsupport.co.la.ca.us

Other e-mail addresses have been posted on the Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department Sucks site at:

Los Angeles County Child Support Sucks

Be sure to ask LACCSSD why they are so happy to serve prisoners while abusing innocent men.

Female prison workers cited in 2/3 of sexual offenses against inmates

Anonymous · 27 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Female staff were the offenders in two-thirds of the prison cases, and two-thirds of the victims of prison staff were male inmates, according to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics."

Australian Authorities OK Exclusion of Men From Cultural Events

Anonymous · 27 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

"Of course, as is right and proper, Victorian law demanded we get permission in the interests of equality," said SWAN's Debbie Roberts.

Link.

The continuing, feminist-driven campaign to push men out of public spaces is obviously gathering steam. I'd be very curious to know what (if any) *bona fide* reason there was for the exclusion of men in this case, or if the Victorian authorities simply rubber-stamped the hatred of men as western governments invariably do.

Rare Case of Chimerism Highlights Inequities

Anonymous · 28 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like the same people who aired that all-male sexual predator series not too long ago are also in on a sideways attack on DNA testing. Check out this story on ABC's Primetime web site regarding chimerism, an extremely rare condition wherein a person has the fused DNA from two different eggs in their genetic make-up. One discussion board for this subject shows the mentality: a one-in-millions exception to a general rule is grounds to suspect all DNA testing. Notice they also spend a lot of time talking about how terrible it must be to be a mother who is having her role as mother questioned, or her word questioned on the matter. Guess she found out just a little bit what it's like to be a father in a divorce case.

NCFM-LA Member Gets Interview on Radio

Matt · 28 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Kudos to Marc Angelucci of NCFM-LA for his recent interview on 700WLW in Cincinnati. It is archived and available for dowload here (search on 'Marc' to find it), or right-click to download it here (.mp3 file).

Teacher's gender affects learning (Study)

RandT · 28 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A new study suggests that boys learn more from men and girls learn more from women.

"[The] study comes as the proportion of male teachers is at its lowest level in 40 years. Roughly 80 percent of teachers in U.S. public schools are women."

Expectedly, a feminist group was sought for commentary (men's groups weren't). Interestingly, the author notes, "As provocative as this all might seem, I really haven't gotten that much negative feedback."

AP article available here.

School Teacher Fights Back Against False Accusation

Luek · 29 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A school teacher is actually suing his ex-wife who used the old false accusation gambit of sexual molestation of the children to gain an advantage in custody disputes.

False accusations by women are encouraged by society because there are really no consequences for using them.

Coming Soon to RADAR: Warren Farrell on Domestic Violence

Matt · 29 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This week, RADAR's not asking you to make any calls or write any letters.

But we do want to let you know that Warren Farrell has graciously given RADAR permission to serialize the chapter of his book "Women Can't Hear What Men Don't Say" that deals with domestic violence.

Watch the RADAR website for the first installment, coming soon!

Murtari Update: A Day in the Life

Matt · 30 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Latest from Teri on John Murtari here. Thanks Teri! And keep the faith, John! Excerpt:

"The following message was written by John Murtari on August 20, the day before doctors removed his feeding tube. He learned on Wednesday they would not be reinserting it as planned. He immediately resumed his hunger strike; no food or liquid, just enough water to keep his mouth moist.

John sounded weak on Friday, and I haven't heard from him as expected this morning. I pray he's in court today."

NH CSM July Minutes Now Available

Scott · 30 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The minutes from the July meeting of the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men are now available from the CSM's web site. This meeting included two guest speakers. Dr. Elaine Holden of The Reading Foundation spoke about the prevalence of boys in special education programs, the lack of male educators in elementary schools, and reading disabilities. Justice Gerry Boyle (former Chair of the CSM before he was appointed to become a judge two years ago) also came to speak about domestic violence issues in the courts. See the meeting minutes for highlights from both of these speakers.

Comment Rating System Enabled

Scott · 31 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A few people have requested that a comment rating system be put into place like we had on the old site, so that they can filter out comments that get moderated down. I have enabled a similar system on MANN this evening, so you'll see a rating drop-down list on each comment, and can set your comment display settings to show or hide low-rated comments. Feel free to make use of this to make the commenting system more valuable. Some bugs may need to be worked out at the start, so let us know if the system is being abused.

Women 'steal' money from their partners - but that's okay

GaryB · 31 August 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This news story from the BBC tells how more and more women are secretly setting up bank accounts, without their husbands knowing, and stockpiling cash to ensure their own future.

It makes it pretty obvious that this is basically to secure their own futures when they decide to leave.

In other words, they take money that belongs to them both (stealing), lie and cheat and then eventually leave him.

But is this looked on in a negative way? Like hell it is. The entire article praises them for protecting themselves from those mean-old men, clever women you.

As usual, what would it sound like the other way around? If men were stealing money and storing it in secret bank accounts for the day they left their wives, I'm pretty sure they'd be portrayed as evil, selfish schemers. But not the girls.

Nice quote: ""Money controlled by women is more likely to be spent on children than money controlled by men, children lose out too," she said."

Call to Action: CA Bill Threatens 'Delinquent' NCPs with Collection Fees

Matt · 1 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Teri Stoddard gives us an important heads-up re a bill in California that would further empower the state to incent collection agencies to pursue "delinquent NCPs" by making them pay for the honor of being hunted down! Details here. She also includes the latest on John Murtari's struggle.

BBC: Semen 'may fuel cervical cancer'

Anonymous · 1 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

I.M.O this is nothing but junk science designed to further poison relationships between men and women by enforcing the premise that such relationships are bad or wrong or somehow inferior to 'alternative' lifestyles, etc. However they have sunk to a new low here by suggesting that the very thing men and women ARE DESIGNED FOR in order for us to continue as a species is a danger to women! Since the majority of women have sex with men there must surely be a pandemic of Cervical Cancer?

Guilty until Proven Innocent, with a six year waiting period

Demonspawn · 1 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I don't know what to say about this other than I can't beleive it is true.

Excerpts:

A recently enacted law allows county prosecutors, the state attorney general, or, as a last resort, alleged victims to ask judges to civilly declare someone to be a sex offender even when there has been no criminal verdict or successful lawsuit.

A civilly declared offender, however, could petition the court to have the person's name removed from the new list ***after six years*** *if there have been no new problems and the judge believes the person is unlikely to abuse again.*

If you are male, move out of Ohio.

Kim Basinger Ordered to Visitation Hearing

Anonymous · 3 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Kim Basinger is being hauled into court to explain why she has violated a judges order to permit Alec Baldwin to see his own children. In my opinion, this is big news for the mens movement. Finally, we have a family court judge taking action against a female public figure for abusing child custody. It is amazing to me that a family court judge would hold any ex-wife/mother accountable much less a famous/pretty one. This judge has a set on him.

Article here

RADAR ALERT: Warren Farrell on Domestic Violence, Part 1 This Week

Matt · 4 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Beginning this week, RADAR will be serializing the chapter of Warren Farrell‘s book “Women Can‘t Hear What Men Don‘t Say” that deals with domestic violence. Read Part One here.

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Saudi Prince’s Wife Charged With Enslaving 2 Women

Evil White Male... · 5 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

You know, all I have to say about this is THANK GOD women are the fairer sex. Thank God women are not as evil and horrible as men. Thank God women aren't as er, uhm, oh, never mind...

Germaine Greer Lauds Death of Steve Irwin

Anonymous · 5 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Bitter feminist Germaine Greer just can't help taking a shot at the tragic death of Steve Irwin - apparently "The animal world has taken revenge on self-deluded animal tormentor Steve Irwin" Story here.

Are you a misogynist?

Anonymous · 5 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This story is interesting as it raises the term misandrist in mainstream media:

"If you don't know what a misandrist is, I'm not surprised. It's the opposite of a misogynist and means someone who hates men. Maybe I hang out with inarticulate boofheads, but I've never heard the word used in conversation, let alone as a put-down for a woman who's pointed out basic differences between how men and women view the world and interact with each other. Datum: Microsoft Word's spellcheck doesn't even recognise the term, it is so obscure."

Glenn Sacks Launches Campaign to Stop Unjust CA Bill

Matt · 6 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This is definitely a take-action item. Excerpt from the newsletter:

NEW CAMPAIGN--Veto Domestic Violence Bill Which Excludes Fathers, Children from State Services!

The California Assembly just passed a domestic violence bill which deliberately perpetuates the state's harmful policy of excluding men and their children from receiving state-funded domestic violence services. Under AB 2051, only "battered women" are eligible for the shelters, hotel vouchers, counseling and legal services the state provides victims of domestic violence. We're calling on California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to veto this misguided legislation.

I want all of you to write to the Governor to tell him to veto AB 2051 by clicking here. By filling out the form you will be sending a fax to the Governor.

NYTimes Drools Over Males-Getting-Eaten-Alive Theme

Matt · 6 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This sort of reminds me how it is reportedly illegal in Japan to display erotic art in public, so instead Japanese artists make use of animals-having-sex as a theme to portray eroticism.

Obviously discussing human males being killed by females during or after sex and sort of objectifying it as a natural phenomenon would provoke too much overt outrage, so instead, the Times must titillate itself with the "story" it has run. I guess it's their way of reminding everyone (as if we needed it) of such wondrous cultural standards as the disposability of males and the awesome reproductive and sexual powers of women-- all without actually doing so overtly.

Subtle as a sledge-hammer on the back of the head.

But, you have to admire their imagination and cutting-edge scientific reporting; after all, such sexual cannibalism in the insect kingdom has only been known about and studied for, oh, a mere 1,000 years or more.

Great Article on Male DV Victims

Matt · 7 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Thanks to Marc A. for pointing it out.

Excerpt:

Men, too, reporting abuse by partners
Published: September 5, 2006
By ABBE SMITH

Men are victims too.

It's the message more domestic violence experts locally and statewide are trying to get out.

And it's a fact becoming more evident by the growing number of male victims reporting cases of abuse.

According a 1988 report by the state Attorney General's Office, just 6 percent of those arrested for domestic violence were women. By 1998, the total had risen to 16.5 percent.

RADAR ALERT: Almost Anything Now Counts as Domestic "Violence," Report Finds

Matt · 8 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Last December TV talk show host David Letterman found himself named in a restraining order. The order was granted at the request of Colleen Nestler of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Nestler alleged that for the past 11 years Mr. Letterman had been sending her "thoughts of love" in the form of mental telepathic messages and televised facial gestures.

According to a RADAR Special Report (.pdf file) issued today, Letterman's actions indeed represent domestic "violence," at least according to the laws of New Mexico. In that state, domestic violence is defined as "Any incident by a household member against another household member resulting in ... severe emotional distress ... [or] harassment."

The law states "cohabitation is not necessary to be deemed a household member." Any "person with whom the petitioner has had a continuing personal relationship" is a "household member." So Nestler's decade-long telepathic relationship with Letterman made him a member of her household, even though he had never heard of her.

RADAR's report, "Expanding Definitions of Domestic Violence, Vanishing Rule of Law" analyzes the civil domestic violence laws in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The report concludes that statutory definitions have been widened over the past decade to the point that in most states, almost any action can be viewed as "violent."

"Domestic violence has become whatever the man does that the woman doesn't like," notes RADAR Steering Committee member Lisa Scott of Washington State. "Finding out she is having an affair and demanding she stop is seen as 'abuse.' This often triggers the woman to file for a restraining order, where no real evidence is required. In my 18 years of family law practice, I have seen this pattern occur over and over."

Each year 2-3 million restraining orders are issued in the United States. Half of all restraining orders are issued without even an allegation of physical abuse. In 85% of cases, it is the husband or boyfriend who the target of the order.

Most orders are issued on an ex parte basis, which precludes the defendant from being present to give his side of the story. Restraining orders require the defendant to vacate the house and restrict contact with his children.

"Expanding Definitions of Domestic Violence, Vanishing Rule of Law" can be viewed at http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Restraining-Orders.pdf.

We are asking people to share the report with media representatives, state legislators, and judges. Reporters are being asked to write articles that explain the problems of our current domestic violence system; lawmakers should roll back overly-broad definitions of abuse; and judges should demand higher standards of proof before issuing restraining orders.

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McElroy Advocates More Scrutiny of Violence Data

Roy · 8 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy (iFeminist) McElroy published an excellent piece at FoxNews that argues for closer attention to new violence statistics, defends Dr. Laura Schlessinger, and condemns (non-I?) feminists for dismissing the data. McElroy writes -

"In a recent radio broadcast and newspaper column, Dr. Laura Schlessinger addressed the 'Take Back the Night' movement that protests violence against women. She accused it of deliberately ignoring data that suggests men may be more vulnerable to violence than women. ... That PC ideology rests on the concept of women as victims and men as aggressors.

The backlash against Schlessinger was dramatic and instructive to others who consider questioning the dominant paradigm of victimhood."

The piece also includes a look at the recent Australian "Personal Safety Study," which found that "although men are three times more likely than women to be the perpetrators of violence, they are twice as likely to become victims of physical violence or threats."

I appreciate that in her writings Ms. McElroy is becoming more of an MRA advocate for objectivity, and less of a strident instructress.

John Murtari On Talk Radio This Sunday

Luek · 9 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

MRA hunger striker John Murtari will be on a call-in talk show this Sunday at 10 am EST. You can hear the show on the internet and call in using a toll-free number. A great opportunity! Link here.

Ed. note: Obviously, the time has come and gone for this interview. However, a link to a recording of the interview (an .mp3 file) is found here.

Randolf-Macon Student Body Calls Trustees "Traitors" for Voting to Admit Men

Anonymous · 10 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

During the end of this article, CNN conducted a poll, asking if "single sex colleges" served any purpose. Out of 17,968 polled, 60% believed single sex colleges should exist. The irony? There are ZERO all-male colleges in the United States*. Many women attending this college are extremely angry and one alumna even tried to sue the university citing "legal concerns".

I suspect a feminist lawyer was hired and failed to manipulate the administration with false statistics regarding date rape and violence against women on college campuses.

Ed. note:

* This isn't true. There are five men's colleges left in the US. Contrast this to the 65 women's colleges that are operating (hope I got that count right, there are so many!).

Australian Blogger Defends Men

afg · 11 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here is a blog entry from Melbourne's *The Age* concerning the myth of male privilege. Have a read and then join the discussion below. The author seems to have ticked off a lot of feminists. Starts with:

"I argue that men do not enjoy a life of privilege. Far from it, a look at the life of the average man is a fairly depressing sight. What kind of privilege it that bestows on men a ten-year-shorter life span than women, and a higher incidence of disease, crime, alcoholism and drug addiction? What kind of privilege is it that blesses men with a frequently self-destructive need to achieve?"

Woman-Only Talk Radio Network Started

Anonymous · 13 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Feminuts Gloria Steinem and Jane Fonda are trying to start a talk radio network run by women for women. That's right folks, the femnags are now trying to take control the of the New Media which people are flocking to these days. They finally realized that it's male dominated so, as usual, they have to try and take it over and ruin it like everything else they touch. The ironic part of this news release is their characterization of the, "male dominated talk radio world as hostile and argumentative." What do they think feminists are?

The Sun Promotes Myths About Rape

AngryMan · 13 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

In their new campaign against rape, the Sun promotes many familiar myths, and makes absolutely no mention of false accusations.

Go to the Sun's website and sign their petition.

Name: STOP STIRRING UP HATRED
Address: AGAINST MEN

Serial Rape Accuser is Front Page News

ahhkaboom · 13 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The Daily Mail (of the UK) has put a story about a serial rape accuser on the front page (of both print and online versions of the newspaper) entitled Man freed but serial rape accuser remains anonymous. Excerpt:

"An innocent man jailed for a sex attack was dramatically cleared after it emerged that his 'victim' is a serial liar with a long history of crying rape.

But because of laws that protect her anonymity, judges are powerless to name and shame her, leaving her free to make more false accusations against blameless members of the public."

PBS follows through on promise to show a more balanced documentary

axolotl · 13 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This has been a hot topic on this board for a long time. We have all been wondering if PBS would respond to criticisms of 'Breaking The Silence', a completely one-sided documentary on divorce issues and domestic violence, by subsequently showing a more non-biased documentary.

Glen Sacks' aricle is here.

Although he lauds PBS for the new documentary, he points out that there are still some weaknesses in it.

There is also a proverbial WEALTH of information on related issues at the above link. Enjoy!

Woman May Avoid Jail After Setting Man's Groin On Fire

Anonymous · 13 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A Montreal woman may avoid jail after she poured fondue fuel (mostly methanol) on a man's penis and set it on fire while he slept. The attack followed the well-known female pattern of attacking men with a weapon while they are defenseless and when the woman is in no danger herself. She was convicted of aggravated assault last year, and remains free on bail, despite having committed a violent and potentially deadly assault. Story here, with details here.

If the man had poured methanol on her and set **her** genitals on fire, hospitalizing her for a month with third degree burns and scarring her for life, would **he** be spared jail? Would he be free on bail? Will she be spared the "blame and shame", Duluth model "treatment" programs?

I'll take the issue of "violence against women" seriously just as soon as society starts taking the issue of "violence against men" seriously.

Family: Media Coverage May Have Pushed Missing Boy's Mom Over Edge

Evil White Male... · 13 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

You know, every time one of these stories creeps up (which is quite often), I notice more and more that there is ALWAYS an excuse given for the woman's horrific behavior. It is ALWAYS somebody else's fault. Never once is a woman blamed or expected to take responsibility for any of her actions. Yet, on the other hand, there is never a legal, emotional, social, or any other kind of excuse afforded to a male. Women truly are the WEAKER sex.

RADAR ALERT: Out-of-Control DV Allegations Hurt Families and Children

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Let's say you've never physically abused your spouse or children. Now imagine the following scenario:

1. Your spouse accused you of domestic violence on the basis that you "harassed" her. (According to RADAR's recent report, "Expanding Definitions of Domestic Violence, Vanishing Rule of Law," 17 states now consider harassment to be a form of domestic "violence.")
2. The accusation was made during an ex parte hearing, so you had no opportunity to be present during the hearing or to refute the charge.
3. As a result of the false accusation, temporary custody of your children and other benefits were awarded to the accuser.
4. State laws in 26 states require the incident to be considered by the divorce judge as a "best interest of the child" consideration. As a result, you were not able to receive shared custody, even though you never abused your children, or were never even accused of abuse.

Each year, over 2-3 million restraining orders are issued – in half those, there is not even an allegation of violence.

When parents make false allegations of domestic abuse, children are bharmed the most. In many cases, a variety of perverse incentives are at work behind those allegations that harm children, according to a Special Report issued by RADAR.

"Perverse Incentives, False Allegations, and Forgotten Children" analyzes state domestic violence laws and the incentives they provide to make false claims. The report is now available at http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Perverse-Incentives.pdf.

As a result of being separated from the father, children are placed at higher risk of child abuse, academic difficulties, conduct problems, and involvement with the criminal justice system.

The report is designed to be shared with media representatives, state lawmakers, and judges.

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Register now for the National Family Law Reform Conference, to be held September 15-16 in Alexandria, Virginia (near Washington, DC). The conference will address the crisis of family law, including biased family courts, false allegations of domestic violence, child abuse, and much more. For more information: http://www.acfc.org/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=100021.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Female Rapist Allowed To Offer "her side" On The Today Show

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Convicted rapist Debra Lafave has been granted permission to sit down with Matt Laurer and explain "her side" regarding the rape of a 14-year-old student. How many television interviews has anyone seen regarding a male who had sex with a 14 year old girl? She uses her bipolar disorder as an exuse. Millions of people suffer from a bipolar disorder, how many of them rape? I watched the interview (morbid curosity) and here is a direct qoute from the rapist: "He wanted it, so I gave it to him"!

Harvard supports false research

glenwillis · 14 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Feminists in charge of Harvard have long been supporting biased research (read all about what happenned a few years ago).

Well now they are explicitly working with lobbying groups. The National Network to End Domestic Violence-- a lobbying organization for women who opposed fair funding for male victims of domestic violence--is working with a researcher at Harvard University to make up more numbers about domestic violence.

I found out more about this project at this report (.pdf file).

It's on page 6. The study is going to show how many women are victims completely ignoring men and ignoring how many of these women are kidnapping their children and using federally funded hiding spots to help them.

I did some detective work and found out the researcher is Radha Iyengar and her email is riyengar-at-rwj.harvard.edu. She needs to be told to do unbiased research on not produce more feminist propaganda and call it research. She has a resposibility if she is at Harvard. I sent her an email and hope you will encourage other people to do the same. She should not work with a biased lobbying group to do research in the first place and people should know about the dirty tricks feminists use to break up families.

Update on "Murdering Grannies" Case

Matt · 15 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like the "murdering grannies" are gonna fight it out. Story here. Starts with:

LOS ANGELES, California (AP) -- Two women pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges that they killed two homeless men in hit-and-run crashes so they could collect on the victims' life insurance.

Helen Golay, 75, and Hungarian-born Olga Rutterschmidt, 73, were being held without bail.

At the hearing, Superior Court Commissioner James Bianco denied Golay's request to use makeup, get tweezers to pluck her eyebrows, wear her own clothes and be awakened no earlier than 7 a.m. on court days.

Outside the courthouse, her lawyer, Roger Jon Diamond, explained her request.

"Any lady would want to be well groomed to make an appearance in court," he said. "If she looks haggard and not well groomed and she appears in the press, then a jury pool would be affected by that."

Las Vegas Teen Murderess: "I didn't think anyone would miss anybody like that"

Anonymous · 16 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Truly shocking story. I'm not sure if you've covered this in the past:

"When Lobato, now 23, realized Bailey didn't have any drugs, she pulled out a butterfly knife, cut off his penis and killed him with a combination of stabbings and blows to the head with a baseball bat, according to Kephart."

When it's men, they're only bodies and corpses

Kirk · 16 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This and most other similar news reports are careful to avoid saying it, but every once in a while it slips by that all these victims are men:

Latest one here from BBC:

"Forty-seven bodies have been found across Baghdad, police say, raising the total number of corpses found in recent days in the Iraqi capital to 176.

Many of the victims had been tortured or shot in the head or chest."

Family Begs "Attacker" To Return Mother's Baby

anthony · 17 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Notice how the associated press only one time* in this entire article made reference to the suspect being a female. ("...any woman who talked about wanting a child or acted pregnant recently.") If you take that line out of the story, you would have no idea it was a female. The words "Attacker", "Abducter", and "Someone" were used instead of directly stating "woman".

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* Ed. note: Actually there was one other reference: 'They fought after the woman told Ochsenbine "I'm here to take your child,"'. But that one was the only other such reference I could find, and I agree the word 'man' would have appeared a lot more had the suspect been known to be male rather than female.

LaFave Case Double Standard Gets MSM Time

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I hope to see more articles about this obvious double standard. Watching The Today Show interview, I noticed the rapist (divorced by her husband) has seemingly kept the house with an impressive swimming pool. Can her ex-husband petition the court to force this rapist to take back her maiden name?

Anonymity for women who 'cry rape'

Anonymous · 17 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This woman repeatedly made false rape allegations. The prosecution witheld this information from the defence lawyers and an innocent man spent 3 years in prison. After his conviction was thrown out by the appeal court, he gets no apology from the police or crown prosecution service, and she still gets to keep her anonymity - so she can get another innocent guy thrown in jail?

Man rejects first penis transplant-- utility also questioned

Evil White Male... · 18 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This is one of the most frightening stories I have ever read. The man loses his penis in an accident -- gets a new one in the first ever of its kind surgery. But... "although the operation was a surgical success, surgeons said they had to remove the penis two weeks later. "Because of a severe psychological problem of the recipient and his wife, the transplanted penis regretfully had to be cut off," Dr Hu said."

Even more disturbing, AND I QUOTE: "...The question is whether it's right to be doing a transplant for what may be seen as cosmetic reasons."

Thank God health insurance companies pay for breast implants after breast cancer in women...

Women: make sure you get 'me time'!

Demonspawn · 18 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Men: Continue to work yourselves to death.

According to this CNN article, it is very important for women to take care of themselves and spend some time on themselves. Mind you, they recommend this if the woman is "single or married, childless or mothers".

But only if your female. While it's obvious that EVERYONE could benifit from spending some time on themselves, apparenly CNN thinks that only women are worthy of it. Why, in an health article that could obviously benifit both genders, is it represented as a woman's issue?

Prison for Lapdancer who cried Rape

Ragtime · 18 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

FINALLY, a false accuser is actually going to do time -- and in the UK, too! Congrats UK!

A teenager who entertained four men in a Cardiff Bay flat with a private lap dance - which was filmed on a mobile phone - has been sent to jail for crying rape. Cinzia Sannino, 18, of Llanishen, Cardiff, was locked up for six months at Cardiff Crown Court after she admitted making false allegations

See the article here -- it's a good read.

Man fired for being "good looking"

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"HUNKY teenage labourer Joe Norman was sacked from a building site at a girls school — for driving pupils into a frenzy.

The 18-year-old, who had spent the summer helping to build an extension, started getting wolf-whistles when classes resumed after the holidays."

Story here.

Ed. note: No double-standards here, no siree!

Innocent Man Released from Prison, False Accuser Remains Anonymous

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Check out this story. An innocent man spent time in jail for a sexual offence he never committed. His accuser has a shocking history of false accusations. Yet she remains anonymous.

He was convicted by Northamptonshire police in England. Here is their feedback form. Please send them your comments.

Feminists Have Sites Set on Science Depts.

Matt · 19 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

As predicted, after conquering liberal arts, they have targeted the sciences. Read all about it here. I feel sorry for the old fuddy-duddy professors in their labs at night-- do they have any idea what is about to hit them?

Female Teacher Gets No Jail Time for Sexual Relations with Student

anthony · 19 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This story should come as no surprise.

"If this was a 29-year-old male and a 17-year-old female, I would be inclined to order some incarceration," noted 3rd District Judge Mark Kouris during sentencing yesterday for Cameo Patch."

A mother's love?

Steven Brown · 20 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Truly horrendous abuse case here. Not just (just?!) the physical abuse of scalding but the mental abuse too:

"A mother poured boiling water over her five-year-old son after he annoyed her by playing a game and asking questions about his father, a court has heard."

"Men's Rights Activists" - The Book

StephenBlack2009 · 20 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

At last, something positive about men in the world of literature!

I found this book, Men's Rights Activists by Steeves Volmar. It's a good read, very encouraging, realistic and helpful. All about men's issues from biased laws to courts, etc.

I'd recommend to all of you!

BIAS AGAINST MEN PROMINENT AT ICFV, 2006

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BIAS AGAINST MEN STILL APPEARS TO BE ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT DISPLAYS AT SAN DIEGO'S ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF FAMILY VIOLENCE, 2006

The annual International Conference of Family Violence took place this past week (Sept. 14 thru 19) in San Diego, California. Visual #1 I was not able to attend every day that the conference was open, but made it for the entire day on the 18th.

How much taxpayer money was used by participants, and, or exhibitors, in the furtherance of this event is anybody's guess, considering what a business minded person would describe as "questionable VAWA accounting methods." In my opinion, it appeared that a very significant number of people in attendance where people who have directly benefited from the billions of dollars of taxpayer's money that has funded VAWA over the years.

The Conference consisted of numerous exhibition booths set up in the hotel's Grand Ballroom, and break out workshops in other meeting rooms. The workshops addressed various issues surrounding family violence.

The National Coalition of Free Men, San Diego (NCFMSD), and NCFMLA (Los Angeles) once again had an exhibition booth at the event. Giving credit where credit is due, Harry Crouch, NCFMSD did by far the lion's share of the work to make the NCFM booth a reality. His efforts to gather and set up educational material, posters, handouts, etc., etc., etc. must honestly be given credit for the primary reason this men's issues effort was as successful as it was. During a lull in visitors to our booth, when most people had vanished into workshops, I took the opportunity to take this photo of our exhibition booth. Visual #2

While NCFM was grateful to be permitted to display at this event, again, the mood of the event was still less that what I would describe as a "male friendly environment."

Silhouettes of family violence victims have been displayed at various Family Violence events in San Diego for a number of years. Here is one located in the main hall at this years ICFV, Visual #3 The first time I ever saw the red painted silhouettes was at least five years ago, and at that time all the silhouettes were female. A couple of years ago, a couple of male victims were added to the inventory, and this year, apparently household pets (a dog and a cat) have been included. Visual #4 and Visual #5 Women, dogs, cats and men were all on display at the ICFV this past week in San Diego, and in that order, in my opinion.

The President of NCFMLA was the first to notice the disparity in the "placing" of the silhouettes, and called the disparity to the attention of one of the conference's planners. It appears both male silhouettes were placed at the end of a long dark hallway that no one had reason to go down. After this complaint one of the male silhouettes was placed at the entrance to the Grand Ballroom (exhibition room). Visual #6 The other was placed outside the door of the men's restroom. Visual #7 The female silhouettes, the dog silhouette, and the cat silhouette did not need relocating from their prominent positions in the main hallway leading to the Grand Ballroom.

During the course of the day I had opportunity to stroll through the exhibition room, and talk with some of the exhibitors. Although some progress was apparent in regards to recognition of men as victims of domestic violence and women as perpetrators, one needed only scratch the surface to discover many pre-existing gender feminist biases, still touting the same old gender bigoted propaganda casting the man as "the batterer" and the woman as "the victim" (woman good/man bad). Visual #8

At one point as I was browsing through some family therapy literature, I got into an interesting discussion with the woman part of a husband-wife team exhibiting their Family Therapy program. Refreshingly, the woman approached the dynamics of family dysfunctions not following the standard gender feminist model, but instead followed more closely human motivational factors. The big workbooks on display at this booth were labeled "Men's Tools" and "Women's Tools." Upon running across the standard domestic violence industry, Duluth, Power and

Control wheel Visual #9 (.pdf file) I pointed out to the man that the page followed the gender biased, gender feminist model in as much as all the “he” and “him” pronouns always referred to the batterer and all the “she” and “her” pronouns always referred to the victim. “Ah,” said the man, “you are looking at our workbook for the man. We have it just the opposite in the Woman’s Tools workbook.” On that note, I put down the “Man’s Tools Workbook,” and picked up the “Woman’s Tools Workbook.” I turned to the corresponding page. Sadly, the same gender biased Duluth, Power and Control Wheel was there with all the “he” and “him” pronouns always referring to “the batterer” and the “she” and “her” pronouns always referring to “the victim.”

“We are going to change that in our next printing,” the man replied after I pointed this out to him. I sincerely hope that happens as the couple otherwise seemed very professional and understanding of men’s issues. I guess this experience just goes to underscore how much biased, gender feminist language has infiltrated literature surrounding domestic violence issues.

After lunch as I was again browsing through the displays, when I found this document prominently displayed at the entrance to the exhibition room, Visual #10 I could only wonder how long it had been allowed to be there. “Why,” I asked myself, “was this exhibiter allowed to display so prominently such a glaringly undocumented statement?” “Less than 10% of child sexual abuse is ever reported to law enforcement and few abusers are ever held accountable for their actions.” This exhibit appeared to me to be nothing more than verification of domestic violence industry “myth making” in action.

Later in the day, I talked with one of our NCFMLA group who had attended a workshop that was going to address male victims of domestic violence. In a nutshell, the attendee said that the issue was raised, along with the issue of women as perpetrators of domestic violence, but then it was all just quickly glossed over with minimal discussion. “Sounds like male victims just got marginalized again,” I said. “Yea, that was about it,” replied the workshop attendee.

To end on a positive note, NCFMSD and NCFMLA were a presence noted by all who attended this conference, and through NCFM’s exhibition booth, members and some very professional guests worked hard to raise awareness about family violence issues regarding male victims and female batterers, Visual #11

Canada's NDP panders to feminists -- as usual

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Canada's New Democratic Party (a party that cannot seem to gather more than 20% of the vote in any given election) put out this press release criticizing the current Conservative government for failing to ensure that the mandate of a number of women's organizations will survive into the near future.

Don't count on the Conservatives getting rid of such groups, however, as they are well aware that most Canadians are brainwashed into believing that women are oppressed and that these groups actually stand for equality. Like every political party, the Conservatives just want the most votes.

RADAR ALERT: Are You at Risk of Becoming a Victim of False Allegations?

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Alan Karmin of New Jersey was accused of domestic violence. But he had never assaulted his wife. What was the basis of the claim? It was alleged that Karmin telephoned his ex-wife 10-15 times a day and was late on his child support payments. But telephone records and cancelled checks easily disproved both allegations.

How could anyone make such a ludicrous accusation? Because in New Jersey, state law includes “harassment” in its definition of domestic violence. And according to a report issued today, New Jersey and six other states fall in the “Extremely High Risk” category of states with laws that actually encourage false allegations.

“An Epidemic of Civil Rights Abuses: Ranking of States’ Domestic Violence Laws” ranks the 50 states and District of Columbia, and identifies which states have laws in greatest need of reform. Those states are Alaska, California, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, and Virginia.

The report uses the following criteria to identify the best and worst states: loose definitions of domestic violence, financial incentives to file allegations, mandatory arrest laws, primary aggressor laws, and how judges weigh domestic violence allegations in child custody determinations.

The report can be viewed at http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Ranking-of-States-DV-Laws.pdf. The document is the third in a series of RADAR Special Reports that expose the perverse incentives of state-level DV laws.

False allegations of domestic violence allow states’ social welfare agencies to tap into federal funding sources. The winners become the states with the most intrusive laws, and the losers are the real victims of abuse this money was supposed to serve.

Readers are encouraged to share the report with local media representatives, judges, and state lawmakers, to use the report as the basis for reform efforts.

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Wife Of Ex-Football Player Arrested For Domestic Violence

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Here is an interesting story not so much that a woman actually was arrested for DV but for the little blurb at the end where the male writer seems to obsess over the weight differences of the female perpetrator and the male victim as if that was really relevant.

I guess the destructive and outmoded concept of chivalry is very deep rooted in this culture.

Genia Shockome - Bogus Claims, Malicious Mom

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Newsweek publishes this story about a woman who supposedly lost her kids to an "abusive" husband by a crooked court system.

She cried victim and the bloggers heard her cry -- backing her with petitions, endless articles, and more. (Google her name to see all the petitions and blogs).

But they ignored some important facts. Glenn Sacks did a little digging...

"Some of the more important points contained in the documents include:

1) The allegations of abuse against Genia's ex-husband, Timothy, were never once substantiated.

2) The abuse allegations coincided perfectly with every custody hearing.

3) Genia was caught--on videotape--at a supervised visitation center coaching her children to make remarks against their father.

4) During the hearing resulting in her contempt charge and jailing, she was warned over 15 times to stop interrupting the judge.

5) Despite a position with IBM, paying $80,000 per year, Genia refused to pay her child support.

6) A court appointed psychologist characterized Genia as highly controlling, and said the biggest hurdle to an amicable custody arrangement was this fact.

7) Her previous attorney had quit the case because she was too volatile and unpredictable."

Deported former guard at Nazi camp is emphatic -- 'I did nothing wrong'

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Yes, it seems she saw nothing and knew nothing and was just doing her job. Read all about it here. Not an ounce of remorse or sense of responsibility.

Suppose she'll get the Femme-pass or the Age-pass? Or both?

Mutari Update, Dads on the Air

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The latest from Teri re the Murtari case is here. Excerpt:

"As John Murtari wrote in his weekly newsletter; the appellate judge denied his stay. He's decided to ask Judge Hedges for a reduced sentence. If that doesn't work he'll move forward with an appeal."

Kindergarden Infected with "Boy Bigotry"

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Kindergarten rhyming book stirs controversy

"Girls are dandy, made out of candy. Boys are rotten, made out of cotton. Girls go to Mars to get candy bars. Boys go to Jupiter to get more stupider.".

Parents are upset, rightfully so regarding a Kindergarden book that has negative messages about boys. Male biogtry now affects young boys. Is there any wonder why boys are falling behind in school? From the age of five these boys are brainwashed with the notion they are inferior to girls. Its time more men become elementary school teachers.

Accused Denied Due Process In Duke Lacrosse Rape

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Accused Denied Due Process in Duke Lacrosse Case? by Wendy McElroy

"I believe the accused are blatantly innocent and that the prosecuting District Attorney Mike Nifong is acting with willful disregard for both the evidence in the case and the Constitutional rights of the accused. In this case, I believe the legal system is the enemy of justice...and nakedly so."

The Duke rape case will be an "eye opener" when it reaches court this spring. Why should these men wait so long to prove their innocence? The outcome (not guilty) will raise awarness that some woman do lie about rape for their own perverse goals ($$$$). The three accused men happen to have parents with tremendous wealth. She is looking to make some money off this false accusation. Disgusting!

'Cause... Y'know... It's would have been OK if she really had recently lost her baby...

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UNION, Mo. -- A woman who authorities say slit the throat of a young mother and stole her baby was charged Wednesday with kidnapping and assault as authorities cast doubt on her claims that she had recently lost her own baby.

Story here.

Ford Ad: Family Vacation - Truth in advertising

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In this Ford ad (embedded video), Dad gets out of the car, sad dufflebag in hand, dropped off at his crummy townhouse, and thanks his ex for inviting him along for the day with the kids.

Meanwhile, she is the gatekeeper to the kids, and is driving a brand new SUV.

Truth in advertising.

"I don't believe she did that intentionally"

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Woman Charged in Husband's Slaying

"I hate to speculate on what's going through some one's mind, but in my own personal opinion, I'm not sure she wanted to kill him either," said Sgt. Tim noble, Toledo Police Department.

Canadian Women's groups fear federal cuts coming

Anonymous · 22 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The Toronto Star is publishing a firestorm of articles about the Status of Women here, here, and here.

Maclean's and the National Post have also picked up on the news here and here.

REAL Women of Canada are said to be the instigators, with the call to Prime Minister Harper to disband the SOW. The NDP brought it to light in their recent press release.

The Liberals have also issued a press release insisting that the Tories "make a public commitment to equality-seeking groups that they will be able to continue their very valuable work for women's equality in Canada."

But even the NDP don't seem to be making this top priority: they have brought other issues to the forefront guaranteed to overshadow this, including calls for pharmacare.

Bev Oda, minister responsible for the Status of Women, is remaining silent on questions about the lack of funding, and the Finance Minister won't comment until next week.

Could this be the beginning of the end fo the SOW?

"Sen. Clinton Calls for Global Plan for Poor Women"

Matt · 22 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Not to be outdone with the "HIV is a Woman's Disease" move, now feminists have targeted perhaps the oldest of all scourges for their propaganda: poverty. Read it and weep/laugh/whatever right here. Excerpt:

‘Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton made a star turn this morning at former President Bill Clinton’s conference on global challenges, calling for a concerted attack on the “feminization of poverty” by destroying cultural, political, and economic barriers that trap women and children in desperate conditions.’

In case that isn't enough to get you sick, taste some of this outright horse-cow from our very own Anne Veneman in the 7th paragraph:

'"Women do 66 percent of the work in the world, produce 50 percent of the food, but earn 5 percent of income and 1 percent of the property," said Ann Veneman, the former secretary of agriculture who is now executive director of Unicef. "We need to convince not only governments, but major multinational corporations who do business in these countries, to help be a partner in changing conditions."'

"Don't Date Him Girl" Bigotry Exposed, Class Action Website Started

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http://www.classaction-dontdatehimgirl.com/

Paul D. "My boss said it was financial cutbacks, then why did she hire new staff last week without calling me back to work? I know why."....a possible outcome based on his profile on this disgusting website.

These men are fighting back with their class action lawsuit. Vindictive women post unsubstantiated comments about men they've dated. These women can include the man's name, picture and location. The women remain anonymous.

Female Fire Chief Accused of Harassment

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"After reading this story, it would be safe to say their next chief probably won't be a lesbian."

"Bleskachek endured, becoming Minneapolis' first female fire chief and the only openly gay fire chief of a major U.S. city. but now, two years after ascending to the top job Bleskachek is the one who stands accused of harassing women."

"Uppity Men", by Carey Roberts

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Read it here.
Excerpt:

'Hard-working men whose liberated wives had come to look askance at anything that might remotely be called housework. And it resonated with the average Joes who put in long hours on the factory line, only to come home and learn that he was a member of the male oppressor class.'

Woman Brutally Murders Pregnant Friend, Children

Matt · 24 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

People seem astounded such a thing happened. But why should they be, the press covers stories of parents (of both sexes) murdering friends and children almost daily. The surprise is that they are surprised. But then again, "everyone knows women, especially mothers, would *never* do such a thing...". Um, yeah, that's right, only men/fathers do such horrific things. Excerpt:

'Hall and the baby were taken to a hospital, where she refused to let doctors examine her and gave conflicting accounts of why she went into labor, alternately saying she had consensual sex and was raped, Hart says.

The baby girl showed no signs of trauma and an autopsy the next day failed to pinpoint a cause of death.

"We didn't even figure it was a homicide," Hart said.'

Mother Kills Sons by Tossing Them into San Francisco Bay

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After reading this story I wonder: Will the Andrea Yates verdict have an impact on this trial? We all know a mother would NEVER kill her children unless she was insane. One of her children was 16 months old. I would be SHOCKED if postpardum depression isn't part of her defense.

"Lashaun Harris, 23, believes her children are growing up in heaven, psychiatrists say."

Excellent Digital Video On Men In Early Education

Anonymous · 25 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Once again we have a TV New Zealand News piece that shows quite fairly what men are up against in this equal world, which as we know isn't equal at all. This isn't a direct connection so once you click the TV New Zealand site you will still have to click "Sunday: Men in early education (10:38)" under "Related Video" in the middle of the page.

Ed. note: The video stream is an .asx file type, so Windows Media Player will play it. The direct link is this, but you'll need Media Player installed so that it opens and runs as desired. Recommend Media Player version 10 on a decent platform, such as XP.

Three Stories about Wrongful Rape Convictions

anthony · 25 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

All three stories are about men wrongfully imprsioned for rape....all spent many years in prison for a crime they did not commit. DNA evidence exonerated them:

One.

Two.

Three.

Ed. note: Of note as the driving force behind these acts of justice is The Innocence Project.

Update: Scalding Case Mother May Walk

AngryMan · 25 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A mother who cannot be named for legal reasons has denied pouring boiling water over her five-year-old son 11 years ago.

The prosecution claimed she had scalded her son to stop him constantly asking questions about his father, and afterwards had told him: "You say I did this and I will kill myself."

The boy said in evidence: "I was crying on the sofa because of what she'd said about my dad.

"She was in the kitchen and she flipped the kettle on three or four times.

"She then called me into the kitchen and said 'Sorry kid, but I've got to do this.'

"She then tipped the contents of the kettle over me."

The incident only came to light when the boy told his father nine years later he had not pulled the kettle on himself, the jury was told.

The jury has now been discharged, so is she going to walk? Probably...

Woman Charged for False Rape Claim

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"A 21-year-old Napier woman has been charged with making a false rape complaint against champion jockey Michael Walker.

The woman was arrested on Saturday by Detective Daryl Moore, of Napier CIB, after an investigation which started with the woman's complaint on Friday morning.

The woman alleged she had been raped by the 22-year-old Walker in a Hastings motel, after the two had met in Havelock North the previous night."

Story here.

Irish Study: Home Violence ... Men in Firing Line

Matt · 25 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks, Marc A., for sending in this piece. Excerpt:

'A STUDY of patients attending family doctors has found that 52 per cent of men and 43 per cent of women have experienced domestic violence.

The research, carried out by Trinity College Dublin and published in the European Journal of General Practice, reflects the findings of all other two-sex studies carried out in Ireland.'

Lawyers Befuddled without Sex Discrimination as Guidepost in Divorces

Matt · 25 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

For those casual visitors to MANN who may be under the impression that “family courts” don’t consider such things as people’s sex when divvying up child custody, property, etc., just read this. Excerpt:

‘Same-sex couples who break up are finding themselves in a legal morass. State divorce laws conflict with federal tax laws; differences among states' laws can jeopardize child-custody agreements if one or both partners move; and some attorneys are shying away from same-sex divorces for fear of their own liability.

Attorneys "are worried that they don't know the answers to a lot of questions, and people are making decisions on what their lawyer tells them to do. There can be liability on the lawyers' side if they make their best intelligent guess that happens to be wrong," said Deborah Wald, a San Francisco family law attorney who works with same-sex couples.’

If it didn’t matter, lawyers wouldn’t be so confused about things that some refuse even to handle same-sex couple divorce and custody cases. The truth is, it’s easy when the couple is a man and a woman: simply shaft the man and gush over the woman, and you’re safe and paid. However, when it’s people of the same sex, you don’t know who to stick it to and who to pander to, and so you run for cover.

Decline of Civilizations and Male Mortality

Matt · 25 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here is an outstanding piece in Vality Fair on the decline of civilizations. The author mentions the mortality of men as a factor, referring to his own country as follows:

'Take Scotland, the land of my birth. Male life expectancy in some parts of Glasgow is now as low as 54. There has been a 350 percent rise in alcohol-related deaths in the last two decades. About 13,000 people die from smoking-related diseases every year. More than a third of Scotland's 12-year-olds are overweight or clinically obese.'

Sadly he doesn't mention this as the tragedy in and of itself that it is. But the points he makes are well-taken. The well-being of a civilization's men is intimately intertwined with its chances of survival. I don't mean to sound too much the pessimist, but as the health and status of men in the west continues to decline, so will whatever is left of western civilization, unless something changes rather dramatically and quickly.

Mitchell Sanderson, A Hero Who Needs Our Help

Anonymous · 25 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Mitch Sanderson is waging a heroic stand there against the slings and arrows of the Mitchell Sanderson, A Hero Who Needs Our Helpdivorce industry. Arrayed against Mitch is virtually the entire North Dakota government, as well as the bar associations, social workers, feminists, and all the others who have discovered how lucrative it is to take control of other people's children. All these groups are receiving help from outside the state who realize the earth-shaking importance of what Mitch has done."

Lung cancer is now a woman's disease, apparently...

GaryB · 26 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This article on the BBC News site explains a new campaign to highlight how lung cancer affects women.

Apparently we are all guilty of thinking that this is a smoking men's disease, when actually this isn't the case. So, a new campaign is pushing for funding and exploration of how this disease affects women. My favourite quote: "women are often the gatekeepers of family health and need to be aware of this disease".

The article admits that women are smoking more often, but otherwise fails to quote any figures - chief amongst which is that many more men die of lung cancer than women, despite what the article proposes (see this).

I know from my own experience in the UK that many more women are into smoking now than men, they just don't care - yet the article is at pains to avoid this fact and any blame. So, I guess more of the same; women can choose to smoke, but can't ever be blamed if they get ill, and should receive priority health care if they do.

Another turn of the wheel in the wrong direction.

Kidnapping by Casearian section - latest excuse: maternal instinct run amok

Anonymous · 26 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Full story here.

"It's a crime so monstrous as to surpass comprehension. Yet its passion takes root in some of the most tender ground of human experience: pregnancy and motherhood.

What drives a handful of women to slice open the bellies of others to steal their newborns?

Researchers have uncovered hints. "You can describe it as sort of the maternal instinct run amok," said psychiatrist Dr. Phillip Resnick, who had written about this kind of crime"

NHL star Tie Domi is being taken to the cleaners by estranged wife

Paragon · 27 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

He offered her a settlement of more money then most people make in a lifetime, but she wants it all and it looks like she's going to get it. Check out the details of the 'temporary' agreement that has been reached here.

The really sad part is that he might end up being taken to the cleaners again if the rumours are true that he is currently in a relationship with turncoat (former conservative, now liberal) MP Belinda Stronach. She has had plenty of her share of controversy. A quick Google of her name reveals plenty for those interested.

RADAR ALERT: Reports Attract Media Interest; Now Time to Recharge RADAR's Batteries

Matt · 27 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Dear Friends of RADAR (Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting):

As you may be aware, RADAR has been circulating reports, press releases, and flyers in an effort to tell the complete story about domestic violence, with a special emphasis on the effectiveness of the Violence Against Women Act, and the entire set of facts re domestic violence (DV).

We hope to make the public aware that, in the name of DV prevention, gender-based discrimination and governmental violations of the Bill of Rights have become commonplace, and that DV law and policy must be modified to prevent these abuses.

These reports have attracted widespread media attention. Reporters have called for interviews, and one state legislator has already contacted RADAR asking for recommended language to revise his state's DV law.

While we have made fair progress with limited resources, we wish to spread the word to a wider universe with a little more energy. But this will be expensive, and we need to request your financial help.

Would you consider making a donation? It's easy. Just click on our "Donate to RADAR" button at the top left corner of our website at http://www.mediaradar.org/. Or, if you prefer to send a check, make it payable to RADAR and mail it to:

R.A.D.A.R.
PO Box 1404
Rockville, MD 20849

A $25 donation allows us to print flyers to pass out to 250 elected officials in Congress. A $100 contribution allows our message to reach 17,000 reporters, editors, and producers around the country. A $1,000 contribution supports a national radio campaign.

Thank you,

RADAR Financial Committee

RADAR is a 501(c)4 non-profit, non-partisan organization. As a 501(c)4, RADAR can engage in public education and advocacy efforts. Contributions are not tax deductible.

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Date of RADAR Release: September 25, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Trial opens for Fla. teen accused of enlisting her boyfriend to kill her father

Matt · 27 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

If nothing else, one should keep in mind when reading this: never judge a book by its cover. Excerpt:

“What is in dispute at a trial this week in Seminole County Circuit Court is the role the victim's own daughter played in the brutal slaying. Authorities allege that 16-year-old Courtney Schulhoff was the cold, calculating mastermind of the murder, giving her older lover the bat, pointing him toward the bedroom where her father slept and opening a celebratory beer afterward.

While she is not accused of physically participating in the assault that left her father, Steve, 48, dead, she faces the same charge as Morin: first-degree murder. A conviction means a mandatory life sentence. Morin will be tried separately next month.”

But when this “angel-faced child” takes the stand and claims her father was abusing her, is there any doubt she will walk? Her boyfriend is in jail for the murder, her father is dead, and I predict she will walk away being viewed as the victim. She‘ll probably make money off of it in some way, too. Just another day at the shop for “the justice system”.

Why Johnny Can't Read: Schools Favor Girls

anthony · 27 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This article makes several good points regarding schools being more "girl friendly".

"But a new study finds that the problem cuts across socioeconomic lines and pins part of the blame on schools, whose techniques cater to the strengths of girls and leave boys utterly disinterested."

-- combined posts from same submitter ---

This article suggests boys are better off with home schooling. It makes perfect sense considering boys are the "second" sex in the public school environment.

Diane J Hulse:

"Research shows that American elementary school classrooms have a female orientation and a feminine inclination."

"In a boys' school, boys seem to have more options available to them as they define their own masculinity."

Wendy McElroy: Confronting Male Suicide

anthony · 27 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy McElroy exposes aspects of male suicide that receives virtually no national attention. She also mentions child custody hearings and the tragic effect it has on men: "As far as the [divorced] man is concerned, he has lost his marriage and lost his children and that can lead to depression and suicide," Kposow advises."

"If a similar rise in female suicides was occurring, a public crusade would demand a remedy. Yet the extraordinarily high rate of male suicide is rarely discussed."

Less Men = Equality, Less Women = Travesty

Anonymous · 27 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A recent human-rights ruling in Canada found that barring two twin girls from trying out for a boy's hockey team is discriminatory. Since the ruling the girls have tried out and didn't make the cut.

According to this article as a result of the ruling there have been cases of boys attempting to try out for the girl's teams.

The final paragraph of the article quotes the executive director of the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association as saying:

"Everything that our organization has done … is based gender-equal. And if we all of a sudden get an influx of males participating, it could affect female participation and that would be a travesty."

Sacks and McCormick: Shared Parenting Initiative Helps Women, Too

anthony · 27 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Glen Sacks and Mike McCormick discuss how Shared Parenting initiatives also helps women. The story includes testimony from feminists (thats right feminists) who agree with Sacks. Unfortunatley the two women only mention "shared parenting" and the postive effects it has on mothers. even though they fail to mention the benifits for men, any support is vital

"While many women's advocates have taken a misguided stand against shared parenting, there is a significant, outspoken minority which recognizes its benefits for women."

Article on False Rape Allegation on College Campuses

anthony · 28 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This article by Eugene J. Kanin, Ph.D. gives an excellent overview of false rape accusations. As a college student they try and convince us (most are convinced) that 1 in 4 women will be victims of a sexual crime by graduation.

Let's do some math: Syracuse University has approx. 18,000 students. 55 percent are female (almost 10,000 women). The 1 in 4 theory suggests 2500 women will be a victim of sexual assault by graduation. Are you kidding me? 2500! Completely ABSURD.

"These false allegations appear to serve three major functions for the complainants: providing an alibi, seeking revenge, and obtaining sympathy and attention."

Stat Rape and Supplying Drugs Buys Female Teacher One Year in Jail

Marc A. · 28 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

And she does not have to register as a sex offender.
What would a man have received? Letters can be sent to letters-at-uniontrib.com. Excerpt:

"“I really believe that you are a good person. I believe that what you did was very wrong,” Brown said.

The judge ordered Walls not to have any contact with the victim, but did not require her to register as a sex offender.

Walls pleaded guilty on July 26 to four felony charges of having unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor and a misdemeanor charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor for providing the student drugs and alcohol."

Leving and Sacks Take on "Single by Chance, Mothers by Choice"

anthony · 29 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This article written by Glenn Sacks and Jeffery M. Leving, discusses "Are single mothers the 'New American Family'"?

We all know that a father's role in parenting is vital, but some think differently. The title of the latest anti-father book is "Single by Chance, Mothers by Choice: How Women Are Choosing Parenthood Without Marriage and Creating the New American Family."

The only viable use for a book written by a Women's Studies professor is using the pages to line the cat's litter box. Gentleman, I'll give you a DISTURBING quote from this article citing the book:

'Hertz asserts that today the "core of family life is the mother and her children." Fathers aren't necessary – "only the availability of both sets of gametes [egg and sperm] is essential." In fact, Hertz explains, "what men offer today is obsolete."'

Maybe you'd like to e-mail her (rhertze-at-wellesley.edu) and have her define "misandry".

MSN Launches Men's Subsite

Matt · 30 September 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Stop the presses, can it be the sun has risen in the west and will set in the east? Check out http://men.msn.com/. Yes, you read that right. Now let's see just what kind of stuff they put there. Wonder if they will include any links to MRA-issues and -interests sites? Frankly I am not holding my breath, what with articles on back-hairiness and closet contents on the debut day.

Looks to me more like a site for women that is "supposed" to be for men... *sigh*... same claptrap, different day.

Users Blocked and Posts Deleted

Scott · 1 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I have disabled the account of Bert (and his alter-ego, Henry) and removed all of Bert's postings to the site. Enough is enough.

"Women Behind Bars"

Anonymous · 1 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Typical news story about the rising rates of female jail offenders-- and of course how much harder it is on them than their male counterparts. Excerpt:

'Jackson's scenario is a fairly common one for incarcerated women, he said. Two-thirds of all women in state prisons are parents of minor children; many have substance abuse problems.

"It is illustrative of a lot of the problems with drug sentencing," King said.'

More from the NY Times on Colleges and Women

Matt · 2 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

An otherwise unremarkable review of an otherwise unremarkable book opens with a scathing taunt of the male sex in this review from the NY Times Book section. A wonderful little "nya nya nya" from another privileged recent college co-ed graduate whose father probably paid her way through whatever school she went to.

You know, I think the Times (as well as MSN for that matter) should just dispense with any pretense and set up their own "Nya nya nya we're made of sugar and spice and you nasty boys SUCK" subsite and put all their misandrist claptrap in one place rather than sneak it in via both sideways commentary and overt misstatements, lies, and distortions throughout their respective publications. That way the rest of us could just skip it entirely and go look for something decent to read.

Fox News Ignores Male DV Victims and Pumps Up the Misandry... Again

anthony · 2 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here.

"You might be surprised to learn that the most dangerous place for a woman in the United States is her own home. Domestic violence is the single biggest threat of injury to U.S. women — more than heart attacks, cancer, strokes, car accidents, muggings and rapes combined!"

Ed. note: This article is a couple months old, apparently; it is cited here in a comment dated 6/13/06. Still, it's a fine example of Fox's inability to see male DV victims.

I have seen this Fox analyst's name before attached to similar such rantings, too. Looks like she's a regular, and a law professor to boot. I can only imagine what being a man in one of her classes (or someone who dares speak the truth about DV in it) must be like.

Husband Charged in Wife's Minivan Suicide

anthony · 2 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"A 34-year-old architect was charged Friday with helping his wife commit suicide by stepping aside as she drove the family minivan down a 300-foot cliff with their two daughters inside."

Thats right, this man faces severe criminal charges because his wife decided to drive off a cliff. "He "afforded her an opportunity for her to carry out her intentions," police said in a statement."

Apparently he tried to grab the bumper, but was unable to stop the minivan. I guess they expected this man to use his strength and prevent a 3500-lb. SUV from falling down a cliff. He is also charged with endangering the welfare of a child. The woman had his two daughters (3 and 5) in the minivan during her suicide attempt.

More Media 2x-Standards in Combat-Deaths Reporting

Matt · 2 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A CNN video report covers women in combat in Iraq (MediaPlayer or similar required). They talk about it like it is something that is bad and should be stopped, without so much as mentioning the much larger number of men killed and wounded thus far in the Middle East. So much for equality in both status and commensuarate risks.

Getting killed or wounded/maimed in combat is a terribly tragic thing. That's what you sign up for though when you volunteer to serve in the armed forces, and it is no more or less tragic however when it happens to men as opposed to women. So why do MSM outfits like CNN act like it is? Answer: gross sexism and arcane chivalry.

In order to stop male-bashing we must hold the perpetrators accountable.

Anonymous · 2 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

My essay addressing our strategy for protesting male-bashing is here.

RADAR ALERT: Tell Newsweek to Tell the Truth about Parental Alienation and Domestic Violence

Matt · 2 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Newsweek's September 25th article "Fighting Over the Kids: Battered spouses take aim at a controversial custody strategy" attempted to sell the American public an impossible theory: abusive fathers are successfully winning custody of children by claiming that the mother alienated the children from them.

The article highlights the case of Genia Shockome, who lost custody to the father in her divorce. A study of case facts reveals that the judge made the correct decision. (http://glennsacks.com/enewsletters/enews_9_20_06.htm)

1. Genia had joint custody of the children 60% of the time. The father filed for change of custody due to chronic custodial interference.
2. Allegations of child and spousal abuse made by Genia against her ex-husband were never substantiated by the court.
3. Abuse allegations made by Genia against her husband coincided perfectly with every custody hearing.
4. Genia was caught on videotape at a supervised visitation center coaching her children to make remarks against their father.
5. During the hearing resulting in her contempt charge and jailing, she was warned over 15 times to stop interrupting the judge.
6. Despite a position with IBM paying $80,000 per year, Genia refused to pay her child support and attempted to avoid paying support in a bankruptcy proceeding. (http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov/opinions/cgm/136581_20_opinion.pdf)
7. A court appointed psychologist characterized Genia as highly controlling, and said the biggest hurdle to an amicable custody arrangement was this fact.
8. Genia "failed to comply with virtually every decision, ruling, and order" of the trial court. (http://www.thelizlibrary.org/outrage/Shockomeappearance5-05.pdf)
9. Her previous attorney had quit the case because she was too volatile and unpredictable.
10. Genia's appeal to the New York Supreme Court, over the trial court's criminal contempt decision, was denied on September 19, 2006. (http://www.nycourts.gov/reporter/3dseries/2006/2006_06589.htm)

Newsweek quotes Harvard's Jay Silverman who claims that "54 percent of custody cases involving documented spousal abuse were decided in favor of the alleged batterers".

The study, published in the American Journal of Public Health, involved 39 women recruited as a non-representative, self-selected sample by the Battered Women's Testimony Project. (http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=1448371)

The study clearly states that the report "involvedreliance on the self-report of participants." ... "It is important that these data be recognized as documentation of a set of issues based on reports of affected individuals (i.e., battered women referred to the project based on their dissatisfaction with family court outcomes or processes) rather than an attempt at definitive research into the prevalence and nature of the types of cases discussed."

This study is a classic example of how opinion is transmogrified into science by federally-subsidized radical activists. It contains no evidence indicating that mothers are being treated unfairly by the courts. Mothers receive primary custody of children in approximately 85% of divorces. When cases involving false allegations of abuse and parental alienation do get fully heard, as happened in the Shockome case, courts sometimes bravely make the correct decision.

This Newsweek story is a carbon-copy of the discredited PBS

documentary, "Breaking the Silence". (http://www.cpb.org/ombudsmen/060104bode.html) In both cases, allegations of abuse made by the mother were anecdotal and unsubstantiated, and the mother was found to be the worst parent by the court after great scrutiny and lengthy litigation.

Tell Newsweek to do another story that tells the truth about parental alienation, custodial interference, domestic violence and divorce. You can contact them at the addresses below:
Email: Letters-at-newsweek.com

Mailing Address:
Newsweek
Letters to the Editor
251 W. 57th St.
New York, NY 10019

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Boycott ESPN's Monday Night Football

sjones · 3 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The female-supremacists have been steadily moving to replace "he or she" with the sexist "s/he", which is simply "she" with a slash, and is even prounounced "she". Along with this attack on males comes the reversal of "men and women" to "women and men." The intent is clear, to remove males altogether in the first case, and to relagate us to a secondary status in the second case.

In the spirit of this sexist attack on males through our language, at the very anti-male, ABC-owned ESPN, a network almost entirely dependent on male viewers for its survival, retired professional football players who now announce the Monday Night Football games are being forced by the feminist management to sign off every Monday night football game by saying "thank you from all of the WOMEN AND MEN at ESPN's Monday Night Football" even though it alienates and insults the male viewers and reduces viewership of the games.

For ESPN to spit in the faces of the vast majority of its viewers out of a blatant hatred of the entire male sex should be a wake-up call to everyone. Boycott ESPN. Email them and complain. Warn them that you are boycotting them until they stop harassing the male viewers with this sexism. And most of all, boycott Monday Night Football for as long as ESPN controls it. Let their "women and men" look for work elsewhere. I'd rather surf the net and write about how sexist the feminists are then watch any football game that's controlled by them and used as a tool to spread their religion of misandric hate.

Mom Accused Of Fleeing State With Teenage Lover Arrested

anthony · 3 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Fortunately this man has gained custody of his two children.

"Nashua, N.H. -- The Canterbury woman accused of taking her 16-year-old lover and 8-year-old son to Florida is back in jail on charges of stalking him.

Jennifer Malone was arrested in July after a 10-day nationwide hunt to track her down.

Malone was out on $50,000 bail awaiting trial. She was told to stay away from the 16-year-old."

Nurse pleads no contest to killing 10 patients

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Article about a nurse who killed 10 people. No comments on my part....just a news story. Excerpt:

'FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) -- A former hospital nurse pleaded no contest Tuesday to killing 10 patients nearly six years ago by injecting them with a drug used to temporarily halt breathing.

Vickie Dawn Jackson, 40, will be sentenced to life in prison, the maximum sentence she faced if she had been convicted by a jury.

Authorities have not offered a motive for the slayings.'

Update on Lohstroh Murder Case

Matt · 4 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Some of you may remember the case mentioned in this previous MANN piece. The follow-up to it is that the man's son was just found guilty of murder, or at least the juvenile equivalent of it. Story here.

Teen Girls Pull Woman from Car, Beat Her Senseless

Matt · 4 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

More from the sugar 'n spice dept., this latest is here. Notice the sex of the perps isn't mentioned in the headline and also not until close to the end of the article. Excerpt:

'The woman, 23, had her head slammed into her car, causing her left eye to be swollen shut. She also suffered cuts, bruises and abrasions. Her injuries sent her to the hospital, where she was released Thursday night, the Herald reported.

During the attacks, the woman's 10-month-old son was in the car's back seat.

Police interviewed and released two teenage girls, ages 17 and 18, who could face assault charges.

A 15-year-old girl, believed to be involved in the second attack, was arrested.'

Woman Charged with Sexual Assault of Male Flight Attendant

Matt · 4 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Send it on to your favorite feminist!

'A woman was charged Wednesday with sexual assault after an altercation with a flight attendant on an airplane flying from Charlotte, N.C., to London, an official said.

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"During the altercation, she grabbed his buttocks," Bruce said, adding that he based that information on police reports.

When the airplane landed at Gatwick Airport, Sussex police charged the woman with disrupting a flight and sexual assault, Bruce said.'

Violence is a man's problem?

Alphamale · 4 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The typical female chauvinist crap is repeated here about how violence is only a man's problem.

Yet, other headlines today revealed that violence is not so much a "man's problem". Here where a woman killed her husband's 13 month old baby son while awaiting extradition to return to the U.S. to face a murder charge for killing her husband. Nice.

Also look here, where a woman killed her husband's 1-year-old and 3-year-old daughters because she was involved in a custody dispute with him. Notice how the article paints the woman as "desperate" "reaching out" and "let down" by the system.

I wonder if the police chief from London, Ontario is aware that violence is not a "man's problem", but a societal problem? Not likely. He, acting as the female mayor's lapdog, seems to be just repeating the female chauvinist lies that the female mayor wants to hear.

Status of Women Canada Funding Slashed

Anonymous · 4 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

OTTAWA — The federal Conservative government says it will no longer fund women's groups that do advocacy, lobbying or general research, leaving some to wonder what's left.

The drastic change to the mandate and operation of Status of Women Canada also drops the word "equality" when listing the agency's goals.

Story here.

BBC: Women Still Victims of Computer Game Oppression

AngryMan · 5 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

"The debate about how to get women more involved in gaming is a perennial one and one on which there is pretty wide agreement that not enough is being done."

Another bizarre story from the BBC femi-socialist propaganda machine. Apparently the 'male-dominated' computer games industry is not doing enough to make women feel included. Apparently "There needs to be changes across the board."(sic)

However, even the author admits that this story is a complete non-issue.

"There is evidence to suggest that, despite the obstacles, young girls carry on playing games. Research done by gaming firm Electronic Arts' found that 40% of teenage girls played video games but, crucially, they seem to lose interest within a year."

Well there you have it then. Girls who want to play computer games play them, and those who don't, don't. End of story.

What motivates this kind of bizarre reasoning? Is it jealousy? Boys love computer games, and so their pleasure has to be spoiled? They fail to understand that this is a free market. The talk is all about what the industry has to do to please them.

Why don't feminists write their own games if they feel like that? How about a strategy game called 'Uncivilisation', in which your community of wimmin has to cultivate lentils in the fields and sell them, and use the money to construct a temple to the Goddess, and then split up all the marriages in the village. The winner is the first one who causes half the men to kill themselves.

Basinger to Stand Trial

Matt · 5 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES, California (AP) -- Kim Basinger will go to trial after pleading not guilty Wednesday to disregarding court orders concerning ex-husband Alec Baldwin's visitation rights with their daughter, a court official ordered.

Court papers filed by Baldwin allege that in 2005, the Academy Award-winning actress ignored court orders by not letting her ex-husband know she would be out of town working so that he could take care of their 10-year-old daughter until she returned.'

Good Piece on Aging Men and Testosterone Levels

Matt · 5 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Good clip here (embedded video) from CNN.com on men and testosterone levels changing as we age. Also pleasing is the non-taunting, matter-of-fact way things are presented without the usual misandrist sideways jabs. And, it has good advice for helping with this age-induced state.

Essay on and Call for Men's Movement Unity

Canistor · 5 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Essay by Richard Doyle is here. Excerpt:

'I have long suggested a philosophy meeting that criteria: "To preserve the traditional nuclear family through restoration of equal dignity and equal (not identical) rights under the law for all male persons across a broad spectrum of life, including divorce, employment, health and crime punishment." Anything essentially similar to this will do. I ask leaders of the major men's/fathers' organizations to respond to me with comments, pro and con.'

Lacking Jail Space, "Family Courts" Turn to Public Shaming

anthony · 5 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WABASH, Ind. -- A judge ordered that a man who has failed to pay child support must spend his days sitting in a county building's lobby under a sign reading "I don't support my kids."

Wabash Circuit Judge Robert McCallen III said he imposed the sentence against Michael Booth, 33, of Wabash not as a special punishment, but to avoid adding to the overcrowding of the county jail.'

USAToday Runs Gandy's Latest Propaganda

anthony · 5 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here it is. Exceprt:

'Every few years, a report that women are gaining ground prompts panicky articles proclaiming that "men are falling behind!"

Don't get me wrong: I believe in equality for all. I'm concerned about women's status and I'm concerned about the race, ethnicity and income divisions revealed in the Department of Education survey.'

ASU Students Found "Caucasian Men's Club"

Matt · 6 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like college students are finally beginning to do something to show their disaffection with the many ethno-genderal interest clubs that openly proclaim their proud affiliation with any group of people except whites, men, or both. Clip on CNN.com is here (embedded video). To note is that membership isn't restricted to white men only, in the same way other college campus groups can't restrict membership based on gender or ethnicity. My only reservation about it is the ethnic issue, since men's issues are men's issues first and foremost But I suppose including it may be unavoidable in terms of making a statement, in that there are generalized men's groups already on college campuses but these are usually affiliated with feminist goals, groups, or their inclinations.

In any case, these people are making a strong statement around the idea of "equal time and consideration" that college administrators at ASU and on other campuses should hearken to.

Husband Killer's Application for Widow's Pension Denied

AngryMan · 6 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A woman who killed her husband has had her legal battle for a widow's pension dismissed by the Court of Appeal. She stabbed her husband, a retired police officer, to death, and was sentenced to only two years in prison. I believe she may have been released after one year. She then applied to the government for a widow's pension. The judge has had the good sense to refuse, but still described her as a 'decent, hard-working woman'. Amazing. Story here.

Woman commits murder/suicide, but she's still the victim

Anonymous · 6 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A judicial inquiry into a woman who:

- was out on bail pending her trial for murder
- had a record of child abuse complaints against her
- eventually committed murder/suicide by walking into the ocean and drowning with her son

... is somehow a victim of "substandard child protection practices".

"It is evident that substandard child protection practices contributed to the outcome of Zachary Turner's murder and the mother's suicide," Ms. Neville told a news conference after delivering the report.

Story here: here

UK taking a stand on false rape allegations

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A couple of false rape allegations have come to light and the police are pressing charges in the UK.

Two women, three instances.

Ex-wife who made false rape claims faces prison

Rape claim raised 'serious doubt'

Media now "cares" for homeless men

Anonymous · 7 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The media now cares enough about homeless men to at least do a single story about them. Or maybe it was misandry in disguise? You decide:

Homeless Men Are Aging on the Streets

Mother Seeking C/S from Minor Father Arrested for Stat Rape

anthony · 7 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Warren County mother who tried to get child support ended up getting arrested Thursday.

Twenty-two-year-old Kimberly Baker sued for support for her 3-year-old daughter.

Prosecutors became concerned when they found out father is 16 years old. That means he was 13 when the child was conceived.'

Reporter Argues Killing of Females is a "Hate Crime"

Roy · 7 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

So writes Kansas City reporter Mike Hendricks. Excerpt:

'The recent tragic murders of ten Amish girls has fueled a renewed effort to define violence against women as a special category of "hate crimes." "Too many of us would rather isolate crimes against women, rather than look at them the way many women do — as just more evidence that they are victims of hatred by men in general. Certainly, the National Organization for Women saw it that way. The group has been trying for years to pass legislation that would make gender-based violence part of hate-crime laws. "Every woman saw this and said, ‘Oh, my God, they sent all the boys away and targeted all the girls,’ NOW President Kim Gandy told me Thursday. It’s easier than facing the fact that there’s a sickness in this society in need of a cure. What that cure is, I don’t know. A starting point would be to recognize misogyny for what it is. And then to give its victims names."'

Odd that Mike passed up the obvious opportunity to write a column about child homicide, in which the majority of thousands of victims are male infants and boys killed by their mothers.

That shouldn’t qualify as a "hate crime," right?

FL: Wife who killed husband freed

anthony · 8 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Is depression now a license to kill for women? Maybe each Prozac prescription should include a defense attorney's phone number. Story here. Excerpt:

"Kathleen Hill, doctors for both the defense and the prosecution testified that she suffered from depression and post-traumatic stress disorder because she was a battered wife."

Women who kill thier children are now bonding with each other...

Anonymous · 8 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This is just insane. Andrea Yates and Dena Schlosser are now buddies. That's right. They give each other, "emotional support" and have a "relationship" . The article that follows seems to portray them as poor wounded victims clinging to each other for surivial. Let me ask you, would two men who murdered thier children ever see the light of day again much less be allowed to buddy up? I think not. The world has gone insane...

Now Boys Have To Sit To Urinate?

Luek · 9 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This may be taking equality of the sexes a bit too far.

In a school in Norway boys are told they will have to sit on the toilet to urinate. The rationale by the female principal is that the boys aim is not always so good when they stand and it wets the toilet seat for the next girl who might use it. This school doesn't have separate restrooms for boys and girls and I guess wall mounted urinals would be obvious sexism.

Justice After 21 Years!

Luek · 9 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Yet another falsely imprisoned man is released from prison after being unlawfully held for 21 years.

This case is different from the others we have been hearing about because blood tests at the time before DNA testing came on the scene failed to link him to the crime. He was convicted basically on the woman's testimony alone. Her husband who was tied up by the real rapist and got a good look at him was not able to identify him as the attacker.

Man Compelled to Pay Alimony to Ex-wife who is now also a Man

Matt · 9 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Yes, you read that right. Watch it here (embedded video). For those of you who are outraged enough as it is by the notion of "alimony", you will probably need to pick your jaws up off the floor after watching the clip. Not only is this man compelled to pay his ex-wife alimony *for life* or until she remarries, but she is no longer a she. She is now legally a he and he (the husband) still has to pay her (the ex-wife, now a him) alimony.

Why bother reading works of fiction when you have the news? Stuff like this makes video games and movies look tame in comparison.

Woman charged with using baby as weapon

Matt · 9 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ERIE, Pennsylvania (AP) -- A woman used her 4-week-old baby as a weapon in a domestic dispute, swinging the infant through the air and striking her boyfriend with the child, authorities said.

The baby was critically injured in the attack early Sunday, said District Attorney Bradley Foulk.

"Never, never, never. I can never remember anything like this," Foulk told the Erie Times-News.

Chytoria Graham, 27, of Erie, was charged with aggravated assault, reckless endangerment and simple assault. She was held Monday in the Erie County Jail in lieu of $75,000 bail.'

RADAR ALERT: Tell Congress VAWA Is Harmful To Women

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After the Nov 7 elections VAWA funding reauthorization will be up for a vote in the Senate. The President's budget has allocated $350 million to fund VAWA. This is in line with other social spending priorities. Unfortunately the House has passed a 25% increase in VAWA funding.

Last Friday we went to all the Senate offices and asked for two things.

- Support the President's VAWA budget.
- Hold hearings on how VAWA actually harms woman.

We gave each Senate office a copy of our flyer Six Reasons why VAWA is Bad for Women (.pdf file). The message resonated with the Senate staffers we spoke to.

We need your help in getting the message out. Here is what to do:

1. Review the flyer at http://www.mediaRadar.org/docs/VAWAIsBadForWomen-flyer.pdf
2. Call both your Senators at 202-225-3121. This is the Congressional switch board number; they will connect you with your Senator's office.
3. When you reach the office tell them you are a constituent and ask to speak with the legislative aide who deals with family policy or who covers VAWA. If they are not available you can leave your message with the person who answers the phone.
4. Tell each Senator's office:
   - VAWA is harmful to women. Mention examples from the flyer.
   - VAWA funding should be set at the level in the President's budget, not the inflated House figures.
   - Request that the Senate hold hearings into VAWA's failure to help seriously abused women, while simultaneously encouraging violations of the civil rights of innocent people.

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NJ Guidance Counsellor Finally Held to Account

Matt · 10 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

She did what she did for years and went unchallenged. Unthinkable if she had been a he. Story here. Excerpt:

'After Ms. West was arrested, school officials insisted for more than a year that the allegation was the only accusation of misconduct in a sterling 24-year career. They allowed her to take an early retirement package that fattened her pension, and gave her a farewell party with cake and ice cream. When Ms. West pleaded guilty in 2005 to sexual assault charges, glowing references from co-workers, supervisors and friends helped persuade a judge to sentence her only to probation. She was also spared the ordeal of having to register as a sex offender.

Now, with Mr. Castlegrande suing the school district for failing to protect students from a woman with a sexual appetite for under-age boys, this city of 62,000 has been forced to examine how little was done to stop her earlier. Even as the news media were saturated with coverage of teachers like Pamela Smart and Mary Kay Letourneau who slept with their students, Bayonne averted its eyes for years.'

Woman convicted of killing homeless man in 'compromise' verdict

anthony · 10 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"More than five years after a Las Vegas homeless man was killed and mutilated a jury reached an apparent compromise in holding Kirstin Blaise Lobato accountable for his death."

"But by finding Lobato guilty of voluntary manslaughter the jury determined that, although Lobato was provoked and didn't act in malice, she was still accountable for killing Bailey."

"Both the prosecution and defense agreed that the jury's decision was a "compromise"

UK: Male suicide rate doubles in year

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While the increase of male suicide is alarming, there are some positive aspects from this BBC article.

Male suicide is at least gaining some attention, but MUCH more is needed to solve this problem. The increase of male suicide cannot be ignored any longer!

Excerpt:

"Merseyside is one of a handful of CalmZones, set up by the charity, where callers are given detailed information about the help they can receive."

"The charity also has a service where men can receive counselling online."

Australian report: 1 in 3 women abused, no mention of male victims

GaryB · 10 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

News.com.au reports here that the UN has reported that around the world as many as 1 in 3 women will be intimately abused throughout their lifetime. They will face constant sexual harrassment, are likely to be murdered and sexually assaulted by their husbands/boyfriends, and are basically barely surviving amidst a constant barrage of attacks from us nasty men. Geez, it's a wonder any of them ever survive at all...

And of course, it's all the fault of us evil, nasty, sexually-predative males.

Amazing how they can only look at one side of the coin. If I were to do the same, I'd see that my sons are constantly harrassed and attacked by my daughter. There isn't a week goes by that she doesn't denegrate them, hit them, steal something of theirs, abuse them mentally and physically. Terrible really.

Until I look at the 'other' side of the coin, where they actually do the same or worse to her. Look at BOTH sides of the picture, and it's a touch different. Hmmm, I wonder if I should let Kofi know that.....?

"The war on fathers" by David Kupelian

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This is an oustanding article by David Kupelian. He does incorporate some religious idealogy in his beliefs (which could offend some here), but there are some excellent examples of male bigotry, education, and marriage.

'Mountains have been written about this feminist-inspired assault on men, this mysterious hostility we've lived with for so long. So let's skip over the usual litany of evidence – the fiery denunciations of marriage (which some feminist professors condemn as "slavery" and "legalized rape"), the militant demonstrations of the '60s, the toxic books maligning homemaking in favor of corporate ladder-climbing, and so on. Instead, let's get right to the very heart of the matter. Let's dive down deep, so deep it's almost scary – and then dredge up what truly lurks underneath today's "war on fathers."'

S.I. Article: "Gender inequality: Title IX was necessary then, but now it's just unfair"

anthony · 10 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here. Excerpt:

"That wasn't the idea behind Title IX. It was designed to create, not eliminate, opportunity. But since its enactment more than 170 men's wrestling teams have disappeared. Eighty men's tennis teams, 45 track teams and 106 men's gymnastics teams have been axed."

"Yet there are some 580 more women's teams at NCAA schools today than men's teams, a disparity that is likely to continue to grow. Faced with budgetary cuts last summer, the board at Rutgers University elected to eliminate six teams, five of which were men's teams: lightweight and heavyweight crew, tennis, swimming and diving, and fencing."

Articles in support of Male DV Victims appear in Two Major Canadian Papers

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The Toronto Sun published a column arguing that male perpetrators of violent crimes receive much less public sympathy than female perpetrators. This is an excellent article, written by a woman, in which no punches are pulled.

The National Post, on the very same day, published yet another article criticizing the misandrist attitudes when it comes to dealing with domestic violence. Though less "confrontational" than the previously mentioned article (there seems to be just a hint of reluctance to "upset" domestic violence "experts"), it is still a very, very good resource.

CNN Video: Military Women and Eating Disorders

Matt · 11 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Add this (embedded video) to your list of ridiculous spins on poor-dearism. At this point I put nothing past the feminist hooey machine. The story talks about how some women join the military to help with their weight-loss regimen and how it often doesn't work.

What is one supposed to conclude? That the military (ie, men) isn't doing enough to help them? That they are victims?

How about this: I am going to join the Army so I can get a scholarship to a college after two years in. When after reading the enlistment contract and fully knowing that I could be sent into battle one day, six months later a shooting war starts and I have to go fight in it. Now, should you feel sorry for me?

The point here is that joining the Army to do anything other than to serve as a soldier, with all its attendant risks and liabilities, is clearly not a good idea and never has been, given the risks involved, assuming you don't want to take them. Why then should women who make this decision with wrong-headed intentions be treated any differently from men who do the same?

Politics makes for strange bedfellows indeed!

Matt · 11 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The day has come when touting one's credentials as a team hand-around from the 1960s is qualification for secretary of state of a state? Yes, read it here. No further comments from me I think are necessary. Excerpt:

'The usually ho-hum race for Wisconsin secretary of state is being spiced up by one candidate's naughty tell-all book about her bed-hopping exploits with Green Bay football legends during the team's glory days under Vince Lombardi in the 1960s.

Sandy Sullivan, a 65-year-old Republican with no political experience, self-published a gushing memoir in 2004 titled "Green Bay Love Stories and Other Affairs" in which she claims she was the girlfriend of Green Bay Packers Paul Hornung and Dan Currie, deflected a pass from Hall of Famer Don Hutson and was on the receiving end of a saucy comment from Richard Nixon.'

Sins of the Mother

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Here is another National Post article defending men. This time, Barbara Kay writes about how society is much tougher on violent male criminals than on violent female criminals. Excerpt:

'We have heard the story before. The names change, the province changes, the particulars of the custody case change, the age of the dead child changes, but some things stay the same when a mother kills her own children: Any objective observer can see the tragedy coming a mile away, the children are not removed from her toxic embrace before it happens, and the mother is not only insufficiently punished (if at all) for the crime, but receives public sympathy on the assumption she was driven to it by forces beyond her control.'

Woman Sentenced for Lying About Rape

Evil White Male... · 11 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A woman who gained national notoriety for writing a book about being raped, then abandoning her newborn in a college trash been has been sentenced to prison for being the rapist in the case.

Well, you can't say she didn't try to make excuses -- and boy are we talking cliche here:

"She told the judge that she is trying to become a better person. "With all respect to you, there is a judge we all have to stand before sometime," she said. Davis confessed to clear her conscience and claimed the sex was consensual [the victim was 12], defense attorney Byron Potts said. He blamed her actions on a poor upbringing and abuse when she was a child."

Sun-Times: Women get work perks, men get zilch

anthony · 11 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I realize this article is over a week old, but Betsy Hart makes some good observations. I also like the fact that a story which appeals to our site, is featured in a major publication, the Chicago Sun-Times. Excerpt:

"NOW may find that at this point, such 'discrimination' may largely be running against the guys. I mean, how many men can indulge in the luxury of ever thinking to themselves, 'Gee, would I like to be respected for having a meaningful job with all kinds of perks for being a dad, or respected for staying home and raising my children, or maybe a little of both?'"

Woman sentenced for baby's stabbing, arson

anthony · 12 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A Decatur woman who authorities say stabbed her 1-year-old son and then set her mother's house on fire was sentenced Monday to five to 15 years in prison.

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Following the sentencing, Gipson's brother, Ted Gipson, questioned whether prison is the right place for his sister. "She needs some professional help beyond the (Michigan) Department of Corrections," he said.'

McElroy: False Child Support Case Exposes System's Failures

anthony · 12 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More than $20,000 in payments later, a judge finally did the obvious. Trevino was ordered to produce the disputed child, then supposedly 5-years-old. On her way to the court appearance, Trevino snatched a 2-year-old off the street to pass off as her own daughter; the ruse collapsed when the infant's distraught grandmother trailed Trevino into the courtroom.'

U.K. Schools Failing to Meet Boys' Education Needs

anthony · 12 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"U.K. Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, aiming to improve his appeal with voters as he seeks to succeed Tony Blair as prime minister, will call for policies to improve education for boys with poor exam results."

Teenager's False Accusation Prosecuted

anthony · 12 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A teenage girl is facing jail after her "wicked and evil" rape lies caused an innocent man to be locked up for six weeks"

"My son has been left absolutely devastated, he will never be the same man. He is a totally different person."

Mother Smothers Infant Sons to Death

Matt · 12 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

More of the same here (embedded video). She smothers her newborn twin sons to death and already, police and community are making excuses.

What's the future hold? Probably an insanity defense, maybe mandated psychiatric treatment, and no justice for the dead babies.

Some mothers have had enough hugs

Anonymous · 12 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

An excellent commentary from Christie Blatchford of the Globe and Mail (and CFRB radio) about murderous moms and the double-standards in society and government agencies. Excerpt:

"As a female friend of Frances Elaine Campione put it, this after Ms. Campione was charged on Wednesday with murder in the death of her two young children, "That mother needs a hug."

In that line, widely repeated in Toronto and national media outlets, is a telling clue to what is so wrong with much of what happens both in the nation's family courts and in its child-protection system -- the pervasive view of the female of the species as constantly nurturing (except, you know, when she allegedly kills) and as in need of constant nurture (hugs all 'round, no matter what)."

Woman named McBride had Six grooms, Police say

anthony · 13 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"McBride, 31, has married five men without divorcing her first husband, according to warrants issued by Gwinnett County Police detectives. She is charged with five counts of bigamy and false swearing"

"60 Minutes" Covers Duke Case

Matt · 13 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Unexpected from a MSM source, but worthy of notice in any case. Story here. Excerpt:

'(CBS) The three Duke lacrosse players indicted for a rape they say they didn't commit are indignant over the effect the charges are having on their lives and their families.

In their first interviews, they speak to Ed Bradley this Sunday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. ET/PT.

"Your whole life, you try to, you know, stay on the right path, and to do the right things," says Reade Seligmann. "And someone can come along and take it all away, just by going like that," he says, pointing his finger. "Just by pointing their finger. That's all it takes."'

NOCIRC Releases Criticism of UN for Ignoring Circumcision

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Press release is here. Excerpt:

"According to the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers, the UN fails in its humanitarian mission by choosing to ignore boys. Are they ignorant, sexist, or sadly just indifferent to boys' suffering? The first sentence in the just released, 34-page report, which took four years to compiles, is "No violence against children is justifiable." The United Nations' silence on these crimes is nothing less than justification for them."

Pink Ribbon Obsession Called to Account

Anonymous · 14 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Warning: This column might be so politically incorrect that you may feel the need to send me harassing e-mails. During October, this sacred month commemorating breast cancer awareness, our commitment to the cause may be diverting our attention from diseases in greater need of our attention.

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This year, in lieu of a pink ribbon, I'll be wearing brown and light blue in support of my husband - another nagging reminder of my commitment to his prostate and colon health and, ultimately, our life together. Oh, the romance.

Prisons for women now have nurseries...

Anonymous · 14 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

That's right folks, the madness never stops. In the never ending race to please women the State of Ohio has gone created living quarters for the babies of female convicts, on prison grounds. Think about this: We are now not only allowing female convicts to maintain contact with thier children, we are actually willing to put children in prison in order to accomplish this. Of course, the taxpayers, who are mostly male will have no say in this matter. So let me ask you: Would a male convicted felon be allowed to imprison his children just so he could selfishly maintain a "relationship" with them? Is that a question that is even allowed?

"The Dads Who Fought Back": Documentary about Dads who Wouldn't Quit

Anonymous · 15 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The Dads Who Fought Back, a documentary about two dads who tried to be part of their kids' lives in spite of bitter exes and a system stacked against them, aired on Global TV last night.

No word yet as to where it's going to air next, but definitely worth keeping an eye out for it.

A number of government and private organizations contributed to the development of this film (see bottom of home page) -- it's worth noting and thanking them for their contributions to this project.

Fathers4Justice protester wins court case

anthony · 15 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Guy Harrison says no one was put at risk by his stunt.
A Fathers 4 Justice campaigner who scaled the Houses of Parliament has been acquitted."

"Fathers4Justice founder Matt O'Connor warned the organisation planned to stage several more events before Christmas."

Man Stabbed to Death After Custody Swap

anthony · 15 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Let's reverse the genders, the father would have been in police custody within five minutes. Excerpt:

"Sheriff's investigators said it was not clear whether the killing was related to the man's relationship with his estranged wife or the custody arrangement, or whether he was the victim of a random violent crime."

Teacher accused of sex with 11-YO student

anthony · 16 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"A former Johnston County teacher has been arrested on charges that she had sex with a student on campus."

"The boy was believed to be 11 at the time."

Teacher's aide charged with "having sex" with ex-student

anthony · 16 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The criminal complaint filed in Canal Township Justice Court on Wednesday charges Tracie Nelson, 26, with felony statutory sexual seduction for the alleged sex act, open and gross lewdness for allegedly engaging in the act in front of the other juveniles and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Lyon County sheriff's Lt. Rob Hall said.'

Toronto Star: Women no longer need to be coddled

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For those of you who know the Toronto Star, you'll probably be shocked to read that this little ditty was published in their pages:

"As much as equality between the genders can be achieved, it has been achieved in Canada. In the reasonable ways in which gender equality can be measured, Canadian women can declare victory.

Women have every kind of liberty, intellectual, physical and reproductive freedom. Women have the same opportunities as men. Women can become CEOs, die in horrible space shuttle accidents, buy banks, get the better of someone in a divorce settlement — all the things that used to pretty much be the realm of men.

Contrary to the oft-repeated — and debunked — perceived wisdom, women in Canada have achieved pay equity."

"The Dads Who Fought Back" Available On-line

Anonymous · 16 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The Dads Who Fought Back, the documentary of father's stories in the justice system can now be viewed online.

The main page can be found here.

The episode is broken into six pieces, and should be viewed in this order:

http://video.canada.com/VideoContent.aspx?9293
http://video.canada.com/VideoContent.aspx?9294
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http://video.canada.com/VideoContent.aspx?9298

Not sure how long it will be available -- it's definitely worth watching.

Ed. note: Tried to view the main page but got a message saying this video was only available to Canadian viewers. However if you use the list of direct links above, it should show for you. Again, high-speed connection with solid O/S strongly recommended, as this is streamed content.

Marrieds now in the minority-- gee wonder why?

Matt · 16 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This will come as no surprise to MRAs. What is significant about this piece is the readers' comments. They are unabashed and unflinching in saying why they think "the M word" is no longer in vogue. Enjoy!

UNICEF supports only girl's education -- what about boys?

Anonymous · 16 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund sends 22% of their donations to girl's education. Not a penny to boys. Expenditures here.

Their expenditures total $1.9 billion, so that works out to $4.2 million for girl's education. A very noble and worthwhile cause, but what about boys?

"Of an estimated 700 million primary-school-age children in the world today, roughly 120 million are not in school. Nearly three quarters of these children live in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. They are mostly children of ethnic minorities from remote regions, working children, children living in conditions of emergency and conflict, children affected by HIV/AIDS, and children with disabilities. And they are mostly – 53 per cent – girls."

You'd think they might be able to scrape up a few bucks for the other 47% of human beings they're supposed to serve.

It's worth telling them that you'd like to see the funding shared fairly among both boys and girls, by sending them a note here.

Father Sued by Couple for Child Support

Anonymous · 16 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This story is another example of just how absurd family law can actually get. Excerpt:

'A Saskatoon father who is battling with a Prince Albert couple for custody of his five-month-old son got a shock this week in the form of a letter demanding that he pay them child support.

"Shame on them," Rick Fredrickson said in an interview, after learning the couple who left a Saskatoon hospital with his newborn son this spring -- while he desperately sought help asserting his paternity and right to custody -- now wants access to his financial records in order to calculate how much he should pay them for the child's care.

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"If his son's mother was the one asking for child support, he would pay it immediately, Fredrickson said."'

RADAR ALERT: Presidential Proclamation on Domestic Violence Recognizes Male Victims

Matt · 16 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

In this year's presidential proclamation on domestic violence, George W. Bush said, "Domestic violence has no place in our society, and we have a moral obligation to help prevent it. The terrible tragedies that result from it destroy lives and insult the dignity of women, men, and children."

The inclusion of "men" in the proclamation is significant. Never before has anyone at this level acknowledged what researchers have known for three decades – that domestic violence victimizes men as well as women and children. Domestic violence is not a gender issue. It's a human issue.

Our effort last year to get the VAWA reauthorization bill to require service providers to stop refusing to help men resulted in explicit language in the bill, stating, "Nothing in this title shall be construed to prohibit male victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking from receiving benefits and services under this title." It's likely that this is what brought the issue to the president's attention.

But there are politically powerful groups that are committed to continuing the long-standing policies that place blame solely on men and refuse to hold women accountable for any transgression. In the face of such oppostion, most politicians would have taken the politically prudent course, and as in past years, would have acknowledged only women and children as victims. So it's important that the president's inclusion of that one little word, "men", not go unacknowledged.

Please send a note to the president, telling him that you appreciate the fact that he saw fit to include male victims in his proclamation on domestic violence. You might want to mention:

1. researchers have known since the first National Family Violence Survey in 1975 that many men are victims of women's domestic violence
2. this has been confirmed by nearly 200 studies and analyses by respected researchers (http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm)
3. Congress has consistently ignored these findings

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Sydney's Daily Telegraph Covers Maths Crisis Without Actually Mentioning Boys

Anonymous · 17 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Our boys are falling behind in education at an alarming rate, we know that already. One area where this is starting to show up is the shortage of Math Teachers.

How so? Because Maths is traditionally a male area. By failing our boys the education system is actually shooting itself in the foot. We are not producing educated boys so we are not producing Maths Teachers. It is that simple. Yes of course women also teach maths, but educated women have so many choices these days Maths is seldom one of them.

Sydney's Daily Telegraph has managed to do an editorial about the shortage of Maths Teachers without once mentioning that it is boys who are falling behind. Rather it ends with a call for a new program to be put in place to encourage (girls) to take up mathss.

No boys crisis at the Telegraph. Copy of the editorial and commentary here.

Mums knuckle-up over baby-sitting

Matt · 17 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

You'd think it was something from a one-hour nighttime cop/lawyer drama series, but no, it's for real-- read it here. Excerpt:

'TWO women armed with a knuckleduster* invaded a house because of a baby-sitting dispute, a court heard yesterday.

Rachael Anne Jones, 35, and Shelby Wilson, 28, had both been drinking when they made a late-night visit to "sort out" a transport issue, Darwin Magistrates Court was told.

The court heard one woman grabbed a knife from the kitchen during the rural Darwin home invasion on December 6 last year.

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"I don't want the ladies to think it's a lay-down misere they're going to get a home detention order," he said. "There must come a point single mothers must go to jail when they have kids when they commit serious crimes."

The magistrate adjourned their sentences to November 6.'

Well, I guess time will tell if he's serious about that.

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* For those not familiar with the term, a "knuckleduster" is also called "brass knuckles".

Five Children (4 Girls) Lock Disabled Teen Boy in Burning Woodshed

Anonymous · 17 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Four girls and one boy locked a disabled boy in a backyard shed and set it on fire.

Oddly, the CBC doesn't see it fit to report the sexes of the prepetrators, but the Globe and Mail does.

Think they would've reported the sexes more prominently if disabled person set on fire were a girl and the perpetrators were boys?

NYTimes Covers Problems with IMBRA

Matt · 17 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The new law has angered many men, who argue that there is no definitive evidence that violence is more likely to take place in an international marriage arranged over the Internet than in a domestic one. Unwilling or unable to find a spouse in the United States, some worry that the law could make it more difficult to find a wife abroad.

“We should have the right to correspond with, date and marry the person of our choosing,” said David Root, who has been involved with many women from the former Soviet Union in the past decade but has not married any of them. “The government shouldn’t interfere in this.”'

Girls 'forced handicapped boy to eat own faeces'

Anonymous · 17 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

More from the Sugar and Spice archives...

"The court heard one of the girls instigated the attack because she didn't like the way the boy looked at her.

It's alleged the boy tried to leave but Dignan stopped him and brought him back to the group so they could taunt him about his disability.

The group allegedly forced the boy to eat his own faeces and broken glass while one of the girls is accused of threatening him with a metal bar."

Story here.

Mother hid dead baby in freezer, police say

Anonymous · 18 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The National Post reports...

"TORONTO - Police have charged a young woman with allegedly hiding the dead body of her infant in a freezer for several years before it was dumped into the Humber River.

Ivana Levkovic, a 24-year-old Toronto resident, is also accused of a similar crime after the decomposing body of another baby was found in a vacated apartment in Mississauga earlier this year.

[...]

Her lawyer, Michael Moon, told a local newspaper that his client was "emotionally distraught" by the whole ordeal."

Golly. Poor woman -- the emotional distress of the whole ordeal must be awful for her.

Predictably, the same story in the Toronto Star is much briefer and more ambiguous, not even mentioning that this is the woman's second alleged murder of a baby.

Toronto Star asks, "Why was mother the trusted parent?"

Anonymous · 18 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The Toronto Star published an article about Elaine Campione, asking why she, the accused murderer of her two children, was the trusted parent.

"Elaine Campione has been charged with two counts of first-degree murder.

Yet she was the parent who was trusted, who had full and exacting custody of the children, who fought bitterly against easing access restrictions imposed on her estranged and allegedly abusive husband, who was reportedly terrified that she would lose those babies to their father.

Despite all the alarm bells — and they'd been clanging — despite Elaine Campione's palpable mental instability, her hospitalization, the purported warnings that she might do harm to those children, she was mistress of the manger.

In her care, those beautiful little girls were killed. Nobody protected them."

A surprising article, given the Toronto Star's usual political bent, and particularly surprising given that articles from the National Post and Globe and Mail more dryly submit the information in the court file that has allegations of the father's abuse all over them.

Paul McCartney Accused of Domestic Violence

dschmidt · 18 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Former Beatle Paul McCartney has been accused of domectic violence by his estranged wife. The soon-to-be-ex claims Sir Paul stabbed her in the leg, was insensitive to her disability(ies) and called her an "ungrateful bitch."
Surely this has nothing to do with ensuring she gets custody and a fat monetary settlement, right?
Surely she has witnesses and/or doctor/hospital records from this horrible stabbing, right?

Female Teacher Accused of "Sex" With Teen

anthony · 18 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

It's a pity these stories are so easy to find. Yet another female teacher is accused of having sexual relations with a student. At least one woman has identified a massive double standard exists:

“She really needs to be punished,” said parent Latonia Carroll. “Really, if a man did it, (he’d) get punished. If a woman does it, she should get punished.”

NYC day care worker accused of sex-abusing 4-YO boy

anthony · 18 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

It took almost half way through the article before her gender was mentioned. As you can imagine, the excuses have already begun:

"Her attorney, Stephen Turano, said his client was innocent and it would have been "physically impossible" for her to have done what the boy said she did."

"I would find it hard to believe that these things could have happened because the bathroom had paper-thin walls and was a very tight space"

Female Teacher Charged with Sexual Assault of Female Student

Anonymous · 18 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here's another story about a female teacher who is accused of sexually assaulting a student -- this time it's a girl who's the victim of the woman's advances.

"A popular French teacher at Streetsville Secondary School in Mississauga has been charged with the sexual exploitation and sexual assault of a student, police say.

Leslie Merlino, 36, was friends with the alleged victim before the incident, Peel Regional Police Constable Craig Platt said last night. She taught the 17-year-old girl in the previous school year and they had met outside the school and corresponded on-line, Constable Platt said.

Investigators contend that some of the on-line messages were sexually explicit. And this month, they say, the girl and her family approached police to complain that Ms. Merlino had acted inappropriately."

UN Violence Report Laced with Myths and Misandry

anthony · 18 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Report on the report is here. Excerpt:

"Never before have the UN feminists advanced the patriarchy theory so boldly. Never before have they presented their Marxist-inspired views in such a high-profile UN publication. And never before have they tried to stereotype and smear men in such a calculated manner."

"Apparently men's higher death rate doesn't comport with the UN's gender equality agenda."

UK: Brown vows to combat the gender gap in education

anthony · 19 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

My greatest concern as an M.R.A is an education system that is oblivious regarding the proven biological abilities of boys. I also believe (maybe paranoid) that young boys are enemy #1 for feminists. They realize their futile attempt to re-educate males begins at childhood. Our young boys (future leaders) need to overcome a "girl friendly" environment that thrives at the expense of an anti-male education system. I'm not completely pessimistic, the system is beginning to acknowledge the education disparity.

Story here. Excerpt:

"The chancellor said he and the education secretary, Alan Johnson, have asked the chief inspector of schools to recommend changes in the classroom to personalise learning to boys' needs, including greater use of computers."

BBC promotes DV myths -- again

AngryMan · 19 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This is the UK equivalent of the 'Superbowl Sunday' myth. Excerpt:

"Domestic violence surged by up to 31% on England's World Cup match days this year, Home Office data has revealed. The biggest rise in reports of domestic violence to English and Welsh police was on Saturday, June 10 - when England beat Paraguay 1-0."

"Domestic violence is a cowardly crime that will affect one in four women during their lifetime and, on average, claims the lives of two women each week - killed by a current or former partner."

Same old lies. No mention of female-on-male violence. No mention of gay-on-gay violence. For the first time, the article does suggest a link between alcohol abuse and violence.

Contrast it with this article, a blog by a serving UK police officer. Excerpt:

"I don't like fighting — but what is worst of all, though, is fighting with girls. My natural instinct, as an unreformed caveman, is to protect females. Ha, ha. Given a few Vodka Red Bulls and an errant boyfriend, the average Lycra-clad chav-woman will take on a full shift of officers, and possibly win. After years as a police officer, I have long given up expecting people to act in a certain way — women to behave with decorum, parents to look after their children."

The official feminist version, of course, is that women are morally impeccable creatures, horribly victimised by the Evil Patriarchy (TM). Women would never get involved in violence, would they? Of course not...

More on the Newsweek article about PAS

Anonymous · 19 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Blogger's discussion is here. Excerpt:

'In her article, it's apparent that Sarah Childress implies an awful lot, but is careful not to say anything really about Tim. She mostly demonizes him through association with the subject, assuming from the start that Genia is truthful and qualifying most of the unsupportable claims with phrases like, "she says." So first to examine are the premises of the article, which are that Tim Shockome is a batterer, and that the judge awarded him custody based on parental alienation syndrome (PAS).'

Drugged N.Y. woman driving naked kills pedestrian

Evil White Male... · 19 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Interesting how they refer to her as "drugged" implying somebody else drugged her -- rather than her being on drugs. Since she killed a man I wonder if this will be listed as a hate crime... story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters) - A speeding car driven by a naked woman high on drugs hit and killed a pedestrian in the New York City borough of Staten Island, before flipping over and stopping in a parking lot, authorities said on Thursday.

The driver, Taliyah Taylor, 24, of Staten Island, was uninjured in Wednesday's crash and pulled from the upside-down car with no clothes on by employees of a nearby hardware store, said William Smith, spokesman for the Staten Island District Attorney's office.'

MSN Covers Men and the Lack of Desire to Marry

Matt · 20 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Surprising they would run it, but here it is. They include the 10 main reasons a study (I believe they are referring to this project) discovered why men are avoiding marriage, but even more unexpectedly, they are running some very honest feedback from men. For example:

'You should have an article on why divorced men will not marry again. The responses would be very interesting. For example:

* They've already been taken to the cleaners at least once by a prior wife.
* If a woman has kids, she really has no use for a man. She's got the house, the BMW, the kids, and his support and alimony.
* The women of today have taken the place of the man from yesteryear. They are today what they thought men were 40 years ago.
* They run the risk of meeting a female divorce attorney.

I'm not bitter, just realistic."'

N.Y. newspaper ad targets 'deadbeat dads'

Anonymous · 20 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Another one-sided story on those darned "Dead Beat Dads", and a way to shame them. Excerpt:

'Westchester County, just north of New York City, bought a quarter-page ad in Tuesday's New York Post aimed at shaming four major child support debtors into compliance — or at least finding out where they're hiding.

"Do you know where these deadbeat dads are? Their children don't," the ad said.'

Police exonerate man murdered by neighbor over molestation accusation

Matt · 20 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'We're confident this 2-year-old was not molested," said Capt. Gary MacNamara. "We are confident in our investigation that Mr. Edington did in fact kill Mr. James. We are as confident in our investigation that Mr. James did not molest the Edingtons' daughter."

MacNamara confirmed that investigators interviewed the girl but declined to release further details.

MacNamara also would not comment on whether the girl's mother would be charged. A molestation complaint was filed against James shortly after he was killed.'

Now why would the police be considering charges against the girl's mother? Making a false statement to police, perhaps, or maybe instigating murder?

In one fell swoop a man is murdered and another goes to jail for a long time for the crime he committed; ***qui bono***? You have three guesses. I doubt you'll need more than one.

Let's keep an eye out for the follow-up on this one.

Girl Tries to Kill Herself by Ramming Another Car Head-on - Goes to Mental Hospital, not Jail

Matt · 20 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here's another one to watch. She was rejected by another girl she wanted to have sex with, so she decided to kill herself by running her car (ie, her parents' car) into someone else's car head-on, killing the other driver. She is to be charged for felony murder and tried as an adult-- but she is locked up in a mental institution, not a jail. So, time will tell if she actually gets treated the way a teenage boy would in her position. We already know she's getting different treatment while awaiting trial.

Suicidal men/teen boys are, if lucky, put on suicide watch, but still go to jail, if in the process of trying to kill themselves they have committed a serious crime against another person. But suicidal women/teen girls? That's different, I guess.

UK: Female police win right to bonus for working night shifts despite only working days

anthony · 21 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Apparently these women are entitled to "overtime" pay because "their childcare commitments stop them from working anti-social hours" Now that the so-called wage gap has been refuted, women are again looking for special privileges. Excerpt:

"Its judgement means West Midlands police must now pay thousands of pounds in special allowances to single mother Susan Blackburn and her colleague, mother of two Victoria Manley, both of whom work part-time."

Critics assess U.S. military's role in 'gender wars'

anthony · 21 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Anyone know how many male soldiers have died in Iraq? Excerpt:

"Kate O'Beirne, Washington editor of National Review magazine, said the Iraq war is producing an unprecedented number of killed and wounded military women. She said the military signs up mothers despite their child care responsibilities. "Does our national security really have to rest on single parents and teenage girls?" she said. More than 60 military women have been killed in Iraq or Afghanistan."

Florida: Divorce custody changes in works

anthony · 22 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A legislative committee is considering whether "shared parenting" may be best.

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The House Study Committee on Shared Parenting, which began meeting in September, could propose new legislation by the end of the year encouraging judges to grant joint custody in most divorce cases.'

RADAR ALERT: Time to Blow the Whistle on the UN Violence Report

Matt · 22 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Two weeks ago the United Nations issued its one-sided Study on Violence Against Women (.pdf file).

If you haven't reviewed the report yet, think of it this way:

What the Violence Against Women Act has done to families in the United States, this report may do to families throughout the entire world.

The report's portrayal of domestic violence is so flawed that leading family violence researchers around the world are speaking out against the deliberate bias:

- "Research on intimate partner violence consistently finds that men and women use similar types of aggression. By ignoring the mutual nature of much partner violence, the UN ensures that both women and men will continue to be victimised in this way." - Nicola Graham-Kevan, PhD, University of Central Lancashire, England
- "The UN report's discussion on domestic violence is biased because it deliberately ignores half the problem - female perpetrators. Ending violence against women by male partners is not going to be achieved until women also desist." - Murray A. Straus, PhD, Co-Director, Family Research Laboratory, University of New Hampshire, United States.
- "Much domestic violence research conducted in North America has been so biased that it might be called 'junk science.' It has used selective data and interpreted results in a way that depicts all males as real or potential perpetrators, while downplaying female violence." - Donald Dutton, PhD, University of British Columbia, Canada
- "Studies consistently show that throughout the Western world, men and women initiate physical violence at about equal rates, and frequently partner violence is reciprocal. Portraying inter-partner violence as though it only involves male perpetrators and female victims does both men and women a disservice." - Felicity Goodyear-Smith, MB ChB, University of Auckland, New Zealand

For years, feminists at the UN have pushed through their resolutions, conferences, and programs. With no one to tell the other side of the story, these people have operated virtually unchecked.

All this is going to change on Monday, October 23, 2006.

RADAR has assembled an international coalition to protest this deliberately misleading report. RADAR has also put together key information on its website - http://www.mediaradar.org/ - under the heading, "UN Report on Violence Against Women."

This is what we are asking you to do:

- Send Ambassador John Bolton a short message. A boilerplate letter is shown here. Feel free to modify the first two paragraphs, but remember to always be polite and respectful.
- Send your message by e-mail: usa-at-un.int, or fax: 1-212-415-4443

Please do this today. The UN's "Third Committee" will be taking action on this report, possibly this coming week. Your voice is important. But time is of the essence.

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BBC Admits Leftist Bias

afg · 22 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

We are all well aware of the fact that no end of the political spectrum can claim a monopoly on misandry, but it goes without saying that feminists tend to gravitate to the far left. Here, the BBC actually admits that it has a leftist and pro-PC bias. It seems as though men's rights activists were not just talking nonsense when they were complaining that the BBC is anti-male. Story here.

Duke and the Death of Academe

anthony · 23 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Thus, when a black stripper claimed that members of the lacrosse team gang-raped her, faculty members seized the moment. The truth of the charges themselves was irrelevant; these young men represented everything these faculty members despised, and they were not going to permit something as bourgeois as truth stand in the way of their attempt to remake Duke University in their own image – and perhaps be able to help railroad innocent young men into prison, which they would have seen, ironically, as a triumph of justice."

Female teacher's sex charge is unusual

anthony · 23 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Only 4 percent of educators who were investigated for sexual misconduct were females, the report said. But students surveyed said 43 percent of inappropriate behavior came from female teachers."

"Researchers and advocates believe that most child sex abuse cases go unreported, and boys are less likely than girls to report abuse."

The bodies of men pile up

Matt · 23 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Into the abyss of Baghdad is exceptional because it discusses the truth of what is happening there without kowtowing to PC spin. Excerpt:

'BAGHDAD -- I keep seeing his face. He appears to be in his mid-20s, bespectacled, slightly bearded, and somehow his smile conveys a sense of prosperity to come. Perhaps he is set to marry, or enroll in graduate school, or launch a business — all of these flights of ambition seem possible.

In the next few images he is encased in plastic: His face is frozen in a ghoulish grimace. Blackened lesions blemish his neck.

"Drill holes," says Col. Khaled Rasheed, an Iraqi commander who is showing me the set of photographs.
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"It's like a ghost city," laments Fatima Omar, a resident of the Amariya district, which once abounded with street life. She is 22, a recent graduate of Baghdad University, an English major — and, like many of her generation, unsure of what future she can expect. "So many of our men are either dead or have gone away," she says. "We may be doomed to spinsterhood."

People are here one day, gone the next. Those who do go out often venture no farther than familiar streets. In the sinister evenings, when death squads roam, people block off their lanes with barbed wire, logs, bricks to ward off the killers.'

False Rape Accusation Leads to Murder of Marine

Luek · 23 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NORFOLK, Va. - A sailor pleaded guilty Monday to abducting and killing a Marine corporal he thought had been involved in a gang rape. The rape turned out to be a lie, but the truth surfaced too late.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Cooper Jackson, 23, pleaded guilty Monday to premeditated murder, kidnapping, impersonating a Naval Criminal Investigative Service agent and obstruction of justice in connection with the death of Cpl. Justin L. Huff, 23.'

Heather Mills to be the new face of DV in the UK

afg · 23 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

That's right, Heather Mills is now going to campaign on behalf of battered women because we all know she was mistreated and beaten up by Paul McCartney (sarcasm, as I'm sure you all know). So, is the former Beatle now going to campaign for fathers and men going through divorce? Unbelievable... story here.

Don't Blame Me, A Man Made Me Do It

anthony · 23 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Woman charged with armed robbery. Excerpt:

'HILLSBOROUGH -- A woman who was caught after allegedly robbing a convenience store Wednesday tried to tell deputies she did it after a man beat her and forced her to commit the robbery. But her lack of injuries to substantiate her story caused authorities to doubt her story.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office charged Elizabeth Scott Allen, 24, of 1523 Pleasant Green Road, Durham, with armed robbery, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of burglary tools. A magistrate set her bond at $50,000, and she was confined in the Orange County Jail.'

Sex-segregated public school classrooms on rise

Matt · 24 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like we're drifting back to sex-segregated classrooms... read it here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Bush administration is giving public schools wider latitude to teach boys and girls separately in what is considered the biggest change to coed classrooms in more than three decades.

After a two-year wait, the Education Department issued final rules Tuesday detailing how it will enforce the Title IX landmark anti-discrimination law. Under the change taking effect Nov. 24, local school leaders will have discretion to create same-sex classes for subjects such as math, a grade level or even an entire school.'

Judge sides with Father on his Son's circumcision

Anonymous · 24 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Good news for a change. In this case, a judge in America actually sided with a divorced man over the wishes of his ex-wife. Get this: the creepy ex-wife wanted to circumcise their 9-year-old boy! The Dad said no way and took her to court, and WON! Finally, we have at least one victory where the sicko ex-wife isn't allowed to literally castrate the male members the family. Thank goodness.

The Onion (HUMOR): DNA Evidence Frees Man After 15 Years Of Marriage

Matt · 25 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Gotta love The Onion! Read it here and laugh!
[For those not in the know, The Onion is a spoof newspaper/news site that frequently hits the nail on the head when it comes to using humor as a vehicle for social commentary.]

Starts with:

'JACKSONVILLE, FL—Henry "Hank" Doswell, 42, was released from his marriage Wednesday, after DNA tests conclusively proved his innocence in the July 1991 fathering of Spencer Doswell, the solitary charge that has kept him committed for 15 years.

Visibly moved to tears as his divorce lawyer read the test results, Doswell, who had been confined to a suburban housing facility after being wrongly wedded after allegedly impregnating then-girlfriend Karen Sanders, told reporters he was relieved to finally set his matrimonial record straight.

"Fifteen years, seven months, and two days," said Doswell, speaking to a group at the Red Room bar's Singles Night shortly after his release. "I always said they'd made a terrible mistake, that I did not deserve to be put away in the prime of my life, but no one believed me. If it hadn't been for this DNA test, I might have died in that monogamous relationship."'

MSN Covers Benefits of Singlehood

Matt · 25 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Do my eyes deceive me? Read it here.

Of course it doesn't go into the risks associated with divorce, nor the particular risks associated with being a married man, especially one with children. That, after all, would annoy their female readership base, since to paraphrase Jack Nicholson, people just can't handle the truth. But the fact that they have published anything that contrasts with their incessant marriage-as-a-panacea mantra is some progress.

"Veil Essay" is Food for Thought

Matt · 26 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I read this and thought "Gee, wonder how far down the street a man in London would get covered head-to-toe with only his eyes showing? Excerpt:

'I don't understand the need of women to wear something as severe as the niqab. But for that tiny number that do, I will shake their gloved hands for bearing this endurance task — the staring, the swearing and the discomfort. On the streets of London, the black veil does nothing to distract attention — and everything to attract it.'

One day perhaps men will start to voluntarily keep their faces covered in public. Only instead of being insulted for it, I rather think we'd be arrested or shot-- or both.

Hawking Could Be New Voice For Male Victims Of Spousal Abuse

Luek · 26 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The world-reknowned British astro-physicist Professor Stephen Hawking is getting a divorce from his present wife of 11 years.

Hawking has been totally paralyzed with motor neuron dysfunction, commonly-known as Lou Gehring's Disease, for years. His former nurses have publicly stated he was physically and mentally abused by his soon to be ex. However, it seems like Professor Hawking like too many male victims of DV and spousal abuse is in denial. He claims he was never physically assaulted by his wife. But the evidence seems to indicate otherwise. Hawking is very famous about his theories about the creation of the universe and time but his most important contribution could be in bringing the hidden crime of men being abused by their spouses to the public's attention. Let's hope he does the right thing.

Globe And Mail: Father dealt difficult hand by the system

Anonymous · 26 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Even last week, when the family court file of Elaine and Leo Campione was released to the press -- in significant measure because Mr. Campione didn't oppose the media's bid to see it -- most of the coverage that followed was exquisitely balanced, or what in the modern world has come to be deemed balanced.

It was a nifty mirror of how the police, courts and social service agencies, which so often are drawn into and/or influence these kinds of proceedings, see and treat the warring married couple.

There is, to be frank, an underlying perspective of feminist oppression from which all else springs.'

Should Men Be Able To Compete In Female Sports?

anthony · 26 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'I have no beef with either women's sports or female athletes, but I believe that equality should always be a two-way street. If women are allowed to compete in men's sports, then wouldn't a truly egalitarian policy allow men to compete in women's sports as well.'

World Bank Book asks - What about Men?

anthony · 26 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'But the authors argue that resolving some of the most chronic social ills in the developing world requires helping men deal with problems unique to being men."

"It is not that men are faring worse because women have advanced," Correia said. "It is just that we haven't realised that men are gendered beings."'

Title IX opens and closes doors

anthony · 26 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'But the reason that it's not fair might sound sexist to a stubborn person, so try to look at it with an open-mind. For example, it's a given that more people, a lot more people, attend male basketball games versus female basketball games. It isn't because fans like staring at guys more than the women. No, it's because men are generally more intense and generally physically stronger - two key points for a good basketball game.

For those of you who don't know, our athletic program scrapped four male sports in order to comply with this law years ago. The male swimming team and the male diving team were yanked. A nationally- recognized male track and field team was pulled. The male tennis team came to a crashing halt as well.'

Female coaches claim punishment inequity over prank

anthony · 26 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Two females claiming discrimination because there isn't equity regarding pranks on male coaches. Am I the only one who's confused? Excerpt:

'However, the lawsuit states that during the sleepover, Schroefel and Mahoney allowed the students to leave the school to place toilet paper and other items on the lawns of two male coaches as a prank.

The male coaches complained, and the school district suspended each of the women coaches from teaching for 21 days and banned them from coaching for two years.'

icWales: Is education too female for boys?

anthony · 27 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"It would be ridiculous to conclude that boys are more stupid than girls. Something must be going wrong for boys. Could it be that different approaches might be needed for boys and girls, and that perhaps a mix of men and women teachers would be best"?

It's time for the education system to make serious changes regarding the biological needs of boys. Ignoring this issue is tragic. I say "tragic" because education is vital! No one should be deprived a quality education regardless of massive feminist influence. I've said it before, boys are enemy #1 for feminists. They are looking to create a society where males are manipulated with their ideology. Am I paranoid, maybe so, but the education of young males is vital for a productive society.

F.R.A. Murtari to Remail in Jail

Matt · 27 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'John Murtari is a family rights activist who hasn't eaten solid food for 87 days, since July 31 when he reported to jail to serve a 6-month sentence for "willful failure to pay child support." Murtari's not eating, his act of non-cooperation, is his way of taking a stand against the immorality of family court where there is no due process and parents can lose custody with no trial by jury.'

Violent Female Celebrities

AngryMan · 27 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

In the wake of Naomi Campbell being arrested for violent assault yet again - her ninth rap in eight years - The Sun publishes a light-hearted review of female celebrity violence.

Mother cleared of poisoning son to death

anthony · 27 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Sounds like this women and defense attorney have "Yated" (ie: Andrea Yates) the court system. All prescriptions for Prozac, Lexapro, Effexor and Zoloft will now come with a book: "100 Ways For a Mother To Kill Her Children" (and not do jail time). Story here. Excerpt:

'During the trial, the prosecution alleged that Williams, who was on antidepressants, killed her son because she felt she could not cope with caring for him.'

Father to be tried for circumcising daugher

Matt · 27 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Taking a knife to one's daughter's genitals in the name of tradition is wrong-- but so too is doing it to one's son. Yet I wonder when boys will get equal protection under the law in this matter? In any case, what this man did to his daughter was wrong. Had he done it to his son though, or paid someone else to do it, he would not be facing trial.

Story here. Excerpt:

'LAWRENCEVILLE, Georgia (AP) -- The trial of an Atlanta-area father accused of circumcising his 2-year-old daughter with scissors is focusing attention on an ancient African practice that experts say is slowly becoming more common in the U.S. as immigrant communities grow.

Khalid Adem, a 30-year-old immigrant from Ethiopia, is charged with aggravated battery and cruelty to children.

Human rights observers said they believe this is the first criminal case in the U.S. involving the 5,000-year-old practice.'

Prosecutor Has Never Interviewed Duke Lacrosse Rape Accuser

Evil White Male... · 27 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

So here we have a prosecutor who has never even asked the accuser of the facts or events of the evening.

"I've had conversations with (the accuser) about how she's doing. I've had conversations with (the accuser) about her seeing her kids," Mike Nifong said. "I haven't talked with her about the facts of that night. ... We're not at that stage yet."

Oh, and at the end of the article: Evans, 23, of Bethesda, Md., was charged in May with rape, kidnapping and sexual offense. A month earlier, a grand jury indicted players Reade Seligmann, 20, of Essex Fells, N.J., and Collin Finnerty, 20, of Garden City, N.Y., on the same charges. The accuser, a student at nearby North Carolina Central University, told police she was raped in a bathroom by three men at the off-campus party.

FUNNY, I DON'T SEE HER NAME MENTIONED ANYWHERE. WHAT WAS THAT OLD SAYING: INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY...

UVSC Hosts Conference Aimed at Building Male Academic Success

anthony · 27 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'While recent studies show that American males may be losing interest in college life, Utah proves that higher education is just as important to boys as it is to girls.

"We have 2 million boys who need to be in higher education," Draves told the Arizona Republic. "This is an issue for everyone."'

Freep.com: "United States puts more women at risk in conflicts"

anthony · 27 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

The harsh reality of war and death should be understood by anyone who enlists in the armed forces. We cannot equate the mortality of one gender over another. They are all soldiers, each death tragic, regardless of gender. Excerpt:

'Ann Wright, a retired Army colonel and former State Department diplomat, said that, with each woman's death in Iraq, the public becomes more aware of the dangers women face. But it hasn't spawned the backlash some predicted.'

Kraft Foods slams men in order to sell their products

Anonymous · 29 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Not a new topic to MRAs but an essential one. Kraft foods has been bold enough to place an ad on their website denigrating men in order to sell their products, namely, their new line of A.1. steak marinades. The clever little ad reads, "A marinade so unforgettable, even a guy won't forget it."

What are they suggesting, that all men are so stupid that they can't remember which products they have used in the past? Or that women are just so naturally superior to men that they won't have to worry about forgetting which products they use? In either case, it's bad and we should not just ignore it as "humor"-based advertising. We did that in the past and look where it got us. Every time this comes up we have to hit them back hard. That's only way this will ever stop.

Ad here.

Contact form here.

RADAR ALERT: UN Violence Report: Three Strikes and You're OUT!

Matt · 30 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The United Nations recently released its biased Violence Against Women report. The report is filled with half-truths and distortions about violence against women, and absurdly claims that the root cause of domestic violence is male "patriarchy".

So last week, RADAR issued an Alert and press release that went to 17,000 media contacts. But that was just the warm-up pitch. In honor of the recently-concluded World Series, this week we're fielding our whole ball team.

RADAR and 90 other organizations from 9 countries around the world have formed a coalition to stop this dangerous report. These organizations are based in the United States, Canada, Ireland, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Germany, Czech Republic, Australia, and New Zealand.

This is what two of these groups are saying about the UN report:

"The UN Report ignores the plight and pain of half of all victims of domestic violence. In effect this report 'sanctions' male victims and ignores the terrorism that fills their lives simply because they are men." — Lee Newman, executive director, SAFE International

"While the UN report purports to be an 'in-depth study,' it ignores the failings of the current system. Many severely-abused victims discover to their surprise that trivial and false claims are consuming the resources that should be going to those most in need." — Terri Lynn Tersak, president and CEO, True Equality Network

The members of this coalition have signed a Resolution Regarding the UN Study on Violence Against Women. The Resolution notes that the UN report "uses misandrous and inflammatory language" to falsely stereotype men, and calls on the UN to "discourage implementation of the recommendations of the Study on Violence Against Women until its effects on families and children are analyzed and understood."

The full Resolution and list of co-signers can be viewed at: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/UN-ViolenceReport-Resolution.pdf.

So this week, we're asking everyone who reads this Alert to throw three pitches.

We'd like you to contact UN Ambassador Terry Miller (he represents the US delegation on the Third Committee, the body that handles social and economic issues at the UN) and throw him:

- 3 fast balls (e-mail him at usa-at-un.int),
- 3 sliders (fax him a letter at 1-212-415-4443), or
- A change-up (a combination of e-mails and faxes)

Three strikes and you're out!!

If you want to send Ambassador Miller a copy of the Resolution along with a short cover note, that's fine. Always be polite and respectful, but be firm in your request that the United Nations:

1. Simply "Note" (but not "Welcome") the recent Secretary-General's report (merely "noting" a report is the diplomatic equivalent of saying, "this report stinks").
2. Discourage implementation of the recommendations of the Study on Violence Against Women until its effects on families and children are analyzed and understood.
3. Request incoming UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to undertake a counterpart Study on Violence against Men.

This is our first global campaign to stop DV bias. And it's a whole new ball game.

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Date of RADAR Release: October 30, 2006

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Bulgaria: 23 girls brawl over handsome boy

AngryMan · 30 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Police were called in Bulgaria after a mass fight broke out between 23 teenage girls over a handsome male student.

The girls, aged between 15 and 18, used brass knuckles, chains and beer bottles to fight over the lad whose name was not revealed.

Mother guilty of killing, abusing boy

Matt · 30 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LANSING, Michigan (AP) -- A mother who claimed that her missing 7-year-old son had run away was found guilty Friday of his murder.

Lisa Holland cried quietly as jurors found her guilty of first-degree felony murder and child abuse in the death last year of her adopted son Ricky.

Felony murder carries a mandatory life sentence without parole. Sentencing was set for November 28.

Prosecutors said Holland struck the boy in the head and then neglected to seek help as he slowly died of his injury.'

NYTimes: What Do Women Want? Just Ask

Matt · 30 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

'More companies, in the United States and elsewhere, have realized that they overlook women at their own financial peril.'

And there's no financial peril in overlooking male consumers?

Essay here.

You know, it seems the NYTimes has gotten a case of multiple personality disorder when it comes to gender-issues reporting. It seems some of their writers are fully aware of the negative impact of feminism and at other times, celebrate it. I can only imagine what one of their editorial meetings looks like.

I recall reading similar kinds of articles on the purchasing power of women that had been published back in the 1920s. The same point was made even then about how women make most of the household purchase decisions-- in households where they lived with men (back then, it was presumed, to men to whom they were married).

But I wonder how this formula changes when you add current trends of single-habitation, which now outnumbers married or co-habitation in terms of U.S. household composition? It seems to me the only real significant change in the formula is that women are working now in fields they didn't back then, but their control of money has stayed the same in the context of married relationships: he makes the money, she spends it, even if she also makes money, too.

Overall though, the message of such stories is clear, any way you slice it up: what "the ladies" want is important; what "the guys" want isn't.

Excerpt:
'Shane Homes is hardly alone. More companies, in the United States and elsewhere, have realized that they overlook women at their own financial peril. The companies are realigning their marketing and design practices, learning to court an increasingly female-centric consumer base that boasts more financial muscle and purchasing independence than ever before.

“We are perhaps on the first step to a matriarchal society; women will earn more money than men if current trends continue by 2028,” said Michael J. Silverstein of the Boston Consulting Group. “The trend has been escalating in the last 10 years as there has been a gradual, slow erosion of the power balance in the family, a psychic rebalancing.”

Women, Mr. Silverstein added, are “controlling purchases and driving a shift in our economy.”'

City sets underwear rule for firefighters

anthony · 30 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Gentleman, no more briefs! Get to the store a purchase some boxers! Story here. Excerpt:

'A Canadian city under pressure for alleged sexual harassment within its fire department has ordered firefighters to wear only boxer-style underwear.

Richmond, British Columbia, will spend $14,200 to buy six pairs of underwear for each firefighter in a bid to make firehalls in the suburb of Vancouver more gender neutral, a newspaper reported on Tuesday.'

News Tribune: "Colleges abandon frightened women"

anthony · 30 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

If this was a "NC17" website, I would offer numerous examples of women using their sexuality as a form of manipulation at S.U.

"Story" here. Excerpt:

'They wish more young men would focus on their minds and souls, instead of their bodies. They are tired of crude social games that serve the desires of men rather than the dreams of young women.

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'Women have flourished academically in this well-regulated environment. On the other hand, men increasingly set the rules for an unregulated social life. … They've streamlined the old system. They've eliminated the time-wasting efforts to attend to women's wishes and gotten down to the fundamentals of adolescent male desire: playing competitive games, drinking with buddies and having sex with lots of compliant women.'

Typical response to fathers' rights protest

afg · 30 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A few weeks ago, the Governor-General of Canada, Michelle Jean, attended a violence against women fund-raiser in Montreal. After the function, she was met by a number of fathers' rights protesters outside. She listened to their views, thanked them, and left.

Here are her reflections on that meeting. Notice how she paints the views of these fathers in comparison to how she paints the views of battered women's advocates? We can send her a letter through the appropriate channels mentioned on her site, we can respond to the blog entry in the comments section, or we can start a discussion on her forums. The important thing is we have to be heard.

More good news on reversible male contraceptive front

Matt · 31 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Scientists are developing a male contraceptive drug which stops the development process of sperm.

Tests on rats show blocking connections to cells which "nurture" developing sperm makes the animals infertile.

The US and Italian researchers say they used relatively low doses of the molecule and found no obvious side effects, and the effect was reversible.'

Duke Case: Nifong Just Can't Admit His Error

Matt · 31 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM, North Carolina (AP) -- The prosecutor in the Duke lacrosse rape case has heard the criticism from experts and armchair lawyers, and said Monday he is comfortable with nearly all the decisions he has made and confident about taking the case to trial.
...
In the early days of the case, Nifong granted numerous newspaper and TV interviews, at one point calling the players "hooligans" and declaring that DNA would identify the guilty. DNA failed to connect the players to the accuser.
...
Roberts said she was unable to get the accuser to leave her car, and pushed on the woman's arm and leg to try to force her out. Roberts quoted the accuser as saying: "Go ahead, go ahead. Put marks on me. Go ahead. That's what I want. Go ahead."'

BBC - Fewer women seek student places

Anonymous · 31 October 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Yes, the BBC has chosen to give a headline on their main website entitled "Fewer women seek student places". Reading the article reveals the decrease to be about 0.5% (yes really) but that female applicants outnumber male applicants by 55% to 45%. The BBC has recently been exposed as internally admitting that they "may have taken political correctness too far". This article is living proof. You couldn't make it up.

Man Cleared Of 1981 Rape, Gets Apology, Little Else

Luek · 1 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Well, it has happened again thank God!
DNA testing cleared this man of the politicized crime of rape.

What makes this rescue notable is that the judge who released him, a female judge no less, apologized to the victim and said it made **her sick to her stomach thinking about the years he spent incarcerated over a crime he didn't commit!** However, the article doesn't say anything about monetary compensation or the need for stricter evidence guidelines for rape.

UK: 'Bad girl' statistics get worse

anthony · 1 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'More city schoolgirls are landing in juvenile detention now than a decade ago - while crime among boys is dropping, a new report reveals. Last year, 1,037 girls younger than 16 entered city detention facilities, up from 772 in 1992, according to the report by the Citizens' Committee for Children.'

New Florida Law Finally Gives Justice to Cuckolded Men

anthony · 1 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A new state law allows men a way out of child-support payments when they can prove that they are not the child's biological father.

Last year, 30 percent of the 15,495 men targeted as possible fathers in paternity proceedings turned out not to be.'

U.S. Men's Testosterone Dropping Rapidly

Matt · 1 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This is disturbing for a lot of reasons. Lowered "T" in men is associated with an increased risk for various health problems including susceptibility to cancer, infertility, and depression. Excerpt:

'While a man's testosterone level will fall steadily as he ages, the researchers observed a speedier decline in average testosterone levels than would have been expected with aging alone.

They hypothesized that the rising prevalence of obesity as well as the sharp decline in cigarette smoking might help explain their findings, given that testosterone levels are lower among overweight people and smoking increases testosterone levels. But these factors accounted for only a small percentage of the observed difference.

It's likely that some sort of environmental exposure is responsible for the testosterone decline, Travison said, although he said attempting to explain what this might be based on the current findings would be "pure conjecture."'

Not being a researcher in this area, I don't know if T-levels are responsible for what amounts of what category of gametes are produced in men (ie, Y- or X-bearing chromosome sperm cells). Perhaps low T is associated with an abundance of X-bearing sperm cells? This may explain why there seem to be so many more girls being born these days than boys. [Anyone who may have more information on this than me, feel free to post.]

But anyway, my own feeling is that the pollution angle is probably right. With all the horrible stuff dumped into the environment the last 50 years in particular, I would not be the least bit surprised if it hasn't messed up human biology substantially, not to mention the biology of everything else on the planet.

Humanity seems to be pursuing a course, among several others, of polluting itself out of existence.

Mother Uses Duct Tape on Sons in Lieu of Babysitter

anthony · 1 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman accused of duct-taping her two children together and leaving them home alone has been charged with child abuse, the sheriff's office said.

Agla Nadia Vincent, 25, was arrested Monday following a seven-month investigation into whether she left her two boys, then aged 2 and 3, taped to each other while she went to work, said Lt. Annie Smith of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.'

Update on Father Accused in FGM Case

Matt · 1 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. He was found guilty. I imagine though that there could be an appeal. This is another one to watch. Excerpt:

'During the trial, Adem testified he never circumcised his daughter or asked anyone else to do so. He said he grew up in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, and considers the practice more prevalent in rural areas.

Adem's attorney acknowledged that the girl had been cut, but implied that the family of the girl's mother, who immigrated from South Africa, may have been responsible. The Adems divorced three years ago, and attorney Mark Hill suggested that the couple's daughter was coached to testify against her father by her mother, who has full custody of the child.'

Reno fire suspect served time for murder

anthony · 2 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who previously served prison time for second-degree murder was arrested Wednesday and accused of setting a blaze that killed six people and gutted much of a historic brick building in Reno's downtown casino district."

"About 30 people were injured, some of them after they leaped out the windows of the three-story building, which was primarily a residential hotel."

Mom charged with killing kids years ago

anthony · 2 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The killings began in San Diego County in December 1965 with the death of Sherry Scott, who was 11 days old, and continued a month later with her sister, Carla Scott, who was 1, Poma said. Both were deemed natural deaths.

"She kind of wanted to deal with it," he said. "She seemed surprised and remorseful."'

Men Face Higher Colon Cancer Risk

anthony · 2 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'A new study finds that polyps linked to colon cancer are 73 percent more common in men than in women, leading researchers to suggest that colorectal cancer screening guidelines be changed.'

Glenn Sacks' recent e-newsletter provides good news to MRAs

axolotl · 2 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Sacks writes:

"In a recent column in Monitor on Psychology (10/9/06), Dr. Gerald P. Koocher, the president of the American Psychological Association, acknowledges the truth about domestic violence--that women are just as likely to physically attack their male partners as vice versa. In Psychological science is not politically correct Koocher writes.."

Here is the link given in the newsletter:
Psychological science is not politically correct.

This seems to be a good start, to forcing feminist-leaning/female psychotherapists (which is most of them) to quit pretending men are only infrequent victims, and treating their "patients" accordingly!

Court: Woman Can't Say No After Start Of Sex

anthony · 2 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An appellate court said Maryland's rape law is clear -- no doesn't mean no when it follows a yes and intercourse has begun.

The decision startled activists who believe people have the right to say no at any time. Jennifer Pollitt Hill of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault called the law "insulting and dangerous."'

Don't Always Believe the Victim, by Wendy McElroy

anthony · 3 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For ten years, I have argued that both the law and society have embraced a fundamentally wrong approach to accusations of sexual abuse. The approach reverses the presumption of innocence and assumes that an accused is guilty until proven innocent. It also includes giving false accusers a 'free pass'; that is, until recently, it was rare for those who filed false reports to be punished by law.'

Man Escorted From Planet Fitness Gym For Grunting

Evil White Male... · 3 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'"We're creating an atmosphere that's not intimidating," said Carol Palazzolo, the gym manager, who yanked Argibay's membership on Monday.

Grunting is commonplace at most gyms, but not Planet Fitness, which discourages so-called "musclehead behavior." There's even a flashing light and siren on the wall, labeled a "lunk alarm," which sounds if someone grunts or drops weights on the floor.

Palazzolo admits she called the cops on Argibay. The Wappingers Falls police report said officers were asked to "escort a member out of the club for grunting while working out...which is not conforming with the rules of the establishment."'

WELL THERE WE HAVE IT -- MALE BEHAVIOR MUST BE RIDICULED AND OUTLAWED -- SO THAT WOMEN AREN'T FEELING INTIMIDATED. WHY NOT JUST CASTRATE THE LOT OF US AND GET IT OVER WITH ALREADY...

Woman Caught Lying that a Congressman Assualted Her

Anonymous · 3 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LAS VEGAS A surveillance videotape released today (Thursday) by Congressman Jim Gibbons' lawyer does not appear to show the gubernatorial candidate or a woman who has accused him of assaulting her in a parking garage.

A partial review of portions of the tape by The Associated Press did not reveal evidence supporting 32-year-old Chrissy Mazzeo's allegations.'

Bull Busters Video a Must-See

Anonymous · 5 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Posted here on AntiMisandry.com:

'Bull Buster Video

Have any of you guys managed to get hold of the free Bull Busters video going around? It's called Violent Women and it is very powerful.'

Ed. note: The links to the downloadable .wmv format clips are at the above linked-to website. I have watched it myself and agree, it's a must-see.

Revealed: How BA bans men sitting next to children they don't know

anthony · 5 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"British Airways has been accused of treating all men passengers as potential sex offenders after it was revealed it has banned children from sitting next to male strangers - even if their parents are on the same flight"

"Leading child protection campaigner Michele Elliot, director of the children's charity Kidscape, said she was astonished by the BA rule."

"It is utterly absurd. It brands all men as potential sex offenders," she said.

Accuser in Duke Lacrosse Case Wanted Money

anthony · 5 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Four days after she said she was raped, the accuser in the Duke lacrosse case told co-workers at a Hillsborough strip club that she was going to get money from some boys at a Duke party who hadn't paid her, the club's former security manager said."

Female teacher's sex charge is unusual

anthony · 5 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"When former Johnston County teacher Rebecca Withrow was charged this month with having sex with an 11-year-old male student, the news stunned parents who knew her as a talented teacher, devoted parent and PTA president."

"The time Letourneau spent incarcerated is notable because women often face less severe punishments than male teachers charged with sexual improprieties."

"But Berlin said boys face the same long-term effects as girls who are victims of sexual abuse: early and inappropriate sexual behavior; problems building relationships later in life; a tendency to either remain a victim or become an abuser themselves."

scotsman.com: "Mankind to be wiped out by language police"

anthony · 5 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Don't assume it is acceptable to address women by endearments such as 'dear', 'pet' and 'love' when you would not address men in such a way," the guide instructs. "Don't refer to women as 'girls', for example, 'the girls in the office'."

It adds: "The term 'ladies' should only be used in situations where the parallel term 'gentlemen' is used."

Reynolds won't take ESPN's benching quietly

anthony · 6 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Reynolds admitted contact with the woman. From his lawsuit: "As he truthfully has stated publicly, in July 2006 he gave a brief and innocuous hug to a female intern. The intern, at the time, never expressed any discomfort and in fact had dinner with Mr. Reynolds at a Boston Market restaurant that same evening after he had given her this brief hug. Mr. Reynolds has never seen her since then, and upon information and belief she made no complaint until approximately three weeks later.

Maybe ESPN expected Reynolds to go quietly. In 11 years at the network, he had developed a reputation as a good guy and hard worker who did actual reporting, the rare athlete-turned-analyst who understands that even in an entertainment-first business there is value in journalism.'

Study: "Moms' motives key in killings"

anthony · 6 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is hard to comprehend why a mother would kill her child.

It is even harder to think she might do it out of love. But that's what an Ohio study published last year indicates may be the motivation, particularly when suicide follows.

The feeling on the part of a mother that killing her child will save him or her from suffering is usually rooted in depression, Callanan said.'

UK: Woman jailed in 'naked slave' case

anthony · 6 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother-of-six from York has been jailed for seven years for turning her sister-in-law into a domestic slave.

Veronica Sandeman, 26, originally from Dundee, was forced to work naked and beg for food, York Crown Court heard.'

OC Weekly Runs Racist, Misandrist "News" Cover

Anonymous · 6 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Look at this will you. The author all but paints (white) men categorically as drooling Asian-hungry predators. Well hasn't she ever met an Asian woman who only dates white or black men? I'll bet she knows a few. But these, I am sure she will say are victims of the "colonial occupation" and are to be sympathized with as victims.

What an incredibly smug, racist and sexist person she is. If she is so unhappy with "white guys" coming on to her, then she can wear a button that says "No white guys need apply". There, that will take care of her problem. Or maybe she is just having too much fun laughing at the misguided fools who waste their time trying to talk to her.

Feedback form is here.

RADAR ALERT: Make your voices heard on Nov 7

Matt · 7 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Often elections are close. Your heartfelt vote on your personal issues of importance can be the deciding factor.

In 2005 Jerry Kilgore, then-Attorney General of Virginia, was favored to win the race for Governor of Virginia. Kilgore, running on his record as Attorney General frequently emphasized how he had cracked down on domestic violence and wanted to expand the existing draconian laws. He lost the race for Governor by a small margin. A credible case can be made that his position on domestic violence lost him the election. This can be an effective argument to make to other candidates after the election's over.

In 2000, U.S. Senator John Ashcroft narrowly lost his re-election bid to a candidate who died in a plane crash shortly before the election. His position supporting the Violence Against Women Act had upset voters to the point that continued protests were being held at his senatorial offices in Missouri, combined with much public activism. The voters turned him out.

In tight races, single issues which normally are not polled or recognized as major factors by parties or pundits, can make or break any candidate.

November 7th is your chance to make your position on domestic violence really count.

When you vote, be sure to tell the volunteers outside your polling place why you are voting for or against a candidate. This is important because it will be fed back to candidates, increasing their awareness about the magnitude of voter concerns.

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Is Misandry Protecting Mothers Who Murder And Maim?

Matt · 7 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Latest from Teri Stoddard. Excerpt:

'MISANDRY
American Heritage Dictionary
mi·san·dry
n.
Hatred of men.

I'm a woman and I used to believe what the media said about men. Now I know better.

The media constantly exposes us to inaccurate, negative impressions of and statements about men. In looking for the root of the problem I found a network of people who benefit from misandry. Many of these people work for or with the family courts or domestic violence services, often both. I wonder if the Violence Against Women Act funds misandry.'

Embezzling Social Worker Murders and Dismembers Husband

Matt · 7 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Shortly before Donald Gash was killed and his dismembered remains were scattered along a North Carolina highway, he allegedly told a relative to suspect his wife and son if anything ever happened to him.

Police immediately began searching for Gash's 41-year-old wife, Gail, who had recently lost her job with the local social services department because of fraud allegations.

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The Gashes were financially strapped largely because of the $60,000 in restitution for a theft that Gail Gash was attempting to repay a former co-worker.

According to court documents, Gail Gash had also recently lost her job with the Henderson County Department of Social Services based on allegations of food-stamp fraud.

She stood to collect $150,000 in life insurance for her husband's death.

...

Assistant District Attorney Charles Walker would not comment specifically on why charges were not laid against the couple's son, except to say that the proof was not there.'

FL Football Player Stabbed by Girlfriend

Matt · 7 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) -- Florida receiver Nyan Boateng was stabbed in the leg by a female student, causing a minor wound and prompting a police investigation.

University of Florida police responded to a call Sunday afternoon and found Boateng and Shawna-Kay Peterkin fighting. According to a police report, Peterkin had already stabbed Boateng with a small knife.

Boateng suffered a minor wound and refused treatment by medical personnel. Boateng and Peterkin declined to press aggravated battery charges against one another, police said.'

First in History 24 Hour Radio Marathon Dedicated To the Plight of Non-Custodial Parents and Fathers

Matt · 8 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

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(Denver, Co) November 8, 2006 launches the first 24 hour marathon in broadcast history designed to examine the issues of Non-Custodial Parents and Fathers.

To boost this cause Krightradio.com and talk show host Richar' Farr will go live at 12 noon Mountain Standard Time 2 pm EST Wednesday November 8, 2006 and broadcast continuously around the world for 28 hours from the Krights Studios in Denver, Colorado.

"Over 25 Million American Non-Custodial Parents and Fathers are organizing. Their leaders are assembling! Their rank and file are standing together to show American Elected Officials there is a creditable force to accomplish major Family Law Reform and greater accountability in Child Support Enforcement. There is a strong Constituency ready to accept nothing less than real change to an abhorrent system of Family Laws and abuses inside the Child Support Enforcement System", says Richar' Farr Syndicated Talk Show Host.

The Date is Wednesday November 8, 2006 for Krightsradio's, "MoV24 - The Marathon of Voices 24 hours", the first ever marthon to examine the issues of Non-Custodial Parents and Fathers concerning Family Law and Child Support Enforcement.The marathon launches 12pm (Mst) / 2pm(Est) 11/08/06. Visit www.krightsradio.com - MoV24 where every Noncustodial Parent and Father will have a voice.

www.Krightsradio.com for live streaming, video, pictures, and schedules.

Media Contact: Tammi Gresham/Jason Adams 303-741-4075 direct

Woman Confesses to Murder on Radio over Child Support Payments

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News entry here.

'Woman confesses to murder on national radio program because man wouldn't pay child support. It is not clear whether this is a case of someone getting away with murder or just a prank.'

Women's Television Network Glamorizing The Murder of Men

Anonymous · 9 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

In a completely unsurprising turn of events, the Oxygen Network runs a show glamorizing the murder of husbands. I'm just guessing that the murderer is the *real victim* on these shows, given that the name of the series is "Snapped", implying that women are only criminal when men make them that way. Obviously women can't be evil, violent or criminal all by themselves.

Same old misandry, new channel.

U.K. Male teachers has plummeted to an all-time low

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The number of male teachers has plummeted to an all-time low, threatening a classroom discipline crisis as a generation of boys misses out on authority role models.

There are fears men are being scared away by the fear of false child abuse allegations while others are thought to be put off by the absence of male companionship in primary schools.'

Moms Have an Edge in The Workplace

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Fortune 500 companies want to hire mothers these days, outlines Katherine Ellison in her book, "The Mommy Brain" because they know that mother's have "emotional intelligence" that will help them succeed at the "people" skills needed in their jobs. Ellison suggests four subsets of skills that mothers can claim, which put them at a distinct advantage in the marketplace: multi-tasking under pressure, dependability, leadership and caregiving.'

Woman jailed for making false rape accusations

anthony · 9 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman was today branded "wicked" and a "skilful actress" as she was jailed for one year for making false rape allegations against her former husband.

Jury Comment:

"You framed an innocent man, you accused him of the most serious offence to be brought against a man in the criminal calendar. The case against your husband was rot and the spotlight was turned against you."'

Also see this article on the story.

Mother not charged in child's death

anthony · 9 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

I wonder if the father would have been charged if the circumstances were reversed?

Excerpt:

"Prosecutors won't file charges against the Knoxville mother whose 3-year-old son died this summer when her unattended car rolled over him."

"It was just a tragic accident," said John Gill, special counsel for the Knox County District Attorney General's Office. "There wasn't a crime committed."

Woman Who Drowned Two Daughters Will Be Freed

anthony · 11 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who drowned her two children in 2003 is now mentally stable and should be released from a state hospital, a judge ruled.
...
"Given Ms. Diaz's apparent swift recovery, Judge Rusch had no choice but to release her from the state hospital," Collin County First Assistant District Attorney Greg Davis said in a statement. "Today's decision underscores the need to reform the insanity defense so that intentional killers are held accountable for their actions and don't return to our communities."'

RADAR ALERT: Women Denounce the UN Violence Study

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Last month the UN issued its Study on Violence Against Women: http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw.

To say this study is flawed is a huge understatement. Now, women around the world are speaking out against this report.

Over the last two weeks, we have contacted our UN delegations, voicing our concerns. This week, we increase our request, asking Ambassador Bolton to make a public statement to the Third Committee denouncing the report.

Send an e-mail (usa-at-un.int) or fax (1-212-415-4443) to Ambassador Bolton. Here's the message – feel free to modify as appropriate:

Dear Ambassador Bolton:

I am writing about the recent Secretary-General Study on Violence Against Women. Women around the world are saying this report is extremely flawed and will never solve the problem of domestic violence:

Terri Lynn Tersak, president and CEO of the True Equality Network, says

"While the UN report purports to be an 'in-depth study,' it ignores the failings of the current system. Many severely-abused victims discover to their surprise that trivial and false claims are consuming the resources that should be going to those most in need."

Kris Titus of Fathers 4 Justice of Canada observes,

"Over 8 years ago I was told by a shelter worker I was lucky my boys were not 12 years old, because they would then be considered potential perpetrators and not able to stay in the shelter with me. Until we stop looking at this issue through gender specific-glasses, we will never solve it. A broken nose is a broken nose whether it's on a man or a woman."

Mary Cleary of AMEN (Abused Men) notes,

"AMEN, the lead organisation in Ireland dealing with male victims of domestic abuse, rejects the anti-man bias in the UN Report/Study on Violence Against Women. The basic presumptions of the report are contradicted by every independent study on domestic violence which show that men and women are both victims and perpetrators in almost equal numbers. The United Nations are, obviously, mis-informed on this matter."

The Secretary-General's report is rooted in a radical gender ideology. It is deeply flawed in its assumptions, methods, and conclusions. By ignoring the problem of physically abusive women, it will never solve, and may actually worsen, the problem of domestic violence. If the report is welcomed and implemented, that will give rise to false allegations of abuse and violate the civil rights of men. This will ultimately cause profound damage to families and children.

I am writing to urge you to make a Statement to the UN Third Committee, expressing your strong reservations about this harmful report.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[your name and address]

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Date of RADAR Release: November 9, 2006

The UN Resolution Coalition is an alliance of over 110 organizations located in 13 countries that are supporting the

Resolution Regarding the UN Study on Violence Against Women: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/UN-ViolenceReport-Resolution.pdf.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Men Are Scum, Even When They're Bashing Men, Say Feminists

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A CU student wrote a satirical piece for a student newspaper about how to deny women pleasure during sex. It was intended to demonstrate what poor lovers men are. In other words, he was bashing men to save the feminists at the school some effort. Apparently self-immolation is the only acceptable action by a male on a university campus in this day and age, and this man was happy to comply.

Naturally this did nothing to stop the standard, estrogen-soaked feminist outrage and their typical trampling of the First Amendment (to the surprise of no one), fully supported by the university's administrators and code of conduct.

I'm just guessing that CU can't have much of a law school, if they have one at all, since they can't remember what the Constitution and its Amendments say. Of course, we are talking about the same school that spent several years trying to fire a professor for his deeply offensive but equally protected remarks about 9-11.

Prominant UK Magazine Points Out Male Discrimination In Divorce

Anonymous · 11 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

An article by UK site askmen.com has recognised the discrimination against men divorce suits. Excerpt:

'Seven out of 10 divorces are initiated by women. While there are no hard statistics, wouldn't you agree that maybe nine out of 10 marriage proposals are also initiated by women? A study done by two blokes name Kuhn and Guidubaldi found that a "gender bias" in the court system makes divorce an inviting idea to the ladies. Why wouldn't it? Women tend to keep the kids, the house, the dog, the car, and half the property. They get to keep the rock, too. This suggests that not only are men getting screwed by the marketing of the De Beers diamond corporation during the engagement, but the actual judicial system is also stacked against guys during the divorce.'

School Principal's Wife Charged With Sex With Of Student

anthony · 12 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The police said that they believe English teacher Carrie McCandless, who is also the wife of the principal at Brighton Charter High School, had an inappropriate relationship with a 17-year-old male student on the trip.'

'Female teacher, a male student - A forbidden sexual relationship'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'"I remember thinking, a long time ago, when I first saw Debra Lafave on the news, I remember thinking, how could she be so stupid?," she told NBC 15's Kim McCrea. "And to find myself in the same situation is unbelievable."'

You guys want a "valid" excuse?

'They have a relationship with that victim and in their mind, that relationship is often a loving relationship. It's a consensual relationship and they very much deny or minimize any kind of negative impact.'

Woman Indicted On False Rape Claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A Rusk County grand jury has indicted the woman authorities claim lied about being raped - a lie that jailed an innocent man for three weeks."

"She had wrapped her 7-year-old daughter, neighbors and a friend into the lie and had them giving authorities information that led to Pierce's arrest."

New 'Humor' Book Released: "The Slime that Men Do"

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Someone on this site once told me Canada has been infiltrated with feminist propaganda and misandry. I never heard of "Humble" Howard Glassman until I saw this article in the Toronto Sun. Excerpt:

"It's a newly released book compiled by former Mix 99.9 morning show host, fun guy Humble Howard Glassman, and bluntly called The Slime That Men Do."

"What's more, it's an altruistic project. For each book sold, a contribution will be made to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation."

Spain: Town gives women equal footing on road signs

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I know its Spain, a country usually not mentioned on this site, but this story is too funny not to post. Excerpt:

'A Spanish town council has vowed to banish sexism from street signage by demanding half of all road signs and traffic lights show female figures with skirts and ponytails.'

Mom throws children into San Francisco Bay

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Story here.

Why do women choose drowning as a method to kill their children? What do you think gentlemen, demonized or diagnosed?

"She knew they couldn't swim and thought she was sending them to heaven. God had commanded her to sacrifice her three boys, her most precious possessions, Harris later told psychiatrists. Passersby said she seemed dazed, disoriented".

"She said Harris believes her children are in heaven -- her youngest now potty-trained, her eldest in school. She sends God postcards written in crayon."

Wrongful conviction lawsuit can proceed

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Story here.

Any money gained through a civil case can't take away the 19 years of suffering in prison.

'A federal judge refused yesterday to dismiss a civil rights suit brought against the city of Lowell and newly named Boston Police Commissioner Edward F. Davis by a man who spent 19 years in prison on a rape conviction before he was exonerated in 2003 by DNA testing.'

Woman Accused Of Sexually Abusing Child Released

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Notice how she was released from a state mental hospital, not prison. The "Accused" comment somewhat confuses me.

'Although a woman accused in the sexual abuse of a five-year-old boy more than six years ago was not sentenced Monday, she was released from the state hospital.'

Tucson woman serving life for son's death to get hearing

anthony · 12 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Looks like another female convict is getting a second chance from our feminist court system.

"A Tucson woman who was sentenced to life in prison for the death of her toddler will get to argue to a Pima County Superior Court judge that her lawyer failed to properly represent her in an appeal."

India: New Sexist DV Law Criticized

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The Indian parliament recently passed a new DV law. The law has been severely criticized by the MRAs, journalists, and senior lawyers, because 1. It's sexist (covers only violence against women by men), 2. The definition of DV is too wide, almost ridiculous, 3. Effectively shifts the burden of proof on the accused man.

Here's Ms Renuka Chowdhary - Minister of Women's welfare being interviwed by Karan Thapar - a journalist. She is not able to give any coherent reply to Karan's questions. Read it here.

Ed. note: The interviewer is rather famous in India. Read about him here. Also read about Renuka Chowdhary here.

Jamaica Observer: Man rape?

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This story from the Jamaica Observer:

'Since [Jamaican rape] law speaks only to women, it eliminates the possibility of a woman being able to rape a man. Notwithstanding this, police sources pointed out that technically, a woman can 'indecently assault' a man or cause him to 'engage in sexual activity without consent'.

Reports from the Centre for Investigation of Sexual Offences and Child Abuse (CISOCA) though, is that to date, there has not been any reported case of 'indecent assault' of a man by a woman.
...
As one female Inspector of Police pointed out, "I know that this [indecent assault] can happen, but maybe the man end up liking it [sexual act], and since he benefitted from it, he doesn't bother to report it.'

Mother throws child into oncoming traffic, Father saves him

Canistor · 13 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

You can read this news article here.

A mother almost kills her child, but fortunately the father saves him.

'A Roselawn mother has been charged with doing the unthinkable, throwing her child into the street and oncoming traffic.

It happened early this morning on Seymour Avenue.

Police allege the suspect was involved in a verbal altercation with the young boy's father and that then the child allegedly became part of his mother's rage.

Police say she picked her child up and threw him out onto a busy road.'
...
'Gamble told 9News that the boy's father quickly retrieved the child out of the street, and the boy likely didn't even realize what had happened to him.

The boy's mother is facing one count of domestic violence and is scheduled to be arraigned on Monday.'

This is not domestic violence but attempted murder.

NYTimes.com: Health Disparities Persist for Men, and Doctors Ask Why

Matt · 14 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The NY Times continues to ride the fence, some days bashing men wholesale as if we are stones in a quarry and others pretending like they give a rat's you-know-what. Well anyway, here it is. Excerpt:

'In recent years, women's health has been a national priority. Pink ribbons warn of breast cancer. Pins shaped like red dresses raise awareness about heart disease. Offices of women's health have sprung up at every level of government to offer information and free screenings, and one of the largest government studies on hormones and diet in aging focused entirely on older women.

Yet statistics show that men are more likely than women to suffer an early death.

Now some advocates and medical scientists are beginning to ask a question that in some circles might be considered politically incorrect: Is men's health getting short shrift?'

Retired Husband Syndrome

AngryMan · 14 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The BBC continues to pour out a stream of anti-male propaganda. Check this story out.

"In Japan it is estimated that 60% of older women have a common problem - their husbands"

The story: Once salarymen retire and stay at home, their wives become ill because they are so disgusted with their husband's mere presence in his own house. Marriage makes women ill, and they do not have enough rights to abscond with their husband's hard-earned pension.

These privileged women spend their adult lives in luxury and solitude, spending their husband's money, and then when he gets too old to work any more, they find him an inconvenience. And the BBC presents this as a joke.

The Japanese have felt the need to coin the word 'karoshi', which means 'death from over-work'. Who is it that dies of karoshi? The husbands I think you will find.

Husband backs story from wife accused of sexual abuse of student

anthony · 14 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The husband of a teacher accused of having sex with a 15-year-old pupil said she had been groped and punched by pupils in the past.

Mrs Poole, 26, denies having sex with the teenager on up to eight occasions.

She claims he forced her to do so by holding a screwdriver to the back of her head..

Teacher has sex with 14-year-old boy

anthony · 14 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

What was most intriguing (and disturbing) about this article is she had sex with him in 4 different cities.

"She has been charged with sexual assault of a child and improper relationship between an educator and a student, both of which are second-degree felonies, according to a news release from Frisco police"

"The boy told investigators that that he and Torres had sex in four different cities, primarily in her F-150 pickup either at his Frisco apartment complex or at soccer fields in The Colony, according to an arrest warrant affidavit."

Male Firefighter Claims Discrimination

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I believe I posted the original story about this woman. It seems more people are stepping forward as a result of her actions. Story here. Excerpt:

'A male firefighter is the latest person to sue the Minneapolis fire chief, a lesbian, claiming that she discriminated against him because he is a heterosexual man.

...alleges that Bonnie Bleskachek, the city's first female fire chief, and her partner, a fire department captain, gave him bad reviews, harassed him and denied him advancement.'

N.O.W. Anticipates Gender Hate-Crime Law

Roy · 14 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The National Organization for Women is orgasming multiply over the future of feminist legislation that they envision following the mid-term elections.

NOW Prez K. Gandy writes --

"Feminists continue to celebrate the results of the 2006 midterm elections and recognize the hard work and resolve that brought many new women's rights supporters to Congress. As much as we enjoy -- and quite frankly deserve -- a good celebration, it's not too soon to ask: What next? ...

The targeting of girls in recent school shootings reminds us that it's past time for Congress to finally add gender, disability and sexual orientation to the existing hate crimes law. As we saw in the Colorado and Amish school shootings, women and girls are sometimes singled out for cruelty and even murder because of their gender, yet federal law does not consider these acts to be hate crimes, as it would if the students had been targeted because of their race or religion."

Link at -- http://www.now.org/press/11-06/11-13.html.

RADAR ALERT: Fake Statistics Used to Claim that Wife-Beating is Men's "Birthright"

Matt · 15 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Throughout the world women in dating relationships are twice as likely as men to be perpetrators of serious domestic violence. In India, for example, 23.0% of severe aggression was instigated by women, 15.3% was male-initiated, and 61.5% was mutual - see http://pubpages.unh.edu/~mas2/ID41E2.pdf, Table 3.

But those facts didn't stop The Washington Times (TWT) from publishing an article that completely ignored the problem of women who physically abuse men:
http://www.washingtontimes.com/world/20061113-120817-8603r.htm.

It's not just that the article is one-sided - it also makes inflammatory and derisive statements about men. The story quotes Brinda Karat of the All-India Democratic Women's Association who claims that men "want to hold on to their birthright to beat up women."

How can any responsible journalist include such a derogatory claim about any group in society?

The TWT article does mention the problem of false allegations by women. But that does not compensate for the fact that the article doesn't give the exact source of a key statistic.

The article claims, "A 2005 U.N. Population Fund report found that 70 percent of married women in India were victims of beatings or rape." Somehow that number seems a little hard to believe.

So RADAR did an extensive search of the UN Population Fund's website. Nothing there.

Then a Google search. No luck.

So RADAR finally contacted the UNDP Information Office. The UNDP employee was unable to find a statement in any UNDP publication that even resembled that statistic.

Conclusion: The phony 70% figure was concocted by someone whose agenda was something other than reporting the truth.

Folks, we can't let this inflammatory story pass unnoticed. The editors at the Washington Times need to hear from a boatload of upset readers. Please tell them this message:

"The 'Abused Wives in India' article is biased, laced with anti-male rhetoric, and uses make-believe statistics. It ignores the well-documented fact that in India, women are twice as likely as men to engage in partner violence: http://pubpages.unh.edu/~mas2/ID41E2.pdf. The story is so systematically flawed that it resembles a propaganda piece. The Washington Times should promptly retract this article and do a follow-up article that tells the truth about domestic violence."

Contact:
Mr. Francis Coombs, Washington Times, Managing Editor
E-mail: fcoombs-at-washingtontimes.com
Telephone: 202-636-3000, then ask to speak with Francis Coombs.

Or send a letter to the editor at: letters-at-washingtontimes.com

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Duke Case Update - New Evidence

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Story here.

'Days before a woman said Duke University lacrosse players raped and beat her, she was passed out cold at a Hillsborough strip club and had to be carried to the parking lot, according to the club's former manager.
...
Haynes' account of that night at the club offers a possible explanation for the scratches doctors would later note on the accuser's body.'

Carey Roberts: 'Fathers No Longer Cost-Effective?'

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Article here.

"There's a message here: persons have an enormous sense of gratitude for the many things - big and small - that dad did for them. I know, that's exactly how I feel about my father."

"But there is a small yet influential group in our society that views fatherhood as an anachronism and a stubborn obstacle to their utopian vision of the social welfare state. And they see divorce and award of child custody to mothers as a highly-effective ploy to achieve their goal."

Bush Needs to Rein in Feminist Operatives -- Carey Roberts

anthony · 15 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Hillary in '08? Could be an M.R.A.'s worst nightmare.

"Under the Clinton two-for-the-price-of-one presidency, a bevy of feminist-inspired programs sprang up throughout the federal bureaucracy. A decade later, most of those programs are going stronger than ever, sucking up taxpayer money, violating men's civil rights, and destroying families."

"All this puts the Department of Justice feminists in high spirits, because with the stroke of a judge's pen, another family has been dissolved, a patriarch has been de-throned, and the statistics of "abused" women continue to mount."

UK - White boys from poorer homes worst in classroom

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Story here.

'WHITE working-class boys are doing worse at school than any other ethnic group and risk becoming an “unemployable underclass”, according to a Conservative Party report.

Mr Duncan Smith says that lack of parental involvement is the prime factor behind white educational failure, not weak schools or poor teaching.'

Sorry Kim, Wendy is Correct

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Gloatfest here.

"Concerned Women for America President Wendy Wright (second in line as official woman-hater right after the Coultergeist, of course) reliably responded: "Single women tend to trend Democrat. They usually rely more on government than married women."

But Kim Fights Back:

"...are in line to replace House Republican (and mostly white male) chairs of committees and subcommittees, and gain integral influence over legislation, budgets, programs and services important to women. How great is this?"

RADAR ALERT: Take 60 Seconds, Save the World from a VAWA Melt-Down!

Matt · 16 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Last month the UN issued its Study on Violence Against Women. The study recommends that every country around the world enact VAWA-like laws: http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw.

Of course the UN feminists hoped the UN Third Committee would immediately "welcome" the Study so they could get on with the job. But thanks to your e-mails, phone calls, and faxes, the proposal has been delayed.

Now, time is running out – the UN Third Committee needs to reach a decision by this coming Wednesday, November 22. That's the date when the committee wraps up its session.

So this is it folks! This is our last shot! Let's not hold anything back!

Time is of the essence. So *right now*, please send an e-mail (usa-at-un.int) or fax (1-212-415-4443) to Ambassador Terry Miller, the US representative to the Third Committee. Politely explain that:

The Study on Violence against Women is deeply flawed. If the report is welcomed, its recommendations will cause lasting damage to families, women, and men. Please express your very strong reservations about this harmful study to the UN Third Committee. And vote to only "note" the report, but not to "welcome" it.

Or telephone UN Ambassador John Bolton directly at 1-202-736-7555. Remember to respectfully state your name, city, and state, along with your message.

The Secretary-General's violence report is rooted in a radical gender ideology. If the report is welcomed and implemented, that will give rise to false allegations of abuse and violate the civil rights of men. This will ultimately cause profound damage to families and children around the world.

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Australia: Boys Education Becomes Priority

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Story here.

I believe the U.S is woefully behind other nations when it comes to the educational needs of boys. When searching for articles regarding boys/education, I find very few from the States. It seems England, and now Australia might be the nations that start a needed revolution to educate our sons. I wonder what Australian feminist Germaine Greer thinks of this new educational initiative?

"A $19.4 million Australian Government initiative called Success For Boys aims to change all that in 1600 schools by 2008 - and four schools in the NSW Blue Mountains will be among the first to implement it."

"Success For Boys works on a number of fronts, including teachers' professional development, producing and sharing successful teaching and assessment strategies to take more advantage of boys' interests and strengths and developing male mentoring systems"

Doctors Opposing Circumcision

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Article here.

This article, though not recent, offers information regarding the tragic affect circumcision has on some infant boys. The article also explains MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus), an infection I never knew existed.

WARNING: SOME OF THE PHOTOS ARE VERY DISTURBING!!!!!!

"Doctors Opposing Circumcision consistently has advised parents that genital integrity (non-circumcision) is most likely to produce the highest state of health and well-being and is the preferred medical option for newborn boys. The arrival of community MRSA in epidemic proportions adds additional force to that recommendation."

Wendy McElroy: Audio Interview

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I found a presentation by Wendy McElroy delivered to the National Coalation Of Free Men. The speech was given in 2002. I feel her comments are still relevant today regarding our issues as M.R.A's. I thought the speech was outstanding.

When you enter the site look for the following info to listen to her presentation:

"AUDIO Scrapping NOW: Time to Redefine Feminism (39 minutes, offsite link to 4.7 MB MP3 file), or read the transcript. Delivered for the National Coalition of Free Men, St. Paul, MN, 21 June 2002."

Planet Fitness Facing Legal Action

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http://www.BoycottPlanetFitness.com/

THE GYM "GRUNTER" STRIKES BACK
Grunter Retains Counsel; Intends to Wage Legal Battle

After being unceremoniously expelled from his Planet Fitness Gym for "grunting", New York orrectional Officer Al Argibay is fighting back. He has retained prominent New York civil rights attorney Jason Stern to represent him.

"This is the most absurd thing that I have ever seen," says Stern, who happens to be a former competitive bodybuilder. "Grunting is an involuntary breathing reaction to lifting heavy eights -- much like gasping for breath when running on the treadmill at a high rate of speed. To throw someone out of the gym or "breathing loudly" is ridiculous. If they don't want people "grunting", why does Planet Fitness have heavy weights? My client was squatting 500lbs. Show me someone who can squat 500 lbs without grunting and I'll show you a woman who can give birth to a baby in silence. It's pretty much impossible."

Planet Fitness's website claims that Planet Fitness is a "judgment free zone" with an "energetic environment" "where everyone feels respected and accepted." But that couldn't be further from the truth, Stern says. "The bottom line is that Planet Fitness is offering a cheap product intended to lure people who aren't serious about working out -- the New Year's Resolution type who will go 8-10 times a year, and the people who spend more time reading their self-help books in the gym than they do actually working out. They don't want bodybuilders or weightlifters or anyone else who is serious about building muscle."

Stern even has a name for what happened to his client: BIG-ISM. "They are discriminating against people with muscles. Their motto should be 'If your ideal physique is the guy who gets sand kicked in his face, then Planet Fitness is the gym for you.'"

While Mr. Argibay has stated that he has no desire to ever return to Planet Fitness, his attorney has stated that they are considering legal action against the gym.

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If you'd like more information aobut this story or to schedule an interview with Al Argibay or his counsel, please call Jason Stern at 917-922-0835 or email Mr. Stern at jasonstern-at-yahoo.com.

Murtari at 108 Days on Hunger Strike

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Parents' Rights Activist Endures 108 Days Without Eating

Documentary 'Support? System Down' to Include AKidsRight.org Founder John Murtari

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Contact: Teri Stoddard of A Kid's Right, 925-628-1206 or teri@akidsright.org

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Nov. 16 /U.S. Newswire/ -- Angelo Lobo, producer of "Support? System Down" will be arriving in Syracuse today, Nov. 16, to film John Murtari, founder of AKidsRight.org, in the Onondaga County Justice Center, on his 108th day with no solid food.

"John's story is special in that he has taken a stand against a system that desperately needs reform, on a national level," said Lobo, "He is a voice for thousands who are being incarcerated against their constitutional rights."

Murtari, 50, an Air Force Academy graduate, was sentenced to six months incarceration for willful failure to pay child support, a charge he disputes. Inspired by Gandhi, Murtari started the parents' organization AKidsRight.org and has been advocating for a Family Rights Act.

"The child support system is broken; their information is too frequently not accurate or complete," said Jane Spies of the National Family Justice Association. "If an honorable man like John can get locked up, anyone can," she continued, "How does this help his son? Why does his son have to suffer the loss of a loving father?"

Murtari urges parents who want change in family law to demonstrate faith, love and personal sacrifice, and to participate in peaceful protest. He once climbed the art structure in front of the Federal Building and displayed a large banner in his quest to get a meeting with Senator Clinton. Murtari stopped eating July 31, the day he reported to jail. "John is a hero to parents around the world," said Spies.

Lobo has interviewed parents across the country who have said it's time for change in family law. "This is the new civil rights movement," said Teri Stoddard, "Parents are demanding truth, justice and equality. They want their constitutional rights upheld."

Everyone is encouraged to join the AKidsRight.org mailing list http://www.akidsright.org/register/sign-up.php4

Murtari will be released on Dec. 1, and his first priority, is visiting his son.

For more information on AKidsRight.org visit http://www.akidsright.org

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Male DV Victims in Utah

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Story here.

In this report 54 out of 65 deaths attributed to domestic violence were males in the report from Utah.

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Ed. note: Report includes suicide victims for the first time-- all but two are men. Interesting change of tabulation factors. Report also notes all of the homicide *suspects* were men. Curiouser and curiouser...

NYPD: Women Terrorists Real Threat

anthony · 17 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

"The NYPD is warning business owners to be on the lookout for female jihadists who can hide explosives by faking pregnancy or sweet-talk their way past security officers".

"What this means is that we don't have the luxury of ignoring 50% of our population in assessing whether someone is a threat," Weiner said.

Studies Investigate Female Sex Offenders

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Story here.

"Boys who are victims of female sex offenders, though, seem to receive less sympathy from friends, family and the public, who often look at having sex with an older woman as a conquest."

"Maston added that the male victims often think, "'(Am I) going to be in trouble? And, because they are the male, 'Is there something wrong with me?' 'Are they going to complain because they didn't like it?'"

"Often, young victims of these offenders do have difficulties, (including) depression, suicide attempts, drug use," Lewis said. "Those are things that can happen."

Attorney: Mother charged with killing twins needs treatment

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Story here.

"A mother accused of killing her twin sons has postpartum depression and should be released from jail to receive treatment, her attorney told a judge."

"Mothers do not go around killing their children. You know that. She needs help," attorney Steve Davis told the judge. Davis said White can't get the treatment she needs in jail."

Draft Bill to be Introduced

Anonymous · 20 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

File it under "Draft Watch 2007". The previous introduced bill (back in 2005) stipulated an abolishment of the male-only draft and military-only assignment of duties in favor of a "National Service" program wherein people of both sexes would be subject to induction and assignment to military or "other occupations". Guess we'll just have to see what January brings. My guess is it will be the same, with of course the unspoken, tacit assumption that it will be men moved into military/combat roles with women moved into something else, possibly domestic law enforcement or related.

RADAR ALERT: Truth and Consequences Campaign Reaches Over 2 Million

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The Truth and Consequences campaign involved a high-intensity, coordinated nationwide effort that involved 62 organizations over a 21-week period. The campaign ran from June 19 to November 17, 2006.

The campaign was designed to reach political candidates, the media, professionals who work in the DV field, the public at large, and other groups. It is conservatively estimated that over 2 million persons were reached during the course of the campaign.

The theme of the campaign, Truth and Consequences: Election 2006, was designed to highlight the urgent need for elected officials and the American public to understand the truth about domestic violence, and to appreciate the harmful consequences of biased domestic violence laws on American families and children.

The campaign also included a “mini-campaign” regarding the United Nations’ Study on Violence Against Women.

Particularly strong efforts were mounted in California, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, and North Carolina. Campaign activities included the following:

- Media communications:
  - RADAR Special Reports: 3
  - Press releases: 8 (each sent to 17,000 media contacts)
  - Editorials: 18 (estimated readership for each editorial: 25,000)
  - Letters to the editor: 9
  - Newspaper articles: 10
  - Radio shows: 7
  - TV shows: 9
  - Weekly Alerts
- Conference presentations
- Distribution of materials at conferences and meetings
- Exhibits at conferences
- Meetings and discussions with candidates and staff members at the local, state, and national levels
- Communications to UN delegations
- Meetings with clergy
- Letters of complaint
- Rallies
- Anti-discrimination lawsuit
- Participation on domestic violence coordinating councils
- Revision of police DV manuals

Full details of the campaign can be found at this web address:
http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/TandC-Accomplishments.pdf.

The extraordinary success of the Truth and Consequences campaign reflects the growing grass-roots movement that is now dedicated to reforming the Violence Against Women Act and the state laws that it has spawned. These reforms are urgently needed to stop discrimination against male DV victims, to assure the rights of the falsely-accused, and to protect families and children from undue governmental intrusion.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holidays, we thank, salute, and honor each and every person who participated in the Truth and Consequences campaign. And indeed, the truth is getting out!

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Date of RADAR Release: November 20, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Brigham woman will serve up to 5 years for killing husband

anthony · 22 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Initially charged with first-degree felony murder she pleaded guilty in September to second-degree felony manslaughter. Is it just me, or did she almost get away with murder (5 years?)

"Her attorney, Ronald Nichols, urged the judge to be lenient because Vickie Ruiz was under the impression that the .22-caliber handgun could not kill a person."

"She blamed alcohol for her rash actions, but then continued to party with friends, including a boyfriend, and seemed overly interested in how much insurance money she would get, her daughter told the judge. "To this day, she is still causing heartache and distress," Sherry Ruiz said."

Canadian women's gym gets OK to bar men

anthony · 22 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"In the circumstances of this case, treating Mr. Stopps the same as these women would actually result in an adverse consequences for these women," the tribunal wrote, saying that Stopps had the option of using other coed gyms."

"The gym is part of a fitness chain that has 40,000 women members. Of its 300 employees only four are men -- one of whom is the company's president and founder."

Indiana mother charged with murder of her 4 children

anthony · 23 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Apparently the husband claims the woman was "depressed" prior to the murders. She'll probably end up in a mental hospital playing ping-pong and checkers with Andrea Yates.

"A woman accused of strangling her four young children was charged with murder Wednesday, a day after hundreds of people attended the youngsters' funeral"

"Gonzalo Lopez, father of the two oldest children, has said Alvarez was depressed after losing her job and had been hospitalized for several days."

Mother Charged With Stabbing 3 Children Put On Suicide Watch

anthony · 23 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Things are looking very positive for this woman accused of murder. She'll have the usual mental illness and domestic violence claim as an excuse.

"A 22-year-old Hartford woman described by her attorney as having a history of mental health problems was placed on suicide watch Monday as she was formally charged with stabbing her three young sons."

"Public defender Laila Haswell said Ortiz has a history of mental health problems and has been a victim of domestic violence. The latter claim generated an angry reaction from several women who were ordered to leave the courtroom."

Alec Baldwin on Larry King

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Alec Baldwin does a good job of discussing the short end men get in "family court", and does it on Larry King no less! The transcript is here, starting about a quarter of the way down the page. Excerpt:

'And I've seen many, many men, in particular, who they gave up. I'd be sitting in the first class cabin of a plane, I'd be in a bar, I'd be in a restaurant, I'd be somewhere, I'd be in a line at the baseball game, and I became kind of, you know, a lightning rod for this issue and men would come up to me and say, you know, I fought and fought and fought and I spend hundreds of thousands of dollars and countless, you know, units of my own psychic energy on this whole thing and then I finally quit and I would be heartbroken. I didn't quit.'

Segregating Children From Men by Wendy McElroy

anthony · 24 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Seating men as though they were sexual predators is a vicious and discriminatory practice that has no basis in fact or logic. Indeed, if the illogic of the policy were consistently spun out, it would mean 'women and children only' flights and the restricted seating of men at theaters or concerts."

"The policy harms children in a more subtle manner; they may no longer trust men per se enough to ask for help when they need it. They may hesitate to approach a policeman or fireman who are, after all, still men. That is the message airlines are sending to children. And how is that message being heard by the boys who will grow into men?"

"Stop segregating children from men!"

England: Mother who jumped from bridge with baby is jailed for 18 months

anthony · 24 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Steven Garth, defending, said that after struggling to cope with losing custody of her daughter she became increasingly concerned for the girl's welfare"

"A psychiatrist said she was suffering from a "depressive disorder" as a result of her lack of contact with the child."

"This is one of the most difficult cases I have ever had to deal with," he said. "It is difficult because on the one hand you are an intelligent woman, you have no previous convictions and you pleaded guilty at the very first opportunity."

Mother convicted of trying to kill child

anthony · 24 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Defense attorneys argued that Waremburg was insane at the time -- in part because of the emotional stress of having to raise the girl alone. She tried to commit suicide when she understood what she'd done, they said."

"The child, who is now 5 years old, has since fully recovered and is living with her father."

Dad's new role: "Dads are not only providers, but also nurturers"

anthony · 24 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Dads are doing a lot more nurturing," said Kevin Krippner, a licensed clinical psychologist with Twin Cities Behavioral Health in Normal. "You never used to see changing tables in the men's room."

"When dads are involved, the payoffs are big, with research showing it can boost kids' grades, improve behavior and increase the chances they'll be involved in extracurricular activities. And the role modeling benefits the next generation."

DNA Clears Yet Another Man From False Rape

blaze4metal · 24 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story found here. A man who was convicted of rape in 1992 was released when DNA testing cleared his name. The police labs refused to test him at the time. The woman in charge of the testing apparently has a record of doing this.

Woman Spends Thanksgiving On Billboard to Protest C/S Injustice

Matt · 25 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story covered here. Excerpt:

"Shelly Barreras says sometimes you have to do whatever it takes, in a peaceful way, to get results, especially when you’re dealing with government.

New Mexico Governor Richardson has apparently reneged on a promise to help the Barreras family recover $15,000 collected by the state as child support from Steve Barreras, for a child that never existed.

At half-past four Thursday morning Barreras climbed a ladder to her perch above I-40 to hang a large banner. Emergency vehicles and crews from three television stations arrived and the roads were closed."

A Woman Should Not Be Pregnant Against Her Will?

Roy · 26 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Ms. Magazine's editor Eleanor Smeal tells Bill O'Reilly in this recent youtube.com interview that – "You can't have someone pregnant against her will." Assuming that this is an expression of feminist integrity and commitment to gender equality, would it be logical to also expect feminists to agree that "no man should have to become a father against his will?"

Organization hopes male nurse calendar attracts men to profession

anthony · 26 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

For years feminists and the government have solely focused on careers where women are not "properly" represented. Rarely, if ever, do you see an initiative promoting the value of men in desired professions. Nursing is no joke, an RN in a major metropolitan area can earn upwards of $80,000 per year.

Organization hopes male nurse calendar attracts men to profession

"We hope that by showcasing some of New Jersey's very own men in nursing, their scope of practice settings and their personal and professional interests, that other men will be interested in nursing as a career," Debra Harwell, the institutes's director, told The Philadelphia Inquirer for Saturday's newspapers."

Ethiopians protest U.S. mutilation case

anthony · 27 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"During the trial, Adem testified he never circumcised his daughter or asked anyone else to do so. His attorney acknowledged that the girl had been cut, but implied that the family of the girl's mother, who emigrated from South Africa, may have been responsible"

"His trial was not fair ... how is it that Fortunate did not notice that her own daughter had been circumcised for almost two years? How is that possible? She only told the police when they got the divorce to hurt him — to get back at him," Adel Adem, Khalid's brother, told The Associated Press before the demonstration."

Male teachers slow to push dress code for fear of accusations

anthony · 27 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Is there any wonder why male teachers are on the endangered species list?

"The Minidoka County School Board in southern Idaho has resolved to more strictly enforce dress code rules after some male teachers said they were reluctant to deal with underdressed students for fear of being accused of sexual harassment."

Europe 'must end domestic abuse'

n.j. · 27 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

...for women only, of course. Story here.

This is not the first time the current Spanish government has supported the outdated, one-sided feminist definition of domestic abuse. Already a law was passed there that allowed electronic tagging after allegations of domestic violence. Gender neutral language was only used after some politicians protested. The wording then used was "persons especially in need of protection".

Dissident Domestic Violence Experts Form New Group to Challenge DV Establishment

Roy · 27 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Original announcement at GlennSacks.com.

'Current DV policies are so at odds with research and reality that many domestic violence researchers and treatment providers are rebelling against the DV establishment. Earlier this year over 50 of these authorities signed a letter urging the California legislature to stop the state's policy of excluding male victims and their children from DV services.'

Christina Hoff Sommers: Title IX shouldn't be used as an academic weapon

anthony · 27 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If the Education Department and National Science Foundation were strictly to impose Title IX compliance standards on academic science, we could see men's participation in math, physics, technology and engineering capped at the level of female interest. That would wreak havoc in fields that drive the economy and where the USA already lags other countries.'

Chicago group counsels men on their rights in a divorce

anthony · 27 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

“We were getting a lot of fathers who were losing custody because of traditions in the courts favoring mothers,” Delorto said."

“It doesn’t go away. Even today we have a hard time getting equal rights for fathers.”

Lost Boys: The Anxious Years

anthony · 28 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

"...it is important to look past the stereotypes to celebrate and recognise the good things about being male. "Then there is a better understanding of what it means to be male, what sort of things you need to think of, about how we need to look after ourselves and the way we interact with each other as males...

It gives the boys the opportunity to talk about issues affecting men in a totally male environment. It's about them trying to find out who they are and why they are. They are learning what it is to be a man and they see what that means from their own father."

Father of girl slain by mother channels grief into new law

anthony · 28 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'Anguish has marked John Giovanni's life since his ex-wife bludgeoned their daughter to death nearly two years ago. First there was the news of the killing, committed as the teen slept. Then there was the moment he looked into her casket and realized how badly damaged her body was even after morticians did the best they could.'

RADAR ALERT: Why is the Washington Times Dragging its Feet on the Flawed Abuse Article?

Matt · 28 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

On November 13 The Washington Times (TWT) ran an inflammatory article on “Abused Wives in India Pin Hope on Anti-Violence Law.” The article claimed, “A 2005 U.N. Population Fund report found that 70 percent of married women in India were victims of beatings or rape.”
That statement implies that 70% of all husbands in India are batterers or rapists.

Columnist David Usher analyzed the claim, and concluded it was “yet another classic example of the feminist rumor mill in action” that came from a study that is a “misrepresentation of science.”

In short, the claim is a fabrication and a hoax.

Responsible journalism dictates that key facts be confirmed before they are published, especially when they serve to stereotype and denigrate groups of persons. But The Washington Times did not do this.

The very next day after the article was run, RADAR released an Alert. But two weeks later, we are still waiting for The Washington Times to do the right thing, which is to retract the defamatory front-page article or at least print a correction.

Maybe the editors at TWT think that the issue will just go away. But it won’t. Because they have labeled 70% of Indian husbands as batterers and rapists.

Please contact the editors and ask them why they haven’t retracted the flawed story? And while you’re at it, politely request they run an article that tells the whole truth about domestic violence!

Please contact these people today:

David Jones, international editor:
E-mail: djones-at-washingtontimes.com
Telephone: 1-202-636-3000, then ask to be connected to his office.

Frances Coombs, managing editor:
E-mail: fcoombs-at-washingtontimes.com
Telephone: 1-202-636-3000, then ask to be connected to his office.

Please do it now. We can’t allow this slander to stand.

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Sorting out puzzle of male suicide

anthony · 28 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

"It occurred to me that if 86 percent of adolescent suicides were girls, there would be a national commission to find out why. There'd be front-page stories and Oprah shows and nonprofit foundations throwing money at sociologists and psychologists to study female self-destruction. My feminist sisters and I would be asking, rightly, "What's wrong with a culture that drives girls, much more than boys, to take their own lives?"

"Just as we enlisted fathers to empower their daughters, we need them now to empower their sons. We mothers can tell our sons to talk about their feelings, to teach them the signs of depression, to say it's OK to ask for help. But they learn how to be men from their fathers."

Lifeclass: 'I would urge any father to fight'

AngryMan · 28 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

A long and very sympathetic article about fathers' rights from Lesley Garner in the conservative-leaning London Daily Telegraph.

'A month on, desperate letters about fathers who have been denied access to their children continue to pour in to Lesley Garner

The sheer urgency and volume of your views on excluded fathers has compelled me to return to this topic for the third time.

When I wrote some weeks ago about Paul, a young father being excluded from his baby's life by the mother, I was deluged with stories from you, and they keep on coming.'

"Boot camp" Guards Charged with Murder

Matt · 28 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Apparently waiting for a male to get out of adolescence is too much patience to expect from certain "law enforcers" before torturing him to death for being "uncooperative". Seems inmate abuse is an age-adjusted equal-opportunity activity, particularly when it comes to males. Read it here. Excerpt:

"A second autopsy by Dr. Vernard Adams, the medical examiner for Hillsborough County, found Anderson's death was caused by suffocation due to the actions of the guards.

He said the suffocation was caused by hands blocking the boy's mouth, as well as the "forced inhalation of ammonia fumes" that caused his vocal cords to spasm, blocking Anderson's upper airway."

Canadian child care tax benefit social program forces dads to get a note from their wife

Anonymous · 28 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

From Revenue Canada's web site:
"The Canada Child Tax Benefit is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under age 18."

Just one catch... If you're a man, you need to get a note from the child's mom before you can even apply.

From the application form (.pdf file):

"[W]hen both a male and a female parent live in the same home as the child, we presume that the female parent is primarily responsible for the child and should apply, unless a note from the female parent is attached to this application that states that the male parent is primarily responsible for the child."

Imagine the uproar we'd hear if women were forced to get a note from men so that they collect on a government run program.

I haven't looked into it, but I wonder who gets the Child Tax Benefit if the parents have split custody? I think I know the answer, but it would be interesting to find out.

Police Say Mother Microwaved Her Baby

Evil White Male... · 28 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

China Arnold, 26, was jailed Monday on a charge of aggravated murder, more than a year after she brought her dead month-old baby to a hospital.

"China - as a mother and a person - was horrified that such an act could occur," her attorney said.

Arnold has three other children.

In 2000, a Virginia woman was sentenced to five years in prison for killing her month-old son in a microwave oven. Elizabeth Renee Otte claimed she had no memory of cramming her son in the microwave and turning on the appliance in 1999. Experts said that Otte suffered from epilepsy and that her seizures were followed by blackouts.

I KNOW IT'S SO CLICHE, BUT IF YOU'LL NOTICE THE LAST PARAGRAPH, I REALLY HAVE TO WONDER IF THERE HAS EVER BEEN ANY WOMEN THAT HAS EVER BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR HER ACTIONS....

Glenn Sacks: Michigan NOW Declares 'Action Alert' Against Shared Parenting Bill

anthony · 28 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

"Michigan shared parenting advocates and the Michigan chapter of the National Organization for Women are squaring off over HB 5267, a Michigan shared parenting bill which will be heard by the House Families and Children Services Committee on December 6"

Panel recommends firing female fire chief over discrimination and harassment

anthony · 29 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here's another update on our favorite female fire chief.

"A city panel recommended Tuesday that officials fire Bonnie Bleskachek, the nation's first openly lesbian big-city fire chief, in the wake of firefighter lawsuits accusing her of harassment and discrimination."

"Three female firefighters have sued, alleging various acts of discrimination and sexual harassment. Two of the lawsuits were settled, but this month a male firefighter brought another lawsuit alleging he was denied advancement because he is male and not gay."

Men portrayed as monsters - article, Australian MX News

GaryB · 29 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Found this in the Australian (Sydney) MX News, a daily newspaper given away free to all commuters each day in Sydney. It's the drum I've been banging on about for ages, so really pleased to see it in at least a form of mainstream press.

QUOTE:

TITLE: TV Turns men into monsters, by Matt Sun

The portrayal of men on current affairs television has turned the average Australian male from goofy bloke to evil predator.
University of Western Sydney media researcher Dr Jim Macnamara said years of seeing images of men being shown as evil was influencing young boys, who either abandon men as role models or try to live up to the stereotype.

A six month study revealed 69 percent of reports on men were unfavourable - only 12 percent were favourable.

"Some recurring themes in media content portrayed men as violent, sexually abusive, unable to be trusted with children, deadbeat dads or commitment-phobic, and in need of reconstruction," he said.

"Men were predominately reported or portrayed in mass media as villains, aggressors, perverts, and philanderers. With more than 75 percent of mass media representations of men and male identity showing men in one of these four ways."

Macnamara accepted that many adults dismiss the negative portrayal as exaggeration or ratings grabbing, but said that those most likely to be overwhelmed by the images were boys with single parents.

"Highly negative views of men and male identity provide little by way of positive role models for boys to find out what it means to be a man and gives boys little basis for self-esteem," he said.

/END QUOTE

Personally I think it's about time somebody paid attention to it, and I'm only surprised the figure is so low - ONLY 75% of men in the press displaying us in the four evils...

Telegraph Asks: Are we guilty of ignoring fathers' rights?

Anonymous · 29 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The Telegraph asks: "Are the courts automatically biased towards mothers, even if they may not be the more suitable parent? What steps can be taken to force mothers to provide fathers with the necessary contact with their children?

Is there too much of a focus on a father's responsibility to make alimony payments, and not enough on his right to visit his child?

How do you think Britain compares to other countries in the way that it handles the rights of separated parents?

Has the adversarial approach to divorce law turned children into the spoils of marriage?"

The response from readers is absolutely overwhemling.

One day, a politician will catch on, offer equal rights to fathers in divorce, and scoop an election.

Wash Times: "70% abused wives in India statistics false" says the UN Agency

Anonymous · 30 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Notice here.

"70% abused wives in India statistics false" says the UN Agency..."

UK: Go soft on killer women, courts told

AngryMan · 30 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The situation in the UK continues to get worse. Check this story out.

Courts should go easy on women who kill abusive partners, a review of the laws on murder said yesterday.

Women who kill in cold blood can escape the mandatory life sentence imposed for the crime if they prove they were "provoked" by fear of domestic violence.

But the plan, delivered to ministers yesterday by the Government's law reform advisers, says that men who kill wives or girlfriends in anger over betrayal or family break-up should get more severe treatment.

So much for sexual equality.

Critics slam Tory decision to close most Status of Women offices

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"OTTAWA (CP) - The Conservative government is taking an axe to Status of Women Canada, closing three-quarters of its regional offices and outraging critics in the process.

Heritage Minister Bev Oda revealed Wednesday that 12 of the federal agency's 16 regional offices will be shut down by April 1.

[...]

'We don't need to separate the men from the women in this country. . . This government as a whole is responsible to develop policies and programs that address the needs of both men and women.'"

Story here.

India: "Dating Allowance" Case Draws Ire

bharati · 30 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The men's rights movement does exist in India. The sheer volume of population can give an idea that India is likely to have more men's rights activists then Australia in spite of the fact that the feminists have started to hit-and-bat at will only from year 2000 onwards.

Only a feminist can make dating allowance seem like a crime the link to this is here.

But unfortunately for her the MRAs were available and the reaction was swift in a day with SIF and Asha-kiran; it made front page news.

The first case of Domestic violence in India and it is proved to have been misused.

The reaction in the software capital of India is furious and the newspapers and TV channels do not give an indication of the fury that is in undercurrent at the law which seems to favour the women with the modern "Shurpankha principle". (In Indian mythology, Shurpanakha is a lady who does not even stop at murder for her illegal demand of adultery and she gets her first husband killed by a ruler by making false allegations.)

Finally we cannot but have gratitude towards David Usher for debunking the 70% myth and getting Washington Post to retract. The reporter had a tough tongue-lashing from us and that is why, with a malicious intent, she included a false interpretation of the study.

Court rules boy can't compete on girls' squad

Matt · 30 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. So girls can still play on boys' teams, but not vice versa. Excerpt:

"MADISON, Wis. (AP) -- A state appeals court on Thursday rejected a lawsuit by a boy who wanted to compete on his high school's girls' gymnastics team.

The District 4 Court of Appeals upheld a judge's dismissal of Keith Michael Bukowski's lawsuit against the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, which has a rule prohibiting boys from competing in girls' sports."

McElroy: Kofi's Legacy Misfires

anthony · 30 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"In October, the United Nations (UN) released its much-anticipated Secretary-General's Study on Violence Against Women (SVAW) - a global overview and update on the issue. The SVAW is a lumbering 139-page behemoth of a document that is embarrassingly inaccurate, ideological and biased against men."

"SVAW stresses that psychological neglect or abuse and lack of medical care are forms of violence against women. But, worldwide, men are 3.5 times as likely to commit suicide and their life expectancy is lower than women's"

30-year-old woman charged with sexual assault of 16-year-old boy

anthony · 30 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A warrant has been issued for a 30-year-old Bay City woman who is charged with sexual assault of a child, a 16-year-old boy who worked with her at a fast-food restaurant."

"The charges were made following an investigation that started Nov. 20 when the boy's mother went to police to express her concerns about the possible assault."

Ousted Female Teacher Admits 'Misconduct' with 13-YO Boy

anthony · 30 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"A former gym teacher has admitted to improper conduct with a 13-year-old boy at a Middlesex County middle school where she taught for nearly a decade."

"Under the plea bargain, Amy Burke faces up to four years in state prison and agreed to surrender her teaching certificates."

Woman accused of having sex with 14-YO boy

anthony · 30 November 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The teen told police Kalinowicz became pregnant and he thought he was the father, although Kalinowicz told police she'd slept with three other men. Kalinowicz had an abortion when she was five months pregnant, court records state."

Parent Activist Murtari to Be Released From Prison

Matt · 1 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Great news! Read it here. Excerpt:

"Contact: Teri Stoddard of AKidsRight.Org, 925-628-1206 or teri@akidsright.org

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Nov. 30 /U.S. Newswire/ -- Family rights activist and AKidsRight.Org's founder John Murtari will be released from prison Friday after spending four months incarcerated for "willful" failure to pay child support. Murtari denies the charge, saying support was calculated with a salary he no longer had, and travel expenses to see his son exceed the amount ordered after the courts allowed his ex-wife to move their son across the country.

Inspired by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Murtari embarked on a peaceful protest July 31, the day he reported to serve his 6-month sentence. For 10 days Murtari had no food or water. Medical personnel tried to tempt him with candy, and threatened not to intervene. He lost 27 pounds and suffered dehydration, low blood sugar, low blood pressure and an irregular heartbeat before prison officials gave him a feeding tube."

England: Woman jailed over rape lies

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Story here.

"Liverpool fan Patricia Miller, 26, had consensual sex with the 19-year-old student Charles Brown hours after the Champions League final on 25 May 2005."

"But she told police she had been raped by Mr Brown at her flat in Acomb, York."

"Jailing her for nine months at York Crown Court, Judge Stephen Ashurst said Miller had told "a pack of lies".

Victim Now Accused of False Rape Report

anthony · 1 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"Now detectives have the accuser, Sherry Mullins, 35, of 318 Walker Road, Morganton, behind bars. Mullins is charged with filing a false police report."

"Detectives invested about 25-30 hours in the case, Huffman says. That time could have been spent on other, real cases, he says. Filing a false police report in North Carolina is a misdemeanor.

Globe and Mail Editorial: Status of Women is an "Agency Well Pruned"

Anonymous · 1 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The Globe and Mail, Canada's largest national newspaper, printed this editorial:

"From the opposition outcry over budget cuts to Status of Women Canada, Canadians might think the Conservatives had throttled women's aspirations for equality. That is simply incorrect. Instead, 35 years after the creation of a status-of-women cabinet post and 22 years after the recognition of women's equality rights in the Constitution, Ottawa has decided to close 12 of the agency's 16 regional offices across the country. The closings come as Ottawa pares $5-million from the agency's $23-million annual budget over two years. It's about time."

[...]

"Today, it seems more like a government relic, laden with jargon from old wars."

"Having It All": Book Review Drips with Misandry

Matt · 1 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here, best on an empty stomach.

The urge to close the browser after the first one or two paragraphs is strong, but keep a-reading anyway. Some degree of reality seeps through in one paragraph (below), but the overall tone of this peice of writing is that men-as-fathers are vestigial organs at best and a necessary (for now anyway) evil that has to be carefully managed and allowed involvement in their own children's lives only at the permission and fine-grained-control management of the mother. All in all, a real barf-maker. The review's author has her own web site, here, which also lists a contact email address. Excerpt:

'Most of the heterosexual women Hertz interviews are "reluctant revolutionaries," women who would have preferred a male partner but who reached a point where they were willing to go it alone rather than miss out on motherhood. Her lesbian subjects, by contrast, consciously defied the idea that motherhood depends upon a heterosexual relationship. Neither group made these choices lightly. They enlisted the support of families and friends before embarking on this journey, and they have all had to grapple with their children's desire to picture their father and understand their kin connections. Contrary to some stereotypes, these women try mightily to include men in their children's lives. Hertz describes how they handle these thorny issues and gets the women to speak candidly about their trials, joys and dilemmas.'

Nurse Who Did Not Strike Teen in Boot Camp Death Case Still Charged

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Story here.

"A prosecutor will argue that she had a legal duty to intervene. They will say she should have known the boy was being severely hurt," said Jack King, spokesman for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers."

"But King said a defense attorney could argue that there was little Schmidt could have done to stop the guards: "They might say she was just one woman surrounded by a bunch of crazed men, by these goons that were going crazy."

Call to Action: LA Times Bias Shines

Matt · 2 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Marc A:

Joseph D. just showed me this BIASED article by the L.A. Times on the "inequities of women." PLEASE, let's FLOOD them with letters immediately so we can get as many as possible printed! Email them at letters-at-latimes.com, and copy the author at carla.hall-at-latimes.com.

The article says things like:

"Most striking is that 40% of the estimated 88,000 homeless people in the county are women and children." But combining women and children together is totally deceptive. According to the Institute for Homelessness and Poverty's 2004 report, 77% of single adult homeless were male." Cite (.pdf)

In the year 2000, the homeless population was 23% children, 52% men and 24% women. Cite (.pdf)

The article talked about girls' doing worse in math and science but said nothing about the much worse status of boys in reading and writing, etc. It talks about Latinas but mentions nothing about how Latinos drop out more than Latinas.

There is so much bias and so many half-truths in this article it is unbelievable. It mentioned nothing of prison, suicides, occupational deaths, etc. Please write!

Marc

John Murtari Released!

Matt · 2 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Great news! Bet that was the best sundae he ever tasted. Good work, John! Story here.

Leving and Sacks: Michigan bill assumes male guilt

anthony · 2 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The proposal actually makes it a crime for a man to "change or attempt to change an existing housing or cohabitation arrangement" with a pregnant significant other, to "file or attempt to file for a divorce" from his pregnant wife or to "withdraw or attempt to withdraw financial support" from a woman whom he has been supporting -- if it is determined that the man is doing these things to try to pressure the woman to terminate her pregnancy."

Female reporter in Florida stands up to praise, sympathize with boot camp nurse

axolotl · 2 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

In this article which appears in todays St. Petersburg Times, reporter Abbie Vansickle does not highlight the fact that Kristen Anne Schmidt had 5 jobs in her first three years after graduating from nursing school.

Also it turns out that her husband divorced her in 1992, because she was having an affair with a fellow employee.

As well as telling us about Schmidt's virtually perfect work record, the article also has the obligatory sympathy-raising statements about Schmidt's personal life, telling us about Scmidt's two kids (who she has custody of, needless to say), and how her 'house is decorated with Christmas lights'.

New Live Radio Program For NCP's and Fathers

Matt · 2 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

And The Truth Continues...

We are very excited to announce Kright's Radio goes live with our new weekly panel show - "VLR Discussion's."

Beginning Saturday December 2nd / 3:30PM EST, 2:30PM CST, 1:30PM MT,

The topic of discussion for our Live Show will be:

"The State Of Noncustodial Parent's In America Today."

Guests:

Alicia Crow - WWW.realdadsstandup.com

Bessie Hudgins - WWW.three-sides-to-every-story.org

Jim Loose- WWW.pepintexas.org

Jim Semerad - United States Navy Commander and Family Readiness Officer

Moderator/Host: Richar' Farr

Adoptive mother held on torture charges

anthony · 3 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here

"According to the report, Williams used them as ashtrays, stabbed them with glass and knives, burned them with cigarette lighters and beat them with exercise equipment at her Toepfer Road home. They also said she forced them to sleep on the floor without blankets, choked them with a belt and bound their arms and legs with rope."

Attitudes sour on sex between boys, teachers

anthony · 3 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"Statewide, the number of females arrested – but not necessarily charged – for sex crimes against adults and children increased more than 50 percent between 2001 and 2005, while the number of males arrested during that period declined 7.1 percent. The number of female arrestees has increased from 1,169 in 2001 to 1,766 in 2005."

"Authorities say the problem is recurrent, and they believe the crime of female adults molesting minor males is not necessarily a rarity, but just underreported."

Woman Arrested for Stalking Debra LaFave's Attorney

anthony · 3 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

You guys can file this story as Weird/Irony.

"Attorney John Fitzgibbons is used to dealing with high profile cases and female criminals. His name and face has been plastered all over national news since the Debra LaFave case unfolded."

"Now Fitzgibbons is back in the news, except this time he's the victim."

War Trauma Hits Women Harder Than Men?

Roy · 3 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'Studies of Vietnam and Gulf War veterans have documented post-traumatic stress in females - with higher rates than men, in some cases.
...
... anxiety - along with depression, irritability and feelings of isolation – also are common symptoms for men with post-traumatic stress, but some mental health experts believe there are distinct pressures for women veterans.
...
...the VA reports that slightly more than a third of 23,635 women veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan had a preliminary diagnosis of a mental disorder.'

By the way, of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq, females represent 2.13% -- 67 of the 3,141 killed as of today. Of the more than 21,485 wounded, female injuries are 430. Cite here.

Another male celebrity falsely accused?

AngryMan · 4 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The British TV actor Ben Freeman has been charged with raping a 16 year old British girl in Barbados.

"Freeman was granted US$10,000 (£7,550) bail and had to surrender his travel documents.

The girl has returned to Britain. But hotel staff say she was seen sunbathing three days after the incident on Saturday.

A staff member said: 'You would have thought that after something as traumatising as that she would have wanted to get as far away from here as possible.'"

It will be interesting to see how this one develops...

Woman Sets Boyfriend on Fire, Starting with Groin

Matt · 4 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Glad to see the story is, at the moment anyway, at the top of CNN's "Most Popular" videos. Not glad to see that the story even exists, however. Watch it here (RealPlayer or similar required). Note toward the end of the report though that the reporter mentions that something must have gone "drastically wrong", since the assailant was more badly-burned than the victim.

What actually has gone drastically wrong of course is that women think they can do this sort of thing and get away with it, and that reporters seem more sympathetic with the assailant than the victim, provided the assailant is female and the victim male.

Anyone see a difference here?

Anonymous · 4 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

So - two stories on the same day from the BBC. Spot the difference:

Man jailed for sex with teenager

Jail term for underage sex woman

Mother Slashes Infant's Throat

Matt · 4 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Another video for you from CNN, here. This time the perp is the mother of the slain infant and the reporter comments something to the effect that at this time, police don't know what may have "pushed this mother over the edge."

More she-gets-a-pass commentary from the press.

Access rights mean little when spouse moves kids

Anonymous · 4 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The most surprising part of the breakup of Anthony Siminiuk's eight-year marriage is not the fact that he never saw it coming.

It is not that he drove his wife and two small children to the Regina airport for what he thought was a visit with family in Ontario, unaware she'd already cleaned out the closets, quit her job and planned on leaving for good.

It is not even that it has been eight months since he has seen his children, even though a court has granted him "liberal access ... either in Ontario or Saskatchewan" -- an entirely untenable option for someone on a modest sales salary.

What is most surprising is that it all seems to be perfectly legal."

Australia: Men fight the stereotype

Anonymous · 4 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"MENINISM is the catchcry of a movement of males who will storm the streets and burn their ties, rallying against the "all men are bastards" image that has an entire sex pigeonholed as violent, heartless and untrustworthy.

This is according to a new study saying there is a competing interest to the feminist struggle for equality; men and boys are now the target of negative stereotypes.

The research shows almost 70 per cent of social commentary on the male gender is unfavourable – portraying men as violent, sexually abusive, unable to be trusted with children, "deadbeat dads" and commitment-phobic."

Canadian judge struggles with kidnapping sentence

Anonymous · 4 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"The judge sentencing a French woman who fled Canada with her children and sparked a bitter international custody battle said on Friday the true victims in the case were the youngsters.

Judge Marvyn Koenigsberg said she believes Nathalie Gettliffe did not intend to remain in France permanently when she kidnapped her children, but that did not diminish the harm the case had caused.

Gettliffe fled to France with the children in 2001 after a Canadian divorce court rejected her request to take them there for 10 months. The court had ruled that would violate their father's right to have access to them.
...
"I don't think the greatest harm that happened to the children is not the five years (away), it's that they learned to hate their father," Koenigsberg said, admitting she was struggling with how to handle the case.

Gettliffe, 35, a dual Canadian-French citizen, pleaded guilty to a kidnapping charge this month before her trial was scheduled to begin."

Estranged wife allegedly threatened husband before SUV attack

anthony · 5 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Later that day, as Jon White was leaving work, his wife chased him back into the Woodland Towers building by driving her Ford Explorer through the glass doors and into the lobby, according to testimony. She struck her husband, causing him to flip over the vehicle and fall to the floor."

"Schatz said he may be able to argue at trial that Brenda White was suffering from "extreme emotional distress."

Wife already charged with killing husband accused of money crimes

anthony · 5 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman charged with murder in the slaying of her police officer husband was indicted Wednesday on dozens of charges stemming from alleged financial crimes."

"The 58 counts brought in Iredell County Superior Court against Misty Keller Witherspoon include allegations of embezzlement, identity theft and obtaining property by false pretenses."

"Female Suicide Bombers: Dying for Equality?"

anthony · 5 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"What drives a woman to strap a suicide belt to her body and blow herself up among a crowd of people?"

"Aside from highlighting the differences in Israeli and Arab coverage of the phenomenon, he reminds us that the lives of female suicide terrorists are no less tragic than those of male suicide bombers, yet the media accords women more sympathy and treats them with "kid gloves."

RADAR ALERT: Intensive Global Efforts Bring Two Victories in One Week!

Matt · 5 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This past week our hard work was rewarded with two victories. And both of them stemmed from flawed reports from the United Nations.

1. UN Study on Violence Against Women
   The first report was the UN secretary-general's Study on Violence Against Women. The document amounted to an ideological denunciation of the "patriarchy" and recommended that every country around the world enact VAWA-like laws: http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw. Columnist Wendy McElroy described the report as "embarrassingly inaccurate, ideological, and biased against men." (http://www.ifeminists.net/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.55)

   What happened next was nothing short of miraculous.

   RADAR drafted a resolution calling on the UN Third Committee to only "note," not "welcome" the report. The resolution was sent around the world, and within a few short weeks 118 organizations in 14 countries had endorsed it: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/UN-ViolenceReport-Resolution.pdf

   Alerts were issued and over a one-month period, an estimated 30,000 e-mails were sent to US ambassador John Bolton. The delegations from other countries were deluged with messages, as well.

   When the dust had cleared, the Third Committee decided to "note," not "welcome" the secretary-general's report!

   A change of a single word may seem insignificant, but it basically means that the Committee gave the Secretary General's report a failing grade.

   Please send Ambassador Bolton short "thank you" for voting to only "note" the flawed secretary-general's report at usa-at-un.int.

2. Washington Times Article on Abused Wives in India
   The second report came from a chart developed by the UN Population Fund. Whoever made the chart committed statistical malpractice, because it simply makes no sense. (http://mensnewsdaily.com/2006/11/19/feminist-takeover-of-the-un-is-an-issue-of-national-security)

   But that flawed chart gave rise to this statement that appeared in a front-page article in the Washington Times: "A 2005 U.N. Population Fund report found that 70 percent of married women in India were victims of beatings or rape." (http://www.washingtontimes.com/world/20061113-120817-8603r.htm)

   The statement was defamatory and beyond belief.

   RADAR issued two Alerts, and the complaints POURED in. Messages came from the United States, Canada, India, and elsewhere.

   So this past Tuesday, TWT finally ran the following retraction:

   "Using a chart published in a 2005 U.N. Population Fund report – which the UN agency now says was misleading – a London Daily Telegraph article published in Nov. 13 editions of The Washington Times incorrectly stated the frequencies of wife abuse in India. The agency says that it does not have sufficient data to provide such a figure and that the chart was intended to show that 70 percent of Indian women who were abused by their husbands think such abuse is justified in at least some circumstances."

(http://washingtontimes.com/corrections/20061128-102228-2806r.htm)

These are major victories. Kudos for the messages you sent to the United Nations that would have otherwise treated half-truths and innuendo about violence against women as absolute truth. And kudos to all who complained to the Washington Times for publishing its inflammatory propaganda.

This Alert is sent in the spirit of appreciation and thanks for a job well done. This is an example of how a cooperative effort involving over 100 organizations in 14 countries around the world can truly make a difference.

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Date of RADAR Release: December 4, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Canada: Judge assails mother for campaign of 'lies'

Anonymous · 5 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

VANCOUVER — A British Columbia judge lashed out at a French woman yesterday for a nationwide campaign of vilification against her ex-husband that castigated him and the Canadian justice system on newscasts and front pages across France.

Hostility was so intense that the Canadian embassy was forced into the fray to defend Canada's role in the bitter child-custody case, while the French village where Nathalie Gettliffe lived "seemed determined to lynch" her former husband, Scott Grant, according to Madam Justice Marvyn Koenigsberg.

[...]

"They also said he was guilty of abusive behaviour. . . . This persistent and deliberate alienation from their father . . . is a terrible burden for any child to bear and may mark them for life."

The maximum penalty for Ms. Gettliffe's crime is two years in jail, plus three years of probation. Judge Koenigsberg called her 16-month sentence a severe judgment, required because of her prolonged defiance of the courts and the serious harm to her children.

She receives credit for 10 months of time already spent in jail, leaving her with six months to serve.

Mother Of Boy Who Had Sex With Teacher Sues

anthony · 5 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"Mother Of Boy Who Had Sex With Teacher"?? Does this title somehow imply the boy was the aggressor and the woman was victimized? What about: "Teacher who raped boy being sued"?

Excerpt:

"The mother of a boy who had a sexual relationship with a teacher at Kent County High School is suing the teacher and the county Board of Education."

"The lawsuit claimed the boy suffered mental anguish and has incurred huge medical bills as a result of the abuse."

Barbara Kay Defends Men Again

afg · 6 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

National Post columnist, Barbara Kay, writes about how men are still being made to feel guilty over Mark Lepine's school shooting 17 years ago that killed 16 women. She states, "From this human tragedy of no inherent political significance, a political industry emerged, which produced in the massacre's name: gun control laws, lavish public spending on women's causes, feminist-guided school curricula and a high tolerance for overt misandry."

IWF: Women Know Best Why They're Not CEOs

Roy · 6 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Carrie Lukas at the Independent Women's Forum writes – "More than 40 years after Betty Friedan urged women to exchange their aprons for business suits, by many measures, women's progress in the workforce has stalled.

Certainly today more women work and hold more prestigious jobs than ever before: as of 2002, women accounted for 46.5 percent of the workforce and held more than half of managerial and professional specialty jobs. Yet few women make it to the very top of the business world...

Why is this? Liberal feminist groups, like the National Organization for Women (NOW), tend to insist that sexism and discrimination are the primary cause. Yet many individual women recognize that their choices — particularly the choices they make once they have children — make the difference."

(Rather balanced article; nice to know that women actually have/make choices; though it omits any mention of our unquestioned cultural expectations that men must become lifelong wage-slaves with fewer choices than women.)

Mother commits suicide by traffic and takes son with her, called tragic mystery

Paragon · 7 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Excerpt: "Andrea Johnson had just finished university, escaped the confines of a women's shelter and got her own apartment in April.

Though there were signs she was depressed, no one seemed to realize the pain the 30-year-old was living with — pain that would cause her to throw herself and her 2-year-old child from an overpass on to Highway 401."

This has been national headlines and front page news for days now in Canada. All coverage takes a similar tone - tragic that this poor woman has died and gushing with praise about what a wonderful person she was.

I just find it strange that when a father does this the articles are never quite as favorable.

Read the Toronto Star's latest on this story here.

From the 'hell hath no fury...' files: Tale of the ex-boyfriend who didn't clean house

Paragon · 7 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This little story from the Globe and Mail should serve as a reminder to all that feminism is sending the wrong messages to the young women of the world - in this case about the unequal distribution of household chores - and that women are violent and capable of awful acts of humiliation and degradation against those they feel has wronged them.

Excerpt: 'Four people, including the victim's ex-girlfriend, are in custody charged with kidnapping and forcible confinement after a Kingston man was grabbed at his home, confined and beaten.

There he was assaulted again overnight and forced to clean the apartment with the threat he'd be beaten with a baseball bat.'

Wonder what the coverage would be like if a man and a few of his buddies decided to abduct, beat, and force to clean house one of his ex-girlfriends?

"Manliness is Next to Godliness"

Matt · 7 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

In the old site software I would have posted this article under "Men and Religion". Anyway, this is an interesting development. Sort of like a "ManKind Project meets Promise Keepers" phenomenon. As an interesting observation, the authors of this piece are women. Excerpt:

'It's an apt anthem for a contrarian movement gaining momentum on the fringes of Christianity. In daybreak fraternity meetings and weekend paintball wars, in wilderness retreats and X-rated chats about lust, thousands of Christian men are reaching for more forceful, more rugged expressions of their faith.

Stine's daylong revival meeting, which he calls "GodMen," is cruder than most. But it's built around the same theory as the other experimental forums: Traditional church worship is emasculating.

...

"We know men are uncomfortable in church," says the Rev. Kraig Wall, 52, who pastors a small church in Franklin, Tenn. — and is at GodMen to research ways to reach the husbands of his congregation. His conclusion: "The syrup and the sticky stuff is holding us down."'

Death penalty sought in baby's microwave death

anthony · 8 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman suspected of killing her month-old daughter by putting her in a microwave oven was indicted on a charge of aggravated murder Thursday, and the prosecutor said he would seek the death penalty."

Ottawa Police, hired guns for the anti-male machine.

Anonymous · 8 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

OTTAWA (CP) - Diplomatic immunity is no excuse for domestic violence, says a consortium of police and government agencies that has launched a new website aimed at helping women and children who find themselves in such situations.
The multilingual site maintained by Ottawa police in partnership with the RCMP, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Immigrant Women Services Ottawa outlines the rights of all Canadians regardless of nationality."

Essay: Feminism has destroyed a generation of men

anthony · 8 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"My father's generation defined their wives: nowadays, the role has completely reversed and men are defined by women. As a result, their definition of themselves has faltered and society has been cruel towards their attempts to redefine themselves."

"Women, meanwhile, are groomed relentlessly to succeed. How did we get into such a predicament? No feminist I ever knew wanted to see a world in which men were beaten by women: a world in which one dominant group was just replaced by another."

Cathy Young: Are false abuse charges a common tactic in child custody battles?

anthony · 8 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"Child custody disputes are some of the bloodiest battlefields in the gender wars—battlefields upon which allegations of spousal and child abuse are widely regarded as a nuclear weapon. But there are two opposite views of this problem. Fathers' advocates claim abuse allegations are routinely used to deny divorced fathers contact with their children and to poison children's minds against their fathers, in what the activists and some psychologists call "parental alienation syndrome." Feminists argue that well-founded accusations of abuse are often dismissed and even turned against the accusing mothers."

Theologians Battle Female Circumcision

n.j. · 8 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

I do not need to explain the shortcoming of the above approach to the readers of this site.

But isn't it funny how people there complain about the involvement of doctors and the contradiction that lies in the act of religious people messing with God's creation, while the exact same applies to mutilation of boys if one is not blinded by excuses provided by culture and tradition, occasionally transformed into medical "studies"? One must ask oneself how much more ignorant and illogical it can get. Do some people want boys harmed for whatever reason?

Some time ago, organizer Ruediger Nehberg appeared in German media when the conference was announced, and claimed Islam saved his life. My personal assessment is: he refuses to believe something his beloved religion supports in communities around the world is harmful. An insulting reply to my attempt to inform him has affirmed this.

Kenya: Woman Rights Groups to Sue Over Law On Sex Offences

anthony · 9 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A group of women and children rights organisations are planning to sue the Government over a clause in the Sexual Offences Act which makes a false rape allegation a criminal offence. The contentious clause was inserted at the last minute as one of the compromises hammered out to ensure passage of the Bill in July."

GB: Male teenagers choose work, not homework

anthony · 9 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

An interesting fact:

"Girls are three times more likely to keep studying after school than to get a job, according to new figures which show boys lag far behind their female peers in extending their education."

4 -year-old Accused of Improperly Touching Teacher

Matt · 10 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

I believe this story requires no elaborate commentary from me except to say should anyone doubt that schools are boy-hostile, send them the link. Excerpt:

'BELLMEAD- A four-year-old hugged his teachers aide and was put into in-school suspension, according to the father. But La Vega school administrators have a different story.

Damarcus Blackwell's four-year-old son was lining-up to get on the bus after school last month, when he was accused of rubbing his face in the chest of a female employee.

The prinicipal of La Vega Primary School sent a letter to the Blackwells that said the pre-kindergartener demonstrated "inappropriate physical behavior interpreted as sexual contact and/or sexual harassment."'

College Going Coed Sued by Students

Matt · 11 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LYNCHBURG, Virginia (AP) -- Randolph-Macon Woman's College will change its name to Randolph College when it admits men next year, officials said.

Trustees of the 115-year-old private college voted in September to make the school coeducational, and received more than 1,000 suggestions on a new name.
...
The school is going co-ed in an effort to achieve more financial stability, although nine students have filed a lawsuit seeking to delay male enrollment until at least after current freshmen have graduated.

About 100 people rallied Saturday to protest the name change and the college's transition to coeducation.'

Article also mentions that the number of women's colleges in the US is down to 60. It doesn't mention that the number of men's colleges is down to five. But hey, we all know men's colleges are bastions of sexism and male privilege, so that's different, right?

Two Women Arrested For Filing False Rape Reports

anthony · 11 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

Two women, in unrelated cases, were arrested Friday morning and charged with filing false rape reports:

"In the first case, Stephanie Ebbert, 20, called the sheriff's office saying a cab driver took her to a field and then forced her to have sex with him."

"Around 9 a.m. Carey Studybaker, 27, called deputies saying she went to a home in Pine Manor to buy some pills. When she went inside she says a man forced her to smoke crack and then raped her."

Italy: Fathers' rights activist's televised suicide attempt foiled

Evil White Male... · 11 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

An Italian fathers' rights activist says he tried unsuccessfully to self-immolate on live television to call attention to dads unable to see their kids. The ANSA news service reported Saturday that Nicola De Martino, who was recently re-united with his son after a 12-year separation, tried to set himself on fire Thursday night while appearing as a guest on the current affairs show, "Dieci Minute," or "Ten Minutes" on state television station RAI. ANSA said that the show's host, along with the distraught man's 18-year-old son "looked on in horror" as De Martino doused himself with gasoline and then threatened to light a match. Host Maurizio Martinelli and the studio crew frantically managed to wrest the lit match from De Martino's hands. He was then led away from the stage.

Video clip here.

RADAR ALERT: Flawed DHHS Report Offers Little Holiday Cheer to Men

Matt · 11 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is planning to release a one-sided and biased report called the "Surgeon General's Call to Action on Women's Mental Health." The report is being developed by the Surgeon General's Women's Mental Health Project.

But if we take action *now*, we can turn this around.

This is our recommendation to Dr. John Agwunobi, the DHHS Assistant Secretary for Health:

Because the flaws in the draft report are so systematic, we request that a new report be commissioned that reflects a balanced and truthful perspective on the mental health problems faced by women and men.

The detailed critique is included in the letter below. Please put your name and address at the bottom of the letter and e-mail it to:

John O. Agwunobi, MD
Assistant Secretary for Health
Department of Health and Human Services
Email: john.agwunobi-at-hhs.gov

And send a CC of your letter to:

Janet East, Director
Office of the Executive Secretariat
Department of Health and Human Services
Email: JEAST-at-osophs.dhhs.gov

Think of the anguish and sorrow of fathers who will be spending the Holiday Season this year without their children due to false allegations of domestic violence. If allowed to come out, this report will cause lasting damage to families, children, and men.

Send your letter today!!

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Dear Dr. Agwunobi:

I am writing in regard to the draft "Surgeon General's Call to Action on Women's Mental Health."

As this letter documents, the report includes false statistics about domestic violence, contains other inaccurate statements, and selectively reports the facts of mental illness. Its assumptions, conclusions, and recommendations are fundamentally biased.

Because the report is so deeply flawed, we request you commission a new report that reflects a balanced and truthful perspective on the mental health problems faced by women and men.

False Statistics about Domestic Violence

The draft report states on page 7 that women are "three times more likely to suffer from intimate partner violence." That flawed statistic comes from the National Violence Against Women Survey, which has been strongly criticized for under-reporting the true prevalence of partner violence and biasing the responses in favor of women.

Almost 200 studies on partner violence have reached the consistent conclusion that women are equally likely as men to engage in domestic violence:

- Irene Hanson Frieze concluded in the September 2005 issue of Psychology of Women Quarterly that “research indicates that women can be just as violent as their partners.”
- A 2000 meta-analysis by Dr. John Archer in Psychological Bulletin concluded, “Women were slightly more likely than men to use one or more act of physical aggression.”
- Dr. Martin Fiebert of California State University recently summarized his research, “women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners.” (http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm)

Other Inaccurate Statements

The report makes other statements that are vague, misleading, unsupported, and/or false:

Abuse: The report repeatedly makes the claim that women are at higher risk of being “abused,” without defining what this vague term means. On page 8, that claim is supported by citation number 58, a WHO report titled “Gender and Women’s Health: Gender and Disaster.” However, a search reveals that report is no longer located on the Internet. Since it cannot be found or verified, it should not be cited in a US government document.

If the report wishes to highlight the problem of child abuse, then it should cite the Administration of Children’s and Families report, Child Maltreatment 2004, which shows that boys and girls are subjected to abuse at almost identical rates: http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm04/index.htm

Trauma and Violence: The report often refers to women who suffer from trauma and violence. But by any public health indicator, it’s men who are at far greater risk of dying from trauma and violence. According to Health, United States 2006 (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hus/hus06.pdf), unintentional injuries claimed the lives of 70,532 men in 2003, compared to 38,745 women. Likewise, men’s death rate from homicide is 9.4 per 100,000, compared to 2.6 for women, more than a three-fold difference.

Depression: The report states, “women are nearly twice as likely as men to suffer from major depression” (page 5). That statement is misleading because it does not consider the fact that the diagnostic criteria for depression often fail to detect depression in men. That is one reason why the NIH National Institute of Mental Health established its “Real Men, Real Depression” program.

Socioeconomic Status: The report claims that women “face a lower average socioeconomic status compared to men” (page 8). That statement is supported by two citations. The first citation (number 59) is a report about natural disasters that does not cite even a single study to support any claim about women’s economic disadvantage (http://www.who.int/gender/gwhgendernd2.pdf). The second citation (number 60) is a 2005 workshop presentation that cannot be located, nor can its claims be verified. Neither citation is appropriate to include in a US government report that aims to be authoritative.

The truth is, there is no evidence to support the broad claim that women “face a lower average socioeconomic status compared to men.” In fact, that claim has been repeatedly disproved by economist Victor Fuchs, sociologist Martha Gimenez, and many others.

Selective Reporting of Facts

The entire draft report rests on the assumption that women are at greater risk of mental health problems. By failing to report key public health statistics, that assumption is never tested.

The following mortality statistics are strongly influenced by persons’ mental health status (Health, United States, 2006, Table 29):

Chronic liver disease/Cirrhosis (Deaths per 100,000)"
Men: 13.0
Women: 6.0

Suicide (Deaths per 100,000):

Men: 18.0
Women: 4.2

For both causes of death, men have substantially higher risk of dying than women. Of particular concern is the effect of divorce on fathers' suicide risk. Sociologist Augustine Kposowa found that divorced men were more than twice as likely to commit suicide as married men, and almost 10 times more likely to kill themselves as divorced women.

But these facts are never mentioned, much less discussed in the Surgeon General's report.

Finally, the major disparities affecting African-American men should be highlighted, a concern that has been highlighted by the Congressional Black Caucus. In 2003, the life expectancy at birth was:

Black men: 69.0 years
White men: 75.3 years

Black women: 76.1 years
White women: 80.5 years

These troubling lifespan disparities are caused, in part, by mental health problems.

Summary and Recommendation

In summary, the "Surgeon General's Call to Action on Women's Mental Health" includes claims and statistics that are one-sided, vague, unsupported, misleading, and/or demonstrably false. It does not adequately represent the extent of mental health problems faced by women. It misrepresents, downplays, or ignores altogether the mental health problems faced by men, particularly minority men. It does not provide a credible basis for setting public health priorities or establishing a plan of action for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Although women indeed face unique mental health problems, this report does not do justice to that public health concern. Rather, the draft "Surgeon General's Call to Action on Women's Mental Health" may actually end up discrediting this important issue.

Because the flaws in the draft report are so systemic, I am requesting that a new report be commissioned that reflects a balanced and truthful perspective on the mental health problems faced by women and men.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

{Your name here}

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Date of RADAR Release: December 11, 2006

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner.

http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Verdict in Murder-Acid Barrel Case

Matt · 12 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. No mention of charges the wife is facing or has faced, or if she will at all (the latest mention of her I could find using Google is here, wherein she requests not to be charged because the prosecution couldn't provide a body in evidence). Excerpt:

'A jury on Tuesday found a former lab assistant guilty of murdering a Clovis man by stuffing his body in a barrel of acid.

James Fagone, 24, was convicted of murder after Fresno County Superior Court jurors deliberated for more than five hours over two days. The jury of six men and six women acquitted Fagone of a kidnapping charge.
...
Fagone testified last week that Larissa Schuster poured gallons of hydrochloric acid over her husband's body after they knocked him out with chloroform and a stun gun.

Fagone had worked at Larissa Schuster's lab in Fresno in late 2001 and most of 2002. He said he quit after Schuster became controlling and manipulative.'

Mom acquitted of murder in kids' drowning

Matt · 12 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Remember this case? Predictably, she was let go, with the suggestion that her 'abusive boyfriend' was pretty much all behind it. Excerpt:

'DECATUR, Illinois (AP) -- A woman whose three children drowned when the family car rolled into a lake was convicted Tuesday of child endangerment.

...

Authorities said Hamm was going along with her boyfriend's plan to drown the children to get rid of the strain they added to the couple's sometimes abusive relationship.

Maurice LaGrone, now Hamm's ex-boyfriend, was convicted in April of murdering the children and is serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

...

Skelton said the verdict means the jury decided Hamm did not help plan murders, but should have known LaGrone was a threat to her children.'

Tribunal to hear prostate screening complaint

Anonymous · 12 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

A human-rights tribunal will begin hearing a complaint today in Victoria against the provincial Ministry of Health that says the government discriminates against men by refusing to pay for prostate cancer screening tests on demand.

Victoria lawyer Laurie Armstrong is spearheading the case before the tribunal, arguing the province discriminates against him and other men on the basis of sex. Women do not have to pay for Pap smears or mammograms.

But men who want the early detection test, called the prostate specific antigen (PSA), have to pay $30.

Congressman calls for investigation of Nifong's conduct

Anonymous · 12 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

It's long overdue, but at last these innocent young men may get a morsel of justice. A North Carolina Congressman has asked the Dept. of Justice to investigate Nifong's handling of the Duke Lacrosse case. His reasoning is that Nifong has committed prosecutorial misconduct and violated the civil rights of all that have been charged in this so called, "case". Excerpt:

'A North Carolina congressman has asked the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong's handling of the Duke lacrosse case.

In a letter to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, U.S. Rep. Walter B. Jones said Nifong may have engaged in prosecutorial misconduct and violated the civil rights of the three lacrosse players charged with raping an escort service dancer hired to dance at a team party in March.'

DNA Tests Reportedly Clean Duke Players

Evil White Male... · 13 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DNA testing conducted by a private lab in the Duke lacrosse rape case found genetic material from several males in the accuser's body and her underwear but none from any team member, including the three charged with rape, according to a defense motion filed Wednesday.
...
"This is strong evidence of innocence in a case in which the accuser denied engaging in any sexual activity in the days before the alleged assault, told police she last had consensual sexual intercourse a week before the assault, and claimed that her attackers did not use condoms and ejaculated," the motion read.'

British IVF Law Changes Raise Many Questions

032105 · 14 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In London, government health officials announced that a child's need for a father will no longer will be a consideration when a woman seeks fertility treatment via sperm donation. They also stated that the creation of a human embryo from two women would be forbidden because it would make men obsolete in reproduction.'

If a human embryo can be made from two women, why shouldn't it be done? Why should men continue to waste time engaging in the procreational process if we are not needed? Why should we continue to donate sperm if it is unnecessary?

I'm not in the least intimidated by the notion of being cut out of the procreational process. I think the making of embryos by two women SHOULD BE allowed, and men should stop donating sperm. Men are not afraid of becoming obsolete in the procreational process! I'm curious to see how it all would turn out. I desperately hope London's government health officials overturn this inhibition.

What we need to do is go on a national campaign educating men about such reproductive technologies and encourage them not to donate sperm.

Ed. note: Also covered by the BBC here.

More Gov't Sponsored Endorsements for MGM

Matt · 14 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision appears to reduce a man's risk of contracting AIDS from heterosexual sex by half, United States government health officials said yesterday, and the directors of the two largest funds for fighting the disease said they would consider paying for circumcisions in high-risk countries.

The announcement was made by officials of the National Institutes of Health as they halted two clinical trials, in Kenya and Uganda, on the ground that not offering circumcision to all the men taking part would be unethical. The success of the trials confirmed a study done last year in South Africa.'

By this reasoning, it makes sense to cut off a baby's hands shortly after birth, too, as a means of reducing his risk of seeing arthritis form in his fingers later in life.

Teen Girl Lies about Her Age; BF Jailed

Paragon · 14 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Her daughter climbed out of windows late at night and slipped back in during the early morning hours. She brought a guy into her home while her mother slept. The sad truth is, this girl was not the victim of a sexual predator. She was dating. Thompson took her to meet his family.

If she found Thompson, she'll possibly find another date.

She and other girls who lie about their ages and get into inappropriate relationships that lead to serious trouble for others should receive juvenile summons themselves. That, at least, might force them to talk to someone about why they are compelled to seek out older guys. At best, it might deter young girls from playing adult games, putting themselves and unwitting males at risk.

Thompson, unfairly, will forever be linked to the sexual predators of society.'

So, now young men (who already lag well behind girls in reading, writing and vocabulary skills in school) need to be able to test a potential dates ability to communicate? What does that even really mean?

Didn't the author blame him earlier for not picking up that this girl had the "communication abilities" of a 13-year-old and that the differences are so distinct between 13 year olds and 16 year olds that he couldn't have missed it? But she was introduced to his whole family and they all bought her lies. They must also be all male and therefore stupid right?

Of course he does think girls who do this should be charged as well - but only so they can get some one to talk to. Only boys need 15 months (what this young man got) in jail.

This may have destroyed the rest of this young man's life and it clearly was not rape or non-consensual under any definition. Is this really the best way to deal with the issue of teen-aged sexuality?

Boy "Body-Socked" in School

Matt · 14 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here, video here. Excerpt:

'Body sox are designed to help kids explore their three-dimensional space, according to web sites about the device.

"I don't like it at all," said Patrick Holt, the boy's father. "I don't think it should be used on anybody."

Calming device or restraining order?
Watch and learn more about the body sock.

Holt felt that way after learning a Pre-K teacher at Pinellas Central Elementary put his 4-year-old son in a body sock Friday.

"My wife saw my son try to open up the body sock and the teacher's aide went ahead and had him put it back up," Holt said.

The Holts wondered what was going on, especially since they said their son was the only student in a body sock.'

England: Absent fathers to be named and shamed

anthony · 14 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Fathers who fail to pay maintenance for their children will be "named and shamed" on the internet as part of a Government drive to make them honour their family responsibilities.

Offenders with a record of non-payment could also be fitted with electronic tags, subjected to curfews or have their passports withheld.'

England: Fleeing dads start new lives

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Story here. Excerpt:

"I do find it interesting . . . how often when men fight for custody and don't get exactly what they want . . . those men just vanish from the child's life. And then you've kind of got proof that this was never about the father wanting to be involved with the child."

"Asked if men are leaving the country to get away from support payments, Debois responded with a link to a Global Television website promoting a documentary about two men's access struggles against a system they believe has a "deep and persistent gender bias against fathers."

Rutgers Sponsors Global Feminist Terrorism

anthony · 14 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Rutgers is an integral part of the U.N. Feminist Rumor Mill. Virtually all statistics and conclusions feminists make about abuse have been scientifically proven to be fantastical."

"In fact, the body of assertions made in the U.N. Secretary Generals Report on Violence Against Women were so outrageous that the U.N. Third Committee voted unanimously to only “note” the report, rather than accept it. In parliamentary language, this is a full rejection — a rare event at the United Nations."

Noted female coach charged with sexually assaulting student

anthony · 15 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SOMERVILLE -- A former Immaculata High School physical education teacher and coach once described by an assistant coach as the "Vince Lombardi" of girls' basketball at the school was arrested and charged Thursday with sexually assaulting a female student, Somerset County Prosecutor Wayne J. Forrest said.

Pamela Balogh, 39, of Bethlehem, Pa., was arrested and charged with first-degree ggravated sexual assault, second-degree sexual assault, third-degree aggravated criminal sexual contact, fourth-degree criminal sexual contact and third-degree endangering the welfare of a child.'

Female teacher charged with sexually abusing five boys

anthony · 15 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Interesting that the words "rape" and "pedophile" do not appear in this story. Excerpt:

"A flirtatious Brandy Lynn Gonzales lured five boys from her fifth-grade classes into sexual acts at movie theaters, her apartment and even her classroom, prosecutors said Thursday."

"The charges involve four students in the same fifth-grade class and a fifth boy from a different class. The students alleged that Gonzales would touch them under desks during class."

Wendy McElroy: Abortion Bills Violate Men's Rights

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Right to Life of Michigan describes the penalties for leaving. "A misdemeanor charge for actions that do not physically threaten a woman, but clearly constitute a coercive element (relationship, financial or housing arrangements) would subject the perpetrator to fines up to $2000…If the pregnant woman is under the age of 18 and the perpetrator of the coercion is the adult father of the unborn child, the punishment would be imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than $5000, or both."

Source: Duke rape accuser pregnant

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Story here. Excerpt:

"The person who confirmed the pregnancy to the AP had no information about the father. Defense attorneys have stressed for months that no sex occurred at the party and they have cited DNA testing that found genetic material from several males in the accuser's body and her underwear — but none from any member of the lacrosse team."

Woman Shoots Husband Over Warm Beer

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Story here. Excerpt:

"The wife allegedly admitted shooting her husband, who was about 70 years old, in the kitchen of their home. The man was shot four or five times in the chest after giving his wife a can of warm Stag beer."

England: Women are drinking more, and getting violent with it

anthony · 15 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Kirsten Maile is bright, attractive and eloquent. She wants to study to be an underwater diving photographer. She is also on probation for ABH - actual bodily harm - after she rammed a bottle into a girl's face.

Nor is it the first time that she has lashed out while drunk. She has twice been charged with common assault, and claims to have "wrapped a girl's ponytail around my hand and smashed her face against a basin". '

TVOntario: Do you think, in some circumstances, men are discriminated against?

Anonymous · 15 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

TVOntario aired an episode of The Agenda last night, including a segment, "Do you think, in some circumstances, men are discriminated against?"

The TVO Viewer Responses indicated an overwhelming Yes.

The show hasn't been posted to view yet, but it should be available here shortly.

Discussion included a number of expert panel members. The issues ran the gamut, including domestic violence, family law issues, and stereotyping of men.

TVOntario should be thanked and congratulated for addressing the issues. They can be contacted here.

Olympian wanted in the U.S. for child abduction

Anonymous · 15 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Canadian olympic athlete Myriam Bédard is wanted by police after taking abducting her child in violation of a child custody agreement:

"... Ms. Bédard is wanted by police for the alleged abduction of her daughter in contravention of a custody order. Quebec City police issued an arrest warrant after her former husband, biathlete coach Jean Paquet, complained that she had left the country and violated their child-custody agreement."

What's shocking isn't that she has abducted a child but that the police are actually pursuing legal remedies against her.

Story here.

Nifong hid DNA evidence

Anonymous · 15 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

You read that correctly. It now appears according DNA Security of Burlington, which did the DNA testing last March on the Duke Lacrosse players, that Nifong knew all about the results for NINE MONTHS and hid all of it from the trial proceedings up to this point. This is all the defense lawyers will need for a quick dismissal once this gets to the courtroom, if it ever does, and to get that scum bag Nifong fired, disbarred, and thrown in jail. Naturally, none of this will happen, "in the interest of protecting women". Men, it's time for a revolution. Story here. Excerpt:

'A private laboratory hired by the prosecution in the Duke lacrosse case failed to report that it found DNA from multiple males in the accuser's body and underwear, according to a defense motion filed today.
The lab, DNA Security of Burlington, found that the DNA did not match the three defendants, their lacrosse teammates or anyone else who submitted their DNA to police, including the accuser's boyfriend.
...
"This is strong evidence of innocence in a case in which the accuser denied engaging in any sexual activity in the days before the alleged assault, told police she last had consensual sexual intercourse a week before the assault, and claimed that her attackers did not use condoms and ejaculated," said the motion, which was signed by lawyers for all three defendants.

"There is not a single mention of this obviously exculpatory evidence in the final DNA Security report."'

Ed. note: Sidebar link addresses the matter head on; the title speaks for itself: Head of DNA lab says he and Nifong agreed not to report results

Class Action Suit Alleges Arrests of Men Targeted for Town Income Purposes

Matt · 16 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Sounds more like extortion, corruption, and abuse of official authority to me. They would not have done this to women, that's for sure! Thanks to Marc A. for pointing this one out.

Stone Park sued on vice arrests: Prostitution stings called moneymakers for western suburb

Excerpt:

'A federal lawsuit filed Thursday claims as many as 900 men arrested in prostitution stings were wrongly targeted by Stone Park police in an operation designed to generate income for the tiny village.

The class-action lawsuit, which names 12 plaintiffs, was filed in U.S. District Court and expands on a suit filed last year by nine men who claim an undercover officer posing as a prostitute arrested them even after they turned her down.
...
The stings occurred when men stopped at the Blue Dolphin, Horwitz said, and were approached by a female undercover officer who offered to perform a sexual act with them.

"They say, `No,'" Horwitz said. "And regardless of what they say, 30 seconds to a minute later, they'll be arrested."

Police told the men it would be their word against the officer's, Horwitz said. Several defendants were found not guilty, others fought the charges but were found guilty and several pleaded guilty under pressure that their names would be published in a local paper if they were found guilty after fighting the charges, according to the complaint.'

Many still don't see women as sex predators

anthony · 18 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The general public still does not let boys be victims like they do girls," said Hobbs, a 23-year veteran of the department. "And I don't think they hold the offenders as accountable when the offender is a female."

"Light sentences in some notorious cases brought public outcry from groups that say female offenders are getting a slap on the wrist."

Nifong's Law...by Doug Powers

anthony · 18 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"It has become painfully obvious that the accused are being used for some purpose other than the pursuit of justice. If it turns out that the prosecutor is continuing to press increasingly discredited allegations, severe action needs to be taken. If this is all a political game, Mike Nifong's last day in office should be the legal equivalent of Mussolini's involuntary inverted pinata therapy at the end of World War II"

Domestic Abuse: Does money fuel false allegations?

anthony · 18 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Proclaiming his innocence, the 41-year-old Vallejo man racked up thousands of dollars in legal bills before a judge dismissed the charges a month later, saying there was insufficient evidence of domestic violence."

"Even the cop was apologetic," said Joe, who asked that his identity be disguised because his divorce proceedings are ongoing. "She told me she didn't believe (my wife), but that she had to arrest me because the accusation had been made."

Ed. note: Article mentions RADAR. Good exposure!

Two women, convicted of killing 'abusive' husbands, get clemency

anthony · 18 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Two women who murdered their allegedly abusive husbands have had their life sentences commuted by Governor Jeb Bush and the state Cabinet."

"The panel agreed to release Sandra Patria of Manatee County and Sherry Perry of Seminole County. Patria has been in prison for nearly 23 years. Perry, who first claimed two men from Panama killed her husband, has been in prison for 10 years. It has not been said when the women will be released."

"As part of the arrangement, both women after their release will spend 18 months in a program designed to help victims of domestic violence. Those programs are in Gainesville and Tampa."

India: Husbands victims of dowry law abuse

anthony · 18 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"INDIAN husbands are becoming victims of an anti-dowry law which is being misused by their wives to extort money, a group representing men who have been accused of dowry abuse said today."

"Under the law, the accused can be arrested and jailed without warrant or investigation, the complaint cannot be withdrawn by the petitioner and it is non-bailable."

Christina Hoff Sommers: Boys getting short shrift

anthony · 18 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

This recent article demonstrates Sommers continued devotion towards the empowerment of boys.

“Masculinity with morals is constructive,” Ms. Sommers averred. “Without morals it is dangerous. In the healthy form, boys are helpful, achieving and protective. They sublimate their aggression into sports and other activities. Efforts to make them more like girls with dolls won’t work.”

An 1881 Man-Positive Christmas Story

Luek · 19 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Here is a holiday story that shows how important fathers were and still are. Hope you enjoy it. Starts with:

1881 Christmas Story

Pa never had much compassion for the lazy or those who squandered their means and then never had enough for the necessities. But for those who were genuinely in need, his heart was as big as all outdoors. It was from him that I learned the greatest joy in life comes from giving, not from receiving.

NYTimes: 'Women in Science: The Battle Moves to the Trenches'

Matt · 20 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Smelling blood in the water, they close in for the kill. By 2030, I predict you will have a really hard time finding a male scientist anywhere in America who is not at least 50 years old.

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women do better, [Dr. Madeline Heilman] said, in environments where they are judged on grants obtained, prizes won, findings cited by other experts, or other explicit criteria, rather than on whether they are, say, “cutting edge.” “There has to be very little room for ambiguity,” Dr. Heilman said. “Otherwise, expectations swoop in to fill the vacuum.”'

Translation: Trucking grants and awards to women over men is what must be done in the name of their self-esteem and of course, "equality". Accomplishments be damned!

MSN: "Men's Guide to Lazy Online Holiday Planning", "27 Laws of Shopping for Women"

Celarnor · 20 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

MSN has done it again, ladies and gentlemen.

Ginger Crowel and Laurie Sandel (both of whom, not surprisingly, are women) churn out the usual misandrist literature over a holiday via MSN Lifestyle. While it is commendable for them to have a 'mens lifestyle' set of pages for men as they do for women, the content is less than reassuring. Assuming that all men do nothing but sit on the couch and watch football until the 23rd of December, we have been given the `Men's Guide to Lazy Online Holiday Shopping`, and assuming that we aren't capable of doing our own thinking, we have been given the ubiquitous `27 Laws of Shopping for Women`, including the natural 'men are dogs' reference:

'27. Perform due diligence. Next time your girlfriend is paging through a magazine, listen to her instead of nodding vacantly. Ask to see the item she's drooling over. Make a mental note. Fetch.'

FTA: *"But let's be honest, that's a lot of work and you have football to watch, food to eat and buddies to hang with. Here's how to do it all without leaving the warm confines of your office. You can thank us later."* Um, no, I'm not going to thank you later. I don't have football to watch. I don't have buddies to 'hang with'--I term I have almost never used in my life. I'm fairly confident that I can fit eating into my schedule. In fact, I've bought all my gifts long since, thank you very much.

Swedish paper: "Swedish women to overtake stupid men"

Anonymous · 20 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Swedish men are less intelligent, lonelier and fatter than their female counterparts. Boys have fallen way behind in school, and there are more women than men studying some traditionally male university subjects.'

Another Female Teacher Accused Of Sex With Male Student

anthony · 21 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A 32-year-old female teacher from Parker, Colo., has been arrested and accused of a sexual relationship with a male high school student on a football trip to Glenwood Springs, Colo."

"The arrest affidavit alleges that the assault happened in Esson's hotel room as her two young children and a teenage babysitter were asleep in the same room."

Teacher Twins Charged with Crimes Related to Sex with Student

Matt · 21 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The 26-year-old twins work as teachers at the same California high school. And they're both facing felony charges as a result of an illicit sexual relationship with a female student. According to Riverside County sheriff's investigators, Franca ... had a sexual relationship with the underage girl, for which she was arrested yesterday and charged with lewd acts with a minor. While Antonia was not hit with a sex crime, she was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor because she was allegedly aware of her sister's involvement with the girl. As so-called mandatory reporters, California teachers are required by law to report instances of child abuse or neglect."

Coroner: East Bay Foster Mother Withheld Food As Discipline

anthony · 21 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Excerpt:
"A preliminary autopsy report on a 2-year-old Pittsburg child who died two weeks ago found that the girl's foster mother regularly withheld food and liquid as an ongoing form of discipline."

"Deonna Green, who would have turned three on Jan. 2, died from sodium bicarbonate intoxication from eating baking soda."

"Pittsburg police are investigating Green's death as a possible child neglect case."

Possible child neglect case??????

McElroy: Immunity May Not Protect Duke Prosecutor

anthony · 21 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Michael Nifong, the prosecutor handling the Duke lacrosse rape case, may single-handedly cause a reconsideration of ‘absolute prosecutorial immunity,’ the legal doctrine by which certain acts of a prosecuting attorney are literally immune from lawsuits or criminal charges."

"People have tried to have Nifong sanctioned on a state and local level. To date, the North Carolina State Bar Association has received at least 17 complaints about Nifong. Because such complaints become public only when copied to the governor or attorney general, there may be many more."

School accuses 5-YO boy of sexual harassment

Evil White Male... · 21 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Charles Vallance, the boy's father, said he was unable to explain to his son what he had done.

"He knows nothing about sex," Vallance said. "There's no way to explain what he's been written up for. He knows it as playing around. He doesn't know it as anything sexual at all."

The incident was described as "sexual harassment" on the school form.
...
The incident will be included in the boy's file while he remains at Lincolnshire, but Mowen said those files do not follow students when they move on to middle school.'

THIS ABOUT SUMS IT UP: Washington County Public Schools spokeswoman Carol Mowen described the incident as a "learning opportunity."

Ed. note: This is a different story than the one posted on Dec. 10 regarding the boy accused of "sexual harassment" for hugging a teacher's aide.

Update on Children-in-Bay Murders: Insanity Defense

Matt · 21 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Remember this one? "Mom" is pleading not guilty by reason of insanity. Not at all unexpected, but thought you would weant to see it. Story here.

Notice the article calls her "mentally ill". Notice all her victims were boys. Excerpt:

"SAN FRANCISCO, California (AP) -- A woman who claimed God ordered her to make a human sacrifice chose to kill her three children instead of herself, making her guilty of murder, a prosecutor said Wednesday during closing arguments at the woman's trial.

Prosecutor Linda Allen asked jurors to use their heads, not hearts, to determine Lashuan Harris' fate.

The mentally ill Oakland woman threw her children into San Francisco Bay last year but has pleaded not guilty to three counts of murder by reason of insanity.

Defense attorney Teresa Caffese said Harris believed completely that she was sending her children -- 6-year-old Trayshun Harris, 2-year-old Taronta Greeley, Jr., and 16-month-old Joshoa Greeley -- to heaven when she threw them over a railing and into the bay's cold waters."

NYTimes Editorial Sticks Up for Jailed Man

Matt · 21 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Marc A. for the heads-up on this editorial in the NY Times. Excerpt:

'The library in Georgia where Mr. Wilson works is in prison. He is two years into a sentence for engaging in consensual oral sex with a 15-year-old girl at a New Year's Eve party when he was 17. He won't be eligible for parole until he has served 10 years, essentially sacrificing his remaining youth to an obvious miscarriage of justice.

As Shaila Dewan reported in The Times this week, Mr. Wilson has been convicted of aggravated child molestation even though he and the girl were both minors at the time. Even if he could win an early release, Mr. Wilson could not go home to his family. He would have to register as a sex offender and would be prohibited from living with his 8-year-old sister. It is all the more disgraceful because the Georgia Supreme Court last week refused to hear his appeal.'

Back Issues of NCFM's "Transitions" now available online

MR · 22 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Back issues of The National Coalition of Free Men's periodic magazine, "Transitions" are now available online through the San Diego Men's Center.

Back Issues of Transitions Available Here

NCFM's "Transitions" has a number of articles, not available elsewhere, and some of the letters to the editor provide insight into problems facing men around the U.S., and around the world.

For those of you with a penchant for more news about men's issues, you should find the additional information of value.

Rape charges dropped in Duke case!

anthony · 22 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM, N.C. - Prosecutors dropped rape charges Friday against three Duke University lacrosse players accused of attacking a stripper at a team party, a defense attorney said. Joseph Cheshire, an attorney for one of the three players, said charges of kidnapping and sexual offense remain in place.

District Attorney Mike Nifong did not immediately return calls seeking comment.'

NYTimes: "Gender Pay Gap, Once Narrowing, Is Stuck in Place"

anthony · 23 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Another article about the refuted wage gap. Typical "cherry picked" statistics that continue to manipulate society. I must be fair, some opinions in this article are generally more fair than typical wage gap articles. Excerpt:

"There is no proof that discrimination is the cause of the remaining pay gap, Ms. Blau said. It is possible that the average man, brought up to view himself the main breadwinner, is more committed to his job than the average woman."

"The other view is that women consider money a top priority less often than men do. Many may relish the chance to care for children or parents and prefer jobs, like those in the nonprofit sector, that allow them to influence other people's lives."

Family of Finnerty (Duke LAX Player) has 'a lot to celebrate'

anthony · 23 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Finnerty said Collin, 20, had completed final exams this week at Hofstra, where he enrolled after leaving Duke."

"It's tough on him ... It's taken a year out of his life and keeps him out of school and off the lacrosse field, so it's very unfair. But he's hanging in there, working hard."

You might want to check the toys you get the kids "twice."

MR · 24 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This is not current events, but is still timely, "Seasonally Correct."
You might want to check the toys you get the kids "twice."

the Barbie Liberation Organization

BLO #1
"Teen Talk Barbie proved to be the final straw. People who were already upset at Barbie's anorexic figure and her way of turning play into superficial consumerism couldn't believe their ears when Barbie's electric voice box giggled:
"Math is hard!"
"I love shopping!"
"Will we ever have enough clothes?"

and

BLO #1

"Thus, it seems inevitable that a group of feminists, anti-war advocates and culture jammers should have hacked Barbie's voice box this past December. The Manhattan-based Barbie Liberation Organization claims to have performed corrective surgery on 300 Teen Talk Barbies and Talking Duke G.I. Joes---switching their sound chips, repackaging the toys, and returning them to store shelves. Consumers reported their amazement at hearing Barbie bellow, "Eat lead, Cobra!" or "Vengeance is mine!," while Joe chirped, "Will we ever have enough clothes?" and "Let's plan our dream wedding!" A spokesman for the BLO told the New York Times, "We are trying to make a statement about the way toys can encourage negative behavior in children, particularly given rising acts of violence and sexism."

HO, HO, HO - Merry Christmas to all and to all a "Good Night!"

Cops: Woman lied about sex assault

anthony · 24 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A 23-year old Newton woman was arrested Thursday morning and charged with making a false rape report to authorities."

"On Nov. 6, Sereca Thomas, 23, of Spring Street, told Newton Police she was attacked and sexually assaulted in the lower Spring Street area by Hispanic men late Nov. 3."

"Thomas was charged with a disorderly persons offense."

F.Y.I... A lower misdemeanor type criminal matter is under the "Disorderly Person" offense

Mother Faces Attempted Murder, Abuse Charges

anthony · 24 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A 32-year-old woman has been arrested on charges of first-degree attempted murder and child abuse after being accused of forcing her 10-month-old daughter to drink bleach."

"Liverine Cajuste told Winter Haven Police Department officers that she tried to kill herself and her daughter, Luciene Beawbrin, because she was depressed."

Sun-Times: "False rape allegation an affront to women"

anthony · 24 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"This is a betrayal. If this rape allegation was false, then it is the lowest thing a woman can do to other women."

"It's not just about the Duke case. It's about all the other cases involving a sports culture that objectifies women and rewards a ridiculous hubris and machismo."

"A real problem exists in this sports culture, and a false rape accusation in such a public case serves only to hurt the real victims everywhere else."

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Ed. note: The author of the article can be reached at gcouch-at-suntimes.com.

Letters to the editor can be sent through this form.

Nifong in trouble! Misstatements may cost him his career

Anonymous · 24 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Special thanks to Joseph Neff and Benjamin Niolet, Staff Writers at the News and Observer for this article. Excerpt:

'DURHAM - To press forward in the Duke University lacrosse case, District Attorney Mike Nifong must rely on scanty evidence while deflecting serious questions about whether he broke the law or violated the ethics rules governing prosecutors.

Nifong has acknowledged that the case now hangs on what the accuser says from the witness stand in a hearing scheduled for February. Meanwhile, pressure on Nifong continues to build.'

Lesbian fire chief demoted amid allegations of sexual harassment

anthony · 24 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The nation's first openly lesbian big-city fire chief was demoted without severance pay Friday amid allegations of discrimination and sexual harassment."

"She will be completely and permanently stripped of ever holding leadership or management in the city," the mayor said. "She has been severely and significantly demoted, and her pay will be cut by $40,000."

Court jails two Kuwaiti women for rape

anthony · 24 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The two women were convicted of raping the man by forcing him to have sex against his will, Al-Rai newspaper said, without providing their names or that of their victim."

"They were also found guilty of beating the man, who filed a medical report to the court."

California Attorney General's wife takes over as head of "Family Justice Center"

Anonymous · 25 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Nadia Lockyer, the wife of outgoing California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, has just taken over as Executive Director of the Alameda County Family Justice Center in Oakland California. Please take a look at this brochure (.pdf file).

For those of you who do not know, the "Family Justice" centers are one stop shopping for people who allege domestic violence. But though by law they have to be gender neutral, they are being funded by grants from the US Department of Justice "Office on Violence Against Women" -- the OVW.

At the centers, women who claim to have been abused get free legal help, not just counseling with prosecutors, but child custody, divorce, and even immigration lawyers. Under a special loophole in the immigration laws, if a woman comes here on a marriage visa, and breaks up with her husband quickly, but alleges domestic violence, she can apply for a special visa and gain permanent entry to the United States.

In Oakland, there are many, many activists in "domestic violence" and a local law firm, the Family Violence Law Center, has been able essentially to act as a surrogate for the prosecutor's office. Under some judges, there was no pretense of impartiality, the FVLC lawyers got many special privileges and status.

All these unfair practices have become increasingly mainstream, as many men well know. The most prominent example of this is the Family Justice Center, with big Federal funding, and the Attorney General's wife jumping on the bandwagon.

The only good news is, as a political opportunist, she may not be a man hating zealot like those who came before her.

It seems likely Bill Lockyer has violated state laws against elected officials using their influence to enrich their spouses. The wife is definitely under-qualified for the job, which pays $90,000 per year. Furthermore, the job used to pay $65,000 but the pay got upped another $25,000 after the wife got the job. According to FJC staff, they, "found some more money".

The zealots losing out to outsiders might have some good effects, but on the other hand, the fact that there is this much money and prestige in these phony organizations can not be a good thing.

Godfather of Soul Gets Last Laugh

Roy · 26 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

James Brown must be doing a soulful dance in heaven knowing that his bitch-wife #4 (who 911-d him with DV allegations) is learning how to sing the lyrics of his first hit song -- "Please,please, please!"

Article excerpt: "James Brown's widow said Monday she was denied access to the home she shared with the singer and their 5-year-old son, claiming the gate was padlocked at the request of Brown's lawyer and accountant. Tomi Rae Brown, 36, who was one of James Brown's backup singers, said she was at a retreat when her 73-year-old husband died shortly after he was hospitalized in Atlanta. "The last thing he said to me was, 'I love you baby and I'll see you soon,'" she told The Augusta Chronicle."

Wanted: Presidential Pardon For H. Beatty Chadwick

Anonymous · 26 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Since this is the season for Presidential pardons how about one for H. Beatty Chadwick? He has been in jail for 11 years now for contempt because some misandric tyrant in a black robe thinks he is holding out on assets in his long ago divorce case.

Link here.

Susan Estrich pretends only men rape men

Anonymous · 26 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

This op-ed purports to defend male rape victims, but Susan Estrich's feminist bias eventually emerges when she says things like, "boys need to be taught that it isn't their fault if a man rapes you," and also where she suggests that men's reluctance to report rape stems from "male ego."

Estrich also doesn't call it "female ego" when women are reluctant to report rape. Somehow that's only when it's a male. And she completely ignores female perpetrators, of course. She is certainly familiar with all the statutory rape being committed by female teachers. And women do forcefully rape men, especially physically or mentally disabled men, young boys, etc. One such case was just posted on this site, in which two Kuwaiti women were sentenced to 7 years in jail for kidnapping, beating and forcefully raping a man.

And at about this time last year, an HIV-positive woman was arrested for allegedly forcing herself sexually onto a 12-year-old boy in Arkansas.

According to Australia's Personal Safety Survey, among males who experienced sexual assault since the age of 15, 63.9% were assaulted by a female in the most recent incident.

Even in the prison context, where the vast majority of rape victims are men, 2/3 of inappropriate sexual contact with prisoners in the U.S. is committed by female guards, according to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics.

As usual, when feminists tell the story, it comes out half-baked and dripping with misandry.

Apply to Do a Workshop at N.O.W. National '07!

Roy · 27 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Link here:

NOW invites all NOW members and INTERESTED PERSONS to submit a workshop proposal for the 2007 National Conference. We will be gathering in Dearborn, Michigan at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, July 13-15, 2007.

Proposals will be reviewed and accepted if they are timely, inclusive and directly related to NOW's feminist issues...

Panelists and topics should reflect DIVERSE populations and perspectives and each workshop should incorporate the following components if possible:

A. The nuts and bolts of the issue/topic from a FEMINIST perspective - with a focus on current policy discussions or skill building."

Interesting that the instructions state a need to reflect
“diversity" ... from a "feminist perspective”!

Anybody want to propose a workshop on “Why N.O.W. Is Then?”

As in O-V-E-R? (The average age of a N.O.W. member is a big secret, because they have almost ZERO members under age 50!)

Duke Lacrosse Players seek federal intervention

Anonymous · 27 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Lawyers for the three railroaded Duke Lacrosse Players have sought federal intervention from the U.S. Attorney General. They have clearly demonstrated that their civil rights have been violated and that a higher branch of government must step in to protect it's citizens from out an of control local government. I can't help but wonder if this is history in the making? Perhaps we as MRAs will look back on these events as the beginning of our own revolution which has been so long in the making?

Germany: Woman fakes kidnapping to avoid work

anthony · 27 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 21-year-old German woman who did not feel like going to work at a fast food restaurant sent her parents a text message saying she had been kidnapped.

Police in the Bavarian town of Straubing said Wednesday they had launched a massive search throughout the region for the woman who disappeared on December 23 but turned up unscathed the following morning, saying the kidnapper had set her free.'

Media Ban in Campione Case

Anonymous · 27 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

The wording in this article is very vague -- probably because of the media ban that has been put into effect.

Was Elaine Campione charged with murdering another one of her children before the two more recent murders that landed her in jail? Excerpt:

'A woman charged with murdering her newborn baby has regained the right to spend time with the child's surviving twin.

"The baby's father is devastated," the man's Toronto lawyer, Irving Solnik, said yesterday.'

RADAR ALERT: 2006: It was an Amazing Year!

Matt · 27 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

In 2006, RADAR greatly expanded its activities over the previous year, continuing to monitor for media bias and promoting advocacy efforts from the local level all the way to the United Nations. RADAR also maintained an active presence in the U.S House of Representatives and Senate.

During the year, RADAR issued 44 Alerts, 15 press releases, 8 Special Reports, and organized 3 major campaigns. In the process, an estimated 20 million learned the truth of domestic violence and how the Violence Against Women Act violates civil liberties.

RADAR also spearheaded a national consortium of concerned groups, the VAWA Reform Coalition, which grew to 62 affiliates by year end.

Passage of the Violence Against Women Act

On January 5, President Bush signed into law the 2005 Violence Against Women Act. The law contained the following non-exclusionary wording in Section 40002(b)(8):

"Nothing in this title shall be construed to prohibit male victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking from receiving benefits and services under this title."

Although the wording is weak and does not outline penalties for violation, it is better language than the previous law, which included no statement about male victims.

Media Efforts

In addition to the 15 press releases, RADAR issued Alerts regarding biased media coverage in The Oklahoman (Jan. 22), Contra Costa Times (May 21), Newsweek (Oct. 2), and the Washington Times (Nov. 13 and 27).

Public Broadcasting Service

Following numerous complaints generated by RADAR and other groups in 2005, PBS aired its long-awaited follow-up program, Kids & Divorce: For Better or Worse, in November 2006. The focus of the show was the effects of divorce on children, not domestic violence. Still, the program was seen as far more balanced than the earlier "Breaking the Silence" program.

Washington Times

As a result of thousands of complaints regarding a defamatory statement about husbands in India, the Washington Times issued this retraction on November 28:

“Using a chart published in a 2005 U.N. Population Fund report – which the UN agency now says was misleading – a London Daily Telegraph article published in Nov. 13 editions of The Washington Times incorrectly stated the frequencies of wife abuse in India. The agency says that it does not have sufficient data to provide such a figure and that the chart was intended to show that 70 percent of Indian women who were abused by their husbands think such abuse is justified in at least some circumstances.”
(http://washingtontimes.com/corrections/20061128-102228-2806r.htm)

Campaigns

RADAR coordinated three large-scale campaigns in 2006, two focused in the United States and a third that was international in scope.

1. VAWA Civil Rights Awareness Campaign, March 20 – April 28
   RADAR organized a campaign designed to increase the awareness of the public and lawmakers about the civil rights abuses caused by VAWA. The centerpiece of the campaign was the release of 5 Special Reports:

a. VAWA: Threat to Families, Children, Men, and Women (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Threat-to-Families.pdf)
b. Without Restraint: The Use and Abuse of Domestic Restraining Orders (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Restraining-Orders.pdf)
c. VAWA Programs Discriminate Against Male Victims (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Discriminates-Against-Males.pdf)
d. Justice Denied: Arrest Policies for Domestic Violence (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Justice-Denied-DV-Arrest-Policies.pdf)
e. Bias in the Judiciary: The Case of Domestic Violence (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Bias-In-The-Judiciary.pdf)

On April 27 a caller on the Sean Hannity radio show discussed the problems of VAWA, reaching 10 million listeners. For more information, see: http://www.mediaradar.org/accomplishments2006SpringCampaign.php.

2. Truth and Consequences Campaign, June 19 – November 17
RADAR organized a 21-week campaign designed to educate candidates, the media, and others about VAWA. The campaign featured 3 Special Reports that examined state-level domestic violence laws:

a. Expanding Definitions of Domestic Violence, Vanishing Rule of Law (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Vanishing-Rule-of-Law.pdf)
b. Perverse Incentives, False Allegations, and Forgotten Children (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Perverse-Incentives.pdf)
c. An Epidemic of Civil Rights Abuses: Ranking of States' Domestic Violence Laws (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Ranking-of-States-DV-Laws.pdf)

This campaign resulted in at least 3 newspaper interviews, 2 radio interviews, 3 editorials, and 3 letters to the editor. An estimated 2 million persons were reached. During the campaign, the resolution co-signers constituted themselves into the VAWA Reform Coalition, and by the end of the campaign the number of affiliates in the Coalition had reached 62: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Resolution.pdf.

After the campaign, the Vallejo Times Herald (CA) ran a lengthy article, "Domestic Abuse: Does Money Fuel False Allegations?" that highlighted how open-ended definitions and incentives lead to false allegations and unnecessary restraining orders: http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci_4857258.

For more information on this campaign, see: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/TandC-Accomplishments.pdf.

3. UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence Against Women
In October, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan released his long-awaited Study on Violence Against Women. In response to intensive efforts, 117 organizations in 14 countries signed a Resolution criticizing the report: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/UN-ViolenceReport-Resolution.pdf.

Five Alerts were issued and 4 editorials published. An estimated 30,000 e-mails were sent to Ambassador John Bolton. As a result, the UN Third Committee only "noted" the report, which is the diplomatic equivalent of disapproving a document.

Other Advocacy Efforts

Alerts were also directed to Roger Williams University (Feb. 12), the American Association for Retired Persons (Feb. 26), and the Department of Health and Human Services (Dec. 11). On October 16, an Alert was released to thank President Bush for including male victims in his annual proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In conclusion, RADAR acknowledges the hard work of thousands of men and women around the country who

worked to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner.

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It's Rape if the Woman is Drunk

AngryMan · 28 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

UK: Men face being charged with rape if they have sex with women who are drunk.

The proposal, contained in a Home Office report, is being considered by ministers in a bid to boost conviction rates for sex offences and bring more “date rapists” to justice.

The new law would mean a woman judged to be drunk at the time of having sex would be deemed incapable of giving her consent. That would potentially open the way for the prosecution of thousands of men for having sex with drunk women — regardless of whether agreement had been given at the time.

Time to emigrate, guys.

Police: Woman kills husband while he sleeps

anthony · 28 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"On Monday, the morning following the confrontation, Kathy Ward got a gun out of her car, went back inside and shot her husband while he slept, the documents allege."

"Kathy Jo Ward, 36, was being held without bond today in the Madison County Jail. A not guilty plea was entered on her behalf Friday by a county magistrate."

Mother pleads guilty to second-degree murder

anthony · 28 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Freeman and a defense attorney told the judge Branin suffered a syndrome, called Munchausen by proxy, which causes parents to manufacture illnesses for their children to win sympathy and attention"

"Amber Branin was sentenced to nearly eight years in prison for her daughter Reagan's death. The girl was suffocated last year, Assistant District Attorney Beth Freeman said."

Lawyers for female teacher accused of sex with student set out detailed rebuttal

anthony · 28 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Lawyers for a Trimble High School teacher fired for alleged sexual misconduct have filed a lengthy defense of the woman, in an appeal that's pending in Athens County Common Pleas Court."

"Stephanie Evans, 25, has asked the court to order the Trimble Local School Board to reinstate her with back pay, and to expunge records of a disciplinary hearing."

"In a motion earlier this month, Evans' attorneys repeated her denials that she had sex with a male high-school student, and pointed out that Evans got "glowing" evaluations during her one year of teaching."

Nifong Faces Formal Bar Ethics Complaint

Matt · 29 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Well, well, well, chickens finally home to roost in an official way for ol' Mikey. Guess he figured this case would be an easy way to win hearts and minds, get an easy sweep back into office, and maybe, who knows, on to bigger and better!

Guess he was wrong.

Story here. Excerpt:

'RALEIGH, North Carolina (CNN) -- The prosecutor in the Duke University lacrosse rape case violated ethics standards in statements to the media about the case, North Carolina's bar complained Thursday.

...

A 17-page complaint to the bar's Disciplinary Hearing Commission accuses Durham County District Attorney Michael Nifong of telling reporters that the Duke players were refusing to cooperate with the investigation and that the players were refusing to make statements to local law enforcement authorities. It also says he improperly commented on tests involved in the investigation.'

Woman Charged With Malicious Castration

Evil White Male... · 30 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman was charged with malicious castration for allegedly attacking a man during a Christmas party, police said. Rebecca Arnold Dawson, 34, is accused of grabbing the genitals of a 38-year-old man during a fight that erupted early Tuesday morning at a party hosted by the man's girlfriend. All three were heavily intoxicated, Lillington Police Chief Frank Powers said.

Dawson, who was released from jail Wednesday on $50,000 bond, also was charged with assault causing serious bodily injury, malicious conduct by a prisoner, and damage to government property for damaging a police cruiser. She also allegedly spit on an officer, Stevens said.'

YOU HAVE TO LOVE THIS: I WAS JAILED FOR FOUR DAYS AND A $200,000 BOND FOR A FALSE RAPE ACCUSATION. BUT I GUESS WE SHOULD BE HAPPY THIS DIDN'T TAKE PLACE IN THE UK, AS SHE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN OFF BECAUSE SHE WAS DRUNK AND WAS UNABLE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CRIME...

Statement by Doctors Opposing Circumcision re HIV Prevention

anthony · 31 December 2006 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Circumcision practices are largely culturally determined and as a result there are strong beliefs and opinions surrounding its practice. It is important to acknowledge that researchers' personal biases and the dominant circumcision practices of their respective countries may influence their interpretation of findings."

South Africa: Oprah Builds $40 million school- just for girls

anthony · 1 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

I'm not certain Oprah is a true humanitarian. While this school is certainly beneficial for girls, she has seemingly ignored the educational needs of boys. While the girls attend schools in an ultra modern facility, the boys will continue their education under third world conditions. I believe Oprah deserves much critisim for her decision to blatantly ignore boys, yet she is such a powerfull media figure, I fear her neglecting young boys will go virtually un-noticed. The woman she be exposed as a hypocrite. Excerpt:

'The tough talk comes as the famously philanthropic Winfrey unveils her Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa - a sprawling, 28-building complex for impoverished teens that features a yoga studio and beauty salon, among other luxuries.
...
Winfrey handpicked the 152 girls who will attend out of an application pool of more than 3,500. Winfrey has also supplied millions of dollars to educate needy children in the U.S. through the Oprah Winfrey Scholars program.'

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Ed. note: Story covered more fully here.

India: Mother "slits" 5-YO daughter's throat

anthony · 1 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"In a bizarre incident, a woman killed her five-year-old daughter by sliting her throat with a sharp weapon, in the Kuli Bazar locality of Kanpur early on Sunday morning, all out of pique."

"Her daughter, Al Shifa's fault: She informed her grandparents that her mother, Bismillah Jahan, pushed her cousin from the roof of the house in order to kill him. However, the kid got entangled in ropes and fell on a dog, thus escaping critical injuries."

Duke Prosecutor's Fourth Victim: the Accuser???

anthony · 2 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"The fourth victim is unlikely to be so lucky; she will not be exonerated at trial, and she will not be able to move on with her life. She will be destroyed by this case, and while she is partly to blame for that herself, the other part of the blame rests squarely on Mike Nifong's shoulders."

"The defense attorneys will obliterate her, permanently painting her as the worst sort of nut and slut. We will not hate the boys, we will hate her."

Three-YO Son Wandering on Freeway, Daughter Eating Spaghetti on Filthy Floor

anthony · 2 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Drivers swerved their cars and trucks into other lanes to avoid a 3-year-old boy, wearing only a diaper and T-shirt, who was playing along a busy highway after wandering away from home while his mother slept, police said."

"Police said they traced the boy to an apartment at a nearby complex, where they found his mother, Nancy Dyer, asleep in a filthy apartment and his 2-year-old sister eating spaghetti off the floor. Dyer, 33, was arrested on two counts of child neglect and remained in custody Sunday, officials said."

Mean Girls Run Amok

digitalhermit · 3 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In this story we clearly see what happens to young women when they are not provided with proper boundaries by those who are supposedly in authority over them. This is an excellent microcosm of what is happening in society at large:

...according to the report. When one teacher told a squad member to quit chatting on her cell phone in class, the girl replied, "Shut up, I'm talking to my Mom." On a separate occasion, she offered this response to the teacher's reprimand: "Pull your panties out of a wad." "Gang members were nothing compared to these girls," the teacher told Jones. **"They believe they cannot be touched."**

But there's an added wrinkle to their tale: the Fab Five's alleged ringleader was the daughter of McKinney North's principal, Linda Theret. Amid charges that Theret gave the girls preferential treatment, the school district launched a $40,000 investigation conducted by Jones in the fall. His 70-page report, which harshly criticized Theret and assistant principal Richard Brunner, **helped prompt Theret's resignation on Dec. 21** ... "Sadly, in this saga, I was struck by the reticence of many adults to accept the role of 'being the grown-up'."

Domestic Violence Is OK In Japan, As Long As The Victim Is Male

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Or so it would seem, reading this misandric article about Japanese wives beating their husbands when they don't get their way.

Notice that the article concludes by blaming everyone but violent women for women's violence. Notice also the statement of statistics which claim women are almost twice as likely to be assaulted, right after the article points out that men are far less likely to report being beaten, i.e. the usual feminist smoke-screen.

As long as society continues to give violent women gold stars for their behavior, they will continue to be violent, and male victims of domestic violence will continue to be marginalized, thanks to sexist fools like the ones who wrote and published that article at MSN.

UK Times: Why getting hitched is the real hitch for women

Anonymous · 3 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"For those who like to begin every new year with predictions of the end of civilisation as we know it, here's a cracker: married women are officially in the minority for the first time."

[...]

"The change, without doubt, is on the part of women rather than attributable to any increased reluctance among men — as evidenced by yet more figures from the Office for National Statistics, showing that men who divorce are far more likely to give marriage another shot, while divorced women, once bitten, are twice shy of committing again."

[...]

Another selling point was protection: the wide-shouldered, steely-jawed, testosterone-fuelled barrier between a woman and harm's way. Today, if we are to believe research from some women's organisations, a quarter of wives will suffer at the hands of the protector himself.

[...]

And then, of course, there is the matter of money. Once, all manner of misfortune seemed a fair swap for the working man's wages that would compensate in measures of warm roofs and full stomachs. Now, at one end of the financial scale, we have women forlornly chasing the price of a hot meal from the Child Support Agency — or whichever phoenix is next planned to rise from its discredited ashes — while slowly realising that if they had remained single and on state benefit in the first place, life would be greatly eased.

Duke Invites Back LAX Players

Matt · 3 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I wouldn't blame them for not accepting this "invitation". I wonder if it comes with a paid scholarship and public apology from the president/chancellor? Story here. Excerpt:

'RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) -- Duke University has invited two of the lacrosse players accused of sexual assault to return to school as students in good standing, a defense attorney said Wednesday.

Collin Finnerty and Reade Seligmann had been barred from attending class during the fall semester while their case made its way through court. The third player charged in the case, Dave Evans, graduated in May, the day before he was charged with raping a stripper at a team party in March.'

Womensinfidelity.com Covers the Issue

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Thanks to nbdspcl for mentioning http://womensinfidelity.com/ in a comment in a recent post. I have never seen the issue addressed seriously like this anywhere else. Anyone read the book? Don't forget to read some of the posts on their message board. Anyone doubting this issue is real, just put on your reading glasses.

My own take on this issue is that marital/LTR infidelity has been with us since the dawn of humanity. It will always be with us, for many reasons. I am making this post not to be picking on women as a group on this topic, as infidelity is an equal opportunity employer! I am pointing the site out because too many people think that 'tis only men (or largely only men) who do not keep faithful to partners when infidelity exists, and this just ain't true!

MGM-fest in Africa Begins

Matt · 4 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Seems they couldn't wait to get chopping... story here. Excerpt:

'Growing numbers of Ugandan men are being circumcised, after medical research showed it could halve the HIV infection rate among heterosexual men.

A Ugandan paper reports that last year of 2,500 people circumcised at various clinics, half of them were male adults, compared to less than 400 in 2005.'

Suppose if some UN study concluded that FGM reduced the spread of HIV, there'd be extra clinic hours open for that, too? Would there ever be such a study? Answers: No and no.

Dont-marry.com Up and Running

Anonymous · 4 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The original dontmarry.com website, which failed due to various DOS and TOS attacks, is back up at:

www.dont-marry.com
www.dont-getmarried.com
www.dontgethitched.com

Regards,
Lee Raconteur

SAFE (Stop Abuse For Everyone) International Newsletter Available

Anonymous · 4 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

If you would like the Premier Edition, end of the year "wrap up", please visit this link and request a copy or go to http://www.safe4all.org/ to download a copy from the SAFE website.

Let's hope for a productive New Year!

Lee Newman
Executive Director, SAFE International
Director, SAFE-NH

Duke lacrosse player files suit against university

Anonymous · 5 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The great part about this is that it's not even one of the three, "accused". Just wait until THEY file suit. Duke University is in deep trouble and deservedly so... story here. Excerpt:

'(01/04/07 -- DURHAM) - A former Duke Lacrosse player has filed a lawsuit against the University saying he was failed by an professor because of his membership on the lacrosse team.

Kyle Dowd filed the lawsuit Thursday against against Duke University and visiting associate professor Kim Curtis. Dowd, who graduated with David Evans in May 2006, was not indicted in the rape case but says that Professor Curtis gave him and another lacrosse player in class a failing grade in class as a form of retaliation after the Duke Lacrosse scandal broke. The two players were apparently receiving passing grades until the scandal, and Duke University revised their grades upward months after graduation.'

Ready Yourselves for the Nancy & Louise Show

Matt · 5 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Well someone has to say something about this 800-lb. gorilla in the room...

Unless you have been without modern communications of any kind for the past several months it will be no news to you that Nancy Pelosi was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives yesterday.

Those who read MANN with a less-than-sympathetic eye to MRAs may be quick to assume that the objection most MRAs have to Pelosi's ascension to the Speakership is that she is a woman. The problem is not that she is a woman; it is that she is a feminist. She and fellow travelers (such as Lousie Slaughter) are now in a position to pursue long-desired legislative agendas that are not likely to be in the interests of men and particularly, men-as-fathers.

There is a lot to do for this Congress, and a lot of internal fighting and struggle is likely to be the hallmark of the next two years (at least) of Congressional life, so what they can and can't get done remains to be seen. Nonetheless, it behooves MRAs to keep a close eye on the legislative pipeline in this Congress, particularly as it affects the issues we hold as being most critical to the rights and well-being of boys and men.

V8 Drink Commercial Demeans Men

mens_issues · 7 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This morning I woke up and listened to the news on the radio. After this, the usual annoying commercials came on. I was appalled to hear the latest one for V8 vegetable juice.

This radio commercial starts with a husband and wife apparently in some sort of courtroom. An incident is recalled where the wife couldn't get the husband to eat healthy, or to eat vegetables or drink V8, so the wife bopped the husband on the forehead.

This is accompanied by a comical "bop" sound used in previous V8 commercials - except that in those the person who "could have had a V8" slaps themselves on the forehead. The female judge then asks the husband what vegetables he has had recently, and he replies “Oysters." The judge then asks the man to approach, which is followed by the sound of her bopping the man on the forehead, and the comment "You could have had a V8!"

Ha ha, very funny (not).

The silly thing is that I, for one, already eat healthy foods and have been buying a large size V8 once a week. Unless the commercial is retracted, I will find another brand of vegetable juice to purchase in the future.

You can let V8 know what you think of their commercial here.

Steve

Ed. note: Anyone who can provide specific time and radio station information for the airing of this ad any time they have heard it, please post. It makes registering the complaint more effective.

RADAR ALERT: ABC Primetime Awarded "RADAR Accuracy In Journalism" Award

Matt · 7 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

ABC's News Show "Primetime" has been awarded a "RADAR Accuracy In Journalism" award for its December 26th, 2006 story Turning the Tables: How Do People React When There's Abuse in Public, But the Gender Roles Are Reversed.

The story took a look at what happens when women abuse men. A video segment consisting of two trained actors in a city park was filmed to document public reactions to female-on-male violence. Reactions by the public were limited to the extremes. 163 passers-by were indifferent. Four women sent an emissary to talk with them, but left after the actress said, "This is not your business". However, one of the women did report it to 911. In contrast, another woman made a fist as she walked by, muttering, "Good for you. You go, girl!" (See video here).

This story documents our biases about domestic violence. According to Carrie Keating, a psychology professor at Colgate University, women assaulting or abusing male partners "is a big problem in this country". Our cultural biases exist predominantly because few media outlets have addressed the issue neutrally.

While the CDC estimates there are more than 800,000 serious cases of female-perpetrated abuse annually, this figure is known to be low. Men often do not report abuse, and few hotlines accept or assist men even if they attempt to seek assistance.

America's failure to address domestic violence, regardless of the perpetrator, is damaging to family and society.

Please take a few moments to send a message to ABC Primetime at abc.news.magazines-at-abc.com, thanking them for their work. Sample note:

Dear Primetime,

I thank you for showing the truth about domestic violence in your documentary story "Turning the Tables: How Do People React When There's Abuse in Public, But the Gender Roles Are Reversed".

Please keep up the good work. Without change,
social policy and law enforcement methods will continue hurting America's families and children.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

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Date of RADAR Release: January 8, 2007

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Barbados: One-third of 'dads' not real fathers

Anonymous · 8 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"NEARLY ONE-THIRD of the time, the man identified as the father of a child is really not.

According to findings being recorded at ChemScreen Laboratory Services Incorporated each month, in 31 per cent of the cases where the man has been named as father, he is not.

An average of eight to ten queries regarding fatherhood are made each month.

Manager of the lab, Tricia Boyce, who said it had been open "four to five years", added there were "a lot of people" unsure who the father of a baby was.

However, she said, what was interesting was that all the men seeking paternity tests were anxious that the result showed that they were indeed the child's father.

"Some of these men have built up a relationship with the child and may not want to do it, but still need to be sure," she said."

F4J: Judge targeted as fathers start new campaign

Anonymous · 8 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A SENIOR judge from a village near Melksham has been singled out by the pressure group Fathers 4 Justice in a campaign targeting judges they believe are treating dads unfairly.

The Judgebuster Campaign has singled out 10 judges who they label as Britain's worst judicial offenders'.

Their personal details, including addresses, have been published on the internet."

Toronto Star: Time to let dads in

Anonymous · 8 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.. Excerpt:

Fathers from all backgrounds want to help raise their children, and great programs show them how, writes Andrea Gordon

...

"Every week, dads in their teens and early 20s meet for an evening to shoot some hoops or play floor hockey, hare a meal and talk about what's going on in their lives.

For Billey and his children, the benefits of a father support network are huge. It's provided companionship, a chance to blow off steam through sports, and valuable advice.

This wouldn't surprise Ed Bader of Thornhill. The retired family therapist, former priest and grandfather was something of a pioneer in the [Greater Toronto Area] in promoting the father's role. In 1999, he launched Focus on Fathers, which offers free courses in York Region for new dads and immigrant fathers and, this year, teenage fathers. He says modern fathers are "negotiating new turf," often without role models. So mutual support is critical."

NYTimes: The Dems are in fact "too macho"

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On the heels of cartwheel celebrations over the ascension of Speaker Pelosi comes this latest from the NY Times, via a New Republic senior editor, castigating the Dems for being "too macho".

I don't recall the The Times or TNR castigating them for being "too fem" a few years back.

Politics makes for strange bedfellows; it also makes for some pretty bizarre editorials, too, especially when it's that peculiar brand known as "gender politics". In the mean time, issues get lost in the shuffle and other issues (eg: father's and men's rights) never get a chance to make it to the stage. Bread and circuses!

Myriam Bédard Case in Canada

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There is an interesting case in Canada with a former Olympic gold medalist who has been acting strange lately, and who is now charged with an abduction related to violating her ex-husband's visiting arrangements, a story which has pretty much gone under the radar in the US, while it's front page news here in Canada.

The whole story is a little convoluted, but I will try to summarize. Myriam Bédard came back a Canadian Hero after winning two gold medals in the 1994 Winter Olympics, and has been in the Canadian media off and on ever since. She had one daughter with her ex-husband, Jean Paquet. They divorced and she married a man from Iran. About two years ago, she was involved in a government scandal: last summer, her new husband, an artist, was accused of theft of paintings. There had been lots of reports in French media particularly (see http://www.radio-canada.ca/nouvelles/ and do a search for "BEDARD", if you can speak French), that she had been acting strangely, and wrote to all kinds of people (our prime minister, the US Ambassador to Canada, and to Kofi Annan and all the people of Earth) about suffering from "political terrorism", and threatened to go to the States to defend herself. Her parents and most of her family are now estranged, including her ex-husband. Her mother has said that her new husband has "destroyed" her daughter.

She left Quebec for the States in October 2006 with her husband and 12-year-old daughther. The girl's father only had 2 or 3 phone calls with her, which lasted less than 1 minute each, and which were mysteriously cut short. Myriam's family had said that the situation was clearly "not normal". The father filed charges on the basis that she violated visitation agreements, having not had any contact with his daughter in three weeks, and Myriam Bédard was arrested near Baltimore shortly before Christmas, around December 23rd.

What is strange, in my opinion, is that her lawyers are saying that the girl's father has not been consistent with visitation agreements, and never said that he wanted a visit with his daughter during the holidays and that the mother let everyone know that she was going to the States, even advising the prime-minister. He may be referring to her strange letter that was also addressed to Kofi Annan and all the citizens of Earth. It was also suggested that the father is often out of the country for work reasons.

The father, on the other hand, says that he has had virtually no contact with his daughter since October, he was not told where she was, and that he was concerned that his daughter had been pulled out of school since October, and that he had not seen her in two and a half momths. He waited a few weeks to see if the situation would resolve itself. The daughter stayed with her maternal grandmother, who is still on good terms with the father, and moved back with her father shortly around Christmas.

Myriam Bédard's American lawyers have said that she urgently had to see her daughter, as her daughter was not eating or bathing, in a show of solidarity with her mother, by imposing similar jail conditions onto herself; but, the mother's own sister and mother have said that this was not true, and that Maude, the daughter, was doing fine.

I think that the toughest thing that will have to be dealt with is taking her daughter out of school for two and a half months... how do you explain that? Who knows how long it would have been before she came back of her own free will?

Anyway, a REALLY strange case all-around with many elements: seemingly disturbed mother, hints of a manipulative new husband, political overtones, father being excluded from picture, etc... Myriam Bédard is supposed to appear in Court in Quebec City on Friday. Much more to come I'm sure!

Here is a link to the latest article, which also links to earlier reports and video.

Colorado: "Ladies' nights" held as discriminatory

Martian Bachelor · 8 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The Rocky Mountain News reports a crusader against ladies nights has won in a civil rights complaint against a Denver nightclub. However, the report says "state officials said rulings regarding discrimination in public accommodations apply only to the target of the complaint, not to all similar businesses."

Krights Special Video Report: Legal Requirement to Create NCPs Illegal and Immoral

Matt · 9 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

And The Truth Continues..

"The Creation Of A Sub Class Of American Citizens With A Diminished Access To Rights Equal To All Americans Through An Instrument Of The Court Is Unconstitutional and Illegal."

-- Richar' Farr, 2007

The Law: USC. 42 Chapter 7 Sub Chapter IV Part D 666 requires each state court in a divorce to create a non-custodial parent and place unequal duties upon this citizen. This is discrimination, This is Illegal, This Argument is enforceable.

Krights Special Video Report "Illegal and Immoral" - Tuesday January 9 - On The Krights Video Channel!

All the news for non-custodial parents and their families.

Army widow charged with murdering husband for money

Matt · 9 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

She couldn't wait, it seems, to get rid of the poor guy so she could have a nice little party for herself. What do you suppose the spin will be, she was abused? Or perhaps, negelected? Or just plain so overcome with grief, she couldn't think straight-- for weeks on end.

Story here. Keep a barf bucket handy.

Mother Murders Children, Brutally Assaults her Father

Matt · 9 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"ATLANTA, Georgia (AP) -- A woman charged with stabbing her two young children to death and severely beating her father was arrested in Atlanta early Tuesday, nearly a week after the attack, authorities said.

Police had been looking for Felicia Williams since Wednesday, when officers following a 911 call found the bodies of her children, Elexis Nicole Hill, 9, and James Ross Hill, 4, in her parent's home in Bethlehem, a tiny town in northeast Georgia. Williams' father was found injured in the home, authorities said."

PBS's "Breaking the Silence" Producers Forced to Apologize

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This is good news, via Glenn Sacks' Jan. 9, 2007 e-Newsletter. The producers of "Breaking the Silence" have apologized for their misstatements. It takes them some time but at the end of the letter, they finally get to it, as follows:

"It was never our intent to accuse Dr. Loeliger of physically abusing his daughter or to create harm to his daughter. Although we believe that most viewers understand this, we sincerely regret if some viewers drew an inference from the film that we did not intend and do not endorse."

This is a victory-- but personally, I'd rather see this letter plus a full and public retraction of their anti-male/father biases (preferably on national TV and billboards all across America), with a full admission that they understand the *whole* truth about domestic violence and the rates of battery among all classes of people who live together.

Well, a fellow can dream, can't he?

SF Bay mother convicted of assault... acquitted of 1st degree murder

anthony · 10 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity after throwing her three children into San Francisco Bay was acquitted Tuesday of first-degree murder but convicted of assault.

Tuesday's verdicts, which came after seven days of deliberation, do not make any conclusions about the woman's sanity. After determining her guilt, jurors will then decide whether she was legally sane at the time of the deaths."

Here is one to watch - Star Athlete files DV claims in divorce papers

oregon dad · 10 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

The article states that the woman threw things, name-called, displayed outbursts in front of kids, spends lavishly, and is abusive. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK — Hoops superstar Jason Kidd yesterday slapped his knockout wife with shocking divorce papers - claiming he's an abused spouse.

The New Jersey Nets' All-Star point guard - once busted for allegedly hitting his sexy bride, Joumana, in the face over a french fry - charges in the explosive court document that she has been punching, kicking and throwing "household objects" at him virtually since their wedding day in 1997.

"The defendant's behavior has left the plaintiff concerned for his well-being," say the sensational papers, filed in Bergen County Superior Court in Hackensack.'

37% of births in U.S. to unwed mothers

Anonymous · 10 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Preaching to the choir... article here. Excerpt:

"Never have fathers seemed so disposable, or so overlooked. A report out says 37 percent of all births in the United States last year were to unwed mothers. The figure is now at an all-time high, up a percentage point from last year.

But society does need to say something in defense of fatherhood. Long experience at dozens of honors banquets leads us to decisively say that children from traditional homes have advantages. Listen to an honors list, and you will be struck by how many winners come from those traditional mom and pop, Ozzie and Harriet homes.

The problem is particularly true for boys. A generation of boys has grown up without a father at home. The results have largely been disastrous. Men today constitute only 44 percent of college students. A boy is 30 percent more likely to drop out of school than a girl. A boy is three times as likely to be expelled from school as a girl. A boy is 10 percent more likely to skip school than a girl."

Judge Wants More Jail Time for Accused Female Sex Offender

anthony · 10 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Former teacher's aide Melanie Hackett was back in court eleven months after she reportedly bragged to a teacher at the Missisquoi Valley Union High School that she had sex with a 13-year-old male student at his home."

"Two months ago a judge rejected a plea deal that would have sent her to prison for 6 months. Monday a second judge rejected the same deal. He pointed out that the victim's age of 13 and Hackett's abuse of trust demands more prison time."

Female Ex-Teacher Gets Two More Years for Nude Photos Sent To Male Victim

anthony · 11 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A former teacher serving an eight-year prison sentence for having sex with a 13-year-old student agreed Wednesday to serve two more years for sending him nude photos of herself.

Rogers, 29, was arrested in February 2005 and pleaded no contest to having sexual intercourse and oral sex with the student. A judge suspended most of her eight-year sentence on the condition that she not contact the student or his family or use the Internet."

Six months ago, Circuit Judge Bart Stanley ordered Rogers to serve the rest of the sentence after she sent the photos to the boy, and prosecutors brought the new charges. The new sentence was added to the first term for a 10-year total."

Florida Woman Puts Baby in Heated Oven

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Story here. Excerpt:

"An Orlando woman was charged with turning on an oven and putting her baby in it.

Sharlyn Singh faces aggravated child abuse charges.

Authorities said a man helping the woman's boyfriend move out of their apartment after the couple broke up heard the baby crying and found it in the oven. Singh had left the apartment by that time."

Duke Case Update: Supplemental Motion to Dismiss Filed by Defense

Matt · 11 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The defense motion filed Thursday includes the investigator's report of the Dec. 21 interview, during which she made several other changes in her account of the March 13 party where she and another woman were hired to perform as strippers.
...
But the defense motion said the accuser's cell phone records show that she was on her phone during part of the time she now says she was attacked. Records also show Seligmann received a call on his cell phone during that period, the defense said."

Bulgaria: Mandatory DNA tests

Anonymous · 11 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Bulgaria has decided to create a DNA database of all fathers in the country in an attempt to make it easier for courts to rule in fatherhood cases."

Switzerland: Cabinet holds back paternity leave plan

Anonymous · 11 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The Swiss government has stymied plans by Economics Minister Doris Leuthard to introduce five days' paid paternity leave in her department with immediate effect.

In a statement on Wednesday the cabinet said it wanted to have the same rule for all ministries – currently only two days is allowed – putting its colleague's plans on ice.

As part of her agenda for 2007, Leuthard, who took up her post in July, announced on Monday that a raft of family-friendly measures would be introduced immediately within the economics ministry.

This included new fathers being able to take five days' paid and 20 days' unpaid paternity leave."

Arkansas: Supreme Court Says Non-Father Must Pay C/S

Matt · 12 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Status quo affirmed! Excerpt:

'LITTLE ROCK (AP) -- Even though a paternity test ruled out Anthony L. Parker as the father of a child in a child-support dispute, he still has to pay support owed the mother before he took the test, the Arkansas Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

The court reversed a decision by Pulaski County Circuit Judge Mary Spencer McGowan and sent the case back to her to determine the amount Parker must pay.

The opinion, written by Associate Justice Donald L. Corbin, said state law and prior court cases make it clear that an "acknowledged father" cannot be relieved of past-due child support.

State law only speaks to a man's future child-support obligations once that person has been found through testing not to be a child's father. And Associate Justice Robert L. Brown said in a concurring opinion that the court was "legislating by inference."'

DVStats.com makes the Fiebert bibliography searchable

Anonymous · 12 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Pychologist Professor Martin S. Fiebert created a long Web page a while back, which is a compendium of nearly 200 studies (as of December 2006), analyses and reviews showing that males are abused as often (and sometimes more often) as females. But this page was always so difficult for me to read. So I compiled it all into a database, and made it searchable.

Check it out:
http://www.dvstats.com/

John Dias

Ed. note: BRAVO!!! Thanks, John!

Divorced Dad's Handbook released in U.K.

Anonymous · 12 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Excerpt:

"If the law is gender neutral why do just 7% of fathers get custody of their children following a divorce? Many fathers believe the law is prejudiced against them, and Bob Geldof even went as far as calling it “state sanctioned kidnapping”. The situation is compounded by the lack of practical advice and guidance for dads to support them in their ‘new environment’. Most turn first to a lawyer, which often comes at a high price and with low reward.

Steve Davies is a divorced father who was forced to face these challenges back in 2000. He was so frustrated by the lack of support that he decided to write The Divorced Dad’s Handbook (published on 8th January 2007 by HowToBooks). The book introduces some stark and shocking facts about fathers’ relationships with their children post divorce, for example, 40% of all fathers lose contact with their children within two years."

Male Lawyer arrested for "Holiday Kiss"

anthony · 12 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A criminal defense attorney has been arrested on a disorderly conduct charge involving kissing as a crime.
...
Crozier said the video will prove he meant nothing sexual by the kiss, which he described as a peck on the cheek. He says the incident is an example of political correctness run amok.

'It was a Christmas greeting. I had no intention to annoy or harass anybody,' Crozier said. 'Every one of us knew we were on camera. This was a peck on the cheek. That was the extent. There was nothing here that was weird or sexual.'"

Nifong Asks State to Take Over Duke Case

anthony · 12 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Michael B. Nifong, the Durham district attorney, faxed the request to Jim Coman, head of the state attorney general's special prosecution unit, today, the official said. Mr. Nifong decided he had no choice but to hand off the case because he faces a conflict of interest with ethics charges pending against him for his public comments on the case, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because there has yet to be an official announcement of the request."

"Biden Wants Legal Brigade for Domestic Safety"

anthony · 14 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"That is why Biden--author of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act, which created and funded federal programs to help victims of domestic violence--keeps thinking about new ways to reduce violence against women. And now with his party in power in the House and Senate, he is in position to find more support."

"Biden, an attorney, has written a bill that would create an electronic network of 100,000 lawyers willing to do volunteer work on behalf of victims of domestic violence. The bill would also set up a fund to help a separate group of lawyers--those who spend a majority of their time working on behalf of domestic violence victims--pay back their school loans."

16-YO boy's legal nightmare for viewing internet porn

anthony · 14 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Police officers stormed into the house with guns pointed. "The first thing I thought was, someone's trying to break in our house," Matthew said. "And then there [were] police officers with guns pointed at me, telling me to get downstairs."

"Matthew did have an embarrassing confession. He had been sneaking peaks at adult erotic photos on the family computer. "I got the Web site from a bunch of friends at school. [It was] just adult pornography…Playboy-like images."

"Arizona child pornography laws are among the harshest in the country. As soon as Matthew was charged, he was put on virtual house arrest, and an electronic bracelet was attached to his ankle to monitor his movements 24 hours a day."

Multiple Female teachers punished In Utah

anthony · 15 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"It seemed like a bad week for female educators in Utah — three of them appeared in court over charges of sexual misconduct with underage male students. For prosecutors, this is a simple matter. A crime is a crime."

"But for some people, the idea of a female teacher engaging in sexual activity with a boy does not strike them as criminal."

"People just do not view males as victims in these types of cases, and it's especially true when it's a female victimizing the male," Searle said. "Some people say, 'How were you a victim in something every boy dreams about?"

Adultery could mean life, court finds

Evil White Male... · 15 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"In a ruling sure to make philandering spouses squirm, Michigan's second-highest court says that anyone involved in an extramarital fling can be prosecuted for first-degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony punishable by up to life in prison.
...
"Technically," he added, "any time a person engages in sexual penetration in an adulterous relationship, he or she is guilty of CSC I," the most serious sexual assault charge in Michigan's criminal code.
...
Definition (c) is the key:
Adopted by the Legislature in 1931, Section 520b of the Michigan Penal Code says, in part:
1) A person is guilty of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree if he or she engages in sexual penetration with another person and if any of the following circumstances exists:
(c) Sexual penetration occurs under circumstances involving the commission of any other felony."

How can a woman ever be guilty of penetration? I think we all know who will be persecuted and prosecuted with this law...

Marriage is officially passé

Matt · 16 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The NYTimes is reporting, in its usual fem-slanted way, that for the first time in recorded US history, 51% of the adult female population is NOT living with a husband (ie, either they are single or married but living apart for some reason). Article here.

It notes that 53% of adult men are married and living with their wives, but this is largely because of the fact that men die earlier than women overall and possibly due to the moderate general disproportion in the sex-ratio in the population (the article doesn't mention this but it would seem that it makes sense for it to be a factor).

My own take: The fewer marriages, the less work for divorce lawyers and the less chance a man has of being thrown out of his own home! How can you not like it? But anytime you have someone getting on your case about your single-hood (eg: parents, married friends, etc.), send them the link to this article. You can point out that married adults are now the exception, not the rule.

'From trophy wife to toxic wife'

Anonymous · 16 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Once upon a time, there was a truth, universally acknowledged, that a man with a powerful job and a beautiful house must be in want of a wife – preferably of the trophy variety. Domesticated, docile yet dazzling, she was the perfect finishing touch.

Not any more. According to research to be published in the journal Labour Economics, the earnings gap between married couples is narrowing. While in the 1980s it was the case that the higher a professional man's salary the fewer paid hours his wife would put in, men today are more likely to want a dynamic high-flier, an equal who wows him as much in the boardroom as in the bedroom.

A victory for feminism? Sadly not. The reason for this change, sisters, is nothing to be proud of.

Rich men, I believe, have finally cottoned on to the sinister side of the stay-at-home wife: unless you marry an equal who's going to pay her own way, you will end up with a lazy, indulgent, over-pampered slug. For the transition from trophy wife to toxic wife is as fast as the end result is furious."

"Duke Faculty" Posts Open Letter

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Seems the faculty at Duke who rushed to condemn the LAX players felt it necessary to post a follow-up letter about it all. Does it include an apology? No. Does it include an acknowledgment of their own racism, classism, and/or misandry? Forget about it. The letter is at http://www.concerneddukefaculty.org/. However, the site is, as you can imagine, getting hit really hard as of this posting. I only just was able to load the page after several attempts. So, I am including it in its entirely under the "read more" section.

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As of 1-16-07 9:40 PM EST:
http://www.concerneddukefaculty.org/:

An Open Letter to the Duke Community

In the spring of 2006, the Duke community was rocked by terrible news. We heard that a woman hired to perform at a party thrown by our lacrosse team had accused members of the team of raping her. Neighbors, we were told, heard racial epithets called out at the woman as she departed the party. The criminal proceedings and the media frenzy which followed are perhaps beginning to wind down. For us at Duke, the issues raised by the incident, and by our community's responses to it, are not.

In April, a group of Duke faculty members published an advertisement in The Chronicle. The ad, titled "What does a Social Disaster Sound Like?" was mostly a compilation of statements made by Duke students in response to the incident and its immediate aftermath. This ad has figured in many discussions of the event and of the University's response. It has been broadly, and often intentionally, misread. We urge everyone to read the original ad, available at http://listening.nfshost.com/listening.htm. We have. Some of us were among the ad's signers.

The ad has been read as a comment on the alleged rape, the team party, or the specific students accused. Worse, it has been read as rendering a judgment in the case. We understand the ad instead as a call to action on important, longstanding issues on and around our campus, an attempt to channel the attention generated by the incident to addressing these. We reject all attempts to try the case outside the courts, and stand firmly by the principle of the presumption of innocence.

As a statement about campus culture, the ad deplores a "Social Disaster," as described in the student statements, which feature racism, segregation, isolation, and sexism as ongoing problems before the scandal broke, exacerbated by the heightened tensions in its immediate aftermath. The disaster is the atmosphere that allows sexism, racism, and sexual violence to be so prevalent on campus. The ad's statement that the problem "won't end with what the police say or the court decides" is as clearly true now as it was then. Whatever its conclusions, the legal process will not resolve these problems.

The ad thanked "the students speaking individually and...the protesters making collective noise." We do not endorse every demonstration that took place at the time. We appreciate the efforts of those who used the attention the incident generated to raise issues of discrimination and violence.

There have been public calls to the authors to retract the ad or apologize for it, as well as calls for action against them and attacks on their character. We reject all of these. We think the ad's authors were right to give voice to the students quoted, whose suffering is real. We also acknowledge the pain that has been generated by what we believe is a misperception that the authors of the ad prejudged the rape case.

We stand by the claim that issues of race and sexual violence on campus are real, and we join the ad's call to all of us at Duke to do something about this. We hope that the Duke community will emerge from this tragedy as a better place for all of us to live, study, and work.

Click for list of Concerned Faculty

Now on YouTube: Men, maleness, and equality

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By popular demand, the TVOntario segment from The Agenda: Men, Maleness, and Equality has been posted on YouTube.

Part 1
Part 2
Part 3
Part 4
Part 5

For those interested in purchasing a copy, contact: tvosales-at-tvontario.org. TVO is a public broadcaster: you can their programs in the classroom. They accept donations.

Watch, comment, rate, and favourite these on YouTube... And help spread the word!

Study Report on Misuse of Dowry Law by Indian Women

rudy3107 · 17 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Truth About IPc 498A

This is a Report based on 5 years Research and Study on dowry Prohibition act, its use and misuse.This Reasearch conducted by our own Experts of MyNation for Save Indian society,and not funded by any gender biased organisations. We studied 1500 Plus Families, these are feed backs from them and from the reports published by media.

What is IPC-498a?

Cognizable – The accused can be arrested and jailed without warrant or investigation
Non-Bailable – The accused must appear in the court to request bail
Non-Compoundable – The complaint cannot be withdrawn by the petitioner

The accused are guilty with women one word, and the burden is on the accused to prove innocence in the courts.

When an FIR under IPC section 498A (498a) is registered, the accused are automatically arrested and jailed without investigation. The Supreme Court of India has ruled several times that arrest should be an exception, and not a compulsory. Why is there no penalty for disobeying the Supreme Court's orders? Is it not mental cruelty to subject a person to arrest without investigation or reasonable cause?

As per our Study, we found out that, it is custom in india to give support to bride in the form of gold and valuables to support her future life with her husband, as husband take home his wifes Fathers burdon, as family of girl call themself.
as long as there are no Problems/cracks in marriage, all goes smoothly.As it is there are problems in every marriage, and olden days women used to manage these silly things in her marriage, but todays modern women is not ready to compromise even pretty issues.

Shoba [Name Changed] says, "Dowry is not an issue, ours was love arranged marriage, I know my father's capacity, and how much he can give, and after marriage there is not chance taking any money, so I only told my Husband what he can take. We are happy with that, it helped us to build our Family. We should not take Stridhan as dowry."

"When we get married, to make new house, start family we need money, from girl side her father should provide to start family, and man should not demand more than what girls family offer," says Priya [Name changed].

We are not talking about the dowry deaths or physical injury cases but about dowry harassment cases that require no evidence and can be filed just based on a single word, complaint by the wife. With an estimated 50,000 such accusations per year and an average of 3 members of the husband's family implicated in each of these 498a cases, about 150,000 people are directly affected by these false accusations.

Latest Statistics Published on IBN-CNN.

*In 2004, 58,319 dowry cases were registered
*1,34,757 men were arrested
*47,828 cases have reached the chargesheet stage
*10,491 dowry cases were not chargesheeted as they were based on frivolous ground.
*However, 5,739 men have been convicted but more than four times that number have been acquitted (24,127)

The controversial section not only covers dowry, but a wide spectrum of incidents including cruelty, causing injury and danger to mental or physical health. [Source: http://www.ibnlive.com/news/tortured-hubbies-victims-of-498a/27446-3.html]

As of June 30, 2005 those under sections 498 and 498(A): in the first six months this year, 3801 new cases under

just these two sections were instituted.

Thanks to the awareness levels among women, many more are approaching the courts today than before. Consider this against the number of cases that are disposed. They are only 2432 cases. Of them, only 164 cases led to convictions. 1449 cases ended in acquittal with the aggrieved women considering further appeals. [Source: http://www.indianexpress.com/res/web/pIe/full_story.php?content_id=79802]

This poorly formulated law is inviting unscrupulous women to file false cases, and causing the imprisonment of innocent husband and his Family without investigation. These innocent people undergo stigmatization and hardship even before a trial in the court of law which leads to emotional, physical and financial burdon. Some of the falsely accused have committed suicide after being jailed, unable to bear the social consequences.

Result of False Accusation:

As per Recent Report From Ahmedabad, Rajesh Hasmukh Desai commited suicide. He was charged with 498A falsly. If a woman dies in any circumtenses, Authority by default Police will arrest man, but in this case police did not took any action nor they questioned his wife, nor took any action.

A study by Professor K. Nagaraj, senior economist at the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS): The distribution of suicides by marital status reveals some interesting patterns. The rates do not vary much between the sexes for the never-married. Among those currently married, while the rate for males is about 17 per 100,000 persons, the rate for females is 11.4 per 100,000. Among those widowed, while the rate for males is 21 per 100,000 persons, the rate for females is also significantly lower, at 6.6 per 100,000. However, among divorced males the suicide rate is 164 per 100,000 persons, but even in this class, among females the rate is only 63 per 100,000. W hile the suicide rate for separated men is about 167, for females it is only 41 per 100,000 persons. [Source: http://www.hinduonnet.com/fline/fl1821/18210960.htm]

Despite the recommendations of the Supreme Court of India and Justice Malimath Committee that the legislative arm should modify the laws such that the innocent are protected, the suggested amendment to the law has been largely ignored. Unconstrained, this social evil is threating the foundaton of the Indian Family system.

Why do people misuse IPC 498a?

Legal Extortion – When marriage is on the brink of Divorce, she find no other weapon to harass husband than 498A.

Pre/extra-marital Affairs – She marries to satisfy her parents, without disclosing her past, when husband find out she has no option than file dowry case to blackmail him, same applies to extra marital affairs too.

Domination – Wife wants the husband to abandon his parents and siblings, and have total control over his finances and social behavior, including his life-style.

Custody - Deny the father and his family access to their child(ren).

Fraudulent Marriages - Many time girls family will not disclose actual facts of their daughter, which leads to divorce, then legal extortion follows.

In-Laws - When modern woman is unable to adjust with her In-Laws, to dominate her husband and make him dance as she says she goes for dowry case.

Consider a person who works extremely hard to make his career. Then he marry a wolf who drags him to court. There he is bound to lose all dignity, children custody and above all 50% of his income. He is forced out of family, money and all. Using his money all along, the wolf teaches to the child that father was bad, despite feeding the child on Fathers' money. He has nothing to look at when he grows old. And Indian judicial system is just not meant for any justice.

"This is nothing but sure cruelty. Extreme disaster, and unending mental trauma. Apart from this I've seen men

bieng ditched by various girls before marriage. In cities it is common that girl have many boyfriends. And they choose the richest among them for marriage. Rest are ditched. And a few weaker among them commit suicide.", says Amit Agarwal, a Victim of 498A.

Nearly five crore married women in India are victims of domestic violence (DV). Only 0.1 percent (1 out of 1000 DV cases) of these are being reported. Out of 100 cases that are ordered for investigation under 498A, only in 2 cases the accused get convicted.

"People generally use this law to facilitate a divorce. And often, it's the lawyers who advise the women to implicate their in-laws under the provisions of this Act," says Shantosh Singh, chairperson of Women Welfare Counseling Cell. Often, the number of items given in dowry is inflated to claim a high settlement amount. "There are only 10 per cent cases based on truth, and people usually come to us and ask specifically to mention the element of dowry in their divorce petitions," says Amrikh Singh Kalra, advocate at Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Women mis(using) laws to get even?

NEW DELHI, Oct 18 (PTI) —Laws against violence at home may or may not have come to the rescue of battered women, but some of them have been accused of abusing them to get an easy divorce or settle other little domestic disputes. Souce: http://www.tribuneindia.com/1999/99oct19/nation.htm#7]

According to the available statistical information from the National Crime Records Bureau and information available from NGOs working with victims of violence, there is a general tendency to avoid seeking redressal among the victims of domestic violence. However, when a victim of domestic violence seeks help from any of the agencies, be it family, friends, NGOs, or lawyers, before registering a complaint, at each stage she is asked to reconcile the matter or to put up with the situation. Reconciliation in 498A cases takes place at every stage including the police station, Crime Against Women Cells and courts.

We found that in five cases filed under Section 498A the parties settled the matter after agreeing on maintenance and divorce.

In a majority of the cases before a victim filed the complaint under Section 498A, the minimum period she suffered physical and mental torture, was for about three years.

The trial process is quite lengthy and the proportion of pending cases is quiet high (out of the 40 cases based on victims' interviews which went for trial in court, 28 cases are still pending). In the cases tracked, the normal trial period was between five to ten years.

It was found that it was difficult to prove physical and mental torture. In all the eight cases in which the accused were acquitted, the victims were found to have suffered physical and mental torture, but as there was not enough evidence to prove torture, the accused were let off.

The cases where the accused were convicted had been filed under Section 498A along with section 304B and 302, which are applicable after the death of the victim. There were no convictions in any of the cases registered only under Section 498A.

It has been found that out of 30 cases there is not a single case where the accused has been convicted only under Section 498A. The accused have been acquitted (11 cases) by the court where the prosecutor failed to provide evidentiary proof of cruelty, mainly mental, inflicted on the victim as provided under Section 498A IPC.

The judicial authorities of India, in number of landmark judgments, have taken a serious view of the growing tendency to falsely implicate innocent members of the husband’s family in dowry cases. Describing misuse of IPC-498a law as “legal terrorism”, the Supreme Court said no one could be allowed to unleash frivolous proceedings on this count as the provisions of Section 498a “is intended to be used a shield not as an assassin’s weapon.

“The stringent dowry laws, meant to deter dowry-seekers, are being increasingly misused by the very people they

are meant to protect. The last three years have seen a steep rise in the number of cases of harassment for dowry". [Source: http://cities.expressindia.com/fullstory.php?newsid=170603]

Only one out of six dowry complaints genuine [Source: http://www.tribuneindia.com/2004/20041013/cth1.htm#4]

Most of the time it's a burgaining tool for women when husband finds her infidelity. Adulterous women were responsible for divorces in every 3rd case.
[Source http://www.hindustantimes.com/news/181_1551427,000600010004.htm]

There are many heart-rending stories of innocent families being arrested without investigation and put in judicial custody. While IPC 498a is supposed to be a law to protect women, ironically it harms many more women. For every male accused of IPC 498a, there is at least one woman (his mother or sister) who is implicated in a crime that never occurred or they never stayed together. If there are more women in the family they too are accused irrespective of their age, health condition, marital status or their physical proximity to the complainant. There are many Reports, married sisters of husband,even they are pregnent or with small baby in hands are jailed without any investigations.or The entire family is ruthlessly arrested without investigation and there are no words to describe the financial hardship and emotional trauma that they have to endure. Children suffer whether they are jailed along with their mothers or are separated from them during that time.

Another striking feature of these victim stories is that the complainants, in collaboration with the police make sure that the arrests are strategically planned to harass and demoralize the accused, to make them succumb to the fear of being imprisoned and to extract huge amounts of money thereafter.

Here is list of few Victims are harassed for many years, without rays of hope to get Justice: http://mynation.net/db

Everyone knows there are loopholes in 498A, and media reports, Judges warn and Politicians admit openly.

An offence has been committed by the accused upon the sole testimony of the woman alleging abuse. Given that lying in court has never been taken seriously enough to invoke punishment, laws which presume guilt even before the trial has begun are prone to great misuse.

"98% misuse is OK Says Minister Renuka Chowdrey:
[Source: http://www.ibnlive.com/news/ill-empower-women-chowdhury/26051-3-0.html]

Even there is 98% misuse, why not there is any Change....?

Because it is not only against husband but his whole Family. The Western funded Supporter of this law, determined to ruin family system of India and sabotage Indian Society.

For: MyNation.net

Girls beat girl senseless, upload video to Internet

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As if actually waylaying and beating her wasn't bad enough, they have to upload it to some site on the Internet. CNN reports on the the whole thing here (video). Send this along to your friends who think "girls just don't/can't do that sort of thing".

"The gender gap in violence is declining"

digitalhermit · 19 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Found this interesting article on MSNBC, no doubt spawned by all the media attention in recent days to the teen girl fight video.

Though the article's authors are at times confused about where this violence could be coming from (for eample citing increasingly violent and misogynistic messages in the mass media) they do at least pay some lip service to the importance of a stable early family life. Excerpt:

“The initial causes of violence are found in the early learning experiences in the family, which includes weak family bonding, and ineffective monitoring and supervision,”

Glad the media is finally taking notice of this. It's only a matter of time until researchers start taking a closer look at the early family situations for these violent female offenders. Could there be a correlation with the much touted single-parent/single-mother family? Nahhh - that would be a threat to the brave new feminist world order. This must be pinned on men somehow in the same way DV already is.

Hillary Clinton Running for '08 Demo Nomination

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It's official-- no surprise though. Hillary is in for '08! Excerpt:

"Democratic Senator Hillary Clinton has taken the first step towards running for the US presidency in 2008.

Sen Clinton, 59, wife of former president Bill, announced her move on her website, saying 'I'm in to win'.

The former First Lady has set up a presidential exploratory committee, testing the waters for a full bid."

When a dedicated gender-feminist wants to be president of the US and actually stands a chance of getting there, MRAs need to be really attentive. Keep a close eye on what she says about things near and dear to MRAs in the months to come, and contrast them to what she has said in the past.

Attempted False Accusations Against Police Thwarted by Camera

bandersnatch · 21 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

As many MRA's already know, many women do make false accusations to punish men they feel wronged by or if it simply benefits them. In this clip of a show from MSNBC, covers two incidents where police officers were falsely accused of sexual assault by women and the only thing between them and some serious jail time was a surveillance camera installed in their cruiser which records them during their stops. Please save this clip and share it with as many people as you can! Whenever a feminist/woman-firster claim women aren't capable of this, show them this clip (10.8 MB .wmv file)!

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Ed. note: Yes, a large file, and rapidshare makes you wait a minute to get the download. Still, it is worth it to get and see this clip. It is definitely a keeper.

Obama has a message for fathers

Anonymous · 22 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Without complaining, Obama relays that "as I got older I came to recognize how hard it had been for my mother and grandmother to raise us without a strong male presence in the house. I felt as well the mark that a father's absence can leave on a child. I determined that my father's irresponsibility toward his children, my stepfather's remoteness, and my grandfather's failures would all become object lessons for me, and that my own children would have a father they can count on.""

On one hand, Obama is spreading negative stereotypes about men. On the other, he's putting fatherlessness into the spotlight and on the American political agenda. Discussing the negative impact that fatherlessness has on women and children is, no doubt, the most politically palatable twist.

This story may be a blessing in disguise. Even though men are portrayed as evil in the discussion, Obama is shedding light on an important topic. Perhaps more importantly, his words may encourage more discussion. Let's see if other politicians to ante up.

Cathy Young: A fruitful 6 years for this 'dissident feminist'

Anonymous · 22 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Excerpt:
"While feminists have called for more male involvement in child-rearing, the women's movement has also championed blatant favoritism toward mothers in child custody disputes, often to the point of vilifying fathers. This seems to be a clear case of putting solidarity with women over equity. While the fathers' rights movement has often been depicted as a patriarchal backlash, it is in many ways more faithful to the true feminist legacy than are the women's groups which endorse maternal chauvinism.

I am very proud of the support I have been able to give to equality for fathers, and particularly of my work in exposing the inaccuracies and bias in the 2005 PBS documentary "Breaking the Silence: The Children's Stories," which painted fathers who seek custody of their children as presumptive abusers.

The issue of mothers losing custody to alleged abusers has received more media coverage since then -- much of it sensationalistic and slanted -- and seems to be the next big battlefield for feminists and fathers' rights activists. Sadly, the fact that children's lives are at stake, not just the interests of men and women, often gets lost."

RADAR ALERT: Tell Sen. Biden, "Fix VAWA, Not I-VAWA"

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It wasn't enough for Senator Joe Biden to destabilize American families with the passage of the Violence Against Women Act, an onerous law that has proven to be a disaster for fragile families, and, by its very title, is a venomous indictment of men.

Now Senator Biden wants to export VAWA to the rest of the world. This male-bashing law would be called the International Violence Against Women Act, or "I-VAWA." To learn more why I-VAWA would be a disaster, see this article.

But if we act now, we can convince him to drop this risky idea.

TODAY, please call/fax/write Senator Biden and politely ask him to:

"FIX VAWA, NOT I-VAWA"

Senator Biden needs to understand that VAWA is hurting families, men, and children. Before we even think about I-VAWA, we first need to fix *VAWA* – it shouldn't just be about violence against women. The problems with VAWA are extensively documented in RADAR's Special Reports, which can be viewed at: http://www.mediaradar.org/.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT BIDEN'S PHONE AND MAILBOXES BECOME VERY BUSY THIS WEEK WITH YOUR MESSAGES.

E-mail: http://biden.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm
Phone: 202-224-5042
Fax: 202-224-0139
Snail mail: 201 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

Act now – we want Senator Biden to hear from thousands of concerned citizens this week!

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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Florida School Experiments With Single-sex Classes

axolotl · 23 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Notice in this article, that the woman reporter favors girls over boys in her listing of 5 strengths of each sex in the classroom (near bottom of article). Overall though, it seems to be positive news for boys, at least for now. But it is briefly mentioned that the improvements noticed, may be due to factors other than single-sexness, such as improved teacher motivation for the experiment.

Note: the link shows only the text of the article, no graphics or photos.

Principal Arrested for Blocking Student Alcohol Probe

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People used to get nervous when they saw male cheerleading squad coaches around all those girls. Maybe they should get nervous seeing female coaches (and principals) around them instead! Story here. Excerpt:

"Blackwell, 59, was arrested Monday and charged with obstruction of justice. She was released from jail Monday evening on her own recognizance, Frederick said.

Deputies believe Blackwell knew the coach was giving alcohol to students but did not report the information to authorities, Frederick said."

Points up a fact: anyone regardless of gender can do "the wrong thing". The classic feminist argument that with women in positions of greater trust in society, particularly vis-a-vis education and legal matters, there would be less misuse or abuse of power. It should be abundantly clear by now that such is not the case, yet this idea persists in popular consciousness.

Erin Prizzy: How feminists tried to destroy the family

AngryMan · 23 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Excellent article by Erin Pizzey, founder of the first battered wives' refuge, on how militant feminists - with the collusion of Labour's leading women - hijacked her cause and used it to try to demonise all men. Excerpt:

"My fascination with this new movement lasted only a few months. At the huge "collectives", I heard shrill women preaching hatred of the family. They said the family was not a safe place for women and children. I was horrified at their virulence and violent tendencies. I stood on the same platforms trying to reason with the leading lights of this new organisation."

Miami TV news anchorman seeks alimony from wife

Anonymous · 23 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Excerpt:
"Whether it's fragile male ego or the continuing disparity in incomes between men and women -- in the absence of any studies, lawyers are left to theorize -- men don't go after the money the law says they can have.

"A lot of lawyers feel uncomfortable even asking for alimony, even if [the men] are entitled, because it's a very tough row to hoe," said prominent divorce attorney Andrew Leinoff. ``They know a lot of judges raise their eyebrows at it."

However, as women increasingly outpace their husbands in earnings -- the percentage of women who earned more jumped from nearly 18 percent in 1987 to more than 25 percent in 2004 -- the number of men receiving alimony will surely rise, some say.

"When you look at the stats of where people make money, it's in small businesses, and most small businesses are owned by women," said forensic accountant Loretta Fabricant, who currently has two cases in which the husbands are seeking alimony. She says she once helped a West Palm Beach husband win $10,000 a month in support."

Man claims "Feminism Brings Benefits to All -- Men Included"

Martian Bachelor · 23 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Here's the link: Feminism Brings Benefits to All -- Men Included. (Originally published here.)

As unbelievable as this claim is, be sure to think before letting this honorary woman have a taste of the many 'benefits' - preferably there at AlterNet where lots of feminists can see `em. :>

CBC Toronto Radio One: What does it mean to grow up without a father?

Anonymous · 24 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

CBC Toronto Radio One, Metro Morning feature here.

Excerpt:
"What does it mean to grow up without a father?

A generation ago the mother-led family — while hardly rare — was still an anomaly. That's no longer the case.

For one community in particular, the reverse is true. About 40 per cent of black children in Canada grow up without a father. Among Toronto's Jamaican-Canadians, the numbers are even more dramatic: two out of three children grow up without a father (Statistics Canada, 2000).

In "Growing Up Without Men," young black adults tell us their stories. We also hear why so many fathers are absent from their children's lives and what it will take to turn the situation around."

CBC's feature mostly discusses how women and children are victimized by fathers' abandonment, but they did have Senator Anne Cools, a long time vocal equal parenting advocate, on the show this morning.

The final installment of Metro Morning's feature on this topic can be heard on Friday on CBC Radio One (99.1 in Toronto) or online here.

The feedback forum can be read here.

Jerusalem Post: Advantage - mothers?

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Article here.

Excerpt:
"All the old psychological studies say the mother is the most important figure in the life of a young child and the father is less important," continues Frishtick. "This theory needs to be reevaluated; today there are many fathers who want to raise their children and custody needs to be decided based on what is best for the child.

"Fathers need to have more rights or the custody needs to be shared equally. There are development issues that are enhanced by shared custody. It needs to move in the direction of a partnership," he states, adding that the conference was for informational purposes only and "no concrete conclusions were reached on the matter."

Interestingly, one women's rights activist, Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, is quoted as saying:

'This [law] is the only area in which women have more power than men in divorce disputes," she says. "If this is supported, it will have a serious impact, taking away what little power women do have.'"

To Ms. Halperin-Kaddari, it is not about what's best for the children. It's all about ensuring women have power over men.

The Big List - Female Teachers With Students

Anonymous · 24 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Found this on World Net Daily... I'm still not finished reading! Starts with:

"Here is a list of the teacher 'sexpidemic' cases WND has documented where female teachers have been accused, or convicted, of assaulting students:"

Israel: Mother wins dead son sperm case

Anonymous · 24 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Excerpt:
The lawyer of an Israeli couple who won the right to use their dead son's sperm to inseminate a woman he never met says the case is a boost for family rights.

Irit Rosenblum told the BBC the landmark ruling meant family lines could continue even without the written consent of the male prior to death.

The dead man, soldier Keivin Cohen, was killed in the Gaza Strip in 2002.

A court ruled in favour of his parents who had the sperm extracted after his death, although he had not left a will.

"The drama is international, that mankind is able to continue after [a man's] death and his family can raise a new generation while he is no longer here," Ms Rosenblum said.

NYTimes on Singles: Outdoing Itself Yet Again

Matt · 24 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

There seems to be no end to how far the NYTimes can go in ignoring and/or minimizing men and our concerns. The latest is here. It's a commentary on a commentary. What's next, a commentary on that commentary? It's getting to be like an encyclopedia!

The whole time though, I can guarantee you that as long as the NYT is running it, it will not be pro-male. Check out the offensive "Frankendate" graphic the article includes, too. And in two pages of text, not a single discussion of the REAL reasons why men are avoiding marriage, but lots of stereotyping promulgated shamelessly. Excerpt:

'Commitment-averse men in their 20's and 30's, it turns out, look the same whether or not they have a college degree. In surveys and focus groups, they fit depressingly well into the old stereotypes: they fear marriage means a loss of liberty; they worry a wife will want to change them. They don't trust women to tell the truth about past relationships, or they are waiting for the soul mate who hasn't appeared. With the rising frequency of cohabitation, they can get sex without marriage, and they might lose their hard-earned money in a divorce, so what's the rush?

As a Marriage Project report concluded, with no biological or sociological clock ticking, "boys can remain boys indefinitely."'

Bloomberg: Britain's Angry Wives Target Bonuses in Divorce Cases

Anonymous · 25 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The climate is so favorable to ex-wives that divorce lawyer Jeremy Levison advises bankers and hedge fund executives to avoid the altar altogether. Pre-nuptial agreements offer little protection because U.K. judges aren't bound to follow them.

``Don't get married,'' said Levison, a partner at London- based family law firm Levison Meltzer Pigott. ``If you must, make sure your other half is as rich as you are.''"

"New York Silences Southern Belle"

Matt · 25 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

bull referred to this article in a comment he posted here. It seemed like it deserved its own entry, so it got it! Excerpt:

'One particularly disturbing day, my professor said, "All of you who are victims of rape or attempted rape raise your hands." As more than half the class raised their hands, I began to think weird thoughts. I wondered if my college required a solid SAT score and emergency room records for admission.

It took me weeks to realize their definition of rape was not exactly Webster's. We began to study Andrea Dworkin who said, "Romance is rape embellished with meaningful looks." And Catherine MacKinnon who said, "Politically, I call it rape whenever a woman has sex and feels violated." And Marilyn French, who famously said, "All men are rapists and that's all they are." You can imagine my disillusionment to learn Mister Rogers of " Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," and Mahatma Gandhi were predators.'

More orders coming down for men from on high

Martian Bachelor · 26 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

ABC News reports that Desperate Housewives' star Felicity Huffman has penned "a guide for guys who want to become good boyfriends (and the women who want to transform them)"... From the excerpts, this sounds like it may have succeeded in hitting a new level for rampant, unabashed misandry. Brace yourselves, `cause she's likely to get at least as much airplay as Maureen Dowd did fifteen months ago.

Um, wouldn't it be a whole lot easier for women to just choose someone they actually like to begin with? Be sure to click on the photo of Huffman looking 'fierce'.

Title IX Laws Continue To Destroy Male Athletics

anthony · 26 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"One of the main reasons Director of Athletics Kirby Hocutt gave yesterday, for eliminating lacrosse, men's swimming and diving and men's indoor and outdoor track and field from was the athletic program's inability to comply with Title IX.
...
These cuts were the first steps in the "development of a comprehensive gender equity plan..."
...
Mid-American Conference commissioner Rick Chryst said that he thinks the elimination of men's track and field and men's swimming and diving is a part of a national trend."

"Same-sex classes a growing trend in public schools"

Matt · 26 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"'All the girls there, they can talk out of turn," the 14-year-old said. "We get really off task and it's really annoying.'
...
Panos' classmate, Alyson Douglas, 15, said she likes not worrying about boys causing disruptions.

"Guys just make a bigger nuisance in the class," she said.
...
...They include New York City -- where there are nine single-sex public schools -- as well as Chicago, Dallas, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

Plans to open same-sex schools have been announced in Miami, Atlanta and Cleveland.

Nationwide, at least 253 public schools offer single-sex classes and 51 schools are entirely single sex...

Critics of same-sex classrooms argue that proven methods of improving education should be pursued instead of one that divides boys and girls. Separating boys and girls is tantamount to "separate but equal" segregation-era classrooms, they say.
...
Enrollment must be voluntary and any children excluded from the class must get a "substantially equal" coed class in the same subject, if not a separate single-sex class.
...
'I would suggest that for many of our kids and families, especially in Milwaukee, it's a question of choice,' Spence said. 'We have an array of choices in Milwaukee and I just think this should be one additional choice.'"

OK, most of you know how I feel about single-sex anything, so I won't beat the drums. I am just going to point out some things:

1. I have yet to see a story that discusses any of these "new" single-sex classrooms made of boys, except to mention perhaps in passing that they are available (word on how many boys are in single-sex classes has yet to be reported). "Voluntary single-sex classrooms" seems like they go down well as long as it's stressed they are classrooms "free of boy-created disruptions," or somesuch misandrist babblings.

2. I find it amusing if not also ironic that in this story, there are two different quotes, both from female students, one complaining about how much the girls in her class are talking out of turn and the other saying she is glad to be free of boys' interruptions. So where is the truth? There isn't one. It all depends on what kind of students you have in class and how good their teachers are at keeping them on track. The sexes of the students has nothing to do with it.

3. So "it's about choice" says one school board member. Funny it isn't about choice when men want to have single-sex anything but instead it's about sexism. Switch the sexes and PRESTO! the whole model gets re-interpreted.

"Ontario gov't website to embarrass deadbeat parents"

Anonymous · 26 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Ontario's Liberal government is planning to post the pictures of "deadbeat" parents who have refused to pay their child support on a new website. Parents would be advised that their picture is about to be posted, giving them one last chance to pay up; news article here.

Ontario's ombudsman recently lashed criticism against the Ontario Family Responsibility Office (FRO), for being "inept" and having a "lackadaisical" attitude when it comes to collecting outstanding support.

For Example, name change that kept a dad from collecting child support is just the latest in routine "carelessness" at the Ontario Family Responsibility Office tasked with collecting from deadbeat parents, Ontario's ombudsman said; news article here.

Erie County, PA: Female teacher charged with sex with student

anthony · 27 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Until the judicial system holds women accountable for such crimes, this disturbing trend will continue. Excerpt:

"Robin Lee Hecker, a teacher at Northwestern High School, was charged yesterday with five counts of corruption of minors. Police say she had sex with the tenth grader in August 2005 at her Albion home."

Official: Recruiter, coach had sex with students; principal tries to suppress report

Roy · 27 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"Former Ware Shoals High School coach Jill Moore, 28, took cheerleaders to a motel, where they met guardsmen for sex, according to Greenwood County sheriff's reports released late Thursday.
...
Moore, a married mother of two, also is accused of having sex with a male student on a different occasion, according to the reports. Because all the students involved were 16 or older, none of the adults will be charged because the teens were old enough to consent under state law, according to the sheriff's reports.
...
Principal Jane Blackwell also is accused of telling cheerleaders and a school staff member not to talk about the allegations against Moore, authorities said. She was charged Monday with obstruction."

Woman who had husband killed sentenced to life in prison

Evil White Male... · 27 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Cleland's attorney, Ed Murphy, asked that his client be allowed to serve her sentence in a psychiatric facility. The judge promised to file the request, but declined to recommend a specific location for her incarceration.
...
'It's crystal clear the only thing defendant Cleland ever wanted from Bruce was his money,' Deputy District Craig Hum told jurors during closing arguments in her trial last year.
...
Rebecca Cleland planned to have her husband murdered "to avoid being left with nothing if Bruce divorces her," he said."

NCFMLA makes its presence know in CA's Capitol - in Superior Court

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On Thursday, members of the National Coalition of Free Men, Los Angeles flew and drove to Sacramento to attend a trial in Superior Court on Friday. The lawsuit was addressing areas of California law, where it alleges California discriminates against men in domestic violence law, and in programs & services available for Mothers (but not Fathers) in CA prisons. Here is a link to a story that ran in the Capitol weekly
Battered men seek equal protection

The reporter appears to have stated some info incorrectly, but overall it appears fairly accurate.

Also, here's an online link to the lawsuit.
Woods, et, al. vs. State of CA, et. al.

Here's a photo taken of a truck, belonging to one of NCFMLA's members, as the truck was setting in front of the State Capitol on Thursday. As you can see in this, and subsequent photos, it was somewhat overcast on Thursday and Friday.
D.V. SHELTER ACCEPTING ABUSED MEN

Here's another sign that was shown to the public and politicians in front of CA's State Capitol.
PRISON & GRAVE ARE NOT MEN'S SHELTERS

Several people from the Capitol building came up and talked about the meaning of the truck sign and the men's issues it addressed. They also took NCFMLA fliers that explained the organization's perspective on men's issues.

Friday morning, the NCFMLA member's truck was parked in front of the Superior Court bldg. on 9th street from about 7 - 9:30 A.M. - just before the trial started.
Sacramento Superior Court

A lot of people looked at the display, and some who looked, stopped and stared curiously. Here's what they saw from the steps leading to the Superior Court bldg.
Feminist Programs Get Billions While Men's Needs Go Begging

The National Coalition of Free Men was certainly presenting itself in a diplomatic and informative manner, yet trying to convey men's issues in a realistic light. Some might say the "victim card" was being played, yet many passers by appeared pleased to see men's issues being presented so honestly and openly in California's capitol

The 375 miles up to Sacramento on Thursday, and 375 miles back to Los Angeles on Friday, was a whirlwind trip, but one well worth making.. It was a trip that most likely needs to be made again, and again, and again, ad infinitum, considering the decades that gender feminist biases have been enshrined into California's laws.

Perhaps with the help of the National Coalition of Free Men, and its friends, and supporters, California will begin to write a new chapter in its history. Perhaps that chapter will be one that truly enshrines gender equality and gender fairness into law, instead of the misandry that California, in recent decades, has become so infamous for.

Parents Blast School's 'Body Sock'

anthony · 28 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Here is an update on this ridiculous notion of locking children in some kind of "body sock" prison. If a teacher cannot handle a student, leave the profession, don't incarcerate them in some virtual prison. First came Ritalin, now a 'body sock'? Whats next? Excerpt:

'A Florida family is outraged over a teacher's use of a big, baggy "body sock" to calm their 4-year-old son after he went on a crying jag in class."

Patrick Holt, of Pinellas Park, has since yanked his son from Pinellas Central Elementary and claims he never gave permission for teachers to place the boy in the Lycra pillowcase-like sack in mid-December.
...
"My wife saw my son try to open up the body sock, and the teacher's aide went ahead and had him put it back up," Holt said."'

Hillary Clinton and "Evil Men"

Matt · 29 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Reported from a speech by Hillary Clinton in Iowa:

'One questioner asked Clinton if her track record showed she could stand up to "evil men" around the world.

"The question is, we face a lot of dangers in the world and, in the gentleman's words, we face a lot of evil men and what in my background equips me to deal with evil and bad men," Clinton said. She paused to gaze while the audience interrupted with about 30 seconds of laughter and applause.

Meeting later with reporters, she was pressed repeatedly to explain what she meant. She insisted it was a simple joke.

"I thought I was funny," Clinton said. "You guys keep telling me to lighten up, be funny. I get a little funny and now I'm being psychoanalyzed."'

Is she referring to her husband, former president Bill Clinton, or perhaps other men she has dealt with in her political life? Or is she sending a not-so-subtle signal to voters (certainly female ones) in Iowa about what she thinks of male politicians, or men generally? Hmm, hard to say... is this an innocent, otherwise perhaps ambiguous comment, or a definite lash at a particular man, group of men, or men in general?

What do YOU think?

Adoptive parents prevail in father's custody battle

Anonymous · 29 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The Canadian legal system strikes again!

In a nutshell:
- Mom gets pregnant, doesn't tell dad it's his. They break up.
- Dad finds out shortly before his son is born that mom is planning to put child up for adoption
- Dad intervenes immediately. Takes legal action to be re-united with his son and stop the adoption
- Child lives with "adoptive" parents while this is sorted out through the courts; the "adoptive" parents even sue the biological dad for child support in the meantime
- Court ruling came down today on the custody of the child: the adoptive parents win. Dad can't see his kid for a year.

Story here.

'Woman-boy affair in TV and movies pushes fewer buttons'

anthony · 29 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

An interesting article that examines the media portrayal of older women engaging in sexual relations with under age males. Excerpt:

"The older woman and young boy affair has played out on the movies and television for years from Summer of '42 to The OC. Often there's no creepiness, no outrage, no mention of statutory rape."
...
"In the reverse, it's kind of sexy, every schoolboy's fantasy. Both are statutory rape. But the aggressive predatory woman is perceived much more of the stuff of allure and fantasy than the stuff of creepy."

RADAR ALERT: “Support and Defend the Constitution” Means Congress Must Fix VAWA

Matt · 30 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Senator and would-be President Joe Biden wants Congress to pass his International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA). He seems to want to do for the world what his VAWA law has done for the U.S. But what exactly has VAWA done for the U.S.? RADAR's latest special report,
A Culture of False Allegations: How VAWA Harms Families and Children (.pdf file) explains the harm caused by VAWA and the various state laws it has spawned.

1. It defines the term "domestic violence" in an Orwellian fashion that includes almost any action, whether or not actual violence is involved. In the hands of officials like Judge Daniel Sanchez, Chairman of the Northern New Mexico DV Task Force, even the ludicrous accusation that David Letterman had committed harassment by telepathy against a "victim" he'd never met, was sufficient for the judge to issue a restraining order.
2. It provides huge incentives to allege abuse while undermining due process protections against false allegations.
3. It encourages arrest and prosecution in cases where such treatment is not warranted. In doing so families that could have been healed by appropriate counseling are instead ripped apart forever.
4. It fosters ongoing animosity between parents and drives fathers out of their children's lives. As a result, it sentences these children to greatly increased rates of emotional and physical neglect and abuse from their mothers and their mothers' boyfriends. Children react by acting out in school. Their academic performance plummets. They're much more likely to get involved in violent crime. And for those children inclined to turn the pain inward, suicide rates more than double.
5. It uses your tax dollars to teach judges to ignore the due process rights of the accused. In one such training, that was actually caught on tape, the judge conducting the training instructed the judges attending his seminar, "Your job is not to become concerned about the constitutional rights of the man that you're violating as you grant a restraining order ... Throw him out on the street, give him the clothes on his back and tell him, see ya around ... we don't have to worry about the rights."

This week please contact both of your Senators. You can find out how to contact them at http://www.senate.gov/. Or call the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. You may want to fax them a copy of RADAR's flyer Violence Against Women Act: Harmful to Families and Children (.pdf file).

When you contact your Senators, remind them that the voters did not send them to Washington to undermine due process protections in foreign countries, as I-VAWA would do. The voters sent them to Washington to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States." Being mindful of their oath, it's time for them to get to work on fixing the countless ways that VAWA undermines due process, subverts the U.S. Constitution, and endangers our most vulnerable citizens - our children.

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Date of RADAR Release: January 29, 2007

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Update on Poisoned Marine Case

Matt · 30 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Referring to this prior post, the update is here. Excerpt:

"SAN DIEGO (AP) -- A woman accused of poisoning her Marine husband with arsenic to cash in on his $250,000 life insurance policy was convicted of murder on Tuesday.

Prosecutors argued Cynthia Sommer, 33, wanted a more luxurious lifestyle than she could afford on her 23-year-old husband's $1,700 monthly salary and saw the military life insurance policy as a way to "set herself free."

Sommer's friends and co-workers testified during the trial that she threw wild parties, got her breasts enlarged and had casual sex with multiple partners in the weeks after her husband's collapse.

Todd Sommer was in top condition when he collapsed and died at the couple's home on the Marine Corps' Miramar base in San Diego."

New warrant issued for female sex case teacher

anthony · 31 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Here we go again! This sociological ignorance based on a young boys supposed "fantasy" regarding sex with a teacher is the definition of a double standard. The teacher is attractive, but its still rape. Having two sets of rules based on gender is an example of the judicial system's leniency regarding women who commit crimes.

Excerpt:
"A Larimer County judge has signed a new arrest warrant for Carrie McCandless after prosecutors alleged that the former Brighton Charter High School teacher contacted the alleged victim in her sexual assault case.
...
McCandless, 30, faces charges of sexual assault and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. She was ordered not to have contact with the alleged victim - a former student - or any other minors as a condition of her release on $20,000 bail."

Government offers new help for fathers

Anonymous · 31 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'KUSA – Community and faith-based organizations that help fathers can now sign up for a grant from the federal government.
...
The department calls the grant “groundbreaking.”

“From our perspective, it’s the first time that we’ve actually had funding and resources available to fathers, particularly here in Colorado,” said Ruth Glenn with the Domestic Abuse Assistance Program for the Colorado Department of Human Services, “that really is geared toward services for them in the areas of parenting skills and healthy relationship building and really geared toward the final outcome, which is healthy children.”'

Canada: 'Activists say fathers' rights ignored in custody battle, but experts disagree'

Anonymous · 31 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'REGINA (CP) - Fathers embroiled in custody battles for their children face an "unfeeling" and "unfair" justice system, an activist group charged Tuesday after a controversial court decision in Saskatchewan.

The group Fathers for Justice said the case of a Saskatoon man who lost custody of his biological baby son shows the system is plagued with problems, but at least one legal expert disagreed. "It's a horrendous experience," said Kris Titus, one of the group's founding members. "And I think a lot of people are losing custody of their children unfairly."

On Monday, a judge ruled it was in the best interest of the nine-month-old baby to stay with a Prince Albert couple who were given custody by the biological mother and have raised the child since birth.'

UK: Femme fatale who broke men's hearts in £250,000 scam is jailed

Anonymous · 31 January 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Excerpt:
"A SERIAL bride who left a string of broken hearts and plundered bank accounts after fleecing men she met through lonely-hearts adverts was jailed for two years yesterday.

Emma Golightly, 22, met her victims, seduced them and then stole their cash, spending the money on exotic holidays, chauffeur-driven cars and expensive hotels and restaurants."

Wendy McElroy: "Continuing to Defame the 'Duke 3' as Rapists"

anthony · 1 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A paradigm of victimhood, especially of women who allege rape, is on the line. The core of the paradigm is the assumption that women do not lie about crimes like rape.

The widely used and accepted statistic on false accusations of rape is that about two percent of charges are false. However, legal scholar Michelle Anderson of Villanova University Law School reported in 2004 that "no study has ever been published which sets forth an evidentiary basis for the two percent false rape complaint thesis."

Father wins appeal in Dade County child custody case

anthony · 1 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A father seeking to regain parental rights to his son won an appeal this week in a Dade County case.
...
The judges found that the Missouri Department of Social Services did not contact the father or anyone on his behalf to get his position on the childs best interest. The father is not named in court documents."

'Stop feminising our schools - our boys are suffering'

anthony · 1 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Well, I'm sorry, but in the real world life is full of winners and losers. And right now, the losers are a generation of boys who have been betrayed by an education system that no longer recognises crucial differences between the sexes.
...
The simple truth is that by the time our boys have done 12 or even 14 years in the feminised environment of today's schools, they all ask: "What's the point?"'

Ed. note: These also from Anthony in a closely-related vein:
Job prospects fear as boys shun university
and
Boys flee 'feminised' primary schools

"Indians make up first all-women mission of UN"

anthony · 1 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"India has made history by sending the first all-women police unit to serve with the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Liberia.

The 103-member contingent, which arrived in Liberia yesterday, will help strengthen the rule of law and maintain peace in the West African country. The contingent also has 22 men but they would engaged in logistic work and not participate in operations.

...

The Indian women "are the right people at the right time to come here now," said Malor. "They are professional, skilled, capable, and they will be able to do the job just as well as their male counterparts are already doing on the ground if not better in some instances."'

NH Men's Commission Faces Legislative Struggle to Survive

Scott · 1 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men (CSM), the first state commission of its kind in the United States, is set to sunset (expire) in September of this year. Legislation is currently entering the NH House which would remove the CSM's sunset provision and add state funding. Currently, the CSM is prohibited from receiving **any** state funds, while the NH Commission on the Status of Women receives approximately $120,000 annually, allowing them to have a full-time staff member and budget for research projects.

Passage of this renewal legislation is expected to be difficult, as opponents of the CSM's work are well-entrenched in the NH political system. Furthermore, there is a worrisome lack of awareness about the Commission's work, something which we ask for your help in changing. Read More to continue...

Mom gets 10 years for drowning kids

anthony · 1 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

How many years in prison would a father have received if the circumstances were reversed?

Excerpt:
"A woman convicted of letting her three young children drown in a car that sank in a lake was sentenced Thursday to 10 years in prison.

Amanda Hamm, 30, was convicted in December in the deaths of Christopher Hamm, 6, Austin Brown, 3, and Kyleigh Hamm, 1, who were trapped in the car in Clinton Lake in 2003. She was cleared of first-degree murder charges that would have sent her to prison for life."

"Hitting back: the brutal face of domestic violence"

Anonymous · 2 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The new Women's Aid campaign, showing celebrities made up to look as though they have been battered, literally hits you in face. Honor Blackman with her eye bruised and bloodied. Fiona Bruce with her mouth puffed up and swollen.

It says, loud and clear, that domestic violence can happen to anyone. Even the rich, powerful and famous can fall victim to a man's fist."

Read the comments. They show a surprising awareness of domestic violence against men. The article and the campaign, however, do not.

Australia: Lobby groups muddy family law

Anonymous · 2 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

No end to what will be done to and what people will believe about men and fathers. Disgusting! Read here. Excerpt:

'Last year in Australia, amendments were made to family law to support children's rights to contact with both parents after divorce, changes which included extra protection for children from violence. Yet these welcome changes are under attack from women's groups afraid the new laws will undermine the licence given to mothers to shut fathers out of children's lives.

The cries of alarm began long before the changes made it into law. Look at the National Council of Single Mothers and Their Children, which makes clear its position on the irrelevance of fathers with its insulting slogan – "Half the couple, twice the parent".'

Warren Blackwell Interview

AngryMan · 3 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Interview with Warren Blackwell, an innocent British father who spent over three years in prison on trumped up charges of sexual assault as the result of a false accusation by a woman called Shannon Taylor, who has a history of mental illness and convictions for dishonesty. He talks about his experiences and offers advice for other men.

"Wild Ila" Finally Kills - Her Son is the Victim

Martian Bachelor · 3 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A 45 year-old woman with a 25+ year record of domestic violence, child abuse, disturbance, and other 'petty' charges killed her 19 year-old son Thursday. Police "said there is no indication the argument was physical before the stabbing." Full story.

Notice there's no mention at all of any involvement with the local DV agency, "Tessa" (formerly The Center for Prevention of Domestic Violence) -- a supposedly award-winning organization with programs that serve as a model for other such agencies around the country, according to their website.

DV Equity Advocates Make The Capitol Weekly

Matt · 3 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Marc A. for letting us know about this.

Significant exposure for DV equity advocates in California here (.pdf file).

The Capitol Weekly is *the* newspaper of politics and government in California. Kudos to all involved, and a note of thanks to the reporter who wrote it can't hurt either!

Family Law Reform Advocates Rally To Get Film On TV

Anonymous · 4 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A Divorced Dad goes to see his kids for a day of fun. But then...

Click here or here.

Can you relate to this man's plight? Are you a noncustodial dad? A noncustodial mom who deals with the exact same things? Is your husband or wife going through this? Do you have a son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, friend or coworker who you suffers the same injustices?

If you click the second link above you can watch the short film Any Dad produced by Rich Farr of Krights, a well-known family law reform advocate. Any Dad is receiving positive reviews on current TV.

The more "Greenlights" you give it, the closer it gets to number one. At this time it is the number 11 position! Please take the time to register and vote. You can help get this accurate and moving film on television.

NH Men's Commission Fact #2: Prekindergarten Expulsion

Scott · 4 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In accordance with our grassroots awareness campaign, here is another fact.

FACT 2: The following is an excerpt from the Education section of the CSM's first biennial report:

> The challenges that boys face in school can be traced back as early as prekindergarten. A 2005 Yale University report showed that nationally, boys are 4.5 times more likely than girls to be expelled from prekindergarten programs. Also noteworthy in this study is the observation that "The increased likelihood of boys to be expelled over girls was similar across all ethnicities, except for African-Americans, where boys accounted for 91.4% of the expulsions." (Prekindergarteners Left Behind: Expulsion Rates in State Prekindergarten Systems. Walter S. Gilliam, PhD, Yale University Child Study Center. May 2005 Report.)

Like many other educational issues where boys are at a serious disadvantage, these facts are often overlooked by policy makers and the media. Compiling and promoting this information is another reason the state needs to keep its Commission on the Status of Men alive.

Districts Try to Increase the Number of Male Elementary School Teachers

anthony · 5 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Nationally, there is a huge gender gap dividing the ranks of public school teachers, according to 2005 figures from the National Education Association. Of the 3.7 million teachers today in the United States, just 25 percent are men, a number that has stagnated for years despite efforts to increase that percentage."

St. Petersburg College initiates new male enrollment program

anthony · 5 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The number of male students is dwindling quickly enough that SPC recently created a support group, tentatively called Men on the Way.

Through tutoring, scholarship counseling and maybe even social outings, Men on the Way is aimed at increasing the college's male enrollment."

"Women are not Oppressed" by Bernard Chapin

anthony · 5 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"It seems that nothing will ever satiate the activist's desire to unbalance the playing field as they have "championed blatant favoritism toward mothers in child custody disputes, often to the point of vilifying fathers" which has resulted in a stance best described as "maternal chauvinism."

"Are women treated as objects in our society? Of course not, the only justification for such thinking arises from their often being handled like religious relics. Pleasing them and meeting their needs is now the basis of our societal structure along with our domestic laws, consumer goods, and perhaps television"

RADAR ALERT: VAWA is Not Helping Women, Report Shows

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It's no secret that the Violence Against Women Act often ignores civil liberties and discriminates against male victims. But everyone assumed that at least VAWA was beneficial to women.

RADAR's latest Special Report, "Has VAWA Delivered on its Promises to Women?," reveals this belief may be false.

Packed with DoJ statistics, scientific studies, and actual examples, the report dissects, analyzes, and explodes the myth that VAWA is good for women.

The Special Report documents that:

1. VAWA programs have not affected overall trends of intimate partner abuse.
2. Aggressive prosecution policies are placing women at greater risk of subsequent violence.
3. Real victims of violence can't get the help they need because the system has become flooded with the laughable "David Letterman-type" cases.
4. "No-drop" prosecution policies routinely ignore women's wishes for counseling and repair of the relationship.
5. Ineffective DV policies may lull women into a false sense of security.
6. Draconian law enforcement and prosecution programs ensnare women.
7. Female perpetrators of domestic violence don't get the services they need.
8. Abuse shelters aren't meeting the needs of victims.
9. Overly-broad definitions of child abuse allow children to be removed from their homes.
10. VAWA policies and programs serve to escalate partner conflict and harm children.

This report is a must-read, no-holds-barred critique of our nation's domestic violence system. The report can be seen at: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Has-It-Delivered-on-Its-Promises-to-Women.pdf.

The report follows the RADAR report, "A Culture of False Allegations: How VAWA Harms Families and Children," which was released last week. That report documents how VAWA undermines families and places children at greater risk of abuse: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-A-Culture-of-False-Allegations.pdf.

So this week, we call on you to read the report, "Has VAWA Delivered on its Promises to Women?", then forward this Alert to all your friends, media contacts, and elected officials, so they know *"It's Time to Fix VAWA."*

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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Astronaut arrested in alleged kidnap attempt

bull · 6 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

“An astronaut drove 900 miles and donned a disguise to confront a woman she believed was her rival for the affections of a space shuttle pilot, police said. She was arrested Monday and charged with attempted kidnapping and other counts.”

“Nowak raced from Houston to Orlando wearing diapers so she wouldn’t have to stop to urinate, authorities said.”

I can’t help but wonder if NASA has become desperate to find qualified females to fill token slots on their shuttle missions? How else could this “Astro-Nut” have been able to pass muster? Presumably, candidates are subjected to psychological tests to determine their fitness. Were there no signs of problems when she was evaluated?

The ever-expanding definition of rape

digitalhermit · 6 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Here is an article detailing the expanding definition of rape to cover even intercourse after consent has been given.

As shown in the outlined court case, even if you pull out within a few seconds after she says 'stop', you can still be convicted of first-degree rape. The only rational choice that remains is to avoid sex altogether.

Talk on the Collapse of Fertility Rates at the CRC Conference

Thomas · 7 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Last November I had the pleasure of speaking as a member of a panel at the Children's Rights Council's Conference. The focus of the panel was on no-fault divorce, while my purpose was to address the role of the breakdown of male-female relationships in the international collapse of fertility rates (FRs). One of the main points that I hoped to make clear was that the often ignored concerns of men must be addressed in any attempt to correct the problem.

The video can be viewed here.

NH Men's Commission Fact #3: Men and Mortality Rates

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In accordance with our grassroots awareness campaign, here is another fact from the NH Commission on the Status of Men's (CSM) first biennial report:

FACT 3: Men die at a significantly higher rate from all common causes of death investigated in a 2002 study by the Endowment for Health. This includes:

- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Heart Disease
- Injuries
- Suicide

Here is the full excerpt included in the Commission's report "The Status of Men in New Hampshire": (read more to continue)

"Mortality rates from all causes (cancer, diabetes, heart disease, injuries, suicide, etc.) are significantly higher for men than women. A number of studies document a disparity between men and women's health status and health seeking behaviors."

"According to one study, 70% of the uninsured men surveyed did not have a regular physician. Minority men are most likely to be uninsured and are at the highest risk. The study indicates that health care providers are missing opportunities to incorporate preventive care and anticipatory guidance in the illness or injury related visits most common among men."

"Additionally, screenings for prostate and colorectal cancers are not as well subsidized or funded as breast and cervical cancer screening for women."

"Other gender considerations include depression and suicidal ideation related to gender identification (especially in adolescents) and the issues of domestic and sexual violence."

Stop for a moment and think about these facts. Consider how they impact your loved ones and the people in your community - both men and women.

If we have a Commission on the Status of Women to promote awareness about women's health issues, don't we also need a Commission on the Status of Men to do the same for men's health issues?

Woman Arrested For Trying To Kill Ex-Husband With Wasps

anthony · 8 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A 50-year-old California woman has been arrested for allegedly trying to hire family friends to murder her ex-husband by putting wasps in his car, detectives say."

Anthes: Time has come to reconsider Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Title IX strives to equalize all opportunities - not just athletic ones - but reached its greatest fame in sports. For one piece of government code, it has achieved great things.

But the jig is up. The sheen is gone. Title IX has run its course. It's time to say goodbye.

Title IX should be thrown away simply because it does not fulfill its purpose anymore. The text of the law prohibits discrimination based on sex, and a whole new round of discrimination is here. This time men are the victims."

Wife charged with beating husband

Anonymous · 9 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Deputies kicked down a door early yesterday to rescue a man who they said was being pummeled by his wife in his Spotsylvania County home.

Capt. Will Petry said dispatchers received a 911 call from a cell phone about 2:45 a.m. The call came from the Grantwood subdivision, but authorities couldn't immediately pinpoint the location.

A second call came a short time later, and this time dispatchers heard a man in the background screaming for help."

Substitute teacher caught using cocaine in classroom

Matt · 9 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Two fourth-grade students told administrators they believe they saw 59-year-old Joan Donatelli using drugs in the classroom last week.

Police were called in and found evidence of what they think was cocaine. She was charged with child endangerment and banned from the school."

Canada: Man Faces Life in Prison Based Only on Testimony

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Story here. The convicted man faces a possible LIFE SENTENCE based only on testimony, without proof or even evidence other than what the two accusers said. Let that sink in: LIFE IN PRISON based on uncorroborated testimony.

I am not saying he is innocent; I am saying, is it right that he was convicted for crimes which together carry a potential life sentence based *solely* on testimony, with no further evidence? Excerpt:

"A former linebacker in the Canadian Football League who is HIV-positive was found guilty of aggravated sexual assault for having unprotected sex with two unwitting women.

Trevis Smith, 30, was accused of not telling the women that he carried the virus that causes AIDS and of lying to one of them who even pressed him about persistent rumors of his malady.

Smith denied the allegations, saying both women were jilted lovers.
...
Sentencing in the case is expected on February 26. Smith faces possible life in prison, the provincial court clerk said.

Neither of the women has tested positive for HIV, said reports."

Feminist Civil War Author on Deck to Succeed Summers at Harvard

Matt · 9 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Hang onto your hats (bonnets), Harvard! Here she is!

Some reading:
Her amazon.com list of books

"For Radcliffe: A 'Founding Dean'", Harvard Magazine, May-June 2000

Harvard University announces Task Forces on Women Faculty and Women in Science and Engineering

Well, is it any surprise, REALLY??!

Time Magazine: Duped Dads Fight Back

Anonymous · 9 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Advocates for these so-called duped dads say such men should be treated as victims of fraud and liken the need for paternity-disestablishment amendments to truth-in-lending laws. They point to many an egregious case in which the law's marital presumption of fatherhood has ended up enslaving a divorced dad, like the Michigan man who proved he had not sired his son but was still ordered to send child-support payments directly to the boy's biological father, who was granted custody after the mom moved out of his place and left the kid there. Increasingly, policymakers across the country are turning a sympathetic ear to such complaints. Florida last year joined Georgia and Ohio in allowing a man to walk away from any financial obligations regardless of how many years he may have been acting as a minor's father if he discovers he was deceived into parenthood. Fathers' rights groups in Colorado, Illinois and West Virginia are pushing for similar legislation that would remove or extend existing time limits for challenging paternity."

Duped Dad Loses by unanimous decision in Florida Supreme Court

Anonymous · 9 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"TALLAHASSEE - Richard Edward Parker seemed to have the perfect evidence to avoid child-support payments: a DNA test showing the child isn't his.

But he lacked something more crucial: timing.

Florida's Supreme Court unanimously ruled Thursday that the Fort Lauderdale boat worker missed a one-year deadline to file a claim against his estranged wife, Margaret J. Parker, for fraudulently representing his paternity when a court ordered him to pay support for the 3-year-old boy in 2001.

Parker didn't even know he was the father until 2003 -- long after the deadline expired -- through a paternity test he ordered when his ex-wife sued him for failure to pay about $1,200 monthly in child support."

Canada: Liberals set to bar men in some ridings in bid to boost female candidates

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Story here. Excerpt:

"OTTAWA (CP) — Liberal Leader Stephane Dion is prepared to take “extraordinary measures” to boost the ranks of women candidates in the next election, including barring men from seeking nominations in some ridings.

During last year’s leadership race, Dion promised that under his watch at least a third of the party’s candidates in the next election would be women.

But campaign organizers have concluded that the ambitious goal will be impossible to reach without some intervention to secure nominations for female candidates."

Patronizing to women, sexist toward men -- not to mention undemocratic. Nice combo.

Interesting that Stephane Dion didn't recommend that men be barred from running in the recent leadership race that he won.

F4J-USA: Fathers claim inequities in family court

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Fathers 4 Justice, which protested with picket signs on Jan. 12, has scheduled a demonstration from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 15 in front of the Lucas County Domestic Relations Courthouse, 429 N. Michigan St.

Judi Smith-Phelps, one of Fathers 4 Justice's national board of directors, said they want to educate the public on “real problems in family court.”

“The courts are assessing child support and alimony payments that put fathers in the poor house,” she said.

Smith-Phelps said if both parents are declared “fit,” children should have 50-50 access to them.

She said while some women are affected by court decisions, it is the men who are “overwhelmingly” affected.

“Most of the men would give every scrap of what they had to see their children,” she said.'

Man Freed by DNA Evidence to Get $3.9M

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Story here. Excerpt:

"LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A man who spent seven years in prison for rape before a DNA test exonerated him will get $3.9 million from the city, authorities said.
...
Bill Patteson, a spokesman for the county attorney's office, confirmed the $3.9 million settlement with the city."

Amazon.com Promotes Violence Against Men as V's Day Fun

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Amazon.com is running a female-oriented Valentine's Day promotion on their homepage that promotes violence against men. As always, this hate is billed as "simply humor" and "not to be taken seriously". We all know the score on that one, but the fact remains that Amazon.com now has a photograph of the, "man-shaped knife holder" on its homepage.

You know what to do...

RADAR ALERT: Take Back Valentine's Day from the Abuse Industry

Matt · 11 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

We here at RADAR would like your help to make sure that Valentine's Day retains it's traditional value as a special time to celebrate and enjoy the love, honor and respect that most men and women still hold for each other.

We need your help because some revisionists are using 'The Vagina Monologues' play as a vehicle for hate and condemnation, and a new, inappropriate symbol for Valentine's Day. They want the V of February 14th to be remembered, instead, as a symbol condemning men as being insensitive, cruel, abusive, stupid and uncaring. Worse, 'The Vagina Monologues' is disingenuous. It rightfully condemns male/female rape, but wrongfully celebrates female/female rape. See: http://www.ifeminists.net/introduction/editorials/2004/0127.html.

Annually, hundreds of showings of the 'The Vagina Monologues are performed around the country every year – mostly on college campuses. And hundreds of editorials trumpet an unseemly level of respect for these hate-filled offerings.

What To Do:
Watch for announcements of 'The Vagina Monologues' productions and supporting editorials in your neighborhood. Compose an email to producers/editors and mail it using one or more of the below suggestions. Remember that Valentine's Day is Wednesday. So do this *as soon as possible*.

- Tell them that most men – contrary to the hypocritical message of hatred portrayed by the 'The Vagina Monologues' – actually love, honor and respect their women, and have done so for centuries.
- Tell them men have built magnificent temples and statues out of respect for women.
- Tell them the rape of a girl by a grown woman, as portrayed in 'The Vagina Monologues', should not be held in high regard while at the same time casting men as evil for doing the same.
- Tell them that St. Valentine has been a traditional symbol for the encouragement of love and affection between the sexes. 'The Vagina Monologues' serves only to encourage men and women to despise and distrust each other. This is a high insult to the St. Valentine's tradition of mutual love, honor, and respect, which deserves to remain exalted and preserved.

And remember to have a Happy Valentine's Day!

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Documentary Filmmaker Seeks Stories

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Rick Sudborough is shooting a documentary on Divorce Horror Stories. He lives in Las Vegas. Anyone who wishes to tell their story on camera is invited to do so. Filming in done in Las Vegas. Rick can be reached at: 702-947-0806.

Ed. note: I called him and confirmed his number and intent to post the request.

Female Teacher Gets Jail Time for Sex Crime

anthony · 11 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Sarah Dickerson, 26, now of Morton, was charged last July with five counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. The former Spanish teacher was accused of having a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old male student.
...
Judge Kevin Fitzgerald sentenced Dickerson to 180 days in jail and 48 months of probation. She must pay a $2,500 fine and restitution to the victim's family for counseling fees."

"V-Day should stand for more than just vaginas"

anthony · 12 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"As Valentine's Day approaches, tradition suggests images of gentlemen ordering flowers for a special someone and of ladies planning a romantic night on the town. This year, however, students on many college campuses are rethinking these traditional displays of affection in favor of "V-Day." But don't bother looking for the term "V-Day" inside any of your Valentine's Day cards, because Cupid has been kicked off campus."

A Gift Lures An Unsuspecting Dad To His Death

anthony · 12 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Jarrod Davidson was gunned down outside of his Santa Barbara apartment in July 2004, after someone had left what he thought was a gift — a potted plant — at his front door.

As 48 Hours correspondent Maureen Maher reports, Jarrod, 27, was going through a nasty custody battle at the time of his murder.

...

Jarrod Davidson was going to go back to court to try to get full custody of that girl," says Sorenson. "And that is the last thing they wanted to have happen."

"They wanted him out of their lives. They wanted him out of the picture," the detective claims.

Just 19 days before that hearing, Jarrod was murdered.'

It's Official, and by Unanimous Consent: Faust is In!

Matt · 12 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Yep-er, Mme. Faust has received the nod from Harvard's Alumni Board of Overseers-- unanimously, no less!

The move as you can imagine does not come without its critics, yet even at Harvard. Take a look at this one brave soul's commentary. And this is what one blogger at IWF has to say.

Watch in wide-eyed wonder as events unfold.

NH Men's Commission Bill Scheduled for Hearing

Scott · 12 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Late last week, the bill to remove the September 2007 expiration of the NH Commission on the Status of Men and provide it with funding has now entered the NH House. It is now known as HB704.

The first step this bill must take is to be passed by the NH House Executive Departments and Administration (ED&A) Committee. This committee consists of 20 representatives. (read more to continue...)

Woman pleads guilty in womb attack

anthony · 12 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman pleaded guilty Monday to attempted homicide, assault and kidnapping for trying to cut a fetus from her neighbor's womb. Peggy Jo Conner, 39, was accused of plotting to steal Valerie Oskin's baby and pass it off as her own. Both Oskin and the baby survived after a boy on an all-terrain vehicle spotted the two women in a clearing."

Kenya: Uncircumcised pupils sent home

Matt · 13 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Warning for parents in sub-Saharan Africa: Failing to subject your sons to MGM can lead to denial of education, law or no law. Story here.

Wonder if there would be a mere shrug of the shoulders in response were these pupils girls? "But," some say, "what if circumcision actually does decrease HIV transmission?" Well, so would FGM, too, by the same reasoning: reduction of mucosa, surface area, etc. But that's no excuse-- or is it? Apparently when talking about boys, it is. Excerpt:

"The pupils were told not to return until they had completed the procedure.

'Please do the needful within two weeks and let your son report back to school with you immediately he is well,' a letter to parents from the school said.

Circumcision is not obligatory for admission to secondary school, but a study released in December said it reduced the risk of contracting HIV/Aids."

Male Russian soldiers (abused and) 'used for sex'

Evil White Male... · 14 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Why must "used for sex" be in quotes as the headline?! Here we have a group of men forced into prostitution, brutally abused and eventually had their genitals mutilated.

How soon will this end up in a UN human rights abuses report or as part of a major report on the sexual exploitation of men in the world.

Of course the question was rhetorical as we know the answer will be never....

Glenn Sacks' Latest Newsletter Reports Opportunities for Activism

anthony · 14 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This week's e-Newsletter from Glenn Sacks is filled with good stuff. Excerpt:

"Outrage: Detroit News Ad Warns Men--Get Her the Right Valentine's Day Gift or She'll Punch You in the Face

Jeff Brown, an astute reader, sent me the incredible ad above, which has been appearing on the front page of the Detroit News' website this week. It urges men to buy the women in their lives sufficient Valentine's Day gifts or they'll get a punch in the face (note the man's black eye). The caption is "Don't let this be her response.'
...
NOW Leader Tells Women to Divorce Their Husbands for Valentine's Day, Take Their Money, 'Hit Them Where It Hurt$'

Feminist family law attorney Sherri Donovan, National Counsel for the National Organization for Women, is urging women to greet their husbands this Valentine's Day with the words, "Happy Valentine's Day -- Let's Get Divorced!!"

Let your voice be heard!

Essay: Senate Republicans Should Fend Off U.N. Feminist Treaty

anthony · 14 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here.

Phyllis Schlafly...another individual who I personally feel is an ally towards our movement...

Excerpt:
"The notion is downright ridiculous that American women (the most fortunate class of people who ever lived) should submit to a treaty that dictates uniform rules for 185 other nations, all of which treat women worse than the United States. Ratification of conventions would be craven kowtowing to radical feminists, exceeded only by the treaty's unlimited capacity for legal mischief."

Female Teacher Gets "Probation" in Field-Trip Sex Case

anthony · 15 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

$500 dollars?

Excerpt:
"Janet Klatt, 44, of Charlotte, was charged with sexual activity between a school personnel member and a student, a felony offense. She entered an Alford plea and was given 30 months' probation and was ordered to have no contact with the male student and to pay a $500 fine and court costs."

India: Another false rape accusation

Anonymous · 15 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The falsely accused man (now acquitted) tells his story. His wife accused him of raping his daughter.

Story here. Excerpt:

"I later came to know from Khadesahib that Sangita was behind the entire conspiracy. She wanted to take possession of my Nallasopara flat (costing Rs 6 lakh), jewellery worth Rs 50,000, and also my job. She even applied BMC to give her the job in my place, since I was in jail for 'raping my daughter.' Fortunately, the BMC rejected her application, because as per rules, jobs are given only to kin after the employee dies in service. In the Palghar court, Sangita said she was unaware as to where I worked! At the same time, she wrote to the BMC for employment!"

Police: Woman ties up lover, drinks his blood

Evil White Male... · 15 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Tiffany Sutton apparently wanted to drink up her lover on Valentine's Day - literally, authorities said.

Police early this morning arrested Sutton, who they believe may have tricked her acquaintance into having "kinky sex" so she could drink his blood.

The victim, 45, and Sutton, 23, were lying in bed naked at early Wednesday when Sutton asked if he wanted to be tied up and he consented, police said.

But that's when Sutton reportedly pulled out a knife and cut the victim's leg, police said.

Sutton reportedly told him that she "likes to drink blood" and made several cuts to his upper body, police said.'

POOR DEAR, I HOPE SHE GETS THE TREATMENT SHE SO DESERVES...

Legalities around Health Costs Encourage Divorce Among Elderly

Martian Bachelor · 15 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

MSN.com has a story here primarily on the way high costs for long-term care and the counter-productive structure of Medicare/-caid have conspired to cause a huge surge in the divorce rate of the elderly:

"The population of divorced people over 65 has exploded in the past 15 years, and elder-law attorneys suspect money is at least partly to blame."

The comments of one expert to the effect that two-thirds of otherwise happily married older couples refuse to even consider the idea of divorcing for purely monetary reasons suggests the problem could be much worse. The current cadre of elderly is perhaps the last which was raised solely with traditional values about marriage being a life-long commitment, and they'll start to be replaced with Boomers with much different attitudes over the coming decade.

The article was written primarily from a personal finance planning perspective and didn't address possible changes in public policy, though you'd think this would be of concern to the family values and pro-marriage crowd.

Essay: Senator Joseph Biden: A Wolf In Sheep's Clothing

anthony · 15 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'Senator Biden needs to get his facts straight. On May 19, 2006 the Center for Disease Control confirmed that over 150 studies have found females are equally likely as males to engage in domestic violence and dating violence. The Senator is helping to continue to hide the other half of that "dirty little secret."'

Ralph Fiennes Finds out the Hard Way

Matt · 16 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Well, hard to feel too much sympathy for Mr. Fiennes; chalk it up I guess to lessons learned. She'll capitalize well off of it, but he is likely to pay! Story here. Excerpt:

"The Qantas stewardess who claimed she rejected an amorous Ralph Fiennes on a flight to India has admitted having sex with him in an aircraft lavatory.

...

Miss Robertson, 38, told friends she was so overwhelmed with the moment that she did not care who was listening, what they saw or what they assumed had been going on.

That is in stark contrast to what she told her bosses at Qantas.

In a statement, she portrayed Fiennes as the villain, claiming he had followed her into the lavatory where he made his intentions clear.

...

It emerged that the liaison with Fiennes could prove rather profitable for Miss Robertson, who was declared bankrupt three years ago.

She is said to have spent this week negotiating media deals to tell the story of her fling on flight QF123 and has gone into hiding.

...

Police sources said that she had suffered 'burn out' due to the pressure of her job posing as a drug addict to catch criminals.

She left the force in 2003 after two years of long-term sick leave.

Police sources said her condition was serious enough to leave her with a pension of 80 per cent of her wages for the rest of her life.

However, she later fell heavily into debt.

Sydney newspapers reported that she went bankrupt three years ago with debts of £200,000, and still has several months to wait before she is discharged.

Woman, 84, confesses to sex with boy, 11

RandT · 16 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article. Excerpt:

"Officials: Woman pleaded guilty to attempted sex abuse. She will serve 36 months in prison after deal with prosecutors. Sex with foster child in her care admitted in a taped confession."

Will we be hearing about how "lucky" the boy must have been? Or perhaps we'll hear that you can't force a boy to have sex against his will, so he must have been "into it".

UK: Most spiked drink victims actually legless

Anonymous · 16 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Perhaps if a woman claims someone spiked her drink, we should ask if self-diagnosis by a drunk person is the most reliable source of information. Excerpt:

"Researchers at Wrexham Maelor Hospital who tested wobbly hospital patients who claimed their drinks had been spiked found most were simply legless, the BBC reports."

Here is the story.

Woman chops off boyfriend's nipple and penis on Valentine's Day

Anonymous · 16 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

There's a bit of gold in the article, a quote from the victim:

"Reynato said that if he had married his girlfriend like the mom wanted, she probably (the mom) would not have stopped nagging them anyway and he saw no need of marrying her as it kept their relationship much more alive that way."

That's the attitude we all shoud have, we just need to avoid women who "warned him that if he did not get her what she wanted after staying with him that long, then she would cut off a part of her body that he loved the most."

Article here

Man who isn't father must pay child support anyway

anthony · 16 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Once again, Missouri judges have ordered a man to pay thousands of dollars in child support for a child he didn't father.

This time, even the child's mother agrees the man is not the father. Yet a state agency says he is, because he was married to the woman when she gave birth.

The state wants David Salazar thrown in jail, and an appeals court on Tuesday agreed."

How VAWA separates children from fathers

anthony · 16 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"It has become de rigeur for women to claim false allegations of violence in order to gain the upper hand in divorce and custody courts. The mere allegation of domestic violence is enough in many states to affect the child's access to a noncustodial parent. Programs instituted by the VAWA often leave kids in jeopardy and promote a society of fatherless children."

Judge Judy Discusses Paternity Fraud On Larry King Live

anthony · 18 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Transcript here. Excerpt:

"Judge Judy:

If you have somebody who finds out two years, or three years, or five years, or 10 years after the event that he's not a child's biological father, and who wants to be relieved of that obligation, is it right to say to him, sorry, you may have been defrauded but the child's best interests require you maintaining that parental relationship with the child and, therefore, we are not going to order a DNA test? And even if we do, we are not going to say you're not the father. You're going to pay support forever. Unreasonable."

Another Female Teacher Accused of Having Sex With Teenage Boy

anthony · 18 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Kirsten A. Kinley, 27, a special education teacher at Marriotts Ridge High School, turned herself in to authorities Thursday after learning about a warrant for her arrest on charges of sleeping with a 15-year-old boy in 2004 and 2005.

She was charged with two counts of third-degree sex offense, two counts of fourth-degree sex offense and two counts of solicitation of a minor. She was released on $75,000 bond Thursday night."

Why yes, MSN, you are, in fact, better-off single!

Matt · 18 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

MSN's editorial character once again takes a turn and out comes this. It lists the many reasons one is better-off single but alas neglects to mention the legal-risk factor.

But even stranger, MSN also asks women if they are not afraid of commitment themselves, then lists the ways this can manifest itself! That article is here. Excerpt:

'For years, it was the men who had the monopoly on commitment-phobia. But what about commitment-phobic women? Yes, women! Raised to believe that men are the commitment-shy gender, many women coast through life completely oblivious about their own commitment anxiety—believing they want a relationship yet systematically pushing away one perfectly suitable candidate after another. Isn't it high time we looked at ourselves and admit that maybe, just maybe, we are the ones who have become commitment-challenged?'

Wow... mark this date in song and legend!

Black Widow Almost Escaped

Luek · 18 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

The link above is about the appeal of a black widow who was convicted of 1st degree murder in Michigan of all places and sentenced to LWOP. A political hack state circuit court judge overturned that sentence and reduced it to second degree murder which would have made her eligible for parole in a short time. However, that was appealed to the state appeals court which reinstated the original sentence of life without parole. The political "fix" may have been in because the female governor is rumored to be working behind the scenes to free this vicious killer.

NJ court ends father's parental rights because mother poses risk

anthony · 19 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The state Supreme Court today terminated a father's parental rights, ruling that he's unable to provide a safe home for his 4-year-old special needs son, largely because the presence of the alcoholic and mentally retarded mother poses a serious risk to the boy.

Experts found that the mother had the intellect of a child, periodically ran away from home for "alcoholic binges," and made repeated false charges of domestic abuse.

Although we are mindful of the mother's limitations, it is the father who established the dangerous situation at home, who maintains those conditions, and who is unable or unwilling to substantially alter those conditions," Zazzali wrote.

Teacher beats up on students in gym class

Matt · 19 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. What was she thinking, perhaps getting the little girls ready for Army training? Excerpt:

"PICO RIVERA, California (AP) -- A first-grade teacher was placed on leave after she allegedly hit and kicked fifth-graders who ran through her class during physical education, school officials said.

Ten-year-old Lauren Lopez said she and her classmates at Meller Elementary School were told by another teacher to run laps Thursday morning, and as they ran by the first-grade teacher's class she "just started tripping and kicking kids."

The girl said she and 11 other classmates had bruises and scratches. Pupils also said the teacher urged her first-graders to fight with the older children."

RADAR ALERT: Outrage Over Sen. Biden's Latest Put-Down

Matt · 20 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Presidential candidate Joe Biden has a habit of saying the wrong things at the wrong time, like his recent remark about Illinois Sen. Barack Obama being "clean." This past week, Biden had this to say about male victims of domestic violence:

"There is no doubt that we have made tremendous progress battling domestic violence in the past decade ... Everyday women, children *and sometimes men*, in Delaware and across the nation live in fear in their own homes."

"And *sometimes* men," Mr. Biden???

Men are just as likely as women to be victimized by partner violence – a fact that was already well-known to researchers back when Sen. Biden first wrote the Violence Against Women Act. But thanks to Sen. Biden's VAWA, men who need help are instead ridiculed and shunned. Or worse – they're labeled "abuser" simply because they're men, and their abuser is labeled "victim" and given a free pass.

Besides discriminating against victims based on gender, VAWA also routinely violates the civil rights of the falsely-accused.

This week, RADAR is asking every person who reads this Alert to make a 1-minute telephone call to your two state senators. Their phone numbers are listed below.

When the receptionist answers your call, state your name and city of residence. Then explain:
"The Violence Against Women Act has engaged in widespread discrimination against male victims of domestic violence. I am calling to ask Senator _____ to help reform this harmful law."

If the receptionist requests additional information, refer them to RADAR's Special Report, "VAWA Programs Discriminate Against Male Victims" (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Discriminates-Against-Males.pdf)

Your call will make it easier for our lobbyists to get the face-time they need to explain why VAWA requires a total overhaul. And let's hope Mr. Biden makes for a better presidential candidate than constitutional law professor. *See the RADAR site for a list of all the senators' phone numbers by state.*

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Date of RADAR Release: February 20, 2007

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to assure that the problem of domestic violence is treated in a balanced and effective manner. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

McMissile wielding mom gets 2 years in prison

Anonymous · 20 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This article describes a mother unable to control her violent reactions simply because she was cut off in traffic. She threw a fastfood cup full of ice into the other person's car. Thankfully no one was hurt but often times the law is supposed to consider not just what DID happen but what COULD have happened.

My favorite part however, which is something everyone should vote on, is their poll, in which one of the options is: "No. Nobody got hurt and society will be worse off with a mother in prison for this crime"

I wonder how the vote would go if it was a father, would society be worse off with him in prison? As an added bonus, the father is off serving his country in Iraq while the mother is getting herself arrested while she's responsible for 3 children.

Exposed: the myth of the World Cup ‘sex slaves’

Matt · 20 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. First it was DV increasing during the Super Bowl, then trafficked sex workers/slaves for the World Cup. All a bogus tissue of lies. Seems men getting together in large groups and enjoying themselves largely out of the company of women is so scary to feminists, they have to do whatever they can to spoil the fun. Good thing the BS-meters are working, though. Excerpt:

"Last summer, lurid headlines claimed that 40,000 women would be smuggled by sex slavers into Germany to be prostituted to World Cup football fans. The truth is very different indeed. Newly unrestricted European Union documents reveal that the German police uncovered just five cases of ‘human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation’ related to the international football tournament.

Despite a huge ‘awareness-raising’ campaign, the setting up of telephone hotlines run by non-governmental organisations, and extra police checks on Germany’s borders, the prostitution scare stories, boosted by an unholy alliance of European left-wingers, feminists, police officers, Christians, the American right and US President George W Bush, have turned out to be pure fiction."

UK: Marriage rates plummet to record lows

AngryMan · 21 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'While the number of unmarried adults rose in 2005, the number who chose to wed dropped by 10 per cent, producing the lowest marriage rates since they were first calculated in 1862.

Figures released today by the Office for National Statistics show the marriage rate for men was 24.2 per 1,000 unmarried men aged 16 and over, down from 27.8 in 2004.'

Best of Craigslist: Man thwarts paternity fraud

mens_issues · 21 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I found this rather interesting story on "Best of Craigslist" regarding a man whose girlfriend tried to entrap him into marriage (and child support) by getting pregnant by a "bad boy." Little did she know that he had had a vasectomy shortly before meeting her. The rest of the story is ... priceless!

Steve

UK: "Life for girl, 17, who stabbed pregnant love rival to death"

AngryMan · 21 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A teenage babysitter who stabbed her employer to death after becoming infatuated with her young boyfriend has been jailed for life

Kelly Ross murdered her rival, mother-of-two Tracy Ann Meade, in a fit of jealousy after becoming terrified she would lose her new lover.

...

Yesterday an Old Bailey judge told Ross, now 17, she would have to serve a minimum of ten and a half years in prison.'

Admin note: Spiked-drink submissions

Matt · 21 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

All,

We keep getting submissions for the recent spiked-drinks-aren't-really-spiked articles as reported in the UK press. Please note that this story has already been published here on MANN.

One reason a submitted story might not get published is that it or another posting covering the matter already has been. [Use the site search if you are not sure that a particular story has or hasn't been published yet on MANN.] But if you want to add a different link or other commentary you have for a particular issue, just post it in the 'Comments' section of the relevant MANN posting.

Supreme Court of India: Abuse, threat by wife ground for divorce

Anonymous · 22 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Complete story here. Excerpt:

'NEW DELHI: In probably the first case of its kind, a husband sought divorce from his wife on the ground of mental cruelty.

The latter was convicted by the trial court for murdering their three children, threatening to lodge false cases against her husband and even going to the extent of threatening to kill him.

On the day of her conviction by the trial court in Rajasthan, she threatened her husband with dire consequences. As she was pregnant at that time, she was granted bail and while on bail, she filed dowry harassment cases against her husband, which the police after investigation certified as false.'

Wimbleton to pay female atheletes more than male athletes

Anonymous · 22 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Don't let this article's title fool you. While they claim to be paying them an equal wage, women athletes at Wimbleton play fewer matches per set than the male athletes, so they're being paid more.

Iran plans "men-free" tourist island

Matt · 22 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In the name of religious purity, no men allowed on an island for no other reason than that they are men! Story here. Seems that Iranian women need a "men-free" island in order to be safe to enjoy their vacations. And it's in line with Islamic law, too (seems they are picking and choosing when to implement it and when not to, aren't they?).

"Men-free". Like "Rodent-free", or "care-free". Men-free banks, men-free subway cars, men-free hotels, men-free islands...

Another woman's solution to her driving woes: shoot first and ask questions later

Anonymous · 22 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

After the earlier article about the woman who couldn't handle being cut off, here's one who solved her problem of people tailgating her, with a gun. Excerpt:

'A 39-year-old armed Macomb Township woman couldn't handle the pressure of her morning work commute, police said today.

According to the Macomb County Sheriff's Office, Bernadette Head, 39, in a 1993 Chevrolet Cavalier, entered I-94 westbound from Hall Road about 8:10 a.m. Wednesday when a Dodge Ram pickup rode her tail.

When the 46-year-old driver from New Baltimore eventually pulled up alongside her, she pointed her 9mm handgun and fired one round at his tires.'

Update on "McMissile Mom": She gets probation

Matt · 22 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like she won't be doing any time. As reported previously, the woman who McMissiled another driver is now getting probation.

Story here. The article authors bring up the speculation regarding ethnicity and class, but I rather think there is a more compelling "reason": she's a mother. When the perp is a father, it seems to have little effect in these cases, does it? Excerpt:

'She said that she stands by her decision to report the incident, believing that Hall's actions were potentially dangerous and certainly illegal, but that the punishment should fit the crime. She called the jury's sentence "excessive."

"Finally, while one can argue that incarceration may help to discourage others from this type of behavior, this would come at a very high price for Ms. Hall -- a price that in my opinion is too high," Fowle wrote. "Surely the publicity that this matter has already gotten should discourage any thoughtful person from following Ms. Hall's example."'

Sweden: Feminists get illegal state funding

anthony · 22 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Political party Feminist Initiative (FI) has received a state grant to which it is not entitled.

The state body charged with awarding grants to gender equality projects decided in January to give a total of 8.3 million kronor to 27 women's organisations. One of the beneficiaries was FI, which received an 'establishment grant' worth 400,000 kronor, opinion website Friktion.se reports.

The rules governing the distribution of state grants to women's organisations clearly state that political parties intending to stand for general election are not eligible."

Mother Accused of Beating 9-Year-Old's Head into Brick Wall in Front of Teacher

anthony · 22 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A 9-year-old boy was in protective custody after his mother slapped him and hit his head against a brick wall in front of a teacher, then dragged him in front of the class and invited his classmates to make fun of him, police said."

Woman Sentenced to Life Behind Bars For Death of 3-Year-Old Foster Child Locked in Closet

anthony · 22 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman was sentenced Thursday to life in prison with parole for killing her 3-year-old developmentally disabled foster son by binding him in blankets and tape and leaving him inside a closet for a weekend."

"A day earlier, jurors convicted Liz Carroll, 30, of murder and other charges. Under the life sentence for murder, she has no possibility for parole for 15 years. Some of the other sentences must be served consecutively."

UK: F4J Hijacks Stonehenge

Matt · 23 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Marc A. for the heads up on this story. Good work, F4J! Excerpt:

"“THREE men dressed as cartoon character Fred Flintstone evaded tight security and scaled Stonehenge in the latest protest by protest group Fathers 4 Justice.

“They climbed the ancient monument at 9.15 am today and unfurled a banner with the message ‘Drag the family courts out of the Stone Age.”

NH Men's Commission Bill Passes First Step: Gets 15-1 Support Vote in House Committee

Scott · 23 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

It is with a deep sense of gratitude I can report that HB 704, to renew the NH Commission on the Status of Men (CSM), passed its first test with flying colors. The CSM is due to expire in September of this year, and this bill extends it indefinitely. The bill passed the House Executive Departments and Administration Committee on Thursday with a 15-to-1 vote in favor of the bill. Not only that, but members of the ED&A Committee have expressed strong and sincere concerns that the Commission continue its work, and are likely to play an active role in promoting it further. I'd like to profusely thank everyone who sent the ED&A Committee e-mails asking them to support the bill.

Our work is not over yet, though. In order for the Commission to receive funding, its fiscal note of $60k/year must pass the House Finance Committee. I'll post details about that effort when I find out when we can expect the bill to move into that Committee.

NYTimes: "Mom's Mad. And She's Organized"

Matt · 23 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

NYTimes reports on the latest incarnation of we-deserve-it-all-and-our-way-too feminism. MRAs and fathers could take a lesson: organization and collective action are the key to successful lobbying. Alas the sad truth is that it doesn't matter if you're right or wrong, if what you want is fair or not to someone else-- squeaky wheels get the grease... and the money, and the attention, etc., etc. Of course it also helps to have chivalry working for you, too. Excerpt:

'A generation of mothers who are largely perceived as postfeminist in every way, from sex to economic discrimination, has begun a consciousness-raising that is almost old-fashioned were it not for the technology involved. Raised to believe that girls could accomplish anything, these women have reached parenthood, only to find they faced many of the same pay, equity and work-family balance issues that were being fought over decades before. From that awakening, they say, has come the inkling of a new movement.

In many ways, these groups are repackaging issues that have been around for nearly 50 years and have proven intractable despite the efforts of legions of activists, lawyers and elected officials.'

Anderson Cooper Gushes over Women in Prison

Matt · 23 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here. Mr. Cooper is stunned at the number of women in prison and how so many of them are mothers, etc. Not a word about fathers in prison or the difference between how male and female prisoners are treated. He even points out how the prison he visited seemed more like a commune for women and children rather than a prison! Feel free to comment, folks! Excerpt:

'I'm not sure what I expected for a story about women in prison, but I have to say right off the bat that I had no idea it would be about mothers and their children. I was surprised to find that the majority of women behind bars are mothers who are very often the primary caretaker for their children. I hadn't thought so many children would be affected. I also had no idea that, according to the Women's Prison Association, 5,000-10,000 women enter prison already pregnant each year. Pregnant women are just not the visual that comes to mind when thinking about women behind bars.'

Dad wants custody of kids pulled from filthy home

anthony · 23 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The woman who was discovered living with her three daughters in a house filled with feces and other filth in Lindenhurst has been ordered to appear in court after her estranged husband asked a judge Thursday to have the children removed from her custody.

Food, clothing, shelter, heat -- I just want to make sure they're safe," said Ray Young Jr., who has been in a divorce battle with Deborah Young since 2003.

According to documents provided by Quatela, Deborah Young has accused her husband of sexually abusing first one daughter in 2004 and another in 2005. The New York State Office of Children and Family Services ruled that both allegations were unfounded."

The Price of War

Matt · 24 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This photo says it all.

Before you look, be advised, it isn't pretty. It's a wedding photo wherein the groom is an Iraq vet who, it appears, had a bomb blow up in his face. He will I am sure be getting plastic surgery as time goes on, but the picture today is heartbreaking.

Mexico: The Crime of Jealousy

Anonymous · 24 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Here is a new law enacted in Mexico where it criminalizes refraining from sex with your wife. Excerpt:

"Mexican men who display extreme jealousy or avoid sex with their wives could be tried in court and punished under a new law, the special prosecutor for crimes against women told a local newspaper on Friday.
...
Perez Duarte said indifference, jealousy or lack of love were crimes against women just as much as physical violence."

Women Can Be Abusive, Too

Scott · 24 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

We received the following article submission from Michael Geanoulis, Sr:

A revealing research paper on domestic violence (DV) published in the Florida State University Law Review provides a promising new twist to a thorny problem - assuming, of course, it can overcome stereotypcal attitudes and get the attention it deserves.

According to author and Indiana School of Law Professor, Linda Kelly, women can be batterers. Men can be victims. And abuse by females needs to be eradicated, as well as abuse by males. (Kelly, L, Disabusing the Definition of Domestic Abuse: How Women Batter Men and the Role of the Feminist State; Fla. St. Univ. Law Rev, Vol 30:791)

It will be interesting to see how Kelly's 65 page paper is received, as she treads on ground long held sacred and untouchable by women's rights goups, who, according to Kelly, have been influencing every states DV policy using double standards and biased data which discriminate against men. (read more to continue...)

As long ago as 1981, Straus, Gelles and Steinmetz discovered some of the data referred to by Kelly, reporting it in "Behind Closed Doors: Violence in the American Family." Nearly 1.8 million American women were assaulted annually by their husbands that year -- shameful data that was elevated for all to see via inciteful ads posted everywhere trumpeting the fact that "Every 17 seconds a woman is assaulted by her husband."

What the general public never saw, though, was the "real surprise," to quote the authors: 2 million husbands (200 thousand more) who were assaulted by their wives.

In what can only be described as a conspiracy of misinformation, the data on assaulted husbands was swept under the rug. No ads were ever produced depicting the average 16 second time span between assaults by wives on their husbands, or the fact that women are hitting men with higher assault rates.

And so it is, as Kelly warns against, with educational seminars like New Hampshire's annual Conference on DV sponsored by the Governor's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence which bills itself to "Improve the Investigative, Judicial, Administrative and Community Response."

Efforts to "improve" seems fair on its face -- except that judges who want to "improve" themselves should not be attending DV conferences loaded with sexist half truths, innuendo and special agendas.

The slide presentations of one Mary Bettley provides us with the best evidence of such bias. What judge could be expected to make fair decisions after being exposed to half truths like, "50% of men who assaulted their wives also abused their children"? Shouldn't judges also be taught the rate of child abuse for women who assaulted their husbands? And be made aware that women are twice more likely to assault their children than men are?

Only half the story, furthermore, was given for the cycle of violence: "He (the boy) sees hitting and learns," reports Bettley. Don't girls learn about hitting from their moms when they see it? Was it Bettley's intention to teach the hundreds of judges and criminal justice people gathered to "improve" themselves, that only males learn about, and do the hitting around the house?

Another example of questionable scholarship comes from Dr. James Knoll, who echoed the Rule of Thumb, a damaging bit of nonsense and myth that was debunked long ago as a libelous falsehood by "Who Stole Feminism" author Christine Hoff Sommers. The rule, which serves as an unfair character assassination that refuses to die and which never existed except in the mind set of the feminist state, held that "men could beat their wives so long as they used a stick no bigger than their thumb."

Dr. Knoll seemed loathe to acknowledge that men have a long record of loving, protecting and glorifying the fair sex -- building magnificent temples to honor women and installing them on high pedestals. Apparently it's more PC

and profitable to malign men as cruel beasts, especially at federally-financed conferences constructed to teach that only men are responsible for DV.

Noticed for his absence from the conference was Murray Straus, PhD, director of the Family Research Lab at the University of New Hampshire and world class expert on domestic violence who lives and works in New Hampshire. He was not invited. Was this because of his position that female aggression should not be ignored? Or his revelation that men are compelled to stay in abusive relationships for the same reasons heretofore reserved for women? Or that his life might again be threatened for treading on untouchable topics?

Will Kelly be ignored, too?

DV is equal opportunity abuse that should demand all perpetrators be held accountable on an equal basis if only as a matter of safety for women. Let's hope that reasonable and objective people like Kelly and Straus, et al, can be part of the dialogue going forward.

(Michael Geanoulis, Sr. sits on the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men. He can be contact by email at geancfc@juno.com)

More from the sports and forced prostitution camp

Matt · 24 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This from Barbados and this from Switzerland.

Looks like the machinery is in gear and soon sporting events will also double as campaigns against men, all in the name of fighting a problem that may exist in some places, just not at football games nor to the extent feminists would have you believe. Seems to me just another veiled attack on space men enjoy just to continue the assault on our senses.

Woman allegedly advised by "geese" not guilty in tot death

anthony · 24 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

It has become so easy for women to use the "insanity card" to escape jail time. Messages from a goose? Are you kidding me? Excerpt:

'A 53-year-old woman who claimed she received spiritual messages from geese before allegedly stabbing her toddler granddaughter to death was found not guilty by reason of insanity Friday.

A judge ordered Carol Lynn Pappas committed to the state mental health hospital, where officials will decide "when and if she will ever be released," said Kathleen Walsh, spokeswoman for the district attorney.'

Site Administration Updates

Scott · 25 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This evening I made a few changes to the software that runs news.mensactivism.org. We are now using image-based captchas for new user accounts and anonymous article submissions. These are those annoying dialogs where you have to type in the hard-to-read text from an image to confirm that you're a human being.

Unfortunately, a good deal of fake user accounts and spam article postings are sent in to us every day, and we need to do something to stop automated bot programs from deluging us with bogus accounts and stories. Logged-in users will not have to go through this system - it's only for people creating new user accounts or submitting news stories anonymously.

Anyone who has legitimately created a new user account which hasn't been unblocked should send a short email to admin@mensactivism.org, and we'll enable your account. Otherwise, in about a week or two I'm going to start culling dead accounts that have never been logged into.

Other related site updates might fix some comment posting bugs that have been reported to us recently. Enjoy.

Winkler Case Update: Murder trial for minister's wife set for April 9

anthony · 26 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Mary Winkler, 32, is charged with first-degree murder in last year's shotgun slaying of her 31-year-old husband, Matthew. Prosecutors have refused to give a motive for the shooting, but Winkler told authorities she shot her husband, a Church of Christ minister, after a night of arguing over finances and other family matters."

Polk Case Update: Wife gets 16 years for killing husband

anthony · 26 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who fatally stabbed her millionaire psychotherapist husband, whom she met as a 14-year-old girl in treatment, was sentenced Friday to 16 years to life in prison for murder.

Susan Polk received the maximum sentence after acting as her own lawyer in a trial permeated with theatrics, including discussion of her psychic powers and cross-examination of her own sons. An attorney representing her Friday said she planned to appeal."

Air Force captain acquitted of rape charges

anthony · 26 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The defense challenged the veracity of the woman's claims about her behavior during and following the alleged rape. She told the panel she had not resisted or cried out during the alleged assault, and instead had pretended to be asleep because she had been frightened of Merwin. The woman later testified, however, that she also got up after the alleged attack, then returned and talked to Merwin, and accepted a ride home from him the following morning."

For the Falsely-accused

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http://www.falsely-accused.net/

Demosthenes Lorandos is a clinical psychologist and attorney at law. He is a nationally-recognized expert with many years of experience in defending those falsely accused of abuse.

Ed. note: Normally I don't post regarding sites that seem to have too much of a commercial ring to them. However there seems to be some good citations and advice on this site for the falsely-accused, so I am making an exception.

"Program Resonates with People: Giving women a chance to change"

anthony · 26 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"People don't understand women who have been in prison," said Penny Painter, executive director of Resonance. "They're not particularly violent. They are in for poverty- and drug-related crimes.

...Crawford said she first smoked marijuana in third grade and started drinking heavily shortly thereafter. She had nine assault-and-battery charges by age 14. She didn't miss a fight."

'Not particulary violent'? This woman had nine violent offense brought against her by the age of fourteen!

Glenn Sacks: Targeting Anti-Father, Anti-Male TV Commercials

anthony · 27 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In November, 2004 we launched the Campaign Against Anti-Father Verizon Commercial, asking Verizon to stop running the commercial "Homework." In that ad a bumbling father tries to help his little daughter with her homework and is treated with contempt by both the girl and her mother, who orders the father to "leave her alone" and "go wash the dog." Our campaign made 300 newspapers, and the Verizon ad stopped running a few weeks later.

Today we are launching another campaign to combat anti-male advertising. Currently, several advertising agencies are competing for a $150 million advertising contract from Volvo. The agency which is the apparent favorite to win the contract is Arnold Worldwide, the creator of several anti-male commercials. Another, Euro RSCG, currently creates ads for Volvo, and created "Rosi," a popular, father-friendly Volvo ad.'

Veterans and Post-Care

Matt · 27 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Newsweek is covering the problems America is having with caring for its wounded veterans, who are overwhelmingly men.

I find it hard to believe there would be a bureaucracy so slow to move were the ratio of men and women wounded reversed. File this one under "male disposability", and start writing to your Congressoids. Excerpt:

'When he did call the following day, the response from the clinic was even more disheartening: the center was full. Schulze would be No. 26 on the waiting list. He was encouraged to call back periodically over the next two weeks in case there was a cancellation. Marianne was listening in on the conversation from the dining room. She watched Jonathan, slumped on the couch, as he talked to the doctor. "I heard him say the same thing: I'm suicidal, I feel lost, I feel hopelessness," she says. Four days later Schulze got drunk, wrapped an electrical cord around a basement beam in his home and hanged himself. A friend he telephoned while tying the noose called the police, but by the time officers broke down the door, Schulze was dead.'

Motions Filed in Duke LAX Case

Matt · 27 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Defense attorneys for Collin Finnery, Reade Seligmann and David Evans filed the 39-page motion at the Durham Courthouse Tuesday morning.
...
This new filing says they've not been given all the DNA evidence that excludes their clients but includes more unrelated male DNA.'

Do You Resist Women's Instructions?

Roy · 27 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

(For comic relief) - A study posted on msnbc.com finds that when a man fails to help out around the house, his poor performance might be related to a subconscious tendency to resist doing anything his wife wants…. He is displaying what psychologists term "reactance -- the tendency to do the exact opposite of what's requested by a loved one or boss... Says the study's co-author Tanya Chartrand: "My husband, while very charming in many ways, has an annoying tendency of doing exactly the opposite of what I would like him to do in many situations."

Imagine that, a man with the gall to refuse a command from a woman. That dog obviously needs behavior modification! ("Not tonight honey, I've got a headache ...")

Woman Trades Baby for Car

Matt · 28 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This story should make your skin crawl. The myth that only a man may see his children as dispensable is obviously well-refuted by this disgusting display. The truth is that both men and women can be defective caregivers or just plain sociopathic when it comes even to their own children. What will feminists say about this story, that she was forced into doing it by some man or by the oppressive circumstances of patriarchy? Excerpt:

'PUEBLO, Colorado (AP) -- Three people were arrested on charges of swapping a 5-month-old boy for a down payment on a used Dodge Intrepid and cash, police said Tuesday.

Nicole Uribe, 23, is accused of trading the baby to Jose-Juan Lerma, 47, and his wife, Irene, 27, in exchange for the down payment and an unspecified amount of cash.'

Lis Wiehl propagates false statistics

anthony · 28 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Fox News contributer Lisa Wiehl has recently written a new book, which has been featured several times during Fox's primetime programs. "The 51% Majority" seems like a typical feminist publication. Wiehl's book is getting tremendous exposure with her appearance on the O'Reilly Factor. Promoting misandry and false statistics on a highly rated primetime cable news program is not good news for M.R.A.'s. Excerpt:

"But it is also the worst of times: women are still making just 73 cents for every dollar men make; we have only one woman sitting among eight others on the country's highest court; and domestic violence statistics have been reaching all-time highs. All this, despite the fact that women account for 51 percent — a clear majority — of the general populace."

More on Mothers-in-Prison

Matt · 28 February 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Watch it here on cnn.com, again from Anderson Cooper. So much sympathy... these women are in jail and they live in a giant nursery with their kids. They have kids, or commit crimes while pregnant, and they are "punished" by being given a great environment to raise their kids nearly 24/7. Meanwhile, how are the fathers of these children treated if in prison for the same thing?

England: "The mother of all betrayals"

anthony · 1 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A DOTING dad told yesterday how he brought up four kids as his own — only to find they were all fathered by his wife's secret LOVER.

Cheated Charles Bostock, 69, spent years thinking the three cherished girls and a boy were his children.

He only discovered the shock news when his 49-year-old wife Sarah fell pregnant with a FIFTH child by married love rival Richard Mills.'

RADAR ALERT: Crying "Wolf" Too Many Times

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Years ago, radical advocates told America that Super Bowl Sunday resulted in very high rates of domestic violence. Last year, the world was convinced that 40,000 female sex slaves would be smuggled to Germany for the World Cup Finals. Radical women's studies departments and students annually celebrate "V-day", a dark substitute for Valentine's Day, to stop rape and sexual abuse of campus women purported to be endemic. Hysteria arose over claims that "date rape" is commonplace. And the Violence Against Women Act is built on the notion that if women are ever violent, it is solely in self-defense.

History proves all the above claims are substantively false. It is time for legislators and the media to expect more than theory or unsupported statistics before playing the fool for radical women's advocates.

Here is the truth on the above issues:

Domestic violence rates for Super Bowl Sunday are only marginally higher than normal (http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/977.html).

German police reported finding only five cases of sex slavery associated with the world cup (http://www.spiked-online.com/index.php?/site/article/2850).

V-Day has been proven to be little more than a self-aggrandizing event to promote feminist values and irrational fear of men.

More recently, the "date rape" myth has been exposed for what it is: a way for binge-drinking women to conveniently and profitably pass the blame (http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/article-23385868-details/Drug rape myth exposed as study reveals binge drinking is to blame/article.do).

No major study has ever demonstrated that domestic violence is caused by gender of the offender: men and women are equal initiators of
serious domestic violence (http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm).

Politicians and journalists who disregard science do great damage to society, families, and children (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Threat-to-Families.pdf).

Witch hunts have never helped anyone. Journalists can make front-page headlines and do a great service publishing the truth rather than serving as megaphones for the rumor mill so accustomed to leveraging ill-begotten federal entitlements by crying wolf.

Please send this Alert to your local media and politicians. It is important they learn to avoid being a part of the anti-family rumor mill.

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Date of RADAR Release: February 27, 2007

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Women's Health Office Funds Cut

anthony · 1 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The office funds research on male-female biological differences to ensure that women receive the most appropriate drug doses and treatments.
...
"We fear this is the first step toward eliminating the Office of Women's Health," Nolan said. "We must not allow this office to be eliminated or reduced to an empty shell that has no program funding."

Office of Women's Health? I would accept her complaint if an "Office Of Men's Health" was ever implemented.

Argument with your man? Solve your problems with petrol

ItsDan · 1 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Wonderful article here, excerpt:

"In April 2001, Rene's boyfriend went to bed following a heated argument between them. As Guillaume Pungo snoozed, Rene doused the man's private parts with fuel and set them aflame"

Teacher "had sex with" five students

Matt · 1 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

No mention of stat rape in this article. Excerpt:

'CLINTON, South Carolina (AP) -- A middle school teacher accused of having sex with at least five boys -- some of them students at her school -- was arrested, authorities said.

Police began investigating Allenna Williams Ward, 23, after school officials recovered a note containing inappropriate messages, said Clinton Public Safety Director John Thomas.

Ward, who is married, had sexual encounters with the 14- and 15-year-old boys at various locations, including in the school, at a motel, in a park and behind a restaurant, from December to this month, according to arrest warrants.'

Experimenting on (black, male) prisoners is back on the table

Matt · 1 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

What isn't mentioned in this story (video) is that "the prisoners" in question will undoubtedly be all men, all of them or mostly all of them black ones, at that.

The racket is simple enough: incarcerate a man for x number of years and then after some time offer him an option to reduce his sentence in exchange for participating in a "harmless" experiment to test a drug or new product of some kind. Give him limited information, have him sign the forms in some small room with a tiny window looking out on some trees, then he's yours.

Great little system they had going back in the day and it looks like they want a redux. Suppose they'd try this evil scheme on women of any ethnicity? Doubt it.

MSN slideshow "Women who make us cringe"

ItsDan · 1 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is an interesting insight into what MSN's writers classify as a woman who should make us cringe. I think we can agree with a lot of them, I'm just not sure how they narrowed it down to 10 from such a large field.

Nowak not to be charged with attempted murder

Matt · 2 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Florida (AP) -- Florida prosecutors charged an astronaut Friday with trying to kidnap a woman she saw as a rival for a space shuttle pilot's affections, but they declined to file an attempted murder charge that had been recommended by police.

Lisa Nowak, 43, was formally charged almost a month after she was arrested at an Orlando airport parking lot.

Police have said the Houston mother of three had raced 900 miles in her car from Texas to Orlando on February 5 to confront the woman. She reportedly donned a wig and trench coat, then sprayed a chemical into the woman's car when she wouldn't let Nowak in, police said.

In addition to attempted kidnapping with intent to inflict bodily harm, state prosecutors charged Nowak on Friday with burglary with an assault using a weapon and battery.'

Brother does time for incest, but not sister

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This story (video) from Germany. Regardless of the substance of the crime (incest), the issue here is that it is against German law to have sex with a sibling. It doesn't say it's only illegal if a male does so, but you'd think that was the case. The story mentions only that the man did two years in jail, nothing about the woman.

Boys Education: Colorado schools closing the gender gap

anthony · 2 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Over the years, statistics show girls have surpassed boys in school. They are scoring better on standardized tests, achieving more academic honors, and receiving better grades. Educators call this a gender gap.

The Gurian Institute in Colorado Springs started examining why this is happening. Researchers found that boys' brains work differently than girls' brains, so they must be addressed differently in the classroom."

DV Expert Interview Available On-line

Matt · 3 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc A.:

Springer Publications, a major publisher of public health materials, just posted an interview of the honest domestic violence expert John Hamel, author/editor of "Gender Inclusive Treatment of Intimate Partner Abuse," on gender-inclusive treatment and female violence. Excerpt:

-->Both of your books are based on the concept that men and women are equally capable of abuse against each other. This runs completely counter to conventional thinking, which insists that men are always aggressors and women are always victims. What first led you to this line of research, and what prompted you to begin writing about it?<--

In 1991, I took over a domestic violence caseload and was trained in a variation of the well-known “Duluth” model. In the Duluth theoretical framework, domestic violence is caused by a patriarchal society that sanctions violence by men against their female partners. Women are assumed to be either victims or, when they are found to aggress against their male partners, to be doing so in self-defense.

In group, many of the men I was working with claimed that their female partners were equally or more abusive than they were, and wondered why I wasn’t treating them as well. I had been trained to automatically disbelieve such claims as victim-blaming. However, while many of my clients did in fact seek to displace responsibility for their actions onto others, I found other claims to be quite credible, so I changed my assessment procedures and began to insist on interviewing victims separately. According to the victims themselves, the majority of these cases did indeed involve mutual abuse and, and some featured a dominant female perpetrator whose partner was arrested after fighting back. This clinical data contradicted much of what I had been taught, and led me to conduct an extensive review of the research literature. What I found more than corroborated my clinical findings.'

Erectile dysfunction drugs may protect against heart attacks

ItsDan · 3 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In fairness, the drugs for the most part were originally intended to treat heart conditions, but that's not exactly what they've become most well known for...

Article here. Excerpt:

"Erectile dysfunction drugs may be better than nitroglycerin in protecting the heart from damage before and after a severe heart attack, Virginia Commonwealth University researchers report today.

During a heart attack, the heart is deprived of oxygen, which can result in significant damage to heart muscle and tissue. After the attack, most patients require treatment to reduce and repair the damage and improve their chances of survival. With the exception of early reperfusion, there are no available therapies that are truly effective in protecting or repairing such damage clinically."

Drunk woman tries to crush boyfriend with car

ItsDan · 3 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A 54-year-old Town of Plymouth woman was charged Friday after authorities say she ran over a man outside an Elkhart Lake restaurant while allegedly driving drunk in the early morning hours.

Anne M. Harvey, of N7041 Apple Lane, was in her car arguing with a 40-year-old Plymouth man — who was standing behind the car's open passenger door — when she accelerated backwards, knocking the man over with the car door and running over his legs, according to a criminal complaint.'

Woman commits fraud, man is charged

Paul J · 3 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NASHUA, N.H. -- A Nashua man has been charged with selling a car to his sister, who was allegedly using a stolen identity.
...
Marios appeared in Nashua District Court on Friday. He told police that his sister told him that she had remarried and had a new name. He said she told him that the different first name, date of birth and Social Security were because she had left a battered women's program.'

No mention of charges against the female.

India Knight: 'Mugged by a toxic wife'

anthony · 4 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'Unfortunately I've begun to notice that over the past few years the situation has become rather complicated, thanks to the appearance of a whole new breed of woman: one who marries for money, spends her marriage spending money, aggressively takes her husband to the cleaners in a divorce and, having secured X million pounds, moves on to the next hapless sap having a midlife crisis (he sweetly believes that it's his double chin that's reeled her in) and starts the pattern all over again."

Teri Stoddard Essay: "Can't Find a Husband?"

Anonymous · 4 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay by Teri Stoddard here. Excerpt:

'I have bad news for the ladies out there looking for a husband. Today's men are afraid of marriage and having kids. This is most likely because their male friends and relatives have told them what usually happens in the event of a divorce with children. In fact, some men are calling for a marriage strike.
...
If we want men to embrace the idea of family life, we need to ensure they have equality in family law. Equal parenting laws, favored by 85% of people polled, need to be passed nationwide and a Federal Family Rights Act needs to be established immediately to protect families dealing with Child Protective Services and parents in divorce and child custody cases. The time has come to restore human and civil rights to all fit parents.'

USC student charged 2nd time in baby's death

ItsDan · 5 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Prosecutors refiled murder charges against a USC student accused of abandoning her newborn son's body in a trash bin after a judge dismissed the original count.

Superior Court Judge David Wesley said Friday there was only sufficient evidence for Holly Ashcraft to stand trial on lesser charges of involuntary manslaughter and child endangerment.

Teacher Charged With Having Sex With Student

ItsDan · 5 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A northwest Harris County junior high school teacher has been accused of having sex with a student, KPRC Local 2 reported Monday.

Harris County sheriff's officials said a deputy caught teacher Emily Willis with the 14-year-old male student near Greenhouse Road and West Little York Road at about 1:45 a.m. Saturday.'

RADAR ALERT: VAWA, I-VAWA, and CEDAW: Why Men Now Fear Marriage

Matt · 5 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Misery Loves Company - Have A Piece Of VAWA/I-VAWA Pie

In 1996 Congress found "Marriage is the foundation of a successful society." In 2005 the Deficit Reduction Act provided $150 million a year for healthy marriage promotion and fatherhood. So why was the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) extended in 2006, when it directly affects the stability of marriages and relationships between fathers and children in America? (http://mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Threat-to-Families.pdf)

The way VAWA is written, a woman can report that she's in fear, and with just her word she can get a temporary restraining order and emergency child custody order. Every day innocent fathers visit their children in jail-like supervised visitation centers and are forced into anger management classes, sometimes for years. (http://mensnewsdaily.com/2007/02/26/cant-find-a-husband)

American men are turning away from marriage and parenthood; many simply won't risk losing everything, including their children. John Burke speaks for many when he says,

"I can think of a dozen people off the top of my head that fear having children. I really wish the world would smarten up. I have often thought of giving up and just going to a third world country where these crazy lobby groups have not destroyed the countries yet."

Hopefully, it's not too late. Even though it's clear that VAWA is seriously flawed (see http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-A-Culture-of-False-Allegations.pdf),Presidential candidate Senator Joe Biden wants to export this wretchedness to other countries. Biden plans on introducing two bills, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), a dangerous treaty promoted by the United Nations, and the International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA).

According to Domenico Fumagalli, President of Papa' Separati Lombardia, VAWA-influenced Pari Opportunita is already harming families. They are currently distributing a "highly violent" TV Spot, declaring that one out of two women in Italy are abused in their homes" (http://www.papaseparatilombardia.org/on_line/home.asp) With CEDAW and I-VAWA in place, we'd see more families destroyed, and more fatherless children worldwide.

Is this a gift we want to give our international friends? Members of Biden's own party have expressed concern that the U.S.' unilateral intervention in Iraq has grievously harmed the perception of the U.S. in world opinion. How much lower will our reputation sink in the eyes of our international friends if Congress arrogantly assumes the power to write laws for other countries, then uses the power of the purse to impose them by treaty.

If you want to protect our international friends from the heartbreak and devastation our citizens have to endure, send this alert to your local media and representatives. Tell them to REJECT CEDAW AND I-VAWA.

To learn more visit http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARflyer-Why-Stop-CEDAW-IVAWA.pdf and http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARflyer-CEDAW-and-IVAWA.pdf

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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Sacks & Leving: Utah Bill to Punish ‘Deadbeat Dads’ Is Based on False Assumptions

anthony · 6 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"While fathers are usually blamed for divorce’s negative economic impact on children, what’s often overlooked is the simple fact that the income that once supported one household cannot support two at the same level, no matter how many punitive measures the government employs or how much fathers pay. Those who insist that the average child’s standard of living will not or should not decline after a divorce are kidding themselves."

Australia: Another baby boy thrown away - all 'concerned' about the mother

GaryB · 6 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This story on News.com.au is a classic. Woman dumps a baby in a public toilet, in a plastic shopping bag. But, of course, police hold 'grave concerns for the mother's wellbeing, fearing that she may be suffering emotionally'. Poor thing. And of course should a father ever dump his baby in a toilet, he'd be lovingly looked after. Right.....

Baby does best with dad off work, study finds

AngryMan · 6 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'Children are more likely to suffer development problems if their fathers do not take paternity leave or spend enough time with them when they are very young, according to an analysis of thousands of babies born around the turn of the millennium.

A report published today by the Equal Opportunities Commission and based on research tracking 19,000 children born in 2000 and 2001 found emotional and behavioural problems were more common by the time youngsters reached the age of three if their fathers had not taken time off work when they were born, or had not used flexible working to have a more positive role in their upbringing.'

Mom Pleads Guilty To Using Baby As Weapon In Fight

ItsDan · 6 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A woman pleaded guilty Tuesday to swinging her 4-week-old son like a bat to hit her boyfriend during a fight, fracturing the infant's skull in the process.

Chytoria Graham, 27, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and endangering the welfare of a child under a plea agreement with prosecutors.'

Sacks & Leving: Scott Peterson in a Space Suit

Matt · 6 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

First appeared in the Philadelphia Daily News, this by Sacks and Leving. Excerpt:

'Lisa Nowak is receiving widespread sympathy, in part because she is legitimately admired for being an astronaut. But a large share accrues because she's a woman, and our society—both men and women—views women's misdeeds more sympathetically than men's.

The media is soft-pedaling numerous aspects of the Nowak case. Practically every media outlet has explained Nowak's decision to wear astronaut diapers on her journey to allegedly attack romantic rival Colleen Shipman as a bizarre, freakish action indicative of her mental instability. In reality, Nowak acted with logic and calculation—she did not want to stop several times on the way from Houston to Orlando and leave a trail of convenience store camera records behind her. For the same reason, when Nowak arrived in Orlando she disguised herself, checked into a hotel under a fake name and address, and paid cash.'

Sen. Clinton Openly Plays 'Gender Card'

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Story here. Excerpt:

"WASHINGTON — Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton called Tuesday for the majority of voters — women — to help her break the nation's highest glass ceiling by electing her the first female president.

'Today, women are a majority of the voters, a majority of students in college...'
...
The senator from New York is part of a generation of women who broke the so-called "glass ceiling" of advancement for females in the workplace, but she said the current government should do more to ensure that women receive equal pay for equal work."

Among Tech Execs, Men Face Gender Wage Gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

"But according to the report, female professionals actually surpass their male counterparts in salary among specific job titles. Help desk professionals, earned $40,937 on average, 4.8 percent more than men; technical writers at $73,816, made 2.5 percent more than men. IT executives (CEOs, CIOs, chief technology officers, vice presidents and directors) earned an average of $109,912, or 1.4 percent more than men."

Unfair system? Child support reform urged

anthony · 6 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Many non-custodial parents across the country are in similar or worse circumstances after being ordered to make child support payments that are high relative to their income.
...
David L. Levy, chief executive officer of the Children's Rights Council, a Washington D.C. based nonprofit advocating "meaningful and continuing contact" between children and both parents, said shared custody arrangements are better than systems that create a "custodial" and a "non-custodial" parent.'

Woman goes undercover as a Man

digitalhermit · 7 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

ABCNews is running a story about a woman who decided to go undercover as a man to discover how men really behave around each other. She discovered that (shockingly!) the differences between men and women were much more than skin deep.

Excerpt:

Her experience with these men turned some of her long-held perceptions about men being harsh and rejecting and women being warm and welcoming upside down.

"I mean, it was just the most wonderful rush to get these guys' handshakes, and I felt comfortable, I mean as comfortable as I could feel, right away. They just took me in … no questions asked," she said.

Ed. note: This is a reprint of a story ran in Jan., 2006. However, the content is so incisive, it bears repeating. If you missed it the first time, don't skip it now.

Ex-guard at juvenile center arrested in teen boy's sex assault

Martian Bachelor · 7 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Yet another story involving a woman in a position of trust/power... Excerpt:

'A former security guard at a Colorado Springs juvenile detention center was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of having sex with a 14-year-old boy who was held there in 2005, police said.

Erin Hutchinson, 31, was a guard at the state-operated Zebulon Pike Youth Services Center for 4½ years before she was fired in July, according to Mary McGhee, a spokeswoman for the Colorado Department of Human Services.'

Announcing XYVideo: A new YouTube Channel

Anonymous · 7 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

We are pleased to announce a new men's activism YouTube channel: XYVideo.

XYVideo puts the spotlight on issues affecting men.

http://www.youtube.com/xyvideo

We'll continue to post up-to-date news stories on issues that affect men, equality, and men's rights. Subscribe to the channel, offer your story ideas and links, comment on the videos, and help spread the word!

Help keep the channel current. Submit videos and story ideas by sending a note to 'xyvideo' on YouTube.

All comments and discussion on the videos are welcome and encouraged. Inappropriate or inflammatory posts will be removed.

Thank you for subscribing. We look forward to building one more channel for men and men's rights around the world!

Early Registration for Third National Men’s Equality Congress Open

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This year's congress will focus on the theme 'Boys and the Boy Crisis' Visit http://www.trueequality.com/ to read about it. Early registration for the congress, including the three pre-conference workshops to be given by Matt O'Connor of F4J, Glenn Sacks and Warren Farrell, can be done here. This year's congress is going to be great! Register early for savings, and block the July 13-14 weekend on your calendar.

Read Joe Biden's Letter to Fully Fund VAWA

Roy · 7 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The following excerpt is from Sen. Joe Biden's latest letter to Congress soliciting support to fully fund the 2008 VAWA budget, at over $1 BILLION!

"In 2005, Congress reauthorized the landmark Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which both continues successful and lifesaving programs and crafts new initiatives to end sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. While the federal fight to end these crimes is over ten years old, our resolve must not fade. Nearly 25 percent of u.S. women report that they have been physically assaulted by an intimate partner during their lifetimes and 1 in 6 have been the victims of attempted or completed rape.

The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds $5.8 billion each year, $4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health care services. In fiscal year 2008, we must remain committed to ending domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Accordingly, we urge you to fully fund the VAWA programs in the Department of Health and Human Services at the authorized level of $320 million and fund the Department of Justice VAWA programs at the authorized level of $683 million."

The complete letter and other documents are viewable on the web site of the rad-feminist National Network to End Domestic Violence.

Nowhere in Biden's appeal is there any mention of a need to acknowledge male DV victims, let alone fund services for male victims of domestic violence.

Link here.

NYC Teacher accused of raping student

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Yes that's right. Raping. R-A-P-I-N-G. Not "abusing", not "contributing to the sexual experience of a minor", not "making happy time with little Timmy", or one of the other ridiculous charges that come up when it's a female perpetrator. Article here. Excerpt:

"Marcia Amsterdam, 30, was charged with second-degree rape, second-degree sex abuse and endangering the welfare of a child, according to a statement released by the special commissioner of investigation for the New York City School District"

Submission Guidelines Added to Freq. Asked Questions

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In response to an inquiry, we copied the guidelines for submissions from the old site archives here to the Freq. Asked Questions menu item (look to the left under "Main Menu" for this link).

Also, please when submitting a question to MANN admins, use the admin@mensactivism.org email address. This allows us to respond directly to you and also to respond faster, as well as guaranteeing that the entire MANN admin team will get to read your note.

Vids on anti-male DV laws, marriage

Matt · 8 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Deb C. for the heads-up on these two vids:

"Anti-male laws regarding DV":
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-6ArB3Db9I

"Why men should not get married":
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaF1dSDTw4k

What is so great about these vids is that they were made by a young man. It shows he is aware of these issues and isn't going to let himself get fooled.

Want to save these to hard-drive? The how-to is here.

Letting a woman open a door for you may cost you

ItsDan · 8 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Ridiculous case about a woman suing after she was injured while holding a door open for someone. Excerpt:

'A woman who was injured while holding open the door for customers at the Edwardsville Pizza Hut filed a personal injury suit against the restaurant and the man to whom she extended the courtesy.

Amanda Verett claims she was walking out the door of Pizza Hut on Feb. 12, when she held open the door to allow herself and co-defendant Clarence Jackson to exit.

"Jackson grabbed the door in such a fashion that it caused the door to suddenly and sharply move," the complaint written by Edwardsville attorney Tom Maag states.

Verett claims she was injured as a result of the sudden and sharp movement of the door.'

Mother gives birth to child, stabs it in the neck

ItsDan · 8 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Police said Lauren Jones, 24, of Sarver, Butler County, admitted to giving birth to the newborn in the basement of her mother's home, and then stabbing it in the throat afterward."

India: First "Men's Day" to be Sept. 16

bharati · 8 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The news link is here. Ends with a slogan,
"We bear the double burden and that is why our day is also double."

LSU Women's B-Ball Coach Resigns Over Affair With Student Player

Martian Bachelor · 9 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Full Story.

She had taken the team to two Final Fours, was 90-14 as LSU's head coach, and making "close to $400,000 a year" (plus post-season bonuses). Excerpt:

'BATON ROUGE, La. -- Pokey Chatman resigned as the head women's basketball coach at Louisiana State on Wednesday after the university became aware of an alleged inappropriate sexual relationship between Chatman and a former player on Chatman's team, sources told ESPN.com.

The university, the sources said, learned of the relationship from an employee within the basketball program. It was unclear when the alleged improper conduct took place. '

A (fairly) balanced report on India's DV law

Anonymous · 9 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is a surprisingly balanced story (in a US newspaper) on India's new DV law.

I sent this mail to Ms Jaisingh who drafted this law, and is quoted in this news item. Let's see if she responds to my mail!

"Dear Ms Jaisingh:

I read your comments on India's DV law in this US newspaper http://www.centredaily.com/220/story/35314.html This is what you say about the law Despite a few flaws, say lawyers like Ms. Jaisingh, crimes against women have always been dramatically higher than those against men. "The aim of this law isn't to go against men," she says. "It's to stop violence in homes."

Just two questions:

1. If the aim of this law is to really stop violence in homes, why not extend the protection of this law to ALL victims? This law applies only if the victim is a woman and the abuser is a male adult, or a relative of the woman's husband. Even if we assume that incidents of DV against men are few, that does not mean these are acceptable. Also, the definition of DV under this law is so wide (includes insults, ridicule), that it's hard to believe that men are not subjected to such violence.

2. You say that the aim of this law is not to go against men. But this law is heavily loaded against men. Under this law, a woman may file a case against any adult male in her family. The judge can issue a protection order based on mere prima facie satisfaction that DV has taken place, or is likely to take place. Later, the woman may accuse the man of violating the protection order. At that stage, it becomes a criminal case, and the judge may convict the man based on the sole testimony of the woman and send him to jail for upto one year, or impose a fine of upto Rs. 20,000, or both. So the underlying assumption here is `men are liars, women are truth-tellers'! Under this law, it's very easy for a woman to make a false accusation of verbal or emotional violence, and get away with that. At both stages (civil and criminal), the man can be held guilty of DV based on the sole word of the woman. Is it fair? Doesn't this amount to depriving the man of his personal liberty without the due process of law?

Hoping against hope that you'll be kind enough to give a clarification on these points.

In my earlier mail, I explained how this law denies protection to male victims. It also denies protection to certain female victims. e.g. If a woman (W) is insulted, ridiculed by her sister (S), this law is no help. Because S is neither an adult male, nor a relative of W's husband. Similarly, a daugher in law may harass her old mother in law, and this law is not applicable. So the protection of this law is given on a very selective basis.

Governor-General tells male soldiers to "get down on their knees" and thank the female soldiers

Anonymous · 9 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Canada's Governor-General (our appointed head of state) made a visit to Afghanistan yesterday too visit the troops for Women's Day.

After the photo op she "jokingly" told the male soldiers that they should "get down on their knees and pay tribute to women soldiers".

http://www.metronews.ca/story.aspx?id=34774

The GG has a blog with forums that users can post comments on here:

http://www.citizenvoices.gg.ca/en/forums/

Don't bother looking for a men's section to leave a comment on. Only "women", "general" and "belonging" appear to apply. But there's plenty of threads started relating to men's issues in those.

German man chainsaws house in two in divorce split

anthony · 10 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

This guy obviously went too far, but it does show how fed up men are with the inequities of divorce. Excerpt:

"A 43-year-old German decided to settle his imminent divorce by chainsawing a family home in two and making off with his half in a forklift truck.
...
After finishing the job, the man picked up his half with the forklift truck and drove to his brother's house where he has since been staying."

True Equality Network

Matt · 10 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A new activist group has formed called the True Equality Network. They are already quite active in working to stop I-VAWA and other such institutionalized injustices. Please take a moment to visit their site and sign up for their e-newsletter.

'"The question to those who support VAWA is: What are the scientific, ethical, and moral bases being used to justify supporting a system that knowingly excludes the majority of abuse victims and their children from receiving any support or services, while ignoring the majority of the perpetrators?"
-- Terri Lynn Tersak, True Equality Network'

Why is it 'Manhunt' and not 'Womanhunt'?

ItsDan · 11 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Is it a bit ironic that the feminist movement has for years pressured politically correct speech, congressperson, mail carrier, etc, but none of them ever thought to push for a woman version, or gender neutral version of manhunt? Excerpt:

"The abduction sparked a *manhunt* and multiple Amber Alerts in Texas and New Mexico. Tips about the abduction came in from across the region and the country, Hudgens said.
...
Just before midnight on Saturday, Lubbock investigators received a call from a person who reported that *a woman* matching the description of the person who had abducted Mychael, Lubbock police said in a statement."

Had to read five paragraphs before it mentioned the kidnapper was a woman.

Women's anger: "it's genetic"

oregon dad · 11 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This article gives women the ultimate aliby - "it's genetic" when they are angry, abusive, catty, bitchy, murderous? Excerpt:

'Not your fault

The results counter some common beliefs that women are to blame for their hostility. And genetic tests for anger could help predict a woman's likelihood of other anger-related diseases.

"Aggression and hostility are predictors of hypertension, glucose metabolism and heart diseases," Halder said. "The genetic marker we found for hostility also may be useful for predicting a person's predisposition to such diseases."'

Texas Mother Who Buried Infants Under House Charged With Murder

anthony · 11 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The mother of two young children whose decomposing bodies were found wrapped in plastic bags beneath a house this week was arrested Saturday and charged with capital murder.

Valerie Lopez, 19, was arrested early Saturday along with her boyfriend, authorities said.

Lopez confessed to beating to death Sariyah Garcia, her 18-month-old daughter, and hiding her body beneath her home, Police Chief William McManus said. Sariyah died Christmas Eve."

"The boyfriend, Jerry Salazar, faces a charge of injury to a child by omission. He was aware Lopez was abusing her children"

I wouldn't be surprised if he receives a longer prison sentence than the mother.

UK: E-petition for split custody on Downing Street website

Anonymous · 11 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I've posted an e-petition on 10 Downing Street's Website (UK) asking for the government to change the UK law so that when a relationship breaks down like in most of Europe the law presumes that custody is split. At present Uk law states that children automatically go to the mother. This is sexual discrimination enshrined in the law.

If the law said children went to the father instead I'm pretty sure women's groups would be up in arms, or if the law stated that certain jobs weren't open to women can you imagine the uproar! And rightly so. If the law were changed women would be more protected form less than enthusiastic fathers, grandparents would have greater assurance of seeing their grandchildren, fathers could be proper fathers instead of every other weekend. Above all children would be allowed the opportunity for balanced parenting and good male role models.

At present unless the mother agrees to split custody then THERE IS NOTHING a father or child can do to reverse this. Even when the child is 12 and the court will listen to their wishes more fully the expense of a court battle looms and it is unlikely that the court will force the issue leaving children in the impossible position of having to hurt one parent.

Please, look at the full petition, sign it if you agree but above all I'm trying to create a chain letter effect. So please put it on any forum you can, e-mail everyone you know and ask them to pass is on, tell everyone you know. Quite frankly any male reading this could be a victim of this discrimination in the UK at some point and many women will see the rough end of it too when new realtionships are being damaged by contact issues from previous ones or they have grand kids they can't see.

Come on folks, together we can make British culture change. If the law changes most people will follow the lead it gives.

Ed. note:
From the site: 'You must be a British citizen or resident to sign the petition.'

"Oprah's School" in S. Africa Earns Prison-like Reputation

Matt · 12 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Looks like "O" is showing her true colors via her girls-only, boys-are-bad, gulag-inspired "school". Just what is this woman trying to prove anyway? Excerpt:

'They would have aired their concerns during a satellite link-up with the chat show queen a week ago, but that was cancelled at short notice by the school's management body.

Meanwhile the school seems to have made the rules even stricter. Until now, the girls could receive visitors every fortnight, but parents can now only visit them once a month.

Frances Mans, foster mother of Gweneth Mulder, said last week she would take her daughter out of the school if the rules were not changed.'

RADAR ALERT: Tell Senator Lugar: "Don't Export Family Break-up. Say 'No' to I-VAWA."

Matt · 12 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman and presidential-hopeful Joseph Biden plans on asking the U.S. Congress to legislate for the entire world! Author of the well-intentioned but deeply flawed Violence Against Women Act, Biden will soon be introducing an international version, dubbed "I-VAWA." This would be accomplished by awarding grants to other countries to implement VAWA-like initiatives.

For a reminder of how the U.S. version of VAWA has undermined the basic freedoms and legal protections that once characterized the U.S. as a free society, read RADAR's recent alert at http://www.mediaradar.org/alert20070129.php.

Many members of Congress have expressed concern that foreign countries' resentment of the U.S. has increased due to our unilateral action in Iraq. That resentment will pale in comparison to the resentment that will result if Congress passes I-VAWA, and thus assumes the right to impose legislation on other countries.

Thus it is especially important to tell Sen. Richard Lugar, the Ranking Republican Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that the U.S. should not be wasting hundreds of millions of your tax dollars to impose our own flawed policies on foreign governments through I-VAWA.

This week we are asking every one of you to call, fax, or email Sen. Richard Lugar's office:
Phone: 202-224-4814
FAX: 202-228-0360
Email: senator_lugar-at-lugar.senate.gov

In your call or letter, please emphasize the message:
"Don't Export Family Break-up. Say 'No' to I-VAWA." Since I-VAWA will directly affect citizens of other nations, we'd like to suggest that our friends outside the U.S. not hesitate to let Sen. Lugar's office know their opinion of this proposed law.

As always, be sure to express your opinion in a polite and respectful fashion.

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Date of RADAR Release: March 12, 2007
Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Canada: Pregnant teacher accused of sex with boy

Anonymous · 13 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Toronto family studies teacher has been charged with sexual exploitation for allegedly having an inappropriate relationship with a student.

Police said Crime Stoppers received a tip early this month revealing a romantic and sexual relationship between a female teacher and a male student, aged 15 or 16.

...

The teacher, who is not married, is seven months pregnant.

"The board is aware that this teacher is pregnant, but any connection between this alleged offence and that, obviously we have no idea," Toronto District School Board lawyer Grant Bowers told CTV News.

But the student has since left the school, raising suspicions.

"Early indications are that the reason the student left school is directly related to that pregnancy," Toronto police Det. Peter Duncan told reporters.'

Interesting that he is referred to as a "student" -- not a "boy". No doubt, if the sexes were reversed, the teacher would be a "sexual predator" and the victim a "young girl".

Prosecutor: Women Conned Homeless Men Into Signing Life Insurance Policies Before Murdering Them

anthony · 13 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Checks and life insurance forms show that two women made millions from the deaths of two transient men they are accused of killing, a prosecutor said in a preliminary hearing Monday.

Helen Golay, 76, and Olga Rutterschmidt, 74, are accused of befriending the men, convincing them to sign the women's names on to their life insurance policies before drugging and running them over in secluded alleys.

Authorities said the women collected some $2.3 million after their deaths."

Ed. note: This is a follow-up to a previous story reported on MANN in May, 2006 here.

Teacher resigns for taping boy to seat

anthony · 13 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

First ritalin, now tape. Whats next, using a staple gun? Excerpt:

"Monje wasn't charged with a crime because police determined that incident was not child abuse, Cocoa Police spokeswoman Barbara Matthews said.
...
The boy's mother, Donna Negron, filed a report Feb. 23, after her son told her that his teacher had taped him to the table because he wouldn't put his head down."

Woman sentenced for beating six-year-old foster-son

Anonymous · 13 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

A Coeur d'Alene woman was sentenced to supervised probation today for beating her 6-year-old foster son so severely that he was hospitalized with a head injury.

Joyce D. Hibshman, 37, no longer has custody of the boy and two other foster children that were in her home, her lawyer said during today's sentencing hearing at the Kootenai County Courthouse.

Hibshman was arrested in July 2006 after bringing the injured boy to Kootenai Medical Center. Emergency room staff contacted police.

Another foster child in the home told police that Hibshman had beat the boy "for eating mommy's chocolate bars."

Percentage of Men with Eating Disorders Rises Substantially

Matt · 13 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, Harvard researchers reported the results of the first national study of eating disorders in a population of nearly 3,000 adults and found that 25 percent of those with anorexia or bulimia and 40 percent of binge eaters were men.

...

Although disordered eating is well-known among teenage girls and young women, experts say the problem among boys and young men is frequently overlooked by parents and coaches and under-treated by doctors.

...

Eating disorders, Robb and other experts say, appear to be caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors.

"Genes load the gun, and environment pulls the trigger," said North Carolina's Bulik. "But one of the problems I see for male eating disorder patients is just being taken seriously."

"Frankenstein" Authorship in Dispute

Matt · 14 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Camille Paglia reviews a book entitled The Man Who Wrote Frankenstein wherein the authorship of the book is disputed with evidence showing that Mary Shelley could not have written "Frankenstein", but that her husband, Percy Shelley, was the actual author.

So, what does this have to do with MRA issues? The answer is that Mary Shelley is often held up as a literary luminary by feminists and cited as a long-suffering, poorly-attributed and under-praised female author of a classic novel of modern English-language fiction, as well as being the daughter of an early feminist. That she is not, or may not be the actual author of "Frankenstein", is quite a revelation and one that should give the feminized academic establishment something to chew on. Note to university-bound MRAs: spread the word!

UK Plan to Scrap Women's Prisons

AngryMan · 14 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Women's prisons should be shut down and replaced with small secure units, according to a report commissioned for the Home Office. If adopted by the home secretary, Baroness Corston's approach would see Holloway and about 14 other all-female prisons in England and Wales shut down or converted into jails for men. Story here

Man forced to pay $3,000 for 'intimidating' fitness gym

ItsDan · 14 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here describes a case of not only a man being denied access to a gym because of it being just for women (which I have no problem with, so long as no one has a problem with men's only fitness clubs and other such facilities), but on top of that then being forced to pay $3,000 restitution to the gym for his "improper conduct".

A man behind a failed human rights complaint against a women's-only fitness centre in Burnaby has been ordered to pay the gym $3,000. Gordon Stopps claimed Just Ladies Fitness discriminated against men.

Current Events: Hate Crime or Not? Woman Tirades Against Store Owner

Matt · 14 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Watch the report here (video). This is one to keep an eye on. Will she actually be charged with the heavier hate crime offense? Will only her male companion be charged with it? Neither? Wait and see.

Sprint Commercial: Woman sends two men to the hospital

Demonspawn · 15 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

My letter to the contact listed under Financial and Corporate Communications:

Leigh.Horner-at-sprint.com

Leigh-

While watching the Discovery channel I saw a commercial for the Sprint Blackberry where a woman is searching for her phone. She states that she can't find her phone, and that it has her contacts, her email... The phone rings in one of the guys' pockets. They claim it was just a prank. She gives the guys an angry stare. After that, we see a text message being sent "Frank might be late" and then a scene of her with the two men seeking medical attention.

I have but two simple questions:
Would your marketing department have allowed the advertisement to air if a man caused two women to seek medical attention?

If not, how does your marketing department justify approving this commercial?

KCAL 9 News Promotes Prison Rape, Vigilante Beatings

Matt · 16 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Posted for Marc A.:
In this news video of the mugging of a 101-year-old woman, KCAL 9 News Los Angeles (CBS) reads and displays two letters from viewers, one of which calls for the guy to receive "prison justice" (rape), and the other hopes the guy is "beaten."

I sympathize and feel the anger too. But it is extremely irresponsible of KCAL 9 News to promote prison rape and vigilante beatings. If a seemingly homeless/destitute woman beat and mugged a 101-year-old man, fixing the victim's collar in between blows, would KCAL 9 News read and display letters calling for her to be raped and beaten? Or, instead, would their reaction include speculation about the woman's mental state? I sent KCAL 9 News (CBS) an email at kcbstvnews-at-cbs.com.

Their website has a feedback page at http://cbs2.com/contact.

Marc

Children win share of sperm donor's estate

ItsDan · 16 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

I hope stuff like this keeps happening, the sperm donor pool is going to entirely dry up. Not that I have any issue with sperm donations, but we need to reestablish the lines that are slowly being erased.

Excerpt:
'THREE children have won a share of the estate of a man said to be their sperm donor father after using tweezers to pluck his eyebrows for DNA testing as he lay dead in a hospital morgue.

In a landmark decision, the NSW Supreme Court yesterday granted administration of Willem Wijma's estate to one of those children, ruling against his family's wishes.'

Duke Update: Mum's the word from the accuser

Matt · 16 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Suddenly she is being quite circumspect. Story here. Excerpt:

'March 16, 2007 — The woman who accused three members of the Duke University men's lacrosse team of sexual assault is not being forthcoming with special prosecutors, law enforcement sources close to the case tell ABC News.

The accuser has met at least twice with prosecutors from the North Carolina attorney general's office, which took over the case from Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong in January.

In those interviews, she gave incomplete answers when asked about the alleged assault and the events surrounding it, according to sources.'

Essay: Anti-male Double Standard in Society

anthony · 16 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'Less common, however, is discourse on what words/phrases can be anti-male (such as man-slaughter or men-at-work which both imply that it is only men who experience undesirable afflictions like death and work). This semantic bias is also manifested in how the rules of gender discourse leave men at the door. It is indeed interesting to note that the term "masculism" is seldom acknowledged as a real term in mainstream media (one exception is Wikipedia)...The problem is that the very term “feminism” is sexist (at least on its own). Feminism is a female word, with a feminine prefix (fem-inism). This can implicitly create the taciturn illusion that feminism = equality. This is similar to how gender-feminists insist to define sexism in strictly female terms (despite men obviously being one of the two sexes)!'

McCain Uses Racial Epithet While Avoiding Question About Fathers' Rights

axolotl · 17 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

McCain was answering a question from a man who wanted to know if he would talk about fathers' having equal access to their children after divorce, CNN reported. The quote:

"For me to stand here before all these people and say that I'm going to declare divorces invalid because someone feels that they weren't treated fairly in court, we are getting into a, uh, uh, tar baby of enormous proportions" - McCain

The phrase 'tar Baby' is considered derogatory to Blacks.

Teacher Jailed for Sex with Student

bull · 17 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

"Judge ignores plea bargain and sentences teacher to jail for sex with student."

I get the impression from this video that society is starting to get fed-up with female teachers preying on male students and receiving little or no consequences for their behaviors!

Teen killed after affair with teacher; husband charged

bull · 17 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Of course the poor dear teacher will undoubtedly receive nothing but sympathy even though she preyed on the student and provoked her husband into a rage that resulted in his misfortunate reaction!

Score: 2 males down, 1 female walks!

Article here. Excerpt:

'KNOXVILLE, Tennessee (AP) -- In a tragic twist to a familiar story, a teenager who had sex with his married 30-year-old teacher was fatally shot outside the woman's home, and authorities have charged the woman's husband.

"You see all this stuff with teachers involved with their students. It just comes up time after time on the national news," said Norman McLean, father of suspect Eric McLean. But this time, he said, someone "actually died over it."'

Baltimore Police Arrest, Handcuff 7-Year-Old Boy for Riding Bike on Sidewalk

anthony · 17 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Apparently society treats boys with the same bias as men. Four year old boys accused of sexual harassment and now a seven year old is 'cuffed and arrested. Excerpt:

'Police arrested a 7-year-old boy, handcuffed him and hauled him down to the station house on a charge of riding a motorized dirt bike on a sidewalk."
...
Kikisa Dinkins said her son was sitting on the bike with the motor off on the sidewalk when an officer grabbed him by the collar and pulled him off.

"I told them to let go of my baby," Dinkins said. "Since when do you pull a 7-year-old child by his neck and drag him?'

Female teacher gets a 10-year sentence for rape

digitalhermit · 18 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A female teacher convicted of molesting a 13-year-old male student actually gets a reasonable sentence for a change! Article here.

With the current extra media attention to female teacher statutory rape cases, it sounds like some judges may finally be getting the message and making sentencing decisions that are more equivalent to what a man would expect in the same situation.

Interesting to see how the defense is spinning it.... Holt's attorney, John S. Malik, said the sentence was much longer than what teachers convicted in similar cases got<. He reviewed 40 such cases and found the average was 18 months to two years. ('similar cases'-- AKA, the typical case when a female teacher is convicted of rape/molestation?)

F4J Announces First Major US Initiative

Matt · 18 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

PRESS RELEASE
14th March 2007

International campaign group Fathers 4 Justice (F4J) today announced plans for its first major US initiative to take place in 2008.

The project called 'Bridge Across America' will see a hand-picked group of fathers and children take part in a sponsored 'crossing' to raise money for young offenders from fatherless families. The unusual road-trip will cross the country from the East coast to the West Cost using a unique form of travel and wearing a 'Pythonesque' theme.

F4J say the crossing will be preceded this year by a series of high profile stunts in the United States as part of its awareness drive.

The group say that Founder Matt O'Connor will unveil details of the trip when he attends a fathers conference in Washington this July with UK activist Jolly Stanesby.

Said O'Connor, "This initiative is designed to do two things. Firstly to unite the fathers movement in the United Sates under a broad coalition. Secondly the aim to is unite fathers and their children using the country as a metaphorical bridge. Fathers 4 Justice is famous for climbing them. Now we need to bridge the social divide in America to make equal parenting a reality."

Fathers 4 Justice say that it is currently looking at sponsorship of the project.

Anybody who wishes to apply to become a volunteer for the trip should apply with their full CV and family case history to office-at-fathers-4-justice.org with the email marked 'BRIDGE ACROSSAMERICA'.

Applicants should allow for a total of 3 months away for the trip as well as time off for a training course and media training.

ENDS
For further information please contact 07795 547 374 or email office-at-fathers-4-justice.org or visit http://www.fathers-4-justice.org/.

True Equality Information Center Releases Paternity Fraud Disincentive Legislative Report

Matt · 18 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From their Mar. 18, 2007 newsletter:

Our report, Modifications to Federal Statutes Required to Disincentive Paternity Fraud (.pdf file) is now released to the public.

This report provides the changes to the sections of the United States Code required to stop paying the states to support paternity fraud.

There are two key changes made in this template;

1. Paternity Establishment can only be made via genetic testing.
2. Both paternity establishments and exclusions can be made up to the child's eighteenth birthday.

Under the current laws, paternity can be established in several ways, none of which actually prove paternity biologically.

http://www.true-equality.org/

Study: Circumcision might increase HIV infection in female partners

RandT · 19 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article. Excerpt:

"In the evolving world of AIDS prevention, the giddiness over studies showing that circumcision reduces a man's risk of contracting AIDS from an infected female partner has died down a bit in the wake of subsequent research."

NYTimes Magazine: "The Women's War"

Matt · 19 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Seems the way out of fulfilling a duty she volunteered for is for a woman is to claim sexual harassment on top of PTSD. Then, going AWOL is fine. In fact, you get a 16-page nationally-syndicated news story about yourself written in a very sympathetic way.

Just try this if you're a man.

RADAR ALERT: RADAR Credits Victories to Lobbying by the "Wise Majority"

Matt · 20 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

We take pause this week to thank the thousands of true advocates for their hard work helping to block CEDAW and possible introduction of I-VAWA. We take note of organizations who devoted resources delivering this message, including the True Equality Network, the American Coalition for Fathers and Children, Stop Abuse For Everyone, the Indiana Civil Rights Council, Shattered Men, and the San Diego Men's Center.

Over the past two years, this "Wise Majority" has spoken, delivering millions of telephone calls and emails to politicians calling for reform of domestic violence laws that hurt innocent individuals and families while rarely helping those who really need it. RADAR is committed to helping the Wise Majority amplify their voices to bring about positive change. We thank you for your help and donations which, in turn, help us all succeed as a team.

Thanks to you, we have achieved much in just two short years of existence:

1. Forced PBS to withdraw the false documentary "Breaking the Silence", and replace it with a new documentary that is more reasonable. (http://www.mediaradar.org/alert_bts10.php)
2. Brought about the rejection of the United Nations Secretary General's Report on Violence Against Women, by the U.N. Third Committee. (http://www.mediaradar.org/alert20061204.php)
3. Forced the Washington Times to retract a false article about abused wives in India (http://www.mediaradar.org/alert20061204.php)
4. Made Reform of Domestic Violence laws a national political issue.
5. Recently launched a major initiative to block passage of CEDAW and introduction of similar legislation known as I-VAWA. (http://www.mediaradar.org/alert20070305.php)

This week we are giving the Wise Majority time off for home, family, and relaxation. You have all earned it. Be ready for an announcement of major significance next week that will give you more tools to work on bringing wisdom to our domestic violence laws.

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Date of RADAR Release: March 19, 2007

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

"Anti-Rape" device set to hit market in South Africa

ItsDan · 20 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I wonder if anyone has considered that a woman could use this on someone who believes the sex is consensual with equal ease? Excerpt:

'The controversy has raged over whether the device, which has fish-like teeth that attach to the head and shaft of the penis, is a medieval device built on a hatred of men or whether it is an easy-to-use invention that could free millions of South African women from fear of rape.'

No Mention of Taking McCartney for Millions

Matt · 20 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

She wows the audience with her 'courage'. Seems the inconvenient truth that she recently took Paul McCartney for millions is left entirely out of the article. Story here. Excerpt:

'The ABC dancing contest, returning for its fourth season, was a big hit in the past. But adding a new level of interest and curiosity this go-around is the presence of the 39-year-old activist and estranged wife of former Beatle Paul McCartney as one of the 11 celebrity contestants.
...
"You've got more guts than Rambo," said Bruno Tonioli, who went on to criticize not her legs but her top half -- her arms -- during the performance.
...
It may also be a chance to repair an image that has suffered during her bitter breakup with McCartney, from whom she separated last May after four years of marriage. The couple, who have a 3-year-old daughter, began divorce proceedings in July.'

Iowa Senate Judiciary Approves Law Presuming Joint Custody

anthony · 20 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"There is nothing new about politicians kissing babies, but politicizing children is a newer development. Iowa lawmakers have proposed a healthier alternative: The Iowa Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved Senate File 507, which would place into law the presumption of shared parenting in the event of divorce or separation.

This would result in more children having the love and care of both parents in their lives, regardless of their marital status."

Smart boys, bad grades?

anthony · 20 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

I hope the education system will not just identify this problem, but make legitimate steps to correct the inequity. The single sex class room experiment (though not mentioned in this article), is a positive step in the right direction. Excerpt:

'This is an issue that affects millions and millions of boys, said William Draves, co-author of "Smart Boys, Bad Grades," who was a speaker at the Building Boys Success Conference at Utah Valley State College.

"The grading system has become gender-biased and is skewed," he said. "There are millions of smart boys who are testing at a very high level and getting really low grades."'

Award for DV Solution Offered

Matt · 21 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

MANN admins received the following e-mail note. Looking at their web site, it seems like the organization is the typical feminist-inspired group. This solicitation represents an opportunity to educate them on the truth around DV. If you are a male DV victim, perhaps it is worthwhile to tell them your story and suggest how DV may be eradicted. Who knows, you might even win the prize! :)

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am contacting you regarding Changemakers Collaborative Competition “No Private Matter! Ending Abuse in Intimate and Family Relations.” We are in search of the most creative and lasting ways to eradicate this cancer in our world.

I am contacting you today to encourage you to consider participating in this collaborative competition. The work of mensactivism.org aligns very well with the goals of our competition and would be of interest to our judges and to our network of leaders in the sector.

You can proceed directly and complete our entry form on line or let me know if you have any questions and I would be happy to answer them. The deadline is quickly approaching; please submit your entry by March 28, 2007 in order to be considered for one of five final prizes of $5000. Please feel free to look over what others are doing in your field worldwide, you can even contact them directly via their contact info or simply commend them by leaving a comment. More important than the prize is you becoming a part of our Changemakers community!

We look forward to profiling your unique innovations to our over 40,000 weekly viewers and to a panel of thought leaders and funders in the sector.

I thank you in advance for your kind attention and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions.

Warmest regards,

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Sadistic foster mother's 19-year reign of terror

AngryMan · 21 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A foster mother was found guilty today of subjecting three young children to a "horrifying catalogue of cruel and sadistic treatment".

Eunice Spry, 62, routinely beat, abused and starved the youngsters in her care over a 19 year period. The devout Jehovah's Witness forced sticks down their throats and made them eat their own vomit and rat excrement.

As punishment for misbehaving, she would beat them on the soles of their feet and force them to drink washing up liquid and bleach.

Lover: Suitcase murder suspect wanted divorce

Matt · 21 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. One to watch. Excerpt:

'NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey (AP) -- The former lover of a woman accused of killing her husband and stuffing his remains into luggage testified Wednesday that they had both planned to leave their spouses and start a life together.
...
She is charged with first-degree murder in the killing of her husband, a 39-year-old state computer analyst.
...
Prosecutors allege that McGuire used the Internet to research gun laws, pesticides and ways to kill. They say her husband was drugged with a sedative, shot in the head and chest, cut into pieces in the couple's apartment and then put into three suitcases that were thrown into the bay.'

Violent Advertising with Women is Bad - With Men, the Jury's Still Out

bandersnatch · 22 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From The Hollywood Reporter:

'In the wake of a public outcry against Los Angeles billboards and New York taxicab tops advertising the upcoming movie "Captivity" with images of the abduction, torture and death of a young woman, After Dark Films said it will take down the offending ads by 2 p.m. today.

After Dark, its theatrical distribution partner Lionsgate Films and the MPAA received a barrage of phone calls objecting to the gratuitous depiction of the film's star Elisha Cuthbert being tortured and killed.'

I'm sure many of us can easily think of advertising examples with men being abused, killed, etc. Where's the public outcry then? While many don't think men matter, we can change their minds - support Glenn Sacks' campaign against anti-male, anti-father agencies.

Remaining Charges Against the Duke Lacrosse Players Soon to be Dropped?

Dittohd · 22 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Here's the latest on the remaining Duke lacrosse charges.

I hope Nifong permanently loses his license to practice law and he along with everyone else involved either is sent to jail and/or pays through the nose for the unwarranted destruction of the reputations of these three innocent guys, especially that woman who made up the rape charges in the first place.

Men's Rights March in Mexico

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Posted for Marc A.:
This men's rights march in Mexico took place on Mar. 21, and made it onto Spanish national news (Univision). The website is in Spanish. We made contact with this Mexican movement, which is related to El Circulos, 3 years ago, and it looks like they're still in action!

16-YO Girl Arrested for Sexually Abusing 10-YO Girl

ItsDan · 23 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A Watertown teen is facing sex and endangerment charges relating to a young girl she was babysitting.

Corinne Robin Lee Bennett, 16, of 21601 Floral Dr, is charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Sexual Abuse 1st Degree in connection with incidents occurring in August and September of 2006."

EJF newsletter - Ottawa's notorious Bill 117 comes to Colorado

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From the most recent newsletter from The Equal Justice Foundation:

Background

In the fall of 2000 legislators in Ottawa, Canada, introduced Bill 117 that provided that any woman could have a man restrained, imprisoned, and his property transferred to her all in the same day without any pretense of due process. Writing for the Ottawa Citizen, columnist Dave Brown noted:

"The new legislation is based on the premise women in abusive relationships can't escape because they are economically dependent. The intent is to correct this by making it possible to immediately transfer all property to her.

Written into the scheme are ex parte applications. The alleged abuser doesn't have to be present when the order seizing his property is made. Application for an Intervention Order can be made by anyone in a one-to-one relationship, including dating.

...It will take precedence over any acquittal, dismissal or withdrawal of a criminal charge, or any order under any statute, including the Divorce Act.

Transference of property will include
leased property, even if she is only a date, and is binding on the landlord. If rent is in arrears, the landlord must collect from him. She will have no liability."

While I understand Bill 117 became law it has rarely, if ever, been enforced as the inherent violations of English law are so blatant that even today's courts would be likely to quickly void it. However, that does not mean the idea and process have faded away.

In Your Lucky Night, written in 2002, I put forth an example of how, under Colorado law, a woman can pick up a man in a bar and end up with all his property and possessions by obtaining an ex parte restraining order claiming abuse or domestic violence.

Since writing that essay many men have contacted the Equal Justice Foundation to tell us how something very similar was done to them. And EJF member Elizabeth has described how an illegal alien has done this to her father and is gaining U.S. citizenship in the process under VAWA, another all-too-common fraud.

Male victims of this fraud have naturally reacted to this outrage by not paying the rent, cutting off the utilities and phone, closing joint accounts and credit cards, canceling insurance, stopping car payments, etc. We have also advised a number of men that their best, and probably only option, was to let the bank foreclose on their house. And many women have found the promises of the DV and divorce industry were a financial and personal disaster for them and the children.

Apparently the number of men unwilling to pay some doxy's rent, or the mortgage on the house where his wife's new boy toy now lives because of false allegations of abuse has become unacceptably large and redfems have demanded draconian legislation to "correct" the situation.

Colorado's Democratic Peoples Soviet to the rescue

State senator John Morse* (D-El Paso County; e-mail:john.morse.senate-at-state.co.us) has been happy to oblige by introducing SB07-136 (.pdf file), which provides that Colorado courts can now require men to pay for:

"...rent and mortgage payments, telephone and utility services, child care costs, temporary possession of personal property, and insurance,"

when issuing an ex parte restraining order. Note also that there is no requirement that "child care costs" be limited

to the man's biological children.

Currently the Colorado Senate has passed this bill unanimously and it is undergoing final passage by the House.

Upon signature by the governor any woman who is angry at her boyfriend, a "working girl" on South Nevada near Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, or a wife having an affair can claim they are "Victims of domestic violence...unable to access resources to seek lasting safety options;"

and have their living expenses guaranteed by filing an ex parte restraining order.

Of course, under Morse's scheme, a man who fails to pay the rent or mortgage, etc., will go to jail for violating the restraining order, no doubt losing his job and income in the process. By casting a man into the street with an ex parte restraining order, and then jailing him, the entire family is now left without support. While that suits the interests of the DV industry and the welfare bureaucracy, it is destroying our society. SB07-136 also claims that "Thirty-three states recognize existing legal obligations for support, payment, or ownership of personal or real property in order to protect victims in civil protection orders." However, Ottawa, Canada, is the only other case I've seen of such complete disregard of civil rights and apparently deliberate attempt to destroy families and marriage.

Feeding the DV and divorce
industry

It is also of interest to note that the best estimate of actual domestic violence is from the National Crime Victim Surveys (NCVS) that suggests only 1 in 250 (0.04%) of households a year suffer what citizen's regard as a criminal DV incident. From that estimate there would be fewer than 8,000 DV incidents in Colorado a year. However, for fiscal year 2006 Colorado courts report 7,237 restraining orders were issued for domestic abuse (.pdf file) and 14,123 misdemeanor cases of domestic
violence (.pdf file), wherein a restraining order is mandatory, for a total of at least 21,360 restraining orders (felony cases are not included). On the face of it there appear to be 2.5 times more DV court cases than citizens are reporting to the statisticians at NCVS. Clearly there is reason to suspect domestic violence laws are being grossly abused.

It cannot be claimed that false allegations by women in order to obtain a restraining order are uncommon or new. The June 11, 1998, edition of Denver's Westword documented a case of two sisters making a game of charging men with DV. The EJF has heard numerous cases of women getting a restraining order and giving their boyfriend's address as their residence, then selling off all his possessions. A woman in Colorado Springs was caught after her third round of that game. Other women have probably been even more successful. And, when caught, virtually nothing is done to these women.

Additionally, fewer than 8,000 cases of domestic violence a year in a state with a population of 4.7 million does not represent an epidemic and hardly mandates draconian legislation directing the ex parte seizure of men's property in direct violation of their civil rights.

The basis for such tyrannical legislation becomes clearer when we note there were 24,750 divorce (dissolution of marriage) petitions (.pdf file) filed during 2006 in Colorado, a number rather close to the 21,360 restraining orders issued. And what better way to encourage the destruction of marriages, families, and relationships than by guaranteeing a woman the house, the car, the kids, the bank account, and anything else she wants if she files a restraining order or calls 911 without giving a man the chance to defend himself.

The similarity of such measures as SB07-136 to the Russian Effort To Abolish Marriage after the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution seems so
blatantly obvious that the Colorado soviet must be either brain dead or deliberately enacting the redfem ideology into law.

Charles E. Corry, Ph.D., F.G.S.A.

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*The sponsor of this abomination,
John Morse is a freshman state senator without previous experience, who has chosen to dive off the deep end without checking to see if the pool is full of cow manure.

Morse lists his occupation as "executive" but a more traditional title for what he is doing would be commissar.

VAWA Funding Increased by $100 Million

Roy · 24 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

An excited e-mail from Lucy Melvin lmelvin-at-nnedv.org (National Network to End Domestic Violence) announces:

"VICTORY -- The Biden VAWA Budget amendment passed unanimously on 3/23/07! Our efforts paid off! The Biden amendment to the budget will increase the funds available for VAWA programs by $100 million. This is critical in our efforts to increase funding for VAWA in the Budget and Appropriations process for FY 2008. This is a HUGE SUCCESS -- and it is DIRECTLY due to your calls. Now that the Biden amendment has passed, the Senate Budget Resolution includes more money that can be available for VAWA programs."

Read all you need to know at http://www.nnedv.org/

Texas Bill Would Require Genetic Testing for C/S

Matt · 24 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Texas' HB 782 would require a genetic test before a man would be liable for paying C/S. This bill is a true joy to behold.

Please, especially Texas activists, do not hesitate to contact the Juvenile Justice & Family Issues Committee members in support of this bill, as it is currently there. Some very good news: the author if this Bill is Harold V. Dutton, Jr., who chairs this committee.

Brazilian Housewife Convicted for Killing, Frying Husband

anthony · 24 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A Brazilian housewife was convicted and sentenced to 19 years in prison Friday for killing her husband, chopping his body into small pieces and frying it.
...
Citing testimony from the woman's relatives, he said she may also have committed the crime "to avenge many years of humiliation from her husband." He did not provide further details."

Georgia jury convicts woman in murder-by-antifreeze

anthony · 24 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"DALTON, Ga. - A former 911 operator was convicted Saturday of murdering her boyfriend by poisoning him with antifreeze.

Lynn Turner could face a death sentence in the 2001 killing of Randy Thompson, a Forsyth County firefighter and the father of her two children. The same jury that convicted Turner will return to court at 9 a.m. Monday to decide whether to impose that sentence.

She is already serving a life sentence for the 1995 death of her husband, Glenn Turner, a Cobb County police officer. The murder charge in Thompson's death was filed after that 2004 conviction."

PODS Commercial Encourages DV

Anonymous · 25 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

An official sponser of the PGA Tour, PODS (Portable On demand Storage) is running a commercial during the WGC CA golf match. The commercial shows a wife kneeing her husband in the groin when she discovers he has to relocte for a new job and repeatedly punches him in the face when he has to relocate again.

I think we should let PODS what we think about domestic violence against men and also inform the PGA of our thoughts about this. You can contact PODS here.

This is a total outrage.

Ed. note: Can anyone supply a URL to the commercial on-line?

Pizza Boxes Used for C/S Wanteds

Matt · 26 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Seems like even pizza boxes are being enlisted in the war of fathers. A pizzeria in Cincinnati is now featuring child-support delinquent suspects on the covers. Wonder if they have any women? And why don't they use the same thing to find other suspects of some kind? Story here. Excerpt:

'CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP) -- Customers at some suburban pizza parlors are getting something extra with their pepperoni and mushrooms -- wanted posters for parents accused of failing to pay child support.

The idea came to Cynthia Brown, executive director of the Butler County Child Enforcement Agency, while she was ordering pizza.

"It suddenly dawned on me that most people running from the law don't eat out, they order pizza," said Brown, whose county is north of Cincinnati.'

Why feminism 'could be bad for your health'

Matt · 26 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A study done in Sweden suggests a deterioration of the quality of life for people of both sexes entailed by feminist-inspired changes in society.

No sooner is this the suggestion though than the author asserts the real problem is that not enough has been done to enact "the revolution" and so more must be done. Where have we heard this before?

Excerpt:
'The report said: "The results suggest an unfortunate trade-off between gender equality as we know it and public health.

"Sweden may have reached a critical point where further one-sided expansion by women into traditionally male roles, spheres and activities will not lead to positive health effects unless men also significantly alter their behaviour.

"Negative effects of this unfinished equality might be found both for women, who have become more burdened, and men, who as a group have lost many of their old privileges."

Anastasia de Waal, head of family policy at the British think-tank Civitas, urged caution in interpreting the findings.

"The danger is that the data will be interpreted as a warning against shaking up divisions of labour," she said.

"In fact, what Sweden needs is complete gender equality with, for example, men entering the private sphere to the extent that women have entered the public."'

Obama Calls for Independent Inquiry into Nifong's Actions

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Well, this is good news! Excerpt:

'March 25, 2007 — Another voice has joined the call for a federal investigation into the handling of the Duke Lacrosse case — this one with the punch of presidential politics.

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., in a written response to a constituent, said that an "independent inquiry is needed" into the conduct of Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong.

...

According to Obama's letter, Jones asked Gonzales to "review new evidence that Mr. Nifong withheld exculpatory DNA results from the defendants in order to determine if his conduct has illegally denied the students their civil rights as U.S. citizens under federal law."'

Men's Sports: Title IX challenge

anthony · 26 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"An advocacy group for men's sports that seeks to set aside the three-part test at the heart of Title IX regulations filed a lawsuit against the Department of Education on Tuesday in the U.S. District Court in Roanoke, Va. Equity In Athletics filed the suit in response to a decision by James Madison University to cut 10 teams — seven men's and three women's — effective July 1."

"A Girl’s Guide to Failure"

anthony · 26 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here.

This article challenges Lis Wiehl's new book: "The 51% Minority". Wiehl's book is being heavily promoted on FOX's primetime news lineup. The blatant hypocrisy of her book, combined with numerous fallacies has finally been exposed.

Excerpt:
"To say that women need more rights, as Lis Wiehl claims, is akin to saying that fish need more water. In fact, women, by hijacking the Constitution, are swimming in rights and consequently:

* Own reproductive rights
* Get presumed child custody, child support, and alimony
* Are rewarded for fraudulent maternity
* Can falsely and feloniously accuse men, with impunity, of domestic violence and rape
* Are legally protected when assaulting and injuring men."

Australia: More separated dads looking after kids

ItsDan · 26 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"In the six months to December 2006, fathers who were primary carers made up one-fifth of new cases to the Federal Government agency.

That's a significant increase from June 1997 when fathers were the primary carers in just 7.5 per cent of cases."

RADAR ALERT: I-VAWA Would Worsen a “Repugnant Violation of Fundamental Rights”

Matt · 27 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Domestic violence laws have been shown to be completely ineffective in stopping partner abuse, but highly effective in violating civil liberties, destroying families, and depriving children of their fathers.

Recently the Law on Gender Violence in Spaincame under scathing criticism from chief judge Maria Sanahuja, who said the law has brought about the “massive detention of men for scarcely any reason” which she condemned as “characteristic of totalitarian countries” and “a repugnant violation of fundamental rights.” See the judge’s comments here.

Two weeks ago we asked you to contact Senator Richard Lugar to speak out against the International Violence Against Women Act, a law that would export the U.S. Violence Against Women Act to countries around the world.

This week, we are asking you to contact Senator Lugar again, highlighting the massive civil rights violations that domestic violence laws are causing, both in the United States and abroad.

Please keep your message polite and short. Something like “Please speak out against I-VAWA, so the civil rights of the innocent are protected” is fine.

TODAY, please call or send a fax or e-mail. Here’s Senator Lugar’s contact information:
Phone: 202-224-4814
FAX: 202-228-0360
Email: senator_lugar-at-lugar.senate.gov

Our effort 2 weeks ago generated thousands messages to Sen. Lugar. Can we top that number this week?

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Date of RADAR Release: March 26, 2007

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Woman's war story unravels

digitalhermit · 27 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

An Editor's Note confirms that pretty much everything a woman said about her tour of duty was a fabrication:

"The cover article in The Times Magazine on March 18 reported on women who served in Iraq, the sexual abuse that some of them endured and the struggle for all of them to reclaim their prewar lives. One of the servicewomen, Amorita Randall, a former naval construction worker, told The Times that she was in combat in Iraq in 2004 and that in one incident an explosive device blew up a Humvee she was riding in, killing the driver and leaving her with a brain injury. She also said she was raped twice while she was in the Navy.

... Based on the information that came to light after the article was printed, it is now clear that Ms. Randall **did not serve in Iraq, but may have become convinced she did**."

Notice the editor's presumption that the woman did not blatantly lie, no that's not possible. She must just have been confused about the truth. Poor thing!

AskMen.com publishes another pro-male article, please voice your support

bandersnatch · 27 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Several weeks ago, Askmen.com ran an article extolling feminism and its benefits. Several members from here posted their comments and voted on the article. After that, Askmen.com ran article about media bias against men. Several members from here again left their comments and voted on the article. Now, Askmen.com has run another pro-male article. Take the time today to leave a comment and voice your support.

Lawmakers Seek to Reintroduce ERA

Matt · 27 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. ERA is a controversal topic even among MRAs. Supposedly the wording insists on gender-neutrality for all laws and legal standards, which in many ways would be progress for men-- however, as we know, when it comes to equality under the law, women are viewed as "more equal" than men, if not out and out just not subject to the same standards at all. My own take is that there is no way a law, even a constitutional amendment, guaranteeing gender-blindness in the law will actually work in any way for men, as long as our society and legal system remains permeated by misandry. Excerpt:

'(CNSNews.com) - Liberal Democrats in the Senate and House plan to resume "the fight for women's equality" on Tuesday, when they reintroduce the Women's Equality Amendment.

Sens. Ted Kennedy (Mass.) and Barbara Boxer (Calif.) and Reps. Carolyn Maloney and Jerrold Nadler, both of New York, plan to join Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority, in making the Tuesday afternoon announcement.'

"Antifreeze Killer" Spared Death Sentence

Matt · 27 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Disparities in sentencing based on gender?? Never! Well, maybe... read it here. Excerpt:

'Lynn Turner could have faced the death penalty for the 2001 murder of Randy Thompson, a Forsyth County firefighter and father of Turner's two children. Instead, the jury sentenced her to life in prison without parole.

She was already serving a life term following her 2004 conviction in the antifreeze death of her police officer husband Glenn Turner in 1995.

Lynn Turner maintained her innocence in both cases and did not testify at trial or during her sentencing hearing Monday.

Prosecutors said she was motivated by greed for the victims' life insurance money.'

Ex-wife's sex change doesn't end alimony obligation

ItsDan · 28 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

File this article in the 'bizarre' category. I had to post it mostly because the idiot agreed to pay $1,250 a month for the rest of his ex-wife's life (which is always fun when the guy statistically dies first, hey, she's still alive, who cares if the guy is dead, she needs her money). Especially when you consider how much sex-change operations costs, I wonder how the court justified her needing the money. Excerpt:

"Lawrence Roach agreed to pay alimony to the woman he divorced, not the man she became after a sex change, his lawyers argued Tuesday in an effort to end the payments. But the ex-wife's attorneys said the operation doesn't alter the agreement."

Iran says British woman sailor to be freed

Evil White Male... · 28 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A British servicewoman detained along with 14 other sailors will be released "within a day or two",...

Faye Turney is the only woman among the eight Royal Navy sailors and seven marines [taken prisoner]...'

BOY, THEY SURE PLAY THE WOMAN CARD WHEN IT SUITS THEM. MEN TRULY ARE CONSIDERED EXPENDABLE.

UN: Circumcision Is Recommended to Fight HIV

Evil White Male... · 28 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'U.N. health agencies recommended Wednesday that HETEROSEXUAL men undergo circumcision because of "compelling" evidence that it can reduce their chances of contracting HIV by up to 60 percent.
...
The public health impact is likely to be most rapid where there is a high rate of HIV infection among men having sex with WOMEN.'

SO BASICALLY ME MUST CONCLUDE THAT MEN SHOULD BE MUTILATED FOR THE SAFETY AND PLEASURE OF WOMEN. HMMM, ISN'T FEMALE CIRCUMCISION WRONG BECAUSE ITS DONE FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEN?

Woman-on-woman assault at NYTimes: No action taken

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At the risk of sounding like one of those MSM people who spend more time pointing up the flaws of other media outfits rather than reporting news, I just have to post this. Now given that the two combatants were female, what happens? No one is fired. Now of course had this been a male-female case, or a male-male case, one or both people (most likely all males) would have been sacked that day. But when the violaters are both women? The system freezes up and shuts down, incapabale of handling the paradoxes. Net result: an assault is not redressed, and the double-standard goes on merrily unchecked. Excerpt:

'A catfight at The New York Times Friday still has staffers in shock.

The dustup between two female editors in the Styles department disrupted work on the Thursday and Sunday Styles sections as co-workers froze at the fracas.

Fashion editor Anita LeClerc was the aggressor and her superior, deputy editor Mary Ann Giordano, the victim, sources say.
...
That's why some at the respected broadsheet are baffled as to why no apparent disciplinary action has been taken against LeClerc. A Times spokeswoman did not answer questions about the slugfest, or disciplinary action, by deadline. Calls to LeClerc, Giordano and Gabriel were not returned.'

Two Teachers Accused of 'Having Sex' with Six Students

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Article here:

'The arrest of two women teachers on charges of having sex with their male students has brought cries of lingering racism in one of South Carolina's most conservative counties and evoked some of the South's oldest and deepest-seated racial taboos.

Both women are white. The boys - six in all - are black.

...

"If this had been black teachers, they would not be out of jail right now," said Corinnie Young, a 49-year-old bookstore employee who is black.

Some blacks shudder to think what would have happened if the teachers were black men and the students were white girls.

"I can assure you if it were an African American male who committed such an offense against a white female, history shows us that the charges, the punishment and the sentencing would be totally different," said state NAACP president Lonnie Randolph. "The system ain't blind when the perpetrator is an African American male or female or when the victim is a white female."'

Ed. note: Annoyingly, the linked page first makes you look at an ad, which you can skip, then when the story page loads there is an embedded streaming ad running at the side of the page. If you are using high-speed, this is no problem, but dial-up and low-test users will likely find it annoying. [Beyond the scope, but FYI you can disable streaming media loads by adjusting your browser preferences.]

Despite 'Safe Harbor' Laws, Mother Abandons Three Babies

Matt · 28 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Crazy, irresponsible, stupid, or all three? If caught, will she actually be charged with any crimes? Will the media fawn all over her? Stay tuned! Video report here.

Hillary Clinton receives endorsement from NOW

anthony · 28 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton declared Wednesday that if you look up the word "feminist" in a dictionary, you'll find her."

Asked if she viewed herself as a feminist, Clinton said by the standard definition, yes.

"If you look in the dictionary, the word feminist means someone who believes in equal rights for women in society, in the economy, the political process — generally believes in the equality of women. And I certainly believe in the equality of women," she said.

Man falsely charged with sexual assault by multiple women sues police

Anonymous · 28 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Maurice Kondell was helping out behind the counter at a Wendy's fast food outlet on May 19, 2004, when a team of police officers walked in, clamped handcuffs on his wrists and led him away to face sexual assault charges.

Reeling in shock and humiliation, Mr. Kondell -- the first black person to become a part-owner of a Wendy's franchise -- learned that a staff member claimed he had thrust his hand down her pants one evening during a cleanup."

Man falsely accused of rape later terrorized by accuser

Anonymous · 29 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A WOMAN terrorised a man she falsely claimed had raped her after a one-night stand five years earlier.

Debbie Oldham, 27, went to the man's flat in Glasgow's West End with three masked men and her rottweiler dog.

Oldham demanded cash, and the 25-year-old victim was threatened, assaulted and had possessions stolen and trashed."

NOW Sues Over Fatherhood Programs

ItsDan · 29 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's called the Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Initiative, and the Bush administration doles out up to $50 million annually to fund its programs to build job skills and help fathers connect better with their children. But the National Organization for Women says the effort is illegal because it's only about men.

NOW and Legal Momentum, another advocacy group, filed complaints yesterday with the Department of Health and Human Services alleging sex discrimination in the initiative that is funding about 100 programs this year.'

Woman bites husband's genitals

ItsDan · 29 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A woman in America has been charged with assault and trespass after allegedly biting her boyfriend on the genitals while he slept.

According to authorities, 25-year-old Amanda Rall broke into her boyfriend's house while he was asleep on March 22. She then administered a bite to what reports describe as 'his private area.'"

A Larger Set of Facts on Child Support Services

Scott · 29 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Mike Geanoulis submitted the following to be distributed:

In a recent effort to justify the 17 million dollars it spends annually to force obligors to pay court ordered child support obligations or suffer the loss of certain privileges and freedoms, the New Hampshire Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) published, among other things, data showing that 64% of ordered support was collected for all accounts - no small achievement, it would seem. The report, designed to convey a sense of satisfaction for taxpayers fed up with the deadbeat problem, was picked up from the Associated Press by newspapers across the state.

For those familiar with the larger set of facts on the matter, however, the report seemed more like a misleading accounting of failure and ineptitude. (read more to continue...)

Was 64% supposed to be a measure of success? Collections rates were already 59% 20 years ago, when collection services were but a gleam in bureaucrat's eyes. Maybe DCSS could take credit for the increase of 5% over 20 years, but certainly not the 59% proven collectible by the ordinary methods of long ago. Since growing numbers of parents are more involved with their kids these days and so more inclined to pay by those methods, it's entirely possible to make the case that DCSS can take credit for little or nothing.

The average reader was not made aware, moreover, that draconian enforcement services have proven to be, to a considerable degree, unworkable for a variety of valid reasons, not the least of which are parental alienation, unrealistic attitudes about ordinary incomes, and the negative impact on living standards when households split in two - grist for another essay.

Worse still, were the false promises given by the promoters of that self-described "growth industry" to make things better for children and families. Twenty years ago, roughly 20,000 of the state's children were in the old variation of child support enforcement where negligent obligors were summoned and ordered to pay up or go to jail. Children had inadequate living standards then because they were insufficiently supported, to be sure.

Today, partly because of a child support philosophy that unwittingly promotes single parenting and discounts the value of marriage - an institution long ago discovered to be the best way to incubate the next generation - 40,000 children, or 100% more, are trapped in systemic poverty. Never mind, for the sake of financial argument, the attendant pathologies and low wellness levels associated with unstable conditions, the number of children seeking adequate financial support has roughly doubled over the 20 years DCSS assumed its role of enforcement and collections.

There seems to be a connection between the advent of enforcement services and the increasing numbers of single parents who see independence as a viable lifestyle. Whatever the truth, the fact remains that in absolute numbers, more children are mired in poverty under the purvue of DCSS administrators now than ever before, in spite of, or maybe even because of, the substitute-father role of DCSS, secular progressive attitudes about neo-families, and ignorance about a statistically insignificant increase in collections rates that arguably should have been credited, instead, to growing rates of parental involvement. DCSS should probably give itself credit for nothing except the decay of healthy family formation, growing fatherless rates, and higher numbers of children wallowing in poverty and instability.

Research from the University of Arizona (Braver) shows that obligor parents who feel like parents to their kids can brag of compliance rates exceeding 90%. Parents who feel like parents are more inclined to work harder to support their children. Maybe lawmakers should be made aware of that data so they might revise the way DCSS does business and accounts for their alleged successes.

Actually, we do not need DCSS in its present form. What we really need is a rediscovery of the importance of two natural parents in children's lives and a serious effort to educate young men and women about the importance of serious commitments as the best way to provide for the children they bring into the world - preferably by way of traditional marriage ceremonies complete with vows.

Mr. Geanoulis is a resident of New Castle, NH. He served on the first NH Governor's Commission on Child Support and currently sits on the NH Commission on the Status of Men.

Twin Sisters Charged After Taking Topless Photos in Front of 5-YO Boy

anthony · 29 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

It remains to be seen if they'll actually be punished, but the authorities must let society know, women must be held accountable when exposing sexuality in the presence of a child. Excerpt:

'Pam and Penny Crane, 29, are accused of snapping topless pictures in front of the child, a relative of the sisters.

The women were wearing thong underwear and hosiery, while the 5-year-old appeared in some of the photos and may have snapped one of the two sisters topless, Lt. Jeff Johnston said.

"Why they would take those pictures, I have no idea," said Sheboygan County district attorney Joe DeCecco, who called the case creepy. "But then to go one step further and to be exposing their breasts to the child and buttocks to the child."'

New York Mom Charged in 1980 Death of Child

anthony · 29 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

I wonder if "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome" is often used as an exuse to murder an infant. Excerpt:

"A 49-year-old woman who was long the focus of police investigating the suspicious deaths of three of her children was charged with murder Wednesday, accused of smothering one of her sons in 1980.

Ronald Winters III was five months old when he died in 1980 while the family was living in Otisco in Onondaga County. His death was attributed to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome."

Phyllis Schlafly Attacks The Feminist Movement

anthony · 30 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Kim Gandy has nightmares about Phyllis Schlafly. She is politically incorrect, and I love it! Even though she's 81 years old, the woman still knows how to battle the feminist hypocrisy. Excerpt:

"LEWISTON - For four decades, right-wing icon Phyllis Schlafly has been an anti-feminist spokeswoman for the national conservative movement.

Schlafly, now 81, brought her long-running campaign to Bates College on Wednesday night in a lecture titled "Conservativism vs. Feminism: The Great Debate," which played to a near-capacity crowd of more than 135 students and visitors at Chase Hall."

A Returning Salior and His Son

locksley2k · 30 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Just watch this and be prepared for tears. A returning US Sailor from Iraq and his boy. It's priceless.

CWFA: NOW 's Endorsement of Hillary Will Not Sway Women's Votes

anthony · 30 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Hillary needs a reality check if she thinks that a majority of women voters embrace radical feminism or will be swayed to vote for her because she has been endorsed by NOW," said Dr. Crouse. "Three out of four women describe the word 'feminist' as an insult, according to a CBS poll. Women recognize that the feminist ideology poses problems like abortion-on-demand, federally mandated day care, sexual orientation special agenda, and anti-masculinity. The movement is largely dead because their basic premise and icons are being rejected by mainstream America."

Grayson "Party Mom" Pleads Guilty...Jail Time Unlikely

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Grayson woman accused of having sex with two teenage boys and supplying alcohol to teens at a party at her house pleaded guilty to criminal charges Thursday morning in Modesto.

Despite pleading guilty to three felony counts, Walker will likely serve little or no jail time and will not be required to register as a sex offender."

Hillary's Bitter Pill: Women Can't Stand Her by Carey Roberts

anthony · 30 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here.

Its been a while since a Carey Robert's post has appeared. Sit back and enjoy the read! Check out Hillary's "Equal Pay video" link. Excerpt:

'One answer can be found in Hillary's Equal Pay video that is featured on her website. There she repeats the wage-gap chestnut, "Here we are at the beginning of the 21st century and women still earn significantly less than men for doing the same jobs."

But pandering to the "gender wage gap" poses a threat to women's intelligence, and possibly their lifestyles.

That's because men and women don't do the same jobs. Men spend more years in the workforce, work longer hours, and are subjected to far more hazards - 93% of all workplace deaths involve men.'

Survey: 1/2 of N.H. women experienced sex or physical assault

Anonymous · 30 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In an attempt to conflate domestic violence statistics in NH, an important primary state for Hillary, local DV advocates/beneficiaries claim (based upon a single study) that more than half of New Hampshire's women have been abused in their lifetimes and almost one-fifth say they've been raped (?). Excerpt:

"The New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the University of New Hampshire and the state worked together on the survey. It's the first time experts have tracked the prevalence of violence against women in the state. The hard data backs up what police, health and domestic violence workers have long known: victims are everywhere.
...
They said future abuse surveys could be expanded to include men."

Woman charged after husband kills the man she accused of rape

ItsDan · 31 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Darrell Roberson came home from a card game late one night to find his wife rolling around with another man in a pickup truck in the driveway.

Caught in the act with her lover, Tracy Denise Roberson — thinking quickly, if not clearly — cried rape, authorities say. Her husband pulled a gun and killed the other man with a shot to the head.

On Thursday, a grand jury handed up a manslaughter indictment — against the wife, not the husband."

"How the Failure of Welfare Reform Created Our Lawless Courts (Part Three)"

Matt · 31 March 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"...all of the gender inclusive language added in the 2000 reauthorization of VAWA and what was proposed by the Senate in 2005 was struck out, deleted... Throughout H.R.3402, every line of text that provided protection, support, and services to male victims of domestic violence from all the other bills of the 109th Congress and prior Congress' additions were completely removed or modified, excluding men."

Contrast what happened here to what NOW is trying to do to the Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Initiative. The blatant anti-male 2x-standards should come as no surprise, but they do continue to shock the conscience of the fair-minded.

Wikipedia Antifeminism Debate

Benjamin Studtmann · 1 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This isn't news, exactly -- it's just interesting. This is the kind of conversation that is happening behind the scenes as folks such as Wikipedia try to tap-dance their balls off in an attempt to discuss something which everyone knows exists but which no one is allowed to talk about.

Here the Wikipedia dweebs take on our beloved debate. I'd prepare popcorn if I were you.

Wikipedia Talk On Antifeminism

Announcing the Patriarchal Republic of New Deseret!

mens_issues · 1 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

It seems that our friend in The Patriarchy, Thomas Fullery, has now declared most of the southwestern United States as part of a new Patriarchal nation, to be known as the Patriarchal Republic of New Deseret.

The announcement follows:

Announcing the Patriarchal Republic of New Deseret!

As of today, April 1, 2007, I declare the formation of the Patriarchal Republic of New Deseret. The boundaries as such shall be those of the original Mormon State of Deseret from 1849 to 1850.

For more information on that earlier state, kindly go to:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_of_Deseret

This republic's boundaries will, of course, need to be modified so as not to overlap with the great Republic of Cascadia, one of our future trading partners.

http://zapatopi.net/cascadia/

Yes, I was inspired by the original provisional and short-lived State of Deseret to create a new republic in which The Patriarchy may thrive. The capital of this new republic shall be my home town of Polygyny, which is conveniently located in the middle of the nation somewhere in southwestern Utah where you would expect such a place to exist.

I shall add that this great republic shall be under the wise direction and counsel of our Grand Chief Poohbah Patriarch, Plutius Maximus III, located in Patriarch's City in Rome!

I have, of course, appointed myself as the ruler of this new republic until a transition to democracy can take effect. It shall be a future nation of Tom Fullerys!

I will get around to appointing my own legislature, and then we can get on with the business of creating our own constitution. Two good men have already stepped up to the challenge. One of these is Mister Wonderful, my new Minister of Disinformation and Reeducation. The other is Karl E. Llewellyn, my new Minister of Defense.

"HAIL to The Patriarchy!"

Your loyal and humble leader,

Sir Thomas Richard Jacob Fullery the Younger, founder of the Patriarchal Republic of New Deseret, and supreme ruler of all beasts of the fields and vegetation of the land and fishes of the waters within its boundaries, and vanquisher of feminism therein.

(Above is the new formal title which I have taken)

P.S. My daughter April was particularly pleased to be part of the supreme family. Her full name is, of course, April Fullery.

Keep up with the latest happenings in The Patriarchy and the Patriarchal Nation of New Deseret by going to:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ThePatriarchy

Ed. note: Who says MRAs have no sense of humor? Happy April Fool's, all!

Woman prostitutes her own 7-YO daughter

digitalhermit · 2 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A woman in Detroit was caught in a sting where she offered her daughter to an undercover agent for the purposes of child pornography and sex/molestation.

"This is truly a horrifying case," Sheriff Warren Evans said in a statement. "To think that a woman would offer up her own daughter in this way impossible to comprehend."

And yet, this is exactly what we are forced to comprehend. A mother (probably single - there is no mention of a father being present) is revealed as the biggest threat to her own children.

Woman Arrested After 3-YO Boy Found Buried Next to Daycare Center

anthony · 2 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Heather Nicole Miller, 22, the girlfriend of the boy's father, told investigators she killed Isaiah Vargas Wednesday in her apartment. According to police, Miller said she grabbed his arm and pushed him into his bedroom after he refused to go.

"The defendant said she thought the victim fell down and struck his head on the floor," Detective Dominick Kaufman wrote in court paperwork. "The defendant then grabbed the victim and shook him."

Education: Gender Divide (Video)

anthony · 2 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Topic page here.

A three minute discussion on "Fox and Friends" on why girls are doing better in school. My problem with the video is not so much about the information provided, but rather it didn't appear the disparity was taken seriously. In fact, there was a lot of joking involved. There was no discussion on how to solve the problem.

To view the video, scroll down to "Education On Fox News Channel". The title is "Education expert on why women are beating men in college performance."

Ed. note: Check out those other vids, too, esp. Sen. Kay Hutchison on those "separate but equal" single-sex classrooms.

Update: NOW Demands Access to Program Geared to Fathers

anthony · 2 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. NOW's attack on father's rights continues. My legal knowledge is admittedly weak. My question: Can NOW actually win this lawsuit? Excerpt:

"The complaints cite 34 programs, including one run by the District and two others in the Washington area, that, they say, do not offer the services to women. That, the groups say, violates Title IX, the law that prevents sex discrimination in federally funded education programs and is best known for forcing universities to offer comparable sports programs for men and women."

Man exonerated after 22 years in prison for rapes he did not commit

patrick · 3 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Mar 29, 2007 - The "countdown to release" is on for the man who's spent more than two decades in prison for a crime he didn't commit.

There is hope that Anthony Capozzi could be a free man as soon as Friday. Local lawmakers have stepped up the pressure to speed up the process to set Capozzi free now that there's DNA proof he was wrongfully convicted of two rapes in Delaware Park back in the 1980s.'

Wage Gap: "A Bargain At 77 Cents To a Dollar?"

anthony · 3 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Women make similar trade-offs all the time. Surveys have shown for years that women tend to place a higher priority on flexibility and personal fulfillment than do men, who focus more on pay. Women tend to avoid jobs that require travel or relocation, and they take more time off and spend fewer hours in the office than men do. Men disproportionately take on the dirtiest, most dangerous and depressing jobs."

Female Top-Ten'er Collared

Matt · 3 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Watch the story here. She was a gang member suspected in as many as 50 shootings, a leader in one of the most violent and predatory gangs in her city. And a lady, too! Good heavens! Send this to anyone who thinks a woman isn't capable of ruthless, calculated violence, or exercising leadership in the context thereof.

BBC hunts for male-only clubs

GaryB · 3 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The BBC reports here with an opinion piece that seems incredibly sexist. Basically it's a hunt to find where women are being hard-done by in being excluded from male-only clubs. The entire tone of the piece is sexist, for example:

"In the ancient world all-male societies and festivals were common. And there was even the odd all-female event too." No mention of matriarchal societies, of course.

It's not until halfway through the article that they admit (almost sheepishly) that there are many female-only clubs, but in typical BBC style the headlines and intro are all one-sided (us evil evil men!)

You can comment on the piece, and the comments are worth reading - most support the idea that one-gender clubs are acceptable, even if the women are typically scathing of our reasons to want to be separated. The stereotypes abound; women want to be in their single-sex-club locales to avoid lecherous men hassling them, whereas us men want to be in our single-sex-clubs so we can belch, fart and generally be rude and obnoxious...

Glenn Sacks: Fathers' Movement Fights New 'Deadbeat Dad' Ads

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Link to newsletter here. Excerpt:

'There have been several responses to this from the fathers' movement:

1) I debated Cynthia Brown on FOX News' nationally-syndicated Morning Show with Mike and Juliet on Tuesday--to watch, click here. Also see below for more information.

2) In the Associated Press article, Mike McCormick, Executive Director of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children, pointed out that this campaign to humiliate child support debtors can also be very humiliating for their children.

3) On Friday, Fathers 4 Justice US protested against one of the pizzerias which is putting the "deadbeat" posters on their boxes--see below for more information.

4) Yesterday, Stephen Baskerville, president of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children, debated Brown on CNN. I don't know of video being available yet, but when/if it is I will post it on my blog.'

Woman accused of murder told to stay away from son

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Story here. Excerpt:

"An Urbandale woman facing murder charges following the death of a toddler in her care has been ordered to stay away from her teenage son if she is released from jail on bond, according to a restraining order issued Friday.

Lucinda Winger, 40, was arrested Thursday evening on charges of first-degree murder and child endangerment in connection with the death of Joey Atkinson, who was found unresponsive in Winger's in-home child care facility in Urbandale on Feb. 28.

The 20-month-old child was rushed to the hospital with a serious skull fracture; he was declared brain dead the next day."

18-YO Female Hit And Run on a Cop Walks away from Jail

Benjamin Studtmann · 3 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Girl hits cop with car. Girl drives off. Girl goes home. Girl googles her situation to find news reports. Girl finds news article on her hit-and-run, finds a comment thread, and confesses to what she did apparently thinking she'd get away with it. Happily the police tracked her down via her IP address, giving us one spoiled little princess with a vewwy vewwy grumpy booking photo.

The snapper?

Five thousand dollars bond; 0 dollars required. She walked hours later, without paying a dime.

She's a girl, see. And she's really, really sorry. She said so! Look how sad she is! Awwwwwww!

How many of us Y chromosome bearers could pull off a stunt like that and not be quietly beaten to death with telephone books before the clock struck midnight?

Fark commentary, replete with original thread link

Women's Equality Measure Faces Long Odds

anthony · 3 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Democrats face long odds in their effort to revive an Equal Rights Amendment that failed three decades ago, even if unisex bathrooms are no longer much of a fear factor.
...
A proliferation of female doctors, lawyers and stockbrokers and the fact that women now receive nearly 60 percent of college degrees show that women don't need an ERA to succeed, she added."

Saving Dads Illegal? Get Real : by Helen Ubiñas

anthony · 3 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here.

Another update on NOW's assine lawsuit. I predict many more will expose Gandy's hypocrisy. Helen Ubinas makes some outstanding observations. Excerpt:

"The government has spent billions of dollars over the years on welfare-to-work job training programs that, if not specifically limited to women, benefit women almost exclusively. Women are specifically targeted for nutrition education in a variety of programs, including the federal Women Infants and Children program."

Woman Posing as Teen Boy Assaults Girl

Matt · 4 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Truth is stranger than fiction. Excerpt:

'Lorelei Josephine Corpuz, 30, lived for more than a year as a 17-year-old boy named "Mark," according to papers filed in Everett District Court.

As "Mark," Corpuz persuaded the girl's family to let "Mark" live in their home as the girl's boyfriend. Corpuz claimed to be an orphan, police alleged.

It wasn't until police arrested Corpuz on Sunday on an unrelated matter that the girl and her family learned that "Mark" was a woman - and almost twice the age they were led to believe, according to court papers.

That's when officers were told that Corpuz allegedly had beaten and sexually assaulted the girl.'

New York City Plans to Promote Circumcision

Matt · 5 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is planning a campaign to encourage men at high risk of AIDS to get circumcised in light of the World Health Organization's endorsement of the procedure as an effective way to prevent the disease.

While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta is just beginning to convene meetings and design studies to help it formulate a national policy, New York City is moving ahead on its own.'

Predictable, and very unfortunate. So with this hair-trigger reactive policy making, MGM gets new life breathed into it just as we were making progress at stopping it. They are saying they will target the effort to 'high-risk' groups. But I think we know what is actually happening here-- if MGM gets a cachet of "medical necessariness" re-instilled into it, we are sure to see efforts to ban its infliction upon infants stymied. Again, one could make the same case for FGM being useful in this fashion as well, but no one would dare.

"Gender Insurgency" in the Art World

Benjamin Studtmann · 5 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

It's a gender insurgency paid for with our money! Yay! It's it just so sisterly and loving and in-your-face and !@#$ing WONDERFUL? Excerpt:

'Call it the year of the woman ... in the visual arts! With symposiums, heavy-hitting shows on the East and West Coast, and a smattering of smaller exhibits around the country all dedicated to feminist art happening now, it's a veritable gender insurgency waged on the hallowed white walls of the art world.
...
The rest of this confluence was pure conspiracy. Activist patrons, artists, curators, and scholars organized these events to make a big publicity splash. And the Feminist Art Project (FAP) at Rutgers University in New Jersey, initiated in late 2005 by Judy Chicago and the late feminist art writer Arlene Raven, was its fountainhead. Organizers there are promoting feminist art's reach through 2009 with a series of publications, symposia, and exhibitions.'

Women fought and died at Vimy Ridge?

Anonymous · 5 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

My school in Edmonton, Canada recently had a trip to France to visit the Vimy Ridge Mermorial in France. This is the most important battle in Canadian history in World War I, where "a nation was born" because of Canada's single-handed battle and sacrifice to capture this Ridge from the Germans. When my school was there, the guide kept on saying "our men AND WOMEN who served and perished at Vimy Ridge on this fateful day in 1917...etc...etc" and "over 60,000 Canadian men AND WOMEN who fought and died in world war I showing canadian sacrifice... etc...etc."

This has got to be a feminist April Fools Day joke! So, when I got back home, interested by this apparently huge female sacrifice during their periods of oppresion in 1917, I looked up some history books and Google. After an hour of search, I found no records of even a single woman served and fought even as a field medic/nurse during the battle of Vimy Ridge. This is clearly just another attempt by feminist to give women credit where they DON'T deserve!

New housing solution for male sex offenders

digitalhermit · 5 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In another sign of the increasingly poor treatment of male sex offenders, Miami has decided to house some male sex offenders under a bridge.

Interesting that no women sex offenders appear to be subjected to this sort of housing discrimination. I doubt you'll ever see women sex offenders sleeping under a bridge being gnawed on by rats. Only men appear to be deserving of this dehumanized under-the-bridge "troll" treatment.

Glenn Sacks: Bill to Save Men's Commission Passes Committee

anthony · 5 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Today Richard Smaglick of http://www.fathersandhusbands.org/, who was working with the CSM to help save it, told me that HB 704 passed the Senate Finance Committee unanimously, and now looks like a good bet to pass the Senate.

Thanks to those of you who participated, and especially thanks to Richard and the CSM for their good work."

Year after being put in prison for rape, accuser admits fabricating the story

ItsDan · 5 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story speaks for itself:

'Perth Now reports that Patrick Waring, then a 15-year-old Catholic college student, was dragged out of bed by police a year ago and refused bail on the say-so of his 17-year-old accuser.

However, just before the trial started, the girl admitted lying about her sex life the whole time, Perth Now says. She had insisted she was a virgin.

DNA tests excluded Waring from her claims of rape.

Waring's accuser finally admitted she had had sex with a man at the back of a cinema the same afternoon, two hours before claiming Waring raped her at Joondalup's Central Park after following her from the railway station on 30 March last year.'

Teacher clothespins boys' mouths

Matt · 6 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Doubt she would have done this to chatty girls in her class. Story here. Excerpt:

'AMANDA, Ohio -- The Amanda-Clearcreek school district in Fairfield County permanently suspended a substitute teacher after confirming that she disciplined four kindergarten boys for talking in class by putting spring-type clothespins on their lips, Superintendent J.B. Dick said yesterday.'

20/20 Gushes with "A Wife Behind Bars"

Matt · 7 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Saw it last night on the tube. The video is on-line here. Synopsis: They portray the wife of dead Marine Todd Sommer as a victim of circumstance and faulty lab work. Plenty of up-closes with her crying as she sat behind a desk in jail. In short: the usual predictable stuff.

Right after her husband is dead from arsenic poisoning, she rushes to collect his insurance money, buys herself breast implants, parties at strip clubs and bars like a Girls Gone Wild'er, sleeps around like there is no tomorrow, and ABC has the nerve portray her as having a "unique way of processing her grief" and "trouble adjusting", and certainly not guilty of murdering him. Note to men: Don't try this yourself. You need to be female to even start thinking you can get away with it.

Contact ABC.com information is here.

Woman Arrested in California Hate Crime Stabbings

anthony · 7 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A female white supremacist gang member stabbed a black man and woman during an apparent race-related brawl late Thursday, authorities said.

Police arrested Mandie Kearns, 28, who they said had a bloody knife in her pocket and admitted to being a member of the racist gang, said Palm Springs Police Sgt. Mitch Spike.

Kearns is being held on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and a hate crime charge and police are searching the area for additional suspects."

Mom's 110-mph run from cops ends in baby's death

anthony · 7 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman led police on a 25-mile high speed chase until she crashed into a concrete median, killing her 9-month-old daughter in the collision, authorities said.

Alexxus Riza was thrown Friday night from the SUV, which rolled several times under an Interstate 35 overpass, said Trooper Dub Gillum of the Texas Department of Public Safety. The vehicle struck a traffic light before hitting the concrete barrier"

Kathleen Parker: Rape of women is worse than of men, etc.

zeektheman · 7 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Kathleen Parker, the author of this article in the Washington Post says, among other things:

"Women are raped by men, which, given the inherent power differential between the sexes, raises women's rape to another level of terror."

Her e-mail address is included, and there's a section for reader comments.

My view is that if women want the privilege of staying home when there's a war, then men should have special privileges too. We could start with letting men play golf together free of harrassment or ridicule.

Shoot Me But -- Vagina Monologues is Funny!

Roy · 8 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Have any of you dudes actually seen the "Vagina Monologues": off-broadway play, campus renditions, or DVD edition?

Well, whenever I hear about some feminist abomination, I like to check out the original text, law, blog, post, screed, etc.

So I recently rented "The Vagina Monologues: Eve Ensler." (2002 DVD recording of her performance piece.)

This woman is funny! And smart, and ironic, and wicked, and self-critical, and insightful...

Not at all what I expected to see based on all the negative reviews on the MRA blogosphere.

She is far more critical commenting about women's psychotic self-inflicted foolishness than she is about men or the evil patriarchy.

My favorite quote ---

"You have to love hair... to love the vagina."

You'll probably have to live in NYC or LA or get a NetFlix subscription to rent this DVD.

Eve Ensler has been unfairly reviled. She is one very funny gender-politically-incorrect stand-up comic!

Of course, the whole "V-day" debacle is a poor reflection of her work.

I always wish to know my enemies before I condemn them, and Ensler is worthy of reconsideration.

Essay: The Wrong in Women's Rights

Matt · 8 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The Wrong in Women's Rights
April 7, 2007
by E. Abdiel

Abortion. A cornerstone in the woman's movement. It is a cornerstone that claims it is a woman's sole right to decide the outcome of the unborn child inside her. Yet when its assertions are applied consistently to their end, it contradicts premises used to assign responsibility to men to financially support children they did not intend to have.

Feminist ideology proclaims that what a woman does with her body has nothing to do with government policy, the judgments and dictates of men or conventional morality. She does what she wants with her body and her decisions are her own. Yet it's simple common sense to understand that if it is only her body and only her decision what she does with it (to abort or not abort), then congruently it is only her duty to be responsible for a decision that only she makes (child rearing). Feminist dogma stands in blatant disregard to a simple rule of natural law that no one disputes in any other situation that occurs in our lives. And that is, that there is an exact and direct correlation to the amount of authority we have in situations, to the amount of responsibility accessed to us for the decisions we make. It's completely illogical to say it's 100% my decisions to do as I wish with my body (premarital sex) but I'm only 50% responsible for the outcome of my decision to engage in sexual activity (pregnancy). And congruently it's completely illogical to say it's 100% my decision to make because it's my body (to abort or not abort) but I'm only 50% responsible for the outcome of that decision (child rearing). If you are 100% in control of your body, then it's 100% your decision to involve yourself in the risks associated with having premarital sex. And if it's 100% your decision to keep rather than abort an unborn child, then it's 100% your responsibility to raise and support that child after birth. Not 90 percent, not 75 percent and not 50/50 but rather a full 100 percent.

There is a ongoing trend in most feminist ideology that no one questions because it either suits there selfish need or because there is fear of societal retaliation. And that is on nearly every feminist issue, women get to have it both ways. To them, women should always receive the full benefits of a position they take but somehow never need to take the full responsibility that goes along with it. It's always partly or fully someone else's fault and responsibility (almost always a man's) when they use the rights they claim they deserve inappropriately and they have to deal with the consequences of their actions.

Even if women did take the position that it is 100% their right to decide the fate of the unborn and responsibility to provide support for the child after birth, I'd still say they were wrong. Because both science and God confirm that what is inside her is not a lifeless mass of cells but a human life. Life imparted by the sperm of a man. And if the sperm of a male is the life giving factor, why aren't his rights, from what is biologically half his, being represented? Why is a child only half his after a woman makes a decision that requires a man to financially support the child for at least 18 years? In case you missed the gravity of that question and a central argument against this injustice, I will reiterate it. Why is a child only half his after a woman makes a decision that requires a man to financially support the child for at least 18 years? In legal circles and Constitutional terms that is what they call a classic case of "being denied equal protection under the law". And although the Supreme Court has consistently acknowledged this infringement upon the rights of men, it will in the same breath refuse to do anything about it for what it calls "the greater good of society" (as if abolishing abortion altogether wouldn't be for the greater good of society). But most importantly, being that it is innocent life, the taking of it is murder. And no one has that right, man or woman; no one but God.

As someone said it best, "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" --- Thomas Jefferson

It's puzzling how they missed that. It's the first one.

Having said that, if women did claim it is 100 percent their bodies and responsibility it would at least be, from a

legal standpoint, harder to disprove (although not impossible) their sole claim over a child's fate at conception. It would be closer to the truth and at least a little more honorable; albeit still wrong. And albeit, still murder. But because they don't claim this, it becomes obvious that their motivations are not to get to the truth or to do what is fair but rather they are self serving and deceitful in nature. There are always sacrifices to go along with the rights and privileges we have in life. So it behooves me to remind you that there is no such thing as a position that benefits you but doesn't require an equivalent amount of sacrifice and responsibility to sustain it. So if someone tells you their position does just that, proceed with caution.

And don't be misled. There is a difference between being the "willing party" and being the "responsible party". A man's willingness to participate in sex is irrelevant in accessing responsibility. Pointing out a man's willingness to participate sexually is a typical response used for accessing 50 percent responsibility to him.

Hypothetically, let's say there is a woman who owns a house and there is a man that doesn't. This man has purchased a large amount of illegal drugs and now wants to use these drugs in her house because he has no place of his own to do so. When he asks her, she tells him no and he leaves to go elsewhere. And what is his reason for leaving? Because it is established that it is 100% her house and therefore he has to abide by her rules. Because what goes on in that house, she is 100% responsible for. Not 90 percent, not 75 percent and not 50/50 but 100 percent.

Do you see the correlation so far? If so, then continue.

Now the man is obviously willing to use these illegal drugs in her house. You got that? He is willing. But the fact that he is willing to do these things has no bearing on the outcome of whether or not these things will occur. It is completely irrelevant. If she says no, it's not going to happen. It is her decision and her decision alone on whether or not to put herself and her house at risk. And if this same woman decides at any point that she too is willing to use drugs with him in her household, it still remains irrelevant that the man was equally willing. Because the man's willingness still isn't the determining factor but her complete authority to make that decision is. That's why it doesn't make it the man's responsibility when the police raid her home and the state government confiscates her house. No one would ever claim that a woman participating in behavior that led to the government confiscating her house is only 50% responsible for her loss, simply because a man, who had no authority to decide what went on, was equally willing to participate. In a court of law, no judge would even entertain that argument. Yet the obvious correlation between this and a woman stating a man is 50% responsible for her body getting pregnant is no longer even questioned by a hoodwinked society. Being equally willing in an act doesn't automatically mean someone is equally responsible for every consequence that occurs. Willingness is not the determining factor, what you have authority over and are responsible for, is.

As someone said it best, "The presence of willingness is irrelevant when the absence of responsibility is present." --- E. Abdiel

Yet some will say that if the man said "No" to using drugs to a willing woman, that drug use also would not have occurred. And that means he is equally responsible for stopping the drug use in her house. And therefore equally responsible for the negative results that occur. This is a continuation of the argument used to try and place 50% of the blame and responsibility upon men. Yet that premise is also completely false. And that also would never hold up legally in any court. Because to be responsible for what occurs in her house would presume that he owns at least some part of that house. And we all know the reaction a man would get by claiming he owns even 1 percent of a woman's body, let alone 50 percent. And the fact of the matter is, that he may be completely capable of stopping the drug use in her house, but being capable of doing it is completely different than being responsible for doing it. Which is why he would never be held accountable for what happened to her house in a court of law. And neither should a man be held accountable for what may happen to a woman's body (pregnancy), simply because he's merely capable of stopping sex from occurring. Because it is only a woman who has complete authority over what she does with her body before and after sex. Isn't that their premise?

There is one last argument that may be employed to refute my observations. Some may say that if the police raid the house, both the man and woman will get arrested. Therefore, there is blame and responsibility placed on the

man also. This proves he too is accountable just as the woman is. This statement is true. But this doesn't disprove my point but rather confirms it. Because even though both the woman and man willingly did the exact same act that produced the police raid, there is one extremely important fact that separates these two individuals. The man went into the situation knowing what consequences his particular actions might cause him personally and the woman did the same. Yet if you compare the negative consequences, caused by similar actions, taken by equally willing partners, you'd see different results. Because only she is the 100% owner of the house. Therefore he might also be arrested and punished, but only for what he is 100% responsible for in that situation; which simply is himself. Not her and not the loss of her house, but just himself. She on the other hand is not only responsible for herself but also the negative consequences that affected her house. Because even though she did the same act, she knowingly took a bigger risk and therefore is paying a bigger price. She had more to risk and therefore more to lose. And she still made the decision to continue. Is that fair? Of course it is. It's her house and her responsibility as to what goes on in her house. And at no point does his individual consequences or his willingness to participate change that fact.

When you clear away all the feminist rhetoric and preconditioned talking points, it comes down to this: Feminist supporters have used the legal system to remove perceived injustices against women because they hate the fact that men naturally have less to lose for doing the same act. They refuse to see that by subverting the natural order of things, injustices are actually being carried out against men. Injustices done by laying the responsibility and blame in the incorrect place; thereby disparaging the character of all men. Injustices done by making that responsibility strictly a financial one, thereby telling men that the only important role that society wants them to play in a child's life is monetary. Injustices done by only giving lip service to men being equally important to their children, while stripping them of every ability and God given right to be fathers. Sure many women say they want men to be fathers to their children but on their terms; and on a limited basis. They are permitted the occasional suggestion with women holding ultimate veto power. Even in the best case scenarios of joint custody (with physical custody still given to women), men have little to no say in their children's protection, direction or upbringing. This is a direct assault to a man's pride, manhood and natural instinct to lead. At best, they are effectively relegated to the role of a friend, a relative or an older brother; but not a father. In short, they take away what truly makes him a man and then demand payment for it.. And then society wonders why men gravitate away from situations such as these instead of toward them.

But as in most feminist causes, they also do harm not good to those they are supposedly fighting for. They don't care in the slightest that they are destroying the lives of women also. That's because the women they declare they are trying to help, protect, and empower are secondary to their cause. I will say that again because it is vital for you to understand. Women are secondary to their cause. Secondary because they are committed to "ideas" rather than "actualities". "Agendas" rather than "realities". Adversity and unhappiness is now the reality for most women. But in their minds, the average woman's reality should continue to be compromised for the sake of their "idea" of the way it should be. If you are a woman, for your own good, understand that.

And understand this also: When feminist supporters use the media and the legal system to consistently reassign responsibility and blame to men, it causing women to become indoctrinated into a culture of entitlement that takes responsibility and then shame off of all their actions. This is how we've gone from a culture where being a single mother was something to be frowned upon, to a culture where saying "I'm a single mother" is a source of pride; a badge of honor; an accomplishment. It is now something that is said to inspire positive feelings and preferential treatment in those who hear it. This mentality, instilled by the women's movement, continually feeds into the exact attitudes that cause women to more and more likely not care if they entwine themselves in the precarious sexual situations that feminists are supposedly fighting to protect them from. Because now there is little consequence, less responsibility, no shame and therefore no deterrent to cease their less than honorable behavior. On the contrary, there are only reasons to increase it. But what they don't tell you about, is all the adversity, unhappiness and pain that comes with it too. This is the fruit born, not from men, but from the underpinnings of the women's movement. The great friend and protector of women. If you are a woman and you are reading this, it is something you truly need to think about.

As someone said it best, “With friends like these, who needs enemies.” --- Unknown.

In conclusion, it is apparent that women have been taught to feel oppressed by a natural biological fact of life that they can get pregnant and a man can not. And because it is impossible to direct their anger at God or “nature” for making them this way, they blame the only other possible suspect in this crime against them. Men. Men and their misogynistic plots to make them second class citizens. The problem with this recent revisionist perception is that a sacred truth about the ability to become pregnant has been forgotten. So consider this correlation and remember this truth: The responsibility of owning a house is a blessing, not a fact of life used to portray yourself as a victim because you choose to disrespect and misuse the gift of ownership. And in the same way being chosen by God to be the responsible vessel in the area of carrying a child is even more so a blessing, not a fact of life to be used to portray yourself as a victim because you choose to disrespect and misuse the gift of your body’s ability to carry a child and give birth. Yes it’s true it’s a responsibility that men don’t have. Because the more one is blessed with in a particular area, the more responsibility you have in that area. And make no mistake about it, it is a blessing. So don’t expect any sympathy here. If anything, I should be envious; as all men should be. Because to be blessed with a gift is to be chosen for a purpose and a reason. Chosen because, in this area at least, you are actually superior to men. So ironically what women try and caste off in order to “make themselves equal”, is one of the things that makes them equal in the eyes of God (because men are blessed with other gifts). And women are not just blessed with the gift of being able to carry a child and give birth, but also the temperament and disposition that predisposes them to be less likely to put themselves in inappropriate sexual situations. Therefore, more responsibility and less excuse is accounted to women for behaving in the exact same manner a man might in sexual situations. In short, if you are a woman and try and take a man’s shortcomings and aspire to those shortcomings instead of assuming your responsibilities, all in the name of equality, then you have defeated your purpose. For in terms of character and worthiness of respect, you have just effectively made yourself less than equal to men.

As someone said it best, “Be careful what you ask for, you might get it.” --- Unknown.

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DISCLAIMER: The conclusion expressed concerning how much responsibility should be accessed to men after a child is born, albeit closer to the truth, does not reflect my actual belief on what the final moral and legal solution should ultimately be. I am simply exposing that if the “My Body, My Choice” legal position is taken, then the principle needs to be consistent, and the full responsibility of that position needs to be taken also; not just the benefits. And if the responsibility aspects of that position is not taken, then the original premise behind that position must be flawed.

6-YO boy excluded from class on say-so of girl

GaryB · 8 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

News.com.au reports here on a story in Australia, where a 6-year-old boy has been excluded from his class after a girl he sat next to accused him of saying bad things and inappropriate touching. The boy denies it ever happened, but (of course) his denial counts for zip and he's been thrown out of class and can only return to school if he joins a new class, leaving all his mates behind.

It's interesting to see how the complete faith in womens/girls accusations has gone right down to the school and even pre-school level, with 'evidence' being an inconvenient and unnecessary distraction.

QUOTE: "In effect, Jonathan is being penalised and 'made to feel guilty' for acts which he denies occurred and for which there is no evidence other than the unsubstantiated allegations of the girl," the letter said.

Even if if DID do something inappropriate, surely you'd think some re-education and a new seat in the classroom would be more appropriate. But excluding him from his mates and teacher and shifting him into a new class, with the stigma of what he'd been accused of stuck to him like glue for the rest of his years at that school..? Man, I weep for my sons....

Dads facing discrimination in the workplace

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News.com.au has a story (finally!) on the discrimination that fathers are increasingly facing in the workplace when we try to take advantage of the supposedly equal rights offered to us and women.

QUOTE: In 1995-96, there were eight complaints to the commission. Last year that figure jumped to 17.

Complainants include:

A DAD who left work early once to care for his child and was sacked because the employer believed child care was his wife's responsibility.

Acting Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner Slavka Scott said the number of complaints could be the tip of the iceberg because men were less likely to complain and attitudes had not caught up with the changing times. :QUOTE

I've faced the same issues at work - my wife left me with our three kids and I've worked a full-time professional job ever since (nearly 2 years back), but I've had my fair share of discrimination and exclusion.

Great to see this finally becoming a press-worthy issue.

Winkler case update

Matt · 9 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) -- People in the small western Tennessee town of Selmer have been waiting for more than a year to find out why a quiet, unassuming preacher's wife might have killed her husband.

On Monday, the process that could produce answers begins with the opening of jury selection for the first-degree murder trial of Mary Winkler.

Her husband, Matthew Winkler, the popular 31-year-old minister at the Fourth Street Church of Christ in Selmer, was found dead on March 22, 2006, in the bedroom of the church parsonage by members of his congregation.'

NYC Mayor Doubtful About Circumcision Plan

anthony · 9 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg raised questions yesterday about an approach under consideration at the Health Department to promote circumcision as a way to reduce the risk of contracting AIDS.
...
Asked about the approach at a news conference, Mr. Bloomberg expressed support for seeking new ways to combat the disease, but suggested that he was unconvinced that government should be involved in promoting or providing circumcisions."

Ed. note: Want to thank the mayor? Contact info here.

More Excuses For Female Criminals

Anonymous · 9 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Note the headline: "No textbook crime - Teacher-teen affairs are unprofessional but not always criminal".

According to section 153 of the Criminal Code of Canada, they *are* always criminal. But this doesn't stop the media from trying to find new excuses for female misbehavior.

According to "conventional wisdom", boys mature more slowly than girls. Doesn't this mean that boys need *greater* protection than girls from sexual predators?

Now that female teachers are actually being charged, suddenly "there needs to be a distinction between a professional boundary violation and a sex crime." Of course there was no similar outpouring of sympathy when male teachers were being charged with exactly the same crime.

NCFM-LA Successful in Appeal for Father's Paternal Rights

Matt · 10 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Marc A.:
NCFM-LA's complaint against Judge S. Patricia Spear to the Commission on Judicial Performance here. The Commission's response stating corrective action was taken and thanking NCFM-LA here.

Last year in Los Angeles, a 10-month-old boy was about to be placed in foster care because his mom was unfit and his dad was unknown. During that time, the mom told the dad for the first time about the child. The dad immediately went to court, explained the situation and requested a paternity test and reunification services so that he could raise his child. In an asonishing (though not uncommon) denial of male reproductive rights, Judge S. Patricia Spear denied his request and said things like, "I don't think you're the father" and that he should have come sooner.

The man hand-wrote an appeal. The appellate court reversed and even chastised the judge. A family law attorney told us this judge is very misandrous and that this incident was not isolated. On 6/29/06 we complained about this judge to the Commission on Judicial Performance and attached the appellate decision. A few days ago the Commission wrote us saying they took corrective action (usually their letters say they took "no action") and thanking us for reporting this to them. They cannot tell us what action they took. Regardless, it is in her record and affects her career as a judge. The decision is available (free registration required) here (.pdf).

Following is a media story about the appellate decision.

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Masculism: The belief that men have been systematically discriminated against, and that that discrimination should be eliminated. - Oxford Companion to Philosophy

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http://www.metnews.com/articles/2006/jesu062806.htm

Excerpt:
'C.A. Overturns Denial of Claim to Paternity of Dependent Child

Denial of Alleged Father's Rights Without Allowing Blood Test Precipitous and 'Difficult to Understand,' Vogel Says

By STEVEN CISCHKE, Staff Writer

A man who claimed paternity of a young child immediately upon learning of the baby's existence was entitled to assert presumed father status in dependency court, the Court of Appeal for this district has ruled.

Div. One Justices Miriam A. Vogel, Robert M. Mallano and Frances Rothschild voted Monday to reverse Los Angeles Superior Court Judge S. Patricia Spear's order terminating the parental rights of a man identified in the opinion only as Jesus H.'

Study confirms male circumcision is genital mutilation

Matt · 10 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Marc A:
In this new study (.pdf) in the British Journal or Urology Int'l, scientists use fine-touch medical instruments to measure the sensitivity of the penises of circumcised vs uncircumcised men. The results confirm that circumcision significantly decreases penile sensitivity. (Morris L. Sorrells, James L. Snyder, Mark D. Reiss, Christopher Eden, Marilyn F. Milos, Norma Wilcox, Robert S. Van Howe, "Fine-touch pressure thresholds in the adult penis," British Journal of Urology International, v. 99, issue 4, p. 864, April 2007.)

The sensitivity provided by the male foreskin, or "prepuce," comes from thousands of highly-sensory nerve endings that are only found in our eyelids, lips and fingertips. The study results are consistent with previous psychological surveys of adult men.

Male circumcision is gynecologically equivalent to the removal of the clitoral hood, one of three forms of female circumcision all of which are forbidden in the U.S. and by international treaties. Although legal in the U.S., the American Academy of Pediatrics found there is no medical purpose for routine infant male circumcision.

For more information as well as responses to the recently-publicized studies about male circumcision and prevention of AIDS in Africa, see the latest news releases by California-based Attorneys for the Rights of the Child at http://www.arclaw.org/

Here are just a few other organizations OPPOSING routine male infant circumcision:

Stop Infant Circumcision
http://www.stopinfantcircumcision.org/

Circumcision Resource Center
http://www.circumcision.org/

Doctors Opposing Circumcision
http://www.doctorsopposingcircumcision.org/

Attorneys for the Rights of the Child http://www.arclaw.org/

Jews Against Circumcision
http://www.jewsagainstcircumcision.org/

Catholics Against Circumcision
http://www.catholicsagainstcircumcision.org/

Mothers Against Circumcision
http://www.mothersagainstcirc.org/

NoCirc
http://www.nocirc.org/

Story excerpt:

Study confirms male circumcision is genital mutilation
March 19th, 2007 by ICGI

A new study in the British Journal of Urology International shows that men with normal, intact penises enjoy more sexual sensitivity - as much as four times more - than men who have been circumcised. Circumcising slices off more of a male's sensitivity than is normally present in all ten fingertips.

Circumcision removes the most sensitive portions of the penis. This new study demonstrates what we have suspected for decades, that circumcision's result, if perhaps not its intent, is reduced sexual pleasure for men. As such, it is a violation of a male's right to bodily integrity.'

Unprovoked beatings of homeless soaring

patrick · 10 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Most homeless people are male. How do you get people to understand that this is an example of male powerlessness? You could try with this statistic from the article (but most people will probably just shut their ears.) Excerpt:

'Between 1999 and 2005, 82 people were killed in America because of their race, ethnicity, or religious or sexual orientation, according to the FBI, which has been collecting data on hate crimes since 1990.

There were 169 homeless people murdered during that same period, the National Coalition for the Homeless says.'

Missouri seeks to help 'duped dads'

ItsDan · 10 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Now, cases such as Salazar's are inspiring legislation in Missouri and across the country that would make it easier for men to use genetic tests to shed financial support.

Salazar doesn't have that option now. Under Missouri law, he was presumed to be a father simply because he was married to the mother when she gave birth.

The same law gives men, both married and unmarried, a limited time frame to challenge paternity. After those deadlines have passed, even DNA tests often aren't enough to shake paternity obligations.'

Woman loses final embryo appeal

ItsDan · 10 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The interesting case that's been going on for awhile about the UK woman wanting to use existing embryos against the father's consent seem to have been resolved, in favor of the would-be father. Excerpt:

'A woman left infertile after cancer therapy has lost her fight to use embryos fertilised by an ex-partner. Natallie Evans, from Trowbridge, Wilts, and Howard Johnston began IVF treatment in 2001 but he withdrew consent for the embryos to be used after they split up.

She turned to the European courts after exhausting the UK legal process.

Ms Evans, 35, said she was "distraught" after the Grand Chamber of the European Court ruling, but Mr Johnston said "common sense had prevailed."'

Female Prison Guards Are More Likely Than Males to Have Sex With Inmates

Matt · 10 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'According to government statistics, most sexual contact between corrections staff and inmates occurs between female employees and male prisoners.
...
Forty-seven percent of all cases of sexual abuse cases from 2000 to 2004 involved women employees and their male charges. Men were 4 percent less likely to abuse female inmates.'

Greek liner incident shows "men still considered expendable"

lance · 10 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

While men and women are supposed to be consider "equal" under the law, no one seemed to pay any mind to the outrage that occurred last week during the Greek cruise ship disaster: the assumed expendability of the male passengers. While most people probably take for granted that a lot has changed since the days of the Titanic, when it comes to Maritime law, everything is still 1912. When the Greek liner went aground and began to sink, the dreaded "women and children first" slogan was announced over the PA, and men were not allowed to disembark before all women had been saved.

Not only is this sentiment purely sexist in its own right, but it pre-supposes (a) that the lives of women are worth more then the lives of men, (b) that women must be protected by men and therefore it is the duty of men to give up everything - life, rights, etc., and (c) that all of the children on board will have a female parent/guardian available to take care of them on shore while they wait for male parent/guardian to be released.

Of course in this case, few were in any real danger since if worst would have occurred, most could have swam to shore, but I think it indicates a much larger problem: while most people agree that women and men should have equal rights, this belief only seems to apply when it is convenient to women and that chivalry still holds sway.

Duke LAX Case Dropped

Matt · 11 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Finally, they have done the right thing. Story here. I hope those guys collect a fortune in lawsuit judgments. Excerpt:

'April 10, 2007 — The office of North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper will announce that he is dismissing all charges against three Duke Lacrosse players, ABC News has learned from sources close to the case.'

China to build "Woman Town" where disobedient men are punished

ItsDan · 11 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Absolutely bizzare. Excerpt:

The slogan: "A woman never makes a mistake. A man can never reject a woman's request" will be carved into the town gates.

Latest Sacks/McCormick Column: "Texas bill to create domestic violence offender registry will harm innocent men"

Matt · 11 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From Glenn Sacks:

My new co-authored column, Texas bill to create domestic violence offender registry will harm innocent men (Austin American-Statesman, 4/11/07), criticizes a new, draconian Texas bill which will ensnare and punish many innocent men. The column also criticizes the way law enforcement and the judicial system handle domestic violence cases. Excerpt:

'House Bill 3958, sponsored by Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-San Antonio), will set up a domestic violence offender registry similar to the Texas Sex Offender Registry. Castro is correct to identify domestic violence as an important issue; however, there are serious problems with the way law enforcement and the judicial system handle domestic violence. These problems will cause many innocent men to be ensnared by this bill.

HB 3958 would set up a central database containing information on anyone who has been convicted or "received a grant of deferred adjudication" for a family violence offense on three occasions. The three conviction requirement is defensible, but the inclusion of deferred adjudications — which are analogous to plea bargains — is a major problem.'

Mum who killed toddler by dosing him with methadone faces jail

AngryMan · 12 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

A junky mum who killed her toddler son by feeding him methadone to send him to sleep at night is facing jail.

Gemma Fennelly, 24, pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of 22-month-old Mitchell Bate by gross negligence at Teesside Crown Court.

The toddler died in Septmeber 2005 after an overdose of the heroin substitute.

Traces of heroin and cocaine were also found in the tot's hair.

Winkler Case: Like Clockwork, She was Abused

Matt · 12 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Did we not call it, O MANN Regulars? Excerpt:

'SELMER, Tennessee (CNN) -- The woman accused of killing her minister husband teared up as her attorney described how her husband abused and threatened her, and how she shot him and fled with their three young girls to Alabama.
...
Her attorney said in opening statements Thursday that she didn't know at first that ammunition from the shotgun she fired had hit him.
...
"We will show you proof that he would destroy objects that she loved, he would isolate her from her family and he would abuse her -- not just verbally, not just emotionally and not just physically -- in other ways too," Farese said.'

OK, show us the proof, counsellor... or is it really even necessary in a US court under these circumstances?

Ninfong apologizes to Duke Lacrosse players

Anonymous · 12 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Nifong knows he's in deep trouble now. After claiming for months he's, "done nothing wrong" now it appears he's racing to apologize after the NC attorney general cleared the three young men from the Duke Lacrosse team yesterday. This coward is shaking in his boots becuase he knows the lawsuit is coming from the innocent familys who lives he wrecked and he has no chance of winning it. Just rememeber Finnery, Evans and Seligmann: SORRY ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH! Excerpt:

'DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - The local prosecutor who charged three Duke lacrosse players with raping a stripper apologized to the athletes Thursday and said the North Carolina attorney general's decision to drop the case was right.
"To the extent that I made judgments that ultimately proved to be incorrect, I apologize to the three students that were wrongly accused," Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong said.'

Woman guilty of chainsaw murder, faces death

anthony · 12 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman accused of killing and dismembering her former lover's friend was convicted Thursday of premeditated murder and could become the state's first female defendant to face the death penalty.

"Prosecutors accuse Daphne Wright, 43, of abducting, killing and dismembering Darlene VanderGiesen, 42, in February 2006. Remains were found in a Minnesota ditch and a Sioux Falls landfill. All three women were deaf and knew each other through the deaf community."

The feminist who fought sexism with fire bombs faces justice

anthony · 12 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"When Adrienne Gerhäuser was accused yesterday of belonging to a terrorist organisation, she resembled, in the words of her lawyer, “an ordinary 58-year-old female”, tired, shoulders hunched with tension, but somehow at ease with herself.

...

Committed to an urban guerrilla war against everyday sexism, Red Zora carried out more than 40 attacks, starting in 1977 with a bomb placed in the offices of the German Doctors’ Association to protest against the abortion laws. There followed attacks on sex shops and cinemas; on Siemens, Bayer and Schering; on the Philippines Embassy (blamed for the international trade in women); biotechnology institutes and the cars of pimps."

Police: Female Teacher Had Sex With Student

anthony · 12 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

This female teacher abuse will never stop until they are held accountable for sexual abuse. For some reason this is not perceived as a legitmate sexual crime. If this double standard continues, female teachers will still prey on boys and girls. Excerpt:

"Investigators said Jamie Lynn Armstrong, 23, was a teacher at Tara High School, where she met the 16-year-old female student.

Police said the alleged relationship was uncovered after the girl's father said he found his daughter's journal about a month a go.

The journal held details about the alleged relationship between the student and Armstrong."

Hearing set for female teacher accused of sex crime

anthony · 12 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

I can flood this site with female rape cases against male students. They are so easy to find. Excerpt:

"The 24-year-old female teacher appeared with her attorney, James Rumsey, in front of Douglas County District Judge Stephen Six.

The woman, who was in her first year of teaching at LHS, has been suspended from the school district, with pay. The teacher was arrested March 16 for allegedly having sex with the student between August and mid-March. She has pleaded not guilty to two counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child and two counts of criminal sodomy."

The prospect of all-female conception

Evil White Male... · 13 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. EXCERPT: Creating sperm from women would mean they would only be able to produce daughters because the Y chromosome of male sperm would still be needed to produce sons. The latest research brings the prospect of female-only conception a step closer. "We're very excited about this discovery, particularly as our earlier work in mice suggests that we could develop this work even further," Professor Nayernia said.

NEXT, REDUCE THE MALE POPULATION TO THE MAGIC 10% NUMBER RAD-FEMS ARE LOOKING FOR AND WE'LL HAVE THE PERFECT WORLD.... FOR ME TO POOP ON!
(with apologies to Triumph the insult comic dog)

Moran Blog: "Don't Feel Too Sorry for the Dukies"

Evil White Male... · 13 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Blog here. EXCERPT:
"The three young men who she accused are truly innocent of the charges brought against them according to the North Carolina Attorney General and the investigation led by his office. But perhaps the outpouring of sympathy for Reade Seligman, Collin Finnerty and David Evans is just a bit misplaced."

THIS IS THE TYPICAL LIBERAL WHITE MALE "WUSSIE-POOPIE" TYPE OF FEMINIST LAP-DOG ARTICLE, BUT READ THE COMMENTS BELOW, THEY ARE MUCH MORE ON TARGET.

CNN's Martin: Imus might be spark for debate on sexism?

anthony · 13 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"Now is the time for this nation to undergo a direct examination of the depths of sexism. My media colleagues shouldn't go just for the easy target rap lyrics. That is no doubt a logical next step, but sexism is so much deeper. It is embedded in our churches, synagogues, mosques, schools, Fortune 500 companies and in the political arena. We should target our resources to this issue and raise the consciousness of people, and expose the reality."

Ed. note: There's a link at the end of the essay for submitting comments back on the essay. It's free to use!

"Equality and a man's right to choose"

TomP · 13 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Opinion column at the Cavalier, a student(?) paper at University of Virginia. The article can be found here. The author of the piece is Alexander Cohen, who presents some interesting arguments in support of C4M. I shall be interested to see any response letters.

Perhaps Men's/Father's rights are so far out of favor with the powers-that-be as to become interesting to the student population, traditional espousers of "fringe" causes. Or perhaps we have here another example of a young man awakening.

In any case, the column is interesting and perhaps offers some useful arguments.

Teen mother brutally murders newborn

Matt · 14 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 17-year-old stabbed her newborn baby 135 times and disposed of her body in a garbage can outside her home in Oakdale, authorities alleged Thursday.

Nicole Marie Beecroft was charged Thursday with first-degree murder. The charge carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. She was being held in a juvenile detention facility. Bail was set at $1 million on Friday afternoon.

"She kills the baby and now her life will be changed forever," Washington County Attorney Doug Johnson said.

The Tartan High School senior told police she was in a "panic state" after giving birth to the girl on the floor of the laundry room in her home around 3 a.m. Monday, according to the criminal complaint filed in Washington County District Court. She told police she had seen the baby's finger move, and admitted stabbing the child, the complaint said.'

"panic state"-- Oh yes, I guess then we should be sympathetic then and just give it a pass.

Violence against guardians an 'alarming trend'

Matt · 14 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In one pending case from northwest Harris County, a 16-year-old girl is being held on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly shooting her stepfather in the head; the man, a financial consultant, survived.
...
When her mother, a teacher, drew the line at the boyish attire, the fighting got worse and and the girl started running away. Her stepfather took charge of the discipline, and then, about 4 a.m. on Feb. 16, the girl shot him three times as he lay with her mother in bed, Field said.

"She snapped," Field said, adding that the teen confessed to authorities a few hours after the incident.

Her stepfather still has a bullet lodged in the back of his head.'

So the idea in this case as that she told her folks she is gay. They didn't quite like it and so it created an "undercurrent of tension". She starts dressing too boyishly for her parents' tastes and her folks tell her to stop. Her step-father actually has the nerve to enforce their rules. For this she tries to murder him in his sleep and this is characterized as her "snapping".

Stories like this only reinforce my decision to remain single and child-free. I wonder what the stats are on how much of this "alarming violence" is done by daughters? Or against their fathers?

A woman's false accusations are "evidence in itself"

Anonymous · 14 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

More nonsensical reactions to the Duke scandal from a public official. (Link goes to page two of article, where this gem can be found - emphasis mine):

"I think the district attorney went to the grand jury far sooner than he should have. If the district attorney had waited and gathered more information and tried to understand it, I think he would have had a better understanding of what the case was, and what is was not. **On the other hand, he did have someone that said she was sexually assaulted, and that creates evidence in itself.**" — Lewis Cheek, Durham County commissioner who lent his name to a campaign last November to unseat Nifong

A potentially false accusation not supported by any *actual* evidence (and with a 41% chance of being a lie) is "evidence in itself"? When is a man's word ever considered "evidence", particularly regarding crimes where the accuser has been shown to be lying nearly half the time?

Mary Winkler: "My ugly came out"

Matt · 14 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Mary Winkler testifies, "my ugly came out". Apparently after years of marital strife she just had had enough and murdered her husband. She never though to get counseling maybe, or just do what millions of other women do: just leave the guy? Perhaps she murdered him knowing that somehow she would do better financially after she did a couple years but wrote a best-selling book about it. Excerpt:

'Investigators have said she admitted shooting her husband on March 22, 2006, and that it had something to do with his constant criticism. On the tape, she says the couple's domestic problems had reached a boiling point after many years of conflict.
...
Winkler told Alabama Bureau of Investigation agent Stan Stabler on the tape that her husband had threatened her physically. "He said something that really scared me. I don't know, something life-threatening," she said, without elaborating further.

...
"Just say, 'The lady was a moron, evil woman,' and let's go on with it. That's fine. ... That's my point of view."
...
But Farese said Mary Winkler handled the family finances only because she did everything her husband told her. He said she was abused verbally, emotionally and physically.

Clinton gladly plays the gender card

anthony · 14 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Armed with mounting evidence that women are providing her a strong foundation in the crucial early months of the run-up to next year's primaries, Clinton's campaign is trying to organize almost every aspect of the Democratic women's voting bloc — including lining up the support of feminist elites and stoking excitement in teenage political neophytes.
...
"Now is the time to break the biggest glass ceiling in the land," a beaming Clinton said last week after her endorsement by the National Organization for Women's political action committee, one of several influential women's activist groups that have rushed to endorse her campaign."

Teacher Punishes Boys With Haircut, Pink Bows

anthony · 14 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

Another article supporting the fact that boys are treated like animals in the education system. These female teachers must have taken many women studies courses. What better way to abuse a boy than humiliating him with pink bows. Sickening! Excerpt:

"Debbie Hackman's son, Caleb, was one of two boys who came home from school this week with a new haircut -– and the barber was the boys' teacher at Milan Elementary School.

According to students, fourth-grade teacher Jennifer Blockman punished the boys by tying pink bows in their hair and cutting their hair in front of the class."

More Winkler Case Details Emerging

Matt · 15 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like Mary Winkler had a problem with check-kiting in addition to having her "ugly come out" enough to murder her husband. I suspect by the end of this trial a lot of pretty ugly things about Mary Winkler will surface. Let's see if justice gets done. Story here. Excerpt:

'SELMER, Tennessee (CNN) -- The day before a Tennessee preacher was shot to death, a banker tried to reach his wife several times about an account in her name that was nearly $5,000 overdrawn, a corporate fraud investigator testified Saturday.

When Mary Winkler finally returned the calls to Regions Bank late in the afternoon on March 21, 2006, banker Mary Guest told her she was unable to deposit checks from another bank because there weren't enough funds to cover them.

"I told her what she was doing was called kiting checks," Guest testified she told Winkler.

Guest testified she told Winkler the practice could result in criminal charges, and reminded Winkler that she and her husband had an appointment at the bank the following morning to discuss the problem.'

"That Night at Duke"

Matt · 15 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

So Newsweek finally writes about what really happened. They had an entire year to do so; they only just got around to it now. Excerpt:

'Seligmann found the stereotyping especially painful. Recruited by Harvard and Yale, he had proudly chosen Duke. Now he was being portrayed, at least by implication, as a dumb jock. Some elements of the Duke community, like the girls' lacrosse team, rallied behind the players, but the faculty seemed to write them off as racists and thugs. "It was a very lonely feeling," Seligmann recalled. "You were looking for people to step up and be behind you when you most needed them. Certain people weren't there."'

Yep-- and you, Newsweek, may count yourself among them. But you are in good ocmpany; the rest of the MSM, academe, and the government all fall into that camp.

Women ogle more than men do - it's a fact!

GaryB · 16 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

News.com.au reports here on what we guys have always suspected and women have always strenuously denied - WOMEN OGLE MEN MORE OFTEN THAN MEN OGLE THEM!

Excerpt:
"WOMEN are more prone to ogling than men despite the widespread belief they are less focused on the physical, a study suggests.
Scientists used eye-tracking technology to pinpoint what people looked at when shown a series of sexy photos. They expected women to be more interested in faces, and men in genitals.

To their surprise, they found almost the reverse was true. Men were more likely than women to linger on the face before diverting their attention to other parts of the body. But women spent longer poring over images of couples performing sexual acts."

So next time you hear a woman accusing guys of always starting at women's breasts, just throw this fact in..!

American Airlines Has Women-Only Site

Matt · 16 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

That's right, you read that correctly. The news is reported here. The special sub-site is here. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO, Illinois (Reuters) -- American Airlines, the world's largest airline, says it can boost revenue by $94 million a year by tailoring some of its services to the growing number of women travelers.

The airline, a unit of AMR Corp., this week unveiled a version of its Web site for women (http://www.aa.com/women). The site aims to increase the number of women booking flights on American by 2 percent or more, said an AMR executive on Tuesday.

The site, as well as changes to American's planes and travel clubs, is the latest effort by a U.S. airline to distinguish itself in a competitive industry that has spent the last five years slashing costs and tweaking services.'

Woman-only special incentives? Woman-only special services? Woman-only customer service? Do you find this grossly offensive? I do. I think this requires a call to action. A big one. I think AA needs to hear from many men about this kind of thing in no uncertain terms. I don't fly much but will not travel AA when I do. Contact AA here.

Study finds women don't really work more than men

ItsDan · 16 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

There's a common belief that women work more than men because in addition to their jobs, they do most of the housework. This study found that while women do more work at home, averaged together men and women do on average the same hours of work per week. Of course it doesn't point out the obvious, that more hours on home-work and less on market-work means lower income.

Winkler case: Prosecution rests with testimony of preacher's daughter

Matt · 17 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SELMER, Tennessee (AP) -- Prosecutors rested their case against a preacher's wife accused of murdering her husband with the heartbreaking testimony of the couple's 9-year-old daughter.
...
She told Tennessee authorities that her husband criticized her for "the way I walk, what I eat, everything. It was just building up to this point. I was just tired of it. I guess I just got to a point and snapped."

Brandy Jones, who described Mary Winkler as her best friend, said Monday she never saw any evidence of physical or emotional abuse. She had dinner with the Winklers a month before Matthew was shot, and the couple seemed happy, Jones said.
...
Earlier Monday, a forensic pathologist testified that Matthew Winkler was killed by a shotgun blast in the middle of his back; 77 pellets were removed from his body.
...
The prosecution has said the Winklers were in financial trouble and that bank managers were closing in on a check-kiting scheme that Mary Winkler wanted to conceal from her husband.'

PODS Replies At Last

Benjamin Studtmann · 17 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I just received a communication from Peter Warhurst, CEO of the advertising agency that created the amazingly offensive ads for the PGA tour. Full letter stored here.

"I am in receipt of the comments you recently provided regarding our television commercial. Upon further consideration of the spot, and with the feelings of our customers as well as the general public in mind, I have decided to pull it from its rotation and no longer air it. While the commercial was created to be lighthearted and comical, I am sensitive to the fact that we have failed in that it has proven offensive to some people. This was never our intent and I am truly sorry for any discomfort or unpleasantness it has caused. Thank you for taking the time to bring your concerns to us."

I hope he learns something when his wife tries to gut him like a fish and the 911 operator views his situation with the same flavor of lighthearted levity. I wonder if Mr. Warhurst would take comfort in that afterwards, in the arms of her whiffle-cut wire-rimmed feminist social worker, his wife expresses that she is, indeed, truly sorry for any discomfort or unpleasantness he might have experienced. Wouldn't that just make it all better?

Married female teacher had 'affair' with 15-year-old pupil

AngryMan · 17 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Check out this story. Yet another female paedo teacher. Excerpt:

'Jennie Saville-King, an assistant teacher would book hotel rooms for sex with the teenager who was just 15 when the relationship began, or take him to her home while her husband was at work in London, it was claimed.

Three days before she gave birth to her baby, Saville King who had also been responsible for the pastoral care of the youngster was continuing to have sex with him, a court was told.

...
"Full sex didn't happen until after he was 16. He says he stopped short of full sex because he didn't want her to feel bad about having sex with him whilst he was underage," said the prosecutor."'

'He' stopped short? 'He' didn't want 'her' to feel bad?

What do you think she'll get? A slap on the wrist and some nice therapy. I bet she won't even lose her job. What would a man get in the same position? Hard jail time for sure.

Chinese "Womantown" update: Men to be spanked in new town

George.Rolph · 17 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CONSTRUCTION has started on the world's first Woman-town, where disobedient men will get a spanking.

The 2.3sqkm Shuangqiao district in China's Chongqing will have a motto proclaiming its philosophy: "A woman never makes a mistake, a man must not refuse a woman's request."'

Last Call for 'Rape-Crisis' Feminism?

anthony · 17 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But "rape-crisis feminism" (as the writer Katie Roiphe dubbed it) replaced one set of prejudices with another, such as the notion that women virtually never lie about rape. As the radical feminist law professor Catharine MacKinnon wrote in her 1987 book, Feminism Unmodified, "Feminism is built on believing women's accounts of sexual use and abuse by men."
...
The Duke case also makes it clear that the feminist dogma on rape is far from benign. It is hostile both to men and to basic principles of justice.'

UK: "Mormon women ‘tortured children to instil discipline’"

AngryMan · 18 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Two Mormon women tortured six young children by forcing them to eat red-hot chillies and whipping them with nettles, a court was told yesterday. Deidre Carrington, 41, and Maria Keable, 60, are also alleged to have punched and kneed the four girls and two boys, hit them with wooden spoons and rolling pins, and gagged them."

Winkler Case: Slain preacher's wife denies pulling trigger

Matt · 18 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Supposedly her husband "made her" wear "slutty costumes" for sex and was going to kill their daughter since he wanted a son instead. Also, she didn't pull the trigger. The gun just went off.

Yes, indeed. It wasn't her fault in any way, shape or form. She should be released immediately. Uh-huh.

Man Claims Hate Crime Assault by Women

Matt · 18 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Man Describes Alleged Attack By 7 Lesbians In N.J.
Claims '06 Incident Was Hate Crime Against Straight Man

(CBS/AP) NEW YORK A man who was beaten and stabbed after a street fight with seven avowed lesbians testified Wednesday that he thought he was going to die after they jumped him last year.
...
Buckle, who has called the incident "a hate crime against a straight man," was testifying in Manhattan's state Supreme Court at the trial of Patreese Johnson, 20, Renata Hill, 25, Venice Brown, 19, and Terrain Dandridge, 20, all of Newark, N.J.
...
Three of the seven women pleaded guilty to assault charges in exchange for sentences of six months in jail and five years probation.'

RADAR ALERT: Nifong: The Tip Of The Iceberg

Matt · 19 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Your mission this week, should you decide to accept it, is to familiarize yourself with the Duke case.

- Read That Night At Duke, and watch the videos there. Terri Lynn Tersak of True-Equality Network can be heard in '2. Audio: Duke: Case Dismissed'.
- And you don't want to miss Duke Players, AG Speak Out.

"This woman has destroyed everything I worked for in my life," said David Evans, former Duke lacrosse player recently exonerated of sexual offense and kidnapping charges. Crystal Gail Mangum, single mom and "exotic dancer" put Evans and two other young men, as well as their families and friends, through 395 days of hell. And it easily cost these families a million dollars each; all to keep innocent young men from 30 years in prison.

Mangum was able to maintain her deceit for so long because she had the enthusiastic help of Durham County District Attorney Michael Nifong.

Evan's comment rings true for many men falsely accused of rape, sexual assault and domestic violence. Prosecutors and researchers say that half of all allegations of rape turn out to be false. In many cases, the D.A. goes ahead with the prosecution of the innocent, willfully ignoring the fact the accuser admitted she lied. And it's becoming common knowledge that some women file false charges against their partners to assure sole custody of children during divorce.

These offenses can only occur when due process is not respected; something that, unfortunately, is all too common. Yet mainstream media is portraying this as it it were an isolated case.

PREPARE YOURSELF NOW!

Watch the videos above. Then read the following related information:

- A Culture of False Allegations: How VAWA Harms Families and Children (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-A-Culture-of-False-Allegations.pdf)
- Bias in the Judiciary: The Case of Domestic Violence (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Bias-In-The-Judiciary.pdf)

Stay tuned. Next week we'll launch our campaign to stop prosecutorial abuse in cases where sexual assault or domestic violence is alleged.

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Date of RADAR Release: April 19, 2007

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Winkler Verdict: Vol. Manslaughter, Could Get 3-6 Years

Matt · 19 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. No, not murder. Not even close. She *could* get 3-6 years and get released. Sex composition of the jury: 10 women, two men. Justice served? Excerpt:

'SELMER, Tennessee (CNN) -- A Tennessee jury on Thursday found Mary Winkler guilty of voluntary manslaughter in the shotgun killing of her husband.

Winkler showed no emotion when the verdict was announced.

The judge ruled that she would remain free on bond until her sentencing, which is scheduled for May 18.

The manslaughter conviction could send Winkler to prison for between three and six years.
...
The 10 women and two men deliberated for about six hours, before reaching a verdict.

She could have been convicted of first-degree murder, which would have been punishable by 51 to 60 years in prison. Early in the case, prosecutors decided not to pursue the death penalty.'

Father denied justice by NZ courts, says UN

Matt · 20 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'The United Nations has slammed the New Zealand legal system for denying justice to a man accused of abusing his children.

The Government now has three months to explain itself to the international body and offer a solution to the man.

Human rights lawyer Tony Ellis took the man's case to the UN's Human Rights Committee saying his client's right to a fair trial had been ignored by the Family and then the Appeal Courts.'

Sadistic foster mother sentenced to 14 years in jail

AngryMan · 20 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Remember this?

Good news. She went down for 14 years yesterday. Excerpt:

'A sadistic foster mother who subjected three children in her care to horrifying physical and mental abuse over two decades was jailed for 14 years yesterday.

Judge Simon Darwall-Smith told Eunice Spry, 62, that it was the worst case he had come across in his career.

The judge said: "Frankly, it's difficult for anyone to understand how any human being could have even contemplated what you did, let alone with the regularity and premeditation you employed."'

MANN Announcement: Beta News Site Open for Testing

Matt · 20 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

All,

Today we announce that MANN is trying a user-centric approach to news article review and endorsement. Scott, thanks for setting this up and getting it going. You de man.

It's no secret some regulars feel that the editing of news stories is too exclusive. Well, being that their comments are directed largely at myself, I will refrain here from commenting on their comments. Nonetheless it is fair to say that a more democratic form of news story parsing and rating is in keeping with the spirit of the Internet generally. So MANN now has a beta news site using the Pligg software system of content review and rating-- entirely user-driven. So please, click on the Beta News Site tab at the top, register, and submit and review stories. If it turns out to be a popular means of posting stories here on MANN, we'll switch over to it entirely.

While it's true then that I'll be out of a job, it is also true that I'll have more time to do other MRA-related stuff. So all for the best no matter what.

Hope you all enjoy it, and get Pligging!

Matt

P.S./Update: Please contact Scott at scott@mensactivism.org directly if you are having problems with registering on the new system, etc. This is a new s/w package both on the site and it's also new to MANN admins, so please be patient. Getting the bugs worked out in stuff like this is one reason for deploying this as a beta site and not just replacing the current site with it.

Babysitter kills pregnant friend, cuts baby from womb, drowns 3 children

ItsDan · 20 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"BELLEVILLE, Ill. - A baby sitter already accused of killing a pregnant friend was charged Friday with drowning the woman's three children in a bath tub and then hiding the bodies in the family's washing machine and dryer.

Grand jurors indicted Tiffany Hall, 24, on three counts of first-degree murder in the East St. Louis deaths last September of DeMond Tunstall, 7, Ivan Tunstall-Collins, 2, and Jinela Tunstall, 1.

A county coroner's jury ruled the deaths of the children, their mother, Jimella Tunstall, and her fetus to be homicides."

Newsweek: The Games Boys Play

Matt · 20 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Unexpected but needed saying; author advocates for allowing boys to play rough and tumble, cops and robbers, etc., and why it is better that they play at such things rather than live them out. Excerpt:

"Children, and particularly boys, are acutely sensitive to the violence around them. They play out violent themes to help relieve themselves of the natural fear and confusion they feel."

Please note I have also added this story to the beta site. Please take this opportunity to look at it, register, vote for it (or not), and consider submitting stories yourself. Personally I really like the way the software does so much of the headlining and linking work for you.

Male victims the subject of domestic violence conference

anthony · 20 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Men united for a just cause....another vital move in the right direction. The more we speak, the more people will listen. The MRA movement is gaining momentum. Let's be positive! Excerpt:

"CHARLESTON - Properly identifying and providing services to male victims of domestic violence and sexual assault will be the focus of a day-long conference next week in Charleston.

In observance of National Crime Victims Right's Week, a coalition of survivor support and political action groups, in conjunction with the U. S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime, are sponsoring "Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: Not Just Problems for Women."

Women force toddlers to fight, escape jail

AngryMan · 20 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A mother who forced her two toddlers to attack each other with weapons and filmed the fight was spared jail.

Zara Care, with her sisters Serenza and Danielle Olver and her mother Carole Olver forced the two toddlers to punch each other in the face.

The four women also goaded the two-year-old boy and three-year-old girl, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, to hit each other with a magazine and a hairbrush and when one did not fight they called him a "wimp" and a "faggot".

The fight was filmed on a home video recorder and was found by chance by the children's father who is in the Army and had returned from a tour of duty in Iraq."

Check out the left-wing Guardian's coverage. "The incident was filmed on a video camera and discovered by chance by *a person*, who reported it to social services."

The American Daily publishes SAFE Executive Director article on Duke University Case

SAFE-NH · 21 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is an excerpt from the American Daily Press Release: for the entire piece, please click here.

"If your son was falsely accused of rape, and when he was proven innocent, still was not able to legally hold his accuser accountable, had suffered loss of reputation, not to mention the emotional toll on him and the changes in his personality…and yet had no recourse, how would you feel as the parent of this young man?

If you are a man and you are falsely accused of domestic violence or sexual assault under the laws we currently have, you will find yourself exactly where these young men from Duke University are.

Even though they have no case against them, they will carry the stigma of the accusations with them forever. The same goes for those with false allegations of domestic violence and with false restraining orders placed against them.

Not only do they become instantly prohibited from entering their homes, seeing their children and sometimes even lose their jobs but they are also under the threat of arrest, based simply on the “victim” claiming that they called or happened to see them in a public place.’

Ultimately, if the restraining order is dropped by the “victim”, that does not mean that the defendant won’t be tried in a criminal court for having “assaulted” their accuser.

Even if they are proven to be innocent, they will suffer the stigma of having been accused and some people will always assume the worst. False accusations and lack of accountability ruin the lives of many and it’s time for a change!"

Restaurants to drop prices for women to reflect wage disparity

anthony · 22 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

This is out right discrimination. What about the male patron that has a low income? Is he still required to pay more money for a meal? What about the female that makes $100,000 a year? Feminists look at genders as a collective unit, ultimately ignoring individuality. The wage gap myth needs intensive research, or this disturbing issue could become a disturbing trend. Excerpt:

"At least five restaurants here say they will drop prices for women patrons by 23 percent Tuesday to reflect a conclusion that American women, on average, earn that much less than men.

The event sponsor, the American Association of American Women, says 23 percent of the year will have passed, and that that's how many extra days women would have to work this year to make what similarly trained and educated men would make. The association has a Baker County chapter."

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NOTE: AAUW Executive's e-mail address is executive-at-aauw.org.

India: "Boys Cry"

bharati · 22 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

An article regarding the shocking status of boys in India
here. Excerpt:

"Recently in Mumbai, a teacher paraded three six-year-old boys in their underwear to punish them for not doing well in school, but no action was taken, says Swarup Sarkar of the Save India Family Foundation, a self-financed forum for men. In April last year, a student of a prestigious school in Lucknow complained of sexual abuse by his class teacher. The matter is with the police, the child has sought refuge in his grandparents' house, and the issue is hanging."

Misandry at its worst

badgerb · 22 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"[The bill]...would also address the issue of violence against women at its roots. (Those of you vigorously objecting here are being disingenuous. No, men do not need similar protection because, Lorena Bobbitt notwithstanding, there is really no widespread gender-specific phenomenon of violence against them."

A thoroughly sickening article. Pass it along to everyone you know in the Men's Movement. Maybe someone can come up with a learned response to this sicko. I have been banging my head against the wall trying to come up with one. Sadly my skills are lacking in that area.

200th exoneration in US due to DNA testing

Matt · 23 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO (AP) - A man who spent 25 years in prison for rape was exonerated Monday as a judge threw out his convictions because DNA evidence showed he couldn't have committed the attack.

Jerry Miller smiled and the courtroom erupted into cheers after Cook County Circuit Court Judge Diane G. Cannon read the ruling that cleared him of all charges.

Miller, 48, had been found guilty of rape, robbery, aggravated kidnapping and aggravated battery even though he testified he was at home watching television at the time of the 1981 attack. He was paroled in March 2006 and now works two jobs and lives with a family member in a Chicago suburb.

The exoneration is the nation's 200th based on DNA evidence, according to the Innocence Project, a New York group that works to free wrongly convicted inmates.'

Nurse convicted of dismembering husband

anthony · 23 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A jury convicted a nurse Monday of killing her husband and placing his body parts in three suitcases she tossed into Chesapeake Bay. Melanie McGuire, who sobbed as she heard the verdict, was convicted of murder, desecration of a corpse, perjury and a weapons offense."

Red Alert! Men May Soon Be Taxed More Than Women

032105 · 24 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here.

This sexist economic agenda, if acted upon, would severely disadvantage men in the workforce because employers would hire more women than men simply for the fact that women would be cheaper to hire. Such an act, therefore, would lead to mass discrimination against men by employers and would greatly reduce men's presence at jobs.

Young men would be less inclined to seek higher education (a problem already affecting boys) as a result of knowing that their chances of getting jobs would be far lower than women's chances; consequently, the educational crisis affecting boys and men could dramatically get worse sending society into utter economic chaos. This article should be sent to every men's group on the planet! This must be stopped at once!

Paper here.

Women earn 95% of what men do

ItsDan · 24 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I came across this article on CNN and discovered a hidden gem. The article spouts the usual numbers of 80%, 69%, etc, but then hides in an otherwise unexplained line that only a quarter of the paygap is specifically related to gender, and the rest is behavior based. Now despite women outperforming men in education, I can still take 20 and divide by 4, meaning here in a CNN article they admit the actual number is closer to 95 cents on the dollar than the 76 they like to claim. And if they were that wrong for so long, it won't be hard to suggest that even the last few % could be from behaviors the study didn't consider.

False rape accuser locked up

ItsDan · 24 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Granted it's only for four months, but that's more than many people get. Story here. Excerpt:

"A TEENAGE girl who lied about being raped by a taxi driver was sentenced to a four-month detention and training order today.

The 17-year-old, from Shipley, West Yorkshire, who cannot be named for legal reasons, pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice at a hearing last month.

District Judge David Thomas, sentencing at Bradford Magistrates' Court today, told the girl she would serve two months of her sentence in custody.

...

The court heard that Mr Ahmed, who has 11-year-old twin daughters, no longer works at night for fear of further allegations.

His financial position is now such that he has had to put his house on the market.

His wife is now taking tablets for depression, the court heard."

RADAR ALERT: Beyond Duke: About Half Of All Rape Allegations Are False

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The false allegations of rape that damaged the lives of 46 members of the Duke Lacrosse Team, nearly sent three to prison for thirty years each, and cost families many millions of dollars in legal fees was not a one-of-a-kind aberration of justice. Other infamous cases involving well-known individuals such as Kobe Bryant, John Fund*, and CNN's Tucker Carlson provide additional public evidence that false rape allegations are a major public problem - one where the perpetrator is rarely punished.

*4-26-07 Update: MANN admins received a note from Mr. Fund letting us now that he was never accused of rape, only assault, and that these charges were dropped after investigation. He maintains a site discussing this issue here.

While researchers and prosecutors do not agree on the percentage of false allegations, the consensus is that approximately 40% to 50% of charges are clearly false. This number does not include unresolved allegations held "in limbo" where evidence s too weak to try the case even under shield laws, relaxed rules, and comparatively weak evidentiary standards applied to rape cases:

- A survey of all the forcible rape complaints during a three-year period at two large Midwestern state universities found that 50 percent of the accusations were false.
- In a nine-year study of all resolved rape cases in a Midwestern U.S. city of 70,000, the accusers recanted their charges 41 percent of the time. The 41 percent figure does not include the other accusations that the police department recorded as unfounded, for which there was insufficient evidence to establish the assault.
- According to a report of the Defense Department Inspector General released in 2005, approximately 73% of women and 72% of men at the military service academies believe that false accusations of sexual assault are a problem.
- Linda Fairstein, former head of the New York County District Attorney's Sex Crimes Unit, noted, "There are about 4,000 reports of rape each year in Manhattan. Of these, about half simply did not happen. ... It's my job to bring justice to the man who has been falsely accused by a woman who has a grudge against him, just as it's my job to prosecute the real thing."

The culture of false allegations of violence bears unacceptably high costs. Families and innocent lives are destroyed by our wasted tax dollars, while real cases go ignored or unprosecuted. Judges and juries are fooled and make bad decisions.

Every American who believes in justice has an important task to do this week:

1. Telephone your representative in Congress and ask if he or she has released a statement about the Duke Lacrosse case. You can find your representative's phone number by going to http://www.house.gov/ and entering your zip code, or by calling 202-224-3121.
2. If the answer is "yes," then have them send you the statement. Forward your representative's name and statement to info-at-mediaradar.org.
3. If the answer is "no", then encourage your representative to take this issue seriously and request a statement regarding the case be released.
4. You may also wish to contact your representative in your State Legislature and make the same request.

MANN Ed. NOTE: A number of facts herein have citations. Please see the original newsletter on-line here for these citations.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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Glenn Sacks Speaks About Alec Baldwin on CNN

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Newsletter here. Partial Transcript by Sacks:

"Parental Alienation campaigns such as what Kim has done to Alec Baldwin are very common. This campaign that she has done for the past six years has been so bad that even Basinger's mother has come out and condemned her daughter, and said that Alec is a good father, that he loves his daughter, that she loves him, and that Kim has done everything she could to drive him out of her life."

Video link is here.

The "wage gap calculator" on Hillary's website

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Before I begin, Happy Equal Pay Day!

Hillary is perpetuating propganda with this assine wage gap calculator located on her political front page. Type your gender, race, education, and age and find out why we are involved in an up-hill battle regarding this myth.

Deaths spur dad to action

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Story here.

Frank Campione, the father whose wife (Frances Elaine Campione) is on trial for murdering their two children, is pushing for the Ontario Ombudsman's office to have more oversight of Children's Aid Societies.

The CAS repeatedly gave custody back to the mother, in spite of warning signs that she was a danger to the children. In the end, the mother killed both children by drowning them. Her trial is scheduled to begin in Barrie in a few weeks.

John Stossel: 'Alec Baldwin: Monster or Alienated Parent?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Watch "Myths, Lies and Downright Stupidity" on a special edition of "20/20" Friday, May 4, at 10 p.m. EDT
...
The media (including the men, for psychological reasons involving guilt or other factors best left to Dr. Phil), see men as inviting, politically correct targets. When experts start trumpeting statistics that add up to "men are bad," reporters listen.

For years, I heard bad things about deadbeat dads. They were living it up, while their ex-wives and children had to scrape by. It's a recurring story, and the media regurgitates it regularly. It's also group slander."

"Inside youth prisons, scores of female guards violated boys"

Matt · 26 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Marc A.:

Last year, two Kuwaiti women got 7 years in jail for kidnapping, beating and raping a man.

Feminists like Jackson Katz claim women commit only 1% of rape. But that is NOT true especially when we count statutory and prison rape. A student survey found 43% of teacher sex abuse came from female teachers (though 92% of prosecutions are of male teachers), according to this article, which also quotes a John Hopkins expert saying boys face the same long-term effects as girls who are victims of sexual abuse.

Then there is the under-reporting. According to Wikipedia, "since the incidence of female-on-male rape is on record at much higher rates (around 30% compared to 10%) in Canada, it is likely being substantially under-reported in the United States."

And finally, there is prison rape/abuse, which women commit a substantial amount of, as the following recent article in the San Antonio Express News explains. (And of course, if we counted false accusations as psychological rape, the percentage of female rapists is even higher still). Excerpt:

'According to the Dallas Morning News, roughly two-thirds of TYC employees disciplined for sexual contact with youths since 2000 were women. Only five were convicted. In each case, the punishment was probation.

Incarcerating a woman for having sex with a male youth troubles some. "What's the crime," skeptics ask, "if the act was consensual?"

Lee Preston, clinical director at the San Antonio Rape Crisis Center, sees no difference between a man seducing a girl or a woman bedding a boy.

"Either way it's sexual abuse," Preston says. "You have an adult attempting to have sex with a minor."'

Grandmothers among those arrested over 'Satanic sex abuse' at school

AngryMan · 27 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Check out this story.

Excerpt: "Three women teachers were among six people arrested yesterday accused of sedating and sexually abusing children as young as 3 at a school near Rome.

The teachers — two of whom are grandmothers who had taught at the school and at Sunday school for decades — are said to have [taken] part in the repeated abuse of 15 children aged 3 and 5 for a year, filming them in sexual acts with satanic overtones at the teachers' homes and in a wood."

Female paedophiles? Or has the Satanic Panic reached Italy? Let's not forget the McMartin pre-school in the US and the Shieldfield scandal in the UK.

Sacks Column Submission: Baldwin Not the Only Culprit in Custody Battle with Basinger

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From Glenn Sacks: My new co-authored column, Baldwin Not the Only Culprit in Custody Battle with Basinger (San Diego Union-Tribune, 4/27/07), makes the point that while Baldwin's voicemail tirade at his daughter was clearly wrong, we're ignoring the Baldwin-Basinger case's central truth—Kim Basinger's well-documented Parental Alienation campaign against Baldwin.

Beta News Site Traffic

Matt · 28 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

All,

I have noticed the Beta News Site for MANN is getting very little attention. Please take the time to register on it and try it out. It really is a good alternative to the current submit-edit-post/not post paradigm that we currently are using.

Think of the highly populist, democratic form such a paradigm represents. Put me out of a job, please! ;)

Matt

BBC thinks female-on-male violence is humorous

Steven Brown · 29 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I managed to catch this episode of Eastenders on Friday:

"Denise reveals that she was going to leave, but that Shirley's convinced her to go through with the wedding. She takes Kevin aside, knees him in the crotch, then they tie the knot."

Note the light-hearted way the incident is summed up.

I wonder when the BBC is going to feature some humorous male-on-female violence?
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Ed. note: For the info. of non-UK readers, "EastEnders" is a very popular series in Britain, watched regularly by millions of people. Such a blatant example of woman-on-man violence in such a widely-viewed TV program is not insignificant and worthy of attention and action. "Have Your Say" link is here.

Hillary is "Patriarchy in sheep's clothing"??

Matt · 29 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

You may need to pick your jaws up off the floor after reading this, but there it is, in black and white. Excerpt:

'Hillary, by contrast, seems to want to be more like a man in her demeanor and politics, makes few concessions to the social demands of femininity, and yet seems to be only a partial feminist. She seems above us, exempting herself from compromises women have to make every day, while, at the same time, leaving some of the basic tenets of feminism in the dust. We are sold out on both counts. In other words, she seems like patriarchy in sheep's clothing.'

Lynch Says G.I. Jane Propaganda by Military Were Lies

Roy · 29 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

On her latest speaking tour including an appearance before Congress, Jessica Lynch says she's still confused about all the lies that the military's P.R. flacks ginned up about her supposed heroism."...

Lynch put up no resistance because she was immobilized in what amounted to a massive car accident. "I didn't even get a shot off," she told Newsweek.com this week, explaining that her Humvee was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, causing the driver to lose control and slam into the back of another truck in their convoy. "My weapon had jammed. And I didn't even get to fire." She blamed the military for not setting the record straight and the media for spreading the bogus story. At the hearing last week, she said she was "still confused as to why [the military] chose to lie and try to make me a legend."

Well, where is the mea culpa op-ed by N.O.W.'s Kim Gandy, now that the obvious consequences of females in combat have been outted? The rad-fems cannot politically afford to admit that women are a liability in combat theatre. It would upset the myth of female supremacy...

American Airlines Not Relenting

Matt · 29 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I received a snail mail reply from AA re their women-only subsite at http://www.aa.com/women/. Among other things the letter reads:

"We have the responsibility to our stockholders to maximize their investment, and that means aggressively pursuing the business of those who travel frequently...[Women constitute a large portion of our market]...Good business dictates we pursue these travelers."

Basically, the same argument people who had "whites-only" sections in restaurants, etc., used to make.

AA's customer relations web address is http://www.aa.com/customerrelations/. Get cranking!

Fathers' Biking Trek Culminates in August Rally

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It is official! August 11th 2007 Robert Pedersen and Rob Mackenzie will start their over 600 mile bicycle trek from the Lansing Capitol to Washington, D.C.. This will be an intense multi-day bike trek through numerous states ending in Washington, D.C. where they will be greeted by thousands of people attending the national rally in Washington, D.C. on August the 18th.'

Related:
http://www.achildsright.net/
http://www.dcrally2007.com/

NY Sun Column Takes on Wage Gap Myth Directly

Matt · 30 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Nice to see this. Excerpt:

'Never mind that the 77% figure is flawed and bogus. The latest figures show that comparing men and women who work 40 hours weekly yields a wage ratio of 88% — before accounting for different education, jobs, or experience, bringing the wage ratio closer to 95%. Percentages of 88% and 95% are less dramatic — and would place Equal Pay Day in January or February, poor months for outdoor rallies.'

Note the author's bio:
"Ms. Furchtgott-Roth, a former chief economist at the U.S. Department of Labor, is a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute."

Alesina's sexist "man tax" getting publicity with no ethical objections

Marc A. · 30 April 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The Minneapolis Star Tribune just printed this story on Harvard professor Alberto Alesina's sexist "man tax."

The story mentions no ethical objections at all. Please get our objections heard in the media early on before this snowballs. Letters can be sent using this form.

RADAR ALERT: Duke Case: Unusual Only Because The Prosecutor Got Caught

Matt · 1 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Now that the Duke Lacrosse players have been declared innocent by the new district attorney, we're being told that this is an unusual case caused by one out-of-control prosecutor. It's not. The only thing unusual about this case is that the innocent victims of false accusation had the resources to defend themselves against the overwhelming power of the state. Just as rape is unquestionably a serious problem, so too are false accusations of rape. Too many prosecutors fail to recognize that it's not an either/or choice. Both are true.

Since most of those falsely accused of rape lack the resources to defend themselves, the system convicts many innocent men. Even when the accuser later owns up, the system resists correcting the injustice. Consider Illinois' notorious prosecution of Gary Dotson. Dotson's accuser spent half a decade guilt-ridden over having put an innocent man in prison. When she finally confessed, prosecutors didn't want to hear it. They had reason to stonewall. State police forensic scientist Timothy Dixon had given perjured testimony.

Wrongdoing by the city of Marlborough, Mass. resulted in a $13.6 million judgment against them for causing the imprisonment of an innocent man. Eric Sarsfield, who spent nearly a decade in prison for a rape he did not commit, says he and the rape victim were "manipulated, cheated, and betrayed by law enforcement officers more interested in closing a case and getting a conviction than in playing by the rules."

Nifong is no "rogue prosecutor". In too many places in the country, Nifong's behavior is standard operating procedure.

Our system has become so disinterested in protecting the rights of the falsely accused that some people now think making false accusations is a good business plan. In Sacramento, Calif., Jessica Langshaw falsely accused three men of rape and five others of sexual assault in order to extort $500,000 from them.

Objective research indicates that about half of reported forcible rape accusations are false.

That also means that about half are true. A blanket policy of treating all accusations as true causes just as much harm to innocent people as would be caused if the policy were to treat all such accusations as false.

In a democracy, we get the government we deserve. Make your voice heard!

Last week we asked you to contact your Congressperson to ask if he or she has issued a statement about the Duke case. This week we'd like you to ask your two Senators the same question:

1. You can find both your Senators' phone numbers by going to http://www.senate.gov/ and entering your state, or by calling the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.
2. If your Senator has issued a statement, have them send you that statement, and then forward it and the Senator's name to info-at-mediaradar.org.
3. If not, politely request that your Senator issue a statement regarding the case.

** MANN admin note: Some of these statements have citations associated with them. See the original alert on the RADAR web site for these citations. **

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iFeminists: Men are now being physically tortured, so they will "admit" to committing DV

axolotl · 1 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Yes, that is happening in this here America.

The article addresses general DV issues and the VAWA, then gets more specific (read: graphic..this is not for the faint of heart):

"Torture victims have described events during their imprisonment where they were stripped naked and doused with cold water, and then "stun-gun/tasers" were applied to their testicles by law enforcement agents. This was repeated until they confessed/agreed to the fraudulent complaint filed against them."

"Over 800 cases of the prior listed types of torture have been reported to the victim's representatives in the United States Congress"

British Judge partially corrects the wrongs in alimony law

bharati · 1 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Everybody is entitled to live the lifestyle for which they earn through their economic contrbution. It does seem like the winds of change towards recognising and stopping these economic parasites are blowing. The door towards "living according to ones capability without getting fleeced by economic parasites" has been opened. This needs to be firmed up and slowly the feminists' economic parasitism will be stopped. Excerpt:

'LONDON, April 14 - A British judge has ruled ex-husbands can not be expected to compensate their ex-wives for future earnings.

The judge ruled in England, which is known for favoring women in divorce proceedings, that a baker identified as Mr. H does not have to give Mrs. H a share of his future earnings after their divorce, The Times of London reported Saturday.'

Unauthorized Biography of Hillary Clinton Paints Familiar Picture

Matt · 1 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

It seems Carl Bernstein's recent biography of Hillary Clinton exposes some of what many of us already knew. Read the pre-publication review here. Excerpt:

'With the thoroughness for which he is famous, Bernstein spoke to more than 200 of Clinton's friends, colleagues and adversaries. He stops short of accusing the New York senator of blatantly lying about her past, but has unearthed examples of where she has played fast and loose with the facts about her "personal and political life", according to Knopf.

The book could revive the explosive charge, made earlier this year by David Geffen, a former Clinton donor and Hollywood mogul, that "the Clintons lie with such ease, it's troubling".
...
Bernstein's biography is likely to touch some raw nerves. One writer who has crossed swords with Clinton advises Bernstein to watch his back. "She has the most powerful war machine that has ever been developed and it is led by people who have been to hell and back.".

True Equality Conference 2007 Update

Matt · 1 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I called the Washington Court Hotel just today to ask about when would be the latest one could book a room under the special rate for the Boys and the Boy Crisis Conference scheduled for July 13-14, 2007. The scheduler said that bookings for rooms had to come no later than June 13 to get the special $115.00/night rate.

For those not familiar with DC area prices, TRUST ME, $115.00/night at the Court is a nice deal. Try looking up their regular prices and see what you find. This is also a very good time to find cheap airfare deals at sites like Travelocity, too. Don't wait 'til you're only a month out before booking your plane.

This is going to be a great conference. Tom has done a great job lining up speakers and workshop leaders. Don't miss this, guys!

The Truth About the Pay Gap: Feminist politics and bad economics

anthony · 1 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

These are aspects of the wage gap we already know. I hope these opinions are taken seriously, examined, and treated with equity before we demonize men. Hillary, take notice, NOW's philosphy on the matter is flawed. The American Asscociation of Unveristy Women might even be more of a perpetuator of this biased myth. When will the governement and society accept views regarding the wage gap that is not infected with feminism?

"As they get older, many women elect to work less so they can spend time with their children. A decade after graduation, 39 percent of women are out of the work force or working part time -- compared with only 3 percent of men. When these mothers return to full-time jobs, they naturally earn less than they would have if they had never left."

Female Teacher, 16-Year-Old Boy Had Sex In Vehicle At Church

anthony · 1 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

What about "Female teacher rapes boy in vehicle at church"? Excerpt:

"Janet Lea Hughes, 32, of Viera, was arrested Monday night after two undercover Titusville police officers found her with a student in a van parked at First Presbyterian Church.

Hughes was issued a $35,000 bond on one count of unlawful sexual activity with a minor when she made her initial appearance Tuesday afternoon. On a second count of attempted sexual activity with a minor, Judge Judy Atkin ordered Hughes to community supervision and to have no contact with the boy."

Teacher accused of student affair was sent home for ‘wearing revealing dress’

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Story here. Excerpt:

"In July of 2004 she is said to have begun a year long affair with a 15 year old student who was in year 10.

They would meet for sex sessions in her home in St Albans and in her car. When the boy turned 16, it's claimed they had full sex and would check in to local hotels.

The court has been told that when another girl at the school discovered a photo of the boy and the teacher taken on his mobile phone, she took a copy into the school and showed a teacher."

DePaul University Athletic director - Women superior to men

chicago joe · 2 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Depaul University's first female athletic director and gender equity advocate, Jean Lenti-Ponsetto, claims female superiority over men in basketball.

Asked for her comments on the differences between coaching men and women in basketball for the "WomenNews" section of the Chicago Tribune she says:
(click "read more")

"My experience is that women are more coachable. They don't bring as much ego, and they function much better in a team-oriented concept. Guys sometimes have a tendency to fit their individual skills into the team model. Women always think team first... women are also faster and easier learners because they kind of check their ego at the door. Guys sometimes walk into a team setting and have the tendency to prove right away how good they are and how good their individual skills are."

Remember Mr. Larry Summers, president of Harvard? Isn't this the same thing? I guess when it's in reverse it's O.K. Join me in telling Mrs. Lenti-Ponsetto and Depaul University's president, Rev. Dennis H. Holtscheider how you feel.

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Wage Gap Myth version II: Stay-at-home mothers' worth

Matt · 2 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Seems the measuring of financial matters when it comes to feminists truly knows no limits. The latest hilarity is to be found here. Wonder if stay-at-home dads get the same method of calculation?

Excerpt:
"NEW YORK (Reuters) - If the typical stay-at-home mother in the United States were paid for her work as a housekeeper, cook and psychologist among other roles, she would earn $138,095 a year, according to research released on Wednesday.

This reflected a 3 percent raise from last year's $134,121, according to Salary.com Inc, Waltham, Massachusetts-based compensation experts.

The 10 jobs listed as comprising a mother's work were housekeeper, cook, day care center teacher, laundry machine operator, van driver, facilities manager, janitor, computer operator, chief executive officer and psychologist, it said."

Sports Illustrated's Deford denounces Title IX - but blames men for poor academics

garypc · 2 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Frank Deford, in his latest column, denounces the impact of Title IX on men's sports teams. At the same time, however, he also blames the lack of men on college on men's poor study habits and only being interested in sports. He makes no mention of the systematic problems in educating in men, and ultimately considered the current system fair. Excerpt:

"The current situation is fair. It is not the fault of girls that boys won't work hard in the classroom. However, it is really not healthy that, soon enough, most colleges will only have men's teams in football and basketball, maybe baseball."

France's Royal: Police women to be accompanied back home

Anonymous · 3 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Ms Royal attacked him over his plans for heavy cuts in the civil service and cited the case of a policewoman who was raped last month as she returned from work at night.

“Under my presidency every woman police officer will be accompanied to her home after work,” Ms Royal said. She scored points when Mr Sarkozy denounced the 35-hour maximum working week, introduced in 1999 by the last Socialist Government.'

Woman charged with kidnapping in child support scam

anthony · 3 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is an update from a prevous post about this child support scam. Excerpt:

"An Albuquerque woman who for two years collected child support from a man for a baby that didn't exist is now facing a felony kidnapping charge.

In a court hearing in 2004, a judge demanded that Trevino produce the child in court. Instead, she showed up in the courtroom and tried to pass a child that wasn't hers.

...

If convicted of the state charges against her, Trevino could face up to 45 years in jail."

Australia: "Women pay tax at three times the rate men do"

GaryB · 4 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Recent research in Australia has shown that - astoundingly - women are paying tax at THREE TIMES the rate that men are. My god, does the horrendous attrocities women have to face never cease...?!

QUOTE:"MOTHERS do 70 per cent of the housework and more than 90 per cent of the childcare. Now it seems they're also paying tax at three times the rate of their husbands.

A tax symposium was told Australia has one of the most sexist systems in the world and it could be part of the reason we're facing a skills crisis.

Why is it that the male primary earner in a family on average pays just 10.3 per cent of his income in tax but his wife loses on average 32.7 per cent if she goes out to work?"

Of course it's complete crap, just feminazi juggling of figures to grab headlines and help attack men even more. Feel free to add your comments at the end and let them know just what utter bollocks this is....

Most teachers 'face false claims'

AngryMan · 4 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Most school heads and teachers have faced false allegations from pupils or parents, a head teachers' union says. The problem is under-played and incidents are less unusual than some claim, according to the National Association of Head Teachers. The union complains the names of the accused get into the media, while the alleged victim is often anonymous."

UK: 43% of women have had sex with male colleagues

ItsDan · 4 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Interesting statistics here. Excerpt:

"More than one in four have cheated on a regular partner with an office lover — but only seven per cent suspect their fella of the same at their workplace.

Twenty per cent would have NO hesitation in sleeping with the boss to get promotion — and 17 per cent had already done so. More than a third regularly go to work with no underwear — while 16 per cent visit the loo to relieve sexual frustration."

Cadillac/GM Joins the Misandric Advertising Club

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Saw an ad for the Cadillac CTS recently. Like many companies these days, they post their ads on-line. To see this gem, go here and select "CTS" in the "SORT BY" drop-down box. Then click the third one in the first row (entitled "KHAKIS"), with the picture of the man and woman looking out from the elevator.

Observations:
- The woman passes by colleagues who didn't get the promotion-- all of them are men.
- The men act like frightened puppies.
- The last part of the ad sees the man she is in the elevator with suddenly lose all the ink in his fountain pen, staining his shirt-- an obvious allusion to the idea of him peeing his pants out of fear of the all-mighty woman.

All this in an apparent effort to appeal to female consumers. Seems like many other companies, Cadillac (owned by GM) thinks it needs to trounce men in order to win over women. Contact info is here.

NOW attacks father's right groups and parental alienation

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Article here. Excerpt:

"The truth is that Parental Alienation really is a dangerous and cleverly marketed legal strategy that has caused much harm to victims of abuse, especially women and children during and post divorce. This strategy, promoted actively by several "father's rights" groups, has convinced many people, including some in the judicial system and the media, that the actions of a protective parent (usually the mother) are more harmful than the actual mistreatment inflicted by an abusive parent. The end result is public support (and an excuse) for the teary-eyed abusive parent, plus a willingness to believe that so-called parental alienation, and not the parent's own behavior, led to the child's anger toward that parent."

CRISPE, F4J, & NCFMLA Stage Protest At Downtown Los Angeles Courthouse

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Members of Father's and men's rights groups (CRISPE, F4J, and NCFMLA) protested today outside the downtown, Los Angeles County Municipal Courthouse, that was hearing matters in the Baldwin-Basinger visitation dispute.

CRISPE, F4J, & NCFMLA Stage Protest At Downtown Los Angeles Courthouse

Lowry: "Clinton and Obama's Great Feminist Pander"

anthony · 5 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The Obama-endorsed bill mandates equal pay for "equivalent jobs," while Clinton's bill would establish voluntary "guidelines to enable employers to evaluate job categories" -- all in the cause of increasing wages in female-dominated jobs beyond that determined by the market.
...
Never mind that the 77-percent figure is, in the words of Hudson Institute economist Diana Furchtgott-Roth, "flawed and bogus," failing to account for the most basic variables. The figure for men and women who work 40 hours a week is 88 percent. Baruch College economist June O'Neill finds -- adjusting for factors like schooling, lifetime work experience, and workplace characteristics -- that the gap almost disappears, with women making 95 percent of men's wages."

Mother Prostitutes Disabled 12-Year-Old Daughter for Crack, Won't Face Serious Charges

Anonymous · 5 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. From the article:

'Six men, ranging in age from 19 to 55, have been charged with several sexual assault-related charges. The 42-year-old mother was arrested earlier this week and charged with the rarely prosecuted offence of "corrupting children."'

'The Criminal Code offence of corrupting children makes it illegal to engage in adultery, sexual immorality, habitual drunkenness or "any other sort of vice," in the home of a child.'

And the fact that she sold her disabled daughter into prostitution to feed a drug habit? Where are the charges for those despicable crimes? Would a man escape those charges under the same circumstances?

As usual, the mother is facing very little jail time even if she's convicted. While she could have faced 14 years if convicted of living on the proceeds of prostitution or being involved in child prostitution she wasn't charged with those offenses despite selling her disabled daughter into sex to obtain drugs.

Naturally all of the men involved are facing the full weight of the law. Notice also that all of the men are identified by name, but the mother remains anonymous.

MSN: Deployed troops fight for lost custody of kids

Matt · 5 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. It leads with a the case of a female soldier losing custody when she was away, despite the fact that the vast majority of such cases will see male soldiers losing custody, which is hard enough for them to get anyway. Well at least this is getting MSM coverage. Excerpt:

"Iowa Guardsman Mike Grantham thought he was serving the best interests of his children when he arranged for his son and daughter to stay with his mother before reporting for duty in 2002. He had raised Brianna and Jeremy since his 2000 divorce, when ex-wife Tammara turned physical custody over to him.

After mobilizing, Grantham was served with a custody petition from Tammara. A trial judge temporarily placed the children with her. A year later, though Grantham had returned, the judge made Tammara the primary physical custodian.

An appeals court sided with Grantham, saying: “A soldier, who answered our Nation’s call to defend, lost physical care of his children ... offending our intrinsic sense of right and wrong.”

But the Iowa Supreme Court disagreed, saying Tammara was “presently the most effective parent.”"

12 year old fabricates rape story

ItsDan · 6 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"McGee said the girl skipped school Wednesday to spend time with a male friend. He said the girl realized she would be in trouble for skipping school, so she made up the story involving rape, abduction and physical abuse to cover her tracks."

NH Men's Commission Renewed, But Without State Funding

Scott · 6 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I apologize for taking so long to announce this news, but as of a couple of weeks ago, NH Governor John Lynch signed into law HB 704, which includes a clause to renew the NH Commission on the Status of Men. The Commission's existence no longer has a renewal date and can now exist perpetually. However, the fiscal note attached to the bill (for $60k/year) was rejected and so the Commission will continue to exist, as it has for the past four years, without any state funding.

Although the lack of funding still poses challenges to the Commission, it's great to see that it is no longer at risk of ceasing to exist completely.

RADAR ALERT: Ooooooops!

Matt · 7 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

We were mistaken. Recently RADAR attributed the following statement to Linda Fairstein, who formerly headed the New York County District Attorney's Sex Crimes Unit.

"There are about 4,000 reports of rape each year in Manhattan. Of these, about half simply did not happen. ... It's my job to bring justice to the man who has been falsely accused by a woman who has a grudge against him, just as it's my job to prosecute the real thing."

Numerous places on the web report that Ms. Fairstein made this statement in her 1993 book "Sexual Violence: Our War Against Rape". Because the number cited in the quote was in synch with other credible research and because a citation was included, we trusted that the quote was authentic.

A few days ago, a March 21, 2007 article on ABC came to our attention. That article quotes Ms. Fairstein as saying: "you have to acknowledge that false accusations do happen - though they are less than 10 percent of reported rapes."

Upon discovering that, we immediately did something that apparently none of the other websites that cite Fairstein's quote have bothered to do. We went to the library, borrowed a copy of Ms. Fairstein's 1993 book, and searched for the quote. Thus far we've been unable to find the quote anywhere in that book.

At RADAR, we do our level best to be prudent in the information we pass on to our readers. And when we become aware that we have repeated faulty information, our commitment is to inform you of that mistake.

Does mistakenly attributing the quote to Ms. Fairstein change our belief in the credibility of the research showing the rate of false allegation of rape to be in the neighborhood of 50 percent? It does not. RADAR still finds both the research of Purdue Univ. Sociology Professor Eugene Kanin and the research of Dr. Charles P. McDowell of the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations to be credible. It would be easy to simply say they're credible and leave it at that. Instead, we'd like to take this opportunity to show what it is about their research that leads us to consider it credible. Please see http://www.mediaradar.org/mcdowell_kanin_credible.php.

A great number of advocates try to mislead the public with the logical fallacy that acknowledging the reality of false accusations somehow harms real rape victims. By appealing to emotion, they hope you'll abandon reason so they can lead you down the primrose path. In doing so, they demonstrate their own disdain for the suffering their policies cause to innocent people who find themselves falsely accused.

Acknowledging the fact that some men suffer horrendously as a result of a false accusation of rape does not in any way diminish the reality of the horrendous suffering of a woman who has been raped.

RADAR has nothing but compassion and sympathy for victims of rape. They deserve justice. But the victims of those who would make a false allegation of rape, a different but equally horrible crime, are no less deserving of compassion, nor are they any less deserving of justice.

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A French Lesson for Hillary

Matt · 7 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From Women voters shun Segolene Royal:

'PARIS (Reuters) - Socialist Segolene Royal failed to win over a majority of women voters in France's presidential election and may have paid a price for focusing too much on her gender at the expense of promoting her policies.
...
The weak female support is a bitter personal blow for Royal, who had played up her feminist credentials throughout the campaign, frequently defending policies she would want "as a mother" and accusing critics of male chauvinism.
...
"The reason she did not have the female vote is not because there was no solidarity but because she was not up to it," said Tita Zeitoun, founder of the Action de Femme group which fights to get more women into top business positions.'

Hillary isn't up to it, either.

F4J is Coming to Los Angeles & NCFMLA Is Welcoming Them

MR · 7 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

F4J is Coming to Los Angeles & NCFMLA Is Welcoming Them

Fathers-4-Justice (F4J) and the National Coalition of Free Men, Los Angeles (NCFMLA) invite you to meet fellow grand-parents, children, women and men who are joined together to stop the unfair practices of lawyers and family court. Have lunch in the park with people like you who need to be heard and need to take action. Bring your story and join us for hot dogs, soft drinks and conversation. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and realize that you are not alone in your experiences.

F4J & NCFMLA Photo Collage

The protest rally and picnic will be held, May 20, 2007 (Sunday), from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park in Los Angeles County. The picnic in the park will be located at the corner of Hazeltine and Huston in the S.E. corner of the park.

Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Park

The address of the park is:
14201 Huston Street
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
Click here for a Mapquest page for VNSO Park

Together we will make a difference!

People are starting to clue in on the wage gap!

bryanh · 7 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I came across this article just recently.

It tries to spread the same old lies about the pay gap, no surprise there.

What is surprising, however, is the comments on the article. It seems that people are tired of listening to these lies, and common sense is taking over.

Latest Column by Glenn Sacks: Tyler Perry’s Daddy’s Little Girls Tells an Important Truth About African-American Fathers

Matt · 7 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From Glenn:

My new co-authored column, Tyler Perry’s Daddy’s Little Girls Tells an Important Truth About African-American Fathers (Wilmington Journal & others, 4/6/07), explains how Perry's film illuminates the important but largely ignored barriers our family law system often places between African-American dads and their children. Excerpt:

"Tyler Perry's new movie 'Daddy's Little Girls' tells an important truth about African-American fathers. The film, which reached number 5 on the Media By Numbers list of top movies, is the story of Monty, a blue collar African-American father played by Idris Elba. Monty fights long and hard in family court to be a father to his three adoring little girls. Today African-American men are often excoriated--most recently by presidential candidate Barack Obama--for being irresponsible towards their children. Yet we don’t hear nearly enough about men like Monty."

US Hate Crime Laws To Include Gender

Anonymous · 10 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The Democrat-controlled US Congress has recently passed a bill which would extend existing federal hate-crime legislation to cover attacks based on gender - here's a reasonable discussion of the law. Given the easily demonstrated anti-male bias of both the civil and criminal justice systems in the US it's a fair bet that the law is yet another move towards criminalizing men and masculinity, and that the law (like many other criminal sanctions) would be used to selectively prosecute and penalize men.

Let's hope President Bush has the good sense to veto this law before it can used in the war against boys and men. It's too bad that his badly needed veto will likely be about state rights or religious issues rather than any sense of protecting men from selective and discriminatory law enforcement.

Woman Who Posed as Boy Pleads Guilty To Child Molestation

anthony · 10 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who posed as an homeless orphaned boy, befriended a teenage girl and was taken into her family's home has pleaded guilty to child molestation.

Prosecutors say they would seek the maximum one-year jail term for Lorelei J. Corpuz, 30, who entered her plea Wednesday. Charges of third-degree child rape were dropped last month.

Authorities said Corpuz, who cropped her hair and stands 5-foot-3, passed herself off as 17-year-old Mark Villanueva after meeting the girl at a mall in September 2005. Her parents, immigrants who speak little English, later let Corpuz live at their home."

Bush May Veto Hate Crime Bill With Gender Focus

anthony · 11 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Be prepared, this article is from "Women's E News". My suggestion to NOW, just come right out and speak the truth. This law is not aimed at gender hate crimes, its simply a way to manipulate society with the fallacy that all men hate women. Excerpt:

"It looks like it will be unlikely that it will become law, but we will keep working at it," said Olga Vives, a vice president at the National Organization for Women in Washington, D.C.

If the legislation becomes law, it would establish uniform protections for women and girls who are victims of hate crimes around the country. Currently, 28 states include gender in their own versions of hate-crimes laws.

If the bill fails, advocates say a hard-won opportunity to specifically address hate crimes against women and girls will be lost, or at least put on hold until a different president occupies the White House."

Zimbabwe: 'Promote Circumcision in Acceptable Manner'

anthony · 11 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"Acceptable manner" is simply a politically correct way of saying "lets manipulate this culture with propaganda". Excerpt:

"There are many socio-cultural issues surrounding male circumcision that need to be addressed in order for it to adequately contribute to HIV prevention. It is, therefore, important that promotion of male circumcision be promoted and delivered in a culturally appropriate manner that minimises stigma that may be associated with circumcision."

Glenn Sacks: Michigan NOW Fights New Shared Parenting Bill

anthony · 11 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Sacks writes:

"In other words, it's more economically efficient for the child to live with mom in a household dad finances, and for the child to see dad in a park on Sundays and no more. This is hardly in the best interests of children. And since NOW is interested in economic efficiency, I would argue that it's more economically efficient to not get divorced to begin with, but since the vast majority of divorces are initiated by women, NOW is not about to come out against divorce."

Unbelievably good news for men's health in Great Britain!

Anonymous · 11 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I've just read on the menshealthforum site (UK) this breaking news:

"The Equality Act 2006 has created an important new duty for NHS organisations: the ‘gender duty’. NHS organisations’ compliance with the duty will be overseen by the new Commission for Equality and Human Rights and the Healthcare Commission."

"Men's Health Forum's president Dr Ian Banks believes ‘men are being badly let down because of the "one size fits all" approach to health care that has bedevilled the NHS since its inception.’ He says: ‘the Equality Act provides the biggest opportunity to improve male health since the foundation of the NHS."

This one is the best:

"The Men’s Health Forum will be monitoring the performance of the NHS and will not hesitate to use the new legislation to ensure compliance."

"Since men do worse in any areas of health, specific actions are needed to improve male health."

Check out the five main issues affecting men's health according to the MHF.

Please spread the news on every MRA' and men's site you know ! I think that this story is worth Glenn Sacks' newsletter with its more than 50,000 registered readers!

By the way every MRA should know the MHF site and show his support by emailing them! Just let them know their work is much appreciated!

"Advice Goddess" sticks up for men

Matt · 11 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here, it's beautiful. Amy Alkon is syndicated in over 100 newspapers in the US. Excerpt:

'Warped thinking like yours makes me realize how lucky I am to be a woman and white as typing paper. Although I recently got stopped by a cop for going the wrong way on a one-way street (he rolled his eyes and let me go when he realized I wasn't drunk, just ditzy), I'm generally safe from automatic presumptions of criminality like Driving While Black or Living And Breathing While Male.

Here you are, parroting this outrageous man-bashing propaganda — "one in four women reports having been raped or molested during childhood" — maybe because you heard it repeated so often you assumed it was fact. This figure is a common misquote of a survey by radical feminist sociology professor Diana Russell. Although Russell presents herself as a truth-seeking social scientist, her work reflects a substantial bias against men, as evidenced by her claim, based on one of her studies, that "a considerable amount of marital sex is probably closer to the rape end of the continuum."
...
My advice to you? Pick up Christina Hoff Sommers' *Who Stole Feminism?* to get a better idea of the damage done by radical feminist activism tarted up as serious science.'

"Mothers File International Complaint Against United States"

TomP · 11 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"For more than 30 years U.S. judges have given custody or unsupervised visitation of children to abusers and molesters putting the children directly at risk," says Dianne Post, an international attorney who authored the petition. "These horrendous human rights violations have been brought to the attention of family court systems, and state and federal governments, to no avail. We turn now to international courts to protect the rights and safety of US children."

I might agree with the quoted attorney's sentiments, but I think she got the sex of the offenders wrong in **way** too many cases...

'Falsely accused paedophiles were actually victims of credit card fraud'

AngryMan · 12 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Hundreds of Britons accused of being paedophiles in the country's biggest Internet child pornography investigation were actually victims of credit card fraud, it was claimed last night. More than 7,000 - including rock star Pete Townshend - were said to have downloaded child-porn images from a U.S. website. But an investigation has found that many of those charged as part of the police inquiry codenamed Operation Ore were innocent and their card details had been used illegally.'

To listen to the original BBC Radio program, click here. It is available for 7 days until Thursday 17th May.

Pity Party For Soccer Moms?

Roy · 12 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A new book "Opting Out" looks at American moms' struggles to balance both work and family and finds that women often aren't opting out — instead they're being shut out. Excerpt:

"Even the brightest women have fewer options around balancing work and family than society assumes. ... the stories women tell reveal not the expression of choice, but rather the existence of a choice gap, a gap that is a function of a double bind created primarily by the conditions of work in the gilded cages of elite professions. ... women go home because they have been unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain flexibility or because they found themselves marginalized and stigmatized for trying to hold onto their careers after becoming mothers."'

Woman who sold child sex jailed

AngryMan · 12 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A female pimp who lured girls as young as 12 into prostitution by getting them hooked on drugs has been jailed.
...
Walsh, of Kilburn, north-west London, was given a 10-year prison term after she pleaded guilty to four counts of child prostitution and supplying drugs.
...
Joanna Korner QC, prosecuting, said the two victims were vulnerable as they were from "dysfunctional, single parent family backgrounds".

"She cynically and cold-bloodedly befriended them in order to use them for her own purposes," she said.

"She exercised control over them through the belief she was their friend and by supplying drugs."'

Woman 'cried rape to justify lover's attack on ex-boyfriend'

Anonymous · 13 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman falsely accused an ex-boyfriend of rape after her current partner beat him up, a court heard yesterday.

Sharon Owers told police that keen yachtsman Chris Sullivan had raped her on her birthday on a pontoon at Swanwick Marina, near Southampton.

However, she made the allegation only when she and boyfriend Craig Abernethy were being interviewed over a frenzied attack on Mr Sullivan.'

"Boys Are Stupider Send Them To Jupiter"

Matt · 13 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Still out there... see it here. Looks like David & Goliath have just switched mediums for their anti-boy merchandise.

Woman sodomises ex-boyfriend

GaryB · 14 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

News.com.au reports here on a woman who tricked her ex into being handcuffed, then used a sex toy to brutally sodomise him, whilst also getting her new boyfriend to beat the crap out of him. The new boyfriend killed himself (presumably from the shame of what he'd done), but of course the girlfriend denies everything - and who knows, she's a woman so she's innocent and will probably get off.

QUOTE:

"A PERTH woman today denied in court that she tied and handcuffed her soldier lover to a chair and sodomised him with a sex toy in an hour-long attack.

Nicola Clunies-Ross, 19, is accused of luring the Darwin-based soldier, also 19, to her home on October 28 last year and tricking him into being tied to a chair and handcuffed."

Former Saturday Night Live Star behind bars with no trial on word of Wife

Anonymous · 14 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Since then, the actor has been behind bars, with no trial, at the maximum-security Quinte Detention Centre in Napanee, 30 kilometres west of Kingston, on charges of criminally harassing his wife during their marriage. It's alleged that his "reckless" behaviour led his spouse, Leah, with whom he has a now-2-year-old daughter, to be afraid for her own safety or others'."

Rosato's situation raises troubling questions. Why must he wait so long for a trial? And if he is suffering from mental illness, why isn't he in a hospital room instead of a jail cell?

'nuff said.

Florida Governor Supports Parental Alienation Awareness Day

anthony · 14 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

How about some good news, guys!

"The Parental Alienation Awareness Organization/www.Parental-Alienation-Awareness.com has made more progress in gaining recognition of April 25 as "Parental Alienation Awareness Day"--Florida has now become the 9th state to support PAAD."

Tons of more information at the above website!

DNA tests, new law could help some men escape child support payments

anthony · 14 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"John Walsh, 40, of Deerfield Beach, wants the same thing. He recently challenged his $400-a-month support requirement. He said two weeks after his 8-year-old son was born, he learned he was not the father. He has since had DNA tests indicating there is no biological relationship and filed a challenge to his support orders earlier this year."

Mens Health Forum as Resource for MRAs

Anonymous · 15 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In my opinion, the Men's Health Forum in the UK is one of the most important and positive things concerning men's rights and well-being that I've seen in years as it is an official, almost governmental body.

Check these links out (the second one is to show you how the Forum defends the male point of view when it comes to health):

Link 1

Link 2 (.pdf file)

Mom Accused Of Cutting Off Son's Genitals, Blamed Dog

Anonymous · 16 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

In Webster, Texas, a 25-year-old mother with a history of drug abuse says she woke up and found that her miniature eight-pound, dachshund had torn off her baby boy's genitals. (The woman's name is being withheld by the family, and she hasn't been charged yet.)
...
Police, child protective service officials, and the doctors who examined Holden told his dad that the injuries were not consistent with dog bites because the cuts were too neat. The only person who knows what really happened - Holden's mother - has checked herself into a drug treatment program and is not talking to police or family members.

On a positive note, the father, who has not had any contact with Holden's mother since the attack, says he is dedicated to the baby's recovery and to making sure Holden is safe and happy for the rest of his life."

UK Scheme aims to get boys reading

AngryMan · 16 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Secondary schools in England are being given free books for their library, in an attempt to get teenage boys reading.

The collection includes classic novels such as Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe and factual books like Bill Bryson's A Short History of Nearly Everything. There are also spy and adventure books, as part of efforts to close the "reading gap" between boys and girls.

The scheme - Boys into Books - is principally aimed at boys aged between 11 and 14, because research suggests boys enjoy reading at primary school but lose interest after the age of 11."

Marriot Hotel to have "women only" floors

Dave K · 17 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I was very disappointed to read this regarding a Marriot Hotel being built in Michigan. It seems they're going to have a floor dedicated for women only.

I'm a huge fan of Marriot, and at this very moment I'm on the road in Wilmington NC... and staying at a Marriot extended stay hotel. Since the beginning of the year I've spent thousands of dollars on Marriot hotel stays. I've just sent them a message through their online site letting them know that if this policy goes into place I will never be staying at a Marriot Hotel again. I suggest that ANYONE who travels let them know that we won't put up with such blatant sexism and that it'll cost them far more than it gains them. Contact link here.

UK: Major change in IVF Law

Matt · 17 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Not only are a baby's needs for a dad no longer to be considered, but human/non-human hybrids can be implanted, also. Brave new world indeed. Story here. Excerpt:

'A major relaxation of IVF rules was announced by ministers today.

The changes will make it easier for single people and lesbians to receive fertility treatment on the NHS.

The move, which is part of a shake-up of laws on the use of human tissues, will also allow the creation of "Frankenstein" embryos - human and animal cells mixed together - for medical research.

Under current laws, fertility clinics have to consider the baby's need for a father before providing treatment. But today's draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill says this is no longer necessary.'

Breaking Alec Baldwin news

Anonymous · 18 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From a credible source sent to us (DaddyBlogger.com) via email:

Alec Baldwin to become actively involved with Action 4 Justice.

Robert and Angela Pedersen
http://www.achildsright.net/
http://www.daddyblogger.com/

"Our sons don't need a father"

AngryMan · 18 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Anna Lloyd and Jane Harvey could be any middle-class mothers strolling with their sons in their local park. But behind their everyday appearance lies a story of a highly unconventional family - for they are lesbian partners, and Oliver and Charlie, aged two, are their twins.
...
Thanks to a shake-up in the law announced yesterday, NHS fertility clinics may no longer have to consider a baby's need for a father (or mother), so a gay woman would have as much right as a woman in a heterosexual relationship to walk into an NHS clinic and request fertility treatment in a bid to have a baby.'
...
"We thought of asking a male friend to donate sperm, so that we would know who the father was, but he might have wanted to be involved in the baby's life.

"We didn't want this; we wanted to raise our children alone, without having to answer to the father.

"Yet we don't feel they will miss out. These days many children grow up without their dads if they come from broken homes. At least Oliver and Charlie have two parents in a stable relationship who love them dearly."'

Sex abuse survivor: Male victims no different than female victims

anthony · 18 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"You may find that in 10 years this young man, or others in similar situations, will grow up with alcohol issues, relationship issues and anger issues but will never look at the root cause," St. John said yesterday, the same day that Gross, 24, of Mohegan Lake pleaded not guilty in Elmsford Village Court to having sexual contact with a 16-year-old boy inside a parked car."

There is a link to an organization I didn't know existed:

"Curtis St. John is president-elect of MaleSurvivor: the National Organization on Male Sexual Victimization."

http://www.malesurvivor.org/

System Overload: Father pays child support, still jailed

anthony · 19 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

I'm not happy with the term "Dead Beat Dads" used several times in this article. Excerpt:

"Every day, the state of Ohio processes more than 50,000 child support payments.

Has that volume led to unfair treatment of parents who are paying?

Derrick Adams is a deadbeat dad. Or so says the State of Ohio.

Deputies arrested him not once, but twice, even though the father of three boys is making child support payments."

NCFM Opposes Harvard Economist's Sexist Man Tax

anthony · 19 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The National Coalition of Free Men (NCFM), the oldest and largest men's rights organization in the United States, vehemently opposes Harvard Professor Alberto Alesina's recently-proposed man tax.(1)

"A man tax is as wrong as a Jew tax," says NCFM's Marc Angelucci. "They both violate the fundamental Constitutional right to equal protection by unfairly targeting a birth group for discriminatory treatment.

"Even aside from equal protection, there is no justification for a man tax."

Newsweek: Is Title IX Sidelining the Boys?

anthony · 20 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Read some of the female perspectives about Title IX. An article in a major publication such as Newsweek (Outstanding!)

What do female athletes say?

"I know that I've heard from lots of female athletes who are starting to say that this law has outlived its purpose. They don't understand what this law means because they're seeing it limit the opportunities of the men they travel and train with and who make them better athletes. And they think it's insane. There's a big generational divide here. Some of the women who are of the "if you build it they will com"' mentality are older women and they lived at a time and went to college at a time when women were being given the short end of the stick in a major way. But these women today have had a very different experience and they don't agree with what this law is doing to their male colleagues."

Boy Dead: Female Day Care Worker: "I Bound Boy With Masking Tape to Keep Him Quiet"

anthony · 20 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Paramedics had tried to revive Joshua, who was found unresponsive after the in-home day care center's owner, Vicki Leigh Chiles, bound his mouth and hands with masking tape.
...
"You could see the bruising (on his face) where the tape had been," Robert Minton said."

Chiles, 42, told police that Joshua would not be quiet for nap time and that she used masking tape to bind his hands and cover his mouth to keep him quiet, her arrest report states.'

Men's Day in India

Anonymous · 21 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Indian MRAs have decided to observe November 19th as the Men's Day. This journalist is obviously upset! Article here. Excerpt:

'The numerous feast-days and rituals for brothers, sons and sons-in-law in the various Indian cultures are just not enough to soothe their sensitive feelings. The lads want their day out on November 19, the day their brothers in Trinidad and Tobago celebrate their ‘emancipation’ as well. They would all like to go international — women can do it — but they are a little confused about the date.'

RADAR ALERT: Education for Injustice

Matt · 21 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

It's widely known that the domestic violence policies and procedures of organizations across the country are outdated. If only that were the reason why so many men experience bias and violation of due process when accused. Unfortunately, it's not that simple. False "facts" from debunked studies, lies created by over-enthusiastic writers, and skewed statistics from unsound research are common in today's domestic violence trainings.

Demonstrating that current domestic violence trainings are deplorable, RADAR's new Special Report "Education for Injustice" documents that:

1. Judicial education programs nearly always refer to the perpetrator as "he," while victims are designated as "she."
2. A police officer describes the domestic violence training classes he attended as "so dripping with male hatred that everyone in the class felt uncomfortable, male and female officers alike."
3. The director of a domestic violence hotline admits that trainers instructed their staff to profile callers based on gender, treating all male callers as perpetrators, regardless of the actual circumstances.

This report is a must-read, no-holds-barred critique of our nation's domestic violence trainings. Not one educational program mentioned in the report reflects well-established research findings on intimate partner aggression - that women are at least as likely as men to engage in abusive behavior.

The report can be seen at: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/Education-For-Injustice.pdf

So this week, we call on you to read the report, "Education for Injustice". Then forward this Alert to all your friends, media contacts, and elected officials, so they know "It's Time to Educate For Justice."

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. - Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting - is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Woman retracts claims of abuse after boyfriend passed over in the NFL draft

ItsDan · 21 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here:

'Linebacker A.J. Nicholson was waived by the Cincinnati Bengals on Monday, hours after he pleaded not guilty to a charge that he hit his girlfriend. She insists she accidentally hit herself with a cell phone, and police misread what happened.

Nicholson was charged with misdemeanor assault Friday, and despite his girlfriend's claim the case will go forward. He remains free on $5,000 bond and a pretrial hearing was set for May 31.
...
"I was very emotional and I was mad at A.J.," Johnson said. "Like a lot of other couples, we had been arguing. But I am to blame here. I exaggerated the situation. The police officer misinterpreted my upset and emotional demeanor."'

India: 17-year-old girl jailed for false rape accusation

anthony · 21 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

I guess four months in prison will help this man put his life back together???? Excerpt:

"A teenage girl, whose false accusation of rape led an Asian taxi driver to lose his job and sell his home, has been sentenced to four months imprisonment by a British court.

The 17-year-old claimed ex-police personnel Aftab Ahmed, who hails from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, attacked her in January last when she was driven home drunk after a night out.

She kept up the story for 14 months, during which Aftab lost his livelihood, had to sell his home and was shunned by friends."

Blogger's Choice award: Vote for Angry Harry

Anonymous · 22 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

AngryHarry, a political blogger who often discusses men's issues, has been nominated for best political blog in the Blogger's Choice Awards.

While you may not agree with everything AngryHarry says, he does a great job of exposing bias against men and misandry in popular culture.

You can show your support for AngryHarry by creating an account (if you don't already have one) and voting at: http://www.bloggerschoiceawards.com/categories/19.

Take this opportunity to make sure that men's voices are heard!

YouTube clip: Black Gay Men Discuss Role of Women in their Lives

MrReality · 22 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Do black men need black women? This is the title of a clip I recently viewed on YouTube.com. See the broadcast here.

The clip on YouTube is hosted by two homosexual black men. The clip surprised me as the two men did not engage in the usual male bashing and pro-feminist rhetoric that a good deal of homosexual activists usually engage in. Instead these men seemed to be pointing out that they have absolutely no need for women.

Not that I agree with their lifestyle. I just find it quite funny that women are now being slammed by the very people they use against men. For years the feminist movement has been placing the homosexual community in direct opposition to males in their petty war against men.

It is ironic that women's own weapon now seems to be turning against them.

Pennsylvania Woman Who Slashed Womb Gets Prison

anthony · 22 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'KITTANNING, Pa. — A woman who tried to steal a fetus by knocking her pregnant neighbor unconscious with a baseball bat and cutting her abdomen was sentenced Tuesday to 22 to 50 years in prison.

Peggy Jo Conner, who could have been sentenced to up to 80 years, apologized in court for attacking Valerie Oskin.

Oskin, 31, was rescued after a passerby spotted the two women in a rural area and called police. Her baby was delivered by emergency Caesarean section and put up for adoption, which had been Oskin's intention before the attack.

"I'm sorry for what happened to Valerie and for what part I had in it," Conner said. "I'm not that kind of person. I was on drugs then."'

Woman Charged With Abuse of Corpse After Baby Is Found in Her Freezer

anthony · 22 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman was charged with abuse of a corpse Thursday after police found the remains of a baby in her freezer.

Police charged Christine Hutchinson, 22, of Pittsburgh, after interviewing her Thursday evening, several hours after the remains were found in her apartment.
...
But later, Lt. Daniel Herrmann said the abuse of a corpse charge applies only to human beings. Under the law, he said, a fetus is not considered a human being."

Men's Health Forum awarded for its hard work

Anonymous · 22 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Check this out and spread the word! These British MRA's are doing a great job! Excerpt:

'The Forum has been awarded a £20,000 GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Impact Award jointly judged by GSK and The King's Fund health charity. The award was made in recognition of the organisation's work to give all men and boys an equal opportunity to attain the highest possible level of health and well-being.

Chief Executive Peter Baker said: 'We are delighted to have been chosen by GlaxoSmithKline as an IMPACT Award winner. To me this award recognises the valuable work done by our very dedicated team. The funding that this award brings will make an enormous difference. We could employ another member of staff for a year. There is a lot more research that we'd like to do and this could enable us to do it."

Feminists File Human Rights Violations with IACHR

Anonymous · 23 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From DaddyBlog:

'The ultra radical and angry feminists are at it again! This organization clearly no longer supports EQUALITY, but has a radical agenda of only furthering the gender war! Their actions, as of late, clearly exposes their hidden agenda because more and more females are speaking out against this radical organization.

NOW must be greatly confused with current child custody statistics! Gender bias against women?...'

An earlier (balanced) editorial from the Telegraph India

mcp · 23 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

While the latest article was unabashedly one-sided, they published a very balanced editorial on Sept. 13, 2003. To be fair to them, I thought I'd post that too. It's here. Excerpt:

'Laws protecting women from domestic violence are sometimes unjust to men. This can be corrected only with great care

Men hate to admit they have been beaten up by their women. That the desperate desire to hang on to notions of muscle-flexing masculinity makes them so vulnerable could have been funny. But it is not, because the statistics of intimate violence perpetrated by women on men is now compelling all countries to rethink solutions, both legal and psychological, to domestic violence.'

Blood Diamonds: How women fund the enslavement of black men and boys

MrReality · 23 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

For years one of the biggest of fantasies for women has been the wedding. A much bigger fantasy though is what comes as a result of the wedding: A large diamond ring. Let's be honest, how many times have you seen women meet "the bride" right after the wedding and say "Let me see the ring!" The wife then flutters he hand around the misandric circle of women showing off her blood diamond.

The sad truth is that African MEN are forced into slavery in order for the new wife (a member of the royal sex) to walk around and showcase her new diamond. Which many times means more to her than the marriage itself.

How many times have you heard women claim they wish they could have "kept the ring" once they divorced the husband. It has recently been proven that all diamonds are in-fact "conflict diamonds" and thus any woman that nags her soon-to-be schmuck husband for one is a slave-master, just like her sisters. I would advise that no man buy a woman a diamond.

Read more on Blood Diamonds
here.

Woman, 3 Girls Arrested in Mall Beating

anthony · 23 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 40-year-old woman and three girls are facing assault and battery charges in connection with what police are calling a "group beat down" of a 16-year-old girl at a mall.

Marilyn Camacho, 40, of Framingham and the girls, ages 16, 13 and 12, were arrested after the fight Monday that left the victim unconscious and requiring hospitalization, Lt. Brian Grassey said. He said the four attackers slammed the girl into a glass store window, knocked her to the ground and then stomped on her legs, back and face.

"This was an absolute group beat down," Grassey said. "It's an extremely unsettling event. The level of violence in this defies logic.'

Ed. note: Note also the video story as of this writing on the right side of the page entitled Teacher's Betrayal: Female substitute teacher charged with raping 14-year-old girl

Teen Girls Face Hate Crime Charges Over Anti-Gay Flier

anthony · 24 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A pair of 16-year-old girls face hate crime charges after they allegedly handed out anti-gay fliers targeting a classmate at their northern Illinois high school.

The girls were arrested May 11 after handing out fliers in the parking lot of Crystal Lake South High School that depict a male student kissing another boy and contain hateful language about gays.

Officials say the fliers targeted a male classmate, who is also a neighbor of the girls. The two girls had apparently been feuding with the boy."

New Zealand Education: Male-female gap 'bad for society'

anthony · 24 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"In the absence of detailed research into why this was happening, observers were left to speculate, he said. There were probably many factors involved, but one of the main ones was the gradual "feminisation" of education in New Zealand, in terms of policies as well as teacher gender. "In the long term this is not healthy for boys, but also not for girls either."
...
"He suggested that perhaps the drive to find equal opportunities for women had gone too far and there was a need to pull back a bit to restore that balance."

Carey Roberts: Pelosi Proclaims Women as "Peacekeepers of our Societies"

anthony · 24 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"This past week House speaker Nancy Pelosi used Mother's Day to launch her latest salvo against the Iraq war. And while she was at it, she indulged in some back-handed gender stereotyping, making the remarkable claim that "Women have always been the peacekeepers of our societies."

"So coming just a month after her ill-fated peace mission to Syria, it's regrettable the Speaker of the House would tap the occasion of Mother's Day to indulge in gender stereotyping and male-bashing. As my mother used to say, "If you can't speak well of someone, it's better to not speak at all."

Spotsylvania 'deadbeat' dads? by Stephen Baskerville

anthony · 24 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

An update on the this "pizza box" misandry. Excerpt:

"The entire child-support system has been hijacked by special interests, principally feminists and lawyers. Child support was designed for parents who willfully abandon their children. It has been perverted into a system for forcing parents to pay for the stealing of their own children."

Sacks and Leving: Equal Rights Amendment Yes, 'Women's Equality Amendment' No

anthony · 24 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The most unequal and unfair treatment meted out to either gender is the mistreatment of men and fathers by family courts and by the domestic violence system. After a divorce or separation dads are often pushed to the margins of their children's lives, even though in most cases they've never been found culpable of any wrongdoing, and did not seek to dissolve their marriages. Family courts often deprive men of shared custody and generally allow them only a few days a month to spend with their children."

AG: Woman who leaves newborn in Wal-Mart toilet shouldn't be prosecuted

Anonymous · 24 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Saskatchewan's Attorney-General says women who abandon their babies should not have to fear the justice system after another abandoned child was found in bizarre circumstances this week.

On Monday, a manager at a Wal-Mart in Prince Albert found a minutes-old newborn lying in a toilet bowl inside the women's washroom. The baby's mother was nowhere to be found, and the baby, in serious condition in hospital, was fortunate to survive."

...

"I don't think it should be a justice system response," Mr. Quennell said. "A young, frightened woman confronted with a baby she just doesn't know how to cope with won't be prosecuted, particularly if she surrenders that child to a hospital or to social services.'

Because, y'know... She didn't have nine months to figure out how to get help or put it up for adoption or have an abortion or give it to the father or give it to her family or anything.

Feminism is why we're so delicate pursuing the "warm war"

MrReality · 25 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

David R. Usher writes: "In a Wall Street Journal editorial “White Guilt and the Western Past -- Why is America so delicate with the enemy? Shelby Steele suggests that America’s inability to fight war effectively was caused by “the world-wide collapse of white supremacy as a source of moral authority, political legitimacy and even sovereignty.”

Shelby’s theory is wrong. The collapse of white moral authority is not the problem. The replacement of male authority with feminism is. To Steele’s credit -- he was gazing in the general right direction – but missed the real target. In America, there is one place where white supremacy and radical feminism existed: The Ku Klux Klan."

Read the full article here.

Maine: Support Deadbeats Could Lose Snowmobile, ATV Registrations

anthony · 26 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The House of Representatives has endorsed a bill to allow the revocation of snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle registration from a person who has been certified as failing to comply with a child support order.

The bill, which still faces final House and Senate votes, also prohibits the issuance or renewal of a snowmobile and ATV registrations in those cases. It authorizes the Health and Human Services Department to review registration records in order to identify those who are in violation of child support orders."

Lis on Law: "The New ERA is Women's Equality Amendment"

anthony · 26 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"Nevertheless, Schlafly's parade of horribles trudges along. She cautions, among other things, that "the ERA would draft women into military combat, abolish the presumption that a husband should support his wife" and lead to the "sex-integrating" of prisons and the Boy Scouts.

According to Congressman Nadler, such arguments are "simply not borne out by history and the facts." Nearly half of all states have equal rights amendments or similar laws, he says, and none has experienced the legal chaos that critics like Schlafly have forecasted. "This is little more than sensationalist rhetoric designed to make us fear this utterly reasonable step to end discrimination," says Nadler."

NCFMLA Engages in Exchange with Caribbean Domestic Violence Advocates

Anonymous · 26 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Recently, a series of exchanges was printed in a local Caribbean News outlet (Caribbean Net News), regarding domestic violence in the Caribbean. At times, the exchange of perceptions was rather robust. One local Caribbean domestic violence advocate even went so far as to say this...

NCFMLA Engages in Exchange with Caribbean Domestic Violence Advocates

Mom pleads no contest over abused daughter

anthony · 27 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

A 22 year old woman who weighed 43 pounds? Absolutely tragic! I guess a year in jail is a fair sentence, considering this developmentally disabled woman was on the brink of death. How much jail time if it was dad that perpetuated such abuse? Excerpt:

"A woman whose malnourished, developmentally disabled 22-year-old daughter was found wearing only a T-shirt and four soiled diapers has pleaded no contest to second-degree abuse of a vulnerable adult

Terrell was arrested in December after police found her daughter on a mattress stained with urine and feces in a bedroom. The young woman weighed 43 pounds and was taken to a hospital.

She is living with her father and attending a school program for the developmentally and physically disabled."

First Men Graduate Wells College

anthony · 27 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

I wouldn't even bother opening the link. Following is the entire story. I would think a female graduating from West Point for example, would get a much bigger story. I suspect there was much more misandry than a "few cold shoulders". Here it is:

"The first men to attend Wells College in Cayuga County graduated Saturday.

Jason Atwell and Shea Hagstrom made history as the first men to receive a degree from the school. Wells was a women's college until 2005.

Atwell says that, except for a few cold shoulders, he was welcomed on campus."

Fifty-seven men to attend Randolph-Macon in the fall

anthony · 27 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Fifty-seven of the incoming freshman class of 172 students are men. That's more than twice what school officials had hoped to attract. They are also having to offer less tuition discounts to students in the form of scholarships. The discount for the average student has dropped from 68% to 55%.'

Ed. note:

Originally when the college announced its plans, the students went into a misandrist frenzy of protests and law-suits to keep the school all-female. It's some progress that justice prevailed instead of bigotry-- this time.

Study: Men's earnings shrink

anthony · 27 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Two for the price of one here. The male college crisis and though not mentioned, the "wage gap" hysteria that has hindered the income of many men. Some cites:

"Those in their 30s make less than dads did, a report says. Outsourcing and the advancement of women are cited.

American men in their 30s earn less than their fathers' generation did at the same age, potentially reversing longtime assumptions that each successive generation will be better off than their predecessors, according to a study released Friday."

"A stronger push to college also could help raise men's earnings."

"Education has always been the one staircase out of the class-stratified society," said Ellen Galinsky, president of the Families and Work Institute in New York. Yet among those under 50, 32% of women hold a four-year college degree, compared with 23% of men. That's a dramatic change from the past, when younger men were better educated than younger women."

Female Texas babysitter facing execution

anthony · 27 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"But just weeks after Henderson started working for the Baughs, 3-month-old Brandon was dead and Henderson had fled the state. The infant's body was found buried 60 miles away with his skull crushed, wrapped in his yellow-trimmed white blanket and stuffed into a box that previously held Bartles & Jaymes wine coolers.

Henderson, 50, is set to die in less than three weeks for the 1994 slaying that made her one of the most hated women in Texas. She would be just the 12th woman among the nearly 1,100 convicted killers executed since capital punishment resumed in the United States in 1977.

'She's the most sweet, endearing person in the world and put forward this good Christian front," Baugh said of Cathy Lynn Henderson, who lived two blocks away. "She could sell snow to an Eskimo.'"

How many times have we heard this excuse regarding a female murderer? Snow to an Eskimo? You must be kidding!

USAToday: "Our view on college sports: Schools axe men's teams, but don't take it out on Title IX"

anthony · 27 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Page here. Excerpt:

"The worst that can be said about Title IX is that it compounds these problems while succeeding in providing opportunities to female athletes (such as the estimable Rutgers women's basketball team that reached the NCAA championship only to be slurred by shock jock Don Imus). To label Title IX the lone culprit is to give state legislatures a pass on their obligations to finance higher education and to give colleges a pass for their infatuation with big-time men's sports.
...
The decline in men's attendance at college is a national problem that needs to be addressed. But in the short term, if women make up a majority of students, they deserve a majority of athletic slots."

Shouldn't Title IX dollars be distributed based on the individual students interest in playing sports? Opposing view here.

Geena Davis: "Children's media skew gender"

anthony · 27 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

"We didn't realize at the time how odd it was that there were few female role models, or how marginalized or simply invisible female characters were, especially in children's entertainment. Today, gender distortion remains entrenched in movies and TV aimed at young children like mine."

Maybe the government will step in and create a Hollywood affirmative action program for female actors. Davis complains, while men are portrayed as idiots, pedophiles, and wife beaters throughout the media.

Wrongly Imprisoned Man Receives Bill From Government for Jail Time

AngryMan · 28 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Warren Blackwell, the law-abiding father of two who spent three years and four months in prison for a rape that never happened, has received a bill from the Department of Justice, charging him around £7000 for 'board and lodging' for the time he spent behind bars. He has yet to receive a penny in compensation. Meanwhile the false accuser remains anonymous, protected by law. Story here.

Australian gay pub bars heterosexuals

n.j. · 28 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Melbourne's The Peel pub has won the right to ban patrons based on their sexual orientation. Story here.

The Victorian state civil and administrative tribunal's president said groups of straight women found homosexual men entertaining but that such attention was dehumanising.

But when was the last time you heard about a lesbian bar banning all heterosexuals, including women? Establishments for homosexual women are automatically associated with feminism and women's rights. It's sad that gays still seem to feel they have to defend themselves against other men.

Or was it an excuse to gain the right to ban those "groups of straight women" who are very hard to target for bans on their own as a group nowadays?

Can You Get Me Back My Daddy?

Anonymous · 28 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Sunday before last, May 20th, 2007, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks park was the site of a Father's Rally and picnic as the National Coalition of Free men welcomed Fathers 4 Justice to Los Angeles.

Can You Get Me Back My Daddy?

Female Judge's Staff Abuse Legendary

Matt · 28 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Not that male judges can't be abusive. Just that this story defies the general assumption that the world will be a better place for one and all if there were more female judges simply because they are female. Excerpt:

'Buoyed by power, convinced everyone is against her, Elizabeth Halverson, 49, has achieved what seems to be her heart's desire: She is the center of attention. She's page one news, and she leads the nightly television news.

The voters now know Elizabeth Halverson, but she has 18 months left on the bench before they can vote her out of office. That's too long a wait. The Judicial Discipline Commission, which has the power to remove her from office, cannot confirm if a complaint has been filed. However, I'm told investigators are now working a complaint against her.'

Protest for Father's Rights in California's Capitol City

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Last Monday, May 21, 2007, Fathers 4 Justice, CRISPE, and the National Coalition of Free Men, Los Angeles staged a protest in front of the Family Relations Courthouse in Sacramento, California.

The day preceding the courthouse protest, a couple of us (as private citizens accompanying another group) spent time in the state capitol, where we observed the functioning of our state government.

Protest for Father's Rights in California's Capitol City

Sperm donor was liable for support, court rules

anthony · 28 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Men who donate sperm for artificial insemination can be liable for child support, a court has ruled.

The three-judge Pennsylvania Superior Court panel said that since a sperm donor whose semen produced two children for a lesbian couple subsequently involved himself in the family and gave them money, he had assumed some responsibility for their support."

Suzanne Fields: "A New Woman in Combat. Not!"

anthony · 28 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here.

The following excerpt is the very definition of feminist hypocrisy:

"Feminists remain split in the debate. On one side, women argue that the female of the species is more caring than the male, and it's wrong to deliberately coarsen those who bear the children of the next generation. To make fighters of them seems unnatural and counterproductive. On the other side, women argue that the imposition of a stereotypical "gender" role is wrong and unfair. The fact that women -- on average -- are smaller and weaker than men, have less body strength and lack the aggressive killer instinct of men must go unmentioned."

Calif. prisons trying to reduce suicides

anthony · 28 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Though the title doesn't suggest this, it's really all about male suicide. Male suicide is, according to some, at epidemic proportions. I'm glad to see at least one sector of society trying to help these men. Excerpt:

"Guards have reported preventing more than 60 suicides in segregation cells so far this year — out of more than 170 suicides attempted during the past five months in the state's 33 adult prisons.
...
The sudden isolation, the stress from whatever incident prompted their transfer and the accompanying loss of possessions and privileges were found to be triggers for suicidal behavior, said Dr. Shama Chaiken, a chief psychologist with the corrections department."

Another Woman Murders Her Kids

Anonymous · 29 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

The headline itself hides the fact that this woman obviously is responsible for the crime.

I particularly get a kick out of the closing lines:

"Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the family's Houston bathtub in 2001. In 2003, Deanna Laney beat her two young sons to death with stones in East Texas , and Lisa Ann Diaz drowned her daughters in a Plano bathtub. Dena Schlosser fatally severed her 10-month-old daughter's arms with a kitchen knife in 2004.

All four of those women were found innocent by reason of insanity. Yates initially was convicted of capital murder, but it was overturned on appeal."

Show me a man who can get away with killing his children by reason of "insanity." Yeah, right.

Treatment of Stanford's "Imposter-Squatters" Points Up Double-Standards

Matt · 29 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Seems Stanford has been in the news lately not for just one case of "imposter-squatting", but two. The kick here is that in the second case, the administration knew about it and refused to do anything. Stories here:

Imposter 1

Imposter 2

Both are young, small Asian women. Both are being treated as either needing help, victims, or both. Guys, go ahead, try this yourselves and see what happens (just be sure to have a lawyer and medical insurance lined up ahead of time). Excerpts from the stories... (click 'read more')

#1:
'Azia Kim was like any other Stanford freshman. She graduated from one of California's most competitive high schools last June, moved into the dorms during New Student Orientation, talked about upcoming tests and spent her free time with friends.

The only problem is that Azia Kim was never a Stanford student.
...
Police are currently investigating the situation....

But after filing a report with the Department of Public Safety, Zhou doesn't think much will be done.

"The police just said, 'If we see her on campus, we'll evict her,' and say, 'Don't do anything anymore,'" Zhou said. "Even after hacking into my email account, they said there's nothing they can do unless she was using it to fraud anyone. I don't think they're going to do anything."'

#2:
'For the last four years, Elizabeth Okazaki has attended graduate physics seminars, used the offices reserved for doctoral and post-doctoral physics students and — for all intents and purposes made the Varian Physics Lab her home.

The only problem is that Okazaki appears to have no affiliation with Stanford and, according to physics professors and students, no real reason to be there.
...
"I feel really bad for her," said Alessandro Tomasiello, a post-doctoral scholar in theoretical particle physics. "I don't want to have a conversation with her that will actually hurt her."

Green partially attributed the lack of protest regarding Okazaki's four-year-long stay in the department to the fact that Okazaki is an Asian woman.

"If she were a large, intimidating man, there's no doubt that something would be done," he said. "There's a huge bias against appearances and it's prevented people from taking action. I can't see any reason why our department is special. This could really happen all over the place."'

'Teacher of the Year' Faces Student Sex Charges

Matt · 29 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The pictures tell the tale here. Excerpt:

Slide 1:
"An award-winning female middle school teacher accused of having sex with a teenage girl was in jail Wednesday on five sex-related charges, authorities said."

Slide 2:
"Kanesa Hopkins, 31, who was recently named the school's Teacher of the Year by her peers, is accused of having a sexual relationship with a former student several years ago, authorities said. The sexual assaults occurred at both Hopkins' and the alleged victim's residences, according to a sworn statement."

Plea Deal Expected For Woman In Teen Sex Case

anthony · 29 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Jeni Dinkel, the wife of a former Cincinnati Bengal Tom Dinkel, entered a not guilty plea Tuesday in court to third-degree rape charges.

Her attorney said Dinkel's plea is likely to change Thursday, when she is scheduled to face a judge again.

Kenton County Commonwealth Attorney Rob Sanders said the 15-year-old victim's family has expressed support for a plea deal."

11-year-old girl wins landmark right to play football with the big boys

anthony · 29 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

I she gets hurt, she'll sue the education system.

Excerpt:
"She's a tough tackler and a natural winner, as the boys on her team would tell you.

Now Minnie Crutwell has secured a famous victory - against the might of the Football Association.

The 11-year-old has forced the FA to reconsider its age-limit for mixed-sex teams, after recruiting Government ministers to her cause.

Minnie will now be allowed to stay with her team beyond her next birthday, instead of being forced to join a girls-only side. There will be a one-year pilot to see how older mixed sides work before the FA decides on a long-term policy."

"Women sex offenders living next door"

anthony · 29 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Finding out if there is a sex offender living near you is public information that is easily accessed, but many people do not consider checking out the lady next door.
...
There are 81-females on the sex offender registry that live all over Connecticut, but most of their neighbors are unaware.
...
"A lot of time with the female offenders there's always some sort of mental health treatment as a condition of their probation," said Anselmo.'

Justice Ginsburg's feminist background evident at Court

Anonymous · 30 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Speaking for the three other dissenting justices, Ginsburg's voice was as precise and emotionless as if she were reading a banking decision, but the words were stinging. "In our view, the court does not comprehend, or is indifferent to, the insidious way in which women can be victims of pay discrimination," she said.

Poor Ginsburg -- read as she laments being a lonely and frustrated woman on a Supreme Court filled with men. Ugh, give me a break.

Dissident Domestic Violence Experts Announce Ground-Breaking Conference: 'From Ideology to Inclusion'

Matt · 30 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Covered by Glenn Sacks here. Big step forward! Excerpt:

"The NFVLRC has just announced their upcoming conference--"From Ideology to Inclusion: Evidence-Based Policy and Intervention in Domestic Violence." The conference will be held Friday/Saturday, February 15-16, 2008 in Sacramento, California. Topics for the conference include: Use and Misuse of Restraining Orders; Effects of Mandatory Arrest Laws; Interventions in Disputed Child Custody Cases; Male Victims; Female Perpetrators; Power and Control in the DV Industry; Limitations of the Patriarchal Paradigm; Gender-Inclusive Interventions; and numerous others.

...

The conference is geared towards professionals who deal with the domestic violence issue in the mental health, family law, and criminal justice fields. Continuing education credits are available for LCSW's, MFT's, PhD's, Batterer Intervention Providers and Family Court Mediators/Evaluators. MCLE credits are available for attorneys. Conference co-sponsors are the Family Violence Treatment & Education Association (www.FAVTEA.com) and the California Alliance for Families and Children (www.cafcusa.org).

Democrats Hope to Reverse Supreme Court Ruling on Pay Discrimination

anthony · 30 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Here's more political nonsense about the wage gap nonsense:

'"All Americans deserve equal pay for equal work, and it is my hope that Congress can remove the technical hurdles that will prevent individuals from receiving what is rightfully theirs," said Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., a Democratic presidential candidate."

"Many victims of pay discrimination who didn't immediately realize they were being paid less than others will have no remedy, even though the discrimination continues with every paycheck," Kennedy said. "With women earning only 77 cents for every dollar earned by men, the nation needs strong laws against pay discrimination. This is not what Congress intended when we passed the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1991, and we need to restore full protection against wage discrimination."'

National Post: Domestic Violence, Feminism

Anonymous · 31 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The National Post ran two articles and two letters to the editor today on men and feminism.

Barbara Kay, discusses the Peel School Board's approach to domestic violence, false statistics, and ignoring violence against men.

Two letters to the editor on feminism can be found here and here.

Another car maker: Misandrist ad -- again

Anonymous · 31 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

As if there weren't enough misandrist ads from automakers these days, Dodge Ram (who I thought would want to sell to men) brings out this little ditty.

"I now pronounce you unconscious" features a bride and groom at the alter. She delivers a violent headbutt right before "I do", then drags the unconscious groom out of the church.

I can take a joke. Really, I can. But this is really, really violent. Even a bit scary. Anyone would cringe at this ad -- MRA or not.

If you choose to comment on the video on YouTube, please be polite and civil.

If anyone has the contact info for Dodge's marketing department or ad agency, please put it in the comments here and on YouTube.

Feminist Jim Crow: Men’s Rights Activist, Define Thyself

anthony · 31 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"The intrusion of the federal government into the private business between proprietor and customer, employer-employee indeed, husband and wife - has led to the environment that allows feminists to work their mischief. If women want a women only floor, hotel, club, sports organization or business, they have every right to do that. Men should consider ventures such as this a “green light” to segregate their own organizations as they see fit, and leave it to feminist groups to object (as they surely will, with no trace of irony). By putting the onus back upon women to seek federal redress of the alleged inequity of such organizations, feminists invite unwelcome attention to their sacred cows."

True Equality Conference Reminder - Book your Room!

Matt · 31 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Sent by Tom to the MR2007 list, and re-posted here:

"Time to start thinking about finalizing your plans for the conference. We are only six weeks out! Don't forget that your hotel reservations need to be made by June 13th. After that you will have to pay the full rate which is considerably more expensive. Do it now!

We now have a brochure online for the conference:

http://www.trueequality.com/boys.pdf

We are hoping that you will have a look at it and download and print a copy or two to hand out to your local schools or maybe the local police departments or boy scouts. Wherever you think people might be interested in learning more about boys. You could also email the link to people you think might want to attend.

Soon we will have the conference schedule up and running.

Let me know if you have questions.

To register online go here:

http://www.trueequality.com/reg07

Tom

"Snips & Snails: A Book for Real Boys" by Christina Hoff Sommers

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Article here.

I know some here have some issues with Sommers, but overall, she is the biggest ally towards the improvement of boys education. This is the same book Wendy McElroy has discussed and praised in the past. Excerpt:

"Parents and educators are wringing their hands over the poor academic performance of boys. Girls are better readers, earn higher grades and are far more likely to go to college. America does a much better job educating girls than boys. But now, out of nowhere, comes a book that may hold the secret to male learning.
...
They are mothers who happen to notice that their sons have fallen in love with this wonderful, wholesome, delightfully instructive anachronism of a book."

Feminist Play "Respect: A Musical Journey Of Women" Must Be Protested

anthony · 31 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Review here. Excerpt:

"Instead we were subjected to a two hour feminist screed against men. The opening line said it all "Oh my Johnny I love him so, but why he beats me I don't know". It gets worse from there. Scene after scene details in painful minutia how men are to blame for every ill that ever befell the authors life, and the life of every woman in history. Her Grandfather the alcoholic, her Father the abuser, the boys she dated, the boys who dated her friends, even the boys who dared to not call her in high school. We were both sickened. We stayed to support our friend, but I refused to applaud. Looking around, I noticed that almost every man in the audience was sitting stock still, a look of pained tolerance on his face. None applauded but the outwardly gay man in the front row."

Ed. note: Official site for this musical is http://www.respectamusicaljourney.com/.

UK: "Men helpers 'fear paedophile tag'"

Matt · 31 May 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Just over one in 10 men do not volunteer to work with children because they are worried people will think they are a paedophile, a survey suggests.
...
More volunteers will have to be checked because of a new child protection law being introduced next year.
...
In all, 13% of the men questioned said they would not choose to volunteer to work with children due to fear of being perceived as a paedophile.
...
Both the NCH and Chance UK are calling for men to come forward and mentor boys aged five to 11.

The NCH's chief executive, Clare Tickell, said: "Many children, especially boys, are desperately in need of a male mentor, which is why we urgently need men to come forward despite any fears they may have about public perception."

'The Harassment Of Online Women' by Wendy McElroy

anthony · 1 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

McElroy writes:

'I HOPE YOU GET GANG_RAPED 20 times and nobody believes you. So read the subject line of an email I received from a feminist who uses the name "Olivia Gonzales".

I merely point out that, in my experience, viciousness and hate-mongering are equally prominent in email I receive from women. If you disagree with gender feminism, then (surprisingly often) you will receive emails wishing you become a rape victim. Sometimes they go into detail. And, remember, for gender feminists being raped is a fate worse than death.'

Jim Crow, Gender Feminism IS NOT Welcome in California

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Court Revives Claim That Club Was Biased Against Men - June 1, 2007

"Business patrons alleging discrimination need not show that they demanded and were refused equal treatment in order to obtain redress under the Unruh Civil Rights Act, the California Supreme Court unanimously ruled yesterday."

"The justices reversed a ruling by Div. Five of this district's Court of Appeal, which held a group of male club patrons could not recover damages for allegedly discriminatory pricing because they had not asked to be charged the same rate as female guests."

Writing for the high court, Chief Justice Ronald M. George rejected the view that the "denial" of rights referred only to a business establishment's response to the demand for equal accommodation."

Woman Charged With Rape of 12-Year-Old Boy

anthony · 2 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Its about time the title of an article used the correct term, rape. It seems this boys mother prostituted her young son for money. It remains to be seen if she permanently loses custody. Excerpt:

"Police in Lancaster County say a 12-year-old boy told investigators he had sex with a 24-year-old former York woman — and his mother accepted money for it from the woman.

Columbia police Detective Dan Bell says the mother has since moved to another part of the state, and the boy has received counseling and is living with his father."

Men Sue Over Ladies Night Discrimination

anthony · 2 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Four men who were allegedly refused ladies' night discounts at a Los Angeles nightclub have the right to sue on the grounds of discrimination even if they never demanded equal treatment from the club, the state Supreme Court said Thursday."

Gang of women raping men at gunpoint

ItsDan · 3 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'First it was dismissed by police as a township rumour. But yesterday Tembisa police confirmed that it appeared there were women on the rampage in the area who were “raping men”.

One of the alleged victims was treated for a bruised penis at a local hospital after three women allegedly forced him to have sex with them.'

Of course the author can't even find enough compassion to not use quotation marks around "rape". After all, as everyone knows, men always want sex with any woman who comes along, so how can it be rape?

Paternity Fraud case covered in Long Beach Press Telegram, quotes NCFM-LA

Anonymous · 4 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

NCFM-LA helped this man from Los Angeles, Bert Riddick, get the laws changed in 2004 and filed the paperwork to overturn his 13-year nightmare paternity fraud case. His hearing is coming up soon. His story is remarkable. Excerpt:

'After 13 years of paying child support for a girl he did not father, Bert Riddick finally sees an end to an ordeal that nearly tore his life apart.

Now that a second DNA test has determined there is no chance he is the father of the girl, now 18, Riddick is again asking the court to dismiss the paternity case against him.

And, at a hearing scheduled for June 27, he's going to try to get back every penny seized from his wages since 1994, when the state began taking $1,400 a month from him.'

States and Family Court Systems are Pimping our Children For Profit

Anonymous · 4 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Listen to the shocking radio interview with Robert Pedersen and Carol Rhodes. Carol Rhodes is author of the famous book "Friend of the Court Enemy of the Family" and a former Calhoun County Michigan Child Support Enforcement Officer. This interview was done on the nationally syndicated radio talk show "The Message" with Richar Farr on KRights Radio.

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Ed. note: Use of Internet Explorer and a relatively recent version of Windows is recommended for a better experience.

The Psychodynamics and Power of Feminism: By Howard S. Schwartz

anthony · 4 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This essay is a bit old (late 90's) but it still has relevance regarding todays modern gender issues.

"Male chivalry and the deeds it inspires represent men’s weakness before the image of female omnipotence. Serving female omnipotence, after all, is what chivalry is all about. But this observation illuminates a stunning paradox. It is that chivalry, which has as its aim the expansion of the sphere of the maternal, the project of making the word a safer place for the maternal expression of love, makes it impossible for men to resist the idea of putting women in combat. But war is hell, as General Sherman observed, and the power that the virgin wields in fantasy may well result in the slaughter of women in reality. Even if there were no other considerations involved, men’s understanding of their impotence in this regard would be felt as castration."

Psychology Today Research To Child Custody Divorce Courts, Father's Rights Groups: Dads Are Equal

Anonymous · 5 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The Psychological Today story: The Making of a Modern Dad, by Douglas Carlton Abrams illustrates in vivid, scientific detail how fathers are no different in their biological programming than mothers when raising children. That divorced dads who "feel" a need to be with their children, is not only an emotional reaction but a biological one as well. Article here. Excerpt:

'This evidence hits hard at social workers, family court judges and elected legislators who abide by archaic research and outdated laws which state that it is in the best interest of the child to be with the divorced mother - not the divorced father.

"Here is the first hard evidence that men are biologically prepared for fatherhood," says Psychology Today. "In fact, this is the first evidence that to nurture is part of man's nature."'

Slap on Wrist for Serial Child Abusers

AngryMan · 5 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The case we saw a couple of months back has concluded.

"Two Mormon women who beat children in their care with rolling pins and forced them to eat chilli powder were jailed for 19 months each yesterday.

Maria Keable and Deirdre Carrington forced six children to eat tablespoons of chilli powder and raw eggs for not keeping to a strict regime of chores between 1997 and 2006.

The children – all aged under 16 – were also stung with nettles and punched."

Hello? 19 months? A team of two men doing this would have got 10 years at least. Strangely, the judge seems to think he treated them harshly:

"Judge Nash said the pair's lack of remorse was a factor in sentencing."

Story here.

Female suicide bomber foiled in Baghdad

anthony · 5 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

My sincere condolences to the individuals who were eventually killed by another bomber. Thankfully the female suicide bomber was stopped before any other people were hurt or killed. I'm glad to see the US Military and Iraq Army are taking these bombings very seriously. They have identified women are capable horrific acts of violence and should not be ignored. Lives are at stake. Excerpt:

'Alert guards gunned down a black-clad woman at a police recruiting station Tuesday, a would-be suicide bomber who then exploded before their eyes. But another bomber succeeded, killing at least 15 people at a gathering of tribal leaders opposed to al-Qaida in the volatile Anbar province.

Khalaf said a woman clad in a black abaya, the traditional Islamic cloak, approached a group of police recruits in east Baghdad's Canal district about 10 a.m. Tuesday.

"She didn't obey the guards' orders to stop and they shot her and she immediately blew up," Khalaf told the AP.

A police officer witness, who asked anonymity as he was not authorized to talk to the media, said three police recruits were lightly injured.'

Female Teacher Gets 10 Years for Sex With 11-Year-Old

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Story here.

Here we ago again. "Sex with an 11 year old". The word rape is reserved for male sex offenders. Women? They simply had "sex". Doesn't his age suggest she is a pedophile? The age might be different in each state. Excerpt:

"Former South Carolina elementary school teacher entered a guilty plea to having sex with an 11-year-old student and was given a 10-year prison sentence. Wendie Ann Schweikert, 37, a former teacher at E.B. Morse Elementary School in Laurens County, refused a plea deal that would have sentenced her to 14 years.
...
Wendie Schweikert was one of two Laurens County teachers arrested within a short time of each other for having sex with students. Allenna Ward, 24, a teacher at Bell Street Middle School was charged with engaging in sexual acts with five boys, ages 14 and 15 years old."

Girls tell of abuse by mother: Jury Weeps with emotion

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Barely able to see over the witness stand, twin 8-year-old sisters made a Macomb County jury cry Friday as they described the abuse they suffered at the hands of the adoptive mother accused of torturing them.

In sundresses and ponytails, the twin girls testified separately that 30-year-old Tamika Williams beat them with cable wire, shoes and exercise equipment; bathed them in bleach water; burned them with cigarettes; and dunked them in a toilet filled with urine."

"Women can be as violent as men" says feminist Doris Lessing

anthony · 5 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Doris Lessing, the novelist and feminist icon, said that women could be warmongers and as violent as men, in a speech yesterday.

Speaking at the Hay on Wye Festival, Lessing, 87, said that although history suggested women were peaceful, some of the worst crimes had been committed by females.

"There is a lot of sentimentality about women. We like to think that women are kind and motherly and are not going to go to war. But it's not true, is it?

"History suggests women are peace loving and law abiding - on the contrary some of the worst crimes have been committed by women," she said.'

UK Equal Parenting Conference and Men's Conference

Raymond Cuttill · 5 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Wendy Turner (EPA), Lisa Cohen (JUMP), Neil Lyndon, Barry Worrall, John Holden, EPA and more to speak at the United Equal Parenting Conference 2007 – The Best Interests of the Child. The conference, at The Warehouse, 1a Cumberland Road, Reading, RG1 3LB, UK will be on the weekend, 16th and 17th June. The conference will discuss the best interested of the child and will include the following speakers -

Wendy and Paul Turner
“A Child’s Right Not To Choose”
Wendy Turner, a tireless campaigner for equal parenting and recently appointed Chair of the Equal Parenting Alliance, will talk about the child’s right not to choose; that the child should not be forced to favour or select one parent only

JUMP
Lisa Cohen will be speaking for JUMP, Jewish Unity for Multiple Parenting, a support and lobby group. She will be talking about “My fight for my children" and the living bereavement it creates and how parental alienation affects the relationship with the parent. She is including a short film on the subject of PAS.

Neil Lyndon is the author of “No More Sex War: The Failures of Feminism" and will argue that the best interest of the child are the best interests of the state.
To quote Daniel Patrick Moynahan, "Family and Nation", 1965 - “There is one unmistakable lesson in American history: A community that allows a large number of young men to grow up in broken families, dominated by women, never acquiring any stable relationship to male authority, never acquiring any set of rational expectations about the future -- that community asks for and gets chaos... And it is richly deserved."

Barry Worrall is a men’s campaigner and author of “Without Authority”. He will talk about the ‘best interests of the child’ - a revolutionary & personal view by Barry Worrall and argue that best interests of child and of society is to be raised into good citizens, who can contribute to our society. How is this done? To be raised by people who brought them into the world & care most about them – their father & mother.

The Equal Parenting Alliance
The EPA will talk about the recent election and their part in it and about plans to have more candidates in future elections.

John Holden
A Father’s Report At The Childcatcher’s Conference”
John Holden, an equal parenting campaigner for some years, will talk about the latest professional initiatives in family courts and for children after separation, having attended a recent conference by people who think they know better than parents.

Others
A number of others will be speaking, but topic details are not yet finalised. Amongst others this will include a Sikh and a humanist on their position on equal parenting and the best interests of the child.

Booking is now being accepted for the conference online or by cheque.

For details see the website http://www.unitedconference.com/

To join the mailing list send a blank email to join-at-unitedconference.com

We would like to hear from other organisations and also individuals who would like to put their views to the conference. Suggestions for speakers to speakers-at-unitedconference.com

There are social events on Friday and Saturday evenings.

There will also be a separate half day conference on men's rights in general and is called ""Men's Hour Conference - The Men's Movement – Where is It?". Including Raymond Cuttill on "Why have 2 sexes anyway?" and Barry Worrall on "How to go forward from here".

Sacks Column: NY Electronic Tagging Device Bill--An Orwellian Measure

Matt · 5 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From Glenn Sacks: "My new co-authored column, NY Electronic Tagging Device Bill--An Orwellian Measure (Buffalo News, 5/30/07), criticizes Assembly Bill 5424, which requires “any person against whom an order of protection is issued…to wear an electronic monitoring device.” The article explains that New York Orders of Protection are often issued in an assembly line manner, and this bill will victimize many innocent men."

Male of 17 years goes to jail for receiving oral sex with a 15 year old female

blaze4metal · 7 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This article here talks of a 17 year old receiving consensual oral sex from a 15 year old. Gets 10 years in jail! TEN YEARS! Didn't this website have an article about a woman who beat her kids for 6 years and got 19 months in prison? What the hell is wrong with our judicial system?

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Ed. note: This is commentary on a case previously covered here on MANN.

Get-out-of-jail-fast card for Paris

Matt · 7 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The 800-lb. gorilla must speak... story here, just in case you have been away from TV, radio, newspapers, and the web for the past 24 hours. Now, let's analyze some.

Factors:
1. Pretty
2. Rich
3. Famous
4. White (bonus: blond)
5. Female (bonus: under 30) +

Three days (maybe) in stir...

...for disobeying a judge's orders, DUI, and who knows what else.

I once had a friend (male, middle-class, not famous) who got busted once for DUI. He did 6 months in jail for it. This isn't to say women don't go to jail for things like this, especially if they are not young or pretty or white or famous or rich. The point it, anyone with Miss Paris' list of "credentials" stands a very good chance of getting out fast for any charge, while anyone with the rather opposite list of "credentials" does not. Would a black man, any age, with little money, having committed the same offenses, get out after only 3 days of a 45-day sentence to a cushy house-arrest? Would any man of any age or ethnicity without a very good lawyer get out so fast?

Video: Bill O'Reilly debates Feminst Stripper

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Click on this link. Scroll down a bit to the right and look for "FOX News Video". The title is "Student Stripper: Jenny Heineman". Or, use this link (20.2 MB .swf file) to save or load the video file directly.

California Woman Fakes Abduction to Get Out of Date

anthony · 8 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A bride-to-be who wanted to get out of a date with a man she met on a phone chat line sent officers on a wild chase when she faked her abduction, police said.

Sara White, 20, was charged Wednesday with a misdemeanor charge of abusing emergency dispatch services for telling authorities she had been hit on the head and dragged into the trunk of a car while sitting in a Sacramento park.

White said she concocted the story Monday after changing her mind about meeting the man, with whom she'd been talking on the phone for two weeks.'

Shocking Update: Mary Winkler Could Only Serve 60 Days

anthony · 8 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who killed her preacher husband with a shotgun blast to the back as he lay in bed was sentenced Friday to three years in prison, but she may end up serving only 60 days in a mental hospital.
...
That leaves only two months, and McCraw said up to 60 days of the sentence could be served in a facility where she could receive mental health treatment. That means Winkler may not serve any significant time in prison."

Daly: Wife attacked me with steak knife

Matt · 8 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - John Daly told authorities his wife tried stab him with a steak knife, and the golfer had red marks on his cheeks when he showed up to play Friday on the course where he lives.

Daly called police about 6 a.m. on Friday, Shelby County Sheriff's department spokesman Steve Shular said. When deputies arrived, wife Sherrie and the couple's children were not there. Deputies could not find the knife he claimed she used.

...

He did not speak with reporters, but issued a statement saying he was the "victim of an assault by my wife."

"I filed a complaint with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. They are investigating, and I'll have no further comment on the matter while they pursue their investigation. My only concern at this point is for the safety of my children and myself," the statement said.'

Cops called to hunt for man taking daughter for a walk

alen · 8 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Toronto father takes daughter for a walk.
Cops called, 4-hour manhunt ensues... excerpt:

"It's a classic case of how looks can truly be deceiving. After a frantic four hour-plus search through a heavily wooded area, police at last have an answer in a case that paralyzed part of the downtown core late Thursday. A young girl they believed had been abducted was found safe, sound and never in any real danger.
...
It was the finale many expected would come to pass because police never received any calls about a missing child, something that most certainly would have happened had a little girl been gone for that long.

In the end, it was a complete and expensive overreaction, but one that cops couldn't afford not to take."

8-Year-Old Charged For Sexual Conduct With Sitter

blaze4metal · 9 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Check this out:

"A mother is upset after a 14-year-old babysitter engaged in sexual conduct with her eight-year-old boy, and the eight-year-old was charged with lewd conduct.
...
Grosbeck says the Salt Lake County District Attorney told her both the child and teenager were equal participants. But Mrs. Grosbeck didn't believe that.

"My son is eight, he's a little boy. He does not have the ability to participate on the same level as a fourteen-year-old," she said.

Although the charges against her son were dropped, she is concerned that the same thing could happen to other victims of sexual abuse."

Why did they drop the charges on the boy? They had a serious sexual predator on their hands! I ask once again, what's wrong with the people in charge of our justice system?

'Army mom' gets honorable discharge over child custody dispute

Matt · 9 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"CONCORD, N.H. - A soldier charged with desertion while fighting for custody of her 7-year-old daughter has been granted an honorable discharge from the Army, her lawyer said Saturday.
...
Hayes, 32, was serving her second tour of duty in
Iraq when she learned of possible domestic violence in the home of her ex-husband, Tim Knight, who had primary custody of Brystal.

According to police and Hayes, Knight was a victim in one domestic violence incident, and a second involved a fight between his mother and girlfriend. The judge who awarded Hayes temporary custody said Knight's problems with alcohol and a stormy relationship with his girlfriend made his home unsuitable for Brystal.
...
After her surrender at Fort Dix on Tuesday, Army lawyers helped her refile for a hardship discharge and it was granted within hours, Theroux said.
...
A custody hearing is scheduled Tuesday, Theroux said."

Domestic Violence Registry proposed in Pennsylvania: "Robin's Law"

Paragon · 9 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

First New York wants to put Dog Tags on men accused of domestic violence and then THIS. Excerpt:

"Two years after a man shot his wife and later killed himself in Quakertown, officials in the Upper Bucks borough will likely urge commonwealth legislators to create a state-wide Internet registry of domestic violence offenders to help prevent such tragedies from happening again.
Borough council expects to approve a resolution tonight calling on the Legislature to pass a bill known as “Robin's Law.”

Introduced in the state House on May 31, the bill would create a Megan's Law-style database. Instead of sexual predators though, the picture, address and crime of domestic violence convicts will be posted online for anyone to see, according to a preliminary draft of the bill."

The campaign to get every single man alive on some predator website continues with no end in sight. All fathers beware, it may be your picture on the Internet when your wife is ready to leave you but wants to keep the kids and the house. Don't for one second think that just because you've never laid a hand on any woman ever your picture won't end up on that site.

Lots of Lucre in False Claims of Abuse

Roy · 10 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

MRA commentator Carey Roberts asks – “In a country that prides itself on the "innocent until proven guilty" principle, how do we account for these legal travesties?

In some cases, the false accusers were emotionally unstable. Other times the women acted out of spite and vindictiveness.”

Four tales of false domestic violence allegations against innocent men, bilked of thousands of dollars to prove they committed absolutely no crime.

The DV INDUSTRY at work.

Baby-wielding mothers seeks withdrawal of guilty plea

Matt · 10 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Remember this one? Update here. Excerpt:

"ERIE, Pennsylvania — A mother who admitted swinging her 4-week-old son like a bat to hit her boyfriend, fracturing the infant's skull, wants to withdrew her guilty plea.

Chytoria Graham, 27, of Erie, asked to withdraw her plea Friday — the day she was to be sentenced to at least five years in prison.

Under an agreement with prosecutors, Graham had pleaded guilty in March to aggravated assault and endangering the welfare of a child; reckless endangerment and simple assault charges were dropped.

Graham now says she was not responsible for the injuries to Jarron Troop, who has since recovered."

Mothers upset when fathers step up as stay-at-home dads

ItsDan · 11 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"But almost four years into it, McClure-Metz began to feel her husband was maybe too capable. He had become more competent and assertive in the child-care arena and it showed in small ways."

"Man" in teen sex case should go free, judge rules

Anonymous · 11 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Everyone remember the boy that got 10 years for getting oral sex from a consenting 15 year old? Well, a judge effectively voided that sentence. Article here. Excerpt:

"A Georgia judge ordered the release Monday of a man sentenced to 10 years in prison for having consensual oral sex with a 15-year-old girl when he was 17."

I put "Man" in quotes because the guy involved is 17 years old. Nice try, mainstream media.

"Women rule" by Kathleen Parker

anthony · 11 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"Men have begun fighting back against what they now perceive to be bias toward women's health, lobbying the past few years for a federal Office of Men's Health. Ultimately, of course, no one wins the war of healthier-than-thou, while another layer of bureaucratic one-upmanship is just that.

A better means for improving men's health -- and saving the males -- is for women to recognize that males are in trouble and that a world without men, while perhaps calmer, would be far less interesting and fun.

As we've recently witnessed, when women want something, they usually get it."

South Africa: Incentives To Lie About Rape

anthony · 11 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Desperate women who fear they might be HIV-positive are allegedly laying false rape complaints with police to jump the queue for anti-retroviral drugs to prevent infection.

Port Elizabeth police say the increase in rape cases over the last year had been “incredible”, but the complainants seemed to disappear as soon as they were treated with post-exposure ARV drugs."

More Dangerous Books for Boys

marketpl · 12 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

"Max Elliot Anderson's books are perfect for summer reading, especially for boys who might not like to read. If there is a boy in your family, or in your circle of friends, he will enjoy these action-adventures and mysteries."

Domestic Violence by Any Other Name

Anonymous · 12 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'I'VE always known AMY WINEHOUSE was a feisty lady, but she's going to end up in a cell next to PARIS HILTON if she keeps on misbehaving.

...

The Back To Black singer admitted she has a violent streak that comes out when she drinks — and she often uses new hubby Blake Fielder-Civil as a punch bag.

...

"I'll beat up Blake when I'm drunk. I don't think I've ever bruised him, but I do have my way. If he says one thing I don't like then I'll chin him.

...

"I don't think your ability to fight has anything to do with how big you are. It's to do with how much anger is in you."'

Teri Stoddard: How Can Feminists Hate Men When I Find Them So Loveable?

anthony · 12 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'It starts with the mainstream media; you won't find a lot of respect for, or truth about men there. Also, today's feminist-driven domestic violence laws don't address the reality of female-perpetrated child abuse, violence, partner aggression or psychological abuse. Battered (even bruised and bleeding) fathers have been arrested after calling the police for help with an out-of-control partner. "Primary aggressor" and "no-drop" policies are part of the problem.

The main problem is that no one is stopping feminists from stripping fathers of their rights. Right now they're claiming Parental Alienation isn't real. PA Syndrome hasn't been declared or denied at this point. I can tell you; there are many fathers, and some mothers, who are victims of parental alienation. I've heard from them.
...
I used to think feminism stood for equality. I've seen for myself it does not. Someone with a "loud voice" needs to take a look at the facts, someone who doesn't benefit financially by the outcome. Then they need to use that loud voice to talk louder than the father-haters.'

Ethics Trial to Begin for Nifong

anthony · 12 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The North Carolina State Bar has charged Nifong, the district attorney in Durham County, with several violations of the state's rules of professional conduct, all tied to his handling of the lacrosse case.

Among those expected to watch from the gallery of a packed North Carolina Court of Appeals courtroom are Reade Seligmann and Collin Finnerty, two of the once-charged and now cleared players. Several defense attorneys and family members of the three players are also expected to attend."

Last minute appeal in teen sex case sparks outrage

anthony · 12 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Jubilation turned to anger Monday after Georgia's top prosecutor vowed he would fight a judge's order that would have set free Genarlow Wilson, a Georgia man serving a 10-year prison sentence for a consensual sexual encounter he had as a teenager.
...
Monday, acting on a petition filed by his attorneys, Monroe County Superior Court Judge Thomas Wilson ruled that Genarlow Wilson's punishment was cruel and unusual and voided it on constitutional grounds. The judge reduced the sentence to one year and said Wilson should not be put on Georgia's sex offender registry, as the old law required."

In Time for Father's Day, "Time" Hatchets Dads

Matt · 12 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Seems Time magazine continues to reinforce its anti-male/-father reputation with its latest. Read about it here and take action. Excerpt:

'TIME magazine's new Father's Day hatchet job on divorced and separated fathers--"Daddy Dearest: What Science Tells Us About Fatherhood"--questions whether fathers "have done a good enough job to deserve the honor" of having a Father's Day. The contents page reads "Behavior: Why some animal fathers are more nurturing dads than many men are."'

MSN Surprises with Men's Health Week Coverage

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Nice to to see it! Read How Guys Die. Excerpt:

"In recognition of National Men's Health Week (June 11-17), MSN Health & Fitness has culled some fundamental facts and figures to raise your awareness of the most fatal conditions facing men in the United States today. With any luck, we'll also raise your prospects for living a longer, healthier life.

You may be struck by how many risk factors for the life-threatening conditions below are within your capacity to control. We men could add years—even decades —to our lives by simply eating healthily, staying active and not smoking."

Alas, when covering Cause #3 for men's deaths, accidents, they skip over the huge difference in the numbers for men and women, instead quoting an aggregated statistic. Still, this is progress.

"A Rush to Injustice" Covers Duke Case

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I just heard an interview with the author of this book: A Rush to Injustice: How Power, Prejudice, Racism, and Political Correctness Overshadowed Truth and Justice in the Duke Lacrosse Rape Case and it sounds like it has the inside story of what Nifong's actual motivations were for rushing to prosecute the Duke LAX players. Should be plenty revealing. If you have read it, please comment.

Essay: "Madame President"

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MADAME PRESIDENT
By P. T. Mycas

I have no objection to electing a female President of the United States. As a matter of fact, I believe there are millions of women who could do a better job than the current male President. But that's a pretty low bar. I would like to vote for the most qualified person for President, male or female. Because I do not believe Hillary Clinton would be President for all Americans, I do not believe she is qualified.

Politically, I like to think of myself as an Independent, but in order to vote in primaries, I declare as a Democrat. I am liberal. I hold the usual liberal views with one exception. I generally do not like feminism. Feminism is defined as equality between women and men, but the name itself belies this definition. It is like trying to coin a word which expresses the harmony and equality between Ford and Chevy owners and coming up with the name "Fordism." Chevy owners would not allow such nonsense. By saying feminism is about equality, feminists are hiding that much of feminism is about sexism. Why have we let feminists get away with this?

Of course, there are several varieties of feminism, some of which are fine. For example, I have little problem with equity feminism (is that an oxymoron?). However, I think radical feminists form, for the most part, a sexist hate group which has hijacked feminism.

Hillary Rodham Clinton appears to be far closer to the radical feminists than to the equity feminists.

Living History is her rather pompously-entitled autobiography. It is also a long campaign speech, in which she engages in blatant Presidential self-promotion, especially aimed at women. I found it a disorganized and rambling, stream-of-consciousness screed. It felt more like a diary.

As one might expect in a diary, there are many examples showing her emotional side. Perhaps these examples are to counter her reputation for being an ice queen. Or perhaps they are to appeal to female voters. But I feel they revealed weakness, insecurity, indecisiveness and superficiality. For example, she inadvertently showed her weakness when she said she couldn't eat or sleep and lost 10 pounds before testifying before the Grand Jury. Another time she mentioned being "flat on my back and unable to move" due to tension and high heels. And during the Starr investigations she mentioned that she thought Bill was sailing along, while she was "buffeted by every gust of wind." There were also many examples of her holding back tears and leaning on friends for support. She several times described her separation anxiety when Chelsea left for Stanford. She quoted Eleanor Roosevelt as saying, "A woman is like a tea bag. You never know how strong she is until she's in hot water." I do not think Hillary is a very strong tea bag. Indecisiveness showed in her slowness in marrying Bill, deciding on a career, moving to Arkansas, and running for the Senate. She often complained about how the press focused on her hair and clothes, but the book was peppered with examples of her focus on appearance and style, hers as well as others'.

My biggest objection to President Hillary is that she would only be President for about half of the people of the United States---the inny half. Living History reflects this. She constantly plays the gender card in the book. She is obsessive about her focus on women. Certainly different people could come to different counts, but I counted 315 instances of her playing the gender card---that's once every 1.7 pages. Some of the examples are fairly insignificant, such as using her maiden name, adding a bust of Eleanor Roosevelt to the Roosevelt Room, and telling us that so-and-so was the first woman to do such-and-such. Some examples may even exhibit pettiness. For example, she got a haircut and a perm to show solidarity with a woman whose hair was criticized. However, most examples are significant, and added together, they indicate a maniacal focus on women and women's issues.

In fact, Clinton states explicitly that working on women's issues is a prime focus for her. In the first paragraph she says she wasn't born a women's advocate but was free to make that choice. Later, she details the organizational and staff changes she made upon becoming First Lady, so that she could work on women's issues. She also mentions at

one point that she "had been working for twenty-five years on improving the status and dignity of women...." At the Democratic Convention in 2000, she thanked the nation for allowing her to work here and abroad on issues that matter most to women. At another point, she mentions that Admiral Elmo Zumwalt told Chelsea that her mother will be remembered "for opening the eyes of the world" to women's rights.

While deliberating to run for the Senate, she writes, "I had traveled the world on behalf of women's rights...." She details in the book the many trips she has taken as First Lady (e.g., China, Mongolia, Africa, Ireland, South Asia, Australia, Italy, The Philippines, and Thailand) and the focus on women's issues of each trip. She met with women and women's groups, at girls' schools, women's banks, and maternity hospitals, and gave speeches to women's groups on women's issues. In fact, on her trips without Bill she focused almost exclusively on women's issues.

She also seems to only think of herself in gender terms. In her testimony to the Congress on health care she said, "I'm here as a mother, a wife, a daughter, a sister, a woman."

Her focus on women occasionally makes her overly sensitive. For example, after telling us that she is skilled at public speaking, she then relates how after she had testified before an Arkansas legislative joint session, a male legislator commented that perhaps the state had elected the wrong Clinton to the governorship. It's hard to know exactly how the legislator meant this, but it sounds like a compliment to me. However, Clinton took this as an insult to women. She thought the legislator was expressing amazement that a "woman" could be articulate and knowledgeable. She refers to this offense as the "talking dog syndrome." Apparently, this is a distortion of a quip by Samuel Johnson: "A woman's preaching is like a dog's walking on his hinder legs. It is not done well; but you are surprised to find it done at all." She was similarly offended after testifying before the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee on health care.

I am also concerned about her appointments, advisers, and staff if she becomes President. It appears nearly all of her advisers and staff when she was First Lady were women. Living History shows a group picture of her staff and only 2 of the 30 shown are men. She seems to surround herself with women, which included going to a women's college and attending an all-female prayer group. Cronyism has been a serious problem of the Bush administration. We do not need to continue the problem with Clinton hiring women just because they are women, when there may be more qualified men available.

As First Lady, Clinton often met with world leaders and their spouses. In Living History, she nearly always (25 times) describes the spouses in more glowing terms than the leaders themselves. The one exception to this rule is when she talks about meeting the female Prime Minister of Norway, Gro Brundtland. Brundtland's husband is not mentioned.

Clinton also shows some antipathy toward men. For example in Living History she says that in fifth grade she had a reputation for being able to stand up to the rowdy boys. Also, she twice refers to the Chinese saying that women hold up half the sky, but adds, "but in most of the world, it's really more than half." It appears she doesn't think much of men. She also twice quotes Joyce McCartan's condescending comment, "It takes women to bring men to their senses." After the Lewinsky scandal, she writes that she "wanted to wring Bill's neck." This also brings to mind her recent "joke" when asked how she would handle the evil men in the world. She implied she had experience from dealing with her husband. When confronted with the harshness of this "joke," she responded, "You guys keep telling me to lighten up, be funny. I get a little funny and now I'm being psychoanalyzed." Well, yes. Why did she choose to make fun of men? Was she really joking? If she thinks her husband is evil, what can the rest of the male population expect? Or was she just pandering to the lowest instincts of female voters?

In Clinton's speech to the UN Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 she said, "...it is no longer acceptable to discuss women's rights as separate from human rights...human rights are women's rights...and women's rights are human rights, once and for all." Perhaps she meant this rhetorically, but it is odd that she demands equating women's rights with human rights considering she does quite the opposite throughout Living History. She constantly makes "women's rights" the focus of attention and treats them as separate from "human rights." In fact, the two phrases often occur in the same sentence, confirming their difference. I suspect her purpose in equating the two is

to deny that women's rights are "special" rights, which is belied by her book. She does something similar when accused of feminizing politics, by insisting that she is humanizing politics. This is the same trick I mentioned earlier when "feminism" is defined as "equality." It is actually an attempt to deny her own sexism. And by saying women's rights are human rights, and human rights are women's rights, she is strongly implying that men have no rights, or that they are not human.

Living History is not the only example of her woman-centric attitude. Her Talking-It-Over columns during her years as First Lady often dealt with women's issues. Examples included topics such as birth control for women, low-income women, a woman-friendly workplace, encouraging women to vote, her trip to the United Nations Conference on Women, drive-thru deliveries, the U.S. women's soccer team, trafficking of women, renewal of the Violence Against Women Act, women's rights in Viet Nam, Irish women for peace, microcredit for women, the pay gap, and women leaders. And two of her last columns summarized her work on women's issues as First Lady. Her campaign website also has a page on women's issues, but none on men's issues. This page includes the incredibly popular but incredibly wrong statement that "women still earn only $.76 cents (sic) for every dollar men earn for doing the same work."

Clinton has often touted her concern for children. How much of this is genuine and how much is a smokescreen for her concern for women? In her speech to the Democratic convention in 1996, she listed eight ways for the government and citizens to help children: longer maternity hospital stays, home nurses and hot lines for new mothers, expansion of the new family leave law, flex-time, health-insurance for all, tax breaks for people who adopt, an end to racial preferences in adoption, and reading proficiency by the third grade. Most of these have more to do with helping women than children.

Contrary to what feminists want us to believe, American women have a tremendous amount of power today. They dominate politics because there are more female than male voters. Therefore, all elected officials must cater to women in order to be elected. Women control the economy because they spend nearly all of the money while their husbands are alive (the spending gap), and all of the money when their husbands die. The spending gap results in women controlling the media. Women also receive much power from chivalry and imposed guilt, which has probably increased during feminism. And let us not forget the ever-present sexual power that women have over men. Just think of all the powerful men humbled by women like Monica Lewinsky, Donna Rice, Elizabeth Ray, Fanny Fox, Jessica Hahn, etc.

I'd like to say more about the spending gap. The power in money comes not from making it but from spending it. So the ever-present controversy about the pay gap is misplaced. The spending gap is far more significant. Women spend roughly 80 cents of every consumer dollar. This gives them enormous power. Advertisers, as a result, aim their advertising at women. As a consequence of this, nearly all advertising media must also aim at women in order to attract advertisers. So, newspapers, television, magazines, etc., bias their content toward women. These media pander to women at nearly every opportunity, presenting woman as strong, intelligent, victimized, and superior, while presenting men as weak, dumb, victimizing, and inferior. This results in such media fiascoes as those associated with the pay gap, the Duke lacrosse team, girls' self-esteem crisis, domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday, Jessica Lynch, and runaway bride Jennifer Wilbanks. The media seem to have new rules like: Focus on female victims. If female victims can't be found, focus on mothers or wives of victims. Focus on discrimination against women. If discrimination against women in the United States can't be found, focus on discrimination against women in the third world. Highlight all accomplishments of women. As well as becoming more and more tabloid to appeal to women, the media are also discriminating against men, resulting in the devaluing of men by society. I suspect female candidates for office are also receiving more beneficial coverage.

Another example of women's power is that chivalry results in an inordinate amount of charity going to women. For example, what disease receives more attention and funding than breast cancer? Why? Lung cancer kills more women and prostate cancer kills almost as many men. And why ignore pancreatic, liver, or brain cancers? Obviously, we value women's lives more than men's. Some criticized this inordinate amount of attention on breast cancer by pointing out that many more women die of heart disease. In response, a campaign was instituted to focus

on heart disease, but only in women. The Go Red for Women campaign focuses only on women even though heart disease kills a comparable number of men and kills them 10 years younger.

Considering that we abhor gender discrimination, women's power has resulted in some odd legislation. For example, even though girls are doing much better than boys in schools and colleges, we have the Women's Educational Equity Act. Even though women participate in school extracurricular activities more than boys, we have Title IX enforcement only in sports, the one area where boys dominate. Even though men generally die five years earlier than women and die earlier in 14 of the 15 leading causes of death, we have the Women's Health Equity Act and the Women's Health Initiative focusing only on women's health. Even though men are victims of violence 2 to 3 times more often than women, we have the Violence Against Women Act giving women special protections and programs. Even though men receive harsher prison sentences than women for the same crimes, states have instituted women's commissions to study discrimination against women in the justice system. And the ironic fact about all of this legislation is that it was passed by, for all practical purposes, male legislators.

We constantly hear that the country is becoming more polarized, with more and more people unwilling to compromise. Clinton, with her openly women-based attitude, will add to this problem by separating the sexes and contributing to antagonism between them. We need a President to bring the country together.

All politicians pander to women. But I feel this pandering would become extreme under a Hillary Clinton Presidency. Women who were influenced by women's studies programs and feminism from an early age are now entering power positions such as CEO and President where they can exert much influence over policies and direction.
If these women bring radical feminism with them, men will become, more and more, second class citizens. Because of their chivalrous nature, I fear men will do little to stop this.

Some women are probably saying, "Good, it's about time." But I don't see how discrimination against our great-grandmothers justifies discrimination against our brothers now. I expect women to be more magnanimous than that. Let me remind you of Harry Burn. He voted for the 19th Amendment to give women the right to vote after his mother told him "be a good boy, Harry, and do the right thing." In fact, nearly all of the legislators who did the right thing and voted for the 19th Amendment were men. It is time for women (and men) to do the right thing. Hillary Clinton would be a disaster for half of the country.

New Glenn Sacks column: In this Turf War, Kids Are the Prize

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My new co-authored column, In this Turf War, Kids Are the Prize (Tallahassee Democrat, 6/13/07), defends the controversial concept of Parental Alienation against recent attacks from the National Organization for Women, the Family Violence Prevention Fund, and numerous other misguided women's groups.

The column, which appears below and is linked on my blog here, was written primarily as a response to NOW president Kim Gandy's recent anti-father editorial Sick Joke or Sick Reality?

New Men's Health Network Site Resource Available

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From Tom: This is a heads up about an excellent resource via the men's health network web site: http://www.menshealthnetwork.org/stateofmenshealth/

It gives reports on men's health for the US with charts and graphs. Very nicely done. Most importantly it allows the user to select only their state and creates a custom report just on their state. This is good for knowing or checking on the stats but is even better as a lobbying tool. Just send a link to the custom report to your state legislator or the feds with a short email about suicide or prostate cancer or any of the other things the report highlights. It is a great backup to our concerns. Great way to get the word out.

Risk factors in school shootings

Anonymous · 13 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"It seems that after every school shooting, the usual suspects, often with vested interests, come out of the woodwork with their theories: guns, psychotropic drugs, violent video games, Satanic lyrics, Nazism ... But the Secret Service has determined that school assassins do not fit a “profile” — aside from the fact that they have all been boys. Therefore, a more productive approach would be to look for certain character risk factors:..."

Sign the European petition for Men's Health

Anonymous · 13 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Check this out. It's high time European governments took men's health more seriously! The International Men's Health Week (11-17 June) is the timely opportunity to advertise this petition.

Woman Charged With Murder After Trying to Blame Her Son

anthony · 13 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A Central Florida woman told her 19-year-old son that she loved him and would stand by him after he was arrested for killing her husband. But now authorities think she is the real killer and framed her son for the crime.

Rhonda Marie Sands' husband, Everette Lema, 50, was found stabbed to death on May 2, the Orlando Sentinel reported.

Prosecutors have dropped a murder charge against Sands' son, DeShane Sands. He was arrested the day after the killing, based largely on reports from his mother."

Delinquency: Boys Are Exposed To More Risk, Less Protection

anthony · 13 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Researchers trying to understand why high school-age boys are involved in serious delinquency more often than girls have found that males are exposed to higher levels of risk factors and lower amounts of protective factors.
...
The 22 protective factors measured included the teens' attachment to each of their parents, rewards for good behavior in school and social skills in dealing with other people. Risks included family conflict, low commitment to school, peer drug use and sensation seeking.

While boys experience higher levels of risk and lower protection for 18 of these factors, girls only reported higher risk for family conflict and less protection from attachment to their fathers. There were no gender differences for exposure to peer drug use and for peer rewards for delinquency."

More men becoming stay-at-home dads

Anonymous · 14 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'OTTAWA -- A growing number of men are ditching work for daddy duty at home in the weeks after the birth or adoption of a child, according to a new report.

The Statistics Canada study released Wednesday showed that since 2001, the proportion of women who took time off work for a child's birth or adoption has remained stable but the proportion of men who did so has increased.

"After government increased eligibility for benefits and extended parental leave in 2001 to 35 weeks, the proportion of fathers who took any kind of leave for the birth or adoption of their child, including parental leave, rose from 38% in 2001 to 55% five years later," the report said.
...
"Among men, factors related to finances, employment and career played a dominant role in the decision not to take leave. In fact, men were twice as likely as women to cite their financial situation as a reason," the study said.'

Toronto Mayor David Miller not convinced a father is needed in a child's life

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Story here. Excerpt:

"... when the Mayor [David Miller] was asked generally why so many young men who are involved in gun violence are also fatherless and part of a gangster culture, he downplayed the important role of fathers in the lives of boys.

Mr. Miller told [radio talk show host] John Oakley, who called him on this, that he had grown up without a father and that he is not convinced a father is needed in a child's life. That to even raise the issue is to blame the mothers."

Comment Captchas Enabled

Scott · 14 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Recently there have been some registered user accounts which have been used to post spam on the site using automated methods. For the time being I have enabled "captcha" image verification for comment posting. I know this will be inconvenient for the regular posters here, and I intend to look into alternatives or ways to whitelist some of the more regular commenters.

In the meantime, please keep an eye out for these spam posts (they will be obvious, usually containing dozens of links to other sites) and let us know when you come across them. Thanks!

Msnbc.com Profiles Absent Father Crisis

Roy · 14 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In a just-posted article, msnbc.com looks at the devastating effects of fatherless households, including comments from dads in "A National Survey of Dads' Attitudes on Fathering". It found that 91 percent of those questioned agreed there is a father-absence crisis in America. They listed work demands as the No. 1 barrier to being a good father. Other major impediments included the media and popular culture followed by financial problems. Fathers who were not married to the mother of their children cited a lack of cooperation from mothers as the chief obstacle to being a good father, followed by work responsibilities, financial problems and treatment of fathers by the courts.

Interestingly, the word "feminism" never shows up in this otherwise intelligent report.

Florida's Fathers' Adoption Rights

Anonymous · 14 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A state registry set up to make adoptions easier is under fire at the Florida Supreme Court. The high court heard an appeal Monday on behalf of a Tampa man who was denied the right to raise his own child after the single mom decided to give the baby up for adoption."

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Ed. note: The story is really delivered via video. Click the "Florida's Fathers Adoption Rights" link next to the red camera icon just below the headline to watch it.

Woman sentenced to 4 months for filing false rape report

ItsDan · 14 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Amy Jones, 21, falsely claimed to police that her stepfather Rod Swainson had been abusing her since she was 12.

After she gave a lengthy statement to detectives, Mr Swainson was arrested and charged with rape.
...
Jones, of Bury, was sentenced to four months in prison after admitting perverting the course of justice."

Notice even in the headline they try to start making excuses, as if being 'lovesick' or a lesbian somehow explains why you tried to ruin an innocent person's life.

The Terror Of Oral Sex In Georgia

Luek · 14 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

We are all by now familiar with the sad saga about the 17 year old high school jock who was convicted of having oral sex with a 15 year old. And of course we all know this happened in the State of Georgia.

However, going back to the late 1980's there was IMO a much worse travesty of justice and misandric justice at that concerning the case of James David Moseley who was sent to prison for having consensual oral sex with his ex wife. The wife who consented was not prosecuted but he was. And of course this happened in Georgia too. Oral sex just seems to hold a special terror there for some reason.

Read about it here.

Boy Deliberately Humiliated by Teachers

Matt · 14 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'INDIANAPOLIS -- Sixth-grader Matt Porter didn't enjoy getting "Most Likely Not To Have Children" and "Sir Clowns-a-Lot" awards from two teachers at his school.

His parents aren't pleased, either.

Matt said he received the awards in front of classmates during a ceremony at the Decatur Intermediate Learning Center at the end of the recently finished school year. His mother and his stepfather have asked the Decatur Township school system to reprimand the teachers, and they want an apology.'

Likely they would have done this to a girl? Doubt it. You can be sure they would have been fired by the end of the day had it been a girl they targeted. I'll also bet next week's paycheck that the teachers who did this were both women.

Massive Media Break for the EQUAL Parenting Bike Trek event!

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The EQUAL Parenting Bike Trek will be discussed on the ultra-popular Radio Lia Show! The Radio Lia Show has a national audience and also a growing fan base in Canada! Robert Pedersen and Robb MacKenzie will be interviewed on June 17, 2007 at 6PM on the Radio Lia show. More information can be found at http://www.daddy.typepad.com/.

We ask other websites and Bloggers to spread the word on this amazing break for the EQUAL Parenting Bike Trek. This will bring our issues to a nationwide audience!

Child Support Is More Than Just Money, Says Filmmaker, Angelo Lobo

anthony · 15 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Noncustodial parents, mostly fathers, say financial child support has been deemed by some officials as the most important thing they can contribute to their children.
...
The situation is beyond absurd. We have loving, fit fathers, who want to be there and support their children, who are unfairly prevented from doing so. On the other hand, we have men proven by DNA testing not to be the dad, yet they are forced to financially support children they may not even know and did not father."

Nifong Resigns and sheds Tears

anthony · 15 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Facing the loss of his law license, a tearful Mike Nifong said Friday he will resign as district attorney, more than a year after he obtained rape indictments against three Duke University lacrosse players who were later declared innocent by state prosecutors."

The Onion's Fathers Day cartoon

mens_issues · 16 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

At last, an editorial cartoon gets it right for Father's Day.

'nuff said.

Steve

Woman jailed for testicle attack

AngryMan · 16 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who ripped off her ex-boyfriend's testicle with her bare hands has been sent to prison.

Amanda Monti, 24, flew into a rage when Geoffrey Jones, 37, rejected her advances at the end of a house party, Liverpool Crown Court heard.

She pulled off his left testicle and tried to swallow it, before spitting it out. A friend handed it back to Mr Jones saying: "That's yours."

Monti admitted wounding and was jailed for two-and-a-half years.'

Switzerland: Calls for paternity leave become louder

Anonymous · 16 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This year will be the first Father's day in Switzerland (congratulations, gentlemen!). Story here.

The little dig by the journalist at the end is a nice touch: "The demand for a change of the civil code comes more than 25 years after judicial equality between men and women."

It's disappointing that the Swiss Association of Single Parents called paternity leave "out of touch with reality". I can't seem to find their web site to see if they have further comment.

Fourth false rape claim - woman spared jail

Anonymous · 16 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is false rape claim #4 for Nicola May of Auckland, NZ. No jail time, of course -- but she has to pay a whopping $20 per month to compensate police 10K of the $60K investigation.

This part of the article is rich: "There was no single victim but rather groups of victims including the community and the police, he said.".

No mention of the guys she falsely accused. Of course.

Woman jailed for false rape claim

Anonymous · 16 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Ruth Siggee, 21, falsely claimed that she had been the victim of a daytime sex attack in Norwich city centre on 28 June, 2004.

Siggee, of Tunstall Close, Norwich, pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice at the city's crown court.

Handing down sentence Judge Daniel Worsley said: "The allegation of rape triggered a major police operation."

Siggee made three false statements to police before withdrawing her statements and saying she did not want the allegations to be pursued."

The BBC sugar coats it, but man who she falsely accused of a violent rape wasn't her husband. The Daily Record identifies the man as a former schoolmate.

Working Fathers Caught in a Trap

Anonymous · 16 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Fathers say they want to spend more time with their kids, but are stuck working. Day-to-day demands -- and middle managers -- trump much ballyhooed work/life policies and paternity leaves, experts say."
...
However, the majority of working dads (59 percent) would not take paternity leave if it were offered, according to the latest Workplace Insights survey by Adecco USA.

Reasons cited included fear it would harm their careers (31 percent); being too busy at work to be away for an extended period of time (28 percent); and being depended on too much by co-workers and clients (28 percent).

Happy Father’s Day – Dads Get Shafted Again

Roy · 16 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Another fluff news piece on msnbc.com shows why Mother’s Day is still the big cash cow holiday for buying gifts, while Father’s Day is a sorry loss leader for retailers. Excerpt:

“In a recent survey by the National Retail Federation, Americans spent $16 billion on Mother’s Day this year, but only plan on spending $9.9 billion on Father’s Day, which falls on June 17. Fathers and Families Executive Director Don Hogan says the discrepancy is just more proof that dads are overworked and underappreciated. “It seems that society places a greater value on mothers than fathers,” he says."

Ironically, it's suspected that of the $9.9 billion spent on Father's Day gifts, men earned $9.8 billion of that money and handed it over to their wives, kids, and girlfriends, who then bought them a $2.98 Hallmark card and spent the balance on themselves!

Funny that the word "misandry" is not used in this report. And, Kim Gandy, where's your N.O.W. editorial on the vile sexist "gift gap?"

Kathleen Parker: Happy Father's Day, jerk

anthony · 16 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Column here. Excerpt:

"A week before Father's Day, cartoonist Berkeley Breathed did a very cartoonist thing and caused a controversy to be stirred over a comic strip that seemed to slight fathers while celebrating lesbian moms.
...
But here's the biggest truth of all: Men and fathers have been on the receiving end of a male-bashing trend for the past 20 years or so, and they've had enough. Breathed's comic strip might have faded into the ethers if it didn't cut so close to the bone, if it weren't one more insult added to a history that long ago ceased to amuse."

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Ed. note: The cartoonist's contact information is here. The cartoon in question can be viewed here.

Why fathers leave

anthony · 16 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Most fathers don't want to leave their children. They love their kids and want to be engaged in every aspect of their lives. Men hurt and feel pain when they cannot be with their kids. To suggest otherwise is not only insulting to men, it's a bold-faced lie.

Society routinely degrades fathers. Men are typically depicted by Hollywood as inadequate and useless beings who are nothing more than comedic props."

Tortured Boy, Missing Girl: Two Women Arrested

anthony · 16 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two women living in the home — Candace Clark, 23, and Michaela Clerc, 20 — were arrested on charges of obstruction of justice and physical abuse of a child.
...
Police returned to the house and found the 11-year-old locked in the closet and covered with severe burns. Hahn told the Daily Register the boy had been tortured and burned with scalding and boiling water as punishment for failing to clean. It appeared he was regularly locked in the closet.
...
"The condition of the 11-year-old resembled pictures of those coming out of concentration camps at the end of World War II, Columbia County District Attorney Jane Kohlwey said".'

Duke Lacrosse Rape Case -- DA Mike Nifong DISBARRED!

WhipperSnapper · 17 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Finally. A state bar ethics committee has DISBARRED DA Mike Nifong, the villain who attempted to imprison three innocent young men who were blatantly falsely accused of rape.

Let's hope that this is only the beginning of the justice and revenge aspects of this and that also Duke University and the villainous "Group of 88" are also punished through lawsuits.

Sadly, the woman who filed the false charges will go completely unpunished, though I think the victims should attempt to bankrupt her and attach her future earnings through lawsuits while also relentlessly trying to convince the new DA to prosecute her. Mental instability is not an excuse for criminal behavior and she should be criminally prosecuted along with Nifong.

Robert Pedersen Wins Runner-Up In Hero Dad Contest

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Robert Pedersen, a Michigan Dad who advocates for Equal Parenting Rights, wins runner-up in Best Life's Hero Dad Contest. Excerpt:

'My husband, Robert Pedersen, found out today (Father's Day) the most incredible news to date! He won the Runner-Up Award to Best Life Magazine's nationwide Hero Dad Contest!
...
Never forget! It is wrong to deny a child the fundamental right of EQUAL time, love, nurturing and education with BOTH fit parents. And yes we know they spelled his name wrong, it is something I can proudly say happens to me as well! Happy Father's Day to all! There are many Hero Dads! Robert's hero is his dad who, along with his hero mom, raised 4 boys!'

Fathers & Friends Protest for Father's Rights in Sacramento, California

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Members of Fathers 4 Justice (F4J), Children's Rights Initiative Sharing Parents Equally (CRISPE) and National Coalition of Free Men, Los Angeles (NCFMLA) met at the Family Relations Courthouse in Sacramento, California on Tuesday to protest laws, policies and decisions that deny parents (mostly Fathers) equal (50/50) shared parenting.

The week before Father’s Day seemed an appropriate time to stage the Sacramento protest, but Father’s rights groups agree that no special day is needed to protest the egregious treatment of parents (mostly Fathers) by Family Relations Courts and CA lawmakers.

Fathers & Friends Protest for Father's Rights in Sacramento CA

Obama: Men Should 'Stop Acting Like Boys'

anthony · 17 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Thats right gentlemen. Obama insulted every father in this nation by attacking them on a Father's Day. I find this disturbing. A potential president has an anti-father ideology. Excerpt:

'Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said Friday that fathers have to share the responsibility for raising children and caring for families because their role doesn't end at conception.

Days before Father's Day, the first-term Illinois senator and father of two daughters delivered his life message as well as an assessment of what government needs to do in remarks at a Baptist church.

"What makes you a man is not the ability to have a child but the courage to raise a child," Obama said.

In his prepared text, Obama said: Men need to "stop acting like boys - who need to realize that responsibility does not end at conception.'

He Who Fathers Least, Fathers Best

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Here's some more misandry on Father's Day. When you read the article notice how Hitler's name comes up. Excerpt:

"There is now much evidence that the role of the father, even his absence, is just as important in shaping presidents as is the role of the mother. Affirmed and empowered by their mother's love but also hurt and frustrated by their father's absence, a leader, including most American presidents, will strive to prove their value and worth with their great achievements."

"Women Above the Law?" by Carey Roberts

anthony · 17 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'When a female high school teacher deflowers a student, she gets a judicial wrist-slap. When a wife kills her husband, it's the dependable Battered Woman Syndrome defense to the rescue. When a woman falsely accuses a man of abuse and destroys his reputation and career, the chivalrous prosecutor turns the other cheek. If a mother tries to alienate a child from his dad, that's "protecting the child from a domineering father." And when a woman kills her unborn child, she's exercising her constitutional right to privacy.'

"Female infidelity is on the rise"

MrReality · 17 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Rudov, the author of 'The No Nonsense Man' has revealed a very disturbing rise in female infidelity.

He says: "Isn't it amazing that yet more evidence comes along to buttress the premise of my book, The Man's No-Nonsense Guide to Women: How to Succeed in Romance on Planet Earth, that men and women are virtually the same. No, it's not amazing. I've been telling you this for over one year." Read the article here.

Mr. Rudov has also revealed a website being promoted by major corporations that 'encourage women to cheat' you can find this site here.

Teacher Accused Of Having Sex With Student, 13

Matt · 18 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(WCCO) A middle school teacher in Prescott, Wis. has been fired and the Pierce County Sheriff is investigating claims she had sex with a 13-year-old student.
...
The 38-year-old woman was a substitute at Prescott Middle School.

The student's father said he found the two having a middle of the night rendezvous together at the teacher's home after the boy stole his mother's car.

Sources said the woman's husband and 13-year-old daughter were home at the time.'

Must-see Humor

Matt · 18 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Every now and then, we have to laugh (or we'll cry, right)? I am betting these two pieces will send more than a few of you to the floor laughing.

No Sex Tonight (on craigslist.com)

Spoiled Rotten (on misanthropic-bitch.com)

Some of you may be blocked at work for these sites, so if so I'll suggest you wait to look at home. It's worth it though. Enjoy!

U.S. Circumcision Rate Drops

anthony · 18 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"According to a study by the National Health and Social Life Survey, the U.S. circumcision rate peaked at nearly 90 percent in the early 1960s but began dropping in the '70s. By 2004, the most recent year for which government figures are available, about 57 percent of all male newborns delivered in hospitals were circumcised. In some states, the rate is well below 50 percent.
...
The debate escalated in February, when studies found that heterosexual men in Africa who were circumcised had HIV infection rates up to 60 percent lower than uncircumcised men. Because of those studies, the American Academy of Pediatrics is taking another look at its policy."

Duke Reaches Settlement With Players

anthony · 18 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Duke University has reached an undisclosed financial settlement with three former lacrosse players falsely accused of rape, the school said Monday.
...
"We welcomed their exoneration and deeply regret the difficult year they and their families have had to endure," the school said in a statement. "These young men and their families have been the subject of intense scrutiny that has taken a heavy toll."'

England: Sex with a woman who is drunk may soon be rape

anthony · 18 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

This is an update from a story submitted few months ago.

Excerpt:

"Men who have sex with drunken women risk being convicted of rape - even if they appear to have given consent.

Ministers will unveil the controversial proposals this week in a bid to boost conviction rates for sex offences and bring more 'date rapists' to justice.
...
If a woman is deemed to have consumed so much alcohol that she is incapable of agreeing to make love, the man would be far more likely to be convicted of rape."

Who's to blame for divorce epidemic?

anthony · 18 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Author Stephen Baskerville, PhD., explores:

Why the "deadbeat dad" is not only a myth but a hoax, the creation of government officials and lawyers who plunder parents whose children they have taken away

How hysterical propaganda about domestic violence is destroying families, endangering children, and making criminals of innocent parents

The real causes of child abuse and how the abuse industry willfully ignores them

What drives the rash of "parental kidnappings

How family courts operate as if there is no Bill of Rights, denying parents their constitutional legal protections'

Study: Circumcision Removes Most Sensitive Parts

anthony · 18 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For circumcised penises, the most sensitive region was the circumcision scar on the underside of the penis, the researchers found. For uncircumcised penises, the areas most receptive to pressure were five regions normally removed during circumcision—all of which were more sensitive than the most sensitive part of the circumcised penis.
...
Recent studies have also shown that circumcision can lower the risks of HIV infection by as much as 60 percent in sex between males and females.

But Robert Van Howe, a study team member at Michigan State University, thinks such claims are somewhat overblown. “The [health benefits] that have been consistently shown are very small, and there are less aggressive, less invasive, less expensive ways of dealing with the problems [circumcision] is supposed to address,” Van Howe told LiveScience.
...
Some previous studies found that circumcision led to little, if any, decrease in penile sensitivity, but Sorrells and his colleagues say such findings are suspect because many are based on self-reports from men who were circumcised to correct medical problems.'

Reproductive Choice – It's Not Just for Women Anymore

anthony · 18 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"Can the body of one person be used against their will to satisfy the desires of another? This is a simple question which no person who believes in justice, liberty or individual rights could possibly answer in the affirmative. Indeed, it is a question long settled with respect to all identifiable groups in the United States save one (men). Since the abolition of the institution of slavery, men have been exempted from this simple principle in at least two areas – the draft and reproductive freedom. The latter issue is before us at this time in the case of Roman v. Roman, now before the Texas Supreme Court."

6-YO Boy is Youngest Anorexic

Matt · 19 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Eating disorders are now striking little boys more often than little girls. Story here. Excerpt:

'A six-year-old is the youngest boy to be treated for anorexia, a study reveals today. It also shows more young boys than girls are being treated for eating disorders such as anorexia.

Figures show 51 hospital admissions last year of boys under 11 with eating disorders and 36 admissions of girls.
...
Lib- Dem MP Sarah Teather, who obtained the NHS figures, said: "Young people are under pressure from all sides these days.

"It is time for a debate about how childhood is changing and politicians should be concerned about the type of issues teenagers are having to deal with at a younger and younger age."'

Notice when the MP Teather is using an "inclusive" reference to children when there is evidence to show there is a problem among boys. Does she do the same when the topic includes largely or only girls?

Appellate court denies reimbursement to paternity fraud victim

Matt · 19 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Posted for Marc A.:
Appellate court denies reimbursement to paternity fraud victim; 1 judge suggests changing the law

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In their decision (.doc file), the Court of Appeal just upheld the trial court's refusal to order the County of L.A. to reimburse paternity fraud victim Taron James, an NCFM-LA member. The denial of reimbursement is based on the statuary language. Justice Rubin, one of the 3 judges, wrote a concurring opinion in which he recongizes the fundamental injustice and suggests that the California Legislature change the law to allow reimbursement for men like Taron, who paid money to and would be reimbursed by the County (welfare reimbursement) rather than the mother.

Taron denied paternity from the start and fought this for over ten years while in a financial and psychological prison. The mom first sought benefits from the Navy while Taron was deployed in the Gulf War. Taron denied paternity and the Navy requested a paternity test from the mom, saying Taron would pay for it. The mom did not pursue the claim further but instead collected welfare from L.A. County, which Taron spent the next 10+ years paying for. Even after DNA excluded him as the dad, the County garnisheed his paychecks, his tax returns and unemployment.

In 2003, NCFM-LA sponsored Senate Bill 1030 to protect people like Taron. In response, Child Support Services helped introduce a competing bill, Assembly Bill 252 ("AB252"), which was later amended into a compromise bill, passed and became effective January 1, 2005, codifying Family Code §§ 7646-7649. This has relieved scores of men like Taron from false paternity judgments. But it still is not as strong as it should be. It gives judges too much discretion and denies reimbursement even in cases like Taron's, where, as Justice Rubin recognizes, reimbursement should be given.

According to the American Association of Blood Banks, out of about 300,000 DNA paternity tests reported yearly by accredited labs, 30% exclude the man as the father (http://www.ncfmla.org/pdf/na-fraud.pdf).
CBS News reported this same statistic in this video of Bert Riddick and NCFM-LA.

The appellate court failed to mention that the lower court specifically found Taron was a victim of fraud. The appellate court also falsely says Taron was served when in fact he was not.

We are considering seeking California Supreme Court review. Meanwhile, we're mindful of all the other paternity fraud victims, many of whom have come to us for help. We're hoping for further legislative changes in the future, such as the changes Justice Ruben suggests.

Marc E. Angelucci
President
Los Angeles chapter
National Coalition of Free Men

Trojan Condoms: Men are pigs if they don't wear a Trojan

anthony · 20 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Get ready for this advertisement (video). Several major TV networks have refused to show the ad.

American Academy of Pediatrics reconsiders policy on circumcision

anthony · 20 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The influential American Academy of Pediatrics is reviewing its neutral stance on circumcision following recent studies showing the procedure may have reduced HIV infection rates in African men.
...
Although the AAP has never strongly endorsed or repudiated circumcision, the organization has gone back and forth on the issue for decades. Most recently, in 1999, the AAP issued a statement that neither endorsed nor discouraged circumcision, noting that the surgery - particularly when performed without painkillers - resulted in "pain and physiologic stress.

Existing scientific evidence demonstrates potential medical benefits of newborn male circumcision," the Elk Grove Village, Ill.-based AAP states. "However, these data are not sufficient to recommend routine neonatal circumcision."'

Kathleen Parker on Nifong's legacy, feminism's shame

Roy · 20 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The always excellent Kathleen Parker writes today in Jewish World Review that:

'Nifong's legacy, which ultimately may hurt women more than the falsely accused men, will be long-lived. And the politically correct culture that allowed his charade to persist remains securely in place … It is tempting to convince oneself that Nifong's banishment means that all is right in the Dukedom. Doubtless, many among Duke's faculty and administration, as well as random race-baiters, campus feminists, various reporters, commentators and assorted armchair prosecutors would prefer that no one remember their roles in advancing the Nifong farce.'

"Male Circumcision Overstated As Prevention Tool Against AIDS"

Acksiom · 21 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

"In new academic research published today in the online, open-access, peer-reviewed scientific journal PLoS ONE, male circumcision is found to be much less important as a deterrent to the global AIDS pandemic than previously thought. The author, John R. Talbott, has conducted statistical empirical research across 77 countries of the world and has uncovered some surprising results."

The essential critical point is that the data in previous pro-mutilation/anti-male publications was erroneously manipulated to reflect relative national populations, while nothing was done to address the confounding problem of the signficantly differing rates of heterosexual prostitution between nations.

When the artificial weighting by relative population is removed, however, the apparent correlation between routine and ritual male genital mutilation and a potentially longer amount of time before AIDS/HIV+ infection disappears.

Read the rest of this Medical News Today article HERE.

Read Talbott's full PLoS article HERE.

Hillary's "Gatekeepers" Female to a Woman

Matt · 21 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

What do all of Hillary Clinton's most trusted advisors all have in common? All of them are female, without exception. Is there sex discrimination at work here? You be the judge. Story here. Excerpt:

"Fifteen years after Clinton first brought these women together at the White House, the "board" has officially reconvened to help map her unprecedented effort to follow in her husband's footsteps. They are acutely aware their work is making history. Once seen as a tight little sorority, today the group -- happily self-described as "Hillaryland"-- is at the center of a front-running presidential campaign. Never have so many women operated at such a high level in one campaign, working with a discipline and a loyalty and a legendary secrecy rarely seen at this level of American politics."

Los Angeles County Fraud Unit Uncovers MAJOR Child Support Scandal!

AbusedFather · 22 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The following information may be of MAJOR interest to anyone who is being abused by the Los Angeles County Child Support Services Deparment. The Los Angeles County Fraud Unit has just uncovered as MASSIVE scandal as a direct result of a complaint I filed against the Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department. The following is a press release that I've sent to as many newspapers, radio stations, and television studios that I can find in the Los Angeles/Orange County area. While the LA County Fraud Unit investigation is not over, I strongly urge ALL of you to contact them and file a report on their web site (http://www.lacountyfraud.com/) Click on the "Report Fraud" button to file your report! It's time to bombard LA County with complaints from everyone who has been harmed. Don't wait - file today! Also, don't forget to spread the word!

Fraud Unit Uncovers Sandal:

Los Angeles County Child Support Computer System has Major Deficiencies

. . .harming millions of innocent men

As part of an investigation into the ongoing corruption at the Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department, in which they have been illegally seizing the wages, as well as fraudulently reporting arrearages on the credit report of a father who has always paid his child support on time and in full, the Los Angeles County Fraud Unit (Department of Auditor-Controller, Office of County Investigations, located on the Internet at: (http://www.lacountyfraud.com)). That complaint resulted in an investigation being opened against them. As a result, the Fraud Unit has just uncovered another huge scandal in which it appears that millions of innocent fathers are literally being abused by LACCSSD. According to a voice-mail message, the Los Angeles County Fraud Unit informed the father that:

“. . .the Child Support Department has a major deficiency in their computer reconciling system it looks they have a large lag time of about two or three months which is why they are not showing any of your payments for the last two or three months”

The Los Angeles County Fraud Unit has also stated that they are

“going to sit down with them [LACCSSD] in the next week or so and we’re going to recommend some major overhauls to their computer systems.”

In other words it is taking three months (or longer) for child support payments to be recorded by the county, while, at the same time, the County is viciously seizing the wages of innocent men who have; indeed, paid their child support. As noted, this scam has potentially impacted millions of innocent men who are having their wages garnished, tax refunds stolen, credit reports destroyed, professional licenses revoked, etc., etc. due to the ongoing incompetence at the Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department.

In the case of the father who made the initial report to the Los Angeles County Fraud Unit, LACCSSD has severely harassed him for the past year and a half by not only literally defying court orders (available upon request) that they cease and desist their fraudulent collection actions against him as well as determined, a year ago, that the father had overpaid his child support, but they also:

1. Illegally garnished his wages
2. Tried to have his teaching credentials revoked
3. Stole unemployment checks when he was laid off (he only works part-time because he is on disability)
4. Fraudulently reported him as being 90 days in arrears to the credit bureaus and have refused to correct them. (Just yesterday, another one of LACCSSD’s unethical attorney’s, Chris Stark, tried to blackmail and extort more

money from that father by stating that LACCSSD would remove the negative credit ratings if he paid an additional $1400 which he did not owe (in fact, LACCSSD has stolen so much from the father that they owe him money). A complaint of blackmail and extortion has just been filed against Stark with the California Bar Association.

5. Stole two years worth of tax refunds
6. Six of LACCSSD's shysters (Lori A. Cruz, Dennis Coe, Deborah Echeverria, Alex Hunyh, Lisa Garrett, Cris Stark) have literally refused (some for more than a year) to respond to demands for a full accounting made by both the father and his attorney.

All of these were done in light of the fact that the father had significantly overpaid his support (much of which was stolen from him as a direct result of LACCSSD's vicious and unfounded collection activities). The father will provide members of the news media with full documentation (canceled checks, pay stubs, tax documents, credit reports, etc.) regarding payments made (or stolen) by LACCSSD along with the extortion letter just sent by LACCSSD's attorney, Chris Stark.

This latest scam is just one of many resulting from the unethical and illegal conduct of LACCSSD against innocent men. In a related matter, the United States District Court (Frank Mayer v. California Health and Human Services Agency et. al. - Case Number 2:05-cv-07195-JFW-SS) that LACCSSD had fraudulently damaged Mr. Mayer's credit report and subsequently refused to correct it. Based upon this latest news, it is conceivable that millions of men are being subjected to the same treatment.

"Indoctrinate U" takes on PCness on Campus

Matt · 22 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I just want folks to be aware of a grassroots movement to spread the word about what PCness is doing to the atmosphere and level of intellectual freedom on US (and other) college campuses. Some daring people have made a documentary on the topic. You can see a trailer for it here and request a local screening here. From the site:

"Speech codes. Censorship. Enforced political conformity. Hostility to diversity of opinion. Sensitivity training. We usually associate such things with the worst excesses of fascism and communism, not with the American universities that nurtured the free speech movement. But American higher education bears a disturbing resemblance to the totalitarian societies that are anathema to our nation's ideal of liberty. Evan Coyne Maloney's documentary film, Indoctrinate U, reveals the breathtaking institutional intolerance you won't read about in the glossy marketing brochures of Harvard, Berkeley, Michigan, Yale, and hundreds of other American colleges and universities."

White boys 'let down by education system'

AngryMan · 22 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'White boys are being turned into an unemployable underclass - as they fall behind children from other racial groups at school, new research shows.
...
White British pupils make up more than three quarters of low achievers in English schools and do worse than children from other ethnic groups with similar economic backgrounds, according to the study. The large majority of under-performers are boys.
...
There is a clear link between failure at school and a life of crime, the authors say. "Only about a fifth of the lowest achievers go on to a further education college and acquire any other sort of education or training.'

Nifong Faces Contempt Hearing

Matt · 23 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Three former Duke University lacrosse players are seeking criminal contempt of court charges against Mike Nifong, the disbarred prosecutor who pursued a flawed rape case against them.

In legal papers filed Friday, the exonerated players also asked a judge to order Nifong to pay their legal bills.
...
Besides asking that Nifong be held in criminal contempt and forced to pay costs associated with the players' defenses, the motion asks the court for any other disciplinary action it deems appropriate.

Possible penalties for criminal contempt include jail time or a fine.'

Boy in Trouble for Touching Girlfriend during Lunch

Matt · 23 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I wonder if they are as aggressive at enforcement with the girls? Story here. Excerpt:

'Fairfax County middle school student Hal Beaulieu hopped up from his lunch table one day a few months ago, sat next to his girlfriend and slipped his arm around her shoulder. That landed him a trip to the school office.

Among his crimes: hugging.

All touching -- not only fighting or inappropriate touching -- is against the rules at Kilmer Middle School in Vienna. Hand-holding, handshakes and high-fives? Banned. The rule has been conveyed to students this way: "NO PHYSICAL CONTACT!!!!!"

...

Hal's troubles began one day in March when he got up from his assigned cafeteria table and went to a nearby table where his then-girlfriend was sitting. He admits he broke one rule -- getting up from his assigned table without permission -- and he accepts a reprimand for that. "The table thing, I'm guilty," he said.

A school security officer spotted the hug and sent Hal to the office, where he was cited for two infractions. He was warned that a third misstep could lead to in-school suspension or detention.'

Trojan "Evolve" Theme Front of Trojan Condoms website - Time for Action!

Matt · 24 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

If you think the "Evolve, men!" theme from Trojan is limited only to an ad or a special sub-site, think again. Go to the Trojans main site at http://www.trojancondoms.com/ and have a look. 'Pigs-to-men if you use Trojans Evolve' is the theme from start to finish.

MANN calls on men and women to boycott utterly Trojan brand condoms and to let them know just why you are doing so. The Trojans brand is owned by Church & Dwight Co. (NYSE ticker: CHD), who can be contacted here. On that page, in the "Visit our Websites" drop-down box, note the other brands owned by C&D; perhaps they could use some time on the shelf as well.

FYI, CBS and Fox have rejected the ad (story here.) Please contact them (CBS, Fox [snail mail only)] and thank them for standing up to this sort of thing. However, note:

"The ad will run on ABC, NBC and nine cable stations, including MTV, Comedy Central and Cartoon Network's Adult Swim. In addition, print ads will appear in 11 magazines, including Cosmopolitan and Glamour, and on seven Web sites. All of the ads highlight a Web site trojanevolve.com, the Times reports."

Please let ABC, et al., know how you feel; contact links:
ABC
NBC
MTV
Comedy Central
Adult Swim

New Book by Herb Goldberg Available

Anonymous · 24 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

What Men Still Don't Know About Women, Relationships, and Love

"In his first book in fifteen years, the author of the classic book on men, The Hazards of Being Male, explores the relationship dilemmas of contemporary men and women. What Men Still Don't Know About Women, Relationships, and Love uniquely addresses the timeless complexity of love and relationships. It is not uncommon for contemporary men to believe that they have done everything right in a relationship, only to find that even their best intentions have failed them. Dr. Herb Goldberg attempts to bridge the gap between a man's naturally distancing personality and his need for a close relationship. Explanations are given as to why it is actually men who take longer to get over a failed relationship and why a man's true relationship enemy is one that lies deep within himself. Many of the paradoxes and conundrums of men's relationship experiences are explored, with case histories presented and guidelines for change offered."

More on FOX, CBS Rejecting 'Evolve' Commercial

anthony · 25 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

As Matt mentioned, FOX and CBS have rejected the commercial. Several reasons are cited in the article, but nothing about misandry or media male bashing. Excerpt:

"Jim Daniels, vice president for marketing at Trojan, said the ad is more expensive than any previous campaigns, but he declined to give a specific amount. Daniels said the company's goal is to "dramatically increase" condom use in the U.S. "The 'Evolve' ad does a nice job of being humorous, but it's also a serious call to action," Daniels said, adding, "The pigs are a symbol of irresponsible sexual behavior and are juxtaposed with the condom as a responsible symbol of respect for oneself and one's partner"

So, a pig walks into a bar... by Tracy Clark-Flory

anthony · 25 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"I was shocked to find that there's plenty about the ad that actually offends my own sensibilities. For starters: The depiction of men as pigs. I can understand the idea behind it -- that men who do not respect their partners enough to protect them from pregnancy or disease are pigs. But filling an entire bar with the nastiest of male stereotypes implies that almost all men are pigs. I'm also not too hot about the underlying message that men are solely responsible for condom use."

Man pays $311,491 child support bill to get passport renewed

anthony · 25 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Los Angeles County officials say a deadbeat dad who tried to renew his passport while stuck in Hong Kong was forced to pay a $311,491 child support bill.

The man, whose name was not released, was forced by federal authorities to pay the amount -- thought to be the largest single child and spousal support payment ever made in the United States -- or risk losing his passport, effectively trapping him in Hong Kong, the Los Angeles Times reported Friday."

Wendy McElroy: "A conscientious objector in the Gender War"

anthony · 25 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"To counter male control of the dialogue, such feminists seek to suppress politically incorrect words and ideas. In the workplace, laws such as those against verbal sexual harassment control words. In academia, ideas are regulated by language codes which categorize criticism or "attacks" on categories of human beings -- other than white males -- as hate speech. Even children's textbooks are edited to remove politically incorrect references."

"In Praise Of Skinned Knees And Grubby Faces"

badgerb · 25 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In Praise Of Skinned Knees And Grubby Faces
Excerpt:

'When I was a teacher, I asked my head of department why every textbook seemed to have a girl achieving her dream of being a carpenter while the boys were morons. She replied that boys had had it their own way for too long, and now it was the girls' turn. Ouch.'

Jailed for waving at my daughter

AngryMan · 26 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Then his former wife was granted an injunction stopping him even gesturing to his children as they passed. 'It was incredible. She said it was harassment, and the court believed her. But I carried on waving.
...
'I was damned if I was going to be prevented from waving at my own children. Naively, maybe, I assumed the whole business would be cleared up at the next court hearing.'

It wasn't. Instead, Mark left that courtroom in handcuffs, sentenced to four months, having been told that waving was tantamount to stalking his ex. He couldn't believe what was happening."

Fathers' rights campaigner is jailed in child support battle

AngryMan · 26 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A legal clerk who refuses to pay child support to his ex-wife because their three teenage sons spend half their time with him has been jailed.

Michael Cox, 43, a prominent member of Fathers for Justice, has failed to pay maintenance for 12 years because he claims the system is "oppressive, unjust and discriminatory" towards men.

...

Mr Cox is paid nothing for the time he looks after his three teenage boys, but the Child Support Agency demands he pay their mother £365 a month for the time they are with her."

Bill banning teacher-student sex heads to full Senate

anthony · 26 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'"This is certainly not limited to male teachers," Downs said, because many recent reports of teachers having sex with students involved female teachers. "It says to a teacher, male or female, 'You'd better keep your hands off or there will be serious consequences."'

Female Teacher Accused of Sex With Male Student Told Teen to Deny Relationship

anthony · 26 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"An Arizona female teacher charged with having a consensual sexual relationship with a 16-year-old student was caught on tape telling the teen to deny the affair to his parents and asking her husband if he wanted to have children with her when the whole "mess" blows over.

Jennifer Mally, a 26-year-old high school English teacher and cheerleading coach at Paradise Valley High School in Phoenix, was indicted on 17 counts of sexual misconduct with a minor stemming from what police described in court documents as a long-term sexual relationship."

"The Mirage of Professional Gender Equality": By David R. Butcher

anthony · 26 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

The Woman's Century? Never heard that one, but nothing surprises me anymore. Notice the links towards the end of the article. Excerpt:

"The 21st century has been called the Woman's Century. Hillary Clinton is running for President, women are playing stronger roles in the workplace and the female profile is rising in many professional fields. So why does no one seem shocked that gender discrimination still lingers in the workplace today?"

Women Arrested, Accused Of Bathroom Sex In Front Of Children

Matt · 26 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Yep, women never do the kinds of perverted things men are accused of. No way. Uh-huh.

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two women in Seminole County, Fla., are accused of performing sex acts in front of children at a community pool bathroom while a third woman photographed them, according to a police report.
...
A woman told police that she was walking into the bathroom with her children, and noticed Hernandez and Jimenez naked and apparently performing oral sex. She said another woman was photographing the acts.

The pregnant mother said she tried to leave the area with her children but the women would not let her leave. She said she was threatened not to call the police.
...
Hernandez and Jimenez face lewd and lascivious exhibition charges as well as battery on a pregnant person, false imprisonment of an adult and child under 13 years old.'

UK: New legislation means mothers will soon be forced to register the name of their child's father

Matt · 26 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The consequences of feminism speak for themselves. Article here. Excerpt:

'Watching Mark playing with our children is simply wonderful. He'd do anything for them and that makes our family feel secure and special.

Yet the relationship he has with Ellie and Harvey often makes me pine for the father figure I never had.

Not only did I grow up without a father, my mother never even told him she was pregnant with me - as far as he is concerned, I simply don't exist.

After three decades, Mum thinks I should accept this situation and get on with my life, but I've felt the stigma of being fatherless all my life. I resent the fact she never gave him the chance to be named on my birth certificate.'

Woman shoots husband in the head, tries to cover it up

GaryB · 28 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The BBC reports here on a guy who went to hospital with a severe headache - only to find he'd been shot.

"Michael Moylan, 45, from the state of Florida, is quoted as saying he had woken up with a headache so severe he thought it was caused by an aneurysm.

His wife, April, took him to hospital but left when the bullet was found. She was arrested later over the shooting, but said it was an accident. "

Hey that's unusual - a woman being violent, shooting a man whilst he slept then taking zero responsibility for it - haven't seen THAT before...

Man forced to pay again, 30 years after divorcing unfaithful wife

AngryMan · 28 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A wealthy retired builder was ordered to pay more money to the woman he divorced nearly 30 years ago after a judge heard she had "fallen on hard times", the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Dennis North, 70, was divorced from his first wife Jean, 61, in 1978 - a year after finding out she was having an affair with the man she later went to live with.

...

A district judge awarded her a lump sum of £202,000 in April last year despite agreeing that Mrs North's money troubles had nothing to do with her former husband and he had no further responsibility towards her.'

Boys and the Boy Crisis Topics

anthony · 29 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is a schedule of topics submitted by the individuals involved with the upcoming Boy Crisis Conference on July 13-14, 2007 in Washington, DC. There is a ton of information regarding issues that are vital towards our cause.

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Ed. note: This booklet has been around since the first conference. The topics in it cover men's issues generally, though not exhaustively. Still, it serves as a good primer when someone asks "what are men's issues and why care?"

"Equal sexes before the law"

anthony · 30 June 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"In broader terms, this scandal should stimulate a reappraisal of gender favoritism in our criminal justice system. The scales of justice are out of balance. At a time when feminist activists who exploit these kinds of issues demand equal treatment for women in combat, they also insist on preferences and deference for "the weaker sex" when women accuse men of crimes."

Australia: One-sex political party what women want

anthony · 1 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A new political party has been launched just for women - and its NSW founder pledges to inject more "reality" into federal politics.

The idea of a single-sex party has already attracted controversy - with critics claiming it is sexist.
...
One woman will run for the party in the Senate in each state and territory, and a handful of women will run in key marginal House of Representative seats."

South Africa passes partial ban on circumcision for children under 16

Anonymous · 2 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

I say partial ban because exemptions exist for traditions and religious purposes. Still a move in the right direction. Also to my knowledge South Africa doesn't widely practice female circumcision, so this seems legitimately aimed towards males. Excerpt:

'Under 16s may not be tested for virginity or be circumcised, unless required by tradition or religion. A child is now regarded as an adult at 18, and no longer 21. This means 18-year-olds can now get into contractual agreements without parental consent. The section dealing with corporal punishment requires regulations and the act should be complete by March next year.'

Fox covers Title IX Controversy

Anonymous · 3 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is a video report on Fox covering Title IX.

Happy Fourth of July!

Tony

Babysitter murders baby girl, blames boyfriend

AngryMan · 3 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A baby girl died at the hands of her babysitter after suffering injuries consistent with being swung and thrown against a wall, a court has heard.

Lynn Jeffrey, 37, of Nelson, Lancashire, is accused of murdering 11-month-old Courtney Ann Shales in a 'brutal and callous attack'.

...

Ms Jeffrey was arrested at the hospital and when interviewed by police maintained the account that Courtney had fallen down the stairs.

Mr O'Byrne said her account had since changed and she was now saying that Mr Elliott inflicted the injuries.

Tony Cross QC, cross examining, suggested that Mr Elliot had been in an aggressive mood because he had been asked to babysit."

NOW Prez Says More Female Execs = Greater Profits

Roy · 3 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

In a recent address promoting greater media diversity, N.O.W.'s president Kim Gandy claims that simply having more women in management creates increased profits:

'"And as you see in any business … more women in management increases the bottom line for stockholders. ... Let's face it --the men behind the curtain -- in this case the white men behind the curtain -- are most comfortable hiring people who look, and talk, and think just like them. And that's not good for the rest of us.

... having more women owners, executives, news directors and so on -- is its own reward for the women you are employing and for their families and for society as a whole. ... But the icing on the cake is that, in the end, employing more women in the media creates a more vibrant public marketplace of ideas."'

Hmmm. If that were true, why would any intelligent capitalist firm wishing to maximize profits employ male managers? (Also note Gandy's blatant sexism, racism, and complete lack of credible supporting data for her assertions ...)

Interview on Radio Lia Show regarding EQUAL Parenting Bike Trek available

Anonymous · 4 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Many of you asked when we would finally get the Radio Lia interview up on DaddyBlogger.com and we finally have it. Special thanks to Lia for sending a copy of the interview to both Robb Mackenzie and Robert Pedersen! For those of you not familiar with the Radio Lia show - this is a radio show heard nationwide and Lia has even been awarded a CMA Award for "Broadcast Personality of the Year". Her show is extremely popular for a reason and it is spreading like a wildfire across this country!

Listen to the unedited radio interview at DaddyBlogger.

Italy: No Men Allowed on Beach

Matt · 4 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

And the list grows of women-only places created with government sanction...

Story here. Excerpt:

'And it happens all the time. Boy meets girl and boy annoys girl. So, the Italians have enacted an interesting solution to this problem. They have created a beach strictly for women. No men, children or loud disco music are allowed.
...
Women can enjoy the sun, sea and sand without the lustful leers of men.
...
The beach does have one man.

"The lifeguard must be a man," Ravaglio said in a foreign newspaper interview. "You clearly need a man to save women in the sea. It's a question of muscles."'

Teenage Violence Linked To Later Domestic Violence

AngryMan · 4 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Researchers tracing the development of violent behavior have found a link between teenage violence and domestic violence. The study also found no independent link between an individual's use of alcohol or drugs and committing domestic violence. **In addition it showed that nearly twice as many women as men said they perpetrated domestic violence in the past year.** Story here.

New Zealand: If You Report Your Wife's Attacks on You, They Take Away Your Kids

anthony · 5 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. Excerpt:

"The police appear reluctant to leave the children in the father's care, even though he's the victim of the alleged assault, with the result that the father refuses to make a statement, thus allowing the children to stay at home and the mother to escape the consequences of her actions.

"If the genders were reversed," says Mrs Turner, "and the father was charged with assaulting the mother, I'm certain the police would have no hesitation in locking up Dad and leaving the children with Mum."

Carey Roberts: Equal Pay for Equal Work at Wimbledon?

anthony · 5 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'So aficionados who wanted to see the quarter finals at Wimbledon ponied up $3,590 to see the men, compared to only $1,590 to see the women. Even at twice the price, the men's tickets sold out sooner.

Sports columnist Alan Mascarenhas has concluded that by almost all criteria, "women's tennis is an inferior product." So if the ladies are bringing in far less revenue but taking home just as much money as the guys, where is their money coming from?

You guessed it -- out of the men's pockets.

So next time you see Hillary climb on to her equal-pay-for-equal-work soapbox, let's ask her this question: "Does three equal five?"'

England: Do primary schools let boys down?

anthony · 5 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"'The teaching profession in primaries is dominated by women who, with the best will in the world, will tend to deliver a larger proportion of the curriculum in teaching styles that make most sense to them - and therefore favour the girls.'
...
Some experts suggest that teachers are deliberately getting pupils labelled as having special needs with reading, for example, because it is an easy way of getting a difficult child out of the classroom for a while."

"Boys Should Be Girls" by Dick Meyer

anthony · 5 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"In the big picture, I don't see that this is any special problem. I know there is a lot of worrying going on, though. There's even a view that colleges practice covert affirmative action for boys just to get them up to the unimpressive current levels. If women are better at school or if they develop faster, why is that a problem society needs to fiddle with? Except for historical bias against women educationally, they probably would have been in the majority ever since Socrates gave tutorials."

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Ed. note: Can't seem to locate his email address. Anyone know it?

How The Women's Movement Taught Women to Hate Men by Erin Pizzey

anthony · 5 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"I got a letter from the women's liberation office, throwing me out and banning me from attending any of the collectives. The so-called women's liberation' movement spread like a cancer across the English chattering classes. I visited the houses of feminist women with my son who carried his action man toys. In their houses there was no vestige of anything 'boyish' at all. No Tonka trucks, no boys toys — nothing that could encourage a boy to think of himself as masculine. The whole idea of men and masculinity in those houses, we considered disgusting. We, the mothers, sat around the kitchen tables rearranging the world according to Marx."

Another Man Maimed By A Woman, Another "Cute" Headline, Another Slap On The Wrist

Anonymous · 6 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

After blinding her boyfriend by stabbing him in the left eye six years ago, the same woman stabbed him in both eyes earlier this year. The latest pair of attacks damaged his vision in the one eye she spared during the first attack and drew blood from the eye she destroyed six years ago. Story here.

Notice the "cute" headline? Or the fact that the woman only received a 6-month sentence for blinding the man in one eye and reducing his vision 20% in the other in a total of three attacks? Or that the courts chose to ignore a clear pattern of domestic violence resulting in grave injuries over a period of years when passing sentence on the woman?

Yeah, I'm sure that 6-month sentence will send a message - the same message it sends when the media chooses to make the murder, mutilation and maiming of men by their wives and girlfriends a joke. How anyone could expect men to take violence against women any more seriously than women are expected to take violence against men is beyond me.

Anti-Male Gadget attached to toilet seats in Germany

MrReality · 6 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The female activists are at it again--with their war on men--and this time they have even invaded public bathrooms. That's right PUBLIC bathrooms for MEN are being haunted by a new device known as Spuk which says in a rather rude voice(once the toilet seat is lifted) "Hey, stand-peeing is not allowed here and will be punished with fines, so if you don't want any trouble, you'd best sit down" or "Excuse me, but there's a penalty for peeing while standing in this house," it warns culprits. "You'd better not risk any problems and sit down!"

If the customer is adamant about retaining his right to use the bathroom the way men usually do he gets this(in a female flight attendants voice): "We welcome you aboard Never Come Back Airlines," the voice says. "We'd like to ask our male passengers in particular to sit down, buckle up and refrain from smoking."

The small gadget is made to look like a ghost. You can read more on Spuk (and see the actual gadget which fits under the toilet seat lid) here.

UK: Police apologize to male rape victim

anthony · 6 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"South Wales Police yesterday apologised to a male rape victim after the Independent Police Complaints Commission ruled officers did not at first appreciate the seriousness of the man's allegation.
...
By failing to properly preserve the potential crime scene South Wales Police did not serve Mr Cole or the people of South Wales well in this instance."

The report found an officer who should have attended the scene did not do so, another "was not conscientious and diligent" and another did not appreciate the seriousness of the allegation at first."

Father's case may be landmark legal matter

Anonymous · 6 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LONDON, July 4 (UPI) -- An unmarried Irish father's request to the British High Court for the return of his sons may have longstanding legal implications in his native land.
...
The man alleges his former wife took their 2-year-old twin sons to Britain without his consent and in violation of Hague Convention terms.
...
Mr. G argued he was not given the opportunity to seek guardianship rights under Irish law before his ex-wife took the children out of the country.'

Israel: Govt. Committee To Look Into False Accusations

mcp · 7 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

An Israeli Knesset (parliament) committee has decided to investigate whether women who make false accusations go unpunished. Excerpt:

'"We contend that the police do nothing when it comes to light that women are lying in their accusations," said Gil Ronen, head of a group called Familists, which asked for Wednesday's meeting to follow up a similar one held last year.

Ronen said the failure to prosecute these women was particularly common in divorce proceedings, where, he said "lawyers advise their female clients to do this in order to win [key elements] in divorce cases."
...
"Many of these men's groups claims of discrimination are baseless," Kramer told the Post following the meeting. ...

She said she hoped that discussing the issue in an official forum would not deter female victims of rape and sexual assault from coming forward in the future.'

Male or female factor infertility -- men suffer just the same

Anonymous · 7 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Surprise, surprise: infertile men suffer, too. You would easily find out if you only *cared to ask them*.

From Eurekalert:

Lyon, France: ***Although most psychosocial research into infertility is centred round the unhappiness it causes women, men suffer just as much****, a scientist will tell the 23rd annual conference of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology today (Wednesday 4 July). [...] "****Perhaps surprisingly****, though, we found that men in all four groups suffered equally. Infertile people appear to rely particularly on their social environment for support, and this seems to deteriorate over time. Couples should be made aware of the possible decline in their social support network and encouraged to organise support systems that no not solely include close friends and family."*

Man Arrested After Telling Women They Were 'Extremely Beautiful'

mens_issues · 7 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

How horrible! A MAN *gasp* told two different women they were beautiful. We've got to put these nasty predators in jail so they won't be a threat anymore.

Steve

US woman hired lover to kill Indian hubby

arindamp · 8 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"AKRON, OHIO: An American woman accused of offering her lover a share of her husband's multimillion-dollar estate if he would kill the 69-year-old Indian doctor was convicted of murder-for-hire and other charges.

The defence had argued that Donna Moonda's 25-year-old lover, Damian Bradford, had acted alone and that Moonda had tried to revive her doctor husband after Bradford shot him along the Ohio turnpike. Federal prosecutors said the two were in it together and portrayed Moonda as a perpetual liar, thief and drug user.

The 48-year-old former nurse could receive the death penalty or life in prison without parole. Bradford, the key witness, has admitted to shooting Dr Gulam Moonda in the side of the head on May 13, 2005, after his wife pulled over on the turnpike south of Cleveland, supposedly to let her husband take the wheel. The jury also convicted Moonda of interstate stalking and two counts of using or carrying a firearm in the commission of a violent crime."

Video and Additional Links: Equal Parenting Rights - Those who oppose most likely profit from the destruction of families!

Anonymous · 8 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Excellent Associated Content Video (Michigan Democrat Blog) on how those who oppose Equal Parenting most likely profit from the destruction of families and children. Additional links of interest as well.

Kammer's "Good Will Toward Men" Returns to Print

Scott · 8 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Jack Kammer let me know that his book Good Will Toward Men is going to be available again. It was originally published in 1994 but has been out of print for several years. As Mr. Kammer describes, "It's a collection of interviews with women who love, appreciate and understand men -- and who are happy and eager to defend men against the ill-feeling and ridicule that is so strong in America these days." You can buy Good Will Toward Men as either a printed paperback or as a PDF download.

Article: Male sexual harassment is not a joke

anthony · 9 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many labor experts say men are less likely than women to speak up about such cases of harassment for fear of being mocked by coworkers, and even fewer would take the charges to a government agency and risk widespread knowledge of their plight.

“Many people mistakenly believe that harassment is limited to females,” says Roberta Chinsky Matuson, a human resource expert. “The truth is that this type of experience is just as damaging to men.”'

UK: Howell's School to accept boys

anthony · 9 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Is it me, or is the United Kingdom leading the way regarding the improvement of boys educational needs? In this case, equality in the enrollment process. Excerpt:

'HOWELL'S private preparatory school, in Denbigh, has announced that it will start accepting boys.

From September this year the prep school will be fully co-educational but it is very unlikely that this will ever be the case for the senior school.
...
"School Principal Rachael Hodgson, who joined the school last summer from a co-educational background, believes that the boys will add to the 'Howell's experience', whilst benefiting greatly from it themselves."

"The nursery, has been mixed from its inception; I am so pleased that we will no longer have to say goodbye to our boys. I am delighted that the splendid facilities will be used even more."'

Both kinds of sexism bad for workplace

anthony · 9 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"Here's the reality: I was the token male hired in a department of 13 women. These women resented my recognition from managers and practiced reverse sexism in the process. When I attended department meetings, I was ignored, as my perspective differed from the group-think status quo. I was hired only because of a mandate from human resource management to hire a male."

Wendy McElroy: Did Pedophilia Hysteria Cause Child's Death?

anthony · 9 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"In the article "Day of the dad: paedophilia hysteria leaves men afraid to help," The Telegraph raises a question that applies equally to North America. Have high profile cases of pedophilia created such public hysteria that the average decent human being, especially a man, is now reluctant to approach a child in need?
...
Child abuse must be addressed but it is worse than folly to punish those who help children. Our society is creating Clive Peachey -- decent men who will walk away from a child in need."

"Taken into custody"

anthony · 9 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Very few fathers file for divorce Why? Consider Massachusetts, where custody is granted to the father in only 2.5 percent of cases, but the mother gets it 93.4 percent of the time, and joint custody is permitted in only 4 percent. In a divorce, fathers lose regular access to their children."

Boston Globe: "The Daddy Track"

anthony · 9 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Across the United States, the number of households headed by single fathers almost doubled between 1990 and 2006, from 1.15 million to 2.1 million – or 20 percent of all single-parent families, US Census Bureau figures show. No longer willing to accept that the mother should automatically look after the children – the "pay up and shut up" narrative in divorce – fathers now are competing more aggressively for custody and are winning cases.'

Nebraska rape trial stunt

Anonymous · 10 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

A judge in Omaha has understandably barred a rape accuser from using the words "rape" and "sexual assault" at trial, since these words are inflammatory statements. Their has already been one trial on this case that ended in a hung jury. Of course, the woman wants to bring drama into this trial to make sure there is a conviction this time...so she's pulling a media stunt by saying that she will use these words anyway, defying the judges order. She skews the issue further by saying that she has first amendment rights to say whatever she wants in the courtroom. This article sickens me...yet another possible precedent to make sure rape accusers get to pull out all the stops and make their own rules (with the help of the media) to make sure there are more convictions (based on emotion not facts, of course).

I'm really afraid that she will get everything she wants and more.

Mccormick and Sacks: Obama's fatherhood bill

anthony · 10 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'U.S. Sens. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and Evan Bayh, D-Ind., recently introduced the Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act of 2007, which they say will address our "national epidemic of absentee fathers."

"Most "deadbeat dads" are low-income men who are unable to meet the demands of the child support system, because of their employment problems. Stepping up already draconian enforcement only makes it more difficult for them to play a meaningful role in their children's lives.'

Female circumcision a problem in Britain

Matt · 11 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

It's great they are taking this problem seriously. I just wish they would take MGM just as seriously, which instead of receiving widespread condemnation is in fact covered by most health insurance plans.

Story here. Excerpt:

'LONDON - Female genital mutilation, commonly associated with parts of Africa and the Middle East, is becoming a growing problem in Britain despite efforts to stamp it out. London's Metropolitan Police, Britain's largest police force, hopes a campaign beginning on Wednesday will highlight that the practice is a crime here.

To make their point, police are offering a $40,000 reward for information leading to Britain's first prosecution for female genital mutilation, Detective Chief Superintendent Alastair Jeffrey said.

In Britain, the problem mostly involves first-generation immigrants from Africa and the Middle East.

Police say they don't have comprehensive statistics about the number of victims. But midwife Comfort Momoh, who specializes in treating them at London hospitals and clinics and who works with police, told the news conference she treats 400 to 500 victims every year.'

UNFPA calls on men to take responsibility for maternal health

Anonymous · 12 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Release here. Excerpt:

"The United Nations Population Fund has chosen "Men as Partners in Maternal Health" as the theme of World Population Day.

UNFPA Executive Director Thoraya Ahmed Obaid says, "Men are equal partners in making the new life that the women will deliver." She added, "Experience shows that male involvement can make a substantial difference when it comes to preserving the health and lives of women and children."

Cheers to promoting men and women working as equal partners and looking after each other's health!

But you have to wonder... When the UN will make calls on women to take "responsibility" for men's health? When will they call on women to let kids can see their dads who make that "substantial difference"?

I couldn't help notice that they said "male involvement" as opposed to "fathers' involvement". Maybe I'm cynical, but I think those words were carefully chosen.

MYTH: Testosterone linked to violence...

Anonymous · 12 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is exactly the type of posts that we don't need being hummed by feminists. The more these type of outdated posts continue the more it damages the image of men and the important role they play.

Duke University newspaper editorial says Duke owes LAX players nothing

Matt · 12 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Posted for Marc A.:

Item here.

We should send letters to the editor using the feedback link in the upper right. You can also email the editorial board through the article page. Marc

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Excerpt:

"Duke is getting the short end of the stick on this one. They suffered a major blow to their reputation as a result of this ill-fated party and took the right actions, both when the allegations came to light as well as after it became clear that the young men were innocent of raping the woman.

Duke owes David Evans, Collin Finnerty and Reade Seligmann nothing."

The Political Gender Gap

anthony · 12 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The angle Democratic candidates are taking is that women lack freedom. According to John Edwards, "Today, too many women are separated from the opportunities of our country because of their gender." Hillary Clinton declares that the Bush "administration has acted to deny freedom to women around the world." The Democratic Party's Web site asserts that, "George W. Bush has said many times that he stands for 'freedom for all Americans' yet his policies and the policies of the Republican Party deny equal rights to women."

So how much less free are women than men? Debates between reasonable people rage on this topic, but we seldom stop to ask women how free they actually feel. When we do so, we get a surprise: It is women, not men, who feel the most freedom in America today."

CNN Covers Paternity Fraud

digitalhermit · 13 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

CNN just put out a story Paternity Fraud in Florida. Excerpt:

"There are no perfect answers," says Susan Paikin of the Center for Support of Families in Delaware. "Deadlines (on contesting Paternity) are imposed so that when families are broken -- the legal process is handled quickly."

Susan Palkin is a hypocrite. While she hems and haws about there being "no perfect answers" and that "deadlines are imposed ... (so that) the legal process is handled quickly", she has little to say regarding deadlines on establishing child support in the first place.

A parent can apply for a court order for back child support at any time up to and even after the child has grown up and left the home. Where is the deadline there? Non-existent. So, in the interest of equality, challenging paternity and child support should have no time limits either.

Also, it makes perfect sense to require mandatory paternity testing at birth. Women often do lie about who is the father - in fact 30% of DNA paternity tests, nearly one in three prove that the man involved is not the father of the child in question. Time for women to take responsibility and stop sticking it to the "best" man (i.e. the one with a job and a career) even when he's not the father.

Woman Charged With Having Three Husbands

anthony · 13 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A Clinton County woman is charged with bigamy for failing to divorce her first two husbands before marrying a third.

April R. Carter, 22, of Frankfort started divorce proceedings for her marriages to Ryan Mendoza and Brian Clendenning, towns of residence unclear, but never completed them.

She then married Brandon Carter -- town of residence also unclear -- whom she says she is still with, according to the probable cause affidavit filed by the Clinton County prosecutor's office June 20."

True Equality Conference 2007 Ends Successfully

Matt · 15 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

"MR 2007" ended yesterday with a lot of good work getting done and new faces and names involved. More details are to follow I am sure, but having just gotten off the plane back from it, I can safely say that it may well be the most successful of the three such conferences held so far, by many measures.

Thanks to everyone who attended and to all the great work that has been, is getting, and will be done for our cause.

RADAR ALERT: Katie Couric Must Be Disciplined

Matt · 16 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Last week, it was discovered that Katie Couric physically assaulted a subordinate editor for using a word in a news story that she could not pronounce. A unidentified witness to the event said that Katie Couric slapped a fellow male editor in anger "over and over and over again on the arm". (http://nymag.com/news/features/34452/index6.html) "It had seemed like a joke at first, but it quickly became clear that she wasn't kidding".

Couric grudgingly admitted to the assault in a New York Magazine article: "I sort of slapped him around," Couric admits. "I got mad at him and said, 'You can't do this to me. You have to tell me when you're going to use a word like that.' I was aggravated, there's no question about that." (http://nymag.com/news/features/34452/index7.html)

CBS has not yet disciplined Katie Couric for an act which, if the perpetrator were a male, would have probably resulted in immediate termination. This sends the message to all CBS employees that workplace violence by women is acceptable.

Many large corporations have adopted "zero tolerance" workplace violence policies. Many Human Resource consulting firms recommend it, to prevent personal disagreements from escalating to serious violence in the workplace. "Zero Tolerance" is the one way corporations can protect themselves from lawsuits. We believe that CBS runs a great risk of future problems and lawsuits by permitting women to initiate physical altercations with male employees. In a large corporation, it is only a matter of time before an altercation spirals into serious violence.

The facts of violence between men and women dictate that CBS must take an aggressive stance on this problem.

* Men and women are equally likely to initiate and engage in partner aggression. (http://www.breakingthescience.org/RichardGelles_MissingPersonsOfDV.php)
* In about half of all cases, the aggression is mutual, meaning that there is no clear-cut initiator of the altercation. (http://pubpages.unh.edu/~mas2/ID41H3a.pdf)
* Although women are more likely to be harmed, males represent 38% of those who suffer an injury from partner aggression. (Archer J., "Sex Differences in Aggression Between Heterosexual Partners: A Meta-Analytic Review" *Psychological Bulletin*, Vol. 126, pp. 651-680, 2000.)

Just as Paris Hilton and Martha Stewart were held accountable for their misdeeds, Katie Couric must be held accountable for hers. In Couric's case, she must be held to the same standards of professional behavior that male employees are held to. Katie Couric must be disciplined and the public informed about the actions CBS has taken.

We encourage everyone to do the following:

1. Contact CBS headquarters in one of the following ways:
    1. Call 212-975-4321 and leave a message for CBS President Sean McManus, requesting that Katie Couric be properly disciplined for her act of workplace violence,
    2. Mail a copy of this alert to Sean McManus, CBS Television Network, 51 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019, or
    3. Submit a copy of this alert by going to http://www.cbs.com/info/user_services/fb_global_form.shtml. Where it asks "Regarding:", select "CBS Evening News".
2. Send a copy of this alert to your local CBS News station. Go to http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2002/07/31/utility/main517034.shtml, click on the link for the station in your area. When the new page appears, select Edit > Find On This Page, and search the page for either "contact" or "feedback" to find out how to contact them.

Date of RADAR Release: July 16, 2007

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/

Newspaper in Malta recognizes the DV research, female-on-male violence

Matt · 16 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Marc A.:

I recently sent a letter to the editor of a newspaper in Malta, the Malta Independent, in response to their gender-biased article on domestic violence that left male victims invisible. I cited and linked the recent 32-nation study by the University of New Hampshire (Straus), which included Malta and which confirmed that female students initiate DV as often as male students and that controlling behavior is found equally in perpetrators of both sexes. [http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2006/may/em_060519male.cfm?type=n http://pubpages.unh.edu/~mas2/ID41E2.pdf]
The editor wrote back and said she would do a story on it. The story just printed, read it here. Excerpt:

"The study's results challenged the common assumption that violence between partners is mainly a male crime, and that "when women are violent it is self-defence".

It queried the assumption that violence by male partners is an effort to dominate and control while violence by female partners is attributed to self-defence or "as a justified response to an overwhelming pattern of domination and degradation"."

Modern Britain is 'pulling families apart'

AngryMan · 17 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Family life is under threat from rising divorce rates and the longest working hours in Europe, the Children's Society has warned.
...
It claims childhoods are being damaged by parental break-ups and growing pressure on mothers to return to work.
...
Experts who submitted evidence to the Children's Society inquiry arrived at 'some consensus' that children were ideally brought up by both parents together.

Living with married parents was linked to a range of positive consequences for children.'

Husband killer gets sympathy from media

Anonymous · 17 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Boy, don't you just feel sorry for this woman. She had to have a bowl of fruit ready for her husband when he came home…and, he made the household decisions (how abusive!!). And don't forget about her being depressed because of her father dying. She definitely had the right to have a hit man kill her husband. Of course, since the hitman "may" get parole by the age of 40, this woman justifiably should definitely not be given the death penalty or life in prison.

I personally think she should be sent to a mental hospital for 2 months and get her husbands full estate (perhaps I'm being sarcastic!). Yet another sickening article about a female trying to get a free pass from being convicted of a horrible crime. A man doing the same deed would be shouted at by the prosecution and victims for hours before sentencing. A man would get sentenced to additional time for telling about his emotions or difficult marriage!

Nebraska "rape word banned" trial update

Anonymous · 17 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Has anyone ever heard of protests during jury selection causing a mistrial? What happened here is that the judge declared a mistrial after protests filled with people with "taped mouths" made it supposedly impossible to find an impartial jury. Does anyone think that this had a motive? Is is possible that this woman and her attorney wanted this result so that she can take the trial to another city and perhaps get another judge who will let her say anything she wants during the trial (like sexual assault kit and sexual assault nurse examiner…I'm not kidding, read the article!)?

Another article on this states that the jury was almost evenly split during a previous trial (a new venue and judge will probably only increase the chances of the "right" verdict being decided). One things for sure, the press is definitely on the side of the defendant. This judge is now called the "word banning judge" by the Omaha World Herald.

Woman makes up rape story, videotape clears the men she accused

ItsDan · 17 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A woman told police she was abducted in broad daylight, driven to an unknown location and repeatedly raped. But that woman, Mary E. Chafin, has been charged with filing a false report after detectives could find not evidence supporting her claim."

UK: Men left to clear up detritus of disaster of feminism

anthony · 17 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

“Women relied on men for their support. They still rely on men for their support but, sadly, that support is now being channelled via our tax system and the vast majority of taxes are contributed by men.

“The detritus left in the wake of 30 years of feminism is considerable, an international disaster. And, as with most other disasters, such as 9/11, it falls mainly to men to clear up the mess.”

Michigan governor urges women to help each other with careers

anthony · 17 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"It's harder for women to get elected to begin with because men have the networks already in place," said NOW president Kim Gandy. "So women have to keep building new networks over and over. It's certainly been an unexpected consequence of term limits.""

"Make room for a different daddy"

anthony · 17 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The numbers tell the story: Fathers do 67 percent more housework and 50 percent more child care than 25 years ago, according to surveys by the Families and Work Institute, a nonprofit organization based in New York.

Decades ago, men responded to fatherhood by honing their ability to support a family. Now, more are making career sacrifices and adjusting their work days as they try to reconcile the roles of provider and parent.

Yet they don't always find sympathy at their jobs. Bosses and colleagues who nod knowingly when a new mother scales back may react with surprise when a new father wants to do the same. And the biggest career-oriented rewards, many experts say, still go to those with few home duties, who can devote their full energy to work."

Senator Vitter's Wife Jokes About MGM

anthony · 17 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"When Vitter's wife was asked about the marital scandals surrounding former Representative Livingston and former President Bill Clinton in 2000 she said, "I'm more like Lorena Bobbit than Hillary, if he does something like that, I'm walking away with one thing, and it's not alimony, trust me."

Duke case: Why Collin Finnerty, etc.?

anthony · 17 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Both Finnerty (Loyola College) and Seligmann (Brown University) have done the right thing. They've flushed their invite back to Duke right down the toilet! Excerpt:

"Collin Finnerty was declared innocent of bogus kidnapping, rape and sexual offense charges by North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper and is moving on to Loyola of Maryland, where he should be beyond the reach of the scoundrels at Duke and in Durham, North Carolina.
...
There's no doubt that former Durham County, North Carolina District Attorney Michael B. Nifong should have announced after investigation and receipt of the DNA test results that he had no case against any of the team members instead of manipulating grand jurors into issuing unwarranted indictments against the Three targeted by Ms. Mangum.

But there's also no doubt that what Ms. Mangum did should be investigated and why she did it should be determined.

Such an investigation may uncover a conspiracy to obtain enormous sums of money from the families of the Three."

Don't trust your man, Indian minister tells women

arindamp · 18 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW DELHI (Reuters) - Indian men cannot be trusted in their sexual behaviour and are fuelling the country's HIV epidemic, a female government minister said on Monday, slamming the country's "hypocrisy" about sex.
...
"You cannot trust men or your husbands, with apologies to the men present here," Chowdhury told the inaugural meeting of the National Women Forum of Indian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (INP+), attended by a few men.

"If you believe that men will be careful, then you can forget about protecting yourself."'

Sign of the times: "Domestic affections" strained with "interesting" consequences

Matt · 18 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Lionel Tiger in The Decline of Males quoted a 19th century commentator, Charles J. Fox, in which he said that the rulers of the time had implemented policies that contributed to the "rapid decay of the domestic affections among the lower orders of society." Today the classist part of his observation would be criticized, but the general observation held then as it does now. Chalk this one up to that phenomenon in today's world.

What is perhaps most noticeable about the article is the way in which the president of the company openly states he seeks to support men's happiness. This is rare. One may dislike or find distasteful in one or more ways the subject matter of the article, but no one can deny that what is happening here is indeed... happening here. Excerpt:

'TOKYO, July 18 (Reuters Life!) - Real love is hard to find for one Japanese man, who has transferred his affection and desires to dozens of plastic sex dolls.

...
Orient Industry Co. now makes 80 dolls a month in an eastern Tokyo factory to nine designs that sell for between $850 and $5,500 each. The more expensive models are made of silicon and have 35 movable joints.
...
"Nowadays, women are sometimes more dominant than men in the real world, and they don't always pay attention to men," said Hideo Tsuchiya, the company's president.

"More and more men are finding themselves miserable so we're making these dolls partly in support of men."'

New age dads find success in family

anthony · 18 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men generally work longer hours than women and the time spent in the office compared to a decade ago is increasing.
...
Federal Government statistics show fathers of children under 15 years who worked full-time in 2004-05 spent an average of 43 hours per week at work. In comparison, women worked 39.3 hours.

"Men are coming forward now and saying 'I want my kids to be able to relate to me' ... I want to stop the cycle," he said.'

Female Teacher Gets 10 Years in Prison for Sex With 13-Year-Old Boy

anthony · 19 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A sixth-grade science teacher who was accused of having sex with a 13-year-old student has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Rachel L. Holt, 35, had pleaded guilty to second-degree rape. She sobbed in court Friday as Superior Court Judge Calvin L. Scott gave her the mandatory minimum sentence.
...
Police accused her of having sex with the boy that many times during an intense weeklong affair. She was also accused of plying the boy with alcohol and allowing him to drive her car."

Two attacks, only one called "Domestic Assault"

Anonymous · 19 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The first story is a woman assaulting her boyfriend with a baseball bat, and dousing him with lighter fluid and threatening to light him on fire. The second is a boyfriend that choked his girlfriend and automatically the "Domestic Assault" card comes out. In both articles, killing is mentioned, but they word the first article with "threatened to burn him to death" and the second they say “Threatened to kill her".

It's no wonder we can't get accurate stats on female-initiated violence. The news is just too biased. Excerpts:

Story 1:
'A Foley woman was arrested after sheriff's deputies said she doused her live-in boyfriend with lighter fluid and tried to set him on fire.
Jessica Bressie, 30, of the 200 block of Burr Oak, Foley, was charged with first-degree assault and was being held today on $50,000 cash-only bail in the Lincoln County Jail.'

Story 2:
"A 22-year-old Troy man has been arrested for choking his pregnant girlfriend, police said.

Bryant M. Riffle of the 100 block of Carol Drive, was charged with domestic assault. Bail was set at $25,000."

Misandrist Essay at its Worst

Matt · 19 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Just look at this, will you.... good heavens, the man is practically ready to implode with self-hatred! Excerpt:

'Use of science and technology proceeds along pathways chosen by man, detached from feminine sensibilities. Harmony eludes a male-dominated world that does not empower women. Women do climb the corporate ladder — we bestow superficial status on them — but behind this spurious camouflage, crimes against women proliferate.

Today, mankind attempts to explore galaxies and contemplates travel at the speed of light, while our women are still not safe on the streets, and many, not even at home. How is it possible to use terms such as "civilized" and "evolved" for our species? All our good intentions seem a lie. The truth? One-half of us are hurt by the other.

Our attitudes toward nature are synonymous with our attitudes toward women. All meaningful contact between the earth and us is broken. We do not understand the earth in terms of what she offers us or what she requires of us — and inevitably people destroy that which they do not understand.'

Comment forum here.
Letters to the editor: editor-at-DemocratandChronicle.com

Oops: Surgeon severs infant boys penis during botched circumcision

ItsDan · 20 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The family of an infant boy filed a lawsuit Wednesday against a doctor and a Mattoon hospital claiming negligence in a circumcision that apparently severed the boy's penis.'

I wonder what the parents will say when the boy is older and asks why they risked his health, and the only answers they'll have are "we wanted you to look like your father", or "we thought everyone did it".

Drunk Mother Murdered Baby With Microwave

anthony · 20 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Investigators looked throughout China Arnold's home to find whatever fatally burned the woman's infant, finally identifying a kitchen appliance, a detective said.

"That microwave was the murder weapon," detective Michael Galbraith testified Thursday at a hearing to determine if Arnold will stand trial on aggravated murder charges in the death of her month-old daughter, Paris Talley.

Arnold, 26, has pleaded not guilty in Paris' death on Aug. 30, 2005. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Galbraith testified that Arnold told him during his initial questioning: "If I hadn't gotten so drunk, I guess my baby wouldn't have died."'

Girls Charged With Animal Cruelty as Burned Cat Clings to Life

anthony · 20 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This story caught my attention because I'm a cat owner. Excerpt:

'A 3-month-old cat is clinging to life at a Sonoma County animal hospital after having been set on fire by two teenage girls who now face charges of animal cruelty.

The kitten, named Adam by hospital staff, has undergone two surgeries and had its tail and the tips of its ears amputated. The skin on its back was burned off in the attack, leaving nothing but raw tissue.

"The degree of injury is greater than our normal level of trauma that we care for," said Katheryn Hinkle, the head veterinarian and owner of the Animal Hospital of Cotati. "He's our most critical patient, and we're watching him constantly."'

Georgia Supreme Court hears teen sex case

Matt · 20 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA - The courtroom was packed with supporters and cameras Friday as Georgia's top justices heard arguments over whether a young man serving a 10-year prison term for consensual oral sex with a fellow teenager should be freed.

The long punishment spurred angry protests and led the state to change the sentencing law. A state judge in June ordered the young man freed, but because of an appeal by the state attorney general, Genarlow Wilson remains behind bars.

The Supreme Court justices will decide whether the state judge's order freeing Wilson should stand.'

Men Circumcised as Adults

forskinca · 21 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Link to post here. Excerpt:

"Only men circumcised as adults can experience the difference a foreskin makes. In the Journal of Sex Research, Money and Davison from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine reported on five such men. Changes included diminished penile sensitivity and less penile gratification. The investigators concluded,

Erotosexually and cosmetically, the operation is, for the most part, contraindicated, and it should be evaluated in terms of possible pathological sequelae.(1) Other men circumcised as adults regret the change."

Circumcision: Uncovering the truth about women's pleasure

anthony · 21 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

This is an interesting article. MGM as it relates to female sexuality. No mention of the psychological or physical impact it has on the man. No mention of common deformities related to circumcision. When it has an affect on the female, it becomes an issue. In this case, an entire book was written on the subject. Excerpt:

"For her book, O'Hara surveyed 139 women, drawn through classified ads in various publications. By a margin of 9 to 1, she says, they preferred the natural penis over his maligned, circumcised cousin. When the man is cut, O'Hara found, women are "almost five times less likely to achieve vaginal orgasm."

Duke lacrosse Lawyer goes under Microscope

anthony · 21 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"An attorney who represented one of three Duke lacrosse players prosecuted on false rape allegations appeared Friday before a special committee examining the Durham Police Department's handling of the case.

Durham Mayor Bill Bell and members of the Durham City Council called for the 12-member panel in May following an internal police department report that found, in part, that a tense relationship between then-District Attorney Mike Nifong and defense attorneys had hampered the investigation and that detectives had done nothing wrong."

Hillary Under Attack For Wage Gap Myth

anthony · 21 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The senator's claim of unequal pay is exaggerated and distorted. Worse, her remedy might cause employers to favor hiring men, to avoid the possibility of being sued or boycotted under federal "guidelines."
...
Although the guidelines in the Clinton bill would be "voluntary," this can be a slippery slope that leads to compulsory standards. President Hillary Clinton could instruct federal agencies to do business only with those firms that meet the guidelines.'

...I find that last sentence the most disturbing...

Education: 'The New Gender Divide'

anthony · 23 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"This is where Mortenson's third theory comes in: the declining presence of men in the home. While it's true that girls are as likely as boys to be raised by single moms, research suggests the absence of a father is more damaging to boys. In many homes, there is not only no male to offer guidance, there is no good male role model anywhere around."

Media/Blogger frenzy continues for the EQUAL Parenting Bike Trek

Anonymous · 23 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

View the current list of media and bloggers that are covering the EQUAL Parenting Bike Trek! The media frenzy continues! Help us spread the word of this event. Not just in the U.S. but world wide! No matter where you live - it is the fundamental right of a fit and willing parent to be an EQUAL parent after divorce!

We have only 19 days left...we need your active help in contacting any and all media which you think may be helpful.

Be sure to check out the two videos when you click on the Fox News 17 link!!

Please welcome Robert Pedersen and Robb MacKenzie when they arrive in Washington, D.C. on August 18th 2007. http://www.dcrally2007.com/

Mother invented 17 children to collect £30,000 in state welfare benefits

AngryMan · 23 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A mother who conned £30,000 in benefits by inventing 17 children has been spared jail as she suffers from post-natal depression and is pregnant with her third child.

Charlene Ostle claimed that by the age of 26 she had given birth to three sets of twins and two sets of triplets."

What a surprise. No jail time for the poor little lamb. And another surprise, it was really a man's fault. More:

"Alison Whalley, defending, said her client endured a lack of support from her partner and that, combined with pride, left her unable to ask for help."

So it was the fault of that deadbeat dad. Typical man! He should be in prison for this!

Four times as many children prescribed antidepressants

AngryMan · 23 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The number of prescriptions for antidepressants and other mind-altering drugs given to children under 16 has more than quadrupled in the last decade, according to official figures released today.
...
The new figures are revealed amid growing concern about rising levels of childhood depression and pressures faced by young people.
...
A Department of Children, Schools and Family spokeswoman said: "The government's Every Child Matters agenda commits to supporting every child to have a happy and healthy childhood.'

Really? Destroying the family and stripping children of their father is not going to help.

Father-free holidays

AngryMan · 23 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Many men now only join their families for a short part of the summer holiday.
...
These days, father is more likely to keep in touch by text or email, and mother is probably juggling summer childcare with a demanding freelance career, but otherwise, it seems, the long summer break - much of it spent without Dad - is back in fashion.
...
Absence of a parent can also have a detrimental effect on children, especially on young boys, if it's the father who's away. An interim report from the Children's Society, published last Monday, said that the UK has the longest working hours in Europe, and that 21st-century stresses are "pulling families apart".'

RADAR ALERT: D.A. Group Fuels the Problem that It Claims Doesn't Exist

Matt · 23 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

"THERE IS NOT AN EPIDEMIC OF ROGUE PROSECTORS IN AMERICA," claims a recent news release from the National District Attorneys Association, following the disbarment of North Carolina district attorney Michael Nifong.

According to NDAA president Mathias Heck, "The vast majority of prosecutors take their responsibilities very seriously. They seek out truth and justice, wherever it leads." (http://www.ndaa.org/newsroom/pr_duke_case_june_17_07.html)

If that's true, then the NDAA - the group that represents 30,000 district attorneys around the country - has some explaining to do. Because in two weeks, the National District Attorneys Association will be holding a conference called the National Institute on the Prosecution of Sexual Violence. Research shows that about half of all rape claims are false. That means that each year, 47,000 American men, disproportionately Black men, are wrongfully accused of this heinous crime: http://www.mediaradar.org/research_on_false_rape_allegations.php

But take a look at the conference description: http://www.ndaa.org/education/apri/natl_inst_prosecution_sv_annapolis_2007.html. Do you see anything how district attorneys need to sort out false allegations so true rape victims can get the help they need? Anything about the need to prosecute women who commit perjury? Or providing help to the men who are wrongly-accused? The answer to those questions is No, No, and No! Instead, the conference appears to enlist district attorneys in an ideological crusade by "overcoming rape myths" and exposing the "true predatory nature of the offender." The program repeatedly uses the word "victim," but never "alleged victim."

Is this how D.A.s "seek out truth and justice, wherever it leads"? Please e-mail or call the NDAA and ask them this simple question:

"The Michael Nifong case and scientific research show that false allegations of rape are widespread. If NDAA president Mathias Heck's claim that, 'the vast majority of prosecutors ... seek out truth and justice, wherever it leads,' were true, your upcoming National Institute on the Prosecution of Sexual Violence would teach prosecutors techniques for distinguishing between true and false accusations. So, why does your conference instead turn a blind eye to even the possibility of false accusations?"

Be polite and respectful, but be firm. And do it now. *We must stop the epidemic of false allegations.*

Contact:
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Telephone: 703-519-1689

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Man ordered to pay ex-wife alimony, despite domestic partnership

klp · 23 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The article is here. Excerpt:

'A judge ordered an Orange County man to continue paying $1,250 a month in alimony to his former wife — even though she's in a registered domestic partnership with another woman.

State marriage laws say that alimony ends when a former spouse remarries. So Ron Garber thought he was off the hook for the payments when he learned his ex-wife, Melinda Kirkwood, registered her new relationship under the state's domestic partnership law.'

She's in a new committed relation (could this also have something to do with the marriage breakup?) and still gets support from her ex. What a deal!

At least it is alimony which is deductible for the payer and taxable for the payee.

Interestingly, the comments lean towards support for the ex-husband. Now remember this is in left-leaning San Francisco.

Unruly schoolboys or sex offenders?

anthony · 24 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The two boys tore down the hall of Patton Middle School after lunch, swatting the bottoms of girls as they ran -- what some kids later said was a common form of greeting.
...
Now, Cory Mashburn and Ryan Cornelison, both 13, face the prospect of 10 years in juvenile detention and a lifetime on the sex offender registry in a case that poses a fundamental question: When is horseplay a crime?
...
The outlines of the case have been known. But confidential police reports and juvenile court records shed new light on the context of the boys' actions. The records show that other students, boys and girls, were slapping one another's bottoms. Two of the girls identified as victims have recanted, saying they felt pressured and gave false statements to interrogators. "

Circumcision Urged in Curbing AIDS Spread

n.j. · 24 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A U.S. health expert urged governments worldwide Tuesday to endorse circumcision to slow the spread of HIV, saying men without the procedure have a greater risk of contracting the virus from infected female partners.
...
Robert Bailey, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Illinois, said studies in Africa showed that uncircumcised men were 2 1/2 times more likely to contract HIV from infected female partners, though many health officials were still unclear about its benefits."

I think the professor should be taught about its strong drawbacks. Very likely, he was mutilated himself as a child and has no idea. Sad, yet another victim who supports what made him a victim.

Victory for wealthy ex-hubby

Anonymous · 25 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A WEALTHY retired builder won his appeal today over a court ruling that he must pay more money to the woman he divorced nearly 30 years ago.

Dennis North, 70, was ordered last year to pay his first wife, Jean £202,000 by a family judge who heard she had "fallen on hard times" after embarking on a lifestyle she could not afford.'

Ed. note: This is a follow-up to a piece posted June 28, 2007 here on MANN.

National Post Editorial: Why men earn more

Anonymous · 25 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When activists want to make the case that their society is riddled with sexism, the first statistic they typically serve up is the one comparing earnings: In most Western countries, working women earn significantly less than working men.
...
The idea that factors other than discrimination drive pay discrepancy got a boost this week from across the Atlantic. On Wednesday, the European Commission released a new report showing that, despite Europe's progressive politics and famously intrusive workplace regulations, women still earn 15% less than men on average -- virtually unchanged from the 17% figure of 1997.'

"It's she-man John vs. he-woman Hil"

anthony · 25 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Op-ed here. Excerpt:

"Is work/family balance a "women's issue"? I suppose men just love slaving away 12 hours a day in mind-numbing jobs and cramped cubicles so they can come home to their bitter, exhausted wives and already-sleeping children.

Did I miss the memo that humans are now able to asexually reproduce? Otherwise I would assume reproductive rights also affect men - who, I was under the impression, often play a somewhat vital role in procreation.

And on the flip side of the coin, is "the war on terrorism" -don't even get me started on those semantics - a "men's issue"? Were the 160,500 American women who have served thus far in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East since 2003 merely playing dress up?"

Can any of you guys verify the "160,500" statistic?

Give us back our children

OldManSenile · 26 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From the looks of the article, mothers are losing their children to adoption agencies for no good reason. There are two fathers mentioned if I remember correctly.

But I also know thousands of men lose their kids to vengeful mothers too. For some reason, its never an epidemic unless the female is on the losing end. I wonder if it will sink in that what these mothers are going through, men have been going through it since the start of radfem leadership.

Excerpt:
"Six weeks ago, the Mail told how social workers tore a baby from her loving family to put her up for adoption. Since then, scores of parents have contacted us with horrifying stories of children stolen by the state. How dare the courts continue to gag them?
...
This sweeping shake-up in social policy was designed for all the right reasons: to get older children in care homes into happy new families with parents.

But the reforms didn't work. Encouraged by the promise of extra cash, councils began to earmark those children who were most easy to place in adoptive homes - babies and cute toddlers - while the older children remained in care. (The number of over-sevens adopted has plummeted by half in less than a decade.)

Campaigners - including parents who have had their sons or daughters taken - say that social workers are tearing innocent families apart. Everywhere, I came across evidence to suggest that these claims are justified."

Nifong admits: No crime in lacrosse case

Matt · 26 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM, N.C. - Disgraced former prosecutor Mike Nifong acknowledged Thursday there is "no credible evidence" that three Duke lacrosse players committed any of the crimes he accused them of more than a year ago, offering for the first time a complete and unqualified apology.

"We all need to heal," Nifong said. "It is my hope we can start this process today."

Nifong's apology came as a judge began considering whether to hold the former Durham County district attorney in criminal contempt of court for his handling of the case.'

Sexism of Jackson Katz and White Ribbon Campaign exposed in NH newspaper

Anonymous · 28 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The Caledonian Record, a newspaper that covers parts of New Hampshire and Maine, just printed two replies, here and here, to the White Ribbon Campaign's and Jackson Katz's anti-male sexism and misandry. These men go around misframing partner abuse to be primarily male-on-female, putting feminist ideology over social science so that female violence and male victims remain swept under the rug. They get away with it by playing off stereotypes and ignorance, and because very few people challenge them publicly.

Australia: Circumcision Urged in Curbing AIDS Spread

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Michel Kazatchkine, the executive director of the Global fund, a leading international health agency, also called For increased funding.

"I believe that the evidence is overwhelming for the efficacy of circumcision," Kazatchkine told The Associated Press on the sidelines of the meeting. "And if countries come to us ... I see no reason at all why we wouldn't fund that."'

Time Magazine: The Myth About Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"I don't think anyone will deny that girls are academically superior as a group. Girls are more academically powerful. They make the grades, they run the student activities, they are the valedictorians."

Christina Hoff Sommers, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, was explaining how she came to worry deeply about boys. In the book-lined parlor of her suburban Washington home, she ticked through a familiar but disturbing indictment: More boys than girls are in special-education classes. More boys than girls are prescribed mood-managing drugs. This suggests to her (and others) that today's schools are built for girls, and boys are becoming misfits. As a result, more boys than girls drop out of high school. Boys don't read as well as girls. And America's prisons are packed with boys and former boys.'

FATHERHOOD FIRST: Program helps men better lives, reconnect with kids

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Initiative is one of President George W. Bush's efforts to shore up families through marriage and parenting programs that help parents, especially men, overcome barriers to supporting their children financially and emotionally.

An estimated 47% of U.S. children live in homes without their fathers, according to the department.

"If you look at some of the statistics -- they're earth-shattering," said Tara Wall, a spokeswoman for the office in Washington, D.C.

"In 1960, fewer than 10 million children did not live with their fathers. Today, the number is nearly 25 million. A third of these children won't see their fathers at all during the course of the year."

Children who grow up without their fathers are far more likely to fail in school, engage in criminal activity and abuse alcohol and drugs, according to human services department and numerous studies.'

Is the System too Easy on Women or is the System too Hard on Men?

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Essay here. Excerpt:

"Great, so if big-brother is a chivalrous fellow who treats men and women differentially under the law and elsewhere, now what? This is where differences of opinion are likely to burgeon (and perhaps political affiliations as well). Are women coddled too much, or are men punished too severely (generally speaking)? In other manner of speaking, should we lock women up and throw away the key like men are often treated for certain crimes? Or, should we send more men into counseling/psychological services instead of prison in an attempt to garner more empathy/sympathy for men in a similar way that women are sometimes treated?"

Another Man Exonerated From Rape Sentence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The victim incorrectly identified Briscoe. He refused a plea deal offering 20 years in prison. And then he was convicted, sentenced in his mid-20s to 45 years behind bars.
...
By then Briscoe had done 24 years behind bars and been denied parole because he refused to express remorse for a crime he didn't commit...

Two months before the parole hearing, two DA's investigators showed up at prison and handed Briscoe an envelope. In it was a long, white swab used for DNA sampling.
...
"They said in 24 hours we'll be back with the results. And the results were beautiful," he says.

He was free the next day.'

Update: Boys Face Sex Trial for Slapping Girls' Posteriors

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Story here.

More on this disturbing charge against two 13-year-old boys facing possible jail time for an innocent teenage action. The outcome could require these boys the injustice of registering as life long sex offenders. Apparently, the junior high school students would innocently "smack" other students on the backside, a ritual other girls have admitted participating in. Excerpt:

'The boys spent five days in a juvenile detention facility and were charged with several counts of felony sex abuse for what they and their parents said was merely inappropriate but not criminal behavior.

But the boys, if convicted at an Aug. 20 trial, still face the possibility of some jail time or registering for life as sex offenders.'

Female Caregiver For Mentally Disabled Man Charged With Rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police in Washington County say a female caregiver raped a man for whom she was caring.

Alyson Bush, 41, of Washington, Pa., is charged with rape of a mentally disabled person, institutional sexual assault and related offenses.

Donegal Township police Chief Ethan Ward said the man's mother contacted them after her 32-year-old son told her that Bush had been forcing him to have sex with her.'

India: Equality or Privileged Treatment?

Anonymous · 30 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Do women really want equality or it's a mask for seeking privileged treatment? A good article by Chandan Mitra - a senior Indian journalist. Excerpt:

'At the risk of inviting the wrath of vocal women's activists in the metros, I must unambiguously state that I do not think there is any concerted or deliberate discrimination against women or in-built gender bias in the professions. In fact, India's record in this regard, be it politics, business, the civil services, law, medicine, academia - the list could be hugely long - is better than that of the West. Arguably, women do face some unequal situations in the home, but Indian laws are so draconian and unthinking that they have probably worsened the position of women in recent years. The Anti-Dowry Act (Article 498a) and the recently enacted Domestic Violence Act have done great disservice to gender harmony.'

RAF typist who hurt thumb is awarded eight times more than soldier who lost leg

AngryMan · 30 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A Royal Air Force typist who injured her thumb at work is to be paid almost half a million pounds by the Ministry of Defence.
...
It is eight times more than a soldier would receive for losing a leg and almost double the amount he could expect if he lost both legs.
...
The woman, believed to be in her 20s, developed a repetitive strain injury while typing computer data.

She claimed it left her unable to work and caused her to become depressed, and she started legal action against the MoD.'

RADAR ALERT: DoJ Must Investigate Nifong Now!

Matt · 30 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

There is no case of prosecutorial abuse more overdue for investigation than that of Mike Nifong, the prosecutor in the Duke Case who tried to convict men he knew to be innocent. Last week, Nifong finally admitted that the men had committed no crime.

There is abundant evidence that prosecutorial abuse is not rare. There are many individuals in prison for crimes they did not commit, while those who did commit the crimes roam scot-free. The Innocence Project has freed over 200 of them. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

The Department of Justice (DoJ) must investigate Nifong to uncover the incentives that motivated his unprofessional behavior. Many background elements, such as biased federal funding and training for prosecutors may be involved. RADAR has already revealed one training program by the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) that demonstrates prosecutors' lack of concern about convicting the innocent by failing to include any sessions on how prosecutors should identify and handle false abuse and rape allegations.

Certainly, in light of the Duke case, the NDAA has a clear duty to prosecutors how to accurately serve justice in these types of cases.

At least seven bipartisan members of Congress have called for a federal probe into the Duke case. Is there any member of Congress that can permit prosecutorial abuses of their constituents? Clearly, a full investigation must be made, and recommendations for changes in federal law and funding practices issued.

Please contact your Representative today and ask the Department of Justice to launch a full-scale investigation to find out exactly what went wrong in the Michael Nifong case. Please do one of the following:

Go to http://www.house.gov/. At the top, enter your Zip code and look up your Representative's name, then go to your Representative's website. Or call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121. Then leave this message with the Representative's staff: “The Department of Justice must investigate the Michael Nifong case now!”

Seven Representatives and one Senator have already gone on record asking for a DoJ investigation. We need to keep up the pressure, to protect innocent Americans from prosecutorial abuse!

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to
improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

'Real roots of crime'

Kavius · 30 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

An article in the Calgary Sun recently addressed the killing of Ephraim Brown in a unique way. Excerpt:

'A boy named Ephraim Brown was killed recently in Toronto, caught in a crossfire between the vicious thugs who populate large cities. It is a wicked and sad thing.
...
...feminist theory forbids examination of the true roots of crime because it makes them uncomfortable and violates the sacred tenet of their creed, which says men are essentially disposable.'

The author (Ian Robinson) does a really nice job of raising points that no one else is considering in all of this. The knee-jerk reaction is to blame the tool and not look at the root cause.

Daughter Accused in NYC Genital-Mutilation Death

anthony · 31 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Even for seasoned detectives, the crime scene in an apartment last weekend was horrific: A man, gagged and handcuffed, had been killed and his penis was cut off.

Investigators believe the suspect, Brigitte Harris, "did it," said a law enforcement official. "We are trying to determine why."

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because Harris had not been arrested or charged, said police were checking reports that Goodridge, 55, may have abused Harris as a child. Detectives were hoping to question the 26-year-old suspect at a hospital mental ward where she was admitted after the slaying, the law enforcement official said.'

Bail Denied for Maryland Mom Suspected in Deaths of Four Infants Found on Property

anthony · 31 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother of four who is facing murder charges in the death of her new baby last week and is suspected in the killings of three infants whose remains were found on her property was denied bail Monday after pleading with the judge to free her on bond.
...
The bodies of four small infants were found at the home of Christy Freeman, 37, a woman who denied having been pregnant, even after she was taken to a hospital and doctors discovered a placenta and part of an umbilical cord, police said.'

Adoptive Mom Accused of Abusing, Starving Foster Kids for Decades

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Story here. Excerpt:

'They were often handcuffed, tethered together with plastic ties and allowed to soil themselves, investigators say. They had scars on their wrists. Some had burns.

None appeared to have more than a fourth-grade education, not even the adults in their 20s. All were starving.

In all, nine teenagers and young adults were held like prisoners in Judith Leekin's home in what appeared to be a decades-long scheme to line her pockets with the government payments she received for adopting and raising them, police say.'

Sacks' Latest: 'Choosing Foster Parents over Fathers'

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From Glenn Sacks:

'My new co-authored column, Choosing Foster Parents over Fathers (San Diego Union-Tribune, 7/11/07), discusses perhaps the worst verified child custody/family law injustice against a father and a daughter which I have ever seen--the outrageous Melinda Smith foster care case.' Excerpt:

"In the heartbreaking Melinda Smith case, a father and daughter were needlessly separated by the foster care system for over a decade. Last week, Los Angeles County settled a lawsuit over the case for an undisclosed sum. Yet a recent Urban Institute study found that the Smith case typifies the way the foster care system harms children by disregarding the loving bonds they share with their fathers."

"How to get through to a man"

Matt · 31 July 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Linked from the CNN main page as of this writing:
How to get through to a man taken from Oprah.com. Anyone else notice the link to Time.com on the top? Looks like CNN and Time are collaborating these days in their misandrist pursuits. Excerpt:

'Meet every protest and argument he makes, no matter how ridiculously false, with the observation that he is absolutely correct ... but you still want what you want. In boxing this is called rope-a-dope, and even if you don't know what the rope part means, the dope part sounds pretty applicable. This is called win-win -- except you did and he didn't.'

Proposed Ohio Abortion Law Would Give Fathers a Say

blaze4metal · 2 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Several Ohio state representatives who normally take an anti-abortion stance are now pushing pro-choice legislation - sort of.

Led by Rep. John Adams, a group of state legislators have submitted a bill that would give fathers of unborn children a final say in whether or not an abortion can take place.

It's a measure that, supporters say, would finally give fathers a choice."

Later on, the feminists get to say: "This measure is a clear attack on a woman's freedom and privacy."

What about the man's freedom to not have to pay child support for the next 18 years for a baby he didn't want to have? Say what you will about abortion, but if you want the baby, they you pay. If you don't and she does, she should pay.

Virginia wants to know if you might be a dad

anthony · 2 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The state Department of Social Services wants any man who is not married to a woman but could be the father of a child with her to voluntarily fill out a one-page registration.

The law, which went into effect July 1, is designed to protect men's rights in the case of a future adoption.

State officials emphasized that the confidential database is not an attempt to track sexual activity or partners. But it suggests men register "after relations with new partners or continued relations with the same woman."

Female Movie Directors Face "Struggle for Equality"

Female MRA · 3 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Excerpt:
"Hollywood is still an old boys' club and boys are bullies.

The ultimate symbol of the film industry is a man, Oscar, clutching a sword and standing on a reel of film because he's defending his turf," said Tom O'Neil, columnist for theenvelope.com Web site. "I think that says it all."

Read the rest here.

For Young Earners in Big City, a Gap in Women’s Favor

Anonymous · 3 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The New York Times reports that in Los Angeles, Dallas, and New York City, the gender wage gap among people in their 20's favors women.

For women in Dallas it is as extreme as 120%!
Excerpt:

'Young women in New York and several of the nation’s other largest cities who work full time have forged ahead of men in wages, according to an analysis of recent census data.

The shift has occurred in New York since 2000 and even earlier in Los Angeles, Dallas and a few other cities.'

On YouTube: Glenn Sack Talks About Bias in the Media

axolotl · 4 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Check out this 10 minute video, in which Sacks talks about several specific cases where television, movie and musical performers, reinforce the idea that violence by women is OK.

One of these really astonished me, it is a video of a woman getting revenge on her ex by tearing up his car with a knife and baseball bat. It turns out the video was the first one ever written and directed by a woman to achieve "video of the year" awards, and was voted number one on CMT. Incredible!

Tennesee Court of Appeals Favors Bastardy

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Story here.

Same old story: Man sleeps with female; she sleeps with other men; she gets pregnant; keeps bastard; she picks one as father; **HE NAIVELY VOLUNTARILY SIGNS PATERNITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT;** pays support; DNA proves he is not the bastard's father; juvenile judge terminates his financial slavery and orders female to pay him back; higher court overturns pro-male judgment. Upside: he does not have to pay anymore bastard support in the future; Downside: will not get back payments already made since he did VOLUNTARILY sign a paternity acknowledgment.

Lesson: DON'T SIGN ANY DAMNED THING WHEN A BASTARD IS SAID TO BE YOURS! If your signature was not necessary they would not cajole you into signing away your life! DON'T SIGN ANYTHING!

Judge tosses man's lawsuit over ladies' night

anthony · 4 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Steve Horner's crusade against ladies' nights at bars took a hit Thursday as a Denver County judge tossed his claim that newspaper ads for such promotions violate state civil rights laws.

"Too bad we didn't have an impartial judge," Horner said as Judge Brian Campbell adjourned the proceeding and walked away. "The judge missed a great trial."'

Fathers need to be in teenagers' lives

anthony · 4 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'Several "experts" surmise that sex education classes in Texas' schools is not working. I think there is another reason.

Countless studies show that a father's absence increases his daughter's risk of teen pregnancy.
...
If so, it sounds like these young girls may be seeking a father figure when they have unprotected sex. One way to keep young girls from looking for father figures is to give them fathers; biological birth-fathers.'

Bill Maher on Feminism

Anonymous · 5 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

On YouTube: "Bill Maher's take on how feminism has taken over America. He makes some very insightful points that prove America has become a feminized country. This is an excerpt from his special 'Victory Begins at Home'"

"Women for Rudy"

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From a political standpoint this is an attempt by the Giuliani campaign to take some female votes away from Hillary. My concern is the non-existent political approach regarding issues that affect men. I follow politics very closely and have yet to hear one comment on issues such as father's rights, paternity fraud, boys' education and the unfair disparity throughout the judicial system (to name a few).

The American voting system is the pillar of democracy, yet modern society ignores mens issues and values a social welfare state for women. I really don't blame Rudy, he's wants the GOP nomination and ultimately the presidency. However, a true leader would stand up and announce gender equity regarding issues that are unique to men and women. My '08 vote is already tainted. Our next president will approach gender with the same ideology as feminists. Remember, politicians cannot challenge "cherry picked" feminist statistics (eg: the wage gap myth). Its politically incorrect and political suicide.

"Authorities puzzled about mother in deaths of children left in hot car"

Matt · 5 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'She made it to her job at a county-run group home July 29, a typically warm summer day. After eight hours, she called a supervisor and said she had to leave because of child-care issues.

According to her employer, she didn't tell the supervisor or a co-worker that for all that time, she had left her 1-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son in her Chevy Cavalier hatchback, parked on a residential street.
...
Her friends and her bosses -- and even the officers who arrested her -- say Heyward had been trying her best: working long hours and providing for her children.
...
She had been arrested twice in the past three years, but she was not prosecuted on a charge of hindering an officer and was found not guilty of first-degree criminal domestic violence in February 2006.
...
Her lawyer, Andy Savage, said he hopes a mental evaluation will shed light on what happened.'

Note how the story starts with how she didn't have any choice but to leave the kids in the car, etc. Can anyone imagine that level of sympathy being given to a man in that position? A mental evaluation for her? Would a man get that?

Men's Rights Issues in Thailand

mcp · 6 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Excellent article. This probably shows that violation of men's rights is now a global problem. Excerpt:

'In the interest of ensuring equality for women and men alike, it is time for men to stand together and request the abolishment of some accepted customs, such as boyfriends/fiances having to pay for everything, and definitely the age-old tradition of having to cough up a dowry. Now, some women might scream aloud at such a deplorable idea being floated by the "farang visitor", and would advise that this is a custom deeply embedded in Thai culture. Well, all well and good, but in that case, let us not be selective, and let's encourage adherence to all traditions and suggest that while showering money on his beloved, the man be accorded the right to take on a couple of mistresses at the same time.'

RADAR ALERT: Now the Senate Needs to Call for a DoJ Investigation

Matt · 6 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In last week's alert, we asked you to contact your Representative in the House and tell them to ask the Department of Justice to investigate what motivated prosecutor Michael Nifong's unwavering efforts to convict men he knew to be innocent. This week we need you to send your Senators the same message.

The critical points to make when you call or email your Senators are:

- This sort of prosecutorial abuse is not unusual. The only thing unusual about Nifong is that he got caught.
- If Congress doesn't bring pressure to bear, other prosecutors will continue to violate the law.
- Failure to require that prosecutors avoid unethical behavior causes the electorate to lose respect for government at all levels.
- The time for Congress to act is now!

Please contact your Senator today and ask them to have the Department of Justice launch a full-scale investigation to find out exactly what went wrong in the Michael Nifong case.

Here's what to do:

1. Go to http://www.senate.gov/. At the top, enter your state and look up the names of both your Senators. On the resulting web pages will be information on how to contact both of them either by phone or electronically.
2. Or you can call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask for contact information for both of your Senators.
3. Then telephone or email each Senator and let him know that you'd like him or her to add his voice to the Representatives and Senators who've already publicly called for a DoJ investigation.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

TIME's "The Truth About Boys" Retort

Matt · 6 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the scholars who presented at this summit, "graduation rates are, at best, 70 percent nationally, and for black and Latino students, especially boys, closer to 50 percent."'

Boycott RONA

thegnroy · 6 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Canada's advertising watchdog has ruled that a TV commercial promoting RONA, the chain of building supply stores, is unfit for Canadian audiences because it discriminates against men.
...
The commercial features a woman going into a RONA store with an imaginary complaint call "homestressidous." A sympathetic female clerk suggests that the customer's husband never helps around the house. The customer confirms this and the clerk responds: "That's OK. They (husbands) are all like that."
...
Under the ad regulator's rules, RONA must either amend or pull the commercial. It may also appeal the decision.'

Ed. note: RONA is a large home building supply store chain in Canada.

New Maine DV Law Targets Primary Aggressors

Roy · 7 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A new Maine law adopts "primary aggressor" (guess which gender qualifies?)and "past course of conduct" criteria to beef up DV prosecutions and penalties. Excerpt:

'According to state officials, Maine is among the first states to pass legislation that distinguishes domestic violence from other sorts of crimes.

The new law comes on the heels of another piece of legislation relating to domestic violence, signed in June. Designed to shield victims from legal recourse if they take defensive action, LD 1039 instructs the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees to develop a program that would allow law enforcement officials to identify the predominant aggressor in instances of domestic violence.

The governor also announced that STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program, a grant established in 2005 to aid independent and government agencies develop violence prevention programs, had awarded $800,000 to the Maine Department of Public Safety.'

These new provisions make it virtually impossible for a cop to arrest a female perpetrator of DV without risking his/her career ... And, speaking too loudly to a woman will constitute "DV reckless conduct!"

New York City Councilwoman Seeks to Outlaw "B-word"

Matt · 8 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The New York City Council, which drew national headlines when it passed a symbolic citywide ban earlier this year on the use of the so-called n-word, has turned its linguistic (and legislative) lance toward a different slur: bitch.

The term is hateful and deeply sexist, said Councilwoman Darlene Mealy of Brooklyn, who has introduced a measure against the word, saying it creates “a paradigm of shame and indignity” for all women.
...
The measure, which 19 of the 51 council members have signed onto, was prompted in part by the frequent use of the word in hip-hop music. Ten rappers were cited in the legislation, along with an excerpt from an 1811 dictionary that defined the word as “A she dog, or doggess; the most offensive appellation that can be given to an English woman.”'

The slippery slope is in full slide, it seems. Once one word is ban-able, why not others? So they are off to the races.

Now I wonder when such words as "bastard" and "dick-head" will be outlawed? My guess is never.

Equal Parenting Bike Trek departs in a few days! Help spread the word and make this a success!

Anonymous · 9 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

PRESS RELEASE
August 8, 2007

For Immediate Release
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Cycling4Children and the Equal Parenting Bike Trek Receives National Media

Lansing, Michigan - August 7th 2007 - The 700 mile Equal Parenting Bike Trek is starting to receive national media attention. Recently Phyllis Schlafly wrote an opinion/commentary column which covered the Equal Parenting Bike Trek. Phyllis Schlafly's articles are syndicated in over 100 newspapers nationwide and her radio talk show can be heard on over 460 radio stations nationwide! Robert Pedersen and Robb MacKenzie have already appeared on the nationwide Radio Lia Show to discuss their 700 mile bicycle trek to bring awareness to children's rights.

Newspaper coverage has started to increase with the Lansing State Journal soon to report this inspiring human interest story. The Equal Parenting Bike Trek was recently covered by Human Events (since 1944), the Battle Creek Enquirer and made front page news in the Hastings Banner. Additionally, newspapers in Oregon and Philadelphia have already picked up this moving story.

TV News Coverage has been phenomenal to date with Fox News Channel 17, News 8 Wood TV, and Channel 3 WWMT TV News already producing incredible newscasts on this story. Even more are scheduled as the two cyclists pedal their way from Lansing, MI
to Washington, D.C. (view videos via www.cycling4children.com)

Robert Pedersen and Rob MacKenzie will depart on their 700 mile bicycle trek for children on August 11th, 2007 near the Lansing, MI Capitol. The purpose of this intense 700 mile bicycle trek is to bring awareness to a child's fundamental right to be loved, guided, nurtured and educated by both fit and willing parents after a divorce. Thousands of people will greet their arrival in Washington, D.C. at a Family Preservation Rally www.dcrally2007.com on August 18th 2007. There will be numerous "A-list" speakers present at the August 18th 2007 Family Preservation Rally.

Carol Rhodes, the famous author of "Friend of the Court Enemy of the Family", and several others will follow the cyclists in a media/supply van the entire 700 miles of the Equal Parenting Bike Trek.

A dedicated website www.cycling4children.com will allow visitors to follow the cyclists via GPS (Global Positioning System). Visitors will also be able to view videos and photos that will be uploaded in real time.

The media can view a current list of media and blogger coverage of this incredible human interest story at www.cycling4children.com

To view a list of sponsors and obtain additional information on Cycling4Children and the Equal Parenting Bike Trek the media can visit www.cycling4children.com Please contact Angela Pedersen, R.N. for media requests in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland

and D.C. at 269-420-3216.

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England: CSA accused of rewarding mums who deny child access to fathers

anthony · 9 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Child Support Agency was last night accused of rewarding mothers who deny former partners access to their children.

Tory family welfare spokesman Andrew Selous is planning reforms to give fathers fairer settlements.

Mr Selous wants to end a rule that cuts mothers' maintenance if they let children stay with their fathers for more than a set number of nights.'

Deadbeat parents sought by cell phone

anthony · 9 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Virginia is the first state to subpoena cell phone records to help locate parents who owe a total of at least $2.3 billion in delinquent child support payments.

Last month, the Virginia division was one of two state agencies in the country honored for innovation by the Council of State Governments. They will officially receive an award in November.'

MSNBC: False Rape Allegation Thwarted By Police Camera

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YouTube clip:

MSNBC: False Rape Allegation Thwarted By Police Camera

Fathers, The Third Victim of the Abortion Industry: By Carey Roberts

anthony · 9 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'In their book Men and Abortion: Lessons, Losses, and Love, Shostak and McLouth report that 44% of single men offered to marry the woman, 18% of the couples had discussed adoption, and half the men accompanied the woman to the abortion clinic - hardly the image of wholesale male abandonment.

When these men show up at the clinic, they are met with a chilly reception. Two-thirds of the fathers want to accompany their partner throughout the experience, and nine out of 10 hope to hold the hand of their partner in the recovery room. But in most cases abortion clinics prohibit men from such expressions of support.'

CRISPE Bus and the Equal Parenting Bike Trek Combine Efforts

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PRESS RELEASE
August 9, 2007

For Immediate Release
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A Child's Right

The famous 42' CRISPE Bus and the Equal Parenting Bike Trek combine their advocacy efforts!

Their Mission: To help bring awareness to the child abuse that is occuring across the country when a child is denied their fundamental right to be loved, guided, educated and nurtured by both fit and willing parents after a divorce.

Lansing, Michigan - Ohio - Pennsylvania - D.C.

Robert Pedersen and Rob MacKenzie will depart on their 700 mile bicycle trek forchildren on August 11th, 2007 near the Lansing, MI Capitol. The purpose of this intense700 mile bicycle trek is to bring awareness to a child's fundamental right to be loved,guided, nurtured and educated by both fit and willing parents after a divorce.

August 12th, 2007 the Equal Parenting Bike Trek (cycing4children.com) will meet up with the CRISPE bus in Akron, OH for a rally to begin at noon.

August 13th, 2007 they will unite again in the afternoon for a rally in Pittsburg, PA

August 18th, 2007 they will unite one last time at the Family Preservation Rally (www.dcrally2007.com) in Washington, D.C.

The CRISPE (Children's Rights Initiative for Sharing Parents Equally) BUS is truly an impressive sight to see inside and out. View the specs on this massive 43' defender of children's rights. Learn more about the 501c3 non-profit organization CRISPE www.crispe.org

A professional film crew will also be documenting the united advocacy when the CRISPE bus and the Equal Parenting Bike Trek cyclists meet to rally for children's rights. For additional information about the rallies please visit the webpage for CRISPE.

Cycling4Children www.cycling4children.com

CRISPE www.crispe.org

Family Preservation Rally www.dcrally2007.com

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Indian Gov't To Review Anti-Male Laws

Anonymous · 11 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like MRActivism works. The Indian Govt has decided to review the DV law passed last year. Two proposed laws have been put on hold! Story here. Excerpt:

'One law that is reportedly being misused the most is the Domestic Violence Act passed by Parliament just last year. The Supreme Court called it a clumsily drafted law and since its inception, it has even been slapped against some top bureaucrats.'

Female DV Victim Fraudster Forfeits Lottery Winnings

Luek · 11 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This article is about a female who used her ex-boyfriend's dead mother's credit card to purchase the winning ticket in a state lottery. She at first claimed to be a victim of DV and asked lottery officials to keep her winning the lottery private. What got her caught was she still used the dead mother's stolen credit card after winning the lottery! I guess all that slapping around from DV caused her not to think too good huh? Excerpt:

'Prosecutors said Christina Goodenow, of White City, used a credit card that belonged to her then-boyfriend's dead mother to buy a winning $1 million Scratch-It ticket in Oct. 2005.

Goodenow asked lottery officials to keep her win quiet, claiming to be a victim of domestic violence. But police learned of the crime about two weeks later, as Goodenow continued to use the stolen credit card.'

Norway: Gov't Establishes Men's Panel

Matt · 11 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The 32 men in the sport's pub are members of the newly established Men's panel, set up by Bekkemellem to introduce a public debate on men's rights. Men are falling behind in the education system, rarely get custody over children after divorce, and face other health risks than women, the minister argued.

The Men's panel will discuss these issues and more, and will advise the Government on the drafting of a forthcoming white paper on men and equality, due next summer.'

Great News/Advance in Australia!

Acksiom · 11 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Snip 'not worth cost' -- CIRCUMCISION will be banned in Victorian public hospitals unless it is for medical reasons. The State Government has ordered the ban, which starts next month, following medical advice that circumcision of baby boys was unnecessary."

Our victory is inevitable, because truth, reason, and justice are all on our side.

Draft Clock ticks closer to midnight

Matt · 11 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The new "War Czar" has finally said it...
Bush War Adviser Says Draft Worth a Look

No mention of adding women to the Selective Service "draftables", either.

Relatedly, Democrats Say Leaving Iraq May Take Years. Yeah, no kidding.

Boycott Askmen.com

Anonymous · 12 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Askmen.com, an online men's magazine, has published this piece on their front page: Single Fathers' Rights.

The article starts with back-handed shaming ... (would anyone ever qualify an article by questioning a mother's love?)

"Everything discussed in this article is predicated on two main ideas: that you "know" that you're a good, loving father and that you want to play a significant role in your child's life, and that you're willing against all odds to get along with your ex -- the mother of your child -- to do so."

... Goes on to rhyme off sexist assumptions to justify anti-male family courts...

" * Usually it's the father who heads out to work while the mother spends the first few months at home with the child.
* The mother either continues to be with the child or sets out to coordinate other forms of daycare, and is a part of the child's early life in that way.
* Personally, aside from the practical, we guys must allow for primal considerations before going completely mental from access imbalance.
* Consider the child's natural affinity to the mother: The baby lived inside your ex for nine months and then spent another eight attached to her breast."

... And concludes with suggesting that men should "know their place" when it comes to family matters ...

"We great fathers, for the sake of peace of mind, must acknowledge that there are really compelling and valid reasons why the courts favor the mother. Instead of slowly committing emotional suicide, compromising our own happiness and -- more importantly -- that of our beautiful children, maybe it's time, against all odds, to e-mail your ex and write this sentence: "For the sake of our child, let's make peace.""

Be courteous, professional, and make yourself heard.
E-mail AskMen here.
E-mail the author at pehrlich-at-sympatico.ca

Wikipedia: Global Male Suicide

anthony · 12 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is a global suicide chart provided by The World Health Organization. As expected, the numbers show an overwhelming gender disparity. This information, while morbid, should serve as a sobering reality regarding the least spoken of MRA topics. The numbers are disturbing.

Article Still Resonates

anthony · 12 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Tony for this link:

Men Are They Really That Bad?"

Published in 1994, but a good one for your collection. Excerpt:

'The assumption is that men are fair game. Any man insulting is retributive: a payback for the years, the centuries, of male domination and oppression. And for the continuing Awfulness of Men.

In a similar way, of course, the bourgeoisie deserved every bashing it took under Soviet communism: After the revolution, the Zhivago family had to retreat to a corner of their Moscow mansion and submit to the insults of the proletariat who moved in to abuse the former masters and break up the furniture for firewood.
...
But this is utopian dreaming. If we were to leave off argument and think kindly for a moment, on the premise that men and women will go on mixing with one another in the current mindless and anarchic way, we might spin the thought that good can come of each sex thinking the best of the other, and might see the converse truth: that only bad can come of each one thinking the worst. Tolerance and decency are creative, civilizing traits. A rising standard of expectation -- a mutual hope, a sympathetic mingling of desires -- will lift all boats. Quite a long time ago -- remember? -- we used to fall in love.

Forum: Criminalizing America's fathers?

anthony · 13 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'This plague of fatherless children is driven not only by culture but also by federal programs that subsidize single-parent homes through quasi-welfare entitlements for the affluent that welfare reform did not address.

In fact, the welfare subsidy on single-mother homes was never really curtailed so much as it was shifted. Reformers largely replaced welfare with child support, on the reasonable principle that fathers, rather than taxpayers, should support their children. But a profound unintended consequence has been the transformation of welfare from public assistance into law enforcement.'

On YouTube: Feminist Hate Speech

anthony · 13 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Vid here.

This speech was submitted to YouTube about six months ago. This woman reminds me of a date rape seminar I was forced to attend at Syracuse. Definitely check out the comment and response section. Feminism: A politically correct hate movement!

On YouTube: Kim Gandy Endorses Hillary Clinton

anthony · 13 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Clip here.

A YouTube video staring Hillary and Kim Gandy. This is NOW's endorsement of Hillary. This endorsement was reported on this site about three months ago. The video certainly expands on the articles submitted.

RADAR Alert: Attend the Pro-Family Rally on the DC Mall August 18-19

Matt · 14 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

RADAR will be participating in an important pro-family rally at the DC Mall on August 18th and 19th. Advocates from many kinds of religious and secular organizations will be speaking at the rally on topics such as marriage, shared parenting, divorce, and social policy reforms.

Domestic violence continues to be an important social problem. The existing gender-based approach to domestic violence has failed to impact domestic violence trends because VAWA does not address violence or its causes. It funds radical organizations who devote substantial resources to covering-up for women's violence, shifting blame for it onto men, and mischaracterizing minor disagreements among couples as serious domestic violence.

An authoritative array of studies report that men and women are equal instigators of domestic violence. And many experts believe that government-funded intervention in minor family disputes is actually quite destructive. VAWA must be reformed to recognize these facts, to take appropriate steps to prevent serious domestic violence while appropriately penalizing the party who initiates it regardless of gender, and also to guarantee that minor disagreements among couples are not treated as serious domestic violence.

This may be the most important policy reform rally ever held on the Mall. RADAR invites the organizations in the VAWA Reform Coalition and others to attend. For the latest information about the rally, please visit http://www.dcrally2007.com/.

See You There!

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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Baby Left in Car Dies-- Mother not Charged

Matt · 14 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Poor Dearism taken to the point where even criminal negligence leading to infant homicide is excusable. Excerpt:

'A Wyoming County mother who left her young child in her car while she worked will not be charged with the baby's death.

Lynn Brol said she forgot to drop her 5-month-old son, Brayden, at day care on Aug. 2 and drove directly to her job at a credit union in Arcade.
...
The boy was found dead by his mother at the end of the workday, nine hours later.
...
The death was ruled accidental. Brol could have been charged with criminally negligent homicide, a charge that would result from conduct so reckless it results in a fatality.

An autopsy showed that Brayden was otherwise healthy with no bruises or suspicious marks.

Arcade Police Chief John Laird and his office investigated the death. "It was a tragic accident and I support the DA's decision," he said.'

Mary Winkler Released

anthony · 14 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'After spending a total of seven months in custody, the Tennessee woman who fatally shot her preacher was released on Tuesday, her lawyer told CNN.

Mary Winkler, a 33-year-old mother of three girls, was freed from a Tennessee mental health facility where she was treated for depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, lawyer Steve Farese said.
...
Farese said his client will not talk to the news media because she continues to wage a legal battle to win custody of her girls and faces a $2 million civil suit filed by the parents of of her slain husband, Matthew Winkler.

The Next Duke U. Case? G.I. Jane Claims Rape

Roy · 15 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Rape or party?

Excerpt:
'Airman 1st Class Cassandra Hernandez, 20, said she got drunk at a party the night of May 12, 2006, and she admits that her memories of the evening are fuzzy at best. Airman 1st Class Jerrel Apache, Airman Russell Basile and Airman Rotez Butler also admit they had been drinking for several hours.

But fuzzy memories alone can't explain the discrepancies between what they say and what she says happened after the party, in the early-morning hours of May 13, 2006.

Hernandez told investigators that the men gang-raped her in a dorm room. The men say Hernandez consented to have sex with each of them, and that she instigated the sex."

Father Tasered Trying to Leave Hospital with Infant

Matt · 15 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON (AP) - In a confrontation captured on videotape, a hospital security guard fired a stun gun to stop a defiant father from taking home his newborn, sending both man and child crashing to the floor.

Now the man says the baby girl suffers from head trauma because she was dropped.
...
David Boling, an off-duty Houston police officer working security at the hospital, and another security guard can be seen on the surveillance video arriving at the elevators and trying to talk with Lewis. Lewis appears agitated as he walks around the elevators holding his daughter in his right arm.

Within 40 seconds of arriving, Boling is holding the Taser. He walks around Lewis and whispers to the other guard, who moves to Lewis' right side.

About a minute later, Boling can be seen casually standing near Lewis, not looking in his direction, when he suddenly raises the Taser and fires it at Lewis, who was still holding his daughter.'

Remember men, a man holding a baby is *ipso facto* a criminal!

Has Spiritual Abusiveness Driven Some Men From America's Churches, “Volunteer” Organizations, and More?

MR · 15 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Men's News Daily has just moved most of its authors to blogworks, due to the way Google searches on news stories. Here's a first submission through blogworks.

Has Spiritual Abusiveness Driven Some Men From America's Churches, “Volunteer” Organizations, and More?

Excerpt:
'Much has been written about the spiritual and emotional abuse of Churches in America, but that abuse, targeting also Fathers and men, extends far beyond those supposedly safe havens. In today's world, the spirit of Fathers and men is deserving of respect and courtesy, but is assailed on all sides with insults, put-downs, unfair characterizations, judgmental attitudes, condemning comments, negative stereotypes and a host of other destructive imagery, and visualizations. The emotional and spiritual abuse of men extends far beyond the realm of America's Churches, into the institutional settings of education, law, entertainment, commercial advertising, news, and more.'

Nifong Turns in License

Matt · 15 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'AUGUST 15--In a pathetic end to the Mike Nifong saga, the disgraced North Carolina prosecutor who handled the Duke rape investigation has turned in his law license, noting that he never framed or displayed the document because it had been damaged "by a puppy in her chewing stage."'

The Late 30s are Men's Misery Years

Matt · 15 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Whether they are mourning the passing of their prime or struggling to cope with the demands of a job and young family, those aged 35-44 invariably hit a mid-life crisis when their happiness level plunges lower than at any other age, according to a study for the Government.

It makes them the least satisfied members of society, scoring well below teenagers, the elderly - and women of all ages.

Researchers found that it takes men until they reach the age of 65 to start enjoying life as much as they did in their late-teens and early-20s.
...
The biggest difference between the sexes was in the contentment of those not working, with women far happier than men to stay at home not seeking work.'

Father absence correlated to brain development impedence

Maurice Mok · 17 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Feminists have painted themselves into a corner by ignoring medical science. Soon to be published research: humans have a cross gender parenting brain, and then there is the maternal brain and the PATERNAL brain.

Men always knew how to father their children, it's hard-wired, even Dr. Spock advised and to paraphrase "Let fathers do with children what comes naturally to them."

The following citation to quote:

'On the behavioral level, a variety of studies in humans have reported a correlation between the absence of the father during childhood and the risk for alcoholism, poor educational performance, aggressiveness and criminality (Vaden-Kiernan et al., 1995; Baskerville, 2002).

...
The analysis of animal models, in which the impact of distinct familial constellations on synaptic maturation can be identified and quantitatively characterized, may serve as a basis for understanding the endocrine and neuronal factors, which mediate experience-driven neuronal and synaptic malformations and at later life periods result in the development of behavioral and cognitive deficits as well as mental disorders.'
AND
'Our results query the general assumption that a father has less impact on the synaptic maturation of his offspring's brain than the mother.'

IN OTHER WORDS, FATHER ABSENCE (WITHOUT CHILD-MOTHER ADVERSITY) PRODUCES BRAIN RETARDATION IN THE POSTNATAL INFANT BRAIN.

Germany Releases Terrorist - Female, of course

Matt · 17 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BERLIN, Germany (AP) -- A German court said Friday it ordered the early release on parole of a former Red Army Faction member who was convicted in the 1985 murder of a U.S. soldier.

Eva Haule can be released August 21 after serving 21 years of her life sentence, the Frankfurt state court said in a statement.

...

In 1994, a Frankfurt court found her guilty of participating in the murder of Edward Pimental, a 20-year-old Army soldier, in the western German city of Wiesbaden, as well as in the bombing of the U.S. Rhein-Main air base.'

Boys on the side

Anonymous · 17 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

"When it comes to gender equality in the classroom, says one local educator, our public schools are earning an F"

Manthey's mantra, and rallying cry, seems to be: Don't blame the boys.

"When girls were behind in math and science, we said, 'We want to help these girls' and that there's something wrong with the schools," he says. "But when boys don't do well in school, we say there's something wrong with the boy."

Carey Roberts: Newark Triple-Murder Reveals Need for Fathers

anthony · 17 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'"Enough is enough," thundered Newark mayor Cory Booker at Saturday's funeral of Dashon Harvey. The weekend before Dashon, age 20, and two of his friends had been forced to kneel against a wall at a nearby school playground and shot in the head, execution-style.

Dashon had been a student at Delaware State University, eventually hoping to become a social worker.

City Journal commentator Steven Malanga reveals the social pathology that lies behind those murders: "An astonishing 60 percent of the city's kids are growing up without fathers. Studies have also found that about 70 percent of the long-term prisoners in our jails, those who have committed the most violent crimes, grew up without fathers."'

MSNBC: Did preacher's wife get away with murder?

anthony · 17 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mary Winkler, the Tennessee woman who shot her minister husband to death while he slept, was released back into society this week after serving just 67 days, most of it in a prison hospital.

Did she get away with murder? Many think she did, including two TODAY experts, former judge and prosecutor Jeanine Pirro, and forensic psychiatrist Dr. Keith Ablow.

"You can't give Mary Winkler, in my opinion, any kind of clean bill of health that she won't be violent in the future," Ablow told TODAY host Meredith Vieira on Thursday.'

Male bar patrons to get urinal cake message

anthony · 17 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The effort is aimed at men ages 21 to 34, who are the most common offenders.

Male patrons will receive the following message from a female voice:

"Hey big guy, going out tonight? Having a few drinks? Make sure if you're drinking, you find a sober driver. Because if you drink and drive, the next urinal you use could be in jail. Remember, your future is in your hand."'

Related: Video: Urinals will warn against drunken driving

D.C. S.W.A.T. Team Called On F4J Protestors

axolotl · 18 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

On Glenn Sacks: This is probably not good publicity, but at least it shows that we're serious!

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Excerpt:
'Fatherhood activist Bob Norton was present yesterday when two Fathers 4 Justice activists beached security and climbed onto the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC. He sent me the following eye-witness account of the incident:

"I was at the Lincoln Memorial today and witnessed and filmed two F4J UK folks climb into Abe Lincoln's lap at the Lincoln Memorial. I was detained for about an hour by park police and a SWAT team arrived quickly thereafter. Although they were respectful to me, they patted me down three times and I told them I did not consent to any search.'

UK: Boys underachieving at school

anthony · 18 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'But today's study says white, working-class boys are most at risk of underachieving. Of the 33,404 white boys eligible for free school meals, just 37 per cent can read and write properly at 14. This compares with 57 per cent of working-class white girls and 46 per cent of black boys.

Chris Skidmore, the Bow Group chairman and the report's author, said: "This study reveals the shocking underachievement of boys at every stage. If we want to raise standards in schools, tackling these problems early on is crucial - the half of all boys who fail at 11 are the same half of all boys failing at GCSE and beyond.'

A June Video Interview with Donald Tenn of F4J, U.S. (arrested yesterday)

MR · 18 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I was shocked this morning to read the news that Donald Tenn and three (3) other Fathers are being held in custody in Washington, D.C., following an alleged attempt by the Fathers to exercise constitutionally protected free speech rights.

I listened to one of the posted videos of the event, and heard a guard repeatedly say, "Don't give them any attention," or words to that effect. I guess those words say a lot about the attitude shown to Fathers, regarding many of their rights.

Donald Tenn Interview - June 2007 -SYG website

Donald Tenn Interview - June 2007 -MND blogwonks website

Equal Parenting Bike Trek Cyclists Made Their 700 Mile Trek to D.C. in 5 days

Anonymous · 18 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Robert Pedersen and Robb MacKenzie made their 700 mile bicycle trek from Lansing, MI to Washington, D.C. in 5 days with plenty of time to spare before the August 18th Family Preservation Rally.

Visit http://www.cycling4children.com/ for more information.

View videos from their 700 mile trek here.

View photos at
http://cycling4children.typepad.com/photos/cycling4childrenphotos/index.html

More importantly look at the extensive media and blogger coverage of the Equal Parenting Bike Trek. The list is long and impressive!

http://cycling4children.typepad.com/cycling4childrencom/equal-parenting-bike-trek.html

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On YouTube: John Stewart on Duke/ Nancy Grace

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Stewart gives his take on the Duke outcome and the biased coverage by CNN's Nancy Grace. Absolutely hilarious!

Lincoln Memorial Protest Covered by UK Media, not US

Matt · 19 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Curious, huh? The Lincoln Memorial protesters are covered in the UK MSM but not in the US. Wonder why? Story here. Excerpt:

'Two British Fathers 4 Justice activists were arrested at gunpoint by a Swat team at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC, said the campaign founder.

A support crew of four were also held as the memorial was evacuated by US authorities.

British activists Jolly Stanesby and Mike Downes organised and performed the protest, with support by US colleagues on the ground, a Fathers 4 Justice spokesman said.'

Go ahead, Google "Fathers 4 Justice Lincoln Memorial" and see if you get any US MSM coverage. Not a single hit.

Sexual Harassment charges against 13-year-olds dropped

blaze4metal · 20 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two 13-year-old boys accused of slapping girls' bottoms and poking or cupping girls' breasts at school apologized on Monday as a judge dismissed charges against the two, ending a six-month case that drew national attention.'

Great news! Not a complete victory though:

'The News-Register newspaper of McMinnville reported that a "civil compromise" reached by prosecutors and the defense called for both boys to apologize, to pay each of the four girls $250 and to complete a "boundaries education" program.'

Of course, the girls that were playing this game will not have to do the program or pay money (or will even be acknowledged as guilty as well). At least the boys will not be filed as sex offenders for the rest of the lives.

RADAR ALERT: Submit Video Questions For Republican CNN YouTube Debate

Matt · 20 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The Republican CNN YouTube Debate is currently scheduled for November 28, 2007. The YouTube format, in which anyone can submit a question for the candidates in a video uploaded to YouTube, presents a perfect opportunity for RADAR supporters to bring much needed attention to some of the issues RADAR addresses. As stated at youtube.com, http://www.youtube.com/debates, “The CNN political team will choose the most creative and compelling videos, and if yours is one of them, you may get the chance to fly to Tampa to watch the debate live and offer your reactions on video afterward.”

YouTube gives the following advice for your video being chosen:

- Be original -- choose your own approach.
- Be personal -- your perspective is important.
- Choose your focus -- you can address one or all of the candidates.
- Keep it quick -- your question should be less than 30 seconds (and, in the language of your choice).
- Make it look good -- speak loudly and keep that camera steady.
- Provide context -- in your question or video description, include your name & home town.

And, of course, all videos are subject to the YouTube Terms of Use.

We at RADAR request that you ask your own question (or questions) regarding a RADAR issue, such as false allegations of domesticviolence, male victims of domestic violence being ignored, overzealousprosecutors, and VAWA reform, and send your video to YouTube here: http://www.youtube.com/contest/RepublicanDebate

Thanks!

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Tim McKyer speaks at Family Preservation Rally on Equal Parenting Rights

Anonymous · 21 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

View the video that people are still raving about from the Family Preservation Rally on August 18th 2007. Speaker: Tim McKyer, 3-time Super Bowl winner.

GreenStone Media about to be shut down, Fonda and Steinem not paying employees

Anonymous · 21 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'GreenStone Media debuted with a splash a year and a half ago, with ambitious plans to target what was perceived to be a potentially huge market -- talk radio for women -- and high-powered financial backers.

The ending will be considerably quieter. Unless executives of GreenStone can cobble together a last-minute financial rescue, the network will sign off Friday.'

Relatedly,

Jane Fonda slammed for not paying female employees

'Veteran actress and feminist Jane Fonda has been slammed for not paying her female employees working in the actress' radio network Green Stone Media.

The twice Oscar winner and the radio network's co-founder Gloria Steinem have been accused of "putting their own reputations above their female employees' finances."'

New CDC study: "Men Shouldn't Be Overlooked as Victims of Partner Violence"

Anonymous · 21 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This article in Psychiatric News should be distributed to as many editors, politicians, educators etc. as possible. Excerpt:

'In addressing intimate partner violence, the focus is usually on women who are physically battered by husbands or boyfriends. However, women sometimes hurt their partners as well.

Women are doing virtually everything these days that men are - working as doctors, lawyers, and rocket scientists; flying helicopters in combat; riding horses in the Kentucky Derby. And physically assaulting their spouses or partners.

In fact, when it comes to nonreciprocal violence between intimate partners, women are more often the perpetrators.'

Sacks' Newsletter: Links to F4J Lincoln Memorial Vids

Matt · 21 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks' most recent newsletter includes links to video of the F4J Lincoln Memorial protest, among other good reporting. It's the third entry down.

Men writing on gender issues: Beware!

Matt · 21 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this month, members of the International Academy of Sex Research, gathering for their annual meeting in Vancouver, informally discussed one of the most contentious and personal social science controversies in recent memory.

The central figure, J. Michael Bailey, a psychologist at Northwestern University, has promoted a theory that his critics think is inaccurate, insulting and potentially damaging to transgender women.

...

The hostilities began in the spring of 2003, when Dr. Bailey published a book, “The Man Who Would Be Queen,” intended to explain the biology of sexual orientation and gender to a general audience.

...

Dr. Dreger is the latest to arrive at the battlefront. She is a longtime advocate for people born with ambiguous sexuality and has been strongly critical of sex researchers in the past. She said she had presumed that Dr. Bailey was guilty and, after meeting him through a mutual friend, had decided to investigate for herself.

...she concluded that the accusations against the psychologist were essentially groundless.

...

“The bottom line is that they tried to ruin this guy, and they almost succeeded,” Dr. Dreger said.

...

“That was the worst blow of all, that we didn’t get much support” from Northwestern, said Gerulf Rieger, a graduate student of Dr. Bailey’s at the time, and now a lecturer at Northwestern. “They were quite scared and not very professional, I thought.”

No passports for 'deadbeats'

Matt · 21 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Video story here.

Basically, if a man (err, sorry, NCP) owes more than a certain amount by order of a court to his child's (or someone else's) mother, he doesn't get a passport. Without one of course, he can neither enter another country nor re-eneter this one. So much for the right of travel and passage that "all Americans" are supposed to have.

Fox Video: "Superheroes scale Lincoln Memorial"

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Fox covers the Lincoln Memorial protest with video:

Superheroes scale Lincoln Memorial

School experimenting with gender separation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Separating boys and girls is an educational trend that has gained momentum from research showing profound physiological differences between the sexes at young ages.

Chris Raeker, principal at Carman Trails, began looking into single-sex education as boys' discipline problems rose and test scores dropped.

...

But critics, such as Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women, argue that single-sex schools promote sexual stereotypes and lead to inequalities.

"Even when such classes start out on equal footing, when schools in America get split into genders, the girls always end up getting the short end of the stick," Gandy said. "There is still sexism in this society. There are still people who want to return to what they see as the proper role of the sexes."'

Essay: "Working women could use a wife"

anthony · 21 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Now that women have solidly earned their place in the work force, many find themselves still yearning for something men often have: wives.

"The thing I most want in life is a wife. I'm not kidding," said Joyce Lustbader, a research scientist at Columbia University, who has been married for 29 years. "I work all day, sometimes seven days a week, and still have to go home and make dinner and have all those things to do around the house."'

Female teacher sentenced to 60 days for sex with student

anthony · 21 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who taught at Tenino High School was sentenced to 60 days in jail Monday for having a sexual relationship with a then 16-year-old female student, but she was not ordered to stay away from the teen upon her release.

...

Welter, 38, pleaded guilty to two criminal counts, both gross misdemeanors — communicating with a minor for immoral purposes and sexual misconduct with a minor — as part of a plea deal Monday in Lewis County Superior Court, Hill and Lewis County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Colin Hayes said.

As part of the plea deal, Hayes agreed to dismiss two counts of communicating with a minor for immoral purposes and reduced another count of communicating with a minor for immoral purposes from a felony to a gross misdemeanor."'

Resource List of "Naughty Teachers"

Matt · 22 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Found it here. It lists the many "naughty teachers" appearing in the news today and links to the stories reporting them.

As long as they are called "naughty" and not "criminal", I suppose it'll just keep going on and on...

Mother upset that the 24 year old woman who had sex with her 14 year old son was given probation

ItsDan · 22 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

The really interesting twist is, the same mother's 23 year old son is currently in jail for having sex with a 14 year old girl. Excerpt:

'"If she was a man, she would already be in prison," the mother said. "She's only out because she's a woman. A criminal should not be able to hide behind the fact that they have a child."'

Newsweek: He's Dead, Winkler Free. What's Up With That?

anthony · 22 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'Mary Winkler is a free woman—free of her abusive marriage and free of jail. After 67 days in a mental-health facility in Tennessee, Winkler was released earlier this week and has returned to her hometown of McMinnville. But is she free of the posttraumatic stress disorder and depression that her legal team said drove her to gun down her preacher-husband, Matthew, last year? ...Winkler's critics wonder if she ever had PTSD in the first place and say the diagnosis was just a means of getting off easy.'

NOW Conference Videos from Detroit (July 7, 2007)

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My reasoning for posting these videos is simple. I believe it is vital for MRA's to fully digest what feminists have to say because it has a direct impact on our movement.

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Sample Quote: Writer and Producer, Jill Soloway:

"On why movies don't tell more women's stories]
[Men in Hollywood] have nothing to do except be ambitious. We make babies, we make beauty, we make dinner, we make homes, we make gardens, we make people happy. Men come to Hollywood and wake up every morning thinking 'My story needs to be told."
.....

Sample Qoute: National Congress of Black Women Chair, Dr. E. Faye Williams

"We women are now learning that freedom is not free, and eternal vigilance is the price of freedom. . . . We will be respected, and we will begin by making sure that we respect ourselves, and that we respect our sisters. We will demand respect from the minority gender. Those who have problems with that, might as well get over it."
.....
Kim Gandy's Latest quote (not related to the video conference):

"With attitudes like this so common, I guess it's not surprising to learn that one in five high school girls had been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner, according to a 2001 study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The lead author of the study said the findings suggest that many adolescent boys "have adopted attitudes that men are entitled to control their girlfriends through violence." This control can have both immediate and far-reaching effects. For instance, girls who had been victimized were eight to nine times more likely to have attempted suicide in the previous year."

....Now I see, suicide becomes a problem when it involves girls. Boys four times more likely to commit suicide? Apparently not an issue for Gandy's perverse feminist goals....

School Suspends Boy for Sketching Gun

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Story here.

Let's put this in perspective. The boy simply sketched a picture of a gun. No bullets or threats were included on this drawing. Are we shocked? Society criminalizes men for the most assine reasons. The attack on boys is growing at an alarming rate: another reason why boys have become disinterested with school.

We need to educate the mothers of young boys. As any good parent, if they were aware of this boy crisis, they would demand massive changes throughout the education system.

Let's be honest, most women want their sons to succeed. That's why I gave my sister with two sons a copy of Sommer's break through book: "The War Against Boys." My sister was shocked and felt the book was so important, she gave several copies to other women affiliated with the P.T.A.

Beta Site Suspended for Securiy Concerns

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MANN Regulars,

The Beta site has been suspended because the software that it uses has had some security issues reported about it. Sorry, but it is better to be safe than sorry when these things come up.

OK, let the conspiracy theorizing begin! >)

Matt

OpenCongress Bill Tracker Now Available

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Many MRAs are involved not just in men's issues but politics in general. I know few who have not at one or another time gotten very interested in the status of some bill weaving tis way through "The System".

The OpenCongress people have just created a new past-able web-widget to help you track the status of any given particular bill without having to search and re-search for it on the Congress' Thomas site. The idea is not unlike what you do to add a page hit counter to a web page.

Without further ado, go here.

Russia: Woman sets fire to ex-husband's penis

Matt · 23 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MOSCOW (Reuters) - A woman set fire to her ex-husband's penis as he sat naked watching television and drinking vodka, Moscow police said Wednesday.
...
"It was monstrously painful," the wounded ex-husband told Tvoi Den newspaper. "I was burning like a torch. I don't know what I did to deserve this."'

No talk of what, if any, charges she will face.

Arizona Woman Allegedly Stabs Estranged Husband During Sex

anthony · 23 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Arizona woman has been charged with attempted murder after allegedly stabbing her estranged husband in the chest during sex, MyFOXPhoenix.com reports.

Falon Gonzales, 23, was released on $100,000 bond after being booked Tuesday night, according to the report. Her husband, Juan Carlos Gonzales, 26, was listed in serious condition at a local hospital.

...

Authorities said Juan Gonzales moved out of the couple's home about a month ago and asked to meet his wife and a home appraiser Tuesday afternoon. He later showed Falon Gonzales dissolution of marriage papers.'

Former Child Support Enforcement Officer Exposes the Corruption of the Child Support Industry

Anonymous · 23 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

View the video of Carol Rhodes at the Family Preservation Rally in Washington, D.C. Carol, author of Friend of the Court Enemy of the Family, exposes the corruption within the Child Support Agencies.

View more videos from the Family Preservation Rally here.

Essay: "There's a difference between military's men and women"

anthony · 23 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During a recent Democratic debate, both Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama indicated that all female U.S. citizens should register for the Selective Service. Neither candidate was as ridiculous as former Alaska Sen. Mike Gravel, who said, when it comes to men and women being drafted, "What's the difference?" But the radical and dangerous implications of the front-runners' policies are not that far from Gravel's query.'

Men's News Daily: The State Of The Fatherhood Movement

anthony · 23 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Here is the good news: The rally demonstrated that we have very solid policy solutions to offer. There were some riveting talks worthy of national broadcast. We have stronger ideas, speakers, and an overarching sense of cooperativeness never seen before in the movement. The talks were supposed to be 25% about the problem, and 75% about the answers – but overall the percentage was at best 50-50. This is a remarkable improvement given our history.'

'Barbie Bandit' Suspect Pleads Guilty

Anonymous · 24 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Here is an update on the "Barbie Bandit" who robbed a bank for kicks. Excerpt:

'One of the two young women dubbed the "Barbie Bandits" after a videotaped bank theft pleaded guilty Wednesday and apologized in tears.

"I regret what I did. I wish I could take it back every day," Heather Johnston, 19, told the judge.'

Steve

Toronto Star: Where are the men?

Anonymous · 24 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Front page news on Sunday in the Toronto Star: Where are the men?. Excerpt:

'Most – like Smith, 36, with three children by different fathers – received no help from the men. A few have, including Zenith Isaacs, 35, who was helped by Julian Hinckson, 41, the father of her two youngest, until he was stabbed to death in June near their Sparroway home.

Throughout the city, single mothers are raising children on little money, often in public housing where kids are exposed to greater risks, because it's all they can afford. Too often, they live with fear and violence.'

UPDATE: Read the second installment: Where are the women?. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, the Toronto Star reported on a hidden crisis of single mothers, mostly black, mostly in public housing and routinely living with fear and violence. We asked everybody we interviewed to offer solutions.

Jordan's advice was as blunt as it gets: The problem lies as much with the women themselves as with men who turn out to be absent dads.'

Women Charged with Pandering: Aunt Hires Prostitutes for 12-YO Boy

Matt · 24 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Well it's good law enforcement seems serious about prosecuting "the aunt" as well as "the mom" (who may or may not have known about what auntie was going to use the money for), but I have to wonder-- if it were an uncle setting up a niece to have sex with whomever under whatever terms, how would the press be covering it?

Wall Street Journal: Are we teaching our kids to be fearful of men?

anthony · 24 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Child-welfare groups say these are necessary precautions, given that most predators are male. But fathers' rights activists and educators now argue that an inflated predator panic is damaging men's relationships with kids. Some men are opting not to get involved with children at all, which partly explains why many youth groups can't find male leaders, and why just 9% of elementary-school teachers are male, down from 18% in 1981.'

Essay: 'PC Feminism and the DV Courts'

anthony · 24 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If the PC feminist theory of domestic violence was only being taught to womens' studies majors, that would be one thing, but it's being taught to judges charged with the responsibility of granting temporary and permanent DV restraining orders, and, to some degree, with the responsibility of deciding custody and visitation issues. In a report entitled "Education for Injustice," RADAR (Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting) identified a number of examples of this. Here are two: West Virginia's benchbook on domestic violence, the official judicial handbook, states, incorrectly, that "women are overwhelmingly the typical victims of domestic violence;" similarly, Alabama's benchbook puts forth the false claim, "National crime statistics show that about 95% of spouse-abuse victims are women." This "education" is funded by the federal government pursuant to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).'

Woman Pleads Guilty In Blood-Drinking Sex Encounter

anthony · 25 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Tiffany Sutton, 23, originally pleaded not guilty to nine counts of aggravated assault. On Friday, she changed her plea, pleading guilty to one count of aggravated assault and one count of dangerous aggravated assault.

Sutton was arrested Feb. 13 outside the Tempe home she'd been sharing with Robert McDaniel. Sutton claimed the two were living together, but McDaniel told police Sutton was a transient who'd been staying at his place for a few days.

McDaniel told police that he'd consented to being tied up during sex but became scared when Sutton attacked him with a knife.'

Mom's discipline not abuse, Isle judges rule

anthony · 25 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Here's the million dollar question: What if it was dad that abused his daughter using the same methods as this mother? Excerpt:

'The Hawai'i Supreme Court issued a major ruling last week on the question: At what point does the use of corporal punishment cross the line to criminal child abuse?

In a 3-2 decision, the high court ruled that a mother was not guilty of child abuse for hitting her 14-year-old daughter with a backpack, a plastic hanger, a small brush and the plastic handle of a tool. The high court reversed a jury's verdict that had convicted the mother.'

Nifong Gets $9,000 Bill for Disbarment

anthony · 26 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - The North Carolina State Bar has billed disgraced former prosecutor Mike Nifong nearly $9,000 for hearings that led to his disbarment in the wake of the discredited Duke lacrosse rape case.

A three-member disciplinary commission stripped Nifong of his law license in June, finding he had committed more than two dozen violations of the state's rules of professional conduct while prosecuting three Duke lacrosse players on false rape, sexual assault and kidnapping charges. Nifong apologized to the players at the June hearing.'

Resolution 590: Why is Congress Ignoring the Needs of Abusive Women?

anthony · 26 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'The resolution states, "Whereas male children exposed to domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners." But research shows that girls exposed to domestic violence are also at much greater risk of perpetuating the cycle of violence -- why does the bill include no mention of that?

In some places, the resolution misleads, such as its claim that "adolescent girls who reported dating violence were 60 percent more likely to report one or more suicide attempts in the past year." But in truth, it's adolescent boys subjected to dating violence who are more like to attempt suicide, says the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

A few years ago family violence researcher Murray Straus wrote an essay called "Women's Violence toward Men is a Serious Social Problem." Not only did women engage in partner violence at least as often as men, but women were actually more likely to deliver the first blow. Indeed, "every study finds that women initiate violence in a large proportion of cases," Straus noted.'

Ed. note: See RADAR Alert posting re this issue.

Duke Case Book Review: "Until Proven Innocent"

anthony · 26 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Review here.

This new book will be released on September 4, 2007.

'A chilling, gripping account of how our judicial system can go terribly wrong. This is an important book that brings the Duke story to life and exposes troubling facts about our justice system and our citadels of higher learning. You may think you know the Duke story—but you don't until you read this book." — Jan Crawford Greenberg, ABC News legal correspondent and author of "Supreme Conflict"'

RADAR ALERT: House Resolution 590 Sparks Outrage

Matt · 27 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Representative Ted Poe of Texas recently introduced a resolution on domestic violence. The resolution makes numerous claims that are one-sided, misleading, and even false.

This is probably the worst of the bunch:

“Whereas according to one study, during court ordered visitation, five percent of abusive fathers threaten to kill their spouses, 34 percent of abusive fathers threaten to kidnap their children, and 25 percent of abusive fathers threaten to physically hurt their children;”

That defamatory claim and many others in House Resolution 590 have triggered a surge of outrage across the country:

- “Why does Resolution 590 include no mention female-on-female violence? Could it be that domestic violence has become more of a political than a human issue?” – Paul Clements, DADD-New Hampshire
- “HRES 590 must be recalibrated to address the perpetrators of violence regardless of sex.” – David R. Usher, True Equality Network (MO)
- “House Resolution 590 is ill-conceived to protect children from abuse, because it does not recognize the majority of perpetrators are mothers!” – Carl Steppling, Florida Coalition for Families and Children
- If HRES 590 passes, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month will gloss over the problem of abuse committed by women against children. An abused spouse can leave a relationship; victimized children cannot.” – Don Mathis, The Fourteen Percenter newsletter (TX)
- “I have heard countless horror stories from men who have been evicted from their homes on the strength of unsubstantiated claims. Lawmakers need to review the facts before drafting domestic violence laws.” – Don Hank, Lancaster-York Non-Custodial Parents (PA)
- “When gender advocates use make-believe stats, families get hurt.” – Tom Smith, American Union of Men (CA)
- “Current DV laws destroy American families and particularly fathers. Now is the time to step up to the plate and say ‘No’ to HRES 590!” – Ben Vonderheide, DaddyJustice.com (PA)
- “We really need to fight Resolution 590. Let’s help RADAR, so we can turn back domestic violence laws that throw a man out of his own home with no evidence.” – James Semerad, Dads of Michigan PAC

You can see House Resolution 590 and RADAR’s analysis at http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARanalysis-HRES590.pdf. And stay tuned for RADAR’s upcoming September 4 alert, when we'll tell you who to contact to stop this outrage.

H-RES-5-9-0,
Mis-an-dry Has Got to Go!

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Date of RADAR Release: August 27, 2007

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

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Ed. note: The bill is currently named H. RES. 590, not to be confused with a bill named HR590, which has nothing

to do with DV.

Father's and Men's Issues Groups Rock the Valley

MR · 27 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Father's and Men's Issues Groups Rock the Valley

At the crack of dawn I awoke to get to the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park and lay claim to the prime area of real estate that Fathers 4 Justice and the National Coalition of Free Men, L.A. would inhabit for the next 8 hours.

It would be no exaggeration to say that, during the course of the day, scores of people read our signs (at length), and hundreds of people got briefer views. I recall one woman, stopped at the light, who had her neck turned about 135 degrees and was staring intently at the "CAN YOU GET BACK MY DADDY" sign. She had an expression of real concern on her face. "Penny for your thoughts," I said silently to myself as I averted my eyes to allow her all the looking her heart desired.

Worst injured soldier ever to survive is awarded less than RAF typist with a sore thumb

AngryMan · 28 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Remember this?

RAF typist who hurt thumb is awarded eight times more than soldier who lost leg

It gets even worse.

Worst injured soldier ever to survive is awarded less than RAF typist with a sore thumb

Ben Parkinson volunteered to serve his country on the Afghan front line - and paid a terrible price. Excerpt:

'The young paratrooper suffered a total of 37 terrible injuries when he was blown up by a landmine.

He lost both his legs and sustained grievous damage to his spine, skull, pelvis, hands, spleen and ribcage, leaving him in a coma for months.

Incredibly, 23-year-old Ben is still alive almost a year later - according to his doctors the most badly-injured soldier ever to survive.

Yet as recompense for his ruined life, Ben has been offered only £152,150 - little more than half the maximum award for maimed military personnel and less than a third of the £484,000 doled out to an RAF typist who claimed she had suffered repetitive strain injury to her thumb.'

Woman arrested for throwing rocks at her boyfriend, while he was holding their child

ItsDan · 28 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Mesa woman was arrested Saturday after she threw rocks at her boyfriend because he did not defend her in an argument with neighbors, according to police.
...
Sandoval was upset that Howe did not take her side in the argument and threw rocks at him as he held their 9-month-old baby, according to witnesses.

Howe was struck by the rocks, but no one was injured. Sandoval admitted to drinking 10 beers and a few shots of alcohol that day, police said.'

Female Ex-astronaut planning insanity defense

anthony · 28 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Should this story come as a shock to anyone? Excerpt:

'Former astronaut Lisa Nowak is pursuing a temporary insanity defense on charges that she assaulted and tried to kidnap a romantic rival, according to a court document released Tuesday.

Nowak suffered from major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, insomnia and "brief psychotic disorder with marked stressors," defense attorney Donald Lykkebak wrote. He said the already-petite woman had also recently lost 15 percent of her body weight and struggled with "marital separation."'

"If women want to be heard, they just need to speak up"

anthony · 28 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'Valuable time is often wasted in the commentariat, in studies and in hearings bean-counting the percentages of women on corporate boards, in Hollywood studios, higher education, Congress and on op-ed pages. Number disparities can often be explained not by discrimination but by free choice, something liberal feminists claim to be fans of. Many women reading this column may be just as good or much better at writing or opinion-making than any man or woman they're reading or watching on talking-heads shows tonight. But maybe they chose to raise kids instead of taking that slot on Fox News or getting that editing job or starting that blog site. Choice happens.

Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., could become president of the United States. But she's not going to win by trying to guilt men into it, by arguing that her election is a civil-rights movement in itself. She'll become commander-in-chief if she commands on the campaign trail, tackling the war, health care and education. She won't win by playing gender games.'

"My personal reflections of the Equal Parenting Bike Trek" - Robert Pedersen

Matt · 29 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Those of you who haven't done any cross-country cycling (including myself- longest I have ever cycled is 2 or 3 miles!) should read this to get an idea of it-- and also the huge risk and sacrifice these guys took on. Excerpt:

'Looking back at those 5 days I realize that there is nothing you can do to totally prepare for the hell Robb and I put our bodies through. We experienced several accidents which we have the scars to prove, but worse of all I suffered a heat stroke which was a horrible experience to say the least. It was so bad that several members of the Equal Parenting Bike Trek Chase Vehicle Crew debated over calling an ambulance. A couple of the accidents, if they would have gone differently, could have killed Robb and I. We reached a maximum speed of 54 mph on bicycles in the mountains of Pennsylvania! ... Hitting a single piece of road debris at this speed would have thrown us from the bicycle and most likely killed us instantly.'

Review of Duke lacrosse case halted

anthony · 29 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM - The specter of massive civil lawsuits has stopped the work of a special committee probing the Durham Police Department's handling of the Duke lacrosse case.

The city's liability insurance provider said continued investigation by the committee could provide ammunition for a civil lawsuit by superstar lawyers.

City officials released a statement Monday saying that the committee is in "a holding pattern" until its attorneys meet next week with the counsel hired by the former lacrosse players falsely accused of rape by an escort dancer hired for a team party in March 2006.'

Nifong pleads innocent

anthony · 30 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Disgraced former prosecutor Mike Nifong pleaded not guilty Thursday to criminal contempt charges stemming from his failure to turn over complete DNA testing results during the now-discredited Duke lacrosse rape case

If found in contempt, Nifong could face up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to $500.

As Durham County district attorney, Nifong led the investigation into a woman's allegations that she was raped at a 2006 lacrosse team party where she was hired as a stripper. He won indictments against three lacrosse players, but eventually recused himself from the case, and state prosecutors dropped all remaining charges, saying the players were innocent victims of a "tragic rush to accuse."'

Nowak Loses Tracking Anklet

Matt · 30 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. - Former astronaut Lisa Nowak can remove an electronic monitoring bracelet from her ankle, a circuit court judge ruled Thursday ahead of her trial for allegedly attacking a romantic rival.

Nowak argued it was expensive, bulky and uncomfortable. Judge Marc L. Lubet said that didn't matter, but Nowak had behaved well enough over the past 7 months to earn release.

The woman Nowak is accused of attacking, Colleen Shipman, argued for the monitoring to stay, saying she still feared Nowak.'

"Expensive, bulky, and uncomfortable." So is an adult-sized diaper but that didn't stop her from wearing one all the way until she got to her destination, right?

UK: Divorce Rate Falls to 30-Year Low

Matt · 31 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here, but what is of equal interest is the picture of "the wife" threatening "the husband" with a plate during an argument. So the Daily Mail thought this is a perfectly fine kind of picture to use with this story? Well, at least they are being realistic. Some interesting content though... excerpt:

"There was speculation that high divorce settlements may have dissuaded men from divorce. Spectacular recent cases include those of Beverley Charman, awarded £48 million of her husband John's fortune in May, and Melissa Miller, who won £5 million of her husband Alan's £30 million wealth even though her marriage lasted only three years and there were no children.

But some analysts said that if high settlements had put men off divorce, they would have encouraged women in favour of divorce.

Robert Whelan of the Civitas think tank said: 'High divorce settlements are a reason for men not to get married, not a reason for them to steer clear of divorce.'"

Real Clear Politics: 'How the GOP Can Woo the Ladies'

anthony · 31 August 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

The more I read these political [gender] articles, the more I wonder if my 2008 vote has as much value as a woman's. From a political standpoint, how could any man feel differently? Indeed more women tend to vote. Maybe if politicians focused on issues of importance to men, it might motivate them to become voters. The problem is politicians don't know, and don't care what true male issues are. Why should they care? Its politically incorrect to focus on the needs of today's man. Excerpt:

'A smart Republican candidate would be doing Twister moves to deny Democrats those votes. Yet what's extraordinary is that no GOP contender has yet recognized the huge opportunity to redefine "women's" politics for the 21st century. That's a double failing given that the GOP could win modern women by doing little more than tailoring their beliefs in freer markets to the problems women struggle most with today.

This isn't to suggest Republicans treat women as a "special interest" or a monolithic bloc. But there are votes to be had for the candidate who owns the quotidian concerns of this population. And there are future generations of women voters to be won by the party that progresses beyond the stale rhetoric of women's "rights" and crafts a new language of women's "choice" and "opportunity" and "ownership."'

Nifong Found in Contempt

Matt · 1 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM, N.C. — A judge has sentenced disgraced prosecutor Mike Nifong to one day in jail for lying to a judge while pursuing the Duke lacrosse rape case.

Nifong was held in criminal contempt of court Friday for lying to a judge when pursuing rape charges against three falsely accused Duke University lacrosse players.

Superior Court Judge W. Osmond Smith III immediately moved to consider a punishment for Nifong, who has already been stripped of his law license and has resigned from office. He faces as many as 30 days in jail and a fine as high as $500.'

He does one whole day in jail. Justice served?

Warren Farrell to Speak Before NH Commission on the Status of Men

Scott · 1 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men will have a well-known guest speaker during its September meeting. Warren Farrell will be giving a presentation, "The Boy Crisis" and discuss the cultural and academic challenges boys are facing today. The meeting is open to the public, and policy makers and educators are especially encouraged to attend. This is a rare opportunity to hear Warren speak in the Northeast.

The presentation will be held in room 206 of the Legislative Office Building in Concord, NH on Thursday, September 27, 2007 from 1-4 PM. No RSVP is necessary, and again, the public is welcome to attend. Here is a map of the meeting location.

Woman In Phony Rape Case Heads To Jail

ItsDan · 2 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Yep, a woman who lied about rape is going to jail. But before you get excited about this, she's not actually going to jail for lying about the rape. She just had her probation revoked for a drug related crime. Excerpt:

'The statute of limitations prevented Lummis from being charged with perjury. But on Friday, Lummis, 41, turned herself in after her probation was revoked last week. She will serve a four-year prison term imposed in 1998, when she pleaded guilty to fraudulently attempting to obtain prescription diet pills.'

From the pop-misandry files: 'Female singers deliver a lyrical beating towards men'

anthony · 2 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'And in "Gunpowder & Lead," from her album Crazy Ex-Girlfriend, country firebrand Miranda Lambert makes all that seem downright wussy. She lights a cigarette and lies in wait for an abusive boyfriend with a loaded shotgun at the ready: "His fist is big but my gun's bigger/He'll find out when I pull the trigger."
...
One example: 17-year-old Taylor Swift, whose single "Picture to Burn" finds her "sitting here planning my revenge." She gets it this way: "Go ahead and tell your friends I'm obsessive and crazy/I'll tell mine you're gay."'

Is Risk Management A Modern Fact of Life For Married, and Marriageable, Men?

MR · 2 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Is Risk Management A Modern Fact of Life For Married, and Marriageable, Men?

American men today, face marriage as an enormous risk, greater than at any other time in our history, in my opinion. Considering that a man's assets are in many ways subject to perils parallel to those many businesses face, are there ways to manage, avoid, reduce, or otherwise confront the "divorce risk" that men face today?

Who Will Underwrite Divorce Insurance?

MR · 2 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Who Will Underwrite Divorce Insurance?

What kind of financial insurance is available for people served with divorce papers, most of whom are men? There isn't any that I've been able to find. Could it be the risk of divorce is just too great, or catastrophic, for any potential insurer to underwrite? Have men just been conditioned to accept that risk, on penalty of being viewed as "unromantic?"

There's nothing more "unromantic" than being served with divorce papers and having your life stolen out from under you.

RADAR Alert: 'Stop the Lies! Say ‘NO’ to HRES 590!'

Matt · 2 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Rep. Ted Poe of Texas recently introduced a resolution on domestic violence in the U.S. House of Representatives. This is probably the most misleading, biased, and untruthful bill on domestic violence ever introduced in the House.

The resolution has 23 claims – 18 of them are one-sided, misleading, or simply false. One of the claims is a factoid from nowhere. You can see the resolution and RADAR’s analysis here (.pdf file)

The Resolution – known as “HRES 590” – has now been referred to the House Education and Labor Committee for consideration. The chairman of that committee is George Miller. He is the person who decides when – and whether – the Resolution will be brought up for a debate and vote.

The plain and simple truth is, we must stop this before it receives the stamp of approval from the House of Representatives. And we want to do it this week.

We are asking every person who reads this Alert to contact Mr. Miller, three times this week. We want Mr. Miller to receive thousands of messages to stop HRES 590.

You don’t need to write a long letter. All you need to say is, “Stop the Lies! Say ‘NO’ to HRES 590!” Do not be abusive or use foul language.

You can send your message by telephone, e-mail, fax, or a combination of those:

- Telephone: 1-202-225-2095
- E-mail: George.Miller-at-mail.house.gov (In the subject line, type “Say NO to HRES 590”)
- Fax: 1-202-225-5609 (In the subject line, type “Say NO to HRES 590”)

“Stop the Lies! Say ‘NO’ to HRES 590!”

Do it now. Do it often. Do it politely.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Drunken mother arrested after she gets her five-year-old son to drive her home

Anonymous · 3 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Mother-of-two Holly Schnobrich knew she was too drunk to get behind the wheel of her car.

But her judgment was so clouded by drink and drugs that she asked her five-year-old son to be the designated driver.

After her 2002 Mitsubishi screeched to a halt outside her house, Miss Schnobrich even boasted to a worried neighbour: "He's a good driver."

But when five-year-old Weston Schnobrich was quizzed by police he was forced to admit he was "having a hard time because I can't reach the pedals".

The 24-year-old mother is now behind bars in Lafayette, Indiana, charged with child endangerment and public intoxication.'

Sunday Times: 'Pushing mothers back into work is wrong'

anthony · 4 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"This comes when women feel unprecedented pressure to go to work, whether they want to or not; more than half of all mothers of children under five do so, leaving 0.5m children in daycare. What this means, often and even in allegedly satisfactory situations, is leaving children in their most impressionable and formative years in the care of poorly educated, poorly paid, poorly qualified or unqualified women, who come and go at a high rate."

"Time to Scale Back the Pedestal?"

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'Over the next 25 years, the fems engineered the passage of a series of laws and programs that afforded ever-expanding legal rights and services to women. Those laws included the Violence Against Women Act, the Women's Educational Equity Act, women's health programs, the 1996 welfare reform, and many more.

How did the Girls of Guile get away with their equality ruse, when in fact they were duplicitously scheming behind the scenes to foist a hierarchical society on the rest of us?

First, they relentlessly shaded the truth - consider Hillary Clinton's laughable canards that women suffer from wage discrimination, were routinely excluded from medical research, are more likely to be the victims of war, and so on.'

"Riding the Estrogen Express"

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Article here.

This article is a bit old, but this entire website is full of interesting and thought provoking opinions. Example:

"When you think about it, the traditional way of dealing with a woman is to permit her to control your life. Men mistakenly believe they will have more peace that way. This moronic behavior, based on the false assumption that men must crawl through broken glass to get laid, leads to devastating consequences. It's quite scary to realize how much control over their lives men have conceded to women, with lots of help from misandric feminists and politicians."

Fox Video: Ruduv vs Wiehl on Trojan Ad

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This debate originally aired on 6/25/07.

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This link gives many televised debates between Ruduv and Wiehl.

Newsweek: Duke: A Rush to Judgment

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Article here.

More insight on the new book, "Until Proven Innocent". A book I plan to purchase tomorrow. The book review doesn't seem too positive. Excerpt:

"The authors make the Duke faculty look at once ridiculous and craven. For months, not one of the university's nearly 500-member faculty of arts and sciences stood up to question the rush to judgment against the lacrosse team. So much for the ideal of the liberal-arts university where scholars debate openly and seek the truth. ("This book provides one interpretation," says Duke spokesman John Burness.) The only group that shows any common sense in "Until Proven Innocent" is the student body. Aside from a few noisy activists who assumed the players were guilty, Duke undergrads mostly overlooked the political correctness of their professors."

ABC Primetime: Amy Bosley kills husband...gets only 20 years with parole

tac0965 · 5 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This ABC Primetime program ruined my evening. This woman is suspected of stealing checks from the family business run by her husband, keeping an IRS Audit secret from her husband (regarding the checks she was supposed to pay the IRS instead of herself), and then killing her husband. She plead guilty to second degree murder (parole in 15 years). She refused to tell the judge the details of the crime, but the judge accepted the plea anyway. Why was she offered this deal?...because the prosecutor didn't want the children to testify.

What? Why didn't they try her based on the evidence they already had? If a man did this, wouldn't he be put in prison for life or get the death penalty.

Of course, the defense now says that she didn't do this crime, she just wanted to "protect her children". How disgusting....why do we put up with this gents? The family of the husband suspects that she has the millions in checks she stole hidden for when she is released from prison.

WSJ: 'Avoiding Kids: How Men Cope With Being Cast as Predators'

Matt · 6 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'Ted Wallis, a doctor in Austin, Texas, recently came upon a lost child in tears in a mall. His first instinct was to help, but he feared people might consider him a predator. He walked away. "Being male," he explains, "I am guilty until proven innocent."

In San Diego, retiree Ralph Castro says he won't allow himself to be alone with a child -- even in an elevator.

Last month, I wrote about how our culture teaches children to fear men. Hundreds of men responded, many lamenting that they've now become fearful of children. They said they avert their eyes when kids are around, or think twice before holding even their own children's hands in public.'

RADAR ALERT: Reminder - Tell Congress this Week, "Say NO to HRES 590!"

Matt · 6 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In this week's alert, we asked you to contact Rep. George Miller, chair of the House Education and Labor Committee three times this week. His committee is the one that will be considering House Resolution 590, a resolution which RADAR believes to be the most misleading, biased, and untruthful bill on domestic violence ever introduced in the House.

We need to get this message through to Rep. Miller, loud and clear. If you've already phoned his office, please also email or fax him. And vice versa if you've already emailed or faxed. And if you haven't contacted his office yet, please do it now.

For a detailed analysis of the 18 claims in this resolution that are one-sided, misleading, or outright false, see http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARanalysis-HRES590.pdf

Be sure to refer to "HRES 590" which is a resolution on domestic violence, and not "H.R.590" which is a completely unrelated bill on a totally different issue. And as always, be polite in all your communications with Congress.

Here's the contact information:

- Telephone: 1-202-225-2095
- E-mail: George.Miller-at-mail.house.gov (In the subject line, type “Say NO to HRES 590”)
- Fax: 1-202-225-5609 (In the subject line, type “Say NO to HRES 590”)

“Stop the Lies! Say ‘NO’ to HRES 590!”

Do it today!

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Date of RADAR Release: September 6, 2007

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Abandoned Baby's Mother Won't Face Charges

tac0965 · 6 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Would a "scared" father get the same caring, understanding response from the Nebraska DA if he did the same act? Excerpt:

'The mother who left her newborn in the restroom of an Omaha hospital on Monday turned herself in to police Wednesday and will not be charged in the case.

She could have been arrested for child neglect, but County Attorney Don Kleine says no charges will be filed against the 18-year-old mother, saying there would be nothing to gain from proceeding with a criminal case.

Kleine doesn't believe her actions or intentions were criminal. Her name is not being released.'

Chile: Males Increasingly Reported As Victims Of Domestic Abuse

Matt · 6 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Marc A. for the heads-up.

Story here. Excerpt:

'While women's abuse has resulted in great public sympathy and a mild response by government, male victims of domestic violence appear to receive less sympathy and support in Chile's male dominated society. Universidad de Santiago psychology professor Eugenio Vargas argues that the challenges male victims must overcome before they will report incidents of abuse most likely lowers the number of complaints filed.

"In society, there are different perceptions and responses to abuse that affect women. There is a validation of the subject and there are networks of support." said Vargas. "These things do no exist for male victims...Sometimes, even a victim's friends will assume a critical position of their situation. This is the reason why men avoid talking about the subject."'

USA Today: U.S. girls' suicide rates jump, little notice of boys'

anthony · 6 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

No mention that boys are still four times more likely to take their own lives. Men: the disposable sex. Looks like boys also fall into that category. Excerpt:

"The suicide rate among preteen and teenage girls rose to its highest level in 15 years, and hanging surpassed guns as the preferred method, federal health officials reported Thursday.

The report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests a surprising reversal in recent trends.

The biggest jump — about 76% — was in the suicide rate for girls ages 10-14 from 2003 to 2004. There were 94 suicides in that age group in 2004, compared to 56 in 2003. That's a rate of fewer than one per 100,000 population."

Excellent Interview of the Equal Parenting Bike Trek Cyclists on Studio 1714

Anonymous · 6 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Studio 1714, which has a strong following in Michigan, interviews the Equal Parenting Bike Trek Cyclists about the 700 mile bike trek for EQUAL Parenting Rights. Title IV-D and the state of child custody laws in Michigan discussed.

View this video on YouTube.

View other videos from the Equal Parenting Bike Trek.

'Fast Food Dads' stereotype a myth according to new research

anthony · 6 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When many people think of single, non-resident fathers providing meals for their kids, they conjure up the image of dad piling the kids into the car for a quick trip through the McDonald's drive through.
...
"Regarding the non-custodial father being the 'fast food dad,' we did not find evidence to support that stereotype," said Stewart, who is author of the book Brave New Stepfamilies: Diverse Paths Toward Stepfamily Living (Sage Publications). "We found that non-resident father involvement -- so kids with an involved, non-custodial dad -- actually eat better and more nutritious food than kids whose dad is not involved. They are less likely to skip breakfast and lunch, and eat vegetables more often. They also eat more simple sugars, but they're more likely to eat regular meals."'

Why Men Should Be Included in Abortion Discussion

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the most comprehensive study of men and abortion to date, Arthur Shostak, a professor of sociology at Drexel University, who describes himself as "unswervingly pro-choice," found that men's single greatest concern was the well-being of their sex partner and, further, that a majority of men would like to accompany their partners throughout the procedure. Most clinics don't allow men beyond the waiting room, something Shostak says is evidence that many think of men as "coat holders and drivers.

...

The pro-choice movement, and feminists in general, seem to have historically shied away from the difficult but imperative task of involving men in conversations about abortion. It is understandable that the movement has been weary; no hot-button issue brings out more manipulation than this one. But it is time that feminists' commitment to equality, as well as the quality of both women and men's lives, trumps their fear that acknowledging men's hardships will only serve as fodder for pro-life spin doctors. There must be a way to talk about men's perspectives and experiences without compromising women's bodies.'

Canada: "New Democrats challenge government to work on women's equity issues"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'"Women today in Canada are so far behind the goal of equality," said Judy Wasylycia-Leis, chair of the party caucus. "The fact is we have a situation of being an embarrassment on the international scene because of our lack of progress."
...
Irene Mathyssen, NDP critic for the status of women said women in Canada "are now under attack economically, socially and politically.
...
"Many women in Canada are still not safe in their homes or on the streets. One in four women in Canada is the victim of sexual violence in her lifetime."'

Teacher: Girl, 16, lying for revenge

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Court records show Seale has never been convicted of a crime in the Carolinas.

...he was fired from Chester High in 1992, after female students accused him of touching them on the hip and breast, making sexual remarks and inviting them to a hotel, according to a story in The (Rock Hill) Herald the next year. The Herald cited court records filed by the school district.

At the time, Seale denied the allegations saying the students had caused problems in his class and were retaliating because they had been disciplined."

Man Gets 12 Years for Fatally Stabbing Neighbor He Thought Molested His Daughter

anthony · 6 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Notice how mom stays out of prison with the reliable postpartum defense. Excerpt:

'A lawyer who stabbed his neighbor to death because he thought the man had molested his 2-year-old daughter was sentenced Friday to 12 years in prison for first-degree manslaughter.
...
Fairfield police also investigated the molestation allegation and said they found no evidence to back it up. They said Edington's wife, Christina, refused to cooperate with the investigation into the slaying, and prosecutor Jonathan Benedict has said a defense psychiatrist determined Edington's wife suffered from postpartum depression.'

Ed. note: This story was first reported on MANN here.

Australia: Teenage girl puts man in hospital - for mispronouncing her name

GaryB · 6 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Imagine this: A woman at a party says hello to a teenage boy, but mis-pronounces his name. The teenager then kicks her viciously in the stomach twice, making her bleed internally and sending her to hospital. The court lets him off with a caution, because it was really 'out of character' for him.

Of course it would never happen that way - but reverse the genders and you have this. Excerpt:

'He pronounced her name May-gan, instead of Mee-gan, prompting Conroy to get upset.

Crown prosecutor Dejana Kovac told the court Conroy asked the man if he was a "Kiwi", and when he replied to the affirmative, she told him to "Get f***ed".

She then kneed and kicked him in the groin twice, pushed him against a wall and demanded that he "say her name properly".
...
Judge Tony Rafter SC agreed the incident was out of character for the Woolworths deli assistant, taking into account her lack of criminal history and her obvious remorse from the dock.

He released her on a six month good behaviour bond and spared her a criminal conviction.'

Duke LAX Players Seeking $30 Million and Legal Process Changes

Matt · 7 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Good for them! Excerpt:

'RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Attorneys for the three players falsely accused in the Duke University lacrosse rape case are seeking a settlement of about $30 million and several changes to the state's legal process, a person close to the case said early Friday.

If the terms aren't met, the players' attorneys will file a civil rights lawsuit against the city of Durham early next month, said the source, who requested anonymity because not all of the details of the proposed settlement had been worked out.'

"Is There Anything Good About Men?"

anthony · 7 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Gender inequality seems to have increased with early civilization, including agriculture. Why? The feminist explanation has been that the men banded together to create patriarchy. This is essentially a conspiracy theory, and there is little or no evidence that it is true. Some argue that the men erased it from the history books in order to safeguard their newly won power. Still, the lack of evidence should be worrisome, especially since this same kind of conspiracy would have had to happen over and over, in group after group, all over the world."

Charges won't be filed against mom who left child in hot car

anthony · 7 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman whose 2-year-old daughter died in an overheated car last month had left the girl unattended before and had been warned about the danger that created, according to a police report.

The woman forgot she left the toddler strapped in a car seat when she went to work as an assistant principal at Glen Este Middle School, about 20 miles east of Cincinnati, authorities said. The child's body was discovered more than seven hours later, after outside temperatures reached nearly 100 degrees.'

But this same woman had been warned about this, three times previously.

And, the MSM has a great deal of sympathy for her. Watch here. Quote: "Mothers treated more harshly than fathers and spend more jail time."

Nifong Serves a Whole 24 Hours In Jail

Matt · 7 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The disgraced and disbarred former North Carolina prosecutor today walked into a Durham jail to serve a 24-hour sentence stemming from his disastrous handling of the rape case against three Duke University lacrosse players. Nifong, who posed this morning for [a] mug shot, was found guilty of lying to a judge about aspects of the Duke probe, which ended with all charges being dismissed against the accused athletes. The trio is now threatening legal action against the city of Durham over their prosecution.'

Yep, 24 hours on the rock will certainly serve to deter anyone else from doing what he did, uh-huh! I wonder what he would have gotten had his victims been anything other than who they were?

Police: Florida Woman Poured Boiling Water on Sleeping Boyfriend

anthony · 8 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Police did not know the motive but said Billie Reynolds admitted pouring the scalding water on Gregory Laughlin earlier this week. Laughlin suffered second-degree burns on over 20 percent of his body and remained hospitalized on Friday.'

More anti-boy stuff couched in 'humor'

Matt · 8 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Greg for the heads-up. Article here. Excerpt:

'It is all rather troubling, especially for the parents of little angels like my daughters. Evidently, it is impossible to satisfy the—apparently justified—parental demand to educate girls in single-sex schools and boys in mixed classes. (Not for the first time in my life, I conclude that the world doesn't have enough girls in it.)'

Marc Rudov: No more entitlements for women. Women can pay their own way

MrReality · 8 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Rudov says "Women can pay their own way."

Mr. Rudov always states that women want so-called "equality" when the money -- and benefits -- are coming towards them yet become 'oppressed' when it comes time for them to pay or refuse unjust female privileges.

I agree with Mr. Rudov as do many intellectuals. Yet the two women on the panel don't agree of course and nor does the chivalrous male wallet that is defending the exploitation of men by women in the following clip.

See the clip here.

Announcing Men's Issues at Gather

Trudy W Schuett · 9 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

First let me say this is in no way to be considered as competition for the excellent discussion group, Men's Issues Online. Or Mensactivism, for that matter. This is something else entirely. In fact if the guys from either of those would like to join us at Gather, they'd be quite welcome to promote the heck outta their valuable activist efforts!

Right now, there is no centralized location where people can get a handle on men's issues in a general-interest community. While there are many politically-oriented sites and groups that occasionally feature "our" issues, and most of you already have your own websites, networks and e-mail discussion groups, I thought you'd all like to have the opportunity to reach a new group of people.

This is at no cost to you in terms of dollars and cents. In fact, you might even make a few bucks! Here's Gather's PR site.

With these ideas in mind, I've set up a group at Gather, which is termed a social networking site, but is entirely unlike the kinds of social networking sites that immediately come to mind, such as Linked In or Facebook. Gather is not so much about simply connecting with people, but is more about publishing content a large number of people will read. (Not kids, either!) What intrigues me about Gather is that it is a growing community, and they're always coming up with new ideas to promote the site as a whole. Many on Gather are new to the internet, and for some this is their only online activity.

Unlike blogs, which need to be constantly promoted and updated at least daily, Gather provides the ability for individuals to publish occasional content, which is available to search engines. Both your individual postings as a member and the group as a whole also have RSS feeds, so your readers can keep track of new articles in their aggregators without adding to their e-mail load.

So far nobody else has yet set up a group for our kinds of issues. It's always good to be on the ground floor! Our group is described as: "The first centralized location to learn more about the variety of men's issues, from the leaders of the movement."
The way I have things set up, membership is moderated, which means that while everyone at Gather can read new articles from our group, only our invited members can post, which assures quality content.

You wouldn't even need to write anything new; you can use the group for simply re-posting what you've already posted to your blog or network, and taking advantage of a completely new audience to promote your work and/or your organization. As a Gather member, of course you can branch out into other groups, and when you post something, you can also post it on as many groups as you like within Gather -- or even set up another group of your own!

This is a whole new opportunity, and I hope you'll join us! There's also a post on who else is already there.

NOW Sues to Stop Fatherhood Programs

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Story here. Excerpt:

'"The National Organization for Women (NOW) has filed a lawsuit in federal court against fatherhood programs in Alaska, Idaho and Oregon. The objective of these programs is to provide career counseling to fathers in three tough categories: incarcerated, military and fathers with disabled children. NOW has objected because women are excluded from these programs 'solely because they are women.'

"There is an old saying that you should be careful what you wish for, since you might get it. I think NOW should think twice about trying to win this lawsuit. If they win, wouldn't that endanger the innumerable government-funded programs that benefit only women?'

Study: Real fathers fail to measure up to televised versions

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Fathers in the USA are a lot less supportive and accepting than TV sitcom dads, even falling short of the low bar set by Homer Simpson, a study of college students' views suggests.

Many young people blame constant work demands — seldom portrayed on TV — for draining their fathers' energy and time from parenting, says Janice Kelly, a communications researcher at Marymount Manhattan College in New York.

...

She showed episodes from eight comedies to 108 college students. The programs were as diverse as The George Lopez Show, The Simpsons, My Wife and Kids and Everyone Loves Raymond. She asked the students to rate TV fathers and their own on such qualities as support, guidance, acceptance of other family members and oppositional behavior (for example, ridiculing children). On every measure, TV fathers were rated significantly better than the students' own dads.'

Ed. note: Just so happens I found this today: Survey: Working dads want more family time

Conflicting views emerge of mother who killed 17-month-old son

anthony · 9 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Shauna Mahoney posted a photograph of her baby online earlier this year and described herself as a proud mother.

But a different picture has emerged this week, one of a troubled woman who became the coldblooded killer of her 17- month-old son.
...
Some of those who know her, including the dead child's father, told The Buffalo News Thursday that Mahoney had been suffering from postpartum depression for some time."

"She never wanted anything to do with the baby," said the child's godfather, Michael Kriewaldt.'

"Gender balancing raises bar for women"

anthony · 9 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"After years of fighting for educational equality, it is disheartening to think that the college admissions' bar has been raised even higher for young women. My guess is that at some private colleges with balanced gender enrollment, women are getting the short end of the admissions stick."'

Related article: College Admission: Tough Times For Girls?

Thousands of GIs cope with brain damage

Matt · 9 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. On the heels of the college article, note there are no call for equalizing the numbers of brain-injured war veterans so that it's 50/50 male/female. Or adding women to the selective service act. Or anything else like that. Excerpt:

' NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The war in Iraq is not over, but one legacy is already here in this city and others across America: an epidemic of brain-damaged soldiers*.

Thousands of troops* have been diagnosed with traumatic brain injury, or TBI. These blast-caused head injuries are so different from the ones doctors are used to seeing from falls and car crashes that treating them is as much faith as it is science.'

* For "soldiers' and "troops", read "men".

RADAR ALERT: Tell Your Representative, Stop the False Accusations, Stop HRES 590!

Matt · 10 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

"... there is no other court in the land where the penalty for perjury does not exist - you can lie repeatedly and not only NOT be punished for it, but actually be rewarded for it. There is no other court where you are presumed guilty until proven innocent. And for non-custodial parents...especially fathers...going through a divorce...and the never-ending litany of custody issues and all the rest that goes with it...it can feel like eternal damnation."

So says a father of two from New Jersey, who has undergone an ordeal in which he was verbally abused by a judge, physically accosted by police officers, criticized by child welfare officials, shown the door by school administrators, and even turned away by life-long friends.

Situations such as this will be perpetuated by House Resolution 590. It allows for the continued abuse of domestic violence laws, creating a dynamic in which allegations are made solely for the purpose of obtaining an advantage in litigation.

Last week we asked you to contact Rep. George Miller, chairman of the Education and Labor Committee. This week, we're asking you to contact your own Representative and politely ask him or her to say "NO" to HRES 590.

To locate your Representative, go to http://www.house.gov/. At the top, enter your Zip code and look up your Representative's name, then go to the Representative's website. Or call the Capitol Switchboard at 1-202-224-3121.

Then leave this message with the Representative's staff: "It's time to stop the false allegations of domestic violence. Say 'No' to HRES 590!"

For further information on House Resolution 590 see http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARanalysis-HRES590.pdf.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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Dadsontheair.net: FAMILY COURT HELL

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10.30-12.00 2G
DADS ON THE AIR
Tuesday 11th September 2007, 10.30am to 12 midday

2GLF FM 89.3 in Sydney
and ONLINE via live streaming at http://www.893fm.com.au/
or in MP3 format at http://www.dadsontheair.net/

FAMILY COURT HELL

With special guests...
Mark Harris, the English father who was jailed for waving at his daughters as they drove past in the family car, and author of a new book "Family Court Hell", a rare and unique insight into the secret British family court system.

"Family Court Hell" is one man's harrowing story of frustration and determination as he battled for access rights to his young daughters following the bitter break-up of his marriage. Incredibly, his was a journey that spanned almost ten years, with 133 hearings by 33 judges, and which reportedly cost the taxpayer over GBP1 million.

What should have been a "simple contact dispute" somehow resulted in this innocent family man effectively being criminalized by the family courts, resulting in a stretch on the A Wing of the infamous Pentonville prison, which housed convicted murderers, terrorists, gun runners and drug dealers.

Ed. note: Note that times listed are relative to GMT+10, "Australian time", so for people in other time zones, you have to do the math. These sites will help: World Time Zones and timeanddate.com: Sydney, AU. Also if you miss the show streaming live, you can always download the Podcast (a simple .mp3 file, playable on loads of other devices, including your PC) for it later.

Woman who wasn't allowed to use the word "Rape" in courtroom sues judge

tac0965 · 10 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Insisting that she has "First Amendment" rights in the courtroom, a Nebraska woman sues a judge who barred the word "Rape" at trial. There has already been two mistrials in this case. We'll just have to see if feminist protesters with tape on their mouths decide the outcome of this rape case, instead of the facts themselves. Can someone tell me why she just won't describe to the jury what happened? Why is it so important to her to use inflammatory remarks? Excerpt:

'LINCOLN, Neb. -- The 24-year-old woman at the center of a sexual assault case has sued the judge who barred the word "rape" and other words from being used during the trial.

Tory Bowen said in the complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Lincoln that Lancaster County District Judge Jeffre Cheuvront violated her First Amendment right to free speech.'

Part Two of Studio 1714's Interview of the Equal Parenting Bike Trek - Please help!

Anonymous · 10 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Studio 1714 has been very helpful to getting the Equal Parenting Rights issue to those who would not normally hear it! Let's help them by boosting their view count AND ratings on YouTube as a way of returning thanks to them. They are strong advocates of Equal Parenting Rights. Make sure to comment and also vote a 5 star!

Part Two - NEW

Part One

Jamaica Observer: "My wife beats me"

Matt · 10 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Marc A. for the tip.

Story here. Excerpt:

'MANY persons would have witnessed a St Thomas wife roughing up her husband on live TV aired Tuesday, after the man, appearing without his voters' ID for the general elections, refused to do the legal alternative and swear to the presiding officer.

The fellow, a tall, bearded man, who said he only swore to God, was draped up and dragged away by his chubby wife, who berated him for acting the fool.'

NCFM meets to Chart Course for the Future

MR · 10 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

>News Flash: National Coalition of Free Men, Board of Directors, Meets in San Diego to Chart Course for the Future!

Members of the Board of the National Coalition of Free Men (NCFM) met in San Diego, California over the weekend to chart a course for NCFM for the future. NCFM Board members came from as far away as Minnesota, and NCFM general members came from as far away as New York, to participate in (and witness) this historic meeting.

Over the course of the next two days, the assembled board members addressed issues pertaining to structure and direction for NCFM in coming months and years.

The coming year will certainly not be a boring one for the NCFM Board, it's members, and friends.

Update on John Murtari - he has been released (for now)

axolotl · 11 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Good People & People of Faith,

This is a brief status updated message for what has occurred this week. More background and details at the web site,
http://www.AKidsRight.Org/clinton
There will be another message with more details and future plans to follow:

September 4, 2007 - At app 10 am, John returned to the Syracuse Federal Building with chalk. He wrote on the ground, "I Love you Dom" (Domenic is his son) & "Sen. Clinton Help Us!" in about three different locations. He was taken into custody and was arraigned by US Magistrate Judge DiBianco. The Judge asked him to sign a conditional release form stating he wouldn't come back to the building. John would not sign. He is currently being held at the Jamesville Correctional Facility near Syracuse. John hasn't been told how long he'll be there, but he had been told earlier that the maximum sentence is 15 days for each offense.

September 7, 2007- After being held for three days in jail. John was taken to Federal Court for another appearance in front of US Magistrate DiBianco. He again stated his reasons for refusing to sign a 'conditional release.' The Judge then signed another Order directing John stay away from the Federal Building grounds without prior mission of the Court. He told John that if he violated that order he could be found in Contempt of Court and be given a six month jail sentence. A trial data of October 3rd or 4th was set for the pending two incidents and it was also determined that John did not quality for assigned counsel. John was happy to be released and to be able to go home.

Open Letter from Stephen Baskerville re ACFC

axolotl · 11 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Full letter here.

The following is an excerpt from Baskerville's recent Open Letter to the Board of ACFC:

"In recent years, able individuals who have served in leadership positions within ACFC have departed in frustration and anger: Jane Spies, Diana Thompson, Stuart Miller, Murray Davis, David Usher, Ed Truncellito. Each cited leadership problems in his or her departure. These people quickly went from being respected and trusted friends to being anathematized as if they were enemies, much as figures appear and disappear in a Kremlin photograph."

(note: there is a single popup when first opening the page)

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Ed. note: I debated with myself re posting this submission. Then I thought it through-- an open communication from the president of ACFC, even if it is critical of its own organization, is news in the context of MRA work and so there is no reason not to post it. But it's no secret that inter-group politics and conflicts of interest and personalities are found in MRA circles-- unfortunately, that part isn't news.

Video: Fathers4Justice, CRISPE and Equal Parenting Bike Trek Swarm a PA Courthouse

Anonymous · 11 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Fathers4Justice, CRISPE and the Equal Parenting Bike Trek Crew visited a PA Courthouse to spread awareness of a child's fundamental right to be loved, guided, nurtured and educated by both fit and willing parents.

The Parent-Child Relationship is a fundamental right that MUST be protected at all costs!

View this "in your face" style video now on YouTube.

Man-friendly author invades the romance novel genre

Trudy W Schuett · 11 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I've always had unusual ideas for promoting men's issues, and now I've got myself right into maybe the wildest idea yet! I've entered a romance novel competition, and I need a lot more votes before Friday if I'm going to make a showing there!

This is the First Chapters Romance competition at Gather, and the Grand Prize is a publishing contract with Simon & Schuster, which is not something to be sneezed at. Imagine the romance genre being invaded by a man-friendly author! There are no "beta male" characters in my books, no deeply-flawed bad boys, just (mostly) decent human beings who sometimes turn out to be heroes. As in real life.

I figure a lot of you have already joined up at Gather to check out the Men's Issues Group, so why not take it one step further and vote for my book here. Leave a comment if you like! You will have my undying gratitude…

Court reverses ruling that women can't be charged with indecent exposure

Matt · 11 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc A.:

On August 28, 2007, the Appellate Division of the County of Riverside in California reversed the sexist decision of Judge Robert W. Armstrong that held the crime of indecent exposure only applies to men and not women. The case is People v. Alexis Luz Garcia, Riverside Appellate Case Number APP004054.

The defendant, an adult female, was charged with indecent exposure (Penal Code § 314(1)) after she allegedly unclothed in front of a boy because the boy continued playing basketball when she told him to stop. Judge Armstrong said the conduct may have been 'very silly and illegal' but that it did not warrant having to register as a sex offender. He also held that indecent exposure cannot apply to women because the statute says 'exposes his person.' On that basis, the trial court dismissed the case. The appellate division reversed, holding there is no logical reason why a woman cannot commit indecent exposure, and citing numerous authorities interpreting the statute to be gender-inclusive despite the word 'his.'

If an adult man unclothed in front of a young girl for playing basketball, anti-male sexist Judge Robert W. Armstrong would not call it "silly" and say the mane does not deserve to have to register as a sex offender. Sexist judge Robert W. Armstrong should be disbarred for his obvious misandry.

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Ed. note: Link to the ruling on-line is not yet available (or at least I couldn't find one), so it isn't included here. If you find it, please post it.

Mary Winkler to do the Oprah Show

Luek · 11 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Yeah, it was predictable. The husband murderer was cleared by a hick judge to do the Oprah Show over the objections of her in-laws.

Lifetime Channel man hating movie of the month next for Bloody Mary? Sure, why not? Excerpt:

'A few hours after one Tennessee judge ruled that Mary Winkler could go on television and talk about why she killed her preacher husband, another denied her request to travel out of state to be on the show.
...
A press release issued earlier this month from "The Oprah Winfrey Show" promised that Winkler would open up about the abuse, reveal details from the day her husband died and explain why she has decided to speak up now.
...
After allowances for time served, Winkler spent about a week in county jail before being transferred to an unidentified mental health facility.'

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Ed. note: MANN received multiple submissions of this story. Good eyes, guys! Related links submitted from other posts are as follows:

Mary Winkler to appear on Oprah
Mary Winkler's former in-laws move to stop her Oprah appearance

Female sex offenders reveal cultural double standard

anthony · 11 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The decade long wave of sexual offenses committed by women — teachers in particular have exposed a cultural double standard: The public is more willing to accept the female abuser's claim that she had a "relationship" with the victim. And in cases in which the male is a teenager, the sexual abuse is more likely to be dismissed as a rite of passage. The questionable, yet overriding assumption, is that women predators are somehow different from men.
...
"Men are demonized, women are diagnosed. Men are beasts, but women are troubled or mentally ill," said media scholar Matthew Felling in an interview with Fox News. In fact, accounts of women sexual offenders are often more titillating than harsh. Felling calls the news coverage of young, attractive teachers involved with their students "part crime drama, part Penthouse letter."

...
To watch NBC's "To Catch A Predator" you'd think all predators are men. The series uses decoys on the Internet to lure men hoping to hook up with underage teens. Robert Weiss, executive director and founder of the Sexual Recovery Institute in Los Angeles, who provided his expertise in one of the episodes, says sexual compulsions on the Internet are male-dominated.

But female predators are beginning to use the Internet — not in an anonymous way to find children but to stay in close touch with those they are involved with. Rice, the former Tacoma teacher, communicated online often with the 10-year-old she had sex with, according to court records.'

Corporal Punishment Double-Standard: 'Brush spanking mum walks free'

GaryB · 12 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Imagine a father ties his 14 year old daughter to a bed, pulls down her pants and spanks her with a heavy wooden brush until she wets herself. Would he walk free from court? Excerpt:

'A WOMAN who struck her teenage daughter's bare buttocks with a hearth brush until she wet herself left a Tasmanian court unpunished today.

Justice Peter Evans said it was unnecessary to punish Michelle Joyce Cooper because she already had to live with the consequences of her actions.

He placed her on a three-year good behaviour bond.

The Primrose Sands woman was found guilty in the Supreme Court in Hobart last week of assaulting her 14-year-old daughter.

Cooper, 46, tied her daughter to a bed, pulled down her pants and hit her with a wooden hearth brush after becoming angry with her for wagging school, the court had been told.'

Russians given day off work to make babies

AngryMan · 12 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Workers in a Russian region have been given today off to have sex in a bid to boost the birth rate.

Today has been declared the Day of Conception in Ulyanovsk, Lenin's birthplace, when couples are told go to home and multiply.

If they succeed they could win a car, cash or a fridge.
...
The scheme is championed by Ulyanovs's governor, Sergei Morozov.

"The leadership (of the country) is interested in the family," he told AP Television News.'

Other countries continue to value the family. This is just another of the many ways in which Feminism undermines our society.

Police officer berates and threatens young man - caught on camera

Matt · 12 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Look at this, will you. Do you suppose for even one second that had the young man been either female or a few years older that this officer (a sergeant, no less) would have behaved this way? And to think, we can elect representatives and all, and still, this happens. Notice how he taunts him with such phrases as "young boy"? Can you imagine him calling a woman a "young girl" like that? Never.

Rudov: "Women to rule men completely by the year 2010"

MrReality · 12 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Rudov writes "Just when you thought that legislative, judicial, law-enforcement, media, and reproductive biases in favor of women were the epitome of double standards, there is new evidence that "life control" is increasingly shifting to the female domain: in four years, women also will rule men financially. Remember this the next time the waiter brings the check to your table, and your woman insists that YOU pay it — or worse, you acquiesce."

Reality setting in yet gentlemen? Misandry, Greedy/spoiled women, Affirmative Action and chivalrous men have ensured that every man will be a legal slave by the year 2010. That's if it has not occurred already. Wake up guys stop coddling the enemy!

"Heinous act" vs. "forbidden love"

Matt · 13 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Take a look at this story. This is a teacher (male) being "hunted" now that he is suspected of having sex with two of his students. Not at all defending his actions, just wanting to contrast how police and the press handle the matter. Compare it to this story. Story 1 excerpt:

'Santaluces drama teacher hunted in student sex case

...
"It is a heinous act," Detective Sgt. Thomas Wallace said. "You send your children to school and expect them to get an education ⍰ and not a sex education ⍰ especially from the teachers."'

Story 2 excerpt:
'She's the former schoolteacher who had an affair with a student, Vili Fualaau, a relationship that began when the boy was just 12 years old.
...
Mary Kay LeTourneau sacrificed it all: husband, kids, her job and her freedom, all for the love of a schoolboy, Vili Fualaau.

...
In a 1995 home video from a school holiday party, Vili is shown in a black tank top. Within a year, *he would get his teacher pregnant**. And she would face prison time.
...
The two were caught together, a scene re-enacted in a TV movie.

Once again, LeTourneau returned to court. Once again, she was pregnant.
...
So is this an incredible love story? Or is it a story of a child molester?

“Actually, it's both," Bremmer says.'

* Not "she would become pregnant as a result of her rape of the boy"

Disgusting, all the way around.

Real Clear Politics: Hillary Wants to 'Change Our Country'

Anonymous · 13 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

It's time for some political news. This is one of the better articles regarding Hillary's Marxist ambition as commander and chief. Excerpt:

"Remolding society." This is the terminology of a utopian socialist, one who seeks to remake society according to a narrow and dogmatic ideology that claims to eliminate injustice, poverty, and unhappiness, once and for all. Hillary's ideology is an amalgam of New Left marxism and grievance feminism, the kind of unwholesome stew that is commonplace on elite college campuses.
...
Another way will be to require employers to provide more paid time off to primary caregivers (mostly women) who have children or elderly family members to care for. Another way will be to require lenders to "increase access to capital and other support for women-owned business." Businesses which fail to comply with these increasingly stringent regulations will be subjected to punitive legal sanctions. Consequently, instead of one's income being determined by one's productivity, as measured by the marketplace, in Hillary's world it will be determined by government bureaucrats based on feminist-approved notions of "equity." The result, inevitably, will be to reduce economic liberty, growth, and prosperity for all Americans."

Is the Christian Men’s Marriage Movement Covering Up the "Dying Pains?"

MR · 14 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Is the Christian Men’s Marriage Movement Covering Up the Dying Pains?

Some voices in the Christian community have recently proclaimed a message, calling for men to participate in the promotion of marriage in America. One can only wonder what hapless thinking has inspired such irresponsible advocacy for so dangerous a venture.

"Why," reportedly is the last word uttered by Pastor Winkler in this life, after his wife shot him in the back with a blast from a 12 gauge shotgun.

It appears to me that the killing of Reverend Matthew Winkler has set a new low standard for treatment of Christian men, and non-Christian men, in the institution of marriage. Nowhere, in my opinion, is this new low more apparent than in Christian Fundamentalist Churches across America as evidenced by the killing of Reverend Matthew Winkler.

How Female Illegals Abuse the System

anthony · 15 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Every year thousands of Americans are victimized by a swindle known as the "immigrant abuse scam." What's amazing is this shake-down is paid for by the U.S. taxpayer under the guise of stopping domestic violence.

One of those persons was Roger Knudson, 64, of Arizona. When he discovered his wife was having an affair, he filed for divorce. Fearing the judge would learn her visa had expired and order her back to Mexico, she fell into a rage and attacked him.

But the DA refused to prosecute the assault. Then the illegal went to a local woman's shelter that provided her pro bono legal services and told her to accuse her husband of the very crime that she herself had committed. "I have spent thousands of dollars since 2002 clearing myself of the accusations," Knudson wrote sadly.

So here's how the scam works: A woman makes an accusation of abuse. The laws define domestic violence so loosely that she doesn't need to provide a scrap of evidence -- she only needs to scream "abuse!" So the judge issues a let's-play-it-safe order.'

Mom who abandoned baby in Omaha hospital restroom now wants the baby back

tac0965 · 16 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Yes, you guessed it gents. Girl abandons baby in hospital. In less than two weeks, she wants the baby back. As usual, an article with the normal female bias: "She is not a monster. She is just human like the rest of us. She just made a poor, bad decision." Let's just not talk about what would happen if a "confused and depressed" 18 year old father did the same thing. I can think of four things that would happen: felony charges, felony conviction, hard prison time, and no sympathy from the press and television news.

MSN asks: 'Is it OK to have a starter husband?' The Answer is Yes

Matt · 16 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

More from the demise-of-marriage dept.:

The Starter Husband. Excerpt:

'Within months of promising to love and honor and cherish Tucker forever, she knew she had made a huge mistake. The problem? He was boring. "Wholly uncomplicated," as she puts it. The kind of guy who reads Tom Clancy books on the couch and watches Adam Sandler movies while dreaming of white-picket fences. Going to depressing French movies, leapfrogging over the less ambitious on the company ladder — those were the things that excited Andi. "The idea of spending my life with someone like that seemed stifling," she says. "It finally just got to me that he was so . . . sunny."
...
It's easy to write these women off as callous or self-absorbed. And yet on some level, they just might be pioneers: Why stay put in an empty shell of a marriage — an arrangement on paper only — instead of calling it what it is? "This generation is reinventing marriage," says Paul.
...
Then she met David. He was supposed to be her rebound relationship. Three years later, she realized that she wanted to have kids with him — and that was the clincher.

Andi lifts her 2-month-old daughter up to her breast in the middle of the café. I ask if her second husband is The One, since they have kids and all. "I'm happy, but I try not to think about it," she says. "It's like, if I thought I had to have my hair the same way for the rest of my life, I'd freak out."'

Indian Supreme Court: False Rape Charges Not Uncommon

Anonymous · 17 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"While reaffirming the resolve of the judiciary to deal firmly with sexual assault, a Bench comprising Justices R Raveendran and B Sudarshan Reddy said that courts needed to be aware of the tendency to use allegations of rape to settle scores.

"The courts should, at the same time, bear in mind that false charges of rape are not uncommon," said the Bench as it acquitted one Radhu from Madhya Pradesh, who was convicted for forcibly confining a minor and raping her through the night more than 16 years ago.'

Resolution 590: Is Congress Not Aware of Male Victimization?

anthony · 17 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This is an online open letter to the members of the 110th U.S. Congress.
...
Although the 110th Congress Resolution 590 claims that Congress wants to raise awareness of domestic violence, Resolution 590 accomplishes just the opposite concerning male victimization; i.e.: "Whereas one in four women will experience domestic violence sometime in her life" and "Whereas 13 percent of teenage girls who have been in a relationships report being hit or hurt by their partner." No awareness of male victimization there!'

Polygamous sect ousts boys for worldly vices

anthony · 17 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the past six years, hundreds of teenage males have been expelled or felt compelled to leave the polygamous settlement that straddles Colorado City, Arizona, and Hildale, Utah.

Disobedience is usually the reason given for expulsion, but former sect members and state legal officials say the exodus of males also remedies a huge imbalance in the marriage market. (The expulsion of girls is rarer.) Members of the sect believe that to reach eternal salvation, men are supposed to have at least three wives.'

Salon.com: Fear of a female planet

anthony · 17 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'The baby-girl boom is being blamed on the high levels of estrogen-mimicking, man-made chemicals in Inuit mothers' blood. Scientists found that the higher the amount of chemicals such as PCBs, flame retardants and DDT in an Inuit woman's blood, the fewer boys she gave birth to, suggesting that hormone-mimicking chemicals are triggering sex changes during the first three weeks of pregnancy. It was also discovered that boys who are born in Russian Arctic villages suffer from being underweight and premature.'

Michigan's HB 4564

Matt · 17 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From the Equal Parenting Bike Trek folks, this site. This is the bill pending in Michigan's House. Currently it is in the Family and Children's Services Committee. The members of this committee are shown here (.pdf file) on their latest minutes report:

"Members present: Reps. Clack, Dean, Hammon, Wojno, Sheen.
Members absent/excused: Reps. Accavitti, Stahl, Hoogendyk, Palmer."

MI House reps' contact info. is here.

You know what to do. :)

(Click "read more" for the bill's opening text.)

'THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:
Sec. 6a. (1) In a custody dispute between parents, the court shall order joint custody unless either of the following applies:
(a) The court determines by clear and convincing evidence that a parent is unfit, unwilling, or unable to care for the child.
(b) A parent moves his or her residence outside the school district that the child attended during the 1-year period preceding the initiation of the action and is unable to maintain the child's school schedule without interruption. If a parent is unable to maintain the child's school schedule, the court shall order that the parents submit the dispute to mediation to determine a custody agreement that maximizes both parents' ability to participate equally in a relationship with the child while accommodating the child's school schedule. A parent may restore joint custody by demonstrating the ability to maintain the child's school schedule.'

RADAR ALERT: HRES 590: Do You Know Where Your Taxpayer Dollars Are Today?

Matt · 17 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

You may already know about the outlandish (and unsupported) claims made against men and fathers in House Resolution 590 (HRES-590). RADAR has critiqued (.pdf file) these extensively. But a little-noticed aspect of HRES-590 is one of its final "Whereas" clauses:

"Whereas there is a need to increase funding for programs carried out under the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005) ..." (p.4)

The stated purpose of HRES 590 is to promote even more funding for VAWA programs, such as services that include emergency shelter, counseling, and legal services for victims. In the 2005 reauthorization of VAWA, Congress added a requirement that the General Accounting Office (GAO) investigate and report on just what services are being provided to which people under the act. This is important because nearly half of VAWA funds go to such programs ($507 million in fiscal year 2007 alone).

Two months ago, the GAO released a report to Congress entitled "Services Provided to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking." (http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d07846r.pdf) The findings in the report are damning. Programs that receive VAWA funds ("grant recipients") have not been providing reliable or consistent data about the people they serve. They have been accepting the VAWA money, but are not being held accountable for how they spend it. Per the report,

"... as a result of discussions with grant recipients, we could not be assured that any survey data we obtained would be consistent and reliable enough for analysis of the specific information required, i.e. the number, age, and gender of victims receiving each available service." (p.3)

What does all this mean? It means Congress is spending half a billion dollars each year on programs whose success it cannot adequately evaluate. It may mean that there is inadequate help for actual victims, or even that some victims (such as abused men) are being turned away with no reliable means of verifying or measuring this information. And now Congress is being approached with a resolution, HRES 590, which openly asserts the need to throw more money into VAWA.

Let's not throw any more VAWA money down a rat hole. Protecting actual victims means more transparency and accountability in the way we spend taxpayer dollars for that purpose. HRES 590 fails to recognize this fact, and if even for that reason alone, it deserves to be defeated.

We are asking you to call or fax Congressman Buck McKeon (R), ranking member of the Education and Labor Committee, and urge him to "Say NO to HRES 590!"

Phone: (202) 225-1956
Fax: (202) 226-0683

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Date of RADAR Release: September 17, 2007

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women
working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org/.

More from MSN: "Does the Reverse Glass Ceiling" Exist?

Matt · 18 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

All I can think is that MSN uses a committee to determine what articles get published. What we see in terms of MSN's flip-flopping of sympathies and interests probably represents an editorial struggle-- or an attempt to keep on the fence in the public's mind. Warren Farrell is quoted in several places as well. Article here. Excerpt:

'So-called women's clubs don't just exist in the travel industry. Stacy Kaiser has counseled plenty of men who have experienced resistance across the spectrum of female-dominated careers. "Men have said they felt that women can be uncomfortable having a man around in a female-dominated environment," she says. "Women may think … 'having a man around will change the dynamic.'"

Having a man or two at work in a room full of women does change dynamics, "but that doesn't mean it's bad change," Kaiser adds.'

"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" Ignores Male DV Victims

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Recently I heard that the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes "event" was happening in my city. Read about it here. The idea is this: Men wear women's shoes and walk a mile in them to raise awareness of DV. Predictably there is no mention at all of male DV victims during the event or on the web site.

Does this really frost your behind? It should. Contact page is here. Note the founder/organizer is a man, too. He has his email and phone number published right there on the contact page, but I am going to ask you all NOT to bombard him with phone calls. Send him emails sure, but not phone calls. That is likely to be counter-productive and make HIM out to be some kind of victim, and remember that it is possible he just doesn't have all the facts, and this may just need some enlightening on the matter.

Mom Arrested for Allegedly Setting 3 Daughters on Fire

anthony · 18 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

This story is disturbing. I pray these three young girls are able to fully recover. Excerpt:

'HALTOM CITY, Texas — A woman whose three young daughters were seriously burned was arrested, and neighbors said the mother told a fire investigator she had doused the children with gasoline and set them on fire.

The oldest girl, just 7, screamed, "Why mommy? Why mommy? Why did you do this to me?" after she and her sisters were pulled out of their burning house Saturday, neighbor Kevin Lopez said Monday.

The woman, Alysha Green, 29, had no answer for the fire investigator, Lopez said.

"She was crying and saying `I'm sorry' and she didn't know why she did it," Lopez told The Associated Press.

The girls — ages 7, 5 and 3 — remained in the burn unit of a Dallas hospital Monday; their conditions were not released.'

Men's Issues Presenters Encounter Hope and Biases At International Conference

MR · 18 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Men's Issues Presenters Encounter Hope and Biases At International Conference

"Sunday and Monday of this week I attended the annual, International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego, California."

"The morning went well, with an openness displayed by attendees that was reminiscent of our experiences from the day before. No one was overtly challenging our call to address the issue of domestic violence against men, and children. By late morning to early afternoon our booth was fully staffed and ready to meet the throng of conference attendees who had been in workshops for most of the morning."

"While the news from this conference can certainly be viewed in part as encouraging, the sad fact remains that huge segments of the domestic violence industry are still steeped in bigoted, man-hating, anti-patriarchy ideology."

Six-year-old boy accused of sexual abuse

Matt · 19 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The war on boys is unabated. Read this story and gawk at the insanity. Excerpt:

'THE Education Department has investigated claims a six-year-old student ran a "sex club" at an eastern suburban primary school, involving up to up to half a dozen grade 1 students.
...
The mother has been unable to make a police report because the law states sexual assault by a child under 10 cannot be prosecuted.

"Victims of a perpetrator who is under the age of 10 should still have the same rights as any other victim of a sexual crime," she said.'

"Crime"? At the age of 6 showing off your wanky is a criminal act that some think should be punishable as such? The article shows how the matter has become a political issue to be addressed in a legislature! When I was in grade school boys who showed off their wankies were sent to the principal's office, maybe they got a note to take home to show mom and dad, and that settled it. Now it has become a matter for legislators? Absolute madness.

India: State Agency Admits Men Are Often Victims

Anonymous · 19 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Orissa State Women's Commission accepts that male victimization is happening on a large scale. This is the first time that a government agency (in India) has accepted this fact so openly. Excerpt:

'In the past couple of years, there has been a perceptible increase in the number of such men - bullied and blackmailed, tormented and terrorised. It is true that we have a whole lot of wicked women who misuse their legal weapon." And here's the last word from her: "Contrary to popular belief, torture of men does not take place in urban areas only. It is rampant in villages also."

Also, here:
"This is only the tip of the iceberg. The number of such atrocities against men by women is rising in Orissa. Since May 2007, the Commission has registered 38 such cases," chairperson Namita Panda said.'

Lesbian couple sue - because they get two babies instead of one

GaryB · 19 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

News.com.au reports here on an interesting story.

Two lesbians pay a prominent doc for IVF. It succeeds. But then they sue, because the doc accidentally implants two eggs, and they get twin girls instead of one.

My favourite quote: "Their mothers, whose combined income is almost $120,000, want $398,000 to cover the costs of raising one of the girls, including fees for a private Steiner school in Melbourne."

So they get twin girls, but have to make the doc who got them preggers to pay for them to send the girls to a private school??? Man, the world is insane...

Men: Guilty until proven innocent

Matt · 19 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Marc A. for this one. Article here. Excerpt:

'Child advocate John Walsh advises parents to never hire a male baby sitter.

...

So when the topic of male nannies - mannies - came up in a conversation with friends, I didn't think too long before voicing my take on the trend.

I actually said - aloud - something to the effect of: "Even if we could afford it, I'd never hire a mannie. Too risky that he'd turn out to be a predator.'

...

Sexual molestations committed by women are seriously underreported in this country, Rice said. Such cases often involve adult women having sex with adolescent boys whom they know. Which, sadly, too many people still don't consider sexual abuse, but rather good fortune on the boy's part.

...

Rudov says statistics about male sexual predators are distorted because sexual abuse by women is not reported or not even considered abuse. He also cites federal statistics that show physically abused children are more often victims of female perpetrators.'

Larry Summers Hysteria Still Lingers

anthony · 19 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"What did Summers, a distinguished economist and a liberal Democrat who served in the Clinton administration, do to deserve such obloquy? In 2005, he suggested that it's worth researching whether, among other factors, innate differences between men and women may play a role in the greater prominence of men in the sciences -- a hypothesis that has some support in the relevant scientific literature.

Summers desperately tried to make amends, issuing an abject apology for even raising the subject. Nevertheless, and despite strong support for him among Harvard students, he was drummed out of the Harvard presidency by the Cambridge academic equivalent of a lynch mob.

Apparently his sins against feminist orthodoxy were so grave that he's still not welcome to give so much as a dinner speech to the UC Board of Regents more than two years later."

German women to be paid money, just for agreeing to live in a city

ItsDan · 19 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Apparently a German town had been suffering a mass exodus of young people from it's bordered, so it's novel approach to a solution is to pay women almost $3000, just for agreeing to live in the city for 3 years.

Costa Rica: Some women swindle with domestic violence law

Matt · 20 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Marc A. for this. Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are kicking their mates out of the house in record numbers in Costa Rica. Some of them are enjoying it and using the law designed to protect women against domestic violence to swindle expats. Many expats come to Costa Rica in search of a relationship and end up shooting themselves in the foot by making bad choices.

Police in Heredia say women are abusing Law 8589 Article 7. The article states, “In order to protect the victims, they will be able to request, from the start of the complaint, the protective measures contemplated in the law against domestic violence, as well as the necessary precautionary measures foreseen in the penal code of procedure.”'

Winkler Permitted To Visit Children

anthony · 20 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A judge ruled Wednesday that a woman who killed her minister-husband with a shotgun can begin supervised visits with her three young daughters, but did not decide whether she can have custody of them.

Mary Winkler, who said she needs to help her children heal emotionally from the loss of their father, can visit with them starting Sept. 29, Judge Ron Harmon ruled."

Rwanda: Government Readies for Mass Male Circumcision

anthony · 20 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The government has at last officially supported male circumcision as a tool to fight against HIV/Aids. But the acknowledgement comes with a call for maximum caution from the health ministry.
...
The Health ministry says that Rwanda has adopted male circumcision as one of the preventive measures against the disease."

UK: False Accuser Jailed

AngryMan · 21 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who falsely claimed to have been raped by two different men - forcing them to spend time behind bars - has been jailed for eight months."

Eight months seems lenient for attempting to destroy two families, and putting innocent men in prison. However, it is a positive development because:

(1) She is in jail.
(2) She has not been given the usual anonymity.

Maybe the tide is beginning to turn...

UK: Number of women making unfair pay claims reaches record levels

AngryMan · 21 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The number of women taking employers to court claiming unfair pay has risen to record levels.
...
Jenny Watson, chair of the Equal Opportunities Commission, said that this flood of pay claims was pushing the tribunal system to breaking point.

She said the surge of cases was due to women being recruited by no-win no-fee lawyers promising to win pay rises and backdated cash.

She warned that these lawyers may now target women working in the private sector, which is just as vulnerable to legal action.'

BBC: Young hotties only need apply

Matt · 21 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The BBC has decreed that its new 'bite-size' news bulletins must be presented by young and attractive women, according to claims.
...
Last night a BBC spokesman denied there was any explicit mention of pretty young women in the market research, but refused to reveal what it had said about the type of presenter viewers wanted.'

"Attractive male news readers wanted for one-minute newscasts"

Can you imagine the shrill accusations of sexism? It happens to men, and is greeted pretty much with silence.

Canada: National Association of Women and the Law closes doors

Anonymous · 21 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Canadian government cancels $300K yearly handout to feminist group: National Association of Women and the Law ("NAWL").

The closure is treated mostly as a non-event. It doesn't even make headlines in most of Canada's mainstream media.

NAWL news release here.

Toronto Star: Prints two articles here and here.

Ottawa Citizen: here.

Even the notoriously feminist Toronto Star buried the article in the back of its news section.

Woman found guilty of abduction with intent to deprive custody rights

Anonymous · 21 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"On the third day of deliberations, the six women and six men of the jury concluded that Ms. Bédard was guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of kidnapping her then-11-year-old daughter and taking her to the United States last fall with the criminal intent of depriving the father, her ex-husband Jean Paquet, of his custody rights."
...
"We will take into account the two weeks of provisional detention she spent in a United States jail," Ms. Lemieux said yesterday. Her comments were an indication that the Crown may request that Ms. Bédard, who faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in jail, be handed a much lighter sentence."
...
"In February, Ms. Bédard regained custody of her child in a ruling that reiterated Mr. Paquet's custodial rights."

Unmarried fathers in Ireland gain parental rights in landmark ruling

Anonymous · 21 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - An unmarried father of twin boys must have his children returned to his custody from England, a Dublin judge ruled Tuesday in a landmark judgment for the parental rights of unmarried men.
...
Until now, Irish law recognized no custody rights for unmarried fathers, chiefly because Ireland's conservative 1937 constitution emphasizes that such rights flow from marriage and motherhood.

But High Court Justice Liam McKechnie said the man, a school teacher identified in court only as «Mr. G,» was the de-facto joint guardian of the twins before the mother took them without warning to Manchester, northwest England, eight months ago."

Canada: Universities now where-the-boys-aren't

anthony · 23 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'"It's an international trend that experts widely described as the "feminization of education."
...
"Martin blames the trend on the public schools, which he said switched gears through the 1970s to appeal to the learning style of girls because they weren't doing as well as boys.

"Boys are getting shafted," said Martin, starting in the early elementary school grades where there is "zero tolerance on horsing around" and boys are treated as learning disabled and put on medication if they misbehave."'

Woman Arrested for Making False Rape Charge

anthony · 23 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Make sure you check out the video for this story. Excerpt:

"A North Little Rock woman is arrested for making a false rape charge. Police say that on August 5th, 31-year-old Paula Renee Kay said she was raped in Burns Park. North Little Rock Police then spent many man hours and money -- including hiring a sketch artist -- to find that man. "It's a sad situation that we've had to arrest someone who alleged that they were a victim. But at the same time, our investigators were able to close this case. More importantly, we're able to give the community some sense of security again, that Burns Park is an okay place to go - it's safe," NLR police spokesperson, Sgt. Terry Kuykendall said. Filing a false report is a felony, punishable by up to six years in prison."

"Rigorous Imprisonment" For Woman In Fake Rape Case

anthony · 23 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A city court sentenced a woman to five years' rigorous imprisonment for framing four men in a fake rape case. The verdict comes on the heels of the Supreme Court's recent direction to courts for handling allegations of rape with 'caution'.

Meera, 49, had framed four men in a fake rape case and then extorted money from them during the trial. She was arrested after the court had established inconsistencies in her statements in court. The four men were freed in 2005 after court found them innocent "as the Meera had been making different contradictory statements at various stages, which was very difficult to believe".

Mother and Daughter Lure Boy To Home, Beat Him

anthony · 23 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DES MOINES, Iowa -- Two women are in custody, accused of assaulting a 12-year-old boy who's also a relative.

"They assaulted him and caused serious injury," said Lt. Jeff Miller of the West Des Moines Police Department.

Police said Jaton Warren, 27, and her mother, Maia Beadeau, 51, are responsible for beating the boy Wednesday.'

CNN Protects Perpetrator Of Paternity Fraud

anthony · 23 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Fort Lauderdale, Florida-CNN has concealed the name of a perpetrator of "paternity fraud". Why?

Francisco Rodriquez is the victim of an ordinary case of paternity fraud. The state of Florida insists that he owes $10,000 in back child support payments for a fifteen year old girl who, according to DNA results, is not his daughter. The state even jailed Rodriquez for failure to pay.

Here is my twist on this otherwise ordinary case: In reporting this story, CNN refused to divulge the name of the mother – a perpetrator of fraud who wrongly named Mr. Rodriquez the father. Why did CNN protect her? She is not a victim. She is a perpetrator.'

Study: Men often coerced into sex

Scottie · 23 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Something interesting from the National Post... here's the link.

"The stereotype of the male stud who is always up for sex is being challenged by new research from the University of Guelph showing that men are almost as likely to be coerced in the bedroom as women.

A study of 518 university students found that 38.8% of men and 47.9% of women reported being pressured into a range of sexual activity, from kissing and cuddling to intercourse and oral sex."

RADAR ALERT: H-RES 5-9-0, Misandry Has Got to Go!

Matt · 24 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Since the beginning of September, we have called on you to contact members of the U.S. House of Representatives to "Say NO to HRES 590." And our efforts are working!

To date the House Education and Labor Committee not voted on this hateful resolution. Even better news, the bill hasn't been scheduled for debate! That's exactly where we want it to stay.

And now we have a great opportunity – not only can we deep-six the bill, we can also send a powerful message to several Representatives who are running for president. Four current house members are running for President in their parties' primaries:
Duncan Hunter
Dennis J. Kucinich
Ron Paul
Thomas G. Tancredo

Because they are current House members they will also have to vote on HRES 590. We can continue our efforts to stop HRES 590, and perhaps influence the Presidential campaign, by making these four Congressman the focus of our efforts this week. For a reminder of just what's so offensive about HRES 590, see RADAR's critique here (.pdf file).

The contact information for each of these presidential hopefuls is:

Duncan Hunter
(R)
California
202-225-5672 (tel)
202-225-0235 (fax)
http://www.house.gov/hunter/contact.shtml
Note: Hunter's website explicitly states that you must be a resident of the 52nd Congressional District to send him an electronic message.

Dennis J. Kucinich
(D)
Ohio
202-225-5871 (tel)
202-225-5745 (fax)
http://kucinich.house.gov/Contact

Note: Kucinich uses the "Write Your Representative" service on the House website, which requires that you enter an address in his district.

Ron Paul
(R)
Texas
202-225-2831 (tel)
not provided
http://www.house.gov/paul/contact.shtml

Thomas G. Tancredo
(R)
Colorado

202-225-7882 (tel)
202-226-4623 (fax)
http://tancredo.house.gov/contact_tom.html

As always, be polite. Contact the candidate(s) you would consider voting for in a Presidential primary. Let them know you want them to vote against HRES 590 and why. At the end of the call, fax, or electronic message you can let them know that a no vote and maybe a statement against the abuses of VAWA would get your vote in your state's primary.

All 4 of these guys are second tier candidates and are looking for ways to shake things up. This is a good way to test the effects of our grass roots efforts. If we make as big an impression on them as we did on Rep. George Miller, one of these 4 may mention VAWA abuses in one of the presidential debates or on their website because they will see we are potential voters.

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Date of RADAR Release: September 24, 2007

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

UK: 'British School Girls Beat Classmates Face ‘Beyond Recognition’'

Matt · 24 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

Some people, particularly casual visitors to MANN, might ask, "Why does MANN keep putting stories up about violent women and girls, high schoolers getting stat. raped by female teachers, etc., etc. We all know it happens, why keep on about it?"

Well the reason is just this: most of us wouldn't know about it unless someone pointed it out, as such stories are usually buried on page C15 rather than on A1, where the stories about male criminals are printed.

The urge to deny that women and girls are just as capable of violence and other criminal acts is very strong: a toxic mix of chivalry, bigotry, and cognitive dissonance keep the wheels turning. So MANN keeps posting these sorts of reports because the mainstream media keeps airing one spun-out excuse-making report for female criminal activity after another. In short: *We* won't stop until *they* stop.

New Zealand: "Government has radical plan on child abuse"

n.j. · 24 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The government of New Zealand does not seem to have heard of the fact that women can be (and frequently are) perpetrators of domestic violence. Here is their new, incredibly one-sided approach to the problem: women only are to be asked at hospitals if they "feel controlled" or if anybody has "hurt or threatened" them.

This plan is indeed radical - radical feminist.

Link here.

Related story here.

Women aged 21 to 30 working full time earn 17% more than men

Anonymous · 24 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A New York Times article of September 23rd mentions an analysis, based on 2005 census data, of the wage gap between men and women aged 21 to 30. Women who are employed full-time in that age bracket earn 17% more than men. The following is excerpted from the article (registration is required to view the article in its entirety):

For the first time, women in their 20s who work full time in several American cities — New York, Chicago, Boston and Minneapolis — are earning higher wages than men in the same age range, according to a recent analysis of 2005 census data by Andrew Beveridge, a sociology professor at Queens College in New York.

For instance, the median income of women age 21 to 30 in New York who are employed full time was 17 percent higher than that of comparable men.

Professor Beveridge said the gap is largely driven by a gulf in education: 53 percent of women employed full time in their 20s were college graduates, compared with 38 percent of men. Women are also more likely to have graduate degrees. “They have more of everything,” Professor Beveridge said.'

The article goes on to describe the discomfort the economic disparity creates over the question of who pays for a date.

Winkler Gets Visitation, Oprah Treatment

Matt · 25 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here and here. Excerpts:

Visitation:
'HUNTINGDON, Tenn. — A woman who killed her minister husband with a shotgun can begin supervised visits with her three young daughters Sept. 29, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Judge Ron Harmon said he will draw up rules and locations for the visits within a few days and Mary Winkler can phone her children every other day.'

Oprah:
'As many of you know, Mary Winkler recently appeared on Oprah.
...
Oprah was annoyingly sympathetic to Winkler, and seemed to buy her abused wife shtick.
...
One of the few times on Oprah where Oprah did voice skepticism was when Mary described the morning of the crime. Winkler told Oprah she was angry at her husband and “just wanted to talk to him," and then she “heard a boom.” A more complete description of the incident would have been that she wanted to talk to him, waited until he fell asleep, retrieved the shotgun, pumped it, aimed it at his back, pulled the trigger, and then “heard a boom.”'

NYT: 'When Ties to a Parent Are Cut by the Other'

Matt · 25 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Maurice for pointing this out. Article here. And you guessed it, it starts out with a story about an evil alcoholic truck-driving father as the perp. Only about half-way down the article do they get to this:

'Dr. Baker said her research — both for the book and with several hundred subjects over the last five years — indicates a mother or father is equally likely to do the manipulating. It is “truly 50-50,” she said.'

Author Calling for Stories of Abuse of Men by Women

Matt · 25 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I thought I'd pass this along... a social worker is writing a book on relationships wherein the man stays with the woman even when he is being abused by her. The web site is aptly named http://www.mypsychobitch.com/. Excerpt from the "About" section:

'As the years went by, I became more experienced as a therapist. With more experience came more exposure to similar stories wherein, with seemingly little or no provocation, the woman was flat out abusive to the man. In one case, while working with a couple, I asked the woman, "What were you thinking when you threw the ashtray which struck your husband in the head, causing an emergency room visit and seven stitches?"

With incredulity, I recall he wife saying, "I don't know that was thinking anything." She then changed the subject and continued talking about something else unrelated to her attack. I asked the man about his thoughts and feelings on this topic. His response, "She didn't mean to hurt me."'

Help distribute NCFM news release before domestic violence awareness month

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http://newsroom.eworldwire.com/view_release.php?id=17670

Centers For Disease Control Finds Women Commit Half Of Domestic Violence, Reports National Coalition of Free Men

NCFM calls for accuracy in media during Domestic Violence Awareness Month this October

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For Immediate Release

LOS ANGELES/EWORLDWIRE/Sep. 24, 2007 --- October is domestic violence awareness month. In May 2007, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) published its latest study which found almost one-fourth of relationships had violence, about half of which was reciprocal, and the researchers were "surprised" to find that "in nonreciprocally violent relationships, women were the perpetrators in more than 70 percent of the cases," and men incurred significant injuries (http://pn.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/42/15/31-a) (http://www.ajph.org/cgi/content/abstract/97/5/94).

The CDC's Web site also cites data showing: "In the United States every year, about 1.5 million women and more than 800,000 men are raped or physically assaulted by an intimate partner," and 24 percent of intimate partner homicide victims were male (http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/factsheets/ipvfacts.htm)

Experts have expressed concern that male victims have been unfairly ignored due to gender-driven politics and that this contributes to the intergenerational cycle of domestic violence. When male victims are ignored or just "take it," their children suffer long-term damage by the exposure and are more likely to commit the violence as adults.

The mass media often contributes to this neglect by framing domestic violence as "battered women" or as primarily a male crime and by citing inaccurate crime data. The media says "men and women" when covering soldiers or fire-fighters; it should do the same for domestic violence victims. The National Coalition of Free Men calls on the media for fair reporting this October. As Dear Abby said, "Domestic violence is a human problem, not a gender problem."

In addition to the CDC data, a recent 32-nation study by the University of New Hampshire found women commit half of all partner violence and are just as controlling as men (http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2006/may/em_060519male.cfm?type=n) (http://pubpages.unh.edu/~mas2/ID41E2.pdf).

A University of Florida study recently found women are more likely than men to "stalk, attack and abuse" their partners (http://news.ufl.edu/2006/07/13/women-attackers/).

The University of Washington recently found similar results (http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/06/070625111433.htm).

In fact, although men are less likely to report the violence - which distorts crime data, virtually all randomized sociological surveys show women initiate domestic violence as often as men and use weapons more than men, that men suffer one-third of injuries, and that self-defense explains only a small portion of domestic violence by either sex. Professor Martin Fiebert of California State University summarizes this data in an online bibliography at (http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm).

A recent study in the Journal of Family Violence found many male callers to a national hotline experienced severe violence from female partners who used violence to control them (http://www.springerlink.com/content/a7q0032j88817218/fulltext.pdf).

A University of Pennsylvania emergency room report found 13 percent of men were assaulted by a female partner in the previous 12 months, 37 percent with a weapon, and 14 percent required medical attention (http://www.aemj.org/cgi/content/abstract/6/8/786).

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News.com.au asks: "Why do married men stray?"

GaryB · 26 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

If you really fancy getting angry, read this.

A famous cricketer in Australia has just been in the press for cheating. Technically he didn't cheat - he had, in the past, on several occasions, but this time he was actually separated from his wife when the fling occurred. But that's not important to this writer, who basically uses it as an excuse to attack all us men and tar us with the same brush.

What's more interesting is the comments below the story, a lot of guys (me included) have attempted to bring some sanity back into this.

Mother & Daughter Gang up on Boy on Schoolbus

Matt · 26 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story and video here. Excerpt:

'St. Petersburg, Florida - Police arrested 34-year-old Karen Barber and her 15-year-old daughter each on one count of simple battery.
...
Surveillance video shows what happened when Barber, wearing a red shirt, got on the bus. She confronted a 13-year-old boy who had allegedly punched her 12-year-old son on the bus the day before.

Proffitt says it appeared Barber was about to leave the school bus but then she turned back to the boy and poked him in the forehead.

The tape shows Barber also slapped the boy on the left side of his face.'

New Men's Website

jjgarage · 26 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Dear Administrators and Readers,

This is to inform you of our new website dedicated towards promoting men's issues. It is called **JJ's Garage** and can be found at **http://www.jjgarage.com/.**

Our site wants to coordinate and promote the thoughts and opinions of the average man. It has dedicated itself to this concept. Any man that enjoys writing his thoughts and opinions on any subject concerning male life in America can utilize our website for this purpose. Some of the subjects we highlight are "She Did What?" which gives men a chance to tell their side of broken relationships without the usual "men are bad, women are good" sexist slant found in most main stream media outlets. Our sight also highlights a section called "Fathers and Children" which offers married and divorced fathers a chance to offer their thoughts and opinions concerning the challenges and rewards of fatherhood. And finally, "Your Soapbox" is a section dedicated to the writings of men concerning any subject – sort of like a venting room.

We also offer other forms of media such as a podcast called ***JJ's Garage-Semi-Live*** which is a talk show version of our website, and we offer 24/7 news coverage via videos from major news organizations such as AP, Reuters, CBS, etc.

JJ's Garage also has a sense of humor. Humorous submissions are welcomed to keep spirits high and deter drowning in all the negativity we men encountered.

We look forward to working in coordination with similar sites to expand the causes and knowledge of men's issues. We can be contacted at **theguys-at-jjgarage.com**.

The Guys at JJ's Garage

Indiana Mother Sentenced to Life in Prison for Killing 4 Children

anthony · 26 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"An Elkhart woman who pleaded guilty to strangling her four young children was sentenced Monday to life in prison without parole in each child's death.

Angelica Alvarez, 27, told Elkhart Circuit Judge Terry Shewmaker she repented for what she had done and accepted responsibility for the murders of Jennifer Lopez, 8, Gonzalo Lopez, 6, Daniel Valdez, 4, and Jessica Valdez, 2, on Nov. 14, 2006.

Alvarez pleaded guilty to four counts of murder on Sept. 4 in return for Prosecutor Curtis Hill Jr. agreeing not to seek the death penalty."

New York Times: Men Are Now Happier Than Women

anthony · 27 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the same span, women have replaced housework with paid work — and, as a result, are spending almost as much time doing things they don't enjoy as in the past. Forty years ago, a typical woman spent about 23 hours a week in an activity considered unpleasant, or 40 more minutes than a typical man. Today, with men working less, the gap is 90 minutes."
...
"Government policy isn't the only problem, either. Inside of families, men still haven't figured out how to shoulder their fair share of the household burden. Instead, we're spending more time on the phone and in front of the television."'

Families getting child support unhappy about new fee

srandy · 27 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — Millions of families that turned to federal and state governments for help in collecting child support payments will now have to pay more for the service.

Beginning Oct. 1, families will have to pay $25 annually when states have collected at least $500 on their behalf. Families that previously received public assistance will be exempted.

The $25 will help reduce the federal deficit and compensate the federal government and the states for providing a child support program. Two-thirds of the fee will go the federal government; one-third to the state.
...
For Claudia Fauntleroy of Petersburg, Va., the notice about the additional fee was akin to getting a $25 parking ticket in the mail. Her immediate reaction? “You’ve got to be kidding me.”'

Baby Boy Found with Pacifier Taped in Mouth, Nursery Shutdown

anthony · 27 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 4-month-old boy was found in a darkened room at a day care center with a pacifier taped into his mouth, the Tennessee Department of Human Services announced Wednesday.

According to the suspension order, caretaker Angela Day Gentry told police the taping incident had occurred before, and that placing the tape on the child was a "mutual" idea between herself and Kim Ball, the other caretaker in the room."

"The child literally could have ingested the tape, aspirated, or had breathing problems very quickly (among other possibilities) without an adult's knowing of any crisis," the report stated.'

The Face Of Men Abused By Women

anthony · 27 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Steven said he knows some people will think he's weak, and he wants them to know after years of abuse at the hands of his mother, it was all he knew. He said he is now happily married to a wonderful woman.

He added, "Men's hearts and feelings are like women's hearts and feelings. They feel the same. It doesn't matter if that heart is covered with muscles or breasts, the pain cuts deeply and the losses crowd in. And it doesn't matter if the world thinks men don't feel. You still hurt."'

Senate Pushes Gender Hate Crime Bill

anthony · 27 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Under current federal law, hate crimes apply to acts of violence against individuals on the basis of race, religion, color or national origin. Federal prosecutors have jurisdiction only if the victim is engaged in a specific federally protected activity such as voting.

The House bill would extend the hate crimes category to include sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or disability and give federal authorities greater leeway to participate in hate crime investigations. It would approve $10 million over the next two years to help local law enforcement officials cover the cost of hate crime prosecutions."

Circumcision Atrocity Suit Filed Against Coles County Hospital

Anonymous · 27 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. As long as Type-I male genital mutilation is legal, much worse mutilations will occur. Support the MGM bill: http://www.mgmbill.org/

Excerpt:

'MATTOON, Ill., July 18 /PRNewswire/ -- The day after birth on February 15, 2007, an infant at Sarah Bush Hospital had a standard circumcision procedure performed by Dr. Sherif Malek. However, what should have been a forgotten memory for the boy became a lifelong nightmare. Due to negligence, Dr. Malek severed the entire glans, commonly termed the head, of the infant's penis. Today, Jerry A. Latherow of Latherow Law Office on behalf of plaintiffs Boy Doe (the infant) and his mother, Jane Doe, filed a complaint for compensation for damages against Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System, Inc, 1000 Health Center Drive, Mattoon, IL, and Sherif Malek, D.O. in the Circuit Court of Coles County, Illinois.'

"Women in their thirties exhausted and unhappy"

Anonymous · 28 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women in their thirties who appear to "have it all" compared with previous generations are in fact exhausted and unhappy, a survey has claimed.

The demands of being a homemaker, mother and holding down a job is leaving them "physically and emotionally" wrecked.'

"Nifong example raises good questions"

Matt · 28 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Marc A. for the heads-up. Op-ed here. Excerpt:

'To Nifong: To exploit social stereotypes in order to pursue and compound an injustice against the falsely accused.

When future generations of prosecutors gather around campfires, the Saga of Mike Nifong no doubt will be a frequently told tale.
...
...What if those charged had been poor black men and the alleged victim a suburban white woman? Consider if either those charged, or allegedly victimized, were men, women, straight, gay, Asian, Latino, Native American, black, Caucasian, middle class or poor. Would this have influenced your response?

These are questions worth raising in our hometown as we consider whether justice would truly have been blind.'

On friendships: "Where Have All The Men Gone?"

Matt · 28 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Came across this article and thought it was a good topic to toss out there. It discusses the 'vanishing friendships' that men have with each other and how that just ain't good for us. Excerpt:

'Men who have been managing their careers for years but who find themselves, midstream, feeling bereft of the kind of friendships they once had seem to have made four critical life mistakes, according to experts. The first and biggest problem involves time constraints...

The second problem is a little more insidious and involves the way men tend to forsake their male friends and elect their wives or girlfriends as their new and primary best friends in their social worlds. Call it the Yoko Ono effect.

...
Following hard upon this is problem number three: the tendency for men to entrust their social lives to their girlfriends or wives.
...
The fourth mistake takes us to the problem of male friendship at its widest circumference. It has to do with the sense of manhood we inherit from our fathers and from the movies, a sense of manhood that is standard issue, handed out, as it were, when we were boys, and it is symbolized by the lone rider, brave, independent, and self-sufficient — the Clint Eastwood effect.'

N.Y. judge known for tirades vs. men to step down

Scottie · 28 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK - A Family Court judge whose alleged courtroom tirades included calling one man a "pig" and another "dysfunctional" has agreed to step down at the end of the year.

Judge Marian Shelton will finish out her 10-year term and agreed not to seek reappointment. A monitoring agency called the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, said Thursday it would not seek sanctions against her under the deal.'

Edwards Predicts Doom for African-American Males

anthony · 28 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Does Edwards really care about men, or is he simply looking for minority votes? Either way, its the first comment from a presidential candidate regarding the status of American males. Make sure you check out the video. Excerpt:

'Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards said if he isn't elected president, the population of African-American males is likely to either wind up in prison or dead.
...
We start with the president of the United States saying to America, 'we cannot build enough prisons to solve this problem. And the idea that we can keep incarcerating and keep incarcerating — pretty soon we're not going to have a young African-American male population in America. They're all going to be in prison or dead. One of the two."'

Author of Books For Boys to Release Free Sample Chapters

Anonymous · 29 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

On Monday, October 1, Max Elliot Anderson will post a sample chapter from one of his action-adventures or mysteries, written especially for boys 8 – 13. Mr. Anderson grew up hating to read. “Now I write the kinds of books I would have enjoyed as a child,” he said.

Each chapter will come from one of his seven published books. “It’s an opportunity for children, teachers, and parents to get an idea of what my books are all about.”

These chapters can be located on his blog, Books for Boys, at http://booksandboys.blogspot.com/.

Chapters will come from Newspaper Caper, Terror at Wolf Lake, North Woods Poachers, Mountain Cabin Mystery, Big Rig Rustlers, Secret of Abbott's Cave & Legend of the White Wolf, which are compared by readers and reviewers to Tom Sawyer, The Hardy Boys, Huck Finn, Nancy Drew, Tom Swift, Scooby-Doo, Lemony Snicket, and adventure author Jack London.

“I’m interested in getting more boys to read,” Anderson said. “There is a tremendous need to write books that will capture and hold their attention. I believe I’ve written books like that.”

Others agree.

A mother recently wrote, concerning her reluctant reader son, “I love the way you write and make us want to read on! By the third book, he didn't wait on me anymore! He was off in his room reading away all by himself! I feel like I owe his success of reading to you. YOU gave him the love of reading!”

Another parent said, “I can't believe it…as the concerned mother of two struggling readers (boys ages 13 & 16)…who is also the daughter of a children's librarian…I think I have purchased every book recommended for reluctant readers. however, they have ALL fallen short until today. We were able to purchase Newspaper Caper and we're hooked !!! I can't thank you enough for your efforts. I actually think I caught my husband listening too!!!”

Not only are his books written to appeal to boys, they look different. “The type is larger,” Anderson said. “You won’t find huge blocks of words. I use shorter sentences, with lots of dialog, and humor. The pages are of higher quality with plenty of white space, so readers won’t lose their place on the page. And most chapters end with a cliffhanger.”

These books appeal to girls as well. Anderson believes that once young readers read one of these sample chapters, they’ll want more. “I’m going to post a new chapter, from a different book, every Monday from October 1 through November 12.”

“And remember,” Anderson concluded with a smile, “Christmas isn’t that far away.”

Knicks Sex Harassment Case Going to Jury

anthony · 29 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"In their closing arguments, defense lawyers argued that Browne Sanders was doomed by her own failure to adapt to an organizational shake-up that began with Thomas's hiring in 2004. A series of clashes with Thomas and star guard Stephon Marbury, poor job performance and personal financial woes put her in a precarious position that prompted her to make false claims, said MSG attorney Ronald Green.

It's up to a jury to decide whose version to believe in a $10 million sexual harassment lawsuit. Deliberations were expected to begin Friday."

UConn: Taking A Look At Men's Studies

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Gouws' interest in "men's studies," as he described the field, developed during his stint at graduate school. The classroom environment, said Gouws, sometimes enabled bigotry under the guise of feminism with nasty consequences. During a class on gender sociology, the instructor presented a paper describing a female 'wild zone' that represented an area of thinking that women alone could experience due purely to their sex.
...
The importance of male-positive masculinities cannot be understated, said Gouws. "The manhood question" - how men define themselves in relation to their gender - is an essential one, and it deserves the same attention that "the woman question" has received. And since he's not retiring just yet, Gouws and his students will have plenty of time to delve further.'

Site Upgrade

Scott · 29 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Bear with us, this site has now been upgraded to the latest and greatest version of Drupal. That of course means old bugs are fixed and new ones are introduced. Please keep us posted on problems you may encounter with the new system to admin@mensactivism.org.

"Duke Apologizes to Lacrosse Players"

Matt · 30 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Duke University President Richard Brodhead apologized Saturday for not better supporting the men's lacrosse players falsely accused in last year's highly publicized rape scandal.

Brodhead, speaking at the university's law school, said he regretted Duke's "failure to reach out" in a "time of extraordinary peril" after a woman accused three players of raping at a March 2006 party thrown by the team.'

Too little, too late. Brodhead, it's time for you to step down.

Does Anyone Use the Planet Blog Reader?

Scott · 30 September 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Along the top of this site are links to other services I've been experimenting with offering to the community. The wiki has been very active lately, but the Planet Blog Reader is in need of some maintenance that I don't really have the time for. I'd like to know if anyone would feel upset to see it go?

RADAR ALERT: DV Awareness Month: Nighty-Night to DV Fairy Tales!

Matt · 1 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and this year RADAR and many members of the VAWA Reform Coalition are sponsoring activities designed to counteract the fairy tales the DV industry delights in spreading around.

This year RADAR has selected the theme, "It's Time to Tell the Truth about Domestic Violence." Throughout the month, RADAR will be releasing reports that highlight how the DV myths often preclude effective approaches to reducing partner abuse, and sometimes make the situation worse!

RADAR strongly encourages you to attend at least one Domestic Violence Awareness Month event held in your area. To find a listing of local events:

1. Go to http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/statedomestic.htm.
2. Identify the domestic violence coordinating council for your state.
3. At the coordinating council's website, look for activities listed under the Calendar of Events

Always be sure to present yourself in a polite manner. And if you really want to have fun, why not show up at the event early, dressed up as a storybook character:

- The Wicked Witch who tricked Snow White into eating a poisonous apple.
- Pinocchio, whose nose grew an inch every time he told a lie.
- The Sly Old Fox, who misled the Gingerbread Men by saying he wouldn't eat them if they let him carry them across the river.

Pass out copies of the flyer (.pdf file) that RADAR designed specially for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Try to take pictures. If you come up with any good shots, post them on a website like http://flickr.com/, http://imageshack.us, or http://divshare.com/, and send the URLs for your best shots to info-at-mediaradar.org.

Finally, RADAR will be issuing several press releases throughout the month. This week's press release focuses on the many inaccuracies on the U.S. Department of Justice website, asking that federal agency to "Tell the Truth about Partner Abuse." The release is posted here on the RADAR website.

So we invite you to join the festivities! This week, send a friendly message to the DoJ Attorney General and highlight the many fairy tales on the DoJ website, urging him to "Tell the Truth about Domestic Violence.".

Send your e-mail to: AskDOJ-at-usdoj.gov or call the Office of the Attorney General Comment Line: 202-353-1555.

The truth is our greatest weapon. This month, we're going to make the most of it – and have a lot of fun in the process!

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Date of RADAR Release: October 1, 2007

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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India: Battered men scurry for cover in Orissa district

Matt · 3 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'Kendrapara (Orissa), Oct 1: As women continue to storm the male bastion, quite a few men from this part of the state are crying foul and demanding protection from their aggressive spouses.

With anti-dowry law largely favouring the women resulting in its gross misuse, allegations pour in from husbands who are at the receiving end of persecution and harassment meted out to them by their spouses.

The beleaguered husbands driven up the wall have begun seeking the state women's commission to intervene and save them from rowdy wives.'

Times & Daily Democrat cites the *accurate* data on gender and domestic violence

Matt · 3 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Posted on behalf of Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'Citizens by and large deduce that women are the primary victims -- and that remains true. But in solving the problem of domestic violence, there must be realism about its nature.

The same CDC study concludes that in about half of the cases, the violence is reciprocal between a man and woman. That's not hard to believe in examining police incident reports, where woman most times do the reporting as a victim but in which men frequently state they were attacked during the incident as well.

What surprised CDC researchers even more was that "in non-reciprocally violent relationships, women were the perpetrators in more than 70 percent of the cases," and men incurred significant injuries.'

RADAR ALERT: Act Now to Prevent a Repeat of HRES 590 Disgrace

Matt · 3 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Despite our heroic efforts to stop HRES 590, RADAR has just learned that the bill passed the House of Representatives last Tuesday.

HRES 590 is jam-packed (.pdf file) with half-truths, distortions, and lies. Passage of this biased resolution is a national embarrassment.

We did succeed in stopping the bill from being debated by the House Education and Labor Committee. But it appears the House leadership did an end-run on us, taking the bill out of committee directly to the House floor. Not only that, the leadership cut the debate short, requiring a two-thirds vote for a voice vote.

Yes, it was a disgraceful short-circuiting of the democratic process, but that's what they did. So we have to learn from the experience and plan to do much better next time.

What lesson did we learn? That stopping a flawed bill like this requires a MASSIVE outpouring of voter discontent. To do that, we need to substantially increase the number of people signed on to the RADAR E-lert list.

So here's what we're asking you to do –

Think of all the listservs and organizations you belong to that are concerned about the destructive effects of VAWA. Pass along this Alert to those groups with this simple message:

"Join the growing effort to reform the Violence Against Women Act - go to http://www.mediaradar.org/join_vrc.php and sign up to receive the RADAR E-lerts."

Do it now. We must not allow a repeat of the HRES 590 disgrace.

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Virginia Tech Collegiate Times editorial: "Men Often Victims of Sexual Assault"

Matt · 3 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'In a May 2007 study, the Centers for Disease Control found that more than 800,000 males in the United States are raped or physically assaulted by their female partners every year.

The National Coalition of Free Men (NCFM) is expressing concern during domestic violence awareness month this October that this study has been unfairly ignored because of the media's gender stereotyping.
...
CDC studies show the gravity of IPV for men and women alike. In the year 2004, IPV resulted in 1,544 deaths with 25 percent being men. Updated in 2003, the corporate cost of IPV in the United States was $8.3 million from medical care, mental health services and lost productivity.'

Jewish "Intactivists" In U.S. Stop Circumcising

Matt · 3 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here, HOORAY!! This represents real progress in getting this hopelessly outdated practice eliminated from our list of anti-male "socially acceptable" things. And, it's in an MSM publication, two reasons to cheer! Excerpt:

'But, like an increasing number of Jews in the United States, she has decided not to circumcise her son, rejecting the traditional notion that it is a Biblically prescribed sign of the Jewish relationship with God.

"I see circumcision as a blood ritual that I can let go of," said Anderson, who lives in Southern California.

Her position is in harmony with a wider decline in circumcision in the United States.
...
Among those talking about it is a gaggle of young, male, Jewish commentators. This year alone, in books, online and in magazines, authors Neal Pollack, Sam Apple, Jonathan Safran Foer and Shalom Auslander have all fretted about doing to their sons what was done to them. The title of Auslander's memoir, scheduled for publication in October, is "Foreskin's Lament."

Circumcision is even before the courts. In November, the Oregon Supreme Court will rule on whether a convert to Judaism can force his 12-year-old son to undergo the procedure.'

Article says: "If boys will be boys, men will beat women"

Matt · 4 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Posted for Marc A.: This disgustingly anti-male, sexist article by Gretchen Cochran cites the old lie that 95% of domestic violence is male-on-female, quotes a bunch of gender bigots like Frank Ochberg saying it's in men's genes to use force against women, and posts the phony "power & control wheel."

Please RESPOND by writing to the editor, etc. at:

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Fall/Winter DAHMW Newsletter Release

Scott · 4 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Jan Brown of the Maine-based Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women forwarded me a copy of their Fall/Winter newsletter. You can download a copy of it here. The newsletter discusses the recent DV study by the Centers for Disease Control and mentions a new public service announcement they've released.

New York: Golden Retriever Given Order of Protection

Matt · 4 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW HAVEN, Oct. 1 — It was a typical scene for a divorced couple: As the police tell it, Cassandra Reynolds pulled up in the driveway of her ex-husband's home in South Windsor to pick up a few belongings.

A dispute ensued. Her ex-husband's golden retriever approached her, so she kicked it, the police said. The dog yelped. Ms. Reynolds was arrested.

That was on Sept. 23. The next day, a Superior Court judge ordered Ms. Reynolds, 39, to stay away from her ex-husband and his new wife. The judge also ordered her to stay at least 100 yards away from Riley, the golden retriever — or face up to five years in prison and a fine of up to $5,000.'

"Woman allegedly had relationship with boy, 8"

Matt · 4 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Note the headline: "..had relationship". "HAD RELATIONSHIP"?? Well, yes, I guess they did, the same way a hungry tiger has a relationship with a slow gazelle. Strictly speaking, they do have "a relationship", but there are far more precise terms one can use to describe it. Excerpt:

'LAS CRUCES -- A 30-year-old Las Cruces woman was in custody Wednesday, charged with having sexual contact with an 8-year-old boy, Las Cruces police reported.

Michelle A. Tufts, 30, of the 2800 block of east Idaho Avenue, was arrested Monday and is charged with two felony counts of criminal sexual penetration of a child younger than 13 and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.'

"Home Is Where the Hurt Is"

Matt · 5 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Boy Genteel. Article here. Excerpt:

'"Our policies are geared in one direction -- not only unfair to male victims, more importantly, it's not very effective. We're not treating the whole problem; we're only treating part of it. Right now our policies are driven by battered-women's advocates. While they certainly should have a place at the table and their voice is important, they shouldn't be determining policy. There are mental health professionals, attorneys, people involved in family law, children's advocates and social workers who have a different take on domestic violence; and their voices are just not considered in the same way as battered-women's advocates.'

Duke Case: Lacrosse Players File Lawsuit Against City of Durham

Matt · 5 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Greensboro — Three former Duke lacrosse players falsely accused of rape have filed a federal civil lawsuit against several defendants, including former District Attorney Mike Nifong and the city of Durham.

The 155-page lawsuit does not mention a specific amount of damages, but does ask for numerous reforms to the way the Durham Police Department handles criminal investigations.'

Victims of false domestic violence reporting detail experiences

Matt · 5 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'CHARLESTON - The release of a study indicating that most of the petitions for domestic violence protection orders may be used for leverage in a divorce or child custody proceeding comes as cold comfort to those who've experienced it firsthand.'

Problem Fix Coming: Story Submission

Scott · 7 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I'm aware that users have been unable to submit stories to the site since the upgrade. I apologize for this and will fix it soon. However, I've been on the road and will not be able to get to this for a few days. Please bear with this, I realize how critical it is for us to be able to accept stories from you.

Visa program gives victims chance to help law officials

Matt · 9 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'Under the program, immigrants temporarily can live and work in this country legally as long as they help law enforcement officials investigate and prosecute the offenders.

The "U" visa, approved by Congress in 2000 as part of a law providing investigators and prosecutors legal muscle to fight the growing human trafficking industry, was mired in delays as the government analyzed local, state and federal criminal laws to decide which immigrants would be eligible.'

RADAR ALERT: RADAR Report Shows DV Programs May Worsen Partner Abuse

Matt · 9 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Today RADAR is releasing an explosive new report that reveals most domestic violence programs are ineffective, and some actually worsen abusive situations. "Why Have Domestic Violence Programs Failed to Stop Partner Abuse?" analyzes the research on four widely-used strategies to reduce partner abuse:

1. Treatment services for abusers:
   While treatment services based on the so-called Duluth model are flatly ineffective, gender-specific services for female abusers are generally unavailable, the report reveals.
2. Restraining orders:
   Two to three million restraining orders are issued every year in the United States. But such orders are generally ineffective in preventing physical violence. Researcher Lora Dugan concluded in one study that protection orders are associated with "increases in the number of black women killed by their unmarried partners."
3. Mandatory arrest:
   Mandatory arrest laws are now on the books in 37 states, but according to a recent Harvard University study, such laws increase subsequent partner homicides by 60%. "Mandatory arrest laws are responsible for an additional 0.8 murders per 100,000 people," concludes Harvard researcher Radha Iyengar.
4. No-drop prosecution:
   No-drop prosecution policies, now in effect in two-thirds of jurisdictions around the country, likewise have no proof of their value.

The report will surely disappoint those who keep calling for ever-harsher law enforcement measures to curb domestic violence. We urge you to read this milestone report, which can be seen here (.pdf file).

Then we encourage you to distribute this flyer (.pdf file) at the next Domestic Violence Awareness Month event that you attend.

Let's begin to get the word out that VAWA badly needs to be reformed!

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Where the boys aren't: In college

Matt · 9 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via anthony. Story here. Excerpt:

'Factors such as changing societal norms, women's superior high school academic performance and higher career expectations could be responsible for the increase, Frank Guzik, associate director of admissions at IPFW, says.

"It's not just the numbers," he says. "It's the reason why. Most colleges and universities, ourselves included, have made efforts to make college admission more accessible to women. And we've been really successful at it."'

Teacher guilty on sex count

Matt · 9 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via anthony. Story here. Excerpt:

'Pleading guilty to six counts of indecent treatment of a boy under the age of 14, plus 20 counts of indecent treatment of a boy under the age of 17, King then had to sit in the court dock on tenterhooks for almost three hours as her lawyer Tony Kimmins argued why she should not go to jail.

In the end he was successful, with Senior Judge Gilbert Trafford-Walker sentencing King to three years' jail on each count, to be served concurrently – but all wholly suspended for three years and six months.
...
Ms Brisick said at the time of the offences, from 1977 to 1982, carnal knowledge of a female by a male was an offence but not that of a female against a male, which is why the charges had proceeded along indecent dealing lines.'

Police: Rape case a hoax

Matt · 9 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via anthony. Story here. Excerpt:

'Renesia D. Smart, 18, Humble Avenue, Cairo, was arrested late Thursday and charged with giving false information to the police.

“While we were doing the investigation into the reported rape (Thursday) some of the details conflicted with what some of the evidence was showing us,” said Sandefur. “As evening progressed and we spoke with other associates of the reporting party, we discovered that this was a fabrication.”

...

Her charge is a misdemeanor offense; Sandefur said Smart must go in front of a state court judge.'

"Women Who Batter, Proudly"

Matt · 9 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via anthony. Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent survey by the Centers for Disease Control found that among physically aggressive couples, 71% of the instigators in nonreciprocal partner violence were female. And last year Renee McDonald of Baylor University published a study in the Journal of Family Psychology with almost identical results.
...
The problem isn't just gals who clean their boyfriends' clock in a drunken rage. These high-testosterone females abuse their men and then come clean with a swaggering braggadocio.

A few months ago ABC Primetime did an experiment. The producers hired two actors - male and female - to feign partner violence in a public park. They wanted to see what passers-by would do when they spotted the woman pounding her boyfriend with a rolled-up newspaper.'

U Conn Student Paper: "The Hidden Side Of Domestic Violence"

Matt · 9 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I believe this is a direct result of our news release. They don't mention NCFM but they cited the same data we did, and in the same way. Marc A.

Article here. Excerpt:

'Cultural stigmas attached to males prevent society from recognizing domestic violence cases the gender suffers from.

Kathleen Holgerson, the director of the Women's Center, said that the cultural stigmas attached to men often keep male victims from reporting their domestic violence cases.

Men are stereotypically "tough" and thus many men feel it is considered a weakness on their part to allow their partner to subject them to such abuse.'

More student paper exposure re DV

Matt · 9 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'Angelucci said only two shelters exist in California that serve male domestic violence victims as well as female. In the past, many domestic violence shelters would even train their staff to treat all male callers as perpetrators no matter what the circumstances, Angelucci said.

Martin Fiebert at Cal State Long Beach said the mass media often contributes to this neglect of male victims by framing domestic violence only as "battered women" or primarily as male crime, and by citing inaccurate data.'

Ed. note: The Sundial is the student paper of California State University, Northridge.

Story Submission Back On-line

Scott · 10 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks again everyone for your understanding - web-based story submissions are now working again. I don't say this often enough, or often at all, but the news story submissions from our users are the thing that makes Mensactivism.org what it is today, and I greatly appreciate all the time and effort people put into creating content for this site.

I realize at the same time there are improvements we could make to help resolve the inevitable disputes that have occasionally come up regarding what content gets posted as stories and what doesn't. I want you to know that I'm continuing to look into solutions that will better address these problems. Keep an eye out for more site changes along these lines by the end of this year.

Husband 'burned while wife got washing in'

Matt · 10 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Gary. Story here.

Gary writes: "Hmm, does it really take Sherlock Holmes to work this one out? Man is worth two and a half million pounds, tells his wife he wants a divorce. Wife says “You will NOT divorce me”.

Husband goes out to shed, which then mysteriously explodes, burning him to death. Whilst he is burning to death, the wife BRINGS IN THE WASHING!

She then takes the cash and moves to Australia with the riches to buy a house where she sets up with her boyfriend.

Now, I wonder who did it – couldn’t have been a woman, MUST have been a man..."

Excerpt:

'As Jennifer Chubb professed her innocence in Bellingen yesterday, a British court was told she allegedly rushed to take washing off the line while her husband Andrew burned to death when his backyard shed burst into flames in 2001.

Andrew Chubb, 58, died in the shed fire after he apparently told his wife he wanted a divorce so he could move in with his lover Kerry Sparrow.

Neighbours yesterday told the inquest into his death that Mrs Chubb was very concerned about the washing on the line, told everyone she thought her husband was committing suicide and, before the fire was even out, was talking about insurance payouts.'

Wrongly Imprisoned Man Freed in Texas

blaze4metal · 10 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A man who spent a dozen years in prison for a rape he didn't commit was freed Tuesday, the third inmate to be released because of problems with the Houston Police Department's crime lab.
...
Houston officials have been struggling to fix the crime lab for years. An independent audit in 2002 raised concerns about DNA analysis procedures. In June, a former U.S. Justice Department inspector hired by the city cited hundreds of "serious and pervasive" flaws in forensic cases handled by the lab.'

Woman seeks rich husband, banker says "crappy" deal

Matt · 10 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Every now and then, something is written in the sub-MSM world that just about sums it all up. This reports on a recent exchange between a woman seeking to become a trophy bride and a man who explains why he wouldn't take the deal. Original posting duplicated here. You will enjoy it.

Hillary in her own words: Gender is all she has to run on

Matt · 11 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'But Clinton is campaigning in large part on her gender; **she noted during a swing through the state this week that she couldn't run as anything else.** She is making appeals to women and the voters who support them in subtle and direct ways.

She says she's not running because she's a woman, but because she is the most qualified and experienced person for the job. But at every stop, she used her potential to break through the ultimate glass ceiling as part of her closing argument for voters to elect her.'

More "femme fatale" pedaling of murder-by-proxy

Matt · 11 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Oh how the press eats it up! Sexy ex-stripper goads fiance #2 to kill fiance #1 using a Hollywood script and her own "wiles". Has all the makings of not one but five Oprah episodes and dozens of made-for-TV movies.

Body count: 2. Fiance #1 dead, fiance #2 in jail

Meanwhile a sociopath gets all the limelight she can handle. Let's see how much time if any she actually gets. She'll probably make a fortune on book deals and appearances.

Excerpt:

'ANCHORAGE, Alaska - In the 1994 movie “The Last Seduction,” a femme fatale coaxes her lover into killing her husband for money. Prosecutors say a beautiful stripper obsessed with the film followed the script to its murderous end.

Mechele Linehan, 34, is on trial on charges she masterminded the decade-old slaying of her fiancé in hopes of collecting $1 million in insurance.

Life and art were so similar, prosecutors say, that they even sought, unsuccessfully, to have the movie shown to the jury.'

Mother disfigures boy to spite his father, gets jail

GaryB · 11 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is a horrendous story, but a positive outcome in that (for once) she isn't seen as the victim and needing help.

The mum was angry because the boy's father hadn't turned up to see him on this particular day - so she boils a kettle, calls him into the kitchen then pours it over the boy, scolding him over 20% of his body.

Excerpt:
'The judge at Cardiff Crown Court told the 36-year-old, who cannot be named, that she had "failed her first and greatest responsibility as a parent". Judge Phillip Richards added the mother had become "the danger" to her son.

The victim had told the court that he was still full of rage over his mother's actions and wanted to make her pay.

He said he did not tell anybody about the incident until the autumn of 2004, because she had told him she would kill herself if he did.'

Like I said, unbelievable she would do it to her own son but so positive that she's facing serious jail time and (at least in this article) nobody is rushing to defend her and make her out to be the victim.

Best Political Blog: Vote for Angry Harry

Anonymous · 12 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The Blogger's Choice Award will be awarded on November 10th. Vote today!

Whether or not you agree with Angry Harry's approach, he raises important MRA issues. AngryHarry is a front-runner for Best Political Blog.

Vote for Angry Harry here.

Of course, the cadres of women studies majors and government-sponsored feminist organizations have started ticking away at their keyboards, organizing to artificially inflate the numbers for Feministing.com. But the grassroots movement of equality-seeking men and women are making their voices heard: You'll also find Feministing nominated for Worst Blog of All time, and Most Obnoxious Blogger.

Korean Papaer Covers Pay Gap - and Reasons for It

Matt · 12 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

' Apart from the longer overall hours put in by men than women, Warren Farrell, author of ``Why Men Earn More: The Startling Truth Behind the Pay Gap - and What Women Can Do About It,'' said male workers are more likely to be open toward factors that lead to higher pay.

Relocating or traveling extensively for work, taking on more hazardous assignments, working in the hard sciences, taking jobs requiring greater financial risk and working in unpleasant environments are some of the conditions Farrell mentions in his book.'

Book review: A man's guide to avoiding psychos

Matt · 12 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'His divorce did nothing to put him off the fairer sex and he has a long-term partner.

So why is he co-authoring a book called That Bitch (Protect Yourself Against Women With Malicious Intent), a title guaranteed to get a knee-jerk, hackles-rising response in the most placid-natured members of the gender?

"It is a provocative title," he concedes. "We can't use it in America. They can't deal with the directness. It is going to be called Venus: The Dark Side. But the book is aimed at guys and as everybody says guys don't do subtlety we thought we are not going to pussy foot around here.

...

The book is a survival guide for men (and women) on how to protect themselves against a (Roy is at pains to stress) small group of vindictive, violent or self-serving women who use and abuse partners, colleagues and even children.'

Bill Cosby's New Book Condemns Fatherless America

Roy · 14 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The entire first chapter of comedian Bill Cosby's new book is on-line:

In "Come on People, On the Path From Victims to Victors" Cosby condemns the epidemic of fatherlessness in the black community and in the nation at large that has devastating consequences:

"A house without a father is a challenge. A neighborhood without fathers is a catastrophe, and that's just about what we have today. ... Why is the problem so grave? A mother can usually teach a daughter how to be a woman. But as much as mothers love their sons, they have difficulty showing a son how to be a man.... We can't speak honestly of black culture in America unless and until we honestly address the issue of the estrangement of fathers and their children."

There's humor as well, with Cosby taking on the gansta rap culture that too often celebrates the street as real education -

"You can't land a plane in Rome saying, "Whassup?" to the control tower. You can't be a doctor telling your nurse, "Dat tumor be nasty."

198 Methods of Nonviolent Action

Scott · 14 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In the spirit of covering activism topics, I recently came across this list of 198 nonviolent forms of protest activism authored by Gene Sharp. It's something worth distributing to fellow activists to help inspire ideas for activism projects.

Former Duke Lacrosse Coach Sues School

axolotl · 14 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) -- The former Duke University men's lacrosse coach who resigned last year amid allegations that three of his players raped a stripper has sued the university."

"Mike Pressler's lawsuit apparently stems from a financial settlement the school reached earlier this year with him.."

Baby-throwing mom convicted

blaze4metal · 15 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A jury has convicted a woman of swinging her 4-week-old son at her boyfriend during a fight and fracturing the infant's skull.

Chytoria Graham, 28, fell into the fetal position when the judge told her she faced a five-year mandatory minimum prison sentence after she was convicted Wednesday of aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, simple assault and child endangerment.

"Oh my God," Graham cried. "Oh my God, Oh my God. No, no, no."'

Why is she so upset? A man would have gotten at least 20 years minimum for the same thing. Oh well, good riddance.

Isiah Thomas: Guilt by genitalia

anthony · 15 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Nowhere is female privilege more evident than within the star-chamber like confines of the "Sexual Harassment Industry." In this arena, feminist lobbyists have erected a charnel house to exterminate the expression of random, unscripted male behavior in the workplace. It has even created a ludicrous female right not to be offended…by anything said or done in their proximity. This right can be brandished upon men who accidentally forget to don their automaton costumes before punching the clock."

Politico: Dems must woo white men to win

anthony · 15 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"In 2008, Democrats are assembling behind a front-runner, Hillary Rodham Clinton, with singular problems among white males. Polls show her support among this group is approaching the record lows scored by Democrats during the peak of Ronald Reagan's popularity in the 1980s. Some recent hypothetical matchups — which are highly fluid at this stage of a contest — showed Clinton winning roughly a third of white males in a race against Republican Rudy Giuliani."

Also from anthony, an interesting contrast: Clinton's team says women will carry win.

Opening This Week: "Feminist Farm" CafePress Shop

sgaver · 15 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This week-end I will be opening up a new CafePress shop, Feminist Farm Online Store, devoted to "... lampooning feminism and exposing feminism's long history of misconceptions, absurdities, distortions, half-truths and outright lies."

The store's headline reads: "The best way to drive out the devil . . . is to jeer and flout her, for she cannot bear scorn." And that's what we plan to do: make fun of feminism, with humorous and (hopefully) pointed illustrations that mock and scorn feminism.

Although the shop will open with only four items, I've hired artists from as far away as India, and have about a dozen additional illustrations now on the drawing board that should be ready for the store in 1 or 2 weeks.

Please check it out! http://www.cafepress.com/feministfarm

Feedback and suggestions are always welcome!

Rudov: Man sues over being forced to take female hormone pills

MrReality · 16 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

According to the latest debate on Fox News some corporations are now forcing men to take female hormone pills because -- according to them -- it makes men "less aggressive." The war against men is still going full steam and behind the wheel are women and men whom would rather argue with, and impugn other men, than expose women's double standards and lies.

You can watch the debate here.

Nebraska mom who abandoned baby will get full custody by December

tac0965 · 17 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Sorry to keep bringing this story up on the board (this will be the last), but it appears there will be no consequences for a woman who left her baby in a hospital restroom. She will probably get the baby back by the end of the year. Notice how much sympathy is in some of the comments to this story. Many of those who commented mentioned how they felt when they were pregnant and 18. They seemed to be strangely implying that they understand this woman's actions (??). Article here.

tac0965
"Don't get married, don't put your girlfriends name on any of your property, and hide your assets!"

Baltimore Sun prints Glenn Sacks' column re false rape rape accusations

Matt · 17 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Maryland is under fire for denying activists from the Clothesline Project, a campus rape-awareness event, permission to publicly name alleged rapists. The university cites the danger of lawsuits from those named, and that's certainly a reasonable fear. Yet the university should also oppose naming alleged rapists because it could defame and harm innocent men.

A significant percentage of allegations of sexual assault are false. According to a study conducted by former Purdue sociologist Eugene J. Kanin and published in Archives of Sexual Behavior, in more than 40 percent of the cases reviewed, the complainants eventually admitted that no rape had occurred. Mr. Kanin also studied rape allegations in two large Midwestern universities and found that 50 percent of the allegations were recanted by the accuser.'

RADAR ALERT: Equal Protection?

Matt · 17 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Civil rights are those rights which we create through the application of the law. They are distinct from "human rights" which many assume to be common to all people, everywhere. In the United States, the constitution guarantees equal protection under the law (under the 14th amendment). This was necessary because prior to the 14th amendment, individual rights were only protected from violation by the federal government (but not state governments). The individual states had wide latitude in how draconian or arbitrary their laws were, and the application of state law could discriminate against citizens for the most capricious of reasons. The 14th amendment's "equal protection clause" was meant to correct that, and provide due process (and many other rights) to all citizens, regardless of the state they lived in.

Today, restraining orders against men are usually granted to women for the asking, with the only obstacle being a legal pleading. Approximately 15 percent of restraining orders are imposed upon women, while men are restrained 85 percent of the time. The due process provided by a trial is denied to the one subject of the restraining order, even though an alleged violation of the order carries with it a criminal penalty. Violating a restraining order is not always a willful or malicious act. A man subject to a woman's restraining order need only answer his telephone when she calls him, and that could be a violation (with jail time as a penalty – no jury trial involved).

When domestic violence has been alleged, restraining orders carry with them the financial obligation to continue making rent or mortgage payments on the house that one is now prohibited from approaching. Again, failure to meet this obligation can carry criminal penalties including jail time.

Restraining orders are a phenomenon of the states – a draconian measure that compromises civil liberties of the accused, denying him (or her) a jury trial. It is the various states that are, in this case, compromising civil liberties of any person unfortunate enough to be falsely accused on any level. Despite the protections of the 14th amendment's nearly 130-year-old "equal protection" clause, protection is anything BUT equal – especially protection of falsely accused men. This problem is only exacerbated under VAWA, which provides funds for programs, personnel, and promotion of policies that continue the unequal treatment of male defendants. It eeds to stop.

RADAR has issued a press release on this subject: http://www.mediaradar.org/press_release_20071016.php

We are asking you to print out and distribute the following flyer about such civil rights violations as described above: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARflyer-VAWA-Promotes-Civil-Rights-Abuses.pdf.

A good place to distribute the flyer is at public events held in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which happens to be October! Attendees at such events will already be focused on domestic violence, and some just may have an open mind. Please pass out the above flyer at such events! To find the event closest to you, simply visit the following guide provided by the U.S. Department of Justice: http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/statedomestic.htm

We have to stand up for civil rights for all Americans, regardless of gender, regardless of location. Our fundamental rights to a jury trial and due process are being subverted. Your help is appreciated!

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Harvard Medical School recognizing frequency of female domestic violence

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From Marc A.:

The article below printed in the 9/07 issue of the Harvard Mental Health Letter (V. 24, N. 3) and is on the Harvard Medical School's website. It is by the researcher from the Centers for Disease Control, Dr. Whitaker, whose recent reseach found 24% of heterosexual relationships had violence, half of it reciprocal, and that women committed over 70% of the non-reciprocal violence and initited the reciprocal violence more than men, and women suffered more injury but men suffered significant injury as well. The abstract of the study is at http://www.ajph.org/cgi/content/abstract/97/5/941.

The Psychiatry Online article on the study is at http://pn.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/42/15/31-a.

Dr. Whitaker was "surprised" by this research, which means probably isn't aware that virtually ALL randomized sociological research shows the same thing, including the National Family Violence Survey going back to 1975, plus nearly 200 other studies summarized by Professor Fiebert at http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm.

Dr. Whitaker's presumed lack of awareness may explain why he still refers to the more severe battering forms of domestic violence (which he admits is the less common form) as "male battering." He evidently has not seen the research showing even severe battering can and is committed by women, in both gay and straight relationships. E.g., a recent study in the Journal of Family Violence found many male callers to a national hotline experienced high rates of severe forms of violence from very controlling female partners. See http://www.springerlink.com/content/a7q0032j88817218/fulltext.pdf.

And, of course, since children are damaged just by witnessing it, the severity rates cannot possibly justify the gendered approaches the predominate.

Still, the recognition in a journal like this is progress. As the saying goes, "It ain't where we want to be; it ain't where we will be; but it ain't where we WAS."

Marc

Steinem Interview Neglects Male DV Victims

Matt · 18 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Posted for Marc A.

The Capitol Times in Wisconsin just printed an interview with Gloria Steinem.

They asked about NCFM's claim that male victims were neglected in the domestic violence discussions. True to form, Steinem downplayed the seriousness of the problem and said male victims are mostly elder abuse. Amazing! Steinem knows that isn't true, of course. In addition to all the research we have sent her from the Centers for Disease Control, etc., Harvard Medical School just recognized that women initiate domestic violence at least as much as men among heterosexuals between ages 18-28 (hardly "elderly").
See Harvard article here.

Judith Davidoff, the interviewer, must have seen all the data and links we provided to the Centers for Disease Control data and major universities (and Steinem is certainly aware; I've sent them to her many times). Why didn't Judith mention the research? You can ask her yourself by emailing her at jdavidoff-at-madison.com.

And you can send a letter to the Capitol Times editor at dzweifel-at-madison.com.

Marc

Ohio Proposes Paternity Consent for Abortion Law

Roy · 18 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In a bill that feminists are calling unconstitutional, the Ohio state legislature has introduced H.B. 287 which would require that a woman seeking to terminate a pregnancy must obtain the written consent of the father. In cases where she does not know who the father is (due to having multiple sex partners), a paternity test would be mandatory. Obviously this poses an aggressive legal challenge to the feminist monopoly over birth control and “choice” in reproductive rights.

LiveScience: Competing over women for sex may cause men to die earlier

MrReality · 19 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This article says "In humans and many other animals, males age faster and die earlier than females. New research suggests this might happen because of intense **competition over sex**."

So competing over women for sex may cause you to die early? Even more of a reason NOT to do it. Chasing women is bad for your health. Thank you LiveScience!

"Feminists Have More Fun"

Anonymous · 19 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Latest news from feminist academia:

"Feminism boosts sexual satisfaction for both men and women, a new study suggests.

Busting stereotypes that peg feminists as men-haters, a new study shows that having a feminist partner is linked with healthier, more romantic heterosexual relationships.

The study, published online this week in the journal Sex Roles, relied on surveys of both college students and older adults, finding that women with egalitarian attitudes do find mates and men do find them attractive. In fact, results reveal they are having a good time, maybe a better time than the non-feminists."

Hillary's Shakedown of Chinese Immigrants

Anonymous · 19 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Wow, read this. So she got all that money from poor Chinese immigrants? Or were they just told to say they gave her that money, or was it given to them to give to her?

Egad. I haven't seen news like this since Chicago in the 20s (not that I was alive back then, but...). Excerpt:

'All three locations, along with scores of others scattered throughout some of the poorest Chinese neighborhoods in Queens, Brooklyn and the Bronx, have been swept by an extraordinary impulse to shower money on one particular presidential candidate -- Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton.'

AP: Sexual misconduct plagues US schools

Matt · 20 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Almost no reference at all to female teachers molesting students. Only one mention in the entire article:

'• Rebecca A. Boicelli, a former teacher in Redwood City, Calif. She conceived a child with a 16-year-old former student then went on maternity leave in 2004 while police investigated. She was hired to teach in a nearby school district; board members said police hadn't told them about the investigation.'

Stephen Baskerville's "Taken Into Custody" interview on WJR-Michigan

Anonymous · 20 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is a MUST listen interview of Dr. Stephen Baskerville and Mark Havas on WJR-Michigan.

Not only is Dr. Baskerville's new book shocking but so is the information provided in this interview.

Male-Friendly Domestic Abuse Helpline Seeks Support

Matt · 21 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Support the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women! On October 27, 2007 the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women (DAHMW) marks it's seventh year of offering supportive services to victims and survivors of domestic violence. We have emergency sheltered victims and their children, paid for transportation expenses so that victims could escape abusive situations, advocated in court on protection from abuse matters, bought food and clothing for those in need and given support, referrals and information through our toll free nationally available helpline. Through our all volunteer non profit organization we have been able to continue offering these invaluable, free and confidential services thanks to the generosity of our supporters. Please consider making a donation today so that we can continue to assist many more of these often turned away, ignored and "invisible" victims.

To donate please go to our website and click on the paypal link or mail your donation to:

Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women
P.O. Box 252
Harmony, Maine 04942
If you have any questions please email us at:
dahmwagency-at-gmail.com

Thank You!

Study on Male Victims - Your Participation is Requested

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A study is being conducted on men who are in relationships with abusive women. If you are a man between the ages of 18 and 59 and have been physically assaulted at least one time in the last year by your current or former female intimate partner please call our helpline or email us about participation in this important study.

The number to call is 888-7HELPLINE (888-743-5754) or you can email us at: dahmwagency-at-gmail.com for more information. Your call or email will be kept strictly confidential, no personal identifying information will be required from you if you decide to participate in this study.

Feminist Farm CafePress Site is Officially Open for Business!

sgaver · 21 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Please visit (and feel free to buy something to show your support for men's rights!) at http://www.cafepress.com/feministfarm.

As some people pointed out in my earlier posting, I'll surely get a lot of crap from MSM, feminists and "idiot men". I can hardly wait. I'll share samples of my hate mail in future postings!

One thing I forgot to mention in prior post is that, as noted at the bottom of each Feminist Farm CafePress page, proceeds from the site will go to men's and women's organizations that work for fair treatment of women AND men.

CafePress has an affiliates program that pays 20% of each product's *markup price* (i.e. NOT 20% of the product price). Please contact me at feministfarm-at-cox.net if you or your group is interested in becoming an affiliate member.

Thanks!

Mother murders boy, stuffs him in suitcase

GaryB · 21 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This story has horrified us here in Australia.

A few days ago kids playing in a park found a suitcase floating in a pond. They landed it and opened it, to find the body of a young boy, naked, with a plastic bag over his head.

Police have now arrested the mother, who is on parole, and it turns out the boy was the subject of a custody battle.

Interestingly, not a single quote or comment relating to the father all the way through the article - I guess father's don't really count too much, when their children are murdered - we don't really have feelings, do we guys?

Shock: Women suffering a housing crisis

GaryB · 21 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I was horrified to read this article, from News.com.au (Australia).

Apparently, women have been marginalized and abandoned in the housing crisis, which is currently affecting Australia. Currently rental prices and new purchase prices are getting higher as a percentage of average income, making it hard for many people to get a place - but apparently this affects women more than us pampered, in-control men.

Excerpt:
'A report by Flinders University's Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute found that two-thirds of those who received government rent assistance were women. This was related to the fact that there were six times the number of female primary carers than male.

Researcher Selina Tually said that "joining the dots" between other statistics - including how women comprise more than 66 per cent of public housing tenants and generally have fewer assets, lower income and less superannuation than men - reinforced the vulnerability of women to housing stress, especially in cases of family breakdown.

"Women will need many more affordable purchase and rental housing options," according to the report, Too Big to Ignore.'

To me this says 'women choose to move out, take the kids and get the Government and their ex's to pay for it - but that isn't enough cash, so we need to give them more, so they can live in the style to which they have become accustomed' - but then again that could just be my own spoiled, well-off male opinion...

Father learns about son's death on the news, as ex-wife left no new address

ItsDan · 22 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'He said he was serving in the Army at the time, and had returned home on leave one weekend to find that his ex-wife and children had moved house, leaving no new address.

Mr Prestwich said he had tried to trace them through the Child Support Agency (CSA) but was told details could not be given out due to the Data Protection Act.'

RADAR ALERT: Agenda for VAWA Reform Defines Issues for 2008 Elections

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Two weeks ago RADAR released an explosive new Special Report (.pdf file) that reveals domestic violence programs are usually ineffective, often unwanted, and sometimes harmful in reducing partner violence.

Today RADAR is releasing the Agenda for VAWA Reform, a blueprint for reforming the Violence Against Women Act. Although the focus of the Agenda is on VAWA, most of the problems also apply to state-level laws.

The Agenda for VAWA Reform is based on extensive research of the effects domestic violence laws, as well as recommendations from members of the VAWA Reform Coalition. The Agenda for VAWA Reform identifies 8 problem areas:

1. VAWA programs have been ineffective in reducing partner abuse, and in some ways have placed victims at greater risk of violence.
2. VAWA undermines basic notions of civil liberties and the presumption of innocence.
3. VAWA programs have had a disproportionate negative effect on minority and low-income populations.
4. VAWA undermines the family, escalates partner conflict, and discourages reconciliation.
5. VAWA fosters sex-based discrimination.
6. VAWA promotes half-truths, myths, and falsehoods about domestic violence.
7. VAWA encourages immigration fraud.
8. VAWA programs lack accountability and allow wasteful use of taxpayer dollars.

The complete Agenda can be seen here (.pdf file).

With the primary elections for the 2008 campaign starting in just two months, it is critical that the Agenda for VAWA Reform be shared with as many political candidates as possible.

We encourage persons to ask candidates their views on how they believe federal and state laws on domestic violence - which are now known to be ineffective and even harmful - can be improved so domestic violence can be curbed.

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Summations in Case of Baby Cut From Womb

Matt · 22 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. As usual, the excuses abound. Excerpt:

'KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Defense attorneys say Lisa Montgomery is a mentally ill woman who sincerely believed she was pregnant when she killed an expectant mother and cut the baby from her womb.

Prosecutors call her a liar who spent months researching Caesarean sections on the Internet before attacking Bobbie Jo Stinnett on Dec. 16, 2004, in the northwest Missouri town of Skidmore. They say Stinnett was conscious and trying to defend herself as Montgomery used a kitchen knife to crudely cut the baby from her womb.

Both sides will make their cases to jurors during closing arguments Monday.'

UNC Asheville Student Paper: Male domestic violence victims overlooked

Matt · 22 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'"Statistically, the only two major differences between men and women in domestic violence are that men are far less likely than women to report it, and men inflict more physical injury on average," said Marc Angelucci, president of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men. "In my non-profit work and as an attorney, I have worked with many male domestic violence victims, and I know for a fact that this is a major problem."'

Another falsely-accused man released after 22 years

Matt · 22 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Video here. Give it a little time to load.

"Willie 'Pete' Williams tells CNN.com's Thom Patterson about spending half his life in prison for a rape he didn't commit."

Woman kills husband, gets convicted, gets 35-50 years, then governor commutes sentence to 10 years

tac0965 · 22 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This Iowa woman kills her husband and leaves the body in the house for over a year. She gets convicted by a jury and gets 35 to 50 years in prison. She becomes a disciplinary problem in prison, but this doesn't stop the governor from doing the politically correct thing. He commutes her sentence to no more than 10 years. Give me one example, just one, where a man received the same deal for a similar crime against his wife. Of course, the article makes sure that all the wonderful things she is doing in prison are noted. Excerpt:

'A Shelby County jury found Duty guilty in 2004 of second-degree murder for shooting Shanahan to death. Iowa's mandatory sentencing guidelines meant Duty would spend at least 35 years of her 50-year sentence behind bars. Former Gov. Tom Vilsack reduced that to 10 years before leaving office. Duty will be eligible for parole in 2014 at age 47.
...

Today she spends her time tending the prison lawn and gardens. She's joined a women's quilting class and belongs to Women Helping Others, an in-prison organization that makes items for children in need. She has also started taking college correspondence courses and hopes to have a social work degree when she leaves prison. Duty said she wants to help other domestic violence victims.
...
According to Duty, on Aug. 30, 2002, he said he would kill her and the baby. Duty said Shanahan beat her with his fists.

"I tried to protect myself," she said.'

2008 Family Preservation Festival and Equal Parenting Bike Trek

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The dates for the 2008 Family Preservation Festival and the 2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek are set in stone! Make sure that you ask off for the dates now. 2008 promises to be bigger and better than 2007! More information can be found on DaddyBlogger.com.

New Book: "The Neglected Voter: White Men and the Democratic Dilemma"

Anonymous · 23 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

THE NEGLECTED VOTER: White Men and the Democratic Dilemma

From the book site review:

'The White Male Gap, as Kuhn terms it, comes to explain not only why these workingmen “left the party they had once built,” but why they came to believe Democrats stand for everyone but white men. He tells the story of the effect of terms like “angry white male,” explaining that these men did not want to be viewed as victims but “were no longer comfortable being portrayed as the reason everyone else was a victim.” Kuhn tells of the effect on men as factory jobs are lost, as pensions wither, as families’ breakdown, as popular culture mocks regular guys as “dumb down dads,” while the same men are told they should feel powerful due to “white male privilege.” In telling the story of how those deemed powerful came to feel powerless, he weaves the reader through the political battles of our time.'

NYTimes: 9/11 Is Seen as Leading to an Attack on Women

anthony · 23 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Review here. Excerpt:

"With “The Terror Dream,” Susan Faludi has taken the momentous subject of 9/11 and come to the conclusion that it led to ... an assault on the freedom and independence of American women. In the wake of 9/11, she argues, the great American cultural machine churned out a myth meant to “restore the image of an America invulnerable to attack” — “the illusion of a mythic America where women needed men’s protection and men succeeded in providing it.”

Behind on child support? Forget getting a hunting license in Kansas

anthony · 23 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'During the past week, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has mailed letters to individuals identified as owning significant (usually $5,000 or more, according to Ponce, although the amount is not set by law), and notifying them they will not be able to purchase recreational licenses. When they apply for a license through the state's electronic system, their name will come up with a "denied" message.'

Hidden Harm: The Granting of Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although it is not politically correct to say so, women can and do use false allegations of domestic violence to gain sole custody and to get their children to hate and fear their fathers. Even when a restraining order doesn't snowball into complete parental alienation, a judge's declaration that a father is an abuser can permanently tarnish his image in his child's eyes. The damage to father/child relationships and to children's mental health caused by the overzealous entering of restraining orders, however, is seldom if ever reported, while the harm caused by overtly violent acts following the failure to enter restraining orders most certainly is.'

Woman claims cheating husband 'walked into' knife

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Story here. Excerpt:

'After an argument with her cheating husband, an Iowa woman says she grabbed a knife to protect herself and he walked into it

...

Dr. Richard Nelson, a prominent Iowa pediatrician and a medical college dean, had died of a stab wound to the heart.

His wife of 33 years, Phyllis Nelson, was charged with his first-degree murder.

...

She'd pleaded not guilty, claiming it was an accident.

She said she'd held the blade straight in front of her in a posture of self-defense when she rounded a blind corner and her furious husband walked right into the blade.'

NOW Leader Slams Glenn Sacks over Column on False Rape Accusations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'However, some of her assertions lack validity. My assertion in the column that the Clothesline Project is a feminist event which encourages women to "rage at the patriarchy" is correct. More importantly, Boguski dredges up the old feminist myth that "false allegations of sexual assault occur at the same rate as false allegations of other violent crimes, at just 2 percent of charges.'

Encouraged by Women's Response, Clinton Stresses Female Side

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At the next Clinton stop, a town hall meeting in Derry, N.H., Leslie Harrison, 52, said the fact that Clinton is a woman is important as she considers how to vote in the New Hampshire primary. "Men have been making a mess of things for a long time," she said. "A woman would be more sensitive to sending our children off to war."
...
At the same time, in a theoretical general election test against Republican front-runner Rudolph W. Giuliani, Clinton has a lead that is almost entirely attributable to women. She also has a gaping lead among self-described feminists, according to the same poll. Men and women who call themselves feminists preferred Clinton 64 to 30 percent, while those who did not were evenly divided between Clinton and Giuliani, 48 to 46 percent.'

"Childlessness Bothers Men More Than Women"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"That male attitude may come from their most primal being, explained Barry Ginsberg, a Pennsylvania psychologist specializing in relationships. "For a man, the loss of having a family and carrying on the gene pool makes men helpless, because they can't give birth," Ginsberg said.

From an "evolutionary standpoint, men would go around impregnating all the women they could find, so that at least one of those women would survive and produce a child," he explained.'

Male educators in elementary schools are rare, but embraced

anthony · 23 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to a recent article in Newsweek magazine, the number of male teachers has reached a 40-year low. In elementary school, only 9 percent of teachers are men, down from 18 percent in 1981.
...
"Like the other male teachers interviewed for this story, Rosa says he's careful to do "sideways" hugs with his students and to abide by other guidelines when it comes to touching them. (High fives are definitely OK.) The male teachers were all cognizant of the fears about pedophilia, a subject that's gotten high-profile media attention, but none so far has experienced a problem. Some male teachers are married; some aren't. Some have kids of their own, some don't. All speak about how deeply rewarding a teaching career is. Ghafoor says he plans to earn a master's and possibly become a principal, but the rest say their place is forever in the classroom.'

Woman convicted in killing akin to movie's plot

Matt · 23 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Update to this story is here. Excerpt:

'ANCHORAGE, Alaska - A stripper-turned-soccer-mom accused of borrowing from a movie plot to kill her fiancé for money was convicted Monday of first-degree murder.
...
"This person manipulated the circumstances with her guile and deception," prosecutor Pat Gullufsen had told the Superior Court jury. "All she needed was someone to kill him."'

We'll see in January what sort of time she gets.

Wrongly Convicted Man Sued for Child Support

ItsDan · 24 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dwayne Allen Dail, 39, was cleared in August of the 1987 rape of a 12-year-old Goldsboro girl. The girl identified him as her attacker and hair found at the scene was similar to his. But DNA evidence found on a fragment of the girl's nightgown years after the trial proved Dail wasn't involved in the attack.
...
Dail, who now lives in Florida, was served Tuesday with a lawsuit by Lorraine Michaels, the mother of his son, who is seeking back child support. The suit does not specify how much money she wants, as is normal in North Carolina, but asks a "reasonable sum for the care and maintenance of the minor child." Dail did not provide while he was in prison.'

Gender Politics Key to Hillary's Political Calculation

anthony · 24 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There, Clinton recounted her time working as a lawyer when she became pregnant with her daughter, Chelsea. "I kept getting more and more pregnant, and the lawyers just kept sort of walking down the hall looking away."

She also lamented women could be discriminated against today for getting pregnant. "Women can be fired just for being pregnant, if their employer has no leave policy," she said. "If that sounds horribly outdated that's because it is."

...

When pressed for details on how she managed Mr. Clinton's infidelity she said, "I never doubted that it was a marriage worth investing in even in the midst of those challenges, and I'm really happy that I made that decision."'

YouTube: Hillary How Do I Deal With Bad Men? (Redux)

anthony · 24 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

YouTube: Hillary How Do I Deal With Bad Men?

This comment by Hillary was reported to MANN several months ago. The article was great, but you really need to watch the video to see her true feminist ambition.

Ann Coulter's Take on Hillary & The Feminist Movement

I am not an Ann Coulter fan, but this is an interesting segment from HardBall with Chris Matthews.

YouTube: Kim Gandy on CNBC debates wage gap myth

anthony · 24 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is must see TV! The premise of the debate is about congressional and senate hearings on the proposed "Paycheck Fairness Act" This is a bill heavily supported by Hillary Clinton. Another woman does an outstanding job schooling Gandy on the wage gap fallacy. Its good to see the MSM giving equal time to others who challenge feminist propaganda.

VAWA Budget Increased By $10 Million!

Roy · 24 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Last week the US Senate passed a $10 million increase for VAWA programs. The amendment, sponsored by Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Richard Shelby (R-AL) and Patty Murray (D-WA) includes the following increases:
* $5 million to partially restore the cut the Senate CJS committee had previous proposed to Grants to Encourage Arrest and Enforcement of Protection Orders for a total of $60 million.
* $4 million for Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention Efforts.
* $1 million for a National Resource Center on Workplace Responses to Assist Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence.'

(Note - The 'Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention Efforts' is of interest to those who follow how VAWA funding is used to indoctrinate boys into a kind of Duluth Model feminism-lite DV brainwashing effort through school and church workshops. "Youth" is fem-speak for "boys." You won't see any attention paid to partner and dating violence initiated by girls.)

North Dakota State University newspaper covers male victims of DV

Matt · 24 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and some researchers are urging the public to take a closer look at both sides of an issue that's often presented from one viewpoint.

The media often frames domestic violence as a women's issue, with stereotypes of "abusive husbands" and "battered women" prevailing in many stories on the topic. However, abuse by the female half of the relationship is just as common, studies are reporting.

The National Coalition of Free Men, a nonprofit organization that examines the way sex discrimination affects men and boys, issued a press release citing recent research into domestic violence.'

Woman stabs ex-boyfriend 7 times, says prosecutor

Anonymous · 25 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CAMBRIDGE - After Anna Tang and her boyfriend broke up three weeks ago, prosecutors say, the Wellesley College junior began sending him e-mails telling him she would kill him.

Yesterday, police said, she almost succeeded.

At about 6:30 a.m., Tang sneaked into his dorm room at MIT, climbed on top of him as he slept, and plunged a knife into his back, Assistant District Attorney Suzanne Kontz said in Cambridge District Court yesterday, where Tang was arraigned.'

Update: "Woman stabs tied-up lover to drink blood"

Anonymous · 25 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"A woman who stabbed her tied-up lover so she could drink his blood has been sentenced to 10 years in prison. Tiffany Sutton told Maricopa County Superior Court Judge David Udall that she was sorry for the incident and said she never meant to hurt anyone, but received the stiff sentence anyway after he called the crime especially heinous."

"Robert McDaniel, agreed to be tied up during sex but became alarmed and asked to be untied when Sutton pulled out a knife and said she liked to drink blood."

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MANN's most previous entry on this story is here.

Special ed teacher "has sex with" one of her ninth graders

Anonymous · 25 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Police say a special education teacher at a Tampa high school has been arrested and charged with having sex with a ninth grade student.

According to investigators, 33-year-old Christina Butler, who teaches at Middleton High School, faces charges of lewd and lascivious battery after detectives say she had sex with a 15-year-old boy who is reportedly one of her students.

Detectives say they discovered the relationship after they caught the boy driving Butler's car on Tuesday night.'

Texas Prop-13 to jail innocent men without bail

Kargan303 · 25 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Texas voters will decide on November 6 whether to approve
Proposition 13, a dangerous measure which will harm innocent men by greatly eroding the rights of those accused of domestic violence. The measure grants judges the ability to hold without bail those accused of nonviolent, trivial, or accidental violations of temporary restraining orders.'

"The Big O's" All-Girls' School Makes Headlines for Child Abuse

Matt · 25 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Watch it here. Sounds more like a girls' reformatory to me. Note how openly she advocates only for black children, girls in particular? There is nothing to be proud of with this racist, sexist "institution". She is happy to provide for children provided they are the "right" ethnicity and gender, but it looks like those kids are paying a price they didn't count on. "The Big O" can add this to her list of accomplishments, right after the one that describes her profit-making venture in Africa that relies on the "culling" of the foreskins of African men and boys for her very expensive skin cream.

God, she makes me sick.

Genarlow Wilson ordered released by Georgia Supreme Court

Matt · 26 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Story here. This is great news, "some justice" as they say. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA -- Georgia's Supreme Court on Friday ordered the release of a young man who has been imprisoned for more than two years for having consensual oral sex with another teenager.

The court ruled 4-3 that Genarlow Wilson's 10-year sentence was cruel and unusual punishment.

Wilson, 21, was convicted of aggravated child molestation following a 2003 New Year's Eve party at a Douglas County hotel room where he was videotaped having oral sex with a 15-year-old girl. He was 17 at the time.'

YouTube: Stephen Colbert on Feminism

anthony · 28 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

If anyone needs a laugh, check out this video! I'll say it again, this is a classic for the archives. (I'll be shocked if Matt actually posts this).

Ed. note: Well I am not *completely* without a sense of humor! :)

It's time to tell the truth about Domestic Violence

MrReality · 28 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This article states: 'October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The month is designed to increase awareness of how to make our homes safe from partner violence. So what is the truth about intimate partner aggression? Nearly 200 scientific studies point to one simple conclusion: Women are at least as likely as men to engage in partner aggression.

Irene Hanson Frieze, in Psychology of Women's Quarterly, says "Research indicates that women can be just as violent as their partners." Don Dutton from the University of British Columbia notes that "Recent evidence from the best designed studies indicates that intimate partner violence is committed by both genders with often equal consequences." And the Journal of Family Psychology in 2006 tells us that "Differences were observed in the rates of male and female partner violence, with female violence occurring more frequently."'

Baskerville, Sanjari and Rhodes Interviewed on Ronald Smith's RadioShow

Anonymous · 29 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Shocking and true! Dr. Baskerville, Dr. Sanjari and Carol Rhodes interviewed on Ronald Smith's Radio Show. Carol Rhodes is author of "Friend of the Court Enemy of the Family" and was part of the 2007 Equal Parenting Bike Trek Crew. Listen to this interview with zero download time on DaddyBlogger.com.

RADAR ALERT: Tell the Associated Press (AP) to Publish Facts -- Not Disinformation

Matt · 29 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Virtually every week you read, hear, or see stories about female teachers having sex with their pupils. Yet, contrary to the experience of everyone reading this alert, the Associated Press just published a multi-part series on sexual predators claiming that 9 out of 10 were male. The false 9 out of ten claim was in the lead and longest story.

The empirical research reality is found in a report by the U.S. Department of Education (.pdf file) which notes on page 24 that 2 large survey studies found that about 43% of students reported that their abusers were female sexual predators.

Additional information can be found on Google under "Female Sexual Predators."

Finally, sexual abuse by adult females is not a victimless crime. The best evidence can be found in the transcript of a BBC Documentary titled "The Ultimate Taboo: Child Sexual Abuse by Women" described by the Canadian Children's Rights Council as "a vivid and horrific programme in which the victims of sexual abuse by women told disturbing stories of emotional and physical damage:".

So, what to do?

We urge you to send emails or letters to the Director of Media Relations for the Associated Press. Tell him they've already caused great harm by printing a multi-part series that misleadingly promotes the myth that only 10% of sexual predators are female. Tell him that the only way they can undo that harm is for them to follow up with a multi-part series on female sexual predators and the harms they cause to their victims. As always, be polite in your calls and emails.

Go to http://www.mediaradar.org/press_release_20071023.php to read RADAR's press release on the AP's claims.

Then write, email, or call. Do it today!

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1-212-621-1500

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Date of RADAR Release: October 29, 2007

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Amazon.com stops selling "Taken Into Custody"

Chuck7 · 30 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Nov. 1, 2007 Update:

PLEASE NOTE: It seems Amazon.com had simply run out of the book due to its high sales volume (a good thing), so while this original post is being kept, note that the substance of story was basically an incorrect assessment of the situation. -- Matt

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It appears Amazon.com is no longer offering "Taken Into Custody" by Stephen Baskerville. I cannot think of a good reason for this. The book was selling well.

This is a huge obstacle to this important book getting the exposure it needs.

Taken Into Custody listing at Amazon.com

UC Irvine prints: "Women More Abusive Than Men, Study Shows"

Matt · 31 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to recent study by Professor Murray A. Straus of the University of New Hampshire, men are less physically abusive than previously thought. In fact, the examination showed that women were found to be more abusive in mutually abusive relationships.

The study, which observed 13,601 university students over a 12-month period, showed that nearly a third of both male and female students physically assaulted their partners over time. The study also shows that young men and women are particularly prone to aggression.

According to Marc E. Angelucci, Esq., president of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men, a non-profit group that examines sex discrimination affecting men and boys, the reason that these findings did not surface previously is that men often fail to report domestic abuse, making crime statistics unreliable.'

U Conn Student Paper Covers DV to Include Men

Matt · 31 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A.: "Some of the blunders in this article are humorous. They actually take a quote from me and say Dr. Witaker of the Centers for Disease Control is the speaker. They also quote me as saying the "the National Family of Violence industry," of which there is no such thing and it is a mixup of my comment about the "domestic violence industry" with my comment about the "National Family Violence Survey." But I'm still very thankful to this reporter for doing a fine job and having more guts than most journalists. Marc"

Article here. Excerpt:

'The term "domestic violence" is generally linked with violence against women in today's society. But what isn't usually thought of is the fact that men are victims of violence in relationships as well.

A recent study by Daniel J. Whitaker, Ph.D., Tadesse Haileyesus, M.S., Monica Swahn, Ph.D. and Linda S. Saltzman, Ph.D. of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, showed that men and women can be violent in a relationship and that injury occurred more often than not when the violence was reciprocal.'

Burmese Boys Impressed into Military Service

Matt · 31 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Will we see this in the MSM in America or Britain, I wonder? Excerpt:

'Add to the many hardships in Myanmar today one more danger: being a boy. According to a report that was to be released Wednesday, the military, struggling to meet recruiting quotas, is buying, kidnapping and terrorizing boys as young as 10 to join its ranks.

The report by Human Rights Watch, the New York-based rights group, says military recruiters and civilian brokers scour train stations, bus stations, markets and other public places for boys and coerce them to volunteer. Some may simply disappear without their families' knowledge and spend years on the front lines of a brutal war against ethnic insurgencies.'

'Breaking the Silence': An Assault on Fatherhood

MrReality · 31 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The article states:

'Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories, which aired on many PBS affiliates on October 20 and subsequent weeks, is a direct assault on fatherhood. The film portrays fathers as batterers and child molesters who steal children from their mothers.

Breaking the Silence aims to reverse the minimal, hard-won gains shared parenting advocates have made in protecting children’s right to have both parents in their lives after divorce or separation. The film is extremely one-sided, and presents a harmful and inaccurate view of divorce and child custody cases.'

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Ed. note: This is not old news. PBS is at it again, re-airing the same "documentary" it did in 2005, which drew widespread criticism, even from within PBS.

"Multicultural" event excludes dads

Matt · 31 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A SCHOOL was yesterday accused of MAKING teachers dress up as Asians for a day – to celebrate a Muslim festival.

Kids at the 257-pupil primary have also been told to don ethnic garb even though most are Christians.

The morning assembly will be open to all parents – but dads are BARRED from a women-only party in the afternoon because Muslim husbands object to wives mixing with other men.

Just two members of staff – a part-time teacher and a teaching assistant – are Muslim.'

Feminist Art = Pickled Penises In a Jar?

Roy · 31 October 2007 · Archived copy · Original

For anyone interested in the cutting edge of misandry in feminist art, a quick glance at Chicago artist Mary Ellen Croteau's piece titled "Men I Have Known" is instructive. The link includes a photo of her "art" -- basically a mason jar stuffed with (simulated) pickled penises.

Here's the feminist interpretation of this inspired bit of hateful sexism:

"Croteau often uses laughter as a subversive force in her determination to destabilize patriarchal institutions and the systematic oppression of women. In Men I Have Known, a mason jar stuffed with what appears to be pickled penises, Croteau foreshadows the themes of Saint Lorena. Offering to the viewer an unsettling mixture of humor and rage, Croteau renders the homely Ball jar suddenly uncanny, a site/sight of ravenous hungers and strange trophies. In this way, she undermines the kitchen's -and femininity's-- association with passiveness, safety, hearth, and haven."

Who says there are no women artists capable of true genius?

Huffington Post: "Russert Leads Boys in Hillary Hit Job"

anthony · 1 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

After Hillary's disastrous performance at the most recent democratic debate, supporters are crying victim! Apparently the "boys" [including moderator Russert] were being unfair with political attacks on the front runner. Its about time Obama and Edwards chivalrous fear of Hillary has eroded. I suspect when things get more difficult for Hillary, the victim card will be a constant theme. Excerpt:

"When you throw in the continual hammering by Edwards, who had his best night, not on issues, but because he played attack dog towards Clinton, not to mention Obama jumping in when he could get up the courage, last night's boy brawl showed more about Clinton than anyone is willing to say. She can take anything dished out at her. The innuendos didn't stop her. The attacks didn't phase her publicly, though at one point I thought she was going to really come out and call it what it was, nothing short of a two-sided attack, with Clinton the target, including from "moderator" Tim Russert who had no business taking sides. But he did anyway."

Politico: Voters' choice in 2008: Mom versus Dad

anthony · 1 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'In 1986, a Gallup poll found that 56 percent of women called themselves a “feminist.” By 2001, that number had fallen roughly 30 points, to a quarter of American women.

“My sense of [Clinton] is that she is, before everything else, a supreme pragmatist,” Faludi said. “She is certainly careful to avoid spouting women’s lib rhetoric, and that goes back to her being a realist, and that goes back to where the culture is.”

Republican pollster Kellyanne Conway said Clinton is “an icon of the feminist movement who must run a campaign to appeal to women living in a post-feminist era.”'

Business as usual for female teacher who takes 13 year old male student out of town

tac0965 · 1 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A Nebraska teacher takes student out of town (or state), no amber alert is issued, rape is not mentioned in the article, and the last three sentences of the article seem to try to minimize this problem. In other words, everything is pretty much business as usual when it comes to the bias between male and female sex crimes. Oh, and rape isn't mentioned once in the article. And, remember, she only POSSIBLY faces child abuse, kidnapping, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. I'm sure the whole thing will disappear from the media after they are found. Excerpt:

'The search is on for a Lexington, Nebraska middle school teacher and the 13-year-old student believed to have gone away with her.

An arrest warrant has been issued for 25-year-old Kelsey Peterson, who faces possible charges of kidnapping, child abuse and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Peterson taught sixth-grade and coached basketball in the Lexington schools. She has now been suspended by the district.
...
Fennel says all teachers need to have a balance between their public and private relationships with students.'

Kim Gandy & N.O.W. Want More Women-owned Mass Media

Roy · 1 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Kim Gandy, President of N.O.W., testified before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) yesterday on Halloween to petition for more female-owned mass media.

She stated in her testimony:

“I believe that the paltry level of female ownership affects the coverage of women's issues and how women are portrayed in the media.”

Yes, like all of mensactivism's readers, I’ve noticed that women’s issues are pretty nearly invisible and ignored in the MSM.

I’ve also heard that the poor dears can hardly find a retail store that caters to their needs!'

Baskerville's "Taken into Custody" Available Again on Amazon.com

Matt · 1 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to Angela P. for the word. Book link here.

As a consequence, a previous story saying that the book had stopped being sold seems to have been false, so it will be updated to show this. A good reminder I guess about jumping to conclusions!

NCFM-LA List of Media Mentions for DV Awareness Month

Matt · 1 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

We turned up the heat for DV Awareness Month by sending an NCFM news release and writing letters to editors every day re biased DV articles.

As a result we generated 6 university newspaper stories on DV, had a spat with Gloria Steinem in the Capital Times, were on Dr. Phil, and printed at least 17 letters to editors (LTEs). The LTEs listed are the ones we know printed; there are more we don't know of. For each LTE that printed there were about 5 that didn't. Many LTEs were sent in the past few days so there will be more printing soon, but this list is limited to October. Thank you everyone who participated or who had their own projects (RADAR, etc.). For a more complete list and links see our media page. -- Marc A.

"Democratic Debate Proves You Can Hit a Girl"

anthony · 1 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Thanks primarily to former Senator John Edwards, Tuesday night's Democratic debate was different. He was out to prove it's OK to hit a girl. He hit Clinton so many times that as the night wore on, she began to seem punch drunk, unsure of what was on or off the table and which tough issues needed yet another study by a fuzzy bipartisan commission tied up with a blue ribbon.

...

Rick Lazio of New York, who entered the 2000 Senate race after Rudy Giuliani got out after announcing he had prostate cancer and that he was separating from his second wife.

When Lazio decided to get aggressive by walking across the stage at a debate to wave a piece of paper practically under Clinton's nose, it backfired. The only thing worse than being too soft is being too hard if your opponent is a woman.'

Relatedly, Obama chides Clinton for playing gender card and The pants vs. the pantsuit.

NCFM-LA Truck Advises: "Report Your Abusive Wife Or Girlfriend"

MR · 2 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Report Your Abusive Wife Or Girlfriend

"Domestic violence awareness month, according to the gender feminist calendar, was officially over today. Yet the beginning of bringing awareness to the obfuscation caused by all the gender, feminist domestic violence propaganda continued today in earnest.

A popular truck sign that has never been parked in official protest in Los Angeles County, took to the streets today to continue bringing refutation to the biased gender feminist perspective that has destroyed so many innocent men's lives."

Undistributed Collected Child Support - Listen to the shocking and informative interview of Richar Farr

Anonymous · 2 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Zero download time - Listen to the interview of Richar Farr on Ronald Smith's talk show with co-host Robin Denison. The topic of discussion is undistributed collected child support - the corruption is exposed!

Full Interview is here on DaddyBlogger.com.

'Advice Goddess' Reports Backlash to Defending Fairness for Male DV Victims

anthony · 2 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"There's no excuse for domestic abuse"...right? Well, not unless the abuser has a vagina. I wrote an Advice Goddess column, Marrying The Hatchet, condemning a woman for throwing an ashtray at her husband, and condemning the double standard that has people shrugging off domestic violence against men.'

Ed. note: Amy Alkon writes a syndicated column entitled "The Advice Goddess" that is found in over 100 papers across the country.

Hillary Condemns Discrimination in Speech... at Women-only College

Roy · 2 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In remarks at her alma mater Wellesley College, Hillary said that women have always had to fight discrimination in career advancement, and still do. Excerpt:

'"So let's roll up our sleeves and get to work together," she told the cheering, standing-room-only crowd of more than 1,000 women and a smattering of men in Alumnae Hall at Wellesley, which is one of the historically all-women colleges known as the Seven Sisters and is still limited to female students. "We're ready to shatter that highest glass ceiling."'

It's funny that when men are excluded from an institution it's called "limiting," but when women are excluded it's called "discrimination."

Currently Mrs. Clinton polls a less than 50% favorable rating among women voters.

North American circumcision rate down to 41%

Anonymous · 3 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'For the first time in seventy years, the circumcision rate in North America has fallen to 41% based on medical reports in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. Three out of five parents are choosing to leave their son intact, something the boy would presumably want for himself, as they learn more about circumcision's complications and long-term harm.'

Two-mother family is to be enshrined in UK law

Anonymous · 3 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here . Excerpt:

'The Human Tissues and Embryos Bill, to be announced in the Queen's Speech next week, will give both women in a lesbian relationship the legal status of parents when one of them gives birth following fertility treatment.
...
The Bill lays down that where two women are in a relationship and one has fertility treatment in order to conceive then the partner should be treated as the other "parent" even if they are not in a civil partnership. In those circumstances no man — such as the sperm donor — can be treated as a father, the Bill says, to avoid a child having three legal parents.
...
The Bill says that where there is reference to the father of a child such as on birth certificates this is to be read as reference to the female parent who did not give birth.'

Update: Nebraska teacher, student arrested in Mexico

anthony · 3 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Was the boy actually arrested as the title suggests? My prediction: She'll receive 6 months in prison and 3 years probation. Excerpt:

'Dawson County Attorney Elizabeth Waterman said Kelsey Peterson, a 25-year-old sixth-grade math teacher and basketball coach at Lexington Middle School, was arrested in Mexicali. The boy was turned over to family members who had traveled to Mexico, Waterman said.

Peterson and the boy fled after police began investigating whether the pair had an intimate relationship, authorities said. Court documents said the boy was last seen Oct. 26.

A judge issued an arrest warrant Monday charging Peterson with kidnapping, child abuse and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.'

WVFC Q&A with Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton

anthony · 3 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Transcript here.

Notice during this Q&A session the interviewer mentioned the longevity gap. Hillary ignored the fact and kept rambling about the health care needs specifically for women. Another interesting quote was Hillary's claim that women suffer from severe depression twice as often as men. [Does anyone have info. to refute her claim?] We all know men are much likely to commit suicide. I'm not a psychiatrist, but I would think severe depression causes suicide and suicidal ideations. Whats Hillary's plan? The US already spends a disproportionate amount of health care dollars on women. Will this increase during her administration?

Quote Hillary: "Insurance companies will no longer be permitted to charge large premium differences based on age, gender or occupation"

When Hillary mentions gender, she is referring to women. Wait a second, men already pay higher premium rates for health insurance. This is because we have a shorter life span. Maybe the reason is because men's health means very little when compared to a womans.

Oprah School Update: Arrest made

anthony · 3 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

So much for Oprah's utopian school for girls. I suspect this woman will eventually be on Oprah's show while both women share tears. It should be a touching moment. Excerpt:

'A police spokesman, Supt. Lungelo Dlamini, said the 27-year-old woman, a former dormitory matron at the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls, was arrested on Thursday by the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offenses Unit.

"Several charges including alleged assault, indecent assault, criminal injury and soliciting underage girls to perform indecent acts are being investigated against her," Dlamini said.

At least seven victims have submitted statements, he said.

The woman was being held by police and was expected to appear Monday in Sebokeng magistrate's court, south of Johannesburg, he said.'

Another Man Sued for C/S after Release from Prison due to DNA Exoneration

anthony · 3 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Dwayne Dail was sent to prison 18 years ago, convicted of raping a 12-year-old girl he had never met. At the time he was in a relationship with Lori Michaels, who would give birth to his son, Chris, shortly after he was sent to prison.

Recently DNA evidence exonerated Dail. He was innocent after all. Having been cheated out of his son's childhood I suspect Mr. Dail was quite happy when Chris, now 18, moved to Florida to be with his father. Under state law he can receive compensation of $20,000 for each year he spent in prison while innocent or around $360,000 in total.

Now Lori Michaels reenters the picture filing a law suit against Dail for back child support. And her attorney is the law partner of the man who prosecuted, and convicted, Dail for the crime he did not commit. Dail said: "To use our son as a pawn in this painful way is an attempt to blame the failures of her life on me. It is beyond my understanding and belief that someone could stoop so low."'

Australia: Sperm donor reform would create donor registry

ItsDan · 4 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here:

The ART bill required sperm donors to add their names to a register enabling their children to make contact once they turn 18.

The bill isn't all bad. The bill doesn't require donors to have actual contact with the kids. It gives donors say in how their donation is used, who can receive it, etc. Still, their expectation that donations won't drop is unlikely to be true. They don't seem to be talking about revealing existing donors, just future ones when they donate, so let them reap what they sow.

Judge Removed by High Court After Denying Restraining Order Based on False DV Charges

Matt · 5 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Covered in Sacks' most recent newsletter. Excerpt:

'The Shull case and the recent Virginia Supreme Court decision are an infuriating example of how lightly our legal system takes false accusations against men. In this case, everyone agrees that Judge Shull was placed in a very difficult situation, and that he had to make a tough call where children could have been in imminent danger. Nobody even disputes that he got it right--and yet it doesn't even matter.'

L.A. Times: Feminist says Hillary Clinton plays the 'victim'

Matt · 5 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON -- A prominent feminist, allied with the presidential campaign of former Sen. John Edwards, accused Democratic front-runner Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton on Saturday of "disingenuously playing the victim card" by infusing her campaign with messages about gender.

"When unchallenged, in a comfortable, controlled situation, Sen. Clinton embraces her political elevation into the 'boys club,' " Michelman, the former president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, wrote in a posting on a blog of the liberal group Open Left.

"But when she's challenged, when legitimate questions are asked, questions she should be prepared to answer and discuss, she is just as quick to raise the white flag and look for a change in the rules," Michelman said. "It's trying to have it both ways."'

[Michelman's bio/fem-creds can be found here. Google her name to get more info.]

Well finally, someone from "the other side" calling the Hildebeast on her game. Dare I ponder that this woman will one day announce support for C4M? I can dream, can't I?

Protecting children by portraying Men as Monsters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A columnist for that newspaper asserted that grown-ups were teaching children to fear men in an effort to keep kids safe from abusers and would-be abductors.

That paper noted that children who get lost in public places are encouraged to look for a "low-risk adult" — such as a pregnant woman, or a mom pushing a stroller — to help them. It pointed out that airlines place unaccompanied minors with female passengers, not male ones.'

US House of Reps Bill Supporting Joint Custody

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This bill was recently introduced. This is a good opportunity for activism indeed-- write your rep! Excerpt:

'Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress expresses support of the States passing joint custody laws for fit parents, so that more children are raised with the benefit of having a father and a mother in their lives, careful to protect victims of domestic violence, abuse, neglect, children from potential kidnapping by a parent.'

Female absenteeism is apparently not just due to child care

Chuck7 · 5 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

It has been found that women are twice as likely to be absent from work as men. This is mostly due to child care, however studies show that doesn't account for all of it. The real answer is still unknown. However that doesn't stop the author from chalking it up to something else.

You guessed it. Sexism.

Don't hesitate to sound off the message boards. A few women are waving their feminist flags high along with a good dose of man bashing.

Politico: Feminists split on Hillary sexism defense

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But the debate is still churning in feminist circles, where some women's activists said she had every right to invoke sexism and gender stereotypes as a defense on the campaign trail — and predicted that this tactic will prove effective against fellow Democrats and against a Republican, if she is the general election nominee.

“It goes beyond logic — it’s a gut response,” Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, said of the spectacle of Clinton onstage confronting seven male rivals and two male moderators at a debate in Philadelphia on Wednesday night."'

RADAR ALERT: DVAM: An Amazing Blow-Out Month!

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October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the theme was "It's Time to Tell the Truth about Domestic Violence." And this year 10 organizations came together to assure the truth would ring loud and clear throughout the land.

During October these groups arranged for 1 gigantic billboard, did 2 days of lobbying, released 3 reports, participated in 4 rallies, issued 6 press releases, fostered the publication of 9 editorials, distributed information via flyers and displays 9 times, published 18 letters to the editor, and stimulated 22 articles and interviews.

WOW!!

During the course of the campaign Fox News 2 in Detroit aired a segment on October 22 titled, "Men Also Suffer from Domestic Violence."

The Christian Science Monitor (and many other newspapers) published letters to the editor on male victims.

The blogosphere was buzzing, as well:

- Carol Lloyd - What's so Funny about Abusive Girlfriends? (click "Next" to get to an ad, then "Enter Salon" in upper right corner when it appears, and then the article will load)
- Chris Norris - Women Who Hit Men
- Buzzfeed - Abusive Girlfriends

Read a complete list (.pdf file) of the activities of all the participating groups and activities.

Thanks to all who participated in Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and who made sure the truth got out.

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Biden introduces I-VAWA

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Folks, we need to fight this. Release here. Excerpt:

'BIDEN/LUGAR Introduce the International Violence Against Women Act Groundbreaking Legislation Integrates U.S. Efforts to End Gender-Based Violence on a Global Scale

Washington, DC –Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-DE) and Ranking Member Richard Lugar (R-IN) introduced the International Violence Against Women Act, groundbreaking legislation which will, for the first time, integrate the United States' efforts to end gender-based violence into U.S. foreign assistance programs.
...
One in three women worldwide will experience gender-based violence in her lifetime, and in some countries, that's true for 70 percent of women. Every day around the globe, women and girls face domestic violence, rape, forced or child marriage, so-called "honor" killings, dowry-related murder, human trafficking, and female genital mutilation. The United Nations estimates that at least 5,000 "honor" killings take place each year around the world and more than 130,000,000 girls and young women worldwide have been subjected to genital mutilation. A 2006 United Nations Report found that at least 102 member states had no specific laws on domestic violence.'

Also submitted by MANN user MrReality:

'The article states: "Feminists have cooked up a new plan to raid the U.S. Treasury for more feminist pork. They want Congress to pass the International Violence Against Women Act.

They are using a report issued in October by former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan called "In-Depth Study on All Forms of Violence Against Women." The report is said to be based on interviews with 24,000 women conducted by the World Health Organization.

Who better to introduce the act than Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., the leading advocate of ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women? Biden never saw a U.N. treaty or a radical feminist spending bill that he didn't like.

The WHO report asserts that one in three of the world's women, in some countries as many as 70 percent, experience violence in their lifetime, usually from their own partner, which is the rationale for calling it domestic violence. I'm surprised feminists don't claim 100 percent, because "violence" is broadly defined to include nonphysical "psychological and economic" actions."'

Mother Who Claimed Carjacker Killed Her Son Charged With His Murder

anthony · 6 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'COLUMBIA, S.C. — The mother of a 7-year-old boy who claimed a carjacker killed her son was arrested Monday and charged with murder in her son's death, Greenville County Sheriff Steve Loftis said.

Amanda Reagan Smith was arrested nearly three months after she told authorities that a knife-wielding carjacker forced her to drive to a secluded, wooded area in Greenville on Aug. 12. Once there, she said the carjacker locked the car doors and pressed a pillow to the face of her 7-year-old son.

"Investigators have concluded that Amanda Smith is responsible for the death of her son," Loftis said during a news conference in Greenville. "We are confident that we have the suspect in jail now."'

Great Article on Circumscision

blaze4metal · 7 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I stumbled upon this article that discusses circumscision in a (gasp) negative light.

Example:

Circumcised men are said to suffer from, wait for it, "significant penile sensory deficit", although – get this – a Men's Health magazine survey in 2000 suggested that uncircumcised men lasted an average of four minutes longer during sex than their circumcised peers.

I Don't Agree... But I like It!

Dittohd · 7 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Of course it's rare, but I love to see women receiving the stupid, paranoid treatment we men are subjected to on a consistent basis.

Some may say that two wrongs don't make a right (spare me!), but in the stupid atmosphere we are in in the U.S. these days, nothing will get corrected until women have to put up with the same treatment we men are so often subjected to. Excerpt:

'MASCOUTAH — A 13-year-old junior high school student was given two days of detention after school officials spotted her hugging friends after school last Friday.

Megan Coulter, an eighth-grade student at Mascoutah Middle School, was hugging her friends goodbye after school Friday when vice principal, Randy Blakely, saw her and told her she would receive two after-school detentions.'

National Post: An Embattled Champion Of Male Values

Anonymous · 7 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Go National Post! You're two for two in one day!

"As Remembrance Day approaches, the media's wartime love affair with our troops serves as an ironic reminder of how rarely in the fourth estate one sees sympathetic editorial treatment of manhood.

Most of the year, men -- not as individuals but as representative of their sex --are far more likely to be portrayed negatively: as control freaks, perverts and in general people to fear. Only for a brief annual pre-Nov. 11 interlude do we ever see glowing tributes to the traditional male virtues of honour, gallantry, steadfastness, stoicism, brotherhood and chivalry."

Thanks to Barbara Kay for this article.

Makes you wonder, though... Why is it that only female journalists can write about men's issues, but male journalists are silenced?

Former Teacher Charged with Sexual Assault of Daughter's ex-bf

anthony · 7 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

"Mom allegedly slept with daughter's pal, 13": Video here.

Video only, no text.

"Breaking the Silence": Call for References

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Does anyone have any information as to which PBS channels recently rebroadcast the unfair and biased 'documentary' "Breaking the silence'?

A spokeswoman for PBS and their ombudsman are both interested in knowing this information so that they can investigate the matter. Our pressure is beginning to make an impact. I hope someone will post the stations that did the dastardly deed on the website so that I can inform the spokeswoman and ombudsman of PBS of this information. We should keep up the pressure to make sure this does not happen again.

Court rejects 'Roe v. Wade for Men'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LANSING, Michigan (AP) -- A federal appeals court has upheld the dismissal of a lawsuit nicknamed "Roe v. Wade for Men" filed by a men's rights group on behalf of a man who said he shouldn't have to pay child support for his ex-girlfriend's daughter.

A three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in a decision released Tuesday, agreed with a lower court judge that Matthew Dubay's suit was frivolous.

Dubay, 25, had said ex-girlfriend Lauren Wells knew he didn't want to have a child and assured him repeatedly she couldn't get pregnant because of a medical condition.

He argued that if a pregnant woman can choose among abortion, adoption or raising a child, a man involved in an unintended pregnancy should have the choice of declining the financial responsibilities of fatherhood.

U.S. District Judge David Lawson in Bay City disagreed, rejecting Dubay's argument that Michigan's paternity law violates the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause because it didn't extend reproductive rights to men.'

Circumcision: Time story omits recent research

Matt · 8 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A.

The Time story omits recent research showing circumcision removes the most sensitive part of the penis. See:

http://www.nocirc.org/touch-test/bju_6685.pdf
http://www.livescience.com/health/070615_penis_sensitivity.html

Letters can be sent to Time at letters@time.com.

Female U.S. corporate directors out-earn men: study

Matt · 8 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Also via Marc A.

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters) - They may be a small minority in corporate boardrooms, but women directors typically earn more than men, a new U.S. study has found.

Female directors in corporate America earned median compensation of $120,000, based on the most recently available pay data, compared with $104,375 for male board members, research group The Corporate Library said in its annual director pay report on Wednesday.

At the same time, the study said, women in corporate boardrooms are outnumbered eight to one.'

20-YO woman gets 4 years for raping 12-YO boy

Marc A. · 8 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 20-year-old West Chester Township woman not only stole a 12-year-old boy's innocence, she also robbed him of dignity when she had sexual contact with him, his mother told a judge this week.

"He was very disturbed, embarrassed and ashamed," an assistant prosecutor said, summarizing a statement the boy's mother read during Jennifer L. Whitson's sentencing in Butler County Common Pleas Court on Tuesday.

Whitson's lawyer, Christopher Alexander of Mason, said he questions whether the encounter was the boy's first sexual experience. He also said his client used no force, that the contact was "very quick" and stopped short of intercourse. Even so, Alexander said, "I'm sure it's going to have a lasting effect on that young man."'

Hillary and the Estrogen Card

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Democratic vice presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro raced to her defense as well, stating to the New York Times that Clinton had been unfairly “attacked” during the debate: “It’s OK in this country to be sexist,” she said, and “I don’t think Barack Obama would have been attacked for two hours.

Herein lies the sexism. There was not a single question asked of her during the debate that would have been stated differently if she were a man. She says she wants to be treated as an equal, but really, she wants to be treated differently: more gently, and as a superior. That’s because SHE believes she’s superior by virtue of her “womanhood.”

...

But she’s not getting away with the double-game this time. Either she’s a fragile woman who needs special courtesies, or she’s tough-as-nails and ready to be commander-in-chief. Can’t be both. Pick one, Senator. And let’s see if you can stick with it.'

Study: 1 out of 4 homeless are veterans

anthony · 8 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

The word "veterans" could easily replaced by simply stating men. Most of these homeless men are Vietnam Vets. Many of these men suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress disorder. Now the Iraq war is contributing to this crisis. These men are not properly treated and live a life on the streets eating out of garbage cans. I suspect with the increasing number of female military personnel, this issue will become a serious topic. Society will never tolerate homeless female veterans. A military clerical position held by a woman would probably be more of a priority than the man who served in heavy combat. I would not be surprised if the victim industry pushes for a Congressional bill preventing any female vet. from becoming homeless. Such a bill would probably be initiated by man hater, Joe Biden. As for the men, find a warm spot on the streets during the winter and good luck! Excerpt:

'Veterans make up one in four homeless people in the United States, though they are only 11 percent of the general adult population, according to a report to be released Thursday.

And homelessness is not just a problem among middle-age and elderly veterans. Younger veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan are trickling into shelters and soup kitchens seeking services, treatment or help with finding a job.'

Woman Charged With Biting Off Ex-Boyfriend's Lip During Kiss

Anonymous · 8 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SEATTLE — A woman accused of biting off two-thirds of her ex-boyfriend's lower lip as they were kissing in bed was charged Wednesday with second-degree domestic-violence assault.
...
Brummel said he and Cutler kissed several times when, without provocation, she bit off his lip and spat it out, deputies said. Doctors at Highline Hospital were unable to reattach the lip and said the man will likely be permanently disfigured.'

Book: "Does Feminism Discriminate against Men?: A Debate"

Matt · 9 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Dear Editor,

This may be the first time there has been a very positive review from a mainstream national newspaper (Canada's National Post) praising a male-positive perspective over a feminist perspective. It is a review of Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men?: A Debate between Warren Farrell (with Steven Svoboda) and James P. Sterba. You can read it here.

More important, "Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men?" is the first time one of the two main academic presses (Oxford U Press and Harvard U Press) has attempted to introduce a male-positive perspective to feminist gender studies professors in the U.S. and Canada. If we each contact a local university to suggest this book, its adoption will encourage other academic presses to introduce more books incorporating male-positive perspectives.

How badly is this needed in universities? Look at this email I received yesterday...

From: ...
Subject: RE: your book prohibited from.....
Date: November 6, 2007 1:15:55PM PST
To: warren@warrenfarrell.com

Dear Dr. Farrell,

I have been prohibited from quoting your book in A University of Massachusetts classroom. The class is titled, Women in Psychology. The class actually teaches feminism. The class was told that your book is a compilation of lies, and your theories do not deserve to be addressed. Furthermore, I may not cite your book in any research papers.

I wrote you to ask your advice on how to handle this situation. You have undoubtedly come across this before. I would hope you could share a few ideas on how I could handle myself in such a hostile environment.

Thank you
{name}

Please feel free to distribute this so that the universities have an alternative to men-as-oppressors feminism.

Warren Farrell, Ph.D.
www.warrenfarrell.com

Australia: Law 'turns boys into rapists'

anthony · 9 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Tough new rape laws which make it clear being drunk does not constitute consent have been condemned by barristers, who insist: "It will turn our sons into criminals."

The NSW Bar Associations reckons the "No means no" law goes too far and will lobby Upper House members to vote against it when it is up for debate next week.

The law will define the meaning of consent for the first time, making it clear that being drunk or under the influence of drugs does not mean consent has been given.

It will also introduce an "objective fault test", meaning a man can no longer use the defence that he thought he had consent if the circumstances appear unreasonable.'

Purdue Student Paper: "Females initiate some abuse"

Matt · 9 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A.: "This is the 7th university newspaper story (we know of) that resulted from our news release in the past month."

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are not always necessarily the initiators of domestic violence.

A recent study has shown that men and women commit acts of domestic violence at similar rates.

"Domestic violence is a human problem, not a gender problem," said Marc Angelucci, president of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men. "But unfortunately it has been misframed as a gender problem for decades by the media and by gender-driven political ideologies."'

Sexist jokes can increase discrimination

Chuck7 · 10 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Surprise...it only about discriminating against women, despite the fact it would have been incredibly simple to do the exact same experiment with both genders. And of course, no mention of the rampant misandry and man-bashing in the media.

"2007 Women's Expo"

Matt · 10 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Another woman-only event! Events like these can be found all over the country at various times. This one is just an example. Now imagine a "Men's Expo", men only please. Or maybe a "Whites Expo", or "Blacks Expo", etc.

While it may be true these kinds of things exist for one purpose only: to sell stuff to people -- nonetheless, just as with "women's banks", women-only hotel floors, women-only beaches, etc., the message is this: we don't like men and don't want them around, for whatever reasons. This is just one way that gender feminist separatists are bringing their new world order into being.

Aside from the current state of affairs with the divorce and custody issues, selective service, male genital mutilation, misandry in society and the media, all the current major groups of issues taken as a starting point, I can think of nothing else that is arising in our social atmosphere that so threatens the well-being of men than the rise of "woman-only {whatever}". This is so simply because it is easy to ignore the condition of others with whom you share no space or time with. Once the gender fems can get separatism established in enough places in enough ways, what few rights the average man currently has can be much more easily taken away and his servitude can be made complete.

When you see things like this, find out who is organizing them, then call or write, organize protests, do whatever you can to get people making money off this trend to realize the error of their ways and cease and desist.

Woman Stabs Estranged Husband to Death, Faces Two Assault Charges

Matt · 10 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Manslaughter? Even unintentional homicide? No. "Assault". Story here. Excerpt:

'November 9, 2007 2:20 pm — An apparent domestic dispute led to a man being fatally stabbed about 9:45 p.m. last night at 42 Wilcox St., just off Monroe Avenue, in the city.

Roman Demary, 28, of Rochester, was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital with life-threatening injuries. He underwent surgery, but died about five hours later, police said.

Denise Ortiz-Demary, 25, of Rochester, the victim's estranged wife, was charged today with two counts of first-degree assault, according to Public Information Officer Deidre Taccone.'

Depending on what degree of assault, she is facing either a Class B or D felony, or a class A misdemeanor. Possible time then is this: 5-25 years, 2-7 years, or up to 1 year. Suppose she'll go to trial? Or be found guilty? If so, how much time (if any) will she get?

Another wait 'n see case.

Discrimination against women... in coffee shops?

Chuck7 · 11 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

That's right people, a story about coffee shops discriminating against women. Apparently they have to wait a whole 20 extra seconds for their drinks on average.

The study is unscientific. It only covered eight coffee houses, so that data is quite questionable. The author's sexist solution? Women-only coffee shops. Note that the author is male.

Man who was deceived about paternity retains custody

anthony · 11 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The Kentucky Supreme Court has ruled that people who deceive their spouses into thinking that a child is theirs cannot later contest their right to custody -- even if DNA tests show they are not the parent.

The court unanimously upheld a lower court ruling granting primary custody to Ren Ricky Hinshaw, whose wife led him to believe he was the father of their child until they divorced and she produced genetic testing showing the child wasn't his."

RADAR ALERT: Only Two Weeks Left to Submit Video Questions for Republican YouTube Debate

Matt · 12 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The deadline for submitting a question for YouTube/CNN's Republican debate is Sunday, November 25th, just two weeks away. The debate itself is scheduled for the following Wednesday.

Seldom is there such an opportunity to focus the candidates' attention on the issues RADAR addresses -- issues such as:

- The system's willingness to give credence to false allegations of domestic violence, as exemplified by Santa Fe Judge Daniel Sanchez' signing of a temporary restraining order against David Letterman based on a woman's allegations that she'd been receiving coded messages from Letterman on his nightly broadcasts for more than a decade. If the accused had not been a rich celebrity, there's every likelihood that Judge Sanchez would have made the order permanent.
- The culture among prosecutors nationwide that encourages unconscionable behavior on their part, as exemplified by:
  1. North Carolina D.A. Mike Nifong's collusion in the suppression of exculpatory DNA evidence so he could continue his prosecution of three innocent men,
  2. Georgia D.A. David McDade's prosecution of a teenage boy (Genarlow Wilson) that resulted in a jail sentence of 10 years for having had oral sex with a willing girl less than two years younger than himself,
  3. Oregon D.A. Bradley Berry, whose response to two 7th grade boys' participation in their middle school's unofficial butt-slapping day was to charge them with sex crimes that could have resulted in 10 years in juvenile detention and a lifetime on the sex offender registry.

Here's what YouTube suggests you do to increase the chances of your video being selected:

- Be original -- choose your own approach.
- Be personal -- your perspective is important.
- Choose your focus -- you can address one or all of the candidates.
- Keep it quick -- your question should be less than 30 seconds.
- Make it look good -- speak loudly and keep that camera steady.
- Provide context -- in your question or video description, include your name and home town.

Full information on how to submit your video can be found at http://www.youtube.com/contest/RepublicanDebate

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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Separate classrooms for boys and girls more popular in US

anthony · 12 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Students in single-sex classrooms tend to concentrate on their lessons better, the National Association for Single Sex Public Education claims. Proponents say that this is in part because the lessons can zero in on different interests and developmental levels between boys and girls of the same age.

Educators have long known of differences in learning methods between boys and girls, but now many public schools in the US are making the move to educate their children separately.

Studies show that American boys concentrate less, have more problems with reading and are overall weaker students than girls, leading more boys to fail than their female counterparts."

"overall weaker"?

England: "Girls learn best with no boys"

anthony · 12 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Boys are already considered second class citizens throughout the education system. Now they're blaming boys for impeding the girls' education. Excerpt:

"Pupils in all-girl independent schools are almost 24 per cent more likely to get an A grade than girls in private co-ed schools. The difference is particularly marked in subjects such as physics, chemistry, biology and maths.
...
Supporters of single-sex education say girls in mixed schools can be held back because boys monopolise teachers' time, girls are less likely to study "male" subjects such as maths and sciences and they have fewer leadership opportunities."

Former educator: Boys now the ones stumbling

anthony · 12 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"In 1992, a controversial report claiming girls were being shortchanged by public education prompted initiatives credited with improving their academic performance.

Schools hired more female teachers, especially in math and science. Interaction with students in the classroom was tracked and teachers who focused on boys were trained to pay more attention to girls. And girls were encouraged to take more math and science and Advanced Placement classes.

...

"Girls outnumber boys in the National Honor Society, take more Advanced Placement courses and have higher grade-point averages, Hilton points out. Among the general population, boys are more than twice as likely as girls to be suspended from school and more than three times as likely to be expelled. They are more frequently diagnosed with learning disabilities. "It was like a huge problem that somehow had been hidden. I can understand why it was hidden. It wasn't on our radar screen — girls were on our radar screen in the 1990s," Hilton said.'

States urged to open adoption records

anthony · 12 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This is an update regarding a similar article recently submitted to MANN. Excerpt:

'In a comprehensive report being released Monday, a leading U.S. adoption institute says the answer is "Yes" and urges the rest of America to follow the path of the eight states that allow such access to all adults who were adopted.

States' experiences in providing this information make clear that there are minimal, if any, negative repercussions," said the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute. "Outcomes appear to have been overwhelmingly positive for adult adopted persons and birthparents alike."

Opponents of open access argue that unsealing birth records violates the privacy that birthmothers expected when they opted to give up their babies. They raise the specter of birthparents forced into unwanted relationships with grown children who have tracked them down.'

Woman who falsely cried rape eight times spared jail

Anonymous · 13 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who has cried rape eight times has been spared jail.

Gemma Gregory repeatedly claimed that she had been raped or sexually assaulted by around seven men over a six-year period.'

She made the allegations against ex-boyfriends who ended up being quizzed by detectives about what she had alleged against them.

The 28-year-old was given a one-year jail term suspended for two years by a judge who said she must receive mental health treatment.'

Attorney for female teacher: Teen is 'no victim'

anthony · 13 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The attorney for a Nebraska middle school teacher who fled to Mexico with a student who was an illegal immigrant said Monday that the woman could be guilty of nothing except poor judgment.

James Martin Davis said that a kidnapping charge against Kelsey Peterson should be dropped because the boy went with her willingly, and that the boy shares more responsibility for their relationship and flight than authorities allege.

Peterson, 25, fled Lexington with the boy, a former student of hers, on October 26. They were found in a mall parking lot in the border town of Mexicali, Mexico, on November 2."

Ed. note: A separate submission referred to this case, only with more quotations from the attorney. Read it here.

Justice hires staff strictly on merit, calls gender quotas 'dehumanizing'

anthony · 13 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

I suspect NOW will have something to say about Clarence Thomas"s comments. They've been after him like rabid wolverines since he was found not guilty in regards to the Anita Hill hearings during the 1980's. Excerpt:

'"I don't hire women law clerks," Thomas said. "I hire the best law clerks. And it turns out that 30 percent of them happen to be women."
...
"If a woman graduates from law school and I say I'm going to hire her because I need a woman, that seems to me dehumanizing, and the job would be tainted," he said. "That's my attitude."'

Feminist Trained Judges Lack Integrity

MR · 14 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Feminist Trained Judges Lack Integrity

"When judges [who are trained through STOP grants funded by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)] address domestic violence according to a gender feminist paradigm, instead of constitutional law, they are grossly lacking in integrity."

"When America's judiciary functions with as little integrity as it does today in the area of domestic violence law, the entire legal system reeks with a foul stench of rottenness, wafting in from that area of tyrannical injustice."

Teacher suspended over sex act with teenage pupil

Anonymous · 14 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'This is the female teacher banned from working with children after she was suspended and cautioned by police over a sex act with a teenage pupil.

Married Jo Gorman, 28, was cautioned for "intentional sexual touching" with a male student at Paignton Community and Sports College in Paignton, Devon.

Police launched an investigation after rumours began to circulate the school about an improper relationship and the headteacher alerted social services.'

Rudov: Please don't tase me, babe!

MrReality · 14 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Women are being provided with tasers to use against men. Marc Rudov wrote an interesting article on this subject. Excerpt from the article:

'Enter the “Taser for ladies,” available in metallic pink for $350 from Taser International, Inc., in Scottsdale, AZ. A news item on Fox News described the latest fad: women having Taser parties, redolent of Tupperware parties, where they get each other to purchase these weapons. Do women sometimes find themselves in dangerous situations where they need protection? Absolutely. Because of VAWA, do women have the potential to fraudently use Tasers, with impunity -- in arguments, in rages, out of jealousy, for spite, in revenge, etc. -- to commit legal assault and battery on innocent men? You bet they do!
...
Here's a scenario to ponder: If a maniacal wife attacks her husband, as so often happens, and he tases her, what do you suppose would happen to him? Ha! How many lawyers would it take to defend him, to “prove his innocence”? Not to mention being pilloried by the media as a wimp (when a woman attacks a man, it is just emotion; let it go).'

Column on the judicial bias vs. boys statutorily raped by female teachers

Matt · 15 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'A New Jersey Superior Court Judge shocked observers during the sentencing hearing of a 43-year-old female teacher who had pleaded guilty to second-degree sexual assault with a 13-year-old boy many times over a six-month period.

...

I will give one example, but there are many cases, of bias against male sexual offenders versus females. A male teacher who had sex with three teenage female students was sentenced to 26 years in prison while the next day, a female swimming coach who had an “affair” with an 11-year-old boy and sexual “encounters” with two others got 30 days. Not only is there bias against male offenders, there is the mistaken belief that male victims do not suffer short-term and long-term trauma. It is egregious to think that boys suffer less harm when sexually abused at such a young age than girls. Children, boys as well as girls, are losing their childhood.'

Editor says "if your wife beats you up, you probably deserve it"

Anonymous · 15 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

On September 13, 2007, I sent the Ledger-Enquirer a letter asking why they ignored male victims of domestic violence in their article “Getting out isn't easy“ (9/13). In response, editor Ben Holden wrote: "We didn't mention it because anyone with an ounce of common sense (and without a meanspirited private political agenda) knows that as a general proposition, men hurt women in domestic situations, not the other way around. Besides, I always figure if your wife beats you up, you probably deserve it. That's the way it works in my house. Regards, Ben" (The email exchange is below.)

Of course, we all know that's just another stereotype. Even Harvard Medical School just recognized that half of heterosexual domestic violence is reciprocal, half non-reciprocal, and that the *men* are more often hurt in the non-reciprocal violence, which women commit 71% of.

It's scary that Ben Holden is not only an editor but holds himself as some kind of spokesperson on dating violence, as you can see from this recent article.

Sensationalism, myths and stereotypes sell better than social science, and Ben Holden must be very pleased about that.

Marc Angelucci

Subject: your article ignored MALE victims of domestic violence; Ledger-Enquirer
Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 10:57:35 -0400
From: bholden@ledger-enquirer.com
To: marcangelucci@hotmail.com

Mr. Angelucci:

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-----Original Message-----
From: Marc Angelucci [mailto:marcangelucci@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 9:32 AM
To: Holden, Ben - Columbus

Dear Editor,

Why did your article, “Getting out isn't easy“ (9/13), leave male victims of domestic violence invisible?

Virtually all sociological research shows women initiate domestic violence as often as men and use weapons more than men, and that men suffer about one-third of the injuries, even though men are less likely than women to report

the violence in crime data, as Professor Martin Fiebert of California State University shows in this online bibliography at http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm

For example, the Centers for Disease Control's May 2007 study found women commit 70% of nonreciprocal domestic violence - about half of all domestic violence. http://pn.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/42/15/31-a

A recent 32-nation study by the University of New Hampshire found women commit partner violence as often as men and that controlling behavior exists equally in perpetrators of both sexes. http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2006/may/em_060519male.cfm?type=n

And a recent study in the Journal of Family Violence found many male callers to a national hotline experienced high rates of severe forms of violence from female partners who used violence to control them. http://www.springerlink.com/content/a7q0032j88817218/fulltext.pdf

Even if male victims were in the minority, that would still be no excuse to ignore them. Decades of neglect has left them swept under the rug while their children suffer long-term damage by the exposure. This is a serious but hidden problem. That's why concerned experts formed a global coalition to promote honest, research-based, inclusive solutions, and their website confirms the above statistics at http://www.nfvlrc.org/

Marc E. Angelucci

Australia: Santas warned 'ho ho ho' offensive to women

blaze4metal · 15 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Santas in Australia's largest city have been told not to use Father Christmas's traditional "ho ho ho" greeting because it may be offensive to women, it was reported Thursday.'

USAToday: "Girls get extra school help while boys get Ritalin"

blaze4metal · 15 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

It's pretty common sense to anybody with their eyes open, but it hit a traditional media outlet so I thought I'd share it with you guys. Excerpt:

'Most startling is that little is being done to correct the imbalances. All of the major players — schools, education colleges and researchers — largely ignore the gender gap. Instead of pursuing sound solutions, many educators merely advocate prescribing more attention-focusing Ritalin for the boys, who receive the drug at four to eight times the rate of girls, according to different estimates. "Too often the first reaction to an attention problem is 'Let's medicate,' " says Rockville, Md., child psychologist Neil Hoffman. "Some schools are quick to recommend solutions before they've fully evaluated the problem."'

Benefit cheat mother invented seven children in just 18 months

Anonymous · 16 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'[A woman] swindled more than £40,000 in benefits payments with a bogus brood of seven babies in the space of 18 months.

Ironically, efforts to prosecute her were delayed by the fact that she was genuinely pregnant this time.
...
Judge Roger Thomas QC warned her: "You have pleaded guilty to the vast majority of the charges against you. The next step is for sentence to be considered.

"There is a lot of overpayment on the face of it and it looks like a very deliberate deception to obtain tax credit."

The case was adjourned until December 5 to allow pre-sentence reports to be compiled before Young is sentenced.'

"Israeli women soldiers recount army trauma in film"

Matt · 16 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

I once heard someone say at an MRA event that it's OK to acknowledge the traumatic experiences of women but not men. Another time I heard a therapist mention that the grief of men was taboo but not of women. Things like this documentary only point up these observations. Traumatized men are casualties. Traumatized women are victims. It matters not, it seems, whether the person wears a uniform, but only if that person is male or female.

Ohio Woman Charged for Having 15-Year-Old Father Her Child

Matt · 16 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. Some good lines include:

"...it was not a student-teacher relationship." (So it wasn't so bad then? "Relationship".)

"... is accused of having sex with a 15-year-old boy..." (There it is again, "having sex with", as predictable as the tides.)

Democratic Debate: Clinton Plays the Gender Card for a Win

anthony · 16 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Clinton was playing the gender card -- even if she denied doing so.

"I'm not playing, as some people say, the gender card here in Las Vegas, I'm just trying to play the winning card," the candidate chirped. "I understand very well that people are not attacking me because I'm a woman. They're attacking me because I'm ahead."

The senator was having it both ways. Even as she cashed in on the fact that she is mounting a historic campaign for the presidency -- not the first by a woman, but the first in which a woman might prevail -- Clinton said she was not "running because I'm a woman." Rather, she said, "I'm running because I think I'm the best qualified and experienced person to hit the ground running."'

3-YO Boy Tortured/Murdered by Convicted Mother

Anonymous · 17 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Authorities said Kennedy plunged her son into the water on Christmas Day 2005. The boy suffered severe burns and went a week without treatment before dying.

"You took away his life in a way that was preventable," Circuit Judge Jeffrey Levinson told Kennedy. "You subjected him to pain, you subjected him to suffering, and you let him wither."'

First-grader suspended over drawing

Matt · 17 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'EAGLE POINT — A first-grader was suspended Tuesday for drawing a stick figure shooting another in the head with a gun and allegedly threatening students.

Little Butte School officials sent 6-year-old Ryan Weathers home after receiving complaints from parents saying he threatened their children, said Douglas Weathers, the boy's father.

...

The disciplinary report given to Weathers stated the reason for the suspension was the boy "threatened to shoot two girls in the head."

The drawing was inspired by an episode of "The Simpsons," Weathers said. In the television cartoon, a character displays a drawing of a student being shot by a gun.

Weathers said he understands the concerns other parents may have, but felt the school went too far in suspending his son for one day.

"You can't blame the parents," he said. "I told the principal that I agreed that he shouldn't have done the drawing, but suspending him seems like a policy with no intelligence behind it.

"They didn't seem to care that he's only in the first grade."'

Male And Female Adolescents Equally Victims Of Physical Dating Violence, Study Shows

Matt · 17 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ScienceDaily (Nov. 12, 2007) — Physical dating violence (PDV) affects almost one in every 11 adolescents, according to research presented at the American Public Health Association's 135th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

The study, which looked at data from the 2005 National Youth Risk Behavior Study, also found that contrary to common general perception, males and females equally report being victims of PDV. The researchers found that in their study population of 6,951 male and 6,807 female students in grades 9 through 12, 9 percent of boys and 9.2 percent of girls responded yes to the question "during the past 12 months, did your boyfriend or girlfriend ever hit, slap, or physically hurt you on purpose."'

Rudov: Men are in danger as more women buy tasers

MrReality · 17 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Rudov calls women that buy tasers "Jane Bond" with a license to kill men. Mr. Rudov points out a few incidents where men have been murdered via the 50k volts that tasers deliver to men and now women are being sold these weapons to use against men with impunity. Taser International does not require that these women have permits for these weapons. Men are now at the whim of women whom are armed with weapons to use against anyone they choose.

Marc Rudov recently debated feminist Lis Wiehl concerning this matter.

The debate can be viewed here.

Ed. note: If you have trouble loading the video via the the target page to the link above, the direct link is here

"Shyness & Love: Causes, Consequences, and Treatment"

Matt · 18 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A friend sent me a link to this on-line version of part of the book "Shyness & Love: Causes, Consequences, and Treatment", which is now out-of-print. I read some of the parts available for reading and found the author's direct candor about men and where they are at very refreshing, though a number of his comments seemed clouded by "normative expectations" and the kind of judgmentality seemingly reserved more for men than women. Food for thought and debate for sure; doubtless you will read it and agree to some stuff, disagree with others. Excerpts:

From the chapter The Male Lesbian, read:

'Specifically, a "male lesbian" is a heterosexual man who wishes that he had been born a woman, but who (even if he had been a woman) could only make love to another woman and never to a man. Unlike the transsexual, the "male lesbian" does not feel himself to be "a woman trapped inside the body of a man". Moreover, none of the love-shy men studied for this research entertained any wishes or fantasies of any kind pertinent to the idea of obtaining a sex change operation. All wanted to keep their male genitalia; all wanted to remain as males. However, all deeply envied the perogatives of the female gender and truly believed that these perogatives fitted their own inborn temperaments far more harmoniously than the pattern of behavioral expectations to which males are required to adhere.'

From the chapter Envy of Female Privilege read:

'Another major area wherein females were often bitterly envied had to do with the draft and the military. This subject will be dealt with in a later chapter. At this juncture suffice it to say that the love-shy feel that they are human beings too, just as females are; and that males have emotions and feelings just as females do. Hence, the love-shy deeply resent the United States military treating males, but not females, as "dispensable pawns", and forcing them to suffer severe physical pain and injury, and exposure to enormously anxiety-provoking situations. They also resent the way military organizations endeavor to standardize male personalities, and the way they put males, but not females, through a host of degradation ceremonies--such as hair cutting.'

Washington Times: "Gender pay gap myths and 2008"

Matt · 18 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'The Reuters report stands in stark contrast to the politically correct — but empirically incorrect — Associated Press story that blanketed the nation on April 23, 2007. The AP story was based on the advocacy press release of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) that claimed after one year out of college women earned 20 percent less than men and that the gap widened 10 years later to 31 percent. The AP did not tell the nation that statistical analyses accompanying the press release reduced the two purported gaps to 5 percent and 12 percent respectively...'

RADAR ALERT: OVW Response to RADAR Shows Many Male Victims Neglected

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In a report to Congress on services provided to domestic violence and sexual assault victims, the U.S. General Accounting Office identified a number of grant programs whose funds are used to provide direct services to victims.

RADAR then submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking data on the services provided to victims, categorized by gender. On October 23, 2007, the Office on Violence Against Women responded to the RADAR request.

Sydney Morning Herald on paternity fraud, men's rights groups

Matt · 19 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'MEN'S groups are calling for mandatory paternity testing of all newborns as it emerges a record number of men are finding they are not the fathers of children they believed to be theirs.

Almost a quarter of paternity tests conducted by one of Australia's largest DNA laboratory companies show the man submitting a sample is not the father, compared to an estimated one in 10 "exclusions" 10 years ago.

...
Thousands of men are turning to DIY testing kits - available online - to discover whether they are the biological father while they are still in a relationship and without telling their partners about their suspicions.
...
Professor Margaret Otlowski, deputy director of the University of Tasmania's Centre for Law and Genetics, said: "I don't think mandatory testing is a good idea.

"I can see the argument from the point of view of creating certainty about parentage, but it would stem from a very suspicious premise and there would be huge implications in terms of relationships."'

Three 8-9 YO Boys Arrested For Rape

digitalhermit · 19 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Police say the boys -- who are 8 and 9 years old -- are in a Cobb County youth detention center but face adult criminal charges.
...
Police reports show the girl went to authorities Saturday for the alleged attack, which she says happened Thursday.'

I know none of the details of the case but my gut says that there is some hysterical overreaction going on for what were most likely innocent childhood games. No matter what happened, I can't conceive any valid reason to charge boys this young as adults.

Israel: Knesset Subcommittee Examines Discrimination Against Fathers

Matt · 19 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'(IsraelNN.com) A new Knesset subcommittee for fathers' rights in divorce and child-custody proceedings held its first meeting Monday.

The Subcommittee on the Family Crisis in Israel was presided over by its chairman, MK Chaim Amsalem (Shas). Committee member and initiator Avraham Ravitz (UTJ) delivered the opening statement which ignited a stormy clash between government representatives and rights groups.
...
Dr. Orli Iness of the University of Haifa told the committee that “when the Knesset adopted legislation on the matter of protecting women from violence, it was reported that about 20 percent of complaints filed were false, but it adopted the legislation as the price to pay in order to protect the weak… Presently, there have been reports that in some precincts the figure [for false complaints] is as high as 50%. If that had been the case at the time, the Knesset would have thought differently about the matter.”

...
[The committee chairman] also announced the establishment of a cross-ministerial committee on the phenomenon of discrimination against men, and promised to use the power of the Knesset to research the system’s response to complaints and failure to prosecute false claims.'

Ed. note: Notice related link, Battle of the Genders Hits the Knesset, discussing a similar meeting back in October. Nice to see that the issue "just isn't going away."

MHA asks: "Do we ignore violence against men?"

Matt · 20 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From a press release from Men's Health Australia:

'This Sunday is White Ribbon Day (WRD) and the start of the 16 Days of Activism to Stop Violence Against Women. However the 2005 Personal Safety Australia survey found that in the past 12 months almost twice as many men as women (808,300) were victims of all types of violence; twice as many men as women (485,400) were victims of physical assault; nearly a third of sexual assault victims were men; 864,300 men were harassed and 110,700 men were stalked. The same study found that men were almost as likely as women to experience physical violence within the home (half from females, half from males) and were just as likely as women to experience physical violence from perpetrators who were known to them. Yet the WRD campaign focuses solely on the prevention of violence against women by men.

An international coalition of professionals and academics has come out in unequivocal support of anti-violence initiatives, but is concerned that this annual spotlight on violence against women tends to conceal the fact that males are far more likely than females to be assaulted or killed and make up a significant proportion of victims of domestic violence. They are calling on the media to be aware that crime statistics, based on reports to police, are an inaccurate reflection of the extent of domestic violence within the community, as men who are physically assaulted by women are less likely to report it than are women assaulted by men...'

The full version is here (.pdf file).

UK TimesOnline: Of course children don't need fathers

Anonymous · 21 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Column here. Excerpt:

'...commentator Melanie Phillips is adamant: “What we know beyond a shadow of a doubt is that children need their fathers.”

Really? Why? What for? And when did anybody last even ask? It might be very nice indeed for a child to have a dad around the house — provided, naturally, that he's the proper kind: the devoted, sober, gentle giant much given to manly rites of passage like the proud purchase of a brace of season tickets to Arsenal. But nice is not the same as need and certainly not as “rights”; further, if the hands-on presence of a father were actually so imperative, our species would have died out in the primordial swamp.'

Australia: Adelaide, Salisbury & Murray Bridhe Community Consultation Events

Matt · 23 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

ADELAIDE, SALISBURY & MURRAY BRIDGE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENTS

With Elizabeth Broderick, Sex Discrimination Commissioner and Commissioner responsible for Age Discrimination.

Have your say on building a fair and equal society for women and men in Australia.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC), in partnership with the Hawke Centre, the Equal Opportunity Commission of South Australia and Safe Work SA invite you join HREOC's new Sex Discrimination Commissioner and Commissioner responsible for Age Discrimination, Elizabeth Broderick, for a community consultation.

This consultation is part of Commissioner Broderick's national Listening Tour. The Listening Tour is an opportunity for people all over Australia to make their voices heard on the issues that matter to them.

Mon Nov 26, 5.15pm for 5.30pm start to 7.30pm
UniSA Hawke Building - Level 5, Bradley Forum,
50-60 North Terrace, Adelaide
08 8302 0215

Thu Nov 29, 12 noon - 2pm
Council Chamber,
Local Government Centre,
2 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge
08 8539 1100

Fri Nov 30, 2pm - 4pm
City of Salisbury Council Office
12 James Street, Salisbury
08 8406 8312

HREOC have established three female-focused themes for the tour:

* economic independence for women
* work and family balance across the life cycle, and
* freedom from discrimination, harassment and violence.

Discussion of other issues will also be welcome. Information collected from this consultation will be used to inform the agenda for the Commissioner's 5 year term.

We would urge anyone who cares about men's and boys' health and wellbeing to come along to these events to remind the new Commissioner that her responsibilities cover two sexes!

We would encourage you to make some of the following points (for a bit of background information on men and work-life balance click here (.pdf file)):

* Males have much higher illness, injury, accident and death rates and die 5 years earlier than females, yet research funding for male health is less than one-third of that for female health
* Males suicide at almost four times the rate of females. More males kill themselves each year than the entire Australian road toll
* More than twice as many males as females experience workrelated injuries and illnesses, and over ninety percent

of workrelated deaths are males
* Young men are three times as likely as young women to be victims of violence, however, there are no public health campaigns to address this very serious issue
* Men are also victims of intimate partner abuse, however, there are no support services for these men, nor treatment services for abusive women
* Boys in Australia are much more likely to drop out of school than girls. In NSW, the difference between boys' and girls' average Tertiary Entrance Rank is almost 20%. Males currently make up just 37% of university graduates
* In Australia today, only women have reproductive rights. Upon becoming pregnant, a woman can choose to have the baby, or have an abortion, or put the baby up for adoption. A man has no choice whether to become a father or even to be notified that he has become a father
* Men are more likely to be convicted and receive longer sentences for the same crimes, compared to their female counterparts
* Following family court proceedings, children are far more likely to be given little or no time with their father than they are with their mother
* The current inequitable parental leave schemes, favouring mothers, reinforce fathers in the traditional 'breadwinner' role rather than supporting them as being 'hands-on' dads (which all the research shows gives better outcomes for children and their parents)
* Australian women are responsible for spending 90 cents in every household dollar

Please circulate this email and the attached, printable flyer, to your contacts in or near Adelaide. You can also download a copy from here (.pdf file).

More information about how to contribute to the Listening Tour will be posted at http://www.humanrights.gov.au/ in coming weeks, along with details of other events as the HREOC team make their way around the country. Can't make it to the consultation? An interactive website is currently being constructed which will allow online contributions.

Kind regards,

Greg

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Mother who gave birth after one-night stand wins right to keep baby secret from the father

Anonymous · 23 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who became pregnant after a one-night stand yesterday won the right to keep the existence of her baby a secret from its father.

In a landmark decision, three Appeal Court judges agreed that the 20-year-old single mother has "the ultimate veto" over whom should be told about the child, who is being put up for adoption.

Describing the case as "on any view extraordinary", Lord Justice Thorpe ruled there was no justification for "breaking open the mother's secret".

And Lady Justice Arden said this was not a violation of the father's rights to family life under the Human Rights Act because he had no rights to be violated.'

I-VAWA supports women's abuse of domestic-violence laws

anthony · 23 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Radical feminists have devised a scheme to cash in on the flow of taxpayer money in a big way. Their good buddy, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., has just introduced Senate Bill 2279, called the International Violence Against Women Act.

The act earmarks at least 10 percent of its program funds to be granted to a certain type of women's organizations. Biden's press release identifies the favored groups: NOW's Legal Momentum, Family Violence Prevention Fund, Women's Edge Coalition, and Center for Women's Global Leadership.
...
Orders of protection were designed to be a "shield" to protect against domestic violence. This article bluntly describes how a petitioner can use an order of protection as a "sword" to obtain child custody in an expedited manner, to restrict a father's visitation with his children and to gain exclusive use of the home.'

Newlywed arraigned in husband's murder

anthony · 23 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'On his wedding day three months ago, Michael Forbes made a special announcement to his guests: He and his new wife would be moving into a beautiful home in Merrick.

"Everyone thought it was nice, was happy for him," his uncle, Cecil Dudley, said Thursday.

No one realized how horribly wrong things on Frankel Boulevard would turn.

On Wednesday morning, Kelly Forbes grabbed a long, orange, heavy-duty electrical cord, put it around her husband's neck and strangled him, Nassau police said. Forbes, 29, called 911 on a cell phone from the house. When paramedics and police arrived, they found Michael Forbes, 50, on the floor in a room next to the master suite. He was unresponsive and died about an hour later at 10 a.m. at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow.'

On YouTube: Warren Farrell's Wage Gap Myth Interview on 20/20

anthony · 23 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A fascinating segment from 20/20 on YouTube.

He confronts the false assumptions underlying the belief that "men are paid more".

On YouTube: Feminists Disrupt Forum On Battered Husbands

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Gentlemen, this is why MANN needs national exposure. We need to report blatant misandry and educate all men and women! This video shows the embedded hatred feminists have towards men.

Note: Google spell check can't identify the word "misandry"

Gay man fights for parental rights after being deceived by female "friend"

Anonymous · 24 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Topeka man is fighting a legal battle over parental rights, because his babies' mother says he is just the sperm donor.
...
Hendrix is a gay man who didn't think he would ever become a father. Then in 2004, the Topeka resident said a longtime female friend named Samantha Harrington approached him and asked if he would father a baby for her through artificial insemination...

So Hendrix said he agreed to the deal. "I thought everything was perfect and I said, 'Do we need anything in writing?" he said. "She said, 'Daryl, we've been friends for 10 years. I'm an attorney. Kansas is an oral agreement state. There will be no problem.' And I took her word for it."
...
Hendrix said, "When she found out she was pregnant, she called and said, 'Congratulations Daddy."

The twins were born in May 2005 at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka. Hendrix said when he went to the hospital to see the infants, a boy and a girl, he was turned away.

That's when he learned that Kansas law gives sperm donors no parental rights unless there is a written contract.

The next day, Harrington filed legal documents asking that Hendrix have no parental rights. Hendrix too went to court".'

RADAR Alert: Tell "Media Matters" the Truth About Domestic Violence

Matt · 24 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In his latest Fox News debate, VAWA Reform Coalition member, Marc Rudov stated that HHS and CDC statistics show women and men commit domestic violence equally. The website "MediaMatters for America" has responded by calling Marc a liar.

In actual fact, the latest CDC research, indicates that women are as violent, if not more violent than men. In March 2007, the peer-reviewed scientific journal, "American Journal of Public Health" published a report by Centers for Disease Control researchers Whitaker, Haileyesus, Swahn, and Saltzman entitled "Differences in Frequency of Violence and Reported Injury Between Relationships With Reciprocal and Nonreciprocal Intimate Partner Violence".

This research analyzed data on 11,370 young heterosexual adults aged 18 to 28. About half of the violent couples reported that both partners were violent to one another (reciprocal violence). Of the violent couples in which only one partner was violent (non-reciprocal violence), the woman was the perpetrator in 70% of the cases.

Yet the comments at the MediaMatters website are uniformly self-righteous and hateful toward men. The readers of this website need to be informed of the facts. You can add your own comment by going here. Scroll to the bottom to post a comment. You will first need to sign up for a free account.

The MediaMatters webpage has a "Take Action" section on the right where they encourage their readers to complain to Fox News about Rudov's supposedly inaccurate information. So after you've posted your comment on the MediaMatters webpage, it would be a good idea to also send your comment to Fox news at Comments-at-foxnews.com.

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Ed. note: Since this alert went out, MediaMatters has shut off comment posting for the article in question.

Former 'Bachelor' contestant arrested for domestic assault

Matt · 24 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SEMINOLE, Fla. - A former cheerleader for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers who was proposed to on the reality TV show "The Bachelor" was accused of punching a man she lives with in the mouth, authorities said.

Mary Delgado was taken into custody just after midnight Wednesday on a battery charge and was under the influence of alcohol when she was arrested, according to a police affidavit.

Delgado received a proposal on the show in 2004 from professional bass fisherman Byron Velvick. The two appeared together Tuesday in a special episode of "The Bachelor" called "After the Final Rose."'

Video: Mother who killed son wants alimony

anthony · 25 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

CNN's Jim Acosta looks at the New York-area woman who still wants her alimony after beating a child who later died. This woman wants upwards of $4000.00 per month after her release from prison.

Fathers Rights Activists Grow Stronger - Hold Rally

MR · 26 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Fathers Rights Activists Grow Stronger And Hold Rally To Make Family Law Accountable

A reckoning is in order in family courts all across America. F4JLA and NCFMLA are intent on seeing accountability brought back into a legal system influenced heavily by gender feminism and judicial chivalry. Presently, America's family law system appears to exist to serve primarily the gender feminist agenda, and of course, itself.

The day started out with a bang, when a woman stopped her car at the corner of the intersection, directly behind the blue truck, then briskly approached us exclaiming, "I have seven kids and an ex-husband who hasn't paid child support in five years. What can you do about that?"

RADAR ALERT: "Media Matters" Censors Inconvenient Facts

Matt · 26 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In his latest Fox News debate, Marc Rudov stated that HHS and CDC statistics show women and men commit domestic violence equally. The website "MediaMatters for America" has responded by calling Marc's statement false. (See article and video here). Media Matters claims that the ratio is 62% to 38%.

Media Matters bases its claim on excerpts from a CDC handout about domestic violence (.pdf file), which cites as its source the CDC-funded 1996 National Violence Against Women Survey. The 1996 survey was conducted using a modified version of a research instrument known as the Conflict Tactics Scales. Dr. Murray Straus, the pre-eminent researcher on domestic violence is the inventor of the Conflict Tactics Scales. Straus has objected (.mp3 file) to the 1996 survey because the modifications made to the Conflict Tactics Scales would artificially suppress the percentage of male victims.

Unlike the 1996 National Violence Against Women Survey, the latest CDC scientific research shows much higher perpetration rates for women. In March 2007, the peer-reviewed scientific journal, "American Journal of Public Health" published a report by Centers for Disease Control researchers Whitaker, Haileyesus, Swahn, and Saltzman entitled "Differences in Frequency of Violence and Reported Injury Between Relationships With Reciprocal and Nonreciprocal Intimate Partner Violence". This study reports that women are the sole perpetrator in 70% of cases where the other partner was non-violent!

Murray Straus, co-founder of the Univ. of New Hampshire Family Research Laboratory, was the first leading scientist to call for federal domestic violence laws. Today, he also calls for women to stop abusing men, and for policy changes to effect reforms in violence policy to address this major, unaddressed national problem.

Dr. Straus scientifically explains (.pdf file) why Media Matters is wrong in "The Controversy Over Domestic Violence by Women". Straus reconciles the vast differences between the findings of crime-based studies such as the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) and empirical studies based on the Conflict Tactical Scales (CTS). In a nutshell, studies based on crime data and women's advocacy surveys report what we expect: Men often win major spousal altercations and men are the ones arrested (without considering who initiated the altercation). CTS-based studies more accurately report the nature of family violence and who is causing it. Today, there are over 200 major studies reporting that women initiate at least half of domestic violence, and little credible scientific evidence to the contrary.

Apparently truth doesn't matter to Media Matters. Although their article invites reader comments, their editors must approve comments before they are posted. The editors apparently would rather shoot the messenger than listen to the message. Media Matters' editors approved a comment saying of Rudov, "like so many right-wing macho men, he probably has a little, itty-bitty pee-pee". Meanwhile comments that referred readers to the aforementioned American Journal of Public Health article and other credible sources of objective research were disallowed.

This should come as no surprise to anyone who has read their "About Us" page where they proudly announce they systematically
monitor media outlets for news or commentary that is not accurate, reliable, or credible and that forwards the conservative agenda. Apparently falsehoods told by anyone else are just fine with them.

Since Media Matters has asked their readers to complain to Fox News, we urge you to send emails or letters emphasizing that Marc Rudov's statement was based on solid research:

1. Send an email to Neil Cavuto at cavuto-at-foxnews.com
2. Send letters, emails, or make calls to Fox News at:
   FOX News Channel
   1-888-369-4762

Comments-at-foxnews.com
1211 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036

3. Copy Marc Rudov: http://mediamatters.org/rd?http://thenononsenseman.com/page10.html

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women
working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Usher on "Media Matters"

MrReality · 27 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'Wiehl's dangerous position explicitly reveals the in-vivo tragedy of VAWA: Where one's subjective state of "fear" is the legal standard justifying most any action by a woman (as opposed to a "real threat" standard), there is no telling what women will do (and try get away with). Civil Rights advocates need to wake up on this issue: racist white women can throw high-tech war parties too.

The problem with tasers as a "standard female accessory" is the unconstitutionally-low standard for female behavior established by the Violence Against Women Act. In the VAWA environment, use of a taser to prevent a rape is no different than abuse of a taser for an entirely scurrilous reason. VAWA makes it impossible to discern the difference between the two.'

India: MRAs fight back

Matt · 27 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'On August 26 this year, International Women's Equality Day, yet another demonstration was under way at Jantar Mantar, the centre of gravity for social protest in the nation's capital. No one driving by would have spared the protesters a second glance, except that the bunch shouting slogans-- "Hai Hai", "Down Down"-- was an incongruous one: software engineers, corporate managers, officers of the merchant navy and marketing execs. More incredible were the signs they were carrying: 'Stop Legal Terrorism. Stop Husband Suicides', and 'Protect the Elderly from the NCW', NCW being not the National Commission for Women but 'National Criminal Wives'. On Women's Equality Day, the centrestage belonged to one of the most unexpected byproducts of the women's rights movement: a movement for men's rights.'

RADAR ALERT: "Media Matters" Before and After

Matt · 28 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In RADAR's Monday, November 26th alert we discussed Media Matters for America's article entitled "On Your World, Mark Rudov falsely claimed 'women are equal-opportunity domestic abusers'". We explained that RADAR knew that a number of factual comments on this article had been submitted but not approved for publication by Media Matters' editors.

After RADAR's alert was posted, Media Matters approved an additional 31 comments submitted between last Wednesday and last Friday. All of the previously withheld comments were critical of Media Matters' position. The chronology of events, as best we can reconstruct it is as follows:

- Tuesday, November 20 - Media Matters posts article saying the claim that "women are equal-opportunity domestic abusers" is false.
- Tuesday through Friday - Media Matters editors post 32 of the 63 comments submitted.
- Sometime Friday or Saturday - Media Matters disables posting of any further comments on this article.
- Late Sunday night - RADAR issues an alert, notifying the public that Media Matters is not allowing factual comments that disagree with them.
- Sometime Monday - After RADAR's alert is distributed, Media Matters' editors post an additional 31 comments critical of their position, 29 of which had been submitted the previous Wednesday, 1 submitted Thursday, and 1 submitted Friday.

A number of people who received our alert have asked who Media Matters is. The best information we've been able to find is here.

Go here on RADAR's site to read the comments that appeared on the Media Matters article as of late Monday night, November 26. The 31 comments that the Media Matters' editors didn't allow through until after RADAR's alert are shown on a pink background.

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Reject Domestic Abuse Law Male-Bashing

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Reject Domestic Abuse Law Male-Bashing

Considering there were already laws on the books to address violence against men and women, the time has come for this worthless piece of taxpayer bilking legislation (VAWA) to be purged of all gender feminist ideological connections, or revoked. If we are to survive as a free nation with liberty and justice for all, we can no longer tolerate a piece of hate-based legislation that can't offer a solution to violence against one gender without bashing and abusing the other.

AntiguaSun on violence against men

Anonymous · 28 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Unfortunately, the issue of domestic violence in not gender based, and many times society fails to accept the fact that men are victims of abuse too.

...

There are many reasons why we don't know more about domestic abuse and violence against men. First of all, the incidence of domestic violence reported by men appears to be so low that it is hard to get reliable estimates. In addition, it has taken years of advocacy and support to encourage women to report domestic violence. On the other hand, very little has been done to encourage men to report abuse. The idea that men could be victims of domestic abuse and violence is so unthinkable that many men will not even attempt to report the situation."

Teaching problems: Same newspaper, same day

Kirk · 28 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This story about a teacher who will likely never teach again after a false accusation.

No mention of any action against the false accuser. Note also the suspension without pay since 2005 for an allegation of touching.

Then this story in the same paper same day. All about how diverse classrooms have become but a bit of tweaking is in order to ensure a few more minorities - talk about the importance for society to be reflected in schools, such as more female janitors required, but nothing about the incredible lack of male teachers.

Hulk Hogan is the latest victim

Matt · 28 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Hulk Hogan joins the ranks of high-profile celebrity men who are getting the boot from their wives with a hefty bill attached. I feel for the poor guy. While it's true no one can always know the entire story, it is true that there seems to be a very well-defined pattern to these things: Marry a famous guy who is or is bound to get rich, have kids, get to a certain age and decide he isn't right for you for whatever reason, then leave him. Rinse and repeat. Paul McCartney learned the hard way, but only since she could get away with it, his particular sweet little cupcake bailed early.

In this latest high-profile pump-and-dump (video), the soon-to-be former Mrs. Hogan seems well-prepared in advance with an onslaught of demands for property and money. As Oprah would say: "You go girl!"

Barf.

Rudov: "When woman hits man"

MrReality · 29 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Rudov was recently vilified by Media Matters for stating the truth about women being as violent -- and many times "more violent" -- than men. The Media Matters website then blocked comments that solidified Marc's fact-laden position.

Mr. Rudov recently wrote a response -- on his blog -- to Media Matter's slanderous statements.

The blog reads: "Our societal attitude is: When man hits woman, it's violence; when woman hits man, it's emotion. This hypocritical attitude, resulting in the unconstitutional Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), gives women a free pass to accost men and to falsely accuse them of violence and rape. Aside from the occasional arrest, such as what happened to "bachelorette" and former Tampa Bay Buccaneers cheerleader, Mary Delgado, for punching "bachelor" and fiance Byron Velvick (both appeared in the 2004 season of ABC's The Bachelor), most women who hit men do so with impunity.

I've received letters from men saying that the only way they could get their abusive wives and girlfriends arrested was to secretly tape-record the violent acts. When the police hear a woman screaming at and slapping a man, they have no choice but to arrest her. Generally speaking, women don't have to tape-record anything for the police, just accuse and claim fear. The bar for a female arrest is indeed set very high."

More junk science from LiveScience

Matt · 29 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Look at this, will you. Read the interpretation of findings. First off, does anyone think these findings are really defensible? And second, it seems whenever men talk more it's about domination and when women talk, it's about "connecting".

"JunkScience", as I am now calling it, is owned by Imaginova, Inc. It seems they also own a number of other science-related news sites as well. However there are scant details of who is running things. Anyone have knowledge?

Roe v. Wade for Men Shot Down Again

Roy · 29 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Should a man be able to avoid the obligations of parenthood when he became a father involuntarily? No, according to the recent ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals which has dismissed Matt Dubay's "Roe v. Wade" for men case.

On appeal, the court considered one basic question: Does the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause prevent a state from making men support children whom they did not desire to produce? The court decided "no," because the Equal Protection Clause does not prohibit all differentiations on the basis of sex. It guarantees only formal equality - the right of likes to be treated alike.'

Law professor exposes Human Rights Commission for ignoring male domestic violence victims

Matt · 29 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'It is probably true that male victims, victims in same-sex relationships and the children associated with them do not face a postcode lottery - there are next to no services. The Scottish Government is funding a small-scale project to raise awareness of domestic abuse in same-sex relationships but it will not come to a magazine or billboard near you soon.'

Debunk Domestic Abuse Junk-Science

MR · 30 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Debunk Domestic Abuse Junk-Science

To describe the effects of the systematic, domestic abuse theory discrimination (perpetrated against all men in America today) as a "tragedy" is actually employing a euphemism. Given the scale of destruction done to the targeted male population, it is more accurate to describe it akin to the beginnings of the holocaust in Nazi Germany, or the institutional persecution of African-Americans in the decades before the civil rights movement.

Tremendous abuse has been inflicted on innocent men through America's misandrist, and corrupt domestic abuse laws. What we see being done to men in our domestic abuse courts, family law courts, colleges and universities, mass media and other societal institutions in the name of domestic abuse law is a gross national disgrace.

Misandrist capitalizes off rape hysteria

MrReality · 30 November 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Rapex created by the misandrist Sonnet Ehlers is a medieval torture item that women can insert into their vagina that hooks into the skin of a man's penis.

The creation of this medieval torture item is based off of fraudulent rape hysteria stirred up by women's organizations and the politicians that serve them.

Judge rules sperm donor liable for child support

badgerb · 1 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. One only needs to look at the gender of the judge to know what the decision was going to be and how traumatic is it going to be to give an eighteen year old a DNA test.

"Family Court Judge Ellen Greenberg ruled Nov. 16 that despite the mother's willingness to have the child's DNA tested, the man could not seek a paternity test to determine if he is the biological father because the results could have a "traumatic effect" upon the child, who is now 18 and lives in Oregon with the mother.'

NEVER EVER become a sperm donor.

Child Support Not Reaching Children - Gov't Just Keeping Most Money

jjgarage · 1 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A new report shows what MRA's have always advocated - the current child support system is a scam, a cash cow only for those who implement, collect, and manage the support payments.

According to this latest report, fathers, and the children/mothers they are supposed to be helping, are ALL suffering - embroiled in a futile, crooked system that promotes itself as "helping" children receive stability and justice from deadbeat parents. Who's the real slime bags? The alleged deadbeat parents, or the crooks taking the child support payments and putting it in their own pockets rather than the children's?

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Rudov: Misandry on Madison Avenue

MrReality · 2 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc Rudov's blog : "Your spellchecker doesn't recognize misandry, the hatred of men, because the developers at Microsoft, when creating Word, weren't conscious of it. But, they sure knew about misogyny, right? HR sensitivity programs ensured that. Bashing women is so verboten in Corporate America that people can lose their jobs over it. Excoriating men, on the other hand, is so infused -- and apparently profitable -- that, like breathing, most people accept it without question. And, nowhere is misandry practiced more than on Madison Avenue, the advertising capital of the world, the source of the male-bashing TV commercial.

Today's TV spots are moronizing and marginalizing men, with impunity. Why do they persist? Quite simply, most Americans -- including a lot of self-hating men -- approve. The genesis of every TV campaign begins by matching an advertiser's sales objectives with an assumption about the zeitgeist. The advertiser bets that a TV campaign's message will resonate with its targeted customers, who, hopefully, will respond by purchasing the promoted products or services. When earning my MBA at Boston University, I obviously missed the lecture on how to boost revenues of cameras and mutual funds by alienating men and fathers."

'A bookshelf of wounded manhood' belittles men's rights issues

Matt · 3 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Posted for Marc A.: This ignoramus just printed an op-ed in the Philadelphia Inquirer making all the typical clueless arguments against the men's rights movement and even making typical straw man attacks, mis-framing our movement completely. Please let's slam the editor with letters in response to this. Please write to the editor at Inquirer.Letters-at-phillynews.com and copy oped@phillynews.com and the author at alubrano-at-phillynews.com. Be sure to give the Inquirer your name address and phone.

Excerpt:
'Feminism is not stealing children from men during divorce, as many of these books contend. Feminism helped bring about gender-neutral laws, which led to joint custody of children being considered the best option in today's family courts.

Thirty years of equal-rights talk has gotten the women haters nostalgic for the old days, when our moms vacuumed like demons, baked cookies and lost their minds alone with the kids all day.'

One in Four UK children do not consider their father to be close family

Anonymous · 3 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"One child in four does not consider their father to be close family, according to a study published today.

More boys view footballers as role models than their fathers and only one child in 10 said they would go to their father first if they had a problem.

Even among traditional families, fathers are much more in the background of children's lives than their mothers, the research carried shows."

Fireman who donated sperm to lesbian couple fights demand for child maintenance

AngryMan · 3 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Andy Bathie, 37, a firefighter from Enfield, agreed to help Sharon and Terri Arnold after they assured him he would have no involvement in the children's upbringing and no financial commitment.

But he is now having his pay docked to pay thousands of pounds in child maintenance even though he has no legal rights over the boy and girl the couple had.

He was stunned when the Child Support Agency contacted him last November to demand payments because the women had split up.

Officials made him take a £400 paternity test and began docking his pay.

He says the payments mean he and his wife cannot afford to have children of their own.

He is now bringing an unprecedented legal challenge so that he is not recognised as a legal parent to the children.'

The Onion: "Man Finally Put in Charge of Struggling Feminist Movement"

Roy · 3 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

America's Finest News Source reports – "After decades spent battling gender discrimination and inequality in the workplace, the feminist movement underwent a high-level shake-up last month, when 53-year-old management consultant Peter "Buck" McGowan took over as new chief of the worldwide initiative for women's rights. "All the feminist movement needed to do was bring on someone who had the balls to do something about this glass ceiling business," said McGowan, who quickly closed the 23.5 percent gender wage gap by 'making a few calls to the big boys upstairs.' "In the world of gender identity and empowered female sexuality, it's all about who you know."

RADAR ALERT: Sword or Shield: Illinois Bar Journal Exposes Restraining Order Abuse

Matt · 4 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In the November 2007 issue of the Illinois Bar Journal, Scott A. Lerner, Esq., takes a critical look at the Illinois Domestic Violence Act (DVA) in his article "Sword or Shield: Combating Orders-of-Protection Abuse in Divorce".

"There's no question that victims need protection from abusers," he writes. "But not all parties to divorce are above using OPs [orders-of-protection] not for their intended purpose but solely to gain advantage in a dissolution." And "the greatest potential for abuse of the system," in Lerner's opinion, "is in visitation."

As Lerner points out, "It is far easier to restrict visitation via an order of protection then by seeking the same relief under the IMDMA [the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act]. Under the IMDMA, 'A parent not granted custody of the child is entitled to reasonable visitation rights unless the court finds, after a hearing, that visitation would endanger seriously the child's physical, mental, moral or emotional health.'"

Under the DVA, however, "the trial court in an order of protection hearing has wide discretion to restrict visitation," as "the serious-endangerment standard does not apply to the restriction of visitation under an order of protection." Lerner's opines: "This is an invitation for parents to use the DVA to circumvent the IMDMA."

Lerner's advise to defendants facing an order-of-protection-take the threat very seriously and fight it with everything you can afford-is sound, but unfortunately putting on a great defense is all for naught if the game is fixed, a possibility he only hints at ("Judges, certainly, have a responsibility to act as gatekeepers by making sure they do not grant an order of protection except to protect the petitioner or the children.... Still, abuse will happen.").

The fact that the Illinois Bar Journal is addressing order-of-protection abuse is a very positive sign. Slowly but surely the word is getting out about the potential for abuse of domestic violence laws. It's only a matter of time before legislatures take steps to reform a system out of control, and limit restraining order protection to actual victims, not those looking for leverage in a divorce.

Phyllis Schlafly provides a nice summary of the article in "Feminist Abuse of Domestic Violence Laws".

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Statutory Rapist Debra Lafave Busted Again

anthony · 4 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Tampa cops today busted teaching temptress Debra Lafave for allegedly having illegal contact with a teenager at their job."

Lafave, 27, is best known for having a lewd-and-lascivious affair with a 14-year-old boy in 2004, and now she's serving three years of house arrest.

Lafave's allowed outside to work, and while on the job at a Danny Boy's restaurant is Ruskin, Fla., she allegedly had one-on-one contact with a 17-year-old female co-worker, state correction officials said."

The spoke privately about personal issues, in violation of Lafave's probation. Lafave was released without bond, but she'll have to face a judge about this alleged violation.'

Canadian universities gender blind recruiters

Anonymous · 5 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The National Post reports:

Despite a growing gender gap on Canadian campuses, universities are balking at a fledgling movement in the United States to make special efforts to attract more men, such as adopting affirmative action initiatives that favour male applicants over female ones.

Campus recruiters and admissions managers from Memorial University of Newfoundland to the University of British Columbia in Vancouver say they are taking no extra steps to target male students.

Father Christmas fired for saying 'ho ho ho' - because it is 'offensive to women'

Anonymous · 5 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A Santa in an Australian department store said today he has been sacked for saying "ho ho ho" and singing Christmas songs to children.

Employment company Westaff, which supplies stores with red-robed, white-bearded Father Christmases, had earlier asked its Santas to say "ha ha ha" because the word "ho", which is American slang for whore, could offend women, media reported."

This actually IS a joke, or was. Take a look at the MRA blog Heretical Sex from last December.

This joke has actually come true...

Innocent Man Sent To Jail For "Missed" Child Support

anthony · 5 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Systemic problems allowed an innocent Massachusetts man to be labeled a deadbeat dad and sent to jail.
...
Caliri was sentenced to 90 days in jail after he was accused of falling eight weeks behind on child support payments.

"There was a balance of $2,240," Caliri said.

He has proof of a good payment history. But problems came last spring with his new job at Daniel's Townline Pizza in Weymouth.

Townline Pizza garnished child support from Caliri's wages but never sent the money to the Department of Revenue for his ex-wife and three children.

He went to court last month to explain it all but instead went to jail.'

MSNBC: Dads don’t come from labs, readers say

anthony · 5 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It seems guys don't need to worry about their paternal job security. As part of our special report “BabyQuest: The modern pursuit of parenthood,” we asked readers to respond to an MSNBC.com story about how scientists made artificial sperm from human bone marrow and asked, “Will science render men unnecessary?”

Reader Comment:

"Men and fathers are needed. They aren't just sperm donors but an essential part of our society. My son lights up when “Daddy” gets home and I can't imagine not having his male influence on my son."'

Mother Drugs, Suffocates Her 5 Young Sons-- Goes to Psychiatric Facility

anthony · 6 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BERLIN — Autopsies were being performed Thursday on the bodies of five young brothers who investigators believe were slain by their mother as authorities searched for clues as to how and when the children were killed.

The bodies of the boys, ages 3 to 9, were found in their home on Wednesday after their 31-year-old mother told a doctor where they were, prosecutor Uwe Wick said. It is believed that they were killed either on Tuesday or on Wednesday, he said.

...

The mother, *whose name has not been released*, was ordered held in psychiatric care after the grisly discovery and was to go before a judge Thursday for a ruling on a request by authorities that she be held during the investigation.'

Fox News: Sexism May Still Be Hillary's Greatest Challenge

anthony · 6 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Writing in Newsday this week, Robin Gerber, a senior faculty member in the Gallup organization and an expert on Eleanor Roosevelt, argues that Hillary “should play the gender card to the hilt” to deal with a “trust” problem that Ms. Gerber lays directly at the door of her gender.

Gerber argues, pointing to studies of the challenges women face in corporate America, that Hillary faces the same problem many high-level women do, who find that being aggressive and self-promoting leads both men and women to respond negatively to them, in ways they don’t to men with similar traits."

Op-ed: It's a man's fault

GaryB · 7 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This piece is sickening, and needs everyone to add their comments (most of them are already on the right track).

Basically, this is the situation: A woman gets into politics, the woman gets made deputy party leader, the woman gets offered her choice of cabinet positions, and the woman CHOOSES the position she wants. And of course, the fact that she doesn't choose what some people feel to be the best position, is A MAN'S FAULT.

Almost every single comment supports the MRA viewpoint, which is great to see - I wonder how long it will be before sexist hags like this are removed from the press?

Mom Gets Probation for Attempting to Sell Son to Pay for Wedding Dress

klp · 7 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

What bonehead let this girl (I hesitate to call her woman as that implies maturity) have custody of the kids?

And for a $200 tab? Couldn't she just get some short-term gig to cover that? Excerpt:

'DAVENPORT, Iowa — A Davenport woman received five years of probation Thursday for attempting to sell her 4-year-old son to help pay for a wedding dress.

Marcy Gant, 32, was convicted in October of purchase or sale of an individual and could have been sentenced up to 10 years in prison.

Gant was arrested in October 2006 after offering her son to a retailer to settle a $200 bill for the dress. Police said Gant offered the trade at least twice.'

UK: Store withdraws man-shaped punching bag after objections

Matt · 7 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'The Hers Boxing Set comes in pink packaging and contains a man-shaped punchbag and a pair of boxing gloves.

ManKind Initiative said owners were encouraged to insert photos of a man for the punchbag's face.

A picture on the product packaging shows an arrow pointing to a man's groin, saying "kick him here".

Mark Brooks, chairman of The ManKind Initiative, said the fact that Superdrug did not sell a similar product for men suggested domestic violence against men was more acceptable.'

Hypocrisy of Reproductive Choice

Roy · 8 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

How come a man who accidentally gets a woman pregnant and doesn't want to be father is condemned as a "selfish, inhuman, deadbeat dad"; while a woman who accidentally gets pregnant and has an abortion is celebrated for being "pro-choice?"

Glenn Sacks comments on a recent editorial cartoon by Steve Kelley.

Clinton Team Turns Iowa Focus to Women

anthony · 8 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

It's panic time for Hillary. Obama mow leads most Iowa polls and has narrowed the gap in New Hampshire and South Carolina. If Hillary loses the first three primaries, her presidential changes would become severely diminished. It's now time for Hillary to ride her husband's coat-tails by having him speak at more campaign sites. This apparently isn't working. Now it's time to play the gender card. Excerpt:

'DES MOINES -- Seeking to steady her campaign in Iowa, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton will bring a wave of prominent women to blanket the state and target female voters in the final weeks before its first-in-the-nation caucuses.
...
"It's obvious that Obama has made some inroads with women," said one senior Clinton adviser, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The campaign, the adviser said, is responding with new television advertisements, additional paid calls and new mailers targeting women."
...
"WE NEED YOUR HELP!" Dana Singiser, director of women's outreach for the Clinton campaign, said in an e-mail to the "Women for Hillary" list sent out Friday morning pleading with female supporters to come to the Clinton headquarters in Arlington, Iowa, over the weekend to make calls to women in the electorate."'

A Rich Dilemma: To Nup or Not Pre-nup?

Roy · 8 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. As Google co-founder and Chief Executive Larry Page (net worth $20 billion) prepares to walk down the aisle today, attorneys familiar with billionaire marriages urge their clients to proceed with care and caution. Excerpt:

'"A billionaire has to treat an upcoming marriage as a merger. But it's a merger with a potential enemy," says New York divorce lawyer Raoul Felder. Prenuptial agreements are important, but they're no guarantee of a satisfactory split if things go south. Consider the divorce of Steven Spielberg and his first wife Amy Irving. She claimed their prenup was invalid because it had been written on a napkin and she hadn't had legal representation. A judge tossed it out; Irving got $100 million.'

12 Warning Signs Of An Abusive Female

Luek · 9 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

1. Did she grow up in a violent family? People who grow up in violent families where they have been abused as children grow up learning that violence is normal behavior.

2. Does she tend to use force or violence to solve her problems? Does she have a quick temper or overreact to little problems and frustrations, such as not finding a parking space or having a bad seat at the movie? Is she destructive when angry, throws things?

3. Does she abuse alcohol or other drugs? There is a strong link between violence and problems with drugs and alcohol. Be alert to her possible drinking/drug problem, particularly if she refuses to admit that there is a problem or refuses to get help.

4. Does she think poorly of herself? Does she prove her feminist independence by trying to act tough and independent? She may think that she is "acting like a liberated woman" but in fact she may be acting like a batterer.

5. Does she have rigid ideas about what a man should be and what a woman should be? Does she think that a man's only role is to take care of his wife, anticipate her wishes, and follow her orders?

6. Does she use knives, guns, or other lethal weapons? Does she talk of using them against people or threaten to use them to get even?

7. Does she expect you to follow her orders or advice? Does she become angry if you do not fulfill her wishes, if you cannot anticipate what she wants?

8. Does she go through extreme highs and lows, almost as if she is two different people? Is she extremely kind at one time and extremely cruel at another?

9. Is she jealous of you - not just of other women you might know but even of your male friends or family? Does she keep tabs on you? Does she want to know where you are all of the time?

10. When she gets angry, do you fear her? Are you afraid to make her angry? Do you find that not making her angry has become a major part of your life?

11. Does she treat you roughly? Does she physically force you to do what you do not want to do? Abuse during dating is almost a guarantee of later abuse and of more violent abuse.

12. Do you feel threatened by her? Are you afraid of her because she might hurt you? Have you changed your life so that you won't make her angry? Are you keeping aspects of this relationship a secret from your family and friends because as a man you are ashamed of admitting that you are intimidated and/or physically abused by a female?

Presidential Candidates Address Equal Parenting

Anonymous · 9 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Here is a video from this summer in Iowa, where Presidential candidates are interviewed regarding equal parenting. The interview is taped by William Wagner and is posted on his website, onsecondthoughttv.tv

Should any of these Presidential candidates move up in the "Presidential process," this bit of videotape could be huge in educating the public to the issue of equal parenting, and where the candidates stand on that and other issues.

Near the end of the video, one of the candidates can be heard saying he would do away with the Federal law known as VAWA, although it appears he may not have understood all the horrors against men that VAWA has created. Clearly more education of the public is needed, regarding the misandrist Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and how it discriminates against Fathers and men.

Now then, where do the other candidates stand on the equal parenting issue and other Fathers' and men's issues?

Michael Flatley awarded $11 mil. over false rape claim

TomP · 9 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. It appears that, if you have enough money and time, and access to good attorneys, you actually **can** win a false rape case! Looks as if this woman is a serial litigator, maybe this will slow her down a bit. Excerpt:

'"Lord of the Dance" star Michael Flatley has been awarded an $11 million settlement against Tyna Robertson, the Joliet woman who accused Flatley of rape in 2002, according to published reports.

The settlement was reached Friday after the California Supreme Court ruled that accusations of rape made by Robertson, who has a son with Chicago Bear Brian Urlacher, were not credible, and part of an extortion scheme, the BBC and London's Daily Mail reported Saturday. '

LiveScience article on male victims of domestic violence

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LiveScience.com, a mainstream popular science news site, has published an online report entitled Men: Hidden Victims of Domestic Violence. This indicates increasing acceptance of scientific findings on domestic violence which run counter to domestic violence stereotypes. Such stereotypes portray men as the exclusive unprovoked perpetrators of domestic violence, and portray women as victims or else justify female violence against men as self defense in every case where it occurs.

From the article:

Studies have shown that women assault men about as often as men assault women. While men tend to cause more damage because on average they are stronger, not all men are bigger than their partners, and women can even the odds with weapons such as knives, high heels, and sharp nails.

Men may also fear that if they fight back in self-defense, they themselves will be accused of abuse because of society's assumption that men are always the aggressor.

National Post covers divorce on front page

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This weekend, the National Post ran a series of articles on divorce and family law, featured on the front-page.

The full index to all articles covers off most of what was written in the print edition.

As usual, and in fantastic form, Barbara Kay's article takes on the plight of divorced dads and misandry in general.

Canadian media is buzzing. Even the Toronto Star has been talking about the plight of victims of divorce, and while most of it has their familiar Toronto Star twist...

- Divorce damages environment, study finds
- Family court in crisis

...one article in the Star stands out: Down in the divorce trenches.

Ed. note: At the time of this posting, there seems to be a server issue with these sites. When you click a link, it asks for the password to the staging server. Just click "Cancel" and the page should load. I am sure the server admins are on it and maybe by the time you read this, the problem will be resolved. But after clicking "Cancel", the pages load fine.

Cougar Feminism: Kenya’s Sex Tourism-for-Women

Roy · 10 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The Concerned Women for America are expressing moral outrage that rich women are flocking to Kenya to get their grooves on, by paying young African men for sex. CWFA’s Dr. Janice Crouse calls it "the ugliest kind of feminism ... a throwback to colonialism and the days of slavery." Since these "relationships" happen between consenting adults, the Kenyan government says there’s nothing illegal going on. Audio can be listened to or downloaded from here.

(Note – “Cougar”: Noun. "An older woman in her sexual prime who prefers to hunt rather than be hunted. Man is cougar's number one prey.")

Duke LAX Team runs for Innocence Project

scottkirk · 10 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

College males are realising how easy it is to make a false rape accusation, and how difficult it is to defend against one. Story here. Excerpt:

'Just before 4 a.m. this morning, men's lacrosse player Reade Seligmann '09 planned to lace up his running shoes, throw on a bright-yellow traffic jacket and run laps around the Main Green.

Seligmann, the former Duke lacrosse suspect who was vindicated earlier this year, will be jogging for the Brown team's fall charity project: a 36-hour run-a-thon to raise funds for the Innocence Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to exonerating innocent prisoners through DNA testing.

Seligmann pitched the idea of a lacrosse team charity event for the Innocence Project even before he committed to transferring to Brown this spring. Head Coach Lars Tiffany '90 liked the idea and organized the event this fall after team members approved, much to the delight of the New York City-based organization.'

Saudi rape case: Boyfriend was raped too, and given same sentence, but media focuses only on female

Matt · 10 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A.:

I know this is a month old but it's still worth noting. The woman's boyfriend was also raped and received the same sentence that she received. But he gets nowhere near the same media attention. Almost everyone who talks about the injustice only mentions the woman. Marc

Excerpt: "The woman's offence was meeting a former boyfriend, who she had asked to return pictures he had of her because she was about to marry another man. The couple were sitting in a car when a group of seven men kidnapped them and raped them both, lawyers in the case told the Arab News. The woman and the former boyfriend were originally sentenced to 90 lashes each for being together in private. The attackers received sentences ranging from 10 months to five years in prison, and 80 to 1000 lashes each."

"A Father's Choice"

Matt · 10 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

I wanted to make you aware of an independent film from William Fain Productions (WFP). The movie, "A Father's Choice", is based on a true story about a father's struggle with the legal system of the United States in how his daughter, who was born out of wedlock, was treated differently than other children; as well as fighting for his rights to have a say in said daughter's life. If you go to http://www.myspace.com/afatherschoice, there are several clips of the movie you can watch. There is also a soundtrack that is for sale through 3 Jack Entertainment. Songs can be heard at http://www.myspace.com/3jacksentertainment.

William Fain, the founder of 3 Jack and WFP, would love the opportunity to discuss the movie and the issues it addresses. Through film, he is attempting to bring more attention to the problem that is happening not just in the U.S., but all over the world. He is offering the option to groups to have the opportunity to share in the money from sales of the soundtrack. If interested, please reply and I'll be happy to give you more information. Mr. Fain can be reached through email, williamfain-at-yahoo.com.

Sacks/McCormick Column: Biden's misguided violence bill

Matt · 11 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WHEN IT COMES to domestic-violence legislation, the road to hell is paved with good intentions - and Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., owns an asphalt company.

Biden's latest foray into the issue is the National Domestic Violence Volunteer Attorney Network Act, which amends his Violence Against Women Act to create an extensive network of volunteer lawyers to help abused women. They would provide free legal help in crafting divorce or separation agreements and winning child custody.

According to Biden, S. 1515, soon to be heard by the Judiciary Committee and is co-sponsored by Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, will enlist 100,000 volunteer attorneys. The bill is supported by the American Bar Association, the Family Violence Prevention Fund and the National Organization for Women, which is running a campaign in support of the bill.'

"The 5 Biggest Dating Mistakes That Men Make"

anthony · 11 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

List here. Just one goes like this:

"Men Aren't Chivalrous. The lines here are not always clear. We want you to treat us like equals, but we also want you to treat us like women. It's nice when a man picks up the tab or makes sure his date gets home safely. It may be old-fashioned, but a number of women report that dating a gentleman matters."

Reader comments follow the list.

NYTimes: "The Siren Song of Sex With Boys"

blaze4metal · 11 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

A nice little read from the NYT. Take note of the gender of the author and how the piece basically dismisses the idea that women should be treated as equally bad when she has sex with a minor. Excerpt:

'The researchers questioned the practice, common in many studies, of lumping all sexual abuse together. They contended that treating all types equally presented problems that, they wrote, "are perhaps most apparent when contrasting cases such as the repeated rape of a 5-year-old girl by her father and the willing sexual involvement of a mature 15-year-old adolescent boy with an unrelated adult."

In the first case, serious harm may result, the article said, but the second case "may represent only a violation of social norms with no implication for personal harm."

They suggested substituting the term "adult adolescent sex" for child abuse in some cases where the sex was consensual.'

Minister's parents balk at convicted mother visiting kids

anthony · 12 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

What does Mary Winkler tell her children when they ask "where's daddy". I would love to be a fly on the wall during that discussion.

'(CNN) -- The parents of slain Tennessee minister Matthew Winkler on Tuesday asked the state's Supreme Court to overturn a lower court's order giving his widow -- who was also his killer -- visitation rights with the couple's children.

At the least, they want the visits to go on only under a counselor's* supervision.
...
Winkler initially received a three-year sentence, but a judge required her to serve only 210 days and gave her credit for the five months she had already served behind bars.'

*A "counselor"? I have an idea to save these children. Prevent the woman who killed their father from having any contact with them.

Female Teacher was "depressed" when she "had sex with" male student

anthony · 12 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LISBON, N.Y. (AP) A 33-year-old high school English teacher charged with rape told police she was suffering from depression when she had sex with a 15-year-old student.

Accompanied by her husband, Christel Gravlin cried Monday as she was arraigned on felony counts of third-degree rape and third-degree criminal sexual act and misdemeanor endangering the welfare of a child.

The affair became public when the highly intoxicated teacher announced it to students and others nearby during a school basketball game on Nov. 30. Deputies accused Gravlin, who has taught at Lisbon Central School since 2003, of having both oral sex and intercourse with the boy on Nov. 25 during a brief relationship that began a week or two earlier.'

Self-proclaimed sexist judge gives new meaning to Parental Alie-“NATION”

Anonymous · 12 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story/thread here. Excerpt:

'A complaint was filed with the Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission last month against Chief Superior Court Judge Sidney L. Nation of the 4th Judicial district (Rockdale Co.)for stating that he was a “Sexist” in court. The complaint was predominantly centered the judges failure to provide a fundamentally fair hearing, to perform his duties impartially and diligently, and failure to perform his judicial duties without bias or prejudice'

"Judges are a girl's best friend when extortion's afoot"

Matt · 12 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'Rights? What rights? No one at the court ever listened to him. The judge set a preliminary hearing for Sept. 27, but on the day of the audience, the judge canceled the hearing and set a new date of Nov 1. This was maddening for the expat. He had arranged to travel back to the United States to accompany his elderly mother through some medical treatments and did not expect to be back in Costa Rica Nov. 1. His father passed away last year leaving his aging mother alone. He wrote a petition to the judge asking for an earlier court date. What a mistake. The judge set the hearing back even more to Dec. 4, three long months from the date he was forced out of his own home by a live-in girlfriend.'

Nevada Lawyer Fights Sex Discrimination in Gyms

Celarnor · 12 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

An article in the New York Times discusses a Nevada lawyer's fighting against a gym who offered his wife a better price on a membership based solely on her gender. Various people interviewed by the reporter said that this sort of gender discrimination in favor of women is "[...] pretty much accepted [...]" and "a business decision by individual businesses and they ought to be left free to do that."

From the article:
"Imagine a whites-only country club or whites-get-in-free deal or something like that," said Mr. Phillips, 45, who has homes in Nevada and California.

Fox TV Plans to Air "If Women Ruled the World" Reality Show

Roy · 12 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Due to the current writer's guild strike and some extra time slots to fill, Fox TV will premiere the reality series “If Women Ruled the World" in March. Reported here. Excerpt:

'If Women Ruled the World" will feature 12 unsuspecting chauvinistic men becoming slaves in a new primitive Survivor-like "society" ruled by 12 "strong, educated and independent" women who are "tired of living in a man's world."

... arriving on an island with only partially-completed living accommodations, the group will have to complete their shelters and find their own water and heat. However unlike the CBS reality show, only the male contestants -- who will have to "accede to the women's every command, 24/7" -- will be doing any of the work.

One of the men will be "traded for supplies" -- aka eliminated -- during each episode of the 11-episode series, with the last man standing winning $250,000.'

Angry Harry: All Men are Bastards Knife Block

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Angry Harry writes: "The directors of this company are just very greedy people. They simply want to make money by making fun out of men being stabbed, and they are contributing to the already-widespread notion that violence against men is something to laugh about.

They are clearly very greedy people indeed.

So, are you actually going to do something about this sort of thing? - perhaps by emailing them with your views?

Or not?"

Read the article.

Ed. note: This has been covered before, but with "the holiday season" upon us, orders for things like this only go up. So should objections to them.

UK Guardian covers India's men's movement

Anonymous · 13 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here. Excerpt:

'The cautionary tale appears to be part of a trend in middle-class India where male angst is on the rise. Men complain that they have lost their traditional role as providers as women work more. Further, women with independent incomes are refusing to submit to the traditional ideal of marriage where an obedient wife accedes to a husband's every wish.

The outcome is an undisguised backlash against Indian feminism and women's rights. One men's organisation is demanding a ministry for men, arguing that 82% of taxpayers are men but that no money has ever been allocated for "male welfare".

The protection enshrined in Indian law for harassed wives has also led to a deep-seated sense of male victimhood. The men's movement in the country has been fired up by what it claims is the "legal terrorism driven by radical groups ... which has resulted in the blatant violation of men's rights".'

Rudov: Female Violence Against Men in South Africa

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Rudov: "This commercial from a South African florist warns the typical husband that, if he forgets a special occasion -- like an anniversary -- his wife will respond with violence, such as scrubbing the toilet with his toothbrush. If a man would do this to his wife, he'd go to jail. The message: violence against men is OK. You also must hate the men responsible for creating, producing, funding, and airing this crap.""

View the YouTube clip.

RADAR ALERT: Boston Herald Fans Domestic Violence Hysteria

Matt · 13 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

In an article entitled "Domestic violence at point of 'crisis'" published last week, the Boston Herald quoted Essex District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett claiming that "domestic violence is murder waiting to happen" and demanding the Mass. Legislature "enact an emergency bill that would potentially double jail time for serial batterers before they maim or kill."

D.A. Blodgett clearly wants the terms "domestic violence" and "serial batterer" to conjure up a mental image of a menacing brute who beats women just because he can. But all across the nation, "domestic violence" has been defined down to the point where simply raising one's voice makes the accused a "batterer". RADAR has documented (.pdf file) how the systems in place act as perverse incentives to induce women to make false accusations.

And Elaine Epstein, former president of the Massachusetts Women's Bar Association, has warned that "Everyone knows that restraining orders and orders to vacate are granted to virtually all who apply."

So, when Blodgett says "serial batterer" he's just as likely to be talking about the innocent husband or boyfriend of a vindictive woman as the slavering beast he wants you to imagine.

As the nation learned from Mike Nifong, innocence is no defense when the D.A. needs to grandstand in order to win an election. And unfortunately for the innocent, most of the Nifongs out there aren't dumb enough to get caught.

Please call the Boston Herald and ask them to run a follow-up article to correct the unbalanced and inaccurate portrayal of domestic violence created by the Herald's publication of this article.

The follow-up should highlight the facts that:

- false allegations of domestic violence are now rampant,
- men are just as likely to be victims of their wives' or girlfriends' violence,
- victimized men are routinely turned away when they seek help from domestic violence service providers

The Boston Herald's editor, Kevin Convey, can be reached at 617-619-6403. The Herald's comment line is: 617-619-6789. As always, state your opinion in a polite and courteous manner.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Woman guilty of murdering husband with acid

Matt · 14 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Remember this one? I do. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES - A biochemist who killed her husband by knocking him out and pouring hydrochloric acid on him was convicted Wednesday of first-degree murder.

A Superior Court jury found Larissa Schuster, 47, of Clovis, guilty of murdering Timothy Schuster with the special circumstance that the murder was committed for financial gain. His half-dissolved body was found a few days after his 2003 death in a barrel that was inside a storage unit that his wife had rented.

Schuster faces a mandatory term of life in prison without parole at sentencing, set for Jan. 16.
...
The Schusters co-owned a chemical lab and were in the midst of a bitter divorce.

Prosecutors said Larissa Schuster and her former lab assistant kidnapped her 45-year-old husband on July 10, 2003, knocked him out with a stun gun and chloroform-soaked rag, then dumped his bound body headfirst into a barrel while he was still breathing.'

Justice served.

Study: Children often fabricate stories of sexual abuse

MrReality · 14 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

An excerpt from the article:

"Dr Rawls told how a team of lawyers, police and psychologists got an unpleasant surprise when it assessed a study group of 30 five-year-olds - seven reported they had been sexually abused.

All 30 had been in the care of one man. The seven told of genital touching, the man putting his hands under their upper clothing, of his touching their bottoms and making them touch his.

The revelations were an unpleasant surprise because the assessment team knew there had been no abuse. The children had invented the incidents. Their every moment with the man had been videoed."

With cases such as the one in the article it is a no-brainer as to why men no longer want to be alone with children. One lie from the "little angel" and off he goes even though no evidence was provided. A lying mother and child is a formidable juggernaut in the misandric court systems.

Thus this is another problem men must tackle. It seems as if everyone else -- meaning women and children -- can just make something up(no matter how absurd) and men go to jail. The notion that women and children don't lie about sexual abuse or battery needs to be confronted and debunked.

Peter Zohrab: "The Frontman Fallacy"

MrReality · 14 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

An excerpt from the article: "The general point is that Feminists assume that men always promote their own interests over those of women. This is not, in fact, true. But, on the other hand, it does seem to be true that, when Feminazis score some political victory, they almost always use their newly-won power to benefit females exclusively. This is because of their persecution-complex.

You could even argue that democratic countries are actually matriarchies, and that male politicians are the paid servants of the Feminists. The litmus test would then be whether the (mainly male) politicians enacted legislation that favoured men's interests more than women's interests. And the history of the last two hundred years in the West is peppered with examples of mainly male governments enacting legislation that benefited women more than men.

It is true that most decision-makers in society's political institutions have tended to be men. But they have not usually acted solely in men's interests, or solely to the detriment of women's interests. To the contrary -- they have tended to act severely against men's interests, and in favour of women's interests."

Men Carry Breast Cancer Genes, Too

anthony · 15 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Doctors are encouraging a new group of people to consider getting tested for genes that raise the risk of breast cancer: men. Male relatives of women with such genes often do not realize that they, too, may carry them, and face greater odds of developing male breast cancer, as well as prostate, pancreatic and skin cancer, new research suggests.
...
After seeing breast cancer in several male patients who did not know they were at risk, Daly conducted a small study, which was presented Friday at a conference in Texas. She now is trying to convince more fathers, sons and brothers of women with the genes to get tested."

UK: Minister for Men Petition Dismissed

Matt · 16 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'There has been a government e-petition calling for a Minister For Men. It received over 380 signatories. The petition is set out below and the site has been alerted to the government's response. It is, as to be expected from this government which puts ignoring men at the centre of its policies, completely and arrogantly dismissive. It doesn't even answer the question why there is a Minister for Women and not one for Men.'

Baskerville on the Deadbeat Dad Industry

Roy · 16 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

An excellent and comprehensive new essay (.pdf file) titled “From Welfare State to Police State,” by Stephen Baskerville argues that - "Through child support,(state) governments throughout the U.S. found they could turn a profit from the growth of single-parent homes. ... Child support became politicized by the early 1990s, when parents who allegedly fail to pay — "deadbeat dads" — became the subjects of a national demonology, and child support went from being a minor matter affecting a few people on the margins of society to a sacred political cow in the national vocabulary."

Dearth of male teachers likely to continue

anthony · 16 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Teaching traditionally has been dominated by women. But the gap has widened. The National Education Association recently announced that nationwide, 24.9 percent of teachers are men -- a 40-year low. In elementary schools, just 9 percent of teachers are men.
...
Some researchers said the lack of male teachers does not matter.

But Fusi and other educators said it's a disturbing trend because no,more than ever, children need a strong male figure to look up to.

Boys also have fallen behind girls in graduation rates and have more trouble reading and writing, leading some to wonder whether more male teachers would improve boys' classroom performance."

SFSU Student Paper: Female voters, women's issues more important in '08

anthony · 16 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'From first lady to presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton has nearly come full circle in her image transformation. By running for the democratic ticket, she is challenging her contenders to work harder to appeal to women voters.

“I think that the effect of that is to keep women on the front burner,” said James Martel, associate professor and chair of SF State’s Political Science Department. “I think that it helps to focus people,” he said.

Martel said that women tend to vote for men’s issues, but men do not necessarily vote for women’s issues. “This will work to galvanize that,” he said.'

["women tend to vote for men’s issues" -- Can any of you guys think of one single male issue that's been at the fore front of any political campaign that was of great importance to a female voter?]

On You Tube: Banned Commercial - Verizon (stupid dad)

anthony · 16 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Verizon is on MANN's boycott list because of this commercial. Now its finally banned! I've been unable to find any written text that expands on this video and why its banned. Maybe some of you guys have some information that I've not been able to find.

Police: Woman Charged After Trying To Smother Child

anthony · 16 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SAN ANTONIO -- Two days after a San Antonio mother was arrested for smothering her 4-year-old daughter to death, another local mother was arrested on charges that she attacked her 8-year-old daughter in a similar way.

KSAT's Charles Gonzalez reported that police went to the apartment of Ann Marie Burlock, 30, after getting a call from a concerned relative.

The relative told police that Burlock's 8-year-old daughter had frantically called to say that her mom was trying to smother and choke her.

...

Burlock was charged with injury to a child, a third-degree felony, and she is in jail under $15,000 bond.'

False rape case hinged on fabricated lab reports

scottkirk · 16 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here....This man could (and should) have a lawsuit the size of Texas..The police knowingly and willfully perverted the truth..To get another rape conviction! Excerpt:

'There was one major problem with the Santa Clara County crime lab report that implicated a San Jose man of sexual assault:

It wasn't true.

The document was a fake, created by a San Jose police detective. The crime lab analyst who purportedly prepared the document doesn't exist. The number used to identify it was false.

Even so, detective Matthew Christian testified as though the phony report were authentic.'

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Ed. note: Free registration required on the story's site.

UK: "Hold tight, daddy wars are here"

Matt · 16 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'As I head off for my day at home, I feel for them at the office coalface, required to toil away long after their kids are in bed. In an age of equality where dads are expected to shoulder as much of the home burden as mums, it feels unfair.

Inevitably there is a backlash. Spearheading this are the self-employed, or flexi-working fathers who can wear their caring-daddy status with pride. The types who proudly tell you they can't work as they are doing the kids. They are the male equivalent of the stay-at-home-mum brigade.'

Essay: "Sisters who are doing for themselves will find that making fathers an optional extra is a big mistake"

Anonymous · 16 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A refreshing viewpoint from a female journalist in Ireland's Sunday Business Post. Excerpt:

'But it’s downright dangerous for our children, who have a right and a need to be allowed to develop a healthy, secure and mutually-respectful relationship with their fathers. At its most extreme manifestation, the risks for the children who are brought up without knowing anything much about their father, beyond the colour of his eyes, have been well-documented: research shows that they are twice as likely to drop out of high school, and twice as likely to become parents as teenagers themselves.'

India: Divorce, Alimony Laws Stacked Against Men

Anonymous · 17 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

What's nice about this story is the feminist version is totally absent, which does not happen too often. Excerpt:

'Sections 498A and 406, feels Sharda, have ensured that people are afraid of getting married. Under these sections, the husband's family can be harassed and booked on charges of 'cruelty'.

"Lawmakers have divorced themselves from reality. The Law Commission needs to examine this," Sharda added.

"Men get slapped with charges of neglecting guardianship and domestic violence during a divorce and Section 498A is often used as a bargaining chip for higher alimony," said lawyer Tarun Goombar."'

Book: Courts from Hell - Family Injustice in Canada

MrReality · 17 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Description here.

"Since the introduction of the so called “No Fault Divorce” in Canada, the divorce industry has evidenced unprecedented growth estimated at $6 billion per year. The problem is that the Legal / Court industry thrives off the $B’s generated by Tax payers and Families in crises. For this they provide no value and in fact cause destruction of families by unnecessarily removing fathers from children’s lives and lowering the standard of living for all family members. This is done through unnecessary litigation, biased decisions and unreasonable support orders which escalate conflict to perpetuate the status quo in support of their self serving business. The Solution is to update divorce laws to reflect parental equality and get families out of court eliminating significant grief and $'s wasted by families and taxpayers. An alternative to courts is identified in the book."

Fighting for Entitlements: NYC nightclubs defend ladies' nights

MrReality · 17 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

An excerpt from the article:

"NEW YORK - Men are not discriminated against by "ladies' nights" at Manhattan nightclubs, just as people in their 20s do not suffer because some restaurants let children eat for free or have "early bird" specials for older customers, according to nightclub lawyers fighting a federal lawsuit.

Roy Den Hollander has sued clubs including Lotus and the China Club, saying he was discriminated against by ladies' nights, which offer women free or discounted admission and drinks.

Deborah Swindells Donovan, a lawyer for Lotus, called the lawsuit frivolous in papers filed Friday in U.S. District Court.

She wrote that if his "ill-conceived theory is applied to restaurants, then 'early bird' specials for the elderly or promotions allowing children to eat free would be discriminatory on the basis of age."

Vanessa R. Elliott, a lawyer representing the club AER Lounge, said in court papers Friday that nightclubs recognize that men might not want to visit the clubs if they fail to attract enough women.

"Under this theory, male customers may actually benefit from ladies' nights in other ways and be encouraged to attend the club on those nights," she wrote.

The price charged to men is not so burdensome that it amounts to denying them entry, Elliott argued."

Women are fighting for their entitlements while claiming to want to be "equal." Will men finally stand up to their blatant hypocrisy?

RADAR ALERT: Lies, Damned Lies, and DV Statistics

Matt · 17 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Two weeks ago the Boston Herald ran an inflammatory story claiming "by New Year's Eve 57 people will have died this year in Massachusetts because of domestic violence - a toll not seen in 15 years." The death toll information was compiled by the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, a.k.a. Jane Doe Inc. The spokeswoman for Jane Doe Inc. declared the situation a "crisis" and predictably called for more funding. This flawed article was the focus of RADAR's December 12 Alert

This past week the Boston Globe ran a copy-cat story quoting a Jane Doe Inc. spokeswoman who made the same claim.

But the Jane Doe spokeswoman neglected to mention one critical fact: Jane Doe Inc. started counting domestic violence homicides differently in 2006 -- see http://www.janedoe.org/involved/Narratives%202007.pdf.

Jane Doe Inc's projection of 57 "domestic-violence-related" deaths by year end is based on the 42 deaths they'd counted under their new rules as of September 21, 2007. Among the deaths Jane Doe Inc. included were 3 people killed in Florida who had once lived in Massachusetts as well as 9 perpetrators who committed suicide.

So the Boston Globe article erroneously reports, "Over the past two years, the number of domestic violence homicides has almost tripled, from 15 in 2005." But obviously you can't compare numbers based on different counting methods. By using their new counting method, Jane Doe Inc. has artificially inflated the count by 40% over what it would have been using the methods in effect in 2005.

There's more to the disinformation.

Based on figures published in the Globe's annual Dec. 31 "In Memoriam" editorials, the number of DV-related deaths in Massachusetts fluctuates dramatically from year to year. These fluctuations are unrelated to changes in funding. Although there were 6 fewer DV-related deaths in Mass. in 1998 when Violence Against Women Act funding jumped by 63%, maintaining the funding at the newly increased level didn't prevent 12 additional deaths the following year.

And when Federal funding dropped by 10% in 2001 due to across the board budget cuts, the number of DV-related deaths in Mass. decreased rather than increased as compared to the previous year. (See http://holt.house.gov/pdf/CRSonVAWADec2005.pdf for the Congressional Research Service summary of VAWA fund allocations.)

The following graph shows the death counts given in the Globe's "In Memoriam" editorials. In some years the number has dropped as low as 14, while the number in the year before or after is double that. The 2007 count fits that same general pattern.

[Click here to view the graphic.]

Even one death is one too many. But there has not been a threefold increase, as Jane Doe Inc., is claiming.

The conclusion is clear: Jane Doe Inc. is playing fast and loose with the numbers to create a crisis atmosphere and pressure legislators to enact more DV laws.

Please contact the Globe and politely inform them that the projected threefold increase in DV-related deaths is based on a flawed apples-to-oranges comparison designed to sway Massachusetts lawmakers:

- Call the City Editor at 617-929-3100 and request the Globe to run a correction.
- Send an email to the letters editor at letter-at-globe.com.

Please also send a copy of your email to RADAR at info-at-mediaradar.org.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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US woman launches 'Taserware' parties

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This isn't a new development; Mark Rudov debated this issue on Fox news. Notice at the end of the article there is a section called "related stories". One particular story reads "Tasers can be instrument of torture, says UN"

"An enterprising Arizona woman has redefined the Tupperware party paradigm for the 21st century, and is hosting girlie get-togethers where security-conscious women can get to grips with the US's fave non-lethal lethal weapon - the Taser.
...
Shafman explained: "I felt that we have Tupperware parties and candle parties to protect our food and house, so why not have a Taser party to learn how to protect our lives and bodies?"

Her customers agree. Debi McMahon, who attended the first Taser party in Scottsdale, described herself as "excited" by the electrifying Taser experience. She said: "I feel like I'm 6 feet tall and 250 pounds. I'm going to buy one for my mom. It's going to be her 81st birthday present."

YouTube: DV Against Men in England Encouraged

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This commercial promotes violence against men.

How long will society support the misandric double standard where violence against women is unacceptable, yet violence against men is promoted daily?

Misandrist Filmmaker Eli Roth Strikes Again

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I must warn all the readers that this post will likely disturb you. The first Hostel was bad enough, but sadly, a sequel was made (which was banned in New Zealand and not even for the reasons I mention) which pushes misandry to it's limits and then some. Though the trailer leads you to believe that women will be the main victims of this movie, it is actually three men who suffer the worst fates; one is eaten alive by dogs, another is eaten alive by a cannibal, and the third is sexually mutilated at the hands of one of the would-be victims, completely uncensored. Had it shown a woman being mutilated sexually, it would have never made it into theatres. In a suprising twist, a poster for the movie depicting the body of a dead woman was pulled because it was deemed "misogynistic", yet the movie itself, horrifically misandric, was still allowed to be released. Can anybody else think of a greater example of a double standard in movies? We need to work together to get this filth banned!

Police say woman groped Santa

Matt · 18 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Is nothing sacred? Story here. What's unusual is that she's even being charged. That's progress. Excerpt:

'DANBURY -- A 33-year-old woman was charged with fourth-degree sexual assault Saturday after allegedly groping a man playing Santa Claus at the Danbury Fair mall.

Sandrama Lamy, 33, of Danbury, is charged with fourth-degree sexual assault, according to Danbury Detective Lt. Thomas Michael.'

Sweden’s Army Castrates Its Lion Symbol

Roy · 18 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Protests from female soldiers have led to the Swedish military removing the penis of a heraldic lion depicted on the Nordic Battlegroup's coat of arms.
...
"We were given the task of making sure the willy disappeared," Christian Braunstein from the army's 'tradition commission' said.
...
"The army lacks knowledge about heraldry. Once upon a time coats of arms containing lions without genitalia were given to those who betrayed the Crown," said Sagerlund.
...
"We were forced to cut the lion's willy off with the aid of a computer," he added.

The Nordic Battlegroup is one of eighteen such military groups in the European Union."

CNN discusses prostate cancer following Fogelberg's death

Matt · 18 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. It's good they at least covered it. But anyone else notice no one commenting was either 1) male or 2) a medical professional?

[If that particular video isn't the one that comes up, look for it in the listing on the lower half of the page.]

Three more Duke LAX players seek justice

scottkirk · 18 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Hell hath no fury like a false rape accusation, and a Klan-type mob outside your door! Excerpt:

'RALEIGH, N.C. — Three current and former Duke lacrosse players who were not indicted in the discredited rape case have filed a lawsuit against the university, disgraced prosecutor Mike Nifong and dozens of others for inflicting emotional distress.

Ryan McFadyen, Matthew Wilson and Breck Archer also accuse the defendants of negligence, fraud and conspiracy for pursuing the case despite evidence that the allegations were false.'

Judge orders false rape accuser to pay $11 million

scottkirk · 19 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Are women starting to find that false rape accusations and big payout days are waning? Excerpt:

'Los Angeles, CA (AHN) -- Michael Flatley on Tuesday was awarded $11 million by a superior court judge who ruled early this month against a woman who accused the Irish-American dancing champion of rape.

Real estate agent Tyna Marie Robertson attempted to extort a "seven figures" sum from Flatley last year on the threat of charging him for sexual assault. When Flatley refused, Robertson filed a $33 million civil lawsuit claiming he raped her in a Las Vegas hotel room in 2002. The charges were dismissed and Flatley filed a $100 million countersuit against Robertson for extortion and defamation.'

Murderess Gets Probation

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Via Marc A.: "That's right. She murders her husband at gunpoint for the life insurance proceeds so she can continue her affair with a co-workers, she's convicted of first degree murder, but then she gets only probation and a fine. Genarlow Wilson gets 10 years for consensual oral sex with a 15 year old when he was 17, but this adult gets no jail time for 1st degree murder. I guess she's too pretty for jail. And she has two sons. Of course, if a father of 2 sons murdered his wife, he'd be thrown right in jail and wouldn't even get visitation."

Story here. Excerpt:

'Traci Rhode spent two days in jail and will pay $10,000 for the crime of murder.

The jury that convicted the Fort Madison, Iowa, native of killing her husband in their Brownsville home four years ago also set her free Thursday, to the delight of her lawyer and the dismay of local prosecutors.
...
It took jurors two days to deliver their guilty verdict and another three days to sentence Rhode to 10 years supervised release. Judge Ben Euresti tacked on a $10,000 fine to her punishment and she was released from the Carrizalez-Rucker Detention Center within a few hours.
...
She has maintained her innocence throughout the trial, claiming Scott Rhode shot himself in their bedroom while she showered after a morning walk.

The prosecutors counter that Traci awoke at about 5 a.m. on Oct. 15, 2003, and shot her husband with a .45-caliber handgun while he slept.'

Girl, 13, charged as sex offender and victim

ItsDan · 20 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like perhaps some of the laws really are starting to affect some women. This girl (as well as her boyfriend, although thats in small print, HER victim-hood is in big print) is being charged as a sex offender, and labeled as a victim, for consensual sex with her 12 year old boyfriend. Excerpt:

"Utah Supreme Court justices acknowledged Tuesday that they were struggling to wrap their minds around the concept that a 13-year-old girl could be both an offender and a victim for the same act - in this case, having consensual sex with her 12-year-old boyfriend.

The Ogden, Utah, girl was put in this odd position because she was found guilty of violating a state law that prohibits sex with someone under age 14. She also was the victim in the case against her boyfriend, who was found guilty of the same violation by engaging in sexual activity with her.
...
"A child (victim) cannot also be a perpetrator in the exact same act," Richards said.

The Utah Supreme Court will issue a ruling later.'

Women Charged With Sexually Assaulting UNC Football Players

Matt · 21 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Nah, not possible. "Women just don't do this kind of thing!" Read it here. Excerpt:

'Hillsborough — Three UNC football players were the victims in a kidnapping, robbery and sexual assault incident involving two women, the university confirmed Thursday afternoon.

Chapel Hill police said the assault happened about 3:30 a.m. Sunday at an apartment complex in Chapel Hill where all three victims were bound with tape and then assaulted by the suspects.

...

Prosecutors said the victims met the suspects – Monique Jenice Taylor, Tnikia Monta Washington and Michael Troy Lewis – at a downtown bar and that they all went back to the victims' apartment to hang out.

Whitney said that at a certain point, Lewis was standing naked in a hallway with a knife and later put it to one of the victims' necks.

Taylor then pulled off the victim's pants, pushed him down on a bed, attempted to tie his hands with his belt and started to fondle him against his consent.

"The more that he wrestled, Mr. Lewis put his knife further, or closer, to the victim's neck," Morgan said. "He repeatedly said no, and as he continued to resist, Ms. Taylor and the codefendant, Ms. Washington, began to beat him in the face."

...

"This is a very unusual case," Gerding said. "Almost unbelievable, at first blush."

Just can't believe it, huh? Yep, yep, yep...

Women to Enjoy “Get Out of Jail Free” Card in Wisconsin

Roy · 21 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Sometime next year, La Crosse County may let all its female prisoners out of jail.

Instead of sitting behind bars, the women will be in a new community-based program ...

...using electronic home monitoring, and providing job counseling, literacy training and other programs through the YWCA.

“It’s a better way than locking them up,” said Supervisor Jill Billings.

Some questioned how the county could possibly go without a jail for women.
...
Keith Belzer, a criminal defense attorney, said in 15 years he’s never represented a woman who was put in jail because she’s dangerous. Belzer said women are almost always in the system “because of some kind of relationship with a man.”'

Clinton's "World-class genius" comments spark riotous gales of laughter

Matt · 21 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Yes, read it here. Bill Clinton is quoted as saying:

'"The reason she ought to be president, over and above her vision and her plans is that she has proven in every position she has ever had in life, whether it was in elected office or not, that she is a world-class genius in making positive changes in other people's lives," he said.'

"World-class genius". Just ask the people of upstate New York whom she supposedly represents what they think of her. First project she undertook after getting elected was to plan for running for the presidency. "World-class" indeed.

Detectives: Wife gave kids ear plugs before Bravest husband slay

anthony · 21 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

This story was on the front page of The New York Daily News morning print edition. Usually these types of stories are buried on page 52. Excerpt:

"Investigators believe the wife of a slain FDNY fire marshal gave her daughters earplugs so they would sleep while she allegedly pumped three bullets into her husband, sources said Thursday.
...
Detectives believe she used the two hours between the shooting and the 911 call to clean up the scene, put a blanket over her husband's head and place the murder weapon - the marshal's service revolver - back on a shelf."
...
Investigators are awaiting test results on blood found under Janet Mercereau's fingernails. She told detectives it was her menstrual blood, a source said.

Janet Mercereau filed for divorce last year only to stop the proceedings months later, officials said. She told detectives her husband was abusive and that she took out an order of protection against him last year."

Hillary: Deadbeat Politics Comes Home

anthony · 21 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"The New York Daily News reports that Hillary's youngest brother, Anthony Rodham, is a deadbeat to the tune of $158,000 in child support, alimony, and interest. It is known that Rodham is "cash strapped", as is customary in the majority of feminist-styled "deadbeat dad" cases.

Anthony married the daughter of radical-feminist legislator Barbara Boxer. Needless to say, a marriage made in pink hell will probably also end that way.

Perhaps Democrats and Republicans alike can learn important lessons from this case. For starters: feminism eats all men for dinner — regardless of party affiliation – including guys on both sides of the aisle who were stupid enough to be foot-servants or henchmen helping feminists destroy the institution of marriage. That's what men get for allowing themselves to be dragged around by the male appendage."

Rape claim was cover for cheating on husband, charges allege

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A St. Paul psychologist who claimed she was raped by a patient in her office in October 2006 has instead been charged with falsely reporting a crime.

Authorities say that Jill Ajao, 41, made the rape claim to conceal an extramarital affair and to "protect herself and her family." The false report prompted a detailed police investigation, the release of a suspect sketch and surveillance photo and the sifting through of hundreds of tips, according to the criminal complaint filed last week.
...
"It's extremely rare. It's rare because we don't want victims not to report" a crime, he said. "But it's very clear that this young woman was not sexually assaulted. And given the fear that she created in our community, we felt that this action was necessary."

Movie: 'Antwoine Fisher' sheds light on abusive women

MrReality · 22 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The movie Antwoine Fisher is nearly six years old -- it came out in 2002 -- but I believe it to be relevant to men's rights due to it's content.

The film is a true story about a young black boy that was mentally and physically abused by two black women. It was directed by Denzel Washington who stars in the film as Fisher's psychiatrist. Although the movie received some excellent reviews it was never as widely promoted as the scores of fictitious films that promote "women" as victims. You would think that a film that showcases and actual account of abuse against a young boy would have been promoted better.

To the contrary the film was criticized by a few shoddy comedians for its factual content. Rather than being yet another fictional feminist-inspired film about some woman getting raped; this film actually revealed how abusive some women really are towards young male children. It also shows the headjobs these women do on a young man's sense of self-worth at an early age.

The film exposed something society refuses to accept: women are abusive and can (and do) psychologically cripple young men with misandry. No wonder a handful of pop-culture pundits hated the film; it tells the truth.

The Pink Bible – The Huntress Mentality Exposed

Roy · 22 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Came across this amazingly honest "how-to-snag-a-husband" manual called "The Pink Bible". The authoress is a hot Mormon chick who's maybe a bit too candid.

Excerpt:

"The seasoned huntress can afford to be selective. There are many fish in the sea, but very few are keepers. ... Some guidelines:

* Good looks are not the only qualification for a trophy husband. Do not forget popularity, money, clothes, and car.
* Nerdy men can be a pain, but they are easy to catch and will usually support you.
* Avoid fixating on how much money a guy has. Devote equal attention to his earning potential and the economic status of his family.
* Only let him see you at your best. Keep your real personality hidden.
* Never complain, and he'll assume nothing bothers you.
* Never act sad, and he'll imagine you're always happy.
* Never mention your ambitions, and he'll figure you're a pushover.

By the time he discovers it was all a mirage, it will be too late."

Clinton makes closing argument to women

anthony · 22 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Does Hillary realize men also vote? Her "vote for me because I'm a woman theme" and ignoring men is insulting. Excerpt:

"With daughter Chelsea and mother Dorothy Rodham in tow, Clinton's four-event schedule highlighted what could be a history-making nomination. As her campaign released a list of 3,500 female supporters, she said there are too many challenges facing working mothers.

"We put so many burdens on families trying to do the right thing, trying to take care of their families," Clinton said."

Female Teacher Admits to Sex With 16-Year-Old Female Student

Matt · 22 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

News video clip here.

Caption reads: "A high school teacher and coach admitted to having a sexual relationship with a female student who moved in with her after graduation. The girl -- now 20 -- was 16 years old at the time the relationship began."

Mary Winkler's right to visit kids upheld

anthony · 22 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The Tennessee Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to modify or overturn a lower court's ruling allowing Mary Winkler, convicted of killing her minister husband, visitation rights with the couple's three daughters."
...
In September, a lower court granted Winkler visitation with her daughters pending the outcome of the custody battle. The court specified the visits be supervised by a guardian ad litem appointed to represent the children's interests and supervised by members of the couple Winkler is living with or by her sister. A subsequent appeal by the grandparents was denied, leading to their Supreme Court appeal."

Sudden Divorce Syndrome

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Things turned sh---- very fast. His wife took out a temporary restraining order, accusing him of attempting to kidnap their youngest son. The claim was never proved in court. Then, with the aid of some high-priced lawyers, she extracted from him a whopping $50,000 a month — a full 75 percent of his monthly income. Barred from the house, he was not allowed regular access to the office he used to generate that income. (On the few times he was permitted inside, his wife did not let him use the bathroom. She insisted that he go outside in the woods.) "My lawyer kept telling her lawyers, 'You're killing the Golden Goose,'" recalls Paul. "But they didn't care."
...
Oftentimes, men have a divorce sprung on them in midlife, when their kids are more self-sufficient and they've finally started to think they were over the hump. Like Martin Paul, they could start to relax. But that's exactly the time of life when the instance of divorce begins to swell (another occurs shortly after marriage). Joe Cordell, of the law firm Cordell and Cordell, which specializes in representing men in domestic cases, attributes this to wives deciding as they approach age 40 that it's now or never for getting back into the marriage market. It's the same phenomenon as rich guys trading in their long-time partners for trophy wives. Only it's the women who are shedding men."

Book: "Female Serial Killers: How and why women become monsters"

MrReality · 22 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

The book is listed on Amazon here.

'Book Description: "The first book of its kind-photographs included.

Mothers, daughters, sisters and grandmothers-fiendish killers all.

Society is conditioned to think of murderers and predators as men, but in this fascinating book, Peter Vronsky exposes and investigates the phenomenon of women who kill-and the political, economic, social, and sexual implications.'

Wife stabs husband because he opened a Christmas gift early

ItsDan · 23 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here:

'Misty Johnson, 34, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and battery, a felony, and misdemeanor domestic battery. Her husband, Shawn Fay Johnson, 34, was treated at a hospital for a wound to the chest, police said.

Misty Johnson made an initial court appearance Thursday in which she requested a court-appointed attorney, authorities said. She was released after posting bail, which was set at $7,500.'

Harry's News: 'Spin Sisters' How the Media Sells Misery to Women

MrReality · 24 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Myrna Blyth's book Spin Sisters reveals how a crusading group of bitter women in control continously sell fear and misery to other women.

An excerpt from the article: "Throughout the 1990s, women's magazines became focused less on fashion and more on features about violence against women and children, "even though crime statistics were plummeting across the country," Myrna Blyth notes in "Spin Sisters: How the Women of the Media Sell Unhappiness and Liberalism to the Women of America."

Research studies of women's magazines such as Cosmo, Family Circle, Good Housekeeping, Glamour, Marie Claire, Redbook, Vogue, Woman's Day and Ladies Home Journal show that during that decade stories and cover lines that touched on social issues and victimization skyrocketed.

"In almost all of the stories, the message was the same: We have a big problem. It's scary and could affect any woman or her children. … we need government action, and we need it now!"

Blyth says that a major tool of the media is to grossly exaggerate the challenges facing ordinary women as far more difficult and even tragic than they really are to make a political point.

This was a technique employed even by the Clinton administration. Blyth told NewsMax.com that Bill Clinton's team had something called the "Redbook Strategy," purportedly to reach all those so-called soccer moms.

The networks began to mimic the magazines, writes Blyth, with "hyped-up stories of murder and mayhem, usually at the hands of abusive husbands or boyfriends, evil corporations, or incompetent doctors. It could be you!"

Television executive and "20/20" creator Av Westin, which helped pioneer many news magazine shows, told Blyth: "We started every story with a victim. That's what we said. We need a victim. Find me the victim."

Blyth urges readers to notice that shows such as "48 hours" and "Dateline NBC" "all have the same format: high volume on emotions, low volume on facts … because they all want you to feel afraid."

Deathtime

And then, of course, there's the "mother network of all victim television": Lifetime Television Network for Women, a forerunner of "Sex and the City," whose programs tell women that "all men are unfaithful rats, abusive monsters, dishonest scumbags, or all of the above." Women, however, are "ubervictims.""

"No man is an island"

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Essay here. Excerpt:

"There is only one scenario that would permit the female race to carve out a future in which men are not as essential as women to the procreation and nurturing of children. That would be if men themselves were robot machines, unaffected by the loss of connection to humanity's essential means of regeneration, untouched by the loss of a role at the very core of human existence. But thankfully, that scenario is not available.

It's time for us all -but particularly women in this case - to join up the dots. The very men that we are seeking to disempower are the dear sons of the women we fought to empower all those years back. Excluding men can only lead to more alienated, disconnected, macho behaviour and violence. It's time for those women that can empathise, include and nurture, to do just that."

Sydney Herald Blog: "Man Haters"

anthony · 25 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ask ten people on the street what the opposite of misogyny is and eight will probably say "polygamy" or "trigonometry"; in fact the term for a hatred of men is "misandry" and it's so rarely used Microsoft Word's spell check doesn't even recognise that combination of letters (go and try it, I'll wait.)

The fact is, if you were to apply the same criteria to misandry that some feminists use for misogyny and its "pervasiveness" in Western culture, you couldn't turn on your TV, open a newspaper or attend a hens night without being swamped by our "hatred for men".'

Rudov on Christmas: "Women get Diamonds, Men get the Shaft"

MrReality · 25 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Watch the video.

The holiday is here and you can't go half an hour without seeing a commercial about how men should be buying women's affection and how the woman should be sitting back simply "receiving gifts." Jewelers -- and the female-controlled media -- spend millions to advertise the "diamonds are a girl's best friend" ideology that most men fall victim to.

The misandrist, capitalist corporations have accidentally exposed the bleak reality that women -- and the men that pander to them -- have turned modern day relationships into nothing more than a transaction between a prostitute and her customer.

Lis Wiehl of course disagrees, as you will see in the video. Her position is pretty weak as always. Marc Rudov wipes the floor with her. He even manages to win over Neil Cavuto after Lis blatantly lies and acts as if she would be happy if her husband (i.e. Slave) only bought her "slippers" only to go back and say she would be angry if that was all her male doormat bought her. Pathetic.

Coming To A Theatre Near You: Feminist Torture Movie

anthony · 26 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here.

Watch the trailer for a feminist torture movie opening on January 18. The movie is called "Teeth".

Yahoo Movie description:

"High school student Dawn works hard at suppressing her budding sexuality by being the local chastity group's most active participant. Her task is made even more difficult by her bad boy stepbrother Brad's increasingly provocative behavior at home. A stranger to her own body, innocent Dawn discovers she has a toothed vagina when she becomes the object of violence. As she struggles to comprehend her anatomical uniqueness, Dawn experiences both the pitfalls and the power of being a living example of the vagina dentata myth."

Study: Black Misandry on Historically White Campuses

MrReality · 27 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

"Assume the Position . . . You Fit the Description"

A new study reveals hatred towards black men both on and off of the college campus. The study also concludes that "black misandry" -- wherein black men experience discrimination simply because they are black men -- is more hostile than that directed at other groups.

The study states: "The present study examines the experiences of 36 Black male students, in focus group interviews, enrolled at Harvard University; Michigan State University; University of California, Berkeley; University of Illinois; and the University of Michigan. Two themes emerged: (a) anti-Black male stereotyping and marginality (or Black misandry), which caused (b) extreme hypersurveillance and control. Respondents experienced racial microaggressions in three domains: (a) campus—academic, (b) campus—social, and (c) campus—public spaces. Black males are stereotyped and placed under increased surveillance by community and local policing tactics on and off campus."

The title of this story was gleaned from this related article.

Men Are Disposable, Psychology Today Cover Shows

discover1 · 27 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Cover graphic here. Article here.

Here is the letter I sent Psychology Today about the December cover (their letter submission form is here):

"Dear Editor,

The December cover was blatantly sexist and portrayed men as disposable objects. It showed a woman who was proud of herself for disposing of a man. Because the man was lying on the ground after falling, it implied that violence against men is not only acceptable, but something desirable.

Perhaps you think I lack a sense of humor? My sense of humor in these matters has steadily declined as I've become aware of the perfuse portrayal of men as buffoons, lazy bums, disposable objects, and objects of violence in the media. Many of these are supposed to be funny. Such portrayals of women would never be tolerated, nor should they be.

As a card carrying member of the ACLU, I have a strong commitment to equality. Without a doubt, your cover is sexist and offensive and degrades men. You should apologize for it--to both men and women. If you can't muster an apology, at least explain to everyone why you would think this type of sexism was acceptable for your cover."

UK Schools told to teach boys netball and dance

Anonymous · 27 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Schools have been told to encourage boys to play netball and take dance lessons in the name of equality.

Thousands of schools are being forced to ensure that pupils are more "gender balanced" as part of discrimination legislation introduced this year.

They must also ensure more girls study traditionally masculine subjects such as science, while increasing numbers of boys take options such as drama or dance..."

...Mick Brookes, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "It doesn't make any sense to promote things to boys that they don't want to do, simply so you can tick a box on a form."'

Gendered Justice - Man Charged with Fetal Homicide Faces Life in Prison

Roy · 27 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Wisconsin man accused of causing his pregnant girlfriend's abortion by spiking her drink with RU-486 (the "morning after" pill) is being prosecuted under the Wisconsin fetal homicide law that classifies unborn children as potential crime victims.
...
"All preborn children deserve equal protection under the law, without exception," she added. "Ironically, under Wisconsin law, if the woman had taken RU-486 by her own hand, there could be no charges. God willing, more law enforcement officials will work to protect the lives of preborn children in our state, wanted or unwanted." '

Wisconsin is one of 37 states with a "fetal homicide" law. Under the 1998 law, anyone who attacks a pregnant woman and injures or kills her fetus could face life in prison.

Men say wives use India's pro-women laws to torment them

Matt · 27 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'EVERY Saturday evening, a group of male victims meets outside a courthouse here to swap stories about vicious wives tormenting them under India's pro-women laws.

The men, members of the Save Indian Family Foundation, believe they have been at the receiving end of vengeful women for long enough and are campaigning for "men's rights".

At the last weekly support meeting, Avinash Datta, 32, related how his wife threatened to have him and his elderly mother thrown into jail by falsely accusing him of demanding more dowry after their marriage two years ago.'

Melbourne Community Consultation Event with Elizabeth Broderick, Sex Discrimination Commissioner

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Via Greg Andresen:

MELBOURNE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENT

With Elizabeth Broderick, Sex Discrimination Commissioner and Commissioner responsible for Age Discrimination

Have your say on building a fair and equal society for women and men in Australia.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) and the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission invite you join HREOC's new Sex Discrimination Commissioner and Commissioner responsible for Age Discrimination, Elizabeth Broderick, for a community consultation.

This consultation is part of Commissioner Broderick's national Listening Tour. The Listening Tour is an opportunity for people all over Australia to make their voices heard on the issues that matter to them.

Thursday 24th January 2008
Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission
Level 3, 380 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria
9.30 am - 11.30 am
RSVP by Monday 21 January to Virginia McKay on 02 9284 9861 or email virginiamckay-at-humanrights.gov.au

HREOC have established three female-focused themes for the tour:

* economic independence for women
* work and family balance across the life cycle, and
* freedom from discrimination, harassment and violence

Discussion of other issues will also be welcome. Information collected from this consultation will be used to inform the agenda for the Commissioner's 5 year term.

We would urge anyone who cares about men's and boys' health and wellbeing to come along to these events to remind the new Commissioner that her responsibilities cover two sexes!

We would encourage you to make some of the following points (for a bit of background information on men and work-life balance click here (.pdf file)):

- Males have much higher illness, injury, accident and death rates and die 5 years earlier than females, yet research funding for male health is less than one-third of that for female health
- Males suicide at almost four times the rate of females. More males kill themselves each year than the entire Australian road toll
- More than twice as many males as females experience work-related injuries and illnesses, and over ninety percent of work-related deaths are males
- Young men are three times as likely as young women to be victims of violence, however, there are no public health campaigns to address this very serious issue
- Men are also victims of intimate partner abuse, however, there are no support services for these men, nor treatment services for abusive women
- Boys in Australia are much more likely to drop out of school than girls. In NSW, the difference between boys' and girls' average Tertiary Entrance Rank is almost 20%. Males currently make up just 37% of university

graduates
- In Australia today, only women have reproductive rights. Upon becoming pregnant, a woman can choose to have the baby, or have an abortion, or put the baby up for adoption. A man has no choice whether to become a father or even to be notified that he has become a father
- Men are more likely to be convicted and receive longer sentences for the same crimes, compared to their female counterparts
- Following family court proceedings, children are far more likely to be given little or no time with their father than they are with their mother
- The current inequitable parental leave schemes, favouring mothers, reinforce fathers in the traditional 'breadwinner' role rather than supporting them as being 'hands-on' dads (which all the research shows gives better outcomes for children and their parents)
- Australian women are responsible for spending 90 cents in every household dollar

Please circulate this email and the attached, printable flyer, to your contacts in or near Melbourne. You can also download a
copy from here (.pdf file).

More information about how to contribute to the Listening Tour will be posted at www.humanrights.gov.au in coming weeks, along with details of other events as the HREOC team make their way around the country. Can't make it to the consultation? Please post your thoughts on HREOCs online blog.

Kind regards

Greg

Essay: Feminism is a society killer

MrReality · 27 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

An excerpt from the article: "Over the past several decades, feminist leaders like the late Betty Friedan, who was a founder of the National Organization for Women, and Gloria Steinem of Ms. magazine fame have decried the roles of women as mothers and housewives, suggesting they are forms of sexual exploitation. The modern feminist movement, as a result, has placed a higher value on women's place in the working world -- and its influence has had far-reaching consequences.

For example, Joseph D'Agostino, vice president for communications at the Population Research Institute, sees feminism's influence on nations' birth rates. He notes that modern societies now are organized around economic production, not the production of the next generation of human beings. The result? D'Agostino says feminism "destroys" every single society it touches.

"It is the most socially destructive movement perhaps in the history of the world -- and I mean that in the scientific sense," he emphasizes. "Every single culture, every single nation that's adopted feminism [as a dominant philosophy] is now dying out. Feminism means death.""

Discrimination in a 'Saudi 'hood'

Anonymous · 28 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

We need to fight for equality of everyone, and MRAs know that better than anyone else.

It's saddening, then, to see the rules put in place that limit women's freedoms in some countries. It's equally saddening when men's freedoms are limited. Add to that the burdens of legal responsibilities solely put upon men in many countries, and the perception from the West that only women are oppressed, and you have the perfect storm.

Western women and men speak out for women's rights in other countries. They complain that women can't vote, that women can't drive, and women can't leave the house without a man. I always have had a great deal of sympathy for those women, and I continue to, but this Letter of the Day in the National Post opened my eyes to burdens that men suffer in those countries. We only hear one side of the story.

Letter of the Day in the National Post here.

Excerpts:
- "[Anne Applebaum] laments that Saudi women still cannot vote. True enough. But she omits the important fact that Saudi men cannot vote either."
- "[She] is correct, at least, that Saudi women are not allowed to drive. But to be fair, she should also have noted that Saudi women have rights not accorded to Saudi men -- like the legal right to be supported by their nearest male relative"
- "Most parks are designated "for women and children only"; no dogs or men allowed. On the buses, the men must sit in the back; women sit where they like. Men must surrender their seats to women."

National Fatherhood Summit Jan. 4, 2008: Press Release

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National Fatherhood Summit
Jan. 4th 2008 Grand Rapids, Michigan
Grand Rapids, Michigan - Release Date: 12/28/07

2008 National Fatherhood Summit - Jan 4th 2008 - 8:30am-4:30pm

Location: Abundant Life Ministries, 1725 Division SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Contact Information: Minister Ronald Smith 616-301-1515

Numerous elected officials, authors, religious leaders, family preservation organizations, experts, advocates and a Michigan District Court Judge will be speaking at this historic event!

The Jan 4th 2008 National Fatherhood Summit will bring together husbands, wives, mothers, fathers and grandparents in an effort to begin the New Year recognizing the need for repair of fatherhood nationwide. The 2008 National Fatherhood Summit is the first event leading up to the 2nd Annual Family Preservation Festival which is to take place on August 15th-17th 2008 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

SPEAKERS (10am-12pm)
Judge Willie Lipscomb 36th District Court Detroit
Edward Bartlett - RADAR
Carol Rhodes - Author "FOC Enemy of the Family"
Cmdr. James Semerad - Dads and Moms of Michigan
Apostle Arthur Bailey - Abundant Life Ministries
Bishop W. Durham - Families for Justice and Equality
Robert Pedersen - Best Life Magazine's National Hero Dad Runner-Up Winner & Equal Parenting Bike Trek Cyclist
Mike McCormick - ACFC
Dr. Stephen Walker - ACFC
Rev. Edward Pinkney - BANCO
Lary Holland - Get off the Bench
Tony Taylor - Dads Custody Support Group
Bessie Hudgins - Three Sides to Every Story, Inc
Minister Ronald Smith - Children Need Both Parents, Inc
Mr. Sal Frasca
Representative Rick Jones Judicial Committee
Representative Tom Pearce - Child and Family Services Committee
Representative Jack Hoogendyk Child and Family Services Committee
Senator Mark Jansen
Representative Glenn Steil Child and Family Services Committee
Representative Robert Dean Co Chair Child and Family Services Committee
Dr. Michael Ross - Family Rights Coalition
Robin Denison - Parental Alienation Awareness Organization
Torm Howse - United Civil Rights Councils of America
Alicia Crowe, Esq. & Author "Real Dads Stand Up"
TENTATIVE SPEAKERS
Dr. Olu Shabazz
"Possible Address Via Taped Interview"
Dr. Linda Neilsen - President of ACFC & Author "Embracing your Father"

AGENDA
January 3rd Registration and Fellowship 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM
January 4th Agenda:
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - Prayer Breakfast
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - SPEAKERS
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch - Book Signing

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Domestic Violence Law Reform
501(c)(3) instructions - Organizing
Medication of Children
Spiritual Aspect of Fatherhood
Title IV-D
Parental Alienation
Family Preservation and Reconciliation Act

3:00 - 4:30 PM
PRAYER - FELLOWSHIP - UNITY

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UK: Nurseries are told playing with toy guns is good for boys

ItsDan · 28 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

I find this to be very encouraging news. Someone is actually looking at how certain interactions ACTUALLY affect boys, and not just making assumptions based off of some notion of political correctness. Article here.

'Playing with toy weapons helps the development of young boys, according to new Government advice to nurseries and playgroups.

Staff have been told they must resist their "natural instinct" to stop boys using pretend weapons such as guns or light sabres in games with other toddlers.

Fantasy play involving weapons and superheroes allows healthy and safe risk-taking and can also make learning more appealing, says the guidance.'

Police Using Topless Sunbathers to Lure Men in Parks

Matt · 28 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Not content to arrest men for wearing speedos in a McDonald's, law enforcement now has to start luring them into sexual situations in parks and arrest them. Story here. Excerpt:

'Robin Garrison, an off-duty 42-year-old firefighter, was walking in Berliner Park in Columbus, Ohio, in May when he saw a woman sunbathing topless under a tree.

...

Eventually, she asked to see Garrison's penis; he unzipped his pants and complied.

Seconds later, undercover police officers pulled up in a van and arrested Garrison; he was later charged with public indecency, a misdemeanor, based on video footage taken by cops who were targeting men having sex or masturbating in the park. While topless sunbathing is legal in the city's parks, exposing more than that is against the law.

...

At Garrison's trial, his attorney argued that it was a case of entrapment. "Columbus police utilized this topless woman to snare this man," said Sam Shamansky. "He sees her day after day. He's not some seedy pervert."

The argument failed to sway a Franklin County Municipal Court jury that found Garrison guilty of public indecency last month. He was ordered to stay away from the park, placed on a year's probation and fined $250. Currently, Garrison remains on paid desk duty while the fire department conducts an internal investigation into his behavior.'

Middle-aged Princess Laments: Feminism Ruined My Life

Roy · 29 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

A confessional essay truly worth reading. Excerpt:

"I had become a fat, unpleasant, middle-aged princess because I had refused to grow up. Sure, I had taken on grown-up responsibilities (marriage, career, house, motherhood) but at the core of my psyche was a 13-year-old girl who stamped her feet and whined when she didn't get her way. Of course, I had stopped whining years ago but I simply replaced the whining with emotional manipulation and ornery bitchiness. No wonder I was still single and my two teenaged sons spent all their free time with their father... being a dilettante feminist, I swallowed the standard line that women can have it all... I had lots of blame to dole out. There was no way that the current state of my life was the result of my decisions. My single girlfriends all told me that, many, many times over copious cocktails in sundry singles bars. I read a lot of women's magazines and the advice I got said pretty much the same thing - a woman is never to blame... Looking back in brutal honesty, I was a stark, raving bitch."

Kenya: First Lady Mama Lucy Slaps a Male Staffer

Anonymous · 29 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

And the story defends her actions! Excerpt:

"When it comes to Mama Lucy, Kenyans have a male chauvinist view of how a First Lady should behave. Nobody ever asks themselves why she slapped Musyimi. Nobody asks why Mama Lucy visited the offices of the Nation Media. Do we know what pressures she works under? Why are we against her freedom of expression? Don't we as human beings have the right to be angry?

THERE WERE ALWAYS ALLEGATIONS that during his rule, Kenyatta whipped his ministers and yet that was never an issue. We do not recall President Kibaki being criticised by liberally using the word pumbavu (fool). When will these double standards end?

It is arguable that when women beat up men they are doing so in self-defence. The collective violence that is visited on mothers, sisters, daughters and wives must be resisted. Mama Lucy has been a victim of violence by men and she has the right to defend herself."

LaCrosse, WI Gets Feedback from MRAs

Roy · 29 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

If you read nothing else to celebrate the New Year, check out this link.

The MR movement turned out in force with letters to the editor of the newspaper in LaCrosse, Wisconsin -- interrogating to the max the misandrist and gender-biased policy of letting women out of jail... because they are women.

Really read these dozens of posts and take some heart that MRAs are starting to hit the mainstream radar screen!

(And BTW -- a lot of you MANN guys are "guilty" of sending in your comments, because I have parsed your writing styles and can identify you at any airport.)

Good work!

Missing woman returns after $250,000 Search

Matt · 29 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO - Family members arranged a meeting at an undisclosed location between investigators and a married woman from Illinois whose disappearance on Christmas Eve prompted a $250,000 search.
...
Cell phone records indicated Solanki had left voluntarily with a 23-year-old male friend from California, authorities said earlier Friday. Mayberry did not know whether the friend, Karan C. Jani, had returned with Solanki.
...
Solanki's husband, who lived with his wife near suburban Des Plaines, was not aware of her friendship with Jani, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart told reporters.

...
Dart said authorities did not know how Solanki and Jani met, but the cell phone records suggested they had been in contact for about a year.

Anu Solanki called a friend Monday afternoon and said four men were following her, then called back saying they were not following her anymore, relatives have said.

Jani placed several cell phone calls to Anu Solanki while she was at work at a Wheeling hotel Monday morning, the sheriff's office said in a statement. Solanki may have met Jani a short time later that day, then left the area with him, officials said.'

Rudov: "Hello Kitty for Boys Will Feminize Them"

MrReality · 30 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Rudov destroys yet another woman's pathetic, misandric argument on Your World with Neil Cavuto. In a debate over women wanting boys to wear "Hello Kitty" shirts -- which were originally made for girls -- and play with dolls.

According "to the woman taking part in the debate" boys are extremely violent and playing with girls toys, wearing girls clothes -- and basically becoming girls in everyway possible -- will make them "less violent."

At one point the woman asks for proof that mothers are more violent towards their children than men. Mr. Rudov cites a government statistic that supports his claim and as always the woman then dismisses it as not being relevant.

I suppose even the network got tired of hearing her fraudulent, pathetic, biased, pro-woman argument because the station cut her off towards the end of the debate!

Also, is that Lis Wiehl "hosting" the debate?

Watch the video.

Happy Holidays Include Fathers

MR · 31 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Happy Holidays Include Fathers

I had a bit of a grinch like attitude earlier in the month as I contemplated skipping this month's rally, and pursuing the usual holiday merriment instead, but a little voice in my ear kept whispering that a rally for Dads was needed this month - more than ever. I'm not sure exactly what the suicide statistics are for men and Fathers in the month of December, but given the disgracefully high numbers for a typical year, and the disgraceful lack of care from America, I couldn't in good conscious let this month go by without saying to the world, "Dads, you're more than wallets. You're a blessing, and a gift, for your children, at the holidays and all throughout the year."

Boys and books: How do you get them together?

anthony · 31 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'According to Education Minnesota, the teachers' union, the percentage of male teachers in Minnesota has decreased from 43 percent in 1980 to 29 percent in 2005. That's why finding books for boys is a problem.

Female teachers and librarians don't gravitate toward the books that boys like, which Baxter says are about "disasters, wild animals, spies, machines, dinosaurs, and creepy-crawly things."

Showing boys male reading role models also helps catch boys' interest. In Apple Valley, two female teachers host the book club, but each month a different male teacher reads to the club.

Theresa Back, one of the female teachers that started the club, said that boys interact well with the male leaders. "We just didn't have the 'boy connection,' " she said about the female teachers.'

Judge declares mistrial in castration case

anthony · 31 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LILLINGTON — A judge has declared a mistrial this afternoon in the case of a Harnett County woman who was accused of castrating a man with her fingernails at a Christmas party last year.
...
The foreman indicated this afternoon that the jury was split 8 to 4 on two charges: malicious castration and assault with intent to inflict serious injury.

According to juror Harvey “Bart” Bartlett of Coats, four jurors favored not guilty and eight voted for guilty. He was among the four who believed Dawson was not guilty.
...
Defendant Rebecca Dawson is accused of using her fingernails to tear off a man’s scrotum at a Christmas party last year. In closing arguments Friday, the defense said Dawson tore Kevin Russ’ scrotum in self defense. But the prosecutor said Russ was the victim, and described the injury as a vicious attack from an angry, drunken woman.'

FYI: The Jury was comprised of eight women, four men and one female alternate.

Case of thrown baby heads to trial

anthony · 31 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A mother accused of throwing her young son off a balcony three months ago waived her right to a preliminary hearing Thursday, sending the case to trial.

Rita Sativa Kraft's 18-month-old son Connor suffered multiple skull and facial fractures after he fell 21 feet off a balcony at the family's Lompico home on the morning of Sept. 12, according to authorities. The boy, who suffered significant brain trauma, was unconscious and not breathing after landing on the packed dirt below the balcony.

He was resuscitated by a housemate who had medical training, then airlifted to a trauma center over the hill.

The child has since been released from the hospital into his father's custody. Doctors say it may be some time before the full extent of his brain injuries are known.
...
Kraft's attorney, Jon Minsloff, previously told the Sentinel his client was suffering from postpartum depression when the incident occurred. He also told the paper that Kraft has a family history of mental illness."

District Attorney's office files formal charges against mother

anthony · 31 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Three days following the death of seven-month-old Jillian Engelman, the Fresno County District Attorney's office files formal charges on her mother, Lisa May Brown...

Brown is now facing one count of murder and one count of child abuse, causing death.

Both counts carry a minimum sentence of 25 years to life.

According to the search warrant served to brown on Monday, Brown told officials that she drowned the baby because it was possessed by demons and that the devil told her to do it.
...
Hickey says, "More often than not, women who kill their babies like this usually suffer from some form of mental illness."

Hickey says this case reminds him of Texas mother, Andrea Yates, who, back in 2001, was charged with drowning all five of her children in a bathtub.

Hickey says, "It's not uncommon for someone to come down with postpartum blues, have very deep depression, have deep psychotic breaks, have hallucinations, hear voices sometimes."

ACFC Announces New President

scottkirk · 31 December 2007 · Archived copy · Original

Announcement here. Excerpt:

'The most significant change going into 2008 takes place with respect to the office of ACFC President. As many of you know, Dr. Stephen Baskerville has returned to academic pursuits, taking a position as associate professor of government at Patrick Henry College in Virginia.
...
Our search committee members considered and discussed the position with several candidates and are pleased to announce ACFC's new President for 2008, Dr. Linda Nielsen.

For the past two decades Dr. Nielsen has been a proponent of Shared Parenting. She is a tenured faculty member at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. Her background as a social researcher combined with her training as an adolescent psychologist, make hers a voice which cannot be ignored in the expanding debate over the need for Shared Parenting and the important necessity of a Fathers contribution in child rearing.

UA Law Student, Beauty Queen Kidnaps & Tortures Boyfriend

Roy · 1 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A University of Arizona law school student and beauty queen has been indicted on charges that she and three others held her former boyfriend captive for 10 hours while torturing and robbing him.

Kumari Fulbright was indicted Dec. 18 on five felony charges – armed robbery, aggravated robbery, kidnapping and two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon... According to court documents, Fulbright and three men used plastic cable ties and duct tape to tie up a 24-year-old man on Dec. 8 and held him captive...'

PS – check out the several posted reader comments asking “what HE did” to provoke her!

Essay: "A crack in the glass ceiling?"

anthony · 2 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"What price equality? It's apparently always too high for those who mistakenly believe they have the most to lose. One in four Norwegian businesses allegedly face the threat of closure because they have failed to ensure that 40% of directors are female - abiding by a law passed in 2003. Business heads have had five years to meet the quota - and a great deal of change has resulted.
...
Feminism was never about women competing in a male world. It was about changing the system. Women need an income and some also need a career that's paramount in their lives just like men - but at the same time, if capitalism isn't going to thoroughly destroy all that matters, feminism has also argued that it's important to fight to make the workplace more humane, the work ethic less all-pervasive, the rewards fairer and the personal sacrifices less damaging to children and relationships."

Woman who cried ‘rape’ may have to pay back county

anthony · 2 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The San Mateo woman who will be serving 90 days in county jail for a false rape report in June may also be required to repay the county agencies that spent time and resources investigating her false claims.

On Monday, 24-year-old Karyn Adele Galila pleaded no contest to one count of filing a false police report, a misdemeanor, Chief Deputy District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said.

She was charged with two counts of filing false reports for her initial claim and a subsequent follow-up interview with a detective and a district attorney in which she again told the rape story.
...
“Our belief is that the reason she made this false report related to family matters, trying to avoid coming up with an explanation for where she was,” Wagstaffe said.'

RADAR ALERT: In 2007 We Set the Stage for DV Reform!

Matt · 2 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

In 2007 domestic violence programs around the country continued to encourage false allegations, undermine families, force children into single-parent households, ignore the civil rights of the falsely accused, and discriminate against male victims.

And as RADAR's Special Report "Why Have Domestic Violence Programs Failed to Stop Partner Abuse?" reveals, these programs have been flatly ineffective in reducing abuse rates – and in some cases placed victims at greater risk of violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARreport-Why-DV-Programs-Fail-to-Stop-Abuse.pdf

In response RADAR and the VAWA Reform Coalition continued to make the case for reform. Highlights of the year included:

1. Expansion of the VAWA Reform Coalition to about 90 organizations in 32 states: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/VAWA-Reform-Coalition-Declaration.pdf
2. Sponsorship of 5 high-profile campaigns:
   - Time to Tell the Truth about Domestic Violence (Domestic Violence Awareness Month): http://www.mediaradar.org/time_to_tell_truth.php
   - House Resolution 590: Half-Truths, Distortions, and Lies: http://www.mediaradar.org/hres590.php
   - Nifong: Tip of the Iceberg: http://www.mediaradar.org/nifong_tip_of_iceberg.php
   - Stop CEDAW/I-VAWA, Protect the Family: http://www.mediaradar.org/cedaw_ivawa.php
   - International-VAWA: Exporting Family Break-Up: http://www.mediaradar.org/international_vawa.php
3. Extensive media activities:
   - 42 Alerts: http://www.mediaradar.org/prior_alerts.php
   - 16 press releases: http://www.mediaradar.org/press_releases.php
   - Numerous interviews and op-eds: http://www.mediaradar.org/prior_headlines.php
4. Release or updating of 6 Special Reports that document the problems: http://www.mediaradar.org/radar_special_reports.php
   - Has VAWA Delivered on its Promises to Women?
   - A Culture of False Allegations: How VAWA Harms Families and Children
   - Why Have Domestic Violence Programs Failed to Stop Partner Abuse?
   - Education for Injustice
   - Justice Denied: Arrest Policies for Domestic Violence (update)
   - VAWA Programs Discriminate Against Male Victims (update)
5. Release of the Agenda for VAWA Reform: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARdocument-Agenda-for-VAWA-Reform.pdf
6. Freedom of Information Act request revealing a widescale lack of services for male victims: http://www.mediaradar.org/ovw_foia_data.php
7. Major expansion of information on the RADAR website
8. Sustained lobbying presence on Capitol Hill

But 2007 was just the beginning.

2008 is a presidential election year and the candidates need to hear from everyone about the necessity to reform

domestic violence laws - they especially need to know about the Agenda for VAWA Reform: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARdocument-Agenda-for-VAWA-Reform.pdf

Get involved in the critical effort to protect families and children. We will make a difference in 2008.

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Date of RADAR Release: January 2, 2008

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting
– is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

England: Victim of false rape claim must pay £12,500 for bed and board in jail

anthony · 2 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A man wrongly jailed when a woman cried rape has failed to prevent being charged £12,500 for his "board and lodging" while in prison.

Warren Blackwell, 38, spent three years in jail as a convicted sex attacker until his 'victim' was unmasked as a fantasist.

It was revealed he has been awarded £252,500 compensation for his lost years - but minus the estimated cost of his food and accommodation while behind bars."

Comment Policy Changes

Scott · 3 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The MANN comment sections have been buzzing a lot lately. Unfortunately a lot of this buzz has been the result of many personal attacks and unproductive anger.

We've seen this problem come and go in cycles in the past, but this time it seems to have become especially bad. The administrators of MANN have become concerned about this and feel it's become necessary to take a more proactive stance to try to bring the MANN comment boards out of this rut. We can't simply sit by and watch the site become little more than a place for individuals to flame and entertain each other by trying to write shock-entertainment posts. Mensactivism.org was created to be more than that, and we need to return to a reasonable level of decorum. Read More to continue...

Not only is this trend counter-productive, but it is discouraging genuinely interested parties from taking the site seriously as well as discouraging actual, substantive debate. When debates that are basically about ideas degenerate regularly and quickly into name-calling and over-use of profanity, especially targeted specifically to other posters, the value of any site is damaged.

The 'A' in MANN stands for something that is intended to be our primary goal - Activism. While we are willing to accept a certain amount of venting and frustration, the point of this site is to create a space where people can come to the realization that we can make gains for men's rights and support each other to that end.

Of the solutions we have looked into, we feel that a new policy regarding comment moderation needs to be established. From now on, new users registering with the site will be placed on moderated status, and their comment posts will need to be manually approved by a site administrator. Once a new user has demonstrated with a few posts that they are here to contribute constructively, not destructively, to the community, their account will become unmoderated.

As for existing users, we will start by warning people via email when a specific posting crosses the line in this way. You have the responsibility to check the email account you registered with on a regular basis, and if the situation doesn't improve, your account will be put into moderated status.

To date the administrators of this site have taken a very laissez-faire approach to user comments, whether they're on- or off-topic. This hasn't been working so well lately, so we've been willing to re-evaluate this policy. Likewise, if things cool down and the signal to noise ratio improves, we are willing to re-evaluate the need for this policy.

And please, let's not have any finger-pointing or accusations about "who started what" - in the end it's really irrelevant. With this post, let's start with a clean slate and get back to productive discussion and debate.

Rudov: "Chivalry is Benevolent Sexism"

MrReality · 3 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Author and Men's Rights activist Marc Rudov talks about what's wrong with chivalry and women's feeling of entitlement.

Watch the Video.

Beware of the office piranha: Male bosses warned of man-eating women who are preying on them

Anonymous · 3 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Mrs Benussi runs a large matrimonial law firm in Birmingham specialising in high-value divorce cases and has almost 30 years' experience. She said piranhas "want a highearning, high-flying, high-virility man" who will place a ring on their finger.

"Office parties are a brilliant opportunity for them to lead a colleague astray. The alcohol is flowing, they can wear sexier clothes and they just generally loosen up.

"There are women who join companies with large amounts of male employees with the sole intention of looking for a partner, and by that I mean an equity partner - one of the owners of the business."

She said that for such women, joining a large firm of accountants or solicitors can be more advantageous than signing up with a dating agency.

She warned: "A piranha will hang on for the kill and will rip any man to shreds."'

Survivor shows that breaking the cycle of violence can be done

MR · 3 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Survivor shows that breaking the cycle of violence can be done

This article says, *"She wants to empower women she meets through her company and at the domestic violence center."*

As this article strongly indicates, men are wasting their time seeking shelter at this taxpayer funded domestic violence shelter. It seves only women.

A more honest title for this article, IMO, would have been, *"Survivor shows that breaking the cycle of violence can be done* - ***unless you're a man."***

Here is my letter to the editor, and the author (below), at these two emails addresses. I redacted my address and phone number from this post. Feel free to use whatever parts of this post you choose if you choose to send them an email, which I hope you do. It appears they limit publishing of letters to the editor at 150 words.

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"Your article, "Survivor shows that breaking the cycle of violence can be done" is inaccurately and tragically worded for male victims of domestic violence.

If the author had bothered to check he would have seen that men are victims of domestic violence as often as women, with injuries often as serious, because women use knives, guns and other weapons to "level the dominant aggressor" playing field.

http://www.ncfmla.org/dv_data.html

http://www.mediaradar.org/

It is a shame that the some domestic violence shelters brag about how they serve victims of domestic violence, when in fact they sexistly refuse male victims, based on nothing more than the fact they are male. The entire domestic violence industry follows a false, and thereby corrupt, feminist ideological fantasy that all males are powerful Patriarchal oppressors of women, and thereby incapable of being domestic violence victims. How long will this fraud continue to go on at domestic violence shelters, and in the vast majority of the domestic violence industry?"

Court rules man who donated sperm not liable for child support

ItsDan · 3 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This is actually kind of significant. This isn't an anonymous donor, and most of us will be familiar with the fact that often 'friendly' donations for invitro are often not enough to establish non-liability.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that a woman who promised a sperm donor he would not have to pay child support cannot renege on the deal.

The 3-2 decision overturns lower court rulings under which Joel L. McKiernan had been paying up to $1,500 a month to support twin boys born in August 1994 to Ivonne V. Ferguson, his former girlfriend and co-worker.

DNA wins freedom for man after 26 years

anthony · 3 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A man imprisoned since 1981 for sexual assault was freed after a judge recommended overturning his conviction.

Charles Chatman, 47, was released on his recognizance after serving nearly 27 years of a 99-year sentence. He was freed on the basis of new DNA testing that lawyers say proves his innocence and adds to Dallas County's nationally unmatched number of wrongfully convicted inmates.

Chatman became the 15th inmate from Dallas County since 2001 to be freed by DNA testing. That is more than any other county nationwide, said Natalie Roetzel of the Innocence Project of Texas, an organization of volunteers who investigate claims of wrongful conviction.

Texas leads the country in prisoners freed by DNA testing. Including Chatman, the state will have released at least 30 wrongfully convicted inmates since 2001, according to the Innocence Project."

Mother Charged After Ramming Father's Car, Running off with Child

anthony · 4 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Cincinnati police have charged a woman with child endangering after a strange incident on Tuesday afternoon.

Officers said that Danielle Kah chased after her child's father's car on Sedler Street, ramming it from behind until he stopped.

When the father stopped, police said, Kah opened the door of his car and took their 4-year-old daughter, then fled into a nearby wooded area.

Police said the child was not dressed for the freezing temperatures.

Officers were able to find Kah and her child and take them into custody. The child was not seriously hurt.

Bond for Kah was set at $2,000 on Wednesday."

New Hampshire Primary Campaign Appearances

Anonymous · 5 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The New Hampshire primary campaign appearance schedule for all of the major candidates is available here.

Contact Richard at societypmm-at-fathersandhusbands.org if you'd like to collaborate in making our concerns heard by the candidates.

Anniversary of 'Larry Summers and the feminist purges of academia'

scottkirk · 5 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

A day of infamy... 3rd anniversary of 'Larry Summers and the feminist purges of Academia'! Analysis here. Excerpt:

'Unlike most religious fundamentalists, these feminists were pursuing a careerist, self-serving agenda. This cause can put money in their pockets.

Summers's suggestion—now ignominiously retracted, with groveling, Soviet-show-trial-style apologies—was that sex discrimination and the reluctance of mothers to work 80 hours a week are not the only possible explanations for gender imbalances in the math-science area. He noted that high school boys have many more of the highest math scores than girls, and suggested that this might reflect genetic differences. He also stressed the need for further research into all three possible explanations.'

Male-only aneurysm screening programme to be introduced in UK

Anonymous · 5 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The Government is poised to introduce screening for a condition which kills more than 3,000 men a year as part of its new "predict and prevent" approach to health.

Pilot projects to screen for abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAAs) will be set up this year, with national screening to follow...

...Health Secretary Alan Johnson said: "Successful prevention would mean significantly fewer early deaths, less long-term ill-health, and a reduction in health inequalities. We are doing a lot of research to assess the potential cost-effectiveness of a 'predict and prevent' approach...

...Mr Johnson said within five years he expected to have 60 centres operational around the country, covering all 270,000 men aged 65.

It will be the first male-only screening programme, for a condition which causes roughly twice as many deaths as cervical cancer for women, which has its own screening."

UK: Two out of three teachers in UK are women as men shun the classroom

Anonymous · 5 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"Fewer men are teaching in schools than at any time since records began and in one in ten primary schools there are no men on the staff at all.

More than two out of three teachers are now women, leading to fears that the kind of male role model embodied by the classic fictional creation Mr Chips has been lost to a generation of boys...

...In the space of a generation, men have gone from taking a majority of jobs in secondaries to a dwindling minority.

They now make up 43 per cent of secondary teachers, down from 49 per cent in 1996 and 54 per cent in 1986.

Experts say it is increasingly likely that a boy will go through his entire education without being taught by a man".

Picture caption:

"It is thought more men are chasing higher salaries in the City and put off teaching because of false abuse allegations"

A New Candidate for the Boycott List Emerges

xtrnl · 5 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I was recently watching television, and I couldn't help but notice a new Molson Canadian commercial. This ad has had a few predecessors, in which a man who claims that Canadians have bad taste when it comes to beer is tied up and put on an airplane, put in the path of a raging bull while holding a red flag, and wrapped in plastic wrap from head to toe, with marker marks all over his face. These ads weren't too bad, in fact, I would even consider them comical. But this new ad, in my opinion goes too far. In this new commercial, it shows the same man tied up to a hockey net. Four targets appear in the exposed corners of the net, then the caption "Take Your Shot at MolsonCanadian.ca", and a fifth target on the man's crotch appears. I rolled my eyes when I saw this, because I think it's sad that people still consider this type of thing to be comedy. Will they ever make a commercial with a woman strung up to a hockey net, with a target on her crotch? It's extremely unlikely, even though the same scenario is less painful for a woman. Looks like the old double standard monster has struck again.

Ed. note: Anyone have a link to a video of this ad?

UK: Most boys missing GCSE targets

Anonymous · 6 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"Barely a third of boys in comprehensive schools are gaining the GCSEs they need to obtain a job or stay on at school, new league tables will reveal...

...However, for boys in comprehensive schools, the proportion struggling to achieve decent results increases. Just over 62 per cent of boys in "community schools" - as they are officially known - failed to achieve the target of five A* to C grades at GCSE, including the two vital subjects.

...Many of the boys who fail to achieve good GCSEs will go on to become Neets - young people not in education, employment or training.

The number of Neets has increased to 11 per cent in the past decade - 210,000 16-to 18-year-olds. It is estimated that the army of Neets costs the taxpayer £2 billion in benefit payments, lost tax revenue and the increased likelihood of them committing crime and having health problems."

Rape Case Abandoned Due to Language Ban by Judge

Roy · 6 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Prosecutors have decided not to pursue a third trial in a sexual assault case that gained national attention because the judge barred the words "rape" and "victim" in court.

The first two trials of Pamir Safi ended in mistrials. He claimed he met Tory Bowen in a bar in October 2004 and had consensual sex with her, but she said she was too intoxicated to give consent and he knew it.
...
"To this day, I have not been able to testify truthfully in a court of law," said Bowen. "To me, that's justice denied."

...explaining the language ban, [the judge] said he would allow the term "sexual assault" to be used but not "rape" because "rape" often connotes a vicious and violent sexual assault. In Safi's case... [the judge decided] the charge was based solely on lack of consent."

So, is it safe to buy a woman a drink again on Ladies Night at the local pub?

National Fatherhood Summit - A Smashing Success

Anonymous · 7 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The Media Coverage of the 2008 National Fatherhood Summit in Grand Rapids, MI was truly impressive! Four different TV News stations, 7 Radio Stations and 6 different newspaper reporters were present at this event!
...
There were people from all over the United States! Alabama, California, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania - just to name a few. Many different organizations were present at this outstanding event."

UK: Survey finds men have lost their role in society

Anonymous · 7 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"More than half of men believe the world is dominated by females and that they have lost their traditional role in society, according to recent research.
...
The research also shows that just as many women feel their work-life balance has been stretched to breaking point.
...
Men say they "feel handcuffed" by political correctness - only 33 per cent feel they can speak freely and say what they think, whereas two thirds find it safer and easier to keep their opinions to themselves."

Man Loses Job For Failing To Register For Draft: Sues Demanding Equal Protection

JVC · 7 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

In an article appearing in the Saturday January 5th, 2008 edition of the Boston Globe the story of a man being filed for failing to register for the draft appears. After working for the IRS since 1991, Michael Elgin was fired when it was discovered that he had not registered for the draft. Despite letters written on his behalf by Senators Kennedy and Kerry, and a son who completed an 18-month tour of duty in Iraq, Michael Elgin's termination by the IRS was enforced.

New MRA Web site

Matt · 7 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Congrats to MrReality! I am looking forward to seeing it grow and become another great source of news and information for MRAs. The site is http://www.wine-cellar.com/mrreality/.

India Post: "Draconian 498- a law that affects NRIs"

Matt · 7 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'The Domestic Violence Act which was passed in 2005 at the instigation by radical feminist groups, especially the National Commission on Women, who have the quiet sponsorship of the ruling party in India. This law states that "only a woman can file a complaint against her male partner". A man who is a victim of domestic violence has no recourse under the law.

And comprehensive studies by various groups have found that women are no less abusive as men in intimate relationships - yes even in India. Giving such sweeping legal powers to women also tends to give quite a few of them the opportunity to take advantage of the law and hold men to blackmail and legal terrorism. This part of the law is nothing else but systematic legal victimization of men as it is one sided and withholds legal protection to male victims.'

Teenager is jailed over taxi rape lie

Anonymous · 8 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

A teenager who falsely accused a taxi driver of rape has been jailed after the man proved his innocence by producing a recorded conversation of her repeatedly asking him for sex.

In court she pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice and was jailed for eight months by Judge Roger Thorn, QC, who told Campbell that her lies might have had devastating consequences. Story here.

Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women Competes in "Giving Challenge"

Boy Genteel · 8 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

(from Jan Brown, director of the DAHMW)

Hello!

DAHMW is competing in America's Giving Challenge sponsored by the Case Foundation and Parade Magazine. Please help us reach our goal of being one of the 100 nonprofits with the greatest number of unique donations! The challenge ends January 31st at 3pm EST so please hurry!

Please help DAHMW by either making a donation or passing this message along to others or both if you are able. Every donation counts! Thanks!

Visit our Charity Badge and donate!

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There are people who make things happen, there are people who watch things happen, and there are people who wonder what happened. To be successful, you need to be a person who makes things happen..

Men Claim Post-abortion Syndrome: “We Had Abortions”

Roy · 9 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Is this a men’s rights issue?

"Jason Baier, 36, still longs for the child who might have been, with an intensity that bewilders him: "How can I miss something I never even held?"

His fiancee's sister told him about the abortion after it was over. Baier remembers that he cried. The next weeks and months go black. He knows he drank far too much. He and his fiancee fought until they broke up. "I hated the world," he said.

These days, he channels the grief into activism in a burgeoning movement of "post-abortive men." Abortion is usually portrayed as a woman's issue: her body, her choice, her relief or her regret. This new movement -- both political and deeply personal in nature -- contends that the pronoun is all wrong."

A Law Firm for Fathers

Anonymous · 10 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This article in the St Louis Post-Dispatch is about a law firm specializing in helping men!! Writen with a woman reporters bias, it still gets the message across. FATHERS HAVE RIGHTS! Excerpt:

'The firm's founder, Joseph Cordell of Wildwood, is quick to say he is not a political activist. But he doesn't shy from controversy, nor his belief that feminists have ruled family court.

"Exacerbating things further is the feminist movement and its shrill insistence on women's interests to the utter exclusion of the underlying merits of a given case," he writes on his personal website, fathersworld.com.'

School Refuses To Let Boy Join Cheerleading Squad

anthony · 10 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Bobby's mother filed a discrimination claim with the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights two years ago, and now a settlement has been reached.
...
[Bobby's mother]... said she has sworn statements from other parents stating the coach admitted cutting Bobby because she didn't want a boy on her team.

...the coach was also the school's human resources counselor.
...
In the settlement agreement, the school admits no wrongdoing but the commission has ordered mandatory training for the principal, teachers and coaches at the school.
...
As for the woman who cut him from the team, she is no longer the cheerleading coach."

Paglia: "Hillary without tears"

Matt · 10 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Hillary's willingness to tolerate Bill's compulsive philandering is a function of her general contempt for men. She distrusts them and feels morally superior to them. Following the pattern of her long-suffering mother, she thinks it is her mission to endure every insult and personal degradation for a higher cause -- which, unlike her self-sacrificing mother, she identifies with her near-messianic personal ambition.

It's no coincidence that Hillary's staff has always consisted mostly of adoring women, with nerdy or geeky guys forming an adjunct brain trust.
...
Hillary's disdain for masculinity fits right into the classic feminazi package, which is why Hillary acts on Gloria Steinem like catnip. Steinem's fawning, gaseous New York Times op-ed about her pal Hillary this week speaks volumes about the snobby clubbiness and reactionary sentimentality of the fossilized feminist establishment, which has blessedly fallen off the cultural map in the 21st century. History will judge Steinem and company very severely for their ethically obtuse indifference to the stream of working-class women and female subordinates whom Bill Clinton sexually harassed and abused, enabled by look-the-other-way and trash-the-victims Hillary."

Romney Asks for Restraining Order Abuse Stories

Matt · 11 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Covered here on Glenn Sacks' blog. Excerpt:

'We've often discussed the way restraining/protection orders based on false allegations of domestic violence are frequently used to separate fathers from their children. At a recent New Hampshire gathering, fatherhood activist Richard Smaglick asked presidential candidate Mitt Romney about the problem.

In response, Romney, who was governor of Massachusetts from 2003-2007, said that he could not recall a circumstance where such a thing had occurred, but said, "If you’re familiar with such, let us know."

We appreciate Romney's offer, and will take him up on it. If you have had your parental rights interfered with because of a restraining order or a false allegation of domestic violence, please send me your name, phone number, and a brief (100 words max) description of yourself by clicking here. We have a method of getting the letters to Romney.'

Harvard 'scholars' Advocate Higher Taxes for Men

Matt · 11 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. "They're still at it" was his comment in his note to me. Read it here. Excerpt:

'Gender-based taxation induces a more balanced allocation of home duties because it increases the implicit bargaining power of women within the marriage by improving their outside option. Despite the change in bargaining power, if family members share enough of their market earnings, gender-based taxation could even be welfare-improving for both spouses. And in the long run it will induce a more balanced participation of men and women in the market, both in term, of levels and elasticities. Currently, women and men work exactly the same amount, but women more at home and men more in the market in all countries for which data are available.'

X-TRNL Unveils His New Rap Song "XY"

xtrnl · 11 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Hello fellow MRAs. I don't think I've told you guys before, but I'm an avid fan of hip hop and to date have written over 50 rap songs. I've recently been inspired to write a new song regarding men's issues, and I've recently finished it. It actually turned out to be the longest rap song I've ever written, as I found I had a lot to say in it. I would like to share the lyrics with you. Click "Read More" to read them. The song is called "XY". I hope you enjoy it.

XY
by Evan AKA X-TRNL

Chorus:
XY means I'm a bad guy
XY means I'm a bad guy
They think women never lie
XX is what's on their side
Many women commit crimes
And are free right after they're tried
But XY means I'm a bad guy
XY means I'm a bad guy

All right, all right, lemme get this straight
You would never laugh when a girl is raped
But you do when a man is struck
Anywhere on his body including his junk
Hate it to break it to you, but that ain't entertainment
Maybe it is to someone like Satan
To laugh at that, makes you like a rapist
How did the world get full of so many saddists?...
Now let's imagine the gender's reversed
And you see a woman getting beat or worse
Getting hit several times in her boobs and box,
By punches and kicks and flying rocks,
For some reason, you don't laugh at her
But you did at the man, what a double standard!
It's about time the world woke up and see
That our society is filled with misandry

Chorus

You wanna hear about a law that's just absurd?
Imagine being freed from prison cause you're a girl
While the men are left there to rot
Cause they were born male, and they don't got a twat
People who think up laws like this should be shot
Cater to half, the other half's forgot
Think you can pull a stunt like this and not be caught?
Some succeed at shit like this, thus, I'm distraught
How about women who murder their own kids?
But they cry depression and the case is dismissed
Or if they kill their husband for no reason

They can cry abuse, or claim that he was cheatin'
Cause she's a woman, they believe her statement
They're too stupid to want corroboration
Where if it was a man in the same situation
The death penalty would be cried for by the nation

Chorus

If a woman wants money, she doesn't need luck
She don't need to play the lottery, she gets knocked up
Then she'll have money for 18 years
And get as much as she wants by shedding fake tears
It don't matter if the kid isn't even his
Or if he can't afford to pay for this bullshit
Or if he never ever gets to see the kid
The man's trapped in a scenario that's misandric
Then the bitch will go and poison the kid's mind
The kid will hate his father in a matter of time
The kid will grow to hate the man who gave him life
Thanks to all the lies told by his ex-wife
Women wanting equality is just plain phoney
Proof of this fact is allimony
If you're as capable as your male counterpart
Why do you need to extort him for all he's got?
Heaven forbid you'd actually have to earn
Everything that you want, then again you learned
From a young age you can get it all on a silver platter
If you have to be a prostitute it just doesn't matter
You were taught that men are of no use
Unless they have lots of money to lose
Wasting it on you, and it's a waste indeed
Cause you don't want a man, you wanna take his seed, cause

Chorus

I just don't know why, people hate me for being a man
But I can see why, misandry is what's ruling our land
You take a spoiled child, and cater till she's a woman
She'll grow to act wild, and get what she wants by playin the victim

Another double standard we gotta break
Is innocent men locked away for rape
When the charge is based on a false allegation
From a bitch with an overactive imagination
Then there's the issue of domestic violence
I think it's bout time someone breaks the silence
In more than half the cases a man's the victim
If the men need help, sometimes the cops won't listen
Who would have thought violence was gender-biased
If you say a woman hit you, they think you're a liar
Women can be vicious and speak vicious words
Some have beliefs resemblin Hitler's

Men are pieces of meat, and we're the ones to blame
For all the world's problems, but just the same
If all men died today, the people left would stumble
Mankind would die, the economy would crumble, still

Chorus (2x)

Hillary: "No woman is illegal"

Matt · 11 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Seems the would-be president is ready to allow any woman to come to America with or without papers. Wonder what she feels about men in the same condition? Read it here. Excerpt:

'In broken English, one woman told Clinton how she wasn't making money as a broker anymore.

"I have no income at all," she said. "So how will I survive?"

Choking up with emotion, the woman said, "In my neighborhood, there are brand-new homes, but the value is nothing. I'm glad you are here so I can tell you, because you're going to be the president, I know."

A man shouted through an opening in the wall that his wife was illegal.

"No woman is illegal," Clinton said, to cheers.

Summing it up at the end, Clinton said, "We've only talked to a few people, but each of them talk about some part of the problem we are confronting. This is a problem that is only going to get worse if we don't address it."'

Wisconsin's Equal Placement bill gets committee hearing

Matt · 11 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Hello

I would like to bring to your attention and ask for your support for AB-571 which will be a big step forward for dads and children involved in custody battles in family court here in Wisconsin.

http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2007/data/AB-571.pdf

The bill has 23 sponsors, both democrats and republicans. It will be heard by the Assembly's Children and Families committee on Jan 24.

Any help you can provide in getting the word out, especially to your Wisconsin subscribers, about this important piece of legislation would be appreciated.

Anyone can contact me for more information.

Thanks

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NOW's New Anti-Father Initiative

anthony · 11 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here. Excerpt:

"Users will find information on the phony Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS) that is being used against protective mothers to revoke custody of minor children, with little evidence. Judges frequently ignore evidence of a father's violent behavior and grant him custody of children."

New Orleans: "The Vagina of America?"

Anonymous · 11 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

It should be no surprise to anyone that Eve Ensler et al are gearing up to once again corrupt the sappy, romantic holiday of Valentine's Day into another feminist hate-day as V-Day, or Violence Against Women Day.

However, I just had to laugh when I read this stating an effort this year to also include the New Orleans tragedy in their "festivities," calling the beleaguered city "the vagina of America."

Estranged wife arrested in shootings

anthony · 12 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Nearly two weeks after a man was fatally shot and his girlfriend wounded in a Frisco home, police arrested his estranged wife in connection to the crime.

Vera Elizabeth Guthrie-Nail, 42, was arrested at the intersection of State Highway 121 and Hebron Parkway in Carrollton after dropping her six-year-old daughter at school.

Craig Nail, 36, and his girlfriend, Therisa Hofman, were both shot while at his him on December 26. While Nail was fatally injured, Hofman survived a bullet to the head that was shot as she walked into the garage of Nail's home in the 8500 block of Pebblebrook Drive.

Frisco police had a history of responding to disturbances between the Nails when they were married. Once, they arrested Guthrie-Nail for family violence."

Mother Charged With Murdering Kids Says They Were 'Possessed by Demons'

anthony · 12 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Authorities estimate the four girls — ages 5 to 17 — had been dead for at least two weeks. Jacks told police they were "possessed by demons" and had died in their sleep, one by one, within a week of each other, court documents say.

Jacks was charged Thursday with four counts of first-degree murder. She said nothing during a hearing in Superior Court, where Magistrate Judge Karen Howze ordered her held without bond. Her attorneys had argued that she should be released to the custody of an adult relative pending trial.

Jacks could receive a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted."

Men 'find it harder to climb social ladder'

Anonymous · 12 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Men's chances of rising up the social scale in Britain have stalled because of greater competition from women and a slower rate of growth for top jobs, a study published yesterday reported...

...Worse still for men, Labour's goal to promote "equality of opportunity" failed to mention that any increase in social mobility was likely to create as many losers as winners, with men losing out to the increasing number of women pursuing careers...

...For men, the numbers who were downwardly mobile increased slightly while for women there was little change. The researchers said: "For the first time for men we are getting a situation where upward mobility is falling off and downward mobility is increasing...

...Dr Jackson, from Oxford's Centre for Research Methods in the Social Sciences, said: "The possible cause for concern is not a decline in the total mobility rate but the fact that, for men, the composition of this rate is tending to change, and in an unfavourable way."

Mom Allegedly Puts Son in Oven

anthony · 12 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Police arrested a woman Friday after her 7-year-old son told authorities she burned him in an oven, and a day-care worker was arrested for not reporting the attack, authorities said.

The mother, 26-year-old Tiffany Fraser of Tallman, was charged with assault and endangering a child, authorities said.

Police began investigating after the boy was spotted alone at a shopping center and told officers he had run away because "his mother had put him in an oven and burned him as a punishment," according to police reports.

The day-care worker, 37-year-old Joelle Lherisson, was charged with failure to report child abuse. Both Fraser and Lherisson were arraigned in Airmont Village Court and released until their next court dates."

Men's Movie Guide

Matt · 13 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

For those who don't know, you can read movie reviews and rates for their entertainment value as well as their male sensitivity (misandry vs. male positive) value at the Men's Movie Guide. You can also review and rate movies yourself based on these factors.

Marc

Activists Inject Fatherhood Issues Into Romney Campaign Stop

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Read about it here. Darrick Scott-Farnsworth, Angela Pedersen and Robert Pedersen were able to get the Governor's ear on fatherhood issues. Pictures - Robert Pedersen speaks with Mitt about VAWA and Fatherhood Issues.

Finley on Hillary's "No Woman is Illegal" Pronouncement

Anonymous · 13 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'So, as a man, I am kind of wondering how this would work if Senator Clinton became President Clinton. Presumably, every mode of transportation would be full of women from every corner of the earth flocking to America because they would not have to worry about trifling matters such as immigration status, citizenship, and health care. Presumably also, any man swimming upstream against the inflowing tide of women would be declared “illegal” and sent back to wherever. Do I read it right: “Men need not apply?” Men, you still are illegal?'

Children: Unsafe for Men to Be Around

Roy · 13 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a society where pedophiles are outed and shamed as part of prime-time entertainment, it has come to this: Tony Taylor, a Pittsburgh father, says he wouldn't come to the aid of a crying child lost in the mall.

"For a guy to think he can walk up and say, 'Can I help you, kid?' he obviously does not watch the news," said Mr. Taylor, a retired military officer who lives in Turtle Creek...

...

It can be tough being a man seen around children these days, Mr. Taylor and other men's rights leaders would argue. Gotcha shows such as "To Catch a Predator" and front-page stories about pedophiles have fueled such a fervor that just being around a child can raise unfounded suspicions.'

Not too surprising that only 9% of elementary school teachers are men.

Hillary Clinton in 1998: "Women have always been the primary victims of war"

Anonymous · 13 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Men's activists might pause to consider, as part of the "thirty-five years" of experience that Hillary Clinton has brought to the presidential race, statements that Clinton made in 1998 in an address to the First Ladies' Conference on Domestic Violence in San Salvadore.

The experience that you have gone through is in many ways comparable to what happens with domestic violence. ***Women have always been the primary victims of war.*** *Women lose their husbands, their fathers, their sons in combat. Women often have to flee from the only homes they have ever known. Women are often the refugees from conflict and sometimes, more frequently in today's warfare, victims. Women are often left with the responsibility, alone, of raising the children. Women are again the victims in crime and domestic violence as well.*

Clinton made her remarks during the conflict in Kosovo; it is unlikely that she would have been unaware of the violence against battle-age, non-combatant males at the time. The extent of the violence against **non-combatant battle age males**--the overwhelming victims--during the conflict, along with the widespread tendency of the mass media to deemphasize the gender of male victims of violence and emphasize the gender of female victims is documented in "Effacing the Male: Gender, Misrepresentation, and Exclusion in the Kosovo War" by Adam Jones, Ph.D. Published in Transitions: The Journal of Men's Perspectives, 21: 1-3 (2001).

This is the abstract.

The Kosovo war of 1999 offered an excellent opportunity to analyze the representation of gender and violent victimization in the mass media. The present article focuses on the motif of "gendercide," or gender-selective mass killing -- in this case, of "battle-age" ethnic-Albanian men. A broad sample of media commentary is presented to demonstrate that "unworthy" male victims tend to be marginalized or ignored entirely in mass-media coverage. A trio of common marginalization strategies is discussed, and a theoretical framework of "first-order," "second-order," and "third-order" gendering is proposed to clarify the deficit in coverage. This deficit is then contrasted with the attention given to the victimization experiences of "worthy" victims, such as women, children, and the elderly. Finally, the small handful of responsible and insightful media reports on gender-selective atrocities against Kosovar men is evaluated for the alternative it may offer to "effacing the male" from coverage of war and violence.

NY Daily News: Jess Weixler treads tricky sexual ground in the comic horror film 'Teeth'

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I read a "spoiler" review that offers a graphic view of the most intense gore scenes. I won't even mention them during this story submission. I consider them that offensive. I guess this movie is considered somewhat of a comedy because it deals with male genital mutilation. I suspect we'll be hearing a lot more about this movie as it approaches its release date. I'll keep you guys updated. Excerpt:

"I do see her as a superhero," says Weixler, 26, who grew up in Louisville, Ky., before attending Juilliard. "She's anatomically unique. Her power has to be learned, to use it for good. She doesn't seek out victims."

Then Weixler pauses and laughs: "Of course, this is also a ridiculous dark comedy. I took it seriously while we were making it, because I thought the concept was important and special. But it's also funny."

But it may be a tough movie to sell exactly because of its anatomically unique character, and because of a cultural atmosphere that can find even names of body parts offensive.

"I don't know if I'm surprised that people are still uncomfortable with [that] word in 2008," Weixler says. "I guess that anything that's a great source of power scares people. And sex is intoxicating - and anything that overwhelming is threatening to some people."

Carey: "Hillary's Pity-Pot Politics"

anthony · 13 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Every day Mrs. Clinton talks up her candidacy as the Great Turning Point in History, the moment in time for women to shrug off 500 (or is it 5,000?) years of patriarchal domination and show they are the equals to men. The solution, of course, is more government programs, set-asides, and gender quotas.

I suspect the voters are beginning to tire how Mrs. Clinton parades her hurts as a badge of honor. In a recent interview she shamelessly worked the female victim angle: "But you know, our scars are part of us, and they are a reminder of the experience we've gone through and our history."

This is shaping up as the first presidential election in history in which the candidates' qualifications are defined not by their personal character or legislative accomplishments, but rather by who is the greater victim."

Fathers 4 Justice and the Coalition of Free Men Expand Outreach

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Fathers 4 Justice and the Coalition of Free Men Expand Outreach

Fathers' for Justice, L.A. and the National Coalition of Free Men, L.A. expanded their educational outreach in Los Angeles County today, with a rally in Columbia Park in Torrance, California. Once again, a significant number of folks read our big signs and stopped by to talk with us about "the issues." Even a couple of Torrance Park Rangers stopped by to say "hello" and find out more about us. Judging by the responses of the citizens of Torrance today, there appears to be a definite need for educational outreach through F4J and NCFMLA to those good people.

Men Are Brainwashed by “Bachelorism”

Roy · 14 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Suzanne MacNevin at the Feminist e-Zine has a serious beef with the men’s marriage strike:

“There is a growing plethora of anti-feminist websites out there ... (claiming) ... that feminists are out to get pregnant and get alimony/child support payments from their deadbeat dads/husbands.
* "Marriage is a trap designed to enslave men."
* Feminists use divorce to take away a man's children and his money."
* "Bachelorism is the only way to fight feminism."

If the men in question actually believe these kind of bullshit statements there isn't a lot we women can do to change their minds. They have essentially become brainwashed by the philosophy of bachelorism and thus can't commit to a relationship (and likewise would probably make horrible parents and adulterous husbands)."

Thought you would enjoy the reading.

Police say girl lied about school attack

anthony · 14 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A sixth-grade girl at Perry Hall Middle School lied about being sexually assaulted this week in a school restroom, Baltimore County police said yesterday.

Based on their investigation, police concluded that the incident did not occur, said Bill Toohey, a county police spokesman.

...

The girl described her alleged attacker as a construction worker employed on a renovation project at the school, but police determined that he had no involvement, Toohey said.

Police said their investigation included interviewing the girl and the worker and reviewing video from one of the school's 18 surveillance cameras."

Who's Tired of Pink?

MR · 14 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This is quite a misandrist harangue, IMO, by Erica Jong:

Who's Tired of Pink

"I am so tired of pink men buying bombs and cheating schools. I am so tired of pink men having wives who stand behind them and nod sagely on television. I am so tired of pink men expecting that someone--a brown, black, yellow or white woman--will trail behind them changing light bulbs, taking out garbage, washing laundry, keeping food in the house, taking care of kids of all ages, of parents of all ages. I am so tired of pink men whose wives double or triple the family income thinking they can spend it without doing a damn thing at home."

RADAR ALERT: Ask the Candidates How They Stand

Matt · 14 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

With the advent of YouTube, everything a presidential candidate says on the campaign trail is potentially important. As Big Media loses credibility and the homemade content of YouTubers and bloggers gains credibility, more and more people are turning to the Internet for news and information. Remarks that once went unnoticed are now fodder for online analysis and commentary.

The rise of alternative Internet media presents an opportunity for RADAR supporters to educate the nation about some of the problems with the domestic violence industry and where the various candidates stand in relation to those problems. RADAR has crafted two questions, one for Democrats and one for Republicans, that you can ask the candidates when they come to your area.

Democrats:
False allegations of domestic violence have become widespread in our country and disproportionately disadvantage minority communities. Restraining orders obtained through false allegations of domestic violence rip parents out of children's lives. If you are elected president, what will you do to stop these violations of civil rights?

Republicans:

Many believe domestic violence programs are weakening the traditional American family. For example, restraining orders obtained through false allegations of domestic violence rip parents out of children's lives. As president, what would you do to protect mothers and fathers from false allegations of domestic violence?

Please find out when and where a presidential candidate will be meeting with the public in your own state, and ask them a question. Don't forget to bring a friend who can videotape your question and the candidate's answer so you can post it on YouTube. Of course, if you do have the opportunity to ask a question of a candidate, please notify RADAR and provide the link to the video.

If you don't have a video camera or are unfamiliar with posting videos on YouTube, please ask a question anyway and let us know the response.

Now is the time to put the spotlight on the candidates--a time when your opinion is not only valued, but sought after. Please ask one of our questions and make a CHANGE for domestic violence victims ... and their children.

You can find out where the candidates will be appearing by going here:
http://projects.washingtonpost.com/2008-presidential-candidates/tracker

Thank you!

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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MRA Horror Movie Script Available

xtrnl · 14 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Hello guys. I am truly sick and tired of all the misandric BS in horror movies like the abhorred upcoming abomination, "Teeth" (and they said women had better verbal skills? lol), thus I've decided to offer my fellow MRAs another of my brainchildren, "You Should Know Better", a horror movie written for men. At the current time, it's just a rough script, but I'm sure you guys would probably enjoy it. I do intend to make it into a movie someday. And all the deaths are not only deserved, but the victims bring them upon themselves. Karma's a biatch. lol. I will warn you though, most of the victims are men, but I didn't do that on purpose. There is a female victim, too, but she gets it the worst, IMO. So I did that to kind of build up to the last scene. I must also warn you that the second last death seems really bad when you read it, but there's a twist that makes it more bearable. If you'd like to read it, Email Me and I will send you the script.

National Post: The plight of divorced dads

Matt · 15 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'Of the myriad forms of discrimination men cite, one looms over the rest: The egregious treatment meted out to fathers in the throes of contested child custody following the "no-fault" divorces most of them did not initiate or desire. My files bulge with stories of disenfranchised fathers ripped from their children's arms and lives. They have lost their homes, their careers, fortunes, friends and reputations, often on the basis of false allegations of abuse (for which their female accusers are virtually never punished). I wouldn't mention such anecdotal evidence, if the anguish in these testimonials didn't jibe with objective data confirming the shameful gender bias that dominates the family law system.'

Holstein Presents Romney with 300 Falsely Accused Fathers' Stories

Matt · 15 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In response, Romney, who was governor of Massachusetts from 2003-2007, said that he could not recall a circumstance where such a thing had occurred, but said, "If you’re familiar with such, let us know."

We appreciated Romney's offer, and decided to take him up on it. We only had a couple of days to act, since it is widely believed that Romney will drop out of the presidential race if he is not successful in Michigan's primary, which is Tuesday, January 15. Ned Holstein, Executive Director of Fathers & Families, put out an email asking for cases, and I posted my Call to Action! Romney Asks for Cases of Falsely Accused Fathers on Thursday. Your response was overwhelming, and on short notice we collected 300 cases to present to Romney.'

Czech Republic: Men suffer from domestic violence as much as women

Matt · 15 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'Prague, Jan 14 (CTK) - The term of domestic violence does not necessarily have to invoke the picture of a battered woman since the number of maltreated men is almost equal, and every third Czech man has experienced some kind of domestic violence, the latest issue of the weekly Tyden writes.

While dozens of studies focusing on male victims of domestic violence have been made abroad, only one survey on this subject has been conducted in the Czech Republic, without the media even noticing it, Tyden writes.'

Politics and Misogyny (or should it be misandry)

mens_issues · 15 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Wow, this guy Bob Herbert is a classic example of a male feminist. See his NY Times Op-ed. An excerpt:

"With Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's win in New Hampshire, gender issues are suddenly in the news. Where has everybody been?

If there was ever a story that deserved more coverage by the news media, it's the dark persistence of misogyny in America. Sexism in its myriad destructive forms permeates nearly every aspect of American life. For many men, it's the true national pastime, much bigger than baseball or football.

Little attention is being paid to the toll that misogyny takes on society in general, and women and girls in particular."

Mike Nifong Bankrupt

Matt · 16 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The wages of sin... bankruptcy. Read it here. Excerpt:

'JANUARY 15--Disgraced and disbarred, Mike Nifong is now bankrupt. The former North Carolina prosecutor, whose career imploded with his botched handling of the Duke University rape case, today filed for bankruptcy, listing liabilities in excess of $180 million.'

Men Forced to Pay Allimony to Child Murderer, and Child Support to Rapist

xtrnl · 16 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"New Jersey appeals court recently ruled that an ex-wife who brutally killed the son she had with her ex-husband does not automatically lose the right to collect alimony from him.

Linda Calbi is currently in prison, serving a 3-year term for beating her 14-year-old son Matt to death. She will be eligible for parole in November 2008..."

This case reminds me a lot of one I previously read about in which a woman had sexual intercourse with a man while he was drunk and unconscious, then bragged to some friends of hers that she had saved herself a trip to the sperm bank. When a man has sex with a drunk and unconscious woman, few people have trouble calling it what it is: rape.

The woman who had sex with an unconscious man in lieu of going to the sperm bank got pregnant, as she intended, and then sued the man for child support. The court ordered him to pay it.

This is just another example of how ridiculously misandrist the U.S. judicial system is. Apparently a woman can murder her own son and still receive alimony from the father, while in prison, no less. If this isn't bad enough, a woman was also awarded child support after she raped a man and became pregnant with his child. Excuse me while I go throw up.

Molson Replies Regarding Misandric Ad

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Well, fellow MRAs, I finally got a response from Molson regarding their misandrist Molson Canadian ad. Here's the response I got:

Dear Evan:

We appreciate the time you have taken to share your concerns over our recent Molson Canadian advertisement and we welcome the opportunity to respond. The ad was intended to be funny in nature and it was never our intention to offend anyone with our advertising. We understand there will be differences of opinion and no advertising campaign will suit everyone's taste, just as no product will appeal to everyone.

The bottom line is this: we hear you. We know going forward that while we will never please all of the people all of the time, we must consider all the various opinions and weigh them when approaching advertising from year to year. We will continue to work to find the balance between our broad spectrum of consumers. To that end, we will ensure our marketing and advertising executives review all consumer comments for our advertising for consideration in the development of new advertisements. If you have other questions or comments, Evan, please contact us again either by e-mail at www.molson.com or by calling the Consumer Information Center Hotline at: 1-800-665-7661. The center is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, and the staff will welcome your comments.

Sincerely,
Sophia J. Guerrero
Consumer Information Representative
Consumer Relations
consumers@coors.com

That's not quite the response I was hoping for, but at least they agreed to take this into consideration when making new advertisements. That is a small victory, IMO.

India: Domestic violence act to be reviwed

bharati · 16 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

India plans to review the domestic violence act in wake of serious criticism about the act.

My blog mentions the major criticisms of Domestic Violence law.

While not much can be expected out of the conference planned by the government. It is first time that there is talk now in the government about the misuse of the Domestic violence act which is important. Of course the battle will take years with the improvements in every country acting as positive loop.

Murtari Arrested-- Please write to Hillary

MR · 16 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

John Murtari has been taken to jail (once again) for daring to present father's issues in public in New York. Is this the kind of treatment that peaceful protesters, petitioning their government regarding fathers' and men's issues, can come to expect under a "Clinton Presidency?"

Please write a letter to Senator Clinton, and please be **polite**.

A Kids Right

press release

Here is Senator Clinton's contact info and my letter (below) to Senator Clinton, who will soon be campaigning for your vote in CA, and your state (if she hasn't already been there). Feel free to borrow whatever parts you like from the letter below, then send it to her, politely please.

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General Fax: (202) 228-0282
Syracuse Local rep, Jay Biba
fax: 315-448-0476
New York City Office:
fax: (212) 688-7444
Washington Scheduling Office, Lona Valmoro (Senior Advisor to the Senator),
fax: 202-228-0121

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton
United States Senate
476 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Hillary Clinton:

Please meet personally with parents who feel their Civil Rights have been violated. This is about getting the Civil Rights of parents and children to be together, recognized and protected. Is there anything more important and foundational to our nation than the family? It should not matter what state you live in.

We need Congressional hearings into reform. Please, why don't you take the time to meet with parents hurt by the system? Even though I am not a parent, I am a citizen of America, very, very concerned about the above. "Senator Clinton help us."

Sincerely,

Technology for a Male-less Matriarchal Society

anthony · 16 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Scientists in the United Kingdom believe that women may be evolving as humanity's sole representatives.
...
What does all this mean? It means scientists are more than willing to attempt to create a baby without the need for male involvement. It is proof positive that the push to destroy traditional families and morality continues all out. And it shows the intent that parenthood be reduced to nothing but a legal responsibility and not a human biological one. It also means that the state is willing to set a precedent, redefining a child's biological origins in total opposition to the natural law."

Teen says sex abuse by female teacher scarred him; files suit against district

anthony · 16 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"An 18-year old who claims he was sexually abused by a Hilton Head Island High School teacher in 2003 filed suit Friday against the Beaufort County School District and the school board.

The suit states that the district and school board members were negligent because they did nothing to prevent the abuse from occurring and under-reacted afterward.

The teacher, Rebecca Robertson-Shaffer, now lives in San Diego, Calif., according to the attorney who filed the suit, Thomas A. Holloway of Beaufort. She resigned as a Spanish teacher in February 2004 after being charged with having sexual intercourse with the plaintiff, then 15, and contributing to the delinquency of two other students.

Robertson-Shaffer, then 25, subsequently pleaded guilty to committing a lewd act on the boy and received an 8-year suspended sentence and three years of probation. She was allowed to move out of South Carolina with her husband, who was in the military, but must register as a sex offender for the rest of her life.\"

Orwell + False Allegations = Bad News For Men In California

axolotl · 17 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A proposed database listing the names of abusers convicted of domestic violence could help Californians find out if a potential partner has a dangerous background."

Ax's Take: The theory behind this thing, is supposedly to enable the screening out of violent people prior to starting a relationship with them. The reality is that, since women commit DV as often as men, but so few are convicted, hence the database is all but useless to men.

13-year-old girl arrested for alleged school bus assaults

Anonymous · 18 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PALMER ——A 13-year-old Sutton girl is being held in the Mat-Su Youth Facility after two boys said she sexually assaulted them on a school bus.

The boys, also 13, of Sutton, said the girl touched them over their clothing, Palmer Police Det. Kelly Turney said. Police went to Palmer Junior Middle School Jan. 9 to investigate and ended up arresting the girl.
...
“Reverse the genders and if a boy, generally speaking, if a boy touches a girl inappropriately on the school bus and the school district and the police don’t take action, can you imagine the outcry there would be?” Turney said.'

READ THE COMMENTS -- THEY ARE PRICELESS. MY FAVORITE?

"The real headline of this story should read, 'Two 13-year old boys turn in girl for doing something we all wanted to happen to us when we were there age.' I hope they get beat up and when they are older, live in misery and wonder why they were such pussies. "

Baby sitter charged with boy's murder

anthony · 18 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A judge in Hartford arraigned Torres on a murder charge Thursday and set her bail at $1 million in the child's death last weekend. Torres told investigators his head smacked a door frame as she ran around with him slung over her shoulder in a sleeping bag.

...

Adkins-Gasque, 23, said she met Torres two months ago through a friend and asked her to watch her son as much as five days a week. She noticed fresh bruises on him four or five times, but she said Torres told her Elijah sometimes fought with her son over toys.

"I thought she was letting her son get out of control," Adkins-Gasque said. "I thought that's just the way it was."'

Prostate exam fees not sexist, human rights tribunal rules

Scottie · 18 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

The short version is that men have to pay for a certain type of prostate exam (vs. women, who pay nothing for most types of breast cancer screens), but it's not sexist because of differences in the reliability of each screening method.

OK, so the problem isn't necessarily that the fee structure sucks, but the question is raised as to why screening methods for prostate cancer suck so badly compared to those for breast cancer? Its not really a question. Excerpt:

'After considering several expert opinions, tribunal member Kurt Neuenfeldt dismissed the claim, citing questions about the effectiveness of the PSA test as a general method of screening for prostate cancer.
...
The test measures a substance produced by the prostate, called prostate specific antigen. It's especially useful for monitoring established prostate cancer and as a diagnostic aid, in combination with other tests, for early detection of prostate cancer in men with urinary symptoms or suspicious digital rectal examination findings, according to the cancer society's web site.'

Man sues after wrongful rape conviction

anthony · 18 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Indianapolis man is suing the Marion County superior court after he was wrongfully accused and convicted of rape.

For 13 years David Buntin sat behind bars as an innocent man. The prime of his life he says was taken from him. And now, he wants retribution. At 38, Harold David Buntin has been through an incredible ordeal and his torment isn't over yet.

...

While behind bars David earned two associates degrees and hired an attorney. Dna tests later showed that he wasn't the rapist. But from 2005 through April 2007, Buntin remained in jail. Turns out, court records that would have ensured his release were never filed. For two years, David sat behind bars as an innocent man.'

UK: The UK Independent covers Erin Pizzey

Matt · 18 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'Erin Pizzey, the campaigner who pioneered treatment for abused women by setting up Britain's first refuge centre for victims of domestic violence in the 1970s, is now turning her attention to another group of often overlooked victims: men.

Launching an online campaign and research project aimed at bringing the issue out in the open, Ms Pizzey is hoping to raise awareness of abuse perpetrated by women against men – a subject she describes as "one of the last taboos". She has put a questionnaire on the website femininezone.com that allows women to answer questions anonymously about how they treat men.'

Victim or abuser?

Matt · 19 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'The statistics on male victims of domestic violence in heterosexual relationships show the instances are very low, she said, while acknowledging that men are much less likely to admit they are victims.

There are some studies, however, that claim the opposite.

Psychologist Martin S. Fiebert at California State University compiled a list of 491 studies that show that women are far more likely to be violent in a relationship than men, but the numbers of men willing to identify themselves as victims is very low.'

UK Study: Bad girls less likely to be told off than boys

Anonymous · 19 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Boys are five times more likely to be told off in a primary school class than girls even though they are just as likely to misbehave, according to new research.

They are also less likely to be praised or picked to answer a question, despite raising their hands just as often as girls, it is claimed.

The "prejudiced" views of some teachers could be damaging boys' self-belief, it is feared, causing them to do badly at school...

...Dr Swinson said that this "prejudice" could explain why girls get better exam results than boys. "Perhaps some boys get disenchanted with lessons because they are being told off too much," he said.'

Review: Paglia Gave 'Teeth' Its Fangs

anthony · 19 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

I did watch the movie last night and it is a ridiculous excuse of modern cinema. The movie was so asinine it was hard for me to take it seriously. I find the review's Paglia angle somewhat intriguing. Excerpt:

'Mitchell Lichtenstein, director of the upcoming horror satire Teeth, told SCI FI Wire that a literature class taught by feminist author Camille Paglia first introduced him to the concept of "vagina dentata."
...
"Women are a subjugated group in many cultures and repressed, and since we are living in a more puritanical time, it would seem like fun to make this myth a reality and turn the girl into a hero rather than a victim," Lichtenstein said in an interview.
...
Fortunately, Lichtenstein was able to persuade the Motion Picture Association of America to grant the film an R rating, rather than a more restrictive NC-17. "They thought it would be a good cautionary tale that parents should take all their teenaged sons to see," he said. "It's a very moralistic story. If your intentions are bad, then you face the consequences."'

Japanese Railway Bans Male Chest Hair in Poster

Roy · 19 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Japanese rail company JR East banned an ad poster featuring a man's moderately hairy chest - an image it considered so shocking to Japanese women that it constituted an open-and-shut case of sexual harassment. The poster "wasn't just out of line because there was nakedness; the pictures showed things that were particularly unpleasant for women, such as chest hair, and it was decided that showing them things they didn't want to see was sexual harassment".

So, now a woman can be sexually harassed just by SEEING something unpleasant? Will they circumcise Mt. Fuji next?

Woman Killed Self, 2 Children When She Walked Into Traffic on Interstate

anthony · 19 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman with a history of mental illness purposely walked her young niece and nephew into oncoming interstate traffic to commit a double-murder suicide, a prosecutor said Friday.

Marcelle Thibault, 39, was driving south on Interstate 495 in Lowell last week when she turned the car sharply, drove across the median and northbound lanes and began driving against traffic in the breakdown lane, authorities said.

She then stopped the car, removed her clothes and undressed the children, took both of them into her arms and walked onto the highway. She and the children were struck by two cars and killed."

India: Save Indian Family Protest Successful

bharati · 20 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The Save Indian Family Foundation held a protest demanding a men's welfare ministry for implementing its 21-point agenda.

Over 150 people attended the protest this was covered by The Statesman, Enadu, and The Times of India newspapers. In addition, TV 9, Kasturi, and ETV covered the event.

Photographs are posted here.

Also look at this photo in more detail to understand the battered men. The developed countries are brainwashed as men bad, women good. Just look at this photo.

Special thanks for two associates of RADAR who also attended this protest.

Fathers' Rights Activist March In San Diego MLK Day Parade

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Fathers' Rights Activist March In San Diego MLK Day Parade

"CRISPE, the Children's Rights Initiative for Sharing Parents Equally, and its supporters, marched today in the City of San Diego's Martin Luther King Day parade."

"It was an exciting moment when our turn finally came to "step forward" and join in the parade. We eagerly moved out in unison. Kids, and Dads, and Moms, and friends walked side by side, proclaiming a message extolling 50/50 shared parenting."

Essay: The Demise of the American Male

THE MAN · 20 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here. Excerpt:

'As this essay begins, one should be at once grieved and saddened by the state of affairs for Men in the United States of America. For the reality of the situation is this - the American Male is under attack: psychologically, emotionally, and spiritually, by the very people whom he was created to protect - American Women.
...
Every single admirable quality of the American Male is now suspect - responsibility means inflexibility, strength of character equates to stubborness, standing one's ground equals abusiveness, courage and fearlessness is now insanity.

If a Man exhibits any of these qualities to his wife or girlfriend, she can easily destroy him by lying about abuse, rape, verbal haranguing, anything, and he can be arrested, prosecuted, and convicted of a crime.'

The pink vigilantes: The Indian women fighting for women's rights

Anonymous · 20 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"They may dress in candy-pink saris but their reputation is far from sweet.

These woman are the Pink Vigilantes, members of a group sworn to root out corruption in the police force and deliver ruthless summary justice to anyone believed guilty of domestic violence or sexual abuse. The women, who operate in India's northern state of Uttar Pradesh, wear pink as a kind of makeshift uniform - and their ranks have swelled to several hundred strong.

They arm themselves with lathi - traditional sticks - which they have used to beat men who have abandoned or abused their wives and policemen who have refused to register claims of rape."

Women turn on ‘traitor’ Oprah Winfrey for backing Barack Obama

Anonymous · 20 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

It started with a message on her website entitled “Oprah is a traitor” and rapidly expanded to include several discussions that attracted hundreds of comments.

In the original post, a reader called austaz68 said she “cannot believe that women all over this country are not up in arms over Oprah’s backing of Obama. For the first time in history we actually have a shot at putting a woman in the White House and Oprah backs the black MAN. She’s choosing her race over her gender.”

WOMEN APPEAR TO BE THE MOST RACIST AND SEXIST OF US ALL...

Please support MASH Project

Matt · 20 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via a TrueEquality relay from RADAR.

Please vote for GiveMeaning to sponsor the Men's Alternative Safe House Project. Please consider donating to it if you can. Once at least 68 people have voted for the project, it will get hosted on the site. Note that to vote you must supply a name and email address, then confirm the vote via the link they send you.

The project is described here. Project proposal:

'From the time that my friend experienced domestic abuse at the hands of his wife back in the mid-80s, I've watched him experience depression - not only from the abuse, but also from the lack of support as he searched for services but found little. Then one day about 10 years ago, he told me about wanting to start a men's safe house for male victims of domestic abuse. Today, the house is a reality, but still needs to open. My friend and his female friend have purchased a house in Calgary Alberta. Now they need help funding it. The challenge is that in a country that supports female victims of domestic abuse through more than $300 million dollars, no dollars are specifically provided to support male victims. Thus the need for your help to pay the home bills, provide food and counseling.... and help my friend provide the support that was denied him through his struggles.'

UK: Lover 'took revenge in bedroom for cheating'

Anonymous · 21 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A soldier was handcuffed to a chair and then tortured by his jealous girlfriend, a court was told.
...
Sipping champagne, Nicola Clunies-Ross smiled at the man and told him, “I am going to destroy you”, as she allegedly sexually assaulted him in an hour-long ordeal that was photographed and videotaped.
...
The court was told that Mr Gurdulic took photographs and short videos of the attack and threatened to publish them on an army computer hard drive, accessible to all soldiers, if the soldier did not do as he was told.'

RADAR ALERT: RADAR Civil Rights Project: Act Now to Stop Sex Discrimination!

Matt · 21 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Have you or someone you know been caught in the clutches of domestic violence and needed help?

Everyday hundreds of men in America experience this situation. If they dare to approach a program funded by the Violence Against Women Act for help, far too often they are RIDICULED AND SENT AWAY.

So in spite of the Congressional mandate that VAWA not discriminate against male victims, less than 10% of persons served by VAWA-funded programs are male - see http://www.mediaradar.org/ovw_foia_data.php.
NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION TO STOP THIS TRAVESTY!

Today we are unveiling the RADAR Civil Rights Project. The project is devoted to the simple notion that men who have suffered from partner violence are just as deserving of help as females.

This Alert is our call to action.

Have you ever experienced sex-based discrimination by a DV service provider? Have you called for police help, and told to go away because they said you were probably the abuser? Has friend of yours ever been given a straight-arm by a VAWA-funded program?

This is the closed-minded attitude we are dealing with: "Whenever I speak of male abuse, I am met with disbelief and, even worse, laughter…I notice in talking with other shelter staff throughout the state that this attitude prevails in the other shelters, too."

– Jan Dimmitt, Kelso, WA

So go to the RADAR website at http://www.mediaradar.org/civilrights_discrimination.php. You will be asked to fill out two forms asking the Department of Justice to investigate your case. We will ask you to also mail a copy of your complaint to RADAR. We will compile the complaints and take further action as needed.

Let's stop complaining how bad things are. For the sake of our families and our children, take action now.

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Date of RADAR Release: January 21, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

New book: "The Woman Racket"

Matt · 21 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From an announcement sent by email from the author:

"My book, The Woman Racket, is out from February 4. It's the very first to draw on the recent scientific findings re the actual root of sex difference, and all of the other research showing hitherto unexpected massive sex differences; with major implications for our view of men-women. Most importantly, we now know that there is no 'power' interaction of any kind between the sexes, so the notion of men 'oppressing' women is a non-starter. Right from first principles, and evident in all of the social research, it is axiomatic that not women but men -- or, rather, the majority of men -- must always be the principal disadvantaged sub-group in all societies. This properly scientifically based analysis, when it 'filters through', will mean the complete discrediting of 'political correctness' and effectively the end of it."

Boys need to be taught separately from the age of five, says expert

Anonymous · 23 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Boys need to be taught separately from girls from the age of five to prevent them being damaged by the education system, an expert claimed yesterday.

Dr Leonard Sax argues that boys are "turned off" by starting formal education too soon when they are expected to sit down and keep quiet in class...

...Dr Sax, a research psychologist in the U.S., claims this has led to an epidemic of unmotivated boys and under-achieving young men.

He said: "With boys you have to start right away. If you wait until secondary school, you have waited too long. From the age of five, there are clear advantages in all-boys' education when teachers know how to take advantage of it."'

Custody battle continues for Kelsey Peterson

anthony · 23 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This is an update about the woman who abducted a 13 year old boy and fled to Mexico. A custody battle has developed between the biological father and Peterson's parents. Excerpt:

'In late November, 25–year–old Kelsey Peterson pled not guilty to a charge of crossing a border to have sex with a minor.

Now Peterson's former boyfriend William Long is fighting to gain custody of the couple's 8–year–old daughter.

"He really feels that they have an established relationship and that at this time that would be the best thing for his daughter," said Attorney Jason Ossian.'

Hillary's Henchmen Neuter Chris Matthews

anthony · 23 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

What Chris Mathews said is 100% correct in my opinion. It's obvious the Clinton campaign used these feminist supporters to counter-attack Mathew's opinion. Is there any doubt Hillary is playing the gender card? If Hillary becomes president will feminists try and censor every negative comment directed towards her? Excerpt:

Last week, the host of MSNBC's "Hardball" issued an odd semi-apology for allegedly "sexist" and dismissive comments he made about Hillary Clinton on the network's early-riser show, The Morning Joe. Matthews told that show's panel:

'"[T]he reason she's a U.S. senator, the reason she's a candidate for president, the reason she may be a front-runner is her husband messed around. That's how she got to be senator from New York. We keep forgetting it. She didn't win there on her merit."
...
And the leadership of the feminist movement made an attempt at censorship.

In a letter to Steve Capus, president of NBC News, a coterie of prominent feminists openly invoked Don Imus, pressuring, "NBC has a responsibility to demand appropriate conduct and dialogue in its programming." The letter was signed by Gloria Steinem; Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women; Eleanor Smeal of the Feminist Majority Foundation; Lulu Flores, president of the National Women's Political Caucus; and Carol Jenkins, president of the Women's Media Center.'

Woman allegedly kills husband, two children

anthony · 23 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

A friend of mine told me about this story. It took me a half hour to find it. When a man commits a crime its reported to CNN within minutes and becomes the headline later that evening. Excerpt:

"A 35-year-old Fontana woman was arrested Sunday for allegedly killing her husband and two small children, according to the Fontana Police Department.

Bertha Martinez was booked on three counts of murder in connection with the killings of her husband, Marcello Martinez, and her children Amy, 7, and You may, 8 months, said Fontana Police Sergeant Jeff Decker.

Police found Marcello Martinez deceased on the floor of the living room at the family's residence in the 16600 block of Orange Way. He had suffered head trauma apparently caused by blunt force, police said.

The two children died as a result of suffocation or asphyxia, police said. The children were found in their beds covered with blankets."

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Ed. note: The page didn't render well in Firefox, but did fine in Internet Explorer.

UK: Serial Murderess Enjoys Comfy Life-Sentence

Matt · 23 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The pictures showed a smiling, overweight Rose West strolling into a cell which boasts a TV, DVD player and stereo.

Curtains hang across the window, while shelves hold books, pictures and cards from well-wishers.

She is also reported to have access to a sewing machine and embroidery kit, and to have the run of Bravo wing at the prison, where she works loading and unloading washing machines in the laundry room.

...
Yet those still in contact with her say that, far from showing contrition, she still maintains her innocence and even believes she, too, should be counted a victim - not just of her husband Fred but also of an "evil" Establishment conspiring to keep her locked up for the rest of her life.
...
When Rosemary West was convicted of ten counts of murder in November 1995, the trial judge Justice Charles Mantell told her: "If attention is paid to what I think, you will never be released."
...
Her life now might indeed be peaceful. What a tragedy that her victims, and indeed the children who survived her murder spree, have not been afforded such an opportunity.'

Former prosecutor faces sex charges

anthony · 23 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A former prosecutor who is also the wife of a suburban police chief has been charged with having sex, smoking marijuana and drinking with high-school-age children.

Beth Modica, 44, a former assistant district attorney in Rockland County and Queens, N.Y., pleaded not guilty Tuesday to counts that included statutory rape, sex abuse and endangering children. Her hands were cuffed in front of her in court, where the indictment was unsealed.

Bail was set at $75,000."

On YouTube: Marc Rudov Debates O'Reilly

anthony · 23 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Rudov has entered prime time. Many hate O'Reilly but he does have the highest rated show within the 8-9PM time slot. There has been some debate between myself and other MANN contributors in regards to Rudov. I need to state that I definitely feel he is an MRA ally. Clip here.

CNN Interview Shows Diversity Except When It Comes To Gender

Anonymous · 24 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Anderson Cooper: Race or Gender?

The main thing to be noticed about the article, and the interview it discusses, is how all the people involved, including the author, are women (except for Cooper himself, who does not give his own opinion, of course). This is absolute proof positive that all gender issues are defined from the perspectives of women (In this case the interviewees are of different races, but of the same gender as mentioned).

Women-only buses in Mexico City

Matt · 24 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Groping and verbal harassment is an exasperating reality for women using public transportation in this sprawling capital, where 22 million passengers cram onto subways and buses each day. Some men treat women so badly that the subway system has long had ladies-only cars during rush hour, with police segregating the sexes on the platforms.

But that hasn't helped women forced to rely on packed buses, by far the city's most-used form of public transportation — until this week.

Acting on complaints from women's groups, the city rolled out "ladies only" buses, complete with pink signs in the windshields to wave off the men.
...
While only seven female public bus users complained last year, she said the real number of offenses was probably much higher, because women rarely protest openly against sexual harassment.'

"Single, Male and not a stereotype"

TomP · 24 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here: Excerpt:

'... some proud, single men say they're better off alone.

"A man is a sperm bank, a meal ticket, a handyman and an early retirement plan," Gulvin says.

For those reasons and others, he has decided to go through life without committing to one romantic relationship.'

This is an AP story that appeared on the back page of the local paper today. The treatment is not as even-handed as one would like, but is better than I would have expected from my local Leftist/Feminist fish-wrap. I think the reporter wasn't sure how to sneer at men for being single by choice when women have been lauded for "independence" for so long.

Men are learning to take a long, cold look at the women that are trying to manipulate them into a "relationship", and ask the key question, "what's in it for me?". Most of the time, the answer is going to be "Not as much as it is going to cost you." This story is about some men who have asked the question and come up with a realistic answer.

"A Tale of Two Rapes"

anthony · 24 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In that decade, I found myths and lies about “Violence Against Women” with respect to both rape and domestic violence were both de rigeur, and vehemently defended by many who knew good and well they were defending myths and lies, and would privately admit as much. Their justification for this dishonesty was simple and pragmatic - police work is after all, a political job. Anyone who seeks advancement to positions that involve more face time with cute reporters and television cameras than with burglary reports and false alarm calls will keep their ears open for the latest tune being called by the politicians. “Violence Against Women” has been a buzzword for at least a generation now, and any police officer of any rank that exposes a reality not in concert with the absurd statistics and draconian measures put forth to combat this “epidemic of violence” is unlikely to advance.'

Police: Mother Tried To Kill Son Before Killing Herself

anthony · 25 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Is it any surprise the term clinically depressed is mentioned by the third paragraph? Excerpt:

"On Thursday, they laid out in elaborate detail the story of how the clinically depressed Tegtmeier carefully made sure she was home alone with her 20-year-old autistic son, tried unsuccessfully to kill him and then committed suicide.

Investigators said on Jan. 4, Tegtmeier called Ankeny Schools at 7:30 a.m. and said her son Rory Jr. was sick and she cancelled his bus pickup. Tegtmeier also called a siding company that was coming to work on her home and told them not to come because of a family matter. She then called her husband at his Ames office and left a message that she could not keep their 11 a.m. lunch appointment.
...
During interviews with Rory Jr., 20, who has autism, investigators learned that Rory Jr. struggled to get free from the cord and forcefully pushed his mother away. He then hid in the basement, later telling investigators he was scared of his mother."

911 Tapes Released in Former Beauty Queen's Ex-Boyfriend Torture Case

anthony · 25 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

To listen to the tape simply look for the link above the womans picture. I thought the 911 operators were completely incompetent.

"Tucson police have released the recordings of several 911 calls that were made last month in connection with the kidnapping and torture of a former Pima County beauty queen’s ex-boyfriend.

In the recordings, callers reported hearing gunfire along with a man screaming for help.

Kumari Fulbright, 25, a UA law student who has since been suspended from school, is accused of kidnapping the 24-year-old man, binding him with plastic cable and duct tape and holding him captive in two homes."

5-year-old boy handcuffed, taken to psych ward for misbehaving

anthony · 25 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 5-year-old boy was handcuffed and hauled off to a psych ward for misbehaving in kindergarten - but the tot's parents say NYPD school safety agents are the ones who need their heads examined.

His mom and a school source said Dennis threw a tantrum inside the Ridgewood school at 11 a.m. on Jan. 17.

Dennis was taken to the principal's office, where he apparently knocked items off a desk.

Rather than calling the boy's parents, a school safety agent cuffed the boy's small hands behind his back using metal restraints, the school source said."

When baby-sitter Sandy Ortiz arrived, Dennis was still handcuffed, she said. School safety agents also were holding his elbows even though the boy was calm, Ortiz said. Dennis is about 4-feet-3 and weighs 68 pounds.

"I hugged him. I said, 'OK, release the cuffs, I'm taking him,'" she recalled. "They told me, 'No, Miss. You're not taking him anywhere.'

MASH project reaches goal

Matt · 25 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This is good news! Hope things go well for it.

"Congratulations! The project you voted on, Mens Alternative Safe House has collected enough votes and is now eligible to receive donations through the GiveMeaning website.

Please visit the following link to check-in on your project.
http://www.givemeaning.com/project/mashproject

There are two ways to support your project:

Make a donation: 100% of your donation will be given to your project and your privacy is totally protected. The process is totally secure.

Spread The Word: Forward this link to anyone who you think will support this project. We suggest you include a brief note about why you voted for this project and what it means to you."

Readers respond to "Study finds women a violent as men" in universtity newspaper

Matt · 25 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A.:

On 12/6, the campus newspaper at Webster University in Missouri printed an article titled Study finds women as violent as men that quoted NCFM-LA extensively.

Today the newspaper printed 5 letters in response to the article. All of them are on our side except for one misandric feminist who didn't dispute the DV stats but instead ranted on with the usual garbage about patriarchy and who even attacks NCFM as "misogynistic" but provides no backing for that at all. Comments about the letters can be read and posted as well.

Marc

Equal Parenting Resources in Canada

anthony · 25 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Site here. From the "About" page:

"Nearly all of the individuals and groups listed support "Equal Shared Parenting".

We have included most Canadian groups concerned with equal parenting including men's rights, second spouses, women's groups, grandparent's and children's rights groups and related Issues.

Groups listed here without a link are known to people who have submitted the names but the groups haven't been found to have a website, or contact information."

England: "White Men Are Banned"

anthony · 26 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"FIRE chiefs were accused last night of discrimination by trying to ban white men from joining up.

They were condemned after barring white males from recruitment sessions in an attempt to boost ethnic minority and women applicants.

The bosses held five open days to attract new recruits – with four strictly limited to either women, ethnic minorities or both. They insisted they had acted lawfully. But the move sparked outrage among MPs, serving firefighters and racial equality groups."

Malaysia Islamic State to Enforce Separate Lines for Women, Men at Supermarkets

anthony · 26 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Authorities in the northern state of Kelantan — governed by the opposition Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party — will fine supermarkets and shops if they let men and women use the same lines at checkout counters, said party spokesman Anual Bakri Haron.

Chief Minister Nik Aziz Nik Mat has called for stricter enforcement "to safeguard the ladies" from being harassed and to avoid close proximity between opposite sexes while lining up to buy groceries, Anual said. "He wants the enforcement to be looked into thoroughly."

Dad Fights to Circumsize Son Against Mom’s Wishes

Roy · 27 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The wishes of a 12-year-old boy should be considered in a dispute between his divorced parents about whether he should be circumcised, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled Friday.
The father, James Boldt, converted to Judaism in 2004 and wants the boy to be circumcised as part of the faith. The mother, Lia Boldt, appealed to the high court, saying the operation could harm her son physically and psychologically.

The state Supreme Court ruled that earlier court decisions failed to determine whether the boy wanted the circumcision, as his father contended, or opposed it, as his mother alleged.

The Supreme Court sent the case back to the trial court to answer that question.

If the trial court finds the child agrees to be circumcised, the Supreme Court said, it should deny the mother's requests. But if the trial court finds the child opposes the circumcision, the court has to determine if it will affect the father's ability to care for the child."

Tell Reviews and Everyone Else What You Think About TEETH

Boy Genteel · 27 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

TEETH opens this weekend, and several critics seem to be relishing the male-genital-mutilation revenge story. I think it would be beneficial to hit these people hard and let them know what we think. Below are some reviews (where you might be able to leave a comment and/or send a letter to the editor), and where it was available I've included the reviewer's e-mail address.

VILLAGE VOICE

VARIETY
Todd McCarthy: tmccarthy-at-reedbusiness.com

TV GUIDE

NEW YORK TIMES

LOS ANGELES TIMES
Carina Chocano: carina.chocano-at-latimes.com

Hollywood Reporter

AP News
Christy Lemire: clemire-at-ap.org

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER
Steven Rea: srea-at-phillynews.com

Metacritic -- find more reviews and make comments/send e-mails

Request Comments on "You Should Know Better"

xtrnl · 27 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Hey guys,

I've been hearing many positive comments on my script from several sources; family, friends, coworkers, and some of my fellow MRAs. I was just wondering what those of you who read any of my script think of it. [See MANN post here.]

I would love to hear how far you are into it, and any comments you have regarding it. Please comment on it using this thread. For those of you who haven't read my pro-male horror script which deals with karma destroying evildoers through their own intentions, and would like to, e-mail me at xtothat-at-hotmail.com and I will send you a copy.

"States get tough on classroom sexual misconduct"

Matt · 28 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. We'll see just how tough they get. Excerpt:

'Heeding a steady drumbeat of sexual misconduct cases involving teachers, at least 15 states are now considering stronger oversight and tougher punishment for educators who take advantage of their students.

Lawmakers say they are concerned about an increasingly well-documented phenomenon: While the vast majority of America's teachers are committed professionals, there also is a persistent problem with sexual misconduct in U.S. schools.

When abuse happens, administrators too often fail to let others know about it, and too many legal loopholes let offenders stay in the classroom.'

Documentary Exposes Family Court Corruption in America

Anonymous · 28 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

View the four shocking trailers now! To help this documentary reach the masses please read how you can help. From the site:

"Support? System Down. View the shocking trailers of this documentary which exposes the corruption of family court systems throughout America. Family Courts compared to the mafia? Fathers killing themselves because they were forced by family court systems to go from a full-time father to seeing their children only 4-6 days a month. This is court sponsored child abuse!"

Czech Fathers Protest

bharati · 28 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

There is growing impatience all over the world. This Czech news story seems to be the beginning there.

There does seem to be attempt to demonize and silence. Echoes of Gandhi who started the civil disobedience movement in 1921-24 and 1931-36 by saying "no taxes without representation."

Our protests, though well attended, seem tame in comparison what Czech fathers have achieved. Excerpt:

"Prague- Labour and Social Affairs Minister Petr Necas fiercely criticised the members of the K213 group, associating divorced fathers who are banned from seeing their children, who have been blocking the entrance of the child protection office, he told journalists today.
...

K213 has also challenged Pavlova's past. Pavlova is a "feminist defence counsel of extremist feminist groups Profem and Koordona, which promote opinions that are totally incompatible with the citizens' equality idea," K213 says in a statement.
...
The Office for the International and Legal Protection of Children is in charge of exacting alimonies and supervising international adoptions of children, and acts as children's guardian in the cases of international abduction of children of mixed couples."

Movement in Sweden to Ban “Sexist” Ads

Roy · 28 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Sweden, considered a world leader in gender equality, should ban all advertising that could be considered sexist, according to a new government-commissioned report that suggests the creation of a law "banning advertising containing sexist content." Sexist advertising is defined as any message distributed "with a commercial aim" that can be "construed as offensive to women or men."

Imagine the possibilities for banning! No more feminine hygiene commercials, and no more beer ads either! This law will never fly, not even in Sweden, the world's most celebrated gynocracy.

And, who knew that advertising "has a commercial aim?"

Misantric article attacks "Men and Women Against Domestic Violence"; needs responses

Matt · 28 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. This misandrist feminist article cites crime data instead of sociological data to attack the billboard put up by fair-minded anti-DV advocates. If you want to respond with a letter to the editor, these are the email addresses I used, though I'm not sure whether they're all good: mailreadersvoice-at-wvgazette.com, letters-at-wvgazette.com, editor-at-wvgazette.com

Marc

Excerpt:

'Domestic violence occurs within a broad spectrum of relationships, but this billboard clearly portrays an unfair depiction of women as typical perpetrators of domestic violence homicides. Women killing their male partners are especially rare. The U.S. Department of Justice cites that only 3 percent of male murder victims were killed by an intimate partner.

Another disturbing message was "Help protect all victims" juxtaposed against the image of the handcuffed women. This is clearly a veiled inference that there are no supportive services for men in our state.'

Australia: Canberra Community Consultation Event

Matt · 28 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

CANBERRA COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENT

With Elizabeth Broderick, Sex Discrimination Commissioner and Commissioner responsible for Age Discrimination.

Have your say on building a fair and equal society for women and men in Australia.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) and the ACT Human Rights Commission invite you join HREOC's new Sex Discrimination Commissioner and Commissioner responsible for Age Discrimination, Elizabeth Broderick, for a community consultation.

This consultation is part of Commissioner Broderick's national Listening Tour. The Listening Tour is an opportunity for people all over Australia to make their voices heard on the issues that matter to them.

Tuesday 5 February 2008
Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre 2nd floor, North Building 180 London Circuit, Canberra City
12:00 - 2:00 pm

A light lunch will be provided
RSVP by Monday 4 February to Jorge Kapeen, ACT Human Rights Commission
02 6205 2222 or email: human.rights-at-act.gov.au

HREOC have established three female-focused themes for the tour:

* economic independence for women
* work and family balance across the life cycle, and
* freedom from discrimination, harassment and violence

Discussion of other issues will also be welcome. Information collected from this consultation will be used to inform the agenda for the Commissioner's 5 year term.

We would urge anyone who cares about men's and boys' health and wellbeing to come along to these events to remind the new Commissioner that her responsibilities cover two sexes!

We would encourage you to make some of the following points (for a bit of background information on men and work-life balance click here (.pdf file)):

- Males have much higher illness, injury, accident and death rates and die 5 years earlier than females, yet research funding for male health is less than one-third of that for female health
- Males suicide at almost four times the rate of females. More males kill themselves each year than the entire Australian road toll
- More than twice as many males as females experience work-related injuries and illnesses, and over ninety percent of work-related deaths are males
- Young men are three times as likely as young women to be victims of violence, however, there are no public health campaigns to address this very serious issue
- Men are also victims of intimate partner abuse, however, there are no support services for these men, nor treatment services for abusive women
- Boys in Australia are much more likely to drop out of school than girls. In NSW, the difference between boys' and girls' average Tertiary Entrance Rank is almost 20%. Males currently make up just 37% of university graduates

- In Australia today, only women have reproductive rights. Upon becoming pregnant, a woman can choose to have the baby, or have an abortion, or put the baby up for adoption. A man has no choice whether to become a father or even to be notified that he has become a father
- Men are more likely to be convicted and receive longer sentences for the same crimes, compared to their female counterparts
- Following family court proceedings, children are far more likely to be given little or no time with their father than they are with their mother
- The current inequitable parental leave schemes, favouring mothers, reinforce fathers in the traditional 'breadwinner' role rather than supporting them as being 'hands-on' dads (which all the research shows gives better outcomes for children and their parents)
- Australian women are responsible for spending 90 cents in every household dollar

Please circulate this notice and the attached, printable flyer, to your contacts in or near Canberra. You can also download a copy from here (.pdf file).

More information about how to contribute to the Listening Tour
will be posted at http://www.humanrights.gov.au/events/ in coming weeks, along with details of other events as the HREOC team make their way around the country. Can't make it to the consultation? Please post your thoughts on HREOCs online blog.

Kind regards,

Greg

RADAR ALERT: Are You Ready For Some Football ... Mythology?

Matt · 28 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

It's Super Bowl time, and you know what that means. Wings, beer, new commercials, more beer, play stealing, and, oh yeah, domestic violence mythology. There's a statistic that's trotted out this time of year – "More women are victims of domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday than on any other day of the year" – that has no basis in fact but is fervently believed and/or promulgated nonetheless. See just one example here.

And more than a decade after it was shown to be a fabrication, the people who make our laws clearly still believe it. Read one example of this here.

Snopes.com, the scourge of urban legends everywhere, has a good article on the apparent origins and subsequent debunking of the myth.

According to the folks at Snopes, "The claim that Super Bowl Sunday is 'the biggest day of the year for violence against women' demonstrates how easily an idea congruous with what people want to believe can be implanted in the public consciousness and anointed as 'fact' even when it has been fabricated out of whole cloth."

Even though the claim has been thoroughly discredited, it's so immediately plausible to those already inclined toward anti-male ideology – inside every man is a slavering beast waiting for a surge of testosterone to be released – that it gets repeated as fact.

So, everyone, please be on the lookout for the spreading of Super Bowl mythology. If your local media spreads the myth, please tell them to check the Snopes article mentioned above for a factual account.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your better? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting
– is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women
working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org/.

"Mom Acquitted But Tortured by Son's Death"

anthony · 28 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Notice how the father is indirectly blamed for the death. Apparently Dad incorrectly installed a baby seat which prevented Mom from checking on her sons health. Excerpt:

"A Virginia jury acquitted 36-year-old Raelyn Balfour of involuntary manslaughter Friday in the death of her infant son, Bryce, but the pain of his death made it difficult for her to appreciate the exoneration.
...
Balfour's nightmare began March 30, 2007, when she returned to her vehicle after work and realized her 9-month-old son was still was strapped in his car seat.
...
Police said the temperature inside the sport utility vehicle could have reached 98 degrees in 40 minutes, which is more than enough to kill an infant.
...
During her trial, Balfour took the stand and explained how her husband had placed a spare baby seat where Bryce sat normally, so she didn't see him in the other seat behind her. "

Paternity Fraud is "In the Best Interests Of The Child"

TomP · 28 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Another man lied to about his relationship with "his" child. The courts support the liar/defrauder. He pays, the mother collects, the child is lied to/defrauded - what could be more fair (to a gender feminist, maybe...)? Comments are interesting, so far tend to be supportive of the man in this case.

Any man considering a long term relationship needs to ask himself "What's in it for me?" here is an example of what could be in it for a man who **doesn't** ask that question. Excerpt:

"Paternity doesn't count when it comes to a Hunterdon County man's bid to lower child support payments for a child that's not his.

An appeals court upheld a lower court which denied the man's request in 2006 after he said he discovered he was not the father of the 10-year-old girl.

The appeals panel found the judge put the best interest of the child first."

Misandry in recent "City Journal"

rowdy · 29 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Read the full and bigoted article entitled "Child-Man in the Promised Land" here.

The response that I sent to the author is here:

"Misandry. Ever hear of it? Because your article was full of it. Did it ever occur to you that men don't marry because the rules are rigged against men? If a divorce follows, who gets the kids? And who gets to deny their former spouse access to those children? If any allegations of domestic violence is made, who automatically gets kicked out of the house (no evidence required)? And who doesn't?

Indeed, your article even stooped to old-style social Darwinism. Chromosomally challenged? Surely it has occurred to your superior intellect that while the male population has EVERY gene that the female population has, they also have additional genes that no females have access to? How does that fit into your superiority paradigm?

And it would be very easy to write a long list of public policy of recent vintage that are clearly anti-male. Which gender gets routinely sexually mutilated at birth? And which does not? Which gender dominates the Ritalin 'drug solution' for school-age children, and which does not? Which gender suffers from much greater rates of school-age violent deaths? And which gender gets more funds to fight school-age deaths? Which gender dies younger (on average)? And which one has more federal and state funding for health care? Between prostate cancer and breast cancer, approximately equal numbers of men and women die, yet which cancer gets 7 times more research funding? In general, which gender's gender-specific health issues gets 50% more federal and state research funding? And which gender, do you suppose, suffers 93% of all workplace fatalities?

And on TV and movies, which gender is routinely sexually injured for 'laughs'? And which is not? Which gender is routinely cast as an idiot? And which is not? Which gender is routinely cast as violently 'evil' or the 'bad guy', and which is not. Lastly, which (allegedly immature) gender, would you speculate, is more likely to risk their lives to help a stranger?"

Man Claims Battered Spouse Defense

Luek · 29 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

A man who claims he was repeatedly battered by his wife is on trial for killing her. The jury trial began yesterday, 28th January. He once had a restraining order against his wife and she was also arrested on suspicion of domestic battery against him so there is a paper trail of abuse against him.

Watch this one.

Where Are All the Battered Women?

Roy · 29 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

A curious British journalist asks:

"If one in four women are battered in their own homes, you would expect to see some evidence of it. If you work with eight girls in an office, two of them are being battered, or have been, or will be. Yet, where is the evidence? There just isn't any.

I'm not saying that DV never happens. It does. In fact, I've been on the receiving end of it myself. (What? You're a man! Impossible! You must have imagined it!)

The scale of the problem has been grossly exaggerated, and the facts grossly distorted by the feminist movement.

So why do they tell so many lies about it?

Power."

Jury Hears Testimony About British Teen Who Filmed Herself Trying to Kill Parents

anthony · 29 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A British girl tried to kill her parents — and filmed her murder attempt — according to testimony presented to a jury on Tuesday, the Daily Mail reported.

The girl, then 15, allegedly tried to strangle her mother in the living room of the family's house in St. Neots, about 57 miles northwest of London, while she was working on the computer.

She also is accused of planning to stab her father with a pair of scissors once he realized what was going on, according to the Mail.

The girl, who is 16, has pleaded not guilty to two counts of attempted murder."

Texas Kindergartener Accuses Two Female Classmates of Sexual Assault

anthony · 29 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

I can't stand it when 5 year old boys are accused of sexual harassment. I would also defend a 5 year old girl if accused of harassment at such a young age. This incident is a much different. This is a disturbing case of sexual assault. Excerpt:

'A Texas kindergartener is accusing two of her female classmates of sexual assault, MyFoxHouston reported on Monday.

"She said two of the girls at school put glue in between her legs, in her private parts," the mother of the 6-year-old girl told the station. "Someone hurt my baby; she just seems different now."

The alleged attack took place inside a school bathroom, according to the report.

Doctors confirmed the unidentified girl suffered vaginal trauma and that glue was present when they examined her, the station reported.'

Woman guilty of attempted murder of her husband on their anniversary

GaryB · 29 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This story on the BBC is a nightmare to read - the poor guy is almost deaf, blind and has brain damage - but it's good to hear firstly that she was found guilty, and secondly that not a single word in this article attempts in any way to reduce her culpability or make it out to be in some way 'his fault'. No 'woman as victim' crap.

It boils down to this - she researched methods of killing him on the Internet, settled on poison by anti-freeze, cooked him a meal and laced his wine on their anniversary, and did it all just to pay off some debts, even bragging about it to neighbors. If she doesn't get the book thrown at her it'll be a travesty.

Mother Defends Dog After Attack on Son

patriotsofamerica · 30 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

This woman allows her 2 year old to "annoy" the dog instead of removing him from a situation that she knows he could get hurt. She blames it on her 2 tear old son. Pathetic. She is the adult and should know better. Excerpt:

'A little Australian boy's face was horribly scarred by the family dog - but his mother vowed to keep the pet, blaming the attack on her son.

Two-year-old Noah Newbold is lucky to have the sight in his left eye after being mauled by his family's mastiff-staffordshire cross.

Deep cuts and scratches cover the left side of his face.

But, the toddler's mother, Alicia Cottier, said she was keeping the dog despite the attack because it had been provoked by her son pulling the dog's ears.'

Feminists Say There Is No "Boy Crisis" in Education

Roy · 30 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The authoritative National Coalition of Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE) has issued a comprehensive new report (.pdf file) on the benefits of Title IX and "gender equity" in education. Among their findings:

“The real story is not bad news about boys doing worse; it’s good news about girls doing better. In fact, with a few exceptions, American boys are scoring higher and achieving more than they ever have before. But girls have just improved their performance on some measures even faster. As a result, girls have narrowed or even closed some academic gaps that previously favored boys, while other long-standing gaps that favored girls have widened, leading to the belief that boys are falling behind.”

Oh, I get it. If I just don't BELIEVE boys are falling behind, then I can start thinking clearly.

"Are Boys Losing Out?"

anthony · 30 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Dr Sax, who is founder of the National Association for Single Sex Public Education in the U.S., claims that boys are suffering a toxic mix of failing to be engaged by the curriculum, over-prescription of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) drugs and a lack of suitable role models. They no longer experience the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat due to a lack of competitive sport in schools. And they often return home to play computer games that make them disconnected from the real world as they displace family activities such as having dinner together."

Experts unsure why more women than men are graduating from college

anthony · 30 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"U.S. Census Bureau data released this month reflects the disparity. About one-third of women between age 25 and 29 had a bachelor's degree or more education last year, compared with 26 percent of males in the same age bracket, according to the bureau.

Enrollment and graduation figures from public New Hampshire and Maine colleges and universities are in line with those statistics.

Enrollment within the University System of New Hampshire has been just under 60 percent female to just more than 40 percent male for at least the past 10 years, according to spokesman Matt Cookson. The system includes UNH, Plymouth State University, Keene State College and Granite State College.
...
Economic changes are partly to blame for boys' performance, he said, since a loss of agriculture and manufacturing jobs have put many men out of work and into trouble. He said this has increased the number of boys who grow up without fathers and male role models."

Yet Another Female Teacher Sleeps with A Minor

blaze4metal · 30 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Mississippi teacher admitted to cops that she had sex with a 15-year-old male student to whom she sent explicit text messages and trysted with in her Jaguar, which bore the license plate "GRRRRR."
...
Bogard, pictured in the mug shot at right, is facing felony sexual battery charges. She has been suspended with pay and is free on $50,000 bail.'

Will she be let go because of some "emotional" issue? She's already back on the street and most likely will get her job back if she gets off.

Female Bigamist Trageted Military Men

Matt · 31 January 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video story here.

Get the commentary: the reporter says the woman "suffers from Munchausen syndrome..."

"Suffers from"? So if a man runs around and marries, then divorces or abandons a string of women, is he considered a psychiatric case or a criminal? Well this woman is facing criminal charges, but because she is pregnant with her 4th child (by as many men), I doubt she'll do the same kind of time a man would. And what if she didn't have the kids? I doubt she would then, either.

Men get jails, women get diagnoses. Keep an eye on this one.

Where have all the men gone?

Anonymous · 1 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"British women in their thirties want mates. They can't find any. Why? Because most eligible males are selfish, mixed-up man-boys chasing no-strings sex, says our correspondent."

Angry, man-hating rant from another feminist entitlement princess. There is a section for posting comments below. Tell her what you think.

XBox Live supporting sexist "women-only" nights

MrReality · 1 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Politically correct nonsense -- based on anti-male claims -- invade XBox Live. Now males can't even play video games without being labelled as predators. I suppose since they are losing in the real world arena -- with ladies nights being banned across the country -- they move to video games? Pathetic.

Here is an excerpt from the webpage (Notice the woman flexing a muscle. This was actually adopted from a feminist rendering): "Monday nights are for the ladies! Each Monday, Xbox GamerchiX gather to play together on Xbox LIVE®. **This isn't a chance for the guys to find girls to play with, fellas, this is strictly for the girls.** (If you're a dude looking for a chance to game with girls, check out Frag Doll Friday!)"

So male gamers are banned from playing with female gamers on this night because women claim they are afraid of being "hit on" by men.

Somehow this pro-female ideology flies in the face of articles written by women that chide men for avoiding women. Feminists have attacked bachelorism many times. (Read here.)

So if men are avoiding women to the point where women get angry over it how is it that they are "constantly hitting on them" at the same time? Feminist ideology is being utilized to give women preferential treatment and it needs to stop.

Males pay the same fees for usage of XBox Live Gold that females do so they should be able to play anytime they want with whomever they want.

Working-class white British boys falling behind everyone else at school

Anonymous · 1 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"White working-class boys are doing significantly worse at school than almost all other groups of pupils.

A mere 15 per cent finish compulsory education having mastered the three Rs, official statistics show.

For black boys from similar backgrounds, the figure is 22 per cent while for Asians it is 29 per cent and Chinese 52 per cent."

Woman who sodomized man before killing him granted parole

ItsDan · 1 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Murderer Yvonne Johnson was granted day parole Thursday, but despite her years in prison, the family of the man she tortured and strangled say they haven't found justice.
...
She was one of four people who attacked Skwarok, believing him to be a child molester. She sodomized him with a wooden stool leg and strangled him with a telephone cord."

NOW to Monitor Super Bowl Ads for Offensive Content

Roy · 1 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The NOW Foundation is going on the offensive this year with our 2008 Feminist Super Bowl AdWatch," said NOW Foundation President Kim Gandy. "Almost as many women as men watch the Super Bowl, and millions of girls and boys are glued to the screen as well," said Gandy. "That's why our feminist ad-watchers will be paying close attention to the commercials and ranking them based on their portrayal of women and other groups who often see themselves stereotyped, ridiculed or just plain missing in high-profile ads."

Somehow I suspect that there won't be enough lesbians represented in the beer commercials. Just a hunch...

Carey Roberts: "American Heart Association Plays a Cruel Trick on Women"

anthony · 1 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"So men are at far greater risk of heart disease, and their premature deaths portend institutionalization and financial hardship for their wives.

You'd think the American Heart Association would have programs designed especially to help men. They don't.

But not to worry, the AHA does have a gender-specific program - "Go Red for Women."

That's right, the Heart Association has designated this Friday, February 1 as National Wear Red Day. Here's the latest fashion tip from the AHA:

"National Wear Red Day has its own dress code. Wear your favorite red clothes or accessory - a red blouse, a red dress pin, a fabulous red handbag."

Witness: Ohio Mom on Trial Said Baby 'Fit Right In' Microwave

anthony · 1 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who shared a jail cell with a mother accused of killing her baby by burning her in a microwave oven told a jury Thursday that the mom confessed to the crime, saying the month-old girl "fit right in" the oven.

Linda Williams testified that she developed a sexual relationship with defendant China Arnold when the two were cellmates in the Montgomery County Jail in March and that Arnold confided in her about what happened to her baby.

She said Arnold feared her boyfriend believed he wasn't the father of the child and was going to leave her.

"She said she put the baby into the microwave and started it and left the house," Williams said."

Woman gets two and half years for sex offences

Sheldon · 2 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article can be read here.

Interesting development up here in Canada. A female sex offender is getting 2 and a half years recently for sexually assaulting a 12 year old boy. It's good to see justice being served in such cases for a change. What's particularly encouraging about this case is the opinions of both the prosecutor, Chris Nicholson, and the Judge, Margaret Stewart. Nicholson is quoted as saying in reference to the gender of the perpetrator, "in these days of "equality" [my quotation marks], it shouldn't make any difference". The prosecutor also said,"if a man committed a similar offence, he would almost certainly get prison time", and apparently the female judge agreed. Even more impressive is Judge Stewart's criticism of her not taking responsibility for the crime and laying the blame on her ex-husband.

Murder-by-Proxy: Hit man faces murder charge while estranged wife of victim does not

Matt · 2 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Does it get any more classic than this? A woman hires a man to murder her estranged husband because she is afraid she will not do well in the divorce, or whatever. They get caught. She and another man (will presume it is her boyfriend but the article doesn't say) face criminal solicitation of murder while the hit-man faces capital murder charges. Correct me if I am wrong here, but doesn't it generally happen that when there is a murder conspiracy all the conspirators face the charge of murder? Unless of course one of them is female. I wonder what the second man will get for prison time vs. the woman, assuming both or either are found guilty? Excerpt:

'Police in Frisco, Texas, have arrested a man accused of killing a former Brighton resident Craig Nail in Texas the day after Christmas.
...
Mark Lyle Bell, 52, of McKinney, Texas, was charged with capital murder, a felony, said Sgt. Gerald Meadors of the Frisco Police Department. Nail was found shot to death in his home on Dec. 26. He was a 1989 graduate of Rush-Henrietta High School and had two children.

Nail was reportedly close to finalizing a bitter divorce dispute with his estranged wife.
...
Guthrie-Nail, 42, and Thomas Edward Grace, 55, both of Carrollton, Texas, were each charged with first-degree conspiracy to commit murder, a felony, Meadors said. Bell, Guthrie-Nail and Grace were each being held on $1 million bail, he said.
...
Earlier this month, Guthrie-Nail was also charged with first-degree criminal solicitation murder, a felony, Meadors said. She is accused of attempting to hire someone to kill her estranged husband. That man, who was not identified by police, was not among the men men charged this week.

A second victim, Therisa Hofman, 38, of Plano, Texas, was also shot multiple times, but survived. Meadors said she was Nail’s girlfriend.'

Nun Sentenced for Sexual Abuse Against Boys

oregon dad · 2 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'"When are we going to start dealing with female rapists and give them the same sentence as male rapists?" he asked.
...
Prosecutors had asked for more than $28,000 in restitution, mainly for therapy costs, but the judge noted Giannini had taken a vow of poverty 60 years ago and had virtually no assets.'

Boys and Phonics

Matt · 3 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Submitted via note:

Hi, I have read an article about education and boys on your site and thought this may be useful to you. It is a system employed in some Scottish schools which eradicated the gap between gender and even social classes furthermore, boys actually came on top in some areas; but would the education system ever support a system where boys do better then girls even when the girls themselves do better with the system?

Articles here:
Article 1
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Article 3

Comment from one article:

"The size of the tiny, almost missable article on the shocking fact that 9 out of 10 working class boys fail to even get good basic GCSE's shows how much attention society is prepared to place on boys. Scottish schools which tested classical methods of using synthetic phonetics in teaching reading saw a truly remarkable improvement – with girls reading improving by 14 months at age 7, but wait for it - boys improving by 20 months, boys caught up to girls in comprehension and further more they actually beat girls on spelling and recognition.

In fact the current gap between different social classes even diminished! But will feminist influenced educationalist tolerate a system were boys do better then girls, even if actually the system means girls are actually improving themselves (by 14 months!) but simply not as much as boys. I doubt it so don't expect to see these techniques in British schools. I don't even know if Metro will think this comment is even worth publishing.

For years polices have been directed ONLY at girls, the result, boys particularly middle class white boys were neglected. Education for girls for decades sparked national campaigns, even world leader conferences for girls only and not boys yet as soon as boys started to do worse then girls as result of neglect, boys were forgotten. A recent government report said helping bridge the gender gap for boys is “counter-productive”. This simply highlights the double standards against middle class white boys – why were the three decades of helping girls until they outperformed boys not counter-productive? Furthermore, why don't these same people think schemes to increase the number of women in many fields such as science and engineering are counter-productive? Why is all universities having departments specifically for admission of women and women's studies not counter-productive? Ahh that's right because men can't be the victims of sexism. Just remember if you think that about men that's one thing but remember the people in question here – young children."

Ohio HB 287: "NOW's the time for dad's rights"

Anonymous · 4 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"You know you've done something right when you wind up on the Internet homepage of the National Organization for Women.

Allow me to introduce you to House Bill 287, offered for consideration in the Ohio House last summer by Rep. John Adams, R-Sydney. HB 287, in short, requires a pregnant woman to get the consent of the baby's father in order to obtain an abortion.

Just listen to the estrogen boil!"

Bill tracking here.

Women Run Over Husband with Car

anthony · 4 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two Ronkonkoma women were arrested yesterday after they intentionally hit with their car a man who lived at the same residence, Suffolk police said.

The car's only passenger was the victim's wife, who was a willing accomplice in the effort to mow him down, police said.

...

Lester's car jumped the curb, striking Corso. He suffered a broken collar bone, broken ribs and a head laceration, police said. Corso's wife, Christina Latorre, 34, was in the vehicle and police are investigating why the two women set out to hit him.

"It's unusual that two women would go out and one would hit their husband intentionally," said Det. Sgt. Michael Komorowski. "We're still investigating the reasons for the crime."'

Female Teacher Arrested for Having Sex with 8th Grader

anthony · 4 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Sarah Elizabeth Joel, a former teacher at Narccoossee Community School, was recently arrested and charged with three counts of lewd and lascivious battery on one of her former students. The woman is 31 years old and she is represented by an attorney that has already asked the media and the public not to prejudge his client before “all the facts come out.”

Sarah Elizabeth Joel was arrested on Saturday at school-district headquarters in Kissimmee, but she was granted $22,500 bail during a first appearance hearing. It seems that the young woman admitted to having sex with the boy twice during Christmas holiday. However, the teen, who is now 16 years old, told the police that they had sex once before in September. Back then he was 15 years old.'

The feminist fight over male circumcision

anthony · 4 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Last week I wrote an item about the recent court decision in Oregon on whether or not a 12 year old Olympia boy should be circumcised. The court ruled the lad should have a say in the matter. My concern was whether the dispute itself--public litigation between his divorced parents--could itself be psychologically damaging to the boy. My brief post quickly went to the top of the Crosscut charts. One reason: men arguing the pros and cons of the procedure. Emotions ran high: some men liken the experience to being raped. Now the debate has spilled over into feminist circles. That right, a girl fight over penises."

Law keeps man from daughter

anthony · 4 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'James Rodesiler carries outdated photographs of the daughter he lost.

The girl is alive and evidently doing well in Coldwater. But Rodesiler, an Addison resident who is postmaster of Hanover, was cut from her life when the baby was 2 months old. She is 3 years old now.

He learned the hard way that he has no legal rights as a parent because the girl's mother was married to another man when the baby was born.

"The fact that you've got a DNA test, the fact you've held your daughter in your arms, that fact you want to take care of her doesn't matter," Rodesiler said. "The state recognizes the marriage certificate."'

Michigan law always presumes a husband is father of his wife's children, regardless of biological facts."

Feminist Leaders Oppose Hillary, Endorse Obama

anthony · 4 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Choosing to support Senator Obama was not an easy decision for us," the group stated, "because electing a woman president would be a cause for celebration in itself." They "deplored" the "sexist attacks against Senator Clinton that have circulated in the media." But, they stated, they nevertheless supported Obama because his election "would be another historic achievement" and because "his support for gender equality has been unwavering."'

Hillary's Program For Helping Fathers - No, This Is NOT A Joke!

axolotl · 5 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From Glenn Sacks: Hillary Clinton's Youth Opportunity Agenda Will Help Low-Income Fathers

Excerpt:

"The Urban League's 2006 report on the state of black America concluded that the child support system and its abuses are a major problem for African-American men. The report found that the system represents a large, hidden "tax" on the already meager earnings of many black men."

Ax's Take: As with any campaign promise, it remains to be seen if she will follow through on it should she win. She might just be trying to steal some of the black vote from Obama, since he has stolen women voters from her.

Former NY Yankee estranged wife arrested after refusing to leave his home

anthony · 5 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"EVANSVILLE, Ind. -- The estranged wife of Los Angeles Dodgers coach Don Mattingly was arrested and charged with public intoxication and disorderly conduct after police say she refused to leave his property in Indiana.

Police arrested 45-year-old Kim Mattingly after they were called to the home of the former Yankee first baseman to investigate reports of a person refusing to leave on Saturday, a probable cause affidavit said. The affidavit, signed by a Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Deputy Chad Howard, said she smelled of alcohol and screamed at officers.

The couple filed for divorce in November on the grounds of irreconcilable differences. The divorce has not been finalized, and no further action has been taken.

Kim Mattingly was released from the Vanderburgh County Jail after posting $50 bond shortly after her arrest and made her first court appearance Monday on the charges. She is scheduled to appear next on March 3."

New Sara Evans Video Objectifies Men

xtrnl · 5 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

In this modern day and age, you always hear women complaining about how they're objectified in advertisements, TV shows, movies, and music videos (namely hip hop). I find this interesting, as they seem to look the other way when it comes to men being objectified. And, quite appropriately, the music genre that is usually guilty of this is the complete opposite of hip hop. That is, country. As Carrie Underwood showed us, country is frequently used as an outlet for women to complain about men, but of course with fictitious complaints or general complaints which are never backed up with facts. Now, Sara Evans has a new video in which she orders men, which arrive at her house in a parcel, to do house work. Could u imagine if a man made a video where he orders women to come to his house as objects in a parcel to do chores for him? But then again, what do you expect from the same artist that gave us the ever horrid "Guys Do It All The Time" song and video? If you would like to view the video I'm talking about, click here. That being said, if women want hip hop to stop objectifying them, they should quit supporting country artists that objectify men. Otherwise, they're nothing more than hypocrites.

"Feminism has turned men into second-class citizens"

Anonymous · 6 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"What does it mean to be a man in the 21st century?

If you'd asked a man living in the mid-20th century - someone like my dad for instance - he would have breezily given you a quick answer.
...
But according to a recent survey, today's young men don't share their forebears' sense of entitlement.

Indeed, 52 per cent of them believe they have to live by women's rules, and a staggering 82 per cent feel they have lost their traditional male role in society.

For most of them, this means feeling undervalued, their voices and opinions unheard.

This is an astonishing reversal, and one that we can no longer ignore, underscored as it is by several facts. For example, for the first time in history a majority of American women are not living with a spouse."

UK: The silent epidemic of male suicide

anthony · 6 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Whatever the individual reasons that drive people to suicide, the one thing that puts you most at risk is being a man under the age of 35.

Of the 13 people who killed themselves in South Wales over the past year, all but one were men aged under 27."

Bush Requests VAWA Cut

anthony · 6 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Domestic violence advocates are outraged by President Bushs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2009, saying the measure deals a devastating blow to women and children. The Budget Request released yesterday proposes cutting $120 million from life-saving domestic violence services created by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

We are appalled to see the President proposing such devastating cuts to vital programs that save American lives, said Sue Else, President of the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). VAWA has been proven to save millions of lives and over $15 billion in health care, law enforcement, other social costs. It is fiscally irresponsible to propose such cuts and it turns a blind eye to the most vulnerable citizens of our country."

Parker: "Wrath of feminism scorned"

anthony · 6 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"In the minds of women with nothing left to protest, true betrayal is supporting a man when a woman is running. How dare he. It's all rather ... frock-ish. Perhaps precious? In 21st century America, feminist outrage has morphed into feminine pique.
...
But such thinking reveals an ugly truth about feminists and identity groups in general. They don't want what's best for the country; they want what's best for them. NOW wants a woman not because she's the best candidate, but because, by damn, it's their turn."

Add Pepsi And Budweiser To The Ban List

xtrnl · 7 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Many of us watched the Superbowl ads, and many of us noticed two companies which really stood out because they allowed misandry to rear its ugly head in their advertisements. The companies are Pepsi and Budweiser.

In the offending Pepsi commercial, Justin Timberlake is rammed crotch first into a mailbox post not once, but three times. Although the manner in which this type of violence is performed is unrealistic, it still is violence, and advertisements should not try to pass this off as entertainment or comedy. Sadly, this is like Sesame Street compared to how bad the Budweiser ad is.

In the Budweiser ad, or more specifically, the Bud Light ad, a man gets his dog to fetch him a bottle of another man's Bud Light, then asks the other man what his dog can do. The other man then instructs his dog to bite the first man in the testicles as revenge for trying to take the Bud Light. I wrote Budweiser regarding this. My letter read:

Hello. I'm writing you because I recently saw an ad for Bud Light on YouTube, which I found to be most offensive. Other users said that this ad aired during the superbowl. The ad, which is often referred to as "good dog" tries to make light of the sexual mutilation of a man, as a dog bites his crotch (not to mention the owner of the dog instructs him to). I find this offensive, and misandric, because if this were to happen in real life, surgery could be needed to fix the injury. It's certainly not something that makes me want to laugh, nor buy your product. As well, I would like to add that your commercial implies that people who buy your product are more likely to be the vitims of violence. It's not good business practice to alienate half to all of your potential customers by portraying one of the worst fates they can suffer as comedy. Is this ad still running?

They replied:

We appreciate that you took the time to express your views regarding our advertising.

Anheuser-Busch has found using humor in our advertising to be extremely successful through the years. In various polls, consumers have rated several of our humorous campaigns among the most popular in advertising history. We've conducted consumer research on the ad you've e-mailed us about, and it has proven to be popular with adult consumers.

We regret that you did not enjoy these ads, but we do appreciate your input and will keep it in mind as we develop future advertising. While we realize that not all advertising will appeal to everyone, we thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.

Again, thank you for contacting Anheuser-Busch. Please let us know if you have additional questions or comments.

This was nothing more than a blowoff (not even a fancy one). So I wrote back:

I appreciate your reply, but you did not answer my question. Is the ad still running?

I read on YouTube that it was banned. I regret to hear that people are ridiculously immature, to the point where that ad is actually popular. Could you imagine if instead you had women in the ad, and one woman's dog jumped up and bit the other woman's boobs or crotch? Obviously, this ad would not be welcomed. How about if the owner of the vicious dog was a man, and the victim still a woman? Or what if the man who got bit was black, while the dog's owner was white? Do you think this would fly?

I think it's about time that companies realize that using male bashing in their advertisements is not a good way to sell their products. Even if the ads are successful, they promote hate and violence, and try to pass it off as humour. This makes me sick. I have purchased Budweiser in the past, don't expect me to ever buy your products again if you continue running this ad. I will choose to buy other brands due to the fact that your company considers one of the worst forms of male suffering to be entertainment. I would also like to inform you that I will inform as many Men's Rights websites about this ad as possible, and get their members to boycott your products as well.

I'm going to send a letter to Pepsi as well, regarding their advertisement. In the meantime, let's do our part as MRAs and get those letters firing, and boycott these male-hating companies!

Good summary/handout re DV vs. men

Anonymous · 7 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Find it here. Excerpt:

"Very little in known about the actual number of men who are in a domestic relationship in which they are abused or treated violently by women. In 100 domestic violence situations approximately 40 cases involve violence by women against men. An estimated 400,000 women per year are abused or treated violently in the United States by their spouse or intimate partner. This means that roughly 300,000 to 400,000 men are treated violently by their wife or girl friend."

MensActivism Readers - "Support? System Down" Needs Your Support

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All readers of MensActivism - the filmmaker for "Support? System Down" needs our help now. PLEASE do not brush this post off... united we can help Angelo Lobo achieve nationwide distribution of his documentary on family court corruption. There is significant resistance to the release of this film and as you can guess many do not want its release.

Please consider: 1) Buy a T-shirt or 2) Make a donation of any amount.

View the four shocking trailers here.

The filmmaker of this high quality movie will NEVER see a dime, however he feels compelled to release it for nationwide distribution because of all who have suffered. Thank you for any help you can provide.

Enshrined in Law since 1930: Only men can be slaves

Matt · 8 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Been looking for more "cold hard evidence"? It's right here. Excerpt:

"C29 Forced Labour Convention, 1930
Convention concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour (Note: Date of coming into force: 01:05:1932.)
...
Date of adoption:28:06:1930
...
Article 1

1. Each Member of the International Labour Organisation which ratifies this Convention undertakes to suppress the use of forced or compulsory labour in all its forms within the shortest possible period.

2. With a view to this complete suppression, recourse to forced or compulsory labour may be had, during the transitional period, for public purposes only and as an exceptional measure, subject to the conditions and guarantees hereinafter provided.
...
Article 11

1. Only adult able-bodied males who are of an apparent age of not less than 18 and not more than 45 years may be called upon for forced or compulsory labour.

...
2. Nevertheless, for the purposes of this Convention, the term forced or compulsory labour shall not include--

(a) any work or service exacted in virtue of compulsory military service laws for work of a purely military character;"

Note that as Marc A. pointed out in his note to MANN, this convention specifically excludes military service from its scope. In other words, this document is not the smoking gun with regard to the modern international standard for forced military service, but is the smoking gun regarding *any* forced service exacted by an authority from the population-- and it specifically says only able-bodies males between 18 and 45 are subject to it.

NH Men's Commission Releases Second Biennial Report

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The New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men has just released its second biennial report: The Status of Men in New Hampshire. This report summarizes the work of the Commission during the past two years and serves as a guide to policymakers on some of the most pressing problems facing men today.

The report covers topics including the education of boys, NH college enrollment statistics, the status of fathers, parental alienation syndrome, birth certificate laws, family law, prostate cancer, and domestic violence. It includes summaries of testimony heard from NH state agency representatives, education experts, family violence researchers, and psychologists.

The Commission hopes that the distribution of this report will be used to raise awareness about the problems facing men and their families, and inspire productive efforts to correct these injustices.

"The Men's Experiences with Partner Aggression Project" Needs Participants

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"The Men's Experiences with Partner Aggression Project" is a research study at Clark University in collaboration with the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women (DAHMW). This study is funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

The goal of the study is to better understand the experiences of men who are in relationships with women who use violence. Extensive research has shown that men are at risk for sustaining partner violence in their relationships, yet few studies have investigated their experiences, and there are few resources available to such men. By conducting this research project, we hope to provide much needed information on these men, their relationships, and their needs.

If you are a man between the ages of 18 and 59 and have been physically assaulted at least one time in the last 12 months by a current or former intimate female partner you may be eligible to participate in this study. If interested in please call the DAHMW at 1-888-743-5754 or email dahmwagency-at-gmail.com. If eligible you make take the survey online or by phone. Your call or email will be kept strictly confidential and no personal identifying information will be required from you if you decide to participate in this study. You may also visit DAHMW's website at: http://www.dahmw.org/ or the project's website at http://www.clarku.edu/faculty/dhines/ for more information.

"Home circumcisionist" faces child abuse charges

Matt · 8 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This guy is quite a piece of work on many levels, but the significance of this story is the reason for his facing of charges. It's good news that that is what he is being charged with and why; it's bad that he did it at all. Now if we could only get the same attitude about it in other contexts. Excerpt:

"Detective Shelly Hartley said Marlowe doesn't like hospitals and denied the women prenatal care in both cases, then circumcised the boys when they were 8 days old.

Marlowe later moved to Gaston County and is serving a 150-day jail sentence there on charges of resisting a public officer, assault on a female and multiple counts of child neglect."

Police collecting men's DNA at traffic stops

Matt · 8 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Any excuse, the more sensational, the better, to introduce the unending documenting and tracking of men. I think when Patrick McGoohan produced the TV series The Prisoner back in the late 1960s, he may not have been thinking it could get this bad this fast. But here it comes, even faster than Orwell would have thought. Read it here. Excerpt:

"DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -- Police officers in Daytona Beach are swabbing the mouths of persons of interests during traffic stops with special DNA kits in the hunt for an elusive serial killer, sources close to the investigation told Local 6.

Investigators said they believe the same man has killed four women execution style in the Daytona Beach area.

A profiler said the serial killer is likely clean cut and probably has a wife or girlfriend.

And, the Daytona Beach police Chief, Mike Chitwood, said detectives have the killer's DNA.
...
The DNA kits are also being used in prostitution stings in the area.

Chitwood said over time, modern technology will lead to the killer."

Ex-wife arrested for murder over custody outcome

Matt · 8 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. So I suppose when a man does something like this it's another example of patriarchal oppression and when a woman does it, it is her natural instincts at work and she shouldn't be blamed for it. Or maybe it was really just payback for years of abuse? No matter, she has a vagina, and therefore, can't possibly be guilty of anything. Notice it's a murder-by-proxy case too; she got someone else to actually do the deed. Excerpt:

'The ex-wife of slain dentist Daniel Malakov was arrested Thursday on charges of plotting to kill him on a playground in front of their 4-year-old daughter.
...
Borukhova exchanged 65 calls with suspected triggerman Mikhail Mallayev, 50, in the days before the Oct. 28 slaying - one of them placed from near the crime scene, prosecutors have said.

...
"We've been looking at her from the outset because she knew Malakov would be in the park with his daughter," a police source said.
...
They speculated the murder was payback for Malakov's victory in a custody battle for their daughter, Michelle, who turns 5 next week.
...
Police say Mallayev approached Malakov, who was with Michelle and Borukhova, at the Annadale Playground in Forest Hills, Queens, and pumped three bullets into his chest at point-blank range.

He then calmly got into his Dodge Durango SUV and drove 14 hours back home to Tucker, Ga., police say.

Mallayev, who has denied killing anyone, is being held without bail.'

Strippers Welcomed Back to Duke... as "Paid Artists"

Roy · 8 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Duke University has come under fire from some students and conservative commentators this week for hosting a performance that involved strippers and burlesque dancers, two years after an infamous case in which lacrosse players at the school were falsely accused of raping a stripper at a team party.

The Sex Workers' Art Show, a traveling act that features discussions about the sex industry as well as performances by strippers and burlesque dancers, performed on campus on Sunday. The event was sponsored and paid for in part by the Student Health Center, the Duke women's center, the Women's Studies department and the sexual assault support services, among other groups.
...
Larry Moneta, Duke's vice president for student affairs, said the performance "raised issues for discussion." Asked about the difference between the art show and the lacrosse team's hosting strippers, he said, "one served the purpose of personal gratification and the other had educational value."'

(Bottom line - students paid fees that were used to hire educationally-inclined strippers. Does that make all the students pimps?)

Lolita love affair scandalises Italy

Anonymous · 8 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Italy is up in arms because a 34-year-old Italian man who had sex with a 13-year-old girl has had his sentence cut by a two-thirds because a court decided there was "real love" between the pair. Excerpt:

'However, Simonetta Matone, a judge in Rome, said the law must "always look to be reasonable in these cases".

She added: "Every relationship is a relationship and the real maturity, whether physical or psychological, of the minor must be weighed, with the help of experts."

The court decision has unleashed a wave of condemnation in Italy, and even authors of teen novels stepped forward to caution their readers against early sexual encounters.'

OK EVERYONE, LET'S PLAY REVERSE THE GENDERS... AND SO IT GOES...

"Love in the Air for Sugar Mamas & Boy Toys"

JVC · 8 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Older rich women (must be at least 35 years old and earn at least $500,000.00), are now being provided with young men as boy toys. The only criterion for men is that they be good-looking. I guess "This is Only Bad If Men Do It". Excerpt:

'Women who pursue men more than seven years their junior are sometimes derogatorily referred to as “cougars,” because of the perception that they’re on the hunt. But times are changing.
...
“At a certain age, the trophy wife syndrome is so prevalent," says Vivian Cha, a 47-year-old physician and speed-dating contestant. "The older man, in his 40s or 50s, goes for the younger blond bimbo, who’s 20 or 30 years old. We older women sort of get thrown to the dust, so I think this is a great idea.”

Attractive young men seeking their own Mrs. Robinson jumped at the chance to meet a woman with more “experience.”

“I’m definitely interested in being surprised or wowed," says Paul Janka, a 32-year-old writer who authored an online guidebook for men called "Getting Laid in NYC."

"If anyone’s going to do it, it’s some of these women who have the assets and the resources to put together exceptional getaway vacations.'

Budweiser's Reply Regarding "Good Dog" Bud Light Ad

xtrnl · 9 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Hi fellow MRAs. I recently posted a story about a Bud Light commercial, in which a man is viciously assaulted where it hurts most by a dog. I'm happy to say that the only place this ad can now be viewed is YouTube. Here's what Budweiser had to say:

"Dear Evan,

Thank you for responding to Anheuser-Busch. We apologize if your question was not answered, and also because there seems to be some confusion surrounding the ad.

For starters – no, the ad is no longer being aired. It actually has not appeared on television for a few years now, and the YouTube version was posted online without our company's permission. This is typical of most videos on sharing sites, an in addition to not being able to control posters' actions, we also cannot control the information they provide along with the spot.

If you have concerns about this ad appearing on YouTube, we encourage you to contact the poster directly.

Again, Evan, thank you for contacting us. Please let us know if you have additional comments or questions.

Your Friends at Anheuser-Busch

1-800-DIAL-BUD (1-800-342-5283)"

We can all take a nice sigh of relief knowing that this commercial will never air again. I was happy to hear this news, and I replied accordingly:

"Thank you very much for your reply. It was a lot more helpful than the last one I received.

I'm happy to hear that your advertising team came to their senses and realized that the ad is offensive. I came across the ad when I went on YouTube, looking for this year's Superbowl ads. I mistook the ad as one of your recent ones. I understand that you're not able to control what goes on YouTube; and I want you to know that I'm not upset that it's on YouTube. I was upset when I saw it because I thought it was still running.

There is a terrible plethora of companies out there that still use male bashing in an attempt to sell products. I just thought that if it was still running, I would inform you that ads like the one we're discussing ultimately lose as many customers as they gain, as I'm not the only one who finds ads like this offensive and denigrating.

You may recall a similar ad that was made in 2002 for Progressive Insurance, in which an angry woman, through a voodoo doll, sexually abuses her ex-boyfriend, by using pliers on his genitals. This ad was not well-received, and lost the company many customers and potential customers. Eventually, they ran another commercial with the pliers scene cut out, because they lost customers and received many complaints.

That being said, I would like to say that your ads have improved dramatically since the one we're discussing was made. Your recent advertisements for Bud Light are not only male-friendly, but they're really funny. I saw the ones that were made for the Superbowl this year, and I laughed at all of them. Please continue making clever, humourous, nonviolent(slapstick violence is okay, as long as it doesn't go overboard i.e. genital abuse) ads. As long as your ads continue following this trend, I will continue to purchase your products.

Thank You For Hearing Your Customer's Concerns

Sincerely,
Evan Springler"

There you have it. If you wanna throw back a Bud Light now, feel free to. Apparently, this company has realized the error of its ways. I would also like to apologize for the misunderstanding I caused amonsgst us. I thought this ad

was a recent one. I'm happy to say that it is now nothing more than a memory. As Stewie on Family Guy would say "Victory is mine!"

"Flirty women victimize well-dressed men"

Matt · 9 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Imagine if this were a cadre of "flirty men vicimizing well-dressed women" how that would be presented. Excerpt:

'DALLAS - Well-dressed men at posh Dallas hotels and bars are being targeted by a ring of flirtatious women who may be drugging them before swiping their watches and other expensive items, police said.
...
About a half-dozen men have reported falling victim to the scheme, Dallas police detective Mark Jenkins said. Many were business travelers, and Jenkins suspects there are others too embarrassed to file police reports.
...
"I don't know if so much it's that the men are being attracted to them, as that (the suspects) are more or less forcing themselves on the men," Jenkins said.
...
The women have histories as prostitutes, Jenkins said.
...
The women may be slipping drugs into the drinks of their victims, police said.'

Hillary & Obama Met Hollywood with Fathers 4 Justice outside Kodak Theater

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Hillary & Obama met Hollywood this past week at the Kodak Theater (home of the Academy Awards), ***while Fathers 4 Justice stood outside***.

Female Teacher Allegedly Tapes Special Education Student to Chair

anthony · 9 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Chicago teacher faces dismissal after allegedly wrapping masking tape around a special education student to keep him in his chair when he wouldn't sit down, authorities said.
...
The teacher was in a classroom of four or five students on Tuesday when one 9-year-old boy would not sit down. The teacher restrained him with the tape, Vaughn said.
...
"It appears the allegations will be substantiated and we will fire her," Vaughn said.

The unnamed teacher obtained her credentials last June, Vaughn said.'

Mensactivism.org Wiki to be Shut Down

Scott · 9 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

In a little while I will be taking down the Mensactivism.org wiki. It's a project that I haven't had the time or energy to properly nourish, and it requires frequent attention to maintain due to its open nature.

I would not even consider taking it down if it weren't for the fact that some of the participants in that wiki have mirrored its contents at another site. So don't worry - no information will be lost. Instead, I encourage you to bookmark the Equalism Wiki and get involved there.

In particular, I'm really grateful to the folks who participated in compiling a comprehensive list of which colleges and universities have Women's Studies departments but not Men's Studies departments (or classes). That's going to be an important resource when someone finally files a lawsuit to establish Men's Studies as a legitimate academic department and major.

NOW-NYS Strikes Again, Deems MSNBC Anchor's Comment 'Abuse'

Roy · 9 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NOW-NYS President Marcia Pappas, who denounced Sen. Ted Kennedy for picking Barack Obama over Hillary Clinton, calling it the "ultimate betrayal" of women, just issued a statement slamming MSNBC's David Shuster for suggesting the Clinton campaign "pimped out" Chelsea Clinton by having her make calls to superdelegates, saying: "This awful name-calling is nothing short of abusive."

"When male abusers feel they are failing to reach their spouses, they often go after their children," Pappas wrote. "Every day across the country battered women and their children suffer at the hands of abusers."'

Now the media itself is adopting this batterers' technique. This Schuster remark speaks volumes about the larger picture for mothers and their children. It's not just about hate speech; it's about power and control."

(PS - Shuster has been suspended and may likely be fired for his remark.)

13-YO boy arrested on a battery charge after he threw a pencil in class

anthony · 9 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Police arrested a 13-year-old boy on a battery charge after he threw a broken pencil in class that hit another boy in the back of the head, according to a report released Thursday.
...
Two witnesses in class said the suspect, also a seventh grade student, threw the pencil piece.
...
When he threw the pencil at one of the witnesses, the witness ducked and the pencil hit the victim."

Ruov: Boycott Valentine's Day

MrReality · 11 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

An excerpt from Compelled to Give:

"It's February again. This can mean only one thing: the dreaded, compulsory Valentine's Day is just around the corner. If you forgot, fear not: the onslaught of TV and radio commercials will remind you and remind you and remind you. There is no escaping them, and they all share a common theme: women are entitled to receive; men are compelled to give. Nothing quite captures the essence of love like female entitlement.

Ask the typical woman to define romance. I'll lay odds that she'll describe a man buying and/or doing something for her, without a word about spoiling him. Why such narcissism? Simple. Most women are raised to be self-absorbed takers, and insecure men continue to tolerate and enable them.

Are men worthless? Only if they never demand fairness and reciprocity from women — and many men don't. Valentine's Day, and all of its pathetic rituals, represents the failure of men to stand up to women — who, ironically, don't respect these eunuchs and don't sexually crave them, either."

Is It Hiring Discrimination to Ask About Having Babies?

Roy · 11 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This piece offers pro/con views about whether employers should be able to consider a woman's plans to have babies when hiring her:

(Pro) - "From a position of no equality at all, women are now granted absolute privilege. ... because an employer is forbidden from asking if a woman plans to have children, experience tells them she'll sign up then rush off and start a family, brandishing her contract as a declaration of human rights."

(Con) - "Women have different skill sets from men, not least the ability to multi-task - a skill which defeats most men. If we weren't such good multi-taskers, the human race would not have survived. A woman should be given a job on ability... nothing else matters."

Ed. note: Before our North American readers post that "the article is dated Nov. 2, 2008, how can that be?" remember that date formats in most non-North American publications are "day-month-year" instead of "month-day-year".

Are girls wired not to win?

oregon dad · 11 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. An interesting admission that shows women often choose to not "have it all" so they can be with their families. All the while, industry is desperate to put women in top positions...and the girls are turning down the offers... excerpt:

'She also spoke about the pressures on women to take top jobs: “The company’s desperate – they want women at the senior executive level.” To get more gender balance at the top, she told me, offers too good to refuse were being made to other deserving women, as long as they were willing to move and, if they were successful, to move again a few years later. She had known just one who had said yes – someone without a family.
...
Most women in the West are now in the workplace and young women are doing exceptionally well at school and university in comparison with their male peers. But gifted, talented women with the most choices and freedoms don’t seem to be choosing the same paths, in the same numbers, as the men around them. Even with barriers stripped away, they don’t behave like male clones.'

RADAR ALERT: Call the CDC Today, Tell Them to Stop Goofball Research

Matt · 11 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

How many times have you heard of researchers who jimmy the data in order to slant their findings of partner violence? Well, this time we caught them red-handed. And this time, we're not to let them get away with their underhanded tactics! Here's the scoop ...

The federal Centers for Disease Control does a survey called the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey. This past Friday the CDC reported on its latest survey on intimate partner violence. This is what they reported:

- Percentage male victims: 11.5%
- Percentage female victims: 23.6%

Every legitimate survey of partner violence has found that women are at least as likely as men to engage in partner violence. So how did the CDC come up these results?

Simple.

The widely-used Conflict Tactics Scale focuses on actual acts of violence.

But the CDC researchers decided on their own to expand the questions to include any "attempts" or "threats" of violence, plus that catch-all question, "any unwanted sex," which means a lot of different things to different people.

Today, RADAR is sending a complaint letter to CDC director Julie Gerberding. We are also issuing a press release to publicize the CDC's biased survey. And the CDC needs to hear from you - TODAY!

Email Dr. Gerberding at jyg2-at-cdc.gov and politely tell her that last week's CDC report of intimate partner violence uses invalid questions that grossly inflate and distort the true incidence of partner violence.

Urge her to immediately stop use of the flawed questions and to convene a panel of qualified university-based researchers.

Also feel free to call her office directly at 1-404-639-7000.

We've had enough of advocacy researchers who put out flawed data to prop up a corrupt DV industry.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

The RADAR letter to CDC can seen here (.pdf file)

The CDC study can be read here.

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Judge declares mistrial in microwave baby case

blaze4metal · 11 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

I remember this story being submitted on this site so here's an update: she's been given a mistrial. I'm guessing she's getting the Yates 5-star treatment. Thoughts? Excerpt:

"DAYTON, Ohio (AP) - A judge in Dayton has declared a mistrial in the case of woman accused of killing her month-old daughter by burning her in a microwave.
...
The judge heard testimony privately from a juvenile who said he was at the apartment complex of defendant China Arnold on the night her baby died in 2005. The judge did not give details about juvenile's testimony.
...
The judge continued a gag order in the case, so neither prosecutors nor defense attorneys would comment.'

Ed. note: MANN post on this story here.

Torrance, California is Site of Second Fathers' Rights Rally

Anonymous · 12 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Torrance, California is Site of Second Fathers' Rights Rally

"While a clear blue sky and lush green grass presented a pleasant setting for beaten down Dads to gather, the pleasantry of the setting could not take away from the serious reason for Sunday's rally. Fathers across Los Angeles County, California, and America are being grossly abused by family law courts that do little to dispense just resolutions to family law litigant Fathers who come before them."

Wanted: Geeks with Boobs

Roy · 12 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This article suggests that high tech products would be better designed if more women were recruited to the information technology field. It recycles some traditional feminist myths about women's natural abilities to enhance teamwork and understand "user interfaces…". Excerpt:

'Women control more than 83 percent of all consumer purchases, and they outpace men when it comes to buying consumer electronics, but they hold only 27 percent of computer-related jobs...

"One of the biggest criticisms of technology today is that user interfaces are poor," explains a professor of information systems at the University of Arkansas. Men, he says, largely don't do a great job making the products easier to use because they concentrate more on the "geek" factor of technology. "I think women have more of an intuitive sense of designing interfaces."'

Movie Released: "A Father's Rights"

Matt · 12 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via email submission: A Father's Rights is a movie based on a true story about a father's struggle with the legal system in how his daughter, who was born out of wedlock, was treated differently than other children while fighting for his rights to have a say in said daughter's life. Please go to http://www.williamfain.com/ to find out more about the company and see clips of the movie.

[WFP would like to make you aware of a fundraising opportunity. The soundtrack CDs retail for $15.00; however, WFP will sell them to you for $7.00 so you can resell them for $15.00.]

Hillary learns the hard way-- or maybe she doesn't

Matt · 12 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I saw this and this and laughed. "She who lives by the PC-sword apparently also dies by it." Well if you're going to keep taking the approach that skin color-ethnicity and/or gender are, or should be, significant factors in decisions that don't really have them as a proper input, I suppose when things don't go your way, you must accept the consequences. I hope she learns something from these happenings but somehow, I doubt she will.

To truly take on a point of view that says to judge people by the content of their character rather than anything else apparently has yet to really make its way into the collective psyche. MLK Jr. would be disappointed, but really, what did he expect? This human race it seems has a long way to go in pulling its collective head out of its collective you-know-what.

Not wanting to count chickens before they are hatched, and barring something really unexpected, I think The Hildebeast has, for all intents and purposes, been slain (see Yahoo's Interactive Map for primary results and forecasts in states that have not yet voted). What's funny is that between her and her husband, they've pretty much done it to themselves.

Prominant European economist refutes Alberto Alesina's "man tax" pseudo-science

Marc A. · 12 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Professor Gilles Saint-Paul of Toulouse, France just published this fantastic article refuting the pseudo-science behind Harvard Professor Alberto Alesina's "man tax." Excerpt:

'This proposal has long been associated with a fringe of radical feminism, so it surprises me to see it coming out of mainstream economics and the academic establishment. In fact, it is becoming so mainstream that Spain's allegedly conservative Partido Popular has a tax break for female workers in its platform for the next election. Given that the ruling Socialist Party is unlikely to oppose such a "progressive" measure, the Spaniards will have gender-biased taxation whether they like it or not. This will probably remind them of the good old days of Franco.

...
...But this can be achieved by a gender-neutral reduction in the tax rate on the secondary earner's hours (which could well also apply to the primary earner's marginal hours such as overtime)...
...
Such a gender-neutral scheme would be all the more appealing, relative to the gender-discrimination gender-based tax proposed, since the view that men's labour supply is less elastic than women's is quickly becoming obsolete. It is associated with a traditional household where women are secondary earners. Only a minority of people are in such a situation. In many countries, for example the US or the UK, more than 50% of adults are single. Furthermore, women earn more than men in a large minority of married couples (30% in Canada). The rapid deterioration of men's educational achievements relative to women suggests that this figure is going to increase. And, if men do provide lower effort in the university system (perhaps because they are less likely than in the past to have to provide for a family), this suggests that their behaviour can indeed be quite elastic.
...
So, what game is being played here? "Equality before the law" was written in constitutions by the people of the Enlightenment not only because they genuinely believed in it, but as a safeguard to prevent democracy from degenerating into tyranny. Absent of individual rights, a majority can impose arbitrary harm to a minority. The constitution defines the rights that the individual has that cannot be overturned by majority rule. Now, given that men and women have many stakes in common, a men vs. women split could seem unlikely. But the decline of marriage and the fall in fertility have reduced these common interests; and the rise of "political correctness" has led us to a situation where men are the only minority that can be played against for electoral gains. So I believe we are in fact entering a dirty – and most dangerous – round of divisive identity politics.'

Yet Another Beer Company Tries To Profit Off Of The Sexual Abuse of Males

xtrnl · 13 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Hey guys. I'm sad to inform you of yet another beer company that thinks the sexual abuse of males is comedy. If this isn't proof that beer must have a detrimental effect on brain cells, I don't what does. In this ad for Rolling Rock, a baseball deflects off of the scoreboard, hitting not one, not two, not three, but about ten men in the crotch. You can view the ad here. I must warn you though, your IQ will probably be cut in half from watching it, as this is the most immature commercial I've ever seen. I decided to write the company.

I sent them this letter regarding the ad:

Hi. I recently saw an ad which your company made on the internet. In this ad, a baseball player hits a baseball which deflects off the scoreboard then proceeds to hit around ten men in the crotch. I'm just writing to let you know that advertisements like that are offensive to some, as they try to make light of men's genitals getting abused. It would be like if you made a commercial where several women got hit in the boobs or box by the baseball. That wouldn't be acceptable. So why is this? Speaking of which, why is that only men are the victims of the slaptstick violence in this ad? Since you had several victims, you could have included women as well. I find ads like this one offensive and denigrating, and I have no interest in purchasing your product.

They responded:

Evan,

Thanks so much for the e-mail. I'm sorry you were not amused by our recent ad, but hey, to each his own. That's what makes this country great.

Please keep in mind, we've got a lot of new ads coming down the pike, which will hopefully be better suited to your tastes. And if not, that’s cool. Rolling Rock isn’t sold in Canada right now, anyway.

Take care.

Good thing there's plenty of room on the boycott list. We've got another candidate!

Dads DO matter: Why children brought up by BOTH parents are happier and more successful

Anonymous · 13 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Children behave better, learn more and are better adjusted if their father is involved in their lives, a major study shows...

...Anna Sarkadi, of Sweden's Uppsala University, where the research was carried out, said: "Our detailed 20-year review shows that overall, children reap positive benefits if they have active and regular engagement with a father figure.

"We found various studies that showed that children who had positively involved father figures were less likely to smoke and get into trouble with the police, achieved better levels of education and developed good friendships with children of both sexes.

"Long-term benefits included women who had better relationships with partners and a greater sense of mental and physical well-being at the age of 33 if they had a good relationship with their father at 16.

"It may seem obvious that what's worked for centuries is good for individuals and society, but that's what we found."

Woman Indicted After Dropping Child Twice From Second Story

anthony · 13 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A suburban mom accused of dropping her infant daughter twice from the indoor, second-story balcony in her home has been indicted on a charge of attempted capital murder.
...
The child did not suffer serious injuries and is in her father's care.
...
She has been suffering from schizophrenia since the birth of her daughter, said Howard Shapiro, one of Enjeti's attorneys."

Restraining Order Issued for Woman Who Sent Ex-Boyfriend 10,000 Text Messages in Two Months

anthony · 13 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Exxerpt:

"Timothy Mortimore's Valentine's Day may be less than romantic this year. Mortimore, 37, tells the UK's Daily Mail he has been unable to lead a normal life since his bitter ex-girlfriend, Lee Amor, 23, bombarded him with 10,000 abusive phone and text messages in two months — an average of one every eight minutes.

Mortimore took Amor to court after she followed him and his current girlfriend, approached him at work demanding they talk, sent a piece of glass she had used to cut herself and tried to convince him he was the father of her unborn child.

Amor pleaded guilty to harassment and was fined, as well as being slapped with a restraining order barring her from contacting or approaching Mortimore, the Daily Mail reports."

Female Deputy Dumps Quadriplegic Man From Wheelchair

anthony · 13 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office said Tuesday that one of their own deputies is in trouble after she was caught on tape dumping a quadriplegic man out of his wheelchair while he was being booked into jail, and three supervisors were nearby at the time but did nothing.

Investigators say Deputy Charlotte Marshall Jones is suspended without pay after the January 29 incident, which involved 32-year-old Brian Sterner, who is a quadriplegic. Video shows Deputy Jones dumping Sterner out of his wheelchair and onto the floor while she is booking him into the Hillsborough County Jail. The tape also shows the deputy then searching Sterner as he lay on the floor."

YouTube: "Chivalry and Equal Rights"

MrReality · 13 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I figured we could use some comedy in this forum. A friend of mine from YouTube sent this to me. It's good to see men starting to open their eyes.

Please contact NH's Gov. Lynch re the NH Men's Commission

Matt · 13 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'The terms of two people on the state Commission on the Status of Men expired as of Sept. 1. It's been almost half a year, and Gov. Lynch still has made no new nominations to replace them.
...
The women's commission has existed for 40 years, most of that time with full staffing and funding. The men of New Hampshire have a right to equal treatment not only by the Legislature but also by the governor.'

Contact information here.

A letter to protest tax-funded misandry

anthony · 13 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This intriguing letter was written by Deborah Fellows, president of the New York Civil Rights Council. Excerpt:

'"Women" studies appeared overnight and everywhere. Statistics like "One in Four females will be sexually molested by the time their 21" or "Super bowl Sunday incidences of domestic violence raise by a factor of four" started to appear. They were repeated so much they did become the truth. But when true and factual reports came out to counter balance the manipulated reports they had to come up with another way of getting their message of hatred and prejudices across. They infiltrated the Governments. They had to manipulate the questions to fulfill their data. Henceforth – Propaganda was again born.'

DHS, FBI Warn of Possibility of Female Homicide Bombers

anthony · 13 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The growing use by terrorist groups of women — some disguised as expectant moms — to deliver deadly homicide bombs has prompted the Department of Homeland Security and FBI to issue a rare warning that such attacks could take place on American soil.

"Female suicide bombers may have an advantage over their male counterparts in accessing targets," the analysis cautioned. "The means to conduct a suicide attack vary widely, but a key element in maximizing the lethality of a suicide bombing is the bomber's ability to get close to the target."

The assessment also strongly warned that potential female homicide bombers could use "prosthetic devices that mimic the look of a pregnant woman.'

Bravo's "Millionaire Match Maker" No Place for Men

Matt · 13 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via email submission:

Hi my name is Dan. I'm a big fan of your blog and I have a lot of respect for you and what you are doing. I recently sent a letter to the website for the Bravo television network about a show they have called Millionaire Match Maker. Like I'm guessing most of you, I have grown tired in the last couple of years of TV shows depicting women being rude or condescending towards men. I see it in TV commercials, programs and reality shows. Well, a couple of days ago I was watching the above-named show and decided I was going to write the network and tell them about how I felt. Here is copy of the letter:

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I am a member of a growing group of men's rights activists and I found your show to be offensive to men and irresponsible.

Your show depicts a woman who is demeaning and condescending towards the men in the show. The show is called Millionaire Match Maker that airs on the Bravo TV network. In the show, a woman (Pattie) who runs a dating service, is supposedly hired by various wealthy men in Los Angeles to find a woman that they might fall in love with. However, Pattie is show to mostly have a rude, catty attitude and takes it upon her self to tell these men what she thinks of them, criticize and order them to make curtain changes in there lives, wardrobe, attitude, etc. so that they might be lucky enough to marry one of her "independent women" that belong to her service.

She is usually show to have an irritated, judgmental demeanor and to be generally arrogant. In your latest episode called "rocker guy", Pattie meets a guy called Julian that lives in a house that appears to be a upper-middle class dwelling, but because it is apparently not big or extravagant enough, refers to the house and neighborhood as a "ghetto", and because the house does live up to her standards, she further refers to him as a "cheep, lazy, s.o.b." At one point, she is standing outside his house and says, "this is disgusting, this is not a millionaire". Before meeting Julian, she reviews a video tape interview of him in her office and tells some of her female co-workers that she is going to whip him into shape before he will be allowed to meet any girls, she says that she is going to "slap this bitch" into shape, referring to him as her "bitch". After walking into his house she tells Julian that "no woman would date you while you live in a house like this". Julian then asks her if a woman who would think something like that, would be right for him in the first place, she responds "trust me, no woman with a spine would date you in this house, your a cheapskate", "you live in a dump", "get it together".

She finally and reluctantly tells Julian that she will work with him but that "you need to change you attitude", and "you need to decide to fall in love" before I will help you and before you can meet any girls in the dating service. There are many other examples of sarcastic, condescending behavior exhibited by the woman in your show, but I don't have time to list them all (these were just a few that stuck out and I remembered). The point is, there may be a lot of people at your company and in the public that enjoy watching a woman being rude and demeaning towards a man, but keep in mind that your show is broadcast on cable for everyone to see including children who are young and impressionable.

The kind of interactions and interplay between sexes that you show on TV mean a great deal to young people. In my opinion, your show is sexist. If you question that comment, simply reverse the rolls where a man is depicted to shape these women up to be suitable and good enough so that someone might do them a favor and want to marry them, all the while saying things like, "i'm going to slap this bitch", "this place is disgusting", "your a cheep, lazy, s.o.b." "you live in a dump". I think there would be more than a few woman's rights activist upset. Further, with Pattie's behavior, you broadcast to the world examples furthering the stereotypes of women being materialistic. With comments like, "no woman would date you living in a house like this"(an upper-middle class house in California, by the way), and "this is disgusting, this is not a millionaire".

It is important that we portray women in a positive light, not further stereotypes of cattiness, bitchyness, rude behavior or materialism, as your show does. Young men and women need better roll models than that. They need examples of men and women respecting and caring for one another, not examples of behavior that is divisive and gender polarizing. I am going to copy this email and post it on various men's rights blogs in witch I am a member. If you would like to respond to it, please do not send a standard message thanking me for my input and feedback saying you were sorry I found it offensive, rather I would like to know if someone at Bravo TV has the courage to address and defend showing misadry and negative female stereotypes to millions of people, and how it could effect children that might end up watching your show and if you were really responsible, you could respond to the specific examples of behavior and quotes of Pattie's that I laid out in the letter.

With all the TV shows in past decades that were sexist towards women, depicting men talking down to, demeaning, condemning and criticizing women, I would think that in this new age where women are liberated, you would be more mature, responsible and compassionate to not perpetuate the same bad behavior, only towards men now.

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P.S. I was in quite a hurry when writing this, but there were many other examples of underhanded, matter-of-fact ways of condescension and sarcasm toward the men in the show by Pattie. As well, there are many other episodes of this show that air every day on Bravo TV and can be viewed on their website. The link to view this particular episode is http://video.bravotv.com/player/?id=212367#videoid=212367.

Why Jane, the C Word?!

Matt · 14 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

More to laugh at for you guys here on "V Day"; Jane Fonda is busted on live TV (on "The View", no less), talking about The Vagina Monologues, when she uses "the C word" in context! And on Feb. 14!! Incredible!

Why read fiction when you have reality?

Newsweek: "How to Train a Husband"

parkranger · 14 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I found this article on Newsweek.com. I was angered by the comparison of men to animals. There were some interesting comments added by both men and women. I just thought it was intriguing how women seek to train/fix men of their inherent problems. Excerpt:

'DiSesa, who was the first female chairman of the ad agency McCann Erickson, argues that women should use their femininity to manipulate the men they work with and advance their careers. Instead of criticizing an employee's ad proposal, she flatters him for his "brilliant" idea, then sweetly asks if he had any other inspirations. "Women use these tactics with men all the time," she says. "We're mothers, wives, girlfriends, sisters. We know how to handle men, we just don't do it at work."
...
And, she says, we shouldn't admit to our manipulations. "If people think I'm being conniving, I am," she says. "But if men see it coming, they'll duck." Sutherland's husband eventually caught on to her experiment (it didn't help that she wrote a book about the animal-trainer school), and even started using the techniques back on her. Now they use the word "shamu" as a verb, as in "Did you just shamu me?"

Ed. note: This is not a repeat of an older post; alas, this is a concept that just keeps getting put out there. The dateline for the article is the Feb. 18, 2008 issue.

Boy babies 'worse for depression'

Anonymous · 14 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Giving birth to a boy can increase the likelihood of severe postnatal depression, a study suggests.
...
They suggested a negative attitude to a son might be a legacy of unsatisfactory relationships with important male figures in their life, such as their father, or partner.

Professor de Tychey said: "The overwhelming finding of the study was the fact that gender appears to play a significant role in reduced quality of life as well as an increased chance of severe postnatal depression."'

WONDERFUL. NOW WE HAVE "SCIENTIFIC PROOF" SO WOMEN CAN GO ON KILLING AND ABUSING THEIR SONS...

Popular Blogger asks: "Why Bother"?

sgaver · 15 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I'm seeing more and more articles about how men are staying away from marriage -- or even from women altogether. Here's one that I bumped into on Craig's list, of all places. This guy sums it up pretty well in the following passage:

"All the great advantages of the women's liberation movement have created an environment which, frankly, does not leave men with much. We can't flirt with women at school, college or at the office anymore, because one man's "flirting" has become another woman's "sexual harassment" and the punishments for such transgressions are not only severe, they're permanent—crippling a man's career and prospects thereof.

When a woman can get pregnant outside wedlock, and still hound a man forever for child support (with the enthusiastic support of the State), is it any wonder that men, even though ruled by their sex drive, might actually step back a little and think with their heads? And once married, if a divorce becomes a later reality, he stands a real risk of losing access to his kids forever, because if Milady is feeling vengeful—and most do, in a divorce—the merest suggestion of "endangerment" or "violence", and he is completely screwed, forever, even if the allegation is a complete falsehood."

But I think my favorite part was the following:

"I am not interested, incidentally, in hearing the female side of this."

This guy's got the right attitude! We've heard ONLY the female side for 35+ years... who CARES about their side anymore?

Equal Parenting Cyclist interviewed Friday Feb. 15 on KRights Radio

Anonymous · 15 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Robert Pedersen will be on the radio show "The Message" with Richar Farr! February 15th 2008 -- This Friday 9:15 PM EST, 6:15 PST

You can hear this live on your radio in Las Vegas, Nevada and parts of California.

If you live elsewhere you can listen LIVE on KRights Radio.

Robert will reveal a secret detail of the 2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek departure from Lansing, MI! August 7th 2008 12 Noon - departure of the 758 mile Equal Parenting Bike Trek from the Lansing Capitol. The media and supporters will fill the Lansing Capitol Lawn simply to see what Robert will reveal on this Friday's interview.

List of Media Coverage for the 2007 Equal Parenting Bike Trek here.

Boys continue to be 'recruited' into 'military service'

Matt · 15 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'"In spite of the impressive progress, I regret to report that the overall situation of children affected by conflict remains grave and entirely unacceptable," Coomaraswamy said.

She urged the Security Council, charged with investigating the use of child soldiers, to expand its focus to other issues affecting youngsters, starting with systematic sexual violence.
...
The council expressed concern at "the widespread and systematic use of rape and other forms of sexual violence against children, in particular girls, in situations of armed conflict" and called on all parties to take special measures to protect girls and boys from sexual and gender-based violence.'

Why is the word "boys" mentioned just once in this article, and only in the cited paragraph above? Otherwise it's all "child" and "children".

And for 'recruit' read 'forced'; for 'military service' read 'slavery'.

"In Treatment": A drama series actually shows women's infidelity

Anonymous · 15 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I don't watch much TV, and only happened across this series at a friend's house. I don't even have cable. Anyway, an HBO series called "In Treatment" is not only really well-acted and -written, but the infidelity of women is shown without flinching. And better yet, you can watch it for free on HBO's web site. Well worth the time.

Ed. note: I can vouch for this endorsement. Great show, one of the few I'll watch myself.

Female Deputy Charged for Dumping Paralyzed Man

anthony · 16 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A sheriff's deputy who was videotaped dumping a paralyzed man from a wheelchair onto a jailhouse floor has been charged with abuse of a disabled person, a sheriff's official said Friday.

Surveillance footage from Jan. 29 shows Hillsborough County deputy Charlette Marshall-Jones, 44, dumping Brian Sterner out of his wheelchair and searching him on the floor after he was brought in on a warrant after a traffic violation."

Marshall-Jones is charged with abuse of a disabled person, a third-degree felony, said Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee.

If convicted, she could be sent to prison for five years."

CNN Video: Angry Ex Triess To Get Man's Dog Killed for Valentine's Day

anthony · 16 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Caption:

"A woman brought her ex-boyfriend's dog to be "axed" for a Valentine's Day promotion."

Ireland: Sport stars have backed plans to develop Munster's first men's health clinic.

anthony · 16 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Hurling legends Joe Deane and Tomás Mulcahy along with broadcaster and rugby pundit George Hook will front a gala charity function in Cork later this month to help raise funds for the clinic.
...
It will raise funds for the MUH's Men's Health and Prostate Cancer Fund, as well as raising public awareness of men's health issues.
...
About 1,150 men develop prostate cancer each year in Ireland.

The figure is similar to the number of women diagnosed with breast cancer each year.

Prostate cancer is responsible for 500 deaths annually or 11% of all cancer deaths among men.'

Article: "Why Do So Many Men Dread Feb. 14?"

anthony · 16 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"I think for a lot of men, they just feel so much pressure it really sucks all the enjoyment out of it; it's sort of like your wedding day in a lot of ways," said Lisa Daily, a Sarasota-based dating expert and author. "I think for a lot of people it's a sort of do-or-die day, and instead of judging the relationship on a whole, we judge it on a night, and there's a 15-step process and if you get any of them wrong you're in big trouble.
...
The pressure on men comes from many sources, including the advertisements of jewelers, greeting card companies, florists and chocolate makers. But Daily said the expectations of wives and girlfriends fuel the process.'

Saudi Arabia Told to Get with Feminist Program

Roy · 16 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Saudi Arabia must create laws to protect women from violence and also allow them to play a bigger role in society and the workplace, the United Nations said on Thursday.

"The lack of written laws governing private life constitutes a major obstacle to women's access to justice," said Yakin Erturk, the U.N.'s human rights expert on violence against women.

In a statement she called on Saudi Arabia to create a legal framework based on international human rights standards, including a law criminalizing violence against women.

That would also include a family law on marriage, divorce and minimum age for marriage, said the Turkish sociology professor...

"The need to address women's rights will grow increasingly urgent as the voices of women in Saudi society are heard," she said.'

Dance4Equality Will Be Present at the 2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek Departure

Matt · 16 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

August 7th 2008 12 Noon - Lansing Capitol Lawn - Lansing, MI.

There will be a media frenzy over the excitement surrounding the 2008 departure for the 758 mile Equal Parenting Bike Trek... Lansing, Michigan to Washington, D.C.

We are very excited to announce that Dance4Equality will be at the departure for the 2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek. This will be at the Lansing Capitol on August 7th 2008 12 Noon.

UK Telegraph: "Why is Hollywood going for bloke?"

anthony · 17 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Casting your eyes over this year's roster of film award contenders, you'd be forgiven for wondering why women, more than ever, have been relegated to the margins. The stories Hollywood wanted to tell last year were about fathers and sons, the American west, and machismo run amok.
...
Where are this year's The Queen, Erin Brockovich, Far From Heaven, The Hours? Even this year's Chicago? Oscar-watchers can only point to the best picture nominees Atonement and Juno as examples of female-led cinema, and neither of these will quite do.
...
It does seem that Hollywood has been overwhelmingly working out maleness issues, rather than feminine ones - whether it's rampant capitalism (There Will Be Blood, Michael Clayton) or essays on violence (No Country For Old Men, Jesse James) or paeans to male solitude (Into the Wild)."

Ed. note: Could not locate an email address for Tim Robey. However "letters to the editor" contact info is here.

'Dads on the Air' to Host Author of "The Woman Racket"

Matt · 17 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

DADS ON THE AIR

http://www.dadsontheair.net/

Local Sydney Time: 10.30am to 12 midday Tuesday 19th February 2008
USA Eastern time: 6.30pm to 8pm Monday 18th February 2008
USA Pacific time: 3.30pm to 5pm Monday 18th February 2008
UK GMT time: 11.30pm to 1am Monday night (Tuesday morning) 18th February 2008

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THE WOMAN RACKET

With special guests

* Steve Moxon
* John Flanagan

Steve Moxon's ground breaking book The Woman Racket, published this month, will fundamentally alter the contemporary debate about gender. Don't miss this fascinating interview. A decade of research has gone into the book, which claims to be the first to draw on the recent scientific findings re the actual root of sex difference - males acting as the 'genetic filter' for the whole lineage - and of all of the other research showing hitherto unexpected and massive human sex differences; with major implications for our view of men and women.

"Most importantly, we now know that there is no 'dominance' interaction of any kind between the sexes, so the notion of men having 'power' over and 'oppressing' women is a non-starter," he says. "Right from first principles, and evident in all of the social research, it is axiomatic that not women but men - rather, the majority of (necessarily lower status) men - must always be the principal disadvantaged sub-group in all societies. This properly scientifically based analysis, when it filters through, will mean the complete discrediting of 'political correctness' and effectively the end of it.

The book has had glowing praise from Bruce Charlton, the evolutionary psychologist at the University of Newcastle (UK), and was previewed as part of a two-page profile of Moxon in The Evening Standard (London) and by The Independent (UK).

Content preview on Amazon available here.

2/18/08 Update: Looks like Amazon US pulled the preview down... wonder why? Amazon UK still has it though, here.

Mills/McCartney Judge to Decide Split Terms

Matt · 18 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

As if anyone needed further evidence that when you marry someone you are placing the disposition of everything you own or ever worked for into the hands of two other parties: your spouse and the state -- read it here.

Wonder what the court's "administrative fee" will be for this one? Probably go into the millions of GBPs. Excerpt:

'Mills, 40, smiled as she left London's Royal Courts of Justice with her entourage. McCartney, 65, did not attend, although he was in court to face his estranged wife every day last week.

Media reports have suggested McCartney offered his wife around S$50 million and that she was seeking at least double that amount.

...

The couple married in June 2002 — four years after the death of McCartney's first wife, Linda — and their daughter Beatrice was born in October the following year. They announced their separation in 2006, and McCartney filed for divorce alleging "unreasonable behavior" by his wife.'

Oh yeah, what 'unreasonable behavior'? Read about it here and here among other places.

Heather may look like Linda (GRHS), but as you can see, these are two very different women from two very different generations indeed.

Grandmother Accused of Beating Boy Unconscious

anthony · 18 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A Florida grandmother was arrested Saturday after police said she beat her grandson at a busy intersection so badly that the child lost consciousness, WESH.com reported.

Dolores Henderson, 55, was described by witnesses as beating the 2-year-old as she was pushing him in her stroller and slamming the child into the curb, WESH.com reported. As officers arrived at the scene, police said the woman was continuing the beatings.

“As he drove up, he saw her hitting the child in the head,” Cocoa police spokeswoman Barbara Matthews told WESH.com. “She was slapping him with her open hand," Matthews said. "The officer described it as looking like a rag doll. She threw him back in the stroller and started to hit him again.”

Young Male Vets Most At Risk For Suicide In Oregon

anthony · 18 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A report out of the state of Oregon reinforces the results of a CBS News investigation from last November that found high rates of suicides among those who served in the military.

The state health report, “Violent Deaths in Oregon: 2005” found 18 to 24-year-old male veterans had the highest rate of suicide among all males in the state from 2000 to 2005 – almost 5 times higher than non-veteran males the same age. (The bar chart above shows the figures.)'

Historic Domestic Violence Conference Includes Male Victims

Anonymous · 18 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Historic Domestic Violence Conference Includes Male Victims

"From Ideology to Inclusion: Evidence-Based Policy and Intervention in Domestic Violence," a conference addressing issues pertaining to domestic violence, was held in Sacramento, California or Friday, February 15, 2008 and Saturday, February 16, 2008.

Shortly before 7:30 A.M. on Friday, the "Terrace Room" began to fill and shortly thereafter, the room was full, but people were still standing in the lobby and standing on the "terrace," waiting to register. So many people attended this event that an overflow room was opened to handle the crowd.

The highlight of the conference, in my opinion, came on the second day, when Erin Pizzy spoke. Pizzy was the founder of the first battered women's shelter in the world. Preceding her speech, Pizzy was presented with a lifetime achievement award by Phil Cook, for all of the work she'd done to care for victims of domestic violence. Pizzy remarked. "This is a first."

Clinton's struggle vexes feminists

MR · 19 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Clinton's struggle vexes feminists

Excerpt:
"WASHINGTON - As Hillary Clinton struggles to regain her momentum in the presidential race, frustrated feminists are looking at what they see as the ultimate glass ceiling: A female candidate with a hyper-substantive career is now threatened with losing the nomination to a man whose charismatic style and powerful rhetoric are trumping her decades of experience."

On YouTube: Men's Movement Revealed - Sex Culture and a Mission

anthony · 19 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I hope you guys enjoy this video as much as I did. It's a series of different male issues played through music and realistic images.

The video manages to address some of the most important MRA issues citing legitimate statistics.

Toxins 'cause defects for future generations'

Anonymous · 19 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Men who smoke, drink heavily or are exposed to pesticides while trying for a baby could harm not only their baby but future generations of offspring too, scientists say...

..."They said traditional assumptions that the health of fathers was less important than that of mothers in determining how healthy their babies would be should be revised.

Dr Cynthia Daniels of Rutgers University, said: "If I were a young man I would not drink heavily and I would not be smoking two packs of cigarettes per day while trying to conceive a child.

"Studies have shown significant associations between male toxic exposures and increased rates of infertility, miscarriage, stillbirth and childhood health problems."

Middle School Teacher gets Six Years for "Sex with" Teenage Boys

Matt · 20 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. The story reports she was originally facing 60 years in jail total, but the judge reduced it to six (of course). One comment:

"Typical. If a man had raped 5 teenage girls he would have been sentenced for much, much longer. But a woman raping young boys does not receive the same level of attention or reprimand. She is a sexual deviant and justice has again been denied."

Posted by "Scott". Hmm, is that our very own Scott, I wonder? :)

RADAR ALERT: Randy Moss's "Trial by Rumor" and the Patriot's Super Bowl Loss

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Just as the New England Patriots were looking to cap off a perfect season, Boston Patriots wide receiver Randy Moss was hit with a claim of "serious injury." The allegation made by Rachelle Washington over an alleged altercation on January 6, 2008.

Washington is an old paramour of Moss's who was unemployed and behind in her rent payments. Reports suggest that Washington had a soft-tissue injury to her finger, but how it occurred remains a mystery. Hospital X-rays were negative.

A temporary restraining order was quickly entered against Moss.

According to Moss' agent, attorney David K. McGill demanded a $500,000 payment and threatened to reveal "lots of dirt" about Moss if the money was not paid by January 11th. McGill has refused interviews and has not explained the specifics of the allegations.

Jane Doe, Inc., the Massachusetts Coalition Against Domestic Violence, demanded the benching of Randy Moss for the AFC Championship game, pending a January 28th hearing. Jane Doe claimed, without evidence, that this is the "common protocol" used by employers. The January 28th hearing was postponed by agreement of the parties until March.

In a January 17th interview, a distraught Moss said the woman was hurt by accident and called the allegation "false."

According to the Boston Globe, Moss was "mad at this situation of extortion." He claimed Washington was seeking "six figures" to keep the alleged battery "hushed."

For the season, Moss easily led the Patriots with 1,493 yards and an average of 15.2 yards per pass. But the pressure on Moss appeared to have caused a profound effect on his game performance.

For the AFC championship, "Randy Moss was a non-factor for the second straight game and the highest-scoring team in NFL history sputtered all afternoon," according to the Associated Press report.

Two weeks later, Moss headed to Super Bowl XLII with a "black cloud" hanging over his head: "I brought it to Coach and said, 'Look, Coach, I'm being threatened to do something that I have no idea of what I need to be doing.'"

During the Super Bowl, Moss caught only one pass. The stunned Patriots lost 14-17 to the New York Giants.

Had Moss not been distracted by the allegation of partner violence, Super Bowl XLII might well have turned out differently.

Sports fans must call for sensible reforms of domestic violence laws. We cannot permit extortion and trial-by-rumor to destroy the careers of athletes and to sway the outcomes of games.

We urge you to call your local radio sports shows and write letters to your local newspapers emphasizing that:

1. There is no evidence to date that Randy Moss abused Rachelle Washington.
2. The combination of pressures on Randy Moss impaired his focus and playability for Super Bowl XLII.
3. The outcome of Super Bowl XLII may have been thrown by the domestic violence industry.

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BBC Radio 5 Feature on Male DV Victims, Sunday Feb. 24 2008

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BBC Radio 5 Live in the UK (693/909 MW and digital) will be running a feature on male DV victims from 10pm on this Sunday (24th). It may come on later than 10pm so you may have to listen for a while.

Please tune in and if there is a phone-in/text-in on the show then please take the opportunity.

It should be available for those outside the UK via http://www.bbc.co.uk/fivelive/

The Nuclear Option: How Men's Constitutional Rights Are Obliterated in Family Courts

Anonymous · 21 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"In acrimonious divorce and child custody disputes emotions are tense and tempers flare. Buoyed by litigious attorneys, each side engages in strategic maneuvers to gain the greatest legal advantage. Sometimes a parent, fearing a loss of control or custody over a child, crosses the ethically acceptable bounds of legal warfare. An unfortunate but all too frequently used tactic by mothers is to accuse the father of sexually molesting their child. The mere accusation is sufficient to strip the father of all his custody rights and launch a criminal investigation. Even when no evidence is found to substantiate the allegation, family law courts typically "err on the side of caution" and award full custody to the mother. While national statistics reveal that the majority of all child sex abuse reports are legitimate, when such claims are made by a mother in the context of custody litigation, an estimated 77% of allegations are determined to be unfounded (Tong, 2002).A false child sex abuse allegation made during child custody litigation is a destructive legal stratagem."

Rudov: "Mills doesn't deserve a dime"

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Marc Rudov debates Lis Wiehl concerning why Heather Mills should not receive a dime from Paul McCartney. Congrats to Marc for not pulling any punches.

Watch the video.

Ed. note: If the video doesn't come up with the link above, click this search results link and select the video.

Middle school teacher faces 5 counts of sexual misconduct

Matt · 21 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Right at the end of the video the reporter notes the judge ordered a "psychiatric evaluation". In the Related Media list, this article also appears on the site; it was a special to the Seattle Times. Good to see it even if it is dated Sept., 2007. Excerpt:

'The decade long wave of sexual offenses committed by women — teachers in particular have exposed a cultural double standard: The public is more willing to accept the female abuser's claim that she had a "relationship" with the victim. And in cases in which the male is a teenager, the sexual abuse is more likely to be dismissed as a rite of passage. The questionable, yet overriding assumption, is that women predators are somehow different from men.

"Men are demonized, women are diagnosed. Men are beasts, but women are troubled or mentally ill," said media scholar Matthew Felling in an interview with Fox News. In fact, accounts of women sexual offenders are often more titillating than harsh. Felling calls the news coverage of young, attractive teachers involved with their students "part crime drama, part Penthouse letter."'

Dozens of Unindicted Lacrosse Players File Federal Lawsuit Against Duke

Matt · 21 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM, N.C. — More than three dozen current and former Duke lacrosse players plan to file a federal lawsuit against the university, the city of Durham and others involved in the case.

A spokesman for Washington-based attorney Charles J. Cooper said the civil lawsuit will be filed Thursday on behalf of 38 players who were not charged in the notorious case.

Spokesman Robert Bork Jr. declined Wednesday night to release the specific allegations made in the 30-count, 100-page lawsuit.'

Serbian girls prove looting is an equal-opportunity profession

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Well I suppose it'd be one thing if they hadn't eaten in days and they were taking food staples like rice and bread to avoid ravenous hunger. But no. No sooner does the social order come apart when they are letting their fingers do the walking to make off at a 100% discount with all manner of luxury goods. Just amazing, really. Take a look here. What is truly remarkable is the utter brazenness and total lack of self-consciousness.

High School Teacher Arrested for Sending Students "Adult Photos" via Cell Phone

Matt · 23 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Watch it here. Caption: "A 24-year old high school teacher has been arrested for allegedly sending photos of herself in various stages of undress to students."

Female Bus Driver Faces Possible Charges for Assault on Student

Matt · 23 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Another "girl fight" story, caught on camera, with an adult woman involved. Watch it here.

People may ask why MANN reports on stories of "women behaving badly" so much. The reason is just this: People of both sexes apparently need to see the proof of the capacity of females to engage in dangerous, anti-social, and/or criminal behavior repeatedly to undo the prejudice that says that "women just don't do those things." It has to be repeated again, and again, and again, in order for it to sink in: Women are just as capable of violent, dangerous, criminal, etc. acts as men and do indeed engage in such behavior at rates comparable. It is only the fact that they are female that allows people to forget so quickly what they have just seen.

Double-think, as Orwell imagined it, comes in many forms, and the persistent but false belief that women can behave this way, or do so only with some "very good reason" (usually based on some purported reaction to what a man, or men, do), is one of those beliefs that we just need to keep hammering at.

DV shelter for men opens in Ohio

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A domestic violence shelter for men has opened in Ohio! It is a church-run shelter in Fostoria.

Those needing help or would like to help donate supplies or make a monetary contribution to The Bridge and First Step, call Terri Mercer or Esuga Abaya at (419) 435-7300.

Boy, 16, has sex with girl, 13, and now is a registered sex offender for life.

blaze4metal · 24 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

When Ricky was 16, he went to a teen club and met a girl named Amanda, who said she was the same age. They hit it off and were eventually having sex. At the time Ricky thought it was a pretty normal high school romance.

Turns out she's 13 (so she lied about her age). Ricky is now a convicted sex offender for life. This flawed system has ruined yet another life. It's almost to the point where if a sex offender moves near you, you shouldn't even have to worry. Good job, judge!

More DV Propaganda for VAWA

Roy · 24 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) has issued an urgent press release (.doc file) asking people to contact their Congressional representatives because President Bush wants to “slash” VAWA’s budget. The appeal includes a sample letter to write your state’s reps, with the typical feminist lies like this one – “Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking directly affect at least 1 in 4 women in the United States and touch the lives of nearly all individuals.”

(I would agree that these feminist lies "touch the lives" of everyone; though the actual nature and extent of domestic violence is very much in dispute.)

Article: "Female sex predators hard to understand"

anthony · 24 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Days before, a 29-year-old Galveston City Hall worker was charged with sexually assaulting of 13-year-old boy who was a longtime friend of her stepson.

Within the same week, a Deer Park High School teacher was charged with having sex with a teenage student.

None of these woman have been convicted of any crimes."
...
"But in cases like the two recent Galveston County arrests, the women are rarely pedophiles, Reamer said.

Instead, the women are mentally close in age to their victim and rationalize their pursuit.

“In her mind, she’s relating to a guy her age,” he said. “Developmentally, they are much younger. They got stuck in older teenage years.”'

Female Teacher Sentenced To Ten Years After Raping 11-YO Boy

anthony · 24 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Wendie Ann Schweikert, a former elementary school teacher, began serving a 10-year sentence in June for having sex with an 11-year-old Black boy.

Ward, the daughter of a preacher, admitted to having sex at the school where she taught, a park, a motel and a restaurant after school officials found a note she had written to one of the boys. She was sentenced to 15 years in prison for each of three counts of lewdness against the 14- and 15-year-old boys, but they were reduced to six years in prison, to run concurrently."

Essay: "Male bashing for fun and for profit"

anthony · 24 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"While feminist advocates have been quick to lambaste vocabulary perceived as being male-normative-the use of "man" instead of "person" to describe an occupation, SSMU's tactful decision to bolster "non-males" in order to enforce gender parity or references to Senator Clinton's first name instead of last-less imaginative anti-male implications are frequent and unchallenged. Portrayals of men as brutish, callow and altogether uncultured are rampant throughout film and television productions, usually along with the implication that theatre, literature, poetry and other fine arts are somehow un-manly.

...

The feminist movement has rightly achieved much to correct Victorian prudishness toward female sexuality as part of the larger campaign for women's rights. That trend is now being reversed for men. While media publications seek to belittle and homogenize male sexual intentions, more radical movements seek to directly assault the male sex drive by likening it to violent assault. Both buck efforts for real sexual equality. Men's rights may not be the popular social movement, but its issues are real and present."

Expert: Men's role at root of violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The problem, Katz contended, is a culture that glorifies violence, which lures boys into thinking being violent will give them the power and control they crave. He pointed to the videos released by Virginia Tech gunman Seung-Hui Cho in April that showed him waving two guns around "like a bad Rambo caricature."
...
"The term 'male-basher' offends me," Katz responded. "Holding adult men accountable for their violence is an act of solidarity with young men and boys as well as women and girls ... Some men are in a place where they have the self-confidence and such that they can honestly look at this and not be defensive, and others aren't."'

Ask Dr. Helen: Is Male Bashing Curable?

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Column here. Excerpt:

"A few years ago Lionel Richie allowed his wife to knock him around a bit. When the media started to question his masculinity he reminded them that it didn't matter what line of defense he took, the media would turn it on him; if he hit his wife back in defense or retaliation, he'd become a woman-beater and abusive husband, but if he sat there and took it, he's labeled as less than a man. It doesn't matter what we do, we're vilified through the narrow focus of society and the media. The world has changed and it's folly to believe that our gender hasn't changed with it."
...

[Dr. Helen's Partial response]

"Is maleness worth fighting for, can the culture be "cured" of its malebashing nature, or is the fight just not worth the hassle? Would it be better to let women take over the burden of running things? Also, any personal experiences with negative male stereotypes and how you handled the situation would be welcome."

India: Woman kills her teenage sons to facilitate affair

anthony · 24 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Maharashtra's Nagpur town has been booked for allegedly poisoning to death her two teenage sons as she considered them a hindrance in her love affair, the police said Wednesday.

Geeta Wadekar, 36, has confessed to the crime after professing innocence initially and her friend Sanjay Bagade, 32, has admitted to having an illicit relationship with her, the police claimed.

"Geeta first told us her sons - 16-year-old Mayur and 14-year-old Ritesh - died of food poisoning after consuming stale tea Monday morning. But on being confronted with an empty bottle of Indosulfan recovered from her home, she admitted to having mixed the insecticide with their morning tea," Wadi police station officer D.J. Chavan told IANS."

Upsurge in cases of gynecomastia in teen boys

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Video report here. More on the condition:

About.com article
Keepkidshealthy.com article

Well I am no doctor but can imagine the upsurge in this condition possibly having something to do with all the BCP estrogen and industrial chemicals getting into the water. But that's just layman's speculation.

This American Life: Testosterone

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Episode from 2002 re-aired tonight: Testosterone. Interesting listening; be sure to share it with your favorite fem-bot! Description:

"Stories of people getting more testosterone and coming to regret it. And of people losing it and coming to appreciate life without it. The pros and cons of the hormone of desire."

Keep listening; in the beginning you may be inclined, like me, to dismiss it as yet another feminist-inspired anti-male piece of garbage. But just keep listening. The show is available free for streaming, click the orange "Full Episode" link under the picture of the needle.

Friends? We Don’t Need No Stinking Friends

anthony · 25 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"Men’s Rights Activists, for all of our differences, can (in large part) unite behind one simple and easy to grasp idea - Feminists are the enemy. Some go further and say that all women in contemporary society have benefited from the excesses of feminism, whether they are aware of their having benefited or not. While men were imprisoned in droves in response to rape and domestic violence hysteria, while men’s lives and livelihoods were ruined by ridiculous charges of sexual harassment, punitive alimony and child support enforcement, and all the other arrogant inequities of a family court system that seems to see them as sperm-doning wallets who had their fun and now they are going to pay, pay, pay - women did not rise in outrage and what was happening to their sons, brothers, fathers and potential life partners. If women are now beginning to feel a backlash in society in the form of marriage strikes, prenuptial agreements, an unprecedented aversion to chivalry on principle, and increased indifference on the part of men to the challenges they face in society, call the National Organization for Women. This was all their idea.

...
But what about the women who have tried for years to do something? What about women like Kate O’Beirne, Christina Hoff-Sommers, Charlotte Hayes, Carrie Lukas, Cathy Young, Erin Pizzey, Esther Vilar, or Wendy McElroy? This is not an inclusive list, mind you, but these are names that come off the top of my head when asked to name women who have stood damn tall in facing down institutional misandry. They did so when an awful lot of so-called men- in military leadership, in government, in academia, in the judiciary - were crawling on their bellies, willing to sell out every principle they had sworn to uphold to convince the feminists “they get it.” For their trouble, these women have lived with death threats, threats of rape, censure, loss of income – the whole litany of consequences the entrenched feminist culture has at their disposal to punish heretics. Are they the enemy?"

Steroids: Growing problem among girls?

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Video report here.

It doesn't take long for the MSM media to take an issue that has a negative effect on men and somehow turn it into some new crisis among girls. It seems the importance of one girl on steroids is the equivalent to a 1000 boys taking the drug.

Mother charged with murder of her three children

anthony · 25 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A New Cassel woman was charged Sunday with killing her three young children after years of family members' efforts to remove them from her care.

Nassau police charged Leatrice Brewer, 27, with one count of first-degree murder and three counts of second-degree murder for the deaths of Jewell Ward, 6, Michael Demesyeux, 5, and Innocent Demesyeux, 1.
...
Brewer will be arraigned Monday either at her hospital bedside or in First District Court in Hempstead, Smith said. Doctors will perform mental and physical evaluations to determine whether Brewer, who friends and family members said works part-time jobs as an office assistant and as a cashier, is well enough to leave the hospital or whether she should be transferred to a psychiatric facility, Smith said.
...
Brewer's grandmother, Maebell Mickens, said she was trying to take legal custody of the children from Brewer. And the father of the two younger children, also named Innocent Demesyeux, said he "tried his best to take them away."'

Campus paper article: "Feminists lose sense of objectivity"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"In one of the most popular cases of the new feminist agenda, the New York City Fire Department was sued by a woman who claimed that the physical examination to become a firefighter was too taxing for women. She won. The FDNY was forced to create new physical testing tailored toward women so that they may be allowed easier access to the profession. Here, the goal of feminists to kill objectivity is clear. They are not concerned that tests of that nature are specifically devised to make sure, for example, that one would have the ability of pulling a 200-pound man out of a building and down a ladder. To these feminists, the safety of citizens was second to gender representation."

Prominent Feminist Say Blacks Should Wait 8 Years for Presidency

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Letty Cottin Pogrebin was disappointed because Hillary was being over-shadowed by a "whipper-snapper" named Obama. She said Obama was inexperienced and not ready to be President and that he should wait his turn- say maybe another 8 years, but in the mean time what she wanted was Hillary Clinton in office as President for the next 8 years!

While a black man should wait his turn!

Why, women have paid a long hard price for this moment! And how dare a 'whipper-snapper' upstart like Obama upstage the long awaited crowning of woman! This is what all women have been waiting for! Waiting and working hard for the opportunity to choose a President who is not a white male! But NOT a black man! This is NOT what the feminists wanted when they said they wanted a choice! Waaaaaaaaaah! Not a black man! (Cry some more here)

Just when a woman is about to win for once, then comes the first black man! Heaven forbid! Or, did heaven sic 'em on her?"

Shared Parenting Advocate Announces Candidacy for the Michigan House of Representatives

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On February 25, 2008 Scott Hudson of Waterford will formally announce his candidacy for State Representative for the 43rd District.

Hudson believes that the integrity of the family must be respected and that the role of the family in America is vital. The mother and father both need equal and full access to their children, and that the role of the state must be secondary to children having both parents in their lives.

No matter where your location is please email Mr. Hudson with your words of encouragement.

He is a very strong advocate for EQUAL parenting rights and like so many men have been damaged by a biased family court system.

RADAR ALERT: Call Your Senator Today, Spare the World of I-VAWA!

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At a time when Violence against Women Act (VAWA) is increasingly criticized for its ineffectiveness and harmful effects on American families, Sen. Joseph Biden recently introduced International Violence against Women Act (I-VAWA).

RADAR's analysis of I-VAWA (Senate bill 2259) reveals it would:

1. Harm the family.
2. Impose ineffective and harmful programs on other countries.
3. Create a new federal "super-agency" that would control many aspects of U.S. foreign policy.
4. Ignore violence against men and other forms of violence.
5. Funnel millions of taxpayer money to ideologically-driven organizations.

More information on the problems with I-VAWA can be found here.

I-VAWA is almost identical to VAWA, a law that has already contributed to the destabilization of American families and caused immense harm to children.

Before VAWA was introduced and American courts dealt with cases of real abuse and real justice was served. Then the definition of "violence" was expanded to encompass almost every aspect of human interaction between spouses, including raising one's voice or arguing.

VAWA harms children who need the love of both parents. With its creative definitions of "psychological abuse," VAWA has been widely used to cut off the natural bond between children and their fathers, to the detriment of both.

Is this what we want other countries in the world to adopt? Is this the best that America has to offer? Do we want to pay for this with nearly a quarter of a billion dollars our tax money?

The National Organization for Women recently sent out an Alert telling its members to contact the Senate to support I-VAWA. We must make it clear to our Senators that I-VAWA is bad for families and harmful to children.

Please telephone or fax your Senator today and tell that person to "Spare the world of I-VAWA, Say 'No' to S. 2259!". Your Senator's contact information can be found here.

It's up to us to save the family and protect our children.

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Date of RADAR Release: February 25, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women
working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Group president: Men, kids ‘invisible’ victims

Matt · 25 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

NCFM-LA gets quoted in correcting a paper over its facts. Excerpt:

'COLUMBUS -- A common and popular belief that women are the vast majority of domestic violence victims came under fire recently in a response to The Telegram’s story entitbled “Safety top priority in domestic violence calls” which published Feb. 17.

Marc E. Angelucci, president of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men, responded by e-mail and a blog post to the story and provided access to several studies by prominent medical, research and governmental agencies to back up his claims.

The various studies call into question the commonly held belief that female victims far outnumber male victims of intimate partner violence and/or that women do not typically initiate the violence, but only react or respond to violence committed against them.'

LA Times: What campus rape crisis?

Anonymous · 26 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"It's a lonely job, working the phones at a college rape crisis center. Day after day, you wait for the casualties to show up from the alleged campus rape epidemic -- but no one calls. Could this mean that the crisis is overblown? No. It means, according to campus sexual-assault organizations, that the abuse of coeds is worse than anyone had ever imagined. It means that consultants and counselors need more funding to persuade student rape victims to break the silence of their suffering."

Letters to the editor can be sent via this link.

Georgia School District Goes Single-Sex

Anonymous · 26 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Some people are upset, but the data shows that this will improve performance of both boys and girls. Let's see what happens! Excerpt:

'GREENSBORO, Ga. - Nearly four decades after this rural Georgia county stopped segregating its schools by race, it wants to divide students again — this time by sex.

Greene County is set to become the first school district in the nation to go entirely single-sex, with boys and girls in separate classrooms — a move born of desperation over years of poor test scores, soaring dropout rates and high numbers of teenage pregnancies.'

Michigan Governor Declines Proclamation of Parental Alienation Awareness Day

Anonymous · 26 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

News item here. Excerpt:

'Governor Jennifer Granholm has destroyed Michigan's economy, families and now our children. A Proclamation to officially recognize April 25th as Parental Alienation Awareness Day was denied by Governor Granholm.'

"Ideology to Inclusion" Conference Follow-up

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Reprted on MANN here. The flyer to the conference is here (.pdf file).

Dee Dee Myers' new book: What if women ruled the world?

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Story here.

Dee Dee Myers was former White House Press Secretary during the Clinton administration. She has been all over the news claiming sexism and victimization in regards to Hillary's attempt to become the next President. This is a book written by a woman who exemplifies misandry! Excerpt:

"It's easy (and perhaps a bit facile) to argue that men haven't done such a great job. The last century was the bloodiest in human history, and so far, this one has been a tale of war, terrorism, religious extremism, abject poverty, and disease. I'm not saying it's all men's fault. But let's just say, they've been in charge, and it doesn't seem we're much closer to finding answers to these profound and vexing problems.

...
Wouldn't it? Yes, I thought; it would. In fact, if there were more women in positions of power, not just in Congress, but across the United States and around the world, lots of things would be better. Not perfect. But better. We'd have more representative government; a stronger economy; and a healthier and more sustainable planet. We'd be better able to resolve conflicts and keep the peace. We'd have stronger families."

Botswana has "Men Sector" to deal with men's issues/rights

Matt · 26 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'The law in Botswana currently leans towards women when it deals with custody of children born out of wedlock.

As a result, some women, out of bitterness or for whatever reason, end up denying men access to their children.

The men, in that case, can't get legal help. While women's rights organisations booming all over the world advocate for women's rights, represented locally by Emang Basadi, men seem to be lagging behind in organising to form an organisation which can deal with men's rights and other issues that affect them.'

DV shelter for men in Ohio follow-up

Matt · 26 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

It made it to mainstream! Story here. (Originally on MANN here.) Excerpt:

'Now First Step has taken its next step by opening a shelter for male victims of domestic violence and fathers who are struggling to maintain relationships with their children.

Officials say they believe "The Bridge," as the new shelter is called, is the first of its kind in Ohio.

"We're stepping out. We're doing something that has not been done before," said Terri Mercer, executive director of First Step. She and Esuga Abaya, the agency's community resource coordinator, say First Step has worked with an increasing number of men in recent years. The agency has, at times, made arrangements for male victims to stay at hotels or find other safe housing, but the options were limited.'

Wrongfully accused sex offender making documentary

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I am a filmmaker. My passion is to tell people's stories and give them a voice. It was difficult for me to decide if I wanted to expose myself and be publicly known as a alleged sex offender; going against my family and friend's advice, I decided that going public was the right thing to do. I need to do this, because it is only way to expose this injustice and mistreatment towards men in our justice system. I was arrested solely based on accusation without any other evidence, other than a single eye witness who is her friend. My hope is whatever the outcome, people become more aware of this issue. I am determined to make my case by showing other men who have had a similar experience and how their lives have changed, and give them a voice from a men's and accused's perspective.

I wanted to share my journey towards clearing my name, and every step of it: from a obtaining a lawyer, how my day-to-day life has been affected, to the final court hearing. I want anyone else who is wrongfully accused to not be ashamed and to speak up, and to address this issue.

My first goal for this film are to expose the injustice to men who are charged with this crime from the first-hand perspective. Secondly, I want society to accept that there are indeed innocently-accused men, and bring to light how their lives have changed and how society can help them with a change of attitude.

Parents Join Duke Lacrosse Team in Lawsuit

anthony · 27 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Seven parents have joined 38 members of the 2006 Duke University's men's lacrosse team in suing the university, the city of Durham, N.C., police investigators, and a sexual assault nurse examiner at Duke University Hospital for harm resulting from being falsely accused in the case of a stripper who claimed several team members raped her after a drinking party in 2006."

On domestic violence, no one wants to hear the truth

Matt · 27 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'Holding women responsible for their violence was so at odds with the received wisdom of the movement's activists that, for her whistle-blowing pains, Pizzey's dog was killed and her entire family received death threats. Undaunted, she pursued her equal-responsibility crusade in the United States for many years in a fusillade of articles and books.

While dramatically extreme, Pizzey's story is nevertheless emblematic of the hostility truth-tellers confront in the domestic violence industry.'

NCFM attorney wins $400K class action against Club Med for anti-male discrimination

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Orange County Superior Court Judge Ronald L. Bauer just signed a settlement agreement ordering Club Med to pay NCFM attorney Alfred Rava of San Diego over $400,000.00 in attorneys' fees, plus other monetary sums, in settlement of a 257-member class action against Club Med for discriminating against men by giving free or reduced airfare only to women but not to men. You can read the judgment here (.pdf file).

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National Coalition of Free Men
http://www.ncfmla.org/

Teacher's Aide Quits After Hosting Sex and Drugs Party for High School Students

anthony · 27 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A teacher's aide quit her job on Monday after police discovered teenage students in her hotel room with alcohol and drugs.
...
Police found condom wrappers, crack-cocaine, empty beer cans and alcohol in Swogger's hotel room last week. Swogger did not show up to work on Thursday or Friday."

BBC Feature On Men Falsely Accused of Rape

The Rights of M... · 27 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The BBC has surpassed itself this week on male issues.

Firstly on male domestic violence victims (Radio 5 Sunday on 24th Feb) available here. [Ed. note: This is a 3-hour show and the host covers other topics in it.]

Secondly, on a feature about men falsely accused of rape. Excerpt:

'At the age of 19, Ben Guerin had his life ripped apart by one allegation.

Three years after he'd had a sexual encounter with a girl from school he was arrested for assault, rape and paedophilia.
...
But witnesses who had been with the couple came forward on Ben's behalf and inaccuracies were found in the girl's story. The charges were dropped and instead the girl was eventually sentenced to a year for perverting the course of justice.'

"Thousands of babies who should have been boys are being born as girls"

Anonymous · 28 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Should this not be a pivotal agenda for MRAs? Governments seem to be unwilling to tackle or even acknowledge this problem. Article here. Excerpt:

"And, whether or not this is the cause, male sperm counts have been dropping precipitously both here and across the world.

Studies in more than 20 countries have shown that average amounts have fallen by well over half in the past 50 years, from an average of more than 150 million per millilitre to 66 million.

The result is that men are now less than half as fertile as hamsters.

The counts are continuing to plunge by two per cent a year, and no end to the decline is in sight. At this rate, the average man will be unable to father children within decades.

Increasingly the sperm crisis is being blamed on a whole host of chemicals, not just synthetic oestrogen, but a wide variety of substances that have become ubiquitous in daily life.

Scientists at Rotterdam's Erasmus University have found that boys born to mothers exposed to PCBs grew up wanting to play with dolls and tea-sets.

And research at the University of Rochester in New York State has shown that the male children of women exposed to phthalates have smaller penises and other signs of feminisation of their genitals.

Communities exposed to high levels of these and other gender-bender chemicals, from the Great Lakes of North America to the Russian Arctic, have been found to give birth to twice as many girls as boys.

This may offer a clue to the cause of a mysterious shift in the sex of babies worldwide.

Normally 106 boys are born for every 100 girls, in what is thought to be nature's way of compensating for the fact that males were more likely to be killed hunting or in conflict.

But increasingly this ratio is slipping - it is calculated that 250,000 babies who would have been boys have been born girls in the U.S. and Japan alone."

Anti-freeze poisoner gets 30 years

Anonymous · 28 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A callous wife who poisoned her husband with anti-freeze on their seventh wedding anniversary was today jailed for 30 years.

Kate Knight, 28, spent weeks scouring the internet for the best way to kill Lee before lacing his curry and red wine with the highly toxic substance.

The 37-year-old JCB worker lost six pints of blood, spent 16 weeks in a coma and was left blind, deaf and brain-damaged.

Astonishingly, his supposedly devoted wife even tried to finish him off with spiked drinks as he lay fighting for life in an intensive care unit.'

White Men Shifting From Hillary Clinton To Barack Obama

JVC · 28 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

In an article published today, it appears that "White Men" have been a crucial block that has shifted from Hillary Clinton To Barack Obama in the Democratic Primary. They are also anticipated to be a crucial swing vote in the presidential election. Apparently, after years of being presented as an unthinking collective of racist lemmings, it now is apparent that white men have taken Martin Luther Kings I have a dream plea to heart and have decided that Barack Obama exhibits the kind of character men hope will inhabit the White House.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Record-high ratio of Americans in prison

Matt · 28 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK - For the first time in history, more than one in every 100 American adults is in jail or prison, according to a new report tracking the surge in inmate population and urging states to rein in corrections costs with alternative sentencing programs.
...
The report said prison growth and higher incarceration rates do not reflect a parallel increase in crime or in the nation's overall population. Instead, it said, more people are behind bars mainly because of tough sentencing measures, such as "three-strikes" laws, that result in longer prison stays.

"For some groups, the incarceration numbers are especially startling," the report said. "While one in 30 men between the ages of 20 and 34 is behind bars, for black males in that age group the figure is one in nine."'

You guys will get a kick out of this: "violence against men not nearly to scale with violence against women"

Anonymous · 28 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"At a symposium in October 2007 on "Politicising Masculinities", organised by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), it was noted that this issue of false equivalence surfaces frequently in discussions of men's own experience of violence. It is not uncommon to hear the statement that "men are also victims of violence at the hands of women". *Such comments can be profoundly unhelpful, not least because this violence is nothing like on the same scale as the many forms of violence experienced by women from men.*"

"Why can't girls have it all?"

Anonymous · 28 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'We know a lot about how to create life in laboratories, but very little about the feelings that go with having kids. In our bid for complete equality, women have denied that it's a transforming experience: rather, we've sidelined that, along with other "feminine" feelings, as being beneath intelligent people.
...
I'd once have been embarrassed at acknowledging motherhood as pivotal in life, but life changes you. Even clever people struggle with having it all, and after 40 years the world of action is still geared toward men and single women, despite the rhetoric: the odds are still stacked against mothers.

To prove my point, a new woman politician is about to be sworn in as a Labour MP. Louisa Wall is a former champion netballer and rugby player, Maori, bright and personable, just five years younger than Mrs Rich – and gay. For her there won't be heart-wrenching crying in the night, conflicted loyalties, the guilt of saying goodbye to small children. She can have the best of one world – which is fine – but we persist in claiming that women can realistically hope for two.'

Italy Bans Crotch Touching by Men

Roy · 29 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'The Italian supreme court has outlawed men from touching their genitals in public.

Crotch-grabbing is an ancient superstitious habit in Italy that is believed to ward off the evil eye - it is traditional for men to do it if passed by a hearse or when discussing serious illness or disasters. The phrase "Io mi tocco" ("I touch my") is as common as crossing fingers for good luck.

However, the supreme court ruled that an unnamed 42-year-old man from Como had broken the law by "ostentatiously touching his genitals through his clothing".
...
The judges pointed out that if men needed to grab their crotches, they should wait until they were in the privacy of their own home.'

(This will surely be the end of Italian hip-hop culture...)

More whining from Camp Hillary

Matt · 29 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

She just can't help herself, can she? A trail of male bodies lies behind her and she's still on about how hard it is out there for a woman in politics! Report here. This is getting so old. Excerpt:

'In an interview with ABC News' Cynthia McFadden to air on this evening's "Nightline," Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., says it's tougher for her to run as a woman than it is for her male opponent.
...
"Every so often I just wish that it were a little more of an even playing field," she said, "but, you know, I play on whatever field is out there."
...
I also wonder if former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C. -- and all the other men vanquished by Clinton (and Obama) so handily -- think that they had an easy go of it.'

Young Men at Risk Project announces finalists

Matt · 29 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Good news here. Please review and cast a vote.

Teacher Allegedly Sends Boy Topless Pictures

anthony · 29 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A Catholic school teacher on Friday was facing charges after allegedly e-mailing topless pictures of herself to a 15-year-old male student, MyFoxStl.com reported.

English teacher Melissa Moss, 27, was fired from her job at the Barat Academy in November after school officials said the teen's parents, Robert and Kelly Pfeiffer, found the controversial pictures while monitoring his Internet use."

More on White Male "Swing" Voters

Matt · 29 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From the stranger-than-fiction dept: video report here. After irrevocably alienating male voters does anyone think The Hildebeast can possibly woo undecided male voters (of any ethnicity) at this point to vote for her?

Maybe men who have been living out in the woods without TV, radio, Internet, or newspapers, but other than them...

I think it's clear who is going to be the Democrat candidate for 2008. And obviously we know who is going to take the GOP nod. I think it's a good time to start thinking about which of these two candidates will be best for the interests of men in general. Does McCain have a history at all of voting male-friendly? I know we don't have quite the record on Obama, but has he said anything that seems it will address in any way the concerns of men, especially men-as-fathers? Thoughts?

Murray Straus and Corporal Punishment

Matt · 29 February 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Notable about this story is that the report includes discussion of females' use of force to coerce sex.

The fact that Dr. Straus was even allowed to deliver these findings at an APA summit is quite remarkable. Bit by bit, the reality of men as DV victims is getting more and more recognition. Excerpt:

'Men who had experienced corporal punishment were four times more likely to physically coerce a partner into having sex, than those who had not experienced a lot of corporal punishment.

Physical coercion includes holding someone down or hitting them. Women who had experienced corporal punishment were also more likely to coerce sex from a partner than those who had not been spanked.
...
Both men and women who had experienced corporal punishment as children were less than 10 percent more likely than those who had not been spanked to verbally coerce sex from a partner.'

Duke U. Trying to Shut Down Lawsuit Web Site

Roy · 2 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Duke University is asking the courts to shut down a web site that lacrosse players and their families have created to publish news about the ongoing lawsuit, alleging that the information posted on the site might prejudice a jury. That is an amazing testimony to the hypocrisy of the Duke administration given their former lack of concern about widespread media condemnation of innocent young men. Duke has offered large monetary settlements to shut down the upcoming lengthy trial, but their bribes have been declined by all litigants.

Washington Post: Women vs. Women

anthony · 2 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Take Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign. By all measures, she has run one of the worst -- and, yes, stupidest -- presidential races in recent history, marred by every stereotypical flaw of the female sex. As far as I'm concerned, she has proved that she can't debate -- viz. her televised one-on-one against Obama last Tuesday, which consisted largely of complaining that she had to answer questions first and putting the audience to sleep with minutiae about her health-coverage mandate. She has whined (via her aides) like the teacher's pet in grade school that the boys are ganging up on her when she's bested by male rivals. She has all but wept on the campaign trail, even though everyone knows that tears are the last refuge of losers. And she is tellingly dependent on her husband.

Then there's Clinton's largely female staff, often chosen for loyalty rather than, say, brains or political savvy. Clinton finally fired her daytime-soap-watching, self-styled "Latina queena" campaign manager Patti Solis Doyle, known for burning through campaign money and for her open contempt for the "white boys" in the Clinton camp. But stupidly, she did it just in time to alienate the Hispanic voters she now desperately needs to win in Texas and Ohio to have any shot at the Democratic nomination.'

Women Tell the Truth about Their Lies

Anonymous · 2 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

More confirming data. Yes, the sweet, fairer sex. We need to rid the world of this type of baloney!! Excerpt:

'Barash interviewed 500 women nationwide who answered her Craigslist ads seeking females to confide what they fib about. Among her findings:

* 75 percent lie about how much money they spend. For instance, they sneak purchases inside their homes after shopping or hide the price tags.

* 50 percent harbor "mixed feelings about mothering." One told Barash, "I look at these children and I crave sleep and free time. They wear me out and make me jealous of working women who have no children, no husbands."

* More than 60 percent cheated on their husbands. A 32-year-old mother conducted her trysts while telling her trusting husband she was working late. Even in asking for a divorce, she withheld the truth: "I didn't say I had fallen for another man. He was better off with my lies."'

Daughter, 16, charged in murder of mother, brothers

anthony · 2 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A family's opposition to a teenage daughter's romance is suspected of leading to a fiery attack that left the girl's mother and brothers dead and her father critically wounded, investigators said Sunday.

Four suspects, including the 16-year-old daughter, remained in custody on capital murder charges Sunday, a day after the pre-dawn attack on the rural East Texas home of Terry and Penny Caffey.

Terry Caffey, who was shot in the head, was able to crawl about 300 yards to a neighbor's house to seek help, while flames consumed his home with his wife and two young sons inside, the Rains County Sheriff's Department said.

Penny Caffey, 37; Tyler Caffey, 8; and Mathew Caffey, 13, had been shot and stabbed multiple times, according to the statement."

Harvard Sets Women-Only Hours for Gym, Complying With Muslim Students' Request

anthony · 2 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In response to a request by female Muslim students, Harvard University has created women-only workout hours at one of its campus gyms. The decision has angered some students at the Ivy League university.
...
These hours are necessary because there is a segment of the Harvard female population that is not found in gyms, not because they don't want to work out, but because for them working out in a co-ed gym is uncomfortable, awkward or problematic in some way," she told Boston University's Daily Free Press.'

Los Angeles Marathon "won" by Russian woman

Matt · 2 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Headline: "Russian woman making marathon debut wins Los Angeles Marathon"

Actually it was won by a man from Kenya. But you won't see that mentioned here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Russia's Tatiana Aryasova made a smashing marathon debut Sunday, taking advantage of a head start on the male runners to capture the Los Angeles Marathon.

She held off a group of Kenyan men and finished in 2 hours, 29 minutes and 9 seconds. She gave little thought to the men in pursuit.
...
Kenya's Laban Moiben won the men's division in 2:13:50. Aryasova and Moiben each received $20,000 and a car for winning their divisions.'

In addition to double-think and cognitive dissonance, as well as cowardice, the reporting of this story betrays an unbelievable lack of basic arithmetic skills. The female runners got a 20-minute head start. The first man to cross the line did so at 2:13:50; the first woman, at 2:29:09. So even with a 20-minute head start, she came in about 13 minutes after the first man. Add the 20 minutes to it and she came in about 33 minutes after him.

Yet the headline says she won the marathon.

I got one word for this: *BARF*

More from the "Lyin' Eyes" Department

anthony · 3 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Most females lie "more cleverly and successfully than men" about everything from cheating on their spouses and shopping binges to barhopping and facelifts, according to a new book published this week.

"Women lie as a survival technique, but also to get what they want," Susan Shapiro Barash, author of "Little White Lies, Deep Dark Secrets: The Truth About Why Women Lie," told the New York Post.

Barash interviewed 500 women nationwide and found 75 percent lie about how much money they spend, while more than 60 percent admitted to cheating on their husband.'

UK: Ordinary families would get £100 a week MORE benefits if they lived apart

AngryMan · 3 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Three out of four ordinary families would be better off living apart than sharing a home under Labour's benefits system.

Tax credits and benefits are increasingly skewed towards single mothers, a study has shown.
...
For some families, such as those with one child and a wife who stays at home, the premium would be almost £100 a week.
...
The findings will add to anger over how the benefits system increasingly penalises families.

They will lead to calls for changes to Government policy to encourage more couples to stay together.

David Cameron has promised to end the bias in favour of single parents by alterations to benefits which could mean some families receive £3,000 more.'

Forged signature in IVF deception leading to legal case

AngryMan · 3 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A husband is threatening legal action after his estranged wife twice gave birth without his consent by using frozen embryos created while they were still together.

The woman deceived a world-renowned IVF clinic into fertilising her on two occasions by forging her husband's signature on a consent form.'

Lovestruck female parishioner convicted of harassing 'traumatised' priest

AngryMan · 3 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"48-year-old Cheryl Burston's romantic dreams - which saw her give Father Timothy Menezes chocolates and a teddy bear - turned to harassment when he rejected her advances.
...
The obsessed parishioner put a public notice about the 37-year-old priest in a local newspaper and wrote to his superiors in the Roman Catholic Church."

Burston denied harassment but was convicted by magistrates in Coventry.

PS: See the comments from women at the bottom of the story.

Killer mom fights to keep child tax credit

anthony · 3 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who murdered her four-year-old daughter is appealing Revenue Canada's decision not to allow her the child tax benefit.

Astrid Margaret Literski, who is incarcerated at the Nova Institution in Truro, pleaded guilty in February 2005 to the second-degree murder of Eveleigh Rain Bringsli by feeding her sleeping pills and then smothering her with a pillow. The mother, then 34, killed her daughter on Sept. 1, 2003, one day before the little girl's first day of kindergarten.

Ms. Literski is slated to appear at a tax court appeal hearing May 2 in Halifax to argue that she deserved the child tax benefit cheques she received before her daughter died."

Juggling life as both Mr. Wallet and Mr. Mom

anthony · 3 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Deadbeat dads, ghost dads, Disneyland dads, Santa daddies: The divorce culture is rich in labels, especially ones that reduce men to negative stereotypes.

Some may be warranted, but the trouble with simplistic labels is that they rarely shed light on the complex truth of reality.

What is forgotten is that fathers have their own painful adjustment to divorce that is different than that faced by mothers.

I have heard some of that truth from men who write to me and agree to tell their stories.

If the stereotype is that men have a tendency to suffer in silence, the reality is that they no longer want to."

Some justice: 15-YO girl convicted of murder

AngryMan · 3 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 15-year-old girl who stabbed a young mother to death while high on drink and drugs was convicted of murder today.
...
Madgin, who was an aspiring model and on the books of an agency based in Newcastle, suffered 10 stab wounds - one to the face, four to the left arm, two to the right arm and three to the chest.
...
As the jury of eight men and four women announced its unanimous verdict, Madgin's friends and family in the public gallery cheered and shouted, "Thank God".

Addressing the defendant, Judge David Hodson said: "In the light of the jury's verdict that you are guilty of murder, the court has one sentence and one sentence only it can pass and that is that you be detained at her majesty's pleasure.

"It is important that the courts now determine the minimum term you must serve in custody before you can be considered for release by the parole board."'

Note: In the UK, 'detained at her majesty's pleasure' means jailed indefinitely, and is given to people under 18 for serious crimes. But she will probably be free after 2 years, with good behaviour.

"Young girls should be surrounded by girls with the same heritage"

mcc99 · 3 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Entering its sixth year, the event has a new partner — the University of Rochester.

The college is now a prime sponsor of the rally along with advocacy group Latinas Unidas. Free rally events were held on the university's River campus.

...

"Young girls should be surrounded by girls with the same heritage," said Perez, 17. The Hilton High School senior plans to pursue a career as a criminal investigator.'

Mine is the second comment, posted of course by 'mcc99'.

RADAR ALERT: Courageous Radio Host Challenges New York Domestic Violence Propaganda Campaign

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A year ago, it was Rebecca Odor, director of Virginia's Dept. of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, who was spending taxpayer dollars on a propaganda campaign to vilify any father who might hold his little girl's hand. The more things change, the more they stay the same. This year, it's Amy Barasch, Director of New York State's Domestic Violence Office who's spending taxpayer dollars on a publicity campaign (Coaching Boys into Men) that ignores objective research and instead promotes the falsehood that all domestic violence is male-on-female, and that men are inherently disposed to abuse women.

In the face of such an overwhelming, government-funded propaganda assault, radio WGY's Al Roney recently did a show on the
topic that was a breath of fresh air. In the show, interviewee Deborah Fellows described New York's "Coaching Boys into Men" campaign as "discriminatory, prejudiced, and actually encourages violence against boys and men".

One caller, a retired police officer, said that when they enforced DV laws against abusive women just as they did against abusive men, the domestic violence organizations would send representatives to court to pressure the District Attorneys to dispose of any cases against abusive women. The advocates also pressured the police departments, and as a result he and his fellow officers were instructed by their supervisor that when they encountered a domestic violence situation in which the violent party was a woman, they shouldn't make the arrest.

You can listen to the show by going here and scrolling down to "Domestic Violence Campaign (pts.1 & 2)"

So, this week we'd like to ask you to send a big "thank you" to Al Roney and his producer for helping to publicize the outrageousness of these state-enforced biased policies. You can contact them at:

Al Roney - al-at-wgy.com

Al's producer - justin-at-wgy.com

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Date of RADAR Release: March 3, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org/.

What's to blame for differing test scores between the sexes?

Anonymous · 3 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Educational consultant Joe Manthey, who led a workshop through the Napa County Office of Education about educating male students, cites the almost nonexistent gender gap for home-schooled students in English as proof that schools are part of the problem.

The reason that home-schooled boys score as well as their female counterparts in English is twofold, said Manthey. First, they are more likely to be given a choice in their reading material. Second, “they’re less likely to fall through the cracks,” he said.

Manthey’s research shows that boys are more inclined to read nonfiction than fiction, and are more likely to relate to subjects related to science, sports and stories that revolve around male characters.

“Then you see boys required to read books like ‘The Joy Luck Club,’” he said, referring to the book by Amy Tan about immigrant mothers and daughters.

It’s no wonder, said Manthey, that boys tune out in English class."

Clinton Surrogate Steinem Attacks McCain's War Record

anthony · 3 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Entry here.

I understand MANN has guidelines in regards to political submissions. My position on Steinem is not political just disgust over her disrespect for men in combat. I think as MRA's we can respect the suffering a man endures during war. While McCain was beaten and tortured as a POW Steinem was burning her bra during some silly feminist protest. Excerpt:

'The New York Observer reports that in Austin, Texas, over the weekend, feminist icon Gloria Steinem belittled Sen. John McCain's five-and-a-half years as a POW and said the media would treat that war record differently if it were a woman veteran's record.

"Suppose John McCain had been Joan McCain and Joan McCain had got captured, shot down and been a POW for eight years?" Steinem asked, suggesting the media would ask "'What did you do wrong to get captured? What terrible things did you do while you were there as a captive for eight years?" ...

Referring to his time in captivity, Steinem said, with bewilderment, "I mean, hello? This is supposed to be a qualification to be president? I don't think so."'

Follow-up here. Excerpt:

"Joy Behar defended the indefensible on "The View," Gloria Steinem's anti-military comments, and Elisabeth Hasselbeck came out strong against them. For those that missed it, the famous feminist implied Hillary Clinton is more qualified than John McCain because Senator Clinton did not serve in the military. Steinem rhetorically asked "killing people is a qualification for ruling people?" She continued to wonder how it may have been different had John McCain been a female prisoner of war."

"Real Family Law"

Matt · 3 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Good site to visit: http://www.realfamilylaw.com/. About the site and its owner:

"Lisa Scott is a family law attorney based in Bellevue, Washington. Tired of having her stuff rejected by elitist bar publications and politically-correct newspapers, she decided to start her own website. Co-founder of TABS: Taking Action Against Bias in the System, she has been fighting for equal justice and gender equality in the family courts for years."

Jennifer Lopez's anti-male video

MrReality · 4 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I just saw this on Glenn Sack's blog. J-Lo is on the rampage in this video; She pushes men down the stairs, shoves them, kicks them, etc.

You can check out Jennifer Lopez's anti-male video here.

I don't think we have to worry about her for much longer though as her sales are pretty poor and she's about to be dropped from her label.

Ed. note: Lots of good stuff in the current issue of Sacks' newsletter. Whole thing is here.

Judge orders woman to refund C/S payments after paternity fraud uncovered

blaze4metal · 4 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Judge David Roper said he felt badly for Kenneth Samuels when he learned the child he had fathered for 11 years wasn't his.

Justice was also shortchanged, the judge said, because Mr. Samuels had been paying child support all of those years.

Last month, Judge Roper ruled that Jamie Hope, the child's mother, and Oba Wallace, the child's biological father, would have to repay Mr. Samuels $14,460 in child support he had paid since 1997.'

Although this is fair justice being served, I highly doubt that the woman would have had to pay back anything if Oba Wallace, another male, wasn't involved.

Female Soldier Accused of Killing 2, Pouring Acid on Bodies

anthony · 5 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Fort Lewis soldier killed two other soldiers — a married couple — and poured acid on their bodies in an attempt to dispose of them, a prosecutor said Monday.

Spc. Ivette Gonzalez Davila, 22, was ordered held without bond for investigation of aggravated first-degree murder as well as kidnapping. She was accused of taking the couple's 6-month-old girl.

...

The victims were identified as Timothy Miller, 27, and Randi Miller, 25. Timothy Miller was apparently shot in a bathtub at the couple's suburban Parkland home, while Randi Miller was shot on a bed and then moved to the bathtub, Murphy wrote.

According to the declaration, Davila took the baby to a home-improvement store after the killings, bought muriatic acid, returned to the home and poured it on the bodies.

The baby was not harmed and is now in the care of the state's Child Protective Services.

Davila told the soldier that "Randi Miller was in a relationship with Davila's ex-boyfriend," Murphy said in his declaration."'

Harvard's Women-Only Hours Makes MSM Reporting

Matt · 5 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The report starts out with opinions saying it's wrong, but quickly tuns into an apology and ends with:

'Harvard's policy is no different from commercial gyms that cater partially or even exclusively to women, said Ibrahim Hooper, a spokesman for the Washington-based Council on American-Islamic Relations.

"The Muslim bashers portray it as the world coming to end, but if women have a couple hours a week to work out in private, I don't see it as a major issue," he said.'

Yeah, it's not so bad. One little building at the end of campus, just for a few hours a week, that's all. And it'll be OK too when black kids say they're uncomfortable in the gym with white kids, then they can get their own hours too. Same for white kids. And gay people. Gay men might be uncomfortable being naked in the men's locker rooms so maybe they need their own. Same for lesbians. And Hispanics. Hell, maybe everyone needs their own little gym with their own private shower and bathroom too, all out of sense of modesty, in the name of religious belief.

Yeah, I can see that. Sure, I understand. And it's just like single-sex gyms too. So what's the harm? Single-sex/single-religion/single-sexual-orientation/single-ethnic group, etc. it's all perfectly fine as long as the group in question wants it. Then it's fine. Sure. And if in granting this request for special times and resources being set aside, and if the community at large has to pay for it, then that's OK too. "Separate but equal" and it's not only OK if the entire campus has to pay for it, but objecting means you are a bigot. So shut up and pay up.

Indeed...

Colorado Rockies face mediation over 'Ladies Night'

anthony · 5 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The Colorado Rockies have been ordered into mediation by state authorities after a man complained that he was denied a free "Ladies Night" game pass because of his gender.

The ruling comes from the Colorado Civil Rights Division, which concluded that the man, Stephen Horner, had a valid concern and it needs to be addressed, according to a report from KDVR-Television in Denver.

Horner reported he attended a Major League Baseball game with the Rockies in Denver in 2007 when employees of the team were handing out free vouchers to a future game – to women only. He said he asked for a voucher but was told he couldn't have one because he is a man.

He complained, but got no results, he claimed in a subsequent gender discrimination complaint with the Colorado Civil Rights Division."

All proceeds from new book benefit the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men & Women

Trudy W Schuett · 5 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Friends to the End is a book that sent me off on a path I'd never imagined.

When I first started writing it in late 1999, my main intention was to write something a bit unusual; a book that wasn't appearing in the dozens by different authors under different titles in every bookstore in the country.

I began writing this book about a male victim of domestic violence, under the same misapprehensions that most people held at the time, and still hold today -- that there is the same help available for male victims as there is for women. All anyone in this kind of situation need do is pick up a phone and help will surely come, is the conventional wisdom.

More on the book here.

Book available here.

Teenager files civil lawsuit in De Anza baseball rape case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SAN JOSE, Calif. -- A teenager who told authorities she was gang raped last year by members of the De Anza College baseball team has filed suit against the players.

The civil suit was filed Monday in Santa Clara County Superior Court. It comes a year after the girl reported she was raped - and nine months after the Santa Clara County District Attorney decided not to file charges.

The teenager seeks an unspecified amount of money from nine former players and another young man who attended the party. ...She is not identified in the suit.'

Michelle Malkin: "The Death Cry of Gloria Steinem"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Behold with me the politics of gynocentrism. What a depressing and desiccative sight it is. Just look at Gloria Steinem.
...
American women are the freest, wealthiest, most educated in the world. They are liberated enough to choose someone for president other than a female candidate out of uterus-based loyalty. This should be viewed as progress, not heresy. But the old-guard feminists — the "ruling people" — deeply resent this independence as they cling to what's left of their power base and their shrinking absolute moral authority card."

More hooey from the housework crowd

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Story here. If you're a good boy, more num-nums for you! No mention of repairs to faucets or the fact that men are expected to, and far more often than not, have their incomes treated as 'family property' while their wives' incomes are 'her own money'. The whole tone of this article makes me want to reach for the trash can. It just drips with contempt and is filled with garbage. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK - American men still don't pull their weight when it comes to housework and child care, but collectively they're not the slackers they used to be. The average dad has gradually been getting better about picking himself up off the sofa and pitching in, according to a new report in which a psychologist suggests the payoff for doing more chores could be more sex.
...
"There's a generational shift that's quite strong," she said. "The younger set of dads have their own expectations about themselves as to being helpful and participatory. They haven't quite gotten to equality in any sense that a women would say, 'Wow, that's equal,' but they've gotten so much farther down the road."'

Mom videotaped power-washing little girl

Matt · 6 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

More than just yet-another-child-abusing-woman story, this one is asking for leads. If you were in that area and have any ideas, please report them. Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. -- Investigators are searching for a woman on Thursday who was videotaped while spraying a girl with a pressured water hose at an Orlando car wash.

Surveillance cameras captured the woman holding the girl with one hand and holding the hose in the other hand at an arm's length distance.'

Norway enforces a law that 40% of directors must be female

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman comes in, a man goes out. That's how the quota works; that's the law," says Kjell Erik Øie, deputy minister of children and equality, in the centre-left "Red-Green" coalition government in Oslo. "Very seldom do men let go of power easily. But when you start using the half of the talent you have previously ignored, then everybody gains."
...
So what is stopping companies from appointing women to their boards? Catalyst, an influential New York thinktank, has published a list of the barriers to female advancement to board level. Top of the list is women's lack of management experience, closely followed by women's exclusion from informal networks; stereotypes about women's abilities; a lack of role models; a failure of male leadership; family responsibilities; and naivety when it comes to company politics.
...

....The quota was presented less as a gender-equality issue, and more as one driven by economic necessity. He argued that diversity creates wealth. The country could not afford to ignore female talent, he said. Norway has a low unemployment rate (now at 1.5%) and a large number of skilled and professional posts unfilled. ...
...
In June, the TUC and the CBI are due to publish a joint paper, Talent not Tokenism, arguing in favour of promoting diversity on a voluntary basis. The goal is the same as Norway's, the road however may take much longer to travel. "It's a natural instinct to recruit those who are like you," says Marion Seguret, the CBI's senior policy advisor. "Men need to be trained to look to the other 50% of the population."

Back in Oslo, the irrepressible Fagerland says she plays a game with her daughters based on the Swedish fictional character Pippi Longstocking, a girl who believes in herself and is utterly unconventional. "We break all the rules. Everything is turned upside down. We wear pyjamas in the garden and eat sweets before dinner. They love it.'

More on Women and Lying on The Today Show

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This video clip on the Today Show covers new research about why women lie -- pretty much about everything: sex, marriage,fidelity, motherhood, work, finances, etc. Of course the experts' explanations are that "society" conditions women to lie and be deceptive and so it's not women's fault. This segment is almost as funny as Tom Leykis' "Chicks on Politics." And of course it ends with remarks about how men lie too -- but they are not as good at it as women. The fairer sex caught in a truthful moment?

Article: "Hillary Plays the 'Gender Card,' Again "

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton has made clear she will insist on the nomination even if she trails in elected delegates, and Obama's side is sure to be furious if the "establishment" rips the prize away from its candidate. Whoever emerges the bloodied victor will face a daunting task of reuniting the party and defeating Republican John McCain in November.
...
On the morning of the New Hampshire primary, feminist Gloria Steinem added fuel to the "identity politics" fire by arguing in a New York Times op-ed that American women have suffered more political and economic discrimination than American black men.

...
Steinem's historical arguments threw down a gauntlet to a bitter debate over who's the bigger victim, blacks or women.

American blacks could reasonably cite their experience with generations of slavery followed by generations of brutal segregation in making the case that giving black men the vote after the Civil War was relatively meaningless.
...
After her New Hampshire comeback, Clinton insisted she would never play the "gender card" – even as she continued playing it.

"You have a woman running to break the highest and hardest glass ceiling," she said in a Jan. 13 appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press" before adding: "I don't think either of us wants to inject race or gender in this campaign."'

Lesbian 'vampire' lovers jailed for life

AngryMan · 7 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. File under "Justice Served", at least in this case. Excerpt:

'Jessica Stasinowsky, 21, and Valerie Parashumti, 19, pleaded guilty to murdering 16-year-old Stacey Mitchell in Perth in western Australia in 2006 because she was annoying, Australian news agencies reported.
...
"Even more appalling are your admissions to the effect that at the time of the murder you were each sexually excited by the violence of the event," said Judge Blaxell.

The killers made a mobile phone video of the murder scene, laughing and mocking their victim, and then dumped her body upside down in a garbage bin in a back shed.

A psychologist found Parashumti, who drank blood as part of a vampire subculture, had very strong sexual sadistic tendencies and was sexually aroused by physical torture and violence.'

Sadly I can imagine these girls getting jailed for 10 years or less here in America.

UK: Five-time false rape accuser spared jail

AngryMan · 7 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who made a string of false rape claims, leading to the arrest of five different men and wasting massive amounts of police time, has walked free from court.
...
Judge David Hodson sentenced Brooks to 32 weeks imprisonment suspended for two years with a three month curfew from 10pm to 7am.'

Alas, unlike the previous story, justice denied.

Daily Journal covers Al Rava's win against Club Med

Matt · 7 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Mark A. Article appears here, but this is a subscription-only site. It covers legal issues and is widely-read by attorneys.

FROM BOTH SIDES NOW: LAWYER WINS AS COUNSEL AND PLAINTIFF

By Don J. DeBenedictis
Daily Journal Staff Writer
This article appears on Page 1 of Verdicts and Settlements.

SANTA ANA - If attorney Alfred G. Rava hadn't won an important civil rights ruling from the California Supreme Court last year, lead plaintiff Alfred G. Rava might not have won a hefty settlement in an unrelated men's rights class action last week.

The settlement ends litigation by Rava and other men challenging a promotion by Club Med Sales Inc., the French vacation-resorts company, that offered women, but not men, $400 discounts on airfare to either of two Club Med locations. Rava v. Club Med Sales Inc., 03CC09858 (Orange Co. Super. Ct., filed Aug. 4, 2003)

Rava, a San Diego lawyer and activist for men's rights, had won a unanimous ruling from the Supreme Court last May in a case challenging "ladies' nights" at a nightclub.

The issues in that case were a little different from those in the suit against Club Med, but "once that case [came down], this case almost immediately settled," said Eric C. Jenkins, Rava's winning attorney against the resorts.

One of Club Med's attorneys, Michael P. Acain, conceded as much.

The unanimous opinion by Chief Justice Ronald M. George in Rava's case, Angelucci v. Century Supper Club, 41 Cal. 4th 160, (Cal., 2007), "did confirm that the Supreme Court takes that strict approach" to gender discrimination issues, Acain said.

The Club Med settlement may set a record for settlements under California's Unruh Civil Rights Act and under the newer Gender Tax Repeal Act, Rava and Jenkins believe. As approved Feb. 25 by Orange County Superior Court Judge Ronald H. Bauer, the settlement demands $520,000 from Club Med, including a whopping $400,000 in attorney fees for the plaintiff class.

A total of 257 men purchased vacation packages during the "Ladies Fly Free" promotion, but Club Med could only locate 54 of them, and only 50 submitted claims in time to join the class. Each of those 50 men will receive $1,200 in cash plus three $400 air-fare discount coupons.

Jenkins and Rava said their research did not uncover any larger settlements under the two rights acts.

Their lawsuit claims Club Med committed "intentional acts of discrimination against men" by not offering them the same airfare deal as women, denying the men "equal treatment under the law."

Jenkins, of Fuller Jenkins in La Jolla, said the resort company's liability under the state rights acts was clear.

"Certainly, the California state Legislature doesn't like gender discrimination," he said. "The [Uhruh act's] penalties keep going up."

With results like this, "hopefully ... the word will get out that you cannot discriminate based on gender," Jenkins added.

Acain, of McKay, Graham & de Lorimier in Los Angeles, said the big problem for his client was the Unruh Act itself.

"It's always been Club Med's contention that ... [there was] no intent to discriminate," Acain said. "The Unruh Act

is so broadly worded that it takes intent out of it."

Meanwhile, Rava never made it to a Club Med resort. He and his girlfriend had purchased vacation packages to the Cancun club on July 7, 2003. He paid $1,407 and she paid $1,007.

But because his attorneys filed his class action on Aug. 4, Rava decided not to take the scheduled trip in October. He said he was concerned about how a plaintiff might be received at the resort.

Still, he wishes he could have gone. "We made all the plans to go," he said.

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Trendwatch: "French women 'are the sexual predators now'"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'French women are becoming increasingly assertive in their sexual habits, while one-in-five younger French men "has no interest in sex", according to one of the most comprehensive surveys of the nation's love lives.
...
"The good old dichotomy (male predators, females patiently awaiting the warrior's return in front of the cave entrance) is in big trouble", said Le Nouvel Observateur.

Female sexual emancipation has been a hot topic in France ever since President Nicolas Sarkozy met Carla Bruni, the Italian model and singer. The couple married last month.

Ms Bruni recently declared monogamy "terribly boring"...
...
At the same time, she reinforced old stereotypes that link status and virility, by reportedly declaring: "I want a man with nuclear power."
...
One of the more surprising findings was that one-in-five French men aged between 18 and 24 "manifests no interest in sexuality", while abstinence rates for men under 35 was twice as high as for women.'

"Predators"? I am sick of seeing/hearing this word to describe people who just plain like to have sex. A "sexual predator" is not a promiscuous person, it is a person who deliberately victimizes other people in a sexual way via sexual abuse, selfish and significant exploitation of emotion, or in other ways clearly repugnant from a moral* standpoint. Merely being promiscuous does not make anyone a 'predator'.

But what is significant from the men's issues perspective here is the drop-off in interest in sex among men in France. I doubt it's much different in other western worlds. The study doesn't go into what may be the cause of it (ie, is it environmental, connected with the "feminizing chemicals" in our environment, or is it sociological for some reason?), but arguably that is outside the scope of the study. I would be interested in seeing a follow-on that tries to handle that.

But so much for my prejudicial view of the French around the topic of sexuality. My how times change.

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*I am using "moral" as defined the second way on the linked page: "In its second, normative and universal, sense, morality refers to an ideal code of conduct, one which would be espoused in preference to alternatives by all rational people, under specified conditions. To deny 'morality' in this sense is a position known as moral skepticism [1]."

Dems Duel & Women Debate Shoulder-pad Feminism

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The always lovely Maureen Dowd has an excellent piece in the NY Times today about the issues posed by the Obama-Clinton contest:

'Some women in their 30s, 40s and early-50s who favor Barack Obama have a phrase to describe what they don't like about Hillary Clinton: Shoulder-pad feminism.

They feel that women have moved past that men-are-pigs, woe-is-me, sisters-must-stick-together, pantsuits-are-powerful era that Hillary's campaign has lately revived with a vengeance.

And they don't like Gloria Steinem and other old-school feminists trying to impose gender discipline and a call to order on the sisters.

As a woman I know put it: "Hillary doesn't make it look like fun to be a woman. And her 'I-have-been-victimized' campaign is depressing."'

Homeschooling Ban in California

Anonymous · 7 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I am submitting this to the site because of the overwhelming evidence that shows boys do equal to or better than girls in all areas when home-schooled and worse when FORCED to be indoctrinated in the feminist public "education" system. Excerpt:

'A California appeals court ruling clamping down on homeschooling by parents without teaching credentials sent shock waves across the state this week, leaving an estimated 166,000 children as possible truants and their parents at risk of prosecution.
...
Parents can be criminally prosecuted for failing to comply, Croskey said.

"A primary purpose of the educational system is to train school children in good citizenship, patriotism and loyalty to the state and the nation as a means of protecting the public welfare," the judge wrote, quoting from a 1961 case on a similar issue.
...
Heimov said her organization's chief concern was not the quality of the children's education, but their "being in a place daily where they would be observed by people who had a duty to ensure their ongoing safety."'

Extensive list of "women behaving badly"

ItsDan · 7 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

List here.

The site contains a rather long list of women involved in sex crimes with children of both genders. The length of the page stunned me right away.

International Women's Day: Code for 'Advancing Radical Feminism Around the Globe'

anthony · 8 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Today's feminists and CEDAW advocates view 'progress' as government-run day care, greater access to abortion, the elimination of 'Mother's Day' because it promotes an 'negative cultural stereotype,' decriminalization of prostitution in China, and government-mandated workplace benefits that men do not enjoy, just to name a few," said Schlafly. "Their goal is not equality, but preferential treatment."

"The radical feminists want to remake our laws in order to eradicate everything that is masculine from our culture and create a gender-neutral society," concluded Schlafly. "The United States should seriously reconsider lending its stamp of approval to future IWDs."'

New report from RADAR

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Each year the federal government spends $1 billion for domestic violence programs. But there is no evidence that these programs actually reduce abuse. Worse, one widely-used strategy – mandatory arrest for partner assault – has been shown to place victims at greater risk of violence.

To find out what's gone wrong, RADAR combed through numerous reports from the GAO, OMB, and Office of the Inspector General to find out how well federal agencies administer domestic violence (DV) programs. We reached 3 conclusions:

1. DV programs are largely unaccountable to the public.
2. Federal agencies frequently mismanage DV grant monies.
3. Recipients of federal money often engage in financial misconduct, embezzlement, and fraud.

These conclusions are explained in RADAR's upcoming Special Report, "$1 Billion for DV Programs that Misuse Taxpayer Money and Place Victims at Risk."

Today we will be meeting with staffers on Capitol Hill to discuss the report, and on Monday we will be issuing a national press release.

The report is available here (.pdf file).

Watch "Indoctrinate U" Today

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Via email:

We're very happy to announce the arrival of the Indoctrinate U online store!

You can download the film today and watch it on your computer or TV.

The film is available as a high-quality MPEG-4 file or as a Virtual DVD, which allows you to burn your own DVD copy of "Indoctrinate U" and watch it on your TV. (The Virtual DVD is a standards-compliant ISO file.)

The MPEG-4 file and the Virtual DVD are compatible with Mac, Windows and Linux.

ALSO:

There are a number of new screenings that have been added to the schedule over the coming weeks.

Note: Physical DVDs are not yet available, and will not be available for a number of weeks. If you can't make it to a local screening, downloading the MPEG-4 file or the Virtual DVD is the only way to see the film soon.

RADAR ALERT: Unaccountable DV Programs Misuse Tax Dollars, Place Victims at Risk

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"We have no evidence to date that VAWA has led to a decrease in the overall levels of violence against women."
–Angela Moore Parmley, PhD, U.S. Department of Justice

Very often, bad public policy accompanies bad fiscal policy. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is no exception.

The quote above comes from a Justice Department official with no ax to grind. VAWA is ideological public policy in which true debate is considered politically incorrect. None of the discussions in Congress leading up to the passage of the original 1995 VAWA bill, the 2000 reauthorization, nor the 2005 reauthorization involved any real debate about the merit, or lack of merit, of the programs to be funded. The predictable result is that VAWA is filled with waste, fraud, and abuse. In short, ideology has been given priority over efficacy, and Congress' expenditure of roughly $1 billion tax dollars per year on domestic violence programs is yielding very poor results.

These problems are outlined in RADAR's latest special report: $1 Billion for DV Programs That Misuse Taxpayer Money and Place Victims at Risk.

The report identifies three major flaws in the way domestic violence programs are administered by both the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services:

1. Lack of Accountability
2. Federal Mismanagement of Grant Monies
3. Grantee Misconduct and Fraud

Please take the time to read RADAR's new special report here (.pdf file).

Educate yourself and your organization, and share the report with other groups in your state, especially those concerned with government accountably and waste. We need to start now to build a coalition to ensure adequate debate for the next VAWA reauthorization.

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working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org/.

CNN Video: Arrest made, 2nd woman involved in tot carwash case

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Video here.

"CNN's Sunny Hostin talks about the case against a mother caught on surveillance cameras power washing her toddler."

Boys School In Works For Fall

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Hartford is poised to jump headlong into single-gender education, with an all-boys school being planned for the fall and a girls' school to follow a year later.

They would become the first entirely single-gender public schools in the state, said Tom Murphy, spokesman for the state Department of Education.

...

The girls take up an extra row at graduation ceremonies, Weaver High School Principal Paul Stringer said. "I think it's because there are so few male role models and fathers in homes of kids growing up in poverty-stricken areas." He said a school dedicated to boys could help, and he offered to return to such a school after he retires at the end of this year to mentor the principal, teachers and students.'

Feminist Rule: We Must Vote For Clinton

oregon dad · 10 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

It highlights that gender based voting requirements may actually be a threat to democracy. Excerpt:

'"I paused for a long time," says McFadden. "Then I told her I voted for a boy - I wasn't going to lie." McFadden, who has worked on women's issues for twenty years, says the room went silent and the board chair chastised her. "It was clear that I had betrayed feminism by voting for Barack Obama. It became obvious - if you didn't vote for Hillary Clinton, you were less than a feminist and only marginally a woman."'

F4J/NCFM Activism: Fathers Are Great Teachers

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Fathers Are Great Teachers

"Once again, we were able to debut a new sign (far left in photo), countering the Father vilifying mainstream media. Once again, we were able to express our commitment to speak well of Fathers. February is President's month so who better than Abe Lincoln to emphasize the fact that "Fathers Are Great Teachers.""

Interview with 'Feminists Say the Darndest Things' author

oregon dad · 11 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Interview here. Excerpt:

"I support a woman's right to have equal opportunity. But I do not applaud a woman's right to be just like a man. That is different. Increasingly, college women are - under the guidance of feminists - acting more and more like college boys who just want to get drunk and have sex without commitment.

I believe that feminism has become a political movement that seeks to obtain unlimited rights for woman without corresponding responsibilities via the suppression of feminism."

UK: Cash incentive for mothers to start businesses in works

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Mothers could be offered a financial incentive to start up their own business after having children, in a Government attempt to boost the number of women entrepreneurs.

They would be given advice on how to run a firm, pitch for bank loans and prepare business plans under the enterprise strategy being launched tomorrow...

...The enterprise strategy will be aimed at women who are either young, out of a job, from an ethnic minority or eager to work after having children. Mothers using children's centres will also be targeted with business advice."

One day as a perfect 1950s wife

Anonymous · 11 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

"What has brought this on is a survey, published last week, which compared the perfect 1950s housewife with her 2008 counterpart and asked 2,309 men what kind of woman they preferred. The majority seemed to prefer living with feisty modern babes rather than glorified butlers who change for dinner. But can that be right?

Chez Millard, in any case, it is 1955. For one day. And we are about to put the survey to the test."

Check out the comments at the end.

Spitzer, Dates, and Paying for... what?

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I read these four articles (click 'Read more' to get to the links) and my mind sort of boggled. It's amazing how ambivalent, confused, and "double-standarded" westerners are about such things. But all in all, and I think it's hard to dispute, the underlying message is still the same: It's OK for men to pay for "the company" of a woman provided it is not an explicit this-for-that transaction, and if it is, the woman is the victim and the man the evil-doer. In other words, there always has to be this uncertainty about the outcome, and then it's OK.

This system allows a woman to bail on the whole thing-- ie, it's OK for her to be uncommitted to any form of payment for time and trouble while it's OK for a man to be.

But at no time in any of these articles is the fundamental assumption that men paying (or being expected in some way to pay) for a woman's company, with the implication being that the nature of the contact be at some point physical, ever questioned. I am reminded of what Robert Bly wrote in "Iron John", to paraphrase, that we are like fish raised in a polluted pond; we don't even know what clear water looks like, making it that much harder to measure progress at efforts to clean it up.

The whole thing just plain makes me ill. The articles:

Slate.com (Jurisprudence: The law, lawyers, and the court):
Why Is Prostitution Illegal?
'The case for making it against the law to buy sex begins with the premise that it's base and exploitative and demeaning to sex workers. Legalizing prostitution expands it, the argument goes, and also helps pimps, fails to protect women, and leads to more back-alley violence, not less.
...
In 1999, Sweden made it legal to sell sex but illegal to buy it—only the johns and the traffickers can be prosecuted. This is the only approach to prostitution that's based on "sex equality," argues University of Michigan law professor Catharine MacKinnon. It treats prostitution as a social evil but views the women who do it as the victims of sexual exploitation who "should not be victimized again by the state by being made into criminals," as MacKinnon put it to me in an e-mail. It's the men who use the women, she continued, who are "sexual predators" and should be punished as such.'

Sunday Times (UK):
The truth about toy boys

'For women like me – single, successful and of a certain age – the ideal dating partners aren't the divorced-dad brigade, as everyone assumes. Who wants another embittered divorcé looking for a second mum for his kids? If you already have children (I have two) and your own money (I run a company with more than 100 employees), and you're finally finding the time to enjoy yourself, you want someone who is looking for the same no-strings-attached fun as you. So boys in their twenties are perfect.
...
I set up a fake profile – not to entrap him, but just to see – and, sure enough, after a mere two days he made an approach.
...
Probably for all these reasons, my friends were sceptical at first. They presumed these boys would only be after money and/or sex and consequently mess me around.'

No mention of who pays for the date-- but notice that once finances are not a factor for the author in her equation, her 'priorities' seem to change quite rapidly.

MSN.com (Dating & Personals):
Who Pays for the Date?

'There are also women who tell me that when a man indicates to the woman that she should pay half the check, it’s a sign that he isn’t interested in her, and he’s just being practical...
...
Men are equally confused about how to handle the check. They often worry they’ll offend a woman by offering to pay the whole check, or worry that they’ll offend her by genuinely not being able to afford the whole check. ... Create your own set of rules about how to respond*.'

* Notice the man's opinion is irrelevant; it's all in her court.

MSN.com (Lifestyle: Men):
When It's Okay Not to Pay subtitle: "Women are better educated and likely to outlive you. And yes, you still have to pay—with these exceptions.*" | *Still, it doesn't hurt to offer.

'On your birthday or any other day celebrating you.

For a wedding gift for one of her friends, or the expenses accrued during said wedding.'

But as for the current Spitzer case in particular, well, my opinion is that he who lives by the sword and dies by it has nothing to gripe about. It'd be one thing if he had had no long history of prosecuting hookers and johns, but he does. It's his hypocrisy that makes me feel no sympathy for him, not his paying for sex. After all, he has done so all his life, as has every heterosexual man who is not a celibate since who-knows-when, so why should it be any different before or after he assumes a public office?

Woman gets 6 months for 'sex with' teenage boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Gates mother of three who pleaded guilty to having sex with two teenage boys will do six months in jail. Today a judge sentenced Dena Greene and also gave her 10 years of intensive probation. She's also required to register as a level-one sex offender.'

Another one off-linked: Fairmont Woman Accused of Having Sex with Teen Boy. "The criminal complaint says Watkins admitted to having sex with a 14 year old boy two times last month..."

Ferraro defends her commentss about Obama's race, cites sexism vs. the campaign, racism vs. her

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Story here. Sen. Barack Obama's top strategist Tuesday demanded that Sen. Hillary Clinton sever ties with Geraldine Ferraro, a top Clinton fundraiser who said Obama was a major presidential contender only because he is a black man. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Geraldine Ferraro defended her controversial comment that Sen. Barack Obama's campaign was successful because he was black, telling an interviewer Tuesday that she was being attacked because she was white.
...
"Racism works in two different directions. I really think they're attacking me because I'm white. How's that?"
...
"I said in large measure, because he is black. I said, Let me also say in 1984 -- and if I have said it once, I have said it 20, 60, 100 times -- in 1984, if my name was Gerard Ferraro instead of Geraldine Ferraro, I would never have been the nominee for vice president," she said.

In her first interview with Daily Breeze, published late last week, Ferraro said, "If Obama was a white man, he would not be in this position. And if he was a woman, he would not be in this position. He happens to be very lucky to be who he is. And the country is caught up in the concept.

She also said Hillary Clinton had been the victim of a "sexist media."'

First National Teen STD Study Ignores Boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'At least one in four teenage girls nationwide has a sexually transmitted disease, or more than 3 million teens, according to the first study of its kind in this age group.
...
Dr. John Douglas, director of the CDC's division of STD prevention, said the results are the first to examine the combined national prevalence of common sexually transmitted diseases among adolescent girls. He said the data, from 2003-04, probably reflect current rates of infection.

"High STD rates among young women, particularly African-American young women, are clear signs that we must continue developing ways to reach those most at risk," Douglas said.

The CDC's Dr. Kevin Fenton said given that STDs can cause infertility and cervical cancer in women, "screening, vaccination and other prevention strategies for sexually active women are among our highest public health priorities."'

Ho-fessional Explains the Business

Roy · 12 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This video clip interview with a $3,000 per hour prostitute is very interesting. Calling herself a "Ho-fessional," the twenty-eight year old female explains that she is a business woman making a half-million per year selling herself as a commodity and enjoying every minute of it.

This is the ultimate Raunch Culture Girl and she is the future of what little is left of femininity in America.

Boys, 4, cuffed for refusing nap

anthony · 12 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Parents of two four-year-old boys in New York are suing officials after their sons were allegedly handcuffed for refusing to take a nap.

Lawyer Scott Agulnick says a substitute teacher took Jaden Diaz and Christopher Brito to an empty classroom.

Then, a school safety officer allegedly entered the room, cuffed the boys' wrists - and told them they would never see their parents again.'

RADAR ACTION ALERT: Stop funding increase for wasteful, ineffective DV programs. Call your Congressperson today!

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Just yesterday RADAR announced the release of our new special report (.pdf file), "$1 Billion for DV Programs That Misuse Taxpayer Money and Place Victims at Risk". Our report could hardly have been more timely. Just today we've learned of a major campaign to pressure legislators to increase the VAWA appropriation in the President's 2009 budget.

Please contact your Representative on Capitol Hill and tell them that Violence Against Women Act funds have been subject to widespread waste and fraud. Furthermore, scores of research studies show that a great many domestic violence programs are ineffective at best and harmful at worst. The National Academy of Sciences describes these programs as "driven by ideology and stakeholder interests rather than by plausible theories and scientific evidence of cause." Tell your Representative you want to see funding spent on programs that actually work.

Refer them to RADAR's press release here and RADAR's Special Report at here (.pdf file) for further information.

To find your Representative's phone number, call: 202-224-3121. Or you can look it up at http://www.house.gov/.

Your call will help counteract the campaign being organized by http://StopFamilyViolence.org/.

Please call today!

Battered men jostle for space in crowded Danish shelters

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Story here. Excerpt:

'COPENHAGEN (AFP) — Battered women in Denmark have a multitude of shelters to choose from but men in need of a haven after divorce, losing their job or fleeing abusive wives have to elbow for room in just three brimming crisis centres.

Overlooking a canal in the picturesque Christianshavn neighbourhood of Copenhagen sits a red brick building with large bay windows: Mandecentret, the Scandinavian country's newest centre for men in distress.
...
Winnie Bendtson, a counsellor at the centre, notes that the men are not usually physically beaten.

"But it does happen that women throw anything within range at their husbands, even threaten them with knives," she says.

The men who seek help are often the victims of "very domineering" women, and some are "forbidden from using their own money, seeing their family and friends, forced to come home at a set time and locked out if they're a few minutes late."'

‘Sea change’ seen in spouses’ financial roles

Matt · 12 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A.: This story helps show what we've said all along - that it is not "patriarchy" or male dominance, but choices, that lead to men "earning more" in relationships. Men generally have no problem with their wives outearning them, and they're realizing the breadwinner role is more of a burden than a privilege. If anything, women still seek men who outearn them so they can choose between career and childraising. That option is a power women have, not a disadvantage. This story also gave the "housework" myth, ignoring new studies showing men put in more than their share of hours when combining work inside and outside the home, which is generally true worldwide. Marc

Excerpt:
'It seems we’ve officially left “Leave It to Beaver” behind.

In the new dynamics of home economics, it’s not just that men want women to contribute financially to a marriage: The vast majority of men say they wouldn't even mind if their wives brought home the bigger paycheck.
...
“The male ego as head of household seems to have diminished to the point of disappearance,” said Rosanna Hertz, chair of women’s studies at Wellesley College and one of the researchers involved in the Elle/msnbc.com study. “However, men are still dragging their feet in terms of domestic responsibilities.”'

Woman sits on boyfriend's toilet for 2 years

anthony · 12 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This situation redefines the word "weird". Excerpt:

'Deputies said a woman in western Kansas sat on her boyfriend's toilet for two years, and they're investigating whether she was mistreated.

Ness County Sheriff Bryan Whipple said a man called his office last month to report that something was wrong with his girlfriend.
...
“She was not glued. She was not tied. She was just physically stuck by her body,” Whipple said. “It is hard to imagine. ... I still have a hard time imagining it myself.”

He told investigators he brought his girlfriend food and water, and asked her every day to come out of the bathroom.

“And her reply would be, ‘Maybe tomorrow,’” Whipple said. “According to him, she did not want to leave the bathroom.”
...
“She said that she didn’t need any help, that she was OK and did not want to leave,” he said.'

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Ed. note: If this were the old board software, I'd've listed it under 'Humor'.

Woman Accused Of Driving Over Ex-Boyfriend

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SACRAMENTO COUNTY, Calif. - Police are searching for a woman accused of running over and injuring her ex-boyfriend with a car Friday morning, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department said. Authorities said the assault occurred around 8:30 a.m. on Wildhawk Drive. The man is expected to survive.

The man was standing in his front yard between the sidewalk and front door when police said his ex-girlfriend drove up the driveway and hit him.

Deputies said they are seeking 25-year-old Faith Powell, who was last seen driving a gray Dodge Magnum.'

Men Naturally Unfaithful?

SpikeRants · 13 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Dennis Prager says that men are naturally unfaithful, and that for those of us who AREN'T cheating on our wives currently, we should expect a hug for them.

So, men naturally cheat? I'd disagree, as all my exes have cheated on me. My wife listened to it today, and she got mad about it. If it irks a woman, I'm sure it'll irk a man.

It's about eight or nine minutes in. Audio here.

Newsweek: "His Cheating Brain"

anthony · 13 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'He's Hormonal. Alpha males are high on testosterone, the hormone that underlies almost all the typical traits of the politico-sexual animal: high levels of testosterone make for a high sex drive, a love of risks, aggressiveness and competitiveness. "These people have a strong need to win at games, which is obviously important in power politics," says Zuckerman. Success sends their testosterone spiraling up, while a loss brings the levels down— a phenomenon that's been documented in the lab as well as in athletes and chess champions.
...
Women's testosterone levels also rise when there's competition on the line, but the actual act of winning—or, for that matter, losing—doesn't have any effect on the levels either way. It's the game, not the outcome, that makes the difference for women. Success, then, may not set them off-balance the same way. Evolutionary psychology also suggests that women leaders wouldn't be as likely as men to get caught in sex scandals. "Men and women play different roles in reproduction, so I don't think that you'd see the same kind of pattern where high-status women would be more likely to seek out lots and lots of men," says Daniel Kruger, a research scientist at the University of Michigan who has studied risk-taking behavior. "That's not going to really benefit them that much because they're limited in the number of children they could have." Men, on the other hand, have more of a biological imperative to spread their genes far and wide--the kind of privilege that often comes with being an alpha male.'

"Why I was forced to abandon my son and didn't see him again for ten crucial years"

Matt · 13 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What's unusual is that this link appeared under the "Femail" heading on the DM website. Excerpt:

'I see the long-term harm done by absent dads and the lack of appropriate male role-models, and I experience the damage caused by unsocialised boys - both to themselves and to others - and their inability to function as men.

And yet I abandoned my own son, just at the time when he was starting junior school, and I didn't see him again for those ten crucial years when character development is at its most vulnerable. And I'm still not exactly sure why.
...
Fortunately, I knew that if I withdrew from his life, Joe wouldn't lack for male role-models: on his mum's side he has uncles aplenty and they're mostly of that warm, jocular, physical brand of masculinity that is easy and uncomplicated and supportive. They'd do, I thought. They're not me, but they'd do.

And this is how you abandon your children. Not with fireworks, not with emotional catharsis or some lingering cinematic close-up, but incrementally, with sadness, tiredness and an "OK, they'll do".'

What a painful thing to read. It's cognitive dissonance in action, only on a deeply, profoundly emotional level, pushed onto men and their children by a legal system and society that cannot wait to get rid of them. Sometimes I just plain wonder how our civilization continues.

Child protection? No, ruination

Anonymous · 13 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

"Two men are incarcerated by the State, when they should be the stability in two children's lives."

This excellent article discusses two recent notorious cases in the UK. Excerpt:

'The system is merciless to people who question the system. Charles Roy Taylor, whom I wrote about at Christmas, is in a similar situation. Mr Taylor is a 71-year-old with a heart condition. He was sent to prison for 20 months for being in contact with his stepgrandson, who has been in care since his mother died and who has repeatedly run away to see his grandparents. By breaching an agreement not to answer the door to him, Mr Taylor stands accused of “undermining the care plan”. But he and the boy's grandmother are the teenager's only living relatives. They will presumably be his first port of call when he comes of age and is thrown out of the care system. Mr Taylor may not survive that long: last week he suffered an angina attack that put him in hospital for four days. Is that in the interests of the boy?'

Australian Woman Kills Boyfriend Who Stopped Her From Playing Springsteen

anthony · 13 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

An Australian woman stabbed her de facto husband to death after he stopped her playing her favorite Bruce Springsteen CD.

Karen Lee Cooper told arresting police: "I couldn't even play Bruce Springsteen on my stereo -- can you believe that? Can you believe that?"
...
In the Supreme Courty in Brisbane Thursday, Cooper, 50, was jailed for eight years.

She pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Kevin Lee Watson on July 8, 2006.
...
The court heard Cooper stabbed Watson through the aorta after they had been drinking at their Cedar Grove home, south of Brisbane.'

MSNBC Video: "Why men go to call girls"

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The Today show asks "Is your mate cheating and how can you tell?" Absolutely no mention of women's infidelity or how prevalent that is. Replace 'mate' with 'husband'. Video here.

School clears kids in contraband candy caper

Matt · 13 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Notice the wording; he's 'cleared' of the *crime* of possessing a bag of unauthorized Skittles! Heck, revoke his recreation privileges for two weeks and no Kool-Aid at dinner, neither!

School = prison... for boys, anyway. You know, with every such case of feminist-inspired abuse of boys and men, MRAs win another convert. Think the LAX players at Duke had ever heard of "men's rights" before their ordeal? You can bet they have now, and are ardent supporters. The target of this particular feminist attack will certainly, too, and he's only in 8th grade!

Keep it up, ladies (and manholes). Just keep it up. You're the best recruiting tool we in the Men's Rights Movement have. Excerpt:

'Michael Sheridan, an eighth-grade honors student who was suspended for a day, barred from attending an honors dinner and stripped of his title as class vice president after he was caught with a bag of Skittles candy in school will get his student council post back, school officials said.

Superintendent Reginald Mayo said in a statement late Wednesday that he and principal Eleanor Turner met with student Michael's parents and that Turner decided to clear the boy's record and restore him to his student council post.

Michael was disciplined after he was caught buying a bag of Skittles from a classmate. The classmate's suspension also will be expunged, school officials said.'

West Virginia Legislature Passes Bill Criminalizing False Allegations of Child Abuse

johndias · 13 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Bill would criminalize making false allegations of abuse
March 13, 2008

Via ANCPR:

MARTINSBURG, WV -- Nine times, one aggrieved father says he fought to protect his name and his relationship with his daughters after he was accused of child abuse in a custody dispute.

The man, whose name we will not use to protect the identity of his daughters, said he is pleased that West Virginia legislators last week passed a bill that slaps criminal charges on those who falsely report child abuse or neglect in order to influence a custody case.

On Thursday, state senators passed House Bill 3065, after the measure met overwhelming approval in the House of Delegates last week. **The bill charges those who make a false abuse report with a $1,000 fine, or forces the plaintiff to pay for the defendant's legal fees. The misdemeanor crime would also carry a punishment of up to 60 hours of community service.**

The man, previously a resident of Huntington who now lives in Burlington, Ohio, said in 2003 and 2004, he was accused of breaking and entering, assault and sexual and physical abuse against his two daughters. Faced with serving at least one year in jail and losing custody of his daughters, the man fought the charges.

"They were never proven to be false. They were said to be ‘unsubstantiated.' They found me not guilty. But I know I'm innocent. I want the satisfaction of knowing that on my record it was a lie, but I'll never get that," said the man, who said he spent thousands of dollars in legal fees to prove his innocence. "People have no idea how much time and money this wastes in the system."

In West Virginia, from March 2007 to March 2008, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Child Protective Services received and did paperwork on 37,165 incidents of child abuse. From those, 26,904 cases were further investigated, said John Law, spokesperson for WVDHHR. Only 3,998 cases were found to be substantiated, or less than 20 percent of all investigated incidents.

"There are circumstances of false reports. If it's done intentionally, certainly it's wrong. But there are also circumstances where someone says something and it is later found to be unsubstantiated. It doesn't mean people lied, it means they reported in good faith something they perceived as child abuse," Law said. "A lot of (cases) are proven to be unsubstantiated."

Law said HB 3065 is a bill DHHR will be looking at "very closely."

The lead sponsor of the bill, Delegate Jeff Eldridge, D-Lincoln, said that based on the statistics shown to him, the state spends as much as $18 million per year investigating and processing false abuse allegations.

"So much paperwork and so many man hours are spent investigating abuse allegations and some of them lack sufficient evidence. **This bill makes people follow through with their allegations. If they file charges, then there will be a hearing on it**," he said.

Eldridge said the bill is a victory for people who truly are abused, and if passed, would save state taxpayers money.

"If the fathers or mothers are truly abusing the spouse, this bill will hold them accountable. At the same time, if they're not truly abusing them, then there will be penalties for whoever filed it. There are consequences to this behavior."

Sen. John Yoder, R-Jefferson, voted in favor of the bill.

"I think it's only reasonable that people who deliberately make false reports of child abuse should be held accountable because it causes a very high degree of disruption to the family and encourages further fighting," Yoder said. "We hold the people who go into the courtroom accountable for their words and we can charge them with perjury. I don't see why someone who swears out a false complaint should not also be held accountable."

Ron Foster, Region 4 coordinator for Men and Women Against Discrimination, or MAWAD, said HB3065 came about because **more and more people have been using false allegations in Family Court** to have one or more parents removed from the house.

"This is a huge issue. **The children get hurt when false allegations are made** because they're denied the opportunity to spend time with the parent at a time when they need the parent the most," he said.

The false allegation sets the stage for how much time the accused parent spends with the child after the alleged abuse occurs, and is a tool used regularly in cases involving sexual abuse, child abuse and domestic violence against the spouse, Foster said.

"This bill will definitely benefit child custody proceedings," he said. "We are wasting an inordinate amount of court time. We believe this bill will have a significant effect on the number of cases that go through the court system."

A study conducted in 2007 by MAWAD reviewed all requests and cases involving protective orders in Cabell County Family Court for 2006. The study determined that **76 percent of all cases were dismissed** for one reason or another.

Berkeley County Family Judge Sally G. Jackson acknowledged that some of the allegations of domestic violence that she hears are proven false, but said that doesn't mean the person making the accusation lied.

"What somebody thinks is domestic violence, I may not, and I may dismiss the case. But that doesn't mean they're lying," she said. "I have to say sometimes there are cases where it seems people file charges not for very good reasons."

Jackson said many times parents bring domestic violence petitions because a child says something about one of the parents and describes the incident different than it actually was. And what a child says to one parent may not be the same thing said to another parent, she said.

It's for this reason, Jackson said, that parents must communicate with one another.

"Generally, the first thing a parent should do if a child comes home from visitation (and says something happened) is call up the other parent to see what happened," she said. "Parents need to keep their lines of communication open. Parents get so wrapped up in hurting each other, that they forget they're hurting their kids."

For the man, the bill may be too little too late, but that's because he now lives in Ohio.

"I have little to no faith in the judicial system any longer," he said. **"Every time I turned around I was being arrested for something I never did. I see how easy the system was to manipulate.** I don't want this to happen to anyone else. I don't want someone to go through the hell I went through."

He described his relationship with his children as "great," but every now and then, he said, they ask him why he went to jail.

Now, he said he uses the experience as a teaching tool to show his children the problems that are caused when people lie.

"I use it to teach them to be honest," he said. "I went to jail because someone lied."

Schoolboy found hanged in his bedroom after Ritalin prescription was increased

Anonymous · 14 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A schoolboy who was taking Ritalin has been found hanged in his bedroom.

Anthony Cole, 15, had Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and recently had his prescription for the drug increased.

Recent research claims that Ritalin, also used to combat hyperactivity in children, has led to many developing "manic and psychotic" symptoms.'

Female Teacher Charged for 'Sex' With 14-Year-Old Student

anthony · 14 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A Hillsborough County middle school teacher has been arrested and is charged with having sex with a 14-year-old student.

Deputies arrested 28-year-old Stephanie Ragusa around 5 p.m. Thursday.

According to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Ragusa had a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old boy at Davidsen Middle School from October of 2006 to May of 2007.
...
Ragusa is charged with five counts of lewd and lascivious battery."

"If you want a real man, just vote for Hillary"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Ms. Clinton wants to have it both ways. Her pitch is that she's the best person, regardless of gender, to answer the White House phone. But she is also shameless about playing the gender card. Women ought to vote for her because, not only does she know what it's like to be a leader who can pick up the hotline, she also knows what it's like to be a 60-year-old waitress who's had to work hard all her life and put up with a cheating man. And besides, it's about time for a woman to be president.

She thinks her gender card is entirely legit, but that Mr. Obama's race card - which he's too smart to play - is really, really unfair. Geraldine Ferraro, a former Democratic congresswoman who's working for the Clinton campaign, told a newspaper this week that Mr. Obama has benefited disproportionately from his race. "If Obama was a white man, he would not be in this position," she said. "And if he was a woman, he would not be in this position. He happens to be very lucky to be who he is. And the country is caught up in the concept."

Newsday: Spitzer scandal shows gender politics' inequality

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Article here. Excerpt:

"If a female political leader did get caught in a sex scandal, having her husband stand silently by the podium while she sought forgiveness would probably make matters worse. Many Americans would conclude that she was a castrating witch married to a wimp.

Maybe it's a sign of progress that men are now supposed to beg their wives' forgiveness for infidelity. Through most of history, wives were expected not to forgive adultery but to pretend it never happened."

Time to hit the 'Comments' section, guys!

Baker Sheriff: Woman Borrows Gun From Neighbor, Kills Husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman is charged with the shooting death of her husband before dawn Monday in their home south of Macclenny, according to the Baker County Sheriff's Office.

Investigators said Meloney Jackson borrowed a gun from a neighbor, entered the house in the 7000 block of John Rowe Street and shot Kevin Jackson.

...

"She was telling me how her husband had threatened her and they were going to court on Tuesday, and she needed a gun right now," Krall said.

He said he knew something was not right and went directly to the sheriff's office when the woman left his store.

Channel 4's John Dunlap was told that the Jacksons were in the process of getting a divorce. It was to be finalized at a hearing set for Tuesday.'

MSM Alert: 20/20 Friday March 14: 'Double Standard When It Comes to Underage Sex?'

anthony · 14 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Movies and television often portray having sex with an older woman as an exciting conquest. The Comedy Central show "South Park" shows police officers impressed that an elementary school student slept with an attractive teacher. One cop jokes to the another, "The crime is she isn't doing it with me!"
...
There are differences between men and women, but is there something about that difference that makes it less serious when a woman sleeps with a younger boy? Studies do show that most teenage boys who had sex with older women say that the sex was voluntary and the experience positive.
...
Regardless of what science or popular opinion say, the law makes no distinctions. When adult woman are caught having sex with younger boys, they are usually punished just as severely, sometimes more severely than men.'

Check your local listings for broadcast on ABC, 10:00 PM, US Eastern Time.

Female teacher admits having sex with upstate NY student

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A suspended high school English teacher is facing up to six months in jail after admitting she had sex with a 15-year-old student.
...
The relationship became known when she went to a school basketball game while intoxicated and announced the affair to nearby students and spectators. Gravlin blames her actions on depression, alcohol, prescription drugs and pressure from the victim."

Ohio U Post: "Despite feminist denial, sexes are wired differently"

anthony · 14 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With this level of censorship, it's no wonder that scientists are expected to hide research that suggests men and women are innately different. We can rest assured that a book like The Female Brain will never be assigned reading in a college classroom. Meanwhile, sociology and women's studies textbooks are filled with laughably false assertions about gender. Legitimate scholarship is being sacrificed on the altar of political correctness.
...
Of course, not all feminists reject scientific explanations for gender differences — but they're often out-screamed by the ones who do, allowing the denial to reach absurd new heights. In their book Professing Feminism, women's studies professors Daphne Patai and Noretta Koertge described a confrontation with a fellow feminist. The feminist was angry over suggestions that women should breast-feed babies, because — in her words — "research shows that men can lactate, too."'

UK Budget 2008: Start up your own business - if you're a woman

empirical · 14 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Women and the over-50s are being targeted in a new government drive to increase the number of people starting up and growing their own businesses.

The Treasury is investing £12.5m in a venture capital fund that will back women-owned businesses and provide support.

It is also piloting new women-only business advice based in children's centres and is planning a national mentoring network for women.'

The only way for women to start business is with special benefits eh? Well why change a habit of a lifetime...

Women Wanted in Boyfriends' Murders

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Murder suspects Hazel Head and Sherry Denise Halligan couldn't be any different. One was a hard-drinking, hard-living drifter who took advantage of lonely men she found in wanted ads. The other appeared to be a fragile victim forced into a crime of passion. But police say they shared a common bond: both women allegedly shot their lovers and left them to die.

In 1998, Hazel Head parked Charles Barker's 1994 Lincoln Continental near Shreveport Regional Airport in Shreveport, La. after, police say, she left Barker slumped over in his trailer with a fatal gunshot to the head.

Investigators say Barker was just one of many in a long line of men Head hustled for money. She was already wanted in Nebraska for burning down a boyfriend's trailer seven years earlier.

Head typically targeted older men, usually truck drivers she met while hitchhiking across the country or working odd jobs like waitressing.'

Click here for the FBI most wanted information about these two women.

Woman Throws Two Sons from Highway Overpass

SpikeRants · 16 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

It's sad. This tragic act happened in Dallas, and I didn't see a lick of it on any national news outlets. If the genders were reversed, well... remember the bloke who threw his kids out of the hotel window a few years back? Of course. It made international news. This is just a snippet in an archive on the NBC affiliate. Excerpt:

'Police said Busby was headed to a friend's home with her parents and stopped for gas when an argument broke out and, while her father was paying for gas, she walked over to the bridge and threw the children onto the interstate before jumping, Lt. C.L. Williams said in a Wednesday morning news conference.

"It appears the children were trying to stave being thrown over the edge, but they were overpowered by their mother," he said.

Busby's father had to make a U-turn to follow her in the car, but by the time he drove up, she "had picked up the kids and thrown herself over," Dallas police spokesman Sgt. Gil Cerda said.

"She was not fleeing for her safety," Cerda said. "She just threw them over and decided to throw herself over."'

Update here.

International Men's Day: Why can't we agree on a day to celebrate?

bharati · 16 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

International Men's Day: Can we not agree to a date and celebrate it? We celebrate International Men's Day on November 19th, following the lead of the first day when it was celebrated in Trinidad and Tobago in 1999.

The website is here.

The most comprehensive reportage on why is found there. Yes, it is vernacular and English is used sparingly. Aajtak the Hindi news channels cannot be ignored, as it is the most watched news channel in India, where the most famous MRA in India talks of suicide, marital issues, alimony as reverse dowry, and when he is not hectored, can talk calmly on many issues.

In print, we have almost 10 articles appearing all over the country. Some of them are here.

The International Men's Day presentation which left every reporter moist in eye is here. Why we need to celebrate is discussed here.

At that time we talked of 16th September; later we changed it to November 19th because the first such celebration happened for the first time in Trinidad and Tobago on 19th November and Wikipedia showed more countries, including Canada, showed 19th November as the day of celebration.

What is required is very simple: just cut the cake and take your project team to the movies, or an outing. Visit a prison and distribute sweets. Go to family courts give men support. "We don't need no official sanction!"

Feel important, feel good, feel happy, and remember the unfortunates and fight for them. Indulge in male ego to the utmost; ask your girlfriend to cook for you in the most chauvinistic fashion. :) This is the most important day of your life, let others allow you to indulge.

McCartney Divorce Settlement: $50 Million

Roy · 16 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Apparently Sir Paul and the former hooker* he foolishly married have settled on an award to Heather Mills of $50 million.

I guess there are a couple of ways to look at it: clearly that was a very expensive piece of ass. But $50M is only about 1/20th of his net worth, so he can probably live with the loss.

I'm sure there will also be a "gag rule" put on Heather so that she is not permitted to write a book or go on the talk show circuit to trash talk Paul. I think that has been the source of the legal acrimony all along, rather than the money.

Can't wait to hear Sir Paul's next album of "silly love songs"!

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*Ed. note: "former" hooker?

Sweden’s "Get the customer" approach gets traction elsewhere

anthony · 16 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Selling sex isn't illegal in Sweden, but buying is — a radical approach to prostitution that faced ridicule when it was introduced nine years ago.

Now, while Americans are preoccupied with the downfall of New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer in a prostitution scandal, some countries are considering emulating the Swedish model, which prosecutes the client but views the prostitute as an exploited victim.

"We don't have a problem with prostitutes. We have a problem with men who buy sex," said Kajsa Wahlberg, of the human trafficking unit at Sweden's national police board."

Relatedly:

Story here. Excerpt:

'Many cities believe targeting johns to cut demand is the best way, among them Chicago, Raleigh and Durham, N.C., and Arlington, Texas, where pictures of those arrested for soliciting prostitutes have been posted on police Web sites. Other cities that have tried the shame approach include St. Paul, Minn., Chattanooga, Tenn.; Cincinnati, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, Knoxville, Tenn., and Omaha, Neb.

Some cities have seized the cars of those who solicit sex. Some have sent "Dear john" letters to their homes so their families can learn what they've done.
...
Other cities have required men to stay out of areas where prostitution flourishes or to attend schools like the one Norma Hotaling formed in San Francisco.

A one-time prostitute, Hotaling started SAGE (Stand Against Global Exploitation) 13 years ago, and the organization runs a class aimed at preventing recidivism among the clients of prostitutes. The program educates first-time offenders about the dangers of prostitution and trains them to build real intimacy out of their fragile personal relationships.'

House Ways and Means Personal Statement of Record

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I found this quite amazing. Excerpt:

'Careful study and review shows that Gramscian Marxist Communism encompasses today's "feminist" movement. Feminism's goals are to use women to undermine and destroy the culture by abandoning marriage and by not carrying on the critical task of "transmitting the culture" to the next generation. Today's feminists use women to advance the destruction of women, children, and families while convincing them they are somehow a "victim" of the patriarchal structure. And the patriarchal structure is nothing but Orwellian NewSpeak for the social structures and institutions that have kept Western civilization together long before the social decay we see today.'

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Ed. note: I went looking for information about the author, assuming he was a House rep. I haven't been able to find any such references. Can anyone say who he is and what if any role he has in government? Is this statement a general submission of record or was it made during a hearing, and if so, a hearing on what?

UK: Equality law could bar white men from jobs

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Story here. Excerpt:

'White men could be legally blocked from getting jobs under new anti-discrimination laws being considered by Labour.

Employers would be able to give jobs to women or ethnic minority candidates in preference to other applicants, under the plans unveiled by equalities minister Harriet Harman.

If two candidates were equally qualified for a position, employers would be able to reject the white person or the man in favour of a black person or a woman.

But the plans are due to be criticised by business leaders and last night, even equalities campaigners expressed doubt.'

RADAR ALERT: Avon Sales Reps and Reese Witherspoon Hurting Women Worldwide?

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Recently, Hollywood's highest-paid actress Reese Witherspoon became Avon's lead spokesperson promoting a "women's empowerment bracelet" in support of enacting the International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA).1

Avon is a financier of International Women's Day and promoter of UNIFEM, a radical NGO section of the United Nations focused on "empowering women".2,3,4

"Empowering women" and "violence against women" are two entirely different issues with two entirely different agendas.

(Note: The hyperlinked refs above only work when the article is expanded by clicking "Read more".)

I-VAWA is based on factoids fabricated through a technique that has been dubbed the "woozle effect" by noted family violence researcher Richard Gelles who is Dean of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice.5 As such, it is dangerous federal legislation intended to directly finance an autonomous, independently-funded division of the United Nations operated by radical social activists whose scope of activism goes well beyond reasonable interests in reducing family violence. I-VAWA would change the world by inflicting America's flawed Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) on the rest of the world, before Congress reforms the program to help women and families.

Reese Witherspoon, Avon sales representatives, and customers need to think very carefully about what they are supporting doing business with Avon. Supporting radical political change that has hurt more American women than it has helped is certainly not a smart decision:

- VAWA has had no positive impact on domestic violence in America, and places women at greater risk of subsequent violence.6
- VAWA programs are rife with fraud, corruption, and misuse of federal funds.7
- VAWA may be increasing partner abuse.8
- VAWA programs make men fear women and marriage.9
- U.N. and UNIFEM attempts to promote gender-based advocacy approaches have been denounced by women around the world.10 In 2006, the U.N. Third Committee unanimously rejected the Secretary General's Report on Domestic Violence after RADAR discovered that the report's primary basis, a UNFPA "study", was a grossly-inaccurate advocacy survey conducted by a marketing research firm that was never published in any peer-reviewed journal.11,12,13
- Despite the fact that women are just as likely as men to commit serious acts of spousal violence,14 85% of the 2-3 million ex-parte restraining orders issued annually are issued against men, and half of all restraining orders are issued without any allegation of physical abuse.15
- Reliable research shows about half of all rape allegations are false. A false rape allegation is likely to destroy the family of other women and place children of the alleged perpetrator in poverty.16
- In India, VAWA-like laws transmitted via the U.N. are under attack by Indian women who have "been disempowered and whose basic human rights are being violated by the police and judiciary in the name of women's rights, protection and empowerment".17

How You Can Help

1. Find your local Avon representatives by entering your zip code on Avon's "Find Sales Representative" page (http://shop.avon.com/shop/find_a_rep.asp). Many of the representatives have their email or phone number

listed under the "Contact Me" link. You can get the address and contact the rep directly, or send them an email and the rep will email you back.

2. Forward this alert to them. Please assume that the representative is unaware of the problem. Teach them about the issues and get their support. Suggest the Representative take this up with Avon, and consider taking more aggressive measures if Avon does not listen.
3. If you are an Avon customer, refuse to purchase anything from Avon until they stop forcing radical social agenda on America and the rest of the world.
4. Forward this alert to your friends and ask them to help change Avon for the better.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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As predicted, Mills collects

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Story here. Not content with her GB£24 million payout, she needs to launch into a courthouse-step rant as icing on the cake and declare her allegiance to charitable causes, etc. Excerpt:

'Heather Mills launched an astonishing tirade on the steps of the High Court today as she emerged triumphant after securing a multi-million pound pay day.

The former model took the opportunity to round on Sir Paul McCartney, the legal system, the media and her many critics.

While Sir Paul McCartney initially offered £15.8 million, Miss Mills eventually reached a settlement of £24.3 million in the divorce deal.

The lump sum of £16.5 million is made up of a sum of £14 million as the capitalised figure for her income needs, which the judge assessed as £600,000 per annum, and a sum of £2.5 million for her to buy a property in London.'

Publicly ranting about charity work doesn't make her any less of a whore, however. It just makes her a sanctimonious, attention-grabbing whore, that's all.

Changemakers announces Young Men at Risk winners

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Visit the page to see the winners and what you can do to help.

Ontario women in shelters told to provide sex to the shelter workers, suffer other abuse

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Another video in the women's shelter series in which a mother from Ontario, Canada describes her horrifying experience residing in women's shelters in Ontario. In the shelters where she and others were residents, women were beaten, robbed, intimidated and sexually exploited. Children were exposed to violence, swearing and abuse by the women and often witnessed their mothers being abused and humiliated by shelter staff.

Children are being taught that being "Canadian" and respecting yourself means to hate fathers, lie to your own parents and to call the Children's Aid Society on your mother if you don't get your way. When is the government of Ontario going to put an end to women's shelters being used as indoctrination centers where lesbian women prey on vulnerable women? When is the Ontario government going to make these women's shelters accountable and professional? When is all this government funded madness going to end?

This is yet another video in the series from Canada Court Watch and is based on an interview with another former resident of an Ontario women's shelter. In this particular interview, the mother speaks about how she and other residents in the women's shelter were psychologically and sexually abused by the woman's shelter workers and children witnessed violence and abuse. The message given to this woman, among others was 'give sex to the workers or get out'. In case you missed the last video expose on the women's shelter series from March 2nd the link is here.

As Canada Court Watch announces in their campaign to expose this outrage they are "Exposing the women's shelter industry one video at a time!" Other similar videos exposing the hypocrisy of the shelter industry and criminal waste of taxpayer dollars can be can be found here.

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Study: Male Fertility Problems May Develop in Womb

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Story here. Excerpt:

"New research from the University of Edinburgh suggests that male fertility problems such as low sperm count and testicular cancer are likely linked to hormone levels early in the mother's pregnancy, BBC News reported.

Research published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation found that levels of male hormones, like testosterone, in a "critical window" of eight to 12 weeks into pregnancy determine the male's future reproductive health, according to the article.

Common reproductive problems for young boys include cryptorchidism, where the testes do not descend properly into the scrotum. Disorders such as low sperm count and testicular cancer are thought to be along the same path, researchers suggested."

UK Telegraph Opinion: United States can't afford to elect a 'woman president'

anthony · 17 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Simply put, I don't want a woman president. Not if she's running to be a "woman president" and not the leader of the United States.
...
Instead, she bought into their script: Women are victims, and it will take a woman to ascend to the presidency on the shoulders of the feminist movement for the glass of oppression to break.
...
Sadly, real politics this year hasn't fallen too far from the Ms. Ridiculous tree. Given that we're at war, I'd like a candidate who is not playing an identity politics game. I'd like a candidate whose executive experience is more than pillow talk with a president of the United States. I'd like a candidate who is a grown-up and doesn't let her surrogates try to steal her opponents' GI Joes. But I have the audacity to hope the next woman who runs will run because she's qualified to be commander in chief, not because she's a uterine-American.'

Boy Made to Urinate in Lunchbox at Teacher's Order

Matt · 17 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ORANGE COUNTY, Fla. -- Orange County Public Schools is investigating claims that a student was forced to use a lunchbox as a toilet in front of his class at Meadowbrook Middle School.

The teacher will not be coming to school. She will be relieved of her duty with pay as the school district investigates, officials said.

...

Orange County Public Schools wouldn't specifically comment about what happened. The district says teachers have to allow students to use the restroom.'

"Why top jobs elude women"

GaryB · 18 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This was published in Australia on News.com.au today.

Apparently, top jobs are still held back from the poor women, the glass ceiling just never goes away does it. So okay, maybe women don't want those jobs, and maybe they prefer more flexibility in their life, but hey that's no reason for them not to get them, right?

The interesting thing is, there's no comparison based on choice. For example I'm a male single parent low-level manager with young kids, in a dynamic fast-moving company. I 'could' choose to go for a higher level management role, but I wouldn't as it would cost me too much in time with my kids - and equally I wouldn't get picked, because management know I'd always be saying no to extra events and evening functions. So, how is that different from how women are treated..?

A direct comparison piece of research is needed here...

Please vote for SAFE International's Razoo SpeedGranting Proposal on Facebook

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If we get enough votes we can win a $1,000 prize that would help us sustain and expand our mission to, Stop Abuse For EVERYONE"! [If you already have a Facebook account, just click here, sign in, and add the Razoo app. If not, you can sign up for one and add the app afterward.]

Lee Newman
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http://www.safe4all.org/
Business Phone: 503-853-8686 (not a crisis line)

Obama Speech: "demand more from our fathers"

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Matt Drudge managed to get a full text copy of Barack Obama's speech given today in Philadelphia on the subject of race; currently it is here. (If that link is cold, try this one.)

It is utterly history-making, in my judgment. However I have one peeve with it that MRAs should take note of; the quote is here:

'And it means taking full responsibility for own lives – by demanding more from our fathers, and spending more time with our children, and reading to them, and teaching them that while they may face challenges and discrimination in their own lives, they must never succumb to despair or cynicism; they must always believe that they can write their own destiny.'

It seems he is laying something at the feet of fathers that perhaps isn't quite fair. Fathers are torn from children by court systems, vindictive ex-wives, and employers' demands, not a desire to be apart from them. Perhaps one thing Mr. Obama should be looking into is ways to alleviate these factors. But still, such a great speech should not be condemned for one line in it that one objects to. It is bound to be one for the history-books, as well it should be, doubtless to be counted among the other great speeches made in our nation's history.

Furious Mills throws water over McCartney's lawyer

anthony · 18 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Thankfully they weren't drinking coffee. Excerpt:

"Heather Mills threw a glass of water over the coiffured hair of Sir Paul McCartney's lawyer after McCartney was ordered to pay her just 24.3 million pounds ($61 million) to settle their divorce, according to British media reports.

Mills emerged from court declaring she was happy with yesterday's ruling, despite it being less than a fifth of what she had demanded.

But The Sun newspaper reported that as the hearing came to an end, Mills calmly walked over to McCartney's lawyer Fiona Shackleton and soaked her.

Shackleton appeared outside court smiling but with wet hair."

Man-Bashing Art in Family Court Taken Down

TomP · 18 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Because a man finally objected.

Story here. Intro paragraph reads:

Photo collages on the walls of the Thurston County Family and Juvenile Court building were taken down Monday after an Olympia resident complained they discriminated against men.

The graphics in question have been hanging for four years, passed daily by men on their way to Faimly court to lose their children, their homes, and their life's work. When men raised objections, they were finally taken down. Interestingly, the story doesn't mention who ordered them put up. Ah, the anonymity of bureaucracy!

Read the comments - the implication is that only one man objected, but that does not appear to be true.

Tim Lott: Orange Prize for women is sexist

Anonymous · 18 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The country's leading literary award for women novelists is sexist and should be scrapped, a prominent male novelist claimed yesterday.

Tim Lott said the £30,000 Orange Prize - founded 13 years ago amid claims that women writers fared poorly in awards such as the Booker Prize - was "discriminatory, sexist and perverse".

He said: "I know that I face derision and ridicule but a lot of writers I have spoken to find it [the prize] ridiculous and unfair..."

...Girls in schools are more literate than boys, and pupils are taught reading mainly by female teachers promoting mainly female writers.

"Could the establishment of a men-only prize, with men-only judges, be justified given their level of relative exclusion in schools and the marketplace? Can you imagine the derision with which it would rightly be met?"

Decline of marriage is destroying our pupils, say teachers

Anonymous · 19 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The decline of marriage is leading to widespread underachievement and indiscipline in schools, teachers warned yesterday.

Children with "chaotic" home lives turn up at school too troubled to learn, wrecking their prospects of success in exams, they said.

Growing numbers are being brought up in splintered families by mothers with children by different fathers, leading to behaviour and mental health problems including eating disorders and suicidal thoughts, a teachers' conference heard.'

True-Equality.org Releases Anticipated DV Study

Matt · 19 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From Terri Lynn at True-Equality.org:

[Click 'Read more' for links to files referred to herein]

The attached is my latest investigative report. It discloses -- through candid video interviews with former shelter residents linked to in the report -- how women are being forced into sexual servitude (forced to have sex with the female shelter staff and others) in order to remain in the shelter. In addition, a former San Diego prosecutor is caught on video all but bragging about how “everyone would be in jail” for perjury if false claims of domestic violence were prosecuted (a link to that interview in included as well).

It is being called my best piece yet. Preview copies sent to radio show hosts have landed me nine shows (booked in one day).

Please accept this one - it pulls no punches for anyone.

I have attached three copies. One Word file includes the charts and tables that support the information proffered in the work. The other has hyperlinks to the charts and tables, no graphics. The third is the HTML.

[Links to documents cited above:
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Female veterans report more sexual, mental trauma, and get special woman-only clinics

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Story here. Women are not in combat roles yet female veterans are suffering from higher rates of mental health issues?

What do you guys make of this "military sexual trauma" rhetoric?

Should I be surprised the VA has started health clinics specifically for women? Excerpt:

'In 2007, the Department of Veterans Affairs found that women are reporting signs of mental health issues when they return home at a higher rate than their male counterparts.

The VA diagnosed 60,000 veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. Of those, 22 percent of women suffered from "military sexual trauma," which includes sexual harassment or assault, compared with 1 percent of men.

"PTSD is actually something that shows up over time, and so the natural recovery process doesn't happen," said Dr. Darrah Westrup, who counsels female veterans at the VA-run Women's Health Clinic in Menlo Park, California.'

US: National 'Fatherless Day' Rally - June 13, 2008 Nationwide

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Please help us spread the word of this event! Blog it! MySpace it!

National Fatherless Day Rally - nationwide on June 13th 2008

Flyer for printing, posting, information, etc. is here.

Thank you for your support and ACTIVE help.

Boyfriend of woman stuck to toilet charged

Matt · 20 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Suppose if the sexes were reversed, she would be facing charges? In either case the other person would have been in the wrong for not doing something sooner. And either person would rightly be called, well, stupid. But the question here is equal treatment/protection under the law. Is a man getting equal treatment as compared to what a woman gets in a comparable situation? Excerpt:

'NESS CITY, Kan. - A man whose girlfriend authorities say spent nearly two years in a bathroom in their house, sitting on the toilet so long that the seat adhered to her body, has been charged with mistreatment of a dependent adult.
...
McFarren told authorities that Babcock feared leaving the bathroom and may not have left it in two years, although said he was unsure how long she was in there. He said that he took her food and water daily, and that he repeatedly asked her to come out but that she usually replied “maybe tomorrow.”

“The only thing I am guilty of is I didn’t get her help sooner,” McFarren told The Associated Press nearly a week ago.

Ness County Attorney Craig Crosswhite said the mistreatment charge most closely fit the situation.'

It strikes me they had to dust off the penal law books to scrounge up something to charge him with. And they did.

Marc Rudov to host his own radio talk show

johndias · 20 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Marc Rudov, an advocate for men and fathers and frequent guest on FOX News programs (as well as many other media appearances worldwide), has begun his own radio talk show. Per his recent newsletter:

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"On Thursday, 03.27.08, at 2PM ET (11AM PT), I will begin hosting a new radio talkshow, "The Marc Rudov Show." This show will succeed ONLY if YOU call me on the air. I'll use this platform as another weapon in my arsenal -- besides my Web site, books, podcasts, articles, and radio/TV guest appearances -- to inspire men to take action, to improve their lives.

"Go to www.MarcRudovRadio.com for details. The call-in number is: 877.474.3302. Use it!

"Also: Tell your friends around the world to tune in. WSRadio will archive all the shows."

Cops: Two Female Teachers Arrested for Fighting During School

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Two female middle school teachers were arrested Wednesday on charges they got into a fight in front of students, officials said.

Eighth grade teachers Tawana Horton, 30, and Cambrella Pinckney, 28, bumped into each other during a hallway class change Friday afternoon at St. Andrews Middle School and began fighting, according to a report by the Richland County sheriff's department.

The two teachers told an officer that they had an ongoing personal dispute, the report said.

The teachers were charged with disturbing schools and have been placed on administrative leave, deputies said."

Woman Gets Five Years for Trying to Hire Hit Man to Kill Husband, Son-in-law, and another Man

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman was sentenced to five years in prison after pleading guilty to trying to hire a hit man to kill her husband, her son-in-law and another man.

The sentence came Wednesday after Ivy Jean Davis, 67, pleaded guilty to five counts of criminal solicitation to commit murder and admitted to giving $200 to an undercover officer she thought was a hit man. The money was for him to buy an untraceable gun.

Clarke County Superior Court Judge Steve Jones also told Davis to serve 20 years of probation with special conditions and pay a $1,000 fine.
...
"I wouldn't hurt nobody," Davis said. "I didn't get a chance to do nothing. I'm a very compassionate person."
...
A sting was set up and authorities said Davis gave the undercover officer pictures of her husband and her son-in-law, as well as instructions and a map to their homes. She also tried to have her boyfriend's son killed, police said.'

Senate approves funding for Biden VAWA program

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON -- The Senate voted to add funding for two of Sen. Joe Biden's signature programs, the Violence Against Women Act and the Community Oriented Policing Services program.

President Bush's fiscal 2009 budget proposed a reduction in funding for VAWA and eliminating funding for COPS.

But the Delaware Democrat's measures to increase and restore funding passed the Senate last week as amendments to the Senate budget resolution, which sets the parameters for congressional spending. The House and Senate will have to work out differences between their resolutions.

The COPS program has funded the hiring of community police officers nationwide while the Violence Against Women Act supports programs related to domestic, sexual and dating violence and stalking.'

Woman sentenced in Redmond for false rape accusation

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who made a false rape accusation against a college professor pleaded guilty in King County District Court in Redmond to making false statements.

The judge sentenced 22-year-old Katherine Clifton on Tuesday to eight days in jail and ordered her to pay the professor's attorney fees. The former Woodinville woman now lives Ellensburg.

Judge Peter Nault says her case will make it harder for real victims to seek help.

The professor spent nine days in jail and was suspended from his job during the rape investigation."

Woman accused of false rape report

anthony · 21 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who claimed she was sexually assaulted while employed at two different Denver metro businesses and may have authored almost 100 derogatory letters about herself and sent them to those employers has been arrested on charges of false reporting.

Lori Anne Koehler, 37, was taken into custody Tuesday morning after an investigation by authorities in Broomfield and Aurora and by Hobby Lobby and Family Dollar stores.

Koehler claimed that on Feb. 20 a man entered the Hobby Lobby store at 5105 W. 120th Ave., bound her to store shelving and sexually assaulted her.

But in a four-page arrest warrant, investigators said they believe Koehler staged the robbery and assault."

England: False rape claim will mean jail

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A 21-year-old woman who admitted making a false allegation of rape has been told she will be jailed.

Oxford Crown Court heard today that Amanda Lang, formerly of Carterton but now of Bamber Bridge, Preston, had wrongly accusing Phillip Trowell of raping her between November 2006 and February 2007.

Judge Julian Hall told her: "You must prepare to be going to prison."

Lang, who pleaded guilty to attempting to pervert the course of justice, was bailed until March 31."

Hillary's Upcoming Religious Scandal

Roy · 21 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Hillary Clinton now has some explaining to do about her affiliation with a right-wing religious organization known as "The Family," with ties that go all the way back to the Nazi regime.

This group has reinterpreted Christian doctrine to endorse an elitist philosophy where the politically powerful are the truly annointed ones. Big surprise, huh? A right-wing feminazi in disguise running for President as a Democrat? Excerpt:

'There's a reason why Hillary Clinton has remained relatively silent during the flap over intemperate remarks by Barack Obama's former pastor, Jeremiah Wright. When it comes to unsavory religious affiliations, she's a lot more vulnerable than Obama.

You can find all about it in a widely under-read article in the September 2007 issue of Mother Jones, in which Kathryn Joyce and Jeff Sharlet reported that "through all of her years in Washington, Clinton has been an active participant in conservative Bible study and prayer circles that are part of a secretive Capitol Hill group known as the "Fellowship," aka the Family. But it won't be a secret much longer. Jeff Sharlet's shocking exposé, The Family: The Secret Fundamentalism at the Heart of American Power will be published in May.'

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Ed. note: I was so in shock at this that I immediately started Googling, and found that the article is on-line here at the MJ web site. [MJ is known for very intense investigative journalism and operates as a non-profit.]

The substance of this story still has me in utter shock.

Bad Behavior

Matt · 21 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

All,

I received a note from Terri Lynn Tersak at True-equality.org regarding the MANN post of 3/19 announcing the release of her study.

She said she has received phone calls at the number previously appearing in that post that were not just rude but in some cases hostile to an unacceptable degree, and that those callers have referred to mensactivism.org as the source of the reason for their calls.

I am not suggesting that anyone in the thread associated with that post are among them; indeed I don't know who made such calls if they did. But I am saying that if indeed it is true she has received such calls, it makes MRAs look very, very bad and does absolutely nothing to further the cause.

The approach to take with people who you disagree with is to argue in favor of your position based on factual points and reasoned opinions. If you look at how the typical feminist responds to people who disagree with her (or him), they are usually quickly moved to a very irate state, something that used to serve them but quickly stopped doing so after men caught on to what they were doing. [After that their new approach was dissemination of false information and intense lobbying of legislators with smiling suggestions that such would lose "the women's vote" if they didn't support such-and-such a piece of legislation.]

We have seen this in action repeatedly on Fox News when Marc Rudov takes on some feminist. And each time that happens, Marc walks away looking better than when he came on, more people out there in TV-land have their sympathies and opinions swayed closer to the MRA cause, and he gets more air time from Fox as each such encounter occurs. It's true he sometimes gets annoyed but does he ever say things to the other party that could be interpreted as menacing in any way? Not that I have seen.

Think before you act, guys. It's about the cause, not the catharsis. If you want to vent, vent here.

Matt

Follow-up: Note the post here. Whatever individual or individuals who made such calls should now be wondering very much what got into his head to do so. I would suggest to him or them to start looking for a good lawyer or two now. And, I hope they find you.

Man hangs himself after being falsely accused of raping women and children

anthony · 22 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A man who lost his job after being falsely accused of a horrific sex crime has been found hanged in a shed.

Ian Adams, 51, was suspended and then sacked from his job at a local IKEA store after his employers received a letter saying he had raped a woman and her two children.

The writer claimed to be a journalist on a local newspaper, but the name and address in the letter were false and the author has never been traced.

Police confirmed that Mr Adams, from Highams Park East, London, had never been arrested or convicted of a sexual offence or had any complaints made against him.

Mr Adams' life went downhill as he struggled to recover from the accusations.

He failed to get his job back after being sacked in January. His drinking led to problems with his partner and he spent the last few nights of his life sleeping in a storage shed at the bottom of the block of flats in which he lived.'

Widow of FDNY fire marshal arraigned for murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The disheveled widow of an FDNY fire marshal showed no remorse and mischievously grinned her way yesterday through an arraignment - even winking to her family - as prosecutors charged her with "coldbloodedly" murdering her husband in his sleep.

Looking haggard in sweats with her hair in a ponytail, Janet Redmond-Mercereau, 38, was slapped with second-degree murder and other charges for allegedly shooting Douglas Mercereau three times in the head at close range with his 9 mm revolver last December.
...
As she was led away by police, she continued to flash her deadly smile, although she looked a mess in a gray hoodie emblazoned with the letters "LBI" - for the Jersey Shore vacation spot Long Beach Island.
...
Through her lawyer, Redmond-Mercereau has said her husband had been verbally abusive after she gained weight because of a thyroid condition.

The couple - married for 12 years - had a rocky relationship over the past few years.

Prosecutors don't buy her claims.

"We believe [the abuse] not to be true," said Staten Island DA Daniel Donovan.'

Defining Parental Alienation

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Parental alienation is a topic often discussed on MANN. The Alec Baldwin incident exposed this ignored topic throughout the MSM. Feminists such as Kim Gandy have written articles filled with false statistics to refute the fact. I thought it would be interesting to post Wikipedia's assessment of parental alienation. Its a concise overview and offered me some extra knowledge on the subject.

The M.O. of False Child Sex Abuse Allegations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'These false abuse allegations are almost always made by a divorcing woman against her husband in the midst of an acrimonious divorce or custody dispute. A false sex abuse allegation is the perfect weapon for mom to use against dad. Here's why:

1) It is easy to make a false sexual abuse allegation.

2) The mother is given instant sympathy and support while the father is instantly ostracized because society hates child abusers.

3) It almost always guarantees the immediate removal of the father from the mother and child's life.

4) It usually results in the mother being granted immediate, temporary sole custody.

5) It establishes a status quo living arrangement for the children that will yield a precedent for continued primary physical custody by the mother.

6) The mother is given moral vindication for the divorce.

7) It is nearly impossible to prove that the mother made the allegation in bad faith.

8) There is virtually no punishment for mothers who are found to have made a false child abuse accusation.'

New American mums expect 'push presents'

Anonymous · 23 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"It has always been the way that the only reward expected by women from the trials of childbirth has been the gift of life, in the form of a new baby. But American mothers are increasingly demanding more material compensation for pregnancy and labour: diamonds, other jewellery, or an expensive holiday.
...
Spurred by the examples of Hollywood stars such as Pierce Brosnan and Ben Affleck, and encouraged by a growing range of gifts designed especially for such occasions, the motherhood industry has given birth to the concept of "push presents" - so-called both because they are a reward for the act of giving birth, and because mothers are pushing their husbands to dig deep into their wallets.

Fathers now not only have to make it to the delivery room on time, but had better come brandishing more than a bunch of flowers. A survey by the parenthood website BabyCenter.com found that almost four out of 10 new mothers received "push presents". An even larger number, 55 per cent, said that they expected them - so presumably some had been disappointed."

White House Press Secretary: Men know more about war ‘by osmosis.’

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File this one under 'Humor'...

"On Fox News Sunday today, White House press secretary Dana Perino was named the “Power Player of the Week.” She explained to host Chris Wallace that, in addition to the pressure to look good, she faces an extra challenge as a woman — understanding military jargon:

Some of the terms I just don’t know, I haven’t grown up knowing. The type of missiles that are out there: patriots and scuds and cruise missiles and tomahawk missiles. And I think that men just by osmosis understand all of these things, and they’re things that I really have to work at — to know the difference between a carrier and a destroyer, and what it means when one of those is being launched to a certain area."

RADAR ALERT: On False Rape Allegations, A Judge's Pious Words Are Not Enough

Matt · 24 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

On March 19, 2008, the Seattle Times reported on a story whose ending could have been much worse but should have been much better. The story is of a woman, Katherine M. Clifton, who manufactured false evidence to frame a man and then lodged a false rape charge against him. As a result of the allegation, the man spent nine days in jail and was placed on leave from his teaching job at a college.

A March 21, 2008 article in London's Daily Mail illustrates just how much worse the ending to this story could have been. It reports on another innocent man, but in that case, the false accusation of rape drove him to suicide.

In the Seattle case, when Judge Peter Nault accepted the woman's guilty plea to the charge of making a false rape accusation, he stated: "That we hurry to castigate a person who turns out to be entirely innocent ... I don't know how it could be worse."

So, what was wrong with the Seattle story's ending? Consider how Judge Nault chose to punish Clifton's opprobrious actions. According to the article, he sentenced her to 365 days BUT suspended 357 days and he ordered her to pay a $5,000 fine BUT suspended $4,750.

Thus, an innocent man ends up in jail for nine days and the woman who made the false accusation, and clearly spent a lot of effort fabricating false evidence, will only have to serve eight days. The innocent man was placed on leave from his job. The woman who planned and carried out the crime has to pay $250.

Please contact the Seattle Times and ask for a follow up story regarding why Clifton only received a slap on the wrist for a crime that, after murder and rape, is about as heinous as they come. Please emphasize the following points:

1. The innocent man served nine days in jail and faced the loss of his teaching career;
2. Judge Peter Nault (please mention him by name) knew that the accuser had gone to some effort to fabricate phony email and a phony court order implicating the innocent man;
3. Considering the egregious circumstances surrounding the case, Judge Nault's decision – to require the villain to serve less time than the innocent man served and to require her to pay only $250 for her crimes – means that his statement "That we hurry to castigate a person who turns out to be entirely innocent ... I don't know how it could be worse" turns out to be nothing more than empty piety.

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Again, please mention Judge Peter Nault by name. If judges realize that they're going to be remembered by name, they may start making their actions fit their pious words.

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Date of RADAR Release: March 24, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Males Are Fragile?

Roy · 24 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This article is about much more than male "fragility" and argues for close consideration of all the new research on sex differences and gender preferences in life choices. Excerpt:

"Males are more vulnerable to maternal stresses and pollution in utero — female preemies are almost twice as likely to survive as male preemies. Boys are twice as likely to have attention problems, four times as likely to have language or reading disabilities, and ten times as likely to have Asperger syndrome. Males are more susceptible to almost all chronic diseases, including heart disease, cancer, liver disease and AIDS. They have much shorter life spans.

They are more aggressive and take more risks, which is one reason why there are more male prisoners (the ratio of male to female prisoners is 10 to 1) and male suicides. Victims of work and school violence are 93 percent male. Men catch postsurgical infections more than women do, and 70 percent of them die from this peculiar vulnerability (compared to 30 percent of women). If this is not a picture of fragility, I don't know what is."

Police: Wife tried to drive over man 20 times

Matt · 24 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. - A woman in Port St. Lucie faces charges of chasing her fleeing husband around their yard in a minivan, in attempts to drive over him about 20 times.

Their baby, who was in the back seat of the minivan, was buckled up and was not hurt, deputies said.

Deputies said it started over a dispute over $300 on Friday between Leslie Ann Brown and her husband, Nicholas.'

1 In 4 Teenage Girls Having Sex Have An STD, "Boys Not Excused"

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Story here. A couple of weeks ago I posted a story about teenage girls and STD's. I was annoyed that the survey ignored boys but this article goes a step further. Lets blame the boys! Pay close attention to the picture in the story. Excerpt:

"This has got to be one of the most alarming studies of teenagers or is it? A recent study by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) shows that one in four teenage girls has an STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) with the most common infection being HPV (human papilloma virus). An alarming 18 percent of teen girls apparently have the virus and if you compare that to the 40 percent of the girls ages 14-19 in the study who were sexually active, that's almost half of all young women who are having sex have contracted the disease.
...
Though this study was on teenage girls, it in no way excuses teenage boys, men can, and do, get HPV and other diseases. All teens and parents are encouraged to be more aware."

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Ed. note: Comment link, with backtrack to article, is here. The backtrack only works though if you already have an account. If not, just open the link in the story above again and log in, then you're good to go.

Currently there are no comments. Have fun, gents. :)

Exciting Additions to the 2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek

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Mensactivism Readers We Need Your Help!

Help us spread the word of this exciting event online by blogging, posting in forums and MySpace and sharing on Facebook. Social Bookmark the main page for the Equal Parenting Bike Trek so that others might find it. Email the main page link to friends and family. Not in the US? It doesn't matter - last year we had significant support from those in other countries and it gives our cyclists the extra boost of energy.

We need to create some serious online buzz for the 2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek. Five fathers will pedal 758 miles for their children and to spread awareness of all of our concerns. The massive CRISPE bus will be at the departure event for the 2008 EPBT. Dance4Equality, an American Indian shared parenting organization, will be performing their pow wows and more at the departure for the 2008 EPBT. Thank you for your ACTIVE help.

More Information here.

‘Barbie bandits’ sentenced for bank robbery

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Remember these girls? Well the "wheels of justice" turn slowly but eventually... you get a nice cushy sentence, if you're a pretty girl... excerpt:

'MARIETTA, Ga. - The “Barbie bandits” who went on a shopping spree after they were videotaped wearing sunglasses and laughing during an $11,000 bank heist were sentenced Monday, one to prison and another to probation.

Ashley Miller, 19, will have to serve only two years of a 10-year prison sentence and must complete the rest on probation. She pleaded guilty to theft and drug charges.

Heather Johnston, also 19, was sentenced to 10 years’ probation for her role in the February 2007 heist in Acworth, northwest of Atlanta.'

If it had been me, you'd never see me again.

Hillary's "Full Dinner Jacket" moment

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This video speaks for itself.

Remember the Bush/Quayle ticket and the jokes associated with it? "A Vietnam era movie was made with Dan Quayle as the central character; it's called 'Full Dinner Jacket'". Same thing here. Only at least with Quayle, he didn't lie about his experience. He just tended to look dumb when answering questions. So while you could accuse him of being not-too-bright, you couldn't accuse him of lying bold-facedly to the camera.

"$100 Million for 10,000 Women"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Thousands of women entrepreneurs in developing countries have started their own businesses in the past few years, many with help from local microfinance banks and nonprofits that issued them small loans and financial support. The concept has taken off, but there has been one key flaw in the model: Most of the women have little, if any, formal education and lack the management skills and financial savvy to take their business to the next level. On Mar. 5, investment bank Goldman Sachs (NYSE:GS - News) announced it would change the equation by pumping $100 million into educational projects for these women over the next five years.

...
Dubbed "10,000 Women," for the number of women it intends to reach by 2013, the program is designed to build on existing programs and create new ones by supporting partnerships between U.S. business schools and universities and schools in developing countries. The program is aimed at women, organizers say, because closing gender gaps in education and employment yields greater returns in economic growth in developing countries. For instance, Goldman estimates that improving female education in the BRIC nations (Brazil, Russia, India and China) and another 11 developing countries can boost per-capita income by as much as 14% over baseline estimates by 2020.'

"Secret lives of breadwinner wives"

Matt · 25 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What, not going to take even six months or so to really try it out?

I recall reading someplace, years ago as a teenager, that some sociologist predicted this kind of thing would happen if things kept going the way they were going. I sort of laughed at the idea and thought he must be wrong if a group of people want something so badly. Wouldn't they be happy once they got it? Well, maybe not. It's right up there with that old Chinese curse: "May you get what you want." A lot of wisdom behind that. Anyway, excerpt:

'It wasn't so long ago that my heart would race with pride and excitement when I heard upbeat statistics about women's earning prowess:
...
I'm over that now. As the mother of a nearly two-month-old son whose husband is leaving his job to take on most of the child care and prep for graduate school, the title "breadwinner" has come to feel an awful lot like "albatross."'

And of course, whose fault is it? Hubby's. He doesn't cook and clean enough, apparently. But further on, read:

'MP: And then there's me. Despite the fact that my husband does the lion's share (or is it the lioness' share?) of the domestic duties -- and I count my blessings that he doesn't resent the fact that my career, right now, is more lucrative -- I am a conflicted mess of gratitude, pride and steaming resentment.

To the outside world, we probably look like the storybook version of a spunky female career gal who falls for the supersmart artsy guy -- and together (cue the harps and a nice big sunset) they make it all work!

But in reality, I guess I was kinda sorta hoping this arrangement would be temporary.'

So is there anything that will make today's typical first-world woman truly happy? I don't think so, not for the average one. The list of wants and complaints just seems to know no bounds.

Los Angeles Times: New program targets 'Top 10' deadbeat dads

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Modeled on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list, a county program officially unveiled today will use wanted posters in an effort to find the 10 "most egregious" child-support-payment evaders, officials said.

The posters will be put up countywide."

'Barbie Bandits' ringleader gets 10 years

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Story here. More on this 'Barbie' story. It seems the judicial system has identified a man as the mastermind. Though he didn't commit the robberies his sentence was more harsh than the two women. Excerpt:

'A man convicted of being the mastermind behind the so-called "Barbie Bandits" bank theft was sentenced Tuesday to 10 years in prison.

Michael Chastang's term was added to the 15 years he already is serving on drug charges.

"For the theft, you used the others," Superior Court Judge Mary Staley told him. "You orchestrated it. You sat in the back and put the pawns out to do it."'

MSNBC Video Teacher Accused Of Rape Of 16-YO Boy

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Video report here. Apparently this woman gave him a pair of her underwear and was caught with incriminating text messages.

Bernard Chapin: "Submissives for Hillary"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"What's the latest outrage from The New York Times? Perhaps it's Kate Zernike, a reporter there (from what I can gather I found no google reference to a specific title) who wrote an opinion column entitled "Post-feminism and Other Fairy Tales" which appeared in their "Week in Review" section.
...
In fact, there is so much wrong with her perspective that I am not sure where to begin …but begin I must. Zernike's basic theme is that feminism should not be dead because women still have it bad in America and that more statist feminism is the method by which to redress their needs. Why would she posit such an absurd claim? For five reasons and I'll go through now. First, some hecklers told Hillary Clinton to "iron their shirt" at a rally. Second, Hillary had to defend her likeability to critics. Third, the actress portraying her on Saturday Night Live was "shut out" of a fictional debate…on a television program. Fourth, that Governor Spitzer cheated on his wife, and fifth, some Americans deem prostitution to be a victimless crime."

Glenn Sacks: Feminist 'Hate Statistics' on Display at George Washington University

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Story here. Excerpt:

'How should we describe the false, male-vilifying statistics that are ubiquitous on the modern college campus? Christina Hoff Sommers, author of Who Stole Feminism? calls them "Hate Statistics." That seems apt.

To follow the recent controversy over the feminist "1 in 4 college women are raped" myth, see my recent blog post "It's a lonely job, working the phones at a college rape crisis center...you wait for the casualties to show up but no one calls".'

Boys - Casualties of the Gender Wars

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Male children are showing deterioration in achievement, lowered acceptance into colleges, increasing diagnosis of various “hyperactivity” or “attention deficit” disorders (with concomitant medication of such alleged “disorders”); and decreasing attendance at school. Furthermore, reports indicate boys between the ages of 5 and 14 are 200% more likely to commit suicide than are girls, and that, within that age range, boys are 36% more likely to die (of all causes) than their female counterparts.

...

Despite the current wisdom, males are at distinct disadvantages in our cultural milieu. Boys are “feminized” in the early years of their education and socialization, and by the time that they reach adolescence, many are conflicted as to their roles in society, and especially as to their interaction with the opposite gender. The shockingly high incidence of suicide among adolescent males is a reflection of this conflict.

Rather than trying to “neutralize” our male children, we should be developing methods within our schools to utilize the characteristics of both genders, each to their strengths, and not employ principles of “reverse discrimination” in order to rectify past inequalities. Such discrimination, like that used in regard to racial and/or religious differences, is destructive to our boys, and makes for adult men with handicaps which are destructive to our society as a whole."

Mother Makes First Court Appearance After Allegedly Trying To Kill Teen Son

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Largo police say 52-year-old Celeste Minardi tried to kill her own son over the weekend. He's only fifteen years old. And, the way she allegedly did it, even has police officers shaking their heads in disbelief.

It happened during a Saturday afternoon court-appointed visit at a Largo psychiatrist's office. This is where Minardi and her son have been going for the past 3 years. Visits under supervision. It is still a mystery as to why this mother is under guard with her child on these occasions.

Police say, when a nurse who was present turned her head, Minardi took a 15-inch decorative dagger and a drywall knife out of her purse, and began slashing her son."

Female Pilot "selected" to make first landing at new Heathrow Terminal 5

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Read about it here. Excerpt:

'British Airways' first female pilot has been selected to fly the first plane to land at Heathrow's new Terminal 5.

Capt Lynn Barton, 51, became BA's first woman pilot in 1987. She will be the flight commander on BA026 from Hong Kong, landing at 0450 GMT on Thursday.

"I was incredibly proud to have been British Airways' first ever woman pilot and now I have another first to my name," Capt Barton said.'

I wonder how BA's 3,000 male pilots felt about having this opportunity. Ms Barton is one of 176 female pilots.

"He Had It Coming": A Book Men Heading for Divroce Need to Note

Matt · 26 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Driving in today, I heard a radio "interview" with the author of this book. It was done in the style of a late-night infomercial where the interviewer seems to be skeptical and take up Devil's Advocate but of course is quickly won over. (The interviewer worked for the radio station, too.)

I found little surprising in what was said simply because I have heard it so much before. Still, somehow, the glaring foolishness and sheer mercenary thinking espoused (no pun intended) by such people still shocks me. The author is very direct and specific about the importance of doing certain things to make sure the wife "gets the house" (note: 'the house', not 'his house', which is the case most times, as he is paying for it). And she also of course had to declare women still get the 'short end of the stick' in divorces.

Title? "He Had It Coming: How to Outsmart your Husband and Win Your Divorce". Not content to make a fortune doing divorces, the author also had to make money on it by writing a strategy book (geared to women only, of course) on the topic.

But, like Hillary, I am sure she is just a lovely person when you meet her in person. >)

Modern men feel emasculated, study claims

Anonymous · 26 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Many men believe the world is now dominated by women and that they have lost their role in society, fuelling feelings of depression and being undervalued...

But the hunter-gatherer role is still a strong male instinct. Once fatherhood arrives, men say they would prefer a more traditional role of either being the sole breadwinner with their partner a full-time mother and homemaker (34 per cent), or the main breadwinner with their partner working part-time (24 per cent)...

...What they apparently want is what some American academics have dubbed a "menaissance" - a return to manliness, where figures such as Sir Winston Churchill were models of manhood...

...Harvey Mansfield, a Harvard professor and America's best known political philosopher, who tackles the topic in his book Manliness, says the issue is ignored.

"A man has to be embarrassed about being a man. I am trying to bring back the word manliness. It's not respected," he said.

'Pregnant' man stuns medical profession

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Article here. Excerpt:

"A man who used to be a woman is five months pregnant, according to an article he has written for an American magazine that features a picture of him at 22 weeks, with facial hair and a man's flat chest above his swollen stomach.

Thomas Beatie, who was born a woman, describes himself as a "transgender male" in the piece which says his decision to have a child "has been met with discrimination and outright derision by health care professionals".

...According to the piece, Mr Beatie went through a sex change but decided to have only chest reconstruction and testosterone therapy, stopping short of making any changes to the reproductive organs he was born with.

Mr Beatie is legally male and lives with his wife, Nancy, in Bend, Oregon.

..."How does it feel to be a pregnant man?" he writes in the article.

"Incredible. Despite the fact that my belly is growing with a new life inside me, I am stable and confident being the man that I am. In a technical sense I see myself as my own surrogate, though my gender identity as male is constant. To Nancy, I am her husband carrying our child. "I will be my daughter's father, and Nancy will be her mother. We will be a family."

Marriage Rates at all time low in England

oregon dad · 26 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Looks like the boys are getting the message in Britain. The McCartney settlement sure didn't much help those girls that would like to marry.

Marriage is not a good proposition in England or the USA right now - and is likely not to be for some time to come.

Carey Roberts: The Intellectual Perversion of the VAWA Mafia

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Artilce here. Excerpt:

'When professor Suzanne Steinmetz published the results of her survey on domestic violence, no one had prepared her for the firestorm that would ensue. You see, feminists take it as an article of faith that only husbands abuse their wives.

So when Steinmetz revealed that women are often as violent as their husbands, the fem-fascists started a whispering campaign designed to block her promotion at the University of Delaware. When that didn't work, they phoned in a bomb threat at her daughter's wedding. Cowed by the threats, Steinmetz soon suspended her pioneering research.

Erin Pizzey of England had impeccable credentials -- she was the founder of the first abuse shelter for women. So a few years later she published Prone to Violence, a book that revealed these women are often as physically aggressive as their mates.

That provoked threats of violence by the women who said women can never be violent. Pizzey was forced to seek police protection as she traveled around to promote her book. She was met by jeering protesters with placards that read, "All men are bastards."'

Petition to reform underage sex laws

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The petition is here. As we know, boys are much more likely to be prosecuted under differential underage sex laws than girls. In the case in question, it has a 16-YO boy branded a sexual predator for the mistake of believing a 13-YO girl when she told him she was nearly 16. Excerpt:

'The public defender that represented Ricky made it clear that going to trial could very well result in a 20 year prison term for the sexual abuse felonies he was charged with. Ricky was advised that if he pled guilty to one count of lewd or lascivious acts with a child, there would be a deferred judgment, he would not have to state a felony conviction on job applications and he would not have to register as a sex offender. But minutes before the plea hearing, Ricky was informed that the laws in Iowa had just changed and that the plea deal would include the requirement that he be registered as a sex offender for a period of 10 years. He wept at this devastating news but decided to take the plea deal anyway to avoid the possibility of a long prison term. A deferred judgment was issued on the charge of lewd or lascivious acts with a child and Ricky was sentenced to two years probation and was registered as a sex offender.'

More Pseudo-science: Men (particularly whites) are "less empathetic"

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It's official. Read it here. More than that, white men in particular are less empathetic than... everyone else.

This "experimental report" includes two fractionate categories: "white men" and "everyone else". No experimental bias here! And by the way, just how does one measure "empathy" in an objective way? What "newly-devised test instrument" did they use that the author mentions? Well anyway, excerpt:

'In several previous posts, I've discussed Simon Baron-Cohen's theory of autism as a symptom of an "extreme male brain" ..., and also Mary Bucholtz's hypothesis that nerdity is defined by "hyperwhite" behavior ... I'm ashamed to say that it never seriously occurred to me to cross-pollinate these two theories, ...
Thus, in their sample at least, the difference between males and females in two empathy-related measures was smaller than the difference between whites and non-whites.
...

I'm not suggesting that there are innate racial differences in empathy*, nor that autism is caused by excessively caucasian genetics. Rather, I'm suggesting we should be cautious about attributing stereotypical male-female differences too quickly to the (developmental or immediate) effects of sex hormones.'

*Yeah, sure.

Confirms what we've know all along: men, and white men in particular, are brutal conquerors incapable of the kind of understanding and empathy with others that comes easily to everyone else. Centuries of sun deprivation and a need to be aggressive to compete for scarce resources bred Europe-dwelling men into tall, white, strong, ruthless creatures with little concern for others and a serious superiority attitude complex that shows no signs of going away despite decades of activism. Just listen to "The Immigrant Song" by Led Zeppelin; that's all you need to know.

Ooogha! Valhalla, I am coming! Arrggghhhh!

Wonder what the word is for "bullshit" in ancient Swedish?

Pharmacy chain markets DNA paternity tests in 30 states nationwide

anthony · 27 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"After two decades, Sean Reid of Surrey, British Columbia, discovered that he had a son. Fred Turley of Des Plaines, Ill., learned he didn't have a daughter. And Wendy Lieb of Lewis Center, Ohio, made certain she wasn't going to be a grandmother quite yet.

In all three situations, crucial genetic information altered the lives of the people involved. And in each case, it came not from a doctor or other medical source, but from a $29.99 kit on a drugstore shelf.

Reid, Turley and Lieb are among more than 800 customers who responded to the first wave of marketing for do-it-yourself DNA paternity tests sold as Identigene by Sorenson Genomics of Salt Lake City."

Conference to Explore Registry of Sperm, Egg Donors

TomP · 27 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The argument seems to be that the registry would be helpful for health reasons (**It's For The Children![tm]**) and that would override privacy considerations, because no one, least of all the government, would ever consider inappropriate use of this information, and what kind of scum are you not to want your children to able to find you, anyway, sir?!

Seems to me such a registry would have health benefits for the children of recipients of egg and sperm donations, but I am somewhat concerned about privacy. What if you wound up being a DNA parent to 30 - 40 infants, all of whose mothers demand CS? Talk about a Family Court feeding frenzy!

In principal, I think sperm donation is a bad idea - regardless of promises of anonymity, the prospect of being suddenly liable for back CS for one or more children that are only yours in a biological sense is daunting, to say the least. Looks as if men in the UK and Australia are already finding out about how much their privacy is worth in the face of a CS order. I don't want to see it happen here. But if you insist on being a donor, consider the prospect of the children derived from that donation being able to find you and demand a portion of all you have worked for, in exchange for....?

The question every man should ask, before every interaction with a woman (or a sperm bank, for that matter) is "What's in it for me, and what are the risks?"

Report: Heather Mills Trying to Prove Paul McCartney Worth More Than $800M

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Heather Mills is trying to prove Paul McCartney is worth much more than the $800 million he claimed in their divorce battle, the Daily Mail reports.

She has told friends she is employing a team of forensic accountants to examine her estranged husband's finances, the Mail says.

Such information, she hopes, will lead to the divorce ruling being overturned and see more money go to their 4-year-old daughter Beatrice, according to the Mail.

In her impromptu press conference after the divorce hearing at the High Court in London, Mills said: "We all know he's worth $1.6 billion. He's been worth $1.6 billion for the last 15 years."'

Ohio Woman Sought for 'Having Sex' with 14-Year-Old Girl

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Ohio Crime Stoppers has issued a reward of up to $2,000 for information leading to the arrest of a Bexley, Ohio, woman accused of having sex with a 14-year-old girl, 10TV.com reports.

A search warrant revealed the girl was at Becky Jo Tatum's house earlier this month and said she "had been drinking and had a buzz" prior to the alleged sexual conduct.

...

According to Tatum's daughter, her mother has engaged in sexual activity with a number of her friends, Townsend reported.

"(She's) done this before with my friends; I'm kind of used to it," Tatum's daughter said.'

Woman Involved in University of Louisville Hostage Situation Charged With Killing Her 2 Children

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother killed her two children and later went to the nearby college she attended and brandished a gun Thursday before handing the weapon to a health counselor, police said.

The threat at the University of Louisville ended with no injuries about half an hour after it began, but police who were then asked by school officials to check on the children found them dead with gunshot wounds.

Gail Lynn Coontz, 37, is charged with murder in the deaths of 14-year-old Greg Coontz and 10-year-old Nikki Coontz, said Louisville police Officer Phil Russell.'

Serial shoplifter convicted for 175th time given yet ‘another chance'

Anonymous · 28 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Shoplifter convicted for the 175th time was spared a prison sentence after magistrates decided to give her another last chance.

Joanne Jones, 31, has faced more than 200 court hearings and served 34 jail terms over the past 16 years, at a cost to the taxpayer of more than £700,000.

But she walked free from the court after Canterbury magistrates decided there was a "chink of light" to suggest she could change – despite the fact that she was on bail when she committed her last offence and is still hooked on heroin.'

11-YO Girl Attempts Murder, Gets Tasered

SpikeRants · 28 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Florida School Security Officer Tasers 11-Year-Old Girl

That title seems a bit more in keeping with what REALLY HAPPENED than the title of the Fox News article:

So, the girl attempts to MURDER a fellow student, ASSAULTS a teacher, and the article is made to indicate that the poor girl was tasered for NO GOOD REASON.

If it was a guy, I bet it would have used my title.

Dad Allowed to Take Leave From Prison to See His Dying Little Girl

Matt · 28 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Progress, at least in the way the story is worded. Usually it's "Mom allowed to see child..." Instead, it's "Dad allowed to...". But things would be better if such a story never needed to be run. Excerpt:

'OMAHA, Neb. — A 10-year-old Nebraska girl with terminal brain cancer had a simple last wish: to have her dad by her side as she lay on her death bed.

On Wednesday, seemingly against all odds, Jayci Yaeger's wish came true.

Her father, Jason Yaeger, who has been locked up in a South Dakota federal prison on methamphetamine charges, was allowed to see his daughter for what may be the last time.'

Keep tissues handy; it's a sad story indeed.

Give dad the boot, this is what you get

Matt · 28 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Britain has, if not the highest incidence of single motherhood in the First World, then one of the highest, and the highest crime and alcohol and drug abuse rate among children of both sexes. Time covers the whole awful mess in this week's issue, here. By making marriage (or at least stable long-term relationships) as unattractive as possible to its young men with one feminist-inspired piece of legislation after another and by the same mechanism marginalizing/criminalizing the fathers of children, it is sewing what it has reaped: social chaos.

America and other countries are on the path: France, Germany, Australia, Spain, the list goes on. In 50 years, western countries have gone or are going from vibrant, powerful, and generally prosperous and content to being economically stagnant/declining, uninspired, and dangerous places for law-abiding people to live.

What of drugs? There were plenty of drugs back in the 1950s: heroin, marijuana, cocaine, etc. And bad examples from Hollywood and the rest of the MSM? Plenty abounded back then, too. But the emotional and behavioral stability fathers gave their children made most kids strong enough to recognize what these things were and not indulge (or at least not plunge themselves into using like they do now). Respect for dad's prohibitions kept children away from the bad stuff until they were old enough to do it without paternal guidance. Now, for so many kids, those crucial few years where life-long patterns of behavior and judgment get set, are without this moderating influence.

Hear that avian crowing and cackling? Those are the chickens home to roost. Roosting comfortably and securely in a nest sculpted by feminists and their socio-political lap-dogs.

Australia: Men and Fathers' Health Forum Report Available

Matt · 28 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via e-mail:

A report on the Men and Fathers' Health Forum, held at Parliament House, Canberra, last Wednesday 19th March 2008, can be downloaded here (.pdf file). Please distribute it amongst your colleagues and networks. In particular we would encourage you to write and/or email the parliamentarians listed in the report with a 'thank you' note from yourself as an individual, organisation or group.

This will do two things. Firstly it will encourage the individual parliamentarians. They work hard on our behalf and rarely get thanked. Secondly, whilst men are the largest minority 49.2% in the nation, they are also the most silent. Thankfully this is starting to change. We believe the men and fathers' movement affected the course of the last election quite profoundly. Our Men and Fathers Family Friendly Forum on 20th June 2007 might have changed the course of electoral history. The proposal for the National Men's Health Policy was triggered at that forum.

The fact that the Labor Party announced a National Men's Health Policy helped them get over the line to form a government. That news was broadcast widely within the men's movement. We believe that Work Choices was the major determinant in the swing towards Labor but the Men's Health Policy was also a key component in their electoral success. At this stage they do not understand this fully. Your individual 'thank you' note will help the parliamentarians understand the truth behind their electoral success and/or failure.

Again, many thanks to the Forum delegates for all your hard work and sacrifice in coming to Canberra. To those many advocates for a Men's Health Policy who couldn't make it to Canberra this time around, we honor you for all your hard work over many many years, and hope that you will all be involved in the shaping of the final Policy. There are too many to thank here. Let us continue the struggle for truth, justice, health and wellbeing, for men, women and children in a true spirit of mutual respect and love.

Kind Regards,

Warwick Marsh, Fatherhood Foundation
Greg Andresen, Dads on the Air / Men's Health Australia

Progress Is Progress...

bikeking8 · 28 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

First of all I'd like to say how proud I am to be a part of this organization. I have noticed male bashing in the media for years and frankly I'm getting sick of it along with all the other injustices we've been victims of such as divorce law and child support policies.

Anyways, it seems Australia is on the forefront of *gasp!* treating men like human beings! This article from news.com.au relays the good news that the child support policies are getting a major improvement. Included in the changes are the determination of child support payments taking into account the income of *both* parents, as well as the amount of time the children stay with the non-resident parent. Tax benefits have been altered, as well, giving non-resident parents monetary incentive to spend time with their children. Like a parent needs to be *paid* for incentive to see their children. It's still a nod to MRA groups, though. So keep your fingers crossed and your heads high.

How to Disagree

Scott · 29 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Paul Graham just published an insightful essay on How to Disagree. This isn't an article on men's issues or double standards based on gender, but I'm submitting it here because I think spending some time understanding this essay could improve the quality of discussion/disagreement in the men's rights community. Gender issues tend to be very divisive and emotional topics to discuss, and I think the overview Graham gives of effective disagreement can serve to strengthen pro-male discussions. Check it out.

WSJ: At the Barricades In the Gender Wars

mens_issues · 29 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I saw this in today's Wall Street Journal at the supermarket, and looked it up online. I couldn't get through the whole thing without puking. The article misstates the reasons why men are reluctant to vote for Hillary, and frames the resistance as "sexist backlash" instead.

Uh, what about men's issues, Hillary. I'd vote for a woman who was evenhanded with regard to men's and women's issues. Excerpt:

'When Sen. Clinton started her presidential campaign more than a year ago, she said she wanted to shatter the ultimate glass ceiling. But many of her supporters see something troubling in the sometimes bitter resistance to her campaign and the looming possibility of her defeat: a seeming backlash against the opportunities women have gained.
...

With the Pennsylvania primary looming on April 22, it's unlikely that workplace tensions over Sen. Clinton's candidacy will abate. On March 5, the day after Sen. Clinton won Ohio, Jackie LeViseur, a fund-raiser at Youngstown State University, arrived at her office to find her female colleagues, mostly secretaries, high-fiving each other and cheering in the hall.

The men, most of them bosses, remained in their offices, looking, says Ms. LeViseur, like their team had lost the football game.

"They might have been a little afraid to speak up," says Ms. LeViseur.'

Magazines 'harm male body image'

MJE · 29 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

After decades of railing against the damage teen magazines inflict on girls' self-esteem, someone finally thought to stand up for the boys, too.

"'Lads' Magazines have been increasingly successful in recent years, and have attracted criticism for an alleged potential to exploit women rather than cause problems for their readership.
...
Professor Naomi Fineberg, a consultant psychiatrist who runs a treatment service for people with obsessive compulsive disorder, said that men and women suffered equally from body dysmorphic disorder."

Also, it's good to see that they specifically pointed out (scathingly!) the tendency to put women's rights before men's. "[A]n **alleged** potential to exploit women". I couldn't have chosen a more appropriate word.

I'm glad to see further evidence that not all women are blinded by their sex; both of the women mentioned in the article seem rather enlightened about gender equality.

Evidently Filming Fully Clothed Cheerleaders During a Public Performance is a Felony

blaze4metal · 30 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. While female teachers are banging their students, the police are arresting men for filming public cheerleading events and calling it child pornography. Excerpt:

"WOODLAND – Gilbert Chan, a business reporter at The Bee, pleaded not guilty Friday to a felony charge of possession of child pornography.

Chan, 52, of Davis was arrested after trying to conceal a camera he was using to videotape a youth cheerleading competition at UC Davis on Feb. 3, police said."

Cops: Neglected Boy, 4, Wasted Away to 10 Pounds

anthony · 30 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Authorities in the Florida Panhandle say they have arrested a woman suspected of severely neglecting a 4-year-old boy.

Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Sgt. Scott Haines says the boy weighed only 10 pounds when he was hospitalized earlier this month but his condition is improving.

Deputies on Friday arrested 19-year-old Erin Brittany Markes, identifying her only as the boy's caregiver."

More trash from "junkscience.com": 'Clueless Guys Can't Read Women'

Matt · 30 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Misandrist B.S. here. Excerpt:

'More often than not, guys interpret even friendly cues, such as a subtle smile from a gal, as a sexual come-on, and a new study discovers why: Guys are clueless.

More precisely, they are somewhat oblivious to the emotional subtleties of non-verbal cues, according to a new study of college students.

"Young men just find it difficult to tell the difference between women who are being friendly and women who are interested in something more," said lead researcher Coreen Farris of Indiana University's Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences.'

England: Year's jail for 'wicked' false rape accusation

anthony · 31 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who falsely accused a soldier of rape has been described as "wicked" by the judge who sentenced her to a year in jail.

Amanda Lang, 21, had consensual sex with Lance Corporal Philip Trowell after drinking with him at RAF Brize Norton, Oxfordshire. The act took place in Lang's bedroom which she shared with her pilot boyfriend.
...
"For a few days this man's life was turned upside down. You persisted with your story for 15 months so all the time he thought he was going to have to give evidence to prove you were lying.
...
"That is the evil of what you did - it undermines the whole process. This is a case where a message has to be sent out to everybody that false allegations of rape are insidious to a degree."'

College 101: More women than men enrolled - some look to even the score

anthony · 31 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'"The enrollment gap is undeniable," said Sanford Shugart, president of Valencia Community College, "but our belief is that raising the achievements of all students will help close that gap."

Shugart and other administrators say they have no plans to launch recruitment drives to increase male enrollment, nor do they envision reaching a point where they would.
...
At least one of those schools is trying to get a few more good men.

St. Petersburg College opened The Male Outreach Center last year -- modeled in part after a nearly 30-year-old on-campus drop-in program for women -- to recruit and retain male students, especially blacks and Hispanics, who statistically tend to struggle more than others in college.

Some think more schools should open similar programs because of the rising need among men for career training. Changes in the economy are eliminating well-paid blue-collar jobs that once allowed men to earn a living wage without a college degree.'

Opinion: "Feminism may go too far in girls vs. boys"

anthony · 31 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But as I sat in the stands of my local indoor soccer facility, watching my son's under-12 boys team being physically abused by a girls team, I couldn't help but wonder if perhaps feminism has finally gone too far.

During the game, I saw a female player actually punch one of our boys in the back of his head (the ref did not see it) and later, I saw my own son's face being smashed into the boards by another young lady. (The ref did see that.) I noted the parents of the girls' team smiling smugly whenever one of their players managed to knock over one of our boys.

...
We drill it into our boys' heads from a very young age that they should never push, shove or hit a girl; if anything, they are to step to the defense of a girl when necessary. Then we put them all out on the soccer field -- basketball court, wrestling mat, pick a sport -- together where the boys are supposed to be as physically competitive with girls as they would be with boys. We are confusing our boys.

If men abusing women is never appropriate, why should the reverse ever be all right? Our culture seems to be blurring the lines between feminism and offensivism.'

Anti-Feminism: What Is It?

anthony · 31 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Anti-feminists on the other hand propound that women have advanced in all spheres and share equal status in the world and due to this reason feminism is not required.

The view of anti-feminists that women are not dependant on men and that they share equal status, shows that this ideology is very different from male chauvinism.

Masculinism is associated with men's rights and seeks to promote them. Masculinism, like anti-feminism, is also a response to feminism, but masculinism gets into concerns of equal child rights and social issues affecting men's rights.

Masculinism is thus a counterpart of feminism and seeks to empower males in society and redress discrimination against them. Anti-feminists differ from masculists as anti-feminism is an ideology against feminism rather than an advocacy of male rights."

Study shows that circumcision does not shield men from STD

blaze4metal · 31 March 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Even though it's common sense to anyone with a brain, a study shows that you are still able to catch STDs no matter how mutilated your penis is.

Excerpt:

Circumcision does not appear to shield men from the types of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) common in the developed world, according to new research by Dr. Nigel P. Dickson and colleagues in the Journal of Pediatrics.from New Zealand.

RADAR ALERT: The CDC Admits its Mistake, But Doesn't Stop Junk Science

Matt · 1 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Two months ago RADAR blew the whistle on a junk science report from the federal Centers for Disease Control. The report purported to show that in their lifetime, women are more than twice as likely as men to suffer from intimate partner violence – 23.6% vs. 11.5%.

The problem is the CDC researchers loaded the questionnaire, counting any "attempts" or "threats" of violence, or "any unwanted sex," on the same level as actual acts of violence – and then lumping all the answers together!

So on February 11 we put out an Alert – and thousands of you responded!

Then the CDC rechecked the raw numbers. OOOPS! Turns out the numbers were wrong – but the CDC didn't explain why. The percentages are actually 26.4% for women vs. 15.9% for men. So on March 7 the CDC issued a correction.

But here we are almost two months later, and the CDC has not fixed the main problem – three of the four questions they used have not been validated.

The CDC needs to hear from you – TODAY!

Email CDC director Dr. Julie Gerberding at jyg2-at-cdc.gov, or call her office at 1-404-639-7000.

- Politely ask her to explain why the numbers the CDC originally reported turned out to be incorrect.
- Urge her to appoint an advisory panel of qualified university researchers.
- Tell her the CDC needs to stop using invalid questions that inflate and distort the true incidence of partner violence.

Take Action Now! WE CAN STOP JUNK RESEARCH!

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RADAR's February 11 Alert: http://mediaradar.org/alert20080211.php

RADAR letter to the CDC: http://mediaradar.org/docs/RADARletter-CDC-BRFSS-Distorts-Data.pdf

CDC's original study: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5705a1.htm

CDC's correction: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5709a7.htm

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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Hillary: Men's Issues Matter Too

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Men's Issues Matter Too - by Hillary Clinton*

April 1, 2008

The following is a transcript of the speech given by presidential candidate Hillary Clinton at the California Men's Center this morning:

Welcome. It is good to see you all here this morning.

Firstly, I would like to thank the National Coalition of Free Men, and Harry Crouch, director of the California Men's Center, for inviting me here to speak today.

As you all probably know, I have long been an advocate for women's rights and issues. However, it has become increasingly clear to me during my presidential campaign that I have overlooked the issues that American men face. Well, I have done some soul searching on these issues, and have had a change of heart in my approach toward gender politics. After all, men's issues matter too, and I will now detail my new ideas here.

I have said that it takes a village to raise a child. And a vital part of that village is men and fathers that are valued for their involvement in the families of that village. As president I will urge the states to reform their family courts to encourage shared parenting so that fathers are no longer routinely excluded from their children's lives or treated as criminals in family court.

After all, no man is illegal.

I have said that women are the primary victims of war. After men, that is. Really, men have borne the brunt of war for time immemorial. Just look at the law that requires Selective Service registration for 18-year-old men, but not 18-year-old women. It's high time that young women in America did their part for national defense by registering as well, and as president I plan to promote legislation to this end.

I have spoken of a woman's right to choose. It's only fair that reproductive rights be extended to men as well. Stop paternity fraud! Choice for men, now!

I have been an advocate for health care reform, but regrettably have neglected to see the male angle to this. It is unconscionable that there is a federal Office of Women's Health without a corresponding Office of Men's Health, when men have a life expectancy nearly 6 years less than women.

While I'm at it, the Violence Against Women Act needs to be reformed to include male victims. I feel a bit contrite here, as it was me that slashed my husband's face in 1993 simply because Barbara Streisand was visiting the White House. There was no excuse for my violence against Bill, and as president I plan to make it up to the men of America who have been unrepresented in domestic violence services for too long.

And what about IMBRA – that is, the The International Marriage Brokers Regulation Act? How did this unconstitutional law ever get passed? Surely American men as a whole are a decent lot who deserve the opportunity to look for love and marriage overseas without the presumption of being abusers. As president, I will not only repeal this anti-male law, but will push for legislation to protect American men from financial exploitation by unscrupulous foreign women. American men deserve protection too!

Furthermore, as president I will not allow radical feminists to pressure me or Congress into ratifying CEDAW, or the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, in the United States. Not only is this law unnecessary in the United States, but it would be an imposition on the sovereignity of this nation by a small clique of idealogues. Phyllis Schlafly was right about this one.

Now, some of my so-called advocates have tried to pit women's issues against black issues, and claimed that the

former is more important than the latter. Well, all I can say is that there is no comparison between being subject to centuries of slavery followed by another century of Jim Crow laws, and being asked to make coffee.

And what about the boys of this nation. It isn't fair that the education system in the United States is rigged to favor the learning styles of girls. The Department of Education has pursued this unethical policy for too long, and it needs to be reformed. Our boys don't neet Ritalin – they need an education system that works for them.

We also need to overhaul Title IX. It's absurd to eliminate college men's sports teams to create women's sports teams that aren't necessarily wanted in order to comply with a rigid quota system. Let's return Title IX to what it was originally intended to do.

And once our young men enter the workforce, they are discriminated against once again by preferential hiring practices that favor women. Women should be hired on the basis of merit, not favoritism. Also, I no longer believe in the wage gap myth, which fails to take into account the fact that men tend to work longer hours at more dangerous jobs than women.

In conclusion, what I have referred to in the past as the ultimate glass ceiling really only tells half the story. The glass cellars of male disposability, as Warren Farrell terms it, are the other side of the coin that has been overlooked for far too long. The so-called boy's club of presidential politics in reality has been more about passing legislation to help and protect women than it has been about serving the interests of the common man. As president I plan to return the favor by promoting legislation that helps men for a change.

Thank you, and I hope to receive your vote in November!

*Not really. Happy April Fool's Day!

Women Cheer New Yahoo Shine Website

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Yahoo is taking aim at the distinct content and buying power of women with a new Website called Shine.

Women in the male dominated technology business said there is a real need for Web content that speaks directly to women. They said Websites like Shine and Channelweb Women of the Channel are necessary to educate young girls to compete in corporate America.

Steward said she hopes Shine addresses how woman think differently than men. "Understanding how woman work is critical," she said. "We work differently. Woman are extreme multitaskers. Because of this the way we do business is very different. We leap ahead five or ten steps."

CONTRAST:

Study: More girls than boys are blogging or writing online

Hitchens on Hillary's Falsified 'Bosnian Combat Record'

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Love him, hate him, respect him, reject him, you have to admit the man can write, and he is unflinchingly fearless in the application of his trade. Article here. Excerpt:

'The punishment visited on Sen. Hillary Clinton for her flagrant, hysterical, repetitive, pathological lying about her visit to Bosnia should be much heavier than it has yet been and should be exacted for much more than just the lying itself. There are two kinds of deliberate and premeditated deceit...
... Sen. Clinton has managed to commit both of these offenses to veracity and decency and how in doing so she has rivaled, if not indeed surpassed, the disbarred and perjured hack who is her husband and tutor.

...
Were I to be asked if Sen. Clinton has ever lost any sleep over those heaps of casualties, I have the distinct feeling that I could guess the answer. She has no tears for anyone but herself. In the end, and over her strenuous objections, the United States and its allies did rescue our honor and did put an end to Slobodan Milosevic and his state-supported terrorism. Yet instead of preserving a polite reticence about this, or at least an appropriate reserve, Sen. Clinton now has the obscene urge to claim the raped and slaughtered people of Bosnia as if their misery and death were somehow to be credited to her account!'

Anti-male double standards at Colorado College

Matt · 1 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A.:

Feminists at Colorado College can distribute material about "male castration," but if men distribute a satirical response, they get charged with violating a campus code. You can post comments under the story and email the Bulletin at publisher-at-thebulletin.us and jkidd-at-thebulletin.us.

Excerpt:

'A Colorado college has found two students guilty of violating the conduct code against violence after the students distributed a satirical flyer poking fun at the college's Feminist and Gender Studies program. Chris Robinson and a second student who wished to remain nameless now must hold a campus forum to discuss the very issues that landed them in hot water.

The controversy began when Colorado College's "Feminist and Gender Studies Interns" distributed their newsletter entitled The Monthly Rag. The newsletter contained information pertaining to the women's studies program and also highlighted information on a lecture to be delivered by a "world-famous prostitute and porn star," information about gender identity issues and a comment concerning "male castration."

In response to the newsletter, the two students, under the pseudonym of "The Coalition of Some Dudes," created and distributed "The Monthly Bag," a satirical response to The Monthly Rag. In the parody, the two students included a comment about "female violence and abuse" from a battered men's Web site, as well as a statement of "chainsaw etiquette" and a "Tough Guy Wisdom" quote by Theodore Roosevelt.'

Australia: Lack of representation on men's issues at 2020 Summit

Matt · 1 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

As you may be aware, there appears to be a distinct lack of representation on men's issues (male health, fatherhood, boys' education, etc) at Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's 2020 Summit.

Only one men's health advocate made it onto the list as far as I am aware - Professor Gary Wittert from the University of Adelaide. At the same time, many women's issues appear to be strongly represented (as they should be).

Warwick Marsh and myself are collating a list of unsuccessful nominees with a view to putting out a press release in the next day or so. If you, or any of your colleagues who work in the men's, fathers' and boy's sector, were nominated for the summit but were unsuccessful (or successful for that matter), could you please let me know via email at your earliest convenience?

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

Greg

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Woman in YouTube 'rape' is arrested over underage sex

Matt · 1 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The three-minute clip, filmed on a mobile phone, apparently showed a young and unconscious mother being gang raped as she lay helpless in her own home.
...
The alleged victim claims it shows her being raped by three boys in front of her screaming children, aged two and four, after being drugged.

But yesterday it was revealed that the 24-year-old woman has now been arrested on suspicion of unlawful sexual intercourse with a 14-year-old and perverting the course of justice.

Scotland Yard confirmed it will take no further action against two 16-year-olds and a 14-year old arrested in February in connection with the video.'

Requesting Help with article on the 2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek

Anonymous · 1 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

We are asking for your help in a very simple task which requires NO ACCOUNT. Simply visit this article on the Lansing State Journal website and click on “Recommended” which is towards the top and to the right of “Read Comments”.

Doing this helps because it drives the article towards the top of their news online. The exposure for the Equal Parenting Bike Trek is tremendous and very helpful. This article has funneled new traffic that is equivalent to that which the Protein Wisdom article on the Bike Trek provided. The Michigan Government seems to visit it very frequently. :) Currently we lost our #1 ranking on their website and have fallen to #2. We truly need your help for this very simple task, which again requires no account.

If you are ambitious you can also comment but this requires an account.

Thanks,
Robert and Angela Pedersen
2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek

Glenn Debates Swedish Official Who Claims Men Are Primarily Responsible for Global Warming

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The fact that women travel less than men – measured in person- kilometers per car, plane, boat and motorcycle – means that women cause considerably fewer CO2 emissions than men and thus considerable less climate change.

"If women's consumption levels were to be the norm, both emissions and climate change would be significantly less than today. To put it differently, if men were to change their behavior, emissions and climate change might be a much more limited problem as compared to what it is today."--Gerd Johnsson-Latham'

Men who need breast reduction face multiple ways to cope

anthony · 1 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This video identifies male breast reduction. This is an issue discussed once before on MANN. I thought some extra information on the subject might help men who suffer from this condition.

Equal Pay Day is April Fool's Day

Matt · 2 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Hillary Clinton repeatedly introduces the Paycheck Fairness Act on Equal Pay Day (in 2008, it will be April 22). This distinguishes her from both Barack Obama and John McCain.

But Dr. Warren Farrell, author of Why Men Earn More, says both the Paycheck Fairness Act and Equal Pay Day rest on a false assumption: that the gap in male-female pay reflects discrimination. He feels, therefore, that they would more appropriately be introduced on April Fool's Day.

Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996. April 22 represents how long into 2008 a woman would allegedly have to work to earn as much as her male counterpart could have earned for the same work in 2007 alone.

Dr. Farrell, the only man ever elected three times to the Board of Directors of the National Organization for Women in New York City, and an organizer of protests against pay discrimination against women, changed his mind about the pay gap reflecting discrimination after he spent about a decade researching the subject. Instead, he discovered twenty-five measurable differences between men and women's work-life choices.

When each of these differences was accounted for (e.g., hours worked; willingness to do jobs that were hazardous, or jobs that required overnight travel; relocating; working evenings and weekends; or working in fields with more formulas and fewer people, like engineering), his best estimate was that the women out-earned the men.

Farrell sees opportunities for women in these twenty-five dimensfferences: "Twenty-five ways to higher pay." But, Farrell says, before anyone pursues the higher pay, she or he needs to understand that "The road to high pay is a toll road. The male-female pay gap can just as easily be seen as discrimination against men: the expectation men will pay more tolls to get higher pay." (Farrell says an Equal Tolls Act would rest on an equally false assumption, because women work more in the home.)

Farrell feels the pay gap can best be understood by understanding the division of labor once children arrive. For example, Farrell cites the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data that women who have never been married and never had children earn 117% of their male counterparts.

Farrell found that each of men's twenty-five decisions leads to men earning more than women, but each also leads to women having more balanced lives--balanced between work and family/friends/exercise, spiritual time and alone time. Dr. Farrell concludes, "most people find balanced lives to be happier. The real sexism is the assumption that only women should be learning from men. In fact, men should also be learning from women how to have more balanced lives. That's the challenge a candidate with courage would offer voters."

For more about Dr. Farrell on the pay gap, see http://www.warrenfarrell.com/

The Tyranny of Title IX

anthony · 2 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Judges, bureaucrats, and college administrators have interpreted the law to demand "statistical proportionality" - so if a school's student body is 60% female, then 60% of its scholarship athletes must be too. Never mind that, from earliest childhood, boys are far more interested in athletic competition than girls are, or that everyone else is generally more interested in boys' competition too.
...
The Title IX problem is just going to get worse, as schools' student bodies become increasingly majority-female. More programs will be eliminated. Until ND cuts to the chase and re-names its teams the Peacing Multiculties, we're still the Fighting Irish. Wrestling's the only intercollegiate sport that even comes close to fighting. Let's bring it back to Notre Dame."

New U.K. Law Bans Barmaid Banter

Roy · 2 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Britain appears to be competing with Canada for the top spot in feminist tyranny -- story here. Excerpt:

'New discrimination laws to make employers liable for customers behaviour may make banter with the barmaid a thing of the past.

Landlords who allow sexist jokes or even words like “darling” or “love” at the bar could be taken before tribunal and handed unlimited fines.

Operators will need to show they have tried to combat sexual harassment of workers by customers if they are to guard against the risk of compensation claims.

Pubs have been advised to put up warning notices telling punters that staff harassment will not be tolerated.

The new rules, pushed through by Women and Equalities Minister Harriet Harman, allow tribunals to award damages for injury to feelings if a case is proved. The regulations will come into force on Sunday.'

(More criminalization of normal heterosexual behaviors? Injury to feelings? If the barmaid tells the customer to bleep off, is that also an injury to HIS feelings?)

Woman Files Assault Charge on 5-year-old Boy

SpikeRants · 2 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

So, a FIVE YEAR OLD has assault charges on him? This poor woman was threatened by a FIVE YEAR OLD? This is sick.

The mother has a blog of this event on the website as well. Not very well spelled or worded, but she was probably upset.

The Fatherhood Project requests input

Matt · 3 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The Fatherhood Project will be represented at Prime Minister Rudd's Australia 2020 Summit on 19 and 20 April by one of our newly elected board members Margot Cairns, a brilliant mind. She will be on the economics committee and we need to show the economists and financiers why and how fatherhood has a massive impact on our economy.

I am compiling a dossier to aid her presentation on what economic benefits accrue from supporting actively engaged fathers and fatherhood organisations.

If you have any hard evidence about...

1. The real costs to government of fathers being separated from their children

2. The real costs to the corporate world of fathers being separated from their children

3. The economic impact of fathers staying connected with their children

4. The economic benefits to the nation both corporate and government of programmes for fathers, support for fathers in all its myriad forms and how that economically impacts on family

5. Any other aspects of this discourse that will assist those working with fathers to be funded

...please let me know a.s.a.p. by using our contact form at http://www.fatherhood.net.au/contact.html.

Highest regards,

Colin George
The Fatherhood Project
http://www.fatherhood.net.au/

Woman sentenced to 99 years for masterminding murder

TomP · 3 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. 35-year old mother, good looking, hard luck story, supportive husband, she didn't pull the trigger and she is still sentenced to 99 years for masterminding a murder. Even tears and appeals to psychological "experts" didn't help. She won't be eligible for parole for 33 years.

Looks as if the default assumption of "Man-Bad/Woman-Good" is beginning to fray around the edges.

A remark from the presiding judge is worth noting:
"In my mind I can find no principled distinction between the puppet who pulls the trigger and the puppeteer who pulls the strings," Volland said of Linehan's role. "And in my judgment, Ms. Linehan was the puppeteer who pulled the strings."

Some interesting stuff in the comments section, too.

Supermodel Naomi Campbell 'dragged off plane in handcuffs'

AngryMan · 4 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Foul-tempered supermodel Naomi Campbell has been released on bail pending further inquiries after being arrested on suspicion of assaulting a police officer on a British Airways flight.

Police were called, and witnesses claim she was "virtually dragged" out of the First Class cabin and off the plane in handcuffs.

...

A witness said: "She was screaming and shouting, effing and blinding and complaining that she did not have her clothes for her television appearance.

"I've never seen anything like it."

Another said: "She attacked a male police officer and spat at him."

Miss Campbell, who is known for her fiery temper, was arrested on suspicion of assaulting a police officer and taken to Heathrow police station.

She re-emerged late last night. So far no charges have been brought.'

Too many women doctors 'will be bad for patients'

AngryMan · 4 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Too many women doctors working fewer hours than men will ultimately result in a major shortage of GPs, a leading specialist warns today.

Growing numbers of female graduates threaten to put men in a minority in the profession, with serious consequences for patients, according to Brian McKinstry, senior research fellow at Edinburgh University.

The unwillingness of women GPs to work unsocial hours played a part in the ending of out-of-hours care by the vast majority of family doctors, he argues.

But part-time working, maternity leave and plans by many women doctors to retire early will have even more "negative consequences" in future, writes Dr McKinstry in the British Medical Journal.

White teenage boys are the new poor in Labour's Britain

AngryMan · 4 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'White boys from sink estates are the new poor in Labour's Britain, an official report said yesterday.
...
Among the losers are families with stay-at-home mothers, who were found to make up a growing number of the poor.
...
A study for Tory leader David Cameron by senior party MP Iain Duncan Smith identified in 2006 the growing failure among white boys.

It said family breakdown, family indifference, drink and drug abuse by parents and peer pressure was holding them back.'

Anti-male misinformation about domestic violence

Anonymous · 4 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

A professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine has the following slide presentation (.ppt file) that falsely says 95% of domestic violence victims are women (see slide 9 in the file), a figure that is so outrageously old and false that I haven't even seen it in a long time.

She also cites other myths that ignore and downplay male victims and female violence. Please email her at asisley-at-umm.edu.

For quick stats to use see http://www.ncfmla.org/dv_data.html.

Ed. note: Polite notes, please, informing her that the stats and other parts of the presentation are false or out-of-date and that it would serve the public interest to update her presentation. She may just be poorly-informed as many people are, including medical people. We're a lot more likely to see that presentation get corrected and win an ally if we appeal politely rather than bombard her with flame-mail.

MSN: Ex-husbands getting alimony-- quick, hide your money!

Matt · 4 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Today's 'Hot Topic' on MSN is how some men are getting alimony from their higher-earning ex-wives (*gasp*!), and how this can be avoided. No sooner it seems do certain women gain economic superiority than they search for ways to avoid the responsibilities that most men have been shouldering without attempt to shirk it for millenia. Story here. Since this is an oft-changed web page, the unusual step of citing the whole piece is shown below:

'Who's making alimony news? Men, and not just K-Fed. Former "Young and the Restless" star John Castellanos gets $9,000 a month. As The Wall Street Journal points out, alimony-receiving men just want R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

What else do Web searches tell us about splits? The top settlement searches, in order, are divorce, child support, custody and then alimony. Plus: alimony calculators

.Women outearn their husbands in almost one-third of American households, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau figures. Which brings us to some questions — and answers, of sorts.

Let's say you're a top-earning woman and you're about to get married. What should you have before you walk down the aisle? (Answer.)If you don't get the above signed and sealed before exchanging "I dos," what's your next step? (Answer.)

Don't quote us, but where can you, er, put your money for safekeeping, just in case? (Answer.)'

Related prior article here.

Jury acquits Dayton man accused of rape while making service call

anthony · 4 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Darke County jury has acquitted a Dayton man accused of raping a woman while making a service call to turn off the power to her home.

Ali Drew Warner, who was working for a DP&L contractor at the time, had been indicted in November on a felony count of rape and a felony count of aggravated burglary.

...

She asked how to avoid having the power disconnected, according to the document. Warner told her she could have sex with him. When she refused, he allegedly raped her. Her 2-year-old daughter was home at the time.

Warner, 27, was released Thursday, March 27, after nearly five months in jail. The jury deliberated about 90 minutes Thursday before finding him not guilty on both counts.

Warner's attorney, Mia Wortham Spells, said the case came down to credibility, noting the alleged victim owed DP&L thousands of dollars and had used bad checks.'

More from Junk_science.com: "Men Create More Housework for Women"

patriotsofamerica · 4 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Here is the story. Men create more housework for women??? Men are doing MORE around the house PLUS we do the outside work and home improvements!

How often does a wife want a new washer installed? How often does a wife want a new kitchen faucet installed? How about snow removal? How about a car that needs to be worked on? How about a room that needs painting? I can go on and on. http://www.move-off.org/

Excerpt:

'Having a husband creates an extra seven hours of housework each week for women, according to a new study. For men, tying the knot saves an hour of weekly chores.

"It's a well-known pattern," said lead researcher Frank Stafford, an economist at University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research. "Men tend to work more outside the home, while women take on more of the household labor."'

Police say mom gave baby meth

anthony · 5 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A 3-month child was racked with seizures caused by the illicit drug methamphetamine when it arrived at The Children's Hospital, and the infant's mother is facing serious child abuse charges today, according to Denver Police.
...
The baby's mother, Katreice Trujillo, 27, was arrested Wednesday on charges of child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury.

Trujillo has a Child Abuse lengthy criminal record in six counties, including arrests for assault, failure to appear and traffic offenses, but no drug-related offenses, according to public records."

Mother Charged with Murdering Infant Son Arraigned in Court

anthony · 5 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother accused of murdering her infant son was arraigned in court today. Savannah-Chatham police said she drowned her baby and drove around with him in a trash bag.

A judge arraigned 21-year-old Virkisha Warren Friday in a Chatham County courtroom. Investigators said she drowned her 3-month-old son Brandon Warren Thursday morning. At first she claimed she just found the baby not breathing.

...

Police said it was intentional and that's why the baby's mother is now charged with murder. Detectives said Warren drowned the infant boy at her home on Mistletoe Court, put him in a black trash bag and drove around with him in her lap for almost an hour. Police said she passed hospitals, not once asking anyone for help. She then 'drove to the baby's father's house.'

Public Fed Up With Female Teacher Sex Cases

anthony · 5 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Sometime during the overexposure of Debra Lafave - the Barbie-like teacher turned sexual predator - people started to think differently about female teachers having sex with students.

And that, we would argue, helps explain the number of female teachers being arrested for sexual misconduct - a string of trysts that has kept Tampa in the national headlines.

At Freedom High, a fellow instructor turned in English teacher Mary Jo Spack and at Martinez Middle School, a colleague who heard rumors of an affair involving math teacher Stephanie Ragusa blew the whistle. In Pasco County, the father of the boy who was allegedly having an affair with Mitchell High School substitute teacher Lisa Marinelli alerted authorities after spotting his son getting out of the teacher's car."

The Feminist Language Police

Anonymous · 5 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A row has broken out over the translation of a best-selling novel by the British author Mark Haddon after a "feminist" attempted to make some of the characters female...

..."As we corrected her text, we realised that she was systematically translating neutral words into feminine ones, and masculine words into feminine or neutral forms," said Moisés Barcia, the editor at Rinoceronte. "She chose to make the narrator's pet rat a female, even though its name was Toby," he said. In another instance she changed "men" to "xente", meaning people.

First grade boy suspended for harassment

anthony · 5 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A first grader was suspended for three days after school officials said he sexually harassed a girl in his class by allegedly putting two fingers inside the girl's waistband while she sat on the floor in front of him.

The boy's mother, Berthena Dorinvil, said she "screamed" about last week's suspension from Downey Elementary School, and added her son doesn't know what sexual harassment is.

...

The principal told Dorinvil the girl complained to the teacher after her son touched the girl's waistband, hitting her skin, in a room full of children.

Dorinvil said her son told her he touched the girl's shirt, not her skin, after the girl touched him.'

Breakdown in families 'as destructive as effects of global warming'

AngryMan · 6 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Britain is suffering from an epidemic of family breakdowns affecting all levels of society from the Royal family downwards, one of the country's most senior judges will say today.

Mr Justice Coleridge, who presided over the preliminary divorce hearings of Sir Paul McCartney and Heather Mills, will accuse Gordon Brown of prioritising the abolition of plastic bags over support for families, and say the Government is "fiddling while Rome burns".

...

Mr Justice Coleridge, 58, who is married with a daughter and two sons, is expected to say that the family justice system - comprising social workers, local authorities, mental health specialists and legal experts - is all that stands between the present dire situation and "social anarchy".

It is understood he will call for laws relating to unmarried couples to be modernised, giving cohabitees legal rights on separation, enforceable pre-nuptial agreements, and for reform of divorce law to remove the "fault" element and blame from the process.'

Woman asks Michael Jordan for third paternity test

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who claims Michael Jordan fathered her child wants the former NBA star to submit to a third paternity test.

Lisa Miceli also is asking a judge to lift a temporary restraining order imposed after Jordan filed a harassment suit against her.

Miceli, 35, of Meadville, claims Jordan fathered her 4-year-old son, but Jordan's lawsuit says a pair of 2005 paternity tests rule him out as the boy's father."

Japan's 'geisha guys' the latest accessory

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The woman, a successful executive, has joined a growing number of professional women in Japan in forking out from $1,000 to $50,000 a night for male companionship.

They meet their "hosts" in hundreds of clubs that have sprung up around Tokyo - the industry says only compliments are exchanged. The women pay for a man to lavish them with undivided attention.

"There's nothing wrong with a woman paying to be entertained by a man," one female client says. "It's just another step in equality."

It's a dizzying reversal of traditional gender roles in a country long known for geishas pampering male clients with conversation, singing and dancing. Now a new breed of entertainer has cropped up -- think of them as male geishas.'

"I was raped" T-shirt

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Video here. [As of this writing there are two entries for this video on the right side of the page. The first when activated says the video has expired. The second however runs just fine.]

Such a T-shirt may well rank among the most direct and insidious forms of misandry one could ever see. No doubt this item will be sold throughout college campuses and soon girls will be all huddled together in great big crying circles wearing their "I was raped" T-shirts. When pressed, if at all, to say when and where, more than a few I fancy will say she wasn't (or at least not that she knows of, but maybe after talking about it for awhile, she will 'suddenly realize' that she was), but that she is doing so "to support the many other women who were raped."

Rape, rape, rape. Rape is everywhere. Check under your desk, someone is probably getting raped there, too.

Forcible sexual contact is criminal. Capitalizing off rape hysteria however is not. If in making money off it, you undermine the believability of actual real claims of rape, well, so what. It's all about the money.

MSN: "Women make better doctors"

Matt · 7 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Female patients seem to have different criteria for choosing a doctor, gender included. When Erin Cooper, a psychiatric study coordinator from Washington D.C., gets a sore throat, “I will see anyone. I’m confident any board-certified physician is competent to treat me.”

But if the medical issue heads into “female issues” territory, the 25-year-old gets a little more opinionated. There is no question, she says: “Having a female doctor in this case is a top priority.”
...
Male physicians have also bested female physicians in a surprising subspecialty: gynecology. Two separate studies have suggested that male gynecologists are more thorough, and more emotionally responsive, than female gynecologists. Researchers say this finding is the result of an intense pressure male gynecologists now feel within their profession. Today, an increasing number of patients are now requesting female gynecologists. As a consequence, male gynecologists may be going above and beyond to emotionally connect with their patients.

And though this brainy battle of the sexes may seem like a scientific toss-up, researchers generally seem to agree on one point: Female physicians are, on the whole, better communicators.
...
So Murtha switched to a female pediatrician. The move helped her feel more confident as a new mom, she says.

“Being more comfortable with my son's pediatrician translates to better care for him—and not just from his pediatrician, but also from me,” Murtha says. “I’m glad we switched. It was definitely the right choice for me.”'

So what this article tells me is that despite the average male gynecologist seeming to be better at it overall, many women would still rather have a female gynecologist tend to them.

Of course this isn't sexist. This is just about feelings and so it's perfectly fine. Another example of "His rights end where her feelings begin," but with a twist: there's nothing wrong with deciding what dr. you want treating you regardless of the reason. What is unfortunate is that it's not just one life affected by this sort of bigotry but three: the patient's, the infant's, and the infant's father.

Also note that the dad isn't even mentioned in this article.

Wife, Mother Battle Over Deceased Soldier's Sperm

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Story here.

The widow of a soldier killed in Iraq this week is in a fight against time and her mother-in-law to harvest her husband's sperm before he is embalmed.

Army Sgt. Dayne Darren Dhanoolal was killed on Monday when a roadside bomb tore through the Husky mine-detecting vehicle he was driving in Iraq. The 26-year-old combat engineer was assigned to Fort Benning's 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment and was scheduled to come home just weeks before his death.

On Friday, Kynesha Dhanoolal got a federal court order restraining her husband's mother from embalming the body until she can get his sperm, which she hopes to use to have a child through artificial insemination.

Girls Record Brutal Attack On Teen To Allegedly Post On YouTube

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Video was released late Monday afternoon showing a brutal beating at the hands of a gang of teenage girls. Their motivation for the attack was apparently so they could post the video on YouTube.
...
When 16-year-old Victoria Lindsay arrived at her friend's house where she had been staying, six girls were waiting. Immediately, they started yelling and one girl began pummeling the victim."

Mother kept son in a wheelchair for five years so 'he would never leave her'

AngryMan · 8 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A single mother kept her young son in a wheelchair for five years because she feared he would become independent and leave her, a court heard yesterday.

The 31-year-old tricked doctors into believing the child, now 11, was ill and could not walk as part of the bizarre child cruelty plot."

Still think single mothers do a great job?

Boys and their toys? It's biological, not social

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Boys prefer playing with cars to dolls because of basic biological differences rather than social pressures, scientists say.

Researchers observed young male monkeys spent more time playing with vehicles than with cuddly toys.
...
Their conclusion contradicts those of the dominant psychological theory that the preference of boys for vehicles and toy soldiers and that of girls for dolls is down to social rather than innate influences."

Debra Lafave to Be Released From House Arrest Early

anthony · 8 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Teacher-turned-sex-offender Debra Lafave will get to spend her final three months of house arrest on probation instead.

A judge ordered Tuesday that the 27-year-old former middle school teacher be released from house arrest on July 11. She'll serve straight probation instead, which is less restrictive and doesn't require her to wear a monitoring bracelet.

She was sentenced in November 2005 to three years' house arrest and seven years of probation for having sex with a 14-year-old student."

Reports: Naomi Campbell Banned From British Airways

anthony · 8 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Naomi Campbell has been banned from flying British Airways after her arrest last week at Heathrow Airport, according to reports.

The 37-year-old model, who had a spat with a police officer after one of her bags was lost last week in Terminal 5 of the British airport, hoped the dispute with the airline could be resolved "amicably," Reuters reported.

British Airways declined to comment on Campbell's case, but according to Reuters said: "all incidents of abuse against passengers or staff are taken extremely seriously by BA and will not be tolerated. We deal with cases on an individual basis and will take whatever action we feel is necessary."'

Fox: Circumcision as 'cleanliness' option debunked

anthony · 8 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

WARNING: Some material could be considered offensive by some

Excerpt:

'4. Being uncircumcised is unhygienic.

For decades, parents in the U.S. have been circumcising their infant sons in the name of “cleanliness.” Only recently have parents started to second-guess the idea that having a foreskin is unhygienic. As research has shown, as long as the foreskin is retracted during bathing, uncircumcised males are no more likely than circumcised males to develop problems like inflammation, phimosis (a condition where the foreskin cannot be fully retracted from the head of the penis), or adhesions.'

NAACP Wants Probe Of "Barbie Bandits" Case

anthony · 8 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The head of the Georgia NAACP called for the state to investigate the sentences given in the so-called "Barbie bandits" bank theft case, saying the two white defendants got less prison time than two black men.

Edward DuBose said Monday he will ask state Attorney General Thurbert Baker to look into the case.'

Woman took out £4,500 home improvement loan to pay for a hitman to kill husband

AngryMan · 9 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman took out a £4,500 home improvement loan to pay for a hitman to kill her husband.

Zoe Kenealy was given the cash by a finance firm after claiming she wanted to install a new bathroom.

In fact, she had recruited her lover Lee Waite - who lived next door - to arrange her husband Timothy's murder for £10,000.'

"How to Give a Man Hug"

Matt · 9 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

LMAO!

Video here. Enjoy! I have a feeling this is America's next "viral video".

Mom Kills Daughter Because She Thought She Was Possessed By a Demon

anthony · 9 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"An Illinois mother told police she fatally stabbed her daughter because the 6-year-old was possessed by a demon.

Nelly Vasquez-Salazar, 25, who claims her daughter, Evelyn, attacked her, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder in her death, myFOXChicago reported.

A judge set a $5 million bail for Vasquez-Salazar, who says her daughter recently began sleepwalking."

Teen Girls Killed in Wreck After Attempting to Rob Cab Driver

Matt · 9 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES — Two teenage girls involved in a botched robbery attempt died when the taxi they were in crashed during a high-speed chase after one teen slashed the cab driver's face, Los Angeles police said.
...
The two 17-year-old girls had flagged down the cab early Tuesday and asked to be taken to a nearby housing project, where one girl said her boyfriend would come and pay the fare, police said.

Instead, a man shoved a handgun through the taxi window...
...
"One of the females pulled out a box cutter and began cutting the taxi cab driver, and that's what caused him to crash," Officer April Harding said.
...
Hector Jasso and Daniel Martinez, both 20, were arrested for investigation of murder because the girls' deaths occurred during the alleged commission of a crime, Lee said. Both were being held without bail. The third occupant of the car was released.

Bayer to donate $10 to prostate cancer research for every MLB strikeout

anthony · 9 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Major league pitchers will soon have added incentive to strike out batters.

Drugmaker Bayer AG will announce plans Wednesday to donate $10 to prostate cancer research for every strikeout during the regular season this year.

Major League Baseball estimates the four-year partnership could add up to a little more than $300,000 per year. There were 32,189 strikeouts during the regular season in 2007, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Bayer, based in Leverkusen, Germany, will give an additional $1 million to the Prostate Cancer Foundation if a pitcher sets a new record by striking out 21 batters in a game."

American Airlines STILL has woman-only subsite - tell them what you think

Matt · 9 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

MANN veterans will I hope remember this story, published almost a year ago today. Well, American Airlines is STILL publicizing woman-only special services at http://www.aa.com/women.

Today, AA had to cancel 1,000+ flights to check the wiring on their planes, leaving huge numbers of travelers stranded or scrambling for alternate transportation. This is, as they say, bad press. Does AA really need to be exacerbating their customer-relations problems by *continuing* to vend out a set of services and discounts that excludes half of the human population (and probably a majority of their customers) because of one indelible trait? No.

Personally, this issue really gets under my skin. AA is a common carrier that is blatantly saying "We like having women on our planes so much we'll give them discounts to fly on them!" Do they do this for any other group of people typified by a born characteristic, such as skin color, eye color, etc.? No, they don't. Men as a group can be gleefully discriminated against-- not by denying services explicitly to us but by granting special treatment to everyone *but* us. Same old song and dance, anyway you slice it, men are the 'bad smell' in the room, or in this case, main cabin; they don't mind men flying planes, servicing planes, managing planes, it's just that well, they rather like the nice perfumy smell of ladies about, and so... well, you understand, right?

No, I don't.

What's funny ("funny"?) about this is that most people on the Bd. of Dirs. of AA are men! Men once again screwing over men... just lovely.

Contact information for American Airlines is as follows:

Customer service web-mail form here. (**Update 4-10-08 9:30 AM ET**: It seems the webmail form is not loading. Perhaps between the irate passengers and us, they decided to take it down. No matter, we still have their direct e-mail addresses and fax number. Don't let a little thing like an inaccessible web page stop you from exercising your First Amendment rights!)

Bd. of Directors listed here. The Chmn and CEO is Mr. Gerard J. Arpey whose bio is here. I think he should hear about this matter directly, don't you? Contact him at gerard.arpey-at-aa.com and be sure to cc Investor.Relations-at-aa.com and customer.relations-at-aa.com.

Fax number: (817) 967-4162

If you prefer phone, here are a few ways to call in:
(817) 963-1234
(817) 967-2000
(800) 433-7300
Dial 00, then say "yes" when asked about speaking to an agent.

AA's listed investor relations number is 817-931-3423. Will YOU be buying AA stock any time soon?

And finally, snail mail:

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MD 5651
P.O. Box 619616
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Texas 75261-9616

American Airlines Customer Relations

P.O. Box 619612 MD 2400
DFW Airport, TX 75261-9612

Note that since AA has canceled so many flights today, it is likely their phone lines will be jammed with irate stranded passengers for the next two or three days. That's OK, that is what e-mail is for. And fax machines. And you can always call tomorrow or Friday-- businesses just LOVE getting tons of customer complaints at week's end, especially right after they have had major operational problems! Timing is everything. :)

And remember, these people live in their wallets-- tell them why you don't think their discriminatory policies are good for business and how AA can ill-afford, and the airline business in general, to treat customers in such a blatantly discriminatory fashion. And customer-favoritism *is* discrimination-- just the shinier side of the "bigotry coin", but the same coin nonetheless.

Officials say student lied about Hispanic attack

patriotsofamerica · 9 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A 13-year-old East Texas girl who claimed Hispanic schoolmates attacked and beat her in response to an anti-illegals sign she made for a history class now has been accused of filing a false report.

The parents of Melanie Bowers, a student at Athens Middle School in Athens, about 70 miles southwest of Dallas, reportedly have apologized to school administrators, according to KTLV-TV in Tyler, Texas."

Girls at a young age know all to well about making false accusations. I wonder what the punishment will be for this girl, if any.

Carey Roberts: Do Female Politicians Represent an 'Ethical and Pure' Force?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton has famously claimed that "Research shows the presence of women raises the standards of ethical behavior and lowers corruption." Ironically it's Mrs. Clinton who has now come under withering criticism as her ethical lapses and make-believe claims become legion.

...

Being the expert of Freudian psychology that she is, Steinem derides men because they "tend to feel they are regressing to childhood when dealing with a powerful woman." Playing the victim for all its worth, Steinem concludes that "Gender is probably the most restricting force in American life."

So as Hillary Clinton tells voters to forgive and forget her Bosnia folktale and as Nancy Pelosi's autocratic regimen reigns, we should recall that despite whatever other virtues they may possess, female politicos are cut from the same frayed ethical cloth as the rest of us mere mortals.'

Girl-On-Girl Fight Trend Growing Online

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Story here. (For the video report, click "Girl Fight Trend Growing" under the "Related to Story" box.) Excerpt:

'Behavioral experts said girls are the worst offenders for the type of bullying associated with a recent attack described as "animalistic" in which a group of six girls pummeled a classmate for 30 minutes until she passed out.
...
A search for "girl fight in Florida" in YouTube uncovered a series of violent fights in Brevard, Volusia and Orange counties.

Experts classify the beatings as cyber-bullying, saying the girls can continue to torment their victims long after their bruises heal by posting the beatings online for the world to see.

Behavior experts said girls are the worst offenders for this type of bullying, Local 6's Lauren Rowe reported.'

Violet Blue takes on 'feminist porn' concept

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For those who don't know about her, Violet Blue may be one of the few syndicated sex-advice columnists who also actually knows how to write. (I can count on one hand the number of such people.) Anyway, she has bravely taken on the concept of "feminist porn", and while some of what she says in this article is propagating negative stereotypes about both sexes, men in particular, she is taking the issue head-on and making some good observations. I doubt either feminists or MRAs will find themselves in full agreement with the article-- good! It keeps things interesting. Excerpt:

'Feminist porn. For many, seeing those words together is like putting together the words "comfortable flight," "lightly scented" and "Bill O'Reilly: journalist." We now have Jet Blue and Virgin America, not everyone can smell your panty liners, and there's no debate about the irony of the last bit — but pretty much everyone wants to know, what the hell are porn and feminism doing in bed together?'

Two young girls are accused of brutally attacking a classmate

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Two young girls accused of brutally attacking another girl on a playground are too emotionally immature to understand the criminal charges against them and the charges should be dismissed, their attorneys said.

The girls, ages 10 and 11, face aggravated assault and other charges for the attack on another 10-year-old girl at an elementary school playground the evening of April 3. The girls are accused of stomping on the victim and breaking her hip, police said."

Teacher ‘petrified’ after being attacked by Female student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Six days after she was sucker punched and beaten in her own Baltimore classroom, high school art teacher Jolita Berry still finds it almost impossible to watch the MySpace video of the attack. And she can’t make herself go back to work.

...

The attack happened last Friday morning in Berry’s classroom in Reginald F. Lewis High School in Baltimore. One of the girls in the class approached the 30-year-old teacher and got nose-to-nose with her and threatened her.'

“I told her, ‘You’re in my personal space, back up. If you hit me, I will defend myself,’ ” Berry said. “Before I knew it, she hit me in the face.”'

On You Tube: O'Reilly Debates Defense Attorney In Regard To Teenage Girl Attack

anthony · 10 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

The female defense attorney compares this incident to a couple of girls fighting on the back of a school bus. She also believes community service is an acceptable punishment.

CNN: "Women rule Texas town"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Texas politics and business have long been reputed to operate within a good ol' boy network. There isn't a chance of that in this small Panhandle town where six women now rule.

Postmaster Diane Manuel's somewhat tongue-in-cheek rationale: "We have people skills, and we're a lot better to look at than most guys."

She added, "You know why else women run this town? They're not as cocky."

Chet Boler, who's worked for the town for six years, most recently as its public works director, is sold on McLean's female leadership.

"The women do a lot more investigating than the men did in making an educated decision," he said. "They want to do everything by the book, which is the way it needs to be."'

Child custody cases often suffer from neglect

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I found this article from the Rocky Mountain News. I wish more news services would do as this one does. A great article, must read. Excerpt:

'By now, our young man had rented a nice house in a nice neighborhood, a home for the girls, and petitioned for custody. The Judge in his wisdom denied the petition, denied additional time in the summer months, and raised the child support.

In court this mother bragged about the fact that she lives essentially rent free in this house, is on food stamps and LEAP for propane and meets every other need with his child support (the father of the teenager is unknown and she receives no support from the father of the baby) there is another teenage son who lives with his father and spends summers with them, presumably also sharing that one bedroom. She proudly proclaimed that she stays home 24 hrs a day with her children.'

Woman, 55, Charged With Robbing Florida Banks Dressed as Ninja

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Florida police say they've found their ninja robber, and she is a 55-year-old mother and former nursing assistant.

Betty Hudson was charged Wednesday with armed robbery after police said DNA on a ninja-like mask linked her to two bank robberies in central Florida, MyFOXOrlando.com reported.
...
Hudson already was in jail on earlier robbery charges accusing her of robbing a bank in Gainesville, Fla., using the same disguise, the station reported.'

Update on "Murdering Grannies of Los Angeles" story

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Remember this one from 2006? The suspects are currently on trial. Video report here.

Second child-sex charge for female teacher

anthony · 12 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman already charged with sexually assaulting a 13-year-old boy now faces a second charge involving a different boy.

Sabrina Marie Simpson, also listed in police records as Sabrina Murphy, was in jail Friday, under bonds totaling $500,000.

...

The new charge stems from claims by an island boy, 14, that Murphy drove him to East Beach and performed at least two sex acts with him, according to the affidavit used to obtain an arrest warrant.

...

In that case, Simpson faces a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child, which carries a possible prison term of five to 99 years, as well as a fine of up to $10,000.

...

Police said the investigation was ongoing and that more charges could be coming.'

Schoolgirl escapes prosecution after false rape claim, Man wants justice

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 14-year-old schoolgirl has escaped being prosecuted after she falsely claimed a man brutally raped her as she walked home from school.

Now the fuming man, Cleveland Kennedy, intends to take out a private prosecution against her after being wrongly labelled a paedophile.
...
After the 'attack', terrified Mr Kennedy was arrested and kept in a special sex offender protection unit in prison on remand for 75 days.

Meanwhile as a 'treat', his accuser was taken abroad on holiday to get over her 'ordeal.' But then she agreed she had made it all up.

However, the CPS ruled the girl should be given a final warning after a police investigation that she had perverted the course of justice, leaving Mr Kennedy furious.

He said: "I am going to prosecute her. She should have been prosecuted. I still want her prosecuted. And I want compensation and an apology from the Chief Constable.
...
"I faced the possibility of life in prison for something I did not do. It was a terrifying ordeal for me. I was set up - stitched up."'

Australia: Female Politician Suggests Contract To Combat False Rape Accusations

anthony · 12 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A SOUTH Australian politician, a female one at that, suggests women should sign a contract before sex to combat false rape allegations.

...

Ms Bressington says sex contracts may be necessary to protect men if proposed new laws are passed in her state.

On ABC radio last week she said: "This Bill makes men guilty until proven innocent and they will have no defence."

...

She said these contracts could also contain personal details, such as the woman's address and licence number, as well as her marital status and whether she has children.

...

This is the silliest piece of legislation I have encountered. Ms Bressington's suggestion misses the point that women are the vulnerable ones here.'

For Little Children, Grown-Up Labels As Sexual Harassers

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Story here. Excerpt:

"The Virginia Department of Education reported that 255 elementary students were suspended last year for offensive sexual touching, or "improper physical contact against a student." In Maryland, 166 elementary school children were suspended last year for sexual harassment, including three preschoolers, 16 kindergartners and 22 first-graders, according to the State Department of Education. Statistics for the District were not available.

In 2006, a kindergartner in Hagerstown, Md., was accused of sexual harassment after pinching a female classmate's buttocks. A 4-year-old in Texas was given an in-school suspension after a teacher's aide accused him of sexual harassment for pressing his face into her breasts when he hugged her.

Ted Feinberg, assistant director of the National Association of School Psychologists in Bethesda, said he had never come across a case of sexual harassment in elementary school in his three decades in the schools. To label somebody a sexual harasser at 6 "doesn't make sense to me," he said. "Kids can be exploratory in behavior, they can mimic what they see on TV."

How do you repay a man for a crime he didn't commit?

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Florida is among 28 states that have no compensation system for the wrongfully imprisoned. "If you're a convicted felon, when you finish your sentence they give you $100 cash and a bus ticket when you leave prison," said Michael Olenick, one of Crotzer's attorneys. "But if you've been wrongly convicted and they let you out, you don't get $100 or the bus ticket."

It's up to wronged individuals to lobby the Legislature for compensation, an inconsistent and maddening process. Last year, the Senate didn't take up Crotzer's claims bill. So far, only one of Florida's nine DNA-exonerated inmates, Wilton Dedge, has gotten a claims bill passed ($2 million in 2005).

A less capricious system could soon arrive, with the Legislature considering a broader bill (HB1025) that would set an automatic process for the wrongfully convicted. It would cap payment at $50,000 per year of imprisonment or $2 million."

Listen To Kim Gandy Discuss The Wage Gap Myth

anthony · 12 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Show page here. It's the third segment down, "Women and the Workforce".

"For decades, women made less money than men, even as they began to make up a bigger part of the workforce. These days, there's debate about whether that wage gap still exists, with some experts arguing that young women in big cities now make more than their male counterparts. But others say wage disparities are merely more insidious than in the past. Join Kojo as we look at wages, the work-life balance, and other issues confronting women in the modern workplace."

Policeman sues woman, says her claims of sex, drugs were false

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A St. Louis police officer sued a woman on Friday who he says falsely accused him of having sex and doing drugs at a restaurant where he was working a second job as security officer

Michael Haman, 44, a patrol officer in the department's 2nd District, says a St. Louis police internal affairs investigation cleared him of the accusation.

Now he seeks $75,000 from Cassandra Harris, 27, of St. Louis. Harris could not be reached for comment Friday. She has not been charged with a crime in connection with any accusation.

...

Haman works security at Johnny Gitto's restaurant, 6997 Chippewa Street. The night of Feb. 26, Harris was an unruly customer whom he escorted from the premises, the suit says.

She called 911 later to report Haman was having sex and doing drugs in the restroom, touching off an internal investigation that left Haman feeling humiliated, the suit says.'

NY court: man must pay support for ex-wife's sperm-donor baby

Matt · 12 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. It seems in New York that despite whatever legal agreements signed and laws passed to moderate the abuse of men (what few there may be) in the context of reproduction, all that matters is that the state find a way to make sure baby-mama doesn't apply for welfare benefits. But if this man is the actual legal father of the child, despite him not being the "biological father" (and the required legal agreement not having been executed prior to her getting inseminated), shouldn't he also be eligible for joint custody-- or even try to get it? Not that it would matter. What happened here is that baby-mama wanted to have a kid and wanted to be sure her estranged soon-to-be-ex-husband got stuck with the bill. And, it worked. You go, girl!

Excerpt:

'ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) -- An upstate New York man is the legal father and must pay child support for the baby his ex-wife conceived through artificial insemination with another man's sperm near the end of their marriage, an appeals court ruled Friday.
...
The justices cited "a presumption of consent" by husbands and "the compelling public policy of protecting children" conceived through artificial insemination.

...
The couple were married in 1995, had two children, and he had a vasectomy. In 2004, Laura WW. became pregnant through insemination at a doctor's office. A few months later, the couple separated.
...
They also rejected the man's argument that he wasn't legally obligated since he had not signed the consent form specified under state Domestic Relations Law for authorizing his wife's insemination and claiming paternity.
...
"This common-law rule is shared by numerous jurisdictions which have held, even in the absence of statutorily required written consent, that 'the best interests of children and society are served by recognizing that parental responsibility may be imposed based on conduct evincing actual consent to the artificial insemination procedure.'"

Are you a man? Do you have eyes? Well then Maine may not be a state you should go to

ItsDan · 12 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Apparently if some hyperprotective parent thinks you're looking at their kids, it's about to become a felony in Maine. Excerpt:

'Under the bill, if someone is arrested for viewing children in a public place, it would be a Class D felony if the child is between 12 to 14 years old and a Class C felony if the child is under 12, according to Alexander.

Hill said she believes the move was necessary to correct what she called a "loophole" in the state's criminal law statutes.'

Police: New York City Teacher Arrested After Biting Student, 11, at Elementary School

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK — Police say they have arrested a Bronx teacher after she bit an 11-year-old student on the shoulder at the child's elementary school.

Police say the 44-year-old teacher is charged with third-degree assault and endangering the welfare of a child. Both are misdemeanors.
...
A spokeswoman for the Department of Education says the teacher will be reassigned away from the school and students, pending the outcome of the case.'

Dr. Phil Show Bails Out Teen Charged in Vicious YouTube Attack

anthony · 13 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'As Mercades Nichols, one of the girls charged in the videotaped beating of a Polk County teen, left jail Friday night, a representative from the Dr. Phil show tried to block the Tampa media from getting shots and asking questions. He keeps repeating 'we have exclusivity!' and directs the family not to answer any questions. Dr. Phil's show put up bail money for Nichols' release.'

RADAR ALERT: Family Law Advocates Need to Counter DV Falsehoods

Matt · 14 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Department of Justice statistics show domestic violence (DV) in married, intact couples is only 2%. So why do the public and state legislators believe that partner violence is out of control?

Each year the federal government bankrolls the domestic violence industry to the tune of $1 billion. That money is authorized by the Violence Against Woman Act (VAWA) and other laws.

Much of that money is awarded to state domestic violence coalitions. In at least three cases – New Hampshire, Maine, and West Virginia – these coalitions have denied membership to organizations that proposed to provide domestic violence services to male victims of domestic violence in spite of Section 40002(b)(8) of VAWA 2005 which states, "Nothing in this title shall be construed to prohibit male victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking from receiving benefits and services under this title".

State DV coalitions often sponsor biased training programs to legislators, judges, and the public, falsely claiming that domestic violence is "overwhelmingly" perpetrated by men. (For examples, see RADAR's Special Report, "Education for Injustice" (.pdf file)

In addition, state DV coalitions have become lobbying organizations. In many states they have successfully pressured legislators to weaken protective order standards and enact all-encompassing definitions of DV. They have also pushed state legislatures to adopt mandatory arrest polices, no-drop prosecution, and primary aggressor laws.

Federally-subsidized state DV advocates have used the domestic violence issue to defeat family law reforms, as well:

- North Dakota's shared parenting initiative in 2006
- West Virginia's shared parenting bill in 2008
- New Hampshire's mutual consent divorce bill in 2008
- Virginia's bill that would have required evidence and a separate finding to restrict a parent's access to a child in a spousal protective order in 2008

2008 did see one successful attempt to restore fairness and balance to family law. A West Virginia bill was proposed to impose criminal penalties for false accusations of DV and child abuse. The West Virginia bill was recently signed into law, albeit somewhat watered-down from the original version.

It has become clear that family law reform will not succeed until the half-truths and falsehoods of intimate partner violence are addressed.

We encourage persons concerned about family law reform to work together to assure the truth of domestic violence gets out. RADAR has developed a flyer, "It's Time to Tell the Truth about Domestic Violence"(.pdf file). We encourage persons to share this information with legislators and others in your state, so family law reform becomes a reality.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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"No way! Girls don't do that kind of thing!"

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Title IX meets religious vandalism... Report here. Excerpt:

'YORKTOWN, N.Y. (CBS) — A quiet summer time synagogue nestled in the woods along Lake Mohegan has suffered extensive damage from vandals. Walls have been defaced with slogans, a torah scroll was left torn and twisted on the floor, an antique menorah was ripped from its stand, and swastikas were scrawled on the walls.
...
Police quickly apprehended three suspects - teenage girls for the vandalism.

Barbara Nokaj, 18, Michelle Bushell, 17, and a 15-year-old whose name was withheld because she is a minor.'

(Male) Horomones 'may fuel market crises'

MJE · 15 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Hormone surges among City traders could be partly responsible for driving 'boom and bust' economics, say researchers.

The Cambridge study measured testosterone levels in a small group of male City of London traders at both 11am and 4pm, and matched these to the levels of profit or loss recorded for that day.
...
'At times like these, economics has to consider the physiology of investors, not just their rationality.'"

Wait. So men are now also responsible for economic crises? How good to know.

They don't come out and say, "More women should be hired to minimize the risk posed by men," but it's certainly implied. And even a quick glance at the article makes clear the very unscientific manner in which this "research" was carried out.

Glenn Sacks in 'Advertising Age': Men Are Not Idiots

anthony · 15 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The way the advertising industry portrays men has drawn increasing scrutiny in both the trade press and the mainstream media. Defenders of the status quo -- in which men are depicted as irresponsible fathers and lazy, foolish husbands -- are starting to feel outnumbered. It's an understandable feeling.
...
Defenders of the advertising status quo generally put forth the following arguments: Males are "privileged" and "it's men's turn," so it's OK to portray them this way, and that men simply don't care how they're portrayed. Both of these arguments are highly questionable.

Young males certainly aren't privileged. The vast majority of learning-disabled students are boys, and boys are four times as likely as girls to receive diagnoses of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. Girls get better grades than boys and are much more likely than boys to graduate high school and enter college. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, women earn 60% of all bachelor's degrees and 60% of all master's degrees."

Do boys and girls learn better apart? Two takes

anthony · 15 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Girls and boys learn differently, so they should have an option to be taught separately.
...
Both genders are more likely to take courses they might not have traditionally taken.
...
Boys or girls can get less of a quality education if they don't have access to the same resources.
...
Research hasn't proved an academic benefit."

Contrast the preceding to this article:

"Parents, please note -- co-educational schools are better as the presence of girls in the classes "calm" boys and improve their academic performance as well, a new study has revealed.

A higher percentage of girls also lowers the amount of classroom disruption and fosters a better relationship between students and their teachers, the researchers in Israel have found in their study.
...
In fact, the study found that primary school classrooms with a female majority showed increased academic success for both boys and girls, along with a notable improvement in subjects like Science and Mathematics."

Israel Fathers Child Custody Rights Groups Intensify Demonstrations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and children rights custody groups in Israel protesting gender bias discrimination in court custody cases have intensified their public demonstrations.

Last week hundreds of divorced and single fathers met in Tel Aviv to demand joint and or equal custody in a non-violent protest covered by both Israel TV and several local newspapers. The fathers are demanding that the Israel Knesset, Israel family court judges and Israel child welfare departments adopt reforms in the existing Israel Family Custodian Act of 1962 which states that all children under the age of six will automatically have custody under their mother, unless the mother is violent, drug abuser or negligent.

Fathers 4 Justice Israel hijacked all media attention at the Ra'anana annual marathon race this past weekend, with both fathers and their children lining up at the starting line of the Ra'anana run with signs stating: "Children Need Fathers, Not Visitors".'

Opinion: "Senator Obama didn't say that"

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Its great to see a student publication acknowledge fathers' rights. Excerpt:

"After thanking the group for their work and making reference to his campaign, Obama told the group, “I think about my own two daughters, Sasha and Malia; and, sometimes it makes me stop and it makes me wonder, ‘What kind of America will our daughters grow up in? What kind of America will our daughters grow up in? Will our daughters grow up with the same opportunities as our sons? Will our daughters have the same rights, the same dreams and the same freedoms to pursue their own version of happiness?’”

Frankly, the idea that sons have any rights-- much less equal rights-- in the abortion decision is to live in the archaic notions about the role of a father in the family. Sons and, therefore, fathers, have no rights or protections regarding the decision to abort a child."

Bowling Green Student Paper: Anti-Feminist "Bake Sale" stirs controversy

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Story here. Excerpt:

"There was no shortage of cookies or controversy yesterday at the College Republican's "Anti-Feminist Bake Sale."

The event was met by a crowd of protesters who accused the Republicans of misrepresenting the facts about feminism.

As part of Conservative Week, the College Republicans held their bake sale on the front steps of the Education Building, selling cookies, brownies and other treats for 50 cents each.

Members of the club also handed out a sheet of quotes, which they labeled "The Radical Feminist Agenda."

Some of the quotes included:

"All men are rapists, and that's all they are," said by author Marilyn French.

Other quotes compared marriage to slavery, and life as a suburban housewife to life in a concentration camp."

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Ed. note: There is more than one Bowling Green University/College. The one whose student paper this story references is in Ohio; its web site is here.

A Report Card on the Women’s Rights Movement

anthony · 15 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The women’s rights movement has now proven to be the most destructive force on the face of the earth. Before 1920, feminists made promises and based their arguments on things for which they have never been held accountable, nor produced. To the contrary, their actions have brought the opposite results. Let us therefore grade feminism and see how it has fared..."

Gender debate revived at Harvard

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The controversy sparked by former Harvard president Lawrence H. Summers in 2005 when he questioned women's "intrinsic aptitude" for science may be over, but the issue continues to provoke lively debate on campus. more stories like this

Yesterday afternoon, Rosalind Chait Barnett of Brandeis University and Steven E. Rhoads of the University of Virginia offered students vastly different takes on women's scientific prowess and why they make the professional choices they do, during a seminar titled "What Larry Summers and Nancy Hopkins Didn't Say: Women in Science."'

Idaho’s laws make prosecuting rape difficult from all perspectives

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“Once a citizen is labeled a sex offender, it’s the same as a civil death penalty,” he said. “We’ve made the penalties so severe that offenders now are disillusioned to admit wrongdoing, and as a result we’re having many more trials and many more acquittals.”

He believes that the laws have consistently grown in favor of the accuser for the past 20 years. One thing that makes rape charges hard to defend against is the rape shield law. Under this law, the sexual history of the accuser is not allowed to be used in the defense of the accused, unless the accuser has made false allegations of sex crimes in the past, the accused believes that someone else was the source of semen, the accused has a history of sexual behavior with the accuser or if the accuser was engaging in sexual behavior with other parties at the time of the alleged attack.'

Yet another way to get at those darned Deadbeat Dads' money

wls · 15 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I'm surprised they were not able to do so already. The next goal will be able to literally take the shirt of their backs. Excerpt:

'For the first time, Maine has the authority to seize state and federal income tax refunds for deadbeat parents who still owe child support for children over 18 - even if that child is now 50.

Economic stimulus checks are up for grabs, too.'

Study: Divorce, unwed parenting costs billions

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Divorce and out-of-wedlock childbearing cost U.S. taxpayers more than $112 billion a year, according to a study commissioned by four groups advocating more government action to bolster marriages.

Sponsors say the study is the first of its kind and hope it will prompt lawmakers to invest more money in programs aimed at strengthening marriages. Two experts not connected to the study said such programs are of dubious merit and suggested that other investments -- notably job creation -- would be more effective in aiding all types of needy families.

"We're now nearing 40 percent of kids in America born out of wedlock," she said. "I can't fathom that those marriage programs, even with increased investment, are going to reduce that."

Blankenhorn said it was "fair criticism" to note that the study made multiple references to marriage-strengthening programs while not proposing other strategies for reducing the cost of family fragmentation.'

Daily Mail: Why men should NEVER be at the birth of their child

mens_issues · 15 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This Michel Odent guy is a real jerk. Here is his anti-male and anti-father diatriabe.

Unfortunately, there aren't any angry emoticons to attach to this message.

Steve

911 Call Released in YouTube Beating of Florida Teen

anthony · 16 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A newly released 911 call recounts the aftermath of the videotaped beating of a central Florida teen. The 16-year-old victim tells the 911 operator: "I got jumped."

The girl called from a friend's house in Lakeland after the March 30 beating. The friend's mother got on the phone and told the operator: "She's got blood in her mouth a big old knot on her left eye, and we think she's got a tooth broke."

Female Teacher arrested again on sex charges

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Hillsborough County detectives say a teacher has been arrested for a second time on charges she had sex with another student.

This time, investigators say 28-year-old Stephanie Ragusa allegedly had sex with a 15-year-old student at Davidsen Middle School where she was a teacher, and they say the pair had at least 20 encounters over the course of several months.

In all, detectives believe Ragusa and the 15-year-old boy had sex more than 20 times between February 2007 and March 2008. They also say Ragusa gave the boy condoms and alcohol over the course of the relationship.

Last month, Ragusa was charged with having a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old Davidsen Middle School student. She was arrested on March 13, and deputies say in that case she had a number of different encounters with the boy between January 2007 and March 2007."

MSN: Wife and Husband's "Bills of Rights"

Matt · 16 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Wife's

Husband's

Compare and contrast... the list for husbands asks for small ways in which he is "allowed" to be alive and just be himself without getting whacked. The wife's list is the ways in which she is allowed to curtail his life and decide how he is to behave toward her.

Reminds me of some of those "duties of the master/slave" lists that have popped up throughout history.

SueEasy has circumcision entry

Matt · 16 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I just found out about this web site. One of the actions is a class-action suit over circumcision.

Successful or not, it will be a good way to show that there are many of us who are not at all happy about it and we are not staying silent. The case looks like it has been started by a user 'gburlin'. gburlin, if you're out there, please post in comments.

'Girls risk falling behind in the classroom'

Anonymous · 16 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Girls risk falling behind in the classroom because government policies focus on the education standards of boys, a report claims.

A "significant proportion" of girls are struggling to read but many are not getting enough help, it is claimed...

...A study by the National Literacy Trust, a reading charity, says many young girls were "in danger of being overlooked by current policy drives"."

"Divorce by Youtube"

Matt · 16 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Watch the video-- see how the two desk reporters handle the issue. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK -- A New York woman involved in a divorce battle spilled secrets about her husband, his family and their intimate life in a "scary, new step" in user generated content, attorneys said.

Tricia Walsh-Smith can be watched on YouTube lashing out at her husband, Broadway executive Philip Smith, in a teary and furious clip that has been viewed more than 150,000 times.
...
Other divorce experts said the video will likely come back to haunt her. They said the clip probably won't help her in front of a judge.'

The video itself? here.

Soon -- No More Daddies Needed

Roy · 16 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A scientific technique that could allow same-sex couples to create their own biological child in a laboratory should be allowed under law, a group of influential scientists said on Monday.

The experts, all international leaders in embryology research, called on ministers not to restrict such "important" research.

The laboratory creation of eggs and sperm from other cells could offer hope to thousands of people unable to have children of their own.

Although the creation of both sperm and eggs in a laboratory is still at an early stage, the Hinxton group, made up of 40 world-renowned experts, estimates that the procedure could be used to create human foetuses within 15 years.'

Update: Feminist thought police at Colorado College

el cid · 16 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Two men at Colorado College satirized a feminist rag and ended up in a "star chamber"-like inquiry.

The editor of the Rocky Mountain News took CC to task.

The director of the CC Feminist and Gender Studies Program responds that feminists just want a dialogue .

The RMN editor responds to her here.

Excerpt from original editorial:

"Chris Robinson is a one-man free-speech movement. Colorado College, where Robinson is a senior majoring in political science, believes free speech on certain topics is worrisome and must be corralled. So its thought police subjected Robinson and a fellow student (who has chosen to remain anonymous) to an inquisition last month after they published a parody of a campus feminist flier known as The Monthly Rag."

Some good comments and you can add your own.

Update: Elderly Women Guilty In Homeless Murders

anthony · 17 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Two elderly women accused of killing two homeless men to collect millions of dollars in insurance payouts were convicted Wednesday of conspiracy to murder, and one of them was convicted of the murders themselves. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors said the women collected $2.8 million from insurance policies on the lives of two homeless men who were killed in staged hit-and-runs.

Golay's convictions carry potential sentences of life in prison without possibility of parole. The single conspiracy count returned against Rutterschmidt carries a sentence of 25 years to life.

...

In his closing argument, Deputy District Attorney Bobby Grace called the women "the worst of the worst."

"They didn't need this money. They weren't poor and destitute. They went out of their way to target men who had nothing," the prosecutor said."'

"She Stole My Voice" - Ground-breaking documentary on lesbian rape

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This new documentary, She Stole My Voice, is utterly ground-breaking. I've seen it so I can say that with a clear conscience. It takes on femnist misandry and distortions head-on and exposes a reality that people of both sexes are oblivious to or in denial of.

Warning to viewers, it has some graphic parts. This is a serious documentary and it should be referred to whenever someone tries to throw the old "rape is only or primarily a crime against women done by men" line at you. The producers are both women and they have interviews with women in rape crisis centers as well, stating that this problem is real and is more common than anyone expects. It also refers to the coercion some women experience by staff and/or other women living there in "women's shelters" to have sex with them, and if they don't-- there's the door.

For certain many of your own preconceptions will get challenged by it, too. One of the facts that emerges is that 30% of lesbians have been sexually assaulted by other women. And is the MSM on this? No. Is mainstream feminism on it? No, in fact, they are in denial since it fails to buttress their fundamental set of lies. In short-- it's must-see not just for MRAs but also feminists, people involved in violence abatement, therapists, and pretty much anyone else. Victims of this class of rape would I am sure take great solace in seeing the truth come out, too.

A note: The documentary has taken some criticism not for what it is saying but how it is saying it. Some people have said that at times it seems unnecessarily graphic to the point of prurience. While I can see this criticism being justified when looking at it through the eyes of someone who thinks a woman cannot rape or assault another woman, then sure, any such scene would look that way. But when you look at without these blinders on, the scenes are quite disturbing and indeed, ought to be. The truth ain't pretty, but as MRAs, we already know this.

Predictably, previews that have been released are on Youtube, one here. (Seems everything is on Youtube these days.) Read the comments, very telling.

DNA Samples will now be collected at the federal level from all those who are arrested

tac0965 · 17 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Thanks to VAWA, Federal officials will start collecting DNA samples from all those arrested for federal crimes (including arrests for tax evasion). Those not charged and those who are acquitted "may" be able to have the samples deleted from the database; however, they can only request it. Per Federal regulations, samples cannot be disclosed to third parties such as insurance companies and hospitals (however, doing so is only a misdemeanor).

Yes, gents, since all of us are potential rapists, we must all have our genetic information recorded in a database for when we do rape someone. Excerpt:

'The U.S. government will soon begin collecting DNA samples from all citizens arrested in connection with any federal crime and from many immigrants detained by federal authorities, adding genetic identifiers from more than 1 million individuals a year to the swiftly growing federal law enforcement DNA database.

The policy will substantially expand the current practice of routinely collecting DNA samples from only those convicted of federal crimes, and it will build on a growing policy among states to collect DNA from many people who are arrested. Thirteen states do so now and turn their data over to the federal government.
...
The database expansion was authorized by Congress as an amendment to the Violence Against Women Act and was billed primarily as a way to track down serial rapists, murderers and other offenders. "We know for a fact that the proposed regulations will save the lives of many innocent people and will prevent devastating crimes," said Sen. Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.), a sponsor of the legislation. "These regulations are long overdue -- we should have done this 10 years ago."'

Indoctrinate U's NYC premiere wrap-up report

Matt · 18 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via e-mail:

'There have been so many exciting developments lately!

* "INDOCTRINATE U" HAD ITS NEW YORK CITY DEBUT on Monday night, playing to a capacity crowd at the Director's Guild of America theater in midtown Manhattan. (See below for some words from the director following the wildly successful NYC premiere.)

* THE DVD IS NOW AVAILABLE (FINALLY!) - At long last, the much-requested DVD can now be yours. Visit the "Indoctrinate U" online store.

* THERE ARE MORE SCREENINGS COMING UP AT CAMPUSES all over the country. For the most up-to-date information on future screenings, go to: http://indoctrinate-u.com/pages/screenings.html'

Police: Indiana girls beat 12-year-old, posted video online

anthony · 19 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A group of southern Indiana middle school girls videotaped the beating of a 12-year-old schoolmate and posted it on the Internet in an attack that authorities believe was inspired by a similar one in Florida, police said.

No charges have been filed and police said they have not yet interviewed all the girls, ages 12-14, who are students at Clarksville Middle School. The girls' identities were not released because they are juveniles.

The victim, who was treated for cuts and bruises at a hospital, was the daughter of a police officer, said Police Chief Dwight Ingle.'

The War on Boys starting now at birth

Matt · 20 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

With MSN leading the charge, of course. Read the crap here. Excerpt:

'Depression is one of the most common postpartum medical problems that new moms face. New research suggests that the risk is even higher for those who give birth to boys.

Most moms will readily admit that rambunctious little boys are a bit more challenging to parent than little girls, who are generally quieter and less physically active. But the impacts of gender on parenting don't necessarily start once the little ones start toddling.

New research out of France found that women who gave birth to boys were significantly more likely to suffer from severe postpartum depression than women who gave birth to girls. The findings weren't limited to severe depression: Women who gave birth to boys were also much more likely to report a lower quality of life than women who gave birth to girls.'

Working up the case for gender-selection "for the good of the baby and the mother". Meanwhile the preference for boys in India and China will remain denounced as pro-female selection gets built up over here in the supposedly more-enlightened West. The difference? Boys bad, girls good. Geez, ought to be obvious by now, right?

Maryland: Definition of rape widened

Matt · 20 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The state's highest court ruled yesterday that a man can be charged with rape if he ignores a woman's calls to stop - even if she had previously consented to sex.

With this expansion of the legal definition of rape, Maryland joins seven other states whose courts have determined that a woman can revoke her consent after intercourse begins.

...

All seven judges agreed that a woman has the right to revoke consent, but reached that conclusion in different ways. Yesterday's ruling returns the 2004 rape case of Maouloud Baby to Montgomery County for a new trial.

...

The victim testified in Montgomery County court that she agreed to sex "as long as he stops when I tell him to." As he began, she told him to stop because he was hurting her, but he kept going for five or 10 seconds, she said.

...

Mel Feit, director of the National Center for Men, based in Long Island, N.Y., said the facts of Baby's case have been lost in the larger argument about a woman's right to say no.

"The courts got it wrong then, and they are getting it wrong now," said Feit, who has followed the Maryland case. "There is no way that anyone is ever going to convince me that a five-second delay is first-degree rape."'

New York Bachelors seeking to Become Single Dads

Anonymous · 21 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"As a surge in surrogate births sweeps the country - up 28 percent in the past five years - baby-loving city bachelors are getting into the act, finding egg donors, providing sperm and paying surrogates to give birth to their offspring.

James Shrybman, a surrogacy lawyer in Dickerson, Md., advised about 10 bachelors last year. Such clients were once "non-existent," he said.

New Jersey lawyer Melissa Brisman has helped at least five city men through the process in the past year."

Bank offers refunds in false rape case

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Peoples Bank is offering a refund to people who donated to a fund for the woman who falsely claimed she was abducted and raped while running at Little Squalicum Beach last month.

Bellingham Police announced Wednesday that the woman fabricated the story.

The Squalicum Beach Runner's Fund was established after the alleged March 2 incident by community members who wanted to supplement state victim assistance funds to help the woman cover her lost wages, living expenses and other costs associated with surviving the supposed attack."

Student's nightmare over false rape claim

anthony · 21 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A man's life was left in tatters by a woman who falsely cried rape.

Louise Ndikum spun a 10-month tissue of lies which ended with innocent Alexesi Chua having to appear in court.

He broke down in the witness box as he was forced to give evidence even though the single mum had admitted perverting the course of justice.

Ndikum –originally told police she had been raped in the street by a stranger. And when confronted by detectives she continued to lie – this time claiming she had been raped by a man in his house.

Ndikum admitted lying to police but maintained her charade until the bitter end at Portsmouth Crown Court."

"Time to stop man bashing"

anthony · 21 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Letter published here. Excerpt:

"The message is clear - men have improved a little, but still don't do enough, and women are still getting a raw deal.

This is an unfair distortion because it disregards the fact that men are usually their family's primary breadwinners, and often make great sacrifices in that role.
...
In the home, men generally do the more dangerous work such as fixing the broken roof tiles or fixing the plumbing, yet this is never included in the definition of housework - why?

Because it would reflect the reality that men do perform a lot more than the media wants to pretend we do - in order to please certain hostile groups with a clear agenda to demonise one sex in preference of the other. This man bashing is known as misandry.

This is the male variant of misogyny - a hatred of men, and is perpetuated in part by the media with its endless adverts filled with dumb, stupid husbands and reports which forget' to include various factors. It is high time men stood up for themselves and demanded to be treated fairly by the media."

Advertising Age's Jonah Bloom: Peddler of organized misandry

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Essay here. Excerpt:

"Jonah Bloom, the editor of Advertising Age recently took an outrageous position backing advertising that either severely denigrates men, pictures them as subjects for sexual or social abuse, or portrays them as fools in a world of wonderful women.

In his article "When It Comes to Whining About Ads, Father Knows Best", Bloom makes the grave mistake pontificating there is something wrong with real live men who object to men being generically treated like manure by writers unable find one ounce of respect for anything other than women. Perhaps Bloom would so ardently support agencies if they crudely portrayed women as brain-dead sex objects, or broad-brushed blacks with Klannish racist insults?

Mr. Bloom has an expensive lesson to learn. It should start by costing him his job. Both racism and sexism are unacceptable under any circumstances. Since Mr. Bloom has ardently endorsed sexism, Advertisers must call for him to step down."

Namibia: Boys Included in Education Initiative

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Story here. Excerpt:

'"We are officially launching an exciting new component of the United States Ambassador's Girls' Scholarship Program by welcoming this first group of boys into the program marking an important step forward in our effort to increase educational opportunities for Namibian children."
...
According to her the programme will over the next year support a total of 200 boys in grades 1 through 7. The boys in this program will receive school uniforms, school supplies, boarding and lodging fees, as well as counseling. "I'm very pleased that we have the opportunity to invest in the education of these bright young boys - who have worked so hard - that we help them succeed in school and move on to the next level of education. Helping girls and boys stay in school and do well in school prepares them to meet life's challenges. It also will help them contribute to economic development and the spread of democratic values in Namibia, and to become a positive influence for future generations," she said.'

Loss of job hits men harder, emotionally and otherwise

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Picture a scenario where the male breadwinner of a family has lost his job but is so afraid to come clean to his loved ones that he carries on faking his commute to work, complete with business suit, tie and briefcase. It's one that has been imagined in various books and films - such as Falling Down, in which Michael Douglas plays a character who pretends to his mother that he still has a job to go to.

But could you ever imagine a woman behaving in that way? While the gender gap has been bridged in many areas of working life, experts say that when it comes to job losses, women are far better equipped than men to deal with the bitter blow of redundancy. And with forecasts last week predicting that the credit crisis could lead to up to 40,000 job losses in London's financial service sector over the next two years, it's a theory which many could soon find themselves putting to the test.

An international study of male suicides in 22 countries between 1974 and 1988, found that unemployment was a leading factor. Further studies in the UK confirm the links between unemployment, suicide and attempted suicide. The link between suicide and unemployment appears to be particularly strong for young men."

Chores for two: Why men don't pitch in

WakeUp · 21 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Chores for two: Why men don't pitch in. From the article:

"The fact that guys, when left to their own devices, rarely rush to offer more toilet-scrubbing and diaper-changing is not in itself surprising. As Martin Luther King Jr. once observed, “We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.”
...
"Yes, dear readers, it’s true: Maintaining some semblance of parity in your marriage requires you to deploy the same kinds of nasty tactics you swore you would never stoop to as a parent but nonetheless found yourself using the minute you actually had a kid. Bribery and punishment work; so do yelling and complaining. Threats are also effective, as long as everyone knows you mean business. With husbands, tender blandishments and nooky are particularly useful, as is the withholding of the aforementioned.
...
...Unfortunately, all too many women are still teaching their children that “woman is the nigger of the world,” as John Lennon and Yoko Ono put it so memorably in a song lyric years ago."

First she is superior, in control, makes the rules and has the right to threaten. Then she complains she is oppressed and compares herself to Martin Luther King, Jr. and uses the "N" word inappropriately. I checked into it, Leslie Bennets, the author, is white.

Lawsuit: Veterans Affairs Has Failed to Prevent Suicides

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Story here. Excerpt:

"The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs isn't doing enough to prevent suicide and provide adequate medical care for Americans who have served in the armed forces, a class-action lawsuit that goes to trial this week charges.

The lawsuit, filed in July by two nonprofit groups representing military veterans, accuses the agency of inadequately addressing a "rising tide" of mental health problems, especially post-traumatic stress disorder.

But government lawyers say the VA has been devoting more resources to mental health and making suicide prevention a top priority. They also argue that the courts don't have the authority to tell the department how it should operate.

...

An average of 18 military veterans kill themselves each day, and five of them are under VA care when they commit suicide, according to a December e-mail between top VA officials that was filed as part of the federal lawsuit.

"That failure to provide care is manifesting itself in an epidemic of suicides," the veterans groups wrote in court papers filed Thursday."

Finally, we hear from "the men"

Matt · 21 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. And I thought we'd never see an interview with any of the adult male suspects in this case, much less one that doesn't immediately call for their executions. It does fall short of the highly sympathetic tone interviewers are giving "the mothers" in this whole thing. And predictably, the interview quickly turns to the subject of sex. Excerpt:

'Rodriguez conducted the interview Sunday night with three men whose children were among more than 400 removed by authorities from the sect's compound in a raid earlier this month.

It was the first time since the raid that any male members of the sect spoke with a member of the media.

In the wide-ranging interview, Rodriguez asked, “After all this, can you see why society looks upon you and says, ‘A girl who's younger than 18 shouldn't be married and having sex?’ Has this forced you to reconsider?”'

RADAR ALERT: Tell GW Law School to Investigate Joan Meier's Fabrications

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Over the past three weeks, a notable public faceoff occurred in the Washington Post.

An editorial (1) by David Levy, Executive Director of the Children's Rights Council, commenting on a recent tragic incident in Maryland, pointed out that child custody battles can incite domestic violence by driving parents "nuts."

The following week the Post ran an opposing editorial (2) by Joan S. Meier, faculty member at George Washington University Law School. The op-ed contains numerous one-sided statements and fabrications about child abuse. She repeatedly uses the phrase "dangerous fathers" and "violent and abusive fathers," without ever mentioning the problem of "violent and abusive mothers."

According to the US Administration for Children and Families:

- Mothers are more than twice as likely as fathers to kill their children: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm06/figure4_2.htm
- Mothers are more than twice as likely as fathers to abuse their children: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm06/figure3_5.htm

Without providing any research evidence, Meier goes on to make the improbable claims that most custody disputes "arise in the context of mothers seeking to end abuse or protect their children" and "mothers have few means of protecting their children from dangerous fathers". Meier's statements represent a serious misrepresentation of a well-known government statistics, and are highly defamatory of fathers.

Meier's falsehoods violate George Washington University's research misconduct policy (3) which states:

"Research misconduct includes, without limitation, fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research or in reporting research results. All employees or individuals associated with The George Washington
University should report observed, suspected, or apparent misconduct in research to the Associate Vice President for Health Research, Compliance and Technology Transfer."

George Washington University is in a unique position to influence Congress, including the upcoming VAWA renewal. We ask you to take a few moments of your time to contact the two following individuals at George Washington University with a polite note urging GW Law School to take action about the numerous fabrications and misrepresentations by Professor Joan Meier in her April 13 editorial in the Washington Post, as well as her formal articles and law papers:

1. Frederick Lawrence, Dean of the GW Law School: Email: flawrence-at-law.gwu.edu
2. Anne Hirschfeld, Associate Vice President Office of Health and Technology Transfer:
   Email: resanh-at-gwumc.edu

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1 David Levy's original editorial:
http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/04/04/AR2008040402922.html

2 Joan Meier's response:
http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/04/11/AR2008041103152.html

3 GW University Research Misconduct Policy: http://my.gwu.edu/files/policies/ResearchMisconductPolicy.pdf

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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Update: Convicted Wife and Murderer of Marine Released

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Remember this case? She was convicted for murdering her husband, a Marine, with arsenic. Well, they've let her out of jail after the D.A. retroactively dismissed the charges against her, thereby vacating the conviction. Story here. Excerpt:

'Sommer, 34, was first accused of poisoning her Marine husband, Sgt. Todd Sommer, with arsenic in order to cash in on his $250,000 life insurance policy.

...

After jurors heard the scientific evidence and stories about her frolicking with her husband's Marine buddies on the night of his funeral, Sommer was convicted of first-degree murder last year and sentenced to life in prison.

But last Thursday, after Sommer had served 876 days, San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis unexpectedly moved to dismiss the murder charges.

...

During the trial, prosecutors presented motive by citing Cynthia Sommer's behavior following his death. They said she used insurance money for breast augmentation surgery and presented evidence of her participation in wet T-shirt contests and intimate relations with some of Todd Sommer's fellow Marines.

In an NBC News report aired during her prison stay, Sommer explained her conduct by saying, "I wanted my husband back and I missed him and I didn't have him and the closest thing I could have were his friends."

...

According to court documents, prosecutors learned last month that some of Todd Sommer's untested tissue samples had been stored at San Diego Naval Medical Center. They were tested this month in Quebec and no arsenic was found and, as a result, contamination in previous tissue samples was possible.

...

"I think the lesson is that the judicial system is flawed," said Sommer, who has four children. "I've seen more than just myself that this has happened to. I've been fortunate enough to be able to be in the spotlight and to be able to have a voice."

...

"What this should end up as is somebody realizing in this case, as it relates to Cindy, the system broke," Bloom said. "What should really end up in this case is to make sure it doesn't happen again."'

Women can influence the sex of their child

Anonymous · 23 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The first evidence that women can influence the sex of their child by what they eat before they become pregnant is published today.

The study, which links higher energy intake around conception to the birth of sons, provides the first explanation of why the number of boy babies is in decline in the west, suggesting it is the result of women consuming low fat foods and skipping breakfast, among other things.

...Dr Mathews says this could explain why over the last 40 years there has been a small but consistent decline, of about one per 1000 births annually, in the proportion of boys being born in industrialised countries, including the UK, the US and Canada.

..."This research may help to explain why in developed countries, where many young women choose to have low calorie diets, the proportion of boys born is falling," says Dr Mathews, adding that there is also a link between higher national incomes and fewer boys."

TMZ: 'New Gladiator Hard to Beat -- Just Ask Her Hubby'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Erin Toughill, a new star for "American Gladiators," allegedly beat husband Clark Bevans on their honeymoon. Always a bad sign.

Bevans, who filed a restraining order against Toughill last week, claims Toughill went "insane" with jealously, and accused him of being "a pedophile, sociopath and homosexual." Aside from allegedly beating him on several occasions, Bevans claims Toughill smashed the windshield of his RV. He also says Toughill "bodychecked, hockey style" a trainer at Gold's Gym he had dated years before.'

MSN: "Senate Republicans kill pay disparity bill"

anthony · 24 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Senate Republicans killed legislation Wednesday aimed at removing limits on how long workers can wait before suing their employers for pay discrimination.

Democrats, speaking to key constituencies of women, minorities and swing voters this election year, said they weren't finished trying to pass the bill.

"Women of America: Put your lipstick on, square your shoulders, suit up" and get ready to fight, Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., said moments after the bill's opponents denied supporters the 60 votes needed to proceed to full debate and a vote on passage. "The revolution starts tonight."
...
Democratic presidential rivals Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama swung through Washington to speak from short, prepared statements in favor of the legislation. It was the first time in months that both candidates spoke on the Senate floor, an indication of the bill's importance to voters the two are fighting for in their ongoing battle for their party's nomination.'

Police: Woman Filed False Rape Report, Could Face Five Years In Prison

anthony · 24 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A Greenwood County woman is facing up to five years in prison after she admitted filing a false police report claiming that she had been raped.

Deputies said that at about 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Regina Murray Medlock drove to the rear of the sheriff's department and told a deputy that she had been raped. The deputy said Medlock told him that while she was stopped at a red light, a man climbed into her car, held her at gunpoint, and forced her to drive to the area of a train yard. She said she was forced to undress and was raped three times on the ground outside the car.
...
Both the Greenwood Police Department and the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office charged Medlock with filing a false police report.

In addition to jail time, Medford could be fined up to $1,000 if convicted."

India: Woman kills complaining husband in Jharkhand

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Ranchi, April 20 (IANS) A woman in Jharkhand killed her husband with an axe after he complained about the stale dinner, police said Sunday. According to the police, Chamni and her husband, Buran Munda, residents of Harbul village located around 25 km from Ranchi, together drank `hadia' (local liquor) Friday night.

She served dinner to her husband, who complained that the food was stale. Irked, Chamni picked up an axe and hacked her husband to death. Her four children witnessed the crime."

Israel: "Who's your daddy?"

anthony · 24 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Whenever the term "single parent" comes to mind many of us automatically assume it means a household run by a woman, a mother. And yes, in Israel – as in many countries around the world, the person heading the single-parent-household is, in many cases, a woman, but many of them are headed by fathers.
...
When mothers petition to have their children removed from their fathers' custody on grounds of violent behavior, mental defect or just an overall negative attitude, we all feel for them; and most of us would like to see the courts remove the untoward father from the presence of his vulnerable children.

But when the shoe is on the other foot – when it is the father who claims the mother is abusive, indifferent or mentally impaired, and wants the court to give him sole custody of his children, then what? He is put through the proverbial ringer and is usually forced to hire a roomful of lawyers to prove his case, and worse – he has to prove that does not prove him to be an unfit father.'

F4J Flag Protest Foiled

anthony · 24 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Police and staff at the Nevis Range ski resort had been on high alert after plans for a protest on Aonach Mor by the Fathers 4 Justice group were leaked to the LN last week, but protesters failed to show up as the Lochaber News went to press yesterday (Wednesday).

A document outlined plans for the stunt which sought to disrupt the gondola system at Nevis Range, with protesters encouraged to conform to a St George and English flag dress code.

The memo alluded to one group member's intention to attempt to paint a flag of St George on the side of Aonach Mor.

The protest appeared to be linked to the English local elections. Founder of Fathers 4 Justice, Matt O'Connor is a candidate in the London Mayoral election, while another leading member of the group is seeking election to the London Assembly."

Christina Hoff Sommers Sparks Lively Discussion at Men's College

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Feminist critic Dr. Christina Hoff Sommers sparked a lively discussion about the effects of gender feminism on young men Thursday night in Baxter 101.

Dr. Sommers' lecture was based on her 2000 book, The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism is Harming our Young Men, in which she utilizes extensive social data to challenge the notion of the shortchanged female and the emotionally repressed male. Her talk Thursday focused primarily on what Sommers described as the hypocrisy and false information perpetuated by some gender feminists.

"As I was writing my book, all I heard about was how girls were shortchanged victims and were falling behind," said Dr. Sommers, who described herself as an equity feminist. "The area where I found the most egregiously false record of information was about education. I was reading that girls were victims, but I saw girls were dominant, not just in going to college more: they were winning all the awards. They were the valedictorians. They were getting the best grades. There was one area where you find more boys than girls: sports. Boys are falling farther and farther behind and girls are flourishing."'

"Male Castration = Good; Guns = Bad"

anthony · 24 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'Feminists especially love this kind of special treatment. They can say anything they want about men; they can slander them, smear them, and paint them all with a very nasty brush just for the "crime" of being men. Valentine's Day is canceled in favor of "Victory over Violence" Day to somehow fight domestic abuse. Love between a man and a woman is bad; women must stick to the sisterhood! Consensual sex is likened to rape; flirting to sexual harassment. Man-hating has become synonymous with feminism, and the most radical of these harpies usually reside on college campuses. Men, meanwhile, are supposed to just grin and bear it. One joke about women is deemed sexual harassment and can get a male student kicked off campus. Double standard? Nope, it's just "fighting for women's rights".'

"Who do white men hate more, blacks or women?"

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'Why is it that liberals think that, if white men decide not to vote for Obama, it means they HATE black people? Or that if they don't vote for Hillary, they HATE women? Did it ever occur to them that they, like all intelligent people in the United States, don't like their politics? Gee, what a thought.

And what's interesting is how Ephron sneers at the "suffering" white men receive at the hands of mean women, and points out how these white men are "somehow" able to rise above affirmative action, feminism, and the myriad of benefits handed to minorities simply for... being a minority. The difference, my dear Nora, is that most white men don't see themselves as victims. A lot -- but not all -- of minorities, feminists, and liberals do. Therefore, when white men are presented with overwhelming obstacles, they find a way to overcome them. A lot of people who are women and/or minorities do this, too, but it doesn't fit into the "WHITE MEN IN POWER!!" screed.'

Fox joins deadbeat dad myth-boosters

Matt · 24 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Fox can be as bad as MSN. The network all too often drips with the same kind of chivalrous claptrap only trussed up in different terms and styles. Marc Rudov is one of the few men's voices that are allowed even to be heard (when he isn't being screeched at by some feminist), and while we can thank them for that, unfortunately it seems the rest of the time they are playing to many of the same prejudices we see on other channels. Well anyway, here is their latest. Excerpt:

'After embracing the dark side of reality television with its marriage-busting hit "The Moment of Truth," Fox's newest project taps the power of its unscripted division for the forces of good.

The network has ordered a pilot from 3Ball Prods. in which an avenger of penniless single mothers hunts down deadbeat dads and forces them to pay child support.
...
As for the aggressive tactics, child support is not considered a debt per se, but an order of the court. Collectors are therefore not subject to following the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, which regulates what tactics a collection agency can employ to collect a debt.

...
"I've seen 'Cops,' and I want to watch more than a crack addict with his pants around his ankles running away from a police car," Roth said. "These guys owe money, and they should pay."'

Let's nip this in the bud. Contact "the Reality" people for that part of the network here and let them know what "the Reality" really is on this topic.

Juggling life as both Mr. Wallet and Mr. Mom

Matt · 25 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Deadbeat dads, ghost dads, Disneyland dads, Santa daddies: The divorce culture is rich in labels, especially ones that reduce men to negative stereotypes.

Some may be warranted, but the trouble with simplistic labels is that they rarely shed light on the complex truth of reality.

What is forgotten is that fathers have their own painful adjustment to divorce that is different than that faced by mothers.'

Instapundit and over 90 blogs are buzzing over the 758 mile Equal Parenting Bike Trek

Anonymous · 25 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Instapundit is considered one of the most influential news and polical blogs in the world! Instapundit averages 250,000-500,000 visitors daily and all of them are being exposed to Equal Parenting. This is a huge media win for our movement.

Check out the constantly updating list of blog, new media and traditional media coverage of the 2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek.

NOW is the time to help us make make more noise about this event!! Men can parent just as well as women!! It is time for Judges and the laws to reflect this. Get behind this effort and lets make some serious noise guys!!

Be sure to visit Instapundit and tell them why you are thankful that they covered this.

Thanks - Robert and Angela Pedersen

Falsely implicated for rape, he's still in jail

arindamp · 26 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Full story here. Excerpt:

PUNE: "Do only girls have reputation and dignity? Don't boys have them too," asks Pushpa Muralidhar Bhise (48), mother of Sagar (19), who was falsely implicated by a minor for raping her.

Sagar was arrested on March 17 after the minor girl from Wadgaonsheri alleged that he and three of his friends raped her in a house in Dehu Road. The police had also detained another minor following communal pressure as the girl belonged to a minority community."

What is most outrageous is that only men are being arrested. The main culprit, the woman is still at large. Why is this sexist double standard?

Christina Hoff Sommers: "The Gender-Equity Hammer Comes Out"

anthony · 26 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Women have surpassed men in most areas of education, but men continue to be more numerous in fields like math, physics, and engineering. For more than a decade, feminist groups have been lobbying Congress to address the problem of gender “injustice” in the laboratory. Their efforts are finally bearing fruit. Federal agencies are now poised to begin aggressive gender-equity reviews of math, science, and engineering programs. Groups like the National Organization for Women must be celebrating — but American scientists should brace themselves for the destructive tsunami headed their way.

At a recent House hearing on “Women in Academic Science and Engineering” Congressman Brian Baird, a Democrat from Washington State, asked a room full of activist women how best to bring American scientists into line: “What kind of hammer should we use?” The weapon of choice is the well-known federal anti-discrimination law “Title IX,” which prohibits sex discrimination in “any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” Title IX has never been rigorously applied to academic science. That is now about to change. In the past few months both the Department of Education and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have begun looking at candidates for Title IX-enforcement positions."

More from Fox: "The Top 10 Sex Mistakes That Men Make"

anthony · 26 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Some information in this article could be offensive to some. Excerpt:

"Gaining weight and still thinking you're attractive. "For better or worse" should include weight fluctuations, but don't let yourself go completely.

You don't know how many women have complained to me about the double standard in staying attractive: Women are expected to stay hot-to-trot, men aren't.

So if you want continued star treatment for your rock star performances, know that Meat Loaf isn't the singer to emulate."

Remind Fox of their own story: "Moms Can Be Deadbeats Too"

Matt · 27 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Ran back in 2002 here. Excerpt:

'Single dads are sick and tired of being labeled "deadbeats" when it comes to paying child support. And data suggest they have good reason to be upset.

The percentage of "deadbeat" moms is actually higher than that of dads who won't pay, even though mothers are more consistently awarded custody of children by the courts.

...

"It’s not the exception anymore," Wood said, adding that before he became a single dad two years ago, "I would have almost bought into that stereotype" the dads are usually the deadbeats. But "that philosophy is just 30-40 years out of date."

...

And moms who don’t have custody of the kids often remarry and have more kids, and often choose to not work.'

I doubt they would run this today. Apparently feminists hadn't taken over the editorial room back then.

Huffington Post: "White Men"

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Essay here. Excerpt:

"But now there are two and we're facing Pennsylvania and whom are we kidding? This is an election about whether the people of Pennsylvania hate blacks more than they hate women. And when I say people, I don't mean people, I mean white men. How ironic is this? After all this time, after all these stupid articles about how powerless white men are and how they can't even get into college because of overachieving women and affirmative action and mean lady teachers who expected them to sit still in the third grade even though they were all suffering from terminal attention deficit disorder -- after all this, they turn out (surprise!) to have all the power. (As they always did, by the way; I hope you didn't believe any of those articles.)

To put it bluntly, the next president will be elected by them: the outcome of Tuesday's primary will depend on whether they go for Hillary or Obama, and the outcome of the general election will depend on whether enough of them vote for McCain. A lot of them will: white men cannot be relied on, as all of us know who have spent a lifetime dating them. And McCain is a compelling candidate, particularly because of the Torture Thing. As for the Democratic hope that McCain's temper will be a problem, don't bet on it. A lot of white men have terrible tempers, and what's more, they think it's normal."

Ed. note: At first I thought it was serious. Then I realized... about the author.

Vancouver Sun: The 'real gender gap': a discussion that's overdue

anthony · 27 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Female behaviour favouring empathy, friendship, family and cooperation have been undervalued in workplaces in which women try unsuccessfully to behave like men, Pinker said. She suggested that it's time we take a look at both genders and realize that neither's needs have been understood.

Pinker also is an avowed feminist, but she said the drive for equality was misdirected, distorted by the belief that women should do all the things that men do. "I think it was necessary at the beginning, equating equality to sameness," she said. "Essentially all feminist writers say we want what they want, so we've got to be like them. The science tells us, no, we're not like them ... unless biology changes."

"Why women don't want top jobs, by a feminist"

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Essay here. Excerpt:

"The social critic Camille Paglia once wrote: "There is no female Mozart because there is no female Jack the Ripper."

Men are simply more variable - there are more really stupid ones and more very smart ones than women; more extremely lazy ones and more who are willing to halfkill themselves with overwork."

National Post: The media's invisible victims

anthony · 27 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Heterosexual men can't catch a break from the media. When they're aggressors, they're condemned. When they're victims, they're ignored. Conversely, when women -- gay or straight - and gay men are victims, they're pitied. And when they're aggressors, they're also pitied.
...
The invisibility of heterosexual male victims I speak of shows up in the article's first comment on domestic violence: In asserting that "Canadians know full well that domestic violence is a major problem," Anderssen cites examples of a woman beaten by her boyfriend, and three children murdered by their father. To this journalist (and to be fair, to most others too), men hurting women and men killing children are what Canadians "know" about domestic violence.

What Canadians would know if the article was better researched is that men are almost equally likely to be assaulted by their female partners, and that children are statistically more likely to be abused or killed by their mothers than fathers."

LA Times Readers Comment: Concern and regret over circumcision

anthony · 27 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Letters here. Excerpts:

'I regret circumcising our son. When I asked if the procedure was painful, my obstetrician shook his head and said no, the baby just goes "waah" once, and it's over. That is not true, as I learned later when I saw the operation performed at a friend's Jewish bris ceremony.'

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'Your article also failed to mention an article published last year in the peer-reviewed British Journal of Urology International titled "Fine-Touch Pressure Thresholds in the Adult Penis". The results indicated that intact penises were four times more sensitive than cut penises.

This is not a medical issue, nor a hygiene issue, nor a look- like-daddy issue. This is a civil rights issue. There is no room in a civilized society for the unnecessary amputation of infant genitalia.'

Women patronizing male prostitutes

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This article from back in 2007, linked to from this at the HuffPost. Belies the myth that only men seek the services of prostitutes, or that the difference in motivation is so significant as to free women from any sort of "unacceptable" motivations. Excerpt:

'I'm sure I'm not the only person who hides such a guilty secret, and I'm equally sure that anyone in my position would guard it as ferociously as I do.

Once, sometimes twice, a month I meet up with Justin, a 36-year-old divorcé. We go out for a meal and maybe to a club before spending the night in a hotel. I am a divorced mum and work part time to spend as much time as I can with my four children. Justin also has four children. But what differentiates our dates from the norm is that I pay for Justin's company, including having sex with him.
...
This way I'm very satisfied sexually, which makes me a much calmer and happier person, and I do like the secrecy element of this arrangement. I keep both lives totally separate and Justin doesn't know where I live, what I do or even my real surname. I get a real buzz out of my elegant, controlled image and the fact that no one knows I've got a secret side – one that would shock everyone.'

RADAR ALERT: Sen. Barack Obama Supports I-VAWA!

Matt · 28 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Senator Barack Obama may well become the next president of the United States. But in a recent letter to one of his constituents, he affirmed his support for the International Violence Against Women Act, and reiterated many of the half-truths and falsehoods of domestic violence – see complete letter below.

I-VAWA – Senate bill 2279 – is a dangerous bill that would break up families, harm women, and openly discriminate against male victims.

In India, domestic violence laws have become so harmful that they are commonly referred to as "legal terrorism"1. For more information on the Pandora's Box of I-VAWA, see the RADAR analysis "I-VAWA: The Destruction of Families Worldwide"2.

THIS AN URGENT REQUEST TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION.

Please contact Sen. Obama's office today.

Telephone: 202-224-2854 – politely tell the receptionist your name, city, and state, and say, "I am asking Sen. Obama to withdraw his support from S. 2279, the International Violence Against Women Act. I-VAWA is anti-male and anti-family."

Or submit a message through his website – http://obama.senate.gov/contact – or send a fax – 202-228-4260 – politely emphasizing these points:

1. According to the World Health Organization3, men are twice as likely as women to die from violence-related causes. Why is Sen. Obama ignoring the plight of men?
2. According to a 32-country survey4, women are more likely to engage in domestic violence than men. Why is I-VAWA ignoring the plight of men?
3. VAWA has had a devastating impact on African-American communities in the United States5.

PLEASE DO THIS NOW AND SAVE A FAMILY. Thank you!

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1 http://uchalla.wordpress.com/2008/02/08/stop-legal-terrorism-save-the-indian-husbands

2 http://www.mediaradar.org/why_ivawa200801_campaign.php

3 World Health Organization. World Report on Violence and Health. Geneva, Switzerland, 2002, http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/world_report/en/summary_en.pdf

4 Straus, Dominance And Symmetry In Partner Violence By Male And Female University Students In 32 Nations, Children and Youth Services Review, http://pubpages.unh.edu/%7Emas2/ID41-PR41-Dominance-symmetry-In-Press-07.pdf. Table 2, p. 260: Overall, 21.4% of any type of physical violence was female-perpetrator-only as compared to 9.9% male-only. Table 3, p. 261: Overall, 29.4% of severe physical violence was female-perpetrator-only as compared to 15.7% male-only.

5 http://aavreform.org/index.php

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LETTER FROM SEN. BARACK OBAMA

Date: April 4, 2008

Dear _____:

Thank you for sharing with me your concerns about support for international victims of domestic violence and S.2279, the International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA).

I am concerned with the suggestion that I-VAWA is anti-male and anti-family. Indeed, I recognize the importance of having our children grow up in stable and nurturing homes, preferably with both a father and mother as active parents. Our children need role models, both male and female, to help them reach their potential. Having said that, these homes must be safe and loving environments, not ones where a child lives in fear of abuse and neglect, or worries that a parent will be victim to abuse. I do not believe that I-VAWA lessens or belittles the significance of the two-parent family, but rather puts in place
programs to support families when violence creates an unhealthy and unsafe home environment. Gender-based violence affects individuals from every walk of life, in every part of the world. According to the World Health Organization, approximately 1 in 3 of the women in the world will experience violence in her lifetime, with rates of up to 70 percent in some countries. The breadth of this problem is staggering, as we know many cases often go unreported. Women and children are often at greater risk of physical violence, exploitation and sexual abuse in crisis situations, such as in the wake of the Asian tsunami or in the Darfur region of Sudan.

I am deeply concerned about the escalation of sexual violence in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), where the United Nations reported 27,000 sexual assaults against women and girls in the South Kivu province alone in 2006. Recently, I wrote to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice expressing my concerns about the growing number of systematic sexual assaults against women in the DRC, and asked a series of questions about what the United States is doing to help curb this violence against women. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your review.

We can and must do more to address this devastating human and moral problem, as well as to combat persisting forms of discrimination that women and girls from all walks of life face daily. On October 31, the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Senator Biden (D-DE) and Senator Lugar (R-IN), respectively, introduced the International Violence Against Women Act of 2007 (S. 2279). This bill would establish key offices at the Department of State and the U.S. Agency of International Development tasked with addressing international women's issues and integrating gender into relevant policies and programs. The bill would also ensure that adequate foreign assistance is directed at measures that prevent and respond to acts of violence against women. S. 2279 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, a panel on which I serve. I hope this letter helps you understand why, as your U.S. Senator and the father of two young daughters, I hope the Senate will take to take swift action
in considering this measure.

Thank you again for writing. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future regarding this or other issues of concern to you.

Sincerely,

Barack Obama
United States Senator

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Date of RADAR Release: April 28, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your
letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Woman alleges she was raped over the phone

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Yes indeed, folks, we have a classic example here of a man using his Magic Patriarchal Phallus-Power to rape a woman over a telephone. He used some kind of evil dark mystical power, possibly in collusion with Satan himself, to commit this dastardly deed. Story here. Excerpt:

'TUNIS, Tunisia, April 27 (UPI) -- A Tunisian family alleges their daughter was raped during a telephone conversation with a man, a lawyer for the family said.
...
"The intercourse did take place with all its details but verbally only," he said. "The sexual act did not really happen because the physical proximity factor is not there, yet it happened because there is a direct physical impact – the loss of virginity."'

Boys 'better at English in single-sex classes'

Anonymous · 28 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Boys would get better English results at primary school if they were taught in single-sex classes, a study has found.

Researchers said boys perform "significantly" better in English tests if they are taught in classes with fewer girls. The study by Bristol University used results from every state primary school and found that as the proportion of girls increased, boys' performance in tests fell..."

Tokyo: Woman jailed for killing, cutting up husband

anthony · 28 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

You can file this story under: 'You Gotta Be Kidding Me!'

'An abused wife who killed her husband, cut up his body and dumped the parts on a street and in a park was jailed for 15 years by a Tokyo court on Monday, a court official and Japanese media said.

Doctors had said Mihashi was insane at the time of the murder but the court ruled that while she had been seeing hallucinations she was mentally capable of making decisions, Japanese media said.
...
A Tokyo District Court official confirmed the sentence but declined to give details of the crime.'

Washington Post v. RADAR

anthony · 28 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the past three weeks, a notable public faceoff occurred in the Washington Post.
...
Without providing any research evidence, Meier goes on to make the improbable claims that most custody disputes "arise in the context of mothers seeking to end abuse or protect their children" and "mothers have few means of protecting their children from dangerous fathers". Meier's statements represent a serious misrepresentation of a well-known government statistics, and are highly defamatory of fathers.'

iRobot Roomba: Husband is an ass

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I'm surprised this hasn't made it onto the Boycott List yet. Video found here.

The iRobot Roomba is a vacuum cleaner, and of course the commercial depicts a frustrated wife complaining about her dirty home.

"I don't know about you, but I live with a bunch of animals. My kids are pigs, and my husband is a . . . [image switches from the woman to a donkey]."

Obviously, it is cute and humorous for a wife to call her husband as an ass.

iRobot Corporation website found here.

Local Fathers' Activism Heats Up

MR · 29 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Local Fathers' Activism Heats Up

"Caring people attempted to offer a small antidote to the abusive and vilifying ways that gender feminists and local politicians poisonously treat good Fathers (and men). Far too many Dads have entered the beat dead Dads' graveyard, but with dedicated efforts to focus attention on the issues facing Fathers and men, activists are hopeful of changing the despicable way good Fathers (and men) are being routinely abused in Los Angeles (and American) society."

Flirters will be shorn!

Matt · 29 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. We all knew that in strict Muslim countries, talking to members of the opposite sex to whom you are not related and for non-commercial or other very practical reasons is forbidden. But apparently, this doesn't stop nature from taking its course. So instead of locking everyone up, one particular political leader has decreed that men caught talking to or trying to talk to women in public will have their hair cut off.

I suppose it's better than getting tossed into jail. Or is it? There are cultural implications in the Middle East to having one's hair forcibly shorn that perhaps may make it more distressing than spending a few days in lock-up.

No mention of what happens to women who respond to a man's greeting, though.

Excerpt:

'RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - A governor in northern Saudi Arabia has ordered authorities to punish men who flirt with women in public places by cutting their hair, local media said Tuesday.

Prince Fahd bin Badr, governor of the northern al-Jof region, ordered police to carry out the punishment after seeing a group of men with long hair pestering* female students as they left school in the northern al-Qurayat province, Al-Hayat newspaper said.
...
He said Fahd has ordered that the punishment against the men "who emulate women" should be carried out at the scene of the infraction, according to the paper.

"The decision, however, doesn't include all men with long hair," al-Rushoud was quoted by Al-Hayat as saying.'

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* "Pestering"? What exactly were they doing?

Serial killer of college-aged men suspected

Matt · 29 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Gannon and Duarte have done something that no other law enforcement agency has ever done in this case -- they looked at the big picture and visited each site where the young men disappeared.

While most local investigations focused on where a body was recovered, Gannon and Duarte tried to figure out where the body went into the river.

City after city, when they'd find the spot where the body went into the water, they would find something else: The symbol of a smiley face.

...
In Michigan, they found something strange among the group's graffiti: the word 'Sinsiniwa.' They couldn't figure out what it meant until a few months later when they arrived in Dubuque, Iowa to investigate the death of Matt Kruziki.

His body was found on Sinsiniwa Avenue. Plus, they've discovered the nicknames of people in the group at more than one location.
...
They have already taken all of this evidence in the Jenkins case to Minneapolis Police and Hennepin County prosecutors--so why haven't they taken action? We will ask them.'

Suspended School Teacher Arrested a Third Time on Charges of Having Sex With Students

anthony · 29 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A suspended middle school teacher out on bail for allegedly having sex with two students will be back in court Tuesday after police say they caught her having sex with one of them again.

Stephanie Ragusa, 29, was arrested for the third time in about six weeks on charges of sex with a minor, MyFOXTampa reported. She was being held without bond at the Orient Road Jail.
...
Officers discovered Ragusa and the now-16-year-old boy at his house about 12:20 p.m. Monday, the arrest affidavit states. Ragusa had gone to the teen's house to discuss the criminal case but wound up in bed with him, police said.

Detectives nabbed the woman as she was leaving and getting into her boyfriend's truck. Ragusa remained behind bars Tuesday, charged with two counts of unlawful sexual activity with a minor."

About.com Covers the Equal Parenting Bike Trek

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ABOUT.COM, owned by the New York Times and recognized as a top 15 content site, just covered the 2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek. In less than 24 hours, thousands of readers have visited the main event page for the Equal Parenting Bike Trek! This is a big win following the coverage by Instapundit!

Please take the time to thank author Wayne Parker for covering this important human interest story. Commenting does NOT require you to sign up for an account so it is very easy. Don't cite your personal case even though we all have a painful one to share - thank Wayne and tell him why children deserve BOTH fit and willing parents after a divorce. If you utilize Stumbleupon, Digg!, Mixx or other social bookmarking please do so on Wayne Parker's story.

Thank you Men's ACTIVISM readers!

Plaintiffs Sought for Class Action vs. VAWA

MR · 30 April 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I received this email through the California Men's Centers San Diego, then got email permission from Mr. Den Hollander to send this to Mensactivism for posting. I wish him every success in this endeavor.

Subject: Plaintiffs for Class Action VAWA

"Hello,

I'm expanding my search for additional named-plaintiffs for the VAWA class action suit. The requirements are

1. Male and a U.S. citizen.

2. You married an alien wife.

3. You sponsored her for a temporary green card which she got.

4. You did not sponsor your wife or ex-wife for a permanent green card.

5. You believe or know that your wife or ex-wife used or is using or will use the VAWA self petitioning procedures that accuse you of abuse in order for her to obtain a permanent green card.

6. You are willing to contribute to the expenses of the class action. Expenses do not include any attorney's fees. Expenses include copying, mailing, filing fees, depositions, and appeals. The more named plaintiffs, the less the individual expenses, which could go over $5,000. Named plaintiff means your name goes on the papers, and you have control along with other named plaintiffs over the decisions that are made in the case. I provide the legal advice but you guys make the final decisions.

7. You can live anywhere in the U.S.

If any of you are interested in joining as named-plaintiffs, please let me know as soon as possible, and I mean soon.

Thanks

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UNL Student Paper: Women-only gym hours not likely - but still, it'd be OK if they had them

dooquidis4ever · 1 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The story starts out by saying that women-only hours at the gym are not likely at UNL. Then it says that Kalamazoo College has had women only hours for about 3 years. The funny thing is at Harvard everyone justifies the discrimination against men by pointing out that there are other gyms on campus. At Kalamazoo College, there is no other gym! Excerpt:

'Several of the schools' women-only gym hours were made to satisfy the women's religious desires. A group of Muslim women from Harvard, Orthodox Jews from Queens College and Christians from Wheaton College successfully lobbied their schools to implement women-only hours. Kalamazoo College offers women-only gym for an hour and half Tuesday evening and early Sunday morning to make their women feel more comfortable.

"The religious rights brought this issue to the forefront," said Jan Deeds, director of the women's center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "But many other women could also relate."

Daniela Bravo and Stephani Ruiz are two UNL students who were flummoxed when asked their opinions on women-only gym hours.

...

Not necessarily. The schools that offer women-only gym don't have men-only hours.

"Oh, wow," Ruiz said. "Then I might use it. It depends."'

Oh and by the way, the boys may have been abused, too

Matt · 1 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SAN ANTONIO - Authorities investigating whether teen girls in a polygamist sect were forced into underage marriages and sex said they are also looking into possible abuse of young boys — allegations that drew a sharp rebuke by sect's members.

...

In a written report, the agency said interviews and journal entries suggested young boys may have been sexually abused, but didn't elaborate.

Cockerell also said 41 of the 463 children seized from the Yearning For Zion Ranch in Eldorado had evidence of broken bones. Some of those children are "very young," he said.

...

Before Wednesday's disclosure, the state had argued it should be allowed to keep the boys, not because they were abuse victims, but because they were being groomed to become adult perpetrators in the sect. Men in the sect take multiple wives, some of whom are allegedly minors.'

The Mid-Ohio School to Host Women's-Only Honda Adult Defensive Driving Program

dooquidis4ever · 2 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Why is it OK to have women-only events? This one described here.

Imagine the following story: "THE MID-OHIO SCHOOL TO HOST MEN-ONLY HONDA ADULT DEFENSIVE DRIVING PROGRAM"

Women would burn down the school! Excerpt:

'DUBLIN, Ohio (May 1, 2008) - The Mid-Ohio School, the comprehensive driving and riding instruction company owned by TrueSports, Inc. and based as Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio, will host up to 18 women in the school's first-ever Women's-only Honda Adult Defensive Driving Program, June 7.
...
'"We've occasionally found at The Mid-Ohio School that women are intimidated to enroll in our programs, mainly because they occur at a racing facility where men tend to dominate the landscape," offered David Roush, general manager of The Mid-Ohio School. "While many women still do come through our various programs, we thought it necessary to target this demographic that may have previously been unaware of our offerings. On a day-to-day basis, women are likely to log more driving miles, and most often with passengers in the vehicle, so it's important to give them these life-saving skills in order to avoid a collision or recover from a loss of control situation."'

Netherlands: "Magazine wrong on women-only policy"

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Score a victory for the men and hallelujah, it's about time!!!

Story here. Excerpt:

'Feminist magazine Opzij must be open to employing men when it has job vacancies and cannot reserve all editorial jobs for women, the equal opportunities commission said on Tuesday.'

A trilogy of horror here...

Proud_to_be_a_man · 3 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

All stories from the last month or so, found by simply searching for 'penis' on Google news...

Story 1

"The victim, aged 39, was rushed to hospital in northern France in June 2005 with his penis sliced off."

"Police never recovered either a weapon or the missing body part."

Story 2

"A PAKISTANI woman chopped off her lover's penis after he wedded his cousin in a marriage arranged by his parents."

'She invited him to her house last Wednesday and after serving some intoxicant cut off his sexual organ.'"

Story 3

"Lenly, the police said, suspected her husband of having affairs and having tired of it, planned to stop her husband from seeing other women."

"So before they went to sleep on Wednesday night, Lenly kept a knife near her and when the opportunity rose, cut off her husband's penis."

Remember stories like these (and way way WAY too many similar stories in the past) every time someone tries to tell you that women are the caring, gentle sex... Yeah right.

Woman Who Falsely Cried Rape Convicted of Manslaughter

Academic Aggression · 3 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Woman's violence-by-proxy gets jail time. Are we reaching the point where we are now holding women accountable? I hope so! Excerpt:

'FORT WORTH, Texas — An Arlington woman who caused her lover's shooting death by falsely crying rape was found guilty Friday of involuntary manslaughter.

Tracy Denise Roberson, 37, cried slightly when the verdict was announced after jurors had deliberated for more than a day. The punishment phase was set for Monday, and she faces two to 20 years in prison.

In late 2006, Darrell Roberson came home from a late-night card game to find his scantily clad wife with another man in a pickup truck in the driveway. Tracy Roberson was with her lover but cried rape, and her husband fired four shots into the truck as Devin LaSalle was driving off, killing him.'

Canadian woman found guilty in Mexico treated as a queen in Canada

Saira · 3 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

We have been given yet another demonstration of Canada's feminist jurisprudence as a chartered government jet was sent to Mexico to fetch a convicted female criminal. She is now enjoying the facilities at the Grand Valley Club Fed for women. Maybe she will have another shot of becoming the prison queen as well? See the article and picture by Megan Smith, Sat. Apr. 12, 2008, called "Canadian prisoner Brenda Martin unwinds during beauty pageant"

She has been tried and found guilty in front of a court of competent jurisdiction, even if that court happens to be in Mexico. The only "evidence" of her innocence is her word alone.

Many Canadian men, who equally claim innocence, are languishing under horrendous conditions, including torture, in foreign, as well as Canadian, jails. I have yet to hear any of them having had their fines paid by the government, flown home in a private chartered jet, served cappucino and fresh fruit while being wished happy home coming. All curtesy of us taxpayers, mainly men.

Ironically, while the tear-jerking drama of the "abuse of justice in Mexico" was being played to the hilt, we also were privy to see Robert Baltovitch found not guilty of the murder of his girlfriend, for which he spent 8 years in jail. Her body has never been found. No-one offered him a cup of cappucino. Read an interview with the Premier of Ontario, Dalton McGuinty on this subject. Excerpt:

'... Paul Cook: "What about financial compensation. Would you consider offering Baltovich some form of compensation, even though he has not specifically requested it yet?"

Dalton McGuinty: "Well, again I'm sure that is something his lawyers are going to consider and I would be surprised if that kind of request was not forthcoming. Again, I think the responsible thing for us to do is carefully weigh that...again, I'll turn to my attorney general and say what do you think is appropriate in these kind of circumstances. As a society, from time to time, people get caught in our justice system here, through no fault of their own, so what we got to do is ask ourselves is how do we make this thing that went wrong right. That's fundamentally the question that the attorney-general's going to have to advise me on."'

Then read the treatment offered to Brenda Martin: "Martin back on Canadian soil" Fri, May 2, 2008 By JOE WARMINGTON, SUN MEDIA. Excerpt:

'TORONTO -- Fresh fruit and a cappuccino greeted Brenda Martin as she stepped onto the Canadian Challenger jet yesterday that brought her home from her two-year Mexican prison nightmare.

And moments after the wheels left Mexican soil Canadian officials also removed her handcuffs and told her to enjoy her flight to her homeland and eventual freedom.

... McTeague said if there is one lesson to be learned, it's to ensure Canada improves its consular structures and protocols for Canadians incarcerated abroad. ...
"She is going to get mental and physical help," said her mom. "And she needs it."'

Have a peep inside Grand Valley: Grand Valley Institution for Women (GVI). From the site:

'Grand Valley Institution was originally modeled on a "village" concept, with ten 8-inmate sloped-roof cottages surrounded by a grass lawn, and all the administrative services shared in a separate wing on the east side of the prison. Each cottage includes a public living room, dining room, porch, and kitchen, and a private laundry, study, and bathroom. The architecture resembles its strict programmatic division: administration, visitation, casework, gymnasium, education, and health care are all self-contained within their own units, and are all connected by a loggia that faces the common area outside. Instead of the traditional panoptical ring of cells surrounding a central

security and observation booth, the prison surrounds a multipurpose (politically-correct) chapel. According to the Architectural Record, the design involves light-filled corridors, sloped grounds, subdued colours, natural maple millwork, and indirect lighting, giving the facility an "uninstitutional" quality.

To promote self-sufficiency, prisoners in each cottage of Grand Valley cook their own food, and tend their own gardens. Because of self-sufficiency, a wooden infrastructure instead of a concrete infrastructure, and the potential higher level of inmate-pride in housekeeping, each unit costs 30% to 50% less than traditional penitentiary designs, according to Correctional Services Canada.'

The cost of housing an offender each year by security levels:
- Maximum security: $121,294
- Medium security: $80,545
- Minimum security and farms: $83,297
- *Women's facilities: $166,830*
- Average institution: $93,030
- Community correctional centres: $54,276
- Parole: $21,565
- Average community: $23,076
- Average cost of maintaining offender: $74,261

Source: Correctional Service of Canada

Police: Woman Flew To Upstate For Sex With Boy

napnip · 3 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From the story:

"PICKENS COUNTY, S.C. -- A 28-year-old woman has been indicted after deputies say she flew from Wisconsin to the Upstate to have sex with a 15-year-old boy.
...
The Attorney General said that Schneider started having conversations with the boy over the Internet and phone using Web cams and having telephone sex.

She eventually set up a time to meet the boy for sex, but his parents found out and had deputies arrest her when she came to the home."

HOKA HEY! Welcome back, Thundercloud!

Matt · 4 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I am happy and relieved to see Thundercloud has returned to the MANN site after a way-too-long hiatus, and not for cheerful reasons. Our friend was involved in a very bad motorcycle accident but has lived to tell about it. Old-timer regulars (no offense, guys!) of MANN will recall him and be glad I am sure to see him back, just as I am. And new regulars, well, he is one helluva great guy, as you will learn from his posts.

Thundercloud, you are all that! Welcome back to MANN!

-- Matt

Mother arrested after three babies found in basement freezer

AngryMan · 5 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The bodies of three infants have been found bundled into the freezer of a large family home in Germany, it was revealed today.

Police investigating the gruesome find said they were attempting to determine whether the children had been alive when they were put in the freezer.

A 44-year-old woman, believed to be the children's mother, has been arrested on suspicion of murder.'

PD James: Political correctness ruining society

AngryMan · 5 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Modern life is bedevilled by political correctness, PD James, the crime author, said last night.

There was a growing risk that Britons would live in "ghettos" and experience little contact with other people, she said in a speech on policing in the 21st century.
...
"Our society is now more fractured than I, in my long life, have ever known it.
...
"...And in our relationships we are bedevilled by the cult of political correctness."
...
It would be "unfortunate" if the police became "enamoured" of political correctness, which she described as "a pernicious if risible authoritarian attempt at linguistic and social control".'

RADAR ALERT: Ask NPR to Interview Neil Munro about his Article "Domestic Politics"

Matt · 5 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

National Public Radio offers a webpage in which the general public can suggest topics for NPR to cover.

The thesis of Neil Munro's April 7, 2008 National Journal article "Domestic Politics" - "The question of how to respond to family violence has become controversial, as ideology and research collide" - would be an excellent topic for NPR to cover, and Mr. Munro would be an excellent guest for one of their shows to talk about it.

Neil Munro specializes in the politics of science and the high-tech economy for National Journal. According to Wikipedia, "National Journal is a weekly magazine that reports on the current political environment and emerging political and policy trends.... It is read by members of Congress, Capitol Hill staffers, the White House, Executive Branch agencies, the media, think tanks, corporations, associations and lobbyists."

Please go to the NPR pitch page and kindly ask NPR to interview Neil Munro about his recent article "Domestic Politics." Include a link to the article (http://news.nationaljournal.com/articles/080407nj1.htm) and his e-mail address (nmunro-at-nationaljournal.com), but otherwise use your own words to entice NPR to do so.

NPR gives the following advice on pitching an idea:

* Surprise us. Like all journalists, we are looking for true stories, events or people that present something new, important and interesting to a nationwide audience.
* Is it for us? Would your story be more interesting to your neighbors than to people across the country? If so, contact the news department at your local NPR member station.
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* Be specific. Tell us why your story would interest our listeners: e.g., "For 100 years scientists have assumed they knew all the orders of insects. Biologist Jim Witherspoon has just proved them wrong."
* Give us a peg. Let us know whether the story is time-sensitive: e.g., "Witherspoon's story will be published in this week's edition of Insects Today." Or: "This would be a great story to run with the anniversary of the Smithsonian next month."
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Horray! Five years for homicidal false rape claim

SpikeRants · 6 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'FORT WORTH -- A Tarrant County jury sentenced Tracy Roberson to five years in prison because she made a false claim of rape that got her lover killed. Jurors deliberated two hours before reaching a decision on her sentence.'

Okay, not so "horray", but it's better than what her misandrist lawyer wanted: probation.

About time they start penalizing women for this.

Washington U. takes heat about honoring Schlafly

anthony · 7 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Washington University's decision to bestow an honorary degree on conservative political activist and author Phyllis Schlafly has stirred outrage among some students and faculty.
...
Mary Ann Dzuback, the director of the women and gender studies department at Washington University agreed, said it was "grossly inappropriate" for the university to honor Schlafly with a degree.

"She's spent her entire career speaking against women in the workforce and for them remaining in the home," Dzuback said of Schlafly, who rose to prominence during the successful campaign against the Equal Rights Amendment in the 1970s."

Mom Regains Custody Of Pot Smoking Toddler

dooquidis4ever · 7 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. If a father had been videotaped encouraging his toddler to smoke pot, he would never be able to visit his kid again! Excerpt:

'The three adults were all smoking marijuana inside a Menomonee Falls home, but it wasn't the drugs that got them in trouble. It was what police found on one of their cell phones.

The cell phone video shows a 2-year-old boy taking a marijuana blunt and smoking. The video shows his mother's friends teaching him how to do it.

...
Weber is taking parenting classes, but she still has custody of the boy.

Weber's attorney says his client has maintained complete sobriety since her arrest last fall. "She is gainfully employed and has been doing everything in her power to better her life and the life of her son."'

Men are losing jobs...what is happening to us?

jim4146 · 8 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Folks, I came across this story, surprisingly, on MSN.

As much as I hate saying it, perhaps it has to get real bad for men to prod us into the kind of revolt needed to force changes in our system. How much longer? Excerpt:

'They eat from the same dishes and sleep in the same beds, but they seem to be operating in two different economies. From last November through this April, American women aged 20 and up gained nearly 300,000 jobs, according to the household survey of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. At the same time, American men lost nearly 700,000 jobs. You might even say American men are in recession, and American women are not.

What's going on? Simply put, men have the misfortune of being concentrated in the two sectors that are doing the worst — manufacturing and construction. Women are concentrated in sectors that are still growing, such as education and health care.'

MSN: "8 Things She Hates About You"

WakeUp · 8 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

More and more double-standards in relationship articles show up when I log out of Hotmail.

From the article: "And we women can continue not telling you why we're mad, because we'll figure, "Hey, he should know already!" Besides, who said this would be fair?"

From the article: "If he wants to come on to me, he needs to ditch his gross dress socks and gym clothes and make an effort. Otherwise he ain't getting any."

From the article: "When it so happens that we're the one who wants sex and you're the one who doesn't, we find your refusal to be confusing and irritating. Reassure us that we're attractive and that you love us, but that you just aren't in the mood. It helps to throw out a hint at what's going on--that you're tired, depressed, anxious at work, whatever, says Aline Zoldbrod, Ph.D., a Boston-area psychologist. That way we won't obsess or be too pouty or aggressive. If we happen to be fresh off a girls' night out liquored up and ready for sex, which you're refusing, tread extra carefully. Horny can change to emotional, crying wreckage very quickly when your girl has a couple of glasses of Prosecco in her."

She feels entitled to deny sex when she wants, but to receive it when she wants, too. If he refuses he is expected to say how he feels about it and explain what is wrong after she made the point that she has the right to be unfair and not express herself to he knows what's up. I can not find a single reason why both shouldn't communicate and be understanding of what they hear from the other one.

Study: Stay-at-Home Mom Worth Nearly $117,000 a Year

anthony · 9 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here:

If a stay-at-home mom could be compensated in dollars rather than personal satisfaction and unconditional love, she'd rake in a nifty sum of nearly $117,000 a year.

That's according to a pre-Mother's Day study released Thursday by Salary.com, a Waltham, Mass.-based firm that studies workplace compensation.

The eighth annual survey calculated a mom's market value by studying pay levels for 10 job titles with duties that a typical mom performs, ranging from housekeeper and day care center teacher to van driver, psychologist and chief executive officer.

This year, the annual salary for a stay-at-home mom would be $116,805, while a working mom who also juggles an outside job would get $68,405 for her motherly duties.

Ed note: No mention is made of what's men's unpaid work is worth. One can imagine that plumbing, auto repair, carpentry, painting, and landscaping work would add up pretty quickly too.

MSN Encarta: Boys vs. Girls Maximizing Your Child's Potential

WakeUp · 9 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here about segregation in classrooms based on gender.

From the article: "According to Gurian, at the elementary school level, for example, boys tend to lag in language arts (history, social studies and reading)."

From the article: "Many teachers also have caught on to the advantages of letting boys be boys, which means encouraging physical movement. Short of letting them run screaming through the school yard, teachers can assign boys tasks, such as passing out papers or cleaning the chalkboard. If you have an especially active son, ask the teacher if he can play with a softball while working at his desk."

From the article: "Girls especially benefit from the mixing of methods, and teachers can change things up in the classroom, encouraging writing, role-playing and other activities -- even in math classes -- to help girls absorb the material."

What's next? Back to white kids in one room and black kids in another? Which race would have to clean the chalkboard and pass out papers?

Also, this article makes boys with A.D.D. sound like stupid cats with a balls of yarn who need to be distracted while girls need to he helped. Why not actually help the boys, too, AND teach the kids to play nicely in mixed classes?

Arizona Teacher Gets Six Months in Jail for Sex With Student

dooquidis4ever · 9 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

dooquidis4ever submitted this article noting a lenient six-month sentence for a female high school teacher who was charged with 17 counts of sexual conduct with a minor. At least she won't be able to return to teaching again, as she gave up her teaching certificate as part of this plea deal - one which a male teacher no doubt would never have been offered.

Feminists sharply divided between Clinton, Obama

anthony · 10 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"No constituency is more eager to see a woman win the presidency than America's feminists, yet — despite Hillary Rodham Clinton's historic candidacy — the women's movement finds itself wrenchingly divided over the Democratic race as it heads toward the finish."

"At breakfast forums, in op-ed columns, across the blogosphere, the debate has been heartfelt and sometimes bitter. Are the activist women supporting front-runner Barack Obama betraying their gender? Are Clinton's feminist backers mired in an outdated, women's-liberation mind-set?"

"We're squandering an opportunity to be seen as a voting bloc that turns elections," Feldt said. "Unless we are working together, in a strategically thought-out effort to vote in our own best interests, we are in danger of never having another election where people will say women can determine the outcome."

Ed note: Given that women make up an ever increasing majority of voters, how can one say women do not determine the outcome of elections?

Woman gets only 15 years (with parole) for stabbing boyfriend to death

tac0965 · 11 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

How can a woman who stabs her boyfriend to death...AND....has stabbed him on two previous occasions get charged with only 2nd degree murder? You got it...she says that he approached her in a "threatening" manner. A man would have gotten LWOP'd for doing the same thing to his girlfriend. By the way, in Nebraska she can get patrolled after serving only half of the lower term (3.75 years). Excerpt:

'Trial testimony indicated the pair had argued over Porter's desire to attend a party, a statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office said. Grant admitted stabbing Porter, saying he was approaching her in a menacing manner.

Evidence showed that the couple had a "turbulent relationship" and that Grant had stabbed Porter on two previous occasions and had threatened to stab him three other times, the statement said.'

Gang of girls 'blew up house with home-made bomb over row about boy'

AngryMan · 11 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A gang of teenage girls may have blown up a house with a home-made liquid bomb, which killed a man in a neighbouring property, after arguing with another girl about a love rival.

Purple liquid was poured through the letterbox of the Victorian house before the an explosion destroyed three houses.

Their intended victim, Charlotte Anderson, was caught in the blast and was rushed to intensive care suffering with severe burns.'

Daughter fails test, dad goes to prison

patriotsofamerica · 11 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A northern Kentucky man is in jail today – serving a 180-day sentence – because his 18-year-old daughter failed a math test and didn't get her General Equivalency Diploma, or GED, as a previous court order required.

Brittany Gegner, the daughter, says if anyone should be jailed, it should be her.

"It's like I should, if anybody should be punished for this," Brittany told WCPO-TV in Cincinnati. "I would way rather me go to jail than my dad."'

It seems to me that anything that can be thought up to put a father/man in jail is being done. A father does not even have to commit a perceived crime to be put in jail anymore. Will this ever end? What's next I am afraid to ask?

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Fire-bombs, mugging and gang warfare - just what has gone wrong with girls?

AngryMan · 12 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'For several years, there has been a disturbing rise in the number of girls committing violent crimes at ever younger ages.

Last month, rival girl gangs used snooker balls in socks to batter each other in a mass brawl at a railway station at Shoreham, West Sussex.

In March, a 15-year-old girl was jailed for using a mobile phone to film two drunken teenage male friends beating a man to death in Keighley, West Yorkshire.

Last October, a gang of teenage girls stoned a 72-year-old woman and forced her into a busy road, leaving her with a broken nose and two black eyes.

There has also been a string of murders committed by girls, often sickeningly sadistic.

In 1999, for example, two 15-year-old girls murdered 71-year-old Lily Lilley, binding her mouth so tightly that her false teeth were pushed down her throat and giggling as they wheeled her body through the streets before throwing it into a canal.

In the same year, a girl gang was found guilty of murdering mentally-ill Angela Pearce after torturing her. And so on.'

'Mentally ill' cannabis mother released by social services to stab two-year-old daughter to death

Anonymous · 12 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Old Bailey judge today criticised social workers after a mother stabbed her young daughter to death days after a police doctor raised questions over her mental health.

Galtricia Ntsimbi, 23, was left to knife two-year-old Trycia Balhous five times before turning the blade on herself.
...
Ntsimbi arrived in London from Paris in late 2006 after splitting from her partner, who claimed she was "unhinged from reality."

He had reported his former lover's state of mind after he had seen her throw the baby against a wall and heard a knife banging on the floor. But French authorities refused him custody of the child and granted it instead to Ntsimbi.'

RADAR ALERT: NY's Restraining Order Bill – Orwellian Law to Ensnare the Innocent

Matt · 12 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

One of the founding principles of the U.S., espoused by Benjamin Franklin, is that it is better that one hundred guilty persons should escape than that one innocent person should suffer. Others such as Pol Pot believed the unjust punishment of innocent citizens is inconsequential so long as the guilty do not escape.1

A bill before the New York State Assembly, which reportedly has wide support, would require every individual subject to a restraining order to wear an electronic monitoring device so the state can track them at all times.2,3 Leaving aside fears of a coming surveillance state, the proposed legislation ignores a fundamental problem with DV restraining orders – the large number of them that are unwarranted.

Considered in conjunction with the low standard of proof required for issuing a restraining order, this proposal does such violence to the principles of due process that it undermines the very foundation of a free society. The restraining order process circumvents the ordinary protections intended to protect the innocent. The standard of proof is not "beyond a reasonable doubt" but merely "a preponderance of the evidence". A restraining order is issued if a judge believes there's a 51% chance that the accusation is true.

Not long ago, the accusation of a deluded fan who thought NY resident David Letterman was harassing her telepathically was sufficient for a judge to issue a temporary restraining order against him. For anyone without Letterman's resources, the temporary restraining order would almost certainly have been made permanent.

A great many people targeted by restraining orders are not the monstrous brutes Hollywood would have us believe, but are rather innocent victims of the scorched earth tactics that are all too common among divorce attorneys.

- In the Illinois Bar Journal, attorney Thomas Kasper speaks of restraining orders being used as "part of the gamesmanship of divorce."
- Elaine Epstein, former president of the Massachusetts Bar Association, has warned, "Everyone knows that restraining orders and orders to vacate are granted to virtually all who apply ... In many cases, allegations of abuse are now used for tactical advantage."

But surely judges who are sworn to uphold the Constitution will give the accused a fair hearing, won't they? Consider this – How fair a hearing can one expect from any judge who's been through a training like the one in which the instructor, Judge Richard Russell, was caught on tape telling family law judges:

"Your job is not to weigh the parties' rights as you might be inclined to do. Your job is not to become concerned about all the constitutional rights of the man that you're violating as you grant a restraining order. Throw him out on the street, give him the clothes on his back and tell him, 'See ya' around.' ... we don't have to worry about the rights."

How many other trainings like this, that weren't caught on tape, have polluted family law judges' concept of justice?

Less than half of restraining orders involve an allegation of any violence, according to a study by the Massachusetts Trial Court. RADAR estimates that in the U.S. every year, half of the roughly 2-3 million restraining orders issued are not based on even an allegation of physical violence.4

Thus a great percentage of restraining orders are issued against innocent people. And now the New York State Assembly wants to require all those innocents to wear an electronic monitoring device 24 hours a day, and no matter how uncomfortable these devices are, if they should "tamper" with it in any way they'll instantly become felons.

New York legislators face a stark choice: fashion New York law according to Pol Pot's vision or according to

Benjamin Franklin's.

Please tell the leaders of the New York State Assembly that a huge percentage of all restraining orders issued are issued against innocent people. Ask them to oppose Assembly Bill A05424 and Senate Bill S04796.

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men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Freedom for woman who kept trying to kill disabled husband

Anonymous · 13 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who tried repeatedly to kill her disabled husband was spared a prison sentence after a court accepted that she had been unable to cope with the strain of caring for him.

Shirley Watts, 61, first tried to strangle her husband, Michael, with a dressing gown cord on Christmas Day last year. Over the following three days she put a pillow over his face, held his head under water in the bath and put a running shower hose into his mouth.'

Labor Strike For Men's/Father's Rights: Do you really want to make a difference or just talk about it?

rexx123456 · 13 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Many Men's rights organizations talk about how they are tired of the anti-male U.S. justice system along with it's family courts. But, non of them seem to have a likely solution to all this bullshit.

It seems like no matter what any man does even as a group, the lawmakers of this country (the U.S.) continue to pass more anti-male laws and continue to let feminism and misandry thrive in the media as well as the court system.

Here is my idea:

If men’s rights groups across the country where to plan a nationwide men’s labor strike as a move to persuade lawmakers and big media to stop badgering us while ignoring our issues, do you think it is worth a try? Many labor unions have had there members go on a labor strike in order to get wage increases, better benefits, etc. and plenty have been successful at it. Sometimes the threat of crippling a company, industry or region and hurting the bottom line of big business (which in turn may affect some politician’s pockets) is the only way to get someone’s attention.

If you have never heard of the Men's Rights Movement or think that things are just fine the way they are because they do not effect you... then you must be on CRACK.

There are even plenty of women who are skeptical of the way the U.S. treats its hard working, self sacrificing men. So this is not just some misogynist ploy.

This is important for you, the sanctity of your family, your brother, sons, and grandsons.

Everyday this issue gets worse and we must ban together to try to stop it. If you think that you cannot make a difference, then you have already failed. Remember the proposal over the internet regarding a possible gas strike. The plan involved millions of citizens across the U.S. to fill up their tanks the day before and not purchase any gas for one entire day. The purpose of this plan would have been to stop gas prices from rising so fast. It would have definitely hit big oil's bottom line.

So why didn't this plan get carried out?

Because plenty of Americans thought the idea was "stupid" and would not work. It's notions like these that support how Big Business, Big Media and Foreign Suppliers think of Americans... that we are gullible people who are too stupid to organize and stand up for what we know is wrong and fight to have it corrected. The same goes for the men's movement and how the U.S. senate and politicians react to our issues as men. They KNOW that we are to absorbed in our money, chasing after women, violence on each other and football - basically not having the intelligence it takes to organize.

And, they are RIGHT. But you can change all of this, YES YOU. Imagine if every single man who thinks he can't make a difference decides to give this a shot, IMAGINE THAT.

Please send me your responses to tmfcomm-at-optonline.net or post them on this forum. I would like to know what you think.

James

US: Anonymous rape tests are going nationwide

Matt · 13 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ELKTON, Md. (AP) - Starting next year across the country, rape victims too afraid or too ashamed to go to police can undergo an emergency-room forensic rape exam, and the evidence gathered will be kept on file in a sealed envelope in case they decide to press charges.
...
The practice is already followed at some health clinics, colleges and hospitals around the country and by the state of Massachusetts. But many other jurisdictions refuse to cover the estimated $800 cost of a forensic rape exam unless the victim files a police report.
...
"Of course we encourage reporting. That's what we would like. But when they're adamant they don't want to report—if we think, `She's going to walk out if she has to go through with this,'—that's when we offer it," Lenz said.'

NCFM speaks at Torrance High School on DV to rebut feminist presentation to students

Marc A. · 14 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

On May 13, 2008, National Coalition of Free Men members Marc Angelucci, Harry Crouch and Fred Sottile (also the Los Angeles rep of Fathers4Justice) were invited speakers at Torrance High School in Los Angeles County, where they spoke before 30 members of the student body government about male victims of domestic violence and other issues. This was a counter to the presentation previously given to the students by a feminist domestic violence shelter organization that distorted the issue and falsely told the students 95% of domestic violence is male-on-female, a myth that is not supported by any current credible data at all.

After the feminist presentation, a father of one of the students was outraged by the misinformation given to his son, so he contacted NCFM, who helped him stage a small protest outside the school and speak at the school board and city council meetings. As a result, the school invited NCFM to present the other side. NCFM discussed the experiences of male victims and why they are neglected and covered up for political and ideological reasons, handed out studies on dating violence including those linked below, explained the history and politics surrounding the problem and why covering up half the violence actually fosters the intergenerational cycle of violence even more. The students were receptive, and some were outspokenly supportive. NCFM also briefly introduced issues like paternity fraud and false accusations of abuse as forms of domestic violence, and briefly introduced other men's issues as well and the men's rights movement overall. NCFM handed out NCFM's flyers and other materials, as well as the following studies/articles:

Science Daily, Male And Female Adolescents Equally Victims Of Physical Dating Violence, Study Shows (11/12/07)

California State University (Long Beach) bibliography by Professor Martin Fiebert (page 1) http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm

University of New Hampshire, Men are More Likely Than Women to Be Victims in Dating Violence, UNH Expert Says

Journal of Adolescent Health, Gender Differences in Dating Aggression Among Multiethnic High School Students (5/08).

Thank you to all who helped out and donated toward the travel costs, and to Dennis, the father of the Torrance High School student, who contacted NCFM made it all happen.

FOXNews: 10 Sex Mistakes Women Make

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You wanted it. So I'm giving it to you. When "The Top 10 Mistakes Men Make" ran a couple of weeks ago, readers were like: "Fair enough. But what about the mistakes women make?"

No worries, we're not leaving the ladies off the hook. From getting sloppy with seduction to carnal constraints, women, too, make some errors with the erotic.

...

7. Trash-talking other women.

Sure, you think she looks like a prostitute. But guess what? He does too — and is most likely loving it. Putting down other women in front of him serves as no more than a sign of insecurity. And that makes you unattractive. Rather than worry about what another gal looks like, focus your energies on keeping his eyes on you.

8. Assuming you'll be monogamous.

You're not monogamous till you have the talk. Having sex is no guarantee of anything, including reciprocal feelings, love, and a future. So don't make any assumptions. Be honest about what you want. Don't use sex manipulatively. Head games should stay below the belt.'

Man Claims Jet Blue Forced Him To Sit In Bathroom to Accomodate Uncomfortable Stewardess

anthony · 14 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Manhattan man is suing JetBlue, claiming he was forced to sit in an airplane bathroom for hours during a cross-country flight.

Gokhan Mutlu was flying standby from San Diego to New York in February.

He says he had a seat initially, but was woken up 90 minutes into the flight. He says the pilot told him that he would have to give his seat up to a flight attendant, who had complained that her jump seat was uncomfortable.'

National Groups Want Judge In GED Case Removed

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Here's some more information on the father in jail because his daughter failed the GED. Excerpt:

"There's a new development regarding a Butler County juvenile court judge's controversial ruling.

Judge David Niehaus sentenced Brian Gegner to six-months in jail because his daughter didn't get her GED.

Two groups, the National Coalition of Free Men, and the California Alliance for Families and Children want the judge removed from the case."

Teacher Arrested for 'Cruelty' to Third-Grade Boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

"The parents of a student at East Iberville School filed a complaint against 46-year-old Julie Landry of Plaquemine, accusing her of forcing their son to unclog a restroom toilet with his hands May 7th.

Landry has been placed on leave with pay."

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Ed. note: Notice the quotes around the word 'cruelty' in the headline. Notice also how short the story is. Would it be like this if this had been a female student, and especially if it were a female student and a male teacher?

Action alert to help father jailed because daughter failed to get her GED

johndias · 14 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The California Alliance for Families and Children today issued the following action alert:

CAFC ACTION ALERT UPDATE

This Monday we saw an incredible story thanks to Glenn Sacks' newsletter about a father in Ohio who was jailed for 6 months due to the failure of his daughter to pass a GED test. This was in spite of the fact the daughter was now an adult, 18 years old, and was staying with her mother for the past two years during her problems with school.

The story was almost too unbelievable to be true and the injustice overwhelming. After scanning the media, we could not find anybody talking about the story and its gross injustice -- we felt compelled to act. At 3 p.m. on Monday the California Alliance sent out a press release to all of the major news outlets calling for a national protest and removal of the judge from the case.

One day later, Tuesday, the story exploded on the national media scene with over 240 news articles and newscasts including all of the major markets.

This Friday a rehearing will be held at the request of the father's attorney.

A Call to Action

Our thanks to those of you who responded to our initial calls to action. As a result we have a national discussion of the actions of this judge and his outrageous actions. **CAFC has also been in contact with the Senate and Assembly members** for the districts covering Butler County **in addition to the Governor of Ohio**.

We now urge all of you to contact the Court and Governor to urge the judge to end this blatant injustice. Judges need to know that gross injustice will not be tolerated.

Judge David J. Niehaus
Phn: 513-887-3318
Fax: 513-887-5592

Governor Strickland:
http://www.governor.ohio.gov:80/Default.aspx?tabid=448
Phn: 614-466-3555
Fax: 614-466-9354

American housewives not-so-desperate after all: 1 in 3 having affairs

Matt · 15 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The survey, "Sex and the American Mom," revealed that 34% of these married moms is in the midst of, or has already had, an affair. Think of three married moms you know and ask yourself, "Which one is cheating?" We tried this and Colleen came up empty. Taylor could think of one or two, but not one out of three--that number seems staggering. Are we just naïve? In the dark? Out of touch? Which of our friends has managed to stray without anyone knowing (and when do they find the time and where they hell do they go?)?

Another somewhat mind-blowing result of this survey was that 77% of the respondents said they want more sex. That's more than three quarters of the 30,000 women asked who said they aren't getting enough. Again, we ask, who are these people? And are we to conclude that so many stray because they are not sexually satisfied?

Cheating seems to be a direct result of not getting what you need, be it sex, attention, openness, what have you. If there is a void, and it can be filled by someone else, chances are it will be. Affairs used to almost guarantee a trip to divorce court. Today, however, the "cheatee" might experience a sense of betrayal, but the "cheater" is not necessarily stigmatized socially, and often both agree to at least attempt reconciliation. It has even been viewed as a "wake-up call" -- one that can actually save a marriage, with each person expressing a sense of shared blame.'

A "wake-up call" with each person expressing a share in the blame. Translation: It's OK when women do it and really, it's the husband's fault. When HE does it however...

Amber alert issued for missing 10-month-old boy, taken from hospital by non-custodial mother

johndias · 15 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"California police have issued an Amber Alert for a 10-month-old boy believed to have been taken by his mother from the Children's Hospital of Orange.

Officials believe Alakahi Thompson was taken by his mother, Ida Marybel Torres, on Wednesday night. Alakahi's father has legal custody of the child.
...
Torres is described as a 5-foot-4, 125-pound Hispanic woman with brown hair and eyes. She is believed to be driving a rented silver Chrysler Sebring with the California license plate 6AHA682.
...
Anyone with information as to the child and Torres' whereabouts are asked to call the Orange County Sheriff's Office at 714-744-7444."

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

UK: Breasts not for looking but pecs are okay

AngryMan · 16 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It is perfectly legal to ogle a man's chest but not a woman's breasts, according to an unusual ruling on what constitutes voyeurism by a panel of leading judges at the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Only women's breasts can be regarded as "private parts", whereas the male chest – even if the male in question has man breasts, or "moobs" as they are known – cannot, the judges say.

The distinction between the sexual status of the female and male chest area was made during the quashing of a conviction for voyeurism at a public swimming pool.'

Cleared by DNA for rape, man tries to reclaim his life

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Story here. Excerpt:

'James Woodard is slowly returning to life. He is starting over after spending 27 years behind bars. He was wrongly imprisoned and cleared by DNA.
...
He may be free, but he doesn't have his life back yet -- or even proof of his life. He crisscrosses the city looking for the birth certificate. Watch Woodard make the rounds

He can't open a bank account with a prison-issued I.D. He can't get a state I.D. card without a birth certificate or Social Security card. It's not easy starting over. Woodard calls it an "adventure."

Woodard was convicted of raping and murdering his girlfriend in 1981 and sentenced to life in prison. He was released on April 29, the 17th Dallas County inmate to be exonerated by DNA testing.
...
The Innocence Project is a national litigation and public policy organization, based in New York, dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted people through DNA testing. Its Texas branch has been instrumental in handling the Dallas cases.'

New Zealand: Boys about to catch up with top scholars

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Late maturity and competitiveness may explain why boys are narrowing the academic divide when it comes to Scholarship exams.

And the head of a successful all- boys college says single-sex education better serves boys because their self-belief is not dented by seeing girls win more awards.

Girls consistently outperform boys at all three levels of the National Certificate of Educational Achievement, but latest Scholarship figures show the top male pupils are fighting back."

Male Circumcision Ineffective in HIV Battle According to Future HIV Therapy Report

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Circumcision proponents, hailing from English-speaking countries, have been intensely lobbying world health agencies to adopt male circumcision as an additional HIV-prevention tool based on the release of three African randomized clinical trials reporting reduced HIV infections during their study periods.

Many sources of data contradict the claim that circumcision protects against HIV. The United States has one of the highest rates of circumcision and HIV infection in the developed world. European nations, which rarely practice circumcision, have very low rates of HIV. Numerous regions in Africa show higher rates of HIV in circumcised populations compared to uncircumcised populations.

For example, 2004 data from Lesotho show HIV infection of 15 percent for uncircumcised males and 23 percent for circumcised males. A 2007 study showed that, once commercial sex worker patterns were taken into consideration, circumcision status was irrelevant in HIV infection rates."

Father to Be Freed From Jail After Daughter Fails to Get GED

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A judge says he will release a man who was jailed last week for failing to make sure his daughter earned her high school equivalency diploma.

Butler County Juvenile Court Judge David Niehaus' decision Friday would let Brian Gegner out of jail if his 18-year-old daughter Brittany attends a GED preparatory class and schedules the test before the next court date.

Gegner received a 180-day sentence for contributing to the unruliness or delinquency of a minor.

He had been ordered months ago to make sure his daughter, who has a history of truancy, received her GED — something that hasn't happened yet. His daughter has said it's not fair that her father was punished for her behavior."

R.I. Woman Convicted of Killing 3-Year-Old Nephew for Making a Mess

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who beat her 3-year-old nephew after she came home from a night of drinking to find a mess in her Woonsocket home has been convicted of murder.

Katherine Bunnell was convicted of second-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder Friday for the 2004 death of Thomas "T.J" Wright. The jury in Providence Superior Court began deliberating three days earlier.

She was found not guilty of first-degree murder.

Sentencing was set for July 16, and she faces 10 years to life in prison.

Bunnell's defense attorney had argued that while she hit the toddler, her live-in boyfriend, Gilbert Delestre, delivered the fatal wounds. Delestre also is charged and will be tried separately."

Chemist gets life for husband's acid vat murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FRESNO, California (AP) -- A biochemist was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole Friday for killing her estranged husband by knocking him out and stuffing him into a vat of acid, possibly while he was still alive.

Larissa Schuster was convicted in December of murdering Timothy Schuster with the special circumstance that the murder was committed for financial gain. At the time of his death in July 2003, the Schusters were in the middle of a divorce after nearly 20 years of marriage.

Just days after Timothy Schuster was reported missing, his half-dissolved remains -- intact from only the belt buckle down -- were found inside a 55-gallon barrel concealed in a storage unit his wife had rented.

Kristin Schuster, the couple's adult daughter, told the judge that she felt safer knowing her mother would be behind bars.'

News Busters: Are Men as Dumb as the Media Say We Are?

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Article here. Excerpt:

"In today's media, anti-male sexism is the rule far more than anti-female sexism. Whether it's calling men "idiots," creating smart mom/stupid dad TV shows, publishing books with titles like "Are Men Necessary," our culture is full of what some scholars are calling the "WAW effect," short for Women are Wonderful. These days, it's tough to catch a break if you're an unapologetic male."

Scotland: Crimes of violence by women 'on the rise'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MORE women are committing violent offences including organising knife attacks on other women, Scotland's top law officer told MSPs yesterday.

Elish Angiolini, the Lord Advocate, said that in the past young women were more likely to have been "collaborators" with their boyfriends, hiding weapons and cleaning up after attacks, but were now carrying knives of their own.

...

Ms Angiolini said: "Many women are not just simply the collaborators, going along with a dominant male partner, being an accessory, carrying knives for boyfriends, assisting in cleaning up after a murder, hiding weapons etc – but are actually prime movers in some cases."

She continued: "We have seen some appalling acts of torture by women against women, we have seen increasing signs of groups of young girls using knives, against predominantly other young girls."'

Thaindian News: Most female child molesters are victims of abuse themselves

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Most female child abusers have themselves been victims of sexual abuse, says a new study.

The finding, published in the April issue of the Journal of Interpersonal Violence, has the potential to help break the cycle of abuse by improving treatment for offenders and their young victims.

Strickland said the sexual abuse of minors by women has been largely ignored by the general public, the legal system and by academic researchers.

Many people believe that women are not capable of committing such acts, she said, and the abuse of boys by women is often dismissed as the boys sowing their oats or even being lucky.

The truth is that both boys and girls are molested by female perpetrators and these victims often suffer a myriad of consequences affecting their sexuality, relationships and beliefs about themselves and others.'

FOX: Postpartum Depression: It Happens to Dads, Too

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Article here. Excerpt:

"During my sixteen years practicing psychiatry I have treated dozens of men experiencing major depression after fathering a child. These men have come to my office with symptoms like low mood, tearfulness, decreased self-esteem, impaired sleep and decreased concentration. Some have even struggled with suicidal ideation. It was enough to make me suggest to my publisher a year or so ago that we consider my writing a book on male postpartum depression.

Now, my clinical experiences have been borne out by a scientific study from the Center for Pediatric Research at the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk. Dr. James Paulson and his colleagues found that about 10 percent of new fathers displayed symptoms of major depression, far more than the three to five percent of men in the general population who suffer with the condition.

For the men I treated, becoming fathers represented far-ranging changes in their views of themselves. Many felt ill equipped psychologically or economically or both to be valuable to a child. For some, the birth of a child had made them dwell on their own fractured relationships with their dads. For others, becoming a father made them feel as though their sex lives would be forever changed or even non-existent, lost in the translation from coupling to parenting."

Ohio Council for Fathers Rights Prepares for 'Dead Beat Dad' Lawsuit

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A parental rights group says it is mounting a lawsuit against the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department for listing 'dead beat parents' on its website. The "Ohio Council for Fathers Rights" says it wants to sue for libel and character defamation. Local 12's Angela Ingram spoke with the group that says some parents are unfairly targeted.

The group says this list doesn't make a distinction between people who really don't make any effort to pay a dime of child support and parents who have fallen on hard times. The list seems to go on... and on. They are names of men and women who owe back child support, and now, they're on the sheriff's website. But, it's the label "deadbeat" that a parental rights group says amounts to libel."

Australia: Teacher dismissed for "secret affair" with boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A TEACHER at a West Australian Christian school had a secret sexual relationship with a teenage student for six months before the boy's girlfriend raised the alarm last month, police said yesterday.

The woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, is alleged to have had the sexual relationship with the boy, who was a student at the school in the state's southwest where she taught, from July last year, when he was 14, to January this year.

...

She has been charged with four counts of sexual penetration of a child between the ages of 13 and 16."

Video: No Jail For Woman Who Stabbed Boyfriend During 'Rough' Sex

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The video debates whether this situation is an accident or assault. Reverse the genders, the man does significant jail time.

RADAR ALERT: Mission Critical! Stop I-VAWA in its Tracks Now!!

Matt · 19 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA) has been introduced in the U.S House of Representatives. I-VAWA has an innocent-sounding name that belies a radical social agenda and will export the failed polices of VAWA. Under the guise of curbing domestic violence, I-VAWA would also:

1. Harm families around the world by promoting American rates of divorce and single parent homes.
2. Impose radical cultural imperialism by coercing other countries to adopt harmful programs that have nothing to do with domestic violence. As one example, I-VAWA pushes an ideological Western conception of reproductive rights on countries that have very strong cultural and religious traditions.
3. Create a new federal 'super-agency' that would control many aspects of U.S. foreign policy.
4. Promote failed economic programs such as "comparable worth" where wages are decided by unelected government cronies.
5. Funnel millions of taxpayer money to ideologically-driven organizations such as Legal Momentum (N.O.W.'s Legal Defense Fund), to the tune of $175 million a year.

For more information go to http://mediaradar.org#ivawa200801

It is much easier to stop new legislation than modify existing legislation. If we can show real grassroots opposition we can defeat this bill. Congressman Howard Berman (D-Ca) Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs is the sponsor of I-VAWA.

A common strategy in passing bills is to have the Chairman of a committee sponsor the bill and then get the ranking member from the other party to co-sponsor the bill. The ranking member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs is Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen's (R -Fla). She has not signed up to be a co-sponsor of the bill and we need to keep it that way.

We are asking everybody to contact Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen's (R -Fla) and ask her to oppose I-VAWA bill # H.R. 5927. Her contact info is:
Phone: 202-225-3931
Fax: 202-225-5620

Please phone or fax her and use any or all of the reasons above to make your case. If you are from Florida please mention this in the call. As always be polite and courteous.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Equal Parenting Trek Makes Front Page of Detroit News

Matt · 19 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Robert Pedersen was devastated three years ago when a divorce judge said he could see his two children only a few days a month.

Pedersen's divorce agreement now includes long weekends, a Wednesday overnight visit and half of summers, holidays and spring breaks with his children. It's almost enough time to make him feel that he can provide an equal amount of parenting to his kids.

Michigan law recommends that custody decisions be based on which parent has been the primary caregiver unless it can be shown that another arrangement is more appropriate, but Pedersen and other noncustodial parents are fighting to modify the law so joint physical custody becomes the norm. They view equal parenting access as a civil rights issue, but opponents say equal time isn't always best for children.'

MAJOR KUDOS TO ALL INVOLVED!

Research suggests women uninterested in careers in hard science, engineering and IT

Xlp Thlplylp · 19 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This article discusses recent studies indicating that, on the average, women select themselves out of careers in the hard sciences, engineering and information technology.

For example, one study, published in the Journal of Economic Psychology in November 2007, found that "...personal preference was the single largest determinative factor in whether women went into IT." The study found that that "preference accounted for about two-thirds of the gender imbalance" in information technology.

Another study of mathematically precocious men and women found that men were "much more likely to go into engineering or physical sciences than women," whereas women "were more likely to go into careers in medicine, biological sciences, humanities, and social sciences."

CNN: DNA cleared them, but they'll never feel free

anthony · 19 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DALLAS, Texas (CNN) -- Wiley Fountain is homeless just five years after he walked out of prison an innocent man. He is one of the 17 men wrongfully convicted in Dallas County, Texas, then cleared by DNA evidence.

He was one of the lucky few to receive financial compensation from the state, but the $190,000 or so that made it into his pocket is long gone.

For awhile, Fountain wandered the streets of Dallas, looking for aluminum cans to trade in for cash. He earned the occasional meal by cleaning the parking lot of a restaurant. At night he had nowhere to go.

Blackburn said these wrongly convicted men get "a double-whammy screw job." He said there's little help from the government to transition back into society and they're still viewed as criminals once they're out of prison.'

Please vote in survey on Equal Parenting Rights, and special thanks

Anonymous · 20 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Please vote here as soon as possible.

Detroit News also saw the traffic, comment, etc and moved the online story to not only the news section but also on the Detroit News homepage. Thank you! Help us make #1 story by 12EST see home page - On the right side "Most Popular" (http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/frontpage)

Also, because of the traffic online, comments, survey votes Detroit News has added yet another box to the right of the article titled “More information”. Prior to this they only had the “related content” box. They also linked to the DC Rally as well.

Those who have helped out so far with comments, traffic, survey votes, etc need to be commended for seeing the value in acting promptly. Your wisdom is greatly appreciated.

If you have not yet helped with this please feel free to help out as soon as you can. Special thanks to all! This media “win” has grown into more of our information being seen by those who are unaware of our struggles.

29% of US men are domestic abuse victims

arindamp · 20 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON: Almost a third of men have been victims of domestic violence, though their trauma is often hidden and understudied — just as in the case of women 10 years ago, according to a new study.

The American study, which involved phone interviews with over 400 randomly sampled adult males, came up with some surprising findings.

As many as five percent of the men had experienced domestic violence in the past year, 10% in the past five years, and 29% over their lifetimes.'

Also see article here.

Erectile dysfunction warns of worse problems

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Men with diabetes already know that erectile dysfunction can be a distressing side effect of the illness, adding insult to injury for about 80 percent of those who have the disease.

But sexual symptoms may also signal problems that go beyond impaired intimacy, according to new research that shows diabetic men who struggle with impotence face twice the risk for potentially deadly heart problems.

In fact, erectile dysfunction can predict cardiovascular troubles that include chest pain, heart attack, stroke — and death, according to two new studies published in the latest issue of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology."

New York Times: Girls' Gains Have Not Cost Boys, Report Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The American Association of University Women, whose 1992 report on how girls are shortchanged in the classroom caused a national debate over gender equity, has turned its attention to debunking the idea of a "boys' crisis."

"Girls' gains have not come at boys' expense," says a new report by the group, to be released on Tuesday in Washington.

...

"Many people remain uncomfortable with the educational and professional advances of girls and women, especially when they threaten to outdistance their male peers," the report says , citing Christina Hoff Sommers's 2000 book, "The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism is Harming Our Young Men."'

Wendy McElroy: A feminist defense of men's rights

anthony · 20 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

There's nothing like a McElroy article to stir some heated debate. Have fun guys! Excerpt:

'This is a transcription of a speech delivered before a man's rights group.

"When they speak, their voices sound similar to those of women in the 60's when the feminist movement, called Second Wave feminism, swept through our culture like a force of nature and left it changed forever. The women demanded of men, "Give us equal rights, give us respect." Forty years later -- two generations later -- the situation has been reversed. It is now men, not women, who are protesting against systematic discrimination against their sex. Even the issues around which the complaints gather are similar to those raised in the '60s. Men are saying they are not taken seriously by the police as victims of domestic violence. Similar to female rape victims from decades ago, society tends to stigmatize and blame men who are victims of spousal abuse."'

Mom forced to live in car with dogs widely reported-- homeless men still ignored

anthony · 20 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This story has been all over the news. It has been the top headline on CNN's news site. As usual, we hear very little in regard to the massive disparity of the male homeless population. I work as a psychiatric social worker and take it from me, the vast majority of the mentally ill individuals I place in supportive housing are male. One particular man was living behind a 7-11. During the winter he had his foot amputated because of frost bite. The man was so happy when my agency purchased him a wheel chair. You'll never see such male suffering anywhere on cable news. Excerpt:

"John Quigley, an economics professor at the University of California-Berkeley, said the California housing crisis has left many middle-class families temporarily homeless or forced them to go to food banks to feed their families.

"Part of the reason why it's so painful in Santa Barbara is there's so little in the way of alternative housing," Quigley said. "If there were alternative low and moderate housing and rental accommodations that were reasonably close by, you can imagine it wouldn't have this desperate look to it as people living in their cars."

At the only lot for women in Santa Barbara, it's a tough existence. There are no showers or running water. On the night CNN visited, a half-dozen women already were in the parking lot before nightfall."

Operation "G-WAR"

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I've been thinking long and hard about the state of men in this country and in the Western world, generally.

Each and every day through media, family courts and other places. The constant belittling, dehumanizing, mockery and gynosexism and over all bigotry against men our "civilization" is bathed in and beaten over the head with. And increasingly, I see the effects on not just men but women, too. The damage is severe. It has been nearly completely absorbed into the public Psyche, things that would now be considered unacceptable to be said or done to ANY group of Americans, and called "bigotry" and "un-American" is said and done to men on an ever flow basis.

We call America a "free country". with "Freedom and Justice for ALL". I don't care WHAT you've been told, this country is NOT "liberty" OR "JUSTICE" for "ALL".

If it were, Native Americans would not be starving to death, living in 3rd world conditions on forgotten wastelands called "reservations". And, if it were, hate speech against MEN would not be tolerated any more that it would be WOMEN.

The constant barrage from the media, News or "Entertainment" of such vile and literal Naziesque vitriol would be tolerated by NO ONE, Men, Women or who EVER.

Yet it is tolerated against Men.

If America WAS about "JUSTICE for ALL" would that not mean EVERYONE regardless of who they are? If America deprives even one group of Americans of Justice. It can no longer make such a claim about itself.

My Brothers (and few sisters), I say that America has and is waging WAR against it's own citizens. It's MALE citizens, in this case. Feminism and propaganda, are the primary weapons for the moment. but what ELSE in the future? And yes it IS a war. Look at the ever increasing DAMAGE that is being done to this once great nation. Some of it irreparable. WOMEN (or at least a good majority) are compliant with this war.

I say we (FINALLY) start to fight back. And I believe I may have away to do just THAT, with no casualties on either "side". Except for Neofeminism, perhaps.

I call it "operation G-WARS" AKA "Gender war".

Of course it is not a war that would harm or oppress ANYONE.

We have been complaining for DECADES about the ill treatment of Western men. But very few of us have done anything about it

I may have a way we can stand together without necessarily being in the same room, state or even country.

If Scott posts this submission, I will go into detail, if not I may just bring it up, when it's again appropriate on another thread.

Thanks.

Your favorite neighborhood,

Thundercloud

Police: Woman Left Newborn Son to Suffocate in Trunk of Car

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Story here. Excerpt:

'GASTONIA, N.C. — A Lincolnton, N.C., woman has been charged with felony child abuse after police said she left her newborn son in the trunk of a car to suffocate.

Authorities said 22-year-old Sharena Waynette Bess is scheduled to appear in Gaston County District Court on Tuesday. The infant is expected to make a full recovery.

Police said Bess gave birth in Charlotte on Friday, then drove herself to a women's health care facility in Gastonia. She was taken to a hospital where police say she told personnel she left the infant in a box at another hospital. A search turned up nothing.

Police later searched her car and found the baby in the trunk wrapped in a towel and placed in a book bag. An arrest warrant said Bess "left him there to asphyxiate."

Bess is being held at Gaston County Jail on $100,000 bond.'

Fathers' Rights Groups Celebrate One-Year Anniversary of Rallies in the Park

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Fathers' Rights Groups Celebrate One-Year Anniversary of Rallies in the Park

"Last May 2007, some people now living in Los Angeles weren't even born. A little, eight-month-old girl who attended our May '08 anniversary celebration is shown in one photo, being held in her Daddy's arms."

"A Los Angeles County District Attorney, running for a Judge's Office in the June election, stopped by unannounced to solicit our votes. "I'm with you guys," he said. "I almost got divorced a few years back and it was a real eye opener," he said."

Boy Lured by Photo of Pamela Anderson's Breasts Into Sex With Co-Worker

anthony · 21 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This woman somehow justifies her actions because he was a 'big strong boy'. Absolutely sickening! Excerpt:

'A 32-year-old woman sent a picture of Pamela Anderson's breasts to a 15-year-old workmate shortly before beginning a sexual relationship with him, the Supreme Court in Launceston has heard.

Courtney Isabella Bailey, now 34, told police that the boy had tested her asking her for a picture of her breasts – but she sent a picture of the Baywatch star's breasts instead.

Bailey received a four-month suspended jail term today after pleading guilty to five counts of unlawful sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 17 in January 2007.'

Bailey had remarked to his parents that he was a "big strong boy" for a 15-year-old."

Prostate Cancer Petition

Vince · 22 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Please sign the petition on this website if you haven't done so already:

http://www.prostatecancerpetition.org/

Over 4,000 people have signed so far -- spread the word and let's make it 5,000 by the month's end!

Many thanks to you all.

CNN: Some ex-wives have to pay 'manimony'

Matt · 23 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For most of the history of marriage, money changed hands before the ceremony, often in the form of dowries. But as divorce started to become more common in the 1900s, so did post-separation monetary agreements.
...
The Uniform Marriage and Divorce Act of 1970 gave men as well as women the right to ask for alimony. Up until the 1980s, however, there were only a handful of cases in the U.S. in which a woman was ordered to give money to her spouse in a divorce case. However, "in recent years there's been a greater movement towards gender equality," says Phillips.
...
Jeffrey Leving, an Illinois divorce lawyer and author of the book "Fathers' Rights" attributes a rising trend in women paying spousal support in part to an increased number of fathers serving as primary caregivers.
...
Chemtob says close to one-tenth of her clients are women who pay alimony to their exes. "When I first started 14 years ago, that number was zero," she says.'

How my mother's fanatical views tore us apart

AngryMan · 23 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

"She's revered as a trail-blazing feminist and author Alice Walker touched the lives of a generation of women. A champion of women's rights, she has always argued that motherhood is a form of servitude. But one woman didn't buy in to Alice's beliefs - her daughter, Rebecca, 38.

Here the writer describes what it was like to grow up as the daughter of a cultural icon, and why she feels so blessed to be the sort of woman 64-year-old Alice despises - a mother."

Feminism has betrayed an entire generation of women into childlessness. It is devastating.

But far from taking responsibility for any of this, the leaders of the women's movement close ranks against anyone who dares to question them

Florida mother buys 20 years for caging son

AngryMan · 23 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Florida mother has been jailed for 20 years for keeping her teenage adopted son in a cage.

The 17-year-old weighed 22kg (3st 7lb) when child welfare workers found him in 2005.

He suffered from severe medical and emotional problems. His mother, Brenda Sullivan, told a judge at the time that authorities told her to keep the boy in a crib.'

Teacher has class vote "disgusting, annoying" mentally-handicapped boy out of class

Matt · 24 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Can you just imagine a teacher of either sex having the class dot he same thing with a mentally handicapped 5-YO girl? Excerpt:

'PORT ST. LUCIE — Melissa Barton said she is considering legal action after her son's kindergarten teacher led his classmates to vote him out of class.

After each classmate was allowed to say what they didn't like about Barton's 5-year-old son, Alex, his Morningside Elementary teacher said they were going to take a vote, Barton said.
...
Barton said her son is in the process of being diagnosed with Aspberger's, a type of high-functioning autism. Alex began the testing process in February for an official diagnosis under the suggestion of Morningside Principal Marsha Cully.
...
The child's mother filed a complaint with the school resource officer, who investigated the matter, said Port St. Lucie spokeswoman Michelle Steele said. But the state attorney's office concluded the matter did not meet the criteria for emotional child abuse, so no criminal charges will be filed...'

Happy Memorial Day

Matt · 26 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

To all our veterans, living and dead:

Thank you for the many sacrifices you have made and endured to ensure the safety and security of our nation and its people. Your bravery and tireless efforts are remembered today and every day.

With utmost respect,

Men's Activist News Network

RADAR Alert: Stop I-VAWA Now!

Matt · 27 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA - HR 5927) has recently been introduced in the U.S House of Representatives available here (.pdf file).

I-VAWA is intended to export America's failed VAWA program, which credible scientific researchers and advocates say needs substantial reform. Statistical claims contained in I-VAWA statement of findings were taken directly from a U.N. Secretary General report that was not accepted by the U.N. Third Committee. For example, I-VAWA falsely claims that approximately one in three of the women in the world will experience violence in her lifetime, with rates of up to 70 percent in some countries; and that one in five of the women in the world will be the victim of rape or attempted rape in her lifetime. Credible science shows that the international statistics are far lower.

I-VAWA would:

1. Harm families around the world by promoting American rates of divorce and single parent homes.
2. Impose radical cultural imperialism by coercing other countries to adopt harmful programs that have nothing to do with domestic violence. Gender-based programs redefining marriage, gender, birthright, parenting, and family are the core policies contained in I-VAWA.
3. Create a new federal 'super-agency' that would control many aspects of U.S. military and foreign policy.
4. Promote failed economic programs such as "comparable worth" where wages are decided by unelected government cronies.
5. Impose absurd diagnoses on problems. For example, under I-VAWA acts of war are re-defined as domestic violence in order to divert $175 million of taxpayer money annually to ideologically-driven organizations that obviously have no capability to prevent wartime atrocities – organizations such as Legal Momentum (N.O.W.'s Legal Defense Fund).

To help RADAR stop I-VAWA, please contact your House Congressional Representative and urge opposition of I-VAWA (bill number H.R. 5927). You can quickly find the telephone, fax, and email contact information for your Representative at http://www.house.gov/ and entering your zip code in the upper left corner. In your communications, please be polite and courteous, while expressing the great importance of rejecting I-VAWA.

For more information and a faxable document you can use to voice your opinion, please refer to RADAR's flyer located at here (.pdf file).

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Date of RADAR Release: May 27, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

DAHM Launches Public Awareness Campaign for Abused Men

Matt · 27 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

As part of our ongoing effort to bring more public awareness to the plight of abused men and spread the word about our toll free helpline and services for men in relationships with abusive women, we have created an informational poster. (See here.)

The 11 x 17 poster is printed on 80lb gloss cover paper and at the bottom right hand corner of it is a small pad (48 sheets) and each sheet has our agency's name, helpline number and website address printed on it so that someone in need or a family member or friend can easily tear a sheet off and take the information with them.

Help us spread the word by putting these up in your local area today!

Place them along side other social service informational posters i.e. in court houses, hospital ER's and church bulletin boards etc. Let everyone know that when men are emotionally, psychologically and/or physically assaulted by their intimate female partners it's also domestic violence and unacceptable.

The suggested donation for each poster is $4.50. Any money we receive from the sale of these posters will go right back into public awareness and services for victims. To find out more, ask a question or obtain copies to put up in your local area to bring more awareness to this much ignored and hidden side of domestic violence please write us at: dahmwagency-at-gmail.com. Please note: We are only shipping inside the USA.

Finally, please take a quick minute to browse our fundraising webpage by going to
http://www.SupportOurGroup.com/ZF1061

We really appreciate your help - Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Jan Brown
Founder and Executive Director
Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women
1-888-7HELPLINE (1-888-743-5754)
http://www.dahmw.org/

Report from Women's Advocacy Group Threatens to Derail Efforts to Help Troubled Boys

anthony · 27 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The report gave no clue that boys generally receive lower grades on their report cards, or that boys are far likelier to be suspended or held back a year, or that boys account for two-thirds of children in special-education programs. Attempting to portray boys as youth's favored gender, brimming with confidence and self-esteem, the AAUW also failed to account for the particular self-destructiveness of adolescent males: Not only are boys two to four times likelier to commit suicide, depending on their age, they also stand much greater risks of being murdered, killed in car accidents, or incarcerated later in life, according to data compiled by the National Center for Health Statistics and other federal agencies."

Ed. note: You may need to scroll down about 1/10 of the page to see the article. Another way to get to it fast is to search on "Friday, May 23, 2008".

38,000 troops diagnosed with PTSD, says Army

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Newly diagnosed cases of post-traumatic stress disorder among U.S. troops sent to Iraq and Afghanistan surged 46.4 percent in 2007, bringing the five-year total to more than 38,000, according to U.S. military data released on Tuesday.

The statistics, released by the Army, showed the number of new PTSD cases formally diagnosed at U.S. military facilities climbed to 13,981 last year from 9,549 in 2006.

PTSD is a health condition that can result from wartime trauma such as being physically wounded or seeing others hurt or killed.

Symptoms range from irritability and outbursts of anger to sleep difficulties, trouble concentrating, extreme vigilance and an exaggerated startle response. People with the condition can persistently relive the traumatic events that initially induced horror or helplessness."

British Columbia: 3 of 4 of street boys sexually exploited by women

Anonymous · 28 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'VANCOUVER - Canada's largest study into the sexual exploitation of street kids and runaways has shattered some myths about who the abusers might be - with the most surprising finding being that many are women seeking sex with young males.

"Some youth in each gender were exploited by women with more than three out of four (79 per cent) sexually exploited males reporting exchanging sex for money or goods with a female," said Elizabeth Saewyc, associate professor of nursing at the University of British Columbia and principal investigator for the study conducted by Vancouver's McCreary Centre Society.

...
The stereotypical model of the child being abused - a teenage female being sexually abused by a male - was wrong, said Saewyc.
...
But the study found that young males were being preyed upon by sexual predators of both sexes, yet the social systems in place to deter and prevent sexual predation were only designed to help females and the criminal justice system wasn't concerned with what was happening to young males.

"Women seeking young men and boys offer transportation or other things and some go to nightclubs and bars where they can pick up under-age youth. And a certain percentage have been picked up by couples," she said.'

'You're no criminal': Judge frees jealous wife who laced her cheating husband's cake with rat poison

Anonymous · 28 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A former hospital chef who laced her cheating husband's cake with rat poison in a bid to "stop him leaving the house to see his mistress" was spared jail today.
...
She pleaded guilty to trying to poison Mr Godwin, 63, a retired builder, but the court heard she had only used a teaspoon of rat poison in his fruitcake.

She would have needed to up the dose to more than 3lbs to have killed him, Gloucester Crown Court was told.

Family members gasped and cheered when Judge Jamie Tabor said Godwin would not have to serve an immediate prison sentence.

The 56-year-old was instead handed a 12-month prison sentence suspended for 24 months.

Judge Tabor said Mr Godwin, who sat in court apart from the couple's children, had asked his former partner to go back to him.

But the judge ordered her not to see her husband for 12 months as a condition of her sentence."

Limbaugh Transcript: Joe Biden and Lawyers for Feminists

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Transcript here. Excerpt:

'CALLER: You're slacking a little bit on your feminazi stuff. Right now Senator Biden is proposing a new amendment to the Violence Against Women Act. He's proposing a hundred thousand free lawyers across the nation to any woman who claims that she was abused to be able to gain custody. So women will now have free lawyers to be able to --

RUSH: Wait, wait --

CALLER: -- fight custody battles.

RUSH: Wait a minute. Have you heard anything about this, Snerdley? I really haven't heard anything about this, Quentin. Proposing a hundred thousand free lawyers across the country to any woman who claims she was abused?'

Ed. note: This is really good exposure. The Limbaugh show had at least 13.5 million weekly listeners according to Arbitron as of 2006. That's a lot pf people finding out about this.

CNN: Opposite sex drives you crazy -- the causes

anthony · 28 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'3. Women make mountains out of molehills

What you think: Women obsess about every little thing; men seem to have it all under control.

What the experts say: Men are problem-solvers and tend to bring up a problem only in order to search for its solution, says Schwarz. The "eureka" moment of problem-solving increases the level of dopamine, a pleasure-inducing chemical, in the brain. (This also explains why men will wait until it's absolutely necessary to stop and ask for directions.)

Women relieve stress by talking and relating their problems to others, which produces serotonin, said to enhance moods and ward off depression.'

Ed. note: So this explains it! =)

Parents petition to fire teacher who voted autistic boy out of class

anthony · 28 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Hundreds of parents of autistic children are signing an online petition to get Florida teacher Wendy Portillo fired for her alleged tactics toward a 5-year-old boy that mirror the reality show “Survivor.”

Morningside Elementary School in Port St. Lucie, Fla., alerted Melissa Barton this year that her son, Alex, suffers from a high-functioning form of autism called Asperger's Syndrome, FOX 29 reported.

Barton claims that Alex was punished for symptoms of his disability, such as humming and eating his homework. She says Portillo went too far last week when she kicked Alex out of class, and then allowed the other students to vote on whether he should be allowed back in.

...

But the state attorney's office decided the matter did not meet criteria for emotional child abuse, so no criminal charges will be filed, Steele said.'

"Is your guy hooking up at work?"

Matt · 28 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Appearing in that bastion of genderal equity and journalistic excellence, "Cosmopolitan" magazine, and republished by MSN (surprise!), this article asks if "your guy is hooking up at work?" (Original article found here). Excerpt:

'In fact, statistics show that the workplace has become the number one breeding ground for cheating. According to a study done by infidelity expert Shirley Glass, PhD, 62 percent of men who admitted to having an affair had done so with someone they met at work. "You often spend more time with coworkers than with your partner, which can create intense bonding," says Bonnie Eaker Weil, PhD, author of Can We Cure and Forgive Adultery? To ensure your guy is doing his job rather than his coffee-break buddy, follow these tips.'

No mention of female infidelity or how it is also true that if a woman is going to cheat, it's likely also to be with a coworker. See MANN posting here, or simply search on "infidelity" in the Search box.

Rally announcement for people negatively effected by family courts in Los Angeles

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Friday, June 13, 2008 there is a must-attend rally for people who've been negatively effected by family courts. Here is the Youtube Announcement / Invitation if you can make it to the Los Angeles area that day.

Rally Announcement

The Los Angeles rally is our local effort. As most of you may be aware, this is a part of a larger nationwide effort scheduled for that day.

Get active! Get involved! Speak up! Demand change!

Teacher Caught on Tape: Kindergartner 'Ignorant, Pathetic, Self-Absorbed'

patriotsofamerica · 28 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

How much more proof does the world need to see that there truly is a war against boys? It is being shown on the main stream media now!!! Do we need anymore proof? The people of this country really have no more excuses to turn a blind eye. WAKE UP!!! Video report here.

The Male Crisis Explained

mayfieldga · 29 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Submitted by Rick Lynn
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This is one part of my learning theory that shows how our individual environments greatly affect thinking, learning, and motivation to learn. The complete theory with graph and figure will go to all upon request by e-mail.

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There is a growing gulf in communication between men and women. The nineteenth century belief man should be strong has allowed increased aggression upon Males from day one. Along with this aggression allowed is the idea of pulling oneself up by the bootstraps that denies much in terms of mental, emotional, social, and academic supports from day one. The help usually given involves something to help make Males be strong as in sports or other physical competitions. While this type of treatment may have proved useful in the more physical nineteenth century, it is working opposite of need in the information age where it requires much more accumulated mental, emotional, social and academic skills acquired over time. In these areas, Males are being seriously shortchanged.

There is another area this kind of treatment is doing harm to Males in the information age. The increased aggression they receive from day one, creates two bad things for Males: 1. It creates higher average layers of mental frictions (redefined from higher average stress) which inhibits thinking, learning, and motivation in mental areas. This can lead to a Male student falling years behind mentally, emotionally, socially, and academically. 2. It also creates the Male ego or defensive cushion that the Male develops from an early age to protect them from the aggressions they receive from society. This Male ego or defensive cushion has the negative consequences of further alienating the Male from “any” various mental, emotional, social, and academic supports they “might just” receive from society. This can also lead to a large deficit for Males in learning various social and academic skills over time.

Also society’s accepted aggression toward the Male from an early age onward creates so much mental, emotional, and social modeled and treated aggression in body language, tone, inflection, words, and even physically, that it poisons the well in their minds to various degrees for interacting, accepting, and enjoying mental, emotional, and social - knowledge, support, and skills from others. This poisoned well (mental defensiveness or tune out) is more destructive in areas of education where their ability to grow academically depends on much mental, emotional, social, and academic interaction, support from parents, teachers, and peers. This defensiveness along with more continued aggression from society and little if any good mental, emotional, social support from society creates a recipe for a very large lag in development - mentally, emotionally, socially, and academically over time. This is why the current, ever growing, international Male Crisis. It may not appear this way seeing many Males because they have learned to create a facade or false face to hide their lack of abilities in many areas. This is probably why some Males say or do certain inappropriate things at times. They are simply reaching into their bag of social tricks and coming out with the best they can think of at that time to cover their real insecurities.

When Males experience various forms of verbal and/or physical aggression from parents, siblings, peers, and others in society as appears to be more often than not, this sets up a mental preparation or wariness of facing similar things in the future. This defense mechanism is really tough on many Males in education for when they have mental, emotional, social knowledge and academic skills paired with firm words and/or treatment, it then calls that defensive mindset to the fore to prepare not for learning for more aggression. When such words and/or treatment come from teachers over time, this can cause the child to tune out of much instruction and other learning that can along with the combination of higher layers of mental frictions can cause a Male child to fall years behind their peers socially, emotionally, and academically. So in a way the firmness and authoritarian atmosphere could be really be hurting students, especially many Male students.

The combination of higher layers of mental frictions and defensive cushion are working to create an impediment to

learning that accumulates in harm over time. In society today, men are given love, honor, respect, and support or the essentials of their self-worth only on the “condition of sufficient” achievement, money, power, status or image. They must fight through the still present, nineteenth century confrontations allowed by society upon them from an early age to achieve those benefits and feelings of self-worth.

For women, the nineteenth century belief woman should be protected and still in effect, has created much overprotection and even indulgence for many women today. This is creating very low layers of mental frictions collectively for women. This makes thinking, learning, and motivation in mental areas much easier. This accumulates over time to create more acquired mental, emotional, social and academic advancement in many areas. In addition to this protection there is the continual mental, emotional, social, and academic support from day one that provides a virtual high speed expressway that accumulates over time to create much training and advancement in information age skills. These two continual supports from society over time create everything a person needs today to succeed in the information age. Since women are given through overprotection, the benefits of love, honor, respect, and continual support, all the benefits of self-worth from an early age without qualification (simply because they are girls), they are working with much more continual support, attention, and interaction to accumulate more mental, emotional, social, and academic knowledge and skills that can be transformed easily into money, power, status, and image. Even after this support, society’s protection, continued support and view toward beauty and charm continually helps them in the information age.

This differential treatment has now created a tremendous gulf between men and women today. Women are now surging ahead academically and economically due to this protection and men are still puzzled as to why they are falling behind in those areas. You see if you remove the old money from older men, the girls are making more.

The current beliefs believed by both men and women today is that Males learn differently and/or simply do not try hard enough. These beliefs only add to the gulf between men and women today. The men who believe this and have not information to the contrary may believe they are somehow mentally inferior or just not working hard enough. Somehow, humans, men included, tend to reflect the treatment in their lives upon others and do not know or not allowed by society to say how differential treatment is hurting them. This may lead Males to give up in developing various mental, emotional, social, and academic skills over time. They may limit their interest and desires to smaller windows of fulfillment in their social connections. They will continue to dress up for display, their Male defensive cushion to at least present a plausible image when dealing in areas where they are not as competent. Worse for these Males, they may advance their beliefs and feelings onto their sons from an early age, thus enabling the continuation of the harmful belief of inferiority in the information age.

As for women, they having been told the same teaching that persons are naturally better in some areas or simply work harder. They may truly feel they are simply more intelligent or have worked harder to achieve what they have achieved. In our world, again women like men often reflect their environment and treatment upon others and so do not appreciate difference in treatment. Also, in our world of insecurities, it is no wonder when women achieve, to boost their insecurity, as affects everyone, they will believe this achievement is due to more intelligence or greater effort on their part and not due to any environmental variables even if they feel such variables are at work.

This differential treatment has now created a tremendous gulf in communication between men and women. You see, as Males develop from allowed aggressions over time, this treatment operates upon their body language, words, tone, inflection, and voice stress. Over the years, due to this kind of treatment, there is a type of richness added to their words, tones, and inflections that denotes perhaps a higher form of feeling and compassion for others, again reflecting their lives upon others or just valuing others more so. Of course there are also Males due to so much aggression over time who have turned their values around so that nearly any means are okay to justify an end usually for self gain.

As for women, the overprotection given women from day one collectively operates upon their body language, words, tone, and inflection over time. As such attention can do to anyone, this will usually create words and tones that are more light and less rich in tone, inflection, and voice stress. To the Male, (including myself) this may

appear less substantive or less rich in feeling or compassion when trading such words of conversations with women. Such words can even unintentionally feel patronizing if given too lightly or with less feeling at various times.

I believe as a result of such differential treatment, men are now looking at women only within the window of areas in which they truly feel there is mutual interest and competency. I do not need to explain this part. I feel however, women due to not having knowledge of those differences in treatment, may too often reflect their values and desires upon men with the woman's much larger window of acceptance. Here is where women make their big mistakes. The men hide their shortcomings very well to achieve their small window of interest, while women hide their feelings of superiority to achieve their window or interest. Many women truly believe they are more intelligent and can control things to achieve a happy family with the man as a supporting member. However after the men have achieved their end, they will not be able to hold up their false defensive cushion on a continual basis. The women due to feelings of intellectual superiority will usually then become more open in their natural advanced mental, emotional, social, and academic development. These two truths will collide eventually, leaving one or both sides either perplexed or angry.

Young girls tend to choose inappropriate marriage mates because boys who honestly portray their instability (due to society accepted mistreatment)are more rejected by the girls. Since the boys know this, the boys who are usually selected come from three groups: (A) boys who have been sheltered and have not yet received their confrontations; (B) boys who put on the appearance of stability in order to sway the girl; and (C) boys who manage to acquire a somewhat stable life by emptying their life of a measure of circumstances, responsibilities, and weights or values. Young and older girls are usually the last ones to learn this information. Girls have not been told these differences exist.

The girl can protect herself by mapping out how her perspective mate deals with his angers, circumstances, responsibilities, along with weights and values he applies to elements in his life. These are natural human emotions and traits; they should flow naturally. A boy who does poorly in these areas or worse, appears to hide these traits, is unconsciously giving the girl a message of warning. This information is vital and necessary for preventing teen-age date and domestic-marriage violence.

Today, the gulf in communication between men and women is growing more deeply each day. For men, those who are trying to lead a more decent life, from the confrontations they have experienced, they are usually very compassionate and caring persons, whose words are rich in tone and inflection. For many men though, there is the value of the world, where society’s lack of values toward them have made them less caring or compassionate. Such ones may develop a very fluid personality designed to create whatever image is necessary to accomplish their immediate ends. Too often women make the mistake of seeing the more compassionate men as weak and the more brisk or bold (more like the overprotect women) as strong.

For women there are many who desire to have both a family and a career. They are filled with the language of social and academic education they have been supported with from day one. They reflect their lives from their close reflection of themselves upon others and then look for Male companions that match their lives. However, their lack of true compassion and feeling for others that comes from such overprotection spills out continually through their body language, words, tone, and inflection. The freedom of expression allowed for women to give verbal, silent abuse, an hollow kindness even toward a third party (such a waiter), also presents a huge obstacle for women, especially when such comes out when dating. You see if men see it one time, they can expect it again toward them some day.

A biggie for financially successful women: men have faced confrontations from day one. Men do not expect goodness and support from society. They have learned from continuous aggressions from society to expect more aggression from individuals where they are perceived as weaker in some way. This is why men cannot allow themselves to present weakness in some manner for it invites only more aggression from society. They are given love, honor, respect, and support only when they demonstrate to society sufficient achievement, money, power, status, or image. When they see a successful woman, more successful than themselves, they learned to expect

verbal, silent abuse, or hollow kindness/ patronization (lol; I have received this kind of treatment simply from just their perception of me as more humble and mild).

For those women who are less educated and attempting to lead a more caring life, perhaps by experience of more hardships there is greater sincerity of words, tone, and inflection. These differences are felt. These women are truly to be commended for they are bucking the model that is presented in the media today. They may still be susceptible to men who put forth an image seeking only a small window of interest.

For me, I see so many insecure persons, both men and women, who are trying to survive. I see the media hurting everyone by fostering the idea of power struggles without care or consideration for others. I see the rewarding of strength at all cost and domination as the key to maintaining viewer interest and support.

Due to the advancement of the information age and the continual increase in domination by Females in white collar positions, I see the media now much more dominated by women who have saturated the airways from very light, tinish, and seemingly (lol, or very real) patronizing words, tones, and inflections to very strong, hard biting words. Society's protection for women allow these kind of expressions with impunity. I do not value such words. Due to the confrontations I have experienced, I find them less valuable, even counterfeit. Perhaps this is why many other Males are tuning out from the media. I am though a very caring person. I feel for everyone. However, I know there are many persons, who respect only strength and power and see mildness, kindness, and goodness as some weakness. I see bank tellers, postal clerks, grocery check out persons, and even civil servants, using their society protected freedoms of expression to give verbal, silent abuse, and hollow kindness, usually to those individuals who the most sincere. I feel this gulf between men and women cannot continue for very long. I am intelligent and can deal with anyone. I just will not allow my words to be exchanged for counterfeit words. LOL; Fortunately for me, I grew up with a speech impediment so rejection is something I have a great deal of experience.

It is incorrect to view the Male Crisis on role models. The lack of role models is the result of the problem, not the cause. If you had a bag full of sand with a hole in the bottom, you would "not" say there is less sand in the bag; you would say there is a hole in the bottom of the bag. Indeed, we should fix the hole in the bag by providing Males with tools to develop long-term, mental/emotional stability so they can better compete mentally and emotionally in the information age. One professional was attempting to find more role models for Male children. He boasted that a Male child's esteem goes up when they have one positive role model. What he was unknowingly saying was that Males have such little attention that when they do receive that attention, they are very grateful. This creates the large rise in esteem. The fight for attention could be creating misbehavior in Male children.

Today, many men are becoming angry because they losing more than jobs and status, they are losing out on those things they are seeking most of all, love, honor, respect, support, the essentials of self-worth. The little bites they receive in the various media and the workplace accumulate over time and create much anger that touches on and erodes their feelings of self-worth. As a person loses feelings of self-worth they also lose regard for consequences. If men fall behind more collectively, they may begin to retaliate more collectively, thus ending the present shield of over-protection for women. This will mean much more abuse and crimes against women. It will do well for all parents, teachers, employers to those in various media to be more kind to others, including Males.

I feel there is a perfect social storm that may be accumulating in strength over time. I see overprotection as creating a faulty value process for women who may be reflecting their stability upon men and wrongly considering men to be treated more on an equal basis, so no perceived imbalance. In addition, the medical model that presents learning as all genetic and effort and not individual environments, may present women with the false idea they have simply worked harder and/or genetically more intelligent than their Male counterparts. I feel both the overprotection and wrong perceptions are creating measures of accumulated harm to their Male counterparts.

1. As for overprotection, this creates a large gulf or void of understanding and compassion or feeling for Males since Females have not faced the free aggression from society from early in their lives through adulthood (as early as nine months, a difference occurs). Over time, the overprotection and even indulgence for many women has operated on their body language, words, tones, inflections, and voice stress to make their words sound hollow and

counterfeit, even to the point of unintentionally sounding patronizing. The problem with communication between men and women is the large differential in treatment between them over time. This has created a large gulf in appreciation for men who have faced confrontations. The women's protected freedom of expression can hurt because they have not experienced sufficient confrontations to respect those who have. Over time, such freedom of expression and lack of understanding or feeling could accumulate a mounting sense of hurt and anger for Males. This makes it more difficult for men to trust the expressions of women in general.

2. Part two, is the false belief of simply working harder or not genetically equal could lead many women to use their words in more pointed, condescending, patronizing, and aggressive ways. Such acts also accumulate in hurt and anger for Males. Over time, the combined effect could create a perfect social storm if Males fall behind collectively. This could create a joint appreciation for this hurt and anger. This in turn could create more accepted aggression toward Females in general. I see both traits of needless aggression by women in the media and in the work place all the time. Note, these various social bites or mini-hurts are not dealt with individually and forgotten, but accumulate to create psychological suffering. These bites accumulate to create psychological suffering from the media, the workplace, and at home that when combined, leads to violent reactions. As their feelings of self-worth are eroded, so are their fears of consequences for actions. The media and mental health agencies should take heed of this possible scenario and its accumulated, harmful effects on Males. Could society remain oblivious to this growing problem until that critical point is reached? Perhaps the election of a Female President will bring that storm closer perhaps even hit society immediately. This is why it is important to understand and prepare for this possible outcome. For Males it is like seeing someone cutting across the track and winning while they are running an obstacle course and losing. Then they are told to follow those so-called winners and accept their patronization.

We need to begin teaching both Male and Female children and adults how our individual environments do greatly affect learning, skills, and abilities, over time. We really do need to show Males and Females how differences in treatment do exist in the information age and have hurt Males over time. By providing this understanding, both Males and Females will begin to have much more appreciation for the other in terms of their differences in environment. Males will recognize how their environments are creating their difficulties and remove from their shoulders the false belief they are somehow genetically inferior or simply not working hard enough. Females will perhaps also recognize both how differential treatment has hurt the Male and speak with greater care and understanding rather than the current society allowed verbal, silent abuse, and patronization they presently give to those they feel an advantage over. Only providing this understanding will the two groups be able to exist in more harmony and maintain better relationships.

To reduce and eliminate this problem and help Males have a more equal footing, parents, teachers, administrators, and all forms of media need to be taught this critical point and its many areas of Male aggression will begin to increase to a "much higher level" than presently seen. We need to begin teaching parents, teachers, and others who teach and model to children that the extra aggression they have given Males is hurting the Male children's ability to grow mentally, emotionally, socially, and academically over time. They need to be taught how to treat those students and other Males in society with as much respect and care as they presently provide Female students. This is the only way to help Males begin to catch up in all of the many social areas they are presently lagging. This new way of thinking will be very difficult for the Male parent, teacher, administrator, or other professional for they have been raised with the old, more aggressive ways for many years and have come to rely on their feelings of self-worth based upon their money, power, status, and image. They have also experienced years of aggression, which has been woven into their mind and spirit to create their defensive posture or Male ego that is now more or less imprinted into their personality. Such a spirit will almost invariably imprint this same posture or spirit into the Male children men are raising. For many Males it will require much cognitive understanding of the problem and a willingness to begin treating Male children with the same respect and give the same positive attention to the Male children as they do with Female children. For women, this means also learning how to not use Male children as emotional scapegoats as society has allowed them to do in the past. In addition, women need to begin realizing that using adult Males as emotional scapegoats (with current feelings of protection by society) when they have power over them in some way is a very hazardous way to approach Males. You know, with continuous indulgence so directly related to

mental, emotional, social, and academic knowledge and skills over time, society would practically have to treat Female and Male children the same in many areas to achieve equality between genders. I see Males and society losing in the end, but this end may be pushed off much farther into the future provided there is much more understanding and action in this area over time.

This problem will only get worse unless action is taken now. My complete theory with many social applications are free to all by e-mail at mayfieldga-at-bellsouth.net

Sandhurst Gurkha fighting for life after wife slits his throat

Anonymous · 29 May 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A Gurkha serving at Sandhurst is fighting for his life after his throat was slit by his wife at the military academy.

Detectives are looking at whether the soldier's own Kukri blade - a traditional Gurkha weapon - was used in the attack.

The 40-year-old was last night described as being in a serious but stable condition, while his 42-year-old wife was detained under the Mental Health Act.

It is believed the couple's 10-year-old daughter witnessed the bloody attack on her father. Following the incident, paramedics rushed the stricken soldier to Frimley Park Hospital in Surrey."

Note to non-Brits: The Royal Regiment of Gurkhas is a unit of the British Army. A remnant of the British Empire, it consists of soldiers from Nepal in the Himalayas. They are renowned for their toughness, and they retain their traditional tribal knives as well as using modern weapons.

DNA exonerates Chicago man who spent 12 years in prison for rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Cage became the 29th Illinoisan to be exonerated by DNA evidence. He was convicted in 1996 and sentenced to 40 years in prison for the rape of a 15-year-old girl.

Yesterday, Chief Criminal Court Judge Paul Biebel dismissed the conviction at the request of the Cook County state's attorney's office. Cage was released from Illinois River Correctional Center in Canton and went straight to his mother's home for an all-night celebration with family."

New marriage fee targets domestic violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Beginning next week, Illinois counties will begin collecting an extra $5 from those seeking marriage licenses. The money will be used to pay for legal counseling and services aimed at the state's growing number of domestic violence cases.
...
The fee isn't the first time victim rights advocates have sought to secure more money to help people escape abusive relationships. In 1981, lawmakers approved a tax on marriage licenses and divorce filings to generate money for women's shelters and domestic violence assistance."

Soldier suicides hit highest rate

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Story here. Excerpt:

"WASHINGTON - Army soldiers committed suicide in 2007 at the highest rate on record, and the toll is climbing ever higher this year as long war deployments stretch on. At least 115 soldiers killed themselves last year, up from 102 the previous year, the Army said Thursday.
...
Other findings in the 2007 report included:

93 of the 115 suicides were active duty troops; 22 were members of the Army National Guard or Reserve who had been mobilized.

Five were women."

ABCNews.com: "Girls in Sexist Societies Worse at Math"

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Another MSM article about girls, math, and so-called "sexism." Excerpt:

'Researchers believe they may have found at least one answer: where girls live. Girls living in countries where there is more gender equality perform better in math, sometimes outpacing boys, than girls who live in countries with more male-dominated societies.
...
Generally, there are two explanations for the gender gap in math, according to Sapienza: biological and environmental. The biological reasoning says that boys are naturally better in math based on research involving spatial tests.

"It's not very strong evidence because we don't have strong correlation between spatial abilities and math scores," she said.'

My reply can be found here. Search on the phrase: 'The term "sexist" as used in the article has no meaning to me'

Metropolitan Museum of Art: Superheroes Exhibit

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The New York Metropolitan Museum of Art is exhibiting "Superheroes: Fashion and Fantasy"

They have an interesting take on female superheroes:

"Superhero comics have tended to promote an ideology that is both masculinist and driven to mastery. Nowhere are these biases more blatant than in the representation of female superheroes. With unabashed and unapologetic obviousness, women are portrayed as objects of male desire and fantasy with absurdly exaggerated sexual characteristics."

Surely, muscle-bound Superman is a caricature of masculinity just as Catwoman is a caricature of femininity. Why do they think that the exaggerated characteristics of male superheroes don't make them objects of female desire and fantasy? Why is the ideology "masculinist" and "chauvinistic"? Male superheroes, more often than not, use their powers to protect women and seek a woman's approval. Female superheroes are liberated from that, and have no such constraints put upon them and aren't held to the same moral standards.

A male superhero's physique is equally unattainable by a man as a female superhero's is to a woman.

Without a doubt, there are far more important issues that men need to fight for interpretations of fictional characters in a museum. We simply don't have the luxury that feminists have to even bother engaging in this kind of discourse: there are real legal and social issues that need to be resolved first. But they're interesting questions, nonetheless, and point to how mainstream society still feels that only women can be sexualized (and thus victimized by sex) and that men are naturally hyper-sexual.

Interestingly, the museum chose to use female figure for all of its thumbnails, rather than the male superhero figures contained in the articles themselves.

Humor: Isolated tribe Spotted in Brazil; NOW dispatches emergency team to liberate tribal women

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This is a joke, guys, not a real story. Here goes:

'WASHINGTON, DC: N.O.W. spokesperson Menar Allbad answered questions from reporters today after the organization announced it would be dispatching its Emergency Women's Liberation Response Team to Brazil to enlighten, re-educate, and if need be, rescue by force, at least one woman being held captive in a primitive tribal setting in Brazil.

"We were deeply disturbed about the recent BBC story regarding a plane's overflight of a remote Brazilian village inhabited by so-called indigenous people," offered Ms. Allbad. "And while we don't wish to sound Eurocentric in our thinking, and respecting their cultural standards, we must also acknowledge such a place is certain to be filled with male chauvinist-oppressors who, by providing for and standing in defense of women in the tribe, contribute to the on-going, endless oppression of women and children.

"You have only to look at the picture of the two men painted in red with bows and arrows, by their very natures violent and dangerous to all, standing between the woman covered in some kind of black paint (an obvious attempt to keep her unseen) but of course likely to claim to be in a position to protect her. Note the absence of children as well. Obviously they are being kept hidden away from the world, so that the men can train the boys to be oppressors and can abuse the women and girls in unspeakable ways."

A pause here, as a shudder moved through the crowd.

"The apparent protective stance of those two men really hides a sadistic and innate urge to control and exploit the women and girls of the tribe," she continued. "This has been proven time and again. The same thing only in a supposedly more-refined way is seen here in our so-called western civilizations. You can be sure those arrows would be pointing at that poor woman under any other circumstances.

"We can waste no time. Our Emergency Women's Liberation Response Team is on its way now. Once at the tribal compound, they will through whatever means necessary liberate the women and children from the clutches of their evil men-folk and bring them to safety here in our offices in Washington, where we will begin the process of re-educating them and training them in the enlightened version of femininity that N.O.W. is so proud to support. And the men in that tribe? Well, we have special plans for their re-education. But more on that later."

With that, a helicopter landed near Ms. Allbad and five women in military fatigues, carrying what appeared to be Thompson submachine guns, beckoned Ms. Allbad aboard. AP later learned that she was part of the Emergency Women's Liberation Response Team being sent to Brazil. This might explain her cry of "Liberate the Brazilian so-called indigenous women from tyrrany! On to the jungle! Arrgghhhh!" as the helicopter made its way toward Dulles Airport.'

Female English Teacher Accused Of Having Sex With 3 Students

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Singh was an English teacher at Richmond Hill High School. Authorities said she slept with the boy in Brooklyn. They said that on the same occasion she also had sex with the boy's two 18-year-old cousins. It's not clear whether the three were students at Singh's school.

Singh's lawyer said her client was victimized. She said the boy and his two 18-year-old cousins took advantage of her.

The lawyer said Singh has been on medical leave since November after suffering a nervous breakdown and was on medication at the time she had sex with the teenagers"

New Zealand: Boys education failure continues to be ignored

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Story here. Excerpt:

"United Future deputy leader Judy Turner says that the education gap between girls and boys demands immediate action. Her comments follow a report showing that boys are behind at every level in reading and writing, and that more needs to be done to provide a male-friendly learning environment.
...
Females are more likely than males to gain an NCEA qualification at all levels."

Huffington Post: Who Says the Boy Crisis Is Over?

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Article here. Excerpt:

"The Boy Crisis in education, if there ever was one, is over. Or so says a report issued last week by the powerful and influential American Association of University Women. For the last 18 months, I've criss-crossed the country, talking to parents, teachers, and policymakers for a book I'm writing about boys and schools. What is abundantly clear is that there's large and growing group of people who just aren't buying the AAUW's position and that they're not who you might think they'd be. Some of the very same (mostly female) teachers and librarians who helped raise up the achievement of girls over the last fifteen years are now struggling to find ways to get boys re-engaged with learning. And there's a growing constituency of smart, empowered, and increasingly vocal women -- mothers of school-aged boys -- who are intensely concerned about what's happening to their sons in school."

Florida kindergarten teacher defends having class vote 5-year-old boy out

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'A kindergarten teacher told police she wanted a 5-year-old boy to hear how his behavior was affecting his classmates.

After students shared their view, Morningside Elementary teacher Wendy Portillo had them vote, but said the vote was only to keep Alex Barton out of class for the day, not for good.

"Portillo said she did this as she felt that if (Alex) heard from his classmates how his behavior affected them that it would make a bigger difference to him, rather than just hearing it from adults," according to a report released Thursday morning by the Port St. Lucie Police Department.'

ifeminsts: Raped by a woman

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Article here. Excerpt:

"A few short observations of my own from soul searching:

---I doubted myself and the events, afraid that I'd be laughed at or worse, accused of making a false allegation.
--I knew my masculinity would be called into question and that I'd be ridiculed.
--I doubted myself and thought maybe I misunderstood the nature of rape and that men really can't be raped.
--I was afraid she'd make good on her implied threat and accuse me of rape or claim it was consensual. Then I could possibly be charged with both rape and child endangerment (or a related charge) due to her pregnancy. I wasn't going to go to prison for a rapist.
--I knew that such an allegation would endanger my status in the Marine Corps.
--I knew that my consumption of alcohol (underage) would be used against me as well."

CBS: Women Fight For Right To Join Al Qaeda

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Muslim extremist women are challenging al Qaeda's refusal to include - or at least acknowledge - women in its ranks, in an emotional debate that gives rare insight into the gender conflicts lurking beneath one of the strictest strains of Islam.

In response to a female questioner, al Qaeda No. 2 leader Ayman Al-Zawahri said in April that the terrorist group does not have women. A woman's role, he said on the Internet audio recording, is limited to caring for the homes and children of al Qaeda fighters.

His remarks have since prompted an outcry from fundamentalist women, who are fighting or pleading for the right to be terrorists. The statements have also created some confusion, because in fact suicide bombings by women seem to be on the rise, at least within the Iraq branch of al Qaeda."

Is There Really a Bias Against Women in Politics? History Suggests Otherwise

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Are women really discriminated against in politics? Sen. Hillary Clinton surely thinks so.

Indeed, she believes this year's presidential campaign has shown that sexism limits women's influence in politics. She claimed last week that "every poll I've seen shows more people would be reluctant to vote for a woman [than] to vote for an African American."

It's possible that Democrats are particularly sexist, but with women making up the majority of voters, one would think that politicians were ignoring women at their own peril.

In 2004, women made up 54 percent of voters. At least through early February of this year, women made up a much greater share of Democrat primary voters — accounting for between 57 and 61 percent of the vote in primaries and caucuses.

But whatever difficulties Clinton might be having, it seems that the policies adopted are much more important than who puts them into action, and the evidence indicates that women have long gotten their way."

CNN Video: Free lawn mowing for single moms

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"A Cape Coral, Florida, lawn care company is mowing the lawns of single mothers for free. WBBH reports."

Video here.

Mom's behavior impacts father's child rearing: study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters Life!) - How much a father is involved in the daily care of his children is largely up to his wife or partner, according to new research.

Scientists from Ohio State University and the University of Illinois, who studied 97 couples, said mothers are play an important role in determining how active a role the father plays.

"Mothers can be very encouraging to fathers and open the gate to their involvement in child care, or be very critical and close the gate," said Sarah Schoppe-Sullivan, a professor of human development and family science at Ohio State University and a co-author of the study.'

Teacher 'wanted to be boy's sex slave'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A FEMALE teacher who allegedly told a 15-year-old male student to treat her like a sex slave has been charged with sexually penetrating a child.

Nazira Rafei, 25, a Melbourne high school teacher, is charged with one count of sexually penetrating a child under 16 and four counts of an indecent act with a child under 16.'

This is happening more and more isn't it? Yet, these women are being portrayed as victims. There is no such thing as taking responsibility for their actions. No one holds these women accountable.

I don't care about the people that say "good for the boy!" or "where were these teachers when I was a boy?" That is NOT the
point! The point is this: SO CALLED EQUALITY. If YOU (women) want to be treated as equal, then make it so on everything.

True, maybe some boys won't be traumatized and some will. The point is legal age of consent. If a man must adhere to the legal age of consent, then women wanting to be like man must adhere to the same laws.

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RADAR ALERT: Mad Hatter Justice at the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence

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Did you read the story about Alice in Wonderland? Remember when the Queen of Hearts issued her verdict?

"Sentence first! Verdict afterwards."

This Mad Hatter concept of justice is not just a child's fantasy tale – it's also found at the Commission on Domestic Violence (CODV) of the American Bar Association. Comb through its website – and read its publications. You will never find the words, "due process for the accused," "false allegation" or "innocent until proven guilty."

The CODV has published a two-page flyer (.pdf file) called "10 Myths about Custody and Domestic Violence and How to Counter Them." The flyer consists of a series of 19 claims about DV and child custody.

Scan the CODV claims and then compare them with the actual research. Folks, get ready for an Alice-in-Wonderland experience.

For example:

- Claim 1.1 states, "Studies show that 25-50% of disputed custody cases involve domestic violence." The truth is, up to three-quarters of disputed custody cases involve only an allegation of domestic violence.
- Claim 9.3, "Mental health testing cannot distinguish a batterer from a non-batterer" turns out to be the exact opposite from what the research shows – in fact most batterers can be diagnosed to have a psychopathology.

Of the 19 CODV claims, 17 are found to be misleading, unsupported, or completely false. Only two of the claims are true. Even Alice would be amazed!

These findings are documented in RADAR's latest Special Report, "Myths of ABA Commission on Domestic Violence: Summary Report," which can be found here (.pdf file).

If you want to see the blow-by-blow analysis, see the Detailed Findings report here (.pdf file).

RADAR has sent these two reports to the American Bar Association, requesting the flyer be removed from its website. RADAR is also putting out a press release to 17,000 media contacts. This week we are not asking you to contact the ABA, only to peruse the RADAR Special Report, in case we need to take action later on.

And while you're at it, you might want to pull out your old copy of Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass":

Queen of Hearts: "Now then, are you ready for your sentence?"
Alice: "But there has to be a verdict first."
Queen of Hearts: "Sentence first! Verdict afterwards."
Alice: "But that just isn't the way."
Queen of Hearts: [shouting] "All ways are...!"
Alice: "...your ways, your Majesty."

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Lying 13-YO puts two men in jail

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This piece of work claimed to be 19 and divorced on her MySpace page. She was, in fact, 13. Two guys were sentenced believing her to be legal. Her family admitted that she is promiscuous and did not yet change her MySpace profile. Excerpt:

'ORANGE COUNTy, Fla. -- A 13-year-old girl's sexual shenanigans have put a second man behind bars. Morris Williams, 22, told the judge he thought the girl was 18-years-old, but he found out Tuesday that ignorance is not a defense.

...

Williams said Dean picked him up on the street and after a few conversations they had sex. When he heard she was not 18, he went to her father.

"He was like 'well, she's 13,'" Williams said of a conversation with Dean's father.

...

Dean's family admits Alisha still stays out late and has yet to delete her misleading MySpace page.

Williams will serve six years probation with the first year in jail. The other five years he will have to wear an ankle monitor. His attorney says he will come back to court to ask again for a shorter sentence.'

Justices say Legislature wrong on felony child support

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'West Virginia legislators violated state and national constitutions when they forced fathers facing felony child support charges to prove they couldn't pay, the Supreme Court of Appeals decided May 23.

The Justices unanimously erased a law stating that in child support prosecutions "the defendant's alleged inability to reasonably provide the required support may be raised only as an affirmative defense, after reasonable notice to the State."

The law "unconstitutionally shifts to a defendant the burden of disproving an element of the offense," Justice Robin Davis wrote. "We have previously observed that it is a foundation of criminal law that the State must prove all the elements of a crime beyond a reasonable doubt.'

Woman 'left toddler imprisoned in a kitchen while she went out to party all weekend'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A boy of two was left on his own for the weekend, imprisoned in a flooded kitchen, after a woman went out 'to party', a court heard yesterday.

It was only when water from a running tap seeped into the flat downstairs that the sobbing toddler was discovered, shaking with cold and covered in filth.

Police, called in by concerned neighbours, arrived to find a horrifying scene.'

Hayman fire starter out after 6 years

el cid · 3 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The woman who started the Hayman fire spent six years in prison and must now pay restitution in the millions of dollars.

Here's what the fire did:

"The June 2002 blaze torched 138,000 acres, destroyed 133 homes and 466 outbuildings, and forced the evacuation of 8,000 people. Five firefighters were killed as they traveled to Colorado to fight the blaze."

Most are saying the sentence was not long enough. I suspect the "female sentencing discount" myself.

Men prefer being solo over a bad marriage: study

Matt · 3 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'SYDNEY (Reuters Life!) - Bachelor Carl Weisman got fed up of being classified as a playboy, a loser or a commitment-phobe so he set out to find out exactly why he and a growing number of eligible men were steering clear of marriage.

Weisman, 49, conducted a survey of 1,533 heterosexual men to research a book aiming to give women an insight into why some smart, successful men opted to stay single -- and help lifelong bachelors understand why they are still the solo man at parties.

...
Weisman also found that financial issues, both positive and negative, played a large part in men's fear of commitment.

"Those with little money said they would have nothing to offer a partner, with some suffering self-esteem issues and withdrawing from the dating pool," said Weisman, an engineer-turned-author with two books now published.

"While those who are financially sound were terrified what a bad divorce could do to them."

Weisman said his research blew away any idea that single men were unhappy.

"A compelling issue was how many of them had found contentment in a never-married life," he said. "They had created lives full of careers, friends and ambitions. It was not like they walk around all day worried about not being married."'

"Violent Partners" offers better solutions to DV issues

Matt · 3 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Dr. Linda G Mills, a member of SAFE's Speaker's Bureau releases her new book "Violent Partners". From the book site:

'A radical new take on the crisis of intimate abuse, Violent Partners argues that as a culture we misunderstand the root causes and basic effects of abuse, and until that changes there is no hope of fixing the problem. Dr. Linda Mills challenges assumptions, tears down myths, and offer solutions, all the while telling riveting stories of couples who have conquered violence in their relationships. In Violent Partners, she describes several programs that hold promise for addressing intimate abuse, including two nationally known and groundbreaking treatment programs- Peacemaking Circles and Healing Circles.
...
Linda G. Mills, J.D., Ph.D., is Founder of the Center on Violence and Recovery at New York University, where she is also a Professor and Senior Vice Provost.'

Study: Women are almost as likely to cheat and leave spouse for new partner

Matt · 3 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Mentioned in Glenn Sacks' latest newsletter and discussed here. Dr. Neilsen's academic site is here. The subject study is available here (.pdf file). Excerpt:

'Indeed women are now almost as likely as men to commit adultery and are more likely than men to get divorced because they have fallen in love with someone else. Some women also leave their husbands for a man with whom they have had little, if any, actual sex. So while claiming that they did not technically “commit adultery”, these wives have nonetheless betrayed and been unfaithful to their husbands (Adler. 1996; Pittman. 1990).
...
Most divorced fathers are extremely lonely, overwrought, and disoriented - mainly because they have lost daily contact with their children. Unlike mothers, almost all fathers are essentially rendered childless as soon as their marriage ends. In part because men are so reluctant to let people know how miserably unhappy and depressed they are or to ask for help, many people - including their own children - do not appreciate the extent to which most men suffer after a divorce.'

"ABA's predatory feminist lawyers" on WorldNetDaily

Matt · 4 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

TEN's Senior Policy Analyst, David R. Usher lands premier exposure on WorldNetDaily for his latest piece, ABA's predatory feminist lawyers. Backed by RADAR's latest special report (.pdf file), Dave exposes some of the inner workings of the American Bar Association's (ABA) attack on American parenthood for profit. This no holds barred piece is a must read, as will be the follow-up pieces forming his first major investigative series. Excerpt:

'The ABA Domestic Violence Standards of Practice displays overt sex bias obvious to even an untrained individual. The victim is repeatedly defined as female. For example: "The lawyer should discuss with the client her wishes regarding temporary custody and visitation, keeping in mind jurisdictional issues."

The additional commentary attached to ABA Standards of Practice document extends sex biases even further: "May a client flee for safety to another state with her children without being charged criminally?"

Justice is not served by pre-defining victims as female. The wide body of 209 empirical reports measuring both female and male-perpetrated violence indicate women are at least as likely as men to be perpetrators of serious domestic violence. In cases of non-reciprocal IPV, women are the initiators of 70.7 percent of domestic violence.'

Safeway's Annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Starting

JSoltys · 4 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Safeway Inc...kicks off its annual prostate cancer fundraising and awareness campaign this week. This marks the eighth consecutive year that Safeway has been raising awareness and funds for prostate cancer research. Since the effort began, the company has raised nearly $30 million for prostate cancer research at some of North America's top cancer centers. The company has teamed up with the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF), the world's largest philanthropic supporter of prostate cancer research, to distribute the funds. This year's campaign will focus on early detection and screening as a way to reduce mortality rates."

How the 'feminization of America' destroys boys, men – and women

anthony · 4 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Terrible"? As this edition of Whistleblower shows, there is nothing wrong – and a very great deal right – with boys and masculinity. As maverick feminist Camille Paglia courageously reminds her men-hating colleagues, masculinity is "the most creative cultural force in history."'

Letter to the editor on child support and casino winnings

el cid · 5 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I managed to get a letter published on the new law in Colorado requiring casinos to withhold winnings to pay CS. My argument is that the problem in collecting support is not recalcitrant dads, but a system that is biased against dads. The sponsor stated he was going after dads. When a specific group is targeted by law, that is a clear form of bias, even if the law is written in gender neutral language.

You can view the letter and make comments here.

Right now, most comments are providing opposing viewpoints. I would welcome a few supportive comments. Thanks.

Teacher Straps 9-Year-Old to Chair With Masking Tape

Matt · 5 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Another candidate for Teacher of the Year shines here.

“I sat down in my seat and she came over and taped me and I said, ‘What are you doing?’”

Female Teacher Accused Of Having Sex With Four Teen Boys

anthony · 6 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BARTOW, Fla. -- A Polk County middle school teacher was arrested Thursday for allegedly having sex with young boys. Currently, 32-year-old Danielle Jones of Auburndale is still being paid by the school board.

Two of the boys were her former students and then they started sharing their sexual trysts with their friends. One of the boys told another teacher at Stambough Middle School (see map) last year. When investigators started peeling back the layers, they found there were at least three other boys Jones was allegedly having sex with.

"It's painfully obvious to us that she is a pedophile," said Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd.

Jones was arrested Thursday and charged with two counts each of unlawful sexual activity with minors and lewd/lascivious battery."'

Guilty: Mother who locked two-year-old son in flooded kitchen during weekend of partying

AngryMan · 6 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A mother was facing jail last night for leaving her toddler son alone in a flooded kitchen while she spent a weekend partying.

Kelly Tollerton, 22, was warned that prison was 'almost inevitable' after a judge heard how she left the two-year-old boy, caged in the kitchen by a baby gate, to fend for himself.

He had been forced to sift through bags of rubbish for food 'like a dog'."

Is She Really A Feminist?

JSoltys · 6 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Rebecca Walker is the founder of the Third Wave Foundation, a feminist group that works nationally to support young women and transgender activists. So I found it hard to believe she wrote this for an article at CNN:

'But with a Democratic house divided, now is the time for healing, and this can only happen if Hillary's staunch female supporters let go of the reverse-sexist ideology that women are inherently better, wiser, and more compassionate leaders.

They will have to acknowledge that sometimes the best woman for the job is actually a man -- if it's the right man.

It is time to turn the page on myopic gender-based Feminism and concede that while patriarchy is real, so is female greed, dishonesty and corruptibility.'

If "third wave" feminism emphasizes this kind of logic, halleluiah!

Virginia court upholds women's college move to coed

anthony · 7 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A former all-women's college did not break a contract with female students when it decided to enroll men, a divided Virginia Supreme Court ruled Friday.

In a 5-2 decision, the court rejected a claim by nine female students at Randolph College — formerly Randolph-Macon Woman's College — that promotional materials and other publications promised them four years at an all-female institution.

Chief Justice Leroy R. Hassell Sr. wrote in the majority opinion that the court could find nothing in marketing materials promising the school would stay single-sex."

Female teacher who banished boy to dark closet fired

anthony · 7 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A teacher who punished a student by putting him in a storage room without supervision has been fired by the Palm Beach County School Board.

Palm Beach Central High School teacher Rutha Scott lost her job Wednesday after an investigation found she placed a student in a closet for misbehaving, the second time the teacher had been accused of sending unruly students to a closet and the sixth time she had been accused of misconduct.

Scott sent the student to a classroom storage closet for as long as 15 minutes after she was interrupted during roll call in February. The student said the lights were off in the closet, which measured 16 feet by 6 feet."

MSNBC: The rise of the female suicide bomber

anthony · 7 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A girl strapped with explosives approaches an Iraqi army captain, who dies in the suicide blast. A woman posing as a mother-to-be to disguise a bulging bomb belt strikes a wedding procession as part of a coordinated attack that kills nearly three dozen people.

The attacks last month were among the latest blows by female suicide bombers — and further evidence of shifting insurgent tactics amid an overall drop in bloodshed around Iraq.

U.S. military figures show the number of female suicide attacks has risen from eight in 2007 to at least 16 so far this year — not including a suicide bombing Friday near Ramadi that Iraqi police believe was carried out by a woman. That compares with a total of four in 2005 and 2006, according to the military."

UK police protect female stalker because she is a judge

Anonymous · 8 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A 22-year-old civil engineer has accused his former girlfriend, Lucy Tate, who was made a JP at 19, of bombarding him with hundreds of phone calls and texts after he ended their relationship. (JP: 'Justice of the Peace', the lowest level of judge in the UK).

He also said she abused his new girlfriend, stalked him and hacked into his Friends Reunited entry and announced she had given birth to his baby. Excerpt:

"Police have been accused of an 'Orwellian' attempt to silence the man.

In what was viewed by politicians last night as an attack on the freedom of speech, detectives made him sign a statement promising not talk to the Press about the case - after details appeared in The Mail on Sunday.

But when asked what grounds they had for their actions, a police spokeswoman refused to comment.
...
The man's father said: 'They said they had been asked to "nip the situation in the bud". But the question is who was asking them to do this? They wanted to stop him speaking further about the case."

Fathers4Justice campaigners stage roof protest on Harriet Harman's house

Anonymous · 8 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Two Fathers 4 Justice campaigners dressed as comic book heroes scaled the roof of Deputy Labour leader Harriet Harman's house today.

The demonstration was intended as an "early Father's Day strike" against the Government over fathers' access to their children, the protesters said.

Another two campaigners are believed to be inside the building.

Actress Anne Heche ordered to pay child support to ex-husband

Roy · 8 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Bisexual actress Anne Heche (Ellen DeGeneres' ex-partner) has been ordered to make a one-time payment of $275,000 to her ex-husband, Hollywood cameraman Coleman Laffoon, as well as monthly child support payments of $3,700 for the care of their six-year old son. Laffoon filed for the divorce, citing irreconcilable differences.

Well, I guess there is a certain satisfaction in seeing a gender reversal in a divorce drama, where the wife was the higher earning partner and she now gets to pay. Still, I have to ask whether this case presents the truly ridiculous notion that it takes $3,700 a month to support a child. It has long been the case that the Family Court system requires no accountability or verification that child support in any way goes directly towards providing for the child's needs.

$3,700 per month is an annual income of $44,400 – just about what the average American family of four lives on.

UK: "Road Rage Killer" to be released

Matt · 8 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'One of Britain's most notorious female killers has been given her first taste of freedom 11 years after she was convicted of her fiance's shocking murder.

Tracie Andrews, given life in 1997 for stabbing her partner to death and then claiming he was the victim of a road rage attack, was allowed out of jail as she prepares for her permanent release.

Handcuffed to a prison guard, the 39-year-old murderess - who has had a string of passionate lesbian affairs behind bars and who now calls herself Tia Carter - enjoyed a day trip in the sunshine wearing smart new clothes and sporting a fashionable shoulder-length hairstyle.

The aim of her outing, say prison sources, is to help Andrews eventually reintegrate back into society and she could free as soon as July 2011

It was in December 1996 that Andrews murdered her fiance Lee Harvey, who bled to death from more than 30 wounds in a remote country lane.'

Australia: First Ever National Men's Health Policy

Matt · 8 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Announcement here. Excerpt:

'8 June 2008

The Rudd Government will develop Australia's first ever National Men's Health Policy – in recognition of the fact that men often have poorer health than women, are likely to die earlier, and are at greater risk of suicide.

To mark the start of International Men's Health Week, Minister for Health Nicola Roxon is launching the paper Setting the scene: developing a men's health policy for Australia.'

MSN's "Top 10 Animal Dads" needs new judgment criteria

Matt · 8 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Take a look at this, off-linked from their main page today. Read through the decriptions of the various "animal dads" and ask yourself what kind of values were used to come up with this list. This is about as overt an exercise in anthropomorphization as any I have ever seen, valuable less for what it tells us about the natural world but more about what it tells us about how paternity is viewed. For example, in describing #9, the Antechinus, the text reads:

'The antechinus can spend up to 12 hours mating! In fact, this super mouse gets so distracted he forgets to eat, drink and sleep. Between that and the steroids that build up in his blood, he doesn't stand a chance. His mate makes the most of it, filling herself up with sperm until the end of the breeding season. But don't feel too sad about the passing of dear old dad. With him out of the picture, there's more food for those left behind -- plus he likely died a very happy mouse!'

Read that last line: "With him out of the picture, there's more food for those left behind - plus he likely died a very happy mouse!"

If you can't see what's wrong with that kind of statement, well, I dunno what to say to you. But it isn't limited to #9-- something like that is found in all these descriptions, from how good "dad" is that he raises the kids despite his mate's infidelities to acting as the fearless and unwavering protector. As I said above, what's most interesting is not the animal species in question but the animal specie that is observing them.

Aussie Women Bemoan Lack of Marriagable Men

Roy · 8 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

More anecdotal evidence of a men's Marriage Strike? Story here. Excerpt:

“... for many women in their 30s - that decade of life in which we hope everything falls into place - being single feels nothing at all like choice. And it frustrates and angers them when it is suggested they are too picky to get a bloke. They say the truth is rather the reverse, and are likely to launch into tales of how the rare single men they meet are quick to bolt for the exit when things get within coo-ee of commitment. ...

There are downsides for a generation that has delayed committed partnering, whose members have remained unhooked - and the major one is the real possibility of ending up alone. … Whether or not you'd say there's a man drought depends ultimately on how you define a drought. But many single women have good reason for believing, as they look to the horizon, that it's not exactly raining men."

Judge’s ban on the use of the word ‘rape’ at trial reflects trend

Matt · 9 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s the only way Tory Bowen knows to honestly describe what happened to her.

She was raped.

But a judge prohibited her from uttering the word “rape” in front of a jury. The term “sexual assault” also was taboo, and Bowen could not refer to herself as a victim or use the word “assailant” to describe the man who allegedly raped her.

The defendant’s presumption of innocence and right to a fair trial trumps Bowen’s right of free speech, said the Lincoln, Neb., judge who issued the order.'

RADAR ALERT: Stop H.R.6088, the National Domestic Violence Volunteer Act

Matt · 9 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Phyllis Schlafly's June 6, 2008 article at WorldNetDaily.com1 comments upon RADAR's recently released analysis2,3 of the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence's flyer "10 Myths About Custody and Domestic Violence and How to Counter Them." It states "'10 Myths' denies the big problem that false allegations of domestic violence and child abuse are frequently used ... to win child custody, and ... ignores the problem that family courts regularly deny custody and issue restraining orders against men based on a woman's unsubstantiated say-so and without giving the man fundamental due process rights."

It also discusses a nasty bill that passed the Senate Judiciary Committee in May 2008: "Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., has rushed to the aid of women who want free lawyers to help them make domestic violence accusations, and of lawyers seeking income from those cases. He is the lead sponsor of an extravagant new boondoggle called the National Domestic Violence Volunteer Attorney Network Act (S.1515)." The House version of the bill is H.R.6088.

H.R.6088/S.1515 would create a network of 100,000 lawyers willing to do volunteer work on behalf of alleged victims of domestic violence and, for those who devote the majority of their time representing alleged domestic violence victims, the bill would set up a fund to pay back their student loans. According to an article favorable to the bill, "Biden Wants Legal Brigade for Domestic Safety"4, "The Congressional Budget Office has not estimated the total cost of the lawyer bill, but a Biden staff member expected the loan forgiveness portion of the bill to be about $20 million in the first year. An additional $8 million would be needed to recruit volunteer lawyers, operate a referral system, launch a pilot program and roll out a national program." According to the Schlafly article, the bill would channel $2 million a year to the ABA commission that wrote "10 Myths" and an estimated $55.5 million to lawyers.

It is much easier to stop a law from getting passed than to repeal or amend an existing law. By demonstrating strong opposition, we can defeat H.R.6088. Right now, the bill is in the House Judiciary Committee. We would like it to die there.

This week, we ask everybody to contact Congressman Lamar Smith, the Ranking Republican Member on the House Judiciary Committee, and ask him to oppose H.R.6088 (the National Domestic Violence Volunteer Attorney Network Act). He has stated: "As the Ranking Republican Member on the Committee, I am committed to ensuring that ... taxpayer dollars are utilized effectively and efficiently." Clearly, a bill that would benefit lawyers at the expense of families should be right in his line of fire.

Congressman Smith's contact information is:
2409 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
ph: 202-225-4236
fax: 202-225-8628

He can also be reached electronically through his website: http://lamarsmith.house.gov/contact.aspx?section=Mail.

If you are from Texas, be sure to mention that. And, of course, be polite and courteous.

Indicated references are on the RADAR web site, linked as above.

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Date of RADAR Release: June 9, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Profile of Mark Harris of F4J

Anonymous · 10 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Mark Harris, one of the protesters who sat on the roof of Harriet Harman's house at the weekend, is profiled in this excellent article. He is the guy who was put in jail for waving at his own children in the street. Excerpt:

"No one condones invading private property, but read the moving story of the man on Harriet Harman's roof who spent years fighting for the right to see his daughters ... only to find THEY wanted to live with HIM

On Sunday morning, just hours before he scrambled on to the roof of Harriet Harman's home dressed as a superhero, Mark Harris kissed and hugged his daughter Lisa and set off from the South Devon home they share.

'I told him I was proud of him,' says Lisa, a 21-year-old wages clerk. 'I said that however long he managed to stay up there, I would be cheering him on and sending him my love.'"

UK: How half a million lonely old men are paying the price of the divorce boom

Anonymous · 10 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Half a million elderly men lead lonely lives with no friends and no contact from their families, a report warned yesterday.

It found that one person in five with an elderly father is no longer in touch with him. One in four claims to be too busy to maintain contact.

Divorce and family break-up has left millions of men without ties to their children and with few or no family links, said the charity Help the Aged.

Retirement deprives many of the company of work colleagues and others are left alone by bereavement or their own poor health.'

Wife jailed for hiring hitman to kill husband

Anonymous · 10 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who took out a home-improvement loan to pay for a hitman to kill her husband was jailed for seven years today — but has already been forgiven by her partner.

Zoe Kenealy, 44, asked her lover, who lived next door, to hire the killer so that she could claim the life insurance money. But today her husband, Timothy, said he forgave her and would resume their relationship when she is released.'

And get this - she is a 'care worker'.

Article: "Hillary's Racism & Misandry Won't Be Missed"

Matt · 10 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'Some people will miss the daily blow-by-blow between Hillary Clinton and Obama. Some will miss the hopefulness of Hillary's charge to be the first female president. And, still others will miss the shock value of the extent to which Hillary was willing to go to win.

However, there are a few things that I won't miss about the primary campaign.
...
I won't miss Hillary playing the gender card, even shedding crocodile tears over her alleged mistreatment. I wonder where those tears were when her husband's cheating was played out on the world stage.

I won't miss Clinton playing the "white woman in distress card," with those same tears and hints of being attacked by a Black man.'

BBC's Woman's Hour perpetuates sports-and-trafficking myth

Matt · 10 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From Tom in London: "I am sure you are aware of the trumped up hysteria around 40,000 'sex trafficked' into Germany for the 2006 World Cup, whilst EU papers showed only 5 alleged cases of sex-trafficking in the event. For a reminder, see http://www.glennsacks.com/blog/?cat=57.

Well, despite this reality check, BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour continues to perpetuate the myths, with an 8 minute discussion (between three sex-trafficking myth peddlers, with no serious challenge to their waffle) - available here.

If you don't listen to Woman's Hour already, it is well worth downloading the necessary media player, as their shows are split into segments and archived on their website, going back 3 years.

I have called the BBC's complaints line, to have them write a letter to me explaining why they chose to put on three sex-slavery myth deniers, and I recommend MANN readers should do the same.

Thanks!

Tom, London.

Who talks more? Why men and women are lost in translation

Roy · 10 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Samantha Brett of the Sydney Morning Herald ponders whether George Clooney was right to dump his jabbering girlfriend, because research shows that women really do talk too much.

A few excerpts:

* "You talk too much!" is apparently the reason bachelor of the moment George Clooney gave the world for dumping his waitress-turned-model girlfriend Sarah Larson. … If only we could keep our chit-chat under stricter control, perhaps the men wouldn't be scared away ..."

* “Scientists have often proved what we've long suspected - that women talk a whopping amount more than men chalking up 20,000 words a day while men utter just 7000.”

* “When women talk, a rush of serotonin fills our brains, giving us emotions akin to what a heroin addict would feel on a high. (No wonder we like to do it so much!) And yet,when we do talk at the end of our day, it's not to find solutions but it's to discharge the problems. Hence making no sense to the men whatsoever.”

So, the cell phone is basically an aural syringe so women can cop another fix?

Man arrested over C/S after re-marrying ex-wife

Matt · 11 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This is why I don't bother reading fiction anymore. The actual news fulfills the role nicely, only it isn't fiction. The horror stories are actually real. Excerpt:

'A honeymoon turned into a child-support nightmare recently for one couple.

After returning from their three-day honeymoon cruise in the Bahamas in May, newlywed Joel Coursen was taken from his bride, Amy, in Cocoa, Fla., and arrested for nonsupport on a Buchanan County warrant.

The couple had remarried after being divorced for less than a year. Mr. Coursen said he fell behind on payments because of a discrepancy in the date of the court order. But he said that he got caught up enough to be eligible for a passport and had no knowledge there was any warrant for his arrest.

“It was never anywhere close to $5,000. After I was arrested, they just said it was for felony nonsupport,” Mr. Coursen said. “To my knowledge, I didn’t know there was a warrant issued. It was a big surprise.”'

UK: Pre-nups on way to legal recognition

Matt · 12 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Pre-nuptial agreements could soon be legally binding in Britain.

The divorce system has previously resisted allowing the contracts - popular in the U.S. among celebrities and the super-rich - although judges can take them into account during divorce proceedings.

But senior judges and lawyers say the system should be modernised and the contracts should receive legal recognition.'

Semi-humor: "So women think about shopping once a minute?..."

Matt · 12 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The article is funny, anyway. Excerpt:

'According to the study, three out of four women - blessed as they are with education, opportunity, independence and income of which poor Miss Davison could scarcely have dreamed - use their minds, once in every minute, to think about… shopping. That's 960 times a day, 6,720 times a week, and damnably close to the once every 52 seconds that men are believed to think about sex.

At least they can claim to have been programmed that way; the caveman had the propagation of a species to worry about. The modern woman with a fixation on shopping has nobody save herself to blame - and no, don't drag up the old excuse that she's under pressure from the fashion magazines.
...
They see the desperation, smell the fear, sense the insecurity and seize another opportunity to tar all women with the same brush: obsessive airheads, one and all. Surveys like this week's example, of course, do a splendid job of reinforcing the image and attitude towards us that inevitably follows. So, to all the compulsive shopping sisters out there, I ask this: next time a researcher innocently asks you how often you think about shopping - please, for all our sakes, just lie.'

Fatherhood Initiative Launched for Father's Day

Anonymous · 12 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I'm doing outreach for two new public service announcements from the Ad Council about fatherhood just in time for Father's Day. As you know, children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem and avoid high-risk behaviors such as drug use, truancy, and criminal activity compared to children who have uninvolved fathers. I'm hoping that you can share this important message with your readers. Here are the two informative (and entertaining) videos:

Fatherhood Involvement - Cheerleader

Fatherhood Involvement - Super Soaker

Thanks so much for your help and Happy Father's Day!

If you have any questions or want more info about the campaign, drop me a line at dorothee-at-see3.net.

Teen Sleepover Turns Into Sex Party

patriotsofamerica · 12 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. I know that some people are getting tired of talking about women having sex with young boys. I think that this news story takes the cake and should be looked at. I cannot imagine how much media this would get if it were men. Instead it is women, yes WOMEN (plural, more than one) in this incident. I have not seen this on any major news outlet yet. I wanna see where this one goes. www.move-off.org

Excerpt:

'Police said two Bucks County moms have been charged after a sleepover involving six teenage boys took an alleged illegal sexual turn.

Angela Honeycutt, 38, and Lynne Long, 45, are facing numerous charges after a series of alleged incidents on April 14.

Authorities said the teens, ages 14 to 16, were attending a sleepover at Long's Lower Makefield home when Honeycutt, a mother of two young children, allegedly had sex with a 14-year-old and performed sex acts with a 15-year-old. Long allegedly watched, listened and instructed the teens not to say anything.'

Ed. note: Watch the video. At the end the reporter says the two women were released after "signing their own bail". "Sign on bail" ("S.O.B." for short-- how apt!) as it is sometimes called means in lieu of putting up the actual bail money, the suspect signs a form saying that if required to, he (or in this case, she) will post bail any time it is demanded in future before trial. As a matter of course however, it is almost never demanded. In short, the police just released them "under their own recognizance", as it used to be called. (That phrase is no longer used because it is actually an accurate description of what is happening rather than an obfuscation. Can't have the truth out there, can we?)

Would this have happened if this had been two men with a group of teenagers of either or mixed sexes?

Teen's life badly affected by wrongful rape accusation

Anonymous · 13 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The son of former haulage boss Eddie Stobart yesterday told how his life had been made hell since he was wrongly accused of rape by a 15-year-old girl.

Edward Andrew Stobart, 19, said he had been beaten up and told to 'dig his own grave' following the case.
...
But although the prosecution was abandoned, she retains her anonymity, unlike Mr Stobart, who says he was attacked by a 15-strong mob at the weekend.
...
'Every time I go out I am shouted at and I have been spat at and called names like "Scum".

'I don't think it is fair that someone who accuses another of rape is given anonymity even if it is proven that it did not happen.'

The teenager is in hiding and says he cannot get a job because of the allegation. '

Rise of the gold-digger: The young women who shamelessly pursue older men for their money

Anonymous · 13 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"When did it become acceptable to be a gold-digger?

After all, isn't a woman who sleeps with a man for money - or at least for extensive use of his credit card - called something else?

But then, 'prostitute' doesn't have quite the same glamorous, diamond-encrusted platinum ring to it, does it?

A new French film opens in the UK this week called Priceless.

It tells the story of a woman who selects her mates entirely on the basis of the size of their wallets.

Who needs sexual chemistry when you can have cold hard cash?

...
A man exists not as an equal partner in a kind, loving, relationship, but merely as someone to be fleeced for as much money as possible.

How depressing and how insulting to the millions of women who don't live their lives according to these mercenary rules."

UK: Private members' clubs to be banned from treating women as 'second class citizens'

Anonymous · 13 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Private members' clubs will be banned from treating women as 'second- class citizens' under new laws.

Equalities minister Harriet Harman wants to make it illegal for golf clubs and working men's clubs to restrict women's access or deny them the right to vote as full members.
...
However, the new measures will not affect single-sex clubs such as the Women's Institute.

They will only affect mixed-sex clubs where women have lower membership status than men. The Equality Bill is also expected to give women the right to breastfeed in public places. While the contents of the Bill are yet to be confirmed, ministers have also suggested forcing businesses to conduct 'pay audits' - reviewing salaries to ensure men are not paid more than female colleagues."

Woman arrested in cold case has other dead spouses

Matt · 13 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"For two decades, Al Gentry begged investigators to take another look at the mystery of who killed his brother, Harold, and left his gunshot-ridden body sprawled on the floor of the home he shared with his wife.

He visited the sheriff's office dozens of times and made just as many phone calls. And when authorities finally listened, they wound up arresting the person Gentry had always suspected: his brother's now 76-year-old former wife, who was charged last month with hiring a hit man to gun him down.

...

After Gentry's death, Neumar remarried two more times. Once was to 79-year-old John Neumar, who died in October. Authorities in Neumar's hometown of Augusta, Ga., are examining the death, and detectives went to her home two weeks ago and seized an urn with his ashes, said Richmond County, Ga., sheriff's investigator Lt. Scott Peebles."

US: Rally at State Capitols for Equal Rights for Fathers

Matt · 13 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A.:

All,

Today is ***FRIDAY THE 13th*** from 12:00pm till 3:00pm those who want family court reform and EQUAL parenting legislation are UNITING at their State Capitols in all 50 states and DEMANDING a change. At last count, we have in excess of 40 states participating in the landmark event!

Here in Sacramento we anticipate the largest gathering of those who want family court reform ever. The 42' PURPLE CRISPE BUS has driven up from San Diego. William Wagener from On Second Thought TV is driving up from Santa Maria. Many are traveling from all over the state to meet with our legislators.

The media has guaranteed they will be present, call me to confirm that you will be present and you wish to speak to our legislators BOTH in Sacramento and Washington DC. This event will be video taped nationwide and copies will be sent to our employees in Washington DC informing them that we are now UNITED nationally and we want family court reform.

Here is a link to our promo video:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggMNUQ4Nc5U.

If you want change, I will see you at the NORTH STEPS of the Capitol tomorrow, we will be lobbying from 9:00am till 12:00 then our rally runs from 12:00pm till 3:00pm.

with your help...

JUSTICE IS COMING!!!

Donald Tenn is…
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Newsweek refutes "women and science" myth while simultaneously promoting it

Matt · 13 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

You know, there is little better than the women-in-science stuff to offer as an example of bizarre dual-process thinking espoused by the MSM-feminist press. Newsweek declares "Nerdgirls" are taking over the sciences but at the same time bemoans the absence thereof from the fields of science, pinning the reason for this of course on the men therein and "popular culture".

Article here. Try not to think too much about the contradictions, your head will start to throb painfully. And be sure to watch the video of the Nerdgirls posing in high-fashion clothes and heels for photographers, running around doing nothing but good in the world for everyone, and of course declaring their confidence, power, independence, etc., etc. Oh yes, and also about how "guys are afraid of smart women."

"Guys"... "Women"

Excerpt:

'In 2007, girls won both the team and the individual categories of the Siemens Competition for high-school students in math, science and technology for the first time in the competition's history. A recent Pew Internet & American Life project found that among users 12 to 17, girls dominate the blogosphere and social networking sites; they're also beating boys when it comes to creating Web sites of their own. Even women gamers far outnumber men ages 25 to 34, according to a 2006 study by the Consumer Electronics Association.

...
Yet there is still a dichotomy between the culture and the workplace. Forty years ago women made up just 3 percent of science and engineering jobs; now they make up about 20 percent. That sounds promising, until you consider that women earn 56 percent of the degrees in those fields. A recent Center for Work-Life Policy study found that 52 percent of women leave those jobs, with 63 percent saying they experienced workplace harassment and more than half believing they needed to "act like a man" in order to succeed. In the past, women dealt with that reality in two ways: some buried their femininity, while others simply gave up their techie interests to appear more feminine.
...
She may not be in the majority now, but if her fellow geek girls have anything to do with it, she will be. Outreach programs such as TechBridge, an after-school workshop for middle- and high-school girls, and MAGIC (More Active Girls In Computing), a national mentoring program for aspiring computer scientists, are among the dozens of programs aimed at getting girls to think about futures in science and technology."

Fathers Groups Go Front and Center at Los Angeles Courthouse

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Fathers Groups Go Front and Center at Los Angeles Courthouse

"The corner of 1st St. and Hill St. is always a bustling intersection and this morning it was a little busier than usual. All across America, today is Fatherless Day, and folks are taking to the streets to call attention to the way family law and family law courts mistreat Fathers."

"Sadly, there is much fear that government still does not get the message that Father's rights advocates are sending, that the war on Dads will no longer be tolerated. More and more Dads, and their relatives, and friends are speaking up, demanding that this tyranny end."

Co-ed gets 5 years for iron-branding recalcitrant one-night stand

anthony · 13 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A college student who branded a former lover's body with a scalding piece of metal as payback for never calling her after they had sex was sentenced to five years in prison Friday.

Kristina Caban, 23, had no comment as state Supreme Court Justice Michael Obus sentenced her for what he called a crime that was "not remotely justifiable."

Assistant District Attorney Nicole Blumberg told Obus that Caban was the "mastermind behind the plan" to sear the torso of Samir "Sammy" Sara, then 23, for having sex with her once in 2004 and never calling her again.'

Ed. note: NY Post story here. In it there are more details, including that the perp initially told police it was payback for date-rape, a story that after further scrutiny she recanted and confessed her real motive for the assault.

Note she got two other men to do the dirty work. Let this be a lesson to men who would mount their white horses and chivalrously do the bidding of an angry woman bent on violent revenge for some wrongs, real or imagined: those old fairy tales that have you programmed into thinking you should have also been born with your own white horse and suit of armor are nothing more than the software society tries to program you with so you can be a useful idiot one day to someone. Just say 'No'.

Women Vets Get Worse Care, Review Finds

anthony · 13 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Women veterans aren't receiving the same quality of outpatient care as men at many Department of Veterans Affairs' facilities, according to an agency review obtained exclusively by The Associated Press.

The review appears to validate the complaints of advocates and some members of Congress who have said the health care system needs to focus more on women's health.

Women make up about 5 percent of the VA's population, but that number is expected to nearly double in the next two years as more women return home from Iraq and Afghanistan and seek care.

The review of the quality of care at VA facilities, which was mandated by Congress, found that at about one-third of its facilities, the quality of outpatient care given to women wasn't as good as what was offered to men."

No jail for jealous wife who stabs husband

Anonymous · 14 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Except:

"When Susannah Pearson heard her husband of 27 years had been having an affair, she was livid and confronted him as he lay in bed.

She then went to the kitchen, returning with an eight-inch carving knife, and stabbed Tory councillor Oliver Pearson, 53, three times in the back as he desperately hid behind a duvet.

He was taken to hospital for emergency surgery while his wife, 59, was arrested. But yesterday she escaped jail after her husband wrote to the court pleading for leniency.

Thanks to the letter, Pearson was given a ten-month sentence, suspended for a year, after admitting unlawful wounding.

Mr Pearson also wrote that he hopes the couple, who have four children, can rebuild their marriage."

CRISP National Father's Day Rally in Banglore, India

bharati · 14 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Father's Day rally in Bangalore, India photos here.

Yes Micky, The Lion King and Donald Duck had also attended the show.

Around 100 people attended. Interestingly, 70-80 children from the neighboring school joined after there school had closed; they will remember their father on the Father's Day.

The main slogan:

'Child Says "I want Pappa"
Mommy Says "No Pappa"'

June is National Men's Health Month

Matt · 15 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I didn't know, either. Anyway, the official web site is at http://www.menshealthmonth.org/. Thanks to MANN regular Luek for mentioning it in a comment here. From the site:

"Goal of Men's Health Month

The purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

This month gives health care providers, public policy makers, the media, and individuals an opportunity to encourage men and boys to seek regular medical advice and early treatment for disease and injury. The response has been overwhelming with hundreds of awareness activities in the USA and around the globe."

The war on fathers

patriotsofamerica · 15 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This is something I think we all should read I found on World Net daily. www.move-off.org

Excerpt:

'"Father knows best."

How do those three words make you feel? Turn them over in your mind a couple of times and be aware of the subtlest of feelings. Be honest.

Do they make you feel slightly squeamish? A little discomfort in your solar plexus? Is something deep down inside you repelled by those words?

If so, you're not alone. Contempt for male authority – as if to say, "Give me a break, father sure didn't know best in my life" – is everywhere around us. We're swimming in it. You see, men, boys and masculinity itself have been under withering national assault for decades.'

"Urban Dictionary" sees vote-war over the definition of "feminism"

paulajones · 15 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Feministing.com is invading Urban Dictionary to change the definitions of feminism. They put a link to the definition page and have had thousands of their followers skew the vote against anti-feminist definitions.

The anti-feminist definitions were WAY ahead until a few days ago and now they are behind by the thousands.

I hope you can help by visiting the Urban Dictionary definition of feminism and helping to outvote feministing.com.

Also, notice the crazy man-hating comments left by feminists who visited the site!! This is entertaining stuff!

Thanks again for your support!!

"In my experience, women are far harder to work with than men."

Proud_to_be_a_man · 15 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Good opinion piece here. Well worth reading it all. Excerpt:

'In my experience, women are far harder to work with than men. Men don't give you a crap task because they're jealous of your shoes or mistrust you for months because you have good highlights or stand about "nursing her wrath to keep it warm", as Robert Burns put it. Sometimes women don't get jobs because they're not very nice.
...
Few women are prepared to make that kind of sacrifice. This is entirely their right and good on them. However, it is surely both dishonest and intensely stupid to apportion blame - in the form of so-called corporate discrimination - to what is essentially a completely personal choice: power versus being there at bath time, conferences versus the park, business trips versus getting home in time for homework, giving "110%" versus sleeping more than five hours a night.'

Fathers: Get Ready for “Fix VAWA Now!” Campaign

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One-quarter of all divorces now involve an allegation of domestic violence. In about 80% of cases, the allegation is unnecessary or false. The accusation begins a series of legal maneuvers and decisions in which the son or daughter eventually loses daily loving contact with dad.

Needless to say, this is a negation of justice and a terrible thing to do to a father and a child.

On July 4 RADAR will be launching its biggest campaign ever: "Fix VAWA Now!" The five-month campaign will feature a media blitz, lobbying, grass-roots education, release of Special Reports, and much more.

Each month will be devoted to a different topic:

July – Impact of VAWA on the legal system
August – How VAWA harms the African-American community
September – Illegal immigration
October – Impact of VAWA on the family
November – Discrimination against underserved victims

We want every American voter to understand that the Violence Against Women Act is one of the most harmful pieces of social legislation ever introduced. That will give us a fighting chance of reforming the next version of VAWA, which Sen. Joe Biden will be introducing in
early 2009.

For more information, sign up to receive RADAR’s weekly E-lerts -- see the upper right hand corner of our home page at http://www.mediaradar.org/.

2 women arrested in 'unbearable abuse' of 5-year-old boy

Matt · 15 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The mother of a 5-year-old-boy and her live-in girlfriend have been arrested in connection with what authorities describe as "unbearable physical and psychological abuse" of the child, police said Saturday.
...
The boy, who was in guarded condition at a local hospital, was rescued Monday by a stranger who found him abandoned and called authorities.

On that same day, the two women had an appointment with the Department of Children and Family Services and had brought the healthy child of a mutual friend and tried to pass him off as Brown's son.
...
Lt. Vincent Neglia of the LAPD's Abused Child Unit said in a statement Saturday that the abuse was "akin to a level of torture we hope our military personnel would never encounter."'

Newport News girl, 15, charged after false rape accusation

Matt · 15 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEWPORT NEWS - A 15-year-old Newport News girl has been charged with filing a false police report after she admitted to detectives that she fabricated a rape accusation against her mother's boyfriend.
...
A detective investigated and determined that the girl's story was false, Tepper said. The girl then admitted she had fabricated the story because she did not want to live with her mother, Tepper said.'

From Tupperware to Tasers: Film of "taser party" with man as demo model

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Video report here. Caption: "Women choose a taser demonstration for their party's entertainment. WXIA reports."

The men putting on this "party" for these women need to spend some quality time here on MANN, methinks, especially the "demo model" guy.

It's Father's Day! Can you tell by reading the paper?

Matt · 15 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Take a look at the various MSM web sites-- could you tell it was Father's Day by reading them? Maybe there is a small article here and there, but headlines, the kind Mother's Day garners-- where are they? Not there at all. No coverage in many papers. Zip, zilch, nada. Some examples:

NY Times
LA Times
CNN
Detroit Times
SF Gate

Happy Father's Day!

Fathers Groups Go Front and Center at Los Angeles Courthouse

anthony · 15 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Fathers 4 Justice, Los Angeles (F4JLA) and the National Coalition For Men, Los Angeles (NCFMLA) stood front and center this morning at the entrance to a downtown Los Angeles Courthouse. The corner of 1st St. and Hill St. is always a bustling intersection and this morning it was a little busier than usual. All across America, today is Fatherless Day, and folks are taking to the streets to call attention to the way family law and family law courts mistreat Fathers.

The Hill St. Courthouse is the site where many a famous Hollywood celebrity has experienced the pangs of divorce and family law tyranny.

Picketers with their large signs were on the sidewalks by 7:15 a.m., and by 8:00 a.m., there was no ignoring their presence in front of the courthouse. Folks from all across Southern California showed up for this event. Protest organizers were surprised and pleased when Harry Crouch of the California Men's Center San Diego pulled into the parking lot to join them. Crouch drove over a hundred miles to join the protest. Sons, daughters, 2nd wives and others also drove long distances and made other sacrifices to join this protest and express their strong dissatisfaction with family law and family law courts.'

More Empty Preaching & Daddy Blaming?

Roy · 15 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Talking tough on Father's Day, Sen. Barack Obama challenged African-American men on Sunday to play more of a role in raising their children and warned them that "responsibility doesn't just end at conception."

"Too many fathers are MIA. Too many fathers are AWOL," he told a huge African-American congregation in Chicago. "There's a hole in your heart if you don't have a male figure in the home that can guide you and lead you and set a good example for you."'

There is not a single sentence in the article about women's responsibilities, men's total lack of rights in reproductive choices, the destruction of inner city jobs or how the social welfare system is rigged to reward multiple unwed births and exiling fathers from their children's lives and homes.

Oh, I forgot. Obama has never actually lived in "the 'hood".

Never mind.

All-female Buffalo law firm accentuates the feminine in its ads

Matt · 16 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An all-female Buffalo law firm is getting a mix of cheers and boos for a series of ads that tout its woman power. “Ever Argue with a Woman?” reads the headline of one of the ads for Schroder Joseph & Associates LLP.
...
A Buffalo attorney who served on the New York State Bar Association’s task force to establish lawyer ad guidelines that went into effect in 2007 said he’s “a little uncomfortable” with the tone of the Schroder Joseph ads.
...
A State Bar spokesman said the Buffalo law firm’s ad have not resulted in any formal action against the firm tied to its year-old advertising guidelines. Those rules were put in place to govern misleading and inappropriate attorney ads, with particular focus on embellished testimonials, silly nicknames and inaccurate fee information.

Schroder Joseph employs four female attorneys and an all-woman support staff at its Ellicott Street offices.'

Video footage from Fatherless Day rally in Sacramento, CA (June 13 2008)

johndias · 16 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Here is footage from the Sacramento rally of the National Fatherless Day. There were also rallies planned in the capitols of all 50 states. This one was from the California capitol.

The video may appear grainy at first (it was captured via a cell phone). To improve the viewing quality, in the lower right corner of the video, click on the "Google Video" button. Select "Original Size" and it will no longer be grainy.

Fred Hayward
Men's Rights Inc.
http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-1447184631954907767&hl=en

Donald Tenn
Fathers 4 Justice
http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=2873327521476125063&hl=en

Larry Kerkman
Children's Rights Initiative for Sharing Parents Equally (CRISPE)
http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4775576415756315926&hl=en

Betty Williams
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Sacramento Branch
http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=8253697192337867377&hl=en

On YouTube: Man talks about male bashing commercials

Anonymous · 17 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

We all know about this, but I thought it may be interesting.

Schoolgirl 'stabbed to death in fight with teenage love rival over boy'

AngryMan · 17 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Sian Simpson, 17, was found dying in the street surrounded by a crowd of girls shouting at each other after a knife had been used 'all too depressingly' to settle a row, the court heard.

The A-level student collapsed after being stabbed in the chest by 18-year-old Chelsea Bennett, jurors were told.
...
...her death by stabbing was the culmination of an afternoon and evening of an escalating fight between two groups of young females."

City lawyer 'faked nervous breakdown to claim record £19m sex discrimination payout'

AngryMan · 17 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A lawyer in line for a record £19 million payout over claims that a sexist bullying campaign ended her career was yesterday described as a liar.

Gillian Switalski, 51, said harassment and sexual discrimination at a finance company had left her 'mentally disabled' and effectively unable to work.
...
Monica Carss-Frisk QC, for F&C, told an employment tribunal: 'The new evidence shows that she simply did not tell the truth, and was a very plausible liar.'

The tribunal had been told at an earlier hearing that Mrs Switalski's treatment at the City firm had left the self-confessed workaholic suffering from depression and unable to concentrate enough to even read a newspaper.

But yesterday's hearing was told she had applied for three jobs, including a demanding role on the organising committee of the 2012 London Olympic Games, while on sick leave.

One businessman who met her during the interview process said he was struck by her 'huge energy and drive'.

Mrs Switalski previously won an employment tribunal against the firm over her claims that she was undermined, bullied and marginalised while head of legal affairs."

Family secrets: I wish I had married for money, not love

AngryMan · 17 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A new perspective on the pay gap. Excerpt:

"When Bill and I got married his relaxed attitude to money amused me. He's a teacher and enjoys his job. I work in medical sales: more stressful, but it pays well. I have, however, become secretly, overwhelmingly, envious of my friends, who can rely on their husbands as the breadwinners.
...
I feel resentful, especially as it's the men who bring in the money; and even if Bill were a head teacher, he wouldn't come close... Feminism's fine, but there's a lot to be said for having your bills paid."

Ed. note: An off-link to this story should come as no surprise. But note the blame for the separation is shifted now to the man.

Man kills children, self, over divorce battle

Matt · 17 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Tragic indeed, and on Father's Day. This is the state of things here in the west. Excerpt:

"A father found gassed with his two children had been in despair over a bitter divorce battle.

Security guard Brian Philcox, 53, had lost his job and feared he would have to hand over his house to his estranged wife Evelyn, 37.
...
The pressure group Fathers 4 Justice confirmed that he had been in touch last week telling of his desperation. He had also told neighbours that the divorce had left him at the end of his tether and would leave him penniless.

He told one friend: 'I've lost my wife, I've lost my kids and I've lost my job. Now I'm going to lose my house. But I'd rather burn it down than see that bitch get it.'
...
Matt O'Connor, founder of Fathers 4 Justice, said: 'From time to time we get calls from people in an extremely agitated state. He called last week and was in some distress.

'There was some dispute over his house but the kids were the main issue for him and he was worried about losing all custody.'"

The story also says that it is alleged the man was violent toward his stepson and that was the main reason for his wife's seeking a divorce. Well I can't say one way or another as to the veracity of that claim. But I am familiar with the karate world and I doubt a man prone to violence to solve problems in any context would get to the level he was at in the karate world without showing remarkable discipline and mastery of his impulses, emotions, and reactions. I could be wrong, but I am just saying, it would come as a surprise to me. And not to be gruesome here, but note the means of killing his kids and himself was fundamentally "non-violent", though unfortunately all-too-effective.

Understand though that in no way am I excusing him for these actions. Alas plenty of men have had wives leave them and nab house and children and they have not resorted to this kind of action. It is true to say that for men who may be pushed too far by "The System" it isn't too hard to see how some would succumb to even this level of irrationality.

DV research suppressed when it implicates women

Matt · 17 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Part of Glenn Sacks' most recent newsletter, the issue is detailed here. Glenn's newsletters always have great stuff, but some things stand out as important to underscore because of their value as resources for reference. This is one of them. Excerpt:

"I recently discussed the way that the research showing that women are just as complicit in family violence as men has been suppressed and obscured in this blog post. In the blog posts below, researcher after researcher details the impediments they faced in conducting and/or publicizing scientifically sound and honest research on women's family violence..."

RADAR ALERT: Tell Your Congressman – "Don't Earmark Money for Lawyers, Oppose HR6088"

Matt · 17 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

vol·un·teer1 *(noun)*: "a person who performs a service willingly and without pay"

Here's a riddle: When do volunteers get paid $55 million dollars?

Answer: When the "volunteers" are lawyers paid by Congress with your money.

Under the guise of combating domestic violence, House bill HR 6088, the misleadingly-named "National Domestic Violence Volunteer Attorney Network Act" would funnel your tax dollars to lawyers. It would be bad enough if the intent of this bill were merely Congressional pork for lawyers. But the intent of this bill is to place Congress' thumb firmly on the scales of justice to guarantee the conviction of the innocent along with the guilty.

Over and over again, researchers not bound by preconceived beliefs have concluded that domestic violence is a human problem, not a gender problem.2,3 If the recipient of the lion's share of the funding under HR 6088 were an organization that subscribed to honest research, the bill might have a legitimate premise. But the $55 million the bill authorizes is specifically allocated to:

1. the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence,
2. organizations that are to be created by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence, or
3. organizations that are required to collaborate with the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence.

One would expect the American Bar Association to respect basic concepts of American jurisprudence, like "innocent until proven guilty". But the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence (ABA-CODV) has demonstrated nothing but disdain for that most fundamental principle of American liberty. The overriding theme in their publication "10 Myths about Custody and Domestic Violence and How to Counter Them"4 is the presumption of guilt of the accused. The document is so larded with falsehoods that, of its 19 claims, only 2 are actually true.5,6

This week, please get in touch with your own Representative in the House. To locate the contact information, go to http://www.house.gov/, enter your zip code, and look up your Representative's name. Or you can call the Capitol Switchboard at 1-202-224-3121.

Please tell your Congressperson:

- No earmarks for lawyers who believe in "guilty unless proven innocent"!
- Oppose HR 6088.

Noted references are available on the RADAR web site by clicking their links.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women
working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org/.

"Why women quit technology careers"

Matt · 17 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Submitted by "C D" over email: "This study looks very bogus, particularly the 63% face sexual harassment claim. How was sexual harassment defined? How were questions worded? Did participants know what the study was about and its intended consequences before being questioned? Were males asked about sexual harassment using the same definition (for a control group)?"

Check out the comments!

Washington Post: 'Fathers and Druthers'

anthony · 17 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"So how was Father's Day for you? Did you get a new tie and a Sinatra record? Oh, you got a game for your Wii and the new Death Cab for Cutie? Cool. Pretty great to be treated like a king after a long week at the office, right? What, your wife's got the full-time job? No, it's your partner, Fred, who does? Still, family's first and it's a great day for . . . Your ex got full custody and you spent the day pretending it was any other Sunday? Sorry to bring up a sore subject. So remind me again: What exactly was it we were celebrating a couple of days ago?

Fatherhood isn't just challenging; it's changing. It's probably been changing ever since Adam had to confront his sons' challenging behavior, every generation doing it a little differently. But some ideas of what a father is have hung on pretty tenaciously: He's a provider; he's a role model. Here are some others: He's not big on expressing love; he's probably off working somewhere during the piano recital; he can barely boil water or wash his own clothes, so don't even think of leaving the kids alone with him."

Merrick woman found guilty of strangling husband

anthony · 17 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Kelly Forbes collapsed and let out a guttural wail as the jury foreman read the verdict yesterday in Nassau County Court: guilty of manslaughter in the first degree.

Jurors deliberated for just two hours before reaching their verdict, rejecting Forbes' claims that she was defending herself when she strangled her new husband, Michael, with an electrical cord last November.

In a courtroom divided between the bride's family on one side and the groom's family on the other, a jolting shout of "Yes" came from one of Michael Forbes' supporters. As court officers quieted the man, Kelly Forbes' parents sat stone-faced, then bolted from the courthouse immediately after the verdict.

Forbes, 29, faces a maximum 25 years in prison when Judge Jerald Carter sentences her July 18."

Girl, 15, torched in gruesome attack by love rival

AngryMan · 18 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A 15-year-old girl was set on fire using white spirit in a street ambush by a love rival who was jealous over a kiss.

Schoolfriends have said she turned up to a meet a friend when her attacker allegedly leapt from the bushes and doused her in the highly flammable liquid hidden in a Coca-Cola bottle.

Police say that as she flicked a lighter, the attacker said: 'You won't look pretty anymore.'"

First British woman killed in Afghanistan

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Story here. Excerpt:

"The first British woman was killed in action in Afghanistan in a blast that also claimed the lives of three other soldiers.
...
Three of the soldiers were killed in the blast, while the fourth was pronounced dead on arrival at Camp Bastion, the Ministry of Defence said.

It is understood that the woman was serving with the Army's Intelligence Corps."

Ed. note: Note that her gender makes her death headline news. Meanwhile, thousands of men from allied countries have been killed and at best, they get numbered.

Soldiers are soldiers, casualties all tragic. A person's sex should not matter a whit how the press treats them. Either the press needs to treat all casualties as numbers or as actual people with lives lost (I prefer that second approach), but not either-or based on the dead person's sex.

Japanese designing robotic girlfriends

Matt · 18 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Why bother reading fiction when you have the news? It's just sad. So, it's come to this. Excerpt:

'A Japanese firm has produced a 15-inch tall robotic girlfriend that kisses on command, to go on sale in September for around $175, with a target market of lonely adult men.

Using her infrared sensors and battery power, the diminutive damsel named "EMA" puckers up for nearby human heads, entering what designers call its "love mode."'

This is only the beginning, a test-marketing of sorts, as if they needed to do one. In a few decades, assuming the world doesn't implode on itself, a life-sized "fully-functional, 99% passable" android will be available. Think I'm kidding? Look how far electronics and robotics have already come in just 10 years!

Can relations between the sexes generally get any worse? Robotic replacements for one another is about as bad I think it can get short of gunfights in the streets.

MSNBC also has a video report. It can be seen here, but comes on after the story about the camel that walked away from a collision with a car.

Again, why bother with fiction when you have the news?

"Advice Goddess" Stands Up for Men

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Advice Goddess Amy Alkon replies to a feminist blogger who accuses her of being a “colluder” with men’s rights advocates. From her site:

(Blogger) “A colluder is a woman that disavows feminism for men's rights.They feel that feminism has reached all of its goals, and that the women that are complaining today aren't interested in equality...oh no, we are interested in ruling men. Since females in roles of power are counter gender norms, this simply cannot be tolerated.”

Ms. Alkon replies - “If you're against discrimination and injustice, you're against discrimination and injustice of all kinds. And you don't create discrimination and foment hate, just as long as the discriminatee has a penis, which is what feminism tends to do. … I'm against feminism because I'm against discrimination against men or anyone, and feminism is, far too often, a big whine for special treatment under the guise of equal treatment. It's also, very often, a cover for man-hating… feminism is about promoting injustice not stopping it. Which is why I'm a proud "colluder."

Save the Males interview

Anonymous · 18 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Excellent interview of Kathleen Parker here regarding her new book highlighting some of the sections of the book. This will be of general interest to MRAs. Excerpt:

'Kathryn Jean Lopez: Well count me among those who think men matter. Why do they need saving though? Don't they usually do the rescue missions?

Kathleen Parker: Men are, indeed, excellent rescuers. We like that about men. In fact, Western men rescued women once upon a time from their status as pack mules. As my friend Matt Labash might say, I like to call that Western Civilization. Men also created the big-idea documents that ultimately resulted in women's suffrage and equality under the law. Women have demonstrated their gratitude by reaching the summit and basically pulling the ladder up behind them. "See ya, guys. You're on your own now. Oh, and we're taking the kids."'

Scotland Toughens Rape Laws & Proof of Consent

Roy · 18 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Plans to toughen laws on rape, consent, spiking drinks and offensive e-mails and texts have been unveiled as part of an overhaul of sex crime legislation. Under the Scottish Government bill, consent would be defined in law, creating a broader statutory offence which includes male rape. There would also be new offences for sexually offensive e-mails and texts and spiking people's drinks.
...
As well as a broader definition of rape, the bill creates a range of statutory sexual offences and a definition of consent based on "free agreement", with illustrative scenarios. One of these scenarios would be where a victim was incapable of consent through alcohol or other substances."

The article is unclear about what documentation proving consent would protect a man accused of rape.

NIMH-funded research project seeks contributors to DV study

Matt · 18 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

"I am doing a research study on male victims of partner violence. We are looking for male victims of heterosexual partner violence who sustained some kind of aggression within the previous year to fill out a confidential, anonymous, online survey about their experiences with partner violence, their health, and their experiences with seeking help for their partner violence victimization. Here is a copy of our IRB-approved advertisement for this study:

"Researchers at Clark University and Bridgewater State College are conducting a study on men who experience aggression from their girlfriends, wives, or female partners. If you are a man between the ages of 18-59 and have experienced aggression from your partner within the past 12 months, you may be eligible to participate in this study. We invite you to follow this link to the study webpage where you can complete an Internet survey about your experiences. Link: http://www.clarku.edu/faculty/dhines

Our aim is to have about 500 male victims complete this survey so that we can provide sound, empirical information about male victims and their experiences, in the hopes of making domestic violence services more widely available to them.

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Asst. Principal Makes Boys Drink Urine

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Yup. They played a childish prank, pouring urine down the water fountain drain, and the teacher made the boys drink out of the fountain. This is abuse, plain and simple. What proof did the teacher have? What if it was a girl who did it? Excerpt:

'A Banks county assistant principal is facing potential trouble. Parents say she went too far in disciplining several students. Reaction is strong following accusations from parents, an assistant principal at Banks County Elementary School forced several 5th grade boys to drink from a urine tainted water fountain.

One parent said, “I think it’s ridiculous that we trust these people with our children’s health during the day and they let something like this happen.”'

Barbara Kay on how courts disenfranchise fathers

Anonymous · 19 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'...In 90% of disputed custody cases mothers walk away with “primary care” (in effect sole custody) of their children because, deservedly or not, judges feel sorry for them and find a technical or legal opening to issue the judgment they have already made in their hearts.

The introduction to a book presently nearing completion, called "Deadbeat Judges: How Courts Disenfranchise Fathers", outlines the triple cause of the syndrome. In the absence of constitutional protection of parental rights, and masking their power-grab under the guise of “best interests of the child,” courts have usurped disputatious parents’ natural right to equal guardianship of their children. Add to that judges’ superannuated impulse toward chivalry for the perceived underdog — virtually always the mother in their eyes — bolstered by a legal culture dominated by third-wave, anti-father feminism.

The result is a perfect storm favouring judicial activism for mothers: “Our Lords and Ladies reflexively defer to women in court, especially mothers. Motherhood is sacred; the role of our noble knights in shining armor on the Bench is to protect it at almost any cost.”'

"How DARE anyone make excuses for fathers who murder their own children"

AngryMan · 19 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When a story unfolds that is as obscene as the deaths of Amy and Owen Philcox by the hands of their father Brian, most of us try to work our way through the unthinkable steps of it: how carefully he planned the murders and how cruelly he hinted at what was to come.

...

Some men, and their children, are certainly dealt a lousy hand in matters of custody, maintenance and access.

But I also believe that among all the men I have known who bellyache about their lot, almost without exception their real grievance is rooted in their relationship with their former wife - and 'anguish' about 'missing' the children is just a stick with which to beat her.

It's amazing how many men get over the 'grief' within moments of finding a new woman.

Going to the lengths of killing the children is the ultimate extreme and, of course, most members of Fathers 4 Justice wouldn't dream of harming a hair on their darlings' heads just to punish the mother they have come to hate (or for whom they still yearn).'

Male Victims in India, always doomed

Matt · 19 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'RECENTLY, THE Aarushi murder case made quite a sensational headline With all the major news channels running bizzare with their never ending assumptions and stories. Minister of Women and Child Development, Renuka Choudhary also took the police force to task for not handling the case properly and using derogatory language for Aarushi and demanded a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the same. But what everyone conveniently forgot here is the fact that there were two murder victims, the second one being the male servant, Hemraj. But barely do we hear any news of the unfortunate male victim in the twin murder episode in Noida.

But whilst there has been a lot of gung-ho about delivering justice to a 14-year-old Aarushi, which is fairly acceptable as well, but such a provision does not mandate depriving a male victim his share of justice as well. People, society, authorities, government, media, all the sundry involved, have conveniently forgotten the male victim in the whole episode. Also, the father has been made the easily sell-able scapegoat accused as per the convenient male victim theory. Even the CBI taking custody of the father Rajesh Talwar for about close to two weeks now, has failed to find any evidence against him and he has spent two weeks in jail.
...

Every year, on an average 75, 000 men are ending their lives as opposed to 35,000 women. Yet these figures never make their way to the public. The fourth pillar of democracy, the media has to take this responsibility to highlight the plight of men in this country who are living in a very delirious situation at the point of being target to injustice any moment.

Men need to understand the scenario and they need to highlight their woes to the government to get their grievances redressed.'

Politically Incorrect Soccer Injuries

Matt · 19 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Suppose you ran a physical education program and discovered that girls were much more likely to suffer serious injuries than boys are. Before recruiting any more girls, would you want to alert them to this fact?
...
I'm not surprised at the advocates' reluctance, because for decades it's been politically incorrect to discuss certain gender differences when it comes to sports. The pendulum swung from one extreme — telling girls that they were too weak to compete — to the other extreme portraying girls as just smaller versions of boys: just as interested in competitive sports, just as likely to benefit from the long training required to become elite college athletes. What started out as an understandable desire to give girls equal opportunities turned into a campaign to legally mandate equal outcomes. If girls seemed to show less interest than boys did in competitive sports, it was blamed on discrimination.

...But in order to keep the number of male and female players balanced to comply with Title IX, the men's lacrosse team had to cut men from its roster.

"The men's coach has been turning players away while the women's coach has been literally begging women to fill out the roster," Ms. Yow said. "I want to encourage women athletes, but we can't ignore the real issues we face."'"

RADAR Release: "Fix VAWA Now!" -- We need state VAWA Reform Captains

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Exactly 15 days from today we will be launching our Fix VAWA Now! campaign. We’re making great progress in getting ready for this incredible blow-out event – contributions are coming in, columnists are promising to write op-eds, and people are getting psyched!

But we’re lagging in one department – state-level VAWA Reform Captains. Right now we have 6 volunteers in California , Michigan , Oklahoma , Colorado , and Utah . But we’d like to have at least 25.

The VAWA Captains will distribute the flyers at political rallies, speeches, meetings, libraries, etc. We’re also working on a poster. The main thing is, the message to Fix VAWA Now! has to reach all corners of society.

So please let us know, as soon as possible, if you can spare 1-2 hours a month between now and Election Day to make a difference in the lives of families and children. RADAR's contact page is here.

Best,

Ed

P.S. This just came in – we will be organizing a Fix VAWA Now! vigil at the Democratic National Convention in Denver in August. Momentum is building!

Japanese men committing suicide and record rates

Matt · 19 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Japanese professionals in their thirties are killing themselves at unprecedented rates, as the nation struggles with a runaway suicide epidemic.

Newly published figures show that 30,093 people took their own lives in 2007 — a 2.9 per cent increase in a year — leaving the country as the most suicide-prone anywhere in the developed world and rendering government efforts to combat the problem a failure.

Suicide rates remained highest among men — at 71 per cent of the total — and very high among Japan's rising population of over-60s. Geographically, most suicides took place in the prefecture of Yamanashi, where the forested foothills of Mount Fuji continue to attract the suicidal from around Japan.

...
The crisis of despair gripping young working Japanese has triggered plenty of official and media hand-wringing, though little in the way of change in corporate Japan. Wages remain low, and hierarchies rigid.

"We live in an uncomfortable and restrictive society where trivial matters are important," said Professor Kiyohiko Ikeda, a veteran social commentator at Waseda University. "The young feel a sense of deadlock; society does not accept minor mistakes."'

Wife Accused In Dentist Killing Can See Daughter, Judge Rules

Matt · 19 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK -- A woman accused of orchestrating the killing of her husband at a Queens playground in front of their daughter can have jailhouse visits with the 5-year-old girl.

Queens Family Court Judge Linda Tally ruled Wednesday that Dr. Mazoltuv Borukhova can see her daughter, Michelle, in a "child-friendly" visiting room at Rikers Island.

Borukhova was arrested on charges that she paid an uncle to kill her estranged husband, Daniel Malakov. The uncle has been charged in the killing.'

More Misandry from the Horrid Country Music Genre

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Who can deny that country music is anti-male? Carrie Underwood has a song about destroying her boyfriend's truck, Miranda Lambert has a song about setting a man's house on fire, the Dixie chicks have a song about helping their friend poison her husband and dispose of the body, and the Forrester Sisters have a song complaining about men, without any validity whatsoever. I'm now sad to say that a couple videos have also decided to now include the sexual abuse of males. I'm talking about groin shots. Apparently, some country artists think that rape against males is comedy.

The two guilty of including this in their videos are Gretchen Wilson and Toby Keith. Gretchen shows a man getting struck in the groin in her video for All Jacked Up and for no reason whatsoever. He's just playing guitar when these two midgets walk up and hit him in the groin with their guitars.

I understand that it's meant to be comical, but seriously, it's about as appropriate as if they walked up to Gretchen and hit her in the box or breasts the same way. But heaven forbid they ever show that kind of thing happening to a woman in a video, even though it doesn't affect reproductive integrity like the male groin shot, which has been done to death.

Unfortunately I can't remember the name of the Toby Keith video, but in this video a woman knees a man in the groin. I was unable to find a copy of it online.

You might ask, "if you hate country so much, why do you know so much about country videos?". It's because I work in a casino in which most the tvs are always on CMT (which I'm now sure stands for crappy misandric television), and I catch a glimpse here and there of the videos.

It's interesting that country isn't even trying to deny that it's anti-male anymore. So the next time you hear a woman complain about hip hop being misogynistic, if she listens to country, let her have it for being a misandrist. At least hip hop artists don't have songs and videos about destroying the property of their significant others, and at least they don't depict woman being sexually assaulted in their videos, nor do they have videos for songs about killing significant others. We can't say the same for country when it comes to the male gender.

Naomi Campbell pleads guilty to assaulting police at Heathrow

AngryMan · 20 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Supermodel Naomi Campbell has pleaded guilty to assaulting two police officers at Heathrow Airport.

Miss Campbell, 38, admitted six offences relating to the fracas after she was removed from a British Airways flight to Los Angeles in April.
...
She could be jailed for up to six months and fined up to £5,000 for each count of assaulting a constable."

UPDATE: She avoids jail time, predictably. Story here. Excerpt:

"Shamed model Naomi Campbell avoided jail today, despite admitting kicking and spitting at police officers on board a plane at Heathrow."

Men and women think differently, study shows

AngryMan · 20 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Men and women really do think differently, according to researchers who say the explanation lies in subtle genetic variations in our brains.

A new study has suggested that some patterns of behaviour regarded as typical of each sex - such as the ability to read a map - could be founded on nature as well as nurture.

Researchers at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, have determined that there are hundreds of biological differences between the male and female brains when it comes to gene expression.

Many mental traits and skills are said to differ between the sexes, including empathy, aggression, risk-taking and navigation."

Czech women torture, kill and eat boys in cellar

AngryMan · 20 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"An eight year-old boy was skinned and his flesh fed to cannibal relatives after his mother kept him locked in a cellar, a court has heard.

Evil Klara Mauerova - a member of a sinister religious cult - wept in court as she admitted torturing her son Ondrej and his ten year-old brother Jakub.

...

The court heard how the family had sexually abused them and even made them cut themselves with knives. They said they were kept in cages or handcuffed to tables and made to stand in their own urine for days.

The sick abuse was discovered when a man in Brno in the Czech Republic installed a TV baby monitor to keep watch on is newborn child."

She was assisted by her sister Katerina and by 34-year-old Barbora Skrlova. But wait: It's all a man's fault

'The court has also heard claims that the abuse of the boys was co-ordinated by a man known only as "the Doctor" who sent mobile phone text messages to the Mauerova sisters telling them how to abuse the two boys.'

Ex-teacher charged in sex case; eight male victims identified

Matt · 20 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Julie Pritchett, 34, is charged with two counts of second-degree sodomy and one count of second-degree sexual abuse in the cases of two boys under 16. The victims in the cases with which she is charged are under the age of consent.

Charges are not being brought in the other identified incidents because the boys are of consenting age or unwilling to cooperate with authorities...
...
Pritchett was the sponsor for the high school's Diamond Dolls, the hostesses for the baseball team. It was through that position, Christian said, that she came into contact with some of her former students who were involved in the high school sports program.

Christian said Pritchett started a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old former student. That relationship led to sex acts with his friends, Christian said.

The sex acts were initiated by Pritchett, who used several methods of approaching the boys, Christian said. Some of the acts took place on the school's campus and others at the homes of the victims.'

Men could be deciding factor in US election

dschmidt · 20 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

CNN calls it a "big surprise" that men could be the deciding factor in the next US presidential election.

Think that'll get our issued heard? Naw!! Excerpt:

"(CNN) — After the long, bruising primary battle with Hillary Clinton, a lot of Democrats were concerned Barack Obama would have a problem getting support from women, but the big surprise is that it could be men who become the deciding factor this election cycle.

According to the latest CNN Opinion Research Corporation Poll Obama is running nearly even with John McCain among men. McCain has a slight edge with 49 percent to Obama's 47 percent. Meanwhile, Obama leads McCain by 9 points among women 52 percent to 43 percent"

Top Ten Male Bashing Ads

badgerb · 20 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The "Top 10" ads are found here. Excerpt:

"You've seen him plenty of times on sitcoms; he's the dumb, bumbling, idiot dad, husband and boyfriend who appears useless at everything but bringing home a paycheck. The message: Guys are dumb and women have to lead them around.
...
Dumb, incompetent male characters are portrayed in abundance on television commercials. From being completely henpecked to having two working brain cells, our top 10 list of the worst male-bashing ads represents the whole spectrum. If all this negativity turns your stomach, you can easily strike back with your wallet and avoid these products. For the simpler, more immediate protest, however, use your thumb and change the channel."

Court quashes dad's grounding of 12-year-old daughter

Matt · 20 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A father plans to appeal after a Quebec court ruled that he didn't have the right to punish his 12-year-old daughter by barring her from a school trip.

Quebec Superior Court Judge Suzanne Tessier ruled Friday that the girl should be allowed to attend the three-day trip within Quebec this week.

Initially, the father forbade his daughter from going online after the Grade 6 student posted photos on a dating site, the Globe and Mail reported in its Thursday edition.

The girl's parents are divorced, and after she had an alleged row with her stepmother, her father barred her from going on a school trip to mark the class's graduation from elementary school, the newspaper reported.

...
Two days later, the judge ruled the punishment was too severe because the girl had already been sufficiently disciplined, Beaudoin said.

Beaudoin said the judge also said there was no reason for the punishment to stand, since the girl was now living with her mother, even though the father has custody.

Beaudoin said the father, who has four children, was "devastated," especially since the ruling came days before Father's Day.'

Some things never change: Men pay for the date

Matt · 20 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like earning more than your date makes no difference. That's right guys, it's still YOUR ROLE to pay for dates, hold open doors, etc. Just read it here and it will all be explained to you.

Notice it isn't something for a woman to appreciate about a man. It's something she should just expect. As for you expecting anything from her, well... here's a snap:

'Oh, you want me to say more? Gladly! What’s changed in the world, you ask? Two things: (1) women have continued to make great strides (yay), and (2) our culture has become much more informal (both yay and boo). The problem arises with this whole crazy notion that strong feminist women do not want doors held open for them… or that somehow the feminist movement has absolved men from paying for any date, ever, again.'

So tell me, men, when was the last time a woman asked you out on a date and also paid for it? But when was the last time she stood there smiling sheepishly waiting for *you* to do the asking?

Wikipedia article on Sexism in India

Anonymous · 20 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Somebody has created this entry. Please post more, so that this article is not deleted. Excerpt:

'Women's reservation

Women get 33% reservation in panchayats and municipal elections. They also get reservation and preferential treatments in education and jobs.

Ladies seat

Seats are reserved for females in buses, trains, metros and many other places.'

Teen pregnancy pact in Massachusetts: The girls are victims

tac0965 · 20 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Seventeen girls get in a pact to get pregnant and have their babies at the same time. The Mayor's and media's immediate response: the girls are victims; we must go after the boys criminally or, at least, financially. The Mayor also mentions that the girls lack self esteem or love in their life. Does this make them victims when they get themselves pregnant? Excerpt:

'Some of the girls reacted to the news they were pregnant with high fives and plans for baby showers, Sullivan said. One of the fathers "is a 24-year-old homeless guy," Sullivan told the magazine. Others were boys in the school.
...
"At the very least these men should be held responsible for financial support, if not put in jail for statutory rape as the mayor has suggested," Greg Verga, chairman of the Gloucester School Committee, told Reuters in a telephone interview.
...
"But even if we had contraceptives, that pact shows that if they wanted to get pregnant, they will get pregnant. Whether we distribute contraceptives is irrelevant," said Verga.'

Court: Ex-husband doesn't have to get physical exam for wife's life insurance

tac0965 · 20 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

A woman who wanted to force her ex husband to get a physical so that she could get a life insurance policy on him loses her case to the Nebraska Supreme Court. She wanted this life insurance policy so that if he died, she would get a large payout in lieu of the lost alimony checks.

I sure hope the family court lawyers don't read this article and get any ideas about applying such a protection mechanism for continuing child support payments after the non custodial parent dies.

Kathleen Parker: 'Focus on fathers overlooks half of the problem'

Anonymous · 20 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We pause briefly to ponder the kind of response Mr. Obama might have received had he decided to criticize negligent moms on Mother's Day. No one in his right mind would do such a thing, but we're so accustomed to dissing dads that even a Father's Day reprimand leaves America's eyelashes unruffled.
...
On Mother's Day, we didn't hear much about women initiating domestic violence, including child abuse, though some studies show that they do more often than men. That's not a popular statistic for the good reason that women more often than men suffer grave injury and are killed in physical disputes.'

"Avenging Angel" Gets Life in Prison

Roy · 21 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who claimed she was an angel sent from God to punish pedophiles was convicted Friday of murdering two boyfriends by a jury that rejected her insanity defense. Sheila LaBarre, 49, was sentenced to life in prison without parole. In 2006, police found her burning trash that contained the bones of one of her victims… defense lawyers argued that LaBarre was a delusional woman who believed every man in her life was a pedophile and who saw herself as an avenging angel. Her attorney stated - "It continues to be our belief that she's deeply crazy and insane."

The verdict will be appealed.'

New Jersey: Living with someone is not required to sue for palimony

Matt · 21 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Just how long does a man in New Jersey have to be dating/seeing a woman before she qualifies to get palimony from him? Guess we'll find out. Story here. Excerpt:

'The ruling overturned an appeals court decision last year that said there is no basis for a palimony suit unless a couple lived together.

"It is the promise of support, expressed or implied, coupled with a marital-type relationship, that are the indispensable elements to support a valid claim of palimony," Justice John Wallace wrote for the court.

The high court was ruling in the case of a former North Bergen woman who was attempting to sue a prominent, wealthy and married Manhattan ophthalmologist for palimony after he ended a 20-year relationship.'

Baskerville interview on Sandy Rios show available on-line

Matt · 21 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

My interview on the Sandy Rios Show is now available online.

Sandy Rios is former president of the huge and influential Concerned Women for America. You can hear in the interview that she is not only very sympathetic but highly knowledgeable, having had two friends that went through the family court wringer. This could be a significant breakthrough. The number of prominent public personalities who are aware of the reign of terror in family court continues to grow.

Stephen

UK education journal: "Women, step back and shut up"

Proud_to_be_a_man · 22 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This woman seems to understand teenage boys. Of course, all the feminists come out from under their rocks to attack her. Excerpt:

'Celia Lashlie, an education adviser and author from New Zealand, said women are important to boys' learning, but they need to learn from their male colleagues.

"Women should make more use of silence – asking a question then giving boys time to think before answering – and non-verbal cues such as raised eyebrows. They also should talk at a lower pitch.

"Don't speak so much – just shut up," says Ms Lashlie, a self-described feminist.

"I've been in classes with young female teachers, and by the end of the session my ears hurt."'

...and the inevitable reaction from the sisterhood:

'Chris Keates, general secretary of the NASUWT teaching union, said Ms Lashlie's proposals for schools were "a load of claptrap".

"It is disappointing that a woman has felt the need to pander to the views of a tiny group of men who present themselves as the oppressed minority," she said.'

Yawn.

Women Burdened by Invisible Household Labor

Roy · 22 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From a new study of who does what in managing the household:

"First, the good news: Men are doing more than they used to, according to findings released in April by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research. For example, in 1976, men did about six hours of housework per week; in 2005, that had increased to about 13 hours. Women, meanwhile, decreased their weekly housework from 26 hours in 1976 to 17 hours in 2005.

Now, the bad news: The same research found that men create, on average, seven more hours of housework a week for women. That extra work may not be as obvious as doing the dishes or mowing the lawn. So-called "emotional labor" -- tasks like writing holiday cards, scheduling doctor appointments and planning family gatherings -- is too often left to wives, says University of Michigan sociologist Pamela Smock. "As long as the invisible labor is borne by women, things aren't going to be equal, even if surveys show they are," Smock says. Such work can be a major source of mental stress, she adds."

(Gosh, I wish I could get a salaried job doing invisible labor. It would not stress me out at all...)

RADAR: "FIX VAWA NOW" campaign contributions needed

Matt · 22 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Two weeks from now, RADAR will be launching our biggest campaign ever – “Fix VAWA Now!”

This five-month campaign will lay the groundwork for our legislative efforts to reform VAWA. The high-octane campaign will feature Op-eds Alerts, press releases, lobbying, new Special Reports, state-level efforts – you name it, we plan to blow the lid off the fraud and falsehoods of the domestic violence industry.

Can you help us get our “Fix VAWA Now!” message out – can you send us $50, $100, $500, or $1,000?

You can send the check payable to RADAR at:

P.O. Box 1404
Rockville, MD 20849

Or do it by PayPal: http://www.mediaradar.org/donate.php.

So c’mon folks, dig deep, this is our once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We’ve got to turn the corner on false allegations, family break-up, and discrimination against men.

Sincerely,
The RADAR Team

P.S. If you send us at least $50 by June 30, you’ll qualify for a lottery drawing to win a free copy of Richard Davis’ recent no-holds-barred book, “Domestic Violence: Intervention, Prevention, Policies, and Solutions.” And if you send us $500 or more, we might send you the book for FREE!

Wrongly accused man barely escapes erroneous child porn charges - presumed guilty by friends and colleagues

Matt · 22 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A child porn possession charge lodged against a Department of Industrial Accidents investigator fired for having smut on his state-issued laptop has been dismissed because experts concluded he was unwittingly spammed.

“The overall forensics of the laptop suggest that it had been compromised by a virus,” said Jake Wark, spokesman for Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley.

Nationally recognized computer forensic analyst Tami Loehrs told the Herald Michael Fiola’s ordeal was “one of the most horrific cases I’ve seen.”

“As soon as you mention child pornography, everybody’s senses go out the window,” she said.

Loehrs, who spent a month dissecting the computer for the defense, explained in a 30-page report that the laptop was running corrupted virus-protection software, and Fiola was hit by spammers and crackers bombarding its memory with images of incest and pre-teen porn not visible to the naked eye.

Two forensic examinations conducted by the state Attorney General’s Office for the prosecution concurred with that conclusion, Wark said.

Still, Fiola, 53, whose wife, Robin, described as “computer-illiterate,” wants his day in court. He intends to sue the DIA for “destroying our lives.”

“Our lives have been hell,” said Fiola, a former state park ranger now living in Rhode Island. “I hope to recover my reputation, but our friends all ran.”

DIA spokeswoman Linnea Walsh confirmed Fiola “was terminated,” but declined to say if any internal discipline has been meted out as a result of his name being cleared in court.

“We stand by our decision,” she said.'

UK: College women warned against whistling at workers while they face sex offender status if they do same

Matt · 22 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Officials at West Kent College in Tonbridge, Kent, sent an email to all pupils warning that the behaviour was "totally unacceptable", and saying any students caught harassing contractors would face disciplinary action.
...
The email read: "It has come to the attention of the college that some female students have been making comments to, or whistling at, the builders both whilst on site and as they walk around the campus.
...
Meanwhile new laws could see wolf-whistling builders placed on the sex offenders register. The Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill will create a new offence of "communicating indecently", punishable by up to 10 years in jail.

The legislation is intended to punish sexual harassment by text, emails and letters, but ministers also aim to include sexually explicit comments to strangers. It is expected that the law would only apply to persistent offenders.'

British mother arrested in Spain after 'leaving young son to burn on beach for 12 hours'

Anonymous · 23 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A British mother has been arrested in Spain after she allegedly left her five-year-old son to burn on a baking hot beach for 12 hours while she went to work.

The boy's mother, aged 19, reportedly left him playing in the sand at the popular resort of Benalmadena, in the Costa del Sol, where he suffered serious sunburn and had to be later admitted to hospital.'

Father's Day cards banned in Scottish schools

Matt · 23 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Thousands of primary pupils were prevented from making Father's Day cards at school for fear of embarrassing classmates who live with single mothers and lesbians.

The politically correct policy was quietly adopted at schools "in the interests of sensitivity" over the growing number of lone-parent and same-sex households.

It only emerged after a large number of fathers failed to receive their traditional cards and handmade gifts.

Family rights campaigners last night condemned the policy as "absurd" and argued that it is marginalising fathers, but local authorities said teachers need to react to "the changing pattern of family life".'

German court rules against woman who claimed phobia of official letters

Matt · 23 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BERLIN - A German court has ruled against a woman who cited an unusual phobia in asking that her child support benefits be restored. The phobia: fear of the contents of official letters.

Evidence in the case before a court in western Rhineland-Palatinate state said the woman, who it did not identify, was sent a letter in May 2007 asking that she supply evidence to support continued payments for her daughter.

After she failed to respond, she was notified in July 2007 that the money was being cut off and that she was being given one month to appeal.'

MSN: "How to leave your husband"

Matt · 23 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Currently it's the first item in their rotating story box on the MSN home page. Excerpt:

'Keep it to yourself. In a pre-divorce situation, there is a fine line between deception and self-preservation. Though you may intend to leave, Woodhouse cautions against telling your spouse before you are prepared. "It would create a great deal of turmoil," she says.
...
Karen Kerbaugh, an administrative assistant in Haltom City, Texas, got married in 1996, "and from almost the first month I realized I had made a grave mistake in marrying him," she says.

Although she wasn't deliberately planning to leave at first, in hindsight, she says, "I was subconsciously plotting my escape."
...
Muster support on the side. "While I didn't talk openly about the troubles we were having, my close friends and family knew enough about what was going on to be there for me when I needed it," Kerbaugh says. She ended up staying with a friend for a month after she left her husband.
...
Don't count on alimony. Should you factor alimony or child support into your potential income stream? Going by the odds alone, that's a dicey proposition and may be more so given the economy.

"You have to assess your risk," Woodhouse says. "Look at who you're married to, how reliable they are, what their attitude is. Then decide whether you can count on them giving you any money."'

Just imagine "How to leave your wife" showing up instead? Can you? I can't.

Woman Draws 10 Years for Kidnapping and Torturing her ex-boss

Anonymous · 23 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A 'greedy and wicked' estate agent, who hoped to pocket a fortune kidnapping and torturing her former boss, was jailed for 10 years today.

Ambreen Gul, 23, was so furious when she was fired that she recruited another sacked colleague and two other thugs to make her ex-boss pay.

Having lured Waqas Malik to her flat, the unsuspecting businessman was kicked, punched and pistol whipped repeatedly.

During seven hours of suffering one of his captors stood on his head, while another warned he had he would never see his family again unless he raised £200,000 ransom.

He was told failure would result in the executions of both himself and his 13-year-old son."

Man guilty of... photographing buses

Anonymous · 23 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A bus spotter has decided to give up his lifelong hobby of photographing buses because people fear he is a terrorist and even a paedophile.

Rob McCaffrey - who calls himself an omniboligist - has been taking pictures of buses all over the world for forty years but has only ever faced problems in Britain.

But Rob says that in politically correct Britain he is finding it increasingly difficult to continue his beloved hobby because of the fear and suspicion he causes among onlookers.

In the last year he has been questioned twice by the police and had to give all his personal details after people who saw him innocently snapping buses on public roads reported him."

Oxytocin: potential date-rape drug?

Matt · 24 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. All right, makes sense to a point. However I can't imagine it being good for anyone to be dosed with artificial oxytocin regularly. It serves a purpose and to overload the body with it seems as bad as overloading it with any number of other artificial hormones.

That said, if you read the article all the way to the end, you will see this:

"However, despite the many potential benefits of the research projects, some scientists have sounded warnings over the negative potential uses the hormone offers.

They say oxytocin could have potential as a date-rape drug as it is involved in both trust and sexual arousal."

I do believe the next date rape drug scare will be aspirin.

Gloucester "pregnancy pact" principal suddenly gets amnesia

Matt · 24 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Gloucester Mayor Carolyn Kirk said the report of a "pregnancy pact" has not been confirmed.
...
However, Sullivan has now told officials he can't remember what his source of information was.

At a news conference Monday, Kirk said the principal was "foggy in his memory about how he heard about the information."'

UK: Working mothers to get payments from government if they earn less than their husbands

Matt · 24 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Mothers will be offered £40 a week to go back to work under plans unveiled by Gordon Brown.

The scheme would give a couple with children £40 if one parent works and the other, usually the mother, agrees to look for a job. If both work the couple would get £80.

...

But critics said the £40 payments did too little. Chris Grayling, Tory work and pensions spokesman said: ‘Gordon Brown just doesn’t understand that what Britain needs is not yet more pointless tinkering with the benefits system for working mothers but real action to tackle family breakdown in a nation where millions of people are trapped in benefit dependency.”'

iPhone is sexist?

BinaryShadow · 24 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Apparently, the patriarchy has launched an attack against the poor, long-fingernailed women who have difficulties using the iPhone.

Erica Watson-Currie of Newport Beach, Calif., wanted a stylus. She and other women who have long nails -- as well as some people of all genders with chunky fingers -- have trouble typing on the iPhone.

Obama's Web Site Repeats N.O.W. Statistics

Roy · 24 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Obama's recent Father's Day speech vilifying dads got me wondering what more is on his official web site. To be brief, his entries under "Issues" for women and families might have been copied directly from the National Organization for Women.

Obama's site repeats the "1-in-4 women will be abused" myth, along with the "77-cents on the dollar" pay gap fiction. If elected, he pledges to create a new $25 million DV fund to create "partnerships" between DV agencies and Fatherhood programs. He applauds the progress made from VAWA.

He supports a Responsible Fatherhood & Healthy Families Act that will "crack down" on men in arrears for child support.

Other pledges are to more aggressively promote women in science and math, support passage of an Equal Pay Act, and further strengthen Title IX.

Anti-paternity fraud bill gains traction

Matt · 24 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This is good news. Excerpt:

'Lautar is under court order to pay nearly $800 a month in child support and other expenses, despite the fact his ex-wife has admitted in Allegheny County court papers that Lautar is not the girl's father. The child was born during their marriage. After the couple divorced, the mother married the girl's biological father. The mother, the father and the daughter live together in Moon, according to papers filed in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court.

"I'm stuck in this rip-off, this fraud," said Lautar, 40, of North Strabane. "It's paternity fraud, is what it is. ... And the state is enforcing this fraud."

...
State law prohibits men from rescinding parental rights if they have acted as a child's father. Courts routinely have ruled it is not in "the best interest of the child" to suspend child support payments unless the man was fraudulently duped into believing he was the father.
...
Lautar said he has no plan to abandon the girl who spent Father's Day with him. He and his new wife fought for and won visitation rights.

But he resents being forced to financially support another man's daughter.

"We're having trouble starting our own family because they're stealing our money," Lautar said. "This woman and man are committing fraud, and the court is supporting it."'

RADAR ALERT: Congressman Scott, Combat the Fatherhood Crisis: Oppose H.R. 6088

Matt · 24 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Senator Barak Obama gave a speech on the importance of fatherhood the same week that the National Fatherhood Initiative released a report, "The One Hundred Billion Dollar Man," on the taxpayer costs of absent fathers. The good news is that more and more policy makers and organizations are starting to understand the impact of absent fathers. The bad news is policy makers do not really understand the causes of the fatherhood crisis.

As one of the few mainstream journalists who understand the government's role in creating the fatherhood crisis, Kathleen Parker, pointed out in "Obama's Incomplete Plea on Fatherhood," Obama failed to mention that "the problem of absent fathers, especially in the black community, is tied in part to well-intentioned social programs such as ... domestic violence prevention." Since "the state's punitive powers, permitted without due process, are mind-boggling to consider" and not every allegation of domestic violence is legitimate, "[o]nce the system is engaged and injunctions issued, even innocent fathers are unlikely to see much of their children. Perhaps never."

A prime example of policy maker's failure to grasp root causes is H.R.6088, which gives $55.5 million to prosecute alleged perpetrators of domestic violence. The key word here is alleged. The bill acts as if false accusations and overzealous prosecution do not exist.

It is hard to find another area where the federal government tips the scales of justice so much. Because so many of the victims of this federally funded railroading will be African American fathers, it is difficult to understand why the Congressional Black Caucus is not unanimously opposed to it. Amazingly, two members of the Black Caucus, Congressman Conyers and Congressman Sheila Jackson-Lee, are the sponsor and co-sponsor of H.R 6088.

Fortunately not all members of the Black Caucus have signed on to H.R 6088. One key member is Congressman Robert "Bobby" Scott (D Va.). Congressman Scott is chairman of the Crime Sub-Committee of the House Judicial Committee. To pass, H.R. 6088 must go through his sub-committee.

Please contact Congressman Scott and ask him to do his part to alleviate the fatherhood crisis by opposing H.R. 6088.

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He can be reached electronically through this web page: http://forms.house.gov/wyr/welcome.shtml.

Quote the National Fatherhood Initiative study1 and Kathleen Parker's article2 and let him know that H.R. 6088 will further exacerbate the fatherhood crisis by pushing more fathers, especially African American fathers, out of their children's lives. If you are African American, let him know. And, as always, be polite and courteous.

References cited above are linked to the RADAR site as indicated.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

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working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.

http://www.mediaradar.org/.

CBS News: Clinton To Join Obama As He Woos Women

anthony · 24 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'At a town hall meeting here on Monday, Obama praised the women responsible for his upbringing and outlined his record of pushing to address issues important to women. The only men in the room were reporters, campaign aides and Secret Service agents.

As the working-class women in the audience nodded, Obama continued: "Too many of America's daughters grow up facing barriers to their dreams, and that has consequences for all American families. It's harder for working parents to make a living while raising their kids. And we know that the system is especially stacked against women."'

On YouTube: Men's rights group file domestic violence lawsuit

anthony · 24 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I found this video interesting mostly because its an actual news report from a Sacramento television station. This is the first time I've ever seen this issue discussed during a news program.

Little 'Barbie Brat' Bullies Become Concern in Schools

anthony · 24 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Bullying among adolescents has captured the attention of researchers, educators and parents alarmed by a parade of mean girls and cyber-bullies caught in mid-punch on viral video. But such aggression may not just happen in a whirl of adolescent hormones, some in the growing anti-bully movement argue.

Meline Kevorkian, a Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., researcher and public speaker on bullying, surveyed 167 educators last year and 25 percent indicated bullying occurs most in elementary schools. Research also indicates that three-quarters of 8- to 11-year-olds report they've been bullied, with more than half identifying it as a "big" problem, Kevorkian said."

India: Minister changes agenda of the men's issues meeting

bharati · 25 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. As expected the original agenda for discussing the changes of Dowry laws and domestic violence laws suddenly changed.

It tells in the words of government official “We do not want to convey the impression that we believe the existing laws are flawed or need changes. That is why we have changed the agenda,” an official said.

In another related development, Delhi police have issued a circular banning the mandatory arrests over women-centric laws invoking the well-enunciated principle that provision of power to arrest is not the same as order to arrest.

Update on the DC Festival 2008 in Support of Equal Parenting Rights and Family Preservation

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Via email from Angela Pedersen: The DC Festival 2008 in Support of Equal Parenting Rights and Family Preservation is on!

Under the leadership of Lary Holland and numerous organizations the DC Festival 2008 will be held on August 15 and 16 in Washington, D.C.

If you belong to an organization please be sure to send your letter of support to Lary Holland. Information on how to do this and why we need your letters of support is listed here.

Organizations that already support this effort are:
1) Fathers4Justice
2) Dads and Moms of Michigan
3) A Child's Right
4) Equal Parenting Bike Trek Crew
5) Split-N-Two
6) CRISPE
7) United Civil Rights Council of America
8) Parental Alienation Awareness Organization (PAAO)
9) Shared Parenting Works
10) Father's Rights Coalition
and many, many more. You can view a constantly updating list on the main page for the DC Festival 2008 here.

Send your letter of support and commitment for turnout to have your organization listed!

Send this letter to: laryholland-at-sbcglobal.net.

Arizona governor signs bills on child protective service oversight

Matt · 25 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PHOENIX — Arizona's child protection system and the people who work in it will be subject to more public and legislative oversight because under new laws signed Tuesday.

Four bills signed by Gov. Janet Napolitano were promoted by supporters as increasing accountability and transparency of state functions to protect children from abuse and neglect.

The bills would increase public access to Child Protective Services information after the death or serious injury of a child.'

Farrell & Wilber: Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men?

anthony · 25 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This is a Free Audio Dialogue. You must provide your e-mail address and will receive a link to the full dialogue.

"It's definitely true that men, as a rule today in industrialized societies, are basically where women were in the 1950's, psychologically and socially. Part of what is keeping men there is being blamed for having power that is really a camouflage for the powerlessness. Real power is control over my own life."

NY Daily News: Pandering to women, Obama twists truth on equal pay

anthony · 25 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"At an event this week in New Mexico, Obama repeated the misleading claim that "women still earn only 77 cents for every dollar earned by men," and dismissed the notion that factors other than discrimination explain the wage gap as "just totally wrong."

Yet even the organizations that champion the most aggressive government action in the name of equal pay acknowledge that most of the wage gap is a result of men and women's different choices related to work, not employment discrimination. A 2007 report from The American Association of University Women, for instance, found that most of the wage gap could be explained by factors such as employment, education and personal choices. Pay differential wasn't just the result of sexism in the workplace."

India: Men refuse to be excluded from ministerial meeting

bharati · 25 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Save Indian Family unintentionally disrupts the meeting by Indian feminist minister. Hell we thought it was us who were supposed to be invited to air our views!

Some stupid male feminists talked to us of wearing high heels to feel womens pain and hence this blog post.

UK: Working-class white boys shun higher education, new report confirms

anthony · 25 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"White working-class males are severely under-represented in universities, according to a report by the government that shows the English university sector remains strongly divided along class lines.

The National Audit Office (NAO) report says that white working-class boys are now the least likely group of people to go to university. The Russell group of research-led institutions - including Oxford and Cambridge - are most consistently failing to attract state school students.

Universities and the government have failed to monitor properly the impact of a £392m drive to encourage them to apply, the report claims."

CNN: Is it harder to raise boys or girls?

anthony · 25 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Boys and modern education are not an idyllic match. An indoor-based day and an early emphasis on academics and visual-auditory (as opposed to hands-on) learning ask a lot of a group that arrives at school less mature. In their early years, most boys lag behind girls in developing attentiveness, self-control, and language and fine motor skills.

The relatively recent acceleration of the pre-K and kindergarten curricula has occurred without awareness that the brain develops at different sequences in girls and boys, Dr. Sax says. Music, clay work, finger painting, and physical exercise -- early-ed activities that once helped lively kids acclimate to school -- are vanishing. Few teachers are trained in handling the problems that result."

Denver Center for the Performing Arts excludes men from play

Anonymous · 26 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The Denver Center for the Performing Arts has a play for women in which men are excluded. I found this by looking at the Sunday Denver Post while at work, find here.

The letter writer has a point, though I feel like barfing a little at the other plays he's seen (Vagina Monologues?).

The Denver Center for the Performing Arts is an organization, but it uses city government facilities. Isn't that still illegal?

The website for the Denver Center for the Performing Arts is here.

The discriminatory play is here. Quote:

"Girls Only - The Secret Comedy of Women

September 18, 2008 -- December 21, 2008
Garner Galleria Theatre

Sorry, fellas, this one's just for the ladies."

Granted, I wouldn't want to see the play anyway, and if they show misandric crap like "The Vagina Monologues" and the others mentioned, I especially wouldn't want to go.

Pro-women laws being misused

arindamp · 26 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"NEW DELHI: Are we being fair on the not -so-fair sex? It would appear not. Laws for protecting women like the anti-dowry legislation and the domestic violence Act were vociferously opposed by men's groups on Wednesday at a consultation initiated by the ministry for women and child development and UNIFEM.

The burden of their argument was that these laws don't follow the fundamental legal premise that a person is innocent until he is proven guilty. "In 30% of the cases that come to us, there is a rift between the woman and her in-laws where the woman forces the man to choose between the two under the threat of slapping Section 498A of the Dowry Prohibition Act on the husband and his family," said Ashish from Save Indian Family (SIF)."

Harriet Harperson Strikes Again

Proud_to_be_a_man · 26 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This woman has got to have a real deep-seated hatred of men. Especially if they're white. Here is her latest attempt to turn Britain into an even bigger laughing stock than it is already. Excerpt:

"Women and ethnic minority job candidates will be given increased chances of employment under new Government plans.

The new Equalities Bill will also force employers to reveal salary structures to make the pay gap between men and women clearer.

Equality Minister Harriet Harman defended the positive discrimination telling Sky News there was still too much "old-fashioned" bias in the work place."

I despair...

UK: Donor sprem increasingly scarce due to loss of guaranteed anonymity

Matt · 26 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like their evil plan backfired and the potential donors got some smarts. Well, did they really think we were *that stupid*? Alas, some guys still are. But this is hopeful news. Excerpt:

'The removal of anonymity from sperm and egg donors has provoked a crisis in fertility treatment that is denying couples the chance to try for a baby.

Infertility therapy with donated sperm has collapsed to the lowest levels since records began, according to the first official figures, seen by The Times, since the Government banned anonymous donation in 2005.

The number of women treated with donated sperm fell by about 20 per cent, from 2,727 in 2005 to 2,107 in 2006, the first full year after the change. The number of donor insemination treatment cycles fell by 30 per cent over the same period.'

Female Teacher Convicted of Planting Threatening Notes Throughout School

anthony · 26 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Susan Romanyszyn was convicted of 11 counts of leaving threatening messages in the hallways of Longstreth Elementary School in the fall, when she was a teacher there, according to The Philadelphia Inquirer.

In October, 15 notes including the messages "You die today," "Bomb today" and "I have a weapon and a nife," were found at the school, The Morning Call reported. In addition, a fake bomb was found in a student's desk and nails were scattered in a faculty parking lot.

Romanyszyn is under house arrest at least until her sentencing in a month. The crimes carry a maximum sentence of 73 years in jail.'

Unearthing bones can also unearth family secrets

patriotsofamerica · 27 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Women making false claime as to who the father of a child really is has been going on for a long time. Now, the military is deciding how to deal with that when finding lost, dead soldiers back from WWII when doing DNA to notify next of kin. Excerpt:

"Now, as the military develops new technologies that could identify fallen soldiers using similar kinds of DNA tests, it is facing the real possibility that bones unearthed from distant battlefields may also end up exposing family secrets from World War II. The tests could well uncover cases of false paternity that have been kept secret for decades."

Women have been doing this for YEARS! Yet they still are not held responsible! It goes to show to me at least that women cannot be trusted. Goes as far back as Adam and Eve.

www.move-off.org

UK: "Flooded kitchen" mother jailed for neglect

AngryMan · 27 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Remember this case? Excerpt:

"A mother who left her toddler son imprisoned and alone in a flooded kitchen for three days while she went out 'to party', was today jailed for 18 months.

Kelly Tollerton, a 23-year-old single mother of two, showed no emotion as the judge spoke of her 'deplorable and disgraceful' act in leaving her two-year-old child to scavenge for food in the bin and sleep on a pile of dirty laundry, while she spent the weekend with her boyfriend."

UK: Elderly girl-gang victim confronts her attacker in court

AngryMan · 27 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Great grandmother Maisie was beaten, spat at and threatened with garden shears as she tried to stand up to layabout Duffy and her gang of hoodie thugs who had been drinking cheap cider.

As Duffy was named and shamed by a judge under the terms of an anti social behaviour order, widow Maisie compared the pictures of herself and her tormentor and condemned the scourge of violent teenage girls blighting the country.

Recent Home Office figures shows that girls between 10 and 17 committed 59,236 crimes last year, up 25% from 47,358 in 2004."

14-YO girl faces stat rape charges and gets private attorney's help pro-bono

Matt · 27 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The kicker is that she claims she was raped forcibly by the 13-year-old and now has a private attorney (as opposed to a public defender) representing her *gratis*. Excerpt:

'Then the girl says two friends left the room, leaving her alone with the boy who she says had been her friend up until then. She says he forced himself on her. The girl says she told her school counselor about it a month later.

"I wanted help because it was my first time and I was scared," she says.

The counselor went to police and before long this girl who was 14 at the time, was being charged with raping the boy who was a few months younger and still 13 years old. Kansas law says sex with anyone under 14, even if it's consensual, is rape. Deciding to actually prosecute a child in this situation is another matter.'

Mother jailed after baby she left unsupervised died of drugs overdose

AngryMan · 27 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A mother whose baby died of a heroin and methadone overdose after she left him unsupervised to go on a drug binge was today jailed for five years.

Sabrina Ross, a former prostitute, would regularly pass out at her home in Bristol, leaving 14-month old son Rio well within reach of Class A drugs and their substitutes, a court heard."

Principal recovers memory, now affirms the 'pregnancy pact' story

Matt · 27 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The story that is destined just not to die... the latest chapter is here. Excerpt:

'BOSTON - The principal of a Massachusetts high school who said a group of students intentionally got pregnant stood by his comments Thursday, saying his information “was and is accurate.”

In his first public statement since the controversy erupted earlier this month, Gloucester High School principal Joseph Sullivan said he does not specifically remember using the word “pact” but does not dispute it.
...
The principal said his only direct source of information about the intentional pregnancies was the former nurse practitioner at the health center. He said he also heard “verbal staff reports and student/staff chatter.”'

Single mom tries to auction herself and her house on e-bay

Matt · 27 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

File this under humor-- dark humor, but humor nonetheless. Excerpt:

'PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — A struggling single parent and real estate agent is trying to sell her house and find a husband. She's auctioning off both her home and herself in a package deal on eBay and Craigslist.
...
Her eBay auction ends July 2 and asks for a starting bid of 99 cents with a shipping cost of $500,000. The auction has not yet received any bids.

Traboscia says she has already been contacted by one man in Italy, who is arranging a trip to South Florida to visit her.'

Also covered here.

CNN Video: 3 teachers, 3 sex scandals

anthony · 27 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here.

"Prime News" reports on a flurry of teacher sex scandals, one allegedly involving eight members of a school baseball team."

Obama speech: Girls today know "women can do anything...better" than boys

Roy · 27 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Front and center on the home page of msnbc.msn.com you can watch a video clip of Obama's speech today at the big "unity" appearance with Hillary.

Obama says that because of Ms. Clinton, girls today know that "women can do anything that the boys can do... and do it better... and do it in heels!"

Who is writing Obama's speeches, which are getting stupider by the week?

Ed. note: Reported in MSM here. Also, you can hear the comments in question at the 6:30 mark of the video clip linked above.

UK: Think tank slams paedophile paranoia culture

anthony · 27 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An independent think tank has today blamed the government's increasing reliance on "anti-paedophile" criminal record checks for making UK adults scared to have any contact with other people's children.

Civitas' report Licensed to Hug claims the checks have driven suspiscion of all adults, which has led in turn to a breakdown of communities. Afraid to tell off or even talk to misbehaving children, adults have become "deskilled" in dealing with younger generations, it argues.'

Millionaire businesswoman gets 11 years for enslavement

AngryMan · 28 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A millionaire businesswoman who inflicted years of abuse on her two housekeepers held as virtual slaves in her suburban New York mansion has been jailed for 11 years.

Varsha Sabhnani, 46, was convicted on 12 charges after her victims testified they were beaten with brooms and umbrellas, slashed with knives, and forced to climb stairs and take freezing showers as punishment.

One victim was forced to eat dozens of chili peppers against her will, and then was forced to eat her own vomit when she could not keep the peppers down, prosecutors said.'

Mother jailed for 12 years after leaving 3-YO to starve to death

AngryMan · 28 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The mother of a three-year-old girl who starved to death showed more concern for the family's pet dog.

Tiffany Wright was left neglected and unloved to die alone locked in a squalid bedroom above the pub run by her mother and stepfather.

Yesterday Sabrina Hirst, 22, was jailed for 12 years after admitting the manslaughter of her daughter.
...
'Most members of the public will find it impossible to understand how you can treat your child this way.'

While Tiffany was dying upstairs, her mother was caught on CCTV in the pub expressing concern about one of her dogs not getting enough vitamins and not putting on weight."

Clearfield police say teen lied about church rape

Matt · 28 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Clearfield police said a teenage girl's claims that she was raped in the middle of a church parking lot in broad daylight are false.

In a statement sent to the Deseret News on Friday, Clearfield Assistant Police Chief Greg Krusi said laboratory test results and other evidence analyzed did not match up with the girl's claims about being attacked.'

Popular Australian radio personaility gets apology on sex allegations

Anonymous · 28 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN who accused colourful broadcaster Derryn Hinch of sexually assaulting her has made an unreserved public apology.

Maryann Martinek, a former business partner of Hinch's, made the allegations in 2006 directly to Hinch.

Hinch said she also asked for $50,000 or she would go to the police and make the allegations public.

But Hinch also reported the matter to police who later recommended that no prosecution should proceed.'

P.S. Derryn Hinch is one of Australia's top talk radio stars.

New state program will focus on kids, families, and... fathers?

ItsDan · 30 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

You read that correctly. According to this article, a new state program aimed at helping families will hire a coordinator specifically to look at how existing programs can be used to help fathers, or what new programs could be implemented for them. Excerpt:

"Traditional programs have been aimed at helping women, said Terence Ray, director of the Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative. "It's good to see that the movement has evolved into understanding that when you talk parenting, there's another parent," Ray said."

India's first IIT exclusively for females in Maharashtra

arindamp · 30 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Another gender bias. This time it is propounded by none other than India's first female president. Shame on her. Article here. Excerpt:

'NAGPUR: Even as there is talk about starting new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and increasing the number of seats in the existing ones, a move is afoot to open the country's first all-women engineering and technology-oriented institute in Amravati, President Pratibha Patil's hometown in Maharashtra.

The suggestion to start India's first all-women IIT at Amravati near Nagpur in Vidarbha had in fact been mooted by Saint Gadgebaba University vice-chancellor Kamal Singh. Patil followed it up when she became the country's first woman president last July.'

Woman gets probation in underage sex case

el cid · 30 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Even the prosecutor believes that if the genders had been reversed, we'd be talking jail time, not probation. Excerpt:

'A 39-year-old Louisville woman who had two children with an underage boy was sentenced this morning to 20 of years probation...

Irene Gomez, whose children were conceived with the boy when he was 13 and 16, had pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor and attempted child sex assault as part of a plea bargain with prosecutors.'

YouTube video of Fatherless Day Rally in Los Angeles

MR · 30 June 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Here, at YouTube, is some video from the Fatherless Day Rally in Los Angeles.

Fatherless Day Rally, Los Angeles
(The speech given at this rally has been dubbed in due to poor sound quality.)

"Prison - a cruel and unusual punishment for a woman"

Anonymous · 1 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The good news: The UK government's plan to close down all women's prisons has been rejected due to popular opinion.

Aging celebrity Joan Bakewell, ex-mistress of Harold Pinter, is not happy about this. In this article, she attempts to tug at our heart-strings to make us feel sympathy for female criminals, but not male ones. "Prison is hard for women". Isn't that the idea? If you can't do the time, don't do the crime...

As a 1970s feminist, she openly preaches double-standards. Get this:

"Prison is certainly not one of the places where women aspire to equal treatment."

UK: Woman 'murdered mother-to-be and cut her full-term baby alive from her womb'

Anonymous · 1 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother-to-be has been stabbed to death by another woman and her almost full-term baby cut from her womb, police have revealed.
...
A 23-year-old woman has been arrested.
...
Her body was found early on Saturday in a park in the city of Kennewick.'

Mom Charged With Denying Son Cancer Medication

anthony · 2 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman has been charged with withholding cancer medication from her 8-year-old autistic son, who prosecutors say likely will die because the cancer has returned.
...
In March... the child's oncologist ... filed a report of suspected neglect with the Department of Social Services after discovering Fraser's cancer had returned, something that should not have happened if he was on his medications.

The boy's father, Eric Fraser, now has full custody of his son in Saugus. He said Jeremy spends part of his day in a special education program.
...
"I'm pretty disgusted about the whole justice (system) and DSS," Fraser said. "Now my son's going to die."'

Attorney: Teacher agrees to plea deal in sex case

anthony · 2 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A former teacher accused of having sex with a 13-year-old student and fleeing with him to Mexico is expected to plead guilty to reduced charges, her attorney said Tuesday.

James Martin Davis, the attorney for 26-year-old Kelsey Peterson, said his client will plead guilty Wednesday to federal charges of having sex with a minor across state lines.

It's similar to the original charge of crossing the border to have sex with a minor but doesn't carry a minimum 10-year-sentence, Davis said."

Commentary: 'Where the Girls Aren't'

anthony · 2 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The report concludes with a lament that women still earn only about 80 percent of what comparably trained men do. Remarkably, it makes no mention of the single biggest contributor to that persistent gender gap; namely, the fact that young women continue to choose professions that pay less well than those chosen by men with similar education. Women remain more likely than men to major in art history and journalism; men are more likely than women to major in computer science, physics, and engineering. A college graduate with a degree in physics or engineering will earn more than a graduate with a degree in art history or journalism, simply because the marketplace values those skills differently. Again, the one intervention proven to increase the numbers of women entering highly paid fields such as engineering—namely, single-sex classes—is scorned by the AAUW on political grounds."

Glenn Sacks: Obama Panders to Women by Insulting Men

anthony · 2 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Obama said, "They will take for granted women can do anything that the boys can do, and do it better." Of course--the ladies aren't equal to men, they're better. I've never understood why some women have this great and unending desire to be told that they're better than men and to put men down. Obama, a smart politician, is pandering to this desire."'

Harvard Political Review: Gender equality remains an illusive and undefinable goal

anthony · 2 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Commentary here. Excerpt:

"In response to the same question however, Christina Hoff-Sommers, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and author of Who Stole Feminism, told the HPR that “almost all areas are overblown. We’ve entered a new phase where American women have achieved equality with men.” While there may be pockets of sexism, “overall if you look at the status of women in society and men in society and you ask who’s doing better, it’s a mix.” Women, say critics of the current feminist movement, are already more educated, have higher aspirations, live longer, and have more choices in how to arrange their lives. While women typically earn less, wage comparisons often do not take into account time women may have taken off in order to care for children, a decision, they say, that comes with a legitimate financial penalty."

National Review: Title IX Strikes Again

anthony · 2 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Athletes at Arizona State University are the latest victims of this disturbing trend. In May, the school announced that it was cutting three men's sports: wrestling, swimming, and tennis. Following public outcry (see SaveASUwrestling.com) and a massive fundraising campaign, wrestling has since been reinstated. ASU swimmers, tennis players, and several coaches were not so lucky."

Why Russia's wealthier women are still reluctant to go Dutch

Anonymous · 2 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Billboards across Moscow advertising a women's magazine are raising female consciousness by asking Russia's fairer sex: "Are you ready to pay half to be independent?"

It's a question with increasing relevance because growing numbers of young Russian women are moving into management positions, earning good salaries and boosting their spending power. But for most, the answer to the question for now is still a resounding "no".

"When you go out with a guy, even if you're just friends and there's no romantic subtext, you would always expect him to pay," says Svetlana Kolchik, deputy editor of Russia's Marie Claire.'

UK: Woman stabbed to death by female attacker(s)

Anonymous · 2 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman has been stabbed to death by a female attacker in London in the latest stabbing to hit the capital.

Dee Willis, 28, was stabbed in her upper body during the attack at around 11pm last night in Bellenden Road, close to Peckham High Street in south east London.

She was taken to hospital but died shortly after midnight.
...
A gang of up to 20 girls was seen in the area around the time of the attack, according to one eyewitness."

And I thought women didn't do things like that. It must have been a man's fault...

UK: Most men are harassed by women at work

Anonymous · 2 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Four out of five men are sexually harassed by women at work - but are too afraid to complain to their employers - according to researchers.

A study by the law firm Peninsula found 85 per cent of employers admit they take a complaints of sexual harassment from a male employees less seriously.

Two-thirds of the 2,300 men questioned also said sexual banter was inappropriate at work."

UK's most senior female police officer says gang life replacing family life

Anonymous · 2 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The UK's most senior female police officer has stated that gang life is replacing family life in the UK. Excerpt:

'Barbara Wilding, the longest-serving female chief constable, said that social breakdown was giving rise to “enormous concerns about the future of young people”. Ms Wilding, the Chief Constable of South Wales, said:“In many of our larger cities, in areas of extreme deprivation, there are almost feral groups of very angry young people.

“Many have experienced family breakdown, and in place of parental and family role models, the gang culture is now established. Tribal loyalty has replaced family loyalty and gang culture based on violence and drugs is a way of life.” Disaffected young people were also a prime target for terrorist recruiters, she said.'

Of course she is right, and many people are starting to take this view. We have the feminist movement and the 1968 generation to thank for this massive social breakdown. We can add terrorism to the feminist movement's list of social evils.

F4J to Lead Numerous Organizations and Family Members in "Justice March" through Washington, D.C.

Matt · 2 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Forwarded by Angela Pedersen:

"WASHINGTON, D.C. - Fathers-4-Justice announced today that they are leading numerous organizations and family members in a "Justice March" through Washington, D.C. on August 16, 2008. The origination point of the "Justice March" is scheduled to launch from the DC FESTIVAL 2008 Civil Rights Event at Upper Senate Park and continue to the United States White House. (http://www.dcfestival2008.com/)

Children's and Parent's Rights organizations from across the nation are scheduled to converge on our nation's capitol this August 15 & 16 at the Upper Senate Park. Why? Because government policies do not reflect what is truly best for children and good parents. This historic event will expose to the media and our elected officials the damaging effects our family court systems have on children, parents and families.

The "Justice March", which is just one of many featured events of DC Festival 2008, will be led by Fathers-4-Justice with the support of numerous organizations which believe that fit and willing parents have a protected right to love, guide, educate and nurture their own children. "No government office or family court judge should have the power to interfere with fit and loving parents raising their children; however our constitutional right to parent our children is being blatantly ignored." states Brian Holladay of Fathers-4-Justice.

August 16, 2008 3:00PM EST - The march will start at Upper Senate Park and head through the National Mall between Independence and Constitution Avenue . Turning right at the monument built to honor one of our nations fore fathers, George Washington, the column will cross Constitution Avenue and head for the White House following Fifteenth Street.

For additional information about the "Justice March" or for information about Fathers-4-Justice you may contact Brian Holladay of Fathers-4-Justice at 440-388-4023 or visit the official F4J website at www.f4j.com.

Fathers-4-Justice® US (F4J®) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, volunteer organization of fathers, mothers, grandparents, and others dedicated to fighting for truth, justice and equality in family law.

UK: "Meet the Cashtrati..."

Anonymous · 3 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It details how the "credit crunch" is affecting bachelors' dating habits. Excerpt:

'Cash-strapped Romeos are resorting to all sorts of tricks to keep the costs down... "...he paid, and it was all very nice, but there was no real spark between us. So, when he called up the next day to ask me out again, I said no. The next day he sent me an invoice for my half of the meal."
...
"It's a pretty obvious economic calculation," explains Will Foster, 43, who works for a new media company in Edinburgh. "You're putting your needs in a pot, working out which costs what and how many of them are essential, and then seeing how much you can budget for each one. I mean, it obviously doesn't sound very romantic but let's be really honest about it. I'm a divorcé, I've done the rounds, and I want to be sure that my date is going to satisfy my needs if I'm going to risk some sort of financial investment on her."

Relationship experts are horrified at Foster's calculations, urging the Cashtrati to see the crunch as a boon...'

Tanking Economy = Bank for Divorce Lawyers

Roy · 3 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

According to this piece, the Divorce Industry is a recession-proof profession for the vampires who profit from it. One attorney is quoted as saying:

"One of the reasons that I ended up doing domestic relations ... is that when the economy is rough, you get the people who can no longer afford to stay married, and when the economy's good, you get the people who can finally afford to get divorced."

The Minefield of Texas A&M Student Discipline

Matt · 3 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Good warning for anyone facing "the system" at today's knee-jerk university "administrative hearings". Excerpt:

'The Appeals process was a minefield in its own right. Winning any appeal is like a snowball surviving in . . . well, you know where. Anyway, the Appeals panel would give great deference to the original panel's finding of responsibility. So, we worked like dogs to develop a showing the boy's student rights were violated and the evidence was insufficient to support the original finding of responsibility. After 3 1/2 hours of testimony and two hours of deliberation, the Appeals panel remanded the case back for a new hearing on the merits. We were relieved, to say the least. Although we'd hoped for a dismissal, as least we had another rare bite at the apple.'

Sentencing for sex-related crimes: compare and contrast

Matt · 3 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

A man is tried and found guilty of sexually abusing three teenage girls by watching them perform sex acts with each other and actually doing so with him. So he is sentenced to 4,060 years in jail.

That's right: 4,060 years. Wow, he'll be pretty durned old when he gets out!

Now contrast this with this recent case, wherein the perp actually had sex with the victims: all five of them! And she got six years in jail for it.

Thoughts?

RADAR Release: Fix VAWA Now! set to launch with a BANG!

Matt · 3 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Tomorrow, Independence Day, we'll be launching our "Fix VAWA Now!" campaign.

Independence Day celebrates our freedom from intrusive and oppressive government policies. And that's what Fix VAWA Now! is all about -- telling the public how domestic violence policies allow a simple marital tiff to turn into a heavy-handed knock on the door and a guy being hustled out in hand-cuffs.

As they say, "All politics is local," so last night we had a teleconference with our state-level VAWA Reform Captains. Over the next 5 months months, they'll be putting together YouTube pieces, videos, meeting with lawmakers, writing letters to editors, and doing interviews. RADAR has also put together a Fix VAWA Now! poster, which will be available on the RADAR website tomorrow.

So this is where you come in. Tomorrow, July 4, we'd like to ask you to make some fireworks. We'd like you to make some copies of the "Fix VAWA Now!" flyer and pass them out -- political events, picnics, shopping malls, libraries, Starbucks, gas stations, wherever!

You can download the flyer here (.pdf file).

And as we move forward with the campaign, you'll want to stay connected to the action. So sign up now to receive the RADAR Elerts. Just enter your email address in the box in the upper right hand corner of the RADAR website.

Folks, THIS IS THE REAL THING. We must get word out to every voter and lawmaker in your area: Fix VAWA Now!

We owe it to our children.

Cheers,
The RADAR Team

P.S. Thanks to all of you who made contributions this past month to the Fix VAWA Now! campaign -- we had a record-breaking fund-raising month!!!

Gloucester: Witch hunt begins!

Matt · 4 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Disturbed by the international spotlight focused on pregnancies at Gloucester High School, Mayor Carolyn Kirk said yesterday she is investigating whether staffers at the school-based health clinic violated patient confidentiality laws when they discussed the issue with faculty and members of the press.

Kirk said she has sent a letter to ... the president of Northeast Health System — the company that ... administers the high school health center — and has asked him to describe ... what consequences employees face if they reveal protected information.
...
Kirk said on Tuesday that the city's review of the issue would include the actions of school district employees.

"We will get to the bottom of it," Kirk said. "We need to see that the safeguards are in place to make sure that it never happens again."'

Teen avoids prison time in sister's 'Mortal Kombat' death

Matt · 4 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Seventeen-year-old Heather Trujillo was given an 18-year suspended sentence in the death of [her sister] 7-year-old Zoe Garcia. However, she must spend six years in the youth offender program. If she does not violate the terms of her plea deal, she will not have to spend any time in prison.

Trujillo will be sent to a facility in Pueblo, where she will stay until her six-year sentence is complete.
...
Trujillo and her boyfriend, 17-year-old Lamar Roberts, told police they were acting out the video game "Mortal Kombat," when they kicked, karate chopped and body slammed the little girl in December 2007. Garcia later died of her injuries.
...
Heather Trujillo pleaded guilty in the death of Garcia in May and agreed to testify against Roberts.'

Two perps: one female (and white), one male (and black). One gets no jail time in exchange for turning on the other. What sort of punishment do you suppose he'll get? What sort of "deal" would he have gotten had he been the one willing to do the talking instead of her?

They both deserve time in jail. For being so reckless and with such a young victim, I think 20 (no parole) might be about right. But only one, it seems is likely to ever see the inside of a cell.

Christina Hoff Sommers: Why Can’t a Woman Be More Like a Man?

anthony · 5 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This article was written by Sommers and appears in the March/April 2008 issue of the online magazine, The American. Excerpt:

"These proposed solutions assume a problem that might not exist. During her presidential campaign, Hillary Clinton has noted that “women comprise 43 percent of the workforce but only 23 percent of scientists and engineers” and insists that government take “diversity into account when awarding education and research grants.” But what is the basis for this and other attempts to balance the statistics? If numerical inferiority were sufficient grounds for charges of discrimination or cultural insensitivity, Congress would be holding hearings on the crisis of underrepresentation of men in higher education. After all, women earn most of the degrees—practically across the board. What about male proportionality in the humanities, social sciences, and biology? The physical sciences are the exception, not the rule."

Woman makes sex tape with two underage girls, gets no jail time

Matt · 5 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A NSW woman who starred in home-made pornographic movies with two teenage girls - who she likened to American celebrities the Olsen twins - has had her jail term erased.

South Australia's Full Court of the Court of Criminal Appeal today replaced Rebecca Jane Clarke's "excessive" 12-month jail term with a two-year good behaviour bond.

The 23-year-old, of Goulburn in NSW, remains a convicted sex offender, but only for now.

Although the court upheld her convictions, she has flagged a High Court challenge so she can pursue her dream of working with disadvantaged children.

In December 2007, Clarke was found guilty of producing child pornography - a DVD in which she has sex with two 14-year-old girls while saying "I feel like a child molester".

...
Her lawyers told the court the sentence set a dangerous precedent for "innocent, luckless" people who unwittingly had sex with teenagers "made up" like adults.

Further, she wanted her convictions overturned and her name removed from the sex offenders register so she could seek employment as a social worker for troubled children.'

Maureen Dowd muses on "The Ideal Husband"

Matt · 6 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here. Wonder when we'll see an op-ed on what the idea wife would be? Excerpt:

'Father Pat Connor, a 79-year-old Catholic priest born in Australia and based in Bordentown, N.J., has spent his celibate life — including nine years as a missionary in India — mulling connubial bliss. His decades of marriage counseling led him to distill some “mostly common sense” advice about how to dodge mates who would maul your happiness.
...
“Finally: Does he possess those character traits that add up to a good human being — the willingness to forgive, praise, be courteous? Or is he inclined to be a fibber, to fits of rage, to be a control freak, to be envious of you, to be secretive?

“After I regale a group with this talk, the despairing cry goes up: ‘But you’ve eliminated everyone!’ Life is unfair.”'

Eliminated everyone? Good. That's the clearest indication to women that they should not be seeking out a husband.

Ladies, do your boyfriend and yourself a favor and never bring up "The M Word", except to say that it's the last thing you would ever want to do. And, thank-you.

Shared Parenting Poll

Matt · 6 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Parade magazine's poll is published across the nation. Please vote now. The question is: 'Should divorced dads get equal time with their kids?'. Excerpt:

"Despite a shift toward shared custody over the last 20 years, up to half of fathers lose contact with their kids after a divorce. “In 85% of divorces, fathers get just two weekends a month and a couple of hours during the week,” says Mike McCormick of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children."

State lawmaker: Equal-opportunity initiative bad for Arizona

anthony · 7 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. The examples she provides have one common theme; they ignore men. She is a typical politician who adheres to the ideology that the rights of individual men are less important than the communal goals of women. Excerpt:

'The so-called Arizona Civil Rights Initiative is not about protecting civil rights; it's about taking away our rights and freedoms. It would change Arizona's Constitution to prohibit the state (and local governments, schools and universities) from offering any type of equal-opportunity programs to women and people of color in Arizona.

Some examples of programs that will be eliminated if the Connerly initiative becomes law in Arizona are:
...
• Arizona State University's Women in Science and Engineering program. This would be eliminated because it supports university women as they pursue careers in science and engineering.'

Male-teacher-positive article: "School 9 students fondly recall teacher as father figure"

anthony · 7 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Despite data showing a growing number of children in urban areas living without fathers or other adult men, male kindergarten teachers are a rarity in Rochester and nationally.

The National Center for Education Statistics estimates that men represent only 2 percent of 190,000 kindergarten teachers nationwide. That figure is slightly higher in the Rochester district, where seven of the 113 kindergarten teachers are men.

Researchers cite low pay, a cultural stereotype that teaching elementary school is women's work, and fear among men of being accused of physically abusing children.

"People think that men aren't nurturing, that men don't want to be with children, that men can't do it," said Bryan Nelson, the founder of MenTeach, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit that supports male teachers."'

New Zealand: Police warning to women over false rape claims

anthony · 7 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The warning comes as a woman appears in Hamilton District Court this morning charged with attempting to pervert the course of justice, arising from rape complaint made last November.

Detective Senior Sergeant Chris Page said the Hamilton woman claimed she was raped after an offender forced his way into her flat but this was proved to be untrue.

"A large amount of police and ESR resources and time was put into the investigation," he said.

"The media coverage of this incident was significant as police dealt with a number of rape allegations at that time. This case has proven to be the third false complaint from that week.'

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Ed. note: Suggest using Internet Explorer to view the story. Using Firefox, I had a problem getting the fold-out ad to close so I could actually read it.

India: After 7 months in jail, man seeks case against ‘rape victim’

anthony · 7 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"In an interesting case, a man accused of rape and false promise of marriage, has demanded registration of FIR against the complainant after the police gave him the clean chit.

Rishi Sood (25), a resident of Haibowal, is running from pillar to post to get the FIR registered, which he said is, "Very essential as the woman has ruined my life and career. I have also come to know that she is doing the same to other men as well. I want to teach her a lesson.”

...

Sood said, "She has ruined my life. I was arrested, tortured and even sent to jail where I spent seven months. My career suffered and so did my family. All this time, this girl whose actual name is Suman Paul, kept demanding money from me and my family to take the case back. We even came to know the woman is in contact with people who indulge in illegal activities."

Kathleen Parker: Politically incorrect domestic violence

anthony · 7 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The words "domestic violence" typically invite images of bruised women and children - and male perpetrators. But the real picture of domestic violence isn't so clear-cut. And the solution to family violence is far more complex than our current criminal justice approach can handle.

One of the primary myths - and the one that meets with the most resistance - is that only men are violent. Women and children indeed suffer the worst injuries and more often die as a result of those injuries, but women initiate violence as often as men.

Ignoring or playing down that fact obscures the real problem of intimate violence and makes solutions less likely. Yet even people who know better are afraid of speaking up lest they be accused of undermining feminist efforts to help women and children in danger.

According to Ms. Mills, studies now confirm that women initiate violence in 24 percent of cases in which the husbands don't fight back, while men initiate violence in 27 percent of cases in which women don't fight back. In the other 49 percent of cases, both partners actively participate in the violence.'

WalesOnline: The last taboo

anthony · 7 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Men suffering domestic violence at the hands of women say they feel isolated and ignored by a society that appears not to take it seriously.

They feel emasculated and embarrassed about discussing the issue with friends and often suffer in silence.

Home Office figures show one in six men will experience domestic violence at some point in their lives.
...
“Violence by women against men is still a taboo. People can talk about paedophilia and that has a media profile, this does not.”'

Washington: Domestic violence shelter to include male victims

anthony · 7 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"We work with men who have been stabbed, cut with glass and had their teeth knocked out with objects by female partners. They and their children, who are damaged just by seeing it, deserve the same outreach, treatment and dignity as any other victims, but instead they're often stigmatized and told they're oddball class even though they are not."

Psychic's vision sets off sex-abuse probe

Anonymous · 7 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Barrie mother of an autistic girl is considering legal action against her local school board after a psychic's prediction to a special educational assistant sparked a sexual abuse report to the Children's Aid Society.

"I'm in shock," said Colleen Leduc, 38. "They reported me to Children's Aid because of a psychic. Can you imagine?"'

RADAR ALERT: Fix VAWA Now!

Matt · 7 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Fourteen years after the passage of the Violence Against Women Act in 1994, it is now apparent that VAWA is a badly broken law that harms innocent individuals even as it fails to achieve its stated goal of protecting domestic violence victims.

The Violence Against Women Act:

1. Fails to Help Victims of Domestic Violence
2. Mistreats Women
3. Promotes False Allegations
4. Breaks Up Families Unnecessarily
5. Costs Taxpayers Billions
6. Hurts Black Communities

While VAWA-funded programs have benefited some individuals, its overall effect has been negative.

On July 4, Independence Day, the VAWA Reform Coalition launched a 5-month, high-profile campaign called "Fix VAWA Now!" Bottom line, we want every American to understand how this law has weakened the American family, harmed children forced into a single-parent household, while failing to protect true victims of domestic violence.

AND WE ARE CALLING ON YOU TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD! Americans deserve a truly effective law that deals with the problem without causing massive collateral damage.

To make that happen, RADAR has put together materials that can be downloaded from our website:

- Flyer: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARflyer-Fix-VAWA-Now.pdf
- Color poster: http://www.mediaradar.org/fix_vawa_now_help.php#poster
- A series of Special Reports that documents all the damage: http://www.mediaradar.org/radar_special_reports.php

We ask you to make copies of the flyer and distribute it at meetings, rallies, libraries, malls, coffee shops, any place where persons congregate! Same goes for the poster.

VAWA is a badly broken law that, like a cancer, has metastasized into every facet of American society. We invite every person reading this Alert to join in this historic crusade to save our families and protect our children.

If not us, who? If not now, when?

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Times Of India poll report for "Is the law biased against men?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'...we looked at how the court's decision to ask a man to compensate his live-in partner for not marrying her had opened a Pandora's box. ... the section of society that is the most worried, or rather, outraged by some of the recent changes in Indian law, is no doubt the men. ... men seem to have been shortchanged by the entire judicial process. Or so the responses of our readers, bloggers, and a cross section of men we spoke to leads us to believe.

...As one reader writes, "I am astonished that the Indian judiciary system is run by backward thinkers. What is the itch to 'protect' women and make them even 'weaker'? In the Western world all this is not heard of.....We can never be a developed nation without strong social objectives. The law is biased against men."'

Ireland: Medical crisis grows as female GPS avoid full-time posts

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Story here. Excerpt:

'THE MEDICAL manpower crisis is even worse than previously estimated, with patients almost certain to experience difficulty accessing GP services, new research has shown.

Researchers from the department of primary care and public health at Trinity College Dublin (TCD) have found that women GPs are only half as likely to work full-time at partnership level as male doctors.
...

Female doctors also worked fewer unsociable hours, with 51 per cent of female graduates involved in co-operatives and out-of-hours work, compared with 84 per cent of male doctors who worked nights and weekends.
...
But a senior medical source described the study as "a severe wake-up call. Clearly we have got the balance wrong gender-wise. We must now rectify this because political correctness will not look after patients."'

Recanting domestic violence allegations goes to NV supreme court

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Story here. A family court judge gets off after his girlfriend recants her testimony and admits she rubbed her own face on the rug. Meanwhile a retired naval commander is found guilty even after his wife recants her testimony and admits she pulled out her own hair. Man is intent on taking case to Nevada Supreme Court to set a "bright line" standard on recanted allegations. Excerpt:

'Nearly two years ago, Family Court Judge Steven Jones was acquitted of a domestic battery charge after his live-in girlfriend recanted the previous statements she had given in the case.

A month earlier, retired Navy commander Dennis Sarfaty was convicted of the same misdemeanor despite the fact that his wife had recanted her prior statements.

The seemingly conflicting verdicts came from two different judges in Henderson Municipal Court, and Sarfaty's lawyer now wants the Nevada Supreme Court to decide which one was right.'

MSN article about women who are turned on by money

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I thought you might find this article interesting. It's about women who find money to be an aphrodisiac:

There are a three interesting things about this article that call into question certain things we've been taught about men and women.

1. Men are often portrayed as the shallower of the sexes, i.e., only interested in looks, while women are portrayed as more emotional and concerned about sensitivity and feelings. Yet, the author states "…if I'm gut-wrenchingly honest with myself, the only reason that I agreed to go out with TFB in the first place -- and the reason I stayed so long -- was that he was loaded."

2. We—as a culture—have been inundated with stories of successful women who (supposedly) can't get dates because they're success intimidates men (note how this female problem, i.e., not being able to get a date and/or steady boyfriend, is converted into a male problem—"he's intimidated by my success!"). Yet, the article states: "Even women who don't need a man with money still prefer one." This suggests that successful women sometimes can't find boyfriends because they have inadvertently shrunk their dating pool by becoming successful and, thus, disinterested in men who have a much lower income than theirs. It's not always the case that the man is intimidated, it sometimes happens to be that the woman is not interested in the man because he makes less than she does.

3. We see a very clear advantage a woman has over a man: Being able to get out of a financial jam by dating. The author states: "If agreeing to date someone just because he was flush made me a shallow, money-grubbing gold digger, so be it. At that point in my life, I was tired of living hand to mouth, worrying how the bills were going to get paid and making the dreaded weekly choice between martinis and food. I liked the lifestyle he had, and I wanted a piece of it, too. The idea of relaxing financially for a while conferred an unmistakable appeal on a person who didn't have much else to recommend him."

Of course, this article doesn't condemn all women…anymore than a male leaving his lifelong companion simply to get a younger girl condemns all men. However, it does help to debunk the myth that females are the more pure of the sexes. Hopefully, articles like this will continue to highlight that both men AND women have their exceedingly shallow moments.

--Brent

Latest AmEx Commercial to Offend Men

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There is a commercial running now for the American Express business card showing a man at an airport counter buying a ticket for an important business trip. He plans to pay for it by credit card, but the woman behind the counter sees that the card has a picture of cats on it. this does not meet with her approval [apparently not manly enough for her judgmentally sexist mind] and she signals for two guards to come over and take him away.

One of the guards is a woman who puts on rubber gloves for the obvious reason. Does anyone think that this company would run an ad showing a male guard putting on rubber gloves to examine a female customer. Of course not! I called the company and spoke to a customer service rep who agreed with me and would pass on my comments to management. I also intend to call the advertising department to voice my concern about this issue. I hope others will join me. Contact info here.

Ed. note: Someone please provide a link to the commercial on-line, if available. I went looking for it but could not find it.

Essay: Feminism and the Glass Ceiling

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Feminism and the Glass Ceiling

Since WWII, employers in both Canada and the United States have been hiring and training only women for white collar staff and supervisory positions because women cannot be drafted into the military in the event of a major war. During WWII those corporations lost a lot of their staff expertise to the military as their then male employees left for the war so after the war they imposed anti-male hiring policies to preclude similar future staff losses.

It is for this reason and no other that so many white collar corporations in North America have such a high percentage of female white collar workers and this status quo seems likely to remain for some time.

It is also for this reason that the so called "Glass Ceiling" exists. Senior executive males in executive boardrooms were not going to implement hiring policies which gave all the staff and supervisory positions to women as a corporate hiring hedge and then give women all the management and executive positions too. Unfortunately, this looks like a perk of most corporations being lead by men; men lead the corporations hence they do things the way they like.

Small and medium sized businesses notwithstanding, there is little evidence that women are entrepreneurs on the same scale as men. My point: women rarely "think big"; men do it all the time. Ergo, the Ford Motor Companies, Microsofts and Occidental Petroleums of the world will continue to be created by and, as a matter of course, be run by men.

Should any given woman rise to head such a corporation, this new corporate success will bathe in the trite accolades of "trailblazer" and blithely ignore the truth that, in many instances, a score or more of men preceeded her.

Blazer, indeed!

This is almost as thought the newly minted female CEO and her feminist acolytes perceive every corporate entity as having occurred by fate or happenstance, rather like hollyhocks somehow arising metaphysically in the flower garden of business.

Nobody planted them. They have always been there, growing on their own so to speak and this feminist bugaboo known as "equity" dictates that it is about time the women started getting control of some of the things.

This, it seems apparent, is how most women think on a grand, strategic scale. It's women "thinking big".

Feminists, in their sublime self-righteousness then, excoriate the managerial and executive ranks for being mostly male (haven't you heard) and applaud every crack in the glass ceiling. If a man notices the staff and supervisory ranks below the glass ceiling being mostly female he is expected to obligingly ignore it or shut up about it.

In the feminist universe, therefore, what is sauce for the goose is well, um, sauce for the goose. Militancy is a feminist perk just as controlling corporations is a male one. Any contradictory input about gender bias in employment from a recalcitrant gander is scorned as retrograde. The feminists are progressive; if men disagree, they are not.

A concomitant concern of mine is worrying; to wit, today's crop of liberated women might train or coerce the men to think the same way (ie like women, "thinking little"). In such an eventuality, the men of some other society will obliged to think strategically and globally. Having acquiesced to the demanding, tactically thinking and politically correct women of North America and particularly Canada, the men here will no longer know how to do it.

Glenn R. Burger

For More visit: http://equality.netfirms.com/womcanad.html

NY Post: Cheating Husband 'A'-OK with corporate sponsors

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Essay here. Would we ever see a woman chastised to this extent because of an affair? At this point it's not substantiated but the media doesn't care. It's interesting and disturbing how their associating rape and domestic violence with this situation. It seems the author of this article believes Alex Rodriguez should be shamed and cast aside by these corporate endorsements. Correct me if I'm wrong, but when a wife cheats on her husband she's the victim because he was an 'unloving' man who drove her to an affair. A man is simply considered pig. Excerpt:

'"He's not accused of rape and he didn't kill any dogs - so A-Rod's all good.
...
"Wife-beating would hurt him, underage girls would hurt him, a gay lover would hurt him, but run-of-the-mill affairs - that's a non-issue in American life," said branding expert Howard Bragman, head of the public-relations agency Fifteen Minutes.
...
But bedding strippers and late-night engagements with Madonna? That won't bother A-Rod sponsors like Nike, Pepsi or Topps, Bragman said.

"We just don't hold affairs against people anymore," he said.'

Ask Mr. Dad: Protecting yourself from paternity fraud

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Your goal is to avoid becoming a victim of "Paternity Fraud." This is when a mother lies about who a child's father is for the purposes of monetary gain. In your case, you could be on the hook for 18 or more years of child support for a child or children who aren't yours.

The bad news is that paternity fraud is not uncommon. The American Association of Blood Banks found that 30 percent of the men in paternity tests are ruled out as the biological father (other studies put that number at 25 percent).
...
Unfortunately, even challenging paternity within the window doesn't guarantee that you'll avoid being defrauded. In many states, when a child is born during a marriage, the husband is presumed to be the father - biology is irrelevant. So even if DNA shows that he's not the father, he'll still owe child support."

CBS: "Horrors" Found In Tween, Teen Dating

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Story here. Just look at the picture in the story and you'll see why I submitted this. While boys are never blamed in the article, its obvious they're being targeted as the problem. I wonder which feminist organizations conducted this report? Excerpt:

"Tweens and teens in dating relationships are experiencing significant levels of various forms of abuse, many don't know the warning signs of an abusive relationship, and many parents don't know what's going on in those relationships, a new survey says."

Australia: PM: Neal's treatment not sexist

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Story here. Excerpt:

"PRIME Minister Kevin Rudd says a Labor backbencher is wrong to suggest sexism is behind the way MP Belinda Neal has been treated.

Mr Rudd spoke to Ms Neal yesterday and she agreed to undergo anger management counselling after allegations about confrontations in a bar and on the sports field.

Julia Irwin, the Labor MP for the Sydney seat of Fowler, asked whether Ms Neal's gender was an issue in her treatment.

"Why is it that women are singled out by reporting of these instances. Why not the men?" Ms Irwin said on ABC radio today.

Mr Rudd said that was not the case."

.....
Original story about the incident here.

"Your child will turn into a demon, you have such evil thoughts," Ms Neal is alleged to have told the heavily pregnant backbencher.

Man-Hating Punching Bag, Misandric Book Now Available Online

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Article here. I couldn't find this punching bag on the site listed, but it certainly does exist. The picture is proof positive. Excerpt:

"From one bad date to the next, you can't help but despise the opposite sex. You paid for your own movie ticket (and his) at the children's rate (his idea, not yours!), and still, he had the nerve to go for a kiss at the date's termination. Then when you backed away, he suggested a second meeting. As if! Now you just man-hate. Use this Man Bashing Punching Bag ($24.95 at www.wishingfish.com).

...
How hard could it possibly be to put your dirty socks in the hamper, cook once in a while, remember your anniversary? Before you kick your detached, scatter-brained boyfriend to the curb, consider reading the "50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours" ($9.28 at www.amazon.com). If he's worth saving, this book may just be the thing to help you come to that conclusion."

[Ed. note: One place it is listed says it's discontinued or out of stock. See here. So maybe it already got identified for what it is and pulled from shelves. Good!]

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If your curious about this misandrist book, just read Amazon's editorial review.

"Tired of watching your man play X-Box all day? Does he cruise match.com when you're not home? When he takes you back to his place, does his mother answer the door? 50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours is a hilarious collection of these painfully familiar boyfriends, men we've all had the misfortune to meet."

Divorce still damaging to children despite being more acceptable

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Divorce remains equally damaging to a child's prospects in life despite having become more common and more socially acceptable, researchers say.

A study run over several decades has shown that children whose parents split up are more likely to end up without qualifications, claiming benefits and suffering depression.
...
Summarising the effects of divorce, the report says it "has repercussions that reverberate through childhood and into adulthood."

The report says: "Children from disrupted families tend to do less well in school and subsequent careers than their peers. They are also more likely to experience the break-up of their own partnerships."'

UK: "More rapists will be convicted, promises Government"

Anonymous · 9 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Government says it will increase the conviction rate for rape.

...

It comes days after a women's equality group claimed there was a "postcode lottery" experienced by rape victims, with women in some areas five times less likely to see their attacker convicted than in others.

The Government's plans include increasing the number of specialist centres for rape victims from 19 to 36 and running a trial scheme of supplying police forces with sexual violence advisers.'

The 'women's equality group' in question is The Fawcett Society, run by Catherine Rake, a radical lesbian feminist. You can guess who the 'sexual violence advisers' will be.

The article, the police, and the government make no mention of false accusations, which scientific evidence shows are widespread.

What they mean is, they are going to jail more innocent men on the basis of no evidence.

Burger King commerical includes blatant man-slapping by woman

Matt · 9 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

I have seen this commercial on Spike TV network several times now. This TV ad is absolutely awful. One interesting note though, the Spike television network is actually supposed to target men as their demographic!?!

I guess men and women hitting each other is OK in the minds of Burger King and the marketing industry, but of course, only if it's a guy getting hit by a woman. Unbelievable. I cringe thinking about young, impressionable kids watching commercials like these. Thanks, Dan

Fathers 4 Justice campaigners climb onto Harriet Harman's roof

AngryMan · 9 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two Fathers 4 Justice campaigners have climbed onto the roof of Labour Party deputy leader Harriet Harman, Scotland Yard said.

It is the second time in little over a month the group has staged a protest at Ms Harman's home in Herne Hill, south London.

...

Last month two protesters, Jolly Stanesby and Mark Harris, both from south Devon, scaled the roof of Ms Harman's home in similar costumes.'

Indian government plans to review the Dowry laws

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Story here. It's a mix of good and bad. The Anti dowry laws could be reviewed where in no longer will the family of husbands be jailed on complaint.

But the dowry death law where in if wife dies within 7 years of marriage the husband and his family is jailed will be made more stupid; that is, on death of any wife at any time in marriage the husbands will be sent to jail if the wife's family so desires. Excerpt:

'New Delhi, July 9: In a significant broadening of the Dowry Prohibition Act, the Ministry of Women and Child Development is planning to change the legislation so that the unnatural death of a woman at any stage of her marriage is covered by it.

Right now, unnatural death of a woman within seven years of her marriage is construed as a dowry death, attracting punishment under Section 304(B).

“There should not be any limit; unnatural death of a woman at any stage should be considered an offence liable to be punished under 304(B),” says a senior official.'

Europe to begin investigation of secrecy in UK family courts

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Britain faces an investigation by the European Union into secrecy in family courts, amid growing political pressure to overhaul the system.

The Council of Europe has stepped in after allegations that gagging laws designed to protect the rights of children are allowing miscarriages of justice and children to be removed unnecessarily from their parents.
...
Opponents of the system say that judges can be too ready to side with social workers and experts who want a child removed but whose evidence is rarely made public.'

"Female inmates doing time on Calif. fire lines" makes news, diminshes men

Matt · 10 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I'm just so sick of this bull. It's just plain everywhere. Excerpt:

'Johnson is one of 28 female convicts working the front lines of the nine-day-old wildfire roaring through Los Padres National Forest in Southern California's Santa Barbara County.
...
Wildfire-plagued states such as California and Arizona have long tapped minimum-security prisoners as firefighting labor during the intense summer fire season. Arizona also has a female inmate crew.

It's work that more than a few men would shy from.
...
"Women are more supportive of each other, sort of a buddy system," Alexander said.

"They're more appreciative of small things. They like shampoo, lotion, soap. They were ecstatic the other day because their clothes came back from the laundry with the smell of Downy. Do you think men would notice that?"'

Well, a man who doesn't get clean clothes too often I am sure appreciates the smell of freshly-laundered duds. Maybe the author doesn't know because she never bothered asking him?

And how many men have fought fires, convicts or not, only to be given a quick "thanks" and sent on. Women do it and it's national news. Same thing for military service.

And of course, they do it better. Read the many stories and it's all spelled out for you: They make better cops, soldiers, firefighters, scientists, hell, they are just plain BETTER. All over the news, this crap is everywhere. So if they are so much better at these things, why don't more of them step up and do them? Oh yeah, it's too dangerous for the typical female's tastes and besides, it means working odd hours sometimes. Better to "let the men" do it, as the women get to stay cleaner and out of harm's way.

That's OK. It's not sexism when it favors women.

Barf.

Action alert: Fix VAWA form available on Capwiz.com

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Two-click activism: fix VAWA now link here.

I got this heads-up from RADAR. It seems this link was sent out in an emailing from RightMarch.com and that it reaches upwards of 800,000 people. Go to town!

Report: The Impact Of The Obama Economic Plan For America's Working Women

anthony · 10 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here, actual report here (.pdf file).

Ed note: The report reiterates the oft-debunked 77-cents-on-the-dollar myth.

Ex-prosecutor gets 2 years for sex with boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A former prosecutor was sentenced Wednesday to two years in prison for having sex with boys, after her 16-year-old daughter told the judge she and her mother had competed for the same 15-year-old boy.

Beth Modica, 44, wept as her daughter Danielle told the judge she banged on the bathroom door at the family home in Sloatsburg one day last year as her mother and her boyfriend engaged in oral sex.
...
Modica told her children to lie to their father — the Spring Valley police chief — about the marijuana and alcohol she gave to them and their friends, Danielle Modica said. She urged Rockland County Judge Catherine Bartlett to send her mother to state prison."

Spanish minister sparks debate about the limits of feminism

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Not only did Aido announce a telephone hotline to help men adapt to a "new model of masculinity" and wife batterers to "channel their aggressivity" before resorting to violence.

She went as far as tackling the structures of the Spanish language, proposing that the masculine-gendered word "miembro" (member) be given a feminine equivalent, "miembra."
...
"All the fields are adequate for waging the battle in favour of equality," said Zapatero, who wants his Socialist government to play a ground-breaking role in promoting women's rights worldwide.
...
A "telephone for men" initially planned for wife batterers will also help other men "solve their doubts, because many of them feel lost" as the "patriarchal system" begins to crumble, Aido explained."'

Woman Who Raped Teen Fighting Him For Child Custody

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Story here. You don't need the victim's statement and cooperation to pursue legal action against the adult. Overzealous DAs have been pursuing cases against men EVEN when the female recants her story or says "she was in love". If the victim is under-age that's all that counts.

The sheriff's office, Dpt. of Social Services, media and DA's office have been caught with their pants down. The man claims any "any boy who had an older woman coming up to him would have done the exact same thing." Girls desire the attention of older men also. They charged her w/ rape 2 yrs after the fact. She EVEN gave the young boy ALCOHOL.

This is OUTLANDISH. I want to hear what the court case will reveal later this month.

NY Daily News: 'Beauty killed the beast in Christie Brinkley divorce'

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Story here. Excerpt:

"She gambled and she won. Taking this divorce into a public courtroom was a risk for Christie Brinkley, but at the end of the day she got everything she wanted - and then some.

Kids? Check. Property? Check. Revenge? Oh, check, check and check.

So Brinkley ended up shelling out $2.1 million to her dirtbag of an ex. It's a small price to pay for serenity.
...
Nope, next stop on the Peter Cook train is a sad and lonely middle age in the valley of fallen men. He can rub elbows with Eliot Spitzer there."

Woman guilty over bizarre internet murder plot

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A divorcee has been found guilty of plotting to murder her multi-millionaire partner after she hired an "assassin" on a website called www.Hitman.us.com

Sharon Collins, 45, a divorced mother-of-two, is said to have hatched a conspiracy with a man from the site, an Egyptian poker player who called himself Tony Luciano, to murder PJ Howard, a property tycoon worth £10 million and his two sons.

...

Yesterday Collins was found guilty of conspiring to hire a hitman at Dublin central Criminal Court and Eid of demanding money.'

McCain also does the appeal-to-women thing

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Gender-baiting and pandering know no political parties, it seems, when it comes to the all-important, all-powerful voting bloc known as "WOMEN". Wonder when we'll see a national political candidate or office-holder speak about the importance of addressing men's issues? Story here. Excerpt:

'"Yesterday in New York, Senator Obama went on at great length about how much he cares about women's issues," McCain said at a town-hall forum in Hudson, where women vastly outnumbered men. "I believe him. But when you cut through all the smooth rhetoric, Senator Obama's policies would make it harder for women to start new businesses, harder for women to create or find new jobs, harder for women to manage the family budget, and harder for women and their families to meet their tax burden."
...
McCain told the audience that he has a record of supporting equal pay for women. He later told reporters he opposed the Senate bill because he didn't want "open-ended litigation by trial lawyers." He said he has demonstrated his support for equal pay "in a whole broad variety of ways, from support of women in the military to all kinds of laws that provide employment" to women.

Republicans believe McCain has a chance to pick up Democratic and independent women who are angry or disappointed that Hillary Rodham Clinton lost her bid to become the first female president. But the Hudson event seemed geared to hard-core conservatives.'

Article: "What causes a woman to seek out sex with teens?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Sexual abuse involving older women and teen boys is an underreported crime, one that experts say has been largely ignored by the public, legal system and academic researchers for reasons including sexual double standards and evidence suggesting teen boys often are willing participants.
...
Prosecutions of women for sex abuse have risen nationwide in the past several years, law enforcement experts say. Locally, last week two women from Bucks County were charged with sexual crimes involving teenage boys.
...
The report also found among children ages 7 to 11 and 15 to 17, boy victims outnumbered girls. On average, female molesters were nine years older than their male victims, compared with a six-year age gap between male offenders and teen girl victims.

Other research agencies like Child Trends in Washington, D.C., are starting to collect data that also suggest sexual relationships between teen boys and older women are more common than many believe."

Dove ads: Fine, but what about boys' self esteem?

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Dove has a series of TV ads intended to improve the self esteem of girls and women.

While they may have a point about unrealistic body image expectations for girls and women, they seem to imply that boys and men have no such similar issues.

Does that seem right to you?

What about the unrealistic and often unattainable body image expectations for boys and men? The image of being muscular (as in men's bodybuilder magazines) or handsome (as in magazines like GQ). The pressure to turn to illegal and dangerous methods of attaining a muscular body (i.e. steroids). Or the complete opposite of this (i.e. what not to look like) as shown all too often in commercials and sitcoms portraying men as obese slobs, or otherwise unattractive.

Think about it.

Getting the boss' coffee: sexual discrimination?

Matt · 12 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

At least one judge has some cajones. Read it here. The contention was that the woman's supervisor who had her get him coffee regularly was engaging in sexually discriminatory behavior. The judge ruled that such requests may be annoying but are not inherently sexually discriminatory. Good for him.

Literally, a federal case was made out of this. How much do you suppose this case cost to bring?

But I have heard tell of female executives who hire male secretaries specifically because they get a kick out of sending the fellow off on coffee runs and so on. Wonder why no one ever seems to make much ado about that? Excerpt:

'Nine minutes after receptionist Tamara Klopfenstein complained - for the second time - about getting her bosses coffee, she was fired.

"I don't expect to serve and wait on you by making and serving you coffee every day," Klopfenstein e-mailed to her boss at National Sales & Supply L.L.C., of Bensalem.

Manager Jason Shrager told her the issue wasn't "open for debate."
...
Earlier this month, U.S. District Judge Berle M. Schiller couldn't resist punning his way through a decision on the deeper issue - whether Klopfenstein's managers had created a hostile and discriminatory work environment by requiring the receptionist to fetch them coffee.
...
"The act of getting coffee is not, by itself, a gender-specific act," Schiller wrote. The fact that a vice president wrote "looks nice, dresses well," on notes when she was hired also doesn't add up to discrimination, the judge wrote.'

The Genuine Men Project: Genuine Men Journey in Stories and Stills

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As a mother of two young boys, photographer and author Nancy Bruno is spearheading a movement to address the need for positive male role models in today's society. Bruno has launched The Genuine Men Project to celebrate everyday men who define what it means to be a person of character, strength and authenticity. The project includes a photography exhibition and book, Genuine Men: Journeys in Stories and Stills (Bridgeway Books, May 2008) which feature candid black-and-white photographs and lifedefining stories of 35 men from the community. "Men today continue to be judged by their jobs, bank accounts, cars, homes and outward appearance," says Bruno, who holds bachelor's degrees in historical sociology and literature/rhetoric. "Powerful role models should not be defined by material gain and physical perfection but by the way the face and live through their life experiences

The Genuine Men Project captures the essence of what it means to be a man worth emulating.

The Genuine Men Project is a traveling photography exhibition created in part by a grant from the Puffin Foundation. Genuine Men Journeys in Stories and Stills shares the life stories of thirty five men ages twelve through ninety-one brought to life through their black and white images. Our message is simple, yet powerful: It is how a man approaches his life's experiences and challenges that makes him a man of great strength and character. The Genuine Men Project has been endorsed by The American Men's Studies Association and The Lance Armstrong Foundation.

From the very beginning, The Genuine Men Project has brought art and discussion into very public forums. Redefining men's role models begins with the discussion that is fostered by our audiences experiences during and after their viewing of the images and stories of these amazing men. Working with communities, professional organizations, and college and universities our goal is to create programming incorporating our project, current topics of men's interests, courses of studies, and related popular culture topics and calendar weeks and months related to men. In May of 2008, The Genuine Men Project released a book based on the exhibit, Genuine Men, Journeys in Stories and Stills (Bridgeway Books). The book is available through local and online book retailers. Additionally, through the sale of our book, we are able to to give back to communities to support men's issues.

The Genuine Men Project extends an invitation to organizations to please contact us through our web site if they would be interested in bringing The Genuine Men Project to their community (www.thegenuinemen.com)

Vonage ads: "Men are stupid" theme

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A Vonage TV advertisement, now blanketing the air waves, is annoying because it is gender biased. In the ad, "The Telephone Company" portrayed by a male is gradually pushed off the screen by Vonage, portrayed by a woman, each time a point is made in favor of Vonage. In this ad, the male is made to look stupid and weak compared to the woman and the company he represents as inferior. Imagine if the roles were reversed on this spot and the woman were pushed off the screen because she was inadequate, inferior, or second-rate. There would be all kinds of outcry from women's groups. I am appalled by this kind of male abuse in TV advertising. The TV is loaded with commercials in which men are portrayed as being stupid, weak, and inadequate. What can I do to stop this?

Ed. note: Various Vonage ads are found here. They exhibit a pattern of "men are stupid" types of scenes, usually with men getting injured in the process. This one is all about good old-fashioned testicle violence. More found on Youtube here.

To answer the submitter's question, this is what to do: Point out the phenomenon to the advertiser by email, phone call, or fax, and tell them such things do affect your purchasing decisions, and that if they win one woman with these ads, they will be losing three men. Do the math.

As for Vonage in particular, their contact page is here. The "Email" and "Phone" buttons are very large and easy to miss at first glance. They are light blue, right next to the orange "Start Here" on the left side. Click either of these other two buttons to get email and phone/fax information. Then go to town!

ABC: Obama 'Won't Back Off One Bit' on His Tough-Love Message

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ABC Blog entry here.

If Obama is so concerned with the state of father participation, why doesn't he help men gain some equality during child custody hearings? Why doesn't he mention paternity fraud? He also failed to mention that many women today choose to have children out of wedlock. Many of those same women might decide they don't want the father around. Why not ask Barak if he plans to reauthorize the anti-male VAWA in 2009.

"Obama told reporters aboard his plane to San Diego that Americans need to recognize that there is a problem when more than a half of African American children are growing up without a father in the house.

“That is a problem and I won’t back up one bit in asserting that that’s a problem that we have to be honest about," he said.

Obama's tough love message to African American fathers came most notably in a Fathers Day speech last month in which he told fathers that “any ol' fool” could conceive a child –- but it takes a man to be father."

India: Fight the ‘evil of perjury’, SC to courts

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Story here. Excerpt:

"The bench rejected the plea of the Mahila Vinod Kumar that she was illiterate and hence should be acquitted of the charge and conviction for perjury (misleading court with false evidence).

In this case Mahila had lodged a case of rape against two persons with the Pischhore Police Station in Madhya Pradesh on January 28, 1993. She claimed that the accused waylaid and ravished her by turns.

On the basis of her complaint the accused were arrested and a chargesheet filed by the police under Section 376(2).

However, during the trial she retracted her allegations and denied having made the charge against the men. She also denied having registered the FIR against the accused."

AlterNet: "Rigidly Male-Dominated Societies Are Violent; The U.S. Is No Different"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Yet in the United States, many people who consider themselves progressives still view anything to do with women as secondary. They fail to recognize what regressives do: that the ranking of male over female is a basic model children learn early on for equating difference with superiority or inferiority, with dominating or being dominated -- a model that can then easily be generalized to different races, religions, ethnicities, and nations.

In recent years, American regressives have vigorously promoted a family where fathers make the rules and harshly punish disobedience -- the kind of family that prepares people to defer to "strong" leaders who brook no dissent and use force to impose their will. Not coincidentally, over these same years aggressive wars were launched, gains for women and minorities were lost, and a "strong" executive branch held itself above the law."

Opinion: Barack Obama and equal pay for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So it's entirely possible that Senator Obama is a sexist, misogynistic creep who gleefully rubs his hands together and laughs demonically while scheming to persecute his female employees. Maybe he has nothing better to do. But far more likely is that the aforementioned factors explain his office's inter-sex pay differential. Perhaps his male employees work more hours, have been more likely to accept promotions involving greater responsibility, have more experience, sacrificed "personal fulfillment" and instead chose more lucrative fields, and/or have greater seniority. Whatever the reasons, I'm quite sure of one thing: The phenomenon is attributable to natural, market-based factors and not a conscious desire to disenfranchise women.'

Muslim woman refused French citizenship for her 'submissive' views

Matt · 14 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The legal ruling, which has just been published, is the first time a Muslim applicant had been rejected by France due to their religious practices.

The unnamed 32-year-old woman is married to a French national. She arrived in the country in 2000, speaks good French and her three children were born in the country.'

Germany: Woman thief threatened pursuer with false allegation of rape if he caught her

Matt · 14 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The exhibitionist thief had mugged a disabled 66-elderly woman, stealing her identification and money from her waist pack. When the German granny called for help, a bystander tried to detain the thief, but she tore open her blouse and shouted "Help! Rape!" and escaped.

The 39-year-old man was so stunned and unnerved that he let the wily thief go, police said, adding that the woman managed to cover herself before slipping away.'

Re-print: 3 in 4 street boys in British Columbia, Canada are sexually exploited by women

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In case you missed it the first time, this was reported here. Note the side-linked related articles, too, regarding women as the "forgotten murderers" of children, etc. This is a good page to bookmark, so I wanted to point it out again. MANN also gets it submitted regularly so it is obviously makes a big impression on our readership. Excerpt:

'VANCOUVER - Canada's largest study into the sexual exploitation of street kids and runaways has shattered some myths about who the abusers might be - with the most surprising finding being that many are women seeking sex with young males.

"Some youth in each gender were exploited by women with more than three out of four (79 per cent) sexually exploited males reporting exchanging sex for money or goods with a female," said Elizabeth Saewyc, associate professor of nursing at the University of British Columbia and principal investigator for the study conducted by Vancouver's McCreary Centre Society.
...
The stereotypical model of the child being abused - a teenage female being sexually abused by a male - was wrong, said Saewyc.'

DV bias and justice delayed-- for 2 years

Matt · 14 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'the LaBarre case could illustrate gender disparities in cases of domestic abuse

Carolyn Lodge said she had concerns about her son's relationship with Sheila LaBarre from the very beginning. Reached by phone last week, days after LaBarre was sentenced to life in prison without parole for murdering Lodge's son, Kenneth Countie, Lodge said she had worried for her son's safety while he was with LaBarre.
...
Like women, men are often too embarrassed to report abuse. And, because the news media tends to focus on women as the victims of domestic violence, men are hesitant to step forward, Straus said.

The perception of men as the sole perpetrators of domestic violence stems largely from international statistics showing that men commit roughly 10 times more violent crimes than women, Straus said. In fact, the only crime that has a higher rate among women than men is prostitution, he added.'

"Stand Up Guys" asks men to foreswear violence against women, ignores everyone else

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This makes me physically ill. When I see this kind of thing, I ask myself, "Just what are they thinking? Have they actually done any research at all?"

Can you imagine if a group of whites was going around asking black people to sign a pledge foreswearing some kind of behavior rooted in prejudice and stereotyping and to encourage other blacks to do the same? Can you just imagine the outrage, and rightfully so? So these women are going around and asking men to sign a pledge to say they won't be violent against women and to stand up against it or anything that seems like it encourages it. In fact most of the lines of the pledge basically say that the signer agrees to be a door-mat and never disagree with or have anything negative to say to a woman. Why not just ask men to sign a petition to introduce the full outright enslavement of men to women and be done with it?

Talk about not having done your homework. Talk about sexism. Talk about a level of offensiveness that is almost indescribable when the context is switched to any other class of persons at all. I am actually at a loss to describe how outraged I feel about this sort of thing.

They have a phone number (585-546-7826), they have an email address: info-at-standupguys.org. They can be contacted. However I would like to reiterate that abusive language and raving diatribes do not convince anyone of anything (and can possibly land the caller/writer in serious legal trouble, if the wrong phrase is used or things get a little too hot). In fact they only convince the listener of his or her correctness regardless of the facts. So when you contact them, please be firm but polite, and mention sources of fact, such as the work of Murray Straus and the government's statistics and studies on this topic (use our site's search facility to get links; they're all over), and ask them to start paying attention to the other 60-70% of DV victims: heterosexual men, gay men, and lesbians.

RADAR: Fix VAWA Now! campaign report

Matt · 14 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

All we can say is Wow! The first week of our Fix VAWA Now! campaign absolutely surpassed all expectations!

These are the highlights:

1. RightMarch.com announcement about our campaign went to 800,000 persons
2. Our press release announcing the campaign went to 17,000 media representatives
3. The TV interview resulting from the press release was viewed by tens of thousands persons
4. Gordon Finley's article, "Facing Reality on Domestic Violence" was posted on a number of web sites
5. The Fix VAWA Now! flyers and posters were distributed at a number of events
6. A number of organizations posted the Fix VAWA Now! logo on their websites

OVERALL, WE ESTIMATE THAT WE REACHED ONE MILLION PERSONS IN THE FIRST WEEK ALONE!

And we're just getting started.

Semper Fi,
Ed
http://www.mediaradar.org/

Maternity leave and equality laws are 'sabotaging' women's careers

Anonymous · 14 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Generous maternity leave and flexible working practices are in danger of sabotaging women's careers, the head of the new equality watchdog has warned.

With women now entitled to a year off for each child, Dr Nicola Brewer, the chief executive of the Equalities and Human Rights Commission, said employers were thinking twice about offering them jobs or promotion.
...
She said that her concerns were underlined when the entrepreneur Sir Alan Sugar said that many employers simply binned CVs of women of child-bearing age.
...
Sir Alan warned in February that equal opportunity laws had made it harder for a woman to get a job.

Employers are not allowed to ask women about having children - so they would just not employ them, he said.'

Selwyn Duke: The war on boys: where feminists and men's rights activists go wrong

anthony · 14 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One problem with one-issue activists, it seems, is that they often view matters from only one dimension. This has always been one of the characteristics of feminists. Men get blame for being history's conquerors and killers, for instance, but no credit for being its innovators and healers. We will hear about how women "create life" while men only destroy it, but forgotten are the fruits of men's labors. Were it not for male medical advances that virtually eliminated female death during childbirth, many feminists wouldn't be around to crow about their fecundity.

Given this misandrist atmosphere, it's not surprising that an opposing group called "men's rights activists" would arise. They rebut feminist ideology, bring many important issues to light and usually make excellent points. And I tend to like them.
...
...a lack of discipline within academia will cause boys' performance to deteriorate more than girls' (this isn't to say girls aren't affected; however, the grade difference isn't as profound and the other effects will be more subtle). Girls will be more likely to apply themselves even once the reins are loosened because that is what they're "supposed" to do, whereas boys will be more likely to do their own thing.'

Family: Woman With 5 Dead Husbands Obsessed With Cash, Can't Be Trusted

anthony · 14 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The 76-year-old Georgia woman sits in a North Carolina jail, accused of hiring a hit man to kill fourth husband Harold Gentry. Authorities are re-examining the deaths of her first child and four of the five men she married, including Gentry.

No motive has been discussed, but records and interviews with relatives and police officials paint Neumar as a domineering matriarch consumed by money.

Said Al Gentry, who pressed North Carolina authorities for 22 years to reopen their investigation of his brother's death: "You can't trust her. You can't believe a word she says."'

"Y: The Last Man" reviewed on Salon.com

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Just read this. Admittedly I may be out of the loop and I am not a comic book officianado, so this is the first I have heard of this series.

I feel the reviewer is trying to walk a line here, retaining some ambiguity deliberately in his writings, perhaps to thwart criticism. He is definitely pandering to the feminist crowd on page 1 of his review, then sort of gets less so on the second. All in all though, here's the feel: "Ooo we love to think about a man-less world-- a gendercide of men, hooray! Oh things would be kind of weird at first, but after the evil influences of maleness wear off, everything'll be just fine."

Further comments? The book is found here. The author is, of course, a man.

RADAR ALERT: Let's Pile On: Demand VAWA Reform!

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RightMarch.com, a conservative grassroots organization, recently threw its support behind RADAR's Fix VAWA Now! campaign, urging its members to ask their Senators and Representatives to begin fixing VAWA "before it's too late."

RightMarch writes:

The "Violence Against Women Act" requires a systematic overhaul. It needs to be changed so victims of violence are helped, so women in abuse shelters are healed, so men are not falsely accused and turned away from getting help, so children are raised by loving and fit parents, so families are safeguarded, so the rule of law is respected, and so the truth is upheld.

VAWA is a badly broken law that, like a cancer, has metastasized into every facet of American society. That's why we're joining RADAR ("Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting") in this historic crusade to save our families and protect our children."

The entire announcement can be seen here.

By now members of the House and Senate have received thousands of "Fix VAWA Now" demands since the RightMarch alert went out. So let's pile on!!!

RightMarch.com makes it easy to contact your Senators and House Representatives:

1. Go to http://www.capwiz.com/sicminc/issues/alert/?alertid=11584651
2. Scroll to the bottom on the page, enter your Zip code, and then hit the Go! button.
3. Enter the information in the boxes.

Do it now - it only take three minutes to urge your elected officials to Fix VAWA Now!

Reforming VAWA is an issue that cuts across party lines. RADAR is a non-partisan organization that works with both liberal and conservative organizations to get the word out, "Fix VAWA Now!"

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Date of RADAR Release: July 14, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

UK: Baby-Killer & Stat Rapist Walks Free

Anonymous · 14 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A woman that shook her child and then threw him to the ground was given the vagina pass rather than spending ANY time in jail. Apparently, she is also a pedophile. Excerpt:

'A mum who killed her six-month-old baby by shaking him and throwing him to the ground causing devastating brain injuries has walked free from court.

Martina McHattie, 26, described as a perfect mum, lost her temper with horrific consequences after baby Reece wouldn't stop crying because he was teething.

...

But McHattie, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter, was handed just a 12-month suspended prison sentence after a judge was told she had tried to commit suicide and had self-harmed in the years since the death.

...

Today she was handed a 26-week prison sentence suspended for a year after she admitted sexual activity with a child following an incident with a 14-year-old boy in July last year.'

Woman sues over ongoing sanctions for sex as a teen

Gunner Retired · 15 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'At age 17, while a high school sophomore, Whitaker had oral sex with a 15-year-old male classmate. In 1997, she pleaded guilty to sodomy and got five years' probation.

Whitaker, 28, has moved twice because of the sex offender law's restrictions that say an offender cannot live within 1,000 feet of places where children congregate. Whitaker was recently told by a sheriff she must move again because her home is within 1,000 feet of a church.
...
Last week, Columbia County Sheriff Clay Whittle, after finding Whitaker's name was placed on the deed in 2007, ordered her to move within 48 hours.
...
"Wendy Whitaker is not now and has never been a threat to anyone," she said. "The state of Georgia has better things to do than to evict a woman from her lawfully purchased home because she had sex as a teenager."

...
As for Whitaker's case, Hudson added, "My personal opinion is it seems to be costing the state of Georgia a lot of time and effort because of a law that reaches out to place these onerous burdens on offenders who are not predators.'

Awwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww ...the sex offender... errrrrrr... the girl doesn't want to have to move again...

Maybe with it being a female plaintiff/registered offender, someone will look at the law and say "Hey, the registered offender is a woman and she's not a predator... we can cut her a break here?" and it will slide sideways into the 'Female Sex Offender Discount' category.

I liked the part about the Sheriff is willing to wait until it's heard in court (do you suppose they'd give a guy the same break?) to enforce the law.

Gunner Retired

UK: Cheating girlfriend hid dead newborn baby in car boot

Matt · 15 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman hid her dead newborn baby in the boot of her car to keep an affair and resulting pregnancy secret from her partner.

Marketing executive Claire Jones, 32, found she was expecting after a fling with a man she met through work.

To explain her expanding stomach, she told her family, friends and partner of five years David Stoneman that a wheat allergy was making her put on weight.'

New Jersey: Bracelets may better monitor child-support offenders

Matt · 15 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEWARK -- Licking County Child Support Enforcement Agency officials hope new electronic monitoring bracelets can be used as one more tool to keep parents from avoiding making child-support payments.

The agency already uses some electronic monitoring bracelets but because of outdated technology did not have the resources to expand the program.

Because of the new technology, Beth Winegar, director of the Licking County CSEA, anticipates the agency might be able to increase the capacity to track individuals from two or three people at one time to closer to 10, saving valuable jail space.'

Father-of-three branded a 'pervert' - for photographing his own children in public park

AngryMan · 15 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"When Gary Crutchley started taking pictures of his children playing on an inflatable slide he thought they would be happy reminders of a family day out.

But the innocent snaps of seven-year-old Cory, and Miles, five, led to him being called a ‘pervert’.

The woman running the slide at Wolverhampton Show asked him what he was doing and other families waiting in the queue demanded that he stop.

...

Mr Crutchley, 39, who had taken pictures only of his own children, was so enraged that he found two policemen who confirmed he had done nothing wrong.

Yesterday he said: ‘What is the world coming to when anybody seen with a camera is assumed to be doing things that they should not?'

‘This parental paranoia is getting completely out of hand. I was so shocked. One of the police officers told me that it was just the way society is these days. He agreed with me that it was madness.’"

'Mudering Grannies' get life

Matt · 16 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Some justice. Doubt they would have drawn "life" however if they had been young and pretty. Wonder if they'll actually stay in for the rest of their lives? Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES - Two elderly women were sentenced to life in prison without parole Tuesday for murdering two indigent men to collect insurance policies taken out on their lives.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge David Wesley on Tuesday sentenced 77-year-old Helen Golay and 75-year-old Olga Rutterschmidt to two consecutive life terms each.'

"Too cute to be so evil"

Matt · 16 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Female? Check. Attractive? Check. Young? She can't *possibly* have done *anything* wrong! Excerpt:

'As the defense lawyers prepare to make their clients' cases, Knox remains a contradictory and enigmatic figure. Mignini's dossier presents her as a cold-blooded killer. Her lawyers have leaked prison diaries that portray her as a romantic who writes poetry and love stories and who learned to play guitar ballads during her incarceration. Many who know Knox believe she's incapable of committing such a crime. Her parents have lately said that her much-publicized nickname of Foxy Knoxy was given to her for her soccer moves in high school, not her sexual prowess. Her sister Deanna recently said that Amanda only lost her virginity at the age of 19 and Knox's mother says she had no boyfriend in Italy before Sollecito. But her family may not have known the real Amanda.'

Woman gets 11 years for NY adoption fraud, abuse case pending

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who lied to adopt 11 disabled children whom authorities say she abused while she raked in more than $1 million in subsidies was sentenced Tuesday to nearly 11 years in prison.

U.S. District Judge Richard M. Berman said Judith Leekin engaged in "a heartless, dangerous money-driven scheme" when she used fake names and lies about the children to defraud social service agencies in New York City and New York state.

Leekin, 63, has been accused of treating the children like prisoners, subjecting them to beatings and handcuffs while they stayed in a locked room without food, depriving them of medical and dental care and not sending them to school. Authorities said the children were so physically and emotionally abused they can never recover.
...
Florida authorities have charged her with aggravated child abuse and aggravated abuse of disabled adults, and she could face as much as 120 years in prison if she is convicted of those and other charges.'

UK: Woman 'seduced ex-boyfriend and cried rape'

anthony · 16 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Erin Casson, 27, a communications officer, claimed submariner Brian Eaton, who she had been seeing for one year but had split up with three months earlier, threatened to kill her before forcing her to have sex, it was said.

But after six months police officers investigating the rape claim decided it was her who was lying and she was arrested for perverting the course of justice.

Mr Eaton, a petty officer, told Portsmouth Crown Court how the allegation and subsequent treatment had left him "mortified".'

Indian Supreme Court Sends Woman to Prison for ‘False’ Rape Charge

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Mahila of Madhya Pradesh in northern India had charged two persons of her village with sexually assaulting her, back in January 1993.

The complainant, however, retracted during her cross-examination and denied making the charges against the two. She also denied having registered any complaint against them in the first place.

The trial court acquitted the men but initiated perjury proceedings and convicted her to three months imprisonment.

The Madhya Pradesh High Court agreed with the sentencing, against which the woman preferred an appeal in the apex court. But no relief came her way.'

Israel: New criminal code means women can be charged with rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Women may soon be able to be charged with rape. Last Sunday the Ministerial Committee on Legislation approved a change to the criminal code, which would allow women to be charged with the rape of minors or adults.

The proposed law, introduced by MK Zevulun Orlev (National Union - National Religious Party), would broaden the definition of rape, statutory rape, and sex crimes involving family members. According to Orlev amendments, these crimes would also apply to cases where a woman forces a minor to have sex with her.
...
It seems as though the ministry changed course upon learning of the case in Netivot, where a mother forced two of her sons, aged 8 and 11, to have intercourse with her. Even though the woman confessed to the accusations, the prosecution's indictment was based on indecent acts and child abuse, since no more serious criminal charges were available.'

John Coy: Girls have reading down, but boys are losing interest

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fashionistas, mean girls, gossip girls, island girls, it girls, a whole sisterhood of traveling pants. Had I read the sign wrong? Was this the table of summer reading for girls? I checked the sign again: Summer Reading for Teens. I scanned the table. Where were the books for boys? Among the brightly colored covers, not a single book featured a male protagonist in a contemporary setting.

What would a male teen think about this table? Probably that summer reading didn't include him.
...
What message do we send boys when we load up a table of books for teens with titles that so many of them do not connect with? Is summer reading supposed to be fun? Do we assume that boys won't read for fun? Do we assume boys don't read -- period?'

New York Times: A New Frontier for Title IX: Science

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Until recently, the impact of Title IX, the law forbidding sexual discrimination in education, has been limited mostly to sports. But now, under pressure from Congress, some federal agencies have quietly picked a new target: science.

The members of Congress and women's groups who have pushed for science to be "Title Nined" say there is evidence that women face discrimination in certain sciences, but the quality of that evidence is disputed. Critics say there is far better research showing that on average, women's interest in some fields isn't the same as men's.
...
"Colleges already practice affirmative action for women in science, but now they'll be so intimidated by the Title IX legal hammer that they may institute quota systems," Dr. Sommers said. "In sports, they had to eliminate a lot of male teams to achieve Title IX parity. It'll be devastating to American science if every male-dominated field has to be calibrated to women's level of interest."'

Q&A: Kathleen Parker Discusses Male Bashing, Fathers, Reproduction

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Q: You talk about sitcoms and how they portray men as bumblers. But on both the big and small screen, women are marginalized.

A: The mass media messages of males are very negative. Men are depicted as bumbling fools, doofus dads, deadbeats, batterers, incompetent, irresponsible, unreliable and unattractive whereas women are very much the opposite. It's the wife who comes in and saves the day. Even the children are smarter than Dad.

I noticed that my sons have never experienced a culture where men were honoured and admired. And I wonder what kind of effect that has had on children growing up in this sort of marinade of disrespect.'

Extremely Biased 'Community' Announcement on Domestic Violence

anthony · 16 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Item here. Excerpt:

'This guide is designed to help employers assess for domestic violence and provide appropriate assistance and referral for victims. Because the vast majority of victims of adult domestic violence are women who are abused by their male partners, this guide will refer to victims as female and abusers as male...
...
Domestic violence doesn't stay home when its victims go to work. It can follow them, resulting in violence in the workplace. Or it can spill over into the workplace when a woman is harassed by threatening phone calls, absent because of injuries or less productive from extreme stress. With nearly one-third of American women (31 percent) reporting being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives; it is crucial that domestic abuse be seen as a serious, recognizable, and preventable problem like thousands of other workplace health and safety issues that affect a business and its bottom line.'

VA To Test Suicide Public Service Ads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is expected to launch a suicide prevention public service campaign in Washington, DC next week as part of a three-month pilot program.

CBS News has learned that the VA will roll out the campaign on July 21 which will include a series of bus advertisements as well as more than 300 ads inside DC commuter trains and at metro train stations.
...
“Ensuring that help is available for veterans at risk for suicide is only half the battle,” said Congressman Harry Mitchell, a Democrat from Arizona who also serves as Chairman of the Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. Since enrolling into the VA system is voluntary, Congressman Mitchell adds, "Veterans need to know where they can turn to get help.”'

UK: Equality supremo Harman admits new law will lead to discrimination against men

anthony · 16 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PLANS to give businesses the power to discriminate in favour of women and ethnic minorities have provoked a furore among both businesses and equality campaigners.

Harriet Harman, the Equalities Secretary, yesterday unveiled proposals to tackle the gender pay gap and outlaw discrimination against consumers on the grounds of age.

The forthcoming Equality Bill would allow organisations to hire a woman or work from an ethnic minority over a white male of equal ability.

...

Ms Harman agreed the Bill could discriminate against men, but added: "You don't get progress if there isn't a bit of a push forward."

Update: Elderly man arrested in prostitution sting released

Matt · 16 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Common bloody sense prevails, this time anyway. Thing is, he should never have been in this position in the first place. Excerpt:

'BRADENTON - A 94-year-old man whose arrest in a prostitution sting here caused an international buzz will not be prosecuted. A judge ruled Tuesday that Frank Milio was a victim of entrapment.

Milio, who has dementia, was unable to get into a care facility while his case was pending.

The undercover Manatee County Sheriff's Office detective on the street corner that afternoon in November took 30 steps to go chat with Milio, who authorities say had honked his car horn at the woman to get her attention.'

Teenage murderess gets probation

Matt · 16 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 19-year-old woman who fatally stabbed her boyfriend during an argument was sentenced to probation and ordered to go through a treatment program to address her methamphetamine addiction.

Washoe District Judge Robert Perry warned Ana Padua on Friday that if she did not successfully complete her 2- to 10-year probation complete a drug treatment program, she would be facing a 20-year prison sentence.

Earlier this year, Padua pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter with a deadly weapon for killing Joseph Alan Robb, 35, who was a boyfriend for about a week. She was held in the Washoe County Jail until space opens at a local drug treatment center.'

Mom gets probation in hot-car death

Matt · 16 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'FARMINGTON - The day Kamilyn Kartchner Hadley caused the death of her infant son by leaving him outside in an oven-like car, the 31-year-old Clearfield woman had a lot on her mind.

Her family had been displaced from their home by a gas leak, her husband was starting a new job, and Hadley's focus was on her work as a multilevel marketer when she visited an associate and forgot about her child, said 2nd District Judge Michael Allphin.'

Any excuse will do.

Man returning to city for mother's funeral arrested on child support charges

anthony · 16 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Pardeeville man wanted for five years for failing to pay more than $12,000 in child support was picked up by authorities Thursday after he returned to Portage for his mother's funeral.

Todd W. Bubolz, 42, of Brownsville, Texas, remains in jail on $2,500 cash bail after he was arrested at a restaurant Thursday evening. He was in town for the funeral of his mother, Karen Bubolz of Portage, who died Tuesday.

Bubolz owes about $12,920 in payments. If found guilty of all charges, he faces up to 50 years in prison and $250,000 in fines. He is scheduled to appear in court Aug. 15 for a pretrial conference.'

Child abuse at Women's Shelters

christianj · 17 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For several years, True Equality Network (TEN) has conducted investigations into reports of child abuse, child molestation, abuse of women in the shelters, organized operation of prostitution, sales of illegal drugs, misuse of federal funds, and violations of employment laws.

We have discovered an astonishing amount of illegal activities. However, we have not been able to discuss these cases publicly because they have been turned over to the various government agencies for prosecution.'

Ed. note: Relatedly, Abuse Shelter Head Turns To Violence And Abuse

Woman arrested for poisoning 4-month-old

Matt · 17 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here.

"We believe that's the way she was injecting the substance [salt water solution] into his body, probably through a feeding tube."

More on brain differences between the sexes

AngryMan · 18 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Men and women show differences in behaviour because their brains are physically distinct organs, new research suggests. Male and female brains appear to be constructed from markedly different genetic blueprints.

The differences in the circuitry that wires them up and the chemicals that transmit messages inside them are so great as to point to the conclusion that there is not just one kind of human brain, but two, according to recent neurological studies.'

"...start choosing baby girls through IVF because they live longer and have more opportunities..."

Matt · 18 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a speech titled Should human beings have sex?, Dr Robert Sparrow yesterday told the Australian Medical Students Association convention that females could soon rule the world as hermaphrodites without any biological use for men.

...

To reach this post-sex world, Dr Sparrow said parents wanting the best for their children should start choosing baby girls through IVF because they live longer and have more opportunities in life.

"There are significant restrictions on the opportunities available to men around gestation, childbirth, and breastfeeding, which will be extremely difficult to overcome via social or technological mechanisms in the foreseeable future. Women also have longer life expectancies than men," he said.'

Is it me or does this particular brand of researcher (those in evolutionary biology) seem hell-bent on gleefully announcing predictions of the end of the male sex among humans? Or are just the ones who like to do that getting the press? In any case, can you imagine the uproar if anyone said "IVF users should try to pick boys since they are more <whatever> than girls?"

US News & World Report blog on battered men

Matt · 19 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc A. via email: We need comments and letters to the editor (letters-at-usnews.com) in response to this. It's an OK article but still weak on statistics, citing crime data instead of sociological data. It did, however, give the link to batteredmen.com. Please give a comment if you can. Excerpt:

'What I didn't anticipate, however, was that my online search for information about knife violence would keep turning up sites about domestic violence against men. This post from the website batteredmen.com, for example, kept appearing, making the case that domestic violence against men—which not infrequently involves knives—is too often overlooked. That site looks a little rough around the edges, so I checked further into the peer-reviewed research.'

New Zealand: Women-only scholarships under spotlight

anthony · 20 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In what may become a global test case, Victoria University Institute of Policy Studies senior researcher Dr Paul Callister has asked the Human Rights Commission to clarify its position, saying women significantly outperform men in education and therefore there may be no inequality for such scholarships to rectify.

Human Rights Commission's chief commissioner, Rosslyn Noonan, said she would carefully examine the issues and questions raised by Callister before responding.

Under national and international human rights laws, temporary measures such as the scholarships are allowed to address inequality between the sexes and are deemed not discriminatory but must be stopped when equality is achieved.'

False Rape Allegation, Charges Filed

anthony · 20 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'For a year now, people in one Springfield neighborhood have been staying indoors as a precaution and on Friday they learned it was all for nothing.

One year ago, a neighbor in the north Springfield community reported she was attacked, raped and bound by a man that jumped out of the woods behind her house. The Greene County Sheriff's Department, Springfield Police Department, canine unit and the Missouri Highway Patrol helicopter spent two hours looking for the suspect, but never found anyone.

On Friday, 28-year-old Karla Forest was charged with making it all up. Investigators found not only did her story have a few holes in it, but forensic evidence showed scrapings on her body were created by her own finger nails.'

Washington Times book review: Calling for truce in war of the sexes

anthony · 20 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Anyone paying the slightest attention to the hothouse that American culture has become knows that men and masculinity have been under siege for the last few decades. Guys have been described in the most unsavory terms - lazy, violent, deceitful, maniacally over-sexed, pathologically unfair, none too bright (when was the last time you saw a man in a television commercial who wasn't either a lout or a helpless doofus?) - and are deemed to be the proximate cause of all bad things in the world, especially responsible for every unhappiness suffered by any woman. If you don't think this is so, read just about any description of any university course in women's studies, a fairly new "discipline" whose main purpose for being is to drill into college students that men are awful, masculinity is passe at best, dangerous at worst, and that women are victims, saints, martyrs, and all around superior human beings."

Police: Female Teacher Made Suicide Pact with Student

anthony · 20 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Not only is male teenage suicide an ignored problem, we now have a teacher promoting such an act. Excerpt:

'Police say a former Buffalo charter school teacher who disappeared with a male eighth-grade student last month made a suicide pact with the teen.

Cara L. Dickey, 30, surrendered to Buffalo police Thursday on four charges, including felony counts of promoting a suicide attempt and unlawful imprisonment.
...
Dickey's lawyer declined comment as she was released on $5,000 bail.'

India: 'Don't be a wife, live-in and extort'

anthony · 20 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NATIONAL COMMISSION of Women (NCW), recently proposed an amendment of Section 125 of Code of Criminal procedure (CrPC) to include women involved in livein relationships to be eligible for alimony from their livein partners. This proposed amendment has far reaching consequences, which it is evident that the champion of womens causes, National Commission of Women seems to have conveniently ignored.
...
What the logical rationale fails to understand is how any person having the slightest of common sense can draft any provision on the basis of a generalised statement that all men are criminals and all women are truthfully innocent. When there is a provision to extract money legally, why will a woman not initiate a livein relationship, break it at will and then harass the man for whole life. As it is, the concept of livein relationship has not come of its age in the Indian society and will also not come, as Indian societal scenario is hundred times more complex than western society, which is being beautifully attempted to be aped here.'

Boy, 4, 'boiled to death' in 139F car after his mother went for manicure

Anonymous · 21 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A boy of four died on his mother's wedding day after she left him locked in her sweltering car while she went for a manicure.

Mirlande Jean-Baptiste's big day turned to tragedy when she came out of the beauty salon after three hours to find her son - who she thought was at a relative's house - slumped inside her parked vehicle.

Experts said that while the temperature outside was around 89 degrees Fahrenheit, the temperature inside the vehicle could have been as high as 139 degrees Fahrenheit.

Jean-Baptiste, who works as a nurse, made frantic attempts to resuscitate her son, but he was declared dead on arrival at hospital.'

RADAR ALERT: Tell the ABA President to Get His Facts Straight

Matt · 21 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

On June 2, 2008, RADAR released two special reports, Myths of ABA Commission on Domestic Violence[1,2] that analyzed the 19 statements made in the flyer put out by the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Domestic Violence, "10 Myths about Custody and Domestic Violence and How to Counter Them."

Among the flyer's 19 claims, 11 were found to be false, three misleading, and three unsupported by existing research. Only two claims were found to be correct. And some errors are egregious.

For example, the flyer states that "False allegations are no more common in divorce or custody disputes than at any time." But this claim, which flies in the face of common sense, is debunked by research showing that false allegations increase four-fold during custody and access disputes.

The flyer represents a crass attempt by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence to further bias the administration of family law, to falsely stereotype fathers as abusers, and to force more children into single-parent households.

Just prior to their public release, RADAR sent the reports to the president of the ABA, William H. Neukom, Esq., with a letter asking that the ABA suspend distribution of the flyer until the errors and misrepresentations are corrected. We requested a response by July 15, 2008. To date, there has been no response.

With our letter to Mr. Neukom, the ABA was put on notice of the misinformation contained in the flyer. The ABA's decision to do nothing means it stands behind the misrepresentations, falsehoods, and lies.

This week, we ask that you contact William Neukom and ask him to have the ABA remove "10 Myths about Custody and Domestic Violence and How to Counter Them" from its website and stop selling copies of it. He can be contacted electronically: abapresident@abanet.org.

Please be courteous but firm. Tell him, as nicely as you can, to get his facts straight.

Cited notes herein are found on the RADAR site.

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Date of RADAR Release: July 21, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Mother charged with murder after newborn found 'strangled' in hotel room

Anonymous · 21 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A British woman has been charged with murdering her baby boy moments after giving birth in a hotel room on the holiday island of Crete.

Leah Andrews, 20, was on holiday in Greece with her sister and friend when she suddenly went into labour after a heavy night of drinking.

The mother of two from London, who was eight-and-a-half months pregnant, returned to her hotel room in the early hours of the morning where she gave birth alone before allegedly strangling the baby.'

Australia: Sex Discrimination Commissioner wants flexible hours for dads

GaryB · 21 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This story reported in Australia for News.com.au gives me hope that the pendulum is finally beginning to swing back into our favour. Quote:

'MEN who want to spend more time with their children have found a new champion in an unlikely quarter - the Sex Discrimination Commissioner. Elizabeth Broderick said she wanted to strengthen the Sex Discrimination Act to penalise those employers who stick family-friendly fathers on the "daddy track" by refusing to promote them.

Ms Broderick said that, until the workplace culture changed to give men as well as women an equal right to time off work for family duties, men would be unable to do housework and childcare. She told The Daily Telegraph that men as well as women deserved to have the joy of being involved in their families.
...
"Men would say: 'My female colleague finds it easier to get flexible work arangements than I do because if I put my hand up it's like I'm not a serious player, you're not committed'," Ms Broderick said.'

Interesting opening line, interesting that the story admits it's 'unlikely' that men should expect assistance in sex matters from the Sex Discrimination Commissioner! But man, it's nice to be able to report good news for a change!

UK: Major breakthrough in prostate cancer treatment

Matt · 22 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This is FABULOUS news! Excerpt:

'British researchers have made a dramatic breakthrough against a lethal form of prostate cancer.

Trials of a new pill have shown that it can shrink tumours in up to 80 per cent of cases, and end the need for damaging chemotherapy and radiotherapy.
...
Its side-effects can include loss of libido, breathlessness, fatigue, fluid retention and weight gain. Some men may be left impotent, but the effects are far less than with chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Abiraterone is now being used in a 1,200-patient international study, including at ten sites across the UK. If it is licensed as expected in 2011, it will have to await approval by the rationing watchdog NICE before it is made freely available across the NHS.

Dr de Bono describes prostate cancer as the 'Cinderella cancer' because it receives just a quarter of the funding of breast cancer - £10million against £40million last year - even though it kills just as many people.'

Husband wins divorce from angry wife in YouTube video

anthony · 22 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Manhattan judge gave Philip Smith a divorce from Tricia Walsh-Smith on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

...She makes embarrassing claims about their intimate life and then calls his office to repeat those claims to a stunned assistant.
...
Judge Harold Beeler blasted Walsh-Smith for her video stunt, which he called "a calculated and callous campaign to embarrass and humiliate her husband" and to pressure him into settling the divorce case on more favorable terms than were stated in their prenuptial agreement.'

AmEx commercial pulled off air due to MRA complaints

Anonymous · 22 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

In a previous posting, I reported on an American Express commercial showing a female guard at an airport putting on rubber gloves in order to search a man. I complained to Amex and their advertising arm Mindshare World. The commercial has been dropped and according to my source it may be do to other complaints besides mine. Thanks to all who did complain. It's good to know that there are people who will listen to reason.

Few police agencies address suicides within ranks

anthony · 22 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'He says his department had no idea how to handle his situation that March 2007 night, but after six suicides in three years the Milwaukee Police Department now provides suicide awareness training. Since starting the program early this year it has had two more suicides.

It's among the few departments confronting the subject. Experts estimate that only 2 percent to 10 percent of the 18,000 police departments nationwide actively work to prevent suicides within their ranks.

No one even keeps a complete, running tally of how many officers have killed themselves or attempted suicide. That includes the FBI, which issued a 726-page report seven years ago that called suicide a "significant issue confronting the law enforcement community."

Former New York Teacher Arrested on Rape Charges for Continuing to Have Sex With Teen

anthony · 22 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A former New York teacher who admitted having sex with a 16-year-old boy has been arrested on rape and other charges after prosecutors say she continued the liaisons in violation of a court order.
...
The 25-year-old was first arrested in March. She pleaded guilty to sexual misconduct and was awaiting an August sentencing.

Prosecutors got a tip Kennedy was still meeting with the boy and began watching her. The victim also admitted having sex with Kennedy five times since her guilty plea.'

Relief for John Leslie as police drop latest rape probe

Anonymous · 23 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. British TV star John Leslie has been falsely accused of rape three times in the last few years. The latest malicious allegations were dropped just today. His accusers remain anonymous. Excerpt:

"Television star John Leslie will not face charges over the latest allegations against him of sex assaults, police said today.

The former Blue Peter presenter was arrested last month over two allegations of rape and indecent assault dating back to 1995.

...

Today the Metropolitan Police said after taking advice from the Crown Prosecution Service they will not be taking any further action against him.

...

'The law confers a blanket of anonymity on complainants but the accused enjoys no such protection."

Fix VAWA Now! Let's rain on their parade, ONE MORE TIME

Matt · 23 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

All –

Last Thursday, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence held a legislative briefing on Capitol Hill. The very next day, RADAR responded by distributing a flyer titled, “Domestic Violence Lies Cost Lives” to all the members of the House of Representatives.

And then today, the NCADV held their annual Lobbying Day, again spreading half-truths and lies about domestic violence.

Folks, what’s holding us back??

Today, please print out this flyer (.pdf file) and fax it to your Congressman. (If you don’t know the fax number, go to http://www.house.gov/, and then input your ZIP code in the upper-left corner of the page to locate your Congressman’s website link. Look for the "contact" section to get their fax number. Then make a note of this for future advocacy efforts.)

Attach a brief note like, “Dear Congressman ____: VAWA is broken! Please Fix VAWA Now!” Then sign your name and address and start faxing.

Isn’t raining on their parade FUN??!!!

Semper Fi,

Ed

"A Father's Right" available for viewing

Matt · 23 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Visit the site here.

"Starting right from the birth of Seth's daughter, the mother takes away his right as the father to even know anything about his daughter by not naming him on the birth certificate.

Heart wrenching in its intensity, Seth goes to court to battle his way to his daughter's side."

Report from court: California DV law challenged

Matt · 23 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Posting here. Excerpt:

'After the court adjourned, I and most of the other male advocates in attendance all went to lunch and discussed the case. Marc felt that he had much more to say, including elucidating the stories of specific individuals who had been hurt by the state's policy denying funding to male DV victims. He wasn't allowed the time. And yet, when the chief justice told Marc that his time was up (he only had 7 minutes for his final remarks), it seemed clear that the justices had made up their minds or at least understood the issue clearly enough so as to decide without the need for further persuasion. The chief justice even showed a little terseness to the State's attorney when it appeared that the State's attorney seemed to be splitting hairs over the political legitimacy of discriminating based on gender.'

Nyphotropism caught on tape: DUI hit-and-run outside nightclub proves revealing

Matt · 23 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Watch this. Now, the suspect ran into the man's girlfriend and was so drunk she just drove on and didn't even know it, or so she claims. The victim's boyfriend catches up with her at a stop sign and confronts her, if you could call it that.

My first thought was, if I had been the driver, I am quite sure I would have been beaten to death, or just unconscious if I were lucky. At one point the boyfriend actually hugs the upset driver of the car! You can see him struggling between expressing his anger and suppressing it because presumably the target thereof was a 'she' and not a 'he'. In fact, at 1:08 into the clip, he actually mentions how she was a girl and so couldn't be angry with her!

Nymphotropism in action. Comments?

Researchers: Middle-aged men are happier than women

Anonymous · 24 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Researchers looked at data spanning several decades, and concluded that after the age of 48, men are generally happier than women.

Men are most miserable in their 20s, but grow more satisfied as they get older, marry and earn more money, they found.

Women on the other hand are happier than men in early adulthood, but the glow wears off with time.'

Woman who killed husband "needs medical treatment"

Anonymous · 24 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Teresa Pohchoo Craig has a preoccupation with knives and could harm or kill herself or someone if she's not receiving proper medical treatment, a court heard yesterday.

Craig was convicted in June of manslaughter in the stabbing death of her husband, Jack Craig, while he slept in the couple's trailer near Kemptville in March 2006.

On Day 2 of a sentencing hearing, Crown prosecutor Jason Neubauer suggested Craig's risk to reoffend could put the community in danger.

"We're not talking about a property offence," said Neubauer, referring to Craig's crime. "If she relapses, somebody could die."'

My note: Correctional Services of Canada, in their paper called "Women convicted of Homicide Serving A Federal Sentence" (Oct. 1998), document that when women kill their victims usually are asleep or involved in some "other activity', whatever that may mean.

To quote: "Descriptive statistics demonstrate that a contract killer was more common in the context of a spousal homicide [committed by women] compared to the other typologies." [end quote]

Considering that a significant number of homicides remain unsolved we can only deduce that the number of men killed by their female partners will never be known.

And what were the men doing when they were killed? Corrections Canada tells us that

• 33.3% were asleep or passed out,
• 35.7% were engaged in some other activity,
• 4.8% were arguing or assaulting the co-accused,
• 19% were arguing with the offender,
• 7.1% were assaulting the offender.

On July 5-7, 1995, Correctional Service Canada (CSC) held a brainstorming session on women's anger. As a result, a detailed program manual, called "Pathways", was written and completed in March 1996 by five of the community experts who participated in the brainstorming session. The following recommendation, however, was not accepted:

• "As CSC continued to learn more about the behaviour and needs of women who use aggression instrumentally [i.e. without provocation] and persistently, it became clear that this program could not meet their needs, as it required women to be ready to assume responsibility for their actions".

In its "Week without Violence" propaganda leaflet called "Facing Violence Among Men" the YWCA (Canada) writes:

• "Increasing number of men are realizing that they have to take responsibility for what they do. There are currently over 2,000 programs for men who have assaulted their partners"
and:
• "Confronting Violence Against Women -- Anger Focus Workshop" -- allow women to direct the anger that often comes with being the victim/survivor of abuse" (YWCA Week Without Violence p. 19)

Regards,

Eva

Man held liable for breaking off engagement

Anonymous · 24 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This case involved a man that proposed to a woman and she accepted. He later backed out. She filed suit for "breech of contract. Excerpt:

'A Hall County man owes his ex-fiancee $150,000 for breaking off their engagement, a jury decided Wednesday.

The six-man, six-woman panel spent about three hours deliberating before ruling in favor of RoseMary Shell, who sued Wayne Gibbs for breach of contract after he called off their nuptials.

...

"You would be sending the message that if you have a dispute with somebody and you think they have been a scoundrel, go get a lawyer and hope the Brinks truck backs up to the jury room," Law said during his closing argument to the jury. "If you award one penny, you're saying, 'file frivolous lawsuits.' "

The jury award was "significantly higher" than an amount Shell said she would accept during pre-trial settlement discussions, Sartain said.'

So how is this different when a woman promises not to get pregnant and both agree that they do not want children, then later she gets pregnant and "changes her mind". How is this any different? The promise is broken by the woman but he is held responsible for her "breech of contract".

So girls are just as good at math?

Matt · 24 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. My first calc T.A. was female and she knew math like it was nobody's business. So whenever I have heard stuff like the usual bull about girls needing loads of encouragement to pursue math, again I can only shake my head. So what it is then? Girls are or aren't as good at/better than boys at math? For feminists the answer will always be no, since that is how they can get colleges to go with the Title IX-based attack on science and math they are planning, as this article reveals quickly after declaring the study's results. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON - Sixteen years after Barbie dolls declared, "Math class is tough!" girls are proving that when it comes to math they are just as tough as boys. In the largest study of its kind, girls measured up to boys in every grade, from second through 11th. The research was released Thursday in the journal Science.

Parents and teachers persist in thinking boys are simply better at math, said Janet Hyde, the University of Wisconsin-Madison researcher who led the study. And girls who grow up believing it wind up avoiding harder math classes.

"It keeps girls and women out of a lot of careers, particularly high-prestige, lucrative careers in science and technology," Hyde said.

That's changing, though slowly.

Women are now earning 48 percent of undergraduate college degrees in math; they still lag far behind in physics and engineering.'

I do believe if women earned 99% of all math and science degrees except in Botany, the news would be all about how women are lagging in the all-important, lucrative field of Botanical Sciences and that massive efforts to redress this would be in the offing-- taxpayer-funded.

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Also received a submission from user 'Duncan' as follows:

{quotes article} at
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/25836419/ and notes:

"There is a discussion board for the article."

Australia: Government opening inquiry into effectiveness of 1984 Sex Discrimination Act

Matt · 24 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Request for comments here. Excerpt:

'On 26 June 2008, the Senate referred the following matter to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 12 November 2008:

The effectiveness of the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act 1984 in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality, with particular reference to:

1. the scope of the Act, and the manner in which key terms and concepts are defined;
2. the extent to which the Act implements the non-discrimination obligations of the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the International Labour Organization or under other international instruments, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
...'

Book Review: Parker's 'Save The Males'

Anonymous · 25 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Every once in a while, a book not so much lands on your desk as lobs itself like a hand grenade, exploding preconceived wisdoms and shattering the bones of the status quo. Save The Males is such a book.

It is the fiercest and most fearless defence of men, fatherhood and ultimately the family I have read in many years.

American author Kathleen Parker's courageous thesis is that initially, through extreme feminism, then via its craven implementation into society, women have demonised men and trivialised their contribution, especially to family life.

...

She argues: 'As long as men feel marginalised by the women whose favour and approval they seek, as long as they are alienated from their children and treated as criminals by family courts, as long as they are disrespected by a culture that no longer values masculinity tied to honour, as long as boys are bereft of strong fathers and our young men and women wage sexual war, then we risk cultural suicide.'"

John Cleese on his divorce

Anonymous · 25 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The 68-year-old comedian asked the audience at Bristol Zoo: 'Guess how much I'm paying her at the moment?

'I'm paying her £900,000 a year. And we had no children. It really is astonishing.'

Cleese faces claims for half his earnings, half of his nine properties and £900,000 a year from 63-year-old American psychotherapist Alyce Faye Eichelberger.
...
Cleese blamed his wife's lawyer for turning their separation into an embittered dispute over money, saying his wife is now 'taking me for everything she can get'."

UK: Undergrad male enrollment at 35%

Vince · 25 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A government report last week found that while women were in a minority in universities in 1992, by last year the proportion of male undergraduates had fallen to 35 per cent.
...
Research shows women outnumbering men by 13 to one in some areas. One in ten primary schools has no male teachers. In some areas, fewer than 10 per cent of primary teachers are men.

Figures from the most recent teacher-training intake show there are 26,217 women compared to just 9,375 men. At primary level, the difference is more marked, with 2,301 men compared to 14,183 women."

Record amount collected for Illinois children for fourth consecutive year

Matt · 25 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO – Governor Rod R. Blagojevich today announced that for the fourth consecutive year, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has collected a record amount of child support for Illinois children. The $1.33 billion collected for custodial parents during FY08 is a more than 8 percent increase over the $1.22 collected during FY07. Success is due primarily to innovative programs geared toward holding non-custodial parents accountable.
...
HFS is also working with Secretary of State Jesse White's office in a new effort to suspend driver's licenses for parents who are not meeting their child support obligations. Almost $5 million in child support has been collected for families since the program started in January.'

"Fighting for his country; fighting against Illinois"

Matt · 25 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'When the I-Team received an email from Army Sergeant Joshua Hinkle a few weeks ago, it first caught our attention because it was sent from Camp Bucca in Iraq.

The soldier wrote that he was suffering a great injustice: the state of Illinois, he claimed, had cleaned out his entire bank account for child support.

"They went into my bank account and they took it, they took it down to the penny," said Hinkle, who's with the Illinois National Guard.

...

Most puzzling is what happened to all that money the state seized from his account in June. The boy's mother said she hasn't seen any of it.'

Ottawa woman sentenced for manslaughter but judge gushes with sympathy

Matt · 26 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In handing down the sentence, Ontario Superior Court Justice Robert Maranger said that the homicide of Jack Craig was "a very cruel, monstrous act committed by what appears to be a fundamentally decent person.

"I am very sympathetic to Mrs. Craig," he said. "I have compassion for Mrs. Craig."

But he said the conditional sentence of two years less a day, to be served in the community, which was sought by Mrs. Craig's defence lawyers, was "clearly inappropriate given the brutality of the act."'

My read is this: He ran out of money so she murdered him, figuring she could claim abusiveness and that would win her sympathy and community support, minus jail time. Also, no costly divorce to deal with, either. "Hey, what's to lose?" she thought, and went looking for a good, sharp knife.

Judge releases woman who left infant in trash

Matt · 26 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Map, News) - An Anne Arundel County judge has released a 19-year-old woman who served eight months in a juvenile detention facility for the death of her newborn baby.

The judge ruled the woman had been rehabilitated and the woman was released to her father's custody.'

Women try to open airplane door during flight

Matt · 26 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. I wonder what degree of a sense of entitlement and presumption of immunity to account for activities is necessary for one to get to this point without being a clinical sociopath? Excerpt:

'A plane was forced to make an emergency landing in Germany after two British women tried to open a cabin door mid-flight, police have said.

The women, aged 26 and 27, were drinking heavily and had to be held in their seats by security staff until the plane landed in Frankfurt.

They were arrested and released after two hours, Frankfurt police said.
...
She said they had started to swear at and threaten staff who refused to sell them any more alcohol from the bar.
...
"Their language was totally unacceptable, as was their behaviour. They were very abusive and threatening," the spokeswoman said.'

...
The XL Airways spokeswoman said the airline was considering taking legal action against the woman.

Mr Scherer said police were deciding whether to press charges, adding that the pair could also be fined or forced to pay compensation.'

Released after 2 hours? Considering taking legal action?

I guess that explains it. They behave this way because they think they can get away with it. And they can. If I had done this, well, I'd still be waiting to see my court-appointed German lawyer who may or may not know English (assuming I'd get one-- please excuse my ignorance of German legal procedure). If not, well, too bad. I wasn't going to get off with a warning anyway.

'The Villains of Victimhood'

anthony · 27 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Besides revealing an inflated view of their own organization, the superhero analogy demonstrates the destructive attitude dominating feminism today. It is the attitude that everyone is against women, out to get them. To feminists, women must take on the entire world. They must save everyone, even sometimes from themselves. Like Superwoman, these feminists are constantly fearful that they will find an enemy, like sexism, around every corner. The media: Sexist. Fewer women in math and sciences: Sexism. Fewer female elected officials: Sexism.'

"Voted one of TBS's funniest commercials of 2006"

Matt · 27 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Watch it here. First time I had ever seen it. Now bear in mind, this is a commercial from a governmental authority. And it has no significant character interaction except just this: an old woman with a walker-stick kicks a man square in the groin for the crime of watering his lawn on an off-day.

Any excuse to show a man getting kicked in the groin seems acceptable, doesn't it? What's not important is the message, goes the ad-maker's approach. All that matters is the great laugh the viewer gets from watching a man sexually assaulted by a woman. Now let's see the opposite roles played out on the same commercial and what votes it gets. And I wonder, who did the voting?

Minnie Driver: Her baby's father is unimportant

Anonymous · 28 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Minnie Driver has revealed that she has no plans to include her baby's father at any time during the birth.

"I'm not married and I don't know if I'll stay with the guy," she told the New York Post.

"My mum and aunt Serena will be with me, as will my best friends, a midwife and a yoga teacher. And I'll be the wailing monster at the centre.

"It's great to be an independent creature. Today you don't need a man any more. In the old days, a baby without marriage and people would put you out. I'm very into feeling this female thing."

Do you see what women are really all about? Selfish, deluded and arrogant. I wonder how this guy feels about being treated and referred too in this manner? Don't suppose it matters since he's man. Never trust women ever.

‘Pre-Alzheimer’s’ rising, especially in men

Matt · 29 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO - A milder type of mental decline that often precedes Alzheimer’s disease is alarmingly more common than has been believed, and in men more than women, doctors reported Monday.

Nearly a million older Americans slide from normal memory into mild impairment each year, researchers estimate, based on a Mayo Clinic study of Minnesota residents.

...

Men were nearly twice as likely as women to develop it. That’s a surprise, because some studies have found more women with Alzheimer’s than men. But there may be a simple explanation: Even though more men may be impaired, women outlive them and therefore have more time to develop full-blown dementia.'

National Ass'n of Scholars: "Gone, Daddy, Gone"

Matt · 29 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Traditional family structure may not come under open assault but contemporary higher education tends to relish its role in fostering the student's distance from older norms. The family is not faring well against modernity, and the university has in many ways chosen sides—against fatherhood in particular. The ideal of a genderless free-for-all called parenthood can do only so much to deconstruct mothering, but fathering is another story.
...
College is full of clues that fathers are dispensable. ... A first brush with anthropology may also register ... that "gender" itself is a product of mere custom. The student who gets caught in the undertow of Women's Studies course or a feminist professor will get a much fuller expansion of the idea that gender is whatever you choose it to be.
...
Of course, it is not the university's purpose to promote or save the institution of marriage or the family. But neither is it the mission of higher education to deconstruct the family. That task grows out of an ideological agenda that aims to institute profound changes in the name of "social justice." The advocates of this agenda should have their hearing, but they shouldn't be the only voice on campus.'

UK: Plans to let victims of domestic abuse get away with murder under way

AngryMan · 29 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Outstanding article by Erin Pizzey:

"Yesterday, Ms Harman — who, worryingly, is acting Prime Minister during Gordon Brown's summer holiday — set out new proposals that may lead to a change in the law in cases of murder involving domestic violence.

Effectively, what Harman and the ultra-feminist lobby want is a licence for women to kill.

If this plan is enacted, we will no longer have absolute justice in this country. Instead, our courts will have to use a carefully calibrated measure of female grievance against which to judge the darkest of all crimes.

The absurdity of the Harman position is the pretence that women in a violent relationship have no alternative but to kill their partners."

Ed note: Also covered here. Excerpt:

'In the first major changes to homicide laws in 50 years, ministers have ruled that other categories of killer, as well as domestic violence victims, should be offered new partial defences of provocation.

They include those 'seriously wronged' by an insult.

Beneficiaries of this change may include those who strike out after long and bitter disputes with neighbours, or victims of a serious crime who are taunted at a later date by the attacker.'

'Wicked' woman who ruined a marriage by crying rape jailed for four months

AngryMan · 29 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman whose false rape allegation led to the collapse of her victim's marriage has been jailed for four months after a judge branded her 'wicked'.

Tracey Winfield, 21, claimed she had been held down in a park by her former boyfriend Richard Peacock while his friend Dean Frasier raped her.
...
The pair, both innocent, were forced to undergo medical examinations and give intimate samples before being released on bail.
...
Mr Rowe said Winfield and Mr Peacock had a troubled three-year relationship, and she had made 14 allegations to police about him.

Most of these were not taken further - although Mr Peacock was twice convicted of public order offences in 2006 as a result of them.'

RADAR ALERT: ABA Refuses to Get Their Facts Straight – Now Let's Cut Off Their Funding!

Matt · 29 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The American Bar Association can't kick the habit. Two years ago the ABA published "10 Myths about Custody and Domestic Violence," a report that purports to demolish falsehoods that surround child custody and DV.[1]

But it's a sham.

In the name of stopping lies, the ABA "fact-sheet" actually invents new lies and expands on the old ones. Here's just one example:

"Among false allegations, fathers are far more likely than mothers to make intentionally false allegations."

The truth, of course, is no good research has ever shown that, and mothers are usually the ones who make false accusations. All this is spelled out in RADAR's Special Report, "Myths of the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence: Summary Report."[2]

Last week we asked everyone to contact the ABA president, William Neukom, and tell him to remove the offending report. (If you haven't done so, here's his email: abapresident-at-abanet.org)

But the situation could get much worse.

That's because the ABA now wants the American taxpayer to pay for these lies.

That's right, the ABA is shamelessly backing the National Domestic Violence Volunteer Attorney Act, H.R. 6088, a proposed $55 million earmark to set up a network of attorneys to invent even more false allegations in family court.

If that sounds unbelievable, yes, it is unbelievable.

So it's critical that every person who reads this Alert take 3 minutes NOW to halt this perversion of justice. This is what
we are asking you to do:

1. Go to http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARflyer-HR6088-S1515-Earmark-for-Lawyers.pdf and print out a copy of RADAR's flyer, "Domestic Violence Lies Cost Lives."
2. At the top of the flyer, print "Say 'No!' to H.R. 6088" and add your name, city, and ZIP code.
3. Get the fax number of your member of the House of Representatives (you can find it by going to http://www.house.gov/, then going to the webpage of your Congressman)
4. Fax the flyer to your elected Representative.

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!

Thanks for protecting families from the misrepresentations of the American Bar Association!! With your help, we're going to win this battle!!!

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Date of RADAR Release: July 29, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women
working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org.

Men's health: It's time to help men help themselves

Matt · 29 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Editorial here. Excerpt:

'Nationally, just like clockwork, Congress approves a resolution declaring June as Men's Health Month. But the Men's Health Act, which would establish a national Office of Men's Health to conduct and support programs to make men live longer, has been bandied about without action since its introduction in 2001.
...
...The state Department of Health makes money available for cervical and breast cancer screenings, but not for prostate and testicular cancer screenings. Its reproductive-health program is focused exclusively on women. And its Web site features a women's health page, while devoting minimal space to issues specific to the fathers, sons and brothers who too often die before their time, victims of undetected diseases and poor lifestyle choices.'

MSN's Dunleavey pens "How to leave your wife" column

Matt · 29 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Activism has its effects; read it here. Looks like Ms. Dunleavey got the message. And while she isn't filled with contrition for her previous column, she at least responded to the input. It's a start. Excerpt:

'Most of the letters were from men. Many were morally outraged. And most said: Why don't you write about how to leave your wife without going broke?
...
State laws, your personal circumstances, the lawyers or mediators involved in the case and, perhaps especially, a judge may all determine how equitable the terms of a divorce are.

"If you choose to go before a judge, you are subject to the biases of that judge, and they cut both ways," Smith says.

Smith also took issue with the motive behind my initial article, which stemmed from my conviction that women need a bigger push to take the reins of their finances. "I see just as many men who don't want to deal with these issues," she says.'

Australian Mother Charged With Placing Baby in a Fish Tank

anthony · 29 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The 22-year-old, who was not identified, has pleaded not guilty in the District Court to endangering the life of the baby at her Blakeview home in May, 2007.

The father, who also cannot be named, told the court he and his then-partner had been arguing on the night the baby was allegedly put into the aquarium.

He said the child had been crying and his partner was not able to make her stop. He saw his partner walk past their bedroom and then saw her walk back without the child.'

Businesswoman drugged husband's meals with tranquilisers to get him to confess to adultery

Anonymous · 29 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Detectives say Mrs Lees suspected the 43-year-old Navy avionics lecturer of being unfaithful, and administered a toxin to try to coax him into admitting his infidelity.

She is said to have made the repeated attempts, despite having a long-term affair with a neighbour herself.

Police, who said Mr Lees had been having an affair, are still waiting to find out what drugs she used in the last attack.

But they believe they may have been those prescribed for her own depression. They are investigating if she may also have used the date rape drug GHB.'

Ed. note: Notice that "date rape drug GHB" reference. The GHB date rape drug myth has been exposed as an urban myth but still, it continues. But the BBC just had to slip that in there, didn't they?

Japanese Woman Wounds 7 In Stabbing Spree

anthony · 29 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Tokyo, Japan (AHN) - A Japanese woman went on a spree, stabbing seven men at a crowded train station in Hiratsuka, 43 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Hidetoshi Yukitake, a Japanese police spokesman said the woman tried to slash her wrist with an army knife inside a shopping mall Monday night near the train station. The woman was bumped by a passing pedestrian, which further enraged her.

Yukitake said, "She was screaming as she was slashing people at random. She said she was frustrated. She was also angry at her father."'

Alleged domestic abusers to be GPS-tagged without trial

Matt · 30 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Judges in Michigan now can order domestic violence suspects - even before they go to trial - to wear global positioning system (GPS) devices, which monitor their whereabouts to ensure that they stay away from their alleged victims. If a suspect comes near a victim, the system sends out an alert. Not only are authorities notified, but the victim gets a cell-phone call letting them know that the suspect is nearby.'

Wonder if female suspects will get the same treatment as male ones?

A mere three days before that article went to print, this one was published. Excerpt:

'The Attorney General's Office, by constitutional mandate, is supposed to protect all residents, not just half of them. Its representation against this ruling would constitute a conflict of interest and felony official misconduct. The attorney general is involved in domestic violence funding and disseminates where that funding goes. The attorney general's office willfully fails to fund battered men's programs and shelters, even after the U.S. Justice Department has put out statistics that battered men comprise 40 percent or more of battered partners. This willful refusal to fund battered men is discriminatory policy.'

However the ruling is going to be challenged, as one would expect.

"Paycheck Fairness Act" in process in House of Representatives

Matt · 30 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON - July 24 - The American Civil Liberties Union today urged the House Education and Labor Committee to pass H.R. 1338, the Paycheck Fairness Act, with no weakening amendments. This important legislation would update the Equal Pay Act, one of the primary laws addressing pay discrimination.

Court decisions and loopholes have chipped away at the Equal Pay Act over the years, making it less effective in combating pay discrimination. The Paycheck Fairness Act, with 228 cosponsors to date, would strengthen and improve protections against workplace discrimination.'

If you want to read it, track it, learn about committee membership (including contact info), etc., go here.

Some commentary by Carrie Lukas challenging the underlying assumptions is here. Excerpt:

'The committee's press release, like essentially every public statement supporting expanded "equal pay" laws, cites the statistic that women earn just 77 percent of men's earnings. This "wage gap" is considered proof that the work world's deck is still stacked against women and government needs to do more to make sure that everyone plays fair.

Yet a statistic that simply compares the wages of the median full-time working man and the full-time working woman tells us nothing about the existence (or lack thereof) of systematic wage discrimination. Many factors contribute to how much one earns, from occupation and area of specialty to education and years of experience. Not surprisingly, once those factors are taken into account, the wage gap shrinks.'

Australia in hot pursuit of "deadbeat dads"

Matt · 30 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. To think, one can embezzle millions from an employer and walk with a slap on the wrist. Corporations can fail to pay billions in taxes without so much as a fine. But a man behind on "child support" payments either willfully or by force of circumstance moves to a different country and it's a no-holds-barred effort to track the rat-fink down! I mean, he had the temerity to do what women with custody of their kids do all the time-- move to a new country-- and that's all that needs saying for yet another search-and-destroy law. Excerpt:

'THOUSANDS of deadbeat dads are fleeing to New Zealand to escape paying child maintenance.

More than 20,000 Australian parents have escaped overseas to avoid paying child support, with figures revealing NZ is a favourite haven, the Herald Sun reports.

These parents owe around $90 million in unpaid child support, but the Australian Government is about to crack down on them.

...

Human Services Minister Senator Joe Ludwig said parents who avoided financial obligations to their children would be tracked down.

"Separated parents living overseas now owe around $90 million in payments to their kids back in Australia," Senator Ludwig said.'

More on "girls as good as boys at math"

Matt · 30 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Seems like Larry Summers and the recent math-and-girls dust-up just go together far too well to be ignored. So some mainstream and not-so-mainstream news sources have run with the ball. This from the National Post editors, with this from the City Journal. Excerpt from the Nat:

'Unfortunately, journalists of both sexes tend to not be math geniuses. Few of them anywhere on the continent noticed that Ms. Hyde's data actually come a lot closer to supporting Mr. Summers' hypothesis than they do to refuting it.

The study certainly does confirm that there is probably no difference between males and females in math ability, on average. This means that, if one were to plot out the observed mathematical proficiency of a large number of male and female individuals, the resulting graphical pattern would produce two sex-segregated bell curves centred on roughly the same average point.

But that doesn't mean the two profiles would be identical. Decades worth of data show that male populations exhibit greater variance in their observed mathematical ability (and their intelligence more generally, for that matter). This means that men exhibit "fatter tails" on their bell curve, with more statistical outliers in the far-flung domains of genius on one side, and total dullard on the other. In the case of women, on the other hand, typical psychometric findings show their abilities to be clustered more tightly around the mean.'

From the Journal:

'The New York Times is determined to show that women are discriminated against in the sciences; too bad the facts say otherwise. A new study has "found that girls perform as well as boys on standardized math tests," claims a July 25 article by Tamar Lewin—thus, the underrepresentation of women on science faculties must result from bias. Actually, the study, summarized in the July 25 issue of Science, shows something quite different: while boys' and girls' average scores are similar, boys outnumber girls among students in both the highest and the lowest score ranges. Either the Times is deliberately concealing the results of the study or its reporter cannot understand the most basic science reporting.'

Organization/Group Leaders: Please join the Parental and Civil Rights Alliance

Anonymous · 30 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This growing international coalition of local groups in less than 3 days of existence will soon be listed on Meetup Alliance's Top 10 Largest Alliances List.

Please place your group into the Parental and Civil Rights Alliance. It is a great way for new people in your area to find you.

32 Local groups/organizations and growing! By tomorrow night the Parental and Civil Rights Alliance will most likely be listed in the Top 10 Meetup Alliance Listing!

If you run a local group you can join.

Only those who want to start a group or already have one (via Meetup, Facebook, Google, Yahoo, active website, etc.) can join the Parental and Civil Rights Alliance right now. If you don't want to be a group organizer, you can find an existing group on the internet, Meetup, Facebook, MySpace, etc and ask them to join the alliance. Or start your own group right here in the Parental and Civil Rights Alliance.

If you have a leadership role in a local group or organization you should join the Parental and Civil Rights Alliance for the following benefits:

1. The Parental and Civil Rights Alliance is a fantastic tool to help parental and civil rights activists all over the country to meet and organize in person.
2. Network with similar organizations and groups to increase turnout at your local events.
3. Learn from the successes and failures of local groups.
4. Give your local organization an additional web presence with link. Thousands of people visit the main page for Meetup Alliance daily and look for a local group in their area...look at it like the yellow pages – but this is free!
5. Increase your membership totals in your local organization. The Parental and Civil Rights Alliance allows those who come across it on the internet to search for a local group in their area.
6. Want to carpool to a national event? Research local groups and consolidate resources for a successful turnout.
7. Network with Meetup groups, Yahoo groups, Facebook groups, MySpace groups and more!
8. Expose your next event or meeting to a national audience!
9. Create your own group's resource page.
10. Finally create an international coalition of parental and civil rights activists!

Meetup Alliance is the best way for leaders of local groups to share, learn and communicate.

Attend the Civil Rights Event of the Year - DC Festival 2008.

Thank you,
Robert Pedersen
http://www.achildsright.org/
http://www.meetupalliance.com/parentalrights/

Baby Sitter Admits to Burning Boys With Cigarette, Iron

anthony · 30 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 28-year-old Philadelphia [woman] has admitted repeatedly burning two young boys she was babysitting — with a lit cigarette, a lighter and in one case, an iron.
...
Johnson pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and possession of an instrument of crime.'

Obama meets with Kim Gandy and Ellen Malcolm

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Barack Obama met privately Tuesday with a group of women leaders, seeking their endorsement and also raising a sore point -- the issue of gender bias in his Democratic primary fight with Hillary Rodham Clinton.
...
"He talked about his concerns about some of the sexism in the course of the campaign," said Ellen Malcolm, president of the political group EMILY's List and a key Clinton supporter. "But essentially the meeting was forward-looking."
...
Obama mentioned that "he knew there had been frustration with stuff directed at Sen. Clinton by the media," said Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women.'

UK: New Govt Report on Female Violence

AngryMan · 31 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Last year 87,200 women and girls were arrested for attacks – the equivalent of 240 every day. It is the first time in history that violence has been the most common crime among women and girls, taking over from theft.

The category includes every violent offence from street brawls and assault to grievous bodily harm and murder.
...
The Ministry of Justice report, released quietly on to the internet yesterday after MPs had left for the summer recess, also includes alarming figures on the scale of violence by children.
...
Robert Whelan of the Civitas think-tank blamed a breakdown in society's values.

He said: 'There are now so many children growing up in broken homes or with disruptive backgrounds that the self restraint taught to previous generations is no longer there. They think when they are angry they can just lash out.'

Woman murders son, commits suicide to spite estranged husband

AngryMan · 31 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A hateful mother killed her five year old son to spite his father before taking her own life, an inquest has heard.

Emma Hart, 27, force-fed Lewis Dangerfield a lethal cocktail of pain killers and antidepressants at their home then fled to her mother's flat nearby and slashed her wrists.

In a note to the little boy's father, Shaun Dangerfield, which she left by his body, she wrote: 'I told you I would make you pay, enjoy your life now, nothing is stopping you, ha ha ha. Just remember it's your fault.
...
Her mother told the inquest: 'She is not a horrible person, she was a loving mum.'"

Court orders sperm donor to pay child support

Matt · 31 July 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SANTA FE—A court battle over whether a sperm donor should pay a higher rate of child support has ended with a ruling that the man is liable because he has taken an active role in raising the children.

Kevin Zoernig had argued he was not required to pay child support because he is a sperm donor and is protected under the state's Uniform Parentage Act.

But the state Court of Appeals noted in its July 25 opinion that this was not a case involving an anonymous donor or a known donor who provided sperm to a licensed physician under an agreement in which he agreed to have no parental rights.'

Dating agency cheating Australian men

AngryMan · 1 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The farmers and miners who joined the Rural Network dating agency got a lot less than they wished for. Some fell in love with women who did not exist. Others lost up to A$20,000 (£9,500) as the agency tempted them into parting with more and more cash with the lure of love.
...
The dating site, whose director Leanne McDonald was also known as Leanne Viney, Lana Viney and Lana McDonald, had various ploys to cajole men into paying ever higher membership fees.
...
Justice Jeffrey Spender said at the time that the agency's conduct was “not only serious but calculated and quite callous” — although he stopped short of closing it.
...
Yesterday the agency was back in court, with the commission accusing it of failing to honour any of the undertakings.'

Note: This is in the Women's section of the newspaper.

S.African boys often forced to have sex, study says

Matt · 1 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two out of five male South African students say they have been raped, according to a study published yesterday suggesting sexual abuse of boys is endemic in the country's schools.

The survey published in BioMed Central's International Journal for Equity in Health showed that boys were most often assaulted by adult women, followed closely by other schoolchildren.

"This study uncovers endemic sexual abuse of male children that was suspected but hitherto only poorly documented," Neil Andersson and Ari Ho-Foster of the Centre for Tropical Disease Research in Johannesburg wrote.'

The Government, Divorce, and the War on Fatherhood

Matt · 1 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With the advent of no-fault divorce (before which divorces required cause, and fault could be assigned proportionately), "the fault that was ostensibly thrown out the front door of divorce proceedings re-entered through the back." Working from the "therapeutic" (read: morally relativistic) premise that both parties must be equally to blame -- which is to say, not at all to blame -- for a marriage's failure, divorce courts begin with an "automatic outcome" and then set out to find or manufacture evidence to support it.

How is that evidence obtained? Via "extensive and intrusive governmental instruments whose sole purpose is intervention in families." Having quit the marriage-enforcement business, government has turned the full weight of its resources and coercive powers to the divorce-enforcement business.

The main area in which government brings to bear those resources, and the red thread of Baskerville's book, is in assigning custody of children. With two-thirds of divorces initiated by women -- thereby immediately casting the man as the "defendant" -- and with courts overwhelmingly biased toward mothers already (in a paradoxical inversion of feminist doctrine, women are held both to be and not to be more naturally suited to nurturing and child-rearing), in practice the custody process typically amounts to a "power grab" by which fathers are forcibly separated from their children. The children, for whose benefit the process ostensibly exists, are then used as leverage by the prying state and as trophies by the custodial mother.'

House Passes Paycheck Fairness Act

anthony · 1 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'House Democrats pushed through legislation Thursday that would give women new tools to combat pay discrimination.

The pay equity measure, which passed by a 247-178 vote, would treat gender discrimination involving pay in the same as race, disability and age discrimination. The bill would allow for compensatory and punitive damages, ban employers from retaliating against workers who share their salary with colleagues, and force employers to prove that paying a women less than a man is job-related and necessary.'

Mary Winkler Gets Daughters Back

anthony · 2 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'FOX13 has learned that Mary Winkler has gotten her three daughters back. Winkler picked up her children Friday afternoon. The girls had been living with their paternal grandparents since Winkler killed her husband Matthew in 2006. Now it appears the bitter custody battle is coming to a close.
...
Winkler was convicted of manslaughter in 2007 and has been fighting for custody of her children since her release from a mental facility.

Matthew's parents, Dan and Diane Winkler, have had custody of the girls since 2006 and have been trying to adopt them.

"These young ladies have not expressed any desire to be with their mother or her family," said Dan Winkler in 2007.'

Mom blames housemate, fear of satanic cult for son's death

Matt · 3 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Marsh, 41, testified earlier Thursday that every bad act that happened to her son - being tied to his bedposts, having his feet scalded in hot water and dying from a blow to the head - was the result of her housemate Flower Tompson's power over her.
...
Marsh testified she told friends she feared Brandon would be killed by the satanic group.
"I was told Brandon was worth $3.4 million dead," Marsh said. "The groups wanted to kill him."
"Groups?" Sonenberg asked.
"(For a) sacrifice," Marsh said.
"Did you believe that?"
"Yes," she said.'

DNA testing: One in five fathers wrongly identified by mothers in Child Support Agency claims

Matt · 3 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Nearly one in five paternity claims handled by the Child Support Agency end up showing the mother has deliberately or inadvertently misidentified the father, figures show.

Since DNA paternity testing figures began to be collected in 1998-99, 4,854 paternity claims have turned out to be false after DNA testing.

Under child support legislation it is a criminal offence to make a false statement or representation, and to provide false documents or information.

However, according to the CSA, there has not been a single prosecution of a woman for making a false claim. The figures showing the number of false paternity claims have been compiled using freedom of information legislation.'

National ire over Ala. prosecuting pregnant moms

Matt · 3 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Gambril has filed charges against five other women who either tested positive for drugs after giving birth or while they were pregnant and on probation, arguing that it's necessary to bring such cases to deter drug use and protect the children. In one case, the baby was born premature and died after an hour.

Jayasinghe's group and others including the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence say the law wasn't designed to apply to pregnant women and their fetuses. They also warn that the law could drive women to seek abortions or avoid prenatal care to escape prosecution, and they note that appellate courts across the country have overturned convictions based on similar laws.'

Depressed, repressed, objectified: are men the new women?

anthony · 4 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Every week, it seems as if there are new surveys and studies tripping over themselves to paint the grimmest possible picture of modern masculinity. They tell us that men are more neurotic and less fulfilled than ever before; that they are objectified rather than revered; that they are expected to be more in touch with their emotions and yet are criticised for it. Men appear to be confused about what they are and unsure about who they are meant to be. So with more of them feeling disenfranchised, disillusioned and disempowered, is it feasible to think of men as the new oppressed minority? Might men, in fact, be the new women? And, if so, who is to blame for making them feel marginalised?

...

Do these statistics have any bearing on the everyday experiences of ordinary men? 'I don't know if I feel oppressed, but there's a sense in which women can talk about us with impunity,' says a 32-year-old male lawyer from London, who does not wish to give his name in case his female colleagues start pelting him with rotten tomatoes. 'I've been in the office on several occasions where sweeping generalisations have been made about the general crapness of men: "Oh, all men are useless, no wonder he couldn't get the job done in time" – that sort of thing. I don't take it all that seriously – at least, not yet – but I know that I wouldn't get away with saying the same things about women.'"

Boys and the Boy Crisis Conference Video

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This from an e-mail I received from Boys and the Boy Crisis (MEC):

'I wanted to let people know that the 2 DVD set of last year's Boys and the Boy Crisis Conference is now available for sale. It's 2 high quality Dvds with over 6 hours of material including all of the presentations at the conference Friday night and Saturday. Warren Farrell, Glenn Sacks, Paul Nathanson, Katherine Young, Tom Golden, Matt O'Connor, Malia Blom, Gordon Finley, J. Steven Svoboda, Stephen Baskerville, and Christina Hoff Sommers are all included in this historic video. We have tried to keep the cost low and the entire set is $24.99 with 4.95 shipping.'

Page found here.

Lawyer: Children Returned to Convicted Preacher-Killer Mary Winkler

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I recently submitted an article speculating about this custody case, now its official. Excerpt:

'MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mary Winkler, the woman convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the 2006 shooting death of her minister husband, has taken custody of her three daughters, one of her lawyers said Monday.

Rachael Putnam, a custody attorney, said the former minister's wife picked the girls up Friday from the slain man's parents, Dan and Diane Winkler.
...
The grandparents had tried to stop the supervised visits with Winkler, but the state's Court of Appeals upheld the order by a county judge. The Tennessee Supreme Court also rejected the grandparents' appeal.

Winkler was tried for murder after her husband was found slain by shotgun blast to the back, but a jury found her guilty of voluntary manslaughter after she testified about suffering from years of physical and emotional abuse by her husband.'

Prostate Cancer March

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March discussed here. Excerpt:

'To raise awareness for the City of Hope cancer center's The Underwear Affair 10K Run/ 5K Walk, presenting sponsor Jockey recently activated with a promo event in Los Angeles.

The brand last month donated underwear to hang on a clothesline spanning three blocks along the Third Street Promenade in L.A. Passersby could take a pair of underwear ornamented with a branded tag informing them about the race.

"The whole idea behind The Underwear Affair is to raise funds and awareness of cancers below the waste," Mo Moorman, director-public relations at Jockey International told Buzz. "So it was a good fit for Jockey since we have a certain specialty in that regard. For us it's brand awareness and brand relevance."'

Also see: http://www.uncoverthecure.org/

The Atlanta March passed right by our roommate's place of work.

Gunner Retired

Trainee doctor's 'hell' over false rape allegation

Anonymous · 5 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A trainee GP has told of his "year of hell" after an allegation of rape made against him by a patient was thrown out.

Dr Steven Ashenford said he had "lost everything", including his marriage and home, after the false claim.

He has been suspended by the GMC and said the ordeal had put him off working as a doctor forever. He said he was desperate now to "just get my life back on track".

Dr Ashenford, 33, was working at the Sutton Hill medical practice in Telford, Shrops, when he was arrested last October after the female patient made the allegation.

He said: "The police were in the house searching it. My belongings were taken away, my computer and my diary. I felt really violated."'

Note: His accuser remains anonymous, and has faced no punishment.

RADAR ALERT: Tell the ABA Section of Family Law to Get Their Facts Straight

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Two weeks ago, we asked you to e-mail the president of the ABA to tell him (as nicely as possible) to get his facts straight. This week, we are asking you to do the same thing with the ABA Section of Family Law.

We said, two weeks ago:

On June 2, 2008, RADAR released two special reports, Myths of ABA Commission on Domestic Violence[1,2] that analyzed the 19 statements made in the flyer put out by the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Domestic Violence, "10 Myths about Custody and Domestic Violence and How to Counter Them."

Among the flyer's 19 claims, 11 were found to be false, three misleading, and three unsupported by existing research. Only two claims were found to be correct. And some errors are egregious.

For example, the flyer states that "False allegations are no more common in divorce or custody disputes than at any time." But this claim, which flies in the face of common sense, is debunked by research showing that false allegations increase four-fold during custody and access disputes.

The flyer represents a crass attempt by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence to further bias the administration of family law, to falsely stereotype fathers as abusers, and to force more children into single-parent households.

We pointed out that we sent the reports to the ABA president, thereby putting him on notice of the problems with the flyer, and he had ignored our request for a response.

The ABA Section of Family Law, composed of over 10,000 members "dedicated to serving the field of family law," publish the Family Law Quarterly3, a "scholarly journal provid[ing] ... an analytical view of existing and emerging family law issues." Holding themselves out as experts in such topics as the ones covered in the "10 Myths" flyer, they know, or should know, of the shoddy scholarship and/or intentional deception that went into its creation. By not publicly disapproving of the flyer, the ABA's resident experts in family law have implicitly endorsed it.

Please contact the ABA Section of Family Law (familylaw@abanet.org) and ask, as nicely as you can, whether they are aware of the inaccuracies contained in "10 Myths" and request that they publicly disapprove of it. Let them know they are giving themselves a black eye for standing behind the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence's flyer of lies.

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Date of RADAR Release: August 5, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

MDs urged to end prostate screening in elderly men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK - Doctors should stop routine prostate cancer screening of men over age 75 because there is more evidence of harm than benefit, a federal task force advised on a hotly debated topic.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, which made the recommendation Monday, reported finding evidence that the benefits of treatment based on routine screening of this age group "are small to none." However, treatment often causes "moderate-to-substantial harms," including erectile dysfunction and bladder control and bowel problems, the task force said.'

CNN: No kids, no jobs for growing number of wives

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Dr. Scott Haltzman, author of "The Secrets of Happily Married Women," says stay-at-home wives constitute a growing niche. "In the past few years, many women who are well educated and trained for career tracks have decided instead to stay at home," he says. While his research is ongoing, he estimates that more than 10 percent of the 650 women he's interviewed who choose to stay home are childless.
...
Davis says her life isn't luxurious. "Tuesdays are my laundry day," she says. "I go grocery shopping on Wednesdays and clean house on Thursdays." Mondays and Fridays are reserved for appointments and other errands.

But her schedule also allows for charity work and leisure: reading, creative writing and exploring new hobbies, like sewing.'

'Disturbing' details surround case of slain Toronto girl

Scottie · 6 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Here's a real tragic story. Man, this is just stupidity compounded by negligence compounded with nothing short of evil. Excerpt:

"Katelynn Sampson, 7, looked as though she might have been abused for some time, police said Tuesday.
...
Ryan said when emergency workers found Katelynn's body in an apartment in the west-end neighbourhood of Parkdale, there was evidence the Grade 3 student had been sleeping on the floor and had been subject to poor living conditions that he did not want to discuss.
...
Katelynn's legal guardian, 29-year-old Donna Irving, has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with the girl's slaying. Ryan confirmed that Irving has been charged and convicted of violent crimes in the past.
...
According to Ryan, Irving was granted sole custody of Katelynn in January, although she has had contact with the girl since May 2007.
...
Child services agencies are investigating whether they played any role in placing Katelynn in Irving's care, Ryan said."

UK: Study challenges "super-mum" myth, poses public policy questions

Anonymous · 6 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The supermum who holds down a demanding career while running the family home is falling out of favour, a high-powered academic report said yesterday.
...
Currently, most of the 2.9million children who live below the Government's poverty line come from two-parent families in which only the father works.

At the same time, Labour's flagship tax credits favour single parents over two-parent families in which the mother stays at home.

Professor Jacqueline Scott compared studies of attitudes to working mothers over the past 25 years and found that disillusionment has been escalating since the mid-1990s.'

Pregnant Robbers Leave Toddler at Crime Scene During Getaway

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Video report here. Caption: "What the (bleep) are you doing in my apartment?"

Should there be an IQ test before people reproduce? I am beginning to wonder.

Male bailiff used as personal servant by female judge testifies to his mistreatment

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Video report here. Caption: "I was robbed up here of my right. My dignity was taken. My dignity. How would you feel if it happened to you?"

Her honor allegedly had her bailiff rub her feet, make her meals and spy on other court employees.

State-sponsored misandry leaves newborn in legal limbo

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Manji Yamada was born last month after eggs from an Indian donor were fertilised using the Japanese man's sperm and implanted in the womb of the surrogate Indian mother.

Her biological father split from his wife after the fertilisation process, and his former spouse no longer wants the baby.

In the absence of a surrogacy law in India, the child -- who is an Indian citizen -- will have to be adopted by her Japanese father Ikufumi Yamada, 45.

But Indian law does not allow the adoption of a girl by a single father, lawyers and doctors said.

"There is a legal complication as the father is alone and Indian adoption law says a single male can't adopt a girl," Sanjay Arya, the doctor who is looking after the baby, told AFP by phone from western Jaipur city.'

Anyone from India, do you know if single women are allowed to adopt children, in particular boys?

Immediate national-show interview opportunity for sperm-donor who has contact with his children: Act fast!

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MANN admins have been contacted by the producer of a widely-syndicated talk show asking for a possible interview candidate for their show *tomorrow*. This is very short notice indeed, but if you live in the New York City area or can get there by tomorrow and would like the chance to be interviewed on this topic, send an email note to MANN admins at admin-at-mensactivism.org, but you have to act fast!

'Manhunt' on for Mother Who Allegedly Abducted Her Six Children

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Authorities launched a manhunt and issued an amber alert Wednesday for a pregnant woman who allegedly kidnapped her six children from her estranged husband's San Leandro, Calif., home and stole his van during a supervised visit.

The search is on for Enja Moore, 33, who is homeless and living in the Hayward, Calif., area, according to Alameda County Sheriffs Sgt. J.D. Nelson.

Just before midnight during a supervised visit, the father found that his estranged wife, six kids and van were all missing, Nelson told FOX News. He'd been in another part of the house when the children and his wife disappeared.'

Woman abducts children from home

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON — A woman accused of kidnapping five children says she did so because their biological mother had threatened her life but now says she plans to surrender to police.

The Houston Chronicle reports 44-year-old Rhonda Tavey says she'll surrender today but no additional details were provided about the possible surrender.

Tavey and the children's mother Erica Alphonse tell different versions of events that led to police issuing an Amber Alert for the Houston children.

Tavey, who is white, said all she ever wanted was to do God's will and that she also took the children, who are black, for their own safety.'

Woman Sought in Child Torture Case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'When California police discovered an abused girl covered with scars nearly six years ago, they had no idea that the woman allegedly responsible for inflicting the torture was her mother — the friendly cashier they'd encountered at their local fast-food restaurant.

Greisy Valencia, a smiling Colombian immigrant who greeted law enforcement for years at fast-food drive-thrus in Hayward, Calif., hid a horrible secret, police said.

...

The children have been permanently placed in a home and are doing well, investigators said, but the trail to their mother, who is wanted on charges of torture, has run cold. Officials believe she may have fled the country.'

Kilts anyone? Support postal workers seeking kilts as an option

Matt · 7 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This is a rare opportunity to help with expanding the "acceptable dress" opportunities for men. Kilts have long been part of the formal and martial dress tradition of many countries. British troops, especially those from Scotland and Ireland, only stopped wearing kilts when WWI started because it was impractical to get through barbed wire with clothing that was loose. Since that time, few men outside parts of Scotland and Ireland wear kilts regularly despite their being extraordinarily comfortable and also more practical than pants in many circumstances.

A kilt is not a dress, and never has been. Still, any man wearing a kilt outside a particular venue (such as a Celtic heritage festival of some kind) is thought of by those who have little or no concept of them as a dress. Try walking down most city or town streets here in the US wearing a kilt and see what it gets you! While women can wear pantsuits, dresses, shorts, jeans, and pretty much anything else they want to, men are stuck with just a few options in terms of style and form, many of which are not very comfortable.

If postal workers here in the US get the uniform code changed to allow them to wear kilts, it would be a huge breakthrough. So please, contact the American Postal Workers Union and voice your support (note that based on this document (.pdf file), it seems these four members of the union management: Rob Strunk, Idowu Balogun, Mike Foster, and Bill Manley are the people to contact regarding Art. 26, "Uniforms and Work Clothes". Their phone and fax numebrs can be found here). You may also want the USPS to hear from you. Their email form is here and other ways to contact them are listed here.

Court Upholds Gender Disparity for Derivative Citizenship

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Via Marc A.: Story here. Excerpt:

'The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday held that disparate residence requirements for unwed male and female citizens over the age of 14 who seek to transmit citizenship to a child born abroad to a non-citizen do not violate equal protection.
...
...the father must have resided in the United States for at least five years after his 14th birthday to confer citizenship on his child. In contrast, an out-of-wedlock child born abroad to a United States citizen mother had only to reside in the country for a continuous period of one year prior to birth...
...
[The appellate judge Pamela Ann Rymer] reasoned that the disparate treatment between mothers and fathers was justified because the government has a substantial interest in avoiding “stateless” children born to citizen mothers, and also a substantial interest in assuring a link between an unwed citizen father and the United States.

Although “the fit is not perfect,” she wrote, “the means chosen substantially further [these] objectives.” Thus, she concluded, the sections withstood constitutional scrutiny.'

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Comments from Marc:
I did a case just like this when I worked for Mental Health Advocacy Services, except the client was mentally disabled and it turned out he was actually a U.S. citizen born abroad out of wedlock in Korea to a U.S. citizen father and a non U.S. citizen mother. His father had done the acts that legitimated him under the laws of his domicile. But since his citizen parent was his father rather than his mother, he had to prove who his father was and that his father performed those acts, which took a huge amount of work gathering documents from Korea, etc. He suffered from severe schizophrenia and believed he was an FBI agent, and he could not possible do all of that. He spent YEARS in detention because of this, solely because his citizen parent was his dad and not his mom. We only learned of him when a group of Quakers from Hawaii called us about him. By that time he had been detained for years. It took more than another year for me to track him down, interview him, gain his trust, gather all the evidence from all over, translate documents, prepare the right motions, etc. etc. He was finally released because he was a U.S. citizen, but that was YEARS of his life locked up for NO reason other than the sex of his citizen parent. Unbelievable. Now the 9th Circuit just upheld this same sex discrimination in the case described below.

CNN: How to know when to dump a boyfriend

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Remember back when the mere mention of his name would give you a white-hot jolt to the heart? The sound of his voice was like an exquisite punch to the gut? His hand brushed against yours, and you'd get a warm swelling in the heart region?

Yeah, well these days all you feel is sick to your stomach.

Though it seems most of us spend an inordinate time trying to get one, the truth is, once you land that boyfriend you've always wanted, you discover the truth --relationships can be a giant pain in the rear.
...
...Here are a few signs:
...
• Other times when he's talking, you imagine jamming your index finger into his eye socket."

Study: Men Adopt Children at Twice the Rate of Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Researchers also reported that women who have never married adopt children much more often than single men do. But overall, men adopt children at more than twice the rate women do, due largely to men marrying women with children from a previous relationship.
...
That's not really surprising, said Jeff Katz, a consultant on adoption and foster care issues who formerly headed a Rhode Island adoption agency.

"More women get custody of children in divorce cases, so after a divorce the mom is living with her kids and she meets a man, and they get married, and he adopts her children," Katz said.'

Judge resists feminist agenda

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Anibal and Vivian Crespo were divorced and rearing their children in the same household when they had a fight, and Vivian asked for a restraining order. Anibal was not charged with any crime, but the judge issued the restraining order, which banned Anibal from his own house and thereby separated him from his children.

Anibal made several good arguments that the New Jersey Prevention of Domestic Violence Act is unconstitutional. Judge Francis B. Schultz rejected most of those arguments, but he cited a long line of cases holding that "clear and convincing evidence" is required in order to take away fundamental rights, such as a parent's right over the care and custody of his children.

...

It's time to restore basic constitutional rights to husbands and fathers by repudiating the feminist agenda that considers men guilty unless proven innocent.'

Elderly woman gets new murder trial

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An elderly woman convicted of killing her 85-year-old ex-boyfriend because she thought he was seeing another woman was granted a new trial Friday, more than two years after she was sentenced to life in prison.

A jury convicted 81-year-old Lena Driskell of killing Herman Winslow in 2005 at the Atlanta assisted living home where they had both lived, but her new attorneys argued that her defense team was ineffective.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Ural Glanville agreed, saying Driskell's previous lawyers didn't object to key testimony and didn't press for a charge of manslaughter, which carries a lesser sentence.'

'Ahwatukee Sue' tells radio show she killed man

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Tortsen Rockwood had been dead five years when "Ahwatukee Sue" broke her silence.

The father of her son hadn't killed himself in the kitchen of their Phoenix apartment in February 2001, she claimed.

In fact, she was the one who took his 9mm pistol, aimed at his heart and pulled the trigger. She did so because he wouldn't pay child support

At least, that's the story Ahwatukee Sue gave to a nationally syndicated radio show in late 2006.

Authorities say they have identified and are seeking charges against the woman behind Ahwatukee Sue, a moniker familiar to Tom Leykis Show fans since the call aired.'

Woman arrested for lying to police about rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police arrested a Pocono Pines woman after they say she admitted lying to investigators when she accused her ex-boyfriend of assault and rape.

Elissa Easterling, 27, is accused of lying to Pocono Mountain Regional Police by falsely accusing a man of beating and raping her.
...
She also testified in order to get a protective order against the man, under oath at Monroe County Court, that she had been raped. The protective order was granted.

When police confronted her with the evidence that she was lying, police say she admitted to making up the assaults. Easterling said the man did not harm her in any way.'

Updates on the 2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek

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Please visit 2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek for news and updates. And stay tuned for more on the 2008 Equal Parenting Bike Trek! Excerpt:

'Equal Parenting Bike Trek and DC Festival Make A Top 15 Internet Content Provider. About.com covers the Equal Parenting Bike Trek for a second time and their latest coverage includes the DC Festival 2008! We were pleased that they mentioned Robert Pedersen's FRONT page Color Photo Story in the Detroit News which received significant attention and at one point reached the Top 5 of all Detroit News Articles'

Teenage Suspect in Videotaped Beating Arrested For Assaulting Boyfriend

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Story here. Excerpt:

'One of five teenage suspects in the videotaped beating of a central Florida classmate is being held on bond and is facing several aggravated assault charges in an unrelated case.

A judge set an $81,500 bond on Friday for 17-year-old Mercades Nichols.

Authorities say she threatened, stalked and injured a former boyfriend and a fellow student.

She is charged with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, three counts of battery, aggravated stalking and stalking.'

UK: Girls should be taught feminism at school

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Teenange girls should be taught feminism at school to stop the growing trend of giving themselves abusive 'male' nicknames such as 'slut' and 'whore', an expert said yesterday.
...
She called for teachers to discuss feminism and suggest positive role models, who could include figures such as Virginia Woolf, suffragettes' leader Emmeline Pankhurst and even the cartoon character Lisa Simpson.

She said they are needed to overcome the negative influences of celebrities such as Paris Hilton, Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera.'

Maureen Dowd: 'Mr. Darcy Comes Courting'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is a truth universally acknowledged that Barack Obama must continue to grovel to Hillary Clinton's dead-enders, some of whom mutter darkly that they will not only not vote for him, they will never vote for a man again.

Obama met for an hour Tuesday with three dozen top Hillaryites at a hotel here, seeking their endorsement and beguiling their begrudging. He opened the session by saying that he knew there had been frustration about what they saw as sexism during the primary.

The Los Angeles Times reported that Hillary die-hards want to enshrine a whine in the Democratic platform about how the primaries "exposed pervasive gender bias in the media" and call on party leaders to take "immediate and public steps" to denounce any perceived bias in the future. That is one nutty idea.'

UK: Violent women 'stretching police'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'About 240 women a day are arrested for violent crime in England and Wales, according to recent figures.

Police in Scotland and Northern Ireland say, anecdotally, they have also seen an increase in female violence.

The chair of the Police Federation of England and Wales, Paul McKeever, said there was a "new phenomenon" of women using violence and joining gangs.'

"Selective Service" looming

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Despite Hillary's ridiculous assertion that woman are the primary victims of war, the truth is, it's men for the most part who do the fighting and dying. And we are on the verge of going back into that in a big way.

Selective Service, The Draft, Conscription, whatever you want to call it, is involuntary servitude that governments place men into. At the risk of being accused of at least being a pessimist and at most a seditionist, we are on the verge of WWIII, and thius on the verge of a new draft, which to this day is applied only to men of a certain age. I suppose I may also be accused of being overly dramatic as well, fine. Read this and then tell me I'm rushing to judgment.

The author of that blog knows his facts. As of this writing, his latest update reads in part:

'Georgia calls for US help; Russian Air Force bombs Georgian air bases. DEBKA, the Israeli strategy and military site, states that Israeli military officers are advising the Georgian armed forces in combat operations and that 1,000 Israelis are in-combat on the side of Georgia at this time.

Kuwait has activated its "Emergency War Plan" as it and other Gulf nations prepare for the likelihood of a major regional war in the Middle East involving weapons of mass destruction.'

Note the Universal National Service Act of 2007 is currently in the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

The blog author urges people to contact their government officials and tell them to pull back from the brink. I think that's a good idea. The lives of many men are at stake.

Newsweek: Rethinking Fathers' Rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite the fact that divorce is rarely triggered by violence or abuse, the incentives to allege that a man is abusive and out of control are undeniable. They tap into age-old stereotypes about men and ensure that Mom becomes the primary custodian. Even without abuse allegations, simple rules of physics (one child cannot be split into two and two cannot be split into four) make it likely that many good fathers will be downgraded from full-time dads to alternating-weekend carpool dads. They will be asked to pay at least a third of their salaries in child support for that privilege. Simple rules of modern life make it likely that an ex-wife will someday decide that a job or new husband demands a move to a faraway state. At which point the alternating-weekend-carpool dad is again demoted, to a Thanksgivings-if-you're-lucky dad.'

Redefining violence leads to inflated statistics on DV

Matt · 11 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Oceanside by far had the highest rate of domestic violence in San Diego County last year, and the Police Department suspects the main reason may be because verbal fights are included in the statistics. Other departments don't do that.

The city's No. 1 ranking surprised police Sgt. Aaron Doyle, who helps manage Oceanside's domestic violence investigations.

There were 40 domestic violence incidents reported per 1,000 households in Oceanside, compared with four in Del Mar, which ranked the lowest, according to 2007 statistics from the San Diego Association of Governments.'

"Support? System Down" released

Matt · 11 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES, Aug 08, 2008 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- "I'm a dad, not a wallet." What may prompt millions of non-custodial dads to say this phrase -- or at least think it? How is it that millions of children of divorce or separation may wonder why they can't see their beloved Dad, or sometimes Mom, more than 4 to 6 days a month, if that? These are just two of the important questions raised by Angelo Lobo, Producer and Director of the full-length documentary "Support? System Down," which examines problems within the nation's child support system.
...
The film contends that many fathers, and some mothers, can't even get their "visitation" court orders enforced. The system's unfairness can also affect our military men and women. Parents want equal parenting -- not "visitor" status. Most parents don't have to be convinced to do the right thing in supporting their children; they already are willing and able to do that. Nevertheless, many believe that the family court and child support systems treat them and their families unjustly. The children suffer the most.'

Australia: Proposal would extend family court's power to unmarried couples

Matt · 11 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Government introduced a bill on 25 June 2008 which, if passed, will amend the Family Law Act to allow disputes in relation to property and financial matters between couples to be resolved or determined by the Family Court.'

Ed. note: The link is to the announcement converted from PDF to HTML. The original PDF-format announcement is here.

Married vs. Single: Health Gap Narrows

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Getting married doesn't improve one's health as much as it used to, according to a new study.

Married people have historically reported better health than their never-married peers. It has generally been accepted that marriage provides social, psychological, and financial resources that improve overall health. But a new study, published in the September issue of the Journal of Health and Social Behavior, suggests the gap is narrowing, particularly for men."

Bill Clinton Promotes Circumcision To Fight AIDS

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Mr. Clinton says some current prevention approaches must continue, such as condom use, substitution therapy for injection drug users and increasing male circumcision, which studies show can reduce HIV infection.

Although the HIV/AIDS epidemic is over 25 years old, he says much ignorance remains. And that can cost lives.'

Groom Arrested for Getting Too Close to Bride at Wedding

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Timothy Cole quarreled with a wedding guest at a party Friday after wedding his ex-wife in Batavia, police said.

Officers knew the 45-year-old Cole from previous arrests and realized his bride had an order of protection against him. Cole was charged with first-degree criminal contempt, a felony, and ordered jailed without bail.'

Retrial begins in death of microwaved baby

anthony · 12 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Jury selection began Monday for the retrial of a woman accused of killing her month-old daughter by burning her in a microwave oven.
...
Her retrial in Montgomery County Common Pleas Court comes six months after a judge declared a mistrial in her initial trial, saying new evidence had surfaced to bolster Arnold's innocence claim.'

Boy in suitcase was cult victim, police say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A toddler whose remains were found inside a suitcase in Philadelphia in the spring was starved to death by members of a religious cult, including his mother, in part because he refused to say "amen" after meals, police said.
...
Ramkissoon, 21, was being held Monday in the psychiatric ward of Baltimore's Central Booking and Intake Center, and a bail review was postponed until Tuesday. Her public defender declined comment.

...
Ramkissoon's family said she should not be held responsible for her son's death.
...
Ramkissoon's mother, Seeta Khadan-Newton, told The (Baltimore) Sun on Sunday that it wasn't her daughter's decision not to feed the boy.

"My daughter was a victim, just like my grandson," Khadan-Newton said. "Somebody made that decision to not feed that child, and my daughter had to follow instructions.".'

Woman Wins $1.5 Million in Lawsuit Against Man She Claims Infected Her with HPV

anthony · 12 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MUSCATINE, Iowa — A Muscatine woman has won $1.5 million in a lawsuit she filed against a man she claims infected her with a sexually transmitted disease.

Karly Rossiter filed the lawsuit against Alan Evans, of Muscatine, claiming he told her he was free of any sexually transmitted diseases before they began dating in December 2004. A few days after they had sex, Evans asked Rossiter if she had been tested for the human papilloma virus, which causes genital warts.'

RADAR ALERT: This Week, Tell the ABA Judicial Division to Straighten Up!

Matt · 12 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The last three weeks we've turned up the heat on the American Bar Association, which continues to profit from sales of its flawed fact sheet, 10 Myths about Custody and Domestic Violence and How to Counter Them (.pdf file). This publication was produced by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence.

1. We've asked you to (politely) express your extreme displeasure to the ABA President, William Neukom: abapresident-at-abanet.org
2. We requested you contact your Representative to say "Say 'No!' to H.R. 6088," a bill that would further enrich the ABA's pockets to batter the truth about child custody.
3. Then we invited you to communicate your concerns to the ABA Section of Family Law: familylaw-at-abanet.org

BUT THE ABA STILL DOESN'T GET IT.

So are we going to give up and let the ABA continue in its ways, and allow make-believe statistics and defamatory gender stereotypes to break up more families?

This week, we are asking you to contact the ABA's Judicial Division. The Division's webpage claims it is the "most influential organization of judges in the world." Made up of over 4,000 members, they "work to support an open, fair, and impartial judiciary through [their] programs, publications and initiatives."

The ABA's "10 Myths" flyer is trying to bias family court judges against fathers trying to prove their innocence against false claims of abuse. This flies in the face of the Judicial Division's laudable goal of an "open, fair, and impartial judiciary."

Please contact the Judicial Division of the ABA at abajd-atabanet.org.

Ask them to speak out against the inaccuracies contained in the ABA's Ms. Information sheet. The ABA Judicial Division needs to tell its colleagues at the Commission on Domestic Violence, "Get your facts straight, ABA!"

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Date of RADAR Release: August 12, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/

Boston Globe Columnists Attacks Commission on Status of Men - We Need Responses

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From Marc A.: We need responses to this piece that criticizes the NH Commission on the Status of Men. Write to the editor at letter-at-boston.com
and copy the author at beam@globe.com, or use the form letter here. Letters must be 200 words or less. Excerpt:

'Who knew? New Hampshire claims to be the only state that has a Commission on the Status of Men. Lots of states have commissions fretting about women, says Dr. Joseph Mastromarino, but only the Granite State has the CSM. You can read its mission statement on the Web at www.nh.gov/csm. The commission is an outgrowth of the "men's rights" movement, which has lobbied for more equitable treatment of fathers in family court, among many other issues.

I never thought of New Hampshire as a place where men needed any kind of special protection. I was here in June for Laconia Bike Week, when super-manly motorcycle enthusiasts swarmed the highways, their pudgy legs wrapped around their ferocious, smoke-belching "hogs," a female appendage inevitably attached to the rear of their Harley. Tough guys don't drive Priuses, Alex!'

"Democratic Platform Adopted, Victory for Women "

Matt · 12 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Democratic Platform Committee adopted a very strong platform for women this weekend in Pittsburgh. They recommitted that the Democratic Party support the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, enforcement of Title IX, ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), reinstatement of United Nations Population Fund funding, and repeal of the global gag rule.'

Men cry foul at gender meet

Matt · 12 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Male delegates at the Gender and Media Southern Africa (Gemsa) regional conference have described the newly elected committee for the grouping as a “women’s club” after elections for the organisation’s office bearers saw no male in the executive committee.
...
“Gemsa’s motto is ‘making every voice count and counting what it does’, but how could that be achieved when men’s voices are missing in the Executive Committee. These women would have problems to attract men to champion gender advocacy because the committee would be treated as a ‘women’s club’,” said Mita.'

"Hear the other side"

Matt · 13 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During 21 years of practising matrimonial law, I've learned that no matter how convincing the story my client tells while sitting across the desk from me, the picture will change when I hear the other spouse's version of the same events. Sometimes the change will be slight, sometimes enormous. Occasionally I can hardly believe that both people are describing the same incidents.
...
Readers, get used to this. We can expect to see many more female criminals getting off with a slap on the hand in future. Recent legal developments both in Canada and abroad have increased the scope for pleading "battered wife syndrome." And criminally inclined women, like anyone else, respond to incentives. They take advantage of opportunities. The more excuses we give them to commit crimes when the proper and rational course of action would be to walk away, the more of them will commit crimes instead of walking away.'

Dying man alienated from daughter makes last effort to communicate post-mortem

Matt · 13 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A DYING man has been told by the Family Court that he may leave a "time capsule", consisting of a letter and DVD, for the 11-year-old daughter he has not seen for five years. The main purpose is to exonerate the girl for her father's death.

...

The girl was three when her parents separated in 2000. The trial judge, Justice Le Poer Trench, said the mother was "permeated with hatred for the father" and was unwilling to foster the relationship between father and daughter.

...

Mr Holmes said the child had expressed hatred of her father from a young age. Yet the court records showed there was no abuse or serious violence.'

New Zealand: United Future proposes rewrite of family law

Matt · 13 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'United Future would reform New Zealand family law, party MP Judy Turner says.
...
"Shared parenting would mean that when both parents want custody, there will be a presumption that day-to-day care will be shared unless there are good reasons why it should not be."

Mrs Turner said research showed children benefited when they continued to have significant relationships with both parents after a breakup.'

Woman Found Guilty of Manslaughter for Killing Husband Suffered From Post-Abortion Syndrome

Matt · 13 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SYNDEY, Australia, August 11, 2008 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Danielle Stewart, who fatally stabbed her husband Chaim Kimel with an ornamental knife during a heated argument, was today found guilty of manslaughter.
...
Dr. Reardon said that "self-hatred, hatred of the male, and hatred of men in general, were all significantly correlated to each other," and that "this constellation of problems, an increased tendency toward violence, emotional detachment, and self-destructive behaviors, would appear to be exasperated by the study group's dramatically increased rate of drug and alcohol abuse subsequent to abortion."'

Electronic cuffs planned for dads

patriotsofamerica · 13 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Whenever I think that maybe just maybe we make some ground on men's issues something happens to set us way back. If you think things are bad now, if Obama makes it we are all screwed. Excerpt:

'Illinois has joined a growing contingent of states to adopt a law that will put electronic GPS tracking bracelets on men who have not been convicted of any crime, but might be involved in a messy divorce.

The plan, named in memory of Cindy Bischoff, who was attacked and murdered by a former boyfriend, was signed into law just days ago and is scheduled to take effect Jan. 1.

And while its goal of protecting women and children from out-of-control husbands and fathers is good, it goes too far and violates the civil rights of innocent fathers, according to a lawyer for a group that will challenge it.'

Male Issues Video on Trueequality.com

anthony · 14 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'What are men's issues? Watch this short flash video to get a beginning idea. Societal forces like chivalry, misandry and the onerous male sex role of provide and protect have been having the unfortunate consequence of obscuring the needs of men.'

New MRA Website: HarrietHarmanSucks.Com

Anonymous · 14 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Check out this brand new fan site dedicated to Britain's deputy leader Harridan Harmmen.

Detroit News Blogger Robert Pedersen Covers the DC Festival 2008 and the Equal Parenting Bike Trek

Anonymous · 14 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Please comment in support of the cyclists who are undertaking this cycling trek and also in support of the DC Festival 2008. Thank you MensActvism Readers! Article here. Excerpt:

'On Aug. 15-16, thousands of people will come together in support of parental rights at the DC Festival 2008.

"Parental rights are one of those natural rights that are and should be protected against intrusion by the government," said Lary Holland, head organizer of this massive event. "It is our responsibility as citizens to remind the government of its limitations."

There is tremendous support for the DC Festival 2008 based on media and blog coverage and numerous elected officials such as U.S Congressman Pete Hoekstra (H.J. Res. 97) and state representatives John Stahl (MI H.J. Res. NN) and Lamar Lemmons Jr.'

Woman accused of using car to kill man pleads not guilty

Matt · 14 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Webster woman accused of plowing into a crowd of people and killing a Greece man and injuring four others early yesterday, pleaded not guilty in City Court this morning.
...
Rochester Police said Arena had been arguing with someone in the bar and then in the lot shortly before she allegedly drove into the crowd. The nature of the dispute was unclear. Sgt. Mark Beaudrault said alcohol was not a factor in the incident.

Coleman may have recognized Arena, but he was not involved in the dispute that prompted the violence, friends and police confirmed. Arena's intended target was not known.
...
Arena's attorney Ronald J. Passero also declined to comment on the charges, but noted that the crash "was an accident."'

Big Brothers Big Sisters Agency: Men in Need (YouTube)

WakeUp · 14 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Here is a Big Brothers Big Sisters Agency recruitment ad targeted to men which starts off portraying masculinity as stupid and foolish, but then says that boys need a positive adult male role model. The second point is good, but they portray men as idiots as their first point. I used to have a big brother from the agency when I was a kid! He said when I'm older I should volunteer. But after seeing that ad I doubt I will now that I know they are bashing the same men they expect to be role models to young boys.

Here is another reason why I won't volunteer.

"Why I Cheated" - Women Fess Up

WakeUp · 14 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Here is an article about women who cheat and "why". It starts off mentioning crud about men and women cheating for different reasons and how it is usually (but not always) physical reasons for men and emotional reasons for women. They can throw in the "not always" but sometimes it seems like any woman who wants to cheat for sexual or physical reasons could do so and then use ANY of the excuses plotted out in this article.

Server Downtime on Friday, August 15

Scott · 14 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The MANN server will be down for maintenance tomorrow, August 15. Expected downtime will be 5-6 hours. Thanks for your patience during this downtime. **Update:** The server maintenance is complete.

Class Teaches Respect for Women to Batterers... No Women in Attendence

antimisandry.com · 14 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Frostyboy on antimisandry.com led me to a feministing.com article, which included a link to this article.

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I was pretty amazed at the article (also available as mp3 stream) and shared it with Glenn Sacks, and figured you folks might be quite interested in this too.

REPORTER: Bunch suggests it should read, "the leading cause of injury to women is men's violence."
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Naturally, no women are ever violent, commit d/v and so the program does not appear to need to help them deal with their sexism/violence/etc.

Mom Suffocates Five Sons-- No Jailtime

Anonymous · 15 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The 32-year-old woman, named only as Steffi K., had been found guilty of killing the boys, aged between 3 and 9 years old, in the village of Darry in the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein.

Police had found the bodies of the five boys in a house in Darry last December. The woman gave herself up and admitted doping the children before killing them.

"She told the court and the psychologist that she had heard voices threatening the children and she wanted to protect them. She killed them because she believed she was protecting them from these evil powers," said a spokesman for the court in Kiel.'

I don't know what to say, I mean no jail? No Death Sentence? She gets help? It sounds like a joke to me.

Fathers 4 Justice protester causes 15-mile traffic jam

Anonymous · 15 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Fathers 4 Justice protester dressed as Batman today brought Britain's busiest stretch of motorway to a standstill during rush hour.
...
Tailbacks stretched for 15 miles after computer engineer Geoffrey Hibbert scaled a gantry on the London orbital motorway at 7am and unfurled a banner with pictures of his eight-year-old daughter.
...
The 48-year-old says he has been barred from seeing her since his former partner left last August, despite lodging several court appeals.'

3-Year-Old Boy Dies in Overheated Truck- No Charges Filed

anthony · 15 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON — A 3-year-old who was left in his mother's truck in 90-degree heat as she worked her shift at a Houston hospital died after wriggling free from his car seat, climbing into the front seat and apparently trying to start the ignition or open the windows, officials said.
...
Another 3-year-old boy died in a hot vehicle in Houston late Wednesday afternoon.

No charges have been filed in either case.'

What about helping boys?

anthony · 16 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'When girls were thought to be in trouble academically, we said "There must be something wrong with the schools," and we changed them to be more girl-friendly. But there is no similar push to assist boys academically. Instead, when boys don't do well in school, we blame the boys.

I had a Petaluma City Schools trustee -- a man -- tell me that the reason boys are behind girls academically is "because they're stupid." I had another man from the Petaluma City Schools -- a teacher -- tell me the reason was "because they're lazy."'

Lynnwood woman made up rape story, police say

anthony · 16 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Lynnwood woman who told police Monday a stranger came into her apartment and sexually assaulted her has changed her story, police said.

The woman, 18, admitted to detectives the assault had not occurred, Lynnwood police Cmdr. Jim Nelson said. She provided a statement to police that said she hadn't intended for things to get this far and that the entire incident did not happen.

...

Detectives will refer the case to the Snohomish County Prosecutors office who will determine if there's enough evidence to charge the woman with false reporting.'

The Wages of War: Alcoholism, Suicide

anthony · 16 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Multiple combat deployments to Iraq are increasing serious mental health problems among soldiers, triggering drug and alcohol abuse and contributing to record suicide levels, suggest reports out Thursday at the American Psychological Association meeting in Boston.
...
More time in Iraq means heavier exposure to violence, which leads more soldiers to develop symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression, Castro told the psychology meeting. By their third tour to Iraq, more than a quarter of soldiers show signs of mental problems, such as PTSD, and it's about 1 out of 3 for those exposed to heavy combat, according to a U.S. Army Surgeon General report in March on more than 2,000 soldiers.'

MANN Readers - Please thank Instapundit and Protein Wisdom

Anonymous · 17 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

PLEASE take the time to thank the two news blogs below. Great way to get more coverage...thank them for covering our issues otherwise they will not know there is a demand for such stories.

1) Instapundit - when he links to your blog be prepared for roughly 250,000 visitors in less than 24 hrs.

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Thank you for taking the time to help all of us achieve future media coverage.

30% of those named as fathers bilked of child support unjustly

Anonymous · 18 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"WASHINGTON – More than three years ago, a Maine district court judge ruled that Geoffrey Fisher no longer had to pay child support for a child that wasn't his.

But that didn't stop the state from revoking Fisher's driver's license and coming after him for thousands of dollars it says he owes in back payments.

...
As the nation experiences an unprecedented increase in unwed motherhood, more men are finding themselves named as "fathers," for purposes of child support, simply because of their ability to pay, say several recent studies.

It's called "paternity fraud," and one state that examined the problem found as many as 30 percent of those paying child support were, indeed, not the biological fathers of the children being supported."

"The Pill" and mate selection

Matt · 18 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I saw this and despite the source of the report (LiveScience, aka JunkScience) it reminded me of some comments in The Decline of Males. Among other things he speculated that rendering so many women "biologically pregnant" may have unpredictable effects on men, both physiologically as well as psychologically. While plenty of studies exist reviewing the effects of BCPs on women's bodies, I am unaware of any that discuss the effects of having the natural phermonal balance from women's bodies altered and how it might affect men. Excerpt:

'Based on the work by Claus Wedekind, a University of Lausanne researcher who preformed similar studies in the 1990s, Roberts suggests a likely reason for the pill's effect on a woman's odor preferences. The pill puts a woman's body into a hormonally pregnant state (the reason she doesn't ovulate), and during that time there would be no reason to seek out a mate.

"When women are pregnant there's no selection pressure, evolutionarily speaking, for having a preference for genetically dissimilar odors," Roberts said. "And if there is any pressure at all it would be towards relatives, who would be more genetically similar, because the relatives would help those individuals rear the baby."

So the pill puts a woman's body into a post-mating state, even though she might be still in the game.

"The pill is in effect mirroring a natural shift but at an inappropriate time," Roberts told LiveScience.'

By the way, I am not advocating the end of BCPs, far from it. Just saying that the range and scope of birth control studies has traditionally been limited only to its effects on women, and that it is likely not just BCPs but other factors have a significant impact on men, and that this avenue seems to have been completely ignored by medical science.

Countdown to a male BCP continues... but be aware, there are forces at work that don't want to see it come to market. Read some on this here. Is it any surprise though? I feel that lobbying for and defending the MBCP should be, along with fathers' rights, a primary focus of MRAs, as it will have as significant if not more significant an impact on men's daily lives and relations with women as the FBCP did. Excerpt:

"In fact, a strong case can be made that the delay in the male pill has been caused by an underdeveloped male social movement. The sense of urgency to develop a MBCP has been quelled by the dissenters and the disconnected. Men need to be aware of those forces that work to prevent the advent of not just the male pill, but a cohesive and powerful men's rights movement itself."

News re salaries and the sexes

Matt · 18 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Some surprising and not-so-surprising news on the salary front. Send this to your favorite screeching fem-bot next time she throws the salary line at you. Excerpt:

'Men who choose to go into Christian ministry will find that they dominate the field but make less than their female counterparts. A survey of church employees conducted by Christian Today International's Your Church ministry found that women made up only 6.3 percent of full-time solo pastor positions, but they reported 10.4 percent higher total compensation.

Women are generally acknowledged to be underdogs in the compensation world, but a report from American Association of University Women Education Foundation noted that women choose college majors that pay less—majors such as education, psychology, and healthcare. Men choose more lucrative majors, like engineering and mathematics.
...
A 2007 study from University of Northern Iowa looked at 2000 census data and found that cohabitating lesbians earn about 10 percent more annually than married women. They also earn more than cohabitating, unmarried, heterosexual women'

Chivalry, sexism, ignorance, or something else?

MR · 18 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I heard this statement today on Fox TV News. Here's the story and the statement.

Missing Florida Toddler's Mom May Be Released From Jail

"I feel that there is some humanity in that woman that would not allow her to kill that cute little girl," Leonard Padilla said. "I've just got to believe that."

In your opinion, does this kind of perception stem from chivalry, sexism, ignorance, or something else?

IYO, why would anyone who knows the facts believe a woman **would not** kill her cute little girl?

IYO, when's the last time you heard someone say that there is some humanity in a man accused of being invovled in a case involving a missing child?

IYO, is the media overlooking the hard facts, easily available from HHS, that more children are killed by neglect and abuse in a year, than all the female victims of Intimate Partner Homicide, and that those child victims are in the age range 1 to 8-years-old, and that most of those kids are killed by their mothers?

Perpetrator Relationships of Child Fatalities, 2005

Age Of Child Fatalities, 2005

UK: False Rape Accuser Gets One Year

Anonymous · 18 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman was jailed yesterday after her false claim of rape resulted in an innocent stranger being arrested.

In an attempt to make her family feel guilty following an argument, Kerry Saunders invented a story that she had been sexually assaulted after a night out.

She was overheard making the allegation by a passing police community support officer.

Instead of admitting it was just a story, she told the officer that her attacker was a black man driving a blue car.'

Boy Must Pay Child Support To Rapist

anthony · 18 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Pickerington couple and their son are fighting for custody of a baby born to a Lancaster woman charged with having unlawful sex with the boy, who was 15 at the time of conception.

A paternity test shows that the teen is the father of the baby born April 7 to Jane C. Crane, who was 19 when she became pregnant. Now, a judge has ordered him to pay $50 a month in child support and set visitation at seven hours a week.

Crane, meanwhile, faces criminal charges. A Fairfield County grand jury indicted her last month on two counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, a fourth-degree felony. Conviction carries a maximum sentence of 18 months in prison and a requirement to register as a sex offender for 25 years.'

University offers Degree in Men's Studies

Michael · 18 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I just think that this a positive sign. I'm sure someone may nit-pick it but I think it's positive. Excerpt:

"The Women's Movement, the Peace Movement, and the Industrial Revolution, all have made sweeping cultural changes that have gravely affected the lives of men, generally redefining "male" identity. Some men have welcomed these changes and made the adjustment. Others have actively resisted the forces intent upon redefining them. In the wake of this cultural evolution, many men find themselves lost and confused, angry and alienated. Most of the changes have come about so rapidly that orderly social adjustment has been impossible."

Man Sues Columbia over Women's Studies

MR · 19 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This story is all over the news media sites, and all over the blogosphere.

'Feminist' Columbia University demonizes men, lawsuit claims

"Anti-feminist lawyer Roy Den Hollander sued Columbia University Monday, accusing it of turning feminism into the school's religion - and teaching that men are "the primary cause for most, if not all, the world's ills."

Hollander says Columbia discriminates against men by teaching a doctrine that scapegoats men for all of history's troubles.

In a suit filed in Manhattan Federal Court, he complains that the Ivy League school in Morningside Heights uses federal money to fund a "religionist belief system called feminism."

41-YO former teacher accused of 'having sex' with 12-YO boy

Anonymous · 19 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Similar story to what you've read before. She's old enough to be his mom. Excerpt:

'FLINT, Mich. (AP) - Authorities accuse a former Michigan elementary school teacher of having sex with a 12-year-old boy she was tutoring at her home.

Allanah Benton-Wells of Flint was arraigned Tuesday on two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. The 42-year-old could face life in prison if convicted.'

Rhode Island Murderer to Be Paroled, Despite Sex With Guard

anthony · 19 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The woman who became the youngest person ever convicted of murder as an adult in Rhode Island will be paroled this month, despite having a sexual relationship with her work-release job supervisor.
...
Corrections Department Director A.T. Wall says Gonzalez won't be disciplined because department policy holds only supervisors responsible for sexual relationships with inmates.'

Off-duty female police charged in beating of man

Matt · 20 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Most female cops, like male ones, are good cops, and good people. However arguments in favor of churning out as many female cops as the academy can because of the more "communicative feminine style" of policing are based largely in stereotype. Also, suggestions of the moral superiority of women as compared to men being a better hedge against corruption or bad deeds are hard to defend when things like this are happening. Excerpt:

'Two off-duty female cops yelled, "We are the police!" - and then pistol-whipped a Bronx man in what authorities call a case of road rage.

NYPD Officers Michelle Anglin, 37, and Koleen Robinson, 24, were charged with assault, gang assault and criminal possession of a weapon for the Williamsbridge beatdown.
...
Anglin and Robinson were suspended and stripped of their guns as they were arraigned Sunday on the gang assault charges. Robinson's bail was $10,000 cash or bond. Anglin's bail was set at $25,000 cash or bond.'

Ex-wife breaks down door, takes items from house, and isn't arrested

tac0965 · 20 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. An ex-wife breaks in to house where she no longer lives to retrieve baby items. She busts the door open with a crowbar. She isn't arrested. Would a man be treated the same if the tables were turned? Will he have to pay for the damages to rental property? Excerpt:

'An Omaha man comes home and finds someone has broken in and stolen several items. But was a crime really committed?

At 2-and-a-half, she is the love of Justin Snelling's life. "Her name is Calee. I love following her around doing whatever she wants to do."

Last Tuesday, Snelling returned to his home at 60th and Birch and found his door pried open, though curiously only Calee's things were missing. "I go in and I notice diapers are gone, DVDs are gone, potty chair is gone, wipes are gone, everything that was new that I hadn't opened yet is gone."'

No-Fault a Split Decesion

locksley2k · 20 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

New York State is one of the few remaining states that does not cater to the No-Fault doctrine of divorce. An article in today's Newsday, No-Fault a Split Decision, tackles the debate concerning the movement for NY to cross over to the no-fault side.

However as you read the article it becomes very evident that it should have been titled "How No-Fault Affects Women", and I mean women only. The reporter, Melanie Lefkowitz, does not have one iota of text in her story about how it will affect men. She has the audacity to mention how this form of divorce will help prevent female suicide. We are all aware that men make up 70% of suicide victims.

You can contact Ms. Lefkowitz here melanie.lefkowitz-at-newsday.com.

Carey Roberts: No Room for Men at the Abuse Shelter, but Fido can Tag Along

anthony · 20 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Some of these same shelters that turn away battered men are now telling their "abused" women, "And remember to bring Fido!"

That's right, the American Humane Society has recently launched its "PAWS" program - Pets and Women's Shelters, get it?

So gals, if you need a place to dry out and want to take along your pooch, go to the Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies in the Tampa Bay area. The dedicated C.A.R.E. staff has established a "foster pet parenting program" just for you!

Or head over to Quigley House in Orange Park -- they have a kennel right on shelter grounds. Its canine center features a dog bathing area, benches to accommodate family visits, and of course a waste containment station.'

Music vid: "Stay at home dad"

Anonymous · 21 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

A send-up of gangster-esque rap maybe? I don't follow the trends. At first I was a little taken aback but in the end I decided to roll with it. Losing your sense of humor tends to mean your losing you perspective. So in the vein of "No publicity is bad publicity" I'll give this little ditty a thumbs up. If you want to deconstruct it and what not go ahead.

Father-bashing makes it to the Olympics

Daringest · 22 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Father-bashing makes it to the Olympics. Well, at least to a blog about the Olympics called Fourth-Place Medal. Apparently, someone didn't see Michael Phelps' father in the spectator stands so he decided to use the opportunity to portray him as a bad father. The article is at The mystery of Michael Phelps' missing father.

"During Michael Phelps' races, camera shots of his mother Debbie were a fixture on NBC. The network showed endless replays of her falling to her seat after that memorable 100 butterfly finish. She even watched one race on camera with Cris Collinsworth, squeezing his knee the entire time. And after her son won his eighth gold medal, Debbie was all over NBC getting interviewed by Bob Costas, Matt Lauer and Meredith Viera. Michael's sisters, Hilary and Whitney were also in Beijing cheering on their little brother. All this coverage of the Phelps family led to one obvious question from our readers: Where was Dad?"

Teen sex gets male ex-teacher 15 years in jail

Anonymous · 22 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Think of the disparity in sentencing. Women found guilty of similar offenses often get parole, or far fewer years in jail, if any. Excerpt:

'GOLDEN — A former Evergreen band and music teacher was sentenced Tuesday to 15 years to life in prison for sexually assaulting a 16-year-old student.

William Robert Eisenman, 33, was convicted in June of sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust as a pattern of conduct and providing alcohol to a minor.'

Duke rape false accuser to write book

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Story here. Cyrstal Gail Mangum, the notorious false rape accuser, is writing a book. She is also graduating from school. Don't you think she should serve 3 years in prison and 10 years on probation for the crimes she committed? Excerpt:

'DURHAM (WTVD) -- Since three former Duke Lacrosse players were declared innocent of rape and assault charges, the alleged victim in the highly publicized Duke Lacrosse case has remained out of public view until now.

In a press release, Crystal Mangum's manager has announced plans to release a tell-all memoir entitled "The Last Dance for Grace: The Crystal Mangum Story."'

New web site seeks to reconnect fathers and children lost to divorce

Matt · 22 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

http://www.lostfathers.org/

'LostFathers.org is an online community.

Our mission is to establish contact for fathers (and mothers) who, after a divorce or separation, were denied to normal visitation rights and lost contact with their children.

On this website you can, after registration, post your own profile and we will approach your children, or you as a father, to establish new contact with each other.'

Platform Standing Committee itinerary For Democratic Convention

anthony · 22 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

With the Democratic National Convention upon us I thought you guys might want to read this report (.pdf file). I certainly applaud identifying fatherhood as a necessity but we see the same rhetoric: fatherless homes are the sole result of male irresponsibility. As for the 'opportunity for women' section, its the same B.S. MANN battles on a daily basis. It's frightening this language appears in a document sponsored by our government. Excerpts:

p. 18: 'When women still earn 76 cents for every dollar that a man earns, it doesn't just hurt women; it hurts families and children. We will pass the "Lilly Ledbetter" Act, which will make it easier to combat pay discrimination; we will pass the Fair Pay Act; and we will modernize the Equal Pay Act.

We will invest in women-owned small businesses and remove the capital gains tax on startup small businesses. We will support women in math and science, increasing American competitiveness by retaining the best workers in these fields, regardless of gender. We recognize that women still carry the majority of childrearing responsibilities, so we have created a comprehensive work and family agenda.'
...
p. 50: 'We need them to understand that what makes a man is not the ability to have a child–it's the courage to raise one. We will support fathers by providing transitional training to get jobs, removing tax penalties on married families, and expanding maternity and paternity leave. We will reward those who are responsibly supporting their children by giving them a tax credit and we will crack down on men who avoid child support payments and ensure those payments go directly to families instead of bureaucracies.'

Tulsa man is declared father of child because his name is similiar to real father's name

tac0965 · 22 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A Tulsa man is told by DHS that he is required to drive 200 miles to take a DNA test to prove he isn't a child's father. When he is unable to, he is made the father by default and has money docked from his Wal-Mart paycheck. He only started to get a break when a lawyer is provided to him by the church. All this happens even though the mother doesn't know the last name of the father of her baby! Excerpt:

'Tulsa athlete Micheal Thomas swears he never met Lawton drug user Tiffany Dickson.

Dickson says she never met him.

That didn't stop the Oklahoma Department of Human Services from getting Thomas declared the father of Dickson's baby daughter and badgering him until he dropped out of college, forfeiting a football scholarship.

...
"Tiffany said that she knows his first name is Michael, but she is not sure of his last name," the report said. "Tiffany believes that Michael is running from the law."

Reached by telephone at her mother's house in Hollis, Dickson told The Oklahoman that she told her DHS worker she thought the last name of the father was Thomas and that he lived in Lawton.'

Female Olympian loses medals due to doping tests, blames husband

Matt · 22 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BEIJING (AP)—Lyudmila Blonska was stripped of her Olympic heptathlon silver medal Friday, the highest-profile athlete kicked out of the Beijing Games so far for doping.

The International Olympic Committee said Blonska tested positive for the steroid methyltestosterone after finishing second in the heptathlon last Saturday behind teammate Nataliia Dobrynska.

...
The IOC said she expressed “shock” at the results and couldn’t understand how the banned substance wound up in her system. Though she apologized and said she felt ashamed, Blonska blamed her husband, who has served as her coach for five years, for the failed doping test.

“She expressed that she trusted him to take care of her training and diet,” the IOC said. “She indicated that they had expressly agreed that she would not take any prohibited substances. However, her relationship with her husband was currently conflictual.”'

EEOC: More men filing complaints of sexual harassment

anthony · 22 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'OKLAHOMA CITY – More men are filing sexual harassment complaints, according to data from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The percentage of harassment complaints filed by Oklahoma men with EEOC and related state agencies all but doubled over a 10-year period, from 8.8 percent in 1997 to 17.4 percent last year.

Nationally, the percentage of sexual harassment cases with male complainants has doubled since 1990, from about 8 percent to 16 percent in 2007.

...

Hammons mentioned one current case in which a man whose female superior slapped him on the butt later fired him after overhearing him tell co-workers he did not like such treatment and was going to make a complaint.'

India: DV Act Challanged

Anonymous · 23 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Men's groups have challenged the validity of India's DV Act. Story here. Excerpt:

'CHENNAI: As many as five petitions are pending before the Madras high court, challenging 23 provisions of the Domestic Violence Act which they say are misused by women to harass innocent husbands. Now planning to join the list of petitioners is the Chennai-based Association for Protection of Men's Rights, which believes that investigation into cases filed under Domestic Violence Act are usually not fair.
...
Elangovan blames overzealous women's organisations, saying they often blow up marital disputes and make it a dowry issue, thus ruining relationships and careers.'

Obama chooses Biden, VAWA champion, as running mate

Anonymous · 23 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Great, another chivalric blowhard sellout may get another promotion... to VP. FYI, Biden is the chief architect of VAWA.

Biden Wants Legal Brigade for Domestic Safety

http://endabuse.org/vawa/

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence_Against_Women_Act

Woman Attempts To Kidnap Ex-Virtual Boyfriend In Reality

Matt · 23 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. Caption:

"A woman wanted in the bizarrely complicated attempted kidnapping of her former virtual boyfriend has been apprehended after a multi-state search."

Crazy is as crazy does.

Since when did women's studies pose a legitimate threat to men?

Broadsword · 23 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Op-ed here. Excerpt:

"This week, while you were distractedly waiting for one of the presidential candidates to just go ahead and pick Michael Phelps as his running mate, a Manhattan lawyer sued Columbia University for discriminating against men.
...
His beef is not really with women's studies but with the way it spreads the "religion" of feminism, again helped by federal money, which he contends violates the establishment clause.
...
Men's studies exists in the broader academic world, although Columbia doesn't have a men's studies department. It explores such subjects as "paradigms of fatherhood" and "gendered violence." And according to Harry Brod, editor of the scholarly book "The Making of Masculinities: The New Men's Studies," it's an outgrowth of the feminist movement. "If Roy Den Hollander really understood what men's studies was," Brod told me, "he wouldn't be in favor of it."

...
"It's a belief system and, like all religions, it's an irrational one," Den Hollander said. "A feminist is someone who was born as a female and because of that believes they're superior to men and that females are innocent until proven guilty and that guys are primarily always at fault."

According to some posters here men's studies aren't feminist? What say you?

RADAR ALERT: URGENT: Take Action Today on Biden Selection!

Matt · 24 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, whether you plan to vote for Barack Obama, John McCain, or none of the above, this message is of vital importance.

Sen. Barack Obama recently released an announcement naming Sen. Joseph Biden as his vice presidential running mate. As we know, VAWA is Sen. Biden's signature legislation. Biden has bragged, "What I'm most proud of in my entire career is the Violence Against Women Act."

Oddly, most members of the voting public don't know that important fact. So it's up to us to turn that around.

The next 72 hours – between now and the beginning of the Democratic convention on Monday afternoon – offer an extraordinary opportunity for us to get that message out. So we are asking each and every person reading this Alert to take 10 minutes today, Sunday, and Monday.

Today, we are asking you do the following:

Practically every newspaper in the country has set up a blog on its website. Today, we'd like you to go to the blog and made sure everyone on the blog knows the Violence Against Women Act is Biden's brainchild. Then explain why VAWA has been so harmful to families and children.

Feel free to refer to RADAR's Special Report, A Culture of False Allegations: How VAWA Harms Families and Children (.pdf file). For more information, visit the RADAR website at http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Make sure your comments are respectful and polite.

IF WE ARE GOING TO REFORM VAWA, EVERY LAWMAKER AND VOTER MUST HEAR THE WORDS, "FIX VAWA NOW!"

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Date of RADAR Release: August 23, 2008

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

UK: False Rape accuser gets 8 months

Anonymous · 25 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A binge-drinking mother has been jailed after falsely accusing an innocent taxi driver of raping her. Joanne Rye, who kept up the lie for 20 months, was told by a judge her behaviour was despicable and was handed an eight-month prison sentence.

...

The mother-of-one caused great shame and disgrace to devout Muslim Sherekhan Kali and his family after claiming that he dragged her down an alleyway and assaulted her.

...

The court also heard the week before she made the rape allegation, she had used racially insulting language to Mr Kali.

...

But jailing Rye for a 'modest' eight months, Judge Crawford Lindsay, QC, said he had no doubt the matter was so serious there had to be an immediate prison sentence.'

Scots men forced to suffer in silence from domestic abuse

Matt · 25 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'SCOTTISH men who are attacked by their violent partners are being left with nowhere to turn, failed by an under-resourced system, victims and campaigners have told The Scotsman.

There is no tailored facility for male victims of domestic abuse north of the Border, and many are instead being shunted to unsuitable services.

And the Scottish Government insists that general counselling services, such as Victim Support, are enough – even though female sufferers have bespoke services.

Now a new organisation, Men's Aid Scotland, is seeking charitable status to secure funding to provide the counselling and advice services which currently do not exist.'

Ed. note: bespoke = "custom-made". Mr. Editor here had to look that one up himself. :)

RADAR ALERT: URGENT: Mr. VAWA Himself is the Vice Presidential Nominee?

Matt · 25 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Saturday, Barack Obama named Joseph Biden as his vice presidential running mate. It was thanks to Sen. Biden's tireless efforts that the Violence Against Women Act was first passed in 1994.

So the choice is clear: Either we speak out now about the colossal injustice that VAWA has become, or we learn to accept the consequences.

Yesterday we asked you to get on the blog of your local newspaper – or any blog for that matter – and make sure everyone knows that, in Biden's own words, "What I'm most proud of in my entire career is the Violence Against Women Act."

And word is already getting out! Yesterday Marc Rudov published an edgy column titled, Will YOU Elect GynObama & VAWA Joe?.

Between now and the beginning of the Democratic convention Monday afternoon, we have an incredible opportunity to get our message out.

So today, we are asking you to think of any mailing lists you have, or any of the listservs you are on, and pump out this critical message:

"Yesterday, Barack Obama selected Joseph Biden as his running mate. Most persons don't know that the Violence Against Women Act is Sen. Biden's signature legislation. But the Violence Against Women Act is causing far more harm than good. VAWA takes $1 billion in federal seed money, and turns it into $20 billion in social pathologies. The conclusion is clear – we need to Fix VAWA Now!"

Of course, if you want to expand on, shorten, or modify that message, that's perfectly fine. But the most important words to get out are, "Fix VAWA Now!"

Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, whether you plan to vote for Barack Obama, John McCain, or none of the above, it is absolutely vital that we get the word out now: "Fix VAWA Now!"

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Nip and Tuck in Real Life

Anonymous · 25 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A CELEBRITY plastic surgeon who allowed a patient to perform oral sex on him before he gave her a nose job is fighting to keep his medical licence.
...
Dr Mendelsohn, 50, admitted he did not attempt to stop a 22-year-old patient performing oral sex on him during an after-hours consultation in May 2005.
...
After the woman left the surgery, she asked her boyfriend to take her to the police, where she pressed sexual assault charges against the doctor.

The NSW Director of Public Prosecution later dropped the charges, on the basis there was no reasonable prospect of a conviction.'

UK: Well-known TV presenter says British TV is biased against white males

GaryB · 25 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Jeremy Paxman, a pretty outspoken British TV presenter, has spoken out and said that he thinks the TV industry in the UK is biased against middle aged white men. The BBC reports it here. Excerpt:

'Paxman, 58, said: "Do I think it's a man's world in television? That is the most ridiculous question I have been asked all week.

"The worst thing you can be in this industry is a middle class white male.

"If any middle class white male I come across says he wants to enter television, I say 'give up all hope' - they've no chance."'

The journalist then named five women TV executives including BBC One controller Jay Hunt, Channel 4 head of news Dorothy Byrne and Dawn Airey, who will soon become Channel Five's chief executive.

"Is this evidence of some male conspiracy keeping women down?" he said.

Of course, the BBC being what it is, it then devotes more words than that to a misandrist female writer who completely disagrees (unsurprisingly). I guess it's great that his point of view and comments are appearing on the BBC, not quite so great that they are shot down so strongly in the article, but any news is good news when it comes to our cause.

Obama/Biden: Escalating the War on Fathers and Families

anthony · 25 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Tragically -- but true to the radical feminist agenda -- the Obama/Biden Democratic ticket portends an escalating war on boys, men, fathers, and families. On Father's Day 2008, Sen. Obama could have spoken on any number of topics. His choice was to castigate African-American fathers and blame fathers, and fathers alone, for the ills of the African-American family.
...
So, what then does Sen. Biden bring to the ticket? Sen. Biden brings the divisive Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) which he originated, expanded, and vigorously supported in subsequent years. Unfortunately, substantial evidence now indicates that VAWA not only fails to protect women from domestic violence but in many cases increases their risk of harm and contains much fraud. What VAWA does best, however, is squander billions of taxpayer dollars annually to finance the war on fathers and families.'

UK Readers: Please sign equal-anonymity rights petition

Matt · 26 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Petition is here. From the petition text:

"There is no plausible argument for releasing the name of the accused as this does nothing to further justice, but only serves to punish them outside of the judicial system. The only punishment for rape, should be passed down by a judge, not by newspapers, their peers, or their employers. Therefore revealing their identity is an unjust punishment without basis in english law."

Another female teacher gets light sentence for sexual assault of student

tac0965 · 26 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A Milwaukee teacher sexually assaults a student. The prosecution "allows" her to plead guilty to fourth degree sexual assault. Her sentence will be probation, 25 days in jail on work release, and sex offender registration for 2 years. She will not be able to teach-- but only in Wisconsin. Excerpt:

"Originally charged with second degree sexual assault of a child, 27-year-old Sweet pleaded guilty to fourth degree sexual assault Tuesday. It was part of a plea deal after she admitted to sexually assaulting her 14-year-old student."

Files untangle tales from missing Fla. girl's mom

Matt · 26 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Even after photos emerged of this "mom" out having fun less than a day after she reported her daughter missing, the authorities still weren't quite sure it might be her. This is the same "mom" who had a bounty hunter post bail for her since he thought it just couldn't be her, no way, no how.

What do they need, a picture of her doing the kid in with a large sign reading "I am doing my kid in!" strapped across her chest? Excerpt:

'Casey Anthony tried to give her missing 3-year-old daughter up for adoption before she was born, but her mother wouldn't let her, according to legal documents that paint the 22-year-old Florida woman as a perplexed, scheming and unbalanced person who repeatedly defended obvious lies in police reports.

The 400 pages released by prosecutors this week leave little hope that Caylee Marie Anthony will be found safe. Anthony says her daughter has been missing since June 9, but she didn't report it until more than a month later. She faces charges of child neglect, obstruction and making false statements.

The documents include a poem Anthony wrote on July 7, eight days before she reported her daughter missing: "What is given, Can be taken away. Everyone lies. Everyone dies."'

Man Dies After Falling on Butcher Knife While Trying to Get Kids Out of Locked Car

anthony · 26 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The first thing that came to mind when reading this story is the wife isn't closely scrutinized for her involvement. Don't get me wrong, she's innocent until proven guilty, but if it was mom who tragically 'fell' on a knife, the husband would be in severe trouble. Excerpt:

'CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A man who grabbed a knife to try to get his two young children out of a locked car died when he fell on the blade, Charlotte police said.

The Charlotte Observer reported that 22-year-old Miguel Angel Rivera Lemus died Sunday afternoon at Carolinas Medical Center after being stabbed in the chest.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg police were investigating but said Lemus' death appears to have been an accident.

Lemus and his wife had dropped by their apartment briefly before planning an errand when they realized they had locked their children and keys in the car, authorities said.'

Woman wanted on two counts of murdering her infants

anthony · 26 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two days before she was to stand trial on charges she murdered her newborn daughter, Alicia Leonor Banuelos took a bad situation and made it much worse.

The then-31-year-old resident alien from Mexico had lost custody of her eldest daughter, Lyric Garcia, in 1997, when police charged her with the first-degree murder of her other daughter — an infant they said Banuelos left to drown in a toilet after giving birth.

...

Palantine officials charged her with first-degree murder. Lyric, her toddler with Garcia, was placed in her sister's custody while Banuelos awaited trial. She had monthly supervised visits with the child as she prepared for the trial. Police said on that autumn day in 1999, she told her sister that she was taking Lyric to the mall's restroom. She never returned.'

Her FBI Profile has more details.

"She's happily married, dreaming of divorce"

Matt · 26 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Seems like CNN is going more and more the NYT route these days. A content-pull from "the Big O"'s articles is a dead giveaway, in my book. Read this piece of loveliness here. Excerpt:

'Nor is Will the Very Bad Man that I've made him out to be. Rather, like every other male I know, he is merely a Moderately Bad Man, the kind of man who will leave his longboat-sized shoes directly in the flow of our home's traffic so that one day I'll trip over them, break my neck, and die, after which he'll walk home from the morgue, grief-stricken, take off his shoes with a heavy heart, and leave them in the center of the room until they kill the housekeeper. Everyman.
...
No. Your husband is not your best friend. Your best friend is your best friend. If your husband were your best friend, what would that make your best friend -- the dog? When a woman tells me that her husband is her best friend, what I hear is: I don't really have any friends.'

So, she dreams of divorce. I suggest to her husband that he actually go get one.

Attorney Suing Columbia over Women's Studies Course Speaks

lance · 27 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

For those of you in New York on Thursday, a chance to show your support.

From Facebook Announcement:

Lawyer and self-proclaimed "anti-feminist" Roy Den Hollander is suing Columbia University for offering Women's Studies courses, claiming it is sexist and discriminatory against men. This follows lawsuits against various NYC nightclubs for offering "Ladies' Nights". He'll give a short talk briefing us on the case against Columbia and then answer any questions from the audience. All welcome.

Feminism Past and Present

RandT · 27 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

A recent lecture on the history of feminism and the suffragist movement, delivered by Camille Paglia. A relatively more objective (and less fawning) account that should make an interesting and informative read for MRAs. Excerpt:

'My final recommendation for reform is a massive rollback of the paternalistic system of grievance committees and other meddlesome bureaucratic contrivances which have turned American college campuses into womblike customer-service resorts. The feminists of my baby-boom generation fought to tear down the intrusive in loco parentis rules that insultingly confined women in their dormitories at night. College administrators and academic committees have no competence whatever to investigate crimes, including sexual assault. If an offense has been committed, it should be reported to the police, so that the civil liberties of both the accuser and the accused can be protected.'

Ditto: Woman Accused Of Teen Sex Sentenced On Lesser Charge

tac0965 · 27 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Again, we see that prosecutors readily offer bargain deals to women who sexually assault boys, but throw the book at men who do the same to girls. Sexual Assault is bargained down to child abuse in this article...no comment on what the sentence will be. You would think that someone who had to be extradited from one state to another would receive a fair sentence.

Someone please post any article...any article...on a man who received the same type of deal!! Excerpt:

'BATTLE CREEK, Neb. -- A woman accused of having sex with a 15-year-old boy will be sentenced for a lesser charge in October.

Tammy Walnofer was originally charged with first-degree sexual assault for an incident from 2005.

Last week, she pleaded no contest to felony child abuse.'

DNC Convention Speech: Hillary Lies Twice in One Sentence

Anonymous · 27 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Hillary Clinton was able to include two lies in one sentence Tuesday night as she criticised John McCain in her speech to the Democratic National Convention. She said, "And in 2008, he still thinks it's okay when women don't earn equal pay for equal work."

Lie number one is that John McCain believes that it is OK that women don't earn the same as men do for the same work. McCain may not support affirmative action programs that give women an advantage in education and employment, but I really doubt that he supports pay discrimination against women.

Lie number two is her assumption that in 2008, men actually do earn more than women for equal work. Her lie is based on a study that shows that working women, on average, take home less money than working men. Factors, such as seniority, education, and the difficulty or the scarcity of workers, are not considered in the study. Careful analysis of the study has shown that there is really no wage discrimination against women when all these factors are considered.

As Warren Farrell has written so eloquently in his book "Why Men Earn More," "Why would anyone ever hire a man, if he/she could get a woman to do the work for the same money."

Man faces up to 50 years in prison for impregnanting girl

tac0965 · 27 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

A man accepts "plea bargain" from prosecutor, pleads no contest to first degree sexual assault. He faces up to 50 years in prison when sentenced in October. (No, he won't get to plead guilty to just child abuse like some female suspects are able to.) Excerpt:

'A Fremont man accused of impregnating a 15-year-old has pleaded no contest to one count of first-degree sexual assault.
...
Bowers' sentencing in Dodge County District Court is scheduled for October 6. He faces up to 50 years in prison.'

Casey Anthony Offered Conditional Immunity

anthony · 28 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Results taken from air samples reveal that a body was decomposing in the trunk of a car driven by the mother of missing Florida toddler Caylee Anthony, a local TV station reported.
...
Anthony has been offered a conditional immunity deal by authorities if she helps with the search, MYFOXOrlando.com reported, but she only has until Thursday to accept the deal, which is contingent upon concrete information that leads to the discovery of Caylee or her remains.'

2:55 PM Update: Looks like the bounty hunter who had posted her bail is relenting. The price of nymphotropism indeed... that, and a dead little girl coupled with an absence of justice makes for yet another textbook case of it.

UK: X Factor girl who made false rape claim against her ex-fiance walks free

Michael · 28 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who auditioned for the X Factor has walked free from court after crying rape against her former fiance.
...
When police confronted Capon with discrepancies in her story a day later she confessed that she had made it all up and was charged with wasting police time.
...
Officers spent 156 hours investigating the false claims, the court was told.
...
After the hearing, Mr Tysoe said: 'I hate her. I don't think she realises what she's done.'"

British towns are designed for men, and exclude women?

GaryB · 28 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Except:

'A study by Cambridge University says planning projects and urban regeneration schemes tend to cater to men better than women, despite the two living their lives differently.

Travel is one example. Studies show women make more complex journeys than men, dropping children off at school, going to work, getting the shopping before going home.

In contrast, men tend to just travel straight to work and back again.'

If you read the article, it basically states that towns are failing women because:

-Not enough public transport
-Not enough schools and creches near workplaces, which restricts where they can work
-Not safe enough at night - they worry about their safety when on foot
-Not enough lighting at night
-Not enough public toilets
-Parks are for sports, when women (apparently) want ponds and ducks

So, guys don't feel unsafe at night, don't use buses or need to urinate when out? Guys don't do the school run - and it doesn't matter what our work choices are? It's a complete pile of crap, of course, and the article posts from readers thankfully show that other people see that too. Feel free to leave your own response.

UK: An article that actually states that boys should be treated as boys not girls

Michael · 29 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Boys stink. In the past 50 years their reputation has plummeted. In the 21st century they are seen as bad, mad or sad. T-shirts for little girls say “Perfect Princess”, their brothers' say, “Bad Boy”
...
Everyone does them down. The only advertisements about boys are for washing powder. When a primary school in Cornwall discovered that its reception year contained only boys, the teacher was treated as a heroine for taking them on.
...
...They don't necessarily need a male teacher, but they do need one who understands the importance of exercise as much as empathy.

The 1950s got it right. Boys like hanging around in groups analysing motors rather than emotions and then coming back for a hug with their mother. They need hobbies such as sailing, fishing, football, cycling and surfing to focus them, or they will end up feeling redundant. They prefer missions that don't just include tidying up their room.'

New South Wales: Young girls using more drugs than boys

nbdspcl · 29 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. New research has revealed more young women and girls in New South Wales are using drugs than their male counterparts.

The Nationwide survey shows five percent of NSW females have tried illicit substances over the last year compared with just over three percent of boys.

UK: Another false rape accuser gets jail

Anonymous · 29 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Imagine being married to that... Excerpt:

'A naval officer who seduced her former lover and then accused him of rape was today jailed for 12 months.

Communications officer Erin Casson met submariner Brian Eaton for a sex session - three months after their relationship ended - at the home of her new boyfriend, who was away.

But she later told police Mr Eaton had forced his way into the house in Portsmouth threatened to kill her and then raped her.
...
The 27-year-old of Portchester, near Fareham, Hampshire, denied perverting the course of justice. But a jury at Portsmouth Crown Court took less than an hour to find her guilty.'

Woman found guilty of microwaving baby

anthony · 29 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother was convicted Friday of killing her month-old daughter by burning her in a microwave oven, with jurors rejecting a defense attorney's claims there was evidence that someone else was responsible.

China Arnold, 28, showed no reaction when the jury's verdict was announced and then lowered her head, looking down at the defense table.

Relatives in the courtroom cried and covered their faces with their hands.

She was found guilty of aggravated murder and faces the death penalty when sentenced.'

Bounty hunter to revoke Casey Anthony's bond

anthony · 29 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A bounty hunter said Thursday that he will revoke the bond of a Florida woman suspected in the disappearance of her toddler daughter as new evidence suggests the possibility of a sad outcome in the case.

A law enforcement source with knowledge of the case told CNN affiliate WKMG reporter Jessica D'Onofrio that DNA evidence had matched a strand of hair found in the trunk of a car linked to Casey Anthony with her daughter, Caylee.

On Wednesday, a law enforcement source close to the investigation told CNN investigators have also found chemical evidence of human decomposition in the trunk.'

Denise Harvey gets 30 years for having sex with teen

anthony · 29 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Denise Harvey, 40, of Vero Beach, was sentenced to 30 years in state prison for having sex with a 16-year-old who was a high school friend and baseball teammate her son's.
...
Before sentencing she asked the court for mercy. Meadows requested a non-jail sentence of community control.

Vaughn — at the urging of prosecutors — ruled her guilty of having sex with the 16-year-old five times during high school baseball season in 2006. The judge sentenced her to 15 years for each offense. But only two of the terms will be served consecutively, one after the other. The other three will be served at the same time as the others.'

Carey Roberts: Senator Biden's VAWA Cover-Up

anthony · 29 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Amidst the hoopla surrounding Sen. Joseph Biden's ascendancy to the right hand of Barack Obama, something was curiously missing. Over the last 15 years, Biden has repeatedly bragged to his friends and colleagues, "What I'm most proud of in my entire career is the Violence Against Women Act." So why no mention of his legislative pride-and-joy amidst the flurry of text messages, press releases, and staged public appearances?

The answer is, VAWA has become something of an embarrassment to the good senator.

...

Forget everything you learned in your high school civics class about due process, innocent until proven guilty, and equal treatment under law. VAWA-inspired laws have carved out an Alice-in-Wonderland world in our legal system in which any partner disagreement qualifies as domestic "violence," in which persons never qualify "offender" with the word "alleged," and in which a person so accused can seldom restore his good name.'

"An all-out battle for women's votes begins"

anthony · 30 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 1984, Walter Mondale's choice of Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate shattered a glass ceiling as old as the republic, thrilled feminists and helped create a gender gap among voters that has aided Democrats ever since. That was 24 years before another woman, Sarah Palin, was named to a national ticket, and this time, it is conservatives who think they have seized the political advantage.

...

Palin herself framed her selection in historic terms yesterday, noting it came "88 years almost to the day after the women of America first gained the right to vote," and she seemed to go out of her way to pay homage to Clinton, while declaring that she would carry on her quest to become the first woman elected to national office.

"It was rightly noted in Denver this week that Hillary left 18 million cracks in the highest, hardest glass ceiling in America," she told the crowd. "But it turns out the women of America aren't finished yet, and we can shatter that glass ceiling once and for all."'

Men-as-dogs, castration theme frames 'humor' piece

Proud_to_be_a_man · 30 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Utterly astonishing misandry! And from the usually pretty sensible Daily Mail too. I know it's supposed to be a 'humorous' piece, but it's impossible to imagine a similar article with the genders reversed getting published in the mainstream media. Read it here. Excerpt:

"Yes, she is thinking of getting him neutered in the near future, although pleaded with us not to mention this in front of him. 'I know we shouldn't anthropomorphise men, shouldn't assume they feel as we do, but even so,' she said.
...
She hopes the neutering will reduce any remaining dominance - 'so wearisome, all the male dominance stuff' - and will also stop him from 'roaming' for bitches. 'I wouldn't mind so much, but he roams late at night using those very expensive phone numbers. It's costing us a fortune.'"

Unbelievable.

Housing mess hurts single women the most-- of course

Matt · 30 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While the real-estate market was expanding, single women benefited as never before. But when the boom went bust, guess which segment was among the biggest losers.
...
Over the past decade or so, single women have become a major force in the housing market. The proportion of single female homebuyers climbed from 14% in 1995 to 22% last year, according to the National Association of Realtors. And by 2010, single women will make up about 28% of homeowners, Fannie Mae estimates.

But those gains haven't come without a price. Several studies have shown that women -- and women of color, in particular -- are more likely than men to be targets of subprime and predatory lenders, and that many of the women who have lost their homes to foreclosure could have qualified for lower-cost loans. And although there are no data comparing foreclosure rates between men and women, subprime loans have a higher rate of default. So with foreclosures soaring, experts say women are at particular risk of losing their homes.'

I guess single men can just go diddle themselves if they are in the same boat. Yes, let's forgive all loans to women who bet badly (correction: were misled by others, probably men) on the housing market but let all the men suffer the consequences of their ill-advised decisions.

You see, there's always a solution!

"Girl Power at School, but Not at the Office"

Matt · 31 August 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Then I left the egalitarianism of the classroom for the cubicle, and everything changed. The realization that the knowledge and skills acquired in school don't always translate at the office is something that all college graduates, men and women, must face. But for women, I have found, the adjustment tends to be much harder. It was certainly hard for me — I lasted only nine months in my first job out of college.
...
RECENTLY I had a conversation with a male friend, a reporter in his mid-20s, about how hard it is to ask for money and negotiate for raises. He looked puzzled that I'd have an aversion to something that he does with ease, telling me: "When I want a raise, I just ask for it. And even if they say no, I'll keep asking for it."

The American Association of University Women found that men who are a year out of college make 20 percent more in weekly pay than their female co-workers do. Why? Because my friend and scores of other young men understand the central tenet of a bigger paycheck: ask and you shall receive.'

Still a lot of men-are-bad junk in this article, though. She claims there are men raised in a "different era" going around hamstringing young women with their sexist attitudes, etc. What this piece does do is state what has needed stating plainly in the MSM for a long time: At work, you don't get just because you have a better recall of the Periodic Table or because you happen to be nice and cooperative, and so are rewarded. Out in the real world, you don't get unless you put forth the effort necessary to get, and show in a measurable way that you are deserving as well.

In fact, I'd argue that young women have an easier time in the workplace because their youth draws more positive attention from both sexes vs. young men's youth, which is categorically deemed to show inexperience and a lack of skills. I have yet to work some place where a starting-out male college grad seemed to get a leg-up for no clear reason, but have definitely seen it when it comes to just-graduated starting-out women.

It's good the author has realized what she has discussed. It's bad though she still sees things through the feminists' eyes. Maybe she'll recover but it takes time after all that collegiate indoctrination. But I notice that the very fact she wrote such an article and had it published in the NYT (at the tender age of what, 22 or 23?) sort of discredits her basic premise, which is young women aren't getting paid enough attention or getting enough credit. When was the last time you saw an article in the NYT or some similarly-circulated paper written by a young man complaining that he can't seem to get anywhere at work because no one takes him seriously for whatever reasons? I doubt you'll ever see such in print, maybe because young men have been so acclimated to being thought less of such that they don't even notice it. But maybe you won't because instead of pointing out the issues and showing some sympathy, such younger men are told to shut up and get back to work, stop complaining, etc. Just maybe.

Woman is held over 'fake rape'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A BAHRAINI woman has been arrested for reporting a false rape case to police in Isa Town.
...
She later changed her story, saying she was out with one of the men, when the other two turned up and all three raped her. But the told prosecutors during questioning that the woman had actually been in a relationship with all three of them and that they never had sex with her against her will.
...
The woman has currently been detained on charges of reporting a false case to the police, while two of the men have been charged with theft. All defendants will remain in custody until their case goes to court next week.'

UK: Teenager Gets 'Counselling' After Making Up Rape Claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 16-year-old girl has been handed a 12 month referral order including counselling sessions after falsely accusing a man of raping her, Yourmaidstone reports.

Maidstone magistrates heard the teenager had claimed a 19-year-old youth had dragged her into his home and raped her.

But she concocted the story after having consensual sex with the man she accused, as she had a boyfriend.'

UK: 'Just trying to be one of the boys'

anthony · 1 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. British women make up 65% of college students yet the higher education system is too masculine? I suspect they'll be a major government based college initiative for women to gain 'equality'. Excerpt:

'The research, based on in-depth interviews with 10 male and 10 female students at a leading international school, demonstrates how the masculine environment still makes it harder for women to fit in. It also shows that both the male majority and the female minority of students appear to accept as an inevitability that business is done according to male rules.
...
More subtle strategies are needed to challenge students to understand how gender shapes organisational culture and practices, the study argues.

Introducing examples of less traditional business women and men into the curriculum would show that “working with gender diversity is part of what it means to do business”. So would inviting people from diverse backgrounds to teach case studies.

Another approach is to include diversity training in induction programmes, says Ms Kelan. This would give students an understanding of their own biases and stereotypes and a reference point for their subsequent teamwork.'

Canada: Few male teachers, but does it matter?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Theories about why so few men choose to become teachers, particularly at the elementary level, are well-discussed in education circles: the perception that teaching is a "female" profession continues; the pay, especially in the early years, is lower than other fields; the notion that men who choose to work with young children could be viewed as predators persists.

A question that sparks more debate is this: Does having male teachers matter?
...
"There's been this equation between how boys do in school and having male teachers, and somehow having a male teacher will make boys better learners," Wallace said. "What they need is really good teachers. And a really good male teacher? Great. A really good female teacher? Great. What we need are really good teachers who are able to engage students at all levels."'

Circumcision problems impair HIV prevention: study

anthony · 1 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'African health workers need more training and better tools to circumcise men and boys safely for HIV prevention, according to a World Health Organisation (WHO) study chronicling "shocking" rates of complications.

As many as 35 percent of males circumcised by traditional practitioners in Kenya's Bungoma district suffered complications such as bleeding, infection, excessive pain and erectile dysfunction from the procedure, the WHO researchers found.

"Other common adverse effects reported were pain upon urination, incomplete circumcision requiring recircumcision, and laceration," they wrote, estimating 6 percent of patients had life-long problems as a result.'

Kenyan doctor decries circumcision

anthony · 1 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"I WOULDN'T HAVE VENTURED into the sensitive debate on circumcision if it did not have direct consequences for my children, and the posterity of the Luo community and other non-circumcising communities around the world.

However, the debate has been fuelled by research carried out in Kenya and Uganda and published in January in BJU International.

...

But if you get circumcised, know that they are amputating your foreskin. The sensitivity you feel, not only in that skin, but the surrounding tissues, will be drastically diminished."

Excerpts from the forthcoming book "The War on Fatherhood"

anthony · 1 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The problem—the systematic discrimination, persecution, and now criminalization of fathers by virtue of their classification as “non-custodial parents” by the courts—has been in existence for the better part of 30 years.

The problem shows no sign of abating. Largely speaking, it is an invisible problem. The first question that needs to be asked and answered is: Why has there been no progress in all this time?

Finger-pointing is a staple of the Fathers Rights community. It has always existed because it is quite natural for a failed movement to explain away its failure by assigning blame."

Q&A: Understanding ‘Guyland’ With Pro-Feminist, Michael Kimmel

anthony · 1 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Leaders of colleges for traditional-age students spend a lot of time worrying about the behavior of male undergraduates — and specifically the misbehavior of many through excessive drinking, hazing, and abusive behavior toward women. A leading sociologist and gender scholar, Michael Kimmel, has just published a new book that offers an inside look at this young male culture, Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men (HarperCollins). The book covers male development from ages 16 through 26, and features extensive discussion of campus life. Kimmel responded via e-mail to questions about his work.'

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Kimmel from Wikipedia:

Michael Scott Kimmel (*1951) is an American sociologist. His focus is pro-feminism. He teaches at the State University of New York at Stony Brook in New York and is the editor of Men and Masculinities. Kimmel is a spokesperson of NOMAS (The National Organization For Men Against Sexism)[1].

Eligible men as "product"

Matt · 1 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article decrying the relative shortage of eligible men in Australia here. Read this quotation:

'“There is simply less product for 30-something women, in particular, to choose from,” he said.

"In the old days, we believed Mr. or Mrs. Right would show up someday, but as we remain single for much longer, and are far more mobile, the chances are more remote," Salt told Reuters.'

"Product". What's funny (ie, sad) is the speaker is a man.

So they are wondering why Australian men seem to prefer life in the field vs. life in the city. Well if even a man from the city views other men as 'product', we can just imagine why.

Large medical center and teaching hospital to host Men's Health Day on Sept. 12

anthony · 2 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The University of Rochester Medical Center is hosting "Men's Health Day — Take Time Out For Your Health" from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 ... The free event will include discussions with top men's health specialists, hands-on demonstrations, and a healthy breakfast and lunch.'

Ireland: Spiritual event on issue of male suicide at festival

anthony · 2 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'THE organisers of the Electric Picnic festival, which kicks off this Friday, are to highlight the issue of Irish male suicide during the three-day event.
...
“We have arranged for five people, all of whom have been affected by Irish male suicide, to light the temple on Sunday,” said Mr Reynolds.

More than 35,000 people are expected to attend the festival this year, headlined by the Sex Pistols, My Bloody Valentine, Franz Ferdinand, Underworld and George Clinton the P Funk Allstars. The festival runs from Friday, August 29th to Sunday, August 31st.'

"Mental health and gender: Stress agender"

anthony · 2 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'...New research shows that women are more likely to be stressed by workplace relationships while men are more affected by change and workload.
...
The findings, based upon a study of just over 900 respondents, seem to support psychologists' theories based on studying behaviour and hormone release in the genders, which suggest that stressed men are likely to become aggressive, while women resort to gossip and bitching*.
...
Work relationships appear as the primary stress factor demonstrating the largest difference between the genders, with 42% of females citing relationship difficulties at work, compared to 8% of males...'

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*Yes, that's what the article says. I didn't just add it for amusement. :)

Site Advertises Gov't Grants only for Women

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Site here. Excerpt:

"It's true, Free Government Grant Money for Women is being given away and can be used to help you buy a new home, repair your home, pay rent, pay mortgage payments, pay utility bills, purchase a new car, pay for groceries, pay childcare expenses, pay for fuel, pay general living expenses, pay for academic tutoring, purchase clothing, purchase school supplies, pay legal services, pay summer camp expenses, pay off debts, pay for music lessons, pay for art lessons, pay for any extracurricular activities, pay real estate taxes, medical expenses, general welfare and so much more!"

Women Only NY Weekend Tours Supported By State Agency

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http://womenonlyweekends.com/. This women-only tour is supported by the New York State Department of Economic Development. My tax dollars as a NY State resident is contributing to this blatant discrimination. "No Guys, No Dishes, No diapers' appears on their home page. Oprah Winfrey's endorsement appears on the home page.

Note the disclaimer at the bottom of the home page:

"'I Love NY' is a registered trademark and service mark of the
New York State Department of Economic Development; used with permission.

If this agency is using the big apple logo, their recognized by the state."

Fathermag.com: Why Is Daddy in Jail?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Then there's Bruce, who was a truck driver in Boston and who came home one day to find his things on the street, the locks on his doors changed, and his wife's new boyfriend already moved in. Angry and bewildered, Bruce kicked in the door and began shouting. (He did not strike anyone.) His wife called the police, who arrived and took Bruce away in handcuffs. She got a restraining order preventing any contact with his three children. When his son was hospitalized with an illness, he was not allowed to visit. Eventually Bruce was allowed to see his children at a supervised visitation center with his wife and her boyfriend present in the next room.'

US: House Resolution 182 seeks to villify men and fathers

anthony · 2 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Here is a section of proposed Joint Resolution 182 of the United States Congress, intended to compensate for what the resolution's proponents claim is "gender bias" in the judicial system....

'Whereas, as a result of this gender bias, many myths are that (sic) women make false allegations of domestic violence or child abuse, and most particularly of child sexual abuse, during divorce and custody proceedings;

Whereas false accusations by women are in fact rare, occurring no more often than do other false reports of crimes, such as bank robbery.'"

Ed. note: I looked on Thomas but could not find the full text. Can anyone post a link? Thanks!

Smoking claimed to be more dangerous for women

anthony · 2 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's now a problem because women are not getting heart attacks later than men? Last I checked smoking is not considered the healthiest habit for men either. There's no way society could ever tolerate women having the same life span as men. I also notice that the term 'natural differences' is used. Is it possible the lower amount of money Western Culture spends on men's health contributes to the disparity? Excerpt:

'MUNICH, Germany - Women who smoke may develop heart disease at almost the same age as male smokers, wiping out the natural difference between the sexes, doctors said Tuesday.

In research presented to the European Society of Cardiology, Norwegian researchers said that women who smoke have heart attacks nearly 14 years earlier than women who don't smoke. For men, the figure is about six years.

"This is not a minor difference," said Dr. Silvia Priori, a cardiologist at the Scientific Institute in Pavia, Italy. "Women need to realize they are losing much more than men when they smoke," she said. Prior was not connected to the research.'

R&B singer Usher plans `One Night Stand' Tour -- "Ladies Only"

anthony · 3 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. I wonder if we can add Usher to the Boycott List? Excerpt:

'NEW YORK — Usher is preparing a tour for ladies only.

The R&B singer revealed in a recent interview with The Associated Press that he will soon announce details of his "One Night Stand" tour. He said specific dates are still being worked out for about 15 "intimate" venues.

Asked why he wanted to perform a "ladies only" tour, Usher said he relishes the challenge.'

Ghana: DV against men on rise

Matt · 3 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'More men are being beaten by their wives over domestic chores.

Disagreements over shared domestic responsibilities in homes now top cases reported at the Domestic Violence and Victims Support Unit.

The Public Relations Officer of the Unit, Inspector Irene Oppong, said in an interview with the Times in Accra, that complaints by men increased from 49 to 113 due to quarrels over domestic chores.'

Republican Women Turn to the Gender Card

fibtastic · 3 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Female Republicans embraced identity politics with gusto today, touting the virtues of presumptive vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin and suggesting that any attempts to question her qualifications amounted to blatant sexism.

In a "hear me roar"-style press conference, a parade of elected officials and GOP operatives issued a lengthy defense of the Alaska governor's credentials, and former Massachusetts governor Jane Swift said Palin has been the target of "an outrageous smear campaign."'

Wow... I'd really hoped that a McCain administration would, while not outright championing men's rights, at least provide a bulkhead against the tide of irrational gynocentrism that's sweeping the western world. Turns out McCain has no problem pandering to emotional, irrational, and destructively entitled women as long as they label themselves "conservatives".

Relatedly, submitted by anthony:

Article here. Excerpt:

'ST. PAUL, Minn. - John McCain's campaign could be panicking or politicking with its claim that sexism lies beneath any questions about Sarah Palin's past.

They say they're not panicked — that the Alaska governor's spot on the GOP ticket is secure — so that leaves room for just one conclusion for now: McCain's political team is playing the gender card to appeal to women, and bashing the media to solidify support among conservatives.
...
"The scrutiny you are giving her is so darn unfair. It is really indecent," he told MSNBC's morning crew. "She is being asked questions like, can you, as a mother ... be vice president? Whoever asked a man?"

And so he went, from one TV camera to the next.

CBS: "Where are the feminists?"

ABC: "Give the woman a chance ..."

Fox News: "I'm at the point of (being) really angry."'

VP candidate Palin's daughter's pregnancy highlight US sex law silliness

anthony · 4 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'The daughter is 17 years old. Her boyfriend is 18 years old. She is five months pregnant. From that we can assume that they, at the very latest, had intercourse sometime in May. The girl will turn 18 in October. We do not know, nor is it anyone's business, how old she was the first time she had sex with her boyfriend.
...
What would have happened had the young couple in question engaged in youthful sexuality in Arizona? There the young man would become both a "father-to-be" and a felon at the same time. Any sexual act by an 18-year-old and a 17-year-old is a felony in Arizona, even if the girl's mother is running for vice president of the United States.'

India: Game show contestant gang-assaulted for defending himself against woman' attack

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A contestant on the game show 'DadaGiri' in India apparently doesn't realize that physical violence will be included in the program. In a surprise move, he receives a vicious slap from a woman posing as a dominatrix. But instead of just taking it, he immediately hits her back and asks "How can she slap (me)?"

Then, all hell breaks loose as crew members decide to come to the aid of the woman and deal out punishment to the man who is obviously just defending himself.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Boys' school opens amid objection from feminists

Matt · 5 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Seems public-funded girls/women-only schools, etc. are fine. Publicly-funded programs for boys/men? They will be resisted at all turns! Excerpt:

'Boys' Latin of Philadelphia, one of the city's newer charter schools, began its second year on Wednesday, aiming to be an educational beacon in the financially and academically troubled district.

Because it's a single-sex public school — one of four in the city — Boys' Latin faced huge opposition and almost didn't exist.

...
The Women's Law Project and the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania had opposed Hardy's charter application based on its exclusion of girls.

...
New rules implemented by the U.S. Education Department in 2006 allow same-sex education whenever schools think it will expand the diversity of courses, improve students' achievement or meet their individual needs.

But ACLU attorney Mary Catherine Roper said those regulations conflict with the Constitution and Title IX, a federal law banning sex discrimination in education. There are nonexclusionary ways to improve education, such as decreasing class sizes, she noted.

"There is no justification for offering kids different opportunities based on their gender," said Roper.'

No justification based on gender? Meanwhile, loads of girls-only programs of all kinds exist all over the place. Is she objecting to those? The hypocrisy is amazing to behold!

EU wants to ban 'sexist' TV commercials

Matt · 5 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MEPs want TV regulators in the EU to set guidelines which would see the end of anything deemed to portray women as sex objects or reinforce gender stereotypes.
...
The new rules come in a report by the EU's women's rights committee.

Swedish MEP Eva-Britt Svensson urged Britain and other members to use existing equality, sexism and discrimination laws to control advertising.
...
She added: "Gender stereotyping in advertising is one of several factors that have a big influence in efforts to make society more gender equal.'

Guess there'll be a review panel made up of feminists for each commercial an advertises wants to air? I wonder if anti-male stereotyping will also be on their hit list?

Soldier Suicide Rate May Set Record Again

anthony · 5 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(CBS/AP) Soldier suicides this year could surpass the record rate of last year, Army officials said Thursday, urging military leaders at all levels to redouble prevention efforts for a force strained by two wars.

If all are confirmed, that means that the number for 2008 could eclipse the 115 of last year - and the rate per 100,000 could surpass that of the civilian population, Col. Eddie Stephens, deputy director of human resources policy, said at a Pentagon news conference.

"Army leaders are fully aware that repeated deployments have led to increased distress and anxiety for both soldiers and their families," Army Secretary Pete Geren said.'

Ellard conviction overturned in death of Victoria teen Reena Virk

Scottie · 5 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The B.C. Court of Appeal has overturned Kelly Ellard's second-degree murder conviction and ordered a fourth trial for her in the death of teenager Reena Virk, who was found beaten and drowned in a Victoria waterway in 1997.
...
[Virk] was 14 when she was swarmed and beaten under a bridge in Saanich on Vancouver Island on Nov. 14, 1997, by a group of teenagers who were mainly girls, police said. Battered and bloodied, Virk managed to get up and stagger across the bridge toward a bus stop to make her way home. But two of the original attackers dragged her back, hit her again and left her in a waterway."

Does it get any more brutal than this?

CBS: Why Men Die Sooner

anthony · 5 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(WebMD) Listen up, guys. It may be time to drop the bravado and consider these sobering statistics:

Coronary artery disease (CAD) is three times higher among men who are clinically depressed.

Male suicides outnumber female suicides in every age group.

Homicide and suicide are among the top three causes for death among males between the ages of 15 and 34.

By the age of 85, women outnumber men in the U.S. 2.2 to 1; this rises to 3 to 1 if they reach their 90s.
...
Male mortality is shorter in part, Legato says, because males are more fragile and inherently vulnerable than females from birth. And unlike women, who have fought hard to have their specific health needs validated and addressed, men haven't demanded equal treatment.

"It is a need that has never been addressed," Legato says. "Men have been tremendously neglected and it doesn't have to be that way."'

"Caylee's mom" released yet again

Matt · 6 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Casey Anthony returned home from jail Friday to face renewed protests over the disappearance of her 3-year-old daughter and new questions about whether her family is making money off the case.
...
Denise Freideman and Anita Castillo spent several hours searching for Caylee on Thursday with Texas EquuSearch, a volunteer search-and-recovery team working on the case. The Clermont women planned to return to the task Friday, but first they stopped outside the Anthony home.

"We just couldn't believe she is being released," Castillo said.
...
Meanwhile, a Department of Children and Families spokeswoman confirmed Friday that the state agency has an open child-abuse investigation involving Anthony.'

Police: Mom, Teen Daughter Kill Man For $15

anthony · 7 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PASADENA, Texas -- Two teenage girls are accused of stabbing a 75-year-old man to death in a robbery that netted them just $15, and police say the mother of one of the teens helped put them up to it.

Dannette R. Gillespie, 38, gave knives to her 15-year-old daughter and Vanessa Anne Ocampo, 19, then waited in the back seat of their car while the teens robbed and killed Eugene Palma, according to a probable cause warrant.

All three were charged with capital murder Friday. It was not immediately clear if they had attorneys.'
...
"He would've given them money -- that's the crazy thing," Kim Nawrot, a bartender at Palma's bar, told the Houston Chronicle. "He was the kind of guy that would've given anyone the shirt off of his back."

Gillespie and her daughter, who is not being identified because she is a juvenile, were arrested in Pasadena. Ocampo was arrested in San Antonio. They were being held without bond.'

Parental Rights Legend Minister Ronald Smith Has Passed

Anonymous · 7 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Minister Ronald Smith has passed. An incredible father, husband, man, friend, and much more. A huge advocate for fathers having equal time with their children after divorce. Excerpt:

'A tragedy. A shock. Extremely sad news for all who knew this special man. Minister Ron Smith was one of the best friends I have ever known. Minister Ronald Smith passed away on Friday September 5, 2008 from a heart attack. I am still very shook up from this news and will let our readers know more as soon as I get it. He was such an incredible man and just recently brought the 2008 Million Man March to Michigan. Minister Ronald Smith was also the founder of the National Fatherhood Summit and was one of the co-founders of the Family Preservation Festival. Minister Ronald Smith was co-author of the book Cheated. Minister Ronald Smith was the CEO of Children Need Both Parents, Inc. Most of all Minister Ronald Smith was an amazing father and husband!'

MySpace page provides resources for abused men

Matt · 8 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via email: I thought this might be of interest to you, especially for Men's
Activism. There is a published article I wrote that they just posted at the site in the Blog Section [at the top] and the struggles for males in finding help for recovery concerns around abuse & trauma, Recovery For Men - What's Different. Excerpt:

'I remember attending a Speak Out against sexual abuse and a male survivor got up to share – he shared a letter sent to him from a well-known advocate against abuse towards women. This letter was full of hate towards men and she let him know in no uncertain terms that she did not care what had happened to him and she did indeed blame men. This man who had written for help was once a young boy, a child, just as I was and what are we as men supposed to feel and think when we get such responses?'

UK Mother 'drowned four-year-old daughter in bath because she was ashamed of her disability'

Anonymous · 8 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Opening the case for the prosecution Michael Chambers QC told Chester Crown Court that Mrs Hill was "ashamed and embarrassed" of her daughter's condition and murdered her in a "determined and planned act".
...
"The defendant put her in the bath and drowned her by holding her head under the water for a long time until she was dead."

After the killing, Mrs Hill dressed her daughter's body as if nothing was amiss and drove her around for eight hours, drinking several glasses of wine, before taking her to hospital claiming she was unconscious, the jury heard.
...
Mrs Hill, who denies murder but admits manslaughter, told police she had been suffering from suicidal thoughts before the killing and later suggested she was psychotic.
...
"The defendant couldn't cope with caring for Naomi and left a lot of the everyday care to her husband Simon," said the barrister.

"She even suggested to him that Naomi should be adopted but he would never agree to that because he doted on her."
...
Jurors heard how Mrs Hill had told doctors that she was hearing voices in her head but had later admitted making up the account.'

Ed. note: The origianl submission included a link to this story in The Daily Mail but curiously, it is no longer available at that location. A Google search revealed this blog entry that quotes the Mail's version of the story, which included a reference to an affair "the mother" was allegedly having with a coworker, as follows:

'CCTV images captured Hill, who cheated on her husband with a work colleague days before the killing, joking with staff at a petrol station while her child lay dead in the back seat. She eventually took the youngster's body into the casualty department of a local hospital in the early hours of the morning, telling doctors: 'Will somebody help me, I think she is dead."

Blogger: Feminists Flip Out Over Palin

anthony · 9 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'...In many ways Sarah Palin is a model of what feminists have long said they wanted - women who are able to build a successful career on their own without depending on their husband's position to get where they want to go. And to have a family with a husband who fully shares in the parenting duties. Yet now we know that that is not enough. A woman also has to be a liberal to be a true role model: When Gloria Steinem takes to the pages of The Los Angeles Times to tell us that Palin is not the right woman for other women because of her positions, I guess that is a step forward that Palin can be evaluated on the basis of her positions more than on her gender, but it also helps clarify that organizations like NOW were never really about women but only about liberal women. And what they're now horrified to discover is that there are a whole lot of women out there who don't ascribe to that agenda.

...
'Wow! Feminists certainly have flipped on whether women are able to do it all — have a career and a family. And when faced with the sort of husband feminists have been saying they long for - a guy who gave up one of his jobs on the North Slope because of his wife's career and now has stepped forth to take care of the day-to-day child care so that his wife can take care of her career, they totally discount that sort of contribution and come back to attacking the mother.

Well, feminists can spend their time wondering what has become of all that they have argued for in the past. The rest of us can move on and choose to take each female candidate as she comes and judge her on her own individual merits rather than simply her gender or her ideology.'

Phoenix man receives 848 1/2 years in prison for sex crimes

tac0965 · 9 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"On Friday, Judge Maria del Mar Verdin handed 18 life sentences, five 20-year sentences, seven 17-year sentences, four 5-year sentences, and nine 1 1/2-year sentences to James Wallace Galloway, 52, said Mike Scerbo, a spokesman for the county attorney's office.

Galloway was convicted on 43 counts relating to the sexual abuse and molestation of minor children, furnishing obscene material to children and public sexual indecency, Scerbo said."

Comments? Would a woman receive this type of dramatic and emotional sentence by a male judge? What are his chances of getting the sentence reduced?

Ed. note: The point here is not should he be punished with what is effectively a life sentence-- some may think that is too much, others not enough. The point is this: would a female convict of the same crimes get the same kind of sentence?

UK: Mothers should be paid to stay home with their children

anthony · 9 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mothers should receive financial help of up to £6,000 a year to stay at home and care for their babies and toddlers, according to a report which says that nurseries fail to provide the one-to-one adult interaction children need.

Too many parents of babies and toddlers are being forced back to work by financial pressure and government policy when they would prefer to stay at home during their offspring's earliest years, according to the research by a think-tank chaired by the former Conservative leader Iain Duncan Smith.

...

"We need to level the financial playing field for parents," Mr Duncan Smith said. "The current system pressurises mothers – and it is mostly mothers – into going back to work soon after their children are born.'

Hillary backers come to defense of Palin

Daringest · 9 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

"The leaders of a women's political organization that launched earlier this year to support Hillary Clinton are speaking out against what they say are examples of media sexism toward Sarah Palin and urging members to tell the press corps "to back off.

WomenCount, a group co-founded by top Hillary fundraiser Susie Tompkins Buell, posted a lengthy item on their blog decrying questions over whether Palin can, as a mother of five, juggle her family responsibilities and still be vice president.

...
"To paraphrase the words of one blogger who said it best over the weekend: We will defend Sarah Palin against misogynist smears not because we like her or support her, but because that's how feminism works."

I don't know who questioned whether Gov. Palin can "juggle her family responsibilities and still be vice president," but I would hardly consider such a consideration as hatred of women. But again, terming anything feminists don't like as "misogyny" is how feminism works."

Discussing whether a man's age or youth would affect his presidency isn't considered hatred. Asking how a former Vice-Presidential candidate's observance of Saturday as the Sabbath might affect his leadership, if assumed presidential duties, wasn't and shouldn't be considered hatred. Just a question about Palin's responsibilities shouldn't be considered hatred of women.

Illinois Mother Convicted in Drowning Deaths of 3 Children Free on Parole

anthony · 9 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A central Illinois woman convicted in the drowning deaths of her three children is free on parole.

Illinois Department of Corrections spokesman Derek Schnapp says Amanda Hamm left the Dwight Correctional Center just after 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Hamm was convicted of child endangerment in 2006 in the deaths of 6-year-old Christopher Hamm, 3-year-old Austin Brown and 23-month-old Kyleigh Hamm. She served almost five years of a 10-year-sentence.

Hamm's boyfriend, Maurice LaGrone Jr., is serving a life sentence after being convicted of first-degree murder.'

US News & W.R.: "How Hard Do Abortions Hit Men?"

johndias · 9 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

Columnist Adam Voiland of U.S. News & World Report reports on how two organizations -- the Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Evangelization -- are shining a light on the psychological effect that a woman's abortion has on the father. Contrast this with the American Psychological Association's report that an abortion is not detrimental to a woman's mental health (with no investigation or even overture to how it effects that of a man).

Fugitive mom pleads guilty, expects probation

anthony · 9 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PLYMOUTH, Michigan (AP) -- A California woman who escaped from a Michigan prison more than 30 years ago and remade her life as a suburban mother pleaded guilty to escape Tuesday after a judge said he would give her probation.

Susan LeFevre, 53, was in court for a routine hearing on the escape charge. But that changed unexpectedly after the offer from Wayne County Circuit Judge Leonard Townsend, defense attorney William Swor said.

"I was glad the judge was willing to inject some rationality into this environment," Swor said. "He said 'Enough is enough.'"

"She was crying," Swor said of LeFevre. "She was somewhat surprised and relieved that this could come to an end."
...
However, LeFevre must serve at least 5½ years on the drug charge that led to her original sentence of at least 10 years in prison sentence before getting a chance at parole.'

UK: Failing to treat women more favourably is not sex discrimination, Employment Appeal Tribunal rules

anthony · 10 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Failing to treat a woman more favourably than a man is not sex discrimination, the Employment Appeal Tribunal has ruled.

Commander Dawn Kenney, awarded an OBE for active service in Iraq, claimed the Ministry of Defence discriminated against her by rejecting her for the post of captain and medical director in the Royal Naval Reserve (RNR) and giving the job to a man.

...

“Second, and in any event, the fact that in certain very exceptional circumstances it is open to an employer to give preference to one gender rather than to another does not demonstrate that it is even prima facie unlawful discrimination if that opportunity is not taken and all candidates are treated equally,” he said. “It is not discriminating against a woman to fail to treat her more favourably than a man.”'

Heather Mills reneges on charity donation

anthony · 10 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Heather Mills has failed to hand over a multi-million pound charity donation.

The former model vowed to give "a large majority" of her £24.3 million divorce payment from Sir Paul McCartney to the Adopt-A-Minefield organisation, of which she is a patron, but charity sources claim they haven't received anything.

A source said: "They have waited in vain for their millions. She's had plenty of time, but sadly it's yet another untruth by the queen of lies."
...
Meanwhile, Mills's former publicist has branded her a "pathological liar".'

Struggling School-Age Boys

WakeUp · 10 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The subtitle of this article is appropriately called "A new study says parents are right to worry about their sons."

The author points out that instead over-diagnosing boys with ADHD, prescribing medication and placing them in special ed, there are other methods. She suggests it would be helpful for educators to realize that boys have a hands on, visual and active learning style. Sometimes restless boys who are treated as "bad" really just need more free activities and options.

Closing statements from the article: "Let's take a moment, before the school year gets any farther underway, and ask ourselves whether we are raising and educating our boys in a way that respects their natural development. And if we are not, let's figure out how we can bring our family life and our schools back into line."

One other point: Compare this article with the If boys will be boys, men will beat women article which calls for schools to single out boys and put them in special programs which treat them all like potential woman-beaters.

There are so many different attitudes about how boys develop in school.

Philippines: Mother kills daughters, police cite 'poverty' as cause

anthony · 10 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Notice how 'poverty' was the culprit. Apparently dad failed to provide for the family. Excerpt:

'MANILA, Philippines — Police say poverty apparently has driven a jobless woman in the Philippines to kill her three young children and herself by getting them to drink toilet cleaner before she also took some.
...
Police say her husband, a construction worker in Manila, had not sent money for a month.'

Canada: Woman kills sons, seeks 'infanticide' verdict instead of 'murder'

Scottie · 11 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. It will be interesting to see how this plays out. Look at the comments below it. It's encouraging to see some appalled by the double standard. Excerpt:

'A Guelph, Ont., woman who told a psychiatrist she had suffocated her two infant sons is expected hear a verdict Thursday in her trial on murder charges.

The 27-year-old woman, who cannot be identified because she was 17 at the time of her first son's death, has pleaded not guilty to two counts of first-degree murder.
...
The defence has argued that the woman should be convicted of infanticide, rather than murder. Infanticide is defined in the Criminal Code as a woman's killing of her newborn child while her mind is "disturbed" by the effects of childbirth.
...
If convicted of infanticide, the woman could receive a maximum sentence of five years in prison. A first-degree murder conviction carries a mandatory life sentence.'

"When dad is just bad"

Matt · 11 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via email submission. Article here. Excerpt:

'What's a conference on domestic violence without fireworks? An American speaker shot off a doozy here yesterday, charging that the leaders of some fathers' rights groups are abusers who use the organizations as tools to harass women.
...
"The agenda, often by the leadership, is to completely undermine women's rights," she said. "The ones that are the most dangerous are, in fact, creating safety problems for women and children."
...
Want more fireworks? Here goes. Smith also said domestic abusers who fight for custody in U.S. courts win full custody, joint custody or unsupervised access 70% of the time, regardless of the evidence of the mother.'

WST graduate auctioning her virginity

Matt · 11 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

No, not a joke. Read this. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - A 22-year-old woman in the United States is publicly auctioning her virginity to pay for her college education...

The student ... said she had no moral dilemma with her decision and found it "empowering".
...
"We live in a capitalist society. Why shouldn't I be allowed to capitalize on my virginity?" she added.

The woman, who has earned a bachelor degree in women's studies and now wants to start a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, is hoping the bidding will hit $1 million.
...
The online auction site eBay turned her down so the auction will take place at a Nevada brothel, the Moonlite Bunny Ranch, where her sister is working to pay off her college debts.'

Just what would Susan B. say if she were alive to see it?

Study asserts women are ten times more prone to sexual harassment in conract jobs

WakeUp · 11 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This article is worded in a straight-forward way but is only backed by vague information. Not much detail is given about how the study was done. It simply says there was a study, then gives results. It also does not count for the possibility that some participants might lie or have been false sexual harassment accusers in the past. The one credible part is that the study was done at the University of Melbourne and not some by some random small group, yet colleges are a bastion of one-sided feminist ideology.

From the article: ""Our study shows that 79 per cent of those who experience unwanted sexual advances at work are women. People who are employed in casual jobs are about five times more likely to be subjected to unwanted sexual advances."

I'm posting this because I'm honestly not sure if this is legit or questionable. Does anyone have input?

Australia: The Fatherhood Revolution

Anonymous · 11 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The Fatherhood Foundation believes that fatherlessness is a major contributor to the problems our children face. Dr Bruce Robinson says that fatherlessness costs Australia $13 billion a year. Fatherlessness increases the likelihood that children will grow up in poverty, increased crime, drug abuse, youth suicide, child sexual abuse, mental health problems, high levels of child obesity, poor health, poor nutrition and lower levels of educational performance for children. In spite of what radical feminists may say about the ills of patriarchy, involved and loving fathers are foundational for the development of healthy children and strong families."

Police Say School Nurse Had 'Sex' with Teenage Boys

anthony · 12 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A health assistant at a southwest suburban elementary school was charged Thursday with sexual abuse after officials investigated illicit text messages she allegedly sent to teenage boys.
...
During the investigation, police identified three boys who allegedly had physical sexual contact with Obzera in 2006, the release said. She was charged with three counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.'

Man arrested for defending home and child

Matt · 12 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Unbelievable. He finds a naked man in his daughter's room. He didn't know she even had a boyfriend much less that he was sneaking into his house to "see" her. So what does he do? Well he probably thought the kid was a rapist and so attacked him; most men would do this and it's entirely justified. But now the dad faces criminal charges! Unbelievable. So the message to fathers is this: You can't defend your home against someone you perceive reasonably is an intruder bent on assaulting your children or else face criminal charges. Excerpt:

'Authorities say the father, 45, didn't even know his daughter had a boyfriend or that the youngster had been sneaking into the home for more than a year.
...
The father was charged with aggravated battery on a child and bonded out on $10,000.'

Feminist Army Aims at Palin

anthony · 14 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gloria Steinem, the grand mufti of feminism, issued a fatwa anathematizing Palin. A National Organization for Women spokeswoman proclaimed Palin more of a man than a woman. Wendy Doniger, a feminist academic at the University of Chicago, writes of Palin in Newsweek: "Her greatest hypocrisy is in her pretense that she is a woman."
...
The academic feminist left has scared the dickens out of mainstream men and women for so long, the liberal establishment is terrified to contradict feminists' nigh-upon-theological conviction that female authenticity is measured by one's blind loyalty to left-wing talking points. This is a version of the Marxist doctrine of "false consciousness," which holds that you aren't an authentic member of the proletariat unless you agree with Marxism.'

Man who posed as 12-year-old receives 70 1/2 mandatory years in prison

tac0965 · 14 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

An Arizona man will be sentenced to 70 1/2 years in prison for posing as 12 year old to enroll in school, possession of child pornography, and failure to register as sex offender. This will be a mandatory sentence, with no parole or credit for good time. He will be released when he is 100 1/2 years old.

Many of you may say that he deserves every last day of that. However, be aware that he didn't sexually assault or touch any child while attending the school. He also didn't kill anyone. How many people in the prison system are serving much less than 70 1/2 years for 1st or 2nd degree murder. Would a woman get this sentence or be committed to a hospital for 60 days?

'My dearest daughters, today I say goodbye'

Matt · 15 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A father who is giving up after a four-year fight to see his daughters has written the two girls an emotional goodbye email, prompting fathers facing similar situations to say: "Remember, brother, you are not alone."

The email has been distributed as far as the US, Canada and Saudi Arabia.
...
"My dearest daughters, today I say goodbye to you, as I no longer have the strength to continue the four-year battle with your mother. I am mentally, physically and financially drained. Please always know that I love you, and that this is no decision on my part," the email reads.

The father said his ex-wife had prejudiced his daughters against him, resulting in "hate faxes" in which the girls said they didn't want to see him. "I do not know you, I do not go to strangers," the eight-year-old wrote.'

DV Conference article prompts large response

Matt · 15 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Despite Mindelle Jacobs and the Edmonton Sun suggestions, these are the only two letters, currently online at the Edmonton Sun (Friday) [which address the Sept. 10 article]. We had heard that there might be a special section containing some of the best on letters received for Sunday. There is nothing there for Sunday. We had also heard that she might do a "follow-up column" but conventional wisdom suggests she probably has no intention of writing such a column and that she will simply 'ride out the storm' until some time has passed and the outrage has died down, and then begin her assault on us all over again, as she has done for years. We really should not let her and the Edmonton Sun get away with this.

The two letters are here.

Title IX watchdogs keeping tabs on university academic departments

anthony · 16 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Over the past couple years, government agencies such as the Department of Energy, the National Science Foundation and NASA have started undertaking Title IX compliance reviews in university science and engineering programs at a handful of schools across the nation. In fact, auditors from the Department of Energy visited UW-Madison April 1-2 to review its graduate physics program, and a final report is due out by the end of the year.

"American scientists should brace themselves for the destructive tsunami headed their way," said Christina Hoff Sommers, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank.

"Here is what is extremely odd about this Title IX movement," said Sommers. "We are looking at a serious problem with males in education. Our universities are approaching 60 percent female. The University of Wisconsin is about 55 to 56 percent female. So why not have some investigations about the under-representation of men in college enrollment?"

Woman Attacks Man With Sword Over Dirty Dishes

anthony · 16 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(AP) Police say a 20-year-old woman faces an aggravated assault charge after she bit her boyfriend, broke a picture frame across his face and swung at him with a sword during an argument about him not doing the dishes.
...
Henderson said the woman then tried to physically remove Boykins. During the ensuing struggle, Henderson said, Pouncy bit Boykin's' right shoulder and broke a picture frame across his face, causing visible cuts.

The woman then grabbed an approximately 2-foot sword and swung it at Boykin's, missing him, police said.

Pouncy was released from a Mansfield jail after posting a $10,000 bond, jail officials said.'

UK: How the PC brigade are killing off chivalry

anthony · 16 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to Debrett's, the bible of etiquette, political correctness is slowly strangling chivalry.
...
'Of course women don't need men to open doors. But at the same time, a little bit of chivalry is nice - and people need help knowing how to strike the balance, because the boundaries have become blurred.'

'Help a woman with her heavy bags, offer her a seat on the train if she is elderly or pregnant, stand when she enters the room. These are good manners and should come out instinctively rather than contrived gestures that feel outdated and oppressive.'

New York Post: 'GAL'S TOXIC VISINE TEA'

anthony · 16 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Long Island woman who poisoned a housemate by putting eye drops in his iced tea - a dirty trick depicted in the hit movie "Wedding Crashers" - was sentenced yesterday to three years' probation for the sickening assault.
...
"It's not fair," said Gentissi, who had also accused Anzalone of killing his Chihuahua, Gucci.

"This is a woman who tried to poison me. She should have been charged with attempted murder. We were hoping she was going to get a strong sentence."

Anzalone's lawyer said her client was only protecting her unborn child, because Gentissi - who had lived with her and her then-husband, Christopher, in North Bellmore - refused to stop smoking around her while she was pregnant.'

India: Woman kills her 2 children after argument with husband

anthony · 16 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman slit the throats of her two children and then stabbed them to death after an argument with her husband in Uttar Pradesh's Sitapur district, police said Saturday.
...
"Savita slit the throats of her two children and then stabbed them to death," Javed Khan, a police officer, told IANS on the phone.

She had an argument Saturday morning with her husband over money matters, he added.

"Savita was mentally disturbed. After her husband, who is a taxi driver, left the home following the dispute, Savita killed her two children," Khan said.'

New Zealand: Man freed from jail after false rape evidence admission

anthony · 16 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Rotorua man's former partner has admitted gathering false evidence which led to his being jailed for rape before a court quashed his conviction.

Robert Sutton, who owns the Happy Angler store at Mourea, spent 10 months behind bars after being convicted in October 2005 of two violent rapes he says he never committed. He was released following a successful appeal and feels the wheels of justice are finally starting to turn in his favour.

The main complainant in the case against him, his former partner Marion Anne Carter, has this week admitted her role in Mr Sutton's wrongful conviction, pleading guilty to perverting the course of justice.'

Canada: Court finds gender bias in casino's washrooms

anthony · 16 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'For years, the Great Blue Heron Charity Casino in Port Perry, Ont., had a simple policy when it came to cleaning the casino's bathrooms - male employees cleaned the men's rooms and female staff the women's.

That might have remained the case were it not for Joanne Seguin, a part-time washroom attendant who complained that the policy was discriminatory. Her complaint has turned into a five-year battle and so far she's winning.

Last year, the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario ordered the casino to give her back pay plus $10,000 for "loss of dignity." The company appealed, but an Ontario court has now upheld the tribunal's decision, although it ordered a review of the monetary award.'

20-to-life For Woman Who Let Lesbian Lover Beat Son To Death

anthony · 16 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Exceprt:

'A young Manhattan mother who allowed her lesbian lover to beat their 22-month-old son to death will serve more time in prison than the tot's killer.

Zahira Matos, 24, was sentenced Monday to 20 years to life behind bars - at least five years more than her lover - for staying silent about the savage beating.

Carmen Molina, 36, pummeled Yovani Matos so fiercely in September 2004 that she split his liver and fractured his leg. Both women were convicted of murder - Molina after pleading guilty last year and Matos after being found guilty earlier this year.'

Two boys abandoned under Nebraska's `safe haven' law

anthony · 16 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'OMAHA, Neb. (AP) -- The first children to be abandoned at hospitals by caregivers under a new Nebraska "safe haven" law are a teen and a tween.
...
Saturday, a 44-year-old woman said her 15-year-old nephew had behavioral issues that were too much for her. A mother dropped her 11-year-old boy at another hospital that same day. She claimed she could no longer care for the child.'

VP candidate Palin suspected of harassing former brother-in-law

Matt · 16 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Except:

'Juneau, Alaska—Nine days ago, we explored whether Governor Sarah Palin had knowingly made false accusations against Alaskan State Trooper Mike Wooten, who was in a bitter custody battle with Governor Palin's sister, Molly McCann. Based on the public records available by internet, our conclusion was that we couldn't reach a conclusion.
...
Court records show that Judge John Suddock was concerned about persistent attacks on Trooper Wooten by Palin and members of her family. The Judge told them in October, 2005 (when Palin was still a private citizen), "Disparaging will not be tolerated—it is a form of child abuse."
...
In summary, we still do not know whether Governor Palin knowingly made false accusations against Trooper Wooten. But it is clear that she and her family persistently attacked the Trooper's reputation over a period of at least three years, during which the Alaska State Troopers, the Alaska Public Safety Employee's Association, and the Court had all found that most of the accusations were unsupported.'

RADAR ALERT: 13.5% of Likely Voters Say "Fix VAWA Now!"

Matt · 16 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

It's election season and politicians are looking for votes.

One way to convince politicians that the politics is on our side is to show them the votes they will get by supporting a given policy. RADAR has calculated that 13.5% of likely voters, or 16.5 million voters, think the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the intrusive state-level domestic violence laws that flow from it are deeply flawed [cite]. The tables at the bottom of that page [cite] show how we calculated the numbers and the number and percentage of voters in each state.

People adversely affected by VAWA, and their family members, represent a cross section of the electorate and very often feel so strongly about what happened to them that any promise to fix VAWA would override all other issues, and could well be the factor that determines which candidate they vote for.

Please contact candidates from both parties.

1. Look up the numbers for your state here.
2. Show them your state's numbers. Explain that they will win votes if they make a commitment to fixing VAWA and intrusive state domestic violence laws to prevent their provisions from being misused against the innocent.
3. Explain to them that VAWA inspired domestic violence laws clog our courts with false claims of domestic violence, which prevents true victims from getting help.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org/

India: MRAs protest anti-men commercial

Anonymous · 17 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW DELHI: The latest Kitply commercial, in which a wife slaps her husband on their wedding night because their bed made from ordinary plywood kept creaking, has not gone down well with men organisations, who feel that the ad and its likes promote domestic violence. They have complained to the Advertising Standards Council of India asking it to ban the commercial.

“It’s a derogatory commercial, which promotes physical, emotional and financial abuse of men. Kitply may consider it a joke, but violence is not funny; be it against a man or a woman. We are sure you would find the same commercial with reversed roles revolting and so, we urge you to revoke the commercial immediately and take strong legal actions against those who promote domestic violence,” said Save Family Foundation (SFF), an organisation for harassed men, in its complaint.'

RNC male delegate a victim of date rape drugging

johndias · 17 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

A male delegate at the Republican National Committee's convention was drugged by a date rape drug, yet is quoted pointing out the fact that he is single (to deflect the notion that he deserved it). The female attacker also robbed him of $50,000. Excerpt:

'MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Police are trying to find a woman who apparently drugged a Republican National Convention delegate and robbed him of about $50,000 worth of jewelry, cash and other items in his hotel room.
...
"As a single man, I was flattered by the attention of a beautiful woman who introduced herself to me. I used poor judgment. If there is any good that can come from this humiliation, it is to caution others that date rape drugs can be used on men, too," he said.'

India: Female government workers will get 3 years of maternity leave-- none for fathers

arindamp · 17 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW DELHI: This is one rule that could turn women in India Inc green with envy. The Centre has not only increased maternity leave for its employees to six months but has also cleared paid leave for two years to take care of children.

The order, effective from September 1, increases maternity leave of women employees from 135 days to a cool 180 days for each of their two children. From now on, women employees can take paid leave up to two years (730 days) during their career for "taking care" of their two children without affecting their seniority.'

Note that no such privilege has been extended to men employees. Talk about gender equality!

Tennessee to revoke licenses over late child support

anthony · 17 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The state is warning parents delinquent on child support payments that they risk losing drivers licenses, professional licenses and hunting and fishing licenses if they don't pay.
...
More than 7,000 licenses were revoked last year for failure to pay, and there are more than 20,000 licenses currently at risk. Professional licenses that could be revoked include those of registered nurses, real estate agents, security guards and teachers.'

MSNBC: Pass it on: Sons of infertile men may be next

anthony · 17 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As puberty kicks in, scientists believe they may start to see sons who've inherited the problems of their fathers, an issue that many couples may not have considered in their quest to have children.

"This is the generation we've created," said Dr. Tommaso Falcone, who chairs the obstetrics and gynecology department at the Cleveland Clinic and directs the Reproductive Endocrinology Research Laboratory. "We may have tens of thousands of boys born with infertility."

Genetic fallout for ICSI sons is still a largely unexplored issue in the field of infertility, which affects an estimated one in eight couples in the United States, or about 7.3 million people, according to RESOLVE, a national infertility group. Up to 40 percent of cases are attributed to problems with the man, including damaged sperm, low sperm or no sperm at all.'

NCFM-sponsored film "Support? System Down" in Wall Street Journal & Marketwatch

Matt · 18 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc A.: Two months ago NCFM co-sponsored the San Diego premier of the film, "Support? System Down" by filmmaker Angelo Lobo. The theater was full, mostly with unfamiliar faces. Now it's playing in New York City's Millennium Film Workshop on 9/19 and 9/20. NCFM president Harry Crouch is interviewed in the film. Thank you, Mr. Lobo and all who helped on this! Article here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES, Sept 16, 2008 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Why do so many people, including adult children of divorce and members of the military, find themselves involved in family court or child support proceedings? How does the family court/child support system affect today's society and U.S. taxpayers?

Is the current system broken?

Filmmaker, Angelo Lobo, examines these important questions in his new full length documentary, "Support? System Down," which comes to New York City's Millennium Film Workshop, Inc. on September 19th and 20th, 2008 and is open to the public for the admission price of $10.00 at the door. (See below for information regarding dates, location, and times.)'

A trend? Another 'virgin' seeks to sell herself to the highest bidder

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Remember this story? I don't know if it inspired this latest public act of prostitution, but allow me to quote Michael Meyers from his Virgin Airlines posters when I say "There are no virgins on this flight, baby!" Excerpt:

'Showgirl and men's magazine model Raffella Fico, 20, told an Italian magazine: "I can't wait to see who's going to pull out the money to have me."
...
"She's never had a boyfriend. I swear on my mother's grave. She's a devout Catholic and prays to Padre Pio every night," her brother told the magazine.

She is the not the first woman to auction her virginity for a large sum. An 18-year-old US student in San Diego, Natalie Dylan, recently told the Howard Stern show she would have sex for the first time for $1 million to pay her college fees.'

OK, folks, that is the last of the "public whoring" stories I am going to post. I anticipate more but I do not want any trends in luridness to take hold. We get enough of that from the MSM. If nothing else, these instances of "take my (supposed) virginity for a price" stories point out how in fact a woman can advertise to sell her "sexual services" and instead of getting arrested for soliciting, she gets international headline news. If you're male and you try that... well, you know the rest.

Credit crisis affects wives: for richer, for poorer?

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Article here. Financial ruin befalls millions and all this author can talk about is how it affects well-to-do upper-middle and upper-class women that decided to "sacrifice" and stay home while their husbands went to work long hours at stressful finance jobs. Now, of course, we should feel sorry for these poor victims and understand when they head to the local courthouse to file for divorce. You may reply that she seems to be writing with a sense of irony and a general contempt for the complaints in question, but frankly, I don't fall for it. Am I being humorless here? As always, comments welcome. Excerpt:

'"Lehman Brothers employees and their wives are waking up to the reality that their stock is a busted flush, and the trophy wives of other investment bankers will be looking to cash in their chips before their husbands' stock options and deferred compensation go the same way. Either way, the outlook for the unhappily married appears fairly bleak."

...

Of course, the big boys - and girls - at the top understood they were in a high-stakes business where risk was the name of the game, a game, they have belatedly discovered, where there really are losers as well as winners. You may have little sympathy for the City suits, but spare, if you will, a thought for their wives.

Not only have they lost status, but their army of support staff is in severe jeopardy: whither the nannies, cleaners, dog walkers and personal trainers? What will become of the independent schools where they send their children, even the charities who benefited from their conspicuous largesse?

...

But Monday is a long way off, and in the meantime headhunters are being besieged by Lehman casualties looking for new positions, many urged on, no doubt, by resilient wives who refuse to let their breadwinner sink into a self-indulgent depression, however tempting.'

"Good heavens my dear, you may actually need to get a... a... *job*! Perish the thought!"

CBC columist draws fire over Palin column

Matt · 18 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I found about this article from this report. So much for sisterhood. ;) Excerpt:

'It's possible that Republican men, sexual inadequates that they are, really believe that women will vote for a woman just because she's a woman. They're unfamiliar with our true natures. Do they think vaginas call out to each other in the jungle night? I mean, I know men have their secret meetings at which they pledge to do manly things, like being irresponsible with their semen and postponing household repairs with glue and used matches. Guys will be guys, obviously.
...
Palin has a toned-down version of the porn actress look favoured by this decade's woman, the overtreated hair, puffy lips and permanently alarmed expression. Bristol has what is known in Britain as the look of the teen mum, the "pramface." Husband Todd looks like a roughneck; Track, heading off to Iraq, appears terrified. They claim to be family obsessed while being studiously terrible at parenting. What normal father would want Levi "I'm a fuckin' redneck" Johnson prodding his daughter?

I know that I have an attachment to children that verges on the irrational, but why don't the Palins? I'm not the one preaching homespun values but I'd destroy that ratboy before I'd let him get within scenting range of my daughter again, and so would you. Palin's e-mails about the brother-in-law she tried to get fired as a state trooper are fizzing with rage and revenge. Turn your guns on Levi, ma'am.'

UK: Under-fives have almost no male teachers

anthony · 19 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Just one in 50 teachers of the youngest primary schoolchildren in England are male, despite a government recruitment campaign, figures revealed today.

Only 2% of staff in nursery and reception classes, which teach under-fives, are men, according to figures from the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

In schools with receptions but no nurseries, this figure falls to 1%. Men account for 16% of all primary schoolteachers.

The figures led to warnings over the social impact of many boys reaching the age of 11 without a positive male role model.'

UK: Anti-Women Urban Design?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Have you ever queued for a toilet? Tried changing a baby's nappy on a park bench? Slid off the alleged "seat" at the bus stop (or failed to perch on it in the first place)? If so you are a victim of anti-women urban design. Research presented last month at the Royal Geography Society's annual conference found that our cities are still being designed for the benefit of men. The report, by Dr Gemma Burgess of Cambridge University, concluded that the vast majority of town planners are ignoring the gender equality planning regulations that were brought in last year. This is significant, because if public spaces were designed with women in mind, they would look entirely different, with much more lighting, better-situated car parks and more areas where residential and office spaces are mixed, making it far easier to juggle work and childcare.'

Cell phones can affect sperm quality, researcher says

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Keeping a cell phone on talk mode in a pocket can decrease sperm quality, according to new research from the Cleveland Clinic.

"We believe that these devices are used because we consider them very safe, but it could cause harmful effects due to the proximity of the phones and the exposure that they are causing to the gonads," says lead researcher Ashok Agarwal, the Director of the Center for Reproductive Medicine.'

Woman gets life for making child porn

badgerb · 19 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Kelly Lumadue, a 33-year-old woman who was videotaped by her husband having sex with a 5-year-old boy, has been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Lumadue, who was 21 when she had sex with the child, said she performed those acts under duress by her husband (now deceased), a professional photographer who recorded the sessions.'

Edmonton Sun: Divorced from reality

anthony · 19 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I inadvertently stoked the ever-simmering gender war last week when comments I reported from a domestic violence conference unleashed a fusillade of male outrage.
...
Still, the men want their say so let's proceed. I received countless e-mails from wounded men (both physically and emotionally) who said they'd either been assaulted by unhinged wives or falsely accused of either harming their wives or molesting their kids.

"I'm a guppy in a sea of really big and angry fish," wrote one man who said he was falsely accused of sexually abusing his two-year-old daughter.

Men wrote about being assaulted by their wives - with no subsequent charges by the police. They complained about the nasty games women play to cut them out of their kids' lives.'

Fact Check: Did McCain oppose helping women get equal pay?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Statement: At a campaign rally Friday, September 19, in Coral Gables, Florida, Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama said, "It's not that Sen. McCain doesn't care about what's going on in the lives of women in this country. I like to think it's just that he doesn't know. Because, why else would he oppose legislation to help women get equal pay … ?"

The Facts: The legislation Obama apparently referenced is the Lilly Ledbetter Act of 2007 — which would have effectively expanded the length of time during which someone could sue an employer for pay discrimination. Ledbetter, a former Goodyear Tire employee, sued for years of unequal pay, but the U.S. Supreme Court ruled she should have filed suit within 180 days of the first unfair paycheck.'

Slain preacher's wife wins permanent custody of daughters

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HUNTINGDON, Tennessee (AP) -- A woman convicted of killing her minister husband two years ago was granted permanent custody of their three young daughters Friday and said she has resumed a cordial relationship with the grandparents who fought to take the children away from her.
...
Judge Ron Harmon of Carroll County Chancery Court returned full custody following a brief hearing, saying he was pleased that Winkler and her former in-laws have agreed to work together for the good of the children.
...
Winkler, then 33, said she accidentally shot her husband with a shotgun she had intended to use to scare him after a night of arguing. She told a trial jury in Selmer that she had suffered years of emotional and physical abuse from her husband.

She drew a three-year prison sentence but was granted probation for most of it and was sent to a mental institution after sentencing for treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder.'

Sperm Warfare, Another Male Contraceptive Update

Michael · 19 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are short-changed when it comes to birth control. Vasectomy is painful and not always reversible. Condoms blunt pleasure, break and slip off. Or there is that Russian-roulette standby, coitus interruptus.
...
“Men want new contraceptive methods,” says Elaine Lissner, director of the non-profit Male Contraception Information Project in San Francisco.A decade ago demand wasn't there and it was assumed women wouldn't trust men to take charge of birth control anyway. That has changed.”'

India: Kitply ad promotes domestic violence vs. men, groups take legal action

bharati · 20 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

The story is here and here. The views of SIFF and its allied organisation are here.

We have filed a legal complaint with the Advertisement Council of India; the hearing is soon. If they do not act, we have the option of filing in the Indian courts. Promotion of violence is bad, against men or women. We were able to get Ponds (produced by Unilever, Inc.) to withdraw their ad by similar protests. SIFF statement excerpt:

"SAVE INDIAN Family Foundation, strongly and severely condemns the derogatory ad being telecast at the behest of Kitply Industries. The ad shows a young timid man getting married to a woman and on the first night, the bed crumbles. The wife asks the husband, "Kitply nahi laye kya?" (Have you not bought Kitply?) and slaps the husband.

Openly, brazenly and cold – bloodedly this ad not only depicts domestic violence on men, but also promulgates it, inspiring women to do it and telling men that this is a way of life. World over, international studies have proved it beyond doubt that domestic violence is not a gender specific issue and is a matter of equal concern for both men and women."

Rape Case Thrown Out When 'Victim' Sends Accused Love Letters in Prison

anthony · 20 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WINNIPEG, Canada — A Winnipeg man awaiting trial for rape has had all charges dropped after the alleged victim admitted she sent the accused cards and explicit love letters behind bars.
...
The woman claimed in the letters that she missed the accused and was pregnant with his child.
...
Defense lawyer Sheldon Pinx said the woman should be charged with mischief, obstruction of justice or even perjury.'

Wrongly convicted rape defendant freed after 26 years

anthony · 21 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Johnnie Earl Lindsey is a free man.

The wrongfully convicted rapist walked out of a Dallas courtroom this morning, nearly 26 years after a jury convicted him based on erroneous, eye witness identification.

A jury convicted Mr. Lindsey, now 56, of sexually assaulting a woman near White Rock Lake in 1981. DNA tests proved that he was not the man responsible.
...
Now that Mr. Lindsey is free, he said he plans to help other wrongly convicted people.

"I'm going to try my best to help those who are left behind to see that they see justice, too," Mr. Lindsey said.'

Newspaper commentator blog: 'Teenage boys are stupid'

anthony · 21 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Teenage boys are idiots. And today's American teenage boys - whom our culture holds in a sort of manchild limbo long past the age they need to be doing some sort of hard work and earning their keep - are even bigger idiots.

By the time a male is about 16 years old, he has the body of an adult male, an adult male with a brain under assault by a dramatic rush of hormones the likes of which he'll never again see during any other period of his lifetime. Teenage boys are more impulsive and aggressive than any other group. Witness their penchant for crashing cars, diving headfirst into rock quarries, experimenting with drugs, and deciding to "play chicken" by draping themselves across dark country roads in an attempt to prove something to their similarly stupid peers.They are driven by sexual curiosity to the point of insanity, and they hold a misguided sense of immortality.;

Salon.com: 'Dude, where's my manhood?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kimmel pinpoints the cause of young white male frustration in another typically pithy coinage: "thwarted entitlement." You might call this phenomenon the blowback of the civil rights and women's and gay liberation movements, an ever-growing sense among young white males that women and minorities have snatched away the jobs and social positions that their fathers and grandfathers implied they could take for granted. Sure, it's hard for minorities to feel sympathy for white guys who seem to believe in personal responsibility when it comes to poverty yet claim that women and people of color are taking their jobs -- but they may do so at their peril. When large swaths of young men feel disenfranchised, violence is usually in the offing. If the guys Kimmel studies suddenly lost the ability to sponge off their parents, he implies, the effects of "thwarted entitlement" could easily spread out beyond the bad apples and erupt into various forms of chaos.'

New Zealand: Mens' rights group barricade home

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A mens' rights group who claim they have been denied fair process by the justice system took their grievance to a High Court judge's home on Sunday morning.
...
Organiser Benjamin Easton, who describes himself as a disaffected father, says the public have little hope when they come up against the system.'

Obama Panders to Women by Pushing ‘Wage Gap’ Myth in New Ad

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Obama has a new ad out pushing the “wage gap” myth. As we’ve discussed many times, men earn more than women on average for many legitimate reasons. These include:

1) Men work longer hours at more demanding and hazardous jobs.

2) Men are more likely to travel, relocate or have long commutes for their jobs.

3) Men are more likely to have more years and more consecutive years of experience, because women are more likely to work part time or take years off of work to care for their children.'

The new Obama ad is here.

Phyllis Schlafly: Feminists against Palin - shame on you

anthony · 21 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Oh, the unfairness of it all! Steinem bemoaned that women find it so "difficult to be competent and successful and be liked." Au contraire, Hillary and women like her are not disliked because they are competent and successful, but because they are chip-on-the-shoulder feminists, living in an unhappy world of their own making and spreading their discontent like a virus. Feminists convey a notion of entitlement, as though they deserve special privileges today because of wrongs in past years that no one any longer can remember, such as women not having the right to vote. The bad attitude of victimhood is indoctrinated in students by the bitter feminist faculty in university women's studies courses and even in some law schools. Victimhood is nurtured and exaggerated by feminist organizations using their tactic called "consciousness raising," i.e., retelling horror stories about how badly some women have been treated until small personal annoyances grow into societal grievances.'

Eagle Forum Rejects Feminists' Attempt to Institute Government Wage Control

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Story here. Excerpt:

"The feminists support these pieces of legislation because they want Washington bureaucrats, rather than the free market, to unfairly raise the wages of jobs held mostly by females and freeze the wages of jobs held mostly by men," said Eagle Forum president and founder Phyllis Schlafly. "Degrees in education or women's studies or sociology simply do not earn the same pay as degrees in engineering or science or finance, yet more women persist in choosing the former and more men the latter."

Girl, 19, tortured for 13 hours by women after being wrongly accused of stealing phone

Anonymous · 21 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 19-year-old girl was tortured for 13 hours by two women after she was wrongly accused of stealing a mobile phone.
...
During the horrific attack, Raby and her friend Kelly Louise Garrity, 26, punched, burned, kicked and stabbed McNamara before locking her in a cupboard.

The two women hacked off McNamara's long black hair and forced her to lick her own blood off the floor.
...
Katie's injuries were so severe her mother Denise didn't even recognise her in the hospital bed.
...
Garrity was sentenced to four years in prison and Raby 40 months in a young offenders' institution after both pleading guilty.'

On YouTube: Joe Biden & Hillary Clinton Discuss VAWA

anthony · 22 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. This is a long video, running about 32 minutes. Quotes from Biden:

'VAWA has freed thousands of women imprisoned in their own home'

'70% of all women arriving at emergency rooms are there because of the consequence of a mans fist'

'70% of homeless children are the result of domestic violence'

'Women have been re-victimized in the courts'

'100,000 free lawyers standing with women'

Where's Matt? Even I Take Vacations Now and Then

Matt · 22 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

MANN regulars,

From Tuesday Sept. 23 until Friday Oct. 3, I will not be doing my usual MANN modding thing. In the interim, other MANN mods will be reviewing submissions and making posts to the site. Until then... fidem scit! :)

Matt

Sexist men 'earn the most money'

Broadsword · 22 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Scientists have found men who believe a woman's place is in the home earn thousands more per year than their less traditionally minded male colleagues.

They discovered the "macho" pay gap amounts to more than £4,500 a year.

The tables were turned among women, however, with feminists earning more than women with traditional outlooks.

The difference between their pay packets was much smaller, the research showed, adding up to just over £800 per year...

...After excluding other factors such as education, the complexity of a job, the number of hours that a person works, the scientists found that sexist men made an average of £4,600 ($8,500) a year more than men who viewed women as workplace equals.

Macy's National RESPECT! Campaign: no mention of female DV perps

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SAN FRANCISCO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 18, 2008--On Friday, September 19, the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF) and Macy's will ask the nation to join in marking the first annual National RESPECT! Day(SM). A newly designated observance, National RESPECT! Day will launch a multi-year movement, in partnership with Macy's, designed to raise awareness of domestic and dating violence and to encourage positive discourse about prevention by teaching respect.
...
For more than two decades, the Family Violence Prevention Fund has been one of the world's leading organizations working to prevent violence against women and children. Instrumental in developing the landmark Violence Against Women Act passed by Congress in 1994, the FVPF has continued to break new ground by reaching new audiences including men and youth, promoting leadership within communities to ensure that violence prevention efforts become self-sustaining, and transforming the way health care providers, police, judges, employers and others address violence. For more information, visit www.endabuse.org.'

Baldwin book rails against family court system

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Alec Baldwin blamed a "corrupt" family court system Monday in part for dragging out the bitter custody battle between him and ex-wife Kim Basinger after the couple's divorce in 2002.

The actor, fresh off his first Emmy win the night before, said it contributed to the anger and frustration he was feeling when he berated his daughter in a phone message leaked to the media last year.

In the book, Baldwin rails against the family court system in Los Angeles, offers advice based on his own experience with divorce litigation and talks about how one parent can turn a child against another parent.

Baldwin said he's apologized to his daughter, Ireland, for the phone message, which he said was wrong and "horrified" him. But he added that it never should have been released without his permission.'

Economist.com: The Triumph Of Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are also winning the most important of all gender wars—the war for educational qualifications. They earn 57% of bachelor's degrees, 59% of master's degrees and half of doctorates. And they are doing better all the time. In terms of higher education, women drew equal with men in 1980. By the early 1990s six women graduated from college for every five men. Projections show that by 2017 three women will graduate for every two men. The meritocracy is inexorably turning into a matriarchy, and visibly so on many campuses: the heads of Harvard, Princeton, MIT, Brown and the National Defence University are all women.

Boys, meanwhile, are more likely to drop out of high school than girls. They are also more likely to be consigned to special education classes or prescribed mood-managing drugs. Men are more likely to commit crimes, end up in prison, kill themselves or be murdered. Even their sperm count is headed south. The long-term result seems unavoidable: men are becoming ever more marginalised, while women are taking over the commanding heights of wealth and power.'

"Men to Boys: The Making of Modern Immaturity"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The old always seem to blame the young for the downfall of civilization. So readers under 40 might be skeptical when I, a member of the “senior class” of Baby Boomers (born in 1946), claim that markers of male maturity have declined sharply in the last 20 years. Who am I to complain? Many from my generation rejected the values of their parents, and vowed in the 60s to never trust anyone over 30. But I still think it’s fair to say today there is no rush into maturity if that can be measured by an early embrace of family responsibility.'

Washington Post: Enough to Make a Grown Man Cry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At this point in the review, we pause to allow women to expel a thundering, collective scoff. This notion is bogus, for sure. Right? Has to be. There's no way 40 years of feminism have pulverized millennia of male domination. Nevertheless, four books rolling out this fall are standing up for men by saying maybe we've been too focused on women's advancement to realize that boys are withering in school, stumbling blindly through adolescence, living recklessly during and beyond college and slouching toward manhood.'

'Biden Babble and the Dancing Fool'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Like so many chivalrous male victims Biden defends his abusers even having suffered “nuclear sanction”. I say “abusers” because someone in his immediate family other than his sister must have rendered the mushrooming catastrophic punishments. Even so, Sister Valerie Biden Owens had “absolute impunity” giving her license to abuse at will without fear of penalty.

Valerie’s “absolute impunity” tragically lives through VAWA. For example, now infamous Mary Winkler recently escaped the death penalty and long term imprisonment murdering her husband Mathew by shooting him in the back. Wrenched with pain it took Mathew 20 minutes to die. Mary watched, made no effort to call 911, and later played “the abuse excuse” card, even though other than her testimony there was no evidence to support her claims of being abused. Matthew Winkler’s oldest daughter, Patricia, said her father was a good man and did not abuse her mother. Now free, the Courts even gave Winkler custody of her children, thereby denying their understandable wish to live with their grandparents rather than the woman who murdered their father in cold blood.'

Meghan Daum: He likes his equality; he'll have it no other way

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This is an article about Roy Den Hollander, the man suing Columbia because of bigoted Women's Studies programs. This writer challenges his notion and suggests Men's Studies does exist, though not at Columbia. While certain colleges do offer such a program they are essentially by-products of the Women's Studies departments. Essentially, they teach chivalry and male self-loathing.

'I know what you're wondering, and the answer is yes. Men's studies exists in the broader academic world, although Columbia doesn't have a men's studies department. It explores such subjects as "paradigms of fatherhood" and "gendered violence." And according to Harry Brod, editor of the scholarly book "The Making of Masculinities: The New Men's Studies," it's an outgrowth of the feminist movement. "If Roy Den Hollander really understood what men's studies was," Brod told me, "he wouldn't be in favor of it.'

Mom Admits She Helped Son Build Arsenal, Psych. Evaluation Pending

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman admitted she helped her troubled, bullied 14-year-old son build a cache of weapons by buying him a rifle and gunpowder, but investigators still don't know if she was aware her son was planning a deadly school attack.

Michele Cossey, 46, pleaded guilty Tuesday in Norristown to one count of child endangerment. She admitted that she bought him a rifle with a laser scope and gunpowder, which investigators said he was using to build grenades.
...
Michelle Cossey's sentencing hearing won't happen until after she undergoes a psychiatric evaluation. The maximum possible prison term is 3½ to 7 years, but her defense attorney she could get less than a year - or even just probation - under sentencing guidelines.'

Is Google biased against men?

Anonymous · 24 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

They are giving scholarships to female students, but not to men students. How would the feminists have reacted, if it was the other way round?

http://www.google.com/anitaborg/
http://www.google.co.in/jobs/womeninengineering/award/index.html

Woman Prison Escapee Gets Probation After Serving 14 Months of Ten Year Sentence

Roy · 24 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A California woman who escaped from a Michigan prison 32 years ago and lived on the lam as a suburban mother was sentenced to probation Wednesday, five months after her capture.

"I knew for years this was coming," Susan LeFevre, 53, said.

Wayne County Circuit Judge David Groner said LeFevre had already served 14 months in prison on a drug conviction when she escaped.

"The court finds no reason to give you extra time," said Groner, who ordered two years of probation."

Now, this woman was sentenced originally in 1974 to ten years for heroin distribution. She jumped the prison fence after 14 months and lived as a fugitive until last year.

I suppose the obligatory question is -- do you think a male fugitive would get a minimal probation, or would he be back in the slammer serving out his sentence?

And more importantly, when is she going to be on Oprah and get her book deal?

Dad battles for son taken to Brazil four years ago

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It is like a nightmare for David Goldman, except that when he wakes up, it is still there. His son Sean, abducted to Brazil by the boy's mother four years ago, remains almost in sight but always out of reach, in defiance of the laws of two nations and the world.
...
Goldman thought his marriage was solid and his wife happy. But when she got to Brazil, his wife called him and said she was not returning to the United States. And, she said, she was keeping Sean with her. What's more, Goldman says, Bruna told him that if he ever wanted to see Sean again, he would have to assign sole custody of the boy to her.

Goldman had been traveling to Brazil for every court hearing that ruled against him over the years. He went again, only to discover that his late wife's Brazilian husband had filed a petition with local family courts to remove Goldman's name from Sean's birth records and replace it with his own.
...
"[That] would exclude me from ever even being my son's father," Goldman told Vieira. "So far, the Brazilian judicial system is letting him do this."

Christina Hoff Sommers: Foolishly Seeking Gender Equity in Math and Science

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Article here. Excerpt.

'Why do women avoid classes like Math 55? Why, in fact, are there so few women in the high echelons of academic math and in the physical sciences? Women now earn 57% of bachelors degrees and 59% of masters degrees. According to the Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2006 was the fifth year in a row in which the majority of research Ph.D.s awarded to U.S. citizens went to women, who earn more Ph.D.s than men in the humanities, social sciences, education, and life sciences. Elsewhere, though, the figures are different. Women comprise just 19% of tenure-track professors in math, 11 % in physics, and 10% in computer science and electrical engineering. Moreover, the pipeline does not promise statistical parity anytime soon; women are earning 24% of the Ph.D.s in the physical sciences- way up from the four percent of the 1960s, but still far behind the rate they are winning doctorates in other fields. "The change is glacial," notes Debra Rolison, a physical chemist at the Naval Research Laboratory. Rolison and others want to apply Title IX to science education.'

Beware the Queen Bee boss

Anonymous · 25 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'They call it the Queen Bee Syndrome and the sting in it is that it punctures a great feminist myth.

For years the sisterhood has moaned that if only more women could smash through that glass ceiling, if only more women got the top jobs and if only we all had women bosses, our working environment would be a far warmer, caring, sharing place to be.

Now a university study finally proves that the opposite is true.

In fact, women who work for other women suffer more from both psychological and physical ailments - depression, insomnia and headaches among them - and are more likely to end up embroiled in workplace conflict.'

Girlfriend Hires Assassins, Brazilian Soccer Player Brutally Murdered

anthony · 26 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Brazil is in mourning after former Vasco de Gama player Thiago da Silva was brutally tortured and murdered, allegedly by hired assassins on the orders of his ex-girlfriend.
...
According to reports from the local police, the instigator of the crime is da Silva's former girlfriend.
...
He was handcuffed, beaten and tortured. When he tried to flee he was hit by three bullets.

Both the former girlfriend and her aunt, Marcia Padula Viana, were arrested on Sunday as instigators of the crime, and accused of hiring the assassins to kill da Silva.'

Female thug attacks teacher, walks free

Anonymous · 26 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An expelled schoolgirl who blamed a maths teacher for her exclusion stormed into a classroom and launched a ferocious attack on the woman, which left her in hospital.

The girl stabbed at the teacher's face with a marker pen, before punching her to the ground and kicking her until her legs bled, witnesses said.

Pupils and fellow teachers screamed at her to stop until two male members of staff managed to drag the girl away.

Police were called and the girl was arrested but she was later released with a caution.'

Video: HPV: The Male Factor

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Video here. Caption: 'HPV doesn't just affect women. Its also causing oral cancer in men, often showing up in late stages.'

Fidelity Slams Men in TV Ad

Anonymous · 27 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Anyone else notice the Fidelity ads on tv slamming the man for wanting to invest into his classic car? The woman in the ad treats his idea like he is some kind of fool. I know late 60's and early 70's cars that were bought for less than 4,000 that sell now for over 65,000. If Fidelity can offer a bigger savings pile up, I would LOVE to see it.

Men should pull there money out of Fidelity soon. They couldn't do that ad if the roles were reversed.

ABC Does Special on Parental Alienation

anthony · 27 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From this article:

'In an interview with ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer, Baldwin, 50, spoke about his lengthy court struggles with Basinger, 54, and said that when the voice mail was released, it brought him to the brink of suicide.

"I used to pray to God every night. I would get in bed, and I would say, please, don't let me wake up in the morning," Baldwin said. "I began to think about what little town I would repair to in order to commit suicide. And then you, obviously you say, well, what would that do to my child if I killed myself? Me, I really didn't care about me."

Study finds women wield power at home

Michael · 27 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From this article:

'Around the house, women rule. And men aren't putting up a fight about it...'

'Across all decision-making realms, it tilts to the woman," said Rich Morin, the study's lead author. "I was surprised by the percentage of men who made none of the decisions in any of the areas."

"Despite the fact that in our society, we have had this notion of males as heads of households, we have seen the pattern that women tend to really be the managers."

Jealous Moms Impact Dad's Parenting Role

anthony · 29 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From the article:

'If we're not careful, jealousy and insecurity can turn moms into control freaks. So says Park, a recovering control freak herself. "With our first child, I was constantly asking my husband, 'Are you making sure he's getting his vegetables?' It feels good to make the decisions."

Trouble is, "the more we control how dads do things, the less involved they want to be," Park says. A recent Ohio State University study of almost 100 couples with newborns backs her up: Researchers found that even dads who believed they should be highly involved in childcare shied away from doing things for their infant if Mom was very judgmental.'

False rape reports can bring lasting harm

anthony · 29 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'While falsely reporting a rape only ranks as a misdemeanor, the effects of such reports can cause irreparable damage.

...

In February, a Marist College student said she was raped by a masked man on campus. The reports caused fear and concern among residents and elevated police responses.

Not long after the report was made, the student was arrested by town police on a charge of third-degree falsely reporting an incident.'

Day 3 For 2 Dads On A Crane

MR · 29 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Day 3 For 2 Dads On A Crane

"COLUMBUS, Ohio -- It's the third day for two fathers who are protesting for the rights of fathers.

Paul Fischer, who is an Ohio father dressed like Superman, and Donald Tenn, a California father who was wearing a Spiderman suit, were protesting for the rights of dads who are in custody disputes with ex-spouses."

"The men were (are) up on the large crane with a banner that reads, "Stop the War on Fatherhood" and "Fathers 4 Justice.""

Woman gets 48 years in boy's starvation death- husband gets life without parole

Michael · 29 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Denver woman who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the starvation death of 7-year-old Chandler Grafner has been sentenced to 48 years in prison.
...
Her husband, 27-year-old Jon Phillips, was convicted of first-degree murder in August and sentenced to life without parole.'

CNN: Oh, yes it's ladies' night, judge rules

anthony · 30 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It's closing time for a lawsuit alleging ladies' nights at nightclubs discriminate against men.
...
The lawsuit was brought by attorney Roy Den Hollander, who has crusaded against feminism and recently sued a university over its women's studies program.

Hollander said ladies' nights at Manhattan nightclubs discriminate against men by offering women free or discounted admission and drinks. He tried to link the state to the discounts because it licenses the sale of alcohol at nightclubs.

He called the judge a feminist and said her dismissal of his lawsuit was consistent with the discrimination embedded in many of America's institutions.'

Scotland: We can't afford casualties in education battle of the sexes

anthony · 30 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But new government figures can now officially put that argument to bed as they confirm that girls are better than boys.

Or, at least, they show that girls are top of the class for another year as far as exam results are concerned
...
'And, accepting the consensus that boys are just as bright as girls, it is impossible to disagree. We surely can't stand back and do nothing when half of our children are getting a raw deal. The most obvious first step seems to be experimenting with the curriculum to try to find a way of engaging boys more in their studies.
...
"But, at the end of the day, if girls are outperforming boys and there's no explanation for it, then it's a serious problem that needs to be addressed."'

Single Sex School's Fine for Girls, Not for Boys

anthony · 30 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Now my little guy ... not so much. Call me sexist, call me old-fashioned, call me crazy -- but for my little man, it'll be a co-ed education all the way. Every time I say this out loud, people give me the evil eye -- as if I just took feminism back 50 years or so. Let's get one thing straight -- this has nothing to do with feminism or favoritism or any other -ism you want to throw at me. This is about a mom who wants the best possible education for her children -- both inside and outside the classroom.

...

Now boys (on the other hand) are an all together different story. I grew up with a brother and dozens of friends who went to all boys school. While they're perfectly charming adults -- all mostly married and gainfully employed, I can't help but think they all would have benefited from having girls around a bit more. I want my son to excel in school, play sports and yes, even share jokes and locker room antics with his buds. But I also want my son to respect girls and see them as friends, not just objects to oogle and brag about. That element, sadly, is what I fear is missing in many all boys environments.'

Teacher Gets 6 Years In Student Sex Case

anthony · 30 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(AP) Kelsey Peterson's maturity level wasn't much higher than the sixth-grade students she taught. The 26-year-old teacher who started having sex with a former student when he was 12 wasn't a sexual predator, but she will have to register as a sex offender when she gets out of prison.

That's the verdict of a federal judge, who on Monday sentenced Peterson to six years behind bars for fleeing to Mexico with the boy when he was 13.

U.S. District Judge Laurie Smith Camp said Peterson's maturity level "seems to be on the level of a junior high school student," and the boy's attorney agreed.'

Mount Saint Joseph Student Student Charged With False Rape Report

anthony · 30 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Police arrest a College of Mount Saint Joseph student they say made a false rape report.

...

Delhi Police say she later admitted she willingly had sex with the man she accused.

She said in a report she made the allegation because she was afraid her reputation was ruined.'

India: 2 women held for extorting money in false rape case

anthony · 30 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Exceerpt:

'NEW DELHI: Two women were arrested in the national capital for allegedly extorting Rs 100 from a man after threatening to implicate him in a rape case, police said on Friday.
...
The incident took place when Gaur stopped his motorcycle at Netaji Nagar on September 24, police said, adding that suddenly three women appeared on the scene and one of them sat on his vehicle.

While the second woman stood in front of the vehicle, the third took the keys and demanded money threatening that they would raise alarm and implicate him in a rape case, they said.

Gaur gave Rs 100 and drove away from the scene to police station where he registered a complaint.

A police team accompanied Gaur to the spot and after sometime they found the women standing near the Netaji Nagar round-about waiting for another prey.'

Sweden: Cab driver cleared of false rape allegations

anthony · 30 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A young Swedish couple has been charged with bearing false witness after the woman reported she had been raped by a cab driver when the driver tried to get the couple to pay for their ride.
...
“I felt like I’d lost all my rights when I was suddenly arrested. I just wanted to get paid for the trip,” the cab driver said during questioning, according to TT.

The woman later recanted her story about the alleged rape when she learned that a surveillance camera mounted in the taxi had recorded the couple leaving the vehicle without paying.

The cab driver is now demanding compensation for indignity, lost income, as well as pain and suffering.'

Massachusetts Politician: Correct “The Violence Against Women Act” Now

anthony · 30 September 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'“We have no evidence to date that VAWA has led to a decrease in the overall levels of violence against women,” according to Angela Moore Parmley, PhD at the U.S. Department of Justice.
...
One study by the Massachusetts Trial Court reviewed the domestic restraining orders issued in the Commonwealth. The study found that less than half of the orders involved even an allegation of violence. In other words, the order was issued solely on the basis of alleged fear or emotional distress, not because of actual or imminent violence.
...
Elaine Epstein, former president of the Massachusetts Bar Association, spoke candidly about the problem: “Everyone knows that restraining orders and orders to vacate are granted to virtually all who apply… In many cases, allegations of abuse are now used for tactical advantage.”
...
'Now most of you who’ve read my columns know how little sympathy I have for those who make false accusations. Many people have been unjustly incarcerated, while the person who may recant can do so without so much as saying “sorry” while lives are ruined and reputations are destroyed.'

Tell-all father's rights registry needs more exposure

anthony · 1 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From this article:

'Fathers-to-be are not exactly queuing up to get on Virginia's Putative Father Registry. One year after its creation, only 64 men have signed up.

The registry was created so that unmarried men can preserve their legal rights in case they father a child out of wedlock. The response is just as underwhelming in the other 35 states with similar registries.

The only certain way to prevent that from happening is to register every sex act or to abstain. Most men will probably reject both options. But the growing number of registries around the country are a recognition that the old adoption laws were flawed, too.

For instance, mothers can now avoid the humiliation of having their names published in newspaper legal notices, previously required before the child of an unknown or absent father could be placed with adoptive parents. Children can more quickly be sent to stable homes, and adoptive parents have more protections against lawsuits years after the fact.

Putative father registries are here to stay, and Congress is considering a bill that would create a national version, ensuring notification even when one parent moves out of state.'

The Double Standards of Divorce

arindamp · 1 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

From this article:

'When a man asks for divorce, we blame him for not valuing a life long commitment. If a woman asks for divorce, in seven out of ten cases they do, we assume that the man must have been responsible for forcing her into the situation.'

'The social prejudice is definitely against the men. It is just not restricted to society but is also present in our judicial system. The divorce laws are totally biased towards the women. In a majority of cases she gets the automatic custody of the children, gets a lion's share of the assets and gets paid alimony most of her life.'

Stride Gum Jumps on Misandric Advertising Bandwagon

xtrnl · 1 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Well, fellow MRAs, it's time to start boycotting Cadbury Adams, the maker of Trident and Stride gum. As if those terrible Trident Splash commercials weren't enough, now Stride has a commercial featuring not one, but two groin shots. In the ad, a man is crossing the street, talking on his cellphone, when out of nowhere a ram comes along and hits him in the crotch. He then falls and tries to get up, when it hits him again, forcing him to spit out his gum. Two guys then come along, grab the piece of gum and jump into a van.

This ad is beyond immature, and is reminiscent of the trident ad "the fifth dentist". I'm convinced that the advertising department at cadbury adams must really hate men. I decided to write them the following letter:

Hi. I was just writing because I have a great idea for an ad for your product, Stride gum. A woman is just walking down the street, minding her own business, when out of nowhere a ram head butts her in the crotch, causing her to fall to the ground in agonizing pain. Then when she tries to get up, it hits her again, causing her to spit out her Stride gum.

Obviously, this ad would be in bad taste, so why is it okay to do the same type of thing with a man as the victim of the brutal sexual assault? As you can see, I'm referring to your latest ad "Office Park". Of course, Trident, another brand of Cadbury Adams has also had an ad like this in the past called "the fifth dentist". I don't find groin strikes to be funny, whether they're happening to a man or a woman. It's just offensive. Obviously, I don't intend to buy your products. I just thought I would give you the heads up as to why that is.

Sincerely,
Evan Springler

Please write Cadbury Adams, and let them know what you think. To watch the ad, go to Stridegum.com, click on advertising, then click on the link entitled "Office Park". Then please, click the "Contact Us" link and let them know your thoughts.

Thanks a lot, brothers!

Wife who made glass lunches avoids jail

WakeUp · 1 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This article from ninemsn in Australia is about a woman who crushed florescent glass with a meat tenderizer and mixed it into her husbands sandwiches to poison him slowly. After discovering an affair he was having, she decided to get her revenge this way. The husband eventually found a tupperware container full of this crushed glass and a note.

From the article: "The court heard Mr Nash called police after he found his wife's handwritten note saying: "Q - at death what happens to transfer of property?""

Comments from the judge, from the article: "However, Justice Tennent said Quessy, a charity worker, was unlikely to reoffend and was previously of exemplary character."

From the article: "Justice Tennent noted Mr Nash had lifted an apprehend violence order against his wife in March, allowing her to return home after he had testified that he no longer feared her. A silent Quessy was shepherded out of the Hobart Supreme Court past waiting media by 12 supporters just before lunchtime."

12 supporters? No jail time? Unlikely to reoffend?

Moxon: No Ceiling, 'concrete' or glass

Timothy · 2 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Author Steve Moxon places yet another nail in the coffin of the thrice-debunked "glass ceiling" myth.

An excerpt from the article: *"There is no "concrete ceiling" for women. Or even a glass one, come to that. Yet this entirely bogus and unscientific notion is claimed by the Equality & Human Rights Commission -- as a continuation of the old mantra from the unlamented EOC. Women newspaper columnists have queued up this last week to rubbish it, though only on the unenlightened usual lines of women being held back by babies. The broadcast media struggled even to manage this, notably remaining as scientifically illiterate on this as on all matters.*

Women certainly are 'going backwards', but it's not just over the past year as the EHRC fears: the position of women at the top has been consistently falling for well over a decade -- probably two. Women become less evident in commercial organisations the more commercial (and therefore hierarchical) they are. The numbers of women on the board has declined, and even more so have the numbers of women even in any 'head of function' role -- which is the launchpad for future board membership. This means that the decline will continue to accelerate.'

Women who conceive accidentally on purpose

Michael · 4 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A growing number are intentionally becoming pregnant by men they don't expect to be involved. Is it feminism or folly?

...

Katya's attitude might seem blunt, reducing it to nothing more than a biological transaction between herself and a suitable stud, but as a fiercely independent and financially secure woman, she is not alone. The news that the French justice minister, Rachida Dati, 42, is pregnant was greeted with feverish speculation about the identity of the father. Dati, meanwhile, has refused to name him, saying simply that her private life is "complicated". "I've always said that having a child was fundamental to me," was as far as she would go.'

India: Court ruling says no alimony for women with adequate income

Matt · 4 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In a significant pronouncement on family matters, the Delhi High Court has ruled that a woman earning sufficient income is not entitled to maintenance from her estranged husband.

The logic for alimony is given in a Supreme Court ruling, which says that a woman is entitled to maintenance if her personal income is insufficient to maintain the standard of living she was accustomed to while living with her husband.'

RADAR ALERT: Tell the Democratic National Committee to Fix VAWA Now!

Matt · 5 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

13.5% of likely voters, or 16.5 million voters, believe the Violence
Against Women Act (VAWA) and the intrusive state-level domestic violence laws that flow from it are deeply flawed. (The calculations, including number and percentage of voters in each state, are shown at http://www.mediaradar.org/political_argument_for_fixing_vawa.php)

People adversely affected by VAWA, and their family members, represent a cross section of the electorate and very often feel so strongly about the harm they suffered that any promise to fix VAWA would override all other issues. This could well be the factor that determines which candidate they vote for.

Furthermore, VAWA-inspired domestic violence laws clog our courts with false claims of domestic violence, which prevents true victims from getting help.

This week, we ask you to share RADAR's calculations with the Democratic National Committee: http://www.democrats.org/page/s/contactissues

According to the DNC's website, one of their guiding principles is to "restore our civil liberties and uphold the civil rights of all." (http://www.democrats.org/a/party/stand.html) Tell them one way they can achieve this laudable goal, and pick up lots of votes in the process, is to Fix VAWA Now!

As always, be courteous.

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Date of RADAR Release: September 29, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Nebraska 'safe haven' law for kids has unintended results

Matt · 5 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Of course the opening text reports three fathers abandoning kids at "safe haven" spots, creating the impression that they are the typical dropper-offers. Excerpt:

'Between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Wednesday, three fathers walked into two hospitals in Omaha and abandoned their children. One left nine siblings, ages 1 to 17.

The men, unless proven to have abused the kids, won't face prosecution under a new Nebraska law that is unique in the nation. The law allows parents to leave a child at a licensed hospital without explaining why.
...
Landry says the courts will decide whether to require the parents to pay child support or to try to reunite them with their children.
...
All 50 states have "safe haven" laws, but the others apply only to infants less than 1 year old.

The Nebraska law is the "worst-case scenario of unintended consequences," says Adam Pertman, executive director of the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, a research group. He says it allows parents to walk out on troublesome teens.'

UK: Boys do better when they are taught by men, study finds

anthony · 5 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys will perform better in education if they have a male teacher in their primary school, according to research published today.

A study of more than 1,000 men reveals almost half of them (48 per cent) cited male primary school teachers as having had the most impact on them during their school life.

In addition, 35 per cent said having a male teacher challenged them to work harder at school while 22 per cent said males had boosted their confidence in their own ability.'

BBC: False rape woman spared custody

anthony · 5 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who set off a major police investigation after falsely claiming she was raped by a stranger in Orkney, has been spared a custodial sentence.
...
Sutherland was sentenced to 300 hours of community service at Kirkwall Sheriff Court.

Sheriff Graeme Napier said Sutherland came across as a selfish young lady whose actions had had an insidious effect on the community, but that she deserved some credit for admitting her guilt.'

India: 'Women’s fib'

anthony · 5 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Isn't it infuriating when women who probably abhor the very fundamentals of feminism suddenly embrace it in order to play victim? And isn’t it so offensive when Gender is used as the convenient and automatic justification for losing?

Watching the otherwise fascinating American elections unfold, I’m stunned by how ‘sexism’ has become a central character in the narrative. First, they argued that Hillary Clinton got booted out because she was female. Never mind her dithering, incoherent positions on Iraq; forget about the surly anger and petty control that her husband brought to the campaign and don't even mention the fact that when they thought the ‘tears’ were working, her managers pushed her into playing it even ‘more female’. If anything, surely that’s sexist?'

I guess the 'Voodoo Knife Block' wasn't offensive enough to men...

Proud_to_be_a_man · 5 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

... so they've created some new 'hilarious' crap to offend all penis-owners everywhere (at least those of us who aren't pussy-whipped into thinking this kind of thing is 'fun'...)

http://www.voodooknifeblock.co.uk/hanging-harry-light-pull.php
http://www.voodooknifeblock.co.uk/dead-fred-pen-holder.php
http://www.voodooknifeblock.co.uk/splat-stan-drinks-coaster.php
http://www.voodooknifeblock.co.uk/voodoo-doll-toothpick-holder.php

Appalling.

UK: Teachers who have consensual sex with pupils should not face prosecution, says union

Michael · 5 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Child protection experts reacted with fury last night after the head of a teachers' union said staff who have sex with pupils over 16 should escape prosecution.
...
Teachers who have sex with sixth form pupils are only guilty of an 'error of professional judgement' and it is unfair to put them on the sex offenders register, she insists.
...
Dean Dainty, who was 16 when he had a sexual relationship with his 22-year-old drama teacher Nicola Prentice, says the teacher's abuse of her position wrecked his life.

In an interview for the programme he said: ‘Looking back now, I wish it had never all happened. It affected me in a big way, my personality and things, and I started to do stupid things after it and not be myself.

'It took me a long time to get myself back together – I suppose it took a piece of my life away really.’"

Hearing For Woman Who Stabbed Husband 193 Times Extended

Roy · 5 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"HOUSTON -- Attorneys for a woman convicted of stabbing her husband nearly 200 times got an extra day Friday to prove their claims that she suffered from battered woman syndrome....

Susan Wright and her attorney are asking for a new trial and a new sentencing because her first trial attorneys were allegedly deficient by not calling key witnesses during her murder trial more than four years ago. Wright is trying to shorten her 25-year prison sentence. She claims the killing was in self-defense after being abused by her husband, Jeffrey, for many years."

One might ask the obvious question. If Wright was battered for years, why did she not flee to refuge in any of the hundreds of women's shelters available to her, instead of killing her husband?

Rhode Island schools required to teach about dating violence

Matt · 5 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Not such a bad idea-- but will the curriculum include the whole truth about intimate partner violence? Excerpt:

'One other state, Texas, mandates unspecified awareness education on dating violence for students and parents, while several other states encourage it. But the Rhode Island measure goes further by requiring the topic be incorporated annually into the curriculum for students in seventh through 12th grade.
...
School districts are expected to start implementing the law this school year. By December, officials hope to have established a policy for responding to incidents of dating violence.

The law is gaining traction around the country, with members of the National Association of Attorneys General unanimously adopting a resolution encouraging the education in their states. Nebraska's top prosecutor said he intends to submit legislation modeled after Rhode Island's law, and apparel maker Liz Claiborne Inc. has helped promote it around the country.'

Baskerville on the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election and VAWA

Anonymous · 6 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Excellent YouTube video of Stephen Baskerville, PhD, author of "Taken Into Custody", on the 2008 Presidential election and VAWA. Note what is said about Biden! MANN readers, please send the YouTube link through your networks ASAP.

Video link:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JsB0f32NaM

Also, if you have a "Current" account be sure to vote his video up so that it will be shown on Current TV.

Thank you for your activism!

Woman Loses Appeal in 'Milkshake Murder' Trial

anthony · 6 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'HONG KONG — An American woman lost an appeal Monday of her conviction in a Hong Kong court for the beating death of her husband in a sensational case widely known as the "milkshake murder" trial.
...
The 44-year-old housewife from Minnesota was convicted in 2005 of giving her husband a milkshake laced with sedatives in 2003 and then fatally bashing the wealthy banker on the head with a metal ornament.

Kissel said she was defending herself from an abusive husband and appealed the conviction and her life sentence in prison. But prosecutors argued Kissel was a cold-blooded wife who planned the attack in the couple's luxury apartment.'

75-Year-Old Arkansan 'At Her Wits' End' Says She Killed Husband While He Slept

anthony · 6 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BENTONVILLE, Ark. — A 75-year-old woman told police she was "at her wits' end" when she shot her husband to death as he was sleeping.

Myrtle Marie Walter was being held Monday without bond in the Benton County jail on a capital murder charge in the slaying of Paul Walter, 74, at their home in Rogers.

She told police she and her husband had been drinking Friday night and she had four or five beers. She said her husband wanted to have sex but she did not want to, and she could no longer tolerate the mental abuse, according to court records.

She retrieved a loaded gun, returned to the bedroom and shot her husband once, then fired two more times when she saw him move, court documents say. Rogers police arrested her Saturday and recovered a .357-caliber revolver that was on the bed.'

NY Times Reviews New Baldwin Book

anthony · 6 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Review here. Excerpt:

'Baldwin wants us to believe that P.A.S. is a legitimate syndrome, yet he goes to curious lengths to show us that it may not be a sound diagnosis. He then wraps up by interviewing a Harvard law professor, a “rising star” and a woman who argues that feminism is in part to blame for the broken family law system. The transcript format he uses here is ponderous, self-serious and rigid. You can almost hear him as Jack Donaghy interviewing the hot little number from Harvard.

For all its faults, its creakinesses and almost codger-like crankiness, its occasionally sludgy prose, this book has a point. Divorce is hell. Lawyers are vultures. Children get lost. Baldwin bravely set out to illuminate and change the way divorce is conducted in this country; he also, wittingly or not, offers a candid, unhappy portrait of a marriage gone desperately sour.'

Oprah sued for defamation by ex-girls school head

anthony · 6 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PHILADELPHIA — The ex-headmistress of Oprah Winfrey's school for girls in South Africa sued the talk show host for defamation, claiming Winfrey falsely suggested she tried to cover up abuse at the school.

In widely reported remarks last year, Winfrey suggested that Nomvuyo Mzamane, 39, of Philadelphia, knew about alleged abuse by a dorm matron and tried to cover it up, Mzamane says in the lawsuit.
...
Former dorm matron Tiny Virginia Makopo, 28, is charged with abusing six students at the $40 million school for poor girls that Winfrey built. Makopo allegedly tried to kiss and fondle the victims and is also accused of kicking and hitting some of them.'

CNN: Female fighters: We won't stand for male dominance

anthony · 6 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'QANDIL MOUNTAINS, Iraq (CNN) -- The women line the mountainside, locked hand in hand in their green battle fatigues, and begin dancing. It's a victory dance, they say, that is routine after raids across the border on Turkish troops.

"We want a natural life, a society that revolves around women -- one where women and men are equal, a society without pressure, without inequality, where all differences between people are eliminated," says Rengin, the head of a female battalion of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK.'

NIMH-funded study on male victims of partner violence needs men to participate

dahines · 6 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Researchers at Clark University and Bridgewater State College are conducting a study on men who experience aggression from their girlfriends, wives, or female partners. If you are a man between the ages of 18-59 and have experienced aggression from your partner within the past 12 months, you may be eligible to participate in this study. We invite you to follow this link to the study webpage where you can complete an Internet survey about your experiences. Link: http://www.clarku.edu/faculty/dhines

Odd couple? Maybe not! "Men and cats" not so oxymoronic

Matt · 7 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Sorry, Fido, It's Just a Guy Thing

'IF you ask Adam Fulrath who is the love of his life, he will barely blink an eye before responding: Parappa.

Mr. Fulrath, a 37-year-old design director at Time Out New York, keeps five photographs of Parappa, a shorthaired, bicolored, mixed-breed cat, on his desktop. He knows that it might be considered a little weird that a grown man would be so enamored with his kitty, but Mr. Fulrath, who is into video games and comic books and calls himself a "straight, geeky guy," doesn't care.

"She's my primary relationship," he said.'

Love it! I have always been a "cat man" and it's no mystery to me.

RADAR ALERT: Fix VAWA Now! – That's What Every Congressman Needs to Know!

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is the ideal time to raise Congressional awareness about the flaws and failures of the Violence Against Women Act.

Among VAWA's many failures are the fact that it:

- Funds "solutions" to the problem that are grounded in ideology rather than objective research. Thus the problem grows worse every year because the "solutions" don't solve the problem.
- Undermines constitutional protections and makes a mockery of due process, resulting in innocent citizens being forced
  from their homes and separated from their children based on accusations without any evidence.
- Redefines everyday words in Humpty Dumpty-esque fashion ("When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean – neither more nor less"), so that in addition to physical violence, the term "violence" now includes emotional distress - which is highly subjective, easy to accuse someone of, and impossible to disprove.

This week we're asking you to:

1. Go to http://www.house.gov/
2. Enter your zip code in the upper left-hand corner
3. Contact your representative and tell him or her it's time to "Fix VAWA Now!"

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org/

Barbara Kay: How about making November false allegations awareness month

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2000, it was reported that the FBI's DNA testing over a three year period had exonerated more than 30% of their 4,000-plus sexual assault suspects. Going further back, in the FBI's Behavioural Science Unit's 1983 study of False Allegations, a total of 220 out of 556 rape investigations - 40% - turned out to be false. Over a quarter turned out to be actual hoaxes (remember the infamous Tawana Brawley, who at 15 falsely accused a number of white men of a marathon three-day gang rape, some of them police officers? At least she got successfully sued for defamation, but that was small potatoes for the havoc she wreaked in those men's lives). About 4,000 allegations of rape a year are levelled in Manhattan. About half never happened. Police officials in New Zealand state that 64% of rape reports are false.'

Guyland: stuck in the world of male spinsters

Michael · 7 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A whole raft of research shows that whereas some of society's longest life expectancies are found among groups of nuns, the shortest are found among single men. Single men die early: they drink more, smoke more and kill themselves more often, whereas single unmarried women live longer than their married sisters. The maths is simple: marriage is bad for women and good for guys.
...
So what are you gonna do? Not marry just to save some chick's life? I don't think so. Marry her and save yourself. It's every man for himself, and the selfish man has only one choice: if he wants to die happy and old, marry and marry quick. Staying too long in Guyland is for those with a death wish.'

"If anything, the girls feel that they are exploiting the punters"

Matt · 7 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. So much for the "she has no other option" line. Excerpt:

'...Dancers pay the club a fee to use their premises. After that, essentially, they are self-employed and can earn anything from £20 to £400 in a night. Girls say that the financial security counters any feminist argument against stripping. ... Some girls, though not many, are paying their way through university. Others are single mothers, supplementing a wage. Younger girls do it for the extra cash and party lifestyle.

Zoe, 22, has been dancing for five years....“I have never had a job where I've felt so empowered,” she says. “I've just got myself through university, I've got my own car, my own house."

...If anything, the girls feel that they are exploiting the punters. “I just think more fool the man because he's paying me to flippin' dance in front of him,” laughs Fiona. She and the girls clearly enjoy each other's company. “It's fun being a girl in this job,” says Zoe. “We get to go to events. We get to go to clubs for free, we have our nails done. It's very girlie, and it is all about the female bonding.”'

Modern-day "dandyism"

Matt · 8 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's no more attractive when men do it. Of note is that he seems to have no shortage of clients. So much for the women-wouldn't-do-that line. Excerpt:

'He sees himself not as a prostitute, but as a species of modern dandy. “It began as a gradual thing, trial and error. I wanted to avoid the nine-to-five life at all costs… and I love partying.” Golden came from what he describes as a working-class family in Woking and the Isle of Wight to London to do a degree in jazz at Middlesex University. There, he plunged deep into the capital’s nightlife, DJing, carousing and looking for new opportunities. “A lot of things go on behind the scenes in the music world.”
...
Golden seems comfortable with the idea that he is the perfect accessory. His lovely ladies have self-explanatory names and appear to be from central casting: Trustfundista in London, Celebrity X in New York, Miss Heiress in Paris and Miss Alpha, a hedge-fund investor. A kept man, kept by many women, he is on the receiving end of the medicine women have tasted for years. “I felt it was something that us postmodern men might have to get used to,” he says.'

The divination of girls can't start early enough

Matt · 8 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Wonder why no boys are ever given such a deal? Oh yeah, they need to actually earn their heroic status in society by killing people or losing arms and legs first. Excerpt:

'KATMANDU, Nepal - Hindu and Buddhist priests chanted sacred hymns and cascaded flowers and grains of rice over a 3-year-old girl who was appointed a living goddess in Nepal on Tuesday.
...
Devotees touch the girls' feet with their foreheads, the highest sign of respect among Hindus in Nepal. During religious festivals the goddesses are wheeled around on a chariot pulled by devotees.

Critics say the tradition violates both international and Nepalese laws on child rights. The girls often struggle to readjust to normal lives after they return home.

Nepalese folklore holds that men who marry a former kumari will die young, and so many girls remain unmarried and face a life of hardship.'

Critics say the tradiaiton is bad for the girls, while boys and men are busy wheeling her around in a chair for what, 5-10 years? It's bad for HER?

But of course no one will marry her after she's been a "goddess". Can you just imagine what it would be like for a man married to a "former goddess"?

Mother arrested over sons' death in Eastbourne fire

Michael · 8 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The mother of two young brothers who died at a house fire in Eastbourne was arrested today on suspicion of manslaughter and child neglect.
...
Neighbours said that they had become trapped in the house after their mother, Denise Goldsmith, 29, ran to get help and accidentally locked the door behind her.
...
The cause of the fire, which led to the deaths is part of an ongoing investigation of this tragic incident, but at this stage it is not being treated as arson.'

Australia: Damaged reputation linked to male suicide

anthony · 9 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A SHATTERED reputation is most likely to lead to suicide among middle-aged men, according to a new analysis which warns naming and shaming must be carried out with caution.

Tasmanian researchers have reviewed 33 cases of suicide linked to a tarnished reputation but no previous mental illness.

...

This paper suggests that loss of reputation increases the risk of suicide, lead author Saxby Pridmore, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Tasmania, wrote in the journal Australasian Psychiatry.

...

`Thus, naming and shaming needs to be conducted with great caution.'"

“Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men?” at College of St. Benedict

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ST. JOSEPH, Minn. – Two men will discuss sexual discrimination during a presentation Oct. 22 at the College of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph.

Jim Sterba, professor of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, and Warren Farrell, a researcher and international speaker on men’s issues, speak on “Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men?” at 7 p.m. at Alumnae Hall, Haehn Campus Center, CSB.

Their presentation will focus on issues of discrimination in the workplace and in schools. Sterba and Farrell will also demonstrate how to engage in controversial conversations in constructive ways.'

Ed. note: CSB is a women's college.

'Chivalry should receive gratitude'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Whether they admit it or not, a lot of women will hold certain expectations for the behavior of men, regardless of how roles have changed through the years.

Deep down some women still appreciate and judge men on their willingness to do things like open car doors, pay for a meal or pull their chair out before sitting at a restaurant; however, they may not always show this side of themselves.

Unfortunately, these standards are slowly drifting away, and many men are not participating in these so-called acts of chivalry.

In turn, women are excusing the fact that men are not making this effort, thus allowing for the change to occur.'

Contact info for the paper is here.

Woman accused of threatening teen daughter's ex

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ST. CHARLES, Ill. — A woman is accused of badgering her daughter's teenage ex-boyfriend with hundreds of e-mails and text messages and threatening to post nude images of him on the Internet unless he started seeing the girl again, a prosecutor said Wednesday.
...
Police are pursuing counts of intimidation, harassment and child pornography possession in the case, according to the newspaper. Investigators are analyzing cell phones and computers seized from the girl's home and school.'

Boy's Hidden Tape Recorder Captures Abuse At Day Care, Mom Says

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. -- A tape recording of what a mother is convinced is abuse inside a Central Florida day care has prompted a Department of Children and Families investigation, Local 6 has learned.

Miranda Asura said that her 2-year-old son came home from Orange County's Brighter Beginnings day care with bruises so she sent him back with a tape recorder stashed in his backpack.
...
Asura played another portion of the recording in which the teacher apparently tells a young girl to hit her son.'

South Park - No Longer Cool To Watch

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Today I watched the most recent episode of South Park, and I was truly offended. It had the most gratuitous brutal violence against male genitalia that I've ever seen in a show. Not to mention, a plot that's based around Indiana Jones getting raped by Stephen Spielberg and George Lucas raping Indiana Jones. Yeah, you read it correctly. That's not the truly offensive part, though. It's obviously meant to be symbolic of how they've destroyed Indiana Jones movies by butchering the remakes.

Getting to the brutal violence. Cartman thinks that the Chinese are going to take over America, so he goes to P. Cheng's to try to find out what he can from the owners of the restaurant, with Butter's helping him. Butter's accidentally shoots three men in the dick in the episode. Granted, it is just a cartoon and Cartman does Butters a verbal reaming for doing it, and South Park has actually had an episode in the past where Oprah's vagina and ass pulled guns on themselves and shot themselves. But this is actually presented in a truly sadistic, expected to actually laugh at the pain of the poor men, kind of way.

I guess it was only a matter of time until this was to happen. I just would like to hear what you guys have to say about this. I know I shouldn't let a cartoon piss me off so much, but this was way over the line.

Links to clips on Youtube:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEivDtsD8rs

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdCvmDS_xvA

Teenage girl sends boy nude photo and he is the one arrested

BinaryShadow · 9 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Must be nice to be able to throw any boy you hate in jail by sending naked pictures of yourself. Excerpt:

'SANGER - A controversy has arisen out of Denton County involving a 13-year-old boy, a cell phone and a text message. That message has landed the middle schooler in juvenile detention on child pornography charges.
...
...[He] spent the night in a juvenile detention center after an eighth grade female student texted him a naked picture of herself.
...
“I know some girl was taking pictures of herself and sending it to multiple guys. Obviously, they’ve still got their picture on their phone because they are now getting in trouble,” said Bethany Mitchell, a classmate.

So far only the 13-year-old boy has been arrested.

India: Move to legalize live-in relationships

arindamp · 9 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. More bias against men. Excerpt:

'MUMBAI: In a progressive step with far-reaching implications, the state cabinet on Wednesday gave its green signal to amend Section 125 of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) which seeks to protect the pecuniary interests of the 'other woman'. However, it would need the Centre's stamp of approval to become a law.

...This amendment would cover the interests of women involved in polygamous or live-in relationships, say officials. The only catch is that the state has not specified the term 'reasonably long period' that a woman needs to stay with a man to be called his wife.
...
Explaining the need for such an amendment, state law department officials said most bigamy cases lead to problems for the 'other woman' not recognised by law in presence of the official wife. “The other woman is on the streets in dire straits if the man decides to dump her for someone else. She is not entitled to any maintenance as her status is not that of a wife," said officials. '

'Dear Margo' endorsing paternity fraud

Anonymous · 9 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here. She says there is nothing to be gained by informing the "could be" father of his little son. Excerpt:

'...However, two years later I have a beautiful baby boy who looks nothing like my husband and has the personality of the other man. In my heart I am convinced he is not my husband's son. The other man is currently serving a tour in Iraq. Do I tell him about his son?
...
[Reply:]
Your little boy has a dad, and it would turn your life upside down to tell this man he has a son. Nothing good would come of it ... but you might wind up with a custody suit or a divorce.'

Florida Woman Arrested for Burning Husband's Groin, Police Say

anthony · 9 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BRADENTON, Fla. — Authorities say a woman has been arrested in west Florida after pouring scalding hot water on her husband's groin.

Manatee County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested 52-year-old Maverna Theresa Turay on Wednesday on a charge of aggravated battery with great bodily harm. She was being held at the Manatee County jail on $7,500 bond.'

Trident's "The Fifth Dentist" ad is back

mens_issues · 10 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

There was a recent thread about a "Stride Gum" commercial featuring a ram battering a man, in which a comparison was made with an older Trident ad called "The Fifth Dentist". Tonight I was watching TV when that old "The Fifth Dentist" ad by Trident came on. In case you're not familiar with it, the announcer states that "Four out of five dentists prefer Trident gum, but what about the fifth dentist?" A squirrel runs up the fifth dentist's leg and an audible "crunch" sound can be heard (presumably from the dentist's testicles being bitten). The dentist then screams "Noooooooo!"

I sure hope that this commercial wasn't re-aired out of spite for the previous protest emails about Stride gum, but I wouldn't put it past them.

You can contact Cadbury Adams about this inane commercial here.

Woman arrested after false report of rape at Wal-Mart

Michael · 10 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A northwest suburban woman who reported being raped in a Wal-Mart washroom on Sunday ended up behind bars herself when the actual story proved a little different.
...
However, police reviewed videotapes and discovered that the woman had gone into the washroom with a man willingly, the report said. She then changed her story and said she did have consensual sex with the man, whom she did not know, but he refused to pay her for the sex act.'

Ireland: Girls Are Happier Than Boys At Primary School, Study Shows

anthony · 11 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Just over one quarter (26 per cent) of primary seven boys are completely happy coming to school, compared with 44 per cent of girls, according to a survey carried out by Queen's University Belfast and the University of Ulster.

The Kids' Life and Times Survey found that boys in Northern Ireland were less happy than girls with writing, reading, spelling, working by themselves and coming to school. The survey also found that just over half of primary seven children think pupils in their school have been bullied.'

Central Texas Woman Accused Of False Rape Report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Williamson County deputies have arrested a Lampasas woman and accused her of lying about being sexually assaulted.

The Sheriff's Office says several weeks ago, Deborah Ann Keen-Papp, 43, told them she was attacked on Highway 29 after she had pulled over with car trouble.

She gave police a description and deputies released a sketch of the alleged suspect.

But Friday deputies took Keen-Papp into custody on the charge of false report to law enforcement.'

New Zealand: Rape-lie woman `model citizen'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A deaf Hamilton woman who falsely claimed she was raped and beaten during a home invasion has been described as a devout Christian and model citizen.

Kohine Dallas Pania Turanga appeared in the Hamilton District Court for sentencing on Monday after earlier pleading guilty to a charge of willfully attempting to pervert the cause of justice.
...
Defence counsel Gina Jansen had told the court that Turanga suffered from depression and had sought professional help in an attempt to understand her actions. She said Turanga deeply regretted wasting police time and described the 41-year-old cleaner as a model citizen and committed Christian.'

Q&A With Author Kara Jesella, 'Five-Minute Time Out: The Boy Crisis'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I was very surprised by the people pushing back on the story, because I didn't come to the story as an advocate one way or the other, just as a reporter who started to look at national data at how broadly boys were not thriving across race and class lines. There are people who feel we shouldn't focus on boys, that it's somehow part of the feminist backlash. I don't agree with that. I try to lay out in the book why I think this is an important issue for all people, whatever their political orientation. I consider myself a strong feminist and I am the mother of sons. I don't feel that my looking at this is taking oxygen away from very serious issues that still need to be addressed, like gender equity in the workplace, that there are not enough women in Congress, equal pay for equal work. These are real issues, but we need to separate them from what is happening to schoolboys.'

Kenya: Rising demand for male circumcision

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Story here. Excerpt:

'KISUMU, 9 October 2008 (PlusNews) - Health facilities in Nyanza Province in western Kenya are struggling to meet the demand for medical male circumcisions since politicians threw their weight behind efforts to promote the procedure as a way of reducing HIV infections.

The campaign initially faced opposition by community elders of the ethnic Luo community that makes up the bulk of the province's inhabitants and does not traditionally practice circumcision. But local leaders, swayed by calls from Kenya's Prime Minister, Raila Odinga, and research demonstrating the HIV prevention benefits of being circumcised, have since said they would set an example by undergoing the procedure themselves.'

Australia: Workshops focus on male mental health

anthony · 11 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A men's health consultant says men are becoming more interested in their health needs but there is still more work to be done to improve outcomes in Queensland.
...
Mr Millan says men often do not seek help for depression or anxiety.

"In every age range in Australia more men die than women," he said.'

Men To Walk In High Heel Shoes To Support Violence-Free Homes

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HENDERSONVILLE – Starting at 6 tonight, men will wobble in women's high-heeled shoes through downtown Hendersonville to support violence-free homes. Proceeds from sponsored walkers in the event will go to Mainstay, Henderson County's domestic violence prevention agency and emergency shelter.

The walk is open to male community members and leaders will proclaim their solidarity in support of violence-free homes by marching in high heels. Elected officials, educators, students, law enforcement officers, and others are expected to participate. The Blue Ridge Roller Derby girls will lead the walk.

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Mainstay's Purple Ribbon Thrift Store. The walk will proceed up 5th Avenue to Main Street, and will end in the front of the old historic courthouse. Men are encouraged (but not required) to walk in women's shoes and participants are being asked to get sponsorships.'

Wife to Stand Trial For Trying to Set-up Teacher Husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FULLERTON -- The estranged wife of an Orange County teacher and her boyfriend will stand trial for allegedly trying to frame the woman's husband on drugs and weapons charges.

Devon Eileen Abbott, 33, of Mira Loma, and Soloman Brian Silver, 42, of Portland, Maine, are charged with conspiracy to falsely charge a crime, false imprisonment by fraud, conspiracy to falsely report a crime, and transportation of marijuana, said Deputy District Attorney Keith Bogardus.

Abbot and Silver are accused of planting a shotgun and drugs in a vehicle parked on a high school campus to get the woman's estranged husband arrested.'

Accused John Cusack Stalker Accepts Plea Deal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES -- A plea deal was accepted today by a woman accused of stalking actor John Cusack.

33 year-old Emily Leatherman pleaded no contest to a felony count of stalking Cusack which will keep her out of state prison. The Judge immediately sentenced her to five years' probation and mandatory psychiatric counseling. Leatherman was also ordered to stay away from the 42-year-old actor for the next 10 years.
...
In a rambling statement Friday morning, Leatherman claimed she was the victim of sex crimes and thought Cusack could help her.'

Rape victim studying science of memory after man dies serving wrongful sentence

Michael · 12 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Michele Mallin said she was "100 percent sure" when she identified Timothy Brian Cole as the man who raped her.

Her resolve never wavered, Ms. Mallin said, until she learned last May that DNA testing had invalidated her 1985 identification. The revelation came nearly nine years after Mr. Cole died at 39 in a Texas prison from an asthma attack.

...

The memory process works well when someone is shown a face repeatedly. But when the exposure is episodic, "we end up with the gist" of a person's looks, said Dr. Gary Wells, a nationally known expert on eyewitness testimony and a professor of psychology at Iowa State University.

...

She said she believes that Lubbock police and prosecutors manipulated her by repeatedly describing Mr. Cole as "a low-life hood." The Army veteran had a misdemeanor arrest record in Lubbock for gun and marijuana possession.

...

From everything she now knows, Ms. Mallin said, the law should not allow prosecutions based on eyewitness identifications without corroboration.

"Obviously, we're human," she said. "We make mistakes."'

Hitchens on women and humor: an instructive interview

Matt · 12 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This video seems to me to be a good instruction on what to say and what not to say when a point one makes about differences between the sexes gets challenged. At once Hitchens stays calm and centered and sticks to his points with no digression. That is the up side. The down side is his use of offensive slang to describe lesbians ("butch/bull dyke"). That isn't something to be condoned. He also mentions religious affiliation at one point ("...female comedians are either... or Jews..."). That also wasn't necessary nor is it even true, and even if it was, it wouldn't be a relevant distinction (as it also isn't relevant to mention sexuality). So this clip of Hitchens has its value in both regards. His primary point that a woman need not be funny to get attention though is true. Men do have to work harder to attract mates or even get consideration in some cases. How much of that is human biology in action vs. social construction is a fair topic for debate.

"Lesbian porn star" trying to clear name

GaryB · 12 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This story from Australia explains how a woman "had sex with" two underage girls (14), and filmed them to make a porn DVD.

First shock (not) is that she got a two year good behaviour bond, no jail time. Of course - she's a woman, after all, she shouldn't actually be PUNISHED.

Second shock (not) is that she feels she should have her conviction quashed - to allow her to work with children! Excerpt:

"A NEW South Wales woman, who made lesbian pornography with teenagers, will ask the High Court to clear her name so she can work with disadvantaged children. Rebecca Jane Clarke will seek to have her conviction erased, based on a controversial ruling that sex offenders can be acquitted if they "honestly believe" their victims are more than the age of consent.

...
Clarke, 23, who stars in a pornographic DVD she made with two girls, both 14, will argue her name should not appear on the national sex-offender register. If the High Court does not quash her conviction, she will be banned from working as a counsellor."

They never see what they do as wrong, do they?

Australia: Woman stabs her sister to death over hair straightener - excuses abound

GaryB · 12 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This story is a classic example of the double standard. This woman brutally stabbed her sister in the neck, killing her, allegedly in an argument over a hair straightener. And yet, the article lists just about every excuse you can imagine - here is a collection of quotes, pulled out:

'Friends...said she was extremely close to Susan but had recently lost her job and was struggling at university. Friend Sarah Allender said Kathleen was the victim of bullies and had felt as though she lived in Susan's shadow.
...
"Her entire (life) Kathleen was bullied about being obese and later lost weight at the gym," Ms Allender said. "Her sister was considered to be the perfect one and that often upset (her) that she was always getting the attention."

...
Sarah's sister Rebecca said Kathleen was "close to her sister" but was having trouble at university and had lost a job.
...
The court was told Kathleen had been under watch in custody since Saturday after fears she may harm herself. Parramatta Local Court was also told she required medication, with speculation she suffered from a hormonal disorder.'

So before we even reach court, we're told she 'loved' the sister very much, was bullied, depressed by her weight issues, suffered by being in her sisters shadow, was struggling at uni and lost her job, and has a hormonal disorder. We should feel sorry for her, obviously. Man, this stuff makes me sick.

Wife Kills Husband and Feeds Him to Children

Anonymous · 13 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman jailed for life for stabbing her de facto husband 37 times, skinning him and cooking his body parts as a meal for his children has lost an appeal against the severity of her sentence.
...
She then decapitated him and put his head in a pot on the stove, baked flesh from his buttocks and cooked vegetables and gravy as side dishes to serve to Mr Price's children.'

Obama supports female draft registration

Matt · 13 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Even as the U.S. confronts two long wars, neither Sen. John McCain nor Sen. Barack Obama believes the country should take the politically perilous step of reviving the military draft.

But the two presidential candidates disagree on a key foundation of any future draft: Mr. Obama supports a requirement for both men and women to register with the Selective Service, while Mr. McCain doesn't think women should have to register.

Also, Mr. Obama would consider officially opening combat positions to women. Mr. McCain would not.'

UK: Judge says the boy 'seduced her' as 39-YO married woman walks free

Anonymous · 13 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A judge caused outrage yesterday after he refused to jail a woman who had sex with a 14-year-old boy and instead told her: 'He seduced you.'

Sharon Edwards, 40, bombarded the boy with as many as 50 text messages and emails a day, offered to buy him cocaine and regularly lured him into her bed.

Yet she walked free from court yesterday after Judge Peter Fox QC said the married housewife was an unhappy woman who was unable to resist the advances of a child.'

Woman gets life in prison for killing 4 in Texas

Anonymous · 14 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON (AP) — A jury has convicted a woman of capital murder for the shooting and beating deaths of four people in suburban Houston in 2003.

Christina Paolilla received an automatic life prison term Monday. She was not eligible for the death penalty because she was 17 at the time of the crime.'

UK: Female methodist minister falsely alleges hate campaign

Anonymous · 14 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

Methodist minister Rev Janet Magee, 62, falsely claimed to police that she had been receiving threatening telephone calls and abusive letters, it was alleged.

On the strength of the minister's complaints police arrested church steward Roger Chessell who had wanted to force her out of her job.

But he was released without charge and detectives focused their inquiries on the clergywoman, believing she may have been lying about the hate campaign.'

Sweden: Jealous woman gets life for killing 2 toddlers

anthony · 14 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'STOCKHOLM, Sweden - A Swedish court on Tuesday sentenced a German woman to life in prison for bludgeoning two toddlers to death and trying to kill their mother in a fit of jealousy.

The court said it was beyond reasonable doubt that Christine Schurrer, 32, had attacked the family with a "hammer-like object" in March inside their home in Arboga, central Sweden.

The Vastmland district court said the rampage was triggered by jealousy after Schurrer's ex-boyfriend ended their relationship and started a new one with the children's mother. The children were aged 1 and 3.'

Australia: Boys' schools break barriers: single-sex success story

anthony · 14 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'BOYS will be boys and single-sex schools can help break down sexism.

This will be the message delivered by visiting US education expert Dr Leonard Sax in his keynote address when the National Boys' Education Conference starts at The King's School in Parramatta today.

Dr Sax, executive director of the National Association for Single Sex Public Education in the US, is in no doubt "we live in a sexist society".

He said some teachers at all-boys' schools were able to use the "all-boys format to break down the gender stereotypes".'

Girl behind rape hoax still has anonymity

anthony · 14 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Everybody knows who she is.

Nobody wants to say her name out loud.

That, more or less, is the situation the 17-year-old girl who cried rape in Palos Heights Sept. 16 finds herself in today, five days after she admitted she made the whole thing up.

The media has a longstanding policy of not naming rape victims in all but the most exceptional circumstances.
...
But when it turns out there wasn't a rape in the first place, the question gets more complicated, media ethics experts say.'

Obama delegate at DV awareness dinner recounts how he was falsely accused

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A boilermaker by profession, Parker said his experience with VAWA came in April 2003 when his now ex-wife accused him of not only domestic violence, but also kidnapping their then-2-year-old son while they were living in St. Louis. Though Parker says he was the actual victim when his wife attacked him, he chose to de-escalate the situation by leaving the house and returning to a job assignment in Illinois.

The reason he took his son, Parker said, was for fear his wife would either abuse or neglect him.

According to Parker, he was arrested when he returned to St. Louis the following week. Along with contesting a protective order his wife filed against him, Parker said he had to fight assault and parental kidnapping charges.'

Huffington Post: 'McCain-Palin's Extreme Position On Violence Against Women'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Right-wing websites like Men's News Daily and Townhall greeted Joe Biden's selection as Obama's running mates with a chorus of misogynistic jeers. Referring to the democratic ticket as "GynObama" and "VAWA Joe," one Men's News Daily article asks men to "do a quick testicular self-exam. That space you feel between your legs means that Barack Obama and Joe Biden -- both on record as ballbusting misandrists -- will easily convince you to send them to the White House." The Democrat's emasculating flaw? According to one Townhall writer, "Tragically -- but true to the radical feminist agenda -- the Obama/Biden Democratic ticket portends an escalating war on boys, men, fathers, and families." The right-wing objection, in a nutshell, is that specific treatment for women under the law is a violation of equal protection, and therefore unfair to men.'

Missing girl's mom indicted on murder charge

Matt · 14 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. - The mother of a missing 3-year-old girl was arrested Tuesday and charged with killing her daughter, even though the child's body has not been found during an exhaustive four-month search.

A grand jury indicted Casey Anthony on charges of first-degree murder, aggravated child abuse, aggravated manslaughter and four counts of lying to investigators about the disappearance of her daughter, Caylee, State Attorney Lawson Lamar said. The mother is being held without bond.'

Victory! CA Appellate Court Says Excluding Men from Domestic Violence Programs is Unconstitutional

Michael · 15 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'California attorney Marc Angelucci scored a tremendous victory today as the Third District Court of Appeal in Sacramento ruled that California's exclusion of men from domestic violence violates men's constitutional equal protection rights.

The taxpayer lawsuit -- Woods. v. Shewry -- was initially filed in 2005 by four male victims of domestic violence.'

George Lopez promotes sexual violence on Nickelodeon

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On the October 14th episode of "George Lopez" which is shown on Nickelodeon, a network for children, George and his mother are in a bar sitting at a table. The mother starts insulting a man who is sitting at the bar. The man gets fed up and stands up and turns around. She then charges at the man, gets in his face, and then knees him in the testicles. Then she pours her beer over his head while he lies helplessly on the ground. George then takes her out of the bar and they go home where she laughs about it. The scene is obviously intended to be funny, although there was nothing funny about it to anyone who isn't a misandric bigot. The most offensive thing about it is the fact that this misandric sexual violence is being shown on a children's network during prime time.

When I went to the nickelodeon website I could not find any links allowing me to contact them and express any opinion of any kind about their programming. Nickelodeon, by the way, is controlled by Viacom, which is controlled by the infamous Sumner Redstone, a psychotic sociopath with a long history of anti-white-male bigotry in all of his programming.

If anyone can find a link for complaining about this show, please do so. There is no excusing this being shown during prime time, and there is never any excusing it being shown specifically to children.

"Windfall moms join deadbeat dads"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently...I stumbled upon a woman who not only managed to afford cosmetic surgery while feeding her family with food stamps, but who literally could write the book on "How To Beat The System and Screw My Ex-Husband All In One Fell Swoop."

...

It all started in 1989, when the Legislature enacted the Child Support Standards Act, which remains the driving force in determining parents' child support obligations.

...

The act was necessary for a lot of reasons, not the least of which was the need to protect mothers from baby-daddies who planted their seeds without ever tending to the saplings born there from. It should be regaled for that reason alone.

Unfortunately, the act is not without its bugs, and in certain scenarios - particularly those where Dad is not a deadbeat, but rather a hard-working slob who may have fallen on hard times - the flaws in the law can truly undermine the purpose.'

Stem cells from testicles an option to embryos

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — Cells taken from men's testicles seem as versatile as the stem cells derived from embryos, researchers reported Wednesday in what may be yet another new approach in a burgeoning scientific field.

The new type of stem cells could be useful for growing personalized replacement tissues, according to a study in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature. But because of their source, their highest promise would apply to only half the world's population: men.'

Grandma with five dead husbands freed

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Story here. Excerpt:

' RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) -- A Georgia grandmother who came under suspicion because all five of her husbands had died was released Thursday from a North Carolina jail where she had been held on charges in one of their deaths.

Betty Neumar, 76, posted $300,000 bond late Thursday morning at the Stanly County jail, where she's been held since her arrest in May, Sheriff Rick Burris said.

He did not know the conditions of her release or where she got the money. It was not clear if she would be allowed to leave the state.

Neumar is charged with solicitation to commit first-degree murder in the 1986 death of husband No. 4, Harold Gentry.'

College dean: Student lied about rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ANDERSON — An alleged rape on the campus of Anderson University last week was falsely reported, a university official said Tuesday

Dean of Students Brent Baker announced to students during a morning chapel service that a female student lied when she told campus police she had been raped Oct. 6.

“At the conclusion of the investigation by the Anderson Police Department, they’ve determined— and we’re in agreement— that a false rape report was filed,” Baker told the large crowd of students gathered at Reardon Auditorium'

Obama Interview With Men's Health Magazine

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Article here. Excerpt:

"We need to have an awareness built in throughout various agencies charged with improving health. I'll give you a specific example. My grandfather died of prostate cancer. As men age, regular checkups are critical. But it's hard to get them to go in for that mildly unpleasant checkup. Increasing awareness of the difference it could make shouldn't just be the activity of the Department of Health and Human Services.
...
Somebody once said that every man is either trying to live up to his dad's expectations or make up for his dad's mistakes. And I'm sure I was doing a little bit of both. But I feel that somewhere in my late 20s or early 30s I sort of figured out what his absence had meant. It is part of what I think has made me a pretty good dad. I don't think it would have too much of an impact on my decision-making as president. There's no doubt that it has contributed to my drive. I might not be here had it not been for that absent father prodding me early in life."

New dads can get postpartum depression, too

Michael · 17 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If his baby had needed to be soothed three months ago, Sandler, 36, of Houston, Texas, might have handed the baby off to his wife and then found an excuse to leave the house.

"Honestly, it felt like when I was at home, the walls became very, very close in. I wouldn't say claustrophobic, but very cabin feverish," Sandler said.

It turned out that Sandler, a medical device salesman, had more than cabin fever. He recently got an official diagnosis: He has a male version of postpartum depression.'

California DV ruling makes MSM

Matt · 17 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Marc, et al., you guys hit the ball out of the park! And NCFM get a solid mention, too. Fantastic work!

MSN: If he's happy he must be cheating

Matt · 17 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

MSN cannot stop with the "suspect men of everything" stuff, can they? Latest is here. Excerpt:

'4. Nothing fazes him anymore.“If he was short-tempered before, a combination of added sex and attention could be making him way more relaxed, even downright giddy,” Vranich says. Adds Mira Kirshenbaum, author of When Good People Have Affairs: Inside the Hearts and Minds of People in Two Relationships: “If your guy is suddenly going around all happy and whistling, then you need to find out why.”'

I.e., a man in a relationship isn't allowed to be happy. The implication therefore is that in order to be sure your husband or boyfriend is not cheating on you is that he is perennially miserable. Gee, sign me up for that deal!

For giggles, let's reverse the sexes on this one:

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So there!

Michigan Mom May Lose All Children After Abandoning 13-Year-Old Son in Nebraska

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PONTIAC, Mich. — Prosecutors in the home county of a Michigan woman who abandoned her 13-year-old son at a Nebraska hospital this week said Thursday they are seeking temporary custody of all the woman's children.

Prosecutor Deborah Carley said a hearing would be held Thursday afternoon in Oakland County juvenile court on her petition for temporary custody of the five children of Terri and Terrance Martin of Southfield.

Terri Martin made a roughly 12-hour drive to leave the 13-year-old at an Omaha hospital under Nebraska's unique safe haven law.'

UK: Boys lag girls at school by five

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Girls already have a well-established educational lead over boys by the time they start school, a study claims.

The study of 15,000 UK children suggests girls are two months ahead of boys in tests of verbal, non-verbal and visual skills by the age of five.
...
It also found girls had fewer behaviour problems than boys, and those children with better behavioural development tended to have a greater ability to learn.'

Women's 'empowerment' laws in India used for extortion

Anonymous · 18 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Section 498a of the Indian Penal Code is a criminal law in which the wife and her parental family can charge any or all of the husband's family for physical or mental cruelty. This law is unique to India, it not only discriminates based on gender (man Vs. woman), but also discriminates against women based on their relationship with the husband. Typically, the charged family members in these cases include:

• Mostly women of all ages (unmarried, married and pregnant sisters of the husband, his mother and sisters-in-law, elderly grandmothers and aunts)
• Other maternal and paternal relatives and even young children in the family.

Most failed marriages are ending up in false 498A cases so as to blackmail the husband and extort maximum out of him.

Shocking Statistics

Official Statistics	Males	Females
SUICIDE Rate (Married)	64%	36%
One SUICIDE in Every	8 Mins	13 Mins
Suicide of Married persons per year (approx)	56000	28000
Number of MURDERS	26467	7952
One Murder in Every	19Mins	66Mins
No of 498a cases by	N/A	58,319

For more informaton please visit
Save Indian Family Foundation
Save Family Foundation
498a

Actor Admits to 'Sleeping With' Stepmother at Age 12

anthony · 18 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'George Hamilton reveals in his new book that he slept with his stepmother when he was only 12.

"When I was very young, 12, I had a relationship with my stepmother," he told the ladies of the View on Thursday.
...
"My father never knew about it, and it was a very strange thing. But it was very normal, in a strange — she didn't make me feel bad about it," Hamilton said on the program. "It wasn't dirty."

Hamilton said that his stepmother called it "cuddling" and he didn't feel abnormal about it.

"I was molested?" he said. "Damn, I'm down for it again."

Teacher gets 2 years' home detention for 'sex tryst' with boy, 15

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The 15-year-old boy's foster parents noticed improved study skills, better behavior and a more positive attitude during the few months he worked with Sheila Vasquez.
...
Friday, she was sentenced to two years on home detention and four years on probation for sexual misconduct with a minor. The offense requires registration as a sex offender.

She could have faced up to eight years in prison under her plea agreement. But in meting out a six-year sentence, Marion Superior Court Commissioner Stan Kroh noted her blank criminal history, remorse and responsibility for three young children.

The last four years will be spent on sex offender probation. Kroh recommended she continue with counseling.'

Harvard adds plethora of new 'gender studies' courses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It had offered a mere 76 courses. Now with addition of "Gender and Sexuality in Ancient Greece" and 29 others, the curriculum is at last worthy.

I was pleased to see that Harvard has updated its curriculum. Under former President Larry Summers, Harvard neglected feminist and women's studies. Fortunately, under Drew Gilpin Faust, Harvard has added 30 new courses this year in these disciplines'

An 'overwhelmed' mom's deadly mistake

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Story here. Excerpt:

'At about 4 p.m., Brenda was in her office, getting ready to head home when all hell broke loose. "A good teacher friend of mine -- sometimes I think it was a blessing it was her -- was on her way home, and she walked by my car," Brenda says. "She ran into my office and she said, 'Brenda, your baby's in the car.'"

...

When she got to her car she found Cecilia in the backseat, still strapped into her car seat. Brenda says she grabbed her daughter out of the car as fast as she could, but she knew it was too late.

...

Despite his grief, Gary says he has never blamed his wife for Cecilia's death. "I could have done the same thing very easily," he says. On nights when his wife had to work late, Gary says she'd ask him to pick up the girls from the babysitter's house, a break from their normal routine. A few times, he says he forgot. Oprah.com: How to heal your grief

...

Although coping has been difficult, Brenda says she has found a higher purpose that is helping her move forward. "Almost immediately, I said, 'How am I going to make something out of this?' I have been given this to bear for a reason, and I'm not going to let Cecilia's life be in vain. That I'm going to use what I've learned in this whole process to change lives for other people."

Brenda says the lesson she learned that she wants to pass on to other moms is to slow down -- ..."...dinner doesn't matter -- the kids matter."'

Who says men need to get married to be happy?

Michael · 18 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"It's also known as bachelorhood and, according to Deeson, the age at which he should make his way to the departure gate is 35. This is when a man should start thinking about finding a good woman and settling down. Shortly afterwards, he should also consider trading in the sports car for a Volvo, donate the Xbox to a children's charity and decommission the DVD collection. The reward for doing so is a life of simple bliss, where he lives longer and happier, snuggled up in the warm embrace of a loving relationship."

Well, not so fast, Deeson. Not everyone feels this way."

Why moms get jealous when dads bond with kids

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One reason we're possessive of the parental crown may be that, although society's changed, we still get traditional messages about women's roles. "A lot of our mothers, our workplaces, our TV shows still tell us that moms should do most of the childcare," says Liz Park, Ph.D., a marriage and family therapist with three kids in Crownsville, Maryland. We moms can be good at taking such messages to heart.

"For women, no matter how far along you are in your career or no matter how much of a feminist you consider yourself to be, at some level you're coming from an assumption that women are caretakers," says Heather Gerken of New Haven, Connecticut, a law professor and the mother of Anna, 6, and Ben, 2. "When Anna was a baby, I would feel guilty about the time away from her," she says.'

False rape reports outrank other unfounded crimes

Michael · 19 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Who would do that? Lie about being raped?

Well, people lie about everything. Only this kind of fabrication isn't talked about. It's awful to think someone would lie about rape when real victims suffer. Or ruin the life of an innocent man with accusations.
...
But according to the FBI, which compiles nationwide crime statistics, forcible rapes have a higher unfounded rate than other crimes. "Unfounded," in police speak, means baseless or false, or "no crime was committed," said Joe Pollini, a retired veteran New York detective who teaches police law at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City.'

Professor Alesina now asking Obama for "man tax" in U.S.

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Via Marc A.: Some MRAs think I have overstated the threat of a "man tax" in the U.S. Well, maybe so. But here it is again. Professor Alesina is now calling for Obama to implement it. My posted comment:

'Alesina's "man tax" theory was debunked by one of Europe's most prominant labor economists, Professor Gilles Saint Paul, in his article, "Against gender based taxation: Abolishing equality before the law is wrong and dangerous." http://www.voxeu.org/index.php?q=node/922

Alesina also ignores people's right to equal treatment. Article 2 of the United Nations universal declaration of human rights says "Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race . . . sex . . . ."

Apparently Alesina doesn't think that matters much.

In fact he treats humans as "goods of sale" and forgets that people have a fundamental human right to equal treatment regardless of their sex

Men already pay more taxes than women, work 90% of overtime, make about 90% of occupational deaths, drive longer commutes and die younger in the process. They collect Alesina's garbage, climb in his sewers and get exposed to chemicals so he can go to his ivory tower job and propose taxing men more. His man tax is nothing short of outright sexism, hypocrisy, double standards and bigotry.

The "pay gap," which Alesino uses to justify his man tax, is actually not about male privilege at all but a reflection of the female privilege of having more choices than men. In his book, "Why Men Earn More," Dr. Warren Farrell shows that in recent polls women prioritized flexibility, less hours and shorter commutes while men prioritized money, that never-married and childless women earn 17 percent more than never-married men with the same education, and that women outearn men in 39 occupations including aerospace engineering, financial analysis and speech pathology. Women are choosing to retain their option of being primary parent and are even choosing men who earn more to allow them to make that decision. Prof. June O'Neill, Ph.D., former director of Congressional Budget Office, refutes the significance of the "pay gap" in "The Gender Gap in Wages, circa 2000" (5/03), American Economic Review.'

Woman wanted baby to die because he was a he

Matt · 19 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Read this. Imagine a man writing such a thing saying he wanted a boy and when the ultrasound came back that it was a girl, he said all these things? Suppose he'd get sympathy or condemnation from the public? Excerpt:

'...We had the prettiest pink outfits. Then the ultrasound said it was a boy.
...
I immediately withdrew. I wanted to die and I wanted the baby to die."

Now she goes on to say she 'got used to' having another boy and now she really loves him. Well, good for her! That makes it all right then, doesn't it?

I am reminded of the fact that boys are aborted disproportionately higher that girls here in the U.S. Yet the press can't run enough with the feminine infanticide-in-China ball, can they? Clue to the MSM: How about covering both problems and championing the suggestion that the parents involved get their heads on straight and just be glad if they can actually produce a healthy child. Or does that make too much sense?

Washington Post: Boxed Into a Corner, Men Can't Punch Back

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The point is not to suggest that either Obama or Biden should come out swinging ugly slurs, half-truths or outright lies. But the conventional wisdom seems to be that the men on the Democratic ticket can't tell Palin precisely what they think of her moose, her hockey pucks and her Joe Six-Pack-isms. If a fella should try, he will be perceived as a bully, as condescending, as ungentlemanly.
...
But the reality is that women can deliver a straight-up beatdown as well. In a post-feminist, Title IX culture, there is significant evidence that women are fighting more like men -- and men don't know how to respond.'

Teaching Society That Boys Really Are Different

anthony · 20 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Before he was a best-selling author, respected social philosopher and corporate consultant, Michael Gurian was a 7-year-old boy whom no one seemed to understand.

...He presents evidence that boys think and behave differently than girls based on their brain structures and brain chemistry and encourages public schools and families to embrace all that is enigmatic about boys.

...A lot of these boys end up hating school. ... They are now in a school system that does not understand them; now they hate school and they start separating from it. ...of course they have a higher dropout rate. And then when we move into the economy, we see males are not trained enough. We are losing males who can survive and thrive. This mismatch of males to the system is starting when they are very young.
...
'Girls are now succeeding so much in school and college, but when they get into the workplace, the stuff that made them successful in high school and college isn't translating - especially if they are in a field that has any kind of science side to it. Another big area is the emotional and relational...'

Canada: Woman plotted to kill her mother's husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'New Westminster - A 21-year-old woman is facing a life sentence in prison for conspiring to murder her mother's common-law husband.

Ashleigh Hiebert, who was 19 at the time of the alleged crime, was originally charged with first-degree murder but has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit murder.

The Crown alleges that Hiebert was a go-between in the alleged murder plot of 26-year-old Jeffrey Sabine, whose body was found by a passerby on Feb. 10, 2006 on the shore of the Fraser River in the 1500-block of Cliveden Avenue on Annacis Island in Delta.'

RADAR ALERT: RADAR Releases Recommendations to Stop False Allegations of DV

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False claims hurt true victims of violence. Under the Violence Against Women Act, false allegations have reached epidemic levels:

- According to the RADAR Report, "Without Restraint: The Use and Abuse of Domestic Restraining Orders,"[1] at least one million restraining orders are issued each year in which no violence is even alleged.
- A recent analysis found 81% of temporary restraining orders in West Virginia are false or unnecessary.
- In San Diego, prosecuting attorney Casey Gwinn admits, "I would say it's in the thousands of people who take the witness stand and somewhat modify the truth."

RADAR recently released a White Paper (.pdf file) that analyzes the problem of false allegations. The White Paper presents 10 needed changes to federal and state domestic violence laws to correct this insidious problem:

1. The definition of domestic violence should be consistent with statutory definitions of physical assault.
2. Harassment and stalking should be objectively defined in terms of specific acts by the alleged offender, not the perceptions or feelings of the alleged victim.
3. Partner abuse that does not fall within the above-described definition of domestic violence, harassment, or stalking should be addressed by counseling, treatment, and mediation, not by the law enforcement or criminal justice systems.
4. In order to obtain a restraining order, petitioners must provide hard evidence of physical assault, harassment, or stalking.
5. Restraining order petitioners may not make a petition for child custody while a temporary restraining order is in effect.
6. Because restraining orders can affect constitutionally protected parental rights, judges should use the evidentiary standard of "clear and convincing evidence."
7. Restraining orders should be issued during ex parte hearings only when objective evidence is presented that the violence, harassment, or stalking represents an immediate credible threat to the petitioner's physical safety.
8. States should enact laws that penalize the filing of false complaints or engaging in perjury. These laws should pertain to the actions of plaintiffs, attorneys, domestic violence shelters, and other organizations that engage in such activities.
9. Prosecutors and judges should be encouraged to vigorously pursue such violations.
10. Government-funded legal services must be made equally available to both the petitioner/plaintiff and respondent/defendant.

We encourage persons to review these recommendations and share them with your state and federal lawmakers to make needed reforms. We cannot allow the epidemic of false allegations of domestic violence to continue.

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Date of RADAR Release: October 20, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Press release: Domestic violence programs in California must open doors to battered men

Anonymous · 20 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'The case (Woods. v. Shewry) was filed by four men and the daughter of one, against the State of California and its agencies. The lower court dismissed the case on the ground that men and women are "not similarly situated" as victims. The Court of Appeal reversed the decision on October 14, 2008, holding "male victims of domestic violence are similarly situated to female victims for purposes of the statutory programs" and the laws "violate equal protection."'

Study on suicide notes an increase among middle-aged women but ignores men

anthony · 21 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Should I be surprised there's no mention that men still make up the majority of suicides? Excerpt:

'The number of women committing suicide has increased dramatically over the past decade and is driving up the nation's suicide rate as a whole, a new study finds.

The rate of suicide in the United States has risen for the first time in a decade and, for once, middle-age women are being looked at as the culprit driving the increase, according to researchers from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Center for Injury Research and Policy.

The overall suicide rate rose 0.7 percent over the study period, but increased 3.9 percent for middle-age white women and 2.7 percent for white men in the same age group.'

Glenn Sacks: Madonna Plays Victim in Divorce Battle

anthony · 21 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It doesn't matter how wealthy, powerful and privileged a woman is, in divorce some women still love to play the victim. Latest case in point--Madonna.

Madonna is worth an estimated $850 million. Whatever one thought of her music and her racy image, she is in many ways the model of the empowered modern woman--a successful businesswoman who rose from nowhere to become rich and famous.'

...

According to the UK Telegraph:

...

"They include allegations that he told her she 'looked like a granny' on stage compared with her younger backing dancers. He is also alleged to have declared that she could not act, and was 'past it' after she turned 50.

Her lawyers say that 40-year-old Ritchie's comments made Madonna feel worthless, unattractive, unfeminine, insecure and isolated during their eight-year marriage."

Study on false rape allegations

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Article here. Though this study looks like it was done or last edited in 2001, this is still a good resource. Dr. Kanin is also mentioned in the Wikipedia entry on rape statistics, which is also a good page to bookmark in your "MRA Issues" folder. Excerpt:

'Currently, the two main identifiable adversaries involved in the false rape allegations controversy are the feminists and the police. ... Some feminists virtually deny the existence of false rape accusations and believe the concept itself constitutes discriminatory harassment toward women (see Grano, 1990). On the other hand, police are prone to say the reason for not believing some rape complainants resides in the fact that the rapes never occurred (Payton, 1967; Wilson, 1978; Jay, 1991). Medical Examiners lend support to this police position by emphasizing the ever-present possibility that rape complainants may be lying (Shill, 1969, 1971).'

UK: Ministers pledge to reduce secrecy of the family courts

Mr VanHuizen · 22 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ministers promised yesterday to reduce the secrecy of family courts, which can make decisions about parents' access to children.

The pledge followed a fierce attack from a senior family law judge who said it was time for the public to see 'cases in action'.

The move towards making the workings of the family courts more transparent follows years of controversy over alleged injustice to children and parents.

Cases in which courts have broken up families on the advice of social workers have led to widespread criticism.

Campaign groups such as Fathers 4 Justice have staged demonstrations in the Commons and elsewhere in protest over perceived bias in favour of women in divorce cases and custody orders dealt with by the family courts.'

Teen motherhood a "right"?

anthony · 22 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The big problem I have with The Tennessean's September 24th editorial topic of targeting teenage dads, and of course the guest editorials that embrace yet another social government program, is that we're left with a truly false dichotomy.

That is, teen motherhood is an absolute "right" while teen fatherhood is just a financial "responsibility." I am so sick and tired of hearing this same old song and dance. Teen mother - good. Teen father - bad. She had no choice but to deliver a baby she cannot afford without taxpayers footing the bill. He had all the choices at hand but now must pay financially through the nose. Not to mention, he must accept that everyone but him decide how little parenting time he actually gets. It's a disgrace par excellence.'

MND: A Real Femme Fatale: U.S. Sen. Joseph Biden

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary supporters do not despair: You do have a woman on the Obama ticket and her name is Joseph “Jo” Biden. When Obama talks about wealth distribution, he seldom, if ever, mentions any related programs by name. But you can bet your last dollar – and you won’t have much else left by then – that Jo Biden is percolating plans for a national “man tax.”

Legislating a “man tax” (reparations of sorts) will be done under the noble guise of compensating women to the benefit of all society and, of course, especially children. The Financial Times of London last year allowed two university economics professors to write anonymously in promoting a “man tax.” The commentary in part stated, “Men’s labour supply is more rigid, so an increase in taxes does not reduce their labour supply by much, if at all. … A higher take-home salary for women created by our proposal would allow them to buy more childcare at market prices and, since childcare facilities employ mostly women, they would also benefit on their costs.”

Because She’s a Woman: Glass Ceilings, Female Politicians, and Hate Speech

Broadsword · 22 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Blog post here. Excerpt:

"Thus, one clear meaning of the glass ceiling is that men are conspiring together against women. This has been one of the themes of feminist rhetoric: Evil men oppress women. In order for women to rise to the top, they not only need to achieve like men do, but they also need to overcome the unfair efforts by men to hold them back.

In that interpretation, to say there is a glass ceiling is to accuse men of doing wicked things: of conspiring against women to keep them down. If men are actually engaged in such a conspiracy, then talking about it is a valid way of protesting injustice and promoting liberty. But if men are not conspiring and oppressing, then talk of glass ceilings is irresponsible accusation. It can even be regarded hate-mongering, in that it inspires negative feelings toward men, and unfairly so. At least, such speech is an attack on men, unless one has clear proof. Candidates (and others) who use the term "glass ceiling" should be required to furnish persuasive proof that men are indeed engaged in such a conspiracy."

The politics behind the pink ribbon

Michael · 22 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Some advocates for research into other diseases, and some scientists, worry the breast cancer movement is hogging the spotlight — and the money — at the expense of other worthy causes. Some within the breast cancer movement itself accuse advocacy organizations and corporate donors of “pink washing,” using a veneer of altruism to cover up practices these critics find objectionable.

In the world of cancer charities and government funding, breast cancer is queen. The top four breast cancer charities take in a combined annual revenue of roughly $256 million according to their tax returns...
...
The National Cancer Institute (NCI) devoted $572.4 million researching breast cancer in 2007. Other National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding for breast cancer boosted the total spent on the disease to $705 million. Plus, the Department of Defense operates its own breast cancer research outfit at a cost of another $138 million in fiscal 2008.

By way of comparison, in 2007 the NCI spent $226.9 million studying lung cancer, the leading cancer killer in the U.S., and $73.3 million studying pancreatic cancer, which kills nearly as many patients as breast cancer, usually within a year of diagnosis. Cardiovascular disease, the biggest killer of both men and women, received $381 million.'

Woman assaults man and herself in effort to blame him, faces charges

Michael · 22 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PORT ST. LUCIE — A 26-year-old woman is facing charges after allegedly beating a man Monday who told her to leave when she tried to kiss him, according to an arrest affidavit released Tuesday.

Katrina L. Clemente, of the 3100 block of Southwest Chilton Court, also is accused of hitting a 17-year-old girl, who is eight months pregnant, in the stomach.
...
A witness reported seeing Clemente get out of the van and start running down the street, striking herself, "so she could call the police and claim that (the male victim) hit her," the affidavit states.'

New VAWA Video On 'Women For Obama' Site

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Video found here. When the web page opens, click under 'watch more video's and a menu will guide you to the VAWA video.

Palin plays the gender card

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Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'"You've got to ask yourself why was Senator Hillary Clinton not even vetted by the Obama campaign?" Plain continued. "Why did it take 24 years, an entire generation from the time Geraldine Ferraro made her pioneering bid until the next time that a woman was asked to join a national ticket?"

"In the long history of our country, 74 people have held the position of President or Vice-President, and why have the major parties given America only two chances to even consider a woman for either office?" Palin asked. "This glass ceiling, it is still there, but it's about time that we shattered that glass ceiling once and for all."'

AOL Canada: The Trouble With Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mack's reading a book called The Trouble with Boys, and I'm only about halfway through (I'm busy writing a book of my own: I forgot how much freaking work these things are), so I'll give you a full report when I'm done.

The thesis of the book, though, is summarized on page 23: "Let's take a look at how boys are doing. What we find is that, on the whole, in crumbling public schools in poor neighbourhoods, in elite schools that serve the very rich, and in many middle-class suburban schools, boys are doing less well than girls." Some high-performing boys do better than girls, but the trend is across the board, and wherever you look many more boys are in "special education" classes than girls.

Now the author, Peg Tyre, a former Newsweek writer and the recipient of, among other awards and prizes, a Pulitzer, is speaking specifically about how boys are performing in school, why it is and what we can do about it.'

ABC: Number of Male Teachers Shrinking Fast

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Right now, we know that there's about 4 to 5 percent men in early education, about 9 percent in elementary education. And in high schools, we have about 14 percent," said Bryan Nelson, the founder of MenTeach.org, a nonprofit organization working to increase number of men working in schools.

Nelson cites three main reasons for the absence of male teachers.

"The first reason is stereotypes. People believe men aren't nurturing. The second reason is fear of accusations of abuse. People are afraid men are going to harm children. And the third reason is low status, low pay," he said.'

ABC News Video: Working women on the decline, no mention of men

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Video report here. The video suggests women between the ages of 25 and 54 are just as likely as a man to lose their job during a recession. The economy has also negatively impacted women's wages, but no data about men's earnings were provided.

RADAR: Next 2 Weeks: All-Out Effort to Fix VAWA Now

Matt · 23 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

VAWA Reformers --

In just two weeks from now, November 4, will be Election Day. Candidates are now scouring the countryside in search of votes. These candidates are especially willing to hear about the concerns and worries of their voters.

Folks, THIS IS OUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

RADAR has just completed 45 radio interviews around the country. We're still riding the momentum from our hugely successful Heritage conference on October 1. We just got news of the historic California victory. And for the first time, the DV industry is being placed on the defensive.

Our challenge is simple: Over the next 2 weeks, we want every candidate at the local, state, and national levels to hear the message, loud and clear, "FIX VAWA NOW!"

RADAR has flyers available on our website: http://www.mediaradar.org/ . We even have an eye-popping poster available to download. Use the telephone, the internet, conversations with neighbors and friends -- tell them we need to "FIX VAWA NOW!"

It's time to seize the moment. Our children are counting on us. Let's roll.

The RADAR Team

Australia: Females perpetrate 20 per cent of sex abuse of men

Matt · 23 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Story here. Excerpt:

'ONE in five male sex abuse victims have been abused by women, but they don't want to talk about it, a Brisbane counsellor says.

Spiritus Kinections counselling services co-ordinator Dr Gary Foster said sexual abuse of males by females is often not believed or identified as sexual abuse.

"In actual fact it might have been abusive and quite manipulative," Dr Foster said.

Dr Foster said the idea that a man always wants sex with women and a young man should feel lucky to be having sex with an older woman often make it difficult to report sexual assault by a woman.'

Duke Lacrosse accuser writes book

Anonymous · 23 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The Duke lacrosse accuser has written a book and asserts that she was assaulted on the night in question. Excerpt:

'She declined to answer specific questions about the details of the case on Thursday, and the publisher of the book said repeatedly "the case is closed" and she accepts the conclusions of state prosecutors.'

Does this mean this is a fictional account and she just needs some money?

Japan: 'Virtual murder' results in arrest

Matt · 23 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

I am posting this largely for the purpose of demonstrating (as if it were necessary) not only how nuts in general people these days have become but also how skewed law enforcement priorities are. This kind of thing is why I don't bother reading fiction. Reality (such as it is) is... fascinating... enough. Excerpt:

'TOKYO – A 43-year-old Japanese piano teacher's sudden divorce from her online husband in a virtual game world made her so angry that she logged on and killed his digital persona, police said Thursday.

The woman, who has been jailed on suspicion of illegally accessing a computer and manipulating electronic data, used his identification and password to log onto popular interactive game "Maple Story" to carry out the virtual murder...
...
The woman had not plotted any revenge in the real world, the official said.'

Domestic Violence Ads Claim Boys Grow Up to Be Abusers

SpikeRants · 23 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A domestic violence shelter's new awareness campaign features ads on city buses that show young children alongside disturbing captions such as, "One day my husband will kill me."

The ads, which appear on and inside several Dallas buses, are designed to shock people, said Paige Flink, The Family Place's executive director.

"Children are greatly affected by family violence, even though people think it's a man and a woman fighting," Flink said in Thursday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "Victims get blamed a lot. If you put an adult battered woman (on an ad), some people would blame her. But children are still seen as innocent."

...
The nonprofit group's ads have prompted a few complaints and two billboard companies refused to accept it, Flink said.'

Okay, the place running these ads is called "The Family Place." How many MEN have been turned down by this shelter?

Disgusting.

Duke false accuser threatened with lawsuit over book

anthony · 24 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The woman who prosecutors determined falsely accused three Duke lacrosse players of rape maintains in a new memoir that she was attacked, a claim that provoked an angry lawsuit threat from one player's family.

Crystal Mangum, who appeared publicly Thursday for the first time since making the allegations more than two years ago, says in her book being made available online Friday that she is not "looking forward to opening old wounds" but that she had to defend herself.'

Author says schools have become tougher on boys

anthony · 24 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But as a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter for Newsweek and CNN, Tyre noticed a trend: As schools across the country cut recess, music and other subjects not required by state tests, the number of students taking medication for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder went up.
...
"Boys probably do better in a more active learning environment," Schwartz said. "But we need to be paying attention to each individual child. Boys may need a more active, problem-solving curriculum; gifted and talented students need the opportunity to stretch themselves; our English language learners need intensive support to develop their English language skills. We need to focus on a variety of strategies to help kids succeed better in order to be doing our job.".

Mom Whose Baby Ate Crack Cocaine at Party Won't Go to Jail

anthony · 25 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Buffalo, N.Y., mother whose baby boy ate crack cocaine and opiates at a party was spared jail time because a judge was impressed by her efforts to turn her life around.
...
Dixon brought the baby to a party in June where people were smoking crack. He became ill and went to the hospital after he accidentally ingested the drugs.
...
In court Tuesday, the judge sentenced the mother to one year of probation and ordered her to submit to Buffalo Drug Court scrutiny to overcome her issues with marijuana.'

Woman admits to false rape report, pays fine and gets 'counseling'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Instead, there was "rough sex" gone wrong, infidelity and what Mebruer testified Monday was a big mistake.

The 35-year-old was found guilty of filing a false police report after a bench trial before Greene County Associate Circuit Judge Mark Powell.

As punishment for the misdemeanor, she'll have to pay the Springfield Police Department more than $1,350, undergo counseling and spend two years on unsupervised probation.'

UCF men slip on heels to understand domestic violence

anthony · 25 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Is this becoming a trend? On October 10th, men in North Carolina did the very same thing. Excerpt:

'Male students at the University of Central Florida got the chance to strut around the Student Union patio in high heels Wednesday afternoon to make point about domestic violence.

The men were participating in the second annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" demonstration, part of "Strike Back! Help Break the Cycle of Violence" hosted by UCF Victim Services in conjunction with Harbor House of Central Florida. Harbor House is an Orange County agency that provides temporary shelter, advocacy and information for individuals in an abusive relationship.'

Ed. note: Looks like it. Another such story here.

'JANESVILLE — More than 80 men marched proudly for a good cause Friday evening in downtown Janesville. They wore high heels.

While their footwear was questionable, their cause could not have been more worthy.

They marched in heels as a way of saying no to domestic violence. And they raised money for the cause in the YWCA's second annual Walk a Mile in her Shoes.
...
Best makeup: Mark Terry. His mother, Jutta Terry, did his makeup and artfully painted his shoes. He wore a blonde wig and other accoutrement that he hoped added up to a casual French look.'

Society hides male domestic abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men tend to suffer the same torments as women as long as they stay in abusive relationships, including shock, unexpressed anger, misplaced guilt, and agony over whether to stay or go.

Those who don't go generally stay for the same reasons women do — fear, dependence or a desire to keep the family together for the children. Men, too, can be beaten and tortured into a state of learned helplessness.

When abused men leave, their experiences tend to be much different than those of their female counterparts. They are less likely to tell anyone the truth about the breakup and must face sexist attitudes from many sources.'

Castration: The Next TV Frontier

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The temperature has cooled, the leaves are turning colors, and the new fall television season has begun. Enter the mudslide. The Shock and Awe manipulators have been unleashed to air evermore graphic sex and grotesque violence -- and, predictably, a combination of the two. The first "winner" in this race to the bottom was the FX cable channel, another sure bet. On Sept.17, viewers of the appropriately named new series "Sons of Anarchy" were "treated" to a graphic castration scene, complete with hacked-off genitals shown lying in a pool of blood.

Completely tasteless programming is in, and FX bathes in it. The mastermind of all that Rupert Murdoch-backed villainy is an executive named John Landgraf, who pronounces his philosophical approach thusly: "One of our writers used to say, 'Bad men do what good men can only dream about.' There is a sense that what these characters are doing is allowing us to explore, in a safe context, our id and subconscious, what we might do if there were no restraints of society or conscience on us.'

Misandric 'The Ex List Show' Debuts On CBS

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Abandon hope and every drop of testosterone, all ye who enter here. CBS' new comedy-drama The Ex List is a descent to the most profound levels of Chick Flick Hell, where the damned and those with Y chromosomes cry out in agony through all eternity.

Aimed at an underserved television demographic -- Women Aged 18 To 34, Home Without A Date On Friday Night And Cursing The Entire Male Gender As A Result -- The Ex List goes about its male-bashing business with a ruthless glee.

Men are too clingy. Men don't want to commit. Men whine. Men roar. Men want to drink your blood. (You think I'm kidding about that one, don't you? Oh, you poor bastard.) Men don't grow. Men change. Men say they'll write a song about you, and then it turns out to be called Bitch Left Me On My Birthday. This is a Lifetime movie times The View, raised to the power of Oprah, except there's no chance you'll get a free car for watching.'

Four Men Become First Males to Major in Women's Studies at K-State

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Four men have become the first to pursue a degree in women's studies at Kansas State University.

Program director Angela Hubler says the men are breaking ground in a way similar to equal-rights activists Frederick Douglas and John Stuart Mill. She says students who major in women's studies are committed to social justice issues.

University officials say there are many job opportunities for students who major in women's studies, including law, counseling and politics.'

Teacher Accused Of Tying Students To Chairs

anthony · 25 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW BRITAIN, Conn. -- A New Britain special education teacher has pleaded not guilty to charges she abused autistic children.

Michelle Campbell, 36, had no comment outside New Britain Superior Court Thursday on the charges that she abused children at the Chamberlain School. However, parents of Campbell's alleged victims had a lot to say about the charges brought against the teacher.

"This was putting children in a closet in the dark, holding them in the closet, holding the door, not letting them out," said spokeswoman for the alleged victims' families, Lisa Nkonoki. "Waterboarding if you will -- taking the child, putting water up their nostrils and face so they couldn't breath."
...
Parent Alertba Marin said that her autistic son, one of the alleged victims, doesn't want to sleep alone in bed any more.

"He doesn’t want to sleep with the light off," she said.'

Mutant gene found in 70 percent of prostate cancer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A mutated gene previously linked to breast cancer has been found in 70 percent of prostate tumors as well, U.S. researchers reported on Friday.

They found the gene BP1 was overactive in samples of prostate tumors removed from patients and said their finding suggests the gene may underlie other cancers too.

"We have previously published that it is active in 80 percent of (ductal) breast cancer (samples tested) and 63 percent of acute myeloid leukemia, and now we are finding it in prostate cancer," Dr. Patricia Berg of the George Washington University Medical Center, who led the study, said in a telephone interview.'

Czech "cannibal women" get only 9- and 10-year sentences

Anonymous · 25 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A cannibal cult mother who tortured her son in a locked cellar while relatives skinned him and forced him to eat his own flesh has been jailed for nine years.

Klara Mauerova, 31 - a member of a sinister religious cult and her sister Katerina led the sickening torture of her eight-year-old son Ondrej and his ten year-old brother Jakub.
...
The judge also jailed Katerina, 35, for ten years for her role in the sickening abuse.

The two boys had told judges how their mother and relatives had stubbed cigarettes out on their bare skin, whipped them with belts, and tried to drown them. They were also sexually abused and forced to cut themselves with knives.'

Police: McCain volunteer made up robbery story

Matt · 25 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Speaking of false accusations, I am not surprised to read this. When I read the initial story, I thought, "This is bunk; there are so many holes in it you could float campaign balloons through it." The liar said a 6'-4" black male was her attacker. Talk about pandering to racial stereotypes and prejudices against both men and blacks! But as long as men in general are considered fit targets for false accusations, should it come as any surprise that in a given case the liar would make the extra effort to say it was a black man who attacked her even if blacks make up only 10% of the population? These kinds of things are doubly disgusting and I will be extra annoyed if she doesn't do time for it, and I bet she'll get "psychiatric counseling" instead. Excerpt:

'PITTSBURGH (AP) - A McCain campaign volunteer made up a story of being robbed, pinned to the ground and having the letter "B" scratched on her face in a politically inspired attack, police said Friday.

Ashley Todd, 20-year-old college student from College Station, Texas, admitted Friday that the story was false and was being charged with making a false report to police, said Maurita Bryant, the assistant chief of the police department's investigations division. Police doubted her story from the start, Bryant said.

Todd, who is white, told police she was attacked by a 6-foot-4 black man Wednesday night.

She now can't explain why she invented the story, Bryant said. Todd also told police she believes she cut the backward "B" onto her own cheek, but did not provide an explanation of how or why, Bryant said.

Todd initially told investigators she was attempting to use a bank branch ATM when the man approached her from behind, put a knife with a 4- to 5-inch blade to her throat and demanded money. She told police she handed the assailant $60 and walked away.'

Girl arrested for allegedly stabbing boyfriend while holding her baby

Michael · 26 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Salt Lake City teenager was arrested Tuesday for allegedly stabbing her live-in boyfriend in the back. Police say she held her small child while assaulting the man.
...
The man said he started to walk away from his girlfriend after breaking up with her and that he "lost all feeling in his legs," Bedard said. He then realized that the girlfriend had stabbed him in the back with a knife. The man was taken to an area hospital in serious condition.

The teenager fled the scene in a vehicle, but later turned herself into police. She was booked into juvenile detention on suspicion of aggravated assault and child endangerment.

The girl allegedly was holding her baby - who is about 6 months old - while she stabbed the boyfriend, Bedard said. The child was unharmed during the incident.'

The other minority: Male teachers make an impression

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Caley is one of only four male teachers in his school. Of the district's 354 elementary teachers, only 37 are men.

That might come as no surprise. Men have been the minority among teachers in this country since the 19th century.

But this is the 21st century, when men and women aren't railroaded into traditional roles. Things should be changing, right?

On the contrary, the number of men teaching school is at a 40-year low, according to the National Education Association.'

Report card on boys troubling

anthony · 26 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The pervasive underachievement of boys is creating intense concern for parents. Last month, the federal government released a study that showed nearly 1 in 5 parents of boys had talked to their pediatrician about their son's emotional or behavioral issues (compared with 1 in 10 parents of girls). It's troubling for boys themselves too. Teenage girls report more anxiety and stress but boys between the ages of 15 and 19 are four times more likely to die at their own hands than their female classmates.
...
In West Englewood, veteran principal Tim King opened Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men, a single-gender school. He's working to get poor boys back on track academically—and headed to college.

More school administrators should follow their lead. Before the school year gets any further along, let's stop blaming the boy. Instead, let's ask ourselves if the schools are engaging them—and if not, let's figure out what we can do to create an educational system in which all our children can succeed.'

India: Men suffering domestic violence unite

bharati · 27 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Sunday marked two years since the Domestic Violence (DV) Act came into effect. But some men observed it as black day. They say the act is inhuman since it ignores men completely.

Mohan (name changed, 30), a civil engineer with a construction company, had an arranged marriage two years ago and says he is being beaten up by his wife daily. "She wants to have control over me and wants me to do everything she says. My brother stays with me and she doesn't want me to support him or give money home.

Whenever she finds out that I have helped my family, or we have an altercation on the matter, she beats me with wooden sticks and iron rods," he said.'

RADAR ALERT: As We Approach Election Day, Tell Candidates to Fix VAWA Now!

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RADAR has just completed 45 radio interviews around the country. We're still riding the momentum from our hugely successful Heritage conference on October 1.

And we just got news of a historic legal victory in California: a state appeals court ruled that California domestic violence laws discriminate against men because they only provide state funding for women and their children who use shelters and other programs.

For the first time, the DV industry on the defensive. Let's keep the momentum going.

One week from now is Election Day. At no other time of the year are politicians more receptive to hearing about concerns or grievances that potential voters have.

This week is prime time to call, fax, e-mail, or meet every candidate at the local, state, and national levels and tell them "Fix VAWA Now." Use the method you think will work, but let us mention that we have flyers you can use at our website.

Of course, as always, be courteous and polite.

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Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Georgia woman drives hundreds of miles to give up 12-year-old son in Nebraska

anthony · 27 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LINCOLN, Neb. - A woman drove her 12-year-old son from Georgia to Nebraska to abandon him under the state's unique safe-haven law, the 20th child left at a hospital since the law took effect in July.

The boy, from the Atlanta suburb of Smyrna, was dropped off at BryanLGH Medical Center East in Lincoln on Saturday night, said Todd Landry of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

The youngster is the third child from out of state driven to Nebraska to be abandoned under the law.'

False rape claim earns three months in prison

Anonymous · 27 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"THE 23-YEAR-OLD daughter of murder victim Lizzie Roussel has been jailed for three months for making a false allegation of rape.

Emma Roussel did so to get back at her then boyfriend, who had dumped her for another woman.
...
‘I just wanted him to be hurt because of what he’d done. He’d broken my heart,’ she told police."

Mom Admits Beating Daughter, 11, to Death With Mop

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK — A mother has been accused of beating her 11-year-old daughter with a mop handle, then leaving the vomiting, bleeding child in bed for days until she died, a law enforcement official said Monday.

Police were called to the Brooklyn apartment early Sunday, and the child, Alejandra Vasquez, was already dead.
...
She said she hit Alejandra with the mop handle so hard it shattered, telling police she carried out the attack because she hated the girl's father and despised the child, the official said.'

College blogger touches the fire with 'Advice 4 Women: How to NOT Get a “Deserved” Raping'

Anonymous · 27 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'...had I been a less-than-understanding guy (i.e., a forceful-type of guy who always “gets what he wants by any means necessary”), I could have just as easily forced a kiss on her, or worse - waited until after the club let out to follow her to her car, then followed her to her house. And, when she got out her car, I could have been right there ready to pounce on her, saying: “I think you owe me something, lady!!”

Sound far-fetched? Seeing as girls get raped everyday around the world, it’s not an implausible story.

Now, had I gone through with the second example, I’d be called a “monster” who “preyed upon this girl for no reason,” and would be looked down upon for doing such a thing. And, like I said before, given the actions that were taken in the second example, that title would have been deserved.

But, what about the girl? What about HER part in the scenario?

What about the fact that this girl, who didn’t have any REAL interest in me, simply teased me to rile me up in the hopes of boosting her own ego? What about the fact that this girl grinded her ass on my penis not once, twice, or three times, but several, SEVERAL times??

What amazes me is, women do this kind of stuff all the time. They do certain actions or say certain things to make a guy think she’s going to give up her goods, then turn around and act shocked - SHOCKED, I tell you! - when she says “No” and he still tries to force himself upon her.'

Ed. note: I know this particular posting is likely to generate a great deal of heat. But the frustrations of young men encountering the glaring double-standard of judgment vis-a-vis their sexuality as compared with that of women are as fit a topic of MRA discussion as those frustrations experienced by their older fellows, whose current problem has shifted from this topic to, say, getting the shaft in "family court".

Glenn Sacks: Protest Father-Bashing Domestic Violence Ads!

anthony · 27 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Call to action here. Excerpt:

'Several hundred Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) buses feature misleading, father-bashing ads purporting to address the serious issue of domestic violence.

One ad depicts a happy little girl with the message "One day my husband will kill me." Another shows a smiling boy with the message "When I grow up, I will beat my wife."

The kids are talking about their fathers, and their pathology is due to their fathers' violence. The ads are, to put it bluntly, hate speech against fathers.'

Girl, 14, filmed her brother's hanging

patriotsofamerica · 28 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. You think women are awful and hateful and uncaring now? Here is the next generation in process. Excerpt:

'A TEENAGE girl whose young brother accidentally hanged himself used her mobile phone to FILM the tragedy, cops have revealed.
...
It is believed a game went tragically wrong. Police are investigating after a post-mortem revealed the lad, eight, died from asphyxiation.
...
He said: “I cannot begin to think why she would have done that — surely she should have been trying to get him down from the bunk bed with her other brother.

“I asked the policeman if he knew why on earth she had done it but he wouldn’t say much more about it.

“He told me it was 14-year-old girl using her mobile phone and that it was part of the police investigation.”'

Mercy for sick mum who flung new tot

patriotsofamerica · 28 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. What else is new? Women try to kill and stupid she-men in the courts let them go and hand them back the kids they try to kill. Excerpt:

'A MUM wept yesterday as a judge showed her mercy after she hurled her baby son from a window while suffering severe post-natal depression.

The six-week-old fell 12ft on to concrete below the first floor hospital room where the woman was being treated.

Amazingly, he survived. After days of battling for life, he made a “very good recovery”, a court heard. Yesterday, his 30-year-old mother, who cannot be named, buried her head in her hands and sobbed as it was agreed she had been too mentally ill to know what she was doing. '

Joe Biden And Domestic Abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Senator Biden speaking from a cell phone in his campaign bus gave us the straight talk for over 30 minutes about how we are doing "God's work." He pledged that in an Obama-Biden Administration that they would create a full-time White House staff advisory position with the responsibility to report on violence against women and coordinate a focused Domestic Violence effort to fight the "abuse of power and our society's ugliest, dirtiest little secret!"

Vitamin E flops in prostate cancer trial

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CBS) It's a huge disappointment in the field of cancer prevention.

The largest trial of its kind - known as "SELECT" - hoped Vitamin E and selenium would prevent prostate cancer. But CBS News has learned patients are being told to stop taking the pills - because they don't seem to work, CBS News medical correspondent Dr. Jon LaPook reports. Researchers will continue to monitor the patients in the trial.

"Taking selenium or Vitamin E at the doses that we used in the SELECT trial for an average of five years did not prevent prostate cancer," said Dr. Eric Klein.

...

Men who took selenium alone were more likely to develop diabetes. The researchers believe the increases may just be due to chance.

"The safety issues are of more minor concern and bear further follow-up," Klein said.'

CBS yanks low-rated `The Ex List' from schedule

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES — CBS has crossed "The Ex List" off its schedule.

The hourlong comedy about a woman searching for true love among her ex-boyfriends has been pulled from the network lineup, CBS said Monday. Its Friday time slot will be filled this week by a rerun of "NCIS."
...
"The Ex List" had aired four times. Last week's show dropped about 1 million viewers from the previous week, bringing the total audience to less than 5.5 million.'

Woman falsely reports rape to get day off from work

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Rape is a traumatic crime, and when police get a call reporting sexual assault, it's taken very seriously. Police want to make sure that the person responsible for the crime is locked up and prevented from attacking anyone else, but 2% of all rape cases reported are discovered to be false accusations.

Police in Marlow say that's exactly what happened when an 18-year-old woman fabricated a report of rape. Many women who falsely report rapes are seeking attention - good or bad. However, in this case, police say the young woman who admitted to falsifying two rape reports only wanted a day off from work.'

Obama: Feminist/Marxist?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Obama's affinity for Marxists began when he attended Occidental College in Los Angeles.

"To avoid being mistaken for a sellout, I chose my friends carefully," the Democratic presidential candidate wrote in his memoir, "Dreams From My Father." "The more politically active black students. The foreign students. The Chicanos. The Marxist professors and structural feminists."

Obama's interest in leftist politics continued after he transferred to Columbia University in New York. He lived on Manhattan's Upper East Side, venturing to the East Village for what he called "the socialist conferences I sometimes attended at Cooper Union."'

Related submission: Obama and the Socialist problem Excerpt:

'To paraphrase their ideologies, they are a democratic, multi-tendency party that believes in a non-racist, classless, feminist socialist society that organizes production and distribution through democratically-controlled public agencies. They strive for full employment for everyone who wants to work, free-forming unions, and production of society for the benefit of all humanity, not just for the rich few. They believe socialism and democracy go hand and hand and should not be separated, and of course, they believe in spreading the wealth.'

Report: Women Are Sex Addicts Too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sex addiction. The term conjures up visions of men addicted to pornography or unable to commit to one woman.

But the so-called disease isn't just for men. Women are sex addicts too and some experts say almost a third of people treated for sex addiction are females.

“In America, 30 percent of people coming in for treatment for sex addiction are female,” Don Serratt, director of Life Works, which offers sex-addiction treatment in the UK, told the Times of London. “They’ll come for help with alcoholism, drug addiction or depression and, in the course of treatment, the sex addiction — the root cause of the other addictions — will be uncovered."

Massachusetts pol accused of literally stuffing bra with bribe money

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Democratic state Sen. Dianne Wilkerson faces 40 years in prison after federal prosecutors outlined accusations that she accepted the bribes over an 18-month period in a money-for-legislative influence sting operation, prosecutors said. She had $6,000 in cash in her purse when she was arrested at her Roxbury home by nearly two dozen law enforcement officials, prosecutors said.

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Ed. note: Not posted for the amusement factor, though I'll admit it's there. One of the basic assertions of feminists has been that female pols are much less likely to be corrupted/take bribes, etc. That is just not true as such stories illustrate.

Another boy abandoned in Nebraska

Matt · 29 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Anyone seeing a pattern here? Seems some people can't be rid off their sons fast enough. Story here. Excerpt:

'OMAHA, Neb. – A 17-year-old boy left at a hospital in Lincoln, Neb., may be counted as the 23rd child abandoned under the state's unique safe-haven law.

Lincoln police say the boy's parents took him to BryanLGH Medical Center West late Tuesday.

Police Capt. Jim Thoms says the parents told officers the boy wouldn't follow their rules and that they couldn't afford some programs he needed.'

Female Cornwall teacher jailed for six months for sexual assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Cornwall junior high school teacher who sexually assaulted one of her 13-year-old male students was sentenced yesterday to six months in jail. At the sentencing hearing in August, Crown prosecutors argued that Jennifer Dorland, right, should spend at least 15 months behind bars.'

Police: Ex-lover killed woman in rage in Boynton Beach

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BOYNTON BEACH — Carol Anne Burger killed her former lover by stabbing her 222 times with a Phillips-head screwdriver and then took pains to hide her crime, police said Wednesday.

Jessica Kalish, who shared a house with Burger despite breaking up with her more than a year ago, was found last Thursday stuffed in the backseat of her gun-metal BMW sedan, abandoned behind a medical office at 2300 S. Congress Avenue. Her blood was splashed around the rear end and undercarriage of the car, as if her killer had tried to load her into the trunk. The driver-side window was shattered.'

Glenn Sacks: Thousands Protest, Great Media Coverage--Contact City Officials!

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the past three days Dallas Area Rapid Transit has been bombarded with several thousand calls and letters protesting the anti-father domestic violence ads depicted above. Our campaign has received considerable media coverage on television, radio, and in newspapers--see below.

Over 60 Domestic Violence Authorities, Educators, and Mental Health, Medical, & Family Law Professionals have endorsed our campaign against these ads, including some of the world's leading experts on Domestic Violence.
...
1. Email Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and the Dallas City Council by clicking here. They told me they are aware of the crisis, but they need to see the widespread support we have.
...
6. Fill out DART's customer feedback form. DART spokesman Morgan Lyons told the Dallas Observer that he hadn't received many of those, and the reason is that we hadn't asked you to do it. Please do it now by clicking here.'

Mom in China avoids jail after killing sick child

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BEIJING - A Chinese mother who admitted poisoning and smothering her mentally ill daughter to death has been spared a jail sentence, state media reported Friday.

Li Daohong fed her 20-year-old daughter, who suffered from brain paralysis, more than 200 sleeping pills in a Beijing hotel before smothering her with towels and a quilt while she was asleep, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The case was a rare public look at the difficulties of caring for the mentally ill in China, a subject that remains taboo in much of the country.
...
"The court is convinced of the fact that the defendant has spent great energy and money on the victim, and the mounting psychological burden proved unbearable for her," the judge said, according to Xinhua.'

Texas Mom Throws 4-Year-Old Daughter Into Traffic

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Story here. Excerpt:

'AUSTIN — A woman has been charged with child endangerment, a state jail felony, for beating her 4-year-old daughter before throwing her into the path of an oncoming vehicle, police said.
...
A witness at the bus stop told police he saw Gallardo lift her daughter by the arm so forcefully that he thought the girl's arm "was going to dislocate out of the socket." The witness told police that Gallardo then violently threw the girl into the street and pulled her by her hair before throwing her into a parked vehicle, according to an arrest affidavit.'

Germany: Teacher strips in school gym in front of students

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Suppose she was drunk or just... stupid? Anyway, guess it looks like nothing will happen to her for it. Story here. Excerpt:

'The teacher is seen peeling off her top to reveal her bra and then starts to undo the zip of her trousers before another lecturer covers her in a tablecloth.
...
But the school's headmaster in Zalaegerszeg, western Hungary, has refused to sack the unnamed mistress despite pressure from parents and other teachers.

"I was forced to give the German teacher a warning, but I will not dismiss her because she is a valuable teacher for our institution," said head Sandor Rozman.

He claimed she had shown no more flesh "than you would see on a beach."'

Black men tell tales of transformation in new book "Ain't I a Feminist?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"These men have defied the odds," said White, whose book breaks new ground in the empirical study of black feminist men. "Their lives help define what it means to be a feminist and an ethical human being."
...
"We need to begin teaching women's studies and discussing gender issues in preschool and elementary grades to promote feminist values of nonviolence, humility, empathy, and accountability," said White. "And we need to reform workplace policies that bar men from participating fully in family life. We need paid family leave, we need to enforce equal pay for equal work."'

El Camino Hospital Launches First Women's Hospital in Northern California

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Story here. Excerpt:

'"In the best tradition--and reflecting the best practices--of women's hospitals worldwide, we are creating both a hospital and a service line designed and staffed to meet the unique needs and preferences of women," said Ken Graham, El Camino Hospital CEO. "Women, who represent 65% of patients who receive care at El Camino Hospital, have specialized health needs that extend well beyond maternity and related services--the focus of most hospital programs for women. We believe that better tailoring their lifelong care and the environment in which it is delivered will lead to even better outcomes and improved patient experiences."

The hospital is already considered a leader in women's services. It is the only one in Northern California to receive HealthGrades' Women's Health Excellence Award three years in a row, and the only one in the region to be 5-star rated for Women's Health Services.'

Are More Women Committing Infidelity or Are They Just More Willing to Admit It?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a new study, researchers from the University of Washington explored the recent increase in infidelity, and the changing makeup of the participants. A greater number of older men and younger women have reported being unfaithful than in earlier studies. However, historically, gauging responses in scientific studies of sensitive issues such as sexual behavior has proven to be a flawed science.

According to The New York Times, which cites the University of Washington's research, the number of young women who report engaging in extramarital sex is not much lower than that of men. The study reports that 20 percent of men and 15 percent of women under the age of 35 have cheated on their spouses, up from 15 percent and 12 percent respectively.'

UK: Men narrow longevity gap on women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The differences in life expectancy between the sexes have narrowed across Britain, according to the latest longevity data from the Office for National Statistics, which show men are closing the gap with traditionally longer-living women.

The average woman born in 2006 is likely to live 2.7 years longer than one born in 1992 while men can expect to live 3.8 years longer.'

Father kept in the dark about baby's adoption

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Adoptions are private for a reason -- to protect a child. But, with such secrecy, a lawyer can set up a deal between a mother and adoptive parents and move a baby into a new home very quickly. By the time a birth father catches up, it is often just too late.

For 10 months, Michael Marek's life as a new father has involved endless court dates and a few supervised visits in public places. He is fighting for a baby that is biologically his, but living with an adoptive family that does not want to give her up. Out of respect for their privacy, we will not use their names.
...
Birth fathers like Marek are stuck in a gray area of adoption law. A single mother can put her baby up for adoption, and if the father objects, his only hope is to enter a long and expensive court battle. The state offers men like Marek no protection.'

Canada: No Jail For Wife Who Murdered Disabled Husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Ingeborg Grubanoski was suffering from a number of mental disorders when she brutally killed her severely disabled husband, a forensic psychiatrist testified Wednesday.

As a result, Dr. David Tano concluded she should be found not criminally responsible for clubbing Mladen Grubanoski in the head with a hammer and strangling him with a belt on May 17, 2007.

Tano told Crown prosecutor Christine Rideout that Ingeborg, 56, heard voices before she retrieved the weapons from the basement of their southwest home after their daughter Karin went to the grocery store.

When she killed the retired electrical engineer, she was in a dissociative or trance-like state, he said.'

Wife accused of beating husband with dumbbell

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A New Berlin woman accused of attempted homicide told detectives that she wrapped plastic wrap across her husband's face and hit him with a dumbbell because she wanted him to shut up, according to a criminal complaint filed today in Waukesha County Circuit Court.

Valentina Grenader, 45, was charged with attempted first degree intentional homicide, strangulation and suffocation, and substantial battery. She is being held in the Waukesha County Jail on $100,000 bail.

If convicted of all three felonies, the maximum penalty is 73 years and six months in prison.

The woman's husband needed eight stitches to close a head wound, according to the criminal complaint.'

BBC: Abuse law protects Brazilian man

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A law introduced in Brazil two years ago to protect women from domestic violence has been used to protect a man who was being abused by his ex-wife.

It is thought this may be the first time the legislation has been used to protect a man.

The case was heard before a judge in Cuiaba in the state of Mato Grosso.

The judge ruled that the former wife had to stay at least 500m away from her ex-husband and must avoid all contact with him.

The man alleged that he was suffering physical aggression, psychological and financial abuse and provided several documents to prove his case.'

Court reverses conviction in baby death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Iowa Supreme Court on Friday ordered a new trial for a woman convicted of drowning her infant son, whose body was found in a central Iowa lake.

...

Anfinson has been serving a 50-year prison sentence in the 1998 death of her 15-day-old son, Jacob. His body, weighted down with rocks, was found in Saylorville Lake near Des Moines.

Anfinson's lawyer argued that the baby died accidentally in an infant bathtub and she panicked and hid his body in the lake.

...

In asking the Supreme Court to review her appeal for postconviction relief, Anfinson claims her lawyer dismissed an insanity or diminished capacity defense despite evidence she was suffering from severe postpartum depression at the time of the child's death.'

Women's Center and Verizon Wireless Launch Benefit For Victims of Domestic Violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A recognized corporate leader for its commitment to preventing domestic violence and raising awareness of the issue, Verizon Wireless was the first wireless carrier in the nation to collect and recycle old cell phones and has done so since January 1999 -- first in New Jersey and then across the U.S. The wireless equipment is refurbished or recycled in an environmentally friendly manner and the proceeds used to provide wireless phones and service and cash grants to local organizations and shelters like the N.Y. Asian Women's Center that provide direct services to victims of domestic violence.'

'Myths & Facts of Domestic Violence' leaves out male victims entirely

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), one in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

The NCADV also reports that a staggering 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by a partner each year. Don't be fooled though, domestic violence also includes verbal, emotional, and psychological abuse as well. Whether someone endures constant put downs, verbal threats or mental domination, this is still considered domestic violence.'

MAWAD fighting stereotypes that only women are abused

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PRINCETON — Women with battered eyes and bruised souls have become the symbols of domestic violence in America, but one organization is working to change the perception that all domestic abuse manifests itself physically on the outside and that women are the only victims.

Men and Women Against Discrimination (MAWAD) formed in West Virginia to expose the untruths behind the theory that men are always the aggressors, pursue a family court system that recognizes and honors each parent's role in a child's upbringing and to seek "truth, justice and equality in family law."

Along the way, organizers say they discovered there are many men out there who are just as abused as any of their female counterparts, that the court system all too often ignores their wounds and that the very systems put in place to stop domestic violence can be manipulated and twisted into another form of abuse during divorce and custody negotiations.'

Female teacher, 45, accused of 'having sex with' 17-YO student

Anonymous · 31 October 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'According to cops, Horvath a married mother of four, reportedly approached the teen about her "feelings" last spring and the two carried on a torrid affair during the summer months before being discovered this fall. According to the arrest affidavit the two lovers allegedly have sex in various place, mostly in parked cars, as many as 25 times, including once in a Walmart parking lot where they were caught naked by the cops. What happened to them? The police asked the teen if he was PAYING FOR SEX and then let them go. That's some nice police work there Lou. The worst part of the story? One of Horvath's own sons is a classmate of the victim, and has since had to be transfered to another school. Yeah, probably wouldn't be cool to be walking around the halls of your school with people talking about your mom having an alleged affair with one of your friends.'

Ohio I.G. investigating child support inquiry re "Joe the Plumber"

Matt · 1 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Ohio's inspector general is investigating why a state agency director approved checking the state child-support computer system for information on "Joe the Plumber."

Helen Jones-Kelly, director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, confirmed today that she OK'd the check on Samuel Joseph Wurzelbacher following the Oct. 15 presidential debate.
...
...Reports state that he lives alone with a 13-year-old son.

"Our practice is when someone is thrust quickly into the public spotlight, we often take a look" at them, Jones-Kelley said, citing a case where a lottery winner was found to owe past-due child support. "Our practice is to basically look at what is coming our way."'

Australia denies residency for dad of boy with Down syndrome

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SYDNEY, Australia (AP) -- Thirteen-year-old Lukas Moeller has Down syndrome. His father is a doctor who came to Australia from Germany to help fill a shortage of physicians in rural communities.

But now Australia has rejected Dr. Bernhard Moeller's application for residency, saying Lukas does not meet the "health requirement" and would pose a burden on taxpayers for his medical care, education and other services.

The case has provoked an outcry in the rural region of southeastern Victoria state, where Moeller is the only internal medicine specialist for a community of 54,000 people. Residents rallied outside Moeller's practice this week, demanding that the decision be overturned, and hundreds of Internet and radio complaints from across the country bombarded media outlets Friday.'

Ed. note: Would they have dared to do so if this were "a mum and her little girl"?

Sophie Morris: "Men have such suspicious minds"

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'I haven't the first clue why the results of new research into infidelity are being held up as evidence than men are better at spotting a cheating partner than women. Not at all. It simply shows us that men are more suspicious of their lovers than women are of theirs. Why? Well I guess it takes one to know one.
...
But the men, a whopping 94 per cent of them, knew exactly at which point their missus was actually "working late" and when she was taking a liberty with their trust, and possibly their best friend. The reason, though, they scored better is because they erred heavily on the side of distrust. This meant the men detected 75 per cent of cheating women, while the women only caught out 41 per cent of their wandering men. It doesn't take a sleuth to work out that the men also suspected infidelity where there was none.
...
In fact, the only reason the guys identified more cheaters is because they suspected more in the first place. If you don't trust anyone, then when you catch your partner in flagrante you should not be surprised, but gleefully vindicated in your paranoid distrust.'

The Standard Online: Men cannot handle a successful woman

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'It is not men's fault. I believe it is part of their genetic makeup. And until some genius scientist finds a way to alter their genes to prevent them from being threatened by successful women, this will remain a volatile topic.

Women will continue being viewed as the weaker sex, and any attempt to rescue themselves from that stereotype will send the Tony Ms of the world running scared, terrified that the IWTs are out to emasculate them and take away their balls.

Sorry, guys. Your world domination is getting diluted every day. Women are putting down their lesos, strapping on their stilettos, and marching into offices to give PowerPoint presentations. They are doing it all, and going home at the end of the day to breastfeed their kids while still donned in their dryclean only power suits.'

P1 Exclusive: Odd man out at the Women's Seminar

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Story here. Excerpt:

'About five years ago, Calibre Press began holding Street Survival Seminars that are conducted specifically for female law enforcement officers. The seminars are held twice a year, one in Las Vegas, NV and the other in Atlantic City, N.J. For the past four years I've been the third wheel – the odd-man-out if you will – as the sole male instructor. The Lead Instructor and architect of this seminar is Sgt. Betsy Brantner Smith who also happens to be one of the five instructors for the other 40-plus Seminars we conduct annually.
...
First, that there seems to be something inherently unfair about having a seminar that is titled: Street Survival for Female Officers while there is no seminar titled: Street Survival: Here's One for Da-Guys. I then point out that 80 – 85 percent of the attendees in the other 30+ Street Survival seminars are males, and in all my years as an instructor I've never had a guy walk up and say that we need to have some "me time" with other male cops. The second issue involves their curiosity about what – exactly – is talked about in the Women's Seminar.'

Teacher accused of having sex with three boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Chicago high school teacher is charged with sexual assault and abuse for alleged sexual encounters with three students of the South Side charter school where she worked.
...
Prosecutors claim she had sex with two students and a former student. One of the boys was 15, and the other two were 16.
...
She was arrested and held Sunday in lieu of $100,000 bail.'

Australia: Falsely-accused MP recounts ordeal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'GREENS MP Ian Cohen has spoken for the first time of the humiliation of being accused of domestic violence.
...
In April, Cohen was summonsed on charges of assault and assault occasioning bodily harm after his former partner, Donna Davis, alleged he attacked her on June 22, 2006. She went to police in January of this year, sparking a long investigation.

Yesterday, Mr Cohen, 57, was relieved his seven-month ordeal was over, but he said the emotional scars of being shunned by some MPs and Greens, abused by strangers in the street and branded a wife-basher would take a long time to heal.

First elected in 1995, the environmental activist said he had been unable to work on "important projects" because he was paralysed with fear, waiting for the next headline.
...
Mr Cohen said he planned to discuss with the Attorney-General, John Hatzistergos, the issue of charged people being identified by the media before conviction. It was grossly unfair that their names were sullied without even being found guilty.'

Amanda Knox 'regrets' lies over Meredith Kercher murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Amanda Knox, the American student accused of murdering Meredith Kercher, her British flatmate, claims she regrets having lied in police interviews to incriminate an innocent man.

Ms Knox, 21, said she was "afraid" but believes she will be acquitted in the end. On Tuesday Paoli Micheli, the pre-trial judge, ordered both her and Raffaele Sollecito, her former Italian boyfriend, to stand trial on December 4 on charges of murder, sexual assault and theft.
...
Ms Knox said she regretted she could not vote in the US election. "Oh, I'd really like that" she was quoted as saying. "I'm a good American girl and I feel it is my duty to vote."...

...
Mr Lumumba is suing for damages, and has described Ms Knox as a "compulsive liar". "I'm very sorry about the way Patrick reacted" she said. "The first thing I did was to ask his forgiveness. I felt I was being pressured by the police so I mentioned him, but I'm really sorry".
...
Ms Knox said she had "really believed there was a chance of getting out of here, and that's why I am suffering." She said she was very tired and hardly eating. The first thing she would do if let out would be to "go to a restaurant and eat tagliatelle with mushrooms. But not ossobuco, because I'm a vegetarian".'

There's crazy and then there's CRAZY. This woman is CRAZY. But in an evil kind of way, like The Joker from "Batman". Jail's too good for her.

13-YO girl sparks panic with false rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Police descended on the Petrides School yesterday after a student there claimed she'd been taken to the basement and raped by four men in costumes -- but the account was a fabrication, she later admitted to cops.

Parents were panicked and rumors flew through the Sunnyside complex after the 13-year-old reported she'd been raped at about 12:45 p.m. She was taken to Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze, and later confessed that she'd concocted the whole thing, police said.
...
Police said that as of last night, the girl had not been charged with any crime.'

"You can't see your son - but can he have one of your organs?"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A quietly spoken father of three, he finds that his life rarely gets more exciting than his weekly game of golf. But when he called the social workers as requested, he was confronted with a series of astonishing facts.

They said he was the father of another child - a five-year-old son from a previous, short-lived relationship. A former girlfriend, unable to cope with the demands of motherhood, had handed the boy over to foster parents.

A meeting with this new-found son was out of the question, he was told, let alone any sort of relationship. He was also informed that the boy was to be formally adopted and that the council was ringing merely to let him know.'

Cops: Mom, Daughter Hire Hitman to Kill Dad

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MANASSAS, Va. — An 18-year-old Manassas woman has pleaded guilty to arranging with her mother to have her father killed.

Jessenia Blasini pleaded guilty in Prince William County Circuit Court on Thursday to conspiracy to commit capital murder, solicitation to commit capital murder and malicious wounding.'

Mom of Iowa toddler found dead charged with murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'IOWA CITY, Iowa — The mother of a toddler who was found dead after being reported missing by his father was charged with the boy's murder.

Michelle Kehoe, 35, was charged Thursday with first-degree murder in the death of 2-year-old Seth Kehoe. Buchanan County Attorney Allan VanderHart said she also faces charges of attempted murder and child endangerment resulting in serious injury for attacking her 7-year-old son, Sean.

Eugene Kehoe reported his wife and children missing Sunday night. They left their Coralville home to visit relatives earlier in the day and were found Monday when Michelle Kehoe walked into a home in Littleton and said the children were in danger, investigators had said.'

F4J Pittsburgh PA Rally at Heinz Field Huge Success Despite Disruption by Security and Police

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Fathers-4-Justice members from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia rallied in front of Heinz Stadium this past Sunday, October 26. Members felt a football stadium on a Sunday afternoon would be the perfect place to find dads and increase public awareness. The rally was a tremendous success. Members, armed with flyers, signs and flags, walked through the public parking lots and along the sidewalks talking to people about equal parenting. “People were running after us to get our information, one guy chased me, when he caught up to me, he said he has been fighting the family court system for almost 24 years. He thanked me for being there and spreading our message. He asked for some information to give to all of his friends in the same situation, I gave him a stack of flyers, and off he went to distribute them. That was a great moment.” Brian Holladay, a National Boardmember for Fathers-4-Justice, said.'

More doublethink: "Woman wins NYC marathon for third time in a row"... well, sort of...

Matt · 2 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. "Remember Winston, it isn't what your eyes tell you. It's what The Party tells you." Excerpt:

'NEW YORK – Paula Radcliffe defended her title at the New York City Marathon on Sunday to become the second woman to win the race three times.

Marilson Gomes dos Santos of Brazil won the men's race for the second time in three years, passing Abderrahim Goumri of Morocco with about a mile to go.
...
Unlike Radcliffe's tight victories in 2004 and '07, the world record holder from Great Britain pulled away from Ludmila Petrova in the 22nd mile to win comfortably in two hours, 23 minutes, 56 seconds.'

No mention of "the men's race" winner's time. Oh yeah, that doesn't matter. Well, for those who care, it's reported here-- the only place I could actually find his time reported. Quick, look at it before the Ministry of Truth comes along and edits it out! Heck, if they put in a little effort, maybe they could un-person him and forget they did it in the first place!

"Womanist" blog takes on Sacks' latest campaign

anthony · 2 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Entry here. You don't need to register for an account to submit a comment. Comments appear right away, there's no moderation. Excerpt:

'Well it should come as no surprise to anyone that Mr.Sacks (I won't link to him) is continuing on with his misogynistic attacks against women. In his teeny little world, it is all about the penis, and if you don't have one your story does not deserve to be told. We certainly cannot have a world where women speak out against the violence and the oppression that they face at the hands of men, that would be far to threatening to patriarchy.

The Family Place domestic shelter paid $25,000 for 45 bus-side ads and 300 bus interior ads to appear on DART, the Dallas transit system. Sacks and his minions have declared these ads offensive to men and fathers. They have started a campaign to get the ads taken down.'

Woman whose lies landed man in prison for 10 months gets community service as "punishment"

Matt · 3 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who helped send her former partner to prison for 10 months after lying in court has escaped with 50 hours community service.

Marion Anne Carter, 61, was sentenced in Hamilton last week after earlier pleading guilty to perverting the course of justice.

Her lies under oath helped convict Robert "Bob" Sutton of
two rapes, four assaults with a weapon and nine assaults on a number of people that saw him jailed in November 2005.'

UK: The future is female, job figures show

anthony · 3 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But a new analysis shows that they are poised to become the dominant force in the workplace over the next decade, paving the way for a dramatic feminisation of society.
...
Dr Mark Batey, of Manchester Business School, said: "Women are going to be dominant in the professions over the next decade. They will begin to hold far more positions of power in the workplace.

"Employers realise that women are more suited to the modern workplace, where the emphasis is on the qualities of team-work, leadership skills, communication and emotional intelligence in which they excel – rather than the intellectual ability or physical strength on which men have relied. Already employers, such as law firms, are struggling to find good male candidates for vacancies because women are not only getting better academic qualifications, they have a better range of skills."'

RADAR ALERT: Tell Dallas Transit to Stop Putting Kids at Risk

Matt · 4 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

An analysis[1] of the data in the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services "Child Maltreatment" reports from 2001-2006, shows that:

- 70.8% of children killed by one parent are killed by their mothers
- 70.6% of children abused by one parent are abused by their mothers
- 60% of the victims are boys

This week Glenn Sacks [2] and Ned Holstein [3] notified the public that for the month of October, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) has plastered billboards all over its buses, promoting the falsehood that only men ever commit domestic violence.

The misandry in DART's campaign is so blatant that it distracts attention from this even more offensive fact:

Under the guise of public service, DART is running a campaign that will inevitably increase the number of child deaths by promoting the false notion that children are always safer with their mothers because men are inherently dangerous!

Considering it was just last March that a mother threw her 6 and 8 year old sons off a Dallas overpass onto I-30,[4] you would think that DART officials would be well aware of women's potential for violence.

This week we're asking you to contact the top-level staff at DART and tell them:

- 71% of children killed by one parent are killed by their mothers. [5]
- DART's publicity campaign promoting the falsehood that women are always victims, never abusers, has the effect of promoting policies that will inevitably cause more child deaths.
- Since DART's publicity campaign is already in progress, simply stopping the campaign will not undo the damage they've already done.
- The only way DART can undo the damage and save the lives of the children they've put at risk is for them to:
  1. Immediately take down all signs and billboards and stop all advertisement related to their current campaign, and
  2. Allocate a budget equal to the budget for the current campaign, and run an equally prominent campaign to inform the public: "71% of children killed by one parent are killed by their mothers, and 60% of the dead children are boys."

Send your comments to the following people. As always, be polite but firm.

Gary Thomas
President/Executive Director
Phone: 214-749-3070
Email: gthomas-at-dart.org

Sue Bauman
Vice President of Marketing and Communications
Phone: 214-749-2504
Email: sbauman-at-dart.org

Randall D. Chrisman
DART Chairman of the Board
Email the Director of Board Support: NJohnson-at-dart.org

Robert W. Strauss
Vice Chairman, DART Board of Directors
Email the Director of Board Support: NJohnson-at-dart.org

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Date of RADAR Release: November 2, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Ah ha! So much for that whole "dirty-handed men" thing!

Matt · 4 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Betrays the "men tend to be less hygienic than women" stereotype, yes? Won't see this on JunkScience, er, I mean, LiveScience, any time soon. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – Wash your hands, folks, especially you ladies. A new study found that women have a greater variety of bacteria on their hands than men do. And everybody has more types of bacteria than the researchers expected to find.

"One thing that really is astonishing is the variability between individuals, and also between hands on the same individual," said University of Colorado biochemistry assistant professor Rob Knight, a co-author of the paper.

"The sheer number of bacteria species detected on the hands of the study participants was a big surprise, and so was the greater diversity of bacteria we found on the hands of women," added lead researcher Noah Fierer, an assistant professor in Colorado's department of ecology and evolutionary biology.'

Husband pleads for wife as she is jailed for trying to kill him

Anonymous · 4 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Love is blind — at least in the case of a wealthy Irish businessman who today pleaded with a judge not to jail his partner when she was sentenced to six years for hiring a hitman to kill him and his two sons.

Sharon Collins used the pseudonym “Lying Eyes” when she contracted a Las Vegas poker dealer to kill her partner PJ Howard, a property tycoon, and his sons Robert and Niall.

But in a bizarre twist during today’s sentencing in Dublin's Central Criminal Court, Mr Howard appealed for the judge to spare Collins, a 45-year-old divorcee with two children from a previous relationship, declaring: "I will not give up on Sharon".'

Ask JPMorgan Chase to stop sponsoring DART ads

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Via email: JPMorgan Chase is a major contributor to the Family Place the sponsor of the DART bus ads. Please send an email to elaine.agather-at-jpmorganchase.com and ask that she ask the Family Place and DART to remove these offensive ads immediately. Hitting the sponsors of an organization is a great way to get their attention. Elaine will be back to read her emails by Thursday I am told.

--Paul Clements, US Activist

From http://www.familyplace.org/Page.aspx?pid=246:

Our Partners

JPMorgan Chase

Chase, the presenting sponsor of The Family Place Partners Card 2007, is a leading corporate citizen in Dallas, building long-term partnerships with nonprofit organizations whose success is vital to the prosperity of our communities. Each year, Chase provides financial resources, technical assistance, investments and loans, and volunteer support to a broad range of organizations in three key areas: community asset development, youth education, and arts and culture.

Throughout the year, Chase employee volunteers organize team projects and offer their individual time on behalf of many organizations like The Family Place, including Junior Achievement, Big Brothers Big Sisters, UNCF, Rebuilding Together, Meals on Wheels and the Salvation Army.

"We know that investing in our communities is not only the right thing to do, it makes good business sense too, "said Elaine Agather, Chairman of Chase's Dallas Region. "We are committed to using our financial resources, and our professional expertise to enhance and strengthen the communities where we live and work."

JPMorgan Chase serves more than 90 million customers and the world's most prominent corporate, institutional and government clients. It is the largest bank in the Metroplex with a local workforce exceeding 8,900 bankers. Chase has deep roots in Dallas, tracing its local heritage back to 1916.

Since the completion of the merger with Bank One, Chase has more than 100 bank branches located across Dallas/Fort Worth to serve customers. As part of its commitment to the local economy, Chase has long been a leading SBA lender in Dallas and has a strong commitment to lending to women- and minority-owned businesses.

International Men's Day - 19th November 2008

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Media Release

International Men's Day - 19th November 2008

International Men's Day will have its inaugural celebration in Australia on 19th November 2008.

Russian President, Mikhail Gorbachev, first called for an international day to celebrate men in 1999 at the United Nations in Vienna. International Men's Day is celebrated on many different dates around the world with varying degrees of success.

To help standardize International Men's Day and increase its success the Indian 'Save the Family Foundation' launched an international campaign and called for the celebration of International Men's Day on 19th November along with Pakistan, Trinidad and Tabago.

Australia is joining with India, which has the second largest male population in the world, to call other countries around the world to make 19th November 2008 a day to honour men for the contribution they make to their family, friends, work, community and nation.

Warwick Marsh, from the Dads4Kids Fatherhood Foundation said, "We contacted the leaders of the Save the Family Foundation in India, the leading advocates for International Men's Day, before sharing the vision with several leaders in the Australian men and father's movement at the National Shared Parenting Conference in Gosford, NSW on 14th June 2008. The response in Australia for an International Men's Day has been really positive. Already in Australia we have watched the phenomenal expansion of Movember, which promotes men's health, so it's great to see all these things happening for men in the month of November. Movember is exploding in influence around the world."

Mr Marsh continued, "The 19th November is historically a day of great significance for every Australian. In 1941 it was the day that the HMAS Sydney II was lost. The 19th November 2008 commemorates the loss of 645 men when the HMAS Sydney sank off the coast of Western Australia, the greatest loss of men's lives on any one day by Australian forces in World War II."

"The theme for the International Men's Day 2008 is 'Honour and Sacrifice'. This commemorates what our Aussie men, sons, fathers and grandfathers, both past and present, have sacrificed for their families, communities and nation," Mr Marsh said.

"We call on other countries to join in solidarity to celebrate the positive contribution that men make to the world on International Men's Day, Wednesday 19th November 2008."

For more information please contact Warwick Marsh at:

- Dads4Kids
  - http://www.dadsforkids.com/
- Fatherhood Foundation
  - http://www.fatherhood.org.au/
  - info-at-fatherhood.org.au

Top UK football referee's ex-girlfriend quizzed over 'trashing his £40,000 Porsche'

Anonymous · 6 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Premiership referee Mark Clattenburg's ex-girlfriend has been arrested on suspicion of trashing his luxury sports car.

His Porsche Boxster, worth £40,000, was vandalised outside a flat he owns in Gosforth, Newcastle, in August.

A corrosive substance was splattered on the side of the vehicle, which has a private registration, causing thousands of pounds of damage.

Now, it has emerged his former lover and business partner Susan Clegg has been arrested by Northumbria Police in connection with the incident.

The 35-year-old, of Gateshead, is helping police with their inquiries and must answer bail later this month, when she could face charges.'

New Hampshire now has female-majority Senate

Matt · 6 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. I found it ironic; New Hampshire also has the country's only state-funded Commission on the Status of Men, too. Excerpt:

'New Hampshire's State Senate is now unlike any in the country and unlike any before it. After Tuesday's election, women now make up the majority of the New Hampshire State Senate. In an election year that saw Hillary Clinton, Sarah Palin, and Nancy Pelosi grab headlines and airtime across the country, New Hampshire didn't just vote blue, it voted for women.
...
Previously ten women held senate seats out of twenty-four in Concord, but now they hold thirteen.'

Imagine that, "gender-representative parity" all without having to get the legal system to mandate it? Will wonders never cease? But what if by 2012, 75% of the NH Senate is made up of women? Will there be a push on by those women to get more men into the Senate like there has been for years the other way? I guess we'll see. But <<*let's don't*>> hold our breaths, hmm? :)

Sex therapist seeking vounteers for 'diary research'

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Via Greg Andresen, from Bettina Ardent:

"Hi Greg,

I wonder if you can help me. I am trying to contact all the key people working in the men's health area. I am seeking their help with a project I am working on, as I need men to volunteer for the research. See notice attached explaining what it is all about. Please see also my website http://www.bettinaarndt.com.au/ for more information.

Thanks, Tina"

Father creates music video "A crime to be a man"

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Presentation by Mr. Joakim Ramstedt from Gothenburg, Sweden, the musician:

"My hope is that you will spread this film to as many as possible. I want my country to feel ashamed of what they are doing to our children.

Sweden is violating the UN children's rights act article 9 that states that a child has the RIGHT to a close and intimate relationship with both its parents. In Sweden, fathers are losing custody in 95% of all cases. It doesn't matter if the mother is unfit. She wins anyway. That is abuse and torture for the men and children that are affected, and it's causing a lot of problems for the kids in their life. This needs to stop."

Permission granted to embed and spread the video.

UK: Woman teacher, 62, 'stalked younger colleague for two years'

Anonymous · 7 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here Excerpt:

'A teacher stalked a colleague at a top state school by bombarding him with unwanted love letters saying she wanted to be his 'flesh and blood', an employment tribunal heard.

Helen Vipond was said to have continued to pester German teacher Jamie Meharg - who was given police protection during the two-year period when the alleged stalking took place.

The tribunal in Ashford heard that Mrs Vipond, 62, sent up to ten letters and made repeated unwanted visits to 42-year-old Meharg's classroom at the respected Darrick Wood secondary in Orpington, Kent.'

"Inside the Mind of the Boy Dating Your Daughter"

arindamp · 7 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. An amazing report. Excerpt:

'The stereotype of the 16-year-old boy is that he has sex on the brain. But a fascinating new report suggests that boys are motivated more by love and a desire to form real relationships with the girls they date.

The report, published in this month's Journal of Adolescence, paints a far different picture of teen boys than the stereotype of testosterone-fueled youth. Psychology researchers from the State University of New York at Oswego surveyed 105 10th-grade boys whose average age was about 16. The boys, most of whom said they were heterosexual, were given surveys asking them to select various reasons why they asked girls out, dated and pursued physical relationships. Most of the boys had dating experience, and about 40 percent were sexually active.'

Woman files false rape report in Pearl

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Story here. Excerpt:

'JACKSON, MS (WLBT) - A woman who falsely reported a rape in Pearl was arrested late Thursday and may face criminal charges. Pearl police tell WLBT News they have been besieged by calls and e-mails from concerned citizens about allegations of a rape in that city.
...
The woman could face felony charges. "She can indeed and we are contemplating those charges at this time,." according to Townsend.'

No Charges Pending For False Rape/Kidnapping Story

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former University at Buffalo student has recanted her story about being kidnapped and raped last December on the North Campus in Amherst, university police said Wednesday.

Detectives had been investigating the case but found no witnesses or evidence, UB Police Chief Gerald W. Shanley Jr. said.

“There was nothing to corroborate the victim’s story, and she would not do any follow-up interviews with us,” Schoenle said.

...

Criminal charges for making a false report will not be filed, according to Schoenle.'

Bowie woman pleads guilty to leaving baby in hot SUV

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Bowie woman has pleaded guilty to leaving her 14-month-old daughter in the back of a hot SUV.
...
Fortlage faces up to 30 days in jail and a $500 fine at sentencing in January.

Her attorney said Fortlage didn't realize the girl was still in the car when she parked at the mall. He said after an investigation, Child Protective Services only recommended that Fortlage take a parenting class, which she has completed. She still has custody of all three of her children.'

Forbes: Women Don't Make Better Leaders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'They may not know it, but these men are what academics call "difference" or "cultural" feminists, believing that women deserve equal rights not because, as humans, they are basically the same as men, but because of their differences--and even that those differences in some ways make women superior.

This idea that inherent female qualities make women better leaders has been kicked around many times by everyone from radical feminists, who argued that women were flat-out better, to the Catholic Church and its cult of Mary. In the 19th century, adherents of the so-called Cult of True Womanhood deemed women more pure and pious than men.

...

Women do not make categorically better leaders, and it's no favor to them to suggest that they do. By all means, let's elect smart, judicious leaders who happen to be female--but don't expect them to do a better job than the men by reason of estrogen alone. As New York mayor Fiorello LaGuardia noted, "There is no Democrat or Republican way to pick up garbage." For the vast majority of functions of leadership, there's no male or female way to do it either.'

S. Africa: EC to open private wards for botched circumcisions

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Eastern Cape - The Department of Health will soon provide private wards in hospitals throughout the Eastern Cape Province to accommodate patients who are admitted to hospital due to botched traditional circumcisions.
...
"The young people who undergo circumcision are the future of this province and if we want to grow the economy of this province, we need to make sure that they return from the circumcision schools healthy," she said.
...
This follows the death of four boys after being rescued from various initiation schools in the province.'

Treasury Secretary Short List: Lawrence Summers

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Larry Summers, President Clinton's last treasury secretary, is reportedly at the top of the list of candidates being considered to fill the role of chief financial officer of the government.

And he probably should be.

Summers' economic credentials are sterling -- an undergraduate degree from MIT and a doctoral degree in economics from Harvard. He has written influential academic papers, became one of the youngest tenured professors in Harvard's history at the age of 28 and served as chief economist of the World Bank. He even worked as an economic adviser in the Reagan administration.
...
After leaving Treasury in 2001, Summers became the president of Harvard. His tenure there was marked by a series of controversies.

The most damning was when he said basic genetic differences between the sexes may be one reason why fewer women succeed in math and science careers.'

Woman indicted on charges of molesting teen

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Sarah E. Ellison, a 31-year-old woman who ran a day care center at her Fort Meade home, was indicted by a federal grand jury yesterday on charges that she repeatedly molested a 14-year-old boy.

Ellison is the first Maryland woman indicted for sexual abuse of a minor under the two-year-old Project Safe Childhood Program, a partnership among state, local and federal officials designed to combat sexual exploitation of children.

According to the two-count indictment, the boy attended a middle school with Ellison's two stepchildren, whom he considered friends. He would sometimes hang out at her house after school because of the relationships. Between November 2005 and June 2006, the indictment alleges, Ellison and the boy had sexual contact by "touching each other between 10 and 20 times and, on occasion, mutually masturbating each other."

"National Men Make Dinner Day"

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Article here. Maybe next year they'll have 'National Women Shovel Snow Day'. Excerpt:

'Non-cooking men, should you be game to celebrate National Men Make Dinner Day, here are the ground rules, as paraphrased from the official holiday Web site:

- Dinner must be made from a "published" recipe from either a cookbook or the Internet. The recipe should contain a minimum of four ingredients and use at least one cooking utensil other than a fork. Check the above mentioned Web site for some deliciously simple recipes.

- Man must do all the shopping for any ingredients that aren't already in the kitchen.
...
- Man is responsible for setting table nicely with candles, as well as cleaning up the kitchen as he goes, clearing the table, and loading the dishwasher.'

UK: Men will suffer from new laws on sex discrimination, academic warns

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dr Catherine Hakim argues that existing legislation has already eradicated sexism against women, and that the remaining gender pay gap is down to the different career choices made by men and women.

She accuses feminists of peddling "myths" about the extra hours put in by women and their thwarted career ambitions to justify "futile and perverse" attempts to help them balance work and family life.

And Dr Hakim, a senior research fellow at the London School of Economics, warns that any further strengthening of equality laws on employment – for instance by forcing both mothers and fathers to share parental leave – risks damaging the career prospects of men.'

Woman Who Cut Off Baby's Arms to Be Released

SpikeRants · 7 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Who doesn't remember the woman in Plano who violently ripped the arms off her 10 month old baby and got a slap on the hand in a "rehabilitation center" (i.e. spa)? Yeah, well, as expected, she's being released. Excerpt:

'DALLAS, Texas -- A woman who killed her 10-month-old daughter by cutting off her arms with a kitchen knife is being released from a state mental hospital.

Dena Schlosser killed her baby, Maggie, in 2004 and was found not guilty by reason of insanity two years later during a second capital murder trial.

She'll be released into outpatient treatment within the next month, Collin County prosecutor Curtis Howard told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's online edition.'

Oregon town elects nation's first transsexual mayor

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Some readers will wonder, "What's the point here?". The point is that it was unthinkable that a "cross-dressing" man could run for public office and win. While it is true just from everyday observations that women still enjoy a far wider array of dress and deportment options than do men, it is a sign of progress to see that despite the widespread acceptance of "cross-dressing" styles allowed to women and the opposite level of acceptance for men, at least one man can have the cajones to do what this one is doing and also get elected to public office. Excerpt:

'Meet Stu Rasmussen, he's the mayor-elect of Silverton, Oregon. He's also a tranny.
...
Rasmussen actually says he is straight and has a girlfriend. He is just partially a woman. He has no plans to change his gender, but he does have breasts. Stu says he identifies most with heterosexual men, but adds "I just like to look like a female."

...it looks like Rasmussen is the first transgendered mayor in the United States. He'll be governoring in a dress and high heels.'

Innocent Defendants Pay Heavy Costs

Gunner Retired · 8 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Not only a news article... it is very pertinent to our cause. Article here. Excerpt:

'USA 2008 – Estimates on citizens falsely prosecuted for criminal offenses each year range from 12% to 35% according to qualified statisticians. This is an alarming, factual occurrence – one which should be dealt with sooner than later, but will probably be much later. To ignore or postpone an appropriate response to this travesty of justice allows the criminal justice system to nibble away at our rights as citizens living in a free society. Eventually, the apathy will lead to a pandemic of innocent victims suffering under the boot of despots, because no one will be left to give a damn.

Knowledgeable researchers from the Michigan University Law School, studying false convictions found 545 individuals were exonerated, for crimes they did not commit, between 1989 and 2003. Their claim is, “Judging from our data, any plausible guess at the total number of miscarriages of justice in America in the last fifteen years could run into the thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, in felony cases alone.”'

The disappearing male: Studies show rise in birth defects, infertility among men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Are males becoming an endangered species?

That's the question scientists and researchers have been pondering since alarming trends in male fertility rates, birth defects and disorders began emerging around the world.

More and more boys are being born with genital defects and are suffering from learning disabilities, autism and Tourette's syndrome, among other disorders.
...
High miscarriage rates and a unusually high number of children suffering from asthma were also noted by researchers.

Although the link between pollutants and human reproduction has not been firmly established, there is growing evidence that the birth sex ratio can be altered by exposure to certain chemicals, such as dioxin, PCBs and pesticides. Brophy said studies done in the United States, Japan and Europe seem to support the theory that the so-called endocrine disrupting chemicals have a particular effect on males.'

Commentary: Women in Combat Okay with Obama

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although the topic was drowned out by campaign rhetoric and statements on policies that college students find more congenial, his position on registration of women is clear. And Obama's national security spokeswoman stated before the election that Obama intended to change current policies on women in combat. Women are "already" serving in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Wendy Morigi, Mr. Obama's national security spokeswoman. If elected president, she said, Obama will "consult with military commanders to review the constraints that remain."
...
Most importantly, the draft is involuntary servitude – regardless of gender. The very concept of conscription, or even registration with the Selective Service, is incompatible with the principle of liberty. Years ago, economist Milton Friedman famously campaigned against the draft in his Newsweek column. He argued that it was not only uneconomical but that it violates the Constitution. Requiring women to register for selective service would simply make more people susceptible to the injustice it inflicts on those who are drafted.'

UK: Harriet Harman's husband says F4J invaded their home with recent roof-top climb

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Harriet Harman's husband has told how he thought his house was being burgled when two fathers' rights activists dressed as superheroes climbed onto the roof.

Speaking at the protesters' trial, Jack Dromey said he thought Fathers4Justice campaigners Jonathan Stanesby and Mark Harris were trying to break into his house.

Trade unionist Dromey, 60 - who has taken part in numerous political protests himself - said the invasion of his home 'was a matter of alarm and continuing distress'.

The Labour Party Treasurer and husband of the Labour deputy leader went on to criticise direct action on people's private homes as 'out of bounds'.

Jonathan 'Jolly' Stanesby, 43, and Mark Harris, 49, who are both from Devon, scaled Mrs Harman's three-storey home in south-east London on June 8 this year.

Harris was dressed as 'Cash Gordon' and Stanesby was wearing a Superman outfit, but called himself as 'Captain Conception'. Once on the roof the pair unveiled a banner reading: 'A father is for life; not just for conception'"

Germany: Immigrant men forced into marriage

Anonymous · 9 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Stories of Turkish girls forced into arranged marriages in Germany are well known. But hardly anyone talks about the men who are forced into marriage -- sometimes harassed, blackmailed or beaten.

Azad will never forget that day in September 2005. It was the day of his wedding in Stuttgart, but for Azad it was filled with hours of shame. "It's really bad, when you have to force yourself to have sex with a relative," says the 20-year-old Kurd. "It's sick. With my first cousin."

When Azad was 16, his parents informed him that he was to be engaged to a cousin from eastern Anatolia, who was also 16. When he refused, his mother threatened to commit suicide. "You will find me hanging from a rope in the basement," she said. At 17, Azad and the cousin were married in a civil ceremony during a family vacation in Turkey. When he was 18 his bride came to Germany, and ornate wedding invitations were sent out. The wedding ceremony took place in a midrange hotel in southwestern Germany. "It was pure horror," says Azad.'

Negative stereotyping in the media stops boys being adopted

GaryB · 9 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This story on the BBC site shows proof of what we've all been saying for ages - that males (and boys) are constantly being portrayed as 'bad' in our culture. Quote:

"Negative images of boys are making people less willing to adopt them, a national adoption agency has said. The British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) said that at one of its "hard-to-place" agencies, 63% of cases were boys.
...
The BAAF is concerned that people are put off adopting boys by constant negative portrayals in the media. An ICM poll for the BAAF found more than half of those asked felt boys were portrayed in an overly negative light.
...

The poll found 53% of the people surveyed said they felt the media portrayed boys in an overly negative way. Men felt this more than women, with 55% of men agreeing, compared to 50% of women.'

Related: Adoptive parents believe boys are 'too much trouble'. Excerpt:

'As prospective parents look through the Be My Parent adoption newspaper filled with photographs of hopeful children, it soon becomes apparent to them that there are far more boys looking for a new family than girls.

Boys wait twice as long for families in some parts of the country, as agencies struggle to challenge negative attitudes among parents, according to research by the British Association of Adoption and Fostering (BAAF).'

Lack of male teachers "close to crisis"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In 2004, 16 percent of elementary teachers in U.S. public schools were men, according to federal data. It's also the norm in Washington: One male per six women elementary teachers.

In Clark County's largest school districts, the ratio is more like 1-to-10.
...
So, what does this mean for elementary schoolchildren? Does it affect performance or discipline — for boys or girls?

Education professionals in Washington cannot cite studies that definitively link a dearth of male teachers to poor outcomes. But they agree the disparity can't be good, and say they see pupils' hunger for male role models.

"I'm not so sure it isn't close to a crisis," said Michael Henniger, associate dean of the Woodring College of Education at Western Washington University in Bellingham. Along with Central Washington University, WWU is the state's top producer of new teachers.'

College of Wm and Mary Staff Editorial: The Wo(Men)'s Rights Movement

anthony · 9 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'So, where are the cries for men's gender equity?

Author and family therapist Michael Gurian argued in 2005 that "there is no big network that protects the needs of boys" and also commented that "if we create a generation of men who aren't getting an education, that's bad for women."

It seems that the voices speaking up today for men's equality in college admissions and college athletics are few, and it seems that they are speaking against a much louder voice of media images and traditional notions that say being male means not needing someone else to fight for you.

In reality, many of these problems start before college. The average male faces a dangerous statistic that says he will drop out or lose motivation during his early academic career. No wonder the competition among women in college admissions grows ever harsher, while most men merely follow their ambitions and boost the all-important gender ratio.'

RADAR Cited In Domestic Violence Article

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Article here. Excerpt:

'RADAR (Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting), a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's domestic violence laws, says false allegations of domestic violence have become widespread. In fact, according to a RADAR report, at least one million restraining orders are issued each year in which violence is not even alleged.

There is no other court in the land where the penalty for perjury does not exist - you can lie and not be punished for it, but actually be rewarded for it. There is no other court where you are presumed guilty until proven innocent. And for non-custodial parents...especially fathers...going through a divorce...and the never-ending litany of custody issues and all the rest that goes with it...it can feel like eternal damnation.'

ESPN: Change is coming to sports, too, under Obama

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In addition to the changes he will enact on the professional level, Obama's approach to governing can be expected to have some indirect impacts in college sports. Coaches, athletes and administrators in a number of so-called minor sports, such as wrestling, have long been wary that their sports will be eliminated to meet the equality of gender requirements of Title IX, and they cannot be happy about Obama's election. With President Bush in the White House and Dennis Hastert, a former wrestling coach, serving as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, participants in those sports had some hope that Title IX requirements might be diluted.

Bush and his staff looked hard at Title IX and the possibility of enacting changes in the regulations of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that govern Title IX, but they backed away as opposition to any changes grew.

Obama, the father of two daughters, might not be sympathetic to those hoping to lessen the impact of Title IX.'

Norwalk woman who killed husband could inherit $1.2 million estate

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NORWALK - Although a jury found Mary Ann Langley guilty of killing her husband by throwing gasoline on him and lighting him on fire, she could still inherit his $1.2 million estate, family members and attorneys said.

This turn of events was made possible by a jury of eight women and four men who did not convict Langley of murder two weeks ago after a seven-day trial at state Superior Court in Stamford. The jury was unable to find beyond a reasonable doubt that Mary Ann Langley intended to kill her husband by throwing the gasoline on him, and instead found her guilty of intentional first-degree manslaughter in the December 2006 death of her husband, James, 55.

...

"I don't think it is right. If you kill someone, why should you profit?" said Willie Langley, James' brother and executor of his estate. "I think if you pour gasoline on someone, you meant to kill them anyway, but (the prosecution) couldn't prove that."'

Fomer NOW president praises Obama policy committee for their pro-feminist views

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SENECA FALLS — Tuesday's national election results were good news to Eleanor Smeal, former president of the National Organization for Women.

Smeal, now head of the Feminist Majority organization in Arlington, Va., spoke Saturday at the New York State NOW convention in Seneca Falls.
...
Smeal said President-Elect Obama's policy committee has some excellent members, including several very strong feminists with a knowledge of the issues.

She said with the Obama-Biden team in the White House and bigger Democratic majorities in both houses of Congress, feminists should "think big," despite the conventional wisdom that a more centrist, bi-partisan approach is being advocated by many in light of the serious problems the country faces.
...
The delegates were also asked to sign a reaffirmation of the Declaration of Sentiments , a product of the first women's rights convention conducted in Seneca Falls in July 1848.

Today, the NOW delegates will conduct workshop sessions, view the all-girl created and performed play "Keep Your Eyes Open" and announce the results of voting for officers and resolutions.'

Feminist blogger apologizes to MRAs for comparison to cockroaches

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Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Let me start off by saying that the post MRA Infestation and Glenn Sacks Worshipers was a response to my disgust with the commentary on a post I wrote entitled, MRA Glenn Sacks Applies Pressure to Domestic Violence Shelter. I wrote the infestation post in great anger and it caused me to use language that was unacceptable.

As much as I find your hate and your positions vile, I had no right to dehumanize another human being by calling you cockroaches, and for this I apologize.
...
I will never agree that your movement is anything other than an attempt to maintain white male, heterosexist, abelist, racist privilege, but a reduction in our common humanity was not necessary to make that point.
...
Once again let me state for the record that I find your positions vile but reducing your humanity was wrong.'

Angry Harry: Why Governments Love Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism has very little to do with equality between the genders, and it also has very little to do with the rights of women.

First and foremost, feminism is about various groups seeking to acquire power and money, and to build huge self-serving empires in which millions - literally millions - of people nowadays have a vested interest - a vested interest that is, in fact, highly detrimental to those societies in which these people operate.

To see how their game is played, I just want you to imagine a society - a somewhat idealised society - wherein the women are happy to spend their days being closely associated with their homes and their children, while the young men and the fathers are reasonably happy to troop off to the workplace - wherever this might be.'

Quinn: Feminist goals including outlawing 'male behavior' in schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Summary: Jim Quinn cited as evidence of "the chickification of schools, the feminization of society, and the war on masculinity" the story of a teacher who reportedly informed the school principal and campus police that a picture of a vampire one of her students had drawn might contain gang symbols. Quinn added that "the goal of the public school system -- the feminists in the public school system -- is to make male behavior illegal, a crime."

17-year-old boy is Nebraska's 30th 'safe haven' child

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LINCOLN, Neb. - A 17-year-old boy left by his mother at an Omaha hospital is the 30th child abandoned under Nebraska's safe-haven law, state officials said.

The boy from the Omaha area was left at Creighton University Medical Center on Monday morning, said Todd Landry, director of children and family services for the Department of Health and Human Services.

The state was still investigating the case and additional details were not available, he said.'

RADAR ALERT: Yes We Can ... Fix VAWA Now!

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On January 20, 2009, Barack Obama and Joe Biden will be the president and vice-president. What does that mean for our Fix VAWA Now! effort?

While Joe Biden is the architect of the Violence Against Women Act, VAWA Reform is not a Republican or Democrat issue. VAWA is at best ineffective, and at worst, it's harmful to victims of violence and it breaks up families. Can any politician, Democrat or Republican, turn a cold shoulder to these hard truths?

As soon as possible, please work toward establishing channels of communication with the winners of your local, state, and national elections – even if you voted for their opponent! Find areas of common ground and invite them to be a true champion for victims of violence.

With your help, we can fix VAWA. Let's get to work.

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Date of RADAR Release: November 10, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Glenn Sacks DART Campaign Round 3--Targeting the Media

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Action Item here. Excerpt:

"Over the past two weeks Dallas Area Rapid Transit & Dallas authorities have received over 7,500 calls & letters from our supporters protesting the anti-father domestic violence ads depicted above.

We've done very well bringing media attention and sympathy to our cause, particularly given the presidential election. Our campaign has been covered by CNN, The Associated Press, CBS, FOX, the Dallas Morning News, and numerous radio shows--see the "News" column to the right. However, we're looking to build more media pressure.
We want you to write the media and urge them to cover our campaign. To send a letter to several dozen important media outlets, click here.

We also want you to call Dallas radio stations and urge them to cover our protest. Below we have listed the information for a dozen relevant Greater Dallas radio stations--call them by clicking here."

UK: Couple arrsted for lewd conduct - only man is named

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Story here. Only the man is named, interestingly enough. The woman was "bailed" while the man was not? Excerpt:

'A couple have been arrested for allegedly having sex in a crowded train carriage.

Other passengers en route from Liverpool to London appear to have sat in embarrassed silence as the 41-year-old woman allegedly committed a sex act on her male partner.'

Harvard announces cut-back on tea and crumpets deliveries

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OK, I know, this is not MR-related, really. It's just that we do know what university Larry Summers used to run, until they chased him out for daring to suggest that maybe there are inherent general capacities and proclivities associated with gender and these ought to be considered when looking at differences in students' interest in certain subjects.

That thought-crime was enough to get him tossed out of the school. So now one of the most bloated, wasteful, uber-PC institutions of our time must *gasp* face the reality of money (oh, that dirty word!) and how they actually need someone to work for a living in order for them to afford the luxury of sitting around all day talking about how the evil patriarchy is striving to oppress them day in and day out. Gosh, life just ain't fair! Excerpt:

'BOSTON (AP) - Harvard University is considering spending cuts because the economic slowdown may reduce federal grants and the school's substantial endowment, President Drew Faust said Monday.

Harvard's endowment posted an 8.6 percent return and grew to $36.9 billion in the fiscal year that ended June 30. The school, however, lost 12.7 percent on its U.S. stock portfolio and 12.1 percent on its foreign equity portfolio during that time. Faust's spokesman on Monday declined to say much the endowment has lost during the current economic turmoil.'

Cry me a river.

WINK News: What's the problem with boys?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the U.S. Department of Education, more girls than boys participate in student government, the drama club, the debate club and the honor society. Statistics show that of those students who write for the student newspaper and yearbook, girls outnumber boys. And on a reading level, girls are typically ahead of boys by a year and a half.
...
"It's kinda shocking, but in reality, the truth, I know that girls work harder than guys," says Ryan, 16.
...
Two-thirds of all learning disability diagnoses are for boys.
Seventy percent of all D's and F's on report cards go home in boys' backpacks - not girls.
Ninety percent of school discipline referrals are for boys.
Eighty percent of all Ritalin takers are boys.
Eighty percent of all school dropouts are boys.
Fewer than 40 percent of college students are currently male.
Girls in general are surpassing boys in school in all subjects except math and science, and even that gap has closed significantly in the past few years.'

MySpace Trial Judge: Suicide Not Relevant

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(AP) Prosecutors in the trial of a woman accused of a MySpace hoax that allegedly led a 13-year-old girl to kill herself will likely be prohibited from presenting evidence of the suicide, a U.S. District Court judge said Monday.

Judge George H. Wu told attorneys he was leaning toward excluding the evidence from the trial of Lori Drew, who is accused of using a fictitious profile on the social networking site to drive Megan Meier, her daughter's former friend, to hang herself.

...

"I don't necessarily think the suicide is relevant to the crime charged," Wu said, adding he thought details of Meier's death would unfairly prejudice the jury. He said he planned to announce his final decision Friday.'

UK: New Judicial Law Treats Women More Leniently

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Under the controversial reforms, men would be tried for murder rather than manslaughter for "crimes of passion" while women who kill abusive husbands because of years of abuse would be treated more leniently.
...
The government proposals, which have been characterised as being part of a feminist agenda, are aimed at ending what ministers call sexual discrimination in murder cases, where men get away with lighter sentences by claiming their wife's adultery had provoked them into an act of violence.
...
Under the proposals, men who kill wives or girlfriends will be less likely to escape murder convictions by pleading jealous anger. The law change is designed to help women who kill abusive husbands because of years of abuse. People will also be able to claim they killed for fear of future violence against them.'

Australia: Child support payments given back to duped 'dads'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MOTHERS are being forced to pay tens of thousands of dollars to men who paid child support over decades but were wrongly named as fathers.

The payouts follow a contentious reform of child-support laws.

In the biggest case, Queensland man Ken Rodgers obtained orders for the repayment of $60,000 after making child-support contributions for a decade to a woman who refused to send him even a photograph of his alleged child.

The Courier-Mail can reveal that 18 men, cleared of fatherhood by DNA testing, have attempted to reclaim funds already paid to the mothers through the Child Support Agency.'

Australia: Fathers 'disrupt debate on DNA'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'EMOTIVE arguments from men's rights groups threaten to hijack the discussion of new laws to outlaw DNA theft.

The claim comes from policy-makers and academics backing moves to make it illegal to take and test a bodily sample such as hair or saliva without permission. The concern is that, because DNA testing is now easy and accessible, genetic information could be misused by employers, insurance agencies and journalists tracking down "famous DNA", as well as by angry spouses.

David Weisbrot, president of the Australian Law Reform Commission, said: "I wouldn't want to derail the general reform because of the concerns of fathers' groups which might be better addressed in other ways -- for instance, through family law reform."

Men who want genetic proof that they are the biological father of a child have legal avenues for getting the youngster tested even without the mother's consent.'

UK: Warning to men over fake drugs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men could be gambling with their lives by buying fake medicines, a top medical professional has warned.

The Cracking Counterfeit report, commissioned by Pfizer Inc - the world's largest research-based pharmaceutical company - highlighted the ignorance amongst men about which medicines required a prescription.

Pfizer's medical director, Dr David Gillen, said: "Men bypassing the health system to purchase medicines is a growing problem in the UK, particularly relating to the increased availability of counterfeit medicines.
...
The Pfizer commissioned report reveals that one in 10 men interviewed admitted buying prescription-only medicines without a prescription. They included drugs for erectile dysfunction, smoking cessation, weight loss, lowering cholesterol and anti-depression.'

DailyIllini: No plans to add more men's varsity sports

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But between baseball at Wisconsin, cross country and track and field at Northwestern, and men's soccer and swimming and diving at Illinois, there are many cases throughout the Big Ten where otherwise common sports are absent.

Illinois has been without men's swimming and diving since the 1990s, when the University eliminated it, along with men's fencing, in favor of picking up women's soccer and softball.

...

The NCAA has tried to help universities comply with Title IX by creating "emergent sports," which are exclusive to women. An emergent sport is a NCAA-recognized sport that is not part of Division I, II or III. They are a means to test a sport to determine whether it is competitive and appealing.

Women's rowing, ice hockey, water polo and bowling are emergent sports that have already achieved Division I status. Seven Big Ten schools offer at least one of those sports, though Illinois is not among them. There are currently seven emergent sports, the only one offered at a Big Ten school being synchronized swimming at Ohio State.'

Korean Women Say Birth Control Is Men's Responsibility

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Birth control has become an important issue for women's rights as well as the environment. However, a study of South Korean women aged 19-34 found 45% believe contraception should be a man's responsibility. Only 4.8% in the survey felt birth control was a woman's responsibility.

The survey, by the Study Group for Contraception, shows that most women are doing little or nothing to avoid unwanted pregnancies. Of the 1000 women who participated in the survey, one in five said she relied on coitus interruptus or timing pregnancy cycles as a form of birth control. Both methods have high failure rates of around 25%.

...

What's more, abortion is illegal in South Korea, except under extenuating circumstances. The result is an almost entirely first-world country where each year hundreds of thousands of women practice illegal abortions at "don't ask don't tell" clinics.

Woman sentenced for "sexual relationship" with teen

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MADISON, Neb. - A Norfolk woman who had a sexual relationship with a teenage boy and subsequently fled from the area has been sentenced to prison for child abuse.

Tammy Walnofer, 39, was sentenced by Madison County District Court Judge Patrick Rogers on Monday to 18 to 26 months in prison, with credit for 16 days served.
...
Walnofer's attorney, Jim Egley of Norfolk, described the victim as demanding attention and threatening to harm himself or others if Walnofer did not comply with his wishes, which included having sex.
...
Rogers said that in his experience as a judge, it's common for defendants to lay blame on others. "Just because I have a robe on doesn't mean I have God-like power to know what exactly happened here," he said.'

I wonder what choice words the judge would have if a man was convicted of the same crime, and what sentence would be imposed. The judge also said that even though both parties in the case seemed to be vulnerable at the time of the incident, the offense was extremely serious and committed by an adult.

So, vulnerability on the part of the woman is an excuse? The article doesn't mention if she would be required to register as a sex offender.

Girl held in school shooting

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – A 15-year-old student died after a shooting at a Fort Lauderdale high school Wednesday, and police were questioning another student believed to be responsible.

Sophomore Amanda Collette was confirmed dead after being discovered on a hallway floor by a school resource officer at Dillard High School around 11 a.m. Another 15-year-old girl was being held and questioned by police in the death.

...

The suspect was apprehended at an area restaurant after a caller there reported she may have been involved in a school shooting. A gun was recovered.'

UK faces 'sperm shortage'

Matt · 12 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Looks more like a shortage of suckers to me, and that's a good thing. Story here. Excerpt:

'LONDON - Britain is facing a sperm donor shortage after reversing confidentiality laws and limiting the number of women who can use sperm from one donor, fertility experts warned Wednesday in the British Medical Journal.

Britain in 2005 changed the law protecting anonymous sperm donors and allowed children to learn the identity of donor fathers — one reason, fertility experts say, there are fewer donors now.

...

In France, sperm donation is anonymous and the government covers donors' expenses but the country still faces a sperm shortage. France registered 248 sperm donors in 2006, according to the country's Agency of Biomedicine — a level an official there said was not enough to supply demand.'

What's next, "fertility flights" where would-be single mums fly into New York from Heathrow every week for an insemination until "it takes"? Good grief. Wouldn't put anything past anyone these days.

Study: HPV vaccine prevents genital warts in males

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA — For the first time, an expensive vaccine aimed at preventing cervical cancer in women has proven successful at preventing a disease in men, according to a new study.

The disease? It's genital warts, a sexually-transmitted problem that is embarrassing and uncomfortable but not life-threatening.

Still, the results are expected to bolster a likely bid by the vaccine's manufacturer _ Merck & Co. Inc. _ to begin marketing the vaccine to boys, experts said. Merck plans to ask the government for that approval later this year.

"This opens the door to a wonderful opportunity to prevent illness," said Anna Giuliano, a Tampa-based researcher who worked on the Merck-funded study. She is an epidemiologist at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa.'

Sexes equal in education, women lack power: study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'GENEVA (Reuters) - Women still lag far behind men in top political and decision-making roles, a waste of talent given that their access to education and healthcare is nearly equal, the World Economic Forum said on Wednesday.

Averaging 130 national scores, the report found that girls and women have reached near-parity with their male peers in educational attainment, health and survival, in both rich and poor countries.

But economically, in terms of workforce participation and earning opportunities, and politically, in terms of empowerment, the gap between the sexes remains large.'

Retired F.B.I. Agents Join Cause of 4 Sailors Covicted Of Rape/Murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'But on Monday, 30 former agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation took up the cause of four sailors, known as the Norfolk Four, who were convicted in a 1997 rape and murder.

Arguing that DNA and forensic evidence points to a prison inmate who has confessed as the sole perpetrator of the crimes, they called on Gov. Tim Kaine to pardon the sailors.

“After careful review of the evidence we have arrived at one unequivocal conclusion: The Norfolk Four are innocent,” said Jay Cochran, a former assistant director of the F.B.I. and former special agent who served at the bureau for 27 years. “We believe a tragic mistake has occurred in the case of these four Navy men, and we are calling on Governor Kaine to grant them immediate pardons.'”

Scotland: 110% increase in domestic abuse against men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'INCIDENTS OF domestic violence against men have more than doubled in the last nine years, with police called to more than 6000 incidents in 2007-08 in which men were assaulted or threatened, according to figures obtained by the Sunday Herald.

The true number of attacks is likely to be far higher, however, as research has repeatedly found men are far less likely to report domestic abuse than women.

And while the Scottish government has spent tens of millions of pounds in recent years to support female victims of domestic abuse and violence, it has not directed a single penny to support men who suffer at the hands of their partner.

...

"Anecdotally, we are aware the number of men reporting is probably the tip of the iceberg," he added Capaldi acknowledged "there's no equivalent for men of Women's Aid", but cases to Glasgow's dedicated domestic violence court can refer victims to the Assist support service, which "takes a gender-neutral approach".'

University group seeks to spread "stop beating your wife" message to random men in bars

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Story here. Excerpt:

'IOWA CITY - The majority of violent crimes are committed by men, but the majority of men are not violent, University of Iowa graduate student Jerrod Koon says.

Getting those men to speak up against violence, especially violence against women, is the key to changing the problem, said Koon, coordinator of the Men's Anti-Violence Council.

Like-minded UI students, faculty and staff attended an open house last night hosted by the new group. About 25 people mingled during the first hour of the two-hour event.

UI freshman Sterling Martin, 18, heard about the open house from a friend, and after getting some information, said he thinks he would like to volunteer with the group. He can see where young college men might be hesitant to join an anti-violence group if they think it is about "taking away their masculinity."'

Editorial: Real Questions for Larry Summers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some ardent feminists have launched a campaign to block Lawrence H. Summers, former President Bill Clinton's treasury secretary, from taking the same post in the Obama administration. In raking up old controversies, they threaten to deprive the new government, in the midst of a deepening financial crisis, of the services of a star economist who led the way to a budgetary surplus and a rare reduction in the national debt. Settling old scores is no way to face a dangerous and uncertain economic future.
...
Mr. Summers has apologized repeatedly, perhaps too much. He was taking part in a discussion of a real problem in the failure of women to go farther in the scientific professions. He was simply raising the question of whether discrimination against women was entirely to blame. If such questions can't be asked, for fear of retribution far out of scale to the query, such longstanding problems won't be resolved. This shortchanges everyone, not just the group that appears to be getting left behind.'

Plotting wife admits to battery

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ANGOLA - An Angola woman accused of paying an undercover police officer $50 to have her estranged husband killed has pleaded guilty to aggravated battery in an agreement with prosecutors.

Mollie Krontz, 45, was arrested in July 2007 after police said she met with Indiana State Police Detective Mark Heffelfinger and gave him $50 with a promise of $150 more that August.
...
Though Krontz didn't have detailed plans about how her husband should be killed, she did suggest that he be shot, police said.

Krontz remains free on a $100,000 bond. A sentencing hearing is set for Jan. 12.'

Ed. note: This is Angola, Indiana in the US, not the country of Angola.

Australia: Teacher told student to abuse her during 'affair', court hears

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A SCHOOLTEACHER accused of ordering a student to abuse her and treat her as his sex slave has been sent for trial.

Melbourne Magistrate's Court yesterday heard claims Nazira Rafei, 26, did the 15-year-old boy's maths test for him and threatened his grades if he called the relationship off.

"Disrespect me. Say shut the f--- up to me and stuff like that," the boy claims Ms Rafei told him during a tryst in her car.

"Say I'm your sex slave."

Ms Rafei, a married science and maths teacher, pleaded not guilty to sexual penetration of a child under 16 under her supervision or authority and four counts of committing indecent acts.'

UCSC Student Paper: Men Venture into Feminist Studies Major

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In 1999, at Boston College, associate professor Mary Daly refused to enroll two male students into her “Introduction to Feminist Ethics” class, because she believed that a male’s presence would interfere with the female students’ learning. There was a large backlash against Daly, and she eventually agreed to retire.

Within UC Santa Cruz’s feminist studies department, although significantly outnumbered by women, men do major in feminist studies.

Timothy Clark is a third-year feminist studies major and a teacher’s assistant for “Intro to Feminist Studies.” He is also the only male in his TA seminar. Clark acknowledges that there are still stereotypes about studying feminism.
...
“As a man, to be involved with feminist studies, you have to be very open to the idea that you’re the privileged people, and you have to be willing to be uncomfortable some of the time,” Clark said. “Men are generally the dominant voice in society. Feminist studies is trying to change that. It’s working toward a more equal and just society.”

Professor takes a look at violent women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Laura Sjoberg, a professor of political science, weighed in on her theories of how violent women are treated differently than violent men last night. She took a few minutes to sit down before her lecture to give an overview of her research into the gender gap between men and women in the area of global political violence.

Q: Now what is the most important focal point of your lecture, if you could possibly sum it all up?

A: The focal point for the lecture is that violent women are treated in the media and scholarly accounts as if, first, they don't have any agency in their violence and, second, that violent women are no different from real or "normal" women who are still innocent and peaceful and pure.'

Mama don't preach: Madonna lets Guy see his boys... on 12 conditions

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Story here. Excerpt:

'After weeks apart, an emotional Guy Ritchie was reunited with his sons Rocco and David at a London airport this morning.

The director's children were back on English soil after being whisked away to the US by Madonna, who is in the throes of her Sticky and Sweet tour.

But as Guy held his two boys close for the first time in weeks, his estranged wife tightened her grip from the other side of the Atlantic.

The Mail has learned that the 50-year-old has issued a list of demands that Ritchie must meet while the children are with him in London. It includes a ban on TV, non-organic food and clothes not sent by her.'

F4J Update: Stanesby sentenced to two months

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Story here. Excerpt:

'IVYBRIDGE Fathers 4 Justice activist Jolly Stanesby was today jailed for two months for a rooftop protest at the home of Deputy Prime Minister Harriett Harman.

Fellow protestor Mark Harris, of Elford Crescent in Plympton, was given a conditional discharge.

Members of the group, which had disbanded in September of this year, said they would be staging further protests on the Minister's roof and at the Prime Minister's home in Kirkaldy & Cowdenbeath within the week to protest at what they described as a 'politically conceived show trial.'

Spokesman Mark Harris said: "I am shocked that Mr Stanesby has been imprisoned and know that fellow campaigners will be taking his place on Miss Harman's roof within days if not hours. The court has made a serious error in committing him to prison and in doing so incited angry dads to take further direct action."'

Ed. note: You can leave messages for Jolly here.

Beltway gossip: Obama considering Hillary for Sec'y of State

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Story here. Excerpt:

'There's increasing chatter in political circles that the Obama camp is not overly happy with the usual suspects for secretary of state these days and that the field might be expanding somewhat beyond Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.), Gov. Bill Richardson (D-N.M.), Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.) and maybe former Democratic senator Sam Nunn of Georgia.

There's talk, indeed, that Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) may now be under consideration for the post. Her office referred any questions to the Obama transition; Obama spokesman Tommy Vietor declined to comment.'

Note to Obama: Please, just don't do it.

Nebraska set to shut the dumpster lid on anyone but infants-- last call for drop-offs!

Matt · 14 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Hurry, you have only a few days left to abandon your troublesome teenagers and just walk off! Excerpt:

'LINCOLN, Neb. – The mother was running out of more than patience when she abandoned her 18-year-old daughter at a hospital over the weekend under Nebraska's safe-haven law. She was also running out of time: She knew that state lawmakers would soon meet in a special session to amend the ill-fated law so that it would apply to newborns only.
...
The safe-haven law was intended to save "Dumpster babies" by allowing desperate young mothers to abandon their newborns at a hospital without fear of prosecution. But lawmakers could not agree on an age limit, and the law as passed uses only the word "child."

All states have safe-haven laws, but in every state but Nebraska, the law applies to infants only.

Authier said her group and others had warned senators after the law passed early this year that there could be problems, but the lawmakers did not believe it.'

UK: Boys' club threatened with funding axe unless it accepts girls and changes name

Anonymous · 14 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'For 114 years, the Broad Plain Boys' Club has been keeping youngsters occupied and out of trouble.

Its leaders run sports sessions for boys aged between seven and 25 to improve self-discipline and confidence - and twice a week girls are welcomed too.

But it seems that for officials at the town hall, that's not good enough.

So they have told its leaders that they must change it to something more politically correct, such as the Working With Young People Club, and invite more girls in - or face losing the £11,600-a-year funding.

Dennis Stinchcombe, who has been in charge of the club, in Easton, Bristol, for 33 years, said the decision could force the club to close.

'They want us to drop the name Broad Plain Boys' Club, no matter that we have had that name for more than 100 years', he said.

'It will cost thousands to change the name. We would have to get new letterheads and change all the equipment with the name on it.

Although the council is happy to fund women's groups, they believe a boys' club is just too exclusive.'

UK: Mother accused of stabbing sons to death 'tried to abandon older boy at A&E last year'

Matt · 14 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The mother accused of killing her two young sons had previously tried to abandon the older boy, it was revealed today.

Jael Mullings dumped two-year-old Romario - with a note attached to him - at the A&E department of a hospital near her home in June 2007. Then in November she left the boy at a doctor's surgery.

Social workers had been monitoring the family, but closed their file on Ms Mullings, judging that the mother was capable of caring for her children with the support of 'other agencies'. Today, an investigation into that decision was under way.'

No. 34 dumped in Nebraska

Matt · 14 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. There'll be a line forming by the end of the day. You can be sure most of the dumpees will be boys, too. Excerpt:

'OMAHA, Neb. – A 5-year-old boy has been dropped off at an Omaha, Neb., hospital only a day before the state Legislature begins a meeting to change the state's safe-haven law.

The state Department of Health and Human Services said Friday the boy was left at Immanuel Medical Center about 9 p.m. Thursday. He's from Sarpy County near Omaha.

Nebraska's safe-haven law was intended to protect unwanted newborns from being abandoned, but unlike similar laws in other states, Nebraska's doesn't include an age limit.'

In chicken-egg factories, only female chicks are kept. The males are ground up in large garbage disposal-type units right after they are born. Looks like we may be headed toward that one day if the boy-hating continues to flourish as it is.

Female BBC Radio Host Fired After Requesting ‘Non-Asian’ Cabbie

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Video report here regarding the firing of Sam(antha) Mason, a popular (former) BBC radio personality. Caption: "A guy with a turban is going to freak her [daughter] out. She's not used to Asians." She also said she would prefer a female driver, too.

The commentary that follows includes a debate among the commentators (all female) that includes speculation that the BBC's actions are not entirely justified or legally defensible, and then goes on to discuss whether or not it would have been less offensive and even a far-more valid concern if she had only asked that the driver be female. They seemed to be in agreement on that point.

They also compared her case to Don Imus' and said the difference between him and her was that Imus said what he did on the air and she did not. They close with the speculation that the taxi company had done her wrong by releasing the tape to the BBC. There is a related print story here.

And so it goes.

New Internet Talk Radio Show For Men

JSoltys · 14 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

To the fans of Mensactivism.org,

My name is Joe Soltys. I have started a new live internet radio show dedicated to discussing and debating men and father issues, gender issues, and sexual poitics.

The show will be broadcast live by **BlogTalkRadio.com** on Sunday mornings and is titled ***"An Hour With Joe Soltys".***

Listeners can voice their opinions during each show by way of a listener phone number, or by way of a live chat room that will be available to my listeners for the duration of the show.

If you cannot listen to the show on Sunday mornings, within an hour of each completed show, a recorded copy will be archived and available at BlogTalkRadio for those who missed the live show.

This Sunday's topic will be: Should women be forced to sign up for Selective Service, and should they be forced onto the front lines of combat in the name of gender equality?

So stop by, listen to the show, and tell me what you think.

The show can be found at http://www.blogtalkradio.com/J-Soltys

Best Wishes,

J. Soltys

Why don't we trust dads?

Anonymous · 14 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Guy Ritchie met his children at the airport this week, he reportedly didn't just receive hugs and kisses. He also got a list from Madonna's PA of do's and don'ts for the kids during their stay...

...why does he need a list of the responsibilities he fulfilled before then?

It's not just an academic celebrity question. Most couples I know have tension in their relationships when dad takes over and mums tries to stage direct from the wings. "They don't eat their spaghetti like that" or "That's not how she does her hair for school" or even "You're folding the towels wrong". Almost every dad I know has experienced it and every mum I know has guiltily admitted interfering, even though she knows it sets her partner's teeth on edge and that the kids will be fine even if dad does it a different way.'

New book: "Domestic Violence Treatment for Abusive Women: A Treatment Manual "

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Domestic Violence Treatment for Abusive Women: A Treatment Manual, by Ellen Bowen, was just made available for pre-order. Description:

'Recognizing that women can be as abusive in their intimate partnerships as men, this book provides the clinician with comprehensive information to understand the characteristics and treatment implications for women's domestic violence. It offers guidance for conducting group treatment of abusive women.'

UK: Girls' schooling 'sacrificed to help boys'

anthony · 15 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A 40-year drift away from single sex schooling has sacrificed girls' education in order to give struggling teenage boys a "wake-up call", according to one of the country's leading girls' school heads.

Vicky Tuck, head of Cheltenham Ladies' College, who will open the annual girls' school conference in Winchester, Hampshire, on Monday, said that boys' schools are increasingly going co-educational because they are struggling to recruit and to boost exam results.

She said girls are being used to improve their male classmates' education and are losing out on a focused women-only school life.'

Teacher sex claims explored

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WARREN -- The Detroit Police Department is investigating allegations that a female school teacher had a sexual relationship with a male student last year.
...
The Warren teacher is alleged to have engaged in a six-month relationship with a male student, who was 16 years old at the time of the incident last year when the school was located in Roseville. The sexual encounters occurred in Detroit, which is where the student resides, Superintendent Charles Meredith said.
...
The Warren charter school incident follows a string of others involving female teachers in Metro Detroit.

A former Roseville High School French teacher was sentenced in Macomb Circuit Court this summer to three years' probation for allegedly having sex with her teenage classroom aide. Janelle Batkins, who pleaded no contest in May to two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, was also ordered to register as a sex offender, complete 240 hours of community service and continue counseling.'

Newport News woman gets life for hired murder of husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Within two months after Catherina Voss' Navy husband was murdered by a hit man she admitted hiring, she plowed through a $100,000 death benefit on jewelry, trips and other items she shared with her boyfriend.
...
Voss admitted her actions in federal court in Newport News after agreeing to testify against her boyfriend, Michael Draven, and David Runyon, who is accused of being the hired gunman. Prosecutors dropped plans to pursue the death penalty against her.

On Friday, Voss was sentenced instead to four life prison terms plus 20 additional years. She pleaded guilty to murder, conspiracy to commit murder for hire, and related charges.'

Child abuse suspect requests lower bail

anthony · 15 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'(KSL News) A Utah County woman accused of abusing two children in her care by starving them and making them sleep in a bathtub wants to get out of jail.

Lawyers for Mary Heath yesterday requested her bail be lowered from $50,000 to $10,000. A judge will hear arguments on the motion next week.

Heath was arrested last month after her 9-year-old niece was found wandering her Eagle Mountain neighborhood wearing nothing but underwear. Police then went into Heath's home and found the girl's 8-year-old brother locked in a bathroom and almost starved to death.'

Grandmother, aunt accused of starving boy to death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SCOTT COUNTY, MS (WLBT) - A bouquet of flowers covered little Austin Watkins' tiny white casket. The child's life was drastically cut short just days before his fifth birthday.

Authorities say little Austin, who weighed a mere 19 pounds, was starved to death.

"It looked like just skin over bones, it was just a terrible sight. Over my years of coroner I've never seen anything like it," said Joe Bradford, Scott County Coroner.

The child had been living in a trailer home near Ludlow with his grandmother, 43-year-old Janice Mowdy, and his 23-year-old aunt, Stephanie Bell.

Both women have been charged with murder and felony child abuse.'

Stage set in Charleston for VAWA reform

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CHARLESTON - In addition to the White House, the road to reforming a federal anti-domestic violence law ran through Charleston as a dinner featuring a delegate for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama was held the same day Obama's running mate, and the chief architect of the law, was in town for a campaign stop.
...
However, later that evening at a domestic violence awareness dinner held at the Marriott, General Parker, a Peoria, Ill., boilermaker, who was elected to serve as a delegate for Obama to this year's Democratic National Convention, said despite its good intentions, VAWA's impact has been the break-up of families.

...
It was at this point that Parker says he discovered that financial incentives built into VAWA keeps innocent people trapped in the criminal justice system. Though the protective order his wife filed against him was dismissed, Parker said the prosecutor's office later charged him with assault, and hounded him on the parental kidnapping charge until, after two trials, a jury acquitted him.
...
Concurring with Parker, Plants said something is terribly wrong when the courts don't protect citizens' most fundamental rights.

"Before the state breaks down the family, due process should be observed," Plants said.'

Opinion: Male circumcision should be frowned upon

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision, though common among males in Canada, is considered a massive human rights violation when done to women. So why are male and female circumcision gauged so differently?
...
The acceptance of male genital mutilation is an outdated social construct that needs to be looked at from a less dichotomous perspective. It's almost the same thing, so why treat it differently?
...
Parents are rarely well-informed when choosing circumcision for their child. The most common misconception is that the foreskin is unhygienic and an infection waiting to happen.

Circumcision is not necessary to maintain good personal hygiene. Like any other folds of skin, foreskin can trap exfoliated skin particles, natural oils, dirt and moisture. The combination of these things is called smegma, and can accumulate on both male and female genitals if not cleaned properly.'

International Men's Day - November 19th - is approaching

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International Men's Day was first celebrated in Trinidad and Tobago on November 19, 1999. Other countries probably observe different days, but celebrate? Not yet. This is changing as India and Australia observing International Men's Day on November 19th.

An Australian Non-Governmental Organisation has decided to celebrate International Men's Day on November 19th. Excerpt:

"One of the promoted themes for the celebration of International Men's Day in Australia is honour and sacrifice, a theme that resonates with Aussie men, particularly as this date coincides with a major loss of male lives in the HMAS Sydney naval tragedy.

Having International Men's Day in November also ties in very well with Movember - a moustache growing charity event held during November each year that raises funds and awareness for men's health.'

Sex offender calls her match with teen boy 'perfect'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Indianola, Ia. - Shannon Michelle Rew faces up to 10 years behind bars and a lifetime as a registered sex offender, but the 37-year-old Indianola mother of three is unapologetic about her sexual relationship with a teenage boy.
...
Rew, who pleaded guilty Monday to two counts of third-degree sex abuse, said she and the boy "cared a lot about each other" and "kind of let emotions just take over," which prosecutors say led to an ongoing relationship that included pornography, explicit text messages and a sexual encounter in her van while she was free on bond.
...
People who are charged with crimes try "to make excuses to justify their crimes and take the focus away from what they did wrong under our laws by focusing attention on the victims," he said. "She took advantage of an emotionally unstable individual. That's what a criminal does. He or she takes advantage of someone who is vulnerable or in a fragile state."'

VA Tech student paper: "Do Violent Women Betray Stereotypes?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sjoberg painted the clear picture that when it comes to war, women are still seen as these naturally nurturing, domesticated and inferior people who need protection.

Instead of taking this stereotypical viewpoint, Sjoberg said, "As women's freedoms increase, so will their violence." They no longer need to be looked at as people who need protection, she said, adding that, in fact, others may need protection from these women.

Sjoberg said that when women engage in violence, they are often portrayed as one of three things: mothers, monsters or whores who have no agency in their violence. Instead, their violence is always attributed to some sort of emotion or problem, never just because they are strong-willed women fighting for their rights. If it's a woman engaging in violence then popular culture always attributes her violence to some sort of disorder or emotional breakdown.'

27 female suicide bombers in Iraq profiled

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Young women have been trained in their dozens to become suicide bombers in one Iraqi province in an attempt to reverse an improving security climate and derail talks about an upcoming security pact, Iraqi officials believe.

The assessment follows the latest lethal blast on Sunday at a checkpoint outside a hospital in Baquba, which is believed to have been carried out by a girl as young as 13. Pathologists and police are still trying to determine her exact age and identity.

The girl's death has taken to 27 the number of female bombers from the province of Diyala, 37 miles (60 km) north of Baghdad, in the past 18 months and has led to an urgent Iraq-wide security review, which is likely to involve more intrusive searches of women at checkpoints.'

Husbands blamed for high maternal filicide rate in Japan

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Experts say the case is emblematic of a broader crisis. Recent statistics record more than 100 cases of maternal filicide — mothers murdering their children — since the end of 2005, including six in September this year. Although the proportion of Japanese aged 14 and younger has been steadily shrinking in the past decade, the number of filicides has stayed roughly constant.

The cases feature a wide variety of motivations and triggers. Many, however, feature persistent theme: young mothers feel acutely isolated from their community and receive no support from uninvolved or abusive husbands. Usually they are too ashamed to seek treatment for their depression. In a moment of quiet desperation, they are driven to kill.'

Obama Transition Team Asks NOW For Cabinet Input

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Early indications that men might dominate the hierarchy of Obama administration have women's groups worried, even as a growing chorus of advisers reportedly pushes Hillary Rodham Clinton for secretary of state *[sic]*.
...
The Obama transition team asked NOW to send suggestions of qualified female candidates, according to Gandy.
...
The backlash from women's groups may have pushed Summers off the short list for Treasury secretary. Only 33 women have held Cabinet or Cabinet-level appointments, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. Bill Clinton holds the record for female nominees, appointing 14 during his two terms in the White House. He's followed by George W. Bush, who put eight women in top-level posts.'

Teenage Girl Stabs 5 During Brawl After High School Football Game

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Story here. Excerpt:

'STUART, Fla. — Investigators were searching Saturday for a teenage girl they say stabbed five others during a melee that ensued after a high school football game in southeast Florida.
...
The girls' wounds were in the leg, shoulder, forearm and hand. One person involved was Tasered by a deputy. The girls stabbed were taken to a hospital.

Another person was bitten by a police dog and one woman was arrested in a series of unrelated fights that involved around 30 people outside the school, Irons said.'

Moviewatch: 'Changeling' character repeats common falsehoods re circumcision

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I saw Changeling not too long ago and overall I think it was a very good movie from a lot of angles. However there was a scene wherein a character, Dr. Earl Tarr (played by Peter Gerety), a psychiatrist, states:

"Very likely his abductor thought it appropriate. After all, circumcision is hygienically sound. Must have been quite traumatic at the time. No wonder he's submerged the memory."

The script is available here (.pdf file); see page 32 of the file. Granted, his character was an antagonist, and the times (the late 1920s-1930s) the movie is set in are portrayed overall as still being rather backward in many ways. Nonetheless, this is a popular movie currently in theaters and this line from it offers MRAs an opportunity to write letters -to-the-editors pointing out the line in this movie and how it is both false and, unwittingly perhaps, encourages this barbaric practice.

Woman douses boyfriend with gasoline and sets him on fire

Michael · 16 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'FORESTHILL, CA - A Placer County woman is under arrest after allegedly dousing her boyfriend with gasoline and setting him on fire Friday morning.

The woman, identified as 21-year-old Traci Nicole Gilson, apparently grabbed a container of gasoline that was inside a Jeep, poured some of it onto her boyfriend and lit him on fire, according to Placer County Sheriff's investigators.

"When he fled the vehicle he was in fact on fire. His clothing was on fire," said Placer County Sheriff's Sgt. Dennis Walsh. "The driver, who had gasoline on him, fled the vehicle into the forest here and then fled down the roadway. He was found by paramedics some ways down the road."

The victim is identified as Allan Lane Scott, 19, hospitalized with severe burns to his hands and the front of his body. He's listed in fair condition at the UC Med Center in Sacramento.'

Police say rape claim was false

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Story here. Excerpt:

'OCALA — An Ocala woman who claimed she was raped on Aug. 6 while walking along Southwest 32nd Court is being held in Pennsylvania on charges of making up the story.

Marion County sheriff's officials say Sandra Lawrence, 41, made up the bogus rape because she'd had unprotected sex that day with a 16-year-old boy and wanted a morning-after pill.

Lawrence allegedly claimed a Hispanic man dragged her into the woods and raped her, setting off a major law enforcement manhunt.

...

Lawrence was being held on charges of unlawful sexual activity with a minor; tampering with or fabricating physical evidence; tampering with a victim, witness or informant; making a false report to law enforcement officials; and giving alcohol to a person under 21.'

India SC: Estranged wife entitled to her own house

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Article here. Another sexist, anti-men verdict. Excerpt:

"NEW DELHI: Husbands paying monthly maintenance to cover food, clothing and other expenses of estranged wives may now have to shell out a great deal more. For, the Supreme Court has ruled that maintenance should include provision for a house akin to the husband's.

"Maintenance, as we see it, necessarily, must encompass a provision for residence," said a Bench comprising Justices Arijit Pasayat and Mukundakam Sharma, ruling in favour of Komal Amma from Kerala who struggled to find a house for herself after estrangement."

Men now have to provide houses for females. How sexist can it get?

South Africa: White male suicides on the rise

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Suicide experts are warning that the current economic turmoil is driving an increasing number of white men to severe depression and suicide.

The SA Depression and Anxiety Group (Sadag) reports a marked increase in volumes of distress calls, particularly white men aged between 40 and 50 who are considering taking their lives.

Now the group, along with other experts, is becoming increasingly concerned that the looming festive season, during which suicides usually spike, will drive even more men over the edge.'

UK: Parents turning to private girls schools 'to protect daughters'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Parents are increasingly turning to private education for their girls as an antidote to a society dominated by "Botox and bingeing" and to protect them from the coarsening of society.
...
Vicky Tuck, principal of Cheltenham Ladies College, said that parents today were anxious that their daughters were growing up too fast, and worried that they were being exposed to many negative influences.
...
Ms Tuck said that girls often preferred a single sex education for personal reasons. "They do say that it helps not having boys around either mucking about or making them worry about their appearance; that they can compartmentalise their lives," she said.'

Tim Russert, Sudden Heart Attack, and Sexism Against Men

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This article dates back to June, but the relevancy cannot be overstated. Excerpt:

'Tim Russert's untimely death from a sudden heart attack reminded me of the dramatic 50+-year-long gender disparity against men in health care research and outreach. Many more men than women die of sudden heart attack and at an earlier age than do women of breast cancer.

Indeed, sudden heart attack is the #1 cause of premature death among men over 40. Yet, more money per capita is spent on breast cancer research.

And regarding outreach, there are a trivial number of prostate cancer ribbons compared with the number of pink ribbons against breast cancer. And have you ever seen even one ribbon against sudden heart attack?

More broadly, men die 5.3 years younger than women, and spend their last decade in worse health. There are more than four widows for every widower.'

Hillary plans to accept Secretary of State position

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton plans to accept the job of secretary of state offered by Barack Obama, who is reaching out to former rivals to build a broad coalition administration, the Guardian has learned.

Obama's advisers have begun looking into Bill Clinton's foundation, which distributes millions of dollars to Africa to help with development, to ensure that there is no conflict of interest. But Democrats do not believe that the vetting is likely to be a problem.

Clinton would be well placed to become the country's dominant voice in foreign affairs, replacing Condoleezza Rice. Since being elected senator for New York, she has specialised in foreign affairs and defence. Although she supported the war in Iraq, she and Obama basically agree on a withdrawal of American troops.'

The bright side is, maybe New York will finally get a real second senator now. :-|

Woman pleads no contest in toilet corpse case - called 'a victim'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MAUSTON, Wis. - A woman accused of helping her religious leader hide a decaying corpse on her toilet so they could continue collecting her Social Security was convicted of a misdemeanor in a deal for her to testify against the leader, a prosecutor said Monday.

Tammy Lewis, 36, of Necedah, pleaded no contest to obstructing a police officer and was fined $350 in a plea bargain that defers prosecution of more serious charges. Juneau County Circuit John Roemer ordered her to pay the fine within 60 days or serve a seven-day jail sentence.
...
"We view her as a victim as well of Alan Bushey," Southworth said. "We also understand the power, the mental power, that Alan Bushey was exercising over her, the coercion he was exerting over her."

A deferred prosecution agreement calls for Lewis to continue to receive mental health treatment and testify against Bushey in a trial set to begin in April, the prosecutor said.'

RADAR ALERT: Is This What Congress Had in Mind for VAWA?

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For the past several weeks, an organization called The Family Place has been running ads on in the Dallas area buses featuring young children.

In one ad a young boy says when: " I grow up I will beat my wife." Another ad features a young African-American girl who says "when I grow up my husband will kill me".

Glenn Sacks has led the charge against these ads. You can check out his efforts at http://glennsacks.com/dart.

These ads create many problems, not the least of which is that they misrepresent the true nature of domestic violence.

Featuring a young girl with this message that her husband will kill her when she grows up implies that domestic violence is widespread especially in marriage. But census statistics show that domestic violence rates in marriage are around 0.2%. See http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/intimate/table/wommar.htm.

And depicting this young girl as African-American stereotypes African-American boys as future abusers.

Much of the funding for these ads comes from government grant programs like the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). VAWA reauthorization will be coming up in the next Congress. By the time that happens, these ads will be long gone. But it's important for our Senators and Congressman to know what domestic violence organizations are using taxpayer money
for.

Last Friday RADAR distributed a flyer about the ads to all 100 U.S. Senate Offices. The members of the House of Representatives also need a copy. Please:

1. Download the flyer at http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARflyer-DART.pdf
2. Find out who your your congressional rep. is and how to contact them at http://writerep.house.gov/
3. Fax or e-mail the flyer to your congressional rep. and tell them you don't want you taxpayer money spent this way.

As always, be sure to be polite and courteous.

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Date of RADAR Release: November 17, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your
letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

More pro-father music available

Matt · 18 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Via J Swanson: Our fine hard-working musician brother in arms Joakim Ramstadt in Sweden has produced a new video and MP3 file for our general 'enjoyment' and for wide distribution. The latest is "The Eyes of my Child" which I believe is equally as good as his original "A Crime to be a Man"; links to both videos are hereunder.

Music being one of my passions beyond my FR activities I especially enjoyed these and they come highly-recommended. There is no doubt that apart from being a good Father our brother is also a brilliant musician. The songs are licensed to Joakim as performed by his band "Tequila Sunrise" and he wants you to know that he will send you a free copy of the MP3 and or the video (19MB) if you want it. Personally I have opted to receive just the MP3 files because one can view the video at the links hereunder.

Please enjoy and then send these around to family and friends. Besides the exceptional quality of the music itself there is a clear message in the words of the song and the graphics in the video. The more people who see these videos, the better. Joakim has been working all night on producing this video for you all and is exhausted right now but if you can find the time please email him at joakim.ramstedt-at-gmail.com and thank him for producing all of this on behalf of our lost children. You can use the same email to ask him for the MP3's. Joakim has produced these for the sake of justice and principle alone.

Links:
A Crime to be a Man

The Eyes of my Child

While I am on topic another fine activist-musician is Australian FR activist and brother Peter van de Voorde who produced the CD "Our Stolen Children" which contains exclusively related material. It sure is worth a listen and certainly the purchase of the CD. Purchase one or two or more here.

Besides on the site above you can listen to some of the sample tracks here and here.

"Shocking" report re teen girls

Matt · 18 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Where has Ms. Banks been, hiding under a rock? This comes as no surprise, really. Excerpt:

'More than 10,000 teenage girls and young women took part in an anonymous survey over the summer on TyraShow.com, the Web site of “The Tyra Banks Show.” Survey questions focused on sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases and teen pregnancy, as well as drinking, drugs and violence among females. Here are some findings from the survey:

* On average, girls are losing their virginity at 15 years of age.
* 14 percent of teens who are having sex say they’re doing it at school.
* 52 percent of survey respondents say they do not use protection when having sex.
* One in three says she fears having a sexually transmitted disease.
* 24 percent of teens with STDs say they still have unprotected sex.
** One in five girls says she wants to be a teen mom.*
** About 50 percent acknowledge that they’ve hit someone.*
* One out of three teens has tried drugs.'

Cops: ‘Cinderella’ abuse no fairy tale

anthony · 18 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Police say a 35-year-old Worcester woman raped and abused her teenage niece, forcing her to be a live-in housekeeper in what police are calling a sick, real-life “Cinderella” story.

Mara L. Escobar pleaded not guilty yesterday in Central District Court in Worcester to two counts of child rape, five counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, three counts of assault and battery on a child causing bodily injury and one count of domestic assault and battery.

The alleged victim, now 16, was reportedly beaten with thorny rose stems, assaulted with frozen hot dogs, slammed against the floor and kicked and punched in the eye on numerous occasions starting in 2005 while living at Escobar’s home, according to court documents.'

Man lands in jail and loses job over wrong ID in support case

Matt · 19 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'When Walter Andre Sharpe Jr. signed for a certified letter from Dauphin County Domestic Relations in 2001, he didn't know he was signing on for a seven-year nightmare.

Since then, the Philadelphia man has been thrown in jail four times, lost his job, become estranged from his four children and spent more than $12,000 to support the child of another man.

It finally stopped in May 2007 when a judge reversed a finding that he was the father.'

International Men's Day slowly gets more traction in India

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Today is the day to celebrate! It is International Men's Day. The idea of an International Men's Day was initiated at the UN by Mikhail Gorbachev.

First celebrated on November 19th, 1999 in Trinidad and Tobacco, India did so for the first time in 2007 and then again in 2008. Abhinav Bindra was the first individual Olympic gold medalist from India to put his support behind it. The reasons why we need this day are succinctly put here.

Australia is celebrating this day as well, with Dads4Kids taking the lead.

How is this day being marked in India?

- 30 bikers rally from Bellunder Gate to Madivala checkpost in Bangalore
- 50 bikers rally from churchgate to Bandra, Mumbai
- Peace march in Kolkatta
- A sit-in in Delhi

Of course it's a day where bosses are supposed to sponsor their reports for lunch or dinner to commemorate the event.

HAPPY MEN'S DAY everyone! It's the day to take up male gender issues!

Mandatory domestic violence classes proposed for high schoolers

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Story here. Excerpt:

'York, Neb. — Attorney General Jon Bruning says he's dedicated to preventing domestic violence and will ask for legislation next year that would require high school classes on the subject.
...
"I was shocked to see how much domestic violence, date violence, is happening at the high school level and even at the middle school level," Bruning said. "I want the Legislature to pass a law, this coming year, that will help bring that to a stop. I will be asking for that bill, and I want it passed."
...
The Rhode Island law requires all school districts to have a dating violence policy. It also requires annual dating violence education for students in the seventh through 12th grades, through the health curriculum.'

I just hope these classes present both sides of the issue.

Hunt is on for more men to lead classrooms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The same scenario is playing out across the state and the nation, where the number of male teachers is dwindling despite a recent focus on drawing more men into classrooms. In Massachusetts, only 24 percent of teachers last year were men compared with 32 percent 15 years ago, according to the most recent state data. Nationally, a quarter of teachers are men, a 40-year low.

...

Even more eyebrow-raising, the research questioned whether a predominantly female teaching force is causing more boys to be labeled as behavior problems because women may struggle in handling the sometimes rambunctious nature of boys. It also questioned whether boys may respond better to a coachlike sternness found in some male teachers.

...

Yet the shrinking number of men can be chalked up to another reason: Some men worry that overly protective parents might falsely accuse them of being pedophiles because teaching, especially in the lower grades, is still largely perceived as a woman's job, requiring a nurturing personality that supposedly is not common among men. In other words, something must be wrong with the guy who likes working with children.'

Texas Teacher Arrested for Giving Topless Photo to Boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SAN ANTONIO — A 27-year-old woman has been arrested on charges of distributing harmful material to a minor after a 14-year-old's parents found a topless photo of her on his cell phone.

Victoria Ann Chacon, a former middle school teacher, allegedly met the boy at their church, where she was a Sunday school teacher. Authorities at Somerset Independent School District said they found no evidence of any inappropriate relationships with students; the 14-year-old attended school elsewhere.

The boy's parents called police in March after finding racy letters in which Chacon professed her love. The boy initially refused to give a statement about the relationship, the arrest warrant says.'

Male Student Could Face Charges for Hugging Social Worker

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Story here. Excerpt:

'OLATHE, KAN. -- An Olathe junior high school student could face sexual battery charges after allegedly giving a school social worker an "inappropriate" hug, police said on Tuesday.

According to Olathe Police, a school social worker at Chisholm Trail Junior High School told an assistant principal that the boy, 13, hugged her in a way that she thought was inappropriate.
...
"The report has been taken and the incident was documented and it has been forwarded to the district attorney's office," said Sgt. Johnnie Rowland of the Olathe Police Department. "They will review it and decide from that point what action should be taken."

Nicole Littler from MOCSA, the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault says some teens don't understand sexual harassment, and she urges parents to talk to their children about it.'

Former student pleads not guilty to false rape charge

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Story here.

'A former Elmhurst College student has pleaded not guilty to charges of falsifying a police report.

Investigators say 19-year-old Safia Jilani reportedly told them she was attacked in a campus bathroom last month because she is Muslim.

After an investigation, police say Jilani made up the story. She has been expelled from the college. Her attorney said Jilani is in treatment but would not discuss details.

She could face three years in prison if convicted.'

Maryland teacher arrested on sex abuse charges

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SALISBURY, Md. — A Salisbury Christian School music teacher was arrested on sex offense charges this morning after law enforcement officers were notified of an improper relationship with a former student, police said.

Carole Leigh Mayers, a 41-year-old Eden resident, is charged with five counts of third-degree sex offense, five counts of fourth-degree sex offense, five counts of child abuse and perverted practice, according to police.'

Feminist fascism at Canadian university

Anonymous · 20 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The Kingston university has hired student facilitators to step in when they overhear homophobic slurs, remarks bashing women or racially tinged insults, along with an array of other language that could be deemed offensive.
...
'If people are having a conversation with offensive content and they're doing it loud enough for a third person to hear it ... it's not private,' said Jason Laker, dean of student affairs at Queen's.
...
Patricia Gurin, professor emeritus of psychology and women's studies at the University of Michigan, is one of the founders of the intergroup dialogue concept.
...
She said that facilitators who haven't been trained properly could end up reinforcing defence mechanisms of privileged students.

"White males say 'This is more white-male bashing.' What are they learning from that? Reinforcement of defensiveness rather than opening up and exploring is the consequence."'

Love in the Time of Darwinism

Anonymous · 20 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It would be easy enough to hold up some of the callow ranting that the piece inspired as proof positive of the child-man's existence. But the truth is that my correspondents' objections gave me pause. Their argument, in effect, was that the SYM is putting off traditional markers of adulthood—one wife, two kids, three bathrooms—not because he's immature but because he's angry. He's angry because he thinks that young women are dishonest, self-involved, slutty, manipulative, shallow, controlling, and gold-digging. He's angry because he thinks that the culture disses all things male. He's angry because he thinks that marriage these days is a raw deal for men.
...
As the disenchanted SYM sees it, then, resistance to settling down is a rational response to a dating environment designed and ruled by women with only their own interests in mind. "Men see all of this, and wonder if it's really worth risking all in the name of 'romance' and 'growing up,' " a correspondent who calls himself Wytchfinde explains. "After all, if women can be hedonistic and change the rules in midstream when it suits them, why shouldn't men? Why should men be responsible when women refuse to look into the mirror at their own lack of accountability?"

...
In fact, some people would wager that the Darwinian answer to dating chaos is our future normal. "I have lived in many places, countries, and cultures," Douglas Gurney from Montgomery, Alabama, writes. "This is a worldwide phenomenon. The behavior of men is simply a response (which is actually a quite logical one) to the changing behavior of women. Simply put, men are a breeding experiment run by women. You reap what you sow—and when a man can sow all he wants and leave the reaping to others, well, why not?"'

Teacher suspended for letting class vote out autistic boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Florida kindergarten teacher was suspended for polling her students on whether an autistic boy should remain in class.

Alex Barton, 5, lost the vote 14 to 2.

Barton, a former student at Morningside Elementary School in Port St. Lucie, Fla., had received two discipline referrals to the principal's office May 21, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported. The school was aware that Barton was in the process of being tested for Asperger's Syndrome.

This week, the St. Lucie County School Board voted unanimously to suspend his tenured teacher, Wendy Portillo, for one year without pay. Superintendent of Schools Michael Lannon recommended discipline after Portillo took Barton to the front of the class and asked students to tell the boy what they didn't like about his behavior and how it impacted them.

Barton said the teacher allowed his classmates to call him "disgusting" and "annoying."

Girl, 10, Drafted School Hit List

Matt · 21 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NOVEMBER 20--A 10-year-old Wisconsin girl drafted a hit list containing the names of 21 classmates and four teachers who would be targeted "when I go on my killing spree." The handwritten list was confiscated Monday afternoon by a teacher in a McKinley Middle School classroom, according a Kenosha Police Department report, a copy of which you'll find below. At the top of the one-page list the sixth grader wrote, "When I go on my killing spree the victims are..."'

Thanks from Joe Soltys

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I just wanted to thank the readers of Mensactivism.org. The first week's numbers for my new internet radio show at BlogTalkRadio were very respectable. The more avenues of media we can utilize to advance our concerns will only help grow the momentum that has already been established by organizations/individuals like Mensactivism.org.

This week, I will discuss how authorities are changing their approach towards prostitution, which involves compassion for the prostitutes, and jail for the johns. Isn't this gender discrimination?

Also, the different reaction in society between advertising that offends men, and advertising that offends women (DART vs. Motrin).

And finally, how research released this week proves feminists lied about girls and education.

Link to my show's web page: http://www.blogtalkradio.com/J-Soltys

Joe Soltys

Denmark: Proposal to ban child circumcision

BinaryShadow · 21 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Several parliamentary parties are considering creating legislation that would spare all children from circumcision - not just girls.

A proposal to ban circumcision for boys may be on its way to parliament after intense discussions by MPs over the past week, reports Kristeligt Dagblad newspaper.

Although circumcision of girls was outlawed in response to the practice being common among immigrants from some Muslim countries, boys may still be circumcised if a certified physician is present.'

Ed. note: Not surprisingly, there is a great deal of resistance to this from religious quarters. Story here.

Canada: National Child Day with announcement of Equal Parenting Bill

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Press release:

Vellacott celebrates National Child Day with announcement of Equal Parenting Bill

For Immediate Release
November 20, 2008

OTTAWA – “Today is National Child Day. It is a great day to be talking about the best interests of children,” says Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott (Saskatoon-Wanuskewin). “My next initiative – in an 11-year political history of fighting for Canada’s children – is a bill to require a presumption of equal, shared parenting in child custody decisions.”

In the last Parliament, Vellacott introduced M-483, a Private Member's MOTION advocating equal, shared parenting. In this parliament, he is preparing to introduce a Private Member's BILL that would amend the Divorce Act to direct judges to demonstrate a presumption of equal, shared parenting in cases of marital breakdown where children are involved. Exceptions will exist for cases of abuse and neglect.

“The overwhelming testimony from the best research is that children’s interests are best served when they are raised by both parents,” said Vellacott.

“In cases of marital breakdown, this must be facilitated with greater emphasis being given to equal, shared parenting by Canadian courts when they decide on custodial and access questions,” he added.

A 1998 Canadian Special Joint House-Senate Committee on Child Custody and Access produced a report entitled “For The Sake of the Children.” This report had important recommendations on equal, shared parenting. This year is the 10th anniversary of the release of that Report.

Up to now, governments have failed to implement the important child-friendly recommendations from this report. Vellacott gives special recognition to the 10th anniversary by stating his intent to introduce a Private Members’ Bill to implement equal, shared parenting provisions in federal law.

Vellacott.M-at-parl.gc.ca

Estranged Wife Denied Husband's Lottery Winnings

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Story here. Excerpt:

'POLK COUNTY, Fla. -- For richer or poorer, that's the vow, but it's not the law. Ida and William Cody are married, but have lived apart for decades. When William hit the lottery, Ida thought she'd get a share of it.
...
It took jurors just one hour to decide Ida had no claim on her estranged husband's $1.9 million lottery jackpot. Ida said she gave William Cody $20 to purchase the winning ticket, but the jury didn't buy her story.

The Codys were married in 1974, but they've been separated for more than 20 years. And, until William Cody struck it rich, the pair weren't on speaking terms.

"I'd rather have ne'er a penny and be eating grass than to have all the money in the world and her nagging me, putting me through all this stuff," William said.'

Woman gets 9 years for killing couple while DUI

Anonymous · 22 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A drunk businesswoman who killed a young couple while speeding 'grotesquely' at 113mph in a £50,000 Jaguar on her way home from the races has been jailed for nine years.

Mary Butres, 47, lost control of the car after she hit standing water and careered into Mark Compton, 20, and his 19-year-old girlfriend Jodie Brown, who were walking away from their car after it had broken down.

The helpless couple were hit with such force they were hurled onto the opposite carriageway and killed instantly.
...
Today Butres, of Stamford, Lincolnshire, showed no emotion as she was jailed and given a seven-year driving ban for two counts of causing death by dangerous driving.'

Former sex assault-case pursuing deputy DA accused of sexual assault crimes

Luek · 22 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This is a news story about a Deputy DA in California who was a sex crimes prosecutor and who is being accused of rape, sodomy, threatening to kill the alleged victim and other nasties.

It basically boils down to a "he said, she said" case because there is no remaining exculpatory evidence since the alleged rape. She filed the charges after learning her work contract with the DA's office would not be renewed. Sound familiar?

The DA who is being accused said he is shaken to his very core and ***BEING ON THE OTHER SIDE IS EXTREMELY PAINFUL.*** *Ah, poor baby!*

I wonder if he would now be open to the legal concept that making a false rape accusation is rape and should be prosecuted as a Class A felony? Excerpt:

'MARTINEZ, Calif. -- Contra Costa County Senior Deputy District Attorney Michael Gressett pleaded not guilty Friday to charges that he raped and sodomized a fellow prosecutor in May.

The charges, which were filed Friday in Martinez, include two counts rape, four counts sodomy, three counts forced sexual penetration, one count forced oral copulation, one count false imprisonment and one count of making criminal threats for allegedly threatening to kill the alleged victim, according to the complaint.
...
"This false accusation has shaken me to the core," Gressett told a swarm of reporters outside the courthouse. "I know that the accuser knows these accusations are not true."

Gressett, who was one of the top sex crimes prosecutors in the county and has been an attorney since 1987, said that after so many years of prosecuting "bad guys and fighting to get ... the truth out" it was extremely difficult and painful to be on the other side.'

Gressett, 51, also faces multiple enhancements for allegedly tying up the alleged victim and using a handgun and an ice pick during the alleged assault.

Boy arrested for passing gas

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Story here. I never understood the trouble kids (boys) got into for passing gas. It isn't like one has a great deal of control over it and it's pretty easy to tell if he is doing it to cut up (ie, "artificial farts") or actually just got taken by surprise. But even in the "good ol' days", the most some crazed, wild-eyed farting boy had done to him was getting told to stand in the corner or maybe, if it's a real bad case of flatulence, to go see the principal (or maybe the nurse if it was accompanied by such crimes as barfing or coughing). Nowadays it seems, it warrants arrest.

War on boys? No. Feminized classrooms? No, no way. It's an illusion, just propaganda being bandied about by crazed MRAs and other such male chauvinist sexist bigot types. Now that that is all straightened out, you may go back to sleep and let the Mommy State take care of everything for you... provided you pony up.

Excerpt:

'NOVEMBER 21--A 12-year-old Florida student was arrested earlier this month after he "deliberately passed gas to disrupt the class," according to police. The child, who was also accused of shutting off the computers of classmates at Stuart's Spectrum Jr./Sr. High School, was busted November 4 for disruption of a school function. A Martin County Sheriff's Office report, a copy of which you'll find below, notes that the 4' 11" offender admitted that he "continually disrupted his classroom environment by breaking wind and shutting off several computers**."'

** Even shutting off computers warrants no more than a trip to the principal's office. Sheesh!

Mom Allegedly Burns 'Wimp' Into Daughter's Neck With Cigarette

anthony · 22 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MOUNDSVILLE, W.Va. — A West Virginia mother faces charges after being accused of burning the word "wimp" into her 6-year-old daughter's neck.

Tammy Smith is charged with five counts of child abuse and of malicious assault, all felonies.

Moundsville Police Chief Jim Kudlak said Saturday that the child told police that her mother used a cigarette to burn her. Smith's daughter told authorities that her mother burned her because she was angered that the girl tripped and fell.'

Woman charged in murder attempt on husband that kills their kids instead

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Story here. Excerpt:

'GAINESVILLE, Ga. — An Army wife accused of setting her apartment on fire botched an attempt to collect on her husband's $400,000 insurance policy when he survived and her two children died instead, a federal prosecutor said.

Billi Jo Smallwood, 35, was denied bond at a Friday hearing in northeast Georgia, where she appeared on federal charges of damaging government property by fire.

"She set fire to her own home in hopes of killing her husband and wound up killing her kids," Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie Gabay-Smith said.
...
Smallwood's family members stood and identified themselves to the judge in support of her release on bond. Her husband, accompanied by friends in Army uniforms, stood and said, "My name is Wayne Smallwood and I am here to support my wife."'

Britain Considering 'Name and Shame' Plan For Men Who Visit Prostitutes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LONDON — The British government wants to make it illegal to pay for sex and is considering a plan to "name and shame" men who visit prostitutes — a move critics say would turn back the clock to Victorian times.
...
The proposal would make paying for sex illegal and carry additional penalties for men who have sex with women forced into prostitution, the Home Office said. But it declined to give details on fines and other penalties before the formal announcement.

Men who frequent prostitutes could also be identified publicly, as they are in the London borough of Lambeth, where police send warning letters to the homes of drivers whose license plate numbers are caught on closed-circuit television picking up street walkers.

In addition, the plan would make it a criminal offense to pay for sex with a prostitute "controlled for another person's gain" and could bring rape charges against men who knowingly paid for sex with a woman forced to work as a prostitute.'

'It’s time to solve The Boy Problem in our schools'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Among college administrators it’s known as The Boy Problem.

But it’s a problem that starts in grade schools, high schools and homes. Boys lag behind girls in being prepared to apply for and be accepted to college.

While American colleges were roughly balanced between male and female students a generation ago, now most schools have more women than men. Some have many more.
...
Why is that a problem? Administrators think that once a school reaches that point it becomes less attractive to both male and female applicants. As one admissions director told U.S. News & World Report last year: “Even women who enroll … expect to see men on campus. It’s not the College of Mary and Mary; it’s the College of William and Mary.”
...
Which leads to the bigger questions: Why aren’t boys succeeding in school at the same level as girls, and what are we going to do about it?'

California Boy Is Last Teen Dropped Off After Safe-Haven Law Gets Age Limit

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Kimball, Neb. — A 14-year-old California boy became the last teenager reported abandoned under Nebraska's safe-haven law, which was just changed to limit such drop-off to infants 30-days-old or less.

The boy, from Yolo County, Calif., was left at the Kimball County Hospital late Friday afternoon by his mother, who drove to Nebraska.
...
Nebraska lawmakers changed the law Friday, which previously did not have an age limit for drop-offs. The change took effect Saturday.'

Girl who made false rape claim won't face charges

anthony · 24 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SPOKANE - The girl who wrongly accused Ferris high school boy's basketball coach Don Van Lierop of rape is not expected to face any criminal charges, according to Spokane Police.

Detectives exonerated Van Lierop Thursday afternoon, more than two-weeks after the 16-year-old girl and her mother made the accusation.

The girl's attorney admits she fabricated the whole story.
...
The girl who made the accusation is currently undergoing counseling, according to attorneys.
...
The girl no longer attends Ferris High School.'

Sydney Morning Herald op-ed defends male-bashing music videos

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fair point. And if Cilmi is subverting the history of men's violence towards women, she isn't alone. Rather, she's evidence of a growing trend towards what might be termed reverse sexism or female chauvinism. Especially in advertising, where women are increasingly ogling, objectifying and victimising blokes.
...
In response, masculinists and men's libbers now argue they are the ones suffering. These days men are claiming the right to be victims too. Not that you will hear Kathy Lette crying.

"It's a man's world," says Lette, author of 10 novels about the sex war. "One hundred years since Emmeline Pankhurst tied herself to the railings and women still don't have equal pay, and we're still getting concussion hitting our heads on the glass ceiling - plus we're expected to Windex it while we're up there. Until women are treated as equals instead of sequels, we have every right to comically kneecap you in ads or song clips. And you're pathetic whinge bags if you complain about it."

I'm not complaining. As a man - albeit a man with a woman's name - Cilmi's video is not offensive. It's harmless and clever, with a mood that's more teen dress-ups than Nazi-themed sex romp. Not one of her victims looks distressed. These young men may be deprived of their liberty, but every hair is in place. That, presumably, is the main thing.
...
It's the former, a necessary step on the path to parity. For too long, men have held power at the expense of women; now, in a few corners of pop culture, this inequality has been overcorrected and replaced by an inverted inequality. In some music videos and ads, sex objects and sex subjects have traded places. As long as this inversion is both temporary and playful, I'm all for it.'

Mother charged with killing her disabled son while on bail for his alleged attempted murder

Anonymous · 24 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother has been charged with murdering her son at a care home.

The 56-year-old woman was on bail and awaiting trial for an alleged previous attempt to kill the 22-year-old, who was being treated for head injuries.

...

He had been a patient at the rehabilitation unit after being seriously injured in a road crash in September last year.

It was while Mr Inglis was seriously ill in hospital in Essex last December that the earlier alleged attempt to murder him was made.'

Female teacher accused of fracturing boy's skull

anthony · 24 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A day-care teacher was arrested Thursday after a three-month-old boy suffered a fractured skull in her care last month, Richland County deputies said.

Deidre Goff, 44, of Lollipop Lane Day Care Center on Leesburg Road, is charged with unlawful conduct toward a child.

...

If convicted of the felony, Goff faces up to 10 years in prison.

She told the infant's mother he was fussy because about 10 a.m. Oct. 13 he had hit his face on a play center used to help babies gain leg strength, deputies said.'

UK: Wife 'killed husband with knife hidden in burkha'

anthony · 24 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A newlywed wife killed her husband with a kitchen knife hidden under her burkha so that she could carry on seeing another man, a court heard today.

Mahmuda Khatun, 28, stabbed Mohammed Miah through the chest before telling a series of "brazen and persistent" lies to allay suspicion, jurors were told.

Khatun carried out the premeditated attack on her husband's 28th birthday in August last year, just 33 days after their wedding, the Old Bailey heard.'

New Zealand: Men urged to wear white ribbon against domestic violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Men are being encouraged to wear a white ribbon and take a stand against domestic violence today.

People will wear the ribbons as a sign they do not condone domestic violence and to encourage people to speak out about violent or abusive behaviour.

White Ribbon Day, started by a men's group in Canada in 1991, has now been designated by the United Nations as the official day to mark the campaign to eliminate violence against women.
...
The day has been organised by the Families Commission and more than 500,000 ribbons will be handed out. The ribbons were packaged by Rimutaka Prison inmates, with $357,000 funding supplied by eight government departments, including the Social Development Ministry, Justice Ministry and police.'

Study Says Domestic Violence Is More Common In Lesbian Relationships

anthony · 24 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here, discussed by Glenn Sacks. Excerpt:

'Page Six spies saw Lohan and Ronson get into a spat outside of Citrine on West 21st Street recently, and the London Sun published details of a explosive argument this week outside Boujis in London, where Ronson was deejaying.

The paper reported "all hell broke loose" and the screaming match ended with Lohan "in tears."

The wild child sank down in tears following the 4am bust-up with DJ girlfriend Samantha Ronson.

It's not mentioned in the story's headline nor in its lead five paragraphs, but it turns out that what is portrayed as a lover's "spat" is actually a case of domestic violence.'

Rocky Mountain News: "Fathers' rights woefully ignored"

anthony · 24 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Opinion piece here. Excerpt:

'It's a sad fact that in political campaigns the truth is maligned and mud is thrown in an effort to discredit the other party. What's sadder is that this is a reality in divorce. A modern effort to discredit loving parents in the name of revenge and greed.

What defines truth? What makes truth evidence? To what extent does a court accept hearsay evidence as fact? Courts have a demonstrated bias to side with the mother. Why is this? Maybe in the days of our grandparents when mothers were the sole nurturer in the nuclear family while fathers served only as material providers - but not today. Today we see mothers stuffing newborn babies into microwaves or throwing them into dumpsters because their new boyfriend wasn't interested in someone with a child. Today we see premenopausal women leaving young ones alone at night while they relive their teenage party years. How the paternal families grieve for the loss of these children - children who they had fought for custody of and were denied because the court sided with the mother just because she was a woman. Giving birth does not make someone a mother, it makes them a donor.'

Female Teacher Gets 30 Days In Child Sex Abuse Case

anthony · 25 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MACHIAS — A former teacher at a Lubec elementary school was sentenced Friday in Washington County Superior Court to 30 days in jail for having a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old boy.

Tina Mason, 31, of East Machias cried and sniffled in the courtroom as she pleaded no contest to charges of assault, sexual abuse of a minor and unlawful sexual touching. The victim, who is now 15 years old, showed no emotion while he sat on the other side of the courtroom with his family.

Mason sought to avoid serving time behind bars, but Justice Kevin Cuddy agreed with the prosecution's recommended sentence of 30 days in jail for Mason, who is married and has two young children.'

UK: 'Intimidating' boys put girls off science, minister says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The new Schools minister advocates a return to single-sex education to get girls more interested in subjects like science and engineering.

In her first interview since replacing Lord Adonis in the Prime Minister's recent reshuffle, Sarah McCarthy-Fry told The Independent that she was concerned about getting more girls to opt for science and engineering at school – and thought separating the sexes for lessons in co-educational schools might be the answer.

She said: "Girls do much better in science in single-sex classes. They sometimes feel intimidated in mixed- sex classes with the boys hogging the limelight and putting their hands up to answer all the questions."

UK: Dinosaurs, science and Pompey get boys into reading

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A school has improved boys' writing abilities – by bringing in more books on subjects they get excited about.

Dinosaurs and science get a greater showing in Medina Primary School's library where boys outnumber girls.

In one class there are 21 boys to just nine girls, which has led to staff adapting their teaching style.

And with its focus on writing – particularly among boys – the Portsmouth school has been rated 'good' by watchdog Ofsted.

Headteacher Howard Payne said: 'There's an issue with boys writing nationally so we've increased our non-fiction area in the library so there are more books on things like science and dinosaurs.'

You might be a sex offender if...

BinaryShadow · 25 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

This article lists all the insane reasons someone has been put on the sex offender list. This list needs to be removed because it is a complete waste of taxpayer resources and ruins innocent lives. Excerpt:

'One of the prevailing myths in society is that everyone on registries are all violent rapists or pedophiles. However, landing on a sex offender registry (or even the prospect of landing on the registry) is a very real threat. Over the years, I have collected some very outlandish cases which have either landed someone on the registry or have at least made them potentially subject to placement on the registry. Some are sad, some are ludicrous, others leave you questioning the laws. However, it is important to keep in mind how easily one can be caught up in the registries. Think about that next time you look at a sex offender registry.'

DART Campaign Wrap-up, two ways to promote shared parenting

Matt · 25 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Glenn Sacks Newsletter item here. Exceprt:

'As many of you know, the anti-father Dallas domestic violence bus ads we protested come down this week (11/30). While the ads remained up a few weeks longer than we desired, overall our campaign was very successful, and I am grateful that so many of you participated.
...
Several of The Family Place's financial contributors withdrew or reduced the financial gifts they planned for the end-of-the-year giving season. I don't say this with pleasure--I would have preferred that The Family Place do the right thing from the beginning rather than lose the funding.
...
The Fatherhood Movement does not have Obama's ear and won't anytime soon, but we should still urge Obama and the Democrats to embrace Shared Parenting. To do so, click here.
...
To tell the RNC to embrace Shared Parenting, click here. Feel free to post what you told the RNC in the comments section of www.glennsacks.com. Please remember to be polite and credible.

Indiana girl sues for chance to play baseball

Matt · 25 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Logan Young has been playing baseball with the boys for nine years, and she and her parents don't think that should change now that she's in high school.

The 14-year-old and her family have filed a federal lawsuit over an Indiana High School Athletic Association rule that prohibits the Bloomington South freshman from trying out for the high school baseball team because she is female.

"In this day and age, a girl should have the opportunity to participate on an equal footing with the boys in high school sports and the IHSAA precludes that," Tae Sture, one of the family's attorney's, said Monday.'

Do you suppose I can try out for a spot on the local women's softball team and get a fair shake at that?

University cancels support of cystic fibrosis annual fund raiser because it “affects mainly white males”

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Read this disturbing article here. Excerpt:

'Carleton University’s Students Union’s decision not to do Shinerama next year because cystic fibrosis “affects mainly white males,” is based on misinformation, says the head of the Canadian CF Foundation.

“It’s the most common, fatal, genetic disease affecting young people in this country,” CEO Cathleen Morrison said.

“Hopefully people are making decisions based on information that is correct.”

At their monthly meeting Monday night, student councillors heard a motion to stop supporting Shinerama that included the whereas clauses that they want to be “inclusive as possible,” “support diverse communities” and that “CF has recently been revealed to affect white people and primarily men.”'

Got to love that liberal arts education.

Teacher sues city after being fired for affair with runway model student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Her boy toy may have been a stud, but he was no student.

A Queens teacher fired for bedding a 17-year-old male model is suing to win her job back, saying she had no idea her lover boy was enrolled in high school during their affair.

Gina Salamino, 37, contends her job as a tenured second-grade teacher at Public School 121 should have been spared because Joshua Walter was so busy catwalking he never attended a single class during the 2006-07 school year.
...
Walter, now 19, met Salamino in 2002, when he was 12. He saw her again, records show, at an August 2006 party. That flirty encounter led to dates at the movies, hundreds of phone calls, nights at her Howard Beach apartment and sex.'

Utah Mother Allegedly Texts Nude Photos to Teen Boys, Follows Up With Sex

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The 40-year-old mother of a Salt Lake City-area high school student faces charges of having sex with minors in her Utah home after allegedly sending nude photos of herself to the cell phones of several teenage boys.

Kimberly Arigot of Syracuse, Utah, is accused of sending naked pictures of herself to boys in her neighborhood ranging in age from 15 to 18 years old, MyFOXUtah.com reported.

Police said the sexy texting ultimately led two boys, 15 and 17, to have sex with Arigot.
...
Arigot reportedly cooperated with police and allegedly confessed before she was released on bail earlier this week. She faces felony charges of unlawful sex and unlawful contact with minors and providing alcohol to the underage boys.'

Mother Accused Of Slashing Boys' Throats

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Less than a year after four strangers risked their lives to save Michelle Kehoe and her sons from an icy Iowa River, the mother is accused of slashing the two boys' throats and leaving them to die.

Kehoe's 2-year-old son was found dead the morning of October 27 outside the family's van, which was parked a short distance from the Hook-n-Liner pond in Littleton, Iowa.

Her 7-year-old son was injured but still alive inside the van. He was rushed to the hospital for surgery, according to the Iowa Department of Public Safety.

...

Some act on genuine psychotic delusions, as jurors determined to be the case with Texas mother Andrea Yates, who told doctors she drowned her five children because God told her to do so. Others can be motivated by selfish reasons: Susan Smith's alleged motive for killing her children was that she perceived them to be an obstacle in her relationship with her boyfriend.'

UK: Working class boys education fear

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Almost 80% of teenage boys from impoverished Protestant estates in Northern Ireland leave school without adequate grades, the Education minister revealed.

Those failing to obtain at least five GCSE C grades in deprived unionist areas is significantly higher than the 64% rate in disadvantaged Catholic/nationalist estates, Caitriona Ruane told the Assembly.

The Sinn Fein minister said tackling underachievement among Protestant boys would be a priority of the new Educational Skills Authority (ESA). The centralised delivery body is set to replace the five existing education boards in 2010 under plans to streamline public administration in the region.'

Study: Women Outlive Men During Lung Cancer Trials

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO, Nov. 18 -- Men involved in clinical studies of inoperable non-small-cell lung cancer appear to be at a 23% greater risk of mortality during a trial than comparable women, researchers said here.

Being a woman is a clear advantage, Corey Langer, M.D., director of thoracic oncology at the University of Pennsylvania, said at the 2008 Chicago Multidisciplinary Symposium on Thoracic Cancer.

"Across the board, independent of race or partnering status, men did worse than women," said Dr. Langer. "This is an observation that has been repeatedly observed in multiple epithelial malignancies, not just lung cancer."

Growing a 'Stash for the Fight Against Prostate Cancer

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Movember Foundation is working in conjunction with the Prostate Cancer Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) organization, sponsoring Movember. Movember (the month formerly known as November) is a charity event held during November each year.

At the start of Movember guys register a clean shaven face. The Movember participants, known as Mo Bros have the remainder of the month to grow and groom their Mo (Australian slang for mustache).

The purpose is to raise money and awareness along the way for men's health and the fight against prostate cancer.
...
Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in the U.S. with 1-in-6 American men developing the disease and more than 28,000 men dying of the disease every year.'

American Thinker: 'The Testosterone Crisis'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In his book The Suicide of Reason Lee Harris argues that our present state of liberal democracy has led to "eliminating the alpha males from our midst, and at a dizzyingly accelerating rate." Instead of supporting and valuing testosterone's virtues we're "drugging our alpha boys with Ritalin." In addition, one could view Barack Obama's election as the triumph of yin over yang. Obama's policies promise to cast the father out of America's parks and replace him with the more "caring" and yin oriented federal government. For Lee Harris however the feminization of American men comes at an extremely high price:

> "The end of testosterone in the West alone will not culminate in the end of history,
> but it may well culminate in the end of the West."

...
We can now start to understand part of Obama's appeal. Alpha males in this nation have been browbeaten in every profession, most notably in education. Indeed, the largest percentage ever of young, educated Americans in a presidential contest threw its support behind Barack Obama. In addition, whereas John Kerry received 51% of the female vote in 2004, Barack Obama garnered close to 60%. When black Americans overwhelmingly supported Obama to the tune of 90%, how much of this support was a product of race and how much was simply a product of a culture in which 70% of children are raised without fathers?

Both political parties now believe that they can garner votes by playing the yin, or compassion card. We've seen this with the Bush Administration and its heavily statist "compassionate conservatism." On the other hand, Democrats in congress thought that extending loans to unqualified borrowers was an act of compassion. An excess of yin is now causing many of our states, like California, to go broke. Despite these examples an "uncaring" America was the chief rallying cry of Barack and Michelle Obama during the recent election.'

The model of modern masculinity whose guiding force is women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr Obama has acknowledged in speeches and memoirs his debt to his womenfolk: they were resourceful, capable and unsinkable while the men in his life were flaky, fragile and absent.

Conflicts Mr Obama sees in his own wife have led him to promote policies supporting work-life balance. “Michelle is like a lot of women of her generation in that she has carried within herself two very powerful ideas: one, that she’s as smart as any man, on the other hand, she loves being a mother,” he has said. “We have a society that doesn’t really provide a lot of support for women in those roles. We don’t provide the kind of maternity and paternity leave that other countries do.”

UK Guardian Blog: 'Men have their uses but are rather last century'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Technology has transformed the work place, replacing the masculine qualities of muscle, system, specialism and dictation with the feminine aptitudes of dexterity, multi-tasking and negotiation.

The emphasis within human organisation and business has moved from competition to collaboration, with a new emphasis on 'others'. This is seen in support systems, restorative justice, health and safety, and a therapy culture for victims, whether of trauma or disadvantage.

The new human narrative is creating an essentially feminine paradigm.

It is possible that the resurgence of masculinity is simply a cry of protest from a gender in decline, as it faces up to the redundancy of those qualities by which it has hitherto dominated the stage.'

UK: Court upholds woman's right not to tell father about baby

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who conceived a child after a one-night stand with a colleague and hid her pregnancy from everyone has won the right to keep the birth a secret from the father.

The woman, who is now 20 and cannot be named for legal reasons, became pregnant when she was 19, but did not realise until a late stage. She told no one, shunned medical help until she went into labour, and put the girl up for adoption as soon as she was born.

In September, after an application from the local authority, a county court judge ruled that the woman's parents and the father of the child should be told. But yesterday, three appeal judges overruled him and, in a landmark judgment, agreed that the mother has "the ultimate veto" over who should be told about her child.'

Glasgow University Study: 60 percent said "it was acceptable for women to hit their husbands"

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'However, there is a lack of acceptance that men, too, are increasingly becoming silent victims of domestic abuse and violence at the hands of their partners, and that there is a growing number of same-sex couples experiencing domestic violence from their partners.

...

In a recent study on emerging attitudes and patterns of domestic violence, Glasgow University found that of the 200 women surveyed, 60 percent said "it was acceptable for women to hit their husbands" while 35 percent admitted assaulting their partners and a total of 8 percent admitted to physically injuring them.

...

Owing to societal pressures and socialisation, men are less likely to talk about the abuse they suffer behind closed doors.

And not much is done to encourage men to report cases of domestic abuse, although many civil society organisations fighting domestic abuse and violence claim to represent men as well.'

Australia: Are Dads Getting A Bum Rap?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Have you noticed that more and more men, especially dads, are depicted in the media complete idiots? You know, all the ads where Dad can't think of what to cook so pulls something out of the freezer to fool his dear family, or balks at nappy changing. Sacha Molitorisz, over at the pleasingly punctuated Who's Your Daddy?, has had enough.
...
As one who has volunteered with "disadvantaged" boys for four years (in New York), one trend I have observed is that boys feel the treatment they receive in school and in society is that they are second class citizens when compared to the girls. They are punished for acts which girls are not punished for, they are treated as thugs, labelled as abusive and unable to learn, etc. I do think the popular culture portrayals of boys and men do inform and effect to some degree how these young men are treated by both teachers and administrators - who are primarily female - and their female peers.'

Domestic violence courts: dispelling myths

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In their attempts to understand the purpose of this specialized Court, maybe these lawyers are confused by the pink file covers that are used by police to denote a domestic violence case; perhaps their analysis doesn't go beyond the colour pink symbolizing female.

Since the 2007 inception of this specialized court, many lawyers have repeated, sometimes indignantly, some version of the myth that its very existence means that male perpetrators have been stripped of their Charter rights and are presumed guilty before they even stand before the Judge.

I have heard it said it's impossible for an accused to have a fair trial in Provincial Court -- Domestic Violence with all of those biased feminists running the show and trying to prove some point.'

Op-ed: Men are getting shortchanged

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Article here. Excerpt:

'October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month where there is a lot of publicity including TV spots, marches, newspaper ads, pink ribbons, pink T-shirts, and all sorts of activity to highlight this form of cancer - and to raise millions of dollars in the fight for its detection and cure. This highly commendable effort illustrates the concern of our nation for those who are inflicted with this deadly, gender specific disease. (There are a very few, very rare, cases in which males develop breast cancer, but Breast Cancer Awareness Month addresses only breast cancer in women.)

OK, so what does this have to do with these divisions - the separation into different groups or categories? Simple - men also suffer from a deadly, gender specific disease - it's prostate cancer. So some men are now starting to ask, "Where's prostate cancer awareness month - or week, or even day? Where's a postage stamp to raise money for prostate cancer research - the breast cancer awareness one raised over $50 million? Where are the marches, the T-shirts, the TV spots? In short, why doesn't anyone care about the guys?"

DV queen asserts: A man having a good time at a party is a domestic abuser

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Article here. Excerpt:

And Sandra, 56, reckons she can spot a male abuser within seconds.

'She said: “After leaving a party, I sometimes reflect on the people and tell my husband if I think there was an abuser in our midst.

But how can she be so sure she has a monster in her sights?

She said: “Men with a tendency to abuse women are usually the life and soul of the party — the outgoing man who loves to be the centre of attention.

“Often their partner will change their behaviour in front of them and become submissive and timid.

“These are early warning signs. Men who abuse women can alternate quickly between rage and charm.'

Is he breathing? He's a cheater!

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MSN strikes again! Check your pulse, fellas. If you have one, you are a cheater, 100% for certain. Read all about it here. Excerpt:

'When you're dating a guy, you can forgive him for some indiscretions, but it's nearly impossible to turn the other cheek if he strays. Well, Cosmo did some investigating to ascertain the traits that may make men more likely to cheat, and some of our findings were surprising eye-openers.

But before you freak, realize that just because he possesses characteristics of a mangy scoundrel doesn't mean he's actually cheating on you. "You have to listen to your gut as well as read the clues," says Gary Aumiller, Ph.D., a psychologist and coauthor of "Red Flags! How to Know When You're Dating a Loser." Run through this list of wandering-eye warning signs to see if your partner is predisposed to prowl... and find out how you can deal.'

Jury convicts mom of lesser charges in online hoax

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES (AP) - A jury has convicted a Missouri woman of three minor offenses for her role in an Internet hoax that apparently drove a 13-year-old girl to suicide.
...
However, the jury found defendant Lori Drew guilty of three counts of the lesser offense of accessing a computer without authorization. Each count is punishable by up to one year in prison and a $100,000 fine.

The jurors could not reach a verdict on a conspiracy count. The disposition of that count was not immediately clear.

Prosecutors said Drew violated the MySpace terms of service by conspiring with her young daughter and a business assistant to create a fictitious profile of a teen boy on the MySpace social networking site to harass Megan.'

Women From Iraq Suicide Bombing Network Surrender

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Story here. If I was a betting man, I would say these women spend six months at Guantanamo and receive counseling. Excerpt:

'BAGHDAD — Eighteen young women purportedly belonging to a suicide bombing network in northern Iraq surrendered to U.S. forces on Wednesday, a top U.S. commander said.

The number of bombings carried out by women has spiked this year even as overall violence has declined, and Hertling said Wednesday's surrender would deal a significant blow to recruitment efforts.

U.S. military figures show 31 attacks by 35 female suicide bombers so far this year, compared with eight in 2007.

Hertling said the cleric approached U.S. forces earlier this week to tell them about a group of 21 women who were part of a suicide bombing network. On Wednesday, 18 of the women surrendered and signed a form promising not to conduct attacks as part of a reconciliation program, Hertling said.

"This will significantly affect at least part of the female network cells in the northern area of operations," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.'

UK: Lesbian soldier gets £200,000 payout in harassment case

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A lesbian soldier last night celebrated winning almost £200,000 compensation after being subjected to a lewd campaign of sexual harassment by a male sergeant.
...
Her award easily outstrips the £161,000 offered to double amputee Marine Ben McBean, who was hailed a 'real hero' by Prince Harry. Her compensation was branded 'obscene' by one Forces organisation.

Shaun Rusling, of the National Gulf Veterans' and Families Association, added: 'We don't agree with anyone being picked on but it is just Miss Fletcher's feelings that have been hurt. She will get better. You do not get better when your arms and legs have been blown off.'"

UK: Mother of missing girl 'went shopping'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The mother of Shannon Matthews went out shopping for a satellite navigation system on the night her daughter was reported missing, it emerged in court.

Karen Matthews admitted shopping in a supermarket, but denied buying beer hours after her daughter failed to come home, Leeds Crown Court heard.

Ms Matthews, 33, and Michael Donovan, 41, deny kidnap and false imprisonment over Shannon's disappearance.
...
Mark Goode said he was delivering a bed to Moorside Place and heard Mrs Meehan say: "Don't say nowt, just keep your mouth shut. They'll never, ever find out."

Mr Goode said Mrs Meehan looked like she was "panicking".

The prosecution alleges Mr Donovan kept Shannon drugged and imprisoned in his flat as part of a plan he and Ms Matthews had to claim £50,000 in reward money.

The trial continues.'

Teacher In Sex-With-Student Case Gets House Arrest, Probation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'KISSIMMEE, Fla. -- A 32-year-old Central Florida teacher who admitted to having sex in her home with a 16-year-old boy who was her former student was sentenced on Monday to two years of house arrest and eight years of probation.
...
"Somehow it's become OK for a female teacher to have sex with a child with no punishment, while a man would go to prison," Assistant State Attorney Amy Chandler said.

The judge said Joel's remorse and the fact that the incidents were isolated factored into his decision.'

UK: Female baby-rapist set free after 30 months

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A MONSTER who helped rape a 12-week-old baby walked free from jail yesterday after serving just 30 months of a five-year sentence.

Depraved Tanya French, 21, sparked outrage in 2006 after it emerged she attacked the tot while lover Alan Webster filmed it on video.

She and Webster, 42, were both jailed for raping the baby while babysitting in Hatfield, Herts.

A family source said last night: “The idea of French being out and able to rebuild her life is sickening. Angry does not even begin to describe how we feel.

...

Last night the Ministry of Justice insisted the law required them to release French because she had served half her sentence.'

NY Examiner: Of royalty, male heirs, and the almighty penis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For most of history the penis has been seen as the chief qualification to succeed to a throne, become world leader, CEO, government bigwig, and religious leader. Until very recently, the same was true of armed soldiers, the exception in history being that of the Amazons, a fierce tribe of warriors with vaginas who, it has been said, liked to hand any male enemy his genitalia in a wooden bowl.
...
No, hating men and their anatomy is not my problem. My problem is with society at large, which seems to think that, even if a person is an incompetent cretin, if that person has the right appendage, he deserves all the marbles in the game of life.
...
History is full of people with penises who totally screwed up the world.'

"The Economy and Child Support"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A slumping economy affects our lives in many ways And this week's question comes from someone who says he's doing his best to stay out of jail and support his kids.

Marshall Coe of Monticello wants to know what happens to your child support payments when you lose your job because of the economy.

Marshall's not alone in this situation. Forty-two percent of parents who pay child support are behind on their payments according to the Office of Child Support Services. Not all because of the economy, but the office says its something they're seeing more of.'

Review: Garcia's 'Decline of Men' paints bleak picture for those with Y chromosomes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In his new book, the felicitously named journalist Guy Garcia has decided to act as ambassador from Mars. The news from Planet Dude ain't good: Women now outnumber men at American universities. In cities such as New York, Dallas, Los Angeles and Chicago, women outstrip men in earning power. Men's health is in decline, compared with women's; women are buying guns; more women than men initiate divorce; more women than men voted in the presidential election. Women are even taking over pornography.

The Decline of Men is a jeremiad (unkind persons might call it an extended whine) on the state of maleness in the 21st century. Once men ruled all they surveyed: women, children, livestock, land. Male genitalia conferred power, at least over most other mammals in the immediate vicinity. Life was good. Everybody had a well-defined, biologically driven role to play. Then things went weird: Women started demanding their rights. Worse, they wanted men to talk to them!

...
Garcia wants us to understand that men are people, too. Fair enough. But until I look up and see women making the same wage for the same work as men, a woman running the Army, a Congress with more than a paltry 20 percent female membership, more women running Fortune 500 companies and top universities, I just can't seem to get too worked up about men's searching around for a new way of being. Man up, and get over it.'

Huffington Post: Female Infidels Catch Up... And Invade Your Home?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Don't look now, but there is someone, someone nearby, waiting to steal (or at least borrow) your spouse from right under your nose.

What is the good news? Or even just the new news? Turns out infidelity is an equal opportunity employer; women are turning to men who don't belong to them in record numbers according to a poll by Women's Health magazine in the November issue. That's right, ladies. If the stats are to be believed, your sisters don't consider that cutie with the ring-finger tan line so off-limits.

The study found that 46.3% of women admitted they'd been involved with a "taken" man. Of those, one in four said he was the boyfriend or husband of someone she knew; 40% stated it bothered them, but not enough to put on the brakes, and 27% said that commitment was his responsibility, not hers.'

Global food crisis worse for women and girls?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is little prospect of returning to the cheap food regimes that characterized the world prior to 2005 anytime in the foreseeable future. So far, the food crisis has pushed an estimated 75 million people into chronic hunger since 2005.

Women and children, particularly girls, have been hardest hit by the food crisis. In part, this disproportionate impact is because women in poor rural communities have less access to resources, transportation, and communication networks. Any effective resolution to the food crisis - and to reinforce food security more generally - must incorporate an understanding of this differential impact on gender roles.
...
Women and children (especially girls) are more vulnerable to food, fuel, and fertilizer price increases, and to rural poverty generally, than men. This is, of course, not intended as gender one-upmanship; men also experience hardship caused by the marginalization of rural societies.'

"What's worse than the mommy wars?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In divorce, that decision is often the source of the most mean-spirited, painful fight. If you thought the mommy wars were bad, this related war - call it the spousal support slaughter - is worse.

Some men receive spousal support, of course, but in the vast majority of cases - at least 99 per cent, family lawyers say - women do. As the most contentious issue in divorce, it is where the choices that people and their former spouses made about how to manage their family are addressed - and not always fairly.

...

But ironically, what is a victory for women's choices and an important effort to address the feminization of poverty post-divorce is also, in many cases, a harmful disincentive for women to find identity, meaning and self-sufficiency through work.

It is both an advancement and a regression, if taken too far, for women's issues. But few in the legal community are willing to publicly discuss the politically sensitive topic.

"The mindset among the judiciary is that women need to be sheltered and helped," explains one family lawyer, who asked for anonymity. "They are afraid of appearing heartless if they don't side with women."'

False Rape Accusation Associated With Near Fatal Beating Of Black Man

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An 18-year-old woman who twice falsely reported being raped by an unknown black man pleaded guilty to mischief Thursday.

April Ibbotson, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to mischief by misleading police to believe she had been sexually assaulted June 21 and again July 24, both times in Owen Sound.

The claims prompted a week's worth of wasted investigative time, assistant Crown attorney Michael Martin said. The allegations also came within weeks of the near-fatal beating and stabbing of a black man wrongly accused of rape in downtown Owen Sound in late July.

...
Ibbotson's first false accusation occurred June 21, Martin said. She contacted Owen Sound police at 11 p. m. and reported that she had been approached from behind along 3rd Avenue West and was dragged near a fence at about 9:30 p. m. that night. She alleged her underpants were taken down and she was sexually assaulted.

She was examined in hospital. Police established a crime scene in the area where she said she'd been raped by a black man 6'3" or 6'4" inches tall, with a moustache and goatee. Police canvassed people in the area around 13th Street West and 3rd and 4th avenues.'

Faludi on post-9/11 feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Susan Faludi examined the issue of modern feminism yesterday at the Moritz College of Law.
...
Faludi started her lecture by acknowledging that the feminist movement has made progress by putting more women into higher education and specialty fields like medicine. According to Faludi, women comprise 60 percent of undergraduate and master's degree enrollment.

"You always hears about the firefighters and policemen after 9/11, but you never heard anything about the nurses who were taking care of all the injured people." Berberich said. "That kind of sexism is very subtle and subversive.
...
"Women's issues aren't just women's issues; they're society's issues," Faludi said. "The success of any political realignment in the U.S. has to be based on the success of the feminist agenda."'

Editoral Response: Outdated take on boys', girls' differences

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For a variety of reasons, girls have long since surpassed boys as academic leaders in most schools. It is commonplace today to see eight of the top 10 grade point averages at graduation held by girls. Too many boys have concluded that they don't stand much of a chance on a day-to-day basis in school, and have chosen to be docile, disengaged, and perfectly comfortable with their slacker status. Single-sex schools are a promising solution for a pendulum that often swings too far in both directions.
...
I WAS glad to see the Globe endorse a legislative initiative to repeal state laws that stand in the way of establishing single-sex public schools. As the headmaster of the oldest boys' school in the country, the Roxbury Latin School (founded in 1645), I can speak from experience personally and institutionally'

Article re boys competing on girls' teams

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Everyone has heard the argument that females should be allowed to play on male sports teams. Whether it is in youth leagues, high school or college, females have pushed the envelope and have played on all male football and wrestling teams. They have also consistently played on predominantly male Little League and youth soccer teams.

What is rarely talked about — and usually welcomes a rash of criticism — is male athletes participating on female teams. Outside of family members and teammates, there is little to no support for the male athletes.
...
“It’s really a double-edged sword,” said Taconic Hills volleyball coach Alan Eggleston. “The girls that I coached liked beating the boys but it was very hard for me to justify to them why the boys could play on a girls team.”'

Man stabbed to death in domestic dispute

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Story here. Excerpt:

'GRIFFIN, Ga. -- A domestic dispute in Griffin left one man dead and a woman behind bars.
...
When officers arrived at the scene, they found Childs dead on the floor of an apartment.
...
Butler was at the Spalding County Jail on Saturday morning. She was charged with murder.'

Woman in Metrodome sex incident now claims she was victim

Evil White Male... · 30 November 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MINNEAPOLIS - While police say a high-profile indecent conduct case in the Minneapolis Metrodome Saturday is closed, a Carroll woman involved in it told the Daily Times Herald she believes she was a victim of foul play rather than a willing collaborator.

...

Feldman acknowledged drinking heavily before the game and says she doesn't remember being in the bathroom.

"I would never ever do that," Feldman said. "My kids are my life. I go to church every Sunday."

Information obtained in police reports and during an interview with University of Minnesota Police Chief Greg Hestness revealed no suggestion or evidence that the incident was anything but consensual on the part of both Walsh and Feldman.

...

When asked to respond to Feldman's suggestion that she is a victim of a crime, Hestness said: "All I can say is the actions went on for some period of time with many witnesses on hand and no one reported either party was objecting."'

Edmonton foster mother found guilty of manslaughter

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In itself, this story isn't much of anything new (at least, to us). Funny though, that it appears to be the only main headline that isn't open to comments on the CBC forum. Also funny is that all related stories appear to have been closed for comment. Methinks the editors at CBC need an earful. Excerpt:

'An Edmonton foster mother covered her mouth and broke down in tears after a jury found her guilty of manslaughter in the death of a three-year-old boy in her care.
...
The 34-year-old woman, who cannot be identified, was charged with second-degree murder after the child died in January 2007 of brain injuries. She was, however, found guilty of the lesser charge of manslaughter.

The Crown argued during her trial that she abused the child repeatedly in the month leading up to his death.'

NY Times: Enlisting the Aid of Hairstylists as Sentinels for Domestic Abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The privileged, often therapeutic relationship between hairdressers and clients has long been the subject of magazine articles and movies. A growing movement in New York and across the nation tries to harness that bond to identify and prevent domestic violence, a pervasive problem that victims are often too ashamed to reveal to law enforcement or other public officials.
...
The initiative joins similar efforts that have been sprouting across the nation; perhaps the best known, called Cut It Out and based in Chicago, has trained 40,000 salon workers in all 50 states to recognize signs of domestic abuse. In the past few months, the Cut It Out program was also adopted by the Empire Education Group, which has 87 cosmetology schools, and endorsed by the American Association of Cosmetology Schools, the trade organization representing another 800 schools.'

Police: Freeport woman stabbed boyfriend in NYC nightclub

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Freeport woman was charged with attempted murder after she stabbed her boyfriend in the neck with a broken beer glass at a Manhattan nightclub early Sunday morning, according to New York City police.

The boyfriend, 22, was admitted to Bellevue Hospital Center in critical condition. Police withheld his name.
...
An owner of the nightclub, Ariel Palitz, said the couple were arguing near the coat-check area when the woman hit her boyfriend in the neck with a pint beer glass. It wasn't clear whether she broke the Stella Artois beer glass first, then slashed him, or whether the glass shattered from the force of hitting his neck, Palitz said.'

CBC Commentary On Cancellation Of Cystic Fibrosis Annual Fund Raiser

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Most readers will already have choked on the revelation that the worthies on the student union wanted to give up on cystic fibrosis, after nearly a quarter of a century of Carleton's supporting the charity, because - in homage to that stern god, Diversity - the disease wasn't "inclusive" enough.

The telling phrase in the motion, a monument to the caring and scrupulous intellect of that most delicate of mechanisms - the politically correct sensibility - was that "cystic fibrosis has been recently revealed to only affect white people, and primarily men."

...
What is finally interesting about the episode is that it's almost a casebook example of how political correctness, the attempt to purge every thought, word, or deed of its ideological impurities, almost always ends up like the fabled serpent that devours its own tail. Of committing greater sins than the ones it seeks to proscribe.

In the effort to be purer than the pure, the poor innocents at Carleton demean a fine charity, offend its many victims and embarrass their university. In pursuit of the ignis fatuus, the foolish fire, of diversity at all costs, they wander into a great wilderness of bad taste and offence. Much like their equally risible brethren at Queen's, with their grotesque innovation of "conversation monitors" or "dialogue facilitators" whose goal is to purge the campus of every trace, every scintilla of the dreaded "homophobic, sexist, racist" trifecta.'

Selecting a New Secretary of State – Does Being a White Male Disqualify You Automatically?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Have we gone so far in being Politically Correct that White and Male are now practically disqualifications for serving as Secretary of State?
...
By the time the next Secretary is installed, it will have been 12 years and the tenures of three Secretaries of State since the last white male held the position. With each succeeding secretary, the incumbent president has attempted to "prove" something--to deliver a politico-social "message" about the United States, about U.S. foreign policy, about representative-inclusiveness. Thus we have had the "first" woman; the "first" African-American; the "first" African-American woman.
...
Likewise, even political partisans will admit that our two most effective Secretaries of State in the past generation have been the pale males, George Shultz and James Baker. Secretary Shultz maneuvered with Soviet interlocutors to lead seminal bilateral arms control agreements during the closing years of the Cold War. Secretary Baker through guile and inducements assembled a massive military coalition under a UN mandate to reverse Iraqi aggression in Kuwait.'

UK: 'Why women don't see the funny side of their mothers-in-law'

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Article here. Excerpt:

"A study of hundreds of families has found that mothers are far more likely to feud with a daughter-in-law than a son-in-law.

Nearly two-thirds of daughters-in-law accused their husband's mother of 'unreasonably jealous maternal love'.

A similar proportion of mothers-in-law complained they had been isolated and excluded by a female addition to the family.

...

She said: 'As they struggle to achieve the same position in the family as primary woman, each tries to establish or protect their status, each feels threatened by the other.

'Mother-in-law and daughter-in-law conflict often emerges from an expectation that each is criticising or undermining the other. But this mutual unease may have less to do with actual attitudes and far more to do with persistent female norms that few of us manage to shake off completely.'"

Positive Update: California Domestic Violence Ruling

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Programs that receive state funding to help victims of domestic violence must provide equal services to men and women, under a state appeals court decision that took effect this month.
...
"We applaud the ruling," said Protima Pandey, a board member for San Bernardino's Option House, which provides services including emergency housing, transitional housing, counseling and assistance with getting a restraining order.

...
"Most of the men who came to us didn't come because they were afraid for their life or feared being put in a hospital," Evey said. "Their fear was abuse against the children."
...
Web sites for agencies and organizations that offer services to domestic violence victims predominantly feature photos of women and their children.

A Web page with information about spousal abuse on the California attorney general's Web site refers to "she" and "her" exclusively.

"I think it's absolutely outrageous that they stigmatize male victims that way," Angelucci said. "I guess I shouldn't be surprised, but I am because I thought things were changing."'

New War Memorial Will Only Honor Female Veterans

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A group is seeking $500,000 in donations to build a unique park at the Fort Douglas Military Museum in honor of female veterans.

Utah Military Veterans Advisory Committee chairwoman Su Richards said several women in her group came up with the idea because they felt females needed a memorial of their own.

"They were getting the respect but not the honor," said Richards, a research archivist at the museum. "As near as I can tell, there are very few memorials for women that have bronzes."

Sculptor Jerime Hooley will create two life-sized bronze sculptures. One will feature four women in different period uniforms running across a map of the United States. A second piece will depict a World War II nurse and a "woman warrior" lacing up her combat boots, Richards said. Workers will also build a gazebo for the memorial.'

Australia: Mens ambassador debates depression suicide link

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Blaming male suicide on mental health issues and depression is “too simplistic”, says one of the nation’s new men’s health ambassadors.

Societal factors such as job loss or relationship failure also play a major role and should not be overlooked in efforts to curb the nation’s suicide rate, says Sydney-based Professor John Macdonald.

...

“It’s often a combination of social factors, not initially mental health problems, which cause five men a day in Australia to kill themselves,” Mr Macdonald said in Sydney today.

“However, strangely, little research to date has been conducted on the role social factors, such as separation from children and partners and unemployment may have in determining suicide risk.”'

Canada Free Press: 'The Return Of The Girly Men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The new improved Girly Men are marching, (mincing) in lockstep in front of anyone who will watch, patting themselves on the back for having ‘evolved’. These men have swallowed whole the feminist mantra that This Is What Women Want. A new, sensitive man. A man not afraid of feelings, a man in touch with his inner self who has the, yes, the raw courage, to shed the shackles (whew) of masculinity.
...
Nail polish and hair spray will become the new weapons in the battle of the sexes. And millions of men are rushing to re-invent themselves in the new, socially ordained and politically acceptable way. They have become ‘empowered’. Metrosexuals are the new flavor of the day.
...
Girly Men have claimed the moral high ground and traditional methods of male behavior are to be considered déclassé. Feelings trump facts, intentions trump outcomes and tears trump fists. Men have evolved to a higher plane and they’re loving it.

So are our enemies.'

National Post: Price of free expression

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There have been a number of cases on university campuses of late in which it appears that political correctness is trumping free expression --and even common sense.

The Carleton University Students' Association voted to drop giving money to a cystic fibrosis charity because the disease "has been recently revealed to only affect white people, and primarily men." Under a barrage of criticism, the student council reinstated the charity as a beneficiary.

At Queen's University, in Kingston, Ont., the school administration hired six students whose jobs as "dialogue facilitators" involves intervening in conversations among students encourage discussion of such social justice issues as race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation. (The program is now being subject to early review.)'

Carleton students petition to impeach union president over cystic fibrosis gaffe

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Embarrassed Carleton students are getting closer to ousting the members of their student council responsible for a cystic fibrosis gaffe that garnered national attention.

Frustrated by their student council's recent decision to drop a cystic fibrosis charity as the beneficiary of its annual Shinearama fundraiser because the disease "has been recently revealed to only affect white people, and primarily men," Carleton students are attempting to clear their school's name with a petition to impeach their union president ...
CUSA president Brittany Smyth said she was "very sorry for the confusion" and stated that an emergency meeting of the association's council is planned for next Monday evening and she'll be personally trying to rescind a decision to pull CUSA support for the annual "Shinerama" fundraiser.

But despite CUSA's efforts to backtrack on the controversial decision, a student movement has emerged to impeach Ms. Smyth and councillor Donnie Northrup, the science councillor who wrote the motion.'

It's official: Hillary Clinton on deck (SoS)

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Story here. S.O.S. indeed! Excerpt:

'Obama introduced Clinton first, saying of his former presidential rival, "She possesses an extraordinary intelligence and toughness, and a remarkable work ethic. ... She is an American of tremendous stature who will have my complete confidence, who knows many of the world's leaders, who will command respect in every capital, and who will clearly have the ability to advance our interests around the world."

Clinton will give up her seat as a senator from New York to join the Obama Cabinet. Her appointment was preceded by lengthy negotiations involving her husband, the former president, whose international business connections posed potential conflicts of interests.'

Of course the Senate has to confirm her first. Undoubtedly they will do so. I would be very surprised indeed if they didn't.

Woman arrested in man’s shooting death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Timonium woman was arrested Thanksgiving Day and charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Timothy Lekin, also of Timonium.

Keri Schneider, 36, of Thornhill Road, is being held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center, in Towson.

Police responded to a call at 3:05 p.m. Nov. 26 about a man slumped over the steering wheel of his car at the end of Sparks Valley Road, in Sparks, said a police spokesman, Cpl. Mike Hill.

Police found Lekin, 35, of Cormer Court, had been shot and was dead in his car. Evidence at the scene linked Schneider to the killing, police said. She had been having a relationship with the victim, police said.'

Woman charged with murder, arson

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 63-year-old Inkster woman will face murder charges stemming from an arson at the home of her ex-boyfriend which claimed the life of his new girlfriend.

The fire, at 28000 block of Rosewood Street, claimed the life of homeowner Larry Lee's 52-year-old girlfriend, Denise Robinson, who was overcome by smoke in the upstairs bedroom, according to reports.

Zilpah Ann Warmack was charged with one count of felony murder, one count of assault with intent to murder, and an additional count of arson Wednesday at the 22nd District Court in Inkster.

The felony murder charge carries a mandatory life sentence behind bars, the assault charge carries a penalty of any number of years in prison up to life, and arson is punishable by 20 years in prison.'

Grant headlines Men’s Health Night

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The four "poster boys" for the first Men's Night haven't forgotten the lessons they learned from the February 2008 event. While their experiences didn't drastically change their lives, they did have a lasting impact and spur them to be more health-conscious.

The four — Buzz Lundeen, Joel Myhre, Rick Schara and Mick Siems — agreed in December 2007 to go public with a healthy competition to promote Men's Night, an evening of speakers and information focused on men's health....
The success of the event — close to 300 men braved the blustery weather on a cold February night to attend — inspired organizers to make plans for the 2009 Men's Night. It's scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 26, on the Fergus Falls campus of Minnesota State Community and Technical College.
...
Siems, the community health outreach manager for Lake Region Healthcare and organizer for Men's Night, said the keynote speaker will be Bud Grant, former coach of the Minnesota Vikings and a well-known outdoor enthusiast.'

Teen Must Register As Sex Offender For Life After Having Sex With Girlfriend - Please sign Petition

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TULSA, OK -- An Oklahoma teenager is swept up in laws aimed at protecting kids from child predators. He must register as a sex offender for life, as the worst level offender, after having a sex with his girlfriend, who said she was his age, 16. Sex between teenagers is no longer just a moral issue, it's a legal one.
...
But, the district attorney charged Ricky as an adult for two counts of felony sex abuse of a child. He was facing 25 years in prison, so he pleaded guilty and got a deferred sentence, which means it would expunged off his record.
...
Ricky's record was expunged last month, but Oklahoma won't take him off the registry.'

The petition in support of changing the current laws is at http://rickyslife.com/. Please sign!

It is a call for legislative action to change the laws that have done such great harm to Ricky and others like him. When we unite in encouraging our legislators to act responsibly to correct these injustices, we pay the just price for our freedom.

Please also share this petition by email with 10 or more people. THIS IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN SIGNING IT. If each of us shares it with enough people to get more than one person to sign it, it will sweep the nation.

Michelle Malkin, Glenn Reynolds Hold up Our DART Campaign as a Model for 21st Century Activism

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Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Our Campaign Protesting Father-Bashing Domestic Violence Ads was recently praised on PJTV by two prominent commentators--Michelle Malkin and Glenn Reynolds.

Malkin is a syndicated columnist whose columns appear in nearly 200 newspapers, the author of three books, and a frequent TV and radio commentator.

Reynolds' blog, www.Instapundit.com, is perhaps the most-read political blog in the US, and he is an author and frequent TV commentator.'

"Boys were found to lie and steal more than girls"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'American teenagers lie, steal and cheat more at "alarming rates," a study of nearly 30,000 high school students concluded Monday.
...
In its 2008 Report Card on the Ethics of American Youth, the Los Angeles-based organization said the teenagers' responses to questions about lying, stealing and cheating "reveals entrenched habits of dishonesty for the workforce of the future."

Boys were found to lie and steal more than girls.
...
"As bad as these numbers are, it appears they understate the level of dishonesty exhibited by America's youth," the study warned, noting than more than a fourth of the students (26 percent) admitted they had lied on at least one or two of the survey questions.'

Arizona Baby Sitter Arrested for Leaving Children Alone to Drink

patriotsofamerica · 2 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PHOENIX — A Mesa baby sitter has been arrested and accused by Mesa police of leaving two children home alone while she went out drinking.

The children's mother told police her boyfriend's sister, 18-year-old Synjan Mitchell, was baby-sitting her 5-month-old daughter and 21-month-old son Wednesday.

The mother told police she came home and found the front door of her apartment open.

The mother says she found loud music playing, beer cans scattered on the floor and her two children home alone.'

Yeah, women are really the responsible ones...not! I bet this woman/baby sitter claims some kind of victimhood for her actions.

20/20: The Age of Consent: When Young Love Is a Sex Crime

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Twelve years ago, Frank Rodriguez pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a child.

Faced with two to 20 years in prison on the charge, he signed a plea bargain that gave him seven years probation. He was told he must never be near children. That meant he couldn't be any place where children gather, like playgrounds or parks, which made it tough to find work.
...
Rodriguez completed his seven years' probation without another violation, but he will forever be on the Texas sex offender registry. And what was the nature of the sex crime he committed? Well, when he was 19, Frank had sex with his 15 year-old girlfriend, Nikki Prescott, at her suggestion.

"It was my idea," she said. "I would say I pushed it more."'

ABC News Video: Age of Consent: Double Standard?

"Frustrated mom makes son wear humiliating sign in public"

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Video report here. Watch how the "reporters" trip over themselves to side with that "poor mom". Would they have done so had she done this to a daughter?

Teens Charged In Nursing Home Abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DECEMBER 2--A group of teenagers working at a Minnesota nursing home abused and sexually humiliated elderly residents suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia, prosecutors allege. The six young female caregivers were named yesterday in criminal complaints charging them with a variety of cruel behavior at the Good Samaritan Society nursing home in Albert Lea, a city in southern Minnesota.'

Not unrelatedly, I suppose: 1 in 5 young Americans has personality disorder

School club looks to re-engage boys In math and science

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The two Heritage High School science clubs are in head-to-head competition with their NASA challenge experiments. They're also trying to outdo each other with entries for a coming science fair.

Members of the fledgling girls-only STARS predict that they'll mop up.

The message back from Men of Brilliance: Bring it on.

Four years ago, neither club existed. Men of Brilliance — MOB — was created first, born of concern for male students who were falling behind in their math and science classes, Ouellette said.
...
"It's no secret that males, especially socioeconomically disadvantaged males, are at the bottom of the ladder," Ouellette said. "The girls aren't. We've pounded it into the girls that they are smart about science and math, but what did we do in the process? We ignored the males. This is a way to improve the situation."'

Poll ignores economy's impact on men's health

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A faltering economy is taking a toll not only on women's wallets but on their health as well, a new survey finds.

Women are cutting back on health care due to costs, according to a Harris Interactive poll released Tuesday by the National Women's Health Resource Center, part of the U.S. Department.
...
Almost half the women failed to seek medical care in the year before the survey, citing health care costs. They reported skimping on doctor visits, recommended medical procedures and medication, both for themselves and for family members.Cultural differences emerged, with 58 percent of Hispanic women reporting they skipped health care, compared to 43 percent of white women and 42 percent of black women.On the brighter side: Women seem to be coming to terms with aging, looking on it as an adventure or opportunity versus a struggle. To age well, many are taking action, such as exercising, eating a healthy diet, and not smoking.Offered a list of celebrities over 50 as role models for aging, the women most admired Tina Turner, followed by Sophia Loren and Diane Keaton. They liked the fact that Turner has stayed active as she has grown older, remaining physically fit with a good attitude about aging.'

No special deals for women, commission says

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Ladies may still be welcome, but only if they pay full freight.

That's what the Nevada Equal Rights Commission told a Las Vegas gym that offered free enrollment to women only.
...
The floodgates of litigation have opened," said Todd Phillips, who instigated the case against Las Vegas Athletic Clubs in August 2007.

Phillips, a self-described "liberal civil rights attorney," says he intends to continue pressing the matter until sex-based pricing is a thing of the past in Nevada.

He objected to the club's discriminatory pricing policy as well as separate workout facilities it reserved for women only.

"If you allow a service to women, whatever it is you have to allow it for men," said Phillips.'

Woman admits fabricating abduction, rape allegations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HOUMA – The 24-year-old Raceland woman who told police she was abducted from a parking lot and held captive for days in a house where she was raped admitted fabricating the story, police said.

Jacqueline Parfait, 551 Danos St., told detectives she made up the story because she came to Houma without telling her friends and family to engage " in certain activities that she was extremely ashamed of," Houma Police Sgt. Dana Coleman said. Coleman would not elaborate.

...

If convicted of filing a false report, Parfait could face up to six months in jail and up to $500 in fines.'

Woman Sets House On Fire With Boyfriend Sleeping Inside

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An O'Fallon, Missouri woman is facing a felony for allegedly trying to burn down a house that her ex-boyfriend was sleeping in with another woman. The fire happened last Friday at about 11:00am.

Investigators say at first 21 year old Kara Dodt told them she had left the home to go a friend's house and got a call about the fire. She later admitted to starting the fire. Dodt is facing a first degree arson charge.
...
Police say there is no evidence that she was trying to get back at her ex-boyfriend. Instead, police say Dodt told them she did it to get insurance money to help pay off bills. Dodt says she did not know the blaze was going to get out of control.'

Probation for Tucson woman who imprisoned son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - A Tucson mother who kept her 11-year-old son locked in a stuffy room all summer with only a bucket for a toilet has been sentenced to three years of probation.

Norma Barrientos had pleaded guilty to one count of child abuse.
...
Deputies said the room was warm, had a stench of urine and feces and had a fan that did not work. There were bars and an extra locking device on the window.

Barrientos and her boyfriend told deputies the boy was locked up because he was getting dangerous items like lighters and flammable liquids that were kept in the home.'

Judge to determine woman's sanity in stabbing death of boy, 5

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Lawyers in a Newark courtroom yesterday sparred over whether an Irvington woman was legally insane two years ago when she killed her 5-year-old nephew by stabbing him 57 times with a kitchen knife.

Public Defender Sterling Kinsale insisted Jasmin Collins, 42, was insane, saying she's had a "schizoaffective disorder" for years, one that's been documented in a number of hospitalizations and can trigger violent behavior when it's not controlled.

Essex County Assistant Prosecutor Romesh Sukhdeo acknowledged Collins has a problem but maintained she knew what she was doing when she knifed Meshach Collins to death in her home on Nov. 19, 2006, and was aware she was doing something wrong.'

UK: Women play hard to get to find out how helpful men will be, scientists say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Researchers believe that the female of any species employs the technique so that men can prove themselves more worthy than their rivals.

But it only works where there are a large number of males to choose from and where there is a mixture of different types of men.
...
Professor John McNamara, co-author of the paper, came up with the conclusions after crunching the data into a mathematical model.

He believes coyness and helpfulness tend to encourage each other - although some males have learned to cheat.

"The more coy females are, the more helpful men will be; and the more men around, the more coy women are," he said.'

Iceland: 'Let women tame the macho excess'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's typical: the men make the mess and the women come in to clean it up, joked an Icelandic banker about the appointment of two women to rebuild Iceland's collapsed financial system. The promotion of Elin Sigfusdottir and Birna Einarsdottir to run the nationalised New Landsbanki and New Glitnir banks respectively is an attempt by the Icelandic government to draw a line under the past and start again. The macho culture of irresponsible risk-taking that many now blame for Iceland's financial meltdown will no longer be tolerated.

Bringing in the women, pooper-scoopers in hand, would seem to be an admission that the men have screwed up, big time - for, let's acknowledge it, financial firms are still largely run by men, for men. Radical voices are calling for the testosterone-ridden rules to be torn up and rewritten along more feminine lines. 'The current crisis gives us the opportunity to insert gender into the re-writing of the rules,' said Nadereh Chamlou, one of the World Bank's senior advisers. 'We need new people at the table - people who are not associated with the past,' she adds. Enter the women...'

India: Husband commits suicide after wife calls him ugly, impotent, wife not charged under 498A

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Story here. Excerpt:

"NEW DELHI: Harassed by a husband's “ugly” taunts, if a wife commits suicide within seven years of marriage, the man is sure to be booked under Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code for harassing her in the matrimonial home.

The reverse has happened. Within a week of marriage, a man committed suicide allegedly hurt by the “ugly” and “impotent” taunts of his wife. And the Supreme Court has let off the wife by upholding the quashing of her prosecution under Section 306 of IPC for allegedly abetting the suicide."

What kind of a sexist justice is this?

India: Cops book wife for man’s suicide

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NAGPUR: Five days after Vitthal Dodke, a resident of the Ayodhya Nagar, committed suicide, Sakkardara police have registered offences against six
persons, including his wife, for allegedly abetting the man to end his life. Police have already dispatched units to arrest the accused, but till Wednesday evening, none had been taken into custody.

Behind the scenes, one may say that it was due to the efforts put in by members of the Save Indian Family Foundation (SIFF), an organisation consisting mostly of men tortured by their wives, which did the trick. Otherwise, the police had not registered offence against anyone despite the fact that Dodke had mentioned in his suicide note that his wife had driven him to commit suicide.'

Ed. note: The difference between seeing justice done in this case and the one I just posted was activism. Every case matters, and MRAs are having a real effect on the world.

Duke University Sues Insurer Over Lacrosse Controversy Claims

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Duke University has filed a lawsuit against its insurer, demanding that the company cover the costs of its settlement with three former lacrosse players who were falsely accused of rape.
...
"Because National Union has not paid, Duke has been forced to bear the full financial impact of its own defense," Duke attorneys wrote in the lawsuit.

Along with the settlement provided to the three players -- Reade Seligmann, Collin Finnerty and Dave Evans -- more than 40 unindicted players from the 2006 lacrosse team have since sued the university. The former lacrosse coach, Mike Pressler, has also sued the school.'

Phyllis Schlafy: Where Did the Reagan Votes Go in the 2008 Election?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The other explanation is social: the feminists have carried on a 40-year campaign to destroy marriage and what they deride as the patriarchy. They want to replace it with a matriarchy.

In the 1970s, the feminists achieved unilateral divorce-on-demand from state legislatures, unilateral abortion-on-demand from the courts, and unilateral control over children in the welfare class by taxpayer handouts to women that made husbands and fathers unnecessary.

The feminists have continued their campaign against marriage through Joe Biden's favorite legislation, the Violence Against Women Act, which provides a billion dollars a year to feminist centers to promote divorce and oppose reconciliation. VAWA is based on feminist ideology that women are naturally victims entitled to tax-paid legal and financial assistance while men are naturally batterers who are not entitled even to due process protections.'

Queen Elizabeth II: All-women shortlist for political parties fine until 2030 in UK

Disembodied_Voice · 3 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"My government is committed to helping families and businesses through difficult times."

Bills in the Queen's Speech include:

...
Equality Bill: for England, Wales and Scotland - Aims to streamline laws on sex, race and religious discrimination, improve enforcement and allow political parties to use all-women shortlists until 2030.'

This will give political parties the power to put forward all-female candidates to run in elections at the exclusion of men for another 22 years.

"For women, AIDS stigma worse"

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This story reminds me of an old joke about a NY Times headline: "World to End Tomorrow: Women, Minorities to be Hardest Hit."

I say this because the author argues that the HIV/AIDS epidemic is worse for women while admitting women make up half of the victims of HIV/AIDS. Why is it worse for women? Because women are infected by men, which means men must change their behavior. (The notion that men are likely infected by women apparently does not occur to him.)

His question:

"Is it inevitable fate or the will of God that women everywhere should suffer the greatest stigmatization and discrimination because of HIV and AIDS?"

His answer:
"Biologically, culturally, economically and religiously, women are more susceptible to HIV. In today's world, AIDS has a woman's face. Women total almost 50 percent of the 33.2 million HIV-positive persons worldwide. Of the infected, women comprise 61 percent in sub-Saharan Africa, 40 percent in Asia, and 21 percent in the U.S."

His solution:
"A major reversal of male attitudes and actions is imperative." He provides a number of examples of needed changes, including men's complicity in supporting gender inequality, unsafe sexual practices, and "rejecting patriarchal structures and relationships."

More from the "male = unfaithful" department

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This is positively laughable! Be prepared for amusement. Excerpt:

'6. When away on business, this new love of yours doesn't provide details about what activities are occurring — and doesn't share the name and phone number of a hotel, either. Um, maybe because your special someone isn't away on business?

7. You start to notice that your new honey prefers to email you rather than call you. (This could be because his or her partner is in the other room.)

8. Often when this person calls you, the calls are (a) kept short, (b) end abruptly, and/or (c) conducted in a barely audible voice. All signs that someone else may be in the picture.

9. When you first meet this love interest, you're only given a work number — and getting a cell-phone number is very slow-going ... (probably out of fear that you'll call when he or she is out with the significant other).'

Let's think about just these four for a minute. Item 6: Well, does she ask for this information? But even after three or four dates, detailing one's business itinerary is still a bit much. Item 7: Ever work in a busy office without much privacy? E-mail is the only way to actually communicate in any way that isn't hushed if you don't want your coworkers pestering you for "Details!". Item 8: See item 7. Item 9: This may well be the best of the entire list. For many people, a cell number is a sign you feel the other person won't post it on the Internet or otherwise spread it around. Cell phones cost the caller and the callee; until you know you are not dating a loon, keeping your cell number to yourself is not a bad idea. As for home numbers, these are all but off the map now that so many have cell phones and don't need land-lines at home. The only thing left is a work number. One could say reticence to give a work number is as "bad" as not handing out one's cell number after a short time dating.

Here's a criterion the author left out: "And finally, does your new love have a penis? If so, it's almost a certain sign he already has three families in three other states, four mistresses on the side, a $2000/day prostitute habit, and to top it all off, he has a French rent-boy he gets with while he's in Marseilles *supposedly* on business! Run, girl, run!"

This is like late night comedy/variety show stuff.

40% of family caregivers for the elderly are men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (UPI) -- An increasing number of men are becoming the primary caregiver for elderly parents, says the U.S.-based Alzheimer's Association.

In a survey, men comprised nearly 40 percent of family care givers -- up from 19 percent in a study conducted by the Association in 1996, The New York Times reported Saturday.

...

It's estimated 17 million men are caring for adults in the United States as families become smaller and more women work full-time, the Times reported.

...

"That's the harder part for men, to find someone to talk to," Benton said. "It's the emotional side: the guilt, the sadness, the anger. For men it becomes more stressful because they can't talk about it. They feel cut off."'

UK: "Feral" teenage girl sentenced to life for murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A feral teenage girl who stabbed a man in the neck and then told friends 'just let him die' was jailed for life for murder today.

Callous April Bright, 17, knifed Mohamoud Hussan outside a pub and casually walked away as he stumbled around with blood spurting from the wound.

She then casually wiped the blood from her hands in the womens' toilet and continued partying in the bar.

Bright, now 18, was found guilty of murder at Bristol Crown Court and jailed for life yesterday with a minimum term of 12 years."

12 years?

Man Travels by Foot from Michigan to Washington, D.C in Support of the U.S. Constitution

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Article here. Excerpt:

"That is correct BY FOOT!

Michigan man to walk from Spring Lake Michigan to Washington, D.C. in support of the U.S. Constitution.

Spread the word on this one - it will be interesting to follow all the way to Washington, D.C. where his hunger strike will apparently begin.

Find out how you can make sure he eats once again upon his arrival in Washington, D.C.!"

UK: "Men can be victims, too" - California ruling discussed in The Scotsman

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Via Marc A. Article here. The entire article is available only as part of a subscription. Nonetheless, it is reproduced below in full. [Hopefully we won't get in trouble. This was my idea, not Marc's. :)]

'REFUSING to provide domestic violence programmes for male victims because of gender-based analysis is against the US constitution, a Californian court has ruled.

The decision in the case of Woods v Shewry is the highest-level judicial rejection of the concept as a basis for discriminating between men and women who suffer domestic abuse.

Gender-based analysis is also the model on which funding is provided for support for victims in Scotland.

The California case was filed in 2005 by four male victims of domestic violence and the daughter of one of the men against the state of California and various agencies and state-funded domestic violence service providers.

The Sacramento Superior Court initially dismissed the case, ruling that men are not entitled to equal protection on domestic violence, because statistically they are not similarly situated with women.

On an arithmetical basis, more women than men suffer domestic abuse and that was found to justify exemption from the overall requirement of state legislation not to be discriminatory.

That decision was appealed by an attorney, Marc Angelucci, who presented evidence last month showing that not only is the arithmetic ideologically skewed, but also that all victims are entitled to equal protection under the law.

On 14 October, judges in Sacramento!s Court of Appeal reversed the decision and held that: State funding of domestic violence programmes that offer services only to women and their children, but not to men, violate equal protection.

The leading plaintiff in the case was David Woods and his daughter, Maegan. Woods and his wife, Ruth, were married in 1981. Since the mid-1980s, David was attacked violently on numerous occasions by his wife. Meagan was also subject to violence and was present on many occasions when her father, who is disabled, was attacked.

On several occasions Wood contacted a Sacramento domestic violence agency called Women Escaping a Violence Environment (Weave), but was always told: We don!t help men. In February 2003, Maegan called Weave herself and insisted they help her father. According to
Maegan,Weave said they do not help men, and that men are the perpetrators of domestic violence, not the victims.

The Appeal Court heard evidence from a number of experts, including Dr Richard Gelles, whose groundbreaking work on domestic violence in the 1970s was instrumental in bringing the issue of violence against women to public consciousness. His recent research explains that current policies often trap abused fathers - they can!t leave their wives because this would leave their children unprotected in the hands of an abuser, but if they simply take their children away with no recognised refuge to go to, they are liable to be arrested for kidnapping.

Angelucci also submitted a series of expert reports and research findings that were not challenged by the Attorney General!s Office. The evidence asserted that virtually all sociological survey data confirms women initiate domestic violence as often as men and men sustain about one-third of the injuries. It also found that crime data alone is unreliable, because it is known that men underreport more than women.

The three Appeal Court judges were unanimous in their finding in favour of Mr Woods and the other plaintiffs, stating: Male victims of domestic violence are similarly situated to female victims for purposes of the statutory programmes and no compelling state interest justifies the gender classification.

They added that, in any case, the analysis improperly views equal protection rights as group rights, rather than

individual rights, and permits discrimination simply because fewer men than women are affected.

Finally, the court cited previous findings that: Arguing that a group of people [here male victims] is too small in number to be afforded equal protection is simply arguing that the right to equal protection should hinge on "administrative convenience". Administrative convenience is an inadequate state interest under a strict scrutiny analysis.

Angelucci said: For all the good work that has been done for women victims of domestic abuse, the ideology [from gender-based analysis] has seriously overreached itself by denying the reality of the experience of hundreds of thousands of men.

Professor Jim Murdoch, of Glasgow University, said hewas unaware of similar legal challenges to the provision of domestic abuse services at UK or Scottish level: There is the 1979 United Nations Convention on the Ending ofAll Forms of Discrimination Against Women that defines domestic violence in gender terms.

But, on the other hand, the European Convention on Human Rights is gender neutral in protecting us against violence or inhuman or degrading treatment as an entitlement we all have as individuals.'

Male infanticide employed "to end tribal war"

patriotsofamerica · 4 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Of course it's always the men's fault! Excerpt:

'WOMEN in Papua New Guinea's Highland region are killing their male babies to end a tribal war that has gone on for more than 20 years.

Two women from the Eastern Highlands spoke of the slaughter to PNG's National newspaper during a three-day peace and reconciliation course in the region's capital of Goroka.

Rona Luke and Kipiyona Belas, from two warring tribes, said male infanticide reduced the cyclical payback violence infamous in Highlands tribal fights.
...
"This situation shows the extreme frustration the women have with the men in these areas," a spokesman said.'

UK: Woman found guilty of kidnap plot of her own daughter

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The mother of Shannon Matthews was today found guilty of the kidnap of her own daughter.

Karen Matthews, 33, was convicted alongside her co-accused Michael Donovan after a trial at Leeds Crown Court.

The court had heard how they kept Shannon drugged and leashed to the loft to stop her escaping during her 24-day ordeal in a 'cynical' plot to eventually claim £50,000 reward money for her safe return.
...
Both were found guilty on counts of kidnap, false imprisonment and perverting the course of justice.

After the pair were told they would face lengthy jail terms, one senior officer described Matthews as 'pure evil' and said her actions 'beggared belief'.

Male suicide a growing concern in tough times

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Story here. Excerpt:

'There's always an internal detonator with suicide, but an external spark helps light the fuse. One factor that comes along every few generations is economic distress. During the Great Depression, when banks went bust and people's life savings vanished, suicide rates soared. Another instigator: large numbers of veterans returning from armed conflict, many of them with troubled (or injured) minds, lousy job prospects, and fractured families. Which begins to explain why suicidologists, who study the phenomenon, are feeling a little edgy themselves these days. "For those who serve in the military, the suicide risk may be even greater considering multiple deployments, possible brain trauma from concussive blasts, and combat-related post-traumatic stress," says David A. Jobes, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at the Catholic University of America. "This may be a uniquely dangerous moment for young American men and suicide, given the recent economic upheaval."

No jail time for Hermiston woman who abused teens

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HERMISTON -- A teacher's assistant who pleaded guilty to sexually abusing teenage boys won't have to spend time in prison.

Following a plea bargain, Umatilla County Judge Garry Reynolds this week sentenced Roxana Mata to three years of probation on charges of rape and sexual abuse.

Mata, 23, must pay a $500 fine for each victim and can't have contact with children other than her own two kids and the one she is expecting.

She must also perform community service, write letters of apology to her victims, take part in an alcohol program and register as a sex offender.'

Man Pays $12,000 in Support, Finds Out Child Not His

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HARRISBURG, Pa. — A Philadelphia man was forced to pay more than $12,000 in child support for another man's daughter and spent two years in jail for falling behind on payments.

Dauphin County prosecutor Edward M. Marsico Jr. told The Patriot-News of Harrisburg that he is examining the case of Walter Andre Sharpe Jr., who has been unable to recover the money even after establishing that he isn't the girl's father.

...

He served four six-month jail terms for not keeping up with support payments between 2001 and 2005, then lost his job. Petitions he filed for DNA testing were opposed by the court's domestic relations officials and denied by the judge.

In May 2007, the paternity order against Walter Sharpe was overturned after the girl's mother and grandmother failed to show up to a court hearing. But the judge ruled in October that Walter Sharpe was not entitled to compensation.'

Barbara Kay: Fed on myths, preying on men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'November was Domestic Violence Awareness month. Truth in advertising suggests it should be Y-Chromosome Apartheid Month. Far from promoting "awareness" of a social problem or remedies for men and women with anger issues, the month is basically a radical feminist war dance around the Original Sin of maleness, cheered on by "progressive" media sympathizers.
...
The truth is that the more precisely identified phenomenon of "intimate partner violence" (IPV) in Western culture is gender neutral, an acting out of psychological problems around intimacy that afflict men and women alike. IPV is initiated by both sexes in about equal proportions. Self-defence is rarely the motive for women's violence against men. Literally hundreds of peer-reviewed, community-based studies, including StatsCan's, confirm this. But they don't reach the public. (Under pressure from feminist organizations, for example, a Quebec health agency recently sequestered a commissioned psychosocial study showing men and women are equally culpable for IPV.)'

Link Between Tobacco Smoke And Behavioral Problems In Boys With Asthma Strengthened With New Study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ScienceDaily (Dec. 5, 2008) — Boys with asthma who are exposed to environmental tobacco smoke have higher degrees of hyperactivity, aggression, depression and other behavioral problems, according to researchers at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

In a study posted online ahead of print by the Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, the researchers said behavioral problems increase along with higher exposure levels, but they added even low levels of tobacco smoke may be detrimental to behavior.
...
Interestingly, although girls in the study were on average exposed to higher levels of tobacco smoke than boys, the exposure did not lead to an increase in behavioral problems among them, investigators said. In boys, however, behavioral problems increased about two fold with each doubling in their tobacco smoke exposure, said Dr. Yolton.'

"It’s time we welcome back manhood"

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'I was married to a man 20 years older than me, in 1983 when feminazis were in the boil and New Man was about to be born. Women had already been cast in the roles of the suppressed, victims and martyrs and men as brutes, sexual predators, bullies or bumbling fools. A culture was being fomented that was increasingly hostile toward males who, gradually, were going underground, retreating from a bewildering world into their holdouts.
...
Manhood, manliness—words signifying qualities admirable in a man: strength, bravery, honor, valor, chivalry, gallantry. The kind that goes to the moon, travels in space, fights war and injustice, drives F1, puts up shelves, opens doors, gets up in the middle of the night to see what the noise is about, brushes your cheek tenderly, holds you to keep you from breaking. A dangerous world needs men; a girlfriend her boyfriend; the wife her husband; the children a father they can look up to as a role model.'

UK: Queen's Speech: Firms free to favour female and black job applicants

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Companies will be free to discriminate in favour of women and black job candidates under proposed ‘equality’ laws.
...
Ministers insist that businesses will not be compelled to favour the woman or the black candidate, but the law will be changed to ensure they cannot be sued for turning down a white man.
...
But the Equality Bill, which brings together nine major laws and 100 other regulations, will inevitably lead to charges that women are more equal then men.

Miss Harman, whose earnest feminism has earned her the nickname Harriet Harperson, said yesterday that the economic downturn would not hold back the ‘tough’ new measures, claiming ‘fairness doesn’t cost anything’.

Other proposals in the Bill include moves to tackle the gender pay gap and powers to ban discrimination against older people in the provision of goods and services.'

There will also be measures to ensure more Government contracts, worth a total of £175billion, are awarded to firms which have good records on equality.'

Babysitter admits shaking, dropping boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MOUNT OLIVE —A 31-year-old Mount Olive woman admitted Thursday that she shook a crying infant for whom she was babysitting and dropped him twice, which caused the boy to suffer severe brain damage and paralysis.

As the father of the boy -- who was 11 months old when he was harmed by babysitter Khac Tam Nguyen last Dec. 27 -- wiped away tears, Nguyen pleaded guilty before state Superior Court Judge Thomas V. Manahan in Morristown to one count of aggravated assault.

With the assistance of a Vietnamese interpreter, Nguyen answered questions posed by defense lawyer Peter Toscano, and acknowledged that she was babysitting the child on Dec. 27 along with her own two children at her Budd Lake apartment and got frustrated with his incessant crying. She said she shook the child and dropped him twice.

Assistant County Prosecutor Brian DiGiacomo said the state is recommending the maximum sentence for Nguyen on the charge, 10 years in prison, with 85 percent of the term to be served before parole consideration.'

The Tri-City Daily: Women’s problem – violence – is men’s problem

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'Violence will stop when the collective voice begins to talk about violence against women as not a women’s problem but a men’s issue.

Jackson Katz, in his book The Macho Paradox, writes, “ I am not going to guilt-trip twenty-first-century American men by blaming them for thousands of years of sexism and patriarchal oppression. Men shouldn’t feel guilty simply for being born male. If there is a reason to feel guilty, it should be about what they do or fail to do, not about their chance placement in one gender category.”

If there is a glimmer of hope for women, it is that men are beginning to speak out about violence against women, truly recognizing it as a men’s issue. This is good news. Speaking out is a beginning for transformation and the acceptance of responsibility.

This is breaking new ground. We need leaders who will lead and model respect and accountability: violence against women is not acceptable.'

To Domestic Violence Trainers: We Get It

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Slowly we started seeing laws and services for women change. Then came the training from man haters and cop haters lecturing us about how the advocates from among the academics and social activists knew the truth about family disturbance calls while us ignorant cops were brutal and crude and just making everything worse. Ask a cop what they learned in domestic violence training back then and they'd say, "Woman good, man bad". We were a tough, eye-rolling crowd. And yet even with the left-wing activists ramming it down our blue collar throats, the law enforcement profession responded. We became enlightened. We began to understand that a punch in the nose shouldn't be acceptable just because the victim is sleeping with the perpetrator. We studied the research and accepted the science of offender behavior and the studies of victimology that made sense of the seemingly illogical behavior of battered women.'

Ed. note: No mention that men are DV victims, also. So he may get what the trainers are saying, and may have good advice back for the trainers, but do the trainers get that upwards of half the actual number of DV victims are male?

No Jail Time for Mother Who Nearly Bit Off Son's Ear

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Story here.

'No jail time for a mother accused of nearly biting off her son's ear.

Tammy Carson-Toney pleaded guilty to child abuse.

She received a suspended sentence of 11-months, 29-days.

It happened last December, when she signed her son out of school at Notre Dame.

The two began fighting and the police report says she bit her son's ear so hard, the lower half was nearly severed.

The boy was able to break free and run back inside the school, where administrators called police.'

Bond Set For Mom Accused Of Burning Child's Hands Because Of 'Stress'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A mom accused of setting her child's hand on fire is being held on $2,500 bond.

Natasha McIntosh appeared in front of a judge Thursday.

Authorities said she put rubbing alcohol on her child's hands and set them on fire.

She told the judge she was under a lot of stress.'

Mother ‘addicted’ to abuse in Fort Myers court

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The stepmother accused of beating a 2-year-old boy to near death consented to allegations of abuse, abandonment and substance use Wednesday in Lee County dependency court.

She did not admit guilt.

Rosemary Kunz, 23, was arrested in October on charges of cruelty toward a child by aggravated abuse and neglect of a child causing great harm. She told detectives she was "addicted" to abusing him.
...
Kaydin suffers headaches daily, his aunt said, and takes seizure medication twice a day.

“He cries and holds his head and just says, ‘No more owwies, no more boo-boos,’” Prange said.'

Charges dismissed against mother accused of placing son in the oven as punishment

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Charges against Tiffany Fraser, a 26-year-old mother accused of putting her young son in an oven for losing a cell phone, were dropped yesterday at the recommendation of Child Protective Services.

Fraser, an Airmont resident, was indicted in May on felony assault and misdemeanor child endangerment charges.

Her son, then 7, was placed in the custody of a foster mother.

"Following recommendations from Child Protective Services and the expressed concerns of the child's foster-care mother, it was concluded that proceeding with the case against Fraser will likely cause further harm to the young victim," District Attorney Thomas Zugibe said in a statement yesterday. "A dismissal of this matter was clearly in the child's best interest."

Mom Who Drowned Baby Found "Insane" with Post-Partum Depression

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Story here. Excerpt:

'AUBURN, CA - A Granite Bay mother has been found legally insane at the time she drowned her newborn daughter, but will still face prison for other abuse.

Kristina Fuelling cried openly at several times Monday when she pleaded guilty to attempted murder and child cruelty against her newborn daughter Faith last January.

To the key charge of second degree murder, however, the Placer County judge found Fuelling, 27, not guilty by reason of insanity.

Faith Fuelling was only eight days old on January 19, 2008, when her mother put her in a sink, turned on the water and held the infant under until she drowned.'

No jail time for woman who held employer hostage

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Story here. Excerpt:

'There will be no jail time for the Ashburn woman charged with holding her former employer and his family at gunpoint in May, following a pleading in Circuit Court. Instead she will be transferred to a state hospital for mental evaluation and treatment.

Michelle Raquel Davidson, 39, pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity before Judge Thomas D. Horne this morning to two charges of abduction and one count of breaking and entering with a deadly weapon. In exchange for her pleas, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office agreed not to prosecute her on the three counts of using a firearm in commission of a felony, charges that carry a mandatory prison sentence.

Under the agreement, Davidson will be transferred from the Loudoun Adult Detention Center to the Central State Hospital and to the custody of the state's Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. The commissioner will evaluate Davidson to determine the length of her treatment within the state hospital.

...

While the process of submitting a not guilty by reason of insanity plea must be started by the defense, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Nicole Wittmann said she, and her office, were pleased by the outcome.

"We feel that justice is served by this plea," she said. "This has been a very difficult case for everybody."'

New report shows pollution causing serious damage to males of many species

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The male gender is in danger, with incalculable consequences for both humans and wildlife, startling scientific research from around the world reveals.

The research – to be detailed tomorrow in the most comprehensive report yet published – shows that a host of common chemicals is feminising males of every class of vertebrate animals, from fish to mammals, including people.

Backed by some of the world's leading scientists, who say that it "waves a red flag" for humanity and shows that evolution itself is being disrupted, the report comes out at a particularly sensitive time for ministers. On Wednesday, Britain will lead opposition to proposed new European controls on pesticides, many of which have been found to have "gender-bending" effects.

It also follows hard on the heels of new American research which shows that baby boys born to women exposed to widespread chemicals in pregnancy are born with smaller penises and feminised genitals.

...
Communities heavily polluted with gender-benders in Canada, Russia and Italy have given birth to twice as many girls than boys, which may offer a clue to the reason for a mysterious shift in sex ratios worldwide. Normally 106 boys are born for every 100 girls, but the ratio is slipping. It is calculated that 250,000 babies who would have been boys have been born as girls instead in the US and Japan alone.

And sperm counts are dropping precipitously. Studies in more than 20 countries have shown that they have dropped from 150 million per millilitre of sperm fluid to 60 million over 50 years. (Hamsters produce nearly three times as much, at 160 million.) Professor Nil Basu of Michigan University says that this adds up to "pretty compelling evidence for effects in humans".'

Special needs teacher is placed on sex offenders register after admitting sex with boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A guilt-ridden teacher who turned herself in to police after having sex with a pupil is facing a prison sentence.

Alison Smith, 29, spent the night with the 15-year-old boy after he visited her home with friends.

She told officers the teenager had instigated kissing between them, but no one had instigated the sex. ' That just kind of evolved,' she said.

Smith's name has been placed on the Sex Offenders Register after she pleaded guilty at Aberdeen Sheriff Court on Friday to breaching her position of trust and having sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old.'

India: Girls gain extra points in admissions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW DELHI: Feel fortunate if you are seeking the nursery admission of your girl child this year. Boys may crib, but many schools are giving extra points to girls in the admission criteria. The purpose is to facilitate the education of the girl child as the ratio of girls to boys is still dismal in the classrooms, say schools.

"Being a co-ed school, we want a healthy ratio of boys to girls in our school because of which we are giving 10 extra points to the girl child. It's alarming that the number of girls coming for admission has declined over the last five years. Roughly, every fifth applicant for nursery admission is a girl," said Jyoti Bose, principal Springdales, Dhaula Kuan.'

"The Monday After - Some men drive women to kill"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Glued to a Play station while moms do real work

I have always believed the cliche about guys not growing up, but now not only has this notion proved to be nauseating, it's become their greatest excuse.

Guys such as Paul Mashaba and his obsession with computer games make it impossible to be polite and if I have to slam doors again, I'll also remove the handle.

Please help my best friend's man and his buddies stay away from computer games. This hobby is childish, it's time wasting and downright brain smashing.'

Are men hardwired to overspend?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'University of Michigan researcher Daniel Kruger looks to evolution and mating for an explanation. He theorizes that men overspend to attract mates. It all boils down, as it has for hundreds of thousands of years, to making babies.

...

Financial consumption was the only factor that predicted how many partners men wanted in the next five years and also predicted the number of partners they had in the previous five years, Kruger said. Being married made a difference in the frequency of one-time sexual partners in the last year, but not in the number of partners in the past or desired in the future.

The 25 percent of men with the most conservative financial strategies had an average of three partners in the past five years and desired an average of just one in the next five years. The 2 percent of men with the riskiest financial strategies had double those numbers.

"Men in the ancestral environment were valued if they were good providers. Now we have this new consumer culture, so basically we show our potential through the consumer goods that we purchase, rather than being a good hunter or providing protection," Kruger said.'

Sydney Morning Herald: Husbands better second time around

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New research reveals that many men in second marriages shape up, becoming the partners their first wives had probably wanted them to be. They share the domestic chores more equally with their second wife than they did with their first.

But for women in second marriages, the story is different - or rather it is the same old saga. They tend to carry an unchanged and unequal burden of domestic chores just as they had done the first time round.

...

"Maybe these younger second wives are asking the men to do more, and the men have to do more to compete with younger males," Dr Solaz said. "Maybe the men have learnt from the mistakes of their first marriage."'

Men losing jobs in unequal numbers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are losing jobs at far greater rates than women as the industries they dominate, such as manufacturing, construction, and investment services, are hardest hit by the downturn. Some 1.1 million fewer men are working in the United States than there were a year ago, according to the Labor Department. By contrast, 12,000 more women are working.

This gender gap is the product of both the nature of the current recession and the long-term shift in the U.S. economy from making goods, traditionally the province of men, to providing services, in which women play much larger roles, economists said. For example, men account for 70 percent of workers in manufacturing, which shed more than 500,000 jobs over the past year. Health care, in which nearly 80 percent of the workers are women, added more than 400,000 jobs.'

Brewer: At holiday parties, women are birds, men are pigs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's look at the different ways the genders approach parties:

Women enjoy parties for the conversation and companionship. Men like that stuff, too, but it's difficult to keep a scintillating conversation going while eating with both hands.
...
For women, holiday parties offer an opportunity to dress up. For men, parties are a reason to wear pants, at least at first.
...
At dinner parties, women compliment the chef by oohing over the food and asking for recipes. Men compliment the chef by groaning and asking for more.

Women politely offer to help the hosts serve food and drink. Men sometimes clean up their own spills.

Some fancy parties include dancing, which many women enjoy. Men prefer a challenging game of drunken Twister.'

Divorce & Child Custody Tactics for Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But if you want to bring out the big guns, I recommend what those of us inside the divorce industry have come to term the "nuclear option". Just call up Child Protective Services and tell them that your husband has molested one of his own children. I can't wait for you to see the look on his face! It is best for you to choose a child who is either 1) impressionable enough to repeat a story that you have taught him, or 2) is young enough that she can't be expected to articulate what "really" happened in her own words. A good time to make the child molestation allegation is after daddy has helped bathe your child. "Daddy washed me ALL over" is sure to raise questions.'

Woman faces possible prison time for rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BRISTOL, Conn. - Authorities say a 22-year-old Southington woman faces up to six months in prison for falsely claiming a town police officer raped her last year.
...
She alleged a Southington patrolman caught her trying to buy drugs, then forced her into having sex if she wanted to avoid being arrested.

She repeated the assertion to detectives, and more than 30 officers fitting Ladd's description were interviewed before she recanted.'

Mom gets 40 yrs after shooting husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'RIVERSIDE, Calif. (CNS) -- A mother of four who fatally shot her husband in what she has repeatedly described as an accident was sentenced Friday to 40 years to life in prison.

Sonja Regina Hadnot, 39, was convicted in June of second-degree murder and a sentence-enhancing allegation of using a firearm in a crime resulting in great bodily injury or death for the June 28, 2000, death of her husband, David.

Judge J. Richard Couzens sentenced her to 15 years to life for the murder charge and 25 years to life for the gun allegation, according to Hadnot's attorney, Danny Davis.'

Man barred from seeing daughter for 7 years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'"STEVE" has been barred from seeing his daughter for seven years.

He has never harmed his only child or her mother. He has never threatened them and a court has accepted he is of good character.

But last week, after a tortuous 10-year journey through four courts, more than 20 hearings, 12 psychologists and six lawyers, he was told he could not see his daughter until she came of age.

Steve, whose real name cannot be revealed for legal reasons, has gone through more than 20 intrusive psychological examinations, while daughter "Molly" has endured seven.

He says he has spent more than $100,000 in 10 years.

His wife twice raised sexual-abuse allegations, proven false after months of investigation.'

RADAR ALERT: TV Newscast Highlights False DV Allegations

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Around the country, groups are working to stop false allegations of domestic violence. Now the mainstream media are beginning to highlight the devastating impact of such claims.

Recently WCVB-TV, the ABC affiliate in Boston, Mass. ran a newscast highlighting two men whose girlfriends obtained domestic violence restraining orders. The orders had been issued without any evidence of abuse.

When it came time for the final hearing, the women didn't bother to show up and the orders expired. But the men's names were permanently entered into the state Domestic Violence Registry.

As a result, one man had his employment application denied. He commented, "I was guilty from the moment this person walked in and filed that order."

The segment also quotes a representative of the Massachusetts domestic violence coalition who notes restraining orders can be "misused," and admits, "I think it's a problem."

The 4-minute, must-see segment can be viewed here.

To RADAR's knowledge, this is the best-ever TV coverage of the problem of false allegations.

TAKE ACTION NOW:

We encourage every person who reads this Alert to view the newscast and forward the URL to your media contacts, elected officials, and others. Emphasize that the nation's domestic violence system has spun out of control, and we need to reform the Violence Against Women Act.

Each year 2-3 million restraining orders are issued, half of which don't involve even an allegation of violence. RADAR has released 10 recommendations designed to curb false allegations of domestic violence: http://www.mediaradar.org/alert20081020.php.

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Date of RADAR Release: December 8, 2008

Want to improve the chance that they'll pay attention to your letter? Click here.

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women
working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Psychologists report that a gender gap in spatial skills starts in infancy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men tend to perform better than women at tasks that require rotating an object mentally, studies have indicated. Now, developmental psychologists at Pitzer College and UCLA have discovered that this type of spatial skill is present in infancy and can be found in boys as young as 5 months old.

While women tend to be stronger verbally than men, many studies have shown that adult men have an advantage in the ability to imagine complex objects visually and to mentally rotate them. Does this advantage go back to infancy?

"We found the answer is yes," said Scott P. Johnson, a UCLA professor of psychology and an expert in infant perception, brain development, cognition and learning. "Infants as young as 5 months can perform the skill, but only boys — at least in our study."

Australia: Housing, mentoring to keep women out of jail

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of women in prison is growing rapidly. In NSW, it has almost doubled in the past 10 years, and Aboriginal women are over-represented. Life in jail is difficult for anyone but for women there are particular challenges.

Most of the women in custody are mothers. But studies show their community support networks while in prison are weaker than those of men, as male partners are less likely to hang around and keep the household running.

Without partners, their children live with family or in foster care. Regaining custody can be hard, as women need stable housing to get their children back but struggle to get public housing if their children aren't living with them.
...
Ms Armstrong agrees. She credits her success at turning her life around since 2003 to a mentor provided by the prisoner advocacy group Justice Action. She is now one of the driving forces behind the Women In Prison Advocacy Network.'

Canada: Changes to family law aimed at better protecting women, children

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Proposed tough changes to family law in Ontario — from beefed-up requirements for those seeking custody of children to easier to obtain restraining orders and new rules on how to divvy up pension assets — were announced this morning by the provincial attorney general.

...

The Star reported on Saturday that Bentley would introduce legislation that toughens how custody is awarded. The proposed changes include detailed, sworn child care plans from those seeking custody for both parents and non-parents; for non-family members seeking custody, they must submit to police checks and submit a letter from Children's Aid outlining concerns, if any, the society may have about that person's ability to parent.

...

The changes were welcomed by many groups and advocates for women's rights.

"We can no longer ignore the fact that the safety of women and children in this province must be paramount," said Zahra Dhanani, legal director for the Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children.'

UK: Depressed woman kills toddler with 4x4 during failed suicide attempt

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Katie Gutierrez-Perez, 40, ran over Finlay Woods in her two ton Toyota Hilux as his mother Tina Woods pushed him along the pavement near a primary school in Chingford, Essex, in September.

Finlay was dragged under the wheels while his mother was smashed against a pillar and left with a head wound. The toddler was taken to nearby Whipps Cross Hospital but died.

Appearing at Snaresbrook Crown Court in London on Wednesday via video-link, Gutierrez-Perez sobbed as she admitted causing death by dangerous driving and driving without insurance.

Sue Rodham, defending, said: "There was quite clearly a failed suicide attempt and a history of depression."

Gutierrez-Perez owned a struggling café which had been closed by bailiffs days before the crash.'

Women, economic crisis and fightback

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is a newly built women's prison in Massachusetts where 40 percent of the women have mental health issues and 85 percent have substance abuse issues. In the wake of severe budget cuts, instead of providing social services like drug treatment programs, mental health programs, jobs, childcare, etc., the state is throwing women in jail.

The Women's Fightback Network in Boston is demanding that the governor declare an economic state of emergency. WFN brings to the forefront how women have been disproportionately victimized by foreclosures, evictions, job loss and budget cuts. Anita Hill wrote an article last year stating that women were particular targets of subprime predatory lenders, especially elderly women and Black and Latina women. One loan officer talked about how she would add many additional costs to the mortgage loan if the client "appeared uneducated, inarticulate, was a minority or was particularly young or old."

NY Daily News Opinion: Gov. Paterson, why appoint a woman to Hillary's seat?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As speculation heats up over another Kennedy in the Senate, New Yorkers - and especially women - need to seriously consider what exactly is behind the nudge-that's-become-a-shove for a woman to fill Hillary Clinton's seat.
...
This is the kind of emotion-laced rhetoric that reduces the importance of public service to a petty, quid pro quo board game of interchangeable pieces, and sets gender debates back 50 years to a time when it was argued only a man could lead a country, a boardroom or a military division - only now the argument is reversed.

Since when are men incapable of or disqualified from advocating for women's rights? Barack Obama supporters, in fact, told us incessantly during his campaign that he and Joe Biden would be two stalwart male champions of women's issues. In particular, the giddy cheerleading on behalf of Kennedy, a well-respected national figure who has no experience in elected office, only worsens the sexism and elevation of symbolism over substance.'

How Men And Women Cope In A Recession - Men Will Fare Worse Because For Them, Money Equals Happiness

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Article here. Excerpt:

'9 December 2008 - As the world grapples with a global recession and financial markets remain volatile, many people are reminding themselves that money can't buy happiness. Men however, beg to differ.

Results of a global happiness survey from The Nielsen Company reveal that men are happier with money, while women are happier with friendships and relationships with their children, co-workers and bosses.

"Because they are happier with non-economic factors, women's happiness is more recession-proof, which might explain why women around the world are happier in general than men are," said Susanna Baggaley, Executive Director, The Nielsen Company, New Zealand.'

LeoRockwell.com: Thought Policing 101

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One lesson came from an emailer in California who was an economics student at a state university in the early 1990s. "This is like déjà vu," he wrote. He told me that as part of his studies he researched the economics literature on the male/female "wage gap" and arrived at basically the same conclusions that Professor Block did in his Loyola College lecture: Once one accounts for the effects of marriage and numerous other economic factors, there is little evidence that sex discrimination is a very important determinant of the "wage gap."

He presented his paper at some kind of student forum, and informs me that the campus feminists immediately began calling him the vilest of names and demanding that he apologize. Being totalitarian minded, the California campus feminists were convinced that they, and only they, held THE TRUTH about the wage gap. Therefore, any dissenters were not to be debated but embarrassed and ridiculed, which is what an "apology" would do. Any such apology would also go a long way in deterring anyone else from bringing the subject up in the future.

Now that the academic feminists are deans, vice presidents and presidents of universities, they no longer bother to demand apologies from those who question their superstitions: they make them themselves, as Loyola College did in the case of Professor Block. The apparent objective is the same as with the California feminists: to prohibit freedom of speech when it comes to their cherished superstitions, such as the notion that capitalism is inherently sexist; hence the "wage gap" and the "glass ceiling."'

Carey Roberts: Domestic Violence Industry: Hateful

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Article here. Excerpt:

'From its beginnings three decades ago, the domestic violence industry has been plagued by a cabal of pinkshirts who will do almost anything to advance their agenda.

Erin Pizzey, founder of the first domestic violence shelter in England, let the cat out of the bag when she revealed many of the women in her shelter were as abusive as the men they had left. In retaliation, feminists issued death threats and eventually forced her to flee the country.

In the United States, Dr. Suzanne Steinmetz' research on the Battered Husband Syndrome triggered a whispering campaign designed to torpedo her impending promotion, as well as a bomb threat at her daughter's wedding.

Family violence researcher Murray Straus at the University of New Hampshire has been similarly slandered, harassed, and threatened by radicals who all claim to be against violence.
...
Professor Murray Straus, a courageous man who refuses to back down in the face of feminist efforts to squelch his research, explains it this way: "History is full of atrocities carried out in the service of a moral agenda."'

'Perfect mother' massacred her five children by slitting their throats while husband was away

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Story here. Excerpt:

A 'perfect' mother massacred her five children by calling them one by one into her bedroom and slitting their throats, a Belgian court has been told.
Genevieve Lhermitte, 42, said she felt desperate and trapped alone at home with the children - four girls and a boy aged between 14 and three - while her husband Bouchaib Moqadem was away visiting his parents in Morocco.

On the day of the killings last year, which left Belgium in shock, she stole two knives from a supermarket and cooked a farewell lunch for the family before locking the front door and starting the massacre, the court in Nivelles, near Brussels, was told.
...
She later told police she felt "desperate and trapped" at having to be at home with the children while her husband was away, the court heard.'

Future fast arriving: Android mates coming to a box store near you!

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Article here. Well I suppose it keeps you from seeing the inside of a "family court" but it's sad commentary on the state of affairs between the sexes. We will soon see a male version I am sure. For all the money the inventor spent on creating this android, as imperfect as it is at mimicking an actual human, the truth is that the technology is available today and the only thing lacking is major funding and the input of more engineers who are as brainy (or nearly so) as the inventor. The selling price of the "Programmable Perfect Mate 3000" could be as high as $30,000 and there would be no shortage of takers. Heck, they could sell them for $100k and still make a mint. Cylons indeed! Excerpt:

'Inventor Le Trung, 33, created Aiko, said to be “in her 20s” with a stunning 32, 23, 33 figure, shiny hair and delicate features.

She even remembers his favourite drink and does simple cleaning and household tasks.

"Fem-bot" Aiko, who has cost £14,000 to build so far, is a whizz at maths and even does Le’s accounts.

Le, a scientific genius from Brampton in Ontario, Canada, said he never had time to find a real partner so he designed one using the latest technology.

He said he did not build Aiko as a sexual partner, but said she could be tweaked to become one.'

Mother charged with stabbing her two baby sons

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother will appear before magistrates in Manchester this morning charged with murdering both of her children.

Jael Mullings was arrested after the bodies of two-year-old Romario Mullings-Sewell and his brother Delayno, aged three months, were found at their home in Kilmington Drive, Cheetham Hill, on November 12.

Both had been stabbed to death with a single wound to their chests, according to the post-mortem examinations.

Police and paramedics discovered the bodies at 5.45pm, a few hours after a GP called reporting concern for the children's welfare.

...

Officers had called at the house where the boys' bodies were found just hours before the brothers were killed.

The boys were described as "gorgeous" and "beautiful" by their family. Their mother was sectioned under the Mental Health Act following their deaths.'

Hooker Mom Has Teen Daughter Dance Half-Naked at Detroit Sex Party

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Video report here. Caption:

A mom is accused of hosting a sex party and allowing her teenage daughter to dance half-naked.

"So much for the fundamental responsibility of mothers protecting their children." -- Sheriff in interview

Just keep watching; the sheriff reports these kinds of cases (where mothers are pimping their kids out one way or another) are increasingly more common to his department.

Judge cites boy's 'raging hormones,' reduces woman's sentence for sex with teen

kbdnh · 11 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NASHUA – A 38-year-old woman was sentenced to prison Monday for sexually assaulting a teenage boy she initially accused of rape.

Robin Mowery of Nashua was convicted in June of four counts of felonious sexual assault and two counts of sexual assault involving a friend of her teenage daughter. Mowery was 35 at the time; the boy was 15.
...
"Like it or not, an underage boy having sex with an older-aged girl is viewed differently than the other way around," Lynn said at the sentencing hearing.
...
"Young men have raging hormones. It doesn't make him a bad person," said Lynn, who also noted that the teen also tried to use the relationship as a "bargaining chip" to escape penalty for crimes committed as a juvenile.

Lynn also chastised Mowery for falsely testifying that the teen forced her to have sex at knifepoint. She also claimed he threatened to rape and kill her daughter if she spoke about their affair.'

It's not Paternity Fraud - It's a genetic throwback disorder

Arden Linoge · 11 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. You gotta see this one. This article claims to be the tragic story of a black girl born to white parents, get this, not because of paternity fraud, but because of some rare genetic throwback. Excerpt:

'Her African features were almost certainly a throwback to an unknown ancestor whose DNA, having lain dormant for generations, had emerged in her. But when Sandra was a schoolgirl, this aspect of genetics was unknown and there was no such thing as a DNA test.

There was only the cruel and relentless gossip suggesting that her mother had had an affair with a black man.

For four years, teachers and the parents of other pupils at her all-white primary school had fought to have her expelled on the grounds that she was of mixed race. Finally, they had succeeded.'

"Dear Zachary" up for Academy Award consideration

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Via Glenn Sacks' Dec. 10 newsletter:

'Producer Kurt Kuenne is full of "fury at the injustice done to his best friend Andrew Bagby, a doctor who was set up and gunned down," apparently at the hands of an ex-girlfriend who he had broken up with.

Kuenne has made a film to memorialize his murdered friend and tell the world about the injustice his ex perpetrated. The legal system coddled the apparent killer, allowing her to be free on bail and have custody of their son, who she subsequently murdered.

...

From Christopher Smith's review of Dear Zachary: A Letter to a Son About His Father:

...

"Surrounding all this isn't just the ache of loss felt by Andrew's parents, which is so palpable, it burns, but also of his many friends and family, who are interviewed in ways that not only show us who Andrew was as a man, but also in ways that move the story forward. And where that goes, I'm not going.

"Dear Zachary" is currently being promoted for Academy Award consideration, where it will be taken seriously. For those seeking a profound, unshakable movie, it's worth a call to your local cinema to ask that they show it."

Video excerpts of the film can be seen here. To learn more, click here.'

Stroke victim found tied to bed with dog leash

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A nursing-care company at the centre of a searing abuse case in which an emaciated 69-year-old stroke victim was found tied to his bed with a dog leash refused yesterday to discuss its role, or even acknowledge it was involved.

"Because of privacy laws in Ontario, I really cannot comment on any specific client or client case," said Lynn Tughan, vice-president of operations for S.R.T. Med-Staff.

At issue is the plight of Thomas "Tony" Butler, rescued from his Richmond Hill apartment in March after his adult daughter, Julie Henderson, discovered him and alerted York Regional Police.

...

In sentencing, Mr. Justice Peter Bourque said Ms. Madi had tried to conceal Mr. Shakeri's repeated assaults on Mr. Butler, who stands 6 foot 1 and weighed just 68 pounds when his daughter found him at the apartment he shared with Ms. Madi, also 42.'

Psychology Today: "How to be happy"

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Excellent article from *Psychology Today* here. Excerpt:

'One of the things that evolution has done is to make men and women very different. In some ways (though not in others), males of one species are often more similar to males of other species than to females of their own species, and vice versa. In some ways, in many ways, men are more similar to male chimpanzees or gorillas than to women. One of the ways that men and women are different is in what makes them happy.

Forget what feminists, hippies, and liberals have told you in the last half century. They are all lies based on political ideology and conviction, not on science. Contrary to what they may have told you, it is very unlikely that money, promotions, the corner office, social status, and political power will make women happy. Similarly, it is very unlikely that quitting their jobs, dropping out of the rat race, and becoming stay-at-home dads to spend all their times with their children will make men happy.'

Woman stabs boyfriend for refusing to have sex with her

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DECEMBER 10--Meet Brittany Phillips. Early Saturday morning, the 19-year-old Louisiana woman wanted some sex from her boyfriend. But Todd Stewart, 35, was apparently not in the mood. In fact, he tried to push Phillips off of him in the bedroom of the pair's West Monroe home. That much the couple can agree upon, according to Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office reports. Phillips claims Stewart became violent after rebuffing her advances. Stewart told an investigator that he left the bedroom to sleep on a living room couch, but that Phillips "would not leave him alone." At some point, he added, things got physical and he was stabbed in the lower lip with "a long metal object which appeared to be a knife."'

"A slander on Canadian men"

Matt · 11 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Marking the 19th annual commemoration of the Ecole Polytechnique massacre, Mr. Ignatieff issued a statement commiserating with the 14 female victims' families. Well and good.

Not well and good was the lily-gilding statement, "Even today, nearly one in three Canadian women are victims of spousal abuse."

This oft-cited figure is a myth, fabricated from whole ideological cloth. If true, the epidemic social pathology it represents would render Canada as dysfunctional as Darfur.
...
Here are the facts Mr. Ignatieff's staff could not be bothered to research: The five-year incidence of spousal assault victimization reported by women in a recent StatsCan survey was 8% for women, 7% for men. It is not reported whether, as is likely, many of the victims were also perpetrators, since half of intimate partner violence (IPV) is reciprocal. For severe violence, the annual reported figures are 2.6% for men and 4.2% for women.

Unilateral spousal "battering" is fairly rare. In a U. S. national survey of men and women touched by IPV, only 6% of married women cited unprovoked abuse by their husbands against 10% of men reporting the same by their wives.'

From Duct Tape Evidence to Potential Insanity Plea, Anthony Trial Could Be One to Watch

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Should the discovery of skeletal remains near the home of missing Orlando girl Caylee Anthony's family could be particularly damning evidence in the accused mother's trial, but the mother also has a number of defense options, attorneys told FOXNews.com.

If the duct tape-bound remains are proven to be those of Caylee — who has been missing since June -- the method used to dispose of the body will become a significant factor in the first-degree murder trial of the girl's mother, Casey Anthony, attorney Scott H. Cupp said.
...
"In any case where someone is charged with killing a child, the first thing you explore is some type of psychiatric defense," he said. "No one in their right mind would do something like this, so I'd hire my own experts to examine and explore her mental history and behavior to see if I can mount some type of psychiatric defense. No criminal would commit such a crime in such a fashion unless there was a psychiatric component."

Unicef report is "Crude, outdated and mum on the father's role"

Michael · 12 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Where the report has failed spectacularly, however, is in the omission of any specific reference to the role of men in childcare. It refers pointedly throughout to "parents", not just mothers, and includes parental and paternity leave, not just maternity leave.

But nowhere does it dig beneath the surface to explore the possibility that actively involving fathers more in childcare might produce better results all round, for families and the economy. Nowhere does it say out loud that this is a man's issue too.'

Alec Baldwin: NY Gov. Paterson Must Appoint a Woman

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton might have won, if not for that. It isn't a good idea for anyone seeking a singular office like the Presidency to make that distinction. This country has been run for centuries by men only, and men named Adams and Wilson, Ford and Reagan, Carter and Clinton. To break that mold, you almost had to avoid the subject of breaking any mold whatsoever. (Witness some of Obama's recent appointments.)

But in a state like New York, teeming with talented, ambitious and dedicated women within its political circles, in a state like New York that has already elected a woman to one of its current US Senate terms, in any state wherein the Congressional delegation provides for two US Senators to hold office, Governor David Paterson must appoint a woman to replace Senator Clinton. It is not difficult to imagine that we are at the place in the history of New York politics where this is "the women's seat" of the two from New York.'

Girl Accused of Seeking Hit on Father

Matt · 12 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 15-year-old Hagerstown girl suspected of being part of a clique of teens who liked to suck one another's blood approached a friend on a crowded high school bus in October and asked him to kill her father, prosecutors say.

Prosecutors in Washington County in Western Maryland allege that she told the friend, a male classmate, that he could find her father at 5 a.m., climbing into the work truck he parked in the alley behind their rowhouse.

And that was where, on Halloween morning, her father's body was found in a pool of blood. He had been stabbed repeatedly in the head and neck.

This week, the girl was ordered held without bond on charges of soliciting murder.'

Women at the top of business outearn men

dungone · 13 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here, study here (.pdf file). Excerpts:

'The largest empirical analysis of the top echelons of publicly traded companies determined that women earned about $100,000 more per year than men of the same age, educational background and experience.'

'Female executives on the whole still earn less than male executives, but that's because more women quit before they reach the top, the study says.'

I'm sure this study will help dispel many of the typical feminist myths about income inequality. However, I still can't help but point out the irony in this:

'"That common perception is not borne out by this study," said Robert A. Miller, professor of economics and strategy and one of the authors. "If you're looking for evidence of gender discrimination in executive promotion and compensation, it's not happening there."'

It's such a pervasive view in our society that glass ceilings are for women, patriarchy is for men, and that so long as the discrimination favors women then it's not even worth mentioning as a possibility. They just showed that there is a gender wage gap, but already there are signs of relief that it is good news for women and that's all that matters. You can be sure that if it was the other way around, feminists would immediately seize the income difference as proof of male privilege and sexism.

JCPenney's Offensive Prison For Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Summary: A guy buys his wife a vaccum cleaner for their anniversary, and she's none too pleased. Ha ha. Then she makes him get down on all fours and enter a doghouse. A little silly, a little creepy, but still a funny ad. Then the guy ends up in the dungeon, with the other naughty husbands. You could actually cut it there and it would be a fun ad. But it turns out all the guys have been there forever, never get released, have to eat food out of dog bowls and beg before an appeals board of privileged white women.

Would there be an outcry if the genders were reversed? Of course. Did Saatchi know about the misandry angle in this ad? Totally. They count on it not only for the initial laughs — extremes are (often) funny! — but also for some internet outcry like this post right here, and the inevitable others scads of blogs everywhere. The ad isn't getting skipped on a TiVo, and, hell, JCPenney doesn't even have to pay to air it.'

Foster mom gets 90 days for sexual assault of boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BROWNWOOD -- The former foster mom accused of having sex with a 13-year-old foster child in her care, and having a child by the boy, was found guilty Friday and sentenced to 10 years probation.

The jury deliberated less than an hour before returning a guilty verdict about 11:30 a.m. against Phylicia Humphries, 26, for sexual assault of a child.

But it took more than five hours of deliberation before the jury assessed 10 years probation and a $10,000 fine. The sentence was handed down by 35th District Judge Stephen Ellis at around 7 p.m. Ellis added 90 days in jail as a condition of the sentence. Humphries will begin serving the 90-day sentence at the Brown County Jail on Dec. 29. Humphries also will be restricted from being around children under 17 and must register as a sex offender.'

Washington State U student paper: Playing the victim is overplayed

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'This victim mentality is self-limiting. Far too many women attribute their personal failures to societal bias. While sexism does fuel some people's actions, discrimination alone does not account for all outcome inequalities. Blaming others for our situation is often much easier than self-reflection, but avoiding responsibility is not a successful life strategy. Instead, focusing on self-improvement is a proactive way to handle setbacks. Character development can only happen when we take responsibility for our actions.

Victims see themselves at the mercy of some kind of construct such as "the system" or "the Man" and may resign themselves to a lower position than they otherwise could achieve. Many women's advocacy groups overemphasize sexism in American society and portray women as helpless victims. This mindset does not empower women to take control of their lives. Rather, it places women at the mercy of ambiguous societal pressures.'

New Zealand: Greater Focus On Male Suicide Prevention Needed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The male suicide rate is nearly three times higher than that of women, according to figures released today by the Ministry of Health.

The figures relate to deaths in 2006, the most recent data available. 524 deaths by suicide with recorded in 2006, of which 386 were male.

Suicide Prevention Information New Zealand (SPINZ), a service of the Mental Health Foundation, says the rate of male suicide has decreased 22.7% since 1995, but the over-representation of men continues to be an area of concern.

"Depression is the single biggest risk factor for suicide, and for many men - particularly Maori men - it remains undiagnosed," says Merryn Statham, Director of SPINZ. "Reaching people, especially men, with information encouraging them to seek help is essential, as well as ensuring that mental health services are truly responsive."'

Remembering “The Dangerous Book for Boys”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I wouldn’t be at all surprised if The Dangerous Book for Boys were banned by zealous school groups, social workers, and other moral busybodies. I first encountered this admirable work when it was published in London last year. I liked its retro look–the lettering and typography of the cover recalls an earlier, more swashbuckling era–and I thought at first it must be a reprint. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that a book containing instructions on how to make catapults, how to hunt and cook a rabbit, how to play poker, how to make a waterbomb, was published today, the high noon of nannydom.

...

And speaking of “boys,” have you noticed how unprogressive the word sounds in today’s English? It is almost as retrograde as “girls,” a word that I knew was on the way out when an academic couple I know proudly announced that they had just presented the world with a “baby woman.”

Homeless vets get a hand

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Article here. Excerpt:

"It's a shameful fact that when you look at a homeless population, you can go '1,2,3,4,' and that fourth person will be a homeless vet," he said.

Patterson said that according to a 2007 count by the Greater Lansing Homeless Resolution Network, there are about 800 homeless veterans in Lansing.

"When you look at the addition of beds for the homeless - homeless vets in particular - it's something that's needed," said Joan Jackson Johnson, director of Lansing's Human Relations and Community Services Department, who attended the ceremony. "We have too many veterans that are homeless."

'Missing Males' white paper discloses influence of men's buying decisions on markets

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'ATLANTA, Dec 12, 2008 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Men's increasing relevance as an influential buying audience in the home environment is featured in a new white paper, Missing Males, just released by Kleber & Associates (K&A).

Missing Males provides the marketplace with evidence of the importance of tapping into the male demographic to increase market share, and ways to effectively market and sell to today's male consumers by identifying five male personas -- Solo Pilot, 21st Century Bachelor, Domestic Techie, Practical Papa and Mr. Gender Neutrality.

"Recent studies support our notion of the significant role today's men play in the home environment," said Steven Kleber, president and founder of K&A, an integrated marketing and communications firm specializing in the home products channel. "Due to a number of factors, men are spending more time at home and in traditional 'female-dominated' areas like the kitchen. They are also responsible for assuming more home purchasing decisions including grocery shopping, cooking and cuisine."

Paul Anka's Wife Arrested for Domestic Battery

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Story here.

'ET confirms with police that Anna Anka, wife of veteran entertainer Paul Anka, was arrested and booked on domestic battery against her husband.

According to the police report, Anna allegedly hurled a piece of ice at Paul that hit him in the head. Paul went to the hospital to get the resulting wound closed up with two staples, then later returned home to find no sign of Anna.

The police report says Paul called authorities and reported her missing. When Anna eventually returned home, cops became aware of the situation and arrested her for domestic battery. The Ventura County D.A.'s office rejected the case.

Paul and Anna married in the summer of '08 and have one child together.'

FrontPage Magazine: The Inequality Illusion

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'An even more significant cause of the gender pay gap is that women tend to have compiled fewer years of uninterrupted service in their current jobs than men. Indeed, women are far more likely to leave the workforce for extended periods in order to attend to family-related matters such as raising children. This is simply a life choice to forego some degree of financial reward in exchange for the emotional reward of being an at-home parent, whether full-time or part-time. During the course of their overall work lives, men accumulate an extra 5 to 9 years on the job as compared to their female counterparts, and each of those additional years translates to approximately 3 or 4 percent more in annual pay.
...
Despite the fact that this evidence has long been established, the notion that discrimination explains the gender gap in pay endures. Thus countless women continue to believe that American society gives them a raw deal in terms of pay, and that ill-conceived “equal-pay” laws are the sole solution. In campaigning for the White House, Barack Obama capitalized on this ignorance on the part of some of his female supporters. If his message of “change” was intended in earnest, the president-elect could do worse than begin his tenure by repudiating the old myth of “unequal pay.”'

Australia: Discrimination against white males will soon be encouraged

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'DISCRIMINATION against dominant white males will soon be encouraged in a bid to boost the status of women, the disabled and cultural and religious minorities.

Such positive discrimination -- treating people differently in order to obtain equality for marginalised groups - is set to be legalised under planned changes to the Equal Opportunity Act foreshadowed last week by state Attorney-General Rob Hulls.

...

Companies and public bodies accused of discrimination can only be held to account after a complaint has been made.

But the proposed changes go much further, allowing the commission to inquire into discrimination, seize documents and search and enter premises after attempts to bring about change have failed.

Businesses and individuals would be required to change their ways even if a complaint had not been received.

Action could be taken where an unlawful act was "likely to occur", not just in cases where discrimination has taken place.'

Mother 'sold her twins for £9,000 to pay for liposuction operation'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother accused of selling her newborn twin boys for £9,000 to pay for a liposuction operation was involved in an online rent-a-womb trade with women desperate to have children, it was claimed today.
...
Tamara Stegeman said that Ringoir had run sperm 'parties' at her large family home in Lovendegem, a village near Ghent, where she charged £300 a time to be impregnated with her husband's sperm.
...
After her marriage break-up, Ringoir now has a new boyfriend, Mitch. In an interview with a Belgian newspaper last week he claimed that her husband had put her under pressure 'to have her body rebuilt'.

'Sonia never had debts before she met Marc,' he added.

Ringoir can't be charged with trading in her babies as this is not a crime under Belgian law. She now faces between one month and five years in jail if convicted. The case had shocked Belgium and there are now calls by politicians to change the law.'

Barbara Kay on Dec. 11 airing of John Gormley Live

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Radio archive here. "Barbara Kay brings to our attention that men are equally abused by women, and yet most of the time stay silent."

F4J: "Keeping father in Christmas"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SINGING Santas have been striving to keep the father in Christmas with a protest outside Burton County Court.

The members of Fathers 4 Justice, many of whom are "victims of failing family law", sang doctored carols highlighting the 'injustice' of the fact that one in four children will not see their dad this Christmas.

Among the festive tunes were Deck The Judge For He Is Biased and Tis The Season To Free Jolly - an ode to Jolly Stainsby, an activist recently jailed for climbing on cainet member Harriet Harman's roof.'

National Post letter: "Another view on domestic violence"

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'This letter from the Ontario Minister for Women Issues is typical of the misleading information that plagues Canadian policy on domestic violence. Partner homicide is extremely rare, and the Ontario Death Review Committee cherry-picked cases that would support the Ministry's view of domestic violence. The Ontario cases are ones that the committee decided were domestic violence, and do not include all cases of homicide, as the system selects out female precipitated homicides as "manslaughter" or lesser charges.'

UK: Girls exceed boys in sex partners by age 21

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Article here. Excerpt:

'YOUNG women are no longer just lying back and thinking of England, they are actively seeking out sexual partners - even more so than men.
...
The study of 2000 women in the UK, commissioned by More magazine, found that by the age of 21, women have had an average of nine sexual partners - two more than their male partner.
...
But if a woman met someone she really liked, 56 per cent would make him wait "a month or more" before she would have sex with him.

Of the women surveyed, 50 per cent admitted they had cheated on a partner and half of those had been unfaithful at least twice.

Only 25 per cent said they had a partner who cheated on them.

If a man did cheat, 99 per cent of young women would dump him.'

NY Post: 'Outlawing Boyhood'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Or maybe females have removed their shackles and put them on males. In her book, "The Trouble with Boys," journalist Peg Tyre investigates an education system in which women principals oversee women teachers who treat girl behavior as standard. All the way down this gynocracy, normal male behavior (squirming in preschool, being more interested in war stories than relationships, pretending to shoot each other) is redefined as antisocial, threatening, or (most sinister of all) indicative of "special needs" that gets boys disappeared to the Gitmo of Special Ed. (Boys are diagnosed with attention disorders at four times the rate of girls).

"Girls have been oppressed by men since the dawn of time," one sarcastic letter writer declared to Tyre. "Now we're on top for a nanosecond and it's a crisis." Note the "We." Too many women (liberal women, it seems to me) think of females as much like a sports team, in mortal competition with the other team. Only one "side" can win.'

Eagleforum: Where the Education Gender Gap is Leading America

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women have a growing influence on the fields of law and government. They represent half of law school students and one-third of lawyers. By 2050, they're projected to represent 60% of law school students. Women constitute half of medical school students and one-fourth of physicians. They're projected to constitute 70% of medical school students and the majority of physicians by 2050. According to a U.S. Census Bureau report, women are starting businesses at twice the rate of men. They're also rapidly rising into managerial and administrative positions.

In short, women are becoming richer and more powerful - and this is a good thing for America. Fueling this trend is the growing number of women earning college degrees. More education pays off in a big way. Those with a bachelor's degree earn, on average, nearly twice what those with just a high school diploma earn in a year, and roughly $1 million more over a lifetime.

...
In short, the education gender gap that starts in kindergarten is leading to a nation of undereducated men who are contributing less and less to the economy and the family structure. This will adversely impact our nation's productivity, prosperity, and culture.

It's in the interest of women as well as men to turn this situation around. It's already too late to make up for the generations of boys whose educational attainment did not live up to its potential. However, it's not too late to help the current generation of boys.'

'Looking for Alternatives in Title IX Enforcement'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Western Illinois University is the first school to work publically with the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights to comply with Title IX via interest surveys. Schools were likely resistant to using surveys until this point because of the large backlash from interest groups who threatened to sue any school that attempted to rely on interest surveys to demonstrate Title IX compliance. But proponents of true gender equity should applaud WIU's initiative. After all, the real goal should be equality of opportunity, not equality of outcomes. It should be of no greater concern that there are fewer women playing sports than it is that there are fewer men taking part in campus theater or arts programs—so long as everyone is given equal opportunity to participate.'

'True Woman' movement seeks counter-revolution to feminism

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LOUISVILLE, Ky. (ABP) -- A group of conservative Christian women is seeking 100,000 signatures on a "True Woman Manifesto" aimed at sparking a counter-revolution to the feminist movement of the 1960s.

Introduced at a gathering of more than 6,000 women in early October, the document calls not for equal rights, but instead proclaims that men and women are created to reflect God's image in "complementary and distinct ways."
...
Kassian said even Christian women have been influenced more by feminism more than they realize, including the idea that patriarchy -- the idea of submitting to male authority -- is the source of all their heartache and problems.'

New Song - "Judges in Family Court"

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Here's a new song you might be interested in. It's entitled "Judges in Family Court." Needless to say, you won't be hearing your local disc jockey playing this from your local "Top 40" chart anytime soon.

Not too bad for a first effort from this group. No, I'm not in this production, but was invited. I sing very poorly.

An Announcement and Tribute on the occasion of the death of Harry Braunschweiler

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Via Jeremy Swanson:

We have lost another fighter for Fathers' Rights - Harry Braunschweiler Has Died

Long-time Quebec Fathers' Rights Activist Harry Braunschweiler of St. Adolphe d'Howard, Quebec who, with his comrade William Levy of Dorval, formed the "Council for the Status of Men Canada" Activist Group in Quebec, fought the system in that province for many years, died yesterday afternoon from a stroke which felled him late last week. In his final years Harry and his son Marc were reconciled and Harry became a "Hero Dad" to his son. William Levy fights on in his friend's name. More details on his life and death and tributes to his activism will be forthcoming in releases by SMC, William Levy and others.

Details of the class action suit which Harry and William took legal course against Quebec legalists for collusion between the Government of Quebec's feminist wing, Revenue Quebec, and the failure of the Barreau du Quebec of its mission, causing a breach in public protection can be found here and here.

After years of delay the case was scheduled to be finally heard on May 9th 2009 in Montreal.

RIP Harry.

You were an example to us all.
You were a hero.
A Father's Hero.
Our hero.
You never gave up.
You never faltered once and you never compromised in the struggle.
You will be in our memory always.

Police: Girl Shoots, Kills Boy On School Playground

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ASHEBORO, N.C. -- Police arrested a Randolph County girl who they said shot and killed a boy Friday night.

The girl, identified as Meredith Kandies, allegedly shot the 16-year-old boy in the stomach Friday at about 10:30 p.m.

Two boys were arguing at the Guy B. Teachey Elementary School playground in Asheboro when the Kandies shot one of them in the stomach with a pistol, police said.
...
Kandies was charged with involuntary manslaughter and was taken to the Randolph County Jail.

She was being held on a $30,000 bond.'

Parents want female bus driver fired for spanking boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'EAGLE POINT, Ore. -- Parents in a Southern Oregon school district submitted a petition seeking the removal of a bus driver accused of spanking a 6-year-old boy who wouldn't sit down.

The parents also contend the woman is a bad driver.
...
The alleged spanking occurred Oct. 30. The boy's 10-year-old sister submitted a statement saying the driver grabbed her brother's arm and "hit him on the thigh four to five times."
...
Parents also said they are unhappy with the way the driver handles disciplinary matters, including shouting and whistling loudly into the intercom.

"I don't feel it's safe with her as a driver, and I don't think the kids should be treated like this," Parent Leah Ferrell said.'

Japan: Recession has 25% of fathers never seeing their kids

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Video report here. And to think, if a Japanese woman wants a divorce she could simply say he is "never home" and that's good enough. It's even easieR than that; after WWII, the constitution the US gave Japan guaranteed the right of divorce for cause to Japanese women (that particular clause was inserted by a member of the constitutional scholar team Douglas MacArthur put together - it was added by, you guessed it, a feminist). So any time a mother wants to shed her "old man" and keep him paying anyway for the kids, she can do it. Meanwhile, Japanese men work themselves into an early grave under a legal system that views them as dispensible in every way except where money is concerned.

50-year-old boys' school torture, murder probe opened

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Story here. Utterly shocking, almost beyond comment. Excerpt:

'Thirty-one crosses made of tubular steel and painted white line up unevenly in the grass and weeds of what used to be the grounds of a reform school in Marianna, Florida. The anonymous crosses are rusting away but their secrets may soon be exposed.

When boys disappeared from the school, administrators explained it away, said former student Roger Kiser.

They'd say, "Well, he ran away and the swamp got him," Kiser recalled. Or, "The gators got him." Or, 'Water moccasins got him."

...

Colon recalls his visits to the white house as if they were yesterday:

...

He said he was forced to lie face down in a blood-soaked pillow -- a pillow with small pieces of lips, tongue and skin on it from the previous boy. He'd clench the metal bar of the bed. The ceilings were low. He would hear the strap hit the ceiling and make a "tick" sound before it swung down on him.

...

Kiser, a fellow White House Boy, said the beatings provided entertainment for the guards and administrators.

"There were bets, and money changed hands on who could draw blood on the first blow," he said. He recalled his reaction when he went into a bathroom to clean up after enduring another beating.

...

Colon said his reaction was to bury the pain inside. He told a story about how another boy's terror left him wrestling with his own best and worst instincts even to this day.'

Holstein in Newsweek on Joint Custody: New Study--Father Engagement Vital to Kids

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From Glenn Sacks' newsletter here. Excerpt:

'Ned Holstein, MD, MS, Executive Director of Fathers & Families, is a central figure in the new Newsweek article Not Your Dad's Divorce: How changes in child support laws, and a push by fathers for equal time, are transforming the way this generation of ex-spouses raise their children (12/15/08).'

UK: Media gets access to family courts

Disembodied_Voice · 16 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The media will be able to report legal proceedings in family courts as part of sweeping changes proposed by ministers.

Cases heard in family courts, such as divorce and custody, will be open to the media subject to some restrictions such as not identifying those involved.

Justice Secretary Jack Straw said the changes would help "lift the veil" on how the legal process worked.'

Scores improve if boys and girls are apart, some schools find

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Story here. Excerpt:

"We've seen huge, huge increases in test scores," said Kiner, who presented the data this fall at the National Association for Single Sex Public Education's international conference here.
...
"Boys like nonfiction. They like gory, bloody stories. They like protagonists who look like them, sound like them and act like them," she said. "We know from research that girls are more comfortable with other girls. That's why we all go to the bathroom together.
...
"We told the kids they could have dress-down days for every 20 days we went without a fight," Pointer said.

"The boys came to us and said they were losing their dress-down days because the girls were fighting."

Turner said it's possible the fight-free message was unconsciously directed to the boys.

So, he stepped up the message to the girls and now records school fights by grade and gender.'

Report: Female inmate population is increasing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men still significantly outnumber women at the state's prisons and county jails, but it's women whose incarceration rate is climbing the fastest, according to a study released yesterday by The New Hampshire Women's Policy Institute.

Drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and unemployment are behind the increase, the study found. But those factors - and child-care responsibilities - also complicate the treatment and rehabilitation needs for women, who more often than men are their children's main or only provider.

If the trend continues, the study said, six of the 10 county jails will have to add 52 beds just for female inmates by 2012. That's expensive, not just for taxpayers, but for children and families separated by jail and prison sentences, lawmakers and corrections officials said yesterday.'

NY Times View: A Crisis of Confidence for Masters of the Universe

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Meltdown. Collapse. Depression. Panic. The words would seem to apply equally to the global financial crisis and the effect of that crisis on the human psyche.

Of course, it is too soon to gauge the true psychiatric consequences of the economic debacle; it will be some time before epidemiologists can tell us for certain whether depression and suicide are on the rise. But there's no question that the crisis is leaving its mark on individuals, especially men.

...

I have plenty of female patients who work in finance at high levels, but none of them has had this kind of psychological reaction. I can't pretend this is a scientific survey, but I wonder if men are more likely than women to respond this way. At the risk of trading in gender stereotypes, do men rely disproportionately more on their work for their self-esteem than women do? Or are they just more vulnerable to the inevitable narcissistic injury that comes with performing poorly or losing one's job?'

Open house promotes awareness of men and suicide

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To encourage anyone who's feeling depressed to seek professional help is a primary objective of a Remembrance Open House being hosted by the Survivors of Suicide Grief at the ADAMH Board office, 142 S. Prospect St. at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Another goal is to promote awareness of the reality that men are more at risk to commit suicide because they aren't as likely as women to seek help, said Jody Demo-Hodgins, executive director for the ADAMH Board.

Three members of the support group have lost sons, boyfriends or husbands to suicide, Demo-Hodgins said.

"They're really concerned that men are more challenged to cope because society expects men to toughen up and live with it," she said.'

NCAA's Brand: Don't fault Title IX for future cuts

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Article here. Excerpt:

"My expectation is that over the next year or two we are going to see more" cuts of men's teams, Brand said Wednesday in a telephone interview, "and so I am trying, frankly, to pre-empt the argument against Title IX, an unfair argument, I believe, and dissuade universities from going public with this approach.
...
Schools must pass one part of a three-part test to meet the participation requirements of Title IX: have numbers of male and female athletes proportionate to enrollment; have a continuing history of expanding opportunities for women; or meet the interests and abilities of the women on campus.

Schools must consider Title IX because they cannot pass the second or third tests if they drop women's teams.

"Title IX is a factor because fairness is a factor," Brand said.

"That is utterly disgraceful," said Jim McCarthy of the College Sports Council, an advocacy group for men's sports. "He knows perfectly well Title IX is going to force schools to target men's sports first. He is asking schools to join him in a whitewash."'

Title IX prompts changes and anger at the University of Delaware

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEWARK -- The University of Delaware subtracted one sport and added another Tuesday but, in its view, gained in the effort to keep in line with Title IX gender-equity mandates.

Golf will become UD's 13th women's sport sometime in the next few years, athletic director Edgar Johnson said.

And while Delaware was able to preserve men's cross country and outdoor track and field, where team members feared elimination, the men's indoor track program will be downgraded from varsity to club status next year.
...
Men's indoor track and field will be the first sport Delaware has discontinued since another men's activity, wrestling, was axed in June 1991.

There was widespread speculation that men's cross country and both indoor and outdoor track would be cut. Johnson confirmed for a Nov. 12 News Journal story that no decisions had been made, but Title IX put some men's sports at risk.

The news prompted a flood of calls, letters and e-mails -- even a movement on the social networking Web site Facebook -- aimed at preserving the cross country and track teams.'

RADAR ALERT: H.Res. 1397 Commends NCADV for Hateful Gender Stereotypes

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On July 31, 2008, H.Res. 1397 was introduced to commend "the important achievements of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as it celebrates 30 years of service to local domestic violence shelter and service programs and the victims of domestic violence." [Bill text (.pdf file)]

Last week, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) sent out an action alert urging their supporters to contact their representatives and request that they co-sponsor the resolution. (http://www.ncadv.org/publicpolicy/AlertsandUpdates_112.html)

A visit to the NCADV website reveals that almost everything they do is focused on female victims, and the "fact" sheet they provide. (http://www.ncadv.org/files/DomesticViolenceFactSheet(National).pdf) is inaccurate and misleading. In addition, the NCADV sells a poster that states "El la golpeo 150 veces" (Spanish for "He beat her 150 times"), which ignores the fact that women are just as likely to engage in partner violence, plays on women's deepest fears, and stereotypes Hispanic men as violent.

RADAR has prepared a flyer (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARflyer-NoOnHRes1397.pdf) that we ask you fax your House Rep as soon as possible. At the top of the flyer, print "Vote 'No!' on H. Res. 1397" and add your name, city, and ZIP code. In the alternative, please call your Rep. and ask that he or she vote "No!" on H. Res. 1397. You can find the fax and phone numbers by going to http://www.house.gov/ and then going to the webpage of your representative.

As always, thanks for your help.

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PTA offical found half naked with 13-YO boy

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From the article:

'A Baldwin PTA official has been charged with endangering the welfare of a child after she and a 13-year-old boy were caught in the backseat of a vehicle parked behind an elementary school, Nassau police said.

Joan Tuckruskye, 44, of 1111 Steele Blvd., was in the backseat of a 2008 Nissan Pathfinder in a parking lot behind Meadow Elementary on Northern Boulevard with the boy Friday night, said Det. Lt. Kevin Smith.

Tuckruskye and the boy, who police did not identify, were naked from the waist down, Smith said.'

It never ends.

Wikipedia: 'Missing white woman syndrome'

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Wikipedia entry here. Excerpt:

'Missing White Woman Syndrome (MWWS) is a term used to describe what is alleged to be a disproportionately greater degree of coverage in television, radio, and print news reporting of a missing person case involving a white woman, compared with cases concerning male or non-white individuals. In the United States, a very small percentage of missing persons are victims of non-family abductions, and these victims are, according to the FBI, the most endangered. The majority of these missing persons are white female juveniles.

The essential features of a missing person said to give rise to Missing White Woman Syndrome are sex,her race, (relative) prettiness, and age. These features are said to provoke positive discrimination in the reporting as news of the disappearance of a young white woman, and so to increase public interest in her disappearance.'

UK: Woman who cried rape jailed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN who cried rape and got her partner and a friend locked up is today starting a four month jail term.

Burnley Crown Court heard how Dana Doherty, 22, had called police and claimed her then boyfriend Ben Stanworth and friend Martin Massa had pinned her down on a bed and forced her into sex.

Both were arrested, medically examined, kept in the cells and questioned before she owned up and admitted her claims were not true true, Burnley Crown Court heard.

She later told police she had been angry with Mr Stanworth after a row and wanted to hurt him - but she had no reason to accuse Mr Massa.

Doherty, who has convictions for attacking her father and her sister, was said to have a personality disorder. Her solicitor pleaded for her to keep her freedom and said she was on the waiting list for treatment.'

NOW Urges Obama to 'Restore Educational Equity Protections'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently NOW joined with the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE) to recommend policy changes and legislative initiatives that would restore protections in academic as well as athletic programs -- which apply to both girls and boys.

The list of women's issues that the new administration will be reviewing is important because eight years of the conservative, anti-women's rights Bush administration has taken a serious toll on our rights. Of course the Supreme Court and conservative congressional leaders have done their share of undermining equal education protections, particularly those established in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

At the top of our list is immediate repeal of the "Additional Clarification of Intercollegiate Athletics Policy," which we believe discourages the inclusion of young women in college sports programs. Additionally, Department of Education regulations introduced in 2006 allow public schools to establish segregated-sex education programs without strong protections against sex discrimination, Many believe that these regulations are unconstitutional, and the coalition is asking for their withdrawal.'

CNN: Pressure's on for New York governor to pick female senator

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- With Sen. Hillary Clinton's expected appointment as secretary of state, women are at risk of seeing a decrease in their representation in the Senate -- and some are putting pressure on New York Gov. David Paterson to make sure that does not happen.

...

Women's advocacy groups are calling on Paterson to turn to what they see as an abundance of qualified women when it comes time for him to make his pick. Paterson has the power to appoint a replacement, who then will face a special election in 2010 to fill out Clinton's term. The candidate would have to run again in 2012 for a full six-year term.

...

NOW, along with the Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Committee, has been urging people to call Paterson to voice their support for a female senator.

...

Lasry said Paterson has an opportunity to give women a "leg up" and send a message to people across the country.'

Poll: Gender not important for Obama picks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to Barack Obama's Cabinet, women offer some intriguing advice:

Gender shouldn't matter.

That's the finding of a new national poll of 600 women – two-thirds of respondents said Obama should focus strictly on qualifications and "should not consider gender at all" in building his team.

A mere 3 percent said Obama should appoint an equal number of men and women to his Cabinet. And 27 percent staked out a middle ground – saying Obama should aim for gender balance, but not at the expense of finding the best people, the poll for the Lifetime Networks found.'

Carey Roberts: Hillary Clinton, Feminist-at-Large

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'The truth is, Hillary does have extensive experience working in other countries — but not in the way most Americans would expect. During the Clinton administration, she was Bill's goodwill ambassador, traveling to the four corners of the globe as a high-profile advocate of the feminist agenda.
...
The following year she led the U.S. delegation to China to attend the Fourth World Conference on Women. She delivered the meeting's keynote speech, making the wrongful assertion that "Women are 70% of the world's poor." Clinton narcissistically concluded, "Women's rights are human rights and human rights are women's rights."

Three years later she appeared at a meeting of First Ladies held in El Salvador. This time she made the bizarre claim that "Women have always been the primary victims of war."'

"From Chauvinist Patriarchy to Feminist Matriarchy"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What's more, feminists of Hirshman's stripe make ordinary women angry by their replacement of the patriarchal judgment of women's lives with the constant scrutiny and judgment of the feminist matriarchy. Women are weary of being told that they have to sacrifice work for family, family for work, themselves for the greater good, the greater good for themselves, and on and on. Why is it so difficult for feminists to understand that women have deep, complex, often conflicting desires — just like men! — and that human flourishing is not the sacrifice of most of those desires for a lifestyle that some cranky feminist has told us is better than our own? Why are women confronted with two and only two options: the maternal drone or the worker bee? You call this progress?'

Groups Push Obama For Cabinet-level Office on Women

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Letter here (.pdf file). Excerpt:

'As leaders of women's organizations and advocates for women's equality, collectively representing over 14 million women, we are writing to elaborate on the need for historic levels of women's appointments and the need to restore and strengthen executive branch offices for women.

We applaud your initial appointments of talented women and we encourage you to further gender balance your White House, Cabinet, and executive appointments. The U.S., with women composing just 17% of the members of Congress, ranks 71st among the world's parliaments in representation of women. With women so underrepresented in Congress, we believe it is crucial for women's representation to increase dramatically at the executive branch of decision-making. Many of us will be submitting names of excellent and diverse women for your consideration.

Like you, we believe that we are at a time of real change in our nation's history. Through both words and actions, you have encouraged and challenged the nation to think transformationally.

In this spirit, we urge you to create a Cabinet-level Office on Women that will deal not only with the status of women, but with the many inequities women face in our society, our nation, and our world. Such an office is even more necessary today, because of the increased disparities and backward movement of the past eight years.'

Women's groups unhappy with Obama cabinet picks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Perhaps the plumpest appointment in President-elect Barack Obama's Cabinet went to a woman: Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, who was nominated for secretary of state. But his track record on picking women for his Cabinet is no different from that of the two presidents who preceded him.
...
"So far the numbers of women don't look great," Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women, said of Obama's picks. "George Bush started off with this many, and Bill Clinton, at the height of his presidency, had nine out of 19."

Ellen Malcolm, president and founder of Emily's List, said Obama "obviously started off with a bang, with Janet Napolitano, Hillary Clinton and Susan Rice." She added: "We've been disappointed to see women suggested for some positions and not chosen."

CNN: Children forced into cell-like school seclusion rooms

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MURRAYVILLE, Georgia (CNN) -- A few weeks before 13-year-old Jonathan King killed himself, he told his parents that his teachers had put him in "time-out."

"We thought that meant go sit in the corner and be quiet for a few minutes," Tina King said, tears washing her face as she remembered the child she called "our baby ... a good kid."

But time-out in the boy's north Georgia special education school was spent in something akin to a prison cell -- a concrete room latched from the outside, its tiny window obscured by a piece of paper.

Called a seclusion room, it's where in November 2004, Jonathan hanged himself with a cord a teacher gave him to hold up his pants.'

Official: Forget 'man flu' - it's women who really milk it when it comes to being ill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here's a tale to make any man who has been ribbed for having 'man flu' suddenly feel a whole lot better - it's WOMEN who are worse at complaining of colds and flu, according to new research out today.
...
It is assumed that sufferers of man flu are exaggerating their symptoms to extract maximum sympathy from a few sniffles and force their partners to run after them with tissues, hot water bottles and painkillers.

But now a poll has found that most women admit exaggerating their symptoms to gain attention or to get a day off work.

Men, on the other hand, are revealed as more stoic and less likely to create a fuss or demand attention when ill.'

I think we all knew that anyway...

Europe's most prolific female serial killer strikes again

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The woman identified only as Diana P, 45, was found dead by walkers in a ditch near her Fiat Panda car in October.

Extensive DNA testing came back this week on both the corpse and the car, implicating the predator known as the 'woman without a face' who has eluded police for 15 years.

...

The killer first struck in May 1993 when she turned up on the doorstep of churchwarden Lieselotte Schlenger in the town of Idar-Oberstein clutching flowers.

Having bluffed her way into the 62-year-old woman's home, she used the wire that bound the flowers to strangle her.'

"Why Women Lie About Rape"

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Via Jeremy Swanson:

Why Women Lie About Rape
By Paul Clements

The National Organization for Women , radical feminists, and Women's Studies departments, often deny that women make false accusations about rape by asking the naïve, simplistic, and self-serving question: "Why would a woman lie?"

It turns out that there are plenty of reasons women lie about rape, either deliberately or out of desperation.

A U.S. Air Force study, "The False Rape Allegation in the Military Community (1983) investigated 556 cases of alleged rape, and found a 60% rate of false accusations. As part of the study, women who were found to have made false accusations were asked "WHY?"

Motivations given by the women who acknowledged they had made false accusations:

Reason - Percent

Spite or revenge - 20
To compensate for feelings of guilt or shame - 20
Thought she might be pregnant - 13
To conceal an affair - 12
To test husbands' love - 9
Mental/emotional disorder - 9
To avoid personal responsibility - 4
Failure to pay, or extortion - 4
Thought she might have caught VD - 3
Other - 6

The study found that most false accusations are "instrumental" – they served a purpose. If the purpose isn't avoiding guilt, or getting revenge, it might serve a more focused purpose, for example, telling her parents; "I didn't just go out and get pregnant, I was raped." Or, telling her husband, "I didn't have an affair, it wasn't my fault, I was raped."

An unrelated Washington Post article, "Unfounded Rape Reports Baffle Investigators" (6/27/1992) also found a wide range of motivations to falsely accuse men of rape. Anger toward boyfriends was common. One woman had her boyfriend spend 13 months in jail before she acknowledged that she had lied. One woman accused her newspaper delivery man of raping her at gunpoint because she needed an excuse to be late to work.

Neither woman was prosecuted or even reprimanded for lying to the police and attempting to have a man frivolously imprisoned. In a recent US case, police say a young woman who admitted to falsifying two rape reports only wanted a day off from work.

All rape accusations need to be considered seriously, as, no doubt, rape does occur. But a balance needs to be maintained between the claims of the accuser against the all-too-often legitimate denial of the accused.

Women who are found to have made a false sexual assault complaint should receive the same jail sentence as the male victim would have received if he had been convicted. That will put the brakes on fake rape charges.

RADAR ALERT: VAWA: Our 2008 legislative scorecard: A CLEAN SWEEP!

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VAWA Reformers –

The 110th Session of Congress has now come to a close, and the lights dimmed in the Senate and the House. So it's time to tally up our accomplishments.

In 2008, four domestic violence bills were introduced in Congress:

1. International Violence Against Women Act (S. 2279 and H.R. 5927)
2. National Domestic Violence Volunteer Act (S. 1515 and H.R. 6088)
3. Domestic Violence Victim Protection Act (H.R. 203)
4. Commending the important achievements of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as it celebrates 30 years of service to local domestic violence shelter and service programs (H. Res. 1397)

In all four cases, we succeeded in preventing passage of these bills, even though we were out-manned and out-spent, and even though the VAWA Mafia pulled out all the stops to secure passage of I-VAWA and the National Domestic Violence Volunteer Act. Break out the champagne!

To every person who responded to a RADAR Alert, made a phone call, sent a fax, fired off an email, spoke to a staffer, or came to Washington DC to do lobbying, THANK YOU! Your effort TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE!

Of course, our battle is far from over. The VAWA Mafia has big plans for 2009. But in 2008, our side emerged the victor!!!

Sincerely,

The RADAR Team

P.S. Want to get an early start on lobbying Congress in 2009? Come to DC January 29 and 30. That will be our first big lobbying event of the year.

Mother protests one-sided suspension

Grummbler · 19 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A boy and a girl have sex at school, the boy is the only one suspended.

Interesting quote: "Besides her son, Goss said other male students have been suspended for sexual activity while the girls involved have been allowed to remain in school."

Glenn Sacks: Feminist TV Ad Pushes 'Wage Gap' Myth

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Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'The ad above pretends that women get paid less than men because of anti-female discrimination. In reality, the wage gap exists for many legitimate reasons, including:

1) Men work longer hours at more demanding and hazardous jobs.

2) Men are more likely to travel, relocate or have long commutes for their jobs.

3) Men are more likely to have more years and more consecutive years of experience, because women are more likely to work part time or take years off of work to care for their children.

Given these factors, it would be very hard for men to not earn considerably more than women. When men and women of matched qualifications are working in matched jobs, women earn as much as men do.'

Federal Judge Critical of Firm's Fee Petition in Custody Case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge has sharply rebuked a team of lawyers from Fox Rothschild for filing an "excessive" fee petition after winning an international custody case, saying their bill of more than $163,000 in fees and expenses was simply too large for a "garden variety" custody battle.

"I simply cannot accept or justify an attorneys' fee award of this size in a case of this nature," U.S. District Judge Lawrence F. Stengel wrote in his 11-page opinion in Clarke v. Clarke.

...
Springer led a team that filed suit under the Hague Convention on behalf of Michael Clarke of Australia, alleging that his wife, Kristen Clarke, had taken their two children, Nathan, 5; and Grace, 2, to the United States and refused to return.

Kristen Clarke, who was born in the United States, responded by claiming in court papers that the children would be in "grave danger" if returned to Australia because, she alleged, Michael Clarke had sexually abused his son.

In May, Stengel ruled in favor of Michael Clarke, concluding that the allegations of sexual abuse had not been proven and had stemmed from the "overtly suggestive" techniques of a Pennsylvania psychologist whose practices "were designed to lead [Nathan] to say that his father abused him."
...
The psychologist, Joanne Cohen Hamilton, had testified that "play therapy" in which Nathan would draw pictures, act and play games, revealed evidence of sexual abuse.'

UK: Married father taunted by colleagues wins landmark harassment case

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A married father-of-three who says he was driven out of his job by being called a 'faggot' won a landmark case at the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Stephen English, 56, was taunted about being gay by his colleagues every day, even though he is heterosexual.

The teasing was so relentless that he felt 'tormented' and resigned from his job as a window blinds salesman.
...
'Until now, victims of this type of abuse had little or no legal protection. By supporting Mr English's case, the commission has helped to clarify the law to protect those who suffer harassment based on old-fashioned stereotypes.'"

Wife of police officer charged with falsely reporting rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ROGERSVILLE — The estranged wife of recently exonerated Kingsport police officer Daniel Scott Lane has been arrested in connection with a false rape accusation she allegedly made against Lane last month.

Courtney Jo Lane, 30, 203 Hickory Hills Road, Church Hill, was charged Tuesday evening with filing a false report, a Class E felony punishable by one to two years in prison.

A domestic assault charge filed Nov. 20 against Daniel Lane, 32, of Kingsport, was dismissed Monday by Hawkins County Sessions Judge David Brand, reportedly at the request of Courtney Lane.'

Brunei: False Rape 'Victim' Gets 1-Month Jail Term

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Bandar Seri Begawan - The Bandar Seri Begawan Magistrate's Court sentenced a 26-year-old woman to one-month imprisonment yesterday after she pleaded guilty to making a false rape report to the police.

Wailah binti Sakrib made a report at the Limau Manis Police Station six days ago that she was raped by an unknown individual at a house in Kampong Masin, the court heard.
As a result of police investigation, the police arrested two men, namely Ngo Van Van, 42, and Marzukin bin Darwash, 28, at the vicinity of a construction site in Kampong Masin.
...
According to the Deputy Public Prosecutor, Christopher Ng, who was assisted by Prosecuting Officer Attiyah Abas said it was revealed that the defendant had, in fact, asked for money in exchange for sexual services.'

Idealized-beauty women found to affect men's self-images negatively

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In yet another chapter of the Mars-Venus relationship of men and women, a University of Missouri professor has discovered that men can also suffer esteem-issues after being exposed to idealized women in magazines.

Common wisdom assumed that men see beautiful women and merely grunt or smirk, but Jennifer Aubrey, an assistant professor of communication, found that men — at least the pool of 18- to 23-year-old college men that she studied — were more likely to feel self-conscious about their own bodies when they viewed highly attractive females.

"It's simple," said Aubrey, whose research is being published in Human Communication Research this month. "One of the assumptions is that men believe that hot women want hot guys. This is not shocking. What's interesting is how men internalize this information."'

India: "Women are better administrator than men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"It is a reality that women bring more commitment to an organization. They listen better and are more sensitive to the needs and demands of other workers," said Ms Anu Aga.

"It is also unfortunately true that we as women are responsible in communicating the same gender-biased values to our children and in perpetuating this mindset through our actions," cautioned Ms Aga.

Ms Rumjhum Chatterjee, Managing Director, Feedback Ventures, said, "Though men must accept the management qualities of women, women on their part also need to pick up right level of confidence."

"It is a man's world where men and family decide and make their choices. But that leaves for majority of women no choice at all," she added.'

Brain thickness may affect spatial skills

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Article here. Excerpt:

'IOWA CITY, Iowa, Dec. 19 (UPI) -- The greater parietal lobe surface area in male brains is directly related to better performance on mental rotation tasks, U.S. researchers said.
...
Magnetic resonance imaging showed about a 10 percent difference in parietal lobe surface area -- 43 square centimeters for men and 40 square centimeters for women.

"It's important to note that it isn't that women cannot do the mental rotation tasks, but they appear to do them slower, and neither men nor women perform the tasks perfectly," study lead author Tim Koscik said in a statement.

Study co-author Dr. Peg Nopoulos said while the way the brain performs a task may differ between genders, the big question remains whether this is nature or nurture. Nopoulos predicts "if we eventually see both a strong performance and parietal lobe structural difference in children, it would support a biological, not just environmental, effect."

"Is it sexist to think men are angrier than women?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier today we asked readers to imagine an angry face. Then, in a surprise poll, we asked what gender the face was. So far our results match those of a study led by D. Vaughn Becker: over three-fourths of the responses were "male."

In the published study, there was no difference in the response based the respondent's gender. Both men and women are much more likely to think of a male "angry" face than a female one.

If we'd asked you to picture a happy face instead of an angry face, the results would switch almost as dramatically in the opposite direction: Most people say happy faces are female, although in this case, the effect is entirely due to male respondents. Women's responses are evenly divided male-female.

But the researchers weren't just interested in imagined faces. What they really wanted to know is if there's a gender bias in recognizing facial expressions. Are we more likely to perceive a male face as angry and a female face as happy? Are we quicker and better at recognizing angry faces in men compared to women? If we are, does this mean we're sexist?'

India: Women empowerment at the cost of men's liberties

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WOMEN EMPOWERMENT, women equality, etc. seem to be the buzzwords these days with more and more articles coming about increased awareness amongst women about their rights. Since so many decades we have been hearing of these campaigns and they are still running. Feminists still seem to cry about women rights and women empowerment and women equality. For the past almost three decades women empowerment is happening and crores of rupees are spent on it every year and yet if the need for the same is felt, then either something is wrong with the women or their empowerment.

Whatever be the cause, in all this efforts by the various lobbies and groups, the real cost of women empowerment is being borne by men. Whenever men try to talk about their problems / rights / issues, they are subdued saying women empowerment is more important and their problems always take a back seat, when it comes to implementing solutions. And that is the reason in the past 60 years, not a single rupee has been spent for men's welfare.'

"In 2008, feminism is still an f-word"

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Article here. Notice how men losing jobs in construction and manufacturing is considered a bright future for women. Excerpt:

'Today, women have reproductive freedom. More women are independent, thanks to affirmative action hiring that gave them access to better-paying jobs. More women with more money helps them escape abusive relationships, as evidenced by the drop in reported homicides.

And the future looks bright.

Women outnumber men in most university faculties and, reports BusinessWeek, are better suited to the knowledge economy, "which rewards supposedly female traits such as sensitivity, intuition, and a willingness to collaborate.

This while traditionally male jobs, in construction and manufacturing, are disappearing.
...
So here we are, at the end of 2008, and "feminism" is still not only misunderstood and deliberately misinterpreted, it's still an f-word.

Count on me in 2009 to keep flipping the misogynists the bird.'

Do hopes for development in Africa really only lie with women?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Much has been made in recent weeks about the role of women in Katine. Women are presented as the handmaidens of Africa's development and we are asked to place our hope in them. We have seen that men drink too much, and are not always good at managing family matters. Women are presented as responsible citizens, better at running businesses and investing in their children's education. There is some truth to this.

And yet, for better or worse, economic and social life in Katine is organised around households, not around individuals. If there is to be development then it will involve men and women. As we can see in the case of the Odulai family it is the rather complicated set of relationships that makes up a family (in Frances Odulai's case, two wives and 18 children) that determines the welfare of the family. The relationship between Odulai and Ajiko Salina and Alapo Sarafina, his wives, will determine whether or not the family eats, children get fed or the sick get money to buy drugs in the dispensary.'

UK: Gay man seeks visitation of child after 'arrangement' falls through

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Instead, this child was conceived by an arrangement between a gay father and a lesbian mother, both of whom were living with other partners at the time. Michael and Joanne were not even introduced through friends, but by the prosaic means of a classified ad, placed by Michael in a gay newspaper, requesting 'a lesbian partner for a mutually beneficial child-rearing experience'.

The couple, Michael reveals, had met each other only four times before they decided to proceed on this most emotive and important of joint endeavours.

Once their baby was born, there was intermittent contact between Michael and his son, but after three years Ms Skinner suddenly broke all contact and has since apparently absconded with their child. And so, today, Michael now finds himself engaged in a custody battle with a women he barely knows, which has already cost him tens of thousands of pounds.'

Clare Boothe Luce Institute issues 'The Vagina Monologues Exposed: A Student's Guide to V-Day'

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Student Guide here (.pdf file). Excerpt:

'So, what's the best tactic for dealing with V-Day? What can students do to counteract the damaging effects The Vagina Monologues has on young people and campus life? The Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute is a voice for those who want to stand up for decency. CBLPI created V-Day Unveiled to support students who are willing to take a stand against The Vagina Monologues and the V-Day College Initiative by:

Refusing to replace "Valentine's Day" with "Vagina Day"

Renouncing the offensive and degrading image of women and men

presented in The Vagina Monologues and V-Day activities

Rejecting the false claim that these tasteless exhibitions will put an end to violence against women and girls.'

Ed. note: CBLPI home page is http://www.cblpi.org/

'The forgotten father figure'

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Opinion piece here. Excerpt:

'If we truly want to do something about gang violence and youth violence, it is time to reverse the crazy incentives that have thrown more and more fathers out of kids' lives.

Here is what needs to be done, in my opinion.

1.Pass Equal Shared Parenting legislation for fit parents and do it this legislative year.

2. Reform the Massachusetts Family and Probate Courts and make it harder for a father to be relegated to a visitor. Fathers are not visitors, they are parents. Kids need their dads too.

3. Reform Title IV (d) of the Federal Social Security Act and remove the perverse incentives that throw dads out of the house.

4. Reform the Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) and make it gender neutral. Enforce due process laws. Make false accusations a crime.

5. Reform the Crime Bill to enforce due process laws. Make sure mandatory arrest laws are applied equally to men and women.

6. Do not hand out restraining orders without an evidentiary hearing. Remove the check box off the restraining order form for contact with children. Any restraining order that prevents contact with one's children must go through, at a minimum, an evidentiary hearing, but even more important, a jury trial by your peers. It is harder to fire an employee in a large company than it is to remove a parent, especially a father, from a child's life.

The bottom line: dads, fathers do matter. If we want to get to the root of gang and teen violence, we have to find a way to let a dad be a dad and be involved in his kids' lives. Putting bandaids to the problem will never work. Having a dad in one's life will.'

Why are so many female teachers targeting boys for sexual abuse?

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Article here. Excerpt:

"There's a range of reasons these women are abusing boys," Shakeshaft told WND, "not just one."

"One of the reasons is because they can, because we haven't done in schools what we need to do to stop this from happening," Shakeshaft said. "A second reason is because they are in power positions, and they abuse power just as males abuse power."

Shakeshaft told WND, however, that most of the women who aren't hardened predators – including perplexing cases like LaFave's, where a woman may only grow attached to one boy and wouldn't dream of sexually abusing others – rationalize their romantic fixation because, inside, the teacher feels like a teenager herself.

"Most of these people who cross boundaries have arrested emotional development," Shakeshaft said. "They're putting themselves into the same peer group as their students.'

Australia: Lesbian teacher victim's ordeal was 'forced love'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'THE words of the teenage schoolgirl who was befriended and then molested by now-jailed former teacher Amanda Thompson reveal her damage.

"Life is meant to be fun when you're a teenager. It's meant to be the best years of your life," wrote the schoolgirl.

"Amanda ruined that for me," the girl said in her handwritten victim impact statement tendered in court.

"Instead of going out to movies or going over to a friend's house on the weekend, I was drunk in the Valley with my teacher trying to get me into clubs, only to go back to her place to have sex."

Her abuser is behind bars, but for the Brisbane teen targeted by her lesbian teacher, the torment of the two-year nightmare continues.'

Australia: Victim Industry Attacks Men On Christmas

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Family violence is expected to peak over the Christmas holiday season, with shocking new statistics showing New Year's Day is the worst day for the incidence of abuse.
...
"It's important people understand that violence at any time is unacceptable, particularly violence directed at women and children," Mr Overland said.
...
"The Christmas holiday period can be a nightmare for women and children who live with abusive men. When all you wish for at Christmas is not to be hurt, it's a very sorry state of affairs.'

More False Domestic Violence Statistics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Economic stress is a very, very important factor in domestic violence," says Shoshana Ringel, an associate professor of social work at the University of Maryland School of Social Work and an expert on domestic abuse. Ringel says that for many couples, financial problems can "definitely push things over the line."

More than half a million Americans, almost all of them women, are abused by their partners every year, according the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics. Experts say the current economic crisis is so recent that there is little hard data on an increase in abuse. But the National Domestic Violence Hotline, a leading national organization located in Austin, Texas, says that in September, it saw a 21 percent increase in the number of calls it received, compared with last year. In October, the last month for which there are statistics, the rise was 18 percent.'

MND: Times are hard. Let’s trash men.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two metropolitan dailies, the Baltimore Sun and the Detroit Free Press ran articles here and here this week on the increase in domestic violence the economic downturn seems to have produced. And guess what? All the victims are women. Why are we not surprised?

OK, I know, not all of them are women, just "almost all" according to the Sun. The Free Press calls it a "prevalent pattern" to which there are only "a few exceptions." And as usual, all of the personal examples of DV cited in the articles have male perpetrators and female victims. Nary a male victim is interviewed, only women. According to these articles, women don't abuse men, women don't abuse children and women don't abuse other women.

The Sun article maintains its facade of objectivity by citing Department of Justice statistics which say that 73% of DV victims are female. Now if I were writing the piece, I wouldn't call 73% "almost all" of anything. (Who would say that a baseball team with a 73% winning record won "almost all" of its games? Heckuva good year, but "almost all?") But what's more important is the fact that the DOJ statistics are the only source the article cites. And the way those figures are compiled makes them differ sharply from studies which ask people if they've ever committed DV or had DV committed against them. Those figures consistently show that women and men are equal opportunity abusers.'

India: Domestic Violence Cited As One Reason For Increased Suicide Among Married Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of suicides committed by married men is 57,593 whereas that by married women is 30,064. It seams that almost double the number of married men have committed suicide as compared to married women. Also, if one goes by the analysis of the year 2006, 30 per cent of suicides are due to domestic disputes. So in 2006, close to 16,500 married men committed suicide only because of domestic abuse.

Also there is a 33 per cent rise in suicides in the last decade (1996-2006). Hence in 1996, around 11500 married men must have committed suicide because of domestic violence, which gives us an average of 14000 suicide cases per year.

For 2007, the figure works out close to 16000. Hence in 11 years, 156,000 married men have committed suicide due to domestic violence.

Yet, the government did not take any strict measures to protect these men. Society ridicules these suicides by passing off these men as weak and irresponsible and cites financial reasons as the cause of their suicide. On the contrary, for the years 2006 and 2007 as per NCRB, the suicides due to financial reasons are only five per cent.'

"Restroom ads will offer help to abused"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PONTIAC -- A new project that hopes to save women from domestic violence plans to use a nontraditional venue to deliver its message: bathrooms.

The Women's Commission for Oakland County, a volunteer group, hopes to launch a pilot project in 2009 in Southfield that would post information in women's public and private restrooms on how to seek help in domestic violence situations.

"We picked Southfield because it's so diverse with its residential, commercial, retail and industrial sectors," said Wanda Lohmeier, commission chairwoman. "Bathrooms are a private place, and this is a very private crime we are dealing with. This would give them numbers and groups to help."

'White ribbon' makes difference in middle-school students' lives

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this year, the Reno/Tahoe chapter of the American Marketing Association contacted Strauss for help with the local White Ribbon Campaign, an international effort raising awareness of domestic violence issues by encouraging people, particularly men, to wear white ribbons during a designated week to show that they condemn domestic violence. In conjunction with the campaign, the chapter also decided to hold a fund-raiser for a local charity, Crisis Call Center, which assists domestic violence victims.

Strauss, along with the University's American Marketing Association Collegiate Chapter, decided to get involved. The students in the Collegiate Chapter volunteered to make 5,000 ribbons for the campaign. Strauss designed the selling challenge in her class this semester to allow students to earn points for convincing people to wear ribbons, make class presentations, and secure raffle prize donations for the fund-raiser.'

"Some still don’t see double standard"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Remember Debra Lafave, the 25-year-old Florida teacher who had sex with a 14-year-old in the back seat of a car being driven by a 15-year-old? She is the blonde whose lawyer told the court she was too beautiful to go to a prison full of women. So she was sentenced to house arrest.

“People tend to think women can’t really sexually assault because they don’t have the proper anatomy, or they don’t have aggressive tendencies — sexual aggression,” said Susan Strickland, Ph.D., a certified sex offender treatment provider.
...
And female sex offenders use more intrusive levels of sexual behaviors than men. They are more likely than men to abuse strangers. And they are less likely than men to acknowledge guilt or to feel sorry or guilty, Strickland said.

Still in our culture most men grow up viewing molestation by an older woman as a conquest: It feels good and sounds good when it’s told to the other guys.'

UK: Postcards and beer mats tackle abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Postcards feature images aimed at making offenders think about the consequences of their actions and the negative impact it has on children.

One postcard features a young boy sitting next to a Christmas tree. The slogan reads – “All I want for Christmas is for daddy to stop hurting mummy.”

Another card features two young boys huddled together on the stairs listening to their mother being abused by their father. The message on the front reads: “Domestic abuse, you can’t hide it from them.”

...

The postcards will be distributed in supermarkets, social centres, snooker halls, golf clubs, pubs, leisure centres and will be made available to probation officers and domestic abuse offenders with bail conditions.'

UK: West Midlands Police launch advertising campaign to combat domestic violence

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Article here. Exceprt:

'THIS is the shocking poster that West Midlands Police believe will help to combat domestic violence over the festive season.

The photograph of a woman's battered face with a man's bruised hand covering her mouth is part of an advertising campaign by cops to tackle the growing problem.

The Christmas campaign comes amid figures which reveal December is the lowest month for reporting incidents of domestic violence, with women suffering in silence because they want to "hold it together" for the sake of the family.'

UK: Working class white boys lack aspirations

anthony · 21 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Working class white boys are limited by "low horizons" according to a Cabinet Office report.

The report suggested that living in working class areas, especially in former industrial towns and cities, could stop young people, especially white boys, from reaching their potential.

And, poor white boys had the lowest aspirations of all ethnic groups.
...
The Cabinet Office report analysed 14,000 young people in England and found that youngsters in certain neighbourhoods were less likely to stay on in full time education after the age of 16.'

Relatedly: White boys on free meals fall further behind in GCSEs

Canadian Feminist Lawyer: Abused women 'live in a war zone' every day

anthony · 22 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"When women get married they are not signing up for life-threatening careers," Cross said, who likened women who are killed as a result of domestic violence to those who die in battle.

"It is no exaggeration that many women live in a war zone where every day survival becomes a battle, women who spend every day of their lives trying to outwit the enemy, stay alive one more day, protect the children, these women are heroes."

Cross commented on how easily stories in the media about women who are abused or murdered are quickly forgotten and how the media manages to paint a forgiving picture of the abuser.

"They all treat each incident as a singular event, rather than a pattern of violence against women. The abuser is a happy friendly man, a man who walks the dog." She said "this kind of reporting" makes it appear the victims "are somehow responsible for the incident that led to their death."

Italy: Absurd Domestic Abuse Statistics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to Italian national statistic agency ISTAT, over seven million women in Italy have suffered from physical or sexual violence at least once, amounting to nearly a quarter of the female population. Sexual violence by itself counts more than five million victims and 961,000 women have experienced some form of physical abuse. A report by Italian women's advocacy association Casa Internazionale delle Donne claims that every three days in Italy a woman is murdered.'

Two Women Kidnap And Rob Man In Marriage Scam

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Story here. Excerpt:

'KING COUNTY, Wash. -- Two women have been charged for allegedly kidnapped a vulnerable 78-year-old man and taking him to the courthouse, where one of them married him and then tried to withdraw thousands of dollars from his bank account.

Sujinda Yachatta, 56, and Kulany Roeksbutr, 29, have been charged with kidnapping on Tuesday.

Issaquah detectives started an investigation of the Nov. 22 incident after receiving a report from Adult Protective Services concerning the 78-year-old man, who suffers from dementia and lives at an adult family home in Issaquah, court papers said.

The investigation found that the two took the 78-year-old victim from his home without permission, then drove him to Bellevue District Court. A marriage was performed there between the man and Yahatta, who was the man's massage therapist.

Afterward, the two women took the victim to his bank and unsuccessfully attempted to withdraw money from his accounts, which totaled about $28,000, according to court documents.'

Mother allegedly murders son, kills herself over suspected affair

Matt · 22 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ADDIS, LA (WAFB) - Police are investigating the case of a mother killing her seven-year-old son and then took her own life Thursday.

Addis police now say the woman was upset about an alleged affair her husband had with another woman.

West Baton Rouge Parish sheriff's deputies say 34-year-old Lavinia Banks was upset with her husband and fed up with her marriage. She allegedly shot her seven-year old son, Darieyonne, dragged the little boy to the bathroom, and shot him again.

Investigators say she put the little boy's body in a tub full of water and then shot herself in the head. Paramedics were called to the home on Bradley Court in Addis at 5:30pm after the father arrived at the home and saw blood in the hallway.'

Fantasist 'cry rape mother' who wasted 7,000 police hours and cost taxpayers £300,000 is jailed

Anonymous · 22 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 'dangerous fantasist' who wasted more than £300,000 and 7,000 hours of police time, was today jailed for four years.

Mother-of-one Michaela Britton, 40, was found guilty of perverting justice after six months of bizarre false allegations, which included tying herself up, slashing herself with a blade and arranging her car to be shot at.

A court today heard how the case wasted more than 7,000 hours and cost taxpayers a massive £316,000.

Among her 'whopping lies', she told police she was being blackmailed over an explicit pornographic video with an anti-terrorist Metropolitan Police officer.'

UK: Cameron promises more help for (female) victims of domestic violence

Anonymous · 22 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"David Cameron announced wide-ranging plans to tackle domestic violence today with a pledge that a Tory government would move swiftly to improve protection for women.

Domestic violence increases over Christmas and the New Year, when more alcohol is consumed, and the Conservative leader said that tackling it should be made a greater priority.

The Tories would create 15 more rape crisis centres, funded by £2.6million from the 'victim surcharge' that is imposed on criminals who pay fines."

Six-figure payout for couple whose three children were taken away by social services after false abuse claims

Anonymous · 22 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A couple who had their children taken away from them for two years by social services after falsely being accused of sexual abuse have been awarded a six-figure compensation payout.

Tim and Gina Williams went through a 'total nightmare' of having their three young children placed in separate foster homes after being wrongly placed under suspicion by social workers.
...
They were today awarded an undisclosed sum in an agreed settlement at the High Court in Cardiff.
...
The Williams family also received a full written apology from Newport Council.

In his judgment two years ago, Judge Crispin Masterman criticised social services for failing to follow recommended procedures and not carrying out a proper assessment of the family."

Male teachers fight odds, stereotypes

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The number of male teachers in the United States is at a 40-year low. Out of 3 million teachers, only 25 percent are men, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

So what's keeping men out of school?

Brian Nelson founder of MenTeach, a Minneapolis-based organization that seeks to encourage more men to become teachers, cites three reasons:

-- Stereotypes that men aren't nurturing and can't take care of little kids.
"Obviously, that's not true. Men can be great fathers and can be nurturing."

-- Fear of accusation of abuse.
"There's a belief that men are going to harm children in school," Nelson said. "The facts don't bear this out. A child is more likely to be harmed in their own home than they are in school.

"Some men I've talked to who were falsely accused said it really destroys their reputation, even if it's a false allegation. There's something that hovers over them. 'Maybe he did it but just got off.' That keeps men away. Why would you want to go through that?"

-- Low status/low pay.'

Glenn Sacks: The Boy Crisis in Education and the Boy Parent Dilemma

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Modern schools are not suited to boys' personalities and learning styles. This can be seen from the time boys enter school, when many of them are immediately branded as behavior problems. The line of 10 kids who had to gather every day after school in my son's first grade class for their behavior reports--all boys. The names of kids on the side of the chalkboard who misbehaved and would lose recess--all boys. The kids as young as five or six who must be drugged so they will sit still and "behave"--almost all boys.

By any measure, our schools are failing our sons. Boys at all levels are far more likely than girls to be disciplined, suspended, held back, or expelled. By high school the typical boy is a year and a half behind the typical girl in reading and writing, and is less likely to graduate high school, go to college, or graduate college than a typical girl.'"

City councilwoman seeks to allow girls to play on boys' teams

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday, the council will vote on changing the rules for youth sports so that any girl younger than 12 will have the chance to play in all-boy leagues if she and her parents desire.

"If the girls can compete and they're willing to compete, why not let them?" said Byrd, who said she was not allowed to play on the boys football team at Bassett Middle School.

"I don't think it's enough to just say that we're not going to do it because it's a rule we have," she added. "Let's think about what we're doing and why we are doing it."

City sports officials, though, said they are just following state and federal guidelines for girls sports, and that the rule is meant to encourage more girls to play sports.'

Need letters requesting California Supreme Court review of Woods v. Shewry re inmate fathers

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As most of you know, we recently won the case of Woods v. Shewry, in which the California court of appeal recently held that excluding men from state-funded domestic violence services violates men's constitutional right to equal protection. Decision here (.pdf file). See also http://www.metnews.com/articles/2008/wood101508.htm

However, in the same case, we lost the part on the exclusion of inmate dads from inmate parenting programs. So we filed a request for California Supreme Court review of that portion of the decision.

There are over 85,000 fathers in prison in California, and they are automatically barred from even applying for the inmate parenting program solely because they're fathers. These programs including residential housing, alternative sentencing, pediatric services, etc. for mothers with kids under 6 years old.

Fathers are categorically barred, which is clearly a violation of equal protection. The court denied our request because we didn't show there are any fathers who would otherwise qualify. This is a taxpayer suit, so we aren't required to show any particular fathers. But the court presumed no fathers would qualify by being non-violent offenders, primary parents, etc. That's just nonsense. It was more of an outcome-driven fiscal decision than a legal decision, and it needs to be challenged. If necessary we will go into the prisons to find plaintiffs, but that could take years. We need to challenge this now.

It would be great to have letters from organizations and individuals, in or out of California, asking the California Supreme Court to review the part of Woods v. Shewry that addressed inmate fathers. Organizations should begin by explaining who they are, then explaining why the issue should be reviewed. Individuals can go right to the point.

Your letters are appreciated. Address them to:

California Supreme Court
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, CA 94102-4797.

then mail the original to them, and send a copy to the Attorney General at:

Roy S. Liebman, Esq.
Office of the State Attorney General
P.O. Box 944255
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

Family Law Task Force getting flak for recruitment, ‘insider’ panelists

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Via Marc A. Article here. Fred Sottile of Fathers4Justice Los Angeles, who is quoted, is also an officer of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition of Free Men and a recipient of NCFM's Award of Honor for 2008. Nice going, Fred! -- Marc | Excerpt:

'A Task Force created to address alleged widespread problems in the state family courts system is taking flak from the same groups who have been calling for reforms.

Such criticism was widely expected when the Elkins Family Law Task Force was created last May. Men’s and women’s groups have been fighting a highly-politicized battle for years over problems in the courts that decide divorce and child custody proceedings.
While advocates on both sides agree that there are numerous serious issues in the family courts, they often have opposing views on what those problems actually are. But they do seem to agree that the process has been too closed, that there have been problems with a series of focus groups and that the Task Force includes far too many insiders. The 38 members include 16 judges, 12 attorneys, 10 staff members of various family courts—and no advocates or family court litigants.

“When you ask that same entity to investigate itself, and then you put on the panel judges who have historically protected the institution and themselves over the public good, how much substantive change is really going to occur?” said Patty Bellasalma, president of the California National Organization of Women (CA NOW).'

RADAR ALERT: 2008: Building Success Upon Success!

Matt · 22 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

In 2008, the Violence Against Women Act was thrust into the national political arena. Selected as the vice presidential candidate, Sen. Joe Biden repeatedly highlighted his role in securing passage of the Violence Against Women Act. In addition, Republican nomination candidate Mitt Romney was asked at one campaign stop to state his views on bogus restraining orders.

By year's end, 2008 turned out to be a time of unprecedented success. Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting (RADAR), along with the VAWA Reform Coalition and other persons, notched impressive legislative victories, substantially expanded our media efforts, and broadened the coalition to reform the Violence Against Women Act.

This report is organized into three sections:

1. RADAR
2. VAWA Reform Coalition
3. Others' Activities

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Please see http://mediaradar.org/alert20081222.php for the rest of the alert.

Woman Gets Jail For Sexual Torture/Murder, Man Receives Death Penalty

anthony · 22 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'INDEPENDENCE, Mo. - A suburban Kansas City woman pleaded guilty Monday to killing a woman whose sexual torture and suffocation were videotaped.

In a deal with prosecutors that allowed her to avoid the death penalty, Dena Riley, 42, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in the May 2006 death of Marsha Spicer, who was suffocated during sex at an Independence apartment that Riley shared with her boyfriend.

...

As part of the deal, Riley was sentenced to life without parole for the murder charge and to eight additional life sentences and 239 years in prison for 25 other counts.

Earlier this year, Davis was convicted and sentenced to death for Spicer's slaying. He also is charged in the federal case.'

Playboy mansion party hosts faces lawsuit over gender discrimination

Matt · 23 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. Details are scarce. Can anyone post more info?

White House Family Values: Where Are the Boys?

Daringest · 24 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"...In the 80 years before the Obama administration, only the Kennedys brought a boy into the White House.
...
So why no modern manlings in the east wing? I have a theory, born of careful historical analysis and solipsism: It's impossible to be elected to the White House if you have young sons, because that would mean you have to campaign with them.
...
The Obama campaign was noted for its discipline, its rigor and its self control: three things most young boys are not noted for."

This is another example of boy-bashing. Having girls are described as an "asset" which means having boys is a liability. The author has only good things to say about girls and nothing good to say about boys. She is obviously irritated that past US presidents ever had boys, and somehow more recent presidents not having male children is somehow an improvement.

It's also interesting that this person says boys are not noted for having discipline or self-control. Boys are taught discipline and self-control, and girls are not expected to have either, especially with regards to control over her emotions. Boys and men are taught and expected to exercise self-control, but a girl or woman is expected to have her every whim catered to without any self restraint, self control or discipline on her part.

Imagine the uproar if a journalist wrote something less than exalting about female children. Males are fair game for any derision.

Woman jailed for life after murdering husband just 33 DAYS after their wedding

Anonymous · 24 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Muslim woman who knifed her husband to death 33 days after their wedding to escape from her arranged marriage has been jailed for life by the Old Bailey.
...
Khatun then tried to cover up the murder, repeatedly lying to police and persuading a friend to give her a false alibi for the night of the killing.

When her alibi was exposed she said her husband had attacked her and she struck out in self-defence.

But the jury found her guilty of murder yesterday by a 10-1 majority and she was sentenced to serve a minimum of 17 years.'

Finding His Path - profile of a male RN

Vince · 24 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"In college, Pultorak earned the opportunity to learn more about ob/gyn care at a midwifery clinic along the Texas-Mexico border. He was the fist male nurse to attend Maternidad La Luz in El Paso, TX, and was very well accepted.

'They had never let a male go down to Texas,' Pultorak said, 'because they said the attitudes of the women giving birth were not supportive of having a male in on a birth or in on any examinations.'

...

'I know some male nurses are alienated or outcast, but I've never had that problem,' Pultorak said. 'I plan on staying at this hospital for as long as I can because I'm seeing so much and learning so much. I'm also having a great experience with the people I work with and my managers and educators on the floor. It's been more than I could hope for.'"

Police use excessive force, ER docs say

Matt · 25 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters Health) – In a survey of a random sample of U.S. emergency physicians, virtually all said they believed that law enforcement officers use excessive force to arrest and detain suspects.

The sample included 315 respondents. While 99.8 percent believed excessive force is used, almost as many (97.8 percent) reported that they had managed cases that they suspected or that the patient stated had involved excessive use of force by law enforcement officers.

Nearly two thirds (65.3 percent) estimated that they had treated two or more cases of suspected excessive use of force per year among their patients, according to a report of the survey published in the January 2009 issue of the Emergency Medicine Journal.
...
Blunt trauma inflicted by fists or feet was the most common type of injury cited in cases of suspected use of excessive force, followed by "overly tight" handcuffs.

Most emergency physicians (71.2 percent) admitted that they did not report cases of suspected use of excessive force by law enforcement officers.'

What's this have to do with men's rights? Well, how many of these "suspected abused suspects" do you suppose are female? One in 10? One in 100? One in 1,000?

Merry Christmas!

Matt · 25 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Merry Christmas from MANN! Have fun, guys, or, try to anyway.

Female Lawyers More Likely To Work Part-time Hours

Anonymous · 25 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There are nearly 6,000 partners in 131 big law firm offices in Washington, the nation's second-largest law market. Less than 5 percent of the partners are part-timers, but women make up nearly three-quarters of the part-time ranks, according to a new study published by the National Association for Law Placement, a D.C.-based nonprofit group that examines hiring trends in the legal profession.
...
Lawyers make their money on billable hours, which makes it hard to reward with partnership someone who is working part time.'

Thoughts on "The Decline Of Men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'And while women's wages have soared, wages for men have declined.

'Men are not just getting poorer, they're also getting dumber,' he says. And he's right. Beneath the lip gloss of metrosexual modern male, men are in trouble.

Men of all ages are becoming increasingly 'angry, suspicious, reactionary and isolated' because women have treated the men's natural roles without respect.

Who wouldn't become reactionary when all that you knew had been demeaned, taken from you or chipped away?

Who wouldn't feel isolated when society had institutionalised fatherlessness, thus eradicating the most vital and enhancing role any man can play in his life?

Garcia goes so far as to argue that the roles have flipped so much from the way they were, say, 50 years ago - and that men have become so emasculated and feminised - that 'men are the new women'.

If that's true, and sadly it is for some men, then women have a lot to answer for. And perhaps the greatest irony is that it's us who are the losers in the end.'

Bob Geldof: We need a law for dads

Matt · 26 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is the special child's time because 2,000 years ago, the story tells us, a woman and a man had a baby together and though the man knew perfectly well he was not the child's father he nonetheless loved him and his wife and raised him to be strong, independent, brave and loving.

Lucky kid, to have Joseph for a dad. Indeed, were Jesus alive today, to have any dad at all to raise him to be a good man.

For those divorced men with children, Christmas is a travesty, a repulsive contradiction of a family holiday, of a loving celebration, of a special children's time.'

Ninth body found at site of Santa-suit killings

Matt · 26 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'COVINA, Calif. (AP) - A ninth body was found Friday morning at the charred site of a Christmas Eve massacre where a recently divorced man dressed as Santa shot indiscriminately at partygoers and destroyed his former in-laws' house with a homemade blowtorch.

The attacker, Bruce Pardo, reached a Dec. 18 settlement with his ex-wife, who along with her parents was believed to be among the dead. His lawyer and a fellow church usher were among those who said they had never seen anything to indicate he was capable of such a brutal crime.
...

Pardo left the scene of the killings and was found dead Thursday, of a single bullet to the head, at his brother's house.
...
Court documents show Sylvia Pardo got the couple's dog, the wedding ring and $10,000 in the settlement agreement, while he got the house. In June, the court ordered Bruce Pardo to pay $1,785 a month in spousal support and put him on a payment plan of $450 a month for $3,570 that was unpaid.

Pardo's attorney said the man had trouble making the payments after he lost his job in July, but spousal support was waived in the settlement signed earlier this month.'

There's no excusing such behavior, of course. This is simply a believable tragedy. That's right, believable. I would have written "unbelievable" if I were typing this even 10 years ago, but alas, it is believable. Lots of dead bodies, no justice, many questions, no living suspect to exact revenge against by incarceration or execution, as he has already passed judgment and executed sentence on himself. A truly necrotic state of affairs it has become when relations between the sexes and then between the people and the state get so bad that this sort of thing happens. But I doubt it's the last of such incidents, sadly. And as usual, just switch the sexes around in the story and the tale remains believable-- at least as long as you know the truth about DV.

Police: Woman faked missing baby story to win back ex

anthony · 26 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Meagan McCormic faced television cameras on Christmas Day to plead for the return of her missing 5-month-old son.

"I don't even know if he's dead or alive," she said.

In fact, she knew that the child had never existed, police said.

McCormic was trying to lure an ex-boyfriend back when she invented a missing-child story that triggered a statewide search this week, police said Friday.

Investigators have charged the 22-year-old with filing a false police report. If convicted, they said, she may have to pay authorities for the cost of their search.'

Maryland Woman Arrested in Mexico 10 Years After Kidnapping 4-Year-Old Son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON — A Maryland woman who fled 10 years ago with her son to Mexico after a custody dispute has been arrested and flown back to the United States, officials said.

Tamara Kennedy, a U.S. citizen and her now 14-year-old son, Joseph Alexander Kennedy, disappeared from Maryland in 1998, shortly before sole custody of the boy was to be given to the child's father, said Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Brandon A. Montgomery.

...

The boy's father, Donald Wiswell, came to Houston on Wednesday in hopes of being reunited with his son.

But Child Protective Services officials will keep the boy in custody until the investigation is completed.

"In cases like this, there have been many years of separation, and there may be allegations by the parent who fled with him that we need to look at before reuniting to make sure the transition is smooth and the child is safe," said Houston CPS spokeswoman Estella Olguin.'

National Review: The Good Dad

anthony · 26 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The name Fathers for Good has a double meaning: 1) every man in his heart wants to be a good father, even amid human frailty; and 2) once a man becomes a father, once he generates new life, it is “for good,” for the rest of his life. No matter the circumstances of his life or those of his child, that man will always bear the identity of a father. This is good news of great joy, and we try to help men live out that joy.
...
CAULFIELD: The goal is to be of service to fathers in their often difficult vocation. Men in general and fathers in particular are often portrayed negatively on TV and popular media, and men need to know that their specifically male virtues and character are valued and have a place in the modern world. We also abide by Pope John Paul II’s insight that men learn their fatherhood through the love of their wives, so the relationship with their wives is key.'

Canada: Early release denied for female teacher convicted of sex offense

anthony · 26 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Cornwall-area teacher found guilty of sexually assaulting a student has been denied early release from jail.

Jennifer Dorland, 42, recently went before the Ontario Parole and Early Release Board in the hopes of being set free less than two months after she was first sent to jail. The former teacher was sentenced to six months behind bars on Oct. 28. She had been convicted on Dec. 20, 2007, on counts of sexual assault, sexual interference and invitation to sexual touching involving a 13-year-old boy.

In denying Dorland early release, the parole board said the woman would pose a risk to society if she were to be released and that she is at risk to reoffend.

The board said Dorland, who now uses the surname Toews, only recently admitted being responsible for her crimes and had maintained her innocence from the time she was charged until after she was initially incarcerated.'

Police: Florida Woman Murdered 8-Year-Old Son on Christmas

Michael · 26 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'Police said Eryn Allegra, of Port St. Lucie, gave the boy eight Advil pills to put him to sleep, then early Thursday morning suffocated him with a pillow in a hotel room. Allegra then allegedly tried to slit her wrists, but the blade she used was too dull. Police said she dialed 911 and was taken to a local hospital.

Allegra told investigators she had been having financial problems since August 2007.

It was unclear if Allegra had an attorney.'

UK: Fines for loutish 'ladettes' treble since 24-hour drinking was introduced

Anonymous · 27 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"The number of women fined on-the-spot for loutish behaviour has trebled since Labour introduced 24-hour drinking.

Police chiefs last night blamed the surge in 'ladette' offences on the increased availability of alcohol since the licensing laws were relaxed in November 2005.

Figures obtained by the Daily Mail from police forces in England and Wales show that almost 37,100 fixed penalty notices of up to £80 were handed to women last year for offences such as being drunk in the street, shouting abuse or damaging property.'

UK: Mother attacks boy, five, at school - released 'with caution'

Matt · 27 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The woman was arrested following an incident at Priory Primary School in Tynemouth, North Tyneside, earlier this month.

Northumbria Police said the 44-year-old woman had accepted a police caution.

In a statement the force said: "At around 9.10am on Thursday December 11 police received a report of an incident at Priory Primary School, Percy Park Road, Tynemouth.

"A 44-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of assault and received a caution."'

Commentary: The joke's on men in modern times

anthony · 28 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Garcia said the male-bashing trend is also a result of the pent-up anger women still hold for men. The fact is, it wasn't long ago that it was a man's world - that women had limited opportunities and options. For some women, male bashing is a form of payback.
...
The irony is that men aren't fighting women. Most are bending over backwards to accommodate women.
...
Garcia argues that in the most extreme cases a significant social trend has occurred - that as men stumble and fall behind, they are dropping out and giving up. He says we're in a state of denial - that the faltering male doesn't do anyone any good.

"The shrinking pool of educated, eligible males only adds to the perception that men are clueless deadbeats, a downward spiral that could affect generations to come," he said.'

Study: Toilet Seat Injuries to Little Boys Appear to Be on the Rise

anthony · 28 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. People with toddler sons, take heed! Excerpt:

'Parents of newly toilet-trained boys should take a few simple steps to keep their sons' penises safe when they go to the bathroom, a team of UK urologists advises.

There's evidence that crush injuries due to falling toilet seats may be on the rise, Dr. Joe Philip of Leighton Hospital in Crewe and colleagues warn in a letter in BJU (British Journal of Urology) International.'

NPR show: 'Raising Boys'

anthony · 28 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Show here. From the page:

'If you've paid attention to the media lately, you've heard that American boys are in crisis - lagging behind educationally, and disconnected from their masculinity. Others argue that these problems are no more a part of boys' lives than snakes, snails and puppy dog tails - and that maybe it's pressure to be stereotypically manly that exacerbates the difficulties they do experience. Join us this Wednesday when we look at the status of boys from both sides, and see what challenges are involved in raising boys today. Because this is a show from our archives, we won't be taking calls this hour.'

Single men turning to surrogates

anthony · 28 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Surrogacy experts say gestational surrogacy has increased steadily since the advent of in vitro fertilization in the early 1980s, because it provides an extra layer of emotional and legal protection for the client. The egg donor usually does not even know the client, and unlike the legally contentious "Baby M" case from the 1980s, the surrogate is not giving birth to her genetic child.

"It rises as an issue far less frequently with gestational surrogacy, because women never see it as their child to begin with," said John Weltman, president of Circle Surrogacy.

His agency, which expects more than 70 babies to be born in 2009, has seen a 50 percent growth in the number of single male clients over the past year.'

Military Struggles With Response To PTSD

anthony · 28 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(CBS) The Pentagon says 1 in 5 service members who come home from Iraq or Afghanistan suffer from post-traumatic stress.

Some find their experiences too much to bear. There were 115 military suicides last year, and 93 through just August of this year.

The biggest obstacle to getting those numbers down may be the military culture itself, reports CBS News correspondent Kimberly Dozier.

...

On July 11, 2007, McKinney, serving on his second tour, killed himself in front of his men. He had endured months of sleeplessness, nightmares and guilt over losing so many of the soldiers he commanded.

"I think he felt like he couldn't send one more broken body home, one more dead person home," Jeff McKinney's father, Charles McKinney, said.'

Man dies after genitials 'set on fire by wife'

Anonymous · 29 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Australian man has died from horrific burns after his wife allegedly set fire to his genitals while he was alseep.
...
His wife, Rajini, is expected to be charged with manslaughter or murder.
...
Police allege Mrs Narayan doused his genitals with methylated spirit and then set him on fire early on the morning of December 7.'

Pupils misbehave more with male teachers, survey shows

Anonymous · 29 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Children are more likely to behave badly in front of male teachers than females, according to a survey published today.
...
Christine Blower, acting general secretary of the NUT, said: "Despite the impression given by some national figures that women teachers are more subject to experiencing bad behaviour than men, the evidence is that it is male teachers who sometimes experience greater levels of poor pupil behaviour.

"It also demonstrates how misleading gender stereotypes are."'

New York City Girl, 15, Charged With Two Homicides

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK — A 15-year-old Bronx girl has been charged with two homicides including the death of a man whose dismembered body was found in a plastic bag.

Sharell Butler was arraigned late Saturday and charged as an adult with murder in the deaths of 24-year-old Christopher Umpierre on Dec. 19 and 22-year-old John Hopkins-Drago on Dec. 21.

A Bronx building superintendent found Hopkins-Drago's body stuffed in a garbage bag. The medical examiner's office said the cause of death was stab wounds to his head, torso and extremities.

Prosecutors said Umpierre was shot in the chest during a home invasion robbery involving Butler and others.'

Withoutafather.com - sign of the times

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The site is http://www.withoutafather.com/. From the "About" page:

'Welcome to WithoutaFather.com

This site was created for teens growing up without a father or without a mother.

If was created for those who rarely see their fathers after their parents got divorced and for those who never even knew their fathers. It was created for those who lost a parent to cancer and for those who go through long periods of time without their fathers or mothers because of their service in the armed forces. It was created for those who may have a physically present, but emotionally absent father.

In all these cases and many others, this site was created for you and with you in mind. Even more, this site is for to any teen anywhere who is trying to improve their life.'

Phyllis Schlafly: Obama's Plan to Rejoin the World Community

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Obama is toadying to his feminist friends by pushing ratification of the UN Treaty on Women, known as CEDAW. It was signed by Jimmy Carter in 1980 and persistently promoted by Hillary Clinton, but the Senate has so far had the good judgment to refuse to ratify it.

This treaty would require us "to modify the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men and women," to follow UN dictates about "family education," to revise our textbooks to conform to feminist ideology in order to ensure "the elimination of any stereotyped concept of the roles of men and women," and to set up a federal "network of child-care facilities."

Article 16 would require us to allow women "to decide number and spacing of their children." Everyone recognizes this as feminist jargon for a UN obligation to allow abortion on demand.

Like all UN treaties, the UN Treaty on Women creates a monitoring commission of so-called "experts" to ensure compliance. The monitors of the Treaty on Women have already singled out Mother's Day as a stereotype that must be eliminated.'

CNN: Why women shouldn't say 'I love you' first

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If I have a daughter one day, among the many things I'll teach her will be how to tie her shoes, to look both ways before crossing the street, to never end a sentence with a preposition, and to always let the man say "I love you" first.

I'll give her plenty of other relationship tips, too, like how it's perfectly okay to ask a guy out, to make the first move, to even propose, but when it comes to the "L" word, the ball's in the guy's court.

Unlike asking a man out, making a move on him, or even proposing, there's no action-based response to the first "I love you." It's all words, it's all emotion. In that moment, he either loves you back or he doesn't -- you only hear the black or white of a 'yes' or 'no,' not the gray of "Well, I like you a whole lot and I could see myself falling in love with you, but I'm just not quite there yet."

And the truth is, it often takes men longer to get there than it does for women. Men process their emotions more slowly, they're usually more cautious about taking their feelings and relationships to the next level.'

"Obama's women: He just can't win"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Suddenly, Obama was an obstacle to the advancement of women. Now, President-elect Obama is again being portrayed as an obstacle to the advancement of women. Radical feminists whine that he didn't appoint enough women to his Cabinet.

Upon seeing that Obama had named five women to top administration posts, Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women, said, "there need to be a lot more women's voices in this administration."

Amy Siskind, co-founder of New Agenda, said Obama has taken "shocking steps backward." She said "this constituency does not matter to the President-elect."
...
This type of bean counting, as Bill Clinton called it, is silly. Obama should have the freedom to pick the people he believes best suited for the work without being criticized by activists who care more about pressure politics than good government.'

Woman jailed for domestic abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Tahlequah woman was arrested by Cherokee County sheriff's deputies Monday for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, domestic abuse, and domestic abuse in the presence of minors.
...
Finch met deputies at a neighbor's house. When the deputies went to her residence to talk with her husband, they met the man with numerous injuries, including stab wounds, scratches and bite marks on his shoulders, scalp, forehead and forearm. He was bleeding in numerous places. He told deputies his wife had thrown snow globes at him and stabbed him numerous times.

Three children in the home were interviewed by deputies, and said Finch had thrown snow globes at the man and also hit him over the head with a green vase.

The man did not want to press charges or file a report, but deputies arrested Finch because of the evidence that she was the likely aggressor. A piece of wood believed to have been used as a weapon to stab the victim was logged in as evidence. The vase and screwdriver the children said were used as weapons were not located.'

India: 18% rape cases false

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW DELHI: A little less than 20% of sexual-assault cases reported in and around Delhi are false, shows a five-year study. In almost every fifth incident, or, in 18.3 % cases to be precise, rape is used as a weapon to malign and attempt revenge, found a group of psychologists who assist Delhi Police in investigating sexual assault allegations.
...
In September 2007, the Supreme Court had alerted lower courts to attempts at misusing the rape law, noting "the courts should bear in mind that false charges of rape are not uncommon."'

Male DV Research Project Seeks Subjects

Anonymous · 29 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Dear MensActivism,

I received a link to this site recently in an email note and thought that you might be interested.

Regards,

Heretic
http://hereticalsex.blogspot.com/

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Ed. note: This study has been mentioned before here on MANN but it can't hurt to mention it again for the benefit of people new to the site.

Husband Urges Men Who Slept With His Wife to Get HIV Test

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Canadian man is urging others who may have slept with his Thai stripper ex-wife to get tested for the HIV virus after she passed it on to him, according to a report in the Toronto Sun.

"I know there were other men she slept with," Percy Whiteman told the Sun on Sunday. "I am lucky that I was able to find out early."

Whiteman said learned her HIV status when she fell ill in 2004. She was convicted of criminal negligence causing bodily harm for infecting Whiteman with HIV and was sentenced to three years in jail in August 2007, the Sun reported.

Imkhong came to Canada in 1995 and was a dancer at the Zanzibar Tavern in Toronto until 2004. She married Whiteman in 1997. "She should have been deported a long time ago for what she's done to others," Whiteman told the Sun. "I don't think justice was fully served."'

"DSM psychiatry manual's secrecy criticized"

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Fred and I discussed the APA's DSM-III on episodes of ***Face Up To Fred*** that dealt with Parental Alienation.

It's too bad this L.A. Times article (**DSM psychiatry manual's secrecy criticized**) doesn't address the "gender politics" that goes into some of the DSM's conclusions (in my opinion). Excerpt:

"...the issue carries real weight for parents desperate to address children's difficult behavior or people in distress over their mental state. It also speaks to citizens' concerns over news accounts of an overmedicated America and of the troubling financial links between some psychiatric researchers and the pharmaceutical industry."

...

"Darrel Regier, who heads the APA's research arm, said the critics are failing to recognize progress in the field. 'The field of psychiatry has gone from an ideology to a scientific pursuit,' he said."

...

"Some critics suspect that a quest for profits has encouraged the field to create mental illnesses out of personality quirks."

California: Male prisoners must drink unsafe water while female prisoners get bottled water

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The Los Angeles Times reports today: Arsenic levels too high in Kern Valley State Prison's drinking water. Excerpt:

"At the California Institution for Women in Chino, the state has been buying bottled water for prisoners for five years -- at a current annual cost of $480,000 -- because of nitrate levels that violate federal standards in the water supply to the facility and to the nearby California Institution for Men.

Chino-area municipalities have built systems to filter their own water, and the state hopes to complete a similar project a year from now for both the women's and men's prisons."

UK: Politically correct brigade demands one woman on each fire engine

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Local Government Association (LGA) has said that at at least 15 per cent of those in operational roles should be female.

That means they will fill one of the five or six places for crew on each engine.

The LGA said an increased number of firewomen is necessary "to meet the needs of local people".

But critics warned that political correctness was being put above the ability to save lives.

Susie Squire, of the Taxpayers' Alliance, said: "Introducing this sort of quota to the fire service is a big mistake.

"If ever there was a job that should be awarded on merit and physical fitness, it is that of a firefighter.'

Woman charged with raping 14-YO boy, also falsely accuses him of raping her daughter

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police in Delaware have arrested a woman they say had sex with her teenage daughter's friend.

38-year-old Juli Faunce, a resident of the unit block of Commonwealth Avenue in the Overlook Colony Apartments, has been charged with four counts of rape in the 3rd degree.
...
Police say Faunce had sex with the boy on at least two occasions in November while he was "staying the night" in her apartment.

Faunce later learned that her daughter had also engaged in a sexual relationship with the boy. *She called police Sunday to report the teen had forced himself on her daughter, because they say she was unhappy with the news of her daughter's new relationship.*

Faunce has been arraigned and released on $40,000 bail. She was ordered to have no contact with the victim and also ordered to not have any teenage boys in her home for any period of time.'

Basically after "having sex" with a minor (clearly a minor, not an on-the-border-he-could-easily-be-18 minor), she then made a false report to the police accusing the boy of raping her daughter. The way I see it, they are still short on charges in this case.

Man charged over daughter's hypothermic death

Matt · 30 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This is one to keep an eye on. The issue here is equal treatment under the law. Had the father been the mother, would she be facing these charges? I doubt it. Still, there strikes me as being a strong element of negligence here, unless there are salient facts missing from the story. I am curious to know the more of the circumstances around events. If I get wind of updates or "new news", I'll post, and feel free to submit if you spot anything.
Excerpt:

'A father charged with the hypothermic death of his daughter cried and banged his head against a table Monday in a Shoshone courtroom after a judge read out each charge against him.

Robert E. Aragon, 55, is accused of felony injury to a child and second-degree murder, after two of his children tried to walk nearly 10 miles on their own through feet of snow and freezing temperatures on Christmas to see their mom.

Aragon's family says he's a loving father who shouldn't be in jail for the tragedy.
...

Quintana also said he thought Jenks was going to retrieve the children and thought Aragon and Jenks had coordinated that plan over the phone.

"We thought their mother was going to meet up with the children," Quintana said. "Where was she? How were we supposed to know she wasn't coming?"

But Jenks told the Times-News she disagrees, adding Monday she didn't have a car. "They didn't even call me, telling me they were walking," she has said.

Lincoln County authorities also say the road was undriveable due to snow drifts, according to court papers.
...
Quintana says he and Aragon searched and yelled out for the children for at least four hours, with towels wrapped around their heads, but they stopped as hypothermia set in. He said he had no cell phone reception in the search area.

'They found her (Sage Aragon) a mile and a half from where I turned around," Quintana said. "If we had kept going, we could have gotten her in time. I just couldn't go anymore, I was so tired. The whole time, we were yelling for the children, our eyes and throat were wind burnt."'

Women's magazine runs article on woman-on-man DV

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Nice change! Article in "Marie Claire" here. Excerpt:

'According to a Penn professor who studies these things, every American man has about a 28 percent chance of being struck by a woman at some point in his life (in related news, the number of girls ages 10 to 17 arrested for aggravated assault has doubled in the last 20 years). And yet no one seems to take the phenomenon that seriously. Maybe it's because men, generally speaking, are bigger and stronger, and we assume there's a real limit to the physical damage women could actually inflict. We don't picture these scuffles resulting in bloody noses and black eyes or a trip to the station house. Furthermore, pop culture has made the idea of a pretty girl whaling on a guy a wacky comedy staple — Angelina Jolie smashing wine bottles over Brad Pitt's head in Mr. & Mrs. Smith and Cameron Diaz coldcocking Edward Burns in The Holiday were both played for laughs. But the reality of getting hit by your girlfriend isn't so sexy or hilarious.'

Baskerville commentary: Newsweek's lies about divorce

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The mendacity is especially glaring regarding fathers. "Changes in child-support laws, and a push by fathers for equal time, are transforming the way this generation of ex-spouses raise [sic] their children," claims the carefully worded headline. Yet, Newsweek provides no evidence of any such changes; in fact, it concedes that "Most often, children still end up living primarily with the mother" and that "moms are the official primary residential parent after a divorce in five out of six cases, a number that hasn't changed much since the mid-'90s."

One divorce lawyer claims that "most states have provisions that say gender can't be the determining factor in deciding who is going to be the primary custodial parent," but he does not tell us that such provisions are ignored.

The magazine's account of child support is likewise distorted. Advertised as providing for children who have been "abandoned" by their fathers, child support is in reality the financial engine driving divorce, offering generous windfalls to mothers who break their vows, while criminalizing fathers with debts most have done nothing to incur and that are far beyond their means.'

Woman charged after three young sisters are found home alone on Christmas Eve

Anonymous · 30 December 2008 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Three young girls were found home alone and apparently abandoned on Christmas Eve, it emerged yesterday. The youngsters had been left with no presents to open and no tree to cheer them up.

While police officers tracked down and arrested their mother on suspicion of neglect, their colleagues organised a whip-round and dashed to the shops before they closed for Christmas to buy some last minute gifts for the girls.

The incident happened in Gorton – the tough district of South Manchester which originally formed the backdrop of the Channel 4 comedy series Shameless.'

CNN: Eight signs your man may be depressed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Though the stigma is lessening, men are still far more likely than women to let their depression go untreated. Blame it on Rambo, Brando, or the lure of the martini, but many guys still aren't getting the help they need.

As the traditionally stressful, dark days of winter set in, here are some signs that the guy you love might be suffering from more than a loss in fantasy football.

1. Substance use: Has he been drinking more beer than a pledging freshman? Has his usual dinner cocktail spawned into three? Often, an increase in substance use -- and this includes cigarettes, recreational drugs, and caffeine -- can be a desperate attempt to self-medicate or cover up unpleasant feelings that are gnawing at him.'

Wife stabs husband, gets custody of children

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Story here. Excerpt:

'His wife stabbed him about 5 years ago. While Leanne Putnam was awaiting her days in court for felony assault, she was awarded sole custody of their 3 children, allegedly by Rockville Superior Court Judge Jonathan J. Kaplan in Connecticut. Abuse of Fathers and their children in courts is not uncommon.

Chris Kennedy then lodged complaints against Judge Kaplan and other judges. The retaliation began, where he would have less, to no access, to his own children. His saga has been going on for about 5 years. After Chris lodged complaints, the charges were dropped against his ex-wife, and Chris Kennedy became the target of an out of control Judge, Jonathan J. Kaplan. Complaints Chris had lodged were put in his “secret, sealed folder” for other judges to see and to likewise help retaliate.'

DNA test doesn’t stop Oklahoma man's child support liability

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Story here. Excerpt:

'When an Oklahoma man’s ex-wife told him she was pregnant, he asked if he was the father.

"She said, ‘Yeah, 100 percent sure you’re the dad,’ so I didn’t question it past that,” the man said.

But that man, who asked to remain anonymous because of pending litigation, says testing shows otherwise. He provided The Oklahoman with a copy of genetic test results dated Nov. 10 from Identigene showing he is not the father. State law, though, compels him to continue paying child support even though he’s not a biological parent — and there are more like him.

Nearly 25 percent of about 3,000 paternity tests conducted by the state Department of Human Services from July 2007 through June ruled out the supposed father as the biological parent. Nationally, that number reaches nearly 30 percent, according to the American Association of Blood Banks.'

Fathers & Families Files Federal Suit to Block New Mass. CS Guidelines

Matt · 2 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

From Glenn Sacks; article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers & Families Files Lawsuit to Stop New Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines

Several years ago Fathers & Families scored a major victory in Massachusetts, getting child support obligations reduced by an average of 15%. This victory has saved Massachusetts noncustodial parents over $1 billion since 2001.

Unfortunately, now noncustodial parents are under attack, as child support guidelines are being greatly increased.

Fathers and Families has filed suit in Federal District Court in Boston to stop the scheduled January 1 implementation of new Child Support Guidelines. The suit seeks a temporary injunction halting the use of the new guidelines until a full hearing can be held. It will be heard before Judge D.P. Woodlock on Monday, January 5 at 10 AM in courtroom 1.'

UK: How benefits make parents better off if they decide to split

AngryMan · 2 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"David Cameron today attacked ministers' failure to protect the family after it emerged that couples with children can become more than £5,000 a year better off if they split up or choose to live apart.

A study by the Civitas think-tank shows how millions of working families are missing out on the benefits paid to single parents.

Today the Conservative leader said the report exposed the 'madness' of Government benefits policy and its failure to protect the family."

"Emerging priorities in men's issues in North America"

Matt · 2 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Presentation here. Greg obviously put a lot of effort into putting this together. Good work, Greg!

UK: Fathers' role in education stressed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Schools are being urged to increase contact with absent fathers to encourage them to play a greater role in their child's education, it has been reported.

Ministers want fathers who are not living in the family home to be kept informed of their child's progress at school, believing it can improve pupils' well-being and academic performance, particularly among boys, according to The Independent.

A recent Cabinet Office report showed a quarter of children were living in lone parent homes.

Studies show a father's involvement is vital to encouraging boys, in particular, to do better in school.'

"Governance Feminism"

MR · 2 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article entitled Alec Baldwin: A Promise to Ourselves. Excerpt:

'...“Governance Feminism” was first coined by ... Law Professor Janet Halley. The following is an excerpt from Baldwin’s interview with Professor Suk:

"[Governance Feminism is] the idea that feminism, which once criticized the law from the outside, is today actually in charge in many places in the law — among police, prosecutors, lawmakers, judges, and other legal actors. The feminism that often “governs” today is that strand developed by the legal scholar Catherine MacKinnon and that focuses on the subordination of women by men, particularly in intimate sexual relationships. Her influence on our legal system’s understandings of men and women cannot be overstated. If you talk to police, prosectuors, law-makers, and judges about domestic violence, perhaps they have not read MacKinnon, but they often subscribe to the premise that men subordinate women through sex and violence."

$13-million facility teaches homeless women fine cuisine while ignoring men

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The cafe is the latest project of the Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women and Children. Over the last 25 years, the organization has provided thousands with food, clothes, housing and counseling, all under the steady hand of Sister Julia Mary Farley, its founder and a saintly sort in local social work circles.

Good Shepherd occupies nearly an entire block in a stretch of town otherwise peppered with cheap motels, union halls and lavanderías. Its latest addition is a $13-million building with 21 transitional apartments -- and this tiny cafe.

The cafe is staffed by 10 women, nine of them mothers, all of them recently homeless, imprisoned or both. There are former addicts, dealers, thieves and old-fashioned down-on-their-lockers -- some of whom have eaten out of garbage cans -- being trained in classic cuisine and, on the best days, learning to love themselves again.'

Columnist praises men who stay with wife and child even after paternity fraud is known

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Stop paternity fraud" has become the rallying cry for cuckolded men. Child advocates such as D.C. attorney Ron Henry call for child-support reform to prevent innocent men from being turned into "indentured servants" for 18 years. Paternity-fraud victim Carnell Smith, who founded www.paternityfraud.com, offers support and DNA tests to suspicious men. A Utah company, Identigene, markets affordable DNA Paternity Test Kits in Rite-Aid, CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart and other stores across the country.

Paternity fraud taps into a deep anger and distress men can feel when faced with a duplicitous woman. At the same time, however, I also have met many men who, when faced with this identical dilemma, considered their options, took a deep breath and became the father to a child who was not their own.
...
Too often, our media focus on the boys who make babies and walk away, and ignores the men who, with full knowledge and free will, quietly shoulder the responsibility, become a partner to the mother and take the father's seat at the table.'

Mother charged in toddler's death

anthony · 3 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Stevensville mother told sheriff's deputies she killed her 3-year-old daughter and attempted suicide earlier this month because she couldn't handle the holidays and wanted to take her child with her when she died, according to court documents.

Victoria Adele Sparrow, 43, was released from a Baltimore hospital yesterday and formally charged with the death of her daughter, Laci. She is being held without bond at the Queen Anne's County Detention Center on charges of first-and second-degree murder, first-and second-degree assault, reckless endangerment, first-degree child abuse resulting in death, and second-degree child abuse.'

Woman booked into Angelina jail on charges she killed her husband in 2003

anthony · 3 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Angelina County woman indicted last year in connection with the 2003 shooting of her husband arrived New Year's Eve to Angelina County jail after being extradited from Iowa.

Shelly Dorsey, 37, was charged with capital murder Wednesday afternoon following her refusal to waive her extradition from an Iowa county jail where she was being held.

An Angelina County grand jury in late October indicted Dorsey for the murder of 30-year-old Alvin Dorsey II, who died after being shot in the chest outside Little Jim's night club, off U.S. 69 south, on Sept. 12, 2003.

Police responded to reports of shots fired; when deputies arrived on scene, they saw Dorsey standing over the body of her husband, who was lying on his back in a pool of blood, an arrest report stated.'

Woman caught on tape trying to hire a hit man to kill her ex-husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Washington state woman is accused of trying to hire someone to kill her ex-husband and his family, and police say they have the video to prove it.

Investigators said 28-year-old Elizabeth Beimer was enraged over a custody battle with her ex-husband and asked a friend to help find a hit man. That friend went to the police.

So instead, Beimer ended up meeting with an undercover officer.'

Pain of divorce: Where money is placed above fairness

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Additionally, after thirty years of mainstream feminist control of virtually all federal, state, and county family law related legislation every Elkins Task Force member has undergone intensive training based on questionable ideological models, including through lucrative STOP grants funded by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the very name of which unequivocally reveals intentional gender bias.

Between 1996 and 2003, California was awarded more than $60 million in STOP grants to ensure the effective handling and prosecution of violent crimes against women (not men). The Judicial Council of California even administered a VAWA Education Project (VAWEP) to provide the courts with information, educational materials, and training about abused women.

Hence, feminist trained industry dependent Task Force members directly or indirectly represent womens' rights activists who complained about not being represented on the Task Force thereby giving women an overwhelming default advantage. There is no Task Force member with a clear understanding of men or fathers' interests, in part because no meaningful programs exist for training industry stakeholders on related issues and research; nor do men's issues bring financial incentives to state or county coffers.'

Woman charged in murder of police officer husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'But here's where the evidence didn't seem to fit quite right. For one thing, said McCartin, a policeman at home, out of uniform, would never reveal he was a cop for fear of making a bad situation worse. And besides, if Joel had been shot while confronting his attackers, there should have been blood spatter everywhere. But there wasn't. There was lots of blood, of course. But only on the couch.

...In my opinion he was shot while he was sleepin' on the couch. He was on the couch the entire time.'

UK: Sex discrimination laws prevented ban on the belt for girls, reveal archives

anthony · 4 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'EARLY moves to ban teachers from giving girls the belt at school were thwarted by sex discrimination laws, newly released government papers reveal.
...
The documents, dating from the late 1970s – ten years before the belt wasbanned – were kept secret for 30 years and reveal that sex discrimination laws of the time prevented a reprieve from corporal punishment for girls.
...
"Any rules which provide that boys should receive corporal punishment where girls do not would be illegal.

"The Secretary of State for Scotland did not agree with corporal punishment for girls but could not say so because of the Sex Discrimination Act. The Secretary of State felt strongly that girls of any age should not receive corporal punishment."'

Rising autism rates challenge schools

anthony · 4 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of students diagnosed with autism in South Carolina's public schools has more than doubled in the past five years, creating more challenges in programming and staffing for education officials.
...
The local trend mirrors national data that show the prevalence has risen to 1 in every 150 American children, and almost 1 in 94 boys, according to a report released by the Centers for Disease Control in 2007.

Durant said the biggest challenge is making sure that everyone gets the necessary training to provide the right services to the students. Making sure special education teachers have training is much easier than with general education teachers, she added, but no less important.'

"Some Change Is a Big Improvement"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists are howling in protest against this growing trend toward single-sex public education. Ever since the 1960s, they've been demanding that boys and girls, and men and women, be treated exactly the same based on feminist theory that there are no gender differences.

"Without anyone batting an eye, we are re-segregating schools based on gender," complained Rosalind Barnett of Brandeis University. "If for a minute people talked about re-segregating on race, people would be up in arms."

But gender is not like race, and the huge demand for single-sex programs shows that parents know they are effective. Don't expect Hillary Clinton to protest something so popular, particularly among blacks, and it is doubtful that the Obama Administration will dare to stop this trend.'

Naugatuck man joins ranks of volunteer dads

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Story here. Excerpt:

'He is also involved in the "Dad's Club," through which programs give children quality time with their fathers or any other influential males in their lives. Among the many programs the organization hosts are "Doughnuts with Dad" and movie nights for fathers and their children. Last year the club showed "Air Bud" and appropriately named the program "Me and My Bud."

Huculak tries to convince other men that parental groups, like Parent Teacher Associations or Parent School Associations, are not just for women. He believes the message is starting to resonate.

"For so long it's always been the female that's going to the school, and the man kind of feels left out or that it's not his place," he said. "We're trying to show that the fathers, as well as mothers, need to have a strong presence in schools."

Studies show students perform better when mothers and fathers are both involved in the education of their children, according to the National PTA. Men and women think differently and bring different perspectives and skills to school and PTA activities, the group says.'

India: Women may have prevented recession: Study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An interesting study has now said that the roots may lie in the basic differences between men and women.

Last year's hall of shame are leaders that just couldn't stand up to the downturn. They all made mistakes, they all suffered setbacks and they are all men.

In fact, a recent study by Cambridge University has suggested that if there were more women in top power positions, the global financial crisis would have been significantly diminished.

So would that hold true for the economic downturn in India too? Powerful women who lead the pack seem to think so.

"Thinking things through, being authentic, ready to get your hands dirty and get down to the frontline yourself, being nurturing and supportive, these are traditionally a woman's traits but they rise to the fore in a crisis situation," said Dr Gita Piramal, author, Managing Radical Change.

Last year saw a series of problems that signalled a lack of people sensitivity, a tendency to shoot from the hip and not take into consideration the views of others - mistakes less likely to be made by women.'

Australia: Women are better than men at controlling their lust?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The tiresome myth that women are not as visually aroused as men is used to justify everything from sexual assault to double standards about public toplessness, and it's time to kill it dead.
...
Sometimes women even have sex with men for no other reason than - shock horror - physical attraction.

The should-be-obvious truth is that straight women love men's bodies. That it sometimes seems otherwise is only because pervy men are more acceptable in our culture than pervy women.'

India: First Website for Women-only Jobs

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'It is a known fact that many women get rejected in job interviews just because of their sex. At the same time, many women in corporate India complain that they are denied promotions because of their sex. In such a scenario, it's not surprising that women worry before job interviews that they may lose out to men.
...
A women specific website can certainly do no harm to the ladies. But is it of any use to them? What do the women stand to gain out of this venture?

-A career site where men are not allowed means that the possibility of gender bias at the interviews is completely ruled out. Women will NOT be rejected just because of their gender.
...
-Last, but not the least, women should not forget that whenever they apply through naukriforwomen.com, they have already eliminated more than half the competition.'

Clinton and Palin Encourage Women Politicos

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'"Women suffer more in difficult economic times than men do, so focusing on that, concentrating on equal pay and health care (are) all good things that I saw in the (survey) summary," said Jenni Smith, president of Mississippi National Organization for Women. She said that NOW is in the process of finalizing its legislative agenda for the 111th Congress, and is including many of the items that the poll revealed as women's concerns. She emphasized that the economy is most definitely a women's issue.
...
The same double standard seems to permeate every woman's campaign. An August Pew Research study indicated that while Americans believe women have more of what it takes to be leaders—honesty, intelligence, compassion and so forth—less than six percent believe women make better political leaders than men.

In the Lifetime poll, women agreed that qualifications should trump gender as Obama chooses his advisors. Smith said she would like to see the Obama administration continue to ensure that women are included at the highest level of government.'

Washington Post: 'One Gender's Crash'

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'Let me begin with the caveats: I like men. My husband is one, as are my two sons. I have spent most of my career surrounded by men, and I have no major complaints. But as the financial debacle unfolds, I can't help noticing that all the perpetrators of the greatest economic mess in eight decades are, well, men. Specifically, they are rich, white, middle-aged guys, same as the ones who brought us Watergate in the 1970s, the Teapot Dome scandal in the 1920s and, presumably, the fall of Rome.

...

The financial crisis has exposed a quieter but equally pressing concern: We need women in leadership positions not only because they can manage as well as men but because they manage differently than men; because they tend -- over time and in the aggregate -- to make different kinds of decisions and to accept and avoid different kinds of risk. We need women who will say no to bad decisions based on male-dominated rivalries and clubby golf course confidences. We need women to blow the whistle when risks explode and to challenge the presumptions that too many men, clustered too closely together and sharing a common worldview, can easily indulge.'

Boston Globe: 'Girl power'

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"Females do have a lot of say. . . . A lot of the drama that happens on the street is over a female," said Samantha Allen, a 17-year-old senior with short brown hair that sloped over her forehead.

Allen said there is a name for girls who, either wittingly or unwittingly, initiate conflicts through their boyfriends, brothers, or male friends. They're called "set-up chicks," she said.

"They're chicks that run their mouths to other parts of the city," Allen said. "They cause a lot of violence."

Most of them rely on men to settle their feuds because they do not know who else to go to for help, said Allen. Many girls could use the guidance the campaign organizers are trying to provide, she said.'

Stephen Baskerville: "Divorced from Reality"

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'The decline of the family has now reached critical and truly dangerous proportions. Family breakdown touches virtually every family and every American. It is not only the major source of social instability in the Western world today but also seriously threatens civic freedom and constitutional government.

G. K. Chesterton once observed that the family serves as the principal check on government power, and he suggested that someday the family and the state would confront one another. That day has arrived.
...
Contrary to common assumptions, divorce today seldom involves two people mutually deciding to part ways. According to Frank Furstenberg and Andrew Cherlin in Divided Families, 80 percent of divorces are unilateral, that is, over the objection of one spouse. Patricia Morgan of London's Civitas think tank reports that in over half of divorces, there was no recollection of major conflict before the separation.'

Minnesota: Child custody law up for review

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'St. Paul, Minn. — When a couple with a child divorces, a judge is supposed to start with a clean slate before deciding whether the child will live solely with mom, dad, or split living with each of them.

But under a legislative proposal, judges would presume the child would live with both parents unless there's a good reason not to -- such as child abuse.

While adding the word "presumption" to a statute may seem trivial, it would level the legal playing field that fathers' rights groups say is currently tilted against them.
...
Jobst says changing the laws so that judges presume divorced parents share physical custody would allow children to spend more time with both parents.
...
The state already presumes that both parents will share legal custody of children, which is different from physical custody.'

UK Woman charged with murdering her husband by 'shooting him while he slept'

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'A pensioner has appeared in court charged with shooting her husband dead while he lay sleeping.

Helen Lawson, 61, is accused of blasting her husband Geoffrey, also 61, twice in the chest with a shotgun.

Police found the body of the electrician in the bedroom of their £200,000 cottage after his wife dialled 999 just after 3.30am on Sunday.

Mrs Lawson was arrested at the scene and charged with murder.'

The False Rape Society blog

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Blog here.

'News and commentary about wrongful accusations of rape and sexual assault.'

'This Web site was started by a U.S.-based attorney to help raise awareness about false, unfounded and wrongful rape accusations. Objectively verifiable data indicates that at least 9 percent and probably closer to half of all rape claims are false. (See, e.g., S. Taylor, K.C. Johnson, Until Proven Innocent.) Yet the crime of making a false rape report has become so embroiled in the radical feminist sexual assault milieu that it has been improperly removed from the public discourse about rape. Sexual assault counselors often disingenuously refer to the fact of false rape accusations as a "myth." Denigrating the experience of the falsely accused by dismissing their victimization as a myth is not merely dishonest but morally grotesque.'

Fathers' group sues to stop new child support rules

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'Fathers & Families, a Boston-based group that advocates for "children's right to the love and care of both parents after separation or divorce," filed suit against Chief Justice for Administration and Management Robert A. Mulligan and other trial court judges on Dec. 23. That same day, the group filed a request for a preliminary injunction in hopes of preventing judges in Massachusetts from applying the new guidelines to cases involving child support after Jan. 1, 2009.

...

In its lawsuit, Fathers & Families argues that Mulligan and the Trial Court violated the federal equal protection clause by implementing discriminatory rules, the federal due process clause by passing a law by "judicial fiat," and the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights by passing a law without the participation of the other two branches of state government.

The group also argues that the new guidelines are "arbitrary and capricious" where the Trial Court did not consider, as statutorily required, any "data on the cost of raising children."

Divorce May Widen Distance Between Teens, Fathers

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'ScienceDaily (Jan. 11, 2008) — The typical distancing from parents by adolescents is exacerbated by divorce for fathers, but not for mothers, according to a recent study published in the Journal of Marriage and Family.

"Historically, teens distance themselves from parents and increase involvement with peers," says co-author Dr. Alan Booth, distinguished professor of sociology, human development and demography at Penn State. "Coupled with divorce, this distancing may result in further declines in father-child closeness."

Although research demonstrates that fathers' involvement with children has increased in recent decades, mothers continue to do the majority of childcare while fathers are the less involved parent.'

Forum: The new Congress convenes, trial lawyer lobby smiles

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'The 111th Congress convenes at noon today, and House Democratic leadership is starting the week with two bills that appeal to their core constituencies but send the business community into conniptions. The two pieces of legislation -- the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act -- are priorities for organized labor, liberal women's advocacy groups, and the plaintiff's bar.

The Paycheck Fairness Act is potentially worse, in that creates many new grounds for litigation in a supposed effort to fight gender discrimination. The bill, H.R. 1338 in the 110th Congress, passed in July 2008 by a vote of 247-178. It would:

-Eliminate current caps on punitive and compensatory damages in claims made under the Equal Pay Act;
-Expose employers to unlimited punitive and compensatory damage awards when unintentional pay disparities have occurred;
-Eliminate key employer defenses for pay disparities;
-Prohibit employers from disciplining or discharging employees for publicly disclosing sensitive wage information; and,
-Mandate new federal government "guidelines" about the relative worth of different types of jobs.

In its original form, the legislation also included the old "comparable worth" guidelines.'

Update: 'Jealous wife' charged after fatal genitals fire

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'ADELAIDE, Australia - An Australian woman accused of setting her husband's genitals on fire because she thought he was having an affair has been charged with murder.

Prosecutors said 44-year-old Rajini Narayan confessed to neighbors that she set her husband on fire on Dec. 8, 2008, after she saw him hug another woman.

She was initially charged with endangering life and arson but the charges were upgraded to murder after her 47-year-old husband, Satish Narayan, died from his injuries last week.
...
Boord quoted Narayan allegedly saying: "I just wanted to burn his penis so it belongs to me and no one else. ... I didn't mean this to happen."'

UK: Government Plan to Name and Shame 'Sexist' Companies

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'In a move intended to eradicate the gender pay gap once and for all, the government is considering plans to shame companies into paying both male and female employees fairly.

Should the plans be approved, private companies will be required to publish annual figures specifying the number of male and female employees in each of their different pay grades. A 'pay inequalities' league table would then be developed from the results, designed to name and shame the companies with the largest gender pay gap.'

Of course, you're a 'sexist' company if women aren't paid the same as men (as in making less than men). If women outearn men in a field, I highly doubt this organization will care. We all know the gender pay gap doesn't account for life choices or experience or risk factors. But you guys have heard all this before.

Italy: Women Get Better Pay, Same Promotion Rates as Men at the Executive Level

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'Female executives who break through the “glass ceiling” in corporate America are rewarded with higher overall compensation than their male counterparts and benefit from the same rate of promotion, according to new research from the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University.

...

The findings, gleaned from tracking the career paths and compensation of more than 16,000 executives over a 14-year period, identified that female executives actually earned a total of about $100,000 more per year than men of the same age, educational background and job experience. On average, total compensation for all of the executives — about 5 percent of whom were female — was about $2.46 million, including nearly $461,000 in salary and bonuses. The average age was 53 and approximately 23 percent of the executives studied — men and women — held an MBA.

However, women within the overall sample were, on average, younger and less experienced than males at the executive level and more prevalent at the lower executive levels. For example, only 2 percent of executives at the CEO, president or chairman level were female, while women represented nearly 6 percent of CFOs or vice presidents.'

UK: 'Radical feminists' honoured for women's enterprise

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'"Ten years ago we were seen as radical feminists, banging on about women's rights," recalls Ms Gill. This had now changed, she added, with even the banks adapting their services to appeal specifically to women. "It has made them realise that they [women entrepreneurs] need a bit of a different service," she said.

Female business owners are well placed to survive the recession, perhaps more so than their male counterparts who typically are more comfortable funding their ventures with higher levels of debt, Ms Gill said.

"Women are going to be better placed to take on the challenges of a recession. They have better strategies in place. They are prepared to play in a team environment. It's going to be tough for staff, because frankly they have had it easy for the last 10 years," she said.'

Singapore: More Men Die from COPD Compared to Women

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'Singapore - infoZine - Men across the Asia-Pacific region have consistently higher mortality and hospitalization rates for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) than corresponding rates for women in the region.

This higher rate for men reflects a different risk profile for men and women – in particular the higher prevalence of smoking among men across the Asia- Pacific region.

According to a study in Respirology published by Wiley-Blackwell, the average death rates ranged from 6.4 to 9.2 per 10 000 population for men while the corresponding rates for women only ranged from 2.1 to 3.5 per 10 000 population.'

A Man’s Take On Advice In Women’s Magazines

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'Peruse any magazine rack and various Web sites and you’ll see headlines such as these splattered all over. Inside you’ll read article upon article about how women can decode, seduce, corral, turn on, and coerce men.

One is left to believe that men don’t want to be married or in any sort of committed relationship, men don’t want to treat women well, men don’t want families, men don’t want to settle down, and worst of all, men don’t even have the desire or the ability to communicate any of this about themselves. Good thing we smell so good.
...
I happen to know women who don’t want to be married and/or in a serious relationship. I know women who aren’t the articulate, clear communicators they’re supposed to be. I know women who aren’t that into kids and don’t want a family.

So pardon my frustration, and other men’s, when we read articles portraying us as the incapable, the insincere, and the incompetent gender.'

Economic blame game targets men

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'"All of the recent perpetrators of the greatest economic mess in eight decades are, well, men," writes Deborah Spar in the Washington Post.

The aptly named Spar, president of Barnard College, deploys a variety of arguments to back up this broad claim, including male hormonal imbalance (testosterone has been scientifically linked with risky stock trading) and evidence that women tend to be more risk-averse than men, especially when high-stake finances are concerned. Add to that the grim facts of female employment in finance, where no women held chief executive positions as recently as last year, and the evidence against men becomes circumstantially compelling.
...
Yes, sure, a woman blew the whistle on Enron. Meanwhile, the Wall Street Journal reported Monday that Mary Schapiro headed an agency that extensively investigated Bernard Madoff, but failed to uncover his vast Ponzi scheme.

Thus far, her hormone levels have not been analyzed.'

"Teen Sex Isn't a Crime With a Hot Teacher"

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'The day before Christmas, 23-year-old Hope Jacoby, an athletic trainer at Tustin High School in California, was arrested and charged with suspicion of oral copulation with a minor and unlawful sex with a minor after she allegedly had sex with a student the police identified only as a male student who is 14 - 17 years old.
...
That got me to thinking, is it really a "crime" if the woman this boy slept with is better looking than any of the girls at his school?? Yes, I know that as a trainer at the school she was in a position of authority and really should have known better, and yes, if the boy in question is actually 14, instead of 17, that makes me mad. But if the boy is 17, as reports say he might be, then is it really so bad?
...
I believe that young boys can be be traumatized after being lured into sex by a desperate, lonely, "I can't find anyone else to sleep with" hag. But if the woman in question is young, hot, and desirable by many, don't you think that there's a really big chance that the boy (or boys) in question might have actually wanted to be with her -- really really badly?

I know that this isn't going to be a popular opinion, but I'm sticking to it and I'll bet if you showed ANY man a picture of Jacoby they would say that they definitely would have had sex with her in high school and it would NOT have traumatized them.'

UK: Wife kills husband in booze row

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'A Leeds woman has been jailed for life after stabbing her partner to death in a row over whose turn it was to buy booze from the off-licence.

David Rider, 44, bled to death after Lesley Buck, 40 , pictured, thrust a kitchen knife through his leg as he sat on the sofa.

When police and paramedics attended her house in Belle Isle, Leeds, Buck seemed more interested in reading the newspaper and watching TV, a court heard.

After delivering the fatal blow, Buck walked to a phone box to dial 999 and claimed her partner's injuries were self-inflicted.
...
Ordering Buck to serve a minimum of 10 years before being considered for parole, judge Scott Wolstenholme, told her: "It was senseless, drunken and lethal violence on your part which has caused a man to lose his life."'

FDA Will Continue To Study Chemical Which Mimics Estrogen

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'The Food and Drug Administration, criticized by its own scientific advisers for ignoring available data about health risks posed by a chemical found in everyday plastic, said yesterday it has no plans to amend its position on the substance but will continue to study it.

The agency has been reviewing its risk assessments for bisphenol A, a chemical used to harden plastic that is found in a wide variety of products, from baby bottles to compact discs to the lining of canned goods. The chemical, commonly called BPA, mimics estrogen and may disrupt the body's carefully calibrated endocrine system.
...
Over the past decade, more than 130 studies have linked BPA to breast cancer, obesity, diabetes, neurological problems and other disorders. Much of the new research suggests that BPA has an effect at very low doses -- lower than the current safety standard set by the FDA. The most prominent finding was by the National Toxicology Program, part of the National Institutes of Health, which reported that there is "some concern" that BPA may affect the brain and behavioral development of fetuses, infants and young children.'

Woman Charged in Nephew's Stabbing Death Ruled Insane

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'IRVINGTON, N.J. (AP) -- An Irvington woman charged in the stabbing death of her 5-year-old nephew has been found innocent by reason of insanity.

Jasmine Collins was accused of stabbing Meshach Collins of Orange to death while the boy was at her house to play with his cousins in November 2006.

Authorities say she had changed her clothes and was arrested by police walking a few blocks from her home across the border into Newark.

Superior Court Judge Peter Vazquez ruled Tuesday that Collins was not guilty by reason of insanity.

Essex County Prosecutor's Office spokesman Paul Loriquet says she is being held in a state hospital until she is determined to no longer be a danger to herself or others.'

Should Government Reduce Inequality in Life Spans?

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'In 2005, life expectancy at birth was almost seven percent higher for American women than for American men (80.4 years for women vs. 75.2 years for men). Governments could certainly reduce this life-expectancy inequality by redistributing medical research funding on women's health to research on men's health, and general medical care funding from women to men. Consider that men are more likely to die from prostate cancer than women are from breast cancer. Yet in 2005 federal expenditures for prostate cancer research were $390 million compared to $698 million for breast cancer research, and the American Cancer Society contributed almost three times as much for breast cancer research ($98 million) as for prostate cancer research ($36 million).'

UK: Michael Flatley false rape claim stripper faces jail

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'A former exotic dancer, who falsely accused Michael Flatley of rape, has been told by an American judge that she faces jail unless she cooperates with his lawyers as they seek to recover $11m in damages.

Tyna Marie Robertson tried to extort $30m (€21m) from the Riverdance star after saying she would go public with false allegations that he had sexually assaulted her in a Las Vegas hotel in 2002.
...
Robertson was later brought before Cook County judge Alexander White who told her she must cooperate with Mr Flatley's lawyers who are seeking documentation of her assets.

"This is your get-out-of-jail pass. If there is no cooperation . . . We are talking about civil contempt. I will put you in county jail for six months. No questions asked," he added.'

Woman arrested, kids taken away after alleged violent argument with husband

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'MANITOWOC — A 22-year-old Manitowoc woman faces several criminal charges following a violent argument with her husband Friday that endangered the couple's two young children, according to Manitowoc Police Department reports.

Ashley R. Fonda faces charges of domestic violence-related damage to property, domestic violence-related disorderly conduct and second-degree reckless endangerment. The incident occurred at 4:45 a.m. in the 300 block of Riverview Drive.

According to police:

Fonda and her husband got into an argument Friday while a babysitter was watching their 1½-year-old daughter and 5-month-old son in the same apartment. Fonda allegedly began throwing things, tipped a garbage can over, knocked over furniture and threw a pot of food at her husband, smashing into the door of her child's room and putting a hole through it.

While her husband held their son, Fonda allegedly began throwing tools at her husband and threatening to kill him. She allegedly chased him through the apartment complex and beat on the apartment door with an air socket wrench when he got inside.'

Ten-year sentence for husband’s manslaughter

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'A woman who pleaded guilty to fatally stabbing her husband after a night of drinking in West Utica last April, was sentenced in County Court today.

Jady Voce, 43, of Saratoga Street, Utica, pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter before Judge Barry M. Donalty in November.

She was sentenced to 10 years in state prison today, plus five years post-release supervision, court clerks said.
...
Voce used a pocket knife that she carried for protection to stab her husband in the liver while at the corner of Lenox Avenue and Court Street, police said. Joseph Voce bled to death as a result of his injuries.'

Mother in child abuse case is released from jail while husband is sentenced to 9 years

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'JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A woman was sentenced Tuesday to time served for her role in the confinement of her son, then 9, who authorities say was kept locked in his bedroom for almost three years and monitored by a video camera.

Earlier in the day, Michelle Piercy pleaded guilty to child neglect and told prosecutors that the 809 days she had spent in jail were less stressful than living in the home her husband turned into a prison for their son.

Circuit Judge Mallory Cooper accepted a prosecutor's recommendation that she be sentenced to the more than two years she's already spent behind bars, and she was released from custody.

Her husband, Randall Piercy, was sentenced earlier this month to nine years in prison after pleading guilty to aggravated child abuse. Michelle Piercy is seeking a divorce.'

"Domestic Abuse Against Men — It Happens"

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'Domestic abuse against men — yes, it happens. You're going to have a hard time finding statistics, because reluctant as many women are to report abusive husbands or boyfriends to the authorities out of fear of his retaliation or because they've been conditioned to accept the abuse, men are even less likely to pick up the phone, dial 911 and say their wife or girlfriend just went upside their head or threw a pot at them.

If a man has a hot-headed, heavy-handed woman to deal with, there are reasons he doesn't say or do anything about it except hope she doesn't wind up maiming or killing him. For one, it's embarrassing to have it look like she can whoop his butt. For another, in certain states, all she has to do is claim she was defending herself and that she is in fear of him when the cops show up. Whether it's true or not, he promptly finds himself treated to a free ride downtown where he's accorded an insider's view of the county jail — from the wrong side of the bars.'

Woman Accused Of Murdering Her Husband Smiles During Mug Shot Photo

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'Authorities say an Allen woman accused of killing her husband was determined to finish the job but made no attempt to flee the bloody scene.

Charles Shanks, 49, was stabbed, beaten with a stone and had his wrists cut in the couple's home Sunday, police said.

His wife, 51-year-old Kimberly Shanks, was being held Tuesday in the Collin County Jail, charged with murder. Unlike most people in her situation, she smiled for her mug shot.
...
She was being held in lieu of $100,000 bail. No attorney had been named to represent her, according to jail records.'

Woman admits burning 5 children, killing 1

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'Saying she wanted to avoid putting her children through another ordeal, a Colorado Springs woman accepted a plea deal Friday and admitted she poured gasoline on her five children and lit them on fire, killing one.

Maria Darlene Gardner, who also uses the last name Joseph, pleaded guilty to child abuse causing death and four counts of child abuse causing serious bodily injury. The deal was mediated Friday before Senior 4th Judicial District Judge Richard Toth.

In exchange for her pleas, prosecutors Jeff Lindsey and Debbie Pearson dropped charges of first-degree murder and 11 other charges.

Gardner, 26, will be sentenced to between 75 and 85 years in prison Feb. 20.
...
"I thought we could win with the insanity defense," McHenry said. "An expert psychologist examined her within four days of the fire and decided she was completely psychotic at the time. She chose to do this so her kids would not have to be put through the trauma of testifying in open court."'

Australia: Four years' jail for killing husband in drunken rage

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'Chaim Kimel, 55, died on the operating table at St Vincent's Hospital, just hours after an argument about the couple's catering business turned violent.

A jury earlier this year found Stewart, 32, not guilty of his murder but guilty of manslaughter.

In court yesterday, Stewart was sentenced to four years and six months in jail, with a non-parole period of four years.

She will be eligible for release in June 2011.

Stewart sobbed as Justice Jane Mathews spoke of her history of drug and alcohol abuse, anorexia and self-harm; she had suffered the childhood traumas of her mother dying of breast cancer and of sexual abuse by three different people.
...
Stewart had told psychiatrists she believed Mr Kimel to be dominating her in the relationship. But Justice Mathews said whatever perception Stewart had of her husband's behaviour, it was probably "designed to shield her from her own excesses.'

DA won't charge wife who killed abusive husband

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This story may indicate we've moved to a new stage in our treatment of women who kill their husbands: if she alleges abuse, don't bother filing charges. Kill your husband, claim abuse, walk away. There's no indication the wife was in immediate danger nor are details provided about the man's alleged "pattern of violence."

Excerpt:

"More than a year after the shooting death of Trinidad attorney Jim Tatum by his wife Ann, a court-appointed prosecutor has decided not to file criminal charges.

The shooting in the Tatum home just outside Trinidad ended a stormy marriage. Although Ann Tatum never denied shooting her husband multiple times in their kitchen — the event was witnessed by a deputy sheriff — Jim Tatum's pattern of violence against her surfaced early on as a possible legal defense."

UK: Female drunk driver jailed for seven years for toddler's death

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The mother of a toddler crushed to death against school gates by the 4x4 of a drink driver said today: 'Every day is a living hell.'

Tina Woods, 31, was speaking after a woman was jailed for seven years for causing the death of her 15-month-old son Finlay.

The boy was in his pushchair with his mother when a Toyota Hilux veered towards them outside Selwyn primary school in Chingford last September.

At the wheel was Katie Gutierrez-Perez, 40, who was driving to hospital after a failed suicide attempt and had binged on drink and sleeping pills.

Witnesses said that after the initial impact the 4x4 repeatedly rammed into the gates, each time crushing the pushchair, Snaresbrook Crown Court in London heard.

Twenty parents and passers-by tried to lift the car off him but he died of severe head injuries.'

UK: Single father, 2 sons turned away from swimming pool

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"A single father was left stunned after he was turned away from a swimming pool when staff told him he could not provide proper supervision for his two sons.

Phillip Smith and sons Jake, aged five, and Aiden, three, were not allowed to enjoy a swim at the leisure centre because under-eights must be accompanied on a one-to-one basis by adults.

...

Mr Smith, 37, from Killamarsh in Sheffield, who is separated from his sons' mother, accused the leisure centre of 'discriminating against single parents'.

He said: 'As a fireman, I'm highly trained and expected to be able to provide first aid at emergencies.

'To say I cannot cope with looking after my two sons at a swimming pool is just mad.'"

Dads in the PTA

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'In 2009, for the first time in U.S. history, the parent in charge of the Parent Teacher Association will be a dad.

Charles J. Saylors will take office as president of the 5.5 million member organization in June, putting a further dent in the stereotype that has taken hold in recent years of moms who leave the workforce and devote their impressive — and sometimes excessive — energies to the PTA.

Men make up just 10 percent of the membership of the national PTA — which was founded 112 years ago as the “National Congress of Mothers.” While that number is small, it is larger than it has ever been, and reflects a steady increase of about 1 percent in each of the past five years.'

Judge's 'Gorilla' Warning To Teen

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'A young driving offender has been told he faces the prospect of a jail shower "with the gorillas in the mist" if he continues to break the law.

Sydney Magistrate Brian Maloney gave 19-year-old Cody Heap a stark warning about jail life in an attempt to scare the youth into good behaviour.

"You'll find big, ugly, hairy, strong men (in jail) who've got faces only a mother could love that will pay a lot of attention to you - and your anatomy," the magistrate said.'

My question: Because of traffic violations, the judge threatened this guy, saying he could being raped in prison. Would a judge say that to a woman?

Canada: 'Men's rights groups thrive on anger'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sites such as these – and believe me, they are legion – are dedicated to "feminist horror stories" around the "divorce industry" which deprives fathers of their children and paycheques. Their other issues include the lack of resources for men who are battered by their wives, false accusations of partner abuse and rape, and last, but far from least, how men have no choice regarding what a woman they've impregnated does. They can't stop her from ending the pregnancy nor can they walk away from 18 years of support payments if she chooses to go to term.
...
So it's easy to conclude that, in many cases, the most vehement of these men's rights types are angry over losing control over their women.

Which might explain why, as much research shows, post-divorce men suffer disproportionately from mental health issues such as depression.

That they need counselling and similar services is evident. That's what they should be lobbying for.'

A simple list of Australian companies to boycott

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Hi All,

I found this list on the Australian 'Employer of Choice for Women' (EOWA) website identifying organisations that 'recognise and advance their female workforce': here (.pdf file)

The EOWA was established by the Australian Government to 'administer the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act 1999 (Commonwealth) and through education, assist organisations to achieve equal opportunity for women.'

Unfortunately, most of the organisations on this list are universities, schools and other publicly subsidised entities against whom boycotts will simply mean less work, but some are subsidiaries of large multi-national organisations and big Australian exporters that your readership will recognise.

Disney Focuses on Boys

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Article here. It's subscription only, so the whole article is below.

'Walt Disney Co. is making a push to crack a market that few media companies have been able to conquer -- boys aged 6-14.

Next month, the company will launch a boy-focused entertainment brand called Disney XD, consisting of a new cable television channel, a comprehensive Web site with games, music, videos and social networking.

For Disney, the move marks a new push designed to replicate some of the success it has scored in recent years with its largely girl-targeted entertainment franchises such as Hannah Montana, High School Musical and the Jonas Brothers.

"We looked at the landscape and feel that girls are being served -- if not super-served, and preschoolers are also well served, but boys really haven't been," says Rich Ross, president of Disney Channels Worldwide. "If boys have been served, it's been mostly in animation, which [is] only a narrow portion of what boys are interested in."

Using both television and a new Web portal, Disney hopes to introduce boys to a host of new live-action and animated shows, original movies, new music acts and games. And Disney executives also hope to leverage boys' love of sports, using the company's ESPN brand, which will likely collaborate on original programming and other sports-themed topics for Disney XD. (Disney says the letters don't refer to anything.)'

UK: Computer-esque books to lure boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Oxford University Press (OUP) claims the "truly boy-friendly" content and structure of its Project X books will appeal to boys up the age of nine.

The books have been tested in 2,000 schools and can be used interactively through CD-Roms and whiteboards.
...
Professor Elaine Millard from the National Association for the Teaching of English said the books were a shallow response to the problem of boys not enjoying reading.

"It's counterproductive - we want them to engage with the text so that they enjoy the pleasure of words.
...
But Elizabeth Blinkhorn from OUP said the books were aimed specifically at getting boys involved.

"We know that boys are very motivated by facts and 3D images and gripping story lines. There are short chapters to keep them motivated.

"And boys really want to be part of the story and in Project X they are part of the story."'

"Real Men Read to motivate 3rd-graders"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Fewer than 50 percent of boys in low-income families in Allen County are passing third-grade reading, compared with 61 percent of girls from low-income families. That issue is the impetus for the United Way of Allen County's Real Men Read program aimed at closing the reading achievement gap.

Beginning in March, Real Men Read volunteers will be in classrooms to read with students and model the importance of reading. Boys will see diverse men who value reading and education as they listen to and read along with their mentors.

Each mentor will be assigned to a third-grade classroom and given books with guided reading cards for March, April and May.'

UK: Positive Relationships: Boys - Why gender matters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So, what might be going wrong? One of the less edifying aspects of our education system is that it seems to be influenced by ideology rather than what we know about human development. It ignores what the influence of our evolutionary history might be on the structure of our brains and any innate predisposition for learning, which may also be influenced by gender.

The inclination of many boys to be interested in objects that move, movement itself and rigorous exploration and play, can sometimes be interpreted as a 'problem', while perhaps the inclination for girls to sit and talk is seen in a more positive light. Political correctness which, at its extreme, may try to deny physical/physiological/neurological differences between boys and girls, can also work against the very concept of equal opportunities which it is meant to espouse, as it appears to suggest that learning opportunities and learning contexts for boys and girls are almost interchangeable.

Another factor in the issue is that most of the practitioners in the early years and also in primary education tend to be female, and so there may be an unconscious predisposition for a greater 'identification' with the girls than the boys.'

Admin note: Free reg'n required to read article.

Woman threatened to harm juvenile judge's children

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Lawson's investigation revealed the woman had made threats to harm Davenport's children, according to Murfreesboro Police spokesman Kyle Evans. Judge Davenport had ordered Vaughn's rights to see her children revoked on two occasions.

"In November 2006, Vaughn was arrested on aggravated child abuse charges by Detective Lawson," Evans said. "Because of that, she lost custody of her children and had to see her kids through the Murfreesboro Exchange Club."

Evans said Vaughn's rights to see her children through the Exchange Club were revoked on Dec. 18, 2008.

"Due to her angry temperament and the cussing out of staff members, those rights were also revoked," Evans said. "Staff members at Realist Interventions have been working to help Vaughn with parenting issues and anger management."'

Woman arrested for beating child

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Guyton woman beat her 5-year-old child with her hands, then a mop handle, and attacked a man who intervened with the mop handle, according to the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office.

Then, she tried to run the man over with her vehicle, said Bulloch County Sheriff's Chief Investigator Capt. Todd Hutchens.

Stacey Lynn Thomas, 31, Barrister Circle, then tried to run over the man with her vehicle, said BCSO chief investigator Capt. Todd Hutchens.
...
Thomas has been charged with cruelty to children, simple battery, disorderly conduct, aggravated assault, striking a fixed object, DUI (refused test), obstruction and DUI: endangering a child, he said.'

Man must pay support though twins not his

badgerb · 8 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

It is interesting to note that this article was posted in the same rag the very next day. I suggest that you read all of the comments. The overwhelming majority are with the man on this issue. For those of you who do not know the Toronto Star it is a Liberal bastion which makes the support of the male all the more astounding. Perhaps the word is getting out there. One example of the comments:

Ridiculous
This coming one day after an editorial by a star journalist slamming men and praising feminists. And to boot, the woman was trying to increase the money they were receiving and decrease the amount of time the father got to spend with his "children". Absolute Farce!

It is also interesting (though not surprising or unexpected) that the judge is a female.
Though as we know it wouldn't matter the gender pandering is done by both sexes to the Princesses of Privilege.

Blog: "Feminism Is The Bane Of My Existence"

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Blog here. Excerpt:

'That's right, today's feminism (or third wave feminism) is not about making men and women equal, it is about advancing women's rights at the expense of men (and sometimes other women). This crap can be seen in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The name alone reeks of 'protected class'. Isn't ALL violence bad? Where is the Violence Against Men Act? Why not rename it the "Violence Against Humans Act". To me. this seems more egalitarian.

...

If feminists want economic equality, they are truly dreaming. Everyone has their own skills and education. To make everyone truly equal economically would send the world into mediocrity. Everyone would earn the same wage, regardless of the work involved. This way Bill Gates and the burger flipper at McDonald's can be roommates. Bill Gates is where he is because of the contribution he (and Microsoft) made to society. If Bill Gates never mainstreamed Windows and brought the rise of the home PC, you wouldn't even be reading this rant.'

No Charge: In Civil-Contempt Cases, Jail Time Can Stretch On for Years

Matt · 8 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One can spend a long time in jail in the U.S. without ever being charged with a crime.

It happened to H. Beatty Chadwick, a former Philadelphia-area lawyer, who has been behind bars for nearly 14 years without being charged.
...
All three men were jailed for civil contempt, a murky legal concept. Some scholars say it is too often abused by judges, to the detriment of those charged and their due-process rights. "These results of too many civil-contempt confinements are flatly outrageous and often unconstitutional," says Jayne Ressler, a professor at Brooklyn Law School.
...
Consider Mr. Chadwick's case. In 1994, during divorce proceedings, a Delaware County judge held Mr. Chadwick in civil contempt for failing to put $2.5 million in a court-controlled account. He says he lost the money in bad investments; his wife's attorney claimed he had hidden it offshore. In April 1995, Mr. Chadwick was arrested and detained. Nearly 14 years later, Mr. Chadwick, who suffers from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, is still in jail -- even after a retired judge was hired to help locate the money, and failed.'

An Analysis of so-called Chauvinism

Anonymous · 9 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

An article inspired by the book "The Myth of Male Power" by Warren Farrell. Excerpt:

'Feminists have used this word very judiciously to bargain for unwarranted concessions for women from the society. And the fools that men are, easily bought this stupid argument of men being chauvinistic as well and started giving concessions to women...
...
...Power, as misunderstood, is not the LIBERTY to do something at WILL. Power is the ability to control your own life the way you want and have the choice to do so. Something which men do not have currently, women however have it. Hence it's the women who are more powerful than men.

It is said that men are biologically powerful than women which is true. But does that define absolute power is the next question one should be asking. And the answer to that question is NO...
...
Men, the feminists argue, have the power to take decisions and since women don't have this power they are not powerful and hence need protection...
...
A male being powerful is another delusional attack on men to prepare them to give concessions to a woman...
...
...All this has happened because of "The Myth of Male Power" falsely propagated by feminists.... It's high time to demystify "Male Power" concept and that men are chauvinistic.'

Casey Anthony in court

Matt · 9 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. Casey Anthony is the prime suspect in the case of her young missing daughter, whose body was found not long ago. Despite so much evidence pointing to her as a prime suspect, this case has dragged on for months as people seem incapable of believing she murdered and probably dismembered her daughter's body. Note how much sympathy she is getting in this report despite the evidence against her. This is one to watch.

"Equity bill" passes House

Matt · 9 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – The House has passed legislation to assure that employers live up to their four-decade-old legal promise to provide equal pay for equal work.

Democrats led lawmakers in approving a bill making clear that women who are victims of gender-based discrimination can sue for compensatory and punitive damage.
...
"Equal pay is an issue of fundamental fairness," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said. "But as families grapple with difficult economic times, equal pay for equal work is often about daily survival for millions of families."

Republican opponents saw the measures, introduced in the first week of the new Congress, as an incentive for people to file lawsuits that will benefit trial lawyers. It's "little more than an earmark for the trial bar," said Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn.

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act is a response to a 2007 Supreme Court decision that made it more difficult to sue over past pay discrimination. The other bill, the Paycheck Fairness Act, would strengthen the 1963 Equal Pay Act that requires equal pay for equal work.'

South Shore teacher accused of statutory rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BROCKTON -- Police described an Abington elementary school teacher today as an obsessive predator who allegedly seduced a 13-year-old boy and carried on a sexual relationship that lasted for 18 months.
...
The boy, who is now 16, told police that over the next 18 months he and McCallum had intercourse every other day for a total of "approximately 300 times," according to a police report filed today in Brockton District Court. She gave him a cell phone so they could communicate, authorities said, and wrote him a series of letters that while not overtly sexual depicted an obsessive woman in the throes of an intimate relationship with a teenager.
...
McCallum has been charged with seven counts of statutory rape stemming from seven alleged sexual encounters that investigators said they were able to document. She appeared in Brockton District Court today with her husband of five years, Scott, at her side and pleaded not guilty to the three counts that allegedly occurred at the teen's home in Abington.'

Second article on same case here.

Canada: Drug addicted mother escapes jail term in daughter's abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A crack-addicted woman was handed a 13-month conditional sentence yesterday for corrupting her developmentally challenged daughter, who was used for sex and given cocaine by other crack-users at the family's Rexdale flophouse.

...

"A mother has totally failed her daughter in the worst kind of way. She was sexually assaulted and became a drug addict by being given drugs over a 12-month period," said Strasberg, who demanded a prison sentence in the "range of 18 months."

Strasberg said the mom would be smoking crack in her room while the daughter performed sex acts in the living room. Drug testing confirmed the girl's drug use with "high level of exposure."

Justice Lloyd Budzinski rejected the prison term and agreed with defence lawyer Donald F. McLeod's call for a stay-at-home sentence. The judge said the remorseful mom pleaded guilty, sparing her daughter the anguish of reliving the horror from the witness stand.

"Her actions ... made the child vulnerable to acts of violence ... But it doesn't send any greater message (to imprison her). It's in the child's interest to restructure the family under the supervision of the CAS," said Budzinski.'

UK: Girls 'under too much pressure'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Incoming Girls School Association head Jill Berry said parents were worried about achieving a balance between school achievement and happiness.

Mrs Berry also said that girls could put themselves under a lot of pressure.

A poll of 1,000 parents surveyed for the association said their top concern was their daughter's education.

Girls tend to outperform boys in all stages of their education, and this can lead schools to assume all girls will do well.

Mrs Berry said: "There is no doubt that many mothers and fathers are worried about getting the balance right between their daughters realising their academic potential while at the same time being happy and safe."'

Woman arrested for stabbing husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PLYMOUTH — A 22-year-old Plymouth woman has been arrested for stabbing her husband in the arm.

...Investigators learned the victim, Joshua McNeal, had been stabbed once in the arm by his wife.

...Amber McNeal ... admitted she stabbed her husband during an argument. She was arrested and taken to the Marshall County Jail.

She now faces charges of domestic battery and battery with a deadly weapon.'

Woman arrested after reportedly striking husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ORANGE LAKE - A 67-year-old woman accused of hitting her husband was arrested by a sheriff's deputy and charged with battery on a person over 65, according to a Sheriff's Office report.

The man reportedly suffers from dementia. According to the report, his shirt had blood all over it and his left cheek was swollen. He refused medical treatment.

His daughter told a deputy Thursday that her mother hit her father in the face so hard he fell out of his wheelchair and was bleeding. She said the two had been arguing about women the victim had been with during their 49 years of marriage.The deputy noted in her report that the daughter said the beatings occur frequently.'

Update: Woman arrested, husband critically burned in Wells fire

anthony · 10 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WELLS -- Police have charged a woman with arson after a fire in her apartment left her husband burned over 85 percent of his body.

Police said they arrested Kimberly Spampinato, 42, when she turned herself in at the Wells Police Department shortly after the Harbor Road fire was reported after midnight.

Police said her husband, Christopher Spampinato, 39, was asleep when the fire broke out. Police found him sitting on the front steps to the apartment house, critically burned, when they responded to the report of the fire.
...
She is charged with arson, which was filed by the state Fire Marshal's office, and violating bail conditions, charged by Wells police. McCausland said she had been arrested late last year on a domestic abuse charge involving her husband and was currently out on bail.'

Woman arrested in husband's death makes bail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Huntington woman arrested last week after being extradited from Iowa for the 2003 shooting death of her husband has made bail.

Angelina County Jail records show Shelly Anne Dorsey's attorney, Ryan Deaton, posted a $100,000 bond Monday afternoon.

An Angelina County grand jury indicted Dorsey, 37, in late October for the murder of 30-year-old Alvin Dorsey II, who died after being shot in the chest outside Little Jim's night club, off U.S. 69 south, on Sept. 12, 2003.

Following the indictment, law enforcement in Story County, Iowa arrested Dorsey on the charge, and she refused to waive her extradition to Texas, said Angelina County assistant prosecutor Art Bauereiss in a previous interview. Governors of both Texas and Iowa signed off on her extradition and she was transported back to Texas and booked into Angelina County Jail Dec. 31.'

Woman allegedly tries to kill husband with eye drops

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — A 40-year-old southwest Missouri woman is accused of trying to kill her husband by spiking his tea with a half bottle of Visine eye drops. Greene County deputies said the woman was jailed Thursday night on $100,000 bond on a first-degree assault charge.

She was arrested late Wednesday after a co-worker told Greene County deputies that the woman told her about the plot to kill her husband.
...
Authorities say the woman researched other means of killing her husband when the first attempt didn't work.'

Woman allegedly shoots son in face

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Story here.

'A 47-year-old local woman is arrested after police say she shot her son in the face.

Winnebago County detectives say it happened inside this home on Horace Avenue.

Nicholas Bryant, 24-years-old, was then taken to Rockford Memorial by family members.

After some questioning, investigators arrested Felicia Washington-Graves. She's facing several charges including attempted murder. Detectives have also recovered a weapon. No word on Bryant's condition.'

Woman arrested after shooting boyfriend in view of police

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Youngsville police arrested a woman Monday after she allegedly shot her boyfriend in the back in front of police officers.
...
The suspect, Carronda Lynette Syon, had apparently called 911 dispatchers and told them her boyfriend was coming to the residence, according to Youngsville Police Chief Earl Menard.

Menard said there was some indication that the suspect did not want her boyfriend there.

When an officer arrived, both the victim and suspect were standing on the porch.

The victim started walking toward the officer when Syon allegedly shot him in the back, according to Menard.'

Recent anti-fathers' groups article in "The Star" generates response

Matt · 10 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

MANN story here. Seems comments on her article generated a reaction from "the management"; read here. Excerpt:

'The comments have exploded on some of my recent posts relating to men's rights groups, divorce and custody, child support and paternity issues. Many of them remain unpublished -- not by me but by the Star's Kommentariat Bureau, aka The Goderators -- who assume responsibility and control of these matters.

If it were up to me, I would post them all, including the obscene and hateful ones. I think being called a "feminazi whore" and worse by those who purport to seek fairness and justice kind of reinforces my point that some guys have anger issues.
...
...There used to be a time when women, before feminism gave them the opportunity to have decent careers outside the home, also got alimony automatically, along with sole custody and child support.

Remember that?

I do.

Feminism screwed women out of alimony. It gave us "manimony." It also helped joint custody happen.

Just saying.'

Sitter charged with baby's death in dryer

WakeUp · 10 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. From the article:

'GRETNA, La. - A Louisiana baby sitter is charged with second-degree murder after prosecutors say she put a baby into a spinning clothes dryer for disturbing her television watching.

Nineteen-year-old Arielle Smith was indicted by a grand jury Thursday for the baby's September death in the New Orleans suburb of Harvey.

Authorities said 5-month-old Andre Jenkins died at the scene from skull fractures and burns suffered in the dryer.'

Did it ever occur to her that babysitting means being responsible for the safety of the children?

Side note: As much as anyone is capable of child abuse, here is a conversation on HotJobs Q&A about stereotypes preventing men from taking jobs with children.

Scotland Sunday Herald: 'Chivalry: Who needs it?'

anthony · 11 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I could go on, but my question here is relatively simple: does chivalry still exist? And if so, what does it actually look like? Are there still rules on pulling chairs out, opening doors, laying cloaks down in puddles, paying for lunch, avenging slurs, and escorting ladies home? Rules that won't earn the well-meaning man a well-aimed elbow in the solar plexus.

...

Chivalry, as King understands it, is "a nice set of rules for men and women in society that create a kind of harmony". Having a chair pulled out for her is not demeaning, sleazy or patronising, providing the person doing the pulling is not demeaning, sleazy or patronising. "Men and women do fall into certain gender roles," she says. "I don't see a man opening a door for a woman as looking down his nose at her or thinking he's better. There should be equality when it comes to most things, but I don't see chivalry as the opposite of equality."

...

TYPICALLY, our hero will take a bullet in the thigh without a murmur, but then whimper like a baby when the femme fatale gently dabs his wounds with a damp cloth. He is primed to walk girls home in heavy hail, pay for things he can't afford, and get into brawls for a woman's honour, or his own (especially while waiting for a taxi). Certain behaviours have morphed and others have been diluted. The crusades and voyages on which old-school knights cut their teeth might these days translate to a trip to the bar for an alcopop, but only if the woman in question is deemed worthy.'

Christina Hoff Sommers: What's Wrong and What's Right with Contemporary Feminism?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This evening I will be arguing that contemporary feminism has taken a wrong turn. In my view, the noble cause of women's emancipation is being damaged in at least three ways by the contemporary women's movement. First, today's movement takes a very dim view of men; second, it wildly overstates the victim status of American women; and third, it is dogmatically attached to the view that men and women are essentially the same. In the time I have with you, I will try to explain and justify these criticisms, and conclude by offering what I think is a reasonable and humane alternative to current feminism. I will also extend an olive branch to the feminists I criticize. But first a few words about my background. . . .'

PDF file here.

Chinese schoolboy has 52 stitches after attack from teacher

AngryMan · 11 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A primary-school student in central China had to have 52 stitches in his face after he was beaten by his teacher for not doing his homework.

Zheng Chaoqun, 10, is still being treated at a hospital in Henan province after his teacher tore away a strip of flesh. Zheng told a local newspaper, the Dayang News, that his assailant, 37-year-old Guo Yabin, had picked him up by his cheeks after he failed to hand in his work.

"She was very angry at the time," he said. "She ripped and tiwsted my cheeks with both her hands and then she lifted me off the ground."

The boy said he felt his face ripping off and fell back to his seat. "She still had my skin in her hands, and my face was bleeding. She looked anxious and sent me home," he said.'

UK: Wife bites hubbys 'willy' to avoid sex

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Story here. Excerpt:

'London, Dec 31 (ANI): A man was left crying with pain after his wife chomped his manhood because she did not want to have sex with him.

Chris Bowers was taken into custody for attacking her husband after the couple had been drinking.

It was when the couple returned to their home in Deltona, Florida, that an angered Charris attacked her hubby Delou Bowers because she was not interested in having sex with him.

According to a police report, they started of with having oral sex, but Bowers was left writhing in pain as his wife clamped down on his penis.

First Bowers pleaded with his wife to stop but later he punched her in the face until she finally let go.

However, Charris then gave her husband a storm of blows in return before he escaped from the room.'

No where does it say he forced his penis in her mouth. He acted in self defense.

"In support of a feminist stimulus"

anthony · 11 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. The biggest issue I have with this idea is the suggestion of requiring construction companies to implement one third of new apprenticeships to women. If we're trying to improve the infrastructure, why use affirmative action to hire unqualified women? Does feminist equity include bridges collapsing? Excerpt:

'We suggest three lines of action that will insure that women get a fair share of the benefits from your program:

1. Revive and enforce the Labor Department regulations that require government contractors to institute affirmative action plans that provide a share of the jobs for women and minorities. Closely monitor the contractors for compliance.

2. In connection with the infrastructure projects, institute apprenticeships, and ensure that at least one third of the positions go to women.

3. Add projects in health, child care, education, social service that will both provide jobs to women, and also provide needed services to them.'

Another example of double-standards applied to similar cases

anthony · 11 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 17-year-old Sheboygan girl was charged Thursday with misdemeanor sexual assault for allegedly having sex with her 14-year-old boyfriend.
...
Guthrie admitted having sex with the boy between 10 and 15 times, according to a complaint charging her with fourth-degree sexual assault. She faces a maximum of nine months in jail, if convicted.
...
On Wednesday, Alan J. Jensen, 17, of 1416 New York Ave., was charged for allegedly having sex with a 14-year-old girl who he claimed told him she was 16. Jepsen is facing a count of felony second-degree sexual assault, which carries a maximum prison term of 25 years.
...
Haasch also said the cases are different because Guthrie's boyfriend is "almost 15," with a birthday in February. Jensen's girlfriend turns 15 in April.'

Credit card thief charged as sex offender

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Mr. Soucia was a thief: more precisely he stole a credit card. And, as a result, he was prosecuted “under the ‘Sex Offender Management and Treatment Act’.” How’s that!!

What gave the low-life prosecutor, aptly named James Conboy, the excuse was that the young man used the stolen credit to hire some strippers. In the logical world of Mr. Conboy: “If you commit a burglary and your goal is because of your own sexual gratification, it’s a sexually motivated felony.”

I sincerely doubt that Soucia broke into a house to rob it just to get his jollies. I doubt that the reason he robbed the house was so he could hire a stripper. And, even if he wanted to hire a stripper, to call this sort of theft a “sex offense” is absolutely ridiculous. Either Mr. Conboy is incredibly moronic or incredibly power-hungry. Either way he is a threat to the decent people in his county.'

Men in Europe wearing 'chastity belts' as protection vs. sexual harassment claims

Matt · 12 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Read it to believe it, here. Excerpt:

'British and German women, however, feel free to make their husbands wear genital irons before letting them leave for work. The most horrible thing about it is that "cuffed" men do not give way to despair: they easily communicate with other men, who have their penises locked up in their pants. Chastity belts pose only one problem for their owners - men feel shy to use public toilets.
...
Salzburg lawyer Henrich Firshman was accused of sexual harassment at work. The lawyer's wife told the judge that the suit filed against her husband was groundless, because the man had been wearing a chastity belt at work for two years. The belt was presented at the court - it looked quite worn out. In addition, forensic experts proved that the belt was worn by Firshmen. The chastity belt saved the man's career and relieved him of the need to pay thousands of euros of penalties. About 30,000 European men come to work wearing chastity belts nowadays. This astounding Puritanism during the age of sexual revolution has been probably caused with people's wish to be 100 percent sure of their faithfulness. It is noteworthy that women wear chastity belts in such families too.
...
Specialists of medicine say, however, that chastity belts are very harmful to men. They are very tight and rigid; they may block blood flow and cause painful edema, tissue numbness and even temporal impotence. Women's chastity belts are a lot less problematic - they do not exert any negative influence on the sexual function of a woman.'

Family court to men - 'Just shut up and pay'

badgerb · 12 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

See editorial here. The misandry inflicted upon fathers and men seems to be finally hitting the mainstream media with more regularity. A well written editorial on last weeks article on forcing a man to pay child support even though he was not the biological father.

Once again I urge you to read the comments after the editorial that are for the most part polite well thought out arguments against the current judical and societal systems that inflicts pain and hardships on men and fathers.

One such example:

Ontario family law has been predicated o Odium Paternus -- Hatred of fathers. It is truly disgusting, and has the unbridled support of sociopaths and psychopaths who use these laws to extort, coerce and steal funds from fathers and good natured people.

RADAR ALERT: RADAR Launches New Campaign - VAWA: Out of Control

Matt · 12 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Today RADAR launches a new campaign "Violence Against Women Act: OUT OF CONTROL" The campaign will highlight that despite spending billions of dollars over the last decade, VAWA-funded programs lack accountability and effectiveness, and are destroying families. Case in point are the advertisements that were run on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit last Fall that featured messages promoting harmful and false stereotypes.

During the next few months our campaign will highlight how the Violence Against Women Act has gone out of control. We will be asking you to help get out the word to your elected representatives and the media how the Violence Against Women Act is out of control, as well as how to reform VAWA.

Successfully reforming VAWA depends on your participation. Last year we have succeeded in stopping four out-of-control bills: I-VAWA, ABA earmarks, gun confiscation, and a House resolution. Please familiarize yourself with how the Violence Against Women Act is "Out Of Control" at http://www.mediaradar.org/how_is_vawa_out_of_control.php

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UK: Toddler-killer sentenced to 7 years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN who killed a toddler by smashing her 4x4 into his pushchair was jailed for seven years yesterday.

Suicidal Katie Gutierrez-Perez, 40, had swallowed sleeping pills, cider and wine after bailiffs snatched her home and business — but was driving to hospital after a change of heart.

She lost control of her Toyota Hilux outside a school and mounted the pavement, catapulting mum Tina Woods, 31, through the air before pinning her 15-month-old son Finlay's buggy against a gatepost.

Finlay died of head injuries. After mother-of-two Gutierrez-Perez was pulled from the vehicle she shrugged and asked: "Have I hurt someone, then?"

Minutes earlier she had been warned not to drive by a DVLA inspector, who saw the 4x4 was uninsured and smelled alcohol.'

Joan Rivers: 'Men Are Stupid... And They Like Big Boobs'

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I found this piece of misandry about Joan Rivers' new book "Men Are Stupid... And They Like Big Boobs" on NPR.

If this woman was ever funny in the past, she isn't any more. The title of her book has put me off. I tried to listen to the online interview Scott Simon did with her, but was turned off by the way the book was portrayed in a cute manner, when the title obviously wasn't cute.

Hey, how about a book titled "Women Are Stupid...And They Like Big Paychecks." Or bad boys.

On You Tube: Ann Coulter Discusses Single Mothers On 'The View'

anthony · 13 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. I realize Ann Coulter is extremely controversial, but she makes some logical observations about motherhood and fatherhood. Notice how the audience roars with applause when Elisabeth Hasselbeck insinuates fathers are not taking responsibility.

Grandmother to climb Kilimanjaro for shared parenting awareness

Matt · 13 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Very inspring! Story here (.pdf file). Excerpt:

'Charlotte, NC - 70 year old grandmother, Sheila Peltzer, will climb Africa's tallest peak, 19,200' Mount Kilimanjaro raising awareness for Shared Parenting and Familial Dysautonomia. Peltzer, departing January 21, 2009, will make the ten day trek up the western route where sub zero summit temperatures are expected.
...
Tim McKyer adds; "I'm involved with Sheila to help shine a spotlight on the family courts. At one time my children lived with me and were doing well. Now I have limited access to them and they are falling behind in school and having other problems. The courts are handicapping my kids unnecessarily. What my kids are being subjected to at the hands of the court is beyond absurd."'

"Lilly Ledbetter Is No Victim"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I have represented many sex discrimination victims. I have won their cases. After 20 years of such efforts, I know a victim when I see one. Let me tell you something: Lilly Ledbetter is no victim. When Ledbetter issued, I reserved judgment as I wished to actually read the opinion first, something knee-jerk liberals rarely do. They are so politically motivated to cry foul that the actual legal merits of the case are of no concern to them.
...
Here's another fact ignored in the political rhetoric. Ledbetter, for unexplained reasons, abandoned an Equal Pay Act claim asserted in her suit. The Equal Pay Act does not contain Title VII's filing limitations, nor does it require plaintiffs to prove intent. It was a much better claim, easier to prove, and it was timely. After abandoning it on appeal, Ledbetter essentially tried to squeeze the EPA claim into Title VII's framework and she justly failed in the effort.

They ought properly to rename the bill as the Ledbetter Con Act of 2009. But she'll stand next to Obama at the signing, like she was some kind of Rosa Parks. What a joke.'

Editorial: Sex charges against female teacher no joking matter

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Locker-room humor about the case involving an Abington boy who police say was raped by a female teacher may be good for a laugh in some circles.

But such banter threatens to perpetuate the misguided idea that boys involved are not victims.

Christine McCallum, 29, stands accused of having a 21-month relationship with a boy, starting when he was 13 and involving up to 300 sexual encounters.

She pleaded innocent Friday to seven counts of statutory child rape.

While most people recognize the violation of trust and potential emotional damage inherent in such a crime, others – and you'll find plenty – see it as a welcome rite of passage.'

Area girls team continue to practice against the boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The recent lawsuit by a female high school basketball player who was injured scrimmaging against males has caused area coaches to take notice, but not make changes.

Girls basketball teams at Ross, Lakota West and Madison are among those who regularly practice against boys, but their sessions are structured and the boys are scrutinized.

"It's not like we're just grabbing anyone out of the hallway and saying, 'Come play against our girls,' " Madison coach John Rossi Jr. said. "Most of these guys are friends with the girls, and they're all good-character, straight-A type of kids, and we let them know we're not interested in seeing what the heck you can do."'

Deployment Used In Battles for Kids

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Story here. Excerpt:

'"We are seeing a substantial increase in cases . . . challenging the custody of military parents and the return of custody when they come back from mobilization or deployment, compared to virtually none 10 years ago," said Mark E. Sullivan, a retired Army Reserve judge advocate who practices family law in North Carolina. The increase has been greatest in states with large military populations, such as Virginia and Texas, he added.

Female troops may be particularly at risk, because mothers are more likely to have custody of children after a divorce. "For them to go away for 15 to 18 months, it opens the door to these challenges," said A.J. Balbo, Greer's attorney and a former Army judge advocate.

...

Diaz gained temporary custody of his daughter, Talia, in February 2002 because her mother was unfit, Diaz said. But when he deployed to Iraq with his engineer battalion in April 2003, he had to delegate joint custody to his mother and Talia's mother. When he came back, Talia's mother refused to return the child.'

Minnesota Woman Tried to Set Boyfriend on Fire, Police Say

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Story here.

'ST. CLOUD, Minn. — A St. Cloud woman is in jail after police say she tried to set her boyfriend on fire using a lighter and air freshener.

Investigators say the 49-year-old woman is accused of pouring fingernail polish remover on the victim and the blanket covering him, then trying to light him on fire.

The victim was able to take the air freshener from the woman. Police say she then hit him on the back of the head and bit him several times. As the man tried to call police, the woman allegedly ripped the phone cord out of the wall.

The woman is in the Stearns County Jail on suspicion of domestic assault and interfering with a 911 call.'

Take Action: Stop the Bailout for Trial Lawyers

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Item here. Excerpt:

'Last Friday, in one of its first actions of the 111th Congress, the House of Representatives passed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act. Although the bills purport to ensure equal pay for men and women, in truth they are a stimulus package for trial lawyers and liberal/feminist special-interest groups.

The Senate is expected to vote on the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (H.R.11) as early as Wednesday of this week. This Act would eliminate the current statute of limitations (either 180 or 300 days, depending on the state of employment) on discrimination claims so that a worker can sue in federal court for alleged pay discrimination 20 years earlier. The statute of limitations was included to prevent frivolous lawsuits against which employers are not able to effectively defend themselves. For example, the bill's namesake, Lilly Ledbetter, who worked for Goodyear Tire & Rubber for more than 19 years and retired from the company with benefits, brought suit more than a decade after the alleged discrimination when her allegedly discriminatory supervisor was long dead.'

Related piece here.

Soldiers and Child Support

Anonymous · 13 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

MANN received this submission anonymously. While we normally don't publish such lengthy pieces, especially if submitted anonymously, this one is just too well-written and timely not to publish. It also reads like it was written as a letter to a government official and so it has content others may find useful. Big thanks to whomever submitted it!

"I am a long-time Army Family Member, being both the daughter of a retired Sergeant First Class, and the spouse of an Active Duty Sergeant First Class, and the sister-in-law of two retired soldiers, in addition to both my brothers serving in the Army; the Army has been the only life I have led. I am proud of the sacrifice that my family has made for the Army and this grateful nation and as such I have dedicated my time to volunteering to honor the life of public service that has been bestowed upon me. It is on behalf of this and other proud servicemen and women that I compose this letter with a serious concern for the soldiers' and their families.

The current Federal Guidelines for calculating spousal and child support along with many other federal programs allow for each States Attorney General to define at their discretion what can be included as income for non-custodial parents. The Federal Guidelines are silent on what can or cannot be counted as income for service members, therefore each state decides if Basic Allowance for Housing, (BAH) and Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS), is calculated for child support. The Federal Guideline is currently only requires states to include healthcare and "income". Ninety percent of states current count these amounts in calculating child support for noncustodial parents that are service members regardless if they are receiving this money.

The BAH that a service member receives is to house their family either on or off post. The purpose of this is clearly outlined in Army Regulation 608-99 dated February 2003, which covers support of the family and the consequences that soldiers' may face for non-support. While it addresses issues concerning soldiers' that do not have court orders for support it also defers to each state as to the inclusion of BAH. Therefore a service member's child support or spousal support could significantly increase simply by being transferred to another post as BAH is calculated based on zip code and rank. This then causes a hardship on the soldier and their children because child support is the right of the child, but it is the right of the Army to transfer you at any time.

The main issue that this poses is that the inclusion is still applied even if the solider is living in military housing and does not receive that money. The BAS that a service member receives is to provide them, personally with food, and was previously defined as "rations in kind". If a soldier chooses to eat in the dining facility then they do not receive this benefit and are in different circumstances that vary by location on how much if any BAS they receive, however again ninety percent of states still count this as income for child support purposes.

Most do not understand do to the unique circumstances of soldiers. The law needs to address the inequity that civilians and military face as outlined above. The Federal Law should state that Base Pay, which is truly what they earn for their service, is what is to be used to calculate as there are too many state and military variables that do not allow the members of our Armed Forces to support their children and families in an appropriate manner. When I contacted the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services department with this issue the Agency of Children and Families which administers part of the Federal Child Support Enforcement Act did not know that this is how child support was being calculated for service members as they focus on those that do not pay. This is an issue that should be handled on a Federal Level.

As an active member of the Army Volunteer Corps I have personally seen how this impacts soldiers' and families not just on my personal situation. Lower ranking soldiers that earn far less than my spouse are unable to meet day to day expenses because of how these calculations are made from state to state. Some have been evicted from their homes, had vehicles repossessed and were forced to take out loans just to survive. One soldier in particular deployed to Iraq and although he was divorced from his spouse and child support had been set and he was current, she was able to successfully petition the court (he waived his SSRA) to increase his support based on his BAH and Combat Pay even though he had joint custody of their children and the Army allowed for him to maintain quarters

for them. This increased his support to over $3000.00 per month for two children and when he returned from war he was forced to file for bankruptcy. Sir, children have the right to be supported by both parents but members of the Armed Forces need a specific outline in the Federal Child Support Guidelines so each state cannot treat each solider differently."

National Car Rental ad pulled due to activism

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Recently National Car Rental had an ad showing John McEnroe smashing a tennis ball into a mans' head for trying to take a car he wanted. I protested the commercial because it continues to promote the idea that inflicting pain on a man is funny. I found out today that the commercial has been permanently dropped because of the protests that were received from viewers. I am glad that others found the ad offensive and that national car rental got the message. -- Dave

The ad can be seen here.

Ms. Magazine Posits Obama as Super-Feminist

anthony · 13 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Ms. Magazine, the publication founded by Gloria Steinem, is releasing a special inaugural issue with somewhat provocative cover. Its photo-shopped image portrays Barack Obama in an iconic Superman pose: heeding a distress call and pulling open his starched white shirt to reveal a secret identity. In this version of the comic-book send-up, the somewhat misleading layer of business attire conceals not a blue and red leotard, but a black t-shirt that reads, "This is what Feminism looks like".
...
'When the chair of the Feminist board, Peg Yorkin, and I met with Barack Obama, he immediately offered, "I am a feminist." And better yet, he ran on the strongest platform for women's rights of any major party in American history.'"

UK: "Harriet Harman is an ultra-feminist gender warrior trapped in a student radical time-warp"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a speech this weekend, she will hail this move as a step towards ‘a new social order’.

‘We want to do more than just provide escape routes out of poverty for a talented few. We want to tackle the class divide,’ she will say.

This is but the latest bit of cack-handed injustice from Harman, an ultra-feminist gender warrior who has spent much of her political career trying to institutionalise injustice against men and privilege women on the basis of ‘sexual equality’.

Much is made of Gordon Brown’s unreconstructed redistributive socialism. But in fact Harman is the most conspicuous example of another important characteristic of this government: its state of fossilised adolescence.

After all, listening to her is a bit like entering a time-warp and being subjected to some ghastly student radical circa 1970 nasally boring on about the class/gender/race struggle. That’s because she - and a number of her ministerial colleagues - were indeed part of that generation of privileged baby-boomers who indulged in adolescent fantasy politics about changing society and human nature - but who, crucially, never grew out of it.'

Man fighting to gain parental rights to toddler he says he fathered with married woman

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A father says he's been stripped of his parental rights and now he's taking bold steps to get the word out about his case.

James Rhoades says he fathered a child with a woman he had an affair with. But since she's married to someone else, the courts won't recognize Rhoades as the dad. So now he's putting up billboards asking for help.

In the heart of St Matthews shopping district you'll see a billboard with a toddler looking down at you.

James Rhoades says the toddler is his son and he's doing everything he can to see him again.'

Woman sentenced for false rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TROY — A Wapakoneta woman will be paying authorities $892 for the overtime detectives used to investigate her false claim of being raped.

Melissa Turner, 40, told the sheriff's office May 19 she was raped on the banks of the Great Miami River, under the Eldean Bridge north of Troy. She admitted May 21 that she had lied, according to court documents.

She pleaded guilty to the felony charge in November and was sentenced Monday, Jan. 12 to community control and order to reimburse the Miami County Sheriff's Office.'

Hitchens on Hillary's nomination

Matt · 14 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Once again, Mr. H. hits the nail on the head. Read it here. If you read this, even if you are a die-hard 100% feminist, and don't find it very disturbing, then you probably are among the Clinton donors he is talking about. Excerpt:

'Here is a thought experiment that does not take very much thought. Picture, if you will, Hillary Clinton facing a foreign-policy conundrum. With whom will she discuss it first and most intently: with her president or her husband? (I did tell you that this wouldn't be difficult.) Here's another one: Will she be swayed in her foreign-policy decisions by electoral considerations focusing on the year 2012, and, if so, will she be swayed by President Barack Obama's interests or her own?
...
...The deal struck by the wide-eyed incoming Obama administration is that the list of donors to the Clinton Foundation will be reviewed once every year and that only the new donations from foreign states—which already include an extraordinarily large number from Gulf sheikdoms—will be scrutinized by administration lawyers. How would we react if we read that this was the rule for the Vladimir Putin government, say, or former Chancellor Gerhard Schröder's regime in Germany?

...
...No, we are getting a notoriously ambitious woman who made a fool of herself over Bosnia, at the time and during the recent campaign, and who otherwise has no command of foreign affairs except what she's picked up second-hand from an impeached ex-president, a disbarred lawyer, and a renter of the Lincoln Bedroom. If the Senate waves this through, it will have reinforced its recent image as the rubber-stamp chamber of a bankrupt banana republic. Not an especially good start to the brave new era.'

Why MEN love being single

webdigr · 14 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Marriage automatically translates into a legal binding and loss of freedom. No wonder, they are commitment-phobic.

The word commitment can make the sanest of men shudder and the mention of marriage is enough to drive a man out of a relationship in a jiffy. So what is it about this social institution that has men break into a sweat?
“Commitment for men is a one-way street towards marriage and the thought of being married to a person for the rest of his life is scary for s guy...
For most men, the first thing that strikes them when they think of commitment is loss of freedom...
...
Moreover, for single men who think that they can have any woman they want in the world, marriage comes as a rude shock. It ends many options.
...
“Men use denial all the time, it’s perfectly natural. For example, a man might say — I am not going bald, I just shaved my head because I wanted to look like Bruce Wills or I could buy a sports car, but it’s just not eco-friendly...'

Man wrongfully convicted of rape dies

Michael · 14 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'HOUMA – A Dulac man who spent 18 years in state prison for a rape he didn't commit has died.

Clyde Charles, 55, died of natural causes Wednesday at his home on Shrimpers Row, according to relatives.

In 1981, Charles was wrongfully convicted of rape and sent to Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola after a woman identified him as her attacker.

Almost two decades after his imprisonment, Charles was exonerated of the crime based on DNA evidence. The same evidence implicated his brother, Marlo Charles,

in the crime. Marlo Charles is serving a life sentence for aggravated rape.

Relatives said he had diabetes, among other health problems, and was receiving dialysis.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Blaine Clay Lodge No. 14 F.M., 915 Lafayette St., Houma. In lieu of flowers, family asks donations be made to the Innocence Project at innocenceproject.org'

Canada: Man jailed for rape might get a new trial

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Ivan Henry already had a criminal history in 1983, a previous conviction for attempted rape. He also had a history of drug and alcohol abuse. According to a court-appointed psychiatrist, he was psychotic and suffered paranoid delusions.

...

He has spent the past 26 years in prison for crimes he has always maintained he did not commit.

The record now casts serious doubt on the prosecution's case against him and the process leading to it.

...

But "relevant and potentially exculpatory" evidence had surfaced while Henry languished in prison.

He had, in the 1980s and 1990s, tried to initiate 55 proceedings, all on his own. None succeeded.

...

The suspect was identified during yesterday's proceedings, but his name cannot be published under court order. He pleaded guilty to three sex offences in 2005 and received a five-year prison sentence. He has since been released.

Henry, on the other hand, remains in prison. "A man has been convicted and has served 26 years in prison for crimes he did not commit," David Layton told the panel of B. C. Court of Appeal judges yesterday. The Crown ventured almost as far.'

"Woman Charged In Domestic Tiff"

Matt · 14 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Ottawa police have charged a woman with aggravated assault after her boyfriend fell through a pane of glass at a Herongate-area apartment building Sunday.

Police are disclosing nothing more about the 25-year-old accused or the alleged assault because they say their policy is not to disclose information about domestic-related incidents.

Officers responded to an apartment building on Cedarwood Dr. just after 2 p.m. and found a 34-year-old man with cuts to his neck, face and head.

Police said the injuries were originally life-threatening, but the man's condition subsequently improved.'

"Tiff"?

UK: "Harman's latest men-bashing policy is not just odious - it turns morality inside out"

AngryMan · 14 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Having given us class war yesterday with her ‘equality’ proposals the Minister for Women, Harriet Harman, returns today to her signature battleground of the sex war to promote yet another policy that springs from the desire to give men a bashing.

At present, the law provides a defence of provocation to the charge of murder in cases where there is a sudden loss of temper or self-control.

For years, Harman and the sisterhood have campaigned against this provision which they say discriminates against women. This is because, typically, men kill their womenfolk in the heat of the moment - most often on account of perceived infidelity - while women who kill their menfolk rarely do so in a similar state of uncontrollable rage.
...
Now the Coroners and Justice Bill says this provocation provision will be scrapped altogether and be replaced with two partial defences - that people have killed because they fear they could be the victim of serious violence, or can prove they have been ‘seriously wronged’ by their victim.

Harriet Harman has said: ‘For centuries the law has allowed men to escape a murder charge in domestic homicide cases by blaming the victim. Ending the provocation defence in cases of 'infidelity' is an important law change and will end the culture of excuses.'

But the fact is that this change discriminates against men, justice and morality.
...
Moreover, ministers appear to be not only dismissing the grievous wrong of infidelity but inverting the moral responsibility, so that the wrong lies not with the unfaithful spouse but with ‘the spouse who is thus betrayed' who is apparently at fault for ‘sexual jealousy’.

So marital betrayal actually becomes the fault of the betrayed. How odious is this? It’s not just taking a swipe at morality – it is to turn it inside out.
...
Harman and the sisterhood are most obviously motivated by a deep animus against men. But what this proposed change shows so very clearly is that behind such extreme man-hating feminism - along with all the rest of the sub-Marxist agenda that constitutes fashionable thinking - lies an onslaught upon the bedrock moral values upon which our society and its laws depend.'

FOX: Does New Government Drunk Driving Campaign Unfairly Target Men?

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Video report here. Title: "Does New Government Drunk Driving Campaign Unfairly Target Men?"

UK: Female teacher at top boys' school arrested for 'having sex with sixth formers'

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A female teacher at a top private boys' school has been arrested over allegations of sexual misconduct involving sixth-formers.

Hannah McIntyre, 24, has been suspended from her job at Merchant Taylors school, in Crosby, Merseyside.
...
The alleged sexual activity is said to have taken place away from the premises of the £8,000-a-year school, whose former pupils include ex-Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie.

Although sixth-form students are above the age of consent, it is a criminal offence for teachers to engage in sexual activity with them because of their 'relationship of trust'.

Government guidance also warns teachers that 'intimate or sexual relationships between staff and pupils will be regarded as a grave breach of trust'."

Ed. note: Re "Sixth form". The students were thus likely to be around 16-to-18 years of age. In the U.S. it's equivalent to the junior and senior years of high school.

University Of California: "SeXX Shift"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the biggest splits occurs in families with a father who has little education or is absent — with sons much less likely than their sisters to go to college, said Claudia Buchmann, an Ohio State University sociologist who spoke at UC Davis in November. The reasons are unclear, though young men from those families may face more pressure to get a job immediately after high school, place a lower priority on education or fail to recognize the potential of a degree to raise their earning power.

...

The result, Kimsey said, is a society of women who are increasingly highly educated and white collar and men who are less educated and blue collar.

...

Many men who do go to college seem less prepared than their female classmates for the rigors of their coursework, say some UC Davis academic advisers and students. Men tend to procrastinate more in their studies while many women seem driven to excel.'

Wilson College to allow adult female students on-campus residence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CHAMBERSBURG -- Adult female college students struggling to juggle an academic career with several other commitments elsewhere can now live on campus at Wilson College through its adult residency program.
...
"Adult women are the fastest-growing college demographic and are projected to be so over the next several years," said Mary Ann Naso, Wilson vice president for enrollment.
...
Men are barred from living on campus, as there are no programs for traditional-age male students at Wilson.
...
Under the older program, mothers can stay in a two-room suite with their daughters up to their last year of high school, or their sons up to age 11. Unlike the new program, it is for full-time residency only.'

With depression, vets face higher suicide risk

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Valenstein's research team collected data on 887,859 VA hospital patients being treated for depression from April 1999 to September 2004. They calculated the suicide rate for several 12-week periods, including after the start of treatment with antidepressants, after treatment changes, and upon discharge from a psychiatric hospital.

"The possibility of increased suicide risks with antidepressant use has received much media attention, and there have been governmental recommendations for close clinical monitoring during these periods,"" Valenstein said. The study confirmed what others have shown: that the first 12 weeks after starting antidepressants is a higher risk period for patients, with 210 suicides per 100,000 person-years, but that the risk returns to normal thereafter.
...
"Although the results of this study are limited, in that they are based on a largely male and older VA population of depressed patients, they still provide an important contribution to an area of extreme importance to the entire mental health system in the United States: suicide prevention," Rego said.'

Forbes: Women Vs. Men: Handling Economic Stress

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2005, the latest statistics offered by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 25,907 men killed themselves, versus 6,730 women. A big part of this discrepancy is that men use much more successful methods of suicide. Each of the four moguls who took their lives did so in a decisive fashion. "Men take far more permanent measures," says Manhattan psychotherapist Jonathan Alpert, who counsels many Wall Streeters and their families. "Women might make gestures that are not as strong, that are more a cry for help or attention."

The financial crisis offers serious and perhaps widespread motivations for male suicidal behavior. "This is just the tip of the iceberg," says Dr. Leslie Seppinni, a Beverly Hills, Calif., clinical psychologist who counsels many millionaires, both male and female.'

UK: School teacher facing jail for sending lewd texts to schoolboy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A primary school teacher faces jail for sending lewd texts to a 14-year-old boy after grooming him over the internet game World of Warcraft.

Lynn Walls, 42, who has been sacked from her job, used the interactive computer game to befriend the teenager and get his mobile phone number while playing online.

She then sent the boy, from London, a series of graphic texts in November 2007 which outlined what she intended to do with him if they met.

She was caught out when his father read them.

Today she returned to Newcastle Crown Court to be sentenced after admitting inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity.'

Man charged despite girlfriend telling police she framed him

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A University of Arkansas employee faces charges for recording a teenage girl in the shower even though his girlfriend told police she did it to get him in trouble.
...
Robinson is accused on Oct. 6 of possessing nude images of a 16-year-old girl and using a digital camera to secretly record her while she was taking a shower.
...
He said his longtime girlfriend, Lela Churchwell, took the video herself in an effort to get him in trouble, ...
...
On Nov. 13, Churchwell told police that she had recorded the nude shower footage but told the victim and police that Robinson did it to get him in trouble...

She also told police she had become pregnant by another man and she planned to blackmail Robinson so he would move out of the house and she could stay there while he paid the mortgage.
...
"Developments in the case" convinced prosecutors to file charges against Robinson even though his girlfriend claims she made up the story, said Mark Booher, 4th Judicial District deputy prosecutor.
...
Police reports indicate that Robinson was accused of making numerous comments of a sexual nature to the 16-year-old girl, but he is not accused of any sexual contact with her.'

Hillary shooed into full vote

Matt · 15 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Thursday voted overwhelmingly for Hillary Rodham Clinton to become the next secretary of state, endorsing President-elect Barack Obama's promise to take U.S. foreign policy in a new direction.

The action paves way for a full Senate vote after Obama takes office on Jan. 20. Clinton is not expected to hit any major roadblocks, with Republicans and Democrats alike praising her acumen on the issues.

But concerns about her husband's charitable fundraising overseas remains. Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana, who was among several Republicans who raised the issue at her confirmation hearing earlier this week, cast the lone opposing vote.

Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., said he too remains wary that contributions to the Clinton charity could pose conflicts of interest. But, he added, he wouldn't stand in the way of her appointment at this point and noted that Clinton could become one of the nation's best secretaries of State to date.

Her departure from the Senate has been closely watched because it would give New York Gov. David Paterson, a fellow Democrat, the power to appoint her successor. Caroline Kennedy, the scion of a political dynasty, wants the job.'

"Murder Spree by People Who Refuse to Ask For Directions"

tonysprout · 16 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Ann Coulter at her finest, flings poop back at the monkeys at the NY Times by identifying the group that has a large hand in the decay of Western Civilization. Excerpt:

"But as long as the Times has such a burning interest in the root causes of murder, how about considering the one factor more likely to create a murderer than any other? That is the topic we're not allowed to discuss: single motherhood." and "Imagine an America with 60 to 70 percent fewer juvenile delinquents, teenage births, teenage suicides and runaways, and you will appreciate what the sainted "single mothers" have accomplished."

Engagement rings for men catching on

Matt · 16 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

My how times do change. Story here. Excerpt:

'A jewellery chain is set to be the first in the country to sell engagement rings exclusively for men.

H Samuel says the move comes after demands from female customers for equality - as increasing numbers of women propose to their partners.
...
As well as issues of equality driving demand for male engagement rings, H Samuel says women are equally enthusiastic about them as a means of making it clear their men are spoken for.

An H Samuel spokesman said: 'Women are no longer waiting until the man pops the question. We are equals in the workplace, equals in our relationships and we make our own decisions.'

Rather belies feminist assertions about "relationship inequality" doesn't it? If marriage is so oppressive to, why are they now doing the asking? It just don't add up.

I have never heard of a case where a man in a relationship with a woman has instigated marriage. The idea is always brought up first by the woman and brought up repeatedly until she gets a proposal. Perhaps it's a sign of progress that if marriage is going to continue to exist as a legal matter, at least now some women are finally admitting to the reality of things and taking their chances asking a fellow for his hand in marriage.

Not that I think it'll change the response rate that much.

"Bad males" want sex on date #1

Matt · 16 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Open misandry to be found here. Tell me, a girl who wants to have sex on the first date-- is she a "bad female"? Excerpt:

"A woman increases her chances of getting a 'good' man by not sleeping with partners on a first date, mathematicians have found.

They used a numerical model to show that better partners were willing to date for a longer time before having sex, whereas 'bad' men were more reluctant to hang around.
...
By delaying mating, the female is able to reduce the chance that she will mate with a bad male.

'A male's willingness to court for a long time is a signal that he is likely to be a good male.

'Long courtship is a price paid for increasing the chance that mating, if it occurs, will be a harmonious match which benefits both sexes. This may help to explain the commonly held belief that a woman is best advised not to sleep with a man on a first date.'
...
'The female's strategy is a compromise - a trade-off between on the one hand the greater risk of mating with a bad male if she mates too quickly, and on the other hand the time cost of delay. Under this compromise there remains some risk that she will mate with the wrong type of male. She cannot eliminate this risk completely unless she decides never to mate.'"

Fox Forum: "Obama, the Feminist?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists need to realize that if we want truly equal treatment for women, we have to stop demanding preferential treatment, in the form of senate seats, anti-men legislation and the conventient revision of history. And they need to remember that real American women — in San Francisco, Topeka, and Anchorage — are not defined by only one issue.

Ms. magazine has offended a lot of women in the past — both by glorifying and, in fact, celebrating abortion as an act of defiance against men, and by appearing anti-Semitic in refusing to run an ad honoring Israeli women. If the election of Barack Obama is opening feminists' eyes to the realities of the world — that men are valuable and important, and shouldn't be excluded from our fight for equality — then I am now a huge supporter of Barack Obama. Here's hoping the new feminist mantra can be "I Am Man, Hear Me Roar."

New Zealand: Author Believes False Rape Allegations Need Help Not Prosecution

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women who make false rape allegations need help not prosecution, says a rape victim counsellor.
...
Of more concern was the number of sexual abuse assaults not reported to police, with only 9 per cent of sexual assault cases reported.
...
Police should be finding help for these women, she said.

"I would recommend some form of therapeutic intervention rather than charging them."

She said someone needed to be "pretty distressed" to make a false allegation of sexual assault but there were several reasons someone would. A young woman may have had sex against her parent's wishes and told her parents she has been raped. Dr McGregor said the parents complain to police but when the woman was interviewed she would then say she had lied.'

"After School": Teacher-student sex documentary released

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Collingswood, NJ (PRWEB) January 16, 2009 -- RollingStone.com has teamed up with Powerhouse Pictures Entertainment to premiere an exclusive interview from the upcoming documentary feature film, After School, directed by Chris Barrett. After School examines the disturbing nature of teacher student sexual relationships.
...
...Director Barrett goes on to say, "After School will delve more deeply into the topic of teacher student sex than any other media outlet has."'

http://www.afterschooldocumentary.com/

Book helps turn young boys into lifelong readers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new book co-authored by an Arizona State University faculty member tackles head-on the fact that, in general, boys in the United States read less often and less well than girls. “Bright Beginnings for Boys: Engaging Young Boys in Active Literacy” offers practical advice and strategies for teachers, parents and anyone with an interest in boys’ literacy development.
...
“‘Bright Beginnings for Boys’ offers alternatives to repetitive drilling on basic skills, which can lead to boredom, inattention and behavioral problems,” Zambo says. “We believe this book will benefit teachers, caregivers, and anyone else who wants to help young boys learn basic skills in a way that is active and connects to their interests. Beyond that, we want adults to use books to help young boys find positive visions of themselves.”'

Mother to face trial in toddler's poisoning

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A young mother who authorities said deliberately mixed drain cleaner with her toddler's apple juice must face trial for child abuse and other charges, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Christina Noel Howell has pleaded not guilty to a charge of aggravated mayhem in the alleged poisoning of her 22-month-old son with caustic chemicals. If she is convicted, she could face up to life in prison.

The 22-year-old also has pleaded not guilty to two counts of child abuse and two counts of poisoning.

Deputy District Attorney Keith Watanabe said Howell told authorities the child's ingestion of caustic chemicals, once on May 25 and again on May 28, was accidental. Watanabe maintained the Warner Springs woman purposely served the poison to the toddler.

Howell's son suffered internal damage so severe he risks choking every time he drinks water, according to the child's doctor, who testified at a key pretrial hearing for Howell on Tuesday.'

Women safer from the unemployment line than men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In these tough times, the unemployment line is getting longer and longer, and it looks like you have a better chance of standing in it if you are a man.

A new study shows women seem to be holding on to their jobs more than men.

Since the recession began, the jobless rate for men rose from 4.4% to 7.2%. The jobless rate for women went from 4.3% to 5.9%. Why the discrepancy? Experts say the kind of jobs women tend to hold offer more stability. About 75% of the people who work in health care and education are women. Those jobs certainly aren't going away right now.

Women are more likely to work part-time than men. That means they make less money than the full-timers and probably don't get benefits.'

Business Week: Too Much Testosterone on Wall Street?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Finance has always been dominated by men and driven by a testosterone-enhanced culture. If women had been running our banks, might we have avoided the sub-prime mess and the resulting economic meltdown?

Halla Tomasdottir, a prominent Icelandic financier, answers yes. In a recent BBC interview she shared her outrage at the wild risks male bankers had taken in Iceland, resulting in three banks being nationalized and the country being frozen out of foreign exchange markets. At least two smart women saw it coming—Tomasdottir herself and her partner Kristin Petursdottir, who set up Audur Capital in 2007, recruiting mainly women and exercising risk awareness in their choice of investments. Audur was one of the few Icelandic financial companies to survive the crisis. "Our ground rule was simple, we didn't invest in anything we couldn't understand," says Tomasdottir. In early 2008 she published a report warning Prime Minister Geir Haarde that Iceland's financial model was unsustainable.

He appears to have listened. Two months ago he appointed two women to rebuild the financial system. Elin Sigfusdottir and Birna Einarsdottir now head up the nationalized New Landsbanki and New Glitnir banks - their mandate to move away from the macho culture of irresponsible, aggressive risk-taking that many now blame for Iceland's troubles.'

Ed. note: Notice the source: harvardbusiness.org

American Businessmen in Hong Kong falling victim to date-rape drug

Broadsword · 18 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"...It was in Hong Kong, in the pulsating red-light district of Wan Chai. Garcia, a Singapore-based executive for a luxury sports brand, had gone out for Friday-night cocktails with colleagues. "The next thing I knew, it was 2 a.m. on Sunday, and I was lying on my bed, butt-naked," he recalls. "My cell phone, wallet, and $3000 Omega watch were gone." So was all memory of the previous 24 hours...

...Police on the island metropolis say 44 Western businessmen have reported similar date-rape druggings by prostitutes in Wan Chai in the past four years. The real number of victims is higher, they believe, because few men report the crime if they were cheating on their wives or girlfriends at the time. An advisory committee for the U.S. State Department deemed the trend serious enough to issue a warning about it in its 2008 Hong Kong travel report...

...Juli says she'd never report one of her fellow hookers to the police if she found out they were using date-rape drugs to rob customers. "I don't have any pity," she states flatly. "Of course it's bad news if a guy dies or loses his marriage because his wife finds out, but nobody forces them to come to Wan Chai."

She snaps open her Nokia and checks for calls from clients before having her last uncompromising word: "We've always had to protect ourselves from men. Maybe now it's their turn to start protecting themselves from us."

Mother of Florida Girl Caylee Anthony Describes Herself as a Victim in Just-Released Tapes

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. — The Florida mother charged in the killing of her toddler daughter described herself as a victim when talking to her parents during a jailhouse visit last August.

Casey Anthony, 22, told her parents she was just as much a victim as anyone else in the case during the recorded visit at the Orange County Jail in Orlando. Tapes of the visit were released this week.
...
"This is seriously the first time I've been angry, that I've been frustrated to the point where I can't even think straight at this moment," Casey Anthony said. "The worst part is nobody can see my side and I have to keep my mouth shut."'

"Father-ectomy court is now in session"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What does this Obama administration mean for new and old men and fathers? It means - welcome to family, I mean father-ectomy court, where if you think you are getting custody of your kid(s), think again! It means millions of more dollars funneled in to support CAPTA and VAWA, its constituents, its supporters, and that includes advocacy programs supporting the protection of women and children and what is in their best interests. If you think father custody is now at about 15% wait until 2010 when Obama, et al start to crank up the pressure in support of domestic programs created to ultimately curtail the rights of you guessed it - deadbeats, visitors, high rise condos known as time-sharers in Florida, child molesters and wife beaters; aka fathers.'

Australia: Rob Hulls criticised for stand on men-only clubs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ATTORNEY-GENERAL Rob Hulls said this week: "It seems to me that a contemporary, enlightened and diverse world demands that clubs . . . should really change their fossil-like views."

Hulls spoke about the Athenaeum Club excluding female members.
...
The issue at stake is property rights, not equal opportunity. And making it equal opportunity makes it impossible to design a system that makes everyone happy. Take Fernwood Fitness Centres.

It's a female-only fitness club that believes there's a "need for women to have their own special space -- a comfortable sanctuary to work out and enjoy regular exercise".
...
The real objective of Hulls's proposed changes isn't equal opportunity, but affirmative action, rooted in "progressive" ideology, to tinker with societal outcomes.'

India: Wife beats up her husband for divorce

webdigr · 18 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Thirty seven-year old S Babu, who is into construction business, has complained to Madiwala police that his wife Malini Babu was in the habit of popping sleeping pills, and was addicted to alcohol. According to him, she would regularly abuse him, demanding a divorce and Rs 25 lakh.

Interestingly, Malini's father also supporting his daughter, and is keen to see the couple separate. Babu and Malini had married on February 2, 1997, and have two children Nita and Rama. They live in an apartment on Taverekere Main Road.

Police said on December 29, Malini had allegedly beaten up her husband and the children.'

Another study debunks the two percent false rape canard

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Radical feminism has enjoyed almost unchallenged success in convincing lawmakers and university administrators that when it comes to rape, one gender is incapable of telling a lie, while the other is incapable of anything but lying.

From the faulty premise that women do not lie about rape follow the equally faulty but still widely accepted premises that there is no such thing as a false rape claim, and that conviction rates for rape are far too low. To help jack up those rates – or, in the twisted logic that follows from those faulty premises, to help justice be better served – laws and policies are changed to provide rape accusers with special accommodations allowed to no other criminal complainant.'

Woman sought in fatal stabbing of S.F. man

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Story here. Excerpt:

'San Francisco police are searching for a woman who they say fatally stabbed an 18-year-old man during a domestic incident in a violence-scarred public housing development in the Western Addition.
...
Authorities did not identify the suspect in the latest homicide or provide details in what they described as a case of domestic violence. But several neighbors in the Plaza East housing complex said authorities were looking for 27-year-old DeEbony Smith, with whom Pickett had a baby daughter.

The neighbors said Smith lives in an apartment in Plaza East with her mother and three children. They said the fathers of the other two children had also died in recent years, one in a shooting and the other in a car wreck.'

Smart Mom/Wife-Dumb Dad/Husband commercials

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I wish to nominate 2 more businesses for the boycott list.

Vonnage Phone Service: In the commercial, the "Smart Wife" is describing how easy it was to hook up and use the Vonnage system with her computer. Throughout the time, her husband (who is a rotund and rather ridiculous looking "tell-a-tubby" sort) is attempting to do the Michael Jackson Moon Walk. During the "Smart Wife's" description of how easily she connected to Vonnage, she looks over her shoulder at the antics and gives a look indicating that she is indeed a long suffering individual married to a complete idiot.

Home Depot: In one of their recent commercials, the "Smart Wife" talks about the "3 Reasons I'm Heading to the Home Depot this weekend". The reasons include her 3 year old drawing on the wall with crayons and then comparing her husband to the 3-year-old for having put numerous holes in the wall in an effort to hang pictures.

Ed. note: If you have links to the commercials, please post.

RADAR ALERT: Where IS the Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting?

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Recently, an ABC World News Report story by Charlie Gibson was presented as 'Protecting Teens from Teenage Violence'. The more accurate name should have been 'How to Protect Your Daughters From Those Violent Teenage Boys'.

A report issued by Richard L. Davis, MS and MA, "ABC News Report on Domestic Violence Dating: Harmful or Helpful?", shows that the media continues to present an awfully skewed portrayal of domestic abuse, completely ignoring the need to be gender neutral in its evaluation. Davis points to Liz Claiborne, Inc., which developed and distributed its own A Parent's Guide to Teen Dating Violence:

Questions to Start the Conversation: This handbook completely ignored Liz Claiborne's own "teen relationship abuse survey" that clearly indicates that male teens are no more abusive than their female counterparts. On the contrary, the survey indicated the opposite. Yet the handbook denotes "he" as the abuser and "she" as the victim throughout. Interpretation of statistics can obviously be subjective, especially by the side who is viewing and attempting to extract a story from it. But as Davis points out, when presenting information to the masses, it is irresponsible to take the bits and pieces that are to your liking and throw out the rest.

Contact Charlie Gibson and the producers at ABC's World News Report and let them know that they need to be conscious of the bias and should present the facts ... ALL of them. You can reach him here.

Further, send a message to Liz Claiborne, Inc. that they can't ignore their own research, that it dilutes the results and gives a false picture. You can reach them at loveisnotabuse-at-liz.com.

As always, be polite.

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Date of RADAR Release: January 19, 2009

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Dad told to pay for child's birth or wed mom

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FLINT, Mich. (AP) - The state of Michigan is giving a father a choice: pay the medical cost of his daughter's birth or marry the girl's mother.

Gary Johnson was billed $3,800 for the birth of his daughter JaeLyn, The Flint Journal reported in Sunday online editions. Johnson is not married to the child's mother, Rebecca Witt.

The Michigan Legislature amended the state's paternity act five years ago to waive birthing costs for a father, if he married the child's mother. A year later, Witt gave birth to JaeLyn. The state paid for the hospital costs because Witt was on Medicaid at the time and is now trying to recover the money.'

"Lost in Castration"

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I never thought I'd see it. But anyone who knows even a little of Dirk Benedict's background knows he isn't afraid to tell it like it it. Read it here. Title: "Lost in Castration". Excerpt:

'Starbuck was meant to be a lovable rogue. It was best for the show, best for the character and the best that I could do. The Suits didn't think so. "One more cigar and he's fired," they told Glen Larson, the creator of the show. "We want Starbuck to appeal to the female audience for crying out loud." You see, the Suits knew women were turned off by men who smoked cigars, especially young men. How they "knew" this was never revealed. And they didn't stop there. "If Dirk doesn't quit playing every scene with a girl like he wants to get her in bed, he's fired." This was, well, it was blatant heterosexuality, treating women like "sex objects." I thought it was flirting. Never mind, they wouldn't have it. I wouldn't have it any other way, or rather Starbuck wouldn't. So we persevered, Starbuck and I. The show, as the saying goes, went on and the rest is history for, lo and behold, women from all over the world sent me boxes of cigars, phone numbers, dinner requests, and marriage proposals.
...
There was a time, I know I was there, when men were men, women were women and sometimes a cigar was just a good smoke. But 40 years of feminism have taken their toll. The war against masculinity has been won. Everything has turned into its opposite, so that what was once flirting and smoking is now sexual harassment and criminal. And everyone is more lonely and miserable as a result.'

Pepto Bismol and Coors Light Run Misandric Commercials

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Another member of this site has recently submitted an article nominating two companies for boycott. I have two more to go with them.

Pepto Bismol:
In this ad, a woman is on the phone with an agent from Pepto Bismol's customer questions line, and tells him, "Rex got into everything last night." The agent asks her what he ate. She lists several things, and ends the list off with "and of course dog treats." The agent then tells her that dogs are not covered. She responds, "Charlie is my dog. Rex is my husband."

I don't see how it makes sense to compare half of your customer base to dogs, and expect them to want to buy your product. Perhaps the ad-execs who came up with this should be compared to dogs instead. I would much rather suffer from nausea, heartburn, indigestion, upset stomach, or diarrhea than use their product.

Coors Light:
A woman from Coors Light tries to explain to an all-male focus group (heaven forbid gender neutrality!), that when their beer is 'certified cold' the mountain on the label will turn blue. They all have difficulty understanding and ask her questions like "when does the beer turn blue?" and "when does the label turn to beer?" It ends off with all of the focus group looking outside at the mountains, another man asking them what they're doing, and one of them responding by saying, "the mountains are about to change colour".

I think we should take the time to write these companies emails explaining to them why these ads don't compel us to buy their products, and in fact deter us from doing so.

I would also like to end off by saying, as a side note, that the 'Office Park' Stride Ad is still running, and we should probably send them an email as well letting them know that every time we see that ad it reminds us not to buy their products.

Thanks for reading!

X-TRNL
Real Men Don't Take Abuse!

Ed. note: As before, if you have links to these ads, please post them.

Glenn Sacks: What Will the Obama Presidency Mean for Fathers?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm often asked what I think the Obama presidency will mean for fathers. I think there are some reasons to be optimistic and some reasons to be pessimistic. Below I list a bunch of them, not in any particular order.

Positive: Obama clearly understands the importance of fathers, and has often emphasized it.

Negative: Obama believes, or at least publicly believes, that fatherlessness is caused almost entirely by irresponsible fathers.

Positive: Obama seems to understand that there are systemic problems with the child support system, and that these problems are part of what causes men to fail to pay their child support.

Negative: Obama has said that he wants to beef up child support enforcement against those who he believes, perhaps incorrectly, are capable of paying.'

UK: Jealousy no defence for killer husbands, but abused wives can escape a murder charge

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Stripping husbands of the right to claim that infidelity was the spur for their actions means they will face a charge of murder, rather than manslaughter.

But women who kill abusive partners in cold blood could escape a murder conviction if they prove they feared more violence.

The most sweeping changes to murder laws in 50 years are part of the Government's controversial Coroners and Justice Bill, to be published today.

...

The new murder rules follow a report from the Government's legal advisers, the Law Commission, which paid deep attention to the claims of feminists that women who kill violent husbands or boyfriends are too harshly treated.

But Robert Whelan of the Civitas think-tank said: 'The Government is making some people more equal than others before the law. It seems some lives are worth more than others.'

Researcher and author on families and the law, Patricia Morgan said: 'They are differentiating between victims. They are saying some groups have excuses because they fall into a different category.'

Mrs Morgan added: 'It seems that women have excuses and men don't.'"

UK: Parents want more men to be school teachers, survey shows

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Parents are calling for more men to become teachers because they fear their children lack male role models, research showed yesterday.

Demand is even stronger among single mothers, who told the survey their children had little contact with men in caring roles.

The study found one in six children living with a single mother spends less than two hours a week with a male role model, such as a father figure, relative or teacher.

One in three of these children has such contact for under six hours a week.

Over the past 20 years there has been a dramatic decline in the number of men working in schools and nurseries and a growing trend for children never to be taught by a man.

The slump in male recruitment has been blamed on a perception among men that teaching, especially of young children, is 'women's work' and that they risk false allegations of child abuse.'

Sweden: Best-selling DV book author accused of fraud

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It all started in the year 1995 when journalist Liza Marklund made her debut as an author with the book ‘Gömda : en sann historia’ (Hidden : A true story). In what she claims to be a true story verified by authority documents.
...
The book Gömda quickly became a success and started a debate about how Swedish authorities do not help a parent who is on the run from an abusive partner.
...
The book ‘Mia - Sanningen om Gömda’ (Mia – The truth about Hidden), written by freelance journalist Monica Antonsson, is all it has promised to be. The real story about Marklund’s story, that shows what a thin line the celebrated and famous journalist has been walking on when she “documented” how Swedish authorities ignored a mother fleeing from an abusive husband.

Antonsson’s book is based on documents from authorities and about 40 interviews with people who know the background or Mia personally. What is showed is a rather complex child-care dispute, where the escape by Mia with her and her husband’s daughter is severely over-dramatised and far from rooted in fear for her life as she claims. Instead, many people says to have suffered by being falsely portrayed in the books by Marklund and do not recognise Mia’s claims, this includes her old friends and family members.'

Relatedly, also see this blog entry. Excerpt:

'Take a look at the cover of this book. It's called "When the blood ties breaks", and is written by the alias "Hanna Svensson". Look what it says on the book cover at the bottom. (A true story). This story is just as invented as "Buried alive" and "asylum". Fantasy and fiction right through.

Today, I can reveal that this book is part of the same evil project as "Buried alive" and "asylum". The people behind it is ROKS, probably in cooperation with senior politicians in Sweden. Exactly what Liza Marklunds role in the project has been and how much she knew is still not quite clear. But given how desperate she now tries to lie herself out of this tight spot, and how she has built a lucrative career in this matter, one can still draw some conclusions.'

Benard Chapin: The Semi-Declared War on Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The battle between the sexes has ceased being a battle and has quickly turned into a rout. With women the recipients of state sponsored advantages such as affirmative action, preferential treatment in the courts, and a public educational system uniquely sensitive to the needs of girls, men are like frogs in an aquarium where water is added incrementally at ever-increasing temperatures. The frogs only realize the danger just as they begin to boil to death. This is exact warning that Dr. Richard Hise gives us in his 2004 book, The War Against Men.

Its full title includes the secondary, Why Women are Winning and What Men Must Do If America is to Survive, and this is the approach the author takes within. He first outlines the problems of today and then gives suggestions as to what we should do about them. Dr. Hise is a professor of marketing at Texas A&M's Mays Business School. This would not be a natural subject for a business professor to address, yet he wrote the book for highly passionate reasons. Indeed, the author "…cried when I read how our young sons are degraded in school through the feminization efforts espoused by and, unfortunately, implemented by the female dominated educational system."

...
Women are becoming dominant in the work place and within education as the rules of productivity have been altered to ensure their competitive advantage. In higher education, as most of us are already aware, the universities are devoted to fighting the "phallocracy" which means paranoia in regards to men. The author uncovers a horrifying piece of propaganda put out by the University of Massachusetts, Amherst Women's Studies Director. It demands that American universities make gender "part of all pertinent programs of institutional research," and that all "curricula would be transformed according to guidance from an autonomous women's studies site." The "gender" that would be imposed would be exclusively female in its orientation. If such ideas were ever adopted, then a college education would be next to worthless. Dr. Hise wisely shares with his readers a list of the Top 10 most anti-male universities which is something that every prospective student should consult.'

Wendy Murphy: Male abuse victims suffer from crime and stereotype

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the Department of Justice, females account for 6,000 sexual offenses each year. A total of 1.6 million men and 1.5 million women were sexually abused by women when they were children. The majority of female offenders are between 22 and 33 years old and are not mentally ill. They are typically employed in professional jobs or as managers and a high percentage of their victims are “close” contacts, such as students, family friends and children they advised in some fashion.

When they offend against boys, we either ignore or discount the harm because it seems impossible for a boy’s parts to get, um, tingly if he’s truly being harmed. Truth is, boys suffer terribly, even when their parts are tingling. But because we high-five them as “lucky,” they aren’t free to talk about the experience as painful. This silencing adds to the psychic pain for male victims and so long as we continue to view male sexual abuse through the prism of an orgasm, it will continue.'

Opinion: Fair pay acts will hamper recovery

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two new "equal pay" laws will likely land on President-elect Barak Obama's desk as soon as he is inaugurated

Tuesday. These laws were taken up by the new Congress as its first order of business, along with emergency measures to rescue the economy.
...
Due to the undeniable progress made towards equity over the past 40 years and the marked diversity of today's workplace, I would argue that rank discrimination is today the least likely of many factors in any woman's compensation.

However, in the burdens they impose -- and the urgency with which their advocates are trying to get them enacted -- both of these new laws seem to assume that discrimination is the most likely.

Existing anti-discrimination laws, with their stiff penalties, already provide strong prohibitions against pay differentials based on race, religion or gender.

Employers who have invested heavily for decades in leveling the playing field for women should not be penalized now -- in the midst of a full-blown economic crisis -- with a flood of costly litigation. Our economy needs rescue measures that see the workplace as it is, not as it was 40 years ago.'

Ohio Mom Charged With Daughters' Bathtub Drownings Heard Voices Urging Her to Kill

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CLEVELAND — A defense attorney says an Ohio woman charged with drowning her two young daughters in a bathtub heard voices urging her to kill.

Twenty-three-year-old Amber Hill has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. During opening statements Tuesday, her defense attorney said Hill had been increasingly troubled and depressed leading up to the deaths of her daughters on Oct. 1, 2007.

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The girls' father, Jamie Cintron, rushed home and pulled his daughters from a bathtub filled with water, then called 911.'

Mom allegedly coached girl in sex case

Matt · 21 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'CALGARY - Cops wrongly charged a Calgary dad with sexual abuse after his ex-wife coached their three-year-old daughter's complaint, a $900,000 lawsuit claims.

And the lawyer for the dad says his client has now effectively lost his daughter since the mom has taken her to their native China.

"He may have lost the child forever," lawyer Robb Beeman told the Sun yesterday.

Beeman said police should have done a more thorough investigation before charging his client with sexual assault two years ago.'

Woman seeking alimony after common-law marriage

Matt · 21 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MONTREAL — She is a willowy brunette with supermodel looks. He is a multimillionaire who travels the globe. Their union produced three kids - and their breakup is now poised to test Canadian law.

A Montreal woman turned to a Quebec judge yesterday in a bid to obtain alimony from her wealthy ex. She says she was the man's companion, travel partner, and mother to their children: The only thing she wasn't was his wife.

Now the woman is challenging federal law and seeking $50-million of her ex's fortune, saying she was unfairly penalized because she never tied the knot.'

"Women" agenda page on whitehouse.gov

anthony · 22 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here. Replace "women" in the url with "men" and you get a 404 error. No big surprise there. Excerpt:

'Fighting for Pay Equity: Despite decades of progress, women still make only 77 cents for every dollar a man makes. Throughout their careers, President Obama and Vice President Biden have championed the right of women to receive equal pay for equal work. In the Illinois State Senate, President Obama cosponsored and voted for the Illinois Equal Pay Act, which provided 330,000 more women protection from pay discrimination. In the U.S. Senate, Obama joined a bipartisan group of Senators to introduce the Fair Pay Restoration Act, a bill to overturn the Supreme Court's recent 5-4 decision in Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. The bill will restore the clear intent of Congress that workers must have a reasonable time to file a pay discrimination claim after they become victims of discriminatory compensation. The President was also a cosponsor of Senator Tom Harkin's (D-IA) Fair Pay Act, and President Obama will continue to promote paycheck equity and close the wage gap between men and women.
...
Reducing Domestic Violence: One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Family violence accounted for 11 percent of all violence between 1998 and 2002. As a member of the Senate, President Obama introduced legislation to combat domestic violence by providing $25 million a year for partnerships between domestic violence prevention organizations and Fatherhood or Marriage programs to train staff in domestic violence services, provide services to families affected by domestic violence, and to develop best practices in domestic violence prevention.'

Harkin's Statement On the Fair Pay Act

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Article here. Published in April 2008 but relevant to the kind of rationale being used. Harkin is appealing to the Labor Theory of Value which in essence says work's value is commensurate with how much effort is put into it rather than whether or not the product thereof is in demand. Based on that thinking if one were to dig a sand-pit in the middle of a desert, one should be paid the same as if he were to excavate by request a similarly-sized hole in downtown Manhattan where a building is to be put. Excerpt:

'Defenders of this status quo offer all manner of bogus explanations as to why women make less. How many times have I heard the fairy tale that women work for fulfillment while men work to support their families? This ignores the great majority of single women who work to support themselves, and married women whose paycheck is all that allows their family to make ends meet. It ignores the harsh reality that so many women face in the workplace, where they have to work twice as hard to be taken seriously, or, say, get pushed into being a cashier when they had applied for a better-paying sales job. These pervasive acts of discrimination deny women fair pay; and they also deny women basic dignity.

Let me cite just one example of the discrimination I am talking about. Last year, in a hearing of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, we heard remarkable testimony from Dr. Philip Cohen of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Cohen compared nurses' aides, who are overwhelmingly women, and truck drivers, who are overwhelmingly men. In both groups, the average age is 43. Both require "medium" amounts of strength. Nurses' aides, on average have more education and training. But nurses' aides make less than 60 percent of what truck drivers make.'

"Promiscuous women raise the bar for men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Infidelity produces faster sperms, say researchers

Toronto: Female behaviour determines the quality and quantity of sperm of her mating partner, says a new Canadian study.

If she is promiscuous, she can trigger changes in the quality and quantity of sperm of a male as he has to compete with other males to impregnate her.

Only if he can produce better, larger and faster sperm than others does he stand a chance of impregnating her, says the study on fish by McMaster University at Hamilton near here.

The study says the idea that sperm would evolve to become more competitive when males compete for fertilisation seems obvious, but there has been little proof of this till date.'

India: Heartless Kolkata watches man die

webdigr · 22 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Read the story here. Do you think a woman would have been left to die on the streets like this? Mostly not. But the status of men is lower than even animals. Excerpt:

'KOLKATA: It's known as a city with a heart caring, nourishing and reaching out to the helpless and destitutes. This premise was put to test over the weekend, and sadly, Kolkata failed.

As hundreds of passersby and locals watched, a man shivered to death beside a garbage vat at the Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road-Ripon Street crossing late on Monday evening. The vat is metres away from the spot where a police patrol vehicle stands every night. According to eyewitnesses, the man had been lying there ill, unfed, and in pain since Thursday night.

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On Monday morning, Jalani fed the man tea and biscuits. He then bathed his hands and feet in warm water and rushed to his father Hakim Mohammad Quayum, a practitioner of traditional medicine.

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The area is teeming with thousands of people all day, but no one moved a muscle to rescue the man. "Buddha to garbage mein para tha. Usko hum kaise help kare? (The old man was lying on garbage. How could I help him?)," was the response of Ajmal Khan, a local tea-stall owner.'

Report: More men committed suicide in India by almost 2:1 in 2007

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW DELHI: India reported 122,637 suicides last year — an average of 336 every day — with more men ending their lives than women, the latest report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has revealed.

Although suicide was a nationwide phenomenon, five states — Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka — registered consistently higher number of suicidal deaths during the last few years. Overall, 2007 recorded an increase of 3.8% over the previous year's figure of 118,112.

Poverty was surprisingly not the major reason for suicide with more people ending their lives due to family (23.8%) and health problems (22.3%) than bankruptcy or sudden change in economic status (2.7%), love affairs (2.8%), dowry dispute (2.6%), unemployment (2%) and suspected/illicit relation (1.1%). Only 2.3% of people committed suicide due to poverty.
...
The latest report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), released last month and covering the year 2007 has revealed much more.
...
Referring to the sex profile of persons committing suicide during 2007, the NCRB report said social and economic causes led most males to kill themselves whereas emotional and personal causes mainly drove women to end their lives.

Sex wise figures show that the male-female ratio of suicide victims for 2007 was 65:35. However, the proportion of boys-girls suicide victims (up to 14 years) was 48:52.'

India: Activists want a ministry for men

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Story here. Excerpt:

"New Delhi: Men's rights activists want domestic violence laws to be gender-neutral. Armed with statistics of high suicide rates among men, their wish list includes a ministry for men's welfare, a national commission for men and a review of the antidowry law, which they claim is grossly misused.

"Men are suffering from 'legal terrorism' at the hands of some women. If you can have a ministry for animal welfare, why not one for the welfare of men" asks Swarup Sarkar, coordinator, Save Family Foundation, Delhi.

According to the 2007 National Crime Records Bureau, 57,593 married men have committed suicide compared to 30,064 married women. Men's activists say while these figures should be self-explanatory, women's suicides are often ascribed to marital woes while men's cases are mostly put down to financial problems.
...
Agrees Kamal Vikram, member, GHRS. "Men are suffering in silence. It's the only country where the father is not considered important for the child," he says.
...
The group says it has found support in this endeavour from fellow organizations like SIF (Save Indian Family), an online group that claims to have more than 3,000 members.
...
"We are not saying women's issues should be ignored, but men's genuine problems should also be understood," says Bhartia who's lined up programmes on men's rights across cities like Delhi, Kolkata, Bangalore, Pune and Nagpur."

Teenage girls accused of abusing elderly nursing home residents

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ALBERT LEA, Minn. – Allegations that two young assistants groped, spanked and spat on several nursing home residents suffering from dementia have shaken members of this southern Minnesota community, including the lead prosecutor in the case.

Brianna Marie Broitzman and Ashton Michelle Larson, both 19, appeared in court Wednesday to face multiple charges over the alleged abuse at Good Samaritan Society. The young women did not enter pleas, and both were released on bail.

"I think that they are very serious charges," Freeborn County Attorney Craig Nelson said after the hearing. "We're dealing with people who are vulnerable adults. People who are clearly ... in need of our care and our concern and our monitoring. They depend on us for everything."

Nelson added: "I, as a member of this community, certainly can feel it in my bones."'

Still takes a court order for boys to have long hair

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How many years has it been and still, boys can't have long hair without judicial intervention? Even so, the reason has to be something like religion. How about just plain self-expression? Story here. Excerpt:

'Five-year-old Adriel Arocha doesn't have to stuff his hair into his shirt collar. And he doesn't have to meet privately with a teacher, away from his classmates, for flouting the school's policy on hair length.

On Tuesday, a federal judge ruled that the Needville Independent School District's policy violated state law and the U.S. Constitution by punishing the American Indian kindergartner for religious beliefs that require him to wear his hair long.

"By the policy's terms, A.A. must wear his hair in his shirt during recess, on field trips, and on the school bus. When he becomes older, he will have to wear his hair down the back of his shirt at football games, school dances, and, presumably, his high school graduation," wrote U.S. District Judge Keith P. Ellison. "The policy will deny A.A. the opportunity to express a religious practice that is very dear to him and his father."'

India: Domestic Violence Claims 156,000 husbands

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the last eleven years (1996 - 2007) 156000 husbands have been claimed by rampant domestic violence against them. In a shocking revelation of suicide statistics for the year 2007 reveals that almost double the number of married men have committed suicide in comparison to married women as the report attached here corroborates. It states that in the year 2007 57,593 married men committed suicide in comparison to 30,064 married women whereas the same figures for the years 2006 are 55,452 and 29,869 and for 2005 are 52,483 and 28,188.

While there has been a lot of hue and cry for domestic violence against women with various studies being sponsored for studying the same with tax payers' money 82% of which comes from men, but sadly enough no study has ever been done in India for studying the prevalence, effects and trends of domestic violence against men or the statistics about it.

International studies world over have proved that both men and women are equally likely to be victims of domestic violence, but the Indian government unfortunately has closed its doors very brutally on the men leaving them to fend for themselves on their own. Even the courts have an anti – men and a step – motherly attitude towards men what with the Honorable Delhi High Court observing, "Though men are victims of violence, such incidences are few and far between, thus ruling out the possibility of protection from the parliament", while dismissing a petition challenging the constitutionality of the Domestic Violence Act as it violates Article 14 of the Indian Constitution.'

"Single mother who allowed her son aged THREE to smoke cigarettes at home walks free from court"

Proud_to_be_a_man · 22 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Utterly unbelievable. And, OF COURSE, she gets no jail time. Words fail me. Excerpt:

'A young mother allowed her three-year-old son to smoke, a court heard yesterday.

The boy was apparently familiar with cigarettes and knew how to use a lighter and inhale.

He was allowed to smoke in his bedroom and around the house, and was only stopped when a family friend used her mobile phone to film him and alerted social workers.'

Her CHILDREN's sake... She has more than one. Maybe the others are alcoholics and drug addicts?

Ireland: First female ever jailed for incest

Broadsword · 22 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The 40-year-old alcoholic, from Co Roscommon, is the first woman in the history of the Irish state to be convicted of incest.

She admitted to being the worst mother in the world after putting her youngsters - who were aged between six and 15 at the time - through a harrowing catalogue of neglect, including forcing her 13-year-old son to have sex with her.

At Roscommon Circuit Court, Judge Miriam Reynolds said she would have given the unnamed woman a life sentence had she been a man but was restricted by the terms of a legal act carrying a maximum sentence of seven years for incest cases involving women."

Paternity fraud fight of husband 'duped for 17 years by wife'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A husband was conned for 17 years by his wife into bringing up her lover's child as his own, a court heard yesterday.

Mark Webb only found out the truth from DNA tests conducted after the girl turned 18, it is alleged. He has tried to sue his ex-wife Lydia Chapman for deceiving him over the paternity of her daughter.

In the first 'paternity fraud' case to reach the Appeal Court, Mr Webb claimed his former wife and her alleged lover conceived the girl at a hotel in 1985.'

This is an important test-case in the UK. The outcome will set a precendent for other cases.

How hysterical mothers have driven men out of teaching

Anonymous · 22 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"As endangered species go, this one is especially alarming: so rare has the male primary school teacher become that one in ten schools has none at all, while across the country they account for barely 15 per cent of those who teach under-11s.

...

Is it that these days, men are scared of teaching young children because they are scared of false allegations of child abuse.

And if you want to know who is largely responsible for creating an atmosphere in which such a fear is all too horribly realistic, look no further than the twittering bunch of over-protective, over-excitable mothers clustered around our school gates.

These are the people who have bought, wholesale, into the myth of the sexually predatory bogeyman on every corner; the people who have, in a single generation, swept us from the sensible 'don't take sweets from strangers' to the absurd 'all men are paedophiles'."

Obama economic adviser voices concerns about 'white male construction workers' getting too much economic stimulus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Economist and former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich worries about too much of the Obama stimulus going to white males in the construction sector.

“If there aren’t enough skilled professionals to do the jobs involving new technologies, the stimulus will just increase the wages of the professionals who already have the right skills rather than generate many new jobs in these fields. And if construction jobs go mainly to white males who already dominate the construction trades, many people who need jobs the most -- women, minorities, and the poor and long-term unemployed -- will be shut out,” Reich said on his economic blog.'

Ed. note: I heard him say essentially the same thing in broadcast testimony before the Congress yesterday. He did not word himself quite the same way though; watch it here. My judgment is that his voice drips with contempt as he says "white male construction workers", but that's just my opinion.

Deliver pizzas, wife tells laid-off hubby, or "[we] won't make it"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Donna LeBlanc gave her husband, a former restaurant manager, the stark ultimatum: become a pizza delivery man or their family "wouldn't make it."

The Lafayette, Louisiana, family of six was struggling with $45,000 of mounting medical debt from Donna LeBlanc's unexpected case of pneumonia and tonsillitis a year earlier. The family savings account had dwindled to $100.

"It's embarrassing for my husband to take a job he is overqualified for, and I know he feels ashamed at times," says Donna LeBlanc, a 35-year-old mother with four children. "But this is what we have to do and we're going to make the best out of it."

She watched her husband, Rob LeBlanc, 35, load Domino's pizza boxes into their family car and deliver orders until near dawn for $10 an hour.'

Ed. comment: Let's see a similar story where a man tells his wife to deliver pizzas or else they won't make it as a family get touted all over the press without editorial criticism.

Director proud of "feminist film"

anthony · 23 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'John Krasinski is proud that his new film Brief Interviews With Hideous Men is a "feminist movie".
...
It tells the story of how a graduate student copes with a break up by interviewing various "hideous" men for her dissertation, to find out what's going on in their heads.
...
"Did I learn that all men are b******s? No, no. I think they're all good at heart - they just sometimes can do hideous things," she said.
...
Dominic described his character in the film as "very, very disturbed".

"The men in it are revolting, if truth be told," he joked.'

The movie's Wikipedia Description is here.

New York Gov. Paterson to Name Rep. Gillibrand to Clinton's Former U.S. Senate Seat

anthony · 23 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. You guys might be asking how this is relevant to us? It's obvious this is another example of political affirmative action. The NY seat was vacated by a Hillary Clinton therefore a female must take her place. Excerpt:

'New York Gov. David Paterson will name Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand, an upstate Democrat, to replace Hillary Clinton in the U.S. Senate, a Democratic official with knowledge of the governor's decision told FOX News on Thursday night.

Gillibrand, elected in 2006, represents the state's 20th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is the first Democrat to represent the district since 1978 -- and the first female representative of the district.'

Ledbetter bill clears Senate

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON - A wage discrimination bill that heralds the pro-labor policies of the Democratic-controlled Congress and White House cleared the Senate Thursday and could be on President Barack Obama's desk within days.

The legislation reverses a 2007 Supreme Court ruling that narrowly defines the time period during which a worker can file a claim of wage discrimination, even if the worker is unaware for months or years that he or she is getting less than colleagues doing the same job.

The House is expected to act quickly to again approve the measure, sending it to Obama for his signature. The House passed it two weeks ago but then combined it with another bill that the Senate didn't consider.
...
The House approved the legislation during the first week of the new session of Congress, signaling that labor rights bills that made little headway during the Bush administration will be at the top of the agenda this year. The bill paves the way for considering more controversial labor measures, including one that would take away a company's right to demand a secret ballot when workers are seeking to organize.'

House cleaner gets scolding, no jail time for having sex with several teens

badgerb · 23 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'HOUMA – A district judge scolded a 47-year-old house cleaner Tuesday morning who pleaded guilty to having sex with a group of teen boys – two as young as 13 – in her Ashland trailer.

Maureen Lirette, 444 Ashland Drive, must serve five years of probation and register as a sex offender to comply with a plea deal she took. She was charged with three counts of carnal knowledge of a juvenile and could have received 10 years in prison for each count.

The boys' families requested that Lirette get no jail time, said Juan Pickett, a Terrebonne assistant district attorney.
...
"It's not unusual for them not to want jail time," he said, adding the Terrebonne District Attorney's Office has handled a few cases such as Lirette's. "It's rare to see it reported."'

I have no words to describe what I think about this. Perhaps my fellow brethren do.

Betrayed just once, hostile forever

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Here's a report on why the men turn hostile in society. First men are betrayed, rejected and humiliated as boys by the society, then when due to obvious reasons some of them turn hostile, they're only blamed again. Excerpt:

"A new study seems to have confirmed the link between social exclusion and aggression by showing that people who feel socially rejected are more likely to see others' actions as hostile.

What's more, they are more likely to behave in hurtful ways towards individuals they've never even met.

For the study, lead author C Nathan DeWall, PhD, from the University of Kentucky, conducted four separate experiments with 190 participants, all college students. In one experiment, 30 participants completed a personality test and were given bogus feedback about the results."

Killer of three-year-old foster child free to walk the streets while awaiting sentencing

Matt · 23 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two years after her three-year-old foster child died of cranial trauma so severe that it left his brain "popping out of his skull," the killer still walks around a free woman.

And it will be another three months before a judge finally determines an appropriate punishment for her deplorable crime.

"I'm sick to my stomach," the victim's aunt said yesterday as she struggled to keep her composure.'

"10,000 Violent Women and One Screenwriter, Part I"

Matt · 23 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"“I killed him by mistake,” she says.

“Mistake, what kind of mistake?”

Josepha, serving a life sentence for murder one, is known to be one of the most violent and unpredictable women in a society of violent and unpredictable women. She stares at me with gray eyes that are surprisingly warm and endearing.

I have to be careful. I’ve been in this women’s prison for three days and I don’t understand the social rules that make this place go round. I’m terrified of saying something really dumb, and then seeing my insides, well, outside.
...
Prison. One thing I’ve learned about the inmates: they lie. Whatever they say, you have to read between the lines to discover anything resembling the truth.

I’m doing research for a film.'

Child Support: How much is too much?

anthony · 24 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Jan. 1, Massachusetts adopted new child-support guidelines that will likely raise the amount paid by non-custodial parents, usually fathers.

Are the new guidelines excessive and unfair, as a lawsuit charges? Or were the old guidelines too stingy? How much child support is enough? How much is too much?

Fathers & Families, a Boston-based advocacy organization, says the payments under the new guidelines are excessive. Non-custodial parents, usually fathers, who must now make increased payments could be forced to work long hours or move to a distant community to find housing they can afford.
...
"Currently the guidelines tell the minimum wage employee whose income is $16,000 that you're going to pay $4,000 in child support. It can't be done." In Boston, a minimum wage employee with that obligation might be able to rent an apartment but would have nothing left over for food, Holstein says."'

Prosecutors: Sexual Assaults Staged

anthony · 24 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Federal Prosecutors say an alleged sexual assault and attack in the Waldo neighborhood was staged.

Federal prosecutors charged Julie Bernet, 39, of Bucrys, Mo. And Gordon Reabe, Jr., 33 of Lee's Summit, Mo. with wire fraud on Thursday.

Court documents say Bernet and 23-year old Lindsey Crawford offered to pay Reabe $100,000 to duct tape them and assault both women inside Carwford's garage on Nov. 25, 2008.

...

Prosecutors say the women hoped the attacks would force a higher settlement of their sexual harassment lawsuit against a former employer.

Bernet and Crawford filed the lawsuit against former employer Mercedes-Benz of Kansas City last year, citing gender discrimination, sexual harassment, hostile work environment and retaliation.

Court documents indicate Bernet ran across the street to a neighbor's house, claiming two masked men attacked them the home minutes after Reabe assaulted them.'

"Mom" loses custody for ailenating Dad

badgerb · 24 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Eureka! A win for the good guys! If you can find the judges email address send her kudos. Heck if I knew where I would send her flowers. Way to go judge!!!! Excerpt:

'In a stunning and unusual family law decision, a Toronto judge has stripped a mother of custody of her three children after the woman spent more than a decade trying to alienate them from their father.

The mother's "consistent and overwhelming" campaign to brainwash the children into thinking their father was a bad person was nothing short of emotional abuse, Justice Faye McWatt of the Superior Court of Justice wrote in her decision.

The three girls, ages 9 to 14, were brought to a downtown courthouse last Friday and turned over to their father, a vascular surgeon identified only as A.L.'

Judges: Mom not guilty of drowning daughters by reason of insanity

anthony · 24 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CLEVELAND - A mother charged with aggravated murder in the bathtub drownings of her two daughters was found not guilty by reason of insanity Friday.

A three-judge panel in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court determined that 23-year-old Amber Hill suffered from a severe mental disorder when she drowned her daughters on Oct. 1, 2007.

"The court concludes she did not know the wrongfulness of her horrific acts," said Judge John Sutula.
...
"Now my daughter can get some help," she said. During the trial, Hutchins had testified that she wanted to take her daughter to a hospital for mental health counseling before the children died.

Mack said Hill had since been medicated and was functioning well.

"She was a good mother," said the defense attorney Myron Watson. "She cared for those children. Those children were the center of her life."'

Tears as teenage boy is cleared of rape

anthony · 24 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CHEERS erupted from the public gallery at Doncaster Crown Court after a teenager was cleared of rape charges.

Dean Bunn, aged 19, broke down in tears and had to be helped from the dock when he was overcome by emotion at the end of his six-month ordeal.

...

Mr Bunn, of Pickering Road, Bentley, was first arrested in early July when he went to a police station after seeing a cordon thrown around the alleged crime scene next to Bentley railway bridge.

He told police he had had sex with a woman in bushes at the bottom of the bridge embankment, but said she instigated it – something he maintained throughout two trials.

...

A second trial, in which the 36-year-old woman who had cried rape gave evidence by video link for a second time, concluded yesterday with Mr Bunn's acquittal.

In his defence he said he had been walking from a pub at Carcroft to town when he met the woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, on Bentley Road near the bridge. He had never met her before.

She asked him for a cigarette and then asked him if he was "hoping to pull" that night before saying "we can always go down there", indicating the embankment.

He told the jury that sex took place at the bottom of the embankment.

"At no stage did I think she was uncomfortable," he said."'

UK: Ad admonishes men to "...remember Valentine's Day... or else!"

Matt · 25 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In Agent Provocateur's most racy advertising campaign yet, model-of-the-moment Rosie Huntington Whiteley gives her on-screen lover an adults-only lap dance.

The nearly three-minute film culminates in her thumping her boyfriend across the face to remind men not to forget Valentine's Day.

...

Huntington Whiteley proceeds to tie him up, faux bondage-style, before blindfolding him with a black tie.

With the sound of his heavy breathing in the background, the girlfriend marches over and punches him in the face.

'This will teach you to forget Valentine's Day,' she says, and then marches off.'

BBC personality made 40 false rape allegations against her ex-boyfriend

Matt · 25 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

' A BBC personality has shattered her ex-boyfriend's life by falsely accusing him of rape.

The woman, who has broadcast to television audiences of millions, accused him of raping her 40 times throughout their two-and-a-half-year relationship.

He was arrested, held in a police cell and handcuffed as police searched his flat for evidence of his crime. But she retracted her allegation weeks later, and the officer investigating the claims described them as 'inconsistent' and 'not credible'.

Despite the lack of evidence, the incident remains on the Police National Computer thanks to a legal loophole, which campaigners say is blighting the lives of falsely accused men.'

UK: Absent fathers who refuse to pay child support will lose their passports

Matt · 25 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Unprecedented plans to give bureaucrats the power to revoke people's driving licences and passports without going through the courts will be unveiled this week.

Work and Pensions Secretary James Purnell will announce the far-reaching proposals on Tuesday as part of a new crackdown on absent fathers who refuse to pay for the upkeep of their children.

Officials in charge of pursuing them for child maintenance arrears would win the right to bypass judges and ban them from driving or travelling abroad at the stroke of a pen.
...
But in December 2007, the respected Lords' constitution committee warned that giving State officials the power to cancel passports would be a 'serious' curtailment of long-standing freedoms.'

It added: 'The freedom to travel to and from one's country is a right of great significance and should only be curtailed after a rigorous decision process.'

Philippines: Feminism blamed for ‘erosion of manhood’

anthony · 25 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'MANILA, Philippines—A high-ranking Vatican official currently in Manila has warned of the erosion of manhood and the “crisis in fatherhood” that have resulted in millions of children worldwide without a father or enjoying emotionally healthy relations with one.

German Cardinal Paul Josef Cordes, president of the Pontifical Council “Cor Unum,” the Vatican dicastery (or administrative agency) on charity, aid and relief, blamed “gender mainstreaming” and “radical feminism” for attacking biological manhood and insisting that “sexual roles are learned.”

He said men are demeaned and what is held up as an ideal is a man who is feminized and emasculated, one who, in a European study, is held up to be “a sweeter man.”
...
Cordes said statistics around the world “confirm that today the self-understanding of manhood and especially fatherhood is in crisis.”
...
Some newspapers hailed this as ‘the end of fatherhood.’”

He said a survey of German universities recently showed that while there were 98 university chairs “for deepening questions on womanhood,” only one existed for men.'

Boys will be boys at the bookstore

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Arriving in stores this month are "The Boys' Book of Survival: How to Survive Anything, Anywhere" and "The Girls' Book of Glamour: A Guide to Being a Goddess."

This newfound embrace of "la difference," as the French say, can be traced to the astonishing international success of 2006's "The Dangerous Book for Boys" by British authors Conn and Hal Iggulden.

The book - which instructs boys in manly pursuits such as building treehouses, skipping stones and learning Latin - was catnip for conservative critics with ears for Christina Hoff Sommers' argument in "The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism Is Harming Our Young Men" that modern American educational theory is inordinately troubled by blossoming masculinity, with the practical consequence that boys are disadvantaged in classrooms.'

UK: Women’s last secret: money scares them

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'When Hilary Black ditched her boyfriend two years ago she didn’t exactly expect sympathy – she was, after all, breaking his heart – but she assumed her girlfriends would rally round, assuring her she’d done the right thing.

Instead her decision was met with gasps of surprise and barely disguised disapproval. The boyfriend concerned was rich, you see. Very rich. “One of my friends actually said, ‘Are you crazy? This guy could take care of you for life!’” says Black.

“These were thirtysomething women who would never publicly advocate marrying for money yet they implied that I was making a mistake. It was interesting: it seemed a sign that women have a more complicated relationship with money than they let
“The idea of self-reliance is out there but it hasn’t caught on in the quick, easy way you might have thought it would. When I started talking to my friends about this I discovered that there is a lot of confusion.
...
“Boys are told you can be a train driver or an astronaut but essentially you have to get out there and earn a living. Girls are now told they can be an astronaut too, but if they want to they can also stay home with the children. They don’t know what they want to do or what they’re meant to do: there’s a lot of uncertainty behind the confidence.”'

UK: Men are more than twice as likely as women to go bust

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'Men are two and a half times more likely to file for bankruptcy than women, possibly because they are less efficient at running their finances, according to research by Tenon Recovery. More than 430 of the 600 bankruptcies handled by Tenon last year involved men. The firm said anecdotal evidence suggested women were less likely to fall into insolvency because they were more efficient at tasks such as keeping financial records and collecting payments.

"Women's strong organisational skills could go some way to explaining why they are better at managing their finances than men,' said Carl Jackson, head of Tenon Recovery.

More women are losing their jobs in this recession than in previous slumps. But research by NatWest and Everywoman has found that female business owners are more likely to take a structured approach to running a firm, with 55% following a business plan, compared with only 34% of men. They are also more willing to take advice. Both of these traits could help female businesses survive the crunch.'

Boston.com: "Can't buy me love"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Some singles have taken themselves out of the running for love during this recession. Unlike couples and families, who may interact with each other more when they're housebound, the single-and-jobless are often isolated by cutting their entertainment budget. When there's no money to date, it means suffering through a drought that's both professional and personal.

According to job counselors, it's a problem that primarily affects heterosexual men. The US Labor Department has reported more men out of work, while the number of employed women continues to rise. Even though the stigma of unemployment has diminished during these bleak times, traditional gender roles remain: Men are supposed to pursue dates and offer to pay."

The answer is simple: Don't hire a woman

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'"The Paycheck Fairness Act would address this reality [pay discrepancy] through a number of needed reforms," notes Hillary. "The Act would create a training program to help women strengthen their negotiation skills; enforce equal pay laws for federal contractors; and require the Department of Labor to work with employers to eliminate pay disparities by enhancing outreach and training efforts.

Interesting how it's automatically assumed any pay discrepancies are due to evil men discriminating against women.
...
I've already been told by at least three small businesses that they won't hire a woman because it's too risky. I agree. Look at a woman wrong and you're accused of sexual harassment. Open a door for her and you'll get hassled into enrolling in a "sensitivity" course. Complain when she needs yet another day off to take care of her sick kid, and you're accused of gender discrimination. It sure is a whole lot easier to hire a man!

You see, in Real America the solution is quite simple: Don't hire a woman and all your problems will be solved.'

News Flash: Arizona State Attorney General lets Women Use The Better Grill At Country Club

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Story here. Call this a hard earned victory for all women facing kitchen amenity discrimination. I wonder if Congress with pass the Equal Grill Act? Excerpt:

"State Attorney General Terry Goddard said Wednesday that his discrimination lawsuit against the club had been settled out of court. The settlement requires the club to allow women into its men's grill and men into its women's grill when both re- open next month after renovations.

The club issued a statement saying that the settlement doesn't mean it had agreed with the accusations and that it didn't accept liability in the dispute. But the club said it agreed to let both grills be open to all members and guests. Goddard said the men's grill has better amenities and is seen as a prime spot for business deals and networking.

The case was prompted by a complaint to the club's board by Logan and Barbara Van Sittert. The lawsuit says the couple, who declined to comment Wednesday, wrote to the board president asking that women be allowed in the men's grill."

Unemployment blues: Men tend to say it ain't so

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Seeking treatment for depression is still taboo for men, while increasing unemployment places more men at risk. Illinois' unemployment rate climbed to 7.3 percent as the national unemployment rate dropped to 6.7 percent in late last year.

And the unemployment rate for men has been higher than women in Illinois since 2005. The result is an increasing number of disenfranchised men in the Chicago area falling into depression.

...

Can unemployment be connected to depression in men?

Absolutely. Men in our culture have been socialized to view their jobs as very important and, often, their self-definition is all wrapped up in work. If they're out of a job, it's a major blow to their self-esteem. Often that results in depression. There's really no quick fix to the economic problems we face, and all of that affects human beings in a profound way."

Australia: Surrogates told to pay support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE Australian Government is demanding a New Zealand surrogate mother pay child support for the baby she had for two gay Queensland men, amid accusations she abandoned it.

Her case has raised fears of financial clawbacks for other New Zealand surrogates, including an Auckland woman who is eight-months pregnant with a son to another gay Australian couple.

"She's told the couple they have to sort it out as there's no way she's paying," said the second surrogate, who declined to be named.

...

Australian funding agencies Centrelink and the Child Support Agency confirmed they were likely to seek maintenance payments from a birth mother in New Zealand if the Australian birth father claimed benefits as a sole parent caring for their baby.'

Terence Blacker: Gender wars and unspoken words

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to the age-old question of men and women, their relative strengths and weaknesses, a strange species of madness seems to have recently taken hold. Everywhere, not only in the media but also in academic and political life, the complexities of gender have been ironed out, reduced to a series of reassuring but stupid assumptions. The female principle is essentially generous and virtuous; masculinity is its opposite: selfish, untrustworthy.

...

The revered and apparently intelligent actress Meryl Streep has this week been speculating on why the film Mamma Mia! has become the highest-grossing release of all time in the UK. Me too: trapped on an aeroplane recently, I endured 30 minutes of the film's mindless feel-good guff before switching over to Hellboy II. It is popular, I concluded, for the same reason that Busby Berkeley films did well during the Depression: it offers fluffy, escapist optimism for hard times.

Not according to its star. "I knew it would do well because it was aimed at an audience that has been neglected in recent years in film offerings – women," said Meryl Streep. "They are the last group anybody ever cares about."

Woman Shoots Boyfriend Because He Wouldn't Let Her Sleep

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Monroe woman, who said she was angry because her boyfriend wouldn't let her sleep, shot him with a small-caliber handgun, according to an arrest affidavit.

Charged with aggravated battery was Roshonda Anding, 21, of 3002 Burg Jones Lane. She remained in Ouachita Correctional Center on Saturday afternoon with no bond set.
...
"Anding was cooperative," the affidavit said, and "only stated that she shot (the victim) because he was bothering her and wouldn't let her sleep."'

Reader Comment:

"I am pretty sure this makes me evil, but this story made me laugh so hard. I mean, doubled over laughing. The whole idea of her shooting him to get some sleep. Hysterical! Oh man, I think my express ticket to hell just arrived."

Gender gap widens for colleges as women extend lead

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite increasing concern, the gap has widened steadily this decade. By 2007, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, a third of women ages 25 to 29 had bachelor's degrees, the highest proportion ever. For men, it was just over one-quarter, lower than it was in 2000.

Educators have not been able to agree on what causes this disparity. Guidance counselors who work with high school seniors have different theories, and many observe that boys sometimes take a lackadaisical approach to future plans.
...
The trend is playing out in the gender ratios at many colleges. To maintain a balance between the sexes, some schools have worked hard to attract young men.

Seton Hill University in Greensburg is about two-thirds female. Though the former women's college began admitting men in 2001 and added a football team in 2004 to attract male students, it has yet to reach a gender balance.'

39-year-old mother accused of having sex with teen boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HAMILTON — A 39-year-old woman is facing two charges for allegedly having sex with two teenage boys over the past two years.

Tracy Conley, who lists addresses on Trenton-Franklin Road in Madison Twp. and Weeping Willow Drive in St. Clair Twp. in court documents, was indicted last month on two counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, a third-degree felony.

The charges allege that Conley engaged in a sex act with a boy between the ages of 13 and 16 on Dec. 31, 2007, and between May 15 and May 31, 2008. Assistant Butler County Prosecutor Greg Stephens said there are two victims.'

SOS for a new feminism: How Obama's being hailed as a new champion for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the first time in several decades, the F word is back on the agenda. No, I don't mean that we are all debating the merits of yet another misogynistic chef, but that feminism is taking centre stage.
...
It is all about the boys,' she told me. 'They come first. And the boys don't want to know you if you don't sleep with them. They were all raised on porn, they all read lads' mags, they think that is what we should be like. We dumb ourselves down for them.
...
I spoke to a 26-year-old male friend yesterday, and asked if he even knows where he stands. 'I find women competitive with each other, confrontational, liberated sexually, oh my goodness yes, but they also demand we pay for everything. We are not supposed to object to anything they do, how they dress, how much they drink. It's confusing.'

India: Court rules a divorced mother's custody of child can never be illegal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'New Delhi - A divorce cannot take away a mother's right to be with her child and the custody cannot be called unlawful, a city court has held while quashing a man's petition alleging that his estranged wife had illegally detained his son.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) Rakesh K Sharma said that keeping the child is a mother's "natural right", and a court requires extraordinary reasons to disturb the guardianship. "The custody of a minor child by his mother, by any stretch of imagination, would not constitute any offence," the ACMM said in his order on Thursday.

The court also held that a mother could not be called an offender even if she forcibly detains the child. In the present case, the man had demanded that a search warrant be issued against his estranged wife.'

Health Group Calls for a Change in Circumcision Policy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Matthew Hess, the group's president, argues that boys are being treated unfairly when it comes to circumcision.

"We need to stop discriminating against male infants," said Hess. "When girls are born, they are welcomed into the world peacefully. But for more than half of our nation's boys, life begins with painful and irreversible cosmetic surgery. While I support every man's right to undergo circumcision if he chooses to do so, no child should be forced to have this unnecessary surgery. Ten out of ten babies oppose circumcision - and for good reason."
...
Circumcision is the surgical removal of the foreskin, a protective zone of skin and tissue covering the glans of the penis. Thousands of erogenous nerve endings including the ridged band and some or all of the frenulum are destroyed after circumcision, leaving behind a diminished penis capable of sending fewer nerve impulses to the pleasure centers of the brain. After a circumcision is performed, the body tries to replace the protective function of the foreskin by forming keratin around the exposed glans and remaining inner foreskin, causing further interference with sexual sensation.'

Health plans cut circumcision

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Snip, snip! No, that’s not the sound of your baby boy’s foreskin getting nipped—it’s the sound of Medicaid cutting the benefits that cover circumcision.

Thousands of male infants aren’t being circumcised this year because their states don’t cover the procedure. There are currently sixteen states that don’t cover circumcisions through Medicaid, which costs between $250 and $300 on average.

...

Get it together, Medicaid. Forcing the next generation of men into a lifetime of smooth, unaltered genitals is no way to govern a nation. Our forefathers fought hard so that American men would have the sculpted penile curves of a Ferrari, and denying them that right is simply unconstitutional.*

*Yes, I'm being sarcastic. The style of one's genitalia is a personal choice and the debate on whether circumcision is beneficial or unnecessary continues. Do you believe circumcision is an outdated practice? Aesthetically pleasing? Mutilation? Share your opinion (nicely)!'

Sacramento mother who killed son gets maximum sentence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Sacramento mother convicted earlier this year of killing her 3-year-old son wanted a do-over, but a judge ruled Friday that once was enough.

No new trial for Carline Balbuena.

The judge's decision brought to a close – for now, anyway – an ordeal that began in November 2005 with the beating death of Keith Carl "K.C." Balbuena, a little boy with a winning smile and an agonizing, short life. The case graphically illustrated the vulnerability of a child in an abusive home, where both adults – a lovesick mother and violent boyfriend/roommate – had lied about his numerous injuries.

The murder also revealed the inability of Sacramento's Child Protective Services to decipher the web of lies and appropriately intervene, the subject of a Bee investigation.
...
In opposing a new trial, Deputy District Attorney Robin Shakely said Foster's decision not to pursue a domestic violence assessment was "entirely reasonable and the obvious choice of a highly competent, vigorous advocate." Shakely described Balbuena as a "conniving, controlling, manipulative mother who consistently put her own desires above her children's safety and needs."'

RADAR ALERT: Spread the Word: Shelters Don’t Help the Real Victims of Violence

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A report issued today by RADAR Services, "Are Abuse Shelters Helping the True Victims of Domestic Violence?" (.pdf file), reveals some disturbing facts about the country's 1,200 abuse shelters.

Based on research studies, reviews of shelter websites, and interviews with former shelter residents and staff, the report reveals that only one in 10 persons are in shelters because of they are victims of battering. Instead, shelters are filled with homeless persons and substance abusers. This makes it hard for true victims of domestic violence to get the help they need.

The report also identifies problems, many widespread, with lax admission policies, unqualified staff, coercive tactics, and weak accountability measures. At Safespace in Florida, a 26-year-old woman was fatally stabbed by another shelter resident. At the Brewster shelter in Arizona, a 12-year-old boy was sexually assaulted by a shelter resident. At Bethany House in Falls Church, Virginia, women are "coached by the staff to go to court and get a protective order against their husbands" even though abuse never occurred.

It addition, while discrimination against male victims of domestic violence is illegal, it is not only commonplace in the domestic violence shelters, it seems to be the norm. Emblematic of this, Judy King Smith, director of the Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center in Morgantown, West Virginia, recently admitted under oath, "We do not shelter men in the shelter even if it’s empty."

Let's raise awareness about the underreported yet serious problems lurking in our nation's domestic violence shelters. Please distribute this alert and the RADAR Services report far and wide so the truth gets out.

Thanks.

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Date of RADAR Release: January 26, 2009

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Domestic Violence Help for Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men's rights advocates have come a long way in getting husband abuse recognized as a form of domestic abuse. There is help and resources for men to recover from abuse.

An American sociologist, Suzanne Steinmetz, introduced the term battered husband thirty-two years ago. Battered men may have officially become recognized as victims in abusive relationships in the academic world, however, it took over twenty years before it slowly was accepted in other professional fields.
...
Debating the prevalence or severity of husband abuse is irrelevant. Domestic violence should not be a gender issue: it is a human issue.'

Australia: Big increase in women committing crimes - but of course it's the men's fault

GaryB · 26 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This story on the Sydney Morning Herald explains that there has been a huge increase in women committing crimes lately - but then goes on to explain how basically - surprise surprise - it's all our fault, chaps... Quote:

'THE number of women found guilty of crimes has jumped dramatically, partly as a result of alcohol-fuelled young "ladettes" trying to emulate young males. The number of young women offenders has risen 17 per cent in the past four years, compared to just 4.5 per cent for men.
...
Eva Cox, head of the Women's Electoral Lobby, said the rise in female crime rates was "one of the consequences of equality" which happened as women had greater opportunities to offend than in the past. They were trying to keep up with the general cultural image in which being a yobbo male was seen as desirable.
...

"The hard-drinking, hard-driving larrikin lout is still being seen as the model of how to impress society," she said. "For women looking for equal status, sometimes by being equal to inappropriate male culture is the only way to go."
...
But, she said, it was not something to be alarmed about because crime rates for women were still low - about 19 per cent of those found guilty of crimes are women.'

None of this is a surprise, of course it's always a mans fault at the end of the day - but what is frustrating is the (yet again) focus of the media on excusing their behaviour and going along with the feminist ride. Of the four 'specialists' interviewed for this piece, one says it's just women trying to be men (therefore it's OUR FAULT), another says the courts are becoming more willing to prosecute women (therefore it's the COURTS' FAULT) and yet another says it's part of our punitive culture that punishes the wrong rather than rewarding the right (therefore it's SOCIETY'S FAULT) - and notice how that one is a child welfare specialist, hinting that this is a child's issue, not just a women's issue. Nobody gets a chance to say it's just women going wild.

Prioritize education in your son's life

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The statistics involving boys and education look bleak. More boys flunk or drop out of school than girls, and young males make up more than two-thirds of the students in special education. Across the board, in elementary, high school, and higher education, girls outperform boys in regard to homework and grades, as reported by the Public Broadcasting Service Web site, pbsparents.org.

So who is to blame for, what looks like, boy's educational apathy? Michael Thompson, coauthor of the book Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys, believes that boys have too much energy for traditional schools. "More boys have problems with attention and focus than girls...And they are not given enough opportunities [in school] to move around."

Thompson's claim may support why boys are three times as likely to be diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Nevertheless, boys who are not turned off by the lack of movement and activity inside the classroom are often persuaded by societal ills outside the classroom, such as gangs and drugs. So how do we help make school and learning fun for our sons? And how do we teach boys to care about their education despite the obstacles they face in traditional schools and society? Below are just a few ways you can get your sons on the right track.'

UK: Men 'twice as likely as women to become alcoholics'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A study claims men have a 20 per cent risk developing a drink problem in their lifetimes, and 10 per cent chance of becoming hooked.

The seeds of abuse and dependence on alcohol often begins in the late to mid 20s, according to researchers from the University of California, San Diego.

However the lifetime risk for women abusing alcohol was only between 8 and 10 per cent, they estimated.

Earlier this week official figures showed that millions of Britons are putting their health at risk by spending too many evenings at home with a bottle of wine.

Official guidelines warn that men should drink no more than three to four units a day and women no more than two to three.'

Philippines: "Hurray for sweeter men!"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's been little more than 30 years since the emergence of the modern international women's movement, and already, at least in the view of a Vatican official, there has been an "erosion of manhood" and a resulting "crisis in fatherhood." This last, said Cardinal Paul Josef Cordes, has given rise to millions of children around the world growing up without a father, with fatherless boys doomed to end up in prison, drop out or be expelled from school, become runaways or even commit suicide.
...
Given how women have been abused, demeaned, discriminated against and marginalized through the centuries, it's a wonder we're still able to hold up our heads. But no matter how long we've been denigrated as the "weaker sex" and confined within our "natural" and "special" roles as sex objects and bearers of children, I haven't heard anyone, much less a representative of the Holy See, spend any time bemoaning the erosion of womanhood or a crisis in motherhood. That's because there hasn't been any such crisis, because women have been able to carry on our roles in society even as we seek to expand our opportunities and change perceptions of who or what we should be.'

Balance sought in elementary schools staffed almost completely by women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In Ventura County and nationwide, Gaona is hardly typical. The number of male teachers in the county dropped below 25 percent in the last few years, the lowest in a decade, state records show. In many elementary schools, women outnumber men by an even greater margin.

A small Santa Paula district has no men on its teaching staff. In Camarillo's Pleasant Valley School District, men made up only 12 percent of teachers last year, and less than 5 percent in elementary schools.

Gender doesn't have anything to do with teaching quality, said Michael McCambridge, liberal studies director at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, but "it's important to have role models who are both women and men."
...
Many school districts will likely discuss layoffs more than teacher recruitment this year, because of looming state budget cuts. And that might continue the trend of fewer men entering elementary education.'

Art Fights Violence Against Women

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Article here. What do you guys think of the painting? Excerpt:

'DADE CITY - When it comes to educating people about domestic violence and sexual assault, Sunrise of Pasco County can get pretty creative.

The nonprofit organization, which helps victims deal with abuse, is organizing performances of "The Vagina Monologues" next month and is inviting local artists to submit artwork that can be displayed at the shows.
...
Sunrise is also presenting a one-man show Friday that deals with sexual assault and dating violence. Comic Ben Atherton-Zeman will perform "Voices of Men" at 7 p.m. Friday at the Pasco Middle School Auditorium, 13925 14th St.

In his performance, Atherton-Zeman shows men how they can become part of the solution in ending violence against women.'

Dead athletes' brains show damage from concussions

Matt · 27 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What price, glory? Suppose if a "woman's sport" were found to inflict this kind of damage on the brain there wouldn't be a law against it the next day? Excerpt:

'But today, using tissue from retired NFL athletes culled posthumously, the Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy (CSTE) is shedding light on what concussions look like in the brain. The findings are stunning. Far from innocuous, invisible injuries, concussions confer tremendous brain damage. That damage has a name: chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE).

...

CSTE studies reveal brown tangles flecked throughout the brain tissue of former NFL players who died young -- some as early as their 30s or 40s.

McKee, who also studies Alzheimer's disease, says the tangles closely resemble what might be found in the brain of an 80-year-old with dementia.

...

The NFL is planning its own independent medical study of retired NFL players on the long-term effects of concussion.

"Really my main reason even for talking about this is to help the guys who are already retired," said Johnson. "[They] are getting divorced, going bankrupt, can't work, are depressed, and don't know what's wrong with them. [It is] to give them a name for it so they can go get help."'

Report: Some ADHD drugs can cause kids to have severe hallucinations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON—U.S. Food and Drug Administration researchers have found that drugs for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, can cause children to have severe hallucinations, Reuters reports.

The study of the drugs was conducted by drug makers. They found cases of psychosis and mania in some young patients, even those with no obvious risk factors.

Millions of children use ADHD drugs. In the Journal Pediatrics, one doctor wrote, “The numbers of cases of psychosis or mania in pediatric clinical trials were small. However, we noted a complete absence of such events with placebo treatments.”'

Men's Studies Press: The Men’s Directory available

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Article here.

'The Men's Directory (TMD) is a complimentary research tool summarizing the men's studies field from research on masculinity to men's health and men's rights.

Its focus is on research and resources, including information on themes (boys/education; aging; sexuality; fathering; health), initiatives (organizations, events), tools (bibliographies, encyclopedias, databases, content analyses, research measures), output genres (book series, textbooks, journals, readers) and mediators (publishers). TMD includes a list of abbreviations and an index.'

Devastated By Divorce Court

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Last week I posted a story from Toronto about a win for the good guys. Another article from Toronto shows what is giveth by the courts can be taken away by the gender panderers. Article here. Excerpt:

'At 51, Tippett is broken, bankrupt and bunking in the guest room of his parents' Burlington home after a divorce settlement that's left him $75,000 in debt and racking up $1,000 more each month.

Today, he'll appear in court at a default hearing to try to explain why he can't afford to pay his ex-wife (the couple had no children) $3,300 a month, $16,000 in retroactive alimony and $42,000 of her court costs out of a complex case he himself still doesn't understand.
...
While Cormier is now getting just over $2,000 a month of his disability pay, technically Tippett is on the hook for $3,300, so each month his arrears are climbing.

"I've been given a life sentence and she's been given a cash for life ticket," says Tippett. "I actually asked my lawyer at one point, `Isn't there a human rights issue here? Don't I have the human right to have a life after divorce?'"'

Once again I am heartened to see that the comments from a liberal news site support the male on this issue. Though the writer has written a three part series on this issue. Somehow I doubt it will be very objective. Stay tuned.

Phyllis Schlafly: Feminists Expect to Cash in With Barack Obama

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The groups that elected Barack Obama are poised to cash in on their investment, and the feminists are muscling to be first in line. The National Organization for Women (NOW), bragging that "we all worked hard to help elect" Obama, has helpfully spelled out the "feminist action agenda":

-- Direct Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to compare pay scales in job categories held mostly by women or mostly by men, and then enforce wage control to equalize wages according to the feminists' subjective definition of what they call comparable worth.
...
-- Stop federal funding of marriage promotion and fatherhood programs. Repeal all the restrictions put into place by welfare reform legislation that encourage welfare recipients to seek employment or training for a job.
...
-- Ratify the long-dead Equal Rights Amendment with no time limitation on the process. Ratify the United Nations Treaty on Women (CEDAW), which would make our laws, customs and textbooks subject to supervision and control by a U.N. committee of feminists designated as "experts."
...
-- Enact Hate Crimes legislation to cover acts of violence based on the victim's real or perceived gender, sexual orientation or gender identity. Fully fund, expand and aggressively enforce the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and enact the International VAWA (IVAWA).'

CNN: 'Ladies Nag Obama about Lack of Women's Jobs'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Liberal feminists claim that President Obama's administration will not have enough female representation and that the job creation part of his stimulus plan will favor men.
...
Newsroom host Kyra Phillips introduced Christine Romans' estrogen-dominated segment which included feminists complaining about Obama. Romans mentioned that six cabinet positions out of 21 have gone to women, yet liberal feminist groups like National Organization for Women (NOW) and The New Agenda were "disappointed."
...
The New Agenda promotes liberal policies including what amounts to an affirmative action policy for women. Its Web site states that the group is "working towards parity [for women] in the government and in the workplace." The New Agenda also aims to "increase the number of women in high-level appointments" because there is a "grave imbalance," citing the "reduction in female Supreme Court justices."
...
But according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for adult women stands at 5.9 percent much lower than the 7.2 percent rate for adult men as of December 2008.'

Feminists at the Inauguration Praising Themselves for Being Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Emily's List, the feminist organization whose sole purpose is to get pro-abortion women elected to Congress, hosted a segment of the inauguration today featuring speeches by its stars. The theme was praising women for being women. (the listener is thinking, and???)

...

The gist of Pelosi's speech was to celebrate the fact that women have overcome barriers to public office. It sounded silly considering the first woman was elected to Congress in *1916,* and 249 women have been elected to Congress. Women made advancements a long time ago yet feminists still have no theme but celebrating this. Contrast this with a Republican Women's meeting, which would never go on ad nauseum about how wonderful it is that women are in office. They're not living in the past and obsessed with their gender.

...

Listening to their underachieving biographies, it became apparent why feminists are so angry. Too many of them got where they're at based on some kind of affirmative action - the left promoted and paid for these women to rise in the ranks, solely on the basis of their being women. Contrast this with being a woman in the GOP - female Republican leaders aren't angry because they know they got where they are based on merit.'

Australia: Hulls' club-footed sop to remaining feminists

anthony · 28 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rob Hulls, out to prove he really is a sensitive new age guy, is set to send the simpering sycophants of the politically-correct movement into spiritual orgasms as he signals his intent to remove private clubs from the list of those exempted under Victorian anti-discrimination laws.

This is a topic 99 per cent of people couldn't give a stuff about apart from, it would seem, Rob Hulls and the last remaining feminists who have already won or are in the process of winning everything that was writ on stone tablets in the 1960s.
...
They are today benign and some would say irrelevant to government or anything else for that matter. But for some reason, they continually attract the ire of the intellectual feminist left. One can only assume that it's a bit like climbing Everest and you do it quite simply because it's there.

There are, of course, still many clubs of various types that are women-only, such as the Alexandra and Lyceum _ which are female versions of the Melbourne Club _the Country Women's Association and the oft-talked about Fernwood gym chain. No man I have ever talked to has ever suggested he would like to join any of these female-only organisations. In fact, most would prefer to have hot knitting needles poked in their eyes.'

Fair Pay Act roils workplaces

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the first bills that President Barack Obama signs this week, the Fair Pay Act, could result in more women suing over being paid less than men. This new activity in the Capitol has stirred conversations in boardrooms, law offices, factory floors -- even newsrooms. Why aren't women earning as much as men and should salaries be openly discussed?

Richard Tuschman, a South Florida labor lawyer, says until women make different choices, their incomes won't rise, no matter how many bills are signed into law. By choices, he's talking about the careers they pursue, the hours they work, the jobs within their industries they hold and the parenting decisions they make.
...
The numbers most often used are those among full-time workers -- women make only 77 cents for every dollar paid to men. But there are many, like Tuschman, who feel those numbers are bogus because of all the trends that factor into the pay gap. Women with college degrees tend to go into fields like education, psychology and the humanities, which typically pay less than sectors preferred by men such as engineering, math and business.'

UK: Bringing men into nurseries

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CONTACT with male role models is a vital part of growing up. Outside their own family, the best places for young children to meet such role models are nurseries and schools.

But while a new survey has found that 55 per cent of parents, and 66 per cent of single parents, want a male childcare worker for their nursery-aged child, the reality is that only 2 per cent of childcare workers are men.
...
Many of those questioned said they believed boys behaved better for a male teacher, adding it was important for boys to have a role model to look up to.
...
The survey, which was commissioned as part of a campaign to recruit more male primary teachers, also found that 35 per cent of men felt having a male primary teacher challenged them to work harder at school, and 22 per cent believed male primary teachers helped build their confidence.'

Israel: Education Ministry takes on sexist classics

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Story here. Excerpt:

'As part of its efforts to promote gender equality awareness among Israel's students, the Education Ministry has decided to introduce a new study program that encourages children to revise the lyrics of classic Hebrew songs that contain chauvinistic notions.
...
"But when you read the words carefully you find out they contain hidden messages that work just like existing marketing methods. We are aware of the difficulty to reread the songs, but the situation cannot remain as it is. Well-liked songs contain wrong, sexist conceptions," she added.
...
The students will not only be exposed to the chauvinistic stereotypes in the songs, but will also be asked to revise them and come up with new, more egalitarian lyrics.

As part of the program they will also read songs that express feminine equality and independence.'

SJU hosts sixth annual Conference on the College Male

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The sixth annual Conference on the College Male, “Best Practices for Involving College Men,” is Feb. 13-14 at Saint John’s University, Collegeville.

In addition to four speakers, 14 universities and colleges will present pilot programs to increase college men’s participation in volunteering and vocational discernment activities. The program, funded by a grant from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc., will identify best practices and a theoretical model for what works with college men, and why.

The $599,000 grant, awarded to SJU in November 2007, will identify ways to increase men’s involvement in volunteering, leadership training and vocational decision-making activities. The two-year grant runs through Dec. 31, 2009, and is designed to address chronic underrepresentation of college men in these types of activities. For example, only one-third of students who volunteer are men.'

"Does it get any clearer than this?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two incidents. Same state. Same city. Same crimes. Perpetrators aged the same. Victims aged the same. No prior serious offenses for either perp.

Pretty similar cases, right?

In each, a 17-year-old had sex multiple times with a 14-year-old. But in one case the perpetrator faces felony charges and up to 25 years in prison, while the other charge is a misdemeanor whose maximum sentence is 9 months.'

Florida abuse shelter scandal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"It was really terrible what I went through." These were the first words that Yvonne Scott blurted out, even though the incident happened more than five years ago.

One morning a social worker and policeman showed up on the woman's doorstep. "Either you come with us to the abuse shelter or we take away your children," was their grim-faced ultimatum. Scott had been previously involved in an abusive relationship, but there was no current threat to Ms. Scott or any of her three children.

One might expect such an encounter to occur in the former Soviet Union or maybe a Latin America banana republic. But in the sunshine-addled state of Florida?'

Canada: "Nunavut minister demoted over derogatory remark"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'IQALUIT, Nunavut - Nunavut's premier has stripped the territory's justice minister of his duties over a remark that suggests women are partly to blame when they are assaulted during domestic disputes.

Eva Aariak said she has taken over the department from Louis Tapardjuk, who made the comment last week in an email.

"Often, in cases of domestic disputes, both parties share the blame but, according to the Criminal Code, the person who gets physical is charged, even though the other party initiated the conflict," Tapardjuk wrote.
...
Tapardjuk also suggested that the slow pace of the criminal justice system is responsible for many young people committing suicide when they face charges. He also said the involvement of social services and police in marital problems contributes to a growing number of divorces.

Tapardjuk has since retracted his statement and asked for forgiveness.

"I have spoken with Minister Tapardjuk and he has retracted his comments," Aariak said in a release. "I believe he has learned from his mistake and can remain a productive member of cabinet. However, I will be assuming the portfolio of Justice immediately."'

American Bar Association Data Falsification Debugged

Matt · 28 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Website of the American Bar Association (ABA) sets out to correct ten purported myths about domestic or intimate partner violence (IPV). The critique of these myths appears to be empirically based. However, a close reading of the studies used to debunk these “myths” shows that they are either: 1) government publications with no empirical data, or 2) empirical studies that do not refute the targeted myth. The problems with the false conclusions on the website are varied, but three main ones are: 1) confusion of allegations of abuse with real incidence of abuse; 2) interpretations of unsubstantiated claims of child abuse that are based on varied sources for corroboration that use vague decision criteria in studies not designed to assess malingered claims; and 3) over simplification of the complex causality of psychological phenomena, such as Parental Alienation Syndrome.'

Draft mandate for fed jobs ruled unconstitutional

kellyrrice · 28 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BOSTON – Henry Tucker had worked for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. for 17 years when he was told he was going to lose his job — because he hadn't registered for the military draft when he was 18.

Tucker was offered another job as a budget analyst at the National Institutes of Health, but that was withdrawn when the agency learned he never registered.

...

U.S. District Judge Douglas Woodlock ruled Monday that a separate law that bans employment at federal executive agencies for men who fail to register is an unconstitutional "bill of attainder," an obscure Constitutional provision that prohibits the legislative branch from punishing people without a judicial trial.

Woodlock rejected the argument that the Military Selective Service Act, because it applies only to men, is discriminatory and violates the Constitution's equal protection guarantees.

A spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan said the U.S. Department of Justice is reviewing the ruling and had no immediate comment.'

Settling for Second Best

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'On my way to volunteering for PTA duty at my 13-year-old daughter's middle school, I saw a picture of her staring at me from the main school bulletin board, and it stopped me in my tracks. Marina is the school's student-body president, and she was featured along with the other council members. In the picture, she had a confident smile and that "I can do anything" look I've seen on her face so many times before. Curious, I read the profile below her photo and smiled at her answers. "Favorite food: sushi. Favorite sport: soccer." Then, "Role model: my dad." I did a double take and peered closer. Surely it said "my mom," too? Nope. Just two lonely words: "my dad."
...
Yes, my husband, Mike, is a generous and loving father. But I'm the Room Mom and the Team Mom! I chaired a school fundraiser that took months of preparation! I plan all the birthday parties! I scour cookbooks for nutritious dinner recipes! And who's there for the kids every day when they come home from school? Me!
...
I may have swallowed my pride—or pretended to—but part of me will always wonder why this beautiful young woman didn't choose her mother as her model for womanhood. But I think I'm finally getting over it. Because I have gotten to thinking more about role models lately I'm proud to say I have two in my life: my husband, because he is pretty amazing, and my daughter, because she's got a marvelous independent streak that keeps even her mother guessing.'

"It’s the Economy, Girlfriend"

badgerb · 28 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

See website here. Excerpt:

Are you or someone you love dating a banker? If so, we are here to support you through these difficult times. Dating A Banker Anonymous (DABA) is a safe place where women can come together – free from the scrutiny of feminists– and share their tearful tales of how the mortgage meltdown has affected their relationships."

I thought this had to be a spoof website. Sadly, it is not. Article here.

India: Wedding off, groom and dad in custody

webdigr · 29 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

If a girl runs away with her paramour from the wedding, the world would hail her courage. But if a boy cancels wedding, he'll be arrested. This is the Law in India... read on...

"The marriage hall was fixed, the wedding cards were distributed, jewels and clothes purchased. But like a bolt from the blue, the groom's father cancelled the wedding fixed for Feb 1 and 2. The enraged father of the bride has complained to the police, and the groom and his father are in police custody.
...
The engagement ceremony had been conducted a few months ago and both families had even distributed the wedding cards. But Raja Gopal cancelled the nuptials, citing what the complainant called a trivial issue.
...
In his complaint to the Indiranagar police, Munikrishna said Raja Gopal and his son had demanded more dowry, including a site. But Raja Gopal and his son have denied the allegation, the police said.

The police have registered a case of cheating and have taken both Raja Gopal and Keshav into custody."

'Feminists' helping mum hide Aussie sons

Mr VanHuizen · 29 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A MELBOURNE father of two young boys believed to have been abducted by their mother in Sweden claims a taxpayer-funded feminist group called Kobra is involved.

Swedish authorities are investigating members of Kobra amid allegations the group is using a vast network of "safe houses" and covert techniques to help the mother and children evade police.

George Pesor last saw his sons Frank, 11, and Andre, 9, in September 2008 after the Family Court in Australia ordered they be allowed to travel to Sweden to visit their estranged mother Ann-Louise Valette.

The boys were supposed to return to Melbourne on October 11 but they disappeared along with Ms Valette, who has a warrant out for her arrest after being charged with their kidnapping.

Mr Pesor said he now believes his sons are living with their mother in Sweden in one of 30 secret hiding places he alleges are operated by Kobra.'

Army to report record number of suicides

anthony · 29 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (CNN) -- The U.S. Army will report Thursday the highest level of suicides among its soldiers since it began tracking the rate 28 years ago, CNN has learned.

Statistics obtained by CNN show that the Army will report 128 confirmed suicides last year and an additional 15 suspected suicides in cases under investigation among active-duty soldiers and activated National Guard and reserves.

...

The Army is expected to announce a new effort to study the problem and determine why its suicide-prevention programs appear not to be working, and the extent to which post-combat stress may be a contributing factor. Many of the suicides occur after troops return home.

The Army has long cited personal stress -- including financial, relationship and substance-abuse problems -- as the major reason for suicides, but it is also studying the extent to which deployments to a war zone may play a role.'

"Remember the ladies": More 'affirmative action' needed for women

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Article here. Jared Polis, a Colorado congressman, argues that the current stimulus package will favor men because many of the jobs created will be in construction. He proposes requiring construction companies to increase the number of women working for them--in short, another affirmative action program for women. Excerpt:

'The economic recovery package before Congress this week is largely devoted to infrastructure investment--transportation and school projects, energy efficiency improvements, and green economy investments such as smart grid expansions -- to jump-start our economy and create hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Unfortunately, while President Obama is to be applauded for proposing such a robust investment, the proposed infrastructure spending overwhelmingly benefits men and won't be of much help to unemployed women. Without efforts to increase workforce diversity, this could lead to a massive shift of hundreds of billions of dollars of wealth from women to men.
...
Congressman Jared Polis is a former Chairman of the Colorado State Board of Education and was elected in 2008 to represent Colorado's second congressional district, where he serves on the House Education and Labor, Rules, and Democratic Steering Committees.'

Man frozen in block of ice ignored for over a month

Matt · 29 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. If these had been heels and a dress instead of men's shoes and jeans coming out of the ice, do you suppose everyone who knew about it would have been quite so indifferent? I doubt it. Excerpt:

'DETROIT -- This city has not always been a gentle place, but a series of events over the past few, frigid days causes one to wonder how cold the collective heart has grown.

It starts with a phone call made by a man who said his friend found a dead body in the elevator shaft of an abandoned building on the city's west side.

"He's encased in ice, except his legs, which are sticking out like Popsicle sticks," the caller phoned to tell this reporter.
...
Nearly 24 hours went by. The elevator shaft was still a gaping wound. There was no crime scene tape. The homeless continued to burn their fires. City schoolchildren still do not have the necessary books to learn. The train station continues to crumble. Too many homicides still go unsolved.

After another two calls to 911 on Wednesday afternoon (one of which was disconnected), the Detroit Fire Department called and agreed to meet nearby.

Capt. Emma McDonald was on the scene.

"Every time I think I've seen it all, I see this," she said.

And with that they went about the work of recovering a person who might otherwise be waiting for the warm winds of spring.'

I notice that the word 'person' is used to describe the dead man, not 'man'. I can't help but think that this was a stylistic decision on the part of the author who knows, consciously or not, that the article would get little attention if the word 'man' were used to describe the victim. So 'person', the gender-neutral term, gets used. Maybe then, the story will get some attention.

Divorced father seeks equal protection

anthony · 30 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A case is developing in a Tennessee divorce dispute that one attorney believes could impact custody decisions nationwide because it calls down the authority of the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause to help fathers who are good parents and want to remain involved in their children's lives.

The attorney, Stanley Charles Thorne, told WND the issue in the case at hand will be significant, since there are 3,000 divorce or custody cases in courts across the U.S. daily.

And according to the Children'sJustice.org website, those cases leave nearly 38 percent of the fathers with no access or visitation rights to their children. In addition, four in 10 mothers report they interfered with the father's visitation to punish him at least once, half the mothers see "no value" in the father's continued contact with his children and 70 percent of the fathers wanted more time with their kids.
...
"If we look at what's happening to our society we can trace the social pathologies just as increased rates of incarceration, early sexual activity for girls, truancy issues related to the family breaking down and the social fabric of our society is breaking down in terms of the family breaking down, we are being weaken as a nation and we need to change that," McCormick added.

He estimates 17 million fathers nationwide do not have fair access to their children, and about 3 million mothers have the same problem.'

Woman Accused Of Raping Male Friend

mens_issues · 30 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

A bizarre story. Notice that the media actually used the word "rape.". Excerpt:

'LONGMONT, Colo. — A 53-year-old Longmont woman was arrested Wednesday on suspicion that she drugged a male friend during a backyard barbecue and then raped him, police said.

Janice Lynette McCarl was booked into the Boulder County Jail at 7:40 p.m. Wednesday on suspicion of sexual assault, a class-three felony.

Longmont police Cmdr. Tim Lewis said reports of female-on-male rape are very rare; one victims' advocate said this was only the second local instance she could remember happening within the past decade.

Lewis said McCarl is accused of having inappropriate sexual contact with a 50-year-old male friend.

"She allegedly took unwanted advantage of this friend in a manner he did not want or approve of," Lewis said.

The man told detectives the incident happened on Nov. 9 at his Longmont house and involved "unwanted penetration."'

Canada: Courts can rescue kids from an alienating parent

Matt · 30 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Judges in Canada are now omniscient parents, willing to practice tough love, even though the plan they rely on to help the children has no longitudinal studies to prove that it works.

In cases of parental alienation, judges are prepared to step in and decide what is right for the children, against their wishes and those of the custodial parent, with whom they may have lived for many years.

That was the upshot of the case reported last week in which an Ontario judge stripped a mother, a 42-year-old chiropodist known in court documents as K.D., of the custody of her three girls, aged 9, 11 and 14.'

California Men's Centers report: "Law Enforcement and Intimate Partner Violence Study"

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Report here (.pdf file). Excerpt:

'Most criminal justice data documents that in serious incidents females do suffer from more injurious and fatal violence than males. However, as the POPIPV documents most IPV incidents are minor or there is no empirical evidence to demonstrate who initiated the assaultive behavior. Contemporary unprecedented IPV training curriculums establish a bias found nowhere else in the criminal justice system. IPV trainers simply refer to females as victims and males as offenders.

Some states have provided “primary or dominant aggressor” laws and IPV training that are based on what the POPIPV may refer to as “gender clues.” The intent of the “gender clues” is to suggest to officers which gender is the offender. These primary or dominant aggressor laws or training implies that when there is little physical evidence or it is difficult to determine who is guilty, the officer’s should make an arrest based on the difference in size and strength of the partners or which partner of the two appears most fearful.'

Another wife murders her husband and gets probabtion

sjones2 · 30 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Millington woman who shot and killed her husband with a .22-caliber rifle while he made doughnut circles in his own yard in his pickup truck was sentenced to three years of probation.

As part of a negotiated sentence, Linda Abbott, 40, agreed not to ask Criminal Court Judge John Colton Jr. for diversion, which could have erased the voluntary manslaughter conviction returned by a jury in November. In return, she will do no jail time if she complies with probation requirements.'

Mother guilty in strangling death of 12-year-old daughter

Matt · 30 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BRIDGEWATER, N.S. -- "Mommy, don't," were the last words Karissa Boudreau spoke as her mother strangled her to death with a piece of twine in the woods outside of Hebbville, N.S.

Her words were read in court Friday morning from an agreed upon statement of facts as Penny Boudreau, 34, pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of her 12-year-old daughter.

...

She drove her daughter to a Sobey's parking lot and left her in the car while she went in. While inside, she phoned her boyfriend to say Karissa was missing. Boudreau then drove to nearby Hebbville, where she chased her daughter out of the red Dodge Neon, forced her to the ground, and choked her with a piece of twine.

Court heard she could feel her daughter struggling beneath her.

With her daughter's body slumped over in the front seat of her car, Boudreau drove to a Tim Horton's and threw out the twine in a coffee cup. She then drove to the LaHave River and disposed of Karissa's body, court heard.'

Brainwashing the kids to spite the ex

Matt · 30 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In what has been called a "stunning and unusual family law decision" released Jan. 16, a Toronto father was awarded sole custody of his three daughters, aged nine to 14. The "persistent and overwhelming" campaign by the mother over the course of more than a decade was recognized as emotional abuse by Ontario Superior Court Justice Faye McWatt, and the children have been sent to a California therapeutic recovery centre for treatment.

The couple, known as A. L. and K. D., have had a volatile relationship since they met 15 years ago. In spite of K. D. falsely alleging that A. L. sexually abused their first child, the couple had two more children between bouts of disaffection. K. D. -- herself dominated by a vindictive mother who had beaten her in childhood-- repeatedly called police after provoking physical confrontations with A. L., and frequently bad-mouthed him in front of the children.'

...

In fact, I don't share Mr. Niman's optimism that this represents a sea change in the fortunes of the legions of alienated partners desperately seeking redress for the baseless loss of their children's affection.

My files bulge with parental alienation stories in which this well-documented form of child abuse is ignored by judges. In this case, even just from media accounts, I note the following disturbing facts that suggest this judgment is an exception, rather than the harbinger of a rule: ...'

UK: Prenatal Paternity Tests Blamed For Abortion

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The illegal use of DNA testing to determine the sex of fetuses in the developing world is widely known, but now, concern is growing in the United Kingdom that the availability of prenatal paternity tests is encouraging women to terminate fetuses that are the result of extramarital affairs.

According to Dan Leigh, the marketing director with DNA Solutions, a global DNA test firm with offices in 40 countries, the number of women opting for the prenatal paternity test shot up from 20 in 2002 to 500 last year.

"The testing technology has improved vastly," Leigh told ABC News. "It's become much more accessible."

"It's fairly common to see women take this test after their husbands have found out about an affair and want to know if they have fathered the child their wife is carrying," Leigh said.'

India: Whistling part of college life, not sexual harassment, says SC

anthony · 31 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Supreme Court on Thursday said it would consider framing a policy on sexual harassment at higher educational institutions.

A bench headed by Chief Justice KG Balakrishnan directed the petitioner Medha Kotwal, social activist from Maharashtra, to submit suggestions regarding the policy.

The bench asked senior advocate Colin Gonsalves appearing for the petitioner to specify how sexual harassment should be defined. “Whistling cannot be categorised as sexual harassment,” said the CJI, adding: “This is part of college life.” He also declined to entertain the petitioner’s plea to have a police probe in cases involving sexual harassment.'

US Men Dying For Rigged Elections?

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Article here. Iraq is holding national elections that guarantee women seats. Excerpt:

"Regardless of the votes their candidates receive, parties are required to give every third seat to a female candidate on their list, according to a report this week from the International Crisis Group."

In other words, American men fighting in Iraq are being maimed and killed so a misandric matriarchal form of government can be forced upon the nation of Iraq.

Well, isn't that just really stupid?

Attorney for teacher's aid lashes out at police

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Story here. Excerpt:

'GARDEN CITY, GA (WTOC) - A female teacher's aid charged with molesting and raping a 15-year-old male student was back in court today. This time her attorney lashed out at investigators.

Police said 28-year-old Erika Simmons had sex with the boy at her Garden City home. The two met at Myers Middle School in Savannah where she worked as a teacher's aid and cheerleading coach.
...
Garden City police testified they first learned Simmons was having sex with a student after she bragged about it to her friend and fellow employee at Myers Middle School, Alissa Robinson.
...
"He's going to throw everything on the wall and see if anything will stick," said a family member of the victim. WTOC is not publishing her name to protect the identity of the boy.

The family says none of this would have been said in court if it was a male teacher who had sex with a female student.'

UK: The Battle for Britain's Masculinity

anthony · 31 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last April, the Telegraph published the results of a survey that should have infuriated all self-respecting British. The study highlighted "the extent to which men have had to change within one or two generations." It also revealed how emasculated British males have become.

Over half of the men polled thought that society was turning them into "waxed and coiffed metrosexuals." Fifty-two percent said they had to live according to women's rules. Men said they "felt handcuffed" by political correctness, and two thirds openly admitted that they felt they could not speak freely and had to conceal their opinions.
...
"Manly men" have been "hunted to near-extinction in the British Isles," says historian Neil Oliver. "There's been some kind of politically correct revolution where we've forgotten—or discarded—the value of being manly men."'

Stereotypes Questioned in D.C. Forum On Strength And Masculine Power

anthony · 31 January 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'This weekend the Georgetown University Law Center hosted Campus Strength D.C., a two-day training event meant to facilitate discussion about stereotypes of strength and masculine power, as well as the effects these ideals have on society.

...

According to Joseph Vess, consulting and training director for Men Can Stop Rape, the program aims to provide a way for men to redefine old ideas of male strength to create a more inclusive, healthy culture.

“Many men are finding that traditional masculinity is not working for them,” he said. “The old masculine ideal, of always acting ‘tough,’ staying emotionally distant, not being able to have healthy relationships with other men — it really creates a negative effect on a society.”'

It's that time of year: The Super Bowl Myth

Gunner Retired · 1 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Super Bowl is coming up. And the Super Bowl Myth, that "Super Bowl Sunday is the most dangerous day in America for women." Washington Post reporter Ken Ringle checked into it back in 1993, and quickly found this "factoid" was a lie.

But we hear it every year. Christina Hoff Sommers lays out the story in Who Stole Feminism. The ironically-named "watchdog" group FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting) and others held a press conference just before the January 1993 Super Bowl to put the factoid in circulation, citing an Old Dominion study. Jan Katz, one of the principal authors of that study said, "That's now what we found at all." Their study, on Washington Redskins regular-season weekends, found that an increase in emergency room admissions "was not associated with the occurrence of football games in general."
...
Who gains from these lies and deceptions? For one, feminists and activists in the "violence against women" industry fueled by $1.8 million under the federal Violence Against Women Act. VAWA II pending before Congress has a $2.8 billion price tag. (The National Violence Against Women survey conducted by the woman-oriented Center for Policy Research and sponsored by the National Institute of Justice and Centers for Disease Control found that each year 1.5 million and 835,000 men are assaulted by intimate partners, but a provision in VAWAII would specifically prohibit domestic violence programs from serving battered men.)'

Inclusive reading: http://batteredmen.com/batresrh.htm

Dr. Dean Edell takes strong anti-circ position

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Tonight I heard on Dr. Dean Edell's syndicated medical issues program a strong denunciation of circumcision and some clear reasons as to why it should no longer be considered an acceptable practice when inflicted on someone else without their explicit consent. He also went after the it-reduces-HIV myth as well. Kudos to him! His show's site is here.

UK: Hunger Strike Over Marital Rape Conviction

Anonymous · 1 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'For 16 months, inmate William Coleman has been wasting away in state prisons on a hunger strike.

A man who once carried more than 250 pounds on his 5-foot-10 frame, the former soccer coach lost about 125 pounds, sustaining himself on liquids, before alarmed Department of Correction officials restrained and force-fed him.

...

Coleman's attorneys say his protest is in the tradition of hunger strikes by women suffragettes in the early part of the 20th century and by Mahatma Gandhi in India's struggle for independence from Britain. In recent years, detainees at Guantanamo Bay have staged hunger strikes to protest conditions.

...

Coleman, a native of Liverpool, England, and the former women's soccer coach at Central Connecticut State University, says an acrimonious divorce and custody battle landed him in prison. He claims his ex-wife falsely accused him of raping her in 2002 in their Waterbury home to prevent him from getting custody of their two young sons.'

My gosh! Where did he get the idea the misandrist judiciary was corrupt?

Changes made to the Indian Dowry Law to stop misuse

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Article here. A little bit of background: There was an amendment made to the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment 41-1A in India who would provide relief to millions of people who are suffering from the abuses of the Dowry Law. The Amendment was passed and signed by the president of India is now law. Excerpt:

'NEW DELHI: Dealing a blow to women's rights activists who have been stringently defending the Section 498A provision of the Indian Penal Code, Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan on Saturday said that in some cases this section — that deals with matrimonial cruelty — was being `grossly misused'.

Elaborating on false cases being filed in recent times, the CJI said that relatives not involved with a matrimonial dispute were unfairly implicated. "In some cases, 498A is grossly misused," he said. Balakrishnan was speaking at a seminar, `Marriage laws -- issues and challenges', organised by the National Commission for Women.'

The link to the story of the spat between Chief justice of India and the women's organisation is here. See how confused and vicious Girija Vyas, a leading feminist, sounds. Can the western feminists ever match our feminists here in India for viciousness? Though it's not enough progress as yet, we do believe that we now have backing of the law to prevent the unjust arrest of husbands.

Woman abandons babies, leads sought as 'welfare case'

Michael · 1 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WYANDOTTE, Mich. - Police in suburban Detroit are seeking fresh leads on the identity of the mother of a baby left in a hospital, one of two newborns abandoned in the area in recent days.

Wyandotte police are searching for a woman possibly in her 20s who left what is believed to be her newborn daughter Thursday in a bathroom at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. Police say charges are unlikely and are treating it as a personal welfare case.'

NY Times: "My Sister's Keeper"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THEY called it a lesbian paradise, the pioneering women who made their way to St. Augustine, Fla., in the 1970s to live together in cottages on the beach. Finding one another in the fever of the gay rights and women's liberation movements, they built a matriarchal community, where no men were allowed, where even a male infant brought by visitors was cause for debate.

Emily Greene was one of those pioneers, and at 62 she still chooses to live in a separate lesbian world. She and 19 other women have built homes on 300 rural acres in northeast Alabama, where the founders of the Florida community, the Pagoda, relocated in 1997.

...

For Ms. Adams, every choice she makes today — which restaurant to go to, which contractor to hire, which music to listen to — is guided by a preference to be around women.

"To me, this is the real world," she said. "And it's a very peaceful world. I don't hear anything except the leaves falling. I get up in the morning, I go out on my front deck and I dance and I say, 'It's another glorious day on the mountain.' Men are violent. The minute a man walks in the dynamics change immediately, so I choose not to be around those dynamics."

"Outside the gate, it's still a man's world," said Ms. Hall, who retired as the publisher of a gay and lesbian newspaper in Tampa and St. Petersburg, Fla., and moved to Alapine in 2006. "And women are not safe, period. It's just that simple."'

RADAR ALERT: Call 'Foul' on the ABA's Gender-Political Agenda!

Matt · 2 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Sixteen years ago Sheila Kuehl held a press conference shortly before the Super Bowl to announce the startling news that domestic violence increased 40% after men watched professional football games. It was a complete hoax – but that didn't the stop her myth from being endlessly recycled.

Now, a new group is out there broadcasting DV myths. This time it's the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence. These myths are found in the ABA flyer, "10 Myths about Custody and Domestic Violence and How to Counter Them."

Last summer RADAR issued a Special Report (.pdf file) debunking the claims – and requested the ABA to remove the flyer.

But the flyer (.pdf file) is still there, stereotyping men in the worst possible ways.

Now, a recent article published in the peer-reviewed journal Aggression and Violent Behavior provides a blistering critique of the ABA material. Written by Donald Dutton, Kenneth Corvo, and John Hamel, the article reveals, "almost without exception, the resource materials offered to dispel these myths are flawed, biased, outdated, and/or inconclusive research studies."

The authors conclude the flawed report leads to the "mis-education of practitioners, specifically, the legal profession and custody assessors."

To read the article, go here (.pdf file).

Please contact ABA president Thomas Wells today abapresident-at-abanet.org. The ABA flyer contributes to our society's stereotyping and vilification of fathers and men as wife-beaters and abusers. Tell Mr. Wells he needs to blow the whistle on the half-truths and lies from the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence.

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Date of RADAR Release: February 2, 2009

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Defense Rests in Baby Grace Trial

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Story here. Excerpt:

'GALVESTON, Texas — Attorneys for a mother accused of beating to death her 2-year-old daughter during a daylong discipline session rested their case Monday after presenting only one witness at her capital murder trial.

The jury of seven women and five men was expected to begin deliberating Kimberly Dawn Trenor's fate after closing arguments Monday afternoon.

Trenor's only defense witness, a co-worker of her husband's, testified he believed Royce Clyde Zeigler II seemed to be controlling of his wife. Trenor's attorneys have argued to jurors that Trenor was under Zeigler's control and she was not responsible for the death of toddler Riley Ann Sawyers.'

Update: Verdict is in: guilty.

Twice-Monthly Male Contraceptive Shot Stops Sperm Production, Being Tested in Australia

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Men in Sydney, Australia will be among the first in the world to try a new contraceptive giving them control over their own fertility.

ANZAC Research Institute at Concord Hospital has begun testing a new twice-monthly male contraceptive injection.

It works exactly like the female contraceptive pill by shutting down the reproductive function.

The contraceptive tricks the brain into thinking it has already produced sperm and does not affect men's sexuality.

Earlier studies have found the injection works in 95 percent of men and allows users to become fully fertile within three month of stopping the injections.'

Israel: Livni Plays Gender Card as She Runs 2nd in Race

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Story here. Excerpt:

'When Tzipi Livni, Israel's foreign minister and a candidate for prime minister, spoke before a group of women lawyers last week, she received three standing ovations. Her male rivals in the race had to make do with polite applause.

"Whether we have a female prime minister is up to you and your vote," Livni told the 200 or so women, who promptly rose to their feet, clapping and cheering.
...
However, running second behind the Likud Party's Benjamin Netanyahu and with her male rivals attempting to undercut her credibility, using language some describe as thinly veiled chauvinism, Livni has pulled out the gender card, possibly in realization of the potential strength of women voters.
...
"I want a woman in charge—a woman has more of a sense of responsibility for her people," hairdresser Rachel Rubin, 54, said during a break at the salon where she works.'

Woman Charged With Stabbing Son And Ex-Husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'VINALHAVEN (NEWS CENTER) -- Police say a woman from Vinalhaven has been arrested for stabbing her ex-husband and her eight-year-old son.

The Knox County Sheriff's department says Maria Witham was arrested on the island of Vinalhaven early Monday morning, after deputies were called to a home on the Roberts Cemetery Road about 12:30 am.
...
Maria Witham has been charged with two counts of elevated aggravated assault, and with violating conditions of release.'

Woman arrested after domestic shooting

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Shreveport woman was arrested on a charge of second-degree aggravated battery Saturday after her husband was shot in their home in the Pinecroft neighborhood south of Shreveport Regional Airport.
...
According to police reports, during an argument with her husband, Taquela Harris “armed herself with an automatic handgun and subsequently shot her husband in the foot.” The online arrest report provides a little more detail, saying that "the offender and her husband were arguing and she told him not to leave. She told him that if he left out the door she would shoot him and he walked out and she shot him in the foot."'

Man, 45, Killed in Shooting; Woman Charged With Murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 45-year-old District man was fatally shot by a woman who was arrested and charged in the killing, police said yesterday.

Police released few details about the homicide, one of two that occurred in a two-hour span early yesterday in Southeast Washington. They said the 45-year-old man, who was not identified because next of kin had not been notified, was shot about 3:45 a.m. in a house in the 1500 block of Tubman Road SE.

He was taken to Prince George's Hospital Center, where he was pronounced dead, authorities said.'

Woman suspected of running down man

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Story here.

'Police arrested a 27-year-old woman for allegedly driving her car into a man after an argument last night.

According to police, the woman and a man, 28, had gotten to an argument in Kailua around 8:20 p.m. She walked away and returned with her car, police said.

She then allegedly drove her car into the man, hitting him.

He was taken to a hospital in serious condition, police said.

The woman fled, and was later found by police at Porky's Bar at 32 Maluniu Ave. in Kailua.

She was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder.'

Woman Gets $1M Bond After Fire Crews Find Body

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Story here. Excerpt:

'COLUMBUS, Ohio—A 22-year-old woman was arraigned Friday after firefighters found a man's body in a Northeast Side home Wednesday.

Columbus fire was called out to the 1700 block of Devonshire Road at 12:49 a.m. Wednesday.

When firemen extinguished the flames at the Northeast Side home, they discovered a male victim inside the residence.

The victim had gunshot wounds to his upper body, according to CPD.

CPD identified the victim as 44-year-old Jackie D. Hagwood.

Columbus police arrested 22-year-old Tamara L. Smith on murder charges in connection with Hagwood's death.

Smith was arraigned Friday, and her bond was set at $1 million.'

Opinion: Young men and violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Masculinity. Masculinity in our culture is extremely unhealthy. Virtually all of these rage-induced rampages are by males. Though we went through a period of men being encouraged to be more sensitive (largely, thanks to feminism), recent influences have moved men back to a hyper-masculinity that poses serious problems for our society. Through cultural and parental conditioning, media images (tech games but also action films, comic books, graphic novels and advertisements), sports influences (mixed martial arts in particular), peer influences and so on, males today more than ever feel pressure to be hyper-masculine. The end product is a male who doesn't allow for emotional outlets, doesn't express or communicate mental anguish, doesn't show weakness or get help but instead sees violence as a viable option to solving problems.'

UK: Woman gets 21 months in jail after texting-while-driving causes fatal accident

webdigr · 3 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. She killed a man out of sheer buffoonery, and all she gets is a 21 months jail? Would you have given the same punishment to a man, if he killed a woman in exactly the same situation? Excerpt:

'A motorist who sent and received more than 20 text messages before she crashed into another car killing its driver has been jailed for 21 months.

...

Curtis, who was convicted of causing death by dangerous driving in December, had told Oxford Crown Court she felt there were times when using a phone while driving was acceptable.

During the trial the defendant, a waitress, said she had been "hyper" as she set off on her two-hour journey on 20 November, 2007.

She had made various calls and sent text messages to a number of friends using predictive text.

Shortly after making a call, her car hit Ms McBryde's parked Peugeot 106, then spun into oncoming traffic, hitting two more vehicles.

...

Judge Hall said he hoped the case would send out a warning to other drivers not to use their phones when behind the wheel.

Pakistan: Three women abduct, rape man in Karachi

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Karachi police have registered a case against three unidentified women who allegedly abducted a man and raped him over four consecutive days, and later throwing him near Qayyumabad River in an unconscious state.
...
As he regained consciousness, Khalil found that the women “were forcing themselves onto me”. According to assistant superintendent of police Asad Raza, the women sexually assaulted Khalil for four days, and then threw him near Qayyumabad river. “His condition is really bad ... his genitals are bleeding and he cannot walk properly,” said Raza.

Raza said the women belonged to rich families of Karachi’s Clifton area. “It’s a complicated case ... but we are hoping that we will solve it soon,” he added.'

Hiding the Truth About the Pay Gap Between Men and Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Labor Department's conclusion was that the gender pay gap was the result of a multitude of factors and that the "raw wage gap should not be used as the basis for [legislative] correction. Indeed, there may be nothing to correct. The differences in raw wages may be almost entirely the result of individual choices being made by both male and female workers."

The Labor Department's new report is clearly an important contribution to the debate over pay equity. But where is it? Although it was posted on the Labor Department's web site just days after it was finalized, it was apparently removed as the transition in power was occurring between former President Bush and President Obama. We don't know why the report was taken down, but certainly the timing is suspicious.'

'Stimulus Plan' includes $1 billion of "incentive funds" for child support collection

Matt · 3 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's take a look at some of the "investments" in the House Stimulus plan to see if this new pork-laden bill will "lay a solid foundation for future growth." It includes:
...
• $1 billion to provide incentive funds for states to collect child support owed to families (stimulus for the state police).'

Mother of Iraqi women bomber network arrested

Michael · 3 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman accused of helping recruit dozens of female suicide bombers looked into the camera and described the process: trolling society for likely candidates and then patiently converting the women from troubled souls into deadly attackers.

The accounts, in a video released Tuesday by Iraq police, offer a rare glimpse into the networks used to find and train the women bombers who have become one of the insurgents' most effective weapons as they struggle under increasing crackdowns.

In a separate prison interview with The Associated Press, with interrogators nearby, the woman said she was part of a plot in which young women were raped and then sent to her for matronly advice. She said she would try to persuade the victims to become suicide bombers as their only escape from the shame and to reclaim their honor.'

'One Tree Hill' Aftergasm: Feminism and Half-Naked Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In today's society, women are still objectified as sexual playthings. From Hooters to strip clubs and prostitution to GoDaddy.com Super Bowl ads, depicting women as nothing more than sexual objects is sadly still around

Thankfully, One Tree Hill shines as a beacon of feminism in an otherwise male-dominated society. It might seem odd, but looking back at the history of the series, it's always been a place where it's the male stars who are made into sexual objects.

...

While other shows might focus on the sexy women, stripping them down to bikinis to parade around the screen, One Tree Hill does the same thing with its men. James Lafferty has seemingly spent about half his time on the show without a shirt. Whether he's playing basketball, walking around the house, or participating in the Boy Toy Auction, the show keeps him as naked as possible as often as possible.'

Huffington Post: How About a Super Bowl Sunday Dedicated to Ending Violence?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), first authorized in 1994 and co-authored by Vice President Joe Biden, is currently offensively underfunded. The VAWA provides funds for investigating and prosecuting crimes of violence against women, improving safe houses and shelters as well as support for the national domestic violence hotline. Despite a Congressional plea for funding increases, President Bush recommended only a $421.6 million budget for VAWA in fiscal year 2008--the equivalent of a little over one hour of Super Bowl commercials. Without additional funds, shelters will close and desperately needed services will be cut.
...
While we award trophies for high-stakes brutality, we must also recognize those who are working to reduce violence in our society and in our culture. We must pressure our political leaders and the Obama Administration to fully fund the Violence Against Women Act and ensure that respect for women's human rights are a pre-condition of international aid. We need to make sure that violence prevention efforts become as integral to our nation's schools as our football programs. Now that would be something worth cheering about.'

New law could make fathers' rights come smoother

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Historically, the state's courts have not favored this arrangement because of concerns that shuttling between parents could be disruptive for a child. Custody often went to mothers, who tended to be the primary caregivers. But now, fathers are more involved. "I think in some ways it's a matter of the judicial system catching up with changes in society," says Melissa Froehle, policy and program director at the Minnesota Fathers & Families Network in St. Paul.

Rep. Tim Mahoney (DFL-St. Paul) has made it his mission to change the law. Divorced twice, Mahoney paid through the nose to get joint physical custody. "But I thought everybody did that," Mahoney says. "It wasn't, 'Oh, I'm a wounded divorced father and I feel slighted.'"

He says conversations with his constituents convinced him that the law should change. Dozens of men have told him they pay child support but find it difficult to visit their children because of poor relations with the mother, he says. "They don't give a damn about the money. Mostly what they want to do is see their kids."

Over the past five years, Mahoney has introduced bills to change the law. His legislation has included an exception for victims of domestic violence, but advocates for battered women remain unconvinced.'

Joint custody helps children

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Article here, originally. At the time of posting, though, the article isn't showing up (404 error); the home page of the on-line paper has a notice saying they are having technical problems though, so that could explain it. I did manage to find it in the Google cahce though, here. Excerpt:

'The winner-take-all adversarial divorce system of Judge Meyer and Mr. Cade of routinely awarding custody or ownership of our children of divorce to one parent, usually the mother, and demoting the other parent, usually the father, to the status of a visitor deprives our children of the stability and continuity of having two parents during their developmental years. The system also deprives fathers of their basic right of raising their children.

Divorced fathers are still waiting for the state Legislature to enact parenting and joint custody legislation that would provide a preference for equality between divorcing parents or a presumption of joint custody that would not reduce a parent to the status of a visitor.'

More Staten Island dads are waging custody wars

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Story here. Excerpt:

'They are among a growing army of well-intentioned fathers who view the system as stacked against them because of their gender, even though New York State law requires judges and magistrates to consider only the best interests of the child in disputes between parents.

...

An increasing number of dads are stepping up to the legal plate to fight custody and visitation battles against women they claim are dead-beat moms, he said.

...

On the other side, "There are thousands of guys out there like me," he said. Some men find themselves victims of "moms using the system to send dads into exile from their kids, taking them out of their lives with ease."

Mothers can be vindictive, "hell-bent on destroying you," charged another father who endured a Family Court battle over the custody of his young son. "It's hard. It took me three years to learn how to play the game. It was the worst experience of my entire life."'

Divorced father seeks equal protection

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A case is developing in a Tennessee divorce dispute that one attorney believes could impact custody decisions nationwide because it calls down the authority of the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause to help fathers who are good parents and want to remain involved in their children's lives.

The attorney, Stanley Charles Thorne, told WND the issue in the case at hand will be significant, since there are 3,000 divorce or custody cases in courts across the U.S. daily.

And according to the Children'sJustice.org website, those cases leave nearly 38 percent of the fathers with no access or visitation rights to their children. In addition, four in 10 mothers report they interfered with the father's visitation to punish him at least once, half the mothers see "no value" in the father's continued contact with his children and 70 percent of the fathers wanted more time with their kids.'

Exactly How Are Men Superior?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I love my sons—they're funny, sweet, and full of surprises. But I don't understand how a species incapable of feeding themselves—much less hitting the toilet—ever came to rule the planet.

Last week as I watched the 44th male take possession of the most powerful position in the world, I had to ask myself how men ever came to be in charge of the world. How did they surpass women in status, power, and wealth? I don't hate men, I live with far too many of them to survive day-to-day harboring such feelings. I just know that women are the more capable sex. As early as the age of two, girls leave boys standing bewildered in their dust as they speed along the social, emotional, and intellectual racecourse of life.
...
How can it be that they can't overcome hunger, the most basic of human instincts, yet they are given the power of world nuclear annihilation?
...
The only possible explanation I can come up with is that in prehistoric times, in order to get some real work done, cave women sent their men off to hunt and do battle, and the trend stuck. I love my boys; I find them funny, and sweet, and full of surprises, but I just don't understand when the girls got lapped in the race. They had such a clear lead.'

Men Shouldn't Be Overlooked as Victims of Partner Violence

Matt · 4 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In addressing intimate partner violence, the focus is usually on women who are physically battered by husbands or boyfriends. However, women sometimes hurt their partners as well.

Women are doing virtually everything these days that men are—working as doctors, lawyers, and rocket scientists; flying helicopters in combat; riding horses in the Kentucky Derby. And physically assaulting their spouses or partners.

In fact, when it comes to nonreciprocal violence between intimate partners, women are more often the perpetrators.'

Sadly, killer moms are not uncommon

Matt · 4 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Letter to the editor here.

'The horrific killing by Penny Boudreau of her 12-year-old daughter, looking into the child's eyes while strangling her, should make us both shudder and consider. While this cold-blooded killing is extreme by any standard, a large sample study of child deaths in the United States showed that mothers were involved 60% of the time and acted alone as the perpetrator in one-third of the killings.

Despite this, governments have ministries for women and children and universities have faculties of women and children -- all designed to further the myth that the greatest risk to children comes from men, and specifically fathers. The research statistics suggest otherwise.'

Woman chased, attacked husband with knife, gets sent for psychiatric treatment

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Story here. When a wife is mortally attacking the husband, all 'explaining' and 'counseling' comes into effect... But if its the other way round, even if its only alleged and no one but the alleging woman knows the truth, no one ever thinks of any counseling for the man; he just has to be punished as hard as possible. And they say its the man's world! Excerpt:

'SUSSEX, N.B. — A woman appeared in court Wednesday to face charges after RCMP officers had to use a Taser to disarm her on Tuesday.

At the time she allegedly chased her husband around a barber shop with a knife.
...
"The (officers) made verbal and physical efforts to control the situation, but it became obvious that the female was out of control and she was posing a real threat to the (officers) so they had no choice but to use the Taser," Tremblay said.

"We try everything we can, we negotiate as far as we can, but there comes a time when for the security of the public, especially with people around in the mall, that the (officers) had to do something."
...
She has been sent for a five-day psychiatric assessment and will return to court on Feb. 10 for a bail hearing, Tremblay said.'

Husband charged with a crime(s) even after accident admitted by police

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Story here. A husband accidentally kills wife while cleaning firearm. The police acknowledge that the incident was an accident. The incident was covered in the press as a sad accident with the husband displaying remorse. However, nonetheless, he will be arraigned on charges Thursday afternoon for the accidental killing. Notice how the article towards the end turns in to an advertisement for taking gun safety courses.

How many women kills their husbands on purpose, then claim domestic violence or depression and are never brought up on charges? Excerpt:

'A 21-year-old newlywed is facing a homicide charge in the shooting death of his wife. Sources tell Channel 6 News Joshua Beasley will be arraigned at 2 p.m. Friday on a negligent homicide charge.

Prosecutor Joe Kelly of the Lancaster County Attorney's Office would not explain what led prosecutors to bring charges and said they were still deciding exactly what charge or charges Beasley might face.

Investigators said Beasley's wife of 10 weeks, 20-year-old Alaina Beasley, died of a shotgun wound early Sunday at a Lincoln hospital.

The couple had been out skeet shooting on Saturday. Joshua told police that he was cleaning the gun that night in their Lincoln apartment when it discharged.

Police had said earlier that the shooting appeared to be accidental.'

Canada: A gold digger without a leg to stand on

Matt · 5 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Montreal woman is suing her former lover -- the father of her three children--for spousal support, even though the two of them were never legally married and Quebec law does not grant so-called "common law" spouses any entitlement to alimony or property equalization.

The man is reportedly a billionaire. The woman is seeking a $50-million lump sum, plus $56,000 monthly. She already receives $35,000 monthly in child support, plus the use of a $2.4-million house and several servants.

The rhetoric of the woman and her lawyers is astonishingly arrogant. They speak and act as if the man on other side of this case didn't even exist -- as if they were fighting a grievance against the federal and provincial governments, rather than against a sentient human being.
...
The woman's lawyers suggest that the court draw a new line: Couples who have co-habited for three years (or one year if they have children) would get the same rights as consensually married couples. But this wouldn't end discrimination. It would merely discriminate against a different group: namely, those who have cohabited only two years and 364 days (or 364 days with kids). Why should a single additional day of cohabitation confer such enormous financial consequences? When will this group bring its constitutional challenge?'

UK: Sperm is a man's property, judge rules in landmark case

Broadsword · 5 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Six cancer patients whose sperm samples were lost by the NHS have won their claim for damages in a landmark judgement which establishes the legal principle that a man's semen is his own property.

The case, which could cost the NHS hundreds of thousands of pounds in compensation, is expected to lead to a review of the law relating to ownership of human body parts.

In yesterday's judgment the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Judge, the most senior judge in England and Wales, rejected the notion that sperm held by North Bristol NHS Trust had the same legal status as a discarded toenail or hair cut at a barber's shop.

Lord Judge, Master of the Rolls Sir Anthony Clarke, and Lord Justice Wilson, ruled that the sperm samples – given by the men after they were warned by doctors that chemotherapy might damage their fertility – were the property of the six who could claim damages for the loss. "Unlike products of the body which are removed from it with a view to their being abandoned – such as cut hair, clipped nails, excised tissue and amputated limbs – the sperm was ejaculated with a view to its being kept," said the judges."

Rights group calls to ban Czech castration law

mens_issues · 5 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Apparently this has been going on in the Czech Republic for decades, without evidence that it's effective. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- The Czech Republic's practice of surgically castrating convicted sex offenders is "invasive, irreversible and mutilating" and should stop immediately, the Council of Europe's Anti-Torture Committee said in a report made public Thursday.

The central European country castrated at least 94 prisoners in the 10 years up to April 2008, when investigators from the Council of Europe, a human-rights forum, visited the Czech Republic.

The Council of Europe condemned the practice as "degrading."

The procedure is being performed even on first-time, non-violent offenders, such as exhibitionists, its investigation revealed.

Prisoners have to request castration under Czech law, but many fear they will be jailed for life if they do not, the investigation found.

"In practically all the cases, these patients indicated that their application was at least partially instigated by fear of long-term detention," the report said.'

RADAR ALERT: Economic Stimulus Bill Funds Ineffective DV Programs. Call The Senate Now!

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Did you know that the Economic Stimulus plan under debate in the Senate allocates 400 million dollars to fund ineffective domestic violence programs?[1]

The Senate may vote on the Economic Stimulus plan at any moment. So stop whatever you're doing and take a few minutes to call these three key Senators on the stimulus bill right now:

Senator	Phone	State	Party
Sen. Ben Nelson	202-224-6551	NE	D
Sen. Susan Collins	202-224-2523	ME	R
Sen. Arlen Specter	202-224-4254	PA	R

Tell the Senators:

NY Times: As Layoffs Surge, Women May Pass Men in Job Force

anthony · 6 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With the recession on the brink of becoming the longest in the postwar era, a milestone may be at hand: Women are poised to surpass men on the nation's payrolls, taking the majority for the first time in American history.

The reason has less to do with gender equality than with where the ax is falling.

The proportion of women who are working has changed very little since the recession started. But a full 82 percent of the job losses have befallen men, who are heavily represented in distressed industries like manufacturing and construction. Women tend to be employed in areas like education and health care, which are less sensitive to economic ups and downs, and in jobs that allow more time for child care and other domestic work.
...
Economists have predicted before that women would one day dominate the labor force as more ventured outside the home. The number of women entering the work force slowed and even dipped during the boom years earlier this decade, though, prompting a debate about whether women truly wanted to be both breadwinners and caregivers.'

UK Guardian: 'Sexist feminism'

anthony · 6 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If a man – any man, apparently they're all the same – says he hates women, he's being sexist. But some women have no qualms about pigeonholing all men into one category of violent, abhorrent brutes and calling it feminism. And that's when feminism becomes nothing more than another form of sexism.

...

Many people saw the backlash against Palin in terms of her sex. For example, the Guardian's Kira Cochrane said it was misogynist. Apparently, it's fine to say all men are rubbish, but if we criticise a woman, that's automatically deemed to be sexist, as if being female is some kind of "get out of jail free" card that excuses us from playing by the very rules we want men to keep.

...

I'd like to think that 21st century feminism would advocate doing away with these narrow parameters and see people as people. When Stephanie Theobald wrote about tomboys, their mothers made comments such as: "In some ways, my daughter is very feminine – if there's a baby in the room she will pick it up and hold it so tenderly". If we want to achieve true equality, feminists need to stop categorising human traits as masculine or feminine. Feminists should be the last people doing this. We should be seeking to shatter all stereotypes, not cherry-picking the ones that suit us. Do that and you're not abolishing the patriarchy, you're becoming the very thing you are fighting against.'

Woman Convicted of Poisoning Husband, Harming Daughter

anthony · 6 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SYRACUSE, N.Y. — An upstate New York woman was convicted Thursday of murdering her husband by poisoning him with antifreeze and then trying to kill and frame her daughter for the death.

An Onondaga County jury found Stacey Castor, 41, guilty of second-degree murder in the poisoning death of her husband, David, in August 2005. She was also found guilty of attempted second-degree murder for trying to kill daughter Ashley Wallace, then 20, with an overdose of drugs and vodka in September 2007.

"If there is a ceiling in terms of evil, she (Castor) is at the ceiling," District Attorney William Fitzpatrick.
...
The death of Wallace's first husband had been ruled a heart attack, but after the exhumation, authorities also ruled the death a homicide caused by ingesting ethylene glycol, a toxic chemical found in antifreeze.

Castor has not been charged in Wallace's death, but prosecutors used evidence surrounding it to build their case against her. Keller said he would challenge the judge's decision to allow the evidence about Wallace's death.'

Judge clears dead Texas man of rape conviction

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A man who died in prison while serving time for a rape he didn't commit was cleared Friday by a judge who called the state's first posthumous DNA exoneration "the saddest case" he'd ever seen.

State District Judge Charles Baird ordered Timothy Cole's record expunged.

Cole was convicted of raping a Texas Tech University student in Lubbock in 1985 and was sentenced to 25 years in prison. He died in 1999 at age 39 from asthma complications.'

Madonna syndrome: I should have ditched feminism for love, children and baking

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Article here. Excerpt:

"I never thought I would be saying this, but being a free woman isn't all it's cracked up to be. Is that the rustle of taffeta I hear as the suffragettes turn in their graves? Possibly. My mother was a hippy who kept a pile of (dusty) books by Germaine Greer and Erica Jong by her bed (like every good feminist, she didn't see why she should do all the cleaning). She imbued me with the great values of choice, equality and sexual liberation. I fought with my older brother and won; at university I beat the rugby lads at drinking games. I was not to be messed with.

Now, nearly 37, those same values leave me feeling cold. I want love and children but they are nowhere to be seen. I feel like a UN inspector sent in to Iraq only to find that there never were any weapons of mass destruction. I was led to believe that women could “have it all” and, more to the point, that we wanted it all. To that end I have spent 20 years ruthlessly pursuing my dreams - to be a successful playwright. I have sacrificed all my womanly duties and laid it all at the altar of a career. And was it worth it? The answer has to be a resounding no...
...
Increasing numbers of my feminist friends are giving up their careers for love and children and baking. I wish I'd had kids ten years ago, when time was on my side, but the problem is not so much time as mentality. I made a conscious decision not to have serious relationships because I thought I had all the time in the world."

Never, ever break up a 'chick fight'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Most Canadian boys are taught from a young age not to hit girls and protect a female or weaker boy if they are threatened.

After sitting through two of the court proceedings that followed the so-called midway mauling" at Lee Park last spring, I'm convinced we should put just as much weight on the not kicking someone when they're down" rule.

Devin Marshall, 13, tried to do the right thing May 10, 2008 while attending a midway carnival at Lee Park. He made an effort to convince a teenage girl to leave a female friend of his alone.

I'm assuming he thought his friend couldn't defend herself against the other girl.

But this particular young lady wasn't much afraid of Marshall and she definitely didn't take kindly to him calling her a prostitute.

He was kicked in the groin and took a few punches to the kisser for his troubles. And when he defended himself from further assault, wrestling her to the ground for his own protection, she yelled for help.

The real trouble began soon afterward. Her friends pulled him off and a couple dozen hero-wannabes swarmed in like hornets lapping up pop at a picnic.

The mob mentality took over and a husky boy stepped forward and dropped Marshall with a thundering sucker punch."

He ran away, the Ontario Court of Justic was told, and two other young men stepped in and laid the boots to Marshall, who suffered two fractures to his jaw, a fractured cheek bone and cuts.'

United Nations Population Fund Leader Says Family Breakdown is a Triumph for Human Rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MEXICO CITY, February 3, 2009 (LifeSiteNews.com) - A leader in the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has declared that the breakdown of traditional families, far from being a “crisis,” is actually a triumph for human rights.

Speaking at a colloquium held last month at Colegio Mexico in Mexico City, UNFPA representative Arie Hoekman denounced the idea that high rates of divorce and out-of-wedlock births represent a social crisis, claiming that they represent instead the triumph of “human rights” against “patriarchy.”

"In the eyes of conservative forces, these changes mean that the family is in crisis," he said. "In crisis? More than a crisis, we are in the presence of a weakening of the patriarchal structure, as a result of the disappearance of the economic base that sustains it and because of the rise of new values centered in the recognition of fundamental human rights."'

Anti-male Cheerios commercial taken to task on Fox

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Video clip here. Marc Rudov debates Bill O'Reilly over the content of this and similar ads. O'Reilly sides with feminists of course.

Fathers' rights vs. gender bias

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers everyday are being denied equal rights regarding their children in custody cases. Gender bias should be eliminated from family law and future legislation. BOTH biological parents should be responsible for the emotional well-being of their children, as well as assuming financial responsibility.

Child support orders should be reasonable--realistically reflect the cost of the basic needs of the child as well as the responsibilities of both parents in a shared parenting plan. When parents are given equal rights, equal responsibility follows; when parents have equal access to their children, and support levels are reasonable and reflect true cost of raising a child, parents will comply with court orders. When equity is created in our laws, the conflicts inherent in divorce situations dissolve and that in the end is the greatest gift that anyone could possibly bestow on children.'

Roe vs. Wade and the Rights of the Father

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'While the topic I have chosen here, “Roe vs. Wade and the Rights of the Father” may sound interesting, actually there is nothing to write about. There are no such rights.

A father can’t stop an abortion if he wants his child, nor can he insist upon an abortion if he doesn’t want his child.

This situation should trouble everyone, not from a religious point of view, not from a personal choice point of view, but rather from an Equal Rights point of view.
...
So where are all these well-reasoned arguments when it comes to a father and his unborn child? Why do people who have Equal Protection claims at the ready on other issues suddenly suffer constitutional amnesia when abortion is mentioned?

During every abortion a father’s child dies, so fathers are affected. There is much written about the post-abortion depression of women. Nothing is mentioned about the father. A good father knows his role is protector of his child. His depression must be crippling when the law allows him no chance to save his child from death by abortion.
...
As Justice Ginsburg said in the quote that appears at the top of this FOX Forum post, the emphasis is not abortion, rather an individual’s right to control his own reproduction. If we protect such a right for women, can we constitutionally deny it to men?'

Obama Is First Feminist President, Panelists Say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNSNews.com) – Panelists at a feminist conference have made it clear that they believe Barack Obama is the first feminist president.

...

Smeal wrote that Ms. “wanted to capture both the national and feminist mood of high expectations and hope as the 44th president of the United States takes the oath of office.”

She said when she met Obama, “He immediately offered, ‘I am a feminist.’”

...

Other topics covered by panelists included the injection of feminism into popular culture and organizing the next generation of feminists.

Organizations taking part in the conference included the National Organization for Women, Feministe, National Council of Negro Women, American Association of University Women and VivirLatino.'

Domestic abuse bill brings men's rights to light

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill proposing to increase fees in order to support domestic violence service agencies was heard Wednesday in the Senate Judiciary Committee. If passed, the bill would designate a percentage of funds specifically for organizations that provide domestic abuse services for military members and veterans.
...
Opponents of the bill voiced concerns the current funding for domestic abuse services has done little to prevent abuse. Many of the men who testified also thought the proposed legislation would promote a misconception that men cannot be victims of abuse.

According to Dr. Charles Corry, president of the Equal Justice Foundation, domestic violence cases have nearly doubled over the last decade, meanwhile the state's population has grown by just 23 percent during this same time period. Corry maintains this disproportionate increase proves current funding is not being used effectively.

"What happens is for these people to get more money and keep their budget up, they have to report more cases," said Corry. "More money means more charges filed."

Cliff Smedley also testified in opposition of the bill. He was once wrongly accused of domestic abuse and sees himself as a "victim of the domestic violence industry."

"Men don't have a monopoly as abusers, and women don't have a monopoly as victims," said Smedley.'

Massachusetts: Supreme Judicial Court sees possible bias in rape case

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'A sharply divided Supreme Judicial Court said yesterday that a 14-year-old boy accused of statutory rape may have been a victim of gender discrimination because authorities charged him and not the three underage girls with whom he allegedly had sex.

The case, which originated in Plymouth County, involved a high school freshman football player who is accused of engaging in various sex acts from August to October 2007 with three girls. Two were 12, and the other was 11.

"None of the complainants reported being afraid of the boy's behavior," Chief Justice Margaret Marshall wrote for the majority. "Indeed, sexual behavior seemed to melt seamlessly into games of 'manhunt,' 'truth or dare,' and 'making out.' Some of it occurred with more than one complainant present."
...
In its 3-to-2 ruling, the majority emphasized that statutory rape laws, which once exclusively protected girls, are now gender-neutral. The boy, the court said, has a constitutional right to see if Plymouth District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz's office discriminates against boys when prosecuting statutory rape cases.'

Obama on track to ensure equity for nation’s women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Noting that 19 million women are uninsured, Obama has pledged to repair the nation’s health care system, support research into women’s health, and fight cancer. He said he will support moves to invest in women-owned small businesses, strengthen laws against domestic violence and provide for women’s reproductive rights.
...
The president said he will protect Title IX, which ensures that female students and employees at all levels of education are not discriminated against, and help empower women to prevent HIV/AIDS. Women make up 45 percent of the workforce but hold only 12 percent of the science and engineering jobs. Therefore, Obama has said he will help increase jobs in science and engineering.'

Mens' Eye Protection Issues Revealed and What Women Can Do About it

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the safetybriefs.org blog you will find entertaining and informative solutions to help you or your company keep safety issues top on your list. It turns out that each post is written from a lighter side and some are written by a woman who challenges men to wear safety gear. Do not expect the standard OSHA lingo in her blog posts.
...
Here is just a sample of some her current statistics about eye protection:

90% of eye injuries could have been avoided.
The average time off work for an eye injury is 2 days.
Men make up over 80% of all eye injuries.

The Sassy Safety Glasses Queen goes on to write this reminder: "Ladies, there is a good chance your hubby is NOT wearing his safety glasses. My solution was to buy a hot looking pair of safety glasses (I prefer OCC and Wiley X safety glasses) and told my husband how good he looked wearing them. You better believe he wears them all the time. If only getting him to unload the dishwasher was that easy." '

'Age of Testosterone comes to end in Iceland'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Iceland, ravaged throughout history by volcanic eruptions and natural catastrophes, is struggling with a man-made disaster so overwhelming that the women are taking over. It is, they say here, the end of the Age of Testosterone.

Next week a newly minted left-leaning Government led by Johanna Sigurdardottir will start to tackle the tough agenda of cleaning out the old-school-chum networks that have led Iceland to the verge of bankruptcy.

Half of her Cabinet will be women; female advisers carrying briefcases move in and out of the Prime Minister's whitewashed office, a former jailhouse in the middle of Reykjavik. Two women, Birna Einarsdottir and Elin Sigfusdottir, now run the struggling and disgraced New Landsbanki and New Glitnir banks.
...
You can see what is happening," says Katrin Olafsdottir, Associate Professor of Economics and a member of the board of New Glitnir, which is trying to devise a new mission for the crippled bank. "The men went out there and took these incredibly irrational risks — and getting loads of money for doing it, feeling really good about it - and then the women have to come in to clean it up."'

American wins fight to visit son in Brazil

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BRASILIA, Brazil - An American who has waged a four-year custody battle for his son in Brazil reached an agreement Friday to visit the 8-year-old boy.

David Goldman reached the agreement during a five-hour mediation session. The custody battle started in 2004 after his wife took the boy to her native Brazil, according to Goldman.

U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, who traveled to Brazil with Goldman in an attempt to reunite him with his son, announced the agreement after attending the session, which was presided over by a high-ranking federal judge.
...
He said he has not seen his son since his former wife Bruna took the boy for a two-week vacation to her native Brazil in 2004 and never returned.

She later divorced Goldman in Brazil — a divorce he says is not valid in the United States — and married Rio de Janeiro lawyer Joao Paulo Lins e Silva. She died last year of complications from the birth of another child.'

India: Another feminist movement started based on entirely false data

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These are entirely made up, concocted and twisted statistics that these Indian feminists are projecting to the world in order to beg for more and more millions from the taxpayers money of the western countries. Then of course, the money is used primarily to feed their own gigantic greed, and with whatever leftover money, to bribe the politicians into passing more and more anti-men laws, so that all men get so scared that they start to shy away from the institution of marriage itself. And quite obviously no one is worried about the ever increasing men facing domestic violence from their women partners! Here's the story: Ring the bell, stop domestic violence

'What do you do when the man next door is beating his wife? A) Close the windows and turn up the volume on the telly. B) Squirm but tell yourself it's no use interfering. It is simpler to not do anything and that is exactly what Mumbai resident Christina Lobo Jha did till a new initiative to end domestic violence gave her a third option - Ring the Bell or Bell Bajao.

...
Batting for the battered

37% of women reported abuse
32% experienced violence in the first five years of marriage
55% of women though spousal abuse was warranted
41% of women thought slapping was warranted by husbands if in-laws were disrespected
35% of women thought a beating was warranted by husbands if household chores and child care were neglected
51% of 75,000 men surveyed think hitting their wives is acceptable, if in-laws were disrespected, with a smaller number thinking that bad cooking/refusing sex were also legitimate reasons'

Al Roker: A Father's Promise

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You may be interested in A Father's Promise by Al Roker on MSNBC. While this show correctly shows the importance of fathers to their children's well-being, it appears to blame fathers for being absent as well. Excerpt:

"More American boys and girls than ever are growing up without a father. It is a cultural issue that has emerged at the forefront of American politics. "A Father's Promise" explores this unsettling crisis. Coinciding with Black History Month, MSNBC will premiere "A Father's Promise" Sunday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. ET."

Sorry for the short lead time with this.

Girl tells police: Mom 'cooks me in oven'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HAMTRAMCK -- The license plate in the window of the family Cadillac reads "Best Dad." But a 4-year-old girl told police Mom wasn't nearly so kind.

"Mom cooks me like a turkey in the oven," she told police.

Hamtramck cops stumbled onto the graphic allegations of burnings, beatings and torture after the girl's mother phoned police Jan. 23 and confessed to "harming her children," Detective Ben Bielecki said Thursday.
...
Police said Valentino's husband, Randy, wasn't home and there's no evidence that he abused their children.

After the incident, Valentino called police about 3 p.m. to come get her.

"She said she is harming her family," Bielecki said. "It's extreme. It's an awful thing that's happened. I just hope she doesn't get custody of the kids -- ever."'

Israel's Livni woos female voters ahead of poll

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Article here. Excerpt:

'JERUSALEM, Feb 9 (Reuters) - With Israeli pollsters predicting a close national election on Tuesday, Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni is wooing female swing voters whose support could help her clinch victory.

Campaign ads for Livni's centrist Kadima party splashed over billboards and across websites promise a "different kind of prime minister" and urge Israelis to elect the country's first woman prime minister in three decades.
...
"I make decisions, not coffee," Livni told an audience in Tel Aviv of her role in the assault on Gaza, countering critics who have said she lacks high-level experience.

"This can also be a country in which women decide their future," she told a rally in Jerusalem to women wearing pink T-shirts saying: "The time has come for women to be first".
...
"It is sexist to say Livni lacks experience. Here the (male) generals think they are God," Shulamit Aloni, a retired dovish lawmaker, told Reuters of Livni, Israel's chief negotiator with the Palestinians and a senior cabinet minister through two wars.'

Book Review: 'Boys Adrift' by Leonard Sax

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While I agreed with Dr. Sax's main ideas when I heard him speak on the radio program, I wasn't sure what was behind his assertion that the American culture was in trouble unless we reverse this trend. After reading this book (in one day, I might add - I couldn't put it down), I'm sold. We cannot afford to have nearly one-fourth of our young men living at home, not working or contributing to society, avoiding responsibility and believing that this approach to life is just fine - but that's the way American society is headed. Something is wrong, and Dr. Sax believes he knows why American boys and young men can't find their way toward a purpose-filled life.

Dr. Sax makes a convincing case for each of his five factors, including the effects of estrogens on the physical development on boys. While I can't quite figure out how young parents will easily manage the switch from plastics containing PET to glass baby bottles (when did you last see a glass baby bottle for sale?), I think I'd give it a try if I were raising an infant now. My personal experiences as a substitute teacher, Scout leader and homeschooling parent all snapped into focus as I read Dr. Sax's explanations of the five factors that make boys less motivated, less healthy and less inclined to aspire to noble manhood. All of Dr. Sax's assertions match my personal observations.'

Groups Question $400 Million for Abuse Programs in Stimulus Bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, February 6 - Some groups worry that the $400 million in bill for abuse-reduction efforts will do little to stimulate the economy, and are calling on lawmakers to remove the funds until domestic violence programs show proof of effectiveness. The call comes from RADAR (Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting), a victim advocacy organization, as well as from other partner organizations.
...
Groups such as African-Americans for VAWA Reform believe the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) relies too heavily on law enforcement and ignores the needs of male abuse victims. Other problems include a rise in false accusations of domestic violence which lead to families unnecessarily being torn apart, and victims revictimized by abuse shelter staff, and immigration loopholes that grant permanent status to foreign nationals based on a simple allegation of abuse. In addition, statistics show that VAWA has not been effective in reducing domestic violence.'

Study: Smoking Pot May Increase Risk of Testicular Cancer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Marijuana use may increase the risk of developing testicular cancer, in particular a more aggressive form of the disease, according to a U.S. study published on Monday.

The study of 369 Seattle-area men ages 18 to 44 with testicular cancer and 979 men in the same age bracket without the disease found that current marijuana users were 70 percent more likely to develop it compared to nonusers.

The risk appeared to be highest among men who had reported smoking marijuana for at least 10 years, used it more than once a week or started using it before age 18, the researchers wrote in the journal Cancer.'

Blog: "WhyBoysFail.com" tracks boys' educational trends

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'About' page here. Excerpt:

'That chart you see above is one reason why this issue is so intriguing: What happened in that time interval to motivate so many more girls than boys to aspire to higher education? That's a puzzle, but there are reasons beyond that puzzle to conclude this is an issue that will rise in importance. Regardless of why boys are relative slackers, the momentum of this social change appears unstoppable, at least in the near future. Women will increasingly dominate higher education. Within about ten years, the average U.S. campus will have two females for every male.

Given that both the College Board and U.S. Department of Education agree there are no economic reasons for these imbalances (men and women get equal income boosts from earning bachelor's degrees), something here is amiss. My own theory is that as the world has become more verbal, schools have allowed boys to slip behind in literacy skills.'

RADAR ALERT: Keep it Up: Tell the Senate DV Funding Doesn't Belong in an Economic Stimulus Bill

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The Economic Stimulus plan currently being considered by the Senate allocates 400 million dollars to fund ineffective domestic violence programs?[1].

Last week, we asked you to call three key Senators on the stimulus bill, Senators Ben Nelson, Susan Collins, and Arlen Specter regarding the proposed funding. This week, we ask you to contact those Senators again and two additional Senators, Sen. Olympia J. Snowe and Sen. Joe Lieberman.

Because of the importance of the stimulus package, you may be unable to get through on the Senators' main numbers in D.C. If you cannot get through, we ask you to either fax them or contact their district offices. The web pages with their district office contact information is included below:

Australia: Kids are in fact safer with Dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Australian Institute of Criminology has recently corrected an error in its National Homicide Monitoring Program 2006-07 Annual Report (see email below).

The original report stated that 7 homicides involved a mother and 15 involved male family members.

The corrected report states that 11 homicides involved a mother and 11 homicides involved a male family member. When the category of 'male family member' is broken down, we see that only 5 perpetrators were fathers, while another 5 five were de-facto partners of the mother who lived with the child (one father murdered two children). Importantly, no child victims were killed by a complete stranger in 200607.'

Mom accused of killing kids to plead insanity

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Brewer Monday pleaded "not responsible by reason of mental disease or defect," and will now be sent to a secure upstate psychiatric facility indefinitely, prosecutors said.
...
Brewer, prosecutors and Berkowitz all agreed to the plea after two independent psychiatric evaluations showed that, at the time she killed the three children, she didn't know that what she was doing was wrong.

"My granddaughter loved her children," said Brewer's grandmother Maebell Mickens, outside the courtroom. "I feel she's getting ready to get the help she needs."

Brewer, 28, is accused of drowning her three children in February 2008, and she later said she feared that her children were under a voodoo curse. Killed were Jewell Ward, 6, Michael Demesyeux, 5, and Innocent Demesyeux, 18 months.
...
The father of the youngest children, Innocent Demesyeux, said in a statement issued by his attorney last week that he was "shocked" that prosecutors would let Brewer plead insanity.

"The question of whether she is guilty or not by reason of insanity should be decided by regular people on a jury and not by lawyers and politicians," Demesyeux said in the statement.'

Mumbai suspect accuses female FBI agent of sexual abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The probe into the November 26 Mumbai terror attack took an unusual twist with one of the accused, Faheem Ansari, levelling sexual harassment allegations against a woman officer of America's Federal Bureau of Investigation.

An FBI team is conducting an independent probe into the attacks. Faheem has moved the court with his lawyer Ejaz Naqvi filing an application before an Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate alleging that a woman FBI officer, who had interrogated the accused, had "sexually harrassed him all through the night."
...
"According to Indian law, no foreign agency can be allowed to interrogate an Indian suspect and we have sought relief from the court," Naqvi said.
...
Ansari and Sabauddin were arrested last year in connection with the 2007 New Year eve attack on a CRPF camp in Rampur in Uttar Pradesh. The lone terrorist, Mohammed Ajmal Amir Kasab, arrested in the November 26 terror strikes is also presently in police custody till February 13.'

UK Guardian: This mess was made by men. Now let the women have their say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is a school of thought that the crisis was the product of overwrought masculinity on trading floors and in bank boardrooms. The mostly male commentary is in a similar vein, couched in language that is dehumanising, aggressive and militaristic.

We can't undo the crisis, but we can change the terms of the analysis so we think and talk about it in a more rounded way; so that we listen to the voices of women; and so that we bring some humanity into economic discourse. The harsh truth is that this clean-up is too important to be left to the men who made the mess.'

"Mistresses of the Universe"

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Op-ed here. Excerpt:

'Banks around the world desperately want bailouts of billions of dollars, but they also have another need they're unaware of: women, women and women.
...
Wall Street is one of the most male-dominated bastions in the business world; senior staff meetings resemble a urologist's waiting room. Aside from issues of fairness, there's evidence that the result is second-rate decision-making.
...
"We found that a trader's morning testosterone level predicts his day's profitability," reported the study, published last year in The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Higher testosterone meant more risk-taking and, usually, more money.

On its own, that might suggest that men have an advantage on the trading floor. Yet the same study also suggested that elevated testosterone levels could lead to greater assumption of risk; high testosterone levels "may shift risk preferences and even affect a trader's ability to engage in rational choice." In other words: when male traders crash ... boy, they crash.'

UK: Male abuse is 'being ignored'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Men in their early 20s are just as likely to be abused by their partners as women, according to the latest government figures seen by Newsbeat.

6.4% of men in England and Wales between the ages of 20 and 24 say they were victims over the last year, compared with 5.4% of women.

The official definition of partner abuse includes non-physical forms like emotional bullying.

It also means more serious behaviour like threats and severe force.

...
Mark Brooks from the men's health charity Mankind reckons the issue of male domestic abuse is often ignored by the government, social services and the police.
...
Kevin Edgar from Masa, which operates a helpline for abused men, says blokes can be slow to come forward and recognise the problem.
...
"More and more men will come forward when they realise they are not the only ones being abused."
...
12% of all recorded incidents involved a male victim and female perpetrator up from 8% in 2000/1 although campaigners say that figure underestimates the scale of the problem as men are less likely to file an official police report than women.
...
On Tuesday Home Secretary Jacqui Smith announced a £3.5m package to help victims of domestic abuse.

The money will be used to safeguard the future of helplines and provide leaflets which will help families and friends of victims to identify and support them.'

White House Cabinet Position Campaign for Kim Gandy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On Sunday, February 8th, I got a series of e-mails alerting me to a blog campaign against a potential candidate to fill the top post at the US Department of Labor's Women's Bureau. Actually, the job wasn't even on my radar. I've been focused on the drama of the stimulus bill.

The candidate in question was the President of the National Organization for Women, Kim Gandy. I had just heard her speak in Washington D.C. about the imperative need to fund 1.6 million women's jobs. In addition, I was aware of her long history as a lawyer, fighting for a woman's right to fair and equal treatment.
...
My concern is the tone permeating the anti-Gandy rhetoric. Jonathan Alter of Newsweek
pointed out at a 2008 new media conference that writers on the web, emboldened and sheltered by the cloak of anonymity, present invective posing as commentary and insight.'

A Fistful of Dollars: Obama and the Department of Education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The badly misnamed "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" appropriates roughly $150 billion for "education" purposes, more than double the current budget for the Department of Education. But the little-known truth is that the Department of Education's own supervisory body has identified 47 programs that should be eliminated, at a savings of $3.3 billion a year to taxpayers. The Women's Educational Equity, for instance, exists to support "educational equity for girls and women," but even the Department states, "There is no longer a need for a program focused on eliminating the educational gap for girls and women, as women have made educational gains that match or exceed those of their male peers." Still, the program remains. Moreover, the Office of Management of Budget singled out 758 congressional earmarks totaling $330 million in the Department of Education's 2008 budget alone.'

Don't just blame schools for dropout rate, Quebec minister says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MONTREAL -- Quebec's Liberal government fought off criticism yesterday that it has failed to rein in the province's soaring high-school dropout rate, which is getting worse despite repeated pledges to fix the problem.

Figures show that nearly 30 per cent of Quebec students quit public secondary schools before getting their diplomas in 2007, an increase of three percentage points since 2000.

Boys are dropping out more than girls, and in some school boards in the province, the rate is reaching levels of more than 40 per cent.

The Opposition Parti Québécois says the Charest government needs to cut teacher-student ratios and invest in after-school activities, along with other measures aimed at helping keep teens in school.'

UK: Male Victims of Domestic Violence covered by BBC

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There was plenty of coverage on the BBC in the UK today about the scandalous lack of help for male victims of domestic violence. Published just today: 'She'd put cigarettes out on me' Excerpt:

'Men in England and Wales aged between 20 and 24 are just as likely to be abused by their partners as women in the same age group. Campaigners claim not enough is being done by the police, social services and the government to tackle the problem. Read one victim's story.
...
"She would put cigarettes out on me. She'd send the kids into the back garden to play and then she'd corner me in the front room and just attack me.

"She'd be scratching my face, kicking, punching, spitting in my face. That was a regular thing."

Mark says the physical abuse wasn't that hard to deal with, but the psychological manipulation was the worst part because he had no control over it.

"Some nights maybe she'd go out and go missing, turn her phone off, and then come back and say she'd been with another man. All that was going on."'

Blog Have Your Say: Have you been the victim of male domestic abuse?

Boys face child porn charges for receiving cell phone pictures

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FALMOUTH - Six middle school students could face child porn charges after a boy took a nude photo of his 13-year-old girlfriend and “sexted” it to his pals’ cell phones, cops said.

The six boys, ages 12 to 14, will be summoned to Falmouth District Court for a hearing to determine whether they should be charged with possessing, exhibiting or distributing child porn in the form of a text message photo, according to The Cape Cod Times.

Wendy Murphy, who lectures on sex crimes at the New England School of Law, said “sexting” almost has become an “epidemic.” Murphy said, “I know it seems heavy-handed to bring child porn charges. Law enforcement is using the only tool it has for what has become a huge problem nationwide.”'

Female coach sued by ex-player over hetrosexual orientation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. (AP) - - Central Michigan and its women's basketball coach are being sued by a former player, who claims her heterosexuality was a factor in losing a scholarship after two seasons.

Brooke Heike said she fell out of favor with Sue Guevara immediately after the coach was hired in 2007.

Heike said Guevara told her she wore too much makeup and was not the coach's "type." That meant she wasn't a lesbian, according to a lawsuit filed last week in federal court in Bay City.

The former Romeo High School star lost her scholarship after the 2007-08 season.'

After bitter 4-year fight, he finally sees his son again

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Choking back tears that had been building up for more than four and a half years, a New Jersey father tried to describe the emotions he felt at finally being able to hold and hug his son and tell the boy how much he loved him.

“It was the most beautiful thing I’ve seen since his birth. It was incredible. Amazing. I got to see my son,” David Goldman told TODAY’s Meredith Vieira Tuesday by phone from Brazil.

The previous day, accompanied by U.S. Rep. Chris Smith of New Jersey, Goldman had finally reached the end of a nightmare that began in June 2004 when his wife, Bruna, left with their son, Sean, for a two-week trip to visit family in her native Brazil. She never came back.'

No-contact order with girlfriend keeps man out of his own house

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Story here Excerpt:

'EDMONTON -- In a bizarre case before the courts, an Edmonton man has been forbidden from going to his own home while his girlfriend - whom he has told to get out - is still living there.

Todd Shandro, 36, went before a judge yesterday to try to resolve the situation, but he was told there were jurisdictional issues and he has to take the matter to civil court.

"It's very sick what is happening here," said a frustrated Shandro. "I am the sole owner of the house. The mortgage and title are in my name and she is essentially a squatter.'

Reader-submitted essay: "The Wrong in Women's Rights"

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The Wrong in Women's Rights
by E. Abdiel

Abortion. A cornerstone in the woman's movement. It is a cornerstone that claims it is a woman's sole right to decide the outcome of the unborn child inside her. Yet when this assertion is applied consistently to its end, it contradicts the arguments used to assign equal responsibility to men for the care and support of unplanned children.

Feminist ideology proclaims that what a woman does with her body should not be governed by government policy, the judgments and dictates of men, or conventional morality. A woman is to do what she wants with her body and her decisions are her own. Yet it's simple common sense to understand that if it's only her body and only her decision what she does with it (to abort or not abort), then congruently it is only her duty to be responsible for a decision that only she makes (child rearing). Feminist dogma stands in blatant contradiction to a simple rule of natural law that no one disputes in any other situation in our lives. And that is that there is an exact and direct correlation to the amount of authority we have in situations, to the amount of responsibility accessed to us for the decisions we make. In other words, it's completely illogical to say it's 100% my decisions to do as I wish with my body (premarital sex) but I'm only 50% responsible for the outcome of my decision to engage in sexual activity (pregnancy). And it's 100% my decision what is done to my body (to abort or not abort) but I'm only 50% responsible for the outcome of that decision also (child rearing). If you are 100% in control of your body, then it's 100% your decision to involve yourself in the risks associated with having premarital sex. And if it's 100% your decision to keep rather than abort an unborn child, then it's 100% your responsibility to raise and support that child after birth. Not 90%, not 75%, not 50% but rather a full 100%.

There is an ongoing trend in most feminist ideology that no one questions because it either self-servingly benefits them or because there is the very real fear of societal retaliation for speaking against it. And that is with nearly every feminist issue, women get to have it both ways. Women always receive the full benefits of every situation but never need to take the full responsibility that goes along with it. If a woman uses the rights or privileges she demands inappropriately and has to deal with the consequences of her actions, there's always partly or fully someone else to blame. And that someone else is almost always a man.

But let me make this clear. Even if abortion advocates did take the position that it is 100% a woman's right to decide the fate of an unborn child and also 100% their responsibility to provide support for the child after birth, I'd still argue they were wrong. Because both religion and science confirm that when conception takes place, what is inside a woman is not a lifeless mass of cells but a human being. Abortion advocates try to insinuate that the "life argument" is merely a religious one that science has yet to confirm. But science has long since confirmed that at conception a human life is created. Even scientists who are pro-choice will freely admit this when directly asked. Contrary to popular belief, faith in God is not necessary to know an embryo is a human life. And making it all the more egregious, it is life imparted by the sperm of a man. So if the sperm of a male is the life giving factor, why aren't a father's rights, from what is biologically half his, being represented? Why is a child only half a man's after a woman makes a decision that requires him to financially support the child for at least 18 years but it's not his before she make a decision to abort? In case you missed the gravity of that question and a central argument against this injustice, I will reiterate it. Why is a child only half a man's after a woman makes a decision that requires him to financially support the child for at least 18 years but not his before she makes a decision to abort? Doesn't ANYONE find this to be at least a little bit oppressive for him and convenient for her?

In legal circles and Constitutional terms this is a classic case of "being denied equal protection under the law". And although the Supreme Court has consistently acknowledged this infringement upon the rights of fathers, it will in the same breath refuse to do anything about it for what it calls "the greater good of society". Suffice it for me to say that rampant moral decline and statistical facts discrediting the Roe v. Wade decision as a source of "greater good"

in society are too numerous to address at this time. Though the Court has the authority to make rulings based on the "greater good" and not "established law", these rulings should be based in fact not personal ideology. Most importantly, being that an embryo is scientifically declared a life, the taking of it is murder. And no one has the right to take innocent life, whether they are the one who imparts life (man) or carries it to birth (woman).

As someone said it best, "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" --- Thomas Jefferson

It's puzzling how they missed that. It's the very first one.

But if abortion advocates did claim that in all situations it is a woman's sole decision to abort a child and sole responsibility to care for it, it would at least be harder to disprove (although not impossible). It would be closer to the truth and at least a little more honorable albeit still wrong; and albeit still murder. (For a clear and concise explanation of what the actual solution should be, feel free to email me at e.abdiel7-at-gmail.com) But because they don't claim this, it becomes obvious that their motivations are not to get to the truth or to do what is fair, but rather they are self serving, deceitful, and discriminatory in nature. There are always sacrifices to go along with the rights and privileges we have in life. So it behooves me to remind them that there is no such thing as a position that benefits you but doesn't require an equivalent amount of sacrifice and responsibility to sustain it.

And don't be misled by the many shrewd arguments used to place undue responsibility onto men. Pointing out a man's willingness to participate sexually is a typical talking point used for accessing 50% responsibility to him. But there is a difference between being a "willing party" and being a "responsible party". A man's willingness to participate in sex is irrelevant in accessing responsibility.

Case in point: There is a woman who owns a house and a man who has purchased a large amount of illegal drugs and now wants to use these drugs in her house because he has no place of his own. When he asks her, she initially tells him no so he leaves to go elsewhere. And why is she able to tell him he can't use drugs there? Because it is 100% her house and she is 100% responsible for what goes on there. Therefore, he has to abide by her rules. Now the man is obviously willing to use these illegal drugs in her house. You got that? He is willing. But the fact that he is willing to do these things has no bearing on whether or not these things will occur in her home. His willingness is completely irrelevant. If she says no, it's not going to happen. It is her decision and her decision alone on whether or not to put herself and her house at risk. So if this same woman decides at any point that she too is willing to use drugs with him in her household, it still remains irrelevant that the man was equally willing. Because the man's willingness wasn't the determining factor for their drug use in her home but her complete authority to make that decision was. That's why it wouldn't be the man's responsibility if the police raided her home and the state government confiscated her house. No court would ever entertain the argument that a woman willingly participating in behavior that led to the government confiscating her home must be compensated by a man for 50% of her loss because he was an equally willing participant in her home. Yet the obvious correlation between this and stating a man is 50% responsible for a woman getting pregnant, when only she has 100% authority to decide what she subjects her body to, is no longer even questioned by a hoodwinked society. Being equally willing in an act doesn't automatically mean someone is equally responsible for all the consequences that each party in a situation must face. Willingness alone is not the determining factor. The determining factors are what you have authority over, and what you are responsible for, as well as your willingness.

As someone said it best, "The presence of willingness is irrelevant when the absence of responsibility is present." --- E. Abdiel

Some argue that a man can just as easily say no to sex making him equally responsible for the negative results. This is another shrewd but misleading argument used to try and place 50% of the responsibility upon men. Continuing with the female homeowner analogy, for a man to be held responsible for what occurs in a woman's house would presume that he either acted through force, without her knowledge, or at least as part owner of that house. Consensual sex is not an act of force or ignorance. And the entire premise behind the whole pro-choice argument is that a man doesn't own or have authority over even 1% of a woman's body let alone 50%. So that rules out the "part owner" defense. The fact of the matter is, a man may be completely capable of stopping drug use in a woman's

house, but being capable is altogether different than being responsible for stopping it. This common sense and legal understanding is exactly why a man would never be held accountable in a court of law for the loss of a woman's house for their consensual drug use. And neither should a man be held accountable for what happens to a woman's body (pregnancy) simply because he is capable of stopping sex from occurring. Because a woman's body is solely hers, it is only the woman and not the man, who is responsibility to stop what may happen to her. Only she is capable and responsible. Because only she has authority over what she does with her body before and after sex. Am I not only reiterating the most sacred tenant of the woman's movement?

An argument one may use to discredit such analogies is to say that if the police raid the house, both the man and woman will get arrested. And because there is blame and responsibility placed on the man also, it proves he too is accountable just as the woman is. This is the only argument with any validity. However, it doesn't disprove my assertions but rather confirms them. Because even though both the woman and man willingly participated in the exact same act that produced the police raid, there is one significant fact that separates these two individuals. The man chose to use drugs knowing what consequences his particular actions might cause him personally and the woman did the same. Yet if you compare the negative consequences, of similar actions, by equally willing partners, you'd see different results because only the woman is the 100% owner of the house. Therefore the man might also be arrested and punished, but only for what he is 100% responsible for in that situation; which simply is himself. Not her and not the loss of her house, but just himself. The woman on the other hand is not only responsible for herself but also the negative consequences that affected her house. Because even though she did the same act, she knowingly took a bigger risk and therefore is paying a bigger price. Because she had more to risk, she had more to lose. Yet the woman, and the woman alone, still made the decision to continue. Is it fair that the man pays a smaller price for willingly participating in the same act? Of course it is. At least we consider it fair in every scenario in life except when we reassign 50% responsibility onto men for the sexual decisions women make with their bodies.

When you clear away all the feminist rhetoric and talking points, it comes down to this: Women's rights activists and their supporters have used the legal system to remove perceived injustices against women because they hate the fact that men biologically have less to lose for doing similar sexual acts. They refuse to see that by subverting the natural order of things, injustices are actually being carried out against men. Injustices done by laying the responsibility and blame in the incorrect place; thereby disparaging the character of all men. Injustices done by making the responsibility strictly a financial one; thereby teaching men, women, and children that the only important role that fathers truly play in a child's life is monetary. Injustices done by only giving lip service to fathers being equally important to their children; while stripping them of every ability and right they have to be fathers. Mothers may publically say they want men to be fathers to their children but what they mean is as long as it is on their terms; financial and otherwise. Fathers may be permitted the occasional suggestion, but mothers must hold ultimate veto power. Even in the best case scenarios of joint custody, with physical custody almost always given to mothers, fathers have little to no say in their children's protection, direction, and upbringing. This is a direct assault to a man's pride, manhood, and natural instinct to lead. At best, women's rights activists have used the legal system to effectively relegate fathers to have no more influence over their children than a mother's friend, relative, or regular babysitter. And more often than not, even less influence than that. In short, they take away what truly makes him a father and a man and then demand payment for it. And then society sanctimoniously wonders why men in these situations gravitate away from their children instead of toward them.

But as with most feminist causes, they do more harm than good to those they are supposedly fighting for. The leaders of the women's movement don't care in the slightest that they are destroying the lives of the average woman also (or the lives of the children inside and outside the womb). That's because the women they declare they are trying to help, protect, and empower are secondary to their cause. I will say that again because it is vital for any woman reading this to understand. Women are secondary to their cause. Secondary because they are committed to "ideas" rather than "actualities"; "agendas" rather than "realities". Adversity and unhappiness is now the reality for most women. Studies show that most women will describe their lives as unhappy rather than happy. This is a direct result of the political, legal, cultural and moral changes stemming from the woman's movement. But before the woman's movement, despite certain inequities, most women described themselves as happy. But in the minds of

those who support the radical ideas of the woman's movement, the typical woman's reality should be sacrificed for the sake of their "idea" of the way it should be.

And understand this also: When feminist supporters use the media, legal system, and government policies to consistently reassign responsibility and blame to men, it causing women to become indoctrinated into a culture of entitlement that takes responsibility and then shame off of all their actions. This is how we've gone from a culture where being a single mother was something to be avoided, to a culture where saying "I'm a single mother" is a source of pride; a badge of honor; an accomplishment. It is now something that is said to inspire positive feelings and preferential treatment in those who hear it. This mentality, instilled by the women's movement, has undeniably brought about the exact attitudes that cause women to more and more likely not care if they entwine themselves in the precarious sexual situations that feminists are supposedly fighting to protect them from. Because now women feel there is little consequence, less responsibility, no shame and therefore no deterrent to cease illicit behavior. On the contrary, there are only a multitude of reasons to increase it. But what feminist never tell you about is the almost assured adversity, pain, poverty, and unhappiness that comes from their casual sexual encounters; whether pregnancy occurs or not. This is the fruit born, not from men as feminists and the media portray, but from the underpinnings of the women's movement. The so-called friend and protector of women.

As someone said it best, "With friends like these, who needs enemies." --- Unknown.

So it is apparent that women are taught to feel oppressed by the biological fact that they can get pregnant from their irresponsible actions but a man cannot. And because it is impossible to direct their anger at God or nature for making them this way, they blame the only other possible suspect in this so-called injustice against them. MEN. Men and their misogynistic plots to make them second class citizens. This irrational and biased mindset is taught to our daughters as children and reinforced throughout their lifetime. Though it is blatant prejudice, it is such repetitive propaganda that even a majority of men have succumbed to its trickery. So even though women know only they can get pregnant, it now appears their remedy is to act as irresponsibly as men can, have a man pick up half the tab for choices only they make about their bodies, then have society praise them for their courage and selflessness for choosing to become a single mother, while denying men the same choice about becoming fathers.

But the dirty little secret about single motherhood is that most prison inmates are the products of single parent homes. And most men who commit rape are products of single parent homes. And most married women who eventually decide to get divorced are products of single parent homes. And most families living in poverty or are welfare recipients are single parent families. And the physical abuse, neglect, and murder of children is rarely committed by fathers but rather mothers, most of whom are single mothers (yet television and movies exclusively and inaccurately portray fathers as the physical abusers of children). And most juvenile delinquency, juvenile crime, adolescent substance abuse, high school drop-outs, teenage runaways, teenage homelessness, teenage suicides, teenage promiscuity, teenage pregnancy which leads to more single mothers, are products of single family homes. Nearly every critical problem we face in society can be linked back to single parent homes. Eliminate the single parent phenomenon, which overwhelmingly consists of single mothers, and you eliminate most of our societal problems.

Having said that, history has shown us that barring the downfall and destruction of society itself (which is not far off), followed by a re-evaluating of our laws and lifestyle choices, this will never happen. Because Democrat and Republican politicians at the federal, state, and local level, are too afraid of not being re-elected if they cease creating policies strengthening single motherhood. And the legal system, bolstered by Roe v. Wade, finds ways to subvert the will of the people and/or the Constitution via judicial activism by creating laws in support of the feminist agenda rather than interpreting it as is their function. And the mainstream media with its liberal, secular, progressive agenda is all too willing to perpetuate the single mother as simultaneously a selfless heroine and victim of male oppression. And women's rights advocates refuse to inform women and the general public that most of our societal problems are stemming from illegitimacy because their ideas are more important than our realities. For them the end doesn't just justify the means, the end justifies our end. But maybe we should just close our eyes to the truth and start looking at it as they do.

After all, at least it's all done in the name of equality.

But as someone said it best, "Be careful what you ask for, you just might get it." --- Unknown.

CNN Video: Police Say Mother Tossed Newborn In A Lake

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Video here. Apparently the woman 'casually' walked to the lake and threw the baby in the water with the umbilical cord still attached.

Daughter Set Mother on Fire, Georgia Police Say

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Story here.

'NORCROSS, Ga. — A Norcross mother is recovering from severe burns after police said she was deliberately set on fire.

Investigators said the assault occurred Tuesday afternoon at a residence on Langston Road.

Norcross Police Capt. Brian Harr said Na Yong Pak, 31, was booked on an aggravated assault charge.

Harr said Pak allegedly doused the unnamed 50-year-old victim with some type of accelerate and set her ablaze. The woman suffered second and third degree burns. She was taken to Grady Memorial Hospital for treatment. Her condition was not immediately available.

Police said Pak has a prior arrest for domestic violence.'

Agency: Housing for disabled workers criminal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'IOWA CITY, Iowa - An Iowa state agency said Tuesday it intends to file criminal charges against the party responsible for lodging 21 mentally disabled factory workers in an unsafe, poorly heated building.

The state Department of Inspections and Appeals would file charges of operating a health care facility without a license, but it's unclear who can be charged, said agency spokesman Dave Werning.

"We're pursuing criminal charges," he said. "But the suspects have yet to be determined."'

Ed. note: "Workers" = "men" Funny how they don't use the word "men" in the headline. Funny like a heart attack.

CNN Video: Women face less unemployment

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Video report here. As I'm sure many of you know, feminist groups have been complaining the stimulus package ignores women. Groups like NOW have been pushing for more money to create jobs in female dominated professions. Guess what -- according to this report, not only is women's unemployment lower, but the job market for health care and teaching is actually growing.

Canadian Columnist Recognizes the Severity of PAS

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Article can be read here. Halifax Chronicle Herald columnist Peter Duffy wrote a piece on parental alienation syndrome on Tuesday, recognizing it as a very serious issue and sympathizing with the two men he mentions in his column. It's particularly interesting because it highlights some women's vanity leading up to alienating their children from their fathers, as one of the men mentioned in the article states the "reason" why his partner did this to him: "My partner said to me, 'You're the first man who ever said 'no' to me,'" The article concludes with the important recognition of the children caught in between these vindictive quarrels. Excerpt:

'Welcome to the unbelievable world of parental alienation, a relatively little-known syndrome spawned in the toxic atmosphere of couples who fall out of love.

Essentially, it’s when a bitter parent, usually the one with custody, systematically poisons the minds of the children against the other parent.

What was once considered merely collateral damage during bitter divorce proceedings is now being seen in a new light.

A few weeks ago in Ontario, for example, a judge removed three children from their mother and sent them to a deprogramming centre after ruling she had deliberately alienated them against their father.'

Two cops on the same force discover they are father and son

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"Chris Walker would have searched the world over to find his biological dad. But it turns out his father was sitting right across from him.

An astounding father-son reunion, chronicled in a report by Ann Curry on TODAY Thursday, came together as the result of an unexpected confession from a mother and a bit of detective work from an inquisitive cop in Petersburg, Virgina."

"From Ideology to Inclusion 2009" conference is scheduled

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"From Ideology to Inclusion 2009: New Directions in Domestic Violence Research and Intervention

Most presenters serve on the editorial board of the new peer-reviewed journal, Partner Abuse, published quarterly by Springer publishing."

Friday-Sunday, June 26-28, 2009 in Los Angeles, CA.

Conference flier here (.pdf file).

Woman charged with setting fires in Upper Darby

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No, can't be true. She's *just sooo cute*! =) Story here. Excerpt:

'A 19-year-old Upper Darby woman who was observed on a store surveillance camera singing, "The fire company is going to be mad at me," was arrested and charged with setting seven fires in the township early yesterday.

Amanda Gessner of the 300 block of Childs Avenue was charged with arson, causing or risking catastrophe, criminal mischief, and related charges.

Upper Darby Police Superintendent Michael Chitwood said he did not believe Gessner was involved in any of the nearly two dozen arsons that have plagued the Coatesville area.

Gessner was seen at previous fire scenes taking pictures with her cell phone, Upper Darby Deputy Fire Chief John Hicks said. A few weeks ago, she gave firefighters a "hard time" at the Garrettford Station on Edmonds Avenue, Hicks said.'

India: Now, hubby files a dowry case

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The man claimed that he was given dowry though he did not ask for it. Excerpt:

'A husband facing a dowry case, has sought to turn the tables on his wife and in-laws by filing a case against them alleging that they had given him dowry though he had not asked for the same.

...as per the law, giving dowry is as much a crime as demanding it and hence, attracts equal punishment under Section 3 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.
...
...The judge has ordered the police to investigate the matter and file a first information report (FIR).

This is a first of its kind case in Karnataka where a husband has filed a case against his wife and in-laws for their 'confessional admission' of giving dowry 'reserving his right to defend himself against allegations'.
...
Virat's case is now sure to arm organisations battling for harassed husbands.'
...
In the last few years, several outfits have emerged to fight the injustices being meted out to married men.

DV groups relinquishes state funding after refusing to help male victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

ABUSED and battered women brave enough to front Gosford Court could do so without help after the Central Coast domestic violence intervention response team handed back its State Government funding.

The dramatic decision followed orders from the Community Services Department for the team to care for male victims of domestic violence at its women's "safe room" at the courthouse.
The order shocked long-time domestic violence volunteers Pat Gaunt and Kaye Spicer.

The intervention response team has workers at Brisbane Water command police stations who contact victims as soon as possible to guide them through the court process.

The service has successfully operated under the auspices of the domestic violence court assistance scheme for five years.

But after "constant interference" by the department, the management committee unanimously voted to hand back responsibility and funding.

"We are not prepared to compromise the integrity of our service by operating under the onerous and inappropriate conditions being imposed by the department," Ms Spicer said.'

I've said it before (I've been saying it for years), and I'll continue to say it: "this De Guello!" ideology of the Gynocentry is going to be their undoing. When they so adamantly refuse to lift a finger to address the problem of battered men that they'd prefer to return funding then assist the aforementioned battered men.

How does this speak for their desire to achieve anything beyond perpetuate their own misandric (ie male bashing) 'Cult of Victimology' rhetoric? Even sadder when you stop to consider the vast majority of academic study reports reports men are battered in roughly equitable ratios as are women. CDC studies, DoJ studies, NIJ studies, NAMHC studies, etc. all offer essentially the same returns, that battered men are a serious concern for sociologists.

So these battered women's advocates: are they in their line to assist victims of battering? Or merely perpetuate their own brand of hatred for men under the guise of assisting female victims of men?

Gunner Retired

Australia: National Men's Health Policy Consultation Forums Announced

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National Men's Health Policy Consultation Forums Announced

The Australian Government has announced the dates for community consultation forums in Tasmania, Sydney and Canberra for its National Men's Health Policy. We encourage you to circulate this email widely and attend the forum closest to you to let your views about men's health issues be heard.

Women tougher on friends than men: Study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Contrary to the nurturing images of sisterhood put forth by chick flicks, female friendships can be a ticking time bomb of fickleness and judgment, according to results of a study in the journal Psychological Science.

Traditional views hold that women are more socially co-operative than men, but researchers from the Universite du Quebec at Montreal, Harvard University and Emmanuel College in Boston found female same-sex friendships are significantly less tolerant, more volatile, and likelier to degrade based on a single negative incident than male same-sex friendships.'

Sign a Petition for Male Victims of DV

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Here are two things you can do to help male victims of domestic abuse:

1. Sign this petition. Excerpt:

For decades domestic abuse has been looked upon as a social problem of violence against women by men. Battered women's advocates and others concerned about domestic violence have created and funded over 2000 non profit agencies across the country that help victims. For more than 20 years these agencies have specialized in offering a full spectrum of services to what has been considered the traditional victims of domestic violence, women and children.

2. Help the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women (http://www.dahmw.org/) receive a $5,000 grant. Voting online begins January 19, 2009 through March 2, 2009. To vote online visit http://www.communitymattersmore.com/. We are starting up male victim/survivor support groups in Feb. 2009. Contact us for more information.

UK: Primary teacher who sent boy explicit texts jailed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A primary school teacher who bombarded a 14-year-old-boy with sexually explicit text messages was jailed yesterday.

Lynn Walls, 42, befriended the boy after logging on to the interactive fantasy internet game World of Warcraft.
...
She was jailed yesterday for 12 months after a court heard how she left the teenager, now 15, feeling suicidal.
...
She was banned from working with children for life and placed on the Sex Offenders' Register for ten years.'

UK: 13-YO boy becomes dad with 15-YO girl: Where's arrest warrant?

Matt · 14 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'INNOCENT-eyed Alfie Patten spent his first night acting as a 13-year-old dad and declared: “It was easier than I thought.”

The four-footer — who looks no more than eight — said: “I know I’m young, but I plan to be a good dad.”

As he went on the PlayStation with 15-year-old girlfriend Chantelle Steadman, he added: “I think we’ll be good parents. I’ll have to work extra hard at school.”

Chantelle looked up from 18-rated action game Saints Row II to admit her first night out of hospital since having 7lb 3oz daughter Maisie had been tough and had left her “in a daze”.
...
Mickey and Minnie Mouse hold hands, surrounded by lovehearts, on the headboard of her bed — where Maisie was conceived when Alfie was just 12 and Chantelle 14.'

If the girl were 13 and the boy 15, wouldn't he be facing charges right now?

Sheila's Kili Climb Update

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From ACFC's recent newsletter here.

'Gransma Sheila Peltzer left the United States January 21, 2009 for Africa attempting to scale 19,200' Mount Kilimanjaro. She dedicated the climb to Shared Parenting and Familial Dysautonomia. At 4:00 a.m guides awakened Sheila after five days of climbing to prepare for the hike to the summit. At 4:00 p.m., after walking twelve hours her guides suggested she end the effort and return to the base camp. Sheila indicates the air gets thin at 17,500'.

Wanting to go further Sheila told the guides she was not experiencing any of the signs associated with altitude problems such as headaches, cramping, lightheadedness, chest pains, etc. She simply needed to stop and catch her breath every once in a while. The guides response, "Sheila, stopping often to catch your breath is the primary sign of having reached your limit." So, she pulled out her banner and what you see above is Sheila just beneath the summit telling the world of her support for Shared Parenting. At age 70 (at any age) it's a great achievement, we're proud of you Sheila, thanks!! And thanks to all of you who made a contribution in support of these causes.'

Release deal for smothered infant's mother

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother who smothered her son with a pillow then left him in her car where he was overcome by exhaust fumes has been released into the community.

Karyn Louise Kemp, 34, admitted responsibility for killing her seven-month-old son Jacob in January last year.

She was found not guilty because of mental incompetence.'

User-submitted essay: The Wrong in Women's Rights (Part II)

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The Wrong in Women's Rights (Part II)
by E. Abdiel

Some may have thought that I plainly stated in Part I of my editorial "THE WRONG IN WOMEN'S RIGHTS" what the correct course of action should be for assigning financial responsibility to men for illegitimate children (If you have not read this, please go to http://news.mensactivism.org/node/11762). Let me make this clear. I did not plainly state it. My intent in writing the original "THE WRONG IN WOMEN'S RIGHTS" is threefold.

First, my intent was to use the arguments of those who support a woman's sole right to choose an abortion to discredit their own arguments concerning a father's responsibility in raising illegitimate children. By following their "My body, My Choice" argument to its logical conclusion, it discredits their position that a man is 50% responsible for the child rearing of illegitimate children. The fact that men are denied equal protection under the law because of their position is not in dispute which the Supreme Court itself acknowledges (although their validity as a credible adjudicating branch of our Federal Government is increasingly suspect). The argument that men are 50% responsible for illegitimate children when it is "Their body, Their Choice" is illogical, unethical, and contradicts principles clearly stated in our Constitution as well as practiced through our laws in comparable scenarios. So by pointing out the inherent flaw in their argument, it forces those who are truly seeking fairness to acknowledge that the laws on the books cannot be correct. That alone may not provide us with the exact solution, and my initial editorial "THE WRONG IN WOMEN'S RIGHTS" does not do that, but it does point us in the right direction. As discovered through my everyday interactions, the first step in changing minds is to logically point out the error in what is currently being practiced.

Secondly, my intent was to make sure that men continue with the dialogue concerning this issue and do not simply surrender to the mindset that things are as they should be as so many men and women now believe. We may never correct this injustice (and due to a multitude of unstated reasons I do not believe we ever will) but we should not simply submit to it. As I stated in the first editorial, "…they take away what truly makes him a father and a man and then demand payment for it". They may take away from us what makes us fathers but to acquiesce to their second class treatment, without a word of protest, is to allow them to take away what truly makes us men.

And lastly, my intent was to show by your own thoughts and comments that this issue will never have the slightest hope of any resolution until the few men who have enough courage to fight against it start speaking with one voice. Debating minor points is one thing but our own positions are so far apart that we fight against ourselves as much as we fight against this injustice. Some men who are pro-choice see the inherent flaw in the "My body, My choice" argument and want to have no financial responsibility for the decisions that are solely made by women about the unborn. Other men who also see the inherent flaw in their argument still do not fully accept this solution because they are pro-life and feel this is allowing a larger problem in order to correct a lesser one. Some men actually reiterate the feminist position that men shouldn't have any voice when it concerns abortion and it doesn't seem fair that a woman should assume all financial responsibility when they both had sex (This despite my editorial clearly demonstrating that in life, similar acts alone do not equate to equal responsibility for all parties involved). These men are willing to accept 50% financial responsibility as long as they are legally given 50% say in all decisions before birth (Not taking into consideration that it is impossible for both to be fully represented if one party is determined to say no to an abortion and the other is equally determined to say yes). Other men seek no rights before a child is born but only equal rights, in law and in practice, over the lives of their children once they are born (Not taking into consideration the men who want the equal right to choose to become a parent. Because women not only decide when and if they become mothers to their benefit, but against a man's will they decide if and when a man becomes a father to his detriment). Some men don't care at all about the principles stated in the editorial even though they too take issue with the current laws. For them, nothing is worth reading if they hear the word "religion"

mentioned. Believing this indicates an irrational bias, they are unable to recognize the bias in their own belief. It didn't matter that legal, scientific, and common sense arguments were used, and not religion, to advance the position. Though people of faith also agree with our legal and scientific arguments and will argue in such a way in secular forums, they are often excluded as partners simply because they don't solely need the law or science to reach the same conclusion we all believe in. All of our differing viewpoints, which are from a negligible minority that the public receives unsympathetically and with ridicule, are only the tip of the iceberg.

So I ask you this: Why do we expect others to change the law when we our divided and cannot even agree as to what the law should be ourselves?

Here is one of the main problems in many men's reasoning. It is the same problem that feminist had in their reasoning. It's the same problem all categories of people have in a society increasingly based on entitlements. People on all sides keep stating what they want. And what they want is what they say the law should be. But it isn't about what YOU want. You may not get everything you want. It is about being fair but simultaneously realizing that what is fair does not mean that everyone gains or loses the exact same thing in a negative situation. There are a multitude of factors that determine the level of responsibility assessed and what one's responsibility actually is. And these factors may dictate fairness differently for different people. EQUAL OUTCOMES WITHOUT REGARD TO OUR DIFFERENCES IS NOT EQUALITY. IT IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF EQUALITY. To ignore our differences when considering issues is to impose a higher and more oppressive standard upon one party. This is exactly how the current laws we protest against came to be. To continue in this mindset when trying to resolve this issue is not only futile but hypocritical and will cause you to thrust upon women a solution as flawed and discriminatory as the one now thrust upon men.

When negative situations happen, fairness and the responsibility assessed to us are determined by our individual circumstances. It is not simply based on a universally set result for everyone. Sometimes we determine responsibility and fairness due to someone's age or mental acuity (we sentence children and the mentally handicapped to lighter penalties than adults to ensure they're being FAIRLY treated). Sometimes we determine responsibility and fairness because of someone's financial holdings (we distribute larger fines on big business than we do on small business to ensure they are EQUALLY affected by their actions). And as demonstrated by the female homeowner in Part I of "The Wrong in Women's Rights", we always determine accountability based on what we are personally responsible for controlling (unspoken for drugs found in the glove compartment of a car are automatically attributed to the owner not the passenger to ensure the appropriate person is held RESPONSIBLE). And so on and so on.

But the only kinds of individual circumstances we are not allowed to consider, even though they are glaringly different, are our biological circumstances. That's because we have been taught by the woman's movement and political correctness that it is sexist, discriminatory, and unfair to even consider such a thing when making these decisions (as if the biological circumstances of being male does not require things of men that it does not of women in a multitude of situations). If we are ever to correct this problem, we need to understand that we do not achieve equality by ignoring our differences. Rather we need to realize that because we are different, we each have different responsibilities we must meet. Fulfilling your unique responsibility while your partner fulfills theirs, will not only achieve a common goal but the equality we all seek. And understanding that we each have different but equally important responsibilities will lead us to the answer as it concerns a man's responsibility in raising illegitimate children.

Keeping this in mind, the answer to the problem is this: A man should not be held financially responsible for illegitimate children. A man should only have full legal rights and be held financially responsible for children conceived in marriage or conceived outside of but born in marriage. It should be the man's sole decision how much, if at all, he decides to contribute to the financial support of illegitimate children unless otherwise stated by a legally binding court order THAT CAN ONLY BE INSTIGATED VIA A FATHER'S PETITION. All requests for legally recognized financial support of illegitimate children will be not be heard unless requested by the father and agreed to by the mother. However, the direction and upbringing of an illegitimate child should be the uncontested right of

the mother. Men should have no legal right to their illegitimate children without a legally binding court order THAT CAN ONLY BE INSTIGATED VIA A MOTHER'S PETITION. It should be the mother's sole right to determine the extent, if at all, that anyone, including the father, is involved in an illegitimate child's life. All requests for legal rights to illegitimate children will not be heard unless requested by the mother and agreed to by the father.
This is not the best solution, it is the only solution.

Every concern would be addressed if we returned to the way society has dealt with this situation since civilization began. Including our own society before the so-called intellectuals thought they could improve upon thousands and thousands of years of history. The reason this has worked throughout history is because there is a built in deterrent for promiscuous behavior and a built in incentive for responsible behavior for both men and women. Women risk economic hardships for their irresponsible sexual behavior unless they marry a man they deem worthy to assist in the financial support of their children. Men risk their influence over and a relationship with their children for their irresponsible sexual behavior unless they marry a woman they deem worthy to bear their children. Each party assumes their unique risk if they choose to participate in premarital sex. In this situation, both men and women are equally responsible for their irresponsible sexual behavior.

Many men who are currently fighting for access to the lives of their illegitimate children may not initially like this anymore than women who have won financial support for their illegitimate children. If you are one of these men, understand this: Your initial opposition is stemming from injustices carried out against you for an act you took under ambiguous assertions and unfair laws. It is not stemming from the way the law should be. After all, when society tells a man that he has equal rights to his children under all situations but laws are only put in place to guarantee a woman's sole right, how can you not feel as if an injustice has taken place against you? But if men and women clearly understood what society and an unbiased law expects of them BEFORE an illegitimate child is born, they would not perceive their circumstance as injustice even if they don't get everything they want from the situation. Men as well as women would understand that they are simply paying an unpleasant price for their irresponsible decisions; just as they use to understand before "our intellectual superiors" established our current laws. Different but equally important responsibilities. Different but equal consequences for irresponsible behavior.

This would reduce illegitimacy and single parent homes, which is the driving force behind most societal problems, to statistical non-relevance. Though this would not change the inequities in our abortion laws, even pro-life supporters can whole-heartedly support this because abortion would also become a rare occurrence in the lives of women (currently 1 in 6 women have had at least one abortion). And though abortion would still be our country's most divisive topic, a woman's sole decision to abort or not abort a child outside of marriage, thereby forcibly deciding for a man if he will become a father who must financially support an illegitimate child, would no longer be an issue. Abortion would still be the woman's sole decision to make but she would accordingly take sole responsibility for her decision. The Roe v. Wade decision, whether you agree with it or not (and I strongly disagree), would become a completely unrelated debate. Suffice it for me to say, all the moral and legal repercussions that are currently crippling our society that would be greatly diminished or completed resolved are too numerous to fathom. Our society itself would be transformed.

Again, this is not the best solution, it is the only solution.

And until we as men come to understand this solution and begin to speak on it with one voice --- to our legislators, to the media, to our wives, to our daughters, to our sisters, to our girlfriends, to our friends, and to other men --- we should consider ourselves culpable in the injustices taken against us.

Spurned belly dancer jailed for eight-year hate campaign against ex-husband

Proud_to_be_a_man · 17 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A whopping FOUR MONTHS for making her ex-husband's life a living Hell. As usual, reverse the sexes and the sentence would be more like FOUR YEARS. Excerpt:

"A husband whose ex-wife subjected him to a bizarre hate campaign has spoken out after she was finally jailed following 11 arrests for harassment.

Judith Holmes-O'Brien, a 44-year-old professional belly dancer, was convicted of breaching a restraining order against contacting ex-husband Barry.

A court heard she hurled abuse at Mr Holmes-O'Brien's new partner and told his staff and customers he was a paedophile."

UK: 20-something men more likely to fave DV than 20-something women

anthony · 17 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New statistics suggest that men in their early 20s are MORE likely to be abused by their partner than women the same age. It's not a subject that's much talked about. On Newsbeat, we're changing that.

The official definition of partner abuse includes non-physical forms like emotional bullying as well as physical force. But men in this age range have been on the receiving end of all forms, including sometimes severe violence.
...
So why are men in this age at such risk? Are 20-something women becoming more aggressive? Are men less able to defend themselves? And is this a taboo that's now being talked about for the first time?
...
Reporting the crime carries risks too. Some men clearly feel that telling police can lead to the finger of blame being pointed at them. One, who wants to stay anonymous, texted us to say "ex girlfriend pushed me down the stairs ,i called the police and they locked me up for three hours and made me walk home with dislocated toes cos they did not believe me". Others say they were threatened with assault charges - even though they were the victim.'

Australia: Senate Select Committee on Men's Health established

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From Men's Health Australia:

Wednesday February 18, 2009
Senate Select Committee on Men's Health

The Australian Senate has established a Select Committee on Men's Health to inquire into general issues related to the availability and effectiveness of education, supports and services for men's health. Submissions close on 27th February. Many have wondered why this inquiry was established, considering the public consultation process currently underway to develop Australia's first long-awaited National Men's Health Policy.

The Senate Select Committee on Men's Health is a public inquiry with open and transparent reporting of its findings to parliament and publication of all submissions received. The outcome of the Men's Health Policy consultation process, however, will ultimately be decided by bureaucrats behind closed doors. While we are hopeful that the ultimate policy recommendations will be positive, we cannot be guaranteed that the final policy will not be based upon tired old male-deficit perspectives which have unfortunately dominated government policy for the past 30 years (typified by the approach "it's men's own fault they are unhealthy").

The Government might also shy away from continuing the much-needed reform of the Family Law Court and the Child Support Agency, two institutions which have arguably been significant contributors to the shameful suicide rate amongst separated fathers. The reform process was initiated by the previous Coalition Government with bipartisan support from the then Labor Opposition in 2005/2006. Unfortunately this process of reform has stalled and would appear to be in danger of being wound back.

The Select Committee on Men's Health could be seen as an 'insurance policy' of sorts that might persuade the government bureaucrats to create the broad, world-class Men's Health Policy that Australian men and boys desperately need, rather than a toothless watered-down policy that sits and gathers dust.

We would strongly advise individuals and organisations who support the health and wellbeing of men and boys to lodge submissions to the Select Committee on Men's Health before the closing date on 27th February. A submission can be two lines, two paragraphs or two pages - it doesn't need to be a weighty academic paper. Please pass this urgent request onto your networks.

More information about the inquiry

The Senate has established a Select Committee on Men's Health to inquire into general issues related to the availability and effectiveness of education, supports and services for men's health, including but not limited to:

1. level of Commonwealth, state and other funding addressing men's health, particularly prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and depression,
2. adequacy of existing education and awareness campaigns regarding men's health for both men and the wider community,
3. prevailing attitudes of men towards their own health and sense of wellbeing and how these are affecting men's health in general, and
4. the extent, funding and adequacy for treatment services and general support programs for men's health in metropolitan, rural, regional and remote areas.

The committee is to report by 30 May 2009. Submissions are due by 27 February 2009 and may be submitted online or emailed to menshealth.sen-at-aph.gov.au. For further information see http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/menshealth_ctte/index.htm or phone (02) 6277 3559.

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India: Pubs, Liquor Shops and Women Empowerment

crusader · 18 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One fine evening all the women surrounded the country liquor shop and the ahaataa. They were holding placards in their hands demanding closure of the establishment. All the men who were inside the ahaataa were beaten with footwear. In many cases wife / sister of the man being beaten was cheering the crowd to do a more thorough job. Police watched as spectator only ensuring that the beating did not cross limits. The next day, authorities decided to shift the liquor shop away from the area. The women were jubilant. They had emerged victorious and felt empowered.

The above incident was not reported in any newspaper or electronic media. Such incidents have taken place in hundreds of places across the country. In most states of the country, there are rules in place that if women of the area protest against any liquor shop, the shop is shifted immediately. Getting these rules made has been a major achievement for women activists who want to ensure that men take care of their families and not squander away their earnings on alcohol. Contrast the incident of S. Farm with the protest against pubs in Mangalore. The tables have surely turned. Instead of women protesting against men drinking, it is the men who are protesting against women drinking. When women protest against men drinking, there are no issues of individual freedom or human rights or "who gave you the right to do this". I am not in favour of beating up any one – whether men or women. But surely, for all those who believe in equality of women, beating up of women drinkers is in no way worse or more condemnable than bashing up of alcoholic men. So, one fails to understand the hell that has broken loose after the protest against women-in-pubs by Shriram Sene in Mangalore.'

"Rihanna is not alone" makes no mention of male DV victims

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Article here. All examples and stats cites are of battered women, no mention of men. Excerpt:

'I certainly felt alone during my abusive relationship, but unfortunately I was in good company. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that between 1 million and 3 million women in America are physically abused by their husband or boyfriend each year.

Every day, on average, three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends. At some point in our lives, 25 percent of American women will report being physically abused or raped by intimate partners, according to the National Violence Against Women Survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

However, these statistics, grim as they are, fail to highlight the root of the abuse cycle. A national survey showed that 50 percent of men who frequently assault their wives also frequently abuse their children.'

Feel free to submit reader comments below the article. Polite comments including links to articles discussing the full story re DV are most productive.

Human Rights Watch: At least 140,000 male inmates are raped in the US each year

BinaryShadow · 18 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. Excerpt:

'The present report--the product of three years of research and well over a thousand inmate letters--describes the complex dynamics of male prisoner-on-prisoner sexual abuse in the United States. The report is an effort to explain why and how such abuse occurs, who commits it and who falls victim to it, what are its effects, both physical and psychological, how are prison authorities coping with it and, most importantly, what reforms can be instituted to better prevent it from occurring.'

The Plight of Men Addressed in Modern Literature

bikeking8 · 18 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

I am fortunate enough to be with a girl who is level headed and sensible, which allowed me to illuminate and point out the countless examples of misandry we see on television and marketing. She even understands my concerns for my future sons' and grandsons' self-esteem and confidence should this continue.

I understand how important it is to keep a tally and log all the misdeeds of marketing and media and even legal matters which target men. It is a necessary thing to track for future reference. However, there is a goodly amount of modern literature dealing specifically with the detrimental effects of male bashing in today's society, presented in a thorough and purposeful manner. Surprising to me, at least, there are female authors of these works as well.

- Spreading Misandry: The Teaching of Contempt for Men in Popular Culture. Paul Nathanson, Katherine K. Young
- Legalizing Misandry: From Public Shame to Systemic Discrimination Against Men
  by Paul Nathanson, Katherine Young
- The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism Is Harming Our Young Men. Christina Hoff Sommers
- The Myth of Male Power. Warren Farrell
- The War Against Men. Richard T. Hise
- Taken into Custody: The War Against Fatherhood, Marriage, and the Family. Stephen Baskerville
- Save the Males: Why Men Matter Why Women Should Care. Kathleen Parker

These are but a few of the titles I have come across. Though it is good news for us that yes, in fact, we have some great minds on our side that actively question the practices of widespread misandry; it is not the main purpose of this submission.

Barring my daydream of a well organized and well planned mass migration of American men and their families to a gender-equal country (hahaha), I think the next best thing would be men having discussions with their female counterparts and friends. At the very least, every one of us men who is concerned with misandry and it cultural effects can show a woman or two the negative results of unchecked and rampant misandry through well informed and solid arguments in conversation.

We all know women's capacity to fight dirty, but think of how much it could benefit men's equality if a good number of them played for "our side"?

India: Vasectomy for gun licence deal sours

webdigr · 19 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Vasectomy has always been an unpopular operation in the dacoit*-infested Chambal district of Madhya Pradesh, but it enjoyed a brief surge in popularity last year.

More than 250 men put their private parts under the surgeon's knife through 2008; this, in a place where the male sterilisation figure had never reached double figures in the past 20 years.

They had an incentive: the government, in the form of Shivpuri District Collector Manish Shrivastava, had promised them an arms license each if they underwent the operation. They did so in family planning camps where forms for gun licenses were made available.

All of these men are a disillusioned lot now. Their vas deferens' have been sacrificed, but the promised gun licenses haven't come.
....
He says no one is ready to come to family planning camps any more. Moreover, "people are calling us cheats", he says.'

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* "dacoit" - outlaw, criminal

Reader essay: "Male Dominated Society! Really?"

webdigr · 19 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Full article here. Excerpt:

"'Male Dominated Society'...Now that's such a phrase that's been ingrained in our minds since the very childhood... The boys are told that its a male dominated world, so they don't have to worry, just dominate the world. Girls on the other hand are continuously taught, that since its a male dominated world out there, so they need to dominate 'their' male partners at home and around. Sounds familiar?

Well, amongst all these 'teachings', has anyone stopped for a while to look around an ask a simple question... Is it really true? Is it really a male dominated society? Do we call it 'male dominated' just because the number of men working outside the house is more than the number of women?

To answer this question, I'll try to start by digging some past, then look at the present and try to project some future too!"

UK: Family shock: 1-in-3 parents don't see kids after splitting up

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Almost one in three parents never see their children after splitting from their partner, a survey revealed yesterday.

The study of separated mums and dads found 29 per cent said their children had no contact with the parent who had left home, which was usually the father.

Fiona Weir, chief of single parents' pressure group Gingerbread, said: "Findings show just how hard it is for separated families to achieve arrangements that work for all concerned.

Families are struggling along with precious little help. Parents need to know that help is out there, and need to feel comfortable using services to help them resolve contact issues."'

Adulterous Spanish woman told to pay husband €200,000 in damages

patriotsofamerica · 20 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This story put a smile on my face this morning. Could this be a sign of things to come? I surely hope so. Excerpt:

'The woman, who had three children by her lover, pretended for years that they were fathered by her husband, according to reports.

After years of suspecting his of infidelity, the husband who can't be named, finally discovered she had kept a lover for six of the fourteen years the couple had been together.

DNA tests showed that three of their four children had been fathered by the other man, the Times reports. The husband then took his wife to court, demanding compensation.

The court in Valencia, southeastern Spain, ordered her to pay €100,000 for the suffering she caused him. She fought the ruling, but the Supreme Court has upheld it, and doubled the damages to €200,000 .'

Canadian women report poorer quality of life than men as they age

the_captain · 20 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The quality of life of Canadian men and women differs as they age, Statistics Canada reported Wednesday.

The agency followed 7,915 Canadians over age 40 for 10 years. Participants were asked to answer questions about their quality of life every two years from 1994 to 2004.

Health-related quality of life is defined as overall health status - such as the ability to see, hear, feel pain, and whether there are any emotional problems or mobility issues - and how it affects them daily.

"In summary, Canadians are, on average, quite healthy as they age from mid to later life," the study's authors concluded.

But at age 65, more women than men said they had more than one chronic condition and women were more likely to need help with activities of daily living, Heather Orpana, a senior researcher at Statistics Canada, and her colleagues found.

"We were interested in this result because men didn't show a similar important decline in that early decade," said Orpana, also an adjunct professor in health psychology at the University of Ottawa.

This study did not look at why, but followup research is exploring whether physical activity levels, life stress, social support or access to health care make a difference.'

Paper on the merits and policy for Equal Parenting published

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The definitive paper on the merits and policy for Equal Parenting has been published by Prof. Edward Kruk. Excerpt:

'This paper was commissioned by the Father Involvement Research Alliance (FIRA) based at the University of Guelph. Funding support for FIRA and this paper was provided through a Community University Research Alliance grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The intent of this paper is to promote informed dialogue and debate. The views expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of FIRA or of other researchers/collaborators associated with FIRA. Communications can be addressed to the author.'

Full paper here.
Executive summary here.

Both are .pdf files.

Robbing banks no longer just for guys, FBI statistics show

anthony · 20 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Nationwide, 6.2 percent of all bank heists today are committed by women. That's up from 4.9 percent in 2002 -- a 25 percent increase, according to the most recent FBI crime statistics.

"Here's a crime that you can commit easily and its an equal opportunity crime," crime historian Robert McCrie said. Banks have become so customer-friendly and open, they've become "a safe place to rob," he added.
...
She went on wild spending spree, going through most of the money before her arrest several days later.

She said she would never again rob a bank, because her arrest and incarceration nearly destroyed her parents and two kids.

But Smith admitted that the thrill was addictive. "I loved the danger in it. I wanted to get more money. I wanted to keep doing it. That's how it really felt -- an adrenaline rush. Perfect."'

Japan: 15-year-old girl arrested for abandoning mother's body

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Story here.

'Police arrested a 15-year-old female high school student early Saturday on suspicion of abandoning her mother's body in Okinawa Prefecture, investigative sources said Friday.

The girl is believed to have left the body of her mother, 46, in a closet at their home in the village of Kitanakagusuku, Okinawa, according to the sources. The mother is believed to have been strangled.

The body was found by the girl's father on Tuesday. The girl had been unaccounted for since then but was located Thursday and taken into custody by police officers in Okinawa, they said.

The police will question the girl about whether she was involved in the death of her mother, the sources said.'

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"Gee, maybe she was 'involved in the death'-- ya think so, sarge?"

NH selectman calls domestic violence program ‘gimmick’

anthony · 21 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CONWAY, N.H. — An organization that serves victims of domestic and sexual abuse is outraged by comments made by a Conway, N.H., selectman who voted against funding the group this week.

Selectman [sic] voted 4 to 1 against recommending that the town budget include $7,500 for the Starting Point agency. In explaining his vote, Selectman Crow Dickinson said a lot of women use domestic violence as gimmick in divorce proceedings. The agency’s supporters have responded with e-mails, letters, phone calls and an Internet-based publicity campaign to call attention to the comments and promote the agency.

County attorney Robin Gordon called the comments a blatant example of Neanderthal thinking.

Dickinson was unapologetic. He says those who are angry at him shouldn’t be running around gnashing their teeth and should instead work together to restore the funding at the upcoming deliberative session.'

Domestic violence advocates try to draw more men into movement

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Story here. Excerpt:

'John Capuano was a bit nervous as 70 boys from the junior class filled the bleachers at Bayless High School. He was about to talk to them about sexism, masculinity and patriarchy — tough subjects for a group of teenage boys.

Standing on the gym floor, he had 20 minutes to give his spiel.

Capuano, 30, an educator in domestic violence prevention, has created a program called Guys Group, and he's trying to convince school counselors to let him start a club in their schools.
...
"Do you ever talk about how you perpetuate the violence? How you've been sexist? How you've been disrespectful to women?" Capuano told the boys.'

Colorado marriage, divorce fees could rise to fund DV programs

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'DENVER (Map, News) - Colorado couples getting married or divorced could end up paying bigger fees.

The Senate Appropriations Committee backed a bill Friday that would raise marriage and divorce fees to pay for programs to help victims of domestic abuse.

The measure would raise the marriage license fee from $10 to $30. Divorce petitions would go from $220 to $230 and divorce responses would be raised by $10 to $116.
...
Half the money raised from the divorce fee increases would pay for legal fees for the victims of domestic violence. The rest of it and all the money from the wedding fee increase would go to groups that counsel and advocate for domestic violence victims.'

Jury convicts woman in husband's death

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'After more than 30 hours of emotional deliberation, a Macomb County jury found Fayette Nale guilty of manslaughter in the September 2007 death of her husband.
...
Michael Nale, 56, died of a stab wound to the chest. Fayette Nale said her husband fell on a kitchen knife after he began to attack her in their Richmond condominium. She claimed she was a victim of years of domestic abuse.
...
Officials with Turning Point of Macomb, an agency that helps victims of domestic violence, said they were disappointed with the verdict.

"While we know that nationwide 75%-80% of battered women are convicted when they are charged with the homicide of their abuser, we had hoped for a different outcome this time," said Sue Coats.'

Men’s Group Raises $36,000 to Stop Domestic Violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NORTH EASTON, MA (February 16, 2009) – Despite a difficult economy, the men’s group of Congregational Covenant Church recently raised $36,000 for two agencies assisting battered women.
...
The community also has been eager to support the dinner. “We have made this into a very visible cause,” says Kevin Symmons, one of the co-chairs.
...
In the past four years the men have raised more than $130,000. They held the first event after taking an oath as part of the White Ribbon Campaign to do whatever they could to stop domestic violence.

Symmons says he is grateful for the active support the men in the church have shown. They had so many who wanted to help with the dinner that “we had to turn away volunteers and tell the guys to enjoy the dinner with their wives,” he says.'

College woman files false rape report, gets counselling

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'The false report of a rape on campus shocked the NIC community on Feb. 6, sending a school-wide security alert to students and staff.

NICAlerts spread the message through text messaging and the NIC web page that Friday morning to inform students of the possible existence of a threat on campus. The alert gave a thorough description of the suspect, who turned out to be a figment of the woman's imagination, and gave information about possible contacts if anyone was to encounter the assailant.
...
The female, who is not being identified due to the request by the police department, reported that a white male, age 48, dressed as a woman accosted her in the first-floor bathroom of the Meyer Health & Science Building Jan. 30. According to early reports by police, she claimed she knew the man from a prior dating relationship, but could not supply investigators with a name.
...

Sgt. Christie Wood, Coeur d'Alene Police Department investigator, said a report was not available regarding the incident. The woman who made the allegations was cited for filing a false police report. The charge is a misdemeanor and will be dealt with through the prosecutor's office, according to Wood.

"The incident has now become a matter of counseling, and we hope the woman gets help," Murray said.'

Student paper: Woman's sense of self destroyed in Vagina Monologues

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Op-ed here. Excerpt:

'The play promotes sexual aggression in at least two monologues—one in which a man named Bob forces off a self-hating woman's clothes so that he can "see" her, the essence of her, which is her vagina. The monologist views this as a positive development in her life, and she actually thanks this man for showing her the light. In the other, a teenager is shown how to pleasure herself by an older woman, who teaches this young girl that she need not depend on men ever again for self-validation. I am so sick of looking towards other people, in particular, sexual partners, for validation. All the blunt talk of clitorises and vaginas are a distraction from what this play really is—a platform for showcasing the worst patriarchal oppressions in good light!'

Mother accused of murder 'didn't see' son's injuries

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In a videotaped conversation at Baltimore County police headquarters hours after her young son was declared dead in 2007, Susan J. Griffin veered from certainty to indecision when attempting to describe Andrew's condition in the weeks leading to his death.

"He's got no health problems that I'm aware of — well, he does," Griffin told a detective in a rapid chatter, acknowledging the boy's weight loss but not his emaciated condition and the wounds covering his body, which had alarmed the staff of the emergency room at St. Joseph Medical Center when his father brought him in, lifeless, the day after Christmas.

...

"I know he's small -- he's about 10, 15 pounds off," Griffin said. And yet, she noted, "Andrew eats everything in the house." Yes, she conceded, he had "little scratches" on his body, "but nothing major."

...

An autopsy revealed the cause of death to be starvation.

...

Referring to the boy's injuries, Griffin said his mouth "looks really nasty," with signs that a tooth had penetrated his lip, but blamed it on the child's habit of biting himself. She said some of the scratches might have been made by one of Andrew's brothers.'

Indian court: Sustaining high living standard no cause for maintenance

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'NEW DELHI: Sustaining a high standard of living is no ground for seeking maintenance from an estranged spouse. This is what a Delhi court told a woman who had sought a maintenance of Rs 1 lakh per month from her husband after the couple separated within a year of their marriage.

The woman, who has a permanent job, had sought the allowance "to maintain the same standard of life". Dismissing her plea, the court said that her income cannot be termed insufficient for maintaining herself.

"The provision (of maintenance) cannot be resorted to by one of the litigating parties to enrich itself at the cost of the other.... The applicant was doing the same job during the golden days of their matrimonial life, hence it cannot be concluded that her status is reduced now," additional district judge Rajender Kumar Shastri said.'

"Separate grills lawsuit" Club sued again

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'A former member of the Phoenix Country Club who spoke out against the club's gender-segregated dining facilities has filed suit against the club for his expulsion, claiming it was based on unlawful discrimination and retaliation.

Russell Brown, a real-estate attorney, was expelled last fall for comments he made to the New York Times concerning the club's men-only grill.

"The law protects a person from retribution aimed at one's efforts to promote equal rights," said Brown's attorney, David Bodney, who also represents The Arizona Republic. "Mr. Brown should not have been expelled or forced to forfeit his substantial investments as a result of his constructive efforts."'

"Black Widow"

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Video report here. Caption:

When PEI native Melissa Friedrich was arrested in Florida and charged with exploitation of the elderly, her past revealed a long and complex criminal history that began in the Maritimes and included a conviction for manslaughter in the death of one husband. Another husband died under what his family believes are suspicious circumstances and what finally landed her in a Tampa jail was enough evidence to convince authorities that yet another man might be at risk. Linden MacIntyre investigates the story of the woman who has been called a "black widow."

UK: Men 'will close life expectancy gender gap by 2035'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women have traditionally outlived men due in part to the increased mortality rates of "masculine" careers like the military and mining.

But with the West at peace, dangerous careers on the decline and men increasingly willing to improve their diets and seek early medical advice, male life expectancy is increasing at a faster rate.'

Woman murders husband, uses false allegations to try to get out of trouble

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'Gilbert police say Marissa Devault left behind a bloodied hammer that was used to beat the head of her husband, who would become the town's first homicide since 2007.

Dale E. Harrell, 34, survived nearly four weeks after undergoing surgery to remove part of his brain following a 2:45 a.m. Jan. 14 attack that left him critically injured in the master bedroom of the couple's home on the 2100 block of East Maplewood Street, according to a police report released Friday.
...
"By Marissa's own statement, she would have continued to assault with the hammer if not stopped by a third party," an investigating officer wrote.
...
In a call to 911, Devault stated her husband choked her during an argument, a police report states. She also claimed Harrell was attempting to sexually assault her, yet "evidence at the scene did not support the information," one detective wrote in the report.'

Bronx Woman Held in Death of Grandson

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'A 4-year-old boy was found beaten to death in his grandmother's Bronx apartment, and she has been charged with his murder, the police said Sunday.

The boy, Kevion Shand, died of blunt impact injuries and brain hemorrhaging, according to the medical examiner's office.

His grandmother Angela Barksdale, 45, was charged with second-degree murder, said Steven Reed, a spokesman for the Bronx district attorney's office.

...

It's a sad case," said Brett Wilkerson, 37, who said Ms. Barksdale welcomed him to the building when he moved in in 2001. "You never know who you're living next to."

Kaprisha Foster, 19, said Ms. Barksdale had let her stay in her apartment when she locked herself out. She added that Ms. Barksdale was "not the type of person" to hurt someone.

...

Mr. Anaya described Kevion as a friendly boy who always said hello and showed no signs of abuse.

Ms. Barksdale was expected to be arraigned Sunday night or Monday morning.'

RADAR ALERT: Take Action Today - SAFE Act will Supercharge False Allegations of DV

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Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA) and Ted Poe (R-TX) recently introduced H.R. 739, the SAFE ("Security and Financial Empowerment") Act. If passed the bill will supercharge false allegations of domestic violence by granting lifetime job security to anyone who merely claims to be a victim of DV. By creating powerful incentives to file false claims, the bill trivializes the problem of domestic violence and would marginalize its true victims.

H.R. 739 prohibits an employer from refusing a job to any person who claims to have suffered from domestic violence or "substantial emotional distress or psychological harm" – words that can be interpreted to mean just almost anything. As hard as it is to believe, no hard evidence of domestic violence is required to receive these benefits – the "victim" only has to sign a sworn statement or get a restraining order, and restraining orders are notoriously easy to get because of the low standards of proof and weak definitions of domestic violence. Furthermore, judges are reluctant to deny applications for fear that they'd be blamed if something bad happened following the denial.

A family or household member of the DV "victim" is also entitled to the same benefits. HR 739 also allows any person who "is, has been, or may be the subject of abuse" to qualify for lifetime health insurance coverage. The "victim" would also be entitled to 30 days of emergency leave as well as unemployment compensation. The bill amounts to a lifetime guarantee of job security and availability of employer-subsidized health insurance for any person who claims to be a victim of domestic violence or psychological abuse, or for any family member.

And the person who allegedly inflicted the abuse has no right to refute or appeal the charges. Some readers might wonder if we're exaggerating when we say all this, but we're not – see RADAR's analysis of the bill here (.pdf file).

Suffice it to say, this bill is prime example how VAWA has spun Out of Control.

Rep. Ted Poe's sponsorship of this bill is out of step with his party's stand on economic policy. Please contact his office and ask him to withdraw support for H.R. 739. As always please remember to be polite.

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Webform: http://poe.house.gov/contact/contactform.htm

Over 1 million restraining orders are issued each year in which partner violence is not even alleged. This so-called "SAFE" Act is the last thing we need. Take action today!

P.S. – Our last two alerts targeted the VAWA money in the stimulus bill. Although we were not fully successful in removing the funding, we did succeed in eliminating $75 million from the final package – $325 million instead of $400 million. Thank you for helping expose how VAWA has spiraled out of control because of the lack of an honest debate!

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"Welcome to the age of female rage"

Proud_to_be_a_man · 23 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This woman is so up herself it's amazing! I love the comments from readers. Sample of her whining:

"My generation of women aren't having it all - we're doing it all. It's a constant struggle to meet the demands of my various roles as wife, mother, daughter, colleague, lover, friend. I feel as if I short-change everyone all the time.
...
I never have a moment that's just mine. Someone always wants a piece of me. Yesterday, in the middle of a bikini wax, I had an urgent call from the office and had to orchestrate a crucial meeting on the other side of the world, biting my fists to stop yelping at the wrong moments."

Missing teacher and student found in West Virginia

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- A 24-year-old teacher from Holyoke, Massachusetts, is in custody after allegedly leaving town with a 15-year-old student, city officials said Tuesday.

Lisa Lavoie and the male student were found in Morgantown, West Virginia, Monday night after apparently being together for a week, Holyoke Mayor Michael Sullivan said.

Investigators have charged Lavoie with enticement of a child.'

Final separation deals may not be: ruling

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Separation agreements between divorcing couples are not necessarily final if one spouse gets a bad deal, the Supreme Court of Canada said Thursday in a ruling that ordered a B. C. dairy farmer to pay his former wife $650,000.

The Supreme Court unanimously concluded that Ben Brandsema exploited his wife's fragile mental state by allowing her to sign her name to an "unconscionable"agreement in which he failed to disclose all his assets.

The ruling is a reminder that if you try to "pull a fast one" on your estranged spouse, a judge can rescind the agreement even years later, said Toronto family law expert Phil Epstein.'

UK: Fathers 'powerless against vengeful mothers'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Decent fathers are left powerless to see their estranged children if vengeful mothers are determined to prevent access, a senior judge has admitted.
...
Lord Justice Ward attacked child access law after presiding over a case that saw a “vicious” mother falsely accuse her ex-husband of sexually abusing their child.

He spoke out after telling the father that there was nothing he could do to help him re-establish contact with his daughter after his ex-wife turned her against him.

The man’s 14-year-old daughter, who cannot been identified, had been influenced by a “drip, drip, drip of venom” from his ex-wife, who wanted to deny him his paternal rights.

Lord Justice Ward said the case was bordering on the scandalous but the court was compelled to act in the interests of the child.

Because of her mother’s “viciously corrupting” influence, it would cause the teenager too much distress if she spent time with her father, he said.'

Daughter Tried to Hire Undercover Cop as Hitman for Dad's Murder

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'...his oldest daughter, Tammy Lewis, had plotted a murder-for-hire scheme to collect on his $200,000 life insurance policy, he was shocked at the allegations made against his wife but not his daughter.

"My daughter ... I could believe it. My wife, no way," said Hughes, of Garland, Texas. "She's my wife, my friend, and I just don't think she would do anything like that."

But law enforcement officials believe she was involved in the would-be contract killing.

Police said Lewis offered to pay $25,000 to an undercover detective acting as a hitman to kill her father and said she wanted her dad shot dead as soon as possible.

The two met at a local strip mall, where Lewis gave the undercover officer a loaded pistol to use in the homicide. Lewis said she and her mother would pay the would-be killer the $25,000 fee from her father's $200,000 life insurance policy as soon as it was cashed.

"It's certainly unique to have two people involved in a murder for hire," said former FBI agent and ABC News consultant Brad Garrett. "Add another person and you're really increasing your odds of getting caught."

Shirley Hughes and Lewis confessed to police to having played a part in the plan. Both women are currently being held at the Dallas County Jail on $100,000 bond and face charges of solicitation to commit capital murder.'

Hundreds Respond to Fathers & Families' Action Alert to Defend Truth-Telling Politician

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'New Hampshire local politician Crow Dickinson is being crucified for uttering some inconvenient truths about divorce and domestic violence–"There are a lot of women who use [domestic violence] as a gimmick in divorce proceedings." Hundreds have responded to Fathers & Families' Recent Action Alert to write letters in support of Dickinson.
...
Many family law professionals agree with Dickinson's contention that false claims of domestic violence are often used as custody maneuvers in divorce cases.
...
Domestic Violence Protective (aka "Restraining") orders have become so commonplace that the Illinois Bar Journal calls them "part of the gamesmanship of divorce."'

UK: Independent schools: Girls' schools winning the private battle

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'It's well known that girls outperform boys in state schools, but it's less widely realised that the same phenomenon applies in the private sector, too. Of the 200 highest-ranked independent schools in the 2007 A-level league tables, three times as many were girls-only establishments (95) as boys-only (31), with the rest being co-eds.
...
Vicky Tuck, head of Cheltenham Ladies' College and president of the Girls' Schools Association, agrees. "The modern-day exam system does favour girls," she says. "Girls are better suited to a style of working which requires diligence and consistency, rather than cramming everything into a three-hour exam."

According to Pat Langham, head of Wakefield Girls' School, the other crucial factor in girls' academic success is the absence of boys. "With no need to adopt any 'boy-friendly' educational initiatives, all our efforts are directed towards the girls," she says. "Girls-only schools are fine-tuned to accommodate the cognitive, social and developmental growth of teenage girls. The teaching is gender specific but without any gender stereotyping of subject choice, which means it's considered cool to be the best mathematician, physicist, musician or athlete.'

Arizona Republic: Engaging boys and books

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The argument that boys learn to read and write at a slower pace and are motivated by a more active style is backed by studies that date back 60 to 70 years, Brozo found.

The "boy crisis" point of view tends to ebb and flow, never gaining enough momentum to bring systemic change. It gained traction in the 1990s and held its ground through the early 2000s, culminating in Peg Tyre's best-selling "The Trouble with Boys" in 2008.

Feminists who had promoted better education for girls were skeptical, worried that girls would lose hard-won ground if attention shifted back to boys.
...
"I have a lot of feminist friends in the academic community," Brozo said. "But I can't agree all the time with their assumptions that this is just an overreaction because girls are making great strides."'

Woman arrested in husband's slaying

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Story here.

'PHOENIX (AP) - A Gilbert woman has been arrested in connection with the slaying of her husband, who police say was beaten with a hammer.

Marissa DeVault, 31, was arrested Friday and charged in the murder of Dale E. Harrell, 34.

Police said DeVault initially was arrested and booked into jail on Jan 14 for aggravated assault after she reportedly hit her husband with a hammer while he was lying in bed.

Harrell died Feb. 9 from his injuries, according to authorities.'

Men Allowed To Attend 'Women for Hire' NYC Career Expo

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'Tory Johnson, the organizer of the 10-year-old event and chief executive of Women for Hire, said the crowd was something she had never seen before. The expo, which saw about 1,500 people pass through its doors when it was last held in September, recorded that many attendees in the first hour.

Overall, the event brought in 5,103 people, according to Johnson. She noted that while most of the attendees were unemployed, some came to prepare for the possibility of a pink slip.

Men were allowed to attend the biannual event for the first time. Johnson said the decision was borne out of dozens of requests from women who had attended previous events, seeing a need for their husbands, brothers and fathers to find a job, too. About one of every five people in the line that spanned two city blocks was a man.'

United Nations report: Most human traffickers are women

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'Pretoria - Up to 75% of all perpetrators of human trafficking are women, according to a study released in Pretoria on Wednesday.

...

In countries that participated in the study, 30% more women than men were convicted for trafficking.

"Women play an important role, more than men and boys," said Lucas.

...

Sexual exploitation was found to be the main form of exploitation in southern Africa and the rest of the world. This was closely followed by forced labour, said Kruger.'

New University: 'If Women Ruled the World'

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'First, many pre-modern societies have been run by women and were not strangers to war and suffering. Empresses and queens from Catherine the Great to Queen Elizabeth have created war all around the world. Women were able to gather power outside of Europe. In East Asia, empresses ruled China and not necessarily in peacetime. Empress Dowager Cixi, ruler of China, went to war over Vietnam, one of dozens of examples from the region.

There are more than historical examples to support the idea that a world run by women would not be all puppy dogs and smiles. Any woman will be the first to tell you they prefer to fight with men rather than with other women. Is this because they are better at it than men are? Actually, it is due to the nature of their conflicts. Women attack people socially, utilizing group sticks-and-stones tactics, while men tend to utilize direct and individual confrontations. This goes beyond common sense; it is also backed by psychological experiments. Women are born fighters, just like men. The only difference between them lies in their methods.
...
A world run by women would not be any better than our current one. Historically, societies run by women have had the same set of economic and military hardships. Psychology has shown that women and men are not that different overall. They each do what the other does, just in a different manner. Concentrating all the power in either gender's hands is never beneficial. More men are in power today, but our current situation is a result of human flaws, not those of gender. A world ruled by women would experience almost the exact same set of problems as our world ruled by men.'

UK Sun: Why men don't want sex anymore

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'For decades women have used the excuse “Not tonight darling, I’ve got a headache” to fend off amorous partners.

But a new survey has revealed more and more MEN are finding excuses to shun sex.

The poll by independent charity the Men’s Health Forum found that 15 per cent of men aged between 18 and 59 admitted to a “lack of interest in sex”.

And relationship counselling service Relate has reported a 40 PER CENT increase in the number of men saying they had gone off sex compared with ten years ago.

These men have no physical problems — they just do not want to have sex.'

U.S.: Sen. Boxer Seeks to Ratify 'Convention on the Rights of the Child'

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'Sen. Barbara Boxer is urging the U.S. to ratify a United Nations measure meant to expand the rights of children, a move critics are calling a gross assault on parental rights that could rob the U.S. of sovereignty.

The California Democrat is pushing the Obama administration to review the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, a nearly 20-year-old international agreement that has been foundering on American shores since it was signed by the Clinton administration in 1995 but never ratified.

Critics say the treaty, which creates "the right of the child to freedom of thought, conscience and religion" and outlaws the "arbitrary or unlawful interference with his or her privacy," intrudes on the family and strips parents of the power to raise their children without government interference.
...
Parental rights groups are similarly stirred; they see in the U.N. convention a threat that the government will meddle with even the simplest freedoms to raise their children as they see fit.'

Cops: Mom runs over son

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'There are cases that shock even the toughest of cops. The crimes that make hardened detectives sick to their stomachs. This is one of them.

A mother in Louisiana is accused of killing her own child. Investigators say the murder weapon was an SUV. And published reports describe the suspect as a former police officer.

The incident occurred Saturday morning. At around 9:15am on February 21, a call came into the Saint Landry Parish Sheriff's Office. A woman said she was walking along a rural road when she noticed a silver Suzuki SUV with extensive front damage. She said the driver told her to contact the police because she had just run over her son.

When the authorities arrived at the scene, they say the driver said the same thing to them – that she had run over her son. They also allege she directed them to his body. The victim was found next to a barn near the road. Samuel Utomeh was 11-years-old.'

Canada: Feminist-sponsored "fictional drivel" in schools decried

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'Monday's front page news contained an unprecedented case of literary lese majeste. A parent of a Grade 12 Toronto high school student petitioned for the removal from the school's reading list of The Handmaid's Tale, a 1986 novel by the queen of Canadian literature, Margaret Atwood.

...

The Handmaid's Tale isn't drivel because of the sex and violence that concerned the parent. It is drivel because it is a paranoiac fantasy whose principal purpose and effect is to stir up hatred of men.

...

Dystopian fiction deserves critical respect when its premises are grounded in psychological or historical reality. That sexual relations in the West on a collective scale ever did or ever could descend into Ms. Atwood's ideologically self-indulgent nightmare is -- well, fictional drivel.

...

Mass eugenics coincides historically with anti-religious collectivist visions run amok. The Chinese program of forced abortions came from the atheist, utopian left. The Nazi Lebensborn program, which seems to have been Ms. Atwood's inspiration, in which fertile young women were lodged at breeding farms, there to be impregnated by SS officers in order to improve Germany's Aryan stock, grew out of anti-religious paganism allied with fascism.

...

But in Ms. Atwood's conspiracy-theorist feminist universe, women are victims, men masters of their fates. Women cannot be seen as opportunistic or exploitative, and men cannot be seen as themselves victims or objects of pity. Theory demands that her fictional women emerge as innocent dupes of warring control freaks.

...

It is not a "cautionary tale," as one Atwood admirer characterized it in Monday's news story. For here we are 23 years later. Forced-breeding camps? Hardly. Politically and culturally, women's issues rule; abortion is rampant; fatherlessness is pandemic. It is men--insofar as their traditional roles as providers, progenitors and protectors are concerned -- who are the endangered social species.'

Revealed: women's role in Nazi crimes

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'In Nazi art, films and magazines, women were always portrayed as the fairer sex, fighting on the home-front as their menfolk fought on the battlefields.

...

But a new book by the historian Kathrin Kompisch has revealed a very different reality.

"Apart from a few particularly cruel examples, the participation of women in the crimes of the Nazis has been blended out of the collective conscious of the Germans for a long time," she wrote in the book, Female Perpetrators: Women under National Socialism.

Many women were in fact used as assistants to the doctors who sterilised and murdered disabled people and as guards in the concentration camps - like the character played by Kate Winslet in her Oscar nominated role in the film The Reader.

...

"Women typed the statistics of the murdered victims of the SS Action Squads in the east, operated the radios which called up for more bullets, were invariably the secretaries - and sometimes much more - in all the Gestapo posts," she said. "And at the end of the war they tried to diminish their responsibility by saying they were just cogs in the all-male machine which gave the orders."

...

Most "Blockwaerts" - apartment house snoops who reported on un-Nazi activities to the party - were women, who denounced their neighbours to the Gestapo if they suspected them of being ideologically unsound or Jewish.

The surviving files of the Gestapo in the city of Duesseldorf noted that women "try to change the power balance of the household by denouncing their husbands as spies or Communists or anti-Nazis." "Lower-middle or working-class urban women tended to be the ones who filed reports with the Gestapo, and such reports were most likely to lead to the persecution of the denounced party if he was a member of a group considered racially inferior, like the Poles," said Ms Kompisch.'

UAE: Woman rains blows on husband in court

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman enraged at her husband's refusal to divorce her launched a furious physical assault on him in a court here.
...
Several court guards were forced to intervene and eventually managed to separate the irate woman from her husband, whose clothes were in tatters by that time.

The man at the receiving end was slightly injured and was provided clothes to cover himself. His entreaties to his wife to calm down didn't seem to have the desired impact.
...
The court official said the couple had a record of ongoing problems and marital disputes and that the woman had earlier lodged a complaint against her husband accusing him of failing to provide for her.
...
This conversation provoked the woman who threw him to the floor and started raining blows on him hysterically.

The court official said the scene created by the woman in the court house was not acceptable, especially since she had given full vent to insults and had manhandled court staff and members of the public at the scene.'

Wife sentenced for husband's shotgun death

Michael · 26 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BUFFALO, N.Y. - A Buffalo woman has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for shooting her sleeping husband with a shotgun.

An Erie County judge gave Robin Kalinowski the harshest sentence allowed, even as she continued to maintain the November 2005 shooting was an accident.

...

Kalinowski still faces charges of conspiring to hire a hit man to kill a man with whom she was having an affair. The would-be hit man was an undercover state trooper.'

Study: Washington State courts unfair to men, minorities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'OLYMPIA — A University of Washington study has found disparities in race and gender in the penalties doled out by the state's criminal courts.
...
"Our findings show that some people convicted of similar offenses face very different sentencing outcomes, not on the length of confinement but on the financial side," said Katherine Beckett, an associate sociology professor at UW. "It's a huge financial obligation to possess."

The study focused on court fees and fines, not the amount of time that defendants were sentenced to jail or prison.'

Eating Disorders Increasing In Men, Children And Elderly

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PORTLAND (NEWS CENTER) -- At one time eating disorders were considered primarily as a women's disease. But recent studies show a growing number of men, young children and the elderly are suffering from anorexia or bulimia.

Eating disorder experts here in Maine say more people are getting help thanks to heightened awareness about the disorders.

...

But the face of the disease is changing. The New England Eating Disorder program at Mercy Hospital is the state's only comprehensive eating disorders clinic. The clinic used to primarily treat women 14 to 22 years of age, now they have patients as young as 7 and as old as 70 -- and more men are seeking help.

...

"Men are more comfortable now than they used to be in acknowledging that an eating disorder could be a possibility, a lot of athletes in particular will have a desired goal and go beyond that into a danger zone, so we work to get them back," said Dr. Lockhart.'

India: Paternity leave, a boon for new dads

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Even though there is no specific law that enforces paternity leave, more and more companies in India are increasingly offering paternity leave to their employees...

In the good old days, dads didn't dare enter the delivery room, let alone take time off from work to bond with junior or care for their wife...

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the term, paternity leave is a paid leave granted by the company to an employee when he becomes a father.

And even though there is no specific law that enforces this leave, more and more companies in India are increasingly offering paternity leave to their employees.
...

So how do the employees feel about this gesture? Says Bangaru Babu, IT manager at Omega Healthcare services, Bangalore, "It is a great concept and is also very useful. I took my paternity leave last month as my wife delivered our baby in Hyderabad...

Apart from natural birth, paternity leave is also being given for adoption by certain companies. "We give five days paid paternity leave even on the adoption of a child, apart from child birth.
...
While some may argue that three to five days is not enough, it may be considered as a ray of light — corporates are at least becoming sensitive about the concept...'

F.R.A.M.E.D.

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The Creation of F.R.A.M.E.D.

F.R.A.M.E.D. (Fathers Rights And Men Ending Discrimination)

By FramedFather

Was I FRAMED by the family court system here in Union County, Georgia? Oh Yes I was Folks!

I have been the target of a 'mock trial', allegedly found - capriciously - guilty, and convicted for being a loving Father and a concerned Parent.

I have done nothing wrong, I tell you all here and now. Notably 'folks' not a thing was said badly about me at the trial. The opposing attorney even suggested 50/50 custody in their closing arguments.

At 'the mock sentencing' farce, I was stripped of my rights to be a Father and Parent by the human rights violator Judge. Who then falsely sentenced me to only be a visitor not the father, with limited visitation rights only of: (4 days a month and even though I live only 3 miles from my daughter). I was also fined $10,400.00/yr. at the sentencing hearing, 66% of my income. The federal government also makes me pay taxes on that $10,400.00 dollars each year, which brings the fine up to almost 70% of my income -- for one child.

The mother is allowed to make up her own rules and violates court orders on a daily basis, with no accountability at all and with the support of the court. I am forced to walk on pins and needles as added punishment for being a visitor and I am under constant threat of incarceration.

It isn't easy being framed for being a Father. Besides losing my rights to being a father/parent, I have also been robbed of my integrity and dignity. My daughter has been cheated out of a vital human right of having a steady Father.

The mother will not allow me one minute more with my daughter, not even for good behavior, for no reason what so ever, although Narcissistic Tendencies, Manipulative Characteristics, Vindictiveness, Anger, Jealousy, Hate, etc., may play a major factor in her reasoning. I can only speculate because she has yet to explain to me why her agenda is to punish me and alienate my daughter from me.

There is no logical reason why she could not allow me at least one evening between my every other weekend visits too at least have dinner with my daughter. It's pretty obvious to everyone that she does not support my daughter's relationship with me. The thought escapes her that she is truly hurting our daughter more than me, or maybe she just truly doesn't care either way as long as she feels she is causing me pain.

So I created F.R.A.M.E.D, (Fathers Rights And Men Ending Discrimination) in hopes of bringing more attention to others about the damage being done to children from "traditional biased rulings" and for profit (ie, federal incentives). The system is flawed and needs to be repaired immediately! The true criminals need to be held accountable. Children need both parents; 50/50 custody IS in the best interest of our children in most cases.

Automatically giving the mother custody and stripping the father of all his rights to be a father, a parent, for no reason other than biased rulings and for profit, is plain and simply, child abuse and a hate crime. It is also a crime against humanity and a violation of our Constitutional rights to parent. It is also against our God-given rights to parent and raise our children.

Kidnapping and criminal rulings are ruining the fabric of society and destroying families and our children's future. We must stand together as one and speak as one voice and demand change before it's too late!

Framed: To manufacture false evidence against (an innocent person), so as to make the person appear guilty of a crime. The act of framing a person is often referred to as a frame-up.

Jim, aka: FramedFather
Blairsville, Georgia

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Ireland: Working women almost certainly caused the credit crunch

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Of course there will always be a place in the world of business for exceptional women. Women also have an important role to play in jobs that are too demeaning for men, like teaching. But the general employment of women is another matter. Indeed, working women almost certainly caused the credit crunch by bringing a second income into the average household, pushing property prices up to unsustainable levels.

Whether working women actually caused the credit crunch is now a moot point. The point is that removing women from the workforce would mitigate its effects.

Consider the issue of unemployment. There were 221,301 men on the live register last month and just under one million women in work.

Surely at least half these women have a partner who is earning? Surely at least half would be happier at home? One half of one half is a quarter and one quarter of a million is roughly 221,301. I think we can all see where this argument is going.'

Dr. Amy: Are fathers optional?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In other words, more than 1/4 of white children, 1/2 of Hispanic children, and almost 3/4 of black children were born to mothers who did not feel that marriage was necessary. Since marriage reflects the commitment of mother and father to stay together permanently, it means that a large proportion of women chose to give birth without taking steps to make sure that the father would live with his child and be a permanent presence in his or her life.
...
However, as the birth statistics demonstrate, the problem is not simply one of abandonment. Women are actively conceiving and bearing children in the knowledge that their fathers will almost certainly not be living with them throughout childhood. Simply put, women are behaving as if fathers are optional.'

Domestic Violence Videos you, or the public, won't usually see

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Via Jeremy S.: In collaboration with the professional filmmakers at Kaeco Productions and Derringer Productions and Post, we have produced a full curriculum series of 13 video vignettes specifically designed for counseling female abusers.

Nonviolent Alternatives
View a sample of one of our videos on YouTube. "I produced 13 videos that are just like Duluth videos except they are women who are abusive. We took a large collection of child protective services reports and police report narratives documenting abusive women, then we grouped them into similiar behavior patters. Then we narrowed the group to a top 13 and wrote scripts for the videos. We would have done more but I only had enough money to produce 13. There is a sample of one of the videos on our website at http://www.cognitiveaccountability.com/.
Terry A. Moore, Program Director

Newsweek: Laid-off men are lazy wife-beating slobs

el cid · 27 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I think the writer omits a few cliches and negative stereotypes about men, but not many. Of course, there's hope here to--if a writer this bad can keep a job, anyone can.

Excerpt:

"Let's start with the myth of the new diaper daddies. The American Time Use Survey shows that in fact laid-off men tend to do less—not more—housework, eating up their extra hours snacking, sleeping and channel surfing (which might be why the Cartoon Network, whose audience has grown by 10 percent during the downturn, is now running more ads for refrigerator repair school). Unemployed women, in contrast, spend twice as much time taking care of children and doing chores. Nor do former working stiffs necessarily reconnect with their families: following alcoholics and drug addicts, they're the most likely demographic to beat their female partners."

US Family Court Reform Alliance

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US Family Court Reform Alliance is current accepting applications from other Family Court Reform related websites and Blog operators to establish a presents on our forums using their group name.

We will provide you will a category of forums on our Forum Home Page dedicated to your group name, which will be Moderated by a member(s) of your group, in addition to site administrators, and a site Super Moderator, in accordance with our website "Forum Rules". Additionally, your group will be allowed to take full advantage of the many state of the art features out platform offers such as: Private Messaging, Email, Social Groups, a Dedicated Calendar for your group, our Blog feature, and finally the many general forums we offer for all groups and individuals to socialize, learn, become familiar with each other, and make life long friends.

We offer this service completely FREE OF CHARGE.

For additional info go to http://www.aboutus.org/Usfcralliance.org or visit the forums at: http://www.usfcralliance.org/forums/

We're here for YOU and YOUR Organization or Group. Individuals are also welcome to join our cause which is to Unify the Family Court Reform movement.

Regards,
FCRAdvocate - US Family Court Reform Alliance

Upcoming Screenings of "Indoctrinate U"

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NYC-AREA SCREENING: MARCH 24

First, we're happy to announce that "Indoctrinate U" has been accepted by the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival!

In accepting the film, the festival's reviewers wrote:

"Well-edited, good looking titles, technically pulled together well so there's no major problems that distract you from looking at it. Content: About the problems of political correctness on college campuses today and how they often impinge on professors and students' individual rights of expression. Great story and content with plenty of examples to draw from, mostly talking head interviews with archival footage cut in, well-shot film that could easily play on PBS or something along those lines. A wry, hard hitting documentary about the effect of the campus culture wars on individual rights, diversity of opinion, and the life of the mind in American higher education. Very professionally made. Great subject matter, we found it very interesting."

The film will be shown at the festival on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00PM at the Village East Cinema at 2nd Avenue and 12th Street.

For tickets and other information, visit:

http://indoctrinate-u.com/pages/screenings.html#nyiifvf

DOCUMENTARY CHANNEL AIRINGS

Also, the overwhelming response to the Documentary Channel's previous airings of "Indoctrinate U" encouraged them to bring back the film for a second run. The film will be shown several times in March:

Tuesday, March 17th @ 9:00PM
Wednesday, March 18th @ midnight
Wednesday, March 25th @ 5:00PM
Monday, March 30th @ 2:00AM

The Documentary Channel is available on the Dish Network as well as on some cable carriers.

In addition, some PBS stations simulcast the Documentary Channel during certain parts of the day. If you don't get the Documentary Channel itself, you still may want to check the times above against your local PBS affiliate's schedule.

Giving parents equal parenting time by law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the third time in 22 years, Washington state is leading the nation in family law reform. This time, the report is called the Residential Time Summary Report prepared by the state Office of the Administrator for the Courts. This is a first-in-the-nation compilation of post-divorce breakdown of parenting time for children, mothers and fathers. The numbers are collected case-by-case and county-by-county.

Amazingly, 46 percent of children of divorce, statewide, are ordered to spend a minimum of 35 percent parenting time with their biological fathers. Parenting time is broken down by large percentages, and meaningful shared parenting starts in the range of 30-35 percent. This is about 300 percent better results than anyone could have expected from the time the Parenting Act was first approved. If there ever was any doubt, Washington state is now an official shared-parenting state for families impacted by parental separation.'

Deadliest jobs in America

Matt · 27 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Slideshow here. See if you can spot any women in the pictures.

Cops: Woman Traded 2 Kids For A Bird, $175

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(AP) A Louisiana woman is accused of trading two young children in her care for a pet cockatoo and $175 cash from a couple who had been trying for years to have their own child, authorities said Thursday.

Donna Greenwell, 53, a long-haul trucker with an arrest record from Pitkin, is charged with aggravated kidnapping, along with would-be adoptive parents Paul J. Romero, 46, and Brandy Lynn Romero, 27, of Evangeline Parish.
...
The transaction for the 5-year-old boy and the 4-year-old girl was negotiated by phone after Greenwell spotted a flier posted at a livestock barn selling a cockatoo for $1,500 and called the Romeros on Feb. 18, Dupre said.'

"When it comes to reading, girls rule"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many parents and educators do not realize that, on average, girls are better readers than boys. In every age group, boys have been scoring lower than girls on U.S. Department of Education reading tests for more than 30 years.

The longer boys are in school, the wider the reading gender gap becomes.
...
According to NAEP, males who have made it through 12 years of school have significantly poorer reading skills than their female peers. Among white males of college-educated parents, 23 percent scored “below basic” in reading, compared to 7 percent of their female peers. Among Hispanic males of college-educated parents, 34 percent scored “below basic” in reading, compared to 19 percent of their female peers. Among black males of college-educated parents, 44 percent scored “below basic” in reading, compared to 33 percent of their female peers.'

UK: Teenage girls have overtaken boys as the new gross-out merchants

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Article here. Excerpt:

'They have entirely missed the point. Did you spot the age of the protagonist? Teenage, right? And she's female. And those two things qualify her as a member of the new gross-out generation. It is true that teenage boys, and the teenage boy in every man, have long had a monopoly on disgust. From the Earl of Rochester to Philip Roth, the boys have loved the shock of the “eww!” Our daughters may be made of sugar and spice, but it is not for them that the notorious apple pie scene in American Pie was made. Horrible Histories, the gross-out children's books, are marketed for boys.

Teenage girls are applauded for overtaking their male classmates on most officially gradeable targets. With their typical thoroughness, they now excel in this previously exclusively male skill too: the ability to make a joke about a wet sock, and, for an A*, laugh about it while snorting milk through the nose.'

Boston Globe: Where have all the 'real' men gone?

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Editorial here. Excerpt:

'IN ITS PUERILE, lowest-common-denominator way, Hollywood has always reflected society. The movies "Taken," starring Liam Neeson as Bryan Mills, a retired CIA operative, and "The Wrestler," with Mickey Rourke as an aging grappler whose life and career have reached terminal velocity, share in their depictions of the Alpha Male separated from his kin by the vicissitudes of the warrior profession.

...

These days, it's no longer fashionable to be a man - to inhabit one's masculinity as previous generations have done. Compare baseball star Alex Rodriquez, under scrutiny for using steroids, with Red Sox great Ted Williams, who sacrificed the prime of his career to serve as a Marine aviator. (Williams flew 39 combat missions in Korea and crash-landed after taking small-arms fire.) Williams's baseball statistics, including a lifetime batting average of .344, compare favorably with A-Rod's. And in this age of the pseudo-man, it's hard to imagine Rodriquez visiting the troops in Iraq, let alone volunteering to serve there.

...

Any single dad will tell you that family court punishes those men who persist in doing what men were once mandated to do: range wide in hunting, bringing back the kill at irregular intervals, adorned with its blood. In today's world, you must produce the trophy without being the one who kills it. In Hollywood, anyway, the only acceptable role is man-by-proxy: You must get someone else to do your dirty work, or risk losing everything.'

'The Female Persuasion '

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We size up men for their potential and then attempt to train and transform them into our ideal image. We pretend to be offended by their masculine presentations and open assertions regarding sex. We turn on the charm and the tears at will and are determined to make the men in our lives responsible for our life experiences and happiness. We hold the power of sex and wield it to trap them and at a moment that suits us, transform it into a tool of punishment and torture for any lack of patronization. Are those mixed messages and abuses of power conducive to the success and happiness we seek?

Each time we choose a man it is based on our visions, our needs, our hopes and dreams and by our standards and design. If things don't go according to our plan we blame him for our own bad choices. One of the biggest complaints from men is that innate need women have to change them, to mold and shape them to the female design. Men are what they are, and most like it that way. If women did not hold the power of sex men wouldn't dare agree to conform. However, forcing that reform usually means failed relationships or breeds discontented men who cheat. Are we really better off having an unhappy man rather than no man at all?'

Hospital Builds $360 Million Dollar Women's Unit Equiped With Robotics And Day Spa Services

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The all-women's unit is one of many innovations revealed Wednesday by Detroit-based Henry Ford at a preview of its new Oakland County hospital, an expansive 300-bed structure set to open March 15. The stone and brick building is attached to the existing medical center Henry Ford opened in 1975. The new hospital has a ground-floor retail area with small-town style storefronts and a look more in line with the feel of a northern Michigan lodge than a sterile medical building.

Along with its cozy resort-style look and all-private patient rooms, the hospital will have robot-assisted surgery, a one-stop care center to treat seniors with neurological illnesses, and a wellness center with day spa services and personal health coaches.

The female-only unit -- a ground-breaker in Metro Detroit, according to Henry Ford officials -- is on the hospital's third floor beside pediatrics and maternity. It will differ from a typical women's health center, where hospitals tend to group women's services, such as maternity and OB/GYN, because it will accommodate women with more generalized medical needs, such as recovering from surgery, Zambricki said.
...
And does Henry Ford know what men want?

'"We are going to start with women," Zambricki said, and depending on how that goes, "we may expand it to men."'

Former Deputy Wants Men To Help End Domestic Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Inside a lecture hall at UNC Charlotte, professor Joe Marinello teaches criminal justice students. His passion is understanding and ending domestic violence.

"Domestic violence is a social cancer," he said.

He said it's a disease that's slowly killing society, and for too long women have led the movement alone to try to stop it.

"Men have to come out of the shadows and admit that we are the primary perpetrators against women, children, and other men," he said.

...

Marinello is also reaching out to teach boys and girls in middle and high schools about respect in relationships. He said he wants to plant the seeds for change that men should be protectors and not controllers.'

UK: Men get domestic violence support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A network of refuges for male victims of domestic violence has opened in Northamptonshire.

Privately run and funded by mother and daughter team Dawn Hardie and Rachel Allen, Next Steps Housing Association provides 35 three-bedroom homes across the region with spaces for 105 men fleeing violence and their children.

Ms Hardie said the scheme is the second in the UK, and the first on this scale.

‘There is nowhere for men…and there’s no funding available, no support at all…it’s an uphill battle and we’ve funded it from our own pockets,’ she said.

The association has already received six men, two who had been victims of rape and another who had been hit in the face with a claw hammer.

‘All of them have been hospitalised, they suffer from depression and feel they have failed. They’re all high risk,’ Ms Hardie said.'

UK: Thame sex offending teacher spared jail

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Story here.

'A THAME woman who had sex with a 14-year-old boy who contacted her over the internet to help with his learning difficulties, will not go to jail.

Catherine Armstrong, 33, had admitted three charges of sexual activity with a child and was today given a 12 month prison sentence, suspended for two years, at Oxford Crown Court.

In sentencing Armstrong, Judge Julian Hall told her that he did not think she posed a danger in the future and that female prisons did not have the facilities to help sex offenders.

"You have been given the chance to rebuild your life," he added.'

Dartmouth Review: 'Hating the Man, Loving Your Body'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The most offensive of these supposedly light-hearted monologues was one entitled “The Little Coochie Snorcher that Could.” It was given from the perspective of a sixteen year-old girl (thirteen in Ensler’s original play) who hates her “little coochie snorcher” (read: vagina) because of myriad reasons including an over protective mother, a deadbeat father and an earlier sexual assault described in far too much detail.

Then one glorious day she meets a nice twenty-four-year-old lesbian who takes the girl away from her mother, gets her drunk and sexually abuses her further. The girl, however, describes the encounter in positive terms saying of the assailant: “[she] turned my sorry-ass coochie snorcher into a kind of heaven.” The same phenomenon is seen in those suffering from the Stockholm Syndrome.

It should be noted here that in the original script of the scene the young girl acknowledges that it was a rape, but it was a “good rape”. While the V-Day organizers deserve kudos for the alteration to the original, what remains is far from an appropriate scene in a play that claims to be for the prevention of sexual abuse. Just imagine the riotous uproar that would result if it were a twenty-four year-old man and a sixteen year old girl, much less a thirteen year-old.'

She'll be out in less than a year...

Anonymous · 28 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

... thanks to the way British 'justice' works:

Model who left student scarred for life in glassing attack is jailed for two years. Excerpt:

'A former model who smashed a glass in a student's face, leaving him with horrific lifelong scars, has been jailed.

Drunk air stewardess Lisa Kee hit Liam Sharratt twice with the glass, dragging it down his face and wounding him in five places.

Kee, who lashed out when a flirtatious conversation turned sour, was jailed for two and a half years at Manchester Crown Court yesterday. She was dragged screaming into custody.
...

He said: 'This was a vicious and wholly unwarranted attack and you know what you have done and you know the enormity of what you have done and the effects which will continue to be a blight on Mr Sharratt every time he looks in the mirror.'

She was ordered to serve at least half of her sentence after admitting a charge of unlawful wounding.'

The photographs of what this insane bitch has done to this poor young man have to be seen to get the true picture.

As usual, imagine if the genders were reversed.

NH Shared Parenting Bill Petition Needs a Strong Show of Support

Scott · 28 February 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Richard Smaglick of New Hampshire is asking for as much support as possible for HB139 - a bill which would establish a default presumption of shared parenting in divorce or separation cases. You can read more and sign a petition here. Please consider taking part in this simple act of activism that can help an important effort for parental equality.

'Ladette' binge-drinking violence soars by 300% in just seven years

Proud_to_be_a_man · 1 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

As a kind of companion piece to the article I submitted yesterday about the 'model' who disfigured a young man because he was laughing at her:

Ladette binge-drinking violence soars by 300% in just seven years. Excerpt:

"Violent attacks by binge-drinking teenage girls have risen by nearly 300 per cent in seven years in a frightening wave of ‘ladette’ violence."
...
Hundreds of thousands of women have signed up to online forums where they boast about their antics and proudly post pictures showing them in various states of inebriation and undress, including kneeling over lavatories, being sick, exposing themselves or answering a call of nature in public.'

The gentler sex, eh?

Australia: No jail for blind drunk feminist

Matt · 1 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A PROMINENT academic has avoided jail for crashing her car with her child onboard, after consuming an estimated 15-20 standard drinks.

Dr Fiona Rummery, 41, a lecturer at the University of Western Sydney was found guilty of drink driving after crashing her Volvo into the back of another parked car in Haberfield on the evening December 10 last year.

Rummery's young daughter and pet dog were both in the car at the time but none were injured.'

Poll: Should the Army exempt mothers with young children from active service?

Matt · 1 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Vote here. Some comments:

"This isn't a feminist issue (and I have often been described as one), both men and women who have served their country with honor but then kept on the list for recall should as parents be able to care for their children. The military has the ability to provide stateside jobs and should take every means possible to provide this. It is not their duty to break apart families. Let the parent complete their military contract where they can also be the parent they need to be."

"I completely agree. We cannot whine our way into the service and then use the fact that we can carry children to try to whine our way back out. When you sign up for the military, you KNOW this is a possibility...like it or not, you can hope it doesn't happen, but it does...now deal with it! And, YES, I am a mother!!"

India: Woman cuts husband's genitals after fight

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In a fit of rage, a woman allegedly castrated her husband while he was asleep at their house in the Amraiwadi area of the city, police said on Monday.

The incident occurred late on Sunday when Kailashben Mackwana (23), who had a fight with her husband Kanusinh (23) earlier in the day, in a fit of anger, cut his genitals with a knife, they said.
...
"The patient's condition is stable. For now we have done skin grafting in the affected area. His penis has been cut, but there is no injury to the testicles," Dr Gautam Sharma of the civil hospital said.
...
The police have arrested Kailashben, who told them during interrogation that the duo had a fight over some mortgaged jewellery.

Futher investigation is on, police said.'

Australia: Daughter not guilty of cling wrap murder

Matt · 2 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman accused of smothering her father after binding him with cling wrap has been found not guilty of murder by a Sydney jury.

Daniela Beltrame, 55, had pleaded not guilty to murdering Ederino Beltrame, 70, in the early hours of April 26, 2001, at his Canley Heights home in Sydney's west.

She earlier had admitted to a charge of forging his will and on Monday was convicted of a third charge of coercing a witness - her daughter Loretta Appleyard.'

UK: IVF mothers can name ANYONE as 'father' on birth certificate

Matt · 2 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Family values were under attack again last night with the news that single women having IVF will be able to name anyone they like as their baby's father on the birth certificate.

New regulations mean that a mother could nominate another woman to be her child's 'father'.

The 'father' does not need to be genetically related to the baby, nor be in any sort of romantic relationship with the mother.

...

'Teenage pregnancy is on the increase, abortion is on the increase, family breakdown is at record levels and we have got a growing number of dysfunctional children that are the product of broken homes.

'The lesson seems to be loud and clear to me that fathers are required.'

Tory MP Ann Widdecombe said the change would destroy the 'basic nature' of a man and a woman bringing up a child together as parents.'

Philippines: DNA test confirms fraud, annulment granted

Matt · 2 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Bacolod Regional Trial Court Judge Ray Alan Drilon has annulled the marriage of a Negrense couple after a DNA test showed that the child borne by the wife was not the biological offspring of the husband who works abroad.

The family court judge ruled that the marriage of the couple, whose names are being withheld by the DAILY STAR on the request of the court, was null and void.

Due to fraud committed by the wife in getting her overseas worker husband to marry her, properties acquired during their marriage are awarded in favor of the husband, the judge said in his decision, a copy of which was furnished the DAILY STAR yesterday.'

NC mom recalled to Army duty will be discharged

Matt · 3 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'RALEIGH, N.C. – The North Carolina mother who reported for Army duty with her two young children will be discharged from the military, her attorney said Monday. Attorney Mark Waple of Fayetteville said it wasn't yet clear if Lisa Pagan would receive an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions. It also wasn't certain when she would be discharged.

The reason for the discharge will be that she doesn't have, and cannot have, an adequate family care for her two young children, he said.

"There is definitely some feeling of relief, especially since she has been led to believe that the command at Fort Benning is going to do everything to expedite this so she can return to Charlotte, North Carolina, with her children," Waple said of Pagan's reaction to the decision.

She has received no time line "except they are trying to process it as quickly as possible," he said.'

Jim Cook, the 'Father of Joint Custody,' Passes Away

Matt · 3 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Jim Cook, often called "The Father of Joint Custody," passed away last week. He is pictured above at the left along with Warren Farrell (right) and Dr. Ned Holstein (center). Time Magazine described Jim's work in 2003:

As late as 1971, the Minnesota State Bar Association's handbook advised lawyers and judges that "except in very rare cases, the father should not have custody of the minor children. He is usually unqualified psychologically and emotionally."

When James Cook, a Los Angeles real estate lobbyist, divorced in 1974 and sought shared custody of his son, "the judge thought it was preposterous," he recalls. "He told me, 'I don't have permission to do it.'"'

RADAR ALERT: Like Tall-Tales and Fairy Tales? Then You'll Love the SAFE Act!

Matt · 3 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Recently Rep. Ted Poe and Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard introduced the Security and Financial Empowerment (SAFE) Act. Normally you'd expect a bill to be based on well-accepted facts and good research. But the Findings of this bill include tall-tales at best, and fairytales at worst.

Here are some of the bill's goofiest Findings:

- FINDING: Violence against women has been reported to be the leading cause of physical injury to women."
  FACT: Family violence researcher Richard Gelles had this to say about this Finding: "Unfortunately, as good a sound bite as it is, the statement is simply not true." The Centers for Disease Control reports that in 2006 (the most recent year that data is available) all of the leading causes of injury to women were unintentional. Intentional injury to women accounted for only 1.4% of injury-related Emergency Department visits. (See chart)

- FINDING: "According to the recent study by the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year there are over 5,300,000 non-fatal violent victimizations committed by intimate partners against women."
  FACT: This Finding comes from the National Violence Against Women Survey, but conveniently ignores the fact that the survey also found 3.2 intimate partner victimizations against men. Also, the survey was done by the National Institute of Justice, not the National Institutes of Health.

- FINDING: "Domestic and sexual assault victims have been subjected to discrimination by private and State employers, including discrimination motivated by sex and stereotypic notions about women.."
  FACT: "... Motivated by sex and stereotypic notions about women" – this vague and unsupported statement resembles an ideological rant, not an objective Finding.

Rep. Ted Poe, in sponsoring the bill, is out of step with his party. Please contact two key Republican Congressional leaders, Rep. David Camp and Rep. Howard McKeon, and request they oppose H.R. 739.

Rep. David Camp
Phone: (202) 225-3561
Fax: (202) 225-9679

Rep. Howard McKeon
Phone: (202) 225-1956
Fax: (202) 226-0683

If possible, please mention RADAR's analysis (.pdf file) of the bill.

And, as always, remember to be polite.

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Australia: Dad jailed over card

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Story reported here. Excerpt:

"A MELBOURNE father of three has been jailed for sending a birthday card to his daughter.

The man ``Mick'' -- who cannot be identified for legal reasons -- was locked up in a suburban police station for seven nights and spent another in the tough Melbourne Custody Centre. He says he was surrounded by drug addicts and people charged with violent offences during his ordeal last month.

Mick claims he is a victim of a family law system that is biased against fathers. ``I was jailed for nine days and eight nights for sending my 11-year-old daughter a birthday card,'' he said. ``Apparently I broke an intervention order. It's ludicrous and it breaks your heart.''

The 51-year-old is estranged from his wife and claims she has brought a series of intervention orders against him, banning him from contact with his children, without any evidence. ``Until my wife divorced me I was a legally unimpeachable citizen -- now I'm being treated like a criminal just because I want some contact with my kids,'' Mick said yesterday. ``And that contact was ended arbitrarily without even a hearing or the presentation of evidence.''

Overt racism: Fine if you're female

Matt · 3 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'NIAGARA FALLS—Two days after a man was sentenced to probation and community service for putting up a sign as a “joke” in a public works garage that said “whites only” on a drinking fountain, city police were called to a home in the 600 block of 25th Street on Sunday to investigate another racially charged sign.

This one was clearly no joke.

No charges were filed Sunday, but police told the woman she must take down the handwritten sign on a fence on her property saying, “I rent three bedrooms [at her address to] white people Niagara Falls.”

The 53-year-old woman told police she put up the sign after someone tried to break into her house and added, “I can do what I want. I live in America,” according to a police report.

Police said they received complaints and she must take the sign down. An officer at the scene said the woman agreed to take down the sign under protest. The officer said the woman already had seven more signs she was planning to hang up.'

Man gets arrested, woman gets... told to stop. And then nothing else happens.

"Daddy Bread"

Gwyddion · 4 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Daddy Bread. Excerpt:

"He used to make it only when the snow was flying, usually on his days off from his job as a registered nurse.
...
Now that I'm a parent with my own little ones to feed, I marvel at how amazingly integral that bread was to my growing up years. No matter what else was going on in life, Daddy Bread made me feel safe and cared about. It was almost like an extension of my strong, capable and loving father himself."

"If I Thought Like A Girl"

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Hello everybody. These are the lyrics to my latest hip hop song. I figured you might like it. I was inspired to write this after having to listen to Beyonce's "If I Were A Boy" one too many times.

I want to make it clear to all the female members of the site that the girls I'm refering to in this song are actually the opportunistic women that we MRAs try to steer clear of. I am well aware that not all women are like the ones I describe in this song. I just figured there are so many songs which stereotype all guys as cheaters, it would be refreshing to encounter a song from a guy's point of view.

IF I THOUGHT LIKE A GIRL
by X-TRNL

Since I don't look like a man from a magazine
I'll never be another cog in your machine
I'll never be the guy that you place by your side
Just to cover insecurity and make you feel pride
I'll never ever be able to compete with
Your idea of a perfect guy, it doesn't exist
And I must say it is rather sexist
To judge the other gender on how much they spendin'

(Pre-chorus 1)
If I thought like a girl, it might make sense
How money's worth more to most than innocence
How giving girls bribes just to be in my life
Is the only way they would consider being my wife
The way they act like the bedroom benefits only men
And think we should have to serve them to get it again
The way some bitch about committment and think men should pay up
When all the while they're the ones ready to trade up

(Pre-chorus 2)
It's finally, occured to me
I would much rather be free
Than abide by rules that are
Based on a double standard
'Cause I'd much rather be alone
Than risk everything I own
Just to have a girl to whom to pander

(Chorus)
What do you see when you look at me?
Do you see your lover or just money?
Do you see the one with whom you wanna be,
Or just a source of forced apologies?
You don't want a partnership, just a one way street
Your favourite two letter word is 'me'
You don't wanna repay the nice stuff I do
So tell me why the f*** should I be with you?

I play no fool, I play it cool,
and I will not pander to
The very likes of you

Since I am not a man who has a trust fund
I'll never be the reason you're going plus one
To your friend's wedding, it must be so much fun
Predictin' which guy's likeliest to pay a lump sum
Yeah, damn right, you're gonna hear me askin'
Why do you treat love like a business transaction?
Why do I need cash for your love to be lasting?
Don't go maxing out my cards on useless contraptions

Pre-Chorus 1
Chorus

Since I am not a man you say is a real one
I'll never be the guy from which you're concealing
The secret that you're pregnant, 'cause you're in fear of
The dad wanting to keep the kid, when you wanna clear it
So you'll go on, and act like nothing happened
You'll get rid of the baby without even asking
The father's opinion or for his insights
It's clear that you don't give a sh** about a dad's rights

It's finally occured to me,
I would much rather be free,
Than abide by rules that are
Based on a double standard.

Chorus
Pre-Chorus 1(2x)

What do you see when you look at me?

Women Previously Charged With Castration Sentenced To Ridiculously Lenient Sentence

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Article here. I really regret to inform everybody that the infamous Rebecca Dawson, who used her fingernails to tear the scrotum of a co-worker, received an unbelievably lenient sentence for her crime. Excerpt:

'A Harnett County woman pleaded guilty Monday to assault in the castration of a man at a Christmas party two years ago.

Rebecca Dawson, 36, pleaded guilty to assault inflicting serious injury, a misdemeanor. She had been charged with malicious castration, a felony.
...
Dawson received a 75-day suspended jail sentence and was placed on 18 months of supervised probation. She was ordered not to drink alcohol while on probation, and she must complete an anger management course.'

So I guess the obvious question is if this were the case of a man tearing off part of a woman's private parts, would he get this lenient a sentence? He'd probably never see the light of day again.

Clinton intervenes in US-Brazil custody case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK – Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has intervened in an international custody dispute over an 8-year-old boy, saying Wednesday she is pushing Brazil to return him to his father in New Jersey.

The boy, whose Brazilian mother died last year, is being raised by his stepfather, a lawyer in Rio de Janeiro.
...
Goldman's wife, Bruna, took the boy on a vacation to Brazil in 2004 and never returned to the United States. She divorced him, remarried and died last year after giving birth.

Goldman has said he was denied visitation for years.

Clinton said Goldman's case is an example of a problem around the world. She said there were nearly 50 U.S. children in similar situations in Brazil who should be returned to the U.S. — and more around the world.'

Office on ‘gender’ proposed for UN

Matt · 4 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At a forum hosted by the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs in New York this week, a former top United Nations (UN) official criticized the UN’s “deplorable” record on women and the “the hypocrisy within the UN” on gender. In a presentation entitled “The United Nations and Gender: Has Anything Gone Right?,” Stephen Lewis promoted a radical overhaul of the United Nations, starting with a the creation of a new, billion dollar gender office.

Lewis, the former UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa and a former Deputy Director of UNICEF, has long been a vociferous supporter of the creation of a “fully-resourced” women’s agency. Such an agency could change the UN and end the “suffocating patriarchy” with a new “sensibility of collaboration.” Lewis continued that this, “would not only help women but rescue the UN from some of its worst behavior.”
...
In pushing for a “gender” office, Lewis joins radical feminist non-governmental organizations such as Equality Now and the Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO). Last year, WEDO commenced a formal campaign for Gender Equality Architecture Reform (GEAR), lobbying for a “stronger, consolidated, higher status women’s entity.” 275 organizations have signed onto the GEAR campaign and WEDO is slated to host two events at the UN headquarters during this year’s annual Commission on the Status of Women meeting in an attempt to rally more support for the new agency.'

Official review finds a catalogue failings by Social Workers

Matt · 5 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The father of murdered baby Aaron Gilbert has accused social services of not doing enough to save his son.

Aaron was subjected to a torrent of abuse from Andrew Lloyd, aged 23, who had moved in with Aaron's mother Rebecca Lewis after starting a relationship with her.

He pleaded guilty to murdering the 13-month-old and 21-year-old Lewis was found guilty of familial murder for allowing the abuse to continue.

Now Aaron's father Gareth Gilbert has said more should have been done to protect his son.

Sharon Hurlow, a cousin of Lewis, called social services on two occasions before Lloyd inflicted the fatal injuries to Aaron on May 5 last year.'

UK: Woman Bites Off Boyfriend's Tongue During Kiss

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Tyneside woman deliberately bit off her boyfriend's tongue during a drunken birthday kiss, a court has heard.

Tracy Davies, 40, bit a third of Mark Coghill's tongue off, Newcastle Crown Court was told.

...

They returned to Mr Coghill's home but Ms Davies grew upset because she wanted a baby but was not yet pregnant.

As Mr Coghill moved to comfort her, she asked him to kiss her, the court heard.

Julian Smith, prosecuting, said: "He did so and within a few seconds, she bit down hard on his tongue.

...

After the attack Ms Davies called an ambulance and paramedics then alerted police.

Mr Smith added: "She told police, 'We have had a domestic. I have bitten his tongue off. Here it is'."

He added that Ms Davies was surprised when police arrested her, telling officers: "You're joking".'

Teen gets probation in videotaped beating

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BARTOW, Fla. - One of five Florida teens accused of beating a cheerleader classmate in a videotape seen widely on the Internet received a year of probation.

Brittany Mayes also was ordered Thursday to pay $1,752 to the victim's family. The 18-year-old was one of five girls who pleaded guilty to battery in connection with the March 2008 attack.
...
The victim's father claimed the teens were motivated by plans to produce a video that would become popular on a video-sharing Web site. But the mother of one girl said the victim provoked the other teens by insulting them on a social networking site.'

The Times of India wants to slap men

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The sexist anti-male 'Times of India' is running a poll asking what man should be slapped. Please condemn them on their site by abusing them to your heart's contents. It's on the main page and a direct link is given.

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Ed. note: The link to the poll does not seem to be on the front page anymore. Perhaps they replaced it after getting complaints or just plain thinking better of it. Still, it looks like it had been there for some amount of time, as the link above is valid.

UK: Woman assaults gov't official, no arrest or charges pending

Matt · 6 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An anti-Heathrow protester has sloshed green custard into Business Secretary Lord Mandelson's face as he arrived at the Government's low carbon economy summit.

Leila Deen, an activist from campaign group Plane Stupid, covered the politician's face in pea-green goo as he got out of his ministerial car.

...

A Scotland Yard spokesman said no complaint had been received on the matter.'

Author Equates Domestic Violence With Torture While Ignoring Male Victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Taking this step asserts that domestic violence ranks with the gravest human rights violations and that violence in intimate relationships is no less heinous and damaging than violence in official prisons and interrogation “booths.” The tortures authorized by U.S. officials against male detainees in Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib, including methods of sexualized humiliation and fear-induction, bear strong resemblance to what is tolerated as “domestic” violence.
...
While women are not the only victims of domestic violence, we are overwhelmingly so. Because of its disproportionate effect on women, domestic violence is also viewed as a brutal form of discrimination against women. It is notable that, despite the international recognition of gender violence as a grave violation of human rights principles, U.S. constitutional law does not accept domestic violence as either a civil or human rights violation.
...
Likewise, the state perpetuates violence and torture when the state takes away the victim’s children, arrests her on the perpetrator’s say-so or when the judicial machinery is so riddled with sexism or racism that domestic violence victims are reluctant to use it. The result is to discourage recourse to the state, notes Natalie Sokoloff.'

View Point: Stop Avoiding the Issue of Failing Boys

anthony · 6 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Interestingly, however, there's something all these groups studiously avoid talking about. These U.S. education numbers look bad primarily because the schools are failing boys. For the most part, those awful high school graduation numbers are driven by boys, not girls (32 percent of boys drop out, compared to 25 percent of girls). And the lackluster college graduation rates are due primarily to men floundering in college (men earn about 42 percent of four-year degrees). Given that men are far more likely to major in math and science – a special worry for the technical industries -- the chamber should be particularly concerned about men falling behind.

But the gender angle never gets mentioned. Popular, well-thought-out solutions, which include strengthening the high school curriculum, building better after-school programs and making college more affordable, skirt the obvious solution of reaching out to failing boys specifically. As for MDRC's 15-point plan – gender didn't get a mention.'

Canada: Feminist activist targets male-dominated government, ice rinks

anthony · 6 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The feminist planner, researcher and activist, who is a founding member of Toronto Women's City Alliance and the author of a recent UN-HABITAT publication on gender and local government, will speak at the city's International Women's Day Celebration in council chambers March 9.

Khosla, who works internationally and lives between Toronto and Vancouver, says administrators in charge of Toronto's skating arenas allotted ice time for hockey players based on who had held slots in the past.
...
Decisions about infrastructure, sports and recreation, public transit, public toilets and neighbourhood design would better suit women, seniors and multicultural groups if they were considered through a gender lens, Khosla says, who cited the example of better lighting around bus stops.'

Philippines: "What (police) men can do, women can do better"

anthony · 6 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'MANILA, Philippines—For a woman chief of police like Superintendent Lailene Amparo, duking it out in a man's world like the national police force is not as hard as it seems.

In fact, she said, what policemen can do, policewomen can do better.
...
"Eventually they got used to having a woman police chief," Amparo said in an interview after the weekly media forum at Camp Crame on Friday.
...
Amparo's advice to other women who want to venture into the man's world: "If men can do it, women can do it too. Sometimes even better."

UK woman readily admits she tricked three men into having children

Saira · 6 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"As a 31-year-old woman, she might be expected to have developed a more mature attitude to pregnancy and childbearing. The reality is anything but. Because Angelica, who claims to be 'addicted to having babies', readily admits to tricking three hapless men in succession into fathering half her brood of illegitimate daughters.

A former model, she now lives in a luxurious house in Hertfordshire with her lawyer partner. And so thrilled is she by her family so far that she is planning to expand it even further, this time by IVF so that she can select a male embryo.
...
Defiantly, she says: 'I'll tell them I wanted a baby, but that I didn't tell their fathers I was trying to get pregnant. When they realise that I was prepared to lie to conceive them, they'll know they were really wanted and much-loved babies.'"

Clerk was wrong to claim sexism in setting pay

anthony · 6 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hartland Township Clerk Ann Ulrich played the "sexist" card at a meeting of the Hartland Township Board of Trustees last month, complaining that a male maintenance worker was hired in at a higher rate than a female worker doing the same job.

After the board approved hiring Dennis Goodwin for $12 an hour and Virginia Toor for $11.50 an hour, Ulrich said, "The explanation does just not warrant it. This looks sexist."
...
The explanation Township Manager James Wickman gave Ulrich and the board was that Goodwin had more experience and better qualifications than Or; therefore, according to township hiring policies, he should get a better offer. Also, Goodwin is intended to be the primary maintenance worker, while Or is considered a substitute in the event Goodwin is unable to come to work. According to resumes submitted to the township, Goodwin lists some 32 years of maintenance experience while Or has 12 years in the field.'

Teachers charged with 'having sex with student'

Matt · 7 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two Bountiful Junior High School teachers are accused of sexually assaulting the same 13-year-old student, after their separate relationships with him spiraled from personal conversations to the exchange of sexual text messages and phone sex, authorities said.

On Friday, the Davis County Attorney's Office filed first-degree felony charges of rape and sodomy on a child against Linda R. Nef, 46, and Valynne Bowers, 39.

Nef, a Utah studies teacher and cheerleading adviser, and Bowers, who teaches math, each confessed to having sex with the student, said Bountiful Police Lt. Randy Pickett. Until recently, the two teachers did not know about each other's relationship with the same boy, Pickett said.'

NYTimes: Opinion column ignores DV facts

Matt · 7 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'Conversation should start young because abusive relationships can, she warns. Dating violence is shockingly common among teenagers. According to the Family Violence and Prevention Fund: One in five female high school students reports being physically and or sexually abused by a date...'

Among other things she cites one-sided stats on dating violence.

You can post a reply and can send a letter to letters-at-nytimes.com

Some stats on dating violence and DV:

A recent 32-nation study on dating violence by the University of New Hampshire found women are as violent and controlling as men in relationships worldwide.

In 2006, the University of Florida recently reported that women are more likely than men to “stalk, attack and abuse” their partners.

In 2007, the University of Washington found that “nearly twice as many women as men said they perpetrated domestic violence in the past year including kicking, biting or punching their partner, threatening to hit or throw something at their partner, and pushing, grabbing or shoving their partner.”

The American Psychiatric Association and Harvard Medical School announced a major national study of young adult heterosexuals and found half of the domestic violence was reciprocal and women initiated most of both the reciprocal and non-reciprocal violence. (Refs here and here)

Men report it less than women, which makes crime data Lisa unreliable. But empircal research consistently shows women are at least as violent as men in heterosexual relationships. California State University Professor Martin Fiebert summarizes over 200 of these studies online.

This Canadian government report (.pdf file) on abused men recognizes the same data.

Also see: Dutton, D., & Corvo, K., Transforming a flawed policy: A call to revive psychology and science in domestic violence research and practice (.pdf file) (11) 2006, 457-483.

Saudi Arabia: Violence Against Men

Anonymous · 9 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A not so well-known fact is that there are thousands of men who suffer from physical or verbal abuse from their wives, but they have to keep their suffering private, because of the social stigma attached to reporting it.

“If you mention the issue of ‘battered men’ in the East, the first reaction is usually laughter, followed by scorn. Women are now more aware of their rights through the media and Internet. They get frustrated when deprived of their rights and this causes an enormous latent aggression which drives them to verbal and physical abuse to give vent to their feelings,” said Professor Chamman Rahim, a lecturer of Social Sciences in Dar-Al-Hikmah College at Jeddah.

...

She always starts beating me without any provocation. One Friday night I was playing cards with my friends and she came over and pushed me off the chair and told my friends to leave home,” he said. He said that when they argue, his wife throws things at him accompanied by verbal abuse, and at one point even threw a phone at him which cut his forehead and left a scar.

“I’ve never hit her back, because I am not that type of person and I do not want to leave her because of the children,” he said.'

It's encouraging to see that men from all parts of the world are now speaking up.

"Mothers Who Kill Their Children" tracks the cases

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Part of DaddyBlog, a running list of mothers who kill their children: Mothers Who Kill Their Children by Microwaving, Stabbing, Drowning, etc.

Woman assaulted ex-boyfriend who asked for ring back, say police

Michael · 9 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PORTSMOUTH — When Britta Osberg's ex-boyfriend asked her to return a ring, she punched him in the face twice, leaving the ring's imprint on his cheek, police allege.

Based on those allegations, Osberg, 19, of 110 Perkins Road, Rye, is scheduled to be arraigned in Portsmouth District Court Monday on two class A misdemeanor counts of simple assault.
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According to an affidavit by Officer Eric Kinsman, the alleged victim told police he went to a city gas station to retrieve the ring from Osberg, she refused to return it and they began to argue. During the argument, Osberg is alleged to have twice punched her ex in the face.'

On Chris Brown's and Rihanna's Abuse, other news

Matt · 9 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'And another member of the “nurturing, compassionate, never-violent” sex defies the ideological feminist stereotype (while an unconstitutional Violence Against Women Act was passed in the U.S. to protect her!):

“Pop star Rihanna hit boyfriend Chris Brown, slapping him 'numerous times' before he allegedly beat her and left her with serious facial injuries, according to reports. ...Rihanna was the first one to lash out at Brown — after seeing a text message from another woman — and continued to fight him as he punched her....”

How many times have you seen women slap men in movies, sitcoms, and even commercials? In real life, when a woman slaps a man, does she believe she, like the fictionalized women who slap men, will experience no blow-back from the man, that he will just stand there and take it? What does a real-life woman do when she herself is slapped numerous times? Stand there and take it? No, she will likely lose her temper and retaliate. While I condemn both of them for their violence, I realize it takes considerable will power and self-restraint to keeping from losing one's temper when one is being slapped repeatedly, especially when, as Brown was doing, driving one's vehicle and putting lives in danger in a potential accident.'

Pro football player stabbed in head and neck by girlfriend

Matt · 10 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Authorities say the girlfriend of Tampa Bay Buccaneers linebacker Geno Hayes stabbed him in the head and in the neck.

A Hillsborough County Sheriff's spokeswoman says Hayes was taken to a hospital by a friend Saturday. The 21-year-old former Florida State player was treated and later released.

Deputies arrested 19-year-old Shevelle Bagley on Saturday afternoon. The sheriff's spokeswoman says Hayes and Bagley got into an argument, which led to Bagley grabbing a pair of scissors and stabbing Hayes in the head. He managed to get the scissors away from her, but authorities say she then grabbed a knife and stabbed him in the neck.

Bagley was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Jail records show she was released Sunday on $25,000 bail.'

UK: Tougher powers to target abusers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A consultation to tackle violence against women in England and Wales has been announced by ministers.

It will consider applying more powers against those convicted of domestic violence, and better ways to pass information between police forces.

Ministers are also considering giving police the right to ban offenders from the family home for a fortnight.
...
Ms Smith has called for a national debate on the issue and has asked police to report back on the powers they need to get a grip on the problem.

She said the consultation may also consider sharing information on those convicted with women going into relationships.
...
Home Secretary Jacqui Smith told the BBC: "Any violence against women, inside the home, or outside the home, is unacceptable.
...
The latest Home Office figures for 2007/8 show 2.2% of women of any age said their partner used minor or severe force against them over the last year. The figure for men was slightly lower at 2.0%.'

UK: Violent partners on register

anthony · 10 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A VICTIM of domestic abuse has welcomed proposals that would give police powers to warn women if new partners have violent histories.

Abusive partners could be placed on a register and monitored by police if a new Government plan gets the go-ahead.

...

“At least we would know about it. I think we should name and shame them.”

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith has asked Wiltshire Police chief constable Brian Moore to consider what powers police need to crack down on wife beaters.'

Wife booked with murder for hire

anthony · 10 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A marriage gone cold and a lust for money led to a murder-for-hire plot that left a well-respected Folsom area paramedic dead, and his wife and an accomplice behind bars, authorities said Monday.

The plot, apparently in the works for months, culminated in the strangling of Mario Scramuzza Jr., 48, Friday night. St. Tammany Parish sheriff's deputies began to investigate the case Saturday morning. By Monday, the victim's wife, Gina Scramuzza, 41, and Carlos A. Rodriguez, 38, of Kenner were booked with first-degree murder.
...
The plot unraveled almost immediately, when deputies noticed inconsistencies in Gina Scramuzza's story and demeanor, Detective Sgt. George Cox said.

"She didn't act like a grieving widow," he said. During a weekend interrogation, she confessed to the killing and fingered Rodriguez as her accomplice, he said.'

UK: All work and no play is bad for boys

anthony · 10 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An “unashamed feminist”, Tyre was brought up to worry about the achievement of girls. She was astonished to discover that it is now boys who are falling behind. “Evidence of this trend is everywhere,” she says. “People think there's something wrong with boys, but I'd say that's not necessarily true: it's what we expect of them instead.

“When you talk to boys about school, they say it's girly, that it's lots of ladies talking,” says Tyre. She argues that boys are badly served from pre-school onwards. They are not allowed to run around and not taught by enough male teachers. There has also been an educational shift away from play towards learning and targets at an earlier age.

She is convinced that reading and writing skills are the key to life and educational achievements, but says that boys are falling way behind in these skills. This is partly because they start to read later than girls, and never recover from that earlier deficit. But it is also, Tyre argues, because boys are given the wrong books to read.'

Kill my ex: Woman's murder list for her lover

anthony · 10 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN pleaded guilty to murder yesterday as court documents revealed she gave her lover written instructions on how to kill her ex-boyfriend and dispose of his body.

"Wipe him out of existence, go somewhere two hours out, burn his body," one note read.

The Herald can reveal for the first time the events leading to the death of David Harrison, 23, who was stabbed to death in the garage of a rented Muswellbrook house in 2007.

The Victorian man's body was discovered in July 2007 in a shallow grave at Greta, bearing 35 injuries, mainly stab wounds.'

Women's shelter has kennels for pets

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LAKE CHARLES, LA (KPLC) - A local state district judge is believed to be the first in the state to utilize a new provision in the law that allows a protective order for an abused woman to be extended to the family pets. The new legal tool is expected to save not just pets but human lives too.

For many pets are truly members of the family. Statistics show women who are victims of abuse sometimes stay in abusive situations rather than leave beloved pets. But a change in the law allows orders to protect women to now include their pets.
...
The women's shelter has kennels for pets of women who seek protection there. They hope other attorneys and judges will also utilize the change in the law to protect abuse victims and their pets. Says Zilbert, "Lives will be saved both four legged and human because of the fact that protection of the pets is no longer a reason for a woman who's being abused to stay with the abuser."'

PEO grants women-only educational assistance

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'On Saturday, in the Kaplan Auditorium of the Henderson County Main Library, there was a fellowship of women. The Philanthropic Education Organization hosted an education fair to introduce women of all ages to the various loans, scholarships and grants the organization offers for women trying to go to school.

“We have the heart and the means to help women achieve their educational goals,” said Pauline Wickens, organizer with the state’s chapter of PEO. “What we don’t always have is visibility or accessibility to those who could benefit from our services.”'

UK: Recruiting black and women-only firefighters 'wrong' - minister

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fire Minister Sadiq Khan has ruled out a ban on white men at brigade recruitment days despite new local diversity targets being drawn up.

On a visit to Bristol he insisted that while it was vital to boost the number of female and ethnic minorities firefighters he fears the tactic employed last year by the Avon service could fuel resentment.

Officials barred white men from four of the five recruitment days held locally sparking outrage.

But Mr Khan told the Bristol Post: "The best people for the jobs should get the jobs. I don't want a situation where people are resentful.'

Obama Creates White House Women's Council

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Obama will sign an executive order tomorrow to establish a White House Council on Women and Girls, according to an administration official familiar with the move.

The Council will be chaired by Valerie Jarrett, a senior adviser and personal friend to the president, and the day-to-day operations will be run Tina Tchen, who is currently director of the White House Office of Public Liaison and was a major fundraiser for Obama during the campaign.

"The mission of the Council will be to provide a coordinated federal response to the challenges confronted by women and girls to ensure that all Cabinet and Cabinet-level agencies consider how their policies and programs impact women and families," reads a memo describing the move and obtained by The Fix.'

Obama and his team know that if he can maintain his 2008 margin among women in his reelection race in three years time, he will be sitting pretty. Expect then more symbolic moves like the establishment of the Council to demonstrate Obama's commitment to women and women's issues.

Australia: Woman 'killed man who complained about dog'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A SYDNEY woman stabbed a man to death after he complained about her barking dog, telling him "not to speak to her dog like that", the NSW Supreme Court has been told.

Joseph Durrant, 47, was stabbed from behind after becoming involved in a late night argument about his neighbour's barking dog in Phyllis Street, Mt Pritchard, in Sydney's west.

...

Durrant then became involved in a physical struggle with Ms Whitmore, her brother Frederick Reyon Whitmore and her partner Steven Spiro Sotiropoulos, and was fatally stabbed.

Mr Whitmore and Mr Sotiropoulos are facing a joint trial in the NSW Supreme Court at which they have pleaded not guilty to his murder.

...

In his opening address today, crown prosecutor Chris Maxwell QC told the jury that Ms Whitmore had threatened to stab Durrant moments before the attack and had been seen brandishing a knife by Adam Duncan, who was attending a party next door.

"He will say that he heard Katrina saying, 'I'll stab you in the neck, personally'," Mr Maxwell told the court.'

California Club in Former Women-Only Club Space Closes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SANTA ROSA, CA -- Body Zone Fitness, which took over the space formerly occupied by Body Central, closed its doors last week, according to the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. Body Central was the women-only club that closed a few months after a judge ruled in a lawsuit that it must admit men as members.
...
In 2003, a Santa Rosa man, Phillip Kottle, filed a complaint that he was denied a membership to Body Central because of his gender. The California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) said that Body Central violated California's civil rights law barring businesses from discriminating based on sex, race or religion.

The Body Central owner at the time, Shannon Hartnett, signed a settlement agreement with the DFEH in October 2004 that required her to open the club to men. She agreed to provide at least one hour of anti-discrimination training to the club's staff and agreed to get rid of all advertising that portrayed Body Central as a women-only club. Hartnett also agreed to pay Kottle $500, and the club was required to provide separate shower and locker facilities for men within two years.'

Canada: More women doctors needed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'OTTAWA -- Increasing the number of women doctors might be the right prescription for a healthier population, two Canadian researchers argue in the prestigious Journal of the American Medical Association.

Taking direct aim at doctors and data suggesting women physicians don't work as hard as men, Queen's University family medicine specialist Dr. Susan Phillips and undergrad Emily Austin conclude not only do females pull their weight, "the feminization of medicine is good for health outcomes."

...

On average, women doctors do work fewer hours than men. Canada's 2007 National Physician Survey found that among all physician specialties, men put in an average 53.8 hours a week whereas women worked 47.5 hours.

Still, medical schools over the past decade have consistently welcomed more women than men. Women accounted for 57.4% of students accepted in 2007-08.

...

The way women practise strengthens this system, the authors say. Female physicians tend to spend longer with each patient, communicate better and put more stress on preventive care such as mammograms, immunizations and screening for chronic disease.

On average, women doctors do work fewer hours than men but most go into family practice, as opposed to surgery, when men dominate.'

Australia: New project to help men prevent disease launched

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A NEW project has been launched to cut the death rate in men from preventable illnesses.

Steve Trumble of the The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners said: "With lung cancer for every 100 women who die, 174 men will die.

"It is similar with emphysema and asthma.

"With suicides, 78 per cent of deaths are men and 75 per cent of transport accidents deaths are men rather than women," Associate Professor Trumble said.

"Cirrhosis of the liver, alcohol-related illnesses and skin cancers are more common in men.'

Teachers in sex scandal to undergo evaluations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BOUNTIFUL — Two teachers charged with rape in a junior high school sex scandal will be undergoing mental health evaluations, their attorneys told the Deseret News.

Both women are accused of having a sexual relationship with the same boy, beginning when he was 13.

"We want to get all the information," said Sean Druyon, the lawyer for Linda Neff. "When you look at this at first blush, here's a 40-something-year-old woman, here's a 13-year-old, almost 14-year-old boy, 'What was she thinking? She must be a pedophile.' That's not always the case."
...
"I think there's some psychological issues," he said Tuesday. "The kid is clearly a victim, but I think these ladies were somewhat vulnerable."'

UK: Male suicide tops mental health bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tackling the staggeringly high level of suicides among young men was top of the agenda at a conference on men's mental health in Calcot yesterday.

Suicide is one of the biggest killers of young men, who are four times more likely to commit suicide than young women, and every minute there are two deaths by suicide in Britain.

In the past six years, 6,729 men aged between 15 and 34 have killed themselves in the UK.

Key speakers stressed the importance of raising awareness of the signs of depression in young men and highlighted a training programme for therapists at the Charlie Waller Institute at The University of Reading, which aims to help reduce the numbers of young men taking their own lives.'

THE MO'KELLY REPORT: The 'Other' Side of Domestic Violence Coin

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yes, violence against men is the “other side,” the less talked about side and often the more controversial side of domestic violence. The prevailing question is “At what point is a man ‘allowed’ to use force in the defense of himself?” Let this story be a perfect example of how to handle oneself.

The boyfriend was cut in the cheek but nowhere in any published report has Mo’Kelly found any mention of him striking her back.

Good for him. No…GREAT for him.

This is another teachable moment my African-American brothers. Really take a closer look here.

For his trouble and good sense…she’s the one in jail, not him. He is enjoying his freedom and she will languish in jail until their court date, whenever that may finally be. If he hits her (self-defense or not), they both are likely arrested and it then devolves into a situation of her word against his, her injuries versus his.

Do understand, from what we know about this case, it seems the boyfriend would have been well within his “right” to inflict bodily harm on the woman. When a person is charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, defending oneself is probably in order. Not only that, judging by the lack of wounds in the above mugshot, Ngeskebei was the likely aggressor.

To bring this full circle once again…the boyfriend likely could have also responded with violence, a weapon of some sort and the only result is both parties are arrested and someone possibly ends up dead.

It’s likely that the boyfriend along with an injured face has an injured ego. Any woman who hits a man is out to emasculate as well as injure. Ending up in The Mo’Kelly Report because your woman tried to kill you is not a boost to a man’s ego, you can best believe.'

L.A. County Jail Overcrowding: Women serve just 10% of their sentence while men serve 70%

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Roughly 32,000 women pass through the women's jail system annually at the Century Regional Detention Facility in Lynwood, Bobb reported. It is a modern 1990s jail facility with cells built around a small central area that houses about 2,200 inmates daily.

...

Because of jail overcrowding, most women serve just 10% of their sentences -- compared to slightly less than 70% for men. Overcrowding has forced the department to immediately release "any inmate whose sentence is less than 180 days," Bobb wrote.'

Binghamton University paper: Share some responsibility, women need condoms too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine that a woman gets up in front of a group of other women and says that women don't need men, men are stupid, men are useless and women don't need men because women are better than that. That's OK, she would be on "The View," "Oprah" and everything in between. She would be a star. Now imagine the same scenario only it's a man doing the talking and saying the same things — men don't need women, men are smarter, better, blah blah blah. What would be the reaction? He wouldn't be on "The View" anytime soon, that's for sure. But the outrage would definitely be memorable. Women are allowed to call themselves better than men and they are considered strong and confident, but a man says he is better than a woman and he's a pig.'

'Real Housewife' Charged with Assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'One of the stars of reality TV show "The Real Housewives of New York" has been arrested after allegedly assaulting her boyfriend.

Kelly Killoren Bensimon, 40, one of six housewives featured in the hit series, was arrested last week and charged with misdemeanor assault after her lover Nicholas Stefanov accused her of punching him during an altercation on Tuesday.

...

Stefanov says in a statement to the New York Daily News, "What are you supposed to do when a girl is hitting you, just sit there like a punching bag? If I had hit her, I'd be sitting in a jail cell right now."'

Queens woman's playground rape horror a hoax, police say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A waitress trying to cover up an affair fabricated a story about getting raped in a deserted Queens playground Wednesday, police said.

The 32-year-old woman told cops she finished her shift at an East Elmhurst diner just after 4 a.m., and was followed by two men near 98th St. and 25th Ave.

They hit her over the head, dragged her to a playground adjacent to Public School 27 and sexually assaulted her, she claimed.

But detectives, who combed the playground and checked surveillance tapes, uncovered holes in the alleged victim's time line and determined that her story was false.

A source said the married woman was drunk when she left her workplace - which was actually a strip joint - and came home disheveled.

Confronted by her husband, she came up with the rape tale.

In reality, the source said, she was having an affair with an ex-flame she met while bartending.'

UK: False rape claim - woman jailed

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Story here.

'A WOMAN who falsely claimed to have been raped has been jailed.

Lauren Chaffey, aged 21, of Huddersfield Road, Newhey, admitted perverting the course of justice when she appeared at Bolton Crown Court.

Today (Wednesday) she was sentenced to five months in prison.

Chaffey claimed to have been out with friends in March last year when she was introduced to a man who later raped her.

As a result an innocent man spent almost 24 hours in custody while police investigated the allegation.'

Alaska mother implicated in infant's disappearance

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A woman who reported her baby missing is accused of orchestrating the disappearance, which triggered Alaska's first fully initiated Amber Alert.

Elisa LaCroix, 20, is charged with making a false abduction report. In January, she was charged with falsely accusing an ex-boyfriend of raping her close to her due date.

LaCroix was out on bail on the earlier case when she was arrested Sunday after 3-week-old Ethan LaCroix was found unharmed at Fort Richardson in the custody of Amelia Cameron.
...
"This was an act of desperation by a mother who knows she's already in trouble," Butler said. "She's young and under lots of pressure right now and, quite frankly, made some mental errors in judgment. This was not a malicious act."
...
In that case, LaCroix accused Rothacher of beating her and raping her at knifepoint, then "staging the scene," according to Parker. Rothacher — also a Fort Richardson soldier heading to Afghanistan — was arrested on suspicion of domestic violence sexual assault, but was ultimately exonerated by the police investigation.'

Bristol rape accused: False claim made my life hell

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A recovering addict from Bristol was driven back to drink and drugs after being accused of a rape he did not commit.

Robert Bosley said he struggled to cope with the stigma of being a suspected sex offender.

As previously reported by the Bristol Post, the 38-year-old's former partner Mandy Whittle, falsely accused him of rape for reasons known only to her.

She later admitted making it up and last week was jailed for eight months for perverting the course of justice.
...
Meanwhile Mr Bosley was arrested, put in a cell under constant watch, and subjected to a physical examination by a woman police doctor, having been refused a male nurse, which he said made him feel "violated".
...
"Crying rape is just an evil thing to do. To me it's just as bad as doing it."'

Two Women Charged With Falsely Reporting Rape on East End

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After finding money missing from her wallet, a Shirley woman accused a man of rape and her friend from Mastic who was with her corroborated the allegedly false accusation, an investigation revealed on Friday, Feb. 20, Southampton Town Police say.

Caitlin Bolte, 23, called in the rape from outside the Speonk home where she was visiting friends and upon the officers' arrival, she was found sitting in a car parked out front with Kelly Kling, 22. Bolte told investigators that one of the men in the house took her to his bedroom, raped and sexually assaulted her and she then identified the man she accused, according to Southampton detectives. Kling told investigators the same account and Bolte was evaluated at Peconic Bay Medical Center, authorities add.'

False rape accuser gets 45 days for not following probation order

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 19-year-old woman recently placed on probation for misleading Owen Sound police into investigating her bogus rape allegations was sentenced to 45 days in jail for twice failing to comply with her probation order.

April Ibbotson, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty Thursday in the Ontario Court of Justice to failing to report to her probation officer between Jan. 8 and Jan. 23, then to breaching the order again Jan. 15 to Jan. 23 by living somewhere without first obtaining approval from her probation officer.

Ibbotson also spent 14 days in presentence custody.

In January she pleaded guilty to mischief by making false allegations that she'd twice been raped by a black man. She also pleaded guilty to failing to attend court.

A few weeks after her false accusations, a black man was beaten and stabbed downtown after being falsely accused of rape hours earlier.

The Crown attorney said at Ibbotson original sentencing Jan. 8 that he wasn't blaming Ibbotson for anyone getting hurt. Instead, he blamed "the rumour mill in downtown Owen Sound." She also spent 58 days in pre-plea custody on those charges.'

Obama's first cover-up: the gender wage gap myth

Matt · 12 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It was House Speaker Nancy Pelosi who engineered the recent passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Act. And just a few weeks ago Rep. George Miller of California made the red-meat assertion that women earn "78 cents for every dollar that is earned by a man doing the same job with the same responsibilities."

Democrats call it as the "gender wage gap," but I prefer to think of it as the "scare-the-female-electorate-into-submission" ploy.
...
In its foreword, the Department of Labor concluded, "this study leads to the unambiguous conclusion that the differences in compensation of men and women are the result of a multitude of factors." The DoL added this parting comment: "the raw wage gap continues to be used in misleading ways to advance public policy agendas:"
...
The report was finalized on January 12, 2009 and then posted on the Department of Labor website. But within a few days the document disappeared without a trace.'

Obama signs exective order creating Council on Women and Girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A little while ago the President signed an Executive Order to ensure there is always an eye kept on how every government agency is addressing the challenges confronted by women of all ages. The White House Council on Women and Girls will be chaired by Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett, with Director of Public Liaison Tina Tchen serving as Executive Director, and will made up of Cabinet Secretaries and other top White House staff. It will begin its work immediately by asking each agency to analyze their current status and ensure that they are focused internally and externally on women.'

N.O.W. couldn't be happier. Their press release is here.

"Shooter deliberately targeted women" - or did he?

Matt · 12 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Smiling happily for the camera, these are three of the teenage girls shot dead by a crazed gunman at a German school.
...
Authorities believe he deliberately targeted women as 11 of his 16 victims were female.
...
All three teachers were women and eight of the children were girls. More than a dozen other teachers and pupils were injured.'

I commented to the article as follows. Doubt it'll get published, but here it is:

'Before a claim that he was targeting females over males can be made, you have to ask yourself what the male:female ratio of students is in the school. Here in the US our last couple of birth cohorts have been markedly female. As many as 70% of our college students are female. In some counties especially in northern states in the US, the M:F ratio is 1:3 in high schools. So jumping to conclusions about the shooter's gender-based murder preferences here is a bad idea.

Food for thought: if most of his victims were male, would anyone be talking about that? If the shooter were female and most victims male, would anyone suggest she specifically targeted boys?'

Doubtless some casual visitors to MANN will interpret my posting as a defense of the boy's behavior. Nothing could be further from the truth. What I am criticizing is the authorities/press' tendency to jump to these kinds of conclusions without a discussion of the facts that may or may not support the claim. As for the shooter, well, he was a little monster and he earned his death at the hands of the police.

Oh yeah, notice there are no pictures of the male victims of the shooter anywhere in these stories? Guess they're not as important as the female victims.

Robert Bly events at the University of Minnesota

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Via email:

Dear MensActivism,

It is with great pleasure that I announce two exciting events sponsored by the University of Minnesota Libraries.

First, there is an exhibit showcasing materials from the Robert Bly Papers held by the University of Minnesota. The exhibit is running now through May 9, 2009. You may view this dynamic exhibit at the Elmer L. Andersen Library on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota. For directions and more information on the exhibit, please go to: http://blog.lib.umn.edu/lib-web/events/2009/01/the_pen_still_moves_freely_rob_1.html.

In addition, there will be a creative and artistic conference entitled Robert Bly In This World which will be held April 16-19, 2009 on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota, as well. Here a link to that website: http://staff.lib.umn.edu/communications/bly2009/. Complete registration information is included on the site. There are also links to print out promotional flyers for circulation to spread the word about this exciting event.

We hope you will be able to take advantage of these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to celebrate Robert Bly's life and career, while also experiencing Robert's and others' performances of his poetry. Please let me know if you would like more information; and if you have any questions on either of these offerings, feel free to contact me. We look forward to seeing you here!

Best regards,

Archivist for the Robert Bly Papers

Mayor Bloomberg Launches the New York City Commission On Women's Issues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mayor Bloomberg Launches the New York City Women's Resource Network as Part of Women's History Month Celebration!

On Thursday, March 5, 2009, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg announced the launch of the NYC Women's Resource Network, a free, online, searchable database of over one thousand nonprofit organizations and government agencies that provide a variety of services to women and families in New York City.'

Obama’s New ‘Council on Women’ Seen As Vehicle to Promote Feminist Agenda

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama on Wednesday created a new bureaucracy to deal with women’s health, domestic violence and economic security. But some conservatives fear the new council will actively promote the feminist agenda in the government.

...

“It’s a political payback for feminists,” Crouse told CNSNews.com. “There is no question what is coming down the pike. Women voted for him, 56 percent to 44 percent.”

...

According to the White House, the council will work directly with the departments of State, Treasury, Defense, Justice, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, Energy, Education, Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security, the ambassador to the United Nations, the Office of Management and Budget, the Council of Economic Advisors, the National Economic Council, and the Domestic Policy Council.'

"We are now what I like to call 'a woman's nation.'"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama invoked his grandmother, his single mother and his two young daughters on Wednesday in creating a White House panel to advise him on issues facing women and girls.
...
Obama cited statistic to back up his case: Women earn just 78 cents for every dollar men make; 1 in 4 women still experiences domestic violence; women are 49 percent of the work force but only 3 percent of Fortune 500 chiefs.
...
Advocates praised the new panel. The National Women's Law Center applauded the move but added that more needed to be done. California first lady Maria Shriver, who is working with the Center for American Progress on a report on women's issues, said the move was a reminder that "we are now what I like to call 'a woman's nation."'

Insemination fight ends in wife's arrest

Matt · 13 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Bizarre. Wonder where this fits into "The Duluth Model". It's probably all the brother's fault. Anyway, story here. Excerpt:

'PITTSFIELD — A woman who allegedly intended to artificially inseminate her wife with her brother's semen has been charged with domestic assault and battery.
...
Jennifer A. Lighten, 33, told police that Stephanie Lighten, her wife, was "all liquored up" when she returned to their Lincoln Street apartment, where the defendant then allegedly tried to use a syringe to inseminate her, according to a police report.

According to a report by Pittsfield Police Officer Kipp D. Steinman: "Jennifer said that Stephanie had a 'turkey baster and her brother's semen in a sealed container.' Jennifer said she told Stephanie that she didn't want to get pregnant." The device was actually a large syringe with a catheter tip, police said, and it was still in its original package when officers confiscated the item.

That's allegedly when Stephanie threw Jennifer on the couch, grabbed at her clothes and threatened to impregnate her, police said.
...
Detective Thomas H. Harrington said Jennifer Lighten declined "to go forward with charges of assault with intent to rape" because she did not believe "Stephanie was going to sexually assault her with the syringe." However, Harrington informed the alleged victim that attempted rape charges could be filed if she changes her mind.'

World Net Daily: 'Barack against the boys'

anthony · 13 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Barack, however, has it backward: It is boys, not girls, who lag behind – and have for decades.

The 1972 federal law Title IX saw billions funneled into sex-based affirmative action programs. Schools – primary, secondary, tertiary – were feminized and boys demonized. The very system Obama has just reinvigorated has already instituted what Dr. Bruce Perry, a Houston neurologist, calls a "biologically disrespectful model of education." Disrespectful to boys. "Girl behavior [has] become the gold standard," seconds psychologist Michael Thompson, Ph.D., coauthor of "Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys": "Boys are treated like defective girls.

And when the defective "suffer" bouts of boyness – competitiveness, aggression, hyperactivity – they are punished, or medicated.'

Pilot project aims to let boys be boys – and excel

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Story here. Excerpt:

'St. Thomas School in Waterdown wants to get its boys excited about reading. By doing so, school and Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board officials hope they can boost the primary boys' literacy scores and assist in closing the 20 per cent reading gap identified between genders.

But while the test scores ranked above the board and provincial averages, broken down, the results indicate a reading gap between the school's boys and girls. "All my girls are at an A level in reading and most of my boys are at a B level," explained principal Michael Goffredo. "They are doing well, but there is a gap, a 20 per cent gap."
...

"We decided that we have to change the way we teach," said Goffredo. Implementing two strategies in each Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 classroom, teachers have restructured their lessons to target boys and further engage them.

Boys, explained Goffredo, tend to appreciate shorter lessons. "Boys like bite-size, digestible and time-limited activities," he said. At St. Thomas, 40-minute lessons have been broken down to allow for brisk, well-paced lessons.'

Behind that familiar face, the crisis of men and boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'By coincidence, on the same day this week's shootings occurred, President Obama signed an executive order creating the White House Council on Women and Girls to ensure they are "treated fairly all matters of public policy." There are still many reasons why special care should be taken to ensure that women aren't discriminated against in the workplace, that domestic violence is treated as a serious problem and that girls get the same educational opportunies as boys.

'But this is not our only gender-specific problem. Sometime this year, for the first time in history, the number of American women drawing a paycheck will exceed that of men. This doesn't mean that women suddenly are doing a lot better. It means that men are being disproportionally affected by the economic downturn and are doing a lot worse.

Whether the current economy bothered McClendon at all is uncertain; he seems to have quit a couple of jobs by choice. Like most of his brethren, however, there's a familiar dead-end quality to the outlines of his story.

Even more so in hard times than the boom years, we urgently need to understand the psyches behind these easy-to-forget faces. We need to figure out how young men like these can gain a sense of self-worth, the lack of which becomes so abundantly obvious only after it has taken its toll. Maybe we need a White House Council on Men and Boys.'

Sharma Howard: Lack of positive male role models is very disturbing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ninety-five percent of crimes are committed by men, that's a fact every man has to confront — that violence is mainly male, but at the same time, 95 percent of men aren't violent. So, yes, men commit violence, but it's a small percent, your son has to know both those things," Thompson said to me.

And while men and boys get more air time in movies and on TV — 70 percent more than girls — they also are frequently cast as the instigator or troublemaker.

Couple that with the lack of nurturing adult males depicted in TV and movies and you begin to wonder what that impact has on these boys who will one day be fathers themselves.

"There's a serious dearth of both sympathetic and competent fathers in TV and movies, the best we can do is 'Two and a Half Men,' and these are well-meaning bumbler dads," Thompson notes.
...
Female teachers need to avoid approaching boys with a "reformist" mindset, he said, which is woven into our culture of parenting boys.'

Ed. note: Her heart's in the right place but she's wrong about the 95%-of-crimes-are-commited statistic.

Advice Goddess Blog: 'Um, What About The Men And Boys?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I've heard horrific stories of men being denied access to their children after a divorce, of boys getting harsh punishments that are not applied by schools or the legal system to girls, and I've seen scholarship and fellowship programs for women and minorities where guys, especially white guys, can't get in.

We don't fight discrimination with discrimination -- and while I am not for "councils" of this kind to begin with, I'm disgusted that the president thinks it's a good thing to come out with a council for women and girls when there are vast problems men and boys are dealing with.
...
Then again, if you really want to change things, to really improve life for a great number of people (especially children), how about coming up with a Council Against Single Motherhood, including rich, largely white women, who are selfish, me-first/children's needs second "single mothers by choice"?'

'Hoodies, louts, scum': how media demonises teenage boys

Broadsword · 15 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The portrayal of teenage boys as "yobs" in the media has made the boys wary of other teenagers, according to new research.

Figures show more than half of the stories about teenage boys in national and regional newspapers in the past year (4,374 out of 8,629) were about crime. The word most commonly used to describe them was "yobs" (591 times), followed by "thugs" (254 times), "sick" (119 times) and "feral" (96 times).

Other terms often used included "hoodie", "louts", "heartless", "evil" "frightening", "scum", "monsters", "inhuman" and "threatening".
...

"We found some news coverage where teen boys were described in glowing terms – 'model student', 'angel', 'altar boy' or 'every mother's perfect son'," the research concluded, "but sadly these were reserved for teenage boys who met a violent and untimely death."

"Oven Pride - So Easy a Man Can Do It"

Proud_to_be_a_man · 15 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The advert features a couple who are straight out of a 1970's sitcom - she's a sour-faced battle-axe in training and he's a simpering emasculated idiot. Their relationship is so loving that they can barely bring themselves to look at each other. So instead they take part in a bizarre silent and deeply menacing gurning competition.

There she stands - hands on hip, desperately trying to suck her lips clean off her face - as a statuesque representation of womankind's disgust at the inadequacies of men. Whilst he fidgets uneasily on his stool, presumably because he's so idiotic he's put his underpants on the wrong way."

I just saw this ad on TV and HAD to post about it. It's unbelievable.

Women as breadwinners: The great American role reversal?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Speaking of households being turned upside down, you probably saw Sunday's NWjobs article about men being laid off at a far more rapid rate than women. As Patrick May of the San Jose Mercury News reports, in an increasing number of households, women are being thrust into the role of main breadwinner and laid-off men are stepping into the role of househusband or stay-at-home dad.
...
"Since the recession began in December 2007, more than 80 percent of those laid off have been men, thanks to their disproportionate slice of jobs in hard-hit fields such as construction and manufacturing..."

And while it's typical for more men to lose their jobs during a recession than women, May's article points out that this is the highest unemployment gender gap the country has seen during the past 25 years.'

Ireland: Unemployment could lead to rise in male crime

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ireland could face social unrest and higher crime rates following a massive surge in unemployment among men in their early 20s, a leading economist has warned.
...
Men in their early twenties have experienced a threefold increase in unemployment, a more pronounced rise than any other age group, driven by the collapse in the building industry. One in five men in this age bracket were out of work in the three months to November, according to the latest Quarterly National Household Survey.

O'Neill believes society is ignoring the plight of men who opted out of further education in favour of earning huge wages in bricklaying, carpentry and other trades during the boom. Some 82,000 men who were working in construction in January 2007 left school without sitting their Leaving Cert exams.'

UK Times: Jobless Men 'Prematurely Retired Racing Dogs'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was bound to happen. Since the scythe of recession got swinging, newly jobless men have been shuffling around Britain's town centres on weekday mornings like prematurely retired racing dogs. You can spot them nervously sipping cappuccinos or hanging in morose little groups outside the local hardware shop. Watching them on the treadmills — literally going nowhere — is depressing. They have gone from power lunches to power shakes, from Bloomberg monitors to MTV, from having a ball to being in danger of losing theirs. And that's only for an hour or two each day at the gym — what are they doing with the rest of their time?'

Harvard Crimson: 'Men Are Dogs'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Framing safe heterosexual intercourse in the language of “men are dogs—protect yourself!” constructs a hypothetical, collective female vulnerability that deprives women of agency in their sexual encounters. Rather than empowering women, it establishes a paradigm in which women are victims of men’s animalistic urges. In reality, men are not the sole indulgers in promiscuity. This characterization assumes that men are infidels and that women are their perpetual victims, when this is by no means a universal truth. Forced sexual encounters are tragic occurrences that will erode sexual equality as long as they persist, but to establish the lying, cheating beau as the norm in sexual relationships is regressive and destructive. It instills a resignation that a dishonest scoundrel is all a heterosexual woman should hope for, when, in reality, any woman who writes off all men in one fell swoop is probably a bit of a dog herself.'

UK: Girls School Launches Appeal To Prevent Redevelopment Of Boys School

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Last summer, Langley Park School for Girls and the neighbouring Langley Park School for Boys became locked in a dispute over a large-scale development at the boy's school.

Bromley Council originally agreed to a complete overhaul of the boys' school's facilities in June, but the neighbouring girls' school tried to overturn that decision at the High Court.

And, even though a High Court judge ruled against the challenge last month, the council says the girls' school is now considering launching an appeal.
...
Cllr Noad said: "The actions of the girls' school are not based on planning grounds as was proven in the High Court, rather they are designed to wreck the scheme and they hope that funding will be withdrawn. They seem to be against the rebuild in principle.
...
Mr Grimble added: "We do not accept that the girls' school, or any other party, has, or attempts to exercise, any right of way across any part of our land and, consequently, we view this as another attempt by the girls' school to derail the much needed redevelopment of our school.'

Review finds boys were regularly restrained

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An independent review into allegations of abuse at a school for boys with behavioural problems has found that pupils were restrained on a routine basis.

The local authority-commissioned report found that staff at Gatehouse residential school in Milton Keynes used restraint as a "first resort", instead of attempting to deal with pupil behaviour using alternative methods.

Pupils were also locked in classrooms frequently. One parent complained that a teacher punched their son in the stomach.

Teachers said that both the deputy and head teacher subjected them to intimidation and bullying.'

Boys group home appeals decision to shut it down

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A group home for teenage boys in Columbiana will appeal the city's council decision to shut it down, City Clerk Gina Antonili said Monday.

The council voted Feb. 17 not to grant a business license to the Fortress Group Home on Mildred Street. The home opened in late 2007 and houses boys 14 to 19 who are wards of the state.

A public hearing will be held to discuss the home's future Monday, March 16 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. People for and against the home will be allowed to speak, Mayor Allan Lowe said.

Those against the home say the children there are unruly. Mayor Lowe said he's received numerous complaints about Fortress. He also said several of the teens there have had run-ins with Columbiana police officers.'

Former New York Teacher Rearrested in 'Affair' With Teen Day After Sentencing

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MINEOLA, New York — A former high school teacher in New York has been rearrested a day after being sentenced for having a long-running affair with a 16-year-old student.
...
The 25-year-old was first arrested in March. She pleaded guilty to sexual misconduct and was awaiting an August sentencing.

Prosecutors got a tip Kennedy was still meeting with the boy and began watching her. The victim also admitted having sex with Kennedy five times since her guilty plea.'

Australia: Men's help group loses funding for suicide prevention

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SUICIDE rates in the Clarence Valley could rise because of a Federal Government decision not to continue funding a men's suicide prevention group.

Dads in Distress (DIDS) was founded nine years ago by Coffs Harbour man Tony Miller to help guide men through traumatic experiences. In 2001, Grafton became just the second city in NSW to start a DIDS support group.

Local co-ordinators have run DIDS support group meetings in an effort to help Clarence Valley men deal with any type of stressful situation that may lead to suicide or depression.
...
“The thing that amazes me is that the Government has announced a national men's health policy and here's a group that works to prevent male suicide and they're just letting it go,” he said.'

Australia: Woman jailed for only two years for killing husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Melbourne woman who shot dead her husband and lied about it for seven years, has been sentenced to five years in jail.
...
Margaret Uttley killed her husband Stephen Uttley on their Tarneit farm nine years ago, when he came home drunk late at night wielding a gun, and threatened to shoot her.

The court heard they struggled, and she accidentally shot him in the head.

The court heard she burnt his body and lied about the killing for seven years.

But she pleaded guilty to manslaughter earlier this month in the opening stages of her trial for murder.

She will serve a non-parole period of two years.'

New service helps men cope with divorce

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'When we as a society think of divorce recovery, we tend to think of women as being the more vulnerable gender needing the most help getting through the divorce. While women may be more sensitive to some things, men, too, can be knocked down by an emotional blow of divorce.

Care for women struggling with divorce has been covered thus far in the series, but what about men? Do they need the same kind of help that women do, if at all? Are men as much the victim in the emotional destruction as are the women?

...

“The reality is that suicide rates are up to 10 times higher in men who are separated or divorced compared with those who are still in a relationship. Men who don’t commit suicide are often depressed, but they cover up the depression by quickly remarrying to fill the void,” Kamaria said. “These men also tend to overwork, drink or gamble too much and since 67 percent of second and 74 percent of third marriages end in divorce, remarriage is not a solution.”

Suicide prevention difficult at Niagara falls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Most attempted suicides at the falls, Gromosiak found, are young men between the ages of 20 and 40.

Of all attempted suicides, 71 per cent are men. Twenty per cent of suicides occur at the Horseshoe Falls.

On the American side, several suicide prevention measures have been implemented near the falls.

Several emergency suicide hotline phones are installed at Niagara Falls, N. Y. State Park.

The phones are linked directly to the county's Suicide Prevention Service.

There are no such phones on the Canadian side, but that doesn't mean they might not appear in the future.

"It's a good idea and it is something we can consider," Kane said.'

HIV awareness fair offers free testing for only women and girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'San Mateo County will host an HIV awareness health fair today in Redwood City offering local women and girls free private risk-reduction counseling and HIV tests with near-immediate results.
...
According to the county, a quarter of all new HIV infections occur in women. More than 80 percent are black women or Hispanic women. AIDS is now the leading cause of death for black women between 25 and 34 years old, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In addition to counseling and testing, the event will also include information on domestic violence and drug prevention. A photo exhibit, "I am," will be on display at the event, profiling county residents affected by HIV and AIDS.'

Media trashes breadwinning-dads with Parenting Magazine's 'Mad at Dad' Survey

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'"Alarming percentages of moms are angry at dads on a regular basis." "Hell hath no fury like a mommy scorned." "Moms are angry about dad's role."

These are some of the headlines which greeted Parenting Magazine's new "Mad at Dad" survey which found that 31% of mothers get "little or no help" with childcare and 46% of mothers "get irate with their husbands once a week or more." The New York Times called the survey "disturbing," while a Washington Post columnist announced that mothers are "literally killing themselves."

Mothers who are dissatisfied might want to examine their own behavior as well as that of their husbands. Studies reported in the Journal of Family Psychology in June, 2008 and the Journal of Marriage and the Family in 1999 show that mothers are generally the gatekeepers of fathers' involvement with their kids. If she criticizes or insists that any way that isn't her way is wrong, dad will often withdraw. But if she stands aside and lets him parent, he usually does.

Another problem with Parenting's survey is that they only queried mothers - a poor method to judge what fathers do or don't do. For example, a 2002 Rand Graduate School study of father involvement found that "the failure to incorporate both parties' (i.e. mothers' and fathers') perspectives may lead to inaccurate, inappropriate…conclusions."'

Woman charged in stabbing of ex-boyfriend and his sister

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LAWRENCE - Police arrested a Lawrence woman early yesterday and charged her with stabbing her ex-boyfriend and his sister.

Rosemary Nieves, 24, of 125 Jackson St., was charged with two counts of assault by means of a dangerous weapon.
...
Nieves said Edwin Rodriguez walked to the porch and kicked in her bedroom window after she told him it was not a good time to remove things from the apartment.

At that point, Nieves said, she grabbed her car keys and opened up a two-and-a-half-inch metal folding knife and stabbed Edwin several times in the forearm, Officer Todd Allard wrote in his report.'

American Taliban part one: School boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 1991, the prestigious, but goofy, American Association of University Women (AAUW) made a startling declaration: ‘Most girls emerge from adolescence with a poor self image.’ Researchers, all female, informed the body politic that the primary culprit here was the public school system in America. No one seemed to notice that at the time this assertion was loosed upon us that 85% of all public school teachers were women.

Consequently, after much ripping of garments and public self-flagellation, Congress passed the 1994 Gender Equity in Education Act which officially categorized girls as an ‘under-served-population,’ placing American womanhood on a par with other discriminated against minorities. Millions of dollars flowed into the coffers of thought-control institutions so they could look deeply into this heart-of-darkness. In 1995, at the UN 4th World Conference on Women, held in Beijing, the American delegation, chaired by Secretary of State Madelyn Albright, laid bare the educational and psychological deficits of American girls as a pressing human rights issue.

Human rights issue? Hard data from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) and from several recent university studies show that far from being shy and demoralized, today's girls outshine boys. Girls get better grades. They have higher educational aspirations. They follow a more rigorous academic program and participate more in the prestigious Advanced Placement (AP) program. Furthermore, the DOE reports that in 1996 there were 8.4 million women but only 6.7 million men enrolled in college. It also shows women holding on to and improving this advantage well into the next decade. According to one department prediction, by 2010 there will be 10.2 million women in college and 6.9 million men.'

RADAR ALERT: Tell Rep. Poe: The SAFE Act Could Bankrupt America

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In introducing H.R. 739, the SAFE ("Security and Financial Empowerment"), Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA) and Ted Poe (R-TX), claim the law is needed to combat workplace discrimination against victims of domestic violence. A 1998 General Accounting Office study, however, casts doubt on whether workplace discrimination is really a problem. The GAO reported, "we cannot conclude that being a victim of domestic violence changes the likelihood that a woman will work."

Furthermore, section 303 of the bill says: "An employer shall not fail to hire, refuse to hire, discharge, or harass" a person who claims to be a victim of partner abuse. Thus, the SAFE Act would require employers to provide lifetime job security to alleged victims of abuse. According to an analysis released by RADAR today, the employment entitlement will cost companies $28.8 billion a year. See our analysis here (.pdf file).

The SAFE Act would also require companies to provide health insurance, 30 days emergency leave, and unemployment insurance, and would make it harder for employers to terminate workers. Any employee at risk of being laid-off could simply assert victim status, whether true or not (a dirty little secret about the American legal system is that perjury is almost never prosecuted). Eventually, employers will become reluctant to hire new employees and will be less adept at responding to marketplace opportunities, leaving companies in a European-style stagnation.

Rep. Poe is out of step with the Republican party on this one. Please fill out this flyer (.pdf file) asking him to withdraw his support of the bill and fax it to his office (202-225-5547).

If H.R. 739 isn't stopped, it could bankrupt America.

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/

Washington, DC HIV infection rate at 3% -- black men have it the worst

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At least 3 percent of District residents have HIV or AIDS, a total that far surpasses the 1 percent threshold that constitutes a "generalized and severe" epidemic, according to a report scheduled to be released by health officials tomorrow.
...
"Our rates are higher than West Africa," said Shannon L. Hader, director of the District's HIV/AIDS Administration, who once led the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's work in Zimbabwe. "They're on par with Uganda and some parts of Kenya."
...
...Black men, with an infection rate of nearly 7 percent, carry the weight of the disease, according to the report, which also underscores that the District's HIV and AIDS population is aging. Almost 1 in 10 residents between the ages of 40 and 49 has the virus.'

Wonder if, like in San Mateo County, the free HIV testing and other services bound to emerge after this report will also only allow women and girls through the door.

"Indoctinate U" reviewed by CNN's Lou Dobbs

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Interview here. CNN's Lou Dobbs gave a ringing endorsement of Indoctrinate U on last night's show. Saying the film was "terrific" Dobbs added, "I can't recommend it highly enough." He closed by recommending that viewers "get this documentary. It's extraordinary."

Courts ill-equipped to handle parental alienation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When Toronto lawyer Brian Ludmer speaks about the suffering caused by parental alienation, the words come from his head and his heart.

He's seen the devastation of a mother's orchestrated campaign to make her children hate their father, or how a dad can use a 4-year-old as a weapon against his mother in the ugly aftermath of divorce.

Ludmer is, by training, a corporate lawyer. But he's being "swamped" by desperate parents looking for help reconnecting with their children. "Experts in this field will tell you that they've never met a lawyer who understands this the way that I do," says Ludmer.

That's because he's also lived it.

"Parental alienation is a plague. It's rampant out there," says Ludmer, 48, who declined to talk about his own case for fear of upsetting his children. "This stuff has been going on for a hundred years. It's just that now it has a name."'

Marine free after conviction tossed out

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Story here. Excerpt:

'After spending a decade behind bars, a former Camp Pendleton Marine is now a free man because a military appeals court ruled that “a muddled, hearsay-based case” caused his spousal-rape conviction.

But anyone who thinks Brian Foster is bitter would be wrong. As Foster left the prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on Feb. 20, he picked up his sergeant stripes and spoke candidly with his superiors.

“I told (them) I was happy to be back in the Marine Corps and that I'll go anywhere and do anything the Marine Corps wants me to,” Foster, 35, said during a phone interview yesterday from Belton, Mo. “I said I love my country and I love the Marine Corps and that unfortunately, these things happen in a free country.”'

Maine town gripped by "new witch hunt" - false rape allegations and summary arrests

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 1690's New England was gripped by the Witch Hunt Hysteria which destroyed the lives of countless innocent people and their families solely by the false testimony of their accusers and the misconduct of their prosecutors.

Today, over 300 years later, a new insidious Rape Hysteria grips a small community in Maine's Bar Harbor region, and again, countless lives are being ruined solely by false testimony of their accusers and the misconduct of their prosecutors.

Numerous men have been arrested and jailed in Ellsworth Maine, often solely because of someone's accusations. Some of the accused men spend many months in jail until they are finally tried on the flimsiest or even fabricated evidence. Virtually every man who is accused gets arrested, charged, and has his life publicly ruined.

The accusers are sometimes young, mentally or emotionally impaired, girlfriends, occasional sex partners, and even wives in bitter custody battles with their husbands.

In a small county of only 50,000 people, as many as 4 men per month have been indicted on multiple counts of Rape, each carrying up to 30 years in prison.'

Glenn Sacks: 2 Action Alerts, Fathers & Families Supporters Help Move Comparable Parenting Bill Forward

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Newsletter here. Alerts:

Action Alert: Tell Nationally-Syndicated Talk Show Host Neal Boortz That Dads Aren't Deadbeats

Massachusetts Action Alert--We Need Activists to Attend MA. Democratic Party Platform Hearings

Outrageous... Father in Parenting Magazine Pic with Dart Through his Forehead

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Magazine: Parenting School Years Magazine
Issue: February, 2009
Pages: 94 - 100.
Article URL: http://www.parenting.com/article/Mom/Relationships/Mad-at-Dad

Author: Martha Brockenbrough
Authors web site: http://www.marthabee.com/

I received my issue of Parenting Magazine today and was I mad over the article “Mad about Dad.” Check the web site (above) to see a picture of a smiling dad on a dart board. After several “misses” (holes in the picture) the final shot lands right in the middle of his forehead.

The picture in the magazine was so big it covered not just one page, it overflowed onto the second. Other photos in the magazine article included:
Husband and wife on a boat with devil horns, beard and tail sketched over the man.
Voodoo doll with pins stuck all over including one stuck in his juggler vein, another stuck in his forehead, another in his heart, etc.

I don’t need to get into the content of the article. The photos were enough.

I could not find Susan Kane’s email address who is editor-in-chief of Parenting Magazine and told her that articles like this are not only contrary to the mission of the magazine, it further advocates violence against men as a way of dealing with a women’s frustrations.

Interesting - Susan Kane’s previous positions were Executive Editor of New Woman Magazine and Senior Editor at Woman Magazine.

I don’t mind that men are the brunt of jokes but to photograph men with a dart and pins in their foreheads and juggler veins, well enough is enough.

'70s radical Sara Jane Olson released from prison

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Jon Opsahl said he doesn't think domestic-terrorist-turned-housewife Sara Jane Olson served nearly enough time for his mother's murder, but he's relieved the saga ended with Olson's Tuesday release from prison.

Olson, a member of the self-styled revolutionary Symbionese Liberation Army -- perhaps best known for kidnapping Patricia Hearst -- was released from a California prison after serving seven years, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said.
...
Her sentence stems from her involvement in the 1975 attempted bombings of two police cars and the slaying of Myrna Opsahl during a bank robbery that same year.
...
"Enough with the BS that she was unfairly targeted by law enforcement for her youthful indiscretions -- she is a criminal," Weber said in a Monday statement.

Corrections officials say it's important that she be reunited with her family during her parole -- it helps reduce recidivism -- but Minnesota legislators, the governor and the St. Paul Police Federation have asked Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to keep her in California over the next year.

"Letting a domestic terrorist like Kathleen Soliah set the terms of her parole is an insult to the memory of Myrna Opsahl and all the men and women of LAPD past and present," the St. Paul union said in a letter last week.'

Woman accused in deaths of husband, kids gets bail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SAGUENAY, Que. — A Quebec woman charged with killing her three children and helping her husband to kill himself was granted bail under strict conditions by a judge on Monday.

Cathie Gauthier faces three counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of her three children — 12-year-old Joelle, seven-year-old Marc-Ange, and four-year-old Louis-Philippe.

She also faces one count of aiding her husband Marc Laliberte, 46, to commit suicide in what Quebec provincial police have alleged was a murder-suicide pact.

The details of Gauthier's bail hearing cannot be reported because the Quebec Superior Court judge hearing the case granted a defence request for a publication ban.'

Lay off men, Lessing tells feminists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The novelist Doris Lessing yesterday claimed that men were the new silent victims in the sex war, "continually demeaned and insulted" by women without a whimper of protest.

Lessing, who became a feminist icon with the books The Grass is Singing and The Golden Notebook, said a "lazy and insidious" culture had taken hold within feminism that revelled in flailing men.

Young boys were being weighed down with guilt about the crimes of their sex, she told the Edinburgh book festival, while energy which could be used to get proper child care was being dissipated in the pointless humiliation of men.

"I find myself increasingly shocked at the unthinking and automatic rubbishing of men which is now so part of our culture that it is hardly even noticed," the 81-year-old Persian-born writer said yesterday.'

Female employee charged with stealing thousands from NH feminist clinic

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Story here.

'A Manchester, N.H., woman is accused of stealing thousands of dollars from the Concord Feminist Health Center, where she was finance manager.

Police say 55-year-old Janet Curtin surrendered Tuesday on theft charges.

Investigators say Curtin is believed to have stolen about $26,000 from March 2004 to June of 2006, while she worked at the clinic.'

"Men are women's 'issue'"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A council on men and boys would promote stable marriage as the best avenue to improve the lives and living conditions of America's women and families. A council on men and boys would address the crisis in American manhood that results in the scourge of infidelity, divorce, lack of commitment and fatherhood with multiple partners.

A council on men and boys would seek to eliminate the objectification of women in the media. It would battle our hypersexual culture by fighting against the “hook-up” mentality that defines the way in which young men view young women. And most importantly, it would stamp out the violence against women that emanates from men's widespread exposure and growing addiction to pornography.
...
Believe me, I'm not man-bashing. Rather, I think the feminist agenda is a false promise. A council on women and girls that seeks to infuse feminism across the government propels us further from real solutions. Our government just isn't man enough to fix what's wrong.'

Filipina who accused Marine of rape recants

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MANILA, Philippines - A Filipino woman who accused a U.S. Marine of rape has altered her testimony and emigrated to the United States, saying she was no longer certain that a crime took place, a lawyer said Wednesday.

The case has strained U.S.-Philippine military relations amid calls for the scrapping of a pact allowing U.S. troops to train Filipino soldiers, and has become a rallying point for anti-American protests.
...
The turnabout has shocked her supporters, including lawyer Evalyn Ursua, who said her client terminated her services this week then moved to the U.S. to start a new life and was no longer willing to talk.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said the affidavit may not be admitted as new evidence because it should have been introduced during the 2006 trial.

"I am not happy with her because her accusations divided the nation, then she turns her back on everything," he said.'

Not too hard to believe. Once in the U.S., she can now recant. One-way ticket to a better life. And of course, women's groups in the Phillipines think this is about a "lack of support" from the Philipine government over the situation and not about a guilty conscience. Meanwhile, the accused man remains in jail.

The rise of the anchorwomen

mens_issues · 18 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Originally found on Fark. Excerpt:

"Young women can look more mature than men of the same age. The fact is that the average woman coming out of school, if you dress her up and put makeup on, she looks like an adult. The average guy coming out of school looks like he's coming out of puberty. It's not discrimination. It's biology."

Do they ever stop humiliating the male gender? This is so tiresome.

US births break record; 40 pct out-of-wedlock

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The birth rate rose slightly for women of all ages, and births to unwed mothers reached an all-time high of about 40 percent, continuing a trend that started years ago. More than three-quarters of these women were 20 or older.

For a variety of reasons, it's become more acceptable for women to have babies without a husband, said Duke University's S. Philip Morgan, a leading fertility researcher.

...

Cultural attitudes may be a more likely explanation. Morgan noted the pregnancy of Bristol Palin, the unmarried teen daughter of former GOP vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin. The young woman had a baby boy in December, and plans for a wedding with the father, Levi Johnston, were scrapped.

"She's the poster child for what you do when you get pregnant now," Morgan said.'

Setting feminism back, one page at a time

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ladies, settling for less? Can't figure out why the selfish, egomaniacal, mentally, emotionally and/or physically abusive, jobless, carless, jealous, bootie-callin' gambling addict only gives you a half-assed "sorry" when he doesn't call? With the extreme popularity of the film, "He's Just Not That Into You" comes a terribly useless resurgence of the bestselling book of the same title by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo who examine all the different ways in which men show you that they don't like you.

In "He's Just Not That Into You," instead of telling women to use their brains so they can learn and grow from past relationship mistakes, women can instead pick up Greg and Liz's book for $14.99 and grieve into its pages like the overemotional teen audience the book was truly meant for, hoping to learn some secret way to change themselves. The authors even have a friendly way of formatting the book to facilitate a single woman's emotional collapse by using a terribly dimwitted question such as this one from Nikki: "Dear Greg, This is dumb. I know you're not supposed to call guys, but I call guys all the time because I don't care! I don't want to play games. I do whatever I want! I've called guys tons of times. You're such a square, Greg. Why do you think we can't call guys and ask them out?"'

A new school at the Boys Ranch

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch dedicated the Donald Ralph Cooke School March 13. The school features eight classrooms with one designated as a computer lab. The school was funded through the generous gift of Mrs. Donald Ralph Cooke in memory of her late husband.

The education program at the Boys Ranch encompasses three different curriculum streams. Students who are on track maintain their current education program. For those who are behind in their education a personalized program is designed for each student and one on one attention is provided due to the small class sizes. Youth who are significantly behind in school and close to graduation participate in courses to prepare them for the Graduate Equivalency Degree (GED.)'

"The real question is for Chris Brown" (or "masculinity is intimately tied to violence")

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How do we teach boys to be men? How do we respond to these first incidents of violence in order to prevent escalating incidents in the future? What is our commitment to educating teens about healthy relationships? What values do we perpetuate in our media, music and marketing? What are we willing to do to keep repeat perpetrators of domestic abuse contained before they kill their partners and/or children or move from one victim to another?

In America, masculinity is intimately tied to violence, and the sooner a boy learns that, the easier his passage through adolescence to manhood. Just listen to the names classmates and teammates call boys when they choose not to embrace violence: “sissy,” “girl,” “fag,” “homo” — and worse. Homophobia and violence against women and girls are intricately linked. The quickest way for a boy to prove his masculinity and thereby avoid being bullied is to be violent against someone weaker.'

Kathleen Parker: Bring the Boys Along

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Article here Excerpt:

'With a flick of his pen, President Obama finally laid to rest Freud's most famous question and iterated one of man's hardest-learned lessons: Women want what women want.

And the wise man sayeth: "Yes, dear."

Thus it came to pass that the president created the White House Council on Women and Girls to ensure that all Cabinet-level agencies consider how their policies affect women and families. Presumably, men and boys may expect to benefit from what is helpful to women and girls. We shall see.

...

Where's the White House Council on Men and Boys? Okay, let men fend for themselves. But boys really do need our attention, not only for themselves but also for the girls who will be their wives (we hope) someday. We do still hope that boys and girls grow up to marry, don't we? Preferably before procreating?

Boys, meanwhile, are the ones dropping out of school or being expelled. They're the ones failing, abusing drugs and committing suicide. What kind of men do we expect them to become, assuming they survive?'

Top ten men's health myths

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Article here. Excerpt:

"2. Men don't use health services as much as women

WHO SAYS? Everyone; this myth is repeated so often you'd assume it's gospel. Your other half will delight in using it as a stick with which to beat you all the way to your GP's door.

HOW WRONG IS IT? It's a distortion of the truth.

GIVE ME THE FACTS Women do use health services more than men, but that's because they have more reason to. As a bloke, you'd get funny looks if you booked for a smear, ante-natal check, Pill prescription and so on. True, you're the proud owner of a prostate and pant-tackle that the girls don't have. But these are easily trumped by lady's problems involving breasts and gynaecology. Now do the maths: subtract from female health service use the strictly girlie stuff, then do the same for men. You'll find that at least 60 per cent of the apparent male v female difference in doctor door-stepping vanishes."

Drunken Woman Attacks Husband With Garden Hoe

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Story here. Excerpt:

'THURSTON COUNTY, Wash. -- A 50-year-old woman is in the Thurston County Jail Wednesday morning after allegedly trying to kill her estranged husband with a garden hoe.

Investigators with the Thurston County Sheriff's Office told KIRO-TV that Tina Nystrom had apparently been drinking when she went to her estranged husband's home near Lacey.

Police said the woman asked to see the couple's children, but her husband refused because she was intoxicated.

When the man went into the bathroom, his wife tried to break in the door. When he came out of the bathroom he was struck on the head with a garden hoe.

...

"She admitted striking him. In fact, she told us she intended to kill him," said Jim Chamberlain of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office.'

Carle Place woman pleads guilty to killing boyfriend while drunk

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Just as jury selection in her trial was set to begin in Riverhead, Jesenia Vega admitted in court that she dragged her boyfriend to death as she drove away from a party, attorneys said Monday.
...
Suffolk prosecutors said Vega had spent the night of July 21, 2007, drinking beer and tequila at a Centereach block party when she tried to leave in her sport utility vehicle.

Her boyfriend, Louis Wiederer, 26, tried to stop her, warning Vega she was too drunk to drive, prosecutors said.
...
Vega's lawyer gave a different account of how the night unfolded, saying she was attempting to flee abuse.

Vega decided to leave the party after Wiederer threatened, berated, then physically attacked her, McCann said.
...
Reached at her Westbury home, Wiederer's mother, Barbara Dempsey, 47, acknowledged that her son's relationship with Vega was volatile, and she recalled seeing physical abuse on both sides. "Those two together created violence," she said.'

Woman accused of killing boyfriend files insanity plea

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CANTON — A woman charged with killing her boyfriend in his sleep has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, and her attorneys may argue that she's a battered woman who acted in self-defense.

Stark County Common Pleas Judge Lee Sinclair is expected to order psychological testing for Andrea M. Carr later this week.

...

Authorities say she admitted to shooting Polen in the head with a .357-caliber revolver and slashing his neck while he slept during the early morning hours of Dec. 9.

...

Defense attorney Samuel Ferruccio said he couldn't discuss the exact reasons for the insanity plea, but he and co-counsel Richard D. Reinbold Jr. feel it is appropriate at this point.

Whether Carr is found not guilty by reason of insanity will depend greatly on the results of the psychological evaluations.

In court filings, Ferruccio and Reinbold also put county prosecutors on notice that they anticipate using a battered-woman defense.'

Angry Wives Examined: Who's to Blame?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What's better than the lazy, lump-on-a-log dad stereotype? Well, the whiney, nagging wife stereotype of course. Thanks to Melissa Kossler Dutton at Patagraph.com we got a decent dose of both. In her March 9th article, "Moms mad at dad: A touch of rage on the homefront" Dutton aims blame squarely on dads as she assesses, "Men still don't pull their weight."

Dutton's article focuses on the fact that moms are filled with rage because of their husbands. Moms almost walk on water and their anger is given a pass time and time again. Her article is a reactionary piece like many similar gripe session articles that all were born from the article "Mad at Dad" from Parenting.com. The "Mad at Dad" article is a real gem and pulls on such great statistics like:
...
Apparently, moms are upset that their husbands don't do anything around the house and are surprised that their constant yelling and screaming doesn't get the desired effect of compliance. I am no psychologist, but I do know that a productive environment is one in which the lines of communication are open and mature discussions about disagreements take place--just saying. Also, anger is not a healthy emotion to be feeling in the first place and does have serious health implications for those who are consumed by it--not to mention the fact that moms are modeling very poor behaivor with all these angry outbursts.'

One-Party Classroom: Interview with David Horowitz

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Article here. Excerpt:

'JW: You claim that in a Penn State Women's Studies class, "students have no option to take different or dissenting views."(96) Where is your evidence for this claim? Did you talk to any students in this class?

DH: The course is billed by the instructor as an "introductory feminist survey course," in other words not a dispassionate analytical course about feminism, but an indoctrination in feminism. The instructor declares that her intention is to "examine (and challenge) the nature of power and privilege in our lives and institutions." The course agenda is to "challenge" power and privilege, not to examine whether power and privilege may have useful and beneficial functions, as well as negative ones. Since the course is set up to provide only radical feminist answers to the questions it poses – that is to deny legitimacy to alternative views, the answer to your question should be self-evident.'

UK: 'Trust me, Gordon, loyalty’s in my DNA'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the wake of intense speculation about her leadership hopes, it's fitting that Harriet Harman will be taking Prime Minister's Questions tomorrow while Gordon Brown is in Washington.

It's not the first time she has stepped into the ring as his substitute but tomorrow, the scrutiny will be all the fiercer.

She has emerged as a serious contender for the leadership — but also as a gaffe-prone member of the senior team.
...
Her political strength derives from the strong mandate that no other minister possesses: her direct election by the Labour party as its deputy leader. Squeaking past Alan Johnson by the narrowest of margins, she won thanks to the overwhelming backing of women activists, as well as the votes of London party members. Her strong base in the capital is a significant fact if she should go all the way and run for leader.
...
In the early 1980s, she was one of a small group of professional women in the Labour Party who strove to combine feminism with Labour values. It included Cherie Blair, with whom Ms Harman argued about abortion rights, and Margaret Hodge. Bossiness and self-interest are charges most often levelled at her.'

Economist.com: 'Lady in red': Gordon Brown’s deputy is the early favourite to replace him

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PRIVILEGE is no bar to the commanding heights of the Labour Party. Neither are women always squashed under its industrial machismo. There is even a place for lifelong Londoners in a movement whose heartlands are northern and Celtic. So much is obvious from a glance at the cabinet, with its expensively-schooled chancellor, female home secretary and Primrose Hill’s own Miliband brothers.

But no modern Labour figure embodies all three forms of otherness like Harriet Harman, the deputy leader whom many suspect of manoeuvring to replace Gordon Brown after the general election he seems doomed to lose next year. Recent weeks have seen this feminist of vaguely aristocratic provenance, not only a native of the capital but an MP for one of its constituencies, side with the left of the party on such wedge issues as bankers’ pay and the planned part-privatisation of the Post Office. Bookmakers have her the favourite to take over from Mr Brown and, having beaten five others to the deputy leadership in 2007, she is a proven winner.'

More Israeli women dodging the draft

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Israeli, female and looking to dodge the draft? Don't get caught kissing.

With more 18-year-old women claiming religious modesty as grounds for exemption from male-dominated military life, the Israeli Army is hiring investigators to spy on suspected draft evaders, catching them doing decidedly unreligious things.
...
All men are expected to serve three years and all women two year, and secular resentment over exemptions on religious grounds runs high.
...
In 1991, 21 percent of women avoided service on religious grounds, according to army figures; last year the figure was 36 percent, even though overall only around 20 percent of Israelis classify themselves as religious.

The numbers for men claiming religious grounds are running high too ... largely because the Orthodox are Israel's fastest-growing Jewish population group.
...
The declining numbers have prompted the military to cancel plans from earlier this decade to shorten army service for men by four months.'

Note the "male-dominated" line the author slips in at the beginning. Typical stuff to make excuses. Basically, "the ladies" don't want to give up their cushy civilian lives but are fine if "the men" do so. In short: same old, same old.

Hamas offers reward for men who marry Gaza widows

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Story here. Excerpt:

In light of rise in number of widowed women following Operation Cast Lead, Hamas decides to give $3000 to men willing to wed and provide for widows and their children
...
Hamas initiated the move in an attempt to lower the number of widowed women in the Gaza Strip who lost the spouses who provided for them and their children, and in order to ease their emotional grief and financial difficulties.
...
Hamas hopes that by encouraging men to wed these women, it will be providing them with stability and a better life.

According to the report, Hamas has set a number of terms that the grooms must meet in order to receive the money: The men must be able to provide for two women or more, be religiously devout and ethical.

They are also required to allocate sufficient space in their house for the new wife, help care for her children and treat them as if they were their own.

Barack against the boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Unless there's been a monstrous misunderstanding, the man is muddled, malevolent, or both.

Barack Obama has just signed "an Executive
Order creating the White House Council on Women and Girls. The mission of the Council will be to provide a coordinated federal response to the challenges confronted by women and girls and to ensure that all Cabinet and Cabinet-level agencies consider how their policies and programs impact women and families."

Under the rubric of this Council, feral, (mostly) female bureaucrats will "ensure that agencies across the federal government, not just a few offices, take into account the particular needs and concerns of women and girls. The Council will begin its work by asking each agency to analyze their current status and ensure that they are focused internally and externally on women."

Barack, however, has it backward: It is boys, not girls, who lag behind – and have for decades.'

Fathers 4 Justice Pair Arrested At Heathrow

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The pair belong to an offshoot of Fathers 4 Justice, a spokesman for the campaign group said.

BAA confirmed two people were held after attempting to gain "unlawful access" at Heathrow shortly after 10am.

They were "quickly apprehended and arrested and are now in police custody", the airport operator said.
...
"This was a misguided and ultimately unsuccessful attempt to disrupt the travel plans of thousands of Heathrow's passengers, and we condemn the actions of those involved unreservedly."

The founder of Fathers 4 Justice suggested there could be further protests in coming months as fathers sought to "take the mantle back" from anti-airport expansion activists Plane Stupid.

Matt O'Connor said: "We suspended direct action campaigning in September last year, but we obviously understand that there are many frustrated fathers out there who want to engage in direct action.

"To be honest I think it's inevitable at some point there will be another upsurge in direct action akin to what went on before."'

Wife divorcing ex-CEO: $43 million not enough

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HARTFORD, Conn. - A 36-year-old Swedish countess divorcing a former CEO says she cannot live on $43 million.

Marie Douglas-David, a former investment banker, says she has no income and needs her 67-year-old husband, George David, to pay her more than $53,000 a week — more than most U.S. households make in a year — to cover her expenses.

David stepped down last year as chief executive at Hartford-based United Technologies Corp. but is still chairman of the board and has an estimated net worth of $329 million. He and his wife accuse each other of extramarital affairs. Their divorce trial started Wednesday.
...
Douglas-David has filed court papers showing she has more than $53,800 in weekly expenses, including for maintaining a Park Avenue apartment and three residences in Sweden. Her weekly expenses also include $700 for limousine service, $4,500 for clothes, $1,000 for hair and skin treatments, $1,500 for restaurants and entertainment, and $8,000 for travel.

At that rate, Douglas-David would burn through $43 million in less than 16 years. The Census Bureau estimates that the median U.S. household income in 2007 was just over $50,000.'

Fathers' rights activist banned from Facebook as "offensive"

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Ron Lasorsa, operator of http://www.restrainingorder911.com/, claims he was banned from Facebook for "offensive material". His blog video report here. Content warning: some graphic language but nothing to get too worked up about. I'd rate it as PG-13 based on today's standards, but use headphones if you are at work or some place where there are younger kids nearby.

Tutor charged with endangering welfare of a child

Matt · 19 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'IRONDEQUOIT — Police have arrested a woman who tutored children at Bishop Kearney High School on charges of having inappropriate sexual contact with three students.

Lisa K. Marshall, 37, of Lakebreeze Park, Irondequoit, was charged Wednesday with three counts of endangering the welfare of a child and one count of third-degree sexual abuse. She was later arraigned in Irondequoit Town Court, police said.

Marshall was employed by Monroe County Board of Cooperative Educational Services District 1 and was assigned to work with students at Kearney during the school day, according to BOCES spokesman John Walker.

Police said Marshall propositioned a 15-year-old male student at her home in February, requesting that the teen have sex with her. Marshall had picked the student up at his home and brought him to her home, ostensibly to have him help her create a MySpace page.'

Related video report here. Surprisingly, they do mention toward the end of the report that 40% of reported "unwanted sexual attention" accusations made by students are aimed at female teachers. What they didn't mention is that that is just the statistic for *reported* incidents.

'Project Runway' Finalist Faces Assault Charges

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Kenley Collins, the catty, batty finalist on "Project Runway," really let the fur fly when she assaulted her now ex-fiancé with their pet feline in their Williamsburg apartment, authorities said yesterday.

The fashion designer, 26, was charged with assault and criminal possession of a weapon the weapon being the cat itself for her crazed attack on Zak Penley, 28, prosecutors said.

"It was a miscommunication," Kenley told The Post after getting released without bail from Brooklyn Supreme Court yesterday morning. "Fights happen, and that's that.

According to sources, the fur began to fly at 7 a.m. when Collins cocked her arm and threw one of the couple's two cats Arlo or Sandra at Penley, who was sleeping at the time.

She then threw her laptop as he fell and crawled on the floor, cops said. She also allegedly slammed a door on his head.

As Penley dialed 911, Collins threw three apples at him and doused him with water, cops said.

"You're lucky, it could have been worse," Collins told Penley after the blow, according to sources.'

Pro-Joint Parenting Story

Anonymous · 19 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The author debates the pros and cons of shared parenting with a child that has been with his mother for 9 of 11 years. Excerpt:

'Post-divorce child custody arrangements fall commonly into two models. There is the primary residence model, wherein children sleep, eat and live primarily in one house with one parent. For reasons of prejudice, the primary residence most often belongs to the mother. Then there is the two-residence model, wherein the children split time in what are essentially two lives, two homes and possibly two neighborhoods.

Both models make deals with the devil as it were.

In the primary residence model, the upside is domestic continuity for the children, which is convenient to say the least. But the downside stinks. There is no escaping that the nonresidence parent becomes in some part subordinated, no matter how heroically he or she battles to stay present, involved and connected. The nonresidence parent becomes the visitation parent. He or she visits the children. His or her children come to visit. That is, not live with you. This is a huge and consequential symbolic and actual shift in the relationship.

Only a nonresidence parent could possibly phrase the question. "What do you want to do while you're here?"'

Reports: Woman gave birth, left baby on plane

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WELLINGTON, New Zealand – A woman who secretly gave birth on a flight from Samoa to New Zealand may face criminal charges after her baby was found alive in the plane's bathroom, police and media reports said Friday.

Police are inquiring into "the alleged ... abandonment of the child by the mother" after the flight landed in New Zealand on Thursday, police communications manager Ana-Mari Gates-Bowey said. "A likelihood of this investigation is a criminal prosecution."

Media reports said the mother left the baby in a bathroom waste bin on the Pacific Blue plane carrying 150 passengers; others said she was spotted with bloodied clothes in an immigration line. Police have declined comment on the reports.

Gates-Bowey said late Thursday the woman had undergone surgery at Auckland's Middlemore Hospital and was later reunited with her baby. Its gender has not been disclosed.'

Rudov Radio Interview Points Up Double-Standards in DV

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Listen to the interview here. Clicking this link launches your Media Player and the show streams. I tried saving the link file down and running it from my hard drive but that doesn't work.

The Teen Rape Double Standard

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After a 17-year-old boy had sex with his 14-year-old girlfriend, he was charged with a felony for statutory rape. When a 17-year-old girl in the same town commited the same crime, she was charged with far less. Was the boy the victim of gender bias?

Alan Jepsen was playing videogames at his home in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, when the cops came knocking on his door. He was handcuffed in front of his sister and thrown in jail. In the words of his attorney, Jeffrey Purnell, “This child, this 17-year-old high-school kid, had to spend a week in jail—they locked him up and they put him in jail with grown-ups.”

His crime: Having sex with his 14-year-old girlfriend. And, perhaps, being a boy.'

Woman charged in fake rape report

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Story here.

'OXFORD TWP. – A 23-year-old College Corner woman now faces a misdemeanor charge after police said she concocted a story about being kidnapped and raped earlier this week.

Jacqulyn Harrison could spend up to six months in jail if she is convicted on a charge of making a false alarm.

On Wednesday, Harrison reported to police that she was forced into a black vehicle earlier in the day while walking along U.S. 27 near College Corner around 1:30 a.m.

She said a man took her to a field where she was repeatedly raped and forced to take drugs. She told police the suspect stole her money and then dropped her off back near U.S. 27.

Harrison gave police a detailed description of a suspect and his vehicle, right down to his white “Air Force” brand tennis shoes.

The incident never occurred, Oxford Township police said today.'

MSNBC: Want to be a dude? Movies will teach you how

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Article here. Excerpt:

'2. Pepper your everyday speech with references to flatulence, diarrhea, sex acts, vomit and menstruation. If you can work them all into a sentence used in the presence of your mom or, better yet, your best friend's mom, all the better. Extra points if you can spread this frosting on the cake of an expensive college education. The "Adventureland" twentysomethings toss around Nikolai Gogol and Virgil as often as they do bags of weed.
...
5. Use so much convoluted, idiomatic slang-intensive speech that even you don't understand. Rather than leaving it behind in the hermetically sealed teenage world, the New Dude carries it well into adulthood and trades it for credibility with other men. "I Love You, Man" takes a daring approach to this rule by mocking the practice (See the ad campaign's "Pop a squiznot" posters) but it will most likely endure anyway.'

Transgender wife gets 4 years for husband's death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CHARDON, Ohio — A transgender woman has been sentenced in Ohio to four years in prison for killing her frail husband by forcing him to exercise.

Forty-one-year-old Chris Mason was sentenced Friday in Geauga (GEE'-aw-guh) County Common Pleas Court for reckless homicide in the death of 73-year-old James Mason. She pleaded guilty earlier and could have gotten five years at sentencing.

Mason's voice quivered as she tearfully apologized for the June death of her husband, who had heart problems. A surveillance camera caught Mason forcing her husband around in the pool.
...
Police say she forced James Mason, who had heart disease, to do stressful activity in an indoor pool for more than two hours. He collapsed and died the next day after Chris Mason authorized his removal from life support.
...
A security videotape shows Chris Mason pulling her husband by his arms and legs on June 2, tossing and dunking him. Sometimes he clings to the side of the pool and his wife pulls him away. She appears to block his path as he tries to get out of the water _ 43 times, by the police chief's count.'

Mom says LA toddler found dead not kidnap victim

Michael · 20 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PALMDALE, Calif. (Map, News) - A woman who reported her 18-month-old daughter missing now says the child died accidentally and that she dumped the body near a freeway, authorities said Friday.

Stacey Barker, 24, told detectives that when her daughter Emma Leigh died, she panicked and believed she would be blamed, Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Diane Hecht said.

A body found Thursday in Sylmar, a few blocks from Interstate 5, was identified by coroner's officials as Emma. The cause of death was not immediately determined.

Barker initially told investigators that she was knocked unconscious by someone while putting Emma into her car in Lancaster on Wednesday. She said Emma was gone when she awoke partially clad hours later in another city.'

India: Jaipur men victim of false dowry cases

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Two cases of dowry harassment and domestic violence are registered everyday with three Woman Police Stations in the city. Thirty alleged dowry deaths were reported in the district in 2008. Amid hue and cry by the NGOs and other social organizations over the alleged misuse of sections related to dowry harassment and domestic violence, there is another aspect which goes unnoticed most of the times. There are many people who have to suffer at a very young age due to such cases. Their career is ruined and they are left with no other option but to suffer from delayed judgments and biased police investigation.
...
In most of the cases, the FIRs are lodged by giving distorted facts and police either act lethargically or adopt a biased attitude which cost dear to the groom and his family," Ashwani added."

U.S.: Vasectomy Rates Up Sharply

Matt · 21 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'FRIDAY, March 20 (HealthDay News) -- Doctors around the United States are reporting a sharp increase in the number of vasectomies performed since the economy soured last year, with one noting that many of his clients are from the beleaguered financial industry.

Their best guess is that the trend is due both to a decreased desire to have children because of the expense involved, and an increased desire to get such medical procedures done before their jobs -- and health insurance -- disappear.

Since November, Dr. Marc Goldstein, surgeon-in-chief of male reproductive medicine and surgery at the Cornell Institute for Reproductive Medicine in New York City, said his practice has seen about 48 percent more vasectomy consultations compared to the same time the previous year.
...
"We were doing 40 to 45 a week, and then it went to 70 to 75 each week," he said. "Some patients were concerned about losing their insurance, but it seems to me more of it is the idea of 'I can't commit myself to raising another child in uncertain times.'"'

"All men should take responsibility for violence"

Stinger503 · 22 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

The letter is here. Excerpt:

'Does anyone doubt Muruwet Tuncer won't be the last?

Calling these acts domestic violence is a convenient way to downplay and push aside this crime. Why not call it what it really is: male violence against women and children?
...
To all the men in this city who hold women in high esteem and would never think about acting violently against them, I would ask: What are you doing about male violence? Are you raising your sons so they will not act in a violent way? It seems to me that when you allow other men to act violently and take no responsibility for their actions, you are tarnished with the same brush. More succinctly, if you are not a part of the solution, you are a part of the problem.'

To submit a response to the Hamilton Spectator, go here.

Office of Women and Girls Head Makes One-Sided Claims on NPR

Matt · 22 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Via email from RADAR: Valerie Jarrett, who heads up Pres. Obama's newly-formed Office on Women and Girls, recently said: "Domestic violence is still a major issue, not just for women but also for girls." – NPR Morning Edition, March 12, 2009

Jarrett's one-sided claim is disturbing because the Office on Women and Girls will attract extensive media attention in the next 4+ years, and could set the stage for even more anti-family DV laws.

Can you help us get the word out to stop the "Ms.-Information"? Complaints can be made here.

UK Times: "School is better without boys"

anthony · 22 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Getting the best for girls has always been a vexed issue. Do they do better in single-sex schools or when taught alongside boys? In recent years single-sex schools have been tarred as old-fashioned and antiquated, a throwback to the Victorian era, but a report published last week looks like the last word on the issue: girls really do do better in single-sex schools.

The study, by The Good Schools Guide, followed 700,000 girls and found that those who sat GCSEs in single-sex state schools all did better than could have been predicted by their scores at the end of primary school.'

Journalist to discuss boys at education seminar

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Veteran investigative journalist Peg Tyre will be the keynote speaker at the Mississippi Association of Partners in Education's upcoming state seminar.
...
Tyre, former senior writer at Newsweek, is author of “The Trouble with Boys: A Surprising Report Card on Our Sons, Their Problems at School and What Parents and Educators Must Do.”

Tyre will explore issues related to boys' academic performance and why a disproportionate number of boys are high school dropouts. The state seminar also includes the Governor's Awards luncheon and training opportunities for education professionals.'

Australia: Female judge 'let sex teacher off lightly'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A victim support group is disappointed with the non-custodial sentence imposed on a Melbourne teacher over a relationship she had with a 15-year-old student.

Nazira Rafei has been convicted of committing indecent acts with a child after she performed sexual acts with the boy on two occasions last year.

The court heard the boy initially pursued the teacher and they engaged in a sexual act in the back of her car during last year's teacher strike.

...
But Noel McNamara of the Crime Victims Support Association says the sentence is too lenient and points to female bias as a possible factor.

"I think they seem to be mainly in most cases female judges who hand down these sentences and think that it is okay for female teachers to interfere with young boys," he said.

"We don't know what the end result is going to be with this lad."
...
Rafei will be placed on the sexual offenders register and she has also been ordered to do 150 hours of community work.'

"Father and president"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jay Fagan, a professor of social work at Temple University who has done studies on fathers, said that children who are living in households where their fathers are not present are much more likely to be living in poverty.

They are more likely to fall victim to substance abuse and child abuse. They're also at risk for emotional and behavioral problems. They're more likely to have problems at school, and they're at greater risk of delinquency and teen pregnancy.

Linda Nielsen, a professor of educational and adolescent psychology at Wake Forest University, views fatherlessness not as a family values issue, but as a "huge economic issue."

From high dropout rates, which lead to unemployment and under-employment, to low emotional health, so much of what is costing taxpayers money can be linked to children "not getting enough fathering," she maintained.'

Albany woman sentenced to 25 years to life for murder plot

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'ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - An Albany woman who conspired with her boyfriend to kill her husband has been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

Tammara McCoy was found guilty of second-degree murder and conspiracy for the death of Tyrone McCoy in November 2007.

Prosecutors say Johnson was dating 32-year-old Tammara McCoy when her estranged husband came into thousands of dollars, and they plotted to kill him and escape with his money. Tammara McCoy drove her husband to her Albany apartment and then Johnson shot him in the head.

McCoy was sentenced Thursday. Johnson was found guilty in November. He's currently serving 28 and a half years to life in prison for murder, conspiracy, criminal possession of a weapon.'

Inherent Sexism in Child Abandonment Cases Linked to Feminist Abortion Theory

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'As far as I can tell in the first case the abandoner was a man and the second it was a woman and women have emotions that effect their judgment and culpability. Of course the fact that the woman would have been lawfully permitted to kill her child only a short time before abandoning it has nothing to do with the difference in treatment.

As a person who has researched the abortion issue extensively I have noted that what passes for sexism and misogyny is frequently embraced and even promoted by certain quarters to promote the ideals of those who claim to be favour of women. They will condemn statements like the above quote in popular theological writings of the past as patronising and insulting yet when there are benefits to women from being treated as full rational agents they seem quite willing to buy into this line of thought as long as it enables women to avoid criticism.'

MND: Obama Women’s Council Tells its First Lie

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'The Maidens of Mendacity are at it again, only this time they're speaking from the bully pulpit that President Obama himself established. A couple weeks ago President Obama established the White House Council on Women and Girls. During the March 11 ceremony, Obama explained, "It's not enough to only have individual women's offices at different agencies, or only have one office in the White House."

The very next morning the Office's director, Valerie Jarrett, went on NPR Morning Edition. This is what Jarrett had to say: "Domestic violence is still a major issue, not just for women but also for girls."
...
Each year an estimated 600 Americans are struck by lightning - that's according to the National Weather Service. And each year fewer than 1,500 Americans - men and women - are murdered by their intimate partners.'

Michelle Obama Hosts Female ‘Firsts’

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It felt like a high school prom at the White House Thursday night…minus the teenage boys and the spiked punch.

Michelle Obama hosted 110 high-school junior and senior girls from eleven Washington-area schools for dinner and music in the East Room. Sheryl Crow and Alicia Keys performed.

Obama assembled the group in honor of Women’s History Month. She told the group of girls to use the night for networking and to “poke and prod” the successful women in the room “to figure out how they got where they are.”'

UK Telegraph: 'Men in the classroom'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The news that more than a quarter of England's primary schools do not have a single male teacher might not seem very alarming: in recent years we have come to think of this area of teaching as the preserve of women. In fact, the statistic is testament to a mighty failure of our education system, and one that needs to be put right as soon as possible.

The counties of Hertfordshire, Derbyshire, Essex, Surrey, Hampshire, Lancashire, Norfolk and Cumbria each have more than 100 schools with no men teachers. These findings come from the Government's Training and Development Agency, which also discovered that 83 per cent of parents were unhappy with this situation. How has it come about? There are many factors, but one of them is a grossly exaggerated suspicion of paedophiles – a fear that it is not safe to leave children alone with men. On the contrary: it is not only safe but also necessary to employ properly qualified men to teach children under 11. Boys in particular need male mentors, especially if they do not have one at home.'

Why Are More Women Confessing to Infidelity?

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'In an October 2008 study, researchers from the University of Washington explored the recent increase in infidelity, and the changing makeup of the participants. A greater number of older men and younger women have reported being unfaithful than in earlier studies. However, historically, gauging responses in scientific studies of sensitive issues such as sexual behavior has proven to be a flawed science.

According to The New York Times, which cites the University of Washington's research, the number of young women who report engaging in extramarital sex is not much lower than that of men. The study reports that 20 percent of men and 15 percent of women under the age of 35 have cheated on their spouses, up from 15 percent and 12 percent respectively.'

Trying to avoid trouble is a ridiculous reason to cry 'rape'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Do teen girls really believe it's easier to claim false rape to their parents and police than to face the consequences of their own dumb actions?

For the second time in less than six months, a south suburban teen has acknowledged lying about a sexual assault to avoid punishment.

In the most recent case, 19-year-old Heather Krueger, of Tinley Park, told police last week that she was attacked while on her way home from the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade. The assault, she said, happened in the 80th Avenue Metra parking lot in Tinley Park.

Within two days, though, she recanted her story and admitted fabricating it to deflect the wrath she would face from her parents after they learned she had been celebrating in true Irish fashion.
...
Teen girls never should be given the message that crying rape is a good way to get out of trouble, even if they are having emotional problems or can't face possible consequences of their actions. And filing a false sexual assault report because you might get caught drinking? I am sure a lot of teens went home Sunday and had to face the music after celebrating at the parade, but they didn't waste police time and resources searching for an attacker who doesn't exist.'

Scotland: Businessman suffers brain damage after assault over false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A PROMINENT businessman suffered devastating brain injuries in a vicious attack after he was wrongly suspected of raping one of his workers, a court heard yesterday.

John Chalmers, 47, has had to "learn everything again" and step down from a senior role in his family's bakery in Aberdeen – which holds the Royal Warrant – because of the assault.

He had become friends with a woman less than half his age, who's brother mistakenly believed Mr Chalmers had sexually assaulted her.

On Christmas Day, 2007, Steven Macleod, 28, struck Mr Chalmers a blow to the head with a length of wood and repeatedly punched him, causing a fractured skull and internal bleeding. Without prompt medical treatment, he might well have died.'

A bad day for female violence

Ric_TVY · 23 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

In today's news section on the front page of Australia's NineMSN, their top 4 stories of the day included 3 stories about female violence:

Court Claim: "Wife admitted to chopping up husband" - Police say wife blasted husband to death with a shotgun, took his body out the back (obviously not a small woman) and chopped him up before hiding bits around the state. Lets see what she gets, my prediction 6 years, out in 3.

Disfigured - Nightclub glassing victim acquitted - A Ms Goldrick admitted pulling a woman to the floor and punching her in the mouth after herself being punched in the mouth, victim a Ms Kelley was also glassed in the face leaving her blind in one eye and scarred for life. Goldrick was acquitted as there was some doubt about where the glass injury came from. I did think that punching someone in the mouth was illegal, obviously not, as she walked free.

Sex Murder - "Desperate Students call cut off" - British holidayer has her throat cut by female flatmate and her boyfriend for not participating in a sex game.

Makes you wonder how our Governments can continue to make domestic and dating violence all about male perpetrators and female victims when the truth is on the front page of Australia's most popular website, day after day. Note also that according to the ABS 25% of violence against woman comes from other woman - in this second story we have just that - a glassing by one woman against another.

Nebraska woman sentenced for false sex-assault report pays $150 fine

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Story here. Excerpt:

'COLUMBUS, Neb. (AP) - A Columbus woman who recanted her story of being sexually assaulted by a man she met over the Internet has been fined and told to pay restitution.

Janae McMahon pleaded no contest to attempted false reporting. Last week she was fined $150 and ordered to pay the court $1,671 in restitution.

The 27-year-old had reported in May last year that a 38-year-old man from Meadow Grove sexually assaulted her after they watched a movie at her home.

He told police the sex was consensual.'

Henryville woman jailed, accused of molesting boys

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'A Henryville woman is accused of molesting two 12-year-old boys she knew from church and that her husband reportedly coached in a youth football league.

Sheila Granger, 33, is charged with five counts of class A felony child molesting, three counts of class C felony child molesting and one charge of class B felony child solicitation. She is being held without bond in the Michael L. Becher Adult Corrections Complex, awaiting her first court appearance.

Lt. Rachael Lee, a detective with the Clark County Sheriff's Department, said Granger's husband coached the two boys in a football program in Henryville. Lee said Granger and the two boys attended the same church.

Lee said Granger knew them "through a personal relationship with the parents of the boys." She said the investigation began after a school resource officer received information about abuse and followed up on it.'

Woman killed her own son and forced sibling to watch

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'Twenty-five-year-old Teresa Gilman was also sentenced to 30 years behind bars for child abuse resulting in death and four counts of child abuse.

The ninth judicial district attorney says Gilman's son, six-year-old Lorenzo Cabral, Jr. died from blunt force trauma to the head in January of 2007.

Gilman reportedly believed the child was possessed by the devil.

Three other children were home at the time of the killing.

Police say Gilman forced the oldest child to watch the abuse that led to his sibling's death.'

Advocates for fathers sue trial court over child support rules

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Boston, Mass. - A fathers' rights group says it is suing the Massachusetts Trial Court for what it says are unconstitutional child support guidelines that are decimating household budgets.

"There are people who are literally being driven out of their homes and apartments because of their inability to pay," said Ned Holstein, founder of the nonprofit Fathers & Families. "We believe in guidelines that will well take care of all the children and also be fair between the adults. These guidelines do not do that."

Holstein said the group intends to argue that the child support guidelines, because they have the potential to increase child support payments, represent a tax increase. Under the constitution, he said, only the Legislature has the power to authorize new taxes. The changes, approved in November by the Chief Justice of Administration and Management of the Trial Court Robert Mulligan, took effect Jan. 1, 2009.'

Even with a presumption of shared custody men still get the shaft

Anonymous · 23 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'FAMILY Court judges seem reluctant to order that children spend equal time with parents in the most bitter and complex disputes, with only 15 per cent of such cases resulting in a 50-50 parenting split.

Mothers are more likely to be granted the most time with their children in the most acrimonious cases contested in court, according to Family Court figures.

Of mothers involved in contested cases, 60 per cent were granted main residence, or the majority of time.

Of fathers in such cases, 17 per cent were granted the majority of time. The analysis is based on almost 1450 cases contested in court that were finalised in 2007-08.'

What Feminism Wrought

Broadsword · 24 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The need for some return to sanity is presented pretty clearly in an article in the April issue of O, the Oprah Magazine. The article details how some women find themselves leaving men in favor of relationships with partners of their own gender.

One recently divorced academic describes what attracted her to a future female lover. “She got up and gave me the better seat, as if she wanted to take care of me. I was struck by that,” she said. “I felt attracted to her energy, her charisma. I was enticed. And she paid the bill. Just the gesture was sexy. She took initiative and was the most take-charge person I’d ever met.”

...

"The women interviewed in the article appear to want someone to take charge a bit — there is an attraction to, if not a need for, some hierarchy. And in a culture in which masculinity — well, at least in men — is so often suspect, some women seem to be looking to reinvent the masculine themselves."

Letters to the editor Washington Post: A Justified Focus on Women and Girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

"In ridiculing President Obama's establishment of the White House Council on Women and Girls, Kathleen Parker presented a misleading picture of the persistent pay gap between men and women ["Bring the Boys Along," op-ed, March 18].

Ms. Parker would like us to believe that men and women are simply making different "choices," and that this explains the gender pay gap. This view overlooks evidence to the contrary. A study from the Government Accountability Office concluded that even after accounting for "choices" such as work patterns and education, women earn an average of 80 cents for every dollar that men earn.

Moreover, the GAO has found that women with children earn about 2.5 percent less than women without children, while men with children enjoy an earnings boost of 2.1 percent, compared with men without children. So mothers pay a penalty for their choices while fathers receive a bonus.

Equal pay is not just a women's issue, it's a family issue that also affects our fathers, husbands and sons.

In more than 13 percent of families, women are the sole earners. The impact of the wage gap is particularly painful in our current economic downturn as families struggle to make ends meet on stagnant wages. President Obama is right to make this a priority.

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Washington

Determined To Talk, Wife Handcuffs Self To Husband

WakeUp · 24 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Brief article here.

'FAIRFIELD, Conn. - Fairfield police say they rescued a screaming husband with bite marks on his torso and arms who was handcuffed to his wife, who was attempting to reconcile with him.

Police charged 37-year-old Helen Sun with third-degree assault, disorderly conduct, reckless endangerment and unlawful restraint. She was due in Bridgeport Superior Court on Tuesday.

Police say Sun told them she wanted to have a full conversation with husband Robert Drawbough without him leaving. Police say she changed the locks on their bedroom and handcuffed herself to Drawbough while he was asleep.

Drawbough used a cell phone to call police, who heard his screams when they arrived at the couple's Fairfield home. He was treated at a local hospital.'

She wasn't charged with a crime that has the word "domestic" in it.

RADAR ALERT: Valerie Jarrett Unveiled: Tell the White House the Truth

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During a recent interview on NPR's Morning Edition Valerie Jarrett,
the head of the newly-created White House Council on Women and Girls, remarked, "Domestic violence is still a major issue, not just for women but also for girls," and stated that in regard to the prevention of violence against women, the first thing the council would do is "take a look at all of the federal agencies and inventory everything [they] are currently doing...[they] are not leveraging the federal dollars as well as [they] could...and [they] could really do more to enhance the lives of women and girls."

While on the surface Ms. Jarrett's stated objective for the Council seems sincere and business-like, conspicuously absent was the plight of male victims of domestic violence as well as the need to maintain integrity in the nation's fight to prevent domestic violence, which is compromised by the ever-present weapon of false allegations that lead to the destruction of families.

Ms. Jarrett's comments intimate that the dynamics that are wrong with VAWA at present will not only be ignored, but will actually be worsened.

Please share with the White House your concerns about Ms. Jarrett by filling in this form.

As always, be polite.

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Date of RADAR Release: March 24, 2009

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Columnist questions the success of modern feminism

badgerb · 25 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Particularly in the M.T. case, Ms. Timson blames the girl's actions on "a very retro scenario," an "ages-old pre-feminist scenario" in which girls believe they have no power on their own. So they convince themselves that they must attract a man and keep him at all costs, even murder.

Pardon me? Girls have turned to murder because they have no power? The truth is, they have turned to murder and "obsessive irrational hatred of one girl toward another, depict[ing] an emotional landscape devoid of respect, conscience or heart," because they have too much power. I don't mean too much power relative to boys — with whom they are now equals in every real sense — but rather relative to teens of past generations.
...
Feminism's attempts to release women from the strictures of the old sexual morality, and the movement's encouragement for women to act like men, have produced violent girls like M.T. who use their sexuality as a tool, and think nothing of offering up — via cellphone text messages — "bj's " and "bang bangs" in order to have a perceived rival, Stefanie Rengel, killed. It's not the technology that's changed, it's the girls.'

UK: Chef faces rape charge from lawyer because she was drunk

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Peter Bacon, who denies raping the woman, said she smiled at him and touched his leg with hers before they made their way upstairs to her bedroom.

The 26-year-old told police after his arrest that sex with the lawyer was 'reciprocal' and that she had plenty of opportunities to say no.

'She was drunk, but she was still able to hold a conversation with me. She gave the impression that she was enjoying it,' he insisted.

...

The alleged victim, who is in her 40s, claimed that she woke after a night drinking wine to find Bacon lying next to her in bed.

He had been invited round to the house by the woman's former flatmate but the lawyer claims she was so drunk that she did not even remember him arriving.

She told Winchester Crown Court that when she woke up she told Bacon to get out and told him: 'It's because of b******** like you that the law has been changed.'

Prosecutor Kerry Malin said the woman was referring to a 2007 legal ruling that someone who is drunk may not be capable of giving consent.

Bacon was so concerned by her allegations he went to a police station to find out where he stood in relation to the law.

He claimed the sex was consensual - but was later arrested and charged.

Today, the court heard Bacon had told police in his interview that he believed the woman was as keen to have sex as he was because she never said no, and he insisted she had played a full part in what happened.'

Boys Failing Schools and Under Enrolling in College

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'The National Center for Educational Statistics found that boys were 30 percent more likely than girls to flunk or drop out of high school, five times more likely to be diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), get worse grades than girls in elementary, middle, high school, college and graduate school, are less likely to attend college and have 12 percent less bachelor degrees than women and 10 percent less graduate degrees.
...
In the book “Suicide and Attempted Suicide” by Geo Stone, a table showed during 1990 for every 100,000 people in the United States, an average of 20.4 men committed suicide while only 4.8 women did.
...
Alvaro De Vinicente, the headmaster of a private all-boys school called The Heights School in Washington said in a Voice of America article, “I think that in many cases boys are falling behind because there has been a process over the last 20 years, a process of education becoming more feminine. And I mean that in sort of a realistic factual sense. Because if you look at the statistics, there is a majority of women teachers and a majority of girls in the school that everything gets tailored to the girls and the young women.”'

"Baseball no field of dreams for female athletes"

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Article here. You won't see the author discussing the bat speed and hand eye coordination necessary to hit a 98 mph fastball. You also won't read anything about the difficulty of throwing a ball from the '408 foot sign at Yankee stadium to gun down a runner at home. Don't expect to read about the strength, balance, and stamina needed by a catcher during a three hour game. Excerpt:

'Girls face ostracism from boys who were their friends outside the game. “When they were young, if the girl was really good enough, sometimes she would be accepted by her teammates,” Cohen said. “The older she got, the more hostility she would face because the stakes are higher.” Scouts from professional teams and colleges are looking for prospects “and boys still feel that their masculinity is threatened because they’re going to be struck out by a girl or woman…. There’s a lot of gender issues involved when it comes to accepting a woman athlete on par with a male athlete on male teams.”

Does Sexism Still Reign In TV Advertising?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For many years television advertising was plagued by what we today consider to be ridiculous stereotyping with a woman portrayed as pretty much a subservient extension of her husband whose only role was to make him happy.

Today those kinds of ads are no longer broadcast and I'm glad to see the change. But there is one area where sexism in advertising seems to be ok, when it is used to portray men as dumb idiots who can't cook, clean, take care of kids, etc.
...
But imagine if the same technique were used to show woman as helpless with a car, or unable to do household repairs, or driving badly ? The same ads in the same humorous spirit would be quickly banned under protests from advocacy groups.'

UK: Sexism claims rejected by employment tribunal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A LOUGHTON mum's claim that she was the victim of sexism at a City bank has been dismissed by an employment tribunal.

Anna Atkins, 52, said she was passed over for promotion at Standard Chartered because of a macho culture where meetings ended up in strip clubs.

During a six-day hearing at the London Central Employment Tribunal last month the account manager said her department was "typified by late-night drinking and cigar smoking" from which women were excluded.

A judgement issued on Monday (March 11) dismissed her three allegations of sex discrimination and six allegations of victimisation by senior executives at the bank.'

UK: Sexism claim by sacked Baby P boss has ‘no hope’

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Story here. Excerpt:

'THE claim by former children's services director Sharon Shoesmith that she was sacked without compensation because she is a woman was dismissed today as nothing more than a “bargaining chip” to win higher damages.

Ms Shoesmith lost her £130,000-a-year job at Haringey in the furore over the council's failure to protect Baby P.

Experts believe she could win more than £1 million if her unlawful dismissal and sex discrimination claims against the council succeed.

Her case, lodged at Watford employment tribunal, is said to claim that “she was treated less favourably by the council than a man would have been in similar circumstances in that she was summarily dismissed from her job without compensation whereas a man would not have been so dismissed”.'

Rose Afriyie: Violent gender roles

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'Andrea Dworkin, an author and activist, once said she believed “in the humanity of men against all the evidence.” Color me optimistic. I believe in the humanity of men who have been physically violent, no matter how deeply buried that humanity may be. We have gone to a very dark place when we say that there are crimes people can commit that rob them of their ability to rehabilitate. Faith in rehabilitation is not in opposition to the often-reported high relapse rates of violent offenders. It simply hopes to envision a world where people aren’t doomed to be battered or a batterer after one act of violence has occurred.

But it all starts with us. We may win brownie points in our social networks by polarizing the debate and making it about how much we can stick it to domestic violence offenders in the public eye. But these actions don’t get women any closer to healing, men any closer to questioning their sexism on multiple levels or our society any closer to rethinking conflict resolution in partnership. These constructive activities aim to stifle violence and lead us on the path to healthy relationships.'

Fresno Radical Men's Discussion Night

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Announcement here. Excerpt:

'The radical men's discussion night is open to all who identify as men/male. It's an opportunity to discuss sexism, male-ness, feelings and relationships, and of course, revolution.
...
Men benefit from gender privilege and power, and this is something we will discuss: how we men can struggle against sexism. At the same time, sexism hurts us all. How have other men treated us throughout our lives? While patriarchal culture gives men power and privilege, we often have roles and expectations thrust upon us that we did not choose. How have we felt confined by gender roles and expectations? How can we confront sexism and patriarchy, deconstruct gender norms, and create healthy, sustainable forms of masculinity and individuality?'

An opportunity here to educate some of our future compadres?

Experts: Abuse doesn't just affect women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many male victims of violence are unwilling to come forward and seek help said Erika Tindill, executive director of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The coalition oversees 18 domestic violence programs throughout the state, including The Umbrella and the Center for Women and Families. Tindill said men who are abused by female partners can feel emasculated by the situation.

"We are in a paternalistic society," Tindill said. "We depend on men to be the providers."

Being abused by a wife or girlfriend flies in the face of that macho archetype, she said, and male abuse victims might be unwilling to admit what has happened to them. As a result, Tindill said, female on male violence "is clearly underreported."

'Manhunt' for Woman Sought in Ex-Husband's 2008 Plumas County Murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PLUMAS COUNTY, CA - Murder charges were filed Wednesday and a manhunt was underway for a woman charged with killing her ex-husband in Plumas County last year and burning his body in Nevada, according to a Plumas County sheriff's spokesman.

Plumas County prosecutors charged Nazira Cross, 43, with murder with special circumstances Wednesday in connection with the July 2008 death of Cross' ex-husband Michael, Plumas County sheriff's Sgt. Steve Peay said.

Peay said detectives were actively searching for Nazira Cross, who allegedly had several aliases and may have fled the area or the country.'

Korea: Women-Only Parking Lots to Debut

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'The Seoul Metropolitan Government will introduce female-only spaces in all parking lots from April.

The spaces will be painted pink with emblems of women in the center. The special parking lots will be longer and wider than normal parking spaces. Road parking lots will be mandated to secure more than 10 percent of space as women-only spaces — and over 20 percent for buildings.

Under the plan, the city plans to increase women-only parking lots by up to 7,500 spaces this year from the current 2,000. Accordingly, more than 31 percent of public parking lots will be set up as women-only spaces. Female-only parking lots will be placed near elevators and will maintain over 70 lux of light.'

Woman Charged with Sexual Abuse of Stepson

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Charleston woman is jailed on charges of carrying on a two year sexual relationship with her teenage stepson.

Thirty-four year old Jenee Afzal was arrested Tuesday night after a warrant was issued for her arrest. She's charged with sexual abuse by a parent and incest and is jailed in lieu of $10,000 dollars cash only bond.

The victim, now age 18, says the incidents started when he was 16.'

Lawrenceville woman held in boyfriend's stabbing

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Lawrenceville woman has been charged with stabbing her boyfriend with scissors early yesterday during an argument over their car.

Charges against Sherrse A. Gaines include aggravated assault and domestic violence, police said.

Ms. Gaines, 25, answered the door, her arms and face bloody, when police responded to a call at their residence in the 5200 block of Wickliff Street around 4 a.m.

Police said the boyfriend was seen on the stairs with a large, open wound of the chest, and officers immediately summoned an ambulance.

The victim told police that during the argument, Ms. Gaines began punching and scratching him before she brandished the scissors and began lashing at him, striking him in the face and chest.'

Jury finds woman guilty of murdering her husband

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'A woman whose first murder trial ended up in a hung jury was convicted Monday of killing her husband by the second jury to hear her case.

Grace Pianka, 51, was found guilty of second-degree murder in Maricopa County Superior Court. She faces up to 22 years in prison when she is sentenced May 29.

Pianka was charged in the April 15, 2006, shooting death of her husband, Adam Kostewicz.
Her first trial ended in a hung jury last August.
...
The jurors would not comment on the case, but all affirmed their guilty votes when individually polled after the verdict was read in the courtroom of Judge Warren Granville.

Pianka faced a presumptive prison term of 10 to 16 years for the crime. However, Granville ruled that aggravating circumstances - the fact that a gun was used in the crime - meant that the prison term could be stretched to as much as 22 years.'

Sheriff: Woman Fired on Deputy Assisting Child

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'LEONARDTOWN, Md. -- A sheriff's deputy who went to a home to perform a welfare check found himself in the line of fire Friday, according to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office.

The deputy made contact with 35-year-old Nancy Martha Ahearn at a Leonardtown residence when he saw an 18-month-old boy pull a bookshelf onto himself, authorities said.

When the deputy went to assist the child, Ahearn went to a closet to get a handgun, according to the sheriff's office. She pointed it at the deputy, who sought cover, and fired.

Ahearn only managed to successfully fire one shot, authorities said, and the deputy was able to disarm her.

Ahearn was taken to St. Mary's Hospital for evaluation. She was charged Wednesday with attempted murder and first-degree assault.'

X Versus Y - The Ultimate Battle of the Sexes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The quest to find a man, not a boy, plagues most women today. We women find ourselves sitting and pondering where the elusive man has gone, and why he has been replaced with these obviously cheap knockoffs the same quality of a swap meet Gucci bag.

Well, the pondering is over and our question answered. The cherished Y chromosome is losing its genes from generation to generation. Women can let out that sigh of relief - It's down to genetics. They might not be that into us, but it's because genetically they aren't that into themselves.
...
Every guy should give a hand to that, not because they are saved from disappearance, but because, at their current state, it's the only real loving they should get. So, as the hunt for the real man continues, women can stop settling for some half mutated loser, but comb through looking for that one man who escaped his genetic disposition, and learned a thing or two from his mother.'

Wales: Concern over absent father stats

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'One in four children in Wales have no contact with their biological father, a children's charity suggests.

In a poll of young people from the year 7-11 school age group, 24%, when asked, said they 'don't see' their father.

More than a quarter of 15-year-olds asked said they had tried cannabis, with the figure higher among those who did not feel close to their father.

Catch22, which commissioned the survey, said it underlined the importance of a good father child relationship.

The findings form a preliminary part of a report, Growing up with Dad, based on research carried out by Catch22, a charity that helps young people out of difficult situations.'

Woman who stabbed herself released from jail

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'There will be no more time behind bars for a local woman who stabbed herself in an effort to have her daughter's father charged.

Janet Laforge was able to convince both the Crown and the judge Monday that she deserves a chance to turn her life around.

The 38-year-old woman pleaded guilty in February to attempting to commit public mischief by causing police to begin an investigation into the false allegation.

She also was convicted of three other offences, including assault and two counts of breach of a recognizance, stemming from the Jan. 11 incident.

As well, Laforge pleaded guilty to possession of stolen property and three counts of possession of stolen credit cards.

These charges were in connection with a Dec. 11 shopping spree where she made purchases with credit cards stolen from another woman's purse.'

India: Boys more abused than girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While the recent Mira Road rape cases have brought to light sexual crimes against girls in society, the fact is that boys are even more victimised than girls.

"In our experience, we found that boys were more sexually abused than girls. And they were even more reluctant to report it than girls," said Pooja Taparia, founder-CEO, Arpan, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) which works to prevent child sexual abuse and heal those who have been affected by it.

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"The truth is boys are as much at risk as girls, and so protecting only girls is not enough," said a child rights activist Pranay Veer.

The second myth is child sexual abuse is prevalent only in the lower class.

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According to a national survey, 50% of the offenders are known to the victim.'

Debate over drugs for ADHD reignites

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'New data from a large federal study have reignited a debate over the effectiveness of long-term drug treatment of children with hyperactivity or attention-deficit disorder, and have drawn accusations that some members of the research team have sought to play down evidence that medications do little good beyond 24 months.

The study also indicated that long-term use of the drugs can stunt children's growth.
...
One principal scientist in the study, psychologist William Pelham, said that the most obvious interpretation of the data is that the medications are useful in the short term but ineffective over longer periods but added that his colleagues had repeatedly sought to explain away evidence that challenged the long-term usefulness of medication. When their explanations failed to hold up, they reached for new ones, Pelham said.'

NCFM objects to recent DV training video, informs San Diego D.A.

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A ***letter (.pdf file)*** has been sent by the National Coalition For Men (NCFM) to the District Attorney of San Diego. The letter addresses a new training video (funded by taxpayers) that is being used to train police.

"The new training video, Domestic Violence: You Make the Difference that your office funded is seriously flawed. Much information in the new video is not scientifically derived or evidence based, and cannot be construed as a best practice."

Toronto mother charged in toddler's death

Anonymous · 28 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 34-year-old Bolton, Toronto, mother has been charged in the slaying of her 18-month old child. The toddler's body was found earlier today in a car parked in an underground garage of the Mississauga Executive Centre located directly across from Square One Shopping Centre.
...
The woman is to appear later this afternoon in a Brampton courtroom. She will be charged with first-degree murder. The boy's body was discovered just before 8 a.m. after the accused called police, telling them where to locate her dead child, police say.

The woman was under investigation by the Children's Aid Society.

Police won't confirm a report that the child protection agency was about to take the deceased child and her two other children.'

College professor asserts men need more stress in their lives

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From Marc A.: In this article, Sociology professor Scott Coltrane is quoted saying men have not added enough stress to their lives until the past decade and that they now are no longer "off the hook" as they are expected to do more childraising and housework. How ironic that all these lazy, stress-free men have for decades climbed in Coltrane's sewers, collected his garbage and fixed his streets so he can get to his cushy job and talk about how lazy and stress-free men have been.

You can send a letter to the editor at letters-at-usatoday.com and editor-at-usatoday.com and you can email Coltrane directly at coltrane-at-uoregon.edu.

Reminds me of Professor Christine Littleton's comment in the Daily Bruin that "It is women who do the work of the world" which Glenn Sacks slammed in a subsequent op-ed. Or maybe it's just "boys are stupid, throw rocks at them" all over again. I guess it's not enough that men make 92% of job deaths, 70% of job injuries, work 90% of overtime and die younger and more often for the 10 leading causes of death including stress-related ones like stroke. And never mind that a recent 25-nation study by economists from Berlin, Brussels and Texas found men do their fair share of housework when we look at all types of work combined, both in and out of the home. The University of Maryland found the exact same thing.

In fact research shows most men would take a pay cut or quit their jobs if their partners could support the family. It is not men who have refused to be child-rearers, it is women who have chosen to stay primary parents. Women are much more likely than men to have the option of staying home after graduating from college while men still don't have that option anywhere near the same degree women do. They're either primary breadwinners or on the streets. So they take high-risk, high-hour and high-stress jobs to fulfill what is expected of them, only to then get bashed by ignoramus academics who sit at their desks and talk about how lazy men are.

Judge chastises Norway after woman, daughters flee Canada

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SASKATOON — A Saskatchewan judge slammed the Norwegian government last month for providing new passports to help a woman flee Canada with two children in the midst of a nasty, transatlantic custody battle.

“The Norwegian government played a pivotal role in the breach of orders of this court. (They) could not have left Canada without its assistance,” Court of Queen’s Bench Justice Geoff Dufour remarked in a Feb. 19 written decision obtained recently by the Saskatoon StarPhoenix.'

Urge the probation or early release of Will Hetherington

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You and I have our hands full - but I received a letter today from William Hetherington...do you remember him? In a hesaid/shesaid story, William and his wife were in the process of a divorce. She wanted the divorce, he did not. They had two children. She got involved with her boss.

William convinced her to attend marriage counseling, and in time she hinted reconciliation. She invited him to dinner in their home...sent the children to grandma's house. He arrived to find music, candles, flowers, etc. Soon in bed together; and then she jumped up, ran outside screaming that he had raped her. Michigan's first spousal rape case. Police arrived. She said he stuffed a rubber ball in her mouth, but no ball was ever found. He was arrested. Next day, she emptied bank accounts. He had no money for attorney, was denied public defender - because he allegedly had assets.

He went to trial with an attorney he had never met, called in from hallway a minute or so before trial. Attorney told him to plead guilty. He refused, and a judge sentenced him to 30 years in prison. He has been denied parole ever since. It is going on 28 years. I think. He wants me to help him contact politicians, Michael Moore and newspapers to help alert public (especially men) about this spousal rape law - in this he/said/she said case a man spend his adult life in prison while some drug dealers, murderers (even some pedophiles) get probation. My friend spent years trying to help change this law but died two years ago, so now this inmate turns to me in desperation. He contacted me first to write his life story, but I was tied up. He thought he could persuade someone to do a movie about his story if a book were available. He's had a lot of support - but in time people forget and move on. or die. He's sick now (cancer, I hear), and unlikely to be a problem to society if released.

If you have friends or buddies who should know this story and might want to help in self defense if nothing else - or if you can contact Michael Moore (they grew up in the same Burton/Davison area) let me know. It is a terrible law! Please forward on - one never knows where it will land.

William Hetherington #186155, Boyer Road/Carson City Correctional Facilities,P O Box 5000, Carson City, MI 48811-5000

Justice was not done in cases when evidence does not support spousal rape. Does justice demand one plead guilty to earn probation after serving 20+ years? It would seem so, but that is not the issue now. The issue is whether or not a man deserves to spend life in prison in a hesaid/shesaid spousal rape case, and whether or not that law should be amended.

Ed. note: Wikipedia entry on this case is here.

Baby P and the Child Abuse Industry

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Baby P killing reveals the child abuse industry at its most cynical. The Soviet-style ineptitude revealed daily is the product not of poor training or underfunding but of the logic inherent in bureaucratic politics.

We have long known what causes child abuse and why children like Baby P die. The vast preponderance of child abuse and child deaths occurs in single-parent homes. Very little abuse takes place in married, twoparent families. London's Family Education Trust long ago demonstrated that children are up to 33 times more likely to suffer serious abuse and 73 times more likely to suffer fatal abuse in the home of a mother with a live-in boyfriend or stepfather than in an intact family.

Figures from the US Justice Department show that single mothers accounted for 55 per cent of child murders. Shorn of politically correct euphemism, what this means is that the principal impediment to child abuse is a father. 'Fathers have often played the protector role inside families,' writes Adrienne Burgess of Fathers Direct. A study in the journal Adolescent and Family Health found that 'The presence of the father … placed the child at lesser risk for child sexual abuse.'

Yet instead of allowing fathers to protect their children, fathers are forcibly and systematically removed from their homes and children by family courts with the active support of social work bureaucracies. Ironically, this is often effected using trumped-up charges of child abuse against fathers, though statistically biological fathers are responsible for very little abuse. Judges claim they remove fathers, even without evidence of abuse, to 'err on the side of caution'. In fact they are erring on the side of danger, and it is difficult to believe they do not realize it. Thus the child abuse apparatchiks remove the children's natural protector, whereupon the real abusers — the single mother and her boyfriends — are free to abuse his children with impunity. Groups like Fathers4Justice and protesters like Jolly Stanesby are vilified for calling attention to the confiscation and abuse of their children, when they are merely responding as any parent can be expected to do when someone interferes with his child.'

Gender bias evident in parental alienation cases

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"I'm not trying to dump on moms," Mr. Colman told about 150 psychologists, family lawyers, mediators and activist parents. "I'm just saying, that is what the data reveal."

In parental alienation syndrome, an estranged parent systematically brainwashes a child into hating the other parent. The profile of the syndrome escalated over the past year, after three Ontario judges ordered that children be removed from an alienating parent and taken to U.S. clinics for deprogramming therapy.'

UK: 'Face it, girls — a drunken romp isn't rape'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is it too much to hope that men falsely accused of rape by drunken women might one day be treated with ordinary courtesy and remain anonymous until proven guilty? Last week it took a jury a mere 45 minutes to throw out an accusation made by a woman in her forties, whom we must, maddeningly — because she is automatically guaranteed anonymity – refer to as Miss X, against Peter Bacon, a 26-year-old student and chef from Canterbury, Kent.

After an evening at the woman's house, during which Miss X, Bacon and a friend had drunk at least five bottles of wine, Bacon and Miss X retired to bed and had sex. Next morning Miss X, a solicitor, was so hungover she did not even remember what had happened, then claimed Bacon had raped her because she was too drunk to have consented to sex. The way Bacon tells it, Miss X was "giving me the come-on". When they started kissing, "she did not say no. There was never any indication of her saying, 'What are you doing?' She had plenty of time to say, 'Oi!'," he told the jury.'

Female 5th Grade Teacher Arrested for Having Sex with Male 7th Grader

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'Another elementary school teacher is being accused of molesting a former student. This time it's happened at Rosa Parks Elementary School in City Heights. The teacher, 35-year old Adrienne Feistel, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy she befriended. The molestation allegedly occurred while the boy was in 7th grade. Feistel's neighbors are in disbelief.
...
Authorities say the crime was reported by the teenage boy when police were interviewing him about an unrelated incident, a confrontation between the boy's mother and sister. Neighbors tell San Diego Six News that Feistel moved out of the neighborhood last October and is separated from her husband who is a San Diego Sheriff's Department Deputy.

Those same neighbors are trying to come to grips with the allegations.

"Surprised and shocked. It doesn't seem like something she would do." says the unidentified neighbor.

If convicted, Feistel could face up to eight years in prison. She sits in jail at the Las Colinas Detention Facility in Santee. Her bail was set at $50,000.'

MND: Claim that Boys Doing OK in School Comes up Short

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'This study purports to disprove the notion that there's a boy crisis in education. It's by Sarah Mead courtesy of a self-described "think tank" called the Education Sector. From what I can gather, it pretty accurately represents the response by those in the educational system who want to ignore the obvious problems boys have in school.

Mead's short take is that boys haven't performed worse over the past 35 years, girls have just performed better. Indeed, she claims boys are doing better than ever, just not as well as girls. But to get to that conclusion, Mead misreads the data she herself cites and, simply ignores the implications of other facts.
...
What has caused this crisis in our efforts to educate males can be a subject for debate. Surely many factors contribute. My personal guess is that it has a lot to do with a culture that has been viciously denigrating men since (what a coincidence!) the early 70s. For at least three decades, men in this country have been consistently told, among other things, that we're stupid. Could that possibly have anything to do with poor performance in school? What about the claim that all the good we do is just patriarchal oppression of our betters? Maybe boys have gotten the message. Think of that.'

HAWC's new name removes 'women-only' perception

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The local agency dedicated to eradicating domestic violence has chosen a name that better reflects its mission and services, according to Executive Director Candace Waldron.

Help for Abused Women and their Children is now Healing Abuse Working for Change. HAWC is also launching a new logo design contest with a $1,000 cash prize.

"We want to be sure we're responsive to all communities where domestic abuse might occur," Waldron said. "After 30 years of doing work, it's become clear that it's really the behavior of controlling and abusive persons that needs to be addressed, and it affects different genders."

The nonprofit agency was founded by a handful of Salem women in 1978. Over the years, it has grown to serve men affected by domestic violence, as well as women.

"I think our name, frankly, has been somewhat of a barrier in having men contact us," Waldron said.'

Woman loses legal round in assault on husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Utah Court of Appeals has rejected the argument that a Taylorsville woman, accused of ramming her SUV into her husband, should be able to include jury instructions regarding "extreme emotional distress" as part of her case.

Brenda Christine White, 33, is charged with attempted murder, a first-degree felony, and criminal mischief, a second-degree felony, in connection with an April 26, 2006, incident in which White and her estranged husband, Jon White, argued about money, child custody and other matters.

Prosecutors say an enraged Brenda White returned four hours later, chased her husband in her vehicle as he ran for cover on foot, smashed the SUV through a Salt Lake office building's glass door and hit her husband once, throwing him about 10 feet.'

UK: Woman in false rape claim jailed for 20 months

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'Alesha Watkins, 20, claimed Darren Ball, 25, attacked her after a party at Rushden, Northamptonshire, in December 2007.

Mr Ball spent 19 hours in custody and made four court appearances over seven months, Northampton Crown Court heard.

Watkins admitted perverting the course of justice. Judge Charles Wide QC said her lies had left a completely innocent man accused of rape.

...

She had been drinking alcohol and taking cocaine before they became involved in a "play fight" at his home that led to sexual intercourse, the court heard.

Prosecuting, Alex Bull said: "She said she had not been raped, and lied because she had regretted having sex with him.

...

Reading out a victim impact statement, the lawyer added: "It has had a significant impact on Mr Ball.

"He has had difficulties in his relationship since this time. He began to drink heavily.

"He said he began to feel suicidal. He's now in a relationship but blames this on his break-up with his ex-partner. He now only sees his children on school holidays." '

"Women for Hire" still at it

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Feeling bad because you are out of work? Jobs fairs may be the answer to landing that job to help pay your back child support and divorce lawyer fees.

However, if you are someone who was born with the X-Y chromosomal genetic makeup forget going to this job fair. IT IS FOR WOMEN ONLY!

The site "claims" that many top companies will be present to discuss your employment future with you IF YOU ARE A FEMALE.

College newspaper can't stomach the word COM(MAN)D on a T-shirt

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Hanszen College Men's Resource Center (MRC) has been selling "MAN" shirts both to raise campus awareness and to raise funds for its Hu(man)ity Campaign to help "young men in the Fifth Ward Enrichment program become responsible adults and productive members of the community." I thought it a perfect example of the kind of socially conscious civic engagement projects Rice students should engage in - that is, until I saw a shirt with the slogan "COM(MAN)D" with the word "man" displayed in a larger font and bracketed within the whole word.

Understandably, the MRC was probably trying to make a statement by using funny or enticing slogans as part of its campaign. Most of the slogans are indeed so, such as "WO(MAN)," "(MAN)GO" and "BRO(MAN)CE," but this particular slogan, "COM(MAN)D," is particularly offensive and potentially misleading.

"Command" is a word that connotes power, control, force and dominance. This meaning is obvious in every dictionary definition of the word. One cannot command without being obeyed. "Command" and "obey" form a basic binary opposition, just like "male" and "female." If a man "commands," then a man cannot "obey," which leaves anything that is not man to "obey."'

Canada: Custody judges rule on vengeance

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Toronto -- The scope of the courts' reach into family affairs has long been contentious, but a recent trend in Canada's legal system has brought a new controversy that has some onlookers praising judges and others condemning them for accepting what they call "voodoo science."

More than ever before, Canada's judges are recognizing that some children of divorced and warring parents are not simply living an unfortunate predicament, but rather are victims of child abuse and suffering from Parental Alienation Syndrome.

Though debate swirls as to whether the occurrence should be termed a syndrome, a disorder, or simply ‘parental alienation,' Canadian and American judges, lawyers, and psychologists are increasingly buying into a view that sees programming a child to despise a non-custodial parent as grounds for removing the "brainwashed" child from the alienating parent's custody - or what is known in the extreme as a court-ordered "parentectomy."'

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Hillary: Priority in Afghanistan is expanding women's rights

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON - U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has told a Planned Parenthood convention that reproductive rights, as well as women's rights and empowerment, are key issues in President Barack Obama's foreign policy.

Clinton vowed her support for these issues during a speech Friday evening at the Planned Parenthood's national conference in Houston.

...

Secretary Clinton started her day in Washington, where she and the President announced the administration's new direction in Afghanistan. One priority, she said, is ensuring the expansion of women's rights there.'

ACLU Intervenes As Girl, 14, Faces Porn Charges For Nude Photos

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Story here.

You might be asking how is this relevant? Think about the plethora of stories about boys facing severe consequences for similar actions. I've never read anything about the ACLU coming to the aid of these boys. When a girl faces the same injustice, hypocritical groups like the ACLU come to the rescue. Excerpt:

'A 14-year-old New Jersey girl has been accused of distributing child pornography after posting nearly 30 explicit nude pictures of herself myspace.com — charges that could force her to register as a sex offender if convicted.
...
The American Civil Liberties Union has asked a federal judge to block the filing charges, saying that the teens didn't consent to the picture's distribution and that the image is not pornography, in any event.

"Teenagers need to know that there are serious consequences for sharing risque or compromising pictures of themselves, but trying to teach that lesson with heavy artillery like child-pornography charges — which can have lifelong consequences — is uncalled for. Who does it protect?" said Deborah Jacobs, executive director of the New Jersey ACLU.'

World Net Daily: Who will raise kids: Mom, Dad or state?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Though efforts to pass a constitutional amendment protecting parental rights have failed in the past, two U.S. legislators are preparing to reintroduce the idea this week; and this time, they say, the effort is backed by more than 60 congressional members.

Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., who introduced a parental rights amendment by himself last year, told the Agence France-Presse that he will be joined by Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., on Tuesday as they renew the fight.

According to a statement released to AFP by Hoekstra's office, the amendment "would clearly outline in the U.S. Constitution that parents, not government or any other organization, have a fundamental right to raise their children as they see fit."

Jury Awards Damages For Botched Circumcision

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Story here. It is just a measly $1.8 million but still it is a step in the right direction in stopping this now discredited barbaric procedure. Excerpt:

'A Fulton County jury has awarded $1.8 million in damages to a boy whose penis was severed in a botched circumcision.

The state court jury gave another $500,000 to the boy's mother in the decision rendered Friday.
he case involves a child, identified only as D.P. Jr., who was born at South Fulton Medical Center in 2004. In a suit filed two years later, his mother contended that the doctor who circumcised him removed too much tissue and that his pediatrician failed to respond when a nurse complained of excessive bleeding.'

Army reaches out to families to stem suicides

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'FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. - Fort Campbell officials struggling to stem a recent increase in military suicides hope family members will be able to spot signs that soldiers may be depressed and hesitant to seek help from the Army.

Of the 100 family members and spouses at a meeting at the post Thursday, more than a dozen raised their hands when asked if they knew someone who had committed suicide. Those family members — often the first to notice problems — received information and training on recognizing signs of suicidal thoughts — and how to get help for the soldiers at the installation along the Tennessee state line.'

O no, not again! Oprah's school rocked by second sex scandal in 2 years

patriotsofamerica · 31 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This school that was set up by Oprah just for girls to prove that women and girls left in their own environment are better than men. This my friends, is proof that women are not the better sex. They are behind closed walls away from male influence and yet, they sexually harass and molest/rape each other. I will remember that next time I have to go to a sexual harassment class for work! Women ARE and CAN BE predators! This time, NO MEN can be blamed! Excerpt:

'Oprah Winfrey's elite boarding school for girls in South Africa has been rocked by its second sex scandal in fewer than two years.

Seven students were suspended last week for sexually harassing their schoolmates, the "Afrikaans on Sunday" newspaper reported.

One 15-year-old was accused of preying on another pupil and forcing other girls to lie to investigators about it, the paper reported.

"You have been found guilty of physical contact of a sexual nature with another pupil on campus, harassment, bullying other girls on campus and of being dishonest by not telling investigators the whole truth," a letter to her parents read.

Other girls were caught fondling each other or trying to get other girls to join them in lesbian liasons, the paper reported.'

History has been 'feminised', says prominent UK professor

Broadsword · 31 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In an interview with the Radio Times, out today, Dr Starkey said: "One of the great problems has been that Henry, in a sense, has been absorbed by his wives. Which is bizarre.

"But it's what you expect from feminised history, the fact that so many of the writers who write about this are women and so much of their audience is a female audience. Unhappy marriages are big box office."

...

Dr Starkey went further, by saying that modern attempts to paint many women in history as "power players" was to falsify the facts.

He said: "If you are to do a proper history of Europe before the last five minutes, it is a history of white males because they were the power players, and to pretend anything else is to falsify."

For example, while he considered Elizabeth I to be a great monarch, "the way she is presented as some sort of female icon is ludicrous".'

Free At Last: The Exoneration of Alan Beaman

Matt · 31 March 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In 1994, Alan Beaman was convicted of the murder of his ex-girlfriend and spent 13 years in prison for the crime.

Through the work of the Center on Wrongful Convictions at the Northwestern University School of Law, the Illinois Supreme Court reversed the conviction last May, citing the weakness of the evidence against Beaman.

A panel of those involved in the effort to clear Beaman's name recently reunited at the law school to discuss their experiences with the case.'

RADAR ALERT: Party Hearty-- Spend National Tea Party Day Protesting VAWA

Matt · 1 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

April 15th, tax day, is slated to be National Tea Party Day. Throughout the country, citizens will be protest the unprecedented level of federal spending will gather in front of their city halls.

Among the grievances listed at http://teapartyday.com/ are that the federal government is "spending trillions of borrowed dollars, leaving a debt our great-grandchildren will be paying" and that members of Congress "consistently give special interest groups billions of dollars in earmarks to help get themselves re-elected."

RADAR shares the tea partiers' displeasure over out-of-control spending and pork. Included in the so-called economic stimulus bill of 2009 is $325 million earmarked specifically for ineffective domestic violence programs. Ineffective, that is, at preventing domestic violence. They have been very effective at contributing to the deaths of women and children, breaking up families, and creating incentives for false allegations while whittling away at the traditional due process protections previously provided to the accused.

In the near future, we will be providing a flyer that you can take with you to hand out at a local tea party. This week, we ask that you find out details about your local tea party. To start, we suggest checking out this webpage to learn who's organizing tea parties in your area.

Thanks for your support.

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/

India: 'Baazigar syndrome' on the rise

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some men want to get back at their wives so desperately they don't care if they destroy themselves in the process. A men's rights activist names the condition after a Shah Rukh Khan film, reports Savie Karnel.

...

The squabble ended when he killed her and surrendered before the police. He said he'd had enough of her demands for money to lead a lavish life.

This may be an extreme case, but men trying to avenge their wives, whatever the cost, is on the rise, according to a men's rights foundation.

...

Some are angry to be at the receiving end of dowry harassment cases when they haven't taken any dowry. So, they file counter cases saying giving dowry is a crime. They urge that the wife's family also be arrested.

...

"It was not so before. We suggest to people who come to us to not get entangled in legal hassles and waste their time... But they all seem to want revenge and don't bother what happens to their lives," she said.'apR27Q

Using kids as weapons

Matt · 1 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last weekend, I attended the Canadian Symposium for Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS), Canada's first international conference on a form of child abuse that can be as bad as, or even worse than, sexual and physical abuse.

For the "show, don't tell" version of what the presentations added up to, read A Kidnapped Mind (Dundurn Press, 2006), by former model and journalist Pamela Richardson, who spoke at the symposium. Richardson wrote the book after her 16-year-old son, Dash Hart, neither drunk nor drugged, threw himself off Vancouver's Granville Street Bridge on New Year's Day, 2001.

Although Richardson was unaware there was such a syndrome until well into a 12-year custody ordeal as a "target parent," her detailed chronicle of a remorseless campaign to "disappear" her from Dash's life by his narcissistic father is the human face behind the evils described in the PAS literature.'

Single mother subjected adopted boy to years of cruelty

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A single woman who was chosen to adopt a boy subjected him to four years of beatings and abuse.

She spat at him, locked him in a laundry cupboard for hours without food or water, and once pushed his face into a plate of hot spaghetti.

The adoption was one of the first by a single mother after social workers and adoption agencies began looking for single parents and gay couples to adopt, in some cases in preference to married couples.

The 43-year-old woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had never lived in a long-term relationship or been married when social workers decided she was suitable to adopt.

Yesterday she was given a conditional discharge after admitting child cruelty.'

UK: Man cleared of rape after court shown 'phone footage'

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'A businessman has been cleared of raping a university student after jurors were shown footage of the sex session taken on a mobile phone.

Gary Taylor, 41, was accused of attacking the 27-year-old woman after turning up at her flat with cocaine and a bottle of red wine.

The woman, who can't be identified for legal reasons, told jurors that Mr Taylor forced her to perform a sex act on him and then raped her in her living room.

But during cross-examination she was shown footage Mr Taylor had taken on his mobile phone during the encounter on September 26, 2008.

Mr Taylor's barrister Karen Holt said the footage showed the woman 'actively' performing a sex act on him.
...
The prosecution offered no evidence following advice from the judge.

Mr Taylor, who runs a multimedia company, was cleared of four charges of rape and walked free from court.'

Murderer in jail for 11 years gets pregnant during day release from prison

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'A woman jailed for life for the brutal murder of a pensioner has become pregnant during day release from an open prison.

Lisa Healey is expected to give birth in the next few days after secret sex sessions with her boyfriend.

The 26-year-old, who has served 11-years-of her sentence, will bring up her child up in a mother and baby unit of Askham Grange Prison near York.
...
Healey was 15 when she and her 14-year-old friend Sarah Davey killed widow Lily Lilley in Failsworth, near Oldham, Lancs in 1998.
...
'The Prison Service provides Mother and Baby Units for the benefit of the prisoners' babies who would otherwise have to be separated from their mothers.

'The primary consideration is the best interest of the children.'

Teacher accused of letting cats starve to death claims fear of return to home

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BOCA RATON - The Congress Middle School teacher accused of letting her two cats starve to death "was the victim of an abusive situation" and her Boca Raton apartment had become "a zone of danger that was real and significant," her attorney said Wednesday in the first statement released on her behalf.

"The State Attorney's Office has accused Ms. Allison Dinsmore of malicious acts that were committed with the intent to cause harm and suffering. This conclusion was not shared by the police agency initially assigned to investigate this matter," Dinsmore's attorney Jordan Lewin wrote in a statement.

"Allison was the victim of an abusive situation in which her former apartment presented a zone of danger that was real and significant," Lewin wrote. "This abuse created a level of distress and anxiety that affected her normal routines and forced her to make abrupt lifestyle changes. Every reasonable effort was made to ensure all of her responsibilities were being taken care of in a way that would keep all of those involved with this situation safe. All of her choices and decisions were made under duress. The miscommunication and errors that led to the unfortunate demise of her pets was a terrible tragedy. These errors were not intentional or purposeful."
...
Dinsmore, who now lives in Miami, is accused of letting her two domestic cats die in her Boca Raton apartment while she said she was busy working and spending time with her boyfriend and family.'

OK, so who was 'abusing' her?

Mother guilty of feeding cocaine to toddler

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'A 26-year-old mother has been convicted of steadily giving her toddler cocaine over 14 months, finally administering a near-lethal dose that left him brain-damaged.

"It's difficult to see what would motivate her to give him cocaine, possibly to stop his crying, or to get him to sleep, or to control him. Was it to punish him or to get back at the father?" Justice Tamarin Dunnet said yesterday.

The Scarborough woman, who cannot be named to protect the identity of her son, also intentionally fractured a number of her son's ribs over time and failed to take him to hospital for a broken forearm, the judge said.

Cocaine levels discovered in the 2-year-old in testing at Hospital for Sick Children were so high that if he were an adult, he would be in the top 5 per cent of users, an expert testified.'

Nurse Charged With Injecting 10 Patients With Bleach, Killing 5

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'LUFKIN, Texas — A former nurse has been charged with injecting 10 patients with bleach — killing five of them — at a dialysis center in Lufkin.

Kimberly Saenz has been indicted by an Angelina County grand jury on one count of capital murder and five counts of aggravated assault.

She's charged with injecting bleach into the blood stream of her dialysis patients over a span of four weeks last April.

DaVita, which runs the clinic, says the indictments were a "painful reminder" of the deaths that unfolded last year.'

Men take lead at the unemployment line

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'It's a "he-cession" out there and, man, it's brutal.

Friday's government employment report is expected to bring bad news about job losses in a tough economy. The pain will be worse, however, for one sex more than the other.

To a much greater extent than in past recessions, men are bearing the brunt.

In December 2007, when the economy started tanking, unemployment ran nearly even at 5 percent for men and 4.8 percent for women. In February, that tally had shot up to 8.8 percent for men and 7.3 percent for women, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The 1.5-point spread is historic, and likely to widen as the overall numbers keep soaring, said Mark Perry, an economist at the University of Michigan in Flint: "I don't see it turning yet."'

Mother accused of stabbing, strangling daughter, 2

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'A mother has been accused of stabbing her 2-year-daughter with a scissors last night in Gardner and trying to strangle the child with an electrical cord, police said.

The mother, Susan Johnson, 38, allegedly stabbed the girl in the torso, head, and neck in a laundry room of an apartment building. The child was rushed to Heywood Hospital in Gardner and taken into custody of the Department of Children and Families.

When police arrived at the apartment building, a security guard had pinned Johnson to the floor of the laundry room, keeping her away from her bleeding daughter. Police arrested Johnson on charges that include attempted murder, armed assault with intent to murder, and assault and battery on a child with injury.'

Student paper: 'Men have bodies too!'

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'Last week was Love Your Body Week, which focused on helping women with eating disorders. It's great that these days women can easily find help for their eating disorders when twenty years ago they may have found it more difficult while trying to obtain the perfect figure. However, my question is: What about the guys?

Guys seem to be left out when it comes to respecting and loving their bodies exactly how they are. We seem to think guys have a better self-esteem than women and therefore do not need any help.

Many women strive for the perfect figure and try to accomplish this unrealistic model look by eating less or not eating at all. Plastic surgery or tummy tucks (if one has the money), or even excessively working out to the point of exhaustion and unhealthiness. Don't guys do the same thing?'

MSNBC: ‘I’d trade my husband for a housekeeper’

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Article here. Excerpt:

“People are actually less happy today than in the prior generation,” Joshua Coleman, Ph.D., author of The Lazy Husband, explains. “The first problem is expectations. Today we expect our partner to be everything to us. Our workout partner, our coach, our lover, our friend.” The next problem, Dr. Coleman says, is that we tend to enter into marriage with ludicrously overblown notions of what it will be like. We think we’ll have perfect communication; star-aligned value systems; great sex after kids; the perfect house; a long-lasting, healthy, best-friendship marriage... the list goes on and on. And while that’s all really nice, we need to get those visions out of our heads and start talking realistically about marriage if we want to be happy in it. Marriage and motherhood are difficult — but they can also be magical and worthwhile. Counterintuitive as it may seem, we’ve got to start acknowledging real marriage — flawed marriage — if we want to learn to enjoy the marriages we’ve got.
...
Compounding the problem, many of us assumed our husbands had these same rosy expectations of marriage. In reality, many did not. As Bill, a father of two daughters, told us, “I have two little girls, and their favorite stories are about princesses getting married! Guys have a much less romantic view of marriage. When guys talk about marriage, we buy into this idea of ‘giving things up.’ We’re doing our duty. We go into [marriage] automatically thinking the romance is out of it. And I didn’t know it at first. It was a running joke: “Welcome to the team,” and all that. Your pals make fun of you and tell you what it’s really like. And later on you go, ‘Oh, you meant it?’ It’s tough — it’s a lot of work! Guys expect to work. This is just another form of work.”

Women, however, tend to think that finding the right person is the hard part of getting married, not the beginning of a life’s work. As Dr. Pat Covalt, author of What Smart Couples Know, explained to us, “I think what happens is we women are totally unrealistic about love and romance in marriage. We get caught up more in the gown that we’re going to wear than what our conflict management style is.”'

Men raise awareness for domestic abuse by walking in women's shoes

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'EVANSVILLE, IN (WFIE) - Some men came out Tuesday night to try and stop domestic violence, rape and other crimes against women, and they did it by putting on heels.

"It's an important issue," U.S.I. student Jon Steiner said. "It's ignored, I think. It doesn't get as much attention as it should."

"This is an opportunity to poke a little fun at us, to have some fun at it and also to replay that adage that says, 'you don't understand my life until you've walked a mile in my shoes,'" Sheriff Eric Williams said.

So, Tuesday afternoon, Sheriff Williams put on some gold pumps and joined a crowd of men as they literally walked a mile in women's shoes.
...
"Men are the perpetrators of a vast majority of these crimes," Williams said.'

Japan Times: 'Women should lead Russia'

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'Perhaps this is what modern Russia really needs above all — a woman's touch. The women of Russia could surely do a better job than the backward-looking machismo men who have led it to nowhere. The world badly needs such a Russia, not just for its resources but for its positive influence in building new international institutions to replace the faltering or hollowed out 20th-century structures such as the U.N. Security Council, the International Monetary Fund, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and many others.'

Student paper: "There's no stopping it...men's sports are better than women's sports"

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'Why do this now, you ask? Because it is always around this time of year when March Madness takes its place at the top of all the sports coverage that a very scattered minority of people choose to question the unequal coverage given to both the male and female basketball tournament.

This annual inquiry is merely a microcosm of a larger occurrence, and this issue deserves to be addressed without a thick layer of sugar-coating poured on top of it.

So what separates the sexes on the playing fields? First, it is public preference of watching the best perform at the highest level of play. People want to see who they perceive as the best of the best play against one another, and that fact does not exclude gender.

Take the WNBA for example. Los Angeles Sparks forward Candace Parker was the first female player that was ever rumored to possibly be capable of playing in the NBA.

However, while she possesses the height to play in the league, she does not have the strength of a center or forward to operate in the paint, nor the quickness or ball handling ability to play either guard position or defend either guard position.'

US News & World Report: Why Women Should Favor Circumcision: To Prevent HPV Infection

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'To snip or not? Any parent of an infant son faces this circumcision question; for some, like me, it's a no-brainer. I had my two sons circumcised in accordance with my Jewish faith. Others, though, would like to know if there are any health reasons in favor of circumcision. Well, a study of 5,000 initially uncircumcised Ugandan men in this week's New England Journal of Medicine found that once the men underwent circumcision, their rate acquiring herpes virus infection plunged by 28 percent and they were 35 percent less likely to get infected with human papillomavirus (HPV), which is responsible for genital warts and, in women, cervical cancer.'

UK: Men's midlife cash crisis

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'Men in their 40s are more likely to suffer a financial crisis than a midlife crisis these days.

Statistics reveal that about 28% of the 106,000 people declared bankrupt or insolvent in 2008 were men aged between 40 and 45.

This means men in their 40s are the most likely group to enter into an individual voluntary agreement (IVA) , say financial advisers Tenon Recovery.

The firm highlighted the South-East, including London, as the UK's IVA hotspot, with 25% of cases coming from the region. Next worse was the Midlands with 18.5% and then the North West with 15.5%.

Tenon director Gill Wrigley says: "As people reach their 40s, any increase in wages over the years is counter-acted by a disproportionate increase in outgoings, such as paying college bills.'

Teacher gets probation for sexual relationship with boy

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'CUMBERLAND - A female high-school teacher from Frostburg has been sentenced to five years of unsupervised probation for having sexual contact with a 15-year-old boy.

Twenty-five-year-old Autumn Leathers also must register as a sex offender for her conviction on one count of fourth-degree sex offense.

A one-year jail term was suspended during her appearance Thursday in Allegany County Circuit Court in Cumberland.

Leathers pleaded guilty to the crime in January. In return, the state dropped more serious charges, including child abuse and assault.'

UK: Zero Male Teachers Equals Zero Future Men

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'According to a recent report, more than a quarter of English children do not have even a single male teacher at their school. For many children, that means they have greatly reduced contact during the day with an adult man until age 11 when they go to secondary school. Children who don't have a father in the home may not have any regular contact with a male role model until they go to secondary school.

The situation is similar in America, and Canada, and Australia—where between 70 to 75 percent of teachers are female.

Why is society robbing young boys of the masculine role models they need?

The lack of male leaders in schools is all the more shameful considering the fact that most of the children going to school come from broken families or families that will one day experience divorce. America has more than 13 million single parents raising more than 21 million children. More than four out of five of those custodial parents are mothers.
...
Many educators, especially feminist teachers, claim that a teacher's gender makes no difference in how students learn. But even this claim is false.'

Men's depression expected to increase as economy declines

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"Pity the men, for there is nothing manly about depression.

Every belief a man holds about his masculinity is attacked by depression — his physical strength, sexual prowess and ability to provide and protect. All the traits that our society says makes a man manly.

Worse, most men do not know what's hit them. The symptoms of depression in men are so different than in women that many men are emotionally blindsided.

If asking for directions is difficult, imagine asking for help with your feelings.

'There is a huge amount of stigma for men,' said Michael Addis, head of the Men's Coping Project, a study funded by the National Institutes of Health. 'Depression is seen as a personal weakness and a character flaw.'

Because many men define success by their bank accounts, experts expect to see more depression in men — and more suicide."

Michelle Obama at UK Girls School: 'You are the women that will build the world as it should be'

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'Who caused all the shrieking at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Language School in London today?

A surprise visit from English soccer star David Beckham? Pop boy band, the Jonas Brothers?

No, that was First Lady Michelle Obama sparking a frenzy at the all-girls school, where she spoke about the importance of education, explained why being smart is cool and even shared a little girl talk about her courtship with her husband, President Obama.

...

“By getting a good education you too can create your own destiny. I never cut class. I like being smart. I thought being smart was the coolest thing in the world,” she said. “You are the women that will build the world as it should be and that's why a good education is so important.”'

UK: Divorcing Man Pays 105 Percent Of Assets

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'LONDON, England (CNN) -- A British court Wednesday told a business financier he would still have to pay a $13.6 million divorce settlement despite losing a fortune in the credit crunch.

Brian Myerson had told the UK Court of Appeal that instead of receiving £14.6 million ($21 million) from a division of his assets, he would now be £½ million out of pocket, according to the UK Press Association.

The court rejected his appeal, saying the "natural process of price fluctuation, however dramatic" did not justify changing the settlement, PA reported.

Under the original settlement made last year, Myerson, the former CEO of Principle Capital Holdings, was ordered to pay 43% of his then total £25.8m assets to his wife.

Lawyers for Myerson said because of the economic downturn, the wife's share of the total assets under the order would now be 105% and the husband's would be -5%.'

"Good Morning America": Ad on DV causes consternation, but no mention of male DV victims

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Video report here. Not a single word about male DV victims. The show's feedback form is here. They really need to hear from us on this topic, so please take the time to voice your opinions. This show is watched by over 4.5 million people every morning.

DOJ stats can be found at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/intimate/offender.htm

Open Season on Men in Oklahoma

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A new law has passed in the Oklahoma State Legislature, authorizing the use of deadly force by women, to protect their unborn children. So gentlemen, if you have a nasty argument with your baby-mama, you could end up dead while your murderer gets off Scott-free. Excerpt:

'The bill stems from a Michigan case where a woman who was carrying quadruplets stabbed and killed her boyfriend after he hit her in the stomach. The woman lost the babies and was convicted of manslaughter.

Oklahoma lawmakers said they want to make sure that a woman can legally protect her unborn child.

"Unfortunately, we feel we need legislation like this," said Rep. Mike Thompson. "What we want to make sure is that a woman feels safe and secure defending herself and her unborn child against any attacker."'

Father 4 Justice USA News Flash - "Spiderman" and "Superman" to appear in court

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Donald Tenn and Paul Fisher (Spiderman and Superman) will appear before a jury on Monday April 13th, 2008, in Columbus, Ohio.

Despite there being no physical damages, and no intent to cause harm to the structure in question, (the prerequisites for vandalism), the pair have been indicted for felony level vandalism. If found guilty the duo could spend up to eighteen months in prison.

The charges stem from the September 29th, 2008 crane protest on The Ohio State University campus.

http://www.f4j.com/

UK: Should all women be screened for domestic violence?

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'A screening programme which would require doctors and nurses to ask all women whether they have experienced domestic violence, whatever their reason for seeking medical attention, is not justified, according to a new report by researchers at the University of Bristol, funded by the National Institute for Health Research Health Technology Assessment (NIHR HTA) programme.
...
One proposal for improving care has been a policy whereby all women, regardless of their reason for seeking medical attention, are asked by doctors and nurses if they have experienced domestic violence. This is called screening and has been effective in other areas, for example in detecting thyroid disease in babies and raised blood pressure in adults.'

"Mother hit hard in custody case"

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'A Toronto judge has taken the drastic step of finding a mother of three in contempt of court for flagrantly violating court orders during her relentless campaign to alienate her children from their father.

The woman, known as K.D., lost custody of her daughters in January, but this latest ruling takes the case to a new level, with the 42-year-old chiropodist finding herself on the losing side of a power struggle with the court.

The mother intentionally acted against the best interests of her children by cutting off telephone calls and visits with their father and walking out of counselling sessions, Justice Faye McWatt said in a decision released earlier but withheld from publication until today so K.D., who is self-represented, could read it first.

She has been ordered to pay $35,000 in penalties and legal costs to her ex-husband, 56, a vascular surgeon known as A.L., who was also granted permission to take the girls to a U.S. therapy program designed to undo damage caused by parents who poison children against another parent.'

CS Monitor asks: "What if women ran the world?"

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'San Francisco - It is getting harder to escape the sense that most of the trouble in the world – whether it's coming out of the Senate, a mortgage lender, or a tank turret – can be traced to one overriding problem: too many men steering. Had our economic, domestic, and foreign policy been more informed by women, we might be enjoying a safer ride.

Doubt it? Here's a test. Would any of the women you admire have set up a healthcare system as byzantine, costly, and underperforming as America's? Or a financial system where mortgage lenders don't have to care about being paid back? Or a bailout that spends $1 trillion in public money to subsidize the purchase of junk debt from the same geniuses that generated it?

It may be time for guys to hand over the keys, ask for directions, and sit (quietly, please) in the back seat for a while.'

World Net Daily: "Selective feminism"

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'But feminists are selective in their advocacy. They hate femininity (which they see as weakness) and loath women who choose traditional roles (try voicing support of housewives in any college women's studies course and see what happens). Stay-at-home moms are seen as traitors to the Cause.
...
Modern feminism has become little more than collective whining from women who never are, and never can be, satisfied until … I dunno, they have world domination or something.
...
Feminists do not just want equal opportunity, which already exists. They want equal outcome – equal numbers of men and women in all fields, most especially the male-dominated, high-paying fields such as engineering, mathematics and the physical sciences. (I don't see them clamoring for equal representation in such dangerous fields as mining, logging, taxi driving, or even farming.) No, only a high status career – as defined by feminists – will do, thank you.'

Motorcycle dealer to host party for women only

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'To help, Cole Harley-Davidson in Bluefield will host a free, women-only Harley-Davidson Garage Party event at their dealership, 1804 Bland St., Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

The party provides an inviting environment for women to learn more about motorcycling and to meet other women who are interested in riding, Davidson said.

“Party guests can expect activities that will be both entertaining and informational with topics including a review of the basic motorcycle controls, how to customize a motorcycle’s ergonomics and how to choose proper riding gear,” she said.'

Women's Center now open to men, families

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Article here. Excerpt:

'VINELAND -- The city's women's health center will now lend a hand to more than just women and expectant mothers.

The Vineland Women's Health Center expanded its services this month to include primary care and family services to men and women of all age groups.

The Brewster Road facility, formerly known as Vineland OBGYN, was originally a private practice specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. After pairing with nonprofit group Community Health Care Inc. last June, the practice now offers a wider range of care and serves patients with private insurance, no insurance, or low income.'

NOW Press Release: Lawmakers Must Rethink Violence Against Women as a Hate Crime

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'Given the history of violence against women we cannot deny that women are in a class by themselves, discriminated against, hated, used, disrespected and abused. Any form of violence against women is a hate crime, including "domestic violence." In a 1998 article titled "Rethinking Violence Against Women as Hate Crimes" by Ann Noel she states "domestic violence is often viewed as an individual dispute between a man and a woman, or the pathological problem of a particular man. Yet domestic violence reveals deep historical, cultural and legal roots to subordinate women. Men who assault their wives are living up to cherished Western cultural prescriptions -- aggressiveness, male dominance, and female subordination and they are using physical force as a means to enforce that dominance. Taking these crimes out of the realm of the individual and into the collective realm requires looking at how our society sanctions men's control of women."

UK: Soldier stigmatized as "more likely to be violent" because of his gender and occupation

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"Sitting in his mother-in-law's living room, Matthew Dean's eyes widened in shock as he listened to what his social worker was telling him.

Because he was a man and a soldier - accustomed to fighting for Britain in war-torn countries - he was, they said, more likely to be of a violent disposition, and therefore more capable of abusing his baby son, Louie.
...
t is a sad and worrying saga - and one that seems to be becoming all too familiar - of overzealous social workers acting on a flimsy diagnosis and ultimately tearing an innocent family apart.

Their agony ended last November when Portsmouth High Court decided that they should be reunited with Louie - by now 15 months old and a healthy little boy - and, finally, left alone.'

Call it an education crisis

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'When Mundt heard a radio interview with author Leonard Sax, an expert in the different ways boys and girls develop, he suspected Duluth was part of a bigger problem — a “worldwide problem,” he said in a meeting with the News Tribune editorial board.

Sax and others argue that children are being pressured at an earlier age to read, that the part of a boy’s brain that grasps words and letters doesn’t develop as quickly as in girls, that boys are growing frustrated with books as a result and disengaging from school. More boys are being given mood- or behavior-altering medications, and, by high school, the argument goes, they care more about video games than class work. As adults, they return home to live with their parents.'

Double standard?

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Article here. Excerpt:

"In the past year, a dozen women have been in Valley courtrooms on charges of sexually abusing minors. They range in age from 20 to 40; their victims from 12 to 17. Each woman was at least five years older than the boy or girl.

Local prosecutors and counselors aren't sure what to make of the apparent increase, but they see interesting differences between male and female offenders - in the nature of the cases, in the severity of punishment and, especially, in the way the abusers and their victims are viewed by the people around them.

"There's an enormous public perception problem," said Jean Fisher, who prosecutes sex abuse cases for Ada County. "If the boy's under 14, people might say 'poor little fellow,' but with a 16- or 17-year-old boy, you're more likely to hear, 'Oh, man, he got lucky!'"

India: A serial misuser of dowry law gets arrested

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Finally a women gets arrested but after she has blackmailed and extorted 10 men. Story here and here. Please note that this businessman brought this to light by hiring private detectives and had lost his finger due to violence by his wife. She earned 20 million rupess this way, a huge sum that can take of at least 5 people for life. I find it most obnoxious that 10 husbands earlier rewarded her for her behaviour instead of fighting it out. Excerpt:

'A 32-year-old woman and her parents were arrested on Saturday by the Sion police for allegedly cheating a city businessmen over the last 18 years.

The police said Bangalore-based Kausar Begam used to cheat people by marrying them and fleeing with their money and valuables. The, she used to register complaints of dowry harassment cases against her husbands. Begam's parents Iqbal Pasha and Gulnaz, who had been allegedly assisting her, have also been remanded in police custody till April 8.'

Children harmed by sole custody

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'Family court judges are misguidedly harming children by granting sole custody to one parent – usually the mother – in bitter divorce battles, says a comprehensive new report.

Too many children are being "robbed of the love of one parent" by a legal system that is out of touch with the needs of children and treats them like property to be won or lost, says Edward Kruk, an expert on child custody issues.

"The system is set up to polarize parents, to make them enemies, to set up fights over custody and exacerbate conflict rather than reduce it," says Kruk, an associate professor of social work at the University of British Columbia, whose three-year study is now in the hands of Canada's justice minister.'

Mother who dumped baby wins appeal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN who abandoned her baby in a railway station toilet cubicle has walked free from court after successfully arguing that sending her to jail was too strict a sentence.

Lisa Randall, 26, left her eight-month-old son in a cubicle at Bristol Temple Meads station. On Monday, Torquay Magistrates sentenced her to four months in prison for abandoning her child in a way which was likely to cause him "unnecessary suffering".

But yesterday at Exeter Crown Court, her defence argued she felt "threatened and intimidated" in prison and was afraid of the reaction from other inmates if they found out why she was jailed.'

Your tax dollars at work: "Feminist Research Education Development and Action Centre"

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Via Jeremy S.:

Take a look at what stands between your Canadian brothers and truth, justice and equality. And just imagine, all of this is funded by the taxpayer. So we pay for our own feminist propaganda to be used against us. And this is just one organization. Look at the 'More Information' links. And we have nothing to counter it. From the 'About' page:

'* What is FREDA?
FREDA is one of five violence research centres across the country that were established in 1992 through a five year grant from Health Canada and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). Since its inception, the Centre's mandate has been to facilitate and conduct research on violence against women and children, in order to raise awareness and effect policy.

* How is FREDA funded?
Until 1997, the FREDA Centre was funded from the initial grant provided by Health Canada and the SSHRC. Since then, the Centre has been operating on the basis of project-specific grants and is currently funded by Simon Fraser University (SFU) and the University of British Columbia (UBC).'

Fathers 4 Justice (USA) April 6th 2009 Action Alert

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It is time for the united front of Fathers-4-Justice and all of its supporters to inform Prosecuting Attorney, Ron O'Brian, and his staff that we do not agree with his “Nifong” type application of the law in the cases, “ Ohio vs. Paul Fisher” aka Superman and “ Ohio vs. Donald Tenn” aka Spiderman.

It has been asked that you call (614) 462-3555 and ask for Ron O'Brian between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM eastern time. If he is unavailable, leave a message and request a return call.

As always, be polite and courteous. With the volume of calls expected, you will most likely be talking to over-worked secretaries, please be considerate.

Our message is simple:

Inform them that you will be watching these cases, and that you will be notifying other public officials of your disapproval of the conduct of Ron O’Brian’s administration. Also, state that you are displeased with the severity of the charges and feel this entire charade is wasting taxpayer dollars. It is self-evident that there was no malice or intent to cause harm. The demonstration was peaceful and brought much needed attention to government policies that are harming America 's families and children.

If you do not receive a return call, please call everyday until you do, or until the verdict has been reached on April 13th.

This is your opportunity to take a stand against the "war on fatherhood."

More info here.

UK Guardian: "Women's refuges told they must admit men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Charities for battered women have been threatened with the loss of their funding unless they help male victims of domestic violence, under new equality laws.

Women's Aid, the domestic violence charity whose patrons include the prime minister's wife, Sarah Brown, says its female-only services are essential to reassure battered women and children that they will be safe. However, some local authorities are demanding that services such as counselling and outreach be opened to both sexes.

Fiona Mactaggart, the former Home Office minister, said some refuge services had lost grants or contracts in what she said was an "unintended consequence" of changes in equality law.

"There are some local authorities who interpret equalities to mean that a refuge has to provide for men, not only for women," said Mactaggart, co-chair of the women's parliamentary Labour party, a grouping of female MPs. "There are some stupidnesses developing in the system that nobody intended."

Although 15% of men say they have been physically assaulted by a partner, according to the most recent British Crime Survey, the extent to which men suffer domestic violence is disputed. Surveys have suggested that many allegations of being assaulted by women are made by men facing prosecution for domestic violence.
...
Mactaggart wants ministers to resolve the problems unwittingly created by the so-called gender equality duty, which requires local authorities to ensure that services do not discriminate on grounds of sex. The Government Equalities Office said councils were being overzealous about the new duty, adding: "This cannot be an excuse [for cutting services]. This interpretation of the duty is law."'

Submission for women to be able to provide video evidence in DV cases

GaryB · 6 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

In Australia, this story appears on the Sydney Morning Herald site. Except:

'POLICE should be able to use initial video evidence given by victims, rather than written statements, to better show in court the effects of domestic violence, an independent MP says.

Legally classing the victims as "vulnerable" would allow police to replace written statements with the raw video, Richard Torbay said as part of a campaign for his New England constituents who had been abused.

"This is something that I believe needs to be done if we are serious about domestic violence," he told the Herald.

The change could encourage perpetrators to plead guilty, avoiding the need for their victims to face them in court, experts said.'

So how much of a chance do you think the guy stands now? Not only does he have to face a charge of DV that is almost impossible to defend (how do you prove you DIDN'T act threateningly or hit?), not only does he have to face the fact that the entire court system is biased against him - after all, he's a MAN, that most hated of violent species - but now the judge and jury get to watch his ex breaking down and sobbing and telling of the complete horror she endured - before he even gets a chance to defend himself. I predict this guy is right, many more men WILL plead guilty - because they won't stand a hope of getting off even when they didn't do it!!!

But the most hilarious bit comes further down, quote: "But if video evidence would make it harder for victims to recant their statements to police, the issue could be contentious, Ms Braaf said. If victims were not afforded discretion, they might avoid the courts. "They are not going to seek justice, they are going to seek some other kind of remedy," Dr Braaf said."

So this move would make it easier for women to screw men over, BUT it might make it harder for them to change their minds later on. Hmm. What a dilemma the poor things face....

UK: Estranged wife jailed for falsely accusing husband of sex attack

anthony · 6 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A man has told of the pain and humiliation he endured when his estranged wife falsely accused him of rape.

Anthony Scoones, 27, spoke out after Gemma Scoones was jailed for a year for perverting the course of justice.
...
His clothes were taken for forensic examination and he was left naked so that DNA samples could be taken. Mr Scoones said: 'I wasn't just stripped of my clothes, but of my dignity. I was stood there naked, with two police officers at one side of me and a doctor at the other side, having swabs taken from all over my body.
...
Durham Crown Court heard that she told police Mr Scoones followed her home from a shop, forced his way into the house and raped her in a downstairs toilet.

She claimed she was hurt but had not been able to call police immediately because he threatened to petrol-bomb her house.

It was only after discrepancies emerged in a police interview with her that Mr Scoones was told he was in the clear and his ex-wife was charged with committing an act intended to pervert the course of justice.'

Canada: Sask. teacher charged with sexual assault of teen student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SASKATOON — A female teacher in northern Saskatchewan is charged with sexual assault after allegedly having a relationship with a 15-year-old male student.

Michelle Marie Francoeur, 37, is charged with one count each of sexual touching, sexual exploitation and sexual assault against the unnamed teen and will make her first court appearance Jan. 27 in Spiritwood, Sask. She was released from custody on an undertaking shortly after the charges were laid.

The charges stem from a Dec. 3 complaint stating Francoeur had an "inappropriate sexual relationship" with the boy between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 2008, according to an RCMP media release Friday.'

RADAR ALERT: Teed Off About Wasteful VAWA Spending? Have a Tea Party!

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This April 15th citizens will gather at Tax Day TEA Party rallies in front of city halls all across the country to express their outrage at Congress' wasteful spending. (http://teapartyday.com/)

Like most of the population, the majority of attendees will never have heard of VAWA (the Violence Against Women Act), VOCA (the Victims of Crime Act), or FVPSA (the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act).

But unlike most of the population, this is a motivated group that would be outraged if they knew that through these acts, Congress squanders $1 billion of our tax dollars each year on domestic violence programs that don't solve the problem of domestic violence. And they'd be even more outraged to learn that what we actually get for our $1 billion per year are provisions – slipped into these laws under the radar without any debate – that undermine the very principles of justice that are an essential part of the foundation of any free society. What our annual $1 billion buys us is a heartless system that penalizes millions of innocent people each year, and does so with impunity.

Please plan to attend the TEA party rally in your area on April 15th so you can educate the other attendees on why they should speak out about the harm Congress funds under these laws. Take lots of copies of the flyer at http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARflyer-TeaParty-April15.pdf with you to distribute at the rally. To find where the rally will be held in your area, go to http://teapartyday.com/Locations.aspx.

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Parental alienation syndrome leaves bruises deep inside

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the end, it was one tiny voice that silenced anyone who still had doubts that parental alienation is real and one of the most insidious forms of child abuse.

The voice wasn't real – Dashiell Hart opened his arms wide and threw himself off a Vancouver bridge eight years ago at the age of 16.

But his voice was brought to life at a Toronto conference by his devastated mother, Pamela Richardson, who endured a 12-year court battle with her ex-husband to try to win back the heart and mind of her son.

Dash was just one tiny soldier in the growing army of children who are becoming collateral damage in bitter battles between ex-spouses that are overwhelming Canada's divorce courts, the first Canadian Symposium for Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS) heard recently in Toronto'

Voices from the Grave, Betrayed by a Restraining Order

Matt · 7 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Debi Olson had three restraining orders taken out against her. But that didn't stop the woman from ambushing ex-husband Mauricio Droguett in an Iowa shopping mall last July, fatally stabbing him in front of shocked mall-goers.

Toni Brown of Washington, DC was shot by former girlfriend Raina Johnson on August 12, 2008, leaving the woman paralyzed from her neck down. Johnson is currently serving a 28-year sentence for a crime the judge termed "extraordinarily brutal." A restraining order had been previously issued against the assailant.

Karen Allende of New York City was walking to work on a September day in 2006 when she was attacked suddenly by her husband. She died that morning on the sidewalk, a restraining order folded neatly in her purse.
...
Judge Milton Raphaelson of Massachusetts once opined, "Few lives, if any, have been saved, but much harm, and possibly loss of lives, has come from the issuance of restraining orders and the arrests and conflicts ensuring therefrom."

Each year, the Violence Against Women Act spends up to $75 million to promote restraining orders. That's the kind of wasteful federal program that leaves a bad taste in taxpayers' mouths.'

Father's web site a good example

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Web site here. "Dedicated to Madison Nicole Tenn" -- This man had his daughter abducted by her mother from their home and he hasn't seen her since.

This kind of site is important because not only does it raise the chance that the perpetrator will be caught and a father-and-child reunion will occur, but it also helps personalize the experiences of the people in question. It highlights the problem of under-enforcement of equal rights when the mother is the perpetrator and the father the victim in a parental child-abduction case such as this.

Ireland: 'Feminists demand equality, but women and children come first'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If there is a coherent moral order to the present thoughts of the National Women's Council, it is that words no longer mean what they used to. In the Council's prospectus for the year 2009, the word "equality" is used 38 times. Yet clearly, in the sisters' deviant vocabulary, "equality" does not mean equality of pain, or hardship or suffering or poverty. No: it means the opposite of equality. It means a protection from these conditions, regardless of what men are enduring. In other words, lifeboat-feminism, surely the most ignoble and unprincipled of all the many liberal political creeds which dominate our ethos today.'

Murdered Man Victim Of Domestic Abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'UNDATED -- A Sand Springs man, who was murdered last month, had been a battered spouse for years. When men are the victims of abuse, they rarely admit it, talk about it or get help and Jimmy Weaver's case ended in tragedy.
...
Jimmy's mother says he was a loving father and skilled carpenter, but developed a drinking problem and married a woman who had one of her own. Records show Deborah Weaver grew violent when she drank and often took it out on her husband and two young daughters.

Jimmy filed several protective orders against her over the years. Once he wrote, "she pushed me off the porch, then hit me in the mouth and pulled my hair."
...
Deborah Weaver was convicted in December of domestic violence on Jimmy and is in jail charged with killing Jimmy on March 26th. He'd been shot in the chest and his face had also been beaten.'

Oprah School Locked Up Students

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Story here. Excerpt:

' FOUR students claim they were kept in solitary confinement for two weeks before being expelled from the Oprah Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa, amid allegations of sexual misconduct.

The girls, who were among seven pupils accused of forcing fellow students into sexual relationships and engaging in bullying and harassment, told a South African newspaper of how they were treated before being sent home.
...
A 15-year-old confirmed physical contact between students.

"If they say I was touching other learners, it's true," she told The Star.

In her defense, she said, "No one complained to me about it. Obviously if you touch someone, if they are uncomfortable, they will tell you."

On March 26, security guards told the girls to pack their things. They were each allowed monitored goodbyes with three friends for five minutes. Clothes, phones and shoes given to students by the school were taken back.'

Advice to the Queen of Foreskin Harvesting herself: Get out of the education business. It's a no-win scenario.

Author of "Afraid to Go Home" gets Kindle distribution

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Someone writing under the name Baden Hill has penned a book entitled "Afraid to Go Home", now for sale also on Amazon.com as a downloadable Kindle book. His (her?) stated reason for seeking to sell it as a Kindle book is because it may be that if an abusive husband caught his wife with the print version, it would probably lead to her being beat up (see the full second "press release" below). Excerpt from the first "press release":

'AFRAID TO GO HOME, a 420 page paperback, is about a White, middle-class, educated, female executive who is taken advantage of at work by the Good Ol' Boys, and is trapped in a violent relationship which she can't free herself and her children from at home.

"One of the reasons I wrote this book," says Baden Hill, the author, "is that I wanted to de-bunk the myth that domestic violence is primarily a problem of minorities and youth."
...
Sadly, all studies confirm, the vast majority of cases of violence against women are never reported, with the victims not calling the police because they consider the violence to be a "private matter."

"This is a problem that doesn't get the attention it deserves," says the author. "I hope that publishing a book, such as this one, will help the victims realize that they are not alone and that help is available to them."'

Interestingly I was not able to find a web site for the publishing company, "Tristan/Isolde Publishing". However the full "press release" about the book's Kindle format is below; I could not find it on-line anywhere either but received it as a forwarded note from a MANN reader. There is contact information there.

The amount of misinformation and debunked statistics as well as the total lack of any discussion, so much as a mere mention, of male DV victims, is stunning. But no surprise when there's money to be made. By the way, I am skeptical of the name of the author. That is, I think it may be a "pen name". If nothing else, Baden Hill is the name of a glacier-formed sediment protrusion near Baden, Ontario. I don't mean to speculate too much but perhaps the author is a Canadian feminist? Wouldn't surprise me at all.

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AFRAID TO GO HOME,
A Novel About Violence Against Women,
Now Available on Amazon's Kindle

(Redondo Beach, CA, April 6, 2009, 2009) – Tristan/Isolde Publishing, a new imprint devoted to examining relationships between men and women, announced, today, that its latest book, AFRAID TO GO HOME, is now available on Amazon's Kindle

AFRAID TO GO HOME, a 420 page paperback, is a novel about a White, middle-class, educated, female executive who is taken advantage of at work by the Good Ol' Boys, and is trapped in a violent relationship she can't free herself and her children from at home.

"This is significant," says Baden Hill, the author, "many women who are living in difficult circumstances are not able to read a copy of AFRAID TO GO HOME at home for fear of creating an outburst, and possibly greater violence. By being able to read the book on an iPhone, iPod Touch or Kindle, a woman can feel more secure that her reading selection won't be discovered."

The episodes of violence depicted in the book are drawn from both discussions the author had with victims, as well as from stories posted on the internet, usually by the victims themselves, but often by the perpetrators of the violence who wanted to "confess" what they had done.

There is no shortage of police and U.S. Justice Department statistics that prove that this is a problem for all of

society:

• One in three women will report physical or sexual abuse by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.

• Four million American women experience a serious assault by a partner during an average 12-month period.

• Everyday in America, on average, 3 women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends.

• Approximately 73% of the female victims of violence are White and between 25 and 54 years of age.

Sadly, all studies confirms, the vast majority of cases of violence against women are never reported, with the victims claiming they didn't call the police because the violence is a "private matter" and 12% of the victims even say that they don't report the violence to "protect the offender."

"This is a problem that doesn't get the attention it deserves," says the author. "I hope that publishing a book, such as this one, will help the victims realize that they are not alone and that help is available to them."

AFRAID TO GO HOME, which retails for $19.99 in hardcopy and $9.99 in the Kindle version, is available online and at bookstores nationwide.

Tristan/Isolde Publishing is the continuation of a Southern California-based publishing family that began in 1986. The new imprint will be focusing on literary fiction on the subject of male/female relationships.

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UK: Founder of women-only-as-employees company recounts results

Anonymous · 7 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Excellent article here, written by a female boss who thought it would be a good idea to set up an all female business... BIG mistake, as she now realizes. Excerpt:

'Over in one corner sat Alice, a strong-minded 27-year-old who always said what she thought, regardless of how much it might hurt someone else. In the other corner was Sarah, a thirtysomething high-flier who would stand up for herself momentarily - then burst into tears and run for the ladies.

Their simmering fight lasted hours, egged on by spectators taking sides and fuelling the anger. Sometimes other girls would join in, either heckling aggressively or huddling defensively in the toilets. It might sound like a scene from a tawdry reality show such as Big Brother, but the truth is a little more prosaic: it was just a normal morning in my office.

The venomous women were supposedly the talented employees I had headhunted to achieve my utopian dream - a female- only company with happy, harmonious workers benefiting from an absence of men.

It was an idealistic vision swiftly shattered by the nightmare reality: constant bitchiness, surging hormones, unchecked emotion, attention-seeking and fashion rivalry so fierce it tore my staff apart.

When I read the other day that Sienna Miller had said there was no such thing as 'the Sisterhood', I knew what she meant.

...

In hindsight, I should have learned the lessons of my past - at my mixed secondary school I was bullied by a gang of nasty, name-calling girls, so I knew only too well how nasty groups of women could become.

And working in TV, I'd met lots of super-competitive 'door-slammers' who'd do anything to get to the top. But I told myself that, with the right women, work could be wonderful.

So, in April 2005, I left my job, remortgaged my house - freeing up close to £100,000 - and began paying myself just £700 a month to set up this utopian business. Having worked extremely hard for 12 years, I had lots of experience and a good reputation. What could go wrong?'

Grieving Parents Lose Thousands To Con Artist

teriincali · 7 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Whether by disease, accident, murder or suicide, losing a child is one of the worst experiences a person could face. Another tragedy that ranks at the top of the list is having a missing child. Strangers abduct a small percentage of these children. Most are abducted by one of their parents.

There's one type of parental child abduction that doesn't get much attention. It happens when one parent uses the legal system to postpone or eliminate any chance of the other parent spending time with the children. One way is by claiming fear of domestic violence. Studies now show that sixty to eighty percent of allegations of domestic violence are later found to be unnecessary or false.

...

As described in Defiant Dads, most of these people are knowledgeable, sincere, and generous with their advice and encouragement. Unfortunately this is not true of everyone a parent might come across in the online community, which is often called the fathers' movement, the family rights movement or the equal parenting movement. One man who has taken advantage of these vulnerable parents is Torm Howse, creator of the website UnitedCivilRights.org.'

Bridget's Law: Lies Without Consequences?

anthony · 7 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'BRIDGET Marks says her nasty custody battle with a philandering ex-lover has transformed her from a buxom nude model into a full-blown political activist.

...

Last year, the former Playboy pin-up, now 43, got state Assemblyman Jonathan Bing and Sen. Tom Duane (both D-Manhattan) to craft "Bridget's Law," which protects parents from being penalized in custody cases for making "good-faith efforts" to protect their kids from child abuse. It was signed into law by Gov. Paterson.

"And with the help of Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney*, we'll have a national 'Bridget's Law' in the foreseeable future," Marks told us. "It's a silent national crisis of women losing their children for no good reason. I've been contacted by thousands of women from as far away as Australia."

Five years ago, Marks lost custody of twin daughters Amber and Scarlett, now 9, in a battle with gambling tycoon John Aylsworth. The court found Marks had coached the girls to lie that Aylsworth had molested them and poisoned their relationship with him. An appeals court returned the girls to Marks in 2005, saying what she'd done was "abhorrent," but there no reason to remove the kids from her custody. The fight with Aylsworth, who impregnated Marks while he was married (Marks says she didn't know he had a wife) nearly bankrupted her.'

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*Hyperlink of name not part of original article.

Woman, 64, Accused Of Assaulting Man, 72, With Car

Matt · 7 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'David Gorn, 72, was leaving a diner Monday night when Harris allegedly confronted him and accused him of abusing a turtle.

Police later said it was a decorative item -- a porcelain turtle if you will that she claims was damaged.

But Harris' lawyer said it was an actual pet turtle.
...
Whatever the case, after the argument, cops said Harris grabbed his keys and took off in her car. Harris drove right next door to an adjacent parking lot and Gorn followed desperate to get his car keys back.

Cops said that's when she assaulted him with her Honda Accord, allegedly striking Gorn once, waiting for him to get up, and then hitting him again.
...
Harris' lawyer said she's ready to fight the assault charges.

"There's two sides to every story and she looks forward to telling her side," Seeger said.

Harris left court under orders not to contact the ex-boyfriend, who is recovering with a head injury.'

Melbourne dad finds kidnapped sons and shows up Swedish cops

patriotsofamerica · 8 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

I figured a good-news story was in order. A father reunited with his two boys. Excerpt:

"A MELBOURNE father's speedy rescue of his two kidnapped sons has embarrassed Swedish police, who struggled with the case for six months.

Armed with just a pair of binoculars and a rental car, it took the dad only one week to find his missing sons, aged 11 and ten, in Sweden.

"It is a genuine failing mark to the work of the police," columnist Lars Lindstrom wrote in the Swedish newspaper Expressen.

"(The father) went on leave, flew from Melbourne to Sweden and found them in a week. How did that happen?""

'All My Thoughts On Colleen Stan' (Why Men Get Prison and Women Get Probation)

lostcauser · 8 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'On May 19, 1977, 20-year-old Colleen Stan was hitchhiking in California and accepted a ride from a young couple with a baby; Janice and Cameron Hooker had come to an agreement that if Janice could have a child, Cameron could find a woman to whip and torture, as long as he promised never to have intercourse with her.

Back at the Hooker's home, Cameron put Colleen in a three-foot square, cubed box and for the next seven years the Hookers and Colleen lived in a single-wide house trailer in Red Bluff, California. Eventually Cameron Hooker moved the box under the bed he shared with Janice, and later, after signing a slave contract, Colleen was allowed to roam about, go into town and shop, and visit her family, unescorted, in another state.

...

Stockholm Syndrome is a response sometimes seen in cases of abduction in which the hostage shows signs of loyalty to the hostage-taker, in spite of the apparent danger in which they have been placed. The Compliant Victim theory was introduced into law enforcement lingo through a FBI study of the female partners of practicing sexual sadists. The authors of this study, FBI profiler Roy Hazelwood and forensic psychiatrist Dr. Park Dietz, concluded that these women acted criminally in concert with violent men because they were psychologically predisposed to submission.

...

Gender is far more likely to determine the penalty one pays for breaking the law than age or race: Cameron Hooker was sentenced to a total of 100 years in prison for sexual assault, kidnapping and various weapons charges; having been declared a "Dangerous Offender" Paul Bernardo will in all likelihood remain in solitary isolation for the term of his natural life. Janice Hooker and Karla Homolka lessened their culpability by testifying against their respective spouses, and the following narrative is my humble attempt to explain precisely why this dynamic of gender disparity is at best, illogical.

...

So, thanks just the same, Agent Hazelwood and Dr. Dietz, but coming up with a theory that makes women less accountable for their actions than men is about as helpful as placing us on a pedestal by putting your hand up our skirt. I'm not just so hopped about the idea of going to prison for something, but as an adult woman, it's insulting to be thought as a child, or an idiot, or worse, as an idiot child. Colleen Stan had many chances to free herself from the Hooker's clutches, and toward the end had apparently become quite smitten with Cameron Hooker; Karla Homolka and Janice Hooker swore in court their spouses had beaten them into submission, yet both found the strength to abandon their husbands when it was suspiciously and legally convenient.'

Why Some Mothers Kill Their Children

Matt · 8 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rachel Summers, a Mufreesboro Tennessee woman is accused of poisoning her her own son to death. A 19 year old Cuban native, Mariafelix Morales is accused of killing the son she secretly gave birth to in her Shelbyville Tennessee home. Even in rural areas like these youll find these headlines. Although it seems unnatural for a woman to kill her own children it is not uncommon. More than 200 women kill their children in the US every year, according to a recent study by the American Anthropological Association.

Homicide is the leading cause of death in children under four. Not crib death as many believe and not by a maniacal stranger but by a parent. Deliberate killing of ones own infant has never been observed in wild primates. There is a direct correlation between the act and the human society. Women, for the most part, do not make the best criminals. FBI crime statistics show that women commit only two crimes as frequently as men. Shoplifting and the murder of their own children. Although women commit less than 13% of all violent crimes they are also responsible for about 50% of all parental murders.
...

Historically, the families survival is pivotal to the sacrifice of weaker children or female children. Infanticide has always soared in counties riddled with famine or during political unrest. African women on board slave ships killed their children. The amount of these cases will continue to grow each year until societal norms maintain that this is not rare behavior. Mother love is not universal. All women are not natural loving mothers. Nor does motherhood trump all illnesses and psychosis.'

No mention at all of other possible motivations... such as selfishness. And even if so many infanticides done by mothers are driven by psychological issues, why not say the same if the perp is the father? Arguably anyone who murders an infant is insane in some way. But it seems the sex of the killer decides whether or not they are treated as murderers or patients.

Australia: Third round of National Men's Health Policy consultation forums announced

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Announcement here. Excerpt:

Wednesday April 8, 2009

The Australian Government has announced the dates for the third round of community consultation forums for its National Men's Health Policy, this time in Perth, Kalgoorlie, Whyalla, Adelaide, Geelong and Melbourne. We encourage you to circulate this email widely and attend the forum closest to you to let your views about men's health issues be heard.'

Woman Murders Son at Shooting Range, Commits Suicide

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Video report here. Caption: "A security video from inside a gun range shows a Florida woman shoot her son in the back of the head before turning the gun on herself. Family members say she was mentally ill."

More from the "mentally ill" department of excuses for women...

Mom Who Dumped Newborn in Plane Bathroom Avoids Jail

anthony · 9 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Samoan woman who secretly gave birth on an international flight and then dumped the baby in an on-flight toilet has been convicted of child abandonment.

Karolaine Maika, a 29-year-old fruit picker, had the child in the bathroom without anyone realizing.
...
Judge Heather Simpson decided not to jail Maika but ordered her to be deported to Samoa.
...
Judge Simpson said she took into account that Maika was unaware she was in labor before she boarded the flight.'

Judge OKs collecting of dead son's sperm

anthony · 9 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The mother of a 21-year-old assault victim who died of his injuries received permission Tuesday for his sperm to be collected post-mortem, giving her the chance to have a grandchild through a surrogate mother.

Travis County Probate Judge Guy Herman ordered the medical examiner's office to maintain the body of Nikolas Colton Evans until his sperm can be taken.

Herman also said officials at the office must provide access so an expert can take the specimen.

Herman issued the orders after an emergency hearing at the request of Marissa Evans, whose son died Sunday after being punched and falling during a March 27 assault on East Sixth Street.'

Canada: 81% of jobs lost were held by men

Scottie · 10 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. You will also notice that (of course) there are snippets of anti-male propaganda both snuck in and slapping you in the face. Excerpt:

"OTTAWA — More than four out of five jobs that have been lost in Canada since October 2008 have been jobs held by men, according to the newest data from Statistics Canada.

The trend, in which men represent more than 81 per cent of the 357,000 jobs lost over the past six months, is prompting some to refer to this economic downturn as a "he-cession."

Statistics Canada said another 61,300 Canadians lost their jobs in the month of March, pushing the unemployment rate up to its highest point in the past seven years.

Men between the ages of 25 and 54 have been hit particularly hard in the ailing economy, making up more than 55 per cent of the jobs lost in Canada since October."

F4J USA Action-Results Update

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Via an F4J USA Alert:

From Donald Tenn aka Spiderman:

The response from the hundreds of telephone calls and e-mails from F4J members and supporters was nothing less than phenomena. I would like to say "THANK YOU" to you all. The TEAMwork used to pull this off was fantastic. Fathers-4-Justice members and supporters can achieve anything when we UNITE!

It was conveyed to my attorney that the support from F4J members and supporters was overwhelming for the prosecutor's office. It is this support that may have been instrumental in the rescheduling of our jury trial.

That's right: THE JURY TRIAL for both Paul and Donald has been rescheduled!

So save some energy for the NEXT round. More updates will come as the events progress.

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Canada: "Fathers 'reduced to ATM status' by the courts ..."

Matt · 10 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Letter to National Post here.

'What Justice Brownstone fails to mention in his attack on separated parents is the extent to which they are merely responding rationally to the adversarial, winner-take-all system they face in court. A survey of family court cases in Ontario since 2000 reveals that almost 80% of the time costs are awarded against the father. That gives a fair indication of a father's chances of success in family court. Nearly always, he is relegated to the status of a visitor in his child's life, and reduced to the psychological state of an ATM. Justice Brownstone also admonishes parents to separate financial issues from parenting issues. Yet family court judges are so eager to award mothers exclusive use of the matrimonial home and begin the flow of "maintenance" that parenting issues usually get dealt with summarily on the basis of myths and stereotypes. Judges create the unseemly focus on money matters, while refusing to take access denial and parental alienation seriously. (One judge, now on the Court of Appeal in Alberta, told me that it is not his job to "punish" mothers who deny access and alienate the children.)

Until family court judges clean up their own act by implementing a presumption of equal shared parenting and favouring the more co-operative parent in custody disputes, nothing is going to change significantly.'

College Student Alert: Beware of One-Party Classrooms

Matt · 10 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Horowitz documented 150 college courses at 12 elite universities, from Columbia in New York to the University of California at Santa Cruz, which he calls "the worst school in America" and whose highest ranking professors are the Communist lesbians Angela Davis and Bettina Aptheker. Other institutions along the way include Duke, Penn State, the University of Colorado, and the University of Southern California.

Horowitz quotes directly from the syllabus of each course he critiques, lists assigned readings, and reports on the credentials and background of the instructor paid to teach the course. The most offensive departments are women's studies, black studies, and peace studies.

These so-called academic departments teach students to hate America, to believe that women, blacks, and all minorities are the victims of oppression and racism, and that America is a land of injustice that needs drastic change in our social structure. The universities teach William Ayers-style "social justice," which is the template for a socialist political agenda.'

Oprah defends record of South African school

Vince · 11 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Last month, four students were expelled and three others suspended. South African media at the time said they were accused of trying to force students into relationships and to engage in sexual contact.

Winfrey herself hasn't given details of the misconduct. But she said in the newspaper interview that it was 'insulting' that the family of one of the expelled girls had complained to the press even though she had been warned before about her behavior.

...

'The majority of girls are thriving, really fulfilling the dream and vision I had,' Winfrey told the newspaper. 'They really have exceeded any expectations I had for them.'

'In spite of everything that's happened, what keeps me inspired and hopeful is the heart of every girl, because they are wonderful, they are magnificent.'"

I truly wonder whether or not Oprah would've said that if the students were *boys* -- just a thought.

Student paper: "On grammar: It's not violence against women but violence by men"

Matt · 11 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The patriarchy works in mysterious ways in society, from the big things like women getting paid 75 cents on the dollar to how we construct our language. In public discourse on violence, especially in journalism, men are often left out of the equation altogether, as if the violence women are subjected to is without a male perpetrator.

By using the passive voice when writing news stories, the blame is shifted from the men commiting this violence to the women targeted. We talk about violence against women instead of violence by men. By situating the terms of the discourse like this, we are ignoring that men are the ones raping and abusing women. Instead, women are continually portrayed as victims at the hands of a vague male entity. We should be talking about it as men being violent toward their girlfriends, wives, friends and family and working to eradicate this violence.

The feminist magazine off our backs rewrote a press release on the rising levels of violence against women by Amnesty International to reflect a more accurate worldview of gender violence. "Behind closed doors and in secret, women are subjected to violence by their partners and close relatives, too ashamed and afraid to report it," the original article reads. The off our backs writer changed it to say "Behind closed doors and in secret, men subject their female partners and close relatives to violence, and then shame the women and make them afraid to report it."'

Letters to the editor can be submitted here and also via email at mhnews-at-mtholyoke.edu.

Police busy looking for men while female perp walked away

Matt · 11 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

From Jeremy S.: Remember all this: Girl Missing, Homes of 2 Men Searched? They even towed the cars of the two suspect men and wasted valuable time and resources looking for a male suspect. Maybe even two. This is what they got: Calif. Sunday school teacher booked in child death. Excerpt:

'TRACY, Calif. -A California Sunday school teacher was arrested on suspicion of kidnapping and killing an 8-year-old girl whose body was stuffed into a suitcase found in an irrigation pond.

Melissa Huckaby, 28, was arrested at 11:55 p.m., about five hours after she drove herself to the station at the request of police, according to Tracy Police Sgt. Tony Sheneman.

"She gave enough information to us during the course of the interview that probable cause was there to arrest her," said Sheneman.

A massive search for the child, Sandra Cantu, included hundreds of volunteers and law enforcement officials. The search ended April 6 when farmworkers who were draining the irrigation pond to water fields found a suitcase.

Pictures of the girl with dark brown eyes and light brown hair were posted all over Tracy, a city of 78,000 about 60 miles east of San Francisco.

The slain girl's aunt, Angie Chavez, said in a phone interview with The Associated Press early Saturday that she was happy to learn of the arrest.'

Ceremony planned to observe Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children & Families estimated that in 2006, four children died each day as a result of maltreatment. More than 1,500 children died that year out of the 905,000 who were confirmed victims of maltreatment. More than three-quarters (78 percent) of children who were killed were younger than 4 years of age; 12 percent were 4-7 years of age; 5 percent were 8-11 years of age; and 5 percent were 12-17 years of age.
...
• Six in ten (61 percent) alleged perpetrators of child maltreatment were mother or father figures, with the majority being mother figures (39 percent). Other relatives comprised 14 percent of alleged perpetrators. Paramours of the caretaking parent or other non-related adults accounted for 16 percent of all cases.'

Akron police say woman stabbed husband

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Story here.

'Police arrested an Akron woman Wednesday night after she allegedly stabbed her husband during an argument.

Tanika Kirk, 33, of Crestview Avenue, was charged with felonious assault, domestic violence and obstructing official business after she used a kitchen knife to stab her husband, Marcus Kirk, 22, in the back and his side, police said.

Officers said the suspect lied to them about the incident.

The victim was taken to the hospital and treated for what police said are not life-threatening injuries.'

Real Housewives Star "Devastated" Over Assault Case

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Story here. Excerpt:

Real Housewives of New York City newcomer Kelly Killoren Bensimon faced a judge this morning for allegedly assaulting her ex, Nick Stefanov.

The reality star, 40, was arrested earlier this month for reportedly punching her 30-year-old beau in the face, causing lacerations below his left eye and "substantial pain," according to the complaint he filed with police. She could face up to a year in jail if convicted.

I can't believe the guy went to the police," Hayes told New York's Daily News. "It is very, very mean-spirited. It's not like she's in his apartment. He's in her apartment."

"I don't even know if I qualify him as lover. How about a jilted moron?" he continued to Extra.
...
"If he doesn't show up from now until then, they'll dismiss the case. It's not a real case," Hayes told Extra. "He just wants to make her life uncomfortable."

"I'm devastated my girls and I have to go through something like this," Bensimon told the Daily News. "They don't need to be exposed to something like this.

Bensimon said she was confident the case would be resolved in her favor. "The only time I'll ever be here again is for jury duty," she declared.'

Father Sues Northwest Side School Over Rape Of Son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO -- The father of a 15-year-old boy has filed a negligence lawsuit against a Northwest Side school for troubled youth after a female teacher allegedly drank and had sex with his son on several occasions.

Linda Pithyou, 29, of 3723 W. Devon Ave., was formally charged March 13 with two counts of criminal sexual assault and four counts of aggravated sexual abuse, Cook County State's Attorney's office spokesman Tandra Simonton said.

The boy's father filed the suit Friday in Cook County Circuit Court against Lawrence Hall Youth Services, where the alleged abuse occurred. The boy and his father are listed a John Doe and Richard Doe in the suit.

Pithyou, a teacher at Lawrence Hall, allegedly drank alcohol, smoked marijuana and engaged in oral sex and sexual intercourse with the boy approximately four times a week at various locations in a car, occasionally with her 16-month-old son in the back seat, according to prosecutors and the suit.'

Quebec dad sued by daughter after grounding loses his appeal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Quebec father who was taken to court by his 12-year-old daughter after he grounded her in June 2008 has lost his appeal.

Quebec Superior Court rejected the Gatineau father's appeal of a lower court ruling that said his punishment was too severe for the wrongs he said his daughter committed.

The father is "flabbergasted," his lawyer Kim Beaudoin told CBC News.

In its ruling, issued Monday, the province's court of appeal declared the girl was caught up in a "very rare" set of circumstances, and her father didn't have sufficient grounds to contest the court's earlier decision.

The family's legal wrangling started with a dispute over the girl's internet use.

She had been living with her father after her parents split up when he grounded her in 2008 for defying his order to stay off the internet. The father caught her chatting on websites he had blocked, and alleged his daughter was posting "inappropriate pictures" of herself online.'

Boys in US jails sentenced to life without parole

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- It began as horseplay, with two teenage stepbrothers chasing each other with blow guns and darts. But it soon escalated when one of the boys grabbed a knife.

The older teen, Michael Barton, 17, was dead by the time he reached the hospital, stabbed twice.The younger boy, Quantel Lotts, 14, would eventually become one of Missouri's youngest lifers.

Lotts was sentenced in Missouri's St. Francois County Circuit Court in 2002 to life in prison without parole for first-degree murder in his stepbrother's stabbing death.
...
Lotts is one of at least 73 U.S. inmates -- most of them minorities -- who were sentenced to spend the rest of their lives in prison for crimes committed when they were 13 or 14, according to the Equal Justice Initiative, a nonprofit organization in Alabama that defends indigent defendants and prisoners.
...
At the time of the crime, Tammy Lotts said she left her children for several days with her husband to get high on crack cocaine.'

So why wasn't Tammy Lotts and her husband put away, too? Maybe her husband was (the story doesn't say) but it looks like she wasn't charged with anything.

Macabre Dance of Family Law

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From an ACFC e-mail:

This just in from ACFC Advisor Dr. Jayne Major about the phenomenal success of her presentation on parental alienation at a recent Canadian Symposium on Parental Alienation. It seems the Canadians are ahead of most of the American legal profession on this issue. Many Canadian judges get it and have ruled appropriately to contain the disturbed parent...at least there have been some landmark cases. Go to http://www.cspas.ca/ and read about them.

Also read a summary of her presentation, The Macabre Dance of Family Law, which describes a three Tier mediation protocol for reform of family court practices. It begins with a presumption of 50-50 shared parenting to "level the playing field" and thus make real mediation possible, as opposed to the inherently inflammatory "winner-take-all" sole custody model that all too often is the spark that ignites conflict that then explodes out of control in our currently dysfunctional family law system.

Dr. Major reports that an attending American judge asked her to train judges in America. Is it possible that reform could be coming to America through enlightenment of judges, despite the benighted opposition of bar associations pandering to the dysfunctional ideology of sociopathic radical feminism?

We suggest our readers print out The Macabre Dance of Family Law, and hand it out in courthouses, and anywhere else where some folks might benefit from a dose of its eminent common sense.

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DA: Rape may be alleged in Calif. girl's slaying

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SAN FRANCISCO — Prosecutors said Monday they may include rape and molestation allegations in their murder charge against the woman suspected of killing an 8-year-old Northern California girl and putting her body in a suitcase.

Melissa Huckaby, a 28-year-old Sunday school teacher, was arrested Friday on suspicion of kidnapping and murdering Sandra Cantu.

Formal charges have not yet been filed, but San Joaquin County Deputy District Attorney Robert Himmelblau told The Associated Press that a murder charge against Huckaby could include the special circumstances of rape with a foreign object, lewd and lascivious conduct with a child and murder in the course of a kidnapping.

A conviction on any of the special circumstances would make Huckaby eligible for the death penalty or life in prison without parole, Himmelblau said. The district attorney's office has not determined whether it will seek the death penalty, he said.'

'Shattering Myths: Men, Boys, and Mental Health' - Eighth Annual Conference Announced

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the National Institute of Mental Health, it is estimated that 6 million American men will be diagnosed with depressive disorder in any given year and many have suffered silently. Four times as many men as women commit suicide. These critical issues and others will be the subject of "Shattering Myths: Men, Boys, and Mental Health," the Eighth Annual Community Mental Health Conference presented by the Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute of Mental Health Education at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology.'

Opinion: Women can inflict domestic violence, too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2000 the Department of Justice published a compendium of domestic violence review with the incredibly biased title: "U.S. Domestic Violence Against Women Study." This was a review study compiling many different looks at this issue, mostly published by academics using crime statistics.

It consistently showed that a lot of domestic violence is actually unprovoked attacks by women on their male partner. The numbers are consistently between 25 percent and 40 percent.

In this study, men were twice as likely to be the victim of a knife attack (cue Bobbit) and almost twice as likely to be injured by "an object thrown with intent to harm."

Many jurisdictions report at least 25 percent of issued restraining orders are served on women. My knee-jerk reaction when first reading this was that these women must have just been protecting themselves against the evil males. But that's not what the data show.'

Massachsetts: Suicide among men rose in 2007, breast cancer death rate at lowest level

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Swampscott - Suicides among men in Massachusetts spiked by 28 percent in 2007, according to a Department of Public Health report issued Wednesday, April 8. The number of suicides among males rose to 159 in 2007 from 118 in 2006 and 153 in 2005. The increase occurred in white males between the ages of 25 and 44, according to the department, which said it would analyze the data to develop insights.

Suicides in women declined by 8 percent in 2007.

Meanwhile, death rates for cancer, heart disease, stroke and chronic respiratory diseases have declined between 13 and 31 percent between 2001 and 2007, according to the department. For women, the breast cancer death rate fell by 13 percent from 2006 to 2007, or “to their lowest level ever recorded.”'

State Child Custody Law: 50-50 Split?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kevin Yoachim of Hebrom spent Easter Sunday dinner with his two kids, both teens. But now, in the midst of divorce, he worries those dinners will be few and far in between.

"A lot of my friends have told me, you're going to have a really hard time getting custody," he said.

Two bills before state legislators would make child custody in Nebraska a 50-50 split, with some restrictions. LB423 would mandate a presumption that both parents are fit for joint legal and physical custody unless evidence proves otherwise.

LB589 states both parents should get equal custody unless there is a medical or legal reason why this should not happen.'

UK Sun: More paternity rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the parents bond over their new baby, the scene is broken by the midwife carefully declaring that it's time for daddy to leave.

This is the scene in maternity wards up and down the UK.

86 per cent of men now attend the birth of their child, but in a large number of hospitals, as soon as visiting time is over dads are asked to leave.

Duncan Fisher, 47, director of dad.info, thinks that this practise needs to change.

Duncan says: "When my first child was born 12 years ago I was asked to leave at the end of visiting hours. I was completely baffled; I wasn't expecting to be told to leave at all.

"My wife wasn't too upset, so I quietly left."'

Ex-astronaut seeks to have charges dropped

Matt · 14 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Ahhh, remember this one? Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. — A former astronaut accused of driving 1,000 miles to confront a romantic rival asked a judge Monday to dismiss the criminal charges against her because prosecutors failed to disclose evidence.

An attorney for Lisa Nowak filed a motion seeking sanctions against prosecutors and police officers. Attorney Don Lykkebak said they failed to turn over a report that raises questions about whether Nowak's rival, Colleen Shipman, was pepper-sprayed during the confrontation more than two years ago.

"The police made a mountain out of a molehill in this case and now we have learned there was never a molehill to start with," Lykkebak said in a statement.'

Boston Globe Front Page Story Covers Fathers & Families' Lawsuit

Matt · 14 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Via Glenn Sacks' newsletter. Article here. Excerpt:

"Joseph P. Kahn's front page story Amid layoffs, child support pacts fraying: Stressed-out parents ask family court for help, relief (Boston Globe, 4/13/09) details the problems faced by child support obligors in the face a bad economy. It is not uncommon for decent, loving fathers like the Fathers & Families supporter quoted above to be punished or even thrown in jail simply because they can no longer earn enough money to pay the child support the family law system demands."

Abuse excuse: how liberalism keeps women in their place

Matt · 14 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Liberals have become the unapologetic predators of women, gleefully playing on their fears and psychological vulnerabilities, all in the name of curbing domestic violence. Of course women's only hope lies in heavy-handed state intervention.

Before proceeding, I will warn you this column is filled with high-octane statements made by the willfully dishonest, the social schemers, and the patently unhinged. As you wade through the claims, keep in mind two facts.

First, all forms of violent crime have fallen dramatically in the past 30 years. The incidences of rape, intimate partner homicide, and non-fatal partner violence are now half what they were in 1980. We've made tremendous progress in the last three decades and everyone should be feeling a lot safer.

Second, research shows women are more likely than men to instigate partner violence — http://pn.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/42/15/31-a . But that's one of those inconvenient truths the liberals will never concede.'

Prosecutors to Seek Death Penalty in Casey Anthony Case

Matt · 14 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty for Casey Anthony, a Florida woman accused of murdering her daughter, a spokeswoman for the state attorney's office said today.

In December, the state's attorney's office filed court papers indicating that prosecutors would not seek the death penalty in connection with the first-degree murder case.

In a notice of intent filed today, prosecutors said additional information has become available. The filing says that "sufficient aggravating circumstances exist to justify the imposition of the death penalty," according to the Orlando Sentinel.

A spokeswoman for Jose Baez, Anthony's attorney, said in a statement, "This is not a death penalty case. We will do whatever is necessary to defend Casey Anthony from the state trying to take her life. We already have death-qualified defense lawyers on our team and are prepared for a vigorous defense."

Anthony, 22, has pleaded not guilty in the death of her daughter, Caylee. She is scheduled to go on trial in October.'

From Feministing: Sexual assault against men should be called rape

Vince · 14 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Yes, you read that right. Post here. Excerpt:

"It seems like a reasonable question, to ask what the hell is wrong with Jimmy Kimmel. But the problem is, while not excusing his actions for a single second, that he has a whole culture (and audience) backing him up.

"In the majority of sexual assault cases, where a woman is the victim of a man's violence, rape apology is rooted primarily not in the denial that male violence exists, but in the denial that male violence means something and needs to be stopped. Conversely, in cases where a man is the victim of a woman's violence, rape apologism is strongly rooted in the denial that women's actions can count as violence at all -- and especially that their actions can count as sexual violence against men, who are routinely construed as incapable of being victims."

"...never hire a male to watch your children"

Matt · 15 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

The nymphotropic divert/excuse machine is in full swing now that an accused female child molester and murderer is in the dock. Latest outrage here. "Never hire a male to watch your children" is delievered at the very end of page 3 of the story. Excerpt:

'Police accusations this week that the woman charged with the murder of Sandra Cantu penetrated the Tracy, Calif., 8-year-old with a "foreign object" sent psychological chills up the spine of Americans.

The arrest of Melissa Huckaby, a 28-year-old mother and Sunday school teacher, on charges of kidnapping, rape and murder also sent up red flags for criminologists.

Women are rarely sexual predators -- only about 5 percent to 15 percent, according to experts -- and when they do molest children, they are more often accomplices.
...
While rare, women do commit sexual acts against children. Research reported in a 2000 article in the Journal of Sex Research cites well-accepted studies by David Finkhor and Diana Russell that show women may account for up to 5 percent of the abuse of females and 20 percent of males.

These statistics include women either acting alone or with a partner. Only 6 percent of sexual abuse against females and 14 percent against males are carried out by females alone.'

Time to disabuse the author (and readers) of the incorrect statistics all over this article by posting comments. You can also send email to ABCNews.com with this form.

"Another Awkward Sex Talk: Respect and Violence"

anthony · 15 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It has never been easy for adults to deal with young teenagers honestly and sensibly on this subject, and it isn't easy now. We live with an endless parade of hypersexualized images — and a constant soundtrack of adults lamenting children's exposure to that endless parade. There's increasing knowledge of dating violence, including well-publicized celebrity incidents. And there's always a new movie to see about how adolescent boys are clueless, sex-obsessed goofballs.

Stir it all together, and you may get an official worldview in which boys are viewed as potential criminals and girls as potential victims.

William Pollack, a psychologist at Harvard Medical School who wrote "Real Boys: Rescuing Our Sons From the Myths of Boyhood" (Owl Books, 1999), argues that the way we talk to boys and young men about sex often stereotypes them and hurts their feelings.

"One boy said, 'They treat us like we're perpetrators — we have sexual needs but we also have other needs,' " Dr. Pollack told me.'

One feminist's commentary here.

Christina Hoff Sommers: 'A threat to Title IX'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'• Title IX could make "similar striking advances" for women in science and engineering. Indeed it could -- but at what cost to science? The idea of imposing Title IX on the sciences began gaining momentum around 2002. Then, women were already earning nearly 60 percent of all bachelor's degrees and at least half of the Ph.D.s in the humanities, social sciences, life sciences and education. Meanwhile, men retained majorities in fields such as physics, computer science and engineering. Badly in need of an advocacy cause just as women were beginning to outnumber men on college campuses, well-funded academic women's groups alerted their followers that American science education was "hostile" to women. Soon there were conferences, retreats, summits, a massive "Left Out, Left Behind" letter-writing campaign, dozens of studies and a series of congressional hearings. Their first public victim? Larry Summers, who was forced to resign as president of Harvard University in 2006 after he dared to question the groups' assumptions and drew a correlation between the number of women in the sciences and gender differences implied in math and science test data.'

Female Texas Teacher, Coach Resigns After Allegedly Having Sex With Girl at School

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A female Texas teacher and coach indicted on charges of having sex with a 15-year-old girl at her school has officially resigned, according to local media reports.

The charges, stemming from an alleged sexual relationship between 39-year-old Jennifer Lea Burton and one of her junior high school students, include three counts of sexual assault and three counts related to an improper relationship between student and educator, KFDM.com reported.

The purported sexual encounters between Burton, who was a teacher and coach at Orangefield Junior High, and the teen lasted from September to November of 2008, according to the indictment filed last week.'

Village men step up to inspire 8th grade boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'For seven years, the girls disappeared to take part in “Girls to Women, Women to Girls,” a one-day conference in Snowmass Village that encouraged girls to explore beyond their limits by meeting professional women who introduce them to a variety of career choices. The program was launched by the Women’s Foundation of Colorado.

In 2006, the 8th grade boys no longer had to feel left out. Villager Sue Smedsted, who had been in charge of the Girls to Women program, was encouraged by the Aspen School District to provide a similar program for boys in the upper valley. Her husband, Jeff Tippett, became the organizer for “Boys to Men, Men to Boys.”'

Hotel Trends: Where the boys aren't

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Safety. Comfort. Luxurious bath products. The freedom to go padding down the hallway in jammies and slippers.

With selling points like these, hotel floors for women travellers - after being dismissed as old-fashioned, sexist and just plain insulting a quarter century ago - are making a comeback.

At the Crowne Plaza Bloomington in Minnesota, female travellers opting for the women-only floor enjoy fresh flowers, makeup mirrors and plush robes in their rooms as well as complimentary snacks and fashion magazines in a communal area. Following a strategy similar to the executive floor common to many luxury properties, access to this female enclave is by keycard only.
...
The Hamilton Crowne Plaza in Washington, D.C., takes catering to women a step further by offering the services of a bellman or security staff to walk nervous female guests to restaurants or other destinations in the vicinity of the hotel.'

Examiner: Some feel we need PSAs for male victims of domestic violence

anthony · 15 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'I have a friend who believes that Rihanna should have been charged in the incident in which she was hurt because she admitted hitting Chris Brown first and that Brown would've been acting in self-defense if Rihanna had been a man. I disagree about Rihanna needing to be charged because I find it doubtful that her blows hurt Brown, but this brings to light an entire can of worms about men as victims of domestic violence. I do not doubt that men in homosexual relationships are sometimes abused by their partners, and I am sure that there are some men who are harmed by their female partners. But is this really an issue that requires public service announcements and research and attention? I have heard of plans for some such PSAs in the near future. There are claims that men are victims almost as often as women and that women abuse the use of restraining orders.'

Letter To Editor: 'Women are also guilty'

anthony · 15 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'Ms C Springer, your Editor, from her chair in the newsroom asserts for my instruction that “domestic violence exists in all races, classes and in every sector of society.”

What she seems unwilling to conceive of, or incapable of conceding is that domestic violence exists in all “sexes/genders.” To make it clear, women are also guilty. This is the point of my letters. This is what, as idea, she finds offensive. Ms Springer needs a triumphant victim (woman) on one side and a diabolised victor (also essentially victim) on the other. That this position that I have expressed represents “an outmoded and bigoted” attitude contributing to perpetuating the problem is how Ms Springer responds to the threat to extending her all-embracing domestic violence victim categories to include men.'

India: Candle Light March for Fathers' Rights

Anonymous · 16 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Save Indian Family Foundation (SIFF) and Children's Rights Initiative for Shared Parenting (CRISP), NGOs working towards the cause of Family Harmony, Gender Equality and Child Rights announces a "Candle Light March" in condolescence of the unfortunate demise of Mr. Syed Makhdoom, who committed suicide on 5th April 2009 after he was no longer able to bear the domestic violence being done on him by his wife and in-laws as they trapped him in false dowry harassment cases and separated him from his child. His suicide came to light on the 9th April 2009 after his landlord grew suspicious.

In a bone-chilling, 8 minute video that he recorded of himself on his mobile, minutes before he committed suicide, Syed Makhdoom expressed the pain that he underwent in an insensitive society and before an insensitive judiciary that trivialized his pain, never understood a father's feelings and did not grant him visitation to his child which is the natural and biological right of both the child and the father.

Syed Makhdoom's case is not a one off case. Every year 57,000 married men are committing suicides, unable to bear the torture meted out on them by their wives and in-laws. In the year 2007, 57593 married men committed suicide. Similar figures for the years 2006 and 2005 are 55452 and 52000 respectively as per National Crime Records Bureau. Since 1996 suicide rates have shot up by 40%. Every year the suicide rate is going up by 4% whereas population grows at the rate of 1%. 4 times more men are committing suicides than they are born. Compared to women, the suicide of married men is 1.86 times and grows at 6 times the rate of growth of married women's suicides.'

Toronto Woman Plotted the Murder of Her Lover's Boyfriend, Court Told

Anonymous · 16 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Ashleigh Pechaluk hated her female lover's long-time boyfriend, whom she saw as an obstacle to their relationship, and that's why they formed a plan to kill him with an axe, a prosecutor says.

The 24-year-old woman and her lover, Nicola Puddicombe, carried out the plan to murder Dennis Hoy, 36, while he lay sleeping in a Queensway apartment on Oct. 27, 2006, assistant Crown attorney Tom Lissaman told a jury today at the opening of Pechaluk's first-degree murder trial.

"He was bludgeoned to death as he lay naked and asleep in his girlfriend's bed," Lissaman said.

Puddicombe, 36, who will be tried after this trial ends, stood to gain $250,000 as the sole beneficiary of Hoy's life insurance and pension policies, Lissaman alleged.'

Montreal dad eager for reunion with young daughter found in Vancouver

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Montreal father says news that his daughter has been found safe in Vancouver more than two years after her disappearance is like "a gift from God." Frank Gonis said police told him Friday they had located his daughter, Ashley Gonis, 10, at a SkyTrain station in the neighbourhood of East Vancouver.
...
"The police called me on Friday early in the morning and it was like, I don't know, a gift from God. It's amazing that she's safe," he said.

Ashley disappeared in January 2007, along with Gonis's ex-wife, after a parental dispute that he says ended with him being awarded sole custody of the girl.

When she surfaced on Friday, police said Ashley told them she had run away from an "abusive situation at home" in B.C. and walked for hours before making a 911 call.'

HBO declares "Women's Studies" major

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Here's one to file under "TV shows we never saw coming": Reuters is reporting that HBO and "Daily Show"/"Colbert Report" executive producer Ben Karlin is developing a new comedy series called "Women's Studies." Julie White will likely star as "a onetime famous author who, after a tumultuous period as a feminist It Girl, is now a professor at a small liberal arts college in the Northeast." White is also on board as a producer.
...
And, let's face it: Academia (and, yes, that includes women's studies), with its departmental pettiness and Ivory Tower elitism, is ripe for some good-natured ribbing. Can you just see it now? Of course, we'll have to have the frat guy who signs up for a women's studies course to meet chicks. And let's not leave out the T.A. who speaks Judith Butler as a first language. Is an episode that pits the sex-positives against the sex-negatives too much to hope for?'

Tax Tea-Party Ignorant of Feminist Pork

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"'What does, 'End Feminist Pork' mean,'" was the first question I heard at the Tax Tea-Party I attended yesterday? The question came from the wife of a retired LAPD officer I knew. I explained what it meant, but little did I know I would be asked the same question more than 20 times throughout the afternoon and evening. At one point, I had just finished explaining, when another person came up to me and asked the same question.

If America doesn't wise up soon to all the "feminist pork" that's ripping taxpayers off, and destroying the social fabric of society, for many more males it may soon be the end of their world.

Teen Stabbed to Death by Woman in Wheelchair

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Story here.

'LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles police say a 15-year-old girl was stabbed to death by a woman in a wheelchair possibly twice her age after the pair got into a fight over a man.

Officer Karen Rayner says officers recieved several reports of the incident Wednesday afternoon on a street in South Los Angeles.

Rayner says "it sounds like it was a donnybrook of a lot of people fighting."

The victim was taken to a hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Rayner says the suspect is about 30 years old. Police did not immediately say what charges she faced.'

Responses to misandrist article on male/female prisoners

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From Marc A.: MRA Joe Manthey of Petaluma, CA sent out this article in which misandrist professor Barbara Bloom manufactures a smoke-and-mirrors style "crisis" for female prisoners using the usual one-sided feminist hypocrisy. Most of what Barbara Bloom says about female inmates can also be said of male prisoners, but she misleadingly weaves those things in with a few statistical differences to propagate her myths. And she totally ignores the sentencing disparities that men already face. If you have a moment, please write to the editor at letters-at-pressdemocrat.com and copy Barbara Bloom at bloom-at-sonoma.edu. The letter I sent is below the excerpt as follows:

'We are facing a correctional crisis in California that is unparalleled in other states. With prisons at or above 200 percent of capacity and federal court intervention imminent, a hidden aspect of corrections is the plight of incarcerated women.

Relative to men, the number of women in state prison may seem small. But, at more than 11,000, female prisoners are a growing and significant population, currently the largest in any state. Additionally, there are almost as many women locked up in county jails. The net result is more than 22,000 women in custody.

Not only are women prisoners hidden, their pathways to prison are often neglected and not addressed. Additionally, women have different reasons for being in prison than men, different histories of abuse and addiction, different family roles and relationships, different health concerns and different motivations to change.'

What does Barack Obama Mean For Men?

Matt · 17 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama is clear about one thing: he goes to bat for women. That's aptly demonstrated by his immediate signing off on the White House Council on Women and Girls and on what I call his "Ledbetter Payback Act," in reference, of course, to the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which I believe is a promised payback to feminists and women for their vote.

He may also help men --- some men, at least — in an incidental way with such programs as the construction jobs he hopes to create with his plan to rebuild the infrastructure. (But judging by how feminists are getting most if not all of what they want from him, they may get from him the requirement that the infrastructure contractors hire mostly women because the construction business is already mostly men).

But other than the construction jobs, how, in the direct and selective manner in which Obama helps women, will he help men, especially black men, who need as much help as black women and more help than white women, who are, usually, the main beneficiaries of governments' gender-aid programs?'

Stephen Baskerville scheduled for The Jim Bohannon Show on 4/17/09

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Radio show page here. This show is syndicated on hundreds of radio stations across the US. Find a station in your listening area here.

Upcoming evening show page here.
Archived shows here.

Note: When I first posted this story about 30 mins. ago I thought this was a morning show only. (This will teach me to do more than just scan the page when it comes to these things.) On closer examination it was clear that this is a morning and evening show, and so I have corrected my post accordingly.

Hulk Hogan Comments Spark Mixed Reactions and Opinions

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Hulk Hogan's "OJ Comment" as reported here sparked this news commentary in a Fox's "Kelly's Court" segment. I was surprised both by the report itself and the analysis. Worth watching, in both the video sense and the case sense. Article excerpt:

'Hulk Hogan said his comments to Rolling Stone magazine that he can "totally understand" O.J. Simpson -- the former football great found liable for the deaths of his wife and another man -- are being misunderstood.
Linda and Hulk Hogan enjoy happier times at the 2006 MTV Video Music Awards in New York.

The pro wrestling legend said Wednesday that he "took the high road" and "didn't do the O.J. Simpson thing" despite the pain of his bitter divorce fight with wife Linda.

Hogan's lawyer said the quotes leaked to a gossip column have been taken out of context and the full article proves Hogan "never condones the O.J. situation." Video Watch Hogan claim he was misquoted.

A spokesman for Linda Hogan said the statement amounts to a death threat and that her attorney is "weighing all options necessary to protect his client."'

Woman allegedly kills 9-YO daughter then stabs herself to cause a miscarriage

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Story here. Excerpt:

'QUINCY, Mass. — A pregnant Massachusetts woman accused of killing her 9-year-old daughter, trying to strangle her 14-year-old daughter and stabbing herself in the stomach to kill her unborn child has been charged with one count of first-degree murder and one count of assault with intent to murder.

The Norfolk District Attorney's office said Friday that 38-year-old Fang Chi Xue was treated for self-inflicted stab wounds to the arms and abdomen at Boston Medical Center and will soon undergo a mental health evaluation. She was 7 1/2 months pregnant.'

School: Female Teacher Took Girls To Strip Club

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Story here.

'(AP) A school spokesman said a southwest Ohio teacher has resigned after acknowledging she accompanied four female students to a male strip club. Butler Tech school district spokesman Bill Solazzo said the 47-year-old teacher resigned Thursday.

He said the teacher told Edgewood High School administrators that the students, all cheerleaders, asked her to take them to the bar in February.

The teacher told school officials in an e-mail that she got permission from the parents of the 17- and 18-year-olds to bring them to the club.

The teacher taught marketing at the school and previously served as a coach for the district's eighth-grade cheerleaders.'

Police: Teen stabs boyfriend over Pop Tarts

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Lakeland, Florida -- Police have charged an 18-year-old girl with stabbing her boyfriend during an argument over a box of pop tarts.

Catherine Marie Colon was arrested at her residence on Lake Hollingsworth Rd, which she has shared with her boyfriend, Shawn Andrews, 19, for the past three months.

Police say when they arrived, she was cleaning up blood from the floor.

"Colon had moved out of the apartment and had returned to collect belongings when he and Colon began arguing over a box of 'Pop Tarts,'" according to police spokesman Jack Gillen. "At some point, Colon stabbed Andrews with a steak knife."'

Angry Woman Taped Dog To Fridge And Assaults Boyfriend

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CBS/AP) Police say a Colorado woman wrapped her boyfriend's dog in packing tape and stuck the animal upside down to a refrigerator because he wouldn't get rid of it.

Abby Toll was arrested Tuesday after police say she got into a fight with her boyfriend. She was charged with felony cruelty, drug possession and other counts and is free on $12,500 bond. She has declined to comment.

Police say Toll, 20, used packing tape to bind the legs, snout and tail of Beck's dog, Rex, a Japanese breed called a Shiba Inu. She told police she stuck the dog to the refrigerator because she was angry Beck wanted to keep it.

Toll also is accused of slapping Beck and throwing a vase and soda bottle at him. In addition, police say they found a trace amount of heroin in her possession at the jail, reports CBS-4 in Denver.'

"Who Should Pay for the Date?"

Matt · 19 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. After objecting to the double-standard, the author resigns himself after a series of rationalizations. Cognitive dissonance in its fullest glory.

I recall in the 1970s that one of the reasons feminists gave for "allowing" men to continue to pay for sex indirectly through dinner dates was that since women couldn't make as much as men in the same lines of work due to sexism, it made sense for men to pay for dates (ie, sex) since they could and women couldn't. Now that in so many places the script is flipped, a new set of rationalizations is used. The net result, as with the circumcision issue, is set up to be the same: men get the shaft.

Wouldn't it be nice to see an article written by a feminist stating categorically that as long as a woman is making more (in many cases now, much more) than the man she is on a date with, that it should be expected that she pick up the tab? Wouldn't it be nice if it were as prominently displayed as ones like this?

Maybe there's an alternate universe where women pick up the tab for as much as men are expected to here. It'd be nice to visit that universe just for a little while.

Custody Battle "Beyond Tragic"

Anonymous · 19 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Although my heart goes out to the three boys in this story, there is something about this article that doesn't smell right. It's as though the writer is subtly and carefully trying to undermine the concept of Parental Alienation Syndrome:

'The set of drums scattered in the back of his dad's van is a painful reminder for 18-year-old Daniel of how his family has been destroyed by divorce. The Mississauga teen had hoped to start a band with his two younger brothers, who were both learning to play guitar. But by the time he was given the drums, his brothers had disappeared.
...
Jake, 12, and Max, 14, were ripped from Daniel's arms – crying for help – five months ago outside a Brampton courtroom in an alleged case of parental alienation that one veteran divorce lawyer describes as "beyond tragic."
...
This has become one of the most controversial cases of alleged parental alienation to be handled by the courts, with Daniel and his parents – along with a growing chorus of lawyers – questioning if a legal system set up to protect children in cases of high-conflict divorce has done more harm than good.'

Public Skeptical Woman Killed, Raped California Girl

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TRACY, Calif. — Callers have inundated the phone lines of Tracy police, saying it can't be. Veteran homicide and sex-crime researchers say they cannot recall a case quite like it. Even the investigators themselves looked at the evidence and initially said "no way."

A woman was accused not only of killing someone else's child, but of raping her.
...
Tracy police Sgt. Tony Sheneman said dozens of callers a day have insisted that Huckaby could not have acted alone, that no mother would rape another's child, that the scenario was too improbable to be true. The case is so striking that police initially shared the public's reaction.
...
When investigators were first looking at this they went 'Huh, no way... Who did she work with?"' Sheneman said. "We got that info and said 'there's no way, that doesn't happen."
...
When they do commit sex crimes, women often are acting as accomplices to men, and their victims tend to be teenagers, said David Finkelhor, director of the University of New Hampshire Crimes against Children Research Center.'

Man-to-Man: Time for some fathering

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The last couple generations of men are disconnected from their masculinity. They are feminized. That means they have been influenced primarily by women — and men who had little sense of themselves as men — and have grown up to see the world through their mothers' eyes. As a result, these men continue to seek out other women, rather than men, when they need help with their emotional worlds.

What these men need is to be introduced to something they so desperately needed when they were boys. These men need to be fathered. And it's not too late.

No matter how old you are, you can benefit from the support of other good men. Seek out a men's group, reach out to buddies, reconnect with the men in your family, or find a male counselor who can give you the masculine energy and guidance you need.'

Men bear the brunt of US jobs lost

Matt · 19 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The US recession has opened up the biggest gap between male and female unemployment rates since records began in 1948, as men bear the brunt of the economy's contraction.

Men have lost almost 80 per cent of the 5.1m jobs that have gone in the US since the recession started, pushing the male unemployment rate to 8.8 per cent. The female jobless rate has hit 7 per cent.

This is a dramatic reversal of the trend over the past few years, where the rates of male and female unemployment barely differed, at about 5 per cent. It also means that women could soon overtake men as the majority of the US labour force.'

The author has to end of course with the usual sop to modern feminist mythology with: "Since women earn on average 20 per cent less than men, that is putting extra strain on many households," with no mention of course of the reasons behind it.

Canada: "Economic stimulus" - for women, anyway

Matt · 20 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

From Jeremy S.: An analysis of the advantage given to women by the federally-funded Industrial Training Authority (ITA) in Canada.

A Tale of Two ~~Tradesmen~~ Tradespersons

For a woman who is currently unemployed (or under-employed), and is considering one of the piping trades (plumbing, steam fitting, sprinkler fitting or welding), the ITA will pay for the following:

Six-Week Exploratory Course
Daycare (weekly): $200/child
Transportation (weekly): $23
Lunches (weekly): $50
Shop Clothing (coveralls): Free
Safety Gear (boots, gloves, glasses): Free
School Supplies: Free
Tuition: Free

Four-Month Specialization Course
Daycare (monthly): $800/child
Transportation (monthly): $90
Shop Clothing (coveralls): Free
Safety Gear (boots, gloves, glasses): Free
School Supplies: Free
Tuition: Free

Innocent Marine freed after 9 years in prison

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Story here. Excerpt:

'OCEANSIDE, Calif. — After more than nine years locked up in prison, fighting to overturn his 1999 rape conviction, Sgt. Brian W. Foster finally won his freedom in February.

But the battle to restore his military rank, pay, career and life is just beginning.

A decade ago, while serving as a military police officer at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Foster told his company commander that he would refuse nonjudicial punishment over allegations made by his estranged wife accusing him of raping her in 1995 and assaulting her from 1994 to 1998. Her rape claim surfaced amid a bitter divorce and custody fight over their two young sons.'

"SW Idaho seeing more women charged with sex abuse"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'BOISE, Idaho – From a Boise psychology teacher accused of having sex with a teen student to a Caldwell guardian who bore her ward's child, the Treasure Valley has seen a flurry of sex-abuse cases with female defendants.

Canyon County is prosecuting two women charged with molesting minors, and a third was sent to prison in February. In Ada County, two women have been charged with sexually abusing youths since December, the same month two others were convicted of similar crimes.

In the past year, a dozen women have been in Valley courtrooms on charges of sexually abusing minors. They range in age from 20 to 40; their victims from 12 to 17. Each woman was at least five years older than the boy or girl.'

USA Today article gives "mental health" pass to female child molesters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women have been arrested this month in connection with two shocking child molestation incidents — one that ended in murder. The cases, which surfaced last week, are particularly notable because both are so unusual, experts say.

For one thing, only about 5% of adults who molest minors are women, says David Finkelhor, director of the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire. A common scenario is the "Mrs. Robinson" variety — an older woman having sex with a teenage boy who often feels some mutual attraction, he says.

A woman who would kidnap, rape and kill a little girl is more likely a psychotic than a true pedophile, says Frederick Berlin, a psychiatrist and founder of the Sexual Disorders Clinic at Johns Hopkins University. He says the delusions of this kind of murderer may be like those of Andrea Yates, who killed her own children.'

Police find MTU rape report to be false

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Story here.

'HOUGHTON -- Police say the alleged sexual assault that took place on the Michigan Tech campus last month was false.

After a three-week investigation, the woman who said she was sexually assaulted March 23 in the library parking lot has told police the assault did not take place.

The woman is a Michigan Tech student.

The Houghton County Prosecutor's Office is reviewing the case to determine if charges will be filed against the student.

This is the second false rape report in Houghton in the past three weeks.'

Immediate parole for woman who made false rape charge

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Meadville woman facing a maximum of two years in jail and a $5,000 fine was granted an immediate parole and ordered to pay a $150 fine Monday after pleading guilty to a charge of making a false report to law enforcement.

“I’m very sorry for what I did,” Jacqueline Owens, 21, of 473 Arch St., told Judge Anthony Vardaro before he handed down the sentence during an afternoon session in Crawford County Court of Common Pleas. “All I’m trying to do is make my life better.”

...

“She had been raped,” Rowden explained to the judge before the sentencing took place. “When she reported it, she reported it as burglary-rape,” he continued. “It was more acquaintance rape. She had invited him in.”'

"Women-only lunch has guy fed up"

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Commentary here. Excerpt:

'Q. I'm a 50-year-old man who works as a department director at a large international corporation. My supervisor is a vice president, and she oversees about 20 people, split evenly between men and women.

Last week she sent an e-mail to the women in the department, inviting them to an all-expenses-paid "extended lunch" that would include manicures. She advised them that if the men asked where they were going, to say they had an off-site meeting.

Some female co-workers forwarded me the e-mail. I was appalled by the exclusion of men. Since the department has both professional men and women, the supervisor should have offered everyone a free lunch in the conference room rather than pull such a biased stunt.'

Uganda: Female Condom - the Ignored Option for Women Against HIV

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kampala — ASK anyone if they have ever seen a condom and the answer will be 'yes'. Unfortunately, that answer only refers to a male condom. Few people, including women have seen a female condom despite its introduction as an alternative HIV/AIDS prevention method, 10 years ago.

The Government imported 1.5 million female condoms in 1999 but halted their distribution *due to insufficient demand**.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) is re-introducing them. However, critics say the ministry has not learnt lessons from its past mistakes, as people still hardly know anything about these condoms.'

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*Emphasis added

RADAR ALERT: How Much Taxpayer Money is Enough for Domestic Violence Programs?

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Congress currently spends approx. $1 billion (!) annually on domestic violence programs(1), and the recent economic stimulus bill just added another $325 million.(2) Yet, while the rest of the nation is forced to cut back during these difficult economic times, advocates are asking Congress for even more – over a quarter billion more dollars every year!(3) Although this analysis considers only Federal funding, be aware that these programs also receive sizeable private donations as well as state and local funding.

Congressonal spending this year works out to approximately $2,948 per female domestic violence victim. The demand for a funding increase amounts to an additional $623 per female domestic violence victim every year.(4) Since domestic violence service providers offer neglibible help to male victims, services for male victims are not included in these calcualtions.(5)

Oregon Shared Parenting Bill Hearing on Tuesday, April 21, 2009

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Via an ACFC e-mail news release:

Oregon Shared Parenting Bill Hearing

Just in...Tomorrow the House Judiciary Committee will be hearing HB 3402 for Shared Parenting in Oregon. The hearing is at the Oregon State Capitol Room 357 beginning at noon. Please attend and show your support. The proposed law defines joint legal and physical custody as presumptively in the best interest of the child. The bill declares relocation not in the child's best interest and penalizes parents for access interference. Click here to read the bill (pdf file).

Canadian Member of Parliament Conducts Equal Shared Parenting Poll

MP Maurice Vellacott sent this announcement late last week. Thanks to our friends and counterparts at the Canadian Equal Parenting Council for supplying the poll numbers. Click here for the poll (.pdf file). It's obvious the public 'gets it' when it comes to Shared Parenting. Our task is to turn these sentiments into reality.

4th Annual Parental Alienation Awareness Day April 25, 2009

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PRLog (Press Release) – Apr 15, 2009 – Parental Alienation or Hostile Aggressive Parenting are a set of behaviors that adults exhibit which are harmful to children's emotional and mental health. These behaviors are most often seen during divorce and separation, but can also be present in intact families. Children who suffer his form of abuse may exhibit symptoms of low self esteem, depression, anxiety, aggression, trust issues, and sometimes suicidal tendencies.

Parental Alienation can be as mild as speaking badly about a parent in front of or to a child, to showing the child court documents or discussing child support with a child, to extreme examples such as Parental Abduction and Parental Homicide.'

President Obama urged to create White House Council on Men and Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'04.20.2009 – One of the leading organizations of men in America has asked President Obama to create a White House Council on Men and Boys.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the world's oldest collegiate Greek-lettered organization of African-Americans recently wrote the president a letter encouraging him to create the council after Mr. Obama formally established the White House Council on Women and Girls.

"Mr. President, we are keenly aware of the challenges that face women and girls. However, we believe a focus must also be placed on men and boys," wrote the Rev. Herman "Skip" Mason, Jr., general president of Alpha. "As a father of a six-year old son and an eight-year old daughter, like you I want to make sure that there are well-educated, responsible and community-oriented men for them to look up to as they grow and develop."'

All-boys middle school hopes to start in fall

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The move toward single-sex classrooms is a growing trend around the nation and in Western North Carolina.

Eight public schools in North Carolina offer single-sex education, according to the National Association for Single Sex Public Education.

Asheville is home to Hanger Hall, a private middle school for girls, as well as to some single-sex classes within coed private schools. Carolina Day School's middle school, for example, has single-sex classes for core subjects.

Yeiser hopes to use Hanger Hall as a model. The school was started by Howard Hanger 10 years ago because he wanted something different for his daughters' education. The school now has 63 students.'

'Men put aside their pride' - more men parading in high heels

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Story here. Excerpt:

'With their masculinity set aside and high heels strapped tightly, local men and boys strutted their stuff Saturday morning to promote sexual abuse awareness in Acadiana.

More than 100 men and boys of all different ages and from all walks of life participated in Stuller Place's third annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event.

...

Families and groups of men from UL, the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office, University Medical Center and Best Buy showed up wearing boots, stilettos and even shoes with fur.

...

And participants Chad Grow and David Reese didn't stop short of showing how dedicated and "fantabulous" they were for the event.

Both men came dressed in dresses, pink boas and wigs.'

Woman accused of 'hammer' beating could get death penalty

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Story here. Excerpt:

'GILBERT - A Gilbert woman who admitted that she beat her husband with a hammer while he slept could receive the death penalty.

Prosecutors say Marissa-Suzanne Devault killed her husband, Dale Harrell, for financial gain, which makes her eligible for the death penalty because the alleged murder meets three of the 14 standards listed under state law

Devault claims she killed her husband because he physically abused her; however, police have not found any evidence of abuse.'

Woman facing abuse charges retains custody of child

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Dunn, N.C. — A Harnett County woman charged with beating two of her children still has custody of a third child.

Delores Geddie, 57, of 801 S. Ellis Ave. in Dunn, was charged Monday with two counts of child abuse and was released after posting a $250,000 bond.

Harnett Primary School teachers and administrators reported suspected abuse to social service workers recently after a 7-year-old boy and a 5-year-old girl showed up at school with deep bruises.

"They had belt marks on their back (and) on their arms, and the little boy had a belt mark on his face and nose," Dunn Police Chief B.P. Jones said.

...

"She just lost it. That's what she told the investigator," Jones said.

...

The two who were injured are staying with Geddie's mother; Geddie is prohibited from seeing them as a condition of her bond. But Geddie retains custody of their brother, who is in a wheelchair.'

Major Media Opportunity on National TV Show—Is This You?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently the Boston Globe ran a front page story on a Fathers & Families‘ member who was jailed for child support because his income in the Real Estate industry dropped dramatically and he was unable to pay his child support. The story also covers our highly-publicized lawsuit against the new, higher Massachusetts child support guidelines.

Fathers & Families was contacted by a major national TV show which is doing a story on the problems with the child support system and is looking for child support obligors to be on the show.

The network is specifically interested in individuals with the following scenarios:

1) Your income has declined significantly over the past year but you have been unable to get courts to modify your child support obligations. (You could be in any state)

2) Your child support has been raised under the new Massachusetts guidelines. (Massachusetts only)

This information will not be shared with anyone except the TV producer. Please do not respond unless you are willing to be publicly identified on national television.'

The article includes a form where you can submit your contact information.

Texas Man Settles Discrimination Lawsuit Against Hooters Restaurant Chain

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Story here. Excerpt

'A Texas man has reportedly settled a class action lawsuit against Hooters for refusing to hire men as food servers.

Nikolai Grushevski filed a complaint against Hooters of America in January alleging its Corpus Christi franchisee would not hire him as a waiter because the position was being limited to females by an employer "who merely wishes to exploit female sexuality as a marketing tool to attract customers and insure profitability."

Hooters argued a “bona-fide occupational qualification” defense, which applies when the “essence of the business operation would be undermined if the business eliminated its discriminatory policy,” according to Onpointnews.com.

“If we lose this go around, you can next expect hairy-legged guys in the Rockettes to line up and male models in the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue." Hooters' vice president of marketing said, according to Onpointnews.com.'

Woman pleads guilty to drugging, dismembering boyfriend

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MONTESANO, Wash. (AP) - A Grayland woman who drugged her boyfriend and dismembered his remains has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

Sherry Hamm entered the plea Monday and is scheduled to be sentenced on May 22 in Montesano. Grays Harbor County Prosecutor Stu Menafee told KXRO she faces 22 years in prison.

Prosecutors say the 59-year-old woman put an overdose of Xanax pills in a drink she gave 62-year-old Ken Hutchinson, her boyfriend of 30 years. She cut up his body and left the remains wrapped in plastic under their trailer in Grayland.'

Canada: Woman seeks fourth trial in murder case

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Video report here. She has gotten three trials and has been convicted twice of the same murder. Still, she is a female and is photogenic, so despite the two convictions and the imprisonment of the only boy involved in the gang-murder of a teenage girl (the mob that attacked her was otherwise made up of girls - wonder what happened to them in all this?), the Canadian Supreme Court needs to be polled for its opinion for what would have been an open and shut case if the primary agent in this assault and murder had been the boy.

Police: Mom ordered daughters out, drove off

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. - Usually, it's an empty threat: "If you kids don't stop fighting, I'm going to stop this car right now and leave you here!" But a mother from an upper-crust New York suburb went through with it, ordering her battling 10- and 12-year-old daughters out of her car in White Plains' business district and driving off, police said Tuesday.

A judge on Wednesday modified a temporary order of protection against 45-year-old Madlyn Primoff and her two daughters. Her lawyer, Vincent Briccetti, said Primoff is no longer barred from living or talking with her children.

Primoff, a partner in a Manhattan law firm, pleaded not guilty to a charge of endangering a child on Monday.
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Woman intentionally hits man with minivan, throwing him off freeway ramp

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A San Jose woman intentionally struck a man on a freeway connector ramp, catapulting him over a guardrail 50 feet above the ground, according to police.

The unidentified man landed in a parking lot below the ramp and is now in a coma.

Damariz Michi, 21, is expected to be arraigned Thursday on charges of attempted murder and hit-and-run resulting in permanent serious injury or death, according to Amy Cornell, a spokeswoman for the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. Michi faces a maximum sentence of 17 years, eight months in prison if convicted as charged, Cornell said.

The man had been in Michi's minivan before the incident, according to police, who are not disclosing the nature of the relationship between the two. Because the investigation is ongoing, police would not disclose the man's age, only to say he is a San Jose resident.'

Mystery donor keeps giving to woman-run colleges

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The mystery college donor has struck again — this time at Binghamton University in New York, whose financial aid office phone started ringing off the hook as word of an anonymous $6 million contribution spread across campus.

Binghamton is the latest of at least a dozen universities to receive donations totaling more than $60 million in recent weeks. The gifts have arrived with the same, highly unusual stipulation: not only must the donor must remain anonymous, but not even the college can know who it is or try to find out.

The recipient colleges seem to have almost nothing in common except this: so far, all are led by women.'

US News blogger asks: "Do Women Have a Competitive Advantage Over Men?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'And, if so, why do men still earn a dollar for every 77 pennies women earn? Why are men's small businesses larger than women's small businesses?

It shouldn't be like this.

Because when it comes to running anything—a family, a business, a country—women possess extraordinary leadership qualities. We're more intuitive, more patient, and we tend to share more, which makes us better at motivating. We're tenacious and we're great problem solvers (if only because we've always had to make do with less). Even more important, we excel at doing many things at once.
...
(For men: Look up once in a while to notice what's going on around you, and help!)'

Iceland's Women Reach for Power

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Iceland's women are blaming men for the financial crisis that has brought the country to its knees, They are now looking for a female solution to clean up the mess. Caretaker Prime Minister Johanna Sigurdardottir is heading into this weekend's election with good chances of winning.
...
At Audur, there's a simple recipe for success. "We've brought greater female values into the financial world," says Halla. The company isn't interested in investments that quickly generate high yields. Instead, they focus on sustainable investments in projects that make as much sense socially and environmentally as they do for the investors themselves. The women call their business maxim "emotional capital," or "profit with principles." But is that a recipe that can be enough to get Iceland out of its current mess?'

False allegations could bring four years in jail to female student

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Story here.

'HOUGHTON -- The 19-year-old Michigan Tech student, who according to police filed a false sexual assault report last month, faces up to four years in prison if convicted.

According to court documents, Jennifer Renee Stigers lives in a residence hall on campus.

Stigers was arrested on Monday by MTU Public Safety after she took back allegations that an assault happened in a campus parking lot on March 23.

Judge Mark Wisti continued bond, ten percent of $10,000, which Prosecutor Mike Makkinen didn't object to.

A preliminary exam is scheduled in district court on May 4.'

Teacher Accused Of 'Sex' With Boy, 14

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Story here. Excerpt:

'JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- A 34-year-old woman was arrested Monday after a 14-year-old boy said he had several sexual encounters with his science teacher.

According to the arrest report, Jennifer Collier had sex with the boy in her SUV Friday night after agreeing to take him home after a field trip from James Weldon Johnson Middle School.

The report says the boy showed police several e-mails from Collier to the victim that demonstrated their inappropriate relationship.

When arrested, investigators said Collier claimed to have a "mother-type relationship" with the boy who had come to her to talk about problems he was having in his home life. She then requested an attorney.'

Substitute teacher gets probation for sex with teen

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW PORT RICHEY — Lisa Marinelli, a former Pasco County substitute teacher, pleaded guilty Friday to having a sexual relationship with a student last year but avoided any time behind bars.
...
Instead, prosecutors and her defense attorney agreed to a stringent probationary sentence that includes a year of house arrest and no contact with children under 18 without supervision.

The married mother of two also will have to register as a sex offender...
...
Marinelli joined a dubious list of educators accused in recent years of having inappropriate relationships with students.

Their sentences have varied widely.

Former Hillsborough County middle school teacher Debra Lafave, convicted in 2005 of having sex with a 14-year-old student, was given three years of house arrest, followed by probation. She was let off house arrest early.

Michael Aaron Black, the former band director at Pasco Middle School in Dade City, is spending 22 years in prison for having a sexual relationship with a seventh-grader.'

Report asserts sports fans "linked to sexism"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The homophobic jock might be more than just a stereotype, says a new study that links sports zealots with attitudes about gender and sexuality.
...
University women's and gender studies professor Elizabeth Reis said she's not surprised by the findings.

"It seems to me that what connects these things is hypermasculinity and susceptibility to peer pressure and irrationality," she wrote in an e-mail.

Reis said that being a sports fan probably does not make a person sexist and homophobic, nor are all homophobes and sexists apt to watch men's basketball and football.'

UK: Male domestic abuse doubles in four years

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Article here. Excerpt:

'FIFE* councillors will be briefed today about the experience of men in the Kingdom who have been domestically abused.

Organised by Fife Male Victims of Domestic Abuse Working Group, the briefing, to be held in the Touch Community Centre, will relate the difficulty men have in finding support for themselves and their children.

The group's Freedom of Information request to Fife Constabulary show that the number of reported incidents of domestically abused men has more than doubled in the last four years, from 213 to 463.

This is in line with Scotland-wide police statistics which show males on the receiving end in one of eight reported incidents – although government research has shown that men are much less likely to report being victims of domestic abuse.'

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*Fife is a council (ie, a county) in Scotland.

MSN asks "Do Women Make Better Managers?" - and you know the answer already

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Before getting to the point of this provocative headline, here's a disclaimer: Prepare to consider widely accepted generalizations.

Translated, that means, "Included in this article are some sweeping statements presented as general truths but based on limited or incomplete evidence."

But let me add this: Remember, too, that being equal does not mean being the same. Now, let's proceed.
...
For owners of small and midsized businesses, being able to keep staffers and stakeholders enthusiastic may be the key factor in building success. "You want to delegate outcomes, not tasks," says consultant Siegel. "You must have the ability to let go. Women can do that better than men because their self-esteem is multifaceted," he says. "Men's self-esteem is based on what they do, it's uni-dimensional."

The upshot for chief executives should be to move over to the "female" side of management, whether you're a thoroughgoing left-brainer or a woman trying to manage "male." Turns out, girls can do it better.'

Remember guys, sexist generalizations are fine when made to the benefit of women.

Boy faces capital murder charge in baby’s death

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Article here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON - A 12-year-old suspended from school for fighting killed a 10-month-old baby by throwing him to the floor at a home where several young children were unsupervised, officials said Wednesday.

The preteen boy, whom authorities won't name because of his age, was charged as a juvenile with capital murder. A judge Wednesday ordered him held in juvenile detention.
...
Authorities still are trying to determine how many children were in the house in a working class section of southeast Houston when the mothers of the two sets of siblings left them alone. They also don't yet know whether the 12-year-old, who was the oldest in the group, was specifically left in charge.
...

"It's not clear whether the mothers told the 12-year-old, 'You are in charge,' and left with the intention of coming back. He would have been the oldest so more than likely you would think he would be in charge," Olguin said.
...
CPS has not taken custody of any of the two mothers' children. It is legal to leave children alone as long as one child is 12 or older.

If convicted, the boy could receive a maximum 40-year prison sentence, probation or commitment to the Texas Youth Commission system, said Bill Moore, the chief of the juvenile division for the Harris County District Attorney's Office.'

"Micro-credit" founder offering loans in New York-- to women only

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters) - Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus, known as the "banker to the poor" for making small loans in impoverished countries, is now doing business in the center of capitalism -- New York City.

In the past year the first U.S. branch of his Grameen Bank has lent $1.5 million, ranging from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars, to nearly 600 women with small business plans in the city's borough of Queens.
...
Zemia Shoffner received a loan of $2,000 in January from Grameen America, which she used to take a baking class to expand her catering expertise and drum up more business.

"I have been running my business for about three years now and (the course) meant a lot because it makes me more marketable," Shoffner told Reuters, noting her bad credit meant she could not get a traditional bank loan.'

Ex-Teacher Who Fled to Mexico With Student Lover Gets 8 to 10 Years in Prison

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LEXINGTON, Neb. — A former Nebraska teacher who fled to Mexico with a 13-year-old student has been sentenced to eight to 10 years in prison.

Kelsey Peterson's sentence Thursday in Dawson County District Court comes after she pleaded guilty in January to two counts of first-degree sexual assault of a minor.

Her sentence is to be served simultaneously with a six-year federal prison sentence she's already serving for transporting a minor across state lines to have sex.

She had faced up to 50 years in prison on each count.'

Feminists go on 'Someone was raped here' graffiti campaign

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Article here. Keep in mind the graffiti/vandalism is not for actual rape convictions, only accusations. No information was provided about whether these feminists were charged with vandalism. Excerpt:

'Local feminists launched a dynamic anti-rape campaign this month, marking the locations of sexual assaults with graffiti declaring “Someone was raped here.”

Sympathetic activists have responded with praise, while some rape survivors have responded with disgust. Radical feminism is back in Columbus—but is it doing any good?
...
Locations were chosen from OSU’s campus police crime logs according to Jennifer Yoder, founder of the Feminist Avengers. They were left near sites where multiple rapes were reported, so that no particular survivors would be singled out, said a spokeswoman for the vandals, Yoder said. Deputy Chief Richard Moorman of OSU’s police department said his office received one e-mailed complaint about the graffiti.
...
Though the “Raped Here” stencilings were quickly removed from their locations, the debate over the action is only heating up on the Feminist Avengers website.'

On YouTube: Lorena Bobbitt talking about throwing a Penis on Oprah

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Clip here. This clip is only 23 seconds long but you'll notice the audience having a good laugh when Lorena Bobbit talks about throwing the man's genitals from the car window. Absolutely deplorable.

Mother and Daughter Rob Elderly Man then Leave Him to Die

Vince · 24 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Who says women can't steal? Excerpt:

"WILKES-BARRE, Pa. - A mother and daughter in northeastern Pennsylvania have admitted to robbing a 73-year-old man of $100, then leaving him to die.

They are 37-year-old Andrea Bidding of Exeter and her 19-year-old daughter, Erika Legg. Both pleaded guilty to third-degree murder on Thursday for the 2005 beating death of Peter Lach at his home in Edwardsville, a small town about 95 miles north-northwest of Philadelphia. They said they did it because they needed money and didn't mean for anyone to die."

UK: Wealthy women using more pre-nups to protect themselves

Broadsword · 24 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Contracts stipulating how much money each party would receive if a marriage collapsed have traditionally been demanded by successful businessmen wary of "gold-digging" wives.

But growing numbers of women – many of whom received large payouts from previous divorce settlements – are now turning to the law to ensure that their future husbands are not entitled to half their riches.
...
"There has been a surge of interest. With the recession hitting there is an awareness among women that men are going to take their money unless they protect it," she said.
...
"Many, particularly those who have been married before, have told us that they would very much like to find a partner but are cautious when it comes to what happens to their cash."'

UK: FRA activist's 'chaos' pledge

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A FATHERS' rights activist from Ottery has vowed to cause "massive public disruption" by "shutting down" one of the country's "major public infrastructures" by the end of the month.

New Fathers For Justice campaigner and dad of two Richard West*, 42, who has carried out a string of high-profile protests while clad in superhero garb, said he has issued the "ultimatum" to protest against the NHS and Home Secretary For Justice Jack Straw.

Mr West wants the NHS to disclose case notes regarding treatment given to one of his children and also claims a pledge to "open up" family court hearings to the media by Minister Straw is in fact a "smokescreen" that will see them "closed further" thanks to a related, "small print" contempt of court law.'

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*Link added

UK: Compulsory audits on equal pay will force firms to give women more

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Companies will be forced by law to disclose how much they pay men compared with women in a surprise government move to narrow the pay gap.

Compulsory “gender pay audits” will seek to shame employers who routinely pay women less, and spur more women to demand pay rises.

...

The new law will apply to companies with 250 or more staff, who will be given until 2013 to comply. After that they will face civil or criminal prosecution. It will also apply to public sector bodies with 150 staff or more.

...

Ministers would like to see a simple comparison of average hourly earnings of men and women, across the whole company, published in the annual report.

Although ministers recognise that career choices made by women, who often still favour low-paid professions, account for part of the pay difference, they believe that companies are still paying men more than women for similar work, in the belief that that no one will discuss their salary level so they will not be caught breaking the law."

California high school exit exam gets a failing grade in Stanford study

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Article here. Boys are doing well on this particular test and its now considered a problem. It's acceptable for girls to outperform boys, but not the other way around. I suspect California will act quickly to change these testing outcomes while boys still wallow in special education classes. Excerpt:

'Graduation rates for low-achieving minority students and girls have fallen nearly 20 percentage points since California implemented a law requiring high school students to pass exit exams in order to graduate, according to a new Stanford study.
...
The study also said the exam is not a fair assessment of the basic skill levels of minority students and girls, because it takes higher skill levels for them to pass the test.
...
"Clearly the exam has had a disproportionately negative impact on students of color and girls," said Sean Reardon, an associate professor of education at Stanford and the study lead author. "That is consistent across all four school districts we studied. It's a statewide phenomenon, not just a problem of one or two districts. These findings are troubling."'

California Mother Accused of Murdering Baby Daughter After Kidnap Hoax

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PALMDALE, Calif. — A woman was arrested Thursday for allegedly murdering her 1-year-old daughter, dumping her body along a highway and telling authorities the child was kidnapped.

Stacey Barker, 24, has been under investigation since her toddler was found March 20 in tall grass a few blocks from a Los Angeles highway.

The woman initially reported being knocked out by someone while putting young Emma into her car and waking up to find the child missing. She later recanted the story and claimed the child died in an accident.'

'The Origins of Political Correctness'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Where does all this stuff that you've heard about this morning – the victim feminism, the gay rights movement, the invented statistics, the rewritten history, the lies, the demands, all the rest of it – where does it come from? For the first time in our history, Americans have to be fearful of what they say, of what they write, and of what they think. They have to be afraid of using the wrong word, a word denounced as offensive or insensitive, or racist, sexist, or homophobic.

...

First of all, both are totalitarian ideologies. The totalitarian nature of Political Correctness is revealed nowhere more clearly than on college campuses, many of which at this point are small ivy covered North Koreas, where the student or faculty member who dares to cross any of the lines set up by the gender feminist or the homosexual-rights activists, or the local black or Hispanic group, or any of the other sainted "victims" groups that PC revolves around, quickly find themselves in judicial trouble. Within the small legal system of the college, they face formal charges – some star-chamber proceeding – and punishment. That is a little look into the future that Political Correctness intends for the nation as a whole.'

New Orleans Jazz Fest now has modern restrooms-- for women only

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Story here.

'Any Jazz Fest veteran is familiar with portable potties. And the guys know to get in the lines where there are more guys than gals. The line just moves faster.

It seems the Jazz Fest organizers have given this some thought. This year look for two sets of roomy restrooms on 53-foot trailers that are for women only. That's even better than a short line at the Crawfish Monica booth.

The women-only restrooms will have flushing toilets, hand sanitizers and mirrors. One will be on the dirt trail in front of the Blues Tent, and the other near the Congo Square crossing.

So, go ahead and indulge in that Mango Freeze and jumbo lemonade. Drink up, girls!'

UK: Woman who fractures baby's skull freed by judge; judge says "you have suffered enough"

Anonymous · 26 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who battered a nine-week-old baby in an horrific attack has avoided jail after a judge decided she had already suffered enough. Claire Thompson, 32, who had been entrusted with looking after the infant, was found guilty in March of fracturing its skull, breaking a rib and inflicting up to three leg fractures.
...
An expert at her trial said the skull fracture was probably caused by the baby's head hitting a hard surface with force, the rib was probably broken by severe squeezing and the the leg bones were likely to have been fractured by forceful pulling or twisting, or by violent shaking.

But yesterday Judge David Goodin spared Thompson from prison, handing her a nine-month suspended prison sentence, ordering her to do 200 hours of community service and telling her to pay &500 costs.

Hearing that she had 'lost everything' following the assault, he heaped praise on her character and told her she had already suffered more than any sentence he could impose on her.'

Judge Goodin said: 'All evidence simply confirms you to be an industrious, decent and placid well-liked young woman who was slow to anger and disinclined to confrontation.' He added: 'The only sensible explanation for these injuries must have been a sudden and momentary loss of control.

Opinion: A compromise for the term 'feminism'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's strange to me that the same women who would not be caught dead using the words wuss and hysteria for their obvious and not-so-obvious slights about women will still proudly proclaim that they are feminists. In other words, my problem with feminism is a semantic one. Words shape the way we think about and how we interact with the world. Many men are put off by the word feminism, and rightly so, because it tilts the favoritism from one side of the scale, men, to its polar opposite.

In reality, women and men have equal intrinsic value, so a compromise is needed that eliminates the problems associated with feminism; for this purpose, I would like to coin the term equalism. An equalist is someone who advocates equal rights for men and women.'

Community View: Have we encouraged girls at the expense of boys?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Year after year, there are multiple conferences and seminars dedicated to helping girls become young ladies, focus on education and achieve emotional wholeness, but seldom do I hear of the same type of programming for boys.

We tell our girls to be feminine, independent, virginal, strong and intelligent. We support this effort by developing programs to assist girls in these areas, but I often wonder if we have gone too far. What I mean is, have we as a society shifted our investment to girls with the assumption that boys will continue to improve? Statistics vary from source to source.

Some say that boys are not in crisis, when others state the opposite. In 2006, Newsweek published an article called "The Trouble With Boys." By almost every benchmark, boys across the nation and in every demographic group are falling behind, the author wrote.'

Jeffery M. Leving: Palin's father is wrong: boys aren't deadbeat dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent interviews on "The Tyra Banks Show" and CBS's "Early Show," Levi Johnston accused the family of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin of limiting his access to his infant son, Tripp.

Only the parties involved know if that is true, but Johnston has brought to the forefront the real pain suffered by many unmarried teen fathers, who have little or no access to their children due to interference by their ex-partners and their families. This is a real problem in America, where 76 percent of teen births are out of wedlock.

In response to Johnston's statements, Sarah Palin's father, Chuck Heath, called the boy a "deadbeat dad," claiming that he was not contributing financially to the raising of his son.'

DA: Woman had 'sex' with teenage boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 31-year-old mother of a teenage daughter had unlawful sexual intercourse with a 14-year-old boy she picked up with his friends at a San Bruno movie theater last year, according to prosecutors who say she also plied them with alcohol and cigarettes.

Nina Valeska Herrera has pleaded not guilty to the charges of unlawful sexual intercourse, lewd and lascivious acts with a minor age 14, two counts of providing alcohol to a minor and three misdemeanor counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Herrera was expected to face trial last week but, with no judges available to hear the case, she returned to court yesterday to pick a new date of Aug. 31.'

According to the District Attorney's Office, on March 9, 2008, Herrera "cruised around" in her minivan seeking out teenage boys at the San Bruno movie theater. Herrera, a divorced mother of a 13-year-old girl, reportedly picked up the 14-year-old alleged victim and his friends and offered them alcohol and cigarettes.

Fish may be brain food for teenage boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters Health) - Teenage boys who regularly eat fish may be doing their brains some good, a new study suggests.

Swedish researchers found that among nearly 5,000 15-year-old boys they surveyed, those who ate fish more than once per week tended to score higher on intelligence tests three years later.
...
Researchers believe that the omega-3 fats found in fish -- particularly oily fish like salmon, mackerel and, to a lesser extent, albacore tuna -- are important to early brain development and to maintaining healthy brain function throughout life.'

Another Women Only Event Trumpeted

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Story here. Excerpt:

'One of the annual rites of spring kicked off inside the Salina Bicentennial Center Thursday afternoon. Salina Media Group's "For Women Only" show did not disappoint.

A large crowd was already in the parking lot, ready to file in, as the doors opened at 4:30.

With nearly 50 vendors and booths, this year's edition featured something for everyone*, including great prizes.

Prize's [sic] ranged from $20 gift certificates to prizes worth hundreds of dollars. Riddle's Jewelry gave away the grand prize, a $1,500 diamond pendant.'

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*Everyone except men. Or children.

Clinic to offer low-cost checkups -- for women only

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Throughout May, Bridge Community Health Clinic will offer well-woman checkups for $25. The checkups include a pap smear to screen for cervical cancer, a pelvic exam, a breast exam and blood pressure check, said Sarah Jaeger, a physician assistant at the clinic.

The exams do not include mammograms, but the clinic works with Aspirus Women's Health to see if Bridge Clinic patients qualify for free mammograms, said Laura Scudiere, Bridge Community Health Clinic's executive director.
...
"With the economy and people being laid off, I think it's really going to resonate with people this year," Scudiere said. Some women only visit the clinic in May.

Screenings have caught precancerous conditions among some patients, Jaeger said. The clinic works with the state's Wisconsin Well Woman program to help offset costs for follow-up care.'

Supreme Court Ruling Unlikely to End Affirmative Action

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The other pillar of the court's anti-affirmative argument – and it cropped up again in the New Haven case – is that qualified white males are getting kicked to the curb and are losing ground to unqualified blacks, minorities and women. That myth has been repeatedly debunked. According to census figures, if every unemployed black worker in the country were to displace a white worker, only a tiny fraction of whites would be affected. Furthermore, affirmative action pertains only to job-qualified applicants, so the actual percentage of affected whites would be minuscule. In New Haven, the number of firefighters allegedly affected was 20. The main sources of job loss among white workers have to do with factory relocations and labor contracting outside the United States, computerization and automation, and corporate downsizing.
...

During the presidential campaign, affirmative action was not an issue. John McCain and Barack Obama made only the barest mention of it. And that came only in response to when Connerly plopped his anti-affirmative action measure on ballots in three states, one of which was McCain's home state of Arizona. McCain backed the Connerly measure. He insisted that he backed equal opportunity and opposed discrimination. Obama opposed the initiatives. Connerly quickly pounced on Obama for it, noting that he cut radio ads in 2006 that hammered his Michigan anti-affirmative action initiative. Obama unabashedly said that if the measure passed it would hurt women and minorities in getting jobs and in education. Connerly tried to use Obama's opposition to his initiative as a foil. But it did not diminish voter support for Obama.

The Supreme Court almost certainly will rule in favor of the white firefighters in New Haven. But it won't end affirmative action. And that's still fine with most Americans.'

Job losses creating more stay-at-home dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It makes sense for more and more families, said Scott Coltrane, a University of Oregon sociologist who studies the role of fathers. In the months since Hammond lost his job, the work force trend toward 50-50 parity between males and females has accelerated, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Experts interpret that as indicating that more men have been laid off than women, freeing them for greater parenting duties.

Even before the recession, fathers were taking a larger role in family responsibilities as dual-income families became more the norm, Coltrane said.

And more stay-at-home fathers. The number jumped by almost 50 percent from 2003 to 2006, according to U.S. Census Bureau figures. Even so, there were still more than 30 stay-at-home mothers for every father after that growth.'

'No nice guys, please'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Thank heaven for a good man indeed, that's a laugh. You would think that most women would really clamour for a good man's love, rush to be with a really nice guy, race to snag a gentleman, but alas, that is often so far from the truth.

Statistics have shown that many women don't really want nice guys - those knights in shining armour - and as the song says, "Nice guys only win in the movies", plus the French, who are reputed to know all about romance, also say, "Women marry gentlemen and fool around with rogues." So in any language it's "No nice guys, please." Nice guys seem to finish last on many occasions, and even the responses to my article on 'How to Handle a Woman' attests to that, as you'll see.'

American Thinker: 'Women can be brutal too!'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We often hear and read about men brutalizing women and it is a national disgrace that so many women live their lives in terror. I've written many times about the battering situations I came across as a police officer in NYC.

But, there's another type of battering I've witnessed, albeit not nearly as often; women brutalizing men. While working a tour in Brooklyn one night, my partner and I were summoned to an apartment to handle an assault in progress. When we arrived and climbed a few flights of stairs, we heard moaning sounds coming from behind an open door of one of the rooms. Other occupants of the building were standing outside their apartments yelling advice to us about the incident. "Be careful officer, she's crazy!" one woman hollered, jabbing her finger in the direction of the open door.'

Nurse pleads not guilty to killing 5 patients at Texas dialysis clinic, released on bail

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Story here.

'LUFKIN, Texas - A former nurse has pleaded not guilty to murdering five patients and injuring five others with bleach injections at a Texas dialysis clinic.

The Lufkin Daily News reports that 35-year-old Kimberly Saenz remains free on $500,000 bond after her Friday arraignment.

She's charged with five counts each of capital murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The indictment alleges she injected 10 patients with bleach last April at the Lufkin DaVita Dialysis clinic and that five of them died.

Federal records show 34 patients were taken by ambulance from the clinic that month, more than three times the March total.

DaVita fired Saenz a day after temporarily closing the clinic.'

MSN: 8 Signs That You're a Dirty Fighter

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If so, it's time to dial back your behavior. Why? Well, for starters, a fight with you means a full-volume freak-fest. Sometimes you'll destroy things; other times, you'll fight until you're too exhausted to bark anymore. Not good! "Your flare-ups tend to be so unpredictable, you're virtually begging your partner to bury his own anger," explains Jeff Palitz, a licensed marriage and family therapist. "The more stunts you pull, the more your spouse will pull away and ignore you."

Tame-your-temper tricks:

The key is to delay your explosions. The next time you fight, take a walk, suggests Palitz. Once you've gotten a little more oxygen flow to your brain, you can approach the topic logically (like, Okay, maybe he doesn't want another wife...he just said my closet was messy). Another approach? Try opening up (about your family, your sex life, how you'd like to spend your joint money) when you two are actually getting along, Palitz says. He's much more likely to hear you when you aren't screaming.'

"Sometimes you'll destroy things" - Yes, indeed. If men do that it's an arrestable offense. If women, do it, it's just them "getting angry and a little too worked up."

Well I have to give MSN some credit. I wasn't expecting them to publish an article like this in any case.

Harriet Harperson: Pay gap disclosure 'will boost economic recovery'

Broadsword · 27 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

"Requiring firms to reveal the "pay gap" between their male and female staff will help, not hinder, Britain's recovery from recession, Equalities Minister Harriet Harman insisted today.

...

"The economies of the future that will prosper are the ones which are not blinkered, held back by old-fashioned hierarchies, by a sense of women knowing their place, by overlooking the talents and abilities of people on the basis of the colour of their skin," she told reporters.

"When times are difficult, actually fairness is at a premium and it does not cost anything to be fair. It is part of helping the economy prosper for the future by tackling what its market failure because it is market failure to treat people unfairly for any reason.

"We don't see this as anti-competitiveness - it actually underpins competitiveness.

"Equality and opportunity underpins a meritocracy. This does not hold business back, this helps business."

Glenn Sacks Campaign: Protest Lifetime's New Reality Show 'Deadbeat Dads'

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Campaign page here. Excerpt:

'Lifetime TV announced the launch of its new, father-bashing reality show Deadbeat Dads last week. To email and fax a letter to Lifetime Executives protesting this show, click here.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, “Deadbeat Dads, originally developed at Fox, follows National Child Support founder Jim Durham as he tracks down and confronts dads who don’t pay child support.” According to Reuters, Durham “functions as a sort of ‘Dog the Bounty Hunter’ for tracking deadbeats…It’s ambush reality TV.” Durham will target fathers who are behind on their child support by “making their lives miserable — foreclosing on their house, repossessing their car. He will squeeze them.”

Germany: "Neighborly effort" to help couple have a baby reveals paternity fraud

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Truth again beats fiction with this story. No mention of what effect the revelation involved in this tale had on the one couple.

"A nice story, with surprising end:

In Stuttgart, Germany, a court judge must decide on a case of honorable intentions in a situation where a man hired his neighbor to get his wife pregnant.

It seems that Demetrius Soupolos, 29, and his former beauty queen wife, Traute, wanted a child badly, but Demetrius was told by a doctor that he was sterile.

So, Soupolos, after calming his wife's protests, hired his neighbor, Frank Maus, 34, to impregnate her. Since Maus was already married and the father of two children, plus looked very much like Soupolos to boot, the plan seemed good.

Soupolos paid Maus $2,500 for the job and for three evenings a week for the next six months, Maus tried desperately, a total of 72 different times, to impregnate Traute.

When his own wife objected, he explained, "I don't like this any more than you. I'm simply doing it for the money. Try and understand."

When Traute failed to get pregnant after six months, however, Soupolos was not understanding and insisted that Maus have a medical examination, which he did.

The doctor's announcement that Maus was also sterile shocked everyone except his wife, who was forced to confess that Maus was not the real father of their two children.

Now Soupolos is suing Maus for breach of contract in an effort to get his money back, but Maus refuses to give it up because he said he did not guarantee conception, but only that he would give an honest effort."

Ex-marshal sues Colorado Springs, alleges anti-male bias

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Article here.

'COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—A former marshal with the Colorado Springs police department has filed a lawsuit against the city claiming he was discriminated against because he is a man.

Attorney Hollie Wieland said Friday that her client Philip McDonald received good evaluations but started having problems under a male supervisor who allegedly treated women better than men.

She says McDonald faced retaliation when he voiced concerns about what he thought were racist comments that a white female co-worker made to a black female co-worker, then was fired in 2007 over unfounded allegations that he left a courtroom unattended while court was in session.

Lori Miskel, a senior city attorney, says the city believes it acted appropriately. '

'Family Court practices unfair to the accused (read: male)'

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'I personally believe that the Family Court system consistently and institutionally violates the Constitution's Fifth and Fourteenth amendments, regarding due process and equal treatment under the law.

My reasoning: When petitioners come to Family Court and file for a protection from abuse order, but cannot afford their own legal representation, they are immediately referred to the Delaware Legal Aid Society where they can receive a highly skilled and impassioned attorney. The petitioner will also be granted one and sometimes two court advocates.

The respondent, whom I will refer to as the accused (remember innocent until proven guilty), has no such recourse. In fact if a respondent contacts the Delaware Legal Aid Society, he will be told point-blank that the organization only represents the petitioner.

So when the day of the hearing arrives, the petitioner's legal machine is ready to conquer.

The respondent's fate is all but certain. Not knowing how to effectively navigate through the legal arena, he is easy prey.'

Opinion: Are scales tilting toward women?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'All over the world, more men than women report a history of attempted suicide, with a gender ratio of 3:1, as revealed by many survey reports.

There is a lack of advocacy for men's rights and there are more social programs for women than for men indicating a gender bias favouring women.

Special government agencies for women's affairs have been set up recently in many nations with no corresponding agencies for men's affairs.

There is a general assumption of female innocence in sexual assault cases or sympathy for women, invariably there is a dismissal of female-on-male rape cases.'

Women's Network hosts bake sale to illustrate gender wage gap by charging men more

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Women on campus will be able to buy cookies, brownies and other bakery items for 75 cents, while men will have to pay $1 if they want a bite at a campus bake sale, a member of the TCU Women's Network said.

Megan O'Brien, president of the TCU Women's Network and senior art history major, said the Women's Network and Women's Studies Program will be hosting a bake sale to illustrate the gap between women's and men's wages on Thursday.

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O'Brien said women on average get paid 77 cents to every dollar earned by men. The bake sale will sell cookies, brownies, cake and vegan options, she said.'

More Events Where Men Put On Women's Shoes

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A walk around the Quad is normally a piece of cake, unless you were one of the several men that participated in “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” on Sunday afternoon.

The walk was in accordance with Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
...
The men donned the high heel footwear and walked one lap around the Quad. They were then assisted by the women in the crowd for another half lap. The walk was followed by a short speech by Ross Wantland, coordinator of sexual assault education for the Women’s Resources Center.'

Relatedly, Men in heels. Excerpt:

'CLARINGTON -- Councillor Willie Woo looked quite dapper in his black suit, white shirt, ruby tie and ... red stilettos?

Yes, the Clarington politician's footwear did, indeed, consist of a pair of size 13 red pumps as he helped promote the upcoming Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event being organized by Bowmanville's Bethesda house, a women's shelter and outreach centre.

The event, in which men will wear or carry women's shoes, is aimed at raising both money and public awareness, said Bethesda House executive director Jaki MacKinnon.'

'Women to the Rescue' -- All Girl Medical Missions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (Ivanhoe Newswire) -- For the poor who live in developing nations, repairing a cleft lip, cataracts, or severe burns is not an option. Most are forced to live with their condition and are shunned by their own communities. But some are finally getting the help they need at the hands of a tireless group of American women.

If you find this difficult to look at, imagine how hard it must be to live with. This is the reality for those in countries without the medical expertise or money for surgery. It's no surprise then that local clinics are swamped when Denise Cucurny and Amy Wandel, M.D., come to town. The anthropologist and plastic surgeon, with a team of female doctors and nurses, travel the world fixing cleft lips, cataracts, burns and cavities
...
Their gender, they say, opens doors and builds trust.

"We're accepted places where men might not be accepted because we tend to come as non-threatening, non-violent, nurturing, giving people," Dr. Wandel explained.'

UK: Men are no more promiscuous than women, survey finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Researchers found that women and men in countries like Britain tended to have the same number of children with the same number of partners.

The study of more than 10,000 people in 18 countries seems to throw on its head the generally accepted expectations that men tend naturally towards promiscuity and women are more particular when it comes to choosing a mate.

It also seemed to disprove the belief that some men are incredibly successful at mating while others fail altogether.
...
Dr Gillian Brown, of the University of St Andrews, said: "The study shows that women are just as likely to seek out just as many partners as men.'

Father and daughter both lose because of hatred

Anonymous · 28 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This is the tragedy of a messed up mom who couldn't parent, a stable dad who wanted to but was overlooked and a troubled child who's been raised by the state. Our favorite misandrist columnist Mindelle (Mindy) Jacobs of the The Sun Media Group actually delivers a non misandrist column (albeit with a few backhanded swipes) of fathers.

I have sent an email to Ms. Jacobs to acknowledge the fact that she wrote a positive column on men (for once) but to also let her know we are still monitoring her scribblings. You can send e-mail to Ms. Jacobs mindy.jacobs-at-sunmedia.ca. Excerpt:

'This is the tragedy of a messed up mom who couldn't parent, a stable dad who wanted to but was overlooked and a troubled child who's been raised by the state.

Some men don't want anything to do with the children they've fathered. Others, like David, do but end up shut out of their kids' lives because of hostile ex-partners, government bureaucracy and legal fees that sap their spirits as well as their bank accounts.

I'd like to identify David (not his real name) but I can't because his daughter, almost 17, is in foster care in B.C. She has been a permanent ward of the state since age 8, when she was removed from her unfit mother's care. '

UK: Education expert called in after primary boys score bad results

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Story here.

'An education expert is being roped in to help boys shine as brightly as girls in the classroom.

Last week the Post revealed how primary schools in Neath, Port Talbot and the Swansea Valley had some of the lowest results in Wales.

The good news was that secondary education was among the best in the Principality. But at both levels there was a clear "must do better" message for boys, who were lagging way behind girls.

Now Professor David Egan, of the Cardiff School of Education, who acts as advisor to the Assembly on issues such as teacher education and the reform of 14-19 education policy, is being brought in to advise the county's education chiefs and put forward recommendations to engage boys more at primary and secondary level.

Cabinet member for education councillor John Roger said: "We are determined to help bridge the gender divide and look forward to working with Professor Egan to put a number of recommendations in place."'

RADAR ALERT: NOW vs. Rush Limbaugh on DV - Who's Right?

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Last week, NOW responded to comments made by Rush Limbaugh on domestic violence. Limbaugh stated:

"Remember when the NOW gang and all these other social interest groups started asking women if they'd ever been a victim of domestic violence? They didn't like the numbers they got initially. The numbers weren't high enough for the NOW gang. So they expanded the definition to include a man shouting at them. A man shouting at them equaled domestic violence. It didn't matter if the women shouted first."

Melody Drnach, Action Vice President of NOW, responded:

"It shows that NOW and other advocacy groups are on the right track spreading the message of domestic violence when even Rush Limbaugh agreed that domestic violence comes in all forms -- physical abuse, mental abuse and verbal abuse ... When Rush Limbaugh understands that shouting is a form of domestic violence, then we are on the right track. Then we did something right."

While Ms. Drnach is right that DV "comes in all forms," her disingenuous comment about Limbaugh's understanding of DV ignores the truth. RADAR Service's special report, "Expanding Definitions of Domestic Violence, Vanishing Rule of Law," (.pdf file) which analyzes the civil domestic violence laws> in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, concludes that statutory definitions have been widened over the past decade to the point that in most states, almost any action can be viewed as "violent." As Washington attorney Lisa Scott put it in 2006, Domestic violence has become whatever the man does that the woman doesn't like. Finding out she is having an affair and demanding she stop is seen as 'abuse.' This often triggers the woman to file for a restraining order, where no real evidence is required. In my 18 years of family law practice, I have seen this pattern occur over and over."

RADAR spokesman Ron Grignol would be a great guest for the Rush Limbaugh show. Please e-mail Rush at his public e-mail address: ElRushbo-at-eibnet.com), or if you're feeling ambitious, join his website to use the member's only e-mail address.

Ask Rush to interview Ron about the continually expanding definition of domestic violence. Have the producer call 703-868-0535. Thanks.

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Date of RADAR Release: April 28, 2009

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Virginia Apgar, M.D.

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A friend pointed this out to me. A woman who got where she went all without trumpeting her victimhood/femaleness at every turn as either a pro or con to all her efforts! She did it all without the help of feminists' whining and bullying, and without doing that herself, too! Imagine that!

If a woman needs hero to look up to, an example of an independent woman who doesn't let her sex be a factor in all her decisions, let her look to Dr. Apgar. Excerpt:

'In 1953, she introduced the first test, called the Apgar score, to assess the health of newborn babies. It is administered one minute and five minutes after birth, and sometimes also at 10 minutes.

While Apgar was frequently the "first woman" or "only woman" in a department, to serve in a position, or win an accolade, she avoided the organized women's movement, proclaiming that "women are liberated from the time they leave the womb".

Apgar never married, and died on August 7, 1974, at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.'

The American Fertility Association Blog declares "Men Lie"

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Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Nothing makes me happier than seeing a man thoroughly enjoying himself. So I was very happy last night, watching Richard Grazi having a ball, talking with a room full of young women at our most recent Manicures & Martinis event in Brooklyn. His take home message? Men lie.

Did you know that? I had my suspicions, but still….Dr. Grazi confirmed it last night. Yup. Men lie. Why did that little tidbit come up at an infertility prevention event? Hmmmm. Have you ever heard of STD's?

Oh yeah. One of the key points of the Manicures & Martinis events is a simple one – if you are not currently trying to get pregnant, use a condom. You would be surprised how many women don't. And the reasons why they don't got knocked out of the water by Dr. G. over and over again last night. He told them straight – married men lie too. And no man really likes to wear a condom, he said. It feels like wearing surgical gloves when you're playing the piano.'

Yes, men do lie. So do women. After all, if a man gets an STD from a woman, and she didn't mention it before, was it spread "accidentally" before she knew about it in each and every case? Doubt it. This is simply more gleeful male-bashing, begun in this case by one Dr. Richard Grazi, and happily propagated by a misandrist writing on her blog. Dr. Grazi knows better, or he should anyway, and it strikes me he was playing to his audience and thus taking his one-sided misandry to the bank. Alas, he is not alone in that.

The AFA Blog staff contact page is here. The author of this particular screed's email is Corey.Whelan-at-TheAFA.org.

If you do decide to let Dr. Grazi or the AFA know how you feel, please remember to be polite and stick to the facts. Nasty voicemails, cursing, etc., hurt our cause and don't bring enlightenment but only cause others to dig in their heels and claim victimhood. We got enough of that already. What's important here is to let them know they are not going unnoticed in their misandry. That in itself is a very powerful means of reducing this kind of wonton bigotry.

Police investigate stabbing by woman

justin · 28 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

A remarkable short story in the Ottawa Citizen. Notice the lack of gender designation in the headline.

'OTTAWA — Gatineau police are looking for an 18-year-old woman after an altercation between two women in Buckingham Monday night sent one woman to the hospital with non-life threatening stab wounds.

At around 7 p.m., an altercation broke out between two 18-year-old women at the corner of Rue Jean-XXIII and Rue des Pins.

One of the women sustained multiple stab wounds to her face, chest, hand and leg. She tried to escape, police said, and ran into a house on Rue des Pins, before going to the hospital with a friend.

Police were informed of the stabbing at about 10:25 p.m., said Const. Isabelle Poirier.

The suspect, also an 18-year-old Gatineau woman, is known to the victim. No arrest has yet been made.

The investigation continues.'

Equalism blog "Pendulum Effect" interviews available

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Justin Trottier was kind enough to interview yours truly for his on-line Equalism web site, http://www.equalismactivism.com/. Justin is also the exec. director of the Center for Inquiry, Toronto chapter. The interview can be found here.

Regarding the introduction on the podcast page though, I just want to point out that I didn't help organize the 2007 Boys and the Boy Crisis Conference, since by then I had relocated from the area, but I was involved in organizing the previous two MR conferences. MANN's own Tom G. was the organizer of the 2007 conference and he was one heck of a one-man band at it, too.

I also want to encourage people to listen to the archived interviews as well, as there is a lot of good commentary and insight available in all of them.

As for my interview, well, I'll be signing mp3's in the lobby. ;)

CBS News: "Government's Gender Pay Gap Shrinking"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(AP) Women working in the federal government still earn less than their male counterparts, but the pay gap is shrinking.

The difference between average annual salary for men and women in the federal work force declined from 19 cents to 11 cents on the dollar between 1998 and 2007, according to a draft report from the Government Accountability Office.

...

All but 7 cents of the gap can be accounted for by differences in measurable factors, such as differences in education levels and the type of jobs men and women had, the report said. The gap narrowed the more men and women shared characteristics, including the jobs held, levels of experience and education.'

Woman found not guilty of stabbing husband & father through insanity

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Beech Island woman who seemed to mentally snap and stab her husband and father has been found not guilty by reason of insanity.

Angela Glass admitted to stabbing her husband and pleaded guilty to assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature. She had originally been charged with assault and battery with intent to kill.

On April 17, 2006 Aiken County Sheriff's Office responded to a Beech Island address, they saw Glass' husband and father with knife wounds. When they found Glass, she told officers "I stabbed him."

During subsequent evaluations and interviews, Glass was believed to have been hearing voices, seeing visions, she talked about being god, then changed to being Satan, according to testimony. She also hallucinated about being pregnant.

Both the husband and father refused to press charges stating that they knew their daughter/wife was not in a right state of mind.'

Woman accused of killing FBI agent requests visits with her children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Christina Korbe has asked a federal court judge to authorize visits with her children.

Ms. Korbe, who has been in jail since Nov. 19, when she was charged in the shooting death of an FBI agent at her Indiana Township home, is being held in the Cambria County Prison.

John Elash, one of her defense attorneys, said Ms. Korbe has not had a contact with her children, ages 5 and 10, since she and her husband were arrested after a drug raid at their home.

In addition to the homicide charge, Ms. Korbe, 40, has been indicted on charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, possession of cocaine and crack, assault with a dangerous weapon, aiding and abetting and using a firearm during a crime of violence.'

Woman faces new charge in alleged plot to kill ex

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ASPEN, Colo. (AP) - A Denver woman faces another felony in her alleged plot to have her ex-husband, a Pitkin County prosecutor, killed.

The Jefferson County district attorney's office this week filed a count of solicitation of second-degree murder against 36-year-old Elinor Dvir.

Dvir already was facing felony counts of solicitation of first-degree murder and solicitation of first-degree assault. She is jailed on $100,000 bond.

District attorney's spokeswoman Pam Russell says the latest charge was filed after prosecutors looked at the evidence "from more than one angle." She declined to elaborate.

Dvir was arrested March 15 after investigators say she offered an undercover police officer $2,000 to kill her ex-husband, Richard Nedlin. Court records say the two are in a custody dispute.'

Ashland woman will serve only 90 days for stabbing ex-husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Ashland woman, originally charged with attempting to murder her ex-husband, will serve 90 days in jail for stabbing him last year.

Marilyn Alice Gale, 60, pleaded guilty today in Jackson County Circuit Court to third-degree assault and first-degree burglary. The sentence imposed by Judge Ray White includes five years of supervised probation, and Gale must comply with a list of conditions that includes having no contact with the victim, Alan Gale.

She also must continue with mental health treatment. Gale will receive credit for time served after her May 2008 arrest, but could end up serving up to three years in prison on the assault charge if she violates any of her probation conditions, White said.'

Limerick woman jailed after husband stabbed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LIMERICK — A Limerick woman remains in York County Jail this week on charges of aggravated assault and violating conditions of release following the stabbing of her husband last Friday.

York County Sheriff's deputies responded to a 2 a.m. call from Washington Street in Limerick on April 17 for the report of a subject suffering from several stab wounds.

Upon arrival they found Scott Gammon, 38, of Limerick, with four stab wounds to his upper torso. Gammon was conscious and alert and told deputies that his wife, Nancy Gammon, 49, had stabbed him. Scott had fled and had gone to a friend's house nearby.'

Woman charged with kidnapping kindergartener

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Story here.

'Rockville police have charged a woman with kidnapping a kindergartener at an elementary school.

Police say 39-year-old Xuhua Huang and her husband went to Lakewood Elementary School on Tuesday to pick up their sick daughter.

But police say Huang didn't think her daughter was being treated well and decided to leave with a different child "to make someone else feel the way she did."

Police said that a school volunteer heard the boy ask Huang who she was and where she was taking him and followed them to the parking lot. Huang's husband yelled at her to let the boy go and the boy ran back to the volunteer.

Huang is charged with kidnapping, false imprisonment and second-degree assault.'

'Where the boys aren't'

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Article here. When you look at the picture you'll see a young man wearing a pink t-shirt stating: 'Women's Health Matters'. I wonder if he realizes he'll die approximately 4 years earlier then a female of the same age. Excerpt:

'In a split second the classroom air goes from composed to one thick with female solidarity. You can hear a pin drop. The women leer at the "sacrificial" male student, their eyes like heat-seeking missiles. He said that all women are "biologically engineered to nurture and mother offspring, so why would a woman ever want to deviate from that?" Soon the intellectual shrapnel flies as student after student rips this poor guy's comment (and ego) to shreds with well-honed feminist rhetoric.
...
But for many guys, these classes aren't worth the intellectual commitment. Yet some men brave the good fight. Jesse Game-Brown is a 22-year-old senior at the University of Michigan concentrating in women's studies. While his early experiences in the program were rocky, he continued pursuing courses because analyzing gender and masculinity norms sparked his interest.
...

Man Forum is a small but growing bunch, mostly made up of straight males from varied backgrounds — there's a feminist here, a cognitive science major there and so on. Each week sees a different theme; subjects covered include childhood, media, and deviant and predictable sexuality. It's a safe space for people to talk without offending others.

While some Man Forum participants don't consider themselves feminists, their conversation addresses themes and issues common to a women's studies classroom.

The discussion centers on domestic and sexual violence. Emotions and tempers can run high, especially when some share personal stories. But the talks mostly stay calm, with dashes of relevant pop culture references such as South Park and Deliverance.
...
"To my mind, women's studies is a perfect place to be addressing those questions," Metzl continues. "Feminist models are helpful in understanding what it means to be a man as well."'

Classy Dads: D.O.G.S. program involves men in school life

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Altogether, 80 fathers, stepfathers and other men in the students' lives were there one night last week. Counting students and other family members, the total came to about 150. Once everyone was settled in the library, the people at Bolton delivered the message that they want the men to keep coming back.

"Your children need you to be here," said Doreen Sorensen, the principal.

Guidance counselor Rinita Williams and others at Bolton are working to organize a chapter of a national group known as Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students), a school program sponsored by the National Center for Fathering.

The idea is to get fathers and father figures into schools to eat lunch with students, help them with projects and greet them in the halls. Having men around a school can have a positive overall effect on behavior, Williams said.'

Country waits to see how Obama enforces Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Educators and high school and college officials are watching to see how the Obama administration will oversee the enforcement of the gender-discrimination law. Many agree he will at least maintain the enforcement level of Title IX, but how far his administration goes remains to be seen.

In March, Obama signed an order creating a White House Council on Women and Girls and spoke strongly in support of Title IX. Obama said he was establishing the council not just to continue equal opportunities for women, such as in sports, but to enhance them.
...
On Title IX's 36th birthday last June, Obama said he would strengthen Title IX enforcement at the Department of Education and direct the department to help schools take the initiative in fulfilling their Title IX obligations. He supports the High School Sports Information Collection Act, which directs schools to make information on equality in athletic programs publicly available, as it is at the college level. '

Canada: Prostitution: What if we only criminalized the men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Q. You say men are the root of the problem, and in seeking a "moment of bliss," they deepen the misery of the women they pay for sex.

A. These men never ask how she is, how did she get here, is she being forced. They don't look into her eyes beyond the veneer of gaudy makeup, stiletto heels and cheap clothes. They just want to get their rocks off. When money changes hands, it's the ultimate conscience pacifier. They don't have to deal with guilt.

Q. If johns are charged, as you recommend, how would women be protected?

A. I strongly believe the vast majority of women are victims and shouldn't be charged or picked up in vice raids. You should pick up the men. They are demanding it, doing whatever they want. Sweden decriminalized the women and criminalized the men. They know it is a human-rights violation, that you'll never have equality and dignity and respect for women as long as this is allowed. Sweden is a beacon. The number of prostituted women has been reduced by half. Norway just introduced legalisation in January.'

Vermont Legislature Considering Drivers License Bill Requiring Only Men To Register For Selective Service

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Legislature is considering a bill that would automatically register young men with the Selective Service when they go for their driver's licenses. It would be a way to avert the trouble young men fall into when they forget to register.

The Selective Service is the agency that administers the draft, which does not exist at present (and has not since 1973). For people of a certain age, who remember the role the Selective Service played in their lives in the 1960s, the whole topic inspires a complicated mixture of feelings, many of them uncomfortable.
...
In the meantime, young men are required to sign up for a draft that does not at the moment exist. As long as that is the case, they ought to be helped to do so in a convenient way. Using the driver's license process links the yearning for privilege of driving a car with the perhaps less-yearned obligation to serve. It seems like a reasonable bargain.'

Rich South teacher pleads innocent to 'sex' with student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Former Rich South High School teacher Sarah Tolzien pleaded innocent today in Cook County Circuit Court in Markham to sexually assaulting a 16-year-old male student.

Tolzien, 24, of Arlington Heights, is facing eight counts of criminal sexual assault and 24 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Tolzien, who also coached the boys varsity cross country team at the Richton Park school, resigned from the school Dec. 2.

The sexual activity between Tolzien and the boy, a member of the cross country team, occurred in Matteson while she gave him rides home Nov. 14 and Nov. 17, according to police.'

Teacher Accused Of 'Sex' With Godson Out On Bail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CHULA VISTA, Calif. -- A defense motion regarding questioning of the alleged victim forced the postponement Wednesday of a preliminary hearing for a South Bay elementary school teacher accused of having sex with her underage godson, who was also one of her students.

Carmina Erica Lopez, 33, is charged with eight counts of committing a lewd act on a child. She was arrested in January, when allegations of her alleged four-year sexual relationship with the victim came to light.

Prosecutor Leonard Trinh said he expects to add more charges when the defendant's preliminary hearing gets under way May 6 at the South Bay Courthouse.'

UK: "Wanted: single men to serve on the fostering front line"

Broadsword · 29 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In his baggy jeans, he studies his fingernails to avoid making eye contact. He is evidently not keen to talk much, but what he does say is testament to how much Graham has turned his life around.
...
“Some young men say that they cannot relate to women because they have been abused by, or in major conflict with, them. In these cases the best option may be to live in an all-male household..."
...
But men prepared to work with children are in short supply. Research by the charity Action for Children has found that many are not coming forward because they fear being labelled paedophiles —a fear borne out by the results of a survey by the charity last year, in which 40 per cent of respondents said that single men should be banned from adopting. In addition, some people still see caring as “women’s work”.

Worse, men who are involved sometimes say that the system seems geared against them. Some male foster carers complain that they cannot take part in training sessions and professional development opportunities, as these are often held during traditional office hours. They also say that the content and delivery of sessions does not take their needs into account. Men who foster as part of a couple often feel that they are considered “second-class” by other professionals working with a child, who overlook them in favour of a female partner.
...
"Williams says that society needs to “get away from the idea that men are deadbeats”. He agrees that single men face barriers to fostering. “There is a lot of stereotyping — I rang up the school once and they said, ‘Don’t worry, we’ll wait to talk to your wife later.’ I said, ‘You’ll be waiting a long time because I haven’t got one!’"'

Canada: "Middle-class" prostitution by teen girls a growing problem - but guess who has to be taught to behave?

Matt · 29 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It sounds like an overblown cautionary tale for parents, but teen prostitution is an emerging middle-class phenomenon, says journalist and documentary filmmaker Sharlene Azam in her new book Oral Sex Is the New Goodnight Kiss (which is accompanied by a DVD).

One prostitution ring saw more than 15 girls aged 12 to 16 from several Edmonton middle and high schools offering their bodies to older men who gambled in a townhouse; another involved 15-year-old high-school girls charging college guys $20 for oral sex in Kelowna, B.C. In Surrey, B.C., pimps recruited 12-year-olds at their local mall.

...

The author argues that father absenteeism, ineffectual sexual education classes, Internet porn and a hypersexual, "poisonous culture" that promises status through the accumulation of luxury goods are to blame.

...

How do the guys fit in?

Parents have a responsibility to teach boys not to use girls. But how do you do that? If you're just starting to look at what your kids are watching and trying to make them media literate at 12, it's kind of too late. ... You have to clarify values and know what healthy sexuality is, versus porn sex. ... [The boys] have this idea of what sexy is and it's a total fabrication. It has nothing to do with the girls that they know, but it's really influencing how they treat girls. They will have an inability to relate to a girl in a normal, healthy relationship.'

I wonder, were any boys actually interviewed for this book? And just when are the girls held responsible for what they are choosing to do (ie, sell sexual favors), or is this all on the guys? It looks like it... same crap, different day.

Packing party benefits women soldiers

Matt · 29 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Men apparently don't need magazines or toiletries like women do. Anyway, would we ever see an article entitled "Packing party benefits male soldiers"? Not anytime soon. Excerpt:

'One hundred care packages are on their way to be received by 100 black female soldiers stationed at sea and in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait.

The care packages were filled from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the C.C. Baird Center at Galilee Baptist Church then transported to be processed for shipping as part of the 16th Sister Soldier Packing Party. Hosted by Sistahs BookClubbing, the event was in support of the Sister Soldiers Project, which has donated more than 1,200 care packages since 2006 to black women deployed in such places as Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The project was born out of the desire to help the women serving our country and provide them with personal care products so important to their quality of life that are not available to them," founder Myraline Whitaker, of Arroyo Grande, Calif., said. "They never complain in all their letters. They tell how hot it is and that the water is so hard. We try to give them what they ask for, and the needs change by season."'

Oh yeah, another thing: *black* female soldiers only are getting these packages. So it's OK now to proclaim proudly that a group is packing goodies for black women ONLY while everyone else serving overseas gets lumped into a generic "the other soldiers" category (not even mentioned in the article of course) and then promptly ignored. See where this kind of nutsery leads to? Maybe there'll be an over-30 Asian male soldiers-only packaging party soon or perhaps a packaging party for soldiers-from-the-northeast-side-of-Manhattan-who-are-green-eyed-and-between-5-10-and-6-0-and-weigh-no-more-than-200-lbs-and-are-gay-and-male-and-of-Puerto-Rican-decent. Ugh.

He's Dead, She Walks - DV's Double Standard

Matt · 29 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Action alert here. Excerpt:

'This past week in Canada a young man, Adam Cunningham, lost his life as a result of domestic violence apparently perpetrated by his wife. At the time of the initial incident she was charged with assault. Now that Adam is dead the Crown prosecutor declines to charge her further with manslaughter or homicide, and has told the family the assualt charges may be dropped as well, since the victim - who was also the only witness - has died.

See the news video here. (caution, the wounds are graphic)

Note in the obituary the comment that the wife will miss him. We can only imagine what that might mean.'

Thought police muscle up in Britain

Matt · 29 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'BRITAIN appears to be evolving into the first modern soft totalitarian state. As a sometime teacher of political science and international law, I do not use the term totalitarian loosely.

There are no concentration camps or gulags but there are thought police with unprecedented powers to dictate ways of thinking and sniff out heresy, and there can be harsh punishments for dissent.

Nikolai Bukharin claimed one of the Bolshevik Revolution's principal tasks was "to alter people's actual psychology". Britain is not Bolshevik, but a campaign to alter people's psychology and create a new Homo britannicus is under way without even a fig leaf of disguise.

The Government is pushing ahead with legislation that will criminalise politically incorrect jokes, with a maximum punishment of up to seven years' prison. The House of Lords tried to insert a free-speech amendment, but Justice Secretary Jack Straw knocked it out. It was Straw who previously called for a redefinition of Englishness and suggested the "global baggage of empire" was linked to soccer violence by "racist and xenophobic white males". He claimed the English "propensity for violence" was used to subjugate Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and that the English as a race were "potentially very aggressive".
...

Permissiveness as well as draconianism can be deployed to destroy socially accepted norms and values. The Royal Navy, for instance, has installed a satanist chapel in a warship to accommodate the proclivities of a satanist crew member. "What would Nelson have said?" is a British newspaper cliche about navy scandals, but in this case seems a legitimate question. Satanist paraphernalia is also supplied to prison inmates who need it.

This campaign seems to come from unelected or quasi-governmental bodies controlling various institutions, which are more or less unanswerable to electors, more than it does directly from the Government, although the Government helps drive it and condones it in a fudged and deniable manner.'

Releatedly: Every phone call, email or website visit 'to be monitored'. Excerpt:

'The proposals will give police and security services the power to snoop on every single communication made by the public with the data then likely to be stored in an enormous national database.

The precise content of calls and other communications would not be accessible but even text messages and visits to social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter would be tracked.
...
Ms Smith has already claimed local authorities will not have access to the data but the Tories have warned of the "exponential increase in the powers of the state", while the Liberal Democrats have dubbed the plans "Orwellian" and deeply worrying.

Security services fear a failure to monitor all forms of communications effectively will hamper their ability to combat terrorists and serious criminals. Sir Stephen Lander, chairman of the Serious Organised Crime Agency, said: "Any significant reduction in the capability of law enforcement agencies to acquire and exploit intercept intelligence and evidential communications data would lead to more unsolved murders, more firearms on our streets, more successful robberies, more unresolved kidnaps, more harm from the use of Class A drugs, more illegal immigration and more unsolved serious crime."'

Australia: "Rudd gets tough on domestic violence"

Matt · 29 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has announced a new $41.5 million strategy to tackle domestic violence.

Research commissioned by the National Council to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children shows that violence against women costs Australia more than $13 billion a year.

Australian Bureau of Statistics figures say one in three Australian women will suffer domestic violence and one in five will fall victim to a sexual assault.

Mr Rudd said the Government was working with the states and territories to make sure that a domestic violence order taken out in one state or territory is automatically registered across the country.

...

"We must work harder and smarter to tackle this challenge," Mr Rudd said.

"Our challenge is to change the attitudes of many Australian men, especially young men."

Mr Rudd will also take the report to tomorrow's COAG meeting in Hobart to work with the states on a national plan to reduce violence against women for release next year.'

Brazil man's penis severed by girlfriend

Proud_to_be_a_man · 29 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. I guess she wouldn't have thought of just, er, reporting him to the police and let them investigate her claims? Excerpt:

'Police say a man in northeastern Brazil had his penis severed by his girlfriend who accused him of raping her daughter.

Police officer Fabio Gaudencio says 42-year-old Isaias Saturnino was sleeping at home last Friday when Maria da Silva used a kitchen knife to cut off his penis.

Gaudencio says Silva fled and remains at large.

Saturnino underwent reconstructive surgery and was in good condition on Monday, but is expected to stay at least two months in the hospital for observation.

Gaudencio says Silva's daughter accused Saturnino of raping her starting at age seven. She is teenager now. He hasn't been charged so far.

Gaudencio said Monday that Silva is expected to voluntarily turn herself in.'

UK: Women are 'imprisoned' by fight for equality, claims leading feminist

Matt · 30 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Erin Pizzey is one of the few, if possibly only, feminists who has stood up for the truth when it comes to DV. Nonetheless, I am weary of the constant stream of woe-is-me from feminists, if even they are saying "woe" over the abundance of successes they have claimed. Woe when they fail, woe when they succeed. When does the woe-is-me ever stop? Excerpt:

"Women have won the war for equality but it has left many of them imprisoned and exhausted, a pioneering feminist has claimed.

Campaigner Erin Pizzey, who founded the world's first refuge for battered women in 1971, claims the idea of women happily combining a career and a family has proved to be a myth.

The 70-year-old said women's 'freedom of choice' to have both has left them with less spare time than they had before.

But she added that many now did not understand what they had lost.

...

She said: 'There's been a subterranean war between men and women which has been won by women and they don't actually understand what they've lost.'

The campaigner added: 'I don't think anybody foresaw that what a freedom of choice would do is imprison many.

'Many women, they don't have a choice now, they have to work, they have to work hard, and I just see an exhausted generation of women trying to do it all.'"

Marks On "Octomom" Son Spark Questions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(CBS/ AP) The mother of the California octuplets has been questioned by police and child welfare officials after her 4-year-old autistic son showed up at school with a black eye and bite marks.

Nadya Suleman's attorney, Jeff Czech, says it's not clear if any action will be taken against the mother of 14 young children.

...

Police have said they've made several visits to Suleman's home in the past year to respond to complaints about lost, trapped or poorly cared for children, but, Kauffman points out, haven't removed any from the home.'

Boys will be boys, girls will be girls, says study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Washington, April 29 (IANS) Boys will be boys and girls will be girls, because gender specific personality traits develop along typical lines, according to a new study.
...
Not surprisingly, girls and boys differed in their sex-specific personality traits and their sex-typed activity interests in early adolescence, with girls showing higher levels of expressive traits (kindness and sensitivity) and interest in 'feminine' activities (arts and reading).

Boys showed higher levels of instrumental traits (independence and adventurousness) and interest in 'masculine' activities (sports and math).

Girls' typically feminine, expressive traits didn't change over time. Conversely, boys' sensitivity and warmth declined substantially across middle childhood but increased in later adolescence.'

E-tailers face gender-divide: 'Men Want It Fast, Women Want It All'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men want to complete the task and get on to the next task. Women want to experience the task. Guys, I know that sounds stupid, like forming a relationship with pain, but this is why women are good at taking care of you. Generally, they seem to be more thorough, which is why she's never ready when you're jingling your keys at the door and why you might survive getting stuck in a blizzard once you finally get out the door. (That's a poor example. She'll likely know there's a blizzard coming and will protest leaving at all. Men believe they will defeat the blizzard. Women, I know this sounds stupid, but this is why men are good at killing mammoths, and why they're good at protecting you. In the end, it's all about taking down the beast.)'

Pneumonia more likely to kill older men than women

anthony · 30 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON: Pneumonia is more likely to kill older men than women because of differing gender-based biological responses to the infection.

"Our study found that men with CAP (community-acquired pneumonia) were less likely to survive after an infection compared to women," said Sachin Yende, assistant professor in critical care medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (UPSM) and study co-author.

Data were gathered from the multi-centre Genetic and Inflammatory Markers of Sepsis (GenIMS) study.'

Effects of Infidelity on Men vs. Women Surprise Researchers

anthony · 30 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'How guilty would you feel if you cheated on your partner? The answer has a lot to do with the type of infidelity — and your gender.

Men feel guiltier following sexual infidelity, while women feel guiltier after emotional transgression, a new study finds.

The researchers had hypothesized the opposite. Men, they thought, would feel guiltier if they fell in love with someone else, as women place a high value on emotional loyalty and the resources it provides; similarly, because men's sex drive is considered to be more biologically hard-wired, it was assumed women would have more guilt knowing the pain that sexual infidelity would cause their partner.'

U of New Mexico student writes 'Men need to let go of power, accept inferiority to women'

anthony · 30 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'In response to Tuesday's article, "Study: Female professors earn less than males," I suggest our phallic powerhouse needs a slice of castration.

I was dismayed to find that, according to the most recent information available from Zimmerman Library, the five highest-paid faculty member in the English department are all men, even though more than half the department is female. This state of affairs is atrocious. I was reading Anna Karenina the other day when, like the dove descending, it dawned on me that women are essentially better than men. Any fool knows that women make better teachers than men; they are much holier, despite the blasphemous conceits of antiquity; they are less inclined to give way to irrational haste in judgment; they are more firmly grounded in reality and less susceptible to impractical and counterintuitive notions; without the corrupting influence of men, they would be less affected by moral turpitude, and they are generally more sensible, compassionate, likeable and pleasant than most men.

There may not be any universal essence of a woman, but I think the general trends can be telling. This isn't to say that men should be wiped from the face of the Earth or society, but that they should acknowledge their position of mental inferiority and elevate women to those levels of economic and political dominance to which they are biologically entitled. This shouldn't be done with the testicles still secretly pulling the strings, as may be the case in our undergraduate government, but only with a genuine and total transference of power. How many foreskins can we collect from our penis-loving oppressors in the English department?'

U.S. Representatives Hill and Murphy Introduce the 'Men and Families Health Care Act of 2009'

anthony · 30 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, April 30 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Men's Health Network applauds Representatives Barron Hill (D-IN) and Tim Murphy (R-PA) today for introducing H.R. 2115, the "Men and Families Health Care Act of 2009."

This bipartisan legislation would establish an Office of Men's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of improving the health of men and their families. This Office will mirror the existing Office of Women's Health, established in the early 1990s, which has improved the quality of life for women nationwide.

"The goal of this bill is to raise awareness about men's health issues, and ways we can prevent and detect men's health problems. The Office of Men's Health will bring this issue to the Federal stage and result in more men getting the treatment they need, which will save lives," said Congressman Murphy. "For too long the health needs of men have gone unaddressed. This bill will help men's health take its rightful place in our Federal government's healthcare priorities."'

'Don't be hypocrites, ladies - you like to ogle, too'

anthony · 30 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I can hear all the female whining already about the Lingerie Football League*. Please, ladies, spare me the hypocrisy.

You'll whine about female exploitation. How women are being "objectified." How men only care about their bodies and not their other wonderful assets. How men will only go to these games to ogle. How this new football league is only an excuse for men to go out and be lechers, that this football league is nothing more than a glorified strip club, minus the pole dancing.

Pretty profound stuff, huh? Please.

Fact is, women do exactly the same thing with men. But men don't whine about it.'

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*Hyperlink added, for those of you who have never heard of it (like myself) until now.

Women Become the Majority of Workers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First, women have the authenticity, humility, and relationship-building skills required to lead customer-centric organisations in the 21st century world, a point made by a reformed Alpha Male consultant and author, David Flett.

He says, "Women are now in a position to lead because theirs is the only model that works in the new global business environment."
...
Second, women may soon outnumber men in the workforce for the first time. In the US and Australia, where this trend seems most likely, more men have lost their jobs than women in part because men tend to dominate in the blue-collar industries such as construction and manufacturing that have been hardest hit by the recession.
...
"Perhaps even more compelling is some new data on the projected number of women graduates in the future", says Wittenberg-Cox. By 2015, more than 60% of the graduates will be women in ten OECD nations, according to a recent OECD report, Higher Education to 2030. And in the UK and Sweden, the figures surpass 70%. In 2020, the figures exceed 70% in four nations: Hungary (73%), Italy (70%), UK (72%), and Sweden (76%).'

'The End of Sisterhood'

anthony · 30 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The sisterhood of lawyers has never been more potent. In conference rooms and swanky restaurants, women across the ranks--senior partners and associates, general counsel, and staff attorneys--are brainstorming about what it takes for women to succeed in a profession that's still predominantly male. Over sushi, cosmos, and the occasional mani/pedi treatment, they are bonding, united in the mission for gender equality. The message is clear: Women are united, and they want their sisters to succeed.

But scratch the surface a bit deeper, and some members of the sorority tell another story: that women--particularly their immediate superiors--can be their worst tormentors. Fact is, despite the veneer of harmony and the decades of shared struggle, there's tension on the women's front. Talk to any group of women lawyers, and there will be plenty of war stories on the betrayals--real or perceived--that they have experienced at the hands of other women.'

Survey: Swedish men becoming less manly

anthony · 30 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'STOCKHOLM, Sweden, April 29 (UPI) -- A survey suggests most Swedes believe the country's men were more masculine in the past than now.

The online survey of 1,003 people between the ages of 15 and 64, conducted by YouGov on a contract from MBT Shoes, found 51 percent of those polled -- including 58 percent of male respondents -- believe Swedish men were more masculine in the past, The Local reported Wednesday.

Nine percent of respondents said they believe Swedish men are more masculine than the males in other countries, while 19 percent said Swedish men are less masculine and a 65 percent majority said they believe Swedish men are on par with other countries.'

UK: Women-only clinic for addicts triples in size as cases soar

anthony · 30 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'London's only treatment centre for women alcohol and drug addicts has tripled in size to cope with an increasing number of cases.

Hope House has moved from an eight-bedroom building in Maida Vale to a 23-bed centre in Clapham Common formerly used only by male addicts.

The centre treats women who have been through detox and offers them help to accustom themselves to the world after the first stages of rehab.'

New F4J activist arrested in UK

Matt · 30 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Via Jeremy S. from a New F4J mailing:

Richard West (of the New F4J) has been arrested in his home town of Ottery St Mary (Devon, England UK) and held at Heavitree Road Police Station, in Exeter. We believe that this has been after Richard continually trying to get hold of medical documents relating to his son and C.A.M.s (social services) Richard secured a bid in Court and the C.A.M.s team was told to hand the files over but continually and blatantly refused to co-operate. Even the mother of Richards son joined the request in seeing their OWN child's records!!

Last week Rich publicly made a statement to his local press, The Sidmouth Herald stating that the NHS, who are responsible for the C.A.M.s team, have till the end of the month to comply or he would "cause massive disruption by shutting down one of the country's major public infrastructures by the end of the month". (See here.)

Earlier on this evening it is believed that the C.A.M.s team contacted Richard and he reminded them that they had till the end of the month to comply or he would carry out his threat of public protest, re-iterating that the end of the month is tomorrow.

At approx 2000pm tonight local officers attended Richards house and arrested him for making "threats to an organisation". The house was then searched and the police seized Richard's 'Mr Incredible' costume, his partner's 'Superwoman' costume, and his son's costume as well. The police left items such as laptops and phones.

Details are a bit sketchy at the moment but it is believed that Richard will be taken to Rygate Police Station in Surrey.

Rich West has been a persistent activist against the lack of Fathers Rights in this country climbing Stonehenge with F4J and more recently climbing a mast near his home town to try and get a meeting with his local MP after being ignored.

[Signed]
"Chalkie"

Woman Actually Arrested For Domestic Violence

Luek · 30 April 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The rarest of the rare is this woman who was arrested for assaulting her live-in boyfriend. She was charged with violation of something called the Family Violence Act. And to top it off the male victim was not also arrested as is the standard operating procedures in DV incidents where the female is the prime aggressor. Excerpt:

'A Clayton County school board member was arrested last week on charges of simple battery after a dispute with her live-in boyfriend.

Trinia Garrett, 36, the District 7 representative, was arrested on April 21 on charges of violating the state's family violence act.

According to Clayton Magistrate Court records, Garrett made "physical contact of an insulting and provoking nature" against Albert Stocken, 58, with whom she has lived for the past 18 months in Lake City.

Garrett allegedly started the altercation by arguing over a credit card charge of $85 at a local hotel. She grabbed a chain and pulled it from Stocken's neck, according to court records.'

Why women don't even get close to the 'glass ceiling' in the workplace

Broadsword · 1 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Women executives regularly get pushed off the career ladder in favour of men, a survey said yesterday.

'Invisible discrimination' means they have no chance of matching the success of male counterparts, it was claimed. In some industries it was found that only one in 14 women with the potential to reach the top actually did so.
...
Management consultancy DDI, which carried out the survey, said its evidence showed that most women never reach the 'glass ceiling' that is usually said to block their progress. Rather, the experts said, women slide down 'glass walls' before they even get near the top.
...
Yet inquiries launched by Labour over the past decade in an attempt to unmask prejudice among employers have failed to find evidence of any.
...
The consultancy advised women to make their ambitions clear from the start of their careers and to accept assignments abroad.

'Don't be afraid to take the family with you,' the report said. However, Anastasia de Waal of the Civitas think-tank said: 'It isn't invisible discrimination, it's imaginary discrimination.

'There is no gender gap. There is a childcare gap and that is not a matter for employers.

'Women do not put themselves forward for promotion or they do not work long hours because they are bringing up children. The reasons for that are complex.'"*

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* Admin note - May 4, 2009: The last sentences are the original quote from Anastasia de Waal as reported. Since then it has been identified as a misquote and the correction notice, as well as the corrected quote, is here.

UK: The gender pay gap does not exist

anthony · 1 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Harriet Harman claims that women earn on average 22.6% less per hour than men and takes it for granted that this difference is the result of discrimination against women by men. And yet the Government's own figures support no such conclusion.
...
Quite simply the Government's emphasis on the gender pay gap of 22.6% is an abuse of official statistics. And to infer that the difference in the average hourly rate is the result of discrimination is an abuse of logic. When women without dependent children compete head to head with men in the same situation their hourly rate is higher. Most women today work throughout their 20s and find that success is the result of being good at something. Employers are looking for capable people whether male or female.

Women today don't need government quotas. They are doing fine on their own. They want to be judged on their merits, not patronised by the old generation of 1970s quota feminists like Harriet Harman.'

Courts father unfairness

Matt · 1 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The erratic treatment of Rod Refcio in Ontario family court is an extreme but powerful example of disturbing flaws that continue to plague Canada's spousal support system.

Two courts incredulously concluded Refcio's responsibility to his ex-wife extends to her twins; twins who were born well after the marriage ended and who were fathered by another man.

In 2006, Ontario Court Judge Thomas Granger ruled Refcio owed his ex-wife Katia $1,500 per month, for an indefinite period of time. For the payer of spousal support, the length of the order is crucial.

Without an end date, a person's life is on hold indefinitely, making a clean break from a former spouse impossible.'

Gender stereotypes present in study

Vince · 2 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

For once, a reasonably fair article on dating abuse, from my alma mater, no less. Article here. Excerpt:

"Both psychological and physical abuse in dating relationships have been reported among high school and college students in the United States, with mental and physical health consequences similar to that of cohabiting adults. Whereas women are much more likely than men to be the victims of domestic violence, most studies on adolescents found that males experience rates of relationship abuse similar to or greater than that of females.
...
Females were significantly more favorable than were males about their partner on the positive scale. There was no gender difference on the sexual abuse scale. For the remaining seven abuse scales, males reported more abuse than females, for both non-physical and physical items. Fortunately, the overall levels of dating abuse we found were low, with the highest frequencies reported by a minority of the students."

Father faces 100 years for infant neglect

Matt · 2 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Contrast the attitudes shown with what mothers get for the same crime with the same circumstances. Another report with more detail found here. Note one piece of press commentary: Our View: Absolutely no business being a parent. I wonder if they would have written that way if the mother had gone to trial first and been convicted? This is a case to watch; we'll see what sentence the father gets vs. the treatment the mother gets. Excerpt:

'(Peoria) -- James Sargent has been found guilty of two counts of first-degree murder in connection to the death of his five-and-a-half-month-old son Benjamin last year.

A Peoria County Judge handed down the verdict Wednesday afternoon, immediately following the conclusion of a three day bench trial.

Sargent is guilty of failing to provide care for Ben including giving him food, water or changing his diaper for up to eight days.
...
He said Sargent became preoccupied with his relationship with the baby's mother and neglected Ben, but did not do so on purpose.

Sargent faces 100 years in prison due to the act being found as brutal and heinous behavior indicative of wanton cruelty.
...
The boy's mother, Tracy Hermann, is also charged with his death and is set for trial in August.'

UK: Male teachers desert primaries

anthony · 3 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Almost 40% of primary schools now have no male teachers on their staff. New figures obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show 1,238 of the state's 3,248 national schools have an all-female line-up in the classroom.

The revelation means that the Department of Education's expensive efforts to attract men into primary school teaching have been a failure so far. Many children are now educated exclusively by women as the teaching profession becomes increasingly feminised.

...

Matt Hume, principal of St Joseph's boys' school in Terenure, Dublin, which bucks the trend by having a staff of 40% men and 60% women, said it is important for boys to have male teachers as role models, particularly in areas where they may not have otherpositive male role models in their lives. "Another problem is that if boys don't see male teachers in schools, they're unlikely to pursue a career in teaching themselves," he said.

The department has defended its efforts to encourage more men into primary school teaching, arguing that the percentage of male students in teacher training colleges is rising.'

Carey Roberts: White House Council on Men and Boys: the right thing to do

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week a letter was sent to President Obama, urging him to establish a White House Council on Men and Boys. The plea came from Alpha Phi Alpha, a fraternity boasting a membership of 200,000 African-American men: http://apa1906.net/PressNewsDetails.php?newsID=90&newsCat=Press%20Release

The APA letter highlights a report by the Schott Foundation for Public Education that found only 26% of black male students in New York City graduate from high school. Nationally, only 22% of Black men who enter college end up getting their degree.
...
Surely both Barack and Michelle desire that their daughters will one day be courted by marriage-able men. If we're going to have a White House on Women and Girls, it's only fair that we extend the same courtesy to men and boys.

And liberal feminists, often portrayed as a self-serving interest group, should support the measure as well to prove they really do care about equal opportunities for both men and women.'

UK: With friends like Harman, women don’t need enemies

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now Harman has succeeded in driving through her cherished equality proposals, which in the name of equality will make it possible to discriminate against individuals on grounds of sex or race. If Hattie has her way, the Equality Bill she unveiled last week will make it legal for employers to discriminate against white men in favour of white women and black people. This horribly muddled thinking gives meaning to the misogynist’s phrase “feminine logic”.

...

Here we have a spectacle that is about as bad for women as it gets. Female politicians, many promoted above their ability, seek to promote another woman above her democratic entitlement and against their own principles and meanwhile legislate to promote working women over men. With supporters like Harman and her crew, we women do not need enemies.'

Illinois Governor shortens sentence of woman who killed kids

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn has commuted the sentence of a woman experts believe was suffering from a postpartum psychosis when she killed her two young children more than two decades ago.

Quinn on Friday commuted Debra Lynn Gindorf's life sentence to 48 years. That likely means she's eligible for immediate release on parole because she's served 24 years and can qualify for day-for-day good-conduct time, her lawyer said.

Gindorf, 45, of Zion was found guilty but mentally ill in the 1985 slayings of her children, 23-month-old Christina and 3-month-old Jason.

Experts conceded she was a depressed and battered wife but couldn't agree what was wrong with her. She and her supporters now believe she had postpartum depression when she attempted to kill herself, then decided to kill her children as well.'

California Family Fitness sued over women-only areas

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Story here. Excerpt:

'California Family Fitness is being sued for alleged gender discrimination for operating workout areas and one club dedicated to women.
...
For years California regulators and courts have squashed women-only poker tournaments, sex-based discounts at car washes and bars, and other promotions that favor one gender over another. Rotary Clubs, for one, were forced to accept women members after a court decision two decades ago.

Fitness centers locally and nationally — particularly express gyms such as Curves — have long marketed themselves to one gender. Eight states specifically allow for single-gender health clubs, according to the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association. But California isn't one of them. An effort to pass such a law in the Golden State failed in 2005.'

Business Week: Men Bearing the Brunt of Layoffs

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Article here. Excerpt:

"That is not really all that surprising, because this economic crisis has been concentrated in the classic industrial sectors," says Christian Dreger, head of Macro Analysis and Forecasting at the Berlin-based German Institute for Economic Research (DIW). The automobile industry in particular, including the businesses that supply the main carmakers, is shedding jobs. "And those are sectors that still employ more men," Dreger says. Women tend to work more in the service sector. "And the crisis has had little or no impact there."
...
However, better-paid women are also doing well, such as those working in traditionally more female spheres like education or health. The major industries like construction, manufacturing or even the financial services industry have always been more vulnerable to economic cycles and therefore suffer when the economy dips.
...
"In a society where services are becoming increasingly important, women quite simply have the better jobs," says Hans Bertram, a sociologist at the Humboldt University in Berlin.'

Men, unemployment, and the future of boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The unemployment ax is falling hard on men - many are in jobs that don't require education beyond high school; this will transcend the current economic crisis due to the combined effects of technology and globalization.

Obama and Congress face millions of angry and disillusioned unemployed young men.

For every 100 women enrolled in college in the U.S., 77 men are. And this trend is continuing to worsen. In regard to bachelor degrees, it's 10-0/63. In regard to associate (community colleges), it's 10-0/67.

For every 100 women ages 18-21 in prison, 1,430 men are. For every 100 young women, ages 20-24 who commit suicide, 624 young men will.
...
...Last month Obama created the White House Council for Women and Girls. Right there in the White House.

Women's groups pressured him - about 50 of them, I hear. They wanted an actual cabinet seat for a Women's Office, but now are happy that they have the entire cabinet as every matter that now comes before the cabinet must include an assessment of what impact it will have on women and girls. One well known lady evidently exclaimed that now we have a nation of women.'

Blount Schools host national conference on how boys, girls learn

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Blount County Schools hosted a national conference this week in which an American psychologist and family physician provided teachers with powerful new information about gender differences that could improve student performance.

...

"Do not ever assume all girls are one way and all boys are one way. That's a false assumption," said Dr. Leonard Sax, author of "Why Gender Matters," prefacing his speech.

Sax then talked about the differences in typical male and female visual systems. "Everything about sex-difference visual systems we know from the last eight years -- mostly the last four to five years," he said, noting researchers used to only study men.

"The assumption until eight or nine years ago was apparently that females were just shorter males who menstruate," Sax joked. Researchers have learned a typical man's brain is wired differently from girls to make boys more interested in movement.'

Misquote report on recent article

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Please note that the quote from Anastasia de Waal of Civitas in the Daily Mail re women and the glass ceiling was a misquote and has since been corrected to: 'Don't be afraid to take the family with you,' the report said.

However, Anastasia de Waal of the Civitas think-tank said: 'It's not so much invisible discrimination in this case, as 'imaginary' discrimination because it's the parenting responsibilities gap which is the main issue.

'In this context it's less about a gender pay gap per se, but about a childcare gap and that is not necessarily a matter for employers.

'Women do not put themselves forward for promotion or they are not able to work long hours because they are bringing up children. The reasons for that are complex.'

UK: Fathers for Justice campaigner posts nappies to Prime Minister Gordon Brown

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A HEATHFIELD man dressed up as Batman to post nappies to Gordon Brown.

The New Fathers for Justice member who did not want to be named, hopes the prime minister will take notice of members' campaign to fight for the rights of fathers denied access to their children.

He took part in a nationwide campaign in the form of the superhero to ask him to stop disposing of dads in society.'

'Women Build' -- female-only building program

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Story here. Excerpt:

'And then she joined Women Build, the organization's female-only building program. This is where we are on a spring day, on a site with nine other female volunteers ranging in age from 19 to their 60s, and in experience from licensed contractors and former engineers to women who have yet to make friends with a power drill.

The latter would be me. And when I confess this to Baron, she wastes no time teaching me how to use hers.

There's a reason her tools are spray-painted pink, and it's not just to demonstrate her girl power. On the many construction sites she's worked on with men, tools tend to stray. This way, at least she doesn't lose hers.'

UK: False rape claim victim's relief

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A millionaire businessman has spoken of his relief after he was cleared of carrying out a violent sex attack.

Anthony Atherton, 51, was accused of attacking a 49-year-old woman in the kitchen of his home in Victoria Road, Bolton last August.

A jury at Leeds Crown Court took an hour to acquit Mr Atherton of attempted rape, sexual assault, assault by penetration, making a threat to kill and false imprisonment.

He claimed the woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, set him up.
...
He said: "I'm grateful after eight months of hell to be vindicated."

His solicitor Paul Schofield said: "From the very onset Mr Atherton firmly denied all these allegations.

"He claimed that this case was a malicious complaint and a 'set up'. The verdicts, the speed with which they were returned, and the order for costs, all vindicate him completely.'

Women and Sexism

Anonymous · 4 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine if Sonoma County's new 5th District supervisor had told a reporter that he was glad he was elected because he has "long believed that men offer a unique voice to government as rational and protective beings and because of the way we approach conflict and communications."

Just think of the outrage, charges of being a male chauvinistic pig and calls for his resignation.

However, when the new 3rd District supervisor, Shirlee Zane, was quoted in The Press Democrat saying she has "long believed that women do offer a unique voice to government as caregivers and the way we approach conflict and communications," there was no outrage; no one called her a female chauvinistic pig or called for her resignation.'

RADAR ALERT: Want a Good Laugh? Check Out the SAFE Act!

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What if you knew a bill had been introduced in Congress in which most of the findings were misleading, outdated, or simply false? Welcome to wonderful, wacky world of HR 739, the Security and Financial Empowerment Act (SAFE).

The bill contains 53 different claims. Only 4 of those claims can be verified as accurate, current, and truthful. As for the remaining 49 claims, whoever dreamed up this stuff has an incredible sense of humor!

The following bold-faced quotes come straight from the SAFE Act findings. They are followed by the actual facts. So get ready for some side-splitting humor:

1. "Violence against women has been reported to be the leading cause of physical injury to women." Here's what the website of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shows:
   - Under the graph the DHHS states, "All of the leading causes of injury in 2006 were unintentional." But domestic violence is an intentional cause of injury. In other words, DV is not even on the list of leading causes of injury.
2. "According to recent Government estimates, approximately 987,400 rapes occur annually in the United States". Here's what the FBI really says:
   - "In 2007, the estimated number of forcible rapes (90,427) decreased 2.5 percent from the 2006 estimate." So the SAFE number is off by about 900,000. We'll just call it a rounding error.

Woman makes "documentary" on circumcision

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Article here. More of a propaganda piece in favor of it, actually. Excerpt:

'*You try to avoid getting overtly political in the film. But I have seen people compare circumcision to female genital mutilation.*

I absolutely think that it's offensive to women to think that there's any parallel here. Of course, they both involve genitals but are done for very different reasons, and I ran away as far as I could from anything to do with female circumcision, which has to be stopped. It's not comparable. But what does interest me is why the movement against male circumcision needs to be so extreme? They have such a valid point, but they come off as such extremists.'

One of the anti-circumcision activists you interview even gets you arrested while you are filming him. They come across in your film as really, really loony.

They are! Both sides of the equation are crazy, the whole thing is crazy. Those who believe in it and those who believe it must be stopped because it is genital mutilation -- they all have valid reasons and all are insane. I love the idea that we look at ourselves through this insane prism, my family included.
...

You end up having to make choices about whether to circumcise each of your sons. And at the end, you worry that they will be mad at you when they grow up and understand what you've done.

Who do you betray? A son who has been circumcised, a decision you've just spent nine months ridiculing? Or a son that is intact? I was gonna betray both of them, no matter what way I chose.'

Betray them both? How? Remember: If you object to male circumcision, you're an extremist. if you object to female circumcision, that's fine. We got a long way to go, guys.

Marilyn French dead at 79

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Marilyn French, infamous for her statement that "all men are rapists and that's all they are," has died at age 79. Excerpt:

'With steely views about the treatment of woman and a gift for expressing them on the printed page, Ms. French transformed herself from an academic who quietly bristled at the expectations of married women in the post-World War II era to a leading, if controversial, opinionmaker on gender issues who decried the patriarchal society she saw around her. “My goal in life is to change the entire social and economic structure of Western civilization, to make it a feminist world,” she once declared.

Her first and best-known novel, “The Women’s Room,” released in 1977, traces a submissive housewife’s journey of self-discovery following her divorce in the 1950s, describing the lives of Mira Ward and her friends in graduate school at Harvard as they grow into independent women. The book was partly informed by her own experience of leaving an unhappy marriage and helping her daughter deal with the aftermath of being raped. Women all over the world seized on the book, which sold more than 20 million copies and was translated into 20 languages.'

A rather nauseating review of a woman whose novel contributed to the destructiveness of the radical feminist movement, but what do you expect from the NY Times.

I wish I could be a bit kinder to someone who is deceased, but in this case I find it hard to do.

Non-custodial father tries to save child but is ignored by CPS

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A non-custodial father tried in vain to access the CPS system to save his children from abuse, but failed. One child was eventually murdered by the child's mother's live in boyfriend and while he was given a stiff sentence, that is locking the barn door after the horse escapes, as the old saying goes. In my opinion the non-custodial father was ignored simply because he was a male, which is misandry, and in this case it resulted in a child's death. Excerpt:

'TACOMA, Wash. -- A man who fatally injured a 3-year-old boy when he hurled him in a fit of anger has been sentenced in Tacoma to 50 years in prison.

Noah Jeremiah Thomas was sentenced Friday in Pierce County Superior Court in the death of Michael-Kekoa Ravenell last May 28, when he was babysitting the boy.

The 25-year-old, who was dating the boy's mother, pleaded guilty in March to homicide by abuse.
...

Nearly two months before the fatal injuries, the boy's father had called Child Protective Services when he suspected abuse.

It was the first of what the boy's father said were many suspicious marks on both his son and daughter.

"And he had bruising on the side of his head that was tender," said Michael Ravenell, the boy's biological father, in an interview earlier this year.

The case file showed CPS assigned an inexperienced social worker with just three months on the job to Kekoa's case.
...
The social worker never had a doctor examine the boy even though his father had informed her about the bruises.'

Round 2 of Campaign Against Lifetime's 'Deadbeat Dads'--Contact Hearst Corp.

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Action item here. Excerpt:

'Lifetime TV announced the launch of its new, father-bashing reality show Deadbeat Dads last week, and Lifetime received several thousand protest letters, calls and faxes last week. This week we take our protest to the Hearst Corporation, which owns much of Lifetime TV. To email and fax a protest letter to both Hearst and Lifetime Executives, click here. Also, please call Hearst-Argyle Television, Inc.'s main switchboard at (212) 887-6800. If you participated in Round 1, we invite you to participate in Round 2.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, "Deadbeat Dads, originally developed at Fox, follows National Child Support founder Jim Durham as he tracks down and confronts dads who don't pay child support." According to Reuters, Durham "functions as a sort of 'Dog the Bounty Hunter' for tracking deadbeats…It's ambush reality TV." Durham will target fathers who are behind on their child support by "making their lives miserable — foreclosing on their house, repossessing their car. He will squeeze them."'

UK: Feminists quiet when victim is male

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Now, a few weeks ago I was confident that the various state-subsidised feminist quangos -- from the Rape Crisis Centres, to the National Council of Women, to the Equality Authority -- would say nothing about the preposterously light sentence of seven years for the serial rape of a 14-year-old boy by his mother, and I was right. The fact that the judge was a woman was no doubt a factor in their silence. Her explanation for the light sentence -- that the Edwardian law was more heavily biased against paternal incest was both tendentious and spurious: for the charge of sexual assault alone carries a maximum of 14 years' imprisonment.

It's possible that I missed some condemnation of the sentence by the vast army of feminist-commentators and feminist quangos: but if I did, it wasn't for want of trying. But imagine the outcry -- and very properly -- if a man who had raped and sexually abused his 14-year-old daughter was sentenced to just seven years' imprisonment by a male judge.

...

Now, we can be quite certain if a woman had been so gravely wronged by the State in some matter relating to sexual crime, that the feminist sirens, media and quangos alike, would have been howling in anger, and demanding enquiries and heads. But in the aftermath of this case, nothing: the sirens remained as quiet as a mountain lake. For the victim is a man, so really, the injustice done to him really doesn't count. Not in 1997, not today, and no doubt, not in 2019 either.'

Feminism & Violent Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to a report in the Journal of Men's Studies, titled "The Feminization of Domestic Violence in America," contrary to society and the media's portrayal of women as "recipients of domestic violence...epidemiological surveys on the distribution of violent behavior between adult partners suggest gender parity."

Once Feminism turned the corner and sought to change the concept of maleness and femaleness, things began to deteriorate quickly.

According to psychologist Dr. Helen Smith, Feminism began to teach women to essentially shed most of their female attributes.

"Feminism taught the current generation of young women to unsex themselves," said Smith. "The reason they were taught to unsex themselves is because the Second Wave Feminists believed that femininity is inferior to masculinity."
...
To be clear, Feminists created a huge paradigm shift in society, and then began to blame men for the poor results, which include a sharp decline in the marriage rate, and a sharp incline in domestic violence initiated by women.'

Heeled men march against violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'As students walk through the quad at this time of year, we are reminded by the men of the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity to take a stand against domestic violence. And every year, we trace our hands onto the board and write our name, pledging that "these hands don't hurt."

In 2004, Men Today Men Tomorrow, MT2, was created by a group of men who wanted to take a stand in violence against women. The MT2 message is simple: Respect women. The group hopes to bring awareness to men today and serve as role models for the younger male generation, educating boys and young men to respect women.'

USA Today: More parents share the workload when mom learns to let go

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Equality is gaining ground at homes across the USA, but the move toward parity leaves some mothers in a quandary; they're ready to share the workload with their partners, but to do that, they'll also have to come to terms with the loss of hierarchy at home.

"Women who want to create this sometimes don't appreciate the level at which they must let go," says Amy Vachon of Watertown, Mass. She and her husband, Marc, have become the standard-bearers for a philosophy called "equally shared parenting."'

Megan Fox on men: "I just don't like them or trust them."

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" actress and her two co-stars in life -- Have you seen the new trailer? It's all about her breasts -- are the subject of much attention for both Elle's June cover and Esquire magazine's Day in the Life pictorial.

For the female readers of Elle, Fox shares that, "I've lived the life of a 35-year-old since I was 18. I'm so suspicious of boys-slash-men. I just don't like them or trust them."'

Opinion: Don’t forget victims of false rape accusations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Unfortunately, much of the “awareness” raised about a crime that victimizes all too many women is unnecessarily politicized and factually incorrect. For reasons that have nothing to do with aiding rape victims and everything to do with advancing a larger political agenda, too many of the persons who dominate the public discourse about sexual assault feel it is necessary to insist that false rape claims are a myth.

We write for one of the few websites in America devoted exclusively to giving voice to the persons wrongly accused of sexual assault, The False Rape Society.

False rape claims are America’s taboo epidemic, and we chronicle news of false rape claims on a daily basis. We receive heart-wrenching emails, especially from mothers of young men who have been falsely accused. One young man recently told us our website stopped him from committing suicide. That is an awful burden to put on one little website, but these people have nowhere else to turn.'

Woman charged with making false report of rape, abduction

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NORTON — Police arrested a 32-year-old woman they said made up a horrifying story of abduction and rape.

Jessica Smith of Doylestown in Wayne County told Norton police that a man abducted her at gunpoint from a gas station on April 9, took her to Akron and raped her for four days before releasing her. But police said after spending many hours investigating the story, they determined it never happened.

Smith was arraigned Wednesday before Barberton Municipal Judge Greg Macko on one count of making false alarms. If convicted, she faces up to one year in prison.

Police spent about 100 hours investigating her claims before concluding the story was made up. They were called to the emergency room at Akron City Hospital on April 12. '

Teacher Accused Of Sex With Teen Takes Plea Deal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'VIERA -- In Brevard County Tuesday, a former teacher who had sex with a student reached a plea deal with prosecutors that gives her prison time.

Under the deal, Janet Hughes, a former teacher at Jackson Middle School in Titusville, was sentenced to between one and six years in prison, and she will have to register as sex offender when she gets out.

Hughes was arrested two years ago after police said they caught her and a 16-year-old boy in a van outside a Titusville church.'

Defense Attorney For Female Teacher Accused Of Rape: "he's an advanced 14-year-old"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The case in favor of a teacher accused of having sex with a 14-year-old student emerged after a court appearance today.

"The charges in this case now don't fit the facts," said Rich Gallegos, defense attorney for Evelyne Bowers

Bowers, a math teacher at Bountiful Jr. High, appeared in district court in Farmington on charges of rape and forcible sodomy.

"There was no force. There wasn't even any deception as far as I'm concerned," attorney Gallegos said.

Bowers and another Bountiful Jr. High teacher, Linda Neff, are both accused of having sex with the same boy. But neither knew of the other's affair.

"In my opinion he's an advanced 14-year-old," Gallegos said.'

Moms Beware! Protect Your Adolescent Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The cycle of emotional and physical damage caused by this type of abuse will last a young boy's lifetime if not worked through in therapy. As a society, we have in the past chalked this behavior up to "young boys just getting lucky" and "I wish I had a teacher that wanted to have sex with me," but these are simply ill-informed statements with total disregard for the true fall-out for these boys.

First, you must know that the women who fall into the "Teacher/Lover" category of female sexual offenders are highly manipulative and groom their victims in a similar way to male sexual predators. They pick vulnerable kids who are looking for attention and approval that may seem lacking within their own home environment.

These women believe they have a "special bond" with the child and usually don't believe they have done anything wrong at all because it was "love." Her motives for the sexual offenses are to teach them sexually and obtain love and attention from the child.'

Oft-unreported: Men stoned to death in Iran for adultery

Matt · 5 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. You'll hear feminists complaining about how in the Middle East women get stoned to death for adultery. What many won't mention, or may not know, is that men do, too. Excerpt:

'TEHRAN (Reuters) - A man was stoned to death in Iran for adultery but the woman involved in the case repented, the judiciary said on Tuesday, suggesting her life was spared.

The Islamic Republic has been heavily criticized by the European Union, rights groups and the United Nations for stoning convicted criminals and there are official Iranian recommendations the practice should not occur.

Asked whether he could confirm that a man charged with adultery was stoned to death in the northern city of Rasht during the Iranian month that ended on March 20, judiciary spokesman Alireza Jamshidi told a news conference:

"What you said about stoning is correct. But the woman repented ... Among the instances in which the sentence is not performed is when there is a repentance by the individual involved."

Iranian media said the executed man was 30 years old.

According to Iran's Islamic penal code, men convicted of adultery should be buried up to their waists and women up to their chests for stoning. Stones used should not be large enough to kill the person immediately.

In January, Jamshidi said two men convicted of adultery were stoned to death the previous month in the city of Mashhad, but a third man escaped while the punishment was being carried out.'

Feminist Rule #5675: "Concerns over human rights abuses in the Middle East are limited in scope only to women. This is because men's human rights can't possibly get violated in such a place since 1) it is a PATRIARCHY and so by definition men's rights cannot be violated and 2) "human rights" should never be confused with "men's rights".

Teacher Charged With 'Sex' With 10-YO Boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM (WTVD) -- A Creekside Elementary teacher's assistant charged with having sex with a student made her first court appearance Thursday morning.

The Durham Police Department says Gina Marie Watring, 40, had intercourse with the child on at least two occasions in April - the first, three weeks ago and a second last Tuesday. It would not comment about where the incidents happened.

A source told Eyewitness News the victim is a 10-year-old boy.'

"The human side of a man-hating feminist"

Anonymous · 6 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Famous misandrist Marilyn French is dead. Here is an amusing attempt to defend her in the Times of London. Excerpt:

'Yet she was human, and not unloving: her anger against patriarchy was mingled with a real pity for the “dumb, grey, mute” men equally trapped by stereotype and expectation. And so they are - or were, although the softening of the modern male ideal in Western society should please her: the gentle fathers, woman-friendly employers, emotionally open gay men. From interviews I have read I am not sure that, as her life drew to its end, she saw or accepted the rate of change in such men, even as a minority. But she was an intellectual and academic historian, and knew that centuries of culture do not evaporate overnight.

Her vision, skewed and rhetorically extreme though it is, still has its uses. The Women's Room is not a book I'd pick up again, but Beyond Power still has things to say to a generation about to plunge into a nasty recession in which the weakest (often the ones with the wombs) will be shoved to the wall.'

BBC News Magazine asks: "Are there women paedophiles?"

Broadsword · 6 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Over the years we've had lots of men abused by mothers, sisters, aunties and baby sitters," says Mr Bevan.

"It's hard enough for adult men to admit abuse but to admit to abuse by a woman is even harder because it challenges their masculinity, it challenges their sexuality."

Women can commit a wide range of sexual offences, he says, including rape. And their victims commonly experience sexual confusion and a fear of intimacy. Anger can manifest itself as violence towards a wife or girlfriend in later life."

...

"Experts agree that women commit only a fraction of child sexual abuse but so much is hidden that it's difficult to be accurate. An influential study in the US in the 1980s suggested 20% of all offences against boys and 5% against girls were by women."

Finally! DV Against a man addressed in a "Dear Abby" column

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I have to give credit to Dear Abby for featuring a man being abused by his wife and encouraging him to seek help. Column here. Excerpt:

'DEAR ABBY: My wife thinks it's funny when she hits me. The other day I was splitting some wood and decided to take a break. I began driving golf balls into the field. She came out, grabbed the club out of my hands and whacked me in the leg with it. When I asked her why, she said, "Get back to work!" and started laughing. I was left with a large welt and a big bruise.
...
DEAR FRUSTRATED: Why are you afraid to speak your mind? Are you afraid she'll hit you again? Your wife has a sadistic sense of humor and enjoys seeing you in pain. Unless you draw the line, she will cause you serious injury.

Regardless of how much you love her, for your own safety you should get the heck out of there. What you have described is a form of spousal abuse, and it will escalate. That's why I'm urging you to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline. The toll-free number is (800) 799-7233. The counselors there offer guidance to women AND men who are being abused by their spouse or partner.'

"Missing feminists"

Matt · 6 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

From Jeremy S., an oldie but a goodie entitled "Missing feminists". First I have ever seen it so it's new to me. :) I think you'll enjoy it. Essay here. Excerpt:

'A few years ago a guy had to be on guard when randomly chatting with a woman in this town. Conversations frequently erupted into gender-political disputes without warning. You'd be treated to a whole report on the ways in which you were to blame for oppressing women, through pornography and lipstick and breast implants and stuff.

It seems to happen less often now. Some say the world has dumbed down, but if we've traded shrill ideology for dumbness, I'll take that deal.
...
Once, at a party, a bunch of girls on a sofa 20 feet away were giggling at a friend and me. We hadn't met. They were laughing because one proposed our castration. The girl now works at the CBC.

I rang up Jeffrey Asher to ask whatever happened to the golden era of the gender war...

"In the early '80s, feminism changed from a human rights movement to a single sex movement where the lunatic fringe took over the centre," he says...
...
Asher's struggle seems logical. But as a man it's hard to begrudge a group I'm biologically programmed to like. Besides, who cares what they teach at university? And most guys can survive chances of some random occasional guilt trip as the price for female company.

If all of those quarrels and arguments were about allowing women the equal privilege of pushing paper in cubicles, I really have no objections to that.'

Office of Men's Health proposal makes government news - please contact your rep and voice support

Matt · 7 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 1991, Congress created the Office on Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). But don't men face health issues, too? Yes they do, and U.S. Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA, 18th), has introduced a bill that would address men's health by establishing the HHS Office of Men's Health.

According to Rep. Murphy, his "Men and Families Health Care Act of 2009" (H.R. 2115), would raise the public's awareness of health problems affecting men, and ways to detect and prevent them. ..."For too long the health needs of men have gone unaddressed. This bill will help men's health take its rightful place in our federal government's healthcare priorities."'

This is very important because such an office will open up the matter of men's well-being as such to government involvement. Aside from the VA, the idea of focusing on men's well-being is completely missing from the US government's history of legislative efforts (unless it comes with strings attached, such as risking life and limb in defense of the country). Please take the time to contact your Congressional representative and voice your support for this bill. This is a rare opportunity, we cannot let it just pass us by.

GovTrack.us is a very good resource for all kinds of activism that is seeking legislative changes. The entry for this particular bill is here. Currently this bill is in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. The members are listed here. You know what to do!

UK: Harriet "Harperson" Harman: I'll put women in charge of banks

Broadsword · 7 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Harriet Harman wants to use controversial new equality laws to pack the boards of nationalised banks with women.Labour's deputy leader is determined to boost the proportion of female workers in the financial sector and end what she calls 'pay discrimination' in the City.
...
She said last night that legal powers championed by her to discriminate in favour of minorities could help achieve her ambition. Some women MPs have claimed that the 'testosterone-fuelled' financial meltdown could have been avoided if there had been more women in decision-making positions.
...
'Sometimes we have to take scary methods in order to achieve worthwhile results,' she told a mainly female audience.

'It is about saying, "because you are a woman I'm going to put you in this promotion".'

She claimed that because women generally remained homemakers, the recession caused them to fear not only for their own jobs, but also for their husband's, for their children's futures, and for elderly relatives.

'We have to worry more than men and we are definitely worrying more about the recession than men are,' she said."'

Why the Graduation Crisis in our Cities Affects All Americans

Matt · 7 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As the United States battles several threats including an economic crisis and a possible public health pandemic, it's important to remember that we are experiencing a "silent epidemic" that poses the greatest threat to our long-term economic strength and even our national security.

Today only about half (53%) of the young people in our nation's 50 largest cities graduate from high school, and in the time it takes to read this, another U.S. teenager will have dropped out. In fact, 1.2 million students drop out annually. That's 7,000 each school day, one every 26 seconds. The statistics are even more startling for students of color—less than half graduate on time.

We see the real depth of this disparity when we compare urban schools with their suburban counterparts. On average, suburban schools report graduation rates that are 18 percentage points higher.'

I posted the following comment; we'll see if it gets published:

"What the author is failing to mention is that the majority, and ever-more increasingly as time goes on, of the dropouts are boys (see: http://ftp.iza.org/dp3216.pdf, page 20 of the document, and figs XIV and XV on the last 2 pages of the .pdf file. That's just up through ~1985. It's gotten a lot worse since then.). What we're seeing is the creation of a huge underclass of men, while the graduation rate for women from colleges and universities is sitting firmly at 70% and the dropout rate for men from colleges is just over twice that of women (see http://www.weeklystandard.com/Content/Public/Articles/000/000/006/531ffoaa.asp ; here's the math: 58/42 = 0.724; 60/40 = 0.666; 0.724 - 0.666 = .058)

The future is not only not bright vis-a-vis education in general but also when speaking of society at large. The fastest way to cause a society to fall apart is to neglect the level of education that men have. Arguably it is the difference between maintaining civilization itself and watching it slip away. A world where most men you may come across are underemployed and undereducated is not a good world to be living in, and eventually not a very safe one; most men (and women, too) who commit violent crimes are un- or under-educated. This is not a mere statistical correlation."

Victims of restraining order abuse: contact Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly

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From RADAR:

Glenn Sacks of Fathers & Families has asked that victims of restraining orders based on a false allegation of domestic violence e-mail David Yas, Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly publisher, and let him know about it.

If you are such a victim or know of one, please see to it that Mr. Yas finds out about it (in a polite way, of course). You can email him by clicking here. Glenn requests you "write a Letter to the Editor of the Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly and send it to Henriette Campagne at henriette.campagne-at-lawyersweekly.com. Please keep the letters short and to the point."

Thanks.

Feminist quotations and definitions

Matt · 8 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Via Jeremy S. In case some you were still unaware of the depth of hate and intent of the other side take a good look at what you are all up against. Listing here. Excerpt:

'This brief collection is merely indicative.

"I believe that women have a capacity for understanding and compassion which a man structurally does not have, does not have it because he cannot have it. He's just incapable of it." -- Former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan

"All men are rapists and that's all they are" -- Marilyn French, Author, "The Women's Room"

"I feel that 'man-hating' is an honorable and viable political act, that the oppressed have a right to class-hatred against the class that is oppressing them." -- Robin Morgan, MS. Magazine Editor
...
FROM 'A Feminist Dictionary', ed. Kramarae and Treichler, Pandora Press, 1985

*MALE: ... represents a variant of or deviation from the category of female. The first males were mutants... the male sex represents a degeneration and deformity of the female.

*MAN: ... an obsolete life form... an ordinary creature who needs to be watched ... a contradictory baby-man ...

*TESTOSTERONE POISONING: ... 'Until now it has been though that the level of testosterone in men is normal simply because they have it. But if you consider how abnormal their behavior is, then you are led to the hypothesis that almost all men are suffering from "testosterone poisoning."
...
"Who cares how men feel or what they do or whether they suffer? They have had over 2000 years to dominate and made a complete hash of it. Now it is our turn. My only comment to men is, if you don't like it, bad luck -- and if you get in my way I'll run you down."

Signed: Liberated Woman, Boronia Herald-Sun, Melbourne, Australia - 9 February 1996'

NYTimes: "Women Bullying Women at Work"

Anonymous · 9 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

The New York Times printed an article which speculates about the reasons why women often bully other women in the workplace.

'During this downturn, as stress levels rise, workplace researchers say, bullies are likely to sharpen their elbows and ratchet up their attacks.

It's probably no surprise that most of these bullies are men, as a survey by the Workplace Bullying Institute, an advocacy group, makes clear. But a good 40 percent of bullies are women. And at least the male bullies take an egalitarian approach, mowing down men and women pretty much in equal measure. The women appear to prefer their own kind, choosing other women as targets more than 70 percent of the time.
...
Leadership specialists wonder, are women being "overly aggressive" because there are too few opportunities for advancement? Or is it stereotyping and women are only perceived as being overly aggressive? Is there a double standard at work?'

Of course, the article doesn't consider the obvious: That women bully others because they are more or less the same as men, and that it's only sexist to imagine that women, as a group, would be free of any particular failing that affects men as a group. Some men are bullies, and some women are bullies, too. This shouldn't surprise anyone.

UK: If women ruled the world...

anthony · 10 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Harriet Harman suggested last week that she might use her proposed Equalities Bill to get more women into positions of power in Britain's banks. The Bill will allow employers to practise "positive action", by choosing a female candidate over an equally well-qualified male. Since this is something that everyone is free to do already, without explicitly saying so, it sounds to me like legislation of the status quo. Feel free to employ a woman – or not, if you prefer.
...
Women are not chaste vessels of virtue, in matters of money or anything else. You only need to be one to know that. We may lack the testosterone surges that make little boys delight in smashing each other with sticks, but we are born – and remain – every bit as competitive, cruel and egotistical as them.

The myth that women are the less aggressive sex is disproved every day, in ordinary social intercourse. Introduce a room full of men to each other and they will quickly find a common interest – usually sport – around which to bond. Introduce a room full of women and they will circle round each other like hungry lionesses, trying to decide who should be admitted to the pride and who should be eaten for dinner.'

UK: Court case threatens women-only cab firm

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Its lurid pink cars and women drivers were launched to provide a safe and hassle-free service for women of all ages worried about getting into taxis driven by men.

But the women-only cab company Pink Ladies is being threatened with closure after its founders were taken to court this week by Warrington council in Cheshire and charged with operating an unlicensed private hire company.

The Warrington-based firm, which was launched four years ago, said it could close if the council won its case because if they registered under the taxi licensing system, sex discrimination laws would force its drivers to pick up male customers.

"We will fight this all the way to the high court," co-founder Andrea Winders said yesterday. "We are not a taxi service. We are a unique organisation. We do not fit within current legislation, therefore Warrington council has decided to issue court proceedings against us personally."

UK: Women only hear properly when gossiping or eavesdropping

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than two thirds of women admitted that a gossip with friends is the only time they are properly listening to what is being said.

The same percentage think they hear most intently when they are trying to eavesdrop on an argument taking place nearby.

Only half of men said they only hear properly when gossiping, while four in 10 admitted to listening closely to other people's conversations.

The poll of 2,000 people also found that more than one in five men reckon they always listen carefully to every word, and while less than one in five of women said the same.

Ladies are also most likely to switch off when listening to their work colleagues, with the average woman catching what they say just 64 per cent of the time.'

Not for women only: Male victims of domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence happens to men, too. While statistics show that it is more common against women, nearly 8 percent of heterosexual men and more than 15 percent of gay men are assaulted by a date or intimate partner during their lives.

Domestic violence is also called intimate partner violence or abuse. It can occur in any relationship. A wife can abuse her husband. Same-sex partners can also be victims. This type of abuse often starts in milder forms when a couple is dating. It can continue into long-term relationships and marriages.

It's often difficult for victims of abuse to report their partner. As an abused man, you might also fear ridicule or disbelief. But domestic violence of any kind is not just personally devastating, it's also a crime.

A common part of domestic violence is control. The abuser will try to control his or her partner with threats of -- or actual -- physical, emotional, sexual or financial harm. Domestic violence may start with verbal abuse or gestures like slamming doors. These early signs are not always recognized as a problem. But controlling and violent gestures typically get worse and more frequent.'

Ambrose: Only a woman for Supreme Court vacancy?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Supreme Court Justice David Souter is retiring, President Barack Obama will soon nominate a successor, and the cry is that it be a woman because, you know, it would be just dreadful otherwise.

Why, if Obama nominated a man, the next thing you know we would be back in the caves, yanking women by their hair, banging them on the head with clubs and forgetting every advance made against drooling, brute male oppressiveness.

Or maybe not. Some of us suspect that ours could very well continue to be a just, rights-respecting republic even if a highly qualified, capable male somehow sneaked past liberal watchfulness to fill Souter's vacancy. In our view, improvements in women's status would then shrink nary a millimeter.'

UK: Women only parking bays backed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'IS this women-friendly car park Britain's best-kept secret?

Bolton council decided in 2002 to introduce `ladies only' bays at the town's Bow Street car park.

The ground-floor spaces are well lit and close to the multi-storey's security checkpoint.

Officials say they provide reassurance and make sure women feel safe when they return to their cars.

And customers we spoke to were quick to give them their seal of approval.

But despite their success in Bolton it appears as though the idea has failed to catch on with the rest of the region.'

Tulsa Woman Falsely Reported Rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TULSA, OK -- It turns out a report from a woman found under a porch was mostly false. The woman had claimed she was kidnapped and raped. Tulsa Police say much of her story was a lie and they are frustrated they spent so much time and effort on the case.

The story was heart-wrenching and scary all at the same time. A man and his mother found a woman crying out for help underneath their porch. She told them and police she'd been walking when she was kidnapped, held for two days and sexually assaulted inside a nearby house.

Police say she wasn't kidnapped. Several witnesses confirm the man picked her up at her home. Detectives say they can also prove she wasn't assaulted inside the home, either. The man involved, saw the story on the news and went to police before they even called him.
...
Advocate groups estimate only 2% are false, but police departments believe it's much higher, in some places, half or more. Detectives don't usually make a big deal out of it because they don't want real victims to be reluctant to come forward.'

Former teacher gets probation for 'sex' with student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BELVIDERE — A former Belvidere High School teacher and volleyball coach was sentenced to probation today for having sex with a 15-year-old student in December 2007.

Loren Leoni, 25, was sentenced by Judge Joe McGraw at the Winnebago County Courthouse to 48 months of probation. She will undergo mandatory counseling and will register as a sex offender for the rest of her life.

“Sending her to prison isn’t going to restore him to the boy he was before this happened,” McGraw said in court while detailing the factors in his decision, which included a sex offender evaluation that said recidivism was unlikely.'

Lawyer blames bipolar disorder, 'mutual affection' for ex-Jupiter Christian teacher's 'sexting' case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WEST PALM BEACH — The former Jupiter Christian School teacher charged with sending sexually explicit messages to a 14-year-old student blamed her behavior on bipolar disorder.

Geneva Henry, 29, is accused of sending messages such as "I want to rip all your clothes off" and "I want to kiss you all over" to a student through a MySpace account over a two-month period beginning in December.

School administrators were made aware of the messages by at least one student.

Jupiter police said she admitted to school administrators that she sent inappropriate text messages and resigned her position as an English teacher after the allegations surfaced.

In an interview with police, she blamed her behavior on a medical condition. Her lawyer said her client told her she suffers from bipolar disorder.

"This was a shock to everybody who knows her," said her lawyer, Heidi Perlet. "Completely out of character. By all accounts she was a great mother, a good teacher and well liked by the community."

Former Holly teacher could face prison time after entering plea in 'sex' with students case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PONTIAC, Michigan -- A former Holly High School vocal music teacher could spend time behind bars for having sex with two students in her home and at the school.

Ranee S. Proper, 42, on Friday pleaded guilty to second-degree criminal sexual conduct before Oakland County Circuit Judge Edward Sosnick.

Under a plea agreement, five counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct -- which carries a mandatory prison term -- were dismissed. Proper, 42, could still face prison time, but Sosnick will have the option of giving her a lesser sentence under this plea. Proper will be sentenced June 3 at 1 p.m.
...
"If it was a male I think a male would have gotten a more strict penalty."
...
"Leniency is a good thing in this case, although I have to say she's in a position of trust as a teacher," he said.

"The boys are old enough to have some decision making but they are still minors."'

UK: Mother denied all access to her children due to PAS

Broadsword · 10 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A COURT has denied the former wife of a rich City financier all access to their three children after she was found to be turning them against him.

In an extraordinary ruling, the woman, who was also judged to be too indulgent a parent, has been legally barred from seeing her children for three years. She was jailed for approaching one of them in the street and telling him she loved him in breach of a court order. She is facing a possible return to jail this summer for posting a video about her plight on the internet.

The woman judge presiding over the case justified banning contact between the mother and her children because they were being placed in “an intolerable situation of conflict of loyalties resulting in them suffering serious emotional harm”.

During supervised visits with her, the children made serious allegations about their father which were later shown to be unfounded. Social workers believed the mother was either prompting them to make the claims or they were saying them just to please her."

Participate in survey on abused men

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Survey here. Main page reads:

'Thank you for agreeing to participate in this short survey, conducted by researchers from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Your participation is very important to us.

Our study examines how people choose to resolve interpersonal problems.

You are about to be presented with a short story describing a situation. After reading the story, you will be asked to answer a few multiple choice questions regarding how you would deal with the situation.

The survey is anonymous, and all your answers will be kept confidential. Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you may exit the webpage at any time. The survey should not take more a few minutes to complete.

Please only complete the survey once.

Thank you very much!'

Editorial Response: University was right to cancel Women's Studies program

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rather than home economics, in the minds of most people I know women's studies means militant, obnoxious feminism that is filled with man-hate and rubbish/rot academic courses preached to the closed ranks of a male-bashing all-female choir.

Unfortunately, what started as a good idea with noble aims was politicized by radical elements to become a female version of a good-old-boys club.
...
In short, women's studies programs in most U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities have become radicalized, exclusionary, impractical, and dangerously self-isolated. That is a recipe for demise. Women's studies does NOT allow us to evaluate the world through women's experience because it does not reflect the attitudes, beliefs and lives of a great majority of women in this world.'

America's Reading Gender Gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The good news is that reading scores for 9 and 13-year-olds are the highest ever according to results released this week from the 2008 National Assessment of Educational Progress.

The bad news is that boys trail girls in reading performance at all age levels. The gap at age 9 is 8 points, at age 13 is 8 points, and at age 17 is 11 points. This is not a new trend—boys have been scoring lower than girls on U.S. Department of Education reading tests for more than 30 years.

The reading gender gap spans every racial and ethnic group, and categorically finds boys underperforming girls regardless of income, disability, or English-speaking ability.'

Still too few male teachers? Many grades see small percentage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Educators are expressing concerns about the trend, which is backed up by National Education Association reports showing that only one in five public school teachers are men, with that number being even more disproportionate (one in nine) for elementary school educators.

An NEA report formulated using survey information from education departments in all 50 states estimates there are 785,151 male teachers in public elementary and secondary schools across the nation, compared to 2.4 million women counterparts.

...

She also suggests having middle and high school male students be encouraged to job shadow teachers to help steer them into a possible career in the classroom.

"It is an unfortunate truth that men commit the majority of violence in our country, often toward each other. Until we demonstrate that men can teach, be productive and help our children succeed, everyone will lose," Washington wrote.'

The Future of Men Panel and Breakfast: May 27, 2008 at NYU Steinhardt

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Story here. Excerpt:

'As male students decline in proportion in almost every field across US undergraduate and graduate/professional schools, little attention has been devoted to systematically exploring the causes of this trend; or, in an age in which education is vitally important, its implications for men's roles in American society, culture, economics, and politics more generally. This breakfast discussion, involving practitioners and a range of academics from NYU and elsewhere, will help launch such a sustained investigation of these vital themes. The breakfast will include an announcement regarding forthcoming fellowships for scholars focusing on men's studies and related issues.'

Mother who left baby in the cold should not go to jail, court told

Matt · 10 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Regina woman who left her baby in a stroller in the bitter cold has changed for the better, according to presentations made during a sentencing hearing on Friday.

Natacha Araya, 22, should not be behind bars according to submissions from both the Crown prosecutor and defence lawyer on the case.

Araya had already pleaded guilty to failing to provide the necessities of life after leaving her six-month-old son inside a baby stroller on a Regina sidewalk on a winter night.

It was 1:10 in the morning of Feb. 28, 2008, with a temperature of –20 C, according to information provided to the court on Friday.

Court was told how Araya was seen struggling to make her way as she pulled a stroller along a snow-clogged street, at one point dragging the baby carrier behind her like a sled.'

RADAR ALERT: Judge Judy Tells False Accuser: "You Didn't Play Fair!"

Matt · 11 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

The Honorable Judith Sheindlin has made it clear that the no-nonsense judge will not tolerate the manipulation of the judicial system by litigants who try to use restraining orders and false allegations of domestic violence to their advantage.

During the April 30, 2009 episode of Judge Judy, Her Honor told her audience of 10 million people that the female defendant was not about to "put one over" on her. "That's how well I know your game," she told the defendant. "... you may get over on a judge tomorrow, but you're not getting over on me today ... I am going to tell you what you did wrong ... you didn't play fair!"

This episode can be viewed at YouTube: Part 1 and part 2.

Judge Judy is viewed by 10 million people daily. That is a quick and efficient way to spread the word to the masses that the this type of abuse should not and will not be tolerated.

Contact the producers of Judge Judy and let them know how important cases such as the one above really are by going to http://www.judgejudy.com/your_opinions.php.

Then contact your local legislator and let them know that even Judge Judy and her audience of 10 million people are aware that false allegations of domestic violence and the overt abuse of restraining orders are "not fair."

As always, please remember to be polite.

To find your Representative's contact information go to http://www.house.gov/ and enter your zip code in the upper left corner.

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Date of RADAR Release: May 11, 2009

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

Appeal for support for Irish MRA Mike Murphy

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Via Jeremy S.: A very brave Irish Journalist, Kevin Meyers, who wrote the two columns below and has coined the term “Lifeboat Feminists” may be subjected to a negative email campaign by feminists who oppose his writing style. He has requested letters to his editor to provide him support independent.letters-at-independent.ie, kmyers-at-independent.ie

I think all of you could understand a man writing this would be subject to a great deal of hate mail. As Barbara Kay, a Canadian female journalist, who writes about similar subjects, points out not many editors would allow their male columnists to continue dealing with these topics under the circumstances. I am asking the MRAs so inclined to write a letter to his editor as shown in his email and mine already completed, to provide solace and encouragement to Kevin. We are not likely see this kind of writing by a man in North America very often, if at all. Links to his articles with respect to feminists are ">here and here and in the columns.

Of note Una Hardester’s mother now has a blogspot blog with a statement to the press on the circumstances surrounding the false allegations. It is here.

Kevin Meyers writes:

Sorry to add to your burdens, and I am extremely grateful for your support, but I have just learnt that a major e-mail campaign against me is being organised on this issue.

If you wish, I would be grateful if you would contact your like-minded friends – and their like-minded friends, and theirs also, and so on - and ask them to publicly agree with me at letters-at-independent.ie. Your choice, naturally.

Fathers' group urges changes to laws

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Article here. Excerpt:

'UTICA — Local advocates for the rights of fathers are asking New York Governor David Paterson to form a human rights commission to look at what they call unfair treatment of fathers in divorce proceedings in the state.

“I am calling upon you to assemble a non-partisan commission of New York residents to study and remedy ongoing violations of human rights in our domestic relations courts,” National League of Fathers Director John Kalil Jr. said in a letter to Paterson dated Monday.

He cited what he termed “the systematic removal of mainstream fathers from the lives of their children,” and said the way the laws are structured now create a financial incentive for governments to perpetuate the system.

Laws relating to custody and child support are often biased toward mothers, New Hartford resident Kalil said.

Utica-based lawyer, Leon Koziol who is the organization’s attorney, agreed.

“They are bankrupting fathers and forcing them out of their children’s lives,” he said.'

UK: Girl faked town centre rape story

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Story here.

'AN 18-year-old girl who claimed she had been dragged into a town centre alley and raped, made up the story, it has been revealed.

Detectives say the complaint was false and is no longer being investigated.

The girl could face prosecution for wasting police time.

She claimed she had been dragged into the alley off Bradshawgate at around 2.30am after a night out on Saturday, May 2.

Police launched a hunt for her attacker and cordoned off the area. They also appealed to a mystery "Good Samaritan" to come forward. The girl claimed he had disturbed the rapist, and then escorted her home.

Police reviewed CCTV cameras in the area and found no sign of the incident taking place.'

Report of rape along jogging trail turns out to be false

anthony · 12 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A report about a rape along a jogging trail in an unincorporated part of Santa Ana was found to be false today after investigators interviewed the woman for the third time, authorities said.

Authorities with the Orange County Sheriff's Department were preparing to release a sketch Thursday of a man described by the woman to investigators. But during the third interview of the woman Thursday, investigators found that the report had been falsified, said Jim Amormino spokesman for the Sheriff's Department.

"She made it up," he said.'

Woman fakes rape, burglary

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Story here. Excerpt:

'STOCKTON, Ala. -- A Baldwin County woman duct-taped her 2-year-old son and herself in an effort to make it look like her house had been burglarized and she had been raped, according to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office.

The woman later confessed that it was all a lie, and she was arrested, Sheriff's spokesman Maj. Anthony Lowery said.

The woman, identified as Tonya Yolanda McRae, 27, called for help Thursday morning.

She told deputies that someone broke into her Stockton home and raped her.

Lowery said several aspects of her statement led deputies to suspect that her story was untrue.

After a rape test came back negative, Lowery said, McRae admitted that she made the story up.'

Ignoramus parents harming child/parent relationships

FramedFather · 12 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'Lately I have been getting quite a few emails from parents (mostly fathers of course) who are asking what to do about their ex's not complying with parenting plan final orders, such as; not allowing full visitation, not allowing phone calls, etc.

Some of these parents are telling me they are going to their local courthouses and asking for help or contacting certain court officials seeking help only to be told, "sorry, can't help ya".

Well, they are not blowing smoke in your face, they can't help you nor do they want to help you. Most attorneys won't help you either nor really want to get involved, unless of course you throw thousands of dollars down on the table first. Even then they will grab your money and put it in their bank account and slowly forget about you. Why should they be concerned, it's not their life or their children they are fighting for.'

New York plans to charge homeless for shelter space

Matt · 12 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

From Jeremy S.: Today I can guarantee an uptick in DV and Child Abuse allegations, specifically in New York .

Pulling out a 1997 New York law, Homeless shelters are going to start charging the homeless parts of their incomes in order to live in homeless shelters.

Domestic violence shelters do not do this!

Document EVERYTHING, if you are on rocky ground in your relationship...if you are about to lose your home, if you have an abusive partner/spouse...you could be a target for false allegations...but not in the normal 80 percent range now. I expect that reports of Domestic Violence will surge, over four hundred percent or more during this time of economic crisis, in any place where homeless people are being charged parts of their income in order to live in a homeless shelter. Excerpt:

'The Bloomberg administration has quietly begun charging rent to homeless families who live in publicly run shelters but have income from jobs.

The new policy is based on a 1997 state law that was not enforced until last week, when shelter operators across the city began requiring residents to pay a certain portion of their income. The amount varies based on factors that include family size and what shelter is being used, but should not exceed 50 percent of a family's income, a state official said.

Vanessa Dacosta, who earns $8.40 an hour as a cashier at Sbarro, received a notice under her door several weeks ago informing her that she had to give $336 of her approximately $800 per month in wages to the Clinton Family Inn, a shelter in Hell's Kitchen where she has lived since March.

"It's not right," said Ms. Dacosta, a single mother of a 2-year-old who said she spends nearly $100 a week on child care. "I pay my baby sitter, I buy diapers, and I'm trying to save money so I can get out of here. I don't want to be in the shelter forever."'

False DV story leads to officer's death while liar remains remorseless

Anonymous · 12 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Disturbing story out of Vegas about the death of a police officer in a car accident who was responding to a false domestic violence call from a 14 year old girl. The girl shows no remorse for her actions. Excerpt:

'Karen stopped her and put a hand on her shoulder.

"I'm going to tell you something," Karen said. "You know that night, with you and your father? That night that you had called is the night that police officer died because he was coming to your phone call. But we're going to stop at that."

Her daughter blinked.

"I'm hungry. Did you eat my doughnut?"'

Gender-bending chemical timebomb fear for boys' fertility

Broadsword · 13 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Chemicals in food, cosmetics and cleaning products are 'feminising' unborn boys and raising their risk of cancer and infertility later in life, an expert warns today.

Professor Richard Sharpe, one of Britain's leading reproductive biologists, says everyday substances are linked to soaring rates of birth defects and testicular cancer, and to falling sperm counts.

The government adviser's report published today is the most detailed yet into the threat posed to baby boys by chemicals that block the action of the male sex hormone testosterone, or mimic the female sex hormone oestrogen.
...
Doctors are concerned about rising levels of birth defects, with 7 per cent of British boys born with partially descended testes and seven in 1000 with malformed genitals.

The latest estimates indicate that one in six men in the UK has a low sperm count and will struggle to father a child.

And the number of testicular cancer cases among men in their 20s and 30s has been doubling every 25 years.
...
In repeated experiments, testosterone-disrupting chemicals found in pesticides, drugs, plastics and household products created symptoms of TDS (Testicular Dysgenesis Syndrome) in laboratory animals. Some of the experiments showed that the chemicals work in combination - causing problems at doses where the individual chemicals should be harmless."

New Student Organization at U of Chicago: “Men In Power'

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NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION “MEN IN POWER” DEBUTS AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Male Advocacy Group—Only of Its Kind in America—Provides Pre-Professional and Social Opportunities to All; Angers Some

The demographics of American colleges are changing, females now representing 58 percent of graduating students. According to third-year Men in Power president Steve Saltarelli, the presently male-dominated corporate environment is a reflection of the nature of the educational landscape 30 years prior, with workplace gender-dynamics bound to change in the coming generations. At University of Chicago, there are twelve female-oriented advocacy groups, but none to prepare men for this change; until now. After a satirical editorial in the Chicago Maroon, the school’s newspaper, birthed the idea, Men in Power has gathered steam, amassing 125 members on campus and becoming a Registered Student Organization. Some university groups and students, however, aren’t thrilled about their new peer, whom they see as misogynistic.

The article exhibits some of this resistance. A poster identified only as “Hannah” says, “Men: 51% of US workforce, 97% of fortune 500 CEOs.” Other comments decry the group as “bashful and naive sexism”.

The editorial, Saltarelli insists, is satire, and as a group Men in Power will operate on the highest plane of professionalism and inclusivity. The organization is composed of five groups, three of which are pre-professional (Business, Pre-Law, Pre-Med), complementing the group’s Outreach and Events wings. Men in Power includes numerous female members, including its Head of Outreach, third-year Liz Scoggin.

Men in Power is currently looking to establish alumni ties and contact with professional leaders in the Chicago-land area. They hope to hold their first campus-wide event before the academic year ends in June.

Men in Power at the University of Chicago seeks to equip an enterprising group of young men with the tools, knowledge, and connections they will need to become future leaders in their respective fields of business, law, healthcare, and politics.

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If you’d like more information about this topic, or would like to schedule an interview with any of Men in Power’s members, please contact Steve Saltarelli at MenInPowerChicago-at-gmail.com

Number Of Unwed Moms In U.S. Rising

anthony · 13 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(AP) The percentage of births to unmarried women in the United States has been rising sharply, but it's way behind Northern European countries, a new U.S. report on births shows.

Iceland is the leader with 6 in 10 births occurring among unmarried women. About half of all births in Sweden and Norway are to unwed moms, while in the U.S., it's about 40 percent.

France, Denmark and the United Kingdom also have higher percentages than the United States, according to the report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.'

Shattering rampant abuse myths

Matt · 14 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine a world where ideology takes the place of truth and laws are rooted in dubious factoids from nowhere. That pretty much sums up the fact-challenged, hysteria-mongering domestic violence industry that is propped up by $1 billion of federal money each year.

Industry ideologues are loathe to admit the fact, but they truly believe the cause of partner abuse is patriarchal oppression. Not convinced? Just take it on the authority of feminist Gloria Steinem who once made this randy claim, "The patriarchy requires violence or the subliminal threat of violence in order to maintain itself."

In her now-famous PBS interview, Steinem expounded on her conspiracy-laced worldview: "It starts with the slippery slope of the supposition [of] gender that sexual relations between men and women are dominant-passive... And then it goes all the way up the scale to beatings, torture, [and] murder."

Victim Of False Rape Claim Eligible For Monetary Compensation

Luek · 14 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A man falsely accused of rape has been told he has grounds for compensation.

A tribunal in Taunton ruled Clive Bishop, of Walton, Somerset, can apply for compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA).

In 2007, Mr Bishop was falsely accused of rape by a woman who made up the allegation. She was given a 10-month prison sentence as a result.'

'Deadbeat Dads' protest update

Matt · 14 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Update from Glenn Sacks' newsletter here. Excerpt:

'Two weeks ago we launched a protest campaign against Lifetime's Deadbeat Dads.

Lifetime has received over 5,000 calls, letters, and faxes from our supporters, and our protest garnered press attention and the endorsements of nearly 200 mental health, family law and medical professionals, and other prominent citizens. We also drew support from the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), which advocates for low income families.

This campaign was an early, preemptive strike–if the show does air, it won't be for several months. We have made our point, and have decided to suspend the campaign against Deadbeat Dads. We will continue to monitor the situation, and if in the future we have good reason to believe that Lifetime will be going ahead with the show, we will renew our efforts. The campaign web page will remain up, as will all relevant information concerning the campaign.

Thanks to all of you who participated.'

CLASP Issues Devastating Critique of Private Child Support Collectors' Abuses

Matt · 14 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"[P]rivate collection agencies often fail to deliver any genuine services. Instead, they strip income from low and moderate-income families that could have been spent on housing, childcare, clothing and school expenses, or saved for their children's education. They trap custodial parents in perpetual contracts.

"They also exploit the child support indebtedness of low and moderate-income non-custodial parents through the use of predatory and abusive tactics that increase their debt levels and often destroy their credit histories and interfere with parenting relationships.

"A number of private child support companies bring to the table a history of consumer complaints, bar association ethics complaints, and litigation filed against them."'

Megan Fox: "...men are so dirty that I'd never want to sleep with a girl who had slept with a man."

Matt · 14 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"I have no question in my mind about being bisexual.

"But I'm also a hypocrite.

"I would never date a girl who was bisexual, because that means they also sleep with men, and men are so dirty that I'd never want to sleep with a girl who had slept with a man."'

As I said in my previous post on her earlier comments about how she "hates men", boycott this woman. Do not do anything that may lend to her cash-flow. She is a misandrist of the worst kind and is at the same time making her living off of men.

Newsweek: 'Bringing Up Baby in the Big House'

anthony · 15 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A prison may not seem like the best place to raise infants. But researchers are finding that it's better than the alternative. Joseph Carlson, a criminal-justice professor at the University of Nebraska at Kearney who recently completed a 10-year study, says he thought such programs were "strange" when he began his research. Now he thinks they're "a win-win situation" for mothers and babies—and reduce crime by helping inmates to reform. Carlson also believes such programs can help "stop the generational cycle" in which children of inmates become criminals themselves. "Our goal is that the child will feel loved, the mother will stay out of prison herself and thus will hopefully strive to keep the child out of prison," says Carlson, whose study will be published this spring by the journal Corrections Compendium.
...
Some prison guards aren't sympathetic toward the women. They make snide remarks that children don't belong in jail. That attitude angers Toomer, who admits to loving "fast money" but wants to get a college degree when she gets out. "I don't look at it as the babies doing time," she says, "because all the baby knows is they're with their mother and that's where children prefer to be."'

Former Teacher Who Had Sex With Student Avoids Jail Again

anthony · 16 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'VOLUSIA COUNTY, Fla. -- A former Volusia County teacher who had sex with a student, but hasn't avoided children, still won't go to prison for her crime. Cynthia Horvath was given probation in her sex case, but then she violated that probation by chatting online with a boy.

Horvath had a hearing Wednesday at the Volusia County courthouse for violating her probation. What was at stake here was the former cheerleading coach could have gone straight to prison for at least three years.

But what it came down to was, when she was on the Facebook web site, did she really believe she was communicating with a 16-year-old boy? The state couldn't prove that she did.'

Charge dropped in case of alleged false rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SPRINGFIELD, Mo. | Prosecutors have dropped their case against a Greene County woman accused of making a false rape claim that resulted in a massive investigation.

The Springfield News Leader reported on its Web site that the making a false report charge was dismissed Friday after prosecutors found that there was not enough evidence to prove that the woman's tale was fake.

The investigation began in July 2007 after deputies who responded to a call from the woman found her bound and partially nude behind a barn near her home.

Authorities spent hundreds of hours investigating before prosecutors charged the woman in July 2008. They alleged that she had injured and bound herself before calling police.'

Woman to be charged for false rape claim

anthony · 16 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 36-year-old woman had been arrested in Tembisa for perjury yesterday after laying a false charge of rape, Gauteng police said.

Captain Manyadza Ralidzhivha said the woman had opened a case of rape in February. She alleged that she had been raped by a pastor when she went to assist with tea at a church.

During investigations, police questioned her and she revealed that she had gone to the man's house, but that he had not raped her.'

Ireland: False rape report as bad as crime

anthony · 16 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The printed media is often accused of having a hidden agenda, or a pronounced political slant to one party or set of ideals. It is refreshing therefore to read Kevin Myers' contributions on the subject of gender in your publication.

His recent column on the Michael Hannon case (Irish Independent, May 5) highlighted the clear double standards that pressure groups have when the victim doesn't conform to their gender expectations.

Rape is a heinous crime, but just as we condemn and punish perpetrators, we should do so equally to those who falsely accuse men of this crime.

A few high-profile cases in the UK recently clearly highlighted that some people believe that the rape accusation itself is as much evidence as is needed.'

Man's car damaged by partner who had made false rape accusation

anthony · 16 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN who cried rape against her boyfriend later smashed his car window.

Adelyn Marsden continued her relationship with Graham Smith despite falsely accusing him of rape, Durham Crown Court heard.

She was given a suspended prison sentence for that offence in November of last year.
...
"The false allegation of rape was made in the heat of the moment, but she retracted it quickly afterwards.

"That may be why the court was able to suspend the sentence, which on the face of it does seem a lenient penalty for that type of offence.

"I have a letter from Mr Smith in which he says he forgives her and he still sees a future together for the pair of them."'

Dear diary: "I beat him again."

anthony · 16 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A 78-year-old Lynnwood woman has been charged with second-degree assault after she allegedly beat the tar out of her 84-year-old husband because she believed he was unfaithful, the Everett Herald is reporting.

The woman allegedly hit her husband with a bowl, a metal pipe and a carpet sweeper, which she documented in her diary.

"I beat him again," the woman wrote in the diary, which was recovered by police. "I told him it would be worth going to jail just to watch him bleed to death," she wrote.

A witness told police the woman believed her husband had an affair 35 years ago, according to court documents.'

Waco woman who sliced husband's neck given 10 years probation

anthony · 16 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Waco woman who sliced her boyfriend's throat in June and then married him in March was sentenced to 10 years of probation Tuesday.

A 54th State District Court jury of nine women and three men deliberated about an hour before granting Tasha Nicole Delao's request to be spared from prison in the assault of her husband, the father of her five children.

Delao, 29, pleaded guilty Monday to aggravated assault charges in a June 25 incident in which Archie McLeain was cut twice on the neck during an argument at her home in the 1000 block of Harlem Street. His wounds required 36 stitches, trial testimony showed.'

Edmonton cabbie sues passengers over false assault allegations

Matt · 16 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A veteran Edmonton taxi driver is speaking publicly about a civil lawsuit he filed last year against four young women who falsely accused him of sexual assault after travelling in his car three years ago.

"I just want to give those girls [a] lesson," Soner Yasa told CBC News. "We're so vulnerable as a cab driver."

The lawsuit, filed by Yasa in Edmonton's Court of Queen's Bench in April 2008, seeks nearly $250,000 in damages to cover emotional and mental distress. His allegations have not been proven in court. One of the four young women filed a statement of defence last month in which she admits to getting into Yasa's taxi but denies the rest of his allegations.'

UK Guardian: "Our prisons are failing women"

Proud_to_be_a_man · 17 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Poor wimmin who break the law should be spared prison. This 'Crook' woman is a complete and utter imbecile. Even the Guardian readers are making her look idiotic! Article here. Excerpt:

'In pay, pensions, politics and promotion, the gender gap is a disgrace. But in justice, women face a national scandal. A report published today by the Fawcett Society reveals a justice system that is "institutionally sexist". This is of no surprise to organisations such as the Howard League, which have long campaigned against the hopeless situation of women rotting in our prisons.

Today, as we sit outraged in our armchairs, 4,274 women and girls languish in our jails. These are not the dangerous criminals one might imagine, but often sad victims of circumstance and violence – often at the hands of men. More than half have been victims of domestic violence, a third have experienced sexual abuse, and 25% have been in care as children. Two-thirds of women in prison have dependent children under 18; of these, just one in 20 remain in their own home once their mother has been sentenced.

A sharp increase in the severity of sentencing has seen this number soar by 60% in a decade. Two-thirds of women are in for less than six months: these are damaged people in jail for petty offences. Women and children with mental health problems and addictions are then warehoused temporarily in our flooded and failing jails. Rotting in the security-driven prisons, which follow the rules designed for high security men's prisons, simply serves to exacerbate problems and will most likely lead to more serious and frequent reoffending on release. The idea that public protection is served by this vicious circle is not one many victims of crime would recognise.'

Read the whole thing (if you can stomach it) and then read the far more sensible comments from (gulp!) The Guardian readers.

She's done this before of course: Close down women's prisons

Pop-star's violent misandry in still music video fare

HumanistGirl · 17 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

In pop star Pink's new music video for Please Don't Leave Me, she is seen beating the living daylights out of some poor guy who appears to be in her clutches. I guess she wanted to do a sort of tongue-in-cheek sort of homage to "Misery". At the end, as the guy's being carried away on a gurney, the police are just hovering over her and at the very end she gives the camera a wink.

First of all, think about if the situation was in reverse. The video would probably not even see the light of day. Yet, it's perfectly okay to show a video by a popular FEMALE artist where she's beating up a man?

Secondly, consider that Pink is considered a role model for young girls. What message is this sending them? That it's perfectly okay to beat the hell out of some guy just to get him to stay?

Apparently, Pink believes that violence against men is not only okay, it's also a good ploy for selling records. Either way, I think it's messed up.

Girl Scouts Are Learning Feminism

anthony · 18 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When many parents think of Girl Scouts, they imagine young girls in uniform selling Thin Mints and Tagalong cookies – not learning about stone labyrinths, world peace, global warming, yoga, avatars, smudging incense, Zen gardens and feminist, communist and lesbian role models.

But that's exactly what many of 2.7 million Girl Scouts will learn about with a new curriculum called "Journeys" released last year.

...

They will be briefly introduced to Polish poet Anna Swir, known for her feminist and erotic poems, and Jane Addams, an ardent feminist and pacifist who received a Nobel Peace Prize.

...

In the next age group, for teens in the ninth and tenth grades, girls are taught about wage disparities between the sexes, and a lack of assets and senior management positions held by women.'

UK: Who’s to blame for our lost boys?

anthony · 18 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sadly, in a society low on trust and high on risk aversion, I can’t imagine many British men being prepared to volunteer as a role model. Our society’s growing “fear of boys” means that most older citizens now steer clear of youngsters. According to the Good Childhood Inquiry, the British are more wary of children and young people than any country in Europe. This fear runs alongside another distinctly unhealthy and widespread “fear of men”. A combination of feminist rhetoric and media obsession with paedophilia has turned every man into a potential child molester. In the words of one male interviewee, who gave up running an athletic club: “People think you’re a weirdo if you want to hang about with boys.” Indeed they do, to the extent that adults must now be cleared by the Criminal Records Bureau before even spending time in the same room as children.'

Teacher in sex case approached second boy

anthony · 18 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Henry County High School teacher who was arrested last month for having sex with a student allegedly approached another male student with intentions of having a similar relationship.

Sandra Kay Curtis, 36, of Camden, was charged with solicitation of a minor Tuesday and was arrested at the Henry County jail by Henry County Sheriff's Department Lt. Stan Pinson.

According to a press release from the Sheriff's Department, the charge stems from an ongoing investigation into the incident. Damon Lowe, director of the Sheriff's Department's Criminal Investigation Division, said this morning that Curtis allegedly approached a second male student in one of her classes, but that incident never went any further.

Curtis was originally arrested April 21 on three counts each of statutory rape by an authority figure and aggravated statutory rape for a relationship she had with a 16-year-old male student.'

Sexism against men is as evil as that suffered by women

anthony · 18 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I am often taken aback by how the gender discourse has become shorthand for women's issues. I suspect that there is someone out there who thinks "gender" is simply a more sophisticated name for what unlearned people refer to as "women".

That, perhaps, is why the so- called gender activists, who in reality are women's rights activists, have chosen to ignore the other slur from the idiotic Floyd Shivambu and his older alter ego, the secretary of the Umkhonto weSizwe veterans' association Ramatuku Maphutha.

It seems nobody made a big deal about the sexism against the men Helen Zille appointed to her Western Cape cabinet. I don't know whether those men are good at what they do, but to suggest that they got their positions in return for sexual favours is sexist in the extreme.'

UK: Man flu? It's we women who are the REAL sickly sex

anthony · 18 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Someone needs to speak up for men, so it had better be me. After years of being vilified for their shortcomings - be them in the kitchen, nursery or boudoir - men now stand accused of being the 'weaker' of the two sexes.

A new survey claims that men are not only more likely than women to become ill, they are also more likely to pull a 'sickie' in order to skive off work. Women, on the other hand, soldier on, aided by stronger immune systems.

Now, I am as suspicious of surveys as I am of political party manifestos - and this one was probably compiled by a coven of man-hating spinsters.'

Canada: Defending men's image against TV stereotypes

anthony · 18 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'• A JR Furniture ad shows a male staff member using a chainsaw to chop in half a showroom sofa, not understanding his boss meant he should cut the price by half.

• A BMO Master Card ad shows a naive husband telling his wife how excited he is about planning for a trip for them to Paris several decades hence; after he slowly earns enough air-mileage points to pay for the long-awaited vacation. His wife looks appalled.

When I recently mentioned some of these ads on my blog, the response from readers was instantaneous and strong. It proved once again that people eat up any issue that has to do with the gender.

Many men, and women, have been noting that commercials, TV sitcoms (such as The Simpsons and King of Queens) and even songs have for a long time played the silly-man card.'

Joe Biden Peddles Domestic Violence Myths

anthony · 18 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A little old (late April of this year) but still relevant. Excerpt:

'Through his work on the issue, he said, he has learned that seven out of 10 homeless children are homeless because their mother is a victim of domestic violence and that 70 percent of women who go to a hospital emergency room are there because of physical abuse from male partners.
...
Money from the federal economic stimulus package is being made available to the National Domestic Violence Hotline Center and a teen abuse dating hotline, he said. The investment helps saves hospital costs incurred by abused women and addresses the problems of dysfunctional families and children from abusive families who may grow up to abuse themselves, he said.
...
President Barack Obama's administration also is working with the State Department on an international effort to stop violence against women, Biden said.

The vice president also was attending private political fundraisers in Texas organized by the Democratic National Committee in Austin and Houston.'

UK: The women who want to save banking

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Women tend to bring a lot to the table. They think more long-term, they think about the team, and not only themselves. They think more about people, and they see other business opportunities than men."

There is another, crucial difference, they find: "Women are willing to ask stupid questions. We want to understand. We won't take risks we don't understand, so we ask: what is sub-prime? Who'll pay these loans back?"
...
Moreover, they say, as women "we are willing to use our rational mind and our emotional intelligence to release value out of our investments. The touchy-feely side is actually the harder side. We reject a lot more investment opportunities as a result of emotional due diligence than financial due diligence."'

SAFE Act: Abuse Industry Batters the Truth

Matt · 18 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There is a group of activists among us who have found the perfect way to advance their statist, anti-family agenda. They ply their issue by relying on a devious mixture of exaggerations, half-truths, and bald-faced lies.

I'm referring, of course, to the domestic violence industry. DV operatives make bogus claims designed to garner ever-expanding federal funding, which in turn is used to disseminate more biased factoids that keep women in a continuous state of fear. It's a multi-billion dollar, taxpayer-financed scam, and I'm here to blow the whistle.

Last week Dear Abby devoted her column to helping a man who had been pummeled and maimed by his wife. And according to a 2006 Harris poll, 55% of Americans know of a man who has been physically abused by his wife or girlfriend.

But the domestic violence industry works day and night to make you think the Roper poll got it wrong — that abused men are a statistical rarity, and such men probably had it coming anyway.'

Office Of Women's Health Manipulates Statistics By Ignoring Higher Male Suicide Deaths

anthony · 18 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the report, women are nearly twice as likely as men to suffer from major depression. They are three times as likely to attempt suicide, and they experience anxiety disorders two to three times more often than men.

While these statistics are not new, their importance is generally underplayed, says Wanda Jones, Dr.P.H., health scientist and director of the OWH. She notes that whereas past reports have focused on bringing mental health to the forefront of concern -- such as the 1999 publication "Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General" -- few have focused primarily on the specific mental illness issues specific to women, hence the need for such a publication.'

Prosecutor: I put away an innocent man

Matt · 18 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When I prosecuted Charles Chatman for aggravated rape in 1981, I was certain I had the right man. His case was one of my first important felony cases as a Dallas County assistant district attorney. Chatman was convicted in a court of law by a jury of his peers. They, like me, were convinced of his guilt.

Nearly 27 years later, DNA proved me – and the criminal justice system – wrong. Chatman was freed from prison in January after DNA testing proved him innocent. He spent nearly three decades behind bars for a crime he did not commit – a stark reminder that our justice system is not immune from error. No reasonable person can question this simple truth.

I am proud of having been a prosecutor; it is honorable work. In fact, I still have a portrait of former Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade in my law office. He was a good man, and he gave me a chance to be a trial lawyer. However, my unknowing involvement in prosecuting an innocent man has been a troubling experience.
...
I am no bleeding heart. I have been a Republican for over 30 years. I started my career as a supporter of removing violent people from society for as long as possible, and I still believe that to be appropriate.

But I also believe that the government should be held to the strictest burden before it deprives a citizen of his freedom. It is not too much to ask that we not convict and execute innocent people in our quest to enforce the law. Let's get this system fixed.'

Blue collar U.S. males lose more ground

Matt · 19 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'DALLAS, May 19 (Reuters) - Rodney Ringler is an unemployed blue collar male without a college degree. He's hardly alone. Men like him have been the main victims of the current recession in the United States.
...
One statistic that stands out in America's recession-stung economy is the unemployment rate for adult men: in April for the second month in a row it surged ahead of the national average to 9.4 percent versus 8.9 percent for all workers. The jobless rate for adult women was 7.1 percent.

The reasons are clear: male-heavy sectors such as construction and manufacturing have been hard hit. But the implications may be dire for the broader economy and hamper the recovery as families that once had male breadwinners struggle.'

And every day we read in the MSM about how hard this recession is on women.

UK: 13-YO boy not the father after all

Matt · 19 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DNA tests have revealed that a 13-year-old British boy who claimed to have fathered a child with his 15-year-old girlfriend was not the dad, according to a court judgement made public Monday.
...
But the story, reported in February just days after the birth, sparked claims from other boys who lived nearby that they could also be the father and social workers organised a DNA test.

The results, revealed in a high court judgement last month which was only made public Monday, showed the father was 15-year-old Tyler Barker, who lived on the same housing estate as Steadman in Eastbourne in southern England.'

Apparently, one can never be too young to be a paternity fraud target.

Woman beats husband over old affair - filed under "Odd News"

dschmidt · 19 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Yahoo is, of course, reporting this as "Odd News". Excerpt:

'LYNNWOOD, Wash. – A 78-year-old woman arrested last month for allegedly beating her 84-year-old husband because she believed he cheated on her several times during their marriage was charged Thursday with assault. Prosecutors said she hit him with a bowl, pipe and carpet sweeper. He suffered broken ribs, pelvis and a wrist.'

Funny how you never see stories about men breaking their wives' bones reported as simply "Odd".

Sisters are best tennis players on boys' team-- boys on girls' teams any time soon?

Matt · 19 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Congratulations to them! Now had the sexes been reversed, would boys have been allowed to play on the girls' tennis team? Excerpt:

'The championship was a "repeat" of sorts. The sisters won the girls' AA doubles state championship last year without dropping a set the entire season. When they couldn't find enough players to field a team this year, they had a choice – play no matches until the sectional tournaments and then play singles only, or join the boys team and play all year.

"I wasn't going to leave her hanging," Karli said.

The result? Karli was the top seed on the boys team and went 22-0 on the season. Tanya was the second seed and went 20-2, losing twice to the same opponent. Thanks to their nearly automatic two points, the team went 19-3 on the year.'

RADAR ALERT: Play the Abuse Card, Win a Green Card

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"Immigration laws are being manipulated by women claiming domestic violence to gain citizenship," says immigration law attorney Nicomedes Suriel. "Women have found a loophole in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)". (cite) Mr. Suriel was commenting on the case of Reed Simon, whose Ukrainian ex-wife's phony accusations cost him tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees and ate up a year and a half of his life before the judge dismissed the case. Simon has since found dozens of other men facing the same situation.

Suriel says some directors of domestic violence shelters for immigrants also run dating services through which they set women up with American men, all the while coaching the women on what accusations to make and when, in order to seize his property, get permanent U.S. residency, and eventually citizenship. These women and the shelter directors are "gaming the system", he says. On occasion, a judge sees through the scam. In other cases, the damage is never rectified.

The recurring themes in these incidents are:

1. Foreign women enter the U.S. on fiancee visas, marry the men in a couple of months, then claim abuse in order to get permanent residency immediately.
2. Women are coached on what to say, what to do, and how to act, in order to make the false accusation seem credible.
3. Men are penalized due to false accusations. In some cases they lose their property, their homes, their jobs. And under the rules specified in the Violence Against Women Act, Citizenship and Immigration Services regularly denies any accused citizen the opportunity to present evidence in his defense.

At http://www.radarsvcs.org/docs/RADARreport-VAWA-Funded-Immigration-Fraud.pdf you can read RADAR Services' Special Report "VAWA-Funded Immigration Fraud" which addresses in detail the ways that VAWA encourages immigration fraud.

This week, we're asking you to contact the investigative team at KPHO in Phoenix who broke the story 5investigates-at-kpho.com to thank them for their excellent coverage of this issue.

Then, contact Arizona Senators John McCain http://mccain.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Contact.ContactForm and Jon Kyl http://kyl.senate.gov/contact.cfm to ask them to fix VAWA to prevent it from empowering foreign thieves to prey on innocent American men. Please remember to be polite and courteous in all your calls and emails.

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Potential Supreme Court Nominee Sotomayor May Face Criticism For Comments On Gender, Ethnicity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In her 2001 speech, delivered at the Judge Mario G. Olmos Law and Cultural Diversity Lecture at the University of California-Berkeley, Sotomayor questioned the notion that male and female judges would reach similar conclusions when deciding cases, though she also "sounded many cautionary notes," the Times reports. Sotomayor said, "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life." Sotomayor also said that the increasing diversity in federal courts "will have an effect on the development of the law and on judging." She said that being a woman or a minority can affect a judge's perspective because of "experience or inherent physiological or cultural differences."'

Lifetime TV Beats Up on Divorced Dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Strong families need strong fathers, but American television has come a long way from the 1950s series "Father Knows Best."

Now Lifetime TV, a network known for its movies about women being endangered by men, has sunk to a new low - a reality program called "Deadbeat Dads."

The Lifetime TV program ignores the numbers. More than 90 percent of fathers with joint custody paid the support due, according to a Census Bureau report (Series P-23, No. 173). So deadbeats are in the minority. Also, most so-called deadbeat dads actually are dead broke. Two-thirds of men who fail to make child-support payments earn poverty-level wages, according to the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. Most of the others are unemployed.

...

Bruce Walker, executive coordinator at the District Attorneys Council in Oklahoma City, who ran the state's child-support enforcement program for three years and jailed hundreds of fathers for nonpayment, told the Newark Star-Ledger in 2002: "These men are seldom the mythical monsters described by politicians."

"Many times I prosecuted impoverished men," he told the Star-Ledger. "I prosecuted one deadbeat dad who had been hospitalized for malnutrition and another who lived in the bed of a pickup truck."

Nor is it likely that Lifetime will ever show that some fathers simply give money directly to their teenage children because some mothers end up using child-support payments for everything but the child.'

The President's New Women's Council – A Good New Deal for Mothers?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With one glance at the female companions surrounding the President during the photo op, including Nancy Pelosi, Barbara Boxer, and other members of the Congressional Women's Caucus, one might reasonably inquire about the content of the advice the President is likely to get. Will it include more health and reproductive services and safe and professional day care, followed by very early childhood education, after-school care, and a longer school year for women who have children, but can't be with them? Will all this be subsidized even more with tax dollars requiring more double incomes and the emptier homes that come with them? One would not have to look far to see that these measures are at the core of the agenda of those who have taken up women's issues (like Pelosi and Boxer), and, were more proof needed, that they have just received a massive economic jolt, thanks to the recent crisis.

...

This manner of assessing and addressing the problem of girls and women is not unfamiliar, especially wherever equality is invoked. Equality, after all, has the job of flattening the differences. It is the great leveler. It has its place, to be sure. It is important, for example, to equalize the hot and cold water so that the baby is neither scalded nor chilled. But there's something very curious about the whole business of equality, especially when used to resolve the kinds of problems that attend the differences between the sexes. Generally the equalizing of differences is done on the assumption that the difference in question is a problem to be overcome, and even worse, a matter of more or less, or better and worse. Thus, when "equality" is put to work on the differences between men and women, it tries to remove them, or, more precisely, the woman's difference, the "lesser" one, as "difference feminists" point out; for it is, after all, her difference which is so problematic, she being the one who has to be unencumbered in order to become his equal, just like him. Indeed, if the problem of men and women must always be forced into the narrow straightjacket of equality talk, it is difficult to see how there would be any baby at all to put into the bathwater!'

Second prosecutor files sex charges against ex-teacher

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MOUNT VERNON, Mo. -- A former Greenfield High School music teacher now is accused of having sex with a 16-year-old student at her home here. The Lawrence County prosecuting attorney charged Alison Peck, 23, with statutory sodomy and statutory rape on Monday.
...
The Dade County prosecuting attorney charged Peck last week with two counts of statutory rape. Those charges resulted from the Greenfield student telling a Missouri State Highway Patrol detective that he and Peck had sex at a park in Dade County. He also said he visited Peck at her home in Mount Vernon and had sexual relations numerous times.'

‘Sex with teacher was second nature’

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Canberra school teacher had sex with her 14-year-old male student so often that intercourse was like "second nature" for the pair, a court heard yesterday.

...

The 43-year-old, who was a science teacher at Saint Francis Xavier and coordinator of the boy's Year 9 group when the alleged offences were committed, has pleaded not guilty to five counts of sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 16 and one count of maintaining a relationship with a person under the age of 16.'

Woman faces perjury charge for allegedly lying about rape

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Story here.

'Earlene Rogers, 18, was indicted by a grand jury in Kirksville because she allegedly lied under oath. Specifically, she accused two men of raping and sodomizing her -- then, after the men spent eight months in jail, withdrew the charges. The county prosecutor accuses Rogers of lying when she made the original report.

Oh, and here's an eye-opener of a quote:

“The state can prove a sex crime merely by the allegation of the victim. You don't really need any evidence, you don't need any eyewitnesses. It's just whether or not a judge or jury would believe that witness. And so if the victim then under what we believe falsely accuses somebody there has to be accountability towards that person,” said Adair County Prosecutor Mark Williams.'

Web Site Allows Rape Victims To Identify Alleged Attackers

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Story here. Excerpt:

'COLUMBUS, Ohio — Police, residents and prosecutors are considering the pros and cons of a new Web site that gives rape victims a forum to post information about their alleged attackers, 10TV's Lindsey Seavert reported on Monday.

Signs that encourage victims to expose their attackers can be found in the Short North. In bold print the flyers read, "Expose your rapist."
...
Even though phony posts can be traced, O'Brien worries about false accusations and proof of guilt.
...
Residents in the Short North shared similar concerns with 10TV News.

"It's harmful in a way because people could post something about somebody that is untrue," a passerby said after seeing a sign.'

Ed. note: The web site in question is http://www.youforum.cc/safespacecolumbus/

She Admits To Killing Her Kids: Should She Be Free?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The crime was so horrible, it's been hard for many to forget, especially in the town of Lamar. Two small children murdered in their own home on South 6th Street during the afternoon hours of October 16, 2003.

Grace Headlee, 4, and Gabriel Amaya, only 5-months-old, were drowned in their bathtub by their own mother Rebekah Amaya.

Right now we are awaiting a judge's decision on whether Amaya will be free to walk among us. She is asking for the chance to make unsupervised trips away from the State Mental Health Institute.
...
Amaya's former sister-in-law, Michelle Jamie, was and is still outraged that Amaya admitted to the crime, but in 2005 a judge found Amaya Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity.

"She killed, she took two lives and she hasn't spent a single day in prison. It's just not fair," Michelle Jamie said. "Innocent by reason of insanity, kind of contradicting. Innocent and killing. Just should be guilty by reason of insanity."

By law, a person cannot be found guilty if he or she doesn't remember the crime or could not distinguish between right and wrong at the time of the crime.

In 2005, psychiatrists testified Amaya was mentally ill and suffered from Post Partum Depression and Psychosis.'

Leniency sought for some moms who kill infants

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Article here. Excerpt:

'State Rep. Jessica Farrar pushed a proposal through a House committee last week that could lessen penalties for some mothers who kill their infants.

The measure is aimed at women who show signs of postpartum psychosis, a rare condition that's been cited in such high-profile murder cases as that of Andrea Yates, the Texas mom who drowned her five children six months after giving birth to her youngest.

The long-shot bill will likely never see the House floor, the Houston Democrat acknowledged, and she's fine with that.
...
Under the bill, a defendant's attorney could argue during the punishment stage of a murder trial that the mother's judgment was impaired by the effects of birth or lactation. If the victim was younger than 12 months old, the crime could be reduced to a state jail felony, meaning a maximum sentence of two years and a minimum of 180 days. Currently, the slaying of anyone under the age of 6 brings a capital murder charge.

"It's outrageous legislation," said Jonathan Saenz, director of legislative affairs for the conservative Free Market Foundation, a group that has lobbied against the bill. "The fact the mom could be walking six months after killing one of her infants is disgraceful."'

The American Prospect: "Is it sexist to say the financial crisis was caused by men?"

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Video here. Caption:

'Welcome to our second installment of "Ask a Feminist," in which our own Dana Goldstein and Ann Friedman address a topic in the news related to gender and feminism. Today's episode features a question from Matt Yglesias: "Is it sexist to say the financial crisis was caused by men?"'

Thousands beaten, raped in Irish reform schools

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DUBLIN – A fiercely debated, nine-year investigation into Ireland's Roman Catholic-run institutions says priests and nuns terrorized thousands of boys and girls in workhouse-style schools for decades — and government inspectors failed to stop the chronic beatings, rapes and humiliation.

High Court Justice Sean Ryan on Wednesday unveiled the 2,600-page final report of Ireland's Commission to Inquire Into Child Abuse, which is based on testimony from thousands of former students and officials from more than 250 church-run institutions.
...
"A climate of fear, created by pervasive, excessive and arbitrary punishment, permeated most of the institutions and all those run for boys. Children lived with the daily terror of not knowing where the next beating was coming from," the report concluded.

The commission said overwhelming, consistent testimony from still-traumatized men and women, now in their 50s to 80s, had demonstrated beyond a doubt that the entire system treated children more like prison inmates and slaves than people with legal rights and human potential.'

ABA Journal: Research shows attorney gender gap is not due to discrimination

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Via Marc A.: Story here. A recent ABA Journal article addresses new research showing it is the choice of pausing career to care for kids, not one's sex, that causes the gender gap in law firms. This coincides with what Warren Farrell's explains in his book, "Why Men Earn More" and what other research confirms about the "pay gap."

If we really want to remove the gap, we need to encourage women to allow men to be primary parents. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters) - They may be a small minority in corporate boardrooms, but women directors typically earn more than men, a new U.S. study has found.

Female directors in corporate America earned median compensation of $120,000, based on the most recently available pay data, compared with $104,375 for male board members, research group The Corporate Library said in its annual director pay report on Wednesday.

At the same time, the study said, women in corporate boardrooms are outnumbered eight to one.'

The final report is here (.pdf file).

Mother tells cops she had sex with boys to 'divert' them from her daughter

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Story here.

'A 30-year-old Northern California woman has pleaded not guilty to charges that she had sex with three teenage boys.

Deborah Towe faces 11 felony counts, including unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor, oral copulation of a person under the age of 16, committing lewd acts upon a child and arranging a meeting with a minor for a lewd purpose.

The boys were 15 and 16 years old.

Police in Anderson, about 150 miles north of Sacramento, began investigating in April after two girls from a local middle school reported that a friend's mother was having sex with boys.

In a 48-page report released this week, Towe told police she was protecting her daughter by diverting the boys' attention to herself.

She denied the charges during an appearance Wednesday in Shasta County Superior Court. Towe remains jailed, with her bond set at $250,000.'

Reason Online: "The Feminist Makeover"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here was a woman who had fought the good fight, broken glass ceilings, made tough calls about work-life balance, and made a great success of herself. Yet somehow, when she looked at me, she didn't see a happy beneficiary of her labors, a young woman free to make professional and romantic choices in a far better world than when she herself had started out. She saw, first, a secretary, and second, an ungrateful wretch. I think she honestly believed that she was speaking a hard truth to me, one I might not hear anywhere else.
...
So if we're living in a post-post-Friedan utopia, why aren't women happier? Well, women make a lot of bad choices. But you know who else makes terrible choices? Men. Virtually all of my late-20s male friends are currently having career and/or life crises. They're depressed. They feel out-of-joint, disconnected from the life they wish they were leading in ways that are difficult to express, just like Friedan's housewives. Their crises aren't the same as my women friends'—men don't fret about the health of their gonads, for instance. But the New York Times 1963 review of The Feminine Mystique gets this about right for both sexes: "To paraphrase a famous line, 'The fault, dear Mrs. Friedan, is not in our culture, but in ourselves.'"'

Mirror images of male rage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'GERMAINE Greer's provocative essay On Rage, which fuelled heated debate about male violence in indigenous communities, was a revelation for Ben Quilty. "Others say that On Rage is less about masculinity and more about indigenous culture," says Quilty, a young, white Australian from a suburban background.
...
"Feminism did happen, and then the whole thing with gender studies and women's studies," he says. "But back at university, I was the only man in a course studying it, even though it made more sense that, post-feminism, men should be studying it.

"That's what should happen after feminism, that men should rediscover themselves, but there's no way men were able to have any input.

"Let it happen, feminism, then let men talk about it, but men are hopeless at talking about it, and that's why there are not a lot of men making work about what it meant to be masculine in the pre-feminist days."
...
The artist's work is about "the cult of masculinity", Slade says, "expressing the rage, boredom and oblivion of growing up as a white male in Australia". She describes the huge Smashed self-portraits as "the death wish of the Aussie male played out in paint".
...
"There's a really fashionable thing for young men to make very soft work, often using watercolours, exploring sensitive men, with young men, naked, lying around," he says. "It's sort of homoerotic, even homosexual, although most of the guys making this work are not homosexual themselves.'

Boy bowlers now put on equal playing field with girls

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Story here. Excerpt:

'OELWEIN - Oelwein High School will be offering a newly-sanctioned boys' varsity sport following approval granted by the Board of Education at its May meeting Monday night.

The board unanimously approved the local sanctioning of boys' bowling as a varsity sport beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

The action by the board comes after the Iowa High School Athletic Association granted approval within the past month to sanction boys' bowling as an official Iowa high school sport.'

Shoplifting aunt used baby as weapon

patriotsofamerica · 21 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Again explain to me how women are more nurturing and less violent than men? Excerpt:

'MEMPHIS, TN (WMC-TV) - Memphis police are searching for a shoplifting suspect who used a tiny baby as a weapon against a security guard during an escape attempt Wednesday.

The incident happened early Wednesday afternoon at Wal-Mart on Austin Peay in Raleigh, where police say a woman was caught shoplifting. While attempting to escape, the woman hurled her two-month old nephew at a security guard. The infant, seated in a carrier, fell onto the concrete floor.

The suspect then threw the baby at a good samaritan who tried to tend to the infant.'

Blog: "Adult women who abuse neigborhood kids"

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Blog here. Unlike the story posted yesterday about the web site the Columbus city government wants to make the landing zone for accusations of rape or other sexual assault, this blog pulls its information from news reports. It looks like it would be a good resource for keeping track of female perpetrators of child abuse.

Bow Down Before Your Wife's Diktat: Supreme Court of India Tells Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On 19th May, the Supreme Court of India remarked that husbands ought to "Bow down before your wife's 'diktat'".

A vacation bench of justices Markandeya Katju and Deepak Verma observed, "Bibi joh boltee hai woh sunno (listen to whatever your wife says), as otherwise it could land you in trouble. Because if you do not listen to her, you will suffer the consequences."
...
The bench further said that a husband has to accept the suggestion of a wife irrespective of the fact whether it is sensible or not."

Being a founding member of a prominent men's rights organization observing the way men are treated, these views by the Supreme Court are hardly surprising to me. This attitude has been prevalent in almost all courts since many years and it is for the first time that the Supreme Court has said this formally, even in jest.

A modern man can bow down before his wife. There is absolutely no issue with that, after all they share a life together. However, does the matter just end there? In most cases, it may not be only about a husband obeying his wife, but it is also about a husband forced to obey his mother-in-law, his sister-in-law and his father-in-law, whose business in not running well.'

UK: Fife councillors in political scrap over battered husbands

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HE hidden plight of battered husbands – often a taboo subject – was the topic of heated discussion at Fife Council on Thursday.

Councillors heard the bizarre tale of one man who had been almost strangled because he wouldn't take his wife to her favourite nightclub.

Male domestic abuse was raised by Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay Tory councillor Dave Dempsey who was upset by what he heard at a meeting he attended with a local campaign group.

Mr Dempsey emphasised that by highlighting the issue of male victims it did not diminish in any way the major problem of women who are abused.

However, he said he was "angered" after hearing evidence of men who suffered violence and was concerned Fife's services were not currently designed to help them.'

In Recession, Women Splurge as if Addicted

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Article here. As always when the source is "JunkScience.com", take it with a grain of salt. Excerpt:

'The itch to shop has long been known to overwhelm some people, either because of simple materialism or to compensate for emotional problems. Many researchers liken it to addiction, and some think it has been a growing problem in the modern consumerism society.

The problem is likely not confined to women. A 2006 study in the United States found 6 percent of women have it so bad they are labeled compulsive buyers, but so are 5.5 percent of men.
...
Problem is, the splurges don't always have the intended effect.

About 25 percent of the women surveyed said shopping sprees in the week prior to being surveyed left them with feelings of regret, guilt or shame.

Sounds a lot like other addictions, Pine said.'

Personally, I feel everyone is susceptible to going out to buy stuff to cheer themselves up. We're bombarded with message telling us we'll be happy if we buy something. Few ads have pictures of miserable people in a state of distress holding up some product being peddled. The message is clear: "Happiness and security are to be found in buying our product, never mind the price!" Same thing with food-- feel down, eat something. No wonder so many of us in the west have gotten fat and in debt. But everyone is responsible for their own decisions-- yet even women. The tone of the article though is more or less pseudo-clinical and the impression it gives is that some people just can't help themselves. I don't accept that. The rule is this: stop using credit cards and don't spend the rent money on anything other than rent. It's that simple.

"The agony of child support"

Matt · 21 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'Your Monday editorial "Anti-Dad bias," is the first substantial challenge to the divorce industry by a major newspaper and deserves to be pursued much further. This abuse of power goes far beyond media bias. The child support machinery has been expanded and perverted from a means of providing for abandoned children into a huge federal subsidy of divorce and single-parent homes. It also distorts public policy and criminalizes innocent parents.

Ostensibly created to recover welfare costs, child support enforcement on the federal level has failed and now costs taxpayers more than $3 billion annually. More seriously, it pays mothers to divorce or forgo marriage, thus creating the very problem it is supposed to alleviate.

Mothers are not the only ones who profit from fatherless children. State governments generate revenue from child support at federal taxpayers' expense. By paying states according to the amount of child support they collect, federal programs give states an interest in more fatherless children. The more broken homes there are, the more revenue for the state.
...
STEPHEN BASKERVILLE
Associate professor of government
Patrick Henry College'

Police: Mom killed boy, buried him in playground sand

Michael · 21 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – Police said Thursday that the mother of a 3-year-old boy found buried at a playground told investigators she suffocated him, had second thoughts and resuscitated him, then changed her mind and suffocated him again. Police Chief Ray Schultz said Tiffany Toribio, 23, told officers that she and her son, Tyruss "Ty" Toribio, were in Alvarado Park before dawn on May 13 and that she suffocated him while he was asleep.

She told detectives she had second thoughts and performed CPR on the boy, reviving him, but again reconsidered and placed her hand over his nose and mouth until he suffocated, Schultz said. She said she waited a few minutes before burying him in the playground, the chief said.

Ty's body was found Friday by a mother who saw his black tennis shoe sticking out of the sand. Police released an artist's rendering of the boy's image on Tuesday, which led to tips about Toribio from family members and others, Schultz said.
...
"What makes this story especially sad was when asked the reason why she took Ty's life, Tiffany said that she did not want him to grow up with no one caring about him the same way that she had grown up with no one caring about her," Schultz said.

Schultz said Toribio was being held at the Bernalillo County jail under close observation because she had attempted suicide. He did not provide details about the suicide attempt.'

Teen mother allegedly smothered newborn

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Story here.

'FEDERAL WAY, Wash., May 11 (UPI) -- A 14-year-old Federal Way, Wash., girl allegedly smothered her newborn baby to hide her pregnancy from her family, police records said.

The girl, pregnant by her 20-year-old boyfriend, gave birth at home while her mother was away, The Seattle Times reported Monday.

She then allegedly smothered the baby and called her mother to say she was bleeding heavily, police reports said. A family friend found the dead infant after the girl was taken to a hospital.

The girl, who was arrested April 9, the day the baby was born, has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder in King County Juvenile Court.

Leonel Guzman-Jacobo, the girl's boyfriend, has been charged with second-degree child rape because the girl is younger than 16, the age of consent in Washington state. Guzman-Jacobo, who allegedly began having sex with the girl when she was 13, was not involved in the baby's death, police said.'

Christina Hoff Sommers: Are Men the Second Sex Now?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fast forward to 2009, and you find that women are now fully half of the American workforce. They earn 57 percent of bachelor's degrees, 59 percent of master's degrees, and half the doctorates. Females have achieved parity with males in law school and medical school and left their male counterparts in the dust in fields like veterinary medicine and psychology. Women serve as presidents of Harvard, MIT, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, and many other leading research universities. Today American women are among the healthiest, freest, best-educated women in the world, and they score near the top on international surveys of happiness and life satisfaction.'

Mary Kay Letourneau Hosts 'Hot for Teacher' Night at Nightclub

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Story here.

'SEATTLE — Mary Kay Letourneau and her former sixth-grade student — the father of her two youngest children — are hosting a "Hot for Teacher" night at a Seattle nightclub. Letourneau, now 47, served 7 1/2 years in prison after she was convicted of raping Vili Fualaau, now 26. They were married four years ago this week.

The bar's owner said Letourneau has served her sentence, she's married her former student, and it's OK for them to have some fun on a Saturday night.

Mike Morris, owner of Fuel Sports Eats & Beats, said this is the third time Letourneau and Fualaau have hosted a "Hot for Teacher" night at the nightclub. The event begins at 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

The couple first met when Fualaau was in the second grade. Their relationship became sexual when he was 12 and she was a 34-year-old married mother of four.'

For some, Father's Day is a sad and bitter occasion

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A bit early, but a good article, here. Excerpt:

'For some tens of thousands of fathers, in your Canadian province alone, "Father's Day" is an especially bitter occasion. These are the men separated from their children by court order, many never to see them again. Each knows that his children have been subjected to vicious propaganda against him, that in many cases a child's own mother -- a woman the father once trusted enough to marry -- has turned the child's heart against him. (I know of many cases.)

It could be worse: for the father may have been replaced in his own household by a new man, or even a new woman. Someone who will never care for his children as he did, however badly he may have expressed it; who will at least be lacking the biological compulsion to look out for one's own flesh and blood.'

Kirksville woman indicted for making false rape claims

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Story here. Excerpt:

'KIRKSVILLE — A Kirksville woman is facing eight counts of perjury stemming from rape allegations that resulted in two innocent men spending eight months in jail.

According to Adair County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Williams, Earlene Rogers, 18, was charged with lying to a grand jury four times over two separate depositions.

Last year, Rogers allegedly accused Glen Johnson, 35, and Timothy Rogers, 30, of rape and forcible sodomy.

The men, with bonds of $150-000, spent eight months in jail before they were released in February of this year.

Earlene Rogers is currently being held at the Adair County Jail on a $25,000 cash-only bond.
Johnson, a father of two, said he feels cheated by the time he lost with his children.

“I lost eight months of my life,” he said. “That’s eight months away from my kids. We missed a lot of holidays and functions we will never get back.”'

Montco teacher charged in sex case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Heather Lynne Zeo reportedly ignored an important message from her Christian upbringing: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Police said yesterday that Zeo, 37, a married math teacher from North Penn High School in Lansdale, admitted to having a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old student last month. She allegedly also left sexually explicit Internet and phone messages for another student earlier in the school year.
...
Zeo, a Christian singer who has released two CDs - "Light as a Feather" in 2003 and "Musically Math" in 2008 - contacted the boys on Facebook, one earlier in the school year and the other last month, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

The teen who police say had sex with Zeo told police that he had received and accepted a friend request from Zeo on Facebook and that throughout the affair they would communicate on the site at night about the sex acts that they were going to perform with one another, the affidavit said.'

UK: Mother jailed as horrific baby abuse case closed

Michael · 22 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LONDON, England (CNN) -- The British mother of a child who died after being brutally abused has been jailed indefinitely.

The child's -- originally known as Baby P --horrifying death caused a furor in Britain, with the media, public and politicians united in demanding to know how his terrible injuries were missed by social workers, police and medical staff.

Judge Stephen Kramer also Friday jailed the 27-year-old mum's boyfriend for life with a minimum of 12 years and their lodger, Jason Owen, 37, indefinitely but with a minimum of three years, the British Press Association reported. The boyfriend, 32, was also convicted of raping a two-year-old girl.'

Sandra Cantu Murder Suspect Faces New Charges of Secretly Poisoning Man, Little Girl

Michael · 22 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'he California Sunday school teacher accused in the shocking kidnap, rape and murder of 8-year-old Sandra Cantu is now being accused of secretly poisoning two people, including another little girl.

Melissa Huckaby, 28, will be in court in Tracy, Calif., Friday on additional charges filed alleging that she gave "a harmful substance" to a 7-year-old girl in January and an adult man in March, according to the complaint.

The little girl, identified only as Jane M. Doe, has since recovered from the Jan. 17 alleged poisoning. The man, Daniel Plowman, hasn't been located, according to the complaint filed Thursday.'

Ed. note: Michael originally this URL to the story, but I felt that the Fox story had more relevant details, so I took liberties.

Woman Who Choked Cowell's Ex Was Getting Revenge For Abdul

Michael · 22 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'As Rock Daily reported yesterday, American Idol judge Simon Cowell's ex-girlfriend Terri Seymour was assaulted following Tuesday night's performance show. Now the 33-year-old woman who choked Seymour is speaking to Radar Online from jail — and reveals the motive behind her attack was revenge for Paula Abdul.

Janice Thibodeaux tells Radar Online, "I wasn't cool with Simon Cowell choking Paula Abdul on the show last week and with her crying-out 'help' as he did so," referring to Cowell mock-attacking Abdul during judging. "Nobody said anything about that so I wanted to confront him about it because that is not appropriate behavior, is it?" Thibodeaux also claimed she was a former security guard at AI and bought a ticket to attend the Tuesday showdown between Adam Lambert and Kris Allen. When she saw Seymour in the crowd, Thibodeaux decided to confront her instead of Cowell.'

Commentary on current case of woman fleeing with son to avoid chemotherapy

Matt · 22 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For most parents, the moment they first hold their newborns, they realize what lengths they might go to in order to protect their child. From fighting off lions to jumping in front of speeding cars, parents would be willing to battle any demon that they had to for the sake of their child's safety. Daniel Hauser's parents are no different. His mother genuinely believes that the chemotherapy treatments that might save his life could also destroy him.

Thirteen year old Daniel Hauser was diagnosed in January of 2009 with Hodgkin's lymphoma. His parents have decided, based on their religious beliefs, that Daniel's cancer would be treated better through the use of alternative medicines or alternatives in combination with chemotherapy.
...
I know that it cannot be easy to see your child sick as a direct result of medication, and I know that turning your trust over to someone else while denying your beliefs is enough to make anyone ill. With Daniel, however, his parents just don't have a choice. Parents of sick children must consult experts about viable treatment options available so they can make informed choices that may be contrary to their personal and religious beliefs.'

If the mother had been the father, would the tone of this commentary be quite so cordial?

Note: For those new to this case, a video report is here.

Wendy McElroy On Circumcision

anthony · 22 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A disconcerting issue has hit the political radar: male circumcision. Is it a medical procedure or child abuse?

As furor over female genital mutilation grows, so does the criticism of male circumcision.
...
Circumcision is also a moral issue. The organization Doctors Opposing Circumcision decries the procedure as "painful," "tragic," "contra-indicated," and states "that no one has the right to forcibly remove sexual body parts from another individual." DOC claims that circumcision violates the physician's Golden Rule — First, Do No Harm — as well as all seven principles of the A.M.A. Code of Ethics.
...
As medical associations one-by-one refuse to support routine circumcision, the procedure is losing ground — medically, morally, politically, and legally. This process is being sped along by aggressive groups like The National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers, a "non-profit educational organization committed to securing the birthright of male and female children and babies to keep their sexual organs intact."'

Should all boys be circumcised?

anthony · 22 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I don't know about you guys, but I found the picture a bit disturbing. Excerpt:

'Circumcision is the world's most common surgical procedure. But it is also among the most sensitive – politically, culturally and ethically. Even within the scientific community it is difficult to have a reasoned debate about the pros and cons, examining the evidence, without people taking sides. For several decades, the medical community has kept quiet about circumcision, mindful of the sensitivities around it. Doctors are broadly agreed that the operation is "not medically necessary" – except in a tiny minority of cases, for example where the foreskin will not retract. They say it is for parents and the public to decide about the ethics of circumcision for religious or other non-medical reasons.
...
Now new evidence has emerged for the protective effect of circumcision against infection with Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), the chief cause of cervical cancer in women, which is reduced by 35 per cent, and against Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV), the cause of herpes, which is reduced by 25 per cent. Circumcision probably also protects against syphilis, but the findings, published in the New England Journal of Medicine in March, were based on too small a sample to be conclusive.'

Playboy Mansion party violates Unruh Civil Rights Act in California

Anonymous · 22 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

I wanted to bring to your attention a party being thrown Saturday, May 23, 2009, at the Playboy Mansion. They are currently charging $450 for women and $675 for men. This appears to be a clear violation of the Unruh Civil Rights Act in California, which protects against discrimination based on gender.

The California Supreme Court has ruled that the Unruh Civil Rights Act outlaws sex-based prices at bars (ladies' nights): offering women a discount on drinks, but not offering the same discount to males. In Koire v Metro Car Wash, 40 Cal 3d24, 219 Cal Rptr 133(1985), the court held that such discounts constituted sex stereotyping prohibited by this Act.

You can find the full text of the Act here, reading in part:

'Section 51b: All persons within the jurisdiction of this state are free and equal, and no matter what their sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, marital status, or sexual orientation are entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments of every kind whatsoever.

Section 51.6a: No business establishment of any kind whatsoever may discriminate, with respect to the price charged for services of similar or like kind, against a person because of the person's gender.'

As far as I can tell the party is being organized by Chris Marcovici (chris-at-mixnightlife.com).

I urge you to consider this information. It's discrimination like this that holds us back from reaching true equality. Please spread the word about this injustice against civil rights progress.

What's wrong with the Paycheck "Fairness" Act?

jayhammers · 22 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Below I have described my preliminary objections to the current form of the "Paycheck Fairness Act 2009" (see full text here). The Act was passed by the House January 6, 2009, with a 256-163 vote. It is expected the bill will go to the Senate floor for a vote. Below are excerpts from the Act followed by my comments in bold.

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A BILL

To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the 'Paycheck Fairness Act'.
I do not believe this description is appropriate for the following reasons:

1) The Act claims that "in many instances" wage disparities are the result of intentional discrimination. Wage disparities may occur due to other factors including individual free choice.

2) In every instance when the Act mentions discrimination against a particular gender, that gender is female. The Act does not recognize wage discrimination or disparities against men.

3) The Act implies that wage disparities are the only factor contributing to spending power and wealth. Other factors such as net worth, which may not show such disparity, are not recognized.

4) The Act provides for negotiation skills training for women only. Throughout, the Act does not recognize men's rights issues and appears to promote the idea that gender equality is a one-sided issue. Please note that men now make up a significant minority of college attendees and graduates and face discrimination in many areas of life, including the workplace.

In summary, the Paycheck Fairness Act is not fair to men and women.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
Congress finds the following:
…
(2) Despite the enactment of the Equal Pay Act of 1963, many women continue to earn significantly lower pay than men for equal work. These pay disparities exist in both the private and governmental sectors. In many instances, the pay disparities can only be due to continued intentional discrimination or the lingering effects of past discrimination.
Does not mention pay disparities that may exist in which men earn significantly lower than women for equal work. 2004 data shows a part-time working women make $1.10 for every dollar made by a male counterpart. ("Why Men Earn More", Warren Farrell, 2005)

Claims that "in many instances," pay disparities can only be due to continued intentional discrimination or the lingering effects of past discrimination, rather than other factors. Does not provide any evidence that such pay disparities are due to discrimination. Some argue that the sources for much of the gender earnings gap are "free choice" elements such as college major, hours and years worked, type of job chosen, and place of employment. These choices are made freely by men and women.

Does not provide data to show that pay disparities are substantial when the comparison controls for job title, education, hours worked, age, and other factors. U.S. Census data from 2001 reveals childless women who have never married earn 117 percent of their childless male counterparts, when the comparison controls for education, hours worked and age. ("Why Men Earn More", Warren Farrell, 2005) Many statistics which claim that women

earn X cents for every dollar a man earns do not control for any of these factors.

(3) The existence of such pay disparities--

…

(3)(D) has been spread and perpetuated, through commerce and the channels and instrumentalities of commerce, among the workers of the several States;

Claims again that pay disparities are an artificial construct that has been perpetuated intentionally.

…

(4)(A) Artificial barriers to the elimination of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex continue to exist decades after the enactment of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000a et seq.).

Does not describe in detail these perceived "artificial barriers".

…

(4)(C) Elimination of such barriers would have positive effects, including--

…

(4)(C) (ii) substantially reducing the number of working women earning unfairly low wages, thereby reducing the dependence on public assistance;

Does not aim to reduce the number of working men also earning unfairly low wages.

…

(5) The Department of Labor and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission have important and unique responsibilities to help ensure that women receive equal pay for equal work.

Does not aim to ensure that men also receive equal pay for work.

…

(6) The Department of Labor is responsible for--

(A) collecting and making publicly available information about women's pay;

Does not mention collecting and making available information about men's pay.

…

(6)(C) disseminating information about women's rights in the workplace;

Does not mention disseminating information about men's rights and gender equality in the workplace. Among men's rights issues are military conscription, divorce and alimony, education (college acceptance and graduation disparity), employment, false rape allegations, family law bias, health, reproductive rights, criminal sentencing disparity, domestic violence, and wages.

…

(6)(D) helping women who have been victims of pay discrimination obtain a remedy; and

Does not mention helping men to obtain such a remedy.

…

(8) With a stronger commitment by the Department of Labor and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to their responsibilities, increased information as a result of the amendments made by this Act to the Equal Pay Act of 1963, wage data, and more effective remedies, women will be better able to recognize and enforce their rights.

Again, does not recognize men's struggle to recognize and enforce their rights.

…

SEC. 5. NEGOTIATION SKILLS TRAINING FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN.

Does not provide for negotiation skills training for boys and men.

…

SEC. 6. RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH.

The Secretary of Labor shall conduct studies and provide information to employers, labor organizations, and the general public concerning the means available to eliminate pay disparities between men and women, including—
Pay disparities between men and women may exist that are not due to artificial constructs. Eliminating all pay disparities arbitrarily without accounting for other factors is not only impossible but also harmful to businesses and employees. Furthermore, wages are not the last factor in spending power. Net worth is another. 1984 U.S. Census Bureau data indicates women who are heads of households have a net worth that is 141 percent of the net worth of men who are heads of households. ("The Myth of Male Power", Warren Farrell, 1993)

Biased circucision story on Australian 'Sunday Night' show

Anonymous · 23 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Just an alert, in case you're not already aware, that the Channel 7 Australia program 'Sunday Night' is about to air an incredibly biased segment promoting infant circumcision, 6:30 pm tomorrow night.

You can view a preview of the story here. Just scroll down and click on 'Play video' next to 'Sunday Night preview'.

It appears that the entire segment is going to be based around Brian Morris (http://www.circinfo.net/) and Terry Russell (http://www.circumcision.com.au/), with a few token opponents of circumcision tossed in and portrayed as outliers. And of course, there is the promise in the advertising that circum-fetishists will get to see at least one baby boy spread-eagled and cut.

It is perhaps noteworthy that journalist/presenter Mike Munro promoted similar rubbish in his previous channel 9 roles on 'A Current Affair' and '60 Minutes'.

Like most circumcision-enthusiasts, Morris, Russell, Munro et al. are not otherwise noted for their interest in mens' or boys' health issues.

UK: Outrage at Curb on White Men Becoming PCs

anthony · 23 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'BRITAIN'S second largest police force has been accused of discriminating against white men by setting itself targets to recruit and promote more black and female officers.

West Midlands police chiefs have pledged to increase the proportion of new recruits from "black or minority ethnic" groups to 12 per cent and women to 42 per cent.

...

The force has been warned it is walking into a potentially illegal and costly minefield of political correctness.

Former West Midlands police superintendent and city councillor John Mellor described the move as a terrible mistake.'

UK: Court rules taxi driver falsely accused of rape can receive compensation in legal first

Matt · 23 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A taxi driver falsely accused of rape could receive a five-figure compensation payout after winning a landmark victory.

Clive Bishop, 49, says his life was ruined after a drunken 17-year-old passenger claimed he attacked her.

Kirsty Palmer later admitted she made up the allegations and was jailed for ten months for perverting the course of justice.

When he applied for compensation, Mr Bishop described how months of living under a cloud of 'slurs and lies' had caused him enormous suffering.

But the foster carer was twice refused a payout by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority on the grounds he had not come to physical harm.'

Let President Obama know: We want a Supreme Court Justice for equal rights

jayhammers · 23 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Let President Obama know that his nominee for the Supreme Court should be someone who understands equal rights is not a one-sided issue. Men's rights should not be left by the wayside.

You can contact the administration here.

I sent the following letter.

Mr. President,

One of the reasons I voted for you is I believe you are a wise, far-sighted individual with a firm grasp on what progress really entails. I urge you to strongly consider a Supreme Court Justice who is similarly far-sighted in the area of civil rights, specifically in the area of gender fairness. The women's rights movement has achieved a great deal of progress toward gender equality in the law, in the workplace, and socially. However, we should not discount the equal importance of men's rights.

I believe this is a critical time in our country's – and our species' – journey. Choices made today will have long-lasting effects on the future of American politics and global issues. One of these issues is whether we believe in equal rights for both women AND men? Some areas of concern in the men's rights movement are the family court bias against fathers and shared custody, violence laws that protect only one sex and marginalize male victims of domestic violence and prison rape, the criminal sentencing disparity against males and African Americans, and selective service based on gender. Rigid social expectations enforced on men tell us we are to be strong, we are to grin and bear all hardships, and thus society's indifference to discrimination against us continues to receive little attention.

I believe you are a supporter of equal rights. I urge you to nominate a Supreme Court Justice who understands the importance of equal rights for every human being regardless of age, race, or gender, and knows that discrimination against any group should never be made legal. I urge you to choose a Justice whose vision for the future is as keen as your own.

I am 25 years old and have only recently become interested in politics. Your election gave me great hope for the future of America and inspired me to become involved. May your wisdom and open mind prevail in propelling the United States successfully forward into the 21st century.

Sincerely,
J. Hammers

Girls' video shows how to kill classmate

Matt · 24 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Caption: "Girls at a Spanaway, Washington school made a video showing ways to kill a classmate."

Only boys are violent or bully other kids. We all know this. So this can't possibly be right. There must be a boy behind it, controlling the girls' minds in some way. Yeah, that's it.

Japan Times: "Trapped by old gender roles"

Michael · 24 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Most societies all over the globe miss answering the most crucial question for men: What is our purpose in life?

Women do not have to face this question as they are the giver of life — with the exception of the growing number of women not willing to face motherhood and, sadly, including women not able to give birth. These women as well as men face the critical question of the purpose of their existence.

...my generation as well as the younger one has occupied themselves with acts of substitution — busying ourselves with consumption, making ourselves "comfortable" — for now leaving the question about our spirit and purpose out of sight. But we feel the burning doubt lingering in our mind. Is being an obligated worker and good consumer all there is to life?
We should teach the new generations of men what it really means to be a man: It is not being an aggressor or war hero and it never was supposed to be. A real man is about being confident, independent, mentally settled — someone able to give freely from a position of inner strength. The "good fight" men fight is about creating a better self and a better society.'

Japan Times: "Tackle gender gap in mathematics, reading"

Michael · 24 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In science, Japanese fourth-graders ranked fourth in performance compared to their international peers; eighth-graders ranked third; 15-year-olds ranked third. All three ranks represent performances significantly above international averages.

The only difference in average math performance between Japanese boys and girls was in the 15-year-old category, wherein boys outperformed girls by 20 points. The math gender gap has widened by 9 points since 2003.

Japanese 15-year-old girls outperformed boys in reading by 31 points. The reading gender gap has not narrowed since PISA began collecting data in 2000. It is currently more than 50 percent larger than the math gender gap.
...
52 percent of males and 38 percent of females enter universities in Japan. The international average is 50 percent of males and 62 percent of females.'

Kenya: 1.5 million men are DV victims

Michael · 24 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A report by a lobby group championing men's rights on Sunday said over 1.5 million in Kenya are victims of domestic violence daily.

The Maendeleo ya Wanaume organisation said even though they are battered by their wives, men find it difficult to report this to authorities for fear of social ridicule.

The findings show the campaign for the rights of the women has led to a reverse of the scenario and now men are at the centre of violence. The group carried out a survey in 40 selected districts in Kenya's provinces from August 2008 and has found out that between 1 and 1.5 million men are domestically abused by women daily.

The report shows that men have little say on issues that concern conjugal rights in their relationship and that women are the ones who determine when they should get intimate. In an apparent reference to the just-concluded sexual boycott called by a group of women activists, G10, the men said “this was equal to a domestic abuse against men.”'

UK: Fathers 'cool on parental leave'

Michael · 24 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Only 7% of men would be prepared to stay at home with a newborn baby if maternity benefits were replaced with parental ones, according to a survey.

Even fewer women - 4% - would hand over the role at home to the father, while two-thirds of working mothers said they only kept jobs out of necessity.
...
"And interestingly women who don't have children tend to continue earning virtually the same as men as they continue in their careers."
...
New mothers currently get nine months paid leave, six weeks at 90% of their salary and the rest at the statutory rate of £117.18 a week. Fathers get two weeks at the statutory rate.
...
The show's survey found that 54% of respondents thought men were the main breadwinners, although 67% did not think they should be.

Almost one in five women said they experienced sex discrimination at work, while twice as many men than women surveyed had asked for a pay rise in the last five years.'

Mother accused of dumping children, 3 and 7, off Oregon bridge

Matt · 24 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'The mother of a three-year-old boy whose body was pulled from an Oregon river hours before daybreak on Saturday was arrested and accused of dumping the boy and her seven-year-old daughter off a bridge.

Portland police said Amanda Jo Stott-Smith, 31, was taken into custody at a downtown parking garage.

Police said her car was on the Sellwood Bridge over the Willamette River moments before residents of the area heard the children's screams and a massive search was launched.

A resident who joined the search in his boat found the children nearly an hour after the screams were heard. Rescuers were unable to revive the boy. The girl was admitted to hospital.'

Paycheck Fairness Act 2009 "call to action"?

Matt · 24 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

From Jay H.: The National Women's Law Center provides a form to express one's support for the Paycheck Fairness Act 2009, a bill rife with bias against men here.

The nwlc.org website is on the first page of search results when searching Google for either "Paycheck Fairness Act" or "Paycheck Fairness Act 2009" or "women's pay". When searching for a variation of "fair pay" it is the first or second result.

The ACLU's frontpage provides a link to a nearly identical form with the description, "TAKE ACTION - Tell Your Senators to Support The Paycheck Fairness Act". Shouldn't we be asking for a similar call to action against this misguided bill?

It would be wonderful if there were a similar form available to urge one's senators NOT to pass this bill in its current form. I've toyed with replacing the subject and body of the NWLC's form to urge my senators NOT to pass this bill, and it would be a fairly simple thing to provide a standard template for others to do so too. But I can't be sure that my message is sent unadulterated using this form.

An article on the 2008 version of this Act is here. And my blog entry on what's wrong with the Act is here.

Australia: 'Sunday Night' biased infant circumcision story on Channel 7 report

Minuteman · 24 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This story aired on Australian television last night, and I immediately wished I hadn't dignified it by watching it: here . (The main story is preceded by about 30 secs of advertising).

Excerpt from story tag:

'The kindest cut?
The complex debate surrounding male circumcision is back on the agenda and Monique Wright discovers the decision to snip or not to snip is not an easy choice for parents.'

Actually, 80+% of the world's parents are never confronted with any decision at all and the 'choice' for parents in Australia is only made difficult by the statements of discredited, publicity-drunk academicians like Brian Morris and profiteering doctors like Terry Russell.

Indian law and courts traditionally sympathetic towards women

webdigr · 25 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'"Do as your wife commands and never question her authority": this advice to husbands came in a lighter vein from a vacation Bench of the Supreme Court comprising Justices Markandey Katju and Deepak Verma. The judges asked them to adhere to this time-tested formula.

...

The Bench's banter did reflect the traditional sympathetic view that the law and the courts adopt towards the fair sex. Law considers matrimonial relationship to be sacred and takes a strict view of anyone polluting it.

Take for example the offence of adultery, which is punishable under Section 497 of Indian Penal Code (IPC). The offence, as defined in IPC, can only be committed by a man, not by a woman! In Sowmithiri Vishnu vs Union of India (1985 SCC Sup 137), the SC held, "Indeed, the section provides expressly that the wife shall not be punishable even as an abettor... The contemplation of law is that the wife, who is involved in an illicit relationship with another man, is a victim and not the author of the crime."'

Woman recants story after saying man met on MySpace raped her

antifeminist · 25 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who was allegedly raped by a man whom she met on MySpace.com now says the sex was consensual, according to Orlando Police.

The woman told officers earlier this week that the man raped her when she went to his apartment on Westgate Drive.

The 21-year-old woman told officers she met the man, 25, on MySpace.com on April 20 and began talking to him on the phone and via e-mail.

According to a police report the woman went to the man's apartment on Tuesday afternoon to hang out there and eventually leave to go hang out somewhere else together.'

Elle Magazine: 'Career Advice: Sabotaging Husbands'

anthony · 25 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The current economic crisis has thrown such touchy issues into sharp relief. With the recession intensifying financial pressures on millions of families, many men have lost—or are afraid of losing—their jobs. Even in prosperous times, husbands often feel threatened when their partners' achievements or incomes surpass their own. More than a quarter of working wives now outearn their spouses, and as women's economic empowerment and professional clout transform the American marriage, couples are becoming increasingly egalitarian. But even if a husband remains the major breadwinner, his wife's financial autonomy may threaten his control or erode a fragile sense of self-worth. Needless to say, problems can be greatly exacerbated if the man's economic power is diminished or jeopardized.

"A man who's successful in the world may be, but isn't necessarily, a mature man," says Roger Gould, PhD, a professor of psychiatry at UCLA and a couples counselor in New York City and Los Angeles. "And if he's insecure, his spouse's independence becomes a threat to his power or dominance over her."'

Obama: Michelle Has No Feminist Agenda for Supreme Court Pick

anthony · 25 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"I can't tell you the number of women, including Michelle, who say choose the person you think is going to be best," President Obama said in an interview airing today on C-SPAN.

Michelle Obama understands the nomination of a woman to the Supreme Court in a way her husband cannot.
...
Those feminists who continue to insist that the president should nominate a woman to the bench in order to balance the numbers to reflect the population are demeaning all professional women.

In my career in politics and the media, I have never gotten a job because my boss needed a woman. I was hired for my hard work ethic, experience, intelligence, and skills.'

Margaret Wente: We are witnessing the passing of working-class masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As low- and semi-skilled manual jobs disappear, working-class men are getting hammered - and so is their masculinity. “Manual labour has been a key source of identity, pride, self-esteem and power for working-class men,” says a recent British study, which set out to probe a fascinating question: What makes these men so unemployable?

The conventional answer is that their education levels are too low and their skills are too poor. But the more accurate answer is that they're psychologically mismatched to the seismic shifts in our economy. The new economy (over the long term) is creating tons of service jobs in retail, customer support, and personal care. The trouble is that these jobs require temperamental attributes that are stereotypically feminine - things like patience, a pleasant demeanour, deference to the customer and the ability to empathize and connect. Another way to put it is that these jobs require emotional labour, not manual labour. And women, even unskilled women, are much better at emotional labour than men are.'

Female WWII pilots to receive Congressional Gold Medal without seeing combat

anthony · 25 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Women Airforce Service Pilots was born in 1942 to create a corps of female pilots able to fill all types of flying jobs at home to free male military pilots to travel to the front.

In the days after the outbreak of the war, Jacqueline Cochran, one of the country's leading female pilots at the time, went to a key general to argue that women would be just as capable pilots as men if they were given the same training.

She won the argument, and the program was launched.
...
Some 65 years after their service, the WASPs are being honored with the Congressional Gold Medal [hyperlink added] -- one of the national's [sic] highest civilian honors.
...
"This is a largely overlooked veterans group. They haven't gotten the medals they deserve, the recognition they deserve," Ros-Lehtinen told CNN.'

Related: Senators swarm to bill to cite WASPs

Woman Charged With Hurling Baby in Car Seat at Wal-Mart Employee

anthony · 26 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Police have charged a woman who they say used a child car seat with a 2-month-old infant inside to hit a Wal-Mart employee.

Detective Monique Martin said in a news release Monday that Camilla Fields of Memphis, Tenn., was charged with felony child abuse and neglect and assault. Police did not know if she had an attorney.

A police report from the Wednesday incident says Fields was carrying the car seat when she was confronted by a security guard about shoplifting.

Police say Fields threw the seat and ran away, causing the baby to land face down on the pavement. A paramedic treated the baby until the child regained consciousness.

The child's mother, Stacey Cleaves, was also charged with false reporting and child neglect.'

Gender Equity in a Time of Fiscal Restraint

anthony · 26 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Under prevailing law, which is based on the Brown University case brought by women gymnasts whose team had been eliminated in a university-wide cutback, institutions must "fully accommodate" the interests and abilities of women to participate in intercollegiate sports. It is not simply a matter of eliminating equal numbers of men's and women's teams or even equal numbers of opportunities to participate for each gender. Women's teams simply cannot be eliminated unless a college can prove that females in the student body have their interests in participating fully met. Unless college women suddenly decide that they no longer wish to pursue college athletics, schools will have to save money by cutting only men's teams or finding some other means to balance their budgets. They can always follow the Brandeis University approach of either selling their artwork (which Brandeis ultimately decided not to do) or cutting pension contributions for their loyal employees (which Brandeis decided to do last week).'

Sonia Sotomayor nominated to high court

anthony · 26 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama chose federal appeals judge Sonia Sotomayor to become the nation's first Hispanic Supreme Court justice on Tuesday, praising her as "an inspiring woman" with both the intellect and compassion to interpret the Constitution wisely.
...
In one of her most notable decisions, as an appellate judge she sided last year with the city of New Haven, Conn., in a discrimination case brought by white firefighters. The city threw out results of a promotion exam because too few minorities scored high enough. Coincidentally, that case is now before the Supreme Court.
...
As a federal appeals court judge in 2002, she ruled against an abortion rights group that had challenged a government policy prohibiting foreign organizations receiving U.S. funds from performing or supporting abortions.

In her opinion, Sotomayor wrote that the government was free to favor the anti-abortion position over a pro-choice position when public funds were involved.'

Fatimah Ali: 'Deadbeat Dads' an insult to reality

anthony · 26 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists will probably jump all over me, but here's the real deal.

Many of us joined the women's movement decades ago without looking ahead to see what repercussions our actions would have on both our families and the economy. Now, most of us have to work, which leaves our husbands and children angry because no one is at home tending the hearth.

Our choice to be independent of men financially and of the family structure creates a wide range of problems in our children. And many men feel displaced and angry now because women are competing with them at work.

Far too many women are willing to go it alone and risk poverty and instability for shallow reasons of "self-empowerment" rather than trying to work out their marital challenges. Families need both parents in the household - not just economically but also spiritually and morally.

The whole idea of a "Deadbeat Dads" show is ludicrous. The creators are using the program to exploit what is really a much larger social problem - America's broken families.'

Positive news for a change: Men count!

GaryB · 26 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This story on the Sydney Morning Herald caught my eye this morning, with the headline "Bedroom ad ruled offensive to men". Quote:

'The Advanced Medical Institute (AMI) has been forced to pull a television commercial for longer lasting sex because it "vilified and shamed" men.

But the AMI says it is appealing the "bizarre" ruling on the advertisement, which features former A Country Practice police officer Sergeant Frank Gilroy entering a couple's bedroom after what is perceived to be a rather short love-making session.
...
"The ruling from the ASB says this ad is discriminating against and vilifying men who are suffering serious health problems such as premature ejaculation," he said.

"Of course they're serious problems - these are the very men we're trying to reach with this ad.

"It wouldn't be very effective advertising if we were upsetting the very people we're trying to talk to about available help, so we're planning on appealing this bizarre decision."

Mr Vaisman says the AMI will cooperate with the ASB and remove the ads while an appeal is conducted.'

I know we get bombarded by bad news, but lets celebrate the good when it comes along. Anecdotally, I've been seeing far less of the man-bashing ads on TV, my gut tells me that the advertisers are at least starting to get it - and maybe everyone else is too...

Texas Assistant AG fired for refusing to sign affidavit condemning father's rights-supporting Texas judge

jayhammers · 27 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A former assistant attorney general alleges in a whistleblower suit filed May 18 that the Texas Office of the Attorney General fired her in 2008 for reporting that two OAG attorneys in the Dallas child support office tried "to suborn perjured testimony" from her about a Dallas judge.

Ginger Weatherspoon, who worked in the OAG's child support division from July 2006 until November 2008, alleges in her original petition in Weatherspoon v. Office of the Attorney General of Texas that in February 2008, James Jones and Harry Monck, then-senior regional attorneys in the Dallas child support office, tried to coerce her to sign an affidavit containing "numerous misrepresentations" about a conversation she had had with 254th District Judge David Hanschen [hyperlink added]. Weatherspoon further alleges in the petition, filed in the 44th District Court in Dallas, that Jones and Monck "confined her in a room against her will" after she refused to sign the affidavit.'

Teacher Charged with Having Sex with Teen

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Maine East High School teacher is being held on $50,000 bond after she was charged with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse as a result of an eight-month relationship she admitted to police she has had with a former student, Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart said.

Jennifer Espinosa, 38, of Park Ridge, told Cook County Sheriff's Police investigators she "loves" the 16-year-old boy, who was expelled from Maine East in September and is a known Sureno 13 gang member, investigators said.'

Pension policy encourages divorce

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Video report here. Truth once again is stranger than fiction. Continental Airlines is suing some pilots who "faked" their divorces so they could get their pension distributions early rather than take the chance that their employer will go out of business and eat the pension fund.

The bigger picture here, aside from jobs being in danger and people acting thusly, is the fact that these kinds of policies encourage couples to split up rather than stay together. As for the comments regarding the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, I doubt most people believe this, even if it is true, in the face of so many institutions considered solid just a year ago turning out to have feet of clay.

Women's Groups Vow to Fight for Swift Confirmation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Women's groups that had been urging President Obama to select the fourth female Supreme Court nominee in American history greeted his choice of Judge Sonia Sotomayor with enthusiasm.
...
The National Organization for Women also cheered the nomination of Sotomayor and president Kim Gandy said it would launch a campaign to ensure her "swift confirmation."

"Judge Sotomayor will serve the nation with distinction. She brings a lifelong commitment to equality, justice and opportunity, as well as the respect of her peers, unassailable integrity, and a keen intellect informed by experience. President Obama said he wanted a justice with 'towering intellect' and a 'common touch' and he found both in Judge Sotomayor," Gandy said in a statement calling for Sotomayor's confirmation before the Senate's August recess.'

Reports: Missing mom, girl not abducted

Matt · 27 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PHILADELPHIA – Philadelphia news outlets are reporting a suburban mother who claimed she and her 9-year-old daughter had been abducted were spotted on video surveillance at Philadelphia International Airport boarding a plane to Florida.

The Philadelphia Inquirer and WPVI-TV, citing unidentified sources, report Wednesday that 38-year-old Bonnie Sweeten, and her daughter Julia Rakoczy, were shown boarding a plane to Tampa on Tuesday afternoon.

Investigators say they can now conclude that the two were not abducted by a pair of men following a traffic accident in suburban Philadelphia.'

I am curious to see the details when the full story comes out after the police catch up with them.

WSJ: "The 'Empathy' Nominee"

Matt · 27 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a speech published in the Berkeley La Raza Law Journal in 2002, Judge Sotomayor offered her own interpretation of this jurisprudence. "Justice [Sandra Day] O'Connor has often been cited as saying that a wise old man and wise old woman will reach the same conclusion in deciding cases," she declared. "I am . . . not so sure that I agree with the statement. First, . . . there can never be a universal definition of wise. Second, I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life."

We quote at such length because, even more than her opinions, these words are a guide to Ms. Sotomayor's likely behavior on the High Court. She is a judge steeped in the legal school of identity politics. This is not the same as taking justifiable pride in being the first Puerto Rican-American nominated to the Court, as both she and the President did yesterday. Her personal and family stories are admirable. Italian-Americans also swelled at the achievement of Justice Antonin Scalia, as Jewish-Americans did at the nomination of Benjamin Cardozo.

But these men saw themselves as judges first and ethnic representatives second. Judge Sotomayor's belief is that a "Latina woman" is by definition a superior judge to a "white male" because she has had more "richness" in her struggle. The danger inherent in this judicial view is that the law isn't what the Constitution says but whatever the judge in the "richness" of her experience comes to believe it should be.'

First male student advocacy group in the United States formed at University of Chicago

jayhammers · 28 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

See the Chicago Tribute article here. Excerpt:

'A group of University of Chicago students think it's time the campus focused more on its men.

A third-year student from Lake Bluff has formed Men in Power, a student organization that promises to help men get ahead professionally. But the group's emergence has been controversial, with some critics charging that its premise is misogynistic.

Others say it's about time men are championed, noting that recent job losses hit men harder and that women earn far more bachelor's and master's degrees than do men.'

Join the Facebook group here to show your support.

Report: British Teacher Fired for Writing Racy Novel About Her 'Favorite' Students

anthony · 28 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'A British teacher reportedly has been fired for publishing a novel describing sexual encounters with some of her students.

The fictional work "Stop! Don't Read This" focuses on five of Leonora Rustamova's "favorite" students at Calder High School and addresses the 39-year-old's growing struggle to view her students as "kids." She also writes about her tendency to flirt with students and allow them to flirt with and fantasize about her, according to the Daily Telegraph.

In addition, the expletive-filled book featured stories of students drinking, skipping school and possibly using drugs. It also named other faculty members, including the school's headmaster Stephen Ball, the Daily Telegraph reported.

When she was suspended in January over the book's release, more than 250 students and parents demonstrated in support of Rustamova, saying she was only try to encourage the students to read, the Telegraph reported.

The school announced on Wednesday that she had been terminated following a disciplinary hearing into her conduct.'

India: Cases of battering jump the sex divide

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Cases of wives abusing their husbands and giving them sleepless nights is on the rise and so are the number of divorces in the city

...

Adarsh is a software professional. A Hindu, he married his college chum, Selina, a Christian, two years ago.

...

...Adarsh's parents are at their wits' end, for the girl, they say, swears and uses off-colour risques when she gets into a fit of anger. Adarsh says he wants to try psychiatric help but can't without her cooperation. Selina scoffs at the suggestion. When DNA met him, he was locked out and staying in a hotel. He showed scratches and bite marks on his body.

...

Wife-bashing has been around ever since Adam woke up from his slumber to find his one rib missing. But husband-battering has been invisible up till now. Recently, many young men in the third richest city are seen frequently rushing out of bedrooms howling. The 2006 and 2007 crime data say 1305 husbands in Bangalore ended their lives in 2006 and 1596 in 2007. It was 245 a decade ago. The national scene shows that 65.3 per cent of men committed suicides in eight cities in 2007. Bangalore comes third in the list.'

Even in Sweden's generous welfare state, kids in single parent homes more at risk

Matt · 28 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"“If children without fathers fare worse than children in two-parent families, say defenders of single mothers, the answer is better pay for women and better social programs. Yet even in Sweden with its generous welfare state, a major 2003 study found that children raised in single-parent homes were at significantly higher risk for addictions and serious psychiatric problems.”

A nice piece from Cathy Young in the Boston Globe–Single mothers and the baby boom (5/26/09). She writes:

"In the past 10 years, with my biological clock winding down and no husband in sight, I have been asked quite a few times if I had considered having a child on my own. What used to be scandalous is now practically a conventional life choice.

The economic and social pressures that used to propel people into marriage no longer exist; even Bristol Palin, the daughter of Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska, a conservative Christian, can opt out of marrying her baby's father without opprobrium. Expectations of love and emotional satisfaction in marriage are much higher than they once were. Gender roles are in flux. In today's economy, working-class women often have better job opportunities than men, yet men's marital desirability is still linked to the traditional notion of the “good provider.”"'

‘Runaway mom,’ girl found at Disney World

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors believe that the Pennsylvania woman who was found with her daughter at Disney World after claiming they were abducted by two black men may have been taking actions due to domestic tensions with her second husband.

“They’re still looking into the motive behind this. We believe it may have to do with some domestic problems she may have been having with her husband,” Bucks County (Pa.) district attorney Michelle Henry told TODAY’s Natalie Morales Thursday. Henry said the couple may also have been facing financial problems.

Henry said that Bonnie Sweeten, 38, of Feasterville, will be charged with false reports and identity theft, both misdemeanors, and would be extradited from Florida to face the charges. Her 9-year-old daughter, Julia Rakoczy, was being interviewed by investigators and was to return home with her father and Sweeten’s ex-husband, Anthony Rakoczy.'

Hmmm...
"...after claiming they were abducted by two black men..."
"...domestic tensions with her second husband..."

Predicted outcome: Psychiatric evaluation, treatment, book deal, appearances on Oprah. In short: She will be rewarded for making a false police report and burning thousands of dollars in taxpayer money on a wild goose chase while leveraging anti-male/anti-black-people/anti-black-male-people prejudices to both escape negative consequences and find a way to make money off it.

Oh, that poor woman!

Sonia Sotomayor: supreme misandrist?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Does this remark make you want to head for the hills?

"I would hope that a wise Caucasian man with the richness of his experiences would more often than not reach better conclusion than a Latina woman who hasn't lived that life."

A male faculty member who made such a claim would be laughed off of any college campus. But a slightly-revised version of that remark actually was made at the University of California at Berkeley. This is what Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor had to say at a Law and Cultural Diversity lecture she gave in 2001:

"I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life."

Punctuating that loopy logic, she then opined,

"Whether born from experience or inherent physiological or cultural differences,...our gender and national origins may and will make a difference in our judging."

Physiological or cultural differences? Gender and national origins? Let's come right out and proclaim it to the rooftops: Having female genitalia and being able to roll your R's makes you a better judge!'

Malaysian men who call their wives ugly could go to jail

Michael · 28 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It could soon be a crime for Malaysian men to call their wives ugly, a women's rights group claimed this week.

The Women's Development Department, which is a branch of the government, plans to ask Parliament to ban 'emotional violence' against women. Physical violence is already illegal.

Campaigners said offenders who 'demonstrate a pattern of causing mental and psychological damage' should face counseling, fines and jail terms.
...
About 90 percent of some 800 women who called Malaysia's Women's Aid Organisation for help last year reported being psychologically abused, though some were also physically assaulted.'

'Men in throes of Supreme panic'

anthony · 28 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

't's been such fun watching the right-wing white boys sputtering over the Supreme Court nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, a Hispanic woman nominated by a black man!

"Our world domination's slip, slip, slipping away," you can almost hear them whimper. "What to do?"
...
Note to those arguing that if a white man said about caucasians what Sotomayor did about Latina women judging better, he'd be finished: That's true. But it's a ridiculous analogy. White men - unlike women and minorities - have never endured government-sanctioned racism. Not yet, anyway.

Quick questions:

Why, when a white man wins a political seat or a court appointment, it's all about merit? But when a nonwhite wins (Obama) or gets appointed (Sotomayor), it's all about "identity politics" and tokenism?

How can anybody argue today against diversity in courts, Congress, whatever, considering that legal sexism and segregation continued right through the '70s in great part because men - white men - ran everything?'

Assisted living center employee sued over false rape rumors

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WHEELING - An assisted living center is suing one of its employees for allegedly spreading rumors that an older man residing at the facility raped a woman.

Weirton Health Partners filed a federal lawsuit April 14 against Gabrielle Yates.

Weirton says it lost clients after Yates began to call families of residents living at Wyngate Senior Living Community and told them a resident had raped another resident.

But Weirton contends the claims are not true.

Rumors began flying after Wyngate staff members discovered the existence of a romantic relationship between two elderly residents in June, according to the complaint.'

Real Clear Politics: Obama, Sotomayor, Ricci and White Male Privilege

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Polls show support for affirmative action tracks with those who benefit from the policy. For example, white women overwhelmingly support affirmative action when it involves women. But when it involves only minorities, white women generally agree with white men. A majority of whites do still support affirmative action for minorities. But their support nears 90 percent when it regards economic background rather than race or gender.
...
That's the bigger issue afoot. It is still acceptable for society to discriminate against white males and to speak derisively of them. At what point will this change?

As Sotomayor stood beside the president Tuesday, she said, "I strive never to forget the real-world consequences of my decisions on individuals, businesses and government."

But Sotomayor demonstrated no empathy for the "real-world consequences" of affirmative action on Ricci. In the months and years ahead, the Supreme Court, this president and Sotomayor will have to consider whether they should.'

State's first women-only veterans clinic opens

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CHATTANOOGA - A new veterans clinic for women only is opening in Nashville and officials say it is one of the most comprehensive Veterans Affairs women's care clinics in the country.

Mary Ann Woodward-Smith, who oversees women's care for the Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, said the clinic opening Wednesday is a sign that the VA is expanding services to women, who have been underserved in the male-dominated military.

The Chattanooga Times Free Press reported the clinic on Charlotte Avenue is separate from the main VA hospital campus and is staffed entirely by women.'

UK: Justice system a 'sexist operation', study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The society's commission on women and the criminal justice system, whose members include high court judges and Cressida Dick, one of the most senior women in British policing, warned that since it last reported in 2004 there has been a lack of consistent progress in promoting women into senior positions, and victims and offenders continued to be marginalised in a system designed for men.

It raised concerns over the number of women given short prison sentences for non-violent crime, including the non-payment of fines and television licences, and the effect it had on their children as well as its failure to address the causes of their offending.

In 2007, 63% of women sent to jail were given sentences of six months or less. Last month the female prison population stood at 4,309, compared with 2,672 in mid-1997. Ministry of Justice projections show that at best it may decrease by 200 by 2015, and at worst will increase to 5,100.'

Mother Approves Of Teacher Raping Son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HIALEAH, Fla., May 27 (UPI) -- Police in Hialeah, Fla., have charged a female teacher at a religious school with having an affair with a 15-year-old 8th grader.

In addition to the teacher, the boy's mother is under investigation after acknowledging to authorities that she approved of the relationship, the Miami Herald reported Wednesday.

"She apparently didn't find anything wrong with it, thought that the teacher was a nice enough person and a good influence on her son," said Detective Carl Zogby of the Hialeah police.'

Former Teacher's Aid Ordered Held Without Bail

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Story here. When its a female teacher, its sex or relationship. When its a male, its abuse or rape. How many female teachers who rape boys are held without bail?

'A former teacher's aide in Burlington will remain in jail pending trial on sex abuse charges.

Douglas Cavett, 43, of Milton, is accused of assaulting a male student from Hunt Middle school back in the early 1990s.

Police say Cavett gained the trust of troubled boys and hosted parties at his house where he gave teenage boys drugs and alcohol. Cavett already has one sex crime conviction from 2005, also involving a teenage boy.

Last week he pleaded not guilty to two counts of aggravated sexual assault, but police fear there may be more victims. A judge denied him bail, saying he's a risk to public safety.'

Ex-teacher's aide 'sorry for parties', gets plea deal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HARRISON, Pa., May 27 (UPI) -- A former teacher's aide and one-time stripper apologized in a Pennsylvania courtroom for her sexual trysts and partying with teenage students.

Abbie Swogger, 36, of Harrison was sentenced to 3-to-6 years in prison Tuesday after saying she was sorry she had not acted like the role model she should have been during her brief tenure as an aide at a local high school.

The Valley News Dispatch in Tarentum. Pa., said Swogger will also be registered as a sex offender. In exchange for the plea, most of the 40 counts against her were consolidated or dropped.'

Ex-teacher in 'student-sex tryst' wants earlier parole hearing

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NASHVILLE - A former Tennessee teacher who was convicted of having sex with a 13-year-old student is fighting for another shot at parole.

Pamela Rogers was arrested in February 2005 and pleaded no contest to having sexual intercourse and oral sex with the student, who attended the elementary school in McMinnville where she had taught physical education.

She was released early for good behavior, but was sent back to jail for sending nude photos to the boy after she was released.'

Police Accuse Female Teacher Of "Intimate Contact" With 15 Year Old Boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WILMINGTON – More details emerged Wednesday in the case against a former New Hanover County middle school teacher charged with sex crimes.

Wilmington police say they caught 27-year-old Jessica Wishnask in "intimate contact" with a 15-year-old boy. She was charged with taking indecent liberties with a minor.

News 14 Carolina confirmed Thursday that the teenager is a student at Williston Middle School, where Wishnask used to teach. It is unclear if he was her student.

News 14 Carolina does not identify the victims of sex crimes.

New Hanover County school district leaders say the teacher was suspended twice during her two years with the district. They did not release the reason for those suspensions. She resigned for personal reasons last December.

Wilmington police say they caught the teacher and student together in a parked car around 3:30 a.m. Saturday.'

Australia: Teacher awaits decision in sex trial

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The trial of a Canberra teacher accused of having sex with a 14-year-old student ended yesterday with the woman's young accuser branded a liar in court by a defence barrister.
After seven days of evidence and submissions in the ACT Supreme Court, 43-year-old Tania Tominac now faces an agonising wait for Justice Malcolm Gray to return his verdict on her guilt or innocence.
...
In his closing submissions yesterday, defence barrister Ken Archer told Justice Gray that the boy at the centre of the allegations was "not a witness of truth" and that some of his claims were "beyond belief".

Tominac, a former teacher at Saint Francis Xavier College in Florey, is accused of conducting an affair with the then 14-year-old student.

The mother-of-three pleaded not guilty to five counts of sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 16 and one count of maintaining a relationship with a person under the age of 16.'

MSNBC’s O’Donnell: No White Men Qualified For Supreme Court?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During the 3:00PM EST hour on MSNBC on Wednesday, political analyst Pat Buchanan wondered why President Obama’s short list for the Supreme Court only included women, in response, anchor Norah O’Donnell declared: "Did it ever occur to you, Pat, that maybe there weren’t any white men who were qualified?"

Buchanan replied: "No, it did not occur to me...You mean there are no white males qualified? That is – that would be an act of bigotry to make a statement like that." O’Donnell defended her remark by claiming past discrimination against women in the nominating process: "In the past there have been no women that have been qualified." Buchanan argued: "They certainly have been qualified in the past. I don’t doubt there are. But probably half of the great lawyers and judges are white males in this country. And to rule them out, why? Because of their sex and because of their race is wrong, I think. At least it’s affirmative action."'

Police officers to get day in court for reverse discrimination

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FLINT, Michigan -- A showdown is coming between former Flint Mayor Don Williamson and 45 city police officers who claim they are the victims of reverse discrimination.

And it could cost Flint taxpayers millions if the cops win.

A federal judge this week refused the city's request to toss a lawsuit that claims Williamson passed over qualified white officers when he handpicked five officers for his Citizens Service Bureau in 2006.

Four of the officers were black men and one was a white woman.

The lawsuit filed by 45 white officers claims that Williamson "unlawfully discriminated against them when Williamson personally selected officers on the basis of race" for the department.'

New York NOW Memo Opposing Mandatory Joint Custody

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A case for “Primary Caregiver Presumption.” The National Organization for Women-New York State has always favored a primary caregiver (usually the mother) presumption to ensure stability and continuity of care for children. If the father has not been involved in a major way in the lives of his children during the marriage, why would that involvement increase after divorce?

...

Father’s rights groups are in the forefront of the push for legislation establishing a presumption in favor of joint custody. These groups emphasize that many states already have some form of mandated joint custody. The first of these was California. After seeing the effects on children: convoluted living arrangements between relocated, possibly remarried parents, children being transferred from parent to parent in front of police stations, children being enrolled in two separate schools and other horror stories, the California legislature, in 1989 revoked its presumption and the statute now established “neither a preference nor a presumption for or against joint legal custody, joint physical custody, or sole custody, but allows the court and the family the widest discretion to choose a parenting plan which is in the best interest of the child or children.”'

NYC Teacher Accused Of Classroom Sex With Student

Matt · 29 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Looks like it's teacher-student-statutory-rape-story-Friday here on MANN. One more here. This one's a real shocker, but is anyone really surprised when so many female teachers get away with it so easily so often? Excerpt:

'It was inside a second-story classroom where police said Weber gave one of her students an up close and personal lesson in sex education.
...
...But authorities said the 27-year-old took particular interest in one student, having sex with the teen seven times from mid-April to mid-May, all after school.

She allegedly told him: "Don't tell anyone. I could get arrested and I could lose my teaching license."

Investigators said after the boy's mother was tipped off by school employees, she checked her son's cell phone and found hundreds of calls and texts from Weber, the last text reading, "erase your phone."'

Elmer Smith: Another crime appearance by 'black men'

Matt · 29 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'OK, GIVE yourselves some credit. You had this Bonnie Sweeten abduction pegged for a hoax by morning coffee break Wednesday.

Anybody around the water cooler with an IQ of 65 or above was starting to sense that the by-now hardy perennial tale of the missing blue-eyed blonde being hijacked by those handy, hulking black men from Central Casting was bogus.

Don't gloat too much, though. The odor of week-old carp was wafting off of this one from the moment the call came in from the damn'dsel in distress.
...
The paper trail she left behind was easier to follow than the bread crumbs Hansel and Gretel left on their trek through the woods. Her inevitable conviction may be a deterrent to the next fable spinner.

But this is small solace to hundreds of black men who have found themselves in the dragnet after one of these bogus yarns. Some of them have been convicted on the basis of lies not much better than this one.

The truth may make us free. But lies like Sweeten's may keep some of us from having to be freed.'

"White House: Sotomayor says she chose word poorly" - well, not exactly...

Matt · 29 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – The White House says Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor acknowledges she made a poor word choice in a 2001 speech in which she said that a Latina judge would often reach a better conclusion than a white male judge who hasn't lived the same life.

That's according to presidential spokesman Robert Gibbs. He says he has not talked directly to Sotomayor about it but has spoken to people who have.'

So she is saying she made a "poor choice of words". At least, she is said to have said to have said something like that. That is, someone is saying he heard from someone else that she said words to that effect, or in some way acknowledged it.

"Poor choice of words". I wonder what "choice of words" she would choose today to express the sentiment, whatever it was, since her first choice of words was, apparently, "poor" -- or so we are told by someone told by someone else who said she said something like that.

Well, in any case what she says is not nearly as important as what she does, though what she says does let people know a bit how she thinks and looks at the world, and thus to some degree, gives us some idea of what kind of Supreme Court judge she would make.

But whether or not you like what she has has actually *done* while being a judge in lesser courts up until now is up to you.

Just launched - a social networking site just for men

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Two "men of a certain age" have just launched Men's Space, a new social networking site for mature men. The site, http://www.mens-space.com/, will provide a platform for men over 30 or even younger, to air and share their views because, said co-founder John Murphy (64), "There is so much support for women but men seem to have to tough it out for themselves".

Co-founder Tony Reid (a little older) said "We want to give men a voice again. A "man of a certain age" can be a man of any age, so long as he wants to engage with other men in a grown-up manner". The Men's Space site will have a very different demographic to the likes of Facebook and that is the target.

Men's Space has the usual facilities to be expected of a social networking site, including the main forum, the ability to form groups and profiles with photo galleries.

Men have a new challenge or problem almost every day and Men's Space will empower them to seek out answers to their questions; share interests and passions; converse and make new friends from all over the world.....
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Men's Space is a new company formed for the purpose of promoting the needs of men over 30 on the internet.
Website: http://www.mens-space.com/
Contact: John Murphy - co-founder
Email: john-at-mens-space.com

Woman charged with false rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Concord woman who claimed her boyfriend tried to rape her has been arrested and charged with false reporting.

The police are still trying to figure out what exactly happened between Tabitha Carbone, 18, and Andrew Trudell, 25, early May 22, when Carbone told the police that Trudell grabbed, choked, and tried to rape her after she said she wanted to break up with him.

But prosecutors have dropped the charge of attempted aggravated felonious sexual assault against Trudell, who was arrested after a foot chase the night of May 22. His bail, originally set at $100,000 cash, was reduced and converted to personal recognizance. He left the Merrimack County Jail on Wednesday.'

Rape charges dropped, but scars remain

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Story here. Excerpt:

'For more than three months, Scott Michael Waite wore an electronic ankle bracelet that made him a prisoner in his own home. With his reputation sullied and his life put on hold, he sat accused of raping a 26-year-old woman he had met in an Oakdale bar on a cold January night.

But in a recent unique turn of events, after an exhaustive investigation by his attorney, Ryan Garry, prosecutors dropped the charges in April. Waite, 29, now must rebuild his life.

"I'm pretty shook up by the whole thing," Waite said. "I was treated like a complete criminal. To hear people say these malicious things about me is really hurtful."

The case was dropped "in the interest of justice" and was an unusual one "where we get information after the fact and feel we really can't prove our case at all," said Susan Harris, first assistant attorney in Washington County. "In this particular case, they found a lot of people willing to come forward and speak against [the accuser]."'

Time: 'A Florida Epidemic: Female Teachers Sleeping with Their Students'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'If you're the parent of a teen-aged boy in Florida, you probably muttered "not again" while reading your morning newspaper this week. There on the front page was yet another case of an adult female teacher being arrested for admitting to having had sex with an underage male student. This time the alleged perp was Maria Guzman Hernandez, a 32-year-old instructor at the private Our Lady of Charity school in Hialeah; her victim was 15. But she just as well could have been the 34-year-old Jacksonville public-school science teacher arrested last month for allegedly having sex with a 14-year-old student, once in her SUV; or the 32-year-old St. Petersburg teacher collared in March for allegedly "sexting" nude pictures of herself to an 8th-grade boy; or the 45-year-old teacher at a private Christian academy in South Daytona arrested days before for allegedly having sex with a boy from her class in various Daytona Beach hotels.

...

It doesn't help that society already brings a double standard to these cases, the notion that somehow it isn't as harmful for a boy to be seduced by a woman as it is for a girl to have sex with a man. In fact, it's not uncommon in the wake of news like Hernandez's arrest to hear morning radio jocks in Florida declare congratulatory high-fives for the boys.

"This isn't an 'affair,' it's abuse, and we have to shift that paradigm," says Terri Miller, president of Stop Educator Sexual Abuse, Misconduct and Exploitation (SESAME) in Nevada. "We say, 'Bully for the boy and his conquest of the geometry teacher,' but that makes it harder for boys to vocalize their victimization." Indeed, studies by psychologists like Julie Hislop, author of the 2001 book Female Sex Offenders: What Therapists, Law Enforcement and Child Protective Services Need to Know, note that boys who are sexually abused by women often develop alcoholism, depression and their own sexual dysfunctions, including rape, as men.'

Defense Attorney For Runaway Mom: 'It's not a crime to take your kid to Disney World'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PHILADELPHIA - A woman accused of staging an abduction hoax that began near Philadelphia and ended at Florida's Walt Disney World was returned to Pennsylvania in police custody on Friday and was held on $1 million bail.

A drained-looking Bonnie Sweeten appeared in an Orlando, Fla., courtroom for a brief hearing Friday morning before detectives from Bucks County, Pa., escorted her to the airport for the flight home.

...

Defense lawyer Louis R. Busico told reporters before the court appearance that Sweeten, 38, is not a flight risk and was not running from the law when she went to Florida with her 9-year-old daughter.

"It's not a crime to take your kid to Disney World," Busico said.'

Germany: ‘Male kindergarten’ has great possibilities

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Germans also gave us the concept of kindergarten, which has become the foundation of public education.

Well, a couple years ago, the Germans came up with an extension of the kindergarten concept. It’s for women fed up with their partner grumbling about having to go on shopping ventures. Thanks to progressive thinking, a fraulein who wants to shop ’til she drops doesn’t have listen to a man whine, “Is it time to go, yet?” She can drop off her male at Maennergarten.

Maennergarten is a day care service for men. And guys, before you get all huffy and go into macho outrage at the notion of “hubbie kindergarten,” check out this deal.

First, Maennergarten day care isn’t held in a private home owned by someone named Bertha, with three dozen screaming, drooling, snot-nosed kids climbing all over you.

Nah. Maennergarten is held at watering holes, like a bistro in downtown Hamburg called the Nox Bar. The only screaming, drooling, snot-nosed humans present are other grown up males!'

American Thinker: The Crisis of the Disappearing Educated Male

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Article here. Excerpt:

'...Hostility toward men and masculinity begins in daycare and increases each year thereafter. Sexual harassment training and policies have created an uncertain environment, if not a hostile one, where men have to watch their every word and action lest it be misunderstood or misinterpreted. Some experts criticize a campus "worldview that sees things only in terms of oppressors and the oppressed." Typically, the few campus men's studies programs are designed to push an anti-masculinity agenda.
...
Actually, the solution is much simpler: create an environment starting in kindergarten that teaches children to respect masculine traits. To do otherwise is to discriminate against our sons and brothers.'

Inside Higher Ed: Lost Men on Campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In terms of strategies and recommendations, Edwards and Harris suggested first giving college men permission to stop performing and to be themselves. “It’s really about creating some kind of balance to the external pressure,” said Harris. “We talk about challenge and support, challenging the negative behavior.”

Edwards and Harris also recommended providing opportunities for critical self-reflection about what it means to be a man – “to disrupt the functioning of hegemonic masculinity” – including through facilitated student affairs programming and academic courses (a course in women’s studies, for instance). They recommended a need to build "cultural competence" for faculty and staff in issues of gender. While many in the audience lauded the transformative impact of small group discussions among men, one common point was the need for a facilitator who really understands gender dynamics.'

Scotland: Dani Garavelli: Let our boys be boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sadly, statistics bear out these writers' pessimism. Academically, boys lag behind almost from the day they're born. They are four times more likely to be expelled from nursery, are more likely to be diagnosed with ADHD and, because they are seen as more demanding, wait twice as long to be adopted in some parts of the UK.

Some of the challenges associated with raising sons are integral to their gender: their surplus energy means they require to be exercised daily, while their desire to avoid meaningful conversation means more effort is required to keep the lines of communication open. Other difficulties are the result of social change – the large number of single parent families means many boys are growing up not only without male role models, but with mothers whose own experiences with men may be negative.'

"Fathers Rights Groups Are Destructive"

Matt · 30 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Usually I ignore feminist blogs since they are so predictable. This particular entry though strikes me as especially venomous. FR groups are painted as being front organizations for batterers and, based on the language used to describe them, all but terrorist organizations. These kinds of defamations must be confronted and the accusers called to task for their mischaracterizations. Entry here. Excerpt:

'Lets begin with the infamous shared parenting bill brought about by fathers rights groups.
Campaign messages were:

* Fathers are committing suicide because they are not seeing their children.
* Single mothers are bad aka "fatherlessness"
* Mothers make false allegations for financial reasons or revenge
* Most Domestic Violence allegations are made to gain custody of the child

The submissions that were made in the Australian family law reform were mostly from men and women supporting men. There was no credible research to prove any of these statements, but the amplified voice of propaganda won above common sense and ethics.

...
Dads In Distress is one of the milder operational cells of the Australian FR Network. They are milder simply because they are restricted by funding guidelines set out by FACSIA . DIDS has been funded for over a million dollars under the guidelines of, "Suicide Prevention". Dads In Distress claimed in his appeal for more funding that fathers will be committing suicide without his service. The Mens Referral Service has been far more responsible in providing these services for men without lobbying for children to have contact with mentally unstable men. In many studies conducted on murder suicides, research revealed that when men do it, they usually take children and women with them. Such advocacy is irresponsible and selfish in respect to the interests of the children.
...
In Family Court Proceedings, False Allegations are rare. Dr Kim Oates was quoted on ABCs Parent Alienation Background briefing to have findings of false allegations as low as 2.5%.'

Hands-on dads handle stress better

Matt · 30 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Job loss is traumatic. So is financial anxiety. But hands-on fathers who can juggle bath-time, playground jaunts and laundry duty are better equipped to deal with those than earlier generations of men, says the author of a new book on fatherhood.

In Daddy Shift, to be released next month, Jeremy Adam Smith explores how fathers' growing participation in childrearing and domestic duties is transforming modern families.'

Obama sure Sotomayor would restate 2001 comment

Matt · 30 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Latest entry in the on-going saga here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama on Friday personally sought to deflect criticism of Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, who finds herself under intensifying scrutiny for saying in 2001 that a female Hispanic judge would often reach a better decision than a white male judge. "I'm sure she would have restated it," Obama flatly told NBC News, without indicating how he knew that.

The quote in question from Sotomayor has emerged as a rallying call for conservative critics who fear she will offer opinions from the bench based less on the rule of law and more on her life experience, ethnicity and gender. That issue is likely to play a central role in her Senate confirmation process.'

So now we have heard the president say he's "sure" she would have "re-stated" what she said. He did not say she said that she would. She did not actually say so herself, as near as anyone can tell. You'd think she was camera-shy given how much others seem to be speaking for her, or on her behalf, or at least speculating about what she might do or say if she were to actually say something herself in front of other people. I wonder why she is so not-visible now, since she never seemed to be that way in the past.

"I heard someone say someone said that someone else said that he honestly and truly believed this about her: That if she had it to do today, she probably would say what she said using different words."

OK, guess that'll have to do.

Oh, did we forget what she actually did say, what all this talking about talking about talking about what she said or might have said or may say is all about? Her actual, real words, from her own lips, spoken in public (wow, took a long time to get there!) were in fact:

"Justice O'Connor has often been cited as saying that a wise old man and wise old woman will reach the same conclusion in deciding cases. I am...not so sure that I agree with the statement. First,...there can never be a universal definition of wise. Second, I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life."*

Your turn to be the judge.

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*As quoted by the WSJ. They said she said that. :)

Naomi Wolf: "Feminism and the scientific evidence about the male Brain"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists understandably have often shied away from scientific evidence that challenges this critique of sex roles. After all, because biology-based arguments about gender difference have historically been used to justify women's subjugation, women have been reluctant to concede any innate difference, lest it be used against them. But, in view of recent scientific discoveries, has feminist resistance to accepting any signs of innate gender difference only created new biases?

The feminist critique, for example, has totally remade elementary-level education, where female decision-makers prevail: the construction of male hierarchies in the schoolyard is often redirected nowadays for fear of "bullying," with boys and girls alike expected to "share" and "process" their emotions. But many educators have begun to argue that such intervention in what may be a hardwired aspect of "boy-ness" can lead to boys' academic underperformance relative to girls, and to more frequent diagnoses of behavioral problems, attention deficit disorder, and so on.'

Sex abuse: different for boys, or is it?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"We don't often have that kind of sympathy for men in sexual abuse situations," Casey said. "Our culture has a message to boys and men that any kind of sexual behavior is getting lucky."

That attitude can translate into lighter sentences for female offenders. In 2006, Florida teacher Debra Lafave escaped charges of lewd and lascivious battery on a 14-year-old student with a sentence of house arrest and probation. Her attorney implied in court that she was too pretty to be sent to prison.

The illicit couple in question can even gain a kind of celebrity status. Mary Kay Letourneau, the former teacher imprisoned for having a sexual relationship with one of her sixth-grade students, recently hosted a "Hot for Teacher" night at a bar in Seattle with her former student and current husband as DJ, according to the Associated Press.'

Royal Oak woman guilty of burning 5-year-old son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Returning a guilty verdict for child abuse in the second degree, an Oakland County Circuit Court jury believes a Royal Oak woman burned her 5-year-old son with a hair straightening iron the same day she turned 29.
...
“We are certainly hoping for leniency in light of the fact that Ms. Drew has no criminal record,” Youngs said. “Second-degree child abuse removes intent as an element and requires that the prosecutor only show recklessness. The sentence Ms. Drew receives may impact how we go forward. This case has been a nightmare for her.”
...
The third-degree burns to the child's lower right leg required skin grafts and plastic surgery, and the arrest came several months into the investigation, Swiatkowski said.

The boy has autism and limited verbal skills, which kept him from being able to tell police how he was burned, according to Swiatkowski.'

TMW creates pack to help combat male suicide

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LONDON - TMW has produced a business-targeted campaign aimed at reducing the numbers of men who commit suicide due to work and economic pressures.

The direct marketing activity has been produced free of charge for the Campaign Against Living Miserably (Calm), which provides help and advice via phone and its website.

...

The campaign has been created in response to fears that the recession will lead to an increase in male suicide.'

Schumer won't concede Sotomayor misspoke

anthony · 31 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) declined Sunday to concur with President Barack Obama's claim that Supreme Court Judge Sonia Sotomayor believes she chose her words poorly in a 2001 speech where she said a "wise Latina" judge would reach better results than a white male.

"I don't think anybody wants nine justices on the Supreme Court who have ice water in their veins," Schumer said on ABC's "This Week."

However, when pressed by host George Stephanopoulos on whether Sotomayor planned to distance herself from the "wise Latina" comment during her confirmation hearings, Schumer, who is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, did not answer directly.

"I think she'll stand by the entire speech," Schumer said. "The specific sentence there is simply saying that people's experiences matter and we ought to have some diversity of experience in the court."

Changes in human sex ratio and chemical contamination

Matt · 31 May 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Excerpt from Our Stolen Future here, reading in part:

'Several researchers, however, have reported apparent recent declines in the proportion of male births, in the US, Canada, Denmark and the Netherlands. These declines have been very small but statistically significant. Fewer boys are being born than would be expected on the basis of the recent historical worldwide average.

In addition to these general declines, several specific cases have been reported involving sharp alterations in the sex ratio of people because of industrial accident, occupational exposure, or because of exposure to air pollution from incinerators. For example, in Russia pesticide workers exposed to elevated dioxin and dioxin-like compounds are less likely to father boys. A similar pattern is observed in men exposed to a mixture of PCBs in Taiwan. Both these studies report no effect on the sex ratio of infants born to exposed women. The Taiwanese study also suggests that exposure before the age of 20 is necessary for there to be an effect on sex ratio.'

One of the co-authors is scheduled to present at the 2009 ideaCity Conference in Toronto, Ontario in June of this year.

Living life by Archie's law

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Article here. Excerpt:

Women marry for money all the time, so what's wrong with a man doing so?

The shock announcement that young Archie Andrews has finally proposed to foxy Veronica rather than cute as a button Betty has set off a furious debate. Love or money is the topic at hand, being discussed with vigour at water coolers and in the blogosphere.

...

It soon became apparent what it was--Archie's misguided and rash step (even though it has taken him nearly seven decades) had got those keyboards rattling with outrage and disgust (Archie is a sap, how could he, she'll ditch him.)

...

But now Archie has gone and done exactly what he shouldn't have. And bloggers are upset.

...

Women marry for money all the time; why can't a man? This is bound to be a deeply unpopular view, but is more in tune with reality as it is rather than as it ought to be. To all those Archie fans, in the blogosphere and elsewhere, who are upset, disappointed and crushed at how far their hero has fallen, I can only say, c'est la vie. Better still -- get a life.'

Woman shoots father of her children, police say

Matt · 1 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A Phoenix woman shot the father of her children at an apartment complex near 51st and Van Buren streets Friday afternoon, police said.

Just before 2 p.m., Phoenix police responded to the scene and found that the man had been shot, later determining the shooting was a domestic-violence case and taking the woman into custody, according to Luis Samudio of Phoenix police.

The children were in the apartment, though it was unclear how many children they have.

The condition of the man was not yet known.'

School drop-out rates rise for children of divorce, claims study

Matt · 1 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Parents thinking about getting divorced, especially for the second or third time, should consider the impact of that decision on their children's schooling, new research from University of Alberta suggests.

The groundbreaking study -- believed to the first in Canada to look at the long-term impacts of household upheaval on academic success -- found children who experience changes to their family structure are much more likely to become high school dropouts than classmates whose parents stay together.

The findings were particularly grim for children who live through three or more parental changes: divorce or death, remarriage or another divorce. Such children have just a 40-per-cent chance of completing their high school diplomas, a success rate half that of children with no family shakeup.'

‘Black man did it’ hoax sparks outrage

Matt · 1 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PHILADELPHIA - It's an old lie, claiming that The Black Man Did It.

But it was trotted out again last week when a white mother from suburban Philadelphia said two black men snatched her and her 9-year-old daughter from their SUV and abducted them in the trunk of a black Cadillac.

Blacks across the country were outraged after Bonnie Sweeten was found in a luxury hotel at Disney World. Authorities quickly unraveled the hoax, but not before an Amber Alert, frantic searches and national news coverage that played into images of marauding black men.

...

Authorities discovered that Sweeten had made the call from miles away, in downtown Philadelphia. Their attention turned to the airport, and Sweeten was soon found. She is free on $1 million bail, facing misdemeanor charges of identity theft and false reporting.

During a news conference after the hoax was exposed, Bucks County District Attorney Michelle Henry explained the charge of filing a false police report.

"It's a terrifying thing," she said, "for a community to hear that two black men in a black Cadillac grabbed a woman and her daughter."'

BBC: Testicular cancer genetic advance

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Researchers have for the first time found inherited genetic factors which raise the risk of testicular cancer.

A UK team found many testicular cancer patients shared common DNA variants on chromosomes five, six and 12 that healthy men did not have.

This finding was echoed in a separate US study in the same journal, Nature Genetics, which highlighted two of the same variations.

Both studies raise hopes of better treatments and diagnostic tests.'

Lawyer: NJ Man Wins Custody of Son Taken to Brazil

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A federal court in Brazil has ruled that a New Jersey father should get custody of his 8-year-old son, whose mother took him to the South American nation after their divorce and died there, the man's lawyer said Monday.

Attorney Patricia Apy, who represents David Goldman, said she was notified of the decision Monday afternoon. The ruling calls for the boy to be turned over to his father on Wednesday, Apy said.

The boy's Brazilian mother took him to Brazil in 2004. She remarried and never returned to the United States. She died last year of complications from the birth of another child.'

"Power Pipeline Program" for women only

Anonymous · 2 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This group is promoted in companies, but men are not allowed. If you contact the organization they will say men may apply. If you ask if any men have attend, you get no answer. A company in my city promotes the program and tell men they cannot apply even though the company policy is not to discriminate against men.

Women are promoted as a result of being apart of this seminar in my company.

Accuser in alleged cabin rape has history of false reports

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SEVIERVILLE (WATE) -- There's new information about the Georgia woman who claims she was kidnapped, then raped in a rented Sevier County cabin.

According to broadcast reports in Atlanta, the woman, 24, has been in trouble before. She's accused of filing three "false assault" reports.

In 2004 in Henry County, Georgia, the woman reported that two men broke into her home and sexually assaulted her. Investigators determined that report was false, but didn't charge her.

In 2005 in Cherokee County, Georgia, the woman reported that two men broke into her home, kidnapped and sexually assaulted her. She was found behind a Kohl's department store.

The next day, she was charged with filing a false report. She pleaded guilty to obstruction and got 12 months probation.'

Relatedly, Rape charges go forward despite false accusations in past.

Police: Mom guilts kids into armed robbery

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PHOENIX - A 51-year-old woman used guilt about her family's difficult finances to get her young sons and their friends to help her pay bills by committing at least 20 armed robberies in the Phoenix area, authorities said.

Cynthia Roberson, her two sons, ages 12 and 14, and five others face charges of armed robbery and aggravated assault, investigators said Monday.

"All of us should be disgusted by this," Phoenix police Sgt. Phil Roberts said. "This is absolutely not how to raise your children."'

Two women face justice in Waco for sexual assault of youths

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Brazos Middle School teacher pleaded guilty Monday to 10 counts of sexual assault of a child and is asking a judge to place her on deferred probation.

The case was one of two in a Waco courtroom Monday involving women committing sexual offenses with youths.

McLennan County prosecutor Melanie Walker recommended that Tara Allison Hodges, 27, be sentenced to 10 years in prison on each of the 10 counts of improper sexual contact with a 14-year-old male Brazos Middle School student and told 19th State District Judge Ralph Strother that she would oppose Hodges' request for deferred probation.
...
Hodges had a two-month sexual relationship with the boy in 2008, officials have said. She also smoked marijuana with the boy, bought him shoes, gave him money and sent him explicit cell phone photos of herself, according to records filed in the case.

Hodges' attorney, Russ Hunt, said Hodges has surrendered her teacher certification and will never teach again. He said she must register as a sex offender for the rest of her life and has moved to El Campo, Texas, to live with her parents.'

Ireland: Woman accused of killing lover gets bail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A POLISH woman accused of murdering her lover in their Co Tyrone home was yesterday granted bail to stay at a shelter in Belfast.

Aneta Sadowska (36), is alleged to have used different knives to stab Marek Sewern (37), through the heart and stomach a day after their son was christened.

Mr Sewern, also a Polish national, was also beaten over the head with a blunt object – possibly an ashtray or frying pan – following a drinking session at the couple's flat in Omagh last December, according to prosecutors. The court was told that Ms Sadowska, with an address at Rathronan House, Hospital Road, in the town, formed a relationship with the victim after splitting with her husband.'

University of Winnipeg introduces men's studies

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WINNIPEG — The University of Winnipeg is introducing a course in men's studies — an examination of masculinity, boys, men and popular culture.

U of W says men's studies emerged as early as the 1970s, filling a gap left by women's studies that had not dealt with what academics call the gendered construction of masculinity, and masculinity's complex relation to power.

"When Women's Studies became Women's and Gender Studies several years ago, we incorporated perspectives from men's studies into our courses, but this is the first time we have devoted a course specifically to the area," said Prof. Pauline Greenhill, who's teaching the course next winter.'

UK: It's academic: university women are beating men at almost everything

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women outperform men in almost every single aspect of higher education, according to research published today.

The number of women at university began to exceed the number of men for the first time 16 years ago.

However, for years there were still academics claiming that men had "more where it mattered", ie at elite Russell Group universities – the group which represents 20 of the UK's leading research institutions including Oxford and Cambridge.

One study published in 2005, Class Rifts Eclipsed by Sex Divide, said: "Many women are studying in lower-status universities... the university continues to be a space where class privilege is maintained and women's participation is limited to the bottom of a hierarchical continuum."'

MANN is no place for spam

Matt · 2 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Recently people who have registered within the last week or so have been leaving links to various web sites that sell things like pre-written college essays, money-making ventures, etc. These posts have been edited to eliminate these links and the registrants banned from making further posts. Others posts that had no comments even remotely germane to MRA issues or the posted article, but only hyperlinks to software sites, for example, have been deleted and the users banned.

MANN is no place for spam. If you start spamming, I will ban you immediately.

Thank you and enjoy your lack of spam.

"Eliminate" the California Commission on the Status of Women

MR · 3 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Scrolling down this California government-funded web site's main page reveals an ***urgent message from the taxpayer funded, California Commission on the Status of Women:***

"OPPOSE ELIMINATION OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN - The California Commission on the Status of Women is on the Budget Conference Committee's agenda TODAY to be considered for elimination."

These people are using hard earned tax dollars to plead for more tax dollars to further what are (in many cases) misandrist endeavors.

Here is one reader's response to their request:
"ELIMINATE" THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN"
End Feminist Pork

RADAR ALERT: VAWA Loophole Creates Epidemic of Immigration Fraud

Matt · 3 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

In his May 27, 2009 story "Former Agent Calls Sham Marriages 'Epidemic,'" CBS4 (Denver) investigator Brian Maass interviewed John Sampson, a former immigration investigator who "says he is seeing an 'epidemic' of fraudulent marriages where foreign women marry American men, then claim domestic violence to escape the marriage and legally remain in the U.S." Since January 2009, when Sampson set up a private business in Aurora, Colorado, he's been contacted by 200 men who say they were falsely accused of domestic violence by foreign women seeking green cards, which, under the Violence Against Women Act, they can get by simply claiming abuse.

According to Sampson, "What happens is they enter into a one-sided sham marriage to defraud an American citizen into believing they love him. And once they get in, they allege domestic violence to get themselves out of the sham marriage and to throw off suspicion this was a sham marriage to begin with."

In his opinion, "It's something completely different and pernicious and vile to seek out a U.S. citizen and run a scam by them and entice them into marrying them and not only abandoning and emotionally abusing them, but falsely accusing them of a heinous act. They allege the U.S. Citizen abused them somehow and file paperwork with (the U.S. government) ... and they're here to stay. They have an ace-high flush."

For the sake of balance, Maass also interviewed Laura Lichter, a Denver immigration attorney who believes that fraud marriages involving domestic violence allegations number 1% or less.

Maass' story appeared at the CBS4 website and was the subject of a television piece.

Please contact Mr. Maass at bmaass-at-cbs.com and thank him for his coverage of the issue. Also share with him any personal anecdotes involving false allegations of domestic violence you may have. Please be brief and, as always, be polite.

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Date of RADAR Release: June 3, 2009

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/.

WeMen asks "Why men hate other men so much?"

Matt · 3 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ever since I started taking active participation in men's issues and related media coverage, one question has stalked my mind like anything, "Why men hate other men so much?" The reason I ask this question is because surprisingly enough I have found stiff resistance from men about men's rights rather than women. Women, have been generally found to be understanding of the problem and empathizing barring a few radical male haters whom I anyways do not consider as women. They are just some non-males born to hate males.

Although I have talked about men's inability to communicate and men being unable to connect to their experiential domain earlier, today I will be talking about why men hate other men so much?

The counter argument to this can be, even women have more jealousies amongst themselves and this comes from the natural physiological behavioral pattern that "Opposites Attract, Likes Distract". However, there is a difference between dislike and hatred. When in hatred, you basically use your power against the hated to unleash your hatred. Currently this is happening with men.'

Men in Power reflects larger rights movement

Matt · 3 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'I was so happy to read about the student group “Men in Power” in the Chicago Tribune. Groups like this are part of a growing, global men’s rights movement that advocates for equal treatment of men in areas such as child custody, domestic violence policies, reproductive rights, criminal sentencing, public health policies, paternity laws, the draft, dating expectations, and more.

Opponents of this movement tend to reactively look only at gender disparities at the top of society (government, CEOs) while overlooking the bottom, where men account for 80 to 90 percent of homeless adults, work-related deaths, prisoners, and suicide deaths, as well as 99 percent of combat deaths and the majority of dropouts and special education students. Men also die younger and more often than women for the 10 leading causes of death.'

Brazilian judge suspends order to reunite boy, American father

Matt · 3 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (CNN) -- A Brazilian supreme court judge on Tuesday suspended a lower court's order that would have given custody of a 9-year-old boy to the U.S. Consulate in Rio de Janeiro, where he was to be reunited with his American father.

Judge Marco Aurelio argued against taking Sean Richard Goldman from what has been his home for almost five years to the United States "in an abrupt manner."

Doing so, he wrote in his order published on the court's Web site, could subject the boy to psychological harm.'

The "Impaled Ex-husband" knife-holder resurfaces

Matt · 4 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

I wasn't expecting to see it at thinkgeek.com, but here it is. Trying to get the disaffected female market? No excuse. I'll be ordering my novelty Star Trek phasers and Dr. Who sonic screwdrivers from some other merchant. You can contact them at webmonster-at-thinkgeek.com or here.

Passing exams could be child's play for boys

Mr VanHuizen · 4 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Leading academics and policymakers have pondered long and hard about the problem of how to overcome the poor performance of boys at school.

Now it seems, according to new research published today, the answer may be quite simple – just get them to play more games and the exam passes could take care of themselves.

A study of 508 independent schools by the Independent Schools Council (ISC) reveals for the first time that there is a strong link between the amount of voluntary activities such as chess and cricket undertaken by children and their exam performance. Pupils in the top-performing schools for GCSE results took part, on average, in 50 per cent more activities than those schools at the bottom of the performance ladder. In addition, the research found, the difference in performance was more marked in boys-only schools.'

Male Rape Suspect Beaten, Mob Not Charged

SpikeRants · 4 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

Personally, I by no means condone rape, especially of a child. However, at the time of the beating, he was only labeled a "person of interest." He is now in hospital suffering from head injuries. Why is the mob not being charged? What precedent does this set? If I'm falsely accused of rape, does that mean my entire neighborhood can swing at me with baseball bats and get off? Excerpt:

'A mob of furious neighbors of an 11-year-old girl raped on her way to school in Philadelphia won't be charged for beating a man wanted for questioning in the case.

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey said Thursday that no charges will be filed against the group of about a dozen residents of the city's West Kensington section who attacked 26-year-old Jose Carrasquillo.

Carrasquillo hasn't been charged with rape but was arrested on an unrelated warrant. Ramsey said investigators have forensic evidence and witness identification placing him at the scene of Monday's attack.'

Texas Mother Charged With Feeding Her Child Feces

anthony · 4 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Bet she cops the old Munchausen-by-Proxy Defense. We'll see if it works for her. Excerpt:

'AUSTIN, Texas — A woman in Texas has been accused of repeatedly smearing human waste on her 3-year-old daughter's intravenous feeding line, potentially causing life-threatening infections.

Emily Beth McDonald, 23, of Austin, was charged with felony injury to a child. She faces up to life in prison if convicted.

According to an arrest affidavit, a surveillance video at Dell Children's Medical Center captured McDonald on Sunday placing feces from a soiled diaper on the cap of a tube with a direct link to her child's bloodstream.

According to the affidavit, police interviewed McDonald, who allegedly confessed and said she knew that her actions could make the child severely ill and possibly even kill her. No motive was disclosed.

McDonald was released on a $100,000 bond Wednesday.

The Austin American-Statesman reported she must wear an electronic monitoring device and comply with a police protective order that prevents her from seeing her three children.'

Mom Accused of Trying to Duct Tape, Kidnap Daughter's Boyfriend

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Story here.

'ADELANTO, Calif. — Authorities arrested a woman for allegedly trying to kidnap her daughter's boyfriend and haul him away to Northern California. A sheriff's spokeswoman said Tuesday that two women went to the young man's home on Saturday afternoon and tried to tie him up with duct tape.

The victim told authorities the women said they were taking him to get him away from one of the women's 21-year-old daughter. Authorities said both women were arrested on suspicion of attempted kidnapping.

Officials said the girlfriend was later arrested for investigation of dissuading a witness and extortion for allegedly trying to get her boyfriend to recant his statements on the kidnapping to authorities.'

"Does CA Need a Commission on the Status of Women? "

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2009 women are clearly full contributors to society. Ms.Wiberg, even, acknowledged substantial progress since 1965, noting that more than half of law students are now women. Would there ever come a time, however, when the Commission itself might be unnecessary?

“I would like to hope that at some time there would not be a need for this commission,” Ms. Wiberg said. Alas, that would not be any time soon because there is still a need to see issues “through a gender lens,” and the Commission, in her view, serves “a valuable function.”

To adapt a feminist slogan, California needs a Commission on the Status of Women like a fish needs a bicycle. I fail to understand how it’s a valuable function to portray women as a caste of permanent victims and essentially helpless without a government bureaucracy to speak for them. I don’t see much value in linking women’s achievements to the helping hand of Big Brother. Further, I know from experience that the kind of government health care the Commission wants will not help women.'

False rape report suspect in court

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Story here.

'HOUGHTON -- The Michigan Tech student accused of filing a false rape report appeared in court Wednesday for her arraignment. A not guilty plea was entered on her behalf.

Jennifer Renee Stigers, 19, is charged with one felony count of filing a false police report which carries a maximum four-year prison sentence.

Police say they can't find Stigers in surveillance video from the date she says she was attacked in March outside the library at Michigan Tech.'

BBC: 'Gang rape' woman admits she lied

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman has admitted falsely accusing three men of raping her after video footage on a mobile phone disproved her claims.

Victoria Salter pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice at Preston Crown Court on Wednesday.

The 26-year-old's false allegations of rape led to three men being arrested. But one of the men filmed the incident and provided mobile phone evidence.
...
She made false report in September, when she said she had been followed home by four men, three raped her while the fourth watched.

The court heard that Salter had been filmed by one of the men during the sexual encounter and she had been partaking "enthusiastically".'

Charges Dropped Against Teen Who Alleged Rape

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Story here.

'Charges were dropped Thursday against a Tinley Park teenager who allegedly lied about being raped after a St. Patrick's Day parade, authorities said.

Heather Krueger, 19, was accused of filing a false police report, which claimed she had been raped March 15 - the evening of the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade - in the parking lot of the 80th Avenue Tinley Park Metra station.

But she later retracted the allegation, police say.

It was a story she made up so her parents wouldn't be angry she'd got drunk at the parade, police said.

Tinley Park Police Chief Michael O'Connell said the Cook County state's attorney's office contacted him earlier this week because the case against Krueger was "unwinnable," he said.

"I'm not happy that we couldn't win the case," O'Connell said.'

Teacher faces 'sex charges'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An I.S. 8 teacher accused of having sex with a 14-year-old student at the Jamaica middle school now waits in jail as she faces charges of statutory rape.

Melissa Weber, a social studies teacher, allegedly engaged in sexual intercourse in a second-floor classroom with the boy — the son of a PTA member — on seven separate occasions between April 13 and May 14. She was arraigned Friday on seven counts of second-degree rape, 14 counts of third-degree sexual abuse and one count of endangering the welfare of a child.
...
Bail was set at $100,000, and the judge ordered Weber to stay away from the boy if bail were to be posted. If convicted, Weber could face up to seven years in prison.

“The charges are very disturbing,” Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said in a statement. “A teacher is accused of preying on a young student who she is entrusted to teach. A classroom should always be a safe place for a child. The defendant is alleged to have destroyed her students’ trust.”'

Former teacher faces statutory rape charge

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Williston Middle School teacher already facing a criminal charge for alleged sexual contact with a 15-year-old boy was arrested again Thursday and charged with statutory rape and dissemination of harmful materials.

The new charges against Jessica Bailey Wishnask, 27, of Oak City in Martin County, stem from alleged conduct with the same boy on or before her initial arrest on May 23, said District Attorney Ben David.

Wishnask was re-arrested Thursday morning in Martin County, where she had been living, said Wilmington Police Chief Ralph Evangelous. After the arrest, Wishnask was transported to New Hanover County, where she made a first appearance in court Thursday on the new charges via teleconference from the county jail.'

Carey Roberts: Sexism rife within the Democratic Party

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sadly, Democrats have become sold on the use of anti-male clichés as their short-sighted strategy to ballot-box success.

Here's Hillary Clinton in 2005: "Research shows the presence of women raises the standards of ethical behavior and lowers corruption." Remember the quip she made about "evil and bad men" made at an Iowa campaign stop? And in New Hampshire, she commented, "I don't know about you, but I like seeing women in charge." (Just imagine the ruckus if candidate John McCain had proclaimed, "I don't know about you, but I like seeing white men in charge.")

Consider Democratic pols like Nancy Pelosi who express misandrist put-downs that range from the haughty ("I didn't come to Congress to change the attitudes of men.") to the imperious ("By electing a woman Speaker, my colleagues turned the old system upside down.")
...
The reason for all this, of course, is the Democratic Party has morphed into the political arm of the National Organization for Women. Democratic candidates casually make sham claims that paint men as ogres and tyrants: "women in the workplace are victims of wage discrimination," "wives suffer from an epidemic of domestic violence," "females were routinely excluded from medical research," and so forth.'

Gender and heritage a frequent topic for Sotomayor

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – Sonia Sotomayor told the Senate on Thursday that the White House never questioned her about cases or issues she might have to decide as a Supreme Court justice, a disclosure gleaned from reams of documents that reveal she has spoken repeatedly about how her gender and Latina heritage affect her judging.

The federal appeals court judge divulged new details about her finances and provided three decades of writings, speeches and rulings that give both supporters and critics fresh fodder for the coming debate on her confirmation. They include more instances in which she said she hopes a "wise Latina" would reach a better decision than a man without that experience.

The comments in 2002 and 2003 echo a much-criticized remark she made in 2001 at the University of California-Berkeley law school that has prompted a furor among conservatives who say they suggest President Barack Obama's first Supreme Court nominee brings a personal bias to her legal decisions.

Obama has said he is "sure she would have restated it." In fact, she said it almost precisely the same way in speeches to the Princeton Club in 2002 and one at Seton Hall law school in 2003, according to copies she sent the Senate.'

Has feminism made women unhappy?

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'One of these days, women really ought to make up their minds about what it is exactly they want. Then they could do us all a big favour by stating, unequivocally, what they have decided it is they want. And then they could cover themselves with glory by sticking to what they say.

In other words, it's about time women - especially their self-appointed mouthpieces - started behaving like fully grown-up adults and citizens. Or is that asking too much? Apparently, it is.

A survey published this week tells us that women today are far from happy with their lot and wish they could live more like their mothers and grandmothers - not having to work so much and free to spend more time with their children.
...
Men don't go on about it, but the truth is that things aren't entirely wonderful for us, either. The difference is that we don't suppose we've got a God-given right to blame women for it.'

India pledges women-only seats in national and state parliaments

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Story here. Excerpt:

'India's new Congress-led coalition government is to press for a radical new law to reserve a third of the elected seats in parliament and in state legislatures for women.

The government has also pledged to introduce a bill which will set aside half the seats in elected village councils and city municipalities for women. At present only a third of the seats in village councils are kept exclusively for women.

India's first woman president, Pratibha Patil, announced the ground-breaking steps at the opening session of the new parliament in Delhi today. She also promised on behalf of prime minister Manmohan Singh's re-elected government that more women would be employed by the central government.

A National Mission on Empowerment of Women will also be set up to implement "women-centred" welfare programmes.

"My government will initiate steps within the next hundred days on these measures," she said.'

The Labour WAGs: The Blair Babes who became the Women Against Gordon

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"And of course never forget that behind this great female mutiny is the fact that one person in the Labour Party likely to benefit from Brown's downfall is Harriet Harman - perhaps Labour's greatest busybody social engineer.

It was Harman who helped inspire New Labour's politically correct, pro-women agenda which resulted in a series of new laws of social engineering.

Her particular obsessions were women's rights, equality bills and campaign for a new 'social order'. However, her key triumph, the Equalities Bill, was condemned by many, not least because it harked back to many of the right-on, class and gender-war issues of the bad old days of the 1980s Labour wilderness.

Public-sector job applicants to be vetted on their class background; gender pay audits; freedom of breastfeeding. Business leaders, already facing a ruinous slump, threw up their hands in despair.

Almost two decades ago, Harman was a co-author (along with Patricia Hewitt) of a controversial social policy pamphlet called The Family Way. It was described by the battered wives campaigner Erin Pizzey as a 'staggering attack on men and their role in modern life'."

Relatedly: Drunk on power, the third-rate WAGs...

Sotomayor's a member of a womens-only group

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor last year accepted an invitation the Belizean Grove, an elite but little-known women's-only group.
...
The group – which on its website describes itself as "a constellation of influential women who are key decision makers in the profit, non-profit and social sectors; who build long term mutually beneficial relationships in order to both take charge of their own destinies and help others to do the same" – hosts periodic meetings around New York, as well as an annual off-the-record three-day retreat in Central or South America at which its members attend cocktail parties with U.S. diplomats and host-country officials and participate in panel discussions on public-policy and business affairs.'

UK: New women-only gym opens in Nelson

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A NEW gym which caters solely for women has opened its doors in Pendle.

Owner Kate Turner said membership numbers were growing and many women had commented on the relaxed, friendly atmosphere as they were shaping up for summer with the help of experienced and supportive staff.

She explained that the gym provided a new concept in fitness, with members completing a 30-minute "circuit" comprising a three-minute warm-up, three-minute exercises on a selection of femnale-friendly resistance machines and then three minutes of stretches at the end - hence the name "In and Out"!'

New York Times: Debate on Whether Female Judges Decide Differently Arises Anew

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Judge Judith S. Kaye, who was the chief judge of New York State for 16 years until her recent retirement, said she had long avoided engaging others on the question. “I struggled with it for the 25 years I served as a judge,” Judge Kaye said.

But she said she had ultimately come to terms with defending the idea that women judges will, at times, see things differently. “To defend the idea that women come out different on some cases, I just feel it,” Judge Kaye said.

“I feel it to the depths of my soul,” she added, because a woman’s experiences are “just different.”
...
The most prominent and recent academic study comparing male and female judges found that female judges were more likely than males to decide in favor of plaintiffs who alleged sex discrimination at the workplace. But the study, an unpublished paper by Christina L. Boyd, Lee Epstein and Andrew D. Martin, found no difference in cases involving disability law, environmental issues and capital punishment.'

In addition, the study said female judges might exert their influence in cases that were decided by multijudge federal appeals panels.'

UK: The future is female – how women are transforming face of the health service

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A quiet sexual revolution, brought about by the overwhelming success of bright young women applying to medical schools, is about to deliver the NHS into female hands. Within eight years, according to a report published today, most doctors will be women.

The old medical patriarchy has left, retired, gone underground or been forced to change its views.
...
The review was triggered by remarks from the first female president of the Royal College of Physicians, Dame Carol Black, which sparked a furore. She warned that the domination of medicine by women would end with the profession losing power and influence.

"We are feminising medicine. It has been a profession dominated by white males. What are we going to have to do to ensure it retains its influence? she said in 2004.

"Years ago, teaching was a male-dominated profession – and look what happened to teaching. I don't think they feel they are a powerful profession any more. Look at nursing, too."'

3 years in prison for foster mother convicted of manslaughter.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Edmonton foster mother, convicted of manslaughter in the death of a child in her care, was sentenced Thursday to three years in prison, with two months' credit given for the time she spent in remand.

A jury convicted the woman, 34, in November. She cannot be named under Alberta child protection legislation in order to protect the identity of the child, who also cannot be named.

The toddler died in January 2007 of a massive brain injury sustained when his skull hit part of a toilet bowl.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Richard Marceau delivered his decision in a courtroom packed with the friends of the foster mother and relatives and friends of the dead child's family.

After going through all the medical evidence presented by both sides in the case, the judge said he had enough reasonable doubt about how the boy came to hit his head on the toilet bowl to give the benefit of doubt to the accused. He described the fatality as closer to being a "near-accident" than a "near-murder."

Other factors were taken into account in coming to the decision, Marceau said. He felt the woman was under too much stress and had taken on too much work by caring for four foster children at one point.'

What a surprise that comments are closed to this article.

Female Teacher Incarcerated for Rape Still Getting Paid

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Former teacher Charlene Schmitz is behind bars in a federal detention center in Tallahassee, Florida, serving 10 years for using texts and instant messages to seduce a 14-year-old student.

She has been fired from her job as a reading teacher at the high school in Leroy, Alabama.

But she is still collecting a paycheck.

Schmitz is appealing her federal conviction -- and her firing. State charges filed in connection with the case are pending. Under the law in Alabama, she is still entitled to her $51,000-a-year salary while she appeals her firing.

School officials are not happy that they now have to pay both Schmitz and her replacement. But her attorney says they must obey the law.

On Valentine's Day 2008, a jury found Schmitz guilty of two federal charges of enticing a child by electronic means, and she received the 10-year sentence. Three weeks after her conviction, the school board sent the tenured reading teacher a notice of its intent to terminate her. The school board officially fired Schmitz at a meeting in late March.'

Sotomayor's Questionnaire Delivered to Senate

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Report here. Excerpt:

'The White House delivered Judge Sonia Sotomayor's questionnaire to the Senate Judiciary Committee Thursday as her nomination to the Supreme Court continued to trigger a larger debate about gender and the judicial process.

And as committee members parse through the 173-pages of documentation, controversy swirls surrounding past comments made by the federal appellate judge relating to gender and ethnicity.

...

These newly revealed comments appear as part of a recurring theme in Sotomayor's speech-giving history and only fuel the debatSandra Day O'Connor, the court's first woman justice, didn't believe it did.

...

"I can't see, on the issues that we address at the court, that a wise old woman is going to decide a case differently than a wise old man," O'Connor said.

But Sotomayor has specifically said she doesn't agree with O'Connor and that women, because of their experiences, are better.

"Better," Sotomayor said in that same 1994 speech, "will mean a more compassionate and caring conclusion."'

Police: Woman Moved, Left Son Behind

Matt · 5 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NORCROSS, Ga. -- A Norcross mother is accused of leaving her 7-year-old son alone for more than two weeks.

Police said Precious Walker, 23, packed up and moved from Smyrna to Norcross on May 4 without the boy. Police charged her with child neglect.

Walker told CBS Atlanta on Thursday that it did not happen.

"All of it just lies, all of it just lies. I'm just trying to get my lawyer and sue whomever I can sue," Walker said.'

New User Accounts Temporarily Disabled

Scott · 6 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

I need to temporarily disable the creation of new user accounts on MANN until I find time to fully resolve the spam problem we've been having recently. This may take up to a week to fix, so bear with me. Thanks!

Update 6/13: In the meantime if you would like to create a user account you can send us an email at newaccounts@mensactivism.org with a requested username and we can create your account manually. Do not send us a requested password - we will generate one for you manually and you can change it after you log in for the first time.

Out-of-work bachelors struggle in dating game

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men have been hit much harder than women by this recession. Close to 80 percent of the job losses since December 2007 were jobs held by men, according to economics expert Mark J. Perry, who analyzed Bureau of Labor Statistics data. April unemployment was a seasonally adjusted 10 percent for men and 7.6 percent for women.

For some guys, unemployment is the last thing they want to reveal to a potential date. Even if men aren't expected to pay for a date, they feel pressure from women who are looking for someone who is financially stable.

"A lot of men are very careful not to say, 'I'm unemployed,'" said Pepper Schwartz, chief relationship expert at Perfectmatch.com. "They say, 'I'm working on this project. I'm taking a sabbatical from work' or 'You heard of GM declaring bankruptcy? I worked there.' They find ways to make it sound like it's not permanent."'

Relatedly: Women are victors in ‘mancession’

UK: Girls will take up 70 per cent of university places, says new study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite the mounting evidence of inequality, ministers and education quangos are doing little to address the problem because they are afraid of being accused of favouring boys, according to a major report by the Higher Education Policy Instititue.

Nearly half of young women, 49.2 per cent, are now enrolled in university, compared to just 37.8 per cent of men aged 17 to 30. The figure for white boys from deprived backgrounds is just 6.4 per cent. In 2008, 47,000 more women than men were accepted on to degree courses, up from 28,000 more in 2005.
...
The gender inequality in university participation now is greater than the reverse inequality over 30 years ago, " said Bahram Bekhradnia, director of the institute and co-author of the report. "But there is a mindset generally that girls are the disadvantaged group not boys. While this might still be true of society as a whole, it is emphatically no longer true in higher education."

ABC's Cokie Roberts Agrees With Sotomayor: Women Are Better

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cokie Roberts appeared on Friday's "Good Morning America" and agreed with Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor's 1994 comment that a wise woman would come to a better conclusion than a man. Roberts, cheered, "Of course, I would agree with her that they're better." Fellow ABC journalist Sam Donaldson empathized that if the judge made a mistake, "it was a Joe Biden problem. She blurted out the truth."
...
DIANE SAWYER: All right. Our thanks to you, Jan. A discussion to have around the breakfast table. And so, we're bringing in our two favorites, ABC's Cokie Roberts and Sam Donaldson, for just this discussion. Okay, Cokie. She didn't say women are different in making decisions. She said better. Can she get away with that?

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, she's having to backtrack on it. Of course, I would agree with her that they're better.
...

DAVID MUIR: Here we go.

ROBERTS: That the truth is- the truth is that there is a difference. And is the difference better in the case of a sex discrimination case? Not only do I think it's better, I think it's more rational...
But, look. You go before these big women's groups. And, Diane, I'm sure you've done it. I've certainly done it many times. And you do say things that kind of rev up the crowd and get women excited. And one of those things that you do say is that women are better than men.'

Brooklyn: Ridge Road woman arrested for false rape report... et al.

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'FALSIFICATION, RIDGE ROAD: A 45-year-old Ridge Road woman faces charges for filing a false police report after she told officers May 28 that an acquaintance raped her in her apartment. The woman was taken to Fairview Hospital where she later admitted that no attack occurred. Police interviewed the man who said the woman offered him sex in exchange for drugs and alcohol.

FELONY ASSAULT, WESTBROOK DRIVE: A 23-year-old Westbrook Drive woman faces felony assault charges after she sliced her boyfriend on the chin with a two-inch knife. The woman told police that her boyfriend had assaulted her and she used the knife in self defense. But investigators found no evidence to substantiate her claim. The boyfriend, a 24-year-old man, said the two were arguing over whether or not the woman would attend the Cleveland Cavaliers game that night. '

Ex-teacher arrested twice on sex charges involving teen

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Wilmington, N.C. — A former teacher in New Hanover and Pitt counties was arrested Thursday on sex charges involving a 15-year-old boy for the second time in two weeks.

According an arrest report, a police officer caught Jessica Bailey Wishnask, 27, having "intimate contact" with the boy in a 2003 Pontiac Grand Am parked at 200 N. Fifth St. in Wilmington at 3:49 a.m. May 23.

The officer arrested Wishnask and charged her with taking indecent liberties with a minor. Wishnask, who has addresses listed in Leland in New Hanover County and Oak City in Martin County, was released under a $40,000 secured bond.'

Who is fighting for men's rights?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This family law system is a joke. It should have been called the Flawed Family Law System. In my opinion, this is a predatory system in which women use the divorce laws as a legalized vehicle for harassment against men. What gives me the right to have total power and control over his life until our children are no longer considered "children of marriage?"
...
I have been in touch with several men's groups in Canada and I am a proud member of Fathers 4 Justice Canada. I have read literally hundreds of e-mails from men reaching their hands out of the gutters of life to simply come up to a living standard that you and your other female activists would call hell on earth.

Where are the politicians? They fund women's rights groups but what about men's rights? This abuse of justice against men in Canada and around the world makes a mockery of everyone. How sad for our children.

Once a society knows that an injustice is being done, we have a moral, ethical and spiritual obligation to address the problem. I ask you why are we ignoring men's rights in Canada?

The media and government should be ashamed. You know that this problem exists. Please do what's right rather than what's easy. Be a voice for fathers and their children.'

Cambridge celebrates men’s health month

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Cambridge — The Cambridge Public Health Department and community partners will host a series of events in June to celebrate Men’s Health Month.

“American men are experiencing a silent health crisis,” said Claude-Alix Jacob, the city’s chief public health officer and director of the public health department. Jacob said men have higher rates of death than women for heart disease, cancer, chronic lower respiratory diseases, and HIV/AIDS. They are also more likely than women to die in a car crash, commit suicide, or suffer a fatal workplace injury.

“Despite the grim statistics, the good news is that men can take some simple actions — like eating better, exercising more, and making routine visits to the doctor — that can help improve their health,” Jacob said.'

UK: GCSEs blamed for boys not going to university

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Tens of thousands of boys who ought to be capable of succeeding at university never make it because of school exams, according to a report today.

The Higher Education Policy Institute report suggests that GCSEs, introduced in 1988 in place of O-levels, appear to favour girls because of the style of teaching, content and types of question. The exams are the "most likely cause" of an achievement gap between the sexes that starts at school but carries on into adulthood, it concludes. The result is that men are less likely to go to university and less likely to do well when they get there.

"I think we are in danger of creating an underclass," Professor Bahram Bekhradnia, institute director and co-author of the report, writes in today's Observer. "Higher education brings social benefits as well as academic ones. If you have been to university, you tend to be in better physical and mental health. It has a terrific socialising effect and, by not going to university in such large numbers, men are being deprived of that. I think it is a real shame."'

"How feminism has made men’s lives safer — and women’s more dangerous"

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Read this for your daily dose of bizarre-o-writings from the Land of Feminist Bloggers. Excerpt:

'Feminism, real or imagined, has long been praised and blamed for a whole pile of societal developments, crises and trends. But it has emerged recently in unlikely quarters: as a major factor in the "intimate" murders of women and as a saving grace in the lives of abusive men. In a devastating twist, feminism, while improving women’s lives in many obvious ways, may also have made their lives more dangerous. At the same time, by offering escape and support to battered women, it has saved the lives of abusive men.

Much has been made of the fact that, in the past 20 years, the number of homicides in the United States has sharply declined. That is good news, especially for abusive husbands, who, statistics show, are living longer because their wives and girlfriends are taking advantage of shelters, hotlines and other services for battered women. In other words, feminists have invested decades fighting domestic violence as part of the battle for women’s rights and their work has paid off — by keeping batterers alive.

But there is bad news too. Only one category of homicide has failed to decline at the same rate as the rest. In fact, in some regions, it has not declined at all. It is "intimate homicide," in which a man kills his girlfriend or wife, often murdering the rest of the family too. In about one-quarter of the killings, the man then kills himself.
...

Women’s increased status and independence also have had an impact on their ability to leave abusive spouses and boyfriends, says Richard Rosenfeld, professor of criminology at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, and Dugan’s co-author on the 50-city domestic violence study. Women today have higher incomes, education levels and workforce participation than they did 25 years ago. This allows them to leave abusive men they might have otherwise killed. Marriage rates, too, have significantly declined, allowing unsuitable mates in the volatile under-30 age bracket to split up before their differences turn into violence.'

Newborn dies, mother found dead in crawl space; woman charged

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- A 28-year-old Oregon woman has been charged with murder after the body of a new mother was found in the crawl space of her home.

Rescue crews first went to Korena Roberts' home in Washington County on Friday in response to a call of a newborn in distress. They found Roberts' boyfriend unsuccessfully trying to revive the baby using first-aid techniques.

Roberts told deputies the baby was hers, the county sheriff's office said. Medics noticed a lot of blood at the home, and sent Roberts and the baby to a hospital.

"Doctors at the hospital were not able to revive the baby," said Sgt. David Thompson of the Washington County Sheriff's Office in a news release. "They also discovered that Ms. Roberts had not delivered a child at anytime in the recent past."
...
An autopsy will now determine how the baby was delivered, and whether he died before or after birth, Thompson said.

The outcome could result in another murder charge for Roberts, deputies said.'

UK: Maybe men are now the underdog sex

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So is it good news or bad news that more women than men are going to university? The feminist approach is obvious: if it wasn't a problem when men outnumbered women in higher education, why should it be when it's the other way round?

...

Of course, you can have too much of a good thing, but I just don't believe people like Caroline Flint when they talk, as she did in a Sunday newspaper, about what a burden it is being female – and, sotto voce, good-looking – in the male-dominated world of politics. I bet she would not like it if we didn't look twice at her because she was in a majority of females, among commentators as well as MPs.

...

By rights this should put feminism out of business. But it won't. It would take too much of a shift in our prejudices to see boys as the problem, disadvantaged sex. Perhaps that's because it doesn't suit either men or women to do so.'

Science Blog: What about the boys?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to Judith Kleinfeld, boys get the raw deal. Compared with girls, American boys have lower rates of literacy, lower grades and engagement in school, higher drop-out from school, and dramatically higher rates of suicide, premature death, injuries, and arrests. Boys are also placed more often in special education. Girls on the other hand are more likely to have different problems including depression, suicidal thoughts and eating disorders.

The researcher argues that although there have been numerous federal, state, school district, and foundation programs aimed at addressing issues faced by girls, led in part by the strong feminist movement, the same cannot be said for the problems encountered by boys. In her view, they have been largely neglected.'

Police time is wasted, taxes spent and justice abused from false claims

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'The Springfield area has seen its share of high-profile police manhunts triggered by lies. Sadly, some of the false statements have also included claims of brutal sexual assault. Neighbors fret, innocent people get questioned, and police waste expensive time.

Yet, when the fraud is exposed, little or no penalty seems to come to the liar.

More should be done to try to combat this problem.

Obviously, it cannot be eradicated. But we encourage local criminal justice officials to discuss the possibility of advocating an increase in the penalty for false reports -- at least the kind that trigger a great expense or result in wrongful arrests.'

'Will I lose my teaching job because I had sex with one of my pupils?'

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Exchange here. Excerpt:

'Dear Miriam,

I'm a 27-year-old married woman and a teacher. Last month, I had a one-night stand with a pupil. He's 18 and very mature for his age.
...
Now I hear there are rumours circulating around the school about us and I'm having kittens the head teacher will get wind of it. What can I do?
Erin

Dear Erin,
This is a serious breach of professional ethics as well as a betrayal of your husband, which is likely to have serious consequences for you.

Your drunken sex romp may well have sabotaged your professional future and your marriage. It seems likely you're living on borrowed time. Clearly, the boy has bragged to someone and it may only be a matter of time before the gossip spreads uncontrollably.'

Sheriff: Michigan man comes home to find wife killed 2 sons, then herself

Michael · 9 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A Michigan sheriff says a Lansing-area woman apparently killed her two young sons before committing suicide.

Eaton County Sheriff Mike Raines says the woman's husband called 911 and said he returned to the family's home at Plum Tree Apartments Monday afternoon and found the three bodies. He says detectives were questioning the husband.

Raines didn't release the names or ages of the woman and her children or say how they died. He says the three were taken to Sparrow Hospital for autopsies.

The sheriff says the deaths appear to be a murder-suicide, but that the case is still under investigation.'

RADAR ALERT: Wednesday's VAWA Senate Hearing - Say No To a Dog-and-Pony Show

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The Violence Against Women Act was passed in 1994 with the laudable intention of solving the problem of domestic violence. Unfortunately the law has numerous flaws, including[1]:

1. VAWA programs have been ineffective in reducing partner abuse, and in some ways have placed victims at greater risk of violence.
2. VAWA undermines basic notions of civil liberties and the presumption of innocence.
3. VAWA programs have had a disproportionate negative effect on minority and low-income populations.
4. VAWA undermines the family, escalates partner conflict, and discourages reconciliation.
5. VAWA fosters sex-based discrimination.
6. VAWA promotes half-truths, myths, and falsehoods about domestic violence.
7. VAWA encourages immigration fraud.
8. VAWA programs lack accountability and allow wasteful use of taxpayer dollars.

F&F Action Alert: Defend Judge Who Denied Woman Restraining Order Based on False Charges!

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Alert here. Excerpt:

'Fathers & Families is often critical of family law judges. Given the anti-father bias in the system and the lack of respect many judges display towards fathers' loving bonds with their children, this criticism is appropriate. However, we also feel it is important to comment judges when they do the right thing, and we've done so on countless occasions.

One of the many judges Fathers & Families has defended is conscientious Virginia judge James Michael Shull. It's a long story, but it's an instructive one, and we'd like your action on the matter.

n December, 2006 Shull smoked out a woman who sought to extend a restraining order based on false charges of domestic violence, and was removed from the bench for his actions in the case in 2007.

I have examined the evidence in this case and it is clear to me that Shull was railroaded. He was also the victim of widely-disseminated misleading reporting.'

MSN propagates: "Men Are Pigs"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Happy June! More importantly, happy Ryan's-Dating-Sabbatical-Is-Over! I don't have any dates lined up yet, but that's OK because one of my romantic resolutions is to go with the flow. The only real prospect on my horizon is an attractive young lady who messaged me on Nerve a few days ago. I would probably reply if it weren't for one crucial detail:

She's 21. To put that in perspective, when I was a senior in high school she was a sixth grader (which is the official yard stick for measuring age differences in the dating world). To be honest, I don't think I could get over such a significant age gap, which definitely puts me in the male minority. I know tons of guys who only have eyes for significantly younger women. What is it they like so much about younger women? Here are a few ideas:
...
4. Men Are Pigs. You already know I find older women extremely attractive, and I'm certainly not the only one. But it's simply a fact of nature that there are certain physical, um, perks to dating younger women.

Never fear, what's good for the goose is good for the gander — check out these celebrity women who date younger men. And here's a handy trick for figuring out if a guy is too old for you.'

The author, aside from being a self-hating man, works for Glamour magazine as their "dating blogger". Glamour's contact form is here.

Woman accused in rape of neighbor boy has charges dropped

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The case against a 30-year-old Salt Lake County woman accused of raping a 13-year-old neighbor boy came to an abrupt halt Monday after a witness gave prosecutors additional information that did not support the boy's story.

The dismissal came after attorneys and 3rd District Judge Vernice Trease spent the morning selecting a jury to hear the evidence against Catherine Cates, who was charged with four counts of first-degree felony rape of a child and one count of second-degree felony sexual abuse of a child.

...

The boy's mother said she does not understand why prosecutors had not presented the case to a jury, despite changes in the roommate's testimony.

"[The roommate] actually walked in and caught the two of them [having sex]," the woman said.

Alicia Cook, spokeswoman for the Salt Lake County District Attorneys Office, called the roommate "a neutral witness" who provided last-minute details that were "contradictory to what victim was saying."'

Veteran LAPD detective faces 1986 murder charges

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES – A veteran police officer accused of killing her ex-boyfriend's wife in 1986 rose through the ranks of the Police Department for two decades, even as the victim's father pleaded with police to investigate her.

On Tuesday, Stephanie Lazarus will face a judge on charges that she bit, beat and shot Sherri Rasmussen after breaking into her condominium 23 years ago.

Lazarus, 49, could be sentenced to death if convicted of Rasmussen's murder.'

Woman's Rape Charge Proves False

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Tippah County woman could face jail time for crying rape when it never really happened.

The initial report put law officers in at least two counties on alert and ran up huge investigative bills, until the victim recanted.

Investigators won't identify the woman but they have a lot to say about the seriousness of the false claim.

The rape report, a few weeks ago, put every law officer in Tippah County, and a few from out out of town on the streets to look for suspects.

Crimestoppers offered a $6,000 reward.

Investigators had just one problem, the report was a lie.

"Just a classic case of the shepherd boy crying wolf. Everybody came to the rescue," said District Attorney Ben Creekmore.'

Sussex student teacher in sex scandal seeks admittance into pretrial intervention program

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'FRANKFORD -- The state is awaiting the results of DNA tests as it proceeds with charges against a former elementary school teacher accused of sexual encounters with one of her students, an assistant county attorney said today.
During a brief pre-indictment conference in Superior Court in Newton, Sussex County Assistant Prosecutor Francis Koch also told Judge N. Peter Conforti that the defendant, Lindsay Massaro, has applied early for entry into the pretrial intervention program.
...
Entry into the PTI program, a probationary program for nonviolent, first-time offenders that's a part of many plea agreements, requires approval from the prosecutor's office.
...
Massaro was charged with second-degree sexual assault, third-degree endangering the welfare of a minor and fourth-degree criminal sexual contact. The second-degree charge carries a possible 10-year prison sentence.'

UK: Why boys can't keep up with the girls

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'But the sheer weight of numbers suggests that it must be only a matter of time before hierarchical professions such as medicine and law are "feminised" – and hopefully for the better. Could it be that the downturn in the economy places an even higher premium on good degrees in the jobs marketplace, enabling more women to launch careers that go all the way to the top? Could it be that future female leaders smash the male-dominated networks that cling onto power so successfully, limiting social mobility in the UK? It will certainly take more than a decade for this to happen.

However, we must not lose sight of the stark underperformance of boys – particularly those from the poorest backgrounds. There are deep-rooted cultural forces at play – a "macho anti-intellectualism" that surfaces particularly during early secondary school. The need for role models is absolutely key. More dads in the primary school classroom would help to combat negative stereotypes of those who do well at school – early in children's lives.'

Study: Boys' school issues neglected

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Article here. Excerpt:

'FAIRBANKS, Alaska, June 9 (UPI) -- Both boys and girls have learning issues, but those affecting boys in school are more serious and have been neglected, a U.S. researcher says.

Judith Kleinfeld of the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, reviewed gender differences in literacy levels, college entrance tests, school grades, engagement in school, dropout rates, as well mental health, suicide, depression and conduct disorders.

The study, published in the journal Gender Issues, found that compared with girls, U.S. boys have lower rates of literacy, lower grades and engagement in school and higher drop-out rates. The boys also had dramatically higher rates of suicide, premature death, injuries, and arrests, and were also placed more often in special education.'

Wrong man attacked in vigilante injustice

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"Out of nowhere, I just start getting hit with sticks; I get hit with a baseball bat on my back. I was just getting stomped, I was just getting beat up for at least 45 seconds before I knew what was going on," Zenquis said.

It wasn't until then that he knew why he was being pummeled when someone yelled, 'You raped that little girl!.'

"I kept yelling, I'm innocent, I didn't do anything, I don't know what's going on," Zenquis said. "They were just calling me, 'Rapist! You deserve to die!' They were saying, 'Kill him, kill him!', and it was just too much.
...
Police officers took him to the hospital and then the special victims unit, where detectives realized he was not the guy they were looking for and let him go. He says he feels terrible for the little girl that was raped and understands the anger people felt, but:

"They shouldn't have took the law into their own hands, ok? Because look, they got the wrong guy. What if they would have killed me? Then what?" Zenquis said.'

Men rewarded in rape suspect's capture

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'Two Kensington men each received a $5,750 reward yesterday for their roles in the capture of Jose Carrasquillo, 26, who allegedly raped an 11-year-old girl on her way to school Monday morning.

"These guys stepped up to the plate," said Fraternal Order of Police President John McNesby, adding that $1,500 of the reward money was donated by a private citizen. "It shows it really hit the community hard. It's a good feeling [to know] he's off the street."

Investigators determined that two men from the mob of Carrasquillo's attackers, Fernando Genval and David Vargas, should receive the reward, McNesby said.
...
In response to controversy surrounding the beating of Carrasquillo before he was charged, McNesby said the FOP does not condone vigilantism, but that he has no problem with how Carrasquillo was apprehended.'

UK: Nursery school worker charged with sex offences

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Plymouth, UK: A nursery school worker was today charged with seven offences, including sexual assault and distributing indecent images of children.

Vanessa George, 39, from Plymouth, is accused of four offences of sexual assault and one count each of making, possessing and distributing indecent images of children. George is in custody at Charles Cross police station, where she will be detained until she appears before Plymouth magistrates court tomorrow.
...
Police were continuing to speak to staff at the Little Teds nursery in Plymouth and the parents of children who attend the centre. Police have not said whether the allegations relate to children at the nursery.
...
George is understood to have worked at the unit for around two to three years as a member of the 15-strong staff.'

'We are the girls ...?'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The University of Florida might want to rename its traditional game-day pep song "We Are the Girls From Old Florida."

Since 1998, female students have outnumbered males on the UF campus. Next year's incoming freshman class is expected to be 60 percent female - the highest level ever.

Nationally, women have long outnumbered men in college classrooms. In fact, UF is actually behind the trend and ranks last among state universities in the percentage of female students.
...
The growing gender imbalance is "not a healthy situation," he said. He links the trend to a growing incarceration rate in the U.S. and an increasing number of men committing suicide.

He calls for changing the way in which boys are educated. Boys learn through a more active, hands-on learning style than girls, he said. Mischief-making boys are treated as criminals or sent to special education classes, he said.

"Boys aren't allowed to be boys today," he said. "They're treated as defective girls."'

Woman booked with filing false reports

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Story here. Excerpt:

'JENNINGS, La. (AP) - A Lake Arthur woman has been booked with filing false police reports and theft after she admitted to making up separate rape and armed robbery claims.
...
Cassidy said the charges resulted from Thibodeaux alleged false complaint of a rape at the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Jennings last November and an alleged false complaint of armed robbery at the Dollar General store in Lake Arthur in January.'

Canada: Mixed reviews for women-only hotel floors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What makes a hotel floor female friendly, you might wonder? Forty levels up on the Chopard Floor at the swanky Jumeirah Emirates Towers in Dubai, you'll be coddled and catered to by a strictly female staff and bed down in an oversized pink satin duvet and silky sheets. You can practise your sun salutations in the privacy of your oversized luxury suite with the provided yoga mat and DVD. If you've forgotten your anti-aging night cream, dip into the fully stocked cosmetic bar in your room while you prepare to face the day in your silk kimono.
...
Online comments on the topic peg women's opinions somewhere between being impressed and insulted. One reader on bettertravel.com had this to say about the topic: "No! Absolutely not! I have no interest in paying to be pandered to with any of those women-specific 'amenities.' " Another reader on the same site said: "Yes, in certain circumstances, and in certain countries, I would find this a welcome perk. I have been in countries where I am stared at as a solo female business traveller, and feel very uncomfortable."'

Murder, womb-cutting not so uncommon for women who'll stop at nothing

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'While members of the psychiatric community were quick to point out that each case is different, they were just as fast in identifying a common thread: "a desperate longing for a child combined with either psychopathic tendencies or a psychotic break, which creates a delusional belief that an infant must be claimed, at any cost, to be 'returned' to its 'rightful' mother.

The case of Lisa Montgomery details the delusional belief from which some women suffer. Montgomery, who was 36 at the time and the mother of two teenagers, was charged – in 2004 - with a kidnapping that resulted in murder.
...
Some women feel that the ability to be pregnant and give birth is very essential to being a successful woman," Dr. Gail Saltz, an associate professor of psychiatry at New York Presbyterian Hospital, told the New York Times in 2004. "The inability to maintain a pregnancy can be devastating. Add fluctuating hormones, and you can have someone who develops a post-partum depression and a psychosis that could drive them to do completely out-of-character, irrational things."

Commenting on the Lisa Montgomery case, Dr. Jack Gorman, of the department of psychiatry at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, said: "In these cases a woman might have a delusion that 'that's my baby in that woman, she's stolen it, and if I don't rescue it she's going to kill it', and the motivation is so overwhelming that you just lose contact with reality."

UK: 'Women never forget, Gordon. So watch out'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman scorned is a dangerous thing. Hell hath no fury to match her menace.What hope for Gordon escaping the poisoned darts shot by women who have abandoned him? None whatsoever.

A woman overlooked, scorned and set adrift is a loose canon fully loaded and fizzing. At some stage she'll go off with an almighty bang. Then she'll reload and fire again.

Gordon Brown should be digging an underground shelter right now. He's surrounded by dangerous women – and they all have his soft, tender bits in their sights. They want his career and his reputation. And boy, are they on course to claim them.
...

Worse still, they are armed to the teeth with the kind of secrets that can cause the most pain. As any woman knows, the definition of a secret is something that should be kept closely confidential until it becomes irresistibly useful. These ladies have oodles of them.

Margaret Thatcher knew that, which is why she never kept women close, nor even gave any a job. Men, she realised, were much more easily managed. She took the easy option.
...
How long, one wonders, will it be before Harriet Harman joins them? Watch her face, as she sits at the side of her leader during Prime Minister's Questions. No guffaws and hoo-has from Harriet, no obedient nodding at his every word of dubious, wriggling wisdom.
...
Gordon's old girls are growing more angry by the day. They're nowhere near finished with him yet. Their ammunition is building and their target practice is damned near perfect.'

NYC mayor seeks to soften image at women's event

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'NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who's sometimes perceived as cold and unfriendly, sought to warm up his image at an event with women voters on Monday.
...
The Bloomberg campaign, which just released new television ads featuring testimonials from prominent women supporters focusing on issues such as reproductive health access, domestic abuse and schools, insisted the event was not invite-only. Invited people were allowed to bring guests, spokeswoman Jill Hazelbaker said.'

University reinstates women's team and drops men's after court action

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Four days after a federal judge issued a temporary injunction that barred Quinnipiac University from cutting the women's volleyball team, the school changed course Tuesday and reinstated the program.

But while keeping the program in the face of a Title IX lawsuit, Quinnipiac said that it was cutting the men's indoor track team. The school had previously eliminated men's outdoor track and golf because of budgetary concerns.
...
Andrew Schneider, the ACLU's executive director, said testimony showed that Quinnipiac could have achieved its budget cuts without eliminating programs, so he was critical of the decision to cut men's indoor track.

"Today's decision ... is a false choice that unnecessarily pits men athletes against women athletes," Schneider said in a statement.
...
It's devastating," said Peg Sullivan of Ellington. "I think that they're all shocked, from the coaches to the players. They didn't see it coming. The worst part for me, as a parent, is that he loves the school. He loves the team. This is taking two-thirds of their season. And I don't think they really understand the mechanics of why."'

Boys 2 Men Conference will try to 'stop the bleeding'

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'In a gang and want to get out? Hooked on drugs? Mean to your parents? Afraid you have AIDS? Barred from visiting your child?

"You need to come to the Boys 2 Men Conference," said the Rev. Willie D. Brown, host and producer of the Saturday event designed to help young males face their problems and find answers. "We have a generation of young men on life support. We're coming in with the shocking paddles to give them their lives back."

Brown expects 300 to 500 young men, ages 12 and up, to attend. How does he plan to get them?
...
The conference will offer counseling, confidential AIDS testing, and prevention and intervention in areas from drugs to child custody.
...
"We'll find out each guy's issues. We'll break them to different groups. We'll show them how other people have handled their problems."'

'Women abusing men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Very few men call police on these women, but when they do many women get charged with domestic violence and battery. Terry Owen with the Port St. Lucie Police Department, says, "We have always seen the men as the abusers, but that is not the case now." Owen says in April, 28 woman were arrested for domestic violence. Owen says, "Woman are just more aggressive than they used to be, they are not laid back or passive." She says that coupled with the poor economy and the higher use of alcohol and drugs is pushing women over the edge. This is another 911 call, "Me and my boyfriend just got in to it and I am trying to get my stuff to leave and he won't let me get my stuff and I don't have time to argue with him." That was Lakeshia Tumblin. She was just arrested for throwing a knife at her boyfriend. The crimes continue and rarely do men report it..."

'Crisis In Masculinity' Leads To Eating Disorders In Straight Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Young heterosexual men are falling prey to eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia just as much as women and gay men - and their numbers are increasing, a leading specialist has warned.
...
To be a young man is our society is a difficult thing. What you do and who you are is less straightforward. Women were challenged decades ago to consider which of the many different social roles they adopted. Now men are having to respond to the choices that society gives them.

"Suddenly younger straight men have similar pressures to gay men and women. There is a crisis of masculinity in our society. They are given all these roles and to simply decide to manipulate your body is a nice easy solution to all the complexities of life."'

Indiana Removes Gay White Men from HIV/AIDS Funding Priorities

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Indiana State Department of Health recently cut gay white men as an HIV/AIDS funding priority. African-American and Hispanic men who have sex with men are still included as priority populations. The decision was made by the department's advisory Community Planning Group (CPG).

The CPG is a Center for Disease Control (CDC) mandated process for funding HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs in the states; it aims to be politics-free and representative of the community. The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) administers CDC HIV/AIDS prevention funds. Indiana health activists charge that the Group ignored the CDC's criteria for defining community priorities.
...
So why aren't white gay men included as a community priority? According to Tri-State Alliance spokesperson Gary Essary, "The criteria for Community Planning Groups to set community priority populations include Prevalence (absolute number of HIV/AIDS cases in a target population) as well as Incidence (rate of HIV/AIDS cases within a target population). The CPG ignored these recommendations, basing their decision solely on Incidence."'

Should you let a male nurse deliver your baby?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Great conversation and debate going on at Lylah and Barbara's Child Caring blog about moms who get the creeps leaving their children with male caregivers.

This drives hard-working male teachers, not to mention devoted dads, understandably crazy with outrage over society's sexist double standard. (For the record, I adore the two men teachers at our preschool -- I think they are great role models for the little boys, and all the kids see that teachers of either gender can teach and comfort them.)
...
Several months ago, I interviewed male nursing students studying at Bunker Hill Community College's state-of-the-art nursing program who hoped to enter the labor & delivery field.

These were really nice 20-something guys, but during their student-training rounds at big city hospitals, they were regularly ordered by laboring women to get lost.

Birth is a female thing, they were told. (In fact, male OB/GYNs are less prevalent in delivery rooms than they used to be, many studies show, as female doctors and midwives flood the field.)'

UK: Angry scenes as nursery worker appears in court on sexual assault charges

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Follow-up to an earlier story here. Excerpt:

'A nursery school worker was jeered and spat at when she appeared in court today, charged with sexual assault and making and distributing child abuse images.

Vanessa George, 39, who worked at the Little Ted's nursery in Plymouth, was remanded in custody amid angry scenes in and outside the city's magistrates court. George, of Plymouth, faces three counts of sexual assault on girls and one on a boy. She is also accused of making, possessing and distributing indecent images of children.

The charges relate to offences alleged to have taken place between 1 January 2007 and June this year. The first charge relates to an assault in Plymouth of a girl aged around one. In the second, she is alleged to have touched an "infant girl". The third is a serious sexual assault on an "infant boy". Another involved an alleged serious sexual assault on an "infant girl".
...
The other three charges were that she took, possessed and distributed indecent images of children.'

Has anybody else but me noticed the subtle "whitewashing" in this story? She's not accused of distributing "child pornography" but "indecent images"... and she didn't "rape" the infant boy and infant girl, but "was involved in an alleged serious sexual assault" on the two of them.

Videotaped remarks shed light on Sotomayor

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Judge Sonia Sotomayor once described herself as "a product of affirmative action" who was admitted to two Ivy League schools despite scoring lower on standardized tests than many classmates, which she attributed to "cultural biases" that are "built into testing."

On another occasion, she aligned with conservatives who take a limited view of when international law can be enforced in U.S. courts. But she criticized conservative objections to recent Supreme Court rulings that mention foreign law as being based on a "misunderstanding."

Those comments were among a trove of videos dating back nearly 25 years that shed new light on Sotomayor's views. She provided the videos to the Senate Judiciary Committee last week as it prepares for her Supreme Court confirmation hearing next month.

The clips include lengthy remarks about her experiences as an "affirmative action baby" whose lower test scores were overlooked by admissions committees at Princeton University and Yale Law School because, she said, she is Latino and had grown up in poor circumstances.'

"Don't Date This Girl" web site debuts

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Some equal time for the "Don't Date Him Girl" crowd: http://www.dontdatethis.com/ddtgirl/

"Dontdatethis.com was created to hold girls/women accountable for their actions. Next time your girlfriend cheats, lies, gives you an unexpected trip to the doctor or just does something wrong to you, you have a site to place a warning to all guys all over the world about her.

The goal of this site is to create a user friendly information database that hopefully makes all girls/women think twice before they act."

Looks like they also provide equal-equal time with http://www.dontdatethis.com/ddtguy/.

London (Ontario) police say babies probably died in another location

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Article here. Excerpt:

"A senior police official says investigators are actively exploring the possibility that the three infants whose remains were found in a London, Ont., home on Saturday did not die there.

Det.-Supt. Ken Heslop said it's possible the deaths occurred in another Ontario community before Jennifer Sinn, the woman charged in the case, moved to London.

Heslop said Peel Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police are trying to trace the movements of the 32-year-old woman before she moved to London last October.

Court documents suggest the infants may have died in 2001, 2002 and 2006.

Sinn has been charged with three counts of concealing the body of a dead child and causing an indignity to a dead body."

The CBC NEVER allows comments on these types of stories. I wonder why...

Girl, 15, will undergo psychiatric assessment in senior's murder case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The 15-year-old girl charged with first-degree murder in the killing of 78-year-old Frank Tonge has been remanded for a psychiatric assessment.

The young girl, who cannot be identified because of the Youth Criminal Justice Act, made her first court appearance in Hampton on Thursday.

She fought back tears as the charge was read, her mother and sister looking on.

Tonge was found on June 5 laying in a pool of blood in his home in Damascus, near Hampton, by a friend.

The girl did not enter a plea and David Lutz, the defence lawyer, requested a 30-day psychiatric, psychological and medical assessment.
...
Meanwhile, the RCMP continues to investigate but the police seem to be backing away from earlier suggestions that other suspects could be charged.'

Once again, no comments allowed by the CBC.

Viewpoint: Top academic performers — Where are the boys?

anthony · 11 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Principal Efe Agbamu, was reading off the names of the top ten academic performers in the class of 2009. Every single one was a female student.

They are very accomplished, talented young women with very bright futures. They are making plans to attend top notch four year institutions and to pursue careers like biomedical engineer, medical doctor, physical therapist, chemical engineer, nurse and the list goes on.

I was very proud of their accomplishments and certainly do not want to take anything away from their hard work, but I couldn't help but think, "Where are the boys?"
...
He informed me that a significant reading gap has developed between our females and our males. We all know how important reading is to success in school and our females are doing much better in reading.
...
I don't have the answers. My goal here is to raise a significant concern in the academic performance of young males.'

Should Father's Day be banned in schools?

anthony · 11 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A British newspaper reports that thousands of Scottish students were not permitted to make Father's Day cards at school this year, for fear of offending students who live with single mothers or lesbians. Local authorities defended the policy stating that teachers need to be sensitive to "the changing pattern of family life." It is interesting to note that students are still allowed to make Mother's Day cards at school.
...
I have no problem with teachers being sensitive, but I think this is overkill. Father's Day is just as important to children who don't have a dad in the home as it is to those who do. Even if a father is not as involved in his children's lives as he should be (for whatever reason), Father's Day is still an opportunity for the children to recognize him for what he does do. If the father is completely absent (again, for whatever reason), it is a bittersweet opportunity to talk about the man who helped to bring the children into the world and what it really means to be a dad...not just a father. For boys, it is an opportunity to open a dialog about the importance of fathers and help the young men aspire to be good fathers. For girls, it is an opportunity to talk about the importance of fathers and the qualities the girls want to look for in a future partner.'

Think Again: Sotomayor and SCOTUS, Captured on a Carousel of Time

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sonia Sotomayor's confirmation hearings are not scheduled to begin until mid-July, but her punditocracy hearings are already well underway. This week they're all about her now infamous (and almost always decontextualized) "wise Latina" comment.

Pat Buchanan regularly reminds the public that Obama's nominee can't wait to get her hooks into the rights of white men. Michael Steele concurs, explaining: "God help you if you're a white male coming before her bench." Shelby Steele, in a triumphant act of hyperbolism, claimed that "Sotomayor has demonstrated a Hispanic chauvinism so extreme that it sometimes crosses into outright claims of racial supremacy."'

Club answers call for women-only workouts

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Article here. Excerpt:

• In 2006, Fitness USA agreed to place a divider and frosted glass in its Lincoln Park, Mich., gym to ensure gender separation. The move came after 200 Muslim members of Fitness USA signed a petition saying that the company reneged on a promise to maintain gender separation at that facility.

• Last year, Harvard University agreed to set aside women-only hours at one of its fitness centers for students after Muslim women pleaded their case.

• Curves for Women gyms, a fast-growing franchise in the United States, has rapidly expanded into the Middle East, with more than two dozen facilities in Israel, Egypt, Lebanon, Kuwait, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar opening in the past two years, according to Becky Frusher, head of corporate communications for Curves.
...
Mullooly says she helps to maintain a women-only atmosphere at the club, which also has a pool, by stopping all male visitors at the front desk and by scheduling repairs by workmen after hours.'

Man Sues Mother’s Day Promotion for Sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to ESPN, a certain Alfred G. Rava took the time to drive from San Diego to Oakland to attend the Oakland A’s Mother’s Day promotion. A lot of the activities were geared towards breast cancer awareness—a 5k fight-breast-cancer run and free mammograms. Rava focused on the fact that Macy’s gave the first 7,500 women attending floppy sun hats.

Rava sued—and sadly enough, nearly won, using California’s Unruh Civil Rights Act of 1959. The judge ruled that any male who can prove that they were among the first 7,500 people to enter the stadium can receive $50, two-for-one A’s tickets, and $25 coupon to Macy’s.'

Ed. note: The ESPN article is here. Not surprisingly, it is not sympathetic to the point the man was trying to make.

Army: Suicide rate among soldiers continues on record pace

anthony · 12 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (CNN) -- The suicide rate among U.S. Army soldiers jumped in May -- continuing a four-month upward trend and on a record pace for a second straight year, according to Army statistics released Thursday.

Last month the deaths of 17 soldiers were either confirmed or suspected to be suicides, up from 13 in April and 13 in March, the new numbers revealed.

The Army said the total number of potential or confirmed suicides since January stands at 82. Last year the Army recorded 133 suicides, the most ever.

...

"It's clear we have not found full solutions to this yet. But we are trying every remedy and seeking help from outside agencies that are experts in suicide prevention. There isn't a reasonable suicide prevention tool out there the Army won't potentially employ," he said.'

Bad mom really needed jail time

badgerb · 12 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here . Excerpt:

'But that assumes both parents are reasonable. In this case, the mother is clearly a nutbar who used her kids as weapons against her ex. Jail might have taught her a lesson a lot sooner.

A.L. is "exhausted but very, very happy. He has his children," says his lawyer, Harold Niman.

"This kind of case will hopefully send a message to those people who think it's OK to undermine a relationship between the children and the other parent."'

We criticize Ms. Jacobs when she lets her inherent misandry leak out in a lot of her columns but here she gets it right. Please email and thank her for getting it right this time. It also lets her know we are still watching her. Her email address is at the bottom of the column.

Wetzstein: Fatherhood issues remain

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This month marks the 100th anniversary of Father's Day, and a big celebration is planned for June 20 at the Lincoln Memorial. I figured it was a good time to ask a local lawyer who is active in family court, child support and gender issues about what he sees facing boys and men at this milestone.
...
"We ought to be looking at why boys are disengaged in primary and secondary education such that they never get to college. What is it about our school system that turns off the boys so that by the time college comes around, they're not in the equation? What is it that is causing boys to have lower academic aspirations than girls?" Mr. Henry asked.

Other topics:

• Domestic violence, which is a national issue with an office of its own when it's against women, but an invisible issue when men are the victims.

• The gender gap in health-insurance coverage, in which men are more likely to be uninsured than women. (The current gender breakdown among uninsured, nonelderly adults is 54 percent male and 46 percent female, the Kaiser Family Foundation says.)'

BBC: Gender, pay and 'misleading' stats

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Equalities Minister Harriet Harman has been accused of over-stating the plight of women in the workplace: using misleading statistics to make it look as though female workers are having a tougher time than they really are.
...
But I am reliably informed that when the National Statistician Karen Dunnell went to the Government Equalities Office last November and told them that their way of calculating gender pay differences might be confusing and potentially damaging, the GEO ignored her and published anyway.

So instead of the Office for National Statistics (ONS) pay-gap figure of 12.8% (hardly something to crow about), the department put out a press release in April this year which stated that women are paid, on average, 23% less per hour than men.

Now a letter has been sent to Harriet Harman by Sir Michael Scholar, the chair of the UK Statistics Authority (the official watchdog on the use of government stats), saying that her use of the 23% figure "may undermine public trust in official statistics" and "risks giving a misleading quantification of the gender pay gap".'

Dear Abby: Mom blowing child support on boyfriends

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dear Abby: My sister has five children, all younger than 18. She has full custody and receives child support every month from her ex-husband.

The problem is, she has been spending that money on her boyfriends instead of her children. Because of it, they have been homeless twice, and it may happen again.

The only person in that household with a steady job is the oldest, but he can't support all of them by himself. How can I make my sister see how irresponsible and immature she is?

Dear Alarmed Auntie: Your sister's behavior is not only irresponsible, but also detrimental to the welfare of her children. If it's possible, contact their father and let him know what has been going on. Also contact Child Protective Services because although foster care is not ideal, it would be better than what's going on.'

Are men bad parents?

anthony · 12 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'New fathers don't have to meet all the expectations mothers do, said Brett Singer in ParentDish, but why do so many people seem stuck on the silly "notion that women are somehow wired for parenting and men are not"? British newspapers are citing Michael Lewis' new book Home Game: An Accidental Guide to Fatherhood as evidence that men have to adjust in order to love their children. In the age of modern parenting, that "sounds pretty old-fashioned to me."

Plenty of guys say men aren't natural parents, said Ellie White in Britain's The Sun. In addition to Michael Lewis, who writes that fatherhood can be "boring and demoralizing," there's Ben George, editor of the literary journal Ecotone, who says men are only beginning to talk openly about the "dark moments of fatherhood." And Fox News broadcaster Steve Doocy, author of the forthcoming book Tales From the Dad Side: Misadventures in Fatherhood, says men aren't wired for parenting the way women are.

Men are wired to be good parents, said Aaron Traister in Salon, but many struggle to overcome pressure from a society that still tells them they should be making money and not taking care of babies. The old gender roles started crumbling the moment our moms entered the workforce. Instead of clinging to the responsibilities men think we should have, we should "embrace the ones that are right in front of us," the ones wearing the droopy diapers.'

Teen with 47 IQ gets 100 years in sex abuse case

WakeUp · 12 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'PARIS, Texas - A teenager who has profound mental disabilities was sentenced to 100 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges in a sex abuse case involving his 6-year-old neighbor.

Aaron Hart, 18, of Paris, was arrested and charged after a neighbor found him fondling her stepson in September. The teen pleaded guilty to five counts, including aggravated sexual assault and indecency by contact, and a jury decided his punishment.

...

Hart has an IQ of 47 and was diagnosed as mentally disabled as a child. He never learned to read or write and speaks unsteadily.

...

"He couldn't understand the seriousness of what he did," said his father, Robert Hart. "I never dreamed they would think about sending him to prison. When they said 100 years — it was terror, pure terror, to me."'

...

Hart's appellate attorney, David Pearson, said the court-appointed doctor did the bare minimum to assess competency and ran tests geared for mental illness, not mental retardation.

He said an appeal will be filed.'

Amanda Knox on trial in Italy

Matt · 12 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The media could not have a more winning formula for sensationalism and luridness. Excerpt:

'Amanda Knox is a riddle. The expatriate American student has been the mysterious, ambivalent Mona Lisa face plastered across television, websites and newspapers since a few days after Halloween 2007. According to Italian authorities and their partisans in the blogosphere where her case has been strenuously debated, behind her beatific smile lies a psycho hedonist capable of depraved murder. But family and friends insist she's just a granola-crunching athlete and honor student from Seattle who has, through bad luck, become the poster child for the perils that await American girls caught up in the dark side of Italy.'

As always, if Amanda had been Adam, would the article be written the way it is? Would there be so much 'controversy' in the case. No.

Canada: 2008 was 'worst year yet' for disability claims in public service

Scottie · 13 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Note the stats:

'Female public servants make disability claims at roughly twice the rate of men. In 2008, women, who represent 54.4 per cent of the workforce, filed more than 70 per cent of all claims -- up from two-thirds in 2007.'

Note the excuse:
'"That likely reflects the fact that women face more pressures outside the office, Gordon said.

"It's a pretty well-known fact that women tend to be the main people who give home care, and they're trying to work to support the family as well. And there's a lot of single mothers who work."'

There is comments section below, let's get our voices heard.

This U.K. Sheriff Cites Officials for Serious Statistical Violations

Matt · 13 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Here come the stats police.

Mobilized by distressingly low levels of public trust in official statistics, the U.K. government is embarking on a daring, and possibly unique, experiment. With broad support, Parliament in 2007 approved the formation of the U.K. Statistics Authority, a group with the budget, authority and independence to question other government agencies on the numbers they release to the public.

After its formation last year, the authority got off to a slow start, but it has already taken to task other government agencies for presenting data in a misleading way. Now, it is gearing up for audits on hot-button topics, such as crime statistics and education test scores, whose reliability has come into question.'

Kenya men cry foul over Budget

Matt · 13 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A.: Story here. Excerpt:

'NAIROBI, Kenya, Jun 12 - Kenyan men were crying foul on Friday for what they termed as ‘discrimination’ in the Budget delivered by Finance Minister Uhuru Kenyatta on Thursday.

An organisation championing men’s rights said men were the biggest losers because their commodities were not zero-rated as was the case for those used by women.

“We were the biggest losers. Women were the winners because their cosmetics and jewelry were zero-rated,” Nderitu Njoka, chairman of the Maendeleo ya Wanaume told Capital News.'

Ed. note: Please forgive my ignorance of the workings of the government in Kenya or the role this budget plays in determining things like tax levels, etc. Can someone from Kenya or knowledgeable about the Kenyan budget/government process help me put this story into better context?

Deployed Marines' Families Brace For Father's Day

Matt · 13 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'June 12, 2009 · On Father's Day, June 21, hundreds of Marines from Camp Lejeune in North Carolina will have been away from home for nearly a month. While the Marines are in Afghanistan, their children are learning to get along without their dads. NPR is following the deployment of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Regiment, a unit of more than 800 Marines known as "America's Battalion." On the home front, the families of those deployed are coping with their absence.

American flags dot the street that leads to the home of Marine Sgt. Major Bob Breedan, the 2nd Battalion's top enlisted man. Breedan talked with NPR before his unit deployed to Afghanistan.

He said he has missed almost every milestone in his daughter's life. His wife Barbara didn't miss a thing.'

Feminist who thinks men should bring up babies is new Labour family guru

Mr VanHuizen · 14 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A hardline feminist has been chosen as the Government's new chief spokesman on families.

Dr Katherine Rake, who wants to see men bring up babies, will head the Family and Parenting Institute, a heavily state-financed organisation set up by Labour to speak for parents and children.'

...

'It has complained that women will never achieve equality with men at work without 'challenging the traditional roles of homemaker and breadwinner'.

Fawcett has also condemned Tory plans to give tax breaks to married couples, complaining that 'it penalises all those children living with unmarried parents or with one parent'.'

Children's Aid Society workers should be reined in, critics say

Matt · 14 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'They are charged with the most essential of duties: protecting vulnerable children from abuse and neglect. They will intervene in the lives of roughly 200,000 Canadian children this year.

For most of us, they are generally unseen, save for occasional mentions in news reports, when they rescue children from misery. Or, as sometimes happens, deliver it.

Canada's child-welfare agencies, says University of Manitoba social work professor Brad McKenzie, have among the broadest intervention powers in the Western world.'

'Chivalry is Dead, Male Chauvinism is Alive and Well'

anthony · 14 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There was a time in our country when a woman had gallant men riding in to defend her honor. Since the failed feminist movement has destroyed these pedestals of virtue and reduced women to nothing more than dim reflections of the boorish men they seek to emulate, it is no surprise that chivalry has experienced societal obsolescence.
...
Men have denigrated women to the point where two men think that their anatomy is the equivalent of a woman's and choose that option to the real thing because women, in their eyes, are not worthy of intimacy. Two percent of the population, claiming to be the victims of societal victimization, are the ones who have the power to punish women, like Carrie Prejean, who express a different opinion.'

'Woman to woman: Do we need male advocacy groups?'

anthony · 14 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Steve Saltarelli started a student group called Men in Power at the University of Chicago, he intended it to "spread awareness and promote understanding of issues and challenges facing men today." But from the explosive reactions to its formation, you would have thought he was suggesting women return to greeting their master at the door with slippers in hand.

The Chicago Tribune's feature story on the group was quickly blogged across the Internet, with many echoes of the female student who said, "It's like starting 'White Men in Business' -- there's not really any purpose." Or, more derisively, the blogger who told men, "You've ruled the world for far too long, now you cry fowl! Booo, hooey!"
...

These reactions show how desperately men's groups are needed. The University of Chicago has nine similar women's groups, and the fuss over starting just one for men exposes the anti-male resentment still festering today. Society's focus on women's needs has somehow made it unacceptable to focus on men. But this is not a zero-sum game, and we must fully encourage both.
...
Young men may very well need encouragement to care about their studies and stay in school. Yet these and many other statistics show that the professional world still has a long way to go before being male puts you at a disadvantage and in need of special coaching and networking avenues. In 2009, Men in Power isn't just the name of a special interest group it's still a pretty accurate description of the workplace.'

Woman arrested for making false rape report

anthony · 14 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LAPEER -- A young woman who claimed she was sexually assaulted by a police impostor was arrested and charged with fabricating the rape.

Bethany Anne Montgomery, 22, of North Branch, was arraigned Thursday by District Court Magistrate Mike Delling on two counts of false reports of a felony, one for allegedly inventing the attack, and the other for a home burglary she reported. Montgomery is also facing unrelated charges for writing bad checks.

"We made an arrest, but it wasn't a rouge cop," said Lapeer County Sheriff's Sgt. Jason Parks. "Miss Montgomery owes this entire community an apology. What she did was wrong. She frightened many people and victimized our community. This is very disturbing."'

False VFW rape report leads to charges

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Story here.

'A Lake Arthur woman who admitted to filing a false report about being raped in the Jennings VFW parking lot – and also admittedly filed a false report for an armed robbery in Lake Arthur – will now face charges from the Jeff Davis Parish District Attorney's Office.

Cassidy said Jenny Thibodeaux, 42, of Lake Arthur, will face two charges of filing a false report and an additional charge of theft. On Nov. 18, 2008, Thibodeaux claimed she was raped in the field alongside the VFW on U.S. 90 by an unidentified assailant wearing dark clothes, gloves and a ski mask. She claimed she was attacked as she exited her vehicle to play bingo at the hall. She told police that the attacker fled in a white van. A woman on a cigarette break allegedly found Thibodeaux partially clothed and screaming for help, according to Jennings police.'

Commentary: 'De-Masculinity & The U.S.'

anthony · 14 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As the government is methodically taking over key industries and financial institutions, the people's attention is being diverted to – what else – diversity, the be-all and end-all of the social agenda that has been driven for some 30-40 years by the so-called liberals, with women's militant feminist organizations in the vanguard. The term diversity has been primarily utilized as remarking ethnic/gender considerations, but actually it has been code for the term "de-masculinity," applied mostly to white Anglo-Saxon males...and within an entirely pejorative framework.
...
This is but the latest example of the emasculating of the government, the castration of it insofar as actions/responsibilities of white males are concerned. Sotomayor, in an appeals court case that she has just handled, heaved and brought forth the opinion that promotions in a fire department should go to minorities, even though they scored lower than a number of white males on the required tests. This decision, then, gave her the added ethnic bona fides to further the affirmative action agenda, no matter the degree and kind of reverse-discrimination involved. The highest scorers were white males, thus, in Sotomayor's thinking, they would not make good decisions...OR...she has an agenda, not a bent toward interpreting the Constitution. Either way, Omamessiah should look for someone else, maybe a left-handed, one-legged, ex-con female from Lower Slobbovia...to give DIVERSITY to the Court.'

'Celebrate National Man Day?'

anthony · 14 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A pair of Indiana brothers, Joel and Aaron Longanecker, have convinced more than a quarter-million males to promise to "stand up and do manly things" on June 15 in observance of their proposed new holiday -- National Man Day.

Their National Man Day page on Facebook urges men across the country to take time to get in touch with their masculine sides on Monday. Suggested activities include playing football, camping, hunting, eating 18-ounce steaks, blowing things up, shooting guns, punching each other for no reason, pumping some iron or "watching every Rambo movie from beginning to end. Straight through!"

The purpose of the proposed holiday, according to the National Man Day page, is to acknowledge that the time has arrived "to take back the crown of masculinity."

BBC: Flint criticised in 'sexism row'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Labour MP Caroline Flint has been criticised for her attack on Gordon Brown's style of government and his treatment of female ministers.

Ms Flint resigned as Europe minister on Friday, claiming he operated a "two-tier" government via an "inner" circle.

Senior female figures were regarded as "little more than window dressing" by the prime minister, Ms Flint argued.

Fellow MP Geraldine Smith said Ms Flint would "regret" her comments, saying she should have thought twice about them.'

Charleroi wife to go free after husband, shot in head, refuses to testify

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Story here. Excerpt:

'As Vickie L. Kubin left a Washington County magistrate's office in chains Thursday before her expected release later in the day, her husband, Mark, said, "See you in a bit."

It was a calm contrast to June 3, the last time they were together.

At that time, they were involved in an argument at their home at 105 Fox Stop Road in Fallowfield Township, and Vickie Kubin 35, shot her husband in the side of the head, according to an affidavit of probable cause.

Minutes before she was to face a preliminary hearing before Magisterial District Judge Larry Hopkins in Charleroi yesterday, attorneys for both sides reached a tentative agreement that likely will involve 12 to 23 months of probation, but no prison time. The agreement requires Common Pleas Court approval.

Charges of criminal attempt to commit homicide and aggravated assault filed last week were dropped. Kubin waived her right to a preliminary hearing on charges of recklessly endangering another person and simple assault.'

India: Woman kills husband, stepson after man returns to first wife

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A women [sic] fatally beat her husband and stepson to death with the help of her friends after the man returned to his first wife, on Monday morning in the Pandesara area of Surat.

Rambabu Paswan was killed on the spot while his son Krunal died during treatment at the New Civil Hospital on Tuesday afternoon.

The assault took place near the Akashbhumi Complex at Pandesara GIDC, when Rambabu was on his way to drop Krunal to the nearby tuition class on his motorcycle. His second wife Rekha alias Asha Tiwari (35) arrived in an autorickshaw along with her friends and assaulted the two with wooden sticks and baseball bats.'

Woman charged with stabbing husband in Washington Twp.

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON TWP. -- A township man nearly bled to death Monday night in the mobile home he was living in after being stabbed by his estranged wife.

Police were tipped off to the incident by a neighbor of Joseph Hill, 46, of the 900 block of Tuckahoe Road around 9:05 p.m. Hill banged on the neighbor's window saying he had been stabbed.

According to police, Lana Hill, 47, who was last residing in South Harrison Township with a Mullica Hill mailing address stabbed her husband in the left leg with a kitchen knife, causing a single puncture wound during what authorities are calling a domestic dispute.

Joseph Hill was taken by ambulance to Cooper Medical Center in Camden. On arrival he was unconscious after losing a considerable amount of blood. He eventually came-to.

His wife is charged with aggravated assault, as well as possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and tampering with evidence. The tampering charge is connected to her attempted to conceal the weapon she allegedly performed the stabbing with.'

International child abductions by parents rising

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — It was a globe-trotting romance: a handsome American working as a model in Italy falls in love with a Brazilian beauty studying fashion design in Milan. They marry in 1999, settle in the tony New Jersey shore town of Red Bank, and have a son.

Four years later, the couple's relationship begins to change from an international love affair into a diplomatic nightmare.

The woman, Bruna Bianchi, took the couple's son to visit her relatives in Brazil in 2004 but never returned. The boy's father, David Goldman of Tinton Falls, N.J., has been battling to get his son back ever since.'

Woman Charged With 28 Counts Of Sexual Child Abuse, Attempted Kidnapping And Extortion

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Story here.

'Valerie Lianne Carlton, 40, of Joppa, Maryland, was indicted by the Grand Jury for Harford County on June 2, 2009 on 28 counts ranging from the Sexual Child Abuse of two young girls, ages five and six, to Attempted Child Kidnapping and Extortion. These offenses began on or about January 2008 and continued through April 2009. Carlton has been a resident of Joppa for the past fifteen years.

The case is being investigated by the Harford County Child Advocacy Center and anyone with any information concerning this case is urged to contact the Center at 410.638.3294. Please contact Joseph Cassilly, State's Attorney for Harford County, at 410.638.3500 for further information regarding this release.'

Prosecutors Dismiss Child Abuse Charges

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Millcreek woman is free Monday night, just hours after a jury was selected to hear the case against her.

Catherine Cates faced 4 charges of rape of a child, and was arrested back in March.

Prosecutors alleged Cates had sex with a 13-year-old boy, whom she tutored.

Monday afternoon, the Prosecution filed a motion to dismiss all charges. Cates' roommate, who was going to testify for the prosecution, told them she remembered more details, and it hurt their case.

"She said she had been in the house every time they were together, and she didn't walk in on them and she didn't believe they had any kind of sexual encounter," said John Walsh, Cates' attorney.'

Mont. woman who hid son in car trunk pleads guilty

anthony · 14 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A Montana woman accused of hiding the body of her 2-year-old son in the trunk of her car for most of last summer pleaded guilty Friday to negligent homicide and evidence tampering.

Summer ManyWhiteHorses told detectives that her son, James, fell from a high chair on the night of May 28 while she was watching television in another room.

She put his body in the trunk of her car and drove around the state with her 11-year-old daughter for nearly two months, paying for food, gas, hotel rooms and alcohol with government checks meant to take care of the boy, who was autistic.

ManyWhiteHorses appeared before a judge in Great Falls on Friday, three days before her trial was scheduled to start. The 31-year-old woman could be punished with up to 100 years in prison when she is sentenced next month in Cascade County District Court.'

ABC News: Future of Feminism an Issue in NOW Leadership Vote

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Kim Gandy, a savvy former prosecutor, is stepping down as NOW president after eight years leading the battle against many Bush-era policies.

The election to succeed her, set for NOW's three-day national conference starting Friday in Indianapolis, is both an unusual clash of generations and an opportunity for activists to confront some of the challenges facing the feminist movement.

Delegates will be choosing between Latifa Lyles, a 33-year-old African-American who has been one of Gandy's three vice presidents, and Terry O'Neill, 56, a white activist who taught law at Tulane University, who was NOW's vice president for membership from 2001-05, and who most recently has been chief of staff for a county council member in Maryland's Montgomery County.

...

Overall, NOW says it has more than 500,000 "contributing members" — who are either paying membership dues at present or did so recently enough to stay on the mailing list. Gandy said there's been a recent dip in membership revenues, but it's modest enough so far that NOW has been able to avoid the staff layoffs occurring at many other nonprofits.'

Fiji: 'Men under spotlight, told to understand'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men enjoy power, privilege and status at the expense of women, a fact that contributes to persistent and widespread gender-based violence.

Stephen Fisher, an Australian trainer on masculinities at the Chisholm Institute [hyperlink added], Melbourne, was speaking at the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre's (FWCC) Pacific Regional Meeting on Violence Against Women at the Naviti Resort on the Coral Coast in Fiji.

Fisher said the concept of masculinities was a major factor that reinforced male behaviour normalising demeaning and violent treatment of women.

Many men enjoy maintaining their dominance role in their personal relationships and in and this is expressed through their masculinity, Fisher said.'

Men warned of greater cancer risk

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Article here. Excerpt:

'he reluctance of men to adopt a healthy lifestyle and visit the doctor may be fuelling a gender gap in cancer cases and deaths, experts say.

Among cancers which affect both sexes, men are 60% more likely to develop the disease and 70% more likely to die from it, Cancer Research UK said.

...

They found that overall men are 40% more likely than women to die from cancer and 16% more likely to develop the disease in the first place.

But excluding breast cancer and other cancers that are gender specific, as well as lung cancer which is more likely to affect men because more men smoke, the difference between the sexes was far greater.

...

Sara Hiom, director of health information at Cancer Research UK, said: "We know that around half of all cancers could be prevented by changes to lifestyle and it's worrying that this message could be falling on deaf ears for men.

"Delays in reporting symptoms to a doctor could be helping to fuel this gender gap in cancer mortality."'

If you're happy and you know it

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Talk about a hot-button issue: Despite women's social and economic gains over the last 35 years, more American women report being less happy. In fact, a new gender gap has emerged: men are now happier than women.

That's according to a study, "The Paradox of Declining Female Happiness," by two University of Pennsylvania economists to be published in the American Economic Journal in August.

But the word's out, igniting gender battles online as both sides point fingers. "Typical complaining women," and "raving, loony feminists," snipe some males. "We have too much to do," and "sexist jerks," females retort.

None seemed overly surprised by the U.S. study, that women are unhappier now than in the 1970s. "There's no `me time,'" says a 38-year-old bank analyst with two children.
...

"Maybe women voice their feelings now. They were unhappy before but didn't say it," suggests a 45-year-old administrative assistant.

Betsey Stevenson, co-author of the "Paradox" study, has no easy answers. This pursuit of happiness business is serious stuff. Economists use such life satisfaction findings to help evaluate public policies, explains the assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.
...
They did find that women today are less satisfied with their household's finances than they used to be and less satisfied than men are. It could be expectations, suggests Stevenson, or women's increased intolerance for discrimination in pay.'

Trial set for woman accused of blackmailing man over rape charge

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'FARMINGTON -- A woman accused of blackmailing a man at Hill Air Force Base over a rape allegation will go on trial next month.

The 31-year-old woman appeared in 2nd District Court on Monday where she was expected to tae a plea deal. However, her attorney announced that she would like to take the case to trial.
...
The case is complicated, with the woman charged with second-degree felony theft by extortion. Her attorney said she is the victim of a rape and filed a police report in Seattle. Davis County prosecutors said any rape investigation has no influence on their case against her.
...
Court documents say the woman blackmailed the man out of nearly $50,000 by saying she would not report the alleged sexual assault to military authorities in exchange for the money.'

Gloversville woman charged for falsely reporting rape

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Story here.

'Gloversville Police arrested a city woman last week for lying to them about an alleged rape she reported back in April.

According to police, 40-year-old Marybeth Baker filed a complaint on April 26th of being raped by someone she knew while on the Rail Trail.

During police investigation, though, Baker admitted the complaint was false and that she'd lied as retaliation against the suspect.

Baker was arrested June 12th and charged with misdemeanor falsely reporting an incident.'

Letter: Fathers, legal residents deserve equal treatment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to a Harvard Law study, one out of four children commit suicide when the father is "alienated" by the other parent via false restraining orders or unjust visitation rights. We cannot forget or lose sight of the fact that fathers (and mothers) deserve equal rights in child-custody cases.

Unfortunately the courts have been biased, cruel and unfair towards men who actively seek full or joint custody of their children, whom they care for and love.

Discrimination is a two-way street. So is equal rights. Judges: Men are people too. Get with it!

Stop the nonsense! Sometimes men make better parents than women.'

Reservations for Women: In Parliament, Judiciary, Corporates and Government Jobs

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'In recent times, there has been a lot of noise over the issue of reservation of women's seats in Parliament. Some existing male parliament members even went to the extent of threatening suicide in Parliament, if the women's reservation bill is passed. The male parliament members are sure that many of them will lose their seats and become politically irrelevant, if the women's reservation bill is passed. Some smaller parties consider it as a conspiracy to finish up smaller regional political parties.

What do men's rights activists think about women's reservations in parliament? From their perspective, they have no trust in any woman parliamentarian. For them, if some fifty women in parliament can bulldoze an extremely biased and badly drafted domestic violence law into being enacted into law, then 200 women in parliament will lead to many more biased laws and serious discrimination of men, which can result in a complete gender war. Such a conflict will not only harm men, but also harm women, children and entire the society.'

Court overturns teacher's sex conviction

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'The Georgia Supreme Court on Monday reversed a sexual assault conviction against a 28-year-old schoolteacher who had a romantic relationship with one of her former students.

In a 5-2 decision, the court said the teacher, Melissa Lee Chase, should have been allowed to present a defense that the 16-year-old student consented to the sexual relationship.

Under Georgia law, the age of consent is 16, Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears wrote. "Generally speaking, it is not a crime in Georgia to have physical sexual contact with a willing participant who is 16 years of age or older."
...
At a bench trial, the student testified during cross examination that she initiated the relationship with Chase because she "had feelings for her." The student also testified she was the one who "pushed" the relationship.
...
Justice George Carley, joined by Justice Hugh Thompson, dissented, saying the majority "remarkably" misinterpreted the law and produced a "disturbing" result. "A statute enacted … to protect students from exploitation by teachers is now almost useless due to the judicial imposition of a defense of consent," Carley wrote.'

Sarah Palin hopes men like David Letterman 'evolve'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin is accepting comedian David Letterman's apology over the controversial joke directed at her daughter, but says she hopes "men who 'joke' about public displays of sexual exploitation of girls will soon evolve."

"Letterman certainly has the right to 'joke' about whatever he wants to, and thankfully we have the right to express our reaction," Palin said in a statement. "And this is all thanks to our U.S. Military women and men putting their lives on the line for us to secure America's Right to Free Speech – in this case, may that right be used to promote equality and respect."

CNN: Dad feels cheated on Father's Day booty

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(Parenting.com) -- One Mother's Day, I bought my wife what she had wanted for years -- a weeping cherry tree -- and I threw in a bird bath, so that when the tree matures, our feathered friends can happily splash and drink under its loving protection.

For Father's Day, my wife gave me some boxer shorts and a tiny reading light, so I can flip through a book in bed without disturbing her.

My wife is the first to admit it: For her, and for many people, Father's Day is an afterthought, a holiday just a few steps above the one that celebrates the groundhog and that other one that promotes trees.

If Mom's Day and Dad's Day were in a prize fight, we all know which holiday would wind up lying in the corner of the ring, knocked-out teeth on the mat, dazed head stuck in a bucket.'

UK: Number of teenagers not in work or school rises to 10.3%

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'The number of teenagers out of school and out of work has risen dramatically, fuelled by unemployment rates not seen since the early 1990s.

The proportion of 16- to 18-year-olds not in education, employment or training increased from 9.7% at the end of 2007 to 10.3% at the end of 2008. "This is due to reduced employment amongst young people not in education or training," government statisticians said.

Young men are the worst affected with twice the rate of 16-year-old boys not in work or school than girls. In total there are more than 208,000 teenagers not in training or employment - more than one in ten of the total.'

Action Alert: Dear Abby Changes Column in Response to Our Protest

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dear Abby's June 12 column concerned a mother of five who, according to her sister, has "has full custody and receives child support every month from her ex-husband. The problem is, she has been spending that money on her boyfriends instead of her children. Because of it, they have been homeless twice, and it may happen again."

Dear Abby's response implied that if the mother isn't taking care of her children properly, putting them in foster care is an equally viable option as placement with their father.

In response, we launched a Fathers & Families Protest via the Fathers & Families Action Squad, and Dear Abby was bombarded with letters protesting the wording of the column.

In response, Dear Abby has clarified her views, changing the column to specifically recommend the father as first option for the children. The column was promptly changed in the on-line editions of the hundreds of newspapers where her column is published.'

Infanticide Case Mesmerizes France

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PARIS, June 15 -- When South Korean authorities announced in 2006 that they had found the bodies of two newborns in the home freezer of a French expatriate couple, the first reaction among friends and family was disbelief.

Véronique Courjault, 41, on the surface a devoted mother of two sons, and her husband, Jean-Louis, 42, a shy engineer specializing in diesel motors, at first said they had nothing to do with the macabre discovery. But from a murder trial underway for the past 10 days in Tours, 100 miles southwest of Paris, a grisly truth has emerged. The courtroom version of how the couple lived has fascinated France and left many people in shock and wonder.

Véronique Courjault, by her own admission, smothered the two babies after giving birth to them secretly in Seoul, the first in 2002 and the second in 2003. She also has acknowledged killing a newborn and burning the body in her garden after a first secret pregnancy in 1999, before the couple left France.

Jean-Louis Courjault, French prosecutors ruled, was never aware of his wife's pregnancies, or her lonely deliveries in the family bathtub and the subsequent slayings of three infants. After a long investigation, he was not charged, leaving unanswered how he could have failed to notice his wife's condition. He has attended her trial with the goal, he told reporters, of offering all the support he can.'

Canada: Presumed joint custody law introduced

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr. Maurice Vellacott introduced a Private Member's Bill this morning that would require a presumption of equal parenting. This is a BILL, not a MOTION. It's # is C-422. Don't refer to it as M-483 if contacting others such as politicians or media about this bill because M-483 as an equal parenting measure was terminated with the last election call, as most of you already know, so nobody will know what you are talking about if you refer to it incorrectly. Mr. Vellacott's introductory statement in introducing this bill this morning...'

Sotomayor defends her membership in elite all-women's club

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor is defending her membership in an elite all-women's club, telling senators the group doesn't discriminate unfairly by gender and involves men in many of its activities.

Her explanation came in a letter submitted Monday evening to the Senate Judiciary Committee, which also included copies of several rulings, briefs and speeches the judge had not previously given the panel.

GOP senators had requested the material and questioned Sotomayor's membership in the Belizean Grove, a group of prominent professional women, because federal judges are bound by a code that says they shouldn't join any organization that discriminates by race, sex, religion, or nationality.'

Huffington Post: If Men Got Pregnant, Would Abortion Be Legal?

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'Though abortion is controversial, few believe that women should be compelled to bear and be responsible for children who were conceived as a result of a criminal act, such as a sexual assault. Yet numerous courts have ruled that boys must be held responsible for the children they involuntarily fathered in their early teens as a result of a criminal act--statutory rape by an adult woman.

For example, in 2004 a Michigan appeals court ruled that a man who had conceived a child with an adult when he was 14 must pay her child support. Though the court acknowledged that the sex act which produced the child would have been a crime under state law, they decided that the case should be resolved "without regard to the fault of either of the parents."

Most people sympathize with women who have decided to terminate their pregnancies because they conceived as a result of being deceived into believing that their partners had vasectomies or were sterile. By contrast, courts have consistently failed to extend any consideration to men who have been deceived.'

FIU lab investigates the state of fatherhood

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Family roles have changed substantially since the 1950s. Mom now works outside the home. And dad is expected to be more involved in raising the kids. But as parental roles and responsibilities become less defined, psychologists question: Are there essential characteristics of fathering versus mothering?

FIU's Fatherhood Lab explores these issues and Psychology Professor Gordon Finley, who runs the lab, focuses specifically on how divorce impacts fathers and the development of their children. Finley has found that a father's role is unique and far too often neglected by the family court system.

Using questionnaires and a retrospective technique in which he asked 1,989 young adults to think back on their relationship with their fathers, Finley found that children of divorce really miss their fathers. According to Finley, they are denied a relationship with them because of present-day family law and court practices.

"Divorce marginalizes or severs a father's relationship with his child," he says. "In reality, the father becomes a visitor in his or her life. He is no longer a father in the very literal sense."'

Japan panics about the rise of "grass-eating men"

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Article here. Few other articles I have read point out the no-win situation men in modern societies face when it comes to place in society/gender roles. Men who do what they have been told to do since childhood about being less aggressive or ambitious, less motivated by sex-seeking in relationships, doing things that are less stressful than the traditional male roles require, etc., suddenly get criticized and minimized for it. However if they go back to being the way they were before in these areas, they will also get criticized and minimized. There's no winning for losing.

I can't blame these guys in Japan for taking a vastly different path than their fathers and grandfathers took. The result of doing so means a longer, healthier life and no worries about wives getting a divorce inside a day and taking off with the kids, a process that is, believe it or not, much easier for women to engage in in Japan than in the US, Canada, or Britain. Excerpt:

'Today, Igarashi has a new identity (and plenty of company among young Japanese men) as one of the soushoku danshi—literally translated, "grass-eating boys." Named for their lack of interest in sex and their preference for quieter, less competitive lives, Japan's "herbivores" are provoking a national debate about how the country's economic stagnation since the early 1990s has altered men's behavior.

Newspapers, magazines, and television shows are newly fixated on the herbivores. "Have men gotten weaker?" was one theme of a recent TV talk show. "Herbivores Aren't So Bad" is the title of a regular column on the Japanese Web site NB Online.
...

Grass-eating boys' commitment phobia is not the only thing that's worrying Japanese women. Unlike earlier generations of Japanese men, they prefer not to make the first move, they like to split the bill, and they're not particularly motivated by sex. "I spent the night at one guy's house, and nothing happened—we just went to sleep!" moaned one incredulous woman on a TV program devoted to herbivores. "It's like something's missing with them," said Yoko Yatsu, a 34-year-old housewife, in an interview. "If they were more normal, they'd be more interested in women. They'd at least want to talk to women."
...
Yoto Hosho, a 22-year-old college dropout who considers himself and most of his friends herbivores, believes the term describes a diverse group of men who have no desire to live up to traditional social expectations in their relationships with women, their jobs, or anything else. "We don't care at all what people think about how we live," he says.'

'Baby located after man drove off' - well, not exactly

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police are considering charging a Markham, Ont., woman with public mischief after she told police her infant son had been abducted in a parking lot by a stranger, when he had just been taken by her husband.

The woman and her husband made a trip to a Costco store near Highway 7 and Woodbine Avenue this morning and got into an argument in the store's parking lot. The man left in the car, with the couple's one-year-old son in the back seat.

The woman called police at 9:40 to report a carjacking and child abduction. She described the abductor as an Asian male in his early 20s with dark, black hair. What she didn't tell them was that he was her husband.'

"...after man drove off," reads the headline. How about "Woman faces charges of filing a false abduction report against her husband, motivated by desire to get back at him after they had a row in the parking lot"

I don't know the circumstances of the fight they had and as a principle I wouldn't condone anyone driving off with the kids after an argument with one's mate like that. Nonetheless, her telling the police that "a man" abducted her child from the parking lot is obviously not accurate enough a depiction to say it was a sufficient representation of the truth to the police, given the accusation.

Note the G&M has disabled the comments for this one, too.

A girl's first hero

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hey, dads, what you sow now, your daughters will reap later.

How a woman feels about herself as a woman goes back to how dad treated his little girl, report experts.

"Behind every great woman, you will find her dad" -- that's if he was an engaged, present, involved dad, says Dr. Mary Jo Rapini.

"If dads are able to admire their daughters achievements, character and interests and not their looks, the daughter will grow up to be confident and self assured. She will choose men who treat her with the same admiration and respect as her dad did," adds Rapini, a psychotherapist and author.

According to Rapini, a dad has so much power over his daughter.

"If he gives her gifts and focuses on her looks he will raise a girl who is more materialistic and thinks love and affection comes in a gift box.'

Illinois Fathers - upcoming Father's Day events

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Via ACFC's recent update email. Link here.

"We are meeting near you soon!

* June 19, 2009 - Springfield - Fatherless Day Rally in Springfield IL.
* July 18-19, 2009 - 2009 Family Preservation Rally, Washington DC

Come out and spend a little time with us."

Child Support and the Passing of John Cole

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Also via ACFC's recent update email. Link here. From the note:

'Two years ago this August in conjunction with the Family Preservation Festival in Washington DC, ACFC hosted an event at the National Press Club promoting Angelo Lobo's documentary Support: System Down. One member of the panel was John Cole who relayed his Virginia child support experience.

John's battle with cancer ended last week with his passing on June 11th. As you watch his video note the fact that even though John and his ex had reached an agreement over his support the state would not honor their agreement and continued to hound John, now literally to death....

John's story is preceded by comments of another Shared Parenting warrior who past last year minister Ron Smith. Thanks to William Wagener for posting this video.'

Woman Guilty in Sex-Games Murder of French Businessman

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'GENEVA — A woman was convicted on Wednesday of murdering one of France's richest men by shooting him four times while he was dressed in a latex suit and tied up in a chair during a sex game.

A 12-member jury at Geneva's Court of Assizes found former mistress Cecile Brossard guilty of killing her lover Edouard Stern four years ago. Brossard, 40, admitted killing the banker but said it was because he enraged her by suggesting she was a $1 million prostitute.

The jury accepted the prosecutor's assertion that it was murder, which is punishable by up to 20 years in prison. The sentence is expected Thursday.
...
"I am not a thief. I am not poisonous," she told the court. "I am just desperately in love with a man and I will be forever."'

How the public school system fails boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is much criticism of the No Child Left Behind Act. Some authors and experts are now calling the act No Child but Boys Left Behind Act. As a male teacher in the education system, I feel it is decidedly not male friendly. We can debate whether the gender bias is intentional later.
...
Peter West believes schools fail boys for many of the same reasons I see boys fail Boys are in perpetual motion. They are aggressive, even when young. Classrooms are not places of toleration for kinesthetic behavior. We expect even normal boys to sit still for long periods. Aggressive play is involved in young males sense of mastery, a critical part of their development. This is normal male behavior yet in classrooms there is little toleration for it.

When boys are boys we often tend to bring on the medication, not to address behavioral deficits, but to handle our desire for sedate managed classrooms.'

12-year-old seriously injures boy with bookbag full of rocks; says she was sexually harassed

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'SEATTLE - A 12-year-old girl could face criminal charges after hitting a boy with a backpack at school.

That boy was knocked unconscious, but the girl claims the real crime is relentless sexual harassment at school.

Yesterday, 12-year-old Mark Smith was hit in the head with a backpack that some say was filled with rocks. He fell to the ground and lost consciousness after hitting his head. "I heard a thump and then I heard another thump and I woke up in a hospital bed," the sixth-grader said.

...

She says the incident came only after suffering a year's worth of relentless sexual harassment and bullying by boys at Seattle's Denny Middle School. She says she had to stand up for herself.

...

Alexis Austin now faces a possible 90-day suspension from school, which would take effect next fall.

Police plan to send the case to King County prosecutors to see if they want to press charges.'

Japan: Men-only train cars sought in groping fears

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'TOKYO (Reuters) - Many women taking the crowded train in Tokyo opt for women-only carriages during the rush hour to avoid gropers.

Now, for fear of being accused of groping, some are asking for carriages reserved for men as well.

Ten shareholders of Seibu Holdings, which runs trains in the Tokyo area, have petitioned for carriages reserved for men.

"There have been many cases of groping, as well as false charges of groping, on Seibu Railway," the shareholders said in a notice seeking a vote at the company's annual meeting next Wednesday.

"While measures against groping, such as setting women-only carriages, have been effective to a certain extent, no measures have been taken against false charges of groping... In the spirit of gender-equality, a male-only carriage must be introduced."'

Moscow metro to rejects women-only carriages and VIP trains

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Article here.

'The Moscow metro is not going to follow the example of Beijing authorities to introduce women-only carriages to prevent the sexual harassment of women.

“We have never considered such a question,” the chairman of the press service of the Moscow metro, Pavel Sukharnikov, told RIA Novosti.

The official added that there were no complaints from female passenger of the metro. However, this subject receives a lot of attention on the Russian Internet. Many bloggers write on their web-pages that every woman was subjected to sexual harassment in public transport at least once in her lifetime.

Psychologists say that public transport provides a perfect environment for that: many people, availability and an opportunity to avoid punishment. Up to 40 percent of female passengers of the Moscow metro were subjected to sexual harassment.

...

Dmitry Gayev, the chairman of the Moscow metro, previously said that there would be no VIP carriages in the underground. The idea to introduce such carriages appeared in St. Petersburg.

“I’ve heard those rumors about VIP trains and VIP carriages in the St. Petersburg metro. The subject was discussed actively, but I can officially reject the information,” he said.

“The metro is an open system of transportation, where all people are equal, just like they are in a sauna. If you’re stuck in a traffic jam, leave your Bentley and ride the metro,” Gayev said.

Dmitry Gayev also said that there would be neither bathrooms nor garbage cans in the Moscow metro.'

Judge Sotomayor and the Belizean Grove

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the New York Times reported yesterday, Judge Sotomayor has informed the Senate that (in NYT's phrasing) the Belizean Grove, the "all-female networking club" she belongs to, "did not discriminate in an inappropriate way."
...
As Jennifer Rubin points out, the "we let the guys come to party" defense "is reminiscent of the 'we let women be social members' excuses that exclusive men's clubs routinely gave for decades—and which were scorned by women's groups." Further:

> [T]he line about "no one ever asking to join" is rich. Certainly if one declares the organization to be "all men" or "all white" or "all anything" those not in the "all" group are going to be dissuaded from seeking membership. Isn't the mere statement of exclusivity enough to raise concerns?'

...
I won't claim that Sotomayor's membership in the Belizean Grove is itself a matter of any concern to me. But her apparent violation of Canon 2C and her readiness to rationalize her own participation in reverse discrimination tie into broader concerns about her impartiality.

Egypt Approves Quota for Women in Parliament

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Egyptian parliament passed a law Sunday adding 64 seats reserved for women to the lower house of the legislature. The quota creates 32 new constituencies with two seats each for women candidates only. It will take effect during next year's elections and raises the number of seats in the People's Assembly from 454 to 518.

Egypt's Minister of Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Mufid Shehab stated that the law "ensures parity for women and promotes their role in society, as stipulated by the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, which Egypt has signed," reported Agence France Presse. Shehab also indicated the law will be effective for just two five-year parliamentary sessions in hopes that after that period, the number of women in parliament will increase without affirmative action.'

Some claims by man exonerated in rape can go forward

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A judge this morning found that some of the claims raised in a civil lawsuit by a man who was wrongfully incarcerated for 19 years for rape can move forward, though two others cannot.

Thomas Doswell filed a federal lawsuit against Detective Herman Wolf, his supervisors and the city of Pittsburgh, in June 2007, alleging among other things that he was the subject of a malicious prosecution.

Today, Chief U.S. District Judge Donetta Ambrose threw out both Mr. Doswell's state and federal claims of malicious prosecution, finding that at the time of his arrest, the state did establish probable cause.

Mr. Doswell was convicted of rape and sentenced to 13 to 26 years in prison stemming from the March 13, 1986, attack of a woman who worked at Forbes Hospital. However, the conviction was vacated in August 2005 when DNA testing of seminal fluid in the case showed conclusively that Mr. Doswell was not her attacker.'

USA Today: New daditude: Today's fathers are hands-on, pressure off

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'AUSTIN — Today's fathers may well take parenting as seriously as their mates, but unlike many moms, dads don't view it as a competitive sport. Instead, the new attitude of 21st-century fatherhood is hands-on and involved, but with a hint of playfulness.

"All of these social expectations have developed over decades about what moms are supposed to do. We don't have a new picture of what involved dads are supposed to look like," says Will Courtenay, a psychotherapist in Berkeley, Calif., who is on the advisory board of The Center for Men and Young Men at McLean Hospital, Harvard Medical School.

Those who study fatherhood say today's dads are forging a new identity, as working women press for a more egalitarian home life, and telecommuting and workplace flexibility make it possible for dads to have more time with the kids. Also, dads today are no longer the stuffy or clueless fathers portrayed on TV.'

MND: Troubling Findings About College Men

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'Here's a piece on the Second Conference on College Men that took place at the University of Pennsylvania back in May (Inside Higher Education, 5/22/09). The article discusses a couple of studies done by Frank Harris and Keith Edwards into "the gendered experiences and identities of men in college." Overall, the people presenting the papers seem fairly sympathetic to men on campus, so you might ask why they open with statements like this:

"When we think about acts of violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment on college campuses, overwhelmingly the perpetrators of those acts on our campuses are men."

Now, there are several studies, like this one from the University of Florida, that contradict those claims. That showed that 32% of UF women surveyed said they were perpetrators of dating violence, versus only 24% of men. Another survey showed that 58% of UF stalkers were women.

...

Tellingly the article goes on to say,

Edwards and Harris also reported finding that the students had limited relationships with other men, particularly their friends and fathers, and experienced a loss of self. “It’s sort of for me the most poignant part of all this,” said Edwards. “I lose my authenticity when I pretend I’m someone I’m not.”

These findings are troubling. In the first place, they strongly suggest the effects of fatherlessness on these young men. The descriptions of what they understand masculinity to be are classic examples of boys without a mature masculine presence in their lives. Of course I can't say how many of these young men grew up without fathers, but the researchers pointedly noted the young men's "limited relationships" with their dads.'

Ex-teacher reaches plea deal in sex case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) - A former Bountiful Junior High School teacher has reached a plea deal in a case that accused her of having sex with an underage boy.

Linda Nef, 46, pleaded guilty on Tuesday in 2nd District Court to attempted aggravated sex abuse of a child, a first-degree felony.

She had been charged with rape of a child and sodomy on a child, both first-degree felonies.
...
A second teacher, Valynne Bowers, 40, has pleaded not guilty to rape and forcible sodomy in a case involving the same boy when he was 14. She is due in court on June 29.'

No retirement benefits for teacher accused of sex with student

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'The Maine East High School teacher and former soccer coach charged with having sex with a 16-year-old former student known to be a gang member now has been fired by District 207.

That means Jennifer Espinosa, 38, will not get any retirement benefits. She had been a tenured teacher with 15 years at the district.

Espinosa, of Park Ridge, was charged with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse as a result of an eight-month relationship with a former student, according to a Cook County Sheriff's office release.

Espinosa told police she "loves" the 16-year-old boy, who was expelled from Maine East in September and is a known gang member, the release said.'

The Daily Herald reports that the Maine Township High School District 207 school board voted unanimously earlier this month to terminate Espinosa's contract.'

USA Today Opinion: Decline of the American male

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Like most Americans, I look at the news about the economy, the need for health care reform and our growing national debt, and I worry about how we're going to escape the recession.

But as someone who has spent his career working to save an endangered species men I have another worry on my mind: What are we going to do about the Great He-cession?

This troubling trend has been going on for several years, but it really picked up speed at the end of 2008. Of the 5.2 million people who've lost their jobs since last summer, four out of five were men. Some experts predict that this year, for the first time, more American women will have jobs than men. And that's just furthering the decline of the endangered male.

Consider this: A 2007 government survey found that of the 36.8 million American adults who lack health insurance, 56% are men. But given the tremendous percentage of lost jobs that were held by men, that number could skyrocket. For family men, at least, there's a built-in safety net: The preponderance of two-career couples means that women, and their secure jobs, often provide the benefits. It's men who are single or divorced and who, studies show, live shorter lives than their married brethren who now make up the largest segment of the unemployed and uninsured. The impact of this in the form of untreated illness and injury will follow single men around for a generation.
...
The Obama administration showed great eagerness in addressing the problems of women soon after it took office, with the establishment of the White House Council on Women and Girls. We applaud that move, and we now look for equal time for the males of the species.'

A critical role for fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A father's rights have remained a largely hidden issue, tucked away beneath America's fiery and passionate opinions on abortion. In many ways, the parental rights of expectant fathers are blatantly ignored, and fathers are, in a court of law, unable to voice their opinion in regard to childbirth.
...
"Men's rights are trampled on all the time when it comes to reproductive rights," said Dianna Thompson, executive director of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children. It is time to fight back, to force our government to re-evaluate the logic of treating men as little more than fertilizers.

This case raises serious questions about a father's say in the life of his own child, as well as the extent of the government's duty to help project human rights and encourage the family unit. Sadly, these profound questions fall by the wayside in a society that worships at the golden calf of individual choice, and relegates the voice of fathers and unborn babies to the margin.'

Barbara Kay: Height restrictions at the sperm bank ("The commodification of sperm")

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Googling desperately, I came upon an informational tidbit that proved excellent (and only slightly ribald) fodder for debate laughs, but also seems an apt take-off point for my yearly Fatherless Day column, namely: Most sperm banks will not accept donations from men who stand under 5’ 11” in height.

The sperm-seekers whose demand has produced this height restriction aren’t giggly teenagers or desperate housewives addicted to Harlequin romances. They are strong, autonomous, educated, middle class, not-so-young women of ambition with support systems and resources sufficient to the logistical demands of child-rearing.
...
We now take for granted the technology of alternate reproductive initiatives that marginalize men’s contribution to the family, and by extension to society. But we shouldn’t. Every child born with only half an identity — the mother’s — is a reproach to our decision, which began with the advent of the birth control pill in 1959, to privilege the sexual and reproductive rights of adults over the rights of children. For “adults,” read “women.”

Men took their cues from women. They soon internalized the feminist message that they had many responsibilities as fathers, but unlike mothers no natural rights, a rubric borne out in higher court judgments and countless custody narratives. Men’s biological and social value, and their relationship to their issue, has for some time been contingent on women’s wishes and perceived needs.'

Ed. note: The same article appears in the same paper under the headline 'The commodification of sperm'.

'It Pays, for a Change, to Be a Woman in the Workplace'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women workers are faring better than men in the current economic downturn, for a variety of reasons. So much so that they may soon pass men and become the majority gender in the American workplace.

By November of last year, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, women had already become just more than 49 percent of the non-farm labor force. And the New York Times reports that in the current economic turndown, men have suffered 82 percent of the job losses. That's true, in part, because struggling industries like automaking and homebuilding employ an overwhelmingly male workforce.

But there are other reasons why job prospects for women are brighter right now than they are for men. Women make less money than men in many comparable jobs. That infuriates women's-rights advocates, but it makes women more attractive to employers who are cutting costs to weather the recession. Many industries have culled their executive and veteran workforce - men, by and large - by paying older workers to retire.'

Australia: Mother allowed her 12-YO to get pregnant

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Story here. Her mother allowed her boyfriend to move in with them, the father made REPEATED calls to Social Services about it, and was ignored. He finally gets custody, and finds out she's pregnant. Wow. Mothers are the best custodial parents, are they? Excerpt:

'NEW SOUTH WALES, Australia - A preteen who was allowed to live with her 15-year-old boyfriend despite her father's calls to authorities is now pregnant with the teen's child.

The girl was living with her mother and was only 11 when her boyfriend moved in. Her father, who was living elsewhere, repeatedly called the Department of Community Services, Australia's version of CPS.

However, no one responded. Police said they couldn't intervene because both children were underage, according to the Daily Telegraph.'

"When she cries rape"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"The questions being asked in Mumbai, in Bollywood, are not whether actor Shiney Ahuja did, as was reported, rape his 18-year-old domestic maid or had, as is suspected, consensual sex with her. The questions being asked are what happens to the man in such a case?

How do the police distinguish between what was rape and consensual sex? Is it just the woman's word against the man's? What if she is lying? Or out to exploit and blackmail the man? Trap him into marrying her after what was just an affair but mutual agreement? And... further, what happens next? What is the sentence for rape? And can there be one for consensual sex between adults? Also, if (as in Shiney's case) the man happens to be married and had consensual sex, is he only guilty of adultery? And if he is married and has committed rape, what kind of sentence does he face for the crime? Most Indian laws, framed during the colonial days of the British Raj, remain as grey as ever with prosecuting authorities struggling to get convictions while defence lawyers pick holes in the chargesheet. Even while the police muddle their way through the many 'rape' cases in their files, BT posed these questions to criminal law experts."

Maryland Woman Indicted on Charges of Killing Adopted Daughters, Storing Bodies in Freezer

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'ROCKVILLE, Maryland — A Maryland woman has been indicted on charges of killing two adopted daughters and storing their bodies in her freezer.

State's Attorney John McCarthy says 43-year-old Renee Bowman will face murder and child abuse charges in the deaths of the two girls and abuse of her surviving daughter.

The case began in September 2008 when Bowman's 7-year-old daughter jumped out a window and was found in their Calvert County neighborhood.

The family lived in Montgomery County between 2005 and 2007. Investigators believe that's where Bowman killed the girls and that's where a grand jury indicted her on those charges.

The girls were adopted in the District of Columbia. Bowman continued collecting payments from a D.C. agency after their deaths.'

India: "'Deprived dads' to rally for parenting rights"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BANGALORE: Many Bangalore men who are separated from their wives but pine for their children are set to mark Father's Day (June 21) by taking out a rally here. Kids should get the love of both parents, they stress.

Saturday's rally will see these men asserting their right to be in touch with their children.

It is the brainchild of Children's Rights Initiative For Shared Parenting (CRISP), a city-based NGO fighting for shared parenting rights, in association with Save the Indian Family Foundation (SIFF).
...
"On the occasion of Father's Day, CRISP members will have a rally in the morning -- near Mahatma Gandhi statue at MG Road -- to create awareness on the importance of the father in the life of a child," added Kumar.

He himself has been battling for the custody of his daughter for almost a decade.'

Canada: New powers would allow police to snoop on web

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Police will be given new powers to eavesdrop on Internet-based communications as part of a contentious government bill, to be announced today, which Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan has said is needed to modernize surveillance laws crafted during "the era of the rotary phone."

The proposed legislation would force Internet service providers to allow law enforcement to tap into their systems to obtain information about users and their digital conversations.

Police have lobbied for a new law for almost 10 years, saying that they need to access "Internet safe havens" for gangsters, sexual predators and terrorists.
...

"This is really not about the warrantless tracking of Canadians' Internet use," said Clayton Pecknold, of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

Privacy advocates and civil libertarians, however, have vocally opposed the prospect of giving police "lawful access" to the digital conversations of Canadians by being able to access such things as their text messages, e-mails, web surfing habits and Internet phone lines.
...
Federal Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddard recently warned that forcing ISPs to surrender information "is a serious step forward toward mass surveillance" that violates the rights of Canadians.'

Obama kicks off a national conversation on fatherhood

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama will kick off a national conversation today about fatherhood, family, and mentoring with a series of events around DC and a gathering of young men for a discussion at the White House.

Obama, whose father abandoned him when he was two years old, also penned an essay for Parade magazine about his experiences as a dad. In that essay he talks about seeing fatherhood through his father's absence—he saw his father for the last time when he was 10 and only got to know him through letters and family lore.
...
“We need fathers to step up, to realize that their job does not end at conception; that what makes you a man is not the ability to have a child but the courage to raise one,” he writes.'

Woman Skinned Puppy To Make Belt, Cops Say

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Story here.

'A 23-year-old woman who got a friend to kill her Jack Russell terrier was charged with skinning the puppy to make a belt out of its hide.

Krystal Lynn Lewis and Austin Michael Mullins, 26, were being held Friday in the Muskogee County jail on $25,000 bail each. They were charged with one felony count of cruelty to animals.

A Muskogee County judge ordered a mental competency hearing for Lewis.

Lewis wanted the puppy, named Poplin, killed because it was a gift from a female ex-lover with whom she doesn't get along, said Muskogee County sheriff's deputy George Roberson.'

Roberson said Mullins shot the terrier 10 times with a .22-caliber pistol. Lewis skinned the animal at her apartment and nailed the hide to a board.'

Dead Man's Sperm Gives Life, Not Benefits

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 10-year-old girl conceived from the frozen sperm of a dead man cannot receive his Social Security benefits, a federal appeals court ruled.

A panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday upheld a lower court's rejection of child survivor benefits for Brandalynn Vernoff, who was born nearly four years after her father's death in 1995.

The case involved sperm that Bruce Vernoff's widow, Gabriela, had a doctor extract after he died unexpectedly from an allergic reaction. In 1998, she used it for in vitro fertilization and gave birth to Brandalynn in a Los Angeles hospital on March 17, 1999.

Gabriela Vernoff later applied for child survivor benefits from the Social Security Administration but was rejected. A federal judge in Santa Ana also rejected her claims.'

NIH Funds $423,500 Study of Why Men Don't Like to Use Condoms

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'The federal government is spending $423,500 to find out why men don't like to wear condoms, a project government watchdogs say is a nearly-half-a-million-dollar waste of taxpayer money.
...
"The project aims to understand the relationship between condom application and loss of erections and decreased sensation, including the role of condom skills and performance anxiety, and to find new ways to improve condom use among those who experience such problems."
...
"This government is so out of whack with what the priorities are that this actually makes sense that we'd be wasting money on a condom study rather than the real problems facing the country," said David Williams, vice president for policy at Citizens Against Government Waste, which tracks wasteful spending in the federal budget.

For American men -- many of whom have already undergone years of awkward sex ed in the care of gym teachers -- the study might not offer much of a boost, Williams said.'

Sotomayor quits women's club after GOP criticism

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor resigned Friday from an elite all-women's club after Republicans questioned her participation in it. Sotomayor said she resigned from the Belizean Grove to prevent the issue from becoming a distraction in her confirmation hearings.

In a letter to Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the federal appeals court judge said she is convinced that the club does not practice "invidious discrimination" and that her membership in it did not violate judicial ethics.

But she said she didn't want questions about it to "distract anyone from my qualifications and record."

Federal judges are bound by a code that says they shouldn't join any organization that discriminates by race, sex, religion or nationality.

The Belizean Grove bills itself as women's answer to the 130-year-old all-male Bohemian Club in California. The club owns a 2,500-acre camping area in northern California called the Grove. Chief Justice Earl Warren belonged to the Bohemian Club beginning in the 1940s, before he joined the court and long before the federal judiciary adopted a code of conduct.'

Black widow woman who drugged, raped ten men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A YOUNG Russian woman, a devoted collector of horror films and spiders, is on trial for sedating and raping 10 men.

The police were shocked that 32-year-old Valeria K., a quiet good-looking woman from the city of Tambov, was the mysterious rapist who abused 10 local men after poisoning them with clonidine, Life.ru reports.

Valeria, who has already been nicknamed the Black Widow for her love of spiders, would get acquainted with men and invite them to her place.

...

Waking up in hospital with clonidine poisoning and penis trauma, all the victims could remember was a friendly brunette who gave them drinks.'

Mom seeking justice for child victims

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'Every so often, she said, her youngster's mind drifts back to the morning of Oct. 16, 2007 when a 24-year-old city woman — in a fit of supposed rage — forced his tiny hands into a pot of boiling water in the Applewood Drive apartment she shared with her then-boyfriend, Damon's father.

Damon, who was two at the time, sustained serious burns and will require several surgeries, skin grafts and therapy to treat the wounds.

...

The first half of Muir's sentence is being spent under house arrest, while during the remaining nine months she will be allowed out into the community under certain conditions.

Like many others in the community, the boy's mother remains outraged at the sentence, charging her son was shortchanged by the criminal justice system.

...

To date, more than 8,200 people are members of her group 'Where is the justice?' — an element that Reddom hopes to harness into a special event to raise awareness about abused children and the "failings of the justice system" in the hopes of initiating change.

For instance, the Canadian justice system is "a very sexist," she said, noting that in her opinion, a man would have received a much harsher sentence for the same crime.

"This event will be to raise awareness about how this is happening to our kids everyday — children are getting abused everyday and people are getting away with it.'

Why ads paint dads as buffoons

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In commercial after commercial on TV, the image of the modern husband and father is one of the buffoon - trapped in a shed he built without doors, staring blankly at spilled juice, gorging on dog cookies until his ever-capable wife comes to the rescue.

Such ads are a mainstay because they work: They make viewers laugh, and they sell. And, also, critics argue, because such stereotyping remains socially acceptable.

"WASP men are the greatest target in advertising. The reason I say that is they are the only safe target in advertising," said Terry O'Reilly of Pirate Toronto, a leading audio advertising firm, and host of The Age of Persuasion, a CBC radio show.
...
"It reinforces for women and men alike the idea that this really isn't men's normal home turf, that they're not able to be good at it, and therefore, why bother?" Prof. Thomas said.

"As a feminist, I find that problematic, because while it appears to be empowering women - saying women are superior, women are supermoms, they can do everything, men can't really do this stuff -- what's the outcome going to be? That women carry on doing it all."'

Ed. note: The print edition discusses some examples of such ads at the end of the article. Print version with the title "Jeer old dad" is here.

Walk a Mile this weekend in Bowmanville

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'BOWMANVILLE -- Gentlemen, it's not too late to don your favourite pair of women's shoes and take to the streets.

The first-ever Walk A Mile in Her Shoes event, to raise awareness about violence against women, is set for Saturday in downtown Bowmanville, as part of the Fabulous Fifties Festival.

The event is organized by Bowmanville's Bethesda House, a women's shelter and outreach centre. The organization paired with a similar group in Northumberland and ordered a number of pairs of ruby-red stilettos, specially sized for men's feet, to be worn during events in both areas.'

Women wanting to work with children?

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You have to suspect any woman who wants to work with children. They're almost certainly paedophiles... Oh, sorry! That's the attitude that men have to put up with isn't it? Women, of course, can be trusted to look after children without abusing them in any way... er, wait a minute: Second woman charged over nursery 'child porn' probe. Excerpt:

"A woman arrested as part of an inquiry into child abuse allegedly committed by a female nursery worker has appeared in court.

"Angela Allen, 39, is charged with four counts of sexual assault, four counts of taking indecent photographs, four counts of possessing indecent photographs and four counts of distributing indecent photographs."

MSNBC: Obama makes responsible dads a priority

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'As a candidate and now president, he's been telling men what sort of father they should be. It's become his Father's Day ritual and he's not shy about it.
...
'His finger-wagging is most pointed when addressing other black men, reflecting years of worry about the fabric of black families and single mothers, but it applies to everyone.

Father's Day 2007: "Let's admit to ourselves that there are a lot of men out there that need to stop acting like boys; who need to realize that responsibility does not end at conception; who need to know that what makes you a man is not the ability to have a child but the courage to raise a child."

Father's Day 2008: "Any fool can have a child. That doesn't make you a father. It's the courage to raise a child that makes you a father."'

Huffington Post: Fathers Matter "Now" More Than Ever

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'Fathers matter more than ever, and anyone who doubts their importance has inevitably endured life without one.

Even feminist Gloria Steinem said, "Most American children suffer too much mother and too little father."

The politically correct modern notion is that as long as a child is healthy and loved, it doesn't matter who they are raised and nurtured by. And of course if there is no father, any loving parent is integral for a child's well being.

But the male influence in a child's life is invaluable, irreplaceable and necessary for most of us. There, I said it.

As politically incorrect as it may sound, fathers are important, and it would do us all good to reflect on where we might be without the great male influence that our fathers have bestowed on our lives.'

Watch Out for Myths About Fatherhood

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'The role of the father is increasingly problematic in the context of modern American culture. Fatherhood has been marginalized and the rule and authority of fathers has been depreciated, ridiculed, and continuously redefined. From the Berenstain Bears to The Simpsons, fathers are all too often the object of ridicule or this subject of the laugh line.
...
The marginalization of fatherhood can be traced to many developments, but one prime source of this marginalization is the intellectual class and its radical commitment to ideological feminism. Fatherhood is now an ideological category that is inescapably linked to everything from patriarchy (considered to be the original sin) to popular culture (where the intellectual elites exert a very significant, if indirect influence).'

Australia: What we need is a fatherhood revolution

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Father's Day 2009 is being celebrated with a renewed sense of vigour and excitement. Fathers and children are appearing in more advertisements. The media are running father-friendly stories. Restaurants are booked out for Father's Day as well as Mother's Day.

...

The renovation of fatherhood and the renewal of masculinity have been heralded by writers like Ed Cole, author of Maximised Manhood; Gordon Dalby, Healing the Masculine Soul; Robert Bly, Iron John; and Warren Farrell, Father and Child Reunion and even by feminist authors such as Adrienne Burgess, Fatherhood Reclaimed and Susan Falundi, Stiffed. Australian author Steve Biddulph has been a trailblazer for the Australian fatherhood and men's movement for many years. His books sell very smartly overseas as well.'

Mother, May I? Helping Moms Back Off So Dads Can Be Dads

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'The benefits of having a positive, involved father are well-documented by decades of research.

Now, scholars are focusing their microscopes on an obstacle to fathers' involvement: "gatekeeping" by mothers who control or hamper fathers' interactions with their children.

The findings reveal how women and men alike can trigger gatekeeping, which can cause tension between partners and dissatisfaction with parenting routines. As Father's Day nears, the research also sheds light on how dads can play a bigger role.

"The more we understand these patterns, the more parents will be able to make conscious and deliberate choices" about parenting, says Sarah Schoppe-Sullivan, assistant professor of human development at the Ohio State University.'

Personal Matters: Acknowledging gifts our fathers have given us

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'I asked some friends to share their thoughts on gifts they received from their fathers:

A social worker: "My father cared about others and was always doing things for people. He believed in the importance of family, not just in the immediate sense but in the larger sense of all of humanity. My father taught me what is important in life."

A political activist and employment agency founder: "My father's ability to beat the odds in the face of adversity and his zest for life are the things I remember most about him. He suffered congestive heart failure in 1981 and in 1982 ... the doctors told us he wouldn't survive. He changed his diet, lost 30 pounds, stopped smoking and drinking, and lived an additional 11 years. Sometime later I was the Democratic candidate for representative in my state and he became one of my most enthusiastic supporters. He died suddenly at 81 in the midst of my campaign. I miss him every day."

A business leader: "The gift my father gave me was to teach me to take responsibility. When I did something wrong, he encouraged me to admit it, learn from it, put it behind me and go on. He taught me not to blame others for my problems."'

UK: Should your business do more for working dads?

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'As Fathers' Day looms, is it really the case that working dads get a raw deal from employers?

That's the conclusion of a survey from careers website TheLadders.co.uk, released to coincide with (/shamelessly cash in on) Fathers' Day this weekend. It proclaims that 72% of executives think UK companies should review and revise their company policies to help them be better fathers. According to the survey, men think being a father also makes them a better employee - yet they still don't feel comfortable asking for time off for paternity leave and family commitments. But given that some men don't even realise they're entitled to paternity leave, it suggests that employers may not be entirely to blame...

Nearly three-quarters of those polled said they didn't take enough time off when their children were born, while around half saying they were 'uncomfortable' about taking time out for family commitments like school sports days and parents meetings. The suggestion is that execs just don't believe their line manager is going to give them time off to watch their kid's egg-and-spoon race without thinking they're a lily-livered work-shy waste of space. 'Men still feel 'family' is a dirty word in the work environment,' bemoans TheLadders's MD Derek Pilcher.'

NY State Assemblyman sponsors shared parenting presumption bill

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'They and their supporters say the current legal system is biased against fathers and that new laws could eliminate the creation of an unnecessarily adversarial relationship between parents.

State Assemblyman Michael Benjamin, D-Morrisania sponsored legislation this year that would create a
The bill will not make it out of committee before the end of the session next week, but Benjamin said he's already speaking with the chair of the Committee on Children and Families about organizing a roundtable discussion on the subject this fall.

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“I think it's an issue that's important to fathers and I think fathers should have some consideration when it comes to custody cases,” he said.

Benjamin said advocates for fathers' rights he's met with have been “very zealous” about protecting their relationships with their children.'

Former Boise teacher gets jail time and 10 years of probation in sex case

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'Michelle Farley apologized to her family, friends and "family of teachers" for having an inappropriate relationship with a 17-year-old student last year.

"I want to apologize to (the teen) and his family for the embarrassment and hurt I caused," the former Borah High philosophy teacher said. "It hurts me that I have hurt so many people because what I did was so wrong."

Farley left the courtroom in handcuffs Friday, on her way to the Ada County Jail, where she could spend the next six months after pleading guilty to a charge of felony sexual battery of a minor.

Fourth District Judge Timothy Hansen told Farley she can ask for an early release once she completes a class on "thinking errors" at the jail. But she will spend the next decade on probation, have to undergo sex-offender treatment and pay a $2,000 fine. '

Canada: 'Are girls smarter than boys?'

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'Ministry statistics provide ample evidence of the gender gap that has been observed by many during grad ceremonies. One set of statistics — the number of students receiving $1,000 provincial scholarships for excellent Grade 12 exam results — shows that hundreds more girls than boys win every year.

Last year, the tests found that 19 per cent of Grade 4 boys in B.C. and 14 per cent of the girls weren't meeting expectations in reading. The figures were similar for writing with 23 per cent of boys and 13 per cent of girls not making the grade. In math, 21 per cent of boys and 22 per cent of girls weren't up to par.

Boys had slipped from the honour roll to the suspension list, and not just in Burnaby. Figures from around the province confirmed that female students were much more likely than male students to be successful in school.

Nearly a third of B.C.'s 60 school districts have developed programs to improve boys' performance, she added. "For example, some districts are engaging students differently and looking at research about brain function and developmental stages of boys and girls and how that affects learning."

That suggests more than 40 districts are doing nothing.'

Title IX Ruling in California Could Lead to Stricter Standards

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'When it comes to offering men and women equal opportunities to play sports, close may no longer be good enough.

Judges have typically ruled that universities are in compliance with the federal gender-equity law known as Title IX if the proportion of athletes who are women is within 5 percent of the representation of women in the total enrollment.

But a settlement announced Wednesday between the University of California-Davis and three female athletes holds the university's athletic officials to a stricter 1.5 percent standard and could influence similar cases around the country, according to lawyers who are knowledgeable about gender-equity cases.
...
Under the settlement, Davis has 10 years to bring female participation in varsity sports to within 1.5 percent of their proportion of the overall student population. According to federal education statistics, female athletes made up about 50 percent of Davis's athletes in the 2007-8 academic year, but 56 percent of its student population.'

Title IX keeps LSU men's club soccer fighting to stay alive

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'Despite the recent success and growth of the LSU women's soccer team, the abundance of men's talent is left to compete at the club level. On top of that, with the recent addition of the Baton Rouge Capitols, the lack of a college men's team forces the city's own pro soccer team to look at other colleges for recruiting purposes. The absence of a men's soccer team at LSU is mostly due to Title IX, which, ironically, is supposed to be equal opportunity promoting legislation.
...
Jamie Krebs of Southern Illinois University's student newspaper, "The Alestle," reiterated Bentley's concerns: "While 5,800 athletic opportunities have been added for women in the past ten years, more than 350 National Collegiate Athletic Association programs involving about 21,000 male athletes have been terminated since 1991. That's roughly ten percent of the male athletes participating in that period."'

Austria: Greens want law against sexism in advertising

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Greens want to toughen up laws against sexism in advertising.

Greens' women's spokeswoman Judith Schwentner said today (Fri) so-called self-control exercised through the advertising council had had little effect and had done nothing to prevent sexism in advertising.

Schwentner called for a new law against sexism in advertising, noting Denmark and Norway both had such laws on the books. She said her party would present appropriate legislation in parliament in the autumn.'

Uganda: Education Experts Criticise Affirmative Action for Girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kuala Lumpur — EDUCATION experts have criticised the affirmative action in favour of girls, saying it has sidelined boys' access to education.

The experts noted that while countries had made tremendous progress to bridge the gender gaps in schools, more boys were performing poorly in class compared to the girls and dropping out of school to look for employment.

"For years, we have focused on women. But the worst that can happen is that the global phenomenon might start making policies of affirmative action for the boys," remarked Dr. Fatiha Serour, the director of youth affairs at the Commonwealth Secretariat.

According to Serour, evidence that girls are outnumbering boys in schools had created a stir in some countries.'

Senator proposes "fatherhood legislation", Obama pledges to sign

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Article here.

'WASHINGTON (WANE) - Senator Evan Bayh is trying to address an epidemic he calls Absent Fathers in America.

He's proposing responsible fatherhood legislation. The father of two is working with President Obama to get the bill passed. Senator Bayh says it will help pay for job retraining, literacy programs and employment services to counsel and help non-custodial parents. Plus, it will strengthen child support collection efforts.

Bayh says implementing the bill will cost about $3 billion, but in the long run, it may reduce the amount of money the government already spends helping single-parent families.

The president has pledged to sign the bill into law if it reaches his desk.'

NOW Activists Elect New President Terry O'Neill to Succeed Kim Gandy

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'This weekend members of the National Organization for Women (NOW) cast their votes for a new team of leaders to direct the largest grassroots feminist organization in the country over the next four years. NOW delegates elected Terry O'Neill, who served as the group's membership vice president from 2001 to 2005, to succeed President Kim Gandy.

Gandy will retire from her office on July 20 due to the organization's term limits; she has been a leader in NOW for 36 years, with 22 years of service at the national level, including the last eight as president.

"NOW is the organization that fights for the rights of all women no matter the circumstances of their birth, their race or sexual orientation, no matter if they live in poverty or are trying to escape violence," said NOW President-Elect Terry O'Neill. "My experience with domestic violence, as an abused wife left me humiliated and embarrassed. I only began to talk about this publically [sic] five years ago as I realized that to keep quiet was to continue the abuse. I want to empower women and telling my story does just that. Women are fed up with persistent inequality and are ready for change. I am honored and eager to lead NOW in making that change."'

No Country for Burly Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A "man-cession." That's what some economists are starting to call it. Of the 5.7 million jobs Americans lost between December 2007 and May 2009, nearly 80 percent had been held by men. Mark Perry, an economist at the University of Michigan, characterizes the recession as a "downturn" for women but a "catastrophe" for men.

Men are bearing the brunt of the current economic crisis because they predominate in manufacturing and construction, the hardest-hit sectors, which have lost more than 3 million jobs since December 2007. Women, by contrast, are a majority in recession-resistant fields such as education and health care, which gained 588,000 jobs during the same period. Rescuing hundreds of thousands of unemployed crane operators, welders, production line managers, and machine setters was never going to be easy. But the concerted opposition of several powerful women's groups has made it all but impossible. Consider what just happened with the $787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Last November, President-elect Obama addressed the devastation in the construction and manufacturing industries by proposing an ambitious New Deal-like program to rebuild the nation's infrastructure. He called for a two-year "shovel ready" stimulus program to modernize roads, bridges, schools, electrical grids, public transportation, and dams and made reinvigorating the hardest-hit sectors of the economy the goal of the legislation that would become the recovery act.

Women's groups were appalled. Grids? Dams? Opinion pieces immediately appeared in major newspapers with titles like "Where are the New Jobs for Women?" and "The Macho Stimulus Plan." A group of "notable feminist economists" circulated a petition that quickly garnered more than 600 signatures, calling on the president-elect to add projects in health, child care, education, and social services and to "institute apprenticeships" to train women for "at least one third" of the infrastructure jobs. At the same time, more than 1,000 feminist historians signed an open letter urging Obama not to favor a "heavily male-dominated field" like construction: "We need to rebuild not only concrete and steel bridges but also human bridges." As soon as these groups became aware of each other, they formed an anti-stimulus plan action group called WEAVE-- Women's Equality Adds Value to the Economy.'

Oh yeah, happy Father's Day

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Have a good one, or at least try to, you poor miserable bastards!

Layoffs, courts put some dads in jail

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This will be an exceptionally sad Father's Day for millions of divorced and separated fathers and the children who love them and need them. Many dads have lost their jobs or suffered significant drops in income. Because it is difficult for fathers to get their child support orders modified downward, many decent, loving fathers are being jailed because they can't keep up with their child support obligations.

Ed O'Donnell, chairman of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Family Law Executive Committee, says that it "usually requires in excess of six months before a judge will say, '[The job loss] is possibly a real change in circumstances'… Six months is a long time, when you're desperate."

This problem is creating many outrageous, well-documented injustices.

For example, in one case highlighted by the Boston Globe, a divorced father who worked in the real estate industry had been paying $6,000 a month in child support, plus additional expenses such as health insurance and tuition. When the real estate industry crashed, he fell behind and, with an application for a downward modification still pending, was handcuffed in court and jailed for 30 days.'

The fight goes on for Dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine a child living without a father. A little boy or girl clutching a teddy bear on the stairs waiting for their dad to walk through the front door. In a broken household a child will spend many nights missing a dad wishing things were different. A million parental couples go through the family courts every year, and of those at least 40% of fathers have little or no contact with their children after separation.

Of 12 million children in the UK, one in four will have suffered the grim reality of separation from a mother or father during their childhood. Matt O'Connor, founder of one of the most high profile and controversial campaigns of the modern era, Fathers 4 Justice, described the British family courts as "the Devil's Labyrinth" because as he bluntly puts it, "when you get into the system it's near impossible to escape". His formidable struggle to see his two children, aged eleven and nine at the time of divorce from a previous marriage, was a battle through a legal system that ' criminalises and crushes you before suffocating you with a blanket of secrecy and censorship', as described in his biography Fathers 4 Justice: The Inside Story, published in 2007.'

Deporting Fathers in the Name of Homeland Security

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As families celebrate Father's Day, consider the case of Roxroy Salmon. The father of four U.S.-born children, Salmon has lived in the United States for more than 30 years. Yet the Department of Homeland Security now threatens to deport him to Jamaica, a country where he has not resided for decades, due to minor drug convictions from more than 19 years ago for which he served no time. This would effectively deny his children their father by permanently exiling him from his family and their common homeland.

Salmon's story is hardly exceptional. Each year the federal government deports tens of thousands of non-citizens, many of them with U.S. citizen children, to countries to which they often have tenuous ties. By doing this, the federal government seriously injures children and families, and produces large numbers of a particular type of refugee.'

NineMSN Poll "Are Women more violent than they used to be" and related news story

Ric_TVY · 21 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

The Daily Telegraph (Australian National Daily) ran a story this morning that the rate of female DV has increased by 159% in 8 years, also pointing out this was an increase of 11% per annum, while male DV is rising by 2% per annum.

Its actually a very decent article and quoted Reg Price, who runs the Men's Rights Agency. It even pointed out the problems men have being beleived by our Police and also the lack of shelters for men. NineMSN (Australia's version of MSN) couldnt bring themselves to run the story of course, but did make the issue the question for todays poll - "are women becoming more violent?". Interesting to see how feminists try to mis-direct attention away from this story. Excerpt:

'WOMEN are becoming more violent towards their partners.

Shocking figures have revealed that the number of women who have been charged with domestic violence-related assault has soared by 159 per cent over the past eight years.

The figures, from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics, show 2336 women faced court on charges of domestic violence in 2007, mainly for bashing their husbands, compared with just 818 in 1999.

Men's groups said yesterday they were happy that police were finally taking men seriously but it remained tough for husbands to admit they had been attacked by their wives.'

India: Stepmom names two-month-old in dowry FIR

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Mumbai: In diapers, lying in her mother's lap and yet to sprout teeth, but Zoya is an accused in a dowry harassment case. The two-month-old baby was named along with seven adults by her stepmother in a complaint letter to the police. What is worse is that the police has included the child's name in the FIR.

Zoya - who should be playing in crib - had to spend several hours in a police station with her mother, foregoing food and sleep and came very close to being arrested.

...

Meanwhile, legal experts are stunned to say the least.

Advocate Usha Makasare says, "It is crazy. Unheard of. We will have to see under what circumstances the court has given this order."'

'The Death of Macho'

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Essay here. This essay left me speechless. Reihan Salam's e-mail address: salam-at-newamerica.net. Excerpt:

'For years, the world has been witnessing a quiet but monumental shift of power from men to women. Today, the Great Recession has turned what was an evolutionary shift into a revolutionary one. The consequence will be not only a mortal blow to the macho men's club called finance capitalism that got the world into the current economic catastrophe; it will be a collective crisis for millions and millions of working men around the globe.
...
Although not all countries will respond by throwing the male bums out, the backlash is real--and it is global. The great shift of power from males to females is likely to be dramatically accelerated by the economic crisis, as more people realize that the aggressive, risk-seeking behavior that has enabled men to entrench their power--the cult of macho--has now proven destructive and unsustainable in a globalized world.
...
It might be tempting to think that the death of macho is just a cyclical correction and that the alpha males of the financial world will all be back to work soon. Tempting, but wrong. The "penis competition" made possible by limitless leverage, arcane financial instruments, and pure unadulterated capitalism will now be domesticated in lasting ways.'

RADAR ALERT: Junk Science at the Dept. of Justice

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In his inaugural speech on January 20, President Obama declared, "We will restore science to its rightful place." And in a March 9 memo the president reminded the heads of federal agencies, "The public must be able to trust the science and scientific process informing public policy decisions."

Apparently the U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ) didn't get that message.

Because three months later the DoJ issued a report titled, "Practical Implications of Current Domestic Violence Research."[1] Sadly, the report cherry-picks the research and badly misrepresents the truth.

The report states on page 22: "Of course, the most powerful predictor of risk of domestic violence is gender." Apparently the DoJ never bothered to check out the nearly 250 scholarly studies that reveal gender is not a "powerful predictor" of violence because men and women are equally likely to abuse.[2]

Washington Times: 'A call to action for men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This Father's Day, let's stand up as men and boldly shove back against this society's attacks on masculinity. To first be sure our left-right combination lands squarely, we have to clearly define manliness - we need to understand just what is being attacked before we can counterattack.
...
Here's a quick aside that must be addressed: Feminists, or especially ultra-left-wing feminists, "feminazis," please drop the knee-jerk reaction that masculinity is a threat to women. After all, any man who has to put down the other gender in order to prop up his ego is too insecure to be a real man. A male chauvinist is nothing more than a child in a man's body. To see for yourself, read the codes of honor. You won't find a sexist rule among them. Instead, you'll find that women need to adhere to the universal code of honor to be all they can be, just as men do.'

Sacks/Franklin columns on Obama and Father's Day

Matt · 23 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Articles here:

1. Our fatherhood crisis appearing in the Washington Times
2. Obama's Father's Day Criticism of Dads Misses Mark appearing in MSN (how did they get MSN to publish it??)

Excerpts:
1. 'For the past three Father's Days, President Obama has criticized father absence and fathers. In his new Parade magazine article, Mr. Obama writes, "We need fathers to step up, to realize that their job does not end at conception; that what makes you a man is not the ability to have a child but the courage to raise one."
...
Mr. Obama is correct that children need their fathers and that too many fathers do not come through for their children. However, his narrow "heroic single mom/deadbeat dad" viewpoint fails to acknowledge a crucial truth - it often is mothers, not fathers, who create fatherlessness.'

2. 'President Obama has marked Father's Day 2009, 2008, and 2007 by calling attention to the importance of fathers and the damage caused by their absence. He also has consistently placed the blame for fatherlessness squarely on men, saying father absence is caused by fathers who have "abandoned their responsibilities, acting like boys instead of men."
...
The explosion of divorce, out of wedlock births, and post-break-up father absence has greatly harmed our children. This tragedy has largely been blamed on fathers. While fathers do deserve some blame, mothers and the family law and child welfare systems have also done much to separate children from the fathers they love and need.'

'Bathtub girl' killer gets early release for university studies

Matt · 23 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'One of two Mississauga sisters convicted four years ago of killing their mother will be let out of prison and allowed to move to a halfway house.

The woman, who cannot be identified, was granted early release so she can do university studies this fall.

The sisters were convicted in 2005 of killing their mother in 2003 by drowning her in the bathtub.

The 22-year-old who was given early release was a minor at the time of the crime.

A judge in Brampton, Ont., agreed Monday to change the conditions of her sentence.

She will go to a halfway house in Barrie, Ont., and from there she will be allowed to take online courses with the University of Waterloo where she has been awarded a $2,000 scholarship.'

Fatherhood can be a thankless job

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'Last Fathers' Day, U.S. President Barack Obama, so eloquent on most occasions, chose not to celebrate good fathers but to rant about "deadbeat dads." David Warren hasn't repeated that mistake. His Saturday column, "In praise of patriarchs" is excellent (and not only because of his reference to the books that I have written with Katherine Young). In the hope his article will jump-start a public discussion of fatherhood, I offer the following comments.

...

I'm dismayed, therefore, to find that our society seems hell-bent on undermining the culture of fatherhood (or whatever remains of that culture). My research with Katherine Young indicates that every person and every group, to have a healthy identity, must be able to make at least one contribution to society that is distinctive, necessary, and publicly valued. Now that women can take over two of the three historic functions of men, provider and protector (if necessary with the state's help), only progenitor remains. And to be a progenitor in any meaningful sense is to care for children in the ways that I've outlined here, not merely to contribute a teaspoonful of sperm or even a monthly cheque. Boys must know that society will indeed need them to make at least this one contribution.'

Mother pleads guilty to drunken breast-feeding

Matt · 24 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'GRAND FORKS, N.D. - A North Dakota woman accused of breast-feeding her 6-week-old baby while drunk has pleaded guilty to child neglect.

Twenty-six-year-old Stacey Anvarinia could face up to five years in prison when she's sentenced on the felony charge in August.

Judge Sonja Clapp says Anvarinia will not have to register as an offender against children.'

Equal pay - for men!

GaryB · 25 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

The BBC reports here today on a 'landmark' case where men have been awarded equal pay to women. Wow. Excerpt:

'A "landmark" legal decision involving three councils in the north east of England could pave the way for 12,000 men to take forward equal pay claims. Financial settlements had earlier been agreed for women workers paid less than men doing similar work. The Employment Appeal Tribunal has now ruled that 300 other male workers were discriminated against as they then remained on lower pay than the women.
...
Mr Justice Underhill said: "It would be surprising and unsatisfactory if the [Equal Pay] Act offered no remedy to men in a situation like the present.

"The case where men and women do the same job but receive different rates of pay is the paradigm of the kind of situation which the Act was intended to prevent, how would it seem if the roles were reversed and the 'piggyback' claimants were not men but women?"

Lawyers involved, from the Cloister Chambers, have described it as a landmark ruling which will have a bearing on many other cases, and could cost councils hundreds of millions of pounds. Yvette Genn from Cloisters said: "This ruling is what thousands of male workers who have not received equal pay up and down the country have been waiting for. "There is no doubt that many of the similar 12,000 cases in the system will now proceed and are likely to be successful."'

So does this mean we get some justice for us, for a change?!

Brazil custody battle update

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Video here. Glad to see this on the Today show, which usually keeps pro-fathers'-rights-related stories and issues off their airplay list.

Women's group study sees no "boy crisis" in schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — Both boys and girls are doing better in school, so there's no reason to fear that school systems favor girls at boys' expense, a women's advocacy group says in a study to be released today.

It's the freshest argument in the boys vs. girls debate in education, one in which the group, the American Association of University Women (AAUW), has been a major player.

Having said in an influential 1992 study that the education system worked against girls, it now argues that the real crisis is racial and economic disparities, not gender.

"The mythology of the boy crisis continues to be influential," said Catherine Hill, the association's director of research. One reason, she added, is that "people feel uncomfortable with the success of girls and women."'

Billy Bob Thornton's Daughter Indicted in Baby's Death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The eldest daughter of Oscar winner Billy Bob Thornton was indicted Wednesday on several charges – including first-degree murder, aggravated child abuse and aggravated manslaughter – in connection with the October 2008 death of a 1-year-old girl she was baby sitting in central Florida

Amanda Brumfield, 29, was booked at the Orange County Jail, where she is being held without bail, reports the Orlando Sentinel.

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An autopsy revealed a fractured skull and brain injury, leading the medical examiner to rule the death a homicide. Police said Brumfield's explanation was inconsistent with the child's injuries.'

Obama appoints domestic violence adviser

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Article here.

'WASHINGTON (AP) - A longtime advocate for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault has been named to a new post advising the White House on those issues.

Vice President Joe Biden announced the appointment Friday of Lynn Rosenthal, an expert in domestic violence policy. The White House said she will advise President Barack Obama and work with government agencies to ensure that violence against women isn't ignored and the perpetrators are held accountable.

A former director of a women's shelter, Rosenthal was executive director of the National Network to End Domestic Violence from 2000 to 2006. And she worked as director of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.'

Ed. note: White House press release here.

"In fact, Men in Power is a hearty example of grassroots feminism."

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But none of the stated aims of the Men in Power student organization were cited in either of these news sources. Both media outlets focused on the satirical article and both The Tribune and Feministing missed the point. Instead, the media outlets quietly spun stories to fit their conceptions of what it means to be a feminist and what it means to be a man. Stereotypes have taught us that these groups are mutually exclusive. But real evidence of what Steve Saltarelli and colleagues (both male and female) are saying and doing at U. Chicago shows that it is indisputable that their mission fits well into the larger movement for gender equality.

In fact, Men in Power is a hearty example of grassroots feminism.

Saltarelli agreed to begin Men in Power in order to “discuss issues of masculinity in society.” And he is reported in the Chicago Tribune article as saying that “If we have good men in our society, everyone benefits.”

So before feminists get in a tizzy over an organization with an offensive name without questioning what the group actually does, and before misogynistic men begin their victory dances claiming to have finally put women back in their places, maybe we should begin our investigation of stories like this from a more conscious and less combative perspective.'

Strip Searching Students -- And Empathy For Whom?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The separate Ginsburg dissent alluded only obliquely to her apparent view that strip searching a 13-year-old girl is worse than strip searching a 13-year-old boy, as she implied in an interview with Joan Biskupic of USA Today several weeks ago that has won widespread applause. To illustrate why the court needs more women, Ginsburg complained to Biskupic that some of her male colleagues' comments during the April 21 oral argument showed that they did not understand what a "sensitive age" 13 was for Savana because "they have never been a 13-year-old girl."

I agree that the court needs more women. I also agree that as a general rule, because of anatomical and perhaps other differences, it may well be more traumatic for 13-year-old girls -- I have never been one, but have raised two -- to strip in front of authority figures than for boys to do so.

But how relevant should such distinctions be to Fourth Amendment law? If some other case comes along in which school officials want to strip search a 13-year-old boy for ibuprofen pills, should they go ahead because boys are used to running around naked in locker rooms?

Memo to school officials: Don't try it. But perhaps some senator should ask Judge Sonia Sotomayor at her Supreme Court confirmation hearing whether girls and women should enjoy broader constitutional protections than boys and men in such cases, and perhaps in others, too.'

Ireland: Women-Only Heavy Equipment Training

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The gathering along the community's main street celebrated the accomplishments of 10 women who graduated from the Introduction to Heavy Equipment Operation Course.

Each piece of equipment was driven by one of the 10 women from Trout Lake who successfully finished the course offered in the community from June 8 to 19. This is the first time in the territory the course has been offered to a women-only group.

The decision to open the course to just women was made by the Status of Women Council of the NWT which funded the course as part of its Northern Women in Mining, Oil and Gas Project.

The project is designed to remove barriers to women entering non-traditional trades, said Annemieke Mulders, the project's co-ordinator.'

RADAR: 50 myths of domestic violence revealed

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A link to RADAR's flyer here (.pdf file) summarizing the main 50 mthys around DV. Good resource for people new and not-so-new to the topic of DV.

Woman Pleads Guilty to Stabbing Stepson in Back With Kitchen Knife

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ALLEGAN, Mich. — A 36-year-old western Michigan woman accused of stabbing her 14-year-old stepson in the back with a kitchen knife has pleaded guilty in the case.

Monica Embree of Dorr Township pleaded guilty Friday in Allegan County Circuit Court to assault with intent to do great bodily harm and interfering with a crime report. Sentencing was set for Aug. 21.

Prosecutors have agreed to drop an attempted murder charge and a felony assault charge in exchange for the plea.'

Local, female teacher accused of having sex with student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Adrienne Feistel, a former Rosa Parks Elementary School teacher, here in San Diego, is accused of having had a two-year, sexual relationship with a student, who is now 15 years old.

The relationship allegedly began when the boy was a student at Rosa Parks, as a fifth grader.

According to reports, the boy was "pressured" into the relationship by Feistel. Feistel also happens to be married to a sheriff's deputy but is in the process of divorce.

Apparently, the relationship began when the female teacher moved in with the family of the boy "for a short time." At the time, Feistel was "on leave of absence" from the school.
...
If convicted, she could face several years in prison, according to most reports.'

Silverton teacher accused of sexually abusing boy for 4 years

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Story here.

'SALEM, Ore. (AP) - Police in Salem have accused a sixth-grade teacher of sexually abusing a boy for four years, beginning when he was 13.

Police say the victim, now 21, reported the abuse in May.

They say he was not a student of 46-year-old Susan Alderson of Salem, who was arraigned yesterday on charges of rape, sodomy and sex abuse.

An official of the Silver Falls School District says there's no reason to believe any students in the district were involved.'

Farrah Fawcett's "Burning Bed" legacy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Farrah Fawcett will mostly be remembered as a Charlie's Angels chick and a pinup girl, but her performance in the Burning Bed was a durable, yet regrettable legacy. Sadly, the 1984 made-for-TV movie that portrayed premeditated murder as not only excusable, but heroic, won't go with her.

Of course, Fawcett herself should not blamed for the establishment of a myth that propelled a skewed view of domestic violence into the forefront of public consciousness. She was, after all, only an actress playing a part, and playing it well.

The movie however, helped establish a framework for dozens of later theatrical and TV movies that depict men as dangerous, violent abusers and women as saintly victims with nowhere to turn for help. Even after 25 years, this story of a single extraordinary case, exaggerated for effect, has become omnipresent. The male character is generally accepted as typical, and murder is sanctioned if not openly encouraged as a solution to the problem. Later films such as Sleeping With the Enemy starring Julia Roberts, built on the myth and added the aspect of relentless stalking, also extraordinary in the real world. Other movies added more, and there is now a whole TV network devoted to almost nothing but the theme of awful, despicable men vs. glamorous female victims.'

Title IX celebrated as study raises scholarship questions

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Story here. Excerpt:

'U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said in the 37 years since Title IX was passed, female participation in college athletics is up from 15% to 43%, and the number of female high school athletes has grown from 300,000 to nearly three million.

Duncan also announced $2.4 million in grants for 13 organizations to support projects that will help high school girls gain higher proficiency in math and science, according to a White House press release.

"These grants go hand-in-glove with our efforts to improve equity and access for women and girls in the classroom and on the playing field," Duncan said. "While much has been accomplished since Title IX was enacted, we must continue to push for further progress. The Obama administration strives to remove the obstacle of gender discrimination as a way to increase access to college and careers for all students."'

Grant to help girls in math, science in public schools

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Article here.

'The U.S. Department of Education has announced $2.4 million in grants to 13 groups to help high school girls in math and science, including $163,559 for Pittsburgh Public Schools.

The four-year grants came on the 37th anniversary of Title IX, which helps to stop discrimination against women in education, including athletics.

"These grants go hand-in-glove with our efforts to improve equity and access for women and girls in the classroom and on the playing field," U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan said.

Under the grant, Pittsburgh Public Schools will track 348 female students from grades 9 through 12 as they complete math-rich career and technical education programs.

The district is partnering with Smart Futures and the Carnegie Science Center's Girls, Math & Science Partnership.'

Wrongful prosecution lawsuit dismissed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge dismissed a woman's lawsuit that claimed Nashua Police falsely imprisoned and wrongly prosecuted her over a rape complaint.

Monique Harrington had claimed a male acquaintance raped her in June 2003. When she filed a complaint three months later, Nashua Police determined the charge was false, and Harrington ultimately admitted it was untrue.

Nashua Police then charged the woman with making a false report, but Harrington was acquitted in a 2004 jury trial. Harrington responded by suing the city of Nashua, Nashua Police and a police detective, claiming her constitutional rights were violated and she was maliciously prosecuted.'

Anti-Abuse Bus Stop Ad Only Batters Women When Nobody's Looking

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amnesty International has installed a new anti-domestic-abuse ad fixture in Hamburg, Germany which is equal parts clever and shocking: when you look at the photo, it's a smiling couple; when you look away, it's a dude punchin' a lady.

The billboard works by scanning its proximity with an eye-tracking camera, which triggers an image switch on the display panel when it senses someone looking at it. The change only occurs after a brief delay, so that observers understand what's going on, and get the message.'

Ed. note: You can contact AI via web form here.

Toronto YWCA is '...a ticking timebomb'

Anonymous · 29 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Abused women living in a YWCA facility in North Toronto say they've been forced to share showers with transsexual tenants and cope with frequent, violent behaviour from others living there.

Residents in the four-storey residence and shelter for victims of domestic abuse told the Sun repeated complaints about physical assault, harassment and verbal abuse have been downplayed, if not outright ignored by the YWCA.

"One woman on the third floor was wielding a knife to other people living on the floor and it took three years to evict her," a tenant told the Sun. "They tell us we have to show compassion."

YWCA staff have refused to call police following complaints of violent altercations, and told residents they have to call authorities themselves, according to women who live in the building.'

Court Rules for White Firefighters Over Promotions

Matt · 29 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON -- The Supreme Court ruled Monday that white firefighters in New Haven, Conn., were unfairly denied promotions because of their race, reversing a decision that high court nominee Sonia Sotomayor endorsed as an appeals court judge.

New Haven was wrong to scrap a promotion exam because no African-Americans and only two Hispanic firefighters were likely to be made lieutenants or captains based on the results, the court said Monday in a 5-4 decision. The city said that it had acted to avoid a lawsuit from minorities.

The ruling could alter employment practices nationwide and make it harder to prove discrimination when there is no evidence it was intentional.

"Fear of litigation alone cannot justify an employer's reliance on race to the detriment of individuals who passed the examinations and qualified for promotions," Justice Anthony Kennedy said in his opinion for the court. He was joined by Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

In dissent, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said the white firefighters "understandably attract this court's sympathy. But they had no vested right to promotion. Nor have other persons received promotions in preference to them."'

Persistent Myths in Feminist Scholarship

anthony · 30 June 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminist misinformation is pervasive. In their eye-opening book, Professing Feminism: Education and Indoctrination in Women's Studies (Lexington Books, 2003), the professors Daphne Patai and Noretta Koertge describe the "sea of propaganda" that overwhelms the contemporary feminist classroom. The formidable Christine Rosen (formerly Stolba), in her 2002 report on the five leading women's-studies textbooks, found them rife with falsehoods, half-truths, and "deliberately misleading sisterly sophistries." Are there serious scholars in women's studies? Yes, of course. Sarah Blaffer Hrdy, an anthropologist at the University of California at Davis; Janet Zollinger Giele, a sociologist at Brandeis; and Anne Mellor, a literary scholar at UCLA, to name just three, are models of academic excellence and integrity. But they are the exception. Lemon's book typifies the departmental mind-set.

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All books have mistakes, so why pick on the feminists? My complaint with feminist research is not so much that the authors make mistakes; it is that the mistakes are impervious to reasoned criticism. They do not get corrected. The authors are passionately committed to the proposition that American women are oppressed and under siege. The scholars seize and hold on for dear life to any piece of data that appears to corroborate their dire worldview. At the same time, any critic who attempts to correct the false assumptions is dismissed as a backlasher and an anti-feminist crank.'

Girl Files Suit Against Father under India's DV Law for Sending Her to School She Doesn't Approve

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Not too long ago I reported on a 12-year-old Canadian girl whose father had grounded her because she had disobeyed him by spending too much time on the Internet. Her being grounded meant that he refused permission for her to go on a class trip. She sued him and won. The Canadian court ruled that his punishment was too severe. At the time I said that I hoped the judges had given the dad their home telephone numbers. That way he could call them to ask their permission the next time she wanted to go to the movies or to a sleepover.

Now there's this piece out of India (Indian Express, 6/21/09). It reports that a 12-year-old girl has filed suit against her father under that country's Protection of Women From Domestic Violence Act. What brutality did he commit against his daughter? He sent her to a school of which she does not approve.

The parents are divorced. The family court has ordered that the girl not be placed in any school without her father's permission. I suppose the theory of the girl's lawsuit is that the family court's order violates the Protection of Women From Domestic Violence Act.'

Federal Government's Website on Fatherhood a Surreal Experience

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On June 20th, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a press release describing a new "public service campaign...promoting fatherhood." The press release directs readers to the website www.fatherhood.gov, and breathlessly promises a public service announcement by none other than President Obama himself. Needless to say, that was an offer I couldn't refuse.

When I went to the site, I discovered it was the home of something called the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse. And, much as I would expect from a site with that name, I found pablum - the shallowest, most out-of-touch-with-reality ideas of fatherhood and the barriers to father involvement imaginable. Obama's 30-second PSA is skin-deep, essentially an exhortation to fathers to take their children to the zoo and help them with homework. Michelle Obama's message is no better.
...
Look further on the site. Go to the library of publications and a whole new world opens before you. The publications the site links to aren't many and they're not up to date, but they paint an entirely different picture of fatherhood and the many barriers fathers face in trying to establish and maintain relationships with their children. There are scholarly publications on maternal gatekeeping, programs to enhance non-custodial parents' access to children, an article by Kathryn Edin about young, poor fathers and others.

In short, once a visitor to the site gets past the bumper-sticker phrases about responsible fatherhood, there's a lot of real information by (dare i say it?) responsible social scientists to be had.

And the juxtaposition of the two is mind-bending. It's the same thing we see every day. We know the truth; we read the massive amounts of social science that shows us the incontovertible fact that fathers strongly desire close relationships with their children, but are thwarted by a bewildering array of laws, policies and practices that seem to be based on a complete ignorance of well-established facts.'

"Dana Perino: Only Male Politicians Commit Adultery"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Well, that didn't take long. With the unfortunately predictable political sex scandals continuing to grab headlines in the MSM, and the astonishing amount of commentary on them, I'm only surprised that a blog like this one from former Bush Press Secretary Dana Perino in the National Review didn't come out earlier (National Review, 6/25/09).

From Clinton and Spitzer to Ensign and Sanford, and with plenty more in between, there's nothing the MSM likes better than a good, preferably kinky, sex scandal involving a highly placed public official. For MSM reporters, these stories have everything - sex, power, betrayal, weeping wives, disgrace and lots more. Perhaps best of all, they require no thought on the part of the reporter. There are no tedious issues to grapple with, no statistics to sort out, no ethical gray areas. It's simple.
...
...According to her, the salient feature of these scandals is that it's men who are the wrongdoers. And what that means is crystal clear to her - elect women to office and poof! no more sex scandals. Because for sure, women don't commit adultery.
...
The inconvenient truth contradicts her mythology of female virtue and male perfidy. Although most studies of adultery in America show that men do it more than women, others show it to be a dead heat. This summary of studies gives a pretty good idea of who has sex outside of marriage.'

Prominent FRA, Nathan Alexander, passes

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Article here. Excerpt:

"How harassment over child custody and child support eventually killed my brother who had preleukemia. It is a sad Father's Day this year.

May 24, 2009 was the day my older brother Nathan finally succumbed to leukemia. I felt like my world had ended. Nathan was a larger-than-life one-of-a-kind; the epitome of what a fun, charismatic, witty older brother should be. He was always happy, alternating between intellectual pontifications and mischievous joking. He understood my sense of humor better than anyone, and the emails flew back and forth between us sometimes 10 times a day. He frequently took humorous breaking news articles and inserted our friends' names into them, sending them out in official looking emails to mutual friends. Nathan and I remained close over the years, not having a significant other to confide in.
...
The legal battles with the mother of his child continued, as she was able to further reduce his visitation since he had moved out of the state. She added difficult restrictions to their daughter visiting him in Alabama, and refused to adjust the weeks Elisa would visit to accommodate his teaching schedule. He tried to take on teaching a fourth class in order to afford his child support, but he could not keep it up for long. Even fully healthy professors find taking on a fourth class exhausting. He finally was forced to file for bankruptcy.

...Right up until the end, the mother of his child refused to let Elisa (a very bright girl turning 10 years old in August) fly on a plane by herself, even though airlines allow children to fly alone on nonstop planes as young as five years old.'

Sad Dads May Lead to Crying Infants

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Article here. Excerpt:

'TUESDAY, June 30 (HealthDay News) -- Don't automatically blame mom: A crying, colicky baby can be just as much the result of dad's state of mind, Dutch researchers report.

Other studies have found that depression among mothers can be related to excessive crying or colic, a common problem with newborns, but the researchers said that little was known about whether fathers' emotions and behavior also have an effect.

"Up to now, almost all attention went to the prenatal effects of maternal depression on child development, leading to the development of detection and treatment programs that focused on mental well-being of mothers," said lead researcher Dr. Mijke P. van den Berg, a psychiatrist at the Erasmus Medical Center in Rotterdam.
...
"This study demonstrates in a paradoxical way the importance of fathers, in that fathers' measurable depression during pregnancy is a risk factor for excessive infant crying at 2 months of age," Shaw said.

"This seems to be related perhaps to the enduring effects of fathers' depression on the family ambience, the parental relationship, child parenting and, perhaps as the authors suggest, there may be a genetic factor involved," he said.'

US pledges to put women, girls first in AIDS fight

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Article here.

'WINDHOEK, Namibia (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says the Obama administration will put women and girls first in the fight against AIDS.

Rodham Clinton addressed an international AIDS conference in Namibia by video hookup Wednesday.

She says her government will prioritize preventing mother-to-child transmission of the virus that causes AIDS, and work to ensure girls are not forced into prostitution or early marriages.

Africans have welcomed the election of Barack Obama, who has roots in Kenya and is America's first black president. But Africans also have applauded George W. Bush, Obama's predecessor, for an AIDS campaign launched in 2003 that expanded AIDS prevention, treatment and support programs in 15 hard-hit countries, 12 of them African.'

'Women actually do need men -- real men, that is'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Too many unemployed guys have stopped hunting for jobs. Too many fathers know the names of the attendants at the golf course, but not the names of their children's friends.

Too many Casanovas want sex without commitment or the emotions that come with intimacy. And too many fellows brag about having a mistress and a wife or a "baby mommy and a bizzybody" as another popular song promotes. proclaims. These are not the actions of men. These are the behaviors of boys and "shawty don't need no" boy.

At the risk of being scolded by my fellow women's college alumnae, I will admit that I believe that the downgrading of manhood is a side-effect of feminism. Occasionally, women boast so loudly about being strong that they drown out men's offers of support. Furthermore, my sisters, we have failed to help guys understand their roles in this new world of independent women.
...
A few women do rebuff assistance and gallant acts, but gentlemen, please continue to offer. There are plenty of women who may not technically need your help, but sure do welcome it. It is not a contradiction to be a millennial woman with traditional values.

The women in my circle are all accomplished, self-sufficient and well paid, yet they still blush at the first sign of chivalry. In fact, one of the cutest couples I know got together after the guy went out of his way to help my friend find her lost dog.'

Psychologists examine role of control in domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Male and female perpetrators of domestic violence exhibit similar levels of controlling behaviour. This is one of the findings of a study presented at the British Psychological Society Division of Forensic Psychology annual conference 23 June 2009 at the University of Central Lancashire, Preston.
...
"Men and women perpetrators of domestic violence were found to have very similar levels of financial control, sexual control and intimidation in relationships. This leads us to believe that we can't only attribute controlling behaviour to men."
...
"The results of this study tell us that we need to challenge some of the assumptions around domestic violence if we are to really tackle the issue and develop programmes that prevent continued violence, one such assumption is that controlling behaviour in relationships is unique to men."'

Zero tolerance domestic violence policies make no sense

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What a zero tolerance policy usually means to those who create them for their organizations is that as a company (or government) not only they will not allow their employees to be abused, they will also take whatever measures are in their power to see that the abuser is held accountable for his actions. While this sounds good on paper, these policies are often adopted with at best, an incomplete understanding of the issue at hand. Special interest groups, in this case the powerful, feminist-run domestic violence industry, have spent years putting on the pressure and insisting the issue be approached their way. It is the industry view that intimate partner abuse is always a clear-cut issue that can be permanently solved by laws and policies, the human aspect be damned.
...
Cases of intimate partner abuse that flow out into the workplace probably should be dealt with in some way, but a zero tolerance policy is not an effective tool for managers at any level. Such a policy forces a negative, adversarial action against employees without regard to the actual situation; good managers know that a rigid, unconsidered response to a personal issue of any kind is no way to promote good employee morale or productivity.'

HIV-positive Knoxville woman a walking felony

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Most hookers spend only a few hours or days behind bars when they're busted. Twenty-eight-year-old Tiffany Ann Moore of Knoxville may end up spending the next three to 15 years in a state prison cell for the crime of selling her own body.

Moore differs from most of the 525 other known prostitutes arrested in Knox County over the past five years in one significant way: she is HIV-positive.

Moore's medical condition means that when she turns tricks for a living she's committing a felony called aggravated prostitution. Women without HIV face misdemeanor prostitution charges that often add up to no more than probation and a fine.

Moore is a repeat offender, having been convicted twice of being an HIV-infected prostitute before she was arrested a third time early this year, records show. Despite the fact that she's never been accused of any type of sexual assault, her criminal history already means she must register as a sex offender under state law and follow many of the same restrictions as rapists and child molesters.
...
In addition to a history of homelessness, she has also been diagnosed with a neurological disorder and mental problems that include "flashbacks of being raped while working the streets," according to her pre-sentence report.'

Military service - don’t ask women and tell men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gay rights advocates are pushing hard on the Obama administration to allow gays to serve openly in the U.S. armed forces. Enter the law of unintended consequences. Allowing gays to serve openly will ultimately mean that should military conscription i.e. the draft be reinstated, gays would be marched off to boot camp along with their straight counterparts - but what about women? We have abolished many of the policies that once excluded women from combat positions yet still don’t require them register for Selective Service. Women get to fly fighters and command warships but only if they want to; how can that be considered equal treatment in the 21st century?
...
Much has changed since this decision in Rostker v. Goldberg was handed down in 1981. As I’ve noted earlier, women are serving in a wide variety of combat and combat-support roles that were unavailable to them nearly thirty years ago. Section 451(e) of the Military Selective Service Act states, “The Congress further declares that adequate provision for national security requires maximum effort in the fields of scientific research and development, and the fullest possible utilization of the Nation's technological, scientific, and other critical manpower resources.” As of June 6, 2009 the Department of Defense reports that 121 women have been killed in action and another 624 wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. Given the extraordinarily valuable contributions of women to our national security, it is hard to imagine how any reasonable person could argue against their inclusion in the draft.
...

Although we are fighting in two wars, we are not in a state of national emergency that would require a draft. Machiavelli said it best, "It is a common defect in man not to make any provision in the calm against the tempest." Waiting until a crisis requiring the draft occurs is irresponsible and inexcusable. Recent congressional griping about “emergency” economic legislation being pushed through without time for a proper debate is proof positive that now is the time to settle this issue. It is the time for America to answer one simple question, “How can we have equal opportunity without equal responsibility”? I'm sure that is one question Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Gov. Sarah Palin (R-AK) can both agree on.'

Canada: Men's one-day health clinic gets overwhelming response

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Encouraged and surprised by the success of a one-day men's health clinic in Windsor, health care professionals say more similar programs are needed in the community to screen men for cancer, diabetes and other illnesses.
...
The clinic, the first of its kind in the community, was staffed by two SCHC physicians and two oncologists from the Windsor Regional Cancer Centre, as well as other SCHC staff and volunteers from the Windsor and Essex County Prostate Cancer Support Group. They offered screening for prostate, testicular, colorectal and skin cancer, as well as testing for diabetes and high blood pressure, among other chronic conditions. The initiative was supported by the cancer centre's foundation and the Canadian Cancer Society.'

Teacher Burned Boy's 'Butt', Cops Say

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Story here. Am I the only one who thinks using the slang term 'butt' is a bit inappropriate considering the seriousness of the accusation? Excerpt:

'ALLEN, Texas - A former teacher at Allen's Lowery Freshman Center faces formal charges for allegedly burning a 14-year-old mentally disabled boy on the buttocks with a cooking pan.

A Collin County grand jury indicted 45-year-old Susanne Means earlier this month on injury to a child charges.

Police said Means was a special education teacher at the freshman center in March when the incident allegedly happened.

The mentally disabled boy's father told police his son had two 12-inch circular "scald" marks on his buttocks. The boy said Means had burned him with a hot pan, according to the arrest warrant affidavit.'

S. Africa: East Cape circumcision death toll now 24

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Story here. Excerpt:

'THE death toll in the Eastern Cape's winter circumcision season has risen to 24, the provincial health department said today.

Spokesman Sizwe Kupelo said four youths had died in the Eastern Pondoland region in the past 24 hours.

Two of them had been attending legal initiation schools, the others illegal schools.

The situation in the region had prompted local State doctors to go out in teams with police to treat youths at the schools, Kupelo said.

"They say they can't watch these boys dying any longer. The situation is very bad in that part of the province."
...
Circumcision-related deaths are usually as a result of septicaemia from infected wounds, or dehydration, which happens when initiates are denied water by their carers.

Eleven unregistered traditional surgeons and nurses have been arrested this season. – Sapa'

Forest Knolls woman heads effort to stop circumcision

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Marilyn Milos, 69, of Forest Knolls was a nurse at Marin General Hospital in 1979 when she witnessed her first circumcision. The experience changed her life. After researching the procedure, she became convinced it was not only unnecessary but harmful. She says she was later fired from her job for sharing her opinions with patients and has spent the last 30 years crusading against circumcision as founder of the nonprofit National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers.

Q: What do you remember about that first circumcision?

A: As we walked into the nursery, the baby was strapped down to a plastic board. I called it "the rack" when I worked there. The baby was pulling against the restraints. Then the doctor started to cut and that baby let out a scream I've never heard come out of the mouth of a human, ever, and it became louder and louder. My bottom chin began to quiver and then tears poured over my eyes, and the doctor looked at my face and said, "There is no medical reason for doing this."'

National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers

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Site: http://www.nocirc.org/. Salient points:

"• No national or international medical association recommends routine circumcision.

• Only the USA circumcises the majority of newborn boys without medical or religious reason.

• Medicalized circumcision began during the 1800s to prevent masturbation, which was believed to cause disease.

• Today's parents are learning that the foreskin is a normal, protective, functioning organ.

• Today's parents realize circumcision harms and has unnecessary risks.

• Circumcision denies a male's right to genital integrity and choice for his own body."

Teacher Pleads Not Guilty to Rape of Boy

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Story here.

'(AP) A former Massachusetts schoolteacher who was found with a student at a West Virginia motel has pleaded not guilty to rape.

Lisa Lavoie, 24, was arraigned Tuesday in Hampden Superior Court in Massachusetts on three counts of aggravated rape and abuse and three counts of statutory rape.

Lavoie and a 15-year-old student were reported missing Feb. 16 and were found a week later. She was fired from her job.

Lavoie already pleaded not guilty in March to enticing a minor. Her attorney, David Hoose, says the new charges were not unexpected.

He says Lavoie is "very upset by the whole experience that she went through."

She is out on $25,000 bail.'

U.S. Society Ignoring Serious Boy Problems

Anonymous · 2 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While both boys and girls face issues — in school and out — the problems affecting boys are serious and have not been properly addressed by policy makers, according to a new review article by psychologist Judith Kleinfeld. Among the results: high rates of functional illiteracy and a troublingly high suicide rate that's become even more pronounced in recent years compared to the rate among girls.

"Boys' issues are being neglected, whereas girls' issues have been addressed for over 20 years, with great success," said Kleinfeld, a professor at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. "Now it's time to turn our attention to boys."

Following concerns about psychological and educational problems affecting girls in the early 1990s, discussion of a so-called "boy crisis" emerged. Some publications claimed that boys were falling behind girls in school success and that feminist ideology was partly to blame for lack of attention on the issue.
...
"One [solution] is to create a national commission on boys, just the way national commissions on girls have been established," she said. Also, teachers should be alerted "to the particular problems boys have in writing, and also reading," she contends. Finally, we can "use the mental health professionals and especially school counselors who are on the front lines to identify boys who are at danger of suicide."'

San Diego District Attorney agrees that police training video contained unverifiable statistics about abused women

Matt · 2 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc A.: NCFM's San Diego Chapter, though NCFM President Harry Crouch, recently succeeded in getting the San Diego District Attorney to remove false, gender-biased material from their new police training video on domestic violence, such as the myth that domestic violence is primarily male-on-female and is a leading cause of death for women. The story, including a letter from the District Attorney thanking NCFM, is chronicled here.

Excerpt: "[NCFM] after being asked to review a new police training video sent a letter to the San Diego District Attorney showing that the video contained wrong and gender biased information, that is it was biased against men and perpetuated information detrimental to the community and police. Assistant District Attorney Patrick McGrath found that there were unverifiable statistics and agreed to have the video appropriately edited and re issued. He will be asking that the nine San Diego County police departments and Sheriff's Office replace the first version with the second on departmental Intranets as well as for use in other trainings. . . . We believe this is the first time a law enforcement agency within the United States agreed that information contained in a domestic violence police training video was wrong and took affirmative and costly steps to correct it. . . . ."

The District Attorney's letter thanking NCFM can be viewed directly here (.pdf file).

Thank you Harry Crouch, the San Diego District Attorney, and all others who participated!

Report: Guilty verdict overturned in MySpace suicide case

Michael · 3 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Lori Drew, the woman convicted of using a hoax MySpace profile to harass a teenage girl to the point of suicide, was acquitted by a Los Angeles judge on Thursday, Wired reported.

Judge George Wu overturned Drew's guilty verdict, which was issued in November, saying that if Drew had been convicted of a felony in the case, she would already have been sentenced. But because she was convicted of three misdemeanors--a significantly lighter offense than prosecutors originally sought--the constitutionality of the guilty verdict was less clear.

Drew, a Missouri resident, had been convicted of three misdemeanor counts of "accessing protected computers without authorization to obtain information to inflict emotional distress," each of which could have resulted in a year of jail and a $100,000 fine. But she hadn't been convicted of conspiracy, a felony that could've led to up to 20 years in prison.

Last year, the Electronic Frontier Foundation urged the courts to dismiss the case because of the precedent it could set. "Criminal charges for a 'terms of service' violation is a dramatic misapplication of the CFAA (Computer Fraud and Abuse Act), with far-ranging consequences for American computer users," the EFF said at the time, and argued that it could result in criminal charges for something as innocuous as a minor using the Google search engine.
...

Drew's lawyers had argued that the law being used against the defendant was vague and flawed, which the judge upheld Thursday when he threw out the guilty verdict. The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act is typically used against malicious hackers.

According to Wired, the judge argued for nearly 45 minutes with U.S. Attorney Mark Krause over the specifics of the CFAA.'

We're all slavering sex perverts/paedophiles - according to Microsoft

GaryB · 3 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Sydney Morning Herald has this report about an ad Microsoft pulled.

Basically, the ad shows a man surfing the net, then his wife pulling the laptop round to see what he's done. She's so horrified by what she sees (it isn't explained) that she pukes on the floor. He trips up in the vomit (slapstick, always funny when a guy gets hurt!) and then - just to make it absolutely certain that we know where the guy stands - she throws up all over him.

The ad doesn't explain what the guy was looking at, but the obvious intonation is that it is at the least hard core porn, if not child pornography. Queue actor who talks about surfing safe - followed by wife flirting with him.

The ad has been pulled already - but man it's horrific. I never liked Microsoft much but I own several laptops with Windows on it - be damned if I'll buy another, any company who paints me as a child porn pervert who's good for nothing but being vomitted on doesn't deserve my hard earned dollar....

Two Mexican Midget Wrestlers Killed by Fake Prostitutes

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MEXICO CITY — Mexican authorities say two professional wrestlers found dead in a low-rent hotel in the capital may have been drugged to death by female robbers.

Autopsies are being performed on the two midget wrestlers, one of whom went by the name "La Parkita" — or "Little Death" — and wore a skeleton costume in the ring. The other was known as "Espectrito Jr."

Authorities say two women were seen leaving the men's hotel room before the bodies were discovered.

Prosecutor Miguel Angel Mancera said Wednesday that gangs of female robbers are experienced at using drugs to knock men out and rob them, but they may have used too strong a dose.'

New Jersey law requires $25 of $28 for a marriage license to go to battered women's shelters

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From Jeremy S.: GOOD GOD! How blatant is THAT? What an outrage! I was just going to ask for proof of this: "$25.00 goes to battered women's trust funds". I am stunned and outraged. I can only imagine what monies are transferred and to where in my own country. Everything is possible now. (Seriously this is not a joke.) I stand in disbelief and in renewed earnest solidarity with our American brothers. I need say no more. Let this tell the story.

37:1-12.1. Additional fee: '1. In addition to the fee for issuing a marriage license authorized pursuant to R.S.37:1-12, each licensing officer shall collect a fee of $25 from the applicants which shall be forwarded on a quarterly basis to the Department of Human Services.'

37:1-12.2. Trust fund to aid victims of domestic violence: '2. The Department of Human Services shall establish a trust fund for the deposit of the fees received pursuant to section 1 of this act. The moneys from the trust fund shall be used for the specific purpose of establishing and maintaining shelters for the victims of domestic violence, or a. for providing grants-in-aid to such shelters established by local governments or private nonprofit organizations;...'

Ed. comments: Of course the implication created by attaching a DV shelter-funding provision to a fee collected for marriage licenses speaks volumes about the prejudices underlying the conception of the regulation: that marriage leads to domestic violence so it is marriage that is to be taxed (at the relative rate of 830% as compared to the license fee without the surcharge: 25/3 = 8.33, or 830%). However research shows that such is not the case; DV can and does occur between unmarried and cohabiting and non-cohabiting people all the time. Yet it is marriage license fees are the things that get attached for this funding.

New accounts

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Recenly we tried to re-allows new account registration here at MANN but almost immediately after doing so we got spam posts. So until the issue is resolved, assuming it can be, please send all requests for new accounts to newaccounts@mensactivism.org. Sorry for the inconvenience.

-- Matt

UPDATE (7/22/09): If you send a note asking for an account, please remember to include a request for a user ID; otherwise I can't make the account for you until you reply to my response asking you to do so. Bear in mind, also, that replies from me will be coming from matt_at_mann (at) yahoo.com, so please make sure you check your spam folder before deciding I didn't reply to you, or put that address on your safe-list.

If you recently asked for an account and think you never received a reply from me, it is probably because the reply got spam-blasted. So if that is the case, just send me another request.

Teacher Sends Feces Home in Student's Backpack, School Not Amused

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Story here. Excerpt:

'YAKIMA, Wash. — A Washington kindergarten teacher who sent a 5-year-old student home with a bag of feces tucked in his backpack has been formally reprimanded.

A West Valley School District official warned teacher Sue Graham in a letter that similar behavior in the future will result in disciplinary action, including termination.
...
The May letter was released Thursday in response to a public disclosure request from KIMA-TV. The district had previously said "appropriate action" was taken against the longtime teacher.'

Woman accused of targeting girl, 9, with Craigslist ad

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- A Long Island, New York, social worker is facing two misdemeanor charges after allegedly posting a sexually suggestive ad on Craigslist that gave interested parties the home phone number of a 9-year-old girl.

According to prosecutors, Margery Tannenbaum posted the ad to get revenge after an argument between her daughter and the girl, who attend the same school in Hauppauge, New York.

On Thursday, Tannenbaum was arraigned on charges of aggravated harassment and endangering the welfare of a minor. She pleaded not guilty and will appear in court later this month.
...
When asked about the case, Tannenbaum's attorney, Tad Scharfenberg, said, "I think this has been blown out of proportion to what the actual alleged act was."

He described Tannenbaum as "a well-loved woman by both family and friends," and said she was a classroom mom at her daughter's school.'

MSNBC: Out of Iraq's frying pan, into an economic fire

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The 1538th sustained no casualties during its almost 10 months in Iraq ferrying supplies and providing security for U.S. military convoys, perhaps in part by obeying its unofficial motto, "Drive it like you stole it." But the same can't be said for the jobs its members left behind.

Forty-six soldiers — fully 25 percent of the company — have no work awaiting them, including many whose jobs vanished while they were heeding their nation's call.

"They pretty much said there's nothing to come back to, better start looking for another job," said Pfc. Jonathan Maher, 20, of the Elkhart County community of Bristol, recalling the letter he received from his employer, Keystone RV, shortly after Christmas.'

Police: Arizona woman led sons on crime spree

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PHOENIX – Cynthia Mary Roberson is an unemployed mother who police say led her 12- and 14-year-old sons and their friends to commit at least 20 armed robberies and assaults, including the beating of a teenage boy who had nothing more than an orange lollipop.

Her motivation was purely financial — police said she needed money to pay rent and the loan on her gold Chevrolet. In every case, the mother drove the getaway car and once coached a kid during a robbery because he was having trouble stealing a cell phone from a victim, police said.

The case has outraged authorities and the public and drawn comparisons to "Ma Barker," the infamous mother who led her four young sons on a robbery spree in the early 1900s.'

Women-only baseball promotion under dispute

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FISHKILL - The Hudson Valley Renegades [ed.: link added] still plan on holding Tuesday's promotional night, an event the team says is a tribute to its female fans.

But don't expect to see any county officials at Dutchess Stadium - inside or outside the ballpark.

Dutchess County sent the Renegades a letter late Thursday asking the team to cancel the promotion, which will keep men out of the stadium for the first half of Tuesday's game while women will be pampered inside, because the event may not conform to state equality laws on the books.

...

At best, the promotion is in poor taste. However, I write to warn that the promotion likely violates the New York State Human Rights Law and probably violates the guarantee to equal protection under the laws contained in the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution," the letter reads. "New York State Human Rights Law (Executive Law Section 296) expressly prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender in any place of public accommodation. Clearly, your plan to prohibit admittance based on gender runs afoul of this provision."'

Renegades' e-mail: gadesinfo-at-hvrenegades.com.

Canada: Women's only pharmacy offers safety, comfort

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Look through the vast windows at 29 West Hastings St. and you'll see stylish wooden counters, a funky bench created from reclaimed pink and red chairs and chandeliers fashioned from bicycle rims, plastic hangers, water bottles and clear tubing.

Located between Funky Winker Beans and the Army and Navy, it's the site of Lu's: A Pharmacy for Women, and it claims to be the first of its kind in North America.

Vancouver Women's Health Collective will open Lu's July 7. The group has developed the business to sustain the non-profit society that has helped women with healthcare decisions for 38 years.

Caryn Duncan, executive director of the collective, came up with the idea of opening a pharmacy for women in the Downtown Eastside in 2006.

She lives in the area and often saw queues of patrons spilling out of pharmacies onto sidewalks and having to speak to pharmacists through security glass. "They're, I think, quite hostile places and women don't feel safe," Duncan said. "Women are walking distances to have prescriptions filled and we're hoping that they will think to come to Lu's."'

India: Women welcome ladies-only service

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CHENNAI: Railway minister Mamata Banerjee's announcement to launch Only Ladies' EMU services on suburban lines at Chennai, Delhi and Kolkata has brought cheer to the city's commuters. Ranging from school students to senior working professionals, daily passengers said the facility would make train journeys more comfortable for women.

"I think it will be very useful. We struggle to get into the ladies' compartments on EMU services right now since we have to run all the way to the front of the train or to the rear end when a train pulls into the station because there are no ladies' compartments in the middle sections of several trains. There is no indication of where the ladies' compartments are placed either," said Chitra Balasubramanian, an employee of the Postal department who travels from Mambalam to Meenambakkam every day. She has been using the EMU service for the last 24 years.'

Some good news: NJ law "allows" men not to be held liable for wives' debts

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As a rider to the story from yesterday regarding marriage license fees in New Jersey being mostly paid to DV shelter funds, I noticed this: 37:2-10. Married woman's liability for debts contracted before or after marriage: "A husband shall not be liable for the debts of his wife contracted before their marriage, or contracted by her, in her own name, after their marriage, but she shall be liable to be sued separately therefor in her own name, and any property belonging to her shall be liable to satisfy such debts, in the same manner as if she were a feme sole."

"Some justice," as they say.

Happy July 4th!

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Here in the U.S., it's Independence Day: July 4. We usually celebrate by having parades, cook-outs and doing other such stereotypically tame things. However it is important to remember the many brave men who have fought and died in the many wars in which the US has been who really would have rather stayed home and enjoyed cook-outs and nice weather instead of enduring combat.

So MANN pauses to say "THANK-YOU" to the many men who have served and who today continue to serve the country in all manner of occupations involved in our defense. We also say "THANK YOU" to our Founding Fathers who pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to the founding of the United States, many of whom gave up those things by the time all was said and done.

And to all these men, we further say: "HUZZAH!"

Steve McNair apparently murdered by girlfriend

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Former NFL star quarterback Steve McNair was found dead with multiple gunshot wounds in a Nashville condominium Saturday - and authorities hinted he was murdered by a girlfriend who then turned the gun on herself.
...
A woman McNair was reportedly dating, identified as Sahel Kazemi, 20, was found dead only a few feet away with a single bullet wound to the head. A gun was lying nearby, Nashville police said.
...

McNair, 36, who was married and had four children, had reportedly been dating Kazemi for a few months. They met at a Dave & Buster's restaurant where Kazemi worked, her former boyfriend told the Tennessean newspaper.

Neighbors of Kazemi told the paper they often spotted McNair visiting her apartment. At times, she returned home in a black limousine, and not long ago, she showed up with a brand new Cadillac Escalade she said was a gift from her boyfriend.

"She is the sweetest girl, and she did not deserve this," Kazemi's ex-beau, Keith Norfleet, told the newspaper upon learning of her death. "He was making her believe they were going to be together, and everything would be perfect."'

Lynn Rosenthal is no advocate for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A reader pointed out a New York Times editorial lauding the appointment of Lynn Rosenthal as domestic violence czar. While the editorial encompasses some factual errors, it does a quite efficient job of illustrating the breadth and depth of the general misunderstanding regarding the issue of partner abuse.

In this article, I'll go thru the Times piece point-by-point and explain where the Times, and in fact, most people, have the wrong idea. The Times statements are in bold.

Domestic violence is a serious law enforcement and public health problem affecting as many as one in four women in this country.

While there can be no disagreement that domestic violence is a serious problem, there is no evidence that "one in four" women are affected. This is only an opinion formulated by those in the industry, based on wishful thinking and a desire to keep funding rolling in to existing programs. It also ignores the concept that men are equally affected; a concept illustrated time and again by objective study, some of which has been done by those same existing programs.
...
Vice President Biden has been sadly misguided in his key role in creating VAWA. By establishing an incorrect perception of a human problem, and codifying it into law as a political and gender issue, while also establishing a special victim class in society, the Vice President has simply managed to stall progress and keep the issue firmly planted in a bygone era. Only time will tell the extent of the damage done.'

Mom indicted, arrested for denying son cancer care

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 37-year-old Salem woman, who allegedly withheld life-saving cancer treatment from her dying son, was arrested tonight, two days after she was indicted on charges stemming from the death of the autistic child.

Kristen LaBrie, whose 9-year-old son, Jeremy Fraser, died of leukemia in March, was indicted by an Essex County Grand Jury on Friday.

Charged with attempted murder, permitting serious bodily injury to a disabled person, child endangerment, and permitting substantial bodily injury to a child, she is scheduled to be arraigned tomorrow in Salem Superior Court.
...
According to court documents, LaBrie's Danvers-based lawyer, Kevin James, might argue LaBrie's mental health was so strained she was unable to make appropriate choices for her son stemming from the death of the autistic child.'

Fatal DV Cases Have Male Victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Domestic violence against men is seen as a joke in this culture," he said, adding that male victims are often thought of as "wimpy" or "weak."

A Sonoma County health department report for 2005 through 2009 listed several gaps in resources and services for domestic abuse victims, including the need for greater attention for male victims and female perpetrators.

The report also said there was a lack of gender-specific support and counseling for male victims. It also recommended a change in thinking to acknowledge that both parties can instigate or contribute to domestic violence.

"Men are today where women were 30 years ago as far as being invisible victims," said Manthey. "The battered women's advocates have done a tremendous job in bringing to light this issue with the public. . . . It's time to turn the light onto battered men. Too bad it's taken three murders."'

Woman jailed over false date rape claims

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN who falsely claimed she had been date-raped by a man she met over the Internet has been jailed.

Natalie Jefferson told officers she had been attacked in a back lane during a night out in Newcastle by a stranger she met in a chatroom.

As a result of her lies, an innocent man who has never been in trouble before was arrested and spent the best part of a day in police custody as a sex suspect.
...
"This was a huge waste of police time, and, more serious than that, is this led to the arrest of an innocent man."'

Researcher Says Women's Initiation of Domestic Violence Predicts Risk to Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How can we prevent Intimate Partner Violence and injury to women? IPV researcher Deborah Capaldi, Ph.D., a social scientist at the Oregon Social Learning Center, finds that the best way for women to be safe is to not initiate violence against their male partners. According to Dr. Capaldi, "The question of initiation of violence is a crucial one... much IPV is mutual, and initiations -- even that seem minor -- may lead to escalation."

Dr. Capaldi recently presented her work at "From Ideology to Inclusion 2009: New Directions in Domestic Violence Research and Intervention," an IPV conference in Los Angeles June 26-28. While studies have consistently found that women initiate as much violence against their male partners as vice versa, two-thirds of domestic violence injuries are suffered by women.'

Basically, don't pick fights with others if you don't want to get beat up yourself. Oh yeah, that's a rule only for men as it pertains to men.... silly me!

"Let’s Call the Whole Thing Off"

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An article reviewed here on Glenn Sacks' blog. From the review:

'Loh had been married for 20 years when she decided she wanted a divorce. She and her husband have two elementary-school-aged children. She has nothing bad to say about her husband, but seemingly the magic just wasn't there any longer. Loh's oblique way of letting us know about her extramarital affair is to say that her "commitment to monogamy...came unglued." (Can you hear Mark Sanford or Eliot Spitzer saying that?)

And having done so, she found that "I would not be able to replace the romantic memory of my fellow transgressor with the more suitable image of my husband..."
...
And here's how: if a woman is sexually unsatisfied by her husband, she should have two men, one to do the chores around the house and the other to do sexual service on the side, but whom the kids never see. If neither partner has much interest in sex, then they agree to just be companions. And that, according to Loh, covers the waterfront. If there are any other permutations of male/female intimacy, Loh doesn't let on about them. Really, I kid you not.

And kids? Loh says that from ages 1-5 (what happened to birth-to-one year old?) children should be raised "tribally" by a group of women. Men would come in periodically to do chores and provide sex. After age five or so, men would take over parenting.

I know; you think I'm making this up. You're thinking of all the hundreds of gaping holes in her arguments, the wholesale ignorance of basic facts, the final descent into utter fantasy. Well, I thought of that too and I tell you, it's too much to take on, so I won't even try. As every attorney knows, sometimes it's better to just shut up and let your opponent's argument fall of its own weight.'

McNair murder: police not drawing conclusions yet

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On Monday, a relative of Kazemi claimed police have told him they are almost sure McNair's 20-year-old girlfriend was the shooter.

According to Farzin Abdi, the nephew of Kazemi, Nashville police also told him that Kazemi recently purchased a gun.
...
Police labeled his death homicide Sunday, revealing McNair had been shot four times - twice in the head, twice in the chest when found in a rented condominium he shared with a longtime friend, Wayne Neeley. Police found a semiautomatic pistol under Kazemi's body.

But police spokesman Don Aaron said they were reviewing every possibility, interviewing friends of both and an ex-boyfriend before labeling Kazemi's death.'

Heck, yeah, coulda been ANYTHING! I mean, he could have shot himself four times, two of those times in the head, then offed his girlfriend with a single shot to the head at point-contact range! Or maybe he shot her first, then shot himself four times, twice in the head. Or maybe her ex-boyfriend snuck in on them, shot McNair four times, then calmly put the gun to his ex-gf's head and pulled the trigger (just once, mind you), then left the gun on the scene and fled without anyone noticing. Oh yeah, he rubbed her hands all over the gun to make sure it had plenty of her prints on it, too. Also, he must have used gloves too the whole time he handled the gun. Man, that guy is one smart dude!

How about this: Green three-headed space aliens appeared out of hyperspace, shot them both, planted the gun with her fingerprints all over it, then zipped back up to space with no one the wiser.

Yeah, that's it!

States Defund Women's Commissions

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(WOMENSENEWS)--This year, at least five women's commissions--in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and California--are facing closure threats.

"State-local budgets are tight and women are the first to go," said Bonnie Coffey, president of the National Association of Women's Commissions, also known as NACW, based in Rockville, Md.

...

Coffey urges voters to contact local legislators to protest any defundings that they know about in their states.

"What appears to be the most help is for people in individual states to be aware of the need for women's commission and to raise a ruckus when they're threatened with de-funding or dissolution," she said.

...

"Women are not being put into the lifeboat first, they're being thrown overboard," he said. "How shortsighted and stupid do we have to collectively be to stop funding women's commissions, the only access, voice and power in government for girls and women, when issues of gender inequality still require far more federal government attention?"'

Maryland School Joins Test of Online Courses Tailored to Girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When the Online School for Girls flickers to life this fall on computer screens across the country, students will take part in an unusual experiment that joins two trends: girls-only schooling and online teaching.

A consortium that includes the 108-year-old Holton-Arms School in Bethesda is driving the project, in the belief that girls can benefit from an Internet curriculum tailored just to them.

"There's been a lot of research done on how girls learn differently with technology than boys," said Brad Rathgeber, Holton-Arms's director of technology. "Part of this is a little bit of theory that we're trying to put in practice to see if it really does play out."
...
Backers of girls' schools say there are benefits to having no boys in the classroom: Girls prosper when teaching methods are designed just for them, they can pursue interests free from gender stereotyping and their hands shoot up more often when boys aren't around.'

CNN: Why marrying for money isn't a bad idea

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's a new book out called "Smart Girls Marry Money: How Women Have Been Duped Into the Romantic Dream -- And How They Are Paying For It," by Elizabeth Ford and Daniela Drake.

Forget for a moment that they annoyingly refer to grown women as "girls" in their title and check out their thesis: because, for a variety of reasons, men earn more money than women, it's a wise move to marry someone who can provide for you and your family.

I haven't read the book, so I have no idea if it is filled with sexist swill or not. But just reading Newsweek's article about the book, it sounds like pretty sensible advice to me.

Before you get upset, I will acknowledge a bunch of things that I know to be true: yes, women earn less than men for a lot of sexist reasons and that discrimination must stop. Yes, mothers get "mommy-tracked" and their careers are stalled. And of course there are all kinds of misfires to the "marry rich" idea, such as the rich guy who is an a-hole. But that doesn't change the fact that marrying a man with money can be a better idea than marrying someone who is broke.'

Author Blames Steve McNair

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In April, 2008 Steve McNair retired after 13 years playing in the NFL. His press conference statements portray a very different man than the one found shot to death yesterday. Or did he actually predict what would happen?
...
This married father of four and pillar of the community clearly couldn't hold it in – his pants. Like so many men in power, he used that power with the young women and probably thought he could do anything he wanted.
...
Perhaps he should have thought about his four young children before he started chasing young women. At least we now are clear about what he wanted to do personally in life that he couldn't do during football season. He continued to make passes, just not on the football field.
...
May we all see the wisdom in McNair's statement about taking things for granted and do our best to appreciate the bounty that surrounds us and the precious impermanence of life. And may all beings live with an integrity that allows them to be fully who they know themselves to be without harming others.'

Ball State favors women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The June 30 story "Ball State in some Title IX trouble?" states that Title IX "prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and applies to any education program or activity operated by a recipient of federal financial assistance." In fact, the application of Title IX allows discrimination so long as women are the beneficiaries.

Check out the Ball State Web site. The school has a women's studies program, offering a major and a minor, and one of whose goals is to have students develop an "appreciation of diversity." There is no men's studies program. So much for diversity.

Ball State has a women's health center that "was designed to meet those health needs unique to the female student population." There is no men's health center despite the fact that men have health problems unique to their sex. Among the health needs listed at the women's health center site are infertility issues, mild depression/anxiety, minor respiratory/sinus problems, urinary problems and sexual dysfunction. Men have these sorts of problems, too, but apparently their sex is not specifically invited to deal with them.'

Teen Told He Can't Play Field Hockey

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The teenager said the athletic director went on to tell him that he was concerned about the safety of the girls if boys were allowed to play, and that Levine might take away playing time from the girls, which would make parents jealous.

"He brought up Title IX and said that Title IX does not entitle boys to the same rights it gives girls," Levine said of the conversation. "He said if it was a girl wanting to play football he'd have to let her, but because I'm a boy wanting to play field hockey, he's not gonna let me."

Title IX is a law enacted in 1972 that states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."
...
Levine's mother, Scheryl, told CBS 21 News that her son is a victim of "blatant sexual discrimination."'

Korea: 90% of Teachers Back Quota for Male Teachers

Anonymous · 7 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I've lived in Korea for almost 10 years, and here is one reason why. Thank goodness there are still some countries where common sense still applies. Excerpt:

'Nearly 90 percent of Korean elementary and secondary school teachers in a selective survey said schools should establish a quota for male teachers to correct the gender imbalance. The Korean Federation of Teachers' Associations (KFTA) surveyed a total of 549 teachers; 433 males and 116 females across the nation between July 3 and 6. Most of the respondents replied that they face some problems in teaching and counseling students due to the lack of male teachers.
...
A total of 89.3 percent said schools need to set up a quota for male teachers to keep the ratio of female teachers from exceeding more than 70 percent. It marks a sharp increase from 62.8 percent in 2007 survey.

Of the female respondents, 73.3 percent expressed concern that the dominance of female teachers could cause lack of role models for male students. Nearly 78 percent of female teachers backed the introduction of steps to resolve the gender imbalance.'

Nine years for grandmother who drowned baby: Fair result for this woman?

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SAN ANTONIO — A Texas woman will serve at least nine years in prison for drowning her 3-month-old granddaughter in what the defense said was a misguided effort to teach the infant to swim.

Gabriella Sigler must serve half of the 18-year sentence imposed Thursday before being eligible for parole. Sigler had pleaded guilty to a charge of injury to a child in the 2005 death of little Melody Sigler.
...
Defense witnesses testified Sigler was suffering from bipolar disorder. But police said Sigler admitted to using drugs the night before and drinking wine the morning Melody died.'

New Zealand: Conference focuses on boys' education

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The school holidays might have begun but the work has not stopped for a group of teachers from all around the world who have gathered in Hawke's Bay for an international conference.

They are here to deal with one of New Zealand's education systems most pressing problems, lifting boys' academic achievement.

It comes as new research shows Kiwi boys are further behind girls than any other developed country.

Hundreds of international educators gathered at Lindisfarne College on Tuesday to learn how to best teach boys.'

Related: Teachers Take A Stand For Boys

A look at Justice Ginsburg's "difference feminism" ideology

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But ordinarily Ginsburg, a pioneering women's-rights lawyer, doesn't emphasize supposed differences between male and female. Indeed, one of her best known opinions in the one striking down the Virginia Military Institute's all-male admissions policy. In that 1996 case, Ginsburg, writing for the court, noted disapprovingly that a lower court that upheld the all-make policy concluded that coeducation would alter "at least these three aspects of VMI program: physical training, the absence of privacy, and the adversative approach." (Again, my italics.)
...
The notion that the Constitution should be interpreted in light of differences between men and women, or boys and girls, is more usually associated with "difference feminism" than with the notion that equality means treating the sexes exactly the same. Ginsburg is ordinarily associated with the latter, and older, approach to feminism. But wouldn't that view suggest that a 13-year old boy would be just as embarrassed by a strip search as a 13-year-old girl?'

Jail for woman who groomed girl

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman has been jailed for grooming a schoolgirl for sex, in what is believed to be the first case of its kind.

Sarah Wilson, 21, from Camberwell, south London, sent the 15-year-old girl "sexually graphic" messages via mobile phone and the internet for six months.

She was arrested after persuading the "vulnerable" girl to meet her at King's Cross station in January this year.'

Hudson Valley Renegades go through with women-only promotion

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Renegades management estimated between 500 and 700 fans filled the ballpark when Tuesday night's game started - there were about another 100 outside - and team officials couldn't have been happier, watching their women-only promotion come to fruition.
...
Billed as a tribute to female fans, the planned event would have kept men out of the ballpark until the game was official, providing male fans numerous diversions - from video games to large-screen television sets on which to watch the game - in a party-like atmosphere just outside the stadium gates.
...
Late last week, however, county officials sent a letter to Renegades management warning them the promotion likely violated the state's human rights laws, if not the U.S. Constitution. The county owns Dutchess Stadium and leases it to the Renegades, the Tampa Bay Rays' short-season, Class A affiliate.'

"I was surprised," Tumminia, a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School, said of the backlash, which also included some fans. "There was a handful of men that were obviously very annoyed about this. … It's all in jest. There really was no ill will going into it. I was a little taken aback. It's really just a night of celebrating and honoring."'

Ex-teacher convicted of sexual assault seeks commutation, admits guilt

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'LITTLE ROCK — In a request for commutation of her 12-year sentence, a former Greenwood teacher convicted of sexually assaulting a teenage student admits for the first time that she had sex with the boy.

Deanna Bobo, 41, submitted to the state Parole Board a request for commutation in which she wrote, “I engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim on two separate occasions.”

“This would be first time we’ve heard that admission,” Sebastian County Prosecutor Dan Shue said Monday.

Shue said he would oppose any sort of commutation for Bobo.

Bobo, formerly a special education teacher at Raymond E. Wells Junior High School, was arrested in November 2005 after the parents of a student at the school gave police a series of e-mails, some of them sexually explicit, that apparently were exchanged between Bobo and their son.'

Doubts on Theophanous rape case

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'CORRESPONDENCE that could support a woman's claims that Labor MP Theo Theophanous raped her may have been falsified, throwing doubt on the allegations against him.

Two former friends of the woman told a committal hearing in the Melbourne Magistrates Court yesterday that conversations attributed to them in letters and emails from the alleged victim never happened.

The alleged victim told police that on September 10, 1998, Theophanous raped her on the couch in his Parliament House office.

She said that later she spoke to three friends about the alleged assault, but yesterday two of these women said the conversations never happened.'

Israel: IDF date rape case set to be closed

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'Two Golani Brigade soldiers who were arrested over the weekend for suspicion of raping two female soldiers after spiking their drinks with a date-rape drug were released from custody Wednesday after investigators failed to gather sufficient evidence against them.

The case is expected to be closed without indictments.

"I was certain that the truth would eventually come out; it was a false charge," one of the soldiers told his attorney after hearing of the decision to release him.

...

The attorneys representing the two soldiers, Shai Roda, Yahel Ben Oved and Boaz Reuven, expressed their satisfaction with the decision to release their clients.

"There was no justification to arrest them in the first place," Roda said, "it was clear that the women soldiers had fabricated the story.

"I am considering filing a motion to launch an investigation against the complainants and demand that the soldiers be compensated for the injustice done to them towards the end of their military service," he said.'

Charges Dropped Against Husband in Pizza Delivery Rape Case

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'Charges of rape and kidnapping have been dropped against a married father of two who got more than he bargained for during a romantic rendezvous in the mountains with a stripper.

David Jansen was arrested after a pizza deliveryman stopped by his remote rented cabin in the Tennessee Smoky Mountains and saw a woman tied up on the couch mouthing, "Call 911."

But Jansen claimed all along that the woman was his lover and that she was into bondage, his lawyers providing stacks of evidence that the two had been in a relationship for sometime.

After news of the arrest hit the media, the woman's history of filing false rape claims surfaced and her mother was interviewed saying that her daughter was a notorious liar.
...
"This office will not prosecute the victim," Dunn said in the statement. "The evidence would not sustain a conviction for making a false report."'

Kansas City Woman Pleads Guilty to Wire Fraud in Staged Rape, Assault

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'Kansas City, Mo - infoZine - Matt J. Whitworth, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court to her role in a wire fraud conspiracy involving a scheme between two women to hire a man to assault them. The woman was hoping to force a higher settlement of her sexual harassment lawsuit against a former employer.

Lindsey D. Crawford, 23, of Kansas City, waived her right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to a federal information that charges her with conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

By pleading guilty today, Crawford admitted that she was involved in a scheme to pay a man to physically and sexually assault her and another woman. The assault occurred on Nov. 25, 2008, in the garage at Crawford's residence. Afterward, Crawford made false reports to law enforcement authorities concerning the staged assault, falsely claiming to have been assaulted by two unknown masked men. As a result, law enforcement authorities spent a substantial amount of time and money investigating the nonexistent crime.'

UK: Woman made false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who cried rape after a night of kinky sex with an ex-boyfriend was convicted of trying to pervert the course of justice.

During the sex session Tracy Knowles had been tied to a four poster bed by Alex Warren.

Mr Warren told the court she consented to everything – but the next day Knowles complained to her current boyfriend, another friend and her parents that she had been raped.

Her father, a Ministry of Defence policeman in Bristol, then called police and Mr Warren was arrested and spent 22 hours in custody.

At the end of a three-day trial the jury convicted Knowles by a majority of 11 to 1 of making a false allegation of rape with intent to pervert the course of justice between June 15-18 last year.

Judge Martin Picton told Knowles it was a very serious offence made worse for her by fighting the case.'

Woman back in jail for murder of her son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Vancouver resident who won the right to withdraw her 2007 guilty plea to murder in the death of her son has returned to the Clark County Jail.

Kelly N. Meining, 34, arrived at the jail June 19 from the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbor.
...
Prosecutors have re-filed a charge of first-degree murder in the May 19, 2006, stabbing of 20-month-old Bryce Jasper Meining.
...
She was sentenced three weeks later to 24 years in prison.
...
Her appellate attorney successfully argued that the prosecutor, judge and defense attorney failed to give adequate warning that first-degree murder carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years.'

UK: 'Men are redundant, but let's keep them anyway'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The "Crisis of Masculinity", as it's often termed, has been brewing a long while. My old boss at GQ, Michael VerMeulen, used to say in the 1990s that the ascent of women meant that men only had two choices, "playboy or drone". But soon even those options were closed: in 2003, after reading Y: The Descent of Men, by the Telegraph science writer Steve Jones, my husband told me mournfully that the crumbling Y chromosome meant his lot would be extinct in another couple of million years.

A few resilient Iron Johns kept beating their chests, sneering at metrosexuals and rushing into the wilderness to wrestle bears. And things started to look up after The Dangerous Book for Boys became a hit, and whittling sticks was once again acknowledged as a useful male activity. But the announcement that British scientists have discovered how to create human sperm from stem cells means it's official: men are redundant.'

"Furry" woman accused of sexually assaulting teen

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FORT COLLINS, Colo. - A Fort Collins mother is under arrest accused of sexually assaulting a teenage boy she met through a common interest in "furry" gatherings. Furries are people who dress in animal costumes and get together to socialize.

According to the arrest affidavit, 45-year-old Richael Michels was considered to be a role model for the 16-year-old boy, but allegedly was having sex with him the entire time.

The initial tip apparently came from her husband, who was upset about her growing interest in Furries.

Brandon De Vito runs 25th Hour Anime shop and says most of his friends are Furries. He says they adopt animal personas and make costumes called "fur suits." De Vito says the Furry lifestyle is not about sex at all. He says Furries are harmless, gentle, good-natured people who like to get together to share their common interest.'

Standish Woman Charged With Assaulting Husband

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Story here.

'STANDISH (NEWS CENTER) -- More than two months after Jeffrey Dolloff suffered serious head injuries in an assault at his home, his wife has been arrested.

State police arrested Linda Dolloff, 47, Wednesday afternoon. She is charged with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of elevated aggravated assault and one count of filing a false report. The charges stem from the beating of her husband inside their home Easter morning.

Linda Dolloff was treated for a gunshot wound to the abdomen after the incident. She is being held at the Cumberland County jail.'

Canada: FRA ordered to pay $20,000 punishment for challenging court

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Ontario Superior Court judge has ordered a crusading fathers'-rights activist to pay $20,000 to the federal government as punishment for mounting an ill-founded challenge to federal child-support payment guidelines.

Mr. Justice Alan C.R. Whitten ruled that Lucien Khodeir's negligence lawsuit amounted to a delaying tactic designed to forestall him having to pay support orders of $1,230 - including arrears - for Mr. Khodeir's 12- and 14-year-old children.

Several weeks ago, Judge Whitten dismissed the lawsuit after a brief hearing.
...
However, Mr. Khodeir said in an interview that the cost ruling is another example of judges shutting the courtroom doors to self-represented litigants who display the audacity to attack a sacred legal shibboleth such as the child-support guidelines.

Mr. Khodeir said that he is in debt "up to my eyeballs," but he will not be deterred from his campaign to overturn guidelines that he regards as unfair, arbitrary and discriminatory toward men.'

McNair murder: Police admit shooter was girlfriend

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Police confirmed Wednesday that ex-NFL star Steve McNair's 20-year-old girlfriend killed him before turning the gun on herself.

They said they may never know what was going through Sahel Kazemi's mind when she shot McNair in his condominium early Saturday, but interviews with friends led detectives to conclude she was becoming increasingly distraught over events in her life, including financial problems. Police said she also suspected McNair was seeing another woman.

Police earlier had labeled McNair's death a homicide, but awaited further tests and investigation before saying for sure what happened.

At one point, Kazemi told an associate that her "personal life was all screwed up," Police Chief Ronal Serpas said. She had mounting debts and had been unable to sell her car. Her roommate was moving, which would have doubled her rent.'

Update: She shot him to death while he was asleep; read it here. Excerpt:

'NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Former NFL star Steve McNair was shot dead in his sleep last week by a 20-year-old girlfriend distraught about mounting financial problems and her belief that he was seeing someone else, police said Wednesday.

Sahel Kazemi "was spinning out of control" when she shot McNair four times as he dozed on a sofa early Saturday, then turned the gun on herself, Police Chief Ronal Serpas said.'

North Wales fathers fight for their rights as equal parents

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DIVORCED and separated fathers say they are being excluded from their children's lives.

A study by Families Need Fathers revealed almost 80% of dads in North Wales are not adequately informed and involved by their child's teachers following a break-up with their partner.

The organisation said most dads are not aware of their rights, and appealed for schools to get up to date with custody laws.

One Rhuddlan father, who wished to remain anonymous, said he had not been made aware of parents evenings, concerts or seen his daughter's school report in over two years.

The 43-year-old, whose child is educated outside Denbighshire in neighbouring Conwy county, said: "It's not so much the fault of school staff as it is the system, because dads are just an afterthought in general when it comes to parenting.'

NY Times interview with Justice Ginsburg: A man must do 'more than carry out the garbage'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Q: In the 1980s, you wrote about how while the sphere for women has widened to include more work, men haven't taken on as much domestic responsibility. Do you think that things are beginning to change?

JUSTICE GINSBURG: That's going to take time, changing that kind of culture. But looking at my own family, my daughter Jane teaches at Columbia, she travels all over the world, and she has the most outstanding supportive husband who certainly carries his fair share of the load. Although their division of labor is different than mine and my husband's, because my daughter is a super cook.

Q: Can courts play a role in changing that culture?

JUSTICE GINSBURG: The Legislature can make the change, can facilitate the change, as laws like the Family Medical Leave Act do. But it's not something a court can decree. A court can't tell the man, You've got to do more than carry out the garbage.'

Programs empower women affected by economic abuse

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Story here. Racking up debt without a partner's knowledge? We all know that's something a wife has never done. On a personal note, this is something that happened to me by an ex-girlfriend. She was fond of using my credit card for shopping sprees on Amazon. Excerpt:

'Economic abuse can involve an abuser preventing a person from getting a job. Or cashing the family's income tax refund check and spending the money before paying bills. Or degrading someone by saying he or she is too stupid to manage a checking account. Or harassing a partner at work via phone calls, text messages or e-mail so frequent that the person loses a job.

These are some other forms of economic abuse:

• Taking money, credit cards or property from a partner without permission.

• Racking up debt without a partner's knowledge.

• Being forced by a partner to hand over paychecks.

Some abusers even have opened credit cards in their spouse's or partner's name and ruined their credit. It's tougher to get an apartment or a job with a bad credit score.'

Shriver to host Couric, Shakira, superstars at "Super Bowl" women's conference

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Article here. Excerpt:

'California First Lady Maria Shriver has done it again, wrangled a crowd of the world's top entertainers, political insiders and star speakers to her annual Women's Conference -- among them, hero pilot "Sully" Sullenberger, rock stars Shakira and Alicia Keys, Virgin airlines mogul Richard Branson, cousin Caroline Kennedy, CBS anchor Katie Couric, race car driver Danica Patrick, and political wives Elizabeth Edwards and Cindy Helmsley McCain.
...
*NBC's "Meet the Press" host David Gregory will moderate a panel starring key Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Shriver herself on "the role of an increasingly women's nation,' Shriver said.
...
"They've asked me to bring it to Mexico, India, England," she said. "Gloria Steinem said we should put it in all 50 states.'

Male-only reproduction

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Check this out. It appears that two men (gay or not) will be able in the next future to have their own offspring, without resorting to female eggs. Great news from my point of view, each MRA should support gay rights, because it will enable men to have their own families, without interacting with women and risking to experience a nasty divorce and discrimination in the courts. Combined with artificial wombs (that will come by the end of the twenty-first century), it will free men from this kind of oppression. What do you all think? Excerpt:

'Everybody is now focusing on the British research forecasting male-free reproduction. The team at the University of Newcastle has achieved proto-sperms from human female bone marrow cells.
...
A Brazilian team led by Dr Irina Kerkis of the Butantan Institute in Sao Paulo seems to have achieved both sperm and eggs from cultures of male mouse embryonic stem cells, as detailed in their study published in the journal Cloning and Stem Cells.

The study has not proved yet that the eggs coming from males can be fertilized to deliver viable offspring, but this could be the first step towards male only reproduction.'

Idaho Babysitter Accused of Having Sex With 14-Year-Old

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Story here.

'POST FALLS, Idaho — An Idaho woman face charges that she had sex with a 14-year-old boy that she was hired to watch in August 2007.

KXLY-TV reported Tuesday that 28-year-old Summer Nelson, of Post Falls, was charged Monday with four counts of lewd conduct with a child.

Court records say Nelson was a friend of the boy's mother. Police say the abuse was reported in December 2008, after the boy's mother grew suspicious of Nelson's attention toward the boy.

Investigators say Nelson told the boy's siblings that she was in love with their brother. Detectives say Nelson and the boy had at least four sexual encounters.

Nelson remains held in Kootenai County Jail on $50,000 bond. It was not immediately known whether she had a lawyer.'

UK: Father arrested and held in cells for playing football in park with his children without council permission

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A father was arrested and held in a cell for five hours for playing football with his children in a park without permission from the council.

Darren Chapman, 42, was taken into custody after the family game, which was in defiance of town hall orders.

Council rules state that players must undergo a criminal records check, pay for insurance and apply for formal permission for the game.'

Names needed for petition for Geoffrey Hibbert

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Mr. Hibbert was 'Batman' during a protest conducted by the New F4J. A YouTube video about his arrest is here.

He is scheduled to be sentenced next week. A petition for his release is here. His attorney has asked that people sign the petition and spread the word.

"Men have lost the 'battle of the sexes' . . . because the opponent cheats"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gentlemen, it is now obvious that the much ballyhooed "battle of the sexes" was over even before it had begun, and our side never fired a shot. It is incumbent on men to raise the white flag of surrender, but we mustn't feel bad because we never had a chance -- we are far too chivalrous, and our opponents fight dirty. To use a baseball analogy, their tactics are akin to moving the outfield wall in 100 feet every time they come to bat, then moving it back when our team comes up. You see, women won the battle with an amazingly simple, yet frighteningly ingenious, strategy: they merely declared their superiority to men in every facet of life, and that was enough to send our side into retreat.
...
But even pointing out these facts and suggesting that there is any inequity favoring women will be met with disgusted eye rolling on the part of the opposition. That's one of their formidable weapons that helped them win the "battle of the sexes" before a single shot was fired.'

Tori Amos: What I know about men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Violence and seduction are a ticking bomb. I think it goes back to the powerlessness some men feel. They feel so emasculated that they get angry or seek attention from a place that they shouldn't. For a man to get off on a woman screaming, the wires have got crossed somewhere. When you're dealing with men with real power they only want you if you're willing. It's about the dance between the male and female. Real power is about exchange, not subordination. For some people a powerful man is a bully. He's powerful because he scares people. And I would say that's not a powerful man - that's an intimidating man, a man who uses intimidation tactics. A powerful man is a man that knows who he is and doesn't need to manipulate people to get what he wants.'

George Jonas: When men are passé, who covers the support payments?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Large, hairy, smelly --and obsolete

British scientists reported this week that they're close to creating artificial sperm. Needless to say, the news is getting everyone very excited. If true, it will be possible to do away completely with that vestigial gender — I hesitate to call it "sex" — known as "men."

Not a day too soon, I say. Large, hairy creatures, with a knack for tracking dirt into the house, men tend to strut, slouch, or snore, depending on whether they're trying to walk, dine, or attend a concert. They prance like princes, weave in and out of traffic, then congeal into lumps when they get home. On weekends they pull themselves together long enough to watch the ballgame on TV or sneak out of the house for a game of golf. Mostly they're underfoot in the kitchen, where they scratch, munch, hitch up their pants, and fail to notice important things, such as people's new hairdos. They scrounge for bottles of beer to wash down enormous quantities of greasy food they keep demanding in booming voices. Calling them a nuisance is an understatement.
...

The fact is, other than a procreative function, men have been redundant for some time. Originally kept for lifting heavy objects, they initiated their own obsolescence by inventing the hoist. An indolent and cowardly lot, men always tried to avoid exerting energy or approaching prey animals or intruders too closely, so they kept tinkering with sticks and stones, fashioning them into tools and weapons. The wages of such laziness and timidity were not long in coming. The easier men made it for themselves to fetch, pitch and catch, the less people needed them for fetching, pitching and catching. Every time they came up with a danger- or labour-saving device — the wheel, the projectile, the shield — it diminished their reason for being.
...
When I said as much to a family court judge this week, she looked skeptical. "Very cute, but when embryonic stem cells differentiate into sperm," she said, "whom do we sue for paternity? The embryo? For this to fly, your British researchers need to develop an additional line of stem cells that differentiate into child support and alimony."'

"Women have always known that men are a bit of a waste of space"

Proud_to_be_a_man · 11 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Absolutely disgusting sexism (but it's the 'right' sort, so that's OK with the mainstream media it seems), here. Excerpt:

'Women have always known that men are a bit of a waste of space.

Now British scientists have proved how unnecessary blokes truly are by creating the first human sperm from stem cells.'

Let's do the always-enlightening gender reversal thing:

"Men have always known that women are a bit of a waste of space.

Now British scientists have proved how unnecessary chicks truly are by creating the first human ovary from stem cells."

Yep. I can see that one being printed in a national newspaper... not!

Essay: Why most men tolerate feminist misandry

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Why most men tolerate feminist misandry
by Jeffrey Asher
7th July 2009
Over twelve years of teaching "Men's Lives," I also wondered why majority-male legislatures, judiciaries and mainstream media editors, capitulated to and enforced feminist politics and jurisprudence.

Above all, men are powerfully driven by sexual attraction to women. Men easily rationalize their sexual need for women as based in intellectual and moral equality.

Male protection of women and children - at the risk of men's safety and lives - over millennia of social evolution, allowed our species to survive. I suspect that imperative is as integral to male brains and hormones, as the need for and care of children is integral to women.

Men in power did not accede to feminists because of sexual opportunism alone – women remain second to one in that category. When feminists – confused as representing women – called out to men for 'equality,' men entrenched quotas and feminist jurisprudence. A man shamed by a woman promptly takes corrective action, to 'act like a Man'.

Fox-Memphis ignores male DV victims in latest billboard campaign

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Steve McNair played 13 seasons in the National Football League, most of that time for the Tennessee Titans. This past Saturday, McNair was shot to death by his girlfriend Sahel Kazemi. Of course, no one wanted to call it "domestic violence."

Just five days later, Fox TV in Memphis ran a story on domestic violence, conveniently omitting any mention of male victims of DV. Why is it that male victims of partner homicide are invisible?

To express your strong displeasure with this biased reporting, go to http://www.myfoxmemphis.com/subindex/about_us/contact_us

UK: Honours system quotas to decorate more women and ethnic minorities

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Quotas have been covertly introduced to the honours system by the Government so that more women and members of ethnic minorities are decorated by the Queen.
...
Jilly Cooper, the novelist, who was awarded an OBE in 2004, said: "This is an absolutely fatuous thing. What is the point of this? You can't make 55 per cent women; honours should be awarded on merit.

Mrs Cooper, 72, who is a close friend of the Duchess of Cornwall, added: "Sex should be absolutely irrelevant. What are the other 45 per cent going to be? Guinea pigs, gerbils, horses? I never heard of anything so silly and irrelevant, but it is just typical."'

Police Detain Wife in Ex-Boxing Champ Arturo Gatti's Hotel Death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SAO PAULO — The wife of former boxing champion Arturo Gatti was detained as a suspect by Brazilian authorities Sunday following his death at a posh seaside resort.

Police said 23-year-old Amanda Rodrigues was taken into custody after contradictions in her interrogation.

Gatti's body was found early Saturday in a hotel room at the Porto de Galinhas resort in northeastern Brazil.'

India: Court forcing men out of homes for domestic violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Gaurav Sharma has just lost his house to his estranged wife, and he is not the only man ordered by the court to surrender his home as courts seek to crack down on domestic violence.

Life took an ugly turn for Sharma when a Delhi court asked him to vacate his newly bought house in Gurgaon near Delhi and hand over possession to a wife who had left him three years after marriage.

The dramatic development took place after his wife slapped a case of domestic violence. Sharma pleaded with the court to be lenient but was forced to move to a rented accommodation.

The Domestic Violence Act of 2006 seeks to provide protection and compensation for all kinds of abuse at home directed at women — including physical, sexual, verbal, emotional and economic.'

The story of prisoner F95488

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It's March 3, 2008, a brilliant day in Santa Barbara. But for Eric Frimpong, it feels like hell. He's in Superior Court, encircled by sheriff's deputies, making one more trip to the Department 2 courtroom. This is his last stop on the outside for a while, a painful reminder of how far he has fallen. He left his native Ghana in 2005 to play soccer for UC Santa Barbara; a year later he became a campus hero while leading the Gauchos to their first-ever national championship. If the immigrant experience can have a sound, Frimpong's sound was a raucous stadium. But in 2007, just weeks after being selected by the Kansas City Wizards in the MLS draft, he was accused of raping another student on the beach near his house. Now he's a convicted felon.
...
Despite having DNA evidence matched to him, Randall was never a suspect. Neither was the man who retrieved Doe's purse, which she said she'd lost either on the beach or at Frimpong's home. It was delivered to the sheriff's department the next day, minus $30, by someone described in the police report as a "can recycler." But because of a "language barrier," he wasn't questioned.

Frimpong was the only suspect, even though there was no apparent sign of sexual activity -- no blood, semen, vaginal secretions -- or any scratches or other telltale marks of rape on his body or clothes. The absence of abrasions was odd. Doe told authorities she was wearing a "thicker ring" on her right ring finger and that she hit her attacker so hard, "all my knuckles were screwed up." There was also very little sand found on his clothes. (At the trial, Dianne Burns, a criminologist who examined the physical evidence, testified to the presence of two small vials' worth of sand in the cuffs of Frimpong's jeans and in one pocket.)
...

Back on campus, media coverage led to an unwelcome surprise for the defense: After reading about Frimpong's arrest, another student came forward claiming that she too had been assaulted by him. This new Jane Doe told police that a few weeks before the rape, he had acted aggressively toward her, grabbing her buttocks and tackling her on the beach. The DA used the accusation to charge Frimpong with misdemeanor sexual assault, which made for a second count at trial. (He was found not guilty.) "The DA's office filed a weak claim of sexual assault to portray Eric as a serial sexual predator and bolster the flawed rape claim," wrote Kim Seefeld, a local defense attorney and former prosecutor, in a blog post on Jan. 15, 2008. "The allegations severely prejudiced him before the jury."
...
On Jan. 31, 2008, with Frimpong in jail awaiting sentencing, the defense filed a motion for a new trial, citing several factors, including a development with the jury: In a written declaration to the court, juror Ann Diebold stated, "I regret the decision I made in finding Mr. Frimpong guilty." Among her many points was the court's refusal to provide the jury with evidence they had requested for review, including Doe's testimony and Frimpong's interview with Kies -- the latter because some jurors stated that they wanted "the opportunity to hear Mr. Frimpong's side of the story." (They were read only Doe's direct testimony, without cross-examination, because Judge Hill said "it would take some time to gather the additional information," Diebold wrote.) Diebold also claimed that the jurors rushed through deliberations so they could conclude the case by the Christmas holiday. "I felt pressure from the judge and other jurors to reach a verdict by Dec. 18," she wrote.'

The Atlantic: 'The Girls Step Up To This'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But all of that aside, I think it's about time for men to take more responsibility for their bodies and sex lives. Women, I am told, have to constantly think about protecting themselves. They have to give more thought to what situations they end up in. Who they're sleeping with, and who they're entering into a relationship. Rape and physical abuse always hangs in the air. Men, I think because of sheer physical strength, believe that we don't have to think this way. We think we can take few shots at the bar, screw whoever, wake up at nine, hit the waffle house, and then drive home with a great story to tell.
...
I don't want to blame McNair for his own death, but the fact is that men who are reckless, often leave behind families to pick up the pieces. I can't imagine the personal work his wife will have to do reconcile all of this, and then explain it to their four sons.'

'Privileging of the Penis'?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Few studies have focused on men's involvement in safe and unsafe heterosexual sex, far more research on the heterosexual transmission of HIV centres on women than on men, and very few education campaigns are aimed at straight men. There are good and bad reasons for this. On the one hand, this reflects feminist achievements in identifying AIDS as a women's issue. On the other hand, men's absence reflects the status of maleness as normative and invisible and perpetuates the allocation of responsibility for safe sex only to women. Women's inclusion in AIDS policy and education is a valuable achievement, and there are sound feminist reasons for directing attention also to heterosexual men.

...

Heterosexual men's complaints about 'showers in raincoats' demonstrate a privileging of the penis as an important site of sexual sensation and erotic pleasure. To the extent that these complaints inform heterosexual men's reluctance to use condoms, they privilege men's pleasure over prophylactic and contraceptive safety.'

RADAR ALERT: It's Hard Work Spending All That Money!

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Congress spends approx. 1 billion taxpayer dollars each year with the stated intent of eliminating domestic violence, the largest portion of that amount being the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). They are poised to increase funding even further next year when they vote on a 5 year reauthorization of VAWA. One would think that this much money should have greatly reduced domestic violence by now. But VAWA spending has had little or no effect on reducing domestic violence.[1]

Since the passage of VAWA is a virtual slam-dunk, those who benefit financially from this law are emboldened to demand more and more with each reauthorization. So legislation that's only tangentially related to domestic violence – legislation that could never pass on its own merits – finds it way into VAWA.

Gatti murder update: "Nothing is being ruled out"

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Like a replay of the McNair case only with an accent. Story here.

'RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Brazilian police investigating the death of former boxing champion Arturo Gatti are working on the assumption his wife strangled him with her purse strap.

But police spokeswoman Milena Saraiva says Monday nothing is being ruled out in the investigation, including the possibility another person may have been involved. Gatti was found dead early Saturday in a seaside tourist resort.

Saraiva says police in the northeastern state of Pernambuco are focusing on Gatti's 23-year-old Brazilian wife, Amanda Rodrigues. She is in custody and has been accused by police of killing Gatti. Rodrigues has yet to be charged and has denied any involvement in the death.'

So a room-bandit busted into their room, bashed his head in and then strangled him with his wife's purse, then forcibly drugged her so she would forget the last 10 hours.

Yeah, that's it.

Graham predicts Sotomayor OK 'barring meltdown'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – Senate Democrats praised Sonia Sotomayor as a judicial pioneer, but Republicans questioned her impartiality and President Barack Obama's views as well Monday at confirmation hearings for the nation's first Hispanic nominee to the Supreme Court.

Even so, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., told Sotomayor, "Unless you have a complete meltdown, you're going to get confirmed."

"And I don't think you will" have a meltdown, he added quickly.

Graham spoke after Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, praised Sotomayor in remarks that opened confirmation proceedings in a packed Senate hearing room. "She's been a judge for all Americans. She'll be a justice for all Americans," he said.'

Children Recant Sex-Abuse Tales After Father's 20-Year Prison Stint

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Story here. Excerpt:

'VANCOUVER, Wash. — Former Vancouver police officer Clyde Ray Spencer spent nearly 20 years in prison after he was convicted of sexually molesting his son and daughter. Now, the children say it never happened.

Matthew Spencer and Kathryn Tetz, who live in Sacramento, Calif., each took the stand Friday in Clark County Superior Court to clear their father's name, The Columbian newspaper reported.

Matthew, now 33, was 9 years old at the time. He told a judge he made the allegation after months of insistent questioning by now-retired Clark County sheriff's detective Sharon Krause just so she would leave him alone.
...
Spencer's sentence was commuted by then-Gov. Gary Locke in 2004 after questions arose about his conviction. Among other problems, prosecutors withheld medical exams that showed no evidence of abuse, even though Krause claimed the abuse was repeated and violent.'

Judge frees inmate after record term for delinquent alimony

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PHILADELPHIA -- H. Beatty Chadwick, imprisoned in Delaware County for the last 14 years, was in the jail library yesterday giving legal advice to female inmates when a prison official walked up and gave him the news.
...
Minutes earlier a Delaware County Common Pleas judge issued an order granting Mr. Chadwick's petition for freedom, thus ending his incarceration for contempt of court -- a U.S. record for the charge.
...
In 1995 -- the year "Apollo 13" was a box-office hit, O.J. Simpson was acquitted of murder and 169 people were killed in the bombing of an Oklahoma federal building -- Mr. Chadwick was a corporate lawyer who grew up in Bryn Mawr and became embroiled in a nasty divorce. In April that year, he was arrested by two sheriff's deputies at his dentist's downtown Philadelphia office and landed in jail.'

I Now Pronounce You Government and Wife

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I go to dinner with a bunch of Hollywood Republicans every month or so and I'll tell you one thing, the women are easy on the eyes, none more conservative or good looking than my Beloved. Republican women are happy, they don't mope around like victims or screech about how terrible men are for being men. The men at these get-togethers are happier and generally sport less hair product. Married men are polled to have more sex and more satisfying sex than singles so Republican men have another great quality over their unmarried Democrat counterparts.'

DC mom accused of killing 4 daughters cited demons

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (AP) - A woman accused of killing her four daughters told police in an interview that the girls were possessed by demons and that she got rid of most of the family's possessions to contain the evil spirits.

A District of Columbia Superior Court judge spent a second day Tuesday reviewing a recording of a police interrogation of Banita Jacks. The decomposing bodies of Jacks' daughters—ages 5 to 17—were discovered in January 2008 when U.S. marshals came to evict her from her southeast Washington home.

Judge Frederick Weisberg was to decide whether to admit the interview as evidence in her trial. Jacks' attorneys want it excluded. They say police were trying to get a confession from her before they had evidence that she was responsible.

Weisberg will decide the case without a jury at Jacks' request.

Jacks' lawyers have urged Jacks to use an insanity defense, but she has refused. Weisberg has found her competent to stand trial.

In the videotaped interview, Jacks said the girls stopped being her daughters and took on the identities of the demons.'

"Unreadably Canadian" (National Post columnist Barbara Kay sticks it to the feminists again)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Not torn up enough to make it her subject, alas. Yet Moore claims she was "startled" at the paucity of writing to come out of the tragedy. She notes to Laidlaw that a 1985 Royal Commission report revealed: "A lot of safety practises were ignored. The men weren't trained properly. There weren't enough survival suits. They didn't have a safe exit plan."

And what does Moore do with this treasure-trove of thematic bullion? Something very postmodernly Canadian. The "startled" Moore deflects attention from the tragedy and its male victims to hover solicitously over a surrogate victim, her protagonist, 31-year-old widowed Helen, "a creation rooted in the lives of Moore's own mother and herself."
...
Me, me, me and my extraordinary capacity for sadness. Welcome to the unrelenting self-regard of CanLit, where it's all about nobly suffering women or feminized men: men immobilized in situations of physical, psychological or economic impotence (that is when they're not falling through the ice and nearly drowning), rather than demonstrating manly courage in risk-taking or heroic mode.'

28-YO babysitter accused of having sex with the 14-YO boy

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Video report here.

Apparently the accused rapist asked the boy's mother for her blessing to continue the 'relationship'.

Maureen Dowd: 'White Man's Last Stand'

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Article here

'A wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not know that a gaggle of white Republican men afraid of extinction are out to trip her up.

After all, these guys have never needed to speak inspirational words to others like them, as Sotomayor has done. They've had codes, handshakes and clubs to do that

...

President Obama wants Sotomayor, naturally, to bring a fresh perspective to the court. It was a disgrace that W. appointed two white men to a court stocked with white men. And Sotomayor made it clear that she provides some spicy seasoning to a bench when she said in a speech: "I simply do not know exactly what the difference will be in my judging, but I accept there will be some based on gender and my Latina heritage."

...

And then there's the Supreme Court, of course, which gave up its claim to rational neutrality when the justices appointed by Republican presidents — including Bush Sr. — ignored what was fair to make a sentimental choice and throw the 2000 election to W.'

Daily Kos: 'Dear Scared White Men of America'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's talk. If you're not someone like Sessions, Hatch, Graham etc. this is NOT directed to you.

I can imagine that it's really an adjustment for you to see so many changes taking place in our nation. We have our first non-white President and we are on the cusp of having only our third woman and first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice.

You don't understand how someone's experience other than being a white male, which in your view is the norm...the baseline...the yardstick by which all is measured, is relevant to anything. You see the world through false equivalencies and rear projected ideals that don't and have never existed.
...
I'm sorry you're scared. I'm sorry for you that you are that insecure. I'm also glad to know that you are a shrinking minority. That there are more white men like my High School teacher and some of my Professors in college. Strong, confident, white men who aren't afraid to share the playing field they've dominated throughout history. Men like we saw today in Senators Whitehouse, Schumer, Feingold. I'm glad I'm married to a white guy, who like them, isn't afraid.'

Microsoft invests $1m in IT girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Microsoft has made its second million-dollar grant to the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) to support the advancement of women in IT.

Founded in 2004, NCWIT is a coalition of over 170 corporations, academic institutions, government agencies, and non-profits working to expand women's participation in IT. Members include Apple, AT&T, the Bank of America, Carnegie Mellon, Google, HP, Intel, MIT, Motorola, Pfizer, Princeton, Qualcomm, Stanford University, the University of California at Berkeley, Wal-Mart, and others.
...
NCWIT cites a number of statistics (PDF) to support its assertion that women are underrepresented in IT:

•Although 57 per cent of US undergraduate degrees went to women 2008, only 18 per cent of computer and information sciences degrees were earned by women.

•Only 24 per cent of IT positions in the US are held by women.

•Although 57 per cent of US high-school advanced-placement (AP) tests were taken by women in 2008, only 17 per cent of AP computer science (CS) were female.'

Health Care Reform: Women's Health Care In Jeopardy?

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Article here. Is there any doubt this country values the health of women more so then that of a male? Excerpt:

'ST. LOUIS - A lot of amendments have been attached to the health care reform bills being finalized this month in Washington, and several of those amendments have concerned people on all sides watching closely. One in particular, known as the Women's Health Amendment, would increase access to primary preventive care and would support clinics that are often the only source of health care for low-income women, such as Planned Parenthood. The amendment does not include coverage for abortions, but critics claim that it would.

Paula Gianino with Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region says misinformation threatens to derail health care reform and to hurt women.

"We believe that health care reform must strengthen and protect women's health care. Certainly it must not weaken it. And we believe that women's health care has to be a priority."'

RealClear Politics: The He-cession's Raw Deal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Behind Washington's feverish debate over the $787 billion stimulus package is a question of why one gender is getting left behind--and it's not women.

No modern economic crisis has more disproportionately impacted men than today's Great Recession. Despite women constituting no more than a quarter of job losses, they are expected to receive more than 40 percent of the stimulus spending--and possibly significantly more

...

Men amount to a slim majority of the workforce but about 75 percent of all job losses, since the recession began in December 2007. Before the recession, there was no significant gender gap in the unemployment rate. Since then, men's unemployment rate has more than doubled.

...

Some respected media outlets have been quick to blame manhood for the bad guys who brought us to the brink. We are told an innately, and flawed, male quality has led us astray. This recession purportedly signifies more than economic decline, but the decline of American masculinity itself.

In February, ABC's "Good Morning America," headlined a segment: "Should women be in charge? Would things have been different now?" It went on to ask, "Could testosterone be to blame?"'

16-Year-Old Girl Convicted of Soliciting Dad's Murder

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Article here.

'HAGERSTOWN, Md. — Maryland jurors have convicted a 16-year-old girl of soliciting the murder of her father who was stabbed to death outside the family's Hagerstown home on Halloween.

The Washington County Circuit Court deliberated about 90 minutes Wednesday before finding Danielle Black guilty of solicitation of first-degree murder.

She faces up to life in prison when she is sentenced.

The 20-year-old man charged in the death of 47-year-old Billie Lee Black is not the same friend she spoke to on a school bus about killing her father.

The girl contends she only wanted her father roughed up, not killed. She told police she had asked some friends to "take care of" him to end beatings she claimed she suffered. Police haven't been able to verify her claims of abuse.'

Top Five Crucial Medical Tests for Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many men aren't proactive when it comes to their personal health care needs. A Men's Health magazine and CNN survey found one-third of men would not go to the doctor, even if they were experiencing major health problems, such as severe chest pains or shortness of breath -- both of which are signs for heart disease.

But it's imperative that men receive regular medical exams because they can be life saving. "GMA" medical contributor Dr. Marie Savard explains the five tests men must get and why they're important.'

Six Flags seeks customers with baseball throw to testicles

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Tonight during Jimmy Kimmel Live a Six Flags commercial was run featuring a boy hitting his father in the testicles with a baseball. This was intended to lure more customers into the Six Flags parks by comparing how much 'more fun' it is to ride a roller-coaster vs. hitting your father in the testicles with a baseball.

Six Flags, and all corporations who use sexual violence and degradation of men as an advertising gimmick, need to hear from us. Their website contact page is here (scroll to the bottom for an email form).

Like most corporations who use misandrist sexual violence in their ads, Six Flags doesn't really want to hear from you, but they must.

Child Support Racket Strikes Again!

Luek · 16 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This time in Adel, Georgia. Story here. Excerpt:

'ADEL, Ga. – A Georgia man spent more than a year behind bars for failing to pay child support for a child that wasn't his, but he was released after DNA tests showed he wasn't the father.

Frank Hatley, 50, had been jailed since June 2008 for not making payments, but two separate DNA tests in the last nine years showed he was not the father of the boy, who is now 21.

Southern Center for Human Rights attorney Sarah Geraghty won Hatley's release at a hearing Wednesday in Superior Court. A court order has also relieved him of his financial obligation to the Georgia Department of Human Resources.

"State child support officials have shown extraordinarily poor judgment in Mr. Hatley's case," Geraghty said.'

Girl bakes kitten alive, taunts protesters

Matt · 16 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. I can hear it now: "Girls don't do this kind of thing! Her boyfriend must be behind it all!" Ugh...
Excerpt:

'A heartless kitty killer hissed angrily at animal rights activists Wednesday, grinning widely as she took credit for stuffing the helpless pet into a 500-degree oven.

"It's dead, bitch!" snapped an unrepentant Cheyenne Cherry, sticking her tongue out after a plea bargain that will put her behind bars for a year in the May 6 killing of tiny Tiger Lily.

Cherry, 17, was confronted after her guilty plea in Bronx Supreme Court to charges of animal cruelty and attempted burglary in the May 6 killing at her former roommate's apartment.

Tiger Lily was left to die inside the blistering oven after Cherry and a 14-year-old friend trashed the apartment of Valerie Hernandez, destroying furniture before stealing DVDs and food.
...
Cherry is not new to animal crimes.

She was busted last year for using a BB gun to dog-nap a teacup Yorkie with her boyfriend. She was also arrested for robbing a man of his iPod at gunpoint.

The dozen animal lovers who attended the hearing said they represented more than 20,000 people who signed an online petition supporting harsh punishment for Cherry.'

ACFC call to affect the Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act of 2009

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The legislation focuses primarily on programs to benefit low income fathers and contains a number of positive provisions. For instance, low income fathers will be able to get a break on child support arrearages under certain circumstances. The entire bill is over 100 pages, here's a copy for those who enjoy this type of reading.

We believe the bill can go much further in addressing the issues faced by fathers in general, particularly providing relief for parents who have been separated from their children by the family courts.

There are a half dozen provisions that would improve the legislation and we need your help to get them implemented.'

New Policy Permits Asylum for Battered Women

anthony · 16 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I wonder if immigrant men who suffer domestic violence at the hands of women would also qualify for asylum? That's actually a rhetorical question because I suspect they wouldn't. I wonder how many women will lie about abuse just to gain asylum? Excerpt:

'The Obama administration has opened the way for foreign women who are victims of severe domestic beatings and sexual abuse to receive asylum in the United States. The action reverses a Bush administration stance in a protracted and passionate legal battle over the possibilities for battered women to become refugees.
...
The administration laid out its position in an immigration appeals court filing in the case of a woman from Mexico who requested asylum, saying she feared she would be murdered by her common-law husband there. According to court documents filed in San Francisco, the man repeatedly raped her at gunpoint, held her captive, stole from her and at one point tried to burn her alive when he learned she was pregnant.'

Bringing Up Princess: Turning Girls Into Narcissists

Broadsword · 16 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Now researchers are finding that parents are promoting attitudes of superiority in their daughters. Jean Twenge, associate professor of psychology at San Diego State University, tracks the rising egotism on college campuses in her new book, "The Narcissism Epidemic: Living in the Age of Entitlement." She has found that college-age women are developing narcissistic traits at four times the rate of college-age men. She attributes the startling discrepancy in part to parents who put their girls on a pedestal.

...

Ms. Twenge describes moms and dads who lavish their daughters with unrealistic praise. Parents not only tell girls they are the prettiest and smartest but also train them to see themselves as the center of their worlds through clothes and accessories.

...

While there's unlikely to be much harm in indulging in one or two princess products, Ms. Twenge and other experts find that girls immersed in princess culture are embracing the notion of privilege that goes along with it. While parents may hope that princess-pushing will give their daughters confidence in the future, research shows that such girls later have trouble adjusting to professors, bosses and potential mates who don't automatically treat them as royalty.'

Study: Women have advantage in college sports

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Women athletes have far more opportunities than men to earn scholarships and to participate in many college sports, according to a study by an organization which advocates Title IX reform.

The College Sports Council largely limited its analysis to 19 sports in which both men and women compete, such as basketball, volleyball and tennis. The study released Wednesday determined male high-school athletes in those gender-symmetric sports face longer odds and fewer total opportunities to land college scholarships.

"We are trying to shine the light on a problem that exists where football frequently clouds the issue," CSC chairman Eric Pearson said. "We're not trying to tear down the women's numbers. We just want it to be even and fair. We support both men and women playing sports. We want more sports. We want more athletes to play, both men and women, and the NCAA's rules make that difficult."'

64 percent of men are told DV services only apply to women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police recently concluded that former Baltimore Ravens star Steve McNair was shot dead in his sleep by girlfriend Sahel Kazemi in a murder-suicide. Yet while there are more than 10,000 media entries on Google News for "Steve McNair," only a few of them mention the phrase "domestic violence."

Violence by women against their male partners is often ignored or not recognized as domestic violence. Law enforcement, the judicial system, the media and the domestic violence establishment are still stuck in the outdated "man as perpetrator/woman as victim" conception of such violence. Yet more than 200 studies have found that women initiate at least as much violence against their male partners as vice-versa. Men make up about a third of domestic violence injuries and deaths in heterosexual relationships. Research shows that women often compensate for a disadvantage in physical strength by employing weapons and the element of surprise - just as Ms. Kazemi did.
...
Third, establish services and help for male domestic violence victims. Denise Hines of Clark University found that when an abused man calls the police, the police were more likely to arrest him than to arrest his abusive female partner. This is partly the result of laws such as Maryland's primary aggressor law. Primary aggressor laws encourage police to discount who initiated and committed the violence but instead look at other factors (such as size and strength) that make them more likely to arrest men. When the men in Ms. Hines' study tried calling domestic violence hot lines, 64 percent were told that they only helped women, and more than half were referred to programs for male DV perpetrators.'

Huffington Post: 'US Congress: Keep Your Word to Abused Women'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The good news is that Congress has already made a commitment to do something about this. The bad news is that it hasn't put its money where its mouth is. While having previously recommended $175 million for emergency shelter in the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, Congress budgeted only $127.7 million for these services last year. Likewise, the much-lauded Violence Against Women Act (VAWA -- a flagship piece of legislation for Vice President Biden when he was a senator) has never been fully funded.

This could dramatically change on Friday. The House Appropriations Committee is set to decide how much money to provide for a number of critical domestic violence services, including emergency shelter. Members would do well to remember Michelle, and the millions of American women like her who are forced to flee violent relationships. They should remember the duty of protection the government owes them and the pledge of assistance it has made. And they should be aware of the repercussions if that pledge is not kept. '

Cathy Young: 'Battered women - and men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LYNN Rosenthal, a veteran of the battered women's advocacy movement, was named to the new post of White House counsel on violence against women on June 26. On the same day, a conference opened in Los Angeles disputing the basic tenets of the movement Rosenthal represents - such as the view that domestic violence is overwhelmingly a male crime against women rooted in patriarchal power. Speakers argued for new policies based on a fuller understanding of the problem. Is there a way to bridge the gaps between these competeing paradigms?

Challenges to feminist orthodoxy on domestic violence are often seen as anti-feminist backlash from angry men. But this conference, "From Ideology to Inclusion 2009: New Directions in Domestic Violence Research and Intervention" (sponsored by the California Alliance for Families and Children), could not be so easily dismissed. The speakers included scholars, social workers, and counselors; about half were women.'

Did Sotomayor Lie to Senators?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sotomayor apparently told Republican Senators in private meetings that those words were "inadvertent" and "inartful," -- implying that her statement was an accident. President Obama himself tried to explain this statement as just a one-time utterance that she would have worded differently if she had the chance to do it all over again.

But after these private meetings with Senators it was revealed that Sotomayor had used the equivalent phrases during at least seven different speeches over a period of a decade. It is one thing for Obama to explain this as an accidental, single occurrence; it is something quite different for Sotomayor, especially now that we know that she repeatedly made such statements.'

No Gender Gap for Victims of Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Published online in the Journal of Adolescent Health (subscription required), the study comes from a survey of about 2,000 students who sought treatment at health clinics at five universities in Wisconsin, Seattle and Vancouver in 2006-7. Similar rates of young men and women -- 17 percent and 16 percent, respectively -- reported experiencing violence within the previous six months. While men were more likely to report physical abuse, women reported a high rate of emotional abuse, which was defined as acts like "repeated ridicule, threatening statements, destroying belongings and unreasonable jealousy" and considered separate from physical violence.'

Court knew man jailed for a year for non-support was not child's father

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Frank Hatley has languished in a South Georgia jail for more than a year.

The reason? He failed to reimburse the state for all the public assistance his “son” received over the past two decades.

The problem? Hatley is not the biological father -- and a special assistant state attorney general and a judge knew it but jailed Hatley anyway.

“I feel bad for the man,” Cook County Sheriff Johnny Daughtrey said Tuesday. “Put yourself in that man’s shoes: If it wasn’t your child, would you want to be paying child support for him?”

Daughtrey said he hopes a hearing Wednesday will resolve the matter. Hatley has been held at the county jail in Adel since June 25, 2008, costing the county an estimated $35 to $40 a day.

Even after learning he was not the father, Hatley paid thousands of dollars the state said he owed for support. After losing his job and becoming homeless, he still made payments out of his unemployment benefits.'

Pakistan: Man must choose between selling kidney or child

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SARGODA, Pakistan (CNN) -- Mohammed Iqbal said he has been told by his landlord to pay up on debts and is left with a choice facing others in this impoverished corner of Pakistan: Sell your children or a kidney.

For the 50-year-old Iqbal, there is only one option. Despite a law passed in late 2007 banning transplants for money, he has decided to sell his kidney and has already been for pre-operation tests. The sale will net him between $1,100 and $1,600.

"What's incredible here is the law that bans the operation he's going to go through came into place in 2007," said CNN's Nic Robertson. "He's still able to go to a doctor, the doctors given him advice, that's what he has to do under law... He's going to make money out of it 100,000-150,000 rupees, and that is absolutely illegal. Yet, in just a few days, he's expecting to sell his kidney."

36-YO teacher accused of sex with teen

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Video report here. Caption:

'Prosecutors allege it was a "calculated seduction." A math teacher is accused of having sex with a teen student.'

A very nice change I am seeing here: A year ago, there would have been a lot of sympathetic pseudo-questioning of the defense position by the reporter. We didn't see that in this clip at all. In fact, he was very direct with the matter at hand and pointed out how the "She didn't know he was under 18" defense wouldn't fly if the sexes were reversed. Progress!

Chemicals and Our Health (phthalates and male sex deformities)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The problem is that phthalates suppress male hormones and sometimes mimic female hormones. As I've written before, chemicals called endocrine disruptors are believed to explain the proliferation of "intersex fish" — male fish that produce eggs — as well as sexual deformities in animals and humans. Phthalates (pronounced THAL-ates) are among the most common endocrine disruptors, and among the most difficult to avoid. They're even in tap water, and levels soar in certain plastic water bottles.

They probably are not harmful to us adults, but it is another story for children. In girls, some research suggests that phthalates may cause early onset puberty. Most vulnerable of all, it seems, are male fetuses in the first trimester of pregnancy, just as they are differentiating their sex. At that stage, scholars believe, phthalates may "feminize" these boys.

"Commonly used phthalates may undervirilize humans," concluded a study by the University of Rochester. The study, which was small, based its conclusion, in part, on measurements of "anogenital distance" — the distance between the anus and the genitals, which is typically twice as long for males as for females. Some scholars believe that shrinkage of this distance reflects "feminization" of male anatomy.'

Feminism has become just another special interest

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Woman's organizations immediately denounced this as "Macho Stimulus" and about 600 feminist economists and 1000 feminist historians managed to press the president to scrap his "sexist bailout". The anti-stimulus feminist action group called WEAVE – Women's Equality Adds Value to the Economy was a huge success. They managed to get the Obama administration to completely rewrite his stimulus along gender-correct lines with 42% of new jobs going to women. Yet since women had only held 20% of the jobs lost in recession the stimulus as it passed through Congress on February 17 skews the creation of new jobs heavily towards women. And its working: Labor Department's latest June data revealed a 2.5 percentage-point gender gab for women over men.'

Study says men better at paying bills

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters) - Men and women handle their personal finances much differently, research shows, with men more likely to keep a close eye on their spending and investments and to pay their bills on time.

The gender gap emerged in the results of financial planning questionnaires filled out by some 3,500 U.S. workers nationwide for Financial Finesse Inc., an employee benefits company.

The data showed two-thirds of men but just one-third of women said they regularly pay their credit card balances in full, said Liz Davidson, chief executive of the company based in Manhattan Beach, California.'

False rape report could mean prison

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DELTA COUNTY -- A Gladstone woman could face prison time for allegedly making a false rape and kidnapping report to police back in February of 2008.

Wednesday, 27-year-old Amanda Miller-Tryan pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted false report of a felony, which is a two year felony. Four other false report charges were dismissed with the plea agreement.

Miller-Tryan said she and her husband concocted the story about a fake sexual assault and kidnapping after they had a physical altercation, and she felt she needed hospital attention.'

Pruden: 'Wise Latina' routs gang of white men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Judged against the standard of the U.S. Senate, maybe Sonia Sotomayor has a point. "A wise Latina" certainly came across smarter than most of those white men on the Judiciary Committee.
...
This was par for the course. Patrick Leahy of the Boutique of Vermont seemed confused most of the week, garbling his questions and misquoting Mzz Sotomayor. Reprising her famous remark that "Latinas" are inherently smarter than white folks -- "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experience would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life" -- the senator told her that she had "said, quote, you 'would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experience would reach wise decisions.' " Not remotely accurate, but no one could blame the nominee if she felt no need to correct him. Several aides, always hovering over their senator to show him how to take a cell phone call, find the men's room or the way back to the office, winced.'

9-Month-Old Had Blood-Alcohol Level Four Times Legal Limit, Police Say

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Story here.

'CARROLLTON, Ga. — Carrollton police found a baby sitter accused of feeding a 9-month-old boy wine, causing his blood-alcohol level to exceed four times the legal limit for an adult.

Carrollton police Sgt. Tony Johnson says authorities have found 40-year-old Tammy Demice Truitt of Carrollton. She was being sought on charges of first-degree cruelty to children and reckless conduct.

Police say Truitt was called to watch the baby and four other children ages 3 to 9 earlier this week when their mother had to leave town to care for a sick relative who has since died.

Doctors said the baby's blood-alcohol content of .33 was considered a life-threatening condition.

Johnson said the baby was released from the hospital on Wednesday and is doing fine.'

AIDS diagnoses for boys aged 15 to 19 years has nearly doubled

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, July 16 (Reuters) - U.S. teens are getting sex education, but most are not learning about birth control from their parents, new government data showed on Thursday.

And rates of infection with sexually transmitted diseases reflect this -- the annual rate of AIDS diagnoses for boys aged 15 to 19 years has nearly doubled in the past 10 years, and rates of syphilis are also up.

The numbers show that U.S. youth need better sex education, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The new administration of President Barack Obama has been dropping some of the more controversial policies of the former Bush government, including an emphasis on abstinence-only education.'

Obama's betrayal of the working-class male

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's no secret that men have been hit hard by the recession. From November 2007 to November 2008, the U.S. economy lost over 2 million jobs – 82 percent of those losses were male jobs and only 18 percent female jobs. The reason is because men are concentrated in the sectors devastated by the downturn: manufacturing and construction.

This employment gap prompted University of Michigan economist Mark Perry to dub the downturn a "man-cession in the lipstick economy."

So in his Inaugural address, Barack Obama glowingly promised, "We will build the roads and bridges, the electric grids and digital lines that feed our commerce and bind us together."
...
As soon as Obama released his stimulus proposal, the National Organization for Women and other feminist groups swung into action. They knew the head of Obama's Council of Economic Advisers, Lawrence Summers, would be a push-over following the putsch at Harvard University.'

Commentary: 'Wise Women Unite! What Sotomayor Should Have Said'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(WOMENSENEWS)--I suppose it's a good thing Judge Sonya Sotomayor's confirmation hearings have been a little boring and uneventful. I keep waiting for the scandalous hidden love affair to emerge, but nothing. No affair, unpaid taxes or skeletons to derail her confirmation.

Hats off to the team that vetted her nomination.

What has become a sticking point, though, are Sotomayor's comments in the past when she had the nerve to refer to herself as wise.
...
How dare she? Everyone knows white men set the bar when it comes to making fair and impartial decisions. They never allow their background or experience to influence their judgment.
...
It was obvious from the majority opinion that none of them had been in the position of having their work devalued because of their gender.'

Men, Women and Ability

Matt · 18 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Camille Paglia observed: “As I drove across the Verrazano Bridge, I thought, ‘Men built this.’ As I looked towards the New York skyline, I thought, ‘Men built that.’ If women were in charge of culture, we would still be living in caves. Well-decorated caves, but caves.” That story may be apocryphal, but correct. Men continue to create civilization. All cultures, without exception, were built by Patriarchy.

But Feminist politics remain founded in indignation that women’s deserved opportunities remain suppressed. Over forty years, majority-male governments entrenched feminist jurisprudence. They decree that if women in any occupation rank below half, that is proof of misogyny, requiring a minimum 50% female quota. Women-dominated occupations are offered as proof of superior female abilities.
...
Charles Murray in “Human Accomplishment” offers Lotka Curve and other analyses, showing women comprise less than 2.2 percent of ‘Significant Figures,’ over 2750 years. Women’s achievements are mostly based in contributions to Western and Japanese literature and art.

Women rank as 4.4% (n=35) of Nobel Prize laureates, with 66% of their awards in literature and peace. Nineteen Prizes were won by organizations. The remaining 744 prizes were earned by men. All cultures and civilizations, throughout history, without exception, were fostered and advanced by Patriarchy.'

RADAR ALERT: The "Power and Control" of Domestic Violence Myths

Matt · 20 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Journalist Philip Cook observes that "there is more false, falsely framed, or disingenuously deceptive information about domestic violence than any other significant public and social issue."

RADAR's new special report, Fifty Domestic Violence Myths (.pdf file), debunks some of this misinformation, including the following myths:

- "From the very beginning, American jurisprudence has viewed wife-beating as an acceptable practice." (It's never been acceptable to beat your wife under American law.)
- "At least 40% of law enforcement families experience domestic violence." (Only if you define "domestic violence" to include any form of family conflict.)
- "Men and women engage in domestic violence for fundamentally different reasons." (A study showed 12 of 14 reasons for DV apply to both genders.)
- "False allegations of domestic violence are almost non-existent." (They're actually quite common.)
- "False allegations are no more common in divorce or custody disputes than at any other time." (They're actually far more common.)
- "The expression 'rule of thumb' refers to the diameter of a stick or rod for which wife-beating was considered legal." (Such a law has never existed.)

The problem with the myths identified in the report is not simply the number of them, but that "the widespread existence of such myths has come to overshadow the truth of domestic violence" and that their "cumulative effect has been to hamper the overall effectiveness of abuse reduction programs." (They also seem impossible to kill, as Christina Hoff Sommers noted in a recent article in The Chronicle Review, Persistent Myths in Feminist Scholarship.)

Please read the new RADAR report and forward it to anyone who might benefit from reading it.

Thanks for your help getting our message out.

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Australia: Dads not the Demons

Matt · 20 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recent data from the Department of Child Protection in Western Australia (WA) has debunked a common misconception about fathers and violence. The data shows that natural mothers are far more likely to abuse children than their natural fathers, other than in sexual abuse, where mothers were responsible for only 13% of cases.

The past practice of lumping together de factos, live-in boyfriends and overnight male guests together with fathers as "male carers" has led to skewed beliefs about who abuses children. In releasing these recent figures that identify natural fathers separately, the DCP has provided a clearer picture of who is likely to abuse children.

The figures - obtained under Freedom of Information provisions - provide a clearer picture of who is likely to abuse children in families. The data show that there were 1505 substantiations of child abuse in WA during 2007-8.'

Dads reveal struggle to balance work, family

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA, Georgia (CNN) -- The recession has radically changed the amount of time many dads spend with their children because fathers are either home much less or a lot more.

It's a two-sided coin: Many American fathers are working harder than ever as their managers try to take care of business with fewer workers. On the flip side, many dads who've lost their jobs are finding that they're becoming the new Mr. Moms.

According to a recent survey from CareerBuilder.com, modern times are prompting dads to search for a new balance.'

Police target women with 'Ladies Only' CCW class

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HAMILTON — As one of the few police departments in the area that offers training for carry-conceal weapons permits, it's no surprise that Hamilton city police have hit another milestone.

In June, it held its first women-only CCW class, which is proving popular based on the number of enrollees.

"Some ladies called us and said they were interested. We've had quite a response," said Hamilton police Detective Daniel Stevenson.

The current class has around 30 women, up from the typical five to 10 in a co-educational class.

"The ladies told us they felt a little more comfortable in an all-ladies setting. We were just trying to take care of these ladies."'

South Korea: 'Picking Only Women at Ewha Law School Unconstitutional'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Male students preparing to enter law school will file a petition with the Constitutional Court against Ewha Womans University Law School, claiming that the admittance of only female students is a violation of their constitutional rights.

Three men said Sunday that Ewha Law School accepts only women for its allotted entrance quota of 100. They said that because the nation's total law school capacity was 2,000, as licensed by the Ministry of Education and Science Technology, the school effectively eliminated 100 slots for men by excluding them from its entrance exam, leaving only 1,900 total slots, they claimed.

``Ewha Law School should alter its prospectus to receive only females, or cancel the license of the law school itself, so men and women can have an equal opportunity,'' he said.

The claimants, who had been preparing to enter law school at the beginning of this year, argued that the school has set ``irrational'' entrance standards. They have been arranging the constitutional appeal since March and plan to file it in early August after legal consultation.'

'When will we have hated men enough?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While a nominee for the Supreme Court gets away with expressing an obvious bigotry against white males, in San Diego County efforts are being made to correct the damage done to its citizens by that same kind of bigotry.

In the comments section here, I've seen readers (both male and female) express a surprising degree of hatred against men I haven't personally witnessed in years. One man even expressed a notion I'd thought had long ago been debunked – that anyone showing any sympathy for male victims of DV must secretly be supporting the patriarchy in their efforts to systematically beat women down. Talk about old-hat conspiracy theories! I figure the guy has an org to support and needs the attention.

Another commenter (a girl this time) suggested I only need to read some feminist blog to see the evidence of the evil men do. Sorry, dear, but 57 years of living with and around actual men, (three of those years spent around Marines) tells a quite different story. Many different stories, in fact; when the feminist blog has only one, repeated time after time, often with facts altered to suit the running narrative.'

Firefighters whose wives call them to help, receive burns themselves

jayhammers · 20 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Mother falls asleep at the wheel, wives of off-duty firefighters pass by and call their husbands who save the 4-year old, both the child and firefighters sustaining burns. Who needs men, right? Excerpt:

'Firefighting brothers John and Joel Rechlitz are somewhat the worse for wear after their amazing rescue of a Tennessee boy trapped in a hell on earth — but they are happy and modest to bear the bandaged wounds of heroes.

The off-duty Milwaukee firemen were preparing for a family birthday Sunday when John's wife Joy called him in a frantic state — just four blocks away, an SUV had flipped over and burst into flames, trapping a mother and her two young children inside.

The Rechlitz brothers arrived on the scene within moments to find a group of good Samaritans already at work, struggling to free the family from the blazing vehicle — but it took guts and a combined 29 years of firefighting experience to save the life of the 4-year-old boy trapped inside by his car seat.'

Highly-skilled airline workers live in airport shanty-town-- all to 'provide for family'

Matt · 21 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'For about 15 days a month, Alaska Airlines pilot Jim Lancaster lives in a motor home in Parking Lot B near the southernmost runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

Every four minutes, a jetliner or turboprop roars in -- 500 feet above his front door -- for a landing. The noise is so loud it forces Lancaster to pause during conversations. But he doesn't mind. Lancaster puts up with the smell of jet fuel and screaming engines to save time and money.
...
"This is the cost of being a pilot today," said Todd Swenson, 40, a first officer with Alaska Airlines. His wife, Amanda, and 2-year-old son, Noah, live in Fresno, a six-hour commute by car. "I've wanted to be a pilot all my life. It can be awful here. But I have to provide for my family, and I love flying airplanes."
...
Today, the colony has more than 100 residents -- mostly men -- from around the country, including captains, first officers, mechanics, flight attendants, support staff and employees of air cargo companies. There are at least two married couples, who work as flight attendants. About 10 people are on a waiting list.'

They've been there at least since 2005. I wonder if most of these people were women if they would be living on the tarmac like this for very long? I rather imagine the airline "wouldn't hear of it," and probably put them up someplace "more comfortable". Meanwhile, wives and children sleep tight at home - minus the old man, since he's making these sacrifices for them.

Feminist NY Rep. Carolyn Maloney apologizes over use of N-word

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Carolyn Maloney's [link added] planned Senate bid isn't even officially off the ground and already she's scrambling to say sorry for using the N-word in an interview.

"I apologize for having repeated a word I find disgusting," Maloney said in a statement Monday.

Maloney used the racial slur while relaying a story she'd heard.

The potentially damaging gaffe comes a week before Maloney's scheduled launch of her Democratic challenge to Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand at the polls next fall.

Baruch College's political pro Doug Muzzio said Maloney's use of the N-word is, to be blunt, "stupid."'

'Naughty Neighbors' chronicles female sexual predators' histories

Matt · 21 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Blog here. Latest entry reads:

'Deadra Williams, a 41-year-old West Virginia has been arrested on allegations she sexually assaulted a two-year-old boy. Williams was picked up by police for an incident with a family member that allegedly occurred mid May.

Williams now faces first degree sexual assault charges and remains in the Southern Regional Jail in lieu of a $50,000 bond.

The victim reported the incident to another family member who immediately reported in to police.

Williams was charged with sexual assault back in 2001, but those charges were dismissed pending future investigation.'

The site is indexed by name and as each new incident occurs, they get an additional entry. I don't know who is maintaining this blog, but I say "Keep up the good work!"

Psychiatrist testifies that 'depressed mother' could not stop herself from killing her 3-YO

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Story here.

'CENTREVILLE, Md. — A psychiatrist testified that a mother accused of the death of her 3-year-old daughter was so depressed she couldn't stop herself.

Defense witness Dr. David Williamson was one of three psychiatrists who testified Monday. Two others testified for the prosecution in Queen Anne's County Circuit Court in Centreville, saying Victoria Sparrow planned the killing weeks in advance.

The three testified at a hearing to determine if Sparrow was legally insane when she poisoned her daughter. Police say Sparrow killed her daughter, Laci, in December and then tried to kill herself with pills.

Sparrow has pleaded not criminally responsible by reason of insanity. Circuit Judge Thomas G. Ross will decide whether she was insane.'

'Boys In Crisis' Seminar - July 22, 2009, in Tyler, TX

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Announcement here.

'Parents and community members are invited to attend the "Boys in Crisis: Hear Our Cry" seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Caldwell Auditorium. [link added]

The event, presented by Tyler ISD, will feature Dr. Paul Slocumb, an author and educator.

"He is coming to share research about the ways that boys learn and the best ways of making connections, building relationships and supporting them in their academic pursuits," said Kim Tunnell, director of curriculum and instruction at TISD.

"As we look at our data and trends within Tyler [link added], across the state and across the whole United States with dropout rates, we're missing the mark with addressing the needs of our boys. It's not that they're not capable. It's that we need to do a better job at meeting the needs of our boys."'

Rising suicide numbers point to 'boys crisis'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The suicide rate among college-age men is increasing at an alarming rate, officials say, but even as schools work to head off the problem, counselors are baffled as to the cause.

"We don't know for certain," said Kristi Casey-Hart, a counselor at Dalton State College in Dalton, Ga. "I think that we put a lot of pressure on men."

While men overall commit suicide more often than women, the gender gap for suicide among young adults is staggering, according to a recent report published by the Boys Project out of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Among 20- to 24-year-olds, 20.7 suicides per 100,000 occur among males, compared with 3.5 per 100,000 among females, said Judith Kleinfeld, director of the Boys Project.

The ratio of suicide among male and females between the ages of 15 and 24 was 5 to 1, she said, and the male and female ratio for that same age range in 1933 was 1.56 to 1.'

Taiwan: More women-only gyms

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Story here. Excerpt:

"MOVE over, guys, women-only gyms are getting bigger and better. Amore Fitness, which has 16 outlets islandwide, is planning to open a new 1,393 sq m fitness centre at City Square Mall at the end of the year.

Amore's founder and chief executive, Ms Jasmine Teo, says its gyms have 50,000 active members to date, with numbers 'constantly growing'.

Gyms like Amore not only have fitness regimes and classes tailored for a woman's physique, but also have less bulky fitness equipment and luxurious vanity areas where members can primp and preen after their workouts.
...
Ms Cordelia Fernandez, a junior-college teacher in her 30s, dropped 9kg in eight months after she joined womenonly gym Slender Shapes in 2002.

'The main advantage of women- only gyms is that there are no distractions,' she said. 'You can concentrate on working out without worrying about how your hair looks or if you have a visible panty line.'"

American Thinker: Are Men Obsolete?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Being a lifelong liberal, I'd never heard anybody like Savage in my life. He yelled; he called people "vermin." He was unbridled masculinity, not the touchy feeling kind I was used to. And he totally accepted himself: his moods, passion, temper.

But what shocked me the most was his saying that men have become "feminized." I'd never been so offended. "Well, what's wrong with men being more feminine?" I shouted back at my radio. "Is there something wrong with femininity?" Men being way more in touch with their yin and less with their yang sounded good to me.
...
What a difference a year makes. Now I see Savage as a seer warning us of the dangers we were in for if men went the way of the dinosaur. I had thought taming men's animal nature was a win-win for everybody. Now I realize it was tampering with Mother Nature.

And I have to wonder whether the feminization of men has been an unforeseen result of liberalism or some twisted scheme hatched by the left. In some ways, it feels paranoid to even go there, like I've watched too many sci fi flicks. But at the same time if Professor Bill Ayers and his ilk could plot infiltrating the schools with all things Marxist, why stop there? Why not engineer a designer man who would go along with the liberal flow?'

For Women, Circumcised Partner May Be Better Lover

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Having a male sex partner who has been circumcised doesn't hurt a woman's sexual satisfaction -- and may improve it, according to a landmark study in Uganda.

Almost 40 percent of women in the study said that their sexual satisfaction improved when their male partner had been circumcised. Only a handful of women reported less satisfaction, while the rest reported no change, according to Dr. Godfrey Kigozi, of the Rakai Health Sciences Program.

Kigozi reported the findings at the fifth annual International AIDS Society conference on pathogenesis, treatment, and prevention of HIV.'

UK: False rape claim woman is jailed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A MUM who lied about being raped has been jailed for two years.

On Tuesday Jennifer Day, 34, was led sobbing from the dock after she was sentenced for perverting the course of justice at Basildon Crown Court.

Day, of Williamson Way, Corringham, made a tearful 999 call on January 8, 2008, claiming she had been raped at home by an ex-boyfriend.

The boyfriend, Andrew Saxby, was arrested at work and held in custody for around ten hours before police became suspicious about inconsistencies in Day's story.

They confronted Day, who had met Mr Saxby on a dating website, and admitted she had made up the claim.'

S. Africa: Woman sentenced to 3 years incarceration after false rape cry

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Atteridgeville woman was sentenced to three years' imprisonment after she falsely accused a man of rape, police said on Monday.

Police spokesman Inspector Daniel Mavimbela said the accused man had already spent eight months in custody after bail was denied.

The 25-year-old woman had falsely accused a 42-year-old man of rape after her uncle found she had had sex with the man.

During sentencing, Magistrate Pierre Laurens told the woman she had put the man through shame through her false accusation.

"You must be ashamed of yourself, the only sentence I can think for you is a prison sentence, you are sentenced to three years," said Laurens.'

Forbes: "Ga. men, white workers hit hard by job loss"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA -- Men, especially white ones, are bearing the brunt of job losses in Georgia, according to a state Department of Labor paper released Tuesday.

The paper dubbed the trend a "he-cession" and advocated efforts to channel men into female-dominated career fields like teaching.

The study examined the demographics of Georgians receiving unemployment insurance benefits between December 2007 and May 2009.

Officials found the number of men receiving benefits increased 160 percent during that period. White men saw a 211 percent increase during that time, the largest percentage increase among all ethnic groups, and one that put them ahead of black women on the list of claimants for the first time since the recession began, according to labor officials.'

Family court injustices to men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Did you know that a family court can order a man to reimburse the government for the welfare money, falsely labeled "child support," that was paid to the mother of a child to whom he is not related? Did you know that, if he doesn't pay, a judge can sentence him to debtor's prison without ever letting him have a jury trial?

Did you know that debtor's prisons (putting men in prison because they can't pay a debt) were abolished in the United States before we abolished slavery, but that they exist today to punish men who are too poor to pay what is falsely called "child support"?
...
This system is morally and constitutionally wrong, yet all the authorities say the court orders were lawful.

Another type of feminist indignity is the use in divorce cases of false allegations of child sexual abuse in order to gain child custody and the financial windfall that goes with it. Former Vancouver, Wash., police officer Ray Spencer has spent nearly 20 years in prison after being convicted of molesting his two children who are now adults and say it never happened.'

Implicit criminal profiling

jayhammers · 22 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Social psychologists have shown that 'implicit' or 'unconscious' bias can effect what people perceive and do, even in people who consciously hold non-prejudiced attitudes. These associations or mental shortcuts include automatic or implicit associations between minorities, particularly African Americans, and crime.

Implicit bias might lead the officer to automatically perceive crime in the making when she observes two young Hispanic males driving in an all-white neighborhood or lead an officer to be “under-vigilant” with a female subject because he associates crime and violence with males."

Glenn Sacks and Ned Holstein on NPR re male DV victims

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Segment title: "The Violence We Ignore". The segment page is here and the archived show's .mp3 file can be downloaded with this link. Segment blurb:

"Talk of the Nation, July 20, 2009 · Earlier this month, football star Steve McNair was shot dead by his girlfriend in an apparent murder-suicide. In a recent article for The Baltimore Sun, co-author Ned Holstein points out that many news sources failed to mention that this was a tragic case of domestic violence, in which the male was the victim. Holstein talks about his article, "The Violence We Ignore," and why cases of men victimized by their wives and girlfriends are often overlooked."

Ben Roethlisberger: Rape allegations are 'reckless and false'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger rejected the rape allegations levied against him by Andrea McNulty in a brief statement on Thursday.

"The allegations against me are reckless and false," Roethlisberger said at the Steelers' facility in Pittsburgh. He did not take any questions.

"I would never, ever force myself on a woman," Roethlisberger said.

McNulty filed a civil lawsuit against Roethlisberger in Nevada alleging the quarterback raped her at a casino following a golf tournament last year. She has not filed a criminal complaint, and Nevada police have not investigated the claims as a result.'

Australia: Girl event ‘can refuse men’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A girls night in Victoria will be legally able to refuse biological men from the event following a decision in that state this morning.

Pinkalicious organisers were this morning successful in their application for a women’s only event with the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal (VACT).

Promoters applied to VCAT in May for an exemption from state equal opportunity laws to allow them to turn biological men away from the event.

Pinkalicious promoter Julie Mackenzie said it was a “historic”day for Melbourne’s lesbian community as the first enforced female-only event.'

Boys to Men Raises $125,000

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Article here. Excerpt:

'San Diego, CA (PRWEB) July 22, 2009 -- As many as 60 patrons of the Boys To Men Mentoring Network recently gathered in the La Jolla home of Nancy and Michael Kaehr to support the noble work being done around the world by the mentoring program known as Boys to Men. The evening was a huge success raising over $125,000.00 -- almost 33% of their annual budget.

Most Successful Fundraiser Ever

"After months of planning and the hard work of ten committed volunteers lead by committee chair Teresa Bertino, Boys To Men of San Diego pulled off its most successful fundraiser ever," said Joe Sigurdson, a Boys to Men founder. The dedicated team hosted five separate house parties, each designed to inform guests about the program. Attendees were approached by committee members to answer any questions about the program and to gauge their interest and level of commitment. Those who showed an interest in helping Boys to Men were invited to a formal party for a night of pampering and inspiration.'

Deirdre Reilly: Parenting has changed, but little boys haven't

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Little boys haven't changed, even if the way we parent has. They still love bugs and dirt and a glorious ride down a steep hill alone, full-speed, on a wicked three-speed bike. They still have a wildness that is beautiful to watch; when they shoot an arrow straight or skip a stone with all their might at the ocean and then wonder where it went, or play an air guitar with abandon with a best friend. And they need to be left alone once in awhile to be just … free.

One of my favorite memories with my first two sons was a time when we all three ran up and down our street during a pelting rain. The boys, ages 3 and 6, screamed and danced delightedly as their hair and clothes became soaked, and their mother's did, too. Then we jumped into puddles as hard as we could and came in muddy, soaked and with a happiness that comes from taking everything away except for the moment you're in.
...
Boys haven't changed – only the parenting styles have. And for a few minutes, I had connected all three sons in celebrating the wildness and freedom that lives in all kids. We just have to remember to make time to do nothing but live the exact – and amazing - moment we're in.'

Lee Nessel: Is it time to revise Title IX?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ah, equity. You can write a law and force it, but there still will be someone who feels they are on the short end, someone who will say, "This equity is not fair to me."

Is it time to revisit and revise Title IX?
...
I have met and known men who lost their life's dream when teams were cut and opportunities shrank for them to participate in sports. To them, Title IX is unfair. I couldn't agree more.
...
But the question remains, without Title IX, can the power structure in high school and intercollegiate athletics be trusted to ensure women continue to get a fair shake? If so, do away with it. If not, consider amending it. Or else we live with it, as unfair as it appears to some.

But since none of us can see into the future, it appears Title IX is here to stay.'

College wrestling's predicaments: One possible way out

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this week, we explored some of the predicaments that college wrestling is dealing with right now -- programs being cut because of the recession, and/or as a way colleges attempt to comply with Title IX, the 1972 federal legislation that ensures equal opportunities for men and women in educational institutions receiving government aid.

It's all too easy for many in the college wrestling community to look at these challenges and respond with a "There's nothin' I can do about it" hopelessness or a "As long as my program's still in business, I really don't care" arrogance.

"The wrestling world spends so much time fighting the elimination of college programs that we think very little about adding teams – and yet every year new squads enter intercollegiate wrestling. There are many roadblocks to starting a new program – finances in these economic times, lack of alumni recognition, Title IX, etc. Let’s use the lessons taught us by NASA and Dan Gable. Let’s join together and fight back."'

Govt Help Needed Figuring Out Masculinity, Femininity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The new Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee's legislation is intended to add to society's confusion about men and women and proper sexual behavior.

According to CNS News, it requires the Department of Health to develop "standards of measuring gender"…apparently because a quick look between a person's legs is too difficult.

"HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius is required by the proposed law — The Affordable Health Choices Act,which was voted out of committee on July 15 — to create a database within one year of the law's enactment that will include detailed information about those who sign up for government-run or supported health care programs, including their race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, language and disabilities.

The proposed law states that the database can use the Office of Management and Budget "standards for race and ethnicity measures."

But for the collection of "gender" data, instead of using the categories "male" and "female," the legislation calls for "developing standards for the measurement of gender.""'

Monster.com creates "Just For Men" portal

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New portal site is here. Not surprisingly, it has a corporate sponsor with the same name.

This is a good thing to see, but also bad. It's good in that if there will be women-only job-oriented web sites and recruitment events, of which there are a lot, then why shouldn't there be men-only ones? At the same time, I don't like sex-segregation in general because it sets bad precedents. Once you accept that otherwise open-to-the-public services (whether rendered by government or private efforts) can be sex-segregated, then it's just a question of what and why. Today, if we accept sex-segregation for otherwise public events like theme nights at clubs, pay-for-entrance parties, health clubs, banks, rail cars, etc., then eventually when the political or social tide turns, sex-segregation will be possible for things that people didn't think they would see it applied to, such as restaurants, hospitals, etc. And of course, if indelible characteristics can be used as a basis for legal segregation, well, we know where that leads us (back) to, don't we? It's the "slippery slope" that people are rightly concerned with in action.

"Dads On the Air" site re-launch announcement

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The Dads On the Air Program is going from strength to strength- and this week the website has relaunched with a new updated design and new features.

Come and check us out. The design is now much cleaner and less cluttered and the site itself much more pleasant to use.

The more modern design makes it easier to read and navigate around. The pages have a friendlier URL structure, for example the backgrounder is at http://www.dadsontheair.net/background/ and the bookstore is at http://dadsontheair.net/bookstore/.

As well, the full weekly show flyers are now available for all shows new and old, not just a summary of each week's guests. Just click the show title on the Home page or the "Click to read more..." link on the Archives page.

You can now search old shows by topic from the Archives page. For example, if you're just looking for shows about Men's Health, just click the Men's Health link in the right column. You can now easily email shows to friends by clicking the Email Article link at the bottom of the show page

You can also now share shows using all the modern social networking tools such as Facebook and Twitter by clicking the Share Article link at the bottom of the show page.

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our researcher Greg Andresen for the wonderful work he has done redesigning the website. He has done an absolutely marvelous job and we at Dads On The Air owe him a profound debt of gratitude.

http://www.dadsontheair.net/

"Are more women OK with watching porn?"

Matt · 24 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Next time a woman tells you or implies that adult movies are viewed only by men, or almost only by men, send her this. (Among other things, the author, Violet Blue, is a respected sex-advice columnist with the San Francisco Chronicle.) Excerpt:

'In the first three months of 2007, according to Nielsen/NetRatings, approximately one in three visitors to adult entertainment Web sites was female; during the same period, nearly 13 million American women were checking out porn online at least once each month.

Theresa Flynt, vice president of marketing for Hustler video, says that women account for 56 percent of business at her company's video stores. "And the female audience is increasing," she adds. "Women are buying more porn." (They're creating more of it, too: Female director Candida Royalle's hard-core erotic videos, made expressly for women viewers, sell at the rate of approximately 10,000 copies a month.)
...
I've also heard, plenty of times, that porn degrades women. That argument always makes me wonder about gay male porn, which lots of women appreciate for all its hunky hotties in flagrante. If heterosexual porn degrades women, does gay porn degrade men? What about porn made by women -- is that degrading, too?'

Male US Navy officer files sexual harassment complaint against female reporter

Matt · 24 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'FishbowlDC Exclusive: US Navy Commander Jeffrey D. Gordon has filed a sexual harassment complaint against the Miami Herald's Carol Rosenberg.

FishbowlDC obtained a copy of the July 22, 2009 letter addressed to Miami Herald Senior VP and Executive Editor Anders Gyllenhaal. In the complaint, Gordon calls for a "thorough investigation" to put an end to Rosenberg's "appalling behavior" that includes comments about the Commander's sexual orientation.

The complaint outlines examples of Rosenberg's alleged "abusive and degrading, comments of an explicitly sexual nature."
...
Gordon, who also serves as the Pentagon Spokesman for Western Hemisphere and Guantanamo issues also accuses Rosenberg of "bullying" reporters from various outlets including New York Times, Washington Post, CNN, Fox News, CBC, Der Siegel and Al Jazeera. He claims that over the years, Rosenberg has labeled her peers in the press and Gordon's colleagues "bitches," "stupid," "lazy," "incompetent," "Nazis," and "Saddam Hussein-like."'

Low birthrate: It's men's fault

badgerb · 25 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Read this debasing and misandrist article here. Excerpt:

'If we want to get a handle on why young people in western countries aren't reproducing, we should look at the men. When we do, the picture is not flattering.'

The article of course says nothing about the behavior of women. They are never culpable just the victim.

Please email the writer (stern-at-thecitizen.canwest.com) as I have done and in a respectful manner explain to him about divorce rates, gender pandering judiciary, domestic violence stats as it relates to the culpability of women.

Chivalrous males such as this and the women who feel that it their right to have it all need a wake up call.

When are we going to realize as a society that it takes two to tango and their is equal blame on both sides? I believe if that happens we will be on the way to a more equitable society. Just my opinion. Articles like this make my blood boil.

Young "feminist" has problem dating feminist man

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I just laughed when I saw this. Excerpt:

'I am a feminist. And yet, like many third-wavers, I cherry-pick my battles — no to Howard Stern and the C word, yes to depilation and miniskirts. But since I started dating a guy who could decry the patriarchal paradigm as fluently as I could, I was forced to admit that I hadn't exactly been walking the feminist walk in my kitten heels, especially where romance was concerned. Probably because I, like most girls — er, women — have always wanted to be treated "like a lady" — given gifts and compliments, whisked away for romantic weekends.
...
Still, while he'll never be the guy who "takes" me out to dinner, he gets it: He noticed the sexist treatment Hillary Clinton received during the '08 campaign before I did; I never have to explain to him why a cleavage-laden ad for, say, toothpaste is annoying; he asks for my opinion and takes it into account; and he supports me in my choices. He's still a guy — playing handyman with door latches and fixing my temperamental PC. And once we're in the bedroom, all politics go out the window.'

And she says she's a "feminist". LMAO!

Family Rights 101: Why is there a fathers rights movement?

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'Fathers around the world are uniting for their human and civil right to parent their children, in what is sometimes called the fathers rights movement.

Equal parenting advocates like John Murtari of akidsright.org and Bev Morris, founder of the National Association of Noncustodial Moms (nancm.com) are quick to point out that mothers are also victim to bad government policy, just in smaller numbers.

Statistics show that approximately 85% of children nationwide who are not living with both of their parents are in the sole custody of their mothers. Bill Sharp, an Illinois father who lost equal custody when the mother of his children refused to cooperate with court orders, overheard his family court judge saying, "The father should not be upset because this is how it ends up in 90 per cent of the cases."

Australia: Divorced dads fear rollback of parent laws

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'THE shared parenting laws that have given divorced fathers more time with their children will be rolled back because of the power of left-wing feminist women in Kevin Rudd's cabinet.

That is the view of men's groups that lobbied for the laws when the Howard government was in power, and who now fear "that 15 years of progress in getting fathers and children to spend time together is about to be undone".

"I met with (Attorney-General) Robert McClelland a few weeks ago, and it was clear to me that these laws are being rolled back," said Sue Price, of the Men's Rights Agency.

"They (the Rudd government) say they are reviewing the law, but basically the law will change because in the Labor government there are a number of women who are well and truly indoctrinated in a 1970s feminist movement background, and they do not value the role of men in society.

"(Tanya) Plibersek pushes domestic violence based on incorrect data. (Nicola) Roxon dances a merry dance around men. The fact is that children are at far greater risk from their mothers. Mothers kill more children than fathers, and that's a fact." '

Childless Men Jailed for Non-Payment of Child Support

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'CHICAGO, July 25 /PRNewswire/ -- Frank Hatley spent the past year in Cook County jail in South Georgia for falling behind in child support payments. However, as the court was aware, he had no children according to court documents. A DNA test even confirmed that there was no chance he was the father.

Walter Sharpe, from Philadelphia, was forced to pay more than $12,000 in child support for another man's daughter. He spent two years in jail for falling behind in child support payments. Sharpe's Petitions filed for DNA testing were denied by the judge. However, the paternity order against him was finally overturned after the girl's mother failed to show up to a court hearing.

"Paternity Fraud victims need justice and our system is broken," comments Fathers' Rights Attorney Jeffery M. Leving, publisher of LevingsDivorceMagazine.com.'

Missouri: New Legislation Is Giving Fathers More Rights In Child Support Cases

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'[Missouri State] Senator Jeff Smith [link added] along with members of the Fathers Support Center [link added] announced the changes in front of the Civil Courts Building. The changes include letting judges dealing with child support cases assign non violent fathers to educational, vocational , or job training instead of giving them a felony and sending them to jail.

The law also gives dads more rights in DNA testing.

"If a DNA test precludes the possibility that a man could be the father of a child he are she will be removed from future obligation and the birth certificate of a child will be modified until this law many men who they could show through DNA testing were not the father of the were ordered to continue paying hild support because there was no one else to pay and that's just not right. Sen. Jeff Smith (D) St. Louis

The law also provides better notification to fathers of paternity test results.'

The Abortion Debate: What's the Role of Men?

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'I support a woman's right to make that choice, but it still really hurt that she never consulted me beforehand. There were cruelties: around this time she took up with a "friend" of mine, and they were never honest with me about it or the chronology. They eventually married and had one child of which I know. I wish I could say I wish them well, but I am still bitter. Rationally, I know I am better off that I didn't marry such a cruel, selfish, and inconsiderate person. But it still hurts, even 16 years later.

The abortion is just one element in my sad little tale, but I did and do think it was wrong of her to tell me after the fact. At the time, it just made me even more miserable. I'm not saying I had a right to input on the decision, but I think I was due a little consideration.
...
It's unfair, but heterosexual relations are unfair, and a man's responsibility should always be up front: "If you ever get pregnant, I will stand up and meet my responsibilities, period." A woman has to know that, because otherwise she will be hesitant to go through with it. But even though a man has to be willing to follow through just as described, if the woman does want to abort, he has to let her do that, too. Like I said, unfair. Of course, straight couples where the woman goes ahead and has an abortion frequently break up, but, that's another issue.'

Teachers fine-tune approach to boys when teaching basic skills

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'First-grader Cyrus Mends parks himself on an exercise ball and tackles a Sudoku puzzle to help hone his math skills. He calls his teacher "Mr. Mealey" and his classmates by Mr., too. And he's a proud member of "Mealey's Men," made up of three teams that compete to demonstrate the best behavior and the best academic performance.

Tom Mealey's classroom at Carver Elementary School in Maplewood is a bit different from other elementary classrooms. The most obvious distinction? There are no girls.

Mealey is one of many educators tackling what some call a silent epidemic. By almost every achievement measure, boys in Minnesota and across the nation are falling behind their female peers.

Boys' reading and writing test scores continue to lag behind girls', while girls have caught up to boys in math. Check out the names of the top graduates at your local high school — chances are an overwhelming majority are girls. Girls are more likely than boys to get a high school diploma in four years, and they outnumber guys 3 to 2 on Minnesota's college campuses.

"There's something going on with boys," Mealey said. "And we need to deal with this in an aggressive manner."'

'Why is educating boys so hellishly hard?'

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'However, not only is there a large gap in favor of women's college attendance, but women go through college faster, with higher grades, more honors and fewer disciplinary setbacks. Currently, they are being admitted to elite graduate business and medical schools in greater numbers. The situation has become so critical that in order to have a reasonably balanced entering class, many schools have a sub rosa affirmative action program for boys. Oh, how the mighty have fallen!

...

Why have boys lost their academic and employment leads? Men have always been more trouble, starting wars and going over the edge, but they have usually been the ones to do the "big deeds," from inventing vaccines to building great businesses. They have been looked to by their womenfolk for leadership and security. Now more and more women are saying, "Why bother!" When young Elvis was asked why he hadn't married, he famously responded, "Why pay a cow when you can get milk free through a picket fence?" Ladies now are answering that same question with, "Why buy a stubborn, lazy mule when I can drive to town in my own car!"'

B.C. teacher may be jailed for sex with student

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'The Crown recommended eight to nine months in prison Monday for a 30-year-old female high school teacher from Burnaby, B.C., who admitted to having sex with a 17-year-old male student.

The relationship began with flirtatious emails and text messages and developed into highly sexualized phone calls from the teacher and, eventually, sex in her classroom after school one Friday. It was the student's first time having sex.

The student's face turned red in B.C. provincial court in Vancouver on Monday as the act was described and the Crown revealed it was the teacher herself who told other male students they "did it" and called his performance disappointing. It was the other male students who told authorities.'

The female discount for sexual predators

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'Reported sex offenses by women increased tenfold from the '80s to the '90s, yet their prison time remains but a fraction of what men receive. A Kansas State professor found that, on average, male teachers faced up to 20 years in prison for sex abuse, while female teachers were handed probation, house arrest or a maximum of three years of jail time.

That's because the public—and judges—still can't imagine women as sexually aggressive.

"The speculation is that people are less likely to see the woman as a predator," says Vanderbilt law and psychology professor Chris Slobogin. "Also, there is perhaps the sexist assumption that boys who tend to be the victims of women aren't really victims, but in fact consented to the act and enjoyed it."'

Woman gets 4 years for conspiracy to kill husband

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'BROOKSVILLE - Fenol Francois has mixed feelings about the woman who tried to have him killed.

In court on Thursday, he pledged his love for his wife, then placed her on the same level as Osama Bin Laden.

He pleaded with Circuit Judge Jack Springstead to give Jacqucia Francois a hefty prison sentence.

"If you only give her four years, she will come after me again," Fenol Francois said in the thick Caribbean accent of his native Haiti.

At the prompting of Assistant State Attorney Rob Lewis, Fenol Francois described life after his wife was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder.'

Despite three witnesses and several changes to her story, woman acquitted of murder

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'Ebony S. Mack was found not guilty Friday of killing a mother of four in a street-corner slaying that helped launch Rochester's Zero Tolerance anti-crime initiative.

Monroe County Court jurors acquitted Mack of second-degree murder, first-degree manslaughter, first-degree gang assault and second-degree gang assault in the death of Latasha Shaw, who was beaten and stabbed by a mob at Dewey and Driving Park avenues on Sept. 29, 2007.

...

A mob of 10 to 20 people stormed from the porch of a home occupied by Mack's mother and engulfed Shaw. As two of her daughters and her sister watched, Shaw was pummeled with sticks and bats, stabbed with a kitchen knife and left dying face-down in a puddle of blood.

...

Three witnesses, including Shaw's 12-year-old daughter, who was 10 when her mother was slain, identified Mack as the woman they saw plunge a knife into Shaw's chest. But the defense questioned the credibility of the witnesses, two of whom got breaks from the prosecution on criminal charges because of their testimony against Mack.

...

During an eight-hour-long interrogation by homicide investigators, Mack changed her story several times. At first insisting she was at work when the slaying occurred, she later admitted participating in the earlier fight involving Shaw's daughter and said she saw the mob engulf Shaw during the fatal fight.'

Guy friends rule

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Very nice to see this. Article here. Excerpt:

'Ours is a world where female friendships are celebrated by Oprah and the Traveling Pants and bestsellers like "The Girls From Ames." ... But friendships between straight men and women wind up mangled by clichéd claptrap like "The Ugly Truth." Men are only interested in spreading their seed! Women are uptight prisses! And the only thing to do, of course, is to fall hopelessly in love.

Frankly, I'm a little fed up with it. Some of the deepest, sweetest, most enduring friendships of my life have been with males. Men I went to college with, men I've toiled in crappy jobs with, men who stuck around long after I lost touch with the ex-girlfriends who introduced us. ...Why do straight men so rarely get props for being good buddies? ...
A few months ago, when I was going through a simultaneous health, personal and career crisis, my girlfriends offered comfort and support. My guys, on the other hand, offered welcome respite from the comfort and support. They didn't ask questions. They didn't pity me. They took me out for BLTs and horror movies and burned me Lil Wayne mixes. They pried me for the details of my business negotiations and insisted I demand more. They emboldened me in a way that was very different from the care I got from women. They were as generous and loving as my girlfriends, in their uniquely, endearingly male ways.'

Mom Claims Devil Made Her Decapitate and Mutilate Son

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'In what police describe as one of the most gruesome crimes against a child in recent memory, an infant boy was stabbed, decapitated and mutilated early Sunday.

His 33-year-old mother claimed responsibility, police said.

Otty Sanchez told police that she was “hearing voices” and that the devil made her kill Scott Wesley Buchholtz Sanchez, to whom she gave birth on June 30, San Antonio police spokesman Joe Rios said.

Sanchez used a steak knife to repeatedly stab the nearly 4-week-old baby, then decapitate and mutilate him, Rios said. A police source said the baby was skinned and gutted.

Sanchez then used the knife to stab herself in the chest and abdomen, police said.

Sanchez was detained and taken to University Hospital, where she remained in stable condition Sunday night. She was charged by proxy late Sunday with capital murder, which is punishable by the death penalty. Bond was set at $1 million.'

In another report of the same murder, it is reported that the mother ate the boy's brain.

Police allege East Kingston woman framed ex-husband

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'Kristin Ruggiero of East Kingston went to the media last year seeking help with an ongoing domestic violence case against her ex-husband.

Ruggiero told a television reporter she was so terrified of her ex-husband she couldn't sleep at night.

In an interview with the Exeter News-Letter, Ruggiero said he was posing as other people over the phone in an attempt to find out where she lived.

Now police allege that before she began her media campaign Ruggiero, 33, attempted to set up her ex-husband by sending a series of threatening text messages to herself from a cell phone she had falsely registered under his name. According to the affidavit, police tracked where and when the phone was used. They discovered a call made in California was six-tenths of a mile from where Kristin Ruggiero was staying at the time.
...
Another call, placed from Nashville, Tenn., lined up with the date and time Kristin Ruggiero had flown into the city, the affidavit states.

Based on this evidence, Ruggiero was indicted last month on 12 felony counts of falsifying evidence and one misdemeanor count of filing a false report.'

Examiner.com: 'Fathers' rights'

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'There is a growing fathers' rights movement in the United States and especially Ohio where fathers are treated very unfairly. A little known fact about child support is that the county is allotted large sums of money for each case that is enforced. The money trickles down through the system via the County Commissioner's Office. The court merely rubber stamps the child support recommendation and nine out of ten times the father has no say in the matter. There seems to be no incentive to grant visitation to unwed fathers and no incentive to enforce visitation rights or lower support when needed. Speaking to many politicians around the State was very disappointing since almost none of them want to touch the issue. One response was that there was legislation looming but the last election year killed it. The details were not explained.'

Boys Left Out Of Rutgers Engineering Program

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PISCATAWAY — The engineering class going on this summer on the third floor of the Allison Road classroom building on the Busch campus does not look like any other engineering class at Rutgers University.

In fact, it may not look like any other engineering class anywhere.

That is because everyone in the class is an adolescent girl.

This is not an actual college engineering class. The students are still in high school.

They are participating in a summerlong program called The Academy at Rutgers for Girls in Engineering and Technology, or TARGET, designed to introduce girls as early as the sixth grade to engineering.'

Convicted of false report, Minneapolis woman files civil rights suit

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'A woman convicted last week of making a false claim of rape against two Minneapolis police officers filed a lawsuit Monday alleging a cover-up and seeking damages in excess of $50,000.

Lawyer Jill Clark filed the complaint on behalf of Trisha Farkarlun against the city, Police Chief Tim Dolan and several police officers, including the two she alleged participated in the rape and those who investigated it. The suit was filed in Hennepin County District Court.

...

Last Tuesday, Clark successfully sought a delay in sentencing one day after Farkarlun, 23, was convicted of making a false report of police misconduct, a gross misdemeanor. She could be sentenced to up to one year and fined $3,000. Judge Tanya Bransford scheduled a hearing for 2 p.m. Thursday for sentencing and post-trial motions for acquittal, a new trial and juror misconduct.'

'Two fake sexual assaults in two days, but false reporting is rare'

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'The Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies, Inc. said even though there were two false reports in two days, it's rare for people to make up these kinds of stories.

Mary Baer, Director of Sexual Assault Services said, "Only two percent of rape reports are false, and that is about the same number of false reports of any other crime."

Mary Baer also said false reporting not only wastes time and money, but it could also keep real victims from coming forward - fearing no one will believe them.

"False reports just feed into the myth that women lie about rape, and it's not true," Baer said.'

'Intactivists' lobby feds on circumcision

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'A new organization based in the Lower Hudson Valley is hoping to influence the debate about infant circumcision, as the nation's most influential public health agency prepares to make recommendations on the procedure amid new evidence that it could help protect men from sexually transmitted diseases, including the HIV virus.

The group, Intact America [link added], is headed by Upper Nyack resident Georganne Chapin, who also leads the Tarrytown-based Hudson Health Plans, which provides health insurance to people on Medicaid.

The organization, backed by an anti-circumcision Texas millionaire, is circulating an online petition that it hopes will convince the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention not to recommend routine infant male circumcision as a matter of public health policy.

The CDC is reviewing new data, including studies recently done in Africa, that suggest that men who undergo circumcision, the surgical removal of all or some of the foreskin from the penis, have marked reduction in their risk of HIV infection.'

'Boy Interrupted' A Tale Of Teen Suicide

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'LITCHFIELD - — In advance of its premiere on HBO, a new documentary about teen suicide will be shown July 25 at Bantam Cinema in Litchfield, with the directors in attendance.

"Boy Interrupted" is about Evan Scott Perry, who committed suicide at his home in New York City in 2005, at the age of 15, after a lifetime of battling bipolar disorder. His parents took years' worth of home-movie footage and edited together a chronicle of their troubled boy's life, which included treatment at Wellspring, a facility in Bethlehem.

Sheila Nevins, HBO executive producer, and Dana and Hart Perry will attend, as will representatives from Wellspring.'

Couples struggle with society's mixed messages

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'We believe men are in charge and women are suppressed in relationships. But really, women dominate in personal arguments twice as often as men do. Furthermore, men get more stressed and stay stressed longer than women do following an argument. And two-thirds of divorces are filed by women.

Men's chivalrous tendencies to protect women against bullies are working against themselves. Being openly critical of men is gaining acceptance, but being openly critical of women is socially improper.

Women who can't get a man to commit to a relationship are seen as exploited. Men in the same boat aren't a real concern. "'Runaway Bride' was funny; 'Runaway Groom' would be anything but," Driscoll says.

Bottom line, Driscoll and Davis say, is men are being disenfranchised in their families. And unless we turn things around, it will be our children who suffer the most.'

American Thinker: 'The Feminist Way of Interviewing'

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'Ginsburg agreed to the assertio of unfairness, but laid it to ideology: "There are people in Congress who would criticize severely anyone President Obama nominated."

She then cited Sotomayor's 2001 remark about a "wise Latina" reaching "a better conclusion than a white male" and said, "I thought it was ridiculous for them to make a big deal out of that." Feminists are not concerned when the ox being gored is a white male, any more than a matador thinks twice about putting the blade between the shoulders of a charging bull.

Bazelon eventually brought up the court's overturning of Sotomayor's ruling in the Connecticut firefighter's reverse racism case (Ricci v. DeStefano). Ginsburg's comment was that they picked a "nice guy" who was a "dyslexic firefighter. Which is exactly what you should do as a lawyer." Bazelon agreed, observing, "It's true, it's a very good strategy. He was a very sympathetic plaintiff." As for the merits of the case and whether reverse racism is okay if you don't have such a sympathetic client, well, there was no follow up.

Bazelon moved on to the case of a strip search of a 13-year-old girl, suggesting that the men on the court were largely clueless, to which Ginsburg said, "I think it makes people stop and think, maybe a 13-year-old girl is different from a 13-year-old boy in terms of how humiliating it is to be seen undressed."'

'I've had a gun to my head': Man wants life back after sex charges tossed

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'AJAX -- For two years Ray Collingham felt like somebody was holding a gun to his head.

The reality was even worse.

"I was charged with seven counts of sexual assault, four counts of sexual interference, two counts of invitation to sexual touching and two sexual exploitation charges," Collingham said in an interview yesterday.
...
Now Collingham wants his life, name and reputation back.

"I've had a gun to my head, so to speak, for two years and now I'm hoping slowly that I'm going to be able to get back on my feet," Collingham said.'

Charges dropped in false MTU rape report

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'HOUGHTON COUNTY -- The decision to drop charges against a Michigan Tech Student accused of filing a false rape report was made after a lot of discussion.

Jennifer Stigers was facing a felony charge after she filed a false report earlier this year.
...
If she had been found guilty of the charge, Stigers could have been facing up to four years in prison.'

UK: Girl, 12, made false rape claim

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'A 12-year-old Berkshire girl has been given a reprimand for wasting police time after falsely reporting a rape.

The girl, from Reading, told officers she had been raped by a 15-year-old boy on 11 July.

They arrested the teenager but further inquiries showed the rape accusation was false and he was later released without charge.

Police said the investigation cost thousands of pounds and caused distress to the innocent victim.
...
"In this case a 15-year-old boy was arrested as part of the initial investigation, which was obviously very distressing for him.'

Police: Ind. Alleged Sexual Assault Is False Report

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'An allegation of rape has been determined to be a false accusation according to investigators in Dearborn County.

Officials say the determination was based on statements from the accused and the victim, as well as other evidence.

On July 15 the Aurora Police Department and the Dearborn County Special Crimes Unit were called in to investigate a possible sexual assault at the Aurora Little League Park just after Midnight.

The victim was treated and released from the Dearborn County Hospital. The victim's name is being withheld to protect her privacy.

No arrests were made in the case.'

Canada: Teen lied about sexual assault

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'A southern Alberta teenager could be charged with public mischief for making a false sexual assault report to police.

RCMP in Strathmore had asked the public for help Monday after a 14-year-old said she had been sexually assaulted by up to five young men around 2 a.m. in an alley behind Strathmore's Co-op liquor store.

Police released a description of three men and a vehicle.

On Thursday, police said the girl had recanted her story. She told officers she made up the story, using details from a verbal encounter she had with two men in the alley.

"The RCMP wish to remind everyone that fictitious claims of criminal offences are not only subject to possible criminal charges, but these stories have a profound effect on the sense of security of the community, negative impact on the reputation of communities, any accused persons and others who are actual victims of crimes," the force said in a release.'

Woman admits report of sexual assault was false

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'PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP -- A 25-year-old woman admitted Thursday she lied to Kent County sheriff's detectives about being sexually assaulted Wednesday at the Hidden Valley Townhomes by a man pretending to be a maintenance worker.

Detectives will be seeking charges against the woman of filing a false police report.

An interview with the woman Thursday revealed she fabricated the story.

The woman told detectives Wednesday a man approached her apartment and told her that he was there to fix her drywall.

The woman said the alleged suspect then entered the apartment, forced her to the ground and sexually assaulted her at knifepoint.

Criminal charges have not yet been filed.'

Jury: Minneapolis woman's rape report false

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'A defense lawyer on Tuesday won a sentencing delay for a 23-year-old north Minneapolis woman convicted of falsely accusing two Minneapolis police officers of raping her.

After a three-week trial, a jury on Monday convicted Trisha Farkarlun, 23, of making a false report of police misconduct, a gross misdemeanor. She could be sentenced to up to one year in jail and fined $3,000.

Hennepin County District Judge Tanya Bransford delayed sentencing until Aug. 14 so she could receive written memos and respond to the defense motions for acquittal, a new trial and a hearing on potential juror misconduct.'

Story update: Cannibal-mother had been diagnosed with 'psychosis'

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'SAN ANTONIO – The father of a newborn baby who authorities say was mutilated, killed and cannibalized by his mother said Tuesday he wants to see her executed. Scott W. Buchholz told The Associated Press that Otty Sanchez, the mother of 3 1/2-week-old Scotty Wesley Buchholz-Sanchez, seemed fine in the days before the killing, even though they argued.

However, he said she told him she had been diagnosed with postpartum depression and was going to be admitted to a hospital for treatment.

Sanchez's relatives told The San Antonio Express News that she had been diagnosed with postpartum psychosis, which can cause delusional thoughts and hallucinations.

Sanchez, 33, is charged with capital murder in the baby's death and could face the death penalty. When authorities found the infant's body Sunday, Sanchez told officers the devil made her do it, police said.'

US Legislators Examine Violence Against Women Act

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'"So much more is needed. We must strengthen VAWA so that it works for all victims of sexual or domestic violence - whether they live in rural or urban areas, whether they speak English or another language," Karen Tronsgard-Scott says. "Every victim deserves a chance to live a peace-filled life."

But lawmakers are up against protectionists who don't want taxpayer funds benefiting residents who don't have permission to live in the U.S. Others complain about the confidentiality granted through the law. Once an immigrant claims abuse, their quest for legal status through the VaWa act is secret. The accused is not sought out for his side of the story.

Ron Grignol is a critic who says VaWa makes it easy for women to allege abuse, simply to become permanent residents. "Right away you're given legal status. You don't have to go through that immigration interview, you don't have to go through the administrative law judge," he explains. "Your spouse or ex-spouse is not allowed to provide any evidence that he thinks you committed fraud."'

Trudy Schuett: VAWA becomes a vehicle for wish-list funding

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'Congress spends approx. 1 billion taxpayer dollars each year with the stated intent of eliminating domestic violence, the largest portion of that amount being the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). They are poised to increase funding even further next year when they vote on a 5 year reauthorization of VAWA. One would think that this much money should have greatly reduced domestic violence by now. But VAWA spending has had little or no effect on reducing domestic violence.
...
For next year's reauthorization, they've formed eighteen committees to dream up their wish-list. It's not possible to know right now just what their demands will be, but recent bills introduced in Congress offer clues to what sort of non-domestic-violence-related things they may ask for.

Workplace: HR 739 is a bill currently in Congress. The bill would make domestic violence victims a new class with special privileges. Under the bill, a domestic violence victim would be entitled to lifetime employment benefits! This includes the right to employee health insurance, and the right to sue employers over higher and firing decisions. And since this would apply to people who self-refer, removing the need to provide proof, such a law would act as an incentive to make up a story. In these times of massive job losses, such a law would create an epidemic of false accusations, destroying the lives of millions of innocent people.'

Women Business Owners Get Financial Support from Local Banks

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'It's a lament heard around the Valley, at networking events, in business meetings, over cups in coffee shops: "Banks just aren't lending anymore".

Well that's just not true! There are several banks that have funds available and are making loans to women and minority small business owners.
...
Deborah Bateman at National Bank of Arizona, in fact, heads a team of bankers dedicated to women business owners. The Women's Financial Group is 'banking by women for women'. They offer a complete portfolio of banking services for women including businesss & not-for-proft banking, personal banking services, personal financing and investment services.'

'Operation Bloodette' leads to arrest of 43 members of female-led Essex County narcotics ring

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEWARK -- In what is being dubbed "Operation Bloodette," law-enforcement officials said today that they have dismantled a female-led narcotics ring and arrested 43 gang members and their associates.

The ring, which operated in Newark, East Orange, Orange and Montclair, resulted in the seizure of "significant amounts" of illegal drugs, weapons and cash, according to the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. Authorities said the group is believed to be related to the Bloods street gang.
...
Raids connected with the arrests netted PCP, heroin, cocaine and marijuana with a street value of $133,000, four loaded handguns and $21,000 in cash.'

Cops: Scorned NYC Woman Scorched Hubby's Genitals

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Story here. Excerpt:

'QUEENS (CBS) — A boiling mad Queens woman is behind bars after she took matters into her own hands to stop her husband's infidelity.
...
"She came into the bedroom and poured hot water on me," Ojofeitimi said.

The target of her revenge: his genitals.

The Nigerian native was rushed to the hospital for burns not only to his genitals but his chest, arms and legs.
...
As Ojofeitimi recovers at the hospital's burn unit, his wife is in jail, no doubt asking herself if her punishment for him fit his crime.'

Wendy McElroy: 'More on why you should not volunteer with children'

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Story here. The Anthony she's speaking about is not me. :-} Excerpt:

'I haven't been able to get Anthony J. Tripoli out of my mind. He is the 69-year-old man I wrote about in a July 19th blog post. He was a volunteer who tutored children one-on-one in reading skills at a public school in Florida. Based on the testimony of an 8-year-old girl and without any supporting evidence whatever, he was given a life sentence for allegedly touching her in an inappropriate -- that is, a sexual -- manner. In reading the news story, I thought the man was probably innocent and a victim of the public/legal hysteria that surrounds the issues of children and sex.

I looked further into the story in the hope of finding reason to believe Tripoli is guilty because I hate, hate, hate the thought of a man's life being ruined because of an act of kindess he rendered to a child. But the more I uncover the more I am convinced of his innocence.'

Megan Fox boycott set for August 4

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Off-linked from MSN.com, surprisingly. Asylum.com is one of the participating sites. I don't know if MANN's call for this had anything to do with it, but I don't care. I am just glad it's happening. Excerpt:

'Have you guys heard of this actress, Megan Fox? She's in the "Transformers" movie and she's super-hot and -- oh, you have heard of her already? Maybe that's because we, the media, have been covering her every weird thumb, geek-shunning, supposed bisexuality, Star Wars-T-shirt wearing, and sexy photo taken.

But on August 4, that all changes, as Asylum bands together with the other manly sites of the Web in an Internet-wide media ban on all things Megan Fox. After the jump, see our explanation and find out how you can help.'

Our paedophilia hysteria makes life in Britain a misery

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This seedy and weird prurience really became noticeable at the start of the decade, when mobs in places like Portsmouth descended on suspected child molesters who had allegedly been placed in the area, whipped up by hysterical tabloid newspapers. What struck me was the site of 8 and 9-year-old girls in boob tubes carrying banners that said “Kill the pidofiles!” Only in Britain – a child dressed like a lap-dancer protesting against paedophilia.

The paedo-mania was an exercise in displacement by the British working-class, who had recently adopted wholesale fatherlessness and a consumer youth culture that glorified in child sexualisation. Mysterious nonces in dirty macs became suitable bogey figures, when sexual abuse of children was far, far more likely to happen in broken homes at the hands of a mother’s boyfriend.'

As good as it is, maybe the writer of this piece should do some more reading on the topic of rates of perpetration of sexual abuse against children in the UK.

'Nightmare' for two girls who commit fraud and - shock! go to jail

GaryB · 30 July 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This story is reported on the Sydney Morning Herald site. Excerpt:

'Efforts were being made today to try to free two British women being held in an overcrowded Rio de Janeiro jail on suspicion of staging a robbery insurance scam, their lawyer told media.
...
Police, suspicious because the women had taken three days to report the alleged theft and still had their passports, accompanied them back to their hostel near Copacabana beach.

There, a search of lockers turned up the mobile telephones and iPod the women said had been stolen.'

So their 'nightmare' is that they tried to commit insurance fraud, got caught out, and are now in the local jail waiting to be sentenced. Poor things...

Barbara Kay: Don't call it 'domestic' violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Liberals deliberately conflate domestic violence with honour killing because they feel that making any distinction would "racialize" the crimes, indicting a whole culture. But in order to avoid offending the minority communities in which honour killings occur, they must then "genderize" the practice by force-fitting it into the category of all male-on-female domestic violence.

For theory's sake -- all cultures are equal -- they willingly indict an entire sex for these horrific crimes. Clearly liberal ideologues consider misandry a lesser evil than racism (and to many feminists no evil at all, rather an entitlement and a pleasure).

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Part of the problem lies in the phrase "domestic violence," which seems to encompass any violence that occurs in a household. And, unfortunately, it is received wisdom in our highly feminized society to believe that domestic violence, like honour killing, is a one-way street: male on female. That's not the case, but cracking the shell of this unusually hardboiled myth is a thankless task for truth-tellers in the field.'

Moms reveal why they gave up their children

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Via Jeremy S. Article here. Excerpt:

'Mothers currently retain custody of the children in approximately 70 percent of divorces. But even though that's the majority, that still leaves a large and growing number of women who do not retain custody.

"The more I talk about it, the more I find that people's eyes are open to the reality — which is that over 2 million noncustodial moms are in America right now, and it is definitely increasing," Spicuglia said. "People are recognizing that fathers can be amazing primary caregivers, and we shouldn't sell men short."

Spicuglia is one of several women profiled in a Marie Claire magazine article about the growing phenomenon of noncustodial mothers. Joanna Coles, the magazine's editor-in-chief, said that response to the story has been generally positive.'

From Jeremy S.:

"Mothers currently retain custody of the children in approximately 70 percent of divorces"

Eh? I don't think so?. The 70% figure is not accurate in Canada for sure (94%) and I am doubtful about the USA. I think I can confidently say that in the UK, Australia and New Zealand the mother-custody rate is way over 80%. I am really not exactly sure about US figures but that 70% does not sound right to me. Perhaps our American brothers can set this right? What was especially interesting though was this comment: '"People are recognizing that fathers can be amazing primary caregivers, and we shouldn't sell men short."'

Police: Gatti's death a suicide, must release wife

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Story here. Excerpt:

'RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) - Boxer Arturo Gatti's death was ruled a suicide by police Thursday and a judge ordered the release of his wife, who was once suspected of killing the former champion.

Lead investigator Paulo Alberes told The Associated Press that authorities decided Gatti killed himself on July 11 while at a seaside resort in northeastern Brazil.

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A day after the 37-year-old Gatti was found dead, police said that his Brazilian wife, Amanda Rodrigues, had strangled him with her purse strap as he drunkenly slept.

But police began to back off the accusation about a week later after a coroner's report said Gatti may have killed himself as he was found "suspended and hanged." The autopsy report didn't exclude the possibility he was slain, but said he also could have died in an unexplained accident, besides killing himself.

...

"Nobody believes whatsoever that there's even a 1 percent chance of a suicide. He lived life to the fullest," Ivano Scarpa, a close Gatti family friend, said at the time.

But Rodrigues, in her letter from prison, said: "I'm innocent and I know that this will be proven in a few days."'

Porn Star Mulling Senate Bid Arrested For Domestic Violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW ORLEANS -- It's been a tough week for porn actress Stormy Daniels -- complete with a domestic violence charge and a car explosion -- as she continues to mull a U.S. Senate bid that could make life uncomfortable for incumbent first-term Louisiana Republican David Vitter, still recovering from a sex scandal.

Daniels was arrested Saturday on a domestic violence battery charge after she allegedly hit her husband at their home in Tampa, Fla., during a dispute about laundry and unpaid bills.

...

Mosny told police that Daniels was upset "about the way the clothes had been done" and then "got more upset about some bills that had not been paid," the police report said.

The police report said Daniels allegedly "threw a potted plant at the kitchen sink," hit Mosny on the head several times and "threw their wedding album onto the floor and knocked candles off coffee table, breaking them."'

Woman Suspected of Cutting Baby From Massachusetts Mom's Womb Held on $2M Bail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman suspected of carving a nearly full-term baby girl from her friend's womb and passing the newborn off as her own was being held on $2 million bail Thursday.

Julie Corey, 35, has been charged as a fugitive from justice. She appeared in district court in New Hampshire via video from the county jail, a day after she was arrested at a homeless shelter in the state, allegedly with the live infant.

The baby is said to be "in fairly good health," police said. The infant's mother, 23-year-old Darlene Haynes, was about 8 months pregnant when she was killed.'

"Stolen Generation" - Recorded discussions on today's family courts

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Via Jeremy S. He writes: "Here you go Guys. Relax with some tea and listen to some raw truth as you work. I am much impressed with this man-whoever he is. I am told he is a psychologist in Tasmania.

There is nothing better than unadulterated truth and it does not get more true, more blunt or better in any way than this. All you need to know in 4 hours of listening. Make a CD and play it in the car on the way to work or to pick up the kids. Or on the way to court even." Listing of audio programs:

Stolen generation Pt.1. (Two Parts, by Amfortas)
http://soundcloud.com/christian-j/stolen-generation-part-one

A professional analysis of the Family Court's 'Bible' that justifies the ' least detrimental alternatives' to the traditional family. "We have a generation of fathers who are shell-shocked, heartbroken". It was Adolph Hitler who first said that people will take any reduction to their freedom if you tell them it is in the best interests of the children. Could we not have a non-detrimental alternative, Amfortas asks.

Stolen Generation Pt.2.
http://soundcloud.com/christian-j/stolen-generation-part-2

The Family Court brings about the detrimental conditions that lead to a delinquent culture of fatherlessness in children. The 'most deserving parent' is chosen on genitalia. Professionals make judgements that cause parental alienation syndrome. A juggernaut is driven over Magna Carta. An equal society is replaced by a superior class of people.

Give a Dog a Bad Name. Pt.1. (Two parts, by Amfortas)
http://soundcloud.com/christian-j/give-a-dog-a-bad-name-part-1

The mass media is anti-male by commercial design. Comprehensive study data shows the depth of disrespect for men. Even 'Old-school'
feminists are appalled at the damage being done to men. The media is 'Wrong, both factually and morally", says MRA Amfortas. Government pays for an agitprop war on men's reputation to frighten women. At what cost?

Give a dog a Bad Name. Pt.2.
http://soundcloud.com/christian-j/give-a-dog-a-bad-name-pt-2

Women have unconsciously adopted a habit of disrespecting men. "Men are feeling profoundly disappointed, disillusioned and disgusted" and are withdrawing their support and protection of women. Society, and women in particular, are losing a valuable resource needed for its healthy continuance. The Love of men. Is this what women want?
Sacred Cows in the China Shop. Pt.1. (Two parts, by Amfortas)
http://soundcloud.com/amfortas1/amfortas-christian-j-sacred-cows-in-the-china-shop-part-one

A female economist, Dr Jennifer Roback Morse takes on a leading Feminist in a debate. Women's Studies Depts' have no legitimacy and should be closed. They are academically bogus and "Ideologically biased". A men's Studies Dept could be better trusted to seek truth and answers to urgent social questions. Women dominate Universities and are driven by bias.

Sacred Cows in the China Shop. Pt.2.
http://soundcloud.com/amfortas1/amfortas-christian-j-sacred-cows-in-the-china-shop-part-two

A 'Life studies dept' would serve society better than a 'woman's studies Dept. "50 million unborn babies have died for women's rights".

Enough is enough. University cobbled Feminists 'cherry pick' studies and ignore contrary evidence to present false ideas to the public, corrupting their intellectual obligation and actively creating and manipulating a negative and destructive image about men.

Feminism is NOT good for Women. Pt.1. (Two parts, by Christian J)
http://soundcloud.com/christian-j/web-log-aft-cj-debunking-feminism

Post WW2 Feminism adopted Marxist 'conflict' model, pitting a new 'Class' of oppressed women against an imaginary exploitative 'patriarchy, according to Female Economist Jennifer Morse. Christian J narrates how women adopted it to assuage and project their guilt and resentment after so many male deaths in wars to defend them. Women were in work since WW1 and had parity in University education before WW2, long before the Feminist revolution of the 70s.

Feminism is NOT good for Women. Pt.2.
http://soundcloud.com/christian-j/webcast-feminism-is-not-good-for-women-part-2

Christian J continues to show how the destruction of marriage and Family is against women's best interests and is leading to profound unhappiness. Women participate in the public sphere by chemically neutering themselves during the peak child-bearing years. "The infertile career woman - and her close cousin, the single mother -is not exactly by choice, but more by default. These women are extremely disappointed."

Also on YouTube
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nmz2yLBTS2w&eurl=http%3A%2F%2Fwhatmenaresaying%2Eblogspot%2Ecom%2F&feature=player_embedded

Deliberately Lying about Domestic Violence in Australia. Pt.1. (Three parts; 2 by Amfortas and one by Christian J)
http://soundcloud.com/amfortas1/amfortas-christian-j-lying-about-domestic-violence-part-1

The 'women's Safety Survey' was "uncorroborated, biased and manipulated" 'Advocacy research' orchestrated by the Office for the Status of Women and passed off as Bureau of Statistics report. It caused an enormous row, says MRA Amfortas. Manipulated definitions and hysterical claims copied from America made innocuous behaviour criminal. DV sells commercial products to women and expropriates public funds for the fastest growing 'Industry in Australia.

Deliberately Lying about Domestic Violence in Australia. Pt.2.

http://soundcloud.com/amfortas1/amfortas-christian-j-lying-about-domestic-violence-part-2

Three other sources of 'official' data which are routinely manipulated and presented to support DV lies are analysed by Amfortas and compared to Independent University research which completely contradicts the 'official message'."
It would be generous to think that this manipulation and bias was just the result of incompetence.
But as we can see there is something far darker behind it. It is corruption. It is deliberate."

Deliberately Lying about DV in Australia. Pt.3. The Truth is out there – Somewhere.
http://soundcloud.com/amfortas1/amfortas-christian-j-the-truth-is-out-there-somewhere

Christian J narrates how the 2006 Australian Bureau of Statistics Personal Safety Survey completely contradicted the Government's 1996 survey. He also points to the attempts by feminist bureaucrats to manipulate by having ONLY female interviewers to bias the results.
Results show women twice as safe as men. The Government has thrown a blanket of silence over it. Feminists maintain an undemocratic stranglehold, expropriating public monies for their anti-male 'Industry'.

The Degradation of Women – by feminism (By Amfortas)
http://soundcloud.com/christian-j/amfortas-christian-j-vagina-monologues-the-degradation-of-women

"In textbook leftist style, feminist supporters of the play 'Vagina Monologues' cloak their attack on normal family

values and morality under the guise of promoting awareness about violence against women.
One does not have to be a prude to see a weak excuse for pornographyand an anti-male agenda. But to disguise it as ‘awareness of abuse’, is an abuse of women’s minds and sensibilities.” Amfortas lauds Bridget Blanton for her stand and protests and against the glorification of lesbian rape of young girls.

The Wages of Spin (Pod by Amfortas. Also in video, see below))
http://soundcloud.com/christian-j/the-wages-of-spin

Amfortas narrates the analysis of Paul Elam of the Pay Gap Myth, showing the mendacious and partial statistics promoted by politicians to anger women for political advantage. Women’s choices are intelligent and nurturing while men not only work longer hours but take the dangerous jobs that pay more. Dr Warren Farrell’s early rationales are sustained.

Everyday Family Terrorism (Pod by Amfortas. Also in video. See below)

“When Momma ain’t Happy, Nobody’s Happy”.
http://soundcloud.com/christian-j/everyday-family-terrorism
Amfortas and Paul Elam show how domestic violence and a lot worse are often caused by ‘controlling’ women who are willing to destroy their families to have their own way. Dr Eric Berne’s ‘Games’ are described including the major cause of broken families, the “Let’s you and Him Fight” strategy which uses the Police and Family Courts.

Is Feminism a Hate Movement? (By Amfortas)
http://soundcloud.com/christian-j/is-feminism-a-hate-movement

Amfortas narrates MRA Fidelbogan’s well established, clear and logical analysis of the links between the spectrum of disaffection feelings that women have for men and the rise and sustenance of Feminism. This spectrum is lead from the top by hateful, sociopathic women and supported by ‘rent-seeking scum’ women in growing bureaucracies, who take immoral advantage.

Everyday Family Terrorism
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Th0yGBy73GA&eurl=http%3A%2F%2Fantimisandry%2Ecom%2Fmra%2Dyoutubers%2Fif%2Dmomma%2Daint%2Dhappy%2D20678%2Ehtml&feature=player_embedded

Paul Elam, Amfortas and Christian J show and tell of the damage done within families and society by intransigent people, in this instance Women, who are prepared to destroy their own families to get their own way. Erin Pizzey documented the effects of showing the Truth about violent women, for which she received Feminist death threats. Dr Eric Berne shows several 'Games' used including the 'let’s you and him fight' game so common today where cops and courts do the dirty work that leaves children unprotected.

The Pay Gap
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbYU0aeaX1o&eurl=http%3A%2F%2Fantimisandry%2Ecom%2Fmra%2Dyoutubers%2Fwages%2Dspin%2D20606%2Ehtml&feature=player_embedded
Amfortas, Paul Elam and Christianj, examine the myth of the Pay Gap and show, name and shame the political women who lie to get the women's vote. Dr Warren Farrell demolished the mendacious claims but has been ignored by the media. Men do the dirty, dangerous work which pays well while women exercise choices that are more nurturing and 'safe'. The glass ceiling does not exist but the glass cellar does.
Excellent video production by Paul Elam.

UK: Woman charged with false rape allegation

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Story here.

'A WOMAN appeared in court accused of making a false allegation that a man raped a child.

Anne Chambers told police she witnessed the offence in a park, Durham Crown Court heard.

She later withdrew the allegation, but not before the man had been arrested and kept in custody for two days.

Chambers, 33, of Sixth Street, Horden, County Durham, pleaded not guilty to perverting the course of justice in February this year.

Judge Esmond Faulks ordered the trial to take place on a day to be fixed in the first week of September.

Chambers was bailed on condition she live at home, and attend court for trial when called upon to do so.'

Current interests help boys find relevance in literacy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Finding tie-ins between what young men enjoy doing outside of school and activities involving reading and writing is one way to engage boys and help them find relevance in literacy. The provincial Department of Education hosted a two-day summer workshop Thursday, July 30 and Friday, July 31 entitled “Reading Don’t Fix No Chevys” at the Old Orchard Inn in Greenwich as part of the Summer Institute on Literacy. Workshop leader Michael Smith, co-author of Reading Don’t Fix No Chevys: Literacy in the Lives of Young Men and professor at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, said boys are underperforming girls in reading and writing all over the world.'

Mom accused of locking up son had prior arrest

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LOWELL, Mass. — A Massachusetts woman charged with locking her 3-year-old son in a filthy, sweltering attic had been arrested previously for assault and battery with a knife.

Kirsten Paquette, 27, was arraigned Friday on charges of reckless endangerment to a child and assault and battery on a child. She was held on $10,000 bail.'

UK: Girl death accused woman held in psychiatric unit

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman accused of drowning her four-year-old daughter in the bath has been moved to a psychiatric unit under the Mental Health Act, a court has heard.

Laura Fletcher, 22, was charged with murder after daughter Chloe was found dead at their home in Oakdale Avenue, Wallasey, Merseyside, on 29 April.'

Fairbanks woman accused of firing at man

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Story here.

'FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) - Fairbanks police arrested a 56-year-old woman accused of firing at a man outside her home.

The man told police he tried to intervene when he saw one woman beating another in the front yard early Thursday. The authorities say that prompted Christine Babich to go inside, fetch a pistol and shoot at the man who ran down the street and called for help.

The authorities arrived and established a boundary around the house. But police say Babich did not surrender until they got a search warrant and sent a remote-operated vehicle into the place.

Babich is charged with assault.'

Woman Accused of Sex with Minor

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Santa Barbara woman has been arrested on 11 felony counts of sexual misconduct with a minor--a boy who was friends with her son.

Genise Schu, 47, has allegedly had a roughly seven-year sexual relationship with the now-20-year-old victim, according to authorities.

The relationship began when the alleged victim was 13 years old and would spend the night at the home of one of his classmates, her son. At some point, allegedly, she showed him pornography while others were sleeping, and eventually orally copulated the boy and had sexual intercourse at least twice. Since then the two have allegedly had consensual sex hundreds of times during the relationship, according to a declaration from Santa Barbara police officer Corina Terrence.'

Woman accused of stabbing boyfriend

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Story here.

'A city woman is accused of stabbing her boyfriend in the hand during a spat, causing minor injury, police said.

Marta Griffin, 36, of 7 Fairmount St., was arrested shortly after the incident, which took place around 11:20 a.m. Tuesday, police said. She faces felony, domestic violence charges of first-degree assault and criminal threatening.

Her boyfriend was treated at the scene by medical personnel, police said.'

Woman Accused Of Branding Foster Son, 9

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Investigators said that earlier this month, Jocelyn Louis, 72, heated up a potato masher and used it to burn the boy on his arms and legs. Police said the foster mother did not stop even after the first series of burns.

"He goes back to his bedroom, starts to cry. She comes back and says, 'I'm not finished with you yet,' and does it again," said Midwest City Police Chief Brandon Clabes.

Police in Midwest City are awaiting arrest warrants on Louis before they take her into custody.'

Woman accused of beating legally blind man

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WEBSTER — A woman allegedly assaulted and beat her legally blind neighbor, for whom she had been organizing mail and finances.

Annette L. Gray, 48, of 112 Main St., Apt. 1, is charged with armed assault in a dwelling, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (blunt object) and permitting injury to an elder/disabled.

She pleaded not guilty yesterday in front of Judge Robert G. Harbour in Dudley District Court. She released on $2,500 cash bail and was ordered to stay away from the alleged victim. A pretrial hearing is slated for Sept. 3. Shortly aftter midnight yesterday, police went to Matte's Hardware on Main Street on the report of a man screaming for help. The man is legally blind and receives Social Security disability, police said.'

North Augusta Woman Arrested After Trying To Kill Her Kids

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Story here. Excerpt:

'North Augusta, SC—29-year-old Melissa Sawyers will not see her children, Thursday night.

Jamie Corbett, friend: “She’s somebody who was crying out for help, and this was her last cry for help.“

North Augusta Public Safety Officers say, Monday night, Sawyers put her 7-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter into her car, then ran a garden hose from the tail pipe, into the car. Sawyers got inside and started driving.
...
Corbett: “She’s been struggling a little bit in her life, and situations people can’t handle certain situations and unfortunately this is how it ended up.“'

'How could a mother eat her own baby?': Answer: It's her baby-daddy's fault

Matt · 1 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Keep your barf-bucket handy. Excerpt:

'The case of Otty Sanchez is shocking and gruesome. But it's also a cautionary tale about how we treat new mothers ...
How is it that Buchholz has known Sanchez for six years, lived with her, and had a baby with her, as the AP reports, but professes to be unaware until last week that she had been diagnosed as schizophrenic?

Since Buchholz himself is schizophrenic, currently on a six-drug daily regimen, this does not seem like something Sanchez would be too embarrassed to share with him. Maybe she did mention it, but he forgot? Or perhaps he was in denial, dismissing her behavior as "baby blues" or simple "bitchiness"?'

Men's Health SA Media Watch Report

Matt · 1 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

From Greg Andersen via email: In November 2007, I was contracted by Men's Health SA (at that time the South Australian Men's Health Alliance - SAMHA) to conduct a one-day-a-week Media Watch role on behalf of SAMHA and its collaborative partners, the Men's Health Information & Resource Centre and the Australasian Men's Health Forum. This role was to involve the critique, analysis and, when appropriate, challenging of mass media statements and commentary and other forms of institutional, academic and government literature and media that:

- depicted men or boys or masculinity in an unfair, negative or disparaging way
- were misleading, inaccurate, or prejudicial towards men and boys
- detracted from a general positive affirmation of men, boys, and masculinity
- undermined the endeavour to approach men and boy's health and issues in an intelligent, respectful, positive, equitable and constructive way.

I have just put together a report on my Media Watch role over the past 18 months which you might find interesting or useful. It can be downloaded from:

http://www.menshealthaustralia.net/files/MHSA_Media_Watch_Report_July_2009.pdf

Harriet Harman: you can’t trust men in power

Mr VanHuizen · 2 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'HARRIET HARMAN has demanded that one of Labour’s two top posts should always be held by a woman — because she believes men cannot be trusted to run organisations on their own.

Labour’s deputy leader secretly tried to change party rules two years ago to ensure that it could never again be led by an all-male team, but she was foiled.

In an interview with The Sunday Times, Harman reiterates her belief in the principle and says her role as Gordon Brown’s second-in-command has changed for ever the way the party will be run.

“I don’t agree with all-male leaderships,” she said. “Men cannot be left to run things on their own. I think it’s a thoroughly bad thing to have a men-only leadership.”'

Domestic violence knows no barrier

webdigr · 2 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Carthage: How did a handsome, seemingly happily married and former all-star football player such as Steve McNair become a victim and statistic of domestic violence?

Many people would say McNair was not a victim, but someone who was in an extramarital relationship, a choice that resulted in deadly consequences. No matter how you want to view the situation, his death July 4 was ruled a homicide, allegedly committed by Saleh Kazemi, who then committed suicide. Both McNair and Kazemi are domestic violence victims.

...

Men are increasingly becoming victims of domestic violence in North Carolina... Of the 47 domestic violence victims so far this year in North Carolina, 13 are males. Of 103 victims in 2008, 20 were males, and in 2007 another 20 males were killed out of 86 murders.

...

Since they do not conform to the stereotypical male image, men often hide the fact that they are victims of domestic violence because they know they may become the brunt of jokes and ridicule.'

'The Pattern of Fetal Ripping'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I do not want to frighten pregnant women into believing that this pattern shows that they should be afraid of other women, at least not more than pregnant women should be afraid of men. I do understand that the pattern of feminism has veered into such a paradigm that men are violent and women are not that Erin Pizzey and Susan Steinmetz were both marginalized and vilified by feminists for claiming that a particular type of violent crime—domestic violence—is not a male-caused crime, but one in which women can be guilty as often as men. Perhaps more discussion of fetal-ripping can help us open up the broader discussion about how all women who become violent criminals do so through choice, just like all men who become violent criminals, and this will help clear the air on the entire discussion of gender and violence.'

Domestic Violence 101: The personal vs. the political Part 3

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Meanwhile, the laws in place allow total strangers to decide for women what their fate will be. There has recently been a media campaign in my area and others urging people to turn in their neighbors, friends, and relatives if they suspect domestic violence. A neighbor, hearing noise from a nearby house can phone police about suspected "domestic violence," and regardless of the facts, set in motion an unstoppable sequence of events that may well be to the detriment of the family involved. Advocates have imposed a set of ever-more Draconian laws, and in their arrogance a sexist and bigoted belief system on people who are vulnerable, in pain, and in need of realistic methods to help them cope with their problem. In some cases, a problem has been created where none existed before.
...
The "experts" on domestic violence are backpedaling furiously, engaging in all kinds of linguistic acrobatics claiming that women only use violence to defend themselves, and/or are given no choice but to use force by their designated batterer. There is now a movement afoot for laws that make it harder to arrest women for anything, so watch for bills to be quietly introduced in local, state or even federal legislatures that appear to be for the purposes of assisting battered women.'

S. Africa: Funds no longer for 'poor, white girls' only

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A multimillion-rand educational trust bequeathed by the industrialist and politician Sir Charles George Smith - for the benefit of "European girls born of British/South African or Dutch/South African parents" - will now benefit young women of all races.

This is after the University of KwaZulu-Natal, which manages the trust, applied successfully to the High Court to amend Sir Charles's will, saying that the bequest was an "embarrassment" and could expose it to Equality Court proceedings.
...
"More than half of the students attending the university now cannot be classified as white. In addition, the university has policies that are non-discriminatory."'

UK: Girls 13 Boys 0: Testing reveals gender gap in basic skills

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Girls are racing ahead of boys in a whole range of skills, from reading and writing to showing the ability to concentrate before they even start their first day of school. An analysis of the basic assessments carried out on every four-year-old before they start compulsory schooling shows a 20 percentage point gap already emerging in writing ability, with 74 per cent of girls able to use writing for a variety of purposes, compared with just 54 per cent of boys.

For the first time, the Government has published a gender breakdown of boys' and girls' results in the 117 different point scores they can achieve in the assessments. It reveals that boys perform better than girls in only three of the 117 points. They top the scale for mathematical development – attained by 7 per cent of boys and 6 per cent of girls – and are better at getting to grips with new technology and at building and constructing objects. In every other area of the curriculum, however, girls are either streets ahead or equal to boys.'

D.C. mother guilty of slaying four girls

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'WASHINGTON - A D.C. Superior Court judge found Banita Jacks guilty yesterday of killing her four daughters in a case that shook the nation for its cruelty.

Judge Frederick Weisberg convicted Jacks on four counts of felony murder of the girls, whose decomposed bodies were found inside their home in January 2008. Weisberg also found Jacks guilty of first-degree premeditated murder in the deaths of the three youngest girls -Tatianna Jacks, 11, N'Kiah Fogle, 6, and Aja Fogle, 5 - but acquitted her of premeditated murder in the killing of Brittany Jacks, 16. The mother also was found guilty on lesser charges, including child cruelty. She probably will spend the rest of her life in prison.

Weisberg said the case was "a very lonely assignment and one of the most challenging and difficult" he has had during his 32 years on the bench.'

MND: 'A Letter to Women'

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'If you take an honest look at the academic environment to which our boys are subjected, you will see that their masculinity itself is under attack with ideology that teaches them they are inherently flawed.

Christina Hoff Sommers documented this in her highly recommended book “The War Against Boys.” She writes, “The pedagogy is designed to valorize females, such as teaching history in a woman-centered way. Boys are to be inspired to revere Anita Hill and to “enjoy” quilting. At the same time, schools discourage activities that are natural and traditional to boys, such as playing ball together.”

She goes on to say, with sad but pinpoint accuracy, “Most parents have no idea what their children are facing in the gender-charged atmosphere of the public schools.”

What Sommers didn’t add to that but I will is the fact that most parents have no idea about this because they choose not to.'

Feministing: 'Emotionally Abusive Women'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'My father is in an emotionally abusive relationship. I don't know how this directly correlates with feminism, but I believe all victims of abuse, including men, should be addressed in the feminist dialogue. I am in need of some advice or feedback—my family and I are currently going through a very difficult situation and I have found Feministing discussions to be always helpful and engaging.
...
Her out-of-control rages usually end up in her crying and seeking the comfort and sympathy of my father's family. She would say things like, "How dare he treat someone as beautiful as me like that?" or "He doesn't deserve me! I am a perfect person". No matter how much we try to rationalize with her, she would place all the blame on my father and make herself out to be the victim. ...
...
Being a feminist, I tend to think of "abuse" in terms of domestic and emotional violence perpetrated by men toward women. But recent events shaping in my family have enlightened me to the fact that spousal abuse by women is entirely possible. And that the situation is incredibly delicate, but I fear for my father's health and his mental well-being. He wants to keep this all from me, but it is clear that I have witnessed it myself.'

4 children taken from ‘inhuman’ home

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LOWELL - Police investigating an anonymous tip Thursday discovered a naked 5-year-old boy, covered in feces, locked in an attic where the only window was nailed shut and the temperature had climbed above 100 degrees, police said.

The boy’s mother, 27-year-old Kristin Paquette, whose second-floor apartment was buried in so much trash that officers could not see the hallway floor, told police she locked the boy in an attic bedroom because she could not control him and he would “interrupt [her] cleaning,” according to a police report.

The boy’s 6-year-old brother told police that his sibling “was bad, so mommy put him upstairs,” something that happens “a lot,” the report says. And Paquette’s children told police, “Mommy does this when she gets angry,” prosecutor Dan Harren told a judge yesterday during her arraignment in Lowell District Court.'

Radio Show: "The Canadian Special" to air in US, UK, Canada, Australia

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Full announcement here. Excerpt:

'This week we look at the struggle for family law reform in Canada, the home of some of the world's most extreme anti-male anti-father legislation. Recently Dads On The Air interviewed Canadian MP Maurice Vellacot, who has introduced shared parenting legislation into the Canadian parliament. This week we follow on from that interview by talking with the highly experienced family lawyer Karen Selick, who has been an outspoken proponent for reform of the system; Roger Gallaway MP, who co-chaired an inquiry into shared parenting in Canada and Jeffrey Asher, a professor men's studies who taught the last men's course in the country.'

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'Why are boys failing?'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'GRAND MEADOW — In Grand Meadow Public Schools this year, 10 of its 13 grades will have a male majority.

And those boys are falling behind.

In a move seldom seen in modern day classrooms, the district is trying to address boys' underachievement by teaching the way they believe boys should be taught: separate from girls.

Four seventh and eighth grade classes — art, vocal music, industrial technology and physical education — will be completely gender-segregated this fall.
...
Sax addresses five factors contributing to the decline of boys' performance in school: video games; changing teaching methods; prescription drugs, such as those for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder; endocrine disruptors, including chemicals found in plastic bottles that may lower testosterone levels; and devaluation of masculinity.'

UK: 'Just because they're women, doesn't mean they're any good'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the interesting questions that feminism turned up was whether sex was the bit of your identity that trumped the rest: class, religion, nationality. Actually, if you dig out a dusty copy of The Female Eunuch, you'll find that many Seventies feminists were anti-capitalist, but even so, one of the prevailing assumptions of the women's movement (pre-Thatcher) was that Team Woman was what you supported as a woman, almost regardless of how you felt about its members.

That whole mindset seems mildly quaint now, but it has been given a detox by Harriet Harman, Labour's Deputy Leader. She says in an interview that voters are fed up with "boys running the show". Two years ago, she tried to ensure that, in the Labour Party, either the leader or deputy leader would be a woman'

U.S.A.: Autism Affects 1 In Every 94 Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It seems everyone everywhere not only has a theory about what causes autism, they've got a therapy, behavior modification, remedy or some other deprogramming technique borne of an urgent demand for normalcy that is all too readily fulfilled by the multi-million dollar autism industry. But what if everyone caught up in battling and defeating autism called a truce? What if autism became the new norm?

If you think it preposterous, consider that, in the United States alone, autism affects one in every 150 children and one in 94 boys. But autism is not an American phenomenon, and statistics in other countries are actually narrower. It has been projected that, at the rate we're going, by the year 2035 most of our world's population will be autistic.'

NY Times Opinion: Do Women Make Better Bosses?

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'Do “female bosses tend to be better managers, better advisers, mentors, rational thinkers”?

That is the view of Carol Smith, the senior vice president and chief brand officer for the Elle Group, expressed in a short interview published inside The Times’s business section a week ago Sunday. Ms. Smith also said that male bosses “love to hear themselves talk” and that in some previous jobs she purposely arrived late to meetings so she could miss the men’s conversations about golf and football.'

Reverse racism, sexism will not bring about social justice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We have made great progress in America to move closer toward realizing the ideals of our Declaration of Independence, but many obstacles remain in creating a more perfect union. Yet, to overcome these challenges, should we participate in the same discriminatory practices of those who sought to keep us down, or do we work diligently and courageously to make our country a better place for all people? Is the goal of social justice even possible if we erode the pillars of justice for others? Are we not abating the equality of all people when practicing reverse racism and sexism? For many progressive-socialists, reverse discrimination is viewed as an acceptable remedy for a society which they believe is inherently unequal.'

UK: "Women's refuge closed by 'politically correct' council as it does not cater for abused men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Supporters of a women's refuge were 'shocked and stunned' to be told it is being closed - because it does not cater for men.

The emergency shelter was set up 13 years ago for women and children and adult males are not allowed to stay.

But council officials have now ruled that, because it does not serve both sexes equally, the money used to run the home would be better spent on an 'outreach service' to help battered husbands as well as wives in their own homes.
...
Anthony Wilsdon, spokesman for Supporting People, said the new outreach service would help more people. He said: 'We have identified a need to support more people in their own homes.

'There is also a need to make support open to male victims and families with older male children.'"

4 Scorned Wisconsin Women Tie Up, Assault Married Ex-Lover, Police Say

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Story here.

'STOCKBRIDGE, Wis. — Four Wisconsin women are accused of tying up and assaulting a married man after allegedly finding out he was romantically involved with each of them.

The women are each charged with being party to false imprisonment, a felony with a maximum prison term of six years. One is charged with fourth-degree sexual assault.

Calumet County prosecutors say 48-year-old Therese A. Ziemann of Menasha lured the man to a Stockbridge motel last Thursday. Prosecutors say she was soon joined by 43-year-old Michelle Belliveau of Neenah; 43-year-old Wendy L. Sewell of Kaukauna; and the man's wife.

Authorities say Ziemann punched the man in the face and glued his penis to his stomach.

The Associated Press is not naming the victim's wife to protect the man's identity as a victim of sexual assault.

The women are free on $200 cash bails.'

Video here. The broadcasters had a lot of fun with this story. One of the female announcers believe the man should be prosecuted because adultery is illegal in Wisconsin.

The Root: "White women are the real winners of affirmative action"

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Article here. Interesting take. I've always thought that feminism's biggest success was in hijacking the civil rights movement. All of the justice that should have flowed to historically discriminated against minorities has instead flowed to the most privileged class of people to ever walk the earth, white women. And yet watch the Lifetime Channel sometime. In all of those civil rights period dramas the white woman is portrayed as the sympathetic friend of the black man, all responsibility for racism is pinned her cold, monstrous White Male husband. Excerpt:

'Last Sunday, veteran Washington Post journalist Juan Williams and conservative author Shelby Steele wrote two opposing op-eds on the pending death of affirmative action. Williams opined that Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was too optimistic when she predicted that affirmative action, born with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, had at most 25 more years to live. And Steele argued that persistent racial inequality today between whites and African Americans is primarily a result of black underdevelopment rather than racism. I think they both missed the mark.

For all of Pat Buchanan's angry bluster and "white men built this country" rhetoric, he too misses the glaring but often unspoken truth about affirmative action: that white American women have been the biggest beneficiaries of so-called minority preferences.

All economic indicators, higher education admissions' practices, and corporate and law firm figures show that when it comes to leveling the playing field in the past 30 years, white women—not black men, black women or other persons of color—have gained the most ground.'

India: Harassed hubbies club to seek freedom

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On Independence Day, a group of men will meet in Shimla and make a plan for "freedom" from "harassment" by their wives.

"On Independence Day, we will raise the issue of freedom and dignity of harassed husbands. More than 100 men, representatives of 30,000 other harassed husbands from across the country, will converge at a day-long meeting to come up with strategies to take on their wives," Anil Kumar, president of the Save Indian Family Foundation (SIFF), told IANS.

...

The suicide figures were collected by SIFF from the National Crime Records Bureau. "This is an alarming number. Our fight is against such wives and for justice to the harassed husbands. In fact, husbands committing suicide because of harassment is double the number of wives committing suicide in the country," the founder of CRISP said.'

MSN: 'No One Believed Me'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Four Sacramento County Sheriff's cars pulled up in front of David Woods's house. He tried to explain to them what happened. But the lead deputy cut him off: "Yeah, that's fine. Put your hands behind your back."

David said, "No, wait, she stabbed me ... there's the knife. See the knife? See my neck wound? See?"

"Put your hands behind your back. Turn around," the deputy replied.

"No," David protested. "She stabbed..."

The deputies drew their weapons. David's little daughters came running out of the back bedroom pleading, "Leave Daddy alone! Mamma tried to hurt him with a knife!"

One deputy, a woman, took the children in the bedroom and shut the door. David stood there, cuffed.'

UK: 'Why Harriet Harman is right to call for more women in power'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If Harriet Harman will have achieved anything during her two-week stint in charge of the government, it will be this: she has already increased women's visibility in politics. Her own, especially. There she was at the weekend, on the front page of the Sunday Times, in a news story with the screaming headline "You can't trust men in power". And then again, yesterday, on the cover of London's Evening Standard, beneath the no less incendiary header "Woman running Britain says . . . banks crisis is down to men".

All of which could lead innocent souls to believe that Harman has spent the fortnight going after the patriarchy with all guns – or should I say, all bras – blazing. And she has still got a few days to go. Hurrah! The reality is slightly more muted. At no point in her Sunday Times interview did Harman actually say that she didn't trust men. Instead, she suggested that "men cannot be left to run things on their own . . . In a country where women regard themselves as equal, they are not prepared to see men just running the show themselves." Seems straightforward. And that tone is echoed in the Standard, where she is quoted saying that "women make up half the workforce of insurance companies and banks. Why shouldn't they have a say on the boards as well?"'

Womenomics: Write Your Own Rules for Success

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First, for all the talk about opting out, "most educated women don't want to quit work altogether, even if they could," Shipman and Kay write. "We want to use our brains and be productive professionally." On the other hand, there's plenty of evidence that many women don't want to adopt the more traditional 9-5 male model of work either. While these two desires may have been in conflict in the past, these days, "women top every company's most wanted list." Companies with a high proportion of women executives tend to post better results, and as women earn a higher proportion of college and professional degrees, any company that wants to tap women's talents will have to change how it does business. Shipman and Kay call this new power "Womenomics," and their book documents what it means on a corporate level, and for individual women who wish to negotiate new working arrangements.'

On YouTube: 'Get a New Daddy'

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This is a disturbing song which tells children a false molestation accusation is a good way to get rid of a father and get a 'new daddy'. It's received close to 800,000 views.

NY police: Wrong-way crash driver was drunk, high

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Story here. Excerpt:

'GARDEN CITY, N.Y. – A mother drank vodka and smoked marijuana while taking a vanload of children home from a weekend camping trip that ended in disaster when she went the wrong way on a highway and crashed into an SUV, killing eight people, police said Tuesday.

Diane Schuler, who died along with her 2-year-old daughter and three nieces in her red minivan, had more than 10 drinks of alcohol in her system and a high level of the main ingredient in marijuana, authorities said. A broken 1.75-liter bottle of Absolut vodka was found in her wrecked minivan, police said.

The revelations from the 36-year-old Long Island woman's autopsy helped explain how the woman her family called "an accomplished working mother who always put her children before any other priorities" wound up driving the wrong way for nearly two miles on a suburban parkway before slamming into the SUV.'

CNN Video: Mom Arrested For Dragging Son On A Leash

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Video report here. Caption:

'A mom is arrested after dragging her son through a store on a leash. Did she go too far? Prime News reports.'

Lessons about wife-beating at five: In the week Harriet Harman takes charge, yet another feminist initiative

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Pupils as young as five will be taught about the evils of 'wife beating' and the need to form healthy relationships.

The lessons are part of a controversial drive, unveiled today, to reduce violence against women and young girls.

They will include teaching boys that they must not beat their partners or any other female.

...

This is despite evidence showing that boys and young men are more than twice as likely to fall victim to violence, and that young women are becoming increasingly aggressive.

...

She added: 'It is young men who are most likely to be the victims of violent crime. It is a distortion to suggest otherwise. It appears that everything must be viewed through the prism of 1960s feminism.'

...

It came as the Government prepared to announce the introduction of new Violent Offender Orders for wife beaters and other violent thugs being released from jail.

The thugs will be forced to sign a violent offenders' equivalent of the Sex Offender Register, and could face five years in jail if they do not keep the police informed of any changes to their address, or break any other terms of the order.'

BBC: Harman in the spotlight

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Harriet Harman has been making headlines which will have troubled many of her male colleagues in government - not to mention the male population at large.
...
The overall theme suggested by some papers is that Harriet Harman is using her time standing-in for the holidaying Gordon Brown to promote her own "feminist agenda".

The other suggestion is that Ms Harman is using her stint as "temporary PM" to flag-up her credentials in preparation for a tilt at the "top job".
...
Harriet Harman once joked that if she became prime minister "there wouldn't be enough airports for all the men who would want to flee the country".

UK Times: Harriet Harman's rabid nonsense that has no regard for real needs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'All-women shortlists have brought more females into the Commons, but not improved its performance. Of course, it should be illegal to promote only on the basis of colour, religion, or gender — and it is. Certainly much better than 40 years ago, when I needed a man's signature to open a bank account. But we long since got to that point, and beyond. What's upsetting is the gap between Harriet's priorities and the nation's real needs. Here we are, struggling with the mother and father of all recessions, with the worst government deficit and national debt in recorded history, in which everyone is desperately trying to hang on to their jobs and pay the mortgage. Then there's the war in Afghanistan and the terrible toll of young soldiers sent to fight it.

So Harriet is not only barking up the wrong tree, she is making the Government look even more irrelevant than it is. Her obsessions are those of an over-educated, well-off, middle-class woman who has no worries about where her money is coming from: our pockets, of course. She should go and talk to real working women, or a mother whose school-age children carry knives for protection, or elderly women scared of contracting MRSA in hospital, or the mother of a young rifleman going to Helmand. Then tell them that she, Harriet, should be running the country.'

Harriet Harman digs in her heels to demand tougher rape law

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Harriet Harman has vetoed a review of the rape laws at the eleventh hour, complaining that the proposals fail to address the concerns of women.

Labour's deputy leader used her position as Gordon Brown's stand-in to demand a more radical overhaul of the law, such as targets for prosecutors and police to secure more convictions. She has the backing of Vera Baird, the Solicitor-General, but Jack Straw, the Justice Secretary and Alan Johnson, the Home Secretary, do not want to widen the terms of reference and the review has been postponed.
...
The review was to be announced today to coincide with the publication of an audit of the Government's plans to tackle violence against women. Two reviews are to report next month. One looks at links between the sexualisation of girls and violence; the other at whether police need more powers to control offenders who move from one abusive relationship to another.Ministers are also planning to make it a compulsory part of the national curriculum that children are taught about healthy non-violent relationships.'

UK: Seven days of feminist fantasies

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Harriet Harman has been acting Prime Minister for only a week, but in those seven days she's unleashed a veritable blitzkrieg against the male sex.

Today we report that, to the fury of the Justice Department, she's been trying to grab the limelight in a move to make the law on rape even tougher towards men.

On the same day, she's almost certainly used her influence to force the Home Office to conclude that the most serious crime problem facing Britain is the threat to young women, despite statistics showing that young men are the most likely victims of crime.

Scarce resources are being diverted to silly ideas like compulsory lessons in domestic violence.

On Monday, she opined that if Lehman Brothers had been Lehman Sisters it wouldn't have gone broke.'

RADAR ALERT: NJ Appellate Division Overturns Crespo

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Crespo vs. Crespo – the case that gave new hope to anyone who was ever hit with an unwarranted domestic violence restraining order - was back in the spotlight as the New Jersey Court of Appeals overturned a lower court decision that vacated a final restraining order (FRO) against defendant Anibal Crespo.

For those unfamiliar with judicial standards of proof, there are three levels:

- Beyond a reasonable doubt - the one you were taught about in grade school. This is the highest level of proof, used only in criminal cases. Restraining orders are tried as civil cases to allow the state to impose sanctions without having to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.
- Clear and convincing evidence - an intermediate level of proof. The evidence must show that it's substantially more likely than not that the accusations are true.
- Preponderance of the evidence - the very lowest level of proof. The evidence must show only that it's slightly more likely than not that the accusations are true. If there's a 49% chance that the accusations are false, the accused will still have a restraining order issued against him. Combined with the enormous pressures on judges to err on the side of hidden harm, use of this standard virtually guarantees that restraining orders will be issued gainst a significant number of innocent men.

On June 18, 2008, the Honorable Francis Schultz's ruling made the criteria for a FRO to be "clear and convincing evidence" rather than a "preponderance of the evidence." The landmark ruling was expected to set the stage for unwarranted restraining orders to be vacated and prevent future unwarranted orders from being granted. But that ruling was overturned recently by the state's Appellate Division.

David Heleniak, Anibel Crespo's attorney, said that while it is a disappointing turn of events, people shouldn't give up hope. "The Appellate Division ruled against Mr. Crespo, but they are not the final word on constitutionality in New Jersey," he said.

Heleniak is working on taking the Crespo case to the New Jersey Supreme Court. You can read his brief requesting the court take the case at http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/crespo_petition_for_cert.pdf.

In addition, he has another FRO case that could also end up in the hands of the State's highest court. The two-wave approach will make it more likely that the New Jersey Supreme Court will finally address the constitutional issues regarding domestic violence restraining orders.

Please stay updated on this groundbreaking effort and pass the information along to anyone who you think would benefit or make a difference.

Thanks for your help getting our message out.

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Harriet Harman: In charge, but so out of touch

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Topics of national and international import – the swine flu pandemic, doctors' hours, bankers' bonuses, war in Afghanistan, turbulence in Iran – are of no concern to the woman in charge while Gordon chews his nails in a sodden Lake District and rues the political necessity of having to take a holiday at home. Instead, Miss Harman's fixation with "equality" continues – although her ranting has taken on a disturbing shrillness reminiscent of the "all men are rapists" school of feminism.

...

There is no question that Miss Harman has her eye on a forthcoming vacancy. But she may come to regret her outburst this week. It has alienated a majority of women, who know, instinctively or through experience, that without merit there can never be a meritocracy.'

"He probably deserved it"

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The story of a woman who apparently killed her husband (John Housman) in Boulder, Colorado affirms what has become our cultural norm: if a woman kills a man, he must have deserved it.

The Denver Post called the murder a tragedy. The Boulder Daily Camera has now run two stories, including this one, describing Housman's various past sins, including the contents of an e-mail from an ex-wife who assures us the killer must have acted in self-defense. The murder victim apparently had a bad temper, was ticketed was for DV, and harassed a former landlord.

It's difficult to imagine any newspaper running a story that suggests, implies, hints that a murdered woman deserved to die. But the BDC has now run two suggesting Housman deserved to die. Excerpt:

'BOULDER, Colo. — Nine years ago, in the throes of a divorce, John Housman — then 32 — was ticketed for domestic violence after threatening to kill his wife and “bash” her face in, according to a Boulder police report made public Wednesday.

Now, detectives are talking with friends and family members to find out whether Housman and his fourth wife, Traci, had a history of domestic violence, said police spokeswoman Sarah Huntley.

John Housman, 41, was found dead in his home at 2994 23rd St. in Boulder early Sunday after Traci Housman, 36, called 911 to report that she had stabbed him, according to police. She was arrested on suspicion of second-degree murder.'

Wife's Successful Hitman Attempt on Hubby a Hoax

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Story here. Excerpt:

'There is acting and then there is the Academy Award-worthy performance put on by Dalia Dippolito on Wednesday morning after cops told her that her newly wed husband had been murdered.

A second after the words were uttered by Boynton Beach police, Dippolito broke down in tears and hysterical screams at the thought of her beloved husband leaving this earth. Her townhouse was surrounded by detectives and crime scene investigators.

...

Turns out Dippolito had hired a hitman to kill her husband of only six months -- or so she thought he was a hitman. It turned out to be an undercover Boynton Beach cop.'

UK: "When feminism went nuts"

Michael · 6 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is Friday evening at Liverpool Street station, London, and while browsing commuters kill time in WH Smith before their trains, a dozen young women attack a stand of lads' magazines. Over the covers of Nuts, Zoo, GQ and Loaded — "50 Boobiest Blondes", "Summer's real breast fest" — they slip brown paper bags adorned with handwritten slogans: "Don't be Nuts — get this sexism out of my face", "Stop mainstreaming porn", "FHM: For Horrible Misogyny".

Soon the mags in bags cover a whole shop wall and the women, activists from the feminist group Object, pause exhilarated yet apprehensive, awaiting a response. Mostly people are puzzled. A few men sidle out of the shop. But when Object asks women to sign its petition, to have lads' mags reclassified as porn and displayed on top shelves, no one refuses. "I never feel comfortable when they're on the counter in a newsagent's," says one woman, clutching a copy of Grazia. Finally the store manager comes over and actually apologises. "I don't like selling them," he shrugs, "but it's company policy."'

'As Colleges Cut Athletics, Title IX Does an Injustice to Men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With endowments shrinking, donations falling and operating budgets squeezed, colleges and universities face great pressure to cut costs. Athletic departments are an obvious target. But, troublingly, men's sports are disproportionately bearing the brunt.

This year, men's programs across the country have gotten the third-strike call: swimming and soccer at Kutztown University (Pa.); baseball at the University of Northern Iowa; football at Western Washington; wrestling at Delaware State, Portland State and Carson-Newman. MIT, which has one of the largest athletic departments in the nation, eliminated men's teams in gymnastics, ice hockey, golf, wrestling, alpine skiing and pistol.'

Mom accused of mutilating 5-week-old son

Proud_to_be_a_man · 6 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

HOUSTON, Aug. 6 (UPI) -- Jury selection began in Houston Thursday in the trial of a mother accused of cutting off her infant son's genitals and blaming the family dog.

Katherine Nadal, 28, said the dachshund did it when the boy was 5 weeks old on March 13, 2007.

Nadal tested positive for cocaine, methadone and a tranquilizer the day after the 2007 attack, a Child Protective Services spokeswoman said.

Investigators said they ruled out dog bites and accused the former Anahuac High School cheerleader of using a sharp instrument to remove his penis, The Houston Chronicle reported.

The boy's aunt, Patches DeShazo, who is caring for the child, said the toddler is recovering and still waiting for reconstructive surgery.

Nadal is in jail in lieu of $75,000 bail.'

Senate confirms Sotomayor for Supreme Court

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'WASHINGTON – The Senate confirmed Sonia Sotomayor Thursday as the first Hispanic justice on the Supreme Court. The vote was 68-31 for Sotomayor, President Barack Obama's first high court nominee. She becomes the 111th justice and just the third woman to serve.

Democrats praised the 55-year-old Sotomayor as a mainstream moderate. But most Republicans voted against her, saying she'd bring personal bias and a liberal agenda to the bench.
...
The Republicans said that they might disagree with some of her rulings, statements or views, but that she was well-qualified to serve on the nation's highest court.
...
Like Democrats, many of them called Sotomayor's background inspirational. The daughter of Puerto Rican parents, she was raised in a South Bronx housing project, then educated in the Ivy League before rising to the highest legal echelons.'

Experts: Women are drinking more, DUIs are up

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And we all know whose fault it is! Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK – It seemed too horrendous even to imagine. But the case of the mother who caused a deadly wrong-way crash while drunk and stoned is part of a disturbing trend: Women in the U.S. are drinking more, and drunken-driving arrests among women are rising rapidly while falling among men.

And some of those women, as in the New York case, are getting behind the wheel with kids in the back.

Men still drink more than women and are responsible for more drunken-driving cases. But the gap is narrowing, and among the reasons cited are that women are feeling greater pressures at work and home, they are driving more, and they are behaving more recklessly.

"Younger women feel more empowered, more equal to men, and have been beginning to exhibit the same uninhibited behaviors as men," said Chris Cochran of the California Office of Traffic Safety.'

Dalia Dipolito enjoys nymphotropic welcome home

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Story here. Why is she NOT in jail? Why are her neighbors sympathetic with her? Why do they think "he had it coming"? Answer: She's a girl! Excerpt:

'A judge has ordered Dailia Dipolito to stay at her parents house in the Boynton Beach Community of Nautica. By late Thursday night things finally quieted down. But that was not the case earlier Thursday when Dipolito arrived.
...
"I think it's pretty sad. It's really is pretty sad. You know when you think about it. But I think there's a lot more behind it that nobody knows about", said neighbor Jack Lynch.

Another neighbor, Barbara Lombardo tols us, "Hopefully she comes out O.K. With it. But she should have just divorced her husband, I don't know."

Mom in MySpace case can use Web again

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ST. LOUIS - A Missouri mother who was tried on accusations she was involved in a MySpace hoax directed at a 13-year-old girl who committed suicide has been told she can use the Internet again.

The lawyer for Lori Drew says she has been offered a job that requires her to use a computer and the Internet. A federal judge in California on Thursday modified Drew's bail so she can.

Drew was convicted last fall in the case where she was accused of illegally accessing a computer to harass a neighborhood teenager, Megan Meier. U.S. District Judge George Wu tentatively threw out convictions against Drew in July.'

NOW calls for every vacant seat on the Supreme Court to be filled by a woman until there are at least four

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women have every reason to be outraged about gender disparity on the Supreme Court. When Sotomayor joins Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the court this fall, women will occupy a whopping 22 percent of the bench. Sixteen years passed between the confirmations of Ginsburg and Sotomayor, and three men were elevated to the high court during that time. At that unacceptable rate, it could take decades, maybe even centuries, to achieve a gender balanced court. There's no excuse to wait for equality: NOW calls for every open seat on the Supreme Court to be filled by a woman until there are four, if not five women justices.'

John Abberley: Outdated feminist views are harming Harriet's reputation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'AFTER a week with Harriet Harman in charge at Downing Street, I shudder to think what would happen if this arch-feminist was the real Prime Minister.

In a few days she has turned her guns on men in a way which not only reflects her obsession with sexual politics but suggests she is aiming to indoctrinate young children with her anti-male prejudices.

What else can you say when Ms Harman, pictured, comes up with the crackpot idea that lessons on the evils of wife-beating should be given to pupils at primary school?

Her central plank seems to be that men abuse women almost institutionally. We are a nation of wife-beaters and potential rapists. There could be one living next door to you.'

Harry Potter’s Magic: Getting Boys To Read More

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'I’m not alone in this view. An entire conference was held on the subject recently at Shenandoah University, where children’s authors and illustrators met with about 300 teachers and librarians for advice on getting boys to read more, says a recent piece in Education Week. The gender gap is well-documented in national achievement-testing data showing boys trailing girls in reading skills by a significant margin. (The ad slogan for James Patterson’s and Ned Rust’s new young adult novel “Daniel X: Watch the Skies” is “OMG! My son is reading!”)

Among ideas presented at the conference: Boys need male role models who love to read, to encourage them to do the same, says Jon Scieszka, a children’s author. Mr. Scieszka, who runs the Guys Read Web site, says being able to tell a boy that “another guy read this book and liked it” may also work. Also, avoid deluging boys with too many choices. Instead, provide a small selection as a start, recommends Mr. Scieszka, a former elementary-school teacher and author of “The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs” and “Knucklehead,” as well as other books for preteens.'

UK: Labour imposes women-only lists in half seats left by retiring MPs

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Labour has imposed women-only shortlists on more than half of its seats left vacant by retiring MPs, an analysis by The Times shows.

Figures released by the party yesterday show that 24 of the 44 selections in seats won by Labour at the 2005 election are restricted to women. The proportion is expected to increase as dozens more Labour MPs quit before the next election.

Party officials complain that Harriet Harman is rigidly enforcing a policy that women should be fielded in half of winnable seats in each area. It means that local parties in areas where there are few sitting women Labour MPs are given little choice over selection as the party's high command tries to meet the quota.

Ms Harman, Labour's deputy leader, sits on a sub-committee of the National Executive Committee, which decides whether to allow an open selection or impose women-only shortlists. It is supposed to decide each seat case by case but is pushing through an increasing number of such contests.'

Domestic violence cuts both ways in Australia

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sydney - It's the emancipation of women: they drink and drive more than they used to, they get sent to prison more and, it seems, they batter their partners more. Women have always been perpetrators of domestic violence as well as victims. Figures from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research in Western Australia, the country's biggest state, show a 159-per-cent rise in women before the courts over the past eight years on charges stemming from violent arguments in the home.
...
"It's much harder for a man to actually admit that his wife is beating him up," she said. "They seem to regard it as a shameful issue. And a lot of police actually say to men 'What did you do to make your wife hit you?' or 'Can't you handle your missus?'"'

Aberdeen woman made false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'AN ABERDEEN woman who sparked a major police investigation after she falsely accused her former partner of rape today apologised.

Elizabeth Christie, 30, told a detective at Aberdeen's Grampian Police Headquarters she had been raped by Angus Reid, known as Greig.

Mr Greig was investigated and ordered to appear at a preliminary hearing at the High Court in Aberdeen.

But the accusations against him were not true.

Christie admitted making the false claims when she appeared at Aberdeen Sheriff Court.

Christie today said she made the allegation after suffering a nervous breakdown.

She also said it was a "cry for help" to her family who she said don't speak to her.'

Mother spared jail in false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A young Shropshire mother-of-three, who falsely claimed she had been raped by her partner, has been spared a jail term.

Kirsty Smith, 23, was given a suspended prison sentence yesterday after the court heard she had been involved in an abusive relationship.

Judge Robin Onions told Smith that custody was the normal sentence for this type of offence which undermined the cause of true rape victims.

...

In June, Smith, of Meadow Road, Newport, had admitted perverting the course of justice by making a false allegation of rape against Shane Chetwood in January last year when she was six months pregnant.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court yesterday, Smith was given 52 weeks in jail, suspended for two years, placed on supervision for a year and ordered to complete 150 hours unpaid work in the community.'

High school teachers arrested for 'having sex with' boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two female Jay High School teachers were arrested today on charges that they had sex in their homes with teenage boys in 2007.

Ashley Elenea Burkett, 31, and April Burford Watson, 33, both of Jay, were arrested Thursday afternoon, charged with having sexual relationships with minors. Both were released on $50,000 bond each after being booked into the Santa Rosa County Jail on three counts each of unlawful sexual activity with a minor, a second degree felony. Both were released on GPS monitors.'

Female Teacher Pleads Guilty to Rape of Middle School Student

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Story here.

'A 27-year-old teacher pled guilty today to raping her 14-year-old student this past spring. Melissa Weber was a social studies teacher at M.S. 8, a middle school in Jamaica, Queens. According to the Queens D.A., the two had sexual intercourse in a second-floor classroom seven separate occasions between April and May. The D.A.'s office says that the two had intercourse between 3 and 6 p.m., which was during after-school hours, when other students remain on campus for activities.

The situation came to light when the boy's mother, who is a member of the PTA, was told that the teacher was engaging in an inappropriate relationship with her son. She checked her son's cell phone and found hundreds of text messages between Weber and the boy, including one in which Weber told him to "erase your phone.'"

Weber pled guilty to statutory rape, or rape in the second degree. She will have to register as sex offender and lose her teaching license.'

Marc Rudov: 'Obama’s Misandry Cineplex'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Team Obama is, perhaps, the most-misandrist bunch ever running American government. Few are familiar with the term misandry: hatred of men. Ask your friends; you’ll get blank stares — because misandry is both accepted and acceptable in our culture, as TV sitcoms and commercials prove by endlessly featuring moronic husbands and fathers.

Employing the anti-male projections of Vice President Joe Biden and almost-confirmed US Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sototmayor, as well as his own, President Barack Obama is operating a veritable misandry cineplex at the White House.
...
Misandry exists in the streets, in entertainment, and in baseless and unconstitutional public policies, laws, and adjudications. But, to appear macho, men shrug it off. Don’t forget: Crystal Gail Mangum, the woman who falsely accused three Duke lacrosse players of rape, still walks this earth with impunity and freedom.'

"Why men in ads are dumb, goofy or completely inept "

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Silly men. You can't take them anywhere.

If they're not messing up your house, running into glass doors or trying in vain to outsmart an air freshener, you'll find them eating the inedible or falling down for no reason whatsoever.

At least, that's what some advertisers would have you believe. More and more marketers are trying to tap into the overwhelming buying power of wives and mothers at the expense of their other halves. Dads are dumb, boyfriends are bumbling and husbands are utterly hopeless as brands strive to relate to women by showing men as especially goofy or incompetent.

"They're applying that same formula every time you see an ad," said Deborah Adams, senior vice-president of Harbinger Communications, a consultancy firm that focuses on marketing to women. She's seen the trend rise over the years. "It's not just advertising, it's in pop culture, depicting men in a very narrow, stereotypical view."'

'Are we a ‘Fatherless’ Society?'

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'Research also shows that children with absent fathers are significantly more likely to drop out of high school (National Principals’ Association Report on the State of High Schools), and that children in single parent families are less likely than students living in intact families parents to have parents involved in their schools.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, children in father-absent homes are five times more likely to be poor. Additionally, when fathers are absent or uninvolved, mothers often experience more financial and emotional stresses, which may decrease their ability to parent effectively and lead to increased child abuse and neglect.

A father’s presence in the home can help protect his children from maltreatment. While many fathers also perpetrate child abuse, research shows that the rates of child maltreatment (neglect, physical and sexual abuse), among single-parent families is almost double the rate among two-parent families (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services).'

Woman's work is never done – as profitably as man's

Broadsword · 7 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"In an unhappy moment for the politically correct, the academics claim that their research shows that having more women in the boardroom can have "a negative effect on financial performance".

While companies with more women on their boards tend to have better corporate governance, they are less profitable and have a smaller market capitalisation, according to the paper.

Dr Daniel Ferreira, from LSE's Department of Management said: "This is a complicated picture. Our research shows that women directors are doing their jobs very well. But a tough board, with more monitoring, may not always be a good thing. Indeed, we see that increased monitoring can be counter-productive in well-governed companies."

The research comes just days after, Harriet Harman, Labour's deputy leader, repeated a quote about "Lehman Sisters, not Lehman Brothers" to warn that the lack of women in senior business roles was one of the reasons for the financial crisis.

Miss Harman, who is standing in for the Prime Minister while he is on holiday, wasn't available for comment yesterday.'

Husband starts divorce proceedings after foiled 'Hitman For Hire' plot

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'BOYNTON BEACH, FL -- While Dalia Dippolito was able to go home to her family's home, still in the sweat pants she was wearing while arrested, her husband Michael has avoided his house.

Trying to stay away from the media long enough to figure things out for himself.

"He remains in a state of shock. You're here this has become a national story, said attorney Jason Brody.

Michael spoke with his divorce attorney hours after his wife's caught on camera performance where police said her husband was dead.

And to no ones surprise, he's already begun the process of divorcing the woman who police say paid a hitman to have her husband murdered.'

Woman Sets Fire to Man's Genitals

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Greek woman set fire to a British man's genitals at a club after he allegedly made sexual advances on her.

The unidentified woman is being praised by her hometown in Crete for what she did and for also turning herself in to police immediately after the alleged incident. She has been charged with causing bodily injury and endangering private property, according to the Telegraph.

Police said that the incident took place at a club in the Greek resort town of Malia. The British man, who police have also not yet identified, allegedly took off his pants there and waved his genitals at a number of girls. He is then said to have "forcefully fondled" the Greek woman and asked her to hold his genitals.

The woman asked the man to stop harassing her, police said, and when he didn't, she poured Sabucco, a liquor that resembles Greek ouzo, on his private area.

When the man continued his advances, police said that's when the woman set fire to his genitals using a lighter.'

Husband of Wrong-Way Crash Driver Probed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CBS/AP) Authorities are investigating the husband of the woman who was driving a minivan the wrong way on a parkway just north of New York City when it hit an SUV head-on late last month, killing herself and seven others, sources say.

Diane Schuler, 36, is dead, along with her 2-year-old daughter, three nieces aged 5, 7 and 8 and three men in the SUV. Her 5-year-old son survived the fiery crash.

CBS station WCBS-TV in New York says it's learned that Daniel Schuler "is himself now being investigated by Suffolk County (Long Island, site of the Schuler family home) Child Protective Services" who want to know "how much Schuler knew about his wife's drinking and marijuana use the day of the crash."'

UK: 'Statistical gender bending'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Harriet Harman's office is in trouble with the statistics watchdog again.

After ticking off the equality minister in June for using a figure which "risks giving a misleading quantification of the gender pay gap", the UK Statistics Authority is more than a little perturbed that a quango based in her office - the Women and Work Commission - went ahead and published the figure again just a few weeks later. The number was quoted across the British media - including the BBC.

The figure in question is 22.6 - the percentage that Ms Harman's department likes to suggest is the difference between the earnings of men and women. But the head of the UK Statistics Authority, Sir Michael Scholar, told the Government Equalities Office on 11 June that the figure should not be used, because to do so "may undermine public trust in official statistics".

UK: Why boys are now the true victims of discrimination

Matt · 8 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here, in the "Femail" section, no less. Excerpt:

'As the mother of an only child, a son, I do not think I am exaggerating in saying that I detected something akin to sympathy when we announced that we had a boy.
...
Answering counter-claims that the introduction of GCSE and the continued relatively poor performance of boys is just a coincidence, the study points out that in research by the Organisation For Economic Co-operation And Development, where more than 13,000 15-year-olds sat what might be termed 'traditional' tests, girls scored better in reading, while boys achieved more correct answers in maths and science.

When the same pupils sat GCSEs, however, the girls did better in all subjects.
...
As someone who has benefitted enormously from the women's movement, I deplore the prospect of a generation of disadvantaged young men failing to reach their true potential and missing out on university and the chances it brings.
...
And if we continue to ignore the yawning gender achievement gap in our schools, then we will all suffer as a result.'

Sweden: Woman, 32, found guilty of raping woman, gets 'psychiatric care' from court

Matt · 9 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. File this under the many ways that feminism serves not only to persecute men but also leave women unprotected from each other. Excerpt:

'A 32-year-old woman has been found guilty of the rape of another woman by the Gothenburg District Court.

The court ordered for the 32-year-old to be cared for at secure psychiatric institution after a psychological evaluation found that she suffers from a serious psychiatric disorder.
...
"Female sex offenders are extremely rare. In the last ten years four women have been convicted of rape in Sweden. Any cases that come under investigation deal almost exclusively with children who are close [to the perpetrator] or rapes that also involve a man," Kwarnmark told newspaper Göteborgs-Posten.'

"Psychiatric care"..."Female sex offenders are extremely rare." This is the result of feminism in action on a national policy-wide level. Maybe some people in policy and law-making positions in Sweden need to look at this.

UK: 'Women aren't equal to men - especially not the feminists'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is Harriet Harman's misfortune that she is the sort of woman who gives feminism a bad name. Her intentions may be of the highest, her motives of the most disinterested, but when she holds forth from her political heights about rape, the superiority of her imaginary Lehman Sisters to Lehman Brothers and the impropriety of a mere man running the country without a woman at his side to restrain him, there are many who mutter to themselves that if this is feminism, it is barking.

Harman's agenda seems at times quite daft: must tiny children really be taught at school about daddies' nasty way of hitting mummies? As the nation's newspaper of record itself was prompted to ask, has feminism gone nuts? The simple and depressing answer is that feminism has always tended to go – if not nuts – then wildly astray, from one extreme to another.

...

The tragedy of feminism is that it has been dogged, or perhaps I should say bitched, by a lot of fixed ideas and unquestioned beliefs. Only when it becomes intellectually rigorous will feminism have some claim to intellectual respectability and then perhaps some claim to justice.

It is a shame to my sex that the women's movement has been brought low by muddled and emotional thinking – so often said by misogynists to be characteristic of the female mind and, I believe, a characteristic of Harman's.'

Roethlisberger accuser allegedly bragged about sex

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Story here. Excerpt:

'RENO, Nev. – The woman suing quarterback Ben Roethlisberger for alleged sexual assault has been accused of bragging about having consensual sex with him to a co-worker.

Angela Antonetti said the woman who made the rape claim "did not appear to be upset, stressed-out or nervous" about her time with the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback during a 2008 celebrity golf tournament at Lake Tahoe, according to court documents filed late Friday.

Antonetti said her Harrah's hotel-casino co-worker "appeared happy and boastful," and later said she thought she might be pregnant from the encounter. Antonetti made the remarks in a sworn statement attached to a motion to move the case from Reno to Minden, Nev.'

Author engages in communal blame for George Sodini's spree

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Male rage does have a habit of popping up. Hardly a week seems to go by without inordinate amounts of venom and scorn being aimed in the direction of prominent female politicians. Elsewhere, I have noticed a distinct increase in musings on how over-assertive women only have ourselves to blame if our men are weak and emasculated. We have outmanned and unmanned them – what bitches we are! This isn't even counting the drear that's always there, especially on the internet, from bitter rantings on divorce sites, to full-throttle misogyny on openly women-hating sites. And now we have Sodini on his blogs and videos, blaming all his ills on a dominant mother (the ultimate male rage target) and the "30 million" who rejected him.
...
Sodini could be classed as just a random psychopath. In some ways, that's comforting. Far better that than the idea that for some men out there this kind of thing is becoming a distinct manifesto. The dark paradox is that if Sodini felt his social status was demeaned by his lack of success with women, he probably wasn't even shooting at the correct gender. It's men who tend to torture other men about status, just as women tend to torture other women about body image. Therefore, it's men, not women, who were responsible for Sodini's misery. In the meantime, women should be aware: male rage is dangerous and may be more widespread than you think. Be careful who you don't fancy.'

Australian university seeks candidates for "Womyn's Director" - women only need apply

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Nominations Open - 9.30am Monday 10th August 2009
Nominations Close - 4.30pm Friday 28th August 2009
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* Media Director
* Activities Director
* Sport and Recreation Director
* **Womyn's Director (must be female)**
* Student Welfare Director
* Environment Director
* NUS Delegates x 3
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Low-T Syndrome: Another Word for Male Menopause

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Andropause is a "term of convenience" in describing the complex symptoms in aging men with low testosterone levels, according to one study at the University of Toronto Department of Medicine.

Some studies show only 25 percent of all men with low testosterone levels ever experience symptoms such as Dan's, as well as bone loss and fracture, sleep disturbances and lethargy.

The very existence of andropause is contentious and large-scale studies on hormone treatment are only a decade old. Many say the underlying cause of some men's complaints are part of the normal aging process.'

Bleacher Report: 'Attention Gold-Diggers: The False Rape Accusations Must Stop'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rape is one of those crimes that is so intimately disgusting and inhumanly unforgivable, the very accusation carries a somewhat sacred consequence—almost anyone who doubts the allegation risks the appearance of a malignant heart.

Nobody—NOBODY—would ever lie about being raped, so the mere suggestion of skepticism is dangerous.
...
Not only is the crime singularly evil, but it's extremely difficult to prove in the absence of physical injury. The prosecution and accuser should be afforded a good degree of latitude to explore the charge as well as a layman's presumption of honesty.
...
There seemed to be negligible risk of throwing innocent men in jail because nobody believed an innocent man would be charged with such a terrible crime.

Slowly, with each false accusation, these women are adding weight to the other side.

And woe to us all once the delicate balance is lost.'

Virginia Governor Sets Free 3 Sailors Convicted in Rape and Murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'RICHMOND, Va. — Gov. Tim Kaine on Thursday ordered the release of three sailors who were convicted in a 1997 murder and rape case that had become a national cause célèbre as an example of wrongful convictions based on coerced confessions.

The three, who with another sailor were known as the Norfolk Four, were charged in the rape and murder of the wife of a fellow sailor. But after someone else confessed to the crime and the men remained in prison, their plight attracted a long list of supporters, including former judges, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and even some of the jurors in their cases.

Citing “grave doubts” about the men’s complicity in the crimes, Governor Kaine issued a partial pardon to the three sailors — Derek Tice, Danial Williams and Joseph Dick Jr. — which reduced their life sentences to time served and permits them to leave prison in the coming days.'

Woman's affidavit supports Roethlisberger's denial of sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Nevada woman who in a civil lawsuit accused Ben Roethlisberger of sexually assaulting her last year boasted to a co-worker at that time of having consensual sex with the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback and said she hoped he had impregnated her, according to a sworn affidavit filed in court in Washoe County, Nev., late Friday.

Shortly after telling former co-worker Angela Antonetti about the tryst during a celebrity golf tournament at Harrah's Lake Tahoe, where both worked as casino hosts, the 31-year-old woman "expressed to me she was hoping for a 'little Roethlisberger,'" Ms. Antonetti said in her affidavit.
...
Ms. Antonetti said she was "absolutely shocked" on July 21 when she heard on the radio that the woman had claimed Mr. Roethlisberger had assaulted her "because I knew [her] allegation ....was false.
...
"Because I knew that [her] lawsuit and false allegations would unfairly and unjustly hurt Mr. Roethlisberger, I wanted to set the story straight," she said in the affidavit, part of a motion filed by two other defendants to move the case from Washoe County to Douglas County.'

Feminists blame "Culture of Misogyny" for gym killer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'...To say that it is a “culture-wide problem” because America is apparently just still so misogynistic is ridiculous and wrong. And feminists know that. Most men do not harbor secret fantasies of forcing women to have sex with them whether they want to or not, nor do most men dream about enacting violence against women. Yet it doesn’t keep feminists from labeling men this way.

What I think it boils down to is that feminists no longer have anything to fight for. And so, a movement that once was dedicated to fighting for equality between sexes has now resorted to slandering all men as angry, violent, women-haters in order to further their own feminist agenda. George Sodini is a sick, evil man who I hope rots in hell for what he’s done. And while I don’t think feminists are evil, they should still be ashamed of themselves for exploiting a tragedy of this nature in order to continue to smear men.'

UK: The men transforming into female hybrids

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Modern women are turning their husbands into 'male-female hybrids' by ordering them to do a rising number of domestic chores, a relationship counsellor claims.

Women increasingly used to being in charge in the workplace are adopting the same policy at home, telling their men to perform traditional housewives' tasks such as the laundry, vacuuming and ironing.

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'Many of us are so focused, decisive and assertive, that the only role left for our husbands is one where they comply and let us take charge - traditionally feminine traits.

'But the irony is, we don't actually want men like that, and we end up eventually resenting them for not being more dominant and fearless.'"

Study: Women underrate bosses' opinion of them

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A new study shows female managers are more than three times as likely as their male counterparts to underrate their bosses' opinions of their job performance.
...
"Women have imposed their own glass ceiling, and the question is why," said Scott Taylor, an assistant professor at the University of New Mexico Anderson School of Management who conducted the study.
...
Taylor said managers may need to learn better ways to communicate to female employees that they are valued. Women may need to learn how to better seek positive and critical feedback, he said.

Taylor says the findings could indicate why many women don't rise to head companies or why there is a wage disparity between men and women.'

NY Times Op-Ed: 'Women at Risk'

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'We have become so accustomed to living in a society saturated with misogyny that the barbaric treatment of women and girls has come to be more or less expected.

We profess to being shocked at one or another of these outlandish crimes, but the shock wears off quickly in an environment in which the rape, murder and humiliation of females is not only a staple of the news, but an important cornerstone of the nation's entertainment.

The mainstream culture is filled with the most gruesome forms of misogyny, and pornography is now a multibillion-dollar industry — much of it controlled by mainstream U.S. corporations.
...
A girl or woman somewhere in the U.S. is sexually assaulted every couple of minutes or so. The number of seriously battered wives and girlfriends is far beyond the ability of any agency to count.
...
We would become much more sane, much healthier, as a society if we could bring ourselves to acknowledge that misogyny is a serious and pervasive problem, and that the twisted way so many men feel about women, combined with the absurdly easy availability of guns, is a toxic mix of the most tragic proportions.'

India: Boys fight for freedom!

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rage. That's what one gets to see in the eyes of harassed husbands and men's rights activists in the city, who, outraged by laws, which they claim are unfair, are now getting ready to voice their protest on Independence Day this year.

"We are abstaining from Independence Day celebrations this year to protest the unfair laws that favour women," says Suresh, the convenor of the Chennai Chapter of the Save Indian Family Foundation (SIFF), an organisation fighting for men's rights and family harmony under the aegis of the Save Indian Family movement.

Men's groups across the country have been protesting gender-biased laws in general and the Domestic Violence Act and the 498A, in particular.'

Ballarat teacher on multiple sex charges

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A FEMALE teacher charged over alleged sexual liaisons with two schoolboys has faced a Ballarat court.

Michelle Dennis, in her early 30s, was charged last October with three counts of sexual penetration of a child aged under 16 and one count of committing an indecent act, the Herald Sun reports.

She was immediately suspended from teaching by the Victorian Department of Education.

The charges came just days after Ms Dennis was stood down from Ballarat High School after being charged with three counts of sexual penetration of another student, aged 17 or under."

Abducted child's father faces prison for peaceful protest

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Donald Tenn, the Sacramento father who traveled to Washington DC recently for a rally to confront President Obama on his "fathers need to step up" comments, will be in a Columbus, Ohio courtroom Monday morning on charges related to his 4 day protest on a 175' construction crane last year.

Tenn was a stay-at-home daddy until Shannon Phillips took their daughter to Illinois on what was described as a vacation three years ago. After her arrival Phillips announced that she had no intention of returning to California, or of allowing Madison to return. When Tenn reminded her that California law prevents parental move-aways Phillips filed her first of many false charges of domestic violence against Tenn.

At one point he had hope. One judge refused a restraining order and scolded Phillips for her antics. But after Tenn had one visit with Madison in Illinois Phillips renewed her campaign of false allegations.'

Carey Roberts: Feminists endowed with a superiority complex

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For decades, male-bashing has been deemed an amusing side show in the Battle of the Sexes. Some consider it funny when an advertisement depicts a man maimed by his girlfriend. Others will say an abused man simply had it coming. (Think former NFL star Steve McNair, shot four times in his sleep by a jealous girlfriend — but no one could bring themselves to call it "domestic violence.")

In recent years, gender supremacism has entered the mainstream of political discourse. Former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan of Texas once declared, "I believe that women have a capacity for understanding and compassion which a man structurally does not have."

And consider Hillary Clinton's remark, "Research shows the presence of women raises the standards of ethical behavior and lowers corruption." Thank goodness we have ethical paragons like Hillary to show us out of the wilderness.'

UK: Worrying trend will hit boys' education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The problem is most acute at primary level, where fewer than one in six is male. In an era when so many youngsters, sadly, do not have a father living in the home this is particularly depressing and worrying. In schools as a whole throughout Wales, women teachers outnumber men by three to one.

The question must be asked what effect the climate of suspicion which has hung in recent year over jobs which bring men and children together has had.

How many perfectly decent, honourable men have decided the prospect of a teaching career with its incipient risk of being wrongfully accused of something is simply a risk not worth taking?'

Malaysia: Teacher makes boy smoke 42 cigarettes as punishment

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Story here. Excerpt:

'KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A Malaysian teacher forced a student to smoke 42 cigarettes for four hours as punishment after a cigarette and lighter were found in his locker, a news report said Thursday.

A school official confirmed that the English teacher subjected the student to the unusual punishment, but said the teenager was made to smoke fewer than 42 sticks. He declined to elaborate.

He said the teacher was upset when she found her model student, Mohamad Alif Arifin, had a cigarette and lighter in his locker in the school in the northern island of Langkawi.
...
He said it was up to the state's education department to take action against the teacher.'

Expert: What can be done to help boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ORONO - Boys go to college at a lower rate than girls. It's become a state and national trend, said a professor at the College of Education at the University of Maine.

"Lots of task forces are getting together to explore different reasons," said Rumford native Rich Kent, an assistant professor of literacy.

Kent serves on the Maine Gender Task Force which is exploring why girls are outperforming boys. The group will give its recommendations in June.

One reason boys' aspirations have fallen could be that boys learn better from hands-on lessons. Boys say they'd "rather be doing stuff" than sitting in English class, Kent said. However, he stressed it's important not to label all girls as compliant, all boys as antsy.

While the task force works on answers, teachers can help by not always assigning reading and writing materials. Some reading and essays could be decided according to students' interests. "I grew up in Rumford in love with ski racing," Kent said. He rarely if ever was assigned to read or write about skiing.'

St. Louis chess club to host all-girls chess camp

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ST. LOUIS, August 5, 2009 -- The Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, site of the 2009 U.S. Chess Championship last May and the upcoming U.S. Women's Chess Championship in October, will host the 10th United States Chess School from August 11 through 15 at its world-class facility at 4657 Maryland Avenue in the Central West End.

The U.S. Chess School, which is sponsored by Dr. Jim Roberts in conjunction with AF4C (America's Foundation for Chess), is devoted to developing the strongest young players in the country. Started in 2006, this 10th edition is the first exclusively for female players. Previous camps have been held in Kentucky, New York, Arizona, New Jersey and California.

Each session is attended by eight to 12 players. The St. Louis edition includes eight players ranging in age from 12 to 19, who will be tutored by coordinator Elizabeth Vicary, Chess School president Gregory Shahade and grandmaster chess player Gregory Kaidanov, who was one of the 25 competitors at the 2009 U.S. Chess Championship in May.'

RADAR ALERT: Where's Your Money Being Spent?

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In this tough economic recession, states have to decide how to balance budgets and where to cut costs. Facing California's largest budget deficit ever, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger decided to cut unnecessary state expenses, or at least expenses that haven't proved the money was making a difference.

A report issued by RADAR Services, "Are Abuse Shelters Helping the True Victims of Domestic Violence?"[1], reveals some disturbing facts about the country's 1,600 abuse shelters. Based on research studies, reviews of shelter websites, and interviews with former shelter residents and staff, the report reveals that only one in 10 persons are in domestic violence shelters because of they are victims of battering.

Gov. Schwarzenegger apparently felt politically safe cutting all state funding to domestic violence programs in the state of California. The federal government openly admits that the shelters it funds give no data at all on what they do, how they do it, who they provide services to, what those services are, who they reject, etc. They also have established no criteria by which to judge whether they actually reduced domestic violence or not.[2,3]

UK: More women than men now in high-status jobs

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Article here. And as usual, the claim is that women are underpaid relative to men, while also merely mentioning the fact that men tend to do the more dirty and dangerous jobs in society. Excerpt:

'Women are now in the majority when it comes to high status jobs - but men are still being paid far more for doing the same work, according to new research.

A study by Cambrige University, which found that more women than men are now employed as doctors, architects and lawyers, attributes the shift to improvements in education and a changing attitude to what is 'women's work'.

In the past, women were more likely than men to be in manual occupation, but as these types of jobs have declined, it is predominantly women who have moved into white-collar positions, according to the report authors.
...
The study, which also examined pay in 10 European countries, found that despite the elevation in job standards, women are still lagging behind in the salary stakes.

The report reinforces the findings of the Women and Work Commission, which last month revealed that the gender pay gap has now widened to 22.6 per cent.
...
It placed professions such as medicine and law at the top of the spectrum with managers and scientists, and showed more women were now employed in the 'prestigious' posts.

Dr Blackburn said dirty and dangerous manual work was usually carried out by men.

Formerly, women were more likely than men to be in manual occupations, but as manual work has declined, it is predominantly women who have moved into non-manual jobs,' he said.'

No mention of the fact that men categorically put in longer hours than women do across the board. No mention that a profession-by-profession comparison will reveal much different results re salary and total compensation. No mention about women's voluntary lifestyle choices and how they tend to affect the salary or wage they can command. And no mention of work-related death and injury statistics by sex, either.

Report: Alcohol Responsible for 50 Percent of Russian Deaths

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The resulting statistics are staggering:

— The average Russian drinks 50 bottles of vodka a year.
...
— The average Russian male lives to be 60 years old, dying 15 years earlier than his American counterpart. Russian women die 13 years earlier than American women.'

Relatedly, from Wikipedia:

'In 2008, 1,185,993, or 57% of all deaths in Russia were caused by cardiovascular disease. The second leading cause of death was cancer which claimed 289,257 lives (14%). External causes of death such as suicide (1.8%), road accidents (1.7%), murders (1.1%), accidental alcohol poisoning (1.1%), and accidental drowning (0.5%), claimed 244,463 lives in total (11%). Other major causes of death were diseases of the digestive system (4.3%), respiratory disease (3.8%), infectious and parasitic diseases (1.6%), and tuberculosis (1.2%). The infant mortality rate in 2008 was 8.5 deaths per 1,000, down from 9.6 in 2007.
...
In 2008, suicide claimed 38,406 lives in Russia. With a rate of 27.1 suicides per 100,000 people, Russia has one of the highest suicide rates in the world, although it has been steadily decreasing since it peaked at around 40 per 100,000 in the mid-late 90s, including a 30% drop from 2001 to 2006. In 2007 about 22% of all suicides were committed by people aged 40-49, and almost six times as many Russian males commit suicide than females.'

School seeks to boost boys' aspirations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LEWISTON - It's the same at Lewiston High School as it is throughout Maine and the nation: Girls are outperforming boys.

More girls make the top 10. Girls dominate extracurricular activities. More girls go to college.

That worries Joan Macri, head of the high school's aspirations program, who fears that boys who skip college could be shut out of higher-paying careers.

One reason fewer boys go to college can be found in the student parking lot, Macri said. Boys are more likely to own cars and to get jobs to pay for them.

"They have to pay for insurance, gas, some make car payments," she said. "They get part-time jobs. A lot of money goes into their cars."

Learning can take a back seat to earning.

To change that attitude, parents of freshman boys are invited to a "Shifting Gears" meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the school. The guest speaker is Lynn Miller, an educator from the University of Southern Maine.'

Other Voices: 'What makes Johnny a naughty boy?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Most boys aren't ready to compete with girls in a structured school environment as girls usually surpass the boys of this age in maturity by two years or more.

This is a significant gap, especially for boys who are often too immature for the school setting. Elementary school teachers will reveal that most discipline problems involve boys, who make up most of the children with academic deficiencies.

Much of what we do in elementary school classrooms is designed primarily for girls. The demands on students in terms of conduct, neatness, politeness and other such characteristics are really more geared to girls than to young, energetic boys.'

Higher education playing bigger role in gender wage gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are still segregated into college majors that will lead them to careers with less pay than men, said Donna Bobbitt-Zeher, author of the study and assistant professor of sociology at Ohio State University at Marion.

"Gender segregation in college is becoming more influential in how men and women are rewarded later in life," Bobbitt-Zeher said.

...

"A lot of people look at data showing that women are more likely to go to college than men, and that women get better grades in college than men, and assume that everything is all right," she said.

"But this research suggests there are still problems for women that relate to college."

...

"There's been a lot of attention paid to the fact that women seem to be doing so well in college compared to men. But what people don't know is that education is playing a bigger role than ever in perpetuating the gender income gap," she said.'

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As always, be polite, stick to facts.

Blog: 'Title IX and the He-cession'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In case you missed it, my College Sports Council colleague Clay McEldowney had a fantastic op-ed in yesterday's Washington Post highlighting the disproportionate cuts being made to men's collegiate sports programs due to the economic downturn and, you guessed it, Title IX. As Clay explains, the ax is falling regularly this summer, and when it falls, it falls hardest on men's programs because of the quota enforcement of Title IX.

Clay also mentions a remedy that was put in place by the Bush administration but has been largely ignored by colleges and universities because of lawsuits threatened by women's groups and the NCAA: surveys. Instead of using an arbitrary quota to see if schools are complying with Title IX, just ask the kids what sports they want to play and judge schools on the basis of the results.'

Childless man released from child support debt

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA, Georgia (CNN) -- A Georgia man who spent a year in jail for nonpayment of child support -- despite the fact he has no children -- has been cleared of the debt, his attorney said Tuesday.

Frank Hatley, 50, spent 13 months in jail for being a deadbeat dad before his release last month. A judge ordered him jailed in June 2008 for failing to support his "son" -- a child who DNA tests proved was not fathered by Hatley.

...

When the child turned 2, Morrison applied for public support for the child. Under Georgia law, the state, can recoup the cost of the assistance from a child's non-custodial parent.

For 13 years, Hatley made payments to the state until learning in 2000 that the boy might not be his. A DNA test that year confirmed the child was not fathered by Hatley, court documents said.

He returned to court and was relieved of any future child support payments, but was ordered to pay more than $16,000 he owed the state before the ruling.

...

The Georgia Department of Human Services, which includes the Office of Child Support Services, plans to propose legislation in the next session of the state Legislature that would prevent similar situations in the future, said agency spokeswoman Dena Smith.

Two things still remain to be cleared up for Hatley, Geraghty said -- lifting the child-support holds on his driver's license and his income tax. It remains unclear whether he will be reimbursed for the $6,000 in payments he made since 2000, she said -- so far, he has not been.'

'America Is "Saturated With Misogyny"? Oh, Please'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I don't which infuriated me more: Bob Herbert's sanctimonious Sunday column describing American society as "saturated with misogyny," or the unusually thoughtless, "right-on" commentary that followed it. Herbert's thesis echoes the drumbeat of self-pity that has been coming out of paleo-feminist groups and women's studies departments for decades: America, in their view, is a country where "barbaric treatment of women has come to be more accepted," where we are all so inured to the victimization of the female half of the population that we don't even notice it anymore. ...

What on earth is he talking about? Having lived in several allegedly more progressive European countries, and having visited many far less female-friendly parts of the world, I can testify that American society is, at this point in history, one of the least misogynist on earth, one of the few in which real female achievement is possible, and perhaps the only one where women can and do succeed on a large scale. We are now on our third female Secretary of State; in Afghanistan, three women running for parliament have been chased out of their houses in the past few weeks. We consider it normal for women with children to work; at the school my children attended in Germany, this was considered borderline socially unacceptable. The majority of American university students are now women; in Saudi Arabia, women can't even leave the house without a male relative.'

Author asks us to try to "understand" Diane Schuler rather than condemn her

fibtastic · 12 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Drunk-driving mom Diane Schuler's tale is tragic, but her behavior is more understandable than we'd like to admit
...
Diane Schuler was a mother of two small children who loaded her own kids and three others into her minivan for a long drive home from a camping trip. Small children, because they are so tied to our hearts, have the ability to drive us crazy with their complaints and carsickness and impatience. (Small kids are special in this regard.) Perhaps to fortify herself for the drive, Schuler reached for vodka and pot, substances she had probably used in the past. It may not seem obvious to someone who has never had a drinking problem, but for a woman whose most reliable support had become alcohol, it could make a kind of sad, twisted sense.

Schuler's husband -- who was once arrested for driving while intoxicated himself -- has publicly said that she didn't have a drinking problem, but Diane Schuler lived in a culture where drinking and driving was far too commonplace. Especially for women, alcohol has tremendous appeal as a way to calm our fears and blunt our miseries; it is private, portable, available and often very effective.
...
So if we're going to judge something, why not judge alcoholism -- instead of pointing the finger at one sad criminal alcoholic.'

Principal charged with misdemeanor after allegedly setting up hallway fight between two boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'As first reported Tuesday on tulsaworld.com, Vicki Rae Smith, 50, who was recently reassigned from her post as principal at Houston Elementary School, is charged in Tulsa County District Court with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Officers with the TPS campus police department reported that on April 2, Smith encouraged a 10-year-old boy and an 11-year-old boy "to become delinquent children by engaging in the offense of assault and battery."

Smith is accused of removing one boy from class to fight the other boy in a school hallway and not intervening "until she noticed that the fight was being observed by two visitors at the school," according to a police affidavit filed in court.

Records indicate that Smith was booked into the Tulsa Jail about 10 a.m. Tuesday and was released on a $1,000 bond about an hour later.'

Woman reportedly attempted to extort prominent college basketball coach

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville men's basketball coach Rick Pitino told police he had sex with a woman accused of trying to extort him of $10 million and later paid for her abortion, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The Courier-Journal of Louisville reported on its Web site that Pitino told police he had been drinking in a Louisville restaurant and had consensual sex with Karen Sypher in August 2003. The police report said the 56-year-old coach denied allegations by Sypher that he raped her after the restaurant closed and at another time somewhere else. He said he later gave her $3,000 for an abortion.

Sypher reported the rape allegations to police last month, but a Kentucky prosecutor said the complaint wouldn't be prosecuted because it lacked supporting evidence. Sypher, 49, has pleaded not guilty to federal charges of lying to the FBI and trying to extort money from Pitino, who is married.'

Dad fights to get son back from Italian orphanage after mother abducted him during custody dispute

Matt · 12 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. Article here. Excerpt:

'Home videos show 5-year-old Liam McCarty horsing around with his father, his blond curls bouncing around a cherubic face.

It's a face his father, Michael McCarty, hasn't seen in months.

Liam, an American citizen, was placed into the custody of an Italian orphanage this spring after his mother, Manuela McCarty, fled to her native Italy with the child in the middle of a custody dispute with Michael McCarty.'

UK: Women-only policy wrong

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Letter here, written by an unnamed female Labor party MP. Excerpt:

'IT is with a heavy heart that I write to the Barry & District News to oppose the policy that has been forced upon the Vale of Glamorgan Constituency Labour Party, to select its next Parliamentary candidate from a women-only shortlist.

I know there is a silent majority of local Labour party members who would oppose the imposition of a women-only shortlist for the selection of our candidate to replace John Smith MP.

It is what I can only describe as bullying tactics from the national executive, which forced the local party to succumb to this policy.

The polls indicate the fight to return a Labour MP for the Vale of Glamorgan will be extremely difficult.'

India: 'Ladies special: men’s envy, women’s pride'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CHENNAI: Women cheered and men looked up with awe and envy as the Ladies Special chugged out of the Tambaram station in all pomp and glory on Wednesday. For women, the induction of this special train has come as a blessing to provide them a little relief from the peak hour rush. While women extend their heart-felt thanks to the railways; the introduction of women’s only trains did not go down well with many a man.

Kumudam, a 25-year-old school teacher was all praise for this initiative of the railways. “This special train will prove to be a boon to women, who have to take the train during peak hours. We don’t have to worry about starring and ‘accidental’ bumping,” she said.

At the same time her colleague Venkitaramani was not so keen about the idea of special trains. “Women are allotted special coaches in all trains. In this context the ladies only will be a luxury,” he said. According to him during the peak hours the demand for the suburban trains was high and there were a lot of men, who struggled to get into the trains. “Men run from one end of the train to the other to get into it and find a space for themselves. There has been no initiative to address our concerns,” he added.'

India: "Does your wife torture you? Contact Man Cell"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Has your better half become the bitter half of your life? Are you a tortured husband, falsely booked into a dowry case or under domestic violence act and there is no one to pay heed to your side of the story?
...
Man Cell or Patni Atyaachar Virodhi Morcha (PAVM) is an organisation working for the cause of harassed husbands. Man Cell, which was established in 1982 by R P Chugh, a Supreme Court advocate and president of Man Cell, has branches at many places all over the country. He himself has been a victim of women since his childhood and campaigns against the anti dowry legislations, specially section 498-A of IPC and the Domestic Violence Act, as he feels that these laws are biased and violate basic human right of equality before law. Man Cell believes that there is no use of making new laws as existing laws are sufficient. He feels, there is a need to amend such existing laws as they only speak of the harassment of women and not of men.'

Canada: Police say woman fabricated sexual assault story

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Abbotsford woman has been charged with public mischief after she created a frenzy by falsely reporting a man broke into her apartment then attacked and assaulted her two weeks ago, Abbotsford police said.

After skeptical police confronted Tammi Zall, 22, with some evidence gathered, she admitted she made up the story, police said in a news release on Wednesday.

After Zall called 911 on July 29, police had deployed officers and a K9 unit to search the area, and crime detectives and forensic identification unit members investigated.

Police issued a news release with a description of the supposed suspect and warned residents to lock their doors and windows. Several residents called and e-mailed, concerned the "balcony rapist" was at large, police said.'

UK: Do male teachers get a bad rap?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why the downward trend in male teaching? According to Bryan Nelson, founder of MenTeach, a nonprofit organization dedicated to recruiting male teachers, research suggests three key reasons for the shortage of male teachers: low status and pay, the perception that teaching is "women's work," and the fear of accusation of child abuse.

"There's a lack of support for male teachers, a lack of respect, and a lack of being able to be involved in decision-making," says Reg Weaver, president of the National Education Association (NEA). "And I can't say it's getting better."

Low salary levels have also proved to be a deterrent, especially for those men who value being the breadwinners of the family. The average U.S. public school teacher salary for 2005-2006 was $49,026, according to the NEA. "There's a long-entrenched idea that males are supposed to make lots of money and be a big-time breadwinner," Brown says. "But teaching won't make anyone rich."'

Malaysia: Lack of male teachers a worrying trend

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'RECENT reports that there will be no more male teachers in 20 years' time is a grave concern to the country.

In the 60s when I joined the teaching profession, we were fired with a sense of commitment, dedication and passion, and it was a vocation, but not anymore.

As accurately pointed out by my fellow teachers, now one enters the teaching profession only when one cannot find other jobs – a sad reflection on a profession that was once revered.

The current ratio of 72 females to 28 males for every 100 teachers is indeed a disturbing trend for the country's education system. Why has the teaching profession become so unattractive to males?'

Opinion: 'Jail time was warranted'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lisa Glide, a former Old Bridge High School drama teacher who pleaded guilty to having a four-month sexual relationship with a student, was sentenced Monday to five years' probation. She should have received at least a portion of the 364-day jail sentence recommended by the prosecutor.

Superior Court Judge Frederick DeVesa said he didn't think incarceration was appropriate, citing the physical illness and depression that Glide, 35, of Howell was struggling with when the affair with a 17-year-old student took place. DeVesa also gave weight to a letter he received from the former student, now entering his sophomore year in college, who said he was "clearly not a young child" and that he was "the initiator of the contact, not Lisa Glide."

Woman sentenced to community service for 'sexual relationship' with male student

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Story here.

'A 24-year-old Orange County woman was sentenced today to community service for having a sexual relationship with a male high school student, prosecutors said.

Hope Ashley Jacoby, of San Juan Capistrano, pleaded guilty earlier this month to four felony counts of unlawful sexual intercourse and three felony counts of oral copulation of a minor. Orange County Superior Court Judge Gregory Jones reduced the felonies to misdemeanors and sentenced Jacoby to 240 hours of community service over the objections of prosecutors.

The sexual relationship between Jacoby and the male student started in 2008 when he was 16 and lasted about one year. She met him while working as an athletic trainer at Tustin High School, prosecutors said.'

Observer editorial: Not enough feminism in Britain

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's hard to know why, exactly, Harriet Harman's stint in charge while Gordon Brown is on holiday has provoked so much leery humour among male commentators. Is it because she is, as the niece of Lord Longford and a distant cousin of David Cameron, unspeakably posh? Or because she is a feminist, which, let's face it, is just unspeakable?
...
It goes with the turf for politicians, both male and female, to be caricatured and lampooned: Harman is uncomplaining and unrepentant. Good for her: why should she pipe down?
...
There is precious little danger of too much feminism seeping into British business or society in general – the problem is the opposite: there is not nearly enough.
...

We have the luxury of laughing at women such as Harman, but at the same time even brilliant female professionals are finding it hard to break through the glass ceiling; women in general still earn substantially less than men and tens of thousands every year suffer discrimination at work because of their role as mothers.

Women's rights to live without the fear of violence, to be treated equally at work and to have fair opportunities are human rights. Standing up those rights isn't an anti-male campaign: we all live together and what benefits women is usually good for men, too.'

Trudy Schuett asks for Twitter followers

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This week, I'm going to be doing a piece at The DV Examiner on #FollowFriday and I'm hoping to collect as many movement people and organizations who are on Twitter as I can. (More on #FollowFriday here.) This will be a great chance to establish some followers, if you're new to Twitter, or get some more. I've found Twitter to be an invaluable source of news & info, not to mention a nearly painless way of reaching out to a whole new group of people who may not be aware of the issues.

Early next week, I'll be doing the same with Facebook.

Right now I've only got a couple of people on either one, and I need a LOT more to make this beneficial for everybody.

Thanks!

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Another DUI mother with child in car gets caught after striking bicyclist

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Story here. Wonder what today's chorus of rationalizations will sound like? Excerpt:

'HAMPTON BAYS, N.Y. (CBS) — Police say an intoxicated Long Island woman, driving with her 6-year-old son in her vehicle, injured a teenager on a bicycle.

Southampton Town Police say Caroline Goss was charged with driving while intoxicated, endangering the welfare of a minor, and having an open container of alcohol in her vehicle.

She was ordered held on $20,000 bail Thursday at her arraignment in town court. The name of her attorney was not immediately on record.'

The MRA issue with these stories is not that a woman is caught DUI with a kid/kids in her car and that she got someone hurt or killed. Men do that, too. The MRA issue is how the law deals with male perps vs. how it deals with female ones, and also how the public and press react when the offender is female rather than male.

UK: Cry-rape girl, 20, dragged man into toilets for sex to claim £7,500 compensation

Proud_to_be_a_man · 13 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 20-year-old woman who cried rape against a man she dragged into a public toilet for sex has been told she faces jail.

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Just over a week after making the allegations, she contacted the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority, hoping to claim up to £7,500.

But she was found guilty by a jury at Basildon Crown Court in May of perverting the course of justice.

...

Giving evidence during the trial, Mr Bowers told the court how he had met Hilliard at a nightclub and they walked to the station. He said once they reached the station toilets, she dragged him into a cubicle and had sex with him on a toilet seat.

Afterwards she told him, he 'better be there for the baby' if she was pregnant.

...

Detectives found CCTV footage from the nightspot of Hilliard and Mr Bowers kissing and holding hands before leaving.

As soon as they saw the footage the police contacted Mr Bowers and told him he would not be charged and instead arrested Hilliard for perverting the course of justice.

...

Jacqueline Carey, defending, said Hilliard had an 'extremely difficult period in her past' which she had discussed with a psychiatrist.

She added: 'She's presents as a vulnerable young woman, there would be great concern for her physical and mental well behind if she were incarcerated.'

The judge said he was 'staggered' by the report into some of the personal relationships and suggested they 'might have been inventions' rather than truth.'

No doubt, she'll get off with probation or some such meaningless non-punishment. She should be locked up for at least 10 years in my humble opinion. But we all know she won't be.

Woman strikes sleeping husband in head with rubber mallet

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police say stress may be the reason a Wisconsin woman struck her husband in the head with a rubber mallet while he was sleeping early yesterday morning.

Mary A. Claassen, 49, allegedly hit her 63-year-old husband in the head around 4 a.m. because, police said, “she was kind of frustrated with the relationship,” the Sheboygan Press reports.

Investigating officers said it appeared Claassen of Appleton was upset because her husband was not employed. So upset that she struck him a second time, after which he called out for help.'

Megan Fox says she wants to eat high school boys in new "joke" PSA

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Megan Fox will go to great lengths to get back at a bully.

A new Public Service Announcement Fox stars in begins innocently enough, with her saying thousands of teenagers have to endure huge amounts of peer pressure in schools.

But then Fox , using an F-bomb or two, offers her plan for retribution: "killing and eating" every boy in school.'

Note: The video contains profanity.

Good news, bad news from Rutgers

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First the good news from my alma mater; story here. Excerpt:

"The Focus on Fathers/Me and My Dad programs began in Cape May County about four years ago with a core group of local dads. Through research and focus groups, educational programs and activities were developed to meet the needs of fathers in their changing role within the family. Reaching out to fathers is one more way Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) Cooperative Extension is helping to strengthen families."

Now for the bad news; story here. Excerpt:

"The study involved 1,000 men who participated in the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study. The men were white, middle-aged and had at least a high school degree -- a narrow population that limits the study's applicability to all men.

But the research hints at the stereotypical tough-guy image having a negative effect on men's health, the lead author of the study, Kristen W. Springer, said in a news release."

Boys and Girls club hosts ‘Just for Girls’ events

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Boys and Girls Club of East Mississippi will be more of a girls club than a boys club this weekend.

The organization will be hosting "Just for Girls" Events this evening and Saturday morning.

Girls aged 9 through 18 are invited to attend both events for free.'

Ireland: Girls outdo the boys in almost every Leaving Cert subject

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE girls have again taken the honours in Leaving Certificate results.

Female candidates have out-performed males in almost all subjects -- at both higher and ordinary level.

Girls scored more A, B and C grades and were also less likely to put in a below-D performance, according to a gender breakdown of the Leaving Cert results.

Female students aim higher to begin with, being more likely than boys to study at honours level.

The superior academic performance of females is not unique to Ireland and is an international phenomenon.

It is attributed to girls being better organised and more co-operative around their studies, while boys may fall victim to the laddish culture where school is regarded as not being "cool".'

Harassed Indian husbands rally for their rights

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Story here. Excerpt:

"New Delhi - A group of harassed husbands are to meet in the northern Indian hill town of Shimla Saturday to protest against domestic violence against men and the misuse of laws intended to protect women.

Men who are beaten up by their wives and have no avenue for redress or complaint, extortion of money through false dowry cases, cruelty to parents-in-law by wives, using child custody as a tool to demoralize men - these are just some of the issues that will be discussed at the national convention organized by the Save Indian Family Foundation (SIFF).

'We have organized the national convention on August 15, India's Independence Day, because we want to use the occasion to speak out about how more and more men in this country are losing their freedom and are victims,' SIFF member Virag Dhulia said.'"

Huffington Post: 'What's Good For the Goose...'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'These talks in my office really emphasize the double-standard that seems to exist in the minds of many women caught in the midst of a divorce. It is totally acceptable to have the man pay spousal support, but not the woman. It is totally acceptable to have the mother raise the kids, but not the father. All of this makes me wonder, what was the point of the battle for equal rights? In this day and age, these women are the daughters of some of the same women who I remember burning their brassieres in the 60s, the daughters of women who stopped being stay at home mothers so they could go out and work, the daughters of women who went back to school to get advanced degrees. In many cases, these women themselves are the embodiment of the example that their mothers set for them. Some of them are overachievers, who can and have accomplished major feats in the business world, but somehow still see it as appropriate to be treated differently in the arena of the family law court. In the context of a child support dispute, one of my female clients lamented that "so I went out and built this successful business and my reward is I have to pay child support to him?".'

Region's reaction to teacher sex scandal telling

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The sex scandal headlines that stood out in papers all across the West Florida region this past weekend were a shock to many. Two Jay High school teachers were charged with three counts of unlawful sex with minors. In 2008, nearly 500 of these cases were reported across the United States.

Many had to take a second look after hearing the news out of Jay. Not only were they two local teachers, but both were female. Several people can recall the Mary Kay Letourneau case in 1995. This was one of the most well known cases still to this date.

...

Unlike Jernigan, Veronica Steele of Milton said that insecurity, not discipline is to blame. “I think the reason these things happen is because people are insecure of themselves and have a low self esteem.”

As for the gender barrier, Steele said that male or female parties act the same, and should be treated the same in such an instance. “It can happen to a boy or a girl,” said Steele, “A male can come onto a female teacher just like a female teacher can come onto a boy, there’s no difference.”

Revocation hearing held for convicted Ala. teacher

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MONTGOMERY, Ala. -- State officials have taken another step in their bid to stop a convicted teacher from continuing to draw her full salary and benefits while she is imprisoned and appealing her federal conviction for enticing a child for sex.

Charlene Schmitz, 56, is the first teacher in Alabama to continue getting paid under the state's tenure law after being convicted and put behind bars.

...

"We think it's important that this case is looked at carefully. As of July she has been paid $140,000 and she has not provided any service to the state of Alabama since August of 2007," he said.

Schmitz is serving a 10-year sentence at the federal prison in Tallahassee, Fla. She was imprisoned following a February 2008 conviction of using a cell phone and a computer to entice a 14-year-old boy for sex. She still faces state charges of rape and sodomy in Washington County for allegedly having sex with the student as many as 10 times in 2007.'

BBC: Caution over domestic abuse alarm

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An organisation which helps women suffering domestic abuse says it has concerns over a new alarm scheme being used for the first time in Wales.

Welsh Women's Aid welcomes the Telecare scheme piloted on Anglesey, but it is worried the use of operators speaking to sufferers will stop women using it.

Victims press an alarm alerting staff who decide if they should call police.

Anglesey council said calls would be recorded and the service would be expanded if it proved successful.
...
They are given alarms which if activated, trigger a silent telephone call to the Gofal Môn control centre in Llangefni.

The operator will speak to the victim via a telecom system fitted into their home and call the police on their behalf if necessary.'

UK: Special courts for women who are victims of domestic abuse

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Article here. Wait until you see the picture in this article! Excerpt:

'ONE-STOP courts to help survivors of domestic abuse are to be rolled out across the country to encourage women to prosecute abusers.

For the first time, women who give evidence against violent husbands will be able to start divorce and child custody proceedings straight away.
...
Nicki Norman, deputy chief executive of the charity Women's Aid, said: "Taking action against an abuser and having to attend court can be very traumatic, especially when there are divorce or custody proceedings to cope with as well.'

Girls rule; boys trail

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Academically, girls are outperforming boys in subjects from kindergarten through high school, a four-year review of test scores shows. In some subjects, girls have the boys beat by at least 10 percentage points.

“We recognize this is an issue ... but the answers we’re looking for don’t just jump out at us,” said schools Superintendent Jim Scales. “What we have seen is not disastrous, but it’s enough to be concerned about. Right now, we don’t have any prescription for trying to overcome it.”

And though the problem starts in elementary school, statistics show that there is a domino effect as fewer young men graduate from high school and college.

“Males become less and less represented the farther up the degree chain you go,” said David L. Wright, chief policy officer for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. “And if that’s true, it puts Tennessee in an even tougher spot in competing for those higher knowledge jobs.”'

Cops say Clarkston teacher sent nude photo to student, 14

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A topless photo of herself and sexually explicit comments were among the 50 or so text messages a Clarkston teacher sent to one of her special education students over the course of a year, police said Friday.

Now, Michelle Simonson, 28, of Oxford Township is facing felony charges of enticing a minor for immoral purposes and distributing sexually explicit material to a minor.

She resigned her position in the Clarkston Community Schools on Friday and is expected to appear in an Oakland County court in the coming weeks for a preliminary examination.

If convicted, Simonson could face up to four years in prison.

She is the latest female teacher in metro Detroit to be accused of preying on a male student — a crime experts say is being reported more often.'

Ireland: 'We've won major battles but the sex war isn't over'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It hasn't always been sunshine and lollipops in the Emerald Isle. No, despite our oft-quoted Proclamation, we weren't quite so keen to 'cherish all the children of the nation equally'; and up until 1983, children were put clearly into two distinct camps. Legitimate and illegitimate. Yes, if your parents conceived without bothering to cement their relationship with vows first you were legally a bastard. Sins of the fathers and all that. It was the late Nuala Fennell, as a junior minister with responsibility for Women's Affairs and Family, who succeeded in gaining support to remove this hideous law.
...
Is it time to introduce quota legislation? I think so. Until we do, political groups will continue to discriminate against women in their ranks and 'women's issues' -- essential for a fair and just democracy -- will be given lip-service. Men will not willingly cede power or opportunities to women, no matter how talented or capable women prove themselves to be.'

UK: All-women shortlist for Vale causes row

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A ROW has blown up after it emerged the Labour candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan in the next general election will be chosen from an all-female shortlist.

John Smith is standing down after representing the constituency since 1997.

Last night nine women who have applied for the vacancy met local party members in advance of a selection contest next month.

A female member of the Vale of Glamorgan party wrote to the Echo saying: “I know there is a silent majority of local Labour members who would oppose the imposition of a women-only shortlist for the selection of our candidate to replace John Smith. It is what I can only describe as bullying tactics from the National Executive which forced the local party to succumb to this policy.'

Woman Confesses to False Rape Charge

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Story here. Excerpt:

'William McCaffrey has spent the last four years in prison, serving a 20-year sentence for a rape the victim now says never happened.

Biurny Peguero, now married and using the last name Gonzalez, accused McCaffrey of raping her in September 2005, and he was convicted by the State Supreme Court in Manhattan. But in March, Gonzalez confessed to her priest, and later to her attorney, that she had fabricated the rape story, according to reports from The New York Times and the New York Post.

Gonzalez initially accused McCaffrey of raping her while on the way to a late-night party. According to the Post, Gonzalez now says she lied about being raped because her friends were angry with her for stranding them without a ride when she went off to the party with McCaffrey.
...
Gonzalez now claims the bites and scratches on her body at the time of the alleged rape were caused by her friends, who physically assaulted her in their anger over being stranded.'

Woman accused of making false rape accusation

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Story here. Except:

'Magistrate Priya Beharry granted $60,000 bail to a woman accused of knowingly providing the police with false information that she had been raped.

It is alleged that on May 20 at Georgetown, Plachette Ross, a sales representative of 24 Prospect, East Bank Demerara, knowingly gave to Sergeant Cedrick Gravesande; a police officer, certain information namely that she was raped intending thereby to cause Gravesande to arrest the man.

She pleaded not guilty to the charge of giving false information when it was read to her on Friday in the Georgetown Magistrate's Court.'

Dirty little secrets of domestic violence programs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger cut funds to California domestic violence shelters recently stories of battered women and children filled the news. Oakland television station KTVU ran a story about "women and children," never once mentioning male victims. Like stations around the state, and around the country, CBS5 did the same.

News reports featured three dozen noisy people lining a street in Watsonville protesting budget cuts to the Walnut Avenue Women's Center and Women's Crisis Support~Defensa de Mujeres. We listened to female victims.

We heard about women's advocates and community leaders gathering in San Jose to protest a cut in funding for Asian Americans for Community Involvement in San Jose, Community Solutions in South Santa Clara County, Support Network for Battered Women in Sunnyvale and San Jose's Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence. And we listened to female victims.'

Protecting Fathers' Rights in Move-Away Petitions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'California law has long favored awarding primary custody of children to mothers over fathers. This disturbing trend only has served to undervalue the important role fathers play in their children's lives and reinforce outdated gender stereotypes that mothers are best-suited for raising children.
...
Fathers contesting a move-away petition may be granted increased visitation time with their children or the court may even award custody, either temporarily or permanently, to the father if the mother follows through in her decision to move.

Generally, to win a change in custody, the father must be able to prove that the move is a detriment to the child. In the LaMusga case, the California Supreme Court held that the impact of a move on the child's relationship with the father is a relevant factor in determining whether the move is a detriment to the child and may justify a change in custody.'

UK: Dad's clean-up mission for fathers' rights

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A NO-NONSENSE Heathfield father is threatening to cause havoc in court in a bid to change the law.

Jason Sands, 37, is Sussex spokesman for New Fathers for Justice, a controversial group dedicated to campaigning for improved rights for fathers in the settlement of child custody.

The group have grabbed media attention by organising demonstrations around the country dressed as super-heroes and Mr Sands is currently working on his latest stunt, entitled Clean Up Family Law.

Dressed as Batman, Mr Sands is planning to attend law courts across the region carrying a cleaning in progress sign and a vacuum cleaner.

He warned: "I have asked around and they can't stop me entering. Once I'm in I'll plug it in and start cleaning."

Germany: Why Women’s Shelters Are Hotbeds of Misandry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A major survey of divorced fathers conducted by the author in Bremen showed that violence occurs in 30 percent of all divorces, with 1,800 men reporting physical or psychological abuse by their partners. This represents a significantly higher rate of incidence than the approximately ten percent seen in relationships under everyday conditions. Within the 30 percent of divorces where violence occurred, sixty percent was initiated by the men’s ex-wives or ex-partners. Our survey findings revealed that within the most conflict laden context of an adult life, women, too, initiate violence. Only from the perspective of women’s shelters does violence emanate exclusively from men. Instead of making divorce conflicts more tractable, women’s shelters actually exacerbate them. The »every-fourth-woman« statistic is therefore being used to document the necessity of changing the Domestic Relations Law of 1998, because allegedly the sole source of danger for children during a divorce is violence stemming from their fathers. By pursuing this approach to family policy, the advocates of women’s shelters are attempting to use prejudice as a means to rescind the right of children to both of their parents.'

Feminist objections to stimulus content lead to strange funding priorities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'...feminist leaders complained that rebuilding roads and bridges would employ working-class men, who have borne the brunt of the recession, rather than women or the “sexually diverse.” Unemployment is very high among transportation and construction workers, who are overwhelmingly male. The vast majority of people who have lost their jobs in the current recession are male — 82%. But the stimulus package is not aimed at helping them. In response to demands from feminist leaders, the Obama Administration rewrote the stimulus package to largely exclude them, as Christina Hoff Sommers has chronicled at length.

The Obama Administration purged the stimulus package of most of the investments in roads and bridges originally suggested by economists, and filled it instead with welfare and social spending, out of political correctness, after feminist leaders complained that building and repairing roads and bridges would put unemployed blue-collar men to work, rather than women.

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Recently, Obama fired an inspector general, Gerald Walpin, who uncovered millions of dollars of waste and fraud in the AmeriCorps program, including by a prominent Obama supporter, endangering the Obama supporter’s ability to administer federal stimulus spending in Sacramento.'

S. Africa: Bhisho team ‘traumatised’ by botched circumcisions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'TRAUMATISED Bhisho officials believe that showing traditional surgeons the results of botched circumcisions may help prevent deaths among initiates.

The province’s health standing committee, led by ANC provincial Legislature member Mxolisi Dimaza, visited Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital and Mthatha General Hospital where injured initiates are being treated.

“I have never seen anything like this in my whole life … It was a bad sight indeed … gruesome. I did not sleep the whole night, but (stayed up) sobbing. We were really traumatised,” said Dimaza.

The multi-party committee embarked on the tour to find solutions following the deaths of 53 initiates this season.

Thirteen others suffered penile amputations, and about 40 young men are still being treated at the two hospitals.

“Apparently, some were taken very late to hospital and now doctors cannot do anything to help them. Their manhood is just falling off,” Dimaza said.'

Australia: Legal spotlight on male circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Law Reform Institute is reviewing the legalities of the procedure, after the Children's Commissioner found uncertainly over whether it can be legally performed on an infant male.

An issues paper has been prepared by a post-graduate student of the Law reform Institute, Warwick Marshall.

"The biggest issue with the law, [is] that there's no particular bit of legislation that deals with male circumcision so the general, criminal and civil law applies."

"So charges such as assault and wounding, grievous bodily harm for example which you'd usually associate with fist fights, could apply to male circumcision," he said.'

S. Africa: Boy forced to eat skin taken from his circumcised penis

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Tradition is set to be pitted against the constitution in a landmark case around forced circumcision, which is due to go to trial on Monday.

But ahead of the start of proceedings, the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa) has declared that its position on circumcision - forced or otherwise - would remain unchanged, regardless of what a court may order.

Bonani Yamani, now 21, was abducted from his home shortly before dawn on March 3, 2007. He was tied up, taken to the bush, circumcised against his will, then forced to eat the skin taken from his penis.

Circumcision is against Yamani's personal religious beliefs, and he subsequently asked traditional leaders for an apology and an undertaking that no one would in future be subjected to forced circumcision.

Instead, Eastern Cape Contralesa chairperson Chief Mwelo Nonkonyana was quoted as saying that those who refused traditional circumcision should be ostracised by the community.'

Mom allegedly drank before her 3 boys drowned

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MORRILTON, Ark. — Authorities say the mother whose three young boys drowned when she drove into a central Arkansas lake had been drinking before the accident.

Conway County Sheriff Mike Smith said Friday that 26-year-old Amber Turley was arrested earlier that morning at her parent's house. She has been charged with felony endangerment in the April crash.

Prosecutor Tom Tatum says the alcohol was among several factors that resulted in the charges. It wasn't immediately clear whether Turley had an attorney. She has previously said the crash was an accident.

Smith acknowledged the emotions involved in bringing charges against the mother, but says he was acting on behalf of the children.

Turley has been released on $5,000 bond.'

Canada: Woman claims alimony eligibility discrimination for being unmarried

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Judgment came this week in the family law case of the year, in which a woman sued her former partner - a prominent billionaire - for $56,000 per month in alimony and $50 million. Her claim? Federal marriage law and Quebec family law discriminate against unmarried couples. A Quebec Superior Court judge has now ruled against her. The woman's lawyer says she will appeal.

The trial last January made headlines, especially in Quebec. The media here nicknamed the parties - a court order protects their identities - Lola and Eric. The case became a spectator sport. Many, including women, were vicious in treatment of the claimant. They called her a gold-digger. They said she should have known she had no rights if they didn't get married, and she should have known something was up when he refused to marry her.
...
It's no surprise the judge rejected the woman's discrimination claim. These days it doesn't feel like unmarried couples are a persecuted minority - especially not in Quebec, where more than one-third of couples are unmarried. Moreover, when reforming Quebec family law 30 years ago, legislators here decided that keeping distinctions between married and unmarried couples best respected adults' autonomy.'

UK Guardian: 'The 2009 summer of hate'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For anyone who thought the backlash against feminism was predicated on nothing more than the fevered imaginings of bitter, man-hating old harridans, the past few weeks must have been quite an eye-opener. From the mainstream media's desperate attempts to convince its audience that feminists don't even exist, to calls for Harriet Harman and Hillary Clinton to shut the fuck up and stop being uppity, the attack on both feminism and feminists this summer has been relentless.

...

The unprecedented vilification that's been heaped upon these two high-profile women cannot be seen in isolation, as though there's no common thread running between it all. It's no coincidence, for example, that both are the highest ranked women in their respective political administrations, and that both have resolutely refused to compromise their feminist beliefs. Equally it's not just by chance that they've both been "caught out" by the press at exactly the moment they've been let off the leash, when their male bosses haven't been around to keep them in their place.

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Both Harman and Clinton have consistently spoken out. The 2009 summer of hate is the price they're both now having to pay.'

Ex-wife 'admits starting' Kuwait wedding party blaze that killed 43

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A fire in a wedding party tent that killed 43 women and children in Kuwait was started deliberately by the ex-wife of the bridegroom, a Kuwaiti newspaper said today.

Al-Qabbas said that the 23-year-old former wife had admitted pouring petrol on the cotton tent and setting it on fire, furious at what she called her “bad treatment” by her former partner before their divorce. There was no official confirmation of the alleged confession.

Firefighters said that the blaze took less than three minutes to rip through the marquee, in which as many as 180 women and children were celebrating the wedding party. Many of those who died were killed in the stampede for the sole exit.'

New Jersey Mom Accused of Killing Daughter, Injuring Other Child

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police say a New Jersey woman killed her four-year-old daughter, attempted to kill her six-year-old daughter and then tried to kill herself during a brutal attack Sunday morning.

Morris County prosecutors say 33-year-old Jenny Erazo-Rodriguez faces charges of murder, attempted murder and endangering the welfare of a child. Bail is set at $1 million.

Morris Township police responded to the home Sunday and found a neighbor administering CPR to an unconscious 4-year-old girl on the lawn.

Another neighbor was caring for the girl's 6-year-old sister. Officials say she was conscious, but lethargic.'

Woman Doped Breast Milk for Attention, Police Say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who was on probation for feeding her toddler son pain pills in California now faces felony assault charges for doping her infant daughter with a near-lethal dose of morphine in Oregon.

Police said Sara Rose Dillard, aka Sara Rose Lubin, drugged her 2-month-old daughter June 4 in an alleged attempt to get attention from the child's father.

The infant was immediately rushed to the critical care center at Doernbecher's Children's Hospital in Portland and survived.

But it took several weeks for officers to unravel Dillard's past and her previous conviction of Willful Cruelty to a Child under the last name of Lubin in Los Angeles. In the previous conviction, Dillard was also accused of creating a medical emergency to get the attention of her child's father.'

The "Mad Men" quandry discussed, if left unexplained

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why are we so wild for Draper? By any measure, the character's a cad. He constantly cheats on his wife. He skips town for weeks and won't write or call. He doesn't talk much, and anesthetizes any feelings with copious amounts of booze. He's an enigma, a locked box of a man who resists, maddeningly, easy explanation. And yet he excites an attraction among women—particularly ones my age, women in their late '20s and '30s who were born after the era that Mad Men portrays—that seems unmatched by any leading man on television today, with the possible exception of Lost's con artist, Saywer (another strapping scoundrel with a deeply troubled soul). We describe our obsession in words that, like the show itself, are somewhat retro. "He is a straight-up man. He makes me feel like a woman via the TV." "He's a throwback to a time when men were men. "It's the thickness of his body." "Shoulders to cry on and a jaw that causes women to swoon."

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A man's man. A virile man. A masculine man. Strong terms. And ones that would make our postmodern gender-studies professors blush. After all, we're the generation of women who grew up beating the boys in math class, reading Judith Butler (by choice or by force), celebrating "Grrl" power. Traditional male-female roles were going out the window while we were still toddlers. And maybe that's why we feel a little guilty when we stop to admit to ourselves why Draper excites us. Because we're not supposed to be using those terms anymore to describe our desires. Those words threaten a backsliding—they hint at some deep, unspoken turbulence; that, as if by saying we want a "real man," we threaten to erase all the gains our mothers made in terms of equality in the workplace and the home.

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So we've been raised to marry different men. Men like our president, Barack Obama: supportive, mature, levelheaded, equal partners. A bit sexless, OK, but who these days still thinks that a gal can have it all? Better a sexless Obama than a philandering Bill Clinton (speaking of men who make powerful women simultaneously swoony and ashamed of said swoon). And anyway, there are so few men like Draper around that we're not in any real danger of meeting one—at least not in the affluent, cosmopolitan jungles where Mad Men's viewers are concentrated, and where smart young women flock to make their careers take flight. They're a dying, if not dead, breed: these men who came back from the battlefields and settled down in whitewashed houses and were somehow expected to find the same visceral rush in office jobs and country clubs and nice, sweet wives that they gained from far-off adventures and wars. Men who couldn't be satiated by these staid substitutions; men who were made caged animals by domesticity; men who unleashed their restlessness in ways both erotic and destructive. These types of men are not the men we marry anymore. But, apparently, they're still the ones we love.'

UK: Do-it-yourself DNA test kits ready to go on sale in chemists

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'Do-it-yourself DNA tests are being made available by chemists for the first time, allowing families to establish the paternity of children without the usual recourse to the legal system.

Anglia DNA Services, a testing laboratory, said yesterday that kits would be stocked in pharmacies across the UK from this week.

For just under £160, anyone aged over 16 will be able to establish paternity in less than five days — provided that the consent of all parties is obtained. Critics said that children could receive potentially devastating news about their parentage without having access to proper counselling, which would ordinarily be provided within the court system.

Norman Lamb, the Liberal Democrats' health spokesman, called for new regulation by the Human Tissue Authority, which oversees DNA testing. He said: "These DIY kits, inevitably, will cause enormous effect on those involved. There is an urgent need for new regulation to reflect this development because it has happened quite out of the blue."

RADAR ALERT: Tell President Obama, "Stop the Orwellian Half-Truths!"

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Just about everyone knows men can be victims of domestic violence:

- According to a 2006 Harris poll, 88% of Americans have heard about a male victim of domestic violence in the past year.[1]
- Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Patrick Leahy has noted, "We still have millions of women and men and children and families who are traumatized by abuse."[2]
- Nearly 250 scholarly studies confirm that fact.[3]

But a dwindling number of hold-outs still believe intimate partner violence against men isn't even worth mentioning. Unfortunately, several of those persons currently work in the White House:

- Valerie Jarrett, director of the White House Council on Women and Girls, once said, "Domestic violence is still a major issue, not just for women but also for girls [4]
- During a recent teleconference, Lynn Rosenthal, White House Advisor on Violence Against Women, repeatedly used the phrase, "violence against women." Lynn Rosenthal not once used the term, "violence against men," even though the call took place just two weeks after the murder of former NFL quarterback Steve McNair by his girlfriend.
- Despite repeated attempts to educate Vice President Joseph Biden about the truth of domestic violence, he continues to be a true believer in the myth that women never abuse.

Mom Gets 99 Years for Cutting Off Son's Genitals

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'HOUSTON — A Houston-area mother convicted of mutilating her infant by cutting off his genitals two years ago was sentenced Monday to 99 years in prison.

But minutes after the jury's sentence was read, Katherine Nadal, 28, yelled out that she did not hurt her son, prompting the boy's father to storm out of the courtroom.

Jurors deliberated for two hours Monday night before returning the sentence, which also included a $10,000 fine. The same jury had convicted her last week of first-degree felony injury to a child.

The jurors chose among possible sentences ranging from probation to life in prison. Nadal, who shook her head as the jury foreman read the sentence, will have to serve at least 30 years before she is eligible for parole.'

Sunday School Teacher Indicted in Kidnap, Rape, Murder of California Girl

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'TRACY, Calif. — A San Joaquin County grand jury has indicted a Sunday school teacher on charges she kidnapped, raped and killed an 8-year-old girl and drugged two other people.

Melissa Huckaby, 28, broke down in tears as Judge Linda Lofthus read the indictment against her Monday.

Prosecutors convened a grand jury in late July rather than hold a preliminary hearing to determine whether Huckaby would stand trial. Lofthus said the grand jury transcript would not be made public.
...
Huckaby is charged with murder with the special circumstances of rape, kidnapping and lewd or lascivious conduct with a child under 14, which could make her eligible for the death penalty if convicted.
...
Huckaby also pleaded not guilty to drugging a 7-year-old girl earlier this year as well as a 37-year-old man, whom police believe she had dated. She is charged with two counts of furnishing someone a harmful substance and one count of child endangerment in the drugging case.'

Relatedly: Public Skeptical Woman Killed, Raped California Girl

Mental Stress Training Is Planned for U.S. Soldiers

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'PHILADELPHIA — The Army plans to require that all 1.1 million of its soldiers take intensive training in emotional resiliency, military officials say.

The training, the first of its kind in the military, is meant to improve performance in combat and head off the mental health problems, including depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and suicide, that plague about one-fifth of troops returning from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Active-duty soldiers, reservists and members of the National Guard will receive the training, which will also be available to their family members and to civilian employees.'

Does feminism portend the rise of a new master race?

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'Beyond her feverish crusade to convince women to use birth control, Sanger was an unapologetic eugenicist. In her book The Pivot of Civilization she wrote, "More children from the fit, less from the unfit — that is the chief issue of birth control."
...
Nor could there be any doubt about Sanger's genocidal motivations. In 1926 she gave an impassioned speech at a New Jersey KKK rally and later established the euphemistically named "Negro Project." Sanger would later confide to a friend, "We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population."
...
Mary Daly, former professor at Boston College, was one of the early proponents of the "goddess movement," ... In 2001 Daly wrote, "If life is to survive on this planet, there must be a decontamination of the Earth. I think this process will be accompanied by an evolutionary process that will result in a drastic reduction of the population of males."
...
Consider the millions of dollars spent for "women's health" programs, even though men die 5 years sooner than women. And ponder the irony of colleges that sponsor "women's studies" programs, while the number of men in higher education continues to dwindle.

So is it far-fetched to countenance the quest for a new Master Race based on neo-eugenic feminist ideology? Columnist Jonah Goldberg offers this terse, if sobering answer in his recent opus: "The white male is the Jew of liberal fascism."'

'The Gender Gap in Happiness'

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“By many objective measures the lives of women in the United States have improved over the past 35 years, yet we show that measures of subjective well-being indicate that women’s happiness had declined both absolutely and relative to men. … These declines have continued and a new gender gap is emerging—one with higher subjective well-being for men.”

This comes from “The Paradox of Declining Female Happiness,” a May 2009 paper from the National Bureau of Economic Research. The authors, Betsey Stevenson and Justin Wolfers, are both at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. This prestigious institution, known for serious work, now comes up with something as ephemeral as a “gender gap in happiness.”

The study would seem to indicate the extent to which feminism, women’s studies and such, have colonized even the best business schools. Another example would be the “UC Davis Study of California Women Business Leaders,” an exercise in head-counting masquerading as scholarship, as we noted in a previous Contrarian.

In the politically correct world of the academy, it should come as no surprise that 35 years of measurable improvements leave women with a deficit in happiness. Yet there is at least one good reason to take “The Paradox of Declining Female Happiness” seriously.'

False rape charge and conviction leave justice delayed

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'A man is sitting in an upstate prison, wrongly convicted of a rape he didn't commit - a rape that, in fact, never happened. He must be released immediately, and the criminal justice system must aim its fury at the woman whose brazen lies put him there.

What Biurney Peguero did to William McCaffrey, a man she barely knew, is beyond despicable. She must be punished.

This is what Peguero told police and swore in court during a 2006 criminal trial: Early on the morning of Sept. 18, 2005, she was sitting in a parked car in upper Manhattan when McCaffrey stopped to talk to her and invited her to a party. They drove off; they pulled over on a dark street. McCaffrey, she said, drew a knife and viciously assaulted her, slapping her, raping her and leaving bite marks on her left arm and shoulder.'

Weston woman pleads not guilty to filing false rape report

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'A 33-year-old Weston woman has pleaded not guilty to charges she falsely reported being raped south of Bowling Green in April.

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She told law enforcement officials a man, possibly wearing gray shorts, had assaulted her while she was jogging between Bowling Green and Rudolph on April 26th.

During a Wood County sheriff's investigation, a suspect provided documentation that he was at another location at the time of the reported incident. Bauman then confessed to fabricating the report, deputies say.'

Ireland: False rape accusation has made athlete more wary

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'Northern Ireland and Manchester United star Jonny Evans has told how he is “more wary of people” after being falsely accused of rape.

The 21-year-old Belfast lad said he was forced to grow up fast after being arrested and held in police cells when a 26-year-old woman claimed she had been |seriously sexually assaulted at an exclusive party at a Manchester city hotel in December 2007.

The rape allegations were made after a 13-hour party for the entire Manchester United squad and other guests, which included Christmas lunch and burlesque dancers at a casino, and drinks at a bar owned by a soap opera star.

Jonny, who was 19-years-old at the time, voluntarily presented himself to police investigating the allegation. He was arrested and released on bail. But soon after the case was dropped when the Crown Prosecution Service found insufficient evidence to substantiate the rape claim.'

Sex ratio for collegiate binge drinking about equal

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'With the start of college right around the corner, there will be many high school students heading away from home for the first time and if they have been watching various advertisements on television or listening to war stories from older college students they might be considering it as an opportunity to binge drink.

Binge drinking is defined as consuming at least 5 drinks of alcohol in a row. If you have a daughter you might be thinking ‘no need to worry’. It is just an issue with boys. Well, there is very little difference when it comes to the sexes.

The rate of binge drinking is similar - 67% in boys and 61% in girls. Binge drinking can lead to risky behavior. Binge drinkers were more than 5 times as likely as non-drinkers to be sexually active, more than 18 times as likely to smoke cigarettes, and more than 4 times as likely to have been in a physical fight.'

The Most Deadly Domestic Violence Homicide Ever?

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'"Kuwaiti authorities have apprehended the person suspected of setting fire to a wedding tent and killing 41 people and said Monday the motive was personal. Local newspapers reported the groom's ex-wife was the arsonist.

The inferno Saturday night in the tribal area of al-Jahra, west of Kuwait City, ate up the women's tent in just three minutes and left behind bodies so charred they were unrecognizable. Guests likely crushed one another in a desperate attempt to flee. It was still unclear if the bride had survived."
...
An earlier story says that the fire killed "41 women and children," which makes sense, since it was the women's festivities that were targeted.

We'll see if the Kuwaiti police's claim that the ex-wife confessed to the arson and/or their evidence against her holds up. But longtime Fathers & Families activist Bill Zamzow writes in with an interesting thought--"This could well be the largest number of victims of a DV homicide(s) case on record."'

Dads on the Air show "The Canadian Special" available for download

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Download page is here. The link to the .mp3 file is at the bottom of that page. Excerpt:

"This week we look at the struggle for family law reform in Canada, the home of some of the world's most extreme anti-male anti-father legislation. Recently Dads On The Air interviewed Canadian MP Maurice Vellacot, who has introduced shared parenting legislation into the Canadian parliament. This week we follow on from that interview by talking with the highly experienced family lawyer Karen Selick, who has been an outspoken proponent for reform of the system; Roger Gallaway MP, who co-chaired an inquiry into shared parenting in Canada and Jeffrey Asher, a lecturer on men's studies who taught the last men's studies course in the country.

With Australia's left wing government heading in exactly the opposite direction to the rest of the western world and winding back the modest reforms of the previous government promoting cooperative care of children after divorce, now is the perfect time to look at the situation around the world. Canadian society and many tens of thousands of fathers and their children have paid a very high price for the country's previous embrace of extreme anti-male ideology; and numerous voices are now united in a call for sanity to prevail."

Opinion Blog: Misandry more insidious by far

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'Re: "Women at risk -- Our combination of pervasive misogyny, access to guns is a tragic mix, says Bob Herbert," and "Treatment of women isn't perfect, says Anne Applebaum, but we've come a long way, baby," Thursday Viewpoints.

Is Herbert kidding me? He truly believes we've become a "society saturated with misogyny"? If anything, we're a society with entrenched misandry, or the hate of males.

Daily violence against males often goes unnoticed and unreported. Male children endure more frequent abuse and neglect, including circumcision.

There is a special law to protect adult females against violence and another to protect infant females against genital mutilation.

The most blatant form of sexism in this country, Selective Service, essentially makes males potential cannon fodder. And capital punishment is more sexist than racist.

Appelbaum's viewpoint is a more thorough take on reality. Herbert should abandon his self-hating attitude and realize that violence is violence, regardless of the victim's or the perpetrator's gender.'

Report: Sleep apnea raises death risk for men

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'The classic manifestations of sleep apnea -- loud snoring, interrupted breathing and sleep disruption -- nearly double the risk for chronic disease and premature death among middle-aged and elderly men, according to major new research.

Even patients with moderate sleep apnea face an increased death risk, as much as 17 percent, compared with those who do not have sleep-disordered breathing problems, the decade-long U.S. study finds.

"The primary finding of our study is that sleep apnea can increase the risk of death by about 40 percent, even after other factors have been accounted for," said study lead author Dr. Naresh Punjabi, an associate professor of medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore.'

Brazil: Girl, 17, confesses to murder of 30 men

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This needs to be tried as a gender-based hate crime. Excerpt:

'A GYMSLIP murderess aged just 17 was being held last night for knifing THIRTY men to death.
...
She told detectives she wanted to confess before she turned 18 and could be tried as an adult.

The girl - too young even to be named - said she began targeting men in her home city of Sao Paulo, Brazil "for money, revenge and to bring justice".

She even SMILED as she reeled off her list of victims - which is feared to make her the world's most prolific teenage serial killer. She calmly bragged to police: "I don't have enough courage to hold a gun - but I can hold a knife.'

More women held for driving while intoxicated, study finds

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'WASHINGTON (CNN) -- Arrests for women driving under the influence jumped by nearly 30 percent during the decade ending in 2007, according to a study released Wednesday by the U.S. Transportation Department.

"To be honest with you, I was certainly surprised about that statistic," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said at a news conference.

However, when it comes to drunken driving arrests, women continue to be outnumbered by men by four to one.
...
The report, authored by the FBI for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, found a declining number of men arrested for similar alcohol-related violations.'

Intact America alert: CDC meeting next week to consider large-scale circumcision plans

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From Intact America:

ACT NOW

Next week, officials from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) will be chairing a conference in Atlanta that will include discussions on how to introduce "large scale neonatal and adult male circumcision programs" to the United States.

Intact America will be on the ground to make sure the ethical problems inherent in such programs are not swept under the rug and ignored.

Reinforce our efforts in Atlanta by signing our petition to the CDC.

Already taken action? Ask your friends to help! Download our petition (.doc file) or share it on social networks.

Lots more information here, including names, addresses, and email addresses of key decision-makers. The CDC's page on this subject is here.

Mom accused of smothering crying baby

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'ALBUQUERQUE (KRQE) - An Albuquerque woman accused of smothering her child to death had earlier been ordered to take parenting classes, but never did, according to Albuquerque police.

Stephanie Ledford, 21, is charged with child abuse resulting in death for the July 9 killing of the 8-month-old boy. She is being held at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center on a $250,000 cash or surety bond.

According to Albuquerque police, she was arrested Wednesday after a complicated investigation where she had repeatedly denied hurting the boy and at times blamed her boyfriend.
...
The boy told police he saw Ledford put the pillow on the baby's face while he was going to sleep and held the pillow there until the baby stopped breathing.'

Fewer male teachers are in K-12 classrooms in Illinois

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'For two years Chezare Warren taught math at a middle school on Chicago's South Side, weathering the kind of situations that keeps so many men from pursuing teaching careers at elementary and secondary schools.

There were the usual jokes from friends about his low pay and cushy workday. There were the awkward moments with women who sometimes belittled his profession. There was the occasional whisper or suspicious glance from parents who questioned why a young man would choose to spend so much time with children.

Most troubling for Warren -- one of six male teachers on a staff of more than 30 -- was the look in the eyes of many of his young male students each semester who, lacking positive male role models at home, seemed to latch onto him for fatherly guidance.
...
Many educators believe the trend has had a profound impact on the way young boys and girls learn. That's particularly true in urban communities where more and more children are growing up without a steady male influence, they say.'

India: HC upholds govt's decision not to admit boys in nursing course

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'CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government's decision not to admit any male candidate for the diploma course in nursing received the judicial nod on Monday, with the Madras high court dismissing a writ petition challenging the new norms.

The government, which was allotting 10 per cent of the available seats to male candidates till 2007-08, decided to make the diploma an all-girl course from 2008-09 following the introduction of a new syllabus by the Indian Nursing Council.

U Ashad Ali, whose application for admission was rejected by the health and family welfare department in November 2008, challenged the decision on the ground that discrimination on sex grounds was violative of the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution. He said male nursing assistants were very much needed in various hospitals.

The government, however, submitted that male nurses were required only in a few places like jail, ortho department, mental health hspitals and operation theatres. Government hospitals have enough male nurses, who would be in service till 2045, it said.'

NY Times: Disabled Students Are Spanked More

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'More than 200,000 schoolchildren are paddled, spanked or subjected to other physical punishment each year, and disabled students get a disproportionate share of the treatment, according to a new study.

Among the cases cited in the report was that of a 6-year-old, first-grade boy with autism, who was paddled at his Mississippi elementary school. An assistant principal who the report described as weighing 300 pounds “picked up an inch-thick paddle and paddled him” on the buttocks, the report said.

“It just devastated him,” the report cited the boy’s grandmother as saying. “When a child with autism has something like that happen, they don’t forget it. It’s always fresh in their minds.”'

Ed.: You can be sure the vast majority of those beaten are boys.

Female high schoolers targeted for math, science degrees by N.J. colleges

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'MIDDLESEX COUNTY -- New Jersey colleges are intensifying efforts to interest more girls in engineering, physics, computer science and physics careers, offering girls-only programs in early high school, mentorship opportunities and networking groups.

The effort to roll out the red carpet for women into math, science and engineering labs isn't new, and in recent decades there has been clear progress: Women today account for more than half the students at some medical schools and in the biological and environmental sciences.
...
At Rutgers this fall, the university is opening the Rosalind-Franklin House, a second all-women's dorm for math and science-related majors. The first such dorm, Bunting-Cobb, opened in 1989 and was the first of its kind in the nation.
...
Earlier this month as the girls put finishing touches on their mechanized projects, several said they liked the no-boys rule. Boys can be competitive and domineering in science class, they said.'

Canada: Closing the gender gap on reading

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'For the past two years, he has been researching the reading gender gap in Ontario as part of a project with the Education Quality and Accounting Office, an agency of the provincial government.

"It's a goal of the province to reduce the gap," said Klinger. "We want a strong knowledge economy. We have a goal in this province where we want 75 per cent of the children producing at what we call level three in achievement, which is considered to be the level of literacy you need to be successful. The girls are there; the boys aren't."

The reading gender gap is not exclusive to Ontario; it's an international problem. Girls, on average, are better readers than boys in every country in the world.

I met Klinger in his office at Queen's to learn about his work. I'm also an educational researcher who is trying to understand the reading gender gap,. I have visited schools in the U.S., Japan and Taiwan to better understand this phenomenon.'

Rambunctious boys have own day at kindergarten

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'Movement was something teachers were seeing a lot of in Ouachita Parish kindergarten classrooms on Wednesday as they experienced the first ever district-wide "boy day." Tuesday's "girl day" in most cases was a bit more reserved.

"Crisscross apple sauce," Stacy Frost reminded her male students as they fidgeted in a reading circle. "That means cross your legs."

The pent up energy in both classrooms was quickly evident when either teachers' attention was momentarily diverted.

"The girls read books and played with Play-Doh yesterday," Herbet said, while the boys played with blocks, built race cars and threatened to attack toy castles. "The boys ... we want them ready for nap time."'

Little Girls, College Guys -- and Nervous Parents

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'It turns out there was also another -- unspoken -- requirement: the tutor ought to be a woman. This was something my wife and I both felt in our gut, even though I knew it made me a huge hypocrite.

I have written over a thousand blog posts on fatherhood, mostly making the point that there is no reason why guys can't do the childrearing thing as well as women. And I know that unfair stereotypes are a reason why so few men end up in primary education. But it's one thing to defend my days as an at-home dad and another to put an elementary-school girl alone with a college guy for hours a week. Yes, I know the risk is low, but why accept the risk at all?

Still, out of a sense of open-mindedness, we did interview a male tutor earlier this month. He was a lovely kid, well-spoken and polite, bearing a letter of reference from a parent who trusted him to teach her children -- including her elementary-aged girl -- to swim. While we haven't talked to everyone on our list of candidates, there is no question that he'd make an excellent tutor. It is entirely possible that we'll hire him, even though the idea still makes me uncomfortable.'

Woman faces jail for lying about rape to get abortion in Spain

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'The 27-year-old woman, who lives in Malaga, used the excuse to get a termination when she became pregnant after having an extramarital affair, police said.

The woman, who is from Latin America and has not been named, told police that she had been followed by a masked man who forced her into the back of his car, drove her to scrubland, and raped her at knife point.

But police became suspicious after inconsistencies in her story and because she failed to report the crime until two months after the supposed attack. She then took her police report to a medical centre and asked for an abortion.

Police spend three weeks investigating her claim before they accused the woman of inventing the story to prevent her husband discovering that she had become pregnant from her lover.

She is facing between six months and a year for requesting an abortion on false grounds and six to 12 months for falsifying a crime.'

Roethlisberger attorney claims accuser's words prove lies

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'Attorney David Cornwell released a statement on Tuesday requesting the accuser to drop her sexual assault civil lawsuit against Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger. In a statement entitled "Andrea McNulty's Own Words Prove She was Not Raped By Ben Roethlisberger," Cornwell contends that McNulty's online behavior is inconsistent with someone who had been sexually assaulted. (Via the Reno-Gazette Journal, a pdf of the statement can be found here.)

The statement includes various e-mails and online chats that McNulty was said to have had with "Ben Millikan" aka "Ben the Soldier" the online persona that Roethlisberger's lawyers believe was McNulty's fictious online soldier boyfriend. I'm an attorney with a background in both civil and criminal law, so I hope to sort out what some of this means for you.
...
E-Mails Talking About Roethlisberger. Cornwell released a number of communications that suggest that McNulty wasn't afraid of Roethlisberger and talked about him in a positive way less than 24 hours after the alleged assault:

"This golf tournament has been really fun. I am really excited because we are all going to see Journey tonight and that will be soooooo much fun. Speaking of which I need to head over to a dinner with your lookalike [referring to Ben Roethlisberger, as noted in the email July 9th] and a few others before heading out."'

Does misandry discourages men from wanting kids?

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'I certainly don't want children, now or in the future. As a member of VHEMT (Voluntary Human Exinction MovemenT)I have many reasons for not doing so, some of which are:
...
'5. Misandry. I've watched every one of my male friends who got married get hauled through the divorce courts. Those who had kids got relegated to the role of "fortnightly father" with almost no say in how the kids are actually raised, no home and 1/3 of their pay taken in maintenance, and that's if they were allowed access to the kids at all with all the false accusations of domestic violence and suchlike coming from the ex-wife. Their ex-wives usually found another bloke and got the benefit of his income plus the maintenance, while the guys can't afford to start a new family because of the ex taking it all. After seeing these guys go through hell on earth, no way am I going to let that happen to me.
...
Misandry? It's the word of the month in here isn't it? We've got a bit of misandry dysentery at the moment haven't we? I thought Mystikan was a random lemon squeezed from the nasal philosophy of Agent Smith from The Matrix (you know, "human beings are a.... virus") but when I went and did some snoop-dogging on the Interents I discovered that there was, in fact, such a movement called VHEMT. While Mystikan seems to have chosen not to have kids because he thinks men are being institutionally and (apparently) invariably brutalised by women in our modern societies, the VHEMT presents some slightly less subjective reasons for actively choosing not to have children.'

Man blames science for nearly 20 years he spent in prison

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'For 20 years Steven Barnes has relived one day over and over in his mind; the scenes sometimes unfold like a filmy, disjointed dream, and sometimes with a stark and painful furor.

It was the day he was arrested, at age 23, for a crime he did not commit.

“When they came to arrest me I was screaming and freaking out saying I didn’t murder nobody,” said Barnes, who is now 43, and was released from prison last November just a few days after his conviction was overturned.

His conviction hinged on what he calls “junk science.” In 1989, Barnes was convicted of raping and strangling to death 16-year-old Kimberly Simon on the evening of Sept. 18, 1985, in Marcy, N.Y. The case against him relied heavily on forensic evidence and he spent nearly 20 years in prison.'

Man charged in wife's death not guilty by reason of self-defense

Anonymous · 21 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A North Carolina dentist was found not guilty by reason of SELF DEFENSE in the death of his wife. The jury found that she tried to kill him with a spear (weapon of choice for wild savages)and he killed her to save his life. Some good news for a change from the state that gave us the term of getting "Nifonged" by the judicial system. Excerpt:

'MOCKSVILLE, N.C. -- Kirk Turner, the dentist charged in the 2007 stabbing death of his estranged wife during a confrontation at their farm, has been found not guilty by a Mocksville jury Friday.

Turner's attorneys argued that the man was defending himself after Jennifer Turner attacked him with a seven-foot spear. Deliberations started Thursday morning around 10 a.m. and ended that day around 5 p.m.'

Psychiatric exam sought for Pitino's accuser

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LOUISVILLE, Ky. - A woman charged with trying to extort $10 million from University of Louisville basketball coach Rick Pitino may be so mentally incompetent that she does not understand the legal proceedings and may not be able to assist in her own defense, federal prosecutors said Friday in asking a judge to order a psychological exam.

...

Sypher has pleaded not guilty to federal charges of trying to extort money from Pitino and lying to the FBI. She is accused of demanding college tuition for her children, that her house be paid off and $10 million in exchange for keeping quiet about allegations involving Pitino.

...

Prosecutors also asked Simpson to issue a protective order barring Earhart and Sypher from making public any evidence or statements turned over in the case. The motion did not blame Earhart, and he said he still has not received evidence from prosecutors in the case.'

CNN Video: Woman admits torture, murder

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Video report here. Caption:

'Woman admits to killing a Phoenix man in a wheelchair because she thought he was a police informant.'

Teacher allegedly paid student after sex

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Helper Junior High School teacher charged with having a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old male student paid her victim between $1,400 and $1,500 after the encounters, court documents allege.

New details about the relationship between Melissa Ann Andreini and her alleged victim emerged from a probable cause statement recently filed in 7th District Court.

According to the statement, the victim's mother confronted Andreini at Andreini's home in Helper on July 3 after finding out the teacher was supposedly having sex with her son. Andreini admitted to the boy's mother that she had sex with the teenager on several occasions at her home, according to the statement.'

Article: "Roethlisberger continues relentless assault on his accuser"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Three days after releasing e-mail messages described as the "tip of the investigative iceberg" and publicly demanding that the woman suing Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger abandon her case immediately, Roethlisberger has filed a motion to dismiss the claims against him, support by a 43-page legal brief and 29 exhibits.

We've obtained a copy of everything that has been filed. (And, consequently, the hard drive on the official PFT Commodore 64 is now full.)

Put simply, the attack against the plaintiff is among the most aggressive I've seen in nearly 18 years of practicing law.
...
Roethlisberger requests that the plaintiff be required to submit to an "immediate medical examination," alleging that "there is no question that Plaintiff is unstable mentally."

So, regardless of the merits of the case (and, frankly, it doesn't look good at this point for the plaintiff), Roethlisberger's lawyers are using the "nuts and sluts" defense by calling the plaintiff both a nut and a slut.'

UK: Woman charged with false Carlisle sex attack claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN who triggered a major investigation after claiming she was the victim of a sex attack in Carlisle has been charged with perverting the course of justice.

The 22-year-old is expected to appear in court following an alleged sexual assault in Cavendish Terrace, Stanwix, on January 4.

She answered police bail yesterday

The charge against her states that between January 3 and March 21, with intent to pervert the course of public justice, she made a false allegation that she was subject to a serious sexual assault which instigated a major police investigation during which four people were arrested.'

UK: Tougher stance on domestic abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence victims will be able to get greater protection from courts in England and Wales from next month.

Judges will have powers to impose restraining orders on abusers charged with any offence - even if they are cleared but still considered a threat.

Victims are currently often forced to go through civil courts to secure such an injunction even if, for example, a partner is convicted of assault.
...
From 30 September, anyone still considered a threat at the end of a criminal case - regardless of the charge or result - may be made subject of an order.'

Pakistan: Domestic Violence Bill 2009 comes under fire due to punishment provision for false accusations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A clause of the recently approved Domestic Violence Bill 2009 that allows punishment of six months or a fine of Rs50,000 to those who file false complaints came under severe criticism at a national consultation here on Thursday.

...

Demanding complete repeal of this new addition by the government, civil society activists expressed the fear that the clause would transform the bill, formulated to provide relief to women, into another Hadood ordinance. “This would mean that practically no aggrieved party, victim or complainant will ever file a case in fear of reactionary punishment to them,” said Maleeha Zia of Aurat Foundation. She was speaking at the ‘National Consultation on Domestic Violence Bill 2009’ organised by Aurat Foundation.

Aimed at lobbying with senators to raise their voices against the gaps in the final draft, the event was attended by civil society activists and female senators, who agreed with most of the points raised by the participants. Prominent among them were Yasmeen Rehman, Saeeda Iqbal, Farah Aqil, Nilofer Bakhtiar and Shiralla Mallick.'

UK: Fathers 4 Justice dad finally gains joint custody of daughter

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A founder member of the Fathers 4 Justice protest group has won an eight-year battle over access to his daughter.

Jonathan Stanesby, 44, was jailed for two months last year for climbing on to Labour deputy leader Harriet Harman's roof dressed as a superhero.

He also cuffed himself to ex-Children's Minister Margaret Hodge to protest that he could only see his daughter one weekend every two weeks. But following an agreement with his ex-partner, he has now obtained joint custody of his daughter.

Stanesby said yesterday: "My daughter is now living with me half the time and she's chuffed - it's what we've always wanted. I'm obviously elated but I'm also very bitter about the whole experience. It destroys your life. I'm still paying fines, I'm still in debt, and I'll probably never be able to go back to the work I loved now that I've been to prison."

Teen pregnancy attitude shift: "Girls getting more like boys"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Pregnant teens are nothing new, but the behaviors leading to it and society's attitude are surprising sexuality educators who have been working in the field for years.

"Girls are getting more like boys in terms of their behavior and their attitudes about sex. They're getting to be more aggressive and more liberal," said Joe Fay, executive director of the Pennsylvania Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and a sexuality educator for 32 years.

...

Teen pregnancy has become acceptable behavior by a society that to some degree even enables it, said Holly Gould, who works with teen moms in her job as director of Education Leading to Employment and Career Training at the Crispus Attucks Association in York. The program is funded through the state Departments of Education and Public Welfare.'

Canada: Bus driver threatened to cut off autistic boy's head, suit alleges

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Story here. Excerpt:

'OTTAWA — The mother of an autistic boy says he continues to suffer from severe emotional trauma after his school bus driver allegedly threatened to cut his head off with an axe, according to documents filed in court Tuesday.

The boy's mother has filed a $750,000 lawsuit against the bus driver, the driver's employer and the school board for the "serious and permanent consequences" sustained by the boy, including post-traumatic stress disorder, a statement of claim said.
...
After the boy began crying, his bus driver, Ariette Schoorl, threatened to cut off his head if he didn't stop, according to the plaintiff's claim. "The defendant then proceeded to remove the emergency axe located on the bus to further emphasize her threat," the document said. "The incident terrified (the child)."

Ireland: Focus on girls' exam success masks deeper concerns

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As a 2007 Department of Education and Science report, Sé Sí – Gender in Irish Education, points out, girls have been outscoring boys in English and Irish since the 1930s. What has changed is the extent of the difference. However, girls also now do better than boys in so-called “non-traditional” areas such as maths and the sciences. Applied maths was the only maths subject in which boys outshone girls in the 2009 Leaving Cert.

Some people frame the discussion in terms of gender wars, as proof that men are now becoming the oppressed species. Others wonder what the fuss is about. Is this not just a good news story for girls? Or is the “feminisation of education” a genuine concern?

The gender issue matters, but not because girls are achieving higher levels of honours. In fact, framing the problem in this way may be distracting from two deeper and related problems. The first is that, far from worrying about honours, there are huge numbers of young people leaving school without adequate qualifications. The second is that there are profound problems with our educational system.'

Police: Woman lied about rape at university

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 22-year-old East Stroudsburg University student admitted lying about being raped at knifepoint on campus Aug. 13 because she was not doing well in school and having personal problems, state police at Fern Ridge said.

The woman initially said she was walking to her car in the parking lot at 11:15 a.m. Aug. 13 when a man with a knife grabbed her from behind, forced her into the bushes and raped her. She has since recanted her statement and said the problems she had been having led her to file a false report, according to police. Police will now see if she should be charged with filing a false report to law enforcement.'

European Groups Ban 'Sexist' Everyday Phrases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It could be construed as a black day for the English language — but not if you work in the public sector.

Dozens of quangos [link added] and taxpayer-funded organisations have ordered a purge of common words and phrases so as not to cause offence.

Among the everyday sayings that have been quietly dropped in a bid to stamp out racism and sexism are “whiter than white”, “gentleman’s agreement”, “black mark” and “right-hand man”.
...
Many institutions have urged their workforce to be mindful of “gender bias” in language. The Learning and Skills Council wants staff to “perfect” their brief rather than “master” it, while the Newcastle University has singled out the phrase “master bedroom” as being problematic.'

US: Officials Weigh Circumcision to Fight H.I.V. Risk

Matt · 23 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If ever there was a time to stand up for basic human rights for males, this is the time.

This issue is not about religion. It is about the right of men to decide for themselves about whether or not a life- and body-altering operation should be performed on them. This is not a decision that can morally or ethically be made for a man even while he is an infant. Yet, it seems for whatever reason of the moment, societies want to make it.

CDC contact info is here. Call or email the Director, Dr. Thomas Frieden, at (404) 639-7000 and let him know what you think. [PLEASE BE POLITE and stick to facts. And, don't use any language that could even be construed as threatening. You really don't want the FBI at your door in a week, do you?] If you can't call, send a note to the CDC's general email at cdcinfo@cdc.gov. [As of the time of this posting, curiously enough, the employee directory at http://directory.psc.gov/employee.htm for the CDC is unavailable.] Excerpt:

'Public health officials are considering promoting routine circumcision for all baby boys born in the United States to reduce the spread of H.I.V., the virus that causes AIDS.

The topic is a delicate one that has already generated controversy, even though a formal draft of the proposed recommendations, due out from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by the end of the year, has yet to be released.

Experts are also considering whether the surgery should be offered to adult heterosexual men whose sexual practices put them at high risk of infection. But they acknowledge that a circumcision drive in the United States would be unlikely to have a drastic impact: the procedure does not seem to protect those at greatest risk here, men who have sex with men.
...
Circumcision will be discussed this week at the C.D.C.'s National H.I.V. Prevention Conference in Atlanta, which will be attended by thousands of health professionals and H.I.V. service providers.

Among the speakers is a physician from Operation Abraham, an organization based in Israel and named after the biblical figure who was circumcised, according to the book of Genesis, when he was 99 years old. The group trains doctors in Africa to perform circumcisions on adult men to reduce the spread of H.I.V.

Members of Intact America, a group that opposes newborn circumcision, have rented mobile billboards that will drive around Atlanta carrying their message that "circumcising babies doesn't prevent H.I.V.," said Georganne Chapin, who leads the organization.'

Cops get tough with women driving drunk

Michael · 24 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here Excerpt:

'It used to be that a woman caught driving under the influence stood a good chance of getting a break from the police officer.

Not anymore.

Over the past decade, DUI arrests of female drivers have shot up in Chicago, as well as across Illinois and the nation, new government figures show.

That's happened even as the number of men being busted for driving drunk has been steadily dropping in the United States over the last decade.

The rising number of DUI arrests of women probably reflects a change in attitude by police.'

'Year One' uses "genital mutilation" to describe circumcision

Matt · 24 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

The recent comedy film Year One is noteworthy since it appears as if it is the first time in American film history that the term "genital mutilation" is used to describe circumcision as noted here (page-search on 'Year One' to find the film's entry). Excerpt:

'Many a true word is spoken in jest! This could be the first time "genital mutilation" has been used to describe male circumcision in a mainstream movie. With its exposed corona and sulcus, and dried surface, a circumcised penis is far from "sleek". Most reviews have panned the movie.'

Unfortunately the movie, despite some funny parts here and there, overall did not seem to me to be that funny. Nonetheless, this is some mainstream media exposure with regard to this issue, and given that the target market for this movie seems to have been adolescents in general, it's good they are getting some counter-message for it some place.

Ireland: 'It's time to dispense with the voodoo politics of the good condom and the guilty foreskin'

anthony · 24 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Voodoo is an African word, but not an African monopoly. Every society has its own voodoo -- a fear of some mysterious ailment which can only be cured by magical means.

The latest proposal by the World Health Organisation to control the AIDS epidemic in Africa by circumcising males is just another voodoo. However, the disproportionate number of women scientists urging this "solution" does suggest a bizarre twist -- some feminists, for obvious, if largely subconscious reasons, rather like the idea of male genital mutilation. Furthermore, the hygiene argument (usually used tendentiously) justifying male circumcision could equally apply to the female labia, and more especially, to the fingernails of both sexes.
...
It is one thing for an adult to choose to be circumcised, though little good will it do him if he chooses then to have unprotected promiscuous sex (as many newly-circumcised African males do). It is quite another thing for the World Health Organisation to encourage people to rob little boys of their foreskins for "public health" reasons.

To do that is to mutilate him forever, and all in the name of a very dangerous ancient/modern voodoo, that this year has killed 53 boys in Cape Province alone.'

S Africa: Circumcision should be the in thing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'South Africa's policy on circumcision is still being finalised, guidelines need to be drafted and health workers trained, so the Bophelo Pele centre is the only one in the country offering free male circumcisions.

Other countries in southern Africa have already begun rolling out mass male circumcision programmes in response to evidence that circumcision, safely performed in a medical setting, lowers a man's risk of contracting HIV by about 60 percent.

In South Africa, public health facilities only perform circumcision for medical reasons; those choosing it for other reasons must pay a private practitioner.'

UPDATE: US: Officials Weigh Circumcision to Fight H.I.V. Risk

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Looks like the CDC employee directory is available again at http://directory.psc.gov/employee.htm. Some contact info as follows:

Dr. Peter Kilmarx, chief of epidemiology:
email: peter.kilmarx-at-cdc.hhs.gov
phone: 404.639.8998
fax: 404.639.6127

Dr. Thomas R. Frieden, Director of the CDC:
email: txf2-at-cdc.gov
phone: 404.639.7000

Do not just assume because this is posted here that others will contact these guys or others to voice their opposition to MGM. The MR movement simply does not have that many people that we can all just assume that "someone else" will do this kind of thing for us. Each and every person reading this who supports the end of MGM needs to make his or her voice known. Pick up the phone or fire up your email. It'll take less than a minute to do this but it is one of the few chances we get to raise our concerns to government and the public-policy makers that can so influence medical practices.

DO THIS NOW!

Boys get better grades at all-boys schools: study

anthony · 24 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WELLINGTON (Reuters Life!) - Boys get better grades at single-sex schools than when they're in mixed-gender schools, where girls consistently outperform them, a recent New Zealand study shows.

The study, based on the long-term Christchurch Health and Development Study at the University of Otago, compared the educational achievements of over 900 boys and girls who attended single-sex and coeducational secondary schools in New Zealand.

For students attending single-sex secondary schools, there was a slight tendency for males to outperform females.

For students attending co-educational schools, however, there was a clear tendency for girls to outperform boys, a pattern that continued when students were followed up to the age of 25.'

NY Times: 'The Power of the Purse'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Remember the concept of “sisterhood”? That quaint relic of an idea that women owed it to other women to crash through ceilings and navigate a male world? It just might be taking new root in a most unexpected place — among women with money. There are more women controlling more wealth in the U.S. than ever before. (Of those in the wealthiest tier of the country — defined by the I.R.S. as individuals with assets of at least $1.5 million — 43 percent are women.) And unlike the women who preceded them — old-school patrons who gave to the museum and the symphony and their dead husbands’ alma maters — these givers are more likely to use their wealth deliberately and systematically to aid women in need.
...
In general, women give differently than men. They are less likely to want their names on things and more likely to give as part of drives (large ones, like Women Moving Millions, and smaller ones, like living-room “giving circles”) that include other women. And they tend to spotlight different causes (women’s health, microfinancing of businesses owned by women) and for different reasons. A study of more than 10,000 large donors by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University suggests that while men describe their giving as practical — filling in the gaps that government can’t or won’t — women describe theirs as emotional, an obligation to help those with less.'

South Africa: Teen held for false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An 18-year-old matriculant who ran away from home to visit her boyfriend was arrested on Monday for allegedly lying about being raped, Pretoria police said.
...
"She was taken to a doctor for treatment at the expense of the state and penetration was confirmed."

According to police she had consensual sex with her boyfriend during her stay at his house.

She would face a charge of perjury in the Atteridgeville Magistrate's Court on Tuesday. - Sapa'

Required Circumcision for All Baby Boys Born in the United States?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is scientific evidence that circumcision can lead to a reduction in the risk of males contracting HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. AIDS has been at epidemic levels in Africa and studies show that African men who have been circumcised reduce their risk of getting AIDS by half. The clinical trials performed in Kenya, South Africa and Uganda focused on heterosexual males who were at risk from getting HIV from infected female sexual partners. The studies showed they were 60% less likely to become infected with AIDS if they had been circumcised. Circumcision did not seem to have an impact on the likelihood of homosexual men contracting the disease.

As a result, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the United States is considering a proposal that all newborn baby boys in the United States should be circumcised. They are also considering offering the surgery to heterosexual adult males whose sexual behavior is such that they are at greater risk for the disease.
...
The money spent on requiring this procedure could be spent on education about it with plenty left over to put into more productive preventative medicines. There would probably be some left over to help offer circumcisions in African nations if they wanted the help. Either way, NOT having required circumcision for all baby boys born in the United States would save money and a lot of irritation on the part of the people. Let parents decide.'

Prof working to get boys into reading

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A lot of things — critical thinking, comprehension, imagination — bubble up into a child's brain from a book. But none of that can happen if the book isn't cracked open.

Turning reluctant readers, especially boys, into eager ones is the idea behind a reading program that a University of Northern Colorado education professor helped develop.

Michael Opitz, a former elementary school teacher who specializes in reading and language arts, said he's hopeful the new program, called Pair-It Extreme, will get children in first through third grades hooked on reading.

Opitz said boys are 50 percent more likely to be held back a grade and three to five times more likely to have a disability placement in school. Young boys often consider reading boring or a girly activity.'

'South Africa’s health system fails women, kids'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - Researchers for a leading international medical journal say South Africa's health system is failing women and children in particular, but that new leadership could solve many of the problems.

...

Studies have shown circumcision can cut the risk of HIV infection by as much as 60 percent, and some of South Africa's neighbors have made the procedure widely available. But Motsoaledi said some in South Africa have expressed fears that men who undergo the procedure might become complacent and more likely to have unprotected sex.

Motsoaledi said circumcision as a medical intervention also would have to be explained in a way that took into account differing traditions in South Africa, where some tribes routinely circumcise young men as a rite of adulthood and others do not.'

Study: Reports of teen misuse of ADHD drugs soared 76%

anthony · 25 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Keep in mind, boys are prescribed ADHD medications at a much higher rate then girls. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO - Calls to poison-control centers about teens abusing attention-deficit drugs soared 76 percent over eight years, sobering evidence about the dangerous consequences of prescription misuse, a study shows.

The calls were from worried parents, emergency-room doctors and others seeking advice on how to deal with the problem, which can be deadly. Four deaths were among cases evaluated in the study, published today in Pediatrics, a medical journal.

...

Researchers from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center evaluated 1998-2005 data from the American Association of Poison Control Centers. During that time, calls related to teen abuse of ADHD drugs increased from 330 to 581 yearly, and there were four deaths.

The true number of teen abusers who have bad side effects is likely much higher, because many cases don't result in calls to poison-control centers, said study author Dr. Randall Bond.'

Will Men Ever Share the Burden of Contraception?

anthony · 25 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For years, we've been hearing that more contraceptive options for sexually active males may soon be a reality. But that soon is starting to feel like never. Men still only have the condom, a vasectomy or abstinence when it comes to choices of birth control. So what's holding up their show?

Research consistently reveals that men want access to better contraceptives. A 1998 study in British Journal of Family Planning found that 80 percent of males regarded a hypothetical male pill as one of their top three contraceptive choices. A 2005 global study conducted by Schering found that 55 percent of men ages 18 to 50 are interested in a "new male fertility control."

Still, men like these are constantly getting teased with the prospect of greater control over their fertility during sex. Already we've been waiting years for male contraceptives in the forms of creams, monthly or quarterly injections, daily testosterone gel, patch, sperm plugs, sperm dissolvers, heat-inducing gels, hormone therapy, twice per year synthetic implants in the arm...'

"13 signs he's dating a loser"

John Dias · 25 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"I've had a bumpy ride as a single gal and have dated many guys who weren't worth my time. But that doesn't mean a girl can't be a dud, too! Case in point? That tragic and terrible VH1 show "Megan Wants a Millionaire," about a girl who's just looking for a rich guy to pay the bills.

For all you men out there, check out the 12 signs that you may be dating a loser. See someone you recognize? If you're smart, you'll lose her.

1. Dirty-flirty double standard: She flirts with dudes in front of you, shamelessly. Then, she gets super mad and makes a scene if you so much as give a cute waitress your order.

2. She needs to do everything with you: It's one thing to share experiences, but it's another thing to need someone to hold your hand all the time. When it goes beyond wanting to spending time together to demanding it constantly, you have to wonder, what's her problem?'

Tha Daily Dish: 'Lose the Foreskin!'

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Article here. Excerpt:

"The responses to the Center for Disease Control's proposal this week to require all American boys to be circumcized are predictably hysterical. Hundreds of commenters wrote into the New York Times today to complain about "child abuse" and "genital mutilation" and one "religious sect's agenda of control" (i.e. Jews). Subsequent news stories refer to the "controversial procedure" and quote CDC epidemiologists carefully measuring their words.

But the procedure is only "controversial" because people have emotional, psychological and religious reactions to it. Scientifically speaking, it's not remotely controversial. The anti-circumcision sites always refer to the American Academy of Pediatrics' 1999 policy statement on circumcision, which declined to recommend the procedure. But that statement was issued before the most compelling studies emerged about the role circumcision plays in reducing the risk for transmission of HIV and other STD's."

Feedback form for The Atlantic is here. The author's email is hanna.rosin-at-gmail.com.

Australia: 'Willy-nilly circumcision sparks legal fears for doctors'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LAWS protect girls from genital surgery but parents wanting to circumcise boys can "go around willy-nilly chopping up bits of their sons", a state children's commissioner says.

Tasmania's commissioner for children Paul Mason and the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute have embarked on what they say is the largest review into the legalities of male circumcision in Australia's history.

Mr Mason said a critical issue for any non-therapeutic circumcision is whether parental consent is sufficient to protect a surgeon from legal action if the child's genital autonomy is thought to have been infringed.

"The only thing that protects a doctor from an action for assault or a civil prosecution is the valid consent of the patient," he said.'

Huffington Post: Male Circumcision and the HIV/AIDS Myth

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We now know that penile cancer is only slightly more prevalent in the uncircumcised, and routine circumcision is not the best way to go about preventing it, just as routine double mastectomy in women who are done with breastfeeding (and thus have no remaining physiological need for their breasts) is not a good approach to preventing breast cancer -- which is much more common than penile cancer. We also know that the human papilloma virus (HPV), which also causes genital warts, is the most important risk factor for cancer of the penis -- and genital warts are more easily contracted by circumcised men. Moreover, penile cancer is much less prevalent in countries like Denmark, where circumcision is uncommon, compared to the United States, where between 50-60% of males are circumcised.'

Atlanta report: Circumcision no AIDS protection for gay men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA - Circumcision, which has helped prevent AIDS among heterosexual men in Africa, doesn't help protect gay men from the virus, according to the largest U.S. study to look at the question.
...
Circumcision "is not considered beneficial" in stopping the spread of HIV through gay sex, said Dr. Peter Kilmarx, of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

However, the CDC is still considering recommending it for other groups, including baby boys and high-risk heterosexual men.

UNAIDS ... promote[s] circumcision ...as an important strategy for reducing the spread of the AIDS virus. There hasn't been the same kind of push for circumcision in the [US].
...
"...It's possible the government won't make recommendations but instead will promote an education campaign for parents about the procedure's potential benefits and risks, he added.

The prospect of the government promoting circumcision of infants has already drawn fire from an advocacy group called Intact America. The organization, based in Tarrytown, N.Y., parked a motorized billboard this week outside the hotel hosting the HIV conference, displaying the message: "Tell the CDC that circumcising babies doesn't prevent HIV."'

TAKE ACTION!
If you have not done so already, or even if you have, contact the CDC and tell them what you think. But don't limit yourself to just the CDC-- contact your Congressional rep(s) as well. They have no direct influence on public medical policy, but they are in positions of decision-making authority over such things as funding of programs. And as we all know, it's all about the money, isn't it? Contact information:

Previous MANN story with contact info
Find you Congressoid and write or call: http://www.house.gov/

YouTube video on "new device to assist circumcising babies"

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This is a reprehensible and disgusting YouTube video of a new circumcision device. I'm somewhat embarrassed to even submit it. However, I think 'shock value' might sometimes be a necessary tool. I can't even think of a descriptive excerpt.

Plastibell Infant Circumcision Surgical Procedure

Ed.: It's so disturbing you have to log in and confirm your birth date. I looked at the video poster's user page and it does not seem to me he or she is advocating for circumcision, but simply supplying video information about it. (In fact the text for the user entry was taken from Wikipedia and is decidedly anti-circ in its tone). Videos may well be the best way to get people to make up their own minds and once the evidence is seen, well, I have a feeling I can guess what new opinion will be formed.

Linda Bollea Sues Hulk Hogan for Her Harley, Wants Him in Prison

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Linda Bollea Sues Hulk Hogan for Her Harley, Wants Him in Prison

Just a few weeks ago, Hulk Hogan and the mother of his children Linda Bollea finally reached an undisclosed divorce settlement that they were both satisfied with, and Pop Tarts was assured Bollea was particularly delighted with her prominent payout. But is the former pro wrestler not living up to his legal word and giving his ex the agreed-to goods?

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Consequently, Bollea is not only demanding her money and motorcycle, but now wants him to cover all the transport and attorney fees she has incurred, and if he still refuses to comply, has filed a request to have Hulk "incarcerated."

...

A rep for Hogan told Tarts that the "Hogan Knows Best" star has done no wrong and is "absolutely complying with the terms of the marital settlement agreement."

"Linda will receive everything she is entitled to under the agreement as soon as it is available to give to her," the rep said.'

Purple Heart's Final Beat - A Soldier Suicide Story

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Via Jeremy S.: This is must-see.

"A cry for help from SecondClassCitizen.org, dedicated to an old friend.

This story is far too true, and far too common. Soldiers returning from war, only to be oppressed by the same system they swore allegiance to protect. This film chronicles the last day in the life of one soldier - or many - as countless veterans every month end their lives in desperation."

Conscious TV - On Parental Alienation

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Also via Jeremy S.:

Personally I still absolutely do not believe or accept that parental alienation is "gender neutral". I think that this is simply a position of convenience and 'politically correct' expediency and that Parental Alienation is still overwhelmingly rooted in female action. However this TV appearance and presentation by Dorcy Russel on the subject itself is very encouraging.

RADAR ALERT: Another DV Myth: DV Situations and Danger To Police

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Last week the mayor of Milwaukee was injured while intervening between a drunk man and his daughter's grandmother.[1]

ABC's Milwaukee affiliate, WISN, followed up with a story that asserted, "domestic violence situations are, by far, the number one reason that police officers are wounded on duty," and quoting "domestic violence experts" to back up this bit of received wisdom.[2]

There's just one problem with this claim – researchers who studied this very question[3] found it wasn't true. They found that domestic disturbance ranked fourth in the ratio of assaults to calls or service, but only fifth in the ratio of injuries to calls for service. In other words, he rate of injury from domestic disturbance calls was **lower** than the rate from four other types of calls.

UK: Hunt for girl gang over unprovoked attack

Proud_to_be_a_man · 26 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Police are hunting a group of women they believe are responsible for an attack on a man during a night out.

Today detectives released CCTV footage showing six female suspects, all believed to be in their twenties.

The 38-year-old, who was left with a broken ankle and stiletto-shaped wound on his head, had been on a night out with his girlfriend at the time of the unprovoked assault in Liverpool."

The fairer sex, my big fat hairy butt!

Study: Gender may not influence survival outcomes after coronary

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Doctors have long known that women are nearly twice as likely as men to die in the first month after a heart attack. But a new study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association looked behind this statistic to discover that gender may not directly influence survival outcomes after a heart attack.

...

Among all the studies, women died at a 9.6 percent rate compared with a 5.3 percent rate for men in the first month after a heart attack. Yet the study pointed out key differences between men and women in these statistics.

Women were having heart attacks at an older age than the men. Women were also more likely to have diabetes, high blood pressure and heart failure while men were more likely to smoke, to have had a previous heart attack and have a previous bypass surgery.'

'Single dads in recovery deserve equality'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's face it: sometimes men make better single parents than women. Some researchers even believe that this is almost always true, as single men are better able to impart such things as empathy to their children than women (Father and Child Reunion). With all of the hooting and hollering for women's rights that has gone on over the last few decades, the time has come for the lack of consideration of the rights of men to be noticed and changed. Recovery is definitely one of these areas, at least in the city of Louisville, and single dads need to be afforded the same opportunities to parent as women.

Volunteers of America, for instance, has the only halfway houses in Louisville for women with children: Maude Boothe, Grace House, and Freedom House. There are no such places for men. Why is this? Don't men deserve the same chance to care for themselves and their children as women? How many of you know a single man in recovery with sole custody of his children because their mother chooses to drink/drug instead of parent her kids?'

UK: One in four boys fails writing test for seven-year-old pupils

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Girls swept the board in national curriculum tests for seven-year-olds, beating boys in every paper – reading, writing, speaking and listening, maths and science.

The biggest gap was in writing, where one in four boys failed to reach the standard expected, compared with just 13 per cent of girls.

Overall, the results showed a one percentage point improvement in writing this year from 80 per cent to 81 per cent – but a one per cent slump in maths to 89 per cent. Reading, and speaking and listening, remained the same at 84 per cent and 87 per cent respectively – as did science at 89 per cent.

David Laws, the Liberal Democrats' education spokesman, described the decline in maths scores as "a blow to ministers who have been targeting resources in order to improve performance". He added: "The Government should be especially ashamed of the fact that one in four boys failed to master basic writing skills by this age."'

Pitino lashes out about revived accusations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A seething Rick Pitino said he could stay on the sidelines no longer.

The Louisville men's basketball coach said video aired Wednesday of a police interview with a woman at the heart of sex and extortion scandal surrounding Pitino revived a "total fabrication of the truth." In it, Karen Cunagin Sypher accuses Pitino of sexually assaulting her, an allegation she brought to police after she was accused of trying to extort millions from the coach. Prosecutors did not pursue charges against Pitino.

Against his lawyer's advice, Pitino said he felt he needed to speak out.

"Everything that's been printed, everything that's been reported, everything that's been breaking in the news on the day Ted Kennedy died is 100 percent a lie, a lie," Pitino said in a hastily called news conference. "All of this has been a lie, a total fabrication of the truth."'

'John schools' try to change attitudes about paid sex

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NASHVILLE, Tennessee (CNN) -- The accused came from all walks of life: Retirees, dads and twentysomethings. An engineer, a business owner and an auto worker. A man in a wheelchair. Men in need of Spanish or Farsi translators.

All had tried to buy a prostitute's services and were caught by police. It was their first offense, and a county court referred them to a one-day program called the John School. It's a program run by volunteers and city officials in conjunction with Magdalene House, a nonprofit that works to get prostitutes off the streets.

School is led by former prostitutes, health experts, psychologists and law enforcement officers who talk to -- and at times berate -- the men about the risks of hiring a prostitute.

Prostitution is based on the law of supply and demand. The thinking is: Women won't stop selling sex until men stop buying.'

UK: Women are better at ousting the boss than making money, academics say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women on the board can be bad for a company's coffers but they waste no time in ousting male chief executives who are not up to the job.

The claims by two academics appear to support suggestions this week by Harriet Harman that "men cannot be trusted to run things on their own". Labour's deputy leader and Equality Minister has also hinted that the credit crisis could have been prevented if more women had been present on bank boards — the so-called Lehman Sisters effect.

Research in the Journal of Financial Economics found that while female board members behaved more like independent directors, this did not necessarily translate into bigger profits. It said that too much interference from directors could result in a loss of trust and lack of information-sharing, further reducing profitability.'

GCSE results: Boys bag top grades in maths

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys have leapfrogged over girls in maths GCSE results, bagging more of the top grades for the first time since 1997 after the government scrapped coursework last year.

The remarkable two percentage point increase in the proportion of top grades awarded to boys for maths sparked a debate about whether girls and boys should be assessed differently after experts claimed that girls thrived in coursework tests while their male classmates did better at cramming for exams.

A 20-year trend of girls increasingly outperforming boys could begin to reverse next year because coursework is due to be scrapped for nearly all subjects following the move with maths this year. The decision to reduce coursework was made amid concerns of increasing plagiarism, but it now appears it will have a significant impact on the gender gap in education and could disadvantage girls.'

Sentence for false rape charge: 6 months, suspended, $1200 fine

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A night of infidelity covered up by a snowballing lie came unstuck for a young Palmerston North mother.

Jaimee-Lee Fawcett, 19, received a six-month suspended sentence and ordered to pay police and ACC reparations of more than $1200 in the Palmerston North District Court yesterday for making a false allegation of rape.

Police prosecutor Sergeant Chris Whitmore told the court Fawcett had made the false statement after she told her boyfriend she was raped by a man she had met during a night out drinking.

Her boyfriend had then persuaded her to complain to police, which she did on June 30 but she had made up a name for the man she alleged had raped her.'

South Africa: 'Nice time' turns to rape turns to perjury?

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An 18-year-old girl who allegedly opened a false gang rape case while she in fact secretly spent time with her boyfriend, will have to attend a diversion programme if she wants to avoid criminal prosecution.

This was decided after the Atteridgeville Magistrate's Court's control prosecutor and a probation officer discussed the case on Tuesday.

The teenager was arrested on Monday, on a charge of perjury, two days after she had opened a rape case at the Atteridgeville Police Station.

...

When she got home on August 22, she apparently lied to her parents, claiming she had been kidnapped by six unknown men and taken to Rustenburg and repeatedly raped.

After registering a false rape case at the Atteridgeville Police Station, the girl was taken to a doctor for treatment and examination at the State's expense.'

'Don't blame all Muslims, but don't blame all men either'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The other explanation of honour killings is ideological. It originates at least partly, often primarily, in the need of ideological feminists (as distinct from egalitarian ones) to score political points by denying the importance of cultural differences. Consider Aysan Sev'er, a sociologist at the University of Toronto. During a televised interview with Mutsumi Takahashi, she argued that the underlying cause of honour killings is not Islam but misogyny. And misogyny prevails not only in Islamic countries. She implied, therefore, that Canada is really not much better for women than Afghanistan is...

...

Another implication is much more sophisticated but also much more sinister: the belief that violence against women is the primal and universal crime. Unlike women, from this point of view, men have some profound desire to subjugate women though also, in a derived sense, other men. From this, it supposedly follows that violence against women underlies all forms of violence and all forms of oppression; even men who do not commit acts of violence against women presumably benefit from the acts of other men and therefore participate in their guilt.

This brings us to the heart of this ideological explanation for honour killings: the notion of "collective guilt," according to which some people are evil by virtue of their genetic identity. But blaming all men is surely no better than blaming all women, all Muslims, all immigrants, and so on. Both sexism and racism are forms of prejudice. Both, in fact, rely on genetically defined enemies.'

'Women overlooked in health care debate'

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Article here. Women work less hours and hold more part time jobs? Looks like the author explained the wage gap myth without even knowing it. Excerpt:

'Women (and men who care about women and our future generations) should be involved in the health care debate currently taking place in Washington, D.C., and there are many reasons why.

Women's health care needs are generally greater than men's, particularly in their reproductive years. However, in curious contrast, our current system makes it more difficult for women to obtain and afford the health care services they need.
...
About 40 percent of all women are employed full-time, whereas more than half, or about 60 percent of men, are employed full-time. Additionally, many of those women working full-time are employed by small companies that do not provide health insurance.
...
And women as a group work fewer hours than men. In a recent survey, more than 50 percent of all women reported delaying or avoiding health care services as opposed to 39 percent of men.'

UK: 'Domestic abuse tokens' given out

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Article here. Another completely outrageous domestic violence picture included with the article. Excerpt:

'Coin tokens with the message "Don't live with domestic abuse" will be handed to Berkshire residents to raise awareness about the issue.

The tokens, which are the same size as a £1 coin, can be used for shopping trolleys and gym lockers, Slough Borough Council said.

The contact number for the charity Women's Aid is included on the coins.

Slough Domestic Abuse Forum members will hand the tokens out at Montem Leisure Centre on Wednesday.'

Medford woman arrested in puppy-drowning case

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Story here. Notice the woman smiling in the police photo. Excerpt:

'A Medford woman accused of drowning a friend's puppy earlier this month was arrested last week.

On Aug. 9 around 6 p.m., witnesses said Rachel Wilson-McCollough held a 6-month-old pitbull puppy under water in the Chetco River, according to Capt. Bob Rector of the Curry County sheriff's office. It appeared she was intentionally drowning the puppy, the witnesses said. By the time a deputy arrived at the remote spot, Wilson-McCollough was gone.
...
Bail was originally set at $25,000, but had been reduced to $7,500 by Monday morning. The district attorney's office filed charges of animal abuse -- not the aggravated animal abuse she was first booked for -- on Aug. 21. Rector said that the charges may have been reduced because the sheriff's office had not finished its investigation on Friday, and that the charges could be changed once the final report was in. As for bail being reduced so substantially, he had no explanation. "I cannot begin to tell you why that was lowered," he said.'

UK: Do women make better riot police?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'London - After months of taking a beating over allegations of heavy-handedness, Britain's largest police force is trying a new tack: handing women commanders the reins.

In a bid to maintain control of a potentially explosive situation, the Metropolitan Police Service is taking a "softly, softly" approach this week as environmental campaigners undertake five days of action against targets ranging from government buildings to the offices of multinational mining firm Rio Tinto.
...
The move is based on the theory, according to some experts, that policewomen often view their work as a public service, while policemen approach their task from the perspective of "control through authority."'

UK: The courts took my children away from me because I'm a working mother

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As a successful working mother, Jo Joyce always thought that women could have it all.

A high-flying divorce lawyer, she revelled in the cut and thrust of the courtroom, proudly combining her career with bringing up two young children, Ross and Madelaine.

With her businessman husband, Andy, the family lived in a £600,000 detached house set in a three-acre garden in a glorious part of Nottinghamshire.
...
After years of high profile stunts by male pressure groups, such as Fathers4Justice, many people assume that men still systematically fare badly in battles over custody (or what is now known as the residency) of children heard in family courts.

Yet, gradually, the pendulum is swinging against mothers or, at least, mothers who go out to work.

The Equal Parenting Alliance, advising those in such heartbreaking disputes, believes that with the acquiescence of the courts half of the children of splitting parents now end up in the care of the father.
...
She says:'The system is flawed. Custody should not come down to whether you're a woman who works or stays at home.

It should be based on behaviour and, most importantly, whether you're a good parent. Other mothers should beware.'

And she is, almost certainly, right.'

Divorce-court smears meet unwilling victim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Divorce cases, especially celebrity splits, can get nasty, with bitterness-inspired accusations flying, sometimes with little regard for the truth. But when it's final, how does a celebrity target of those reputation-damaging claims – in the age of the Internet spread instantly around the globe – regain the esteem of those who read and perhaps believe the mud?

Craig Schelske is finding out.

He's the former husband of country music star Sara Evans. Their divorce was final some time ago and both have moved on with their lives. But Schelske described the smear-attacks he endured and its impact on his life.

Those allegations included claims of photographic evidence of sexual misbehavior on Schelske's part, including statements that he posted explicit images in the digital world – allegations he has denied throughout the process.

Now Schelske is working with a newly formed organization called FamiliesUnite.org that seeks to protect parents who are targeted in those divorce fights.'

Marc Rudov interview re Chris Brown-Rihanna case

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Via Jeremy S: Missed the live interview? Not to worry. Go to this link and click on the entry from the archive list entitled "Marc Rudov, the No Nonsense Man".

You will hear his interview with John Oakley this morning about the Chris Brown-Rihanna domestic violence travesty. It's a 15-minute interview and worth every second of listening. Marc has it absolutely right. It's a great, solid interview. I urge you to listen, you won't be disappointed.

MSNBC reports on man wearing "I cheated" sign

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Video story here. Apparently the subject of the video got caught or admitted to being unfaithful and so his wife required him (presumably under threat of some other event, like divorce) to stand on a street corner wearing a sign saying he cheated. The commentators seem happy about it, with one of them suggesting (predictably, the male commentator) that this doesn't go far enough to punish the man.

Well, I have some thoughts. First off, marital fidelity and infidelity are private matters, or at least I feel they ought to be. Wearing a sign saying you're a cheater and standing on a street corner pretty much destroys that. It destroys it for the man's wife, too. So it is surely a sign that the man in question has some serious self-respect/boundary issues. (I imagine the man's wife does, too, albeit ones of a different nature.)

Second, I wonder, if a woman who cheated on her husband were told that as part of her "penance" she must do the same thing that this man is doing, would the press be quite so supportive? Or is it more likely that the law would get involved and accuse the man of doing something DV-related, or otherwise, how would he be getting her to do that? Must be threatening violence or "exerting abusive power and control" over her in some way, would go the thinking.

Add nymphotropism to today's journalistic priorities and this is what you get.

Ironically, right next to this video is a clip from a recent David Letterman show of an interview with Anne Heche. Miss Heche bashes her ex-husband (a film cameraman she met while doing a movie) and the father of their child and exhorts everyone to avoid marriage at all costs. (I can understand that, especially if we are talking about people like her.) She complains that she is paying some kind of support to her lazy ex-husband and how she doesn't want anything to do with him, not able to understand why he wants her to show up at events with him, except in that she is "so wonderful".

You know, I wonder why he'd want to be around her too. But she can't say he doesn't want to include her in events with their child. (Well, maybe not until she goes back to court for some reason...)

Remember this is the same Anne Heche who has gone through six romantic partners (just the reported ones), and showed up naked on the doorstep of total strangers during some kind of drug-induced "psychological episode". Yes, she's been in a few movies, but has made her real bank simply by having the right girlfriend (Ellen DeGeneres). Now she is doing late-night interviews talking about how great she is, how her ex-husband and the father of their child is a no-goodnick loser, and how marriage in general sucks.

Experiences vary, Anne, but I am quite sure that being married to you would indeed suck.

Twin bail bondswomen mix sexism with shame for special press coverage

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Video report here. Not to say those who skip bail are to be sympathized with, especially as it puts others on the hook for it. But I wonder, if a group of "we're men!" bondsmen ran around locking up female suspects and going out of their way to shame them for it, do you suppose it'd be so well-received by the press?

They have it pretty much set up to dissuade any men from joining their efforts unless he just wants to wash cars. Though I cannot help but think that somewhere out there, there is not a man ready to wear a pink shirt and use pink handcuffs whilst seizing wanted fugitives. It is, after all, a rough economy. But I doubt you'll see a discrimination suit brought against these sisters any time soon.

Man arrested for 'prostituting his wife'

Matt · 28 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'COLONIE - The Albany County Sheriff's Department says the popular website Craigslist has failed to live up to its promises.

Sheriff's investigators posing as johns used Craigslist to contact women who agreed to meet them at area hotels and engage in sexual acts for money.

In one case, Donald Mureness of Gloversville was arrested for prostituting his wife, Stacia Mureness. Investigators say Donald Mureness also requested to be in the room and take pictures.'

So HE was arrested for pandering. No word about whether or not SHE was charged with prostitution.

False rape accusations taken up in quasi-MSM publication

axolotl · 29 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two recent Monroe County cases of false rape reports pose the question: What evidence is necessary to charge or convict someone of a sex crime?

The victim's report alone is all, authorities said. No physical or DNA evidence is needed.
...
"You're never innocent," Sundmaker said. "You're just not guilty beyond a reasonable doubt."'

Ax's take: Good news for the MR movement, but possible bad news for the reporter: he will no doubt be ostracized by the feminist-controlled media.

Jaycee Dugard and the Untold Story of Misandry

Anonymous · 29 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Why doesn't anyone ask just a bit more about Jaycee's dads? The biological one, and the step-father? MisforMalevolent digs a bit more here. Excerpt:

'The story of Jaycee Lee Dugard has drawn a lot of interest lately, but for me, it draws interest for slightly different reasons. There are questions that I'd like to know the answers to, questions that probably won't be answered.

I mean, we all read the Big Media Story, like the MSN one linked above, right? 11-year-old girl is abducted, kept as sex slave by sex offender Phillip Garrido, who had two daughters by her. But other parts of the story just didn't seem to be being brought out. One minor thing - I'd like to learn more about Nancy Garrido, Phillip's wife, who assisted in the kidnapping and then the 18 years of imprisonment. Was Phillip more evil that Nancy? Probably. Probably a lot. But I'd hate for the woman who helped every step of the way to get off scot-free because she cuts a deal.

But even more than Nancy, I wondered about Jaycee's fathers. Her step-father, who tried to run down the Phillip and Nancy on a bicycle as they zoomed away with Jaycee in her car, and also about her biological father. Very few words wasted on the man who was raising Jaycee, or the man who fathered Jaycee at MSN.'

UK: Tycoon sues his ex-wife after discovering children were not his

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A devoted father who discovered that two of his three children had been fathered by another man is suing his ex-wife for compensation.

The millionaire businessman is demanding unlimited damages of more than £300,000 from his ex-wife and her new husband, including the cost of bringing up the two children he believed were his for more than a decade.

The man, who was the woman's first husband, raised the two children as his own — with no clue that they had been fathered by his wife's lover.

He accuses the pair of fraudulent misrepresentation and deceit, and says he has not been allowed to see the two children since 2006.'

Reason Online: 'This Point Cuts Both Ways'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Forget death panels. If you're really interested in putting a stop to the public option (and some truly entertaining town hall meetings), let's talk circumcision panels.
...
Now people at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (those folks who often carry themselves as if they, too, had the ear of the Lord) are mulling a national campaign to promote "universal circumcision" for all boys in the United States in an effort to reduce the spread of HIV. Additionally, as The New York Times reported this week, the CDC is thinking about expanding the campaign to target promiscuous adult heterosexual men. (Abstinence or circumcision? How quickly do you think sex becomes overrated?)
...
What if the CDC, through meticulous study, were to realize that circumcision is an entirely worthless procedure? Why would "we" waste $400 a pop? Would the CDC campaign to "universally remove" the operation from hospitals? Today, incidentally, government-run Medicaid doesn't pay for the procedure in 16 states. Most private insurers, on the other hand, do.'

Canada: Domestic abuse law blasted

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ontario's "zero tolerance" policy on domestic violence has come into question following an unusual court case involving an Orangeville-area woman who was charged with assault after joking in emails that she could solve her marital problems with a gun, if only she could get one.

Alison Shaw, 40, was forced out of her home and ordered to stay away from her three children after her estranged husband claimed to have been "frightened" by the online missive, which followed what a judge described as a "one-punch bar fight" over a month earlier in an area Legion hall.

The ruling is unusual on two fronts:

It's a twist on what men's rights groups claim divorcing fathers have been suffering for years at the hands of police and the criminal court system. And it's creating buzz in legal circles because a well-respected family law expert who helped draft Ontario's so-called "duty to report" policy 30 years ago now says it needs a review and better use of discretion.'

Audio: Health Care Reform Must Do More To Address Men's Health Issues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Scott Williams, Vice President of the Men's Health Network, a non-profit organization located in Washington, D.C., says Congress must ensure that reform legislation addresses health issues that specifically affect males. Williams says his organization would prefer that the legislation include a mandate for the creation of an Office of Men's Health within the U.S. Department of Health. This office, or task force, says Williams, would focus on promoting awareness of and early detection of medical conditions such as prostate cancer.'

Fathers' rights attorney co-authors new Illinois laws

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Effective immediately, Gov. Pat Quinn has just signed into law 3 Illinois Council on Responsible Fatherhood (ICRF) bills that passed both houses of the General Assembly.

"As Chairman of the ICRF, I am pleased to have co-authored these bills. I want to thank legislators from both parties who helped pass these new laws," said Attorney Jeffery Leving.

SB 1628, sponsored by Sen. Iris Martinez and in the House by Rep. Deborah Mell, accomplishes two things: It amends the Paternity Act and other Acts, to insure that both parties be informed of their right to DNA testing before an adjudication of paternity can be made either through a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity, court proceedings or an administrative law judge. It also amends the visitation interference section of the Criminal Code and sets forth that it is now a criminal offense to deny the other parent their right to parenting time or custody time. This bill creates the first laws of their kind in our nation.'

Protecting Fathers' Rights in Move-Away Petitions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'California law has long favored awarding primary custody of children to mothers over fathers. This disturbing trend only has served to undervalue the important role fathers play in their children's lives and reinforce outdated gender stereotypes that mothers are best-suited for raising children.

Until recently, state law also has granted mothers an almost limitless right to relocate with their children. Before a custodial parent can legally move to a new location with their children, they must file a move-away petition with the court. The non-custodial parent also must receive a copy of the petition and will be given a chance to contest the move. If the custodial parent does not file the request and receive permission from the court, the parent can be forced to return to California. The children also may be placed temporarily with the non-custodial parent until the court makes its decision.'

Police charge woman with filing false rape report

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Story here.

'A 22-year-old Tobyhanna woman is charged with lying to police when she reported that she was raped in her home in July, police said in a release on Wednesday. According to Pocono Mountain Regional Police, the woman called 911 around 4 a.m. on July 7 and reported that an unknown man had entered her home in the Pocono Farms East community and sexually assaulted her and threatened to kill her before fleeing the scene.

After a complete investigation by police it was determined that the allegations made by the woman, Brandy E. Phy, were false. She was arrested on July 24 and charged with making false reports to law enforcement and tampering with or fabricating evidence.'

Number of women arrested for drunken driving jumped nearly 30 percent

nbdspcl · 29 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"According to the federal government and lawyers who defend driving-under-the-influence cases, the courts are witnessing a rise in drunken driving cases involving women. Over the last decade, FBI statistics say, the absolute number of women arrested for drunken driving jumped nearly 30 percent. Over the same decade, DUI arrests of men decreased by 7.5 percent.
...
No surprise for Los Angeles DUI attorney Lawrence Taylor of the Law Offices of Lawrence Taylor, who wrote the book "Drunk Driving Defense". He has long seen this coming.

"This isn't something that happened in the last few months. This has been going on as a steady phenomenon for a number of years," Taylor said. The last few years in particular, he added, noting that women now account for up to 40 percent of his firm's clientele.

His theory? "As women are more liberated and take part in the workplace more and are less focused on the home, they are exposed to more pressures and will turn to things like alcohol, as men have always done," Taylor said."'

UK: Female drug deaths 'rise by 17%' - male deaths still almost 250% higher

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The number of women dying drug-related deaths in England and Wales rose by 17% in 2008 to 853, according to the Office for National Statistics.

The number of male deaths also rose 8% compared with 2007 to 2,075 - the highest total since 2001.

The figures, which include legal and illegal drugs, also show cocaine caused 235 deaths in 2008 - up 20% from 2007.

The government said it had invested more in treatment programmes, but the Lib Dems called the rises "horrifying".'

Phoenix woman indicted in dismemberment of man

Anonymous · 31 August 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PHOENIX - A grand jury has indicted a Phoenix woman accused of stabbing a disabled man 50 times before dismembering and burning his body.

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office said Friday that 33-year-old Angela Simpson is charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping and abandonment or concealment of a dead body in the murder of 46-year-old Terry Neely.

Maricopa County Attorney Andrew Thomas said his office will determine later whether to seek the death penalty.'

UK: Women three times more likely to be arrested for domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are responsible for most cases of domestic violence, but women are three times more likely to be arrested for incidents of abuse, research reveals today.

A report into domestic abuse and gender by Bristol University found that the majority of cases involved alcohol misuse, that women were more likely to use a weapon to protect themselves and that children were present in the majority of cases.

Previous research has shown that the vast majority of domestic violence perpetrators recorded by the police are men (92%) and their victims mainly female (91%), with many more repeat incidents recorded for male than female perpetrators. While the majority of incidents of domestic violence recorded by the police involve male-to-female abuse, little is known about the nature of incidents where men are recorded as victims and women as perpetrators, nor about the circumstances where both partners are recorded as perpetrators.'

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US News columnist: : "In terms of a woman's health, circumcision makes sense..."

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention caused quite a stir last week when word slipped out that the agency was considering, for the first time, making public health recommendations concerning circumcision. In terms of a woman's health, circumcision makes sense because it lowers a man's risk of getting infected with HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases and, thus, decreases his likelihood of transmitting them to his female partner. That's probably why the editorial board of the San Francisco Chronicle has come out supporting recommendations, expected to be issued by the CDC next year, in favor of circumcision to "curb the spread of HIV and other infections." But those vehemently opposed to circumcision—who call themselves "intactivists"—have expressed outrage that the government is thinking about recommending that all newborn boys be circumcised. They contend it's a form of mutilation that destroys a man's ability to fully experience sexual pleasure.
...
Certainly, the debate isn't about mandatory snipping in the hospital cradle or whether circumcision will solve the AIDS crisis. But I do think CDC folks will have to evaluate the latest research carefully before deciding to take a cultural practice and turn it into a public health mission.'

Rwanda: Massive circumcision effort set to start in 2010

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Kigali — A massive sensitization programme on circumcision is expected to kick off early next year as one key measure to combat HIV/AIDS.

The exercise has for long been delayed because of the lack of capable personnel to carry out the circumcisions.

Mass male-circumcision, a policy that was adopted by government last year, as a way of reducing the HIV/AIDS infection rate is at a snail-pace due to lack of capacity to carry it out countrywide, according to Dr. Richard Sezibera, the Minister of Health.

...

Rwanda launched a campaign to encourage all men to be circumcised, to reduce the risk of catching HIV/AIDS. Health experts say that men who are circumcised are 60 percent more likely to be protected against HIV during sexual intercourse than those who are not.

The ministry said that soldiers, policemen and students would be asked to come forward first for circumcision. The National Coordinator of HIV clinical prevention in TRAC plus, Elévaniè Nyankesha Umuny'ana said that, once training of health specialist is done, a mass sensitization campaign of this policy will begin.'

UK: Neeeoww! Let’s stick up for boisterous boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was an axiom of 1970s feminists that, apart from a bit of irritating biology, boys and girls were the same. Girls could be motorbike engineers and corporate lawyers, boys could be homebody childminders. And so they can.

They adjured us to give our girl-babies toy power-drills and press dollies and dusters on the lads. Any female infant found wrapping her Fisher-Price workbench in a shawl and nursing it, any boy-child going “Neeeeeeowwwwwww!” and setting up aerial battles between his toy dustpan and brush, must in this theory be firmly dissuaded.
...
Quite apart from the literal feminisation of the teaching profession, even school routines militate against young male biology: as fewer children walk to school, boys arrive with natural surplus energy, which it is a torment to suppress. One primary school that used to start with a quiet assembly tried replacing it with ten minutes of energetic running at the start of the day: boys’ disruption in class fell away.'

Woman arrested for stabbing man, setting fire

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Story here.

'PUNXSUTAWNEY - State police at Punxsutawney report that Diane Johns, 27, of Punxsutawney was arrested and arraigned Saturday on charges of attempted homicide, aggravated assault, simple assault and arson.

On Thursday, Ms. Johns and a 47-year-old Rochester Mills man were involved in an altercation at a Locust Road residence in Canoe Township, Indiana County. During the altercation, Ms. Johns allegedly stabbed the man several times.

She also set several fires within the man's residence, which were extinguished by state troopers upon their arrival.
...
Ms. Johns is currently housed in the Indiana County Jail in lieu of $250,000 bail. A preliminary hearing has not been set.'

Nevada woman arrested in death of newborn son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HENDERSON, Nev. — A 19-year-old Las Vegas-area woman has been arrested on allegations that she hid her pregnancy and then killed her newborn son because she was afraid her mother would be mad at her for giving birth out of wedlock.

...

Police allege Camero hid the pregnancy, delivered the child by herself at her home Sunday and then suffocated him.

An arrest report says Camero told investigators she smothered the baby because she was afraid her mother would throw her out of the house.'

Woman Arrested for Throwing Pot of Hot Grease on Husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Greenwood woman was arrested on Thursday after throwing a pot of hot grease on her husband.
...
According to Greenwood City Police department reports, officers were dispatched to Pelzer Street in reference to an assault. When officers arrived they spoke with Ms. Coates who stated she had been assaulted by her husband, Johnny Coates. Coates explained to officers she had been preparing dinner when her husband entered the residence “cursing and yelling” at her.

When Mr. Coates was questioned by officers he claimed his wife had started arguing with him over money. He stated while arguing his wife began hitting him on his shoulder with her cane. He stated he tried to take the cane away from her, but she proceeded to bite him. After Mr. Coates was finally able to get the cane away from her, he claimed she threw a pot with hot grease at him, burning his left arm.'

NY Times Blog: "Do Women Make Better Loan Officers?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As we've noted before, men have suffered more job losses during this recession than women. But several recent studies have blamed the excesses of finance, the industry that dragged us into said "mancession," on men themselves. (Way to show gender solidarity, guys.)

...

A new working paper looks at loans given by a commercial bank in Albania from 1996-2006. From the abstract:

[W]e find that loans screened and monitored by female loan officers show statistically and economically significant lower default rates than loans handled by male loan officers. This effect comes in addition to a lower default rate of female borrowers and cannot be explained by sample selection, overconfidence of male loan officers or experience differences between female and male loan officers. Our results seem to be driven by differences in monitoring, as loan officers of different gender do not seem to screen borrowers differently based on observable borrower characteristics. This suggests that gender indeed matters in banking.'

DAHMW offering on-line camera-enabled support group services

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Since 2000 the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men & Women (DAHMW) has been offering supportive services to abuse survivors through its nationally available toll-free helpline.

For the first time ever male survivors of domestic abuse will now have available to them a peer led, 12-week support group that they may attend right from home.

This support group will give participants an opportunity to understand the effects of abuse on themselves and their children, explore what healthy intimate relationships look like, and help them toachieve personal growth in all areas of their life.
...
Participants will use virtual cameras and tune in online at scheduled times once a week for 12 weeks.

Participants must have access to a computer and high-speed Internet service.

DAHMW will reimburse participant for the web camera if they need to buy one.'

CDC's "Fact Sheet on Circumcision"

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Fact sheet here (.pdf file). Excerpt:

'This fact sheet summarizes information in four areas of male circumcision: 1) male circumcision and risk for HIV transmission; 2) male circumcision and other health conditions; 3) risks associated with male circumcision; and 4) status of HIV infection and male circumcision in the United States.
...
Summary
Male circumcision has been associated with a lower risk for HIV infection in international observational studies and in three randomized controlled clinical trials. It is possible, but not yet adequately assessed, that male circumcision could reduce male-to-female transmission of HIV, although probably to a lesser extent than female-to-male transmission. Male circumcision has also been associated with a number of other health benefits. Although there are risks to male circumcision, serious complications are rare. Accordingly, male circumcision, together with other prevention interventions, could play an important role in HIV prevention in settings similar to those of the clinical trials [41, 42].'

Notice this document was updated in Feb. 2008. I await this year's update (assuming it happens) with 'bated breath.

Court allows ex-Duke lacrosse coach to pursue slander suit

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Article here.

'RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) -- A North Carolina appeals court has ruled that Duke University's former lacrosse coach can pursue a slander lawsuit against the school and its former spokesman.

Duke's attorney has argued that the coach fired during a lacrosse scandal should be required to settle his claims through arbitration. Pressler's lawyers say arbitration could limit what the coach can get in damages.

The Court of Appeals decided Tuesday that Michael Pressler isn't required to arbitrate his slander and libel claims.

Pressler had settled with the school after he was fired following a stripper's false accusations in 2006 that she was raped at a team party. But the coach's lawsuit says Duke violated the settlement when a former spokesman made disparaging comments about Pressler to the media.'

CBS: 'Ditching Boys: Why Attending a Womens' College is a Great Idea'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Spending four years at a girls' high school was life changing. I not only received a first-class education, but I regained the confidence that slipped away during my middle-schools years and I discovered that boys aren't the only ones who can be leaders.

Because of my love of girls' schools, I was fascinated to stumble across research that bears out what I experienced as a teenager. The longitudinal study, which surveyed alumni from a 27-year-period, found that undergrads who studied at women's colleges rated their schools more highly than females who attended state universities or even coed liberal arts colleges.'

MND: The Depths of Male Disposability

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'Male disposability is so deeply ingrained into the very fabric of our culture, that we rarely even think about it. And yet, it is one of the defining features of what it means to be a man. Throughout history, men have filled the roles and performed the tasks that demanded that you risk your life. The only risk that couldn't be removed from women was that of child-bearing, but apart from that women have more or less always been kept out of harms way.

Now let's not make the mistake that many contemporary feminists do and start talking about women's evil oppression of men or something along those lines. Men being defined as the disposable sex was not a personal thing nor was it some kind of gender war (there wasn't any room for a gender war in historical times). Women simply needed to be kept safe to ensure that the next generation was large enough to sustain or increase the influence of the community in question.'

Two of four women accused of revengeful sexual assault back in court

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two of the four women accused of tying up a man to get revenge for his alleged cheating are due back in Calumet County Circuit Court today.
...
And Ziemann then reportedly used Krazy Glue to attach the man's sex organ to his stomach. Prosecutors said Davis was romantically involved with the three defendants outside his marriage.

The case has received national publicity. After the women were charged, Davis was charged with several unrelated crimes.'

Woman charged with abducting, beating toddler

Scottie · 2 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Funny how CBC has not opened this story up for comments. Excerpt:

'A 19-year-old woman has been charged with attempted murder and abduction after the brutal beating of a toddler in Winnipeg early Tuesday.

The 14-month-old girl, named Vanessa, was attacked around 4:30 a.m. CT near a Manitoba Housing complex and playground on Chudley Street.

The woman charged, Nikita Solange Eaglestick, and the girl are not related, Winnipeg police said.'

Attorney for kidnap case wife worried by media coverage

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Story here. Excerpt:

'EL DORADO HILLS, California (CNN) -- The attorney for Nancy Garrido, charged in the Jaycee Lee Dugard abduction case, expressed concern Wednesday that intense media coverage may prejudice his client's ability to get a fair trial.

"There have been some misstatements made in the media, and possibly very innocent misstatements like, you know, 'She's charged with 29 counts, she was there, therefore she must be culpable,' " Gilbert Maines told CNN's "American Morning" on Wednesday.
...
"I'm sure you understand that this is a horrendous thing for her," Maines said. "I mean I realize it's horrendous for Jaycee and her parents and the children, but my concern right now is that my client get a fair trial."'

"Sin by Silence" - DV film documentary to be aired at university

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Vanguard University is hosting a free screening of the documentary “Sin by Silence,” a film about battered women and their seemingly hopeless options to get out of abusive relationships.
...
The film was inspired by a Vanguard professor’s book on battered women who were killers. The documentary is directed by Vanguard alumna Olivia Klaus and co-produced and edited by Vanguard assistant professor Ann-Caryn Cleveland.

The documentary questions why women don’t leave their abusers, examines the systems in place to help women gain independence from the relationships and aims to help people understand how domestic violence occurs today.

Organizers will take the movie on a tour of the 10 states with the most documented incidents of domestic violence in the country, school officials said.'

Women who killed men seek freedom

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The hearings are the result of a 10-year effort by a group of attorneys and advocates for domestic violence victims. The group, the Missouri Battered Women's Clemency Coalition, has taken up 11 cases in Missouri, and has already helped get three women released early.

At the time the women were arrested, the group argues, there were few resources for battered women, domestic violence was poorly understood and evidence of abuse was not presented at trial.

"If they were in these situations today, they would not have been charged with the crimes they were charged with," said Colleen Coble, one of the leaders in the Clemency Coalition. "There was nothing for these women. They were left alone."
...
They will encounter some opposition. The prosecutors in their cases, and some family members of their slain husbands, have argued that no evidence of domestic violence exists.'

'More $$ for fighting male violence'

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Story here. Excerpt:

“Boys are socialized to violence,” said Frank Durham, a UI associate professor of journalism and Antiviolence Council member.

He said it is difficult for young men to break away from that mainstream definition of masculinity.

“The mentoring program would offer acceptable, pro-social ways to be out of the mainstream,” he said.

Intended to forge relationships among students and faculty and staff members, the program will encourage discussions about masculinity and help raise awareness about issues such as dating violence and stalking.
...
The council got its start in 2008, drawing some funds from a $200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. The money ran out in May, taking with it government directives that required a specific focus on violence against women.'

‘Why didn’t she just leave?’ and other good phrases to get men out of trouble

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A second way to absolve sporting men of any responsibility for their violence against women is what I call the “Four Corners strategy”. This strategy, used on the TV show Four Corners earlier this year, says that, because footballers must put up with being bashed around on the footy field, the sport inevitably attracts men with “risk taker” personalities. This means they can’t be held responsible for bashing and raping women.
...
This strategy works particularly well for men who haven’t been caught bashing or raping women before, because their behaviour can be written off as an “isolated incident”, or a mistake that was totally out-of-character. If Inglis can be persuaded to make a few contrite comments to the media this strategy should suffice. No one really wants to punish Inglis and make an example out him, especially with all his talent and the fortunes of the Storm at stake. Imagine if such a successful guy were to be made an example of! Men all over Australia would be given reason to think that their violence against women might actually have lasting consequences.'

Pennsylvania Woman Raped, Burned Man, Police Say

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Story here.

'WASHINGTON, Pa. — Police say a southwestern Pennsylvania woman raped a man and burned him with a curling iron to get him to comply.

Police say the 22-year-old man knows his alleged attacker, 23-year-old Samantha Harvey, of Washington, Pa.

Online court records don't list an attorney for Harvey who is jailed because the new charges violate her probation on theft and threat charges for stealing money from her grandmother in 2006.

Police charged Harvey Tuesday after investigating the man's claim that she forced him to have sex at his home on Aug. 20. The man told police Harvey clipped the hot curling iron to his ear and burned his genitals with it.

Harvey is also charged with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, terroristic threats and reckless endangerment.'

High praise for football player who disarmed girl with gun on bus

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- A Mississippi high school football player is being hailed as a hero for saving a school bus full of elementary and high school students from a gun-wielding girl.

Surveillance camera footage on the Yazoo County school bus on Tuesday captured 18-year-old Kaleb Eulls tackling the 14-year-old girl while the children evacuated the bus.

Eulls managed to wrestle the .380-caliber semi-automatic handgun from her, Yazoo County Sheriff Thomas Vaughan told CNN.

...

The girl was arrested and taken into custody as a juvenile. She faces 22 counts of attempted aggravated assault, 22 counts of kidnapping and one count of possession of a firearm on school property because the bus is leased by the school district, Vaughan said.'

Keanu Reeves Agrees to DNA Test in Paternity Case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Back in May, we reported that a 46-year-old Canadian woman filed a lawsuit against Keanu Reeves, alleging that he fathered her four children, who are all in their mid-20s. She claimed that they were childhood friends, but Reeves said that he has no idea who she is.

She took it as far as demanding that Reeves undergoes a DNA test, stating that he owes her $3 million per month in spousal support (retroactive from November 2006) and $150,000 per month in child support (retroactive from June 1988). That adds up to about $140 million.

Fast forward to today, and the woman is still putting pressure on Reeves. To make the problem go away, Reeves' lawyer advised the 45-year-old actor to take the paternity test to "clear his name." And that's exactly what he's now planning to do.'

Texas DNA exonerees find prosperity after prison

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Story here. Excerpt:

'He and other exonerees in Texas, which leads the nation in freeing the wrongly convicted, soon will become instant millionaires under a new state law that took effect this week.

Exonerees will get $80,000 for each year they spent behind bars. The compensation also includes lifetime annuity payments that for most of the wrongly convicted are worth between $40,000 and $50,000 a year — making it by far the nation's most generous package.
...
His payday for his imprisonment — a time he described as "a nightmare," "hell" and "slavery" — should come by mid-November after the state's 45-day processing period.

Exonerees also receive an array of social services, including job training, tuition credits and access to medical and dental treatment. Though 27 other states have some form of compensation law for the wrongly convicted, none comes close to offering the social services and money Texas provides.

The annuity payments are especially popular among exonerees, who acknowledge their lack of experience in managing personal finances. A social worker who meets with the exonerees is setting them up with financial advisers and has led discussions alerting them to swindlers.'

The Growing Problem Of Wrongful Conviction

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Written in 2003, but highly relevant to today. While the article doesn't mention men as such, you will note all the targets for these improper prosecutions were men. The public rushes to the sympathetic aid of women while rushing as aggressively to condemn men merely upon accusation. Excerpt:

'Wrongful conviction is on the rise because the protections against it have been eroded by the pursuit of devils—drug dealers, child molesters, environmental polluters, white-collar criminals, and terrorists—all of whom must be rounded up at all cost. In doing so, we have done what Sir Thomas More warns against in the play 'A Man for All Seasons': we have cut a great swath in the law.

...

...Blackstone conceived of law as the people's shield. It is better, he said, for ten guilty men to go free than for one innocent man to be convicted. In contrast, Bentham viewed the law as a weapon the government wields to punish criminals or anyone else in the name of the greatest good for the greatest number. He believed in rounding up people who might commit crimes. He wanted to restore torture to aid in securing convictions, and he believed that a defendant's lawyer had an obligation to aid the prosecution.

...

Every area of law reflects widespread disregard for the "Rights of Englishmen." Superfund law takes retroactive law back generations and places liability on people and organizations that never contributed an ounce of hazardous waste to a Superfund site (Roberts and Stratton 2000, 70–81). In child abuse cases, due process and the right to confront one's accusers do not exist. Anonymous allegations serve as grounds for seizing children and placing them in the hands of "therapists" who coax them into accusations (Lyon 1998; Roberts and Stratton 2000, 144). The Justice Department and the Housing and Urban Development Department have coerced neighborhoods that are legally using local zoning ordinances to keep out commercially operated halfway houses and drug-treatment clinics into abandoning their right to equal standing under the law (Roberts and Stratton 2000, 113–21).

The law as Blackstone understood it has been lost. Formerly, prosecutorial behavior was regulated by conscience and by the carefully inculcated ethic that the prosecutor's duty is to serve justice by finding the truth. The purpose of a trial was to weigh the evidence for and against the defendant, not to convict him at any cost. A prosecutor's career and self-esteem did not depend on his conviction rate. A prosecutor who suborned perjury or withheld exculpatory evidence in order to win a case was regarded as a shameful figure and an embarrassment to the law.'

British Woman Denies Enslavement and Abuse of Three Young Girls

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A British woman has denied enslaving three girls and forcing them to work for up to 20 hours a day in horrific conditions.

Mercedes Farquharson, 63, is alleged to have banned the girls, who were not her natural children, from going to school or having friends.

Charges said she forced them to perform physical labor in harsh conditions at her house in Monroe, North Carolina, in the United States.
...
The girls were rescued in 2005 at the ages of 15, 18 and 22 following complaints from neighbors of suspicious activity at the house.'

USA Today: Women gain as men lose jobs

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Women are on the verge of outnumbering men in the workforce for the first time, a historic reversal caused by long-term changes in women's roles and massive job losses for men during this recession.

Women held 49.83% of the nation's 132 million jobs in June and they're gaining the vast majority of jobs in the few sectors of the economy that are growing, according to the most recent numbers available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

...

Through June, men have lost 74% of the 6.4 million jobs erased since the recession began in December 2007. Men have lost more than 3 million jobs in construction and manufacturing alone.

...

The gender transformation is especially remarkable in local government's 14.6 million-person workforce. Cities, schools, water authorities and other local jurisdictions have cut 86,000 men from payrolls during the recession — while adding 167,000 women, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.'

Italy's end to employment discrimination has women crying foul

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Milan, Italy – Labor laws should not make any distinction based on gender: This may seem obvious in most democracies. Yet a public outcry arose when the Italian parliament recently ratified a new law ending discrimination in the retirement age between men and women – much of it from women's rights groups and labor unions.

Until now, female employees could retire at 60, five years earlier than their male counterparts – a double standard based on the consideration that women also take care of the housework and family. The European Commission found the rule illegal last year, and the government acted to bring Italy into compliance.

But not all women are happy about the change – underscoring how traditional ideas about gender roles have held surprisingly firm in Italy, both in raising children and looking after ailing parents.'

UK: Men lose their minds speaking to pretty women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The research shows men who spend even a few minutes in the company of an attractive woman perform less well in tests designed to measure brain function than those who chat to someone they do not find attractive.

Researchers who carried out the study, published in the Journal of Experimental and Social Psychology, think the reason may be that men use up so much of their brain function or 'cognitive resources' trying to impress beautiful women, they have little left for other tasks.

The findings have implications for the performance of men who flirt with women in the workplace, or even exam results in mixed-sex schools.
...

But when the task was repeated with a group of female volunteers, they did not get the same results. Memory scores stayed the same, whether they had chatted to a man or a woman.
...
Psychologist Dr George Fieldman, a member of the British Psychological Society, said the findings reflect the fact that men are programmed to think about ways to pass on their genes.
...
'But a woman also looks for signs of other attributes, such as wealth, youth and kindness. Just the look of the man would be unlikely to have the same effect.'

UK: 'Honeytrap' killer jailed for a minimum of 10 years

Michael · 4 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A teenage girl who acted as a 'honeytrap' to lure a smitten 16-year-old to his death at the hands of a love rival was locked up for a minimum of 10 years today.

Samantha Joseph led lovestruck Shakilus Townsend into an ambush in a quiet cul-de-sac where he was beaten with baseball bats and stabbed six times.

The teenager bled to death after the 'relentless and merciless attack' by a masked and hooded gang in Thornton Heath, South London, in July last year.'

FOX: 8 Sex Myths About Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here are just some of the notions that still need debunking:

1. She always needs to have an emotional connection for sex.

Sure, some women need romance and emotional intimacy to have sex and – more importantly – enjoy it. But every now and then, some gals have no qualms about getting down and dirty. Some can have emotionless sex. Some are able to give themselves permission to indulge in nothing but raw, carnal action.

More women likely would if it weren't for cultural prohibitions that still exist around women enjoying themselves sexually. Even more would have sex for sex's sake if they didn't worry about being called whores or sluts.
...
8. She's less likely to cheat than men.

If asked, men 'fess up. Yeah, they cheated, which begs the question ... With whom? Adultery has payoffs for a woman. For example, having someone else interested in her means more resources. A woman simply won't admit to her infidelity as easily, namely for fear of losing the support of her primary relationship. The scarlet letter she's likelier to bear doesn't exactly bring her to confessional either.'

Canada: Unique problems of boys unrecognized, untreated

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Article here. Excerpt:

'OTTAWA — Boys and girls both have their issues, but boys are the ones getting no support, a new study suggests.

More men than women are prime ministers and brain surgeons, making it easy to think boys have it made, says the study by psychology professor Judith Kleinfeld. She says we forget that men are also more likely than women to be broke, homeless and illiterate.

...

"The difficulties of boys, however, which span far more areas, have been generally ignored. It is boys who are performing at strikingly lower levels in literacy," she writes in the journal Gender Issues. It is boys who are more likely to quit school early, to be in special education, to have behaviour problems and be suspended or expelled.'

Woman faces charges after false rape claim

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Story here.

'A WOMAN has been charged with three counts of perverting the course of justice after police investigated rape allegations.

Amanda Ruth Ossitt, 44, of Avenue Close, Harrogate, appeared before the town's magistrates on Tuesday and was sent for trial at York Crown Court, where she will make an initial appearance on Monday.

Ossitt, who did not enter any pleas, is accused of making a false report of rape on November 8, 2006, on April 4 this year and on May 16.'

India: Court orders trial of woman, daughter for false rape case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Delhi court today ordered criminal prosecution of a woman and her minor daughter, taking strong exception to their acts of implicating a man with rape charge and then retracting from their statements.

Additional Sessions Judge Nivedita Anil Sharma acquitted Sunil of the charge of rape under Section 376 and molestion under Section 354 of the IPC, finding no evidence against him.

The court said those who file false cases should not be spared as they abuse the process of law and waste the time of courts and the police machinery.

"Such type of litigants who without any justified reason drag the matter for several years or file false cases/FIRs should not be pardoned as it has not only caused unnecessary harrassment to the accused but also caused wastage of the time of the police," the court said, adding they also undermined the authority of law.'

Sweden: 'Taxpayers should not have to fund feminist porn'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Engberg has also tried to make feminist porn before, which has resulted in a lesbian porn film and a film of women's' facial expressions at the point of orgasm. Her vision is to get make the porn industry more appealing to women, all in the name of feminism. She also claims that women's sexuality is more multi-faceted than men's.

But to argue that girls having sex with girls and women masturbating is somehow a good alternative to mainstream porn feels like a completely alien concept to me, and to many other women. Furthermore, most people would agree that the state should not fund pornography. And when it does, should it really only benefit women, all in the name of equality? If a man had sought and received similar funding for ‘regular’ porn, it wouldn’t have taken long before there was an outcry from supporters of equality between the sexes.

Although the market catering for women's sexuality is increasing, it is still limited. There can be no doubt that the porn industry is dominated by men. It is therefore not the idea of developing the industry in favour of women that is upsetting – this is something that many women would welcome - it is the fact that it is happening with our tax money under the cloak of feminism. By labeling lesbian sex as feminist, it also contributes to the prejudiced notion that the equality debate is all about excluding men and privileging women.'

SFGate Editorial: CDC should recommend routine circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are weighing a proposal to recommend routine circumcision for all baby boys born in the United States to curb the spread of HIV and other infections. The CDC should ignore the cries of outrage from so-called "intactivists" and recommend the procedure. The evidence shows that the benefits of circumcision outweigh the risks.
...
Well, the problem centers on the hysterical intactivists, who believe that: A. circumcision is "mutilation"; and that B. baby boys should be able to "decide for themselves," as though families have no right to make decisions about their children's health, treatment and culture. (Not to mention the health and safety of the larger society.)

The CDC should recommend routine circumcision.'

"Circumcision: What could go wrong?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Excessive bleeding; This is among the commonest complications and Dr Senoga explains that while it could be because the vessels are not closed off properly, it could also be a case out of anyone's control. "Unfortunately, we don't do prior health checks to determine each individual's health predisposition; we assume everyone is normal. But there are people with a tendency to over bleed and these usually bleed excessively after circumcision," he explains. In this case, the person would have to be watched and helped by doctors to curb the bleeding.
...
Local infection/sepsis; Also among the mostly likely complications, this is usually due to poor hygiene during or after the procedure. "This usually arises from those things people add thinking they are healing the wound, instead making the wound septic," says the doctor adding, "Only a doctor should tend to that wound."
...
Penile adhesions: Here, the remaining foreskin re-attaches and forms scar tissue, and infection, usually a result of poor circumcision procedure.
...
Of course the benefits outweigh the possibility of complications so these shouldn't be reason for one to shun the procedure. Ensure that you seek out not only qualified but also experienced medical personnel for the procedure.'

Woman Arrested After French Kissing a 6-Yr-Old boy

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Story here.

'Oakhurst, CA (KFSN) -- An Oakhurst woman accused of French kissing a 6-year-old boy is in jail.

Deputies arrested Krista Arceneaux Wednesday night in Bass Lake. They say she grabbed the little boy, kissed him, and said he was sexy ... then disappeared into a bar.

She's charged with lewd and lascivious acts with a child, interfering with a deputy who tried to arrest her. The deputy also says she had marijuana in her purse, and is also facing a drug charge.'

Castle Rock woman arrested for falsely accusing cop of rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DOUGLAS COUNTY - A Castle Rock woman has been arrested on charges of false reporting, forgery, and attempting to influence a public servant. 22-year-old Emily J. Petersen faces charges in connection with an incident that happened at a bar back in June.

On June 13, 2009, at around 1:30 am Petersen and several friends were at the Tailgate Tavern in Parker. Petersen was asked to leave because the bar was closing; she became uncooperative because she didn't want to leave, police said.

The staff asked for assistance from the Parker Police Department in removing Petersen from the premises. Petersen was escorted out of the bar by two uniformed Parker Police Officers.'

UK: Woman held after man is stabbed

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Story here.

'A 17-year-old woman has been arrested after a man in his 30s was stabbed and died in hospital in Wells, Somerset.

Police were called to a property in Charter Way in the early hours of Friday following reports of a disturbance there.

The victim was taken to Bath's Royal United Hospital but died later.

"A woman aged 17 has been arrested on suspicion of murder and continues to be questioned by detectives," an Avon and Somerset Police spokesman said.

The house has been cordoned off and forensic examiners are looking at the scene.'

Police are appealing for witnesses.'

'We can stop domestic violence'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men: 99 percent of gender violence and domestic abuse incidents are perpetrated by men. Therefore, this is a man's issue, not an issue where women put themselves into harm's way. Men need to change their attitude toward women so that violence and abuse is not ever seen as an alternative action.

Clearly, the vast majority of men are not perpetrators of violence but we are part of a culture that accepts violence as inevitable and that some men abuse women. In violence prevention the focus must be on men because it is men that teach other men and boys how to be men in ways that do not involve abusing and degrading women.'

Sounds like the author and the paper need some eduction on this matter. As always, be polite, stick to facts.
Author's email is MoothartTim-at-JohnDeere.com
Letters to the editor can be submitted at: http://www.thonline.com/letters.cfm

High female incarceration rate bemoaned by Oklahoma officials

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Article here. Excerpt:

'State lawmakers and prison workers said Thursday that policy changes are needed to lower Oklahoma's incarceration rate for women — the highest in the nation — and do a better job returning women to their communities and families after they have served their sentence.
...
Sen. Constance Johnson, D-Oklahoma City, said Oklahoma's criminal justice policies have resulted in incarceration rates for women that are almost twice the national average. The state's incarceration rate for women is 131 per 100,000 residents while the national average is 69 per 100,000.
...
"We have an almost warehousing of women in Oklahoma," said Fields, who has six felony convictions for nonviolent offenses and is a University of Oklahoma student working toward a degree in petroleum engineering.'

Female teens committing crimes, too, experts say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"It's worse than we're willing to admit," said Carl Taylor, a Michigan State University sociology professor and principal investigator for the Michigan Gang Research Project.

In Wayne County, 16-year-old Ciara Hill is awaiting trial on charges that she ordered a cousin to shoot a carjacking victim with an AK47 because he'd seen her face.

...

Taylor said the age and gender don't surprise him. He said more females seem willing to become physically aggressive.

"We have girls jumping guys -- something you really didn't see before," he said.

It is part of "a total breakdown" of accepted rules of conduct and behavior, Taylor said.

...

Veteran Detroit criminal lawyer David Cripps said he sees female youths as a part of "the absolutely tremendous surge" of youngsters charged with armed violence. "It's more than murders. It's armed robberies, carjackings, assaults. You see it in court every day," he said.'

Missing Boy Allegedly Abducted in Custody Battle Found Hidden Behind Wall

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ST. LOUIS — A boy allegedly abducted in a custody dispute nearly two years ago has turned up alive, hiding with his mother in a small, specially built secret room at his grandmother's Illinois home, investigators said.

Richard "Ricky" Chekevdia, who turns 7 on Sept. 14, was in good spirits and physically fit after being found Friday by investigators with a court order to search the two-story rural home in southern Illinois' Franklin County, about 120 miles southeast of St. Louis.

The boy's mother, 30-year-old Shannon Wilfong, is charged with felony child abduction. The grandmother, 51-year-old Diane Dobbs, is charged with aiding and abetting. Wilfong remained jailed Saturday on $42,500 bond in Benton, Ill., where Dobbs was being held on $1,000 bond.'

'Circumcision for All; Free Choice for None'

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Article here. I gave the author, Stephanie R. Murphy a very positive e-mail in agreement with her opinions. stephaniemurphy4-at-gmail.com. Excerpt:

'By contrast, the CDC's attitude demonstrates a lack of consideration for patient autonomy and consent, two essential elements in all medical decisions. The CDC would like every baby boy born in America to be circumcised, no matter the opinion of his parents and, more importantly, without the boy's consent. If circumcision were a medically necessary and life-saving procedure with no possible ill effects, things might be different. In reality, it is a surgical procedure that is not essential for the health of a normal man; furthermore, it has both risks and benefits. The relative importance of those risks and benefits is subjective. Every man may value them differently. For that reason, it's essential that each individual be afforded the choice about what to do with his own foreskin.

...

I certainly cannot agree with the CDC's move toward making a blanket recommendation that all boys should undergo a medical procedure at birth, without their consent. I want each man to have the opportunity to make his own decision about what to do with his foreskin when he reaches an age at which he is capable of doing so, based on his understanding of the risks and benefits, and how much he personally values each. The bloated, overreaching federal government apparently does not want the same.'

Manhattan District Attorney Candidates Talk Women's Issues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Question: Prosecutors of domestic violence case often do not understand the cultural intricacies that complicate cases. How should we train assistant DA's?

Cy Vance Jr.: Repeat misdemeanors should be treated as a felony. Manhattan needs a Family Justice Center like Brooklyn and Queens do.

Leslie Cocker Snyder: Every domestic violence case is a homicide waiting to happen. Prosecutors need to be trained in evidence-based prosecution, so that the case can go forth if the victim is unwilling to testify.

Richard Aborn: Training needs to be evidence based. For prevention, women need financial support, transitional housing, and psychological help. Children need early intervention, too.'

'Reporting on Gender Inequality and the Recession: There's Nothing More Manly Than a Pink Slip'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Upon further scrutiny, the balancing scales on the front page just seem silly. By applying some basic business logic, one finds this story is about detriment in several ways. First, employers are more likely to lay off the top earners at their companies because they'll save more money that way. When women are doing the same job as men for less, that means women get the honor of sticking around in tough times (and often picking up the slack). Stay-at-home moms also tend to pick up the slack when their husbands lose high-powered positions, often because of their perceived willingness to take on a part-time job that might be below their pay scale.
...
Those industries that are creating new jobs just happen to be the few that are dominated by women. I'm not sure what that will mean for the post-recession job market in such industries. Perhaps men will tire of changing catheters and being abused by other peoples' children and go back to architecture and the like. Maybe they'll rise up in the ranks and become hospital administrators and superintendents. Or maybe, if we're lucky, an increased male presence will raise the perceived cultural importance of such nurturing positions, so that pay will be more commensurate with the grueling (but rewarding) work of hospice workers, paraprofessionals and the like.'

'Pregnant prisoners shouldn’t be babied'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ms. Nelson has filed a lawsuit against McPherson prison in Newport, Arkansas, complaining generally that her pre-natal care was below acceptable medical standards, but specifically that her legs were shackled right up to the moment of delivery.

Also, she whined that she had been given only Tylenol for her pain.

I would imagine that Tylenol would be a somewhat mild pain killer to people accustomed to intra-venous heroin.

Dee Ann Newell, whose day job is senior justice fellow at the Soros Foundation, also teaches pre-natal care in Arkansas, weighed in with her opinion of shackling pregnant criminals with this pathetic wheedle.'

“If you have ever seen a woman have a baby, you would know we squirm.” Ms. Newell, in her fevered efforts to condemn everyone but the criminal, fails to understand the widely accepted rules of shackling dangerous prisoners; namely, every state with the exception of California and Illinois, allow shackling of pregnant females.
Could it be that pregnant convicts can be dangerous?

Their crimes range from murder to mayhem, armed robbery to writing bad checks. I mean, look, you got a gal here who is pregnant, in pain, in jail, with no baby’s daddy in sight and looking for someone to blame for her predicament. Is that the ingredients for violence, or what?'

U.S. Life Expectancy at All-Time High but Men Still Lag Behind

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Americans are living nearly two-and-a-half months longer, according to new life expectancy statistics released today. In 2007, life expectancy in the United States reached a high of nearly 78 years, up from 77.7 a year earlier.

Life expectancy in the United States has been on the rise for a decade, increasing 1.4 years — from 76.5 years in 1997 to 77.9 in 2007, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The life expectancy data, compiled by the agency's National Center for Health Statistics, are based on nearly 90 percent of the death certificates filed in the United States.

...

The report found that both men and women are living longer, although a gap of five years remains between men and women. In 2007, average life expectancy was 80.4 years for women, but 75.3 years for men. Although men still die younger than women, the gap has narrowed slightly. In 1979, women outlived men by nearly eight years.'

Justice at last! UK teen collapses after being found guilty of false rape accusation

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Story here. This one speaks for itself. Excerpt:

'As a jury at the trial of Rosie Waggett returned the unanimous guilty verdict, after deliberating for less than an hour yesterday, the 18-year-old fell to the floor, crying uncontrollably.
...
Mr Muir said: She said she didn't have any money, so I asked how she was going to pay for the taxi. She said, "well if he (the taxi driver) asks me about the money I'll just say he tried to rape me."'

Troubles had mounted for mother suspected of killing two daughters

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On Wednesday morning, Edith and her big sister, Diana Moreno, 17, were found dead, their throats slashed. On Friday, their mother, Antonia Gomez, 38, was arrested on suspicion of killing her daughters.
...
Gomez lost her job at a sandwich shop about three months ago and was hospitalized for stress shortly after, relatives said.
...
Fuentes owned the property, and until days before the killings had rented out the home in the front.

But she was unable to make the mortgage, and with the home's value plummeting, the property went into foreclosure. Gomez, her mother and the three girls were going to have to find another place to live, relatives said.
...
"She didn't have the mental well-being to deal with too much pressure," Gomez Fuentes said. "I just can't visualize her doing this, killing her girls. If she did, she didn't have her five senses."'

First stage of trial in Winfrey school scandal ends

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SEBOKENG, South Africa — The prosecution finished presenting witnesses Wednesday in the case of a woman accused of abusing six teenagers at Oprah Winfrey's school for poor South African girls, presenting a picture of a short-tempered, jealous young woman.

The testimony from the last prosecution witnesses wrapped up the first stage of the trial, which began more than a year ago.

The defendant, Tiny Virginia Makopo, allegedly tried to kiss and fondle the victims and is also accused of assaulting one of the girls as well as fellow supervisor. The 28-year-old pleaded innocent to 14 charges of indecent assault, assault and criminal injury.

Makopo's lawyer is expected to start the defense stage Monday. A verdict could be months away.

Much of the evidence so far has come from students who testified in a closed session because of their age.

The scandal erupted at Winfrey's $40 million school outside Johannesburg soon after it opened in 2007 amid great fanfare. Winfrey, who has spoken in the past about being sexually abused as a young girl, was devastated by the allegations.'

FOX: The Trouble With Textbooks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Thirty years later, few textbooks bother with the disguise. Entire chunks of the English language have been banned from the classroom, liquidated in a P.C. purge. First to go were words containing the dreaded term "man," the three letters most offensive to professional feminists. Mailman, chairman, snowman, fisherman, manhole cover--every one now extinct, disdained relics of a bygone age.
...
So did it work? Did shielding children from scary words like "mailman" turn them into better students? Compare the test scores in your kids' school district to those from 1960, and judge for yourself. Or consider this: When asked about the Vietnam War recently, almost a quarter of students described it as a conflict between North and South Korea.'

Commentary: 'Revolution Anyone?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While perusing the manifesto of this now defunct STORM, several things struck me as particularly interesting. There was of course the passionate commitment to Marxist ideals, radical feminism, gay lesbian and transgender liberation and the ardent support of the unrepentant murderer Mumia Abu Jamal. And there was this rather innocuous looking paragraph, which I found especially fascinating.

"Storm had a closed membership. People could not just decide to join whenever they wanted to. Instead the group invited small classes of activists to become new members. This insured more consistency and accountability within the membership. It also allowed the group to maintain its strict demographic quota requirements; each class was required to be 75% people of color and 60% women."

Given their expressed passionate commitment to revolution, I was surprised to discover that they would sacrifice principle on the alter of race and gender. If revolution is what one truly desires - a revolution that will deliver "true freedom for our people" - shouldn't that include liberty from being categorized by race and/or gender? Isn't a shared ideology – shared principles - more important than quotas? These of course are people living in the United States bemoaning the collapse of the Soviet Bloc so rationality may be too much to ask. It may also be one reason this group or Marxist revolutionaries never saw their membership increase beyond perhaps a dozen or so members.'

Trevor Phillips: Women of Britain, I'm here to help

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The sleek headquarters of Britain's equality watchdog is the model of inclusiveness. There's a breastfeeding room for nursing mothers, subtitles on the television at reception for the hard of hearing, electronic door-opening devices for wheelchair users and an area for saying prayers. The latter was presumably useful this summer as the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) descended into civil war over Trevor Phillips, its leader.
...
"I would say that we have a culture that does produce bias, even if people don't mean it to ... The simple fact is that most offices, no matter how progressive and enlightened, still work on the basis that the average 'normal' worker is a white male, whose children are looked after by someone else, who can work 9-5. That doesn't work for many women."

He was "shocked, literally shocked" by the results of an investigation into the huge pay gap in the financial sector, to be published tomorrow. The City may be particularly unreconstructed in its attitudes to women, but he believes even institutions that have ploughed huge resources into anti-discrimination, such as the Metropolitan police and the BBC, have a long way to go. "We are going to need some radical, really serious culture change and institutional reform if we are not going to get stuck here," he says.'

UK: Poor pay, worse jobs and terrible bonuses too - sexism in the city lives on

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Harriet Harman, minister for women and equality, said the report shone a spotlight on discrimination against women in the financial sector. "We cannot tackle discrimination if it is hidden, which is why I asked the commission to produce this report."

She added it was "unlikely men-only boards and management would ever deliver the change in working culture, such as family-friendly flexible working and childcare, that would allow women to flourish in the workplace".

Tough new measures in the forthcoming equality bill will include gender pay reporting and proposals to ban secrecy clauses that are "particularly prevalent in financial services", she said.

John Cridland, deputy director of the CBI said: "No sector is immune from tackling the gender pay gap, and this report highlights that in parts of the financial services sector there is some further distance to go. But, as in many other areas of business, women applying for the top jobs need more flexibility with hours and childcare responsibilities."

UK: Paternity rights: In the name of the father

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Article here. Excerpt:

'From her suggestion that women would not have caused the banking crisis to her proposal that the Labour party leadership team should always consist of one man and one woman, Harriet Harman has covered plenty of topical work-related ground this summer. But for all her supposed outspokenness, it was the deputy Labour leader's comments in support of extra parental leave and flexible working rights that invoked the irritation of her cabinet colleague Lord Mandelson and captured some of the biggest headlines.
...
Although some companies do offer generous maternity and paternity packages, many just offer the statutory amount. At present this is 90% of a mother's average weekly earnings for the first six weeks then up to £123.06 for the remaining 33 weeks; only the mother can take this. Fathers and same-sex partners who are not the mother are entitled to up to two weeks' leave, starting after the baby has been born and finishing before the baby is 56 days old. These two weeks have to be taken together – they cannot be split into odd days or one-week slots, and this is also paid at the rate of £123.06 (or 90% of your average weekly earnings if this is less).'

Australia: "Domestic violence starts in toddlers"

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Article here. We're reaching a new low in domestic abuse rhetoric. The new culprit? You guessed it -- toddlers! The VAWA has abused the constitution to alienate fathers from their families. It pains me to wonder whats in store for our nation's boys. Excerpt:

'A first-of-its-kind-study in Perth has shed a new light on domestic violence and its shocking culprits - children.

Boys and girls starting as young as two have been reported as being verbally abusive towards their mothers before graduating to psychological, emotional and physical abuse at a later age.

Ashleigh Haw, who co-ordinates the Parenting Over Violence Project, has found that teenage boys make up the majority of those committing more serious abuses.'

Domestic violence - now live on the big screen at sporting events

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Via email: I came across this video. It's of a man who proposes at a baseball game on live TV and the woman slaps him in the face in front of everyone and storms off.

Even though I don't know the context of this video or the couple's relationship, I feel this is an example of the growing callousness and feelings of entitlement among young women toward men today. Obviously for some reason, she was not pleased and because of that, decided to hit him. Have a good day and thank you for all the work you are doing. Dan.

Web site to aid abused children shows only father as abuser

Matt · 7 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Via Jeremy S.: Page is here. Note the posters only seem to show males as perpetrators. Two other posters show what could be women doing the abusing but they are not clearly shown as being women or men. In any case, the bias and ignorance is quite apparent. Contact info is here.

Psychologist demolishes anti-shared parenting claims

Matt · 7 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This article by Peter Tromp who is a Dutch child and educational psychologist, is, for my money, the best, most comprehensive argument for equally shared parenting in existence. In one piece, he lays out the overwhelming case for equally shared parenting along with a good bibliography in support.

As an exercise, first read Tromp's piece and then read the paper by NAWL, the Canadian women's law association which opposes equally shared parenting. Compare the two. Tromp's evidence is voluminous, comprehensive and compelling. The NAWL paper relies on misinformation and anti-father bias to see it through. Comparing the two is like comparing Tolstoy to a comic book.

Tromp begins by reciting the well-established benefits of connecting children and parents post-divorce. But he adds a few notions I wasn't aware of. In the first place, he cites studies from as far back as 1980 that show that, in a wide variety of ways, children growing up in shared parenting arrangements do better than those with a single parent. Those include better educational outcomes, better health outcomes, better psychological outcomes, less involvement in drugs and crime, etc.'

The truth about male victims of domestic abuse

Matt · 7 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's time to leave the male bashers, or female abuse deniers out of the picture. Not all men are abusers, and not all women are innocent, or unlikely to commit abuse.

Jan Brown spent years researching domestic violence and interviewing men who fit the definition of abuse. She discovered that there were very few options for male victims.

So she set out to make it right. In October of 2002, she founded the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women (DAHMW), a non-profit organization created to help men who have been victims of domestic violence. The unique aspect is that this organization is not only for abused men, but abused women as well.'

India: The Missing Parent

Matt · 7 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two fathers fighting for child custody rights got the thumbs up from the Supreme Court last week. On Friday, a mother had to withdraw a petition trying to thwart a father's legal quest for more time with his daughter. The apex court had weighed in on his side, directing the divorced couple to settle it out of court.

On the same day, in another case, where a father has been estranged from his son for two years, the Supreme Court directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to step in. The CBI has been given six weeks to find the mother who has gone absconding with her son. The apex court felt compelled to take this step since its repeated directions to state police departments on the matter had come to naught.'

Male-positive "Mr. Opportunity" Commercial by Honda

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I wanted to point out a male-positive commercial by Honda called "Mr. Opportunity". This has been running for the past few years, but I find it's a much better portrayal of a man than a lot of commercials out there.

You may or may not remember the Super Bowl commercials back in 2004, one of which was a Honda Pilot commercial "Run With the Wolves" in which a woman is married to a man who was "raised by wolves." It showed the husband looking all disheveled while licking a plate like a dog, drinking straight from the water cooler at work, and chasing a Frisbee (thrown by his son) into a stream. The commercial is here.

I posted about it at Mensactivism.org shortly after it aired. There was a letter writing campaign that followed this ad, and it would be nice to think that Honda's new Mr. Opportunity ads came about as a result of this protest.

Just to show that activism sometimes can work for us.

Women's group to start violence-prevention program at local high school

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Article here. I suspect absurd violence statistics are used to demonize the school boys. Excerpt:

'The Bonsall Women's Group is planning to start a dating and domestic abuse awareness program at Fallbrook Union High School.

The program, called Love is Not Abuse, would teach students about domestic and dating abuse. The program was developed by Liz Claiborne Inc., a clothing design and distribution company.
...
Fallbrook Union High School District Assistant Superintendent Jim Yahr said Thursday he has spoken with La Barge and that he's interested in looking over the materials to see if the program can be integrated into ninth-grade health classes, which currently include some discussion of date rape issues and how to maintain a healthy, respectful relationship.'

The Justice of Pay Discrimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First of all, it is exceedingly rare to find two people who are doing precisely the same work. Perhaps only two workers doing the same job at the same rate on the same assembly line would qualify. Two secretaries in an office, who in theory probably have the same duties, might still find that one of them ends up typing twice as many letters as the other. And this second secretary may in turn do three times as much filing as the first. One might take half again as many phone calls as the other yet do so in the same amount of time because she is able to get to the nub of the conversation more quickly. Even in the plumbing example I cited at the outset, the two toilets were different models, so plumber number two may have had an easier time of it or found cheaper parts than plumber number one. Productivity, proficiency, and even a certain amount of chance play huge roles in determining exactly what, and how much, work each person does. It is next to impossible to say that any two people have done “equal” work.

Even if it could be shown beyond all doubt that employee A and employee B were doing exactly the same work, there would still remain the problem illustrated by the plumbing story. If A and B each agreed to work at the wages they were being paid, then there is no injustice in paying A more than B for equal work. In the case of Lilly Ledbetter, who sued Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. for alleged pay discrimination, the fact that Ledbetter continued to work for Goodyear for 19 years and, presumably, to cash her paychecks indicates that she was satisfied with her compensation during that time. Had she at any time disagreed that she was being compensated fairly for the work she was doing, she had only to request an increase in pay and then, if the company declined her request, to quit.'

Sam's Club sponsoring women- and girls-only business conference

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Story here. No boys allowed! Excerpt:

The Women Presidents' Organization (WPO) knows the importance of financial security and is coordinating its third annual Financial Literacy Event for young women. The financial literacy program, Thrive Time, gives highly successful women CEOs, who own and operate multimillion dollar businesses, the opportunity to teach future leaders the importance of financial education and how it can impact their personal and professional lives. The participating WPO members are entrepreneurs who have grown their businesses to the multimillion dollar level and have a vested interest in the growth and success of women in business.

"The single most important factor for women in contributing to a stable existence is to be financially secure. It is equally as important, if not more important, to a young woman as it is to a young man," said Marsha Firestone, Ph.D. president and founder of the WPO. "Understanding money and finance empowers women in all aspects of life. Too many girls grow up without confidence and exposure to this area."

"This wonderful event allows young women to learn first-hand from successful women business owners and entrepreneurs," said Sharon Lechter. Sharon, a member of the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy, and a WPO national board member, helped create and organize the event. "WPO and Sam's Club are providing these young women with vital financial skills that will not only prepare them to survive in the world they face, but thrive in it!"

Is this what their telling boys? Is this supposed to motivate them to enter college?

Ed. note: You can contact Sam's Club corporate offices via web-based email here or by phone at 888-746-7726.

Obamas to appear in Oct 2009 issues of Men`s Health and Women`s Health

anthony · 8 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If Obama is so concerned with men's health, why is there no federal office dedicated to men's health? Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama speak candidly about health and fitness priorities for the country and their family in exclusive interviews that will appear in the October 2009 issues of Men`s Health and Women`s Health, respectively. The October issues hit newsstands on Tuesday, September 15.

President Obama, who appears on the cover of Men`s Health for a second time, turned to the publication to speak directly to the 12 million Men`s Health readers at a critical juncture in the health care debate. The President, himself a prototypical Men`s Health guy, explains how health care changes will affect American men and their families. President Obama previously appeared on the cover of the November 2008 issue of Men`s Health, which was on newsstands when he was elected.'

MND: Six Levels of Feminist Critics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In fact, I started playing around with different ways that you can be critical of feminism, and came up with Six Different Levels of Feminist Critics

1.At this level you have no criticism towards feminism and believe that feminism is spot-on. You are a feminist yourself and possibly self-identify with a particular branch of the movement.

2.Some mild criticism starts appearing. You find it important that masculinity studies within the feminist framework are carried out, since you believe that patriarchy hurts men too. Many liberal men and cultural creatives can be found in this category.

3.Radical feminism (i.e. the belief that men structurally oppress women) is criticized without hesitation, but classical feminism is embraced and deemed to be the solution to gender issues. You believe that women were unfairly disadvantaged in the past, but that the only correction needed is civil and legal equality around the world. You may or many not have anything against a men's movement. This is the level where we find Christina Hoff-Sommers, who's written Who Stole Feminism and The War Against Boys – two very important books for the men's movement.'

'Quote Of The Day': What is 'Feminism'?

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'Feminism is the theory that men and women are equal in every respect--except for those in which women are superior. The trick is to interpret every social indicator as though it demonstrates arbitrary male privilege or genuine female superiority.

For example, when studies show that girls perform less well than boys at advanced math, it is due to systemic discrimination in favor of boys; but when the same studies show that boys' under-performance in the language arts is four times as great as that of girls in math, well that is due to girls' innate superiority.'

Title IX exploits women’s athletics, hinders men’s

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The most common, and most often dismissed, argument against Title IX is that it has led to the destruction of many men’s athletic teams. Hundreds of men’s wrestling, gymnastics and tennis teams have been cut from D-I athletics programs around the country in order to allow universities to meet Title IX proportionality requirements, according to 60 Minutes. While this should be cause for concern for those who claim to support equality in college athletics, it is often dismissed as unimportant or blamed on football.

There are many Title IX supporters who claim that if universities would spend less on football, they would be able to have as many wrestlers and male gymnasts as they wanted. This is a ridiculous argument, however, in a country that is built on the tradition of college football.

Football makes millions of dollars for universities every year, and cutting their funding for less profitable sports is hardly in the best interest of college athletics.
...
Why is this a problem? It’s a problem for female athletes because they don’t get the scholarships they need or deserve, and it’s a problem for male athletes because, unless they’re football players, their team is in danger of getting axed in favor of proportionality. While this might seem like a problem with universities and not with Title IX, the loopholes in the legislation are to blame for the exploitation that is occurring.'

False report charged in alleged Peachtree City sexual assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'False report charges have been issued against the woman who alleged a sexual assault on a Peachtree City golf cart path.

On Aug. 27, officers of the Peachtree City Police Department responded to the Piedmont/Fayette Community Hospital to investigate an incident involving a female victim reporting that she was sexually assaulted on the multi-use path system, according to Captain Rosanna Dove, public information officer.

The victim reported that at approximately 5:30 a.m., while she was running on the multi-use path adjacent to Lake Kedron and the cul-de-sac of Samiel Point and Larkins Landing, a white male approached her from behind and then forced her to the ground. The suspect was said by the woman to have sexually assaulted her and fled the scene.

Follow-up investigations revealed that the complainant falsely reported the sexual assault.'

UK: Mother stabbed daughters in their sleep after shopping trip, court told

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother stabbed her two teenage daughters to death in their beds in an attempt to destroy her former husband's life, a court was told yesterday.

Rekha Kumari-Baker, 41, carried out a frenzied attack on Davina Baker, 16, and Jasmine Baker, 13, after "softening them up" on a shopping trip, Cambridge Crown Court heard.

There had been contention between Ms Kumari-Baker, 41, and her former husband David Baker, 44, about the care and custody of the girls, John Farmer for the prosecution, said.

The sisters were attacked in their mother's home in Stretham, near Ely, Cambridgeshire, in the early hours of June 13, 2007. She stabbed Davina 39 times and launched a similar assault on Jasmine, the court was told.'

Melanie Phillips: Catastrophe looms due to social and familial breakdown

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Once again, Britain is recoiling from the sickening spectacle of childhood innocence being turned into its monstrous antithesis.

Two young brothers aged ten and 11 from Edlington, South Yorkshire, subjected two other little boys aged nine and 11 to sadistic attack and torture, leaving one fighting for his life.
...
People call these boys 'evil' because such absence of feeling is inhuman. But they are not evil. They are children.

We are all born with the capacity for both good and bad. Everything depends on whether the immature child is raised in a way that develops the good and discourages the bad, or whether something goes wrong with that process.
...

Their mother, who has seven sons by three fathers, is an alcoholic and drug addict who left them to forage from rubbish bins and fed them cannabis to keep them quiet; their father is a drunken brute, who regularly beat them and forced them to watch violent horror films.

We know that there are thousands of other children being raised in broadly similar backgrounds. There are areas of the country where the overriding problem is not material poverty but social, cultural and spiritual disintegration - at the heart of which is the collapse of family life.

Children are being born to lone mothers who were themselves raised in shattered homes by mothers who in turn came from identical backgrounds. The outcome is households in which children are neglected and maltreated, subjected to drug and alcohol abuse, violence and emotional chaos; and where the cruelty and indifference they endure is often translated into the sadistic way they treat others.'

Women to Stand Trial for Genital Gluing

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Story here. Check out the picture of a man with lipstick on his collar. Excerpt:

'(AP) A man whose penis was glued to his stomach testified Tuesday that a motel tryst with a girlfriend involving a bondage fantasy turned painful and humiliating after his wife, a second girlfriend and another woman burst into the room and harassed him because of his cheating ways.

The 37-year-old Fond du Lac man told Calumet County Circuit Court Judge Timothy Van Akkeren that during the July 30 ordeal, which lasted about 30 minutes, he was punched in the face twice. The woman he had gone to the motel to meet, Therese Ziemann, super glued his penis to his stomach while at least two of the other women watched, the man said.

...

Sewell's attorney, Nila Robinson, said she would seek to have the charge against her client dismissed because of a lack of evidence.

...

She called the man dishonest, a liar and a con man. He tricked the women he called his girlfriends by telling them he loved them and wanted futures with them, Robinson said.'

Editorial: Title IX does injustice to college men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With endowments shrinking, donations falling and operating budgets squeezed, colleges and universities face great pressure to cut costs. Athletic departments are an obvious target. But, troublingly, men's sports are disproportionately bearing the brunt.

This year, men's programs across the country have gotten the third-strike call: swimming and soccer at Kutztown University (Pa.); baseball at the University of Northern Iowa; football at Western Washington; wrestling at Delaware State, Portland State and Carson-Newman. MIT, which has one of the largest athletic departments in the nation, eliminated men's teams in gymnastics, ice hockey, golf, wrestling, alpine skiing and pistol.
...
But as legal action groups and gender activists are riding to the rescue of women's sports, there appears to be no similar savior for men's athletics. Although the law promises equal protection for both sexes, Education Secretary Arne Duncan has so far been silent on the cuts to men's teams. Parents, coaches and athletes would be right to ask: Aren't male athletes facing discrimination if their teams are being singled out?'

PM of Bangladesh orders government men to stop wearing ties

Matt · 9 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Finally, some common sense! If the current president of the US or PM of Britain want to up their increasingly dismal approval ratings among men, this'd be one sure way to do it. Excerpt:

"In an inspiring display of sensibility, the prime minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, has ordered male government employees to stop wearing suits, jackets, and neckties.
...
According to the BBC, Bangladesh has been suffering from a major energy shortage, with daily blackouts as the state-owned power plants are unable to meet demand. The British news service reports that the plants' output has not been able to keep up with the country's economy, which has been growing 6 percent annually for the past five years.
...
Despised by all but the most inveterate masochists, the necktie traces its origins to the uniforms of 16th century Croatian mercenaries in the employ of King Louis XIII of France. In a sartorial choice that has baffled and dismayed people ever since, upper-class Parisians adopted the mercenaries' knotted scarf, which they called a "cravat" – a mispronunciation of the word "Croat" probably caused by a restricted larynx.

The cravat eventually "evolved" into the modern necktie, which was eventually paired with an outfit consisting of a heavy jacket and flimsy slacks, a design that guarantees that its wearer will be uncomfortable regardless of the ambient temperature."

Roethlisberger's Attorney Rejects Rape Accuser's Offer to Drop Suit If He Admits, Apologizes

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Story here. Excerpt:

'RENO, Nev. — The attorney for Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is rejecting a settlement offer by a former Nevada casino worker who claims the Super Bowl winner sexually assaulted her.

Roethlisberger attorney David Cornwell says the woman's offer is bizarre.

The woman wants Roethlisberger to admit to the allegations, apologize and donate $100,000 to the Committee to Aid Abused Women, a Reno nonprofit organization that offers support to domestic violence victims.

In a statement Wednesday, Cornwell says the proposal insults women who have legitimately suffered from sexual misconduct.'

Hidden Boy's Dad: He Was Brainwashed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Wilfong and Ricky disappeared in Nov. 2007 after a contentious custody battle that resulted in temporary custody for the boy's father, Mike Chekevdia.

Wilfong's mother claims she and her daughter hid her grandson to protect him from Chekevdia, who they claim sexually abused the boy.

As she was being led away from the courthouse, Wilfong contended to reporters Tuesday, "My little boy said that he was scared to go back, because his dad was gonna tie him up again."

The judge has ordered Ricky to stay with one of Mike Chekevdia's relatives until a November custody hearing, but indicated his desire to reunite father and son after thorough counseling.'

U.N.: Higher rates of males born leads to rape and sex trafficking

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HANOI (Reuters) - The ratio of boys born in Vietnam compared with girls has grown at an unusually rapid pace in recent years and could lead to a rise in sex work and trafficking, the United Nations said.

The sex ratio at birth was 112.1 male births per 100 female births in 2008, up from an estimated 106.2 in 2000, the U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA) said in a report.

With growth since 2006 of one percentage point per year, the ratio might cross the 115 mark within three years, it said.

By 2035, the surplus of adult men would be 10 percent or more of the female population if the sex ratio did not return to 105 male births per 100 females, it said.

"Scarcity of women would increase pressure for them to marry at a younger age, there may be a rising demand for sex work and the trafficking networks may also expand in response to this imbalance," UNFPA said.

"Examples of gender-based violence and human trafficking have already been observed in Vietnam and point to some of the risks faced by vulnerable girls and women."'

Phyllis Schlafly: The Feminists Demand and Receive

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The feminists had no sympathy with the fact that men were victims of most of the lost jobs because the majority of manufacturing and construction jobs are men's jobs. The segments of our economy dominated by women, social services, education, health, child care, and welfare have actually gained jobs during this recession.

Nevertheless, the feminists demanded that half the Stimulus jobs be given to women. The feminists worked to achieve this result by directing the Stimulus funds into the types of jobs where women predominate and by allocating at least a third of the spending in manufacturing and construction industries to training women for those men's jobs.

All the feminist organizations joined in the political clatter. They called for a meeting so they could lecture Obama's economic advisers and hurl their demands that the Stimulus package create jobs that women like, such as workplace-comfortable inside jobs with air-conditioned offices and carpeted floors.

As one tactic to intimidate Obama Administration officials, the feminists successfully insisted that participants in the meeting be seated in a circle without a table between them, a format that enabled the feminists to be confrontational. The feminists created their own vocabulary to shout at the men, demanding jobs for "human infrastructure" and "human bridges," which were euphemisms for social service, health-care, child care, and librarian jobs.'

Harriet Harman - Lies About Rape

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Piece here

Excerpt:

'Harriet Harman has spent many years of her political life stirring up hatred towards men in order to enrage women and to make them feel antagonistic towards men.

The idea behind this is to rally the support of women so that she can pursue her own ambitions - which have got nothing to do with gender 'equality' and nothing to do with any genuine concern about 'women'.

Her persistent hate-stirring is just a callous, calculating, well tried and tested mechanism through which feminists the world over have gained enormous power.'

[For those who don't know, Harriet Harman, MP (a.k.a. Harriet Har-person, Harriet Harm-man) is a British Labour Party politician and the Member of Parliament for Camberwell and Peckham since 1997.]

Also see the August 9th post about her on the Steve Moxon blog.

Brazil: Kiss Your Daughter, Go to Jail

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This Italian man had the unmitigated gall to publicly kiss his daughter while on vacation in Brazil. He's now in custody awaiting possible criminal proceedings. I say lock him up for good. Eight to fifteen years in prison isn't nearly enough for any man who displays the slightest bit of affection towards his children.

Sarcasm aside, while it's important to protect children from exploitation, this is another example of the appalling way society views and treats men. Excerpt:

'There is growing controversy in Brazil over the arrest of an Italian tourist held after kissing his eight-year-old daughter in public.
...
Under a strict new law partly designed to combat child sex abuse in South America's largest country, he faces eight to 15 years in jail if convicted.

The unnamed man has been in custody for almost a week. A new attempt to secure his release this weekend failed.

His Brazilian wife says the case is all a misunderstanding, while staff at the resort where the incident took place have been reported as saying they saw nothing unusual.'

Unlike what almost all psychotherapists say, there is nothing inherently "wrong" with the way men grieve

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Video here

This little 20 minute video is of a talk given at the Boys and Boy Crisis Conference July 2007 in Washington D.C., by Tom Golden, LCSW. It offers the basics of information about the masculine side of healing.

As an alternative to the video, there is a short piece by Golden here

Excerpt:

'Behaviors like this bereaved father's are often misunderstood and mislabeled as not really grieving'

UN report: Male circumcision 'cost-effective' to curb HIV spread

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Article here. Excerpt:

"UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 9 (Xinhua) -- Male circumcision is a cost-effective means to prevent the spread of HIV, a new UN report said on Wednesday.

The study, published in the journal PLoS Medicine, found that one HIV infection could be prevented for every 5 to 15 procedures performed on heterosexual men.

The procedure is expected to control the cost of preventing one HIV infection in high HIV prevalence areas between 150 U.S. dollars and 900 U.S. dollars within 10 years.

First-line treatment usually costs over 7,000 U.S. dollars during a lifetime, and will double if involving second-line therapies, the report said.

With each circumcision procedure costing between 30 U.S. dollars and 60 U.S. dollars, "circumcising sexually active males of any age is likely to be cost saving," it said."

Australia: Doctors recommend no circumcision until boy is at least six years old

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PARENTS who want to circumcise their newborn son should wait until he is old enough to make his own decision, Australia's peak body of pediatricians says.

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians will not change its policy against circumcision despite mounting evidence that the procedure can prevent the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

A long-awaited position statement by the college's pediatrics and child health division released last month differs from the previous policy, issued in 2004, by acknowledging that circumcision does have some medical benefits, such as protection against urinary tract infections in infants, HIV transmission and penile cancer.

But it says the potential complications of the surgery and anaesthesia, such as infection and bleeding, mean any benefits "do not warrant a recommendation of universal circumcision for newborn and infant males'.

"Christianity Today" Women's Blog: "The Case for Male Circumcision"

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Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'What mother hasn't, in the halcyon days after the birth of a son, felt her ferocious she-wolf instincts kick in when it comes time for her boy to be circumcised? Having perhaps suffered violence to her genitals during the birth, the physical ache to all that is vulnerable in her world can seem unbearable. And then it is done, and life goes on.

Anti-circumcision activists would have us believe that life does not in fact go on, that boys grow into men whose sexual pleasure (and that of the women they love) is compromised by this act of "genital mutilation." While increasing numbers are swayed by both argument and sentiment, I'm stupefied by the controversy.

Male sexual pleasure is not my highest priority, having rarely witnessed a lack thereof. Nor is my own, if in fact I'm speaking out of my ignorance of the delight foreskin can deliver. What I am concerned about is sky-rocketing rates of sexually transmitted diseases, and the gender inequality evident in these rates.'

San Joaquin seeking death in Sandra Cantu case

Michael · 11 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'San Joaquin County prosecutors will ask for the death penalty for the Sunday school teacher accused of raping and murdering an 8-year-old playmate of her daughter in Tracy, authorities said Thursday

Melissa Huckaby, 28, was indicted in July on a murder charge and three special circumstances in the death of Sandra Cantu - including that she killed during the commission of a rape - that make her eligible for execution if convicted. Huckaby was also accused of sexually assaulting a child younger than 10.
...
Huckaby pleaded not guilty at a hearing Thursday in San Joaquin County Superior Court. Judge Linda Lofthus revealed that the defense had hired a change-of-venue expert from California State University Chico, suggesting that Huckaby wants to move her trial elsewhere.'

Turkish court awaits genital recovery

Proud_to_be_a_man · 11 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

From the tone of the first sentence of this report, it seems the man would be the one to blame if his penis gets cut off. Excerpt:

'Guys, here's a sharp reminder why you shouldn't make your wife/girlfriend/lover angry when you're dead, stinking drunk.

Yahoo new reports on the case of a Turkish woman whose jail sentence hangs on whether or not her former lover regains full use of his penis. Earlier this year the woman had, in a fit of anger, cut off her drunken lover's penis and thrown it from their apartment window.'

Written by some cretin called Mitch Kowalski.

So, using Mitch's logic, a woman should never make a man angry or he's liable to gouge her vagina out with a craft knife. AND it would be her own fault for making him angry?

I think she should be given a stern jail sentence. A 150 years should do it. With maybe 5 years off for good behaviour?

Ed.: Letters to the Editor of the National Post can be submitted here.

Maine Rape Hysteria update

Matt · 11 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

The main website that has majority of the info on this case is here. This YouTube video is very compelling in this matter. Excerpt:

'In 1690's New England was gripped by the Witch Hunt Hysteria which destroyed the lives of countless innocent people and their families solely by the false testimony of their accusers and the misconduct of their prosecutors.

Today, over 300 years later, a new insidious Rape Hysteria grips a small community in Maine's Bar Harbor region, and again, countless lives are being ruined solely by false testimony of their accusers and the misconduct of their prosecutors.

Numerous men have been arrested and jailed in Ellsworth Maine, often solely because of someone's accusations. Some of the accused men spend many months in jail until they are finally tried on the flimsiest or even fabricated evidence. Virtually every man who is accused gets arrested, charged, and has his life publicly ruined.
...

The driving force of this Rape Hysteria is Assistant District Attorney Mary N. Kellett of Brooklin, Maine.

Vladek Filler is a decent, loving, and dedicated father, brother, and son, who decided to leave his 16 year relationship with his wife Ligia Filler (aka Ligia Barrientos), and save their children from her mentally unstable and abusive behavior. Up to the time Mr. Filler decided to leave, his wife repeatedly praised him for being "the most loving and caring man and father that she has ever seen in her entire life," and that he was “the only man for her”.
...
The most disturbing facts and evidence proving Mr. Filler's innocence have not been allowed in the trial, nor covered by the press, and remain untold as Mr. Filler struggles to save himself and his children from an unconstitutional conviction.

One day after his conviction, Ms. Ligia Filler appeared to demand their 12 year old son be immediately forced in to her custody citing Mr. Filler's conviction. For the moment, a court order protects the children from Ms. Ligia Filler's abuse.'

CBS: Does Wall Street Need More Women?

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Story here

Excerpt:

'If there had been a critical mass of women over a period of time at the decision-making tables, would we be in the place that we are in today? I don't think so," Zehner said.

The economic meltdown might not have been as severe, she says, if more women were in the executive suites on Wall Street.

Quoting a post-meltdown refrain: if instead of Lehman Brothers, it were Lehman Brothers and Sisters.

That's why at Pax World Mutual Funds, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, three of the firm's six portfolio managers are women.

"I do think that when women are at the table, there's a richer discussion on issues like risk and that you make better decisions because of their input," said Joe Keefe, president and CEO of Pax World.

"It's not just the right thing to do anymore just because it's the right thing," Zehner said. "It's the right business thing to do."

Student paper commentary re the economy: Guys, this is your fault

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Article here. No registration required to post comments. Excerpt:

'When an overweight frat boy spills his beer all over me at Kilroy's, I blame him. For obvious reasons, I extrapolate that blame to all the rest of mankind. My drenched shirt is, clearly, a man's fault.
...
And when the economy comes crumbling down, crashing under the weight of the imploding financial sector ... that's right – I blame men.

Credit crunch? Global economic downturn? Oh, they have guilty male fingerprints all over them.

Now, boys, in all fairness, I am no anti-male feminist. Before you throw my column down, muttering under your breath "stupid man-hater," hear me out (I know, I know, listening has never been one of your stronger skills, but bear with me).'

Baby died of 'natural causes' after circumcision at Golders Green Synagogue

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Story here

Excerpt:

'A JEWISH baby boy died from natural causes after a circumcision procedure in Golders Green, a coroner has ruled.

Amitai Moshe was just a week old when he underwent the traditional operation at Golders Green Synagogue on February 1, 2007.

Today, Coroner Andrew Walker ruled the procedure had nothing to do with the boy's death, with was caused by sudden infant death syndrome, commonly known as cot death.

Amitai, of Sandringham Road, Golders Green, collapsed in his mother Yotvat Geva-Moshe's arms more than 30 minutes after the procedure, and turned blue while bleeding from the nose and mouth as guests at the service rushed to help.'

UK Charity Warns of Male Circumcision Risks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A national charity has called for wider awareness of the risks of circumcision, as the inquest is held into the death of a 16-day-old baby following a religious ritual two years ago.

Amitai Moshe died in 2007 following a ritual circumcision in North London and the inquest into his death began at Hornsey Coroner's Court on Monday.

The inquest follows one in Windsor earlier this year which concluded that baby Celian Noumbiwe had bled to death within hours of a circumcision at a doctor's surgery in Reading.

Many parents who consider circumcision necessary for ritual reasons believe that the operation is harmless in early infancy, and that it will bring benefit to the child.'

CBS Evening News: "Does Wall Street Need More Women?"

Anonymous · 11 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This story was at best a male-bashing farce. In it, they made two claims:

1. Report Shows Hedge Funds Run by Women Outperformed Those Run by Men, Whose Risk-Taking May Have Fueled Financial Meltdown

2. The evidence: a recent report showed that while all hedge funds had an annual return of almost 6 percent, hedge funds run by women did better with a return of 9 percent.

Of course, they never mention the "recent report" - like who conducted the research for it, or what hedge-funds were examined.

I would like advice on how to combat this type of male-bashing.

I did a small amount of research of my own, I found a list of hedge-funds that were all up by 10 or more percent:

John Paulson of Paulson & company - up 20%.
Philip Falcone - up 42% through Harbinger Capitol Partners.
Peter Theil's - Clarium Capitol Management - up 50%.
Andrew Lahde's short credit fund - up 10%.
Matt Luckett - Balestra Capitol - up 13%.
Dan Arbess - Perella Weinberg Partners Xerion - up 25%.

I have also sent an E-mail and a written letter to CBS News asking them to reveal the source of their Miss Information.

Comments? Advice?

Thanks.

"What is a feminist anyways?"

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Interesting vid on YouTube here. People in a college food court are asked what they think a feminist is.

New reason to file a false rape report - road rage

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See below for the complete story.

[Link to story here]

Advice for men: never cut off a woman in traffic.

'Newport News detectives have charged Megan McLane, 18, with one count of filing a false police report.

McLane had called police on Wednesday afternoon saying she had been stopped along the side of the road in the area of Jouett Drive when a man opened the car door and attacked her. McLAne said the man placing a cord around her neck and began to choke and beat her as he pulled her from the car toward a nearby wooded area.

...

McLane stated he continued to beat her and hold her on the ground while attempting to remove her clothing. She said that once she was able to kick her assailant he left the area.

A large number of detectives, as well as forensic technicians, were sent to the area to begin processing the scene for any possible evidence and to canvass the neighborhood for possible witnesses.

McLane was taken to a local hospital for treatment of what appeared to be minor injuries. She was treated and released and was interviewed by detectives at Police Headquarters. After processing the scene, forensic technicians provided the investigating detective with photographs and other evidence pertaining to the investigation.

When confronted with the evidence and the results of the investigation to that point, McLane recanted her original statement and admitted to fabricating the story. Apparently, she was involved in an earlier road rage incident and was attempting to get the other party in trouble.

McLane was released on a summons.'

Police: Michigan Mom Found Long-Lost Son Online, Raped Him

patriotsofamerica · 12 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Enough already! I have personally had it! Women can be and are savages! This story as far as I am concerned takes the cake. I have never heard of a man looking for a kid he put up for adoption, finding that kid and then raping him or her. Never heard of it! Yet, here is a woman that did just that! I have heard of men looking for long lost kids and upon finding them they tried to be the fathers that they always wanted to be. They stepped up and became fathers. Women on the other hand look for long lost kids of theirs just to become: RAPISTS! Enough is enough. I have had it. Excerpt:

'Michigan police say a 35-year-old mother used the Internet to track down the son she gave up for adoption a decade ago, seducing and raping the teenage boy when she found him after an online search.

Aimee Louise Sword of Waterford Township, near Detroit, was arraigned this week on three charges of criminal sexual conduct for the alleged rape of her biological son, whom she put up for adoption more than 10 years ago, MyFOXDetroit reported.

Prosecutors say the boy is still a minor, but won't disclose whether he knew the woman was his mother — a situation that has horrified mental health experts who are calling the case "an abomination."'

Carey Roberts: USA Today Rejoices in Man-cession, Hails Rise of Gender Equality

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Essay here

Excerpt:

'The essay's pretzel logic is so outlandish that I promise to keep a straight face as I explain it to you.

And the article's original title was so outrageous that within hours the USA Today editors felt compelled to tone it down. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

It's no secret that men been hit hard in the current recession. The USA Today article acknowledges that men have lost 74% of jobs since December 2007, with women losing the remaining 26%. The reason is men predominate in construction and manufacturing, sectors that have suffered a massive hemorrhaging of jobs.

Most would view these numbers with dismay and even alarm. In many families men are the primary breadwinners and men's job loss hurts their wives, children, and dependent parents. And unemployment is emotionally devastating to many men.

But socialists view massive male unemployment with undisguised glee. After all, if we can't force more women out of the home into the workplace, then we can achieve numerical workforce equality by throwing millions of men off the assembly line.'

Nepal Launches Women-only Bus Service

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Story here. Excerpt:

'KATHMANDU, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- The women-only bus service operated by Nepali Minibus Entrepreneurs Association, has become effective and popular in the capital Kathmandu, the National News Agency RSS reported on Friday.

According to the RSS, the association had brought the bus service only catering to women into operation since Sept 6.

Women-only bus service was started with the request of women and taking into consideration the inconveniences faced by women commuters especially during and after office hours.'

UK: Women only for Labour at next general election

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE LABOUR candidate for the next general election will be another woman after party bigwigs ruled on an all-female shortlist – to the dismay of local members.

The decision made by the Labour Party's National Executive (NEC) in London on Tuesday has not met with the approval of local members who had hoped for an open choice after current MP Kitty Ussher decided not to stand at the next election.

Party chiefs said the decision was made because the Labour Party was committed to the Equalities Bill which strives to see more women in public life.
...
The local party chairman added: "The party in Burnley unilaterally said it wanted an open list. We wanted to be able to choose the best candidate, whether male or female, and preferably someone local.

"I know of at least six local men who had expressed an interest but no women. I have told those men of the decision and they are very concerned. We have to look at the position very carefully now."'

Women-only pharmacy opens in Vancouver

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A group in Canada is stretching the limits of niche practice. Lu's Pharmacy, which opened in July in Vancouver, British Columbia, doesn't just focus on women patients; women are the only patients it serves.

"We have never provided services to men," said Caryn Duncan, executive director of the Vancouver Women's Health Collective, which has been dispensing health information and advice to women since 1971. "We don't expect that to change now that we have opened a pharmacy."

Opening a women's pharmacy is not a new idea. This year, students from the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy, Buffalo, N.Y., won first place in the National Community Pharmacists Association's Pruitt-Schutte Business Plan Competition. Their business plan for Isabella's Apothecary focused on early intervention and chronic-disease-state management tailored to the needs of women.

"It makes good business sense to focus on women," said Whitcomb Henry, who owns a pharmacy in Seattle, Wash. "Seventy percent of consumers who shop in pharmacies are women. A pharmacy that caters to women is a natural."'

No men have ever tried to fill scripts at Lu's. If a man did ring the doorbell, Duncan said, "I'd be outside having a conversation with him. We are here to support women's health and to focus on women's issues."
...
Thus far, B.C.'s men don't seem bothered by Lu's women-only stance.'

UK: Fury as women-only gym shuts for good

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A POPULAR Worcester gym has closed for good – amid much anger among its paid-up members and users.

Simply Women has been shut since last week but it has now been confirmed that the doors to the gym in Henwick Road, St John's, will not be opening again.
...
"Being in a women-only gym, I didn't feel as vulnerable as I would be next to younger, fitter people who want to do a lot more on the equipment than I do."
...
A spokesman for Ashbourne Management, which deals with Simply Women's finances, said: "The gym has closed down now.'

Sex charge names East Valley teacher

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Story here. Excerpt:

'YAKIMA, Wash. -- An East Valley teacher faces criminal charges over allegations that she had sex with a 16-year-old male student in the Kmart parking lot and sent a suggestive photo to another boy.

Michele Taylor, 31, of Yakima is scheduled to be arraigned Oct. 16 in Yakima County Superior Court on one count of first-degree sexual misconduct with a minor and two counts of communicating with a minor for immoral purposes.

Sexual contact with students 16 or older is considered misconduct, rather than rape, under state law.
...
The 15-year-old also indicated that Taylor had invited him to go to her house several times when she was home alone. He told investigators she had also invited him to the movies.

According to the report, Taylor told the student how she felt she missed out on a lot when she was younger because she met her husband at a young age.'

The younger boy said she raised the possibility of sending him a nude photo, then sent him another suggestive photo of herself at a party, one showing another female licking her chest.'

Ireland: Girls beat boys in Junior Cert at almost all subjects

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Excerpt:

'GIRLS ACHIEVED better Junior Cert exam results than boys in almost every subject this year, with boys faring particularly badly in modern European languages.

The Junior Cert results for girls and boys echo those of the senior State exam. Girls also outperformed boys across the range of subjects in this year's Leaving Cert exams.

Junior Cert girls did better in the core subjects of English, Irish and maths at both higher and ordinary level. They also outclassed the boys in science, history, business, French and German. In each of these subjects boys achieved fewer honours and more failing grades than girls.

The only popular subject where boys got more honour grades than girls was higher level geography, where 77.1 per cent of boys got honours compared with 76.7 per cent of girls.

However, their failure rate at ordinary level in this subject was higher than that of girls – 4.7 per cent compared with 4.2 per cent. Boys did do better in metalwork and material technology, although few girls sat these subjects.'

Australia: Rat poison mum guilty of manslaughter

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Sydney woman who killed her children with rat poison has been found not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter.

The woman pleaded not guilty to murdering her children by reason of mental illness.

She gave her three-year-old daughter and four-year-old son rat poison before smothering them in February last year.

In letters written at the time she blamed her husband's affair for her actions and claimed to be protecting her children by taking their lives.'

Woman Accused of Freezing Daughters Pleads Guilty to Abuse of Third Girl

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Story here.

'PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. — A Maryland woman accused of killing two of her adopted daughters and keeping their bodies in a freezer for months has pleaded guilty to first-degree child abuse involving a third girl.

Renee Bowman, 44, entered the plea Friday in Calvert County Circuit Court and could receive up to 25 years in prison.

The charge involves a girl adopted by Bowman who was found wandering in her neighborhood after jumping from a window in September 2008.
The child, then 7, had a bloodstained nightshirt and sores and lesions over much of her body. Authorities say they subsequently searched Bowman's house and found the frozen remains.

Bowman faces separate first-degree murder charges in the deaths of the other two girls. That trial is set to start Nov. 9.'

Serena Williams abuses lines woman

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Story here

Excerpt:

'Instead of stepping to the baseline to serve again, Williams went over and shouted and cursed at the line judge, pointing at her and shaking a ball at her.

Dropping the f-word liberally, Williams said, "I swear to God I'm fucking going to take this fucking ball and shove it down your fucking throat, you hear that? I swear to God."'

CNN Video: Ben Roethlisberger rejects sex settlement

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Video here. Title: "In Session's Jack Ford has the latest on the Ben Roethlisberger sexual assault lawsuit."

Some feel judge has bias against men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The battle between men and women is old — but in one Livingston County courtroom, men say the judge doesn't give them a fighting chance.

Even the children caught in their parents' crossfire question why Probate Judge Carol Hackett Garagiola appears to rule against fathers even where experts have found the father to be the better parent under court-established guidelines.

...

The case would come as no surprise to Bob Simpson, 48, who got divorced in June 2008. At the time, he said his lawyer advised him to keep his mouth shut because the "judge hates men."

Simpson, who said there were no claims of domestic violence or wrongdoing from either side in the divorce, said he did not believe his attorney until Garagiola routinely ruled against him even when his ex-wife violated their divorce agreement by relocating out of the county, which was prohibited.

"I feel screwed," he said. "I'm afraid to go before (Garagiola) because I'm a man. I feel like a Negro ... in 1964 Mississippi. ... I feel like there is prejudice going on here."'

"Feminists Do Not Represent the Views of Most Americans"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'No, feminism is not dead. It's worse. It has become fully inculcated into modern society, to the degree that any woman who takes an alternative view is routinely marginalized and downright vilified. When I wrote a blog about the Larry King segment, mocking some of the ridiculous things the women said – "It's not until we fall in love with ourselves that the world will begin to honor and support us"; "I suggest women get financially independent because that gives you freedom and empowerment to love yourself first"; "Once you are complete you look for others in your life to complement your completeness" – I got this response from a reader:

Your words make me ill. really, really ill. gross. how could you dismiss women's desire to not be dependent on men? you are an embarrassment to women. i can't believe that someone would say such things. what on earth is wrong with you? so women SHOULD be dependent on men? and NOT love themselves? based on my life experience, and all my amassed world knowledge, that is a recipe for depression and abusive relationships. i am still in shock about your words. your words are extremely dangerous to women!'

Feminists Declare All-Out War On Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In other words, since feminist-minded women, which are most women today, can't get rid of men whom they have come to detest, the only option they see left is finally to drive men from the position they now occupy as virtually obsolete and useless beings to a state of total wimpified passivity, submissive inferiority, and meaningless human significance. This is envisioned as a state where men no longer make demands on women but instead only receive gratefully that which women in their absolute gratuitous kindness let them have, which most often is nothing. The whole thing is similar to what a benevolent master would do gratuitously for a meek and submissive plantation slave, mostly nothing.
...
In this combat that feminists have instigated and forced upon us for being so unfortunate as to have been born males, all but an extremely rare minority of women carry with them anti-male rage, while clueless men run around in a daze trying to figure out why no matter what they try to do that's nice or pleasant to get a woman's serious attention, totally fails to get a serious response. I'm telling you, if you're a man, you're dead to women, not only dead, but dead, disgusting and contemptible, though most women won't tell you this to avoid nasty confrontations. So the war we're in is mostly silent, though deadly real nonetheless.'

New Zealand: 'Feminised' education holding boys back

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I was recently privileged to observe the practice of some of the best boys' schools in the country and to discuss with them the policies they implement to ensure that boys achieve their maximum potential.

Two points clearly emerge. First, there is a strong perception the educational system has been so 'feminised' that boys no longer feel comfortable within it and consequently find it more difficult to achieve success. And, as an expensive byproduct, a whole industry has grown up around the topic, with gurus springing up everywhere who claim to have all the answers.'

Woman charged with filing false rape report after road rage incident

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEWPORT NEWS — A Newport News woman has been charged with filing a false report after her original complaint sparked a police investigation into an allegation of rape, police say.

Megan McLane, 18, of Dinwiddie Place, initially complained to police that a man tried to choke and rape her. Police later learned she fabricated those statements because she had gotten into a verbal and physical altercation with another driver and she wanted to get the man in trouble, said Newport News police spokesman Lou Thurston.

The misdemeanor charge against McLane carries a fine of up to $2,500 and up to 12 months in jail, Thurston said.'

University student charged with making false rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 19-year-old Massachusetts woman who claimed Friday that she was raped by Lehigh University police officers was charged today with making a false report to police, Pennsylvania State Police at Bethlehem report.

Brielynn Neumann Shrewsbury, Mass., faces arraignment in front of South Bethlehem District Judge Nancy Matos Gonzalez.

Neumann was being held by police Friday as part of an unrelated investigation when she allegedly told Bethlehem police that Lehigh officers had raped her, state police report. She later changed her story, saying an undercover Lehigh University police officer sexually assaulted her, police said. She was identified at the time as a Lehigh student.
...
It is the second alleged false sexual assault claim this summer on an area college campus.'

In case you were wondering, Lehigh University's take on sexual assault from their website is here. Excerpt:.

'Myth : Sexual assault usually occurs when a stranger attacks a woman in an isolated area like a parking garage or dark alley.

Fact : 85% of sexual assaults occur between people who know each other (Warsaw, 1994). Rapists can be strangers, but most often they are people the victims know and trust. They can be husbands, boyfriends, relatives, and other individuals in that person's life.

Myth: Women often lie about being raped because they regret having sex the night before, or they want to get back at the guy for something.

Fact: The FBI reports that only about 8% of reported sexual assaults are deemed "unfounded."(Uniform Crime Reports, 1996) This is about the same rate as every other violent crime. The fact is that very few women maliciously lie about being sexually assaulted for personal gain.'

Would We Still Have War If Women Ran The World?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'That “sensitivity to humankind” is a wonderful compliment, President Sirleaf, but, unfortunately, I think that it’s only a gender stereotype that women are inherently less violent and they “feel” parenthood and the loss of children to war more than fathers do. Maybe I’m just a cynic, but I don’t think cruelty and poor judgment knows a gender. Just because women largely have not been in positions of power in wars so far doesn’t mean they would be any less hawkish if they were to be in that position. Just think about it: If Hillary Clinton had been elected president, do you seriously think not a single American soldier or other world citizen would have died on her watch?

Gender stereotypes probably help get women like President Sirleaf elected, which is great, but nevertheless, stereotypes don’t do anything towards discouraging male politicians from being less violent. I know she means well by implying more women should be elected to public office so the world can change, but I don’t think we should delude ourselves as to how it might change.'

UK: 'A man's instinct for violence can never be 'cured'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Young men are dangerous. They are particularly dangerous when they gather together in packs. Is this news to anybody? It would seem so. The years of self-delusion, in which the people who determine these things actually believed that they had ruled male aggression out of legitimate social life, have made it necessary to state the obvious truth once again.

So here it is: men have a primary impulse (innate? hormonal? environmentally determined? who cares?) to band together and engage in quasi-tribal conflict. Stable and enlightened institutions can educate them out of the more gratuitous forms of this behaviour by channelling the impulse into disciplined, formalised activities. When such influences are lacking, and especially when the inclinations are not harnessed to any acceptable group loyalty, such as family or genuine community, mayhem is likely to result.'

Guess she has been oblivious to stories like this one. Oh well...

Poor People Need Fathers Not Government Programs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Statistics confirm the fact that most “poor” people have no fathers. My father told me that Cheetos makes you fat. He also built a gym in our backyard. We lived in a very “poor” neighborhood. Our house cost $10,000 when he bought it in the 50’s. The neighborhood then got worse. All of our neighbors’ houses began to look dirty and have five broken cars and beer cans in their front yards. Our house was always immaculate and our front yard always had freshly mown grass. My father took us to church 3 times a week. He read the Bible out loud to Grandma and Grandpa every Sunday night, at Grandma’s house, because Grandpa was an agnostic and wouldn’t go to church. My father taught me how to read when I was 5, so that when I started first grade I was the best reader. I skipped second grade. My father played the piano every night and taught us show tunes, and how to harmonize. My father taught us how to water ski. My father was a gymnastics coach, so he taught me a “flip flop” and I was the only cheerleader who could do that. My father protected us. He bought a bee bee gun that looked like a real gun, to scare burglars away. We were robbed four times. He said, “I could never kill anyone.” My father made us feel safe. He gave us confidence and a history and a future.'

Woman arrested after domestic dispute, shooting

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Tulsa police arrested a woman after she allegedly shot her husband during a domestic dispute early Friday.

The woman, Christine Goldblatt, 42, told police that the shooting was in self defense, police records show.

About 4:30 a.m., police were called to a residence at the 4600 block of South Vancouver Avenue on a report that a man had been shot, said Capt. Richard Alexander of the Tulsa Police Department.'

Shelby County woman arrested in murder plot

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Story here. Is it me, or are female abuser articles kind of short? This particular story has just three sentences.

'COLUMBIANA, Ala. (AP) - Shelby County Sheriff's investigators have arrested a 42-year-old woman who is accused of ordering a hit on her ex-husband.

Officials said Friday that Kimberly Dawn McGuffie was charged with criminal solicitation to commit murder, criminal conspiracy to commit murder, unlawful distribution of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

She is being held in the Shelby County Jail on a total of $545,000 bail for all four charges.'

Woman Arrested For Allegedly Running Over Husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Tulsa - A woman has been arrested after police say she ran over her husband following an argument.

It happened late Wednesday night in the 44-hundred block of North Cincinnati. Witnesses reported seeing a man running down Cincinnati being chased by an SUV. The man was struck by the vehicle, whose driver then back up and ran over him again before leaving the scene.

The victim was rushed to a Tulsa hospital with what were considered life-threatning injuries. His condition was not known.

...

Wright was booked into the Tulsa County Jail on complaints of assault with a deadly weapon and leaving the scene of an injury accident. She's being held on more than 45-thousand dollars bond.'

Woman arrested in death of boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DAYTONA BEACH -- Murder suspect Carine Doctor was relieved when police finally came for her early Wednesday morning.

After being on the run for more than a month since the July 20 shooting death of 13-year-old Lloyd Robinson Jr., Doctor was found just after 9:30 a.m. at a tiny claptrap house at 512 Washington St., police said.

"She said she was glad this was over and that she had some things to get off her chest," Police Chief Mike Chitwood said, referring to Doctor. "She had been at the at house for the last two days."

The chief said he received a call Wednesday from a tipster who asked whether police were still interested in arresting Doctor. The caller told Chitwood that officers should go to the Washington Street address "right now," because Doctor was inside the house.'

Woman sought in son’s slaying arrested

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Sudanese woman who emigrated to the United States in 2005 is facing a murder charge in connection with the death of her 5-month-old son.

Marlen Ramadan Taboor, 21, was arrested Friday by Henrico County police and last night was being held in the Roanoke City Jail, according to law enforcement spokesmen.

Taboor, according to online court records, was charged in Roanoke Tuesday last week with the murder of her son, Christopher George, in October last year. It was unclear last night why Taboor was in the Richmond area. She was arrested in the 6300 block of Clover Lane in Henrico, near the intersection of Lakeside Avenue and Hilliard Road.

Taboor moved to the Roanoke area from Sudan in 2005, according to a news story then in the Roanoke Times newspaper. She was charged with grand larceny days before her son's death and given a suspended prison sentence, according to court records.'

Woman arrested for duct taping man

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Story here.

'NORFOLK, Va. - Norfolk Police say they arrested a woman who confessed to driving around a victim who had been duct taped and beaten.

Police say Sonia Green and two other males grabbed a victim in the 3800 block of Granby Street last Sunday.

The victim, Obdulio Salazar, was duct taped, beaten and put into a van. The suspects then allegedly drove him around the city demanding his ATM pin numbers.

He managed to escape and identified Green through a photo lineup.

She was arrested and police say she confessed to the crime.'

Two women arrested for rape of woman

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two women have been arrested in connection with an assault and rape in Oklahoma City, police said Friday.

Police arrested Sonya Carr, 26, and Carla Terrazas, 19, on Thursday, Sgt. Jennifer Wardlow said.

On Aug. 30, a woman reported she had been attacked and raped about 5 a.m. that day in south Oklahoma City. She was found in her vehicle by a passer-by in the area of SW 41 and Youngs Boulevard. The passer-by called a friend of the victim, who took her to the hospital, Wardlow said.'

People new to MANN may be interested in this site. Contrary to popular belief, woman-on-woman sexual assaults occur much more than presumed. Feminists would have us believe such is not the case.

Austrian woman arrested over strangling man

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Story here.

'A 41-year-old Austrian woman has been arrested after a man was found strangled to death at her flat.

The 36-year-old Spanish man was killed last Friday at the woman's flat in Adliswil, Switzerland, according to Zurich police.

They said today (Fri) she had called them at 7am that morning to say she had found a dead man in her flat.

Zurich police said the Spaniard had been visiting the woman before his death. They have no information as yet about the woman's possible motive for killing the Spaniard.'

University Of Chicago: 'Men In Power' website

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http://www.meninpower.com/

'MiP is a Registered Student Organization at the University of Chicago that provides a unique opportunity for undergraduate men at the University of Chicago to expand and sharpen their knowledge of business, politics, and networking—giving them the skills they will need to become future leaders of the world. The group also seeks to address issues and challenges modern men face in their lives, with acknowledgment of the tremendous hardship that the female sex have suffered.'

Ohio official says castration comment a joke

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FINDLAY, Ohio — A county commissioner said she was joking when she told a former county resident she wanted to castrate him and had the tools to do it. Jeff Davidson said Hancock County Commissioner Emily Walton, who is a veterinarian, made the comment to him during a heated telephone conversation last week over a neighborhood drainage issue. Davidson said the comment was unprofessional and that Walton should resign as commissioner.

Walton said Davidson had been disrespectful on the phone to her and to women working in the commission office several times. She says the castration comment is one she has used for years and that people with half a sense of humor understand.'

Hancock County Commissioner office: commissioners-at-co.hancock.oh.us

France: New Evidence in Botched Houston Castration Trial

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(PARIS, France) - New evidence is developing in the Houston castration case, via the Facebook page of Mrs. Jennifer Coias, in an entry dated August 18, 2009. Five weeks after the birth of the baby boy, Katherine Nadal was down in deep post-partum depression, a fact attested by her taking strong pain-killers (methadone notably, which is supposed to prevent from addiction) rather than being “high on drugs”, as unjustly reproached. Mrs Nadal has been condemned on a highly unbelievable and unproven assumption that she would have castrated her child, which she has constantly denied. She logically “showed no remorse at the 99 year sentence” as a prosecution-minded journalist emphasized, insinuating she would be a monster. Nevertheless, since no blood or ADN was found on either sharp instruments in the house or the dachshund, this pure hypothesis is doubtful. There was no blood on the keen-teeth hunter simply because it had greedily licked his chops and paws. Anyway, in this extreme supposition, Mrs. Nadal was insane, not guilty of extraordinary hateful vengeance against her husband with whom, besides, she had a mere argument, not a knife fight. It appeared at the sentencing, that hatred in the couple did not come from Mrs Nadal but from her high on hatred companion who, as she shouted: “I didn’t hurt him.”, screamed at her in response: “You abused him while he was still in the womb!”

Tortured for child support arrears, he did not owe

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Bardes, who lost 126 friends in the World Trade Center attack on September 11, wanted nothing more than to be a good dad and equal parent to his son and daughter. He didn't ask his wife to have an affair with the nanny's husband. And when his ex-wife moved their children to another state after the divorce, Bardes followed, twice.

Due to the children living in three states over a short period of time (PA, NC, SC) Bardes had all three states charging him child support, resulting in mistaken arrears. Bardes says he never willfully withheld child support, and documents related to his Federal court case (#02:08-487-PMD-RSC) support his claim.

Bardes developed severe depression after being treated like a criminal. He says they "seized assets, destroyed my credit ratings, destroyed my business and income, and my mental health." He lost so much weight he was "skin and bones." This man who once made $180,000 a year now had a hard time finding employment.'

Italian Court Rejects Defense Request to Throw Out Amanda Knox Indictment

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PERUGIA, Italy — An Italian court on Monday rejected defense lawyers' requests to throw out the murder indictments of an American student and her former boyfriend on trial for the slaying of her British roommate.

Lawyers for Amanda Knox and co-defendant Raffaele Sollecito, accused in the 2007 slaying of Meredith Kercher, had challenged key DNA findings in the case and asked the court to toss out the indictments. The indictments are partly based on DNA evidence.

Knox and Sollecito, who were both in court as the trial resumed after a summer break, deny wrongdoing.'

"...it was especially disrespectful because it was directed towards a woman..."

Matt · 14 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This particular incident wherein one performer interrupts another performer while she is giving an award acceptance speech is indeed an example of incivility and rudeness. No one denies that. The problem here is the way this story is discussed by this particular blogger. The most telling paragraph:

"Not only was Kanye's approach disrespectful, it was especially disrespectful because it was directed towards a woman--a teenage girl, actually. Taylor won't turn 20 until December. I can only imagine how her father feels. I'm sure he would like to have a talk to Kanye. I'm not related to her, and I'd like to have a talk with him."

What Mr. West did was indeed wrong and very poorly-thought-out. Of course he is entitled to his opinions about whether a certain award was given to the most deserving person. Grabbing a mic from someone else during their moment in the limelight however is just rude and uncivil. However his rudeness is neither more nor less exacerbated by the gender of the person he grabbed the mic from. As to her age, well, she's 19, and so, an adult. Had she been 17, there may have been a valid point to make, as adults are expected to refrain from setting bad examples to children or to do things that take advantage of their youthful vulnerability, with the point becoming more valid as the child's age decreases.

What I see in the blogger's comment is simply another example of chivalry, if not in action, then in intent.

The ego epidemic: How more and more of us women have an inflated sense of our own fabulousness

Michael · 14 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Us women are more egocentric and narcissistic than we ever used to be, according to extensive research by two leading psychologists.

More of us have huge expectations of ourselves, our lives and everyone in them. We think the universe resolves around us, with a deluded sense of our own fabulousness, and believe we are cleverer, more talented and more attractive than we actually are.

We have trouble accepting criticism and extending empathy because we are so preoccupied with ourselves.
...
She pointed out that she owned a gorgeous flat with gorgeous things in it, had a nice car, was a member of a fancy gym and wore designer dresses. 'I do what I like, when I like,' she said.

She'd been told, and appears to believe, that she's too successful and too well-educated for most men.'

Finland: Teenage girls more prone to violence against dating partners than boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Finnish boys aged 15 to 16 are more likely to experience violence from their dating partners than girls of the same age. The matter comes out in a study by the National Research Institute on Legal Policy.

An extensive survey on youth crime shows that 22 per cent of boys in a dating relationship had been hit at least once by their girlfriends. Only six per cent of girls had experienced similar events.

The most serious types of violence is striking someone with a fist or a hard object, or kicking. Nine per cent of boys and two per cent of girls had experienced such attacks.

Being grabbed, or prevented from moving was the only type of violence that girls experienced more often than boys. The figures were 19 per cent and 14 per cent respectively.

The results were not very surprising, and followed the lines of a survey conducted in 2004, says Venla Salmi, who conducted the present study.

She says that one likely reason for the greater amount of dating violence perpetrated by girls is attributable to attitudes. The threshold for girls to commit violent acts may be lower than for boys because violence perpetrated by girls is not taken as seriously as that committed by boys.'

Update: Castration "jokester" has no plans to resign

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FINDLAY - It may have been "ill-advised" to threaten to castrate an irate caller, but Hancock County Commissioner Emily Walton said Friday she has no plans to resign her elected office.

"Suffice to say, it was an ill-advised comment precipitated by my unsuccessful request that he treat our staff politely and with respect," said Dr. Walton, a long-time veterinarian.

...

"People disagree. They blow off steam. They use the Lord's name in vain, but this stunned me," Mr. Davidson said yesterday.

...

The comment may have shocked Mr. Davidson, but did not surprise those who know Dr. Walton.

"Emily's Emily. She's demonstrative," Mr. Ingold said. "She has brought a shovel in before at a meeting to demonstrate because she felt that all we get done is shoveling stuff that got left on our plate because the former commissioners didn't handle it. She's used her veterinary tools for emphasis on a number of occasions."'

Ottawa police charge woman with attempted murder

Matt · 15 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Report here.

'(Ottawa) – On Saturday, September 12, 2009, at approximately 3:21am, Ottawa Police responded to a report of an assault in the 1400 block of Caldwell Avenue. Upon arrival, officers located a 50-year-old man with what appeared to be puncture wounds consistent with those from a syringe.

The police investigation revealed that the victim had a verbal altercation with a 28-year-old woman. The woman stabbed the victim with a syringe while making death threats to the victim and a third party.

The Ottawa Paramedic Service treated the male victim at the scene and he is currently being treated for possible communicable disease contamination.

Angela ARVISAIS, 28-years-old, of Ottawa, has been charged with attempted murder and uttering death threats. She will appear in court today.'

Woman complains over loss of first place in women-only poker tourney to man

Matt · 15 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Suppose if a woman were in a "men-only" poker tourney (which as we know would not ever exist in a public forum) and she won it, and then the runner-up complained, do you suppose he'd get a lot of sympathy? Seems women can play on men's teams but not the other way around, even when physical skills have nothing to do with it. Excerpt:

'She was among more than 260 women who each put up $300 to play in the tournament, but when the dust cleared, Abraham Korotki, 65, of Ventnor City, N.J., took home the trophy and $20,982 first prize.
...
"When you're a woman and you play poker, 99 percent of the time you're at a table with nine men," Rowe, who won $11,889, said yesterday during a phone interview, adding that playing against a field of women is "something I look forward to.

"Why did he have to ruin it for us? Why would he do this?"

So what was a man doing in a game clearly meant for the XX chromosome set?
...
Borgata officials said that they were not aware of any other male participants, nor were any other men pointed out by female players.

Korotki insisted that Borgata staffers never told him that he couldn't play in the tournament and insisted that he wouldn't have made a fuss if he'd been asked to stay out of it.
...
Each acknowledged that earlier in the contest Korotki, after hearing from Rowe about her illness, purposely played a weak hand against her in hopes of helping her build her chip stack (she doubled her amount by winning the hand).'

"Why did he have to ruin it for us? Why would he do this?" -- Yep, one penis at the table ruins the entire thing for all the other people in the game who actually matter.

"The Girl Effect" links the end of poverty, etc. to "empowering adolescent girls"

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Off-linked from Drudge: here. If you use a Flash media blocker, you have to unblock it. The site is all-Flash.

I couldn't agree more that the primary way to getting out of poverty for the majority of people is getting a useful education. I simply want to point out that poor countries have a problem with children of both sexes not being educated well enough to do the kinds of things that can help their whole community live in a better fashion. By focusing on girls only, the other half of the population of third world nations' children are left out. And frankly I doubt that if half the population of a country is poor and educated and the other half is poor and uneducated, that there can be much political and economic stability anyway.

Barack Obama Celebrates Fifteenth Anniversary Of The VAWA

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Story here

Excerpt:

'Today, we commemorate a milestone in our Nation's struggle to end violence against women. Authored by then United States Senator Joe Biden and signed into law in September 1994, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was the first law to create a comprehensive response to this problem at the national level. This landmark achievement has helped our Nation make great strides towards addressing this global epidemic.

Despite this great progress, our Nation's work remains unfinished. More families and communities must recognize that the safety of our children relates directly to the safety of our mothers. Access to sexual assault services, especially in rural America, must be increased. American Indian and Alaska Native women experience the highest rates of violence, and we must make it a priority to address this urgent problem. We must also work with diverse communities to make sure the response to violence is relevant and culturally appropriate. We must prevent the homicide of women and girls who have suffered from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.'

Wrestler Kurt Angle Not Guilty Of Harassing Ex-Girlfriend

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Story here

Excerpt:

'ROBINSON TOWNSHIP, Pa. -- Kurt Angle, Pittsburgh's Olympic gold medalist and professional wrestling champion, was found not guilty of harassment and other charges were dropped on Tuesday stemming from the alleged stalking of his ex-live-in girlfriend.

Angle, 40, was arrested last month, shortly after Trenesha Biggers, 26, got a protection from abuse order against him in Moon Township and had police officers remove him from his house.

"All I can say is I've been completely innocent of any charges that have been brought to me and God has shown that today and my attorney has been able to prove it in court," Angle said outside District Judge Carla Swearingen's office.'

The XX Discount

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Get convicted of a crime as a FEMALE in the USA and sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act, as over 70,000 people were in 2007, and you can expect to receive on average a 40% lighter sentence than a man would get FOR THE SAME CRIME.

Stop controlling for crimes (as might make sense, as women are often charged with lesser crimes) and the discount goes up to 59% - that's right. Across the board, women were sentenced to 59% shorter sentences than men. :(

Article at M is for Malevolent

-M

Woman pleads guilty to violating Fritz Coleman restraining order

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Story here

Excerpts:

'Harbor College geography teacher Melanie Renfrew had inundated the KNBC weatherman with e-mails and letters. She could face jail time and a fine unless she refrains from contacting him.'

...

'Harbor Vice President Luis Rosas said Renfrew had received good evaluations from students and faculty in the more than 10 years she had taught there.

"We have had no reason to have been concerned," Spink, the college president, said.'

L.A. police confront woman holding her baby at knifepoint

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Story here

Excerpts:

'In one arm, she held a 4-month-old infant. The other hand wielded a knife.

As traffic sped by on 7th Street just west of Hope Street early Tuesday, several Los Angeles police officers surrounded Malika Johnson, 33, but the volatile nature of the situation demanded calm.'

...

'Johnson was booked on suspicion of child endangerment -- her fourth arrest for the same offense since 2004, said LAPD Lt. Paul Vernon.'

ACORN Worker Describes How She Killed Husband

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Story here

Excerpt:

'The video, from ACORN's San Bernardino, CA office, shows a single ACORN employee, who O'keefe identifies as Theresa Kaelke, telling O'Keefe and Giles that she had past experience in running an escort service, and also claiming to have shot and killed her abusive husband 10 years ago.

"And I ran a service, yeah. I have some experience in, in, in how not to get caught," Kaelke said at one point in the video.

Kaelke described the alleged shooting of her in some detail. She said that although he was abusive, he was not abusing her at the time of the shooting. She also said that she first "laid some ground work" by going to a women's shelter and pleading her case "so everyone in town would know that this was happening."

Kaelke said that her husband was coming towards her and, "then I just picked up the gun and said 'f*** you'. And I shot him. And he died. Right there."'

Video: "Undercover Video Captures ACORN Worker Describing How She Killed Husband"

DNA Evidence Clears Florida Man After 26 Years

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Story here

Excerpt:

'Anthony Caravella was ordered released after a private laboratory test revealed someone else's DNA at the crime scene.

Although it was once considered a rare and remarkable event, a growing number of defendants are being ordered freed from prison as DNA tests continue to uncover evidence of false confessions, shoddy police work, and questionable prosecution tactics.

Mr. Caravella's release on Thursday is conditional, pending further investigation. If the release order becomes permanent he will be the 243rd person freed by DNA evidence nationwide, the 11th in Florida, and the fourth in Broward County.

Seth Miller, executive director of the Innocence Project of Florida, says despite the proven success of such efforts it is becoming increasingly difficult for defense lawyers to pursue DNA testing.'

Humor: U.S. Condemned For Pre-Emptive Use Of Hillary Clinton Against Pakistan

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Ahh, The Onion! They really have come a long way. The addition of their Onion News Network was a stroke of genius. One example:

U.S. Condemned For Pre-Emptive Use Of Hillary Clinton Against Pakistan

Enjoy!

India: Woman-only trains popular (among women)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Up and down the jostling train, women repeated the same theme: As millions of women have poured into the Indian work force over the last decade, they have met with different obstacles in a tradition-bound, patriarchal culture, but few are more annoying than the basic task of getting to work.

The problems of taunting and harassment, known as eve teasing, are so persistent that in recent months the government has decided to simply remove men altogether. In a pilot program, eight new commuter trains exclusively for female passengers have been introduced in India's four largest cities: New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Calcutta.

The trains are known as Ladies Specials, and on one recent round trip in which a male reporter got permission to board, the women commuting between the industrial town of Palwal and New Delhi were very pleased.
...

Many men are not thrilled. Several female passengers said eve teasing was worse here in northern India than elsewhere in the country. As the Ladies Special idled on Track 7 at the station in Palwal, a few men glared from the platform. The Ladies Special was far less crowded, with clean, padded benches and electric fans, compared with the dirty, darkened train on Track 6 filled with sullen men. Vandals sometimes write profanities on the Ladies Special, or worse.
...
Then the train stopped, and Ms. Sharma stood up. Asked what more the government could do for women, she laughed.

"Oh my God, it is a long list," she said. "But I'm sorry, this is my station."'

15-YO girl sets fire to church with 50 people inside - fire dept. says she should get counseling

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Story here.

'A 15-year-old girl who allegedly worships Satan was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of lighting a fire at her Orangevale church.

The blaze occurred at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at the corner of Hazel and Cherry avenues.

Christian Pebbles of Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District said the teen made it clear why she started the blaze, which damaged church pews.

"She hates the church and she worships the devil," Pebbles said. "That's the reason why."

Pebbles said the teen was taken into custody on suspicion of felony arson.

"Well, you know, kids sometimes don't always like what their parents want them to do," said Annette Hilt, the suspect's mother. "Everybody knows that."

There were nearly 50 other church members inside when the blaze took place.

"The flames were about 4 feet high inside the chapel," church facilities director Pat Elmer said.

Fire officials said the goal is to make sure that the girl receives counseling, not to necessarily punish her.'

Professor Fired, Escorted from Campus by Police over Mysterious ‘Sexual Harassment’ Charge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA, September 15, 2009—The abuse of campus sexual harassment policies to punish dissenting professors has hit a new low at East Georgia College (EGC) in Swainsboro. Professor Thomas Thibeault made the mistake of pointing out—at a sexual harassment training seminar—that the school's sexual harassment policy contained no protection for the falsely accused. Two days later, in a Kafkaesque irony, Thibeault was fired by the college president for sexual harassment without notice, without knowing his accuser or the charges against him, and without a hearing. Thibeault turned to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) for help.

"If you were to write a novel about the abuse of sexual harassment regulations to get rid of a dissenter, you couldn't do better than the real-life story of Thomas Thibeault," FIRE President Greg Lukianoff said. "Anyone with a modicum of respect for freedom of speech or simple fairness should be aghast at this blatant abuse of power by East Georgia College."'

Private Child Support Collection Firm Accused of Scamming Innocent Fathers

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Private child support collection companies are one of the more noxious plagues afflicting divorced parents. In 2008, Fathers & Families led a successful campaign against Fox, which planned to air Bad Dads, a show which would glorify the role of private child support collectors. Fox dropped the show in the wake of our protests, which made 300 newspapers.
...
In April of this year, Lifetime announced plans to air the same show, rechristened Deadbeat Dads. Again Fathers & Families led a highly-publicized campaign against the show. Our Lifetime campaign was apparently successful–we had been told that Lifetime planned to begin airing the show in late July or early August, and it's now mid-September. To learn more, see our campaign page here.

As we noted during the campaign, private child support collection agencies often manhandle fathers and exploit and deceive custodial mothers. In fact, women's advocates, including the National Organization for Women, have repeatedly condemned these agencies for mistreating women.'

The Truth About Feminism - Suzanne Venker Responds to Critics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The reason people respond this way to those who argue against feminist thought is because college professors and the media have been so successful in preaching feminist theory that few dare to question their analysis. The other day I turned on the television and heard a female reporter say that the number of women in the workforce is about to surpass men -- but there was a caveat. "Women still do not earn as much as men. We still have a wage gap," she said.

The wage gap is feminists' signature phony assertion, used to assure Americans that women are still not viewed as men's equals. What that reporter won't tell you is that the wage gap between men and women exists b/c it reflects the choices most women in the country make -- willingly. The vast majority of women choose to make concessions for motherhood by opting to move in and out of the labor force as the needs of their families change. For some, this will mean women disappear from the marketplace for large chunks of time, thereby compromising their career trajectories.'

False rape, abuse allegations hard to prosecute

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(UNEDITED)In reference to Loretta Park's excellent article, "Deal offered in sex case," thank you so much for standing up against a most common and accepted corruption today - inequality and double standards coupled with abuse by many officials. This case will be very telling. Will they give Kimberlee Williams Arigot an equal appraisal and assign her teen rape case a fair market value, or sell it for pennies, or less, on the dollar?

Likewise, others and I have tried to find any prosecutor who will prosecute the pandemic of false domestic violence and rape allegations. We still can't find an honest prosecutor (Please clearly speak out, demonstrate it and show your track record for this if you are honest.). Prosecutors and their staffs have told many of us that they won't prosecute false abuse and rape accusers because it would frighten real victims from reporting. A testament to their true nature and interest in truth, equality and justice? Too many police, judges and others are just the same. If they are this corrupt in one area, it makes you wonder what else they are corrupt at?'

Woman jailed for false rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ESCANABA - A Gladstone woman who said she was brutally sexually assaulted last year was sentenced Tuesday to four months in Delta County Jail on two counts of attempted filing of a false report of a felony.

Amanda Chatterton Miller, 27, claimed she was sexually assaulted by a stranger on Feb. 27, 2008, in Brampton Township. She told police in the hospital emergency room she was kidnapped, beaten and raped, and also a victim of sodomy.

Following an intensive two-day hunt for the suspect, Miller confessed to police she had lied about being assaulted by a man who never existed. She told police she and her husband, Gilbert Tryan, made up the story so he wouldn't get in trouble.
...
In addition to the four months in jail, Davis ordered Miller to 18 months probation on each of the two counts of attempted filing of a false police report, to be served concurrently. She was also ordered to pay restitution to be determined, $526 in fines and costs, and attorney fees to be determined.'

UK: Female teacher facing jail for having 'sex' with 15-year-old pupil

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Madeleine Martin, 39, is facing jail after she admitted sexual activity with the boy at a school in Tameside, Greater Manchester, which cannot be named for legal reasons.

The teacher, who is now estranged from her husband, stood with her head bowed in the dock at Manchester Crown Court as she pleaded guilty to ten charges of sexual activity with a child under 16.
...
The judge told her that she would also be registered as a sex offender under the Sexual Offences Act and would also be investigated by the Independent Safeguarding Authority who would decide whether she should be banned from working with children or vulnerable adults.'

Canada: 45 days in jail for teacher who had 'sex' with boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'OSHAWA -- A former Durham Region teacher has been sentenced to 45 days in jail and a year of house arrest after admitting to a sexual relationship with a teenaged boy.

Jill Sparks, of Bowmanville, trembled visibly as she offered a tearful apology in an Oshawa courtroom Monday morning, often sobbing as she described the toll her crime and conviction have taken on herself and her family.
...
Justice Halikowski imposed a sentence of 45 days in jail in addition to a 12-month conditional sentence, during which Ms. Sparks will be confined to her home. She will be on the federal sex offenders list for 20 years and has been ordered to submit a sample of her DNA. She is prohibited for 10 years from working or volunteering with children.'

Oregon teacher jailed on 'sex' accusations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HEPPNER, Ore. — The Morrow County sheriff's office arrested a female teacher accused of having sex with two boys, 15 and 17.

The sheriff's office says 30-year-old teacher was taken into custody Monday and lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on charges of sexual misconduct and rape.
...
The sheriff's office says the incidents began before the end of the last school year and continued through the middle of July. Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard says she plans to present the case to a grand jury this week.

Superintendent Mark Burrows says the teacher has been a "super" teacher. The district placed her on administrative leave last week following accusations of inappropriate contact with minors.'

Canada: B.C. female teacher is given 6 months in jail and counseling for sexually assaulting student

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Story here.

'VANCOUVER, B.C. — A former private school teacher who sexually assaulted one of her teenaged students and then gossiped about it to his friends is going to jail for six months and will spend two years on probation.

A provincial court judge in Vancouver heard the teacher, who can't be named, convinced the Grade 11 student that if he were sexually active he would be more confident.

After the two had sex, the teen learned the woman had phoned two of his closest friends and talked about what they had done, his lack of experience and her frustration.

While the woman initially denied having sex with the student, she entered a guilty plea in May to touching for a sexual purpose while in a position of trust.

On top of the six-month jail term, the former teacher also has to give a sample of her DNA, can't have any contact with males between the ages of 14-and 18-years-old, and has been ordered to attend counselling.'

Teen admits to false sexual assault claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A high school girl who falsely reported she had been sexually assaulted by a classmate was put on 10 months probation Thursday in Sarnia court.

The 16-year-old pleaded guilty to making the false report to Sarnia police in the spring.

The girl and a male student went to a park near their school for consensual sexual activity before returning to school.

She later told police she had been assaulted by the boy.

A police investigation determined it was a false allegation but not before the boy was interviewed by police and the girl underwent a sexual assault examination at the hospital.

The girl admitted the allegation was false.

The girl's mental health issues played a large part in the false report, said defence lawyer Noelle Wright.

The boy had developmental issues but the girl did not take advantage of him during the incident, said Wright.'

Student recants sexual assault claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Friday afternoon, ISU Public Safety announced that the female victim in the reported sexual attack on Sept. 4 recanted her statement and is being charged with false informing.

The female in the case, Erin Conley, 19, a second semester non-preference major, reported Tuesday that she had been approached in the HMSU Commons in the early afternoon Friday by a man trying to sell her a magazine subscription, said Bill Mercier, director of ISU Public Safety. The man then asked to be shown around campus.

Conley reported that when they arrived at her room in the Lincoln Quads, he sexually attacked her.
...
Conley is being charged with false informing, a class D misdemeanor. She is scheduled to appear in Terre Haute City Courclass Dt on Sept. 16.'

Man Faces Deportation After 'Victim' Falsely Accused Him Of Rape

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Story here.

'Sexual assault charges against a man set for trial were dropped in state Superior Court Friday after the complainant changed her story.

Henry Flores-Guardado, 37, had been charged with sexual assault of a spouse or cohabitor after the mother of his children told police he pinned her on their living room floor and forced her to have sex in June 2008.

"She maintained the allegations until, frankly, yesterday," said the prosecutor, Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Valdez.

She told an investigator for the defense that the entire story was false, Valdes said.

Judge Gary White dismissed the charges. But Flores-Guardado is being held and will likely be deported, Valdes said.'

Former WWE CEO with groin-kicking track record seeking Senate seat

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – Pro wrestling executive Linda McMahon (link added) has never been shy about wading into the ring — and now she's plotting a smackdown of Connecticut Sen. Christopher Dodd.

World Wrestling Entertainment Inc. said Wednesday McMahon has resigned as the company's chief executive to seek the Republican nomination for Dodd's Connecticut seat, providing a show-business twist to one of the nation's marquee Senate races.
...
McMahon and her family have been occasional performers. McMahon, who typically worked behind the scenes at the WWE, has said she's appeared in portions of the shows at least several dozen times during her more than 25-year-career. One video on the Internet shows her in the ring, appearing to kick a man in the groin.
...
McMahon could face criticism for some unsavory aspects of WWE's programming, particularly its sexually suggestive and violent themes. There could also be questions about whether her candidacy is motivated at least in part as a public relations ploy.

"At some level it's not a surprise that someone with a lot of money who is bored in her job would run," said Roy Occhiogrosso, a veteran Democratic strategist and Dodd supporter. "It certainly lends itself to all kinds of interesting metaphors."'

Woman Accused of Cutting Baby From Womb Held on $500G Bail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WORCESTER, Mass. — A woman accused of kidnapping a baby girl who had been cut from her mother's womb has been ordered held on $500,000 cash bail.

Julie Corey was arraigned on a kidnapping charge Wednesday in Worcester after being extradited to Massachusetts from New Hampshire.

Authorities arrested Corey on July 29 after finding her with the baby at a homeless shelter in Plymouth, N.H.'

Domestic Violence 101: What good is a plea agreement

Anonymous · 17 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This article in the Tucson Abusive Relationships Examiner neglects the abuse of justice in pressuring for plea agreements based on verbal accusations alone. Excerpt:

'But the case is strong, you are going to testify, so why would they offer a plea agreement?

Because it's a guarantee. A trial depends on 8 to 12 people who listen to the facts and decide whether your attacker is guilty or not. In the eyes of the law. As a victim, you already know full well what he/she has done.

A plea agreement also saves money. I'm pretty sure, especially with the economy as is that that needs not be explained.

A defendant who knows he/she is guilty may feel free to continue lying about it, but still knows they will probably be convicted. The plea is generally for a lesser charge, with a lower sentence. If he/she is charged with 5 years, they may offer only one. This encourages the defendant to stop lying, admit what they did and pay for their crimes.'

Hofstra student recants gang rape story

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Story here. Excerpt:

'EAST MEADOW, N.Y. — Four New York men were released from jail Wednesday and authorities dismissed charges that they gang-raped a Hofstra University student after the 18-year-old woman recanted her story.

"I'm so happy the truth finally came out," said Stalin Felipe, 19, outside the Nassau County Jail in East Meadow where he and the other three had just been released Wednesday night.

Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice said in a statement late Wednesday that the woman told law enforcement officials that the sex encounter in a dormitory men's room was consensual.

Rice said a county judge then dismissed the charges against the four men and ordered their release. She said her office has launched a criminal investigation into the woman's statements.'

Ed.: Story also covered here. I wonder if charges for making false statements and false accusations will be forthcoming - or will this young woman, like the recent church fire-bug, merely get "sentenced" to counseling?

SUNY Plattsburgh: Women Studies Department Offers Course In 'Men and Masculinity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men and Masculinities, a new general education course, has been added to the curriculum, as well. It was first offered in fall '08, with only three male students. The course quickly gained popularity, being offered online in both winter and summer. This semester 43 students enrolled in the course,one-third of them being men.
...
"It's a transformative experience for them. It gives them the opportunity to talk about what it means to be a man," says Sharoni. "They can relate to the material and they do great work in the class. At the same time, women are very excited to study gender alongside men as it is clear that men have a crucial role to play in the struggle for gender justice."
...
"Gender and Women's Studies is relevant to everyone that advocates social, economic, and political equality," says Brandon. "Men especially need to take an interest in the subject as members of the culture that promotes superiority over women."'

Woman accused of threatening to claim rape charged with extortion

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Article here. Excerpt:

'King County prosecutors have filed second-degree extortion charges against a Renton woman accused of threatening to report a former lover as a rapist if he didn't pay her $2,000.

In court documents, Mercer Island police contend that Jeanine Ann Gessner began harassing the man after he broke a date with her to attend a pre-season Seahawks game on Aug. 22.

An instant message exchange between Gessner and the man included in court filings shows a marked shift in her attitude toward him following the broken date. Initially loving, the writer whom prosecutors allege to be Gessner ultimately sent the man dozens of threatening messages.'

Indiana State University student who falsely reported rape faces community service as punishment

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Story here.

'The Indiana State University student who said she was raped and recanted her story could get a unique sentence.

Wednesday morning, 19-year-old Erin Conley pleaded guilty to False Informing.

The Vigo County Prosecutor will ask the Victim's Assistance office if Conley can do community service with them.

A deputy prosecutor told us they want Conley to work with actual crime victims in hopes this teaches her a valuable lesson.

It's also something they've never done before.

Conley will be sentenced September 25th.'

UM's Innocence Clinic Wants Man Accused of Rape Freed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ANN ARBOR, MI (Michigan Radio) - David Moran calls the 1986 trial against Karl Vinson a "scientific train wreck."

Moran is co-director of the Michigan Innocence Clinic at U of M. He says prosecutors presented false evidence at the original trial, including the fact that they called Vinson a "non-secretor," meaning his blood type wouldn't show up in any semen found at the scene of the crime.
...
"We know," says Moran, "and the evidence shows, and every scientist we've consulted says that he is conclusively exonerated."'

Councilman's wife arrested for assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BULLHEAD CITY - Police arrested the wife of a Bullhead City Council member on Monday following a domestic violence incident at the couple's home.

Cyndie Renee McClure, 52, was arrested on suspicion of assault and disorderly conduct, both per domestic violence, at approximately 7:30 p.m. Monday in the 1500 block of Garnet Lane.

John “Mickey” McClure, 67, allegedly told police that he and his wife had been drinking at the Elks Lodge and that his wife got mad at him when they returned home and punched him in the face.'

Canton man stabbed in chest; wife arrested

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CANTON — A Canton man was stabbed in the chest during an argument early Thursday morning and his wife was jailed.

Tanisha Baker, 35, of 1462 Gibbs Ave. NE, was booked into the Stark County Jail on a felonious assault charge and held in lieu of $50,000 bond, jail records said.

Canton Police reports said Anthony J. Baker, 34, of the same address, was stabbed in the chest with a knife during an argument at their home at 4 a.m.

The records did not provide details about the argument.'

Woman arrested in stabbing of 11 year old boy

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Article here

'An 11-year-old Fresno boy was hospitalized Wednesday after he was stabbed by a 25-year-old woman, police said.

The victim suffered injuries to his chest, collarbone and back that were not considered life-threatening, police spokesman Jeff Cardinale said.

He was in stable condition Wednesday night at Community Regional Medical Center.

Police arrested the woman and booked her into jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Police have recovered an ink pen.'

MSNBC: The Superiority of Wives

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Article here. Okay, get the barf bag ready: wives are indeed the better half. MSNBC and psychologist Carin Rubenstein say so. Women do it all; men do next to nothing. Excerpt:

'It turns out that a majority of married couples — about two out of three — are just like us: the wife is the one who can't get hit by a truck. She's the one who develops expertise in nearly all aspects of modern life; she becomes the de facto master of the marital domain while also earning a significant part of the family income.

It's as if by taking on a husband, a wife gains a dependent — not quite a child, but not quite a true partner either. She's Marge Simpson to her husband's Homer. This arrangement does not characterize every single married couple, of course, just a great many of them. While husbands may joke about wives being their "better half," quite often it's the literal truth. Wives are the better half — the ones who are capable and responsible, organized and efficient, caring and involved.
...
The superiority of wives has become the only remaining fact of modern life that dare not speak its name.'

Men’s Lost Decade: How Smoke and Cholesterol Shorten Life Span

Michael · 18 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sept. 18 (Bloomberg) -- Men who smoke and let fat clog their arteries die a decade earlier than those who don’t.

Scientists looking for a connection between life expectancy and cardiovascular risk factors combed through the Whitehall study, a survey of 19,019 male civil servants that started in London in the late 1960s.

They found that those who had high blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoked in middle age died about 10 years earlier than the others after reaching age 50. The findings are published in the latest edition of the British Medical Journal. The reduction in life expectancy was even greater when the researchers factored in body mass index and diabetes.

In the study, the researchers found smoking shortened life by about six years and married men tended to live about two years longer.'

Dr. Dean Edell debunks circumcision as weapon against AIDS

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Video here. More on Dr. Edell is found here. Excerpt:

'In 1978, Edell began broadcasting regularly on KGO AM 810 radio in San Francisco. The Dr. Dean Edell radio program has been in continuous production since then, and is currently (2005) syndicated to 90 markets by Premiere Radio Networks, and airs weekday afternoons on America's Talk on XM Radio. Its opening theme music (presently, in 2008) is "You Get What You Give" by New Radicals.

The program's format includes commentary from Edell and medical-related calls from listeners. He reports recent developments in medical science and exposes fraud whenever he sees it, which is often, particularly in the area of food supplements, opposition to vaccinations and holistic healing. He frequently summarizes complicated medical material into language that is easily understood by laymen, and is fond of tackling controversial concepts from a viewpoint based on the scientific method. His scientific and objective approach to presenting "just the medical facts as backed by the scientific proof" often draw the ire of those with hidden political, religious and/or financial agendas.'

Rape accusation 'traumatizing,' former suspect says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (CNN) -- Four young men falsely accused of raping an 18-year-old student at Hofstra University were trying to return to their normal lives Friday after an ordeal that two of them described as traumatic.
...
Authorities dropped charges and freed the four men hours after their accuser changed her story about having been forcibly tied up and sexually assaulted in a dormitory bathroom.
...
The woman recanted her story Wednesday after authorities told her that part of the incident was recorded on a cell phone video, Rice said.

"That was when she began to tell the truth," she said.
...

Authorities have not released the accuser's name.

"I believe that it is a question of potential safety for her, and the investigation is ongoing," Rice said.

It is against the law to report a crime when there was not one, Rice said. Authorities gave no indication whether the woman may face charges.

"Her actions and her demeanor depict a very troubled young woman in need of much help," Rice said.'

Michelle Obama: Health Care is a Women's Issue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First Lady Michelle Obama made the case Friday morning that health care reform is a women's issue and called on female activists to support President Obama's reform plan.

"Health insurance reform and what it means for our families is very much a women's issue," Obama said, speaking to a group of female advocacy leaders at the White House. "If we want to ensure women have opportunities that they deserve, if we want women to be able to care for their families and pursue things they could never imagine, then we have to reform the system."'

Blog: 'False Rape Accusations and Rape Culture'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Both rape and rape accusations are products of the roles assigned by rape culture. In the traditional seduction scenario, a woman is expected to not desire to have sex, and to only submit after the man has successfully coerced her into submission. When the preferred model for consensual sex looks a hell of a lot like rape, an array of fucked-up scenarios are inevitable: the woman never wanted to fuck the guy, refuses to submit, and is raped; the woman submits to the man's coercion in order to avoid other negative consequences (like being raped); the woman had desired the sex all along, but must defend her femininity by saying that she had been coerced into sex. Thankfully, a good deal of modern men and women reject these antiquated ideas, but they're far from being banished from the sexual landscape. Especially when that landscape involves four men, one woman, and freshman year of college.'

Roethlisberer's lawyer: Accuser's attorney fostered unfounded rape accusations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Attorneys for Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberer have formally asked a Nevada court to sanction the lawyer for the woman who accused him of rape.

Roethlisberger's attorneys claim that Cal Dunlap, the lawyer for Andrea McNulty, allowed her to bring forth a civil suit alleging rape when he knew the story was not true.

In court papers, Roethlisberger's team team said that Dunlap "welded together false allegations to punish (the plaintiff's) employer and coerce a windfall from an admired, civic minded and successful professional football star."'

MND: Where Are All the Men's Organizations?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The absence of strong men's organizations became painfully evident recently in Sweden when there was a prominent debate in the media about male circumcision (there is no Swedish tradition to circumcise men, but we have lots of Muslim immigrants and also a small Jewish community that practise circumcision). The only ones who spoke up against male circumcision were a few male surgeons who refused to perform the procedure, even though the Swedish government has ordered hospitals to offer this service to those who want it. A survey later showed that two thirds of surgeons were reluctant to circumcise healthy boys.

Anyhow, the main point is that no men's organization spoke up because there are no men's organizations in Sweden that could speak up. Where the men's groups should have been, was only a compact vacuum.

This is a stark contrast to the numerous women's organizations that exist in Sweden, feminist or otherwise. The end result is that male circumcision is still allowed in Sweden, even though female circumcision has been banned for almost three decades (Swedish people don't practise that either, but some African immigrants do).
...
...no substantial progress will be made until men self-organize into larger units that can then speak out for men's rights. Individual efforts are great, but in the long run organizations have more staying power than any one individual.'

Woman ordered son, friends to beat up teen, police say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- A Maryland mother faces assault charges for allegedly ordering a group of teens to beat up a 14-year-old who was stabbed in the ensuing melee, Baltimore County police said Friday.

Kimberley Lyn Cudanin, 34, told her 16-year-old son and at least four of his friends to attack Malaki Malloy as retaliation for a recent assault against her 14-year-old son, police said in a news release.

On Saturday night, Cudanin drove some of the teens to where Malloy was, about a mile from her home, police said. Those teens and others at the scene then beat and stabbed Malloy and three friends who were with him, police said.

Malloy was released from the University of Maryland Medical Center's shock trauma center Monday, hospital spokeswoman Cindy Rivers said Friday.

Cudanin and her son Andre were arrested Monday and face first- and second-degree assault charges, police spokesman Bill Toohey said.'

American Prospect: 'Combating the Campus Rape Crisis'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why hasn't it worked? Perhaps it's because making rape prevention the responsibility of young women teaches students that guys can't be expected to be responsible for their own actions. Not surprisingly, that results in student bodies eager to let rapists off the hook and campus policies (like the one recently implemented at Tufts that forces victims into "mediation" with their rapists) that treat rape as an unfortunate disagreement instead of like the violent crime it is. Make no mistake about the danger of these equanimous attitudes -- in his 2002 landmark study of 1,882 male college students in the Boston area, Dr. David Lisak demonstrated that most campus rapes are perpetrated not by well-meaning boys confused about consent but by repeat-offender sociopaths who know exactly what they're doing. Treating rape like an unfortunate but understandable miscommunication doesn’t just deny victims justice and downplay the traumatic nature of the experience -- it allows rapists to remain free to rape again and again.'

2009 Value Voter Summit: A "new masculinism" needed to compliment a "new feminism"

johndias · 19 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Information here. Political conservatives are putting on a conference today, Saturday September 19, in Washington, D.C. One of the breakout sessions is entitled, "The New Masculinity," and calls for a redefinition of masculinism and feminism as "compliments" to each other. You can watch the conference live (Eastern Standard Time, GMT -5). From the schedule:

2009 Value Voters Summit
Date: Saturday, September 19
Sponsored by FRC Action: The legislative action arm of the Family Research Council

Breakout session #2:

"THE NEW MASCULINITY"
Time: 4:15-5:00 p.m.
Place: Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Room: Congressional A

Speakers:
Dr. Pat Fagan -- Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Family and Religion, Family Research Council;
Michael Schwartz -- Chief of Staff, Senator Tom Coburn (R-Okla.);
Dr. Matthew Spalding, Director; B. Kenneth Simon -- Center for Studies, The Heritage Foundation

Abstract:
Feminism has wreaked havoc on marriage, women, children and men. It is time to redress the disorder it has wrought and that must start with getting the principles and ideals for a new "masculinism" right. Such a "masculinism" will have its dovetailing counterpart in **a new "feminism"** for they mutually define each other and, in nature, are meant to be complementary. This panel will begin this exploration.

Israel: Violent female soldier caught on camera

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Here's a great example of how extremely violently women can freely behave in Israel without getting punished at all. You can watch and see it in this video.

A male soldier get into a bus, the driver asking him to step out only because there's no empty seat left in the bus but he refuses. A female soldier getting angry on him, assaulting him using both physical and verbal violence in order to throw him out of the bus. I can't even translate what she say because it's so extremely vulgar!

The Israeli media did show this story but covered her face in order to protect her, as they mostly do with female criminals.

Calif. pastor jailed for drugging, abusing 5 girls

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'MORENO VALLEY, Calif. - A California pastor has been sentenced to life in prison for beating and drugging her five adopted daughters and locking them in a garage.

Jessica Banks, 65, received consecutive life terms Friday after being convicted in July of sexually abusing two of her daughters and forcing all the sisters to go without food for days.

Banks was arrested in 2005 after one emaciated girl was found lying outside a Moreno Valley business.

Prosecutors say the sisters, who were ages 4 to 11 at the time, lived in a hidden room in Banks' garage with no air conditioning or heating.

They attended school at the Word of Life Apostolic Church, where Banks was pastor.'

State computer glitch causes overcharges in child-support cases

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Excerpt:

'TRENTON -- A local attorney has uncovered a glitch in the software the state uses to calculate child support awards, prompting an investigation into how widespread the problem is, officials have confirmed.

Robert Rottkamp Jr., who practices law in Ewing, discovered the problem when a state-support order issued against his client claimed the man owed $16 more each week than Rottkamp's own software indicated.

He advised a Superior Court judge of the discrepancy, and she took the matter up with the state Administrative Office of the Court. The ensuing investigation revealed an error in the software. The state is now looking into the ramifications of that problem.

"At this point, we don't know exactly what happened, how often it occurred or the number of people it affected," said Tami Kendig, a spokeswoman for the AOC.

Last year, state courts handled 67,387 divorce cases and 158,587 nondissolution cases involving unmarried couples with shared children or assets. Not all of the cases involved child support, Kendig said. Nor did they all utilize the faulty software, she added.'

Wendy McElroy: 'Kids are like the Gorgon. Do not gaze too long'

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'For many months I have been crying out against the political hysteria that currently surrounds issues of child abuse, child sexuality, etc. The witch hunt has made men into presumed criminals if they manifest the most innocent of behavior -- e.g. kiss their own child in public, snap a photo in which a child happens to be present even if the child is their own, make or hold eye contact with children, sit on a bench near a public school or park... The following is one of the emails I receive from men who are presumed guilty by society by virtue of being male.'

Women’s Group Presses Judge in Monserrate Trial

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Excerpt:

'The National Organization for Women in New York State is calling on the judge trying State Senator Hiram Monserrate on domestic violence charges to give him “the maximum sentence allowable by law.”

But Mr. Monserrate has not yet gone on trial on charges that he slashed his companion’s face during an argument on Dec. 19 — that starts on Monday in State Supreme Court in Queens. And he certainly has not been convicted.

To the outrage of his lawyers, the women’s group is asking its supporters to reach out to the jurist who is hearing the case as judge and jury. Mr. Monserrate decided this week to have his guilt or innocence decided by a judge in a bench trial rather than by a 12-member jury of his peers.

Joseph Tacopina, Mr. Monserrate’s lead lawyer, who was alerted to the campaign by one of the senator’s constituents who had received the appeal, called it “inappropriate, improper and offensive” and said he would offer a legal objection when the case opens on Monday.

“They’re trying to improperly persuade the fact finder,” Mr. Tacopina said in an interview. “It’s akin to writing a letter to a juror.”

Examiner: Why women are attracted to bad boys, thugs, and players

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Excerpt:

'The man that a woman deems to be "too nice" does not, BY HER INDIVIDUAL STANDARDS, present himself as the image of masculine power, strength, confidence, charisma, energy, sexuality, decisiveness, or character.

Too nice also means:

You are a wimp in that woman's eyes... milquetoast, sensitive and soft like a woman.

you are confused about what to do and how to do it to protect yourself when you see a game being run.

you have low self esteem and don't demand respect from the women you date in an effort to please, which comes across as groveling.

you are always there for people that are never there for you. Too nice means your family knows you are an easy tap for rent money after they spent theirs gambling in Reno.

your boss has no problem calling you in do work and assignments on the weekend, even though s/he knows you have plans with your family.'

Carleton suspends entire women's soccer team over 'rookie initiation'

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Full Story

OTTAWA — Carleton University suspended its women's soccer team on Friday after a rookie initiation party ended with a player being taken to the hospital by ambulance following excessive drinking.

It is believed that a team party last Sunday saw one player so incoherent from alcohol that an ambulance took her to the hospital.

The team will not participate in weekend games against the University of Toronto and Ryerson University and Carleton's athletic department will meet with individual players on Monday to decide if the suspension should be extended.

Jennifer Brenning, Carleton's Director of Recreation and Athletics, refused to discuss specifics, but said the entire team seriously breached the code of conduct set out by the athletic department and the university.

...

"It was a get-together of the entire team, to hold a rookie initiation," said Brenning. "The team met without the coach (Andy McNutt) Sunday and it involved the entire team. The coach found out about (the incident) on Wednesday and contacted (the athletic department). We started an investigation and found a breach of the code of conduct. We met with the entire team (Friday) and outlined the severity of their actions.

"In this situation, they all participated. They've all been suspended. In the past, we have suspended individual players for abuse of alcohol or other issues, but this is the entire team."

The athletic department's code of conduct says, "varsity athletes are expected to separate themselves from any conduct that might be considering unsporting or that might bring their own reputation, the reputation of the team, the University or their sport, into disrepute.

"Examples of unsporting behaviour include participation in any form of hazing, or any initiation rite, which would be considered demeaning, humiliating or disrespectful as measured by the standard of the reasonable person. (Participation will be deemed to include passive participation, or failure to act to end such behaviour by others where one reasonably knew, or ought to have known, it was taking place)."

"We will meet with individual players on Monday to make a decision on what the next step is for the program, in terms of whether there are further suspensions, and in terms of whether there's any more discipline," said Brenning. "We hope the team learns something and hopefully there's a lesson out there for other teams."

Men Underrepresented in 7 of 10 Grad School Fields

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'The Council of Graduate Schools just released data on graduate schools... Women represented 58.9% of all graduate students in 2008, meaning that there were 143 women enrolled in graduate school for every 100 men. Further, women were overrepresented in 7 out the 10 fields of graduate study and underrepresented in three fields (business, engineering and physical sciences).

Q: Why does the under representation of women in engineering, math and science get so much more attention than the under representation of men in arts and humanities, biology, education, health sciences, public administration, and social sciences? After all, male graduate students are about as underrepresented in fields like health sciences (20.1% male, and 398 women per 100 men), education (24.8% male) and public administration (25.5% male) as women are underrepresented in engineering (22% female).'

No yardstick for child’s best interest

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“What is in the interest of the child?” is the question that must be asked in all situations in which legal decisions have to be made about the welfare of children.

But the answer is indeterminate and indeterminable.

While sounding noble, in practice this concept is nothing more than a blank screen upon which decision makers, mental health professionals, welfare workers, lawyers, religious leaders and politicians are invited to project their own beliefs and values.

A decision or belief in one context about what is in the best interests of a child would differ from person to person, place-to-place, culture to culture and generation to generation.

What was considered to be in the best interest of a child in Victorian times is very different from what is considered in the best interest of a child today.'

No charges against false accuser in Hofstra case

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Video here. The DA goes on with the usual "this is a rare case of false accusation" and how we can't let this get in the way of going after accused rapists, etc., etc. She also mentions toward the end how the accused should also be treated fairly. Yeah, right.

No telling why teacher's sex charge reduced

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Story here

Excerpt:

'YAKIMA, Wash. -- An East Valley High School teacher has pleaded not guilty to sex charges involving a student; however, a charge of sexual misconduct has been mysteriously reduced from what prosecutors initially said they had filed.

Earlier this week, deputy prosecutor Sam Chen said he didn't know why the charges filed in Yakima County Superior Court were actually for second-degree sexual misconduct -- a gross misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison.

In a phone message Monday, Chen blamed any perceived "double standard" on overblown media coverage.

"The difference is in the media, which seems to portray the sexual misconduct with female teachers as opposed to male teachers more," he said.

"It goes beyond sex cases. The criminal justice system, in my perception, is far more lenient to women accused of serious crimes than they are to men," Trejo said.

"Why do they do that? I think there's a perception that the woman is not a violent offender ... and there-fore is treated with gentle hands, with kid gloves."'

GROWTH INDUSTRY: False Rape Accusers Earning Big Bucks And Book Deals

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Excerpt:

'According to reports, the crime of "bearing false witness" is rarely tracked or punished, and the context in which it is usually raised is highly politicized.

Now, a new pattern of making big bucks for these false accusers is emerging through back door deals ranging from personal appearances on shows like Oprah, book deals and cash donations from sympathetic and concerned citizens across the country.

Most recently, in fact, this month, a new case evolved where a young coed accused five men of gang raping her in a dorm bathroom. Four of the men were arrested and jailed while police searched for the fifth suspect. This all came about at Hofstra University in Mineola, NY. Hofstra was in the news earlier during the presidential race when the last debate was held there in 2008.

Just one example is the Duke lacrosse scandal where exotic stripper Crystal Mangum, accused three members of the Duke team of sexually assaulting her while she was dirty dancing at a frat party.

NOW, she is cashing in with her new tell all book titled "The Last Dance for Grace… The Crystal Mangum Story." As one person told us, maybe it should be titled "Last Chance to Cash In."'

Police say woman recanted her report of rape

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Excerpt:

'It began Friday night with phone calls to police about a woman running on a downtown Keene street in only a shirt and underwear, saying she had been raped.

After she changed her story, it ended Saturday afternoon in assault charges against her boyfriend and an investigation against the woman for a false report, police said.

At the hospital, Wheeler retracted the claim, and instead said that Michelewicz had pushed her to the ground during an argument, Maxfield said.

Michelewicz, who co-hosts the Cheshire TV libertarian-centric show Free Minds TV was arrested at the couple's home at 8 Town St., on Saturday afternoon and charged with simple assault.

He was later released on $1,000 personal recognizance until his arraignment on Oct. 5, and ordered not to contact Wheeler or go within 100 yards of her, Maxfield said.'

SHAWNE MERRIMAN FALSELY ACCUSED OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Excerpt:

'San Diego Charger's stud linebacker Shawne Merriman was arrested on September 6 for allegedly choking his girlfriend Tila Tequila Nguyen at his home and holding her against her will. Both charges were felonies under California law as according to San Diego County Sheriff's Lieutenant Gary Steadman, Tequila signed an arrest warrant against Merriman. Merriman was released from jail that morning shortly after 11 a.m. According to authorities, Tequila Nguyen did not appear to be hurt, but because she signed a formal complaint the police had no choice but to take Merriman into custody. Merriman contended he was trying to assist an imbibed Tequila Nguyen, to prevent her from driving; while facilitating her desire to get home safely. Clearly, this was a high profile case of he said, she said.'

According to a report from Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Violence Reporting (RADAR) - post 1994 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), California passed legislation that targeted preferential/mandatory arrests in alleged domestic violence cases, and men as the primary aggressors. So, Merriman now knows why Lady Justice was unfair to him when the police arrived. Sure, in the end he was legally exonerated, but his reputation and character have been sullied due to the negative media exposure.

Hofstra Accuser Hiding Out In New York City

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Excerpt:

'She's been kicked out of college and is facing possible criminal charges. The woman who wrongly accused five men of rape is hiding out

Hofstra students told CBS 2 HD on Thursday night the case makes them angry.

"Her false accusations hurt a lot of people. Yes, it hurt the gentlemen who spent time it jail. It hurt the university. It hurt the university's reputation and it hurt Nassau County financially," student Zach Parker said.

"I think full charges should be pressed against her because that's just not right," Robert Koulakjian said.'

UK: 'Ladies only can park Heer!'

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Excerpt:

'Bosses at Heerema Hartlepool have cited reasons such as needing to find more spaces because of its growing workforce and trying to bring an end to an ongoing row which alleges that bays had been set up specifically for women.

Company officials spoke to the Mail after an irate worker at the site in Greenland Road sent a photograph to the Mail which had been posted in one of the parking areas and which claimed it was a women's only parking area.

The worker, who did not wish to be named, said it was gender discrimination and added: "The battle over women's parking has been an ongoing thing for over a year when Heerema put up signs stating that a certain area of the car park was reserved.'

More On Plattsburgh's Women's Studies Program

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Excerpts:

'The Department of Gender and Women's Studies offers an array of diverse courses that cover a plethora of disciplines.

"We've been seeing a steady increase in students, and a lot of it is because of the Men and Masculinity course," Sharoni said.

...

The department focus has shifted from just women and their differences to gender and what it means to be male or female in a specific society.

...

"And the focus on gender allows us to also shift to issues that affect men, while continuing to focus on issues that affect women.

"One challenge is not to stereotype men. We see men in all societies who resist stereotypical, patriarchal models and the new models they present."

Critics claim gender studies is an attempt to take over the feminist agenda with studies on masculinity.'

Official: Charges 'likely' for Hofstra false rape accuser

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The woman who falsely accused four men of gang-raping her in a Hofstra University dormitory bathroom is "likely" to face charges this week, a law enforcement official said, as the case became fodder for Nassau District Attorney Kathleen Rice's election opponent.

The woman, an 18-year-old freshman who has not been identified by authorities, probably will be charged "within days," said the official, who spoke Sunday on condition of anonymity because the probe is ongoing.

Nassau police and the district attorney's office are awaiting "a few pieces of corroborating evidence," the official said.
...
Watson, who was in charge of sex-crime prosecutions under former District Attorney Denis Dillon, said Rice should have charged the young woman "immediately."
...
While Rice has called the female student "a very troubled young woman in need of some help," Watson said decisions about "leniency" should be made "after charges have been brought."

Man faces dismal life after rape accusation, jail time

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'He was accused of rape and jailed for more than three months before officials realized they couldn't prove their case. The woman, a mental patient, apparently lied, prompting even the prosecutor to call her the most “out-of-touch-with-reality victim he'd ever seen.”

But the accusation did its damage — emotionally and financially. He has nothing left.

“Even being cleared, there is a fog that's quite heavy that hangs over me,” Doke said. “You can't get rid of it.”
...
Doke was jailed for that incident, but he was acquitted of all charges except one: obstructing a peace officer. While in jail, a female friend, Barbara, wrote to him every day. Then, later, he put a new engine in her truck, but he wouldn't return it to her until she paid him for it. She told police he stole it. He earned a misdemeanor theft by receiving charge, for which he remains on probation today.'

The Happiness Gap is back is back is back is back

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'What may be the most widely-discussed statistical over-interpretation in history is coming around for the third time. The first gust front of commentary blew in with David Leonhardt in the NYT Business Section in September of 2007, echoed a few days later by Steven Leavitt in the Freakonomics blog. In May of 2009, Ross Douthat's NYT column recycled the same research for another round of thumb-sucking. And the same material has just been promoted again by Arianna Huffington...

...

People love this story. They love to speculate about the reasons for the trend — the favorites are variants of "too much feminism" and "not enough feminism" — and to tell us about their own happiness or lack thereof. Tens of thousands of readers, across the repeated reprises of this story in the mass media, have commented on various newspaper and weblog sites. In a certain sense, this tidal wave of response validates the story, which clearly resonates with something in the spirit of the times. But in fact, the empirical basis for all this fuss is so thin as to be practically non-existent.

...

To Arianna Huffington, this means that "women are becoming more and more unhappy", while "men … have gotten progressively happier over the years". To Maureen Dowd, this means that "Before the ’70s, there was a gender gap in America in which women felt greater well-being. Now there’s a gender gap in which men feel better about their lives." Ross Douthat described these numbers with the generalization "In postfeminist America, men are happier than women."

All of these statements are either false or seriously misleading. Maybe, if you look at the data through a sophisticated statistical model, you can support a conclusion about the relative signs of the long-term-trends for males and females. But any way you slice and dice it, there's not much there there.'

Australia: Elite school to fix gender gap

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Story here. Excerpt:

'EXCLUSIVE Adelaide private school Pembroke is about to become even more so - particularly if you're a male.

The Kensington Park school has been granted a three-year exemption to anti-discrimination laws, allowing it to correct a gender imbalance within its junior ranks.

Boys will be turned away from Years 1 and 6, and girls will be turned away from Year 4.

The ruling by the Equal Opportunity Tribunal comes after the recent expiration of a previous similar exemption granted to the school in 2006.

According to evidence provided by the school to the Equal Opportunity Tribunal of SA, 61 per cent of Pembroke's 2010 enrolment for Year 1 and 6 will be boys, while Year 4 will be 60 per cent girls.'

Speaker teaches men to avoid abuse, sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It has been said that "It's a man's world," but some of us take that way too literally. In fact, sometimes such sexism can turn deadly.

"The foundation of manhood is not all that different for most men," said Tony Porter, co-founder of the group A Call to Men, which deals with issues of domestic abuse and sexual violence against women.

Porter, a nationally recognized public speaker, will be in Milwaukee and Madison this week to hold training sessions sponsored by various groups dealing with the issue.

Porter has held similar training sessions for the U.S. military, assorted colleges and universities and even the United Nations. He said his goal is to teach men to avoid the pitfalls of abusive and sexist attitudes toward women.
...
Porter has gained a national reputation for telling men how to do right by women, but much of his message also is about redefining what it means to be a man. His sessions are designed to show men just how much sexism remains as a barrier for women, but also a barrier for society in general.

"There are aspects of manhood that need to be redefined to make it safer for women," he said. "That way, it will make it safer for us all."'

UK: Mother guilty of daughter murders

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Rekha Kumari-Baker, 41, admitted the killings but had denied murder on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

Davina Baker, 16, and Jasmine Baker, 13, were killed with a kitchen knife in a frenzied attack in 2007.

A jury at Cambridge Crown Court took about 30 minutes to reach a verdict of guilty on both counts of murder. She will be sentenced on Tuesday.

The court heard Davina was stabbed 39 times at the house in Stretham, on 13 June 2007. There were defence wounds on the girl's body.
...
Jurors were told one theory was that Ms Kumari-Baker wanted to "wreak havoc" on her ex-husband David Baker by killing the girls.
...
Psychiatrist Lyle Hamilton - who was called to give evidence by Kumari-Baker's lawyers - said medical literature showed that women had killed children because they were "mentally ill" and because they were a "retaliatory type".'

RADAR ALERT: Stop the Civil Rights Abuses; Prepare for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Matt · 21 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Have you, or a person you know, ever been falsely accused of domestic violence? Targeted with a restraining order? Put in jail?

Each year over one million Americans are hit with a false or trivial accusation of partner abuse. It's now reached the point that domestic violence laws represent the largest roll-back in Americans' civil rights since the Jim Crow era!

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the theme is "Restore Civil Rights to the Violence Against Women Act." DV Awareness Month is our opportunity to get word out that our nation's domestic violence laws have gone too far, harming innocent citizens and diverting scarce resources away from the true victims.

We are asking each and every person who reads this Alert to participate in DV Awareness Month. You can attend one of the events sponsored by your state domestic violence coalition - see listing of coalitions at http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/statedomestic.htm.

Or you can set up your own event, whether it's an information table at a local library, presentation to local police, press release, radio interview, or whatever!

To assist your efforts, we've developed:

* A 2-page Analysis of the Issues: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARflyer-DVAM2009-issues.pdf
* A 1-page flyer: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARflyer-DVAM2009.pdf

At the national level, several columnists have agreed to write articles on the issue, and we will be holding a major lobbying event in Washington DC.

RADAR would like to have DV Awareness Month activities in every state around the country. After you have your activity, event, or program, please send us an email and let us know how it went: dvam2009-at-mediaradar.org

As we approach the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in 2010, it's critical that every American hear the message, "Restore Civil Rights to the Violence Against Women Act."

"A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org/

'Four Things About the Hofstra Rape/Recant Story'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'2) Did you notice how I just said "turn out to be false or are recanted"? Let's not confuse the two.

There's a widespread assumption that recanting an accusation means that you're admitting you lied. But in reality, lots of victims recant not because they made it up, but because they come to the unfortunate realization that it will cost them more, emotionally, to pursue justice than to let it go. We'll probably never now what happened in this case, but it's entirely possible that she was threatened by the accused perpetrators or their associates, interrogated by the police about her sexual history or what she might have done to "provoke" the attack, or blamed and slandered by the media or people in her community. All of these things happen all too often to rape victims who speak out. Let's not ignore the possibility that they happened here.'

Equal Rights For Men

Anonymous · 22 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I have a bone to pick with my female counterparts. Feminism is all about each woman having the right to choose her own path. We should be allowed to do whatever we want in this life and not be judged by society's arbitrary sex roles, right? Absolutely.

What about men? Do they enjoy this right?

Some examples:

Bob and Jane are a middle class couple. They have two children. They get an amicable divorce. There is a custody hearing. Both of them are good parents. Both of them want to be the primary custody holder. Who gets the children? Seriously, every single time, unless Jane lights up a crack pipe in the courtroom she will get physical custody. Bob is expected by society to be happy with every other weekend and two weeks in the summer. Don't believe me? What would you think if you heard that a woman only saw her children every other weekend and a few holidays? I PROMISE you would think, "What did she do to lose her kids?" But, with men, that's just the way it goes, right?

What message does it send to men about what sort of fathers they should be when it's made clear by the courts and their ex-wives that their most important contribution as fathers is a timely child support payment?'

October is DV Awareness Month - Get Ready

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Michael Daly: Five who were wrongly accused of raping Hofstra student have no reason to whine

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If these five guys have no sense of shame, they should at least shut up.

No young woman would consent to having sex with five guys in a bathroom unless she was seriously troubled.

Any guy with even a trace of gentleman would have told everyone to leave this 18-year-old Hofstra freshman alone, then walked her to her room and left her in the care of a female friend or roommate.

Instead, the five apparently went ahead and had sex with her, one after another after another after another after another.

One even videotaped it with his cell phone.

Then surprise! She turned out to be as troubled as they should have known her to be in the first place.

She told her boyfriend and then the police that she had been gang-raped. The police locked up four of the guys while the fifth quaked in fear of joining them before he finally came forward with the video that showed the sex was consensual.'

Hofstra false rape case and related

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A collection, for those interested. There are of course hundreds, maybe thousands, more web pages discussing this case, but we can't list them all. Here are just a couple, with some related content:

Hofstra Student Could Face Criminal Charges for Rape Allegations

Falsely accused Hofstra rape suspects try to cope

About Half of Rape Allegations are False, Research Shows

Google News search on "false rape claim"

UK: Women lying about being raped to claim compensation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women lying about being raped to claim compensation: - Women in the UK may be accusing men of rape simply to get the thousands of pounds compensation. This can only have the effect of bringing into disrepute the action of reporting a rape and could make true victims even less likely to report the crime.

Two recent cases have highlighted this sad state of affairs and show how the table may well be turned on women who falsely accuse men of rape.

Sarah-Jane Hilliard had accused Grant Bowers of raping her and immediately applied for compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority. She was found out after investigations found that her story had been lies and her friend was unable to corroborate her story. Meanwhile Mr Bowers has been left traumatised by the events and claims to have lost his confidence. However, a recent ruling may well allow Mr Bowers to claim compensation himself.'

Hofstra Gang Rape Hoax, and Feminism's War Against Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Who is this woman who falsely accused four men of rape? They story doesn't say! The false rape complainant who had four innocent men jailed, must have her privacy protected. She is thus identified as "the student," "the accuser," or "the woman." How about giving us her name?
...
Wonderful! How awesome it must be for those four men, for the rest of their lives, to have to explain to people who Google their names, that they really didn't gang rape someone. Awesome first-date and job-interview topics. Meanwhile, the woman who had the men imprisoned for three days while the D.A. investigated the case, remains anonymous.
...
What is there to decide? If I kept a woman in a dungeon for three days, I'd face serious felonies. The false accuser had four men kept in jail for three days. What is the difference? It's false imprisonment.'

In Conversation: Ashley Judd speaks with the Nike Foundation about their focus on women & girls

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Article here. I think investing in HUMANITY is a better idea. Excerpt:

'Lisa: Systemic change is required at all levels of development. We've boiled this down to four basic learnings:

1.Specific solutions for girls. The unique needs of girls are getting lost in the broader focus on women and youth, so we have to be specific about solutions for girls. For example, girls are five times more likely to die in childbirth than women in their 20s and they have less access to health and social services.

2.Invest directly. Investing in girls doesn't mean investing only in girls. Take a look at your current programs and figure out whether they directly reach vulnerable adolescent girls. No matter your focus, girls can be a powerful part of the solution, or accentuate your problem.

3.It's urgent: Get to her by 12. She arrives at adolescence in a pretty healthy state, and it goes sideways from there. If we don't reach her by age 12, we will be investing in a treatment cycle rather than more cost-effective prevention methods.

4.Count her: Regardless of institutional size, ask for your reports and your data to be disaggregated by age, gender and marital status at a minimum. Girls will remain invisible in development efforts until we demand to see them.'

Bronx Woman Arrested in Companion's Death

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This is your typical 'woman kills man' article. A grand total of five sentences.

'NEW YORK (1010 WINS/AP) -- Police have arrested a woman in the brutal stabbing death of her live-in companion.

Police said Tuesday that the 32-year-old Bronx woman was arrested in the killing of 53-year-old Carlos Benitez.

Officers were called to the couple's apartment Monday. They found Benitez with multiple stab wounds to his head, neck and torso. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators say a domestic dispute led to the killing but offered no further details.'

Woman arrested after punching men on subway platform

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Uptown neighborhood woman was arrested for allegedly punching two men on a North Side L platform Sunday night in the Lake View neighborhood.

Nicole Patrick, 39, of the 1000 block of West Lawrence Avenue, was charged with simple battery, a misdemeanor, according to police.

The incident occurred at 6:50 p.m. at the CTA's Belmont Red Line L station when Patrick allegedly called two men who were standing together on the platform "c----," according to police.

Police said one of the men "took exception" to the statement and she punched him in the chest and scratched his neck. The other man came to his aid and she allegedly punched him in the nose, giving him a bloody nose, police said.'

UK: Teacher jailed for 'sex' with pupil

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A private school teacher who admitted having an unlawful relationship with a 15-year-old pupil has been jailed for 15 months at Southwark Crown Court.

Helen Goddard, 26, taught music at a prestigious central London school before her arrest in July.

Goddard, of Thornham Street, Greenwich, south-east London, pleaded guilty to six counts of sexual activity with a female child under 16.

She has also been ordered to sign the sex offenders register.'

Police: Teacher, Teen Had 'Relationship'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FAIRFAX, Va. - New evidence suggests a Fairfax County school teacher who was arrested in the company of a 15-year-old boy over the weekend was having a sexual relationship with the teen.

According to a search warrant affidavit, police found text messages suggesting the two were meeting for sex.

Valerie Roesler, 27, of Alexandria, was arrested early Sunday morning and charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Police found Roesler and the 15-year-old boy sitting in a car on Gunston Hill Lane in the Lorton section of the county. They say the teen had slipped out of his parents' home without their knowledge.'

Woman Claims She Was 'Forced' Into Pipe Bomb Plot At California Courthouse

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Story here. Excerpt:

' A 32-year-old woman pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges she plotted with two accomplices to set off pipe bombs at a federal courthouse and a Federal Express distribution center in San Diego.

Rachelle Lynette Carlock admitted to using a pipe bomb — a weapon of mass destruction — to commit a crime, along with co-defendants Eric Reginald Robinson and Ella Louise Sanders, FOX 5 San Diego reported.

Carlock told the court she purchased explosives materials and stole pipes for the purpose of constructing the small bombs. She said she was in a difficult place in her life at the time of the crimes.

"I was forced to do it," Carlock told the judge without elaborating, according to FOX 5 San Diego.

Carlock was charged with using and carrying a destructive device in relation to a crime of violence. She be sentenced to 30 years in prison in March, the station said.'

Washington Post: Obama's 'Man-Cession'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Much has been made of this fascinating Labor Department report, which USA Today put on its front page. It shows that women now hold almost half of all jobs in the US (49.83 percent, to be precise), up from 31.8 percent in 1964. One of the causes: men have been clobbered by the recent economic downturn, having lost three-quarters of the 6.4 million jobs wiped out since December 2007. Guy work like construction and manufacturing has been hard hit; meanwhile, the fastest growing sectors are health care, education and government, where women dominate new hires. These also happen to be the areas that are slated to get the biggest infusions of federal money under the president's $787 billion fiscal stimulus plan.

It's not a recession, it's a man-cession! So far, though, most of the commentary has focused on whether this proves that America's economy is now biased against men or whether it is still biased against women.
...
But what happens to that support if men get the idea that Obama didn't help get their jobs back? Carter's male support dropped to 36 percent against Republican Ronald Reagan in 1980.

This is far from foreordained, but if I were one of Obama's political advisers, I would be thinking about this.'

Former NFL star tackles importance of reading

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Tim Green, who played eight years with the Atlanta Falcons and is now a best-selling author of 15 books for adults and adolescents, brought his message about the importance of reading to students at Chenango Forks Middle School.

While describing himself as "a voracious reader," Green said many young people view reading as "a miserable exercise." He blames adults for this, saying they assign adolescents to read books that are not entertaining for them, not fun and "like eating cardboard."
...
Green has made 151 school appearances in the last two years. His appearance at Chenango Forks was arranged by Patricia Sweeney, the library media specialist.

Sweeney said one reason she wanted Green to come and talk is because his books appeal to "reluctant readers," boys especially.'

Carey Roberts: 'ACORN Falls from the Tree, Will Abuse Shelters Come Next?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ACORN, the liberal activist group, was stripped of its funding by the House of Representatives Thursday following release of undercover videos showing lurid and criminal activities.

One tape showed an ACORN employee named Tresa Kaelke of San Bernardino, Calif. bragging how she had murdered her husband: "I shot him. And he died. Right there." To perfect her alibi, the ACORN worker declared how she had gone to a local domestic violence shelter where she "pleaded my case."

...

Recently Trudy Schuett of Examiner.com published an insider account of abuse shelters. She reveals, "We've seen cases where fictional abuse, contrived for the purposes of leverage in court, became a reality." In other words, shelter workers coached women like Tresa Kaelke how to fabricate a White Lie for purposes of manipulating the legal system.

Others have developed a similar jaded view of shelters' claims of protecting women from their villainous tormentors. In July, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced his plan to rescue the state from the brink of financial insolvency, cutting all funds for domestic violence shelters in the state.

Over the years I've had occasion to visit abuse shelters, speak with their employees, and peruse their literature. Just like the kiss-and-tell videos reveal fraudulent actions at ACORN offices around the country, I have found evidence of widespread malfeasance.

...

No doubt some abuse shelters are providing a tremendous service to their communities. But considering abuse shelters take in $1.4 billion from the government and other sources annually, there are far too many bad apples in this barrel for Congress to continue to turn a blind eye on this sordid affair.'

More women supporting families

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Article here. Excerpt:

'U.S. companies have shed nearly 7 million jobs since the start of the economic downturn in December 2007. Men have lost three of every four of those jobs, prompting some labor market watchers to dub this downturn the “he-cession.”

Half the job losses have occurred in male-dominated fields such as construction and manufacturing. The meltdown on Wall Street and in the housing market delivered another large contingent of men to the unemployment lines. Even if these industries recover, they’re not expected to replace all the jobs they shed.
...
That change has led to major discomfort for some men who are still struggling with their new role. While his wife was willing to talk, Weishan declined to be interviewed for this story.

“It’s the elephant in the room that nobody’s talking about. There’s still this male breadwinner history and you have fragile [male] egos,” said Dr. Ira S. Wolfe, a Pennsylvania work force consultant and author of the book “The Perfect Labor Storm 2.0: Workforce Trends That Will Change The Way We Do Business.”'

Opinion: Your image of a domestic-violence offender likely wrong

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What does a domestic-violence offender look like? That's an easy one. He may be lying around the house half-drunk even now, while his victim is out working. He probably blames his unemployment on his criminal record. You know this guy's been in trouble with the law before.

Coming up in October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and one of our few consolations in facing this widespread social problem is that we have a pretty good idea of who the offenders are.
...
The real-life data aren't very kind to the stereotype.

For one thing, more than 1,000 of these guys don't fit the model because they're not guys. Almost exactly 20 percent, or one in five domestic-violence suspects, were women. This agrees with other research findings. But it's also true that frustrated police officers, unable to identify the main aggressor in a domestic fight, sometimes take both parties in.'

Erin Pizzey: 'Why I loathe feminism ... and believe it will ultimately destroy the family'

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Article here. Exceprt:

'ERIN PIZZEY set up the world's first refuge for battered women in 1971 - and went on to establish an international movement for victims of domestic violence. But what she has never made public before is that her own childhood was scarred by the shocking cruelty of both her parents. Here, for the first time, she tells the full harrowing story - and how it led her to a surprising, but deeply felt, conclusion ...
...
Thirty years later, when feminism exploded onto the scene, I was often mistaken for a supporter of the movement. But I have never been a feminist, because, having experienced my mother's violence, I always knew that women can be as vicious and irresponsible as men.
...
To outsiders, my father was a genial, intelligent man and my mother a famous party hostess with three beautiful children and a perfect diplomatic family. In fact, my parents were both violent, cruel people and we were all deeply damaged.
...

Feminism, I realised, was a lie. Women and men are both capable of extraordinary cruelty. Indeed, the only thing a child really needs - two biological parents under one roof - was being undermined by the very ideology which claimed to speak up for women's rights.

This country is now on the brink of serious moral collapse.
We must stop demonising men and start healing the rift that feminism has created between men and women.

Harriet Harman's insidious and manipulative philosophy that women are always victims and men always oppressors can only continue this unspeakable cycle of violence. And it's our children who will suffer.'

Response to “Battered Woman Syndrome: Key Elements of a Diagnosis and Treatment Plan"

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Via Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'I am writing to comment on the online article by Lenore Walker, EdD entitled “Battered Woman Syndrome: Key Elements of a Diagnosis and Treatment Plan.” In my view, Dr Walker’s report contains several inaccuracies and distortions—such as the notion that our society trains men to dominate and control women (“It is understood that domestic violence is part of gender violence. . . ”) Dr Walker provides no credible evidence for this claim.
...
It is worth mentioning that there is very little evidence that a battered women syndrome is any different from a battered men syndrome or from a battered child syndrome. Should we not be referring to a battered patients syndrome? Also worth noting that rates of domestic or intimate partner violence are among the highest in lesbian couples.'

UK: Killer mother jailed for 33 years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother who murdered her two daughters as they slept has been jailed for life and must serve a minimum of 33 years.

Rekha Kumari-Baker, 41, stabbed 16-year-old Davina 37 times and 13-year-old Jasmine 29 times at their home in Stretham, Cambridgeshire.

Her ex-husband said the killings were "an act of calculated viciousness".

The 33-year minimum sentence handed down at Cambridge Crown Court is one of the longest jail terms given to a woman in the UK in modern times.'

Parents sue over circumcision death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The parents of a six-week-old boy who bled to death after a circumcision at Rosebud's Indian Health Service Hospital last year are suing the government for wrongful death.

According to documents filed Wednesday in federal court, Eric Keefe underwent a circumcision on June 13, 2008. His mother gave him Motrin and Tylenol for pain and he suffered massive blood loss at home that night, dying back at the hospital the next morning.

...

The Keefes are seeking $2 million for personal injury and wrongful death.

Sturgis lawyer Mick Strain, who represents the plaintiffs, said he and the parents wouldn't talk about the case until it is tried or settled. The file lists no lawyer for the government.'

Trudy Schuett: Your taxes encourage violence v. men

anthony · 24 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Proponents of the New Perspectives approach to domestic violence have long been aware of the sexist, and otherwise biased nature of what has become the "traditional" public response to domestic violence. To the detriment of the public in general, governments at all levels, from federal to local, have been forced to cooperate with political activist groups whose ultimate objectives have little or nothing to do with aiding couples and families where intimate parter abuse is a problem.

Utilizing a fabricated scenario that only addresses the perceived political nature of the issue from a radical feminist standpoint, these political activist groups have managed in the past several decades to establish themselves as "experts" in the field, when nothing could be further from the truth. Time and again, the feminist scenario of domestic violence fails to stand up to scrutiny, since there was never any substance behind the notion that all domestic violence is politically motivated and a political/governmental solution is by any means viable.'

UK: Happy birthday to the Men's Health Forum

Anonymous · 24 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Check this out. These guys are doing an incredible work in the area of men's health! Excerpt:

'The MHF is fifteen years old this year. A spotty teenager, slouching and taciturn save for the odd indecipherable grunt? The Forum's first short history is being written and talking to the author the other day got me thinking about how much has changed.

When we were a toddler, the Forum used to make the news. In fact, our president Ian Banks was quoted so often in the press that other organisations assumed we had an army of press officers when in fact we had barely any paid staff. Screaming kids get noticed.

We punched well above our weight because, oddly enough, health is traditionally one of the few subjects in the media that is female-led. But in the 90s, smarter journalists and editors looking for a new angle realised that their health coverage was neglecting 50% of the population. Suddenly, men were the new women. We even got our own magazines – GQ, Maxim, Men’s Health.'

Mum, not dad, more likely to neglect kids

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mothers are more likely than fathers to neglect and emotionally and physically abuse their children, information obtained under freedom of information laws reveals.

But figures from the WA Department for Child Protection show substantiated cases of child sexual abuse against fathers still far outnumber those against mothers.

The data shows that parents were the perpetrators in almost 39 per cent of the 1505 substantiated cases of child abuse in 2007-08. Of the 582 cases of abuse by parents, mothers were responsible for 73 per cent, while fathers committed 27 per cent.

Mothers were more than 17 times more likely than fathers to neglect their children, while fathers were responsible for 85 per cent of sex abuse cases against children.
...
dults Surviving Child Abuse WA spokeswoman Michelle Stubbs said an initial look at the data did not present a clear explanation and other factors had to be considered.

She said it was important to keep in mind that mothers were often the primary caregivers for children and also may be held more responsible by the department in neglect cases.'

Paternity Fraud Victims Needed for New National Survey

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Via Marc A. Sharon Squires, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology at California State University-Dominguez Hills, and Carnell Smith of Citizens Against Paternity Fraud, have joined forces to develop a new on-line survey, the first of its kind, which will examine the emotional, financial, legal, and social impact of paternity fraud on men. The survey is at http://www.paternityfraud.com/pfsurvey.php

A news release about the survey and about the appearance of Squires and Smith at the next screening of "Support? System Down" in Atlanta is available here.

Praxis International speaker: "I think I know a lot of men who deserve to be beaten"

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Trudy Schuett mentions NCFM's work in her fantastic article in the Examiner about how Amanda McCormick of Praxis International apparently made a position statement on behalf of Praxis when she said she knows "a lot of men who deserve to be beaten" during her keynote address at the annual conference of the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Thank you, Trudy!

Ed.:
Conference page here.
Also reported here. Excerpt:

'Naturally, when asked for clarification about this comment, Janice Wick, Associate Director of Praxis, said:

"Amanda McCormick is an employee of Praxis International but was not representing Praxis at the Washington conference. As I was not present, I can not speak to your concerns. I would not want to make a judgment based on a sentence that may or may not have been taken out of context. I will forward your email to Amanda and she will respond to you directly."

Notice how there is always an excuse when PC comments are made in most organizations, one that would not be tolerated had the sexes been reversed. I am glad to see that people who were attending were outraged and that Ms. Schuett is on the case.'

Intact America: Contact the CDC

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From IA's recent email alert:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) doesn't seem to get it.

When our work to prevent the CDC from recommending circumcision for baby boys started making waves in the press last month, the CDC responded with a statement that tried to address our issues.

But their response didn't even mention the ethics of circumcising baby boys who cannot give their consent. It's clear that they're still missing the point.

Send a message directly to the CDC – tell them they must answer our ethical questions about circumcision.

The Dalai Lama is a Feminist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During his closing remarks at the International Freedom Award ceremony in the Peabody Grand Ballroom today, His Holiness the Dalai Lama called upon women to help create a more compassionate world.

“I call myself a feminist,” said the Dalai Lama. “Isn’t that what you call someone who fights for women’s rights?”

The audience erupted in laughter and applause. The Dalai Lama went to on say that women are more prone to compassion, since they have the responsibility of bearing children.'

Wendy McElroy: America's debtor prisons for men

anthony · 25 September 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I received the following email from a heartbroken and understandably enraged wife whose husband languishes in America's version of a debtor's prison. No one knows how many people -- almost all of them men -- are being held indefinitely on contempt of civil court charges for which they do not have the due process protections offered to those accused of a criminal offense -- no right to a trial, an attorney, an appeal...no due process. Most of these imprisonments are for non-compliance with court ordered child support or alimony. It does not matter if the man is unable to comply due to poverty -- e.g. from losing his job; he can be imprisoned anyway until he "pays up." For an analysis of the plight of these prisoners who languish in jail without ever being arrested, tried or accorded Constitutional rights, please see my article "The Return of Debtor's Prison."'

Opinion: The unique power of crying rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Hofstra incident seems to be a classic case of a woman "crying rape" after consensual sex was followed by regrets. The woman said she was lured to a bathroom during a fraternity party, tied to a toilet stall with a rope and raped by five men. The men were arrested and briefly jailed before one of them produced a cell phone video filmed during the encounter, showing consensual sex. Confronted with the video, the woman recanted.
...
Many feminists argue that the problem of false accusations is so minuscule that to discuss it extensively is a harmful distraction from the far more serious problem of rape. On the other side are men's-rights activists, claiming that false accusations are as much of a scourge as rape itself.
...
Meanwhile, some are expressing harsh judgment of the men for engaging in group sex in a bathroom and filming it. This is not attractive behavior, to be sure. Yet we always have been told that rape victims don't need to be angels or models of chastity to deserve support. Surely the same should apply to men who are falsely accused.'

NYC tour for women only

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A women-only tour of New York city is billed as "a fun-filled adventure and an opportunity to see and experience what New York City has to offer." And it's a chance to support the Sexual Assault Centre's goal of establishing a residential care facility.'

Hofstra Rape Accuser To Get Counseling, No Jail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The woman who wrongfully accused five men of a gang rape in a dormitory bathroom of Hofstra University will not face jail time, under an agreement with the Nassau County DA.

The woman behind the false allegations, Hofstra freshman Danmell Ndonye, will have to complete "substantial mental health treatment and lengthy community service requirements" or else face criminal charges, Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice said in a statement.

The 18-year-old, previously described by the prosecutor as "a deeply troubled woman," had claimed she was attacked following a dance party at a Long Island campus nightclub. Four men were arrested and a fifth was being sought when she recanted the story three days later.'

Nassau County DA's Office contact info is here.

UK: Four in court charged with raping a man

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Article here. This is one to watch. Will we see a sentencing disparity? Excerpt:

'Two teenage girls have been charged with the alleged rape of a man in Cippenham in July.

The 17-year-olds, who cannot be named for legal reasons, appeared at Maidenhead Youth Court on Thursday, September 17.

Both girls are charged with rape, false imprisonment and assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH).

They have been bailed to await their next court appearance at Reading Crown Court on Thursday, October 15.

Two men in their twenties appeared at Slough Magistrates' Court on July 11 also charged with rape, false imprisonment and ABH.

They have been remanded in custody and will appear at Reading Crown Court on October 15 for a plea and case management hearing.'

U.K. Court: Teacher May See 'Student Lover', 15, After Jail Time

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In a controversial ruling, a British judge declined to forbid contact between a music teacher and the 15-year-old pupil with whom she'd had an affair.

A Sept. 22 article in the U.K. newspaper The Times reported that 26-year-old music teacher Helen Goddard was sentenced to a 15 month prison term and a decade-long inclusion on a sex offender registry, but that the judge declined to bar the teacher from renewing her relationship with the 15-year-old girl whom she was convicted of having an improper sexual relationship.

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The prosecution in the case had sought an injunction against Goddard and the girl seeing one another for five years following Goddard's release from prison.

The judge in the case, Anthony Pitt, refused, saying that to have imposed such a restriction would have been "draconian and cruel" toward the girl, who reportedly remains in love with Goddard.'

DNA Results Cast Doubt On Sex Assault Case

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Story here.

This has all the makings of a false rape accusation. I found the article buried in my hard copy of the L.A. Times; and, 'surprise, surprise', it was not referenced on their home page for today - I had to dig for it.

Excerpt:

'The victim also described her attacker as 5-foot-10, 175 pounds, clean-shaven with dark brown eyes. Reynolds [the accused] is 5-foot-7, 140 pounds, has blue eyes and was not clean-shaven at the time, according to the defense documents.
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The victim told police that her attacker licked her navel area, according to court documents. But the state's crime lab found that the only DNA consistent with saliva in the woman's navel area belonged to her.

Other male DNA evidence found on the student's stomach was inconsistent with saliva, the court papers state.'

UK: Paedophile fears are 'driving male teachers from primary schools'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than a quarter of state primary schools have no male teachers, partly because they have been deterred from working with young children for fear of being labelled paedophiles, an expert claims.

The result is that thousands of boys are being taught solely by women and have no educational male role models.

The trend is fuelling concerns that a generation of boys is growing up without an authoritative male figure in their lives.

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'It's a sad comment on society that more men aren't attracted into teaching in primary schools. In part, this is due to concerns in society about paedophilia. Men are receiving the signal that it's more appropriate for them to teach in secondary schools than primary schools.'

The 'feminisation' of the curriculum, which includes an emphasis on coursework rather than 'sudden death' exams, is already believed to be responsible for a widening gender gap at secondary level.'

Hofstra update & feminist response: ignore data, blame victims, divert attention

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From Marc A.: To no surprise, the Hofstra false accuser will not be prosecuted. And, as expected, the feminist response (below) is to: (1) say false rape claims are rare, and ignore empirical research showing otherwise; (2) say the harm is to "real rape victims" while ignoring the harm to the falsely accused who are the "real victims"; (3) say the lesson to boys is to not act like these 5 boys did (i.e., blame the victims with your moral value judgments, as though *they* did something wrong); and, (4) say the lesson to girls is to "respect yourselves" (another personal value judgment about the sex act that ignores the CRIME committed and the HARM done). UNBELIEVABLE. Please respond to this sexist garbage if you have time. And BTW, Cathy Young did a much more fair and objective article at http://www.newsday.com/opinion/opinion-the-unique-power-of-crying-rape-1.1469444. Data on false rape claims that feminists ignore is available at http://www.mediaradar.org/research_on_false_rape_allegations.php.

http://www.newsday.com/opinion/opinion-false-rape-charges-are-rare-and-dangerous-1.1469447

Excerpt:

'OPINION: False rape charges are rare, and dangerous

September 23, 2009 By OLIVIA TURSI
Olivia Tursi is a counselor and community educator at the Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk: Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center in Holbrook.

It is the American way that a defendant is "innocent until proven guilty." In the instance of a sex crime, however, it often seems the victim is deemed "guilty until proven innocent." Such false assumptions are perpetuated by the small percentage of false reports that occurs.

The recanting of a rape accusation made by a Hofstra University student has raised the issue once again. Questioning the validity of a victim's statement is nothing new when it comes to sex crimes. When an accusation of rape is made, questions often loom of possible motives for the "alleged" victim to have fabricated her story.

Theories of revenge, a scorned lover and personal gain often become part of the conversation. When a person says she was raped, the blame gets distributed between both the perpetrator and the victim. When people say they were the victim of a home invasion, however, it seems much easier to place the blame solely on the perpetrator.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, there are no more false reports of rape than there are of any other crime. Conversely, sexual offenses are more likely to go unreported than other types of crimes. For every one rape that's reported, seven to 10 aren't.'

CDC's response to circumcision emails

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After sending the CDC an email (discussed here), I received the following reply:

Thank you for your inquiry to CDC-INFO. We are sorry for the delay in responding to your email. A recent high volume of inquiries has slowed our response time. In response to your comments on CDC's male circumcision recommendations, we are pleased to provide you with the following information.

Some recent reports have speculated about the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) upcoming public health recommendations on male circumcision for HIV prevention in the United States.

It is important to note that the recommendations are still in development and CDC has made no determination at this time about the final content. CDC is employing a deliberative, evidence-based process for developing the circumcision recommendations, which allows for both external and internal CDC experts to provide input. CDC will also publish draft recommendations for public comment before the content will be finalized.
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With respect to infant circumcision, it is important to recognize that many options are still being considered in this process, including simply recommending that health-care providers educate parents about the potential benefits and risks to ensure that parents have the information they need to make an informed decision.

In developing its recommendations, CDC is also considering whether circumcision should be recommended for heterosexual adults at high risk for HIV infection in the United States, as well as whether there is sufficient scientific evidence to make any recommendations for men who have sex with men.

Whatever the content may include, CDC's final circumcision recommendations will be completely voluntary. While CDC has not yet determined if male circumcision should be recommended for any population, ultimately the decision will rest with individuals and parents. CDC's public health imperative is to provide the best possible information on the risks and benefits to help inform those decisions.

The Status of CDC Male Circumcision Recommendations can be viewed on the CDC website:

http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/research/male-circumcision.htm

Thank you for contacting CDC-INFO Contact Center. Please do not hesitate to call 1-800-CDC-INFO, e-mail cdcinfo@cdc.gov, or visit www.cdc.gov if you have any additional questions.

The Canley Heights Killings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Canley Heights is a suburb in Sydney's southwest. During the first years of the millennium it threatened to become an incubator for Australia's violent murderesses.

On 31 January 2006 the patriarchy met its match there in the form of two 14-year-old girls. Having refused to pay a taxi fare on arrival near their destination, the girls robbed and repeatedly bashed about the head their disabled driver. It was found afterwards that their victim had died of a heart attack, so perhaps the girls offered no more than a few love taps to the skull, though there was mention of "massive head injuries". Anyway, they left him to die while they stole his mobile phone and drove off in his vehicle, which they soon crashed into a parked car. He was found lying beaten in a darkened street at about 2 a.m.'

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A couple of years afterwards police charged a 29-year-old woman in the same suburb with the murder of her two children. Screams were heard from the back of a dwelling in McKibbin Street, and a neighbour called triple-0 saying she could see a woman as she attacked a 2-year-old girl and a 4-year-old boy. They were already dead from multiple stab wounds by the time their father got home from work, ten minutes later. The killer had slashed her own wrists and was taken to Liverpool Hospital where eventually she was charged at her bedside.

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Those killings had happened in early 2008. At the time it seemed that Canley Heights had also been visited by a parricide. The death in question had happened in April 2001 but details hadn't come to light for six years. It wasn't adjudicated till a full jury trial in 2009.

Because 70-year-old Ederino Beltrame had a history of heart troubles, his GP didn't bother to view his body before issuing a death certificate. The policeman who was called to the house by Ederino's daughter Daniela, aged 55, took a look at the body and found no suspicious marks or injuries. Likewise the ambulance officers who turned up. Daniela Beltrame told them that her father had been "a bit off colour" the previous evening. Then he'd woken up dead in bed that morning. The constable examined the dead man's medicines before calling at the GP's surgery close by. The doctor issued the certificate sight unseen. He wrote on it "cardiac failure".

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The determined Beltrame obviously impressed the jurors. Like Farah Damji or Wendy Titelman or Norma Khouri (all discussed elsewhere), she seemed to be one of those women who grow more passionate and virtuosic in their denials, the stronger the factual evidence piles up against them. Whatever the truth, it is from legal outcomes like this — as well as those in such cases as Matthey's and Fitchett's and Farquharson's — that ordinary people are able to go on clinging to the myth that all the trouble in the world derives from men, and that women and girls are gently law-abiding.'

'The Breakup' - Bud Light Commercial

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Budweiser is already on our boycott list and this new commercial might be their worst. A man and woman are driving in a car and he asks her several times if she's going to break up with him. Eventually she gets so annoyed, she proceeds to open the passenger door and throw the man out of the moving car.

The Male Brain: What's Really Going On in There

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Article here

It was just a matter of time until a (biased) female journalist got her hands on the recent brain science, and then put an anti-male/pro-female spin on it.

Excerpt:

'The more science learns about how men are different from us (right down to the structure of their brains), the more we find ourselves hoping it will finally explain some age-old mysteries. For instance:

Why do men keep their cars spotless but live like pigs at home—while for women it's the other way around?'

Karla Homolka Teale's 'pact with the devil'

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'As we saw in the aftermath of the Moors Murders, it's not unknown for gender co-operation between malefactors to break down when they're threatened with a police enquiry, with the massive sanctions of the law brought to bear. Often an enthusiastic partnership is refuted by the female partner at the last. She hastens to turn Queen's evidence or People's evidence and lay the lion's share of the blame at the feet of her 'dominant' colleague. Is it the basically law-abiding nature of women that causes this late change of mind, or is it fear of being faced with the consequence of former actions? Is it rectitude or timidity?

As we've hinted elsewhere, women are not naturally enthusiastic about having to face their own misdeeds. That aspect of reality is not for them. One of the reasons a female malefactor seeks a male partner is to shield herself once everything collapses. But sometimes when the chips are really down, your protector can do nothing, and it's better to dissociate yourself from him altogether. Your chance of survival is stronger if you let him sink, or even if you reach out a toe and give him a little push under. He's going under anyway, so what's the harm in your help?
...

Embracing their newfound equality, women must also accept the revolution in feeling their new status implies. They should embrace its implications for what in future might constitute a viable legal defence. It is no longer viable for women to say they committed ferocious crimes because of a sad childhood or because they were depressed or because they were in fear that they might spoil their hairdo — had a headache, or a poor body image. The same rational judgements which test male crime must also apply to the female.

Homolka's (link added) tale has implications too for equality of sentencing. It is no longer tolerable for female defendants to duck justice even after a court has found them guilty. Marie Noe sentenced to counselling after committing eight murders. It may not have been the most productive course to hold Myra Hindley in gaol for nigh on forty years till she smoked herself into oblivion; but where women are treated humanely, tolerantly, and with an eye to their rehabilitation — then men must be also.

Where women engage in sexual murder, they should be tried for it. And where the evidence finds them guilty, they should expect to feel the awful weight of the law just as heavy on them as it's fallen on men since before the dawn of legality. That's what equality means.'

Oregon: False rape charges follow man

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This is a great story. I came across your website and wanted to share this. Please check the link and story out. Who more to help this innocent man then you.

I'm afraid you may be unaware of a great injustice currently happening in Bend, Oregon. Local prosecutor Jody Vaughan is currently pursuing false rape charges against a local man. Her tactics are less than ethical and has built "evidence" she knows to be based on lies.The evidence against the alleged "victim", proving SHE is a repeat liar and crier of wolf is incredible and hard to overlook; unfortunately that is exactly what the Deschutes County District Attorney's office is doing.

As a woman, a mother and a victim of rape and sexual assault, it is extremely important to me for a woman to feel safe to report sexual abuse of any kind. I know firsthand the personal power that is regained when looking an offender in the eye and sending them to prison.
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Regrettably I have also learned that it is far too common for women to hide behind the claim of rape in order to avoid taking personal responsibility for their own actions. The classic he said she said is almost always swayed to the woman's side, requiring little proof on her end of the alleged events; leaving the accused to fight for their life with little help due to the Rape Shield Law. My concern is that Kevin is not going to receive a fair trial due to the protections this "victim" has on behalf of the DA's office. This isn't the first time she has cried rape falsely and without your help it certainly will not be her last. Please, take the time to follow the link and read the story of Kevin Driscoll. The time is now for something to be done, before another innocent life is ruined. Kevin's trial begins November 3rd, 2009.

I sincerely and respectfully thank you in advance for your time.

Washington Times: Fight campus feminist follies

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The ugly face of female oppression is all around us. But the source might surprise you. Females are favored on college campuses for scholarships and sports, so it's not educational opportunity that we lack. In fact, female co-eds now dominate universities in both numbers and in special programs available to them.

With plenty of government grants for businesses run by women, we've got advantages there, too. And innumerable labor laws protect women in the work force from discrimination.

It's obviously not the modern American male that is oppressing women. A growing majority of men are so careful not to offend that many of them don't even open doors or compliment women anymore. Many men are scared to treat women like ladies - let alone deny them opportunity - for fear that the bitter voice of feminism will rise up and call them bigots.'

Pittsburgh police: Van abduction, rape a 'hoax'

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'PITTSBURGH - Pittsburgh police say a 15-year-old girl made up a story that she was forced by two men into a van then driven to a wooded location where one of the men raped her.

The girl claimed the incident happened just before noon Tuesday in the city's Carrick section, as she got off a bus and was walking toward Carrick High School.

But in a news release Wednesday, police say the girl had argued with her parents earlier that day and fabricated the report to keep from being punished.

Police and the Allegheny County District Attorney are discussing whether to charge the girl with making a false report to police, but no charges were filed immediately.'

Trial date set in recanted rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Dec. 14 trial date has been set for a Thurmont woman who recanted rape allegations after the man she accused had spent two months in jail.

Samantha Carter-drabczyk, 29, faces three counts of making a false statement to police, a crime punishable by as much as six months in jail and a $500 fine for each conviction.

On Friday in Frederick County Circuit Court, Assistant Public Defender Matthew J. Frawley asked Judge Theresa M. Adams to have a prosecutor from another county assigned to the case.
...
She recanted her allegations in a meeting with four people: Angel, Littleton, Moffatt and Cpl. Jason West, a sheriff's office detective who later obtained the criminal charges based on Carter-drabczyk's March 16 statements, according to court testimony.'

The Great He-Pression: Men fall behind in higher education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What started as a "man-cession" is turning into a "Great He-pression."

The unemployment rate for men is running 2.7 percentage points higher than for women -- a "just unprecedented" spread, according to economist Mark Perry at the University of Michigan at Flint.

One obvious reason: The downturn has hammered manufacturing, construction and other male-dominated sectors, while going easier on female-heavy fields such as health care and education.

But a less-appreciated factor could make an even bigger difference in the long run.

For years now, women have been earning the most college degrees. That trend is accelerating, leaving experts to wonder if men are somehow missing the latest economic wake-up call.'

'Lies, Damned Lies and Statistics: The Wage Gap'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now we turn from the mostly meaningless college gap to the mostly nonexistent wage gap. It is quoted ad-nauseum that women make 75 cents for each dollar a man makes for the exact same work (it used to be 59 cents, now it ranges from 75 to 80). In response to this, Nancy Pelosi helped push through congress the Fair Pay Act. Furthermore, April 20th, 2010 not only represents a day we should all get stoned out of our gourds, it's "Equal Pay Day." This holiday (of sorts) symbolizes how far into 2010 a woman would have to work to make what a man makes in 2009 alone. Obviously this is a sign of discrimination; as Jessica Valenti, founder of Feministing.com, states rather bluntly, "the wage gap is like a big f*ck you to women."

Unfortunately (for Jessica, fortunately for every other woman in the country), even a faint knowledge of business or economics should immediately raise a degree of skepticism about this dubious claim...
...
The truth is that businesspeople discriminate in favor of the color green; money. Market economies discriminate mightily against those who discriminate. If it were true that men make approximately 33% more for the same work, companies that predominantly hired women would crush companies that predominantly hired men. Ask any business owner what would happen if he or she could decrease his or her labor expenses 25% and he or she would tell you he or she would soon be hiring his or her competitor's employees (as his or her competitor's employees would be unemployed, because his or her competitors got crushed).'

Women plead no contest in boy's abuse

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'COMPTON, Calif.—Two Los Angeles women accused of burning, starving and beating the 5-year-old son of one of the women have pleaded no contest to causing corporal injury to a child.

The boy's mother, Starkeisha Brown, was sentenced to 15 years in prison after entering the plea on Friday. Her live-in girlfriend Krystal Matthews received a 14-year term.

The two would have faced 25 years to life in prison if convicted. They avoided trial by pleading no contest, and prosecutors said the boy won't have to testify.

The boy was found ill and in the care of a homeless stranger outside a county child services office in Compton in 2008.'

Deputies: Boy was 'stick skinny' in abuse case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A San Tan Valley woman has been charged with child abuse after deputies found her 14-month-old son so malnourished he couldn't hold up his head.

The mother, Rhandi Brown, 22, is free on bail after her Sept. 14 arrest.

According to Lt. Tamatha Villar, Pinal County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman, deputies discovered the baby when they responded on a domestic violence call to the home the woman shares with the child's father.

Brown allegedly stabbed the child's father Dec. 18, and she is charged with aggravated assault in that case.
...
Villar said the boy weighed only 13 pounds. Deputies at the scene described his arms and legs as "stick skinny," and he couldn't hold up his head.

His diaper was so soiled that the smell of urine was overwhelming.'

Girl arrested on rape charge

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Story here.

'Des Moines County Sheriff's detectives on Wednesday have arrested a Yarmouth teen on accusations she had sexual contact with two Mediapolis boys.

Kourtney Joy Babcock, 19, is in jail charged with three counts of third-degree sexual abuse. Each of the counts carry a potential penalty of 10 years in prison upon conviction along with other special sentencing guidelines such as lifetime supervision and sex offender registry requirements.

Authorities said the arrest stemmed from an investigation that started in July. Detectives said their office received a report that Babcock had sexual contact with two 12-year-old boys inside a home in Mediapolis.

Detectives allege Babcock "had performed multiple sex acts" with the two boys.'

Ireland: We must face up to these statistics of young despair

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It has, of course, been touted by the likes of John Waters that the Irish man has become so dominated by women, and his role so eroded, that he is suffering from some sort of post-feminism depression. But factually young males in the western world are probably the least oppressed human beings on the planet, and indeed man is instinctively a competitive animal, so it's ludicrous to think that some small advances by women in the workplace and on the domestic front are likely to unhinge the average male. It is, however, true to say that men tend to define themselves more by their role while women tend to define themselves more by their relationships, so some men may be very sensitive to any challenge to their position.

What's more likely to have caused a general rise in the number of suicides is an unravelling of the family and community structures that may have acted as a deterrent to suicide in the past. During the period from the Seventies to the Nineties, the traditional structures of stability within our society were irrevocably changed, with church-going numbers dwindling and marital breakdown and single-parent families rapidly increasing. This has all effected a decrease in extended familial and social supports available to someone considering suicide -- possibly leaving them feeling more isolated and detached than in previous generations.'

To help boys, school creates the poster men for reading

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Last September, if you had asked Nehemiah Wimbish what he thought of reading, chances are he would have rated it down there with doing math and eating tomatoes. Yuck, yuck, and nasty.

So how could it be that the same boy and several sixth-grade pals were making the rounds at their Glassboro middle school last week, touting the joys of the written word to other boys like themselves?

"We got inspired by seeing people read," Nehemiah, 11, told one fourth-grade class. "We want to encourage young men like y'all to do well."'

'To be more successful, hire women!'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Companies should rather employ more women and make them progress in the company. It is what asserts a research work led by Michel Ferrary, professor in Ceram (College of business to Nice-Sophia Antipolis), from a sample of forty two big companies. This study demonstrates that those who employ more than 35 % of women see their turnover progressing more than the others (of upper 28,5 %). These companies are also more profitable (with an upper rate of 116,1 %), have a better productivity (48,6 %) and create more jobs(uses) (72,9 %). It's the same for those whose supervisory staff is more than feminine 35 %.

Previous studies on the influence of the rate of feminization on the economic performances of companies had ended in contradictory results, recognizes the author. Doubtless because - a social group has to reach a critical size to really influence the functioning of an organization, change the nature of the interactions and modify the dynamics of the group, - explains the sociologist.'

'We can stop domestic violence'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men: 99 percent of gender violence and domestic abuse incidents are perpetrated by men. Therefore, this is a man's issue, not an issue where women put themselves into harm's way. Men need to change their attitude toward women so that violence and abuse is not ever seen as an alternative action.

Clearly, the vast majority of men are not perpetrators of violence but we are part of a culture that accepts violence as inevitable and that some men abuse women. In violence prevention the focus must be on men because it is men that teach other men and boys how to be men in ways that do not involve abusing and degrading women.'

Woman accused of kicking cop, threatening to kill husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEWARK — A Licking County Municipal Court judge set bail at $2,500 for a woman who allegedly kicked a Newark police officer in the face Tuesday night.

Deanna R. Sherrard, 25, last known address 388 S. Executive Drive, was charged with one count of assault on a police officer, a fourth-degree felony, for kicking Newark Police Sgt. John Brnjic during her arrest.

Newark police officers arrived at a Circle K at South Fifth Street and National Drive at about 9:10 p.m. Tuesday where they tried to calm Sherrard, who was allegedly screaming profanities at the top of her lungs, according to a Newark police report.

Police reported she allegedly smelled of alcohol and threatened to kill her husband. After her alleged threats, police arrested her for menacing.'

Woman who killed husband now suing for his pension

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'A woman who has maintained that she killed her husband out of self-defense is now suing his former employer for survivor's benefits through his retirement plan.

56-year-old Fayette Nale, who was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the 2007 stabbing death of her husband, is serving a 3-15 year prison sentence. Nale had testified that she suffered months of physical and sexual abuse before a fight when she accidentally stabbed him.

Now Nale, who suffers from lupus and uses a wheelchair after injuries from a 1988 car accident, is suing Ford Motor Co. for her late husband's pension.

Nale has filed federal suit, claiming that her conviction "is not considered an intentional causing of death such that she should be denied survivor benefits," Courthouse News Service reports. She was acquitted of homicide when her original charge of second-degree murder was reduced to voluntary manslaughter.'

NY Times: Health Care Reform Is a Woman's Issue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many women gain access to their health insurance through their husbands. That means that male job losses as well as the possibility of divorce leave them vulnerable. A recent report by the Joint Economic Committee of Congress estimates that about 1.7 million women have lost health insurance benefits as a result of job losses since December 2007 — 71 percent of these as a result of their spouses' job loss.

Although fewer adult women than men lack health insurance, they seem to be more affected by insurance-related problems, including inadequate coverage. A Commonwealth Fund study released last May found that about 52 percent of working-age women, compared to 39 percent of working-age men, reported in 2007 that they had to forgo filling a prescription, seeing a specialist, obtaining a recommended medical test or seeing a doctor at all as a result of medical costs.'

Police say they have female bank robber in custody

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (CNN) -- Police in Connecticut say they have arrested a woman suspected of robbing at least six banks in the past week.

Detectives from the Major Crimes division of the Connecticut State Police took Heather Brown into custody at about 3:15 p.m. The 34-year-old resident of Norwich, Connecticut, will be formally charged with robbery in the first degree, police said.

Investigators believe Brown robbed the banks, often while claiming to have a bomb.

"When she goes into the banks, she gives the teller information through a note or verbally that she has a bomb," said Sgt. Jim Keeney of the Connecticut State Police. "However, there haven't been any reports of an actual bomb."

Michelle Obama to America's women: It's all about you!

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – First lady Michelle Obama says women should do what makes them happy, a lesson she says she learned after realizing her two children, her husband and her physical health feed off of her good moods.

In an interview appearing in the November issue of Prevention magazine, Mrs. Obama discusses the meaning of good health, aging and her exercise, diet and beauty routines. She sat for the interview at the White House in late July.

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"She'd say being a good mother isn't all about sacrificing. It's really investing and putting yourself higher on your priority list," Mrs. Obama said. She said Robinson put her own two children first, sometimes to the detriment of herself.

"She encouraged me not to do that," Mrs. Obama said.

...

"Throughout my life, I've learned to make choices that make me happy and make sense for me. Even my husband is happier when I'm happy," Mrs. Obama said in her first interview with the women's health monthly. "So I have freed myself to put me on the priority list and say, yes, I can make choices that make me happy, and it will ripple and benefit my kids, my husband and my physical health."'

Presumably she could not care less if the men financing women's me-first lifestyle also drop dead at 50 from working their butts off.

Fathers & Families Hosts Debate Between 2 Leading Domestic Violence Authorities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence and the DV policies of family courts and law enforcement is a multi-faceted issue that has an enormous impact on American families.

During the 1970s, feminist organizations fought hard to make domestic violence a public issue, as opposed to a private one, and to gain governmental and societal support for policies aimed at protecting abused women. Current policies have largely been shaped and influenced by the DV establishment which arose from that movement.

However, today those policies are coming under increasing attack from dissident domestic violence experts, as well as civil libertarians and fathers' advocates.

Fathers & Families is hosting a debate between two of North America's leading domestic violence authorities, feminist DV expert Professor Evan Stark, Ph.D, MSW, and dissident DV expert Dr. Donald G. Dutton.'

RADAR ALERT: NJ Attorney Challenges Constitutionality of Restraining Orders

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David Heleniak, a Morristown, NJ attorney, has filed a motion on behalf of his client, John Paulsen, to vacate a final restraining order (FRO) on the ground that it violates Paulsen's constitutional rights.

Heleniak gained recognition on the issue of domestic violence restraining orders with his 2005 law review article "The New Star Chamber: The New Jersey Family Court and the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act" (.pdf file). More recently, in Crespo vs. Crespo, Heleniak won a landmark decision in which the Honorable Francis Schultz of Hudson County ruled that the criteria for a FRO must be "clear and convincing evidence" rather than a "preponderance of the evidence." That verdict made Crespo vs. Crespo a glimmering hope to anyone who was ever hit with a frivolous restraining order – until it was recently overturned by the New Jersey Court of Appeals.

"They were dismissive of the whole idea [that the NJ domestic violence statute could be unconstitutional]" said Heleniak. "In fact, they dealt with some of our best points in a footnote [7], in which they said they were unworthy of discussion. I think they're hoping the issues go away."

Heleniak, disappointed with the decision of the Appellate Division, has asked the NJ Supreme Court to take the Crespo case and has forged ahead with Paulsen in a similar action with a motion to vacate a domestic violence restraining order on constitutional grounds in the local Morris County family court.

"I believe their [the Appellate Division's] refusal to address some of the issues head-on affects their credibility. It just looks like they were ducking," said Heleniak. "But at some point the issues will have to be addressed at a high level. There are just too many cases out there with the same story – a restraining order handed down without sufficient evidence that ruins a man's life and the lives of his children."

Paulsen said that the FRO against him was nothing more than a tactical maneuver to gain an unfair advantage in the litigation process.

"The allegations of abuse against me that gave rise to the FRO were manufactured by my wife to gain a tactical advantage in a divorce that she had decided she wanted months before the allegations were made," said Paulsen. "In fact, she had surreptitiously had several meetings with her divorce attorney and was using the threat of a restraining order as a means of intimidation within our marriage for over a year before she used it as a first strike weapon in the divorce."

A recent analysis notes that unwarranted restraining orders create a "ripple" effect that can persist for many years, harming the alleged person's reputation, legal standing, security clearances, career prospects and financial status. In many cases, it also affects the person's relationship with their children, often causing devastating and permanent harm to that relationship. (A Culture of False Allegations (.pdf file).)

False allegations not only damage the individual falsely accused, they also affect other family members who may be barred from seeing a grandchild, nephew, or niece.

Special reports regarding domestic violence restraining orders can be viewed here.

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Chambers, who lived in Normandy Village, accused Wilson of approaching her on June 20 in Spring Valley and threatening to harm her unless she went with him to his Rose Avenue home, Spring Valley police said. She accused Wilson of beating her, breaking her hand and raping her, police said.

About a week later, however, Chambers recanted her accusations in a letter to Wilson's lawyer - at the Rockland Public Defender's Office.'

Ex-Spring High School teacher pleads guilty in student 'sex' case

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'SPRING, Texas—A former Spring High School geography teacher was sentenced to two years in prison for having a sexual relationship with a male student who was 16 years old at the time.

Jessica Lynne Kelley, 25, pleaded guilty Monday to improper relations with a student.

Prosecutors dropped two felony counts of sexual assault of a child in exchange for the plea.

Court documents say Kelley and the boy had sex three times in July of 2008 at the teacher's home.'

Tacoma: Woman arrested in shooting of boyfriend

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'A 22-year-old woman was arrested Saturday after she apparently shot her boyfriend in the stomach at their Tacoma residence.

Tacoma police said a 23-year-old man called 911 shortly after midnight Saturday to report that he had been shot at his residence in the 800 block of 48th Street South.

When police arrived they found him and his girlfriend. He told police his girlfriend had shot him but it had been an accident.

The man was taken to St. Joseph Medical Center in serious condition. His condition wasn't available Monday.

A Tacoma police spokesman said both the man and the woman had been drinking alcohol.

The woman was arrested for investigation of domestic violence assault in the first degree. She was booked into the Pierce County Jail and is expected to appear in Superior Court today for arraignment.'

Lies, Damned Lies and Statistiscs: The College Gap

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Perhaps this is a bit of good news about the "college gap". Excerpt:

'Today, women earn far more Bachelor's and Associate's degrees as well as slightly more Master's and Doctoral degrees than men. Fortunately for men like myself, there is a major flaw in how this data is interpreted. When you look at this chart, what is the first thing that comes to mind? In all likelihood, if your thought was similar to mine, it was that more women are going to college and fewer men are than in the past. Or in other words, women are going to college instead of men. However, it is wrong to assume that because men make up a smaller percentage of college students today than they did in the past, that women must be taking spots previously held by men. The pie is not static; it got bigger, a lot bigger. College admission has exploded since 1970: the number of men in college has actually increased substantially and the percentage of men going to college is greater now than it was in 1970.

In 1970, there were 7.4 million college students and the United States population was just over 200 million: just under 4% of the population was enrolled in college. In 2007, almost 18 million Americans attended a university out of a population of just over 300 million, or 6% of the population. College admission has increased almost 150% in absolute terms and 50% in relative terms in just less than 40 years. In 1970, 4.4 million men attended college, or assuming the population is 50% male (it's about 49%), 4.4% of men were attending college. In 2007, 7.8 million men attended college, or about 5.2%. Male enrollment has actually increased 18% since 1970. What makes this statistic look so alarming is that female enrollment skyrocketed from 3 million to 10.1 million, or 3% to 6.7%, a 125% increase.

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Admittedly, this is not proof that there is not a problem. It only reveals that there are a host of lurking variables to unravel before concluding that the gap is even noteworthy. We'd have to conduct a very careful study to determine whether or not there was any "excess" in the gap between men and women. And it's reasonable to conclude that if there is an excess, it is quite small. It could possibly even be that the proportion should be even greater than it currently is and women are getting the short end of the stick. What is important to note here is that this alarming statistic tells us very little on its own and is probably completely meaningless. All it says for certain is that the laws of supply and demand on college campuses have tilted significantly in men's favor.'

Circumcision: the first cut is the deepest

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'The consensus, for once, is right: female circumcision reduces – if not eliminates – sexual pleasure, provides no apparent health benefits, and violates individual autonomy. At its core, female circumcision is a degrading and brutally unfair practice.

All of this is true of male circumcision – the removal of penis foreskin – as well. Yet, as the New York Times recently reported, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), an arm of the United States federal government, is now considering a plan to ‘promote [the] routine circumcision’ of infant boys in the US with the aim of reducing the spread of HIV (1). This proposal is as degrading as it is illiberal.

The scientific evidence that the CDC is relying on in considering the new recommendation is laughably weak. Consider, first, the people who were the object of the study: the population group surveyed was from sub-Saharan Africa, where sexual mores and cultural conditions are utterly different from those of the US.'

American jailed in Japan for trying to reclaim his children

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'TOKYO, Japan (CNN) -- Had this custody drama played out in the United States, Christopher Savoie might be considered a hero -- snatching his two little children back from an ex-wife who defied the law and ran off with them.

But this story unfolds 7,000 miles away in the Japanese city of Fukuoka, where the U.S. legal system holds no sway.

And here, Savoie sits in jail, charged with the abduction of minors. And his Japanese ex-wife -- a fugitive in the United States for taking his children from Tennessee -- is considered the victim.

After Noriko Savoie took the children to Japan, Savoie filed for and received full custody of the children, Bruno said. And Franklin police issued an arrest warrant for his ex-wife, the television station reported.

"Our court system failed him," said Diane Marshall, a court-appointed parent coordinator who helped Savoie make decisions about the children. "It's just a mess."

But Moses, Noriko Savoie's attorney, told CNN that the children's father had other legal options.'

Wendy McElroy: 'Permanent alimony is slavery'

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'Again...this is one of many emails I receive from men who are financially unable to meet alimony/child support payments, from second wives whose husbands are in jail for non-payment of ruinously high judgments, from family members pleading for any relief from a patently unjust family court system... There is little I can do to help these victims of "the system." But I can reprint and publicize their voices.

The following email is particularly interesting because, as the author explains, it includes a "list with many reasons why the law needs to be changed and a copy of my personal story." Although I have verified the list, it looks to be a compelling argument in-and-of-itself against Florida's alimony laws. Moreover, the man's story should be widely circulated as a cautionary tale on how the family court system is financially destroying men and women who marry unwisely and, then, are forced to pay for that mistake for the rest of their lives. Their circumstances are a de facto form of slavery.'

UK: German men are 'world's worst lovers' with English men in second place

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Would we ever see a report where men rate a woman's love making ability? Could you imagine the backlash if German men said women had bad hygiene or British men saying women were too lazy in bed?

Excerpt:

'A poll of 15,000 women found that Germans are considered "too smelly".

English lovers came second because they are so lazy, while men from Sweden were branded "too quick to finish" and came third.

Spanish men topped the table as the best lovers, followed by Brazilians and Italians.

The poll, carried out by global research site www.OnePoll.com, asked women from 20 countries to rate nations on their ability in bed and give reasons for their answers.

Germans were deemed to have bad body odour, Englishmen were accused of letting women do all the work, whilst Swedes were a bit too quick to finish.

Men from Holland were "too rough" between the bed covers and Americans were accused of being "too dominating" in the bedroom.'

“Women should not go to prison”: fraud and Farah Damji

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'The Uganda-born Asian confidence trickster Farah Damji caused a small sensation in England in 2006 when she absconded from prison and seemed at first to be taunting authorities by keeping in touch with them through a web log. As one-time editrix of a London lifestyle magazine, and a journalist with well-known national and regional papers, she had good media contacts. These got the tale of her exploits into the national news.

What was her public appeal? She had been personable when younger, and had lived in a luxurious style, reportedly owning houses in New York, Hampshire and Chelsea. But it was her apparent nerve that tickled those who wrote about her prison escapade. Her vividness inspirited a grey existence. She seemed to offer herself as some British-Indian Bonnie Parker or Butch Cassidy — a devil-may-care outlaw on the run from dull authority, and against overwhelming odds. In her case she looked like the one at ease with modern technology, while the clodhoppers of the law laboured sweatily to catch up.

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And Damji was no Robin Hood — a figure moved with the rage for equality; nor was she a person fighting for the profile of women or of Asians. She wanted stuff. She was a thief and con artist, whose sole beneficiary was herself.

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When it’s all boiled down it turns out that she was just another woman whose personal chemistry convinced her of her uniqueness in nature, that she alone was not subject to the demands of legality that oppress everyone else. Such females must have whatever their whims dictate for them. They need shoes, gems, the best hairdresser and most fashionable gynæcologist; must have Caribbean holidays and South Sea cruises. — All on tap through someone else’s plastic. Damji knew she was worth it because her body chemistry told her so. She shouldn’t have to work for those things, and it was an outrage that they existed without being immediately available to her. Why should she exert herself like every other mortal? She was a walking embodiment of the female conviction that a girl is a princess, one of nature’s privileged creatures, to whom the laws of physics, biology, economics, need not apply.

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That at last Damji protested too much and was locked up for her temerity, was a small, rare triumph for the principle of gender equality, and for the objectivity of the law. We cannot be wholly confident that her effrontery will not win out in the end. In 2007 she confessed that she was working on an autobiography — or at least trying to hawk the idea of such a work to any London publisher who’d listen. This would evidently be a book that was based on the premise that notoriety sells no less than quality. Here would be a volume that former lovers might not think of putting in their wives’ stockings at Christmas. Our civilisation’s new propensity to wink at fraud, to be amused at the worst that in human behaviour, might yet give Farah Damji — with the backing of female opinion — that social traction she craves. She hasn’t finished with us yet, and may yet use as stepping stones her numerous victims as she resumes her role of picaresque heroine. A plucky good-time girl in the tradition of Moll Flanders, surviving as best she might in an unfriendly world.'

Michael Coren: Feminism revisited

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'Growing up in Britain in the 1970s it was impossible not to be aware of Erin Pizzey. She was the iconic face of feminism, as she appeared on television seemingly every other night to expose what she saw as the oppression of women. She also founded of one of the first domestic violence shelters in the world. They were known as battered women's homes in those days but the nomenclature, as well as the politics, has changed over the years. So, it seems, has Erin Pizzey.

"I would go so far as to say," she wrote last week, "that the movement, which proclaimed that all men are potential rapists and batterers, was based on a lie that, if allowed to flourish, would result in the complete destruction of family life ... Feminism, I realized, was a lie. Women and men are both capable of extraordinary cruelty. Indeed, the only thing a child really needs — two biological parents under one roof — was being undermined by the very ideology which claimed to speak up for women's rights."

Pizzey seems to have arrived views which run delightfully, diametrically against the very core of contemporary feminism. And it's difficult to know which claim will cause the most offence to the women's movement. The battle of assumptions — that all women are merely a step away from abuse — was actually won some time ago. As early as the 1980s we were told that 50% of all women had been abused by their male partners at some point, and to question the statistic implied that the critic had something to hide.'

"Robert Bly Revealed" at U of Minnesota

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Site here. For those unfamiliar, more on Bly here. Excerpt:

'Robert Bly was born in Lac qui Parle County, Minnesota to Jacob and Alice Bly, people of Norwegian ancestry. Following graduation from high school in 1944, he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving two years. After one year at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, he transferred to Harvard University, joining the later famous group of writers who were undergraduates at that time, including Donald Hall, Adrienne Rich, Kenneth Koch, Frank O'Hara, John Ashbery, Harold Brodkey, George Plimpton, and John Hawkes. He graduated in 1950 and spent the next few years in New York.
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Among his most famous works is Iron John: A Book About Men (link added), an international bestseller which has been translated into many languages. The book is credited with starting the Mythopoetic men's movement in the United States. Bly frequently conducts workshops for men with James Hillman, Michael J. Meade, and others, as well as workshops for men and women with Marion Woodman. He has taught at the annual "Great Mother Conference" since 1975. He maintains a friendly correspondence with Clarissa Pinkola Estés, author of Women Who Run With the Wolves.'

"7-month itch": not just for men

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'I know you don't want to hear this, but newlyweds are cheating. The numbers are gnarly; 15 percent of women and 12 percent of men under the age of 35* reported cheating within their first year of marriage! The worst part: Since these stats came from people who admitted it, relationship therapist Dr. Bonnie Eaker said she suspects the real number is more than half. Don't believe me? Check out this clip from CBS News.

Although Eaker's estimate is interesting, I'm not sure I agree. I know a ton of couples who've made the long walk down the big white aisle, and while, sadly, many haven't made it past the three-year mark, I can only think of one where infidelity was a factor. I guess the real question is, why does anyone cheat within the so-called honeymoon phase? My guess is that these are people who just can't come to terms with what real marriage is. In short: not a perfect paradise full of roses and gumdrops and sexy-twinkly lighting 24/7.'

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*The clip reports different numbers. It says 20% of men and 15% of women. I am assuming then the author of the article got her numbers confused.

I do find it a bit funny how the woman being interviewed to comment is offering analysis that seems much more sympathetic than I have seen such experts be when discussing only men's infidelity.

India: Woman held for blackmailing men

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'New Delhi, Sep 29 (PTI) A young woman, who allegedly blackmailed men by threatening them to frame them in rape cases, was arrested in the national capital, police said today.

The 30-year-old woman was arrested following investigations into a complaint filed by Sanjay Dass, who runs a pest control company, that he was coerced to hand over his belongings to two women after being put under the fear of framing him in a false rape case.

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"One of them closed the door from inside while the other caught hold of him. She asked Dass to hand over all his belongings or else he will be framed in a case of rape.'

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On Thursday, police charged Chambers with a felony count of first-degree making an apparently sworn false statement. Her arrest is part of an investigation into the circumstances surrounding Chambers' filing of the report, Spring Valley Detective Reginald Anderson said.'

Sally Winter in New South Wales

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'The blind spots and the rush to judgement that are strewn about the possible criminality of mothers are modestly illustrated by the case of Sally Winter, from the small town of Maitland in New South Wales. She killed her family and then herself, but because it's an article of faith with us that a woman could not act in such a way, early reports about this family massacre arbitrarily cast the husband and father as villain. Breaking accounts leapt to that conclusion on no apparent evidence. So the Sydney Daily Telegraph felt able to blare in its front-page headline: "FATHER SHOOTS FAMILY DEAD" — a wholly incorrect assertion for which that notorious newspaper declined to apologise. Its misinformation was picked up and repeated on the commercial radio networks, whose producers knew a story when they heard one.
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What if anything do we learn from all this? Obviously, that women kill. That women are more than capable of violence and in many situations lack only the means — a lack which the presence of a gun removes. Feminists will always have lots to say about the plight of women in unhappy marriages — about bullying from the husband, about the way economic and family pressures bear down especially on the wife, about the general frustration which life in a patriarchy involves, and perhaps about a female past (real or imagined) stuffed with low self-esteem, sexual abuse and what-all else. Any reader can string together his own classic details.

For our own part we might suppose, if we knew more about the Winters, that one of the things which turns men to anger and sometimes, very unfortunately, to direct action is their understanding that society has no interest in hearing them, has no sympathy or support for them when their marriage comes unglued. Men are supposed to look after themselves. Society knows too well who the culprit must be when a marriage goes bad.

Soon after the Winter catastrophe some politicians were calling for an enquiry into why their guns had been handed back. Police defended the decision to return the firearms on the dumb-cop basis that they were "simply following procedure". No charges had been laid over the domestic argument, and the apprehended violence orders had been withdrawn. The idea that police should occasionally use their brains instead of "simply following procedure" was not pursued — perhaps because of the known threat which police brains pose to the public.'

Computer detects domestic abuse before doctors

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'Victims of domestic abuse can hide the truth from doctors, but they leave clues in their medical records that a computer program has now learned to follow.

The program could save lives by acting as an early warning system for domestic violence, flagging up possible cases of abuse to doctors months or even years before they would otherwise be detected.

The program produced a set of rules based on the differences it found. These were mainly based on patterns of injuries and bouts of mental illness – signs of abuse that doctors already look for.

But the program also found new clues, including some that pick out victims of one sex but not the other. Alcoholism, for instance, is a red flag for abuse in women, but not men, because it is less common among women in general. In contrast, depression and other mood disorders are a strong predictor of abuse in men, but less so for women.'

Men will strap on women's shoes to create domestic violence awareness

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'Nearly 30 local men will step into women's fancy red heels next month to raise Domestic Violence awareness as they "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes."

These male volunteers will be showing off their footwear while emphasizing the importance of men being more involved in stopping violence against women at the Oct. 10 event.

"We wanted it very diverse because we know that violence affects everybody from all walks of life," Van Maanen said. "So we wanted men from all walks of life to participate."

"The guys were really excited about it," she said. "Then some of those guys got other men involved, which is exactly what we wanted to happen."

Historically, the domestic violence and sexual assault movement has been led mainly by women and it's time for men to get involved, Van Maanen said.'

States Argue About Tracking Domestic Abuse With GPS

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'Many states are deliberating whether or not it would be worth-while for them to use GPS tracking systems to monitor the whereabouts of domestic violence offenders who have orders of protection against them. It has been argued by many state governments that often these orders of protection are violated thus resulting in the deaths of many victims.

On the other hand, some lawmakers argue that the GPS systems are likely to help in some cases, but not all. They also argue that the GPS systems would come at a significant cost to tax payers. Furthermore, some states argue that because of these high costs, the thought of using this new technology is simply a delusion of grandeur. Meanwhile countless numbers of abused women have been relating stories of the protection orders being violated by their ex-partners. In one tragic case, a woman named Leigh Ann Olson told the story of how her ex-husband violated his protection order and fatally shot their five year old daughter Makayla, before shooting himself.'

Domestic Violence Prevention Advocates Say Men Must Take a More Active Role to Break the Cycle of Violence

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'IRVING, Texas, Sept. 24 /PRNewswire/ -- To help break the cycle of domestic violence, men must get more involved in speaking out against the problem and become advocates for change.

That was one of the primary messages of the 4th Annual Verizon Foundation Domestic Violence Prevention Summit held Thursday (Sept. 24) at the Omni Mandalay Hotel.

"Domestic violence is not just a women's issue," said actor and Verizon Foundation Community Champion Victor Rivers. "As a child, I was a victim of abuse and saw my father belittle and attack my mother. To break the cycle of violence, I'm calling on men to become more involved in the issue and make it a point to teach their children that domestic violence is never acceptable."

According to a U.S. Department of Justice study on intimate partner violence, 1 out of every 4 women will experience domestic violence.'

New National Study Gives Voice to Victims of Paternity Fraud

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'ATLANTA, Sept. 23 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- In 2003, The American Association of Blood Banks found that in almost 30 percent of the paternity tests conducted the man being tested is not the biological father.

"This means millions of fathers may unknowingly be raising children who are not theirs biologically. When a man discovers the truth about the child's parentage, this can have a far-reaching emotional impact upon him, the child, and the families involved like John Edwards' situation," said Carnell Smith PfV, renowned paternity fraud expert and director of U.S. Citizens Against Paternity Fraud (http://www.PaternityFraud.com).

Smith said, "Surprisingly there has been no formal study of this - until now."

Sharon Squires, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology at California State University-Dominguez Hills, and Carnell Smith PfV have joined forces to develop a new on-line survey, the first of its kind, which will examine the emotional, financial, legal, and social impact of paternity fraud on men.'

UK: Paternity laws 'open to fraud' business group warns

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'The Government announced that mothers who decide to return to work after six months can hand over, in effect, the remainder of their maternity leave to fathers.

The change means either party can receive the statutory rate of £123 a week if they chose to take the time off work when the child is aged between six and nine months old. After that, whichever partner has the 'maternal' role, they can take the following three months of leave unpaid.

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The Federation of Small Businesses also cautioned the new law was wide open to abuse and fraud because it could be easy for a man to take time off and be paid at the same time as his wife was taking time off work and also being paid.'

Donna Fitchett: "No one was going to hurt my boys"

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'In Australia as in many another place, it has become so familiar a news item we can call it hackneyed. It croaks from the radio as we grump through our Monday breakfast: the missing dad found this weekend in his car at some abandoned spot, his children dead in their seatbelts beside him — shot or poisoned by fumes from the exhaust. There is no sympathy for such a father; perhaps there should not be. Our feelings go out conventionally to the innocent lives the dad has taken with him, and perhaps, as we sip our coffee, we catch mention of a distraught mother — who's released her darlings on an 'access' or 'contact' visit, for Father's Day perhaps or for one of the children's birthdays — only to see the lives most precious to her snuffed out by an oaf who is now exposed for all to see as the brutal, 'abusive', self-obsessed pig that she'd always said he was.

That's what is reported, and it's what we see.

His distress? It would smirch the memory of his children to go into that. The economic strain of his having raised a family while tied to an obdurate partner; of his being forcibly separated from the family who were his life; of his loss of house and savings; of his being faced with unemployment as he's driven to the edge by those matter-of-fact lawyers in the Family Court, who are assured of their income whatever destruction they wreak upon him. His life has been unstrung by the militant and confused institutions of the state, and now he's groped for the one way out that his battered brain can visualise — annihilation. It's the wrong way, and if he were still around we wouldn't have any compunction about telling him so. And no doubt he'd see it too.

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If he were a wife and mother things would be very different. We'd find an explanation and a way out for him (for her) — an abusive relationship, poor self-esteem, molestation during childhood or post-partum depression; there is no end of possibilities for getting a woman off her murder charge, even if we can't stop her before the killings. But if a man tries filial murder he'd better make sure he well and truly tops himself. He'd better embrace Samson's, the way of self-destruction as he takes those others with him out of the world. Alive or dead, a father will rightly be lambasted in the aftermath.

Men act in that violent way because they are naturally active. Women in similar straits crouch in the victim position because that's their nature. It happens that the path of non-violence is deemed to be more virtuous — less wicked and blatantly destructive — than the violent one. The gender differences in response to crisis do matter, but they are arguably incidental from the ethical viewpoint — expressive only of the two sexes' programmed behaviour. Is a 'victim' innately virtuous because she behaves as victims must?

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David Fitchett came home from his job at UltraTune at around 6.30 of a Tuesday evening in early September 2005 to find his family's house in Dight Avenue, North Balwyn — a solid, middle-class suburb northeast of Melbourne — surprisingly quiet. He found his 46-year-old wife teetering about the gloom, glazed in her bra and pants, and cut about the neck, arms and groin. She'd taken sleeping pills, she told him, to "dull the pain". Their sons Thomas, aged 11, and Matthew, 9, were lying in separate bedrooms — cold, stiff and without any vital signs.

The ambulance took Fitchett — as she must now be called — to Box Hill Hospital and there she stayed under guard till transferred by police the following dawn to homicide headquarters in South Melbourne. Though she could not be interviewed because of her mental state, she was directed by the magistrate to supply police with scrapings from beneath her nails: "There are reasonable grounds to believe she may have committed the offence." The offence of doing away with her two boys. One of them had been scratched about the face; and one had material under his fingernail which was thought to be body tissue. The suspect kept her face hidden in a blanket for much of her short preliminary hearing, from which she went back to suicide watch at the Thomas Embling psychiatric unit in Fairfield.

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In Melbourne popular support for Fitchett was a good deal more muted than it had been for Lemak in Illinois — because Australia is not yet America, because the tide of rabid feminism had eased slightly over the intervening years, and because Fitchett had not been threatened by her husband with any known material loss. It seemed plain that the destruction of Fitchett's life had come wholly from within herself. In both the Melbourne and the Illinois narratives, sympathy for the defendant declined during trials which uncovered unpalatable detail about the crimes. And a final parallel between the cases: lengthy custodial sentences were handed down for both Donna Fitchett and Marilyn Lemak — 24 years in Fitchett's case, with a non-parole period of 18 years; and life imprisonment without the possibility of parole for Lemak. Disquiet about the sanity issue lingered beyond both verdicts.'

Casey Anthony Wants Murder Charge Dropped

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. — Attorneys for a Florida woman charged with killing her 2-year-old daughter want to prevent prosecutors from seeking the death penalty and said Wednesday that charges against her should be dropped.
...
Anthony's attorneys said that prosecutors can't prove first-degree murder was committed or that Anthony ever abused her daughter, Caylee.

"Specifically, the state cannot establish whether Caylee Anthony's death was accidental, natural, or the result of an intentional or negligent homicide," they said.'

Grandmother guilty of starving four-year-old

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A grandmother and an aunt pleaded guilty on Tuesday to starving to death a four-year-old boy who weighed less than nine kilograms when he was found last year at his home in central Mississippi.

Circuit Judge Marcus Gordon accepted capital murder pleas from Austin Watkins' grandmother, Janice Mowdy, 43, and aunt, 22-year-old Stephanie Bell.

In exchange for the guilty pleas, the judge sentenced the women to life in prison. They could have faced the death penalty if a jury had convicted them.'

Ed. note: Reported in an Australian paper, but the crime referred to herein occurred in the US.

UK: Nursery worker guilty of child sex abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'[Vanessa] George, and her co-accused, all aged 39 and parents themselves, appeared at Bristol Crown court, facing a combined total of 37 charges, including making and distributing indecent images of children.
...
George admitted seven sexual assaults and six counts of distributing and making indecent pictures of children.
...
Blanchard pleaded guilty to 17 child pornography counts and two sexual assaults on children. He also admitted a further charge of possessing extreme pornography.

Allen pleaded guilty to four child sex assaults and one count of distributing an indecent image.
...
George, who abused babies and toddlers in her care, swapped her collection of images with the two other accused, it emerged.

The married mother met her accomplices “entirely by chance” in a Facebook chat room.

George used what she termed her “fun phone” to take 150 obscene images of infants in her care.

She passed these on to her two accomplices, together with images of her abusing some of those she was photographing.'

Pakistan: Farmer's daughter disarms terrorist and shoots him dead with AK47

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Story here. Good for her! Now why again are women not by default subject to selective service (aka the draft) should it be activated? Seems to me that with such weapons as rifles, a greater amount of physical strength isn't as necessary as it was back before the invention of firearms. Excerpt:

'Rukhsana Kausar, 21, was with her parents and brother in Jammu and Kashmir when three gunmen, believed to be Pakistani militants, forced their way in and demanded food and beds for the night.

Their house in Shahdra Sharief, Rajouri district, is about 20 miles from the ceasefire line between Indian and Pakistani forces.
...
Militants often demand food and lodging in nearby villages.

When they forced their way into Miss Kausar's home, her father Noor Mohammad refused their demands and was attacked.

His daughter was hiding under a bed when she heard him crying as the gunmen thrashed him with sticks. According to police, she ran towards her father's attacker and struck him with an axe. As he collapsed, she snatched his AK47 and shot him dead.

She also shot and wounded another militant as he made his escape.'

Note the story says she will be nominated for an award for gallantry. Somehow I doubt this would happen had she been a he. In that case, it would have been "just what he should have done, there's a good chap."

Intact America: AAP and AAFP considering circumcision recommendation

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From an IA email alert:

'Help stop the AAP and AAFP from recommending circumcision!

Right now, both the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) are considering recommending infant circumcision for all baby boys – for the first time in history.

We need to show the medical community that circumcision is unnecessary, harmful and ethically wrong – before it's too late.'

They are asking for donations, too.

Contact info for AAP and AAFP:

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP): here.
American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP): here.

NBC Plans Special Week of Coverage on Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NBC News will devote a significant amount of time and attention next month to the changing roles of contemporary women, much of it based on a study initiated by Maria Shriver, the one-time NBC correspondent who is married to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger of California.

NBC is describing the project as an effort to “educate the public on the current state of women in America.” The news division is planning to include coverage related to the study over a full week of its evening newscast and three mornings on the “Today” show.

“The Shriver Report: A Woman’s Nation Changes Everything,” is modeled on a study undertaken almost 50 years ago during the administration of John F. Kennedy, Ms. Shriver’s uncle, and led by Eleanor Roosevelt. Ms. Shriver said that this one was not a government based study, however.'

US Department of Labor: THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

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News release here. Excerpt:

As of August, the male unemployment rate was 10.1 opposed to 7.6 for women.

'In August, construction employment declined by 65,000, in line with the trend since May. Monthly losses had averaged 117,000 over the 6 months ending in April. Employment in the construction industry has contracted by 1.4 million since the onset of the recession. Starting in early 2009, the larger share of monthly job losses shifted from the residential to the nonresidential and heavy construction components. In mining, employment declined by 9,000 over the month.

Employment in health care continued to rise in August (28,000), with gains in ambulatory care and in nursing and residential care. Employment in hospitals was little changed in August; job growth in the industry slowed in early 2009 and employment has been flat since May. Health care has added 544,000 jobs since the start of the recession.'

Is Feminism Killing Old Southern chivalry?

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Piece here. Excerpt:

'From where I sit I think women today, particularly in the South, have it pretty darn good.

We are enjoying the steady spread of women's equality in the workplace, home and school system while still being treated like damsels in distress when it comes to our lifestyle.

Are we confused? Are we screaming to be treated equally while our actions are saying something else?

In a world of so-called gender equality, where do we differentiate between independence and chivalrous traditions?

Even though the feminist movement brought the right to vote and the beginning of equal pay for women, our demands for independence have been shadowed by the fact that we still expect special treatment.

Should we consider our rights and the way we clarify them to be all or nothing? Can we have our cake and eat it, too?'

Man's life in ruins by wife's false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'He was made out to be a rampaging "Rambo," an armed and dangerous beast who raped his wife and later tried to kidnap her.

But it turned out that it was all wrong. Stephen Vaughn was innocent.

When the gavel finally came down, it was clear that Vaughn was not much more than a hapless character in an existential nightmare caused, in part, by his own poor judgment.

According to his attorney, Vaughn was primarily a victim of a prosecutorial process that operates under the assumption that the husband must always be guilty in domestic disputes in which violence is alleged.

A passing glance suggests that the system actually worked in the end. After all, an Orange County grand jury threw out the 2008 rape charge. Last month, a Westchester County found Vaughn not guilty of attempted kidnapping and a host of lesser charges.'

Ex-Teacher Faces Possible Life Sentence for 'Sex' With Teens

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BARTOW | Danielle Jones was once regarded as a dedicated sixth-grade science teacher with a knack for mentoring at-risk students.

Now, the 33-year-old Auburndale woman has been found guilty of having sex with four teenage boys, ranging in age from 14 to 16 years old. Two of the boys were her former students.

She faces up to life imprisonment at her Friday sentencing hearing. A score sheet prepared for Jones' case shows her lowest recommended sentence to be about 55 years.

Circuit Judge Donald Jacobsen can impose a lower sentence but would have to provide a written explanation if he chose to do so.
...
She said a double standard exists where boys are not treated as victims when they are sexually abused by women.
...
"If she is attractive, we give her permission to sexually abuse the boy," said Duncan.

If the woman isn't attractive, people hold that against the boys, she said.
...
People get stuck in "gender stereotypes" that boys can't be victimized by having sex with women, Duncan said.'

The Gender Wage Gap and Occupational Injury Risk

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Numerous studies, in particular for the U.S., have shown that individuals in occupations with high injury risk are compensated for that risk by corresponding bonus payments. At the same time, male workers are overrepresented in the most dangerous occupations like scaffolders or miners, while females typically work in relatively safe occupations with respect to occupational injuries. It is therefore remarkable that almost all studies analyzing the gender wage gap have disregarded different occupational injury risks as a potential explanatory variable for observed gender wage differentials.

By merging data on occupational injury risks to German and US panel data on individual workers, this study analyzes gender wage differentials in Germany and the US considering fatal occupational injury risk. The Blinder-Oaxaca method for Tobit models is used to decompose the gender wage gap with and without consideration of the fatal injury risk. Our results indicate that the compensating wage differentials for risky jobs are reflected in the resulting gender wage gap, which is caused by the unequal distribution of occupational injury risks among men and women.'

UK: Circumcision – above the law?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The term "genital mutilation" sounds far less civilised that the commonly used term "circumcision". Yet the former is only ever used in relation to the removal of parts of female reproductive organs, and the latter, generally, for the removal of the foreskin from a male's penis. Make no mistake, a circumcision is the mutilation of genitals regardless of the terminology.

Male children from the Jewish and Muslim faiths have their foreskins removed at a young age under as part of religious practice. This is an irreversible procedure that would otherwise be classed as grievous bodily harm, contrary to section 18 of the Offences Against the Persons Act 1861. The fact that it is performed with parental consent has been deemed sufficient in allowing this procedure to be performed under English law.
...
Furthermore, if circumcision of males is allowed on religious grounds, then the ruling in the case of Adesanya must have been erroneous. The court here decided that a Nigerian woman could be prosecuted for cutting her teenaged sons' faces according to her cultural norms. It seems that freedom to commit GBH only extends to males, and only then of particular faiths or cultural backgrounds.'

MND: VAWA and Joe Biden's Personal Anguish

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The party also signaled an opening day of sorts, as during the month of October the calendar will host the 22nd annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month....

In other words, it will be another 31 days of fundraising, fanaticism and fraudulence; another month in which America and the western world is misinformed on an epic scale, all in the name of perpetuating the myth that the ill effects of domestic violence is a "girls only" club and that draconian legislation is the only answer.
...
The facts around domestic violence point to the unavoidable conclusion that VAWA is legislation rooted not only in sexism, but in an ill-conceived agenda that severs men from rights and recourse with the crushing legal efficacy of Dred Scott.
...
One might be pressed to wonder why, with 835,000 men a year being victimized by violent partners, would Joe Biden conjure up a mammoth piece of legislation that outright denies that reality?...

The answer may be in Biden's childhood, as he was himself a male victim of violence in the home.

According to Biden's own words his sister regularly beat him in his childhood and adolescence. "And I have the bruises to prove it," he said, at a senate hearing on violence against women, December 11, 1990. To make sure the audience knew this wasn't a joke, he added, "I mean that sincerely. I am not exaggerating when I say that."
...
In Biden's brief tell-all, he acknowledged that the beatings he received were condoned and sanctioned by his parents, and that he was prevented from defending himself; That he was literally, in fact, powerless to make the abuse stop.
...
In these disturbing revelations, Biden offers us a glimpse into a tragically dysfunctional and abusive family. The rules he describes are clear. His sister was granted license to terrorize and abuse him over a period of years while the family strong-armed him into the role of her designated punching bag...
...
Consider what mental health professionals now say about the psychological consequences of repeated childhood abuse.
...
"Many traumatized people become involved in social situations that bear a striking similarity to the context in which they were first traumatized. Freud thought that the aim of such repetitions was to gain mastery, but clinical experience shows that this rarely happens; instead, repetition causes further suffering for the individual or for other people in their surroundings."
...
And it boggles the mind to consider that the scars of his unfortunate youth will result not in lessons learned about real abuse, but only in more damage to many, many more innocent people.'

Slate: How Often Do Women Falsely Cry Rape?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In her book, Brownmiller said that only 2 percent of rape allegations are false, citing findings by the female police in a New York City rape squad. The problem is that while this statistic has been widely repeated, with dutiful mentions of New York-based "research," no one has ever tracked down its source. This we learned from a comprehensive review of the literature on false rape charges published in the Cambridge Law Journal in 2006. The author, Philip Rumney, finds a couple of small studies that back up the 2 percent claim but isn't confident of their methodology.

Rumney's survey of the terrain is the best we found. He also takes aim at the findings on the other end of the spectrum—the research that purports to show that the rate of false allegations of rape is in the range of 40 percent, as well as the flawed (but often cited) work that makes a crazy high jump to as high as 90 percent. The 40 percent figure is usually attributed to a 1994 article by E.J. Kanin in the Archives of Sexual Behavior. Kanin looked at 109 reports of rape to police in one small Midwestern metropolitan area over nine years. His pool was small. The police he studied always offered the victim a polygraph—perhaps signaling they doubted her veracity. And Kanin himself "warns against generalising from his findings" and points to reasons for questioning them, as Rumney explains.
...
This is sobering. As, of course, is the whole topic. We're left to draw the following conclusion: False allegations of rape aren't rampant. But they don't have to be to cause terrible trouble. This is a problem that a men's rights movement shouldn't trump up. And also one that feminists can't dismiss.'

Join 'NCFM' and 'Protect Men's Rights' on Facebook

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From Marc A.: If you're on Facebook, please join NCFM on Facebook. There's also a Facebook group called Protect Men's Rights that has over 300 members now and growing.

Group links:
NCFM
Protect Men's Rights

India: Harassed men, kin to hit streets

Matt · 2 October 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CHANDIGARH: Fed-up of being victims of domestic violence, harassed men and their family members across the country will take to the streets in prominent cities to protest against Domestic Violence Act. Representatives of Save India Family Foundation while talking to TOI informed that following an increase in the number of such complaints, they had decided to mark October 25 - day the Act was implemented - as "Domestic Violence against Men Day" and have chalked a list of activities, including protest marches by thousands of men in Delhi, Mumbai, Chandigarh and Hyderabad.

"We will be organizing a protest march in various prominent places of different cities across country on October 25," said Nitin Gupta, representative, SIFF, Chandigarh unit, adding, "In Chandigarh, we have sought permission to stage a dharna in Sector 17, whereas our Delhi unit is planning one near Jantar Mantar."'

University of California Davis: Caught inflating rape stats

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Stories here and here. This story broke today on the front page of the Sacramento Bee. The University of California at Davis is located within 20 minutes of Sacramento, California. Jennifer Beeman, the director of anti-violence efforts on the university campus, was put on administrative leave in December 2008 only to retire in June 2009 after 16 years at the university. The Sacramento Bee has investigated Beeman before for inflating rape statistics. Excerpt:

'Past problems with misreported campus sex crimes statistics, through both understatement and exaggeration, re-emerged Thursday at the University of California, Davis.

Officials alleged that the former head of campus anti-violence efforts, Jennifer Beeman, had grossly inflated the number of forcible sexual offenses in three years of mandatory reports to the federal government.
...
In an investigative series published in 2000, The Bee found the university had consistently under-reported sexual assaults to the federal government.

In 2001, a Bee story revealed Beeman had written a federal grant application in 1999 in which she said that as many as 700 students at UC Davis were victims of rape or attempted rape each year.

In that same time frame, the university was officially telling federal authorities that rapes and assaults on campus were practically nonexistent.

Beeman's estimate was part of a proposal that netted the school more than $500,000 from the U.S. Justice Department for crime-fighting efforts.

At the time, Beeman said she had extrapolated the number from statistics that showed 1 in 20 college women was a victim of rape or attempted rape.'

Interesting that in the above quote, the author of the Sacramento Bee's October 2 story, Hudson Sangree (hsangree-at-sacbee.com), described the inflated amount of rapes reported by the university as having been "under reported," despite the fact that the Sacramento Bee's current and prior investigations have revealed that rape stats were *over reported.*

Men's rights movement makes front page of major German magazine

johndias · 3 October 2009 · Archived copy · Original

1. Video (in German)
2. Cover page of the magazine
3. Summary (in English)

Quote:

"First of all, the Men's Rights Movement made it on the title of one of the biggest magazines (named Focus) in Germany.

"Very well done article that features DV, education, feminism etc., about 8-10 pages. Also talking about media, male DV victims were recently on TV.

"Secondly, parts of the German Men's Rights Movement (MRM) were able to shoot down a sexist TV series. Surprise.

"And finally as we approach the next election I can see parts of the MRM reaching out to a political party. A small one that is, but good efforts are being made (heck, I will vote them, my wife will, my uncle, too). We will see what happens.

The best thing is that we are going forward. Even the (female) chancellor of Germany doesn't believe in discrimination of women anymore. Step by step...

UK: Woman jailed for false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Victoria Salter, of Lostock Hall, told police in September last year she was raped by three men while one looked on.

This led to the arrest of three 17-year-olds but one of them had filmed the incident which proved the sex was consensual, the court heard.

Salter, 26, who earlier admitted perverting the course of justice was jailed at Preston Crown Court.

Salter, of Broad Meadow, dialled 999 to make the false report in September 2008.

She said she had been followed home by four men and was raped by three of them while the fourth watched.

But the court heard that Salter had been filmed on a mobile phone during the sexual encounter and had been partaking "enthusiastically".'

Female sex offender returns to teaching at all-boys school

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CINCINNATI -- A woman who was fired from a previous teaching job for having sex with a student and who pleaded guilty last month to a sex crime with a minor is now employed at an all-boys Christian school.

She pleaded guilty last month in a plea deal to unlawful sexual conduct with a minor. She initially was charged with sexual battery, a felony that would have required her to register as a sex offender and could have sent her to prison. But because her victim refused to cooperate with authorities, prosecutors allowed a plea deal to a misdemeanor that, the judge indicated last month, likely will allow her to escape time behind bars and get probation.'

In Contrast:

Male teacher gets 15 years in student sex case

Story here.

UK: 'When women are as evil as men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is still difficult to take in: that the catalogue of sexual abuse of very young children revealed in this week's paedophile court case was carried out by a 39-year-old female classroom assistant, at a nursery called Little Ted's.

In a sordid three-way exchange, Vanessa George swapped pictures of children in her care with another woman and a convicted sex offender businessman.

The fact that two of these paedophiles were female - and also mothers - is sickening enough without the fact that the victims had been entrusted into this sick woman's care by parents who were unaware of her true nature.

But what was even more upsetting about this case is that it subsequently emerged that 20 per cent of all sexual offences against children are now committed by women.'

UK: Pilot for male violence victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jude Ruddock-Atcherley, from Hampshire County Council, said more men were coming forward as victims of domestic violence.

"I think a lot of men don't come forward because of the stigma attached to being a victim who is male who may be thought of as being able to protect themselves," she said.

"The more people that we are aware of, the more priority there will be attached to providing funding and services for men specifically."

...

National statistics show that one in six men and one in four women will become a victim of domestic violence in their life.'

Man shot during possible domestic violence case

anthony · 3 October 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SEATTLE - One man was shot and a woman taken into custody in what appears to be a case of domestic violence late Thursday night.

The incident began at about 10:30 p.m. at a home in the 800 block of SW 117th Street in the city's White Center neighborhood.

According to the police, the man and woman were apparently arguing when the woman pulled out a gun and shot the man. The relationship of the couple is still unknown.

The woman remained in the home for about 3 and a half hours before police went in and arrested her.

The man was taken to Harborview Medical Center with what are called non-life threatening wounds.'

Roman Polanski said he'd pay to end victim's lawsuit

axolotl · 3 October 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. It seems the authorities are determined to nail this guy even after three decades have passed - and even though the purported victim has effectively said, "enough".

Excerpts:

'"It is [my] opinion as the victim of this crime that the 42 days he has already served is excessive."'

'Geimer, who in recent years has been an outspoken proponent of dropping the charges against Polanski, has acknowledged reaching a civil settlement with him.'

'Geimer was 13 in 1977 when she told police that Polanski had raped and sodomized her during a photo shoot at actor Jack Nicholson's Mulholland Drive home.'

Ventura woman accused of pulling gun during argument

axolotl · 3 October 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Story below:

'A 44-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of a felony weapons violation in Ventura on Sunday after she allegedly pulled a large handgun on a man during an argument, police said.

Michelle Hodgin of Ventura was arrested about 4:40 p.m. in the 1500 block of Spinnaker Drive after officers responding to a report of the incident found a loaded .357 Magnum revolver in her purse, Ventura police said in a prepared statement.

Several witnesses shopping near the Ventura Marina told authorities they had seen Hodgin display the gun in a hostile manner during a verbal argument with a man, police said.

Hodgin was booked into county jail on suspicion of carrying a concealed firearm. She remained in custody Monday in lieu of $50,000 bail.'

$50k? Maybe women are starting to be treated a little more 'equitably' for their crimes. Then again, this could be just an isolated instance of fairness.

MND: Research Dismisses the Validity of Feminist Gender Studies

anthony · 4 October 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'However, a few months ago, a came across a whole new way of “undressing” feminism, that I hadn’t seen before. This new kind of criticism towards feminism came from Swedish researcher Helen Lindberg, who earlier this year presented her doctoral thesis called Only Women Bleed?: A Critical Reassessment of Comprehensive Feminist Social Theory.

In her thesis she has evaluated four different feminist theories, with regard to internal coherence, and their usefulness as theories in a research context.
...
The short version of what she’s saying is that using feminist theory as the basis for conducting research, is about as useful as using Marxist theory to conduct research. She also nullifies the standard feminist reply to criticism (”what branch of feminism are you criticizing?”) by demonstrating that each of the four branches of feminist theory examined have the same theoretical weaknesses.

This confirms what I’ve long been suspecting: gender studies are not a scientific discipline, they are a method for applying a certain ideology onto whatever data you collect during your “research”. Still, gender study departments around the world are allowed to teach generation after generation of women that men are evil oppressors, while hiding behind a respectable academic façade that they certainly do not deserve. How long will this charade go on?'

Court issues landmark on child support

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Article here.

'MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - The Alabama Supreme Court has set a legal precedent in the state by ruling that child support payments are not automatically extinguished when parental rights are terminated.

The court's ruling Wednesday reversed the state civil appeals court, which had held that a parent who loses rights to a child no longer has a responsibility to pay child support.

The Supreme Court, split 6-3, said parental neglect could be rewarded if child support would no longer have to be paid.

In dissent, Justice Glenn Murdock said the issue was one that the Legislature should address and that the new legal standard could create uncertainty in the child welfare system.'

U.S. Calls for Japan to Sign Child Custody Pact

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Reacting to the case of a Franklin, Tenn., father, the U.S. State Department called upon Japan Wednesday to sign an international agreement on parental child abductions.

Christopher Savoie sits in a Japanese jail, accused of kidnapping the two children who had been taken from him here in Tennessee.

And we're seeing how close Savoie came to getting his children back onto what might have been, at least legally speaking, U.S. soil.

Witnesses say Savoie and his two children raced past Japanese police just outside the front gate of the U.S. Consulate in Fukuoka, Japan.'

Canada: Divorced dads can't catch a break

anthony · 4 October 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More than a decade after a landmark study recommended an overhaul of Canadian divorce law, courts still haven't caught up to the new reality of Canadian family life. A generation of dads who can't stand being apart from their children is pushing for change.

...

Family courts around the world have seen a "dramatic increase" in court disputes launched by divorcing dads determined to see their children more than every second weekend and Wednesday evenings, observes Australian law professor Patrick Parkinson.

"There has been a significant change in fathers' attitudes towards parenting after separation," says Parkinson, one of the architects of drastic divorce reforms in Australia that are aimed at boosting shared custody.

...

She's seeing more left devastated by Ontario's 30-year-old "zero tolerance" directive, an initiative from the Ministry of the Attorney General aimed at forcing police and Crown attorneys to crack down on the scourge of domestic abuse against women. By alleging assault, a woman can pretty much assure that an ex-spouse will be removed from the house and tied up in a costly criminal trial during which she'll have interim custody of the kids, setting the stage for how the case proceeds.'

Whose kid is this, anyway?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let us examine the dynamics of having a child out of wedlock by beginning at birth. With all the medical professionals to witness the beautiful mess of birthing, pinpointing the mother is easy - she's the one lying on the table screaming for an epidural. Unless the old switcheroo is played at the hospital, that person goes on the birth certificate as "mother" and half of the parenting team is established.

There's also a place on the birth certificate for the father. Whoever signs up at the hospital is presumptively the father whether or not he knew the mother under Old Testament guidelines. A legal presumption is something that is assumed true but not considered firmly established. Legal presumptions can be subsequently disproven.

When a non-marital relationship goes bad, men are often surprised to find that, even after a few years of cohabitation and with their name on a birth certificate, they suddenly have no right whatsoever to see the child...
...
That's one right a father has without his paternity being legally established - the right to pay child support. The birth certificate is enough for the Child Support Enforcement Agency to establish a support order, although a presumptive father can immediately demand testing to unburden himself.

If the father does not want anything to do with the child, he better hope the mother finds a guy who does. An adoption terminates the previous father's rights, meaning, no more support. Only an adoption can so terminate a natural father's, or natural mother's, obligations.*'

* Not in Alabama anymore, anyway. See story just posted.

40th anniversary of unilateral divorce

Anonymous · 5 October 2009 · Archived copy · Original

I didn't realize it, but it's the 40th anniversary of unilateral divorce. Article here. Excerpt:

'Thus, the noble purpose of no-fault divorce was to remove the contentious, annoying legal requirement for couples to prove anything other than their desire to divorce. After all, the thinking went, if marriage was the union of two people, and one person wanted out, then the union was no longer viable.

Except that wasn't the whole story.

"The key to understanding the problem is to recognize that the grounds for divorce did not go from fault to no-fault; they went from mutual consent to unilateral," said Allen Parkman, University of New Mexico economics professor and author of books on divorce.

Under the fault system, "most divorces were negotiated and eventually [happened] based on mutual consent," Mr. Parkman said. But once one person could legally end the marriage, "there was no longer any need for negotiations."'

My take on this (knowing what we know about how much divorce impacts kids now that we've had "no-fault" for 40 years) is that if there are kids involved you better be able to show fault if your divorcing -- otherwise you're at fault for doing that to your kids. In other words, prove fault or lose custody. Divorce rates with children would likely plummet. It's not likely to happen though, with women initiating divorce in families with children at least 75% of the time.

More criticism of "no-fault" divorce can be found here.

Police say mother cut baby's throat

anthony · 5 October 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Brooklyn mother, apparently upset when her baby wouldn't stop crying, slashed him across the throat yesterday and then plunged a knife into her own leg, police said.

Cops took Tineka Johnson, 29, into custody after responding to an early-morning 911 call at her East Flatbush home.

She was charged with attempted murder and criminal possession of a weapon.

The baby's grandmother reported the incident on East 38th Street, and Johnson was taken away without incident, authorities said.

The 5-month-old boy was rushed to Kings County Hospital a block away where officials said he was in stable condition yesterday.

Johnson had been taking medications for a mental disorder and may have missed her dosage, sources said.'

Carey Roberts: Partner Abuse Industry Flirts with a Hateful Agenda

anthony · 5 October 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'First, columnist Mike Adams reported on the plight of Mark Harwood, psychology professor at Humboldt State University which is located in Birkenstock-addled northern California. Based on extensive research, Harwood informed his students that women were as likely as men to engage in partner aggression.

But scientific truth apparently did not goose the gander of these gender guerrillas. So the women took it upon themselves to disrupt the class, taunting the good professor as a "privileged, rich, white male." Judge, jury, and executioner!

Then the head of the Women's Studies program demanded Harwood be barred from ever again teaching the course. In disgust, the professor resigned his post to go elsewhere.
...
Each year, over one million Americans are hit with a trivial or false accusation of domestic violence. These persons are plunged into an Alice-in-Wonderland justice system that spurns reason and fairness. Railroaded by hearsay and circumstantial evidence, a false charge stigmatizes a man as an abuser, drains his assets, and can break up his family.
...
Driven by a destructive gender ideology, our domestic violence laws now represent the most breath-taking roll-back in Constitutionally-protected rights since the era of Jim Crow.'

NY Times: 'The New Gender Gap'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Under other circumstances, that would be cause for celebration. But women have gained this latest bit of ground mostly because men have lost it — 78 percent of the jobs lost during this recession were held by men. So not only is it unseemly to rejoice over a larger share of a smaller pie, it is also unsettling to face the fact that so much of the history of women in the workplace (both their leaps forward and their slips back) is a reaction to what was happening to men.

...

Now they seem to be returning. Women will soon be the majority of workers because some are opting back in, and many others, who never left, are more likely to find and keep their jobs than men. Once again, the reasons for this are not a function of the clout of women but of the predicament of men and less a sign of how far women have come than of how far they have left to go.

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Primarily, women are still cheaper. They earn 77 cents to every dollar earned by a man, and in a flailing economy employers see that as an attractive quality. Women who are returning to the work force after several years at home raising children are particularly cheap. Sylvia Ann Hewlett, an economist and the founder of the Center for Work-Life Policy, has estimated that the penalty is 10 percent of income for every two years out of the job market, a loss that is never recouped. From the hiring side of the table, that may be a good bargain.'

Will this fraud be prosecuted?

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This article raises an interesting question. For years, rape advocate groups have exaggerated or lied about the number of rapes or sexual assaults in order to draw attention to the problem or increase their influence. In this case, UC-Davis and the director of its Campus Violence Prevention Fund lied about the number of sexual assaults in order to increase the funding it receives from the federal government. That's fraud, the author argues:

"The question, obviously, is this: Why did UC-Davis fudge its numbers? The source of the false information was Beeman, who used inflated figures to increase the federal grants that the university could receive...Readers have to understand that this is a classic example of real-live fraud as defined by federal fraud statutes. Unlike many of the fraud cases in which people charged really have not committed actual "fraud" but have run afoul of federal regulations or engaged in a legal action that the feds can re-interpret as being criminal.

Here we have a person who deliberately put false information in her applications in order to obtain larger grants. This money then went to the office that she directed, which meant that a least some of her own salary (if not all) came from this money, and we are dealing with hundreds of thousands of dollar. Granted, this is not Bernie Madoff, but nonetheless it is real, unadulterated fraud.

The question I have is this: Will the feds investigate and prosecute Beeman? We have the false statements, the fraud, and the motive. She even gained financially from this fraud."

Anyone want to make a bet on whether the director is prosecuted?'

Great turnout for NCFM-sponsored film "Support? System Down" in Atlanta

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Via Marc A.: On September 24-27, 2009, the NCFM-sponsored documentary film Support? System Down by filmmaker Angelo Lobo had an excellent turnout at the Peach Tree International Film Festival in Atlanta and was the highest-ranking film on the buzz meter.

The film, which includes an interview with NCFM's president Harry Crouch, examines the problems related to the child support system in the U.S. including issues such as draconian guidelines, flawed data, paternity fraud, procedural defects, problems for military parents, bias against non-custodial parents, and how these and other problems affect children, families, homelessness, incarceration, suicide and other issues.

The film has also aired with great success in San Diego and New York and is now being screened for consideration for the Lone Star Film Festival in Fort Worth, Texas.

NCFM helped with initial funding and support for the film, and various other organizations were involved in the production as well. For more information visit http://www.supportthemovie.com/

UK: Pilot for male violence victims

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Article here. It looks like England is likely to lead the way, internationally, on male victims of DV (along with Holland, which now has government-funded battered men's shelters). The media and government of England have finally become more honest about the issue, and now they're forming a pilot program for male victims. Excerpt:

'A support service to help male victims of domestic violence is being piloted in Hampshire.

Honour based violence and forced marriage will also be targeted by the team in the one year project across Fareham and Gosport.

...
If successful it could be rolled out across the country.

...
Jude Ruddock-Atcherley, from Hampshire County Council, said more men were coming forward as victims of domestic violence.

"I think a lot of men don't come forward because of the stigma attached to being a victim who is male who may be thought of as being able to protect themselves," she said.

...
National statistics show that one in six men and one in four women will become a victim of domestic violence in their life.'

10-Year-Old boy gets $260 fine, misdemeanor charge for leaving classroom

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Story here. Excerpt:

'EL PASO, Texas -- It all started with a phone call. “Well, the school called me it was about nine, and told me that my son had an incident at school,” said Charity Walka, recalling a morning about a month ago.

But little did Walka know that her son’s trouble in class would hit her in the pocket. She said her son has a behavioral disorder and was on medication and couldn’t stay awake in class at Travis Elementary School.

"So he fell asleep again, and when they tried to wake him, he got angry,” Walka said.

She said her son then left the classroom after a teacher tried to restrain him. She said her son also made noise in the hall and he laid down on the floor and wouldn’t get up. For disrupting class, officers at El Paso Independent School District gave her 10-year-old son a ticket for $260 and it is a Class C Misdemeanor. She said her son did not hurt anyone.

"It was just devastating. I was just so angry. He doesn't understand," Walka told KFOX.'

Gail Walker: Why do we still believe women are 'fairer' sex?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When nursery school teacher Vanessa George from Plymouth and Angela Allen from Nottingham - together with Colin Blanchard from Rochdale - pleaded guilty to sexually abusing young children, everyone was 'shocked'.

There's been no end of thought pieces in the media, focusing on how the crimes were made more chilling because two of the three offenders were women. And that the three, who had never met before their trial, goaded each other to act via the internet. A shocking, yet so modern crime.

Of course, it's hard to believe that anyone is so depraved. But commentators argue it's even more shocking because females were involved - the nurturing, caring,'fairer' sex. It goes against nature.
...
Evil - like 'gentleness' - is not the prerogative of one sex only. And it's time to recognise once and for all that, when it comes to abuse - of power or position or trust or of the elderly or children or the weak - it is stupid and dangerous to rule out anyone simply because of their gender.

What's scary is that this has probably been true all along and most of us are only finding out about it now.'

UK: Woman 'cautioned' after false rape allegation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Monday, 5.15pm - A WOMAN was arrested on Saturday night (Oct 3) after a false rape allegation was made. Police were called to Dysart Road at 10pm on Saturday following reports of a rape.
...
Enquiries were carried out and officers established the complaint had been false.

A 44-year-old woman was arrested and cautioned for attempting to pervert the course of justice.'

Swaziland: 'Ambitious' target for male circumcision funded by US and Bill Gates

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MBABANE, 5 October 2009 (PlusNews) - Swaziland's Ministry of Health and Human Services aims to provide circumcision to 80 percent of men aged 15 to 24 in the next five years, in response to the surging number of men requesting the procedure to reduce their risk of HIV.

...

Health officials are now encouraging the renewed popularity of male circumcision by devoting publicity and resources to making it more easily available. Around 1,000 men have already been circumcised at the Litsemba Letfu (SiSwati for "our hope") Male Clinic in Matsapha, halfway between the capital, Mbabane, and the central commercial hub of Manzini.

The project is funded by the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and is the first medical facility specifically for men.'

ABC: Mom's Depression Tied to Child Abuse in Some Families

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters Health) - In families with a history of child abuse, a mother's depression may increase the risk that she will act aggressively toward her child, a new study suggests.

The study, which followed 5,500 U.S. families investigated by child- welfare agencies, found that when a mother developed depression, the odds of her child suffering "psychologically aggressive acts" -- including threats or name-calling -- increased.

The findings do not prove that mothers' depression, per se, led to the children's abuse, the researchers report in the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.
...
It's possible, according to Conron's team, that having a supportive partner lessened some mothers' strain and, in turn, lowered the likelihood of child abuse.'

RADAR ALERT: Tell State Legislators: Repeal Mandatory Arrest Laws Now!

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Domestic violence laws represent the biggest roll-back in Americans' civil rights since the era of Jim Crow.

Take mandatory arrest laws that disregard "probable-cause" protections that are guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Then add in "primary aggressor" policies that say, "If you're the bigger and stronger of the two parties (in almost every case, the man), you're the one who will be arrested, regardless of what the evidence shows."

That's gender-profiling at its worst.

Not only do mandatory arrest laws trample on Constitutional protections, they also put victims at risk. According to a Harvard University study, mandatory arrest laws increase partner homicides by 57% – probably because at-risk persons are reluctant to call the police for help, knowing law enforcement is tied to a lock-step arrest policy.[1]

Another legal victory for battered men

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Via Marc A.: Another victory for battered men and for gender-neutral domestic violence policies!

In its decision, a West Virginia trial court sides with Men and Women Against Discrimination, and against a public entity, by holding that certain acts of and regulations adopted by the public entity are illegal in that they result in domestic violence policies that discriminate against male victims of domestic violence and are not gender-neutral. (Story here). The decision can be downloaded here.

Congratulations Men and Women Against Discrimination and everyone else involved!

It was about one year ago today that NCFM won a similar victory in the California Court of Appeal.

UK: Abused Asian men's lives 'living hell'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'More South Asian men married to British women are becoming the victims of domestic violence, it has been revealed.

The National Men's Advice Line found 9% of calls for help to its service last year were made by men originally from countries such as India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

...

After marrying, Mahmood, who is in his 30s, travelled to visit his wife in the UK for a two-week holiday. He planned to return to Pakistan to finish studying. But hours after stepping off the plane his passport was confiscated by his wife's family and he was told he would not be going back.

...

Because of feelings of shame Mahmood decided not to tell his family back in Pakistan.

"My wife would wake me up in the middle of the night and beat me, demanding money, and when I did not have any, my brother-in-laws would come and punch me and beat my back with iron bars. It was a living hell."

For four years he was not allowed to meet his own sister, who lived at a separate address nearby, or even phone her, and the only contact they had was on a handful of occasions. She was also being beaten.

...

Mahmood said: "I have two daughters, but have not seen my youngest child who was only born recently. My sister has managed to get custody of her children, but I will have to endure a long legal process to see mine again.

...

"I would have been better off living in Pakistan. At least then I would not have been mentally, physically and verbally abused over a period of four long years."

So children don't need their daddies, huh?

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One look at this will tell you otherwise.

"A family photo that shows a little girl beside her father and his fellow soldiers in uniform as they prepare to go to war has resonated well beyond the tight knit Bennethum clan.

Four-year-old Paige Bennethum really, really didn't want her daddy to go to Iraq.

So much so, that when Army Reservist Staff Sgt. Brett Bennethum lined up in formation at his deployment this July, she couldn't let go.

No one had the heart to pull her away."

Two Months After Vague Allegation of 'Sexual Harassment,' No Evidence or Accuser in Sight at East Georgia College

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It now has been two full months since Professor Thomas Thibeault was fired by East Georgia College's president under what seems like a completely bogus charge of "sexual harassment," just two days after he pointed out—at a sexual harassment training seminar—that the school's sexual harassment policy contained no protection for the falsely accused. The full documentation is here, but you will search in vain for any actual evidence, or even an accuser.

That's right, two months after being fired for an alleged "long history of sexual harassment," Thibeault still has been offered not a single allegation of anything he allegedly said or did. There does not even seem to be an accuser, just a highly embarrassed vice president (Mary Smith, who ran the seminar) and a miffed president (John Black, who earlier in the same week had denied an otherwise unrelated grievance that Thibeault had filed). Black can't even get his story straight about whether he really fired, suspended, or initiated dismissal proceedings against Thibeault.
...
Any reasonable person would put the facts together and see nothing but retaliation. It seems that East Georgia College really has no case at all. The honorable thing for Georgia's Board of Regents to do would be to cut its losses, admit to Black's mistake and extremely likely abuse of power, immediately reinstate Thibeault, and make sure that Black renews Thibeault's annual, tenure-track contract without engaging in any other retaliation. We urge the Regents to do so, and you can, too.

Tell EGC to restore the rights guaranteed by the Constitution and the Georgia Board of Regents. Write a letter to EGC and the Board of Regents here.'

Divorced Kid: Stories from the 1970s Divorce Revolution

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Minnesota Public Radio had a decent piece about a month ago on how divorce impacts kids. It sugarcoats things a bit by leaving the real meat of the story — the various studies that show the harmful effects of divorce on kids — to the end of the broadcast. It does cover them though.

My question is this: With more and more studies coming to light about just how harmful divorce really is to kids, and with mothers being responsible for initiating the vast majority of divorces, how can courts continue to claim with a straight face that mothers are "acting in the best interests of the children?"

Huffington Post: 'Want Less Risk? Hire More Women!'

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'I have a better idea: why not hire more women? Many studies have shown that women tend to be more risk averse than men. Recent research [1] shows that testosterone is to blame. The higher the amount of testosterone, the more willing people are to take risks. Women, with considerably less of the male hormone coursing through their bodies, are more risk averse. Even women facing death are more risk averse than men in the same situation [2]. Women also, apparently, make better money managers according to another study by two professors at UC Davis [3]. That study found that overconfidence caused men to trade stocks 45 percent more often than women, thus lowering their net portfolio returns by 2.65 percent per year (compared with 1.72 percent lower returns for women traders).
...
But what is the cause and effect? If a previously male-dominated profession becomes female-dominated, does the total compensation automatically drop? Or conversely, if the total compensation of a profession is forced downward, is that job now less attractive to men and more available to women? One study(4) says not so. In reviewing data from 1983-2001, the researchers found limited evidence that feminization of an occupation causes reduced pay, and no evidence that reducing compensation causes an occupation to feminize. Perhaps 18 years isn't long enough to see any long-term trends. After all, it took more than 100 years for the secretarial profession to flip from 96 percent men to 96 percent women.'

UK: Aberdeen woman, 30, made false rape claim

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Story here.

'AN ABERDEEN woman who sparked a major police investigation after falsely accusing a former partner of rape has escaped five years behind bars.

Elizabeth Christie, 30, told a detective at Aberdeen's Grampian Police headquarters she had been raped.

Her alleged attacker was investigated and ordered to appear at the High Court in Aberdeen.

But Christie, whose address was given in court papers as 6f Park Road, Aberdeen, admitted the claims were false on September 2, 2007, at Aberdeen's sheriff court.

Sheriff Annella Cowan sentenced Christie to two years' probation.

Sheriff Cowan said: "I could send you to jail for five years. You acted very, very stupidly."

UK: Female tutor admits to 100 child molestation offences

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A MIDDLE-AGED female teacher has been exposed as a predatory paedophile who sexually assaulted young children as they used public toilets over 17 years.

Carole Clarke, 46, targeted boys and girls aged four to seven after she saw them entering the toilets without their parents.

Clarke, a college tutor from Grimsby, now faces a lengthy jail sentence after admitting to police that she had committed around 100 sickening offences.

It follows the shocking case of Plymouth nursery worker Vanessa George amid concern about the number of female paedophiles who may be working with children.
...
But last night police were keen to stress that incidents involving a female paedophile acting alone were “extremely rare”.'

Only one woman confined in Florida under Jimmy Ryce Act

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Nearly 700 Florida men are held in a secure facility, classified as sexually violent predators, despite having completed their prison terms. Just one woman is held in the same situation.
...
"Men typically abuse because they are sexually aroused by children, and women typically abuse because they are trying to get emotional needs met," according to Fort Lauderdale forensic psychologist Amy Swan, chairwoman of the Florida Board of Psychology and an evaluator for the DCF.
...
Scientific literature indicates a "best-guess estimate" that 4 percent of women sexually touch children, compared with 7 percent of men, according to Markus Wiegel, an Atlanta psychologist specializing in female sex offender research. Collecting data on women offenders is challenging, he said, because so little research exists.

Whether more women will be snared under civil commitment laws is the subject of debate, though prosecutors and mental-health professionals agree that the number of women likely will increase, though probably not in great numbers.'

CDC to release guidelines about circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision has long been a personal decision left up to parents. Doctors say the risks and benefits are negligible. The American Academy of Pediatrics does not take a stance.

But now a health agency is preparing recommendations on circumcision based on new findings regarding HIV transmission. The proposal from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is expected this year.
...
Early reports from the CDC have stressed that any recommendations will be voluntary, and may only include advice for doctors on educating parents about infant circumcision. Experts at the CDC could also issue guidelines for uncircumcised adults who may be at risk for HIV infection.

Critics say the information from Africa does not apply to the U.S., where any benefits to promoting circumcision would be modest at best. In Africa, men primarily contract the virus through sex with infected women. Circumcision has not been shown to be effective in preventing transmission of HIV through homosexual contact, which is the most common cause of infection in American men.'

Divorced fathers in Japan fight to see children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"In Japan, nobody thinks it's a problem if a mother takes away her children without consent," said Hideki Tani, a lawyer who has taken on cases of fathers seeking access to their children. "Here, it's common for either parent to completely lose contact with children, but people outside Japan find it outrageous."

Tani did acknowledge a need to address problems like domestic violence that can contribute to broken families.

Lately, the number of custody battles has risen as overall divorce cases have climbed and more men have become involved in child-rearing and homemaking. Divorced men also say that children should have a right to see their fathers — and that too often the kids' interests are neglected.

"Nobody thinks about children's well-being," Yoshida said. "They are the victims."

Last year, there were more than 20,000 child custody cases in Japanese family courts, up from less than 17,000 in 2000, Ministry of Justice statistics show. About 90 percent of those decisions favored the mothers — as in Yoshida's case.'

Woman, 25, arrested in husband's shooting death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Metro Police arrested the 25-year-old wife of a man found shot to death this morning outside their home in the southwest Las Vegas Valley.

Investigators say the 37-year-old husband and his wife had been involved in a domestic dispute.

Police say the woman, Ericka McElroy, is alleged to have shot her husband outside their house in the 5000 block of Upper Falls Court near West Cactus Avenue and South Decatur Boulevard.

McElroy has been booked into the Clark County Detention Center on one count of murder with a deadly weapon. She is being held without bail, according to detention center records.'

Wendy McElroy: The lingering spectre of Hofstra's false rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What did Ndonye receive? She was sentenced to undergo mental health counseling and to perform 250 hours of community service. Rice explained ‘the walk’, “This agreement is the only way we guarantee that this woman gets the help that she needs and is held publicly accountable for what she’s done to our community." This is the same D.A.’s office that rushed to judgment about ruining the lives of 4 young men, hardly pausing for due process. As one of the men commented, "I think they should have gathered more evidence . . . looked at camera footage and tried to match up times and things like that before throwing us in and letting the wolves get us." Now the D.A.’s office is oh-so concerned about helping a "troubled" perjurer whose lies could have sent 4 innocent men to prison for decades, where they would have been raped, brutalized and then, afterward, forced to register as sex offenders in perpetuity.'

Feministing: NOW wrongly blasts Letterman

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Story here. Excerpt:

'But NOW, without having heard from any of the women with whom Letterman had sex, using this opportunity to address the issue is classless, and most importantly, shows it doesn't truly care about the individual experiences of women, but rather, will readily write them off to achieve an end goal.

In this instance, NOW attempts to speak for all women, represent all women, without them asking NOW to do so. In this instance, it is NOW making victims out of women who otherwise are empowered women who just so happened to have had sex with Letterman.

It seems NOW does not think women can make decision on their own as to with whom to have sex, nor does it trust women enough to think that they can have sex without having been coerced into it.

Time and again, it seems NOW is stuck in the past - unable to change and get past the fights it so honorably fought for in the early days of its existence. It seems to comprise of privileged women who claim to speak for all women, without actually checking in with women to understand their lived experiences or needs.'

Prosecutors decline to file rape charge against former high-ranking city official

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In a July 28 search warrant, Los Angeles Police Department investigators said they were told that the woman who made the allegations had gone out with friends on a pub-crawl July 10 in the downtown area. She told police she was drugged and that she awoke the next morning as she was being sexually assaulted by a man she later identified as Adelman, according to the affidavit.

Prosecutors cited several factors for their decision not to seek charges. They included a surveillance video and an interview with a cab driver who drove the pair to Adelman's car that evening. Neither the video nor the cab driver suggested that the woman appeared drugged.'

Missing Men - the difference in death rates between men and women quantified

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today's statistical foray is into the field of 'Survivorship'. One key way that we measure the relative treatment and condition of the different races is by their relative survivorship over time – how quickly they die off as opposed to the average, and as compared to other races. Black men, for instance, are about 1/3rd less likely to make it to age 80 than white men, and that indicates to us that black men are doing about 33% less well in our society than white men.

And the same logic reasonably applies to the differential in survival rates between men and women – a black male is 50% less likely than a white woman to make it to age 80, and about 35% less likely than a black woman to achieve that age.

And it isn't about race as much as it is about sex. Life expectancy at birth for black women has uniformly exceeded that of both white men and black men since at least the 1970s. More than your race, your sex determines when you will die.

...

Few and far between are the organizations raising awareness for men's concerns – suicide, men's heart disease, prostate cancer, testicular cancer, penile cancer, male breast cancer, workplace hazards and the like. Where are the stories in the media about men taking months off to renew themselves after half a life of wage slavery? There aren't many, and you won't find Oprah, Oxygen or HGTV financing a men's month off to get rejuvenated either. You gotta earn the money and go do it yourself.

So in case you haven't figured it out yet, it's a woman's world.'

Major Victory for California's Disabled Veterans

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A major victory for disabled military parents in family law policy has just occurred in California in the United States. The following announcement can be linked to at the following Web page for the California Alliance for Families and Children (CAFC):
http://www.cafcusa.org/news/2009/10/cafc-wins-major-victory-for-californias.html

CAFC Wins a Major Victory For California's Disabled Veterans

Sacramento, October 11, 2009: The California Alliance for Families and Children (CAFC, online at cafcusa.org) is announcing another victory for military service personnel and veterans. Today Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law SB 285, a bill to protect disabled veterans disability compensation from illegal attachment and garnishments.

The bill, SB 285, was authored by California Senator Rod Wright. It was introduced at the request of CAFC in cooperation with the American Retirees Association (ARA), a group with which we have a long association.

SB 285 codifies existing federal law, United States Code, Title 38, Section 5301 into California's state statutes to assure that it is followed in our state's courts. Although federal law is very clear in its wording and intent, civil court judges nationwide have routinely ignored it. The result has been illegal attachments and garnishments of the disability compensation and erroneously calculating veterans' disability compensation into divorce settlements as a divisible asset or income.

Once again the experience and effectiveness of CAFC proved its worth. SB 285 passed California legislature without a single no vote, even though similar efforts in Iowa, West Virginia and Oklahoma have failed so far. We hope our victory will revitalize efforts in those states. CAFC is pleased to announce we have already received commitments from legislators in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas to follow the California lead.

As we mentioned at the beginning of this announcement this was another national first to correct inequities that veterans have faced in our courts spearheaded by CAFC. CAFC also lead the nation in passing laws to help protect military parents' child custody rights and fair child support treatment. What CAFC started in 2004/2005 has now led to approximately 30 states passing laws and changes at the Federal Level. For more details on our work for military parents please read this recent AmeriForce story and here.

CAFC wants to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for Senator Rod Wright's unwavering willingness to stand up for our nation’s disabled veterans and the American Retirees Association for sponsoring the bill. CAFC also want to thank all of the approximately twenty four veterans groups that are part of the California State Commanders Veterans Council (CSCVC) and CSCVS for their support and help.

There is still a lot of work ahead and your help is the only way CAFC can continue our efforts to finish the job. We feel honored and privileged that our efforts are helping. A generous donation to CAFC will help us continue this valuable work.

SUPPLEMENTAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

According to Veteran's Affairs (VA), 60,000 U.S. service personnel have been wounded or have struggled with psychological disorders in the wake of their tours in Iraq since 2003. The percentage of amputees is the highest since the Civil War and the VA estimates that up to one-third of all those who have served in Iraq suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD):
http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2007/11/09/iraq_veteran_healthcare_could_top_650b/

Additionally, as with disabled people on SSI benefits, most disabled vets are barely living on $700.00 to $800.00 a

month and even though both SSI and VA benefits are protected against garnishments and attachments. Some agencies and companies are getting around the federal protection laws for disabled persons on SSI and VA benefit as recently reported by CBS News from a AP story: Creditors Use Loop Hole to Seize Benefits: http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/06/03/business/main5057911.shtml?source=search_story

Please read more here and read: CAFC Helps Disabled Veterans with Family Law Reform and Update: SB 285 Wright Veterans Disability benefits for more information on this effort and issue.

Al-Azhar face-veil ban questioned

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Shaikh Ali Abu al-Hasan, the former head of the Fatwa Council at the Islamic Studies Institute (ISI) in Cairo, said although it was not required by Islam for women to cover their faces, Al-Azhar University should allow women to chose what they want to wear.

"No official has the right to order a young lady to remove a form of dress that was sanctioned by none other than Umar ibn al-Khattab, except for the purposes of identification for security reasons," he said.'

...

'On Saturday, scores of female university students protested outside al-Azhar university dormitory calling for the repeal of the decision banning fully veiled women from entering. There were similar demonstrations at Cairo University.'

So...how come we're led to believe that Islamic women everywhere are *forced* to wear these things?

CDC expected to make recommendations about circumcision by end of year

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...
Critics say the information from Africa does not apply to the U.S., where any benefits to promoting circumcision would be modest at best. In Africa, men primarily contract the virus through sex with infected women. Circumcision has not been shown to be effective in preventing transmission of HIV through homosexual contact, which is the most common cause of infection in American men. Other medical benefits have been deemed minimal. Circumcised boys develop fewer urinary tract infections in their first year (about 1 in 1,000) compared with uncircumcised boys (1 in 100). The risk of penile cancer is reduced in circumcised men, although the overall risk of the disease remains very low.'

RADAR ALERT: Spread the Word-- Domestic Violence Laws Violate Civil Liberties

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At her recent keynote address at the annual conference of the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Amanda McCormick, an employee of Praxis International, showed overt disdain for male victims of domestic violence. As reported by Trudy Schuett, McCormick announced, I think I know a lot of men who deserve to be beaten."[1]

Praxis International, according to their website, "is a nonprofit research and training organization that works toward the elimination of violence in the lives of women and children.... Since 1996, [they] have worked with advocacy organizations, intervention agencies, and inter-agency collaborations to create a clear and cooperative agenda for social change in their communities."[2]

Pet lovers join crusade against domestic abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The campaign against domestic violence is recruiting what might seem like unlikely new foot soldiers these days: animal lovers.

In an effort to protect potential victims of domestic violence, Harbor House — Orange County's only domestic-violence shelter — is reaching out to veterinarians, animal-cruelty investigators, law enforcement and neighbors to watch for signs of animal abuse that may indicate a deeper pattern of family violence.

"I think it would change the face of domestic violence if people understood how close that relationship is between animal abuse and domestic violence," said Harbor House CEO Carol Wick. "When you start getting people angry about pets being victimized, it may create a lot more awareness and protection for the people involved."

"Abusers use that bond between humans and animals as a weapon to coerce and control and humiliate their victims and to keep them trapped in abusive relationships," he said'

Boys & Girls Club teens help take back the night

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'Last week on Tuesday, October 6th, Boys & Girls Club teens attended Take Back the Night to help raise awareness about domestic abuse.

Previous to the rally, Club members created their own special signs to show support for domestic abuse survivors. “Domestic violence affects everyone, including kids,” said Club Education Director Tiffanie Bolling. “A lot of the kids that we work with have been victims themselves or know someone close to them that has been a victim. An event like Take Back the Night encourages strength and perseverance to individuals that have gone through horrific situations.”

“We teach our young girls to spot the signs of something wrong before it ever even gets to a violent situation,” said Bolling. “We teach them that love does not hurt and that no amount of hitting is ever okay. Getting help before it's too late is key.”

Finland: New Face of Child Abuse: Drunk Moms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Police statistics show that child abuse has a new face: drunken mothers. Police say they get around 400 reports of domestic violence against children each year; these days around two-thirds of the cases point to intoxicated mothers.

The recession has apparently had a lot to do with the spike in the number of inebriated women who turn abusive.

"The typical case is a single mother who has an alcohol problem and who's become exhausted by work," explains Police Sergeant Pekka Hätönen, who's in charge of the child abuse unit at the Helsinki Itäkeskus police department.

"She might have recently lost her job. All these pressures become focused on a misbehaving child, and the mother becomes easily enraged and lashes out physically, violently."'

Area counties take part in online domestic violence registry

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Raleigh, Fayette, Summers, Wyoming, Monroe and Nicholas counties have joined a statewide, online domestic violence registry.

The new database was created as a way to secure the safety of domestic violence victims and recognize ongoing disputes. It was launched in March after receiving an $815,000 federal grant to compile court records from each county in West Virginia and download them into a nationwide database.

“The Domestic Violence Registry gives law enforcement officers access to protective orders that have been ordered in court,” said Tonia Thomas, team coordinator for the West Virginia Coalition against Domestic Violence.

They will be able to be accessed electronically, avoiding the delay they may have with paper orders.

“If they don’t have a data terminal in their car, they can call the State Police detachment or their emergency operations center and be able to obtain those orders right away,” Thomas added.'

American Prospect Blog: 'Real Numbers on Domestic and Sexual Violence'

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'First, the good news: On the whole, domestic violence is down between 1993 and 2008. But unsurprisingly, women remain over five times more likely than men to be victims of both fatal and non-fatal domestic violence, including assault, rape, stalking, and homicide. One of the most interesting findings is that although fewer than 1 of every 1,000 American men has been the victim of domestic violence -- compared to 4.3 of every 1,000 American women -- male victims are more likely than female ones to go to the police: 72 percent of self-reported male victims filled out a police report, compared to 49 percent of female victims. This points to a number of problems familiar to advocates: that female domestic violence victims are especially wary of law enforcement, fearful of reprisal from their abusers, and must battle a cycle of shame and self-doubt before they seek help. About half never do.'

"The subtle art of misogyny"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It fills me with ice cold rage. Men and women both like to worship men, for some reason; women even, perversely, love to promote men who themselves hate women (hello, Roth'n'Updike fans. How's it going?). Both sexes unquestioningly perpetuate the boys' club through the invites issued to men, the opportunities, associations, deals and chances offered. The talks, readings, colloquia, special trips, lectures and guest spots are organised by women for the benefit of men's careers. For the men, the glory, status, visibility, influence and enshrinement in history. For the women, the expected but unacknowledged work.
...
It is time for women to realise how little they are respected, how little their presence is liked, how this antipathy is expressed and how very easy it is to spot: they do not want us around, so they do not invite us, though we may pay to worship. Misogyny is not something forcefully, loudly imposed by a mighty superpower. It is constantly, silently, automatically enacted by all the people present, including those who feel perturbed but don't speak up.'

Check out the comments.

UK: One in 10 men will be out of work by 2010

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Story here. Excerpt:

'More worrying is the fact one in five black men are currently unemployed - more than double the employment rate for white men.

The male unemployment rate is expected to rise above 10% by the start of next year and peak at 11% (1.9 million men).

According to research launched today by the CIPD, male unemployment currently stands at 9% (compared with a female unemployment rate of 6.9%). But the number of men unemployed has increased by 50% during the recession, while the number of women unemployed as increased by a much lower 33.4%.
...
John Philpott, CIPD's chief economist, said: "A focus on the relatively hard impact of the recession on men should not detract from the absolute deterioration in the labour market situation facing both sexes. Indeed, it is likely that the relative position of women will itself deteriorate in the coming decade as real cuts in public expenditure have an adverse impact on public sector employment.'

Minimally invasive prostate surgery may increase the risk of some complications

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More men who need prostate-cancer surgery are choosing minimally invasive techniques because these surgeries typically lead to shorter hospital stays and decrease many types of complications, including pain. This type of surgery, which often includes the use of a robot, is heavily advertised to consumers.

Minimally invasive techniques increased from 1% to 40% of all radical prostatectomies from 2001 to 2006 and may be as high as 75% of all prostate cancer surgeries today.

But here's a detail men should know about: The most serious complications -- including incontinence and erectile dysfunction -- appeared more often in men who underwent minimally invasive surgery compared to traditional surgery, according to a study published today in the Journal of the American Medical Assn. '

Schrödinger's Rapist: or a guy's guide to approaching strange women without being maced

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Piece here. Excerpts:

'So when you, a stranger, approach me, I have to ask myself: Will this man rape me?

Do you think I'm overreacting? One in every six American women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime. I bet you don't think you know any rapists, but consider the sheer number of rapes that must occur. '

...

'While you may assume that none of the men you know are rapists, I can assure you that at least one is. Consider: if every rapist commits an average of ten rapes (a horrifying number, isn't it?) then the concentration of rapists in the population is still a little over one in sixty. That means four in my graduating class in high school. One among my coworkers. One in the subway car at rush hour. Eleven who work out at my gym. How do I know that you, the nice guy who wants nothing more than companionship and True Love, are not this rapist?'

With no charges, woman accused in husband’s death set free

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Charges haven't been filed against a Las Vegas woman arrested in the shooting death of her husband earlier this month and a justice of the peace today ordered her released from custody.

Metro Police arrested Ericka McElroy on Oct. 7 outside her home in the 5000 block of Upper Falls Court in the southwest valley.

...

Deputy District Attorney Pamela Weckerly said her office needed 30 days to file the criminal complaint.

With no charges to hold her, Justice of the Peace Tony Abbatangelo released McElroy on her own recognizance.

She is scheduled to appear in court again on Nov. 16.'

Wendy McElroy: Feminists Deny Truth on Domestic Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, the shelter Pizzey founded denies her entry; her name does not appear in its official history.

Pizzey's 'mistake' was to diverge from the theory of domestic violence that feminists at the time insisted dominate all discussion. She believed that men could also be the victims of domestic violence, and that women could be as violent toward their partners as men.

Pizzey's views put her on a collision course with PC feminists who, according to Pizzey's own published account of events, initiated a campaign of harassment and violence against her.

...

In large and small ways -- from shrill protests to the tearing down of announcements, from blocking university promotions to threats and defamation -- PC feminism has attempted to stop voices it could not control.

Feminism is dying not from a backlash but from an orthodoxy that cannot tolerate real discussion...and never could.'

Detroit Woman Charged With Murdering Her Two Children

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'DETROIT — A woman intentionally set a fire at her boyfriend's mobile home in suburban Detroit, killing two of her young children while fleeing with a third, a prosecutor said Tuesday in filing murder charges.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy did not specify a motive, saying only that Sharon Hinojosa "knowingly left the children who were not fathered by her boyfriend."

Hinojosa, 29, was charged with arson, second-degree murder and felony murder, which is murder committed during another crime. The maximum penalty is life in prison.

"This should send chills up the spine of every person. I can't imagine the abject horror of the last seconds of their young lives," Worthy said.

She said Hinojosa set the fire around 3 a.m. Friday in Huron Township, about 20 miles southwest of Detroit, killing daughter Alayna Hinojosa, 3, and son Anthony Hinojosa, 4. Hinojosa escaped with a 1-year-old son, Worthy said, while Alayna and Anthony remained trapped inside.'

Police: Largo woman in relationship triangle falsely claimed rape

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'LARGO - A 20-year-old Largo woman was arrested Tuesday after her boyfriend found her with another man at her home, and she falsely claimed the man was raping her, according to Largo police.

Coffii Ann Castellion, of 605 16th Ave. N.W., lot 1, was charged with making a false report to a law enforcement officer.

...

The officer listened as Castellion told him she was the victim of a sexual assault, and he thought there was more to it, so he had Castellion and the alleged suspect transported to the police station for further interviewing.

Within an hour, Castellion admitted the sexual battery was bogus, Largo police said. She said her boyfriend had recently been released from the Pinellas County Jail and caught her with another man at her home. She also believed that by filing a sexual battery report she could receive some medical treatment related to her recent sexual activity, Largo police said.'

Officer cleared of sexual assault

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'HINSDALE— A Hinsdale police officer has been cleared of charges that he sexually assaulted a woman while investigating a complaint about animals in her neighborhood.

Officer W. Rodney Maloney, a part-time officer and animal control officer for the town, was acquitted of indecent assault and battery last week by a six-member jury in Central Berkshire District Court after 10 minutes of deliberations.

Maloney tells The Berkshire Eagle that although he feels vindicated, he’s still upset that someone brought false allegations against him in May 2008 that caused him "a year and a half of hell."'

Ed. note: Accused's name mentioned, accuser's not. Typical day.

Ireland: 'Domestic abuse: One man's story'

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'When "Jon" first met his ex-wife, "Tracy," 13 years ago, he never thought their relationship would end in a divorce — let alone a protection order, criminal charges, and a fight to obtain regular visitation with his 4-year-old daughter.

But his four-year marriage has ended that way, and Jon said it is largely because today's laws pertaining to domestic violence do little to protect men who are on the receiving end of abuse from their female partners.

Jon said things are improving between him and his ex-wife now, and he has his daughter with him for half of each week, but he wants to share his story to raise awareness about how domestic abuse can affect men.

"I'm not doing this to get back at her, I'm doing this to let people know that this stuff happens," said Jon in a recent interview. "I think a lot of men are just too macho to admit they can be abused."

While Jon said his ex-wife had occasionally subjected him to physical violence, he said much of the abuse he suffered was mental and emotional.'

UK: Women only shortlist for Labour candidate

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'Earlier this week the national executive council (NEC) for the political party ruled that Warrington South would be under an all female shortlist for the seat.
...
Rumours had been circulating that Labour figures in the area had wanted to drop the female only list to open up the possiblity of a person from the town standing in the seat.

A North West Labour Party spokesman said: “The NEC makes decisions on a case by case basis as to whether or not a parliamentary selection process should be an open shortlist or all-women shortlist.

“The NEC Organisational Subcommittee took the decision today that the selection processes for Warrington South should be based on an all women shortlist."'

BBC: Joy of India's women-only trains

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'What's striking about the new trains - not counting the exclusively female passengers - is the bright colours. The front of the engine is painted blue and red and the carriages are bright yellow.

All eight coaches are interconnected and brightly lit. The cushioned seats are comfortable and ceiling fans make the journey pleasant on a humid evening.

...

For many years, most suburban trains have had a couple of coaches reserved for women. But some men always forced their way into their compartments.

"Sometimes men board the ladies' compartment and when we ask them to leave or get aside, they start to argue. They say that if ladies can travel in gents' compartments they should be able to travel in ladies' compartments," Sangeeta says.

...

Sangeeta, a shy young woman who commutes daily from Faridabad to college in Delhi, says men often harass women on other trains.

"They touch and pinch."

She says travelling on the Ladies' Special makes her feel safe.

...

The Ladies' Specials are the brainchild of Railways Minister Mamata Bannerji, who announced the service in this year's railway budget.

"Our minister was very concerned about the safety and comfort of working women in the cities," Northern Railways general manager Vivek Sahai says.

"The women have ample space to sit comfortably so when they get home after a hard day's work, they can cook and look after their families."

...

As the train halts at a station, assistant sub-inspector Prngh Varma steps down onto the platform to ensure men stay away.

"We tell them very politely that 'sir, this is a ladies' train. Please stay away, don't board this train.' If they try again, I tell them, 'if you travel on this train, then what's the point of having a women's special train?"

Mr Varma says most men comply.

"But if anyone forces their way in, we take them to the police station and charge them with entering a ladies' train, and if they are ticketless then we charge them under that law too."

As the train halts at one of the stations en route, men waiting nearby do not seem too happy.

"Generally a man travels with his wife, or sister or daughter," said one disgruntled male passenger, Satya Pal.'

But since this is a Ladies' Special, he has to travel separately.

"That's not practical. There should be some provision for men to travel on this train," Mr Pal said.'

'Why Women Really Have Sex'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"We found lots of surprising things," said Meston, director of the University of Texas at Austin's Sexual Psychophysiology Lab. "The overall biggest surprise is the huge diversity of reasons why women said they have sex. We certainly expected more than love, reproduction and because it feels good, but all the different ways women were having sex was incredible."

"A lot of women had sex simply for the adventure, the excitement," she said. "They wanted to try out men of different ethnicities, different penis sizes. And some did not want the emotional attachment. We did not find strong support for that theory at all. Physical gratification was placed much higher."
...
"I had sex with a couple of guys because I felt sorry for them. These guys were virgins and I felt bad that they had never had sex before so I had sex with them. I felt like I was doing them a big favor that no one else had ever done. I felt power over them, like they were weaklings under me and I was in control. It boosted my confidence to be the teacher in the situation and made me feel more desirable."
...

"I only [have sex for money] with my kid's father. Not a prostitute or anything and because I love him but nothing is free in this world."
...
"I was seeing a man who was 69 years old, 22 years older than me. He took me to an expensive steak and seafood restaurnt. I was only seeing him because I was bored, new in town, had not met anyone else. We both lived with relatives so mostly parked in his car, a big Cadillac. He usually wanted oral sex, so I did it. I figured, why not? He enjoyed it and I got a good meal." Heterosexual woman, age 47
...
"Um ... is there any other reason to have sex? Seriously. Love is pretty much it, as far as I'm concerned."'

'Men, Masculinity, and Spirit'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There has been a lot of good stuff written about the Goddess, Goddesses, and the Divine Feminine,. The Wiccan Goddess is first among equals in traditional Wiccan circles., and in my view, should be. Certainly She has been the most important influence in my own life. I have even recently completed a book manuscript dealing with some of these themes.

By comparison, there has been little attention paid to the Divine Masculine, the God, or male Gods as male. There are two good reasons for this lack, but while they are good reasons why the Goddess has received the most attention until now, I think it s time to give more attention to the Divine Masculine. The discussions over Robert Bly, the men's movement, sweat lodges and "muscular" spirituality in some comments appearing in the preceding post have tipped me into entering these perilous waters.'

U.S. Dad Accused of Taking Kids Freed in Japan

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TOKYO — Japanese police say they have released an American man nearly 20 days after his arrest for allegedly snatching his children from his ex-wife.

Police said Thursday that while prosecutors have not pressed charges, they haven't yet dropped the case either. They decided to release him on grounds that he was not a flight risk.

Christopher Savoie was arrested Sept. 28 after allegedly grabbing his two children, ages 8 and 6, from his Japanese ex-wife as they walked to school in southern Japan. The case is among a growing number of custody disputes involving a foreign parent in Japan.'

Rejected women sue Swedish university

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A group of women who are suing a Swedish university for gender discrimination have also reported Sweden's Equality Ombudsman ... to the Ombudsmen of Justice – JO), charging the agency failed to take up their case.

The women claim they were denied admission into the psychology programme at Lund University in southern Sweden on account of their gender.

They argue that they were passed over in favour of men, who received priority treatment for admission in order to increase the number of men in the programme.

In addition to filing a lawsuit alleging illegal discrimination against the university, the 31 women have also reported the Equality Ombudsman for failing to carry out its responsibilities as the arbiter of discrimination claims in Sweden.
...
The two conclude that, "because in reality DO thinks it's good to choose students based on gender – having equal numbers of each gender is a more important goal than equal rights and opportunities regardless of gender".

According to a study carried out by the Centre for Justice, 5,400 college applicants in Sweden were subject to gender discrimination in 2009, with women being negatively affected in 95 percent of the cases.'

Canada: Professor stands up for men's rights at U of New Brunswick

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Via Marc A.: Article here. Excerpt:

'A new human rights issue was brought to light this past week at UNB: what about men's rights?

On Thursday, Oct. 8 Dr. Anthony Synnott from Concordia University stood in front of a roomful of students and professors and spoke about his new book Re-Thinking Men: Heroes, Villains and Victims. Synnott sat in the hot seat as he discussed his theories on masculinity and equality for men. He believes that in the quest for women's rights, men's rights have been either forgotten or ignored.
...
Synnott takes this further by saying, "Prejudice against ethnic groups is called 'racism'; prejudice against women, 'sexism'; and prejudice against men is considered really, really funny."

Continuing to draw attention to society's prejudice against men, Synnott admits that men do commit more homicides and crime than women, but men are also killed more in homicides than women.
...
Synnott calls out to men to "man-up," a term he learned from a student. But he does not share her definition, which requested that men, "Get beer, not white wine. Don't get the baguette, get the steak. Stop whining, and just do it… oh, and hit on us more."

No, Synnott requests that men start organizing and fighting for their rights as women have done. Because as we have all learned at some point or other, ignoring problems does not make them go away, they only come back later to bite you even harder.

"So gentlemen, man-up! There are things to do here."'

Baltimore City Clerk of Court publicly questions lack of support for male DV victims

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Baltimore City Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team had good news and bad news for criminal justice leaders Wednesday during its annual report, trumpeting a significant drop in homicides but bemoaning slow progress on policy recommendations the team made in past years.

“The number of domestic violence homicides is plummeting,” declared Julie Drake, chief of the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Felony Family Violence Division and vice chair of the team, which is a committee of the city’s Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
...
Baltimore City Clerk of Court Frank M. Conaway Sr., who often asks pointed questions of the police commissioner, echoed his concern of previous years that the presenters and their offices focused on battered women to the exclusion of male victims.

Drake conceded that men can be too embarrassed to seek help; but if they do, she said, their cases are treated just like women’s. Lennig said the same is true at the House of Ruth, although battered men are placed in hotels whereas women, who constitute the vast majority of the clientele, share a communal space on site.

“I think there should be a House of John because men get beaten, too,” Conaway said after the meeting.'

Blogger replies to "Schrödinger's Rapist" essay

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'Before I get constructive, I have to take a few paragraphs to cite a reasons why this article is insulting towards many men.

First, there's the "you are a good guy" dialog. This is presented in such a way that suggests Starling has some sort of empathy towards men. Almost immediately, it becomes clear that these words are not written in empathy nearly so much as a failed attempt to placate. There's also the student/teacher metaphor used in the writing. This sets a dominating and oppressive tone towards men. Feminist should know by now that being oppressive is not effective.

Beyond the tone and approach, this piece blatantly promotes the notion that all men are rapists until proven innocent. Rape is a horrible crime and those found guilty of rape are usually strongly punished. However, accusations of false rape often destroy the lives of innocent men. While the damage done to the victim in false charge cases rivals that of rape cases, the punishment for false charge is relatively insignificant. Being falsely accused of rape is a real and terrifying concern for many men. Starling's approach of openly labeling men as guilty does not help bridge the gap with her supposed audience of men.'

The subject matter essay was posted here on MANN on Oct. 13, 2009.

"No equality to be found in domestic violence"

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Via Marc A. Op-ed here. This one is worth responding to. It actually admits the near 50/50 data but downplays male victims based on injury rates, misleadingly. I see no comment page but a letter to the editor can be sent to northnews-at-northumberlandnews.com. I sent them a letter which is below the article here. But it might be good to have more. Excerpt:

'Physically and emotionally abused women of Northumberland County are safer today than they were a few years ago.

Northumberland Services for Women's long fundraising campaign to expand its capacity and services culminated with the opening of the third phase of the project, the new administrative offices, on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Although the project has resulted in an increase in beds for abused women and their children, second stage housing to ease families back into society in a safe environment, and now the office opening, that doesn't mean the problem of violence against women has ended. In fact, the shelter continues to struggle to accommodate the number of women fleeing abusive relationships.'

Woman shoots her young sons, killing one

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(AP) LOS ANGELES (AP) - A woman shot her two young sons Saturday, killing a 5-year-old boy and critically wounding his 1-year-old brother, police said.

The woman called 911 about 8:30 a.m. and told a dispatcher that she had killed her children, Los Angeles police Officer Norma Eisenman said.

When police arrived at the apartment complex in South Los Angeles, the woman, believed to be in her mid-20s, was standing on a second-floor balcony waving a handgun and telling officers to shoot her.
...
The 5-year-old was declared dead at the scene. The younger boy was shot multiple times and was hospitalized in critical condition.'

Woman arrested for false rape report

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Story here.

'SHREVEPORT, LA (KSLA) - A Keithville woman is now behind bars after allegedly filing a false police report.

Shreveport Police arrested 22-year-old Olivia Green who now faces a charge of criminal mischief, after reporting back on October 8 that she had been abducted and sexually assaulted.

Police say Green originally told officers that she had been kidnapped from a convenience store on W. 70th St., back on October 5, by two males who then allegedly held her captive for four days, where she was also sexually assaulted.

Upon investigating, detectives soon learned that Green had lied and was never kidnapped or sexually assaulted.'

Roethlisberger wants damages from accuser

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Story here. Excerpt:

'RENO, Nev. -- Ben Roethlisberger is seeking unspecified counter damages from a woman he says falsely accused him of rape in what his lawyer describes as a plan she hatched to seduce the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback in his Lake Tahoe casino-hotel room.

The woman alleged in a civil suit filed in Washoe District Court in July that Roethlisberger sexually assaulted her at Harrah's in July 2008 after he lured her there under the false pretense of needing his television repaired.

Roethlisberger's lawyer, John Echeverria, said in a response to the lawsuit filed this week that the woman made up the story because she knew it was against Harrah's policy for employees to visit a guest's room without a work-related purpose.

Her violation of the policy "was a deliberate step in her plan to seduce Mr. Roethlisberger," Echeverria wrote.'

Woman charged in teacher 'sex' case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Deanna Higgins has been charged in a teacher sex case. Higgins, a science teacher at Spring High School, in Spring, Texas, is facing two felony charges stemming from an alleged relationship with a student. The charges are improper relationship between an educator and a student, and one for sexual assault of a child. These are both felony charges and an arrest warrant has been issued for Higgins. In addition to Higgins being charged for a relationship with a student it appears that a second Spring High School teacher is being investigated, and has been placed on leave.

...

I'm sure there are going to be plenty of comments about how this teacher is going to get off easy because she's a woman and the child is not going to be viewed as a victim. I hope that this isn't the case. There have been way too many stories lately of female teachers carrying on inappropriate relationships with students. I'm sure that the students were, for the most part, willing participants, but that doesn't excuse the behavior. The teacher should know better and no amount of justification in my mind is going to make that okay.'

Teacher resigns after "student encounter"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CLEVELAND, Texas - On Monday, investigators discovered a Cleveland ISD teacher allegedly had sex with a student. By Wednesday night, however, the teacher still wasn't in custody.
...
On Monday night, she called district officials and resigned. Investigators say she admitted to having sex with a 15-year-old male student.

By Wednesday night, Sinclair had not been charged with a crime, but Cleveland police are considering charging her with having inappropriately relations with a student and possibly sexual assault.

A Houston sex offender counselor says society tends to underestimate the harm that can come to teenage boys seduced by a female teacher.

Judy O'Brien says boys are likely to have skewed relationships with women well into adulthood and some will commit sexual crimes.'

Speaker: Masculinity at heart of violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WATERLOO - Dealing with domestic and community violence is about facing issues of masculinity, according to Harry Brod.

That doesn't mean fighting against men.

"I always position myself as his ally, not his adversary," Brod said during his keynote speech.

Brod, a professor of philosophy and humanities at the University of Northern Iowa, spoke during the morning portion of the Safety, Accountability and Justice in Reducing Domestic and Community Violence conference. The event was Wednesday at Hawkeye Community College.

Brod also served as director of the Iowa Regent Universities Men's Gender Violence Prevention Institute and on the Iowa Governor's Task Force for Responsible Fatherhood.

In his view, masculinity plays a role in nearly all violence committed. School shooters often are bullied and mocked for not being masculine enough - which leads them to lash out - and husbands abuse their partners to assert dominance.'

Women's-Only Gyms Rock The Nation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Though Pink Iron has been open to the female gym-going public since April, yesterday marked their official launch as L.A.'s premier women's only, full service health and fitness center created by Holly Holton, a certified personal trainer and globally ranked fitness competitor.

Holton came up with the idea after working for Gold's Gym, realizing that the market was primed for "a fun, motivating, and unique environment where women could sweat without having creepy dudes drool on them!" Sing it, sister!

But what if you don't live in Los Angeles? Actually, there are more than a few women's-only gyms across the country.
...
So if self-consciousness or dude issues keep you from busting a sweat at the gym, check your town for a female-only option. It might be just what the personal trainer ordered.'

Travel Japan by H.I.S. releases new pricing for 'women only' cultural tour

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'Travel Japan by H.I.S. has released new pricing for its innovative ‘women only’ nine-day exploration of Japanese culture.

Highlights of the ‘Japan Experience’ include a shiatsu massage, learning the secrets of Japanese cooking, an Ikebana class and tea ceremony and a private party with one of Kyoto’s famed geisha.

Ideal for mothers and daughters, aunts and nieces travelling together or for groups of up to 12, the program visits Tokyo, Takayama, Kyoto and Osaka.'

The Shriver Report released, claims it's a woman's nation

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Report here (.pdf file). This report is extremely long -- 438 pages. Admittedly, I skimmed through it but I tried to provide some of the more intriguing excerpts.

“A Woman’s Nation Changes Everything” is work in the best tradition of those ideals. It flips a switch in our culture, sparking a collective acknowledgement of the interdependence of men and women today. With that switch we hope will come changes in the collective mindset of our government, business, faith institutions, our culture, media, and most importantly, men and women. Embracing these new dynamics and sparking new conversations is what “A Woman’s Nation Changes Everything” is all about.

As you’ll read in this report, women have now taken their place as powerhouses driving the economy. Consider this: Today, women now earn 60 percent of the college degrees awarded each year and fully half of the Ph.D.s and the professional degrees. Almost 40 percent of working women hold managerial and other professional positions. Women make 80 percent of the buying decisions in American homes. Companies led by women generally are proving to have healthier bottom lines.

One female corporate executive told me, “Women don’t need equal pay. They actually need to be paid more, because the fact of the matter is that we typically are responsible for more within our families, and we have to pay to outsource more. Most of the men I have competed with for positions have had a stay-home wife at some point and many have had a wife throughout their entire marriage.”

In addition to physical injuries and risks, workplace inequities produce “social hazards” that also jeopardize women’s health.62 Women can experience intense psychological stress and related disorders from occupying lower status positions in the workforce—from the devaluation of their work to lacking control over their working conditions, from strenuous tasks to hostility they often encounter when they break through gender barriers. Moreover, the shift work women often perform can cause disturbance of regular circadian-metabolic rhythm, which intensifies occupational stress. And another major source of occupational stress for women is sexual harassment.

Domestic violence is the number one cause of injury to women. Once thought of as a purely private matter, intimate violence is now recognized to have far-reaching public health and financial consequences that extend to the workplace. Perpetrators often try to threaten the stability of a survivor’s job, in order to further control her and make her more financially dependent on the perpetrator. Domestic violence contributes to a job loss for a quarter to half of all survivors.

Woman accused of showing porn from window, assaulting cop

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Grand Forks woman is accused of broadcasting pornography from the window of her home Friday morning, allowing the images and noises to be seen and heard from Lake Agassiz Elementary School.

When police Cpl. Dylan Schauer arrived at Nicole Altendorf's house on the 800 block of Stanford Road, he found a still shot of a pornography video displayed on a television.

"We made contact with the suspect, who was not compliant in any way," a police report states. "She refused to come out and physically resisted. She was finally extracted by force from her entryway."

The report says Altendorf bit Schauer's arm and kicked him several times in the groin as he tried to put her in a squad car. Once in the car, she spit in Schauer's face, the report states.
...
Altendorf is charged with three felonies: simple assault of an officer, contact by bodily fluids and preventing arrest. The allegation she displayed the pornography led to a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. She's also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia because, officers said, she had a device for smoking marijuana.'

All-male college cracks down on cross-dressing

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA, Georgia (CNN) -- An all-male college in Atlanta, Georgia, has banned the wearing of women's clothes, makeup, high heels and purses as part of a new crackdown on what the institution calls inappropriate attire.

No dress-wearing is part of a larger dress code launched this week that Morehouse College is calling its "Appropriate Attire Policy."

The policy also bans wearing hats in buildings, pajamas in public, do-rags, sagging pants, sunglasses in class and walking barefoot on campus.

However, it is the ban on cross-dressing that has brought national attention to the small historically African-American college.'

Gee, I wonder if any of the many women's colleges in the US has a ban on their students dressing like men?

"The modern male, he’s softer than a slug with a beer belly"

Proud_to_be_a_man · 18 October 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Has to be read in full to be believed. This Liz Jones woman is considered a bit of a joke here in Britain by the way. Excerpt:

'It’s official. Modern man is a wimp. A new book by an Australian anthropologist called Peter McAllister entitled Manthropology: The Science Of The Inadequate Modern Male has come to the conclusion that men are the worst they have ever been – the ‘sorriest cohort of masculine Homo sapiens to ever walk the planet’.

According to a set of fossilised footprints, prehistoric Australian aboriginals would have left 100m and 200m Olympic champion Usain Bolt standing.
...
You see? Women are now the strong ones in our society. Men no longer chase wildebeest across the pampas, and therefore have become hopelessly soft.

This deterioration has happened merely since two great leaps forward: the industrial revolution and the advent of free internet porn, which has created the unrealistic expectation that the ugliest slob in the world can bag a babe.

What poor, sad creatures modern men are. What wimps. What wastes of space.'

Experts: Hofstra false rape could hurt real victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Hofstra University freshman who lied to police about being gang-raped in a dormitory bathroom stall last month altered both the course of her own life and the lives of the five men who were wrongly accused.
...
But victims' advocates said they had no doubt that public anger toward Ndonye would discourage actual victims of sexual assault from coming forward.

"The defense in sexual assault cases is always that the victim is lying," even when that is not the case, said Lois Schwaeber, director of legal services for the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.
...

Scott Berkowitz, president of the Washington, D.C.-based Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, said about 5 percent of sexual assault reports are determined to be unfounded. Still, Burns said, every prosecutor he knows has come across at least one or two such cases in his career.
...
The Criminal Courts Bar Association has said it believes that Rice's office should have charged Ndonye with a crime. Not to do so, Bouse said, sends a message to other would-be false accusers that there are no negative consequences short of a "slap on the wrist."'

Woman accused of false rape report arrested

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Story here.

'Macon police arrested a woman today and charged her with making a false report of a crime and false statements, a release said.

Police arrested Tomeika Strange, 21, of Macon. She had recently accused two individuals of kidnapping and rape on Oct. 9 at a gas station on Houston Avenue.

An investigation by police and the Southeastern Regional Fugitive Task Force showed the accusations to be untrue.'

Woman gets 20 days after pleading guilty to false rape report

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Story here. It seems video's are often used to vindicate men falsely accused.

'A Valparaiso woman who the Porter County Sheriff's Police said falsely accused a man of raping her has been sentenced to 180 days in jail after pleading guilty to a charge of false reporting.

Erica Donohue, 20, of 1209 1/2 Chicago St., was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with all but 20 days in jail and 10 days of community service suspended, police said.

According to police, on July 15 Donohue reported being raped by an acquaintance of hers in rural Porter County.

Det. Gene Hopkins of the PCSP subsequently undertook an "extensive investigation," on the basis of which the Prosecuting Attorney's Office issued a warrant not for the man's arrest but Donohue's," police said.

Donohue was arrested on Sept. 29. "During the following interview, Donohue admitted to not being raped and fabricated the rape accusation to conceal her whereabouts from an individual with whom Donohue was having a relationship," police said. "A consensual video of the incident had been discovered during the investigation."'

Sportscaster Outlines Wife's Lavish Spending Habits in Messy Divorce Trial

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'CBS sportscaster Jim Nantz — who spent much of his professional life watching opponents face off — is now in a messy battle of his own.

Nantz, 50, who earns more than seven million dollars a year, is in divorce court to protect much of his fortune from wife of 26 years, Lorrie Nantz, the Connecticut Post reported.
...
Nantz's wife, who is seeking alimony as well as more than $1.5 million-per-year in child support for the couple's 15-year-old daughter, Caroline, has stated that she wants to keep the family's six bedroom home in Westport, Conn. The family also owns a condominium at a ski resort in Utah, according to the Connecticut Post. Lorrie Nantz said that she wants to care for the child's daughter even though she has a full-time nanny.
...
In nine years, Lorrie Nantz spent close to $1 million at a high-end clothing and jewelry store in Westport, Conn., the Post reported.

Last month she bought a $12,000 necklace at the posh store, but when pressed on its description, she could not remember details.'

NOW's new president takes on men 'behaving badly'

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'NEW YORK — Men behaving badly. It wasn't a topic that Terry O'Neill expected to find high on her agenda as new president of the National Organization for Women, but she's tackling it with zest and determination.

"Men behaving badly is exactly the problem in this country," she said in a telephone interview. "It's not a diversion — it's at the core of why women are unequal, why they are kept in second-class citizenship."

O'Neill didn't drop the topic after issuing her statements. NOW urged its supporters to rally outside movie theaters in support of victims of rape and sexual assault, and O'Neill wrote to the president of CBS, which airs the "Late Show," requesting a meeting and urging the network to appoint more women to its board of directors.

"We're living in a time when women who put themselves forward as leaders are subjected to vicious misogynistic attacks — it's very analogous to sexual harassment in the workplace," she said in the interview. "The message to other women is, 'Stay in your place.'"

Steve McNair Death Probe Questioned

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Story here. Excerpt:

On July 8, Nashville Police Chief Ronal Serpas told reporters, "We do believe, no questions, that she killed Mr. McNair and then killed herself."

Police announced the ruling after what they called "nearly four days of intensive investigation."

But now those closest to Kazemi -- speaking for the first time -- say they find that ruling impossible to believe.

"I don't think Jenny shot Steve McNair. I don't think jenny shot herself," Lakresia Polite, who was a friend of Kazemi's, told CBS News.

...

Azadeh Kazemi, Jenny's sister, told us, "She wasn't angry enough to do something like that. ... She wouldn't have hurt anyone."

"(She was) very positive ... happy and upbeat all the time," former Kazemi boyfriend Keith Norfleet, observed to CBS News.

Police, however, say Kazemi simply lost it in the last week of her life -- stressed out over mounting bills and her relationship with McNair.

In the July 8 news conference, Serpas said, "She had become very distraught ... unraveling ... messed up ... She was spinning out of control."

Kenya: Single women to easily inherit family property

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A proposed land policy will make it easier for unmarried women to inherit family property, including land.

The National Land Policy also explicitly prohibits one spouse from selling family land without the consent of the other.

In the 2005 national referendum on a proposed constitution, some Kenyans voted against the draft law, arguing that it allowed women to inherit land, contrary to their customs.

Women's rights

However, this time, people will not be given a choice on the matter.

"The government will put in place appropriate legislation to ensure effective protection of women's rights to land and related resources," says the draft policy, which Lands minister James Orengo is expected to table in Parliament next month.

It will further secure "inheritance rights of unmarried daughters in line with the practices of the respective communities" through public awareness campaigns.'

U.S. House OKs National Women's History Museum on National Mall; Senate vote sought

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'While the great women's rights advocates Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton (pictured) surely would be proud that the U.S. House of Representatives voted Wednesday to establish a National Women's History Museum in Washington, some, including our art critic, Christopher Knight, worry that the prime federal real estate where it would be built, the National Mall in Washington, is in bad condition and in danger of being overrun by haphazard development.

The bipartisan bill passed on a voice vote; if Senate approval follows, backers of the private, nonprofit museum, aimed at illuminating the social, cultural and historical roles played by American women, would have three years to buy a parcel alongside the mall from the government, and five years to begin construction.'

Opinion: Linda Ray and Brigid Doherty: Investing in women is crucial to economic recovery

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'Poverty does not cause domestic violence. An abuser determined to exercise power and control over his victim causes domestic violence. Certainly, though, the violence experienced by low-income women can make the climb out of poverty impossible.

Poverty, in turn, makes it more difficult to end domestic violence and heal from its effects.

We also know that women closest to the challenges in their community are the ones with the best solutions, which is why funding women is so effective at decreasing problems. Investing in a woman brings security to her as well as her family and her community.

We are at a critical moment for change in our community. By fully realizing the potential of women, we can lift up our economy, provide more — and safer — options to families and move ourselves out of the position of being the third-poorest big city in the nation.'

Australia: Push for establishment of register of women in SMEs to encourage more female directors

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'The Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has recommended to the Federal Government the establishment of a national register of women in SMEs who could be considered candidates for appointments to senior corporate boards.

But Jaye Radisich, chief executive of the Council of Small Businesses of Australia, says the creation of a national register would be a duplication of services already in existence.

"The principle is worthwhile, there is clearly a lack of women on boards in government and in private businesses, and any experienced women in SMEs or other parts of the community should be encouraged to be nominated or nominate themselves for these positions."

"However, it seems that creating a register for this purpose is a duplication of existing services and is an inefficient use of government resources. Women wanting to join boards can do so through organisations such as Woman On Boards, and the already existing government register. To create a separate register is just duplicating existing services.'

AAUW Provides Policy Recommendations for a True 'Woman's Nation'

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'"Women have broken through many barriers in the last 45 years, but there is still much to be done to adequately respond to women's-and men's-changing roles. We only need to look at the stark reality for working women who are simultaneously caring for children or parents to know this is true," said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. "Even though there are laws on the books to promote equity in education and income, it does not necessarily mean that those laws are enforced and that women are being given a fair chance. CAP's timely report and AAUW's policy recommendations help bring those subjects to the forefront as women move forward in true, equal partnership with men."

The report is divided into various chapters, each focusing on its own topic area. AAUW is providing policy recommendations for five chapters, including education and pay equity, because we believe that the laws and regulations about work must be updated to meet the needs of today's workers. In the area of education, AAUW is advocating to strengthen the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), to improve access to higher education, and to ensure educational equity through Title IX. To advance pay equity, AAUW is focusing on building on the successful passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act by enacting the Paycheck Fairness Act, advancing pay equity within the federal government, and improving and advancing equal opportunity in the workplace. For a detailed listing of policy recommendations, visit www.aauw.org/womansnation.'

Group encourages men to take a stand against violence

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'WORTHINGTON — Nearly a third of American women report physical and sexual abuse by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives, according to the Violence Against Women Act of 2005.

Though historically the struggle against sexual and domestic violence has been primarily a women's issue, men in Minnesota have the opportunity to take a stand, promoting safe relationships, healthy sexuality and respectful practices and public policies, as part of the Minnesota Men's Action Network.

...

The group found that women wanted men to be involved in helping to stop domestic violence and sexual abuse, but they also found that some efforts to involve men had ended badly. People working with victims were also concerned because the majority of that type of violence was committed by men.

The group needed to find a way to bring men in as good allies, "because I think pretty generally, everybody felt like it would be great to have good-hearted men that we could trust as part of this," Jewell said.'

NY Magazine: 'Would You Circumcise This Baby?'

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'Circumcision is still, as it has been for decades, one of the most routinely performed surgical procedures in the United States—a million of the operations are performed every year. Yet more Americans are beginning to ask themselves the same question the Moreas did: Why, exactly, are we doing this? Having peaked at a staggering 85 percent in the sixties and seventies, the U.S. newborn-circumcision rate dropped to 65 percent in 1999 and to 56 percent in 2006. Give or take a hiccup here and there, the trend is remarkably clear: Over the past 30 years, the circumcision rate has fallen 30 percent. All evidence suggests that we are nearing the moment (2014?) when the year's crop of circumcised newborns will be in the minority.

Opposition to circumcision isn't new, of course. What is new are the opponents. What was once mostly a fringe movement has been flowing steadily into the mainstream. Today's anti-circumcision crowd are people like the Moreas—people whose religious and ideological passions don't run high either way and who arrive at their decision through a kind of personal cost-benefit analysis involving health concerns, pain, and other factors. At the same time, new evidence that circumcision can help prevent the spread of AIDS, coupled with centuries-old sentiments supporting the practice, are touching off a backlash to the backlash. Lately, arguments pro and con have grown fierce, flaring with the contentious intensity of our time.'

Intact America Urges Pediatricians to Say No to Infant Circumcision

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'WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Leaders of Intact America (www.intactamerica.org) today issued a call to conscience to doctors at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics, urging them to say no to neonatal male circumcision.

Medical ethics requires informed consent of the patient before any surgical procedure or invasive treatment is carried out. Parental consent on behalf of a child is generally accepted only if the surgery is necessary to save the life or the health of the child. Because circumcision removes healthy, functional tissue and is not medically necessary, parental consent is inadequate. Intact America placed an ad in today's Washington Post urging pediatricians to say no to circumcision because "the baby, not the parent, is your patient."'

Mexico Latest to Launch Women-Only Taxis

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'(AP) Each pink taxi comes with a beauty kit, a GPS system and an alarm button.

The new fleet of 35 cabs in Mexico's colonial city of Puebla are driven exclusively by women and don't stop for men. The cabs cater especially to those tired of leering male drivers.

"Some of the woman who have been on board tell us how male taxi drivers cross the line and try to flirt with them and make inappropriate propositions," said taxi driver Aida Santos, who drives one of the compact, four-door taxis with a tracking device and an alarm button that notifies emergency services. "In the Pink Taxi they won't have that feeling of insecurity, and they feel more relaxed."

Women's rights activists are aghast at the cars' sugary presentation and said the service does not address the root of the harassment problem.

"We are in the 21st century, and they are saying women have continued worrying about beauty and nothing more," said Vianeth Rojas, of the Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Puebla. "They are absolutely not helping eradicate violence against women."'

UK: Inquiry fails to find single trafficker who forced anybody into prostitution

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The UK's biggest ever investigation of sex trafficking failed to find a single person who had forced anybody into prostitution in spite of hundreds of raids on sex workers in a six-month campaign by government departments, specialist agencies and every police force in the country.

The failure has been disclosed by a Guardian investigation which also suggests that the scale of and nature of sex trafficking into the UK has been exaggerated by politicians and media.

Current and former ministers have claimed that thousands of women have been imported into the UK and forced to work as sex slaves, but most of these statements were either based on distortions of quoted sources or fabrications without any source at all.

...

Those figures credited Pentameter with "arresting 528 criminals associated with one of the worst crimes threatening our society". But an internal police analysis of Pentameter, obtained by the Guardian after a lengthy legal struggle, paints a very different picture.

The analysis, produced by the police Human Trafficking Centre in Sheffield and marked "restricted", suggests there was a striking shortage of sex traffickers to be found in spite of six months of effort by all 55 police forces in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland together with the UK Border Agency, the Serious and Organised Crime Agency, the Foreign Office, the Northern Ireland Office, the Scottish government, the Crown Prosecution Service and various NGOs in what was trumpeted as "the largest ever police crackdown on human trafficking".

The analysis reveals that 10 of the 55 police forces never found anyone to arrest. And 122 of the 528 arrests announced by police never happened: they were wrongly recorded either through honest bureaucratic error or apparent deceit by forces trying to chalk up arrests which they had not made. Among the 406 real arrests, more than half of those arrested (230) were women, and most were never implicated in trafficking at all.'

Australia: Working with Boys Building Fine Men Conference 2010 - Call for abstracts

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Call for abstracts: closes 30 November 2009

When: 15 - 16 July 2010
Where: University of Newcastle, Callaghan, NSW

It is over 10 years since boys education became an important public issue. Despite large, well-funded programs and enormous effort, there has been little change in the overall rates of literacy attainment, school engagement and school retention that are at the centre of concerns about boys. There are also major social issues that differently effect boys and girls well-being, experiences and behaviour, such as binge drinking and bullying including cyber-bullying. Exactly why these issues seem so intractable, who they most effect and how to deal with them effectively are hot and controversial topics. Its time to tackle the controversy head on. Lets talk it out and see if we can come up with some solutions that draw on the enormous and diverse strengths of boys, teachers, schools and their communities.

It's time to tackle the controversy head-on.

Conference Themes:
Boys' motivation and engagement
Literacy
Family-School and Community Partnerships
School Planning Policy implications for boys' education

Call for Abstracts - to submit your abstract visit http://www.newcastle.edu.au/boys

Do you have evidence of success in tackling these issues in your school? Have you conducted research that could inform teacher practice, school programs and policies in this field? Then you should consider attending and presenting at this important conference.

A variety of presentation formats will be used to allow schools to present evidence-based results of practical programs or research into what has worked in schools and also the challenges faced. Proposals for presentations should address one or more of the conference themes.

We encourage creative and innovative submissions that reveal different perspectives in order to expand our collective wisdom and serve as a context for rich and provocative discussion. We particularly welcome presentations that include the perspectives of boys and young men. Proposals should state the main topic area and provide a brief outline of program/project and the results to date. If your proposal is for a 90 minute session, please be specific about how you will allow for interactive participation.

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACTS NOW at http://www.newcastle.edu.au/boys and for presentation formats.

For other events co-ordinated by the Family Action Centre visit http://www.newcastle.edu.au/centre/fac

Kind regards

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UK: Cops DNA boy for throwing small ketchup packet

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A SCHOOLBOY was forced by police to give a DNA sample - for chucking McDonald's ketchup.

Zach Cameron, 15 - a twice-weekly bible student - lobbed the tiny pot of sauce at a girl diner for making "nasty" comments when he took the daughter of his pastor for a burger.

His 14-year-old "victim" complained to cops that it got in her hair - and days later Zach was summoned to a police station where he was also fingerprinted.

Shocked Zach said yesterday: "It was crazy. I know I should not have thrown the sauce but it was only a tiny bit." His outraged mum Dawn, 42, said: "This all started when Zach was defending the daughter of his church pastor who was being abused by this girl.

"He realises now it was a silly thing to do but it wasn't the crime of the century."

She blasted police for doing nothing when SHE was victim of a road rage attack, or when husband James, 43, was assaulted in a pub.'

Balloon Boy Mom: Co-Conspirator or Abused Wife?

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'If Richard Heene has become the star of his own reality show centered on what is now believed to be a hoax involving his 6-year-old son and a runaway helium balloon, his wife, Mayumi Heene, has clearly taken the supporting role.

"She's the rock for Richard. She's a saint. I would put her up for sainthood for putting up with Richard," Richard Heene's former business partner Barbara Slusser told ABCNews.com. "She'll wear orange and go to jail with him."
...
Slusser, who worked with Richard Heene on his "Psyience Detectives" Web show and said she became good friends with the Fort Collins, Colo., family until his temper finally drove her away last year, said his wife's Japanese background has kept her in a subservient relationship with her husband and three boys. "She's a highly intelligent woman, a lovely soul. Man, she's gotten herself into a situation with Richard and the kids," Slusser said. "Whatever he says goes. She's basically his slave.
...
Lee Christian, Mayumi Heene's lawyer, said the accounts given by Slusser and others indicate that the woman should not be accused of being a co-conspirator in any alleged hoax.'

'Circumcision: cut the crap'

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'In comparing FGM with infant male circumcision, Epstein is seeking to establish a moral equivalency between the two. FGM is not just, as he writes, ‘an article of faith for international development agencies’; it’s also a moral absolute he want to cash in on, even to the point of referring to it by the outmoded term ‘female circumcision’ so that it sounds comparable to male circumcision. If FGM is seen as a violation of the human rights of women and girls and male circumcision is, as Epstein would have it, just the same, then anyone who circumcises their son is violating his human rights.
...
By counterpoising the ‘personal autonomy’ of an infant to the judgment of his parents, Epstein and others who campaign against circumcision reduce the relationship between parents and their sons to one moment; a moment that forever defines the child as victim and the parent as victimiser regardless even of what the boy himself thinks about it later in his life. Once a victim, always a victim.'

You can send Letters to the Editor about this article here.

Investigation reveals final hours of McNair, girlfriend

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'(CNN) -- The girlfriend of former NFL quarterback Steve McNair had grown frustrated with their relationship and was struggling with financial difficulties in the days before she killed him and herself in July.

Details of their relationship were revealed in a case summary released by Nashville police Monday.

McNair, 36, and Sahel Kazemi, 20, were found fatally shot in a condominium in downtown Nashville on July 4. Police have since ruled their deaths a murder-suicide.

"My life is just s--- and I should end it," Kazemi said the night before the couple were found dead, according to Sonya New, her shift manager at a Dave & Busters restaurant. New also said Kazemi was not her usual self and seemed down.

Though McNair was a married father of four, he was seeing Kazemi and at least one other woman, Leah Ignagni, according to Nashville police. McNair had spent the night at Ignagni's apartment on July 2, two nights before he was killed, Ignagni told police.'

Japan: Gov't unlikely to sign child custody pact for 2 years

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'The government will need at least two more years before it will sign an international treaty designed to settle child custodial disputes arising from failed international marriages, according to government sources.

In the wake of an increasing number of such cases, the government intends to speed efforts to sign the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. However, relevant legislative measures are unlikely to be submitted to the Diet until 2011 at the earliest, according to the sources.

The treaty stipulates that if a parent takes a child to his or her home country without the other parent's consent after their international marriage has failed, the dispute needs to be settled after the child has been returned to his or her habitual country of residence. The treaty aims to preserve the child custody arrangement that existed before an alleged wrongful removal.

Among the Group of Seven industrialized countries, only Japan has yet to sign the convention, which has resulted in conflict with parties in the treaty's signatory countries. Child custody problems arising from failed international marriages are dealt with under domestic laws in Japan.'

Woman plans to recant sex-torture testimony, former prosecutor says it's irrelevant to convictions

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'CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- Seven people pleaded guilty for their part in abusing Megan Williams -- but now Williams says that abuse never happened.

She will hold a press conference Wednesday in Columbus, Ohio, to recant her claims of abuse, attorney Byron L. Potts, who represents Williams, told The Charleston Gazette on Tuesday night.

"She has decided she has been living this lie for approximately two years and she has decided to tell the truth," Potts said. "She fabricated the story and she did this in retaliation because she was having a relationship with one of them."

But former Logan County prosecutor Brian Abraham, who was in charge of the case, said no one ever went to jail because of Williams' statements.

...

According to the admissions of those eventually convicted, Williams was physically and sexually abused. She was beaten repeatedly, held against her will, burned with hot wax, stabbed in the leg, and forced to perform oral sex on at least two defendants.

"Each of them made statements incriminating themselves and others. When you sat back and looked at it in its entirety, there was a pretty clear picture of what had taken place," Abraham said.

"As she got hooked up with her family and with additional handlers joined in, she continued to embellish. But we had her original statements that she gave. For the most part, they were consistent with what the co-defendants said happened."'

Women's Wages Outpaced Men's During Recession

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The wages of the typical woman who had a job during the worst recession in decades rose faster than those of the typical man, new data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show.

Over the past two years, the wages of the median woman -- at the statistical middle -- rose 3.2% when adjusted for inflation. Wages of the median man rose 2%. Minority men were particularly hard hit, while minority women and highly educated women of all races did better.

The typical full-time female worker earned $657 a week in the third quarter, the BLS said. The typical man earned $812 a week. Men are more likely to be unemployed, though: The male jobless rate is 11%; for women, it's 8.4%

Economists cautioned that the wage numbers and the increases don't reflect the large numbers of workers who aren't working at all.

There were about 8.2 million fewer full-time wage and salary workers in the third quarter than two years ago; the data don't include part-time or self-employed workers. Low-wage workers are hit disproportionally during recessions, and their absence from the tally could cause median wages to rise even if the typical worker isn't getting a raise.

"This is a situation where everyone's losing but men are losing more, and that's not really a victory for women," said Heidi Shierholz of the Economic Policy Institute, a left-leaning Washington, D.C., think tank.'

New Jersey GOP candidiate hosts sex toy parties: "If I was a man, ...it would be a completely different story."

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Video here. Caption: "WNYW: One candidate for state office in New Jersey is showing her entrepreneurial spirit hosting sex toy parties. Fifth District Republican Assembly candidate Stepfanie Velez-Gentry is the owner of Nookie Parties LLC and makes a living by organizing adult parties for women and couples."

Less the subject but her last sentence is very telling: "If I was a man and I did this for a living, it would be a completely different story." Note she invokes the Bible on this topic, too. I don't recall anything from the Bible saying that it's OK for anyone to host sex toy parties. I wonder where she gets this idea from?

UK: Cardiff bans street-drinking due to ladette excesses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The crackdown is aimed at late night revellers, targeting rowdy hen and stag parties and generally trying to make the streets safer after dark.

Police can use the new powers to confiscate alcohol or arrest anyone who defies them.
...
The Designated Public Place Order - a power introduced by the Home Office - does not make drinking in public illegal.

But police can order people to stop drinking on the streets and can confiscate their alcohol. Anyone failing to comply will be arrested.
...
The measures follow the revelation that drink was responsible for more than half the violent assaults in the city centre in the past 12 months.
...

It comes as experts warned that British schoolgirls are the worst for binge drinking in Europe. The problem is likely to become worse as it becomes more socially acceptable, a conference heard.
...
Professor Ian Gilmore, president of the Royal College of Physicians, said: 'We are more than double our nearest rivals when it comes to women binge drinking. We stand out like sore thumbs.'
...
Many familiar scenes of debauchery were seen, including half-naked women collapsing on the street.'

Two Montana Teacher's Aides Charged With Abuse of Special Needs Students

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two teacher's aides face felony charges stemming from allegations that they abused special needs students in their Montana middle school classroom.

Julie Ann Parish and Kristina Marie Kallies are each charged with one felony count of assault on a minor and one misdemeanor charge of endangering the welfare of children after the Great Falls Police Department investigated the alleged December abuse of student Garrett Schilling, then 13.

The aides are accused of holding Schilling's head under running water after he fell asleep in class, forcing him to sit in his soiled pants for hours and making him eat his own vomit when he got sick at Great Falls' North Middle School.
...
"They were waterboarding my son," Schilling said, adding that she discovered the alleged abuse in April 2008, when a teacher's aide with whom she is friendly sent her an e-mail warning her of Garrett's teacher's aides.'

Intact America active in Boston and Washington

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From an IA newsletter:

Intact America was on the ground in Boston and Washington this week, speaking with doctors and decision-makers at conferences held by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

Routine circumcision is ethically wrong – but the AAP and AAFP may become the first medical associations in the world to recommend it for all baby boys.

Many of the doctors we spoke with expressed concern over being pressured to circumcise babies. It's clear that we must continue to hammer home our message: No doctor should remove healthy genital tissue from a baby who cannot consent, and doctors as a group should take an ethical stance against infant circumcision.

Help us send a "call to conscience" to the AAP and AAFP – urge them NOT to recommend infant circumcision.

Man arrested for making coffee naked in own home

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A man was arrested for indecent exposure for being naked in his own kitchen. WTRV reports the circumstances:

29-year-old Eric Williamson says he walked into his kitchen to make coffee. Since he was home alone, he didn't bother getting dressed. A woman and a young boy walking outside saw Williamson through the window and called police. Investigators then arrested Williamson because they believe he wanted people outside to see him naked. But Williamson says that's not the case. He says he should be able to walk around naked in the privacy of his own home. If convicted, Williamson could face up to a year in jail and a $2,000 fine.'

UK: Violent crime by women goes up 80%

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Violent crime committed by women has soared since Labour came to power, it is revealed today.

The number of women found guilty of murder, vicious assault and other attacks has risen by 81 per cent since 1998.

The massive increase, revealed in the Government's own data, means that women are now being convicted at the rate of more than 200 every week.

Murders have more than doubled, life-threatening woundings are up by a fifth and common assault has soared by 151 per cent.'

'Advice Goddess' Amy Alkon picks another cherry

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Anyone who has ever read more than a few of columnist Amy Alkon's 'Advice Goddess' blog posts knows that Amy has a tendency to report on Islamic 'oppression' of women while conveniently forgetting to mention that culture's wrongs committed against men. Case in point:

In her "How's it Hanging" blog post of October 20th, she describes how women in the country of Somalia are being whipped merely for wearing bras. Her post has a link to the original source, in the U.K. *Daily Mail* (news article here), and a little probing beneath the surface, i.e. clicking on the link, does indeed verify her claim. However, the same article also mentions a few minor examples of problematic treatment of men:

'Al Shabaab, which seeks to impose a strict interpretation of Sharia law over all Somalia, also amputated a foot and a hand each from two young men accused of robbery earlier this month...Abdullahi Hussein, a student in north Mogadishu, said his elder brother was thrown behind bars when he fought back a man who humiliated their sister by asking her to remove her bra...Any man caught without a beard was been (sic) publicly whipped.'

...

In all fairness to The Goddess, she does occasionally point out injustices which affect men and fathers, but apparently, for her, the world of Islam treats only women improperly.

The larger picture here is that since women in the West are not oppressed in any way, feminists and their sympathizers are forced to look ever further, in distance and/or in time, to find signs of oppression of females. And even these turn out to be phantoms (insofar as women are not being targeted based on any wide-spread misogynistic thinking), since attempts to judge other cultures and times from our own modern Western perspectives are nonsensical (i.e., they are *completely bogus*).

The Girl Effect

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This showed up on MSN. Its premise is that the world is a mess and the way to fix it is to give money to girls, who will then fix the world. Simple.

One claim they make is that women invest 90% of their money in the family while men invest only 30 to 40%. They also claim that if you give a girl money, she will buy a cow and create more money and resources. I guess she buys it using the 10% left over after she invests 90% in her family. Hm--not quite sure how that all works.

I suspect this represents the new feminism--invest in girls, forget boys, and the world will soon be a veritable paradise.

So why is it that girls or women are never to blame for the current state of the world? If they can do all they claim, why haven't they done so before? And why do they need men's help to do it? Couldn't these wonder beings just do it themselves?

Newsweek's "How the Media Treat Murder" ignores men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ten women have been found slain or have been declared missing in Rocky Mount, N.C., in recent years. But the rest of the country hasn't heard about a possible serial killer stalking the young women in this Southern town of 60,000. The latest victim, Elizabeth Jane Smallwood, was identified on Oct. 12. Why have the Rocky Mount homicides been largely ignored?

"When you think about the famous missing-person cases over the last few years it's Chandra Levy, Natalee Holloway, and Laci Peterson," notes Sam Sommers, associate professor of psychology at Tufts University. All these women had a few things in common—they were white, educated, and came from middle-class families. The victims in Rocky Mount—which residents describe as a "typical Southern town," and is about 40 percent white and more than 50 percent black—were different. They were all African-American, many were poor, and some had criminal histories including drug abuse and prostitution.'

All valid observations-- but they leave out the fact that so many men are found murdered or go missing in any given year and are likewise ignored.

Web site for International Men's Day - November 19, 2009

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The site is at http://www.mensday.ws/. From the 'About' page:

'International Men's Day is an international event celebrated on November 19 every year. It was inaugurated in 1999 in Trinidad and Tobago and was supported by the United Nations, and received in principal support from men's groups in USA, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. Speaking on behalf of UNESCO, Director of Women and Culture of Peace Ms. Ingeborg Breines said of IMD: “This is an excellent idea and would give some gender balance.” She added that UNESCO was looking forward to cooperating with IMD organisers.

The objectives of celebrating an International Men's Day include focusing on men's and boy's health, improving gender relations, promoting gender equality, and highlighting positive male role models. It is an occasion for men to highlight discrimination against them and to celebrate their achievements and contributions, in particular for their contributions to community, family, marriage, and child care.'

Canada: The problem with the Pink Book

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Liberal Women's Caucus has released their 40-page Pink Book, Volume III.

...Keen political social observers nearly fell over in shock at the caucus's revolutionary recommendation that Canadian women deserve a "compassionate Canada" where women can achieve "economic and social equality."
...
...The Pink Book III is rife with debunked statistics -for example, that old chestnut about women earning 70% of what men make; we know that figure mainly reflects self-selection out of areas of higher personal demand so that women can spend more time with their children.

As for caregiving: Yes, women do more caregiving for those they love and in whose well-being they are highly invested. There is personal reward in the sacrifice. And men do more fighting and dying in Afghanistan and saving people in burning buildings, but somehow we don't hear so much about those crummy jobs whose only reward is honour fulfilled and pride in supporting one's family.'

Bermuda: Woman's false rape claim costs her $7,000 with no jail time

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who sparked a $6,000 police investigation after pretending she was raped in her home by two masked intruders was ordered to pay the full cost of the inquiry yesterday.

Michelle Lee Carreiro, of Cut Road, St. George's, appeared at Magistrates' Court where she pleaded guilty to wilfully and knowingly making the false report to Police last week.

Senior Magistrate Archibald Warner told her she could have been jailed for six months but instead he fined her $1,000 plus $6,000 reparation to Bermuda Police Service.

The 22-year-old gave detectives a 19-page statement about the fabricated October 15 attack but on Wednesday she admitted to officers at Southside Police Station that she made up the whole thing.'

Girl, 14, arrested for false rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 14-year-old female juvenile was arrested last Friday for filing a false police report in a rape case, Harrison Police Capt. Paul Woodruff said.

Woodruff said the girl had earlier this year told police that she'd been raped by a man in his early 20s, going so far as identifying the suspect by name.

When the suspect was brought in for an interview, he denied the allegation. So, police collected a DNA sample from him to be compared with DNA evidence collected from a medical examination of the girl immediately following the alleged incident.
...
The girl was arrested for felony filing a false police report and released to her mother, he said.'

Penn State running back Austin Scott sues following dropped rape case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The attorney of former Penn State running back Austin Scott has filed suit against the university, Penn State Police and Centre County on Tuesday, claiming a dropped rape case against him damaged a potential NFL career.

Prosecutors dropped rape, sexual assault, simple assault and indecent assault charges against Scott in April 2008, saying it would be unlikely to convince a jury to convict if revelations from the woman's past were admissible in court.

The charges stemmed from an October 2007 incident in which a woman reported to authorities that Scott had sexually assaulted her at his on-campus residence. Scott's lawyers, who maintained that the encounter was consensual, said the woman had made a false rape accusation in the past, making her claim against Scott less credible.

Now, Scott wants $300,000 in total compensation from the university, Penn State Police, the county, the woman who said he raped her, Centre County District Attorney Michael Madeira, former Assistant District Attorney Lance Marshall, Penn State Chief of Police Stephen Shelow, Assistant Chief of Police Thomas Sowerby, three police officers and two detectives, according to court documents.'

UK: Traffic warden fails to get damages for false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A FORMER Hampshire traffic warden cleared of rape has failed in a new legal bid to bring a £300,000 damages claim against his accuser for malicious prosecution.

Lawyers for Anthony Hunt, 66, had told three civil appeal judges that he wanted to “vindicate his reputation” by obtaining a judgment against the woman, referred to as AB, who had asked him into her home for a cup of tea and, he claimed, consented to sex.

But the Court of Appeal ruled that AB could not be sued for malicious prosecution as she was not “the prosecutor”.

She had not gone straight to the police and had not made it clear that she wanted Mr Hunt prosecuted – and even if she had done so, the intervention of the police and Crown Prosecution Service would have made them the prosecutors and not her.'

MND: The Shriver Report Proclaims a New Day, but Anti-Male Bias Remains the Same

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Liberal feminists have seized on the massive loss of jobs held by men to declare that "A Woman's Nation Changes Everything." That in fact is the title of "The Shriver Report," whose raison d'être is the fact that men have lost so many jobs that women have become almost half the labor force. (If anyone out there actually believed them when feminists claimed they were sorry, truly sorry about the plight of male workers in this recession, now you know.)

Maria Shriver, California's First Lady, has gotten together a passel of like-minded people and they've written a report which is really a book. And because it's a book, I haven't yet read the whole thing, so I'll have to blog about it piecemeal.

So here's the blog about the Executive Summary.

The Executive Summary is by Economists Heather Boushey and Ann O'Leary, who right off the bat inform us that "for the first time in our nation's history, women are half of all U.S. workers." Well, I suppose I shouldn't quibble, but they are not now half of all U.S. workers. About a percentage point still separates the two sexes and that means about 1.4 million workers.

Worse, they seem to think that American history began in the 1960s. It seems not to have occurred to Boushey and O'Leary that, as late as 1930, the majority of Americans lived on farms and that women very much worked on those farms. Nor does it occur to them that the vast majority of non-upper-class women have always worked at something.'

New Zealand: Alcohol and drugs blamed for false rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An out-of-control young New Plymouth woman sentenced to jail whooped and leapt noisily down the stairs to the court cells, leaving her mother sobbing in court.

In the New Plymouth District Court on Thursday, Danielle Coombe, 18, of New Plymouth, admitted a series of offences including a false rape claim, resisting police and failing to appear for a court hearing earlier in the month.
...
Coombe had made an allegation of sexual abuse to police but had no memory of the night.
...
Coombe was sentenced to three months in jail, ordered to pay $60 reparation for theft and her fines of $675 were remitted.'

Journalists and students dissect Hofstra rape hoax

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Student journalists recently got an inside look at the coverage of the false rape incident that occurred on the University campus a few weeks ago.

At an event hosted by professors Peter Goodman and Geoffrey Roth of the Department of Journalism, Media Studies and Public Relations last Thursday evening, the New York Post's Kieran Crowley, WCBS-TV's Jennifer McLogan and Carol D'Auria of 1010 WINS spoke to students about the various approaches they took to cover the story and what they felt could have been done differently.
...
McLogan said that from the start, it was her instinct to question the accusation. "The police were sure of the rape," McLogan said, "but I said to myself, I hope this girl's credible."

She gave more personal insight on her perspective while covering the story. "We want to proceed cautiously," she said. "I'm a mom with three kids in college; two girls and a boy. I wouldn't want my daughters to be the victim, but I wouldn't want my son railroaded either."

D'Auria agreed with McLogan's notion that caution is necessary when covering such sensitive subject matter, but was pessimistic. "We need to move slower," she said, "but I don't see that happening."'

Wrongfully convicted of rape, man joins prison advisers

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Article here.

'SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - A wrongfully convicted man has been appointed to a board that advises the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Wilder “Kendric” Berry of Chicago is among members appointed this week to the Adult Advisory Board by Gov. Pat Quinn.

The Center for Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University says Berry went to prison because of a false rape accusation. Released and exonerated, he now works as a paralegal at a Chicago law firm.

The board advises the department on policies and programs affecting people in prison and on parole. Its other members include a suburban police chief, a county sheriff and a probation officer.

Illinois Department of Corrections Director Michael Randle says he welcomes the newly appointed members of the board.'

Female California teacher accused of 'sex' with student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SANTA ANA, California – A female teacher who is alleged to have had sex with a male student in her school and then vandalized his car will be arraigned on Monday.

Naomi Perez, 33, of Brea, is charged with one felony count each of unlawful sexual intercourse, oral copulation of a minor, sexual penetration by foreign object of a minor, and one misdemeanor count of vandalism, said a statement by the Orange Country District Attorney's office.

Perez is accused of meeting 17-year-old student John Doe while working as a teacher at Saddleback High School in Santa Ana.

Between June 1, 2007, and Aug. 27, 2007, Perez is accused of having an unlawful relationship with the victim on multiple occasions in her Brea home.

Two years after the end of the relationship, Perez is accused of vandalizing the victim's car while it was parked outside of a family member's home by scratching and denting the vehicle.'

LA Times: In Naples' mob, there's no glass ceiling

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Story here. Excerpt:

'For decades, women have occupied a full range of roles within the Neapolitan crime syndicate, from bodyguard to boss, authorities say. In Naples, women are traditionally responsible for the finances within the household. They run the accounts and, according to anti-mafia investigators, have taken a major part in money laundering, cutting up drug deliveries for distribution and running numbers.

But wives and mothers have also been among the perpetrators of some of the worst violence in Naples, with the emancipation of women in Neapolitan society over recent decades mirrored inside the secretive world of the Camorra.
...
"Today women appear on all of the multiple arrest warrants that we issue," she said. "It's more like we are shedding light on a phenomenon that was always there."

The women operating in the Camorra crime syndicate today have some impressive role models to look back on. The first woman to be charged with "mafia association" was a Neapolitan, Anna Mazza, about a decade ago. The murder of her husband, Gennaro Moccia, gave her the nickname, the "Camorra Widow," and put the top job within her reach. She grabbed for it. She became the undisputed leader of her clan, moving its activities toward the lucrative construction industry and dramatically increasing its power.'

Israel: Ashkelon film festival to screen musical to women-only audience

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An American film that was rejected at last year's Jerusalem Film Festival because the Orthodox filmmaker demanded that it be screened exclusively in front of women will make its Israel premiere at next week's Jewish Eye World Jewish Film Festival in Ashkelon.

The musical, "A Light for Greytowers," was made by a group of Orthodox women who didn't want men to see them dancing or singing out of modesty. The film was originally scheduled to be shown at the Jerusalem Cinematheque last December but festival organizers canceled after they couldn't agree with the filmmaker over screening arrangements. "The 'women-only' issue definitely scared off other festivals interested in including the film," said Los Angeles-based Robin Garbose, adding the Ashkelon festival organizers contacted her after reading about it. "Upon submission, I clearly stated the film must be marketed to women only," she continued, saying the organizers almost got cold feet after they didn't seem to find a suitable venue for the screening.'

UK: David Cameron to insist on women-only shortlists

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Story here. Excerpt:

'David Cameron provoked a furious row with Tory backbenchers and grassroots members yesterday after reversing his party's opposition to all-women shortlists in a bid to boost the number of female Conservative MPs.

Only Labour has opted for all-women shortlists at previous elections, with past Conservative leaders opposing them as undemocratic. Mr Cameron's U-turn will see all-women shortlists imposed on some constituencies selecting their candidates in the New Year. Aides to Mr Cameron have said he has done all he can to promote women MPs on to the frontbench but privately admit that he is hampered by the fact that the party only has 19 sitting female MPs. That number would rise to 60 should the party win a majority at the next election, still only one fifth of its seats.
...
The announcement immediately saw a backlash from Tory backbenchers and grassroots members of the party. Anne Widdecombe, a staunch critic of the all-women shortlists, said that it would make some female MPs feel like second-class citizens.

"Women, no matter what their circumstances, must get to Westminster on their own merits and be able to know that when they're sitting in the House of Commons," she said.'

Mona Charen: 'Maria Shriver Misses the Point'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some of what's in this report is a recycling of long-discredited data. Heather Boushey, for example, regurgitates the statistic that women only earn 77 cents on the dollar compared with men. But as the Hudson Institute's Diana Furchtgott-Roth and other economists have shown, this number conceals more than it reveals. It is only true on average. But when you begin to compare like with like, the discrepancies narrow considerably. Comparing men and women who both work 40 hours per week, for example, reduces the pay gap by 10 cents per hour. You have to look carefully at what is being compared. Among workers labeled "full time," hours worked by men tend to exceed hours worked by women. When men and women performing the same job are compared -- whether supermarket checker or first-year associate at a law firm -- the pay gap nearly disappears.'

"A Woman's Nation" declares in one breath that the "war of the sexes is over" but in the next launches a broadside about women's educational opportunities. It requires some ingenuity to complain that women are educationally shortchanged, when, as even the chapter's author, Mary Ann Mason, acknowledges, "Women today receive 62 percent of college associate's degrees, 57 percent of bachelor's degrees, 60 percent of all master's degrees, half of all professional degrees (law and medicine) and just under half of all Ph.D.s." But there is a problem lurking beneath the surface of this evident success. Though they dominate higher education, too many women are still choosing "traditional female majors" like education, health care (including nursing), and psychology.'

UK: Are women paying for sexism laws?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ms Banyard says that, despite having equal pay rights enshrined in law since the 1970s, a pay gap still exists and the law is not strong enough.

"As a result, companies are not required to check that they are paying equally, so it's absolutely crucial we have mandatory pay audits," she adds.

"The Equality Bill currently going through Parliament is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reform equal pay law we cannot afford to miss."

Yet Ms Pease has urged MPs not to wade further into the issue, as legislation now meant some employers believed hiring a woman was a "nightmare".

Long maternity leave and fears of costly discrimination action were just two of the issues Ms Pease highlighted as factors that deterred firms from taking on women.'

Australia: Shared parenting laws on way out

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE Rudd government is planning to roll back the controversial shared parenting law passed in the final term of the Howard government, enraging men's groups, which say the laws have finally given them access to their children after separation.

Six inquiries into the shared parenting laws are now under way, which men's groups have interpreted as a sure sign that change is under way, too.

In a message to supporters, Sue Price of the Men's Rights Agency, has described the planned rollback as the "most sustained and concerted attack" on shared parenting that she has seen in 15 years.

Ms Price said the laws did no more than encourage "reasonable contact between perfectly good fathers and their children" and she is urging supporters to "convince the Rudd government that there are a million votes at stake" if they roll back the shared parenting changes.

"War has been declared and now is the time to protest the changes," Ms Price said, adding that planned changes were an attempt to "deny children shared parenting" and "an attack on a child's right to be loved and cared for by a dad on a shared-care, equal basis".'

Circumcision attitude poll

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Circumcision is a complex issue revolving around ethics, sex, medicine, law, religion, culture, and human rights. Opinions about rights and decision-making are not known. This survey will help reveal important attitudes concerning who has the right to circumcise infant boys. Please participate in this short survey.

India: Husbands allege misuse of Domestic Violence Act

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men from across the city wore badges that read ‘Husband not an ATM machine’, ‘Alimony kills her real potential’ and the like on Monday to mark the third anniversary of the Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act (PWDVA) coming into force here.

These men were victims of the misuse of laws like the PWDVA, section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (husband or relative of husband subjecting a woman to cruelty), section 125 of the Criminal Procedures Code (maintenance of wives, children) and child custody laws, which, they claimed, were heavily biased in favour of women.

Jinesh Zaveri, a member of the Indian Family Foundation (IFF) said, “Men who complain about physical or verbal violence inflicted by their wives are generally portrayed as cartoons. It needs to be understood that a huge number of men in the country has been caught in the web of false cases registered by their wives under various laws.”'

The Pink House

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Yep, read it here. Now I am all about raising awareness of any number of diseases and the need to find cures. I just find it curious that given the actual numbers on the topic of dollars spent v. return in terms of human lives saved, there are many examples of diseases killing people of both sexes at higher rates than breast cancer but yet get a lot less attention.

Will we see a purple ribbon adorning the front of this, the nation's National Mansion, for prostate cancer awareness one fine day, I wonder? One thing's for sure, there is a lot of money changing hands in this whole BCA thing and whoever is doing the promotional work must be raking it in. I see pink ribbons all over everything these days and one would be naive to think the pot isn't getting split in the back room. Excerpt:

'The Obama administration paid tribute to Breast Cancer Awareness Month in a big way Monday, as workers hoisted a massive pink ribbon in the front of the White House.

The ribbon, which runs the length of the columns in front of the presidential residence, was raised after first lady Michelle Obama spoke at a breast cancer awareness event Friday.

Standing by breast cancer survivors, she tied the fight against breast cancer to the administration's effort to overhaul the health care system.

"It's a system that only adds to the fear and stress that already comes with the disease," she said.

Breast cancer awareness is one of the most widely recognized public health campaigns, with the NFL holding "breast cancer awareness games" this month during which players donned pink pins.'

Tyra Banks Discusses Women Who Beat Men

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I was watching some television last night and couldn't believe the subject on the Tyra Bank's show. A mainstream program actually discussed women who abuse men. This is a big deal considering women are her main demographic. Excerpt from Tyra Banks website here:

'In the past, men have been the ones under fire for being abusive in relationships. Now, as more and more victims of domestic abuse are speaking out, a new trend in the violence is surfacing. We're talking to women who've admitted to hitting, punching, even kicking (in stilettos) their boyfriends and husbands.'

Make sure you check out the comment section! If you want to show some appreciation, Tyra can be reached at http://www.tyrabanks.com/contactus

Debra LaFave seeking contact with her kids

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TAMPA, Fla. — A former Florida teacher who had sex with a 14-year-old student wants to be allowed supervised contact with the children of her relatives and friends.

Former Tampa-area teacher Debra LaFave is serving seven years probation, and one of the conditions is a ban on contact with children. Her motion to ease that restriction is expected to be heard in court Thursday.

Lafave served more than 2 1/2 years of house arrest before being freed last year. She pleaded guilty in 2006 to two counts of lewd and lascivious battery for having sex with the boy in a classroom and her home.'

Glenn Sacks: Shriver Report Does Hatchet Job on Fathers, Family Court Reform Movement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Shriver Report has a section about men and fathers called "Has a Man's World Become a Woman's Nation?" written by feminist sociologist Michael Kimmel.
...
Kimmel ignores altogether the many legal, social and cultural barriers between fathers and children. For Kimmel, the separation of children from fathers is all about men's "irresponsibility." If men just cared about their children, so the story goes, all would be well. There are some men who avoid their parental responsibilities. Some women do, too. But Kimmel never mentions the crucial issues today's fathers face. These include: maternal gatekeeping; visitation interference; the use of fraudulent restraining orders as a tool to separate fathers from their children in divorce/custody; unrealistic child support orders; and parental alienation.
...

Martha Burk, the Chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations who led the effort to open the Augusta National Golf Club to women, concurs. Burk, who was named Ms. Magazine Woman of the Year in 2003, explains that shared parenting provides women with greater economic freedoms and opportunities. She calls the current child custody system "mother ownership of children" and says that under this "harmful societal norm" judges "mindlessly award [sole] custody to the mother," to the detriment of all parties.

Kimmel denigrates the importance of fathers, writing that the idea that fatherlessness harms children is based on "a catalog of specious correlations masquerading as causal arguments." This ignores a mountain of responsible research that shows beyond a doubt the value of fathers to children, including that of Sarah McLanahan, Rebekah Levine Coley, Irwin Garfinkel, Kathryn Edin, Ross Parke, Armin Brott, Ronald Mincey, and numerous others.'

Phyllis Schlafly: Time again for the feminists' rant

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'Even so, the feminists demanded that the Obama administration give half the stimulus jobs to women rather than to the shovel-ready work that was the reason for passing the stimulus funds. Whatever the feminists demand from the Democrats they get, and the stimulus money was directed to jobs in education, health care and social services.

So what are the feminists complaining about? They want the taxpayers to provide high-quality day care and paid family leave, to pass laws to prohibit employers from ordering women to work overtime (as men are often required to do) and probably to force men to assume half the household and baby-care duties.
...
Women won't be happy as long as they believe the false slogan (repeated in most of these current articles) that women make only 77 cents on the dollar compared to men. The Equal Pay Law was passed in 1963, but it requires only equal pay for equal work, and women in the labor force don't work nearly as many hours per week as men do.'

Teen Girl Charged in 9-Year-Old's Murder

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'The police had already searched the area, but the body had been "very well concealed," White told The Associated Press. The suspect, a minor, will appear in a concealed court hearing today to determine whether she will be held behind bars or released into her family's custody until the next hearing.

"It will be the judge's obligation to look at the individual and look at her, excuse me, look at the juvenile's circumstances," said Samantha Green of Cole County Juvenile Detention.
...
"I would ask that they wait, that they listen to the facts as they come out and not judge quickly," Valentine said. "Learn about this person, learn about this child. You're dealing with a child."'

I agree one shouldn't rush to judgment. However I doubt there'd be this kind of call to circumspection from both the suspect's lawyer AND law enforcement if the suspect were a boy.

Graves Identified at Boys Reform School

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'A five-month Florida state investigation has found no evidence to support claims by former students of a state boys reform school that students were killed by abusive staff members or that the school covered up student deaths.
...
The state investigation found that most of the 31 graves were filled with teens or staff who died in a 1914 dormitory fire, from an influenza epidemic or from other accidents. One student was murdered by a group of other students in 1944 after he learned of an escape plan, the report said. Five people, who were buried between 1919 and 1925, had no listed cause of death, the investigation found.
...
But, several former students said they were not convinced by the report. One man who says he buried a friend of his when they were both at the school in the 1950s said he does not believe that school officials were not involved in the boy's death.
...
Officials at the school and the state Department of Juvenile Justice have not disputed that some abuse took place and recently dedicated a memorial to the White House Boys.

"The beatings were ungodly. I thought they were going to kill me," Roger Kiser, who said he was sent to the reform school from an orphanage in late 1958, said in an earlier interview with ABC News. "They would beat you for anything."'

MSN: Health care fight becomes a battle of the sexes

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'The Pennsylvania home health care company Linda Bettinazzi runs is charged about $6,800 per worker for health insurance – $2,000 more than the national average for single coverage. One reason: nearly every one of her 175 employees is a woman.

Insurers say women under the age of 55 cost more to cover because they use more health services, and not just for maternal and infant care. But Bettinazzi, the president and CEO of Visiting Nurse Association of Indiana County, believes there's something inherently wrong in charging her company more because it hires a lot of women.
...
Gender rating is the norm today, part of a complex formula of risk factors — including health history and age — insurers say has been necessary to fairly price policies. But advocacy groups for women argue that charging more for women than men is discriminatory and should be illegal.'

OK, so why aren't they complaining that men under 25 get charged more for car insurance on average than women under 25, all other factors being equal? Same thing, different sexes. And just how does the health carriers' claim that women under 55 use more health care resources than men in the same age group jibe with the feminist assertion that women are getting the short end of the stick in terms of access to health care? Answer: It doesn't.

NOW: Women and Girls live in fear of 'Vicious Hate Crimes' and 'Hate Filled Violence'

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'This legislation is especially important for the girls and women of this nation because it extends existing federal hate crimes laws beyond the narrow scope of protected federal activities and also includes -- for the first time -- violent crimes committed on the basis of actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, disability and gender identity. Women know first hand how vicious crimes of sexual and hate-filled violence can affect our lives, especially if local law enforcement is ill-equipped to investigate and prosecute these crimes. We know that hate crimes are more than individual assaults -- they send shock waves and fear throughout a whole community. Girls' and women's lives are restricted and often ruined by the fear as well as the reality of vicious hate crimes, be they based on our religion, race, gender identity or just because we are women.'

Lehigh University student waives hearing, faces trial for alleged false rape report

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'A 19-year-old Lehigh University student who allegedly made a false report about being raped by a campus police officer waived a preliminary hearing today and could stand trial.

Brielynne Neumann, of Shrewsbury, Mass., was lying in the center of Parkhill Street at 11:49 p.m. Sept. 3 when Bethlehem police approached her, according to court records. She identified herself as Brei Scano and gave a fake date of birth, records say.

The lie backfired when police, who claim she was intoxicated, took her to her sorority house to verify her identity, records say. Neumann then told officers she had been raped the day before by a man who claimed to be a Lehigh University police officer, records say.'

UK: Circumcision 'left boys in agony'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A doctor offering £150 circumcisions at his private clinic in Essex left young boys in agonising pain, a disciplinary panel has heard.

Dr Aziz Chaudry allegedly did not adequately ensure young boys were fully anaesthetised, The General Medical Council (GMC) was told.

He is also accused of not fully informing the families of the processes involved at his clinic in Clacton.

Dr Chaudry admits failures over notekeeping but denies misconduct.

The hearing was told young boys were restrained in pain.

One boy's family was told he may need plastic surgery to correct damage, the GMC's Fitness to Practise Panel was told. Another boy, aged four, was taken to hospital after the operation.'

World Congress of Families Counters Feminist Disinformation on UN Resolution Supporting 'Traditional Values'

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'WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- World Congress of Families Managing Director Larry Jacobs decried what he called "feminist disinformation" on a resolution of the United Nations Human Rights Council affirming "traditional values." The resolution also calls for a UN workshop in 2010 to examine the way traditional values are the foundation for human rights: http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/sdpage_e.aspx?b=10&se=100&t=4.

Sponsored by the Russian Federation, the resolution was passed by a vote of 26 to 15, with 6 abstentions. Just like the Amsterdam Declaration adopted by World Congress of Families (http://www.worldcongress.org/WCF5/wcf5.dec.htm) , the resolution reaffirms the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
...
Jacobs responded: "Only radical feminists would consider honor killings and female genital mutilation to be 'traditional values.' These odious practices of violence are confined to a few societies worldwide, and should continue to be eradicated."'

UK: Women get labour vote

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'Labour Party bosses are 'unlikely' to overturn plans to impose women-only candidates on Wigan's two parliamentary seats.

According to a national party source such an about-face would be very unusual.

He said: "The National Executive Committee will always listen to the views of constituency parties but it would be highly, highly unusual for such a decision to be overturned at this stage.

"In fact I have only known it once in the last 10 years."

Members of the Makerfield party have voted to reject the female shortlists three days after the Wigan party took the same decision.

The two MPs, Ian McCartney and Neil Turner, have both announced they will stand down at the next election.'

Canada: 'For boys, sugar and spice aren't nice'

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'It's a well-researched phenomenon: Boys tend to underachieve in school, while a higher proportion of girls successfully make their way to university. (Female students are a now majority in most faculties.) And this might have to do, at least in part, with the fact our schools are made for girls.

Parents of boys have been complaining for a long time about the way their sons are treated within the school system. Most teachers are female and quite naturally they choose books that interest girls. "My son has been fed a regular diet of novels about emotions and relationships, instead of books dealing with sport and action," says a colleague of mine. Boys are expected to behave like girls: They shouldn't yell, they shouldn't jostle, they should sit still in class. Moreover, they should express their emotions verbally, a mode of communication that comes naturally to girls but with which many boys are not at ease. And, of course, in this overly female world, there are too few male role models for boys who don't have one at home.'

Czech Republic: Police to prosecute Vietnamese over false paternity

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'Brno, South Moravia, Oct 1 (CTK) - Czech foreigner police recently uncovered in Brno the case of false paternity in which a Vietnamese persuaded a Czech family to register him on the birth certificate as the father of their child for 25,000 crowns, police spokeswoman Roman Pittner told CTK Thursday.

The Vietnamese later obtained a residence permit in the Czech Republic on the basis of the forged birth certificate.

The parents of the child and the Vietnamese face up to three years in prison if found guilty.

"Although the foreigner police come across such cases rarely, it is very difficult to prove that such a crime was committed," Pittner said.

The fraud was uncovered when the child's mother asked for an increase in her welfare benefits. After being advised to address the father of her child for help she revealed that she lied about the real father and had already spent the money she received for her lie.'

Duct tape wielder charged with false imprisonment and child abuse

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'A secretary at Palmer Elementary School in Denver has been charged with false imprisonment and misdemeanor child abuse after she bound a misbehaving 6-year-old student's wrists with duct tape and applied the tape to his mouth as well. Jennifer Carter, 45, has been placed on administrative leave and the Denver Public School District has indicated she will be fired for her actions.

The incident happened last Wednesday, and the first grader's mother, Ashlye Tenner, expressed concern that a report had not been made about the incident until she pushed for it. On Thursday, the school sent a letter to parents notifying them of the situation.

The child had been sent to the principal's office for acting out in class; when the principal saw the duct-taped child, he immediately told Carter to remove it.'

RADAR ALERT: Tell Senators to Stop the Civil Rights Travesty!

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"Unless you have overwhelming evidence to the contrary, arrest the male."

That's the grim reality in dozens of states with DV mandatory arrest and predominant aggressor policies on the books. These laws were passed thanks to the 1994 and 2000 versions of the Violence Against Women Act, which paid millions of $$$ to states to establish and enforce mandatory arrest policies.

This week, we are asking you to take 5 minutes of your time to contact Senators Patrick Leahy and Jeff Sessions of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Tell them:

- Mandatory arrest laws are now responsible for the biggest roll-back in civil liberties since the Jim Crow era.[1]
- State mandatory arrest laws were passed thanks to financial inducements in the 1994 and 2000 versions of the Violence Against Women Act.
- Even though the 2005 version of VAWA wisely shifted from a "mandatory" to a "pro" arrest position, not a single state has repealed its mandatory arrest policies.
- The 2010 reauthorization of VAWA needs to include strong financial incentives to states to repeal their unconstitutional mandatory arrest policies.

This Is Your Brain Without Dad

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Conventional wisdom holds that two parents are better than one. Scientists are now finding that growing up without a father actually changes the way your brain develops.

German biologist Anna Katharina Braun and others are conducting research on animals that are typically raised by two parents, in the hopes of better understanding the impact on humans of being raised by a single parent. Dr. Braun's work focuses on degus, small rodents related to guinea pigs and chinchillas, because mother and father degus naturally raise their babies together.

When deprived of their father, the degu pups exhibit both short- and long-term changes in nerve-cell growth in different regions of the brain. Dr. Braun, director of the Institute of Biology at Otto von Guericke University in Magdeburg, and her colleagues are also looking at how these physical changes affect offspring behavior.

Their preliminary analysis indicates that fatherless degu pups exhibit more aggressive and impulsive behavior than pups raised by two parents.
...
Dr. Braun's group found that at 21 days, the fatherless animals had less dense dendritic spines compared to animals raised by both parents, though they "caught up" by day 90. However, the length of some types of dendrites was significantly shorter in some parts of the brain, even in adulthood, in fatherless animals.

"It just shows that parents are leaving footprints on the brain of their kids," says Dr. Braun, 54 years old.

The neuronal differences were observed in a part of the brain called the amygdala, which is related to emotional responses and fear, and the orbitofrontal cortex, or OFC, the brain's decision-making center.
...
The report, which sparked some controversy when it was released in September, found that children in single-parent households have an increased risk of delinquency and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, as well as poorer scholastic performance.'

Canada: CHP suggests maintaining small handgun registration "especially for women"

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Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'The CHP (ed.: hyperlink added) will maintain the registration of handguns but would restore the right of Canadians, especially women, to own .32 and .25 calibre weapons of barrel lengths shorter than 4.1 inches. Small handguns in the hands of women would do much to end the fear they currently experience because of violent ex-partners.

The intent of "especially women" was not to suggest that domestic violence is primarily perpetrated by men against women. As you correctly point out, statistics show that men and women are about equal in abuse. However, they also show that more serious injury and death are generally men assaulting women.

I've quoted below from a Macleans article from July 2006 entitled "Breakup Blast".

Domestic violence goes across all relationships. But serious injury and death -- it's men stalking and killing women," says Peter Jaffe, a professor at the University of Western Ontario and academic director of the Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children in London.'

Debra Lafave Allowed Contact With Children

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Story here.

'TAMPA, Fla. — A judge has allowed former teacher and sex offender Debra Lafave to have contact with the children of family and friends.

Lafave is the former middle-school teacher who pleaded guilty to having sex with a 14-year-old boy.

She served 2 1/2 years of house arrest but is still on sex-offender probation.

After a hearing Thursday, Circuit Judge Wayne Timmerman said that because Lafave has completed sex-offender therapy, state law allows her "appropriate" unsupervised contact with minors. Prosecutors did not object.

Lafave still isn't allowed to live near a school or work with children.

Her attorney called it "a good step forward." Lafave did not comment.'

B.C. police seek serial groin-kicker after series of attacks

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LANGLEY, B.C. -- Police in Langley are investigating after a woman kicked a man in the groin so hard he lost a testicle -- the latest in a series of similar assaults.

"I just want to know what her problem is," victim Anthony Clark, 22, said this week. "People like her shouldn't be on the streets."

Mr. Clark was walking in the Brookswood area of Langley in early September when he passed his assailant on the sidewalk.

"I was looking down and then I took a passing glance and saw her walk up to me," he said.

That's when the young woman inexplicably kicked him in the groin hard enough to send one of his testicles into his abdomen.'

Report: Date-rape drink spiking 'an urban legend'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A study of more than 200 students revealed many wrongly blamed the effects of a "bad night out" on date-rape drugs, when they had just drunk excessively.

Many are in "active denial" that drinking large amounts of alcohol can leave them "incoherent and incapacitated", the Kent University researchers concluded.

Young women's fears about date-rape drugs are so ingrained that students mistakenly think it is a more important factor in sexual assault than being drunk, taking drugs or walking alone at night.

The study, published in the British Journal of Criminology, found three-quarters of students identified drink spiking as an important risk – more than alcohol or drugs.'

More than half said they knew someone whose drink had been spiked.

But despite popular beliefs, police have found no evidence that rape victims are commonly drugged with such substances, the researchers said.

Dr Adam Burgess from the university's School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, said: "Young women appear to be displacing their anxieties about the consequences of consuming what is in the bottle on to rumours of what could be put there by someone else.'

Watch MSNBC discuss date rape drugs with NOW president, Terry O'Neil.

Jury hears boy, 7, describe how mother attacked him and his brother

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'(CNN) -- A mother's plot to blame a stranger for killing her sons went awry when one of the boys survived and told police how Michelle Kehoe cut his throat, then moved on to his younger brother, an Iowa prosecutor said Thursday.

Police found the 7-year-old covered in dried blood in the family van the morning of October 27, 2008, in a secluded area near a pond east of Littleton. Beside the van, his 2-year-old brother lay dead, his throat also slashed.

"She cut me," the boy said in a high-pitched voice in an audio recording that was played Thursday in Kehoe's first-degree murder trial.

Kehoe, of Coralville, Iowa, has pleaded not guilty to charges of first-degree murder, attempted murder and child endangerment causing serious injury. Before the trial, her lawyers filed a notice of intent to present an insanity defense, according to court records.'

Woman Arrested For Filing False Alleged Rape Report

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'Angela Blackburn, 32, accused four young men of raping her at a party last month. Now she faces a felony charge of her own. Blackburn was arrested by Ozark Police Tuesday afternoon for filing a false police report.

"It took a long time," Ashley Wheeler told KFSM. "They had us locked up in no time at all." Wheeler is one of four men police say was falsely accused of rape. He and his friends are glad their accuser is now under arrest.

"A little bit of relief maybe so people know for sure that she was lying," Morgan Applegate, another of the vindicated men said.'

Op-ed: "Sometimes, those accused of crimes are actually victims"

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'To that end, when a crime is reported in which the name of the accuser is not revealed, such as sexual assault, I believe it is only equitable that the accused also be allowed to remain anonymous until they are proven guilty.

It is certainly understandable why the names of alleged sex crime victims are not reported. After all, these victims may decide to forgo filing a police report — allowing their perverse perpetrators to escape justice — if they believe a result of informing authorities about the crime will be the surrendering of their privacy. However, it is sometimes the accused in these cases who turn out to be the real victims. Should these individuals not be allowed the same treatment in regard to an unproven crime as their accusers?

Take the story of the then-unnamed University of Hofstra student who accused five men of raping her last month. Four of the men were immediately arrested and jailed before the woman confessed that she'd lied.'

"Does school or society cause boy dropouts?"

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'Still, the sad fact is, according to StatsCan numbers for 2006/7, one out of three boys doesn't graduate from high school while one out of four girls doesn't make it (with many female dropouts attributed to pregnancy, by the way).

But really, is the education system at fault – or is it a society that rewards macho-macho men, extreme athletes and action, and a blow-them-up culture of violence? And what about a system that makes it unattractive for men to take up teaching?

Fact is, if you pay attention to the cruel stories out of British upper- crust schools, it seems that girls' presence has a mitigating effect on that Lord of the Flies brutality – although females do better academically in the absence of boys.

Currently, there's conservative literature, including Christina Hoff Sommers' The War Against Boys and Kathleen Parker's Save the Males, which lays the blame for boys' failures on feminism.'

Afghanistan: Boys forced into prostitution ignored by media, world

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'Kabul, Afghanistan (CNN) -- A young boy dressed in women's clothing, his face caked in make-up, dances the night away for a crowd of men.
...
The boy is but one youth among many throughout the country forced into an age-old underground tradition known as "bacha bazi," or "boy play," in which young boys are taken from their families, made to dance and used as sex slaves by powerful men. The number of boys involved is unknown -- the practice has been going on for centuries, in a country where such practices are overshadowed by conflict and war.
...
Farhad said that he was taken from a party by four police officers one night and almost gang raped at the station Before their commander walked in and stopped the assault. But then, "He said if I wanted to be set free I should give him my money and my mobile," Farhad said. "I had no real choice, so I gave him my money and mobile."

The boys said they are continuously threatened, beaten and raped by men who attend the parties they dance at; parties fueled by alcohol and drugs.
...
"We are not happy with this line of work," Jamel said. "We say that it would be better if God could just kill us rather than living like this."'

UK: "Women who cry rape will ALWAYS be sent to prison, appeal court warns"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Women who cry rape were warned by the Court of Appeal today that prison was 'inevitable' for an offence which attacks the criminal justice system.

Rejecting a sentence challenge by a woman jailed for two years after making a false allegation against an innocent man, two senior judges emphasised the impact of such a crime on conviction rates.

Mr Justice Henriques, sitting in London with Mrs Justice Rafferty, said: 'Every time a defendant stands trial for rape, defence counsel necessarily point out to the jury that false allegations are made.

'Allegations such as this drive yet another nail into the conviction rate.'"

ABC News blog: "Women in Peril: A Look at TVs Disturbing New Storyline Trend"

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Article here. Should I be surprised nothing is mentioned about men portrayed as violent thugs? Excerpt:

'PTC analysts looked at 209 hours of television programming during the February and May 2004 and 2009 sweeps and found the following:

"Violence, irrespective of gender, on television increased during the study period only 2% from 2004 to 2009, while the incidence of violence against women increased 120% during that same period."

"Cumulatively, across all study periods and all networks, the most frequent type of violence was beating (29%), followed by credible threats of violence, (18%), shootings (11%), rape (8%), stabbing (6%), and torture (2%). Violence against women resulted in death 19% of the time."

"Violence against women or the graphic consequences of violence tends overwhelmingly to be depicted 92% of the time, rather than implied (5%) or described (3%)."

According to the report there was an 81% increase in the incidence of intimate partner violence on television from 2004 to 2009 and FOX was on top of the heap when it came to using "violence against women as a punch line in its comedies."'

NOW President on President Obama's All-Male Athletic Outings: 'It's Troubling'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We asked Terry O'Neill, the new president of the National Organization for Women, what she thought of those Democratic women and others quietly complaining about a "boy's club" atmosphere at the White House, as exemplified by the president playing basketball earlier this month with 11 members of Congress and four Cabinet Secretaries -- all men.

"Relationships get built in those more informal settings," O'Neill told ABC News, "and the relationships have a huge impact on the influence an individual has. We know what happens when we segregated whether it by race or whether it by gender -- you end up with 1st class citizens and you end up with 2nd class citizens."

O'Neill told ABC News' Mike Callahan, "we need to see the White House leading the way for desegregating the work places all around the country and it is troubling."'

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High-profile NY City News anchor pulled from TV even after false accusations by wife are admitted

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'TV newsman Dominic Carter was yanked off the air Thursday after he was accused of beating his wife while calling her a "dumb, stupid, project bitch."
...
Paulus dropped the hammer on Carter the same day his wife, Marilyn, told a Rockland County judge she lied when she claimed her husband attacked her last October.

With his job on the line and his reputation in tatters, Carter pleaded with Justice Arnold Etelson to issue a ruling in his favor.

"In the court of public opinion, if I leave here without an opinion, my career is over," he said.
...
Carter, 45, left the court with his wife by his side.

"I am sticking by him with this," said Marilyn Carter, 52.'

The New Art of Alimony

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Paul and Theresa Taylor were married for 17 years. He was an engineer for Boston's public-works department, while she worked in accounting at a publishing company. They had three children, a weekend cottage on the bay and a house in the suburbs, on a leafy street called Cranberry Lane. In 1982, when they got divorced, the split was amicable. She got the family home; he got the second home. Both agreed "to waive any right to past, present or future alimony."

But recently, more than two decades after the divorce, Ms. Taylor, 64, told a Massachusetts judge she had no job, retirement savings or health insurance. Earlier this year, the judge ordered Mr. Taylor, now 68 and remarried, to pay $400 per week to support his ex-wife.

Ex-spouses are rethinking alimony agreements amid dwindling job prospects and savings in the economic crunch, even as some states re-evaluate alimony laws. Here are some pending proposals:
...
"This is insane," Mr. Taylor says, adding that the payments cut his after-tax pension by more than one-third. "Someone can just come back 25 years later and say, 'My life went down the toilet, and you're doing good—so now I want some of your money'?"'

Police: Woman slams baby's head into ground

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Mount Vernon, NY -- Police in Mount Vernon say a naked, and emotionally disturbed woman repeatedly slammed her baby's head into the sidewalk.

It happened around 1:40 Friday afternoon outside East Lincoln Avenue.
...
The 6 month old baby was then rushed to Mount Vernon Hospital, and later transferred to the Westchester Medical Center trauma unit .

He is currently in critical condition.

The baby's mother was taken into custody.'

Arcadia University to perform "The Exonerated" for the PA Innocence Project

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From a Facebook announcement (all hyperlinks herein added):

Arcadia University's theater department is putting on a special performance of The Exonerated to benefit the Pennsylvania Innocence Project. This unique play delves into the lives of 6 men sentenced to death but later exonerated for crimes they did not commit. A light reception and talkback featuring David Rudovsky and exoneree Edward Baker are part of the evening. Tickets can be purchased exclusively online at www.innocenceprojectpa.org.

This event is planned to start at 6:00 pm on Nov 12, 2009 at Arcadia University, Glenside, Pennsylvania.

Muslim Wife Slashed Husband's Neck Over Booze, Pork and Miniskirts, Say Prosecutors

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (CBS/AP) Prosecutors in New York say a devoutly religious Muslim woman, Rabia Sarwar, slashed her husband's neck after he introduced her to booze, pork, and miniskirts.

Sarwar's defense lawyer says his client was "emotionally abused" and forced to violate her religious beliefs.

Sarwar is free on bail after appearing in a Staten Island court Thursday on attempted murder and other charges.

Her lawyer, Joe Licitra, said Sarwar's husband "got her to drink alcohol, eat pork" and wear clothing that violated her Muslim beliefs.

Sheikh "Eddie" Naseem, who has surface wounds on his neck, face and hands, said his wife needs psychological help. Licitra said Sarwar was previously treated for depression.
...
Said Naseem: "There was no gun pointed to her head to do these things."'

Rape charges divide teacher's friends

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ALBUQUERQUE (KRQE) - Friends of an Albuquerque Public School teacher facing rape charges over her relationship with a 13-year-old student were divided in their emotions Thursday with some offering messages of support and others expressing disgust.

Kristy Sanchez-Trujillo, 33, was charged with three counts of rape after she allegedly admitted to police she had sex with the boy in her car in or near Petroglyph National Monument on Albuquerque's West Side.
...
Sanchez-Trujillo was a teacher at Jimmy Carter Middle School in northwest Albuquerque and taught a hip-hop dance class after school.

Detectives said they don't think she was sexually involved with any other kids.'

Opinion: Real Women Don't Complain or Pout, We Play Ball

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Apparently, the writers at The New York Times don't read the front page of their own newspaper. Rather than delve into the hard hitting questions facing the nation such as what to do about the increasing instability in Afghanistan, the strategy to repair a still lackluster economy or how much debt we really are poised to pass onto future generations, one Times journo decided to explore the real hand-wringer of the day that's keeping Americans awake at night: is there too much testosterone in the White House??

The article was sparked by recent outrage from women's groups (and apparently one very isolated, out of touch, culturally delusional Times employee) over an all-male basketball game hosted by the president. ...
...
These types of temper tantrums undermine women, distract and reverse decades of progress. As long as women and men view every issue through a prism of gender, females end up marginalized. Women have made tremendous progress. We should embrace it, not seek to disprove it. Real women don't complain or pout, we play ball, whether the president invites us or not.'

Argentina: Man spends 20 months in jail on false rape charge from daughter

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BUENOS AIRES – A 42-year-old man spent 20 months in a maximum security prison accused of raping his daughter, but the girl repented and confessed that she lied when she accused him, the press said on Friday.

The prosecutor withdrew the charges and the court released the defendant, after his daughter, now 19, repeated that she had lied, something that she had already said during the initial investigation, but her statement was not admitted because of the possibility that she had been pressured by the family.

Defense attorney Claudia Mirele said in a statement published in the Buenos Aires daily Clarin that the girl lied as a reprisal against her father for being “too strait-laced.”'

UK: Man told store job 'for women only'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A JOB-SEEKER claims he was refused the chance to apply for a job because of his sex.

Former construction worker Rob Stevens was told there was "little point" applying for a part-time sales assistant position at Hobbs womenswear because he is a man.
...
His wife, Sally, 41, said: "My husband went into Hobbs to pick up an application form and was asked who the form was for.

"When he replied that it was for himself, he was told that there would be little point as they normally employ women.

"When he said that this was discrimination, he was asked to leave the shop.

"The Hobbs website says they are an equal opportunities employer – this is clearly not the case."'

New Zealand: Boys less likely to go to university

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Teenage boys are over represented in stand down and suspension rates, less likely to gain university entrance than their female classmates and more likely to leave school before 17, a Ministry of Education report says.

The report, “Boys’ achievement: A Synthesis of the Data”, gives a number of examples of this discrepancy between the sexes including that as many as 72 per cent of all suspensions and stand downs in 2006 were boys, and that 10 per cent more girls will gain university entrance than boys.

The answer, the reports says, involves ensuring male students are “engaged in, and excited by, their learning, and able to achieve their full potential”.

A new initiative from Auckland University of Technology (AUT) aims to address these concerns and the discrepancy between males and females in education by reaching out to male students in year 10, before they lose interest.'

South Africa: Chiefs demand return of control over circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DISGRUNTLED Eastern Cape traditional leaders want the Health Department to relinquish all powers vested in it to save initiates' lives during the forthcoming summer initiation season.

The traditional leaders recently launched a bid to have the Application of Health Standards in Traditional Circumcision Act amended.

About 54 boys died and 13 others lost their genitals because of botched circumcisions during the winter circumcision season in Transkei.

...

Congress of Traditional Leaders of SA (Contralesa) provincial secretary Chief Xolile Ndevu said this week the leaders wanted "complete power" to drive the tradition.

According to the Act, traditional surgeons and their attendants cannot perform circumcisions unless they are approved by a medical officer appointed by the department. No initiation school may operate before obtaining permission from the local medical officer.'

NY Times: Domestic Abuse Fraud: It's Rarely Suspected and Rarely Detected

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the city's rich history of fraud schemes, the cases described this week by the city's Department of Investigation would not seem to rank up there with mortgage scams or fake Medicare patients: Six women were accused of posing as victims of domestic violence to gain subsidized housing.

Such cases are so rare, and the issue so sensitive, that city officials and advocates for domestic violence victims said that they are not usually on the lookout for fraud when people come forward with claims of abuse.
...
No documentation is required to prove abuse, said Barbara Brancaccio, a spokeswoman for the city's Human Resources Administration, which operates domestic violence shelters.

At the shelters, employees occasionally discover that women have exaggerated their abuse, but they are not forced to leave the facilities, Ms. Brancaccio said.
...
That said, the system is not "set up to catch people," she said, adding that she has never encountered a case of fraud.'

Houston police create new domestic violence unit focusing on women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Houston Police Department has created new investigative unit to handle domestic violence crimes.

The unit, dubbed the Special Crimes Division, will focus on domestic crimes against women and families.

The division is comprised of the department's Family Violence Unit and the Sex Crimes Unit, which were both previously part of the Homicide Division.

“We believe this realignment of resources, coupled with additional allocation of personnel, will assist us in our efforts to help people victimized by theses types of violent crimes,“ Chief Harold Hurtt stated in a news release today.

...

“I salute Chief Hurtt and the Houston Police Department for creating this division that will better serve and protect our citizens,“ Lykos stated in the department's news release. “This initiative will reduce violence, ensure compassionate assistance to victims, and enable more effective prosecution of predators.“'

Woman who stabbed husband 193 times seeks new sentence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman convicted of killing her husband by tying him to their bed and stabbing him almost 200 times will get a new punishment phase because of ineffective assistance of counsel in her trial, an appeals court ruled Wednesday.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled that Susan Wright deserves another opportunity to convince a jury that she deserves a lenient sentence.

Her attorney, Brian Wice, said jurors should have heard from certain witnesses, including Jeffrey Wright's former fiance and an expert on battered women syndrome.

If her attorneys can convince a new jury that Wright killed in “sudden passion” her punishment would be capped at 20 years.

If jurors decide against sudden passion, she could face a maximum sentence of life in prison.
...
“I'm ecstatic,” Davis said. “I'm very happy she will have a new sentencing hearing and, hopefully, obtain some justice.”'

Report: UK police categorize political activists as ‘domestic extremists’

Matt · 2 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'British police inspectors have been building a massive, secret database containing personal information on thousands of otherwise innocent political activists, an investigative report revealed Sunday.

"The hidden apparatus has been constructed to monitor 'domestic extremists', the Guardian can reveal in the first of a three-day series into the policing of protests. Detailed information about the political activities of campaigners is being stored on a number of overlapping IT systems, even if they have not committed a crime."

The UK paper added that the term "domestic extremist" has no legal basis, but is instead intended to tar those who may have participated in something so benign as civil disobedience.

Even merely attending a protest and standing on the outskirts of the crowd can be enough to land one on the National Public Order Intelligence Unit's list of "domestic extremists."
...
The paper further noted that the database was first establish to curb legal infractions being committed by animal rights activists, but has grown outward ever since, even though the groups initially targeted are not nearly as active. Activists are divided up into four groups: Extreme right, extreme left, animal rights and anti-war. Groups roped in to the database even include those that have never been associated with any illegal activity.'

"Daddies be damned! Who are the British women who think fathers are irrelevant?"

Matt · 2 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Having reached the age of 38 without meeting Mr Right, Karen Shefras decided to become a mother by using donated sperm.

As a result, Karen, who runs her own company, has never met her ten-month-old daughter's father. The closest she came to him was at the clinic where five of her eggs were injected with sperm donated by the dark-haired and intelligent businessman.

'Ideally, it would have been nice to have met a man and had a baby the conventional way,' says Karen, now 41. 'I always pictured myself getting married - but it just didn't happen.
...
But the most telling thing of all is that Karen still hopes to meet 'Mr Right' - a positive sign at least that having a baby without a man does not remove a woman's emotional need for a life partner.

'I really do hope a man comes along,' she says. 'I can't see myself without a man for ever.'

In the end, perhaps the truth is that, for complete fulfilment, women need both a partner and children.

The most worrying question of all is why the most natural thing in the world has become so seemingly difficult to achieve, and why a generation of women have fallen foul of their dreams.'

"Vampire Diaries" TV commercial styles date-violence against men is "spunky"

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Via email:

"I've been seeing this television commercial for a new TV show set to air this fall on the CW television network called "Vampire Diaries". In the commercial a man asks a woman for a kiss, then the woman hits the man. She is then referred to as "spunky" for hitting him.

To add to the apparent unapologetic attitude of the network in airing a commercial depicting violence towards men, CW actually named this particular promo commercial "Spunky". Appalling. So if a man hits a woman it's shameful but if a woman hits a man, she's spunky... gotta love that."

Ed. note: The slap is at around 00:23 in the commercial. Comments to the studio can be submitted via their site here.

Canada: "Women have never striven more for less"

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Read the article here. The same old dribble written by a woman whose mother is one of the newspapers editors. Excerpt:

'According to the University of Alberta, the salaries of recent female business graduates narrowly exceeded those of their male counterparts for the first time. In the U.S., a recent study called the Shriver Report found that half the American work force is now composed of women.
...
Despite working harder and in greater numbers than ever before, women are still earning less than men in the same jobs over all and taking most of the responsibility for housework and child care.

In essence, the plight of women is like that old morale-boosting management trick: the no-compensation promotion (also known as the non-raise raise). It's all very flattering until you realize that you have just taken on twice as much work and responsibility for no extra pay or respect.
...

In this new world order, women get to support their partners, remain the primary child-care givers and earn less money for doing the same jobs as men. See? Promotion without compensation.

At least in the 1950s, middle-class women got to stay home and drink martinis like on Mad Men. Maybe they were miserable, but they could wallow in it. Most working mothers I know wouldn't even have the time to register if they were on the verge of a nervous breakdown.
...
Joanne Lipman, the former deputy managing editor of The Wall Street Journal and editor-in-chief of Portfolio magazine, recently wrote an op-ed piece for The New York Times responding to the Shriver Report. In it, she revealed that, during her years as an editor, “many, many men have come through my door asking for a raise or demanding a promotion. Guess how many women have ever asked me for a promotion? I'll tell you. Exactly… zero.”'

It is important to read the comments from beginning to end, "Mike Murphy" and "Atlas is Shrugging" especially. We are fighting back and the feminists are been taken to task.

UK: Father fights mother over baby's life

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Story here. Excerpt:

'London, England (CNN) -- A baby born with a severe birth defect put its parents on opposing sides in a British court Monday over whether to switch off the child's life support.

The mother sides with doctors and favors disconnecting the baby's respirator. The father took the case to the High Court in London to stop them.

...

The father took the case to court to stop them.

He says the baby can play and recognize its parents. His lawyers plan to show videos of the baby in court to demonstrate he responds to the world around himself.

...

The Mayo Clinic, one of the leading hospitals in the United States, says on its Web site that "different forms of CMS vary widely in their symptoms, from mild to severely disabling. With accurate diagnosis and appropriate therapy, even potentially fatal forms can usually be treated successfully."'

Mom who stabbed son, self over custody fear will soon undergo a 'psychiatric evaluation'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A New Jersey mother whose inability to understand English apparently misled her to believe that her children would be taken away stabbed her 8-year-old son with a steak knife, then tried to kill herself, police said.

Elida Marroquin was charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, child endangerment and weapons offenses following Saturday's incident at the family's home in Bergenfield. Bail was set at $500,000, and both she and the child were expected to recover from their wounds.

...

Authorities said the 37-year-old married mother of three, who does not read English well, grew stressful and mistakenly feared she would lose custody of her children after receiving several letters from their school in recent weeks.

...

She and her son were taken to Hackensack University Medical Center, where doctors removed the boy's gall bladder and treated his mother for a puncture wound to the neck. Both remained hospitalized on Sunday, and the mother will soon undergo a psychiatric evaluation.'

ABC: Female Warriors Engage in Combat in Iraq, Afghanistan

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The image of young women in a hot, dusty combat zone toting automatic weapons is still startling to some.

But right now there are 10,000 women serving in Iraq, more than 4,000 in Afghanistan. They have been fighting and dying next to their male comrades since the wars began.

"I can't help but think most Americans think women aren't in combat," says Specialist Ashley Pullen who was awarded a Bronze Star for valor in 2005 for her heroic action in Iraq where she served with a military police unit. "We're here and we're right up with the guys."

...

Nevertheless, women serving in support positions on and off the frontlines, where war is waged on street corners and in markets, are often at equal risk. There have been 103 women who have been killed in Iraq and 15 others in Afghanistan.'

My condolences to all our service members who have perished, but the gender disparity is staggering. According to the Iraq/Afghanistan Coalition, there have been 5268 soldier deaths -- of which 5165 have been men. [Filter list by Gender and start counting]

A Class Action Lawsuit Win For Men

Anonymous · 3 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. It took 6 years and is only a million dollars (lawyers will probably get most) in restitution but it is still a win. I think the main issue here is that a man actually decided to fight back against the ingrained misandry of this society and won! I doubt he will be on Larry King Live or Oprah. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES, California (CNN) -- Lawry's, a California-based chain of high-end steakhouses, has agreed to pay more than $1 million to settle a sex-discrimination lawsuit that claimed it only hired women to wait on tables.

...Under the EEOC consent decree, Lawry's has agreed to actively promote the hiring of men into server position among other remedies.

The EEOC launched an investigation into the case after a male employee at Lawry's sued the chain in March 2003, arguing that he was denied a job as a server because of his sex.
...
However, since the complaint, the company "undertook substantial efforts to remedy the matter."

...Among other requirements, it calls for $500,000 in relief to the plaintiffs' class, $300,000 for an advertising campaign on hiring servers and $225,000 to train employees on federal hiring laws.'

NYTimes.com: Fathers Gain Respect From Experts (and Mothers)

Matt · 3 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Via Marc A.: All right, who put acid in my coffee? I actually see the NY Times printing a male-positive article and acknowledging maternal gatekeeping as a factor in the shortage of father involvement. No way. What's next, acknowledging the actual number of male DV victims? Excerpt:

'Uninvolved fathers have long been accused of lacking motivation. But research shows that many societal obstacles conspire against them. Even as more fathers are changing diapers, dropping the children off at school and coaching soccer, they are often pushed aside in ways large and small.

“The walls in family resource centers are pink, there are women’s magazines in the waiting room, the mother’s name is on the files, and the home visitor asks for the mother if the father answers the door,” said Philip A. Cowan, an emeritus professor of psychology at the University of California, Berkeley, who along with his wife, Carolyn Pape Cowan, has conducted decades of research on families. “It’s like fathers are not there.” '

Help set Anderson Cooper straight on the wage gap myth

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From Marc A.: Anderson Cooper of CNN is relentlessly spreading the gender pay gap myth over and over. Please post a comment on his latest one here ("Breaking into the boys club"). And, email him at anderson.cooper-at-turner.com. We need to bombard him with posts and emails. Here is some info if you need it:

The Department of Labor recently funded this study (.pdf file) titled "An Analysis of the Reason for the Disparity in Wages Between Men and Women" and provided a forward, which found the pay gap is a result of choices such as longer hours, flexibility, etc., not discrimination.

RADAR ALERT: N.J. Supreme Court Takes Up Crespo

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On October 6th, the New Jersey Supreme Court announced it would hear the Crespo appeal. Crespo is the case that, among other things, challenges the constitutionality of Protective Orders issued under the "Preponderance of the Evidence" standard of proof, which is among the lowest of all legal standards of proof in the U.S. A lower court judge ruled that "Preponderance of the Evidence" is not sufficient to remove a person from their home and deny them access to their children. The appeals court overturned the decision. But New Jersey attorney David Heleniak has convinced the N.J. Supreme Court to review the case. According to Heleniak, a victory in the New Jersey high court could have ripple effects across the country.

The way protective orders are issued is one example of the erosion of civil rights and due process protections in cases alleging domestic violence. Mandatory arrest, "predominant aggressor" and "primary aggressor" laws, no drop prosecution, low standards of proof for protective orders, over-broad definitions of domestic violence, and Federal funding that encourages officials to interpret as many cases as possible as domestic violence cases, have all lead to the predictable result: massive civil rights violations in the area of domestic violence.

A recent article at crosscut.com (http://crosscut.com/blog/crosscut/19135) illustrates what happens all too often. The police, the prosecutor, and the judge, all chasing VAWA funding, choose to see domestic violence even in cases where the woman they want to paint as victim vehemently insists that rather than domestic violence, what actually happened was that her husband accidentally knocked her over while saving her from being run over by oncoming traffic. In doing so, these officials perpetrate massive harm on the innocent citizens they're charged with protecting.

In no other area of the law have civil rights and due process been so weakened. DV laws lead to politically driven justice instead of the impartial rule of law guaranteed by the federal and state constitutions.

Please notify your state legislators and let them know that the New Jersey Supreme Court has sufficient constitutional concerns for a hearing on civil rights and due process in DV laws. Tell them to undertake similar reviews and make legislative changes to DV legislation in your state.

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Date of RADAR Release: November 2, 2009

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/

Australia: Lesbian mothers get retrospective recognition

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Tasmania's Legislative Council has voted unanimously to make the legal recognition of lesbian co-mothers retrospective to 2003.

The vote followed the unanimous acceptance to legally recognise two mothers on a birth certificate.

The law was originally rejected in 2003 when gay and lesbian couples were first recognised in Tasmanian law.

Rodney Croome from the Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group said it is an important step forward.
...
"Rather than go through the costly process, the drawn-out process of applying for adoption and doing it that way, and going through the Family Court, they will now be able to make the application to the registrar and if they can satisfy the register of their significant relationship, then it will be a fairly easy process for them to be included," he said.'

Group of 50 Mental Health Experts Pushing to Add Parental Alienation to DSM

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of 50 mental health experts from 10 countries are part of an effort to add Parental Alienation to the 2012 edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the American Psychiatric Association's "bible" of diagnoses. According to psychiatrist William Bernet, this "would spur insurance coverage, stimulate more systematic research, lend credence to a charge of parental alienation in court, and raise the odds that children would get timely treatment."

Few family law cases are as heartbreaking as those involving Parental Alienation. In PA cases, one parent has turned his or her children against the other parent, destroying the loving bonds the children and the target parent once enjoyed.

Numerous misguided feminist groups oppose recognition of Parental Alienation in court or in DSM. Some of these opponents raise legitimate concerns. For example, Janet Johnston, a feminist-oriented clinical sociologist/justice studies professor, fears that PAS could be invoked by an abusive parent to gain rights to a child.'

MANN co-admin scheduled for the Jim Engster Show on Nov. 4

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Humbly ;) announcing that yours truly is scheduled to be interviewed on The Jim Engster Show tomorrow, Nov. 4 at 9:40 AM US Central Time.

There is no particular topical agenda for the interview, which will probably be pretty brief, other than mens' and fathers' rights issues in general. But tune in/download the podcast later anyway, it could be fun. :)

Sportscaster Nantz to pay ex-wife $916K a year

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - CBS sportscaster Jim Nantz must pay $916,000 yearly in alimony and child support to his ex-wife and give up their Connecticut home under terms of a newly issued divorce decree.

The ruling, made Monday in Bridgeport Superior Court, dissolves the 26-year marriage of Nantz and Ann-Lorraine "Lorrie" Carlsen Nantz. It comes after both testified about the breakdown of their marriage; Judge Howard Owens concluded neither was at fault.

...

Owens noted that the couple didn't share the same interests in Nantz's television career, which required frequent travel as the network's primary commentator for college football, golf and basketball, as well as appearances at charity events.

"In fairness, for most of the years he prioritized his family obligation and put his wife and daughter Caroline first. As frequently happens in marriages of lengthy duration, the parties do not have the same interest and ardor for their spouses' endeavors," the judge wrote in his decision.

Under the ruling, Nantz must pay $72,000 in alimony monthly until he dies or his ex-wife remarries, and another $1,000 weekly in child support for the next two years.

Nantz's attorney, Gaetano Ferro of New Canaan, said Tuesday that the famed sportscaster only wants what's best for his daughter and will not fight the terms of the divorce decree.'

Greg Gutfeld: 'The Gender Studies Racket'

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Video report here. This is some funny stuff! Fox's Greg Gutfeld does a brief monologue on gender studies.

Quote:

"Because gender studies doesn't help you do anything else but teach gender studies, no wonder tenor is so vital."

Police: Florida wife faked her own abduction

Matt · 3 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It sounds like the sort of romantic-mystery potboiler that keeps readers on the edge of their summer beach chairs: A strikingly pretty Florida housewife with a handsome husband and two beautiful young daughters is kidnapped, sexually assaulted, and held for $50,000 ransom.

Or was she?

Prosecutors contend the strange case of 37-year-old Quinn Gray, who claims she was abducted and held for four days in hellish captivity, is a cleverly planned ruse. They claim her supposed abductor, a 25-year-old Bosnian immigrant, was actually her lover, and that the pair plotted to extort cash from Quinn's well-heeled husband, Reid.

Quinn Gray and her alleged lover, Jasmin Osmanovic, are charged with extortion. But two of her lawyers appeared on TODAY Tuesday to say that Gray, who has a history of mental illness, is a terrorized victim, not a scheming co-conspirator. The case has set the community around Jacksonville, Fla., abuzz.'

China sentences notorious gang 'godmother'

Matt · 3 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BEIJING – Dubbed the "godmother" of the Chinese underworld, she was notorious for her toughness and a lavish lifestyle that reportedly included luxury villas and a stable of 16 young lovers.

Her criminal reign ended Tuesday when Xie Caiping, 46, was sentenced to 18 years in prison for running illegal casinos and bribing government officials. Her trial was one of a series of gang prosecutions in the southwestern city of Chongqing that have featured lurid testimony about sex, corruption and the violent underworld.

Xie is the only female gang boss to be tried as part of a monthslong crackdown on local gangs, known as "black societies," in the sprawling southwestern megacity of 30 million. The trials have exposed the tangled web of links between government officials and police officers who sought to provide cover for the crime syndicates.
...
The court notice said Xie's gang "severely broke the normal order of society," and illegally detained others and allowed loan sharking at the casinos. The casino took a cut of the profits won by gamblers, the notice said. It said casino bosses hired stand-ins to take the blame when there was a crackdown and paid bribes to judicial officials.'

The Guardian: Population control is not what makes climate change a feminist issue

axolotl · 4 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But Fitzgerald is completely right that climate change is a feminist issue. Everyone stands to suffer if climate change is allowed to spiral out of control, of course, but a gender analysis of both the impacts and causes of climate change shows that globally women contribute less to the problem and yet are likely to be hit especially hard.

Poor people are likely to bear the brunt as the climate changes and 70% of the world's poor are women. According to one estimate, 85% of the victims of climate disasters are women. Another study found 75% of environmental refugees are women. (Statistics from the Women's Manifesto on Climate Change).'

Engster interview update

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They already have it archived. Anyway if you want to listen to it, it can be found here. My segment starts at 31:10.

International Men's Day on-line community created

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I created a Men's Groups community for International Men's Day where everyone is welcome.

Thank you.

House Healthcare Bill Rewards Activism on Women's Issues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women may seem to be the driving force of health reform, given all the attention recently paid to gender disparities in insurance premiums. In fact, the massive health reform bill unveiled by the House of Representatives yesterday contains several sections that pertain just to women in terms of abortion coverage, pregnancy services, and prohibitions against excluding those with pre-existing conditions, specifically mentioning women who've been victims of domestic violence. While the bill does provide maternity coverage as part of a basic benefits package that insurers must provide in their coverage, it specifically says that public funding can't be used for abortions--which would include coverage under the public option--except where it's already allowed, such as in cases of rape or incest or where a mother's life is at risk.

...

Indeed, women have been more successful at lobbying for their health needs. Richards ticked off an impressive list of Planned Parenthood's health reform lobbying efforts: 150 op-eds published in newspapers, 50,000 letters and E-mails sent to members of Congress, meetings this week--accompanied by 100 donors and affiliate heads--with the White House and Congress. She says she's pleased to see the attention being paid so far to women's health issues in health reform and adds that keeping abortion access at the status quo is an acceptable compromise--though she's keeping her eye on Michigan Democratic Rep. Bart Stupak and other members of Congress who are pushing to add amendments that ban federally funded insurance companies from offering abortion coverage, even if they set aside private funds for the coverage.'

International Men's Day in Moldova

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For the first time in the Republic of Moldova, on November 19, 2009, groups of students from the State University of Moldova will be celebrated International Men's Day.

Men and Families Health Care Act of 2009 remains in committee

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The Men and Families Health Care Act of 2009 remains in committee with only 5 co-sponsors while a huge overhaul of the US health care system chocked with specific clauses and provisions directly benefiting only women is poised for a House vote by this week-end.

Undoubtedly this bill will die in committee. Maybe someone will reintroduce it next year. We can make sure that happens by contacting our various reps. Whether or not it passes is another matter. Bill summary:

"Men and Families Health Care Act of 2009 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) the Office of Men's Health. Requires the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Office, to: (1) conduct, support, coordinate, and promote programs and activities to improve the state of men's health in the United States; and (2) provide for consultation among HHS agencies and offices to coordinate men's health programs and activities and establish a clinical registries database to assess and measure quality improvement of programs and activities relating to men's health."

Do men need "special attention" (like the kind women get) from legislators? Look at some facts and you be the judge. My answer is "Yes".

Article: "Men's Rights" Groups Have Become Frighteningly Effective

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Kathryn Joyce of Double X, Slate's feminist-oriented section has this article about MRA's. She discounts a lot of research done, but gives RADAR credit for:

"...blocked passage of four federal domestic-violence bills, among them an expansion of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to international scope and a grant to support lawyers in pro bono domestic-violence work. Members of this coalition have gotten themselves onto drafting committees for VAWA's 2011 reauthorization. Local groups in West Virginia and California have also had important successes, criminalizing false claims of domestic violence in custody cases, and winning rulings that women-only shelters are discriminatory."

Interesting that the feminists view this as a threat.

Relatedly, submitted by user "fibtastic":

I used to read Salon religiously, and I still love Heather Havrilesky, but this online fish wrap became so smug and angry during the Bush years that even I (no fan of Bush) couldn't take it anymore. I still check them out occasionally, when I need the angry lefty party line on anything, which led me to this story on the scary fringe dangers of the MRM. It's from their resident feminist rant organ, Broadsheet.

The story references this article over at Slate, in their in-house feminist organ, XX. Generally I find XX to be readable. Certainly far more open minded and less doctrinaire than Broadsheet, but not so in this instance. Note the pathetic tactic, used in both of these stories, of playing up the "fear" of men who organizing to oppose feminist writ. As if "scaring" a woman by opposing her politically is something any "real" man ought to be ashamed to do.

Australia: Sydney woman gets 4 years for murdering her two small children

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who gave her two children rat poison before smothering them to death told them: "It's just a little bit of hurt".

The 31-year-old woman from Canley Vale in Sydney's west, who cannot be named, mixed the poison with sugar and water before feeding it to her four-year-old son and two-year-old daughter in February 2008.

Fearing this would not work, she then smothered her daughter with a pillow and suffocated her son using her hand.

Then, she slit her wrists in an attempt on her own life.

She later told a psychologist she had told her son: "It's just a little bit of hurt and we are out of this world".
...
Justice Clifford Hoeben found her guilty on the lesser charges of manslaughter in September, saying she had been suffering "substantial impairment by abnormality of the mind".

He told the court on Friday she had been angered by her husband's infidelity.'

Exonerated by DNA, prisoner's jailmate coerced into false testimony with threats of rape accusation

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Story here. False rape accusations work so darn well for some women that even some police and prosecutors are using them to get what they want, be it some attention, money, or even just to close a case. Excerpt:

'Dillon, 50, walked out of the Brevard County jail last November after tests showed that DNA found on the killer's shirt — which investigators recovered, splattered with the victim's blood — wasn't his. A month later, prosecutors announced they wouldn't retry him for the 1981 bludgeoning death of James Dvorak, and his conviction was erased.

Dillon, one of more than 200 inmates exonerated by DNA nationwide, plans to move to Tallahassee soon so he can be available during those hearings. Under the state's automatic formula, Dillon would receive $1.35 million — $50,000 for every year in prison.
...
Dillon cried while testifying Monday at his first compensation hearing. Afterward, he said he forgave the jailhouse snitch who recanted his 1981 trial testimony that Dillon had confessed to the murder. Roger Dale Chapman testified Monday that detectives told him they'd send him to prison on a fabricated rape charge if he didn't lie.

Although it isn't feasible, Dillon said he would prefer that his compensation be paid by the prosecutors and law enforcement agents he believes railroaded him — not taxpayers.

"I think the people that did it to me — knowingly did it to me — should have to pay for it," he said.'

Joe Torre, prostate cancer survivor, on 'Sharing Miracles'

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Article here. Excerpt:

"WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Washington Examiner recently reported that the public affairs television program 'Sharing Miracles' is featuring Major League Baseball (MLB) manager Joe Torre during the month of November. In this episode, the baseball legend discusses his career and his battle against prostate cancer.

'Sharing Miracles' is a 30-minute public affairs television program that tells the compelling and inspirational stories of real patients. The program is produced by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

...

However, his baseball career was almost ended by a foe more formidable than any he faced on the field when a routine check-up led to a prostate cancer diagnosis in 1999.

Torre's battle with the disease was successful and he remains cancer-free today. His experience has taught him the importance of using his public persona to spread the word about the importance of being tested: "I've had so many people come to me and whisper in my ear, 'Because of you, I'm getting checked for cancer.'"

Grandmother of baby found in box says mother needs 'help'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- The maternal grandmother of a 7-month-old Florida girl found hidden in a small cedar box under her baby sitter's bed says her daughter, who was charged in the case, is troubled and needs help.

Police think Chrystina Lynn Mercer gave Shannon Lee Dedrick to the sitter -- who is the baby's paternal aunt, Susan Baker -- and 10 hours later reported the girl missing.

"As confused as Tina is, I have to tell you, she has emphatically stated that she did not and would not ever harm her child," Mercer's mother, Kandis Boyer, said Thursday on HLN's "Nancy Grace."

Without elaborating, Boyer said she thinks her daughter "was manipulated into this situation."

She said her daughter has had counseling over the years, and "she's going to get the help she needs now."
...
Shannon had been inside the box for about half a day before authorities found her late Wednesday, but she might have been in and out of the box for several days, investigators said.'

Ed.: Also reported here in USA Today, with a bit more detail.

British Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons releases statement against circumcision

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Via Marc A.: Statement here (.pdf file).

They actually talk about the HUMAN RIGHTS and medical ethics issues, which most are too hypocritical, ignorant or scared to do. Take a look at the bottom of the first page.

Nicely said, British Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons! Thank you for joining your colleagues in Australia in saying NO to infant male circumcision and NO to hypocrisy! Excerpt:

'...Current consensus of medical opinion, including that of the Canadian and American Paediatric Societies and the American Urological Society, is that there is insufficient evidence that these benefits outweigh the potential risks. That is, routine infant male circumcision, i.e. routine removal of normal tissue in a healthy infant, is not recommended.'
...

The matter of infant male circumcision is particularly difficult in regards to human rights, as it involves consideration of the rights of the infant as well as the rights of the parents.

...Routine infant male circumcision is an unnecessary and irreversible procedure. Therefore, many consider it to be “unwarranted mutilating surgery”.
Many adult men are increasingly concerned about whether their parents had the right to give consent for infant male circumcision. They claim that an infant’s rights should take priority over any parental rights to make such a decision. This procedure should be delayed to a later date when the child can make his own informed decision. Parental preference alone does not justify a non-therapeutic procedure.
...
Ethical considerations regarding infant male circumcision centre on the welfare (or “best interests”) of the infant and the potential benefit and harm associated with the procedure. Ethics points us to corrective vision, i.e. to question practices that have become routine, or which we take for granted
...
These principles are articulated in specific responsibility statements in the CMA Code of Ethics. Also included below are items relating to physicians rights and care of the patient.'

Ed. note: The document's update date is September 2009, which appears on the last page.

Economic crisis turns some desperate dads into criminals

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Since an article written on father's rights I have received numerous emails on the subject and the things I have heard are frightening. One in particular came from Samantha who's husband pays $600.00 per month in child support for one child. His ex wife is remarried and owns her home. She has no mortgage or rent to pay yet she takes Dave to court every three years to raise the child support. Dave has two children at home with his new wife Samantha and their two children have always gone without because of the high child support. Dave has fought for years to see his child without any luck. Now Dave has been laid off from his job because of the economic crisis. The couple could barely afford to pay their mortgage let alone a $600.00 child support payment. This is where the ever growing bureaucracy called the child support enforcement agency comes in. Since being laid off, Dave had sent out hundreds of resumes and not one single interview. It wasn't Dave's fault yet the child support bureau suspended his license and he was being hauled into court. Dave was now a criminal and said he would start robbing people to avoid going to jail. After that the child support bureaucracy started taking child support from Dave's unemployment and he and his family lost their home. Two kids were now homeless for the sake of one. I wont tell you what Dave does now."

Oprah magazine: "Women as capable of torture as men"

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Occasionally, Hell freezes over. Looks to me like that just happened. Article here. Excerpt:

'The classic cruelty experiment was conducted at Yale in the early '60s by psychology professor Stanley Milgram, PhD. Each subject was assigned the role of teacher and asked to test a student, who sat on the opposite side of a thin wall. Whenever the student answered a question incorrectly, the subjects were instructed by a man in a lab coat to deliver increasingly powerful electric shocks (in reality, the student was an actor who felt nothing). As the severity of the "shocks" increased, the student screamed and begged to be released, cried that he was in excessive pain, even that his heart was bothering him, and ultimately stopped responding. Still, 65 percent of the subjects continued to shock him to the maximum voltage.

Milgram performed 18 versions of the experiment on men. Surprisingly, the one time he used female subjects, they shocked at the same rate. But he never followed up. Fast-forward to the lab of Santa Clara University psychology professor Jerry Burger, PhD, who replicated Milgram's study (adjusting for ethical concerns) and published his findings this year. Burger's subjects—70 adults—included both men and women. He got nearly the same results as Milgram, and there was no difference between the sexes.
...

Of course it's one thing to be ordered to shock somebody, another to be the person giving the order. But even here women are perfectly capable, according to Darius Rejali, PhD, a Reed College political science professor who has studied torture for nearly 30 years. The reason women haven't done more tormenting throughout history, he maintains, is simply that they've been denied opportunities. "It's rare that women get to do the torturing," as he puts it. "Those jobs have mostly been taken by men." (Although it is not technically torture, women also don't seem to have a problem forcing others into sexual slavery. A recent United Nations report showed that more than 60 percent of those convicted of human trafficking in Eastern Europe and Central Asia are females.)'

May I suggest you send the link to this article to everyone you know.

Wife No. 2 Paying for Wife No. 1? Join the Club

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Stress over alimony payments to her husband's ex-wife nearly drove Deborah Scanlan to divorce. Helping her husband make alimony payments to his ex forced Jeanie Hitner to take on a second job. Both Massachusetts women now say they wish they'd never gotten married.
...
The club, which claims 70 members and counting, consists mostly of married women who say that Massachusetts judges' rulings forced them to contribute to alimony payments for their partners' ex-wives. ...
...
"I was absolutely horrified that I was now responsible for a portion of the support of his first wife," she said. On the day of the judge's alimony ruling in her husband's case, Scanlan said, "I left the court house and just couldn't believe that such a thing was possible."'

Female college soccer player beats up other players, officials do nothing

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Video report here. Oh, they finally did stop her, after she had aggressively fouled almost every player on the other team.

What is of interest here is the reactions (or lack thereof) of the officials, her coach, and her team-mates. No one lifted a finger or called foul until it became so egregious that someone had to do something. "Girls don't behave that way," is the assumption, so cognitive dissonance kicks in and it takes her nearly having to start pummeling the other players openly to get someone to stop her.

George Clooney styled a 'Serial Dater' by CNN

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Text and photos here. Notice the way that the media (CNN in this case) is characterizing George Clooney - as a "serial dater" (pic #8). They make it sound like he is more of a serial murderer because of it.

Clooney has said "he will not marry again or have children," (pic #2) which seems to be offensive to some. Guess it's criminal not to be interested in marrying a woman if you're a rich and famous heterosexual man. Sounds like Clooney is hip to divorce and child custody laws in America today. Perhaps his choice, against pursuing marriage and children, is fast becoming no longer newsworthy -- just a conclusion that any man who really understands what the current situation is, and how biased the laws are against men, would reach.

WHO: AIDS leading cause of death, disease in women

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Article here. No mention of men because, as we know, men don't matter, at least not to the UN. Excerpt:

'Unsafe sex is the leading risk factor in developing countries for these women of childbearing age, with others including lack of access to contraceptives and iron deficiency, the WHO said. Throughout the world, one in five deaths among women in this age group is linked to unsafe sex, according to the U.N. agency.

"Women who do not know how to protect themselves from such infections, or who are unable to do so, face increased risks of death or illness," WHO said in a 91-page report. "So do those who cannot protect themselves from unwanted pregnancy or control their fertility because of lack of access to contraception."
...
WHO chief Dr. Margaret Chan noted that women enjoy a biological advantage because they tend to live six to eight years longer than men. But in many parts of the world they suffer serious disadvantages because of poverty, poorer access to health care and cultural norms that put a priority on the well-being of men, she said.'

If the cultural norms of these countries put a priority on the well-being of men so much, why are they dying so much sooner than the women? A "biological advantage"? If men lived longer than women on average, would Dr. Chan chalk it up to a "biological advantage"?

MANN reader observes: "Look at what soldiers go through "

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Article here. The shooting attacks allegedly perpetrated by an Army psychologist at Fort Hood a few days ago should get people thinking about what our soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan go through. As an Army psychologist, the alleged perpetrator Maj. Nidal Malik, probably heard a lot of horror stories. Whatever his motives for killing 13 and wounding 42, I ask: Is our culture willing to consider that he may have just snapped given all the pressure our soldiers are under?

How can we MRAs leverage this incident, so that we help people to appreciate how difficult and painful it is to be a solider in the US Army today? How can we use this to publicize the PTSD, the brain trauma, the missing limbs, the recurrent terrifying nightmares, and other types of disability our soldiers (who are by far mostly men) are now suffering? How can we use this incident to underscore the multiple tours of duty, often soon right after another, that our men in uniform must go through?

Are we, as a culture, unwilling to consider that men suffer? Is this a taboo topic? Is that why people are trying to blame this incident on the fact that the perpetrator was a Muslim? I see a lot of military brass trying to sweep this incident under the rug, saying things like "we have services for the affected families" -- will things just go back to normal after this blows over? Or can we use this incident to launch both an investigation of the conditions, as well as a larger discussion about male suffering and what is expected of men?

"Mom" accused of keeping a 'concentration camp' for dogs

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On Long Island, a Suffolk County mother is facing charges for alleged cruelty to animals, and they could be upgraded to felony charges.

In an eerie scene Saturday night, investigators found a backyard burial ground, with the remains of at least 20 animals, behind the woman's house. The remains were brought out in black plastic bags.
...
In addition to the dogs, one cat, along with a hamster and a parakeet, were rescued. They were found in the home of 43-year-old Sharon McDonough of Selden, who faces misdemeanor animal cruelty charges.
...
The person who allegedly blew the whistle on McDonough was her eldest son, Douglas.
...
The son says he was forced to torture the animals.
...
Now, investigators are looking into complaints about animals disappearing from the neighborhood, and allegations that McDonough tortured, killed, and buried them behind her house.'

Guess the author of that recent Oprah.com article forgot to mention animals can be on the receiving end, too.

UK editor of Vogue magazine: "Why would anyone hire a woman?"

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Article here. Good question, one I've often asked myself when a debate about women's pay gets going. If women are paid less than men, as many claim, perhaps it's because they're so much riskier to hire. Men rarely file discrimination law suits, file sexual harassment claims, or take time off to have kids, then come back after weeks off and expect their old job back, with more flexibility in time. Even at 25% more, men are a better bargain. Be sure to vote on the poll question to see the results. Excerpt:

'I treasured what for me was stolen time to be a mother and homemaker, yet it also made me appreciate the liveliness and richness that my work brings.

It is also the very issue that drives a stream of women into my office to discuss their futures, their maternity leaves, four-day working weeks, possible job shares, all now encouraged by recent legislation.
...
I completely understand the decision of any woman to give up their job to stay at home with their children.

And it seems entirely reasonable that in many situations a woman who becomes a mother will want to trade in her role for something less demanding.
...

But what I don't understand is the idea that you should be able to keep exactly the same job, with all the advantages that entails, and work less for it, regardless of how that affects the office or colleagues.

I don't think I'm a monster. I currently employ a 90 per cent female staff on the editorial team at Vogue.
...
Except that, when they do return, many of them don't want exactly their old job back. They want the same role but moulded into a time frame that suits family life better.

They want to investigate four-day weeks, flexitime, jobshares, and they often then have another baby and are entitled to take another year off. But is this realistic?

Can the diversity of circumstances and job requirements mean that one-size-fits-all legislation works? Criticism of the situation is very much the view that dares not speak its name.
...
How cherished does one feel as a boss by someone who is only at work nine months out of three years, the rest being taken as maternity leave, or by someone who - when resources are already stretched - forces a flexi-time deal?

Women have increasingly broken through that old glass ceiling with determination and, to be honest, helpful employment legislation.

As a result, many are now employers themselves. Let's not put that progress back by creating a world where the next generation of women workers becomes too inconvenient and awkward to employ and find themselves legislated back into the home.'

Wikipedia entry for the author is here.

More from female-soccer-players-behaving-badly

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Story here. Can't be, girls "just don't do these kinds of things," right? Excerpt:

'PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) - League officials in Rhode Island are investigating a fight between members of two girls' high school soccer teams who threw punches, pulled hair and sparked a brawl in the bleachers.

The fight captured on video by WPRI-TV broke out Sunday with about a minute left in a match between Woonsocket and Tolman high schools.

...

Fans fought in the bleachers during an awards ceremony.

Woonsocket coach Kathleen Fagnant says she doesn't know how the fight started but says she isn't going to "take the fall for that."'

I think it's kind of ironic that right next to the story is an ad for the "Change starts with a girl" campaign.

American Prospect: 'What's the Alternative to Tucker Max?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The roomful of young men was brainstorming all the qualities associated with masculinity. Wong was one of the organizers of the National Conference for Campus-Based Men's Gender Equality and Anti-Violence Groups, a long and clunky name for an unprecedented event that took place last weekend at his school. It was the first time that young guys from around the country -- guys like Wong, who recognize that the kind of masculinity they are describing is toxic for men, too -- gathered to share strategies for getting college men involved in gender-based activism and discuss the work ahead.

...

This is about so much more than the 200 men who attended this conference. They are on the front lines, but there are legions of progressive men of all ages, all over the country who are struggling to redefine masculinity and live that redefinition every day. They fumble without models but continue on because they know that there is so much to be gained. Guys who reject traditional masculinity, for starters, have a greater chance of finding fulfilling work that isn't just a symbol of their provider status. They might explore the joy of relationships -- being nurturing with their kids, real with their friends, open with their partners. They have the opportunity to shed their socialized skin and all the anxiety that comes with trying to be a "tough guy" and make a happy life defined, not by their paycheck or their size, but by their humanity.'

Ex-astronaut pleads guilty in attack on rival

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Via Jeremy S.: And if you are a man in Canada or the USA or the UK, Australia, New Zealand et al ask yourself honestly what would your legal position under these same conditions and criteria? Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. — A former astronaut pleaded guilty Tuesday to attacking a romantic rival in an airport parking lot after driving 1,000 miles from Houston to Orlando to confront her.

Lisa Nowak, a Navy captain, pleaded guilty to felony burglary and misdemeanour battery. She originally had been charged with two felonies, attempted kidnapping and burglary, along with misdemeanour battery.

Nowak confronted her romantic rival, Colleen Shipman, in the parking lot of Orlando International Airport in February 2007 after driving from Houston. Shipman had begun dating Nowak's love interest, former space shuttle pilot Bill Oefelein.

Nowak, wearing a wig and trenchcoat, followed Shipman to the parking lot and tried to get into her car, then attacked her with pepper spray. Shipman was able to drive away.

Police arrested Nowak a short time later in the parking lot near a trash can where she was seen getting rid of a bag. Police officers found a steel mallet, a knife, a BB pistol, rubber tubing and several large garbage bags in Nowak's bag.

"Almost three years later, I'm still reeling from her vicious attack," Shipman told the judge after Nowak's plea, holding back tears. "I know in my heart when Lisa Nowak attacked me, she was going to kill me.'

Hofstra gal feared being branded a tramp after romp

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Hofstra freshman who had a raunchy restroom romp and then cried rape made up the twisted tale because she didn't want her schoolmates -- particularly her new boyfriend -- to think she was easy, the beau told The Post yesterday.

"I think she needs a psychologist. She probably felt like, 'They'll think I'm a slut,' " her boyfriend, who asked not to be identified, told The Post.

Danmell Ndonye, 18, who had accused five men of gang rape, admitted the truth only when prosecutors confronted her after learning of a cellphone video that captured the whole sordid episode and showed she had willingly participated, officials said.

She created her outlandish tale when her boyfriend, a Hofstra student who's been dating her since the semester began a few weeks ago, demanded to know where she had disappeared after a wild frat party early Sunday.'

'See? Mothers can be sex abusers, too'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'With the release of the ChildLine findings, however, the idea that child sex abuse by women is more prevalent than previously thought gains in credence. According to ChildLine, 42 per cent more children called its hotline in 2008-9 than in 2004-5, and the number of children calling to report abuse by women rose by 132 per cent – that is, a rise five times greater than the rise in children phoning to report abuse by men. In total, during 2008-9 the number of children phoning to report female child sex abuse stood at 2,142, of which 1,311 claimed that the mother was the abuser.

The NSPCC and ChildLine have been predictably bullish. The head of ChildLine, Sue Minto, seemed almost proud to be exploding myths of the good mother: ‘Many would find it shocking that any woman – let alone a mother – can sexually assault a child. But they do.’ NSPCC senior researcher Lisa Bunting saw it as the proof of a problem too long ignored: ‘If you don’t think females are capable of committing sex offences, then you are never going to be looking for that.’

Prof busted in Columbia gal 'punch'

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Story here. Whew, the mind fairly boggles. How does one "deconstruct" this situation if he or she insists on looking at the world through the lens of political correctness? A black man in an argument with two white people, one male and one female, loses his temper and punches not one, but both of them.

The article focuses on the fact that one of the victims was female. To hit anyone in a debate is of course wrong and I am sure he will lose his job over it, and no doubt suffer other repercussions, possibly criminal charges as well. But the first person he punched was the female of the two with whom he was arguing. With political correctness insisting that the people involved in the primary violent segment of the conflict are both members of groups that are without the appropriate defenses to maintain their own well-being, let alone prosper, which one of them was "more wrong" in their actions? As I wrote, the mind fairly boggles. Excerpt:

'A prominent Columbia architecture professor punched a female university employee in the face at a Harlem bar during a heated argument about race relations, cops said yesterday.

Police busted Lionel McIntyre, 59, for assault yesterday after his bruised victim, Camille Davis, filed charges.

McIntyre and Davis, who works as a production manager in the school's theater department, are both regulars at Toast, a popular university bar on Broadway and 125th Street, sources said.

The professor, who is black, had been engaged in a fiery discussion about "white privilege" with Davis, who is white, and another male regular, who is also white, Friday night at 10:30 when fists started flying, patrons said.

McIntyre, who is known as "Mac" at the bar, shoved Davis, and when the other patron and a bar employee tried to break it up, the prof slugged Davis in the face, witnesses said.

"The punch was so loud, the kitchen workers in the back heard it over all the noise," bar back Richie Velez, 28, told The Post. "I was on my way over when he punched Camille and she fell on top of me."

The other patron involved in the dispute said McIntyre then took a swing at him after he yelled, "You don't hit a woman!"

"He knocked the glasses right off my face," said the man, who would only give his first name as "Shannon." "The punch came out of nowhere. Mac was talking to us about white privilege and what I was doing about it -- apparently I wasn't doing enough."'

And what do you say of their salaries in that it is likely that make substantially more money at their jobs than anyone reading the story, regardless of their ethnicity or sex?

From an MRA-interest point of view, it is the reactions of bystanders and related commentary that is of interest. Of course no debate no matter how heated should result in violence. But should it be considered "more wrong" if one of the victims is female rather than male if that comes to pass? As listeners of the recent interview I did may know, I do not believe it is any more wrong to strike a woman in this or any other situation than a man - to do so in any case is equally wrong and should be prosecuted in the same way*.

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*As an aside, here in the great state of New York, striking a person (read: man) once without causing injury of any kind is merely a violation, harrassment, 2nd degree. Only after a person builds up a history of these kinds of things or if more than one punch is thrown by the attacker, or as the law says, if the victim suffers a measurable injury, does it become an actual crime.

Eve Ensler faces MRAs in India

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Story here. Eve Ensler faced picketing MRAs recently in India for spreading hatred towards the male gender. Excerpt:

'That's what harassed husbands claimed when feminist author Eve Ensler refused to meet them after a long wait of 5 hours

I Am An Emotional Creature (link added), the latest play by American playwright Eve Ensler, of "Vagina Monologues" fame may have touched a chord with the city's women but the city's harassed husbands are angry at the way it portrays men.

They waited for five hours on Sunday at Kyra Theatre and Restaurant in Indiranagar where the play was being performed so they could meet Ensler and air their grievances, but it was in vain as Ensler refused to meet them.
...

"We were there to let her know about the situation in India, which is very different from that described in her play. Things shown here are far from reality and men are portrayed wrongly," said Mithun Kumar, another SIFF member.

The pamphlets distributed by the harassed husbands gave figures on how women commit atrocities against men and their women family members by misusing Section 498 (A).'

'Three parent babies' take a step closer to reality

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Article here. I do believe there will come a time when a "child of the world" will be possible, made up of a genetic amalgam of selected people from across the planet, possibly with genes from a few ducks or tomatoes thrown in there for good measure. I can only imagine what the custody battle will look like. (Hey, do tomatoes have parental rights?) Excerpt:

'Researchers used eggs from young donors to repair damaged eggs of older women in order to increase their chances of fertilisation.

They have not yet used the eggs to produce babies, but they have injected them with sperm to produce an early stage embryo in the laboratory.

While the move breathes new life into "old eggs" and could also remove genetic illnesses, it is likely to provoke an ethical storm as critics believe it could lead to hybrid or genetically modified children.

"If we could transfer these constructed new embryos, I believe the success rate would be high," Atsushi Tanaka, the lead author told the New Scientist.

IVF often fails in older women because there are abnormalities in the outside of their eggs, known as cytoplasm, which surrounds the nucleus.'

New warning on 'perfect vaginas'

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Article here. Boys get their genital skin removed without consultation, long before the age where they can give consent, and it's practically a mandate from the UN to keep doing it, if not speed it up. Adult women however choose to get their genitalia altered for cosmetic reasons and what few risks there are to the procedure become front-page news. At least the risk they are choosing to take does not include the real possibility of their genitalia being completely removed "by accident". Excerpt:

'Women are undergoing surgery to create perfect genitalia amid a "shocking" lack of information on the potential risks of the procedure, a report says.

Research published in the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology also questions the very notion of aesthetically pleasing genitals.

Operations to improve the appearance of the sex organs for both psychological and physical reasons are on the rise.

But surgeons said the report overplayed the risks of an established procedure.

Researchers from University College London reviewed all the existing studies on cosmetic labial surgery - which generally involves reducing the amount of tissue that protrudes from the lips which cover the vagina. They found there had been little work to document any longer-term side effects.'

Feministing: The Question of Accountability in Feminism

anthony · 12 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's about how men in the "pro-feminist" movement can be accountable to women, not how women can be accountable to others in general. Take a look at pick your jaw up off the floor-- or just laugh at the irony. Excerpt:

'One of the buzz words that kept coming up at the pro-feminist men's conference at St. John's last week was accountability. How can men be accountable to women? How can pro-feminist men be accountable to the feminist movement?

There were no easy answers. Michael Kaufman, founder of the White Ribbon Campaign, wisely debunked the idea that there is some all-powerful feminist committee who serve as the accountability police. Obviously it is a diverse movement filled with folks who would consider some things okay and others offensive--as evidenced by the comment section of this very blog on a daily basis.

On the other hand, it does seem critical for men interested in doing feminist work and identifying with the feminism to be accountable to certain basic ideas--like the notion that men have, for too long, possessed a disproportionate amount of power in our society. This means that in feminist spaces, men should be cognizant of how much they talk, what sort of influence they exert, what kind of leadership they inhabit. But then again, shouldn't men and women always strive to be cognizant of these things.'

Carey Roberts: Abuse Industry Teaches Women to Fear Men, Teaches Men to Fear Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently I attended a domestic violence conference hosted by a church in my community. "The Church's Role in Addressing Domestic Violence in the Faith Community," the glossy brochure explained.
...
I opted to screen a video called "Defending our Lives," featuring the accounts of five women incarcerated for murdering their partners. All insisted their lethal actions were taken solely in self-defense.
...
The video then claimed domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women. That myth has been debunked by persons like professor Richard Gelles of the University of Pennsylvania who derides such claims "factoids from nowhere." (The actual leading causes of female death are accidental falls, motor vehicle accidents, and over-exertion.)

And then the coup de grace: "Battered women who kill have longer sentences than serial rapists."

The source of that outrageous factoid? Well, nobody seemed to know -- and no one really cared. After all, we've got an epidemic of domestic violence on our hands, so any make-believe statistic will do.

The effect of the conference was to teach women to distrust and fear the men in their lives as latent, if not actual abusers. Husbands, boyfriends, brothers, even teenage sons - all are now suspect.

Also attending the conference were a State's Attorney and an aide to a federal Congressman. Realizing that women outnumber men in elections, politicians have become sympathetic to women's concerns these days.'

NOW President: Obama "pushing women back into the back alleys to die"

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Article here. Feminists are the very definition of melodrama. Excerpt:

'She said she understood the president's frustration in wanting to pass health care reform, but "it is not acceptable for him to achieve that goal by pushing women back into the back alleys to die." And the anti-abortion amendment added to the health care reform legislation "does just that."

...

"There's no question that Hillary Clinton would have fought for our rights," she says. "There's no question that she would have understood the devastating implications of the Stupak-Pitts amendment. She would not have countenanced the Democratic leadership" of the House insisting that the amendment was allowed to be voted upon, which O'Neill says was a decision that essentially assured its inclusion in the bill.

Did she contact Clinton?

"She works for President Obama," O'Neill says, "so that wouldn't be appropriate."'

UK: Leicester woman sent to jail for false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman willingly had sex with two men and then falsely claimed they had raped her, a court heard.

Christina Dallison, who also made a false rape claim against another man four years earlier, wept as she was jailed for two years yesterday.

Leicester Crown Court was told the two 40-year-old men she wrongly accused were held in custody for 20 hours, and underwent humiliating intimate tests.

All three innocent male victims endured the anxiety of facing prosecution for several months, until the cases were dropped.

Dallison (27), a former escort of Dunton Street, Woodgate, Leicester, committed the offences because she suffered from a personality disorder and craved attention.'

UK: Woman who lied over two false rape claims jailed for two years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman of 22 who falsely claimed two men had raped her was jailed for two years yesterday.

Chloe Dolton told police two men attacked her as she walked home.

The two Polish pals - one of whom had only been in Britain for 48 hours - spent 24 hours in a cell as part of a police probe costing £86,500.

It was later found Dolton had consensual sex twice with one man before inviting his friend to a shelter where she performed a sex act.
...
Dolton lied about the encounter to her boyfriend and family because of the "shame and regret" she felt about it, Exeter crown court heard.'

South Africa: First summer circumcision death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Cape Town - As the Eastern Cape recorded its first death of the summer circumcision season, the province's health department on Friday urged parents to play a stronger role in protecting their sons.

Spokesperson Sizwe Kupelo said the 19-year-old youth died of dehydration last week at an initiation school in the Butterworth area of Transkei.

Last month, following 55 deaths in the winter season, the department and traditional leaders held a summit on circumcision in Mthatha.

Kupelo said the department would now work even more closely with traditional leaders and the police in combating abuses.'

Video: Circumcision Decisions on 'Today' Show

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Video here. Caption:

'As Meredith Vieira points out, it's no secret that proud dads like to see their sons reflected in themselves. There's nothing cuter than matching haircuts and Hawaiian shirts, but why stop there?

Just imagine your pride years down the road when envious pals are admiring his stylishly snipped member and he can say, "Yep, it's just like my old man's!"

Male Genital Mutilation: Why circumcision should be stopped

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Millions of baby boys are circumcised every year in the USA. This practice of snipping off part of a baby`s pe*is, usually without anesthesia (since people have widely believed that anesthesia can be fatal to babies, and if not, that it would hurt as much to have the anesthesia done as it would to just have the circumcision done) has been around for centuries.

But recent studies have shown that, as usual, we have underestimated the senses of newborns. It`s become apparent that circumcision for babies, especially without anesthesia, is not only incredibly painful and traumatic, but it also increases the risk of choking in babies.

Then again, who really cares about the pain of the newborn? They won`t remember it anyway, right?

Actually, wrong. There are severe psychological effects associated with the trauma of a circumcision. Male circumcision is not much different from female circumcision both are forms of genital mutilation that leave a person scarred for life.'

The Atlantic Wire: Fighting for the Future of Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is feminism dead? Leslie Sanchez hopes so, and her new book has more than a few feminists up in arms. Debates about female politicians, or the backlash to women's liberation, aren't new, but the New Yorker's Ariel Levy is wondering how feminism got to be so divisive. She addresses some of the book's pressing questions: What is feminism now? Has Sarah Palin broken the mold for politically ambitious women? What does the feminist movement, after the victories of past decades, still have anything to offer? As liberal advocates of female empowerment engage in some soul-searching, here are their answers:'

UK: Climate change is not a feminist issue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's tempting to suggest that climate change, and in particular the question of population control, is a feminist issue. For starters it allows us to put a clear culprit in the dock: find the right stats and hey presto: "Men are all bastards and their irresponsible actions are destroying the planet."

Mary Fitzgerald recently argued that population control is at heart a feminist issue because, if women across the globe (and particularly those in "developing" nations) are given the right to control their bodies via universal birth control, this will halt the potentially disastrous upward curve of the birth rate. Alex Renton has also urged that "population reduction is best achieved by ensuring women's equality and improving their education, while providing cheap and effective birth control."'

Report of LGBT domestic violence finds 125% increase in fatalities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new report on LGBT domestic violence has found that there was a 125% increase in domestic violence-related fatalities in 2008.

Boston has seen the real-life ramifications of the drastic increase. Nicole Chuminksi is alleged to have set fire to her girlfriend Anna Reisopolous' South Boston home on April 6, 2008 after an argument, killing two of Reisopolous' children.

"As seen in the national report, and echoed by the fire in South Boston, partner abuse in LGBT communities can be just as lethal as that in heterosexual communities," said Beth Leventhal, executive director of The Network/La Red, a local organization whose findings were included in the report. "And the effects of domestic violence on children can be devastating."'

Mother faces charges in N.C. girl's disappearance

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Story here. Excerpt:

"(CNN) -- The mother of a missing North Carolina girl has been charged with human trafficking and other offenses, authorities said Saturday night.

Other charges against Antoinette Nicole Davis include felony child abuse, prostitution and filing a false police report, according to the Fayetteville Police Department. No more details were released on the arrest.

The whereabouts of her daughter, 5-year-old Shaniya Davis, remain unknown. Her mother told police Tuesday that she vanished from their mobile home in Fayetteville.

However, hotel surveillance video taken around the same time Shaniya was reported missing shows the girl with a man identified as Mario Andrette McNeill. He has been charged with first-degree kidnapping."

Man released after more than six years in prison after conviction overturned due to DNA evidence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Madison man who served more than six years in prison for a sexual assault he said he didn't commit was ordered released Friday after a Dane County Circuit judge overturned his conviction.

Judge Patrick Fiedler cited new DNA evidence and newly developed scientific research on faulty eyewitness identification in throwing out his own judgment of conviction in the 2002 case against Forest Shomberg.

Shomberg's attorney, Byron Lichstein of the Wisconsin Innocence Project, praised the decision.

"I think the judge followed the law and found significant new information that came up since the trial," he said.'

Suicides in U.S. Army Are on Track to Reach New High

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nov. 13 (Bloomberg) -- The number of suicides among active- duty U.S. Army troops this year reached 133 in October, 18 more than in the same period last year and putting the service within reach of a new annual high.

The 133 reported suicides, including the National Guard and Reserves, between January and October compared with 115 during the same period in 2008 when the service recorded 140 by year's end, an annual record, the Army said in a statement.

The rate of suicide within the Army last year was 20.2 per 100,000 personnel, exceeding for the first time the age-adjusted rate in the civilian population, which was 19.2, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. The institute has paired with the Army to undertake the biggest study ever of suicide and behavioral health among military personnel.'

California Activist Alert: Legislation to ban PAS for consideration in child custody matters pending

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Along with organizations like the Child Advocacy Center, the Leadership Council on Child Abuse and Interpersonal Violence and the California Protective Parents Association, the CJE believes there is a crisis in the family courts, and that abused children are being handed over to their abusers. One CJE study claims that 38 percent of fathers who are identified as perpetrators of abuse receive full custody of their children.

That statistic, and many others cited by these organizations, could not be independently verified. But there enough evidence of a problem that Sacramento lawmakers, including San Jose Assemblymember Jim Beall Jr., are calling for changes to state law regarding parental custody disputes.

Members of the Center for Judicial Excellence say one serious problem in family courts is that highly disputable, nonscientific theories are used as evidence in the courtroom, and frequently carry a huge amount of weight in many cases. The new law, co-sponsored by Beall, specifically bars theories such as the often-used "parent alienation syndrome" from child custody cases.

Beall sat alongside Anderson during a panel discussion at last week's meeting, where he talked about his Assembly Bill 612, which proposes a solution to problems in family court by establishing evidence standards. If A.B. 612 passes, courts will be prohibited from considering these unproven theories when deciding child custody or visitation rights. A.B. 612 will also eliminate training in these theories from Judicial Council–approved education for family court professionals.'

Ed. note: Hyperlinks added. At the moment, despite being passed in the Assembly, it looks like the bill remains unaddressed in the state Senate Judiciary Committee. Bills can be tracked here, however, and California activists may want to revisit that or the status link regularly and/or express their opinions about it to their state senators pro-actively.

It does not look like the bill has had a Senate bill number assigned to it, so tracking it via key words like "nonscientific theories" or the A.B. 612 Assembly bill number must suffice for now.

Chemical BPA in male workers linked to sex problems

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Male factory workers in China who got very high doses of a chemical that's been widely used in hard plastic bottles had high rates of sexual problems, researchers reported Wednesday.

Heavy exposure to BPA, or bisphenol A, on the job was linked to impotence and lower sexual desire and satisfaction, according to the study, which adds to concerns about BPA's effects on most consumers.

The men in the study experienced BPA levels about 50 times higher than those faced by typical American men, said researcher Dr. De-Kun Li. "We don't know" whether more typical doses have similar effects, he said.
...
BPA is used in a wide variety of consumer products, including some hard plastic bottles and metal food or beverage cans. Several makers of baby bottles recently said they had stopped using the chemical. Some 90 percent of the U.S. population carries detectable levels in the urine.

Scientists are concerned that BPA exposure might harm the reproductive and nervous systems, and possibly promote prostate and breast cancers. Last year, a preliminary study linked BPA to possible risks for heart disease and diabetes.

The Food and Drug Administration concluded last year that trace amounts of BPA that leach out of bottles and food containers are not dangerous. But the FDA is now reviewing that stance after criticism from its scientific advisers."

Very Weak Magnetic Fields Lower Sperm Quality

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Article here. Excerpt:

"A study has found that household chores including using a vacuum cleaner or microwave oven – could reduce a mans chances of having children.

Researchers exposed male volunteers to electromagnetic fields high doses of which are produced by all electrically charged objects, including refrigerators and vacuum cleaners and found such exposure could double the risk of having poor-quality sperm.

...

He said of the research, due to be published in January in the journal Reproductive Toxicology:

‘This is the first study to show a link between measured electromagnetic fields and poor semen quality in humans, which may provide a logical explanation for why we have seen reductions in sperm quality in men over the past century.’

Although the study did not look at what was producing the magnetic fields, electrical appliances – especially those containing motors such as hairdryers – produce high frequencies and therefore strong magnetic fields.'

Pilot Study Relates Phthalate Exposure to Less-Masculine Play by Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A study of 145 preschool children reports, for the first time, that when the concentrations of two common phthalates in mothers' prenatal urine are elevated their sons are less likely to play with male-typical toys and games, such as trucks and play fighting.

...

Because testosterone produces the masculine brain, researchers are concerned that fetal exposure to anti-androgens such as phthalates – which are pervasive in the environment – has the potential to alter masculine brain development, said lead author Shanna H. Swan, Ph.D., professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, director of the URMC Center for Reproductive Epidemiology, and an expert in phthalates.

"Our results need to be confirmed, but are intriguing on several fronts," Swan said. "Not only are they consistent with our prior findings that link phthalates to altered male genital development, but they also are compatible with current knowledge about how hormones mold sex differences in the brain, and thus behavior. We have more work to do, but the implications are potentially profound."'

Men: The second sex?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'These days, outside top City circles, being a man does not signify first-class status. In much of modern life, maleness means coming second. For instance, boys are now less likely than girls to succeed in school and are less likely to apply for and get into university. Last year there were 172,925 female undergraduates and only 141,643 male. Teenage boys are more likely to take drugs, drink, commit crime and exhibit antisocial behaviour. They also tend to spend longer out of work and in training. Society has become “feminised” in the skills it values: multitasking, communication, sitting still in front of a computer — all these play to female strengths rather than male ones. And accordingly, the social status of masculinity is changing. In many areas it is men who are now The Second Sex, as Simone De Beauvoir, the feminist philosopher, described women in 1949.
...
The dearth of male teachers in primary schools and the high numbers of single mothers in areas such as Moston leave many boys with no such father figure. Meanwhile, many relationships break down because of domestic violence, leaving boys with a sense that men are hated and hate them.
...

Fishwick believes there is yet another problem facing his youngsters: the education system itself. Is the curriculum weighted against boys? “I have spent 30 years teaching in mixed schools. In my experience the system favours the girls; they are more sophisticated in communication and emotional awareness. They mature earlier. At 13 or 14, pupils have to make choices that will affect the rest of their lives. The girls are in a much better place to do that. And changes to the curriculum also play to their strengths.”
...
If women continue to dominate the learning sphere, more men are going to have to learn the Llanelli lesson. Perhaps Duffield and his peers are the last generation of men who will be able to assume that they rule the world. In future no man will be able to ask his question. But what makes me profoundly optimistic are the extraordinary men I met while researching this piece; there are remarkable role models out there waiting to lead our lost boys into the future.

They may not be lost, however, so much as tentatively finding their way to a new kind of manhood. If the relationships of the future include massage, supper — crispy potatoes, even — things are looking up, not least for the exhausted career woman who walks through the door in the evening. As Simone de Beauvoir said in 1949, “The free woman is just being born.” Could the same now be true of men?'

Body of Shaniya Davis Found Along North Carolina Highway

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Disgusting gruesome story here. Of course they could not pass up a swipe at fathers. Excerpt:

'The body of 5-year-old Shaniya Davis was found alongside a North Carolina highway near her hometown, according to Raleigh ABC affiliate WTVD.

Shaniya had been missing for nearly a week. Her mother, Antoinette Davis, 25, was due in court today on charges of human trafficking and child prostitution.

Fayetteville Police spokewoman Theresa Chance told ABCNews.com today that officers had been searching a portion of Interstate 87 between Harnett and Lee counties.

"Information that we received leads us here as far as where the body was discarded," she said.

...

"It's frightening to learn about the age of entry into prostitution being 12 to 14," he told ABCNews.com today.

In general when parents traffic their own children, the fathers tend to be violent and abusive, while the mothers are typically desperate.

"But no poverty or economic desperation can along explain the prostitution of a child," he said.'

PhD Science student by day, US$600/hr "escort" by night

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It's almost too good. Read here. Excerpt:

'One of the best kept literary secrets of the decade was revealed last night when 34-year-old scientist Dr Brooke Magnanti announced she was the writer masquerading as call girl Belle de Jour.
...
Until last week, even her agent was unaware of her name. But now Magnanti, a respected specialist in developmental neurotoxicology and cancer epidemiology in a hospital research group in Bristol, has spoken of the time six years ago she worked as a £300 an hour prostitute working through a London escort agency. ...
...
"I did have another job at one point, as a computer programmer, but I kept up with my other work because it was so much more enjoyable."

Magnanti said her future lies in medical science, but she also has a literary streak. She has been writing a novel, and the Belle blog will "continue for a bit — I'd like her to have happy ending".'

Her "other work" was "so enjoyable" that instead of computer programming (which as we all know pays durned near nothin'!), she'd rather stick with turning tricks at 300 quid an hour. Well, really, I can't say I blame her. You just can't beat the money, and the "work" is pretty easy.

Why, if I were a woman... :)

Lesbians make 'better parents', says senior parenting official

ActaNonVerba · 16 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Stephen Scott, director of research at the National Academy for Parenting Practitioners, has said his research shows children from lesbian couples do better in life than the offspring of heterosexual couples.

"Lesbians make better parents than a man and a women," Mr Scott told a meeting for the launch of think tank Demos...'

I hope the UK MRA's start getting this deconstructed. Personally, I'm 100% sure that once the study's methodology is assessed, this so-called study will prove to be, at best, misleading and, at worst, false.

[Ed. note: obviously, if dads are worthless, then two mothers are better than one. Right?]

Soldier mom refuses deployment to care for baby

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Story here. I sympathize, of course. I just wonder if "Single dad refuses deployment to care for baby" would elicit the same tone of writing. I am sure if someone took the time to ask, they could find a single dad deployed overseas in similar circumstances. I just doubt his story would get published. Excerpt:

'SAVANNAH, Ga. – An Army cook and single mom may face criminal charges after she skipped her deployment flight to Afghanistan because, she said, no one was available to care for her infant son while she was overseas.

Spc. Alexis Hutchinson, 21, claims she had no choice but to refuse deployment orders because the only family she had to care for her 10-month-old son — her mother — was overwhelmed by the task, already caring for three other relatives with health problems.

...

The Army requires all single-parent soldiers to submit a care plan for dependent children before they can deploy to a combat zone.

Hutchinson had such a plan — her mother, Angelique Hughes, had agreed to care for the boy. Hughes said Monday she kept the boy for about two weeks in October before deciding she couldn't keep him for a full year.

Hughes said she's already having to care for her ailing mother and sister, as well as a daughter with special needs. She also runs a daycare center at her home, keeping about 14 children during the day.'

UK: Poll reveals a third of family break-up children lose contact with fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One in three children whose parents separated or divorced over the last 20 years disclosed that they had lost contact permanently with their father.

Almost a tenth of children from broken families said the acrimonious process had left them feeling suicidal while others later sought solace in drink, drugs or crime.

They complained of feeling “isolated” and “used” while parents admitted having used children as “bargaining tools” against each other.

Lawyers said the study showed that the court system itself was making family break-up more acrimonious with children used as "pawns".

They warned that so-called “no fault” divorces were encouraging warring parents to channel their “bloodletting” into disputes over contact.'

UK: Claims of sex abuse by women grow

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A huge rise in the number of children calling to report sexual abuse by women has been revealed by Childline. Over the past five years, the charity says the number of such calls has risen five times faster than youngsters reporting abuse by a man.

...

Of 16,094 children who called Childline about sex abuse last year, 2,142 told of abuse by a woman, up 132% on 2004-5. Men still account for the majority of child abuse claims, but the NSPCC said female sex abuse was under-reported.

...

This is because there is a reluctance or unwillingness on the part of professionals to acknowledge or identify sexual abuse by females, the charity suggested. The research follows the recent high-profile case of nursery worker Vanessa George, who abused children in her care. She was a member of an internet paedophile ring which included another woman.

...

Childline's report did not claim that sexual abuse by women was on the rise. It instead suggested that, as more boys were tending to call its helpline, more cases were being reported.

...

"Many would find it shocking that any woman - let alone a mother - can sexually assault a child. But they do."'

Corporations supporting International Men's Day

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Recently HBO (a TV movie channel) announced that throughout November, they will celebrate the "Men are Back" movie festival. Especially, they plan to show a movies related to men, every Thursday, November 19 being one of those days.

Also, an apparel company of India, Allen Solly has announced special promotional offer targeting women, asking them to gift their men something special on November 19th on the occasion of International Men's Day!

No wonder the concept of Men's Rights and an International Men's Day is catching up fast across the world. The day is not far when we'll see International Men's Day recognized across the globe and be given an official status by the UN.

Wish you all a Very Happy International Men's Day on 19th November.

UK: Registry in planning stages for convicted and "suspected wife beaters"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Men with a history of domestic violence could be put on a register so that any future partners can be warned about them.

The controversial plan, which is being drawn up by the Association of Chief Police Officers, would list around 25,000 suspected and convicted serial wife beaters.

Police would approach women with the information if they are notified that a man on the register has moved home.

Alternatively, women could be given the right to ask about the past of a man they are with.

A small number of pilot areas are already trying out a similar system in relation to sex offenders.
...
Home Secretary Alan Johnson said: 'These proposals will stimulate important debate about how we can reach our future goal of preventing these cowardly crimes but also how to protect victims of domestic violence and tackle the abusers in the shorter term.'

Theresa May, Tory spokesman on women, said: 'No woman should live in fear of violence. What is needed is a coordinated and comprehensive strategy with prevention as the key priority.'"

Woman pleads guilty to charges in Smart kidnapping

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SALT LAKE CITY – A woman charged in the 2002 kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart pleaded guilty Tuesday as part of a deal with federal prosecutors and asked Smart to forgive her for all the pain she had caused.

Wanda Eileen Barzee apologized in court, saying she was "humbled as I realize how much Elizabeth Smart has been victimized and the role that I played in it."

"I am so sorry, Elizabeth, for all the pain and suffering I have caused you and your family," Barzee, 64, said. "It is my hope that you will be able to find it in your heart to forgive me."

Smart, now 22 and preparing to serve a mission in Paris for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was not in court. But her father, Ed Smart, made a statement there.'

Two Moms Get Into Stabbing Brawl Outside School

Matt · 17 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Now there's setting an example to the kids! But wait.. there must be some men behind this somewhere... find and arrest them at once! Excerpt:

'Rochester Police say two mothers got into a fight while dropping their kids off at school and ended up stabbing each other.

It happened on Avenue A near School #8 just before 8 a.m. Police say a 24-year-old woman pulled out a knife and stabbed a 23-year-old woman, cutting her face and neck.

The victim then tried to take the knife and ended up stabbing the suspect in the buttocks. The suspect then ran into the school.
...
"Administrators are obviously taken aback as to what occurred here today," said LaRon Singletary, of the RPD. "There were children that were out here. There was no threat to anyone in the school - the weapon never made it into the school, and the school took the appropriate action as far as locking down the school."

The suspect was later taken into custody without incident. Neither woman was seriously hurt. The suspect faces assault charges.'

Examiner: 'There's no crying in baseball! A modern rant about feminism'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I see challenges as something to be overcome - if being a woman makes the road more difficult, then I will be at an advantage over the others from the lessons I learn in my journey. Rather than changing society by appealing to emotions alone, women should be able to discredit previously held notions of their roles and capabilities through their actions. Truth be told however, there are biological differences that predispose women to certain roles over others. Not all women will follow such patterns of course, and their unique presence will provide them with unique opportunities. They are the exception however, that will not and should not create the rule.

The feminist theory both tries to discredit gender theories based on biology and then tries to argue that "masculine" actions unfairly affect women based on their biologically predisposed roles (motherhood to caretaker). It seems absurd to complain about being classified by certain characteristics because they are untrue and then argue to be treated differently because you can't help those same characteristics that you just argued were untrue.'

Woman Indicted For Making False Rape Claim

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Story here.

'A Shelby woman was indicted by the Richland County Grand Jury on charges of escape, falsification and making false allegations after she ran out of a police cruiser in early October and accused the officer of raping her.

The incident began when Samantha Ramirez, 19, collapsed during a hearing in Shelby Municipal Court and was taken to MedCentral Shelby Hospital for treatment by Shelby Police Officer John Guisinger. After treatment, Ramirez was being transported to the Richland County Jail when she jumped out of the vehicle an fled.

She was later found at Ashland Samaritan Hospital where she accused the officer of raping her. She later confessed she lied.'

ESU false-rape-report case heading to county court

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Charged with lying about being raped at East Stroudsburg University, former student Laura Gruver, 22, of Bethlehem, waived her right to a preliminary hearing Tuesday before Magisterial District Judge Michael Muth and will head to Monroe County Court.

Gruver, who is free on $5,000 unsecured bail, will appear at a future date in district court, where she can go to trial or plead guilty/no contest.

...

A first-time offender with no prior criminal record, Gruver is charged with giving a false report, a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in Monroe County Correctional Facility.

Police said Gruver at first told them the following story:

At 11 a.m. Aug. 13, she was walking to her car in the parking lot, behind the Dansbury Commons cafeteria, when someone grabbed her from behind, put a knife to her throat, forced her into the woods to the ground and raped her.'

S. Africa: False rape claim - woman pleads guilty

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Folweni woman who recently claimed she had been kidnapped and repeatedly raped, on Monday pleaded guilty to the charges against her at the Empangeni District Court.

Sindisiwe Buthelezi, 34, was charged with defeating the ends of justice as well as contravening the provisions of the Commissioners of Oaths Act. She pleaded guilty on Monday and was convicted.

Buthelezi had earlier reported to police that she had been in Durban when she was picked up by someone who promised her a job in Isipingo.

She told police the person did not take the Isipingo turn-off, but drove to Umzinto and dropped her off with three men in a bakkie, where there were two other women, before being taken to an unknown area. She said their faces had been covered and she had not been able see where they were going.'

Teacher sex case nets 12-year prison sentence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Portland High School teacher convicted of having sex with her underage teacher's aide has been sentenced to 12 years in prison.

District Attorney Ray Whitley said Sandy Binkley "got what she had coming to her."

"(Judge Dee Gay) gave her the maximum sentence and that's what she deserved," Whitley said.

David Ridings, Binkley's attorney, said it was the most egregious abuse of justice in sentencing that he has ever seen. "We hoped that (the judge) would follow the law. He failed miserably at that," Ridings said.

Binkley's attorney had hoped the former teacher would be sentenced to no more than three years. He plans to appeal.
...
Binkley, 37, the former teacher, was convicted Sept. 29 in Sumner County on two counts of statutory rape by an authority figure.'

Australia: Female teacher admits sex with students

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Ballarat teacher who last month admitted to having sexual liaisons with two students has faced court for her plea hearing.

Michelle Lynn Dennis, 33, pleaded guilty in the County Count at Ballarat in October to two counts of sexual penetration of a child under supervision and one count of sexual penetration of a child under 16.

Dennis was teaching at Ballarat High School when she committed the offences against two students in 2007.

The former music teacher engaged in the sexual acts outside the school's grounds.

Dennis was arrested and charged in October, 2008, and stood down from the school.

She was also suspended from teaching by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.'

UK: Ritual circumcisions 'illegal'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DOCTORS performing ritual circumcisions on children face financial ruin, disciplinary action and even jail.

A test-case being brought by a 20-year-old man circumcised as a baby could, if successful, open the floodgates to claimants.

The unnamed man is to sue a GP still practising in Greater London for physical and psychological damage.

He will argue that circumcision on a child without a medical requirement is mutilation.

His father took him to be circumcised shortly after birth in accordance with his own religious beliefs.

Now the father is mortified at the mental and physical state of his adult son, and is supporting the case.
...
"This is not a straightforward case. Parents have the right to give consent but only when in the best interests of a child. I don't think any act involving cutting off half of a child's penis is in their best interests."'

UPI: Both men and women maintain sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MIAMI, Nov. 16 (UPI) -- Both men and women respond in a more hostile way to a woman who violates sex-role expectations, U.S. researchers say.

Co-authors Blaine Fowers, professor at the University of Miami, and Alyssa Fowers, a student at Duke University, said even though both men and women participate in maintaining a gender hierarchy in U.S. society, sexism is a form of social hierarchy that is beneficial to men and detrimental to women.

The study, published in the journal of Sex Roles, also found women show a strong preference for benevolent sexism -- portraying women as relatively weak, placing them on a pedestal of purity and suggesting they need protection and guidance -- over hostile sexism, the derogatory portrayals of women.
...
The researchers said both hostile sexism and benevolent sexism are harmful, because both support a gender hierarchy that limits and marginalizes women.'

Canada: 'Ice those sexism charges'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You have to give the Toronto Leaside Girls Hockey Association credit for political smarts. Finding itself fighting for ice time on the city's overbooked rinks, it pulled out that ace of aces, the sexism card.

The 900-member association wrote a letter to Mayor David Miller threatening to launch a human-rights complaint for sex discrimination unless the city makes sure the girls get their share of ice. The mayor rushed to the mikes to promise that he would correct this monstrous injustice, even if it meant taking the issue to a vote at city council.

A Toronto Star editorial called it a clear case of “discrimination on ice.” But where is the evidence that the Leaside girls were discriminated against because of their sex – a serious charge indeed in the year 2009? Were they told they didn't rate ice time because they were girls?

No, the charge rests on the league's struggle to find affordable ice time. League president Ron Baker said it has spent more than $1-million over the past five years booking expensive private rinks because there isn't enough time available at public arenas.
...
...The way to get girls on ice isn't to wave around groundless charges of sexism. If the leaders of the girls' league would “smarten up,” says Mr. Gardner, “they would work together with the boys' groups to go after the city for more ice. That would make a lot more sense.” It surely would.'

Australia: Women-only trips breach male rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A judge ruled that former tour guide Erin Maitland cannot advertise women-only holidays because it could breach the human rights of men.

Judge Marilyn Harbison refused to grant Ms Maitland an exemption to the Equal Opportunity Act, ruling that she had not proved it was reasonable or necessary.

"The exemption may well be convenient and practical in the establishment of her business, but it cannot be justified on human rights principles," said the vice-president of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
...
The judge said Ms Maitland believed Travel Sisters would provide security for women, re-assure male partners who could not travel and be used by women who did not want to mix with men for cultural or religious reasons or because they were victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

Her application was opposed by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, which said it would conflict with Victoria's Charter of Human Rights.'

Conference seeks ways to keep boys in school

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Article here.

'SANDIA PUEBLO, N.M. (AP) - Educators and community members from across New Mexico will meet Tuesday to find out why education is failing boys.

'The New Mexico Men's Council for Boys and Young Men (ed.: link added) will hold its second annual conference at Sandia Resort and Casino. The gathering will focus on closing the achievement gap for boys in education.

Conference organizers say dropout data from 2008 show that fewer than half the boys in New Mexico graduate from high school and only about 42 percent of students in colleges and universities are male.

They say as boys leave school, many turn to drugs and alcohol and violence which then drives up rates of addiction and domestic violence.

The organizers hope the conference will help mobilize parents, teachers, administrators and students to address the problem.'

Huffington Post Blog: 'Mrs. Obama, What About Our Boys?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As Michelle Obama touched down in Denver today to promote her efforts to connect America's public school students with professional mentors, she declined to send an invitation to one population who could most benefit: our city's neglected boys.

...

Over the years, I've written frequently about sexism against our boys. Perhaps it seems ironic given that I'm the mother of two girls. I do so, however, knowing that today's girl-power hype sends the wrong message to my own girls. Like professional working moms across the country, I provide my daughters an imperfect but devoted mentor right inside their own home. And gender has nothing to do with it, as they'll also see their father balance life's responsibilities and his own professional ambitions.

...

In an already overly complicated world, I don't need to explain why the First Lady believes that picking winners or losers based on gender is okay. It's not -- never has been and never will be.'

School discipline data show guys got in trouble three times as often as girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Across the Juneau School District, 75 percent of all principal-level discipline occurred with a male student in the 2008-09 school year, according to data from district Director of Student Services Dave Newton.

Juneau-Douglas High School guidance counselor Frank Coenraad said one reason may be differing levels of school connectedness.

"I don't want to just say 'Boys will be boys,'" he said. "I feel that the more connected the student is at the high school, less in terms of behavioral issues will arise."

...

In the district's recent 2008-2009 student achievement report, girls outperformed boys in reading, writing and math. Boys outperformed girls in science.

While nationwide reports in recent years point to a changing gender achievement gap between boys and girls, the independent think tank Education Sector says the hype is overrated in its report, "The Evidence Suggests Otherwise: The Truth about Boys and Girls."

"The real story is not bad news about boys doing worse; it's good news about girls doing better," it says.'

Funding cuts leaves boys cutting wood

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Desperate times call for disparate thinking. High school sports budgets are being squeezed even tighter this year and students are finding that they'll have to come up with creative funding, if they want extra travel or new uniforms.

Last week, the senior boys basketball team kicked off their fall fundraiser with a bottle drive, firewood delivery and leaf raking service. If the weather goes cold, they'll also be available for snow shovelling.

...

"We've had to cut back the amount we can charge each student for each sport they take part in," said Fisher. "Last year, it was $75 per sport for the major senior sports... soccer, basketball and volleyball. This year, we can only charge $50.'

Jobless, homeless, all this small band has is each other

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Story here. Excerpt:

"We met these three homeless men at the Urban Ministry Center where they had turned up for a meal at the soup kitchen, and they agreed to let us follow them around for the day.
...
As we walk, Corbett and Everhart tell us about the day laboring work they do for an agency, which sends people out to work as unskilled and semi-skilled laborers — usually construction or demolition work. If they get a day's work, they get $40 after taxes.

This involves walking two hours from their camp to be at the agency by 5:30am; otherwise there is no chance they will find any work.

"If we're lucky, we get one or two days of work a week," Everhart said. "Sometimes there are 50 or more guys out there and maybe 10 of them get work."
...

The men said they often lose out to younger men, who are preferred by the temp agency for the physical work they do.
...
Everhart has an ex-wife and has to pay child support, so some desperate days he "hangs the sign," standing by the road with a sign saying "hungry and need work" or a variation on that theme.

"It's risky to do because it's illegal and you can get arrested," he said. "But I have to pay my child support or they'll throw me in jail anyway. I haven't missed a payment yet."
...
Hawkins said that even though they are working whenever they can – he himself is limited in what he can do because he cannot stand for long periods on his prosthetic leg – prospective employers look down on them.'

U.S. lags in paid sick days, work benefits

Michael · 18 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Of the world's 15 most competitive nations, 14 mandate paid sick leave, 13 guarantee paid maternal leave and 12 provide paid *paternal* leave by law, they said. Eleven provide paid leave to care for children's health and eight provide paid leave for adult family care.

The United States legally guarantees none of these policies to workers, the authors note....

Advocates for women's rights argue paid family leave is essential for women, who tend to care more for family members than do men, to compete and advance in the job market.
...
"One of the questions that's consistently asked in the United States is ... will we be able to compete if we have paid sick leave, paid maternity leave?" said author Jody Heymann of McGill's Institute for Health and Social Policy. "Will there be more unemployment? Will we lose jobs?'

Hair-pulling soccer player both sorry and defiant

Matt · 18 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Like clockwork: I'm a girl so it's harder for me. Same old story, here. Excerpt:

'Lambert said she does not recognize herself pulling down Kassidy Shumway by the BYU player's ponytail during a Nov. 5 game in the Mountain West Conference semifinals.

"I look at it and I'm like, 'That is not me,' " Lambert told The New York Times. "I have so much regret. I can't believe I did that."

However, Lambert contends other aggressive play, including elbowing an opponent in the back, trips and hard tackles, and an episode in which she seemed to throw a punch at an opponent's head, were to some degree misunderstood by casual fans.

Lambert, who called the apparent punch inadvertent, said her actions were blown out of proportion because they occurred in a women's game.

"I definitely feel because I am a female it did bring about a lot more attention than if a male were to do it," Lambert said. "It's more expected for men to go out there and be rough..."'

And there you have it. "...more expected for men to go out there and be rough." For this reason, it is OK for her not to just be rough but basically to commit what would otherwise be assault? And then not get called on it until her behavior just got so bad that someone had to do something to stop it? If a male player grabbed another fellow by the hair like that and pulled him down, he'd be suspended for I-dunno-how-many games and probably beat up by the other team's players, and without much sympathy from the coaching staff or fans, either.

"I'm just a girl", just like the song says. If she is going to wear an unflattering nickname, I rather think "Princess Elizabeth" seems to fit better than "loco Lobo", since she strikes me less as being nuts and more as being your typical spoiled-rotten and petulant teen princess that has become the norm.

15-Year-Old Missouri Girl Indicted in Murder of Neighbor, 9

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Story here. Excerpt:

'JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Blessed with a Friday off school, 15-year-old Alyssa Bustamante dug two holes in the ground to be used as a grave, authorities said. For the next week, she attended classes, all the while plotting the right time for a murder, they said.

That time arrived the evening of Oct. 21, when Bustamante strangled 9-year-old neighbor Elizabeth Olten without provocation, cut the girl's throat and stabbed her, prosecutors said. Why?

"Ultimately, she stated she wanted to know what it felt like," Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. David Rice testified Wednesday during a court hearing over the slaying.

...

Cook recommended Bustamante be tied as an adult. Cole County Circuit Judge Jon Beetem agreed, saying the killing was vicious and that the state had no adequate facilities or services to treat Bustamante if she remained in the juvenile system.

Bill Heberle, with the Missouri Division of Youth Services, testified that the state has no secure facilities with fences for female juveniles. Youths in Missouri's juvenile system generally are housed in group settings and are not typically watched by staff 24 hours a day, he said.'

CNN: Women 'bearing brunt' of climate change

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In a report released on Wednesday, UNFPA warns that it is women in the developing world such as Quispe who are bearing the brunt of the worsening and accelerating impact of climate change.
...
According to the report, women in poorer societies are most at risk because they make up a larger share of the agricultural workforce and have fewer income-earning opportunities. They also shoulder the burden of caring for other family members and household management, limiting their mobility and trapping them in a cycle of deprivation, poverty and inequality.

"For many people, especially poor women in poor countries, climate change is here and now," said UNFPA Executive Director Thoraya Ahmed Obaid. "Poor women in poor countries are among the hardest hit by climate change even though they contributed the least to it."
...
"Helping women to make their own decisions about family size would protect their health, make their lives easier, help put their countries on a sustainable path towards development -- and ensure lower greenhouse-gas emissions in the long run," said Obaid.'

UK: Ex-soldier faces jail for handing in gun

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former soldier who handed a discarded shotgun in to police faces at least five years imprisonment for "doing his duty".

Paul Clarke, 27, was found guilty of possessing a firearm at Guildford Crown Court on Tuesday – after finding the gun and handing it personally to police officers on March 20 this year.

The jury took 20 minutes to make its conviction, and Mr Clarke now faces a minimum of five year's imprisonment for handing in the weapon.

In a statement read out in court, Mr Clarke said: "I didn't think for one moment I would be arrested.

"I thought it was my duty to hand it in and get it off the streets."

...

Prosecuting, Brian Stalk, explained to the jury that possession of a firearm was a "strict liability" charge – therefore Mr Clarke's allegedly honest intent was irrelevant.

Just by having the gun in his possession he was guilty of the charge, and has no defence in law against it, he added.'

Intact America: Intactivists appear on 'The Today Show'

Matt · 19 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. Caption:

"Georganne Chapin appeared on The Today Show to speak about the risks, harms, and ethics of infant circumcision – and why the AAP and AAFP should NOT recommend it.

Watch the segment, and send a letter to the AAP and AAFP opposing circumcision!"

The last 40 secs. includes a brief commentary between the hosts (both women). That piece of this segment was reported previously here on MANN. Note the seeming frivolity with which this question is spoken about by one woman. The charged moment of silence between the two as the other sought to formulate a reply that was something other than "God, what a stupid comment!" was heartening to see, though.

What was not at all heartening was the fact that the baby in the story got circumcised even though the baby's father was clearly against it. That is the power that the mother's role in this decision about it holds - I can only imagine what was going through his head as he struggled with it. This is why it is so important that MRAs/intactivists be sure to take the time to find ways to change the minds of people of both sexes on this topic.

Vanier Institute of the Family report upholds two-parent model

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Those problems, as I have often noted in my harangues on the need for fathers in children's lives, include an increased risk of behavioural difficulties, school dropout, criminal activity, future intimacy issues, unemployment, lost contact with families – and of course poverty.

This report (link added) will go far in dispelling the ideology-driven myth that children of divorce or growing up in single-parent households are no worse off than if they were living with married, biological parents.

So the bottom line is that for children, married is better. If not married, then equal parenting is best. Divorce does not always bring happiness. Marriage is a sign of commitment in a way that cohabitation is not. If you stick with a marriage long enough, you find that it's really not as bad as you thought.'

Ed. note: The Vanier Institute was established in 1965 by the Governor-General of Canada at the time, H.E. Georges Vanier, and Pauline Vanier, the First Lady. As such it does not hold a marginal place in governmental social policy formulation in Canada. (Search link here for references to the Institute on the Canada.ca government site). I think this report can be scored as a win for FRAs.

Rape-Prevention Programs Proliferate, but 'It's Hard to Know' Whether They Work

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Imagine that you are a male police officer walking down a dark alley. Two drunken men surprise you, take your gun, and then sexually assault you.

This is the scenario groups of young men are asked to visualize during a presentation at Binghamton University. Part of a sexual-assault-prevention program designed for college fraternities, the exercise is meant to sensitize men to the way a female rape victim might feel.

...

On its Web site, Mr. Foubert's organization highlights statistics from studies he has conducted on the program's effectiveness. It says that not only does the program improve men's understanding of how to help a woman recover from rape, but it also lowers "the likelihood of raping for an entire academic year—longer than any other program evaluated in the research literature." Furthermore, Mr. Foubert concluded that 75 percent of "high risk" men who attend his program report lower likelihood of raping after the program concludes.

...

Mr. Foubert's nonprofit organization, One in Four—named after the college rape statistic—packs recent college graduates into an RV to tour the country presenting his program. So far about 35 colleges have created chapters of One in Four on their campuses. The University of Pennsylvania, which started a chapter four years ago, has 26 male peer educators trained in the Men's Program. "It works well," says Jessica A. Mertz, a violence-prevention educator at Penn. "Students like to hear from their peers."'

Making health a male issue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Having sex with a condom is not what many men are used to. Even if they know their status, some are reluctant. But the hardest part is encouraging them to get tested. Families are traditional - it is hard for a woman to get tested if the man hasn't," says the 69-year-old. "If a woman comes home with condoms, the man thinks she is trying to take control."

At the joint government and BIPAI funded Baylor hospital in Maseru, a support group of 70 fathers meet to become HIV literate.

"The idea was that if we can empower men to become HIV aware, children and mothers will also get tested," says Dr Christopher Linda, one of the founders of the father-run group. "Most don't have any knowledge of HIV or what it means for children, so we show them videos of how it is passed on. People come still attached to stigma. But at least they are starting to come into hospitals now. Health has for too long been a female issue."'

Is it me, or does it sound like they're really 're'-making it a female issue, *disguised* as a male one?

Guilty of rape, doesn't have to register as sex offender

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Answer here. You get two guesses as to the sex of the offender. The first guess doesn't count. This was a fairly brutal assault, by the way, with the perpetrator drugging the victim and inserting a foreign object into the victim's rectum while the victim was passed out, causing severe rectal bleeding.

'A 54-year-old Longmont woman accused of drugging and raping a male friend last year could spend up to five years behind bars after pleading guilty this afternoon to menacing and third-degree assault.

Janice McCarl will be sentenced Jan. 22. She faces prison and hefty fines but won’t have to register as a sex offender -- a result that the victim did not agree with, prosecutor Catrina Weigel said.

He "felt she should have to be required to register,” Weigel said.

McCarl’s case was scheduled to go to trial this week, but attorneys agreed to a plea deal at the last minute. If she had been convicted of sexual assault, McCarl could have been sentenced to up to 16 years in prison.'

ACFC Action Item: "Ever wonder who trains family court judges?"

Matt · 21 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Action item here. Excerpt:

'For those of you who have been through the family courts and wondered what just happened this email contains several resources judges use to determine whether or how much time you will have with your children. There are many good judges across the nation working to keep children and parents fully engaged with each other. On the other hand statistics continue to indicate Fathers are the parent overwhelmingly relegated to visitor, non-custodial or non-primary residential status even when that Father has joint legal and/or physical custody of the children and has been a 'hands on' fully engaged parent.

Our movement needs to be aware of an influential organization located in Reno, Nevada called the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). For the better part of the past 60 years NCJFCJ has provided training and programming material for family court judges. Their influence in family law and the courts is significant.'

Specific actions to take are listed at the end of the item on the ACFC web site.

Insightful essay on misleading gender and workplace violence stats in the MSM

Matt · 22 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Via Jeremy S. An oldie but a goodie, here. Excerpt:

'When reporting on gender issues, the media sometimes misrepresent statistics in a way that severely disfigures the reality of the sexes. Take Time magazine's report from some years ago comparing male and female victims of workplace violence. At the bottom of Time's archived page entitled "Odds & Trends" is what Darrell Huff, author of How to Lie with Statistics, would call a "statisticulation," the misinforming of people via statistical manipulation. Here is Time's statisticulation exactly as the magazine printed it:

> THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH ON THE JOB FOR WOMEN IS HOMICIDE. OF WOMEN FATALLY HURT AT WORK FROM 1980 TO 1985, 42% WERE MURDERED, 64% BY GUN. AMONG MEN, ACCIDENTS ARE THE TOP OCCUPATIONAL KILLER; HOMICIDES ACCOUNT FOR JUST 12%

Describing the men's homicide rate as "just 12%," Time completes its statisticulation, its lie that at work the sex facing the far greater murder risk is women.

To coax readers into accepting the lie as fact, Time first had to deceive them into thinking that as many workplace women are fatally hurt as men. It achieved that deception, at least to its own liking, by simply omitting the actual workplace homicide numbers.'

UK: 'Myth' of Mr Useless: Why women breadwinners exaggerate partner's faults

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Working women have long complained that their man doesn't pull his weight on household chores.

But his lack of effort on the domestic front could actually be a myth created by his partner, researchers have found.

According to a major study, female breadwinners exaggerate their partner's uselessness around the home because they feel guilty about devoting too much time to their career, and not enough to their role of wife and mother.

By nagging their man over his alleged shortcomings, women feel more feminine because they can control the traditionally female role of maintaining the home and family, experts say.

'Working women who provide the majority of the household's income continue to articulate themselves as the ones who "see" household messes and needs as a way to retain claim to an element of traditional female identity,' said Dr Rebecca Meisenbach, professor of communication at Missouri University.'

...

Professor Janet Reibstein, a psychologist and author, said: 'Our respect for our partner rests on whether they are fulfilling their gender expectations.

'Higher-earning women struggle to respect their low-paid men because social prejudice says that a man should keep his woman.'"

UK: Rise of male student support groups sparks row at British universities

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Story here. Excerpt:

'After decades of feminism, equal rights and "women-only" support networks, a lower, deeper voice is attempting to make itself heard at some of Britain's leading universities.

Male students are "manning-up", setting up men's groups to celebrate and explore the concept of masculinity amid accusations of sexism and gender stereotyping.

Manchester University has created the first official MENS Society – Masculinity Exploring Networking and Support – despite outrage from critics who claim the existence of such a group undermines women's ability to speak out for equality.
...
Detractors allege they are just a front for macho activities and beer-drinking marathons, but supporters insist they are essential as young men struggle to cope with the pressures of being a man in the modern world.
...
In Manchester, the MENS Society, which despite its name has women among its 306 members, claims it highlights not just masculinity issues, but also raises funds and awareness for men's mental health, testicular and prostate cancer as well as male rape and domestic violence issues.'

Wall Street Journal: The Continuing Feminist Experiment

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Article here. Penned in 1994, still a good read today. Excerpt:

'In any work that requires skill or confers status, men's jobs and women's jobs have been distinct and separate throughout all but the last few decades of history, in all cultures and civilizations. The belief that women's jobs and women's social status were always inferior to men's -- practically an article of faith today -- is a half-truth at best. Rather, men competed with men, women with women. In knowledge work today, however, men and women increasingly do the same jobs and are competing and working collegially in the same arena.

Historically, women have always worked as hard as men. A farmer had to have a wife. And a woman on the farm had to have a husband. Neither could run a farm alone. ...

But, historically, men and women did the same work only when it was menial. Men and women both dug ditches, and they worked together. Men and women both picked cotton in the fields. ...'

Ed. note: If you can't see the whole article due to the page saying you need to subscribe, you can see it here in the Google cache. (If the ancient Egyptians had just had Google, they wouldn't have worried so much about whether or not they would live forever in an afterlife not too different from the one here, for they would have known by example that indeed all was eternal. :)

UK: Women-only car insurance could be joined by women-only garages

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Story here. Excerpt:

'If women drivers get their way, then they might be able to visit women-only garages in the future, as well as taking out specific car insurance for women.

Female drivers have voted to show that they would like to see women-only garages, because the majority often feel intimidated or patronised when taking their car to the male-dominated arena of garages.

Research from women's car insurance provider Diamond, has found that a significant proportion of women would prefer to see women-only garages, and this also applies to buying a new car, where women said they also feel patronised and would prefer to buy a new car from a saleswoman than a man.
...
"However," she added, "garages still seem to be very much men's domain and can be intimidating for some women. Women only garages could make for a more comfortable experience."'

New Zealand: Teacher has baby with 17-year-old student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 17-year-old secondary school student and his 26-year-old female teacher had sex - and a baby - after bonding when putting the school yearbook together.

The teacher tried to stop the incident going public to protect her now two- year-old child, but it came to light on Friday when the disciplinary tribunal of the Teachers Council released a copy of its decision on the teacher's future.
...
The tribunal has not stripped the teacher of her registration. Instead, it has indefinitely suspended her practising certificate. Before she is allowed back into the classroom, the teacher must show she has addressed ethical and professional issues around power relationships between teachers and students.

The decision is not clear on whether the teacher and student are still romantically involved, saying only that they "maintain a relationship as a result of their joint parenting of the child".
...
The decision said the teacher had emphasised that the student was "very nearly eighteen".'

Football Upsets Increase Domestic Violence, Study Finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The study, by the economists David Card at Berkeley and Gordon B. Dahl at the University of California-San Diego, looked at police reports of family violence on Sundays during the professional football season. (An earlier, free version of the study is here.)

The researchers were interested in what happened when a home team suffered an upset, which they defined as losses in games that the home team had been predicted to win by more than 3 points.

After controlling for things like location and weather, they found that upset losses by the home team were associated with higher rates of domestic violence. In fact, an upset typically led to an 8 percent increase in police reports of at-home incidents where a man attacked a female partner. Upset losses in games involving a traditional rival had an even bigger effect on the rate of partner violence as did unexpected losses after games involving an unusual number of sacks, turnovers or penalties.'

RADAR ALERT: "First they ignore you, ..."

Matt · 23 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Two weeks ago, Slate.com's short-lived[1] publication "Double X" published an article by Kathryn Joyce entitled "Men's Rights' Groups Have Become Frighteningly Effective"[2].

This was not Slate.com's finest hour. One thing this article could never be accused of is objective reporting.

On Nov. 5th, the very same day the Double X article appeared, Salon.com's Broadsheet published an article by Judy Berman entitled *"'Men's rights' groups go mainstream"*[3] that adds no new information, and simply seems to be an effort to repeat the Double X article to Salon's readers.

Since the Double X article appeared there have been several analyses of its flaws, the most recent being Cathy Young's article in Forbes:

"Feminism should be about equality–for males too"[4] which says:

> "More than a quarter-century ago, British feminist philosopher Janet Radcliffe Richards wrote, 'No feminist whose concern for women stems from a concern for justice in general can ever legitimately allow her only interest to be the advantage of women.'
>
> Joyce's article is a stark example of feminism as exclusive concern with women and their perceived advantage, rather than justice or truth."

Canada: "In defence of white male students"

Anonymous · 24 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'...“The presidents of the major universities are very concerned we are not attracting young men in the numbers we should,” says Samarasekera, who worries about a loss of gender diversity in the future ranks of CEOs and judges. That was cause for concern when men outnumbered women, she argues—why not now? “We’ll wake up in 20 years and we will not have the benefit of enough male talent.”

The remarks didn’t sit well with some at the U of A. Derek Warwick, a women’s studies major, decided to respond—he and his friends plastered 300 posters mocking Samarasekera around campus. One, borrowing a motif from the 1958 flick Attack of the 50 Foot Woman, depicted a towering female student menacing the campus, with the tagline, “Women are attacking campus!”

Warwick was threatened with penalties ranging from probation to expulsion for distributing “malicious material.”'

UK: 'Men's groups are fine by me, sister'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Groups such as the MENS society (Masculinity Exploring Networking and Support) at the University of Manchester and Oxford University's MC-O (Man Collective-Oxford) have been caught in a maelstrom of feminist outrage. Here in Manchester, the MENS society has had just about everything thrown in its way to stop it being formalised as a society, from condemnatory letters from the NUS women's officer to a squabble over the suitability of its original name.

...

While, undoubtedly, there must still be concerns about how genuine the welfare-based aims of the MENS society and their Oxford brethren may prove to be, it seems that a whole lot of valuable feminist energy has been directed at prohibiting groups like these – and to what end? Now the MENS society is formally established (and making national headlines to boot), it seems that all that has been achieved is a rather soured relationship between those defending women's rights and those who would tackle enduring male stereotypes. Hardly a brick in the road to true gender equality.

...

...The fact that women are effectively legislated into assuming the role of primary carer by a lack of comprehensive paternity leave allowance is precisely the kind of issue that feminists and men's support groups should be tackling together. But that would be far too logical now, wouldn't it?'

U. of Kentucky feminist group seeks grant for new library

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Story here. Excerpt:

'As the university continues to diversify its field of studies for students, an organization hopes to assist with the addition of a new library on campus.

The UK Feminist Alliance is applying for a grant to create a gender studies library and resource center to be located in Student Center in the Center for Student Involvement.

The Feminist Alliance will be applying for a grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women in the spring, but they do not currently have funding for this project.

The president of the UK Feminist Alliance, Virginia Conn, said the library will be a significant addition to UK because it shows the university is committed to diversity. Conn said women are making up more of the workforce than ever before.

...

“Any effort that helps raise awareness about feminism and dispels stereotypes and misinformation, is something that I applaud and encourage,” Cooper said. “I also hope folks will be generous with their donations to the Feminist Alliance.”'

Letter to the editor: 'Important Information About The Male Foreskin'

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'The foreskin is a vital part of the penis which protects the glans, keeps it warm and moist, stops it becoming toughened and calloused [keratinized] as a result of constant abrasion on underwear and bed sheets and loosing most of its capacity to feel the normal sensations during intercourse.

The foreskin can be thought of as being in two parts: the outer foreskin is more or less an extension of the skin that covers the shaft of the penis whereas the inner foreskin is mucosal tissue and contains many of the specialized nerves that give pleasure during intercourse. The inner foreskin is a different color and when withdrawn over the shaft, as it is during intercourse, it covers between 30 and 90% of the penis. When considering the inner and outer foreskin it comprises approximately 90% of the skin of the penis and is a lot to have cut off.'

Also, another letter to the same paper, briefer and to the point.

More on the Gender Gap for SAT Math Test Scores

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A previous CD post showed that high school boys outperform high school girls for high SAT math test scores (see chart above, data here). For perfect 800 scores on the 2009 math SAT test, the ratio of boys to girls is 2.22 to 1 (6,928 to 3,124). What makes this outcome even more interesting are the following data from this SAT report from the College Board:

1. Girls are over-represented in the top 10% of high school students by GPA, which is 57% female and 43% male. Girl also outnumber boys in the second tenth of students by high school rank: 54% to 46%.
...
3. The average number of years of math study is almost identical: 3.9 years for boys and 3.8 years for girls.
...
5. Both 50% of boys and 50% of girls report that calculus is the highest level of high school mathematics taken.

6. More girls than boys took AP Honors math courses, by a ratio of 117 girls for every 100 boys.

Therefore, it would seem that girls are equally prepared, if not more prepared (more AP math classes), than boys for the SAT math test, and yet boys outperform girls measured both by the difference in mean scores (35 point difference in favor of boys) and the over-representation of boys for scores on the high end (2.22 to 1 ratio for perfect scores), and these differences persist over time.'

Players protest football's termination

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On Monday, those expectations were dashed. Roby announced Northeastern's decision to terminate the 74-year-old football program at his recommendation, effective immediately, at a press conference at Matthews Arena. Although Roby said issues of revenue were "irrelevant" in the decision-making process, he said he did not feel comfortable advising Northeastern to make a multi-million dollar investment necessary to turn the program around.
...
But while Roby said Northeastern would help current players make decisions about what to do next in their collegiate and athletic careers, many players said were visibly unhappy. About 30 players and fans gathered outside Cabot Gymnasium at a player-organized protest held three hours after the press conference, where players like Woody Romelus handed out flyers reading "Save NU Football" and questioned Roby's recommendation.
...
He referenced players like Kenny McAdow, a freshman linebacker from Ashburn, Va. who walked onto the team without a scholarship. McAdow, who is majoring in physical therapy, said he was told by head coach Rocky Hager that he would receive a scholarship before next season, but will not anymore.

"I just got out of a meeting with the coach because financial aid is a big issue for me, and there's nothing they can do," McAdow said. "I don't know if I can pay for school here. ... I don't know what I'm going to do."
...

Yaroslav Mukha, a sophomore offensive lineman from Philadelphia, said he thinks the money will not be going back into athletics and disagreed with what he saw as dishonesty on behalf of the university.

"Why promise us White Stadium, why promise us we were going to get a stadium on Columbus, why promise the kids that are coming in here as freshmen that they were going to definitely play out their careers here? Why should they treat us like we're not human beings?" Mukha said. "I feel like the least you could do is be honest with us. If there's a chance you're going to drop the program, tell us."'

Penn State Football Tickets Face Increase To Upgrade Women's Softball Field

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Penn State is scheduled to announce soon a new pricing structure that could significantly increase costs for season-ticket holders. The full details are not out yet, but according to several reports, members of the Nittany Lion Club will be required to make larger donations (some by as much as five times) to continue buying season tickets.

Head coach Joe Paterno, at one time Penn State's athletic director, was asked Tuesday about the prospect of raising ticket prices. He referenced how the football program, which took in $45.7 million in revenue during the 2008-09 season, is responsible for paying the freight for 28 other varsity sports.

"It's a lot different than when I was the athletic director," said Paterno said, who held the position from 1980-82. "Didn't have the impact it was now. We didn't have scholarships for all the women's sports. We didn't have to upgrade facilities. Right now we're going to build another softball field, a better softball field, for the women. And I think we should.'

Title IX suit targets KU men’s athletics

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Kansas University swimmer and member of the 1980 Olympic team has filed a Title IX complaint against the university, alleging that the school does not offer adequate competition for men.

The federal education department’s Office of Civil Rights will investigate the claim filed by Ron Neugent, who is now a dentist in Wichita.

He said he filed the complaint on Sept. 25, alleging that KU fails the three-pronged test required for Title IX compliance.

Jim Marchiony, KU associate athletic director, said he wouldn’t address any of the specific allegations raised in the complaint, but said that the athletics corporation hires a Title IX consultant who has raised no issues relating to compliance.'

Title IX under scrutiny and adversity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Title IX was enacted in 1972 to open up educational opportunities for high school and college females. The most significant part of Title IX was the impact it had on athletics, but the rule has resulted in the cancelling of sports at universities trying to comply with the rule.

There are three ways for universities to comply with Title IX. The first is to have athletic participation equal to enrollment, the second is to show continued program expansion towards the underrepresented sex and the third is to show they have satisfied interests of the underrepresented sex.

Universities have options to comply with Title IX but have chosen to cut programs. A report on ESPN.com in 2006 stated James Madison University cut 10 teams from their athletics, 7 men's teams and 3 women's, to comply with Title IX. West Virginia University has cut its men's track team. In 2009 Northern Iowa University was looking to cut costs. Due to the male- to-female athlete ratio they had to choose a men's sport, and baseball found itself on the chopping block. Marquette University cut their wrestling team. Wrestling, field hockey, swimming, track, lacrosse, sports like these are feeling the effects of Title IX.

Elaine Jacobs, associate athletic director at Youngstown State University, said the blame shouldn't be placed on women or the rule but rather the athletic directors and presidents of universities who continue to allow out of control spending on men's basketball and football.'

College News online: "Will Title IX be amended?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an investigation of admissions from liberal arts colleges, the U.S. Civil Rights Commission has reported that male enrollment in college has been low in recent years. The investigation shows that men are more likely than women to join the military, seek jobs in building trades or surprisingly, end up in prison.

The investigation is ongoing to “allow schools to discriminate against women to attract more male students.” The federal agency is making claim that the reason male enrollment is so low is because there are not enough chances to be an athlete.

Due to this, the CRC feels there needs to be a change in Title IX, which states that, “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

Leslie Brueckner, a lawyer with Public Justice, told Inside Higher Education that “Women should not be made to pay the price for the fact that fewer men are interested in seeking higher education.

“Surely, there are other ways to attract males to schools than to reinstate sex discrimination against women in sports.”'

South Africa: "Climate change: Are women the solution?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Johannesburg, South Africa - It is often asserted that climate change will affect women the most in the developing world. That's because most women will have to walk farther for drinking water, work harder to grow food, pull daughters out of school to help with family chores, and fuss more about family hygiene as the world – and particularly the developing world – becomes a hotter, drier place to live.

But women could also be the key agents of change that help countries to do a better job of preparing for climate change, and mitigating the damage.

That is the intriguing idea that comes out of a new report, issued Tuesday by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), at an Arab League summit held in Cairo this week.

"We cannot successfully confront climate change if we neglect the needs, rights, and potential of half the people on our planet," said Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, executive director of the UNFPA, last week at the launch of the UN's State of World Population 2009 report, which is getting a second push at the Arab League summit in Cairo.'

Student film examines modern meaning of "true masculinity"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In a campus full of "bros," "guys" and "dudes," it's increasingly difficult to define a true man and his role in society. Senior Daniel Sanchez tackled the challenge in his short film, "The Test of a Man," which debuted Tuesday evening in Peeler Auditorium.

...

Sanchez said he wanted to raise awareness about masculinity and the stereotypes men face in today's society.

...

Freshman Ifeoma Nwaedozie attended Tuesday's film screening and said he appreciated the topics raised by the film.

"I understand men's struggle and the burdens on their backs," Nwaedozie said, "but I wanted them to bring up black men and their children, and what these burdens have to do with it and why they leave so often."

Following the film was an open forum discussion involving the whole audience, where many new questions were posed about masculinity.'

Oprah: From daytime talkie host to softcore porn HBO-TV series producer in under a month

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I have resisted the urge to gloat-post over "Oprah" mercifully exiting public broadcast, but this is just too good to pass up. You go girl! Excerpt:

'Oprah Winfrey's getting her kink on with a steamy new cable series about a sexually curious LA housewife.

TV's touchy-feely daytime queen will get down and dirty with the HBO series, which revolves around a married woman who suddenly leaves her husband and kids to act out her secret fantasies in LA's seamy underbelly, according to Variety.

The news comes just days after Winfrey announced she's leaving her top-rated "Oprah Winfrey Show" in 2011 after 25 years to focus on her new cable network -- and endeavors like this one, taking her far afield from her goody-goody daytime image.

The HBO series (no title yet) will be produced by Winfrey's Harpo Productions and is being written by Erin Cressida Wilson -- who penned the 2002 steamfest "Secretary," about an S&M relationship between a lawyer (James Spader) and his secretary (Maggie Gyllenhaal).

"It's a very erotic mystery about . . . a woman and her secret desires that are, in fact, rather pure," Wilson told The Post yesterday.'

Seems the competition from the Internet as well as racier offerings is too much for The Big O to handle without going there, too. As I said in a previous comment, if it were not for the FCC, TV would be an endless stream of sports, food/shopping channels, and pornography. Hell, it practically is already!

US: 34.5 percent of young African American men are unemployed

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Article here. The title is of course something far-less gender-specific: "Blacks hit hard by economy's punch". And of course, we need to place black and white men at odds with one another in the reporting, too. Excerpt:

'The jobless rate for young black men and women is 30.5 percent. For young blacks -- who experts say are more likely to grow up in impoverished racially isolated neighborhoods, attend subpar public schools and experience discrimination -- race statistically appears to be a bigger factor in their unemployment than age, income or even education. Lower-income white teens were more likely to find work than upper-income black teens, according to the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University, and even blacks who graduate from college suffer from joblessness at twice the rate of their white peers.

Young black women have an unemployment rate of 26.5 percent, while the rate for all 16-to-24-year-old women is 15.4 percent.
...
Unemployment among young people is particularly troubling, economists say, because the consequences can be long-lasting. This might be the first generation that does not keep up with its parents' standard of living. Jobless teens are more likely to be jobless twenty-somethings. Once forced onto the sidelines, they likely will not catch up financially for many years. That is the case even for young people of all ethnic groups who graduate from college.
...

Some studies examining how employers review black and white job applicants suggest that discrimination may be at play.

"Black men were less likely to receive a call back or job offer than equally qualified white men," said Devah Pager, a sociology professor at Princeton University, referring to her studies a few years ago of white and black male job applicants in their 20s in Milwaukee and New York. "Black men with a clean record fare no better than white men just released from prison."'

"The Lambert double-standard" is coined

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By now many of you have heard that Adam Lambert, a (formerly) rising pop star, has gotten into major trouble with his handlers, financiers, publicists, and the public by planting a kiss on a male keyboardist during the Sunday night (Nov. 22, 2009) American Music Awards show. (The video can be watched here, at a non-US video site. It had been on YouTube, but was pulled after the producer of the awards show objected and the moral objections became too loud even for the YouTube operators to bear.)

Undoubtedly, and it is too bad I even feel I have to do this, some readers will think I am endorsing his actions as such or in particular that it was a same-sex kiss between men. The answer to that is no. I am not interested in watching guys kiss each other. What bothers me about this hullabaloo is that the double-standard here regarding not just the public's reaction but the media's reaction is glaring.

Many of us will remember the woman-on-woman kisses given by Madonna to not one but two other female pop stars at the 2003 MTV Awards Show. (Unlike the Lambert video, video clips of Madonna kissing the other women are still on YouTube. No one seems to mind that.) The cries of objection, the accusations of outrage, the demands for legal action, apologies, explanation, etc., etc. were entirely absent back in 2003. Maybe a few small voices said that this was not acceptable on a TV show wherein she should have known small children were likely to be watching. Overall though, people who style themselves as religious, and those who say they are not, all seemed mute. Yet a man does something far less overt and far less sexually-charged and well, it's a crime.

My feeling is this: If you are on a show like this, you should not be grabbing people and planting kisses on them, or doing other things, that would cause a child under a certain age to say "Mommy/Daddy, what was that he/she just did?" If it airs any time before 10 PM, maybe 11 PM, it ought to be "clean". However if such behavior is deemed permissible for women, either by our lack of objections to it or our encouragement of it by our attention and watching habits, then it must also be permissible for men.

Convicted murderess allegedly stabbed boyfriend's ex 18 times

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman once convicted of killing her lover's mate is accused of striking again, this time stabbing her current boyfriend's ex as many as 18 times and then leaving her to die.

Patricia Crowl, 55, is facing an attempted first degree murder charge after she allegedly lured Jamie Checkos to a vacant Seattle parking lot and then brutally attacked her last week.

Checkos is the former lover of Crowl's boyfriend Leonard Jackson.

When investigators began looking in the suspect's background what they found astonished them. Crowl had been convicted of a "remarkably similar" crime in 1997.

Crowl pleaded guilty to charges of murder in the second degree after she beat her then-boyfriend's girlfriend, Shawn Beatrice Wallace, to death. According to court documents, she admitted to "hitting the victim over the head with a wrench, strangling her to death, and then disposing the body.
...
Crowl served nine of her 13 year sentence and was released from prison in 2006.'

The Japan Times: Every husband a potential 'abuser'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Before the Christopher Savoie case hit the news, Japanese commentators on the Hague Convention on international parental child abduction had already begun fretting over the completely unsubstantiated assertion that "almost all" instances of children being brought to Japan involve a Japanese mother fleeing from an abusive foreign father. Would Japan signing the convention result in them being sent back? they asked. This is not an unreasonable concern, though I doubt any of these commentators would go so far as to approve of foreign parents taking children out of Japan to escape an abusive Japanese spouse.
...
The problem is that Japanese courts and other governmental agencies appear to deal with domestic violence by applying two simple rules of thumb: that domestic violence is only committed by men against women and children, and that almost any conduct (by men) constitutes domestic violence.'

Salon: 'Fatherhood isn't in the genes'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A man is supposed to take care of his children. If he gets a woman pregnant, he's expected to step up and take responsibility. But what if that man discovers that the child he thought was his own -- the kid he read to, cuddled and tucked in at night -- is another man's? Then who is responsible for the kid -- the biological father or the nurturing adoptive dad? That is the quandary increasingly being raised by DNA tests. As Ruth Padawer writes in a fascinating cover story for the upcoming New York Times Magazine, the rise of paternity tests -- bought on the cheap online or at local drug stores -- have revealed "just how murky society's notions of fatherhood actually are.
...
"I pay child support to a biologically intact family," Mike says. "How ridiculous is that?" Pretty ridiculous when you consider that Rob gets to live with L. and play the role of papa; and Mike only gets to see her on the weekend. As vexing as this case is, though, we hardly want courts to devalue the unbreakable bond that can develop even in relationships without genetic ties. At some point, DNA can become rather irrelevant. The truth is that Mike's utter adoration of L. jumps off the page; he is a doting, indulgent father. L., now 11 years old, still sees him as her daddy and he wants it to remain that way -- he just doesn't want to pay child support to the woman who cruelly cuckolded and defrauded him.'

Ed. note: Mike L.'s case is also mentioned in this NY Times Magazine article dated Nov. 17, 2009. Nice to see any part of the NY Times taking up an issue from the POV of men who have been shafted by "The System".

Australia: Boys face compulsory feminism programs in state schools across Victoria

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BOYS face compulsory feminism programs in state schools across Victoria in a major push to prevent violence against females.

Possible classroom activities include students acting out scenes of sexual coercion after which students would suggest more appropriate behaviour.
...
The report says programs for all students should start at primary level and be reinforced across all year levels in subjects including drama, English, science and sport.

They would combat common attitudes among boys such as young women are either "good girls or sluts", the report said.

It said feminist theories were best at explaining the link between gender power relations and violence against women, and must underpin the programs.

But the authors of the "Respectful Relationships Education" report admitted there was considerable community hostility to feminism, even among teachers and students.

"However, a feminist conceptual framework is essential both to reflect research on violence in relationships and families and to anchor the political commitments of the program," they said.

Australian Family Association spokesman John Morrissey said boys were already getting feminised education due to the falling number of male teachers in schools. "I'm sceptical if boys will respond to it if it is dressed up in feminist language and ideology," he said.

"Strident feminist propaganda won't wash with boys."'

MND: Activists in India launch 16-day campaign against globalized feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Radical feminist groups across the globe have declared a war against men, boys, marriage and family. Enormous sponsorship from various Governments and the United Nations not only provides legitimacy to this war, but also serves to drown the voices of reason trying hard to be heard.

...

Through our campaign, we wish to:

1. Spread awareness on the perils of radical feminist ideologies
2. Emphasize harmonious gender relations
3. Protest discrimination and abuse of men and children in the name of women's rights
4. Advocate equal protection for men, women and children from all forms of violence
   Condemn all gender biased laws
5. Condemn male bashing and stereotyping of men
6. Promote gender equality in all walks of life
7. Protest the export of weapons of family destruction
8. Promote family harmony
9. Promote respect and justice for genuine victims of violence

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Please stay tuned and visit the web site http://aimwa.in/ frequently for updates!

UK: It's time for Men's Lib: Why we're witnessing the beginning of a men's movement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We are witnessing the beginnings of a men's movement, with newly-formed groups of young men who have set out to find answers to the vexing question of how modern men are supposed to behave.

Two such groups have recently announced their existence and their purpose.

At Manchester University, there is MENS Society - Masculinity Exploring Network and Support.

Ben Wild, who's a history and politics student, has set up the group because he feels young men find it hard to live up to an idealised masculine role.

By that, I suspect he means it's not every guy who can shine on the rugby field, bring home top quality bacon and change a nappy, while rustling up a cordon bleu dinner and ironing a pristine shirt.

The truth is that, in 2009, men are every bit as as oppressed by unrealistic expectations and outdated stereotypes as women.'

UK: Facebook sex teacher jailed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A FEMALE religious education teacher was jailed for 32 months today for having sex with a teen pupil she seduced on Facebook.

Mum-of-two Madeleine Martin, 39, admitted having an eight-day long sexual relationship with the 15-year-old in February.

Martin — who taught at a school in Greater Manchester — bought the lad gifts including a mobile phone and arranged for the pair to get tattoos together, a court heard.

They soon embarked on a sordid affair — driving to remote car parks and meeting at Martin's home for sex.

Martin, who is divorced with two teenage daughters, set up a Facebook account under a fake name to stop the relationship being discovered, the court was told.

A "mutual decision" by Martin and the boy ended the relationship in February — but two months later the teen told his parents who went to the police.

Jennifer Birch, prosecuting, told the court the teenager has since quit school because he "suffered taunting".'

Australia: Teacher Michelle Lynn Dennis jailed for 'sex' with boys

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Story here. Excerpt;

'A FEMALE music teacher who had sex with two students sobbed today as she was sentenced to more than four years jail.

Michelle Lynn Dennis, 33, had betrayed the trust of the students and shown little remorse, the Ballarat County Court heard.

Judge Susan Cohen said the Ballarat teacher's offending had been worse than that of Karen Ellis because she had sex with more than one student.

In 2005, Karen Ellis, a physical education teacher, was convicted of having sex with a student and jailed for two years and two months.

Dennis pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual penetration of a child under her care, supervision or authority and one count of sexual penetration of a child under 16.

Dennis denied the crimes until the day of her scheduled trial.'

UK: Anger over women-only shortlists

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Story here. Excerpt:

'There was anger and dismay today after the Labour Party forced women-only shortlists on both the Wigan and Makerfield seats.

Against the majority of local members' wishes, a selection panel from the National Executive Committee insisted that positive discrimination was the way forward in the neighbouring constituencies.

...

One Wigan party member who declined to be named said: "This is scandalous, sexist and a big blow to democracy.

"We should be able to pick from all the available candidates purely on merit, not restrict ourselves because of their gender."

There was also puzzlement that the NEC had insisted on all-women lists in Wigan, Makerfield and several other constituencies, but had allowed open lists in Warrington South and Derby North.

A Makerfield Labour Party member said: "We can understand the need to increase the number of female MPs, but why have two all female lists in constituencies next door to each other while others are given a free hand?"'

Harriet Harman's costly Equality Bill won't do anything for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dogma is the salient characteristic of Labour's Equality Bill, the showpiece of last week's Queen's Speech and the special concern of Harriet Harman, the Leader of the House of Commons and Minister for Women and Equality.

Let's start with the problem that the Bill's provisions are meant to solve. Miss Harman insists that it is necessary in order to fight discrimination. Her primary example is the pay gap between men and women: the latter, on average, earn 26 per cent less than the former. But her conclusion – that this shows that women are being unfairly discriminated against – simply does not follow.

The Government's own figures show that discrimination is not the explanation for the pay gap. Surveys by the Office for National Statistics show that women aged between 22 and 29 are, on average, paid slightly more per hour than men. The critical factor that explains lower pay is not that women are discriminated against by sexist employers, but that they have children to care for. Women with one dependent child earn on average 12.3 per cent less than men, and women with four or more dependent children earn 35.5 per cent less.'

Australia: Call for women-only cabs in Top End

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TERRITORY women of all ages want a female-only taxi service like the fleet of pink taxis launched in Mexico this month to be introduced in Darwin.

Thirty-five pink taxis driven by women to cater exclusively for female passengers have been introduced in the Mexican city of Puebla to cater for women tired of leering male drivers.

Each cab comes with a beauty kit, a GPS system and an alarm button.

And they refuse to stop for male passengers.

The idea has been catching on in cities from Moscow to Dubai.

And Darwin teenagers Corina Reid, Karlee Truscott and Abbie Burke say the NT capital should be the next place on the list to take up the initiative.'

Ed. note: Article dated Oct. 31, 2009, but better late than never.

Another light-hearted humorous report on female-on-male violence

Proud_to_be_a_man · 26 November 2009 · Archived copy · Original

The headline 'Shredding Tackle' for those not in the UK is a feeble pun on 'wedding tackle' (i.e., a man's genitalia). Story here. Excerpt:

'A JEALOUS mum has been quizzed by cops - for allegedly ripping out her lover's testicles.

"Helen Hodge, 34, was accused of mangling Billy Duncan's privates with her bare hands after accusing him of cheating on her."
...
"A police source said: "The officers who dealt with it have never seen anything like it. A few of the guys were crossing their legs when word spread."'

Hilarious huh?

France to ban 'psychological violence' in marriage

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Story here.

'PARIS — France is to pass a law banning "psychological violence within the couple" and study the idea of tagging violent partners to prevent them stalking their victims, the government said Wednesday.

Prime Minister Francois Fillon announced the measures in a speech to mark the United Nations' tenth International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, promising legislation in the first half of nest year.

"It's an important step forward: the creation of this offence will allow us to deal with the most insidious situations, situations that leave no visible scars, but which leave their victims torn up inside," he said.

"And we are going to experiment with electronic surveillance measures on the Spanish model to monitor the effectiveness of restraining orders against a violent spouse," he added.

Spanish judges now have the power to force convicted a wife-beater to wear a watch-sized electronic bracelet that triggers an alarm if he gets too close to his former victim and gives her a chance to call the police.

Since June, 58 men have been tagged and police have been called 222 times.

Last year, 157 French women were killed by their husband or partner.'

TMZ.com reporting Tiger Woods assaulted by his wife during argument

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Story here. When it first broke yesterday on TMZ.com, there was some equivocation about the details. However as of Nov. 28 at 12:08 AM, they are reporting that they have a witness that says Woods stated his injuries were caused by his wife, and that her smashing his car windows was not to assist him after the crash, but to express her anger. Story:

'Tiger Woods did not suffer facial lacerations from a car accident. They were inflicted by his wife, Elin Nordegren -- according to a conversation Woods had Friday after the accident.

Tiger has yet to be formally interviewed by the Florida Highway Patrol -- that should happen this afternoon. But we're told Tiger had a conversation Friday -- with a non-law enforcement type -- detailing what went down before his Escalade hit a fire hydrant.

We're told he said his wife had confronted him about reports that he was seeing another woman. The argument got heated and, according to our source, she scratched his face up. We're told it was then Woods beat a hasty retreat for his SUV -- but according to our source, Woods says his wife followed behind with a golf club. As Tiger drove away, she struck the vehicle several times with the club.

Wall Street Journal: The Jobless Gender Gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The unemployment rate for men, 11.4%, based on seasonally adjusted data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, outpaces the rate for women, 8.8%. We now have the largest jobless gender gap since tracking became possible in 1948. The gap reached its previous peak, 2.5 points, in 1967 and 1978. Today's gap has exceeded that for three months. It's endured at two points or above for an unprecedented length, eight months and counting.

As of the end of October, the U.S. had lost 7.3 million jobs in this Great Recession. Men account for 5.3 million of that loss. The shift is so dramatic that women now constitute 49.9% of the work force and will soon outnumber men.

So some have come to call this downturn the "he-cession." And yet, for all its unprecedented scope and nature, the limited attention and passive response it has received are remarkable. Imagine the outcry if women amounted to roughly three in four lost jobs in this recession.'

Top 20 Unfortunate Lessons Girls Learn From "Twilight"

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Article here. Is it a suprise that so many young women have a bad boy complex? Excerpt:

'From a male point of view, the only redeeming feature of the Twilight books and movies is the ammunition they provide against female claims of innate moral superiority over men.

Whenever a woman criticizes a man's lust, aggression, shallowness or any other lesser angel of his personality, the quick-witted fellow can point to the millions of women addicted to the base, insipid, bad-boy-worshiping, misogynist syrup so many female viewers of all ages knelt to this past weekend, when The Twilight Saga: New Moon raked in $147 million at the box office, setting several records.

In the spirit of speaking truth to diamond-skinned power, enjoy this list of unfortunate lessons girls learn from Twilight. (The list operates under the principle that any grownup female who embraces Twilight's junior-high dreck temporarily sacrifices her "victim card.")

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1. If a boy is aloof, stand-offish, ignores you or is just plain rude, it is because he is secretly in love with you — and you are the point of his existence.
2. Secrets are good — especially life-threatening ones.
3. It's OK for a potential romantic interest to be dimwitted, violent and vengeful — as long as he has great abs.
4. If a boy tells you to stay away from him because he is dangerous and may even kill you, he must be the love of your life. You should stay with him since he will keep you safe forever.
5. If a boy leaves you, especially suddenly (while telling you he will never see you again), it is because he loves you so much he will suffer just to keep you safe.
6. When a boy leaves you, going into shock, losing all your friends and enduring night terrors are completely acceptable occurrences — as long as you keep your grades up.
7. It is extremely romantic to put yourself in dangerous situations in order to see your ex-boyfriend again. It's even more romantic to remember the sound of his voice when he yelled at you.

India: Of runaway wives & harassed husbands

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Since India has not signed the Hague Convention, courts here have not really been enforcing judgments of foreign courts," said senior advocate Pinky Anand, who represented complainant V. Ravi Chandran, on whose petition the Supreme Court ordered the CBI to trace his son and former wife in India.
...
"India has been used as a haven or a refuge where you could defeat the law. Moreover, dowry laws are peculiar to the Indian legal system," said Anand. "Hopefully, this judgement would pave the way for foreign judgements to be enforced in India."

The Canadian High Commission told HT that its "consular officers at the department of foreign affairs and international trade and in India were currently managing 23 child custody, child abduction and child welfare cases".'

UK: Free healthcare in works for all nations in the UK Commonwealth-- for women and children

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Commonwealth countries are expected to make a landmark agreement on universal healthcare for almost one-third of the world's population, including free health care for women and children.

The agreement, reached at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Trinidad and Tobago, comes after Prime Minister Gordon Brown's call at the United Nations in September for all developing countries to remove fees for healthcare, starting with services for women and children.

Britain will provide an additional £5 million for charities and non-governmental organisations to promote free health services for women and children in those Commonwealth countries where fees present the biggest barrier to treatment, on top of the £400 million that the UK already spends on improving health services in the 53-nation grouping.'

Men never get ill or injured, of course...

Woods on crash: 'This situation is my fault'

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Story here. How could a woman pull a 200-lb man out of a car? Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Pro golfer Tiger Woods says he bears sole responsibility for an early-morning car accident, but state police said he has canceled a Sunday interview with investigators looking into the crash.

In a statement issued Sunday afternoon on his Web site, Woods offered no details of his Friday-morning wreck outside his Windermere, Florida, home except to say he suffered cuts and bruises and was "pretty sore."

"This situation is my fault, and it's obviously embarrassing to my family and me," he said. "I'm human and I'm not perfect. I will certainly make sure this doesn't happen again."

In his statement, Woods praised his wife, Elin Nordegren, whom he said "acted courageously when she saw I was hurt and in trouble." Nordegren told police she used a golf club to break out the rear window of the vehicle, then pulled Woods from the SUV after she heard the accident from inside their home.'

Opinion: Agencies should promote circumcision to help prevent AIDS

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recent headlines announced a new AIDS vaccine that was said to show great promise. It was tested in Thailand and found to have a modest effect, 31 percent, on decreasing the acquisition of HIV. Within two weeks it was found that faulty statistical methods were used, and the findings are now in question.

A previous AIDS vaccine by Merck was removed from the market two years ago when it was found that not only was the drug ineffective, but in some cases it actually increased the chance of getting HIV.

Since 1989, multiple attempts have been made to develop an effective AIDS vaccine at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars. All have failed, as the virus mutated and became resistant. As these futile attempts continued, 25 million men, women and children died of AIDS, mostly in Africa, but tens of thousands in the United States.'

Ed. note: Wikipedia entry here on the author of this article. He has an "About" entry on his web site here. Based on this PR release, he can be contacted at edschoen-at-gmail.com

Radio Fiji article: 'Men mostly ignorant'

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Article here.

'Males are more likely to be involved in high risk activity such as unprotected sex, abuse of alcohol, multiple partners and low acceptance of condom use.

This is the reason why a greater male population is infected with HIV than women according to the National Advisor on Family Health, Dr Josaia Samuela.

Initiation rites such as scarification, group circumcision, group tattooing and homosexual activity in many Pacific Island nations pose increased risks to HIV transmission.'

UK: Circumcising boys for religious reasons 'could breach Human Rights Act'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Dr David Shaw, lecturer in ethics at Glasgow University, argues that circumcising boys for no medical reason is unethical.

He wrote in the journal Clinical Ethics that any doctor who does perform circumcision without a medical reason could be guilty of negligence and in breach of the Human Rights Act as the child cannot consent to the operation and it can be argued it is not in their best interests.

Dr Shaw wrote: "Imagine a situation where two adherents of a minority religion ask their doctor to pull off their son's thumbnails, as this is part of the religion in which they want to bring up their son.

"The pain will be transient, and the nails will grow back, but the parents claim that it is an important rite of passage. I think it is reasonable to say that the doctor would send them packing.'

UK: Alleged false rape claim woman in court

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Story here.

'A WOMAN who allegedly falsely claimed she was raped at a Hampshire beauty spot has appeared in court for the first time.

Gemma Mann is charged with perverting the course of justice in relation to an alleged incident at Royal Victoria Country Park in Netley on November 14, which sparked a largescale police investigation.

Yesterday, the 24-year-old, of St Clements Way, Bishopdown, Salisbury, attended a preliminary hearing at Southampton Magistrates' Court.

No plea was entered and Mann was released on unconditional bail until December 3, when she is due to appear at Southampton Crown Court.'

UK: Poor boys 'turned into criminals' at school

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a damning report, it was claimed thousands of white British and black Caribbean boys from the poorest backgrounds were being consigned to a “lifetime of crime, drugs and prison” after being failed at school.

The report blamed the “ideological fads” of the left-wing educational establishment.
...
In its annual report, the watchdog said that a “stubborn core” of poor teaching was holding back progress at thousands of schools and warned of a persistent gap between rich and deprived pupils.
...
“Effective ways of teaching children to read have been replaced by a system which completely fails those who find reading most difficult. ...

“Standards of discipline have collapsed. The curriculum has been destroyed. Competitive sports have been run down. An acceptance of failure and a lack of aspiration is found in too many schools.”

It added: “The tragedy is that we are turning large numbers of potentially decent young men into misfits and criminals… The failure in our schools falls hardest on them. It condemns them to a life time of crime, drugs and prison and to seeing their own children also fail.”'

Wanda Sykes Fills In The Blanks On Tiger Woods

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Wanda Sykes has a theory about what happened during the Tiger Woods incident. The bottom line? Tiger Woods was most likely a victim of domestic violence after his wife found out about his infidelity. It would be funny if it wasn't true. The video is here.

UK: School lessons to tackle domestic violence outlined

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Every school pupil in England is to be taught that domestic violence against women and girls is unacceptable, as part of a new government strategy.

Under the plans, from 2011 children will be taught from the age of five how to prevent violent relationships.

And next year, two helplines will be set up to deal with sexual violence and stalking and harassment.

The charity Refuge has welcomed the move but parents' groups questioned the government's interference.
...

Domestic Violence Calls Rise on Thanksgiving?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SALT LAKE CITY - Take some forced family togetherness, the stress of the holidays, a little alcohol in some cases and you've got a recipe that can sometimes end up in family violence.

Police say they deal with family fights every Thanksgiving.

"It becomes an emotional time for all, and it's a stressful time in certain ways," Ogden Police Lt. Scott Conley said.

Ogden police said that on Thanksgiving, they get a lot of calls about child custody disputes between bitter parents.

"We become the mediator over some disagreement or disorderly conduct of using the child against one another," Conley told Fox 13 News.

A recent study by researchers at the University of California at Berkeley and UC San Diego documented police calls about partner violence, taking note of particular holidays. They found a 22-percent increase on Thanksgiving; a 17-percent increase on Christmas; a 32-percent spike on New Year's Eve; and a 28-percent hike on the Fourth of July, among other holidays.

The study, paid for by a grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's major finding was an 8-percent increase in partner violence as a result of an upset loss in an NFL football game. The study's results didn't surprise Sheila Richins, the director of the Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter in Davis County.

"It's like, get angry and kick the dog but the dog isn't here, so we'll kick our wife instead," she told Fox 13 News.'

Woman in jail as 17-lb. 3-YO boy fights for survival

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'His mother is in jail, and his protector is the state. His home is a hospital, and his health is nearly as fragile as the day he landed in the ER at Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital.

Weighing just 17 pounds, 3-year-old Kayvon Lewis arrived in the emergency room last month extremely malnourished, dehydrated and at risk of heart failure and liver damage. He can neither walk nor talk. He is blind and suffers seizures, sometimes five a day.

His mother, authorities say, was starving him to death, a form of child abuse so rare that doctors almost never see it.

About 200 children each year die from abuse and neglect in Texas. Kayvon escaped death by a thread.

And as is often the case, a lengthy list of people knew about the boy's eroding condition, but failed to intervene.

“The care Kayvon was given was pathetic,” said Gary Polland, the attorney appointed to represent Kayvon at court after ER physicians had the boy taken into temporary custody by Texas Child Protective Services.'

Woman gets 22-to-life for child abuse, murder

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'Visalia - 24-year-old Nancy Ortiz cried as superior court judge Joseph Kalashian sentenced her to 15 years to life in prison, for the murder of her own baby, named Angelita by the community.

And he added another seven years for felony child abuse charges.

Ortiz will have to spend 22 years in prison before she could be considered for parole.

The judge called the crimes "callous."

"There were three babies that were abandoned. One of them succumbed to the conditions of the abandonment. This was an egregious case that warranted the sentence," said prosecutor Janet Wise.

Ortiz was convicted of second-degree murder, and three county of child abandonment.'

Fay Weldon: Feminism has made women into wage slaves, just like men

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'Feminism has turned many women into unhappy "wage-slaves", with only the better-off able to cope with the exhausting nature of modern life, according to author Fay Weldon.

The novelist, a pioneer of the feminist movement, said the sexual revolution of the Sixties ended the requirement for women to provide "sexual, childcare and cooking services".

However, there were many drawbacks, not least the effect that the demands of feminism had placed on working women, she told the Richmond Book Now Festival.

"The downside of feminism is that women are now expected to go out to work, which some women would rather do than looking after the children anyway," she said.

"Once it was only the men who were wage-slaves, and now it's the men and the women too. You know, I'd really rather blame capitalism.

"Probably 20 per cent of women are worse off and the enormous number are better off.
...
She added: "I was never a good feminist. I never lived by my principles. It was a fib. I've sort of always been married. I had husbands and I picked up socks but actually, as my husband points out, he picks up the socks in real life."

Weldon held up Katie Price, the former glamour model Jordan, as a positive role model.

"It depends what you think the function of women is. If it's to look good, then she's fine. If it's to make a lot of money, then she's fine.'

UK: The march of the new feminists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'They are the Topshop generation: young girls more used to partying than protesting; keener on women's looks than women's lib. But now they have had enough. A new wave of feminists, some still in their teens, are putting the struggle for women's rights back on the agenda for the first time in a decade.

The feminist resurgence has spawned a flurry of new blogs, magazines, books, societies, conferences and protest marches – and this time dungarees are out.

On university campuses, women's groups are thriving once more, while hundreds of women each month are joining new feminist networks in cities from Birmingham and Manchester to Glasgow and London.

The old-school Fawcett Society, which dates back to the suffragists, has seen its membership jump by 25 per cent in the past 12 months and the number of its newsletter subscribers double; while earlier this month, more than 2,000 women took to London's streets to "Reclaim the Night" from the men who make them unsafe. ...
...
Kat Banyard, the Fawcett Society's campaigns director and author of The Equality Illusion, due out in March, said: "The mainstreaming of the sex industry has been the biggest catalyst [for the resurgence]. It's brought sex on to the high street. The bottom line is there is a need for feminist activism, despite the gains that have been made."

Campaigners such as Object's Anna van Heeswijk are already notching up victories. An amendment to the Police and Crime Bill was passed earlier this month that will help to halt the sex industry's proliferation on to the high street. "Next year could be the year that we reclaim the F-word for what it is, one of the world's most important movements for social justice," Ms van Heeswijk added.'

MND: The Myth of Women's Oppression

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'Forty some odd years ago, feminists bellowed their way into mainstream attention, launching a major offensive on what they called a patriarchal system that had oppressed women for centuries.

Painting women as downtrodden and powerless, they railed against men with the missionary zeal of abolitionists and with largely the same message.

In short, women were slaves and men were their masters. They demanded liberation and have been making demands every since.

They did a magnificent job of pitching all this. That could be a testament to the inherent truth in their ideas. Or it might be something else, like the fact that they already had so much power that few were willing to question anything they said in the first place.'

Soccer hair-pulling fuels debate over sport sexism

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'NEW YORK — The vicious hair-pulling of an opponent was inexcusable. But prominent advocates of women's sports say that so, too, has been much of the commentary generated by the popular video of college soccer player Elizabeth Lambert's combative tactics in a recent game.

"Catfight" has been a term commonly used in cyberspace reactions to the video clip now seen by millions of people around the world. One Web site ran a poll: "Do you find violent women sexy?" Some bloggers — lapsing into old stereotypes — suggested Lambert's menstrual cycle was a factor.

"It's clearly sexist," said Terry O'Neill, president of the National Organization for Women, as she assessed the overall reaction to Lambert's rough play in a Nov. 5 game between her New Mexico team and Brigham Young.

"It's obvious there are still some people in this country who just can't accept that women want to play sports, and sometime sports get rough."'

"Another 101 Fact: There is no such thing as reverse sexism"

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'Something that I often get asked is “aren’t feminists just being reversely sexist?” or “isn’t feminism just reverse sexism?” No, and no. There is no such thing as reverse sexism. First of all, let’s establish a working definition of sexism: Just like how racism = power + prejudice based on skin color, sexism = power + prejudice based on gender. When talking about the various forms of oppression, many people often confuse prejudice with the ism. From Failure to Communicate:

> That “+ power” portion of the equation is one of the most important parts. This is not to say that the disenfranchised cannot be prejudiced, because many of them are, but without power, they are not actually working within the systematic framework of advantage created by the majority to privilege themselves.

Therefore, a person who does not exist with the necessary institutionalized power and privilege of belonging to a dominant in-group, cannot be racist, sexist, ableist, etc. Women can certainly be prejudiced or discriminatory against men (which is not acceptable either) but they cannot be sexist or “reverse sexist” simply because they lack the institutional power to systematize their prejudice against men.
...
Therefore, claiming that feminists, feminism and Women’s Studies are all practicing or embodying “reverse sexism” is a mere silencing technique to further legitimize the status quo and to further normalize patriarchal oppression in society. It is a way to deny marginalized groups access to and membership in hegemonic institutions. It is a way to deny them any contributions to the construction and perpetuation of dominant discourses and ideology in society.'

Police say they'll investigate Tiger Woods' accident without his input

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'Windermere, Florida (CNN) -- State police in Florida said Monday they will continue investigating a single-vehicle crash involving pro golfer Tiger Woods.

On Sunday, Woods canceled for the third time a meeting between himself and investigators to get his side of what happened early Friday when he pulled out of his driveway in his Orlando neighborhood about 2:25 a.m. in a 2009 Cadillac SUV and struck a fire hydrant, then a tree.

Woods suffered minor injuries. In a statement issued Sunday afternoon on his Web site, Woods offered no details of his wreck except to say he had cuts and bruises and was "pretty sore."
...
"We have been informed by the Florida Highway Patrol that further discussion with them is both voluntary and optional," said Woods' agent Mark Steinberg, in a written statement. "Although Tiger realizes that there is a great deal of public curiosity, it has been conveyed to FHP that he simply has nothing more to add and wishes to protect the privacy of his family."
...
"If we're unable to meet with him, we'll move on with our investigation," Montes said. But she called the delays "very unusual, because it's such a minor accident."'

UK: 'End of nuclear family' forecast

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The nuclear family is breaking down as children are increasingly raised by relations other than their parents, a government-backed parenting group says.

The Family and Parenting Institute says grandparents, aunts and uncles are helping out more as parents struggle to cope with marital breakdown and work.

One in four children is now brought up in a one-parent household, the vast majority of which are led by mothers.

Soon there would be no typical family model, the institute suggested.
...
And while mothers' employment is up, single mothers with children under five are the least likely to be working with employment rates 28% lower than for mothers who live as part of a couple.

Shadow education spokesman David Willetts says: "The long-term commitment of two adults to each other so they can raise their children together is not going the way of the bowler hat or Woolworths.

"It is wrong to misinterpret specific social changes such as most women being in paid work and the growing role of grandparents, as meaning that the so-called nuclear family is disappearing when it is not."'

Carey Roberts: Justice official gives thanks for bias and bigotry

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'Last week we were jolted with the news that the global warming crisis is a hoax, an ideologically-driven scam based on data that have been routinely doctored, selectively presented, and when necessary, furtively disposed of.

But there's another global disinformation campaign that is still going strong. It's called the Cult of Domestic Violence. This ruse threatens the very foundation of American society: the traditional family.

This past Thursday Catherine Pierce, acting director of the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women, issued a Thanksgiving message — now that sounds comforting, doesn't it?

Ms. Pierce called for "a national conversation about violence against women and teen dating abuse. The Department of Justice will also dedicate this day to talk about ways to end the violence against women and girls that pervades every community in America."
...
And on Tuesday December 1, WETV will be airing its latest installment of Secret Lives of Women. The promo reads, "The fact is however, that more than a third of all DA [domestic abuse] cases feature males as victims, and even that number is considered low due to the relatively low reporting of these cases by men who are ashamed and afraid to do so."

Maybe we should all encourage OVW director Catherine Pierce to tune in: Catherine.Pierce-at-usdoj.gov. The last thing our families need is half-baked holiday greetings foisted upon us by self-serving government bureaucrats.

Spain: Doctor’s error leads to false accusation in Tenerife ‘rape’ case

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Story here.

'An erroneous medical report led to a man being accused of the rape and murder of a three-year-old girl in Tenerife last week.

The child, Aitana, died last week in hospital. Initial press reports alleged the girl’s body bore numerous burns and bruises as well as evidence of sexual assault. The 24-year-old boyfriend of the girl’s mother was arrested in connection with the death.

But the man was yesterday released without charges as a new medical report revealed the girl’s death was due to internal injuries she suffered after falling in a play park five days before and that the burns were actually an allergic reaction to a cream. The new report also discounted any possibility of sexual abuse.

The young man’s lawyer has said his client will be pursuing legal action against the doctor who drew up the first medical report. The lawyer said: “We are furious with the press. How are they going to repair the damage they have done after ‘lynching’ my client and describing him as a rapist?”

UK: MENS Society becomes official Union society

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'The MENS society has been officially recognised by the University of Manchester Students' Union, following a change of name as requested by the union.

The acronym, MENS, stands for masculinity, exploration, networking and support. Society founder and chair Ben Wild said: "The agreement reached with the Societies Committee is an amicable and positive one, as the name and goals of the society remain virtually intact, with the slight change [of] making our intentions more lucid to the outsider than they were before. Hopefully now the controversy can die down and the MENS Society can get on with what it is meant for: doing genuine and practical good."
...
Critics of the group have claimed that the very existence of the MENS society would be harmful to the work of women's groups who campaign for equal rights and would merely allow a respectable facade to be granted to a group that otherwise endorse stereotypical macho activities. UMSU Women's Officer, Hazel Kent said: "The MENS society must stay focussed on addressing the social construct of gender and men's health rather than a misperceived lack of men's rights if it is to avoid hindering women's liberation and women's rights campaigns."'

Law firm sets precedent as first Fort Lauderdale family law firm dedicated to men's rights

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Fort Lauderdale, FL (PRWEB) November 17, 2009 -- Gerald Adams and Associates is the first Fort Lauderdale family law firm dedicated to fighting for Men's Rights in the civil court room. This firm provides all services related to family law including divorce, parenting plans and time-sharing (custody rights), spousal support, asset distribution, paternity, child support, domestic violence and even post- trial- litigation.

Gerald Adams and Associates is determined to break through the politically correct barriers where society and prehistoric family courts have stereotypically favored mothers and wives in domestic violence and family law proceedings. The firm's business manager, Ila Bennett explained, "Most clients don't even know to look for a men's rights attorney in South Florida, they simply search for a Fort Lauderdale Divorce Attorney for men or family law firm in Fort Lauderdale. Taboo social issues such as spousal support for the stay- at - home dad and cases where the husband has been emotionally and even physically abused, is society's dirty little secret."'

Blog: Are some men's rights groups undercutting gains made by domestic violence activists?

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Article here. Excerpt:

Kathryn Joyce at Slate asks the question. She write of the men's movement group, RADAR, Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting:

> RADAR's rhetoric may seem overblown, but lately the group and its many partners have been racking up very real accomplishments. In 2008, the organization claimed to have blocked passage of four federal domestic-violence bills, among them an expansion of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to international scope and a grant to support lawyers in pro bono domestic-violence work. Members of this coalition have gotten themselves onto drafting committees for VAWA's 2011 reauthorization. Local groups in West Virginia and California have also had important successes, criminalizing false claims of domestic violence in custody cases, and winning rulings that women-only shelters are discriminatory.

F&F Campaign: Ask DSM to Include Parental Alienation in Upcoming Edition

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'A group of 50 mental health experts from 10 countries are part of an effort to add Parental Alienation to the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM V), the American Psychiatric Association's "bible" of diagnoses. According to psychiatrist William Bernet, adding PA "would spur insurance coverage, stimulate more systematic research, lend credence to a charge of parental alienation in court, and raise the odds that children would get timely treatment."

Few family law cases are as heartbreaking as those involving Parental Alienation. In PA cases, one parent has turned his or her children against the other parent, destroying the loving bonds the children and the target parent once enjoyed.

Fathers & Families wants to ensure that the DSM-V Task Force is aware of the scope and severity of Parental Alienation. To this end, we are asking our members and supporters to write DSM. If you or someone you love has been the victim of Parental Alienation, we want you to tell your story to the DSM-V Task Force. To do so, simply fill in our form by clicking here.'

Gang behavior and the lack of fathers in homes

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Good letter here on the role fathers play in preventing gang activity. Excerpt:

'The Rev. Leon Kelly makes a very revealing statement when he says, “Moms are grieving because they feel like they’ve lost their kids to this [gang] behavior.”

It was noteworthy that Rev. Kelly referred only to moms, not parents, nor mothers and fathers.

Study after study has shown that single-motherhood and the lack of a strong father figure in the home are at the root of gang recruitment, poor performance in school, and minority community poverty in general.'

Mother-Son Incest: 'Hidden in Shame and Rising'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The molestation began as gentle fondling when Gregg Milligan was just 4, but it soon escalated to aggressive touching and eventually beatings that would render him unconscious.

For seven years until Michigan child welfare workers intervened when he was 11, Milligan was too ashamed to reveal that his tormentor was his own mother.

...

One of the unspeakable secrets in the world of child sexual abuse is that mothers can be molesters. Often, they prey on daughters, but more frequently their sons -- who report increased feelings of isolation and sexual confusion along with thoughts of suicide.

...

Previous studies of day care workers published in 2000 in the Journal of Sex Research, found that women -- without male accomplices -- accounted for only about 6 percent of the abuse of females and 14 percent of males.

But more recent national surveys indicate about 12 percent of all child abuse cases are committed by women -- "a 100 percent increase compared with previous data," according to Chris Newlin, NCAC's executive director.'

UK: School children give 'thumbs up' to domestic violence education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the light of controversy about domestic violence education, a survey of schoolchildren in London has revealed their views on the subject.

Arts education organisation Tender, part of charity Until the Violence Stops, gives a voice to young people in the debate around domestic violence education.

The study, which looks at education that aims to change attitudes around domestic violence, reveals that following a drama workshop programme on the subject with school pupils aged between 13 and 15, almost nine out of 10 students (89%) said they enjoyed the workshops exploring issues of domestic violence and 90% understood more about the issues of domestic violence.
...
A 15-year-old boy who had completed the course said: "I have enjoyed this project and would do it again," while a 16-year-old boy stated: "It has made a difference to my way of thinking."
...
Shaun Baker, head of drama at Ravenswood School for Boys, in Bromley, said: "The boys very quickly matured in their response to difficult and emotional subject matter."'

The group sponsoring this educational initiative is called Tender.

Rick Pitino's accuser charged with false rape claim

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Story here This dates back to November 17th but still very much relevant. Excerpt:

'LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- The woman accused of trying to extort money from Louisville basketball coach Rick Pitino was charged Wednesday with retaliating against the coach by falsely claiming he raped her.

A federal grand jury in Louisville brought four new criminal charges against Karen Cunagin Sypher, including retaliation against a witness.
The FBI, Louisville police and prosecutors have said there was no basis for her rape allegations. She said the coach raped her in a criminal complaint filed after she was indicted in May on charges of trying to extort money from Pitino.
...
The grand jury also added two intent to extort charges and a second charge of lying to the FBI.'

Original post on MANN re this story is here.

New Zealand: Police find girl's rape claim to be false

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Story here.

'Police have found a young girl's claim she was sexually assaulted in a Christchurch cemetery was false.

She told them two men attacked her as she was walking through the grounds of Kendal School towards Waimairi Cemetery late last Monday night.

But police say they have found the incident did not happen the way they were told, and they are no longer looking for anyone in connection with it.

The girl will be referred to youth aid.'

No criminal charges filed after girl recants rape accusation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CANFIELD — A month long rape investigation has ended after the victim recanted her accusation.
...
The accuser told the teacher she was attacked by a 16-year-old male juvenile in mid-August on the bike path in Canfield.

The case was closed Friday after the accuser admitted to police that she was not raped. She told detectives she and the teen boy were on the bike path together where they briefly engaged in consensual sexual intercourse.

The girl said she made up the rape allegation because she was angry with him for not wanting to be in a relationship with her, according to a police report.

No criminal charges will be filed, and the case has been turned over to the Canfield Juvenile Division for assessment of the filing of a false police report by the accuser.'

Huffington Post: "The AP, Lacrosse, and Rape Myths"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'No matter how we think boys ought to behave, society gives men, particularly white college men, license to do just about whatever they want. In the context of sexual assault and rape, 'he just got carried away' or 'he was drunk and wasn't thinking straight' are common refrains for perpetrators and those who defend them.

Applying that to say, an aggravated battery, may well be true, but no one would care. So what if you were drunk, you still beat someone, and in this country that is illegal. Imagine a defense for three guys who beat the hell out of somebody saying that assault charges were 'a gross exaggeration of alcohol-fueled hijinks.'

Rape myth number 2: Women lie

> This thinly veiled statement is suggesting that the victim is lying, that something just doesn't add up. This is meant to play on the fact that despite progress in sex equality over the past several generations, our society still takes a man's word over a woman's.

...
Rape is a crime that lives in the dark. We would all like to think of it as a rare and terrible thing. The fact is that an environment reluctant to talk seriously about rape, and recognize women as equal people, is a safe haven for rapists. All-male groups tend to form these environments, and a corresponding concentration of convicted rapists come from their ranks.'

Documentary: "An Emasculating Truth"

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Thanks to anthony for the heads-up on this.

It seems someone has decided take up the issue of the decline of masculinity not so much in society but in men themselves. He discusses the drop in testosterone, among other things. The trailer is at http://www.anemasculatingtruth.com/.

I am looking forward to seeing the while thing. I don't know anything else about this film other than what is on the site.

Health care bill amendment for women's health issues proposed - none for men

anthony · 1 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Should I be surprised there's no amendment covering men's health? Excerpt:

'Sen. Mikulski, who's played a lead role in bringing women's health care to the forefront in the Senate, has introduced an amendment ensuring that all health plans cover women's preventative care - at no additional cost to women.

"I believe that the health care reform bill before us is an excellent bill," Senator Mikulski said. "It expands access to 94 percent of Americans, ends punitive practices of insurance companies, stabilizes and makes Medicare secure, and bends the cost curve through new quality and prevention measures. However, as I reviewed the bill, I felt we could do more to enhance and improve women's health care. That's what my amendment does."
...
Sen. Mikulski continued, "according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the top killers of women are cancer: breast, cervical, colorectal, ovarian and lung, and heart and vascular disease. And silent killers if they go undetected like diabetes. For these killers, we have screenings at no cost that are proven to detect these diseases early. Guaranteed access to these screenings will save money and save lives."'

US promotes circumcision to fight AIDS worldwide

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — The United States on Tuesday unveiled a five-year strategy for fighting AIDS worldwide, shifting the focus from emergency response to sustainable programs in countries worldwide.

Marking World AIDS day, the administration of President Barack Obama outlined the next phase of the widely-hailed President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which was launched in 2003 under then president George W. Bush.

"We're going to begin transitioning from an emergency response to a sustainable one through greater engagement with and capacity-building of governments," said Ambassador Eric Goosby, the US global AIDS coordinator.
...
"We're going to scale up highly effective prevention interventions like male circumcision, prevention of mother-to-child transmission," Goosby said. "We're going to work with countries to determine not just how many people are infected in their communities in their countries, but where the new infections are occurring," he added.'

Woods receives fine, and case closed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. – Tiger Woods will be cited for careless driving in a car crash outside his Orlando-area mansion, but will not face criminal charges, the Florida Highway Patrol said Tuesday.

Woods faces a $164 fine and four points against his driver's license, not close to enough to have it suspended. The citation closes the investigation of last week's crash.

The patrol "is not pursuing criminal charges in this matter nor is there any testimony or other evidence to support any additional charges of any kind other than the charge of careless driving," Sgt. Kim Montes said.'

Golf clubs through rear windows notwithstanding.

1. He gets assaulted and attempts to flee.
2. While attempting to flee from an enraged women chasing him with a golf club in his SUV, he hits a tree. Lacking a human target to beat with the club, she smashes the rear window of his vehicle with it.
3. He gets fined for recklesss driving.
4. She gets nothing but some criticism and a lot of sympathy.
5. He begins the process of becoming open-season for tabloids and losing his business and earnings.

In short, another day at the shop. Move along folks, there's nothing to see here.

Marc Angelucci to appear on national TV

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Just in from Marc A.: I'll appear tonight (12/1) with David Woods, the lead plaintiff in Woods v. Horton, on the national TV show "The Secret Lives on Women" on the WE channel on 12/1/09 and again on 12/22 and 12/29. The episode is called Husband Beaters.
...
Upcoming Air Dates:
Tuesday, December 1 at 10pm (Eastern US Time)
Tuesday, December 22 at 3am (Eastern US Time)
Tuesday, December 29 at 3am (Eastern US Time)

UK: Social workers to be given pay raises after "Baby P" scandal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Social workers who deal with troubled families and vulnerable children should be paid more, a report said yesterday.

The proposal means that 'front line' social workers should be able to push their pay above the ceiling of around £35,000 and match the £50,000 available to the best classroom teachers and the best nurses.

Children's Secretary Ed Balls ordered the report in the aftermath of the Old Bailey trial of the killers of 17-month-old Baby P.

The higher pay should go to those who turn down desk-bound management jobs and build their experience in helping those at risk, the report said.

The proposals will also lead to the prospect of salary rises for social workers considered to be underpaid in some parts of the country.'

'Patience Is A (Feminist) Virtue'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why are women encouraged to wait around for major life events to just happen to us? Patience, my dear. These relationship milestones have been engineered and reinforced along traditional gender lines in order to test a woman's ability to shut up and sit pretty, while encouraging men of action to make all the decisions around here. But unfortunately for the patience lobby, us women have figured a few things out over the history of time. One: Our vaginas won't implode upon completion of premarital sex. Two: Our significant others can still love us without investing two paychecks worth of bling into one of our virtuous little fingers. And three: Waiting does not work. Ever.

...

Coincidentally, all of these people appear to be concentrated in our nation's record labels, movie studios, publishing houses, and newspapers. Behold, pop culture's vision of a feminism of patience: No need to abandon traditional marriage—just celebrate women who are strong enough to get what they want (that ring). Don't propose to your significant other—just subversively coerce him into doing it for you. Don't bother waiting around in your ivory tower for your prince to come—just make damned sure you're on the receiving end of that fairy-tale ending. Girl power!

...

"Wishin' and Hopin,'" a ditty made popular by Dusty Springfield, instructed women to stop their traditional wishin', hopin', thinkin', prayin', plannin', and dreamin', and instead, get off their asses and do stuff: like "the things he likes to do" and wearing "your hair just for him." As the song demonstrates, aggressively pursuing what you want isn't always an act of female empowerment.'

S. Africa: 'Male circumcision: why the delay?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'South Africa's National AIDS Council (SANAC) raised the possibility of providing male circumcision services in 2007, but there was a lack of political support, according to Prof Helen Rees, head of SANAC's HIV Research Prevention Committee and executive director of the Reproductive Health and HIV Research Unit at the University of the Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg.

This time, the women's sector wondered how male circumcision would benefit them, and traditional leaders were worried that medical circumcision would conflict with the traditional circumcision that is part of young men's initiation rites for several ethnic groups in South Africa.

...

Prof Rebecca Upton, of the University of Botswana, told "a cautionary tale" based on research she conducted during a national campaign to promote male circumcision for HIV prevention. Many young men she interviewed said being circumcised was a free pass to having unprotected sex, while some young women believed that if their partner was circumcised he was likely to be HIV-negative.

"We have heard that if you get circumcised you will be safe, then you are protected - taking the blanket off is important if you want to be able to have sex. Most girls who want a baby, they also want you to be circumcised now," a 19-year-old male university student told her.

"I'm not arguing with science," Upton said. "But we need to keep listening to very important underlying cultural and social factors as we move forward with these male circumcision campaigns."'

The down-low on circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although the American Medical Association does not recommend routine circumcision as a procedure to prevent health problems, more than 30 percent of males and 3 percent of females are circumcised worldwide. In the United States and Canada, although there is little data on how many females are circumcised, it is estimated that three-fourths of males become circumcised in their infanthood or adolescence. Here, at least, that leaves the vast majority of males with a removed foreskin. In fact, most Washington University female students I've talked to have never seen an uncircumcised penis!

But let's get back to the basics. In male circumcision, a physician surgically removes the foreskin of the penis, usually within the first few weeks of birth because doing this practice later is more likely to lead to complications. Male circumcision is a common religious practice across all monotheistic religions—especially Islam.'

States weigh health cuts, Oklahoma considers de-subsidizing circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'News outlets report on budget squeezes in Oklahoma and Florida and a proposed overhaul of student health insurance in Massachusetts.

Tulsa World: "Thousands of Oklahoma Medicaid patients would see benefits reduced as the state agency that manages the federal program grapples with required 5 percent budget cuts, according to a spending-cut proposal presented Wednesday to a House budget subcommittee. Proposals include limiting paid emergency room visits to three a year, eliminating outpatient adult therapies, such as speech and physical therapy, eliminating reimbursement for newborn circumcision and reducing the number of brand-name prescriptions from three to two for adults, said Mike Fogarty, chief executive officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority" (McNutt, 12/3).'

Tiger, Elin, and the ol' prenup thing

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Apparently Elin and Tiger Woods are in the process of renegotiating their prenuptual agreement. The original prenup was worth $20 million, but this article reports that eventually she could receive a total of $75 million.

What exactly has Elin done that would entitle her to these astronomical sums of money? Their relationship looks very much like a financial transaction, and not a loving engagement between two people who want to make a life together. And why does Tiger Woods feel as though he needs to renegotiate the prenup? Isn't Elin already receiving an indecent and outrageous sum of money? Evidently Tiger wants to make it up to her, or keep her quiet, or something like that... How exactly is this any different from what Heather Mills did to Paul McCartney? She made off with about $50 million from McCartney. For what? What on earth makes these women entitled to so much money, money that they did not earn?

Tiger Woods: The domestic violence double standard

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George Cook of www.letstalkhonestly.com asks the question what if the Tiger Woods situation were reversed. Would it be funny if Tiger had beaten his wife with a golf club and then she crashed her car getting away from him. He also why he believes this double standard is very dangerous not only to men but to women. Watch the 2 minute commentary.

Male Role Conditioning Exploits the Lives of All American Men

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School Newspaper Opinion Piece: Male Role Conditioning Exploits the Lives of All American Men. Excerpt:

'Names of the dead from the War on Terror are displayed on the hallway walls of Valley College's Behavioral Sciences building, but those names are just the tip of an iceberg that shows the role of men as the disposable sex in American society.

...

Men are approximately: 94 percent of industrial accidents and deaths, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Men are approximately 80 percent of suicides, according to the Center for Disease Control. Men are approximately 76 percent of homicides, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Men are approximately 93 percent of the prison population, according to "The Sentencing Project." Men are also a significant percentage of domestic violence victims, according to the DOJ and CDC.

It's high time that the status of men and men's health, which contributes to their disposability is accurately and equitably addressed at all levels of government, including college level liberal arts curriculum and men's studies programs. To do otherwise, smacks of a misandrist disingenuousness that clearly reinforces the role of all males as second-class citizens under the tyranny of a government that does not equally protect, or value, their lives.'

Please be polite if commenting.

'What makes a good man? In a new book, a range of men weigh in'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'His story is a cautionary tale, Matlack says, and it's one he shares in a new book, "The Good Men Project: Real Stories from the Frontline of Modern Manhood," (The Good Men Foundation, Boston), a series of essays by Matlack and 30 other men, who bare their foibles - and their souls - in heartfelt musings about their experiences as fathers, sons, husbands, fathers and workers.

...

"Men generally have not talked about this. Women, with their more advanced emotional vocabulary, are better at it," he said. "I don't want to scare men off - they're not going to end up on Oprah Winfrey's couch - but, if you talk about what it's like to be in Sing Sing, in Iraq, guys sit up and take notice. It's liberating to figure out what's important. Stop being silent about this.

...

"That's what has happened to men. They don't have the ability to tell the truth. Look at [Bernard] Madoff, at [David] Letterman; you can name 100 men who don't know how to tell the truth," Matlack said. "That's what happened to me. I was unable to tell my own truth.

"Men are in pain. We need to crack things wide open and say, ‘Let's stop fooling ourselves. Lets not be Don Draper. Let's talk about what's important.' That sea change is a very powerful, exciting thing."'

Medical evidence shows circumcision is effective in battling HIV

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In a Q&A with GlobalPost, Dr. Dino Rech, regional clinical consultant for Population Service International/Society for Family Health, discusses his experiences in scaling up male circumcision programs across southern Africa, including in Zambia, Swaziland, South Africa and Zimbabwe.
...
Obviously you've got feminist groups that are worried that men will get circumcised and then pressurize women to have sex without a condom. But you try to convince them that this [male circumcision] happens as part of a complete package. People get counseled twice, three times, four times even before they can undergo the procedure. They get counseled at two follow-up visits. People get a huge amount of information telling them that this is not full protection, it's just partial protection as part of an HIV program.
...
Rech: No. In every country you do surveys and there seems to be this huge demand, but when you start services, it kind of trickles in. People are apprehensive — people don't want to be the first one to have it done. Slowly, with word of mouth and as a good resource system is put in place, more people start coming. We haven't launched on a huge scale anywhere with mass media campaigns. The President of Zambia yesterday [Nov. 3] for the first time kind of endorsed male circumcision. Slowly things like that will start to see greater demand happening. But it's a slow process, you know. It's not men queuing around the block for male circumcision. It takes a lot of work to get them there.'

Ed. note: Do a Google search on "Dr. Dino Reich" and start reading.

Feminist books for five-year-olds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It all started with my son, Will, stamping his feet and saying he didn't want any girls invited to his sixth birthday party. Girls, he declared, are boring. At the same time I noticed my daughter, Vera, who is three, carrying a handbag and lip gloss. Will was demanding his first football kit, Vera was swooning over princess paraphernalia, and I suddenly realised that it was time for a gender stereotyping intervention.
...
Can books redress the balance? We often read Captain Pugwash and Asterix – but there are no girls in those stories. I was happy with Babar until Celeste became pregnant with triplets and never came out of the nursery again. In Peepo the mother is always ironing. Of course, there are some successes for both boys and girls. Ludwig Bemelmans' Madeline is a wonderful tale of convent girl derring-do, with lots of boy characters, too. Julia Donaldson's books (The Gruffalo, The Smartest Giant in Town) are great fun, but not exactly politically inspiring. I wanted to find something feminist, subversive. The Female Eunuch for five-year-olds.'

Senate Approves Women's Health Amendment

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Article here. On a personal note, I recently had a PSA test as a preventive measure because several men in my family have died of prostate cancer. My health insurance did not cover the test and I ended up paying $300 out of pocket. As it turns out, I had a fairly common condition called asymptomatic prostatitis. Without the test, I never would have known. Fortunately, a couple weeks of antibiotics and I was fine. My point is this, what about the guy who can't afford $300? Untreated prostatitis can lead to Benign prostatic hyperplasia -- a life long condition. I guess male reproductive organs have little value. Excerpt:

'The Women's Health Amendment would require health plans to cover comprehensive preventive care and screenings that address women's unique health care needs without cost sharing. Currently, coverage of comprehensive preventive health care is not guaranteed at zero cost sharing under the bill — for example, regular well-women visits, breast exams, and contraceptive services are not required to be covered at zero cost sharing.

This amendment would require that, in addition to the care and screenings specified in the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), the women's preventive care outlined by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)-supported guidance would also be covered at no cost to patients. The Women's Health Amendment is critical to guaranteeing that access to women's comprehensive preventive health care is increased under the health care reform bill.'

Amanda Knox sobs as guilty verdict read

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Perugia, Italy (CNN) -- An Italian jury has found American student Amanda Knox and her Italian boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito guilty in the stabbing death of British exchange student Meredith Kercher.

Knox was sentenced to 26 years in prison and Sollecito was sentenced to 25 years.

Both were convicted on all charges except theft and together must pay 5 million euros ($7.4 million) to the victim's family. In addition, Knox must pay 40,000 euros ($60,000) to a man whom she falsely accused of the killing.

Knox, wearing a lime jacket, her hair in a single braid, began to sob -- her sniffles and sobs punctuating the otherwise silent courtroom -- as the judge read the verdict quietly, without expression.'

Police Allege Elaborate Bid for Revenge by a Wife

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The police on Friday arrested a Brooklyn woman and accused her of taking extraordinary measures to exact revenge on her philandering husband and his pregnant paramour — including tricking the woman into taking a drug that induced early labor, and then trying to get nurses to feed the infant a strange substance disguised as breast milk.

According to law enforcement officials, about two months ago, the woman, Kisha Jones, 38, discovered that her husband was having an affair with a younger woman who she believed was carrying his child. Furious, Ms. Jones, who lives near Brownsville, somehow obtained a doctor's prescription pad, the officials said, and used it to order a prescription for a drug that would induce an abortion.

Then, they said, Ms. Jones turned to a more high-tech tactic to deceive her husband's mistress, whom officials identified as Monique Hunter, 25, of Brownsville. In a practice known as "spoofing," officials said, Ms. Jones called Ms. Hunter and caused her telephone number to appear on Ms. Hunter's caller ID as the number of an obstetrician, which allowed her to fool Ms. Hunter into taking the medication.'

French plan to force gender equality on boardrooms

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'Nicolas Sarkozy's centre-right party has put forward legislation that would see women make up half the figures in France's leading boardrooms by 2015, under a bold plan to impose gender equality on the male-dominated business world.

In a bill submitted to the French parliament this week, all companies listed on the Paris stock exchange would have to ensure female employees made up 50% of their board members by 2015. If passed, a gradual implementation of the law would see businesses obliged to have women in 20% of board seats within 18 months, and 40% within four years.

Jean-François Copé, president of the majority UMP party, said it could give a "much-needed electro-shock" to the French corporate world, long considered a bastion reserved for the male elite in which only 10.5% of board members in CAC 40 (French stock market index) companies are female.'

Germany: Father strikes blow for single dads in war for justice

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Article here

'An unmarried German man has struck a blow for fatherhood, winning a landmark legal decision on his right to see his daughter. The European Court of Human Rights ruled in favour of Horst Zaunegger, whose former partner refused him access to their teenage daughter when the couple split up and she moved away.

Under current German law, unmarried fathers can be refused access by the mother. Zaunegger said: “For me this is clearly a violation of human rights because, as an unmarried father, I’m being treated as a second-class parent. There is no justification for that. I’m a responsible father, I’ve proved this but I have no access to joint custody.” Single German fathers must pay child support, but can make no decisions and can be prevented from seeing their children. Child custody is generally split between married couples. The law has been under increasing pressure, and in Berlin the justice minister called for a fundamental review of the rights of unmarried fathers. Figures from 2008 show that every third German child is born out of wedlock.'

Statewide survey shows "ball tapping" problem widespread

Matt · 5 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Bizarre. But when kids see it on TV without condemnation (but loads of canned laughs), no surprise, they think there's nothing wrong with it. Excerpt:

'It's a disturbing game with devastating consequences, and a new WTHR survey suggests it is rampant in Indiana schools.

"Ball tapping" is the act of intentionally hitting or kicking a male in the genitals. Earlier this month, an Eyewitness News investigation showed the game has become commonplace in some area schools, resulting in serious injuries for students.

As part of the investigation, WTHR also conducted a statewide survey of school nurses. The results are in, and they show the problem of ball tapping is more common and widespread than many school officials had realized.
...

Conway says the Eyewitness News investigation and survey should be "a real wakeup call" to schools and school nurses across Indiana. She says the IASN board of directors will further research the issue because Conway believes more education and awareness is needed for teachers, administrators and school nurses to help protect students. 52% of school nurses who completed the 13 Investigates survey said they had never heard of ball tapping prior to learning of WTHR's investigation.

"I'm surprised nothing has really been said about it," admitted Conway. "I think any issue that impacts health in a permanent way needs to be addressed."'

George Stephanopoulos: 'Clinton Hasn't Talked to Italians About Knox'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'That's the question Sen. Maria Cantwell is posing following the Italian murder conviction of the former University of Washington student.

The year-long murder trial of the 22-year-old has caused an international media frenzy.

The senator argued in a statement released Friday that the Italian prosecution "did not present enough evidence" to convict Knox of the murder of her housemate, and said she would convey her concerns to Secretary of State Clinton.

During our "This Week' interview airing Sunday, Clinton told me she'd be happy to meet with Sen. Cantwell but she hasn't expressed any concerns to the Italians about Knox ... here's our exchange:

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: "Do you share her concerns about this trial?"

SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON: "George I honestly haven't had time to even examine that. I've been immersed in what we're doing in Afghanistan. Of course I'll meet with Sen. Cantwell or anyone who has a concern but I can't offer any opinion about that at this time."

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: "So you have not expressed any concerns to the Italian government?"

SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON: "I have not, no."'

UK: No jail time for cheating wife who cried rape in text message to husband after fit of guilt over affair

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A wife who cried rape because she felt guilty about cheating on her husband in their home was spared jail yesterday.

Helen Dalby went to extraordinary lengths to stand by her false claim, having a full medical examination and even helping create an e-fit of her imaginary attacker.

But despite wasting £3,800 of public money and showing little regard for two men arrested, she was given a ten-month suspended jail sentence after admitting perverting the course of justice.

Judge David Tremberg told 35-year-old Dalby: 'The men (who came under suspicion) no doubt will have wondered what might have happened to them if this nightmare did not go away. Your lies diverted a massive amount of precious police time and resources from proper duty.'

Dalby's behaviour risked weakening the cases of genuine rape victims and allowing dangerous offenders to be acquitted, he added. In similar cases prison sentences of up to two years have been imposed.

But the judge ruled this case was 'exceptional' because Dalby did not act out of 'spite or malice', and imposed a more lenient sentence.'

U.S. Civil Rights Commission Investigates College Admission Bias

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is investigating whether college admission offices are discriminating against female applicants to achieve gender balance in their student bodies.

College enrollment rates for women have increased over the past 20 years. In 2005, 57 percent of the 17.5 million undergraduate students enrolled in college were women, and the National Center for Education Statistics projects that by 2016, 60 percent of all college students will be female. The increase in female applicants has meant that at some selective colleges, they are rejected in higher percentages than male applicants are. "We hope to start a conversation on how to deal with it," says Gail Heriot, one of the group's commissioners and a law professor at the University of San Diego.

The commission would not give the names of the schools it is investigating but said that it is focusing on a sample group of 10 to 20 within a 100-mile radius of Washington.
...
Some experts argue that the commission's probe could be misguided. Lisa Maatz, director of public policy at the Washington-based American Association of University Women, says that expanding socioeconomic diversity on campus is more important. "We need to help impoverished boys and girls to improve educational outcomes and have equal opportunity," Maatz says.'

Phyllis Schlafly takes this report up in a more recent article here.

Australian academic links father's rights and violence against women as common foes

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Article here. Wikipedia entry for the author is here. Contact info is at the end of the excerpt. Excerpt:

'The fathers' rights movement is defined by the claim that fathers are deprived of their 'rights' and subjected to systematic discrimination as men and fathers, in a system biased towards women and dominated by feminists. Fathers' rights groups overlap with men's rights groups and both represent an organised backlash to feminism. Fathers' rights and men's rights groups can be seen as the anti-feminist wing of the men's movement, the network of men's groups and organisations mobilised on gender issues (Flood, 1998).

Two experiences bring most men (and women) to the fathers' rights movement. The first is deeply painful marriage breakups and custody battles. Fathers' rights groups are characterised by anger and blame directed at ex-partners and the 'system' that has deprived men or fathers of their 'rights', and such themes are relatively common among men who have undergone separation and divorce. The second experience is non-resident fathers' dissatisfaction with loss of contact with their children or with regimes of child support.

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The fathers' rights movement has had four forms of impact on violence against women.

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Most importantly, the fathers' rights movement has influenced family law, with damaging consequences for women, children, and indeed men. Above all, fathers' contact with children has been privileged, over children's safety from violence.

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The second impact the fathers' rights movement has had on violence against women is in discrediting victims. Fathers' rights groups tell two key lies.

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Related to this, the fathers' rights movement also has had some impact on public perceptions of intimate violence. In particular, it tells the lie that domestic violence is gender-equal or gender-neutral – that men and women assault each other at equal rates and with equal effects.

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The fourth way in which the fathers' rights movement has had an impact on violence against women is in its efforts to modify responses to the victims and perpetrators of violence.

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However, thwarting the fathers' rights movement's backlash requires that we directly confront the movement's agenda, disseminate critiques of its false accusations, and respond in constructive and accountable ways to the fathers (and mothers) undergoing separation and divorce.

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More widely, we must continue do the work of violence prevention: to undermine the beliefs and values which support violence, challenge the power relations which sustain and are sustained by violence, and promote alternative constructions of gender and sexuality which foster non-violence and gender justice.

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'SNL' Criticized After Airing Tiger Woods Domestic Violence Skit While Rihanna On Show

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Article here. A breath of fresh air-- someone actually mentions the double-standard! Excerpt:

'"Saturday Night Live" is making headlines for featuring a skit over the weekend, which parodied domestic violence.

On Saturday night's episode, the NBC sketch comedy show made light of Tiger Woods' scandalous week, satirizing reports - denied by the golfer - that his wife, Elin Nordegren, attacked him prior to his early-morning car accident on November 27 with a sketch featuring Keenan Thomson and host Blake Lively.
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"It was another sketch that gave us pause," noted PopEater in an article titled "'SNL' Lampoons Alleged Violence in Tiger Woods' Marriage," on Sunday. "We think, had the genders been reversed, 'SNL' wouldn't make light of the potentially violent situation."

Female-oriented site Jezebel called the sketch one of the show's "obvious missteps... when you consider that Rihanna was the night's musical guest."
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"As soon as this sketch started, I immediately thought, 'Oh, no! Stop the sketch! Rihanna might see,'" adding, "Had the tables been turned and a man was suspected of beating up his wife, there definitely wouldn't be a lighthearted sketch like this. But since it's female-on-male domestic violence, our current culture deems it kind of, sort of okay to make fun of and the scandal had to be addressed before it lost heat."
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"The Tiger Woods sketch was terrible. Domestic abuse is NOT funny. It was even more awkward since Rihanna was there," a commenter named Lindsey noted on EW.com.'

California Woman Fatally Stabbed Younger Brother, Police Say

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Story here.

'LOS ANGELES — Authorities say a 20-year-old woman has been arrested after stabbing her younger brother to death at an apartment in Sylmar.

Los Angeles Police Officer April Harding says 17-year-old Parrish Reed was found slashed and bleeding Saturday night. Paramedics rushed him to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

His sister, Amber Reed, was arrested and is being held in lieu of $1 million bail on suspicion of murder.

Investigators believe the victim was stabbed with a kitchen knife during an argument over money.

Their mother was home at the time of the incident.'

New Yorker: The Encyclopedia of Counterintuitive Thought

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the aughts, the shocking hidden side of everything became the only side of anything worthy of magazine covers and book deals. Social scientists applied their techniques to the problem of climate change; liberals who wanted to be taken seriously had to come up with arguments for conservative policies and vice versa. Everywhere in the media, the former creators of mass consensus devoted themselves to contradicting the conventional wisdom. Here, a selection of the most unlikely ideas in a decade that was always looking to blow your mind.
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Boys are the biggest victims of sex discrimination.
2000, Book.

Girls are doing better in school than boys, but because feminists insist that girls are still an at-risk group, boys are now ignored and left to fail. Furthermore, teaching boys to be sensitive and empathetic is a mistake; what they really need is a father's masculine presence, to instill a sense of honor and make them into "gentlemen."
CHRISTINA HOFF SOMMERS, THE WAR AGAINST BOYS: HOW MISGUIDED FEMINISM IS HARMING OUR YOUNG MEN.'

UK: 63% of women prefer male bosses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In short, our commercial DNA is not wired for corporate success. And nowhere was that more graphically demonstrated than last week when the much-feted co-chairman of Gordon Brown's Women's Enterprise Task Force was successfully sued by one of her employees for bullying.

Dr Glenda Stone runs a successful recruitment website, Aurora, with her husband. So even this colossus of female business success, the woman chosen to front such a highprofile government body, co-runs her business with her spouse.

Not much of a triumph for feminism after all, is it?

And what's more, by all accounts in the industrial tribunal, she was a terrible boss - overbearing, foulmouthed, petty, bullying, micromanaging-vindictive.

I know that type of female boss well, the Bully Boy Boss, who thinks they have to be nastier than the nastiest male boss to succeed. But more of them later.

Now, before the hate emails start pouring in from outraged feminists and female bosses, I have a special interest in this subject.

Not just because I've had the misfortune of having some of the most God-awful female bosses in the history of modern business, but because I was a boss myself, more than once.

I have edited two national newspapers, been the managing editor of one, the marketing director of two and the managing director of one national newspaper group.

As William Hague's Press Secretary, I was boss to a team of press officers.

I have sat in the editor's chair, the boardroom and the shadow cabinet. And while I can confidently say most of the people who worked for me liked me and respected me (I always thought of them working with me, but that's such a girl thing), and, more importantly, worked well for me, I'm not sure I was always a good boss.

Believe it or not, I wasn't tough enough. I had that classic female trait of being able to get the most out of people - it's called nurturing now - but I also wanted to be liked, a fatal flaw in a boss.'

Scotland: Children should know not only women are victims of violence

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'DOMESTIC abuse – there's no excuse. No excuse, that is, to continue to peddle the myth that only females are victims of this criminal behaviour.

Last Wednesday, the BBC announced schoolchildren in England and Wales will receive compulsory lessons about domestic violence in an effort to reduce attacks on women and girls.

Clearly unaware of the irony, the newsreader's next item referred to the recapture of Jane Andrews, the former royal aide who is serving a minimum of 12 years for the beating and stabbing to death the man who refused to marry her.

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Let's be clear: women are far more likely to be victims of domestic violence than men. However, the number of males who are abused by female partners is significant and growing. In Scotland, police reports where men have been harmed by female partners has increased 110 per cent since 1999-2000. In 2007, Strathclyde police reported that more than 3,000 incidents involved violence by females on males, compared to more than 20,000 incidents of male-on-female violence.

While under-reporting affects the statistics of both genders, most researchers in the field agree under-reporting is a far greater problem regarding information on the number of male victims. Women have been encouraged to report violent behaviour while men remain the invisible victims, unwilling to come forward for fear of embarrassment.

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In my opinion, the Scottish government's message on domestic abuse is seriously flawed. Our political leaders should be saying strongly to the public that all violence in the home is unacceptable, no matter the gender of the abuser. It is also imperative schools take a more even-handed approach when discussing the issue of abusive relationships.'

Cathy Young: 'Tiger Woods, Gender & Domestic Violence'

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'Chastising men's rights groups for using the Tiger Woods story to promote awareness of men as victims of domestic violence, Rosin dismisses the female abuser as a myth unsupported by "sociological research." Never mind that some of the most prominent sociologists specializing in domestic violence research, such as Murray Straus of the University of New Hampshire, have written extensively about abuse as a two-way street (though recognizing that male violence poses a higher risk of harm).

A review of hundreds of studies, published in 2000 by British psychologist John Archer of the University of Central Lancashire, found that women are as likely to initiate partner violence as men and that male victims account for a third of domestic violence injuries. But Rosin ignores this vast research, much of it done by women, in favor of a single "expert" on "the myth of the battered husband syndrome": Jack Straton, an assistant professor of University Studies at Portland State University whose Ph.D. is in quantum physics and whose background in domestic violence is that of a feminist activist, not a scholar.

Yes, Rosin admits, there are some female perpetrators, but generally "women tend to use violence as self defense, or impulsively, not as a systematic method of control the way male abusers do": while "they may slap a man or throw a cup of water at him," they are "less likely" to engage in real abuse. Therefore, she concludes, if Elin Nordegren really did assault her husband, the best course of action for him is to show "chivalry" and cover up for her.'

UK: Woman charged with false rape allegation

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'A WOMAN from Salisbury has appeared at Southampton Crown Court accused of making a false allegation of rape.

Gemma Mann, 24, is charged with attempting to pervert the course of justice by claiming her sister had been raped.

Mann, of St Clements Way, Bishopdown, who does not have a sister, had bail extended to January 29.

Police mounted a full-scale operation with volunteer search groups at the Royal Victoria Country Park in Netley last month.'

Ed. note: This is an update on this story.

Teacher allegedly had 'sex' with schoolboy

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'A female teacher at a regional NSW school has been charged with having sex with a 16-year-old male student, police say.

Police at Dubbo, in the state's central west, charged the 24-year-old woman on November 18 with having sexual intercourse with a person under her care.

"Police ... were alerted to an allegation of an inappropriate relationship between a teacher and pupil at a district high school," police said in a statement on Wednesday.

The woman has been granted bail and is due to face Dubbo Local Court on January 12.'

Australia: 'Active boys smarter'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Teenage boys who are heavily into sport get new respect in a Swedish study that found physically active teenagers tend to be smarter than their couch-potato counterparts.

Researchers from the Institute of Medicine at the University of Gothenburg set out to see if aerobic or cardiovascular fitness and muscle strength were associated with brain power and future socioeconomic status.

They analysed a physical and intelligence snapshot taken of 1.2 million Swedish men born between 1950 and 1976 when they reported for mandatory military duty at age 18.

They also assessed genetic and family influences by looking at the scores of brothers and twins and, over time, the association between all initial scores and measures of success at midlife, including education level and occupation.

The researchers, led by Dr H Georg Kuhn, said the results showed a strong positive link between cardiovascular fitness and smarts but not between muscle strength and intelligence measures.'

Woman allegedly stabs husband three times

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'A man was reportedly stabbed three times today by his wife.

Eddie Zaragoza, 28, was at his home in the 3500 block of Valdez Drive around 5:15 a.m. when he received two stab wounds to his left upper back and one to his lower back, according to a police report.

Witnesses said they were outside Zaragoza's house smoking when he reportedly stumbled outside and said he had been stabbed. They took Zaragoza to Broadlawns Medical Center, where his injuries were listed as serious, police said.

Police spoke to Zaragoza at the hospital. He said he and his wife got into a fight about her going out to bars and clubs.

He told police that his wife got angry and reportedly punched him in the face, and he pushed her back.

Zaragoza told police he did not remember exactly what happened next except that she stabbed him.

Zaragoza did not want to press charges, but police requested a warrant for domestic assault with intent for his wife.'

Maybe it's time for men's lib

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'It's a dire time for the stronger sex. Men are in the firing line of sexism, too, so please stop the ‘dorking down’
...
But I’m not thinking these things. Faking it, like multitasking, must be another of those many things men aren’t very good at. Janice Turner writes with the bracing clarity of the true campaigner. I can’t fake the same kind of campaigning zeal for masculism — not least because I had to look it up.

To put it mildly, the male version of feminism has not got much traction in popular culture. You will find one or two male writers who do have that zeal. But they don’t speak for men. Most don’t know what masculism is either, and really don’t care.

So what do I really think? I think if female journalism students are brighter and more motivated than boys, so be it. I’m not going to call for quotas. If my finance director wants to tease me — I’ll treat it as harmless banter, more or less.

As for the bumper sticker — as a baby boomer who had to undergo involuntary attitude surgery as feminism took hold in the 1970s and 1980s, I still feel as if I’ve got about a thousand years of apologising to do. Silly bumper stickers and Jo Brand sketches are part of the community service we’re all serving.'

Oct 14, 2008: "Should women have to register for the draft? Obama says yes" and no sign of action

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Blog post here. Excerpt:

'Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Should women have to register for the draft? Obama says yes.

Instapundit gives lukewarm agreement -- "we should probably include women, too. Seems only fair" -- and links to this report:

> But the two presidential candidates disagree on a key foundation of any future draft: Mr. Obama supports a requirement for both men and women to register with the Selective Service, while Mr. McCain doesn't think women should have to register....
>
> Both Congress and the Supreme Court have exempted women from registration because of the combat rules.

The Supreme Court hasn't exempted women, it has accepted the exemption of women.
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Political correctness runs amok as governor snubs men-only club

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'Governor Deval Patrick of Massachusetts refused to appear at the Clover Club, an Irish American group of businessmen and community leaders in Boston over the weekend because it is a men-only club.

Deval was dead wrong.

I hope he will similarly cancel visits to the National Organization of Women for the same reason.

The club was founded in 1883 by Irish-American men as a dinner and card-playing venue. But it is now an organization of prominent business and civic leaders, and one that helps many groups.

Clearly, there are some men's clubs at which Patrick should not appear, but the Clover Club is not one of them.'

Niall O'Dowd is founder and publisher of Irish America magazine, The Irish Voice and "Home & Away" newspapers. He is also founder of IrishCentral, and an adjunct professor at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Single-Sex Cardiac Rehab Helps Depressed Women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A motivational women-only cardiac rehabilitation program helped reduce symptoms of depression in women with coronary heart disease, a U.S. study has found.

Depression, which is more common in female heart disease patients than in males, can interfere with adoption of lifestyle changes meant to improve health and willingness to attend cardiac rehabilitation.

"Women often don't have the motivation to attend cardiac rehab, particularly if they're depressed," lead author Theresa Beckie, a professor at the University of South Florida's College of Nursing in Tampa, said in a news release from the American Heart Association.

"Historically, women have not been socialized to exercise, and their attendance in cardiac rehabilitation programs has been consistently poor over the last several decades. This poor attendance may be partly due to mismatches in stages of readiness for behavior change with the health professional approaching from an action-oriented perspective and the women merely contemplating change -- this is destined to evoke resistance," Beckie explained in the news release.'

UK: Party invitation is 'women only'

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'HIGH Peak looks set to have a female Labour candidate at the next election after the local party proposed an all-woman shortlist.

Constituency Chairman Alan Barrow said "At our meeting on Friday an overwhelming majority of members present favoured an all women shortlist."

"With several examples of high performing women locally including former Chapel County Councillor Anne Western who is now leader of the Labour group on the county council and the current Leader and Deputy Leader of the High Peak Borough Council's Labour group, it was an easy decision to reach," he said.

Buxton Councillor Caitlin Bisknell is the leader of the Labour Group on High Peak Borough Council while Jacqui Wilkinson from Glossop is the deputy leader.

Procedure Secretary Cllr Anthony McKeown, said: "Our local decision now goes to the national party for agreement and a timetable for the selection will then be put in place."

The move follows Labour's High Peak MP Tom Levitt's announcement that he is to stand down at the next election.'

'Movember' raises money for men's health

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Movember is a month-long event that both celebrates the moustache and raises awareness on men's health issues.

"Movember is a fundraising effort throughout the month of November," said Ryan Morimura, Interfraternity Council public relations vice president. "It benefits men's health issues, specifically prostate cancer."

Morimura said throughout the month of November, men grow mustaches and when they are asked why he is growing a mustache, they can talk about Movember's fundraising efforts.

"The money goes to fund research to find better treatments and a cure for prostate cancer," Morimura said.

According to its Web site, the Movember Foundation is a not-for-profit organization. Beginning with the 2009 campaign, the money raised will be donated evenly between the Prostate Cancer Foundation and the Lance Armstrong Foundation.'

Detectives Arrest Preschool Teacher for Sex Abuse

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'(ALBANY, Ore.) - Linn County detectives say an Albany female preschool teacher sent cell phone text messages with sexual content to a 14-year-old boy. Linn County Sheriff Tim Mueller says text messages were discovered by the boy's parents and reported on November 29.

"The woman is a preschool teacher at Central Valley Adventist Academy on Highway 34 near Tangent, the same school where the boy is an eighth grade student."

Mueller says the investigation has revealed that in addition to the text messages, the woman and boy had kissed and had other inappropriate contact both on and off school grounds.

On December 2, 34-year old Jenifer Stitzel, was arrested on two counts of third-degree sex abuse, a class A misdemeanor.'

Cops say dance teacher gave boys wine, tried to seduce them

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'OSBORNE — An Osborne woman was charged with providing alcohol to her dance students from an Allegheny County school and indecently assaulting one of them.

Cassandra L. Sproch, 42, of 1433 Beaver Road, was charged Tuesday with indecent assault, child endangerment, corruption of minors, unlawful contact with a minor and providing alcohol to minors.

According to a complaint filed by Allegheny County police, Sproch was a part-time dance instructor at the Propel School in Homestead on Nov. 15, when the incident is alleged to have taken place at her home.

Police wrote that Sproch's 14-year-old son asked Sproch to pick up three students, two males and one female, and around 6 p.m., all the juveniles were at Sproch's house.

Sproch gave the males wine during dinner, her son told police, and got drunk on wine herself.

At one point, the boy told police, Sproch put her hand on a 15-year-old boy's crotch, kissed him and offered him sex.

She also took a 16-year-old boy to her bedroom, the boy told police, and held him against a wall with her arms and body, trying to kiss him, until the other boys dragged him away.'

Book explores how New Deal program helped UP men

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'ISHPEMING, Mich. - The country is suffering through economic crises and high unemployment rates that some have dubbed the "Great Recession."

While many are facing hardships, today's numbers don't compare with the Great Depression of the 1930s.

"By 1933, it's hard to believe but 45 percent of the people in the Upper Peninsula were on welfare," said local author Larry Chabot, who gave a presentation on his newest book "Saving Our Sons: How the Civilian Conservation Corps Rescued a Generation of Upper Michigan Men" recently at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library. "In this poverty atmosphere, the character of the people began to change."

As the nation began to see its young men living as hobos, riding the rail lines to wherever they could find food, and watched small-town banks closing, it became clear something had to be done.

"The picture became bleaker and bleaker and bleaker," Chabot said. "There were no social nets at that time."'

Staten Island's Wagner College Implements Male Studies Program

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Article here. Excerpt:

'STATEN ISLAND, N.Y., Dec. 7 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) -- Leading scholars concerned about today's men and boys will convene here April 7, 2010 to plan for a new academic discipline focusing on male studies at the university level. The event sponsored by The On Step Institute will be held at Wagner College and hosted by Professor Miles Groth, Ph.D., Editor, The International Journal of Men's Health and Thymos: Journal of Boyhood Studies. It will lay out the groundwork for the First International Conference on Male Studies scheduled for October 2010 and the launch of the Male Studies Journal.
...
It will encompass a broad range of topics relevant to the study of boys and men in contemporary society ranging from their roles in the family, and workforce, as well as their physical and emotional health, to the growing problem of misandry -- the hatred of males, an unacknowledged but underlying socio-cultural, economic, political and legal phenomenon endangering the well-being of both genders.'

French Orangina commercial shows bizarre abuse of man

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This is a French Orangina commercial which is one of the most bizarre and demeaning misandric commercials I've ever seen. It depicts a black cat-woman in a bikini with a whip vocally demanding that a man dance and strip. The cat-woman is, of course, very fit and the man, of course, fat and bald and appears to be terrified. At the end the cat-woman hits the man across the face with the whip.

Looks like we have something else to add to the boycott list.

Can you imagine a commercial in which, say, a muscular tiger-man with a whip wearing only shorts does the same to an overweight woman? Can you imagine the uproar that would cause?

Fathers & Families: Two Action Items

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Via the Dec. 8, 2009 F&F Newsletter, item one here regarding getting PAS into the next edition of the DSM (in case you haven't taken action already), and a new one: Are You a Military Parent Who Has Had Family Law Problems?. Excerpt:

'Are you a military parent who has had family law problems? Fathers & Families is submitting military parents' cases to the Secretary of Defense—to be included, please fill out the form below.

Fathers & Families' legislative representative Michael Robinson worked with Mark Sullivan of the American Bar Association on the National Defense Reauthorization Act (HR 2647), which was signed by President Obama in October, 2009. The bill mandates that the Secretary of Defense produce a report on child custody litigation involving members of the Armed Forces, as well as international intrafamilial abductions of servicemembers' children.'

Feministing: SNL Tiger Woods Skit and DV Issues

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Blog post here. Excerpt:

'I'm not sure if this has been discussed already. there's a new SNL skit that you can watch on hulu:

at first when i watched it i did laugh at the "breaking news" aspect and mockery of the situation. but soon i was just disturbed at the way it mocked domestic violence. if there's a possibility that Tiger Woods's wife really assaulted him, then we shouldn't be making light of the situation, no matter how many shocking extra marital affairs he has. besides that, the violence joked about in the skit was serious and can't be made fun of in any domestic violence situation.

I certainly wouldn't have appreciated any jokes about rihanna. So I don't want to see a double standard when the violence is the other way around.

Also, I was going to post this under "domestic violence" category, but alas, Feministing has "violence against women" not "domestic violence." time to add another category!'

Police Say Maryland Woman Tried to Cut Out Unborn Baby

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SUITLAND, Md. — A 29-year-old homeless woman has given birth to a baby girl after, police said, she was befriended by a Maryland woman who held her captive for several days and tried to cut the baby from her womb.

Officer Michelle Reedy, a spokeswoman for Prince George's County police, said 40-year-old Veronica Deramous of Suitland, Md., has been charged with attempted first-degree murder, false imprisonment and other related charges. Police said Deramous befriended Teka Adams at a southeast Washington homeless shelter and persuaded her to come to her apartment on Dec. 1 with a promise of baby clothes and other items for the unborn child.

Once there, Reedy said, Deramous bound the woman, who was in her third trimester. Days later, the woman escaped after Deramous tried to cut the unborn baby from her body, Reedy said.

"She bound the victim's hands and proceeded to try to cut the victim's abdomen to try to get the baby out," she said. "They believe she wanted the victim's baby."'

ifeminists.com: 'Another man victimized by the DV industry'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I frequently receive stories similar to the following one. Unfortunately, there is no advice I can offer the fellow who has become another victim of the unreasonable and brutal DV industry. ...

My story briefly:

November 4, 2009 6 AM - My wife had a seizure due to a medication problem and fell out of bed. I called 911. EMS decided I'd been beaten her over the head, although there was no head trauma. They kept me away from her and called the police, who detained me and ruled the incident accidental. Still the the EMS workers insisted she'd been beaten and fabricated stories about an imaginary bloody bat and blood on my shoes (I'd just woken up).

The Trauma Room nurse treated me like a felon and would not talk to me about her condition (even though there were certain medical facts only I knew) or let me in, although my wife was in critical condition and had stopped breathing a few times, to my knowledge. Finally, my wife regained consciousness and I was allowed into the Trauma Room. When it became obvious that the was medication, not trauma related, the Trauma Nurse insisted that the erroneous and damning EMS diagnosis had to remain on the file, although it was wrong.
...
I saved my wife's life and ended up being treated like a felon. I think it's time the public knew what really goes on with EMS. I'm trying to get the media interested in my story. I'd appreciate any advice or tips you have.'

Whitworth U student paper: 'Feminism still an important campus issue'

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'Bra-burning, man-hating females still exist in America. Overall, however, their cry for female superiority is less aggressive than it has been in previous decades.

Nonetheless, their historical legacy remains at the forefront of the feminism label. This last Wednesday, Whitworth hosted a feminism panel, appropriately called “The F Word,” which took part in discussing feminism as a whole, revealing many aspects of feminism that have nothing to do with burning bras or hating men. As the evening’s motto suggests, “you don’t have to be anti-man to be pro-woman.”

Why be pro-woman in this day and age? American women have the right to vote, the right to drive, and the right to an education and career–which is more than women in some other countries can boast. Nevertheless, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, women still are paid only 77 cents for each dollar a man makes. That means a woman will make an average of $2 million less than a man will during lifetime, despite a woman’s education or career position. ...

Obamacare: The Emergence of Victoria's Secret Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

Some Obamacare supporters want to tax cosmetic surgical procedure as a way of helping pay for its costs. I am no fan of cosmetic surgery, but oppose taxing it on principle, as I wrote here.

At the time, I had no idea feminism has devolved into what we could call "Victoria's Secret Feminism," which holds that "feeling good" about oneself through cosmetic alteration should be a driving principle of the sisterhood. But that seems to be the case as the National Organization for Women opposes the tax because it wants nothing to interfere with women getting those frown lines removals and tummy tucks. From a column by New York Times columnist Judith Warner:

> Yes, standing up for the rights of middle-aged women to have access to cosmetic enhancement is part of the work of contemporary feminism, [NOW president Terry] O'Neill told me this week. It's the sorry consequence of a number of sorrier truths: The economy is terrible. Middle-aged women, many of whom reduced their working hours, limiting their earning power and ambition, when they had kids or, later, found themselves having to care for their parents, are in a particularly vulnerable spot these days, as they're increasingly called upon to supplement or take over the lion's share of family money-making. And any number of studies have shown that people with better (read: younger) looks have a better chance of getting a good job. Particularly women.

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Phyllis Schlafly: Feminist Vendetta Against Men's Sports

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the Bill Clinton administration, another aggressive feminist, Norma Cantu, ran the Education Department's Civil Rights Office and essentially made "proportionality" the only test that matters for Title IX compliance by colleges that must cut their sports budgets. She used the power of the bureaucracy and activist judges to threaten college athletic departments.

Colleges have every reason to fear lawsuits from failure to kowtow to feminist dictates. Losing a lawsuit means the college must pay the feminist lawyers' attorneys' fees and suffer adverse publicity.

The feminists forced colleges to cancel men's teams until the number of men and women on sports teams has the same ratio as the number of men and women enrolled in academic classes. This resulted in abolishing hundreds of men's athletic teams, especially sports at which men excel, many of them trophy-winning teams.
...
Reducing opportunities for college sports is a powerful disincentive to men and is a major cause of the dramatic drop in male attendance. Why bother attending college if men can't play the sport they love?'

Florida Woman Accused of Attacking Boyfriend With Raw Meat

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Story here.

'DUNNELLON, Fla. — A 53-year-old Dunnellon woman has been arrested after alledgedly hitting a man in the head with a raw steak.

According to a Marion County Sheriff's Office report, the man told deputies that Elsie Egan repeatedly hit him with the uncooked meat and slapped his face after he refused a piece of sliced bread. The man said he wanted a bread roll.

Egan denied hitting the man with the steak but did admit to slapping him, saying she did it "so that he could learn."

The man told deputies that Egan was his live-in girlfriend. He declined medical assistance.

Egan is charged with abuse of a disabled adult. According to online records, she has been released on $2,500 bond and is scheduled to appear in court in January. It's unclear if she has an attorney.'

Cops: Riverhead Woman Fatally Stabbed Boyfriend

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Story here.

'Suffolk police arrested a woman for allegedly stabbing her boyfriend to death in Riverhead on Tuesday morning.

Riverhead Town Police received a call of a domestic disturbance at an East Main Street apartment, the home of 21-year-old Kianna Coach and upon arrival, they discovered 25-year-old James Wheeler of Riverhead laying on the lawn outside the apartment at 11:40 a.m.

He had been stabbed in the chest, according to Homicide Squad detectives. He was taken to Peconic Bay Medical Center in Riverhead where he died.

Coach was charged with first-degree manslaughter. The time and location of her arraignment has not been determined, police said.'

Woman accused of taping dog to refrigerator pleads 'impaired mental condition' - due to DV

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This story represents a unique application of the "battered woman syndrome". Basically, this woman is using her boyfriend's alleged DV to excuse her taping his dog to the fridge. I guess if you can use DV to justify murder you can use it to justify anything. Only problem: in Boulder, pets actually have value and rights. Not so sure about men. Excerpt:

'A former University of Colorado student who was arrested in April on suspicion of taping her boyfriend's dog to the refrigerator pleaded in court Wednesday that she suffered from an “impaired mental condition” that excuses her behavior.

...

Toll's defense attorney George Kokus has argued that his client should be allowed to use the mental defense at trial because she was an “ongoing victim of domestic violence,” putting her in a mental state that either justifies, excuses or mitigates her actions.

For someone to plead an impaired mental condition means, in essence, that the person admits to doing the criminal act but was incapable of knowing what he or she was doing at the time of an alleged crime, according to deputy district attorney David Cheval.'

Tiger's Women Cash In - How Much They've Made Selling Their Stories

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Being a mistress of a famous sports star is a part-time job but it pays full-time money!

Just ask all the women who are capitalizing on their affairs with Tiger Woods. A RadarOnline.com investigation has uncovered how much they've earned off the scandal so far for making their affair details public after staying in the background while romancing the married golf star.
...
The story of Uchitel's affair with Tiger was broken by the National Enquirer, but Uchitel vehemently denied it publicly. The Enquirer caught her in a series of lies and contradictions, however, and she then hired power attorney Gloria Allred. It was clear that Uchitel was entertaining offers to sell her story to the highest bidder and received bids in the low six-figure range. But RadarOnline.com has learned that Tiger's wife Elin called Uchitel the night Woods crashed his car and confronted her about their relationship.
...
Uchitel denied the affair to Elin and later told Tiger that she had protected him. It was Tiger who made the decision to pay her off.

So what about the other so called mistresses? No dollar figure has been attached to any of them, and the porn star who claims a relationship with Tiger has not provided any proof. An Orlando lawyer is representing an as-yet unnamed woman and has not named a price.

So the grand total for being Tiger's mistress right now stands at a range of $1,210,000 to $3,210,000.'

A myth is busted: Testosterone not tied to aggression

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A new study challenges the common belief that testosterone causes aggression in humans and proposes instead that the hormone encourages status-seeking behavior, the journal Nature reported.'

Hopefully this will break the stereotype that men are inherently violent due to their high testosterone level.

Trudy Schuett: First article in 'New Perspectives on Partner Abuse'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I would not refer my worst enemy to our local women's shelter. The reason is clear: they provide a single solution for everyone, regardless of circumstances. That solution is a divorce...

The ugly, backward provisions of VAWA need to be removed from our communities and its proponents sent back to the fringes of society where they belong. Otherwise, almost no one will be helped, and no progress made in new approaches, and we need far more from our tax dollars than that.'

Note the link in the left sidebar to Trudy's new web site: 'New Perspectives on Partner Abuse' (link here: partnerabuse.com. Note there is no 'www' in the URL.)

Judge sets woman's bail in sexual assault and burning

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman from First Street who admitted to police that she sexually assaulted a 43-year-old male back in November while he was passed out, and then burned him with microwave-heated water, made her first appearance in court on Wednesday.
...
The victim was sodomized by Smith with a wooden dowel in front of the witness and “Laura laughed about it,” he reported to police.
...
The witness then stated Smith and the man hosting the party kicked the victim in his midsection and “at one point, Laura Smith began to heat water in the microwave. She then poured the water on [the victim’s] back,” the affidavit states. “She did this several times.”'

Patrick Stewart discusses his experience as a child in violent home

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Thanks to Jeremy S. for the heads-up. The video is here. What an incredibly moving video. Clearly this man is very deeply traumatized in multiple ways. Those of you with a clinical background are certain to catch on to these ways.

What bowls me over about him is his courage in discussing publicly what happened to him. At his age, undoubtedly even after many years of therapy, he will never be over what happened to him.

As for the topic, it is unlikely he will ever see that DV in its both mildest to worst forms, happens to men as well as women. Despite our urge as MRAs to get angry at him or men like him because we can clearly see that he is not acknowledging the whole truth about DV, nor how the sex role stereotypes that men are indoctrinated into and often forced into (for example, was his father drafted into the British Army?), contribute to the state his father got into - which is not at all to excuse his behavior - nonetheless, it is entirely praiseworthy that he acknowledge what happened to him as a boy and how it affected him. This is a large piece of the kind of work that men as individuals need to do - we cannot get over our own personal demons, whatever they be, if we do not have the courage to face them and strive to understand how they came into being, and how they affect us as individuals. It is the difference between living life on auto-pilot, like so many people do, and living it with self-awareness and thus, with purpose.

I have no dislike for Patrick Stewart. Indeed, I could not care less if he continued advocating for DV programs for women only, as much as I utterly disagree with such a thing. That he has set this kind of example not just to men but to everyone in having the courage to discuss publicly such intimate and sensitive matters and showing us his feelings in this way makes me want to just plain kiss the guy.

Judge drops rape charges against William McCaffrey after accuser admits to perjury

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A deeply apologetic judge officially dropped all charges Thursday against an innocent man he sent to prison for rape.

"I want to convey to you my personal regret in having participated, though unknowingly, in the injustice committed to you," Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Richard Carruthers told William McCaffrey, calling the wrong conviction "a catastrophe both for [McCaffrey] and for the criminal justice system."

McCaffrey's accuser, Biurny Peguero, 27, took back her damning rape allegations in August and confessed to perjury.

"Given the startling turn of events, I now recant what I said about you when I sentenced you for 20 years in prison for a rape we now know you did not commit," said the judge, who had called the alleged assault "horrific" and "disgusting" when he sent McCaffrey upstate in October 2006.'

Ed. note: Some background on this case here.

Serena Williams slams officials for being 'totally sexist'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MELBOURNE: American tennis star Serena Williams has launched an extraordinary attack on officials and former players in a bitter aftermath to her record fine.

Considered by many to be fortunate to escape suspension for abusing a lineswoman at the US Open, Williams claims that the $175,000 fine is excessive, and sexist.

Williams was found guilty by the Grand Slam committee of
aggravated behaviour for screaming at the lineswoman: "If I could. I would take this f...ing ball and shove it down your f...ing throat."'

If she was a man, she would have been immediately disqualified from the tour. Let's see if the ITF and WTA tour officials have the guts to take stricter action against her.

Canada: Universities changing names of women's studies depts. in effort to get male students to take classes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While many Canadian universities are changing their women's studies programs into gender studies programs, UPEI is sticking with its label.

The name change is meant to make the courses more appealing to men. The official line at UPEI is the name change is not an issue, and the women's studies department would not comment.

Psychology professor Fiona Papps, who offers four courses that are part of the women's studies program, told CBC News Thursday it is a misconception that women's studies focuses narrowly on women.

"You know, just militant feminists or bashing men — that's not true. It looks at issues of social justice, it looks at issues of sexuality, it looks at issues of race," said Papps.
...

"I need to look at both men and women and across races to see what the differences and similarities are," said Little.

"Then I can actually speak much more as an expert about how all women experience welfare and whether all women experience welfare in similar ways or in different ways."

Papps said that many men do take women's studies courses at UPEI, despite the name.'

Teachers found naked together in classroom during school hours remain employed

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Story here. They are to be reassigned? So if they were two male teachers found naked together would they be reassigned? Or how about if one was male and the other female? Why is there any question at all? Why haven't they been fired? You already know the answer. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (CBS) Cindy Mauro and Alini Brito, two New York high school teachers who have been pulled from their classrooms for an alleged nude on-campus romp, have now been joined in the controversy by a third teacher, Allison Musacchio, who is under investigation for being involved with a male student, according to the New York Daily News.

In regards to Brito and Mauro, Feinberg issued a statement confirming that the school was investigating "an incident of employee misconduct while the school was having an event in the assembly during the evening of Nov. 20."

The tenured teachers "have been reassigned, pending the outcome of the investigation," the statement said, but did not name Brito or Mauro.

In regards to a Crimesider question about Musacchio, Feinberg issued a statement confirming "an allegation against a teacher for employee misconduct" had been made in March 2009. The teacher involved was "reassigned pending the outcome of the investigation," it said, but did not name Musacchio.'

UK: So, who do women think does all the work?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This report, based on interviews with 15,000 working women, casts intriguing new light on the relationship between men and women. It seems that the idea of the "useless man" slobbing around the home while his woman does all the work is nothing but a post-feminist myth. According to Rebecca Meisenbach, from Missouri University, it has been propagated by women who feel "an overwhelming sense of guilt" at having a career, rather than fulfilling their traditional gender role of wife and mother.

Naturally, there's a part of me that would like to congratulate Dr Meisenbach. After four decades of feminist drivel stigmatising men as inept, workshy, uncommunicative neanderthals whose only significant inventions are rape and war, it's about time someone spoke up in our defence.

Consider how men are now portrayed in films, books, adverts, and sitcoms from Men Behaving Badly to Friends: always it's the boys who are feckless, one-track-minded, chauvinistic and basic, while the girls are invariably the much put-upon omnicompetents who do all the real work and make everything right in the end.
...
If you don't believe me, try breeding a daughter. From almost the moment she can speak, she will dedicate her tiny life to bossing Daddy around, telling him where he's going wrong and ordering him to do chores – often ganging up with Mummy in sisterly solidarity to mock and diminish Daddy's supposedly pathetic achievements.

This isn't learned behaviour; this is hardwired into the female system. A woman's work is never done – and boy, doesn't she just love to remind us of the fact. But when her mate performs similar wonders, his only reward is his own virtue. After all, it wasn't really the man who did those boring domestic tasks, was it? It was those wondrous, perpetually unappreciated Spanner Fairies.'

New Zealand: Botched circumcision put boy in hospital

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A BOTCHED circumcision of a four-year-old boy that resulted in the severing of a penis artery has landed a doctor in trouble.

The boy was sent to hospital to stem the "uncontrollable bleeding" after the procedure by a GP, who was assisted by an unqualified doctor and his wife in a New Zealand medical centre last January.

A report on the distressing episode, with the names of the centre and the "medical team" not revealed, was released today by New Zealand's Health and Disability Commissioner, NZPA reports.

"This case illustrates what can happen when a doctor is unfamiliar with, or chooses not to follow, recommended guidelines for a surgical procedure," the report said.

The report recommended the doctor not attempt circumcisions on patients older than six months.
...
The parents said they were both ejected from the operating room when they became distraught.

The father said he even felt dizzy enough to faint after the doctor had cut into his son before a painkiller could take effect.

He was ordered to join the crying mother outside.

"We could hear our son crying for help and begging us not to leave him there by himself. He kept asking them to let us in, but they wouldn't listen," the mother said.

After an hour the father went back into the surgery room to see the clinic manager and the unlicensed doctor holding the boy "as if they were holding a wild animal".

The GP said the child was "extremely difficult to handle" meaning he had been forced to call in help to restrain the thrashing.'

Obama Pushes New Stimulus Package Focusing On 'Shovel Ready' Jobs

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Article here. Sounds good until feminist groups cry sexism and have the funds re-directed towards female dominated fields which have actually prospered through the current recession. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama pressed forward with an expansion of his $787 billion stimulus plan Tuesday, unveiling job-creation proposals that largely build on the initial package, including a hiring tax credit that his own party jettisoned as unworkable and some business owners deemed ineffective.
...
New infrastructure spending envisioned by Mr. Obama would include funds for roads, bridges, airports and water systems, even though tens of billions of dollars from the original stimulus plan remain in the pipeline. White House economist Jared Bernstein said worthy projects not deemed "shovel ready" in the initial funding applications now will see money, implying that federal stimulus spending could stretch well beyond 2010.'

Fox: "Gym Closes, Women Still Forced to Pay"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON - A ladies' only gym goes belly up, but hundreds of women are still being forced to pay up.

The women say the Lady of America franchise in The Woodlands has already broken two laws, and therefore their contracts should be voided.

Dozens of them have taken their complaints straight to the top. Both the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office and the Texas Attorney General's Office are investigating.

At first, the words "women only" sounded pretty good.

"I have never belonged to a gym before, and the main reason was I didn't want a facility with men," said Ann Holmes.

But working out isn't what's bringing so many women together now. On October 15th, a year and a half after opening, the franchise in The Woodlands locked members out. The women say they never saw a 30 day notice posted, as required by state law.
...
Tiede says hiring an attorney may be the women's best and safest course of action, but that's little comfort when the legal process can be a long one.

The owner of Gold's Gym, Bryan Murphy, says there are women from Lady of America using his gym and actually prefer it. He adds his gym hasn't seen a penny and will explore solutions when the women's memberships completely transfer in January.'

Amanda Knox: "The guards helped me out. They held me all night"

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Story here. I can't begin to tell you how much red I am seeing over this topic. Brace yourselves, please, for a Matt-rant. Here goes:

I wonder how many times the guards in a prison somewhere have "held" a male prisoner all night as he sobbed miserably after being convicted of a murder in a case that had a mountain of evidence against him? Knox supporters have been crying anti-Americanism is behind her convictions, but was anti-Ivorian sentiment behind Rudy Guédé's conviction? (Who the hell was that, you ask? The "third" person found guilty in this trial, which is a funny way to look at it since he was the first of the three to stand trial and the first actually convicted. So we know where he sits in precedence of public consideration already.)

Is any one of her partners in crime receiving such sympathy? Her Italian boyfriend (umm, what's-his-name again... Raffaele Sollecito, umm, that's it) is also doing 25 years for this crime, and the "third convict" as he is being called was found guilty in a separate trial. I am amazed they even bother to mention his name, Rudy Guédé, at all in the article as he is 1) a man, and 2) from the Ivory Coast (ie, he's black) and 3) was not romantically (but by his account, in a sexual way, and only recently relative to the crime) involved with Knox. Does *anyone* at all, in comparison to Knox, care a whit about what his first night in jail was like?

But to be fair, those two others were assuredly held all night in prison by the guards. They just weren't cuddled or coddled in that meaning of the word. They were instead held in cells probably without any contact with others, unless it was in the form of some kind of abuse, which no one cares about. (Aside: Notice how NGOs like Amnesty International have stopped discussing such matters as the abuse of prisoners in jails unless the prisoners are female?)

It would seem, as I often point out, that nymphotropism has absolutely no limits. I predict Ms. Knox will be out in less than five years while her "boyfriend" will do all 25. (God knows how long Guédé got; they don't mention it in this article but they do mention his was the only DNA *not* found on the murder weapon, which is not to say I think he isn't guilty of the murder along with the other two). In any case after she gets out, I doubt she'll do anything to get either of them out of jail, either.

Let me be clear: I firmly believe anyone guilty of such a crime shouldn't be let out early. I also believe with equal firmness that all the guilty parties should do the same time yet even if one of them is cuter or more feminine than the others. Excerpt:

'PERUGIA, Italy – Amanda Knox sounded casual, surprised even, by the simple question as it came through the door of her prison cell in English on Sunday: "How are you?"

"OK, thanks. How are you guys?" said the American student, who had been sentenced eight days earlier to 26 years in prison for the murder of her British roommate. But minutes later, Knox confided, in answer to a question from an Associated Press reporter in her cell: "I am scared because I don't know what is going on."

The 22-year-old, who is a cause celebre in the United States among those who contend she was wrongly convicted by the Perugia court, received a 10-minute visit inside the cell by two Italian lawmakers, prison officials and a pair of reporters in Capanne prison on the outskirts of Perugia.
...
Three people, including Knox's Italian former boyfriend, have been convicted of sexual assault and murder.
...
Toward the end of the visit, the woman from Washington state recalled her emotions on Dec. 5, when shortly after midnight the judge read out the verdict after a nearly yearlong trial: "I was feeling horrendous" upon being convicted.

"The guards helped me out. They held me all night," she said.

Knox's ex-boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito, who was given a 25-year-sentence, is now in another prison. Both insist they are innocent, as does a third defendant, Ivory Coast national Rudy Guede, who was convicted in a separate trial.

...

Knox's cell mate, who has been identified by other lawmakers in previous visits as a 53-year-old American woman from New Orleans serving a four-year sentence for a drug conviction, wasn't present during the visit.

The cell includes a private bathroom with shower, toilet and bidet.

Shortly after her visitors left the cell, just before lunch time, Knox sat on her bed and was reading some handwritten papers. When she heard the delegation leaving the corridor, she looked up, waved and said, "Ciao."

TVs and newspapers are available, although Knox said she doesn't watch television or read the newspapers.

The prison was decked out for the holidays, with Christmas trees. During a short tour, the delegation saw a hairdresser, whose services inmates can use once a week.

A pingpong table is among the recreation facilities.'

Don't let your children watch "family" programming promoting hate

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We all know the media's misandristic portrayal of men as slow-witted, obtuse, brainless beasts is pervasive. Even worse, most "family" programming - ABC Family and the Disney channel as examples - will teach your children that men are stupid and women are the wiser, more intelligent sex. They will also teach your daughters to dress provocatively and obsess over boys and your sons to care about only one thing - sex. I just saw a minute long commercial for a show on ABC Family that portrayed high school students deciding to skip school because algebra was unimportant. The girls were made up like prostitutes in skimpy shorts and the boys looked like anime characters, promoting superficiality.

Even the movies on these channels persist in portraying males as blundering idiots. Santa Baby 2 portrayed Santa, all the male elves, and Jenny McCarthy's little lumberjack-looking boytoy as completely inept, weak-willed, idiotic Neanderthals. Every woman - Jenny McCarthy, Mrs. Claus, and the evil elf - was portrayed as incredibly intelligent, smart, and powerful.

When Jenny - Santa's daughter - was upset with him, she became frustrated and pushed him causing him to hit his head and say "ouch". Of course, this is funny because it's only female on male violence.

Part of the reason society's views on women's and men's rights are in such a terrible state is that the media pushes radical anti-male ideals without any checks or balances. Worse yet they perpetuate these myths in what is supposed to be wholesome family programming, infusing misandry in our children from the day they are born.

What happened to Sesame Street, to the original Jungle Book, to Mary Poppins, to wholesome family programming in general? And we wonder why children act the way they do today....

My call to action?

1) Don't let your kids watch the Disney channel or ABC Family or any other station that promotes misandry.
2) Educate your children about the state of men's and women's rights in today's society. Awareness is the first step in promoting change.
3) Express your concerns directly to these "family" stations. My letter to ABC family is below. Click here to send your own.

Greetings,

I was offended by the rampant misandry present in the ABC Family programming. The ABC Family movie Santa Baby 2 portrays all males as inept and unintelligent and condones female on male violence as acceptable and comical. In addition I witnessed a commercial for an ABC Family series which portrayed high school boys and girls - who dress like provocative men and women - deciding to skip school because their classes were unimportant. This is not what I would expect from programming meant for families and children. I must protest and inform you that my children will never watch programming that promotes hatred based on gender, devalues the importance of education, and is infused with sexual innuendo. Specifically, they will never watch ABC Family as long as it continues to espouse immoral ideas. I will also be sure to tell my friends and family with children about what I saw today so that they may spare their own children from viewing the poison you call "family" programming.

Thank you,
Jay Hammers

Roseanne Barr: Palin Is "Slave To Right-Wing Men"

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A 24/7 news cycle has people doing almost anything to get attention, including saying the sorts of things that would never get into print or aired. Because MSM outlets are competing ferociously for the last vestiges of scarce and scarcely-profitable market-share, they are actually "reporting" such things, too. That is the only explanation I can think of for this.

Those involved are known quantities. Nothing herein should come as a surprise, aside from the level of stupidity some have sunk to along with the depths of self-degradation required to behave in ways so offensive and bizarre, possibly in the hopes that their infantile attempts to gain attention will be attributed merely to a relapse of insanity or, more benignly, holiday stress. Excerpt:

'Friday's Joy Behar Show on CNN Headline News showed a pre-recorded interview with Roseanne Barr [link added] in which Barr opined that, although Sarah Palin is "likable," the "stuff she says is half nuts," and she's "half crazy and out of her mind." Barr -- who herself has a recent history of doing such bizarre things as appearing in Heeb magazine dressed as Adolf Hitler removing Jewish gingerbread cookies from an oven -- went on to declare that Palin is "like a slave to these, you know, right-wing men. That's like the only way a right-wing woman can make it."

Barr soon added: "The only way a woman can make it in the right wing, or the conservative, whatever the hell you want to call it, Republican, is to be against all other women. And that is what she does."

Ironically, just moments later as she and Behar expressed disapproval at the man who recently threw tomatoes at Palin, Barr was critical of liberals who have treated the former Alaska governor "badly because she's female," calling it "disgusting." Barr: "I don't like where she is treated like badly because she's female. I think that's so wrong, and I think the left and the liberals are disgusting to do that."'

Man Kills Woman In Self Defense: No Charges Filed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. -- No charges will be filed in the death of a 42-year-old Mesa County woman who was shot nine times in the driveway of a neighbor who said he fired his gun in self-defense.

Crystal Nash, 42, was shot and killed around 2:20 a.m. on Nov. 1 in the driveway at 3007 Rood Ave.

"In declining to file criminal charges here, I do not intend to condone or endorse anything that happened," District Attorney Pete Hautzinger wrote in a letter sent Thursday to Mesa County Sheriff Stan Hilkey. "I certainly believe that neighborhood disputes are usually better resolved without firearms being involved."'

Washington Post: 'It's time for New Deal feminism'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We are in the midst of a sexual revolution at work. Thanks in part to the recession, women now hold close to half of all jobs in the economy, mothers are the main or co-breadwinners in two-thirds of American families, and men can claim the dubious honor of being a majority of the jobless. But this is one sexual revolution that hasn't produced much joy of late -- at work or at home. For many, decent wages and economic security remain elusive, and the stress of long hours and job competition has frayed social relationships.

...

Feminism today should concentrate on the economy and the workplace -- and on the huge transformations that are needed there to get greater equality and security. These are issues that can unite women across class and culture and allow feminism to speak to the fears and concerns of everyone. A few women's organizations and groups have been moving in this direction for a long time. But what often gets lost is how much we can draw not only from the great feminist upsurge of the late 1960s and 1970s but also from the movement that preceded it. The next women's movement should look a lot more like the one in the 1930s than the one in the late 1960s.

...

It wasn't enough for women to gain access to what had traditionally been men's work. All too often that meant entering dangerous or poorly paid jobs and adjusting to a work world premised on the ideal of an unencumbered wage-earner without home or community responsibilities. Rather, what was needed, they argued, was to transform the world of work, its values and its practices.'

Woman Who Made False Rape Charge Is Guilty of Perjury

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who in 2005 falsely accused a man of rape, leading to his wrongful conviction and imprisonment, pleaded guilty on Monday to two counts of perjury.

The woman, Biurny Gonzalez, 27, acknowledged in State Supreme Court in Manhattan that she had falsely testified under oath before a grand jury and during a trial when she asserted that the man, William McCaffrey, had sexually assaulted her.

Mr. McCaffrey, 32, an interior contractor, was convicted of rape in 2006 and began serving a 20-year sentence. But this past spring, Ms. Gonzalez recanted, first confessing to a priest that she had lied, then telling prosecutors.
...
A religious reawakening prompted Ms. Gonzalez to admit her misdeeds to a priest at St. Anthony's parish in Union City, her lawyer, Paul F. Callan, said.

"It was very wrong what she did in the first place," he said. "But in the end she found her way to do the right thing, the courageous thing, the just thing."'

Officers Speak Out About False Rape Cases

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A report of rape is a call that puts police officers on high alert.

"Because of the egregiousness of the crime, the need is to make an apprehension as soon as possible, we throw all the resources we have available at it," says Sgt. Kelly Walker with the Waynesboro Police Department.

Walker says false reports, such as rape, are made more often than they should.

Investigations in Staunton and Waynesboro have turned up two of these cases just this week.

Walker adds, "As a standard response, we don't allow any presumptions. We don't prejudge any situations. We just allow the evidence to take us where the case is going to go."
...
He says false reports can put unnecessary stress on community members.'

Reality Check Blog: 'To End the Campus Rape Epidemic, Let Go of Secrecy'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the most disturbing things about the culture of secrecy and total lack of transparency uncovered by the CPI last week is that such a veiled system makes progress really hard to measure. Campus rape won't end until we attack rape culture at its roots, but there are ways to curb the problem, such as innovative, mandatory education programs, transparent channels for counseling and reporting and student-led initiatives like Men Against Rape that target fraternities and other student groups, or Take Back the Night events which brings the issue into the open.

Another method that some schools have embraced and more should is to separate rape prevention programming from campus sex ed programs, thereby clearly delineating the difference between healthy sex between consenting parties and rape, rather than contributing to the boundary-blurring that plagues the issue. A feminist-minded way of doing this is promoting a model of "enthusiastic consent" as posited in the book Yes Means Yes (now being used for sex ed at Colgate University!); the idea that consent is more than a lack of no, but a wholehearted yes.'

UK: Woman sentenced to 200 hours of community service for false rape accusation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Moray woman who falsely accused two men of raping her was ordered to do 200 hours of community service yesterday.

Leoni Campbell admitted making the allegations in 2006 when she appeared at Elgin Sheriff Court.

Campbell claimed she had been raped by a 20-year-old man on July 12 and by a 22-year-old man on August 2.
...
Campbell's agent, Diane MacFarlane, said her client had not known either man personally. She had identified one of them by flicking through previous school yearbooks.

She said 20-year-old Campbell, who was 16 when she made the false rape allegations, had matured considerably since giving birth four months ago.'

N. Ireland: Warrant issued over false rape claim

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'Lindsay Gorman, 20, originally from Lake Glen Avenue, Belfast sparked a massive police hunt last year after claiming she had been raped.

Belfast Crown Court heard that Gorman, has not been seen since her last court appearence in late October when she pleaded guilty to a single charge of doing an act between April 26 and July 25 last year which had a tendancy to pervert public justice by claiming she had been attacked and raped by an unknown man.'

Police: Rape, abduction reports unfounded

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'MARION — Local authorities issued a statement Monday regarding a false report circulating about a crime committed in Marion.

The statement was in regards to the Marion Police Department receiving numerous text message inquires about an abduction and rape that had occurred over the weekend..

“The Marion Police Department knows of no such crimes that were committed in the downtown area in the recent past,” states Maj. Bill Collins in the press release.

Police are investigating an incident involving an intoxicated female found wandering around Sunday morning. However, the case is not related to any rape or abduction crimes.

The department issued the statement because “it did not want needless feelings of unease by the citizens of Marion.'

Police say disabled woman's rape claims are false

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'LADUE, Mo. (KMOX) -- Ladue police say the disabled woman who told police she was raped along McKnight Road made up the entire story.

50 year old Virginia Burns of Overland is now charged with making a false police report and misdeamor possession of marijuana.

Burns had told police she ran out of gas on McKnight, then took her wheelchair out of vehicle and started riding north for help when she was attacked.'

India: Rape Law says 'Yes can mean No'

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'According to Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code, a man is said to have committed rape if he has had sexual intercourse with a woman against her will and without her consent.
The definition of rape does not end there!

Even if a woman has given her consent for sex, the man would be deemed to have committed rape when

• her consent has been obtained by putting her or any person in whom she is interested in fear of death or of hurt.

• the man knows that he is not her husband, and that her consent is given because she believes that he is another man to whom she is or believes herself to be lawfully married.

• at the time of giving such consent, by reason of unsoundness of mind or intoxication or the administration by him personally or through another of any stupefying or unwholesome substance, she is unable to understand the nature and consequences of that to which she gives consent.

In addition, a male having sex with a female under sixteen years of age is rape regardless of whether the act is done with or without her consent. What is striking, at the outset, is the inherent bias in the definition of rape itself. According to this law, rape is a criminal act that is committed by a man against a woman. Not only that, the crime is entirely in the mind of the female “victim.”'

Lacrosse Sex Scandal — Sexual Assault or Prank?

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'An 18-year-old student at Sacred Heart University claims that three lacrosse players at the Connecticut school — one of them a Long Island native — sexually assaulted her in a dorm room last weekend. The victim was having consensual sex with 19-year-old freshman Timothy Sanders, when the suspect allegedly held her down and shouted for his two teammates, freshmen Nicholas Travers and Zachari Triner, to join in, according to police. The two men then purportedly ran naked into the dorm room and touched the woman inappropriately. After she screamed and struggled, Travers and Triner fled.

But Sanders' lawyer claims the incident was an alcohol-fueled joke, not a criminal matter. "This young woman was unfairly humiliated by some college boy prank. This is not a sexual assault," said attorney Wayne Keeney, who claims that the lacrosse players have been negatively stereotyped: "I guess lacrosse is the new preppy version of al Qaeda." According to Keeney, the two other students "certainly never touched the girl. And they left the room immediately." The attorney also stated that the bed was lofted 5 feet off the floor, raising questions about the woman's description of events, and he claims that Travers — the Smithtown native — wasn't involved in any way.
...
But Sacred Heart student Danielle Palmaccio had this to say: "I think she'd be telling the truth. Why wouldn't she? I know sometimes information gets skewed but I don't think she would lie about it." The suspects have been charged with conspiracy to commit sexual assault and have been suspended from school and the lacrosse team.'

UK: Widow Says Husband Driven to Heart Attack after False Accusation

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'We've all heard about false accusations of sexual criminality, incidents such as the 2006 Duke University rape frame-up case. They are a form of psychological molestation and can destroy a person's life just as being physically molested can. Well, now such an accusation might have ended a man's life.

The hapless victim, 63-year-old British citizen Bryan Davies, died of a massive heart attack last Friday after months of community harassment resulting from a false accusation of pedophilia. And what was the reason for the accusation?

Two girls leveled it after the man and his wife, Debbie Davies, 43, refused to allow a "sleepover" at their home or the girls to walk their dog.

The Daily Mail reports on the story, writing, "Mrs Davies said her husband had fought in vain to clear his name after two schoolgirls falsely accused him in [sic] indecently touching them in the summer." And it didn't help Mr. Davies that the police had dismissed the girls' story after an investigation. It didn't help when, reports the Mail, "Police in Accrington, Lancashire, even went as far as handing out leaflets to locals in the neighbourhood to officially state the allegations as 'false and without any foundation whatsoever'." No, despite this, the couple suffered continual harassment.'

Malaysia: 275 boys circumcised in a mass ceremony

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'KEPALA BATAS, MALAYSIA - Nearly 300 boys from the Kepala Batas parliamentary constituency were circumcised in a mass ceremony yesterday.

The event was jointly organised by the parliamentary constituency and Penaga, Bertam and Pinang Tunggal state constituencies with cooperation from the Kepala Batas Hospital Visitors' Board, as part of the 1Malaysia community health programme.

Of the 275 boys, 108 were circumcised by the traditional method. The rest were circumcised using a modern technique.

Before the circumcision, the boys took part in a bicycle procession and were sprayed with water in a symbolic start to the ceremony.

Kepala Batas Umno division vice-chief Mohamad Naser Talib launched the ceremony. He represented former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.'

Uganda: "Unmasking the lie: Circumcision, sex and HIV/Aids"

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'A few days ago I found it necessary to restate my position, calmly and quietly, that my sons – two so far – should under no circumstances be circumcised. Two very simple and I am persuaded, logical reasons.

First, while I respect the standpoint of those who argue for circumcision, I personally do not believe in it. Circumcision is such a personal affair; nobody has the right to decide for anybody else whether or not they should undergo it. And since kids are too young to appreciate the merits (probably lack of them) of a matter as personal and important as losing their foreskin, I argue that it is improper for somebody else (parent though they be) to make that decision for them, unless it is a medical emergency that has implications on their immediate survival or potency.
If as adults they decide to submit to the knife, that is their responsibility.

The other reason is that the advocates of circumcision in Uganda today are advancing very lame, wrong and wholly incompetent reasons for it. Their message is two-fold: that circumcision will help protect men from contracting HIV – the virus that causes Aids.'

New VA patients younger, more often women

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'"It's not the old guys group anymore," said Ann Brown, the medical center director, from her office inside the brown brick hospital not far from Harpers Ferry. "It's women and it's younger, and the younger folks, they need more than just medical care. They've got family issues. They need help reintegrating in how to get back into their jobs."'

A couple of observations:

1) The headline 'more often women' turns out to apply to a clinic in some small town.
2) You know those (old) guys - no family issues to worry about, and no reintegration necessary!
3) War is affecting *women* soldiers - now we *really* better do something!!

Australia: 'White Ribbon Day in forum's sight'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THERE is an angry core of Australian men who use cyberspace as the latest forum to unload on how women have done them wrong

A few weeks ago we ran a column on The Punch website, examining their emergence. The piece documented how even those columns with the most innocent subject matter, such as breast cancer, maternity leave, child care or body image become a vehicle whereby crotchety men can bemoan the apparent neglect of men's health issues, the economic pressures faced by single dads and the raw deal they get from the courts.

The article had the unsurprising effect of attracting, well, an angry core of Australian men who use cyberspace as a forum to unload on how women have done them wrong.

There was a depressingly pertinent example of this mindset this week and it's worth pinging the perpetrators over it, as it demonstrated all the nonsensical self-pity of the men-are-victims-too brigade.

...

Parents are reporting their concerns when their sons come home wearing the WR wristband and then begin asking questions, which suggest the boys fear their future will be one of violence, the Men's Rights Agency said this week.

The MRA says there is no excuse for the intrusion of the White Ribbon message into our schools, particularly with their brand of over-exaggeration of male violence and denial of violence by females.

Setting aside the fact that there's no such thing as an over-exaggeration, it would be nice if the Men's Rights people could line up this army of angry families who are appalled by this innocent educational gesture and, while they're at it, maybe they can also wheel out those long-suffering men for whom home is a place of terror.'

Inside Amanda Knox's Prison Cell

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'When Associated Press reporter Patricia Thomas was in Capanne prison outside Perugia, Italy, Sunday and saw Knox, "They were passing food through the bars so the inmates could eat inside their cell, which seemed sort of sad to me."

Thomas provided a description of Knox to "Good Morning America" today of a young, timid woman who was so scared after her murder conviction that the female prison guards physically held her during the night to comfort her.
...
"She said one of her big problems now is passing the time in prison... she is trying to work it out with her professors back in the states so she can finish her university degree," Thomas said.
...

'The reporter said the prison is "extremely clean." Knox's cell, which she shares with another American who has been sentenced on drug charges, is small. "It had a little bathroom with a door, a bidet, a sink, a shower.... better than some of the things I've seen at summer camp or boarding school."

The women inmates are allowed to go to a hairdresser once a week.

The prison is a new facility, just opened in 2005. The women's ward has an infirmary, an entertainment room with a pool table and ping-pong table, and a library. There is also a small chapel. Outside there is a little playground for children with benches and toys because there are cells specifically for women with children. Currently there are two women in Capanne with children.'

Funding cuts to women-only shelters could be a positive event for communities

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Yesterday a story appeared at East Valley Living, a Phoenix-area website, bemoaning the budget cuts by the State of Arizona to the women-only DV shelters across the state. The story included some stunning numbers on the millions of dollars per year the largest shelter in AZ spends on little more than housing and feminist education for a shrinking number of clients.

In response I wrote "Funding cuts to women-only shelters could be a positive event for communities" detailing how shelters could better serve their communities by eliminating most of that housing, emphasizing instead things like counseling and expanding the numbers of qualified clients.

Ed. note: Trudy Schuett has been an advocate for sane public policy around DV programs and laws for a long time. Some on her can be found here.

Prostate Cancer Diagnosis May Bring Suicide, Heart Risks

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'Prostate cancer may not be as deadly as it once was, likely because of advances in screening and treatment, but a new study suggests that even a diagnosis of the disease carries some risks.

A collaboration including researchers from Harvard University and the Karolinska Institute in Sweden looked at data for more than 4 million men in Sweden above the age of 30 and found that the diagnosis of prostate cancer -- something that occurred in over 160,000 of those men -- increased the relative risks for fatal heart problems 11 times and suicide by eight times in the week after diagnosis.

"Stress can be an important trigger for physiologic reactions, including increased risk of cardiovascular disease," said Dr. Meir Stampfer, chair of the department of epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health. "The diagnosis of cancer also can cause high enough stress to see a noticeable increase in both heart disease and suicide."'

Washington Post: Full participation for our 'sisters-in-arms'

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'Is it possible we are seeing the beginnings of a top-down campaign to end the 1994 policy that has excluded women from assignment to direct, sustained ground combat?

If so, we are likely to hear much chatter soon about sex on submarines and alternate use of limited bathroom and berthing space on notoriously cramped vessels. Common sense and courtesy should go a long way toward resolving such issues. And why should anyone object that those are unreasonable expectations of sailors? No one who cannot deal in a civilized manner with female comrades-in-arms and shipmates needs access to a rifle, much less torpedoes or nuclear weapons.

...

"Servicewomen long ago earned the right to be treated as our sisters-in-arms. To that end, we urgently petition Congress to drop all remaining restrictions against them. As for the men within our ranks who disapprove of this: The man who hurts or disrespects our sisters-in-arms, excuses their rapes and harassers or collaborates with their assailants is not our brother."

Our century will become only more violent. American women and gays have a stake in the survival of our republic, and the military will continue to need to draw on their strength, intelligence and courage. It is time the military acknowledged them and welcomed them into the profession of arms, rather than using, ignoring or discarding them.'

American Thinker: 'Radical feminism's attack on manhood in America'

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'Over the years, radical feminism has been attempting to demonize any display of testosterone. The slightest aggressive behavior is taken to the ultimate extreme portraying males as abusers. Their goal clearly is to wimpify maleness.
...
Whether feminists like it or not, boys are designed to display strength, power and bond with other males. This is why so many fatherless boys join gangs. While I assume some kids truly are hyperactive, I wonder how many boys are being drugged simply for acting like boys?
...
Even fatherhood is no longer honored and respected. I find it difficult to enjoy sitcoms and movies where the kids totally disrespect the father. They chastise and say whatever they want to him. The message is clear, "Dad is an idiot" -- a far cry from the classic TV show, "Father Knows Best".

To a certain degree, radical feminists have been successful in their quest to wimpify American men. You see it in everything from the way news stories are covered to national political issues. We are overly concerned with feelings rather than doing the right thing.'

UK: Poor white boys sliding down GCSE pass rates

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'Boys from white working class homes are falling further behind their classmates when it comes to GCSE passes, according to a breakdown of this summer's results.

A breakdown of the pass rate shows that fewer than one in five white British boys on free school meals obtained five A* to C grade passes including maths and English – the yardstick by which success is traditionally measured.

That put them 31.5 percentage points behind the national average – a rise of 1.3 percentage points in the gap in the past three years.

Separate research also published by the Government today underlined their poor performance.

The research, by Andy Ross from the National Centre for Social Research , showed youngsters who were "disengaged" with education by the time they were 13 were "more likely to be white males".'

UK: Women go online to share child sex-abuse fantasies

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'Thousands of women appear to be using the internet to share sexual fantasies of abuse involving children.

An investigation by The Independent on Sunday found a series of websites that depict female-perpetrated child abuse as "natural, educational and enjoyable" for children.

Users log into online forums to meet other "like-minded" web users and to share personal childhood experiences about sexual acts with adults that they say include mothers, teachers and babysitters. User profiles on one website monitored by the IoS claimed to be those of teachers, doctors and retired grandmothers with an interest in "young girls" and "lesbian incest".

The postings on such sites – assuming they are not posted by men – run counter to the widely held belief that female abusers are either anomalies or feel forced into such depravity by abusive men. Many of the users appear to have easy access to children and describe deriving sexual gratification from sharing their fantasises.
...

Carol Clarke, 46, will also be sentenced this week in Grimsby after she admitted following boys and girls and abusing them in public toilets.

Dr Anne Carpenter, a clinical and forensic psychologist in Glasgow, said: "The internet is presenting clinicians with completely new dilemmas and new questions. We don't know if interaction on these websites translates into offences, but while many may be able to stop at the fantasy level, we cannot ignore these sites and assume people won't act on these fantasies. They may be fewer in number, but women are as accountable for their actions as men. Being a victim of abuse doesn't mean a woman can't be dangerous."
...
Susannah Faithfull (no connection to the Faithfull Foundation) survived years of sexual and physical abuse perpetrated by her mother. Her therapy service, Aurora, has received a 25 per cent jump in calls from survivors of female abuse since news of Vanessa George's crimes.'

Brooklyn teacher 'sex scandal': Third teacher under investigation

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'Never let it be said that Brooklyn doesn't know how to party.

The Brooklyn high school that found itself at the center of widespread attention yesterday after reports surfaced that two female teachers were allegedly discovered in flagrante delicto by a janitor who tattled is again getting unwanted press for the sexy shenanigans of its educators. More scandalous reports surfaced today, this time regarding instances of "sexting" an a potentially inappropriate relationship between teacher Allison Musacchio, 31, (above, left) and a one-time male student.

The New York Post reports that Musacchio is under investigation because a female student spotted her ex-boyfriend's number on the woman's cell phone. Officials allegedly uncovered more than 200 text messages and calls between the two and removed Musacchio from the classroom. (Although how the messages and call records were obtained is unclear.) Prior to that alleged incident of impropriety, Musacchio was investigated for a "fling" with a former student- but the incident was not further probed because the boy was of legal age to consent and no longer a student at James Madison.

Jane Fonda's Eye-Opening Masculinity Speech

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'9 to 5 [link added] actress, author and marriage equality advocate Jane Fonda posed some thought provoking questions about American masculinity in a speech to a women's organization in New York City on Tuesday, reports the Advocate.

The fitness guru, who recently starred on Broadway in the Tony Award-nominated 33 Variations, was presented with a lifetime achievement award by the New York Women's Agenda.

Long-time feminist Gloria Steinem introduced the actress and in her acceptance speech, Fonda made sure to relate her thoughts about society and the masculine-based theories that are keeping violence with children at an all time high.

Fonda suggested that violent behavior could be reduced by examining the hyper-masculinity at the core of acts such as the school shooting at Columbine and other massacres committed by young men.

"What is it about our culture's view of masculinity that makes men and boys so vulnerable to shaming?" asked Fonda. "This is a toxic masculinity."

The On Golden Pond star and Women's Media Center co-founder proposed that a more sensitive and refined understanding of gender could lessen some of the grief.

"If we want to reduce violence in this country anywhere in the world is to create a democratic masculinity that's not so vulnerable to shaming," she said. "But we're so far from that because we don't view the problem in the proper gendered context."'

F&F Action Alert: Write FOX 10 to Protest Dad-Bashing Report

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Item here. Excerpt:

'In one of the most biased news reports I've ever seen, Phoenix KSAZ FOX 10 beat up on so-called "deadbeat dads" in its recent piece Deputies Round Up Deadbeat Dads. In it, Rochelle Black, the mother of a 3-year-old girl, blasts her husband as a deadbeat, holding the picture of their daughter up to the man's face. When her ex-husband, in handcuffs, begins to respond "you won't let me see her," FOX abruptly cuts away from him. Later, she claims poverty and he accuses her of lying before he is again cut off.

If this father is going to be humiliated on a major TV station, he should at least be able to speak and give his side. We're asking Fathers & Families supporters to email Andrew Hasbun, the segment's reporter, and Linda Williams, the anchor at the time by filling out the form below.'

"Guyland" book review hits nail on the head

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Review on Amazon.com here. The book is Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men. The author of the review, Peter Allemano, is a long-time MRA, and is known for his cogent writing on these matters. Well worth the time. Excerpt:

'Ostensibly a concerned but kindly portrait of young American males, the book is actually a scathing, unforgiving indictment. Indeed, an in-depth analysis of how adroitly Kimmel has crafted his monumental insult of young American males and impugned their dignity -- while patting himself on the back for being simultaneously insightful and avuncular -- is the stuff of a doctor's thesis with potential to run for more pages than the book itself. This review constitutes but a brief glance at a few of the salient points that such a thesis would highlight.

It is through a combination of neatly interwoven tacks that Kimmel navigates the tricky process of passing off a brutal -- and very shallow -- portrait of young males as a thoughtful assessment.

The overall structure of the book, in and of itself, constitutes Kimmel's primary tack. Focusing, in sequence, upon various unseemly aspects of Guyland -- the term Kimmel has coined to demark the social and psychological world of males approximately 16 to 26 years in age -- he carefully cushions his words with polite disclaimers.'

Woman kills daughters, self in upscale home; custody dispute suspected

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'SAN CLEMENTE, Calif.— A woman killed herself and three other family members, including two young children, in what may have started as a child custody dispute in an upscale, gated Orange County community, authorities said Tuesday.

Sheriff's deputies checking on the tenants were sent to a house in the Careyes community shortly before 2 p.m. Monday. They found the bodies of a 38-year-old woman and her daughters, ages 2 and 4, along with a close relative who was in her 60s, said sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino.
...
He said that man was inside the home when a disturbance began.

"It raised a red flag," Amormino said.
...
Deputies were sent to check on the welfare of the children and found the bodies in a first-floor hallway of the red-roofed, mustard-colored stucco house. Nobody else was in the house.
...

"There was a custody battle going on between the mother of the little girls" and the father, Amormino said. However, the father was not considered a suspect, he said.
...
However, the last homicide report in town also involved a family massacre. Relatives who hadn't heard from relatives broke into a home in another gated community in May 2008 and found five decomposing bodies.

Authorities said Margrit Ucar, 48, shot her husband and herself, while their 21-year-old twin daughters and the family's 72-year-old maternal grandmother died from prescription drug overdoses in an apparent suicide pact. The motive has not been determined.'

DNA testing clears man who served 28 years

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'WASHINGTON— A man who spent 28 years in prison for a rape and murder has been freed after DNA testing showed he's innocent.

Fifty-eight-year-old Donald Eugene Gates left the federal prison in Tucson, Ariz., on Tuesday, just hours after a Washington judge ordered his release.

Gates tells The Associated Press it feels "beautiful" to be free. He says his faith in God helped him get through his incarceration.

Judge Fred Ugast, who presided over Gates' trial, ordered his release just hours before.

Gates was convicted of the 1981 rape and murder of 21-year-old Catherine Schilling.'

Iowa mom gets life for murdering son; barred from contacting surviving son

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'(CNN) -- An Iowa mother was sentenced to life without parole Tuesday for slitting her 2-year-old son's throat and leaving him to die near a remote pond in October 2008, a prosecutor said.

Michelle Kehoe, 36, also received 25 years on one count of attempted murder for slashing her older son's throat. She left both children outside the family van before attempting to kill herself.

The 7-year-old survived and provided key testimony against his mother, whose attorneys argued that she believed she was trying to save her sons from a life of suffering when she cut their throats and her own.

A jury rejected her insanity defense and convicted her of first-degree murder, attempted murder and child endangerment on November 4.

Kehoe also received a 10-year sentence for child endangerment for the injuries she inflicted on her older son, who survived for the night locked inside the family van, Buchanan County Attorney Allan Vander Hart said.'

'Tigress' Uchitel hires Gloria Allred against Woods

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'She began her career challenging the Boy Scouts of America to admit a girl for the first time and won. She has challenged all-male clubs, fought for gay rights and been voted America's "most effective lawyer".

Now Gloria Allred [link added], the advocate representing one of Tiger Woods's alleged lovers, Rachel Uchitel, and another unnamed mistress, is back again in front of the cameras where she likes to be. A prospect not likely to bring the disgraced golfer any comfort.

Allred's appearance in the Woods saga has set up a new dynamic in an already febrile story, pitting, as it does, the world's most successful sportsman against one of America's most aggressive, successful and media-savvy "sharks".

Among her critics, Arianna Huffington has described Allred as the "most disturbing symbol" of what has gone wrong with the US legal system. But Allred's own self-image is of a feminist, campaigning lawyer – champion of the weak against the strong.'

Salon: 'The woman who cried rape'

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'We've all heard various renditions of the story of the woman who cried rape. It's often dubiously told by men from behind bars, but sometimes it comes straight from the accuser herself. This week, a new version that falls into the latter category is making the rounds: On Monday, 27-year-old Biurny Peguero of New Jersey pleaded guilty to perjury after her false allegation about a gang rape sent William McCaffrey, an innocent man, to jail. He served three years of a 20 year sentence before she came forward with her confession.
...
Feminists are often characterized as applying the "guilty until proven innocent" rule to rape cases and the "innocent until proven guilty" standard to allegations of a woman crying rape. But mark this feminist's words: Some women lie about sexual assault and some rapists go free -- but the response in either case shouldn't split down gender lines.'

UK: Drunk men who demand sex from partner should be 'treated as rapists'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Drunken men who demand sex from their wives or girlfriends should be treated as rapists and no longer allowed to claim their judgment was blurred by alcohol, according to the head of the government's review of the rape laws.

Lady Stern, who is leading the review into how rape complaints are handled, has said there must be "no grey area" and that drink should be regarded as an aggravating factor when the case comes to court.

Stern told London's Evening Standard newspaper that a drunken woman was not "fair game" and called for a much tougher line to be taken with men who failed to restrain themselves when they are drunk.

"Being drunk is voluntary and people who become drunk are responsible for their actions. It is not the alcohol that commits the rape. It is not an excuse. It used to be regarded as such, but it is not an excuse . It is an aggravating factor."

Stern said that clear consent had to be obtained for sex regardless of how well couples know each other. A man could not assume a woman's consent.'

Abuse bill betrays victims, subsidizes a radical agenda

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'Two years ago Millie Almore was admitted to the SafeSpace shelter in Stuart, Florida. Ten days later the 26-year-old woman lay dead, stabbed in the neck by Marilyn Hooks, another resident at the facility. An investigation into the incident found the homicide reflected an "egregious failure of the entire agency to satisfactorily assure the health, safety, and welfare of both its clientele and staff."

Millie Almore's tragic death spotlights the woes that vex our nation's 1,800 domestic violence shelters. These problems stem from non-existent accountability, poorly-trained staff, and most of all, a deeply-ingrained ideological agenda.

One former resident at the Hope House shelter in West Virginia attested, "I often felt unsafe. There were several physical and verbal altercations between the shelter residents." No wonder that so many opt to return to their batterer rather than continue to submit to harassment and threats by shelter residents.'

Brazilian Court Orders U.S. Boy to Be Returned to Father

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'MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. — A U.S. Congressman says a Brazilian court has ordered a 9-year-old who has lived there for the last five years to be handed over to his father and returned to New Jersey.

U.S. Rep. Chris Smith says a court meeting in a closed session Wednesday in Rio de Janeiro ruled 3-0 that the Sean Goldman should be handed over to his father, David, at a U.S. Embassy on Friday.

Goldman has been trying to have his son returned since his wife took the child to her native Brazil in 2004, saying she's be back in two weeks. She divorced him there, remarried, and then died in childbirth last year.

Her Brazilian husband argued that he should have custody.

A federal court on Wednesday agreed with Goldman that the boy belongs in New Jersey under an international treaty governing cross-border child abductions.'

PBS re-emerges with "Breaking the Silence"

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Via Jeremy S., via DADD-SC:

Once again, The Battered Mothers Conference and PBS are distributing and showing the documentary, "BREAKING THE SILENCE, Children's Stories."

This film came out in 2005. It was produced by notorious feminazis, and filmed in a battered women's shelter. The numbers they quote (70% of custody decisions favor abusive fathers) are blatantly spurious. They want everyone to believe that judges and marital masters give preference to abusive men in custody decisions. That flies in the face of common sense and several hundred objective studies. Moreover, the main protagonist in the film was HERSELF convicted in three separate cases, of abusing her children. Note that several of the children featured in the film DENIED on camera, that their father had ever been abusive. It's not unexpected that the mothers in the film are obviously ALIENATING their children against their fathers, even as they try to deny the validity of Parental Alienation Syndrome.

When the film first came out, the outcry was loud. PBS was forced to review the film, and concluded that the criticisms were VALID. The PBS ombudsman issued a statement renouncing the film, and assured us that it would be removed from their distribution list. Yet here it is again. We are urging all fathers to visit the Battered Mothers website, click on the appropriate links, and send their comments to PBS and the sponsors of the conference. PBS contact: pmitchell-at-pbs.org.

Paul Clements
DADD-SC

Canada: Woman charged with 10-hour assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'REGINA — A 28-year-old Regina woman has been charged with stabbing, assaulting and threatening to kill another woman over a 10-hour period last week.

Jodi Buckles made her first appearance in Regina provincial court on Monday.

Regina police spokeswoman Elizabeth Popowich said officers were sent to a hospital shortly after 4 a.m. on Friday, where a 24-year-old woman was being treated for stab wounds, numerous bruises and swelling.

Popowich said Buckles is accused of going to the victim's house at 6 p.m. Thursday. The victim was then assaulted, stabbed, robbed and confined in her house for several hours.

The woman was released at about 4 a.m. the next day, and was then taken to hospital by a friend.'

South African boys die to become men in traditional circumcision

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LIBODE, South Africa — The lucky ones survive with mutilated penises and shameful scars for the rest of their lives, but that's the high price boys in rural South Africa pay to become a man.

In the Eastern Cape province, the ethnic Xhosa boys graduate to manhood through a sacrosanct ritual of circumcision.

But every year, the custom among the country's second-largest ethnic group sees young initiates die of complications from botched circumcisions by ill-trained traditional surgeons.

Boys still flock to traditional initiation schools in the bush, because the faster and less painful medical method can result in a lifetime of rejection.

"When you are uncircumcised regardless of your age, society will never regard you as a man, you will always be a boy. No one wants to live with that," said Athenkosi Mtirara, who is about to undergo the procedure.'

'Crying wolf: False rape charges hurt real victims'

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'There are real victims in Biurny Peguero Gonzalez's fake rape story.

In 2005, the Union City woman told authorities in New York that William McCaffrey, a construction worker from the Bronx, and two other men kidnapped and sexually assaulted her at knife point. She now admits it never happened.

McCaffrey was three years into a 20-year sentence when a judge ordered him freed, based on Gonzalez's admission. She now faces seven years in prison herself.

The other victims in this case are the true victims of rape. Andrea Spencer-Linzie, executive director of N.J. Coalition Against Sexual Assault, estimates that 80 percent of sexual assaults go unreported, often because victims fear they won't be believed.

"There's a very prevalent myth that there are a lot of false allegations, so whenever there is one, it plays into the myth," she says.

That's a real crime. And another reason Gonzalez deserves to be punished.'

Canada: Big Ideas: 'Womenomics' promises some wrenching changes -- particularly for men

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'Millennia of male dominance in workplaces, governments, companies and countries could come to an end in the next few decades.

The resulting changes will reverberate through every aspect of our lives and society. And, as with all revolutions, it may not go smoothly.

This revolutionary power shift isn't due to social programs or social engineering. It's about economics. Some call it "womenomics" because women already account for 80 per cent of all purchasing decisions.

More formidably, women may soon be the primary breadwinners. It's a trend that began more than 30 years ago as women flooded into colleges, universities and trade schools.
...
"It won't be race or ethnicity. It will be gender. We have no precedent for a world after the death of macho. But we can expect the transition to be wrenching, uneven, and possibly very violent."
...
It is a bleak forecast. Too bleak, really, since it neglects the reality that, for centuries, women have been discriminated against, forced into subservience or simply told to be quiet.

It may well be the death of macho. But it is also the liberation of half the world's people.

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'Feminomics: Breaking New Ground - Women and the New Deal'

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'From an economic standpoint, will 2010 be the year of the woman? As part of the Roosevelt Institute's ongoing 'Feminomics' series, running on the New Deal 2.0 blog, I was asked to reflect on women's changing roles in the economy. Here's my take on how the New Deal advanced the cause of women's equality.

Earlier this year, the National Organization for Women reported that it was pleased with the way Congress and the Obama administration had approached the need to ensure that women workers benefited from the federal stimulus program. NOW played an important behind-the-scenes role in making sure that the federal dollars not only went to "shovel ready" infrastructure projects (like roads, bridges and other construction work), but also to our nation's "human infrastructure," especially those occupations -- such as nursing, teaching, and social work -- that are frequently held by women.

...

These gains, though somewhat modest within the overall scope of the New Deal relief, nevertheless established the precedent that the plight of working women must be taken into consideration in any state or national effort to provide relief to the unemployed. Equally important, the opportunities provided by the New Deal for professional women such as Ellen Woodward to work in the upper echelons of the federal government was also unprecedented. Indeed, the New Deal's record in placing women in positions of responsibility within government -- which includes, among others, Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, the first female cabinet minister in American history; Josephine Roche, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Hilda Smith, the Director of Workers Education within the WPA; Clara Beyer, Associate Director of the Division of Labor Standards; and Mary McLeod Bethune as head of the Division of Negro Affairs in the National Youth Administration -- would not be matched again until the 1960s.

Thanks to the efforts of Eleanor Roosevelt and others, then, the New Deal-though not perfect -- broke new ground for women in America.'

Women's rights groups say judge went too easy on Sen. Monserrate

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'After New York state Supreme Court Justice William M. Erlbaum announced his decision on Dec. 4 to sentence a Queens' senator to three years probation for assaulting his girlfriend, women's rights groups say they are disappointed.

They are now awaiting the decision of the Senate's committee of special inquiry's investigation of the senator, hoping he will be forced from the legislature's upper house by Democratic colleagues.

Hiram Monserrate, D-Queens, was acquitted in October of felony charges which would have forced him to give up his seat in the Senate. Due to his misdemeanor conviction, he could have spent a year in prison, but received probation for assaulting his girlfriend — a move Marcia Pappas, the president of the National Organization for Women-New York state, did not agree with.

"We think it would have done him some good to sit in jail for a year to think about what he did," Pappas said, "but we hope the special Senate committee takes action and does the right thing and expels Monserrate."

Letter to the editor: 'Women shouldn't have to "prepare" for abuse'

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'In the editorial "Work to end domestic violence must carry on 20 years later" (Dec. 8), the author writes "if young women are not aware of the prevalence of domestic violence, how do they prepare themselves for it?"

No young woman should have to "prepare" for abuse -- rather, the roots of violence against women need to be exposed through school curriculum for boys and girls that addresses sexism and healthy relationships.

The author wonders if the lessons from 20 years ago at L'Ecole Polytechnique have been learned -- if Harper's pending closure of most Status of Women Canada offices across the country is any indication, the answer is a resounding "no."

Any effective strategy to curb violence against women in our society would require that the government shift its focus from criminalizing offenders to funding feminist organizations to do research, public education and advocacy to address the systemic roots of women's inequality.

Women don't need to "prepare for violence" -- they need governments who respond to the violent realities in their lives, including the pervasiveness of sexism, poverty, the lack of universal childcare, racism, and the legacy of colonialism that continues to impact Aboriginal communities.'

Ed. note: emphasis in text added.

Pro football player dies after domestic dispute

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This is one to watch. Will the 'unidentified' woman face the same level of investigation as a man in a similar situation? Excerpt:

'CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chris Henry has died, one day after falling out of the back of a pickup truck in what authorities described as a domestic dispute with his fiancée.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg police said Henry died at 6:36 a.m. ET Thursday. Henry was 26.

"We knew him in a different way than his public persona," Bengals owner Mike Brown said of the player who was suspended five times during his career. "He had worked through the troubles in his life and had finally seemingly reached the point where everything was going to blossom. And he was going to have the future we all wanted for him. It's painful to us. We feel it in our hearts, and we will miss him."

Police spokeswoman Rosalyn Harrington said homicide detectives have been assigned to the case but had no further information.'

Report: State Child Services Visit Woods Home Over Alleged Domestic Incident

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'The Florida Department of Children and Families is investigating the possibility that Tiger Woods and wife Elin Nordegren were involved in a domestic dispute with a weapon, RadarOnline.com is reporting.

According to police dispatch notes obtained exclusively by Radar, DCF attempted to make an in-home visit to the Woods' residence last weekend, accompanied by the Orange County Sheriff's Office. The notes use police code, and reportedly detail a domestic incident that took place in front of their young children involving a weapon, which sources say is a golf club.

DCF asked the Sheriff's office to assist Friday. Deputies arrived at Woods' gated community shortly after 3 p.m. and the police involvement was over shortly after 4 p.m. The report noted "negative contact," although police involvement in the case is closed.'

Ed. note: This is dated Dec. 14, 2009, three days prior to this post's date.

Woman faces charges for firing gun in domestic dispute

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'OCEANA COUNTY — A 38-year-old Hesperia-area woman was arrested by Oceana County Sheriff's deputies early Sunday after allegedly shooting at her husband during a domestic dispute. He was not injured.

Lt. Craig Mast said the incident occurred at the couple's home in the 4300 block of S. 184th Avenue in Greenwood Township. He said deputies had previously responded to several domestic-related calls at the residence.

Mast said the woman fired two rounds from a .44-Magnum rifle. "We believe one round was fired into the air and the other at (the husband), who was in his vehicle," Mast said. The 46-year-old man drove off and contacted police.

The wife was arrested and lodged in the Oceana County Jail. A warrant was pending Monday.'

Woman arrested for naval arson after domestic dispute

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LIDO ISLE – A Newport Beach woman was arrested today after her boyfriend's boat caught fire following a domestic dispute. According to police, Nicole MacDonald, 40, threatened her boyfriend Ian Prider, of Costa Mesa, with a knife while on his boat in Newport Beach Harbor. Prider was able to disarm her, but she is accused of setting fire to the boat while he left to call police, said Newport Beach Police Department Public Information Officer Evan Sailor.

MacDonald was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, arson, driving under the influence and child endangerment, Sailor said.

At about 2 p.m. police responded to a call about disturbing the peace involving a fight between a boyfriend and girlfriend, police Sgt. Steve Burdette said.

Shortly after, police contacted the boyfriend who told officials he'd argued with his girlfriend, officials said.

"And the next thing you know his boat is on fire," Burdette said.

MacDonald left, but police caught up to her later in her car, with her son in the back seat, officials said.

Nobody was hurt in the fire, Burdette said.'

"A teen mom hopes to overcome her violent past"

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'It had been a stressful night for the 18-year-old mother of two, who organized a party for a dozen and then saw 40 show up. Her mom didn't make it, and she was left to run Pin the Tail on the Donkey by herself.

Her outburst was the default reaction of a teenager raised in a home where violence was the accepted way of dealing with frustration. And her struggle represents the challenge of teaching a youngster how to manage the stress of motherhood and break the intergenerational cycle of violence.

Thomas is working to alter her aggressive tendencies, and help at the party came in the form of Cynthia Brown, her counselor in a parenting program.

"Shantell," Brown said, "maybe we can think about a better way to say that?"

Thomas dropped the knife to hip level and relaxed her shoulders. "OK, OK, back up, everyone," she said, her voice still tense. "Back up!"

Research shows that children raised in violent homes are more likely to be violent themselves. But a growing body of science suggests there are critical stages when intervention can interrupt the cycle. And new findings in brain development, human behavior and economics suggest that early childhood is the most critical and cost-effective time.
...
If Jabari is to learn alternatives to aggressive behavior, it must be imprinted onto his brain now. Doing that starts with his mother.'

Bossip: Chris Henry's Fiancee Known For Domestic Violence, Has Drinking Problem

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'Cincinnati Bengals Wide receiver, Chris Henry, is no stranger to trouble. He has been arrested several times and suspended from the NFL since he was drafted in 2005. In an effort to get his life back in order, Henry attempted to turn a new cheek, but his life at home was not that great.

A source close to the situation has exclusively told Bossip that Henry's fiancée, Loleini Tonga has a history of domestic violence and a severe drinking problem. The source states, "I knew the next time Chris would get in trouble it would be because of that girl. She drinks all the time, they get into fights, and she has even bragged about getting into disputes with former boyfriends."

Chris was injured after falling out the back of Tonga's pickup truck after a heated argument. He was found on the side of the road with fatal injuries to his head. Currently homicide detectives are looking into the case. Henry and Tonga currently have two children together, and one child a piece from previous relationships.'

Prominent author addresses 'Why Men Cheat'

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'It seems crazy the amount of media attention Tiger Woods' alleged infidelity has received, especially when you consider the fact that Tiger is not alone in his indiscretions. Prevalence aside, it's always a major blow to the person who has been deceived. Tiger's wife is undoubtedly in this boat, as are millions of his fans left shocked by his behavior. The Woods scandal has occupied dinner table conversations around the country, and has once again forced us to re-evaluate the state of marriage today. Why do people cheat? What can you do to prevent it? And how can you move on if it happens to you? We spoke with M. Gary Neuman, rabbi, marriage counselor and author of The Truth About Cheating, who through his research gave insight on how to keep a healthy marriage.

Let's get down to it: Why do men cheat?
I can tell you why men don't cheat. It's usually not because of sex: Only 8 percent of men who cheat said it was because of sexual dissatisfaction. Rather, 48 percent of men who have cheated said it was because of emotional dissatisfaction. Mens' egos are not as strong as they think, and therefore, they are highly susceptible to someone serving them up admiration outside the marriage, especially when the man is not properly connected with his wife. It often starts as emotional infidelity, where he will use a relationship outside the marriage to satisfy an emotional void.'

Intact America Action Item: AAP close to making recommendation in favor of circumcision

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An American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) task force is considering recommending circumcision for all baby boys – and Dr. Susan Blank, who chairs the task force, has described arguments in favor of circumcision based on controversial African studies as "very compelling."

Make sure they hear our side of the debate! Circumcising babies is wrong – ethically, morally, and medically.

Tell Dr. Blank that the AAP should NOT recommend infant circumcision.

Already taken action? Tell your friends, or share the campaign on social networks. And if you can, please make a donation to help us spread the word even further!

DNA clears Florida man after 35 years behind bars

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Story here. Look everyone, another wrongly-convicted man (and hey, a black one at that!) is exonerated from a rape charge! Quel surprise! Excerpt:

'BARTOW, Fla. - James Bain used a cell phone for the first time Thursday, calling his elderly mother to tell her he had been freed after 35 years behind bars for a crime he did not commit.

Mobile devices didn't exist in 1974, the year he was sentenced to life in prison for kidnapping a 9-year-old boy and raping him in a nearby field.

Neither did the sophisticated DNA testing that officials more recently used to determine he could not have been the rapist.
...
The jury rejected Bain's story that he was home watching TV with his twin sister when the crime was committed, an alibi she repeated at a news conference last week. He was 19 when he was sentenced.

Florida last year passed a law that automatically grants former inmates found innocent $50,000 for each year they spent in prison. No legislative approval is needed. That means Bain is entitled to $1.75 million.'

Brazil's highest court halts return of boy to father in U.S.

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'Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (CNN) -- Brazil's high court has halted the return of a 9-year-old boy to the United States, his American father told CNN.

Thursday's ruling comes one day after a lower court unanimously upheld a decision last June by the 16th Federal Court in Rio de Janeiro, which ordered Sean Goldman returned to his home with his father, David Goldman, in New Jersey. That decision was made in accordance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abductions.

"It is very, very discouraging," David Goldman told CNN's Wolf Blitzer. "I'm very disappointed. This ruling ... has nothing to do with the merits of the case."

It was unclear whether the high court's ruling is a permanent order or if Sean Goldman is being ordered to stay during the appeals process.'

4-YO boy found drinking beer in girl's dress in hopes to join his father in jail while his parents divorce

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'CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Tennessee investigators say a 4-year-old boy was found roaming his neighborhood in the night, drinking beer and wearing a little girl's dress taken from under a neighbor's Christmas tree.

The child's mother, 21-year-old April Wright, tells WTVC-TV the boy "wants to go to jail because that's where his daddy is." Wright says she and the boy's father are going though a divorce.

The boy, found outside his house in Chatanooga on Tuesday, was taken to a hospital and treated for alcohol consumption.

Hamilton County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Janice Atkinson says the incident is being investigated but the department declined to release the report.'

The boy's mother says she met with child protective services and was told she will get to keep custody of her son.'

Australia: 'Gang rape' victim lied to get pity

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'A man behind bars for nearly four years for a gang rape that did not happen has been cleared after his accuser admitted she lied to make her friends feel sorry for her.

William McCaffrey hugged his lawyer after the same New York judge who had sentenced him to 20 years in prison threw out the case and apologised on Thursday.

"I've been waiting for this for a long time," the softly spoken McCaffrey, 32, said outside a Manhattan court.

"I'm just glad it's over."

New DNA tests played a part, but his exoneration hinged largely on his accuser recanting - a rarity after rape convictions, the head of a national prosecutors' group said.

State Supreme Court Justice Richard Carruthers called the case "a catastrophe" for both the criminal justice system and Mr McCaffrey, who was in jail from his arrest in 2005 to his release on $5000 bail in September.'

Feministing: 'A Long Way To Go: My frustrations with the pro-feminist men's movement'

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'Last month, I attended a conference at the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University in St. Joseph, Minnesota which was billed as the "First National Conference For Campus Based Men's Gender Equality and Anti-Violence Groups". Initially excited to be around pro-feminist allies who were willing to engage in tough discussion about issues related to masculinity and men's violence against women, I left feeling disheartened rather than refreshed and revitalized. The reason being that several of the conference's most outspoken attendees treaded anti-feminist ground by suggesting the conversation about men's violence needs to be de-gendered, and that instead we use neutral language to talk about violence as a whole. Most anyone who has written on the subject of gender-based violence prevention notes that hegemonic masculinity and male socialization needs to be addressed as one of the core causes of men's violence against women. Additionally, many people had qualms with the phrase "men's violence against women". One panel presenter stated outright that women need to "learn to listen to men" and sadly opined that it was "like the oppressed don't want to listen to their oppressors". When this happened, I felt unsafe in a place I was supposed to feel comfortable in - as these were men who were supposed to be different from the anti-feminist, sexist men I interacted with on a daily basis. But here they were, reitirating the same tired talking points we were trying to dismiss. Needless to say, I (and others, both male and female) called this presenter out and lambasted him and the other men stating anti-feminist viewpoints.'

US: 1 of 100 children now predicted to have autism with 400% more boys diagnosed than girls

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Video story here. Caption:

'Autism on the Rise
Fri Dec 18, 12:31AM PT ...
CDC study shows the disease is more common than previously believed.'

MSN: 'What Sex Does to a Man's Brain'

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'She appears at the curb, waiting to cross. No, she's not the love of your life. She's more like the heat of the moment. It's fortunate that your wife isn't there, otherwise you'd be in deep trouble as you take in the stranger's hips and breasts, and the way her waist scoops in to accentuate both. Time is enhanced; there's a pleasing buzz connecting your temples.

Your reaction is automatic, reflexive, and quite possibly the most powerful one you'll have this day. It temporarily blots out your long-range commitments — that 10-year marriage, that kid in second grade, that responsibility to keep eyes forward at traffic lights. You've surrendered control; you're captivated by the pleasure in the vision.

"You dog!" you may whisper under your breath, embarrassed by what you're envisioning as you sit there in your family van. But it might be more correct to say, "You dopamine fiend!" As a neuroscientist of 25 years, I know that your brain is command central for everything sexual.
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Why You've Always Been Horny

You've been lit up on testosterone right from the start, even when you were just a multicelled notion in your mother's womb. The inherited Y chromosome that makes you male (thanks, Dad) triggers two bursts of testosterone that change your brain and body.

The first produces a male brain: one that's more interested in objects, actions, and competition. The left (parietal) lobe flourishes in the testosterone bath and helps you visualize objects in three dimensions (good for catching a football or watching a woman cross the street), and it boosts your aptitude in mathematics (that's how you estimate that she's about a 34DD). In addition, testosterone beefs up your hypothalamus, the area of the brain that's interested in sex. The hypothalamus is twice as large in men as it is in women.'

Man convicted of in-home indecent exposure

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'FAIRFAX, Va. - As Erick Williamson sees it, being naked is liberating, and if passers-by get an eyeful while he's standing in front of a picture window, that's not his problem.

A Fairfax County judge saw it a little differently Friday, convicting Williamson of indecent exposure in a case that has raised questions about what's OK when you're in your own home.

Two women said they saw much more of Williamson than they cared to in October, even though he never left the confines of his home. He received neither jail time nor a fine but is appealing anyway, saying a larger principle is at stake.

"I think that being tried and found guilty of something like this is outrageous," Williamson said after he was convicted and sentenced. "I feel like I'm living in a fishbowl."

Williamson testified that he never intended to expose himself and was simply exercising "personal freedom" as he spent several hours naked in his Springfield home packing up belongings.'

"Dennis" - Film short on YouTube highlights the dangers of emotional incest between sons and mothers

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Folks,

I thought I'd share this short film I saw on YouTube. It is creating quite a stir, extremely depressing and disturbing.

In a nutshell, a young bodybuilder mentally abused by a domineering passive-aggressive mother, struggling for independence and self-worth. Can be upsetting, so please be warned.

New Jersey Dad's Battle With Brazil Threatening Ties

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Story here. Excerpt:

'RIO DE JANEIRO — A U.S. man caught in a tug-of-war with his late ex-wife's relatives for custody of his son got a boost from Brazil's top prosecutor in a dispute that is testing an international child abduction treaty and heating up into a political tussle.

Attorney General Luis Inacio Adams filed an appeal with the Supreme Court late Friday challenging a decision by one of its justices suspending an order that David Goldman's son, Sean, be turned over to him.

Citing the Hague Convention on International Child Abduction, Adams warned in a briefing posted on the court's Web site that "failing to follow that accord will lead to the imposition of sanctions and damage the reputation of Brazil before the international community."
...
University of Brasilia political scientist David Fleischer said the case — along with Brazil's refusal to extradite Cesare Battisti, a fugitive ex-militant who is wanted in Italy for murder but remains in Brazil despite an extradition treaty between the two nations — is harming the South American country's reputation.

"This is a case involving an international agreement of repatriation of children that Brazil has signed," Fleischer said, referring to the Hague Convention. "So Brazil will a get nasty international image as a country that doesn't comply with the international agreements it has signed."'

Ed. note: Very significant, Mr. Adams is the Sol-Gen'l of Brazil, the highest civil-cases representative for the Brazilian government. In short, this warning/criticism is coming from inside Brazil's own government, from its highest legal co-official, too. (the other is Brazil's Atty-Gen'l).

Words from such sources are not to be ignored lightly by their fellows.

National Journal: 'The Rot At Duke -- And Beyond'

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'You might think that a university whose students were victims of the most notorious fraudulent rape claim in recent history, and whose professors -- 88 of them -- signed an ad implicitly presuming guilt, and whose president came close to doing the same would have learned some lessons.

The facts are otherwise. They also suggest that Duke University's ugly abuse in 2006 and 2007 of its now-exonerated lacrosse players -- white males accused by a black stripper and hounded by a mob hewing to political correctness -- reflects a disregard of due process and a bias against white males that infect much of academia.

In September, far from taking pains to protect its students from false rape charges, Duke adopted a revised "sexual misconduct" policy that makes a mockery of due process and may well foster more false rape charges by rigging the disciplinary rules against the accused.

Meanwhile, none of the 88 guilt-presuming professors has publicly apologized. (Duke's president, Richard Brodhead, did -- but too little and too late.) Many of the faculty signers -- a majority of whom are white -- have expressed pride in their rush to judgment. None was dismissed, demoted, or publicly rebuked. Two were glorified this month in Duke's in-house organ as pioneers of "diversity," with no reference to their roles in signing the ad. Three others have won prestigious positions at Cornell, Vanderbilt, and the University of Chicago.'

In New York state, a new look at the wrongly convicted

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters) – A recent spate of exonerations in New York state has put renewed focus on the plight of the wrongly convicted, with advocates saying it is not as easy as it should be to get an unjust verdict reversed.

In the last two decades, 246 people have been exonerated in the United States with the help of DNA evidence after being convicted of crimes.

But advocates say the system still lags for a far larger pool of people -- who are part of the 90 percent of criminal cases where no DNA evidence exists, but where compelling evidence might surface, such as questions about the reliability of a witness.

Last week, a 32-year-old carpenter who was convicted of rape became the fourth New York man in six months to have his conviction overturned after flaws in the evidence against them were uncovered.

The man, William McCaffrey, had served almost three years of a 20-year prison sentence until his accuser came forward and said she made the story up and lied in court.

"McCaffrey's case shows that people can get on the witness stand and ... evidence that is convincing to a jury is not true," said his lawyer, Glenn Garber.

According to the Innocence Project, which helps exonerate wrongly convicted people through DNA testing, the 246 convicts who have been freed with the help of DNA testing nationwide served an average of 13 years behind bars.'

MND: Feminists Secretly Abolish Male Service Provider at UK University

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'Well, here's another one. We know that, within the past few months, at the University of Chicago, the University of Manchester and Oxford University, student organizations have been established to better understand men and masculinity. In each case, feminists have been outraged and gone to some fairly debased lengths to try and stop the groups from getting university recognition.

But now it turns out that at Hull University in the U.K. they've gone a step further. It seems that the Student's Union there (and at 12 other universities in the country), until recently had a Men's Officer. It also seems to have a Women's Officer. In any event, there was a move to abolish the position of Men's Officer, even though there had been a campus-wide referendum on the position in 2007 and male and female students alike had voted to retain it.

But what did they know. The Executive Committee of the Student Union simply met in secret during the summer recess and did what the students didn't want done - abolished the position of Men's Officer.'

Feminist: Husbands and fathers are “useless hunks of flesh”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the latest anti-male screed to pop up on Feministing, one feminist takes an article written by a working wife and mother… and turns it into a man-bashing rant.

> On my Twitter feed I came across this article, from a woman explaining why she was late for work. Turns out she is, somehow, the only person responsible for rounding up the kids in the morning:
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> So where the f*ck is her husband, who presumably sired the kids in question?
>
> Women of the world: it’s time to leave those useless hunks of flesh called “husbands” and “fathers” who feed off your labour while you earn 70 per cent of their wages.
>
> And by the way: don’t forget to leave them custody. Leave your guilt at the door. The kids will work out fine. Your husband will have to make sure of that, just like you would if you were the sucker. Don’t be.
>
> After all, men earn more money. They can look after the kids better. Let them.

Just so you know, this was listed as one of the editor’s favorites on the site for this week. While several commenters condemned this article, there were just as many who applauded it. Apparently, calling men “useless hunks of flesh” is perfectly fine in the feminist world. Can you just imagine the outrage if some male blogger called women nothing but useless hunks of flesh?

Letter to the editor: 'Misandry ignored'

anthony · 19 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here.

'Editor: I saw a Girl Power T-shirt at Backdoor Disc and Tape in Cotati that showed a woman beating a man. When I asked the male clerks if they would sell a T-shirt that celebrated a man beating a woman, they looked at me like I was crazy.

The root of this double standard is misandry, the sexist counterpart of misogyny. Because we live in a gynocentric society, misogyny is considered unacceptable and closely monitored.

Even though misandry is visible to anyone, it is not visible to most as a problem. Misandry is usually excused ("Men are jerks"), trivialized ("Take it like a man") or rationalized ("He had it coming"). The latter is apparent in "Saturday Night Live" sketches and cartoons making a joke of Tiger Woods allegedly being assaulted by his wife.

According to a survey by the Justice Department, 41 percent of Americans find it "less severe when a wife stabs her husband to death than they do when a husband stabs his wife to death." This double standard also applies to non-lethal forms of violence. Men as the "bad guy" has become so commonly accepted that this inequity is virtually unrecognizable, even to men. As such, most people still assume that only women need to fear domestic violence, while the Justice Department statistics tell a very different story.'

Mona Charen: 'Civil Rights Commission Blunders Again'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (yes, it's still around and, yes, it's outlived its usefulness) is about to subtract from national wisdom about college admissions by focusing on exactly the wrong problem.

The commission has undertaken an inquiry to determine whether colleges may be discriminating against female applicants. The question turns on whether admissions officers, in an attempt to maintain rough gender parity on campuses, are putting a thumb on the scale in favor of underrepresented male applicants, thus disadvantaging the more qualified females.

...

So we seem to have a problem here. For every 100 women who earn a college degree, only 73 men do. These statistics practically shout "boy crisis." Yet the Commission on Civil Rights apparently sees the problem as one of discrimination.

...

Christina Hoff Sommers argued nearly a decade ago in The War Against Boys that in our zeal to remedy past discrimination against girls, we had managed to pathologize normal male behavior. The schools in particular, she wrote, discouraged male strengths such as competition and drive in favor of female strengths such as cooperation and detail work.'

Carey Roberts: 'Additional Fetal-Ripping Case Study'

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Article here.

'Over four months ago I wrote an article about the phenomenon of what I have come to call "fetal-ripping", the violent crime of cutting open a pregnant woman to steal the fetus. This article came on the heels of a prediction I made on wendymcelroy.com/smf in which I discussed the most recent case of fetal-ripping that had occurred in late July. In that case, after Darlene Haynes was killed and her living fetus taken, I predicted that when the violent criminal was found that it would be a woman, which eventually turned out to be true.

In the article, I presented a series of other case studies of this specific type of crime and showed that in every single case the attacker was a woman. I have found no examples of a man having ever committed this type of crime (which is distinct from simply killing a pregnant woman, which many men have done). I stated that this pattern of crime needs to be noticed, and that this should be included in the discussion of gender and violent crime.

On December 8, the Washington Post reported that police arrested Veronica Deramous who attempted to commit the same crime. Deramous kept her pregnant victim captive for five days, restraining her with duct tape and telling the victim that she was going to cut out and steal her fetus with box cutters and a razor. Fortunately, the victim escaped.

We cannot say that Deramous "snapped". Deramous made a series of logical (but not rational) choices in this premeditated violent crime. This is simply another case study in what is as yet an unrecognized phenomenon.

It is both irresponsible and a hazard to women that this pattern is not more widely recognized.'

Women-only ski center carves new turn in Vail

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Story here.

'Colorado's female skiing community is buzzing about this month's opening of the Jeannie Thoren Women's Ski Center in Vail, the nation's first slopeside ski center exclusively for women.

Thoren, a veteran crusader for women's ski equipment and proper fit for females, long ago developed the "Thoren Theory" that applies female-specific anatomy and physical movement to proper alignment on skis. Named one of the 100 most influential skiers of the century, Thoren has traveled the country for decades explaining how the anatomical differences between men and women affect ski performance and how gender-specific equipment makes a difference.

Now, women can visit the gear guru on their own schedule with the advantage of test- riding equipment on Vail Mountain, just steps from Thoren's Women's Ski Center in Lionshead. Thoren specializes in picking the right ski and boot for a women's ability, adjusting bindings and adding heel lifts and cants for optimal alignment.
...
Get it: Call 970-476-3888 or visit jeanniethoren.com'

Ed. note: Lots of contact info on that home page, FYI.

'Women-only program' implemented to fight veteran homelessness

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Ortiz is one of the new faces among America's homeless veterans. They're younger than homeless male veterans and more likely to bring children. Their number has doubled in the past decade, and there are an estimated 6,500 homeless female veterans on any given night - about 5 percent of the total homeless veterans population.

But women-only programs such as the one Ortiz participates in are few. "It is always hard to find a place or resources or help when you are homeless," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash, a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. "It is almost impossible if you are a woman. Most of the VA facilities cater to men, and you can't take a mom with two little kids and put her in the middle of a homeless center with 30 or 40 male veterans."
...
Administrators had worked with male veterans for years and assumed the same types of programs worked for women. They quickly learned when they opened the women's program in 2001 that the women's issues were more complex and required longer treatment.'

UK: Legal firm offers 'divorce voucher' as gift

Matt · 20 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It's a gift that won't exactly spread festive cheer when taken from under the family tree.

But that hasn't stopped the lawyers behind divorce gift vouchers – which entitle the recipient to free legal advice.

They have been put on sale by Vanessa Lloyd Platt, a leading family lawyer who has represented celebrities including Les Dennis and Anne Diamond.

The vouchers cost £125 for 30 minutes of advice and £250 for an hour, both excluding VAT, and some embossed with a gold scales of justice logo.

Miss Lloyd Platt's firm said it had sold more than 50 since they went on sale earlier this month with requests from husbands, wives and mistresses.'

Double standard on domestic violence

anthony · 21 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Herein lies the troubling paradox of the situation. Only one national writer, Hanna Rosin of Slate Magazine, has written about the domestic violence implications of the situation. Why is Woods in seclusion? Florida is one of many states where police responding to domestic violence calls have the power to arrest based on their own assessment as to who the likely aggressor is, without allegations or charges from the victim. Most important, the legislation states: “The decision to arrest and charge shall not require the consent of the victim or consideration of the relationship of the parties.”

I think the reason he refused to talk with local police, and the reason he hasn’t been seen in public, and probably won’t for several more weeks, is because his injuries were obviously inconsistent with the car crash scenario. His very sharp and well-paid attorneys and agents moved quickly to contain the situation and avoid the even more embarrassing scenario of his wife being hauled off to jail.

The national discussion almost completely overlooks this angle. Almost every female national commentator writing about or discussing the situation has one of two responses: He got what he deserved, or it’s none of our business. My own informal survey of women locally shows the same attitudes.

If the police encountered a similar situation at a trailer park instead of a gated community, would it be handled the same way? If it was Tiger Woods holding the golf club and his wife going to the hospital, would it be handled the same way? If he wasn’t one of the most famous professional athletes of our times, would it have been handled the same way?'

Australia: "Orgasm case" against gynaecologist dismissed

badgerb · 21 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This fake orgasm cost this woman in the pocket book. Excerpt:

'A woman who accused her gynaecologist of giving her "leg buckling" orgasms during an examination has had her case dismissed and been ordered to pay her doctor damages of around $55,000.

Bibi Giles' case and credibility fell apart after a second doctor came forward and said she had tried to seduce him.

Ms Giles, 50, dropped her case after hearing the doctor was prepared to give evidence, according to a report in the Daily Mail.

In her case against gynaecologist Angus Thompson, she accused him of touching her in a sexual manner in 2006.
...
He wrote a letter of complaint to the Medical Defence Union before his patient announced she was suing him for sexual harassment.

Dr Thompson was fully exonerated in court and will return to work.'

Having their cake and eating it too

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This is regarding a recent article in India Today titled 'Separated Women Can Now Adopt Children'. According to the article, the Cabinet recently cleared an amendment to the Hindu Adoption and Marriage (Amendment) Bill, paving the way for separated women to adopt a child. The law defines separated women as those who are living apart from their husbands but are not yet divorced. The Bill will now be tabled in Parliament. The step has been welcomed by women's activists. Excerpt:

'"It should have happened long ago. But in a patriarchal society like ours it takes time for such changes to happen," former National Commission for Women (NCW) chairperson Mohini Giri said, according to the article.

"How many husbands actually contribute to raising a child? It is mainly the woman who does everything. So why should separated women not allowed to raise children?" she asked, according to the article.
...
"In fact, this would help women who stay on in failed marriages. Now they know they can still go in for an adopted child," NCW chairperson Girija Vyas said, according to the article.'

This move smacks of bias against men. First of all, it will encourage women to separate from their husbands on flimsy pretexts. Instead of divorcing her husband, a woman will adopt children and still have somebody to call her own. She will fulfill her aim of isolating her husband while building up a strong support system and social network of her own (including her adopted children, parents and siblings who will always be at her beck and call). Countless children will be brought up without knowing the importance of having a father in their lives. Statements such as 'how many husbands actually contribute to raising a child' are profoundly anti-male.

If a woman wants to be independent, let her be independent in the fullest sense of the term. Let feminists do in letter and spirit what the NCW former chairperson is exhorting them to do ("It is mainly a woman who does everything"). Let a woman not keep her husband trapped in a loveless marriage. Let her free him and raise her children herself without demanding compensation from her spouse. Women in India want to be modern or traditional at their convenience. When it comes to divorce, they shudder and say it's a social stigma. However, they don't mind being single mothers and will go to any length possible to indulge in male-bashing.

Written by S Verma

Ruling expected on US man's Brazil custody fight

Matt · 22 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'RIO DE JANEIRO – Brazil's Supreme Court chief justice is expected to rule Tuesday on an appeal that a U.S. father hopes will reunite him with his young son after a five-year custody battle.

A Supreme Court official said Tuesday afternoon that the decision by Chief Justice Gilmar Mendes would be issued before the end of the day. It originally was set for release Monday, but was delayed for unexplained reasons. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to discuss the case.

David Goldman, a New Jersey man who has pledged to fight for his 9-year-old son, Sean, as long as it takes, was still holding out hope of being reunited in time to celebrate the holidays with his son in the United States.

Mendes will rule on appeals made by Goldman and Brazil's attorney general seeking to lift a stay on a lower court's order that Sean be handed over to his father.'

General Backs Off on Court Martials for Pregnant Soldiers

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Article here. Excerpt:

An Army general in Iraq backed away from his threat today to court martial female soldiers who get pregnant.

"I regret that the term 'court martial' is bandied about or mentioned," Maj. Gen. Anthony Cucolo III said from Iraq today. "I do not ever see myself putting a soldier in jail for this."

Cucolo triggered debate, some of it angry, when his Nov. 4 policy forbidding pregnancy among his soldiers became public recently. His policy statement said violation of the rule could be punishable by court martial, and that it would also apply to the men who get female soldiers pregnant, even if the couple is married.

Pregnant soldiers are immediately redeployed out of combat zones to bases where they can get comprehensive medical care.

"The true purpose behind this is to cause them to pause and think about, 'Okay wait a minute. It was written in the order and I'm going to leave my team. I'm going to leave an outfit shorthanded,'" Cucolo said.
...
While legal and military experts said the order was proper, a spokeswoman for the National Organization for Women called it "ridiculous."

"How dare any government say we're going to impose any kind of punishment on women for getting pregnant," NOW President Terry O'Neill said. "This is not the 1800s."'

Wife and daughter plot murder of father

jayhammers · 22 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Imagine the reaction if a husband and son had plotted to kill their wife/mother.

'The Texas girl who was charged alongside her mother with trying to hire a hit man to kill her father says her mom often talked about getting rid of her husband, but that she never took her seriously.

"She pulled me into the spare bedroom and said sort of laughing, 'Hey, I bought these pills, let's put them in your Dad's beer,' and I was like, 'Why would you do that?'" Ashley Shamp, 18, told "Good Morning America."

The Katy, Texas, teen was arrested just two days after her own mother, 38-year-old Catherine, was charged by Harris County Sheriff officials with solicitation of capital murder and faces the same charge.

The bizarre story started in late November when David Shamp's wife, Catherine, was arrested after a confidential informant -- later identified as her daughter's ex-boyfriend Nathaniel Blake -- contacted the sheriff's office and said she had asked to hire him to kill her husband.'

Brazilian Supreme Court rules in favor of David Goldman in custody case

Matt · 22 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'New Jersey dad David Goldman won a court fight today when the Brazilian Supreme Court ruled that the Brazilian family of his deceased ex-wife must hand over custody of his 9-year-old son.

The court ruled that the boy "be handed over to his father and should be returned to the United States."

It is unclear, however, whether the court's ruling will end the five-year custody battle over Sean Goldman. His Brazilian family has threatened to appeal the court's ruling.

When the ruling is issued, "we will read it carefully and consider the legal remedies available, if needed," Sergio Tostes, a lawyer for the Brazilian family, said in an e-mailed statement while waiting for the court's ruling. "All necessary action will be taken."

The family could take the case to Brazil's top appeals court, but some have doubted whether that court would be willing to review the case if the Supreme Court backs a lower federal court ruling awarding custody to Goldman.'

Warn your sons: Accidentally hitting a girl with a basketball during playtime could get him killed

Matt · 23 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Never too early in life to let nymphotropism guide you to commit felonies against your fellow men (or in this case, boy). Not unlike that whole scene from that TV show in India where the "dominatrix" slapped a contestant and he had the unmitigated gall to slap her back, thus leading to him being beaten nearly to death by all those tough stand-up guys on the stage. (Hey, it's easy to be tough when it's 20 vs. 1 and you're on the "20" side) Excerpt from this particular atrocity here:

'What began as an innocent mistake ended in a vicious attack on a local honor student.

Police said as many as 11 students beat up the eighth-grader leaving him severely injured, and he may even lose his sight.

CBS 2 HD spoke with some of his friends about what led to the brutal attack.

The incident near a school soccer field was so violent that 13-year-old David Muneton needed reconstructive surgery to his face to correct several broken bones.
...
Police have arrested seven students from both the middle school and high school, charging them with aggravated assault. The youngest one is just 12 years old.

Investigators said the teenagers jumped Muneton on Friday as he walked home from school to get back at him for an earlier incident during which the eighth-grader accidentally hit a girl with a basketball.

The superintendent said the girl, who has also been charged, led the boys to Muneton, saying "He's the one."

"We do know that after the girl made the comment one of the people, the boys, who was with him immediately punched him," Superintendent Dr. Richard Segall said.'

Practical Implications of Current Domestic Violence Research: For Law Enforcement, Prosecutors and Judges

Anonymous · 23 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

This is a directive to law enforcement in regards to substantial research on domestic violence which appears to be inconsistent with current law enforcement policies.

This directive states "behavior that is likely to violate most state and federal criminal and civil (protective order) statutes is typically perpetrated by males".

This directive neglects that substantial research on domestic violence includes the use of Straus' Conflict Tactics Scale, which is a measure of the severity of violence, and still finds nearly equal rates between genders.

The directive continues to advise that "If the ratio of male to female suspects and victims differs substantially from those found above, departments should be alert to potential gender bias in their response to domestic violence."

This directive appears to advise that if police departments stray from 86-90% male arrest ratio then that would considered to be gender bias.

UK: Judge says wife-beater should be 'paraded in the streets and pelted with rotten vegetables'

Matt · 23 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A top judge wants men who bash women to be paraded and shamed in public so people can throw rotten vegetables at them.

Judge Esmond Faulks said he wished he could order the medieval punishment while hearing the case of a 17-year-old girl who had been subjected to two nasty assaults by her violent boyfriend.

The victim, Lisa Dinsdale, had been pregnant during the first attack at the hands of Andrew Harrison, 19, but lost the baby at 11 weeks.

Harrison admitted two charges of assault causing harm relating to two beatings, the first on May 18 and the second on August 14.

It was after seeing the pictures of Miss Dinsdale beaten 'black and blue' that Judge Faulks said: 'It's a pity a judge cannot order someone like this to have the pictures hung around his neck saying "I did this to my girlfriend" and be paraded down the high street so people can throw rotten vegetables at him.'"

College student won't be charged for false rape report

Anonymous · 23 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'WINONA, Minn. - The Winona city attorney has decided not to charge a 19-year-old woman who falsely reported she was sexually assaulted.

The Winona State University student had told police a man put a bag over her head Dec. 5 and assaulted her in a parking lot.

Police launched an investigation and the school issued a campuswide alert. The Winona Daily News reports she later admitted making up the story.

Police cited her for filing a false report and referred the case to the city attorney's office, an unusual step for a misdemeanor ticket.

Assistant city attorney Brian Glodosky says he decided not to pursue charges because the woman had a clean record, is an honor student and because the incident was out of character for her.

He says she has problems better handled outside the court system.'

Canada: Teen girls accused of attempted murder

Anonymous · 24 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two teenaged girls tried to kill a 14-year-old guest at a house party in the North End by beating and stabbing her repeatedly, Winnipeg police said on Wednesday.

Officers said at around 11:30 p.m. CT last Saturday, a 13-year-old confronted the victim and physically assaulted her in a dispute where the victim was accused of talking behind the other girl's back.

When she fell to the ground, three other girls – aged 13, 14, and 16 – allegedly jumped in and also began assaulting her.

Police said the violence escalated to the point that the teen victim was beaten with a weight used for weightlifting.

She was then stabbed all over her body by one of the suspects using a knife obtained from the home's kitchen, police said.'

Sean Goldman released to his father, returns to US

Matt · 25 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Now here's a Christmas present! Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. - A father and his 9-year-old son at the center of a five-year custody battle on two continents are spending Christmas together at an undisclosed location.

Sean Goldman and his dad, David Goldman of Tinton Falls, N.J., landed in Orlando on a private jet chartered by NBC. They reunited earlier in Rio de Janeiro, ending an epic battle that pitted Sean's father against the boy's Brazilian stepfather, who had cared for Sean since his mother died last year.

"It's a Christmas miracle," David Goldman told Jeff Rossen of NBC News, who was aboard the plane for the 9-hour flight.'

Victims of domestic violence being turned away by packed city shelters

Matt · 26 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Chantal is one of the lucky ones.

When she needed to escape an abusive marriage, there was room for her at a women's shelter.

Tragically, that's not always the case. Alberta, one of Canada's spousal-abuse capitals, has disgracefully few sanctuaries for battered wives and traumatized children.'

When Chantal's husband erupted into a violent, drunken rampage, police couldn't find anywhere in the city that had room for Chantal and her two small children.
...
That was a few years ago. Police and women's advocates say that nowadays it's even harder to find a safe haven that isn't already full.
...
"Intimate partner conflicts," Simioni says, are considered the most unpredictable, volatile and dangerous situations police can find themselves in.

If it's that risky for the police, just imagine what it's like for the victims.'

Ed. Note: Letters to the editor can be sent to mailbag-at-edmsun.com. Feedback form is also found here.

Charlie Sheen spends Christmas in jail for domestic violence charges, says wife was the aggressor

jayhammers · 26 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. It's kind of sad that only TMZ seems to be able to acknowledge that women commit domestic violence, too. Excerpt:

'Charlie Sheen is not going down for the count. The sitcom star is telling friends wife Brooke Mueller grossly "exaggerated" their fight when she called 911 Christmas morning.
...
She was angry at her husband of less than two years, and "wanted to teach him a lesson by calling the cops," a source told RadarOnline.com.
...
Within hours, Brooke had already changed her story with the Aspen police, several sources have told us.

Sheen's version of events is that they were arguing about Brooke's drinking with Charlie standing firm that the mother of his twins had been partying too much. Brooke went postal at the idea that her husband was critical of her mothering skills.'

Parental Alienation is Kidnapping

Anonymous · 27 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Currently our laws grossly ignore parental alienation as nothing more than an act of absconding (ie, running away). However, running away means to take oneself. Abduction and kidnapping means to take someone else. Most children are too young or too used to going with a parent that they are unaware that any crime is being committed and in many cases are brainwashed into thinking that they were being abused.

ABSCOND - Etymology: Latin abscondere to hide away, from abs- + condere to store up, conceal Date: circa 1578
:
1 : to depart secretly and hide oneself

ABDUCT - Etymology: Latin abductus, past participle of abducere, literally, to lead away, from ab- + ducere to lead Date: 1825
1 : to seize and take away (as a person) by force
2 : to draw or spread away (as a limb or the fingers) from a position near or parallel to the median axis of the body or from the axis of a limb

Currently in most states, courts and law enforcement reduce the act of parental alienation to nothing more than a civil matter that is misclassified as absconding. Any parent and child(ren) who has been through parental alienation know that it is nothing shy of abduction, kidnapping and in some cases holding a child for ransom.

As you can see from the Webster dictionary definitions it is clear that to abscond is to “hide oneself” where abduct is “to seize and take away.” Many children are not old enough to know what is happening to them and therefore the act of parental alienation is a gross injustice. Currently this biased view gives unjust enrichment and discriminatory power to one parent. By simply creating the custody order at the time of birth you can resolve nearly 100% all of parental alienations and reduce courts caseload dramatically because you have removed a HUGE grey area that plague parents, children, law enforcement and the courts.

Parental Alienation is just starting to be recognized as a serious form child and spousal abuse and therefore I must ask that we give children and both biological parents the justice that they deserve. Our children are more than “just a civil matter”; they are humans who rate human rights, they are children who rate biological rights and they are citizens who should be protected by our states and above all else our nation. Our current child support system, our courts, and attorneys are given the power and authority to hold children hostage for money.

I am calling for revisions to all U.S. Federal, State and Local Codes to reflect that acts of parental alienation are felony acts of child abduction and/or kidnapping as may apply to each case.

Many acts of parental alienation are malicious acts of vengeance against the other spouse and therefore need to be judged according to the time a child is kept from the other biological parent barring true and just cause. Limiting the amount of time that a child can be kept from visitation, communication and other legal rights that both biological parents possess would help reduce the courts case loads.

Stephen Ricket
www.WheresDADDY.org
www.AChildsRights.org

Entertainer and anti-DV crusader Mary J. Blige punches husband at record release party

Hunchback · 28 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Entertainer Mary J. Blige, who not long ago opened a DV center (for women only), punched her husband in public in the face, drawing blood. Details here. Excerpt:

'Mary J. Blige punched husband Kendu Isaacs [link added] in the face at her record release party at club M2 Tuesday night. The singer slugged Isaacs, drawing blood, after she thought he was flirting with a waitress. "She turned to him and was screaming, 'You're not going to ruin my night,' " our witness says. "They got up in each other's faces before someone tried to separate them, at which point she shoved the guy aside, pulled back and popped [Isaacs] in the face." The source said Blige, Isaacs and their entourage were whisked through a door to the attached club Pink, which was closed. Our witness relates, "She was yelling at him, 'What are you gonna do, Chris Brown me?' Four of her bodyguards and two of the club's kept them apart." Isaacs was kicked out. Blige went to the bathroom to fix her hair and makeup, but soon fled, creating an uncomfortable scene for partygoers Jay-Z, Beyoncé and Busta Rhymes. Her rep said only, "People lie and don't know what they're talking about."'

Ed. note: Other links in excerpt left out as being non-germane to the topic.

"A Family’s Heartbreak": New Book on Parental Alienation

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Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Mike Jeffries, the author of A Family's Heartbreak: A Parent's Introduction to Parental Alienation. [link added]

The book has only been out a few months and is getting excellent reviews from both professionals and lay people. Please check it out at our website -- http://www.afamilysheartbreak.com/. If you are interested in doing a book review or interview for your site visitors please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mike Jeffries

Mary J. Blige beats up her husband - deafening silence from MSM and DV advocates

Matt · 29 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Is anyone else hearing so much as a peep out of the MSM or so-called DV advocacy groups about this story? Not a word.

Well maybe I am just all fired up on coffee and OTC cold meds today but as far as I am concerned, this is not just going to slip by in the usual stream of news stories that bombards us daily. This is if nothing else THE example of the decade of how DV vs. men is utterly ignored by just about everyone who may (or may not) hear about it via the MSM or any other source. It's nymphotropism and cognitive dissonance in action x 1000. One day I imagine it will be a case-study that SOC101 students will be made to write essays about. (Well, a fellow can dream, can't he?)

The MSM reflects what they believe (and all too often, get right) their viewers or readers want to see in the content they serve up. If there is some inconvenient truth that needs telling, they need to be informed to get on the stick and start telling it or else start losing their advertisers or subscribers.

Let's start with TV contact information, then the (so-called) papers, then radio. Click 'Read more', as I will list contact information for as many MSM sources as I can think of. Also, I will write a sample letter for you to use. Let's roll on this, since if we cannot move on such an open, high-profile, and egregious example of the double-standards at work here, then we may as well hang it up.

Law Fathers & Families Helped Create Leads to Victory for High-Profile Military Parent

Matt · 29 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

From F&F latest newsletter here. Excerpt:

'Because of problems in the family court system, when a divorced or never-married military parent deploys overseas, they often face the possibility of losing their custodial arrangement and their relationship with their children.

Fathers & Families and its legislative representative Michael Robinson have been at the forefront of this issue, successfully working to pass military parent legislation in dozens of states. The first success on this issue occurred in 2005 in California with the passage of SB 1082.

SB 1082 addressed the way parents who serve are often taken advantage of in custody and family law matters while they are deployed, and helped resolve the child support nightmare many mobilized reservists face. Fathers & Families organized a campaign in support of the bill, and the Senate Judiciary Committee Analysis of SB 1082 made specific note of your calls and letters. We've also had some success with federal legislation on this issue–to learn more, click here.'

Iranian president seeks further sex segregation

Matt · 29 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. I am sure he would have plenty of American feminist support if they could be certain the women's facilities were not only separate but more-than-equal to men's. Nothing like a toxic mix of ideology and power-hunger, is there? Sound familiar? Excerpt:

'An increase in efforts to separate men and women in Iranian institutions has sparked concern that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has ordered a substantial tightening of state policy on sex segregation since his June reelection.

Since Ahmadinejad was elected, the government has made various moves to further segregate office buildings, hospitals, public parks and primary schools and in the half year since the president was reelected a number of Iranian ministers and religious leaders have called for a more strict adherence to sex segregation in various aspects of public life.

"There has definitely been a concerted effort to rekindle the kind of policies that enforce gender segregation," Dr. Mehrdad Khonsari, a senior research consultant at the Centre for Arab and Iranian Studies told The Media Line. "There are efforts to have separate dining areas in universities, to close co-ed places, the atmosphere is just generally different."
...
"The only difference between today and ten years ago is that you have more female post graduates at university," he added. "So if anything we are seeing an increase in female participation in academics. Indeed over the past three months I brought three people into the department. All of them are women."'

"10 years of advocacy"

TWSchuett · 30 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

I've just published 10 years of advocacy, an essay about my years in the movement, and what seems to be ahead.

I'm pretty positive about the future, but hey, that's me... Excerpt:

'When the big ball falls in Times Square this time, I will have been in this advocacy for ten years. Much has changed since then, and we all know much that has not.

In the early months of 2000, I knew nothing of VAWA and the industry that has sprung up to benefit, in terms of both money and political clout, from the misery of the abused.

Even today, I still can't figure out how I did not know. After all, I'd been working either as volunteer or paid staff at one or another of several social services agencies since 1984. In 1991, I'd even served as a member of our local United Way's Allocations Panel, and our only local "battered women's shelter" was one of the agencies in my assignment.'

Article: "Lesbian 'mother' case presents constitutional issue"

liberty · 30 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Vermont judge has ruled that the birth mother of a Virginia girl must turn custody of the child over to a former lesbian partner. Could this be another benchmark for custody dispute issues?

Lisa Miller was in a homosexual relationship with Janet Jenkins in Vermont, but Miller became a Christian, gave up her former lifestyle and moved to Virginia with her daughter. Although Jenkins is not the biological mother and never tried to adopt the now seven-year-old Isabella, Vermont Judge William Cohen ordered Miller to turn the girl over to Jenkins this Friday. Attorney Steve Crampton tells OneNewsNow that Liberty Counsel argued before a Virginia judge last week, asking for Miller's protection.

"There's a very serious constitutional issue regarding whether Virginia must enforce the Vermont court order," the attorney notes. "So the clock is ticking quite loudly right now, and it remains to be seen whether we can get any relief in Virginia."'

Tiger Woods whisked away for surgery after Elin Nordegren clubbed him, blogger says

Matt · 31 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Blog post here. Excerpt:

'Enraged over reports of her husband's philandering and set off by the discovery of an "incriminating" text message, Elin Nordegren smashed Tiger Woods in the face with a 9-iron on U.S. Thanksgiving Day and then chased a bleeding and woozy Woods as he fled from his Florida home, a prominent sportswriter relays in a Boxing Day blog that has caught the attention of celebrity gadfly Perez Hilton.

Furman Bisher, a retired sports columnist for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, posts on his blog what he says is a "legitimate message" he received from a "trustworthy journalist" he has known for years.

The source tells Bisher that Woods wasn't home when Florida State Troopers came to question him following the crash outside his home. That's because he had already been whisked away to Phoenix, where he underwent reconstructive surgery to repair the damage to his face, which included a gash to the right side near the nose, a broken facial bone and damaged teeth.'

Real Women of Canada: "The Family Hits The Spotlight"

Matt · 31 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Western nations are looking at the shambles their countries have become. A great increase in family breakdown (divorce and separation) resulting in increased substance abuse, alienated youth dropping out of school with no skills, and an ever increasing number of children raised in single parent homes, are just a few of the problems facing nations today. This has led to government policy makers, churches and charities trying to make sense of both the causes and consequences of family break-up. Consequently, the future of the family has now been placed at the top of the political list of priorities.

For example, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown talked about family values at the annual Labour Party Conference in Brighton, September 27-October 1, 2009. The UK opposition leader David Cameron told his party members that the family lay at the heart of his beliefs. Other government leaders in Russia, France, Poland, Latvia and Romania are expressing similar concerns.

...

Status of Women funded feminist organizations, such as the organization National Association of Women and the Law (NAWL), recently made a submission to the Department of Justice on the issue, rejecting Mr. Vellacott's shared parenting bill. The Feminist Alliance for International Action (FAFIA) (see article "Status of Women Must be Disbanded", p.1) has submitted its own objections to shared parenting. The reason that shared parenting raises feminist hackles is due to the fact that, if it were to be implemented, women would no longer be assured on divorce of having control, as well as physical custody of the children of the marriage, as is the current situation. Therefore, feminists regard Bill C-422 as a severe undermining of their "entitlement" to the children of the marriage upon separation and divorce.

Since most divorces in Canada are initiated by the wife, women might not be quite so quick to initiate divorce proceedings if there was a real possibility that they would not have custody of their children on divorce, as they do at the present time.'

Womenomics: Feminist management theorists are flirting with some dangerous arguments

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I can't say I completely agree with this story over at the Economist, which contends that first-generation feminists were "tougher" than the current generation of feminists, *and* also "tougher" than men. Excerpt:

'The new feminism contends that women are wired differently from men, and not just in trivial ways. They are less aggressive and more consensus-seeking, less competitive and more collaborative, less power-obsessed and more group-oriented. Judy Rosener, of the University of California, Irvine, argues that women excel at “transformational” and “interactive” management. Peninah Thomson and Jacey Graham, the authors of “A Woman’s Place is in the Boardroom”, assert that women are “better lateral thinkers than men” and “more idealistic” into the bargain. Feminist texts are suddenly full of references to tribes of monkeys, with their aggressive males and nurturing females.
...
Women would be well advised to ignore the siren voices of the new feminism and listen to Ms Dong instead. Despite their frustration, the future looks bright. Women are now outperforming men markedly in school and university. It would be a grave mistake to abandon old-fashioned meritocracy just at the time when it is turning to women’s advantage.'

Gen X Men: Double-digit income decline met with political and social indifference

Matt · 31 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'You are somewhere between 35 and 45 years old, give or take, and you can't shake the feeling that things just aren't adding up for you, your family, your generation.

The bosses and politicians in charge — many of whom are older than you — don't talk about you much, even as your job bites the dust or you gripe about money in the cubicle next door.
...
If you are a man born between 1964 and 1974, you were earning 12 percent less in 2004 than your father was when he was your age three decades earlier, according to a study by the Economic Mobility Project of the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Let's attach a dollar figure to that — so that we truly register the generational grand larceny here.

Fathers were making $40,000 as thirtysomethings, compared to $35,000 for their Gen X sons. With help from an Inquirer colleague, I tabulated that Gen Xers lucky enough to continue making that meager $35,000 for the next 30 years without a single pay raise (but at a 2.2 percent annual inflation rate) will have pocketed $227,680 less than the dad who told them to believe in the American Dream.

And that was before the stock market crash of 2008.'

Houston Dad Looking to Get Daughter Back From Brazil

anthony · 31 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'After seeing what one New Jersey man did to get his son back from Brazil, a Texas father is looking to do the same.

Marty Pate says his ex-wife defied a custody agreement and returned to her native country of Brazil with the couple's 8-year-old daughter, Nicole, MyFoxHouston.com reports.

"Here we are three and a half years later, and still no daughter," Pate told MyFoxHouston.com, but in his renewed efforts, Pate is hopeful he'll have his daughter back in Texas by summer.

...

One congressman is hoping to help parents like Goldman and Pate.

Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, is co-sponsoring a bill that would make it harder for parents in custody disputes to flee the country with their kids. Brazil, in particular, has been of little help.'

Spokane boys kidnapped by mom found 11 years later

Matt · 31 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MILTON, PA -- Bill Connington's two young sons have been missing for 11 years after their mother abducted them and disappeared. Tuesday night authorities in Pennsylvania called Connington to confirm they had been found safe and sound in Milton, where their mother had been living under an alias.

Jill Diane Haugen, 48, was arrested Tuesday at her home in Milton, Pennsylvania where she was going by the name Ann Thompson. Haugen is Connington's ex-wife and the mother of Connington's 17-year-old and 15-year-old sons.

Milton Police Officer Todd Ulrich called Connington by phone Tuesday to tell him the news. Ulrich says Connington was "absolutely surprised" and had thought he'd never see his sons again.'

Texas county targets military personnel as perpetrators of domestic abuse

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I'm a big supporter of the military. I worked in a Marine corps library for three years, and my husband still works teaching Marines how to fix their cars. So I was particularly outraged when I saw this effort to go after military personnel *specifically* for domestic violence, and by a civilian authority, no less.

What's worse, the news story was accompanied by a poster which says, "Battering is always a choice." When you visit the website for the producers of the poster, you find that self-defense is considered by them to be an "excuse for battering."

If you're as mad about this as I am, contact info for all parties as well as the poster and an excerpt from the news story (which BTW does neither KXXV nor Bell County any favors with its semi-literate prose) is on my site.

Happy New Year guys, wish the current news was better!

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Slate: "Why Bristol Palin Shouldn't Get Sole Custody"

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Interesting article on shared parenting in Alaska, driven by the Palin case. Excerpt:

Bristol Palin wants sole custody of her 1-year-old son, Tripp, we learned when a judge refused her request to keep the proceedings closed. Judge Kari C. Kristiansen made the court filings public after Tripp's father, Levi Johnston, opposed closure, saying that Bristol's mother, who is of course Sarah Palin, "has a reputation for being extremely vindictive." ("Not that Bristol would ever be that way, nor that I would," he demurely added.)
...
That probably won't happen, because Alaska has a statutory preference for joint custody. As in most states, the legislature has instructed the courts to err on the side of shared parenting as long as doing so doesn't undermine the best interests of the child. This idea has become well-entrenched in a relatively short time. Until the end of the 19th century, courts favored fathers, who had the money and the power and the property rights. Then, for much of the 20th century, mothers had the upper hand because of the presumption that children needed them more during what courts called their "tender years." For a child under the age of 5, custody almost always went to the mother.
...
Denying Levi Johnston's shared legal custody of his son, at this point, would be premature and out of step with the idea of encouraging dads to play a real part in their kids' lives. If he doesn't come through for his son and joint custody in fact devolves into maternal custody, Bristol can go back to court later. But for now Levi deserves the chance to keep his promises to the judge and to Tripp.'

Charlie Sheen Could Be Prosecuted Without Brooke Mueller's Cooperation

anthony · 31 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Brook Mueller may want a chance to work things out with husband Charlie Sheen in the wake of her claims that he threatened her with a switchblade, but experts say the seriousness of her accusations may get prosecutors involved even without her cooperation.

Lawyers for the Hollywood couple have asked a judge to throw out a restraining order imposed shortly after Sheen was arrested on domestic violence charges Christmas Day, so that they can work on their relationship.

The restraining order, common in Colorado domestic violence cases, prevented Sheen from having contact with Mueller, possessing weapons or using drugs and alcohol.

But even if Mueller is willing to reconcile with Sheen, prosecutors may choose to proceed with a court case without Mueller's testimony, noted criminal defense attorney Roy Black told "Good Morning America."

"There's no question they can proceed without her cooperation ...because they can use her statements, her 911 call," Black said.'

RADAR ALERT: Mainstream Media Suppresses Stories Of Violence By Women

Matt · 31 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

When Rhianna hit Chris Brown in the head with her stiletto heels while he was behind the wheel trying not to lose control of the car and Brown overreacted[1], what did mainstream media report? They showed us Rhianna's injuries, but were totally silent about what part Rhianna's temper played in the altercation.

When Tiger Woods' wife attacked him with a golf club[2], the mainstream media ignored his wife's violence. Hardly any of the mainstream media reported that the Florida Highway Patrol described Woods' injuries as "serious".[3] Instead they waited for more stories about Woods' affairs to come out so they could spin it as a tale of Woods' infidelities rather than about female-perpetrated domestic violence.

Now we have the case of Mary J. Blige, a woman who purports to be concerned about domestic violence, so much so that she has provided part of the funding for a domestic violence shelter named in her honor[4]. But her comment, "Women from all walks of life, not just women from poverty-stricken areas," makes it clear that only female victims will be helped by her shelter. And her actions make it clear that she believes that as a female she enjoys the privilege of using violence whenever any male displeases her. On Christmas Eve, the New York Post reported that she punched her husband in the face, drawing blood, because she thought he was flirting with a waitress.[5] How has the rest of the mainstream media covered her hypocrisy? The silence has been deafening!

Mom admits poisoning 2nd baby to get dad's attention

Anonymous · 1 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'HILLSBORO, Ore. (AP) -- A 25-year-old former medical assistant has pleaded guilty to poisoning her 2-month-old daughter with morphine in a bid to attract the attention of the child's father. She was on probation for a similar crime in California.

Sara Rose Dillard appeared in Washington County Circuit Court on Wednesday and admitted giving her daughter Elise a high dose of the opiate in June. Judge Mark Gardner sentenced Dillard to seven years in prison after she pleaded guilty to first-degree assault.

Authorities said Dillard, of Beaverton, was on probation from California for feeding her son, who was 10 months old at the time, two opiate pills.
...
"She knew the baby would go into respiratory distress and bring a lot of attention to her and her baby because she'd put herself through respiratory distress before," prosecutor Megan Johnson said Wednesday.

Doctors at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center admitted the 2-month-old for observation in June although they couldn't detect the fever Dillard said she had. The next morning, the child was barely breathing. Her condition puzzled doctors until toxicology tests came back positive for opiates.'

Teenage mother charged in death of her infant son: Police say she threw him to the floor head first

Matt · 2 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Jan. 1--A teenage Tulsa mother was charged Thursday with killing her infant son.

Tulsa Country prosecutors charged Dominique Lagail Lee, 18, with the first-degree murder of Kai'den Terry.

He was 48 days old when he was fatally injured on Sept. 27, the charge states.

Lee is accused of inflicting a blunt trauma injury to her son's head at their apartment in the 6900 block of South Trenton Avenue.

A police investigator's affidavit asserts that Lee grabbed the child's legs, pulled him off a bed, and threw him to the floor head first.'

Woman fails to surrender child to ex-partner in custody war

Matt · 2 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman at the center of a complex dispute with her former lesbian partner defied a court order to give up custody of her 7-year-old daughter Friday, opening the door to possible criminal charges.

A Vermont judge had ordered Lisa Miller to turn over daughter Isabella to Janet Jenkins at 1 p.m. Friday at the Falls Church, Va., home of Jenkins' parents. Miller did not show up with the girl, according to Fairfax County, Va., police and Jenkins' Vermont-based attorney.

...

Her attorney, Mathew D. Staver, the law school dean at Liberty University, did not respond to a request through an assistant for comment.

Carl Tobias, a University of Richmond law professor who has followed the case, said it was likely the Vermont judge would issue another contempt order in the wake of Friday's developments.'

Welcome to the jungle, ladies!

ABC News gleefully asks: "Can Male Prostitutes Boost The Economy?"

anthony · 4 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. It ends with the suggestion that "Shady Lady" is looking to see if it can "put a price on a man". They were beat to that punch a long time ago by governments conscripting men into military service, companies planning for the number of deaths and injuries working men would suffer, and of course, by divorce courts treating men as wallets to be plundered.

Are there any discussion of brothels staffed by women for men that get such joyful treatment? Haven't seen one yet.

Barbara Kay: The end of the gender wars

Matt · 4 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog article here. Excerpt:

'Commonsensical Canadians are losing patience with the angry, blame-all-males school of feminism. It's no accident that the feminist Toronto Women's Bookstore, for years a bustling cynosure of the cultural zeitgeist, is in danger of closing down. Or that once overflowing women's studies classes are emptying out, or morphing into "gender studies" to attract more students (a trap, really: Gender studies are also gynocentric, offering a more subtle version of heterosexual male-bashing than women's studies).

Rob Kenedy, an assistant professor in the sociology department of York University with a specialty in the men's rights movement, was unique amongst sociologues in teaching a course in the 1990s about men and their particular tribulations and needs. In a telephone interview he recalled his surprise when more young women signed up than men: "Women are far more interested in learning about men and masculinity than men are."

Because the numbers in universities are so skewed to the distaff — in a current obligatory sociology course, his own tutorial is comprised of 25 women and two men — Kenedy predicts sociology departments will have to open up (positive) masculinity courses to satisfy the burgeoning curiosity of women about what makes men tick.'

UK: "The surprising lessons I learned on a journey to the heart of feckless Britain"

Matt · 4 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What jumped out at me about this is that most of her examples were of young men. Does that mean that young women do not have similar problems of low self-esteem or a feeling of "feckless hopelessness"? I doubt it, and she mentions two cases of it in her article. But I have to wonder, is it just easier for her to find examples of such despair among young men? Based on other reports I have read, that answer seems to me to be "yes". Excerpt:

'With my producer, Charlotte Simpson, I went to the north-east of England, an area of very high deprivation with the highest rate of youth unemployment in England.

What I found was in many respects somewhat chastening. I met people living near Blyth, Northumberland, who were struggling to get a job in places where there was precious little work to be found.

Many young people seemed to be just being shunted from vocational course to vocational course without ever getting a job. When asked, they all said they wanted to work in order to retain a sense of self-respect.
...

When I asked this teenage father whether he would accept a job he found boring in order to support his family, he said he would not; he would rather live indefinitely on welfare.

This boy hadn't seen his own biological father for years; he seemed to have no responsible male role model in his family. And now he looked set to give his own son the same message.
...
One Nigerian man leaves home before four every morning to get to the first of his two daily jobs in central London as a cleaner, getting back home at 10.30 at night. At weekends he sleeps, so he rarely sees his family.

Then there is the harassed mother from Ecuador, trying to look after her young children in between her two jobs cleaning lavatories an hour's bus ride from her home - all with no holidays, no sick pay and, with both jobs on the minimum wage, sometimes not enough money for food.
...
I developed a greater sympathy for people struggling to motivate themselves to work. But I also developed an even deeper belief that the current system, which seems to undermine them at every turn, must as a matter of urgency be reformed.'

RADAR ALERT: Tell the OVW to Obey President Obama's Scientific Integrity Directive

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On March 9, 2009, President Obama issued a directive on scientific integrity (see this (.pdf file), in which he said:

> "The public must be able to trust the science and scientific process informing public policy decisions. Political officials should not suppress or alter scientific or technological findings and conclusions."

In late November Catherine Pierce, Acting Director of the Office on Violence Against Women published a memo (see note here) in which she suppressed all information about victimization of males and all information about perpetration of domestic violence by females. Pierce's memo was the subject of RADAR's Dec. 2, 2009 press release.

In his directive, President Obama also said:

> "By this memorandum, I assign to the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (Director) the responsibility for ensuring the highest level of integrity in all aspects of the executive branch's involvement with scientific and technological processes."

"A Girl's Life on PBS" propagates falsehoods about education, suicide, etc.

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Just caught this documentary on my local PBS affiliate. It seems to rehash the tired and disproven tropes from the 1992 AAUW report on "How schools short-change girls" as though they were facts. Excerpt:

'Girls growing up in America today have more opportunities than their mothers and grandmothers ever imagined. They do well in school; by fifth grade they're equal to boys in math and science, and they're significantly better at reading and writing. They have more career choices, more flexibility in family roles and more female role models in positions of political power.

But even as doors open, girls may not be able to walk confidently through them. When they get to middle school, girls' self-esteem plunges. Twice as many girls as boys attempt suicide. Twice as many show signs of depression. Girls have a higher risk of abusing alcohol and drugs, and violent physical assaults by girls have skyrocketed since 1990.'

Colorado to get its first only single-sex public school - for girls

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Article here. So the Denver Public School system is finally going to start a single-sex public school. Did they do something for boys and their lagging performance (particularly in reading and writing) in the feminised school system by creating a school just for them? Of course not! The first school will be for girls only. Excerpt:

'Following a growing nationwide trend toward single-gender classroom education, the first all-girls public school in Colorado will open next year in Denver.

In 2002, only 11 U.S. public schools offered single-gender classrooms. Today, at least 547 public schools offer single-sex classes, according to the National Association for Single-Sex Public Education. At least 91 of those schools are single-gender schools.

The surge comes three years after a federal rule said single-sex classrooms weren't discriminatory and as emerging research suggested that girls' and boys' brains develop differently.

Girls Athletic Leadership School, or GALS, was approved at a Denver board meeting this month. The charter school will open with sixth- and seventh-graders and grow to include eighth through 12th grades.

"We know that girls focus on academics more when they're in an all-girls setting, simply put, because we are taking away a large social distraction, especially in middle school," said Elizabeth Wolfson, founder of the school, which will be in south-central Denver.
...
"The idea is to take girls to a place where they can deconstruct what it is like to be a girl," Bowar said.

The next move, she said, is to create a similar program for boys.'

RADAR ALERT: Oral Argument in Crespo to be Webcast Jan. 6, 2010

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Oral arguments in the Crespo case will be webcast live at 12:00 noon, Eastern Standard Time, on Wednesday, January 6, 2010. The webcast can be viewed at http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/webcast/index.htm. The court's schedule for the day is at http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/webcast/op100106.htm.

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org/

New York Times Book Review: No winning for losing for any sexiness from male authors

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Check out Katie Roiphie's piece in the NYT Book Review comparing/contrasting the Roth/Updike/Mailer generation of writers with the Eggers/Wallace/Kunkel generation. Her conclusion? The former are assholes while the latter are sissies, either way they're "sexist". There are even nice pink graphs to prove it! Excerpt:

'The same crusading feminist critics who objected to Mailer, Bellow, Roth and Updike might be tempted to take this new sensitivity or softness or indifference to sexual adventuring as a sign of progress (Mailer called these critics “the ladies with their fierce ideas.”) But the sexism in the work of the heirs apparent is simply wilier and shrewder and harder to smoke out. What comes to mind is Franzen’s description of one of his female characters in “The Corrections”: “Denise at 32 was still beautiful.” To the esteemed ladies of the movement I would suggest this is not how our great male novelists would write in the feminist utopia.

The younger writers are so self-conscious, so steeped in a certain kind of liberal education, that their characters can’t condone even their own sexual impulses; they are, in short, too cool for sex. Even the mildest display of male aggression is a sign of being overly hopeful, overly earnest or politically untoward. For a character to feel himself, even fleetingly, a conquering hero is somehow passé. More precisely, for a character to attach too much importance to sex, or aspiration to it, to believe that it might be a force that could change things, and possibly for the better, would be hopelessly retrograde. Passivity, a paralyzed sweetness, a deep ambivalence about sexual appetite, are somehow taken as signs of a complex and admirable inner life.'

F & F Supporter Triumphs in Vicious False DV Accusations/Family Law Case

Matt · 5 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gonzalez's lawyer, Denise Placencio, argued that West staged the entire incident because of a bitter child-custody dispute.

In an interview, Placencio said the recent December court decision that ordered West to pay Gonzalez should serve as a "cautionary tale" to anyone tempted to make false allegations.
...
She said her client faced the possibility of five life sentences in prison as a result of West's criminal complaint. Gonzalez couldn't see or speak to his son until October 2008 because of the criminal charges and West's filing of the request for a permanent restraining order against him.

> A Ventura County judge has ordered a woman to pay her former boyfriend more than $55,000 after she falsely accused him of raping and brutalizing her in Simi Valley in 2008 during a child-custody dispute.
>
> The money is for attorney's fees and travel expenses after Tracy West requested a permanent restraining order against Louis Gonzalez and then dismissed the allegations just before the matter was set for trial.
> ...

Radical feminist Mary Daly dead at 81

mens_issues · 5 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What can I say? A radical man-hating feminist who was part of a movement that has wreaked so much havoc on Western civilization is dead. Excerpt:

'Fiercely and playfully -- often at the same time -- Mary Daly used words to challenge the basic precepts of the Catholic Church and Boston College, where she was on the faculty for more than 30 years.

Dr. Daly emerged as a major voice in the burgeoning women's movement with her first book, "The Church and the Second Sex," published in 1968, and "Beyond God the Father: Toward a Philosophy of Women's Liberation," which appeared five years later. That accomplishment was viewed, then and now, as all the more significant because she wrote and taught at a Jesuit college.

...

One of Dr. Daly's caregivers was reading to her from the "Wickedary" when she died Sunday.

"She basically fairly clearly defined the outer limits of radical feminist theology," said Robert Daly, who chaired the theology department during much of Dr. Daly's tenure and was not related to her. "People around the world are generally grateful for her having done that."'

Ed. note: Wikipedia entry on her is here.

Shouting at your wife may get you a criminal record in France

Mr VanHuizen · 6 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Married couples in France could end up with criminal records for insulting each other during arguments.

Under a new law, France is to become the first country in the world to ban 'psychological violence' within marriage.

The law would apply to cohabiting couples and to both men and women.

It would cover men who shout at their wives and women who hurl abuse at their husbands - although it was not clear last night if nagging would be viewed as breaking the law.

The law is expected to cover every kind of insult including repeated rude remarks about a partner's appearance, false allegations of infidelity and threats of physical violence.

Police are being urged to issue a caution in the first instance, but repeat offenders could face a fine, a restraining order or even jail.
...
Sociologist Pierre Bonnet said: 'The next step will be to make rudeness a criminal offence. The police and courts will be over-stretched trying to deal with numerous cases.'"

Update: Barbara Kay on this one, here.

"Abusegate": The Most Important Word in the English Language

Matt · 6 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From MANN reader Ed:

“Abusegate” refers to the systematic distortion of the truth about partner aggression by representatives of the domestic violence industry. These falsehoods form the basis of a well-financed but harmful effort to curb partner violence.

In January, we are mounting a high-profile campaign to inform the American public about the truth of domestic violence. At the national level, the campaign will be waged on three fronts:

1. A series of radio interviews featuring Dr. Donald Dutton of the University of British Columbia. Dutton is well-known for his willingness to challenge the prevailing domestic violence “paradigm,” as he likes to call it.
2. A series of op-ed columns by leading columnists.
3. A big lobbying effort on Capitol Hill highlighting how flawed information leads to flawed public policy.

Locally, we are inviting people to get the word out every way imaginable: via blogs, letters to the editor, radio talk shows, messages to email lists, meetings, etc. Here’s a flyer you can pass out: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARflyer-Time-to-Tell-the-Truth.pdf

And here's (.pdf file) a Special Report that details many of the falsehoods entitled "Fifty Domestic Violence Myths"

The fate of our families, our civil rights, indeed the fundamental values of our society hang in the balance. As VAWA comes up for reauthorization in 2010, we invite you to participate in this critical national effort to expose the lies of the DV industry.

Boycott Mary J. Blige

YinYang · 7 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Please boycott Mary J. Blige for her abuse to her husband just as Chris Brown is being boycotted for his abuse to Rihanna.

Abuse transcends genders. Demand the end of the defending, minimizing, encouraging and denying abuse from females.

My YouTube video on this topic is here.

Virginia mulls discrimination against divorced parents: child support college mandate

ItsDan · 7 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Married parents don't have any legal obligation to pay for their adult children's college education or living expenses. But a bill just introduced in Virginia's legislature would require divorced parents to pay for such expenses.

HB 146 would extend child support beyond age 18 to age 23 when the "child" is attending college. Right now, child support in Virginia usually ends soon after the child reaches the age of majority.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court struck down a similar provision providing for post-majority support as a violation of the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. It reasoned that since married parents do not have to support their adult children, it was discriminatory to force divorced parents to do so. See Curtis v. Kline, 666 A.2d 265 (Pa. 1995). (Courts have apparently split over the constitutionality of such requirements).'

Carey Roberts: "Abuse shelters: havens for feminist thought reform"

Matt · 8 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists will argue until they're blue in the face that women are victims of the Great Satanic Patriarchy. That tenet is laughable when one considers women are leading men on almost every indicator of social welfare.

But give them credit, feminists are a determined bunch. So in their crusade to spread the gospel of female victimization, they have established a network of domestic violence shelters around the nation. These programs resemble socialist thought reform experiments more than anything that can be considered to be professional counseling or crisis intervention.

To gain admittance to such facilities one must of course be female — after all, male victims of domestic violence are unlikely to benefit from a regimen of patriarchal deprogramming.
...

Shelter residents enjoy no right to privacy. I have heard from women about confidences shared with shelter workers that were later passed on to Child Protective Services and other shelter residents. One woman revealed, "Nothing was confidential and what I discussed with staff was being discussed with clients."
...
Given these experiences, it's no surprise that women opt to return to their abuser rather than continue to subject themselves to this grandiose government-financed brainwashing experiment.'

Abusegate Cure: “YOU LIE!”

Matt · 8 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From MANN reader Ed:

To hear it from the Abusegaters, men are inherently abusive creatures, and women are utterly incapable of being physically aggressive with their partners.

That’s what the DV industry has been saying for years. No doubt about it, Abusegate represents one of the biggest scientific hoaxes of our time.

And how do the Abusegate propagandists get away with all the Ms.-Information? Simple... no one dares to challenge them, because they don’t want to be called “misogynist” or “anti-woman.”

But what if everyone decided at the same time to stand up and tell the truth? What if we all started saying “YOU LIE!”

It’s time to step up and speak out (and if you can say it with a smile, even better!): *“Why are you telling only half the story?” “That’s not true!” “Stop stereotyping men as abusers!”*

So what’s stopping us??

To learn more about the Abusegate myths, see: http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARreport-50-DV-Myths.pdf

Ex-cop tells the Tiger Woods story

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Article here.

The latest person to weigh in on what really happened at the Tiger Woods home on the night of Nov. 27 is former Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens head coach Pat Burns.

Burns, a one-time police officer who lives Florida and reportedly has many law-enforcement contacts there, related what he's heard to a Montreal radio station on Tuesday morning. His version is very similar to that which first emerged on the blog of retired sports columnist Furman Bisher shortly before the new year. Nobody has been able to prove or disprove this version of events, but Burns adds another voice in support of it.

According to the Toronto Sun, Burns told CKAC Sports that Tiger has remained out of public view since the incident because a nine-iron to his face — courtesy of wife Elin Nordegren — knocked out two of his teeth.

Burns said he got his information from a friend in the highway patrol who visited the Woods home on the night of the incident. His version includes the detail about Woods leaving his cell phone behind as he played poker at a friend's house, while alleged mistress Rachel Uchitel was still texting him.

Burns also gave credence to the story that Woods was flown to Phoenix for surgery on his teeth.

Canada: Woman who flew from US to meet teen arrested

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Texas authorities have arrested a Houston woman for allegedly luring a 16-year-old Barrie, Ont., boy from his home, after meeting him through an online video game.

Investigators believe Lauri Ann Price, a 42-year-old mother of four, struck up a relationship with the Ontario teenager about two years ago while playing the popular computer game World of Warcraft.

Donna Hawkins, a spokesperson for the Harris County District Attorney's Office, told CTV.ca that the two allegedly "engaged in a cybersexual relationship" for more than a year.

It is alleged that Price flew to Toronto last month, rented a car and drove to Barrie to pick up the teenager. Police said the boy left a note for his mother saying he was running away with Price.

The teenager was later found in Orillia, Ont., and was returned to his parents.'

Antimisandry blog: Hypocrisy off to a good start in 2010

Matt · 8 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'A 42 year old married man from Texas meets a 16 year old Ontario girl in an online chat group. Over the course of many months he grooms his relationship with her through the online chat group. During this time he comes to Canada more than once and sits outside the girl's home watching her and her family through the window.

Then, over the Christmas holidays, he flies to Toronto in order to meet the girl and spirit her off on a romantic rendezvous. When he is finally found with the girl by police he says he thought the girl was 20. No big deal right? No crime committed? The man involved would never be charged nor would he ever be arrested, right? Just a nice normal teenage fantasy playing out in the real world right?
...
Now let's consider the exact same story but change the married man to a married woman and change the 16 year old girl to a 16 year old boy.

Is there any difference in the way this case should be handled?

Logically, no. But we know that logic plays no role whatsoever when it comes to the hypocrisy of the feminists and their political and judicial sycophants.'

"Committed": Why again is she doing this?

redwoodwriter · 8 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

In a new book called "Committed," Elizabeth Gilbert, best-selling author of "Eat, Pray, Love," reveals her attitude toward making even small sacrifices for the sake of a relationship with a man. A review appearing in The Wall Street Journal, written by Meghan Cox Gurdon, describes the experience of Gilbert:

'She interviews her mother and friends about married life and learns that both husbands and wives need to make small personal sacrifices if the union is to succeed. This insight would seem stunningly self-evident to anyone who has ever tried to get along with anyone else, but it frightens Ms. Gilbert.
...
The spectacle of a celebrity author publicly working herself around to a position that she has already taken may seem a trifle sophomoric and more than a little self-indulgent. But here Elizabeth Gilbert is, a re-married woman. It would be churlish not to wish her and "Felipe" every happiness.'

It is surprising that Gilbert, a woman who has previously been married, makes such a big deal about this matter. Or is her fussing about this instead a reflection of a message from radical feminists, who claim that "women can have it all?" Have modern American women, inspired by radical feminist doctrine, come to expect that they never need to compromise? Have we indulged, pampered, and coddled these women for so long, that they cannot stomach the notion of compromise? If so, what does this imply about the future divorce rate [assuming some men would want to marry such women]?

71-year-old murders grandson in Florida

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 71-year-old German woman has been arrested in Florida for murdering her grandson to keep him from growing up with divorced parents in the United States.
...
The police said on Wednesday the grandmother decided to kill the five-year-old boy during her holiday on St. George Island while her husband had gone shopping. After drowning her grandson in the bathtub, the woman identified as Marianne Bordt from Nufringen near Stuttgart vainly attempted to commit suicide by throwing herself in the ocean.
...
She told police she killed the boy, who has US citizenship, because she couldn't bear to see him grow up in a broken home after his parents divorced in 2006. According to the authorities, the boy spent most of his time in Georgia with his mother, who is the murderer's daughter.

The grandmother now faces either the death penalty or life in prison should she be convicted of premeditated murder.'

Mrs. Robinson's affair with teen rocks N Ireland

Matt · 8 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BELFAST, Northern Ireland – A political scandal riveting Northern Ireland has a certain cinematic feel: an affair by 58-year-old woman named Mrs. Robinson with a 19-year-old male lover.
...
But there is a serious side to the story of Iris Robinson, who also happens to be a member of Parliament and the wife of Peter Robinson — Northern Ireland's government leader.

The BBC reported that Iris Robinson allegedly solicited 50,000 pounds ($80,000) from businessmen so her young lover could open a restaurant — without disclosing the fact to lawmakers.

Iris Robinson has said she would not seek re-election because she was suffering clinical depression that left her unable to function in public life and revealed that she attempted suicide. She also begged forgiveness from her husband, Peter, and the public.
...

On Wednesday, Peter Robinson invited four journalists to his home to give his own agonized account of his family's private turmoil — an unprecedented display from a man renowned for an icy demeanor.

The Robinsons neglected to mention the nub of the BBC report: That Iris Robinson's lover, 39 years her junior, had received third-party cash from her that should have been disclosed to Parliament.'

So much here I am not sure what to say about it except this: contrary to feminist assertions throughout the 60s and 70s, the fact that a politician is female has no bearing on her ability to make sound discretionary judgments, personally or otherwise. If nothing else the take-home lesson remains that people should be assessed as individuals, not based on their indelible characteristics, such as ethnicity, sex, etc. The myths however around female moral superiority promulgated by people such as the now-deceased Mary Daly persist nonetheless.

Arizona State U grant created to close "gender gap" in science and math

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An ASU team of researchers recently received $1.9 million in grants to help close the gender gap between men and women in science fields, a disparity that some women in the field say is still prevalent today.

The rate that women are earning doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics is 7 to 10 percent lower than males, according to an ASU statement released Wednesday.
...
When Baker was younger, many family members and colleagues were put off by the fact that she wasn't planning on having children, she said.

"My mother would say, 'You poor woman, you have no children,' and no one ever said, 'Your poor sisters, they have no education,'" she said. "I caught a lot of flack from parents and relatives telling me I wasn't doing the right thing."

Engineering sophomore Emily Christman said she chose to go into engineering because she has always liked math and been good at it.

It's hard to be a woman in science and mathematics fields in college, but Christman said she sees it as an advantage after school.
...
"What you find is there's a large spot of society not being appropriately served," Middleton said. "I think the learning style of teaching math and science isn't where it needs to be. I think we're all not being served, but women are disproportionally not being served."'

Worldwide study finds few gender differences in math abilities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – Girls around the world are not worse at math than boys, even though boys are more confident in their math abilities, and girls from countries where gender equity is more prevalent are more likely to perform better on mathematics assessment tests, according to a new analysis of international research.

"Stereotypes about female inferiority in mathematics are a distinct contrast to the actual scientific data," said Nicole Else-Quest, PhD, a psychology professor at Villanova University, and lead author of the meta-analysis. "These results show that girls will perform at the same level as the boys when they are given the right educational tools and have visible female role models excelling in mathematics."

The results are reported in the latest issue of Psychological Bulletin, published by the American Psychological Association. The finding that girls around the world appear to have less confidence in their mathematical abilities could help explain why young girls are less likely than boys to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Else-Quest and her fellow researchers examined data from the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study and the Programme for International Student Assessment, representing 493,495 students ages 14-16 from 69 countries. Both studies' results were released in 2003, and not all countries participated in both assessments. The TIMSS focuses on basic math knowledge, while the PISA test assesses students' ability to use their math skills in the real world. The researchers felt these two tests offered a good sampling of students' math abilities.'

Contact Dr. Nicole Else-Quest by e-mail at Nicole.Else.Quest-at-Villanova.edu

Is it Yahoo! or MSN? Can you tell the difference anymore?

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As of 11:45 PM EST, writing from upstate New York, the main page of Yahoo! looks like this.

I am not sure but I will guess that the Yahoo! main page is probably in the top 5 URLs people set as their web browser's start page. So one would think (hope) the people at Yahoo! (like MSN) would be willing to serve up a bit more substantive vittles for the hapless end user.

Instead, we get strange obsessions like Kate Gosselin's expensive new hair extensions and "Requests men shouldn't make" (note the red circle around the tab in my off-linked piece of ad-hoc art mentioned above).

I had no idea who Kate Gosselin was. I had to Google her name to find out and then I had to ask myself why anyone would care about the narcissistic carryings-on of her and her husband.

Anyway, I am sorry to say I must declare after multiple such examples that yet another large web portal has gone the way of MSN. Why these sources seem to think they need to feed some kind of ill-defined lowest-common-denominator dreck at us made of utterly useless information, with a healthy added dose of misandry at nearly every turn, is beyond me. But apparently, a certain class of person is pulling the content-management strings behind the scenes at these places. Not much new to report then, is there?

Abusegate Profiteers

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From MANN reader Ed:

Every year around this time lobbyists for the domestic violence industry anoint themselves with sackcloth and ashes. They travel to the state legislature, hat in hand, pleading for more money to help all the abused women that shelters had to turn away the past year.

But these lobbyists conveniently leave out the fact that many shelter directors are making very good money. Here are 3 examples:

a. At Safe Horizon shelter in New York City, nine senior managers take in over $100,000 a year: http://mensnewsdaily.com/2009/10/23/well-heeled-abuse-shelter-implicated-in-nyc-housing-scam/
b. In Dallas, Family Place director Paige Flink rakes in $163,000 annually in salary and benefits.
c. In Florida, Another Way director Donna Fagan receives $95,000 – that's more than local bank presidents make

Want to find out the salary of shelter directors in your area? Go to www2.guidestar.org, enter the name of the shelter, and pull up their 990 forms. Interested in seeing the total revenues of the state domestic violence coalitions and the salaries of their executive directors? http://www.mediaradar.org/state_dv_coalition_info.php It's all in the public record.

The domestic violence industry is callous to victims' needs, harmful to families, and unaccountable to the public. People shouldn't be allowed to live on easy street while discriminating against male victims of domestic violence.

Let's get the word out about the abusegate profiteers.

China: "Women-only" parking lot unveiled

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Indeed, it seems that women are such timid and easily-frightened creatures, with men being so foreboding, menacing, and indeed, unbelievably dangerous, that otherwise public services need to create women-only parking lots with pink parking space lines and wider-than-typical parking spaces in order for them to "feel safe".

Add China to the growing list of countries that is allowing women-only public spaces or services of this or that kind while gleefully ignoring the way they they are short-changing their male citizens. But I couldn't make this stuff up if you paid me. Excerpt:

'A shopping centre in China's Hebei province has built a car park with wider spaces that it says is designed especially to suit women drivers.

The women-only car park in Shijiazhuang city is also painted in pink and light purple to appeal to female tastes.

Official Wang Zheng told AFP news agency the car park was meant to cater to women's "strong sense of colour and different sense of distance".

The parking bays are one metre (3ft) wider than normal spaces, he said.

The Wanxiang-Tiancheng shopping centre had also "installed signs and security monitoring equipment that corresponded more to women's needs", he said.'

My dear old mother, who is past 70, lived all throughout the terrible, terrible years before feminism and never once, to the best of my knowledge, found mixed-sex parking lots absent pink parking space dividers to be the least bit threatening. But I guess she was also a lot tougher than the soft, frightened fawns of today. Hey, wasn't women's lib supposed to empower women to be less timid and fawn-like? I don't get it.

Canada: Why are our schools are failing boys

badgerb · 11 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A well-informed article by Robert Smol posted on the Canadian Broadcast Company' website which is astonishing in itself due to its far left leanings. Excerpt:

'Looking at the demographics of university-bound students today, it is hard to believe that not so long ago we were developing programs to get more girls into university.

By all indications now, that same spirit of reform and innovation is needed to push more boys into higher education — for all that may be worth.

These days I need only peek into a class and I can tell by the gender makeup whether or not it is academic or applied.

Those classes where the majority are female students are invariably academic. Those where the majority is male are not.

No surprise then that the face of university education in this country is increasingly becoming female as women have been overtaking men in both the participation rate as well as in the percentage who graduate.

According to the federal department of human resources and skills development, 18 per cent of young men 18-24 were in university in 2005-06. The equivalent figure for young women was 28 per cent.

At the same time, the high school dropout rate for male students has remained consistently higher in recent decades than that for girls, another indicator that our education system is failing our boys.

There is clearly a problem here.
...
I am blaming "the system" for this because we shouldn't be blaming young male students for the difficulties they face in what is arguably an increasingly female-programmed educational culture.'

Check out the comments as well. Very telling especially when an obvious gender feminist named EmmyPankhurst gets taken to task.

Chinese concerned 24 million men have no one to wed in 2020

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Article here. Excerpt:

'BEIJING (AFP) – More than 24 million Chinese men of marrying age could find themselves without spouses in 2020, state media reported on Monday, citing a study that blamed sex-specific abortions as a major factor.

The study, by the government-backed Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, named the gender imbalance among newborns as the most serious demographic problem for the country's population of 1.3 billion, the Global Times said.

"Sex-specific abortions remained extremely commonplace, especially in rural areas," where the cultural preference for boys over girls is strongest, the study said, while noting the reasons for the gender imbalance were "complex."
...
China first implemented its population control policy in 1979, generally limiting families to one child, with some exceptions for rural farmers, ethnic minorities and other groups.

It has said the policy has averted 400 million births.

Researchers said the gender imbalance problem cropped up in the late 1980s when the use of ultrasound technology became more prevalent.

This allowed women to easily determine the sex of their foetuses, leading to an increased number of sex-selective abortions.'

Abusegate: A Generation Deceived

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Abusegate: a generation deceived
By Trudy W. Schuett

January 11, 2010

Science has come full-circle, taking a page from the medieval Church by using fear and persecution to silence skeptics. The oppressed have become the oppressors. Given that most professional scientific bodies and peer-reviewed journals have been active accomplices in this scandal, one wonders how many other so called scientific consensuses have been similarly engineered and waiting for their own ClimateGates before truth is known.
—Joanne Nova
...
Where Abusegate is concerned, however, there is one more element – the life or death of feminism, and its determination to liberate women from the so-called “oppression” of marriage and family. The story of Abusegate is as much about the attempt by feminists to obscure their real intentions as it is about feminist attempts to conceal the reality of partner abuse, in order to claim the issue as their own, and possibly the only issue available at the time to keep this essentially destructive philosophy alive.
...

While the feminists of the 20th Century are dying off or retiring, their ugly legacy of opportunism remains. Legions of divorce lawyers, shelter advocates, and organizations providing feminist education all benefit from the multi-billion dollar industry that now forms the basis of society’s approach to partner abuse.

The real tragedy of Abusegate is that victims of genuine partner abuse are still left without hope and support. They have been doubly victimized by a society that has been too willing to accept answers without first considering the problem.

Trudy W. Schuett

Introducing The DesertLight Facebook Group

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Are you divorced and separated from your kids? Are you a man being abused by his wife (or significant other)? Are you a man who feels like nobody cares? Or are you a man with a good life, a solid marriage and children, or grandchildren, who wonders about the institutions of marriage and family disappearing before your eyes?

The DesertLight Group on Facebook cares. Right now we are a small collection of people with no access to legal or medical/psychological help. All we want to do is give you the opportunity to tell your story and know that someone hears.

That's because we do care. Men still hold up half the sky, and fill the majority of the protective positions such as military and law enforcement. Men do the ditch digging, the crop harvesting, the building of wondrous structures.

Men are still our only fathers. Men are the people most women simply can't live without.

Please tell us your story. We can't offer solutions, but we can listen. Our hope is that if enough men tell their stories, we can make some changes in the way men are treated by our governments and major corporations.

Israeli women's organization is being taken to court by Israeli legislator

Anonymous · 12 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Israeli MK* Michael Ben Ari (link added) is taking "Shdulat Hanashim" ("Women's Lobby"), an Israeli women's organization, to court, the Israeli media has reported today. In the framework of a discussion in the Israeli Parliament about a law to extend women's maternity leave from 3 months to 6 months, MK Ben Ari has argued that Israeli employers might refrain from hiring women in the first place. "The proposed law might end up hurting women's status rather than helping them", MK Ben Ari said. MK Ben Ari has given an imaginary example of an accountant's office that would prefer hiring men rather than women as a result of the proposed law.'

Ed. note: "MK" is short for "Member of the Knesset", which you can read about here if you are unfamiliar with it. Also, I tried, but could not found a source article on this report. If anyone can post, please do so.

Israel: Anti-Feminist Speech by Dafna Netanyahu at a Likud Party conference

Anonymous · 12 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

[Submitter of this item: Please be sure to click "Read more" and read my "Ed. note" comments. Thank you. -- Matt]

Article here . Excerpt:

It is very uncommon to see a politician speaking in public against feminism, in the political correctness atmosphere that controls the Israeli politics and media. However, in a brave speech, Dr. Dafna Netanyahu is presenting Anti-Feminist views in open air, in a conference of the Israeli Likud Party. The Israeli Likud party is a moderate right-wing party. The Current Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, is from the Likud Party.

A translation of Danfa Netanyahu's speech:
...
The anthropologist has explained that when a society reaches such a level of lack of compassion, even between a mother and her child, the rehabilitation of such a society is no longer possible. Apparently the emotional relationship between family members is a glue that is necessary to the existence of a any group, as it functions as the basis for the emotional ability of humans to feel dedication to a group. First for his family, then close groups outside the family, and finally to other humans.
...

"All signs point to a new era of women in charge - socially, economically, politically"

liberty · 12 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From the Boston Globe, article here. Excerpt:

'Women outnumber men here; you knew that. Women outnumber men in US colleges; you probably knew that, too. You might not have known that women receive almost 60 percent of university degrees in America and Europe combined. So who's going to be running the show? You tell me.

More women have jobs in the US than men. The Bureau of Labor Statistics identifies job categories most likely to grow in the next decade. In 10 of the top 15 categories, women constitute two thirds of the workforce.

Witness the battle of the apothegms: A while back, economist Paul Samuelson (who died last month at 94) acknowledged females' second-class socioeconomic status with the famous remark, "Women are men without money." More recently, conservative agitator Christina Hoff Sommers has reversed the terms of trade. Boys, she has observed, "are tomorrow's second sex."

Two of the three network anchors are women. Women watch more TV, read more books, and subscribe to newspapers more than men. Guess who elected our president, Mr. Sensitive, in 2008? Women, who voted in greater numbers than men. Guess who's going to elect the next senator from Massachusetts? Women, who vote here more than men. So former Jordache jeans model Scott Brown's strategy of posing in camo fatigues doesn't sound real promising, does it?"
...
"Girls," Barrett concludes, "are boys plus. They can play sports and have careers, and you can dress them in pink and take them to tea at the American Girl cafe. What’s not to like?"

As the father of three sons, I have my concerns. Have I been raising the underclass of tomorrow? Trina Leonard, who works for MicroSort, thinks I fail to see the silver lining in the new era of women on top. “You know, it may be a boon to men," she said. “They will probably have fewer heart attacks and generally less stressful roles. They can spend more time at home and have more of the pleasures and less of the pain of working life."

Hmmm. Live longer, see your children more, and offload the nasty business of earning a living to the ladies. Sounds good to me.'

Please post comments ASAP so MRA views can be part of the dialogue!

UK: "Sperm bank asks sports fans to lend a hand"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The government is starting a pilot scheme in Manchester this month for a national sperm bank — and will target sports fans as potential donors. Fertility experts at St Mary's hospital have been given funds to run the pilot scheme, which may lead to a national programme along the lines of the blood donation service.

Daniel Brison, professor of clinical embryology at the hospital's department of reproductive medicine, said sporting events were a good place to find men who might be inclined to donate sperm.

"Approaching sports fans at football and cricket matches in Manchester is a way of accessing large numbers of men," he said. "We might also get support from the sports clubs themselves. The idea is to make it easier to donate."

...

The government has been keen to reverse a drop in sperm donations that has led fertility clinics to buy supplies from countries such as Denmark, prompting suggestions that a generation of blonde, blue-eyed British Vikings could be the result.

...

The move follows a recommendation from the British Fertility Society that a national programme should be funded by the Department of Health. A spokeswoman for the department said:

"The number of donors is improving in the UK, but there is still a shortage of sperm. We are funding a project which will pilot a model for managing sperm donation, to illustrate ways in which more effective and efficient use of available resources can be made."'

F&F: Victory for Military Father Deployed to Afghanistan

Matt · 12 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Fathers & Families' latest newsletter:

'Because of problems in the family court system, when a divorced or never-married military parent deploys overseas, they often face the possibility of losing their custodial arrangement and their relationship with their children. Fathers & Families and its legislative representative Michael Robinson have been at the forefront of this issue, successfully working to pass military parent legislation in dozens of states. The first success on this issue occurred in 2005 in California with the passage of SB 1082.

SB 1082 addressed the way parents who serve are often taken advantage of in custody and family law matters while they are deployed, and helped resolve the child support nightmare many mobilized reservists face. Fathers & Families organized a campaign in support of the bill, and the Senate Judiciary Committee Analysis of SB 1082 made specific note of your calls and letters. We've also had some success with federal legislation on this issue–to learn more, click here.

Recently we reported that military mom Lt. Col. Vanessa Benson, who is a part of these efforts, won her case in part because of a Florida law Fathers & Families helped create. To learn more about the case, which was covered by CBS News, click here.'

London, England: Creation Of A Men-Only Antifeminist Meet-Up Group In London

Matt · 13 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Rod in the UK:

MANN Readers,

I am interested in forming a men-only anti-feminist group in the London area. Hopefully we could start with forming a discussion group, and then (more importantly) form a workable think tank.

I want to form this group this with other men, with the idea for those interested to move onto future activism and further educating more men. All men are welcome irrespective of irrespective of race, sexuality, or faith.

The activism I am interested in includes having leaflets and packs of information to hand out at places like Speakers' Corner on Sundays. My objective is to advertise publicly the relevant mens-rights, anti-feminist activism sites, eg: Angry Harry, Mensactivism, Men's News Daily, The Spearhead, A Voice For Men, etc. I want more men to be aware of the truth about feminists, and to have the access to it. The best information available is all out there on the many men's rights web-sites. The important thing to remember is that the web connects men with other men, and is the backbone of men's rights antifeminist movement. I think we could help support it with some real on-the-ground grass-roots support. We have our great men on the web, lets support them, in our fight against feminism.

With respectful permission (from the sites or the authors) we can photocopy articles from the web sites and creates informational packets that the think-tank agrees on using. It is then simply a matter of distributing this information to men on the street.

The meet-up group is not meant to be a "social group". It's will be a place where men can discuss feminism and how it has affected our lives. It will be a place where we can challenge the disinformation and shaming attacks we are fed and discuss these things openly without fear of abuse or threat. This includes de-programming ourselves of adherence to automatic obligations, such as those tapped via emotional blackmail, etc.

Why MEN ONLY? Personally, I think it's as it should be. And in fact I think it would be easier for us if women were in the group, but such would defeat the purpose. I think men don't know how to connect heathfully with other men. We have been prevented from doing so by feminist programming/internalized anti-male attitudes. This is something we need to work to overcome and the Meet-up group could help with that, but it needs to be men-only for it to work.

I also think a lot of modern men tend to connect to men via women. I think we even see ourselves from a feminine perspective. And to make things worse, this feminine perspective sees men and boys from a feminist point-of-view.

I feel suppressed by a lifetime's accumulation of negative female opinions, squashing any honest, self-affirming thoughts or feelings that I might have had. And personally, as a boy and man, I have been so used and abused by some women that my anger about it overwhelms me and inhibits my subjective sense of my living a fulfilling life. So eventually, I hope women who care about and support men will come to understand that feminism has damaged so much between us with lies and ugly stereotypes (as was its intention), that they will willingly become part of changing this state of affairs. But in the mean time, sadly, a lot of us will protect ourselves by throwing the baby out with the bath water.

If you are interested in contacting or working with me in London please send an email at: antifemnasty-at-googlemail.com

Thank you,

Rod

Mayor proposes firing city workers found guilty of DV and suspending those accused

anthony · 13 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'City workers arrested for domestic violence would face discipline, and those convicted would be fired, under rules proposed yesterday by Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl.
...
Rules have been in place for police accused of domestic violence for two years. The new, tweaked policy would apply to firefighters, public works employees, paramedics and the rest of the city's 3,300 workers.

Some of the unions representing those workers said they were waiting for the mayor to invite them to discuss the policy.

"Nobody wants to see domestic violence occur at all," said Josh Bloom, a lawyer representing the firefighters union. He welcomed proposed domestic violence awareness training. "However, that doesn't mean that every type of domestic altercation that ever happened in history warrants an employee losing their jobs."
...

An employee who knew that another was involved with "abuse or violence" would have to report it. A supervisor who noted aggressiveness or other signs of domestic trouble in an employee would be required to meet with the employee, report the situation to the bureau or department chief, and a psychological exam and possibly enrollment in a program for abusers would ensue.

An accusation of domestic violence would trigger a city Office of Municipal Investigations probe, while an arrest would compel a Disciplinary Action Report that usually leads to punishment.

"Guilty until proven innocent is not the standard in general society and certainly not the standard in union-management relations," said Mr. Bloom. "Not only is it completely unfair to the employees, but it's unfair to the taxpayers, because a policy like that may create a tremendous amount of back pay and legal fees" when employees are exonerated and brought back to work.

Any "domestic violence incidents" would be reviewed by a board including the directors of public safety and operations, the solicitor, bureau and department chiefs, a psychologist and an adviser from the Women's Center and Shelter. Incidents in which police are accused are heard by a similar, but separate, board.
...
Mr. Ravenstahl's proposal came a day after he fired Eugene Hlavac, until then a police sergeant and one of those promoted in 2007. His ex-girlfriend accused him last month of dislocating her jaw in a dispute, and he has denied wrongdoing. He faces simple assault charges, and if convicted would be barred from policing in Pennsylvania.'

Woman arrested in 'broom bashing'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NASHUA – A local woman is being held on $10,000 cash bail, charged with beating her former boyfriend with a broom.

Anne M. Hughes, 40, of 39 Crown St., Apt. 6, was arrested yesterday afternoon and charged with second degree assault...

Lt. George McCarthy said Hughes had bail conditions barring her from going near her boyfriend... On Saturday, however, she went to his apartment, according to McCarthy.

McCarthy said the two got into an argument and Hughes grabbed a broom with a metal handle and beat her boyfriend in the head with it. He was taken by ambulance to Southern New Hampshire Medical Center where he needed staples to close wounds to his head, McCarthy said.'

"Wife Allegedly Changes Wires on Saw to Shock Hubby"

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Story here.

'OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) -- Court papers allege that an Olympia woman, angry that her husband left her, tampered with his power tools so that he received a powerful electric shock. Carolyn Paulsen-Riat was booked Friday into the Thurston County Jail for investigation of third-degree assault, domestic violence, and second-degree malicious mischief. A judge released the 33-year-old woman on her own recognizance.

The Olympian newspaper reported that court documents said that on Jan. 1, the man was using a 220-volt table saw when he received the shock, knocking him to the ground. Thurston County sheriff's deputies said the man did not need to go to a hospital.

In the documents, deputies said the woman told them she had reversed the wires on his power tools because she was angry he was leaving.'

Day care provider accused of burning baby

Matt · 13 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here Excerpt:

'A Gates day care provider accused of burning an 8-month-old baby has been charged with second-degree assault and reckless assault of a child by a day care provider, according to Gates police.

Kelly Hernandez, 44, 165 Kencrest Drive, who is licensed to operate a day care facility from her home, is accused of changing the baby's diaper on an electric stovetop that she believed was turned off, police said.

The baby suffered first-, second- and third-degree burns and is being treated at Strong Memorial Hospital, police said.'

Very brief report (as they are in these cases - i.e., there is a female suspect), and submitted by someone oddly-named "Staff Report".

I am fine with the matter of the charge. It is possible to be careless and/or stupid and accidentally sit an infant on a hot stove. I can imagine one can do this without hostile intent. However the criminal state of mind is recklessness and that is a valid place from which to pursue charges. And if an infant is so badly injured in this fashion then yes, charges better be pursued.

I think what gets me here is that I doubt very much "Staff Report" would have reported this and I also doubt it would be on Page ?? as a report if the suspect were male. Without doing the whole screen-cap routine, I can tell you that at this moment, the home page of the reporting paper does not have this story off-linked anywhere on it.

The "Men Tax" in Israel: A gender-based flat rate 300$ annual men tax

Anonymous · 14 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Making men special special gender-based income tax has been part of the feminist agenda for a long time now. However, in Israel a gender-based men tax is already a reality that is well integrated within the income tax system.
...
...if you are a woman, you will get an additional 0.5 credit points just because you are a woman. It doesn't matter if you have children or not. You just have to be a woman. This additional 0.5 credit point worth about 300$* every year.
...
The worst thing about it is that the Israeli government doesn't even try to hide it or excuse it in some way. The Men Tax is proudly mentioned in the official website of the finance ministry. Search for "Tax Credits" and you will see it there. An Official Men Tax!'

1/15/10: UPDATE: What I wrote here originally was wrong:

"Ed. note: A trailing $ indicates the denomination for shekel, or more precisely, the Israeli New Shekel."

I got a note from the O.P. as follows:

"Regarding the article about the men tax in Israel, you have added an editor note that $ means Israeli shekels. But, your ED note is incorrect at this time - I have already converted the amounts to USD, so 300$ in the article means 300 USD."

Human Y Chromosome Evolving Faster Than Expected

Broadsword · 14 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The Y chromosome is often seen as the rotten corner of the human genome — a place of evolutionary decline that is slowly decaying and threatening the end of man. Reports of its imminent demise, however, have been exaggerated.

Research has indicated that, far from stagnating, the male chromosome is a hotspot of evolution that is changing more quickly than any other part of humanity's genetic code.
...
But the first comparison of the human Y chromosome with its counterpart in chimpanzees has revealed that they differ radically. The findings suggest that the Y chromosomes of both are evolving rapidly and dynamically — probably because of their critical roles in reproduction — and have a vibrant future.

In the new research, which is published in the journal Nature, Dr David Page, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — who first sequenced the Y chromosome in 2003 — has now sequenced the Y chromosome of the chimp, humanity's closest relative, and compared this with the human version.

The scientists expected the two sequences to look very similar. However, while human and chimp DNA generally differ by less than 2 per cent, more than 30 per cent of the Y chromosome differed between the two species.
...
"This research shows that the Y chromosome isn't necessarily degrading, but is evolving very fast," said Professor Robin Lovell-Badge, of the National Institute for Medical Research in London, an expert on the Y chromosome. who was not involved in the study."'

Also covered on FOX News here and on the NY Times (surprisingly) here.

Submitted by user lance:

'Offensive title aside ("Y chromosome not stagnating, men not idiots"), the take home is pretty important: while for the past few decades biology teachers and popular culture have derived great pleasure in painting men as genetically inferior. In fact, this attitude is one of the reasons why I took up a vocation with a strong biological component. In my early days, I figured I could "right the wrongs" I perceived or I was taught existed in our genome. Well it turns out the wrongs are not quite so wrong. Similar reporting in "Nature" here.

As commented here (Nature article) and here (TG Daily article), it seems our little Y chromosome is not the unadulterated failure it once was thought to be.'

Russia plans to cut alcohol consumption in half by 2020

Matt · 14 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has approved a national concept to fight pervasive alcohol abuse in Russia with the target to cut alcohol consumption in half by 2020 and uproot the illegal market.

Measures to achieve the goals include the introduction of criminal punishment for alcohol production and sales violations, advertising restrictions, a pricing policy dependent on quality, and efforts to promote a healthy lifestyle, the Russian government said on its website on Wednesday.

"The first phase (2010-2012) will include measures to cut alcohol consumption by 15% per capita... The second phase (2012-2020) will see the elimination of the illegal alcohol market and a reduction in consumption levels by 55%," the government said.

The concept is designed to reduce the high mortality caused by alcohol abuse especially among men. More than 23,000 people die of alcohol poisoning annually, while another 75,000 die of alcohol-related diseases, according to official statistics.'

Abusegate: Most Americans Aware of Male DV Victims

Matt · 14 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From MANN reader Ed:

The great majority of Americans are aware of the problem of male victims of domestic violence. According to a 2006 Harris poll*:

88% of Americans have seen or heard of a male domestic violence victim in the past year 76% of Americans believe domestic violence against men is a “serious” problem.

But representatives of the domestic violence industry work night and day to deny the very existence of male victims. One almost comes to admire the intellectual gymnastics of the VAWA Mafia.

*See Tables 1 and 3.

Israel: Serial False Rape Allegations Maker Arrested

Anonymous · 15 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Israeli local court in Kefar Saba, has extended arrest order of Malka (Mali) Zarihan in 5 days, YNET NEWS has reported today. (Original YNET Article in hebrew here).

Malka (Mali) Zarhian, a 25 year-old woman from Raanana, Israel, is suspected of comitting a series of blackmail and false rape accusation crimes. According to YNET report, Mali Zarihan used to hitch-hike on the roads, and then blackmail the drivers. She would say that unless the drivers give her money she would complain in the Israeli police that they raped her. According to YNET report, several dozens of Israeli drivers fell victim to Mali Zarihan's crime over the last year...

...

Jail time for French women who berate husbands

Matt · 15 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Column here Excerpt:

'Record cold temperatures are beginning to take their toll on average citizens around the world. In bone-chilled France, frustrated housewives have taken to venting their spleens at their husbands — and for good reason.

For decades, effete French men have indulged themselves with aerosol hair spray for their over-groomed hairpieces, contributing, as we all know, to the thinning of the ozone layer and melting of the polar ice caps.
...
Thankfully, the epidemic of shrieking wives has not escaped the attention of the ever-vigilant French Parliament, which is now considering a ban on the practice. The law would apply to both married and cohabiting couples.

Support reaches to the highest political levels. Announcing the proposed law last week, French premier Francois Fillon explained, "The creation of this offence will allow us to deal with the most insidious situations — situations that leave no visible scars, but which leave victims torn up inside."
...
And some recall when actress Brigitte Bardot was fined $6,000 for violating the French hate-crimes law when she made impolitic statements about the looming influence of radical Islam.

Thanks to the new law, millions of French women will end up spending time behind bars. But it will be for their own good. And once we put an end to the spate of psychological violence, we can move on to other pressing problems like raised eyebrows, annoying grimaces, and unsympathetic stares.'

Amidst Haiti Disaster, Women's Groups Seek to Deny Relief to Men

Broadsword · 15 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog post here. Excerpt:

'This week's devastating earthquake in Haiti, which struck near Port au Prince, has led to countless tragedies on the impoverished island, and is a disaster that may rival the recent Sichuan quake in China. The damage struck indiscriminately, killing young and old, rich and poor, and man and woman alike.

However, some relief groups have decided that women deserve more aid, and have come up with a number of reasons why men should be left to die from injuries and disease while women get preferential treatment.

Quoted in Salon.com in an article titled Why "women and children first" persists, Elaine Enarson (probably a Swedish woman*), cofounder of the Gender and Disaster Network ("Calling for a gendered approach in disaster risk reduction"), explains why men are to be excluded:

Creating a Men's Anti Feminist Group In London - update

Roderick1268 · 16 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Hi all, Rod here.

My London friend Tom is an MRA who believes in "equality feminism". In a number of words he explained to me I need to make it clear to men that I am not anti-equality or a misogynist.

I have-long standing female friends as well as male friends. Like many men growing up around the 1970s I thought if I was nice, helpful and respectful to women, if I worked hard and had talent, that I would in kind be liked, and respected by people of both sexes... by most people anyway - and I would have a place in this world.

It is strange that I would think that, considering the background I came from. But I did because I was young and had hope. I had faith and a sense of responsibility and a desire to achieve, like a lot of men who I would now see as being naive.

I am very fond of my female friends, as I am my male friends. I am much less challenging or opinionated with women who I am close to personally vs. men simply because I know it would affect our relationship adversely. Like a lot of men, I find helping women gives me a buzz. I feel good about myself when in warm female company. Giving to a woman is weirdly empowering and warm and makes me feel good about myself. A male trait. And this is something I have really learned to hate about myself.

Now, directly due to how I have been treated, I am extremely cautious and have limited my exposure to the company of women considerably. The sophisticated lying, manipulation, narcissism and ruthless greed I have experienced in modern women seems rampant and largely unavoidable.

Many women empower themselves with criminally devious cruelty. Sometimes for the buzz of control, other times as an instinctual but sophisticated malignant plan against other people.

The outcome is ruthlessly successful financial gain and a position of influence and power over other people, in which they seem endlessly intoxicated on.

Who are their role models?
What are men missing in their young development?
Why are over-empowered women seemingly omnipresent?

Do men have their own morality issues? Of course we do.

But the men that dive to the depths of depravity that seem common to many women are either incarcerated, live in squalor, or in a position of great power and wealth, all while female sociopaths walk freely among us.

I believe feminism has never had anything to do with gender-equality whatsoever. I believe the misguided intellectuals are outnumbered a thousand to one. Their education and class leads them to talk conceptually - out of their boxes.

I believe it is a misuse of the meaning 'rights' to speak of "women's rights" today. I think feminists have abused the meaning of "women's rights" to abolish the human rights of men. To me, feminists are aptly called "female supremacists".

I believe the appallingly-wealthy women who called themselves the Suffragettes were some of the most selfish, ignorant and grotesquely privileged citizens in the world at the time. Their rioting, vandalism, violence and assaults on police went unpunished, a privilege enjoyed by many women worldwide today.

It is interesting to compare such leniency to the men of that time, who in protest or on strike over the most desperate issues, were subjected to the most unrestrained violence by government order, with army and police on horseback using batons and guns.

If you see past the glamor in places, you will see that our society is unsustainable. Naturally, women will not be held responsible or accountable. The women who have caused this are ever more powerful, and continue to point the finger of blame to their primary victims. This blame will land squarely where it always has, on men's our heads, with government cooperation.

There has been a long war against us. Good men have told us so. Our allies, some reasonable and fair-minded women, have looked the other way; most seem only willing to help if the outcome affects them.

A least, let's meet up,

Rod
Creating A Men's Antifeminist group In London

Businessman sues BA 'for treating men like perverts'

Proud_to_be_a_man · 16 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A businessman is suing British Airways over a policy that bans male passengers from sitting next to children they don't know - even if the child's parents are on the same flight.

Mirko Fischer has accused the airline of branding all men as potential sex offenders and says innocent travellers are being publicly humiliated.

In line with the policy, BA cabin crew patrol the aisles before take-off checking that youngsters travelling on their own or in a different row from their parents are not next to a male stranger.

If they find a man next to a child or teenager they will ask him to move to a different seat. The aircraft will not take off unless the passenger obeys.'

Unbelievable discrimination!

MSN: "10 Things You Should Never Say to Your Boyfriend"

Matt · 17 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Credit where do, read it here. Suppose they read MANN? :) I want to see a day where gender-baiting stuff like this unabashedly splashed all over the MSM is as unacceptable as are articles today that appeal to ethnic stereotyping. Excerpt:

'You pride yourself on your open, honest relationship. But that doesn't mean you should blurt out any thought that comes to mind.

Sometimes, a comment that seems perfectly harmless to you might be hurtful, awkward or just plain irritating to your boyfriend.

Excelle has identified 10 such comments. Ignore us at your own risk!'

US study: More than 12% of "youths" in juvenile prisons are sexually abused; most cases are female staff vs. boys

Matt · 17 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Notice the use of the word "youths" when referring to a class of victims who are mostly boys. If so many were female, the word "girls" would most certainly have been used. Excerpt:

'More than 12% of youths in juvenile prisons are sexually abused while in custody there, according to a Justice Department study out Thursday, *and the vast majority of cases involve female staff and boys under their supervision.* [Ed.: emphasis added]

In the worst facilities surveyed — in Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina and Texas — more than 30% of youths reported they had been sexually victimized. The study, the first of its kind, shows a rate of sexual assault more than seven times higher than that indicated by a 2008 Justice Department report that collected sexual abuse claims to juvenile facility administrators. It is also higher than a similar study of adult prisons because of the "very high rate of staff sexual misconduct," said Allen Beck, who directed the survey for the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The survey of 9,198 youths ages 13 to 21 — all in custody by order of a juvenile court — included methods to eliminate interviews considered unreliable. The survey covered 195 facilities, at least one in each state. Approximately 26,550 juveniles — 91% of them boys — are held in more than 500 such facilities around the country.'

Israel: False allegations-maker to pay US $25,000 in compensation

davidcohen188 · 17 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Lilach Irmiyahu, an Israeli female student, will pay 25000 USD plus 4000 USD for legal costs to compensate a man whom she accused of sexually abusing her. A pioneer court ruling by female Judge Oshri Frost-Frenkel from the local court in Tel-Aviv has recognized the false allegations victim's right for compensation...
...
The Israeli national media has published the man's name as a sex offender, and now he cannot get rid of the stigma. This is a problem common among many of the victims of false accusations. The Israeli media is dominated by feminists, and as soon as they hear anything that sounds like an opportunity to have a go at men, they never miss a shot...
...
Later on, the police has noticed that the accuser is telling inconsistent versions of what happened. She eventually admitted that her accusations about sexual abuse were completely false. In 2004, criminal charges were filed against Lilach Irmiyahu for making the false accusations. In the framework of a deal with the state attorney, the accuser has admitted the facts but has not been convicted. As a result, the false accuser is now free to make false accusations against other men as well, and will not spend even a single day in jail.'

California Teen Made Up Rape, Kidnapping Story

anthony · 18 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'RICHMOND, Calif. — A 15-year-old California girl who told police she had been kidnapped off the street and raped now says she made up the story.

The Richmond teenager had claimed she was forced into a car with four males at gunpoint Friday night and driven around for several hours before two of them raped her.

Lt. Mark Gagan says the girl called Richmond police around 1 p.m. Sunday and told them the story was not true.

The girl says she had had consensual sex with someone, but needed an explanation for why she had not returned home Friday night.

Gagan says dozens of patrol officers, detectives, forensic technicians and nurses had been working on the investigation. Police found physical evidence Sunday that confirmed the girl had made up her initial story.

In October, Richmond police say a 16-year-old girl was the victim of a gang rape outside a homecoming dance at a local high school.'

Woman who murders three young men receives lower sentence than man who steals a scarf

jayhammers · 18 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Jeanette Sliwinski, a former trade show model, killed three men when she collided into the back of their vehicle at over 90 miles per hour when they were stopped at an intersection. She did it intentionally, trying to commit suicide. She initially said she purposely drove her car into the parked vehicle, then changed her story. She served less than 4 years for her crime. Oh, and a broken ankle.

See the article here. A few quotations:

> "Cook County Circuit Judge Garritt Howard, who presided over the bench trial, sentenced Sliwinski. She could have received up to 10 years for the reckless homicide conviction, but the judge said he factored in her lack of violent history and what he found to be her diminished mental state."'

Male Studies Program at Wagner College

anthony · 18 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Announcement here. Excerpt:

'A gathering of academicians drawn from a range of disciplines will meet on April 7, 2010, at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, to examine the declining state of the male, stemming from cataclysmic changes in today's culture, environment and global economy. The live teleconferenced colloquium will be co-chaired by Judith Kleinfeld, PhD, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Boys Project at the University of Alaska, and Lionel Tiger, PhD, Rutgers University Charles Darwin Professor of Anthropology. It will encompass a broad range of topics relevant to the study of boys and men in contemporary society ranging from their roles in the family and workforce, as well as their physical and emotional health, to the growing problem of misandry—the hatred of males, an unacknowledged but underlying socio-cultural, economic, political and legal phenomenon endangering the well-being of both genders.'

Also from anthony: Feministing's take on this news:

'Anyway, just wanted to share this in case people may not have heard about it. It reminds me of those university programs funded by Christian fundamentalists to nurture the free market & conservative intellectuals of the future. In this case, we simply must protect male privilege and enshrine invented fears of misandry in the academic landscape. Ugh.'

New Zealand: Airline’s ‘cougar’ ad blasted by rape victims

Matt · 18 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'AUCKLAND, New Zealand - An advert for an airline competition that portrays older, single women as "cougars" who prey on young men at night is to close on Monday after incurring the wrath of both male and female rape victims in New Zealand.

"Cougar" has become a popular term for sexually aggressive older women on the hunt for younger men, with actress Courteney Cox recently starring in TV comedy "Cougar Town." But the term can be viewed either as misogynistic or a word of empowerment.

An online spoof documentary by Air New Zealand, promoting a competition for free tickets to a rugby tournament, tells of a so-called cougar starving herself during the day then "hunting large slabs of meat at night" by stalking young men at a bar.
...

New Zealand's Rape Prevention Education has labeled the ad appalling, disgusting and degrading to women, adding that some Air New Zealand staff were also concerned about the promotion.

"They find it degrading and that it is encouraging potentially harmful behavior, so my question is why is our national carrier promoting sexually predatory behavior?" director Kim McGregor told the NZ Herald newspaper.

"We have also had complaints from male survivors who have been raped by women and they are very distressed that their situation is being laughed at and made out to be humorous."'

"Slabs of meat" and it's "degrading to women". Huh??

That' s right up there with "The Ministry of Love" - you know, that big windowless building where they tie you up for days until you confess to anything they want you to. Feel the love, baby! But at least they mention male rape survivors... in the closing paragraph, of course...

UK: A couple of lovely English roses

Proud_to_be_a_man · 19 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

First we have a rapist who rapes her victim 200 times:

'A single mother had sex with a 12-year-old boy almost 200 times - marking each encounter with a star in a sordid diary.

"Angela Sullivan, 36, could face an indefinite jail sentence after admitting ten child sex charges.

"Sullivan even bought the youngster a pair of trainers as a reward when the pair slept together for the 100th time, Teeside Crown Court heard.'

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Then we have a brain-dead example of Britain's world-class (HAHHAHHAHHAAAA!!!!) education system:

"A teenage mother was investigated by police after photographs of her six-month-old son with a cigarette in his mouth were posted on Facebook.
...
"Rebecca then declared her love for her son, writing: 'Why Would SomeOne Do That To Me U Ollie No was taking U Yur Mine for lyfee Darlinggg Mummy Loves You :)'"

Social services are more interested in taking away babies from hard-working middle-class families. Picking on 'single mums' is something they tend to avoid.

Dear God... WTF has happened to this so-called country?!

Title IX: Lawsuit Thrown Out

anthony · 19 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'HARRISONBURG, Va. — A group fighting against JMU's Title IX cuts to varsity teams announced plans to appeal a court's Dec. 30 decision to throw out their case against James Madison University.

A federal court struck down a lawsuit brought by Equity in Athletics, a non-profit and tax exempt status, for JMU's relegating 10 varsity athletic teams to club status in July 2007 to comply with Title IX's requirements for gender equality in federally funded education programs.

Larry Joseph, an attorney for EIA based in Washington, D.C., said he was not surprised by Judge Glen Conrad's decision to throw out the case.

"He basically showed his hand at the beginning of the trial," Joseph said.

The Equal Opportunity in Education Act, better known as Title IX, was made a federal law in 1972. It stated no person may be discriminated against for his or her gender in a federally funded school activity. Although this certainly applies to academics, most of Title IX's publicity has come from the world of athletics.'

UK: Boys failed by education system says Eton headmaster

anthony · 19 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Tony Little said that the different sexes required different teaching methods to bring out students' potential and that GCSEs favour girls more than boys.

He also blamed teachers for failing to realise that boys are "more emotional" than girls, despite the fact that girls "turn on the waterworks".

Mr Little, who co-hosted the International Boys' Schools Coalition Conference at the Guildhall with David Levin, headmaster of City of London School, said: “As a nation, we do not support and nurture boys, especially teenage boys, at all well.

“It is foolish to assume that boys can always be helped in the same way as girls. We feel our education system needs to face up to that fact.”

Boys, he believes, require a more physical and active style of learning. He said that an increased verbal element of GCSEs favoured girls over boys and that educational techniques had become skewed because of the male-dominated society of the past.

“It's assumed that opening up opportunity means giving a better deal to girls and women. I don't decry that in the slightest — we have moved hugely forward,” he said.'

Ed. note: For those who may not know, Eton College, or Eton Boys' College, is a very prominent school in the UK. A lot of very well-known names have passed through it. That the headmaster of this school would speak out on this topic so publicly is quite significant.

Contender for Massachusetts Senate seat co-sponsored Shared Parenting Bill

Matt · 19 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

F&F article here. Well, I really do not care if he is a Republican or Democrat. Any politician who supports a shared parenting bill is worthy of consideration, in my opinion, what with the shared parenting struggle being as uphill as it is. IMJ, no person you may otherwise prefer or not prefer as a candidate or office-holder can be ignored out of hand if he or she supports shared parenting. Excerpt:

'The race to fill the late Ted Kennedy's Senate seat has become a national media story, as polls show that upstart Massachusetts Republican State Senator Scott Brown (pictured) has pulled even with favored Democratic Party candidate Martha Coakley, Massachusetts' Attorney General. President Obama has come to Massachusetts to try to save the race for Coakley–this in a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans 3-1.

Senator Brown has been a co-sponsor of Fathers & Families' Shared Parenting Bill, has met with F & F Board Chairman Ned Holstein, MD, and has spoken at a F & F meeting. Dr. Holstein explains:

> Our Shared Parenting Bill, which Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick has publicly pledged to sign, would end the barbaric practice of judges stripping fathers (or sometimes mothers) of custody of their children without a sound, stated basis. Family courts must protect the relationship between children and both parents after a divorce, instead of allowing an angry mother (or father) to push the other parent out.

Fathers & Families recently circulated the message below to its Massachusetts members concerning some of Brown and Coakley's positions, and we urge our members to vote on Tuesday, January 19.'

Canada: Another "Teacher Accused of Having Sex with Teen" Story

Anonymous · 20 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. At least once, in the second paragraph, they mention that she was charged with sexual assault. B ut notice how the whole tone of the story is defensive towards the teacher, not a shred of sympathy for the assault victim. Excerpt:

'An elementary school French teacher accused of having a sexual relationship with one of her former students has been arrested and suspended from the Toronto District School Board.

Mary Gowans, a popular teacher at Joseph Howe Senior Public School in Scarborough, has been charged with sexual assault and sexual exploitation.

Police allege the 40-year-old Gowans and young teenage student had been "engaged in an inappropriate relationship" since June 2009.

In an effort to protect the identity of the student, investigators said they are not releasing the victim's gender, although numerous police officials with knowledge of the case referred to the student as a "he."'

Hey Feminists, Leave The Kids Alone!

davidcohen188 · 20 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

A crucial part of the feminist movement strategy is to take control over the minds of young children. This becomes possible in a variety of ways. The takeover of the education system and the teaching profession by feminist women leaves our young boys vulnerable to their feminist brainwash before they are old enough to develop their own judgment.
.....
Women's organizations claim that Superman might "Encourage young children to try to fly". Yes, you are not mistaken. This is actually what they have claimed. It is clear that the real motive behind it was an attempt to censor a healthy male role model for boys. This is how crazy feminist brainwashing in Israel has become.'

Abusegate: Mother of All Scandals?

Matt · 20 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From MANN reader Ed: Article here. Excerpt:

'Mirror, mirror, on the wall, what's the most colossal scandal of them all? Watergate? Climategate? Tigergate? If you said 'yes' to any of these, you're not even close!

Folks, we're not talking about a media-adled tempest in a teapot. No, this is an old-fashioned head-banging, sit-down-and-cry-your-eyes-out affair.

Abusegate refers to our nation's flawed crusade to curb domestic violence (DV). Originally a high-minded and well-intentioned effort, the end-abuse campaign has now fallen prey to an invidious anti-family agenda. In the name of making homes safe, the domestic violence industry curtails fundamental civil rights and often betrays those in greatest need.'

Side-by-side cases show double standard for murder/attempted murder charges

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Via Jeremy S. Read the first case:

Bangor man, 35, guilty in stabbing

'BANGOR, Maine — A jury Tuesday found a local man guilty of trying to kill his ex-girlfriend when he stabbed her twice in the abdomen nearly two years ago outside a Hudson Street apartment.
...
Archer, who took the stand in his own defense Tuesday morning, told the jury that he did not remember stabbing his ex-girlfriend twice on the evening of April 26, 2008, outside a mutual friend's apartment in Bangor. He admitted, however, that he must have caused her injuries.
...
In his closing arguments, defense attorney Stephen Smith of Bangor told jurors that the evidence showed Archer was too intoxicated on a cocktail of legal and illegal drugs to form the intent to commit either of the more serious crimes. He said the jury should find the defendant guilty only of aggravated assault.'

Now, the second:

Wife Acquitted In Stabbing Death Of Husband

'A Gwinnett County jury deliberated for about three hours Monday before acquitting Laurie Alexander of murder and related charges in the Dec. 8, 2007 stabbing death of Kent Alexander.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that Laurie Alexander claimed that after she confronted her husband about an affair, she took two prescription anti-anxiety pills and went to bed. She told police she didn't remember anything until the next morning, when she found her husband dead on the kitchen floor.

Alexander testified that a few hazy details came to her later in dreams. She said her husband may have become aggressive toward her after they argued.'

Mile-high morality

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Column here. Despite its status as vapid mainstream "romantic comedy" fluff, Barbara Kay nonetheless is a good at pointing out key double-standards that remain part and parcel of "modern romance" found in a recent film. Excerpt:

Up in the Air is the Rom Com (romantic comedy) of the year. Most critics love it. It's hugely entertaining, but the surprise ending (spoiler alert!) sends a jarring message no reviewer (to my knowledge) has mentioned.

The film is based on Walter Kirn's eponymous 2001 novel about Ryan Bingham, a man who fires people for a living. Ryan spends most of his time on airplanes, traveling to mundane, mid-sized American cities, in each occupying a mundane office cubicle in which he fires mundane workers.
...
On one of his downsizing forays, he hooks up with Chicago based Alex, a beautiful, sophisticated frequent-flying female version of himself. Their brisk, mutually straightforward seduction of each other suggests a long history of sexual grazing at the diverse human buffet frequent travel provides.
...

Shortly afterward, succumbing to the neediness the trip home has inspired, Ryan impulsively flies to Chicago to see Alex and declare his feelings. Arriving unexpectedly at her door, he is shocked to hear the sound of children and a husband's voice. Alex's bourgeois family represents her real life, just as airports are Ryan's. He leaves before any damage is done, but she is furious with him for breaking the rules of their ... whatever it is, and for putting her happiness at risk. He meekly accepts her right to be angry. Back to his meaningless life he goes, sadder and not much wiser.

This is where the film lost its appeal for me. Ryan presented honestly as what he was, a single man looking for brief encounters. Alex presented herself as a single woman looking for same. But she wasn't. She was committed -- in her way -- to a family. Ryan wasn't cheating on anyone. She was.
...
Ryan's crime, in Alex's eyes, was to allow emotion to col-our what was supposed to be a sex-only affair of convenience, the result of which was a near-intrusion into the real life Alex apparently holds sacred.

And yet: A mother of small children with a punishing travel schedule, Alex broke what surely has to be an equally important rule for one playing that game: the rule that says a frequent flyer's rare free time should be spent with one's nuclear family. She took a whole precious weekend -- precious for them, at least -- for an extended sexual fling, cementing the impression that she was single, and allowing Ryan's family to lavish warmth on her as a potential in-law to boot.
...
In most comedies worthy of the name, even if guy doesn't get girl, some sense of social order and just desserts should prevail. Alex deserved exposure for her multiple duplicities, and Ryan deserved to feel he had been gratuitously humiliated.

Instead, the movie ends with Alex seizing and holding a false moral high ground, with Ryan accepting her judgment of him as a cad for succumbing to a yearning for intimacy. The would-be gentleman is alone and sad. The travel slut is happy and self-righteous. How Rom is that? How Com is that?'

Israel: Feminists attempt to frame a Supreme Court candidate with false accusations

davidcohen188 · 21 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's is quite rare to have evidence to false allegations. Usually, it's a "word against a word", there are no witnesses. However, this rare story is amazing, you can see online all the evidence and everything links together.

So our story begins at the Law Faculty of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. We have two dominant characters in our story: The first is Prof. Zohar Goshen, a law professor. Prof. Zohar Goshen had been a candidate to become a Judge in Israel's supreme court. The second character is Goshen's colleage, Dr. Orit Kamir, a well known feminist activist and law professor. Prof. Goshen and Dr. Kamir has a well-documented rivalry between them, After Dr. Kamir has accused Prof. Goshen of being "the enemy of women's rights".

Dr. Orit Kamir has published a public letter against the planned appointment of Prof. Goshen to the Supreme court. You can find a news article about publish in Ha'aertz it in Hebrew here.
Ha'aretz is Israel's third largest national newspaper. Translation of the news article:

'A letter criticizing Prof. Zohar Goshen, the leading candidate to be appointed to the Supreme Court, has been spread across the Internet during the last few days. Behind the letter is Dr. Orit Kamir. However, the letter has been spread by feminists activists and women's organizations.

"Goshen has opposed the law against sexual harrassment" Kamir has written, "When the law passed he accused me (Kamir has been one of those who initiated the law) that now his life will have to change. As a result of my initiative to promote this law, Goshen has started a personal attack against me and led the Hebrew University to fire me... Goshen is a dangerous enemy to women's rights". Sources close to Goshen has said: "Kamir's claims are a lie and Goshen has never opposed the law against sexual harrassment".' This article is dated 25/7/06.

OK, and now comes the best part. The is a this very popular Internet portal called "Tapuz". In this portal, there is a "Feminism" forum. in 25/7/06, (remember that date? see above!) a user named "Portal" publishes in the Feminism Forum the following message:

Title "Looking for female students who studied at Zohar Goshen's Courses"

Female students who studied at Prof. Zohar Goshen's students, in the Hebrew University or at the "Academic Institute", recently or a few years ago: With relation to his expected appointment to the Supreme Court, it is about time to let some skeletons out of the closet. Girls that this is relevant to them or to their friends know what I am talking about. Please leave me a message".

Amazing isn't it? They are actually actively looking for potential false accusers in order to de-rail Prof. Goshen's appointment to the supreme court! By the way, the original hebrew message in the Tapuz Feminism forum is still there, you can find it here.'

Man charged with domestic battery smearing meatloaf on wife's face

MichaelClaymore · 21 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'BRADENTON, Fla., Jan. 7 (UPI) -- Authorities in Florida said a man was arrested for allegedly smearing meatloaf in his wife's face while they were discussing a separation.

The Manatee County Sheriff's Office said Lance David Ziegler, 39, allegedly picked the meatloaf up off his kitchen table and smeared it into his wife's face Wednesday after she announced her intention to leave him, the Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune reported Thursday.

Deputies said they arrived at the home at about 7:45 p.m. and found the woman's face was slightly red and slathered with small amount of residual sauce.

Ziegler, who told deputies he had not hit his wife, was arrested and charged with domestic battery.'

"The Economist" Debates: Richard Donkin and Terry O'Neill re women's status in developed nations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This promises to be a debate that engages people's passions as well as their emotions.

Richard Donkin argues that the motion is what Americans call a "no brainer". Women clearly enjoy opportunities to make their livings and shape their lives that their predecessors could only dream of. They may not be doing as well as they would like. But, as he remarks, to say that they have never had it so good is not to say they cannot have it better.

Terry O'Neill produces a wealth of statistics to show that women still get a bum rap. They earn less than men, on average, and bear more responsibility for looking after children and the elderly. Only 3% of Fortune 500 CEOs are female.

There is much to chew on here. As the debate continues, Mr Donkin needs to grapple with the fact that, particularly in America, ordinary people have seen their incomes stagnate since the 1970s. It now takes two incomes to afford what one could afford in the 1960s. Are women running faster just to stay in the same place?'

Ed. note: Debate was done on Jan. 19. 2010. This article is the content and Q/A trail.

'Mary, on the Contrary': NY Times obit made feminist theologian Daly sound sane

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As one who has long followed the career of the late radical feminist theologian Mary Daly, I was disappointed by her obituary in the New York Times a couple weeks ago. As a summation of Daly's outsize life and work, it was inexplicably drab.

A pioneering figure of "eco-feminism" and a major draw on the campus lecture circuit in the 1980s and '90s, Daly was probably best known in the secular world for her long-standing refusal to admit men to some of her undergrad courses at Boston College. This unilateral deviation from coeducational policy made national headlines in the late 90s, when a libertarian-conservative "public interest law firm" threatened to sue the college on behalf of an undergrad who felt his Title IX rights were being violated. In what Daly termed an instance of "rapism," the college administration used the threat of litigation to maneuver her into retirement in 1999.
...
"People are afraid to say that kind of stuff anymore," said Daly in 1999 to an interviewer uneasy about her proposed planetary "Mister-ectomy." But Daly exhibited no such qualms, which is why I think she would agree that Fox's obit was kind of a whitewash. Daly, however, would have surely found a way to blame its shortcomings on "the patriarchy," whereas I construe them as the consequence of Fox trying to register Daly's stature as (in the words of former Ms. editor Robin Morgan) "a central figure in 20th-century feminism" without giving the average lay reader the impression that she was a flaming moonbat.'

Proposal in process in Maryland State Assembly to restrict men's contact with foreign women

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The following is from a letter to the editor in the Cumberland Times-News, based in Maryland. Excerpt:

'How far out of touch with reality are Maryland legislators anyways? That's exactly the question being asked by citizens (women and men) regarding a proposed bill in the Maryland General Assembly, that would restrict men's rights to use dating sites to meet foreign women.

Delegate Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio (R-Talbott),vice president of the women's caucus is leading 35 other delegates (all women) on a campaign for passage of HB 65, that would shockingly require Maryland men to submit their fingerprints and other background information before they can initiate communication with a foreign woman if they use an "International Marriage Broker".

The bill is littered with false, misleading, and inaccurate information. Nobody is being traded or sold as the title, "Regulation of Marriage Brokers", deceptively implies. The truth reveals these are merely dating sites that provide names, addresses and phone numbers so that a Maryland citizen can initiate communication (as in saying "hello") with a foreigner. Punishment for violations of the law include $12,000 fine and or up to one year imprisonment.
...

The Maryland law requires male matchmaking clients to provide an array of personal and criminal information to a foreign woman, making them vulnerable identity theft, blackmail and other crimes. Also, the law fails to protect American men from immigrant spouses who often file false charges of abuse in order to obtain citizenship.

So what exactly is the mindset of Maryland women legislators who are going after fictitious "marriage brokers" surreptitiously masking the reality of a law that regulates men's communication, and land them in jail for a year — just for writing a love letter?

Let it be known that writing a letter — including a romance letter, is a legitimate activity and the government has no right to enact laws that place restrictions on relationships and communication occurring across international boundaries.'

Abusegate, Investigate!

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From MANN reader, Ed:

Call 202-224-3121 today!

False Allegations of Domestic Violence Cost Taxpayers $20 Billion a Year.* That's 20,000 million dollars, thanks to wrongful allegations of abuse.

Families are being broken up, children harmed, men discriminated against, and the Constitution trampled on. Why is the mainstream media so damn complacent? Why hasn't the President sounded the alarm? And why hasn't Congress launched an investigation?

TODAY, call 202-224-3121 – that's the Capitol Switchboard. Ask to be connected to your congressman. State your name and city of residence. Then ask your elected official to "Investigate Abusegate, the failure of the domestic violence industry to live up to its promises."

Our lobbyists are working Capitol Hill this week. Your call is important. Do it now!

*Source: http://www.radarsvcs.org/docs/RADARreport-False-DV-Allegations-Cost-20-Billion.pdf

Maggie Gallagher: "Do We Care About Boys?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The headline from The Washington Post celebrates yet another milestone: "University of Virginia picks its first female president."

But meantime, the data continues to mount that our educational system is massively failing one gender: boys.
...
And yet every sign that boys or men are hurting gets determinedly turned around into a happy news story of female success. The disconnect between the happy headlines and the reality underneath will only be solved by women. The irony of men is that they cannot defend themselves or organize around their own systemic, gendered problems. Putting their own gender in the position of "the weaker sex" unmans them -- and also makes them deeply unattractive to women. It's not going to happen.

So the only way we are going to identify the new problem that has no name, own it, and do something about it, is if women with power make it a cause of our own. We have sons as well as daughters, nephews as well as nieces. We want husbands and fathers for ourselves or for our children who are confident, successful males and good family men willing and able to work hard to support those families. The problem is not that women are doing well, it's that boys are doing badly. The two genders cannot be pitted against one another without all of us losing.
...
An education system failing a generation of boys is going to produce unprecedented human misery for children, for women, and for the men themselves.

Are we women enough to do something about it?'

Ed. note: Re the author:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maggie_Gallagher
http://www.marriagedebate.com/mgbio.php

France to push women into the boardroom (whether they want to go there or not)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The French version of the glass ceiling has just been cracked open by parliamentary vote. With the backing of President Sarkozy's administration, the National Assembly last night passed a bill that aims to force big companies to appoint women to 40 percent of their seats on the board. The quota is likely to reach the statue books, with amendments, later this year, making France the biggest state so far to use the law to break the boys only culture of the boardroom. Norway introduced a 40 percent rule in 2002 when women accounted for only 6 per cent of board seats there. Spain has also just passed a similar law.
...
Male opponents are wondering -- though not publicly -- where France will find enough qualified femmes d'affaires. Jean-François Copé, the UMP parliamentary leader and co-author of the bill, pointed out that women managers handled the financial crisis better than men. "A business is not going to go bankrupt because it has as many women as men on the board," he said. Some of the media reporting has illustrated the distance that France has yet to travel towards equality. The parity quota was "not aimed at bringing more glamour to the boardroom", Europe 1 radio joked yesterday morning.

Leading businesswomen initially opposed quotas but many have changed their minds in the face of continuing refusal by les machistes of the the old guard to feminise the upper ranks. "The situation in France is abnormal. If we cannot manage otherwise then let's make things move with quotas," said "Atomic Anne" Lauvergeon, the chief of Areva, the nuclear power giant, who is France's senior corporate female.'

Female reporter sexually assaults David Beckham - but it's him who's being controversial

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This story on the BBC site (including video) explains how an Italian female presenter decided to pull a prank on David Beckham, and grab his testicles to see how large they are. She does it, and he is shocked and leaves. As he leaves she's deriding him and telling the world he has small balls.

But it's interesting how it's Beckham who's 'finding himself in controversy yet again'. So basically it's his fault, right? I mean he's a man, he's appeared in underwear ads, *obviously* he asked for it. No mention of arrest or even a negative word said against his assailant, the PP once again...

Excerpt:

'David Beckham has had his private parts grabbed by a woman trying to check the size of his testicles.

Italian journalist Elena Di Cioccio took the soccer star by surprise as she put on a pair of rubber gloves and grabbed his manhood - to see whether or not he lived up to his nickname "Goldenballs", the name famously given to him by his wife, Victoria Beckham.

She said: "I want to find out how big his testicles are!"'
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More info: Symposium on Male Studies at Wagner College, NY (USA)

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Via Greg Andresen:

Apologies for cross-postings...

http://www.malestudies.org/

A gathering of academicians drawn from a range of disciplines will meet on April 7, 2010, at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, to examine the declining state of the male, stemming from cataclysmic changes in today's culture, environment and global economy. The live teleconferenced colloquium will be co-chaired by Judith Kleinfeld, PhD, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Boys Project at the University of Alaska, and Lionel Tiger, PhD, Rutgers University Charles Darwin Professor of Anthropology. It will encompass a broad range of topics relevant to the study of boys and men in contemporary society ranging from their roles in the family and workforce, as well as their physical and emotional health, to the growing problem of misandry—the hatred of males, an unacknowledged but underlying socio-cultural, economic, political and legal phenomenon endangering the well-being of both genders.

The goal of the April colloquium is to consider the nature and structure of male studies programs designed for institutions of higher education. It follows on the current experience of the On Step Institute (OSI), which supports graduate fellowships at New York University's Steinhardt School of Education, Culture and Human Development. It will seek to generate a cross-disciplinary community of scholars in male studies and establish a series of networks enabling scholars to become acquainted with each other's work. The Chair of OSI, Edward Stephens, MD, who has organized the consortium, finds that while a handful of schools now sporadically offer courses dealing with males in traditionally unrelated departments – for example, literature, history, anthropology, psychology and sociology – the courses are unequal to providing effective insight into the immense problems confronting males in the 21st century which requires an integrated approach incorporating a multiplicity of academic disciplines.

The panel will include leading authorities on males and masculinity, including: Rocco Capraro, PhD, Associate Dean and Director, The Program for Men's Studies at Hobart William Smith College; Gar Kellom, PhD, Director of the Men's Center for Leadership and Service at Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, and editor of Developing Effective Programs and Services for College Men; and Katherine Young, PhD, and Paul Nathanson, PhD, both of McGill University, co-authors of Spreading Misandry: The Teaching of Contempt for Men in Popular Culture; Legalizing Misandry: From Public Shame to Systemic Discrimination Against Men; Sanctifying Misandry: Goddess Ideology and the Fall of Man; and the forthcoming Transcending Misandry: From Feminist Ideology to Intersexual Dialogue.

Male Studies: A New Academic Discipline FAQ

Live teleconferencing technical requirements

View the complete program

For more information about the April 7 Consortium, email: wagnerconference-at-malestudies.org.

Canada: Man beaten severely by police after dragging him from house on DV suspicion

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Story here. Plain-clothed officer burst into a man's home and dragged him from it, then beat him nearly to death due to him being *suspected* of a crime. This is why such things as arrest warrants and such concepts as the use of force continuum and presumed innocence (I include the links for the VPD's educational use) were invented... unless of course the suspected crime is anything DV-related, wherein of course the suspected victim is female. This is just what the founding fathers were on about.

However with respect to my reference to the US's founding fathers, that this brutal criminal act committed by persons acting under color of law and in the employ of a taxpayer-supported governmental system occurred in Canada hardly detracts from the point, does it? It could just as well have happened in the US and I am pretty sure it already has on more than one occasion.

So, the police involved have "apologized"? I hardly think that's good enough. Had they done this to any person except a man, they would be not only sacked but probably facing criminal charges.

Can you just imagine if they had beaten an attractive young women that way for any reason? Can you just imagine the trouble they would be in? Excerpt:

'The Vancouver Police Department has issued an apology after a man said he was beaten by officers who knocked on the wrong door while investigating a report of a violent domestic dispute.

Plainclothes officers arrived at the right house at 2 a.m. PT Wednesday near Knight and 49th Street in East Vancouver, but they were at the wrong suite, police admitted in a news release Thursday.

Speaking through a translator, Yao Wei Wu told CBC News that as soon as he opened the door the officers pulled him out of the house and beat him.

He was hit multiple times on the back, head and face, said Yao, 44.

He said he did not resist because the men had guns.

It was only after they handcuffed him and asked his name that they appeared to realize they had the wrong man, Yao said.

...

"The man resisted by striking out at the police and trying to slam the door, but the officers persisted in the belief that there may be a woman and child inside who could be in danger."

The man the police were looking for who lived in the other suite in the house was later found and arrested on suspicion of assault, McGuinness said. '

Police Say Georgia Mom Forced Son to Kill Hamster

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Story here.

'WARM SRPINGS, Ga. — A Georgia woman is in jail after police say she forced her son to kill his pet hamster with a hammer as punishment for bad grades.

The sheriff of rural Meriwether County told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Thursday that the 12-year-old boy told his teacher about the killing. The teacher reported it to the Division of Family and Child Services, who contacted police.

Sheriff Steve Whitlock said 38-year-old Lynn Middlebrooks Geter of Warm Springs faces one charge each of animal cruelty, child cruelty and battery.

The sheriff's office said she remained in the Meriwether County jail early Friday. It was not immediately known if she had a lawyer.

Meriwether County is located about 90 minutes southwest of Atlanta.'

Scorned Mistress of Married Obama Adviser Posts Billboards Nationwide

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Story here. I am sure I (or MANN) will get accused (even moreso) of anti-Obama bias. Well that is not what this post is about. It's about this: Would the company posting these billboards have done so if there was a female adviser to the president in the same position and her jilted on-the-side fellow tried to buy billboard time talking about it?

Billboard space vendors reject ads all the time for all manner of reason. The fact that she wanted space on a billboard to complain about her high-profile jilter and that they rented it to her speaks volumes about what they think the public won't complain to them about.

In any case, we here on MANN know that the rate of infidelity among the sexes is roughly equal. However the substance of this story continue to reinforce the idea (and gleefully so) that males are the "primary cheaters" in our species. Excerpt:

'On first glance, it could be the ultimate Valentine's Day card -- a gigantic billboard that towers over New York's Times Square, featuring a happy couple with the text: "You are my soulmate forever, Charles & YaVaughnie."
...
YaVaughnie Wilkins posted the signs after she learned that her lover, Charles E. Phillips — president and director of the tech conglomerate Oracle Corporation and a member of Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board — had reconciled with his wife, the New York Post reported.

The billboards -- there are three in New York and one apiece in Atlanta and San Francisco, where Phillips lives -- may have cost Wilkins up to $250,000, at an estimated $50,000 each.

After the billboards surfaced, Phillips fessed up to his longtime affair through a spokesman on Thursday.

"I had an 8-and-a-half-year serious relationship with YaVaughnie Wilkins. The relationship with Ms. Wilkins has since ended, and we both wish each other well," he said.
...
In an Oracle newsletter from 2006, Phillips was described as an ex-marine and "family man" who has a wife and 10-year-old son, Chas, the New York Times reported.'

Country's first legal gigolo starts work in Nevada

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Undoubtedly feminists will attempt to say this is an example of how men are having it better and better because "they can get sex not just 'for free', but now some can get paid for it," and that there needs to be further effort to stop "this sort of thing" not for men's sake but for women's. Of course to have things in the world of pay-for-play being male-to-female is also bad for women because it's sexual exploitation thereof. No winning, if you are male.

Also there are complaints that he won't have sex with other men, while some think having men around a brothel as prostitutes will "hurt the industry". And the article makes it sound like he hasn't even had a client yet, either. And on and on and on. Try to keep up. Excerpt:

'BEATTY, Nev. (AP) - A brothel in a Nevada desert town has hired the state's first male prostitute, a muscular college dropout who abandoned a brief stint as a porn actor in Los Angeles to become the only legal gigolo in the United States.

The Shady Lady Ranch successfully won state and county approval to clear the way for the "prostidude," as Nevada's newest sex worker is already being called. After a slow first week on the job, his first appointments are scheduled for this weekend.

The male prostitute - known as "Markus" - has quickly become the center of attention in Nevada's brothel industry.

He has been criticized by female counterparts for not being willing to have sex with men. ... Not surprisingly, he has been forbidden from doing interviews after the remarks.
...
Davis said that he and his wife aren't interested in establishing a gay male clientele, but it will be up to Markus to decide whether to accept men as customers. Davis said Markus told him that he wouldn't perform for male customers.

"All this gay homophobia in this country is horrible," Davis said. "Everybody's so damn scared two men might have sex - it's happening every day in Las Vegas. Not going to happen here, but that's all the big fear, is gay people."

George Flint, a longtime lobbyist for the Nevada Brothel Owners Association, said allowing a male prostitute creates legitimate health concerns. Male customers are thoroughly cleaned and inspected for signs of disease before sex at Nevada's brothels, and he doesn't believe the same "fanaticism" is possible when checking female customers.
...
Flint said he believed the Shady Lady Ranch, which is not a part of his association, could see a temporary wave of curious female customers, but the experiment will ultimately fail.

"I think she truly believes that it's a viable effort, and I'm wondering after four or five days and there haven't been any takers, if she's beginning to wonder if maybe she was wrong," Flint said. "You and I and the rest of the world can sit and debate this damn thing until hell freezes over, but if nobody shows up at her front door, what's it proved?"'

VPD changes their story; victim does not accept excuses, apology, and fears reprisals

Anonymous · 23 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'VANCOUVER - The family of the Vancouver man injured by police in a case of mistaken identity Thursday is not ready to accept the Vancouver police department's apology.

Two plainclothes police officers arrived at Yao Wei Wu's south Vancouver home at 2:20 a.m. Thursday after receiving a call from a woman at the residence who said she was being attacked by her husband and feared for the safety of their baby.

What police didn't know was that there were two suites in the home and they had gone to the wrong door.

The altercation that ensued left 44-year-old Wu — who does not speak English — bloodied, with small cuts all over his face and an eye swollen shut.
...

The couple has not yet decided what action they will take, if any.

"As for right now, I haven't really thought about what I'm going to do," said Wu after returning home from a doctor's visit. "I just want to rest. I'm really tired."

Chi said she is hesitant to take legal action, fearing police would retaliate.

"If we filed a lawsuit, would they get back at us?" she asked. "I'm scared. I don't know, I don't know."

The VPD is now investigating the matter, but the B.C. Civil Liberties Association called Friday for an independent police force to take it over.'

New York mother pleads not guilty to torturing family pets, abusing her children

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Story here. Excerpt:

'RIVERHEAD, N.Y. - A woman pleaded not guilty Thursday to abusing her children and family pets, sometimes forcing the children to witness her torturing animals to death, prosecutors said.

"This is a case where a mother subjected her children to the most unimaginable and horrific living conditions that I have ever seen," Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said. "These kids were beaten, they were starved, they lived in absolutely horrendous conditions within their own household and this was done intentionally by the mother."

Sharon McDonough, 43, killed numerous kittens and dogs, stashing the dead cats in the trash, and burying 42 dead dogs in the backyard of her Selden, Long Island, home, Spota said. The dogs were buried, he said, because some had identifying microchips implanted in them and McDonough feared being discovered if the carcasses were found in the trash. '

No parole for 'Angry Betty' Broderick

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Story here. Ex-wife from Hell, Betty Broderick, has been denied parole for killing her ex-husband and his new wife in their bed in 1989.

Just goes to show that even the California Parole Board can have at least a functioning brain stem when it comes to rabid killer women. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Elisabeth "Betty" Broderick, once a socially prominent lawyer's wife who fatally shot her ex-husband and his new wife in bed in 1989, has been denied parole.

When Broderick's husband of 16 years dumped her for his young legal assistant, she seethed with a white-hot fury. She was one angry Betty, as a California writer, a long-time Broderick watcher, recently observed.

She still is, the California parole board concluded Thursday after hearing Broderick's rambling statement in which she continued to blame her actions on her husband's extramarital affair and their bitter divorce.'

Student: ‘Beating So Bad Thought I Was Going To Die’

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Story here. A man need not even be suspected of DV to get charged (of what crime-it seems it matters not), tried, found guilty, and punished by severe beating, all in one fell swoop, and by police officers no less. (No judges need apply.) Sometimes he just needs to be standing there. Excerpt:

'PITTSBURGH -- Pittsburgh police Chief Nate Harper said three plainclothes officers have been reassigned during an internal investigation into the beating of an 18-year-old student violinist from the city's Creative and Performing Arts High School.

Police charged Jordan Miles, 18, with assault and resisting arrest Jan. 11 because, they said, he fought with the officers who thought a "heavy object" in his coat was a gun. It turned out to be a bottle of Mountain Dew.

Miles said he resisted because he thought the men were trying to abduct him and didn't identify themselves as police.

Miles' family and attorney said he was hit with a stun gun and hospitalized after the violent Homewood struggle during which a chunk of his hair was yanked out and a tree branch went through his gums.

"I was accused for something I never had anything to do with," said Miles, an honor student at CAPA. "I was completely innocent. They couldn't find anything."

Police took Miles to a Pittsburgh hospital for treatment. The student said he had to go back after he was released from custody.'

Israel: Feminists Robbing Dead Bodies For Sperm

davidcohen188 · 24 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'So, think you have seen it all? You have seen nothing yet. The immorality and disgracefulness of the Feminist movement have now reached a new record high. We have already got used to the fact that feminists make men's lives bitter. However, when we died, feminists used to leave us alone. Well, so it was until recently. Nowadays, feminists have also taken away the privilege men used to have, to die in peace.

When a men dies, it is possible to pump out sperm of the dead body. If the pumping is done within 24 hours from the time of death, the sperm can be used to fertilize a woman. There is only one problem - the man is dead. Which means that you cannot ask him whether or not he agrees to be a father.

However, the feminist-infected family court in Israel doesn't see this as a problem. On January 17th 2007, an Israeli Family has first approve pumping out sperm from a dead body of an IDF soldier died in the course of his military service. The young soldier, 19 years of age, has never been asked whether or not he would be willing to become a father in a way like this, or at all.

The dead soldier's mother, hooked up with a total stranger female, and together they applied to the Israeli family court to approve pumping sperm out of the dead soldier's body. The sperm was to be used to fertilize a total stranger female, whom the young soldier has never met or heard of in his life. However, since the request was filed by women, the Israeli family court automatically approved the request, as it always does.

The sperm has been pumped, and the total stranger female now has a baby. But what about the rights of the young dead man to decide whether he wants to be father or not? And what about the fact that the mother is a total stranger whom the young man has never met in his life?'

'Why I Give to Women-Focused Relief Organizations'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When the earthquake hit Haiti last week I decided to direct my giving toward CARE, an organization that focuses its work on women. Some will question why I don't give right to the Red Cross, a very worthy organization. The honest answer is that I want to give my money to an organization who will put women and mothers as a priority. It's not a sexist statement, as much as a truth that reflects our gendered world.

Women are the caregivers of not just their families, but also of their communities around the world. Women know who lived where, who needs help, and so much more vital information that relief organizations require. Add in the fact that with globalization of our economy there are many parts of our world where women far outnumber men due to men immigrating to big cities or other countries, and well, you see how women get left at home to hold things together. When women do immigrate for paying jobs, they leave farming behind, hurting the community. Bottom line, when you put money into women's well-bring it impacts the entire community.

That is why I sent and will continue to send money to CARE. A gendered response is necessary. It doesn't mean that men and boys aren't important. Far from it. It means that women do have certain needs that men don't -- pregnancy, motherhood, and menstruation for starters -- that need addressing. When I give to women-focused agencies, I know they will make sure that women's needs are addressed.'

Australia: Sex abuse accused father fights back

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A DAD cleared of claims he sexually abused his kids is now hitting back at his ex wife.

The man is accusing his ex-wife of perjury, assault and threatening to kill.

The legal action, believed to be a first for Victoria, will set a controversial precedent and could open the floodgates to similar cases.

"Bill", whose identity cannot be revealed for legal reasons, is alleging his wife deliberately lied when she made allegations that he had sexually abused their children.
...
He was eventually acquitted, but the ordeal cost him his job, his home and about $450,000 in lost income and legal costs. The case is also based on similar accusations of sexual abuse of their children made by the ex-wife during a bitter Family Court battle.

The Family Court judge found Bill's ex-wife to be violent, untruthful, lacking moral values and responsible for the psychological and emotional abuse of her children - but still gave her custody of the two girls, now aged 9 and 11, because they had become estranged from their father.'

The Domestic Violence Industry’s War on Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'By painting all males as brutes, feminists hope to reduce half the population to a state of dhimmitude.

January 21, 2010 - by Barbara Kay

The industry that has grown up around domestic violence (DV), or, as it is more precisely situated these days in research circles, intimate partner violence (IPV), began in good faith decades ago as a legitimate campaign to help women trapped in abusive relationships.

Over the years, as the triumphalist feminist revolution’s long march through the institutions of the West proceeded with eerily unchallenged vigor, DV emerged as a highly politicized touchstone justifying women’s entitlements — legal, economic, familial — at the expense of boys’ and men’s human rights.

A tipping point in the DV chronology, when the focus amongst militant feminists shifted from helping individual women to the more totalitarian ambition of reducing the male population to cultural dhimmitude, can be traced back in time to December 6, 1989, and in space to a school two miles north of my front door.

December 6, 2009, marked the 20th anniversary of a unique tragedy in Western history, the systematic massacre of 14 women engineering students, with injury to 13 others, at Montreal’s École Polytechnique by a lone young gunman, Marc Lepine, who killed himself at the end of his shooting spree.'

Investigate Abusegate: Call Sen. Hatch TODAY!

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Each year, 2-3 million restraining orders are issued in the United States (1). But according to one study, 70% of those orders are unnecessary or false (2).

The Violence Against Women Act bankrolls the issuance of millions of restraining orders, for which there is little proof of benefit, and which, according to the Independent Women's Forum, only "lull women into a false sense of security." This week our lobbyists are working Capitol Hill, asking our elected officials to "Investigate Abusegate!"

One of the key supporters of VAWA over the years has been Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah. Sen. Hatch views VAWA as one of his legacies. Really? Then Sen. Hatch should be leading the charge to find out exactly how the Violence Against Women Act got sidetracked.

CALL TODAY! Call Sen. Hatch's office at (202) 224-5251. Or send him an email via http://hatch.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Offices.Contact. The message to Sen. Hatch only needs to be 5 words long: "Investigate Abusegate! Fix VAWA Now!"

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Tennessee Woman Accused in Trail of Death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'But almost everyone has an opinion on how he ended up there. Mr. Leath, 57, was found dead of a gunshot wound in his own bed in 2003. His wife, Raynella Dossett Leath, said it was a suicide, but she was ultimately charged with murder. Her dramatic trial last year gripped the city, but it ended in a hung jury. Last week, she went on trial again.

The trail of death in the case, however, does not begin and end with a beloved barber, but winds its way up to the highest levels of law enforcement in this city. There was a fatal car crash, a love child, a missing will and, strangest of all, the 1992 death, officially by cattle stampede, of the Knox County prosecutor, Ed Dossett, who happened to be Ms. Dossett Leath's first husband at the time.

...

Ms. Dossett Leath soon lured Mr. Walker to a barn on her farm, telling him she had found some papers related to the child. Once there, she opened fire on him, according to his account, and chased him across the hayfields until she ran out of ammunition. According to Mr. Walker's statement to the police, she said she would kill him and the child's mother and raise the child herself.

Ms. Dossett Leath was charged with attempted murder, but pleaded guilty to a lesser charge and did six years of "diversion," a form of probation. Then, the charge was expunged.

Friends say it was only months after Ms. Dossett Leath completed her sentence that Mr. Leath was found dead. He had signed deeds and a will, now missing, ensuring that Ms. Dossett Leath would inherit all the couple's property. At the trial, her defense lawyers argued that the victim killed himself, offering evidence that he was depressed and that his health was declining. But a firearms expert for the prosecution said that of three shots fired from the gun that day, it had been the second one that killed Mr. Leath.'

'Help Choose Nine Women to Run the World'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I recently came up with an idea: that it would be revelatory to ask as many women who were willing to “nominate” our next world leaders: to choose who, among women, they’d put forward to lead the world. This seems more apt than ever, given last week’s decision by the Supreme Court, which may guarantee even more corporate sponsorship of our elected officials.

What do you think? Is it time for us to start imagining a new kind of world, since this one ain’t working? Is it time for us to try a different approach —say, give the other gender a chance at running things?

Most in the handful of women I polled, of all ages, would like to see women given a chance at piloting the ship for a while. We’ve had men in the majority in just about every area of governance and power — everywhere on the planet. If women were in charge, would things improve? How about The Nine, an international court of women — enlightened governance?

Please respond by nominating one or two or nine women who you think could take charge and give us a chance to save ourselves and the planet. At a certain point, I’ll tally the results to see who The Nine are, but we are not so interested in how many votes any single”candidate” gets as which names appear.'

'Mancession' Takes Toll on Working Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(Jan. 23) – Women are about to claim majority status in the American workplace, sounding the bell on a number of decades-old feminist goals. At last, we're financially independent, professionally respected, in charge of both men and ourselves. But even before we've cleared that milestone, we're ready to give it all back.

Isn't that just like a woman, a man might say.

A recent Pew study found that an increasing number of women express ambivalence about sharing the job market equally with men. Nearly two-thirds of working mothers now say they'd prefer their jobs be part time, up from 48 percent just 10 years ago. Only 37 percent are content with working full time.

Women aren't becoming lazier; nor, it seems, are they making a concerted turn against feminist ideals. Rather, it's that these days – when you factor in the new recessionary reality of longer hours at the office for those who still have jobs, as well as the resulting uptick in even more time away from the kids and money spent on child care – the cost of working is greater than the cost of staying home.
...
Some working mothers would argue that choosing to stay home with the kids is itself an act of feminism – empowerment isn't about proving superiority over men, but making decisions that are personally suitable. Still, even if life as a stay-at-home mom is as fulfilling as climbing the corporate ladder, in nearly all cases it doesn't pay very well.

Which leaves us dependent on our partners. All over again.'

Supreme Court: Indian women won't make false rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mumbai: In an observation that could have far-reaching implications in the prosecution of rape cases, the Supreme Court recently observed that an Indian woman would never make a false allegation of rape, given the social stigma attached to it. This is likely to bolster the cases of rape victims and may have a bearing on recent cases involving actor Shiney Ahuja and Shree Ram Mills scion Abhishek Kasliwal.

“In Indian society, any girl or woman would not make such allegations (of rape) against a person as she is fully aware of the repercussions flowing therefrom. If she is found to be false (sic), she would be looked at by society with contempt throughout her life,” the apex court observed.

Upholding the seven-year imprisonment handed out to an auto-rickshaw driver who raped a 12-year-old in 1988, a bench of justices JM Panchal and Deepak Verma stated: “For an unmarried girl, it will be difficult to find a suitable groom. Therefore, unless an offence has really been committed, a girl or a woman would be extremely reluctant even to admit that any such incident had taken place which is likely to reflect on her chastity (sic). She would also be conscious of the danger of being ostracised by society.”'

Woman Guilty of Cutting Baby From Teen's Womb

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PITTSBURGH — A woman who lured a pregnant teenager to her apartment, drugged her, cut out her baby, then killed her and tried to pass the infant off as hers was found guilty but mentally ill of second-degree murder and kidnapping.

Monday's verdict against Andrea Curry-Demus, while supported by evidence of her long history of mental illness, was "perhaps more merciful than the defendant deserves," Allegheny County Judge Jeffrey Manning said.

In finding Curry-Demus not guilty of first-degree murder, Manning said he wasn't satisfied that her psychotic delusions allowed her to form the intent to kill.

Curry-Demus, 40, of Wilkinsburg, will be formally sentenced in March, but the second-degree murder conviction carries an automatic life prison sentence without parole. She will serve part of her sentence in a prison mental hospital until doctors conclude her illness improves enough for her to serve the rest in prison.

Prosecutors sought a first-degree murder conviction, which would have carried the same penalty as the second-degree murder count because prosecutors weren't seeking the death penalty. The defense wanted her found not guilty by reason of insanity.'

Fear of maths among teachers damages pupils

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A lack of confidence in their ability to add, subtract and divide is easily passed on to female pupils, it was disclosed.

The study, which was based on 117 infants in the US, found that many girls had a “significantly worse” grasp of maths after a year of being taught by a nervous teacher.

Academics from Chicago University found that “worries and self-doubt” were not passed on to boys as they rejected the behaviour and attitudes of adults of the opposition sex.

The trend is being fuelled by the fact that the vast majority of primary school teachers are female.

Figures published last year showed that almost nine-in-10 primary teachers in England were women. More than a quarter of schools had no male teachers at all, it was disclosed.'

'My So-Called Wife'

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I found this to be quite funny, well-written, and of course, pathetic. Give 'em an inch they want a mile. Give 'em a mile, they want an inch. And on and on it goes. I don't single women out though for this observation. I see it time and again at work, in what the public or the people expect (from government, etc.), and so on. Of further interest though were also the off-linked articles, which I mention after this excerpt:

'I am stricken with the peculiar curse of being a 21st-century woman who makes more than the man she's living with — first with a husband for 13 years and now with a new partner. It's an increasingly common situation, according to a recent Pew study that found that the proportion of American marriages in which the wife makes more money rose to 22 percent in 2007 from 4 percent in 1970.

I don't know how it's going for my sisters, but as my 40s and Verizon bills and mortgage payments roll on, I seem to have an ever more recurring 1950s housewife fantasy. In this magical Technicolor world, the breadwinner husband, Brad, leaves home (where his duties are limited to mowing the lawn and various minor home repairs) at 7 a.m. When he returns from work at 6 p.m., aside from a savory roast with mashed potatoes, his homemaker wife, Nancy, has pipe, slippers and a tray of Manhattans ready.
...
One could ask, who are the modern women who are content with such a role? These are times when mothers with newborns watch "Oprah" episodes that feature a harried mom just like you who became entrepreneurial with her jam, and is now head of a multimillion-dollar company in addition to being a great mom!

In the end, we all want a wife. But the home has become increasingly invaded by the ethos of work, work, work, with twin sets of external clocks imposed on a household's natural rhythms. And in the transformation of men and women into domestic co-laborers, the Art of the Wife is fast disappearing.

So in the meantime, I may need to settle for a man who can simply make a decent tray of Manhattans and, while you're at it, pussycat, make mine a double.'

As promised:
More Men Marrying Wealthier Women
Skipping Spouse to Spouse Isn't Just a Man's Game

F&F: Write, Call to Support Bill to Protect Disabled Fathers from Family Court Abuses

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Fathers & Familes Action Item here. Excerpt:

'Arizona HB 2348 will help protect disabled fathers (and mothers) from child support and alimony abuses—to email and fax a letter in support of the bill, click here.

The hearing on the bill is Wednesday January 27, so please act ASAP. This is a national issue and supporters both inside and outside of Arizona are encouraged to participate.

Although federal law is clear, judges are often ignoring it and calculating veterans' disability compensation into divorce settlements as a divisible asset. Very often these payments are the only assets a veteran has. When judges include it as income, it creates great hardship for those veterans, who rarely have the resources to hire legal help to contest the taking of their benefits. HB 2348 will help end this practice—to email and fax a letter in support of the bill to all members of the Arizona House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee to express your support for HB 2348, click here. To call the Committee members, click here.

Abusegate: Mother of All Scandals?

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From MANN reader Ed: Article here. Excerpt:

'Mirror, mirror, on the wall, what's the most colossal scandal of them all? Watergate? Climategate? Tigergate? If you said 'yes' to any of these, you're not even close!
...
Abusegate refers to our nation's flawed crusade to curb domestic violence (DV). Originally a high-minded and well-intentioned effort, the end-abuse campaign has now fallen prey to an invidious anti-family agenda. In the name of making homes safe, the domestic violence industry curtails fundamental civil rights and often betrays those in greatest need.

Let me count the ways our domestic violence effort has failed to deliver on its promises, all the while undermining our most cherished values and societal institutions:

1. Takes advantage of vulnerable women. Our abuse shelters are filled with women who are just as violent as the men they left. When abused women come for help, they need a safe place where they can get counseling, housing assistance, and treatment for substance abuse problems. But instead they get a hefty dose of gender ideology proffered in the name of promoting "female empowerment":
http://www.radarsvcs.org/docs/RADARreport-Are-Abuse-Shelters-Helping-True-Victims.pdf

2. Stereotypes men as abusers. Amanda McCormick of Praxis International recently shocked abuse conference attendees with this calumny: "I know a lot of men who deserve to be beaten." Less than two months later the Department of Justice awarded a $3.5 million grant to her organization, prompting Examiner.com columnist Trudy Schuett to wonder why the federal government is using taxpayer money to subsidize anti-male hate-speech.'

US: Record number of young Americans jobless, with 1/5th of 20-24-YO black males unemployed

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Story here. Quick, fund more programs for girls! That'll fix the problem! Excerpt:

'CHICAGO (Reuters) - The U.S. economic recession has taken a particularly heavy toll on young Americans, with a record one out five black men aged 20 to 24 neither working nor in school, according to research released on Tuesday.

Teenagers have found it significantly harder to get a job since the recession began in late 2007, with black youths and young people from low-income families faring the worst, wrote Andrew Sum of Northeastern University in Boston, a employment researcher commissioned by the Chicago Urban League and the Alternative Schools Network.

"Low-income and minority youth, who depended on part-time jobs as a significant stepping stone to future employment, have been forced out of the job market and economically marginalized," Herman Brewer of the Chicago Urban League said in a statement.

Overall, 26 percent of American teenagers aged 16 to 19 had jobs in late 2009, said the report, which was based on U.S. Census Bureau data. That figure is a record low since statistics began to be kept in 1948, the researchers said.

Employment counts the number of people with a job as a percentage of the entire work force. By contrast, the unemployment rate -- which stood at 10 percent in December in the United States -- does not include people who have grown discouraged and stopped looking for work.'

Do you think we need a "gendered approach" to solve this? Oh yeah, that only counts if the gender is female. Sorry, I was confused there for a minute.

UK: Disillusioned with stressful jobs, a whole generation of women are opting out of the rat race

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For years, the only reason women would take a step back from their career was to raise a family, but my friends are getting off the treadmill before then.

A new book called 30-Something And Over It - What Happens When You Wake Up One Morning And Don't Want To Go To Work. . . Ever Again sums up the mood.
...
In the book she quotes some interesting statistics. Apparently, 26 per cent of women at the cusp of the most senior levels of management don't want the promotion. One in 15 under-35s have already dropped out of paid work to pursue ' self-improvement', while half plan to do so in the future.

She speaks to several psychotherapists who are seeing as many people in the midst of thirtysomething burnout as they do those with mid-life crises.
...

My friend Vanessa says she felt the same. 'I kept thinking things would get better if I just got to the next level, but they never did,' she says. 'I looked at my boss and didn't want his job. I sat in meetings and thought: "I don't care any more." I was stressed, single and not sleeping. And even though I was earning good money, I was broke because I was blowing it all on things to cheer myself up. It got to the stage where none of it made sense.'

And far from fuelling our ambition, it seems that the current economic crisis is only compounding our sense that status, success and money are a fool's gold."
...
I learned to lower my expectations of what work will provide and found other things to give me meaning and fulfilment. I discovered that a job will never meet your relationship needs, and no matter how much you love it, it will never love you back.'

NY Times: 'She Works. They're Happy.'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'EVER since Betty Friedan urged women to leave the house and pursue careers, people have argued over whether women's marriages and romantic prospects would suffer for it. Was a financially successful woman a threat to her husband or a relief?

Last week, a report from the Pew Research Center about what it called "the rise of wives" revived the debate. Based on a study of Census data, Pew found that in nearly a third of marriages, the wife is better educated than her husband. And though men, over all, still earn more than women, wives are now the primary breadwinner in 22 percent of couples, up from 7 percent in 1970.

While the changing economic roles of husbands and wives may take some getting used to, the shift has had a surprising effect on marital stability. Over all, the evidence shows that the shifts within marriages — men taking on more housework and women earning more outside the home — have had a positive effect, contributing to lower divorce rates and happier unions.

"Women no longer need to marry up educationally or economically, so they are more likely to pick men who support a more egalitarian relationship," said Stephanie Coontz, director of research and education for the Council on Contemporary Families and author of "Marriage, A History: How Love Conquered Marriage."'

Ed. note: On the heels of the article from the UK, you have this. Try to keep up!

College 'gender gap' favoring women stops growing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'-- More men are attending college and graduating with a bachelor's degree, reversing the tendency of female undergraduates to outnumber men and outperform them academically, according to a new report out Tuesday.

One notable exception is young Hispanic men - especially new immigrants - who are falling further behind Hispanic women.

Men account for 43 percent of overall college enrollment and earn 43 percent of bachelor's degrees - figures that have remained consistent since the early 2000s.

However, the analysis by the Washington-based American Council on Education shows the disparity lies largely in the fact that men are much less likely than women to go to college - or return to college - later in life: Undergraduate men age 25 or older are outnumbered by women in the same age group 2-to-1.
...
The U.S. Civil Rights Commission is investigating whether private liberal arts colleges in the Washington, D.C., area are discriminating against women in an effort to better balance their enrollments.

Linda Sax, an associate professor at the University of California, Los Angeles Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, said attention should focus on preparing and attracting low-income African-American and Latino men to college, given their historic under-representation.

"At the same time, we must acknowledge the fact that women continue to comprise the majority of low-income and first-generation college students and remain underrepresented in traditionally male fields like engineering and computer science," said Sax, author of "The Gender Gap in College: Maximizing the Developmental Potential of Women and Men." "Their needs ought not be overlooked."'

Authorities: David Copperfield's accuser charged with lying to police

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Story here. A false-accuser was fouled in her 2+ year assault on the famous magician David Copperfield. Her accusations of being subjected to the crime that dares not speak its name by Mr. Copperfield were exposed as an attempt to extort money from him. She was also charged with being a "common whore" also by the authorities. It is significant to note that out of this ordeal Mr. Copperfield suffered no drop in income from his fan base and is estimated to have made $30 million last year from his performances. I guess getting accused of a sexual assault no longer carries the stigma it once did because so many public men are being accused? Too bad the perpetrator will probably not be charged with a major felony. A false accusation of rape is RAPE. Excerpt:

'Los Angeles, California (CNN) -- A Seattle, Washington, woman who accused illusionist David Copperfield of sexually assaulting her more than two years ago has now been charged with prostitution and making a false accusation in another case, according to Copperfield's attorney and Washington state officials.

The federal probe of Copperfield was officially closed earlier this month.

"Local authorities have charged Mr. Copperfield's accuser with making yet another false claim of rape, this time against a Seattle-area businessman, and with prostitution," Copperfield lawyer Patty Eakes said Tuesday.

King County, Washington, prosecutor Susan Irwin said in criminal complaints filed Monday that Lacey Carroll committed the alleged offenses on December 2, 2009.'

Newsweek: 'Reproductive Coercion'

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Article here. Perhaps. But so is the "oops, I forgot to tell you I didn't take my birth control" excuse. THAT is reproductive coercion as well - if not outright FRAUD and hijacking a male's finances for 20+ years. Excerpt:

Experts are studying a phenomenon that brings a whole new meaning to the term 'unwanted pregnancy.

About a decade ago, Elizabeth Miller remembers seeing a certain teenage girl at a hospital clinic for adolescents in Boston. The patient thought she might be pregnant and asked for a test. When it came out negative, Miller started asking the standard questions, inquiring as to whether her patient wanted to be pregnant (she didn't) and whether she was using contraceptives (she wasn't). So Miller explained all of the birth-control options and, as she describes it, "sent her on her merry way with a brown bag of condoms." It was, by most measures, a pretty routine appointment.

Except that, two weeks later, the same patient was back at the hospital, in the emergency room after her partner pushed her down the stairs. "That was the wake-up call where I started thinking there might be a relationship between the two situations," says Miller, now an assistant professor of pediatrics at University of California, Davis. "She was coming in for a pregnancy test, not wanting to be pregnant, and not wanting to use birth control. And now I'm wondering what's going on for her, knowing she was in a physically and sexually violent relationship. I started wondering whether I needed to be asking her about why [she isn't using birth control] at that visit."
...

Overall, rates of reproductive coercion among family-planning-clinic patients are suprisingly high: about one in five women report their partner having attempted to coerce them into pregnancy. "What we're seeing is that, in the larger scheme of violence against women and girls, it is another way to maintain control," says Miller, who studied 1,300 female patients culled from five family-planning clinics in Northern California. "You have guys telling their partners, 'I can do this because I'm in control' or 'I want to know that I can have you forever.' " This may help explain previous findings of higher rates of unintended pregnancies in relationships with partner violence.
...
The boundary between reproductive coercion and relationship violence—and whether there is, in fact, a boundary at all—is a difficult issue for health-care providers to address. In some cases, it can fit a spectrum of other abusive behaviors, from threatening to physical violence, that create an imbalance in a relationship's power dynamic. "Just like violence, it's a power thing," says Walker, who has seen patients whose boyfriends monitor their periods to ensure they're not taking Depo-Provera contraceptive shots (which often cause women to skip their period). "The man is taking away a woman's power to decide she's not going to have a child. Still, the line is unclear. Miller, for example, would be hesitant to categorize reproductive coercion as a form of partner violence, since many states have laws mandating reporting of such incidents. ...

Lawsuit against Bob Uecker tossed

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Story here.

'MADISON, Wis. -- A Wisconsin appeals court has dismissed a lawsuit filed by a woman who claims she has been unfairly portrayed as a stalker by the Milwaukee Brewers and radio announcer Bob Uecker.

The District 2 Court of Appeals did not rule on the merits of Ann Ladd's claims.

Instead, the three-judge panel said Wednesday that her allegations of defamation and invasion of privacy were either filed after the two-year statute of limitations had run out or lacked a legal basis.

In 2006, Uecker alleged a pattern of stalking and harassment by Ladd. She was charged with felony stalking, but a prosecutor dismissed the criminal charge after a court commissioner issued an injunction barring her from contacting him.'

Intact America in The Washington Post

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From IA's recent email:

'Over the history of circumcision, there's been one justification after another," said Intact America's Georganne Chapin in a Washington Post article reviewing the debate over routine circumcision last week.

Hundreds of concerned readers have written comments in response to the article's apparent bias in favor of circumcision – and The Washington Post subsequently published a letter to the editor from John Geisheker of Doctors Opposing Circumcision. Read his letter to the editor and post your own comment >>

A new study finds little evidence that circumcision can prevent sexually transmitted infections, urinary tract infections, and penile cancer. Read the article >>

Reader's Digest features the story of Lia Boldt, a mother who turned to her state's court system to prevent her nine-year-old son from being circumcised against his wishes. Read the story >>

Also, please take action:

'Last week, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Task Force on Circumcision met to finalize the organization's new policy on circumcision – which could recommend circumcision for all baby boys.

Before the AAP releases its statement, we need to make sure it hears directly from people who oppose infant circumcision.

Send a message to the AAP right now and tell them that routine neonatal circumcision is wrong – morally, medically, and ethically.'

Psychiatry Online: Young women commit domestic violence 130+% more often than men

jayhammers · 27 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In addressing intimate partner violence, the focus is usually on women who are physically battered by husbands or boyfriends. However, women sometimes hurt their partners as well.
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Women are doing virtually everything these days that men are—working as doctors, lawyers, and rocket scientists; flying helicopters in combat; riding horses in the Kentucky Derby. And physically assaulting their spouses or partners.

In fact, when it comes to nonreciprocal violence between intimate partners, women are more often the perpetrators.

These findings on intimate partner violence come from a study conducted by scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The lead investigator was Daniel Whitaker, Ph.D., a behavioral scientist and team leader at the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (which is part of the CDC). Results were published in the May Journal of Public Health.'

Rutgers sorority members are accused of beating pledges during hazing

anthony · 28 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The young pledge said she was told the beatings would "humble" her, that each flesh-rending strike with a wooden paddle would build love and trust between sorority sisters.

It wasn't hazing, she said they told her. The women of Sigma Gamma Rho at Rutgers University didn't condone hazing.

For seven nights the beatings went on, she said. In all, she was struck 201 times. On the eighth day — unable to sit, her buttocks covered with blood clots and welts — she went to the hospital. Then she reported it to the university.

Today, Rutgers police said they had arrested six members of the sorority on charges of aggravated hazing, alleging they repeatedly beat at least three pledges between Jan. 18 and Jan. 25. A university official, vice president of student affairs Greg Blimling, and the pledge who spoke to The Star-Ledger put the number of victims at seven.'

UK: Record numbers of women held for violent crimes

Broadsword · 28 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Record numbers of women are being arrested for violent crimes, it was revealed today.

Annual criminal justice statistics showed 88,139 women were arrested for violent offences in a single year - or nearly 250 every day. That is an increase of nearly 1,000 on a year earlier. At the same time the number of men arrested for violent crimes fell by 10,000.

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The rise in arrests means that for the second consecutive year women were more likely to be held for crimes of violence than for any other offence. It overtook shoplifting for the first time in 2005/6. Today's figures, published by the Ministry of Justice and covering 2007/8, showed arrests of women for theft continued to fall, by nearly 3,000 to 77,425.

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Violence against the person - a category which includes manslaughter, assault and grievous bodily harm - accounted for 35% of all crimes committed by women.

Since 2002, the number of women arrested for violent crimes has more than doubled. At the turn of the century the figure was 37,100.

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More than 250,000 women were arrested for all crimes in 2007/8, compared to more than 1.2 million men.'

UK: "Feminism: What went wrong?"

Broadsword · 28 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. (Daily Mail has an article by Natasha Walter also on this topic.) Excerpt:

'"In previous generations many women had to repress their physical needs and experiences in order to fall in with social conventions, and feminism was needed to release them from the cage of chastity," writes Walter. "But what I heard from some women is that they feel there is now a new cage holding them back from the liberation they sought, a cage in which repression of emotions takes the place of repression of physical needs." In short, they daren't feel because it might limit the exercise of their freedom. "It's my choice," is now an argument-clincher for any kind of louche behaviour.

Ouch. Was this what their mothers fought for? Of course not. Freedom, combined with economic independence, may have proved a poisoned chalice, one that has made women more unhappy than ever before. Is it all feminism's fault, some are asking – among them Martin Amis, whose new novel, The Pregnant Widow, is based around the wretched story of his late sister Sally, who was unable to control her own drinking and promiscuity. To him, she was a victim of liberation."

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Questions about the flaunting of sexuality do not trouble this generation. Today, the only debate about gender issues centres on the physiological differences between men and women. "All that gender determinist stuff about men having one kind of brain and women another is even more dangerous that the more aggressive sexism of the past," finds Izzy Finkel, who has just graduated from Cambridge, and, like most of her contemporaries, is chiefly concerned with getting a job.'

UK: "Scotland: domestic violence against men is frequent and often unreported"

Matt · 28 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The results of a major piece of government research on partner abuse in Scotland slipped out relatively unreported before Christmas. The new Scottish findings mirror much Australian and international domestic violence research showing family violence against men is frequent and often goes unreported.

The Scottish Crime and Justice Survey 2008-09: Partner Abuse was published by Scotland's Chief Statistician on December 15th 2009. The research was conducted with 16,000 interviewees and represents the most comprehensive investigation to date into the extent of partner abuse in Scotland.

Interviewees were asked about their experience of physical or psychological partner abuse both since the age of 16 and within the preceding 12 months. The findings included:

• 18% of adults who had had at least one partner since the age of 16 reported having experienced at least one form of partner abuse. The figure for women was 20.9% and for men 15.3%.

• However, in the most recent 12 months the figure for both men and women was 5%.

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Scottish journalist John Forsyth said, "To date most Government pronouncements and campaigns have insisted that male experience of partner abuse is minimal and insignificant. This data completely contradicts these assertions. It is hoped that the Government will now review their meagre support for male victims of domestic abuse and their children.

"The research has to be commended for its rigour. When asked whether they had been subject to domestic abuse since the age of 16, only 3% of men and 14% of women said yes. However, when asked to report specific conduct by a partner that falls within the definition of partner abuse, the number for men rose 5 times to 15% and for women by half to 20.9%. This is hardly surprising given the tens of millions that has been spent by successive Scottish administrations on campaigns, support services and organisations targeted at women, encouraging them to recognise and report domestic abuse. In the same period precisely nothing has been spent on efforts to encourage men to recognise and report domestic abuse."'

Attack on boyfriend included frying pan and a kitchen knife - no jail time, boyfriend elects to stay with assailant

Matt · 28 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'HAMPTON - After beating him with a frying pan and stabbing him with a kitchen knife, a Rothesay woman avoided jailtime and returned home with her victim/boyfriend.

Judge Henrik Tonning couldn't deny if the male/female roles were reversed, the penalty would likely be harsher.

Instead, he followed the joint recommendation of Crown prosecutor Kelly Winchester and defence lawyer Al Levine by sentencing Mary Lisa Joyce Carrier to a six-month conditional sentence, followed by one year's probation for assault causing bodily harm.

Carrier, 21, sat next to the boyfriend she assaulted and still lives with during her sentencing in Hampton provincial court. When she stood to be sentenced, he stood with her and often put his arm around her.
...
He said if the role was revered and it was a man who beat his girlfriend with a frying pan and then stabbed her repeatedly, he is "doubtful" the sentence would be as light.

"More likely he would be incarcerated for a significant period of time," Tonning said. "(But) I don't intend to rock the boat today."

He told Carrier to accept the support she has and get help for her issues.

"Everyone needs a little help now and then," Tonning said.

Under the conditional sentence she must abstain from alcohol and non-prescription drugs and take programs recommended by her probation officer.'

'Catcher in the Rye' author J.D. Salinger dies

Matt · 28 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

R.I.P., Mr. Salinger. Article here. Excerpt:

NEW YORK – J.D. Salinger, the legendary author, youth hero and fugitive from fame whose "The Catcher in the Rye" shocked and inspired a world he increasingly shunned, has died. He was 91.

Salinger died of natural causes at his home on Wednesday, the author's son, actor Matt Salinger, said in a statement from Salinger's longtime literary representative, Harold Ober Associates, Inc. He had lived for decades in self-imposed isolation in a small, remote house in Cornish, N.H.

"The Catcher in the Rye," with its immortal teenage protagonist, the twisted, rebellious Holden Caulfield, came out in 1951, a time of anxious, Cold War conformity and the dawn of modern adolescence. The Book-of-the-Month Club, which made "Catcher" a featured selection, advised that for "anyone who has ever brought up a son" the novel will be "a source of wonder and delight — and concern."

Enraged by all the "phonies" who make "me so depressed I go crazy," Holden soon became American literature's most famous anti-hero since Huckleberry Finn. The novel's sales are astonishing — more than 60 million copies worldwide — and its impact incalculable. Decades after publication, the book remains a defining expression of that most American of dreams: to never grow up.

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In 2000, daughter Margaret Salinger's "Dreamcatcher" portrayed the writer as an unpleasant recluse who drank his own urine and spoke in tongues. Actor Matt Salinger, the author's other child, disputed his sister's book when it came out and labeled it "gothic tales of our supposed childhood."

"He was a caring, fun, and wonderful father to me, and a tremendous grandfather to my boys," he wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press.'

NCFM: President Obama Speech Spreads More Myths About Gender Pay Gap

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National Coalition for Men: President Obama Speech Spreads More Myths About Gender Pay Gap

Obama Ignores Department of Labor Study that Proves the Gender Pay Gap A Woman's Option

In his presentation, President Obama said: "We're going to crack down on violations of equal pay laws - so that women get equal pay for an equal day's work." In stating this, says Angelucci, "President Obama helped spread the myth that the gender pay gap is due to sex discrimination."

Angelucci points to the Department of Labor (DOL) which recently funded a ***major study (.pdf file)*** on the causes of the pay gap. The results showed what earlier studies also found - the pay gap reflects women's privilege of having more options than men - to stay home full-time, or to work part-time or full-time.
...
NCFM calls on Obama to be truthful about the gender pay gap consistent with his March 2009 memo insisting on scientific integrity, and also calls on Obama to stop ignoring issues affecting men and boys. "Our elected officials should help all of us, not just women," said Angelucci. "There are still many of us who love our sons as well as our daughters."

Australia: "Call to end shared custody: Chisholm report"

Matt · 29 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A REPORT commissioned by the Rudd government recommends major changes to the controversial shared parenting law introduced by former prime minister John Howard, saying it has put women and children at risk.

The report by retired Family Court judge Richard Chisholm says the law has also set fathers up to believe they are entitled to a 50-50 time split with their children after divorce, when this was never the parliament's intention, nor part of the law. The report into family law was ordered by Attorney-General Robert McClelland, in response to the shocking death of four-year-old Melbourne girl Darcey Freeman, who was thrown to her death from the West Gate Bridge one year ago.

Her father, Arthur Freeman, is now facing a murder charge.

In launching the report yesterday, Mr McClelland said it was "motivated at least in part by the very tragic events, in the case of Darcey Freeman".'

Happening Right Now-The University of Ottawa Women's Resource Centre- Hate Speech

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Via Jeremy S.: Dated Jan 29, 1:30 AM: Captured by cellphone photography, a picture of signs in the windows to The University of Ottawa Women's Resource Centre's hate speech sent to FathersCan by a third party, via a student at Ottawa University. It's an "In the Window Now" situation. Male Students report being outraged.

FathersCan asks what would be the public and media reaction be if the wording was somewhat different and reflected a male perspective about dangers to women? The reader can use their imagination: Would a 'Men's Resource Centre' be allowed to display something akin to this (even were there to be such a resource centre, which there isn't) So, hate speech or not? Does the law allow this? Not for men.

Ed. note: One thing is to contact them and the University administration (see below). You have the "smoking gun" in the form of this picture. Sunlight, as I have said before, has a cleansing effect.

President: http://www.president.uottawa.ca/home.html
VP & Provost: http://www.uottawa.ca/vr-etudes-academic/en/
Staff positions (all kinds): http://www.president.uottawa.ca/contact-us.html

Remember, be polite!

Woman stabs man over American Idol

Stinger503 · 30 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

' ST. PETERSBURG — Police said a St. Petersburg woman took a TV dispute too far Tuesday night when she stabbed and scalded her boyfriend over "American Idol."

Police arrested Cynthia E. Bettis-Ware, 52, on a charge of first-degree attempted murder of Kevin Johnson, 47.

It happened at 11:22 p.m. at the Empress Motel, 1501 Martin Luther King St. N, which the couple listed as their permanent address, said police spokeswoman Jennifer Dawkins.'

Australia: Bushfire safety workshops - for women only

Minuteman · 30 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to media release here (.pdf file). Excerpt:

'Women in regional South Australia are being offered free basic bushfire safety skills workshops to assist them in becoming Bushfire Ready. This follows a successful pilot program offered on Eyre Peninsula in 2008.

Fiona Dunstan, Manager Community Education and Public Warnings, says “The workshops provide women with a safe non-threatening setting to learn new skills to protect their families and livelihoods, covering both information and providing practical sessions over two sessions”.

“Feedback from women who attended the previous program was excellent,” she said.'

This was reported in an article on page 8 of the Saturday, 30th January edition of Adelaide newspaper "The Advertiser" (the on-line version can only be accessed through a paid subscriber service), a rag owned by Murdoch's News Limited which recently introduced a Friday "Women's Weekly", section and no longer pretend to be anything except a glorified women's magazine.

He allegedly didn't pay child support - so murdering him is OK?

Matt · 30 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via Jeremy S.: Regarding Body in backyard is missing Fla. lottery winner's

"What is the point of including this in the article? It seems to me it is a reporter's way of biasing the reader to think that since he didn't pay child support (and has a CRIMINAL record for it), he is somehow a lower life form and hence not deserving of any pity or consideration. He is scum, therefore he deserved to be murdered. And of course we note that his purchases are enumerated too - again to bias the reader - "he had no right to any of the money anyway - he didn't pay child support so murdering him to take it away is not a big deal" seems to be the message. And also ,"Rolex from a Pawn shop".

What difference does it make where he bought it as long as he did so legally - would the reporter had said "Rolex from WalMart"? Again the implication that since he used the money to buy something from a pawn shop, he doesn't deserve to live. While I wouldn't go to a pawn shop, they are legitimate businesses and apparently one can get some fairly good bargains there.

If the murder victim had been a mother who won the lottery and the murder suspect was a man do you think the article would mention if the victim had been convicted of violating a court order by not allowing the father visitation rights? Would it mention that the mother had bought herself a car? Would it say that she had bought herself a fur coat from a Salvation Army store?

Misandry may be disguised but it is still misandry.

"Gendered approach" to international rescue and charity neither new nor limited in scope

Matt · 30 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

It seems the "gendered approach" we are hearing about regarding the efforts to help Haiti is far from new nor is it restricted to just a few charitable organizations, or ones that happen to be run or supported by feminists as such.

Take a look at care.org. I saw an ad on TV just today saying care.org was supporting relief efforts in Haiti and focusing on women and children (see the special Haiti page here). Well if they said they would be focusing on men and children they would probably guess that there would be fewer donations - and alas, they would be right. But how about just saying the people there need help and they are providing it? No, it needs to be about "women and children" - again. There are counter-examples of charitable groups not openly stating that they seek to help "women and children" - for example, Plan International USA says it seeks to help "children and their families".

They are bringing relief to places that need it. That is good. I just wish they and other such groups were at least not misandrist in their approach. I am sure men are gaining benefit as these groups assert, but via the support women are getting. But why is it that men need to be getting support via women instead of just getting it because they are human beings? I am guessing it is because people in general simply don't see men as fit targets of compassion, and neither do these relief organizations.

Maryland seeks to jack up child support obligations, based on bogus inflation rationale

Matt · 30 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill, SB 252, was just introduced in Maryland to increase child support obligations for households at most income levels – a massive 29% increase for a couple (with one child) making $3400 a month! Maryland residents, already burdened by state tax increases, now face additional burdens.

I don't live in Maryland, and I'm not divorced, so I won't be affected by the bill. But as a lawyer who has studied most states' child support guidelines, I find the economic ignorance behind the bill infuriating.

The bill is based on the bogus rationale that child support awards must go up, because inflation has increased child-rearing costs over the years. But under Maryland's existing child support guidelines, awards are based on income -- the more you make, the more you pay! So when incomes and prices rise due to inflation, so, too, do child support payments. The guidelines thus contain a built-in inflation adjustment.

Yet some Maryland officials apparently do not grasp basic economics, arguing that “today’s child support levels" are too low because they "are based on the economic realities of 1988, when a gallon of gas cost $1.08 and a first-class stamp was 22 cents.”'

UK: "Ladette Britain: Violence among women soars as record 250 are arrested every day"

Matt · 31 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Ten 'ladettes' were detained every hour for a violent crime last year - an all-time record.

Where a women is arrested she is now more likely than a man to be a suspect in cases of wounding or other assaults.

Some 88,139 women were arrested for violence over 12 months - nearly 250 every day. That is an increase of nearly 1,000 on a year earlier.

The number of men arrested for violence fell by 10,000.

It is the second straight year in which women were more likely to be held for crimes of violence than for any other offence. Shoplifting had previously led the list.

Violence against the person - a category which includes manslaughter, assault and grievous bodily harm - accounted for 35 per cent of all arrests of women. This compared with 30 per cent of arrests of men.'

CNN reports that men are openly being denied food in Haiti

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If you are like me, you have been watching the humanitarian efforts underway in Haitti with interest. It seems that the level of acceptable misandry in the world is being demonstrated in its truest form. Like a scene out of the Titanic, more and more so-called humanitarian non-profits are focusing their energies on "women and children" first. Well today this blatant misandry has reached a whole, new level where CNN has reported that food is only being distributed to women. Interestingly, CNN has actually underscored this sexism and even interviewed a man denied of life saving food. This is of small consolation though as men are being turned away to starve simply because of their gender. Excerpt:

'"The area has been extremely volatile recently with a significant increase in gang violence, but we are hopeful we will be able to reach them soon," he said.

Distribution was orderly elsewhere, Prior said.

Only women were given tickets to collect a 55 pound (25 kilogram) bag of rice per family. Forty-two metric tons of rice will be distributed each day over the next two weeks.

At Champs de Mars, the city's central plaza which has turned into a sprawling makeshift camp for the quake displaced, women formed a long line that snaked up to trucks carrying the rice.
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"Our long experience in food distribution tells us that by delivering food into the hands of women, it is more likely to be redistributed equitably among the household -- including the men," he said.

Montouroy said most men have someone -- a wife, a sister, a mother or girlfriend -- who will be able to feed them. He said it was safer to deliver the rice to the women.

But things didn't sit well with some men.

"What about me? I didn't get anything. I need food," said Johnny Sanon Stevenson. "Many people could not participate."'

CNN.com did do us one service though. They provided a list of charities that are engaging in this practice. I encourage each and every individual reading this site to contact these charities and let them know that you will not be donating any money until they no longer engage in what amounts to be gendercide:

(Click 'Read more' to see the list)

Huge Gender Degree Gap at Age 22: National Crisis, Title IX, Government Funding? Probably Not

anthony · 1 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to a report released yesterday by the BLS:

At age 22, women were more likely than men to be enrolled in college and were more likely to have received a bachelor's degree. Twenty-nine percent of women were attending college during the October when they were age 22, compared with 25.2% of men. **Moreover, 12.8% of women had earned a bachelor's degree, compared with 6.9% of men (bold added, see chart above).** *[Ed.: Chart not viewable on MANN; see the original linked article]*

MP: In other words, at age 22, there are 185.5 women holding a Bachelor's degree (or more) for every 100 men who have graduated from college. Now that's a huge gender disparity in college completion at age 22, but I predict:

1. This gender degree gap will receive almost no media attention, and certainly no attention from the gender activists.

2. There will be no calls for government studies, or increased government funding to address the problem, and nobody will refer to this gender degree gap as a "crisis."

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In other words, the standard "disparity-proves-discrimination" dogma will not be applied in this case of a huge gender imbalance in college completion by age 22, because the disparity favors women, not men. But consider what happens when the disparity favors men, and this is just one example of many:

NY Times: "Women make up 46% of the American workforce but hold just 25% of the jobs in engineering, technology and science, according to the National Science Foundation. To Sally K. Ride, a former astronaut, that persistent gender gap is a national crisis that will prove to be deeply detrimental to America's global competitiveness."'

Canada: Female sexual abusers not as rare as widely believed

anthony · 1 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WINDSOR, Ont. -- She gave him life and was the only parent he ever knew. In the way she snapped photos of him sleeping and playing happily, she was like any other adoring mother. But she also committed unspeakable acts to his little body, turning him into a human sex toy in her pornographic broadcasts.

The set of facts involving the Windsor-area mother who sexually abused her two-year-old son horrified both those involved in the case and those who'd only heard about it.

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While female sexual abusers are rare in the court system, those who deal with child sexual abuse know the woman is not unique. She may be the first Ontario woman to be jailed for making child pornography featuring her own offspring, but she's not the first mother to sexually abuse a child.

A national study released in 2005 shows that biological mothers were the perpetrators of sexual abuse in 5% of the substantiated cases investigated by child welfare authorities.

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A 2003 U.S. study questioned a random sample of adults to determine the prevalence of childhood sexual abuse. It found that of the 32% of females and 14% of males who identified themselves as victims, 9% of women and 39% of men said they had been abused by at least one female.

While figures are usually inflated, studies of male sex offenders show 45% to 50% were themselves victims of sexual abuse. Hovey is researching counselling practices for women survivors of sexual abuse to see if they should be asked if they've ever in turn abused anyone. She saw it in her private practice -- women sexually abusing children.'

Female suicide bomber kills dozens in Baghdad

anthony · 1 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Baghdad, Iraq (CNN) -- At least 41 people were killed and 106 others wounded Monday in a suicide bombing that targeted Shiite pilgrims in northeastern Baghdad, Iraq's Interior Ministry said.

The female bomber detonated her explosive vest in the middle of a procession of pilgrims in Boob al-Sham, in a predominantly Shiite area of the Iraqi capital, according to an Interior Ministry official.

The detonation took place in a tent set up to search females, according to the Baghdad Operations Command. Three volunteer female searchers were among those killed.

The attack took place amid tight security as thousands of Shiite worshipers are making their way to the holy city of Karbala, south of Baghdad, to mark the Arbaeen -- the end of the 40-day mourning period at the close of Ashura.'

Abusegate Campaign Shatters Icy Grip of DV Ms.-Information

Matt · 1 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From MANN reader Ed:

While many parts of the United States were experiencing record-setting temperatures in January, the Abusegate campaign got warmed up, launching a multi-pronged effort to break the falsehoods and lies of the domestic violence industry. The high-temperature campaign featured Op-Ed columns, radio interviews, lobbying on Capitol Hill, and internet alerts.

As a result, a Google search on the word “Abusegate” now reveals 22,800 hits.

Here’s a recap of January’s activities:

1. Op-Ed Columns
   Three major op-eds were published:
   1. Trudy Schuett: Abusegate: A Generation Deceived
   2. Carey Roberts: Abusegate: The Mother of All Scandals
   3. Barbara Kay: The Domestic Violence Industry’s War on Men
2. Radio Interviews
   Leading DV researcher Donald Dutton appeared in 10 radio interviews conducted around the United States – see listing below.
3. Lobbying on Capitol Hill
   On January 22, Abusegate campaign lobbyists went to Capitol Hill and distributed a flyer titled, “Abusegate, Investigate!”
4. Internet Alerts
   Numerous Internet Alerts were published throughout the month.

February is promising to be even bigger than January. The Abusegate campaign will continue until the Domestic Violence industry warms up to the truth of partner abuse.

(Click 'Read more' for the list of radio shows that have had commentators on this topic.)

Abusegate Awareness Campaign Goes International

Matt · 1 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From MANN reader Ed:

The domestic violence industry has established a foreboding international presence, and is now bankrolled by the United Nations UNIFEM program, Amnesty International, and other organizations.

So following an incredibly successful campaign in the United States in January, our Abusegate, Investigate! campaign is now going international. Our growing effort to expose the DV lies now includes these groups:

AUSTRALIA: One in Three Campaign: http://oneinthree.com.au/

CANADA: Fathers are Capable, Too: http://www.fact.on.ca/

INDIA: True Equality Network, India: https://sites.google.com/site/tenindiaclub/

As the Abusegate, Investigate! campaign gains momentum, we expect other groups around the world will join in our truth-telling effort.

P.S.: For your reading pleasure, see this report, "The Emperor's Clothes: How the U.N. Hides the Truth of Domestic Violence" (.pdf file)

RADAR ALERT: Massachusetts Voters Reject Nifong-Style Prosecutor

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RADAR has issued a press release regarding the recent special election in Massachusetts. Excerpt:

> Even before Democratic Senate Candidate Martha Coakley was defeated by the Republican candidate, Scott Brown, political commentators were offering explanations for her loss of popularity, ranging from a bungled campaign to the idea that the Massachusetts election was a national referendum on health care reform or the Obama agenda. One explanation that deserves more attention was recently put forward by Carey Roberts at ifeminist.net. In "Prosecution of Innocent Man Seals Martha Coakley's Defeat", Roberts argues that Coakley's role in keeping Gerald Amirault in prison played a major role in the election of Scott Brown.
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> In the early 1980s, as explained in a story by Dorothy Rabinowitz that ran in the Wall Street Journal five days before the election, Gerald Amirault had been accused of plunging "a wide-blade butcher knife into the rectum of a 4-year-old boy, which he then had trouble removing. When a teacher in the school saw him in action with the knife, she asked him what he was doing, and then told him not to do it again, a child said. On this testimony, Gerald was convicted of a rape which had, miraculously, left no mark or other injury." In 2001, when the Massachusetts Board of Pardons voted 5-0 to release him, Coakley, then District Attorney Coakley, successfully pushed for the Governor to deny commutation, which she did in 2002. Amirault spent two more years in prison before finally being paroled.

Even Consumer Reports is becoming misandrist

mens_issues · 2 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I just received the March 2010 issues of Consumer Reports. On page 44 there is an article about vacuums, and at the bottom of the page is a little blurb titled "Women do the work." Below this it says "Alas, 75 percent of women who answered our survey said they do most of the household vacuuming, compared with 45 percent of men."*

The January 2010 issue has "Why Women Pay More" on the cover, and on page 8. The article goes on to compare the price of drugstore items such as shaving cream, antiperspirant, pain reliever, eye revitalizer, body wash and razor blades. It finds that women pay "up to 50 percent more" than men for similar products due to the "perceived value" of the products.

Also, in the March 2009 issue on page 7 there is a report on American's risky behavior. One sentence says "Men were slightly more likely than women to let kids play on a trampoline; women were more apt to eat burgers well done, fasten their safety belt religiously, and - listen up , men - clean lint from the dryer after each use.

Broadview (formerly Brinks) Security's "Arrgghh bad men!" ads

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I have seen several Broadview Security ads recently. The theme is the same: a woman alone or alone with a child suddenly has her home invaded quite overtly and aggressively by a lone man who seems to know her from some place (who could that be... hmmm? An ex-bf, ex-husband, etc.) and who just plain kicks in the front door of her house but is fast deterred by a loud alarm and a phone call to the Broadview call center.

There are a few variations on the ad but they are all the same in their plot. One example is shown here with Sarah Haskins of InfoMania hitting the nail right on the head with her discussion of the foolishness of these ads. Her "Target Women" commentaries are simply not to be missed.

Contact info for Broadview is here. They don't seem to have an email address so may I suggest you call them and say you are ready to buy a security system right now. Then when they get all excited, say that on second thought since it seems based on their ads that the system is designed to protect women from intruders and so probably won't work for you, you will instead go with an ADT System, but thanks anyway... then, hang up.

Money doesn't talk, it screams.

"Gendered response" violates UN Universal Declaration on Human Rights

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I wrote this and then thought: "Hmm, we got some work to do."

The precedent of "genderizing" catastrophic relief efforts must be stopped NOW, nipped in the bud while we have any hope to do it; otherwise gender feminists who, among other means, want to see men just die off by natural disaster calamities, will start winning in their efforts.

The UN needs to know this is not going unnoticed. They are the central authority for handling trans-national relief efforts when governments are too busy or otherwise too afraid to do too much around natural disaster victims. (That would seem to describe the current state in Haiti.)

It is really very sad that this disaster now has become a political football not just for this issue but for many others. But I guarantee you if the east coast of the USA suffered the same fate, not only would that happen (ie, political football-hood) but it would be a huge international political football the likes of which has never before been seen. So there is no avoiding it.

The UN has a special sub-site for women called "WomenWatch". It is filled with discussions of how women in Haiti need all the help they can get. It is as if there are no men at all in Haiti as far as the UN is concerned! So let no one have any doubts about where the UN is on this topic. But since misandry and its related ills are to be found all over the place, we cannot let it stop us.

Contact the UN and let them know you know what is happening here and you don't like it. Contact the relief organizations that insist on "genderizing" their efforts and tell them: You know what they are doing and you will not stay silent about it. Tell your office-mates and colleagues, family and friends.

Remember (here in the US) when HIV awareness among the gay community in the 1980s was first arising, the slogan used was "Silence = Death". That is true here in no uncertain terms. Men will die in Haiti because they are men - unless the men who are not in Haiti make it clear that what these aid organizations are doing is intolerable. And make it clear to them that donations to them will not be forthcoming from you until they stop "genderizing" humanity, especially with life and death decisions.

F&F Action Alert: 'Psychology Today' praises Clara Harris' Vehicular Murder as a "Great Revenge"

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Alert here. Excerpt:

Fathers & Families is sending the protest letter below to Psychology Today via regular US mail and email. To add your signature to the letter and send it to Psychology Today, simply click here and fill out the fields.

Letter from Fathers & Families to Psychology Today:

> Kaja Perina
> Editor-in-Chief
> Psychology Today
> 115 E. 23rd St., 9th Floor
> New York, NY 10010
> 212-260-7210
>
> Dear Ms. Perina & Psychology Today:
>
> In the shockingly irresponsible article “Sweet Revenge” (Psychology Today, January/February 2010), Regina Barreca, Ph.D. praises convicted Texas killer Clara Harris for her “great moment of revenge.” The act for which Barreca praises Harris? In 2002, Harris repeatedly ran over her ex-husband David, as David’s daughter Lindsey sat in the front seat of the car begging Clara Harris not to kill her father.
>
> While Barreca praises Clara Harris, Lindsey, who loved her father and was only 16 years old at the time of the killing, publicly denounced Clara Harris for “the ultimate act of selfishness, caring only about obtaining revenge and thinking not one bit about how her horrible act was going to affect me or my brothers, Brian and Bradley. Anyone who shared my ride in the car that evening, seeing my dad’s face as he was about to be hit, and experiencing the horrible feel of the car bumping over his body would understand that this murderess deserves no sympathy.”

Ed note: Please see first comment for more details re the author of the article.

F&F also reports: "Success: Bill to Protect Disabled Parents from Family Court Abuses Passes Committee Unanimously"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Monday evening Fathers & Families issued an Action Alert in support of Arizona HB 2348, a bill to protect disabled parents from child support and alimony abuses. As usual, your response was overwhelming—we thank all those who participated.

We have just learned that the bill has passed the Arizona House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee unanimously. We thank Arizona House Member Frank Antenori, who sponsored the bill, as well as Mark Beres of the American Retirees Association and the ULSG, and Fathers & Families' legislative representative Michael Robinson, who worked with Beres. Robinson was also instrumental in the passage of a similar bill, SB 285, in California last year.

We will be following the bill as it advances through the Arizona legislature—thanks again to all of you who responded to our Action Alert and participated.'

Abusegate: Budget proposal includes increase for women's programs

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From MANN reader Ed: Today (Jan. 1) President Obama released his 2011 federal budget, which totals an eye-popping $3.83 TRILLION. To make his bank-busting proposal more palatable, the President declared his budget would impose a spending freeze on non-discretionary and non-military spending.

But wait! Turns out there's a loophole. Nine federal programs that specifically target women will see an increase, including an extra $117 million for domestic violence programs – see this Miami Herald article.

So while millions of American men are falsely accused of domestic violence each year, the programs that push these false claims will actually see a 22% increase.

Does that make sense to anyone?

Express your extreme displeasure TODAY directly to the White House – keep your message short and polite:

Email: public-at-who.eop.gov

Internet: http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact

Domestic violence czar Lynn Rosenthal: lrosenthal-at-who.eop.gov

Eve Ensler: Girl power can save the world

Broadsword · 2 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The future is "girl." Imagine girl is a cell that each of us -- boys and girls -- are born with. Imagine this girl cell is central to the evolution of our species and an assurance of the continuation of the human race.

Now imagine that a few powerful people, invested in owning this world, understood that the oppression of this cell was key to retaining their power, so they reinterpreted this cell, undermining its value and making us believe that it is weak. They initiated a process to crush, eradicate, annihilate, humiliate, belittle, censor, reduce and kill off the girl cell.

This was called patriarchy.

Imagine that girl is the part of each of us that feels compassion, empathy, passion, intensity, association, relationship, emotion, play, resistance, vulnerability, intuitive intelligence, vision.

Imagine that compassion informs wisdom. That vulnerability is our greatest strength. That emotions have inherent logic and lead to radical saving action."

Texas Woman: 'I Just Killed My Babies'

anthony · 3 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SAN ANTONIO — A 22-year-old woman stabbed her two young sons to death, then calmly held her wrists out to police officers who arrived at her home and said "I killed my babies," authorities said.

Elyse Marsyl Colon was being held Wednesday on two counts of capital murder of a child in the deaths of her sons, 3-year-old Jose Luis Garcia and 1-year-old Guillermo Garcia. Her bond was set at $2 million.

"Words can't describe the scene," San Antonio police Chief William McManus said. "It was unspeakably sad."

Colon was waiting outside her home when officers arrived Tuesday evening and put her hands behind her back as they approached, police said. When an officer asked "What happened?", Colon allegedly responded with, "I killed my babies."'

The faces of men denied food in Haiti

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Via Marc A.: To major charities like CARE and UNICEF, these men are potential criminals because they're men who might not feed their families. Never mind that many of them, if not most of them, risk their lives every day to feed their families and to rescue people in the disaster. See also: Haitian Men Told to Stay Away From Food Lines. Men are asking "What about me? I didn't get anything. I need food."

Culprits reportedly include: World Food Programme, Samaritan's Purse, Catholic Relief Services, CARE, World Vision, ACTED, Save The Children, GOAL, and ADRA

"Rising economic stress cited in domestic violence increase" leaves out male DV victims

liberty · 3 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The actions of a few criminals will shed a dark shadow across all men. Excerpt:

'The Westford man who shot his wife Monday, critically wounding her, before fatally shooting his daughter and himself is the second to allegedly kill a family member in this suburb in less than a month, and the fatal shootings are the latest in a rash of domestic killings in Massachusetts this year.

Since Jan. 9, at least five women have been killed in domestic violence. Two others were severely wounded in the total of six different incidents.

The violence has alarmed authorities and advocates for women, who point out that women's groups are reporting dramatic increases in domestic abuse in Massachusetts and across the country.

"I haven't seen this level of violence - and it's not just the homicides, it's the assaults and attempted murders - and I've been doing this for over 30 years." said Joanne Tulonen, director of the YWCA/Battered Women's Resources organization in Leominster, where a domestic dispute led to a knife attack on two women Sunday morning.'

Classroom gender de-segregation by any means - nice but a hollow victory

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Stories like this one occasionally popping up are nice to see, but bear in mind the victory is hollow. The reasons are not because the people involved have come to realize that gender segregation is wrong and they are reversing their bad ideologies, but instead, they just want to save/make money. If they could get away with it, the all-female allocations for classroom space and learning resources would be increasing, not decreasing. Excerpt:

'The Aquinas Institute and the Nazareth Schools announced a partnership today to merge student bodies into one school system.

Beginning in September, pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade classes will be held at the Nazareth Academny campus on Lake Avenue. Classes for grades 7 through 12 will be at the Aquinas Institute campus on Dewey Avenue.

The move will combine the all-female Nazareth Academy with the co-educational Aquinas Institute.'

Teen-On-Teen Girl Fights Sweeping Internet (Boys fighting not a problem, apparently)

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (CBS) - Two teenage girls went at it. Two adults allegedly watched and another minor videotaped the whole thing in Louisiana. The fight popped up on YouTube more than a week ago. Days later, in Lowell, Mass., local authorities discovered similar videos online and said local educators report about 80 percent of school fights are now girl against girl.

Some experts believe the trend is partly fueled by the Internet.

CBS 2 HD met with members of the cyber safety group "Teenangels" at The Ursuline School in New Rochelle.

"People want attention from it. They want to be on the Internet. They want to be famous and they're willing to go to any cost to do that," said Teenangel Angelina.
...
Cyber experts said it's one of the most effective ways to slow down this dangerous trend.'

List of excuses (just a start), as everyone knows, "girls don't do that sort of thing":

1. The Internet - desire to be notorious (kind of like male boxers)
2. Boys are behind it in some way for some reason or reasons
3. Pressure on girls coming from "society" is too much for them to handle so they get together and beat each other up (huh?)
4. Parents are not doing enough for the girls and the girls are beating each other up as a result (huh?)

Answer:
They need help. They need more money for special programs and funding for girls-only types of education.

There, that's it.

Hey, why doesn't anyone think boys fighting on Youtube videos isn't a "dangerous trend"?

In Maine, It Doesn’t Pay to be a Man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Practically everyone in town knows Amy Dugas is a serial batterer. But the Maine criminal justice system keeps finding ways to keep her from facing the music.

In 2004 Amy assaulted her husband Mark in their home in Waldoboro. When the police officer came to arrest her, she kicked him in the groin. The judge released her on bail, ordering her to refrain from using weapons. Four months later she stabbed Mark with a foot-long kitchen knife, fatally severing his pulmonary artery. At the trial, she got away with the trusty I-feared-for-my-life alibi.

Two years later Dugas spent 125 days in jail following an attack on a male friend. In 2007 she was arrested again, this time for assaulting Brian Pelletier, her new husband of three weeks.

Each time, Amy Dugas was let off the hook with a chivalrous slap on the wrist, even though many were demanding she do hard time at the state pen.

...

Patrick Henry College professor Stephen Baskerville has recently issued a stunning indictment of our contemporary criminal justice system, lambasting it as a “Feminist Gulag.” Now in Maine, a man can be killed in cold blood without consequence to the perpetrator, prosecuted for rape with the flimsiest of evidence, or framed in a partner dispute on account of his sex.

And whatever happened to the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution?'

The silent victims: Battered husbands

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW PERSPECTIVE: If there's anything I've learned in 10 years of advocacy for unserved victims of partner abuse, it's that men don't tell. Yes, the U.S. Dept. of Justice says there about 840,000 male victims of domestic violence each year. But those are just the ones who've reported it.

Not that the numbers really matter: What matters is that it's happening, and it's no joke.

There's a popular presumption that men should somehow be able to "control" the woman in their lives, and if they can't, then they deserve what they get. But the fact is that today a man who tries to defend himself is more likely than not to end up in jail.'

Announcing MensEnews newsletter

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The following announcement is being forwarded by RADAR on behalf of MensEnews. If you'd like to subscribe, follow the instructions below.

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MensEnews: For perhaps the first time, topics and issues vital to men are in one place. http://www.mensenews.org/ strives to improve the health and well-being of men, boys and families.

Here are just some of the news topics featured in the MensEnews

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- Child Support
- Adoption
- Child Abuse & Neglect
- Domestic Violence
- Economics of Divorce

"Penis Gluer" Gets Probation

MichaelClaymore · 4 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Remember that woman who last year glued a man's penis to his belly because she wasn't the only one he was sleeping with? She's been convicted but given no jail time - not only that, but the Judge actually admitted it was a double standard then went on to blame the man! Excerpt:

'CHILTON, Wis. -- A Wisconsin woman who tied up a cheating lover and glued his penis to his stomach said Tuesday that she didn't mean to hurt him and only overreacted because he had tried to contact her 12-year-old daughter.

Therese A. Ziemann, 48, of Menasha, said she and three other women only meant to confront the married man about his cheating ways. Her decision to grab the bottle of nail glue from her makeup bag was "a stupid spur-of-the-minute decision," she said.

"I had just found my daughter's number in his cell phone," she said outside a Calumet County courtroom. "It was just a warning from me to him, to stay away from the kids."

Ziemann, her sister, another lover and the man's wife were all sentenced Tuesday to one year probation plus community service for their roles in the revenge plot. A judge also imposed and stayed jail sentences of 60 days for Ziemann and 30 days for the other three, meaning they would only serve the jail terms if they violate the conditions of their probation.'

The Daily Show makes fun of and insults men, Warren Farrell, and men's groups

fibtastic · 4 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Jon Stewart seems to have a thing against men. He's in fine company, as you know, right there with the US gov't, the UN, and many others. One day I hope he will see the light and realize that his own sex is not so bad, or at least realize that when people talk about men, they are in fact talking about him, too. Video (dated 2/3/10) here.

Starting at 00:40 Dr. Warren Farrell is shown and roundly dismissed, openly snickered at, and with some video editing, insulted, and this, all throughout the video. (Apparently the interviewer, Samantha Bee, didn't have the courage to do it to his face). Watching the entire vid will be for most MRAs quite infuriating. Ms. Bee is openly contemptuous of the men who she is interviewing and in some places, both very crude and rude (at one point when she is in a men's circle, she asks them "when do you start to masturbate?")

I kind of feel sorry for Stewart and Bee. I don't think they realize just how many un-friends they have just made, nor realize how much in the way of bridges they have burned with this "little piece of humor". Brazenly insulting Dr. Farrell like that, editing out full comments to make them reflect partial thoughts, canning laughter over his statements, etc., all done in very bad taste to say the least. Making fun of men's groups too in that fashion also shows an unbelievable level of ignorance around what these groups do for men (and women, too), and also who is part of them.

Misandry and the Canadian media: Mother accused of murdering two sons, Canadian media tries to blame the father

Anonymous · 4 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

In recent days there has been a great deal of media coverage of the deaths of two little boys in Alberta. They appear to have been drowned by their mother who then attempted to kill herself, at least according to neighbours and the media outside of Canada. So far the RCMP and other sources have refused to comment on the investigation. The Canadian press has been flooded with stories about "domestic disputes" and "bitter custody battles" in an attempt to blame the man for this woman's alleged actions.

Women abusing, kidnapping and murdering children is nothing new, but for several days after the murders the Canadian media and RCMP have been careful never to mention the fact that the mother was accused of drowning the boys as part of a murder-suicide when a custody dispute wasn't going her way. If you wanted to learn those details, you had to visit a news outlet in Australia or the UK. If you have a moment, visit a news site and do a search for coverage of this story. Then compare the Canadian media's coverage with what's being said by media outlets elsewhere in the world.

Apple's iPad sales blamed on - lack of women on its board

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Yes, indeed. Because of the name "iPad", the implication is that it is unappealing to women because the name sounds too much like "MaxiPad" or some other kind of similar type of pad. (I recall MAD TV running with the "iPad" idea back in 2006, noting as they did that a legal pad should not be confused with the other kind of pad. The video is here but I will say it is for adult viewing only; there are reasons MAD TV airs late at night on week-ends only. Also some of you will find it offensive regardless of your age, so don't say I didn't warn you.)

Believe it or not, one Susan Estrich has actually put the lackluster debut of the Apple iPad together with this very idea to implicate Apple's failure to come up with a product that appeals to the typical female consumer (or it seems to the typical male one too, according to reports). The solution she says is to get rid of some of those men on the Apple Board (she also notes they all seem to be white), and to replace them with people other than those fitting that genderal-ethnic description. THAT will guarantee the success of a company such as Apple, which as many of us know has been in business over 30 years and has been a leader in the bringing of computers to the home and workplace.

One bad product-marketing approach (and it wouldn't be the first time - both large personal computer/operating system vendors, Apple and Microsoft, have had real flops in their histories) and it means that a shakeup of the Board is necessary to make sure that success for Apple can be guaranteed - and the way this will happen is to relieve one or more members of the Board of their positions due to their ethnicity and sex and replace them with a person or people of another ethnicity and/or sex. (And you know what, I think it's too early to call the iPad a flop. If anything if it fails to sell it will be because the iPod is competing too well with it. Either way, Apple is making money.)

Yeah, that'll fix whatever problems they may have.

Some others have comments on Ms. Estrich's column as well, critical: here and supportive: here.

Women's Studies courses are political activism, not academic scholarship

Matt · 4 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In an irate letter to the editor February 2, Penni Stewart, president of the Canadian Association of University Students, and Katherine Giroux-Bougard, national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students denounce the Post's Jan. 26 editorial expressing satisfaction with the demise of Womens's Studies programs. They are "shocked" at such an attitude, and set out to explain why Women's Studies are needed more than ever. But the letter actually vindicates the editorial, because almost every sentence in it confirms that Women's Studies are nothing more than political activism with a blackboard, not objective scholarship.

They begin with the curious statement that Women's Studies "are informed by the belief that men and women are equal," a straw statement of remarkable disingenuousness. Nobody at the Post or anywhere else considers this "a radical belief," and I, who have often publicly agreed with the Post's editorial stance, take exception to the implication that it is only Women's Studies that holds that value. All university programs, indeed our entire society believes in gender equality. Actually, our public, tax-funded institutions, our courts, our social service agencies and our charities believe in more than equality, they believe in special entitlements for women.'

Canadian police: Alberta boys victims of homicide

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two Alberta boys found dead this week in their home were victims of homicide, police said.

RCMP confirmed Wednesday that Connor and Jayden McConnell, aged 2½ and 10 months, died in their home in Millet, Alta., about 40 kilometres south of Edmonton.

The bodies of the two boys were found by their father Monday afternoon.

Investigators are not releasing the cause of death. No charges have yet been laid in connection with the deaths.
...
Court documents show that Curtis and Allyson McConnell, who got married in Australia in January 2007, separated in November 2009 and began divorce proceedings in December.

According to the documents, Allyson McConnell, 31, wanted to take the children back to her native Australia, where her family lives and where she would be entitled to government support and have better prospects of generating more income than in Canada.

In her statement of defence and counterclaim, McConnell said the father would "continue to have reasonable and generous access" to the children.

Curtis McConnell did not want his children to leave Canada.

"I am completely opposed to this, and I am fearful that she will attempt to do this without my consent or knowledge," he stated in an affidavit filed in Edmonton Court of Queen's Bench on Dec. 11.'

Man exonerated of rape conviction after 33 years in jail

Matt · 4 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Score another one for The Innocence Project! Story here. Excerpt:

'ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — A mentally ill New York man who spent nearly six years behind bars for a 1976 rape he insisted he didn't commit was exonerated Thursday after DNA testing showed he was innocent.

The conviction of Freddie Peacock of Rochester, now 60, was based on a false confession police attributed to him just hours after the early morning rape of a 24-year-old woman who lived in the same apartment building.

State Judge David Egan vacated the conviction after lawyers for Peacock and Monroe County prosecutors agreed DNA evidence obtained from the victim's underwear and from Peacock in 2008 proved he wasn't the rapist.
...
Peter Neufeld, the Innocence Project's co-director, said that with Peacock's exoneration, "New York becomes the nation's capital of false confessions."

Since 2002, 10 people in New York have been exonerated through DNA testing after false confessions or admissions led to wrongful convictions. That accounts for one-third of all DNA exonerations nationwide since 2002, the group said.
...
"Freddie didn't just happen to get wrongly convicted," Neufeld said. "It doesn't work that way. There were two police officers that questioned him and attributed a statement to him, 'I did it' — a bare bones confession at best."

The statement wasn't written down, videotaped, audiotaped or "recorded in any way and he didn't sign anything," Neufeld said in calling for mandatory recording of all serious crime interrogations in New York.'

Take a look at the local story, which shows the man's picture. Is it me or are a lot of these exonerated men also black? Seems the fastest way to get found guilty of rape on the flimsiest of evidence, aside from being male, is being black. But there is one thing everyone summarily thrown into jail and presumed guilty of any given purported crime against a female have in common: they are all men.

When was the last time you heard of a Miss A tossed into jail because a Miss B accused her of, say, stealing something from her, or indeed, of a sexual assault? Never. Not once.

"Daily Show" contact page

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Regarding the recent MANN post revealing Jon Stewart's latest salvo against his own sex: I forgot to include the comment submission link for it.

This piece of "comedy" is so insulting to men in general, MRAs, and men in mythopoetic circles, it's as if they decided to just take on everything pro-male all at once and make fun of and diminish it as much as possible within the short attention span of the typical viewer. I have a hard time thinking of any group that would be the target of such open tastelessness and crude meanness transmitted over cable TV in prime time to a wide viewing audience in this day and age.

I ask feminists this: If men as a class are as respected and damn-near worshiped as you insist we are, would a truly "patriarchal society" even be able to produce such a piece of "humor"? Can you imagine such "humor" being created about feminism or about women? Can you even suggest there is a "patriarchal society" in place that so favors men and so derides women given this sort of thing that you see?

Just what kind of energy and double-think do feminists need to use to keep up their self-delusions and to maintain the lies they tell themselves? Truly, it is mind-boggling.

US Targets Global Violence Against Women - Men noticably absent

Anonymous · 5 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Once again the media/govt male hate campaign rolls on. Shouldn't it be "violence against anybody"? Excerpt:

'US politicians have called for a $US175 million aid package to combat violence against women and girls in poorer countries such as Haiti and Afghanistan.

"Every day, too many women and girls across the globe endure horrific acts of violence," said Democratic Senator Barbara Boxer, who is backing a Bill that would make preventing violence against women central to US foreign policy.

"They are disfigured by acid, raped and beaten, or they are denied the opportunity to see a doctor."

Another supporter, Democratic Representative Bill Delahunt, said: "The nations with the worst track record in preventing violence against women are also the most unstable and are breeding grounds for terrorism."

The Bill, which enjoys cross-party support, calls for $US175 million ($A202 million) over five years to go towards developing programs to combat violence against women in as many as 20 low-income countries.'

Super Bowl Sunday, Domestic Violence & Your Health

anthony · 5 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's that time again… When Super Bowl Sunday dominates the U.S. headlines, and people plan their Sunday evenings around a get-together, party, or the game. It's also a good time to look at two stories related to Super Bowl Sunday.

The first is the largely debunked myth that domestic violence calls spike around Super Bowl Sunday and other drinking holidays of the year (like New Year's). Snopes originally tracked down the myth and showed it to be nothing more than another urban legend. Since their last update on the myth in 2005, however (and our article 4 years ago), there's been further research examining the myth.

A 2007 study by Oths & Robertson examined 2,387 crisis call records covering a previous 3-year period. They supplemented the call records with both formal and informal interviews with abused women and staff. What did they find?

> The widely held belief that more women seek shelter during "drinking holidays" such as New Year's and the Super Bowl was unsubstantiated, while the contention that women with school-aged children time their leaving to coincide with breaks in the academic schedule was supported.'

A different kind of health care reform is needed in America — how men treat themselves

Anonymous · 6 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I found it refreshing to find an article that approached the issue from multiple directions, not trying to lay the blame on any single issue. Excerpt:

'The reasons have physical, psychological, social and cultural roots. From birth, males are saddled with certain macho expectations which, combined with a misplaced sense of invincibility, ironically leaves them more vulnerable — they take big risks, are reluctant to ask for help, and won't easily admit pain or weakness.

While these factors continue to exact a heavy toll on men, women's health care has blossomed (admittedly from a low base), further widening the gender gap and sparking renewed efforts to correct a health system that is arguably under-serving half the population.'

NYTimes: Shortage of college men makes for female "victims"

Anonymous · 6 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Not that anyone would find a misandrist slant surprising at the NYT, but now they're claiming that the absence of men on university campuses is really a bigger problem for women. Why? Because the poor women *can't find dates*. Or because “girls feel pressured to do more than they’re comfortable with". Remember that this is the same newspaper that recently ran a whole slew of sympathetic articles claiming that women are only 16% of the military (also men's fault, of course). Where is the sympathetic article about the under-enrollment of men in higher education?

The author is careful to toast "female achievement" and boast about eliminating "affirmative action for boys" while happily dismissing an entire generation of men - particularly black and Hispanic men - who will experience less-than-equal opportunity.

Australia: Couple caught having sex in public, only man charged

Anonymous · 8 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

This story is another example of men being held responsible for not just their own behaviour but also that of women. SHE was on top of him, yet HE was the one that was the only one charged. HER name isn't mentioned, and I presume she wasn't charged. Unbelievable.

'A Darwin man has pleaded guilty to having sex at a petrol bowser and refusing to stop even when asked by police to do so.

The Darwin Magistrates Court has heard that 29-year-old Lionel Mark William Spratt was seen sitting with a woman in a ute parked at a bowser, near the front door of an Adelaide River petrol station last September.

The court heard the woman got out of the driver's seat and sat on his lap and he started to "passionately kiss her".

The court heard the woman was making "loud moaning noises" and moving her body in a way that indicated the pair were having sex.

Police were called and officers asked Spratt to stop what he was doing but he continued for several more minutes.

When asked why he behaved indecently in public, Spratt told police "no comment".
He will be sentenced on Wednesday.'

Glenn Sacks comment threads shut down

badgerb · 8 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Here is the link. I believe the announcement of the ending of the comment threads on Glenn Sacks has huge ramifications and should be discussed here.

UK: "Men expect women to take all the decisions"

Broadsword · 8 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Why is there an expectation that the woman will make the majority of the choices - from the minor and flippant, such as what to wear, to the more major, such as where to live?

It is as if, on top of everything else, she has to become the chief decision-maker, the 'decider.'

Studies appear to confirm that women are increasingly the dominant decision-making force in relationships.
...
Jenny, a consultant urologist, sees things from a different perspective. 'I work in a very male-oriented environment. I watch men strut about the hospital. At work, they hold all the power. Some of them clearly revel in it - they actually get off on bossing junior people, often women, about. 'But when I see them with their wives, they are completely different people. They are like little boys. They do as they're told. They ask permission to have a drink. It's as if, for a lot of them, their wives are more like their mothers than their equals.
...
One male friend said it was watching his friends change from free- spirited, independent individuals to emasculated husbands that put him off marriage. 'I would say the vast majority of my male friends are subservient to their wives.

'They'd never admit this, of course. But it's blindingly obvious. They remind me of that cartoon in which a woman is grinning manically and gripping on to her husband, saying: "Our marriage has been so successful because we are open to each other's points of view, and we always think for ourselves - isn't that right, dear?"

'The husband is nodding frantically. It's an exaggeration, obviously, but it's not too far from what I see. I am afraid of ending up like that. Which is why I've decided to give marriage a body-swerve.'"

Men and the recent Super Bowl ads

insdel2005 · 8 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I guess I wasn't the only one to notice the anti-male bias while watching the big game. Good news: the media is finally starting to report on all of the male bashing in advertising. Bad news: No one seems to think it's a problem. Straight from Yahoo's front page:

Some of the best [sic] ads skewered the male ego, with help from a tough tyke and Betty White. Watch the ads for yourself

If you're looking for the male bashing ads the main tag line is referring to, then just scroll down to the ads titled: 'Dove, Dodge, and FloTV. I don't really have a problem with Dove's advertisement. It's Dodge's and FloTV's ads that are taking a stab at men.

NOW claims DV is the ‘real issue’ with Tebow’s Super Bowl ad

anthony · 9 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. F&F covers this issue here as well. Excerpt:

'The National Organization for Women (NOW) just can’t seem to get enough of Pam and Tim Tebow. After several weeks of sweating over the likelihood of a “pro-life, anti-abortion” ad featuring the Tebows and sponsored by Focus on the Family, the president of NOW, Terry O’Neill, is claiming that the Super Bowl ad promotes domestic violence.

In the ad, Pam Tebow begins talking about the uncertainty of little Timmy’s entry into the world. Suddenly, she’s tackled by the Heisman Trophy winner and thrown off-screen. She immediately bounces back up and scolds her son, saying, “Timmy! I’m trying to tell our story here!”

So while the ad was meant to discourage women from having abortions, O’Neill – according to the Los Angeles Times – saw a much more dangerous message being promoted:

> NOW president Terry O’Neill said it glorified violence against women. “I am blown away at the celebration of the violence against women in it,” she said. “That’s what comes across to me even more strongly than the anti-abortion message. I myself am a survivor of domestic violence, and I don’t find it charming. I think CBS should be ashamed of itself.”'

Woman leaves children unattended- fire results in death, gets lesser guilty verdict, faces only 1-4 years

Matt · 9 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Nicole C. Allen wept tears of joy Monday night when she was convicted of a lesser homicide charge for causing severe burns to her three children — one of whom later died — by leaving them alone so she could buy beer.

She mouthed the words "Thank you" to a state Supreme Court jury of seven men and five women when they found her guilty of a low-level felony of criminally negligent homicide after acquitting her of a more-serious felony of second-degree manslaughter.

Allen, 22, stood and wept on the shoulder of her lawyer, Dianne C. Russell, as the verdict was announced after jurors deliberated more than 5 ½ hours.

The jury also convicted Allen of three misdemeanor counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

She faces a penalty ranging from probation to a prison term of up to 1 1/3 to four years when Justice Francis A. Affronti sentences her Feb. 23.

Had she been convicted of manslaughter, she could have received a prison term of up to five to 15 years.'

Denmark: Mothers-only school meeting attracts outrage

anthony · 9 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Politicians up in arms over school's anti-bullying meeting that is aimed only at mothers of pupils

The decision taken by a Copenhagen school to ban fathers from a parental meeting out of respect for Muslim mothers has drawn deep divides between politicians and school leaders.

Holberg School in the city's Bispebjerg district has scheduled a meeting for parents about the school's anti-bullying policy this evening. But the meeting at the multi-cultural school is mothers only, and neither Danish nor immigrant fathers of pupils have been welcomed to attend.

The invitation from the school invites mothers to attend a 'debate about bullying that includes mother talk, yummy food, coffee and cake'. They are also invited to bring their young children with them if needed, as babysitting will be provided.

School principal Søren Ellesøe told Berlingske Tidende newspaper that the school took the decision in order to reach out to a group of parents who usually don't attend parent teacher meetings.

'We have immigrant women parents in particular whose husbands believe that women should not take part in something if other men are present,' he said.

A questionnaire on the school's website undertaken by older students showed that a quarter of the school pupils come from a non-Danish ethnic background.

Chairman of the Danish Teachers' Union, Anders Bondo Christensen, is backing the decision taken by the principal.'

UK: Can love survive when a woman earns more than a man?

Broadsword · 10 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Recent figures from a large-scale government study show the number of 'breadwinner wives' - women in partnerships who earn more than their men - has soared to 19 per cent, with another 25 per cent earning the same amount as their menfolk.

...

Nikki Owen, 49, typifies this new breed of high-earning women.

A director of her own international personal development company, she comes from a well-off professional background and was brought up to believe there were no limits to what she could achieve.

Nikki first began dating her fiance Mark, 50, a customer services manager, when they were both in their teens.

But, she says, 'he dumped me because he was intimidated by my ambition'. Four years ago, both single again, they were reintroduced through friends.

In the intervening years, Nikki fast-tracked her way up the career ladder, ending up as head of her own firm 'with a huge house in Sevenoaks, a flash convertible Audi and a wardrobe full of designer labels'.

She now earns as much as five times what Mark does, with the potential to increase that even more over the coming years.

'When I recently landed a £60,000 contract, Mark's initial reaction was: "You've just earned in a month what I earn in a year!"' she says.

Marks says: 'I have to admit that if we hadn't already fallen in love and been very close after we met again, I would probably have struggled with the relationship because of her earning power.'

...

We should celebrate our achievements as women, which have been so enormous and rapid that they amount to a revolution.

But it's a very incomplete revolution - and it's time the rest of our lives caught up with our achievements at work.

If the past 40 years have been all about women entering the workforce and boosting the economy, the next 40 will be spent dealing with the social, personal and family consequences.

And that may be the hardest part of all."

UK: Study kills '1 in 10' myth of cuckolded fathers

Broadsword · 10 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Here:

'It is one of the world's most persistent myths: that one in 10 children are illegitimate without their legal fathers knowing that they have been cuckolded. Now scientists believe they have arrived at the real figure. One in 25.

Scientists analysed the Y chromosomes of 1,600 unrelated men with 40 surnames to test the idea that there could be a link between the Y chromosome and surnames, which are both passed on to boys down the male line.

For certain, uncommon surnames there was a clear association between the unique genetic markers carried on the Y chromosome with the surname, suggesting that many of the men sharing the same surname had a common male ancestor many centuries ago.

This also enabled the scientists to estimate the probability of illegitimacy among the men carrying the same surname and found that it came out at between 1 and 4 per cent.

"People often quote a figure of one in 10 for the number of people born illegitimately. Our study shows that this is likely to be an exaggeration. The real figure is more likely to be less than one in 25," said Professor Mark Jobling of Leicester University, who carried out the study with colleague Turi King.'

Mother Gets Jail Time Over Son's Last Name

Anonymous · 10 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(CN) - A mother must spend 10 days in jail for allowing her son to use his stepfather's last name in his baseball league, the Alabama Court of Appeals ruled.

As part of her divorce decree, Lisa Preston was required to have her son use the last name of her former husband, Matthew Saab, when playing sports.
...
The mother admitted that she had allowed her son to choose which last name to use. He had his first name on the back of his jersey.

The trial court found the mother guilty of five counts of criminal contempt and sentenced her to five days in jail for each count. The Alabama Court of Appeals affirmed on two counts, but reversed on the others. Preston must spend 10 days in jail -- five days each for the incorrect name on the registration and on the baseball roster, the court ruled.
...
The original sentence was 25 days, but the judges reversed the ruling on the mother's contempt charges for the clothing tags, the magazine subscription, and for allegedly not allowing sufficient telephone contact with the father.'

RADAR ALERT: Psychology Today Praises Murder of David Harris

Matt · 10 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Fathers & Families has written an excellent protest letter to Psychology Today.

RADAR asks that you add your signature to the letter and send it to Psychology Today. Please click here and fill out the form.

Thank you.

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Date of RADAR Release: February 10, 2010

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://mediaradar.org/

Phyllis Schlafly: "Obama Panders to the Feminists"

Matt · 10 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Obama presented his multitrillion dollar budget, he declared with great fanfare that he was calling for a freeze in discretionary spending. Feminists immediately had a tantrum to complain that the freeze exempted funding for the military, intelligence and homeland security.

Now we learn that all feminist programs and organizations will also be exempted from the freeze. Instead, they will get what White House spokesman Kate Bedingfield admits are "significant funding increases."

A White House document titled "Opportunity and Progress for Women and Girls" describes 15 federal programs that will receive increased funding to appease the feminists. Chief among them is the Violence Against Women project, which is targeted for a 22 percent increase, an extra $117 million more than current funding, which is already close to $1 billion a year.
...
Obama hasn't yet gone as far as Norway, which passed a law requiring that women must comprise 40 percent of all companies' corporate boards. U.S. feminists probably would like that rule — they pretend to see no hypocrisy in touting gender-neutrality while demanding affirmative action for females.

Rush Limbaugh got it right when he commented on Obama's State of the Union speech as "from the 1970s ... totally cliched." Half of American women are in the workforce today, while male unemployment is setting new records.'

Abusegate: Abusegate campaign launches web site

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From Ed: In our ongoing effort to expose the fraudulent and discriminatory practices of the domestic violence industry, our Abusegate campaign now has its own webpage on the website of Men's News Daily.

To visit the Abusegate page, go to http://mensnewsdaily.com/ and then click on the picture of the little boy covering his face with his hands (this image highlights how the DV industry exploits children by separating them from their fathers). Or you can link directly to the Abusegate page: http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/.

To leverage the visibility of this international awareness campaign, we invite you to post the words "Abusegate, Investigate!" on your website, and provide a link to http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/.

2010 is the year that we put VAWA's Pandora back in her box.

UK: Woman poisons couple with lethal substance yet is cleared of attempted murder in second instance

MichaelClaymore · 11 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A British woman has been convicted of killing her lover by lacing his curry with the 'Queen of Poisons'.
...
Ms Singh poisoned a leftover curry in the fridge of her lover's home in west London with aconite, known as the Queen of Poisons. It hasn't been used in England since 1882. The mother of three had sneaked into the couple's home to spike the food.

Mr Singh died hours after eating the curry, while his 21-year-old fiance, Gurjeet Choongh, fell violently ill but survived.

The couple ate the meal while they discussed their upcoming wedding, due to take place on Valentine's Day last year.
...
Singh was also found guilty of causing Miss Choongh grievous bodily harm with intent **but was cleared of attempted murder**.'

The Female Condom: Effective, Underused

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The FC Female Condom - effective in preventing STIs and pregnancy - was approved by the FDA in 1993. The first version consisted of a soft but strong polyurethane sheath about the same length as a male condom but with flexible rings at each end. One ring was at the closed end of the sheath and was used for insertion and to help anchor the condom in place. The other end remained outside the vagina and partially covered the external genitalia (vulva). That version didn't catch on in the U.S. - partly because it was more expensive (up to $15 for a 3-pack) and noisier than the male condom. A representative of the company told me today that a newer, less expensive version, the FC2, ($6.40 for a 3-pack retail, 82 cents a condom for the public sector) was approved in March, 2009. Right now, it is only available commercially in the U.S. at CVS stores in Washington, D.C. but it is being increasingly distributed in the public sector (e.g., clinics, health departments, NGOs). The company's main distribution is in developing countries via organizations like UNAIDS and UNFPA. PATH - the organization I visited in Seattle - has created its own version of the female condom and is introducing the product into low-resource settings.

Worldwide use of the female condom has slowly increased since 2005, when only 14 million were available. That year, the United National Population Fund (UNFPA) launched the Global Female Condom Initiative and by 2008 female condom distribution reached 35 million in 93 countries - still only a fraction of the more than 10 billion male condoms distributed worldwide every year.
...
Marketing geniuses routinely sell us all sorts of things we don't need. Here's a product the world desperately needs. Does anybody out there have any suggestions about how we can solve the barrier to entry of this highly effective barrier to entry?'

Single mom discharged, Army says

anthony · 12 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- A single mother who chose taking care of her infant over deploying to Afghanistan has been discharged, the Army said in a statement.

When her unit deployed to Afghanistan in November, Alexis Hutchinson was missing from the plane. Her lawyer said she refused to go because there was no one to take care of her then 10-month-old son, Kamani, and she feared he would be placed in foster care.

But the Army contended that the young mother and now former Army specialist had plenty of time to sort out family issues and said she could face court-martial.

The issue was resolved this week, the Army said in a statement Thursday from Fort Stewart in Georgia, where Hutchinson was training.

"The soldier will not be tried by court-martial and therefore is not at risk of receiving a federal conviction," the statement said. "She is, however, reduced to the lowest enlisted rank, private, and subject to losing other military benefits from the Army and the Department of Veterans Affairs to which soldiers who serve honorably are entitled."'

Girl, 6, Handcuffed, Committed Because Of Classroom Behavior

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Story here. When I was 6, I used to throw tantrums, too. And even though the principal's office scared the hell out of me, even if I had thrown a tantrum there, it wouldn't have been grounds for arrest by a police officer. What normally happened was I was taken (by force if necessary, such as picking me up) and removed from wherever I was and placed in my room. If I had done this at school my folks would be called and I'd be kept in a room until they arrived to take me home, which thankfully, never happened.

I see this story is yet further proof that parents in general are continuing to lose both legal and practical control of their kids.

As for men's (and boys') rights, well, stories like this are much more likely to elicit sympathy for the child given that she is a girl. As in other cases of excessive restraint use against children, I would say she is a victim of state abuse of police power as well.

Nonetheless, I remain aware of how permissive the use of all manner of punishments against boys are that are never even thought to be applied to girls behaving the same way. In this particular instance, this girl was treated as a boy would be. And in both cases, everyone should be outraged. Excerpt:

'PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. -- A Port St. Lucie first-grade student was handcuffed and committed to a mental health facility because of her classroom behavior, and her parents are furious that the school took such extreme measures.

Mickey Shalansky explained Wednesday what he said happened to his 6-year-old daughter at Parkway Elementary.

"She couldn't put her in two handcuffs because her wrists are that small, so she put them both in the same handcuff and left marks on my daughter's arms," Shalansky told WPBF 25 News' Bob Kaple.

But a St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office report paints a much different picture.

Deputies said his daughter, Haley, got upset and stormed out her classroom when her teacher asked her to do something. The report said it then escalated into a temper tantrum in the principal's office.

According to the incident report, a deputy said Haley was out of control. It said she "kicked the wall, went over to the desk and threw the calculator, electric pencil sharpener, telephone, container of writing utensils and other objects across the desk."

She was then handcuffed.

"I don't think it should have had to come to this -- you know, to put a little girl, 6 years old, 37 pounds in handcuffs and take her away in a police car," Shalansky said.'

Wonders never ceasing: Oprah looking for people sexually abused by women for her show

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Solicitation for guests here.

"When you were a child, were you sexually abused by an adult female? The Oprah Show is looking for adults who are willing to discuss the sexual abuse they suffered at the hands of a mother, aunt, family friend or other female in your life. How did the sexual abuse start and how long did it last? When did you finally start discussing the abuse? Do you think you were "groomed" by your abuser? Are you finally willing to discuss the traumatic events of your childhood and how they affected the rest of your life? Please provide as many details as possible. Respond only if you are willing to discuss this sensitive subject on nation television."

Abusegate: Next Week it's OUR Turn!

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From MANN reader, Ed:

Over the last umpteen years, the VAWA Mafia has stage-managed the public discourse on domestic violence, in the process disseminating an untold number of half-truths, misrepresentations, and lies.

Just consider all the publicity that NOW president Terry O'Neil garnered the last few days over her single remark on the Tim Tebow Super Bowl ad: "I am blown away at the celebration of the violence against women in it."

So next week, it's OUR turn to speak out!

To move the Abusegate, Investigate! campaign into the public eye, we'll be doing press releases, radio interviews, a phone-a-thon, and more. We want the public to understand the extent to which federal laws have been ignored, Constitutional protections trampled upon, and families upended.

Say it loud, say it proud: "Abusegate, Investigate!"

In the meantime, we invite you to bone up on the issue by checking out 50 Domestic Violence Myths (.pdf file).

For more information, visit: http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/.

Globe & Mail's Margaret Wente: Cheating husbands fit for whacking

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Article here. If a woman cheats, no matter what, she should never be assaulted over it, never ever, not even if she is brazen in it -- and that is a good thing; a man being so abused should just leave her without violence. (I am told that in China, men whose wives cheat on them are talked of; they are said to wear a "red hat", and people laugh at them. If anyone can say where this "red hat" image comes from, please post. And we can find many similar cultural values all over the world wherein men are "blamed" for a wife's infidelities, or in most cases, made fun of over it.)

But should a man be unfaithful though, well, he is fit for a good whacking. The offending sentence is at the end of the article, so I state it here: "I desperately hope that one of these days some humiliated spouse will whack the guy with a frying pan. I'd give good money to see that."

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Letters to the Editor: letters-at-globeandmail.com
Based on the "Other Newspaper Staff" heading text, I am also guessing the author's email at the paper is mwente-at-globeandmail.com

Excerpt:

'Toronto city politics are hardly scintillating at the best of times. So we owe a vote of thanks to Adam Giambrone, the brash young mayoral candidate who turned out to be too hot for politics. His was a textbook case of self-immolation. First, he doused himself with gasoline, and then he lit the match. By Wednesday, nothing was left but a greasy smudge on the floor of the council chamber.
...

Did Eliot Spitzer really think his encounters with expensive hookers (after a career of busting prostitution rings) would go forever undetected? Did John Edwards really figure he could keep his flaky girlfriend and their love child a secret while running for the most public job in the world? Did Mr. Giambrone never fret that Ms. Lucas (an aspiring actress, we are told) might get the least bit miffed when he broke the news to her (by text) that he was not living with his family (the excuse he gave for his failure to invite her home), but with another woman? Or that she might enjoy having her assets splashed all over Page 1?

My guess is that such men don't think about these things at all. They are such extreme narcissists (a helpful trait in politics) that no one is ever quite as real to them as they are to themselves. That includes their wives, their children and all the people who have busted their tails on their behalf.
...
Mr. Giambrone, who looked genuinely shattered at his press conference Wednesday, is even attracting a bit of sympathy (though not from me) and his long-suffering girlfriend is standing by him. I desperately hope that one of these days some humiliated spouse will whack the guy with a frying pan. I'd give good money to see that.'

NY Daily News touts "Deadbeat Dad" disparagement

Matt · 12 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Michael Lohan is a deadbeat dad.

"It's almost been a year without child support," Dina Lohan said after a closed door meeting with her ex-husband in Nassau County Family Court on Tuesday.

The parents of troubled starlet Lindsey Lohan have been squabbling over court-ordered child support payments.

It's unclear how much Michael Lohan owes, but TMZ.com reported it was more than $15,000.

"I just want him to do the right thing. I just want him to take care of his kids," Dina Lohan said after the meeting. "This isn't about us. It's about his children."'

So the Lohans (ie, Lindsay and her mother) can't get by without $15k over a year's time in addition to whatever it is they are taking in by being famous?

But we know know this isn't about the money. It's about finding ways to humiliate some guy who is undoubtedly getting dragged though the ringer in the post-divorce-go-to-court-over-everything phase. And we have the NY Daily News to thank for keeping a certain tradition of dad-bashing going, too.

Anyone ever seen a headline that reads "<Name>: Deadbeat mom <name> hasn't paid child support in nearly a year"? This is so possibly because so few women do not get custody of the kids and thus so few are required even to pay child support.

Deadbeat, indeed.

Divorced parents turning to laptops for virtual visits

Matt · 12 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpts:

'CHICAGO — Greg Baddick helped his 9-year-old daughter learn the state capitals of the Midwest.

Later, when he asked Isabella how her test went, she said she got an A-plus — although she almost forgot the answer for Nebraska.

Baddick congratulated her by Internet video link, the same way he helped her study. "I'm proud of you."

Because Baddick, a senior manager for a pharmaceutical company, is divorced from Isabella's mother, he helped his daughter study using their laptop computers and the Internet. The virtual visits are a weekly date, in addition to the in-person weekly visits and twice-monthly weekend stays. Isabella lives in Elgin, Ill.; Baddick in Chicago.

"It's been, honestly, a godsend," Baddick, 39, said. "I feel like I'm there. I don't feel like I'm missing anything."

Language added to an Illinois law this month includes virtual visitation among the rights of noncustodial parents, making it enforceable by a judge. According to the measure, parents are entitled to electronic visits unless the court believes contact would harm the child.
...
But then the father and daughter adjusted, and in recent years, they discovered virtual visitation. In the Baddicks' case, the visits aren't part of an official custody agreement, but rather worked out informally between Isabella's parents.'

Dads-at-a-distance: the farther, the better, it seems. "Contact" with dad is fine (for some) provided it is only via electrons running over metal wires.

Three killed in U. of Alabama shooting; star female professor in custody

Scottie · 13 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. It seems a female professor decided to go Rambo after being denied tenure*. Read the story quickly because I'm sure it will be shuffled to the back page in a matter of minutes. At least on CBC, the story is short, vague and understated. Excerpt:

'Three people were killed and several more injured in a shooting Friday in a science building at the University of Alabama's Huntsville campus, university officials said.

A woman was in custody, but university spokesman Ray Garner said he could not identify her or the victims. Local television stations reported she is a faculty member.

Trent Willis, chief of staff for Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, said several other people had been shot in addition to the four Garner reported, but he did not have an exact number or their conditions.'

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*Ed. note: I don't see that mentioned in the article. Possibly Scottie knows this from another source, but the article itself does not contain that as a fact.

Update (2/13/10 2:35 PM US-EST): CNN story page here. More comprehensive, mentioning tenure. But I notice that CNN, like other sites, also no longer has this piece as a main-page news article, opting instead to run a story about some lost letters of Princess Di (I preserve it here). Came and went fast, didn't it?

Race & Gender of Judges Make Enormous Differences in Rulings, Studies Find

Matt · 13 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A judge's race or gender makes for a dramatic difference in the outcome of cases they hear—at least for cases in which race and gender allegedly play a role in the conduct of the parties, according to two recent studies.

The results were the focus of a program about "Diversity on the Bench: Is the 'Wise Latina' a Myth?," sponsored by the ABA Judicial Division at the ABA Midyear Meeting in Orlando on Saturday afternoon.

In federal racial harassment cases, one study (PDF) found that plaintiffs lost just 54 percent of the time when the judge handling the case was an African-American. Yet plaintiffs lost 81 percent of the time when the judge was Hispanic, 79 percent when the judge was white, and 67 percent of the time when the judge was Asian American.
...
A second study (PDF), looked at 556 federal appellate cases involving allegations of sexual harassment or sex discrimination in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The finding: plaintiffs were at least twice as likely to win if a female judge was on the appellate panel.
...
The program took its title from a much-debated comment made years ago by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor : "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life."

The participants never answered the question of whether a Latina judge reaches better conclusions, but at least in some cases, it appears likely that she would reach a different conclusion from a white male jurist hearing the same evidence.'

"Men's Rights" Wikipedia page fleshed out nicely

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In case you haven't seen it recently:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Men%27s_rights

(URL, text only: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Men%27s_rights)

Very nice. Thanks to the author(s) thereof.

Oh yeah, that "%27" in the URL is the single apostrophe in the topic name. Without that kind of encoding, some older-version browsers won't load the page correctly. The later-version ones can handle apostrophes in the URL, so you can also try:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Men's_rights

(URL, text only: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Men's_rights)

U of Alabama shooter is the same "Amy Bishop" from 1986 news headlines

Matt · 13 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I knew I had heard that name before! Turns out she is the exact same "Amy Bishop" who shot and killed her brother back in 1986 - yet the death was deemed an accident. Read it here. And get this: **The file on that case is missing!** Excerpt:

'Bishop is the University of Alabama, Huntsville professor accused of killing three of her colleagues and wounding three others on Friday.

Braintree Police Chief Paul Frazier said the *file of the 1986 shooting which the police closed as an accidental gun discharge, is missing.*

He added that from what could be pieced together, *the police chief in 1986 ordered Bishop released even before her arrest was formalized.*
...
Bishop killed her brother with a shotgun blast in 1986 in Braintree, Mass. in what she said at the time was an accident, according to the Boston Globe and other news outlets.'

Stay tuned - skeletons are going to pop out of closets and people who thought they were safe from scrutiny over the 1986 case will now be scrambling to explain the whos and whys.

Fatherless Day, Los Angeles, 2009

MR · 14 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Technical problems, etc. withheld release of this ***Fatherless Day, Los Angeles, 2009 video***, until now.

Fathers4Justice, L.A. (F4JLA), and the National Coalition for Men, Los Angeles (NCFMLA) staged this protest last summer.

This is the downtown Los Angeles courthouse, where a number of Hollywood celebrities have had their divorces and child custody/support cases heard over the years.

Murder, Gender and Punishment

el cid · 14 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Traci Housman appears to be likely to get a light sentence or even just probation for the killing of her husband, John. What I found interesting in this article are these comments by her defense attorney, who basically admits the bias in the system. Excerpt:

'Traci Housman originally was charged with second-degree murder in the stabbing death of John Housman, and a conviction could have sent her to prison for between 10 to 32 years in prison. Criminally negligent homicide, which is a lesser offense that comes with a sentencing range between one and three years in prison, requires that a person failed to perceive the risk of their actions.

Housman's public defender Matthew Connell said he plans to ask for a probation sentence because Housman was "defending herself."
...
According to police, Housman stabbed her husband once in the chest with a kitchen knife during an altercation in their 2994 23rd St. home early on Aug. 2. Housman told investigators that they had been drinking on the Pearl Street Mall earlier in the night and ended up at a nearby sushi restaurant, where John Housman started telling people, "I'm gay," according to a police report.
...

Denver defense attorney Scott Robinson said that more often than not a person who commits a criminal act that causes someone else to die ends up in prison. However, he said, because this is a domestic violence case and because Housman has been in the Boulder County Jail since August, she could have a shot at a probation sentence.

Traci Housman told detectives that her husband had told her years ago that he was bisexual, and she had no problem with it. But, according to police, she told him that night "that it was disrespectful for him to announce this to everyone since they were married."
...
"The fact that there was a single blow certainly supports this being self-defense," Robinson said, adding that women in cases like this statistically receive less severe sentences than men. "Gender issues certainly play a part in the sentencing of domestic violence cases."'

Wife of Murdered Olympic Medalist Arrested (for murdering her husband)

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Story here. Excerpt:

'OXNARD, Calif. — The wife of an Olympic shot put medalist gunned down in his Southern California back yard last summer was arrested Saturday in the homicide case, authorities said.

Jane Laut, 52, was detained during a traffic stop Saturday morning on a warrant issued earlier in the week, Oxnard police said in a written statement.

Her husband David Laut, who won a bronze medal in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, was shot several times in the head on the night of Aug. 28 in their yard in Oxnard, a coastal city 60 miles northwest of Los Angeles. He was declared dead at the scene.

Jane Laut's attorney called it a "self-defense case," apparently contradicting police reports of her statements at the time of the killing.

Jane Laut had told investigators immediately after the shooting that he went to the backyard to check out suspicious sounds, and she heard shots fired, police said. Police initially said Laut may have been killed by prowlers, but a few days later said the killing was not random.

She was being held on $3 million bail in Ventura County Jail.'

Alleged University Shooter Was Suspect in Harvard Professor Bomb Attempt

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Alabama professor accused of shooting six colleagues was a suspect in the attempted mail bombing of a Harvard Medical School professor in December of 1993, the Boston Globe reported.

Amy Bishop and her husband James Anderson were questioned by authorities after a package with two bombs were sent to Dr. Paul Rosenberg, the newspaper reported.

When Rosenberg saw the long, thin package had wires and a cylinder inside, he and his wife called police and ran from their Newton, Mass. home Dec. 19, 1993, the Globe reported.

Two 6-inch pipe bombs connected to two nine-volt batteries were found in the package.

The new information comes a day after information surfaced that Bishop killed her brother. The 1986 shooting was ruled accidental and no charges were filed against her.'

1986 Mass. State Police investigative review report on fratricide by Amy Bishop surfaces

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Fox shows it here. I have some questions about this report and I put them in the first comment of the story. Excerpt:

'To: First Assistant District Attorney John P. Kivlan
From: Trooper Brian L. Howe #1332 BLH
Subject: Accidental Shooting of Seth Bishop, White Male,
D.O.B. 4/9/68 At 46 Hollis Avenue, Braintree, Massachusetts on December 6, 1986.
Case: # 86-112-0910-0185

On December 6, 1986, this officer was directed by Detective Lieutenant James Sharkey to conduct an investigation into the fatal shooting of Seth Bishop at his residence of 46 Hollis Avenue in the Town of Braintree.

This officer contacted Captain Theodore Buker of the Braintree Police Department and was informed by Captain Buker that at approximately 1422 hours on December 6, 1986, the Braintree Police Department had responded to the report of a shooting a 46 Hollis Avenue in their town.

Upon arriving at the location, Officers Jordan and Murphy had observed the decedent lying on his back on the floor in a pool of blood in the kitchen area, with a large chest wound.
...
Captain Buker stated that preliminary investigation conducted by Officers Jordan and Murphy indicated that the victim had been shot by his sister, Amy Bishop (age 19), and that apparent cause of the gunshot discharge into the victim had been accidental in nature. Captain Buker further stated that indications were that Amy Bishop had been attempting to manipulate the shotgun and had subsequently brought the gun downstairs in an attempt to gain assistance from her mother in disarming the weapon.'

A father's search for the truth

ItsDan · 15 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Amazing story of a father who spent months trying to find his child after it's mother abandoned the newborn in a church in another country. Excerpt:

"Across an ocean, 28-year-old Brandon Henry was on a quest for answers of his own. He no longer believed his girlfriend's story that their baby died at birth last summer at a Sugar Land hospital.
...
That's when Stephanie Chavarria confessed to leaving the child in Florence while vacationing with her parents, police said. “She told me she gave birth in the hotel bathroom,” Henry said. “Then, not knowing what else to do, she'd gone into a church to pray. She wanted help but nobody spoke English. So she just left him there.
...
After a DNA analysis proved Henry was indeed the father, he was finally permitted to see his son, who was 3 months old by then.
...
Henry remains grateful for every kiss — and the nuns' prayers that he credits for helping to get his son home."

Another Time When Amy Bishop Should Have Been Charged

redwoodwriter · 16 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It now surfaces that Amy Bishop pulled a shotgun on a Tom Petttigrew some 20+ years ago. She threatened him and his friend with the gun, and was later surrounded by and arrested by the police. Again she was given the pass, and no charges were pressed. How many times do we give women "the pass"? It turns out that the criminal justice system gave this woman the pass again and again. And now three are dead at the University of Alabama, and two more critically wounded and in the hospital. Is this what comes from letting women get away with things, not holding them responsible for their actions, not treating them as adults? This is, after all, what modern feminism is advocating, that women have all the power to do things like this, but none of the responsibilities that go along with being an adult. Note that this story also indicates that the shooting of her brother was probably intentional, because she is, in this story, looking for a get-away car.

From the story:

"Shortly after fatally shooting her brother in 1986, Amy Bishop held two men at gunpoint and demanded a getaway car at an auto repair shop near her family's Braintree home, according to one of the men involved.

Carrying a shotgun by her side, a 21-year-old Bishop walked intently across a car lot into the adjacent storefront, where she began searching for car keys. Coming down from the second floor, she was heading toward the garage when she ran into Tom Pettigrew and a friend, who had spotted her in the parking lot and came to investigate.

Her gun hit me in the chest," Pettigrew, 45, recalled from his Quincy apartment. "I yelled, 'What are you doing?' and she screamed at me to put my hands up. So I put my hands up."

On Friday, Bishop, a biology professor at the University of Alabama, allegedly opened fire at a faculty meeting, killing three colleagues and wounding three others. Investigators soon discovered that Bishop had killed her younger brother in 1986 with a shotgun, a shooting that was ruled accidental."

F&F Campaign: Ask DSM to Include Parental Alienation in Upcoming Edition

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Article here. Excerpt:

Round 2–We've Made Progress, but Need Your Participation Again
(Update, 2/16/10)

Fathers & Families wants to ensure that the DSM-5 Task Force is aware of the scope and severity of Parental Alienation. To this end, in December we asked our supporters to write the Task Force to urge them to consider including Parental Alienation Disorder in DSM-5. As usual, your response was overwhelming. It also helped lead to progress–while as expected the newly-released draft version does not specifically include Parental Alienation Disorder, the DSM-5 Task Force has now listed Parental Alienation Disorder among the "Conditions Proposed by Outside Sources... that are still under consideration by the work groups."

The Task Force says it "welcome[s] your comments on whether available evidence indicates that the following [disorders] should be included in DSM-5." Fathers & Families is asking its supporters to write to the Task Force and again emphasize that Parental Alienation Disorder is a large-scale problem–to do so, please click here.

Accused Alabama Shooter Fought With Neighbors, Told Family She Was Stalked

anthony · 17 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Accused Alabama shooter Amy Bishop screamed and cursed at children, instigating confrontations with their parents, according to former neighbors who painted a frightening portrait of an woman accused of a killing rampage.

Former Massachusetts neighbors described the brilliant scientist as a woman who 15 years ago had "face-to-face, nose-to-nose confrontations" over evening basketball games, skateboarders and even whether an ice cream truck would be allowed on the child-friendly street.
...
Schizophrenia can be marked by social isolation, odd behavior, "strange disordered" thinking and speaking, poor hygiene and lack of friends, according to Galynker.

Often people don't notice signs until more serious symptoms emerge.

"Brilliant scientists are supposed to be crazy," he told ABCNews.com.
...
Ochberg, who is an expert in psychopathic predators and mass shootings, said female shooters are rare, but he admits, "mothers have done tragic things. They have killed their kids."

"In general being a woman and a mother makes you more in tune with your feelings, more nurturing and sympathetic," said Ochberg. "I believe men are from Mars and women are from Venus, but some women are from Mars."'

Sorority Hazing Increasingly Violent, Disturbing

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Joanne said she had to stand silently with her nose touching a cold, dirty wall while her potential sorority sisters screamed that she wasn't worth their time. If the pledges moved at all, Joanne said, one of the four Penn State Altoona sorority members would shove their heads into the concrete bricks until they had lumps or bruises.

Even now, Joanne said, a year later, she still gets harassed by her former sorority sisters, which is why she asked that her real name not be used. When she first decided to pledge as freshman, and eventually join, a sorority at Penn State-Altoona, Joanne had hoped for the comfortable camaraderie of a close-knit group of friends; not "the semester from hell."

"One night the sisters made us cook them dinner," she said. "Since I obviously wasn't into cooking and then cleaning their dishes, the sisters forced me to clean the kitchen floor. I didn't have any gloves and they would tell me to do it again until it was spotless. I used my fingernails to scrub the ground.'

Students Complained About Ala. Professor Charged in Shooting

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Students said they signed a petition and complained to no avail about the classroom conduct of a professor accused of killing three colleagues and wounding three others in a shooting rampage at a faculty meeting.

The students upset with biology professor Amy Bishop told The Associated Press they went to administrators at the University of Alabama in Huntsville at least three times a year ago, complaining that she was ineffective in the classroom and had odd, unsettling ways.
...
"The whole incident was just stupid," Bishop's husband, James Anderson, said Wednesday.

Asked if he was referring to his wife's actions, he said: "Everything."

"It was way overblown," he said. "Someone trying to make something out of nothing."

He also defended his wife's teaching, saying the "vast majority" of students were happy with her. He said his wife taught the "cut course" for nursing students, who would either go on toward a degree or quit the program based on how they did in her class.'

Abusegate: Groups Call for Congressional Investigation of Domestic Violence Programs

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Report here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 / U.S. Newswire / — Twenty-two groups are calling for Congress to investigate allegations of widespread violations of federal law and constitutional protections by domestic violence programs, according to Men's News Daily. The names of the groups requesting the probe are listed here: http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/?p=58

Two federal laws — the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 — prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex. But an authoritative report documents continued bias against male victims of domestic violence: http://www.radarsvcs.org/docs/RADARreport-VAWA-Discriminates-Against-Males.pdf'

Related action item:
IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS: Tell Sen. Hatch to "Investigate Abusegate!"

Domestic Violence-Time For a Change

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What do Chris Brown, Ike Turner, and OJ Simpson have in common? They are all famous men who beat their wives. Chris Brown's case got maximum exposure on Oprah, Ike Turner was vilified in a movie, OJ got all day/every day coverage at his murder trial. Our ability to remember them as examples of "wife beaters" is called the availability heuristic- we develop these associations largely from high profile media events. Since an availability heuristic- the examples of domestic violence we can call to mind-shapes our beliefs and judgments about an issue like domestic violence, the question is raised whether these media examples are representative of typical domestic violence. The answer is that they are not. They mis- represent domestic violence in three ways by making the perpetrators appear to always be black, male and acting alone.

Reality bites- when large sample victim surveys that ask about domestic violence are done, a very different picture emerges. In the first place, domestic violence is not more common in black relationships than white or other racial groups. Perhaps more surprisingly, the stereotype of the male as a bully and the female as hapless victim is not supported by the data. Surveys from 1989 to 2007 keep finding the same thing; the most common form of domestic violence is two -way- both partners assault each other at about the same level of severity. Women are hurt somewhat more but only somewhat- men get hurt too for the obvious reason that everyday weapons get used, knives, frying pans, and boiling water, amongst other things.'

Australia: MHA says Minister misleads Parliament on domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A leading men's health organisation today claimed that the Minister for the Status of Women, Hon Gail Gago MLC, misled Parliament by maintaining that false statistics on the Government's Don't Cross the Line anti-violence campaign website are accurate.

Men's Health Australia also lodged an official complaint with the Ombudsman last Thursday after five months of attempting to draw the Minister's attention to the major statistical errors on the website. The complaint alleges that the Office for Women acted unreasonably by publishing and not correcting this false and misleading information.

Men's Health Australia spokesman Greg Andresen said, "The Facts and Stats page of the website is extremely misleading to the public. It clearly inflates statistics about domestic violence against women while understating statistics about domestic violence against men."'

Duke lacrosse accuser charged with attempted murder, arson

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Durham, N.C. — Durham police arrested Duke lacrosse accuser Crystal Gale Mangum, 33, late Wednesday after she allegedly assaulted her boyfriend, set his clothes on fire in a bathtub and threatened to stab him.

Her bond was set at $1 million. Mangum has been appointed a public defender and is scheduled to appear in court on Feb. 22.

Police charged her with attempted first-degree murder, five counts of arson, assault and battery, communicating threats, three counts of misdemeanor child abuse, injury to personal property, identity theft and resisting a public officer.
...
When officers arrived, they found Mangum and her boyfriend, Milton Walker, 33, fighting. According to police documents, Mangum scratched, punched and threw objects at Walker and told him, "I'm going to stab you, (expletive)!"

She then went into a bathroom and set his clothes on fire in the bathtub, police said. Officers called the fire department to put out the flames. No one was injured.

Milton was not charged in the incident, police said. The three children inside the house, ages 3, 9 and 10, were not injured.
...

Mangum is the author of the memoir "Last Dance for Grace." She was a student at North Carolina Central University in 2006 and also worked as an exotic dancer when she performed at the now infamous Duke lacrosse party.

It was there, she claimed, that three white members of the team trapped her inside a bathroom and raped and sexually assaulted her. The three players were indicted on rape and other charges on the basis of her allegations and were eventually exonerated after North Carolina's attorney general dismissed the case.'

"Circumcision ring cuts AIDS risk in Africa"

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Article here. I guess the MSN pro-male-genital-mutilation-and-junk-science shills decided the momentum around MGM in Africa had died down a bit too much and so they had to resurrect it. A "new invention" it seems has been uncorked that slowly and effortlessly mutilates a man's penis all in the name of creating a false sense of security for everyone that having "unprotected sex" will now no longer place one at risk of getting HIV. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is financing it, too (which should come as no surprise since MSN is owned by the Gateses... well, eventually, several rings up the corporate ownership ladder). Excerpt:

'The most powerful force against AIDS in Africa may be circumcision, a procedure that's easily done in the developed world. But it's a challenge on a continent where there are too few medical workers and a reluctance by men for cultural reasons and fear of pain.

Now there may be a new weapon in the arsenal — a ring-shaped device that is mostly painless and requires less time for health workers.

The Chinese-developed device, the ShangRing, has been tested in a small study in Kenya and a larger test is set for later this year. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will invest about $4 million into studying the device.

The drawback is that men must wear the ShangRing for 10 days, but at least one man who tried it found it surprisingly painless.'

Contact info for the Gates Foundation is here should you be inclined to voice your disapproval.

Geraldo Rivera defends assault on Tiger Woods

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At around 2:10 PM EST, I happened to be watching a FOX News interview regarding Tiger Woods' recent public apology/statement. At around 2:20, the interviewee, Geraldo Rivera, who up until then had been speaking pretty cogently on the public relations and interpersonal implications of the statement, suddenly seemed to malfunction. He stated that, as a "clean ex-cheater" now for 10 years, and having had a tooth knocked out of his head by an angry ex-wife, he understands why Mrs. Woods may have attacked her husband as she did and indeed, it was "natural for a woman to react that way," and thus no one should blame her for that.

I will see when the interview is available on-line and wonder just when a woman will one day, if ever, make a similar statement on a national news program that has the sexes reversed and not elicit condemnation from one and all. I doubt in fact we will ever hear such a thing, and I would agree that that is good. But it's bad when we hear the kinds of things Mr. Rivera said.

No excuses for domestic violence, Mr. Rivera, despite your unresolved guilt issues that allow you to just wave it off. No excuses.

Abusegate Round 2: In the next 24 hours, Call your Representative in Congress

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From Ed:

This Thursday and Friday, our crack team of VAWA-reform lobbyists will be visiting Capitol Hill. To maximize their chances of success, please dial 1-202-224-3121 and ask to be connected to your Representative's office.

Tell the receptionist your Name, City, and these words: "Investigate Abusegate!" Tell them to probe the corruption and fraud of the domestic violence industry.

Please place the call within 24 hours of reading this message.

Not sure who your Representative is? When you call 1-202-224-3121, just tell the person your Zip code.

Update sent by separate note:

Today a group of our VAWA-reform lobbyists stormed Capitol Hill, holding meetings with staffers and distributing flyers, which can be seen here:

Mandatory arrest/Predominant aggressor: http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/?p=73

International VAWA: http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/?p=72

It's not too late to call your Representative and urge them to "Investigate Abusegate!" If you already made the call, THANK YOU!!

Abusegate: Teaching Women to Falsely Accuse

Matt · 19 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'False accusations of rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence are not an anomaly.

Sociologist Eugene Kanin did two studies of rape claims among university students. The first found a 50% false accusation rate, the second reported 41% of women later recanted their stories.

Studies of domestic violence accusations paint a similar picture.

One analysis of protective orders in West Virginia found seven of 10 orders were unnecessary or false. A Massachusetts inquiry found over half of protective order petitions did not even allege physical abuse.
...
Lawyers are well aware of the problem. Elaine Epstein, former president of the Massachusetts Bar Association, revealed, "Everyone knows that restraining orders and orders to vacate are granted to virtually all who apply." And Casey Gwinn, a nationally-known domestic violence prosecutor, admits, "If we prosecuted everybody for perjury that gets on a witness stand and changes their story, everybody would go to jail."

The federal Violence Against Women Act — VAWA — bears much of the responsibility for this legal travesty. VAWA teaches women to bear false witness in five ways:

First, VAWA subscribes to the dubious proposition that any slight — physical, psychological, or financial — is a form of "violence." That includes raising your voice, furrowing your brow, even sticking out your tongue. In most states, any woman who claims to be "fearful" — no evidence required — is entitled to a protective order.
...
Fifth, there are no penalties for women who manipulate the system. If a woman wants to make a man's life miserable, she can keep going back to the courthouse, rehashing her sob-story about being "harassed" or "stalked" or "abused." No evidence is required, not even an allegation of actual violence.'

RADAR ALERT: New Jersey Supreme Court OKs Issuing Restraining Orders Based On Lowest Standard Of Proof

Matt · 19 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Bad news!

The Supreme Court of New Jersey upheld the appellate decision in Crespo v. Crespo that found the New Jersey Prevention of Domestic Violence Act constitutional. The Supreme Court decision is cursory. They state initially that "The judgment of the Appellate Division is affirmed substantially for the reasons expressed in the thorough opinion by Judge Fisher." They then quickly summarize the appellate decision. They only add the observation that the issue of whether the Second Amendment right to own a gun applies to the States is presently pending before the United States Supreme Court, and then state that they "need not reach that point because the right to possess firearms clearly may be subject to reasonable limitations," thus implying that even if New Jersey has to respect gun rights, New Jersey taking away the gun rights of someone pursuant to the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act constitutes a reasonable limitation.

A syllabus the of the decision can be found here (.pdf).

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Date of RADAR Release: Febuary 19, 2010

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://www.mediaradar.org

F4J Canada takes action at Olympics

Matt · 20 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via Jeremy S.:

Greetings everyone,

The Lions Gate Bridge Action that occurred on Feb.17, 2010 in Vancouver, BC during the Winter Olympics may now be reviewed on the Action site directly at http://www.f4jcanada.com/BCPages/F4J_Canada_Olympic_Action_BC.html

There are many pictures, links to news coverage and a video clip from the Outlook News on the North Shore - Enjoy. I have also included a couple of more pictures with this message.

Cheers: Rob Robinson - NAC - Fathers 4 Justice Canada

Ed. note: The page has an embedded song file that plays "Eye of the Tiger". Personally, I love this song, and it is worth it to wait for the page a few extra seconds to load. But if you'd rather not listen to it, you should disable embedded media in your browser before opening this page. For Firefox, use this Add-on. For IE, I have learned disabling attempts often fail, so it's better to disable your sound-out before loading a page with sound media in it.

Female Indian minister wants lower tax rates for women

arindamp · 21 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here This is the feminist version of gender equality! Excerpt:

"NEW DELHI: Recognising that financial independence is the only way to effective gender empowerment, the government has started thinking beyond the age-old fiscal incentive of a higher threshold for taxable income for women. It is now considering demands from women' rights groups for a differential tax rate for women.

This boldness in gender budgeting was enunciated to TOI by women and child development minister Krishna Tirath. She said the ministry could endorse the women rights' groups demand for a lower tax rate for women. ``It is a serious factor in empowering working women. After all, it is a woman's income that directly impacts the living standard and health of her family and children's nutritional levels,'' she said."

The right to be a father - short documentary on YouTube - entry in an Amnesty International contest

Anonymous · 21 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Language: Swedish
Subs: English (slightly misspelled but understandable)

Featuring Swedish blogger Daddy and Mr. Markus Ollikainen from Pappamanualen.se

Clip here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqSA81b1d1Y

Story submitted by Ulf Andersson of PappaRättsGruppen (http://www.dads-r-us.se/), a Fathers Rights Group in Sweden

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India: One married man commits suicide every 9 min

webdigr · 22 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New Delhi: Family problems, illness, love affairs, bankruptcy identified as top causes

Is the mounting burden of responsibilities driving men to the end of their tether? Numbers suggest so.

In India, one married man commits suicide every nine minutes. Of the total 1,25,017 cases of suicide in 2008, married men alone accounted for 57,639. While the number of women taking the extreme step did not lag far behind, men appeared more vulnerable to mounting social and economic pressures. In the case of women, the trigger was more emotional and personal.

The overall male-female ratio of suicide victims for the year 2008 was 64:36, according to the latest data of the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB). The general scene is much grimmer. Suicides in 2008 registered a decadal growth of 19.4% compared to 1998, the figures say. They also reveal a year-on-year rise of 1.9% compared to the 2007 numbers — 1,22,637.

The overall increase in cases involving women was 355 in two years while it was 2,187 among men. The increase in suicide among men is six times more than that of women. "Every nine minutes a married man is committing suicide in India. Are we ignoring our men too much or burdening them with too many responsibilities?" said Virag Dhulia of the Save Family Foundation, an organisation fighting for harassed husbands.'

Sen. Evan Bayh: Political Gridlock Caused By 'Testosterone Poisoning'

anthony · 22 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Washington (CNN) – Disenchanted Democratic Sen. Evan Bayh on Sunday blamed "tribal" politics for the gridlock that is paralyzing Capitol Hill.

"Our politics in Congress has become tribal in some ways. We have the tribe of the Democrats and tribe of the Republicans," Bayh said, appearing on CNN's State of the Union with Democrat Jon Corzine, a former New Jersey governor and senator, and Republican Susan Molinari, a former House member from New York.

In discussing partisanship, Molinari said that "women have a tendency to band together a little bit more than the men."

Bayh interjected: "It's testosterone poisoning; it's not our fault."

"You said it. I didn't," Molinari joked in response.'

RADAR ALERT: NOW President's Comment Goofier Than Tebow's Superbowl Ad

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Love him or hate him, controversial talk show host Rush Limbaugh has it right when it comes to the expanding definition of domestic violence.

During the Superbowl, University of Florida quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow and his mother ran an issue ad opposing abortion. In the ad, Tebow's mother talks about how difficult her pregnancy was and how she had to be tough when Tebow suddenly tackles her. Only then do you realize the difficult pregnancy was that of her son, Tim Tebow.

The ad attempts to be goofy and funny, in sharp contrast to the expectations of those who knew the ad was coming. The reaction of NOW president Terry O'Neill, however, was even more startling: "I am blown away at the celebration of the violence against women in it. That's what comes across to me even more strongly than the anti-abortion message. I myself am a survivor of domestic violence, and I don't find it charming. I think CBS should be ashamed of itself."

The Monday following the Superbowl, Limbaugh riffed:

> "Did you see the ad, Snerdley? What happened, if you didn't see the sound effect there, Tim Tebow tackled his own mom, looked like bam, she got tackled and then she pops back up. The ad then directed everybody to the Focus on the Family website where the story would be explained. So what do you think the reaction to this ad is today by the NAGs? (interruption) No. No. They are so livid because it glorified violence against women. NAG President Terry O'Neill said it glorified violence against women when Tim Tebow ostensibly tackled his own mother."

Washington Post: For women in America, equality is still an illusion

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Because despite the indisputable gains over the years, women are still being raped, trafficked, violated and discriminated against -- not just in the rest of the world, but here in the United States. And though feminists continue to fight gender injustices, most people seem to think that outside of a few lingering battles, the work of the women's movement is done.

It's time to stop fooling ourselves. For all our "empowered" rhetoric, women in this country aren't doing nearly as well as we'd like to think.
...
The distressing statistics don't stop with violence: Women hold 17 percent of the seats in Congress; abortion is legal, but more than 85 percent of counties in the United States have no provider; women work outside the home, but they make about 76 cents to a man's dollar and make up the majority of Americans living in poverty.

This is a far cry from progress; it's an epidemic of sexism. So where's the outrage? When my co-bloggers and I write at Feministing.com about the hurdles American women face, a common criticism is that if we cared about women's rights, we'd focus on countries where women are actually oppressed -- that women here have it too good to complain. When I speak on college campuses, I'm sometimes asked the same question (generally by a male student): What are you complaining about? Women are doing terrific!'

Canada: It is not just women who are the victims of spousal violence

Anonymous · 23 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

This is a very rare event for this type of article to be posted at cbc.ca This is a positive signal of change in the mainstream media that has largely ignored this issue. Excerpt:

"In the almost 40 years since the first shelter for battered women opened its doors, we have made noticeable progress in dealing with and denouncing domestic violence.

Nevertheless, much still needs to be done and the biggest challenge, in my view, is what to do about men.

Not men as perpetrators — there we seem to have a handle on things. Rather, I'm talking about the hundred thousand or so confirmed male victims who are, often violently, abused by their female partners every year."

Reid: 'Men, when they're out of work, tend to become abusive'

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Article here. As one commenter posted at the thehill.com site, Mr. Reid, it seems is likely to become 'more abusive' soon enough, as he too shall soon be out of a job. Good riddance. Excerpt:

'Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) suggested Monday that domestic violence by men has increased due to U.S. joblessness.

Reid, speaking in the midst of a Senate debate over whether to pass a $15 billion package meant to spur job creation, appeared to argue that joblessness would lead to more domestic violence.

"I met with some people while I was home dealing with domestic abuse. It has gotten out of hand," Reid said on the Senate floor. "Why? Men don't have jobs."

Reid said that the effects of joblessness on domestic violence were especially pronounced among men, because, Reid said, women tend to be less abusive.

"Women don't have jobs either, but women aren’t abusive, most of the time," he said.

"Men, when they're out of work, tend to become abusive," the majority leader added. "Our domestic crisis shelters in Nevada are jammed.”'

RADAR ALERT: Senator Reid Plays the Domestic Violence Card

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Yesterday Senator Harry Reid made the following comments in support of a supposed jobs bill.

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Contrary to Reid's politically-convenient claims, reputable researchers have found time and time again that women perpetrate domestic violence at rates comparable to that of men.

Researchers from the CDC have found that in half of all relationships in which violence occurs, the violence is reciprocal. And surprisingly, "in nonreciprocally violent relationships, women were the perpetrators in more than 70% of the cases."

The Reid Rant: Let the Outrage Begin!

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From MANN reader Ed:

Yesterday, Sen. Reid stated on the Senate floor, “Men don't have jobs. Women don't have jobs either, but women aren't abusive, most of the time. Men when they're out of work tend to become abusive."

So today, we are calling for a BLIZZARD of complaints to Sen. Reid’s office, demanding he apologize for his sexist remark. Here’s the contact info:

Telephone: 1-202-224-3542
Internet: http://reid.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm
Fax: 1-202-224-7327

Ed

PRESS RELEASE:

Contact: Trudy Schuett
Groups Demand Sen. Harry Reid Apologize for Sexist Remarks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 / U.S. Newswire / -- Groups are calling for Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada to apologize for sexist remarks made yesterday, according to Men’s News Daily. Reid’s comments served to stereotype men as “abusive,” while ignoring the well-established scientific fact that men and women in partner relationships are equally likely to be violent.

Reid’s remarks on the Senate floor can be seen here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTc8X9AJpmE

Over 250 scholarly studies show women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their male partners, according to Martin Fiebert, professor of psychology at California State University.

“Senator Reid's bizarre and unfounded statement reveals an unimaginable disconnect from the millions of unemployed Americans who are not abusive. These persons are understandably frightened about their futures and the security of their families,” notes Paul Elam, editor-in-chief of Mensnewsdaily.com. “Mr. Reid needs to apologize immediately.”

Numerous political leaders have highlighted the existence of male victims of domestic violence:

-- “Domestic violence touches the lives of Americans of all ages, leaving a devastating impact on women, men, and children of every background and circumstance.” -- President Barack Obama

-- “Domestic violence cuts across all races, all income brackets, all levels of education – and both sexes.” -- Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell

-- “When we think of domestic violence, we think of the women as being the victims. But it’s also men victimized as well.” -- Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL)

The “Abusegate, Investigate!” campaign is requesting the government launch a probe into the widespread fraudulent and illegal practices of the domestic violence industry: http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/.

Many believe current domestic violence laws unduly infringe on Americans’ civil liberties. The Washington Civil Rights Council has termed domestic violence programs the “biggest civil rights roll-back since [the] Jim Crow era.” http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20091013/OPINION03/710139998

The following 16 groups are demanding that Sen. Reid issue an apology for his sexist statement: African-Americans for VAWA Reform, CPF/Fatherhood Coalition, Dads and Moms of Michigan, Fathers' and Children's

Equality, Fathers for Equal Rights of America, Illinois Fathers, Men and Fathers for Justice, Men's Equality Conference, National Organization for Men, National Congress for Fathers & Children of New Hampshire, Petition for Child Support Reform, Shared Parenting Works, TABS (Taking Action against Bias in the System), Utah Father's Rights Meetup Group, Washington Domestic Violence Press, and the Washington Civil Rights Council.

'Romantic rejections, misogyny and a new masculinity'

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Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Another cultural belief I want explore, in dating and romance, is a sense of male entitlement. This entitlement render women choiceless - that if given enough attention, or gifts, or emotional support, that no woman could ever say no, and if she does, it's of course, her fault. This mentality, in turn, hurts women because they are never truly given a choice, in love or lust, because it is believed women could be bought - if not with money then with attention.

In either cases, women are turned from human beings with preferences in sexual and romantic partners, into objects that will give in if someone tried long enough. It is reasons like these that we often see violence against women - not because men were born to seek out and destroy women, but because male entitlement and social constructions of masculinity dictate men must protect their own egos and hearts, and will do so at the expense of women.

...

It isn't just women who are hurt by patriarchy's definition of masculinity. Men, too, are hurt for the reasons above, and because without being able to emotionally cope, human beings, regardless of gender, are more likely to be depressed and hurt themselves. If the Men's Rights Activists are truly serious about men's health and well-being, they, too, would choose to take on issues of the constructions of masculinity. But it's not happening because they're neither serious nor do they really have any stake in this. For them, men's rights is about taking rights away from women, because in their misled philosophy, women's gain must be men's losses.'

Advocating emasculation in the mainstream press

Proud_to_be_a_man · 23 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here Ho hum. It's a 'jokey' headline of course, but (as usual) reverse the genders and see how it looks. Excerpt:

'And then there were five. At the last oiled body count, that was the number of young women claiming to have had sex with serial cheater Ashley Cole (link added).

No wonder his poor wife Cheryl has finally dumped him - by long-distance text, a nicely brutal touch.
...
Despite Cheryl's neck tattoo - a large 'Mrs Cole' in pretty, cursive script - her assertion that 'this is the man I am going to have my babies with' and her promise that 'he's learning, he has a beautiful soul, he's a really nice guy', the curtain has come down on their goldfish bowl marriage.

Apparently, Cheryl is returning home shortly to consult lawyers and chop their assets in half. If that is the only thing chopped in half, then Ashley Cole remains a lucky man. For the time being. This soap opera isn't over until the small lady sings.'

Ric Flair's Wife Arrested for Domestic Violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Well we didn't see this one coming: The wife of professional wrestling legend Ric Flair (link added) has been arrested for domestic violence, TV Guide is reporting, claiming Flair suffered minor injuries at the hands of Jacqueline Bains Beems after the two had "an unfortunate disagreement." While we'd certainly never make light of a domestic violence situation, we will note that Flair's catch phrase was "to be the man, you've got to beat the man." Apparently, it seems Bains Beems took that a bit too literally.

According to Flair's agent, Melinda Morris Zanoni, "Ric and his wife had an unfortunate disagreement [Sunday], which led to his wife being arrested and charged with assault."
...
Morris Zanoni went on to say that "Ric has done nothing wrong,' and that the wrestling pro "finds this incident unsettling and is committed to correcting any issues in his personal life."

Previous story: Ric Flair Hospitalized Following Attack from Wife on Sunday

Like clockwork: "Files show Ala. suspect's husband wanted revenge"

Matt · 23 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. "It was actually HIS FAULT! Let that POOR WOMAN go!"

I still bet she does less than 15 years for all three murders. Excerpt:

'BOSTON – The husband of the Alabama professor accused of gunning down three colleagues once said he wanted violent revenge on a doctor who gave his wife a bad job review, according to federal documents released Tuesday to The Associated Press.

Amy Bishop is charged with killing three colleagues at the University of Alabama-Huntsville on Feb. 12. Investigative files from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives show that Bishop and her husband, James Anderson, were questioned in 1993 in the attempted mail bombing of Dr. Paul Rosenberg of Boston's Children's Hospital.

Rosenberg has said he played a role in Bishop's resignation as a research fellow. A pipe bomb package was sent to his home weeks later.

The files show Anderson told a witness he wanted to get back at Rosenberg by shooting, bombing, stabbing or strangling him. The couple were never charged, and the case remains unsolved.
...
But James Anderson previously told the AP he and his wife were among a number of innocent people questioned by investigators who cast a wide net. He said the case "had a dozen people swept up in this, and everybody was a subject, not a suspect."

"There was never any indictment, arrest, nothing, and then everyone was cleared after five years," he said.
...
Bishop fatally shot her brother in Braintree, Mass., in 1986; the case was declared an accident and she was never charged.

U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, who was district attorney at the time, now says it was a shame Bishop did not receive a mental evaluation after the shooting. He said she was not evaluated because state police working for his office weren't told that after Bishop shot her brother, she allegedly threatened two auto shop workers with the gun, demanding a car, or that she aimed the gun at police.'

The Dartmouth: 'A Misandrist Mistake'

anthony · 23 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As I read “Too Few Good Men” (Feb. 22) by Blair Sullivan ’10, I came upon the statement, “males have never been the victims of systematic discrimination.” Such a boldly stated assertion must be true, even if it invalidates the gross injustice that men have faced historically and continue to face today. Never mind the massive inequities in our country’s system that challenge the male gender — according to Sullivan, men have never suffered the brunt of institutionalized inequity.

Forget that the United States only forces men to risk their lives in conscripted military service. Or that males must sign up for their Selective Service numbers if they ever intend to see a drop of federal educational assistance. That’s not systematic discrimination — forced military service is clearly a privilege extended only to males.

And ignore the dark reality of violence against men being treated as a joke in this nation. The Violence Against Women Act was enacted into federal law exclusively for the protection women, perhaps because most acts of violence are perpetrated against females. But for men, no parallel legislation protects a man who seeks justice for acts of domestic violence and sexual assault brought upon him. In this instance, males are also clearly not the victims of systematic discrimination. After all, they’re capable of defending themselves.'

Woman admits selling 2 kids for 1 bird, $175

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Story here. Excerpt:

'VILLE PLATTE, La. - A Louisiana woman has pleaded guilty to selling two children for a cockatoo and $175 in what her attorney called an attempt to do a good thing that went wrong.

"It was a really clumsy attempt at an adoption proceeding," said Steve Sikich, attorney for Donna Louise Greenwell of Pitkin. "She was trying to help the children and get them situated."

Greenwell, 53, was sentenced Monday to 15 months of hard labor on each of two criminal counts: sale of a minor. The sentences are to run concurrently.

...

Greenwell had custody of the children for more than a year before meeting the Romeros, Sikich said. Her lawyers have maintained she was just trying to find a better home for them.

"They were undernourished and not well taken care of," Sikich said. "It's my understanding that the mother had requested that she take care of the kids."'

Australia: Mother who gassed children to be sentenced today

GaryB · 23 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Sydney Morning Herald reports here. Excerpt:

'A Queensland woman is to be sentenced today for gassing her two children to death in the family car - so her ex-husband couldn't have custody of them on Christmas Day. The Queensland Supreme Court trial heard the mother, who can't be identified, started planning her children's deaths in October 2002.
...
She had been issued with a Family Court order stating the children should spend Christmas Day with their father.

One month later, the bodies of her eight-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter were found in the garage of their home near Bribie Island.

A Supreme Court jury found the woman guilty last week.'

No comments on the story have been allowed.

US woman gets prison for gang-rape lie that put man behind bars for crime he didn't commit

Anonymous · 24 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK - A woman who fabricated a gang rape accusation was sentenced Tuesday to up to three years behind bars herself, saying she was riven with remorse for sending an innocent man to prison.

Biurny Peguero, 27, pleaded guilty in December to perjury, admitting she made up the September 2005 incident that unjustly put construction worker William McCaffrey in jail and prison for nearly four years. A judge overturned his rape conviction in December, with new DNA evidence also playing a role.
...
McCaffrey, now 32, said she had agreed to go with them to a party. He said they dropped her off unharmed after she changed her mind.
...
Prosecutors have said she told them she claimed she was raped to make her friends feel sorry for her. Assistant District Attorney Evan Krutoy suggested Tuesday that she may have lied out of anger at a man who had upset - but not attacked - her.

"I don't know the reason why, but she wanted to do this," he said, urging a two-to six-year sentence.'

UK: Woman who cried rape after sex in public toilet walks free from court

Anonymous · 24 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A woman who accused a student of rape after dragging him into a public toilet for sex was spared jail yesterday.
...
Yesterday Mr Bowers, also 20, attacked the 'ridiculous' sentence after Hilliard received 12 months in jail, suspended for two years. She had denied perverting the course of justice.
...
Mr Bowers - who says he is now afraid to speak to women - said: 'It's absolutely ridiculous. That's not even a slap on the wrist. She's been let off and I'm still having to sneak around because there are still people after me who think I did it.'

It was more than a week after his arrest that Mr Bowers discovered he was not to be charged.
...
Mr Bowers's father Tony, 48, said: 'My son was facing up to ten years in prison for rape on the strength of her lies. The least I expected was for her to have been given a prison sentence."

Women only: Japan airline to have female toilets

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TOKYO (Reuters) - Women flying Japan's All Nippon Airways will have a toilet all to themselves from next month, with the airline designating one restroom on most international routes as female-only.

The airline said in a statement it was responding to "numerous requests for this service," adding that the toilet would be located in the rear of the plane and be available to women passengers from all classes.

An airline official told Kyodo news agency that ANA decided to designate women-only lavatories based on a 2007 online survey in which 90 percent of the women polled said they found the idea attractive.

The official also said women do not like using shared toilets as men sometimes leave the seat up. She said demand for women-only toilets was especially high among passengers taking long flights.

Men would be allowed to use the lavatory only in emergencies or when there were very few female passengers on the flight, the ANA statement said.'

Woman sentenced to three years in jail for false rape accusation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A young mother who falsely cried rape, sending an innocent man to prison for nearly four years, will experience firsthand what he suffered -- she'll spend one to three years behind bars for perjury.

"I wish her the best of luck," said William McCaffrey last night of Biurny Peguero Gonzalez.

"Jail isn't easy."

...

McCaffrey said he has some sympathy for Gonzalez and hopes she "doesn't go through what I went though.

"I was an accused rapist in prison," he said, adding that in prison, "rape is the worst crime possible."

All is clearly not forgiven.

A person who would "lie and paint somebody as a rapist is worse than a real rapist or a real murderer," McCaffrey said.'

Reid Unapologetic for Linking Unemployment to Violence Against Women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Advocates for men are calling for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to apologize for suggesting that men are more likely than women to commit domestic violence, especially when they're out of work for long periods of time.

But Reid's spokesman told FoxNews.com on Tuesday that the Nevada Democrat is not apologizing for arguing during Senate debate a day earlier that the $15 billion jobs bill he is sponsoring should be passed to help prevent an uptick in violence.

Marty Nemko, co-president of The National Organization for Men, described Reid's comments as "irresponsible," citing numerous studies that show women are just as likely or even more so to commit domestic violence against their male partners.
...
"Instead of looking to try and find men jobs, he's bashing men completely unfairly," Nemko told FoxNews.com.'
...

Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting (RADAR) took Reid to task for his comments, arguing that the $787 billion stimulus package that he supported last year funneled close to half of the spending to programs that women while 80 percent of those who lost jobs in the recession were men.

"Grant for the moment that, in spite of all the scientific research to the contrary, maybe Sen. Reid is naïve enough to believe that only men, and not women, turn violence to their partners when unemployed," the group said in a press release. "What kind of misogynist promotes a bill as unjust as last year's massive stimulus package while sincerely believing that doing so will cause more women to be beaten?"'

PAS interview on Divorce Source Radio

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Via email:

"My name is Joseph Goldberg and I am the Founder of The Canadian Symposium for Parental Alienation Syndrome (C.S.P.A.S.). I am also a consultant advising parents and Family Law lawyers in the matters that pertain to Parental Alienation child abuse.

I just finished a Radio Show on the Divorce Source Radio Network. I would like to know if you could post the interview on your website. The hyperlink below will take you to the website that will enable you to listen to this important program."

The interview .mp3 file is at http://media.libsyn.com/media/steve2256/Uload23PAS.mp3. Right click the link and download the file, then play it in whatever media player you choose.

Mary, on the Contrary: The New York Times obit made radical feminist theologian Mary Daly sound downright sane

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As one who has long followed the career of the late radical feminist theologian Mary Daly, I was disappointed by her obituary in the New York Times a couple weeks ago. As a summation of Daly's outsize life and work, it was inexplicably drab.

A pioneering figure of "eco-feminism" and a major draw on the campus lecture circuit in the 1980s and '90s, Daly was probably best known in the secular world for her long-standing refusal to admit men to some of her undergrad courses at Boston College. This unilateral deviation from coeducational policy made national headlines in the late 90s, when a libertarian-conservative "public interest law firm" threatened to sue the college on behalf of an undergrad who felt his Title IX rights were being violated. In what Daly termed an instance of "rapism," the college administration used the threat of litigation to maneuver her into retirement in 1999.

...Fox referred to the support Daly received from the still all-male student body of Boston College during her landmark 1970 antidiscrimination campaign to wrest tenure from that Jesuit-run institution, but not to Daly's later espousal of "a drastic reduction in the population of males" as an efficient way to effect a "decontamination of the Earth."

"People are afraid to say that kind of stuff anymore," said Daly in 1999 to an interviewer uneasy about her proposed planetary "Mister-ectomy." But Daly exhibited no such qualms, which is why I think she would agree that Fox's obit was kind of a whitewash. Daly, however, would have surely found a way to blame its shortcomings on "the patriarchy," whereas I construe them as the consequence of Fox trying to register Daly's stature as (in the words of former Ms. editor Robin Morgan) "a central figure in 20th-century feminism" without giving the average lay reader the impression that she was a flaming moonbat.
...
She elaborated this scenario in a dialogue between her time-traveling self and a first-person alter ego called Annie, her primary guide to the wonders of the Lost and Found Continent:

"Are you saying that men who insisted on clinging to patriarchal beliefs and behaviors became obsolete and 'died off'?" asked Mary.

"Yes, they rapidly became extinct," I said.

"And what became of the patriarchally assimilated women who identified with the roles and rules of patriarchy?" asked Mary.

I answered, "Those women who refused to release themselves from the phallocratic dependencies and habits that had been embedded in them . . . were in effect refusing to evolve. So they also could not survive in the New energy field."'

"What, me worry?" Harry Reid Refuses to Apologize - Take Action

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Sen. Harry Reid is being hammered in the polls, with only 40% of Nevada voters saying they plan to vote for him in November.

Back in Washington, Reid's staffers were deluged with a blizzard of phone calls, emails, and faxes demanding an apology from the good senator. Things got so bad that staff couldn't keep with all the calls and the answering machine got backed up. No coffee breaks today, folks!

Reid's staff confidently insisted the senator's comments on domestic violence were backed up by a 2004 Department of Justice study. But when asked to provide the name of said study, staffers suddenly became tongue-tied. And some callers reported Reid's staff became downright testy – imagine that!

Obviously, Mr. Reid needs a little educatin'. So let's re-double our efforts and send him a message on Wednesday that he can't ignore!

Telephone: 1-202-224-3542
Internet: http://reid.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm
Fax: 1-202-224-7327

Our message is simple: "Senator Reid owes men an apology!" Let's go for it!

Related press release: Sen. Reid is Cherry-Picking the Research, Experts Say

Intact America: Big opportunity in Massachusetts

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From an IA email:

It could all start to change in Massachusetts. On March 2, the Massachusetts State Senate will consider the Male Genital Mutilation Bill, legislation that would outlaw genital mutilation of both young girls AND boys in Massachusetts.

The deadline is rapidly approaching and we urgently need your help to show Massachusetts legislators why passing this bill is the right thing to do.

Submit your own personal story about why you oppose infant circumcision before March 2 – and we'll make sure your testimony is heard by the Massachusetts State Senate Joint Committee.

Time and again, Intact America has seen just how powerful stories like yours can be.

More than statistics, policy papers, or even medical information, first-hand accounts from people's real life experiences are what change the way even the most skeptical person thinks about circumcision.

Congress banned female genital mutilation in the U.S. in 1996. But no one has ever considered extending the same protection to baby boys – until now!

This is the first time a Male Genital Mutilation Bill has made it to debate in a state legislature. We cannot let this opportunity pass us by.

With your help, I know we can get Massachusetts to see circumcision for what it really is: unnecessary, risky, harmful, and ethically wrong.

Your story has the power to finally win baby boys the protection they deserve so please submit your personal testimony before March 2!

Once you've shared your own story, please help spread the word about this time-sensitive opportunity.

Thank you for helping us make the most of this unique opportunity, and we'll keep you posted as the legislative process unfolds!

Sincerely,

Georganne Chapin

The Daily Princetonian: The real 'Sex on a Saturday Night'

anthony · 25 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine the following scenario: A girl goes to a frat party, drinks too much and has sex with a guy she just met. The next day she does not remember anything. When she finally realizes what occurred, she wants her partner charged with rape.

Though she was conscious, yet drunk, during the act, everybody agrees that what happened is not her fault. But is this really the right way to approach this problem?

When I first found out that something like this happened to one of my friends at another college, I immediately remembered the somewhat cliche play “Sex on a Saturday Night” from freshman week. Showing this play to freshmen might at first seem pointless, since it just reiterates for the nth time well-known “rules” for college students: Don’t have sex when drunk, don’t be ashamed of your sexual orientation, and other facts which we have heard too many times already.
...

Similarly, my friend blamed her partner and wanted him arrested. She was conscious during the act, but the alcohol concentration in her blood was so high that she could not have been responsible for her decisions.
...
This brings up another question: Why is the guy always to blame? Since the beginning of time, society has taught us that whenever a situation like this arises, the fault belongs almost entirely to the male participant.

Why? Maybe because males are traditionally the initiators of sex, or maybe because guys are usually to blame for anything that goes wrong in a relationship. No matter the reason, this perception has been around for a while, and it is unlikely that it will disappear anytime soon.

We live in times when sexual discrimination has, more or less, disappeared from our society. Yet it still prevails when talking about a ubiquitous thing like sex. If both people were drunk and if the girl has the right to make the accusation of rape, then why shouldn’t the boy enjoy the same privileges? If a culprit is required, then both of them should be guilty or there should be no culprit at all.'

Bishop update: She shot at her brother three times, federal DA to open probe of pipe-bomb investigation

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Seems she wasn't just learning to clean the trusty old family shotgun after all (which we already knew). Read more here. Excerpt:

'Amy Bishop shot her teenage brother in the chest in 1986, Braintree police Chief Paul Frazier said at a news conference. Bishop fired at least three shots, hitting her brother in the chest, and then fled with the shotgun before police took her into custody at gunpoint, he said.

Before Bishop, who was 19 at the time, could be booked the police chief back then called officers and told them to release her to her mother, Frazier said. The shooting of the brother, Seth Bishop, an 18-year-old accomplished violinist, was logged that day as a "sudden death" and later considered accidental, but detailed records of the shooting have disappeared, Frazier said.'

You may want to read about how she had to be tracked down and placed in a two-target situation before she would surrender to the police. It's here. She was not a distraught newbie with a gun who just accidentally shot (thricely firing upon) her beloved brother. She was a shooter hiding out from the cops behind cover waiting for her chance to get away, with ammunition ready no less.

Also, a US attorney will investigate her own office's investigation into the 1993 pipe-bomb case as well. Aside from the fact that the current US attorney is different from the one holding that office in 1993, I have to ask myself, just how objective would such a review be? Well, it may be something. We'll have to see. Story here. Excerpt:

'The state's top federal prosecutor announced today that her office will review its investigation of the December 1993 attempted mail bombing of a Harvard Medical School professor, now that a woman once considered a suspect in the case is accused of killing three people during a shooting rampage at the University of Alabama at Huntsville.

US Attorney Carmen Ortiz, who was appointed to her post in November, said today in a statement that she has ordered a review to make sure that "all appropriate steps" were taken at the time of the original investigation.'

International paternity-custody case points up problems with parental rights policies

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From the Colas Family:

This is about what it happening to our kids who are being held in Haiti because of some insane policy.

Evens & Sue Colas

Article here. Excerpt:

5:32 P.M. — PALM BAY — Born in Haiti but a naturalized U.S. citizen, Evens Colas said he fell in love with his two children the moments they came into the world 15 and 13 years ago in Port-au-Prince.

He split his time between Haiti and the United States as he and his Haitian wife raised them. And he cared for them through her illness and death in 2004, even though a DNA test taken as part of the process to bring them to the United States showed he wasn't their biological father.

At the time, Colas didn't believe it.

A later test, however, confirmed the shocking news. And the fact of their fatherhood continues to haunt the 49-year-old Palm Bay musician who believes he is at a dead end in rescuing the children from the earthquake-ravaged capital city where they live with his mother and their maternal grandmother.
...

Violent French husbands 'may be tagged'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Men seen as likely to be violent towards their wives could be forced to wear an electronic tag under a law being debated by the French parliament.

The tag would have to be worn by men who have received a court order to stay away from their partner.

The proposal is part of a draft law on conjugal violence. It has cross-party support and is expected to pass easily.

According to the government, around 160 women in France are murdered by their husbands or partners every year.

Parliament is also considering outlawing psychological violence in the home, because it is seen by many as a precursor to physical violence.

It is rare for the left and the right in France to agree on anything, says the BBC's Hugh Schofield, so the near unanimity in parliament behind this law comes as something of a novelty.

Everyone agrees that domestic violence is bad and getting worse.'

Australia: Violence against women we say no — except from another woman

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to violence against women, “Australia Says No”. But what happens when women are the ones committing these crimes against other women?

Tuesday night’s armed assault against a 35-year-old woman at Glenroy Railway Station in Melbourne by two young females highlights the rapid growth of crimes in Australia committed by women against women.

This incident occurred only months after a woman pleaded guilty to charges around encouraging her daughter and three friends to violently attack a 16-year-old mentally disabled girl at St Albans and posted footage of the violence on YouTube. Other female crimes committed against women during the preceding year include the alleged murder of a legally blind 65-year-old woman by 25-year-old Amber Cooper in Bairnsdale.

A survey conducted by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research in 2008 showed the number of girls aged 10-17 allegedly involved in criminal offenses soared from 3622 in 1998 to 5724 that year. The figures have caused speculation over why more young women are becoming violent, particularly against other women.

Professor Kerry Carrington, head of the School of Justice at Queensland University of Technology, wrote in her recently released book Offending Youth, Sex and Crime that cyber bullying accounted for the alarming increase in female youth violence. Professor Carrington draws her observations from more than 45 years of adolescent crime statistics, which suggest that young female delinquency is on the rise.'

ABC News: 'Chivalry Lives! Arizona Teacher Requires Boys to Have Old-Fashioned Manners in Class'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'When Elise Rierson walks into Latin class, the door is held open for her. When she arrives at her desk, her chair is pulled out for her.

It's not the kind of treatment most 14-year-old freshman expect. But Elise and the rest of her female classmates have gotten used to the chivalrous gestures -- and rather enjoy it.

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Among Ivanyi's other rules, boys are not allowed to sit at their desks until the girls have been seated first. And if a girl should stand in the middle of class, the boys must stand with her to show respect.

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"If my daughter's dating boys who are polite in that way and show respect in that way," she said, "then I have no problem with it."

For their part, the girls only need to say "thank you."

But Erin Matson, acting vice president of the National Organization for Women, said she wonders if singling out the boys for good manners is the way to go, even though she called the idea of old-fashioned manners "adorable."

"We see it as teaching kids to treat people differently because they're girls," Matson said, though quickly adding. "I don't want to seem like an angry raging feminist."

"I'm sure some of the boys and teachers in the school wouldn't mind the door being held open for them too," she said, calling for "etiquette for all, just across the board."

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Cindy Post Senning, co-director of the Emily Post Institute and great-granddaughter of the etiquette guru, said she admired the thought behind Ivanyi's plan, but questioned whether his rules on manners were a bit outdated.

"I wouldn't teach the same manners that Emily wrote about in 1922, but I'd definitely teach the same principles," she said.

The roles between men and women, she said, are constantly evolving. Back in the 1960s, as more women were entering the workforce, it was common for women to remain seated when a man introduced himself. Now, she said, it's considered not only good manners, but a show of equality, for the woman to stand.

For girls to accept that their chairs always be pulled out and that the boys will stand when they do has the potential to "disempower" the girls, Senning said.

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And outside the classroom? Elise said that she doesn't necessarily expect future boyfriends to adhere to the rule of Ivanyi's classroom, but "it would be nice if they did."'

Rape is a Male-Only offense in Israeli Criminal Law

davidcohen188 · 27 February 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women cannot be rapists. This is not only a feminist agenda, but a hard legal fact in the Israeli Criminal Law, which defines rape as a male-only offense. Say a 40 years old woman who works as a school teacher, seduces a 13 years old pupil, it might be impossible to file criminal charges against her. She might lose her job, but legally there is no much you can do about it.

Israeli legislators now wants to change the rape definition in the Israeli Criminal Law so that it includes women as well. Feminists has already launched a very noisy campaign in the Israeli media, opposing the proposed changes to Israeli Criminal Law.

Their arguments are silly and stupid as always. Israeli feminists claim that making it possible to file rape charges against women might lead to situations where "Male rapists will accuse the women of being the rapists". As always, the Israeli media is at the feminist side, and we only need to wait and see whether the proposed law change will pass or be buried in the parliament.'

NY Daily News: "Domestic violence victims must not be intimidated"

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This opinion piece in the NY Daily News, complete with the usual cliches and femstats, is just the type of nonsense we should attack in a timely manner. The author is CEO of Safe Horizon, which runs NYC's DV Hotline. Needless to say, no men need apply for help.

Any letters to the News should be no longer than 100 words (preferably 50) and not contain web addresses. As of now (2/28 @1:30pm EST), the comment section on the website is empty. Bon appetit. Excerpt:

'For those of us who have been reading the papers the last couple of days, there are a lot of questions about what actually happened with David Johnson, the aide to Gov. Paterson who has been accused of assaulting his girlfriend. There are questions about contact that state officials had with his ex-girlfriend, who had initiated court proceedings to obtain an order of protection against him.

Despite some very serious and disturbing allegations, we don't yet know exactly what happened.

Regardless, we can learn from the outlines of the story. Because the sad truth is that - whether the batterer is famous or not, politically powerful or not - far too many victims of domestic violence are intimidated by their batterers or their friends and relatives from obtaining the justice and services they need and deserve.'

Wars force US military to review ban on women in combat

Matt · 1 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (AFP) – US commanders are taking a second look at policies that bar women from ground combat, as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have thrust female soldiers into the thick of the fight.
...
Despite a policy designed to keep women away from units engaged in ground combat, the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have placed women in battle with insurgents who do not operate along defined front lines.

As a result, women have earned medals for valor and praise for their mettle.
...
More than 220,000 women have fought in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and more than 120 of them have been killed in the conflicts, according to the Pentagon.

Ending the ban on ground combat will come sooner or later, Nagl said, as it is "simply recognizing a truth that's already been written in blood and sweat on the battlefield."'

Aside from nymphotropism/chivalry, I don't see the rationale (and these are not rationales in any case) for the current policies. There's just no justification.

RADAR ALERT: McGill University Student Newspaper Smears RADAR

Matt · 1 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

In December, The McGill Tribune, published by the McGill University Students' Society, printed an article (found here) that made false statements about RADAR (Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting). A few days later, the Tribune's editor promised to retract the most offensive claim. But even with that claim retracted, the article still paints a misleading portrait of RADAR. So he also said he might consider publishing an op-ed by RADAR to correct the other misinformation about the reasons RADAR exists.

RADAR did submit a response, but of necessity it was much longer than the Tribune's length limit for an op-ed. That's because the information RADAR knows about is not common knowledge, so for us to simply state a position without backing it up with facts would not make a credible case. After weeks of inquiries as to whether or not the Tribune will be publishing our response, we learned just recently that they will not.

This is the article the Tribune will not be printing. Excerpt:

'The 12/1/2009 article "OFF THE BOARD: The fight for men's rights" by Carolyn Gregoire repeated claims about RADAR (Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting) from an article in Slate.com's DoubleX. Although the DoubleX article contained more misrepresentation than fact, at least that author interviewed her subjects. Ms. Gregiore not only failed to do that, but also added embellishments of her own, which caused the Tribune's editor to append an apology. This article was composed to counter the misrepresentation and enlighten the Tribune's readers about what RADAR is really all about, but the Tribune has declined to publish it.

First of all, we are not a Men's Rights group, as those working against us like to claim. As our mission statement says, RADAR is dedicated to improving the effectiveness of solutions to the problem of domestic violence. RADAR has always been as concerned about women abused by the system as about men. If we seem to be advocating more for men than for women, that's a reflection of the ways that DV policies are badly broken, not a reflection of our underlying philosophy.

On a personal note, I must object to the statement, "RADAR chooses to undermine the prevalence of rape and domestic violence against women." Far from wishing to deny women protection, one of my primary motivations is to see to it that no other children suffer the fate that befell my sister – a matter I've touched on in many of my compositions, most notably "Don't Put Your Trust In Movements".

Due to decades of one-sided reporting on domestic violence, explaining the issues RADAR is concerned about often feels like telling someone, "Everything you know is wrong!" In fact, DV policy in the U.S. (and Canada too) is not the solution its supporters claim. All too often, it causes harm even as it fails to help those it purports to help.'

Media coverage report on Reidgate

Matt · 1 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From MANN reader Ed:

DV Reformers –

Thought you'd be interested to see this report on media coverage of Reidgate. This information has also been posted at http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/

Cheers,

Ed

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On February 22, Sen. Harry Reid stood on the Senate floor and declared, "Men, when they're out of work, tend to become abusive."

Sen. Reid miscalculated in making his remarks on a Monday, allowing the ensuing firestorm of ridicule and protest to rage for an entire week. Following is a summary of what happened, by the numbers:

1. Length of Sen. Reid's Senate-floor gaffe: 25 seconds
2. Number of Google hits for "Harry Reid" and "sexism": 204,000
3. Number of Google hits for "Groups Demand Sen. Harry Reid Apologize for Sexist Remarks" (title of Tuesday's press release): 1,370
4. Number of Google hits for "Sen. Reid is Cherry-Picking the Research, Experts Say" (title of Wednesday's press release): 940
5. Percentage of Nevada voters likely to vote for Harry Reid in November (Rasmussen Reports, Feb. 5): 39-41%
6. Number of apologies issued by Sen. Reid for stereotyping men as abusers: 0

Following are the awards for the past week's media coverage of Reidgate:

- Most spirited defense: MediaMatters: "Right-wing media mock Reid for linking unemployment to rise in domestic abuse:" -- http://mediamatters.org/research/201002230026
- Blithest attempt to paper-over the existence of female partner abuse: Christian Science Monitor: "Harry Reid Links Unemployment to Rise in Domestic Abuse" -- http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Society/2010/0223/Harry-Reid-links-unemployment-to-rise-in-domestic-abuse
- Et Tu, Brute? award: Former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson: "Reid: Jobless men = domestic abuse. Is he saying we should be worried about Mrs. Reid after the November elections?" -- http://www.politico.com/blogs/glennthrush/0210/Reid_spokesman_Thompson_wifebeating_Tweet_despicable.html
- Best political cartoon: RedState: "Soon-to-be ex-Senator Harry Reid: Arrested for fear of domestic abuse after he loses his job in November 2010" -- http://www.redstate.com/erick/2010/02/23/morning-briefing-for-february-23-2010/
- Largest audience: Russ Limbaugh: "Dingy: Jobless Men Beat Wives" -- http://www.rushlimbaugh.com/home/daily/site_022310/content/01125111.guest.html (Weekly audience: Over 20 million persons)
- Funniest editorial: Andrea Tantaros, New York Daily News, "Harry Reid's remarks making light of domestic abuse prove he needs a lesson tongue-fu" -- http://www.nydailynews.com/opinions/2010/02
- Most thoughtful editorial: Paul Elam of Men's News Daily: "Reid Backpedaling with Media Help and Public Ignorance." -- http://mensnewsdaily.com/2010/02/24/reid-backpedaling-with-media-help-and-public-ignorance/

- Best all-around article: Kerry Picket, Washington Times: “Leader Reid Distorts the Facts on Domestic Violence.” -- http://washingtontimes.com/weblogs/watercooler/2010/feb/23/leader-reid-distorts-facts-domestic-violence/?feat=home_blogs

Woman charged after man found dead

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Story here. Another curiously brief report wherein a man's body is found and a woman is charged with murder. No reporter's name, no details. Seems no one in the MSM thinks their career is furthered by reporting on woman-on-man murders, but the other way around? They can't get to the scene fast enough, can they? Says something.

'RICHMOND HILL- York regional police have charged a 30-year-old woman with second-degree murder after the body of a man was discovered early Friday in Richmond Hill, Ont.

Police received a call about trouble at a residence in the town north of Toronto and discovered a 45-year-old man with no vital signs.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

A woman who was known to the man was located at the scene and arrested shortly after the discovery of the body.

The name of the deceased will not be released pending notification of next of kin.

Renee Laurence, of Richmond Hill, is being held in custody and will appear in court March 3 in Newmarket.'

Fathers & Families' Holstein, F&F Members Appear on Fox Child Support Special

Matt · 2 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Fathers & Families founder Ned Holstein, MD, MS and Fathers & Families members John Gagnon and Brian Ayers appeared on a Fox Boston report on Massachusetts' new child support guidelines yesterday.

In 2001, Fathers & Families won changes in Massachusetts law which lowered child support by 15%. Our victory saved noncustodial parents over $1 billion—$200 a million a year over five years. That's $1 billion that non-custodial parents were able to spend on their children themselves.

The opposition struck back by stacking a special committee with reliable votes for increasing the child support amounts, ignoring the data Holstein presented them showing that the proposed new child support orders were far too high for middle class people to pay. Holstein sat on this committee and prepared a Minority Report (.pdf) detailing the problems with the new Guidelines.'

Melanie Phillips: "Pay men to commit to their families"

Matt · 2 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Devastating new research by sociologist Geoff Dench shows that not only is one in four mothers single, but more than half of such mothers have never lived with a man at all and are choosing to live alone on state benefits.

They believe they have no need for a man in their life and that their children have no need for a father.

The founding premise of the Government's £280million sex education strategy - that young mums get pregnant through ignorance - is thus very far from the truth.

It is, therefore, hardly surprising that Britain still has the highest teenage pregnancy rate in Europe.
...
With so much flailing around over the family, I have a modest proposal to help break through the confusion.

It is that the Government should introduce a Man Benefit.

Before people assume that I have confused today's date with this time next month, let me say that my somewhat light-hearted proposal is based on a deeper point that I believe has been generally overlooked.
...

For the great unsayable is that Child Benefit acts as a huge incentive to have children outside marriage.

When it was introduced in the Seventies, it replaced child tax allowances, which were set against the earned income of fathers. It was, therefore, hailed as a transfer of family income 'from wallet to purse'.
...
Since marriage has always helped turn young men into responsible adults, this marginalisation gave them a green light to be as irresponsible as they wanted - thus creating a vicious circle in which girls would dismiss these wastrel youths as a 'waste of space'.

What's needed, therefore, is to help turn men once again into an attractive, marriageable proposition.'

"The gender bender agenda"

Matt · 2 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Also by Melanie Phillips. She is vindicated somewhat in my eyes with this one. :) Excerpt:

'So what do you expect if you have something called an ‘Equality Minister’? She will impose gross injustice wherever she can in the interests of a coercive and preposterous ideology. Harriet Harman’s proposal that companies should positively discriminate in favour of women job candidates (ie discriminate against men) is yet another example of the way in which feminism got hijacked and turned from a campaign for fairness for women into an onslaught against men. Her proposal is not only totally unfair -- job candidates should be appointed on grounds of merit, not chromosomes – but is based on the false premise that the gender pay gap proves that women are the victims of systematic discrimination in the workplace.

But this is simply untrue. Granted that there are indeed specific instances of discrimination against women, the generalised claim is false because it ignores the differences in behaviour between women and men at work. As academics such as Professor Catherine Hakim of the London School of Economics have long argued, such iconic feminist causes as the ‘glass ceiling’ and the ‘gender pay gap’ are in very large measure the outcome of the choices made by women themselves.'

Better get that Louisville Slugger, Mrs. Reid

Matt · 2 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fresh from the news that Sen. Reid once marveled that President Obama had "no Negro dialect," the senate majority leader has now taken to slamming half the American population. During a February 22 floor debate on his jobs bill, Mr. Reid opined, "women aren't abusive, most of the time. Men when they're out of work tend to become abusive."

That quip reaped boatloads of sarcastic ridicule for the four-term senator from Nevada.

Within hours of the gaffe, the National Republican Senatorial Committee scolded Reid for "invoking caustic partisan rhetoric and bizarre analogies," and lectured him to "focus on the actual legislation moving forward and start doing what is best for Nevadans."

Reporters who contacted Reid's office were treated rudely as if to say, "How dare you question the veracity of our Exalted Leader?" Some staffers simply hung up on callers.

...

Nevadans are angry — justifiably so — and are directing much of their ire towards Washington, DC. According to the most recent Rasmussen poll, only 40% of Nevadans plan to vote for Mr. Reid, come November 2. And now that he has stamped the scarlet 'A' on the forehead of every unemployed man in Nevada, that number is certain to drop.

Mr. Reid is beginning to come to terms with the prospect of joining the ranks of unemployed after November's election. So Mrs. Reid, please be careful.'

"Living in a Feminist Male-Hating Matriarchy"

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From Jeremy S, a heads-up to this 5-part production on YouTube:

"Living in a Feminist Male-Hating Matriarchy" - with Michael Beurke and featuring Melanie Phillps

Part 1
Part 2
Part 3
Part 4
Part 5

Bonus clip:
Misandry-Men Don't Exist?

This is really good. Of course I have reservations with, in some ways, the matter is approached, but that is to be expected. All of us will have varying opinions. But overall, this is a fantastic little series.

And I want to stress the importance of watching the "Bonus clip". It is worth the price of admission all by itself. If you forward a YT clip URL re misandry, etc. to anyone, this is the one to use. Major props to 'manwomanmyth'.

Gender-bending chemicals update

Matt · 2 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Atrazine, a weed killer widely used in the Midwestern United States and other agricultural areas of the world, can chemically "castrate" male frogs and turn some into females, according to a new study.

New research suggests the herbicide may be a cause of amphibian declines around the globe, said biologists at the University of California-Berkeley, who conducted the study. The findings are being published this week in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Researchers found that long-term exposure to low levels of atrazine -- 2.5 parts per billion of water -- emasculated three-quarters of laboratory frogs and turned one in 10 into females. Scientists believe the pesticide interferes with endocrine hormones, such as estrogen and testosterone.
...

Hayes found that 10 percent of the exposed genetic male frogs developed into functional females who copulated with unexposed males and produced viable eggs. The other 90 percent of the exposed male frogs expressed decreased libido, reduced sperm count and decreased fertility, among other findings.

Syngenta, a Swiss company that is the largest manufacturer of atrazine, has challenged the validity of Hayes' study.'

This isn't news. Atrazine has been under a great deal of scrutiny for some time. Google "Atrazine" for more. But there is a lot of stuff out there on all manner of other pesticides, as well as certain kinds of plastics, etc.

YouTube clip shows recent history of "Dad's Week" protests in Los Angeles

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Two years before the first Fatherless Day, L.A. rally was held in 2008, the National Coalition for Men, L.A. recognized the plight of Fathers in Los Angeles by staging a week long protest ***(Dad's Day Week)*** that lasted more than 100 hours. It was just the beginning.

Naomi Campbell accused again of assault/harassment-- charges are...?

Matt · 3 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. I do believe she could beat up on a man in front of 100 police and they would do nothing to stop her. Add femaleness to fame and you have the power to assault with impunity. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (AP) - A man hired to drive Naomi Campbell told police the supermodel assaulted him from the back seat of a luxury SUV on Tuesday before hopping out and running away.

Police were looking to speak with Campbell, who is known for her feisty temper, and were weighing whether to charge her.

A spokesman for Campbell, who has previously pleaded guilty to assaulting people hired to work for her, said she'll cooperate with police.

"There shouldn't be a rush to judgment," spokesman Jeff Raymond said. "Naomi will cooperate voluntarily, and there is more to the story than meets the eye."

The driver, whose name wasn't immediately released, told police he pulled the black Cadillac Escalade over in midtown Manhattan after Campbell hit him from behind and his head struck the steering wheel, causing bruising under his right eye. He spoke to a traffic agent, who alerted police. Campbell was not at the scene when officers arrived, police said.

The 27-year-old driver, apparently hired just for the day, told police he picked Campbell up at a Manhattan hotel and was taking her to Astoria Studios, a TV and film studio complex in Queens, New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne said.'

"There shouldn't be a rush to judgment," says her spokesman. Agreed-- unless the suspect is a male movie star or entertainer, in which case... well...

Novella featuring men's rights themes

Sheldon · 4 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Just thought you might be interested in a novella I wrote. An excerpt has been published here. Much of the content of the story and one of the main characters carries a strong emphasis on MRA concerns, which I think might appeal to people here. I am currently trying to get the whole work published. If you are interested in reading it, please let me know.

Ed. note: Only contact info I have for him is via the page itself, possibly through the comments section. But he didn't submit an email address or anything.

Both men and women oppose Women's Reservation Bill in India

arindamp · 4 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Full story here. Excerpt:

'The Women's Reservation Bill (which has been pending for the last 12 years) is a tool of blackmail used by anti-male women to make more and more biased laws, to fuel a gender war and disrupt harmony in the society.

ALL INDIA Forgotten Women's Association (AIFWA) and All India Men's Welfare Association (AIMWA) are holding this press conference to voice their opposition against the 85th Constitutional Amendment Bill (Women's Reservation Bill).

What does the Women's Reservation Bill propose?

Thirty three per cent of all seats in Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies shall be reserved for women.
...
Why are AIFWA and AIMWA opposing the Women's Reservation Bill?

We believe that public representatives in a democracy should be those who have everyone's welfare in mind and not promoting a specific gender, caste or creed.

Having said that, the proposed Women's Reservation Bill is not meant to actually empower women, but it represents the innocuous face of a hidden agenda to make the situation of Indian men miserable. The Women's Reservation Bill (which has been pending for the last 12 years) is a tool of blackmail used by anti-male women to make more and more biased laws, to fuel a gender war and disrupt harmony in the society.'

Dating violence: At the DoJ, they still don't "get it"

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On Tuesday, March 2 the Centers for Disease Control released "Dating Matters: Understanding Teen Dating Violence Prevention," a 60-minute, web-based training program on dating violence.

The program emphasizes the fact that both boys and girls can be perpetrators, and boys and girls can be victims: http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/2010/03/03/when-it-comes-to-dating-violence-cdc-gets-it/

But some people are still floating around in La-La Land, filled with the illusion that girls are never aggressive, and boys are never victims.

One such person is Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli, third ranking official at the Department of Justice (DoJ). At a recent meeting to launch Teen Dating Violence Month, Perrelli used the phrase "violence against women" four times. Any guesses how many times he commented on "violence against men"?

Zero.

You can see his remarks here: http://www.justice.gov/asg/speeches/2010/asg-speech-100128.html

Obviously the DoJ is out to lunch on this critical issue that faces millions of Americans, male and female. The DoJ Office on Violence Against Women should know better. Tell OVW acting director Catherine Pierce to remove these biased comments from her website:

Email: Catherine.Pierce-at-usdoj.gov
Telephone: 1-202-307-3876

Child custody changes take force in Ontario

Matt · 4 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Changes to how Ontario courts handle child custody cases came into effect March 1, reforms the government says will provide better protection for children.

The move came about, in large part, as a result of the killing of seven-year-old Katelynn Sampson in the summer of 2008.

The child's legal guardian, Donna Irving, was convicted of the murder, along with her boyfriend, Warren Johnson.

A family court judge had granted Irving custody two months earlier without asking about Irving's criminal record.

Now, judges in Ontario must consider record checks and Children's Aid Society reports before giving custody.'

Barbara Kay: How patriarchy ran into its own iceberg

Matt · 4 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Titanic sank in 1912 after hitting an iceberg. Of the 2,200 people on board, 1,517 died. The Lusitania sank in 1915, victim to a German U-boat torpedo. Of the nearly 2,000 people on board, 1,200 died. In addition to carrying about the same numbers of passengers, the demographic composition of the two ships - adults, children, men, women, old, young - was also similar.
...
According to a new study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the altruism of the Titanic and the length of time it took for the ship to sink are causally linked. Benno Torgler, study author and economics professor at Queensland University of Technology in Australia explains that circumstances dictate levels of altruism. According to the study, since the Titanic passengers had a few hours to consider their options, "there was time for socially determined behavioural patterns to re-emerge."
...
Yes, women were infantilized in many ways in the patriarchy, which a cynic might say was the driving impulse behind the chivalry of the Titanic's men. But so what? At the moment when it mattered most, the notion that men should above all act as protectors of the vulnerable in times of danger to all committed them to death in the service of others. Was there ever a more noble or selfless act?

The study reminds us that the heroism of the Titanic was a willed phenomenon, and one that feminists do not wish to discuss (I have tried).

Instead of fetishizing the victimhood of women at men's hands and the deviance from our cultural norm that Marc Lepine represented with man-bashing dirges across the land every December 6, would it not make more sense - and would it not be more ethically fitting and socially unifying - to celebrate the more representative manliness of men every April 15, the date of the Titanic's sinking? Still six weeks left to plan it.'

Men Beginning to File More Sexual Harassment Claims

anthony · 5 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From 1990 to 2009, the percentage of sexual harassment claims filed by men has doubled from 8 percent to 16 percent of all claims, according to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Women still file the overwhelming majority of sexual harassment claims with the EEOC and state and local agencies. But lawyers at the commission say they've noticed the increase in complaints by men — more than 2,000 were filed in 2009 out of about 12,700 cases.

Male claims made up about 12 percent of all cases a decade ago, but the percentage has continued to rise even as the overall number of sexual harassment complaints has declined. And last year, the percentage of lawsuits the EEOC filed on behalf of male victims hit an all-time high, making up 14 percent of all cases.

"It's certainly possible that there's more sexual harassment of men going on, but it could just be that more men are coming forward and complaining about it," said Ernest Haffner, an attorney in the EEOC's Office of Legal Counsel.'

'Forcible touching' conviction obtained on testimony

Matt · 5 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Ontario County jury on Thursday found Victor Central School District art teacher Ronald Bartlett guilty of one count of forcible touching and one count of endangering the welfare of a child.
...
With its verdict, the jury ruled Bartlett was guilty of touching the thigh of a then-16-year-old girl who was a student in his commercial arts class during the 2008-09 school year.

Assistant Ontario County District Attorney James Ritts said he is pleased that the victim has been vindicated.

"We've got a victim who came forward and did the right thing for the right reason," he said. "She had nothing to gain and everything to lose."

It is the Democrat and Chronicle's policy not to name victims of sexual abuse.'

Previous related story here. Now compare and contrast this case to others involving female teachers who are caught sometimes even in the act of "having sex" with underage students; many do no time in jail or do not even face criminal charges. Assuming that the verdict in this case is accurate, this male teacher found guilty of "forcible touching" faces a year in jail and loss of his livelihood, and probably also he will have to register as a sex offender as well.

Finally, note it was he said-she said as the evidentiary basis of the conviction, which was handily obtained. No corroborating testimony was required. So should any man out there in reader-land be thinking of becoming a teacher, may I suggest you re-think this decision.

Woman charged with killing husband is a domestic violence lobbyist

Anonymous · 5 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 45-year-old woman, charged with ending a domestic dispute by killing her 26-year-old husband of five days, is a registered lobbyist for a group fighting domestic violence.

Arelisha Bridges was ordered held without bond in the Fulton County Jail. She is scheduled for a preliminary hearing later this month on charges of felony murder, murder, aggravated assault and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Officials said Bridges claimed she was unemployed. But records show she is a lobbyist for an organization called the National Declaration for Domestic Violence Order; its Web site says the group is pushing legislation to create a database of those convicted of sex crimes or domestic abuse.'

Women need to speak out on feminism and the hateful ideology it represents

Matt · 5 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'March is Women's History Month. Time to prepare ourselves for the annual Sista-fest of narcissistic victim-mongering, gleeful male-bashing, and shameless prevarication.

How's this for breathless overstatement, courtesy of President Obama's March 2 proclamation for Women's History Month: "Countless women have steered the course of our history...breaking barriers on athletic fields and battlefields."

Countless women on battlefields have altered the course of history?

Yes, by allowing a far stronger enemy force to decimate and despoil their ranks! (But count your blessings — at least the president didn't spell "history" with "her.")
...
Like the beguiling schoolgirl who keeps elaborating on a little White Lie because everyone has stopped listening to her, the feminist claims have become increasingly shrill.

Take a March 2 BBC headline that screamed, "UN Warns HIV/AIDS Leading Cause of Death in Women." The article went on to claim that "up to 70% of women worldwide have been forced to have unprotected sex." (Note the red-meat words designed to summon every chivalrous male within hailing distance: "forced" and "unprotected.")

The BBC article provided few details and didn't even concede the name of the report. So I set out to search out every nook and cranny of the UNAIDS website.

I never did locate the document.

But according to the UNAIDS, there were two million AIDS-related deaths in 2008, about one million of whom were females. And according to the WHO World Health Report, 8.6 million women die of cardiovascular disease each year.'

Maryland proposal would relax the standards for obtaining protective orders

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Story here. Excerpt:

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Contrary to the fears of some opponents, this would not open up the floodgates to capricious decisions based on false charges. Judges would still be able to judge the credibility of any claim, but they would have more discretion in reaching a decision. Instead of being bound by there being no doubt about a petitioner being in danger, the court would be able to use the more reasonable standard of there being a good chance of danger.'

D.C. to be first U.S. city to give away free female condoms to fight HIV/AIDS

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The District will become the first city in the United States to distribute female condoms free, part of a project that will make 500,000 of them available in beauty salons, convenience stores and high schools in parts of the city with high HIV rates.

City officials said the distribution could begin within the next three weeks in parts of wards 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7, where a study showed that large numbers of African American heterosexuals engage in risky sexual behavior that could easily lead to infection.

The move is an official acknowledgment of the futility of relying solely on the use of male condoms, which have been distributed citywide for nearly a decade, to stem the District's epidemic of HIV and AIDS. Officials said they are turning to female condoms to give women more power to protect themselves from HIV and sexually transmitted diseases when their partners refuse to use protection.'

Good luck with that. 'Tis been my experience that women are as much put off by having latex between them and their partners as men. But everyone needs to learn the hard way. Perhaps the reason for the pending lack of success will now become that the boys 'forced themselves' onto the girls when the girls insisted they accept use of the female condom. Remember, it's always the boys' fault for anything. Always.

'New York Woman Allegedly Tried to Whack Husband at Bargain Price'

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Story here.

'NEW YORK — An affluent housewife in Long Island, New York, accused of hiring a hit man to off her hubby lamented she could only afford to maim him — but then was thrilled to learn she could whack him at a bargain-basement price of just $20,000, authorities told the New York Post.

That's the stone-cold, cost-calculating mentality of sick soccer mom Susan Williams, 43, who allegedly hired an undercover cop this week to whack her husband of 21 years. She was held yesterday on $1 million bail.

The twisted plot didn't surprise her long-suffering spouse, Peter Williams.

His lawyer said the woman "tortured" the poor man with sick lies during their divorce in a grab for their million-dollar Garden City home and other cushy assets.

She even allegedly turned their four kids — ages 11 to 19 — against him.

"I can't believe it took her this long" to try to kill Peter, said his divorce lawyer, Nancy Dreeben.

"She's a desperate woman, and she will just do whatever she needs to do to get what she wants. She's a narcissist."'

UK: Number of men applying to teach soars by 49%

Mr VanHuizen · 7 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The recession has contributed to a spike of nearly 50 per cent in the number of men applying to become teachers, figures showed today.

Statistics released from the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA) revealed a 49 per cent increase in male applicants, from 7,885 in the 2008/09 year to 11,721 for 2009/10.

Research suggests that the economic downturn has led to the jump in those wanting to teach, with recession and redundancies forcing people to re-evaluate their career goals.

Maths is one of the main winners. The number of people wanting to teach the subject has soared by 33 per cent.

It will go some way to address a perceived shortage of maths teachers in recent years.'

The Rise and Fall of a Female Captain Bligh

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Article here. Not to say there are not abusive commanders in the armed forces who are not also men; indeed, since the vast majority of ship commanders in the USN are men, nearly all abusive ship commanders in the USN are very likely also to be men-- this by deduction. The point of this article appearing on MANN is to show that the dogmatic feminist assertion that by appointing more women to positions of command (naval or not) is likely to make more commanders (as a percentage of commanders) *less* likely to be abusive or exploit their positions for personal gain is spurious. Excerpt:

'Women are so common in the upper ranks of the U.S. military these days that it's no longer news when they break through another barrier. Unfortunately, the latest benchmark isn't one to brag about: being booted as captain of a billion-dollar warship for "cruelty and maltreatment" of her 400-member crew. According to the Navy inspector general's report that triggered her removal — and the accounts of officers who served with her — Captain Holly Graf was the closest thing the U.S. Navy had to a female Captain Bligh.

A Navy admiral stripped Graf of her command of the Japan-based guided missile cruiser U.S.S. Cowpens in January. The just-released IG report concludes that Graf "repeatedly verbally abused her crew and committed assault" and accuses her of using her position as commander of the Cowpens "for personal gain." But old Navy hands tell TIME that those charges, substantiated in the IG report, came about because of the poisonous atmosphere she created aboard her ship.

The case has attracted wide notice inside the Navy and on Navy blogs, where her removal has generated cheers from those who had served with her since she graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1985. While many denounced Graf, even greater anger seems directed at the Navy brass for promoting such an officer to positions of ever-increasing responsibility. Graf declined an interview request.'

UK press covers the story here as well.

Ottawa Citizen: "Psycho chicks, and other Women's Day thoughts"

badgerb · 8 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The Ottawa Citizens resident misandrist Janice Kennedy is at it again spewing well worn falsehoods and vitriol. Excerpt:

'It is a good time to consider that litany of wrongs (a litany I can't help trotting out every year with depressing predictability) that, so far, have shown little sign of disappearing: wrongs like the terrible injustices done to women in cultures that formally encourage their subjugation. Or the shocking gender discrepancy in poverty rates around the world (including here at home, where we don't formally encourage the subjugation of women). Or the abuse perpetrated overwhelmingly by men against women in what is benignly termed "domestic" violence. Or the stark under-representation of women in meaningful decision-making domains, from corporate boardrooms to political arenas, both backroom and front-of-house.'

Yawn The comment section is open. Have at her but be polite.

France: 18-24-YO Males Unemployed at 25.3%

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Saw the statistic quoted here. I am assuming that, like in other countries, the French statisticians exclude full-time students in this accounting. Excerpt:

'Politicians on both sides said the economy was weighing on voters' minds, with data last week showing the unemployment rate hitting 10 percent in France for the first time in a decade.

More alarming still for the government, a record 25.3 percent of males aged 15 to 24 were registered as unemployed.

"The government's strategy has led to more poverty and more unemployment, so the regional elections have come at the right moment," Socialist party spokesman Benoit Hamon told Canal+ television on Sunday.'

Noticeably absent is any mention of the unemployment rate for women in France in that same age group. Given how incredibly high the 25% figure is, and the lack of the female statistical equivalent being mentioned, I can only assume that French women in that age group are doing better (perhaps a lot) than their male counterparts.

Bride targets former love rival in murder-by-car attempt on wedding night

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Story here. Why was the husband charged? Possibly behaving disorderly after the bride was arrested. Undoubtedly they were both drinking. But I would like to know just why he was charged anyway, other than just assuming he happened to be a passenger in a car driven by a homicidal woman. As to the charge against her, it is I hope the initial charge and that more serious ones are pending. We shall see.

'HYANNIS, Mass. — A newlywed Massachusetts couple spent their wedding night in separate jail cells after police said the bride tried to run over an old flame of the groom.

Police say 22-year-old Hyannis resident Marissa Ann Putignano-Keene tried Monday to run over the other woman and the woman's son in a parking lot. The intended victim later told police that she had previously been in an intimate relationship with the groom.

Police say the couple got married at Barnstable Town Hall and split a bottle of Champagne afterward.

The bride was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Her husband, 37-year-old Timothy Keene, was riding in the car with her and was charged with disorderly conduct.

Both were released Tuesday. It was unclear if either had hired an attorney.'

HIV tests offered free to women through Snohomish Health District

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In this story, women/girls of a town in Washington state are being provided with free HIV tests for a day while the men/boys of the same town are not. While the group providing the tests is a "local public health agency" it appears that this only applies to women/girls in the county. Excerpt:

'Women and girls: It's time to get tested for HIV.

That's the message from the Snohomish Health District, which is offering free HIV tests today, Tuesday and Wednesday in support of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, which is Wednesday.

District clinics will offer prevention information and free anonymous or confidential HIV tests for females age 14 and older who are at risk for HIV infection from unprotected sex, from injection drug use, or from mother-to-child contact during pregnancy, birth or breastfeeding.'

"Don't Talk to the Police" by Professor James Duane

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A very good video here defending the Fifth Amendment. Makes reference to Innocence Project exonerees at time mark 11:49.

'Men' Facebook fan-group started

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From a MANN reader. Thanks, Marie!

"Hi, there!

I just wanted to pass along, for you to post on the website, that I've created a fanpage on Facebook for Men.

Here's the link: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Men/353116132365

Thanks,
Marie"

Abusegate: I-VAWA train wreck is coming!

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Via Abusegate Bob:

Friend –

The family is the most protective institution of women and men in the world – that's true in every country, and even more so in low-income countries that have little or no "safety net" for the dispossessed.

One month ago the International Violence Against Women Act was introduced in the House and the Senate. Let's be candid: I-VAWA is a thinly-disguised attempt to export a radical gender ideology and break up families around the world.

Originally, we hoped the rad-fems weren't going to move I-VAWA very fast. But as of today, I-VAWA has 42 co-sponsors in the Senate and 40 co-sponsors in the House. It now appears the liberals are hoping everyone will be distracted by the healthcare reform debate, so they can slip this through while no one is watching.

It is critical that we act promptly to get word out that this bill is a pig in a poke. Instead of helping women, it will harm them by breaking up the family and forcing women to become dependent on the state.

An analysis of the bill is here. Feel free to use this analysis in any way you wish – modify it, elaborate on it, post it, distribute it, whatever. But it's critical that we get word out that I-VAWA represents a raw deal for women, a disaster for men, and would be a devastating blow for families around the world.

Please do whatever you can to help us stop this bill.

Man beaten by Vancouver police files suit against city, cops, investigators

Matt · 8 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Good for him! Excerpt:

'A Vancouver man who was mistakenly beaten by two police officers says Delta police have botched their investigation of the incident.

In the early hours of Jan. 21, Yao Wei Wu, 44, was woken up, dragged out of his house on Lanark Street and beaten by two police officers in plain clothes.

Wu, a tiling subcontractor, suffered fractures to his face and injuries to his legs and back. His eyes were swollen shut. His wife, Chi Nan Man, who was present during the assault, says she has suffered serious psychological trauma.

Vancouver police subsequently apologized, saying the officers had been called to a domestic-violence incident but had got the wrong address.

Police Chief Jim Chu asked the Delta police to conduct an “independent” investigation into the matter.'

F&F: NOW Fires Back at Fathers & Families over DSM Campaign

Matt · 9 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of 50 mental health experts from 10 countries are part of an effort to add Parental Alienation Disorder to the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM V), the American Psychiatric Association's "bible" of diagnoses. This scientific coalition is led by psychiatrist William Bernet, who explains that adding PAD to DSM "would spur insurance coverage, stimulate more systematic research, lend credence to a charge of parental alienation in court, and raise the odds that children would get timely treatment."

Fathers & Families wants to ensure that the DSM-5 Task Force is aware of the scope and severity of Parental Alienation. To this end, in December we asked our supporters to write the Task Force to urge them to consider including Parental Alienation Disorder in DSM-5. As usual, the response was overwhelming. It also helped lead to progress–while as expected the newly-released draft version does not specifically include Parental Alienation Disorder, the DSM-5 Task Force has now listed Parental Alienation Disorder among the "Conditions Proposed by Outside Sources... that are still under consideration by the work groups."
...
The National Organization for Women has learned about our efforts and is concerned about them. They have now sent out an Action Alert to counter our campaign.
...

While Simmons' claims aren't credible, there are legitimate questions to be asked about Parental Alienation Disorder, as there are with all mental health issues. We address many of these in Frequently Asked Questions about Parental Alienation and also summarize the scientific perspective in the Case for Including Parental Alienation Disorder in DSM V.

To participate in our campaign, click here.

International Women's Days counter-indoctination placards from India

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From a MANN reader:

In case you missed it, yesterday was International Women's Day. I'm passing along the placards they distributed in India featuring the theme, "No more gender war." Great to know our struggle is being waged on the other side of the globe.

-----Original Message-----
From: Uma Challa
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 4:01 AM
To: Uma Challa
Subject: Int'l Women's Day Placards

Attached are the placards I have designed and got printed today.

You are free to print and use them.

Thanks
Uma

Ed. note: The off-linked placards in .pdf format were so good I registered on MediaFire just to make them available.

Fury at ruling in custody battle

Matt · 9 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A MOTHER found by the Family Court to be violent, untruthful, lacking moral values and responsible for the psychological and emotional abuse of her children has been given custody of them.

The father, deemed "principled" and with "much to offer his children", has been effectively banned from seeing his daughters.

The case will spark renewed debate about family law and the issue of shared parenting.

The father, who we will name "Bill" because he cannot be identified for legal reasons, is described by a Family Court judge as no threat to his daughters, a successful parent who is "courteous" and "intelligent".

The same judge found the mother, whom we will call "Jasmine" and who abandoned her first daughter at two and spurned the child's subsequent attempts at reconciliation, had displayed "dreadful", "cruel" and "malicious" behaviour.

...

Historian and Family Court critic Prof John Hirst questions the underlying principles in family law.

"The Family Court by law has to make the children's interests paramount in divorce cases. Everyone thinks this is wise and proper, but to elevate one principle above all others can produce terrible results," he said.

"To stop mothers being tempted to make accusations of sexual abuse and so keep children to themselves, the law should state that any parent making false accusations of this sort will lose the right to be chief carer of the children. If a mother has so turned the children against the father that they don't want to see him, for a time at least the children should be taken into care.

"Even on the present test of child's best interests, it is hard to see how a child will benefit from being left with such a mother. She has burdened the child with the story that her father abused her.

"Then when the child comes of age she will discover that the mother's accusations were false."'

Why Women Are the Biggest Emerging Market

Matt · 9 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. OK, so, oppression everywhere, right? Excerpt:

'What's the biggest emerging market of them all? I'll give you a hint: The answer isn't geographic but demographic. The answer is...women.

Women leaders are the new power behind the global economy, proclaims Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu's announcement of its second annual webcast celebrating International Women's Day. In developing nations, women's earned income is growing at 8.1 percent, compared to 5.8 percent for men. Globally, women control nearly $12 trillion of the $18 trillion total overall consumer spending, a figure predicted to rise to $15 trillion by 2014.

More significant, the majority of tertiary degrees are now being awarded to women. Highly qualified, well-educated and ambitious, these women are taking over the talent pool from Delhi to Dubai and bringing new urgency to the issue of managing diversity.
...
By investing in women in emerging markets, companies are betting on a brighter future — for a workforce just waiting to blossom, for economies whose development depends on this new crop of talent, and, of course, for themselves.'

"Most often children die at hands of young men"

Matt · 9 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'BANGOR, Maine — Fathers and father figures are most often the perpetrators of severe physical abuse of children, including cases that result in death, according to law enforcement and child abuse authorities in Maine.
...
Statistics maintained by the Maine Department of Public Safety show that 12 children have died as the result of homicide or manslaughter over the past five years. The numbers show that the youngest, the most vulnerable, are most at risk. Eight victims were under age 3, and most of the children died at the hands of a parent, stepparent or the partner of a parent, according to Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the Maine Department of Public Safety. Click here to see a list of Maine homicide victims under age 18 from 2005 to present.
...
One service that Ricci said he would like to see one day in Maine is long-term home visitation that would specifically target high-risk families. Ideally, the service would be provided until the child reaches school age before development problems from abuse and neglect have a chance to set in.'

Note that comments are disabled for this story. Contact info. for the paper is here.

Pennsylvania woman charged with recruiting jihadists online

Matt · 9 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Can't be right. A woman would never do such a thing. Excerpt:

'PHILADELPHIA – A Pennsylvania woman has been charged with using the Internet to recruit jihadist fighters and help terrorists overseas.

Authorities say the case shows how terror groups are looking to recruit Americans to help carry out their goals.

A federal indictment charges Colleen R. LaRose with agreeing to kill a Swedish citizen on orders from the terrorists and traveling to Europe to carry out the killing. It doesn't say whether the Swede was killed.

U.S. Attorney Michael Levy tells The Associated Press the indictment doesn't link LaRose to any organized terror groups.
...
The indictment describes LaRose as in her 40s and from Montgomery County, in suburban Philadelphia. LaRose has been in custody since Oct. 15.

Telephone calls placed Tuesday to her federal public defenders haven't been returned.'

Upper house of Indian parliament passes the anti-men female's reservation bill

arindamp · 9 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The upper house of the Indian parliament passed the anti-men female's reservation bill without hearing to the voice of the men. A highly shameful and sexist bill indeed. Excerpt:

'NEW DELHI: After a day of high drama that saw the Rajya Sabha swarm with more than a hundred marshals in blue dresses called in to bundle out seven MPs blocking proceedings, the House recorded a historic vote in favour of a bill providing for 33% reservation for women in Parliament and assemblies.

The legislation is likely to be brought to the Lok Sabha after the vote-on-account has been passed, with the Congress leadership showing that it was not deterred by the bigger strength of the quota opponents in the lower House. It has to be brought to the LS as a logical corollary, said Sonia Gan-dhi although she refused to get into the specifics of the likely time-table.

The vote had been vehemently stalled by anti-women's quota protesters in the RS throughout Monday while the government calculated the political fallout of all-out hostilities with SP and RJD leaders Mulayam Singh and Lalu Prasad. While the government dithered, a handful of dissenters held the House to ransom.'

"O Canada" lyrics to be reviewed

the_captain · 10 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Get ready to memorize new words to the national anthem.

Parliament is to be asked to review the "original gender-neutral wording of the national anthem," says the throne speech delivered by Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean on Wednesday.
...
Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said the initiative to change the lyrics is the kind of "symbolic gesture" the Conservative government makes when it doesn't want to do anything real.

"Anything that makes a national anthem more gender-sensitive is a good thing," he told CBC News.

"But, I mean, no disrespect to those who feel strongly on this issue, but, for heaven's sake, we have some very important challenges and every time the government is asked to do something real, it does something symbolic.

"There's lots of things to do for women that are more important than changing the words of the national anthem, just as there are lots of things to do for pensioners and seniors that are more important than having a Seniors Day."'

Check out the definitions for "MRA" at urbandictionary.com

Sheldon · 10 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I've created a couple of entries for MRA at Urban Dictionary. Please show your support by rating them a thumbs up (that's if you like them of course :)

You may also notice a couple so called definitions there that don't exactly accurately represent what MRA means. Feel free to thumb them down.

Urban Dictionary is a popular website and so it is important for the true meaning of MRA to be accurately represented, and the false meanings to be dismantled.

And please feel free to create a new definition for "MRA" yourselves. It's fairly easy to do because you don't need to register an account.

Teacher Turns Herself in After Alleged 6-Month 'Relationship' With Student

anthony · 10 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 33-year-old Burbank middle school teacher accused of having sex with a teenage male student over a six-month period last year was charged on Tuesday with unlawful sex with a minor, MyFoxLA.com reported.

Amy Victoria Beck, a teacher at David Starr Jordan Middle School, appeared in Burbank Superior Court Wednesday. She did not enter a plea and her arraignment was scheduled for March 25.
...
She did not make bail and remains in the custody of the Burbank Police Department.

If convicted, Beck faces up to seven years in state prison, officials said.
...
Police interviewed the boy "and confirmed that the acts did occur" between March and September of last year, the sergeant said.

The boy was 14 at the time the alleged sexual activity began, and he is now 15, Quesada said. His name was not released.

Beck had taught English and Social Science at the school for ten years, according to The Burbank Leader. She resigned on Friday.

"She’s a well-respected and loved teacher," Principal Sharon Cuseo told the paper. "We’re all shocked."'

Feminism and the Feelings of Men

davidcohen188 · 11 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Full Article here. Excerpt:

'A common complaint by women is that "men are not connected to their feelings"
...So, today I am going to talk about my own feelings as a men regarding feminism, in a language that women are able to understand.
...
As most of my peers, I have dreamed about the day where I would become an adult, and my time will come to have my own beloved wife and adorable children. I could not wait to have my own family. It was something that I perceived as a natural stage in my development as a human being.
...
But as I was growing up, things began to change. The newspapers and the TV were suddenly filled with all kinds of weird stories about poor women being battered and abused by their husbands. The Israeli government started making all kinds of weird laws against men, who were suddenly portrayed as the "Enemies of Society". At some point one would feel the need to apologize for having being born with a penis. Divorce rates were on the rise. Israeli courts began to make all those bad policies against men, imposing impossible child support amounts on them, not allowing them to see their children, etc. False Domestic violence and Rape accusations became the new trend. Worst of all, the perception of family in the Israeli society has changed. Families weakened a great deal, and the trust between men and women deteriorated.

When I grew up, I realized that the Israeli family is not what it used to be. I have known some men whose life has been completely destroyed by the Israeli family courts. Their children were taken away from them, the ex-wife interfered with visitation rights, one of them has even been put on a criminal charges because his ex filled false domestic violence allegations against him. All were financially ruined.
...
On the way, I gradually began to lose trust in the whole governmental systems in my country. The government itself, the police, the courts, the welfare systems, are all feminist secret agents now, imposing their evil agenda. The love I felt to my country began depreciating. How can I love such an evil country, that takes away my most basic right, to have a family of my own?

So this is my story. This is how I lost my dream to have a family of my own, and the country that I loved. So no wonder than I am angry. Feminism has brought a social disaster on us. Feminism is destroying families, and the social fabric as a result. So there you go. I was personally hurt and I am angry, just like any other person in my situation would have been.'

Canada: Ex-MP calls for shared parenting

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Story here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to gaining access to their kids, a growing number of divorced fathers say they've been stymied by a police and court system that reflexively views women as believable and men as violent.

It's an emotional topic that dismays many of those who work in the field of domestic violence.

But a growing number of men's groups -- and a private member's bill (C-422) that would amend the Divorce Act by instructing judges to grant equal shared parenting except in proven cases of abuse -- are advancing this view.

One man I spoke to, for instance, says his ex-wife falsely accused him of slamming a van door on her leg. And even though that assault charge was later withdrawn by the Crown attorney, the man says the allegations damaged his reputation during proceedings with a family court judge who restricted his access to his kids.

It's those kinds of situations that the fledgling London Equal Parenting Committee will explore during "an evening of awareness in relation to domestic violence" Thursday at Crouch Library.'

Male/female high school dropout ratios show huge gap

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Story here. Admittedly, this is just one city, and one that has been under great educational distress for some time. But it does reflect the larger trend: girls are beating boys solidly in terms of graduation, and not by a mere couple of percentage points but by solid margins. They are also clobbering boys in terms of grade performance as well, but this is hardly news. And yet feminists still insist there is no boys' education crisis. Excerpt:

'The state education department released graduation rates this week for all high schools and school districts across New York.

Rochester's four-year graduation rate dropped from 52-percent to 46-percent. News 10 NBC wanted to know how the numbers break down for male students and female students.

The city school district today released those numbers. Fifty-two-percent of girls graduate on time while only 39-percent of boys graduate on time.

Dropout numbers are also revealing. According to state figures for the 2008-09 school year, more male students dropped out than female students. Twenty-nine-percent of girls dropped out, while 35-percent of boys did.

Rochester Mayor Bob Duffy is seeking approval in Albany for a City Hall takeover of city schools. City Hall contributes $119-million annually in property tax revenue to the schools. He has a plan to keep boys and girls in school to graduate. "I think first of all you have to meet them where they're at. And one of the things, making sure they are in school," said Duffy.'

39/52 = .75. Boys this past year in Rochester graduated from high school at 75% the rate of girls. For every 4 girls graduating, 3 boys are doing the same.

And the overall numbers are abysmal. Forty-six percent. It's unfathomable to me. I grew up in a small town where people were expected, generally, just to make it out of high school. The graduation rate was nonetheless solidly above 90%, closer to 95%, consistently across years. And you could count on two hands and two feet the number of people with degrees beyond high school in that town, population 5,000. Nonetheless, the H.S. graduation rates were that high. (I'll tell you what, too, people were very slow to get divorced when I was growing up, and despite the fact that sounds like I am referring to 1867, it was not that long ago; it was the 1970s and early '80s. You could safely assume any kid in your school had mom and dad, both living under the same roof.) Now look at what things have come to. These numbers are consistent with what I'd expect to see from a second-world country.

"That's such a huge number, especially for a 16-year-old girl."

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Sixteen-year-old girl pleads guilty to manslaughter. Presumably, if the perp had been male, 18 years for murder would not have been too much. Excerpt:

'Facing life in prison if her case went to trial, a 16-year-old girl admits she shot a man in the head after some sort of fight last June on Conkey Avenue.

Jessica Arnold was supposed to go on trial next week. The victim was Lamont Smith.

This morning, Arnold pled guilty to first-degree manslaughter. The reason being, her lawyer said, they didn't want to take the risk of going to trial. Arnold would have been tried as an adult on charges of murder and she could have faced up to life in prison if convicted.

On June 13, 2009, Arnold shot and killed 33-year-old Lamont Smith on Conkey Avenue during an argument. Arnold's attorney says there was a crowd, and that she fired in self-defense but prosecutors say that's not the case.

Arnold's attorney talked to News 10NBC about his client accepting 18 years in prison. Arnold's attorney Andre Vitale spoke with her family after the court appearance. Defense attorney Andre Vitale said, “That's such a huge number, especially for a 16-year-old girl. She's going to spend almost as long in state prison as she has alive. And it's really tough to resolve the case in that way but I really think that she has a chance after 15 years to get out and to really move on with her life.”'

Spanish researchers assert that men should feel more random guilt-- just like women do

Matt · 11 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

If it gets any more ridiculous, I will be forced to fall off my chair. Read the inanity here. Excerpt:

'Kim Moldofsky can feel guilt over just about anything — her children, stray cats, her work, her husband. “I am easily guilted,” she told me, laughing.

Meanwhile, her husband, Brad, 41, remains blissfully guilt-free. “He is kind and caring but he can be more detached,” said Moldofsky, a 41-year-old “mom blogger” and social media strategist near Chicago. “Sometimes I want him to get caught up in the emotion.”

So, apparently, does a team of Spanish psychological researchers. In a reversal of Professor Henry Higgins’ plaintive cry “Why can’t a woman be more like a man?,” it suggested that when it comes to guilt, men should be more like women.

Men are guilt-deficient, suggests the study, which was published in a recent issue of The Spanish Journal of Psychology. We lack “interpersonal sensitivity,” while women suffer from destructive guilt largely imposed by society.

So women need support, while men need fixing. “This study highlights the need for educational practices and socializing agents to reduce the tendency towards anxious-aggressive guilt in women, and to promote interpersonal sensitivity in men,” write the authors of the study, which was led by Dr. Itziar Extebarria of the Unversity of the Basque Country in Spain.
...
“Empathy is wonderful,” she continued. “We can share emotions. We can feel someone else’s pain. But that comes at a cost, and that cost is the higher preponderance of anxiety and depressive disorders” in women.

On the other hand, men generally feel guilt less intensely, partly because we have a huge testosterone payload. It makes us take more chances, be more a little more callous about our actions, not spend time worrying about our decisions once they’re made. This is good, argued Sommers*. “Men may be more stoical and that may be adaptive for society. We need to have 25-30 year old men not ruminating” but building, sometimes even fighting.'

("...sometimes even fighting." Well, can't say I agree with her on that.)

Anyway, this is like saying that to make life easier for people who are bound to wheelchairs, everyone else who can walk should likewise be bound to them. Then things would be much better for everyone.

I think Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. wrote a novel that had this as a theme-- that society would in future find ways to hobble individuals based on their strengths so as to "even out" society. Those who were physically strong would have weights attached to their limbs to make them less capable of doing things, so that they were more like "everyone else". People with high IQs would have higher standards to pass to get the same jobs or would be forced to take IQ-inhibiting drugs, etc., to make them "more like other people" in the brains department, etc., etc.

Can't remember the name, but this story reminds me of that book.

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*That's Christina Hoff Sommers they are referring to.

Australia: "Murder accused wife weeps in court"

Matt · 12 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'An Adelaide woman has pleaded not guilty to murdering her husband by setting him alight at their Unley home in 2008.

Rajini Narayan, 45, wept in Adelaide Magistrates Court as she denied a charge of murder and another of arson.

It has been alleged she poured methylated spirits on her husband's genitals and ignited it, because of an alleged affair.

Narayan also pleaded not guilty to endangering the lives of her three children who were at home.

She will face the Supreme Court in April.'

Woods responders concerned about domestic violence

Matt · 12 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. – The ambulance crew that responded after golfer Tiger Woods crashed his SUV would not allow his wife to ride with him to the hospital because they thought it was a case of domestic violence, documents released Friday by the Florida Highway Patrol show.

But a police officer who responded said he didn't know where the crew got that information because he never heard it from anyone at the scene.

The reports also show that Woods' wife, Elin, turned over two bottles of pain pills to troopers after the Nov. 27 crash outside the couple's suburban Orlando home.

Tiger Woods crashed his sport utility vehicle into a fire hydrant at 2:30 a.m., and officers found him lying in the street. The SUV had a broken window and the couple told investigators Elin Woods had broken it with a golf club so she could unlock a door and pull him out.'

Small-Town Mom Second American Woman Arrested in Terror Plot on Swedish Cartoonist

anthony · 13 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Last Easter, Jamie Paulin-Ramirez, a 31-year-old mom with a $30,000-a-year job as a medical assistant, announced to her family that she had converted to Islam. A few months later, she began posting to Facebook forums whose headings included "STOP caLLing MUSLIMS TERRORISTS!"

On Sept. 11, she suddenly left Leadville, Colo., a small town in the Rocky Mountains, with her 6-year-old son for Denver, then for New York, to meet and marry an Algerian man she connected with online, her family says. Paulin-Ramirez, who is 5-foot-11 and blonde, phoned her mother and stepfather in Leadville, providing them with an address in Waterford, Ireland, they say.

Now, she is in the custody of the Irish police, along with three other individuals, arrested as part of an investigation into a conspiracy to commit murder, according to officials familiar with the case. The nature of the authorities' suspicions about Paulin-Ramirez couldn't be determined on Friday.'

"My 6-year-old suddenly hates dad...why?"

Matt · 13 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I've seen better from Carolyn Hax.

To see the anti-father bias in both the girl's mother and in Carolyn's response to it, just switch out the sexes. Had the dad been writing in about the mom, what would Carolyn or indeed any other columnist been likely to reply? It exposes the deep suspicion of fathers in our society even by the mothers of their children and the generalized and accepted distrust of men in general. No wonder so many men these days eschew fatherhood or association even with their own children. More even than the misandrist and anti-father court system, it is the attitudes of society in general that allow such things to exist that so well-discourage men from paternity at every turn, never-mind the arguments around human overpopulation or the unaffordability of having children these days.

Except:

From the letter:
'Please help. My 6-year-old has all of a sudden started saying she doesn't want to be around her daddy (my husband). She hates when I leave the house without her and cries before and after he takes her anywhere himself. She used to adore him. My husband is clueless about what brought on this change and so am I.'
...
From the reply:
'Ask your pediatrician, immediately. I would say to ask your 6-year-old directly -- she's certainly old enough to speak for herself -- but you have to be so careful not to put words in a child's mouth that I feel more comfortable steering you to a pro. Also, the more serious the problem is, the more likely she'll struggle to make sense of it enough to put it into words, and/or the more frightened she'll be that telling the truth will get her in trouble.
...
A dad with nothing to hide will presumably support, encourage and participate in this process, both for his daughter's benefit and for his own.'

Female Prison Guards Often Behind Sex Misconduct

anthony · 15 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'HELENA, Mont. — Inmate Michael Murphy usually started by seeking a small favor. That would often lead to a kiss or love letters. And in at least five cases, he convinced female prison employees to have sex with him or do other illegal favors.

In each of those cases, the female corrections employees were caught, shamed and forced out of a job, according to documents detailing an investigation by Montana prison officials and obtained by The Associated Press after an open-records lawsuit.

The female officers described Murphy as the aggressor, even as the predator. But that makes no difference in either state or federal penitentiaries, where prison employees — male or female — are the violators if they have sex with inmates.

A Justice Department study shows that cases like Murphy's are common: Female staff are more often implicated than their male counterparts in prison sexual misconduct. While many cases could be considered consensual, incarceration experts and female prison guards say the problem is much more complicated.
...
A 2007 U.S. Department of Justice study analyzing the prevalence of sexual assault in state and federal prisons found that 58 percent of staff perpetrators of sexual misconduct were female.'

Welcome home, men.. sort of...

Matt · 15 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Young veterans returning home to few jobs. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON - The unemployment rate last year for young Iraq and Afghanistan veterans hit 21.1 percent, the Labor Department said Friday, reflecting a tough obstacle combat veterans face as they make the transition home from war.

The number was well above the 16.6 percent jobless rate for non-veterans of the same ages, 18 to 24.

As of last year, 1.9 million veterans had deployed for the wars since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Some have struggled with mental health problems, addictions, and homelessness as they return home. Difficulty finding work can make the adjustment that much harder.'

"Women earn less than men, despite laws"

Matt · 15 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

More of the same from MSN (think I'll start referring to it as "MainStream Nonsense") ... article here. Again, no mention of life choices, fair comparisons to relevant areas of comparison, etc. Excerpt:

'BRUSSELS - Women with children earn almost a third less than men and still face too many career obstacles, a global trade union said in a report released Monday.

The persistent imbalance in household chores can hurt women's careers, the study of the International Trade Union Confederation concluded. Women with kids earn on average 68 percent of what men make, and overall, women make 74 percent of what men bring in, according to the report.

The report is "a call to action at all levels," Diana Holland, chair of the ITUC's Women's Committee, said in a statement. The publication of the report coincided with the United Nations Day for Women's Rights.

The study said that women with kids more often work part-time than men or women without children, indicating it is hard to combine careers with the demands of a family.

Employers often break laws by paying women less than men and by not giving them enough maternity leave, the report said. Women with kids can also be denied promotions or be illegally asked to take pregnancy tests before being hired, the study found.'

No discussion of men and paternity leave... anyone notice? You will not see MSN or the UN decry this kind of discrimination any time soon, will you?

Fathers & Families Introduces 4 Bills into California Legislature

Matt · 16 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Announcement here. Excerpt:

'Fathers & Families and our allies recently introduced a wide-ranging package of California bills which include child custody reform, child support reform, protection from family court financial abuses, and others. Our lobbying team has spent many months laying the groundwork for these bills, and we are confident of their passage.

California legislation is widely recognized to have an enormous impact on other states and the federal government. California ushered in the era of no fault divorce in 1969, and many of the draconian domestic violence laws common throughout the US were first passed in California in the mid-1990s. The military parent/child custody legislation we passed in California in 2005 has led to the passage of similar legislation in over two dozen states. California losses are national losses–our California victories on this legislation will be national victories.'

India: 'Rape' to be made gender-neutral, to be replaced with 'sexual assault'

arindamp · 16 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The government has decided to amend the Indian Penal Code (IPC), replacing the word "rape" with "sexual assault" in the existing law in order to broaden the ambit of crimes covered under the sections and make the provisions gender neutral.

"The home ministry is working on a draft Bill. It will soon be brought in the public domain for detailed discussion over all the provisions relating to sections covering rape," said a senior home ministry official.

Making sexual assault "gender neutral" will imply that the relevant sections of IPC can be slapped on accused of any gender who has committed the crime.

"The provisions can be imposed on sexual crimes inflicted on women, men and children thus broadening the reach," said the official.'

This is good for men's rights. Now male victims can hope for justice against female perpetrators when the law is changed.

Judge: Winfrey must defend ex-headmistress's suit

Matt · 16 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. As they say in Spain: "When one sleeps with dogs he should not be surprised to wake up with fleas." Excerpt:

'PHILADELPHIA – Talk show host Oprah Winfrey must defend a defamation suit over remarks she made about a headmistress at her girls' school in South Africa after a sex-abuse scandal erupted there, a U.S. judge ruled.
...
Judge Eduardo Robreno refused to dismiss the suit in a decision Monday, ruling that former headmistress Nomvuyo Mzamane has enough evidence to pursue her defamation claims against the media mogul. Winfrey made the remarks in 2007 after the complaints surfaced at the $40 million Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls, near Johannesburg.

A dorm matron who worked under Mzamane was later charged with abusing six students.

Mzamane accused Winfrey of suggesting she was not trustworthy through comments about the need for new leadership and remarks such as "I thought she cared about the girls of South Africa," according to the October 2008 lawsuit.

Winfrey's lawyers argued the remarks, made at an Oct. 20, 2007 meeting with parents and at a Nov. 5, 2007 press conference, reflected Winfrey's opinions.'

"Pelosi Calls All Female Democratic Members Into Meeting"

Matt · 17 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Imagine this:

"So-and-so Calls All Male Democratic Members Into Meeting"

Imagine the outrage: a sex-specific political meeting called by the Speaker of the House -- would the sex were male. You could hear the cries of sexism all the way down into northern Virginia and back.

Airline’s new restroom policy doesn’t fly with men’s group

Matt · 17 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When he heard the news that Japan’s All Nippon Airways would start offering women-only bathrooms on most of its international routes served by large aircraft, San Diegan Harry Crouch wasted no time in drafting a letter of protest to All Nippon CEO Ito Shinichiro.

Crouch, who heads the National Coalition for Men, based in San Diego, said the policy, implemented March 1, was gender-based discrimination.

“All passengers, male and female, should be treated equally,” Crouch wrote.

The fact that men would be allowed to use the women-only designated lavatory only when few female passengers were on board or in emergency situations is considered a violation of California law by Crouch and his group.

Crouch received a response from All Nippon’s Torrance office the other day, thanking him for bringing the matter to the airline’s attention and explaining that the airline is carefully reviewing the issue with its headquarters in Japan and will have a response soon.

...

Members of the Coalition for Men, which welcomes female members, have filed lawsuits on numerous inequality issues, such as local nightclubs’ “ladies’ nights,” in which women were offered special discounts or benefits. In this instance, a lawsuit would be “way down the road,” said Crouch, who awaits the airline’s full response.'

Author seeks male sexual harassment victims

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Via Abusegate Bob:

I am interested in interviewing men who have been victims of sexual harassment at work for an upcoming project. Please forward this request. Thank you.

Philip Cook
Author, "Abused Men-The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence"
philipcook1-at-live.com

Female prison guard lieutenant pulls gold grill from man's tooth, leaves him to bleed

Matt · 17 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. And some would still have us believe that female prison guards are actually on the down-side of the "power dynamic". There is no end to the foolishness.

Mom of Missing Baby Delays Case

Matt · 17 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. She makes my skin crawl. Unbelievable what she is trying to get away with. She has admitted to killing her own baby, and now she is refusing to leave her cell?

Of course the commentators speculate she may be "insane". Look for the insanity defense and even if she is convicted of murder, watch for a nice short prison sentence.

In Ontario, Equally Shared Parenting Gets a Boost

Matt · 18 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From Tennessee we go now to Canada on the continuing topic of equally shared parenting. In both the state and the nation, there are bills pending before the legislatures that would establish the presumption of equally shared parenting. And in both, the presumption could be rebutted by a showing that one parent was violent or otherwise unfit. And both bills have substantial backing and momentum, although their ultimate fate remains unknown.

But what a difference a thousand miles or so can make! This article on shared parenting actually deals honestly with some of the issues involved, particularly the issue of domestic violence (The London Free Press, 3/10/10).

(As a brief aside, let me point out that the entire debate about equally shared parenting sometimes seems like nothing more than a debate about domestic violence. In that way, the anti-dad crowd has successfully highjacked the terms of the discussion. And that's a shame since actual incidents of physically harmful DV are fairly rare. As but one example, about three months ago, the government of Scotland published its most recent findings on DV in that country. It found that about 5% of men and 5% of women in intimate relationships had experienced some form of DV in the previous year. Seventy-nine percent of those had suffered no injury whatsoever or simply a "minor cut or bruise.")'

UK: BSB Chairman decries downgrading of paternal role

Matt · 18 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the last half a century there has been a sea change in society's attitude towards same-sex relationships, marriage and the family. Homosexuality has moved from criminal status to legalisation, from legalisation to acceptance and the same respectfulness as heterosexual relationships. We have now reached the stage where, in the event of an election victory, the Conservative leader has promised that civil partners will benefit from extended paternity and maternity leave (in the case of adoption or artificial insemination babies). ...

While changes to the law which have given homosexual couples the same rights and responsibilities as heterosexual couples are welcome, there are two issues involving modern society's attitude towards children which give me unease.
...
Government policy is that men should take financial responsibility for their children and stay in touch with them after separation; that they should take paternity leave and be involved. There is a wealth of research showing that children need fathers, not just two parents.-->

<--Children need to see complementary roles, the relationship between the sexes, a microcosm of society, as they grow up. Recent reports have placed Britain at the bottom of international league tables for the welfare of children and we know that boys without fathers do worse at school and turn to worse role models. Research shows that their presence gives girls as well as boys advantages in educational and social development. The limit to same sex relationships is that they cannot be a reproductive unit in a way that is best for the welfare of the child if they cut out all contact with members of the other sex or falsify the birth registration. Tolerance of both types of parenting has to be ensured.'

The BSB is a very significant body in the UK. Read about it here. Their site is here. Not only is this article written by the head of the BSB, note that who that is: Ruth Deech, Baroness Deech. Nice to see some people in positions to make a difference are finally coming around to reality.

Cops: Man lured by ex, sodomized

Matt · 18 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The 29-year-old man told his former lover that he had romance on his mind Sunday night.

His ex, Renada Williams, 28, told him she did, too, but Philadelphia police said she had on her mind a brutal plan of revenge against him.

With her former lover nude and ready for romance at her place, police said, two thugs, 16 and 20, showed up and brutalized him with a broomstick.

Police said they sodomized the man, then pummeled him with the broomstick. After the ordeal, the two tied up the unidentified victim with electrical cords.'

"A generation of women bred to work"

Matt · 18 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Our careers were proof that generations of oppression were over, the revolution complete and women were finally "free". As Lady Gaga, the icon of striving and ambition, said this month: "Some women choose to follow men, and some women choose to follow their dreams. If you're wondering which way to go, remember that your career will never wake up and tell you that it doesn't love you any more." Her comments caused a blog storm, as recession-weary women asserted that you can most certainly wake up and find that your career doesn't love you any more, and to put career ahead of love and family can be a dangerous mistake.

...

Our mothers wanted to go out to work for many reasons — independence, freedom, fulfilment — but mainly, they wanted to do it because men did it and their work was more valued. So we set a new rule, saying we'll go out to work, too (if you do 50% of the house and kids' stuff — okay, do 30% and I'll pretend it's 50%). And in one generation we have reversed the situation, so that a man who earns enough for his wife to stay at home is doing her a favour. Economically, the woman who has time to stay at home and cook her children a dinner from scratch is not downtrodden, but privileged.

...

Yet the drudgery of cleaning and cooking and child-rearing, it has now transpired, was important skilled labour. So skilled, in fact, that we now need television programmes to show us how to clean our lavatories, rear our children and cook our dinners. The most basic housekeeping skills — such as working out a weekly budget and sticking to it — seem to have eluded us. Debt? Our grandmothers did not know what that meant. Could they have imagined their granddaughters would spend half a month's wages on a handbag and the other on Marks & Spencer's ready meals? Or throw out a perfectly good blouse because of a missing button, or not know how to bake a batch of buns without looking up a recipe in a lavishly illustrated cookbook?'

ABC News: New Study Shows Boys Lagging Behind Girls in Reading

anthony · 18 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Girls are reading better than boys, according to a new study by the Center on Education Policy, and the pattern is giving girls a life-long advantage, experts tell ABC News.

Boys are lagging behind girls on standardized reading tests in all 50 states, the research suggests. In some states, the boys are trailing girls by as much as 10 percentage points.
...
So why the gap?

For reading, one theory points to differences between the brains of boys and girls. While girls' brains are more verbally oriented, often making reading skills easier for them, boys' brains are visually oriented.

Another theory is that boys are more physically restless than girls. Even recess time has been cut in some schools in the push for better achievement test scores.

"[Boys] can read, but they need to be moving around or they need to be doodling, they need to be doing something that's activating their brains," said Dr. Michael Gurian, a family therapist.

The problem extends beyond high school.

"There's a consistent pattern here that says boys are not learning how to read as well as girls," Jennings said. "They're dropping out of school at greater rates than girls. They're going to college at lower rates than girls, and they're getting their college degrees at lower rates than girls."'

Study: Helpful Dads Damage Mother's Self-Esteem at Home

anthony · 19 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The competence of diligent dads helping out at home is damaging the self-esteem of "super-moms" who feel caught between work and traditional child-rearing roles, according to a new study revealed by LiveScience.

The University of Texas at Austin interviewed 78 dual-earner couples who had eight-month-old infants, measuring them on two types of self-esteem — self-liking and self-competence.

Researchers asked the parents to talk about their partner's strengths and weaknesses and rated their responses.

They found that among mothers who thought their partners were competent caregivers, the more time those fathers spent alone with their children, the lower the mother's self-competence rating was.

"In American society, women are expected to take a main role in parenting despite increasingly egalitarian sex roles," said study researcher Takayuki Sasaki of the Osaka University of Commerce in Japan.

"Thus, we believe that employed mothers suffer from self-competence losses when their husbands are involved and skilful because those mothers may consider that it is a failure to fulfil cultural expectations," Sasaki said.'

Female sexual abusers not as rare as widely believed

Scottie · 20 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story from the National Post here. I found the story was actually (comparatively) reasonable. It even touches upon the fact that the legal system is not reflecting what really goes on. However, the story does end with a typical quote from a police detective:

"The predominant offender in Internet child exploitation is males," said Windsor police Det. Jason Belanger. "They're out there, but if you do get a female offender, you're surprised."

Still, if one reads carefully, it would be clear that quoting a cop is not a good source.

If someone can find a contact e-mail for the author, Sarah Sacheli, it might be worthwhile to send a note commending the story but questioning the inclusion of the quote from the police officer.

Los Misandry - a video parody of the domestic violence industry

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Beneath the facade of domestic violence law exists an anti-male bias that destroys innocent men. ***Los Misandry*** is a slide show/video parody about modern domestic violence laws and the taxpayer funded, domestic violence industry that often follows gender-feminist, political ideology more than, the U.S. Constitution and other U.S. laws.

I-VAWA: liberal lies tempt women to embrace a radical agenda

anthony · 20 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Behind its innocent-sounding name, the International Violence Against Women Act will fund "female empowerment" programs that would serve to break up families, vilify men as abusers, and leave millions of women dependent on the state.

The bill does that by defining domestic violence expansively to include "coercion" and "psychological harm," convincing women to call the police at sign of the first sharply-uttered word, and then slapping a restraining order on the couple that has the effect of precluding partner counseling or reconciliation.

I'm not going to claim that Democrats Sen. John Kerry or Rep. Bill Delahunt of Massachusetts truly desire to undermine the fundamental family unit. But the fact is, their bill is awash in a sea of Orwellian half-truths that are designed to scare women out of the protective embrace of the family.

If even half the bills' 15 findings were truthful, I might think about supporting the International Violence Against Women Act. But it turns out to be a sham, a scientific legerdemain that calls to mind the United Nations' now-discredited predictions on global warming.'

'Year of Hell' after false rape claim

anthony · 20 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Mangakino man falsely accused of raping a 14-year-old girl says the stigma is something he'll never be able to shake.

Leonard Joseph, 42, is a shattered man. The pain and distress the ordeal have caused him and his family are evident on his face as he relives his "year of hell".

Mr Joseph was last week acquitted at the High Court in Rotorua on all charges relating to the alleged rape of the 14-year-old Mangakino girl in March, 2009. The charges he faced included abduction, forcibly taking a minor and rape.

The jury took just seven minutes to come back with a not guilty verdict following a five-day trial.

His mother, Shirley Joseph, broke down in tears as she described that day.

"I stood by my son 100 per cent all the way through this," she said from her Tokoroa home.

"We have gone to hell and back. I knew he wasn't guilty."'

Police, deputies charge women with filing false reports

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PANAMA CITY BEACH — A woman who accused a sheriff's deputy, a jail officer and a club security guard of rape has been charged with filing a false crime report in addition to disorderly conduct.

Kimberly Mills, 22, of McDonough, Ga., was taken to the Bay County Jail early Monday after a sheriff's deputy said she locked a friend out of their hotel room, fought with her and resisted when he tried to intervene.

She was arrested for disorderly conduct but resisted on the way to a patrol car, according to an incident report, eventually accusing the deputy of raping her.'

Woman arrested for false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) - Police say a Las Cruces woman has been arrested for falsely claiming that she had been sexually assaulted.

Police say 20-year-old Michelle Holcomb is charged with one count of filing a false police report. She's jailed at the Dona Ana County Detention Center on $1,000 bond.

Police say were dispatched to Holcomb's home Sunday afternoon after the woman claimed that she had been drugged and raped during a party Saturday night. She was taken to Memorial Medical Center for an examination while detectives followed up on her allegations.'

Evidence shows rape allegations false

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MANKATO — Text messages saved by an Iowa man, as well as reports from other witnesses, helped get him released from jail and out from under false rape charges.

Referring to 23-year-old Anthony James Weatherman of Milford, Iowa, as an “all-American boy,” attorney Thomas Hagen said his client was the real victim in allegations that led to his arrest in September.

A woman accused Weatherman of raping her during a college football victory party, but felony charges were dismissed after investigators learned more about what happened at the Sept. 6 party near Minnesota State University.

“Basically, what she said was a lie, and no rape occurred,” Hagen said. “He played basketball in high school, he’s a member of the National Guard. It was just totally out of his nature, these allegations that were made.”

The woman told police she was sleeping before Weatherman forced her to have sex. Weatherman was arrested, charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct and jailed until he was able to post a bond for his release more than a week later. His bail had been set at $75,000 but was later reduced to $10,000.'

Upcoming campaign: Turning the Tide, May 1-16

Matt · 20 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Real hope and change – that's the thought that passed through my head when I heard the San Diego Domestic Violence Council has just awarded a grant to the National Coalition for Men, a men's rights organization.

Of course, we have a long way to go, but for the first time, the wind is filling our sails.

So we're now pleased to announce an upcoming 2-week campaign, "Turning the Tide." We picked that title because after 5 years of hard work, we're beginning to see the fruits of our labors!

Girl beats 42-YO woman nearly to death in 'game'

Matt · 21 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. But she wasn't alone. I wondered about posting this since it strikes me as being more about how we are producing "feral youth" now instead of children on their way to becoming adults, some of whom occasionally did something wrong that landed them in trouble. The perp in this case could have just as easily been male. Far cry from the days when the "bad kids" were just smoking cigarettes and writing beatnik poetry. Excerpt:

'Two residents of Southwest Philadelphia were injured - one of them seriously - in separate, recent attacks by youth engaging in a violent game they have dubbed "Catch and Wreck," police said tonight.

Lt. John Walker of Southwest Detectives said tonight a 12-year-old girl has been charged with aggravated assault and related offenses in connection with an attack on a 42-year-old woman Friday night, and additional arrests are expected.

In the game, a group of children between the ages of nine and 15 congregating at the Finnegan Playground at 69th Street and Grovers Avenue beat, strike and stomp adults they believe may be homeless, Walker said. He said neither victim in the two attacks was homeless.'

Barbara Kay: The suicide double-standard

Anonymous · 22 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog post here. Excerpt:

'And men, of course, are far more likely to commit suicide than women altogether, although the fact is rarely brought to public attention as a matter for special concern, even when it would be appropriate to do so. Three students at Cornell University in New York State in the last month alone committed suicide by jumping off a bridge on the campus into a deep gorge. These were not “cries for help” — they were irrevocable decisions to die. The students were male. Yet Cornell president David Skorton said that “… suicide among young people is a national health crisis.”

Well, it isn’t a crisis amongst young people, but it is a crisis amongst young males. In Canada over 80% of suicides are male (77% in the U.S.). Suicides amongst men rise dramatically after separation or divorce, especially amongst men deprived of their family home and children, while suicide rates amongst women remain flat.

If the figures were reversed, and women were committing suicide at the rates of men, we can be sure that it would be considered a national crisis, one on which a great deal of money, media attention and authentic concern would be lavished. As of now, the only research being carried out on male suicide is being done by activists in the fathers’ rights movement.'

Idaho Senate votes to shield young men from rape charges

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Article here.

'BOISE, Idaho (AP) - Young males who have consensual sex with their 16- or 17-year-old girlfriends would be shielded from rape charges, under a bill passed 35-0 by the Senate.

Sen. Brent Hill, a Rexburg Republican, told lawmakers Monday he doesn't believe "an 18-year-old boy who makes an indiscretion with his 17-year old girlfriend should be considered a rapist or a criminal in the same category as those degenerates."

Idaho's age of consent for females is now 18.

With Hill's measure, which now goes to the House, men within three years of their 16-year-old or 17-year-old girlfriends could no longer be charged with rape after consensual encounters.

His bill leaves all fornicators - Idahoans who have sex out of wedlock, regardless of age - subject to six months in jail, under an old Idaho law.'

UK: Harriet Harman's 'unreliable statistics on rape scare off victims'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Harriet Harman was ordered to stop misleading the public about rape by an official inquiry report yesterday.

The Equalities Minister was accused of pumping out unreliable figures about the low number of rapists brought to justice, thus discouraging victims from reporting attacks.

The review by Baroness Stern appeared to put an end to years of claims by ministers that laws and criminal procedures for dealing with rape need radical reform because only six per cent of complaints end in a conviction.
...
The six per cent figure relates to reported cases. In fact, the conviction rate for those actually charged with rape is nearly two out of three, higher than comparable figures for other violent crime.

The report's view is doubly humiliating for Miss Harman because it was she who set up the review.

Instead of condemning low conviction rates and demanding legal reforms - as ministers have repeatedly done over the past six years - Lady Stern said there should be more help for victims and greater use of police intelligence to track down men who serially attack and rape strangers.

Her report said: 'The figure for convictions of those charged with rape as the term is normally used is actually 58 per cent.

'There is concern that the six per cent figure can make victims feel it is not worth reporting.
...
Last summer the watchdog UK Statistics Authority accused Miss Harman of 'undermining public trust' by exaggerating the pay gap between men and women.

Baroness Stern's report criticised 'sharp failures' by police in the cases of John Worboys, a taxi driver who was convicted of 12 attacks on women and may have committed more than 100, and Kirk Reid, suspected of 71 offences.

It called for sharing of police intelligence across London boroughs and for forces to consider specialist rape units.

Lady Stern also said the Ministry of Justice should study numbers of false rape accusations. Because the alleged victim's anonymity is guaranteed by law, critics say false claims can be made with impunity.
...
Lady Stern also said there should be an end to targets for rape convictions for the police and the Crown Prosecution Service; better forensic examination of complainants; better video evidence schemes for witnesses, improved compensation procedures for victims, and more explanation of sexual offences law to young people.'

Cops: Woman's lie about rape led to lover's beating, sodomy

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Story here (originally appeared on MANN here). Another classic case of getting someone else to do your dirty work by lying to them. "Outsourced sexual assault," courtesy of a vengeful ex-girlfriend. Of course it doesn't exonerate the two men involved, either. Let it be a warning to men who think that to take up the cause of a woman claiming an offense (and then acting without referring the matter to proper authorities) is a great way to find yourself behind bars along with her. Excerpt:

'Renada Williams told her alleged cohorts in crime that her lover had raped her and that she had come up with a horrific plan of revenge, which left one police veteran cold.

"This type of crime shocks your consciousness," said Capt. Jack McGinnis, of Northeast Detectives. "I've been doing this for 38 years and this is really bad. How can people treat each other like this, and how do you bring a 16-year-old into this?"

While Williams stood by in her Frankford home, her acquaintances, Shawn Aiken and the teen, allegedly beat her 29-year-old lover with their hands, a 4-by-4-foot wood plank, extension cords and a mop.

The perpetrators allegedly yelled at their victim, "You raped her!" He responded, "I didn't do that, I didn't do that."

But the pair believed Williams, and continued to punch the victim, McGinnis said.

The victim was then "violated with the mop stick repeatedly over time," undergoing nearly 24 hours of torture, according to the victim and police.

...

McGinnis said that police still don't know why Williams came up with the plan. She gave a rape motive to acquaintances, Aiken and the teen, but never told any friend that she had been raped, he said. She did not report it to Philadelphia police, he said.

The victim told police that he never raped her, but that the two had argued the week before.'

Canada: The talk you must have with your teenage son

Anonymous · 22 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A clinical psychologist and parenting guru spreading false stereotypes in a national newspaper. Excerpt:

'I've written about how to talk to teenage sons about responsible sexual behaviour – being considerate, always, of the wants and feelings of a potential sex partner.

But there's another talk you should have with your son: It is about abuse.

Many teenage boys – it has probably always been so – are abusive to their girlfriends. Most are not, but many are. How can you know whether your teenage son is abusive, or potentially abusive, with women? You can't.

That's why it's important for you to talk outright with your son – about what constitutes abuse, and why such behaviours are flat-out wrong. Many of the behaviours that I will list seem obvious. But most boys who abuse their girlfriends either do not think that what they are doing is abuse or think that it's somehow justified.
...
Many boys abuse their girlfriends. I'm not saying that I think you will or that you do. But many boys abuse girls, and I want you to know clearly what abuse is. All the things that I'm about to talk about are abuse and are not acceptable under any circumstances. It's a pretty big list, but you must not do any of these things.

You can't grab a girl hard, ever.

Never hit a girl.

If a girl gets physical with you – either hitting or kicking or threatening you with physical harm – leave right away. Hitting a girl in self-defense is not okay. Leave.

If you are in an argument and are mad and you get very close to a girl, you must back away. An in-your-face angry guy is often genuinely scary, even though you may know that you will do nothing physical.'

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Indiana Governor Signs F & F-Inspired Bill to Protect Disabled Parents from Family Court Abuses

Matt · 23 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here.

'Although federal law is clear, judges are often ignoring it and calculating veterans' disability compensation into divorce settlements as a divisible asset. Very often these payments are the only assets a veteran has. When judges include it as income, it creates great hardship for those veterans, who rarely have the resources to hire legal help to contest the taking of their benefits.

Last year Fathers & Families' legislative representative Michael Robinson successfully worked to pass California SB 285 (Wright) which protected disabled veterans' VA disability compensation, and has worked with advocates and legislators from several other states on similar legislation.

One of the first of these is Indiana HB 1165. A military parent bill also modeled on SB 285, HB 1165 was signed into law last week by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels. Thanks to Indiana activist/lobbyist Lisa Wilken for her fine work on the bill.'

Male Studies Symposium at Wagner College - April 7, 2010

Matt · 23 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

I am working with a group of academics, primarily psychologists and psychology professors. In response to a lack of understanding of male physiology, psychology, biology and behavior, their foundation is working to introduce a new program of male studies to colleges and universities worldwide.

In light of catastrophic issues men and boys face today - from hatred, disproportionate job losses, dwindling enrollment at colleges, and a biased legal system, this is a much-needed course of action.

I was wondering if you could take a few minutes and visit our site at http://www.malestudies.org/. Please help us by writing about our April 7 conference, in which scholars will introduce a new academic discipline.

Also, if you can suggest anyone else I can contact about this, I would be grateful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph Notovitz
wagnerconference-at-malestudies.org
Male Studies Foundation

New book: "The Male Brain" - more from the "men need fixing" department

Matt · 24 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Video interview with the author here. Of course, men need fixing, and we are inherently flawed vis-a-vis women and we need to focus on "fixing" men relative to women. Our tendency to move to fix problems rather than emote about them is a big flaw that apparently needs fixing. She even uses the term "civilizing" when referring to men who are unfaithful to their mates. (Starts at time mark 1:48.)

"Civilizing".

As if to be civilized is equal to being faithful. So as in the examples they took (Tiger Woods and John Edwards), these men are by implication "uncivilized" since they are unfaithful. This would mean that John F. Kennedy was uncivilized. Indeed, most of our presidents have been uncivilized then, and virtually every man who has ever been a monarch has been uncivilized, and I wonder, would that also include the many female politicians and other kinds of leaders in history that also have been unfaithful to their mates? Are they also uncivilized?

Can you imagine how greeted a book written by a male researcher that had comparable criticisms of females, and how they need "fixing" to be more like men, and perhaps to be a little less conservative in their sexuality? Probably by violent protests.

Amazon.com sells the book here. The author's web site is http://www.louannbrizendine.com/. You can contact her here.

I also noticed she had a previously-published book entitled The Female Brain. I wonder if she suggests therein that women must be "civilized" for this or that reason, against their "natural inclinations"? And wow, just look at some of those comments on that book, too!

More junk science, promulgated by junk-mainstream-media.

UK: Rallying call for group championing men's rights at Oxford University

Matt · 24 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'AN OXFORD University student who set up a group championing men's rights is hosting his first get-together at the weekend.

Alex Linsley, 20, a second year economics and management student at Merton College, launched the Man Collective-Oxford in November.

He set up the organisation to provide man-to-man support after noticing the high number of young men committing suicide in Oxford.

Now, working with friend Marc Quinn, he is hoping to bring like-minded men together at an event called The Gathering, to explore everything from healthcare to sexuality and gender policy.

He said: "Although there is quite an established network and movement of guys who are taking a stand and starting to challenge society's expectations of them in the States, in the UK there is really nothing similar."'

Intact America petition needs more signatures

Matt · 24 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From a recent IA email:

We will be delivering the petitions to CDC headquarters in April with the hopes of convincing them to make the right decision.

But we're still just 4,973 shy of our 25,000 signature goal.

Will you please ask your friends and family to join you in signing the petition to make sure the CDC gets the message that infant circumcision is painful, risky, and ethically wrong? Click here to send them a quick note now.

Based on flawed studies that ignore the risks and ethical concerns of infant circumcision, the CDC may recommend this unnecessary surgery for our baby boys.

We know that safe sexual practices and abstinence – not circumcision – prevent sexually transmitted diseases. And we know that there is NO link between infant circumcision and better health.

We need your help to make sure that the CDC gets the message – and we're just 4,973 signatures away from making sure our voices are heard loud and clear.

Help us reach our 25,000 signature goal by March 31 – ask your neighbors, parents, adult kids, co-workers, siblings, and friends to join you in signing the petition to the CDC today.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Georganne Chapin
Executive Director, Intact America
http://www.intactamerica.org/

Financial Post Mocks Millions of Unemployed Men: "Who's The New Head of the Household?"

Anonymous · 25 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Men have lost 10 times as many jobs as women but that's a good thing. Just ask the Financial Post. Apparently their advertisers are demanding more girl power and emasculation than usual.

Article here (don't forget to leave a comment. Despite the nauseating, gender-baiting headline, the story isn't quite as misandrist as you might expect. It is, however, full of the usual nonsense about how great it is that more and more men are losing their livelihoods and the antiquated, sexist notion that men somehow owe women a lifetime of support.

Remember, it's not sexism or controlling behavior when women do it.

Abusegate poster now available

Matt · 25 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

Thanks to the efforts of Paul Elam, editor in chief of Men's News Daily, Abusegate now has an official poster! This can be placed on your website, handed out to your friends, or turned into a larger poster suitable for hanging on a wall or some other appropriate place.

Let's get the word out: "Abusegate, Investigate!"

UK: Daily Mail pans Obama for his "boys' club", with inference to Antichrist characteristics

Matt · 25 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

At the risk of opening a Pandora's Box with this posting, I direct you to this story. Let me be clear: This is not about politics or the recent health care bill that just got passed. This is about how the picture caption is worded, as follows:

"Just another boys' club: Barack Obama, centre on the phone, is surrounded by male aides at the White House as they plot healthcare reform this week in a new image released today. The President has been compared to the Antichrist"

In one paragraph a group of presidential aides, who happen to be all men, and the concept of said president as being the Antichrist, are all mentioned. (Most of us know the the president has a number of female aides as well; they just are not in this particular picture.) I don't see the caption's wording here as a coincidence. This is sexism of the worst kind: An all-male group of men = these being in service to the Antichrist, by inference. Would a picture like this one, if we had a female president surrounded by female aides, get the same kind of wording? I very much doubt it.

"Why Would Anyone Protest Against the Women's Studies Program at Columbia?"

Matt · 25 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I'd say we could contribute to the discussion in the comments section. Excerpt:

'On the morning of April 8th the Federal Court in New York City will hear the oral argument in a Federal suits against the Women's Studies Program at Columbia University.

The lawsuit claims that students, male and female, as well as the nation, are being harmed by the misapplication of monies under Title IX. which states that: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance..." (Title Nine is most commonly evoked to ensure equal opportunities for girls and women in high school and college athletics but is obviously being used here to challenge the use of funds for women's education) There is a demonstration being planned to support this lawsuit and the preceding day there will be a special seminar and a webinar at Wagner College in support of this issue.

At first glance this lawsuit seems to be ridiculous. We all know that programs such as this one have been part of social change which has brought well deserved equality to women from the early suffrage movement to where we have seen a viable woman candidate for President of the United States. Certainly in education we have seen the number of women undergraduates in the United States outnumber men.
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Australia: Predatory woman robs elderly men

MichaelClaymore · 26 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Seems there's a woman going around Sydney's poorer suburbs robbing men in their eighties! She must have been hiding behind the door when God was handing out that famous female compassion. Excerpt:

'Elderly men are the favoured prey of a woman who makes sexual advances then robs her victims.

Police are investigating up to 40 incidents in Sydney's west and inner western suburbs over the past month or so.

In at least three cases, victims have described the same woman, who has indecently assaulted at least one man.

The woman has introduced herself as "Katie" and on one occasion followed an 86-year-old man home from the pub and once inside his house, stole cash.'

Is Being Male Hazardous to Your Health?

Michael · 26 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ask any man and he's sure to say that the male sex is the stronger one. It's easy to see why: Men are bigger than women, so we can lift more, run faster, and jump higher.

But ask doctors of either gender, and they're likely to say that women are actually stronger, at least where health is concerned.

How much stronger and why? What can men do to become healthier and keep up with women? The answer isn't very complex. Men need to be more like women. That means understanding our bodies, taking better care of ourselves, and getting the medical care we need.
...
In the U.S. and around the world, women live longer than men. The average American woman has a life expectancy of 80.4 years while American men lag 5.2 years behind at 75.2 years. At every age, starting at conception, males have a higher death rate than females.'

Fathers and bias in the Family Court

Anonymous · 26 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Let's play the pedophile card when we run out of reasons to oppose shared custody. Excerpt:

'A recent decision by the Family Court of Australia suggests that it is out of touch with general community standards and reveals that the law needs further amendments.

A father who was charged and convicted of downloading child pornography has been granted weekend overnight access to his two young daughters. He was previously found guilty in a criminal court of downloading internet material that by its nature is produced from the actual abuse of children. Furthermore, he was found guilty of “reproducing” child exploitation material.

The judge ordered that during the weekend overnight contact, he must have a friend present in the house and that the children’s bedroom door needs to be locked at night. In the comments section to the news article about this decision, comment number 69 asks, “What is it about the Family Court that keeps doing this? This is NOT the first time it has happened. Why is the court giving sex offenders access to children?”
...

One indicator that their contentions are not true and that the Family Court does not have a bias against “fathers” is revealed by the simple fact that despite the use of the word “fathers” by the fathers’ rights campaigners, most separated fathers in Australia do not end in the Family Court. Their repeated use of the plural word “fathers” gives the false impression that they represent a great number of separated fathers in Australia. However, the Family Court statistics indicate that the number of cases that proceed to trial is about 5-6 per cent of the cases that actually present to the Family Court. That means that of all the couples that separate in Australia, 95-96 per cent do not end up in the Family Court. That also means that the accusations that the Family Court is biased against “fathers” in general cannot be accurate, especially when the claim is couched in terms that give the impression that the problem of fatherlessness in Australia is due to the Family Court.'

First 'prostidude' leaves Shady Lady Ranch, object of sexual harassment by media and coworkers

Anonymous · 26 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Interesting double standard. Excerpt:

'As far as she is concerned, the way the media in general attacked Markus was more than unfair; it was a double-standard.

"Several papers just cremated him. If it was a woman, they never would have gotten away with it," Davis said.

But no one was quite as cruel as the working women from some other Nevada brothels who posted about Markus on the discussion boards of their Web sites. "They were unmerciful," she said.

Even a few the women at the Shady Lady were "bitchy" about having to work alongside a man, Davis said.

"I don't know why. It's not like they're competing for the same customers."'

South Korea: Law passed requiring 40% of teachers must be men

Anonymous · 26 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Original story in French here. Translation into English is here. It seems that in some Asian countries, politicians really want to increase the number of male teachers. Excerpt:

'The educational bureau of the city of Seoul pushed for a quota system to guarantee a certain number of men among teachers of primary and secondary schools in an attempt to prevent women dominate the profession, it was learned official sources, Wednesday, March 26, 2008.

In the Korean capital, women represent 83% of primary teachers, revealed the Municipal Office for Education (Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education), which will propose revising the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology in the day.

According to Seoul City, the female raises one hand a problem for male students who do not find in their teachers figure "models" and secondly it generates problems of administrative management.

"To reduce gender disparity teachers, laws should be revised, which can be done by the Ministry of Education, said an inspector of schools in the city of Seoul.'

Abusegate: Turning the Tide campaign -- starts 5 weeks from now!

Matt · 26 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

2010 is the year we get out of damage-control mode. 2010 is the year we stop the VAWA juggernaut. 2010 is the year we turn it around.

That's why May 1-16 will be an all-out, super-duper, we-really-mean-business campaign called "Turning the Tide."

During the 2 week campaign, we are asking organizations around the country to hold some kind of event or organized activity such as:

- Table at a community fair
- Distribute Abusegate flyers to community residents
- Post the (just released!) Abusegate poster at local businesses
- Do a phone-a-thon directed at state legislators
- Get on a talk-radio program
- Hold a press conference
- Give a talk at a local college
- Hire a sky-writing airplane – YES, THE SKY'S TRULY THE LIMIT!

Our goal is for at least 10 organizations around the country to have an event or activity that month.

The campaign is starting 5 weeks from now, SO LET'S GET STARTED!

Questions? Email barbara-at-saveservices.org

P.S. Registration for the May 6-7 Spring Cleaning event in Washington DC will begin this coming Monday. Stay tuned: http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/

Sandra Bullock on Cheating Husbands: 'I'd Get the Baseball Bat'

anthony · 26 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'When "The Insider" asked Bullock about her thoughts on Tiger Woods' infidelities at the People's Choice Awards Jan. 6, she replied, "If I were [Tiger's wife] Elin [Nordegren], man, I would have hit a lot more than she did. I would have kept hitting."

Bullock was referring to reports that Nordegren wielded a golf club at Woods the night of his November car crash, which led to the uncovering of his multiple affairs. (Both Woods and his wife have vehemently denied the golf club rumors.)

"Yeah, she stopped, she was respectable," Bullock continued. "I'd get the baseball bat, I'd get everything out."'

Guilt-Ridden Teacher Pleads No Contest After Confessing to 'Sex' With Middle School Student

anthony · 26 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The lawyer for the California middle-school teacher who shocked the country with her unsolicited confession of a months-long sexual affair with a 14-year-old former student -- and who later declined to be bailed from jail -- said the woman "couldn't live" with her actions and wanted the story to come out.

Amy Beck may have cleared her conscience, but she now faces a 2-year sentence in state prison after pleading no contest to charges against her on Thursday. Beck's lawyer, Michael Williamson, told "Good Morning America" today she would likely serve a year with good behavior.
...

The Burbank, Calif., teacher stunned police and school officials when she showed up at the police station and told them she'd repeatedly had sex with a now-15-year-old boy.

"Obviously we were surprised," Burbank Police Sgt. Robert Quesada said. Without Beck's confession, "we would have never known about this."'

Mom Reportedly Approved of Teen Son's 'Affair' With Teacher

anthony · 26 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Affairs between teachers and students have become increasingly public, but rarely do they come with a parent's stamp of approval.

The mother of a 15-year-old Florida boy who was allegedly having a sexual relationship with a sixth-grade teacher not only knew of the affair, she reportedly endorsed it.

Police in Hialeah, Fla., arrested Maria Hernandez, 32, Saturday and charged her with sexual battery after the school's principal notified the Department of Children and Families.

According to police, Hernandez and the student met at the Our Lady of Charity School in Hialeah where Hernandez taught sixth grade.

Police made the arrest after Hernandez and the boy returned from a vacation together to Disney World in Orlando. Police said Hernandez admitted to the affair.'

New York Mom Free on Bail in Hit Man Hire Try Case

anthony · 26 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Susan Williams left the Nassau County Jail in East Meadow on Friday afternoon after posting $500,000 bond. She had been held on $1 million bond, but an appeals court ordered that amount cut in half.

Williams has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy and criminal solicitation.

Prosecutors say she offered $20,000 to an undercover officer posing as a hit man and paid $500 as a down payment.

Defense attorney John Carman has said Williams may have had a daydream about hurting her husband that she took too far, but she never would have gone through with it.

If convicted, she faces up to 25 years in prison.'

MRA comedy writing group in London looking for collaborators

tom of covent garden · 26 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

If you're a pro-equality MRA (male or female), and able to attend a weekly brainstorming meeting in Central London on a Tuesday Evening for two hours, we would like to hear from you - our mission: To manufacture the ultimate MRA stand up comedian.

A lot of comedians appear to be MRAs at heart, but can usually only manage about two jokes on the subject before moving to safer ground. For a standup to deliver solely MRA material for several minutes will be a challenge - but we have a unique plan to get the most out of the group dynamic, to produce material far beyond the sum of our parts. You may be good with concepts and set-ups, or you may be good with language, or you may be good with punch-lines. Whatever you have to offer, we would like to hear from you.

If interested, email with a little bit about yourself - and please have a go at completing in your own way, the following sayings:-

Behind every great man... ? A woman needs a man like a... ? Boys will be... ?

No woman... ? It's a man's... ? Hell hath no fury... ?

Contact: mrastandup-at-hotmail.com

CBS: Sexual Harassment Claims by Men Growing but Not Equal

anthony · 26 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to alleged sexual harassment, more men are standing up for themselves these days. Of the nearly 12,700 sexual harassment complaints filed with the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission in the 2009 fiscal year, 16 percent -- some 2,030 -- came from men. That's up from 9.9 percent, or roughly 1,430, a decade-and-half earlier. The number of complaints from men increased even as the number of overall cases have declined.

"It's not really clear whether more men are being subjected to harassment or more men are willing to come forward," said Ernest Haffner, a senior attorney adviser at the EEOC. "There are more decisions in the courts dealing with sexual harassment by men -- it could be that just more men are aware of their rights as they speak to attorneys."

But just because more men are filing claims, it doesn't mean male victims have achieved parity with their female counterparts -- at least not in the public eye, some experts say.'

MRm! Magazine issue 3 now available

Anonymous · 27 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Issue #3 of MRm! magazine is available here. This third issue seeks to explain the position of the MRm! to the public.

Ed. Note: On the download page, click the "Download Now" icon on the left under "Magazine Issue 3 color.pdf", not the "Download Shared 4Shared Desktop" icon at its right.

High-profile masculinity-shaming among men persists to our detriment

Matt · 27 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I saw this and shook my head. More of the same. Until men stop using preconceived masculinity and male gender roles as instruments of bashing one another, how can we expect women to stop? Excerpt:

'It's not just that Rupert Murdoch doesn't like Arthur Sulzberger, or doesn't think he's a serious newspaper publisher. It's that he think he's weak—girly. Sulzberger—"young Arthur"—was a frequent subject during the many hours I talked to Murdoch when I was writing his biography. Sulzberger was always, for Murdoch, a punch line. Murdoch even mimicked him in a way to suggest … well … a certain lack of manhood.

It is a joke that is shared by Murdoch and Robert Thomson, the former Australian-rules football player who is now the editor of Murdoch's Wall Street Journal: Arthur is a sort of poofter*.

...

Without a doubt, the Wall Street Journal has selected Arthur Sulzberger as a prime example of its idea of a feminine-looking man.

...

So just imagine what Young Arthur felt this morning when he saw the lower quadrant of his face in the Journal representing the archetypal girly-man.

This is a psychological warfare side of what's going to be a very nasty newspaper war.'

*I wonder if Vanity Fair understands that "poofter" as a word may not be seen as any big deal here in the US (in fact many American may not even know what it's supposed to mean) but has a very serious negative connotation against male homosexuals in other parts of the world. Maybe they do know and just don't care.

Child sex-abuse charges dropped against St. George mom, dad

Anonymous · 28 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Absolutely disgusting what this couple went through. Article here. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors have dropped sexual abuse charges against a St. George couple after determining pictures of the father kissing his naked infant son were scenes of affection, not abuse.

But the undocumented immigrant couple may yet be deported and their U.S.-born son is still in state custody.
...
The sequence of several photos shows a smiling father posing with the boy, according to a motion to dismiss filed Friday in 5th District Court. They show him affectionately holding the baby, kissing his head, forehead and ear. Two of the photos show the father kissing the son's buttocks and genitals.

"These images are consistent with traditional family photos of a proud father with his son," Deputy Washington County Attorney Ryan Shaum wrote.
...
"Latino people are affectionate. We kiss the little babies anywhere because they love them," Coon said. "It has nothing to do with sexual interaction."

She was hopeful Saturday that the couple could be released on bail, and possibly allowed to stay in the country.'

Albany Times-Union: "White men shun Democrats"

Matt · 28 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Millions of white men who voted for Barack Obama are walking away from the Democratic Party, and it appears increasingly likely that they'll take the midterms elections in November with them. Their departure could well lead to a GOP landslide on a scale not seen since 1994.
...
...Among whites, 71 percent of men and 56 percent of women favor a smaller government with fewer services over a larger government with more services, according to ABC/Washington Post polling.
...
This recession remains disproportionately a "he-cession." Men account for at least seven of 10 workers who lost jobs, according to the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics data. Nearly half of the casualties are white men, who held 46 percent of all jobs lost.
...
...The term "angry white male" or "angry white men" was mentioned 37 times in English-language news media contained in the Nexis database between 1980 and the 1994 election. In the following year, the phrases appear 2,306 times.

Tarnishing their opponents as merely "angry" was poor politics for the Democrats. Liberals know what it's like to have their views -- most recently on the war in Iraq or George W. Bush -- caricatured as merely irrational anger. Most voters vote their interests. And many white men by the 1980s had decided the Democrats were no longer interested in them.

Think about the average working man. He has already seen financial bailouts for the rich folks above him. Now he sees a health care bailout for the poor folks below him. Big government represents lots of costs and little gain.'

MSN: The World's Best Country for Women is Sweden

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In other words, Ebba is the perfect example of what the latest research shows: that Sweden is a country in which women truly thrive. In fact, a 2005 report by the World Economic Forum found this Scandinavian nation to be the world's "most advanced country" for women, with greater levels of equality, power, health, and well-being among women than anywhere else. (The survey ranked the U.S. an abysmal 17th place — one above Costa Rica.)
...
The goal of equality starts young: "Anti-Sexism Awareness Training" begins in kindergarten, where male toddlers are encouraged to play with dolls, and females with toy tractors. In school, classes in cooking, sewing, metalworking, and woodworking are compulsory for both sexes. All education, including college, is free, and girls routinely outperform boys; in 2005, women made up more than 60 percent of all Swedish college students. All this adds up to more flexible gender roles later: As one Swedish website puts it, "In our country, women drive the buses and men push the baby buggies."
...
In fact, most women in Sweden find it easy to meld femininity with feminist ideals. Carin Gablad, 49, is Stockholm's chief of police, in charge of fighting crime in the capital with a force of 4600 officers. "My approach is the opposite of macho," says the tall, blonde police boss. "I use psychology and negotiation in most cases, but I'm not afraid to use brute force."
...

But for all this, is Sweden really the ultimate female nirvana? With its high income tax, women take home an average of $22,000 per year, compared with $29,000 for American women. Yet prices in Sweden are up to four times higher: a drugstore lipstick costs $15, a pair of non designer jeans, $130. An evening out costs almost $150. For young women who like to have fun, it can be hard on the wallet. "I save all week for the weekends," says Anna-Maria Blomberg, 27, who works as a human resources assistant for a pharmaceutical company. "When I shop, I'm always trying to find ways to buy clothes on sale, so I can spend more on accessories like shoes and bags."'

Unattended child drowns; only the father is arrested

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Story here. Whay aren't they both under arrest and facing charges? Excerpt:

'The father of a 14-month-old child who drowned in a uncovered cesspool in the family's backyard is being held on a $5,600 bond.

Michael Wilson, 20, of Somerton, made his initial appearance in Somerton Justice Court Thursday morning via video feed from the county jail.

"I'm going to hold you on bond due to the nature of the offense," said Somerton Justice of the Peace Jorge Lozano.
...
Wilson's child, Aiden Lee Bailey, fell into an open-pit cesspool and drowned Wednesday, according to YCSO. The child was pronounced dead at Yuma Regional Medical Center after lengthy efforts failed to revive him.

The child's mother, Crystal Bailey, 20, was also interviewed by YCSO deputies. YCSO will be asking the Yuma County Attorney's Office to review the case for potential criminal charges against her as well.

An investigation into the case revealed that the child allegedly had been left in the yard, located at 11516 S. Somerton Ave., while the parents were inside the residence.'

Omega Males and the Women Who Hate Them

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the Noah Baumbach movie Greenberg, out in limited release this Friday, the eponymous main character is having trouble being a man. The 41-year-old Greenberg, played by Ben Stiller, tells his 25-year-old love interest that when he was a kid he dreamed of being an astronaut. Now he can't even drive, much less pilot a shuttle. He sabotaged his career as a musician, so he's trying the old-fashioned, manly pursuit of carpentry. He pretends not to care about his new line of work—he tells his friends he's doing "nothing for a while"—yet Greenberg is seriously wounded when an ex-girlfriend tells him she doesn't remember the bed he built for her. All she recalls are his anxiety attacks.

Greenberg is pretty much the fictional representation of the masculinity crisis that Susan Faludi outlined in her 1999 book Stiffed: The Betrayal of the American Man. Men like Greenberg, Faludi argued, were led to believe as boys that they were "going to be the master of the universe and all that was in it," that they'd be astronauts conquering the final space frontier or, at the very least, that they would master a lifelong stable job and a healthy family. But by the '90s, Greenberg types found themselves "masters of nothing." The latest recession is only making it more so, as job security becomes a fantasy for many, and marriage rates plummet.'

Female suicide bombers target Moscow Metro, 50+ dead

arindamp · 29 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Did somebody say females can't be criminals and terrorists? Excerpt:

'For the first time in nearly six years, Chechnya's Shahidka – or Black Widows – have been linked to a terror attack inside Russia.

On Monday, Russian authorities say a pair of women ignited suicide bombs inside the Russian subway. Nine hours after the morning rush-hour attacks, 37 people were listed as killed in two separate attacks.

News reports have linked the women to embattled northern Caucuses and the Shahidka movement that first sprouted there in 2000. The term is a feminine derivation of shahid, the Arabic word for "witness," or "martyr."

The black widows are reportedly Chechen women who have lost husbands and brothers in the fight against Russian military forces. They are generally young, often teenagers. They wear mourning clothes – dressing in black from head to toe.
...
In 2004, during the last terror siege on the Russian capital, nearly all suicide bombers were black widows.

Since then, they have come to fascinate and terrify the Russian population. Monday's bombing will revive all of those fears.'

Intact America: Keep the momentum

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From an IA email:

ACT NOW

No professional medical association in the world has ever recommended infant circumcision. But the Centers for Disease Control is still considering recommending routine circumcision of all infant boys – and they may be doing this very soon.

More than 20,000 intactivists have already added their names to our petition urging the CDC not to endanger our baby boys. Now we're just 3,152 signatures shy of our 25,000-signature goal!

Our plan is to deliver the petitions to the CDC in April to make sure they hear our message. Will you help us reach 25,000 signatures by March 31? Tell your friends, and be sure to share the campaign on Twitter or Facebook.

Misandrist commercial for Pepto-Bismol compares man to dog

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Commercial here.

Let's see if we can get an e-mail campaign against the marketing firm that produced this commercial. How can we find out who made this for Pepto-Bismol?

Kate McCormack

Abusegate, Investigate! Flyer now Available

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From Abusegate Bob:

A new "Abusegate, Investigate!" flyer is now available. The one-page flyer, titled “Distortions, Half-Truths, and Lies” challenges three major myths of the domestic violence industry:

Myth #1. Women are never prone to violence
Myth #2. Domestic violence is caused by sexism
Myth #3. The cure for domestic violence is to break up families

The flyer is suitable for community events, group presentations, to post on bulletin boards, and for other purposes. Groups can print the flyer with their organization's name and address in the lower right hand corner, if desired.

The flyer can be downloaded here (.doc file).

Psychology Today: "Boys and Young Men: A New Cause for Liberals"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In case you haven't noticed, America's boys and young men are in trouble – not doing well in school, lacking ambition, often floundering. Not all of them, of course, but enough to take notice. There's more and more in the news lately about the trouble America's boys are in ("crisis" was the term used in a Newsweek cover story in 2006). As a psychologist with a longstanding interest in gender issues, I have been aware of and upset by this for many years. (And I will freely admit that an important motivator for me is the fact that I have three sons and three grandsons.) What has disturbed me even more has been the response I have often received when I've mentioned this issue to female friends over the years. Either they have been unaware of it, surprised to hear that males in college are a distinct minority – now down to 43 percent of college undergraduates -- or they have said something like, So what? You guys had your turn, now it's ours.

Aside from the fact that this attitude is blatantly anti-child and anti-youth, since it absolutely denies the aspirations of half our children, it is bad for today's girls and young women too. As New York Times columnist John Tierney – among others – has pointed out, high achieving women want even higher achieving men as partners, and these men are in ever shorter supply http://select.nytimes.com/2006/01/03/opinion/03tierney.html
...

There are lots of theories about its causes, including absent fathers, schools geared more to girls than boys, brain differences between the sexes, boys' obsession with videogames and so on. But because no one has ever launched a major study, it's all still speculation. But it's very easy to point to something that has let the problem grow to the point where even the most ardent feminist may find it hard to ignore: Caring about boys and young men -- as a social group -- is not something liberals do. At least they haven't, right up to this day.
...
I think things have changed somewhat since that conversation, but on the list of liberal causes, the "boy problem" is barely on the radar screen. Maybe a new book by Richard Whitmire (cited by Kristof), will help. It's called Why Boys Fail, and, as Kristof says, it has "mountains of evidence" showing how boys are lagging behind girls in school.

I hope my fellow liberals read it. The time has more than come.'

Carey Roberts: "Latest Threat to the Constitution: The Domestic Violence Industry "

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The principles and precepts of the American Constitution are once again under attack, this time at the hand of groups that operate under the laudable façade of curbing partner abuse. Aptly taking the name from its signature legislation — the Violence Against Women Act – the self-proclaimed VAWA Mafia is relentlessly working to take us back to an era when persons could be accused, charged, and even convicted of a heinous act without evidence or proof.

These determined women have not only succeeded in passing a gaggle of federal and state domestic violence laws, they have erected a nearly unassailable moral authority that makes it difficult to pose even the most basic questions, like are these programs working? (The answer to that question is an unequivocal “no,” but that’s not the focus of this article.)

It’s well-known that federal domestic violence laws dole out $1 billion a year for programs that often escalate partner conflict and weaken families. But what does that have to do with ignoring the Constitution?

The VAWA Mafia members are compulsive worry-warts when it comes to the boogeyman of “power and control.” Believe it not, they are now pushing to make “coercion” part of the federal definition of domestic violence.

This has already happened in Rhode Island, where the state Judiciary published this handy-dandy checklist: “Are you concerned about your relationship?” and “Does your partner tell you what to do?” http://www.courts.state.ri.us/domesticnew/

Think about it, ladies: The next time you order your better half to pick up around the house or take out the trash, you are tempting the criminal justice system to swoop in and brand your forehead with the scarlet “Abuser” label.'

Mom of Four Accused of Hiring Hit Man Makes Bail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Long Island, N.Y., woman accused of hiring a supposed hit man for $20,000 to kill her estranged husband has been released from jail after an appeals court reduced her bail last week.

The decision came on the heels of prosecutors' releasing more details about Susan Williams' alleged attempt to have her husband, Peter Williams, killed. Williams has pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy in the second-degree and criminal solicitation in the second-degree.

"She's obviously ecstatic to be at liberty today," her lawyer, John Carman, said Friday to reporters outside Nassau County Jail. "She looks forward to being at home to see her children."
...

Assistant District Attorney Jane Zwirn-Turkin argued at the March 10 hearing, and again Thursday, that Williams was a flight risk because of the calculation she is accused of exhibiting while allegedly planning her husband's killing.

"She had been discussing if she should go to her husband's funeral, how should she look and react when cops came to her house and told her that her husband was killed," Carol Trottere of the Nassau County District Attorney's Office said of Williams alleged discussion that was recorded by an undercover Nassau County detective posing as a hit man.
...
Her lawyer, Carman, reportedly said in court Thursday that Williams may have had a "daydream" about hurting Peter that she took too far but that she never would have carried though with the act.'

Official says football (is) Title IX's biggest problem

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A wrestling coach sees Title IX being used to discriminate against men. The man who wrote the original legislation thinks it's working well with the numbers of both men and women playing college sports up greatly over the past four decades.

The head of an athletic department in the mighty Southeastern Conference says the biggest problem with meeting gender equity is what he calls the elephant in the room: College football.

"We have 330 varsity athletes, 110 are on the football team," Vanderbilt vice chancellor David Williams said Tuesday night. "So if you want me to get to 50-50, that means I have slots for 55 men other than football."
...
He cited men forced to play club level sports because of cuts in wrestling, track and field, swimming and other sports. He noted Division I has only 17 men's gymnastics programs left, and he gave examples of programs like a wrestling program at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee that recently lost its team despite a $1 million endowment offer.'

Massachusetts Lawmakers Reject Circumcision Ban

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Article here. Excerpt:

'BOSTON, March 18 /PRNewswire/ -- A bill calling for prison time and fines for those who perform circumcision on any male under the age of 18 was rejected by the Judiciary Committee of the Massachusetts state legislature.

The text of the proposed measure specifically mandated that no exception be given, even though the law would obstruct religious observance of the commandment of circumcision.

The measure also called upon the Department of Public Health to implement an educational program to discourage religious groups from carrying out the commandment of circumcision.

A goal of the legislation, according to an advocate group's website, included enforcement by local police.

In a letter to the Committee following their vote, the Community Guardians Group (CGG) wrote that the people of Massachusetts "are inheritors of a rich heritage of courageous thinkers and leaders who have sought to advance the causes of righteousness and justice for all people... But there are also matters which lie outside the power entrusted to government." The CGG mentioned that included among the things not to be restricted by government, is the commandment of circumcision, given by G-d Almighty.'

Australia: Gender games at play in classroom

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys will be boys. Girls are easier to teach. Boys can't pay attention. Girls listen. We might like to think that access to education has nothing to do with gender any more but these perceptions linger.

Like it or not, there are some accepted differences about educating boys and girls and these become apparent as early as kindergarten.

Researchers from the Queensland University of Technology Centre for Learning Innovation have found significant gender differences in the quality of the teacher-child relationship present in the first year of school.

They found that teachers - even in the earliest years of school - generally found girls to be more compliant and to display more positive behaviour and approaches to learning than boys.
...
A simple answer is not to separate boys and girls, says Lingard, even though research has shown that boys tend to behave better in a classes where girls are present and that girls do better in same-sex schools.

"It seems single-sex schools are good for girls and co-educational schools are good for boys," he says. Obviously these two wants can never marry up - and so you have some comprehensive high schools with many more boys than girls.
...
Being seen to work too hard brought negative consequences as male peers "policed what was deemed acceptable". Boys also still tended to do "boy subjects" such as maths and science, even if they were not doing well in them.

Having only boys in a classroom can exacerbate the very worst aspects of masculinity, the professor said.'

NY Times Op-Ed: 'The Boys Have Fallen Behind'

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Op-ed here. Excerpt:

'Around the globe, it's mostly girls who lack educational opportunities. Even in the United States, many people still associate the educational "gender gap" with girls left behind in math.

Yet these days, the opposite problem has sneaked up on us: In the United States and other Western countries alike, it is mostly boys who are faltering in school. The latest surveys show that American girls on average have roughly achieved parity with boys in math. Meanwhile, girls are well ahead of boys in verbal skills, and they just seem to try harder.

The National Honor Society says that 64 percent of its members — outstanding high school students — are girls. Some colleges give special help to male applicants — yes, that's affirmative action for white males — to avoid skewed sex ratios.

...

Some say that the "boy problem" is just a problem for members of minorities. But "Why Boys Fail" says that at the end of high school, among white boys who have at least one parent who attended college, 23 percent score "below basic" in reading. Only 7 percent of their female counterparts score that low.'

F&F Action Alert: Support CA. AB 2416—Child Custody Reform to Help Parents Who Serve

Matt · 30 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Alert here. Excerpt:

'California AB 2416 will help protect the loving bonds that servicemembers share with their children–to email and fax a letter in support of the bill, click here. Please send your letter whether you are a California resident or not.

Fathers & Families has worked closely with the American Retirees Association, Assemblyman Paul Cook, and others on AB 2416, which will be heard in committee on Tuesday, April 6.

At Fathers & Families we receive many letters from divorced or separated military servicemembers with painful but preventable family law problems.

Many parents serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, or other distant locales are anguished that custodial parents have impeded or completely eliminated their contact with their children. When the deployed soldier calls his children at the court-specified time, nobody answers. Letters are written, but they never reach the children. Needless to say, it is extremely difficult for a deployed servicemember to effectively overcome this visitation interference. Given the length and frequency of current deployments, many soldiers lose all contact and sometimes even their relationships with their children, particularly if the children are young.'

Father gets court bill after wife murdered kids

Matt · 30 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Belgian state has stuck the father of five children who were murdered by their mother in 2007 with the bill for convicting her of the crime, the Le Soir daily reported.

A Belgian court sentenced Genvieve Lhermitte to life in prison in December 2009 for killing her son and four daughters, aged three to 14, while her husband was on a trip to Morocco.

As Lhermitte is incarcerated and insolvent, the Belgian state has sought to recover court expenses and collect fines from her then husband, Bouchaib Moqadem.'

Charges brought against 7 girls and 2 boys in bullying case leading to girl's death

Matt · 30 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It is not clear what some students at South Hadley High School expected to achieve by subjecting a freshman to the relentless taunting described by a prosecutor and classmates.

Certainly not her suicide. And certainly not the multiple felony indictments announced on Monday against several students at the Massachusetts school.

The prosecutor brought charges Monday against nine teenagers, saying their taunting and physical threats were beyond the pale and led the freshman, Phoebe Prince, to hang herself from a stairwell in January.
...
In the Prince case, two boys and four girls, ages 16 to 18, face a different mix of felony charges that include statutory rape, violation of civil rights with bodily injury, harassment, stalking and disturbing a school assembly. Three younger girls have been charged in juvenile court, Elizabeth D. Scheibel, the Northwestern district attorney, said at a news conference in Northampton, Mass.

Appearing with state and local police officials on Monday, Ms. Scheibel said that Ms. Prince's suicide came after nearly three months of severe taunting and physical threats by a cluster of fellow students.

"The investigation revealed relentless activities directed toward Phoebe to make it impossible for her to stay at school," Ms. Scheibel said. The conduct of those charged, she said, "far exceeded the limits of normal teenage relationship-related quarrels."
...
"My daughter was bullied for three years, and we continually went to the administration and we really got no satisfaction," Mr. Brouillard said, adding, "I was offered an apology a few weeks ago that they should have handled it differently."'

Reuters: 'If women ran Wall Street? Geithner likes the idea'

anthony · 30 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In opening a Women in Finance Symposium that brought together top female government figures such as Sheila Bair and Mary Schapiro, Geithner said he recently read an article asking what it would be like if women ran the hyper-competitive money hub of the United States.

"It's an excellent question. But kind of a low bar," Geithner joked, eliciting laughs from the gathering in the historic Treasury Cash Room. "How, you might ask, could women not have done better?"

The symposium featured the leading female figures working with Geithner to right the financial markets and economy, as well as craft new rules to police banks, Wall Street and the markets.

They touched on their awe at being in their positions of power, as well as the isolating feeling of being in the minority at major conferences and meetings.

"The good news is there's no line for the ladies' room," said Elizabeth Warren, a Harvard law professor who heads the Congressional Oversight Panel which keeps an eye on the government's $700 billion financial system bailout.
...
Bair said not much has changed, especially when it comes to the ego-driven paychecks that led to big risks and a financial collapse.'

Myth that testosterone causes aggression discussed

fondueguy · 31 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Regarding this story from yesterday, a study summarized in a science blog and printed in "Nature" shows that testosterone, contrary to popular belief, does not cause aggression, egocentric, nor risky behavior. A game was played by the test subjects whereby those administered a dose of testosterone actually played more fairly. The scientists think that testosterone might cause an increase in sensitivity to status.

Not that I think we should use science to create legal or corporate policies that discriminate based on gender... I just think this scientific study beautifully demonstrates the importance of carefully considering environment before calling observed behavior gender-specific. In relation to the recent financial blunders on Wall Street and how they have been blamed on typical "male behavior", this article reinforces that all we need is more regulation and accountability.

Martha Burk: "These guys are just like Tiger"

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Martha Burk is interviewed here. She asserts that the other golfers are just like Tiger Woods vis-a-vis women (presumably also in terms of their sexual behavior as well). In fact she says some pretty outrageous things, in my opinion, about the other golfers. (I will assume she doesn't know any of them personally, though she may claim to know about them.)

I recall protesting Martha Burk outside a hotel in northern Virginia some years ago as she hosted a women's conference that sought to de-unisex the Augusta club, among other things. Ms. Burk is fine with golf courses for women-only but not for men-only. Her suggestion that this particular golf course should be de-unisexed because so many important business deals are done there is simply not accurate. Anyone who knows about high-level business politics knows that one gets into such clubs *after* he has risen to the top of the pyramid, not as a result of it.* She neglects to mention some very nice women-only golf courses (for example: The Ladies Golf Club of Toronto) that attract moneyed and powerful women as members but doesn't suggest they need to be made de-unisexed.

But overall, unisex facilities are not acceptable to me. Actually I agree with Ms. Burk that places that are otherwise public in nature should not have access to them restricted, or membership to them restricted, based solely on a person's sex (unless intimate personal modesty issues are clearly present, such as with bathrooms). The problem I have with her is that she is all about objecting to Augusta's unisex rule but not at all about objecting to, say, Toronto's. Also, she is just plain nasty. Listen to what she says about people she has never even met. She assumes pro golfers are categorically powerful, misogynist, sexist, etc. Not only is this highly prejudicial, it isn't likely to further her cause. After years of flinging nasty-grams over the fence at Augusta's management, you'd think by now she would have learned a new strategy to try.

Martha has her own web site. You could email her to tell her what you think of her, but I seriously doubt she'd care. If anything it would only make her think she's ever-more right about everything.

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* The chances of me ever even being within 10 miles of the place are effectively nil and I am "all man", baby! :)

Violent women are no "fantasy" (Salon.com)

Anonymous · 31 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here.

'You know, Amy Jenkins' piece in the Independent, "The Fantasy That Is Violent Women," would be a little bit ridiculous under any circumstances. Using Hit-Girl, the tween female assassin from the new action flick "Kick-Ass," as a jumping-off point, Jenkins maintains that the violent woman is, yes, a mythical creature never seen in our own reality. "The one thing women are not is violent," she maintains, and goes on to state that "Women really don't go around murdering people. They don't even hit other people very often."

Again, this would be wrong no matter when you published it -- because we know women are capable of abuse, murder and all manner of violent things. But let's recap just this week alone: Women blew up a train in Moscow, and we covered that. (Jenkins acknowledges them too: "a truly extraordinary exception." But.) A group of teen girls bullied a female classmate horrifically, and that classmate killed herself, and we covered that. Sarah Palin, a woman who is known for, among other things, her abiding passion for shooting animals dead, is getting her own show. And that is being covered all over. And it's Wednesday.'

Not to underestimate the wrongness of this piece, or really even to oversimplify its points, but: Amy Jenkins, or the Independent, or both, have got some bad timing.'

DV Spring Cleaning: Register Now for the Biggest Event of the Year!

Matt · 31 March 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

Domestic violence laws represent the biggest roll-back in civil rights since the Jim Crow Era

Our constitutionally-protected rights and our families are being threatened by the Violence Against Women Act and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act. Both laws are up for renewal in the next year. If we don't tell lawmakers about all the damage that's being done, how can we expect them to fix these laws? The DV Spring Cleaning will be the biggest domestic violence reform event ever held – we invite you to come and make your voice heard!

NH DV Coalition does nice report on male victimization

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The fruits of our efforts are beginning to be apparent. The New Hampshire DV Coalition has recently released a report (.pdf file) on male victimization.

Most impressive!

Abusegate Bob

Double-standards persist in seeking to make violent video games illegal

redwoodwriter · 1 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Tokyo, Japan (CNN) -- The game begins with a teenage girl on a subway platform. She notices you are looking at her and asks, "Can I help you with something?"

That is when you, the player, can choose your method of assault.
...
It is little wonder that the game, titled RapeLay, sparked international outrage from women's groups. Taina Bien-Aime helped yank the game off store shelves worldwide.

"This was a game that had absolutely no place on the market," said Taina Bien-Aime of women's rights organization Equality Now which has campaigned for the game to be taken off the shelves.
...
"It's obviously very difficult to curtail activity on the Internet. But the governments do have a role in trying to regulate this sort of extreme pornography of children, both in their countries, and through the Internet ," she said, adding that they were calling for the Japanese government "to ban all games that promote and simulate sexual violence, sexual torture, stalking and rape against women and girls. And there are plenty of games like that. "
...
A member of the Institute of Contents Culture, who did not want to give CNN his name, said restricting game themes limits freedom of expression.

"In my opinion, RapeLay's storyline went too far. However, if a game creator wants to express something and create content out of it, a government or public entity shouldn't have the power to restrain it."'

Video games depicting violence against men also exist, but of course there is no outcry against those games. There is only a move to ban games that involve sexual violence against women. Why is that?

UK: Tears of teenage girl charged over fatal stabbing of boy, 15, at Victoria station

Matt · 1 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A teenage girl wept today as she appeared in court accused of murdering a promising 15-year-old footballer at one of Britain's busiest railway stations.

Sofyen Belamouadden was stabbed to death in a rush hour attack at Victoria Station in London last Thursday.

Victoria Bukky Osoteku, 18, became the 13th teenager to be charged over the murder and today appeared at Croydon Magistrates Court in south London.

As the petite student was led into the dock by two security guards, she already had tears streaming down her face.'

"The No Nonsense Man" radio show goes live April 1, 2010 9 PM EST

Matt · 1 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Mark Rudov's new radio show starts tonight. Details:

Broadcast via CBS Radio
Canadians and Other Countries outside the US can listen at:
http://www.ustream.tv/

Program Schedule: 04.01.2010:

9-10PM EST: Second Chances
Why we give each other second chances
Read: “The Vanity of Second Chances”

10-11PM EST: Toxic Women
How men can recognize and avoid them
Guest: Susan Shapiro Barash, Author
"Toxic Friends: The Antidote for Women"
"Stuck in Complicated Friendships"

E-Mail: Marc-at-TheNoNonsenseMan.com
Website: http://TheNoNonsenseMan.com/
Radio: http://MarcRudovRadio.com/
Pilot Show: Thursday, April 1, 2010
Time: 6-8PM PT | 8-10PM CT | 9-11PM ET

Why a pilot on April Fools’ Day?
Answer: Only fools pay for sex

American University Erupts Over Date Rape Column

anthony · 1 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. Excerpt:

'Let's get this straight: any woman who heads to an EI [fraternity] party as an anonymous onlooker, drinks five cups of the jungle juice, and walks back to a boy's room with him is indicating that she wants sex, OK?" columnist Alex Knepper, 20, wrote in the Eagle, the school paper.

"To cry 'date rape' after you sober up the next morning and regret the incident is the equivalent of pulling a gun to someone's head and then later claiming that you didn't ever actually intend to pull the trigger," he said.

The column -- "Dealing With AU's Anti-Sex Brigade" -- sparked a backlash and nearly 300 online comments on the newspaper's Web site, chastising the Eagle for being "open-facedly offensive" and publishing a "slap in the face to so many women, and men, in our generation."
...
"Of course men have to behave themselves," he said. "These are freedoms women have fought for -- the same opportunities and ability to go into these sexual realms. But they have the same risk and responsibilities.

"There is a pattern of infantilizing women," he said. "If they have too much to drink and do something stupid, they still have to be responsible for their actions."'

Man put on sex offender list for 'sexting'

anthony · 2 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two years ago, following a fight with his 16-year-old girlfriend, Phillip Alpert, then 18, did something really stupid.

"It was 3:28 in the morning, I think it was, and I got up and I went to my computer, and I sent a couple of pictures that she had sent to me to her contact list," Alpert told ABC News. "And I went back to sleep."

Because of that single action, Alpert, now 20, is a registered sex offender, Florida Department of Corrections No. x61836. For sending the images, Alpert was arrested on charges of child pornography.
...
"When I got home, the police were waiting for me," Alpert continued. "They were going through everything that was electronic in my house. My computer, my discs, my MP3 player, just everything. Looking for any other kind of nude photographs, evidence, whatever.
...
"I was forced to register as a sex offender, and that is wherein lies the big problems," Alpert said. "Being a registered sex offender means ... I can't live like near a school or a playground or a park. There's a whole lot of stuff I can't live near -- bus stops, stuff like that ... so basically, I just can't live in a city. It means every six months I have to register as a sex offender."'

Stop the "Kill the Gays" Bill in Uganda

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From an AdvocatesForYouth.org emailing. Is there any doubt who will be the primary victims of this legislation? I challenge anyone to show at any time in history where a state has outawed homosexuality (or such acts) that it has *not* been men who have borne the brunt of the enforcement actions. Email content here. Excerpt:

"A bill being considered in Uganda's parliament right now would make homosexuality a crime punishable by death.

If passed, this measure will promote an unprecedented climate of discrimination and violence against Uganda's LGBT citizens. Among other things, the "Kill the Gays" bill would:

- Impose life in prison or the death penalty on those found to be (by a lay witness or the police) having homosexual sex.
- Impose the death penalty on gay HIV-positive citizens found to be having sex.
- Provide for up to three-year jail sentences for anyone who does not turn in LGBT citizens to Ugandan authorities.
- Outlaw HIV/AIDS awareness programs as a "promotion of homosexuality." Working for such programs would constitute a crime punishable by up to a three-year jail sentence.

Today, Advocates for Youth is launching StandForUganda.com, a website focused on stopping the "Anti-Homosexuality Bill" and defending the rights of Uganda's LGBT citizens."

Abusegate DV Spring Cleaning: Early registration available for May 6-7 conference

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From Abusegate Bob: Register now, get the early-bird registration rate (free – what a deal!)

Colorado mom charged in terror case 'overwhelmed and distraught'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- A Colorado woman who was indicted on terrorism charges Friday is "overwhelmed and distraught and very much in tears with concern for her son," her lawyer said Saturday.

Jamie Paulin-Ramirez, 31, was charged with conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists. Her lawyer, Jeremy Ibrahim, said he met with her for the first time on Saturday.

Ibrahim said that he has not yet been able to see Paulin-Ramirez's 6-year-old son, who was placed in the custody of child services after his mother's arrest.
...
According to the U.S. Justice Department, LaRose and five co-conspirators recruited men on the Internet "to wage violent jihad in south Asia and Europe." The indictment lists Paulin-Ramirez separately from those five co-conspirators.'

UK: "A divorce deal that shames women"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Philippa Vaughan persuaded the judge to award her the extra lump sum of £215,000

The High Court's award of a £215,000 divorce payout to the former wife of a leading barrister - 25 years after the couple split - is a terrible blow to those who rightly believe that women are equal to men.

Philippa Vaughan, 66, has no children, lives in a four-bedroom £1million house in fashionable Hammersmith, West London, and inherited £770,000 from her parents.

But she still convinced the judge to award her the extra lump sum. He said it was 'plainly wrong' to think she could adjust to life after her exhusband's maintenance payments were cancelled last year.

In this case, the absurdity of Mrs Vaughan's divorce claim is exposed by the fact that as a working woman (with a job as an expert in Islamic and Indian art), she was able to earn her own living.

By any yardstick this was an unjust claim. Particularly since her exhusband had accrued most of his wealth after they split and during his second marriage.

It seems Mrs Vaughan's main concern was to get one over her ex - rather than any interest in justice. So once again our crazy divorce laws, which too often encourage women to sponge off men, have delivered another hammer blow against the institution of marriage.'

US: The Draft (should it come) as discrimination against men

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Essay here. Despite the incorect prediction regarding 2004, the substance of the essay is still relevant.

'To secure the continuing existence of the United States democracy against intractable religious fanaticism, whose goal is nothing less than a Muslim theocracy for all of planet Earth, it is inevitable that military conscription will again be implemented during the months following the 2004 Presidential Election. The nature of this struggle renders irrelevant the person or party who wins the election.

With very rare exceptions, every male residing in the United States 18 to 26 years of age is required by the Military Selective Service Act to register with the Selective Service System, and thereby subject himself to the possibility of involuntary military service. Yet, with the ongoing War on Islamic Terrorism, the prosecution of which has required the deployment of hundreds of thousands of U.S. military personnel, and stretched the National Guard and Reserve to its limit, absolutely no female in the U.S. is required to register. This clear fact of gender discrimination has not been focused upon in public discussions because an active draft has not been in effect since 1973.
...

Finally, to address those arguments, based on strength and speed, against placing females involuntarily into direct ground combat. Gender-norming has been used to affirmatively place females ahead of males into civilian positions requiring physical strength and speed, such as firefighters, police, smoke jumpers, and cadets in service academies. Why not use these same gender-normed standards, which are significantly less rigorous than those minimums required of males for the same occupations, to affirmatively qualify females for involuntary direct ground combat? Females cannot be simultaneously too weak and slow to perform as equals to males on the battlefield, and still be affirmatively placed ahead of males in civilian occupations that require similar strength and speed.'

"A starter wife is for life"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's not often that my heart misses a beat at the six o'clock news, but the other day when the newsreader announced "a victory in the Court of Appeal for first wives" I almost dropped my gin. I am a supporter of the First Wives' Club — remember the sublime film with Sarah Jessica Parker as an undernourished marriage wrecker and Goldie Hawn facially immobile with Botox? — and we seldom have much to cheer about. But the case of Philippa Vaughan was one to reckon with.

Her victory was summed up in loaded terms in one newspaper: "Ex-wife wins £215,000 . . . 25 years (heavily underscored) after her divorce." The implication is that the best-before date on your ex-wife status expires long before the quarter-century mark and especially if your former spouse has moved on to another wife.
...
Okay, we're talking about well-to-do people on both sides here; this isn't a case where either mister or missus would end up poor, even after paying the eyewatering legal bill of £400,000. (The chief lesson of this case for the rest of us is, as ever, to beware any involvement with lawyers.)

But it's the principle of the thing that matters, and that principle is that the marital commitment isn't something you can discard at will. For Vaughan, the yearly £27,000 he paid his first wife from their divorce in 1985, and the payout now, are a disagreeable reminder of the day he said "I do" to the query whether he would have and hold the lady, for better or worse, till death did them part, back in 1967. Philippa Vaughan was merely holding him to the latter part of that commitment.'

"Has your man got a one-track mind? Just proves he's normal"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In The Male Brain, Louann Brizendine, the American psychiatrist, follows up her controversial 2006 bestseller The Female Brain, which famously — and incorrectly — claimed that women use an average of 20,000 words a day compared with only 7,000 for men, and explores how the differences between the male and female brains often lead to the profoundest of misunderstandings and unintended consequence
Her conclusion that the male brain, "marinated in testosterone" since the eighth week of conception, is hardwired to cause men to lie, take risks and suppress their emotions, is equally controversial, appearing to suggest that men's behaviour is devoid of personal responsibility and social conditioning.
...
Besides, men's brain biology often works in women's favour. Dr Brizendine cites research suggesting that testosterone levels plummet while levels of the milk-producing hormone prolactin soar in fathers-to-be, probably in reaction to the pheromones emanating from the mother-to-be's skin. At the same time the man's auditory circuits become more sensitive, making him better able to hear a crying infant. "By the time the baby is born, the father is primed to take care of it," she says.
...
"Being a feminist in the 1970s, I really considered men to be the enemy. We feminists put a 30-year gag on men and stopped them speaking about their reality. But the pendulum has swung too far. In 2010, 60 per cent of US college graduates will be women and only 40 per cent men. This is a huge mismatch. We are leaving our males behind," she says. "If we start out with a deeper understanding of the male brain, we can create more realistic expectations for boys and men."'

"Miners", not "men"

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By now many of you know about this story. Note that the men killed and trapped in the mine are miners, not men. Oh, they are both, yes. But in this article, they get referred to as miners, or a man speaking who is a miner gets referred to as such, 12 times in the article. "Man" or "men" is used only once, when the trapped miners (or men) are referred to on page 2. And as for the dead mine-explosion victims, well, they are referred to only as miners.

Keeping up? I hope so! This is the same kind of thing that was discussed here (the "bonus clip" points this out wonderfully). Men as a class of person have become such an unsympathetic group that when men are the victims of some kind of work or other tragedy, the press and others refer to them by their occupation, or relationship status, or something else. Anything but "man". "Man" is a dirty word used to refer, almost exclusively, to bad men: criminals, or men doing things others disapprove of in some way, etc. Good men are not men. They are husbands, fathers, miners, self-sacrificing heroes of some kind, ie, men giving of themselves to women and children or others yet even at the expense of their own lives, but yet rarely if ever referred to as MEN.

Well, that'd be a such dirty word to use on such nice... guys... now wouldn't it?

Japan: "Lonely Deaths" claim much larger numbers of men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the 1990s, Taichi Yoshida, the owner of a small moving company in Osaka, Japan, began noticing that many of his jobs involved people who had just died. Families of the deceased were either too squeamish to pack up for their dead relatives, or there wasn't any family to call on. So Yoshida started a new business cleaning out the homes of the dead. Then he started noticing something else: thick, dark stains shaped like a human body, the residue of liquids excreted by a decomposing corpse.

These, he learned, were kodokushi, or 'lonely deaths.' Now he has seen plenty - these deaths make up 300 of the 1,500 cleaning jobs performed by his company each year. The people die alone, sprawled on the floor beside crumpled clothing and dirty dishes, tucked beneath flowery bedspreads, slouched against the wall. Months - even years - can pass before somebody notices a body. On occasion, all that's left are bones. "The majority of lonely deaths are people who are kind of messy," says Yoshida. "It's the person who, when they take something out, they don't put it back; when something breaks, they don't fix it; when a relationship falls apart, they don't repair it."
...
Japan's two-decade economic slump is not helping. The collapse of the bubble economy after 1990 shrunk the size of Japanese firms and led to a restructuring that is still playing out today. The percentage of the workforce employed in part-time, temporary and contract work has tripled since 1990, forcing workaholic Japanese businessmen, many of whom never married, into a lonely early retirement. "Their world has evaporated under their feet," says Scott North, an Osaka University sociologist who studies Japanese work life. "The firm has been everything for these men: their sense of manliness, their social position, their sense of self is all rooted in the corporate structure."'

Russia: Violent crimes by women increase

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Moscow: Crimes committed by women, particularly theft and crimes of passion, have risen sharply in Russia, reflecting an alarming trend, a top law official has said.

About 49,000 women convicts are at present imprisoned in 46 female prisons in the country.

"I would like to point out an alarming trend: female crime has been steadily on the rise," Russia's Deputy Prosecutor General Yevgeny Zabarchuk said Tuesday.

According to statistics, the most "popular" crimes committed by women in Russia are theft, drug trafficking and crimes of passion.'

So much for the myth that female criminals are less violent as compared to men.

"Panel sees male dominance behind banking crisis"

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Article here. Of course, if things go wrong it is because of men. If things go right it is because of women. More hypocritical feminist doctrine. Excerpt:

'There is a view that the banking crisis that sent Western economies tumbling two years ago may not have happened at all, or would have been less severe, if there had been more women at the top in the banking sector — the argument being that women are more cautious and risk averse and, therefore, more likely than men to challenge the sort of practices that caused the crisis.

Until now, this theory had been pushed mostly by women campaigners while men tended to snigger. But now even men seem to agree. A male-dominated parliamentary committee (13 men and one woman — an ironic comment on Westminster's own attitude to gender diversity) has blamed a macho culture and “potentially dangerous group think” for the collapse of several leading British banks arguing that boards need more women to prevent reckless decision-making.

In a report, highlighting the acute dearth of women at the top in Britain's financial sector, the Treasury Select Committee says that the prevailing male-driven high-risk mindset is not conducive to good “corporate governance”.

“Diversity at the top is one way to challenge potentially dangerous ‘group think',” it says citing some eye-popping statistics to underline deep-seated sexism in the City, London's famous global financial hub.'

Indian women seek to be guaranteed a third of legislature seats

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Story here. Excerpt:

'India is about to become the first country in the world where women will be guaranteed by law a third of the seats in all legislative bodies in the country. The project ley managed to win a first hurdle in early March, to obtain the approval of the Senate (Rajya Sabha) and, although it still must be approved by the Lok Sabha, or lower house, its supporters are already singing victory.

And no wonder, because for them it is a milestone in the history of a society that has been sexist for centuries, as evidenced by the 14 years it took the proposal to open step in the tangle of legislation, before coming to a vote.

Although this time there were also controversies, heated arguments and even baiting events in the upper house, in the end negotiator skills were imposed by the president of the ruling Congress Party, Sonia Gandhi.
...
“In the name of the tradition, there are stereotypes imposed on us against which we must fight every day,” said the parliamentarian.

Perhaps without meaning to be a discordant note, but perhaps a rather more pragmatic approach offers the best conclusion offers the writer, Rupa Gulab, for whom a seat in Parliament does not necessarily grant more power to women. Something in compensation, yes, we take advantage of with greater access to education.'

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Campaign Couldn't Walk Three Feet in His

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Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Campaign Couldn't Walk Three Feet in His

Excerpt:

'Each April we expose another generation to the "light hearted" spectacle of grown men in high heels, leading a parade to help break the silence about how "1 in 6 women" are violently sexually assaulted by men. Men should "walk in women's shoes" is the theme of April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" an event calling attention to how women are hobbled by both fashion and by the evil patriarchy.

...

There is not even a hint that women ever commit serious acts of violence including the sexual abuse of children. It's just a Politically Correct event hammering home the point that girls and women suffer because men are evil. It's not a parade, it's a charade. And it crosses the line into hate as surely as if the marchers were wearing sheets and pointed white hoods. Never in all the years of asking men to walk in women's shoes have we asked women to walk in men's shoes. That too would be politically incorrect.'

F&F: Bill AB 2416 Passes Committee Unanimously

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Story here. Excerpt:

'At Fathers & Families we receive many letters from divorced or separated military servicemembers with painful but preventable family law problems. California AB 2416 will help protect the loving bonds that servicemembers share with their children.

Fathers & Families has worked closely with Assemblyman Paul Cook, the American Retirees Association, and others on AB 2416, and last week thousands of you responded to our Action Alert in support of the Bill. We are pleased to announce that today the bill passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee unanimously.

The bill will now go to the full Assembly, where it has been put on the consent calendar and is likely to pass. Thanks to all of you who participated. We will keep our members informed of the bill's progress–stay tuned for future Action Alerts.

To learn more about the bill and to read Fathers & Families' official support letter, see our AB 2416 Campaign page here.'

Casey Anthony generates volumes of "leaked" letters

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Video report here. Perfect setup for an insanity defense (or an attempt thereat). She claims in these letters that the "end times" are upon is, that she was sexually abused by her brother and dad, admits that at times she used chloroform to put her child to "sleep" to go out at night, that there was never any nanny she claimed there was, etc. etc.

And the drama continues... which is just what she is counting on.

'Real Housewife' Kim Zolciak Recommends Castration For Jesse James

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Jesse James should be glad he's married to Sandra Bullock and not Real Housewives of Atlanta star Kim Zolciak.

While Sandara has not publicly said how she will react to her husband's cheating scandal, Kim told RadarOnline.com that she thinks Sandra should castrate Jesse!'

During the video she also made reference to lighting James genitals like a firecracker and blowing it off.

Feministing Blog: 'Boys Crisis, Men's Violence Against Women one of the same'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As I grow within my feminism and begin to zero-in on my niche - working with men to deconstruct issues of masculinity and gender roles, as an alternate solution to ending men's violence against women , I've come to realize the problem with no name is a problem that also plagues men, and sadly, because of social conservatives' tendency to reinforce gender roles, and liberal feminists' tendency to focus on women as a way to promote gender equality, many men and boys are left to fight and deconstruct gender roles on their own. Indeed a crisis among boys and young men does exist, and until feminism begins to admit it is a problem, and more importantly, works to end this crisis, issues of men's violence against women and sexism will always exist, and it affects both women and men.
...
In their struggles to find their place and status within social hierarchies, many men and boys find themselves without a place - a safe space - to talk about and deconstruct those feelings, for patriarchy's constructions of gender roles deem it "weak" for men to speak of their feelings and struggles. Combine this with homophobia and the fear of being "othered," - that is, being labeled anything other than "manly," boys and men find themselves giving in to the social constructions of gender roles, and the result, as we've seen played out in too many scenario here in "developed" nations as well as Global South nations, is men's reinforcement of sexist and misogynistic attitudes, ending parts of the time in not only in the dehumanization of men, themselves, but also the physical and emotional violence against other men - and particularly important in feminist discussions - women.'

Man Turned Away for Breast Cancer Screening

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Scott Cunningham has been vigilant about his health since both his parents were diagnosed with breast cancer in the 1990s.

When Cunningham, who is 45 and from Marion, N.C., developed the same symptoms as his father -- "knots" on the chest underneath the nipple -- he put off getting help for months because he had been laid off from his job at a furniture plant and was uninsured.

"My chest is swollen, just like it started with my dad," said Cunningham, who also said he feels tired and "different" than he did just a few months ago.

But as symptoms got worse, he finally called the local health clinic and was turned away -- not for financial reasons, but because he was a man.

The clinic, the Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health District's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which only serves women, aged 40 to 60.
...
While breast cancer among men is 100 times less common than among women, it can be deadly.

The American Cancer Society reported nearly 2,000 cases of male breast cancer in the United States in 2009. About 440 of those men will die from the disease.'

Inside Higher Ed: Male Studies vs. Men's Studies

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First came women's studies, then came men's studies, and now, a new field in reaction to both: male studies.

Scholars of boys and men converged Wednesday at Wagner College, in Staten Island, N.Y., to announce the creation of the Foundation for Male Studies, which will support a conference and a journal targeted at exploring the triumphs and struggles of the XY-chromosomed of the human race -- without needing to contextualize their ideas as being one half of a male-female binary or an offshoot of feminist theory. Organizers positioned themselves in contrast to men's studies, which is seen as based on the same theories as women's studies and is grouped together with it as gender studies.

More than anything else, the event was a chance for supporters to frame men and boys as an underrepresented minority, and to justify the need for a male studies discipline in a society that many perceive to be male-dominated.

Lionel Tiger, a professor of anthropology at Rutgers University, said the field takes its cues "from the notion that male and female organisms really are different" and the "enormous relation between ... a person's biology and their behavior" that's not being addressed in most contemporary scholarship on men and boys.

"I am concerned that it's widespread in the United States that masculinity is politically incorrect," said Christina Hoff Sommers, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and author of The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism Is Harming Our Young Men.'

Huffington Post: 'The Myth of Having It All'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'March 31st marked the end of Women's History Month, a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society throughout the history of our nation. Trailblazers like Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan who helped redefine the role of a woman in America come to mind.

Perhaps one of the most transformative messages born from the women's movement was the concept that a woman can "have it all." It's an empowering and exciting message; yet, the misinterpretations of this message can also be dangerous and actually quite disempowering for women.

A lot of women define Feminism as a woman's ability and right to have it all. But Feminism is not about having it all or doing it all. Feminism is about the freedom to make choices. Somewhere along the path of the women's liberation movement, we began to buy into the belief that to be an empowered women means we have to do everything that both men and women do. So instead of making choices, we have tried to fulfill both gender roles at the same time. And from my perspective, it's not working. Instead of giving us a tremendous amount of freedom and opportunity, this concept of having it all has morphed into something that excuses putting so much on our plates that we are stressed out, burned out and running out of time for ourselves (and our loved ones) every single day.'

Duke Settles Suit by Ex-Coach of Lacrosse Team

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Story here.

'Duke University and Mike Pressler, who was the lacrosse coach when false rape accusations were made against three team members, have settled a slander suit by Pressler, The Raleigh News & Observer reported. Pressler's suit focused on comparisons the university made between him and his successor after he was forced out in 2006, amid the scandal over the allegations that (at that time) were widely treated as fact. No details were released about the settlement, except that Duke issued this statement: "Coach Michael Pressler is an excellent coach. He did a great job building the Duke men's lacrosse program, while maintaining a 100 percent graduation rate in his 16 years. Duke University regrets any adverse consequences that the Newsday or AP article had on Coach Pressler or his family. Duke wishes nothing but the best for Coach Pressler in his future endeavors, especially at Bryant University and as he leads Team USA in the World Lacrosse Championships."

Authorities: Wyoming woman apologizes for false rape claim

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'LANDER -- Fremont County authorities say a 25-year-old Casper woman admitted to lying about a rape claim in order to get out of a drunk-driving charge.

The Fremont County sheriff's office says Helen Witt came clean after investigators couldn't make her story from last summer match up.

Witt originally told law enforcement she was raped by two men on the Fourth of July in Boysen State Park. She said the two men drug her from her car and sexually assaulted her on a dirt road near the Cottonwood Bay area of the park.
...
Authorities say Witt has apologized for filing the false report.

Investigators spent hours on the case involving several agencies in addition to the sheriff's office: the Boysen State Park Rangers, the Fremont County Ambulance Service and the Fremont County attorney's office.'

Australia: "2010: In search of the Omega Male"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Apparently “Omega males are the lowest of the low on the guy food chain; they’re the type of men who shirk responsibility, refuse to grow up and generally avoid participating in the real world,” found Moore, based on an article written by author Jessica Grose from Slate.com.
...
The majority of men are nothing like an Omega Male. Sure the financial crisis meant that men who defined themselves on fast cars and fancy dinners have had to redefine their masculinity on their actions not their job title alone. But Peter Pan – well he’s been around forever (he just wears a cardigan now) and Wendy - she always left him.

And anyway, the recession wouldn’t have caused his masculine decline– because Peter didn’t want a job to begin with…

In truth: while there may be men who would love to sit around, contemplate writing a novel, smoke pot, strum a guitar and give the proverbial finger to the man - these blokes find it very hard to find love off-screen.

A guy with no work ethic does not have Alpha Women (or many others) lining up to date him.

While there might be a few examples of Omega Men who are loved up, the majority would be where they have always been. In their share flat, talking crap or pretending they are “above” working or settling down - because it’s easier than having no-one interested.

The rest of the men – well they are doing “manly things” – like living in the real world, like always. Nothing new there.'

Will the Rise in e-Readers Mean a Rise in Boy's Reading Levels

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's no new revelation that boys lag behind girls in reading levels and comprehension. Study after study has found this to be the case. The newest study, which the Center on Education Policy just released, found that while girls have made ground on boys in math, boys still fall behind girls in reading. An excerpt of findings from the report:

> In reading, girls outperformed boys in 2008 at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Higher percentages of girls than boys scored at or above the proficient level on state reading tests at grade 4, grade 8, and high school; in some states, these gaps exceeded 10 percentage points.
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> In grade 4 reading, higher percentages of girls than boys reached the basic, proficient, and advanced achievement levels in 2008. The median percentages of 4th grade girls reaching all three achievement levels—basic, proficient, and advanced—were higher than the median percentages for boys. (The median is the midpoint; half of the states with sufficient data had percentages above this point and half had percentages below.) In no state did boys outperform girls in reading at any achievement level."

Mother sues school for allegedly burning son's hand

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SALT LAKE CITY — A Salt Lake City woman is suing Meadow Lark Elementary School, alleging that her son's special education teacher put the boy's hand in "scalding water" and burned him.

Maria Gutierrez's son, who has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair, was in Erin Robinson's class when she was teaching students the difference between hot and cold water and allegedly stuck the boy's hand in scalding water, according to the lawsuit filed Monday in 3rd District Court'

"Women's hoops not worth loss of other programs"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The national championship game this week did not speak especially well of women's college basketball. Two excellent teams played mostly ugly hoops and the better team came back to win.
...
The empty seats, row after row and section after section, in the regular season yell out a message heard by some but acknowledged by none. That same message is acutely visible, if we care to look, in the shallow pool of talent and overall quality disparity.

Women's college basketball eventually must face the big boss of sports: money.
...
That's the case for now, as dictated by the 1972 enactment of Title IX, which bans sex discrimination in educational programs receiving federal money. It's fair and necessary to grant such equality, though it usually is enforced only as it relates to sports. Title IX didn't kill sexism, but it resulted in a reasonably level playing field.

It also leveled a staggering number of men's and combined programs — hundreds upon hundreds since '72 — and they're still dropping. Football was discontinued at Saint Mary's, Santa Clara and University of the Pacific. Colorado State dropped baseball. Arizona State dropped wrestling two years ago, and Northern Iowa axed baseball last year.
...
Men's basketball generates billions in TV revenue; the women a fraction of that. In many if not most cases, the men subsidize the women — even as other programs are victimized by budget cuts. Seton Hall claims it will save $1.5 million by shedding men and women's track; the school will add women's golf. Slashing programs to save money has become popular.
...
Meanwhile, very few schools realistically compete for a championship in women's basketball; UConn and Tennessee have accounted for 13 of the last 20 titles. There is an abundance of lopsided games and a lot of ugly basketball suitable for "club" sport status, which keeps alive Colorado State baseball.

Is what's being gained worth what's being lost? Money thinks not. And money will, at some point, be heard.'

Commission: Title IX interpretation unnecessarily hurts men's sports

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights released a series of recommendations on Title IX policy Thursday aimed at what it called an "unnecessary reduction of men's athletic opportunities."

The commission recommended that schools use a model survey offered by the Department of Education in 2005, calling it "the best possible method" for measuring women's interest and abilities. The survey is one of three ways schools can meet the participation requirements of Title IX, the law that bans sex discrimination at schools receiving federal funds.

That model survey was blasted by women's groups when it was introduced. The NCAA asked member schools not to use it. Few have. Daniel Cohen, an attorney who was a panelist before the commission, said he knows of several schools that have used it, though he declined to name them.

"The commission concluded that a properly administered model survey with a high response rate can potentially help schools improve their Title IX compliance and may provide an objective alternative to proportionality for some schools," Cohen said.'

Dispelling Sandra Bullock's "Oscar curse"

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'Poor Sandra Bullock and Kate Winslet. Just moments -- or in the latter case, a year -- after winning Best Actress Oscars, they've lost their marriages. Why, it's almost as though there's a curse on the women who take home that statue! Or perhaps it's something a little more down-to-earth; Nicole LaPorte at The Daily Beast wonders, "Is the ultimate honor for women in Hollywood the ultimate castration for men?"
...
Consider: In addition to Bullock and Winslet, Jane Wyman, Reese Witherspoon, Halle Berry, Hilary Swank and Helen Hunt all got divorced within a couple years of winning Academy Awards -- and Julia Roberts broke up with Benjamin Bratt not long after she did. ... Since at least three of these break-ups famously involved the male partners cheating -- and we all know that never happens unless a guy is feeling threatened by a woman's success -- what more evidence do we need that the fundamental problem in each relationship was men suffering "the ultimate castration"? (Aside from, you know, actual castration, which I imagine would feel somewhat more definitive to the man experiencing it.)
...
When a supposed trend is used to send yet another message that women had best put relationships before careers -- by the way, have you given any thought today to how many eggs you have left, missy? -- I'm always skeptical. But this one is even more ridiculous than most. Grose already made the point a lot more efficiently than I have here: "Needless to say, the notion of a such a curse is a load of bull."'

Sandra Bullock reportedly is seeking joint-custody of Jesse James' daughter

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'March 27, 2010, (Sawf News) - Sandra Bullock is reportedly consulting top family lawyers in Los Angeles to explore options for joint custody of Jesse James' six-year-old daughter Sunny, a source tells UK's Sunday Mirror.

However, Sandra has been cautioned that she faces an uphill legal battle; being a step-mother her rights are limited. Sandra's best hope is that Jesse agrees to joint custody.

Sandra, who married Jesse in July 2005, brought up Sunny as her own daughter.

In November 2009, she and Jesse fought a legal battle to wrest custody of Sunny from her biological mother and Jesse's former wife, porn star Janine Lindemulder.

"Sandra and Sunny have a special bond. She raised her since before she could walk. She did everything for that girl and now it looks as if she's going to have to fight even for visitation rights. It's heartbreaking," the source tells Mirror.'

Afghan women: Don't exclude our men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a place where women have few rights, it seems improbable women would plead for men's advancement too. But, it's happening in Afghanistan.

Not for the reasons you might think, but because many Afghan women realize without the support of fathers, brothers and uncles, they will remain second-class citizens.

For years, the United States has developed and funded special "women's only" programs to help women start their own small businesses.

And while those efforts have been greatly appreciated, some global women's groups wonder if these programs are as effective as they could be when it comes to achieving equality in a patriarchal society.

More disturbingly, some other women's groups say these efforts, if not done well, may actually endanger women.

"Women are put at greater risk of violence when they must return home to frustrated, unemployed husbands who don't understand why their wives are getting training and credit and they are not," says Ritu Sharma, president of Women Thrive Worldwide.

It's time, says Sharma, to look at helping Afghan women in a more inclusive way – and that means including brothers and husbands – as well as sisters and wives.
...
Sharma and others are urging U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to integrate genders across all of the United States' assistance programs and foreign policy, in addition to promoting women's empowerment programs in places where women need a special focus.

It's the only way, she says, that Secretary Clinton's own words will ring solidly true, "... human rights are women's rights ... and women's rights are human rights."'

3 girls plead not guilty in suicide bullying case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'HADLEY, Mass. - Lawyers for three teenage girls accused of participating in the bullying of a 15-year-old girl who committed suicide entered not guilty pleas Thursday on their behalf to charges including civil rights violations and criminal harassment.

Ashley Longe, Sharon Chanon Velazquez and Flannery Mullins, all 16, did not appear in Franklin-Hampshire Juvenile Court for their arraignments.

A judge ordered them to have no contact with the family of Phoebe Prince, a South Hadley High School freshman who hanged herself in January after what prosecutors called an "unrelenting" three-month bullying campaign by six teenagers. Prosecutors say Prince was targeted after she briefly dated a popular boy.
...
Mullins, Velazquez and Longe are charged as youthful offenders with civil rights violations resulting in injury. Mullins and Velazquez are also charged with stalking.

Prosecutors said in court Thursday that all three also face separate delinquency cases listing the same alleged offenses, along with criminal harassment charges against each of them.
...
Prosecutors said they will argue the delinquency charges at the same time as the other charges. Had the teens been charged only under delinquency laws and not as youthful offenders, their identities would have been confidential.

The maximum punishment in a juvenile delinquency case is commitment to a state youth services facility until age 18. Juveniles ages 15 and 16 who are charged with a felony can be prosecuted as youthful offenders under certain circumstances, including when they are charged with a crime that involves the infliction or threat of serious bodily harm.'

Abusegate Action Item: Send your letter to incoming OVW head Susan Carbon

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From Abusegate Bob:

Last Friday, Susan B. Carbon took over as director of the DoJ Office of Violence Against Women. As we work to reform VAWA and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (which funds abuse shelters and state DV coalitions), it's important that the OVW understand and support the need for reform.

So I'd like to encourage your group to send a one-page welcome letter to her. The letter should outline your organization's work to stop domestic violence, offer to work with the OVW in its continued efforts, and be polite and constructive in tone.

You may also want to include a paragraph to this effect (change the exact wording so it doesn't sound canned):

> Research shows men and women are approximately likely to abuse. The 2000 NIJ-CDC survey found approximately 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the United States. More recent CDC studies have found women are more likely to be the perpetrators of abuse:
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> 1. Among young adults, 71% of perpetrators in one-way abuse are female: Daniel Whitaker et al. Differences in Frequency of Violence and Reported Injury Between Relationships With Reciprocal and Nonreciprocal Intimate Partner Violence American Journal of Public Health, May 2007.
> 2. Teenage girls are substantially more likely to initiate physical aggression than teenage boys: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Youth Risk Factors. Behavioral Surveillance—United States, 2007. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Review 2008; 57.

ACFC: Shared Parenting Rally in Chicago, Illinois, April 10, 2010

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Via an ACFC release:

This Saturday, April 10th, there will be a rally in Chicago coinciding with the next meeting of the Illinois Family Law Study Committee. Awareness and the list of supporting organizations continues to grow. All are welcome to attend. Click here for details.

Palin and Bachmann: Feminists in Naughty Monkey Peep Toe Heels

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Poor, poor Tim Pawlenty. The earnest Minnesota governor brought his best zingers and one-liners to the Minneapolis Convention Center on Wednesday, but he got his biggest applause at the GOP fundraiser only when he introduced Sarah Palin and Michele Bachmann. The two brightest stars of the conservative movement were headliners for the event to raise cash for Bachmann's re-election campaign. On the charisma scale, he was chalk to their napalm.

With Martina McBride's "This One's for the Girls" blaring in the background, Bachmann and Palin took the stage in a blur of waving hands, teased hair, floral prints and piled-on pearls. Far away from Michael Steele's sex-club scandal and John Boehner's "Hell No!" legislative strategy, Palin and Bachmann gave their mostly female audience of more than 11,000 a riled up hour of newfangled Republican girl power.
...
On health care reform, Bachmann promised to push for repeal. "You better believe it, baby! Repeal is what this girl is going to be all about after November." On federal spending, she promised to shrink it. "We're going to start by starving the beast!" On the details of all this, she sort of fudged it (the government owns or controls 51 percent of the American economy?), but that's not the point right now.
...

The point is that artfully folded into the women's right-of-center red meat rhetoric was an unusually heavy dose of what anyone would call old-fashioned feminism if it wasn't coming from two hot Republican women in high heels. (Palin put Naughty Monkey-brand shoes on the map when she wore their red "Double Dare" peep-toe pumps to a John McCain rally.)

"In politics, if you want something said, ask a man. If you want something done, ask a woman," Palin joked to the delight of the crowd, quoting Margaret Thatcher. "My own mantra is that behind every good, productive man stands a very surprised woman."
...
It's hard to think that Wednesday's event was not what Betty Friedan envisioned for women in "The Feminine Mystique," when she said that women should be allowed to want more than a life of folding laundry and driving carpool. "We can no longer ignore that voice within women that says: 'I want something more than my husband and my children and my home.'" she wrote.
...
As Palin finished her stump speech for Bachmann, she made a prediction about the 2010 election cycle. "There are a lot of conservative women like Michele who are standing up and speaking out for common sense conservative solutions and they're ready to take their country back," she said. "2010 is shaping up to be the year that conservative women get together to take back this country and Michele is leading the stampede."'

UK: New Fathers 4 Justice: General Election Demo

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Announcement here. Excerpt:

'Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010
Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Location: CARFAX TOWER, OXFORDSHIRE
City/Town: Oxford, United Kingdom
...
NEW FATHERS 4 JUSTICE has a protest in the run up to the General election will be going to do a demo on our battle bus (open top double-decker bus). We will be targeting David Cameron (the likely new PM) in the run up to the election.

The bus is will be decorated with our banners and slogans and will be making 3 points of call:

1.OXFORD TOWN CENTRE
2.WITNEY OFFICE (David Cameron's constituency)
3.DAVID CAMERON'S HOUSE

Spread the word.'

Abusegate: May 6-7: Working for Men, Working a Miracle!

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From Abusegate Bob:

Domestic violence laws are bad for men because they strip due process protections from the falsely-accused, deny services to male victims, and stereotype men as batterers. Some say the effect of our nation's DV laws is to turn men into a new social under-class.

Since 2008, a dedicated group of men and women has been working on Capitol Hill to educate lawmakers about the harmful effects of DV laws. Three times, this group has succeeded in blocking bad bills from being passed:

2008: International Violence Against Women (I-VAWA) Act
2008: National Domestic Violence Volunteer Act
2009: Security and Financial Empowerment (SAFE) Act

But it's not enough to stop bad bills from becoming law. Now, we need to reform the existing laws, especially the Violence Against Women Act, so they are effective, inclusive, and respectful of civil rights.

On May 6-7, we will take our campaign to a new level. WE WILL WORK A MIRACLE.

Register here. Just do it.

Man falls 30 feet saving suicidal woman

Anonymous · 9 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. We post a lot of 'women behaving badly' articles, and a lot of examples of men being treated poorly, as second class citizens, and often even as sub-human. This article should be a shining example to anyone who doesn't think men deserve basic respect of the type of selflessness and heroism men are capable of. It would be easy to attribute his actions to outmoded ideas of chivalry and sacrifice, or to suggest he should never have risked his life in the first place, but I choose to view it as a doctor doing all in his power to help a patient, an example of the type of person, man or woman, that we should all wish there were more of it in the world. Excerpt:

'An Allentown man saved a suicidal woman's life but suffered extensive arm fractures when they fell 30 feet from the roof of a Lehigh Valley personal care facility on Monday.

As they fell, he maneuvered himself under her, so he hit the concrete first, allowing the woman to suffer only injuries so minor she was able to walk away, according to a relative.
...
Smith, 48, a married father of three and a grandfather of three, hit facing down, hitting his left arm, then his head and his right arm as he rolled, Katchisin said.

Smith shattered bones in both arms, and gashed his forehead, but suffered no apparent brain or spinal injuries.

The woman, confirmed as suicidal by Saucon Township police, reportedly suffered a fracture or two to a finger and a toe.'

"Cops: Wiccan listed victim as 'sacrifice' in phone"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – A self-described Wiccan had a man's phone number programmed in her cell phone under the word "sacrifice" before she stabbed him to death, then claimed he had tried to rape her, authorities said Thursday.

Angela Sanford, 30, is accused of killing 52-year-old Joel Leyba last month with a dagger after inviting him to join her in a Wiccan celebration of spring near a popular hiking trail east of Albuquerque.

She told police she stabbed Leyba three times in the stomach after he tied her up and tried to assault her.

But police say Leyba was stabbed 11 to 13 times, and a detective reviewing Sanford's cell phone found the nickname "sacrifice" instead of Leyba's name.

"It makes us absolutely confident there was something more here than her claims of self-defense," said Patrick Davis, a spokesman for the Bernalillo County district attorney's office.'

Undoubtedly some will read this story as a veiled dig at Wiccans on top of the MRA interest it has (which is that she claimed she was defending herself against an attempted rape before she found out she could not uphold that story). Such is not the case, as anyone who knows anything about religions knows that Wiccans generally hold the Rule of Three as part of their ontological belief system and that religions of all kinds attract various sorts of nut cases and extremists who use their religion as a cover/justification for their atrocities.

Yahoo/the MSM are the ones throwing the Wiccan thing in there. She could just as easily been a person with a claim to any other religious belief system or had any number of other labels attached to her. The point of the story is this: a woman murders a man under the guise of a claim of self-defense against rape. We've heard it before, haven't we?

Inmates sue over jail conditions

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Eleven inmates have filed lawsuits against the Orangeburg-Calhoun Regional Detention Center in U.S. District Court over living conditions.

Inmates claim they've suffered malfunctioning toilets and showers, don't receive prescription medication in a timely manner and have no emergency call system in their cells, among other things, according to complaints filed between Feb. 16 and March 15.

Robert Hooper, who chairs the Orangeburg-Calhoun Law Enforcement Commission, says some of the issues arose during the 2009 annual state Department of Corrections inspection.
...
Last July, the Regional Detention Center was cited for housing sentenced and pre-trial inmates together. Other violations cited were the lack of two-way emergency intercom systems in individual cells and failure to give inmates required outdoor exercise time due to staffing shortages.

The state fire marshal's office also cited the detention center for potential fire hazard violations, including the storage of combustible materials in rooms with electrical equipment.'
...
Many of the inmates who sued in federal court are being held for non-payment of child support. Child support inmates usually make up half or more of the total population, which averages about 400 inmates.'

NOW calls for a woman to replace Justice John Stevens

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Story here. This shouldn't come as a surprise. I have no problem with women on the highest court, but to nominate someone based on gender is unacceptable. Excerpt:

'The National Organization for Women also weighed in on Stevens' retirement. The group called on the president to nominate a woman to the high court, which counts Justice Sotomayor and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg among its nine members.

"NOW is dedicated to achieving gender parity on the Supreme Court, and we call on President Obama to nominate a woman to fill this seat," NOW President Terry O'Neill said in a statement. "The Supreme Court is out of balance, with women making up a mere 22 percent of the bench. That's simply not enough."'

Inner-city Chicago charter school has perfect college acceptance rate

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Story here. How about that!? Geez, if you give a whit about them and teach them the way they need to be taught, boys CAN actually succeed and even EXCEL in school! Wow, what a novel concept! And it works for girls, too. It's just that that particular approach has been applied to all our public schools, and so, the results are well-known there: fast-diminishing graduation and college acceptance rates for boys while girls continue to increase their level of excellence -- at the boys' expense. Excerpt:

'Chicago – In Chicago, the graduation rate for African-American boys is about 40 percent, and only about half of all students are accepted to some form of college. The chances of young black men going to college – particularly young men from the poorest neighborhoods – are not good.

But the Urban Prep (link added) charter school, located in the city's tough Englewood neighborhood, has produced a very different statistic. In March, this school, which is made up of young African-American men, announced that all 107 boys in its first graduating class have been accepted to a four-year college. Just 4 percent of those seniors were reading at grade level as freshmen.

It's a remarkable achievement for any urban high school, but particularly one with a population that some people are inclined to write off. It has educators examining what aspects of the school are responsible – and how replicable they are.

Some elements are easy to quantify: an extended school day that means students have an additional 72,000 minutes in school each year, a double period of English, and required extracurriculars and public service.

But many more elements seem embedded into a culture that is based on four R's, as founder and CEO Tim King describes it: ritual, respect, responsibility, and relationships.
...
Most important, King says: College graduation, not admission, is the goal. The school is doing what it can to prepare students for the leap they'll make when they move to a college campus. For one thing, most students participate in at least one summer college program. Also, counselors will be assigned to all graduates to help them over the next few years.

"It will be very hard for them, which is why we want to have this support piece in place so students don't give up," says King.

The 100 percent acceptance "is a big deal," he adds. "But we don't consider it a completion of our mission. We consider it a milestone.... We're supposed to make sure that they finish college."'

Tennessee Mother Ships Adopted Son Back to Moscow Alone

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Tennesee mother's decision to send her 7-year-old adopted son back to Russia, alone and with a note that she no longer wanted him, has horrified officials and adoption experts in both countries.

Angry Russian officials are calling for a halt to all U.S. adoptions until the two countries could hammer out a new agreement that spelled out the conditions and obligations for such adoptions.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev called the boy's abrupt return "a monstrous deed." The Russian president told ABC News' George Stephanopoulos in an exclusive interview that he had a "special concern" about the recent treatment of Russian children adopted by Americans.

Torry Hansen of Shelbyville, Tenn., put 7-year-old Artyem Saviliev -- renamed Justin Artyem Hansen in the U.S. -- on a plane to Moscow's Domodedovo airport with a note in his pocket saying she ws returning him, that the boy had severe psychological problems and that the orphanage had lied about his condition.

"I no longer wish to parent this child," the note read, calling the boy a liability.'

Maine Commission Moves to Ban Gender Specific Bathrooms, Sports Teams in Schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Maine Human Rights Commissions taking heat over a proposal to ban schools from enforcing gender divisions in sports teams, school organizations, bathrooms and locker rooms, saying forcing a student into a particular room or group because of their biological gender amounts to discrimination.

The issue came to light last year when the commission ruled that, under the Maine Human Rights Act, a school had discriminated against a 12-year-old transgender boy by denying him access to the girls' bathroom.

Now the commission aims to issue guidelines on how schools should deal with similar situations in the future. It would make Maine the first state to implement such guidelines for schools as young as preschool and nursery -- and even some private schools.

...

"When we separate biology it gets very confusing for everyone," Mike Heath, president of the American Family Association of New England, told FoxNews.com. "Now we're talking about bathrooms where ladies will entertain the possibility of men being in the restroom with them, and every woman I've talked to has indicated that they wouldn't be comfortable with that."

...

"There's not a whole lot of places a girl can expect privacy, but the bathroom should be one of them," said Celeste. "And there's not a whole lot of places a boy expects privacy, but the bathroom should be one of them. Married couples close the door when they go to the bathroom."

...

Ken Trump, President of National School Safety and Security Services, says the guidelines set out in the commission's draft brochure pose some serious safety issues as well.

"If my kid walks into a girls' bathroom and sees a man in there, the child is going to instinctively feel that something's wrong. If you create an entirely new climate where anything goes, you're going to create increased confusion, and those with ill intentions could take advantage of that confusion and decreased ability to make a distinction," Trump told FoxNews.com.'

Watch out women's studies, here comes male studies

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Inside Higher Ed reports that the discipline will be dedicated to "exploring the triumphs and struggles of the XY-chromosomed of the human race -- without needing to contextualize their ideas as being one half of a male-female binary or an offshoot of feminist theory." Paul Nathanson, a religious studies researcher at McGill University, tells Higher Ed that "the institutionalization of misandry" is "being generated by feminists," although he generously adds, "not all feminists." Lionel Tiger, an anthropology professor at Rutgers University and the chair of the men's studies symposium, calls feminism "a well-meaning, highly successful, very colorful denigration of maleness as a force, as a phenomenon."

...

Inevitably, men's studies will be confused with its new confrontational and divisive counterpart, which is awfully sad. I remember wishing my college women's studies courses would talk more about men, which is to say that I wished for the broader perspective that men's studies embraces. Now male studies has arrived on the scene to turn this into yet another battle between the sexes. Grab your armor, because this one's gonna be bloody.'

UK: Rape claim is a set up, court hears

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A DOG-OWNER accused of rape claims he has been set up by a woman who changed her mind about selling her pet to him.

Stephen Tuggey, 42, is alleged to have crept into the 57-year-old's bedroom and forced himself on her after arranging to drive more than 100 miles to bring her beloved dog back to South Wales to see her on her birthday.

She called police to her Cardiff home after her daughter saw blood on her dressing gown and she broke down saying she had been attacked.

But Tuggey told police who arrested him: "She consented – going up to bed together was her suggestion, she was waiting for me on the landing."
...
They still had a pub lunch together as planned but when they got back and he fell asleep, her mother started crying and said she wanted him out of the house.

Tuggey denies rape and sexual assault. The woman cannot be named.'

"The woman cannot be named." - but the man can.

Is Feminism Getting In The Way of "Male Studies?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The creation of the Foundation for Male Studies was announced on Wednesday at Wagner College in New York, along with a proposal for male studies as a new discipline. While gender studies, women's studies and men's studies already exist, the scholars behind the new discipline insist that colleges need to start fresh in order to examine the current state of boys and men.

The interdisciplinary study would examine the experience of modern males, particularly those under 35, in a moment in history when they are the minority of college graduates, the majority of suicide victims, have shorter life spans and increasingly suffer psychological problems.

To be sure, these are valid and interesting pursuits, deserving of our attention--now more than ever. However, it's the distinction from current men's studies programs that's raising eyebrows.

"This came out of the contentious business of gender studies," says Lionel Tiger, professor of anthropology at Rutgers University. "It's not men's studies as contrasted with women's studies. It's a study of males without all the ideology and self-righteousness of feminists about turning over patriarchy."

The supporters of the new discipline believe that existing programs are biased toward feminist ideology and critique masculinity rather than study it. "Much of it has to do with the almighty females," Tiger says. "A lot of feminist argument is just irritating." Uh, okay.'

'Call off the war against boys'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The focus was an emerging movement towards men's studies at universities. I think the desire to even out the time and money spent on studying issues unique to each sex -- Women's Studies consume more than 90 per cent of budgets for gender-specific research -- is well intentioned, but I suspect it is ultimately misguided.

What men need most is not to be studied but to be allowed to be men. It is not possible to save or revive masculinity by overanalyzing it.

At our core, we men are uncomplicated and straightforward if allowed to be.
...
Men are simple, not simpletons. For the most part we want to earn a living and provide for those we love. We desire to be proud of what we do and respected for it, even if only by those close to us -- family and friends. Not every man desires to be a celebrity, but he would like to known at work or in the neighbourhood as the best butcher, salesman or handyman.
...
Christina Hoff Sommers, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and author of The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism is Harming our Young Men, told the Wagner College conference that men acting like men are too often thought of sociopaths. "I'm concerned that male-averse attitude is widespread ... that we're in a society where masculinity is politically incorrect."

We need not devote hundreds of millions of dollars to new university departments studying declining masculinity. We need to stop disparaging the masculine as unthinking, unconcerned and unwanted.'

Educators: Reading gap can be closed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to reading, boys continue to lag behind girls, according to recent studies.

But it doesn't have to be that way, say a growing number of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky teachers and education researchers. They say schools can close reading gaps by adhering to relatively simple strategies, including:

• Change what boys are required read at school and on tests.

• Give boys more choices.

• Get parents to push reading at home.

• Limit video game time.

• Teach reading comprehension and assign more writing in middle and high school grades; let teachers stray from teaching to state tests.

• Consider separating genders at high school.'

Study says boys' reading scores most pressing gender-gap issue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys in Kentucky's schools need to work on reading, according to a national analysis of gender gaps in education being released Wednesday.

The Kentucky results generally mirror the national picture, which shows boys trailing girls on reading assessments in most states.

The report, which covers 2007-2008, was prepared by the Center on Education Policy, an independent education advocacy organization. It called the reading performance by boys "the most pressing gender-gap issue facing our schools."
...
In 2008, however, 76 percent of fourth-grade girls tested at proficiency, while the percentage of boys at that level fell to 67 percent.

The difference was more dramatic among Kentucky eighth graders, with 74 percent of girls at proficiency in reading in 2008 compared to just 60 percent of boys. Meanwhile, among 10th graders, 68 percent of girls were at reading proficiency in 2008, compared to only 52 percent of boys.'

UK: ‘Lost generation’ feared as more boys reject education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'FEARS are growing of a generation of young men lost to education after data yesterday showed boys are increasingly turning their backs on the schools system.

While girls remain more likely to continue in full-time education after the age of 16, a report from Careers Wales found that boys are increasingly likely to leave the system altogether.

And though the majority of young people continue with their education once they reach the legal age at which they can leave school, a study found that there has been a slight fall in the percentage of young people expected to go from year 13 into higher education.

The survey showed that, as in previous years, a larger proportion of girls than boys chose to continue in full-time education. The difference is most marked in year 11, with over 6% more girls than boys.'

"Sexist Beatdown: Manly Masculine Male Edition"

Matt · 11 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A great opportunity to leave comments. Excerpt:

Two important developments in the World of Men this week:

> 1. A group of scholars, led by a man with the almost suspiciously masculine name of Lionel Tiger, established a new discipline of gender studies: Male Studies. Male Studies differs from the already existing discipline of Men's Studies in that it is devoted to studying the "male as male," as opposed to the "male as Easter Bunny" or whatever Men's Studies is passing off as scholarly research nowadays. Also, Male Studies really fucking resents Women's Studies. Cage match, anyone?
> 2. Sady Doyle of Tiger Beatdown, the preeminent scholar in the field of Lady Business Studies, invited some men to talk about their experiences for once. Sady's Visions of Manliness series (see A, B, and C) has addressed stuff like the simultaneous marginalization and privilege of trans men, ironically homophobic sports blogging, and how deeply Valentine's Day truly blows. Strangely, none of the posts are about how feminists have stolen their male identity, trampled upon their masculine phenomenon, and overall been super mean. In other words, this is total Men's Studies shit.

In this edition of Sexist Beatdown, Sady and I YELL ABOUT THESE THINGS AND ALSO bell hooks SO JOIN US!

The Truth Behind Legal Dominance Feminism's "Two Percent False Rape Claim" Figure

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Paper here (.pdf file). Excerpt:

'For at least the last decade, Legal Dominance Feminism has been the predominant voice on sexual abuse within legal academia. However, many of its empirical claims regarding the sexual abuse of women are erroneous. Unlike the exemplary scholarship of other feminist academics, LDF has in recent years promulgated a series of social science myths about rape in the American legal system. Often resting upon a highly problematic methodology, LDF significantly misrepresents empirical reality. This Article attempts to demonstrate that the LDF discourse on rape is fundamentally flawed.

...

Unlike those who oppose the LDF program because of its alleged "malebashing," this Article concedes that were it empirically true that only two percent of those charged with rape were innocent, LDF's solutions might represent a reasonable public policy. But if, as may well be the case, as many as a quarter of the men currently accused of rape are actually innocent, then the goals of LDF are truly destructive. First, the proportion of wrongful convictions would certainly rise if LDF's program were fully implemented. Second, as demonstrated in Part V, wrongful convictions would fall disproportionately on black youths.'

This paper appeared in the April 2000 edition of the Loyola Law Review.

India: Court finds that women can be charged under the new Domestic Violence Act

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW DELHI: In the wake of the raging debate on whether the Domestic Violence Act, enacted for the welfare of women, can be used against them or not, with different high courts expressing "conflicting views", a trial court has set the record straight by holding that female members of a family can be charged under the Domestic Violence Act in case of harassment of a woman.

While giving an interpretation of the provisions for protection of women in the Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the court has said that the law provided a wife can file complaint against her husband and his relatives (both males and females). "Section 2 Clause (q) of the Act which provides that ‘an aggrieved wife or female living in a relationship in the nature of a marriage may also file a complaint against a relative of the husband or the male partner’. The provision includes both male and females," additional sessions judge Kamini Lau said.'

Men Walk-A-Mile to end abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Men in heels and feather boas strutted among an entourage of women carrying signs and chanting on a mile-long loop of downtown Ukiah [link added] west of State Street Saturday morning.

They were taking part in the 9th annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event, aimed at making a visual display to stimulate talk in the community about ending sexual violence. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"It's one of those topics that's taboo to discuss, but Walk a Mile' brings a little humor to it and makes it more approachable for people, so we can address a serious subject and still have a good, uplifting time," said Carissa Johnson, a volunteer coordinator for the inland branch of Project Sanctuary, which sponsors the event. Project Sanctuary is the local battered women's shelter.

One of the organization's board members, Tim Rohan, sported low, red heels and a black tie over a pink shirt and jeans. The pink showed his support for ending domestic abuse and sexual violence, he said.'

White House set to spend M$730 in FY2011 'to combat violence against women'

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'The White House is stepping up its efforts in the area of Violence Against Women, according to Vice-President Joe Biden who announced an unprecedented $730 million in the President's proposed FY2011 budget to shore up services, help victims find housing and legal assistance, and make sure every call for help is answered.

The United States Vice President, who took his commitment to ending violence against women to Peoria, Illinois where he spoke at the Center for the Prevention of Abuse's Partners in Peace awards, pledged to continue his commitment to change attitudes and to "free women from the oppressive cultural norm that causes them in any way to feel they are responsible for or contributed to their own abuse."

The first Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) hearing was held on June 20, 1990, and over the next four years then-Senator Biden held moving hearings on domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.'

South Africa to circumcise two million men

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Article here.

'Durban: In an effort to combat the scourge of HIV and Aids, over two million men will be circumcised in South Africa's eastern KwaZulu-Natal province, BuaNews reported on Friday.

The premier of KwaZulu-Natal province, Zweli Mkhize, said on Thursday this initiative had received overwhelming support from HIV activists and the medical fraternity.

The process will begin on April 11.

Uganda government outlaws female circumcision

In late 2006, two randomised controlled trials on whether male circumcision reduces HIV transmission were halted because interim results showed an overwhelming protective effect, validating the results from an earlier South African trial conducted in Orange Farm.

Based on the weight of the evidence from both observational studies and randomised trials, public health leaders have concluded that male circumcision when performed by well-trained and well-equipped health professionals can significantly reduce the risk of HIV infection among adult men.

"We now have our task cut out for us to circumcise over two million males using the safety of professional techniques and encourage HIV pre-testing," he said.'

Circumcision: A Man's Decision?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I don't have a son so I've never had to make the circumcision decision. I know which way I'd go, but that's neither here nor there.

And in Madatom blogger Jacob Harper's opinion, it's irrelevant what any mom thinks because moms should not be the ones making the decision of whether or not to circumcise their kid.
...
Harper is one guy who isn't the least bit shy about sharing his opinion. In his blog post "Living the Dream: Uncircumcised in America," he writes about being in the "freaky hooded minority," but says that he's proud not resentful.
...
I do think Harper's post is hilarious and I enjoyed reading about circumcision from his perspective, but what he fails to appreciate is that making decisions that affect their kids' lives is what moms do every day -- on things that go well beyond haircuts. Sometimes it's just not practical to wait 18 years and let your kid make a life-changing decision on his own.'

Ex-teacher pleads guilty to having 'sex' with teens

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Tampa, Florida (CNN) -- Former middle school math teacher Stephanie Ragusa was teary-eyed Monday as she pleaded guilty to having sex with two underage students.

Ragusa, 31, faces up to 10 years in prison when she is sentenced on June 15.

She pleaded guilty to three counts of lewd and lascivious battery in a March 2008 case involving a 14-year-old boy.

She also pleaded guilty to two counts of having unlawful sex with a minor in an April 2008 case involving a 16-year-old student.

Prosecutor Rita Peters said Ragusa had intercourse with the 14-year-old on three occasions between October 2006 and May 2007. Evidence in that case included a phone conversation police recorded with the teen's consent. During the phone call, Ragusa could be heard urging him to keep their encounters secret, Peters said.
...
Ragusa has been in jail since her arrest, and defense attorney Robert Herce said she has spent more time behind bars than several other teachers in Hillsborough County, Florida, who have faced similar charges.'

Washington Woman Accused of Luring Disabled Man Into Relationship, Spending His Money

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Washington woman is accused of luring a disabled man into a relationship with promises of marriage and children only to squander thousands of dollars of his money, leaving him suicidal and in debt, investigators say.

Alesha Lair, 23, is charged with theft and domestic violence stemming from what King County prosecutors are calling a "deceptive" two-year relationship with 55-year-old Douglas Lare.

Lare was diagnosed at birth with mild mental retardation and cerebral palsy and has a mental age that ranges between 6 and 12 years old, according to the probable cause report from the Seattle Police Department.

Prior to his relationship with Lair, he had no outstanding debt and held a full-time job. But in the past year, he has been hospitalized multiple times for suicidal threats because of the debt his relationship resulted caused, according to the report.

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"One only has to be with Lare for a few minutes to realize his vulnerability, Litalien wrote in the report. "I believe Lair was fully aware of Lare's cognitive and physical disabilities, and knowingly and willingly exploited him."

According to statements by Lare given to authorities, his new girlfriend "promised him they would be married" but that before they could do so, she insisted she had to "establish credit in her name."'

The Justice Project: Crime Labs Need Independence and Robust Oversight to Ensure Justice

Matt · 13 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog post here. Excerpt:

'San Francisco's top public defender, Jeff Adachi, recently called for the city's crime lab to become independent of the police department. This announcement comes on the heels of a series of scandals in the San Francisco Police Department's forensic laboratory initiated by the discovery that a criminalist was stealing cocaine from evidence storage facilities. What initially seemed to be a problem with one unethical employee has led to the unearthing of myriad problems within the lab, including two cases of tainted DNA samples. Moreover, a troubling audit was released showing an improper maintenance of chain of custody of evidence, inadequate record keeping, and a lack of cleanliness in the overall facility. Multiple legal challenges raised in the aftermath of the scandal, including a murder case, have pointed to the possibility that police and prosecutors withheld vital information about the drug thefts from defendants' attorneys.

Adachi is right to push for an independent crime lab. The majority of publicly operated crime labs are part of a law enforcement agency. As a result, crime lab employees may come to see themselves as part of a crime fighting team, rather than objective agents of science. Given that many forensic examinations involve subjective interpretations of data, the risk for bias is greater when the lab is structurally part of law enforcement. Independent crime labs help to ensure that analysts operate maintain an impartial environment to ensure accurate, unbiased and reliable testing. The National Academies of Science recognized these concerns when they recently recommended that laboratories become independent of law enforcement agencies.'

F & F Introduces 5th California Family Court Reform Bill

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Fathers & Families' mission is to protect children's right to the love and care of both parents after divorce or separation. One of the ways fit parents are sometimes driven to the margins of their children's lives is by one parent using the other parent's disability or partial disability as a pretext to deny them custody or visitation with their children.
...
Existing California family law codes do not address the issue of disabled parents, leaving the door open for unnecessary and often expensive litigation, even in cases where the disabled parent had been successfully parenting the children for many years prior to the separation or divorce.

SB 1188 will add Section 3049 to the Family Code. It will read:

> 3049. In any proceeding to determine child custody or visitation under this part, in which at least one parent is disabled as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), a court shall not use the disability of that parent as the basis of an award of custody or visitation to another party unless that party establishes by clear and convincing evidence that a grant of custody or visitation to the disabled parent would be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the child.

...
Fathers & Families often hears from parents who have had their disability unfairly used against them in family court. If this has happened to you, please let us know by filling out our form here.'

Dr. Claudia Cornell on the emotional abuse of men by women

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Blog post here. Excerpt:

'If you search the web, you will find few web sites that deal with the emotional abuse of men by women. Most sites that deal with this subject tend to be a bit on the misogynistic side. As a man, I don't want to be painted with the same brush as men who abuse women, so it's not fair to paint all women as emotionally abusive.

In my search, I did find one web site that presented an intelligent, balanced view of the subject. WomenAbusingMen.org was founded by Dr. Claudia B. Cornell and Kimberly C. Taylor.

While I found WomenAbusingMen.org to be quite intriguing, I wanted to learn more on the subject of emotional abuse of men by women. I sent an email with a comprehensive list of interview questions. Fortunately, I received a prompt response from Dr. Cornell expressing a great willingness to answer my questions in the hope of spreading awareness on the emotional abuse of men by women.'

Ben Roethlisberger, 'You Can Do Better,' District Attorney Says

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Ben Roethlisberger might have promised to be a role model, but the district attorney who declined to press sexual assault charges stemming from a drunken evening at a nightclub said it was the actions of the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback, not his words, that would prove it.

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Bright said that due to scant physical evidence and conflicting statements from the student, he could not prove a crime had happened.

"You get a lot of he said, she said," Bright said, "but it's unclear. It's foggy, and I couldn't prove it beyond a reasonable doubt."

The woman, who Bright said told police after the incident she didn't know if they even had sex, wrote a letter asking that Roethlisberger not be charged, but Bright said it made little difference in his decision.

"Without that letter, I still feel we did not have enough to prove him guilty, at least of the charge of rape," Bright said.

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During a news conference, Bright spelled out a confusing mix of stories that emerged immediately after the complaint was filed, and said alcohol played a significant role in the night's events.

When she was first asked by a police officer if she had been raped, she answered, "No," Bright said, citing police reports. When asked if she and Roethlisberger had sex, she said, "I'm not sure," the district attorney said.

...

"I still said no. This is not OK with me. He said it's okay. He had sex with me," Bright quoted the woman saying.

The police interview with Roethelisberger quoted him telling police that he tried to send the student away, saying, "I told her she was too drunk to be back here," Bright said.

The police officer who wrote the report concluded, "It is unclear as to what happened due to the …recollection due to her intoxication level."'

Time: "Is the U.S. Army Losing Its War on Suicide? "

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Article here. Excerpt:

'From the invasion of Afghanistan until last summer, the U.S. military had lost 761 soldiers in combat there. But a higher number in the service — 817 — had taken their own lives over the same period. The surge in suicides, which have risen five years in a row, has become a vexing problem for which the Army's highest levels of command have yet to find a solution despite deploying hundreds of mental-health experts and investing millions of dollars. And the elephant in the room in much of the formal discussion of the problem is the burden of repeated tours of combat duty on a soldier's battered psyche.

The problem is exacerbated by the manpower challenges faced by the service, because new research suggests that repeated combat deployments seem to be driving the suicide surge. The only way to apply the brakes will be to reduce the number of deployments per soldier and extend what the Army calls "dwell time" — the duration spent at home between trips to war zones. But the only way to make that possible would be to expand the Army's troop strength, or reduce the number of soldiers sent off to war.
See pictures of an Army town's struggle with PTSD.

"It's frankly frustrating that with the level of effort that we've put out there, that we haven't stemmed the [suicide] tide," General George Casey, the Army's top officer, told a House panel March 23. When pressed by a lawmaker the previous month on whether the Army was getting closer to solving the challenge, Army Secretary John McHugh was blunt. "Sadly, the answer is not much closer," he told the Senate Armed Services Committee Feb. 23. "As to why people take this step — particularly as to why men and women in uniform do — we're still in many ways befuddled."

Mother in Adoption Scandal Was Trying for Second Child

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Tennessee mother who horrified the adoption community when she put her 7-year-old son on a plane back to Russia was in the process of trying to adopt a second child.

Torry Hansen had turned to a second adoption agency to bring home a child from the Soviet Republic of Georgia, a source with the sheriff's department told ABC News.

She switched adoption agencies after the agency that arranged the adoption of her first child, World Association for Children and Parents, urged her to wait before adopting again, the source said. The association advised Hansen it would be best to settle in with the boy before adding to her family, the source said.

A few months later, Hansen, of Shelbyville, Tenn., and her mother, Nancy Hansen put 7-year-old Artyem Savilev on a plane back to Moscow in hopes of having the boy's adoption annulled.'

New book claims Oprah Winfrey concocted stories about sexual abuse she suffered as a child

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Article here.

'Winfrey's relationship with longtime "love" Stedman Graham, her reputed dirt-poor upbringing in rural Mississippi, her rumored lesbian crushes on women such as Diane Sawyer -- all are stories she has manipulated for decades in the name of sensational ratings, according to writer Kitty Kelley's latest unauthorized biography "Oprah."
...
The much-anticipated book details how:

* Winfrey concocted stories about sexual abuse she suffered as a child -- and grossly exaggerated the poverty she was brought up in.
...
The future star would steal from her mother's purse, pawn her jewelry and even turn tricks. She was eventually sent to live in Nashville with Vernon Winfrey, who was her mother's former lover and who is listed on her birth certificate as her father. He has been described as the domineering disciplinarian who set her straight.

Later, determined to become rich and famous, Winfrey was ready to change her story to her advantage, making sure she cultivated her image as an everywoman, the book alleges.'

Books for Boys Author Signs 11 Book Contracts

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Release here. Excerpt:

'(I-Newswire) April 13, 2010 - ROCKFORD, Illinois: Children's adventure and mystery author, Max Elliot Anderson, has signed contracts for 11 books to be published by two publishers.

Comfort Publishing, in Concord, North Carolina, will republish his first 7 titles after the original publisher could not withstand the economic pressures that have hurt so many small businesses.

The titles to be republished by Comfort Publishing include Newspaper Caper, Terror at Wolf Lake, North Woods Poachers, Mountain Cabin Mystery, Big Rig Rustlers, Secret of Abbott's Cave, and Legend of the White Wolf. A new book, Barney and the Runaway, will also be published.

Comfort Publishing has also contracted a first right of refusal option on another 16 titles and wants to pursue an extensive series with him. This could become a 24 book deal. "These books are already written," Anderson said, "although I'm doing a revision on each one to increase the word count."

"Over a period of 3 1/2 years," Mr. Anderson added, "I wrote 35 manuscripts. Now I'm glad I did that." Each book has different characters, locations, and plots.'

Would a young woman have been beaten like this?

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By now some of you have heard of this incident in Maryland near the University of Maryland. As the video shows, the kid was doing nothing wrong but skipping down a sidewalk. When an officer on horseback approached him, he got scared and backed away. Then a number of other police descended on him and beat him into unconsciousness. The police then lied about the incident in official reports, all the while thinking that they were not being filmed.

So my question to you is this: Had he been a she, would this have happened, even if all those police had been female? I don't think so. I think this is a further example of how men, and young men in particular, are viewed as fair fodder for things like beatings and abuse by the authorities. After all, if they can be drafted into the armed forces to get blown to bits, then why shouldn't the state or its agents feel they can get away with beating them senseless whenever they feel like it?

Men's rights are human rights. After all, we're human... right?

NY Times: Male Studies vs. Feminism

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Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Education | The academic gender wars got a bit more spirited last week, Inside Higher Ed reports, with the creation of the above-named interdisciplinary effort, announced at a conference at Wagner College on Staten Island, to study malehood in all its power and powerlessness. Quote:

> Lionel Tiger, a professor of anthropology at Rutgers University, said the field takes its cues “from the notion that male and female organisms really are different” and the “enormous relation between … a person’s biology and their behavior” that’s not being addressed in most contemporary scholarship on men and boys.
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> “I am concerned that male-averse attitudes are widespread in the United States and that masculinity is becoming politically incorrect,” said Christina Hoff Sommers, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and author of “The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism Is Harming Our Young Men.”
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> The culprit, said Dr. Tiger, is feminism: “a well-meaning, highly successful, very colorful denigration of maleness as a force, as a phenomenon.”

Were 3rd-grade boys asked to dress as girls for Women's History Month?

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WHEN JANINE Giandomenico's son explained his school project to her, she dismissed his worries and figured she'd have to fork out a few bucks for poster board, magazines and a glue stick or two.

Then she read the letter that accompanied the project, over and over again, and believes that her son's third-grade teacher at the Maude Wilkins Elementary School in Maple Shade, Burlington County, was asking the class, including the boys, to dress as women during a fashion show for a Women's History Month project.

"I don't see how a women's fashion show, and asking my son, whether it's dressing up in jeans and trousers or a dress, teaches anything about women's history," the 41-year-old township resident said yesterday morning. "Teach them about real people and about real things. Don't turn into the Paris Hilton and the Kardashian channel."
...
The initial letter describing the project, written by teacher Tonya Uibel, has been interpreted different ways by Giandomenico, the school district, and parents sitting in their cars outside the school yesterday afternoon. In the letter, Uibel said that the class had been learning about women in history in March and that "all students" must participate in the fashion-show project, which was a graded assignment.'

'Baby Emma' case puts state adoption laws between father, child

Anonymous · 15 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

This is just horrible. Apparently, it's OK for a mother to put a child up for adoption without the father's consent. Excerpt:

'John Wyatt raced to the hospital, excited to be a father but worried about the mother.

His girlfriend had promised to call him the moment she went into labor, but she'd turned off her cellphone. Wyatt had been calling it for hours. Finally, an operator at Potomac Hospital in Woodbridge confirmed the news: His girlfriend was there, and his daughter had been born.

When Wyatt arrived at the hospital that morning of Feb. 11, 2009, he got the shock of his 20-year-old life: Administrators insisted that no such baby was there -- and no such mother.

Court records show that Wyatt's daughter, Emma, was born Feb. 10, at that very hospital, and that she spent the next week at two Woodbridge hotels before being put up for adoption -- in Utah. "We just want Emma to come home," says Wyatt's mother, Jeri. "My son wants his child. I want to see my granddaughter."

More than a year later, a cross-country court fight over the child known as "Baby Emma" has yet to settle the question of whether the strawberry-blond, blue-eyed girl was illegitimately taken from her father or legally put up for adoption by her mother, 20-year-old Emily Colleen Fahland, a George Mason University student. The highly unusual dispute pits Virginia against Utah; a Stafford County judge in December awarded Wyatt custody of Emma and cited a federal kidnapping statute in ordering the state to bring her back from Utah.

Virginia officials say they lack the legal authority to follow the judge's order.

In Salt Lake City, a Utah judge issued a competing order granting temporary custody to the adoptive couple in that state, and Emma has been living with them ever since. Attorneys for the couple say Wyatt, of Dumfries, failed to assert his parental rights in time to contest the adoption. His appeal is pending in a Utah court.'

Barbara Kay: Male Studies — a proposed curriculum

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Barbara Kay gives a fairly decent account on the need for Male Studies here. There isn't much time to leave comments, so have at it! Excerpt:

'The 93rd anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge, considered one of Canada's defining moments as a young nation, was commemorated at the National War Memorial last Friday.
...
But of course, it was not "young people" who "braved gunfire," it was young men.

You'll see the same tendency in reports of coal mine disasters: "Miners" are trapped, "rescuers" race against time, "families" await word. If you didn't know better, you'd think miners, rescuers and families were a mixed bag of men and women, when in fact the first two — the ones taking the risks and facing the terror — are almost invariably men, while only the third — anguishing, but alive and well — are women and children.
...
Interest in creating a program in Male Studies may have been spurred by weariness with feminism's misandric myths. But its subject matter, one hopes, will unfold organically along rigorous scholarly lines. Perhaps it will venture into the three "Ps" of normative masculinity: man as progenitor, protector and provider — and what happens to cultures that assign a low value to these roles. I would urge Male Studies specialists to go where the evidence leads — into areas such as intimate partner violence.

As it happens, the inauguration of the Male Studies program coincides with the 98th anniversary — April 15 — of the sinking of the Titanic. As another putative course, "The Titanic and Male Honour Codes in Western Civilization" would open up a fascinating discussion on values around the perceived worth of men's lives and women's lives.'

High school administrator and others allegedly spied on students via school-issued laptops

Matt · 16 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. (Related report here). No, a woman would never do that. Not in a million years. Excerpt:

'The system that Lower Merion school officials used to track lost and stolen laptops wound up secretly capturing thousands of images, including photographs of students in their homes, Web sites they visited, and excerpts of their online chats, says a new motion filed in a suit against the district.

More than once, the motion asserts, the camera on Robbins' school-issued laptop took photos of Robbins as he slept in his bed. Each time, it fired the images off to network servers at the school district.

Back at district offices, the Robbins motion says, employees with access to the images marveled at the tracking software. It was like a window into "a little LMSD soap opera," a staffer is quoted as saying in an e-mail to Carol Cafiero, the administrator running the program.

"I know, I love it," she is quoted as having replied.

Those details, disclosed in the motion filed late Thursday in federal court by Robbins' attorney, offer a wider glimpse into the now-disabled program that spawned Robbins' lawsuit and has shined an international spotlight on the district.'

Undoubtedly many people were involved in this invasion of privacy, and given that so many people working in schools from teachers to administrators and staff are overwhelmingly female, I would not be surprised if those implicated are as well. That society cannot seem to accept that women are as capable of such things as men still confounds me when the evidence is so stark.

Girls and boys in movies: Punching boys is OK, not so girls

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Saw How to Train Your Dragon recently and can say it was a great movie in many ways. A cute, heart-tugging tale, with some father-son stuff in there, too. My favorite character was the main dragon character, "Toothless".

But like any MRA, I can't just turn it off. One recurring image was that of the heroine-girl (Astride) often punching the hero-boy (Hiccup) in the arm and chest to show her disapproval of what he does or says. This is on top of the repeated depictions of the other boy characters as being incompetent and acceptance-dependent on Astride, who also knocks them around some. And some of us wonder how is it girls come to the conclusion that it's OK for them to hit boys but not the other way around. Answer: We are teaching them this.

The studio is Dreamworks Animation. A contact form at their investor relations web site is here. What you say to them is your business but my intention is just this: "Great movie, loved it! Just one thing: You don't need to encourage domestic violence from a young age in your movies by showing a girl (or boy for that matter) character hitting others of their peers with whom they have romantic potential. The story would have been fine without it." You also may want to send them these links, too:
http://www.menstuff.org/archives/harrypotter3.html
http://www.thefreeradical.ca/Schoolyard_violence_not_just_for_boys.htm

More on the Philadelphia Webcam Spy Case

Matt · 18 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Original report on MANN here. Thousands of pictures and possibly videos as well appear to have been taken. Caption: "Web cams in school-issued laptops allegedly photographed students at home."

Feminist jurisprudence hurts men and women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For feminism, spring is an aphrodisiac for histrionics and unadulterated stupidity. The University of New Hampshire's Womyn's Club spent all of last week fighting the local fire department over the right to burn smutty magazines wherever the "womyn" pleased. Last month Sen. Harry Reid uttered perhaps the stupidest remark by a feminist in history: "Women don't commit domestic violence."

This is false. In a report published in 2003 in the Florida State University Law Review, Professor Linda Kelly from the Indiana University Law School states, "Men and women commit violence at similar rates." Kelly's research, which cites various in-depth studies from over three decades of legal scholarship, found that "women match, and often exceed, husbands in the frequency with which they engage in violent behavior," and "wives were found to engage in more severe acts of violence than husbands." In 1975, for example, 3.8 percent of husbands and 4.6 percent of wives engaged in "severe violence," defined as "kicking, biting or hitting with a fist; hitting or trying to hit with something; beating up; and threatening with or using a knife or gun." Kelly identifies another disturbing trend: since the 1970s, the incidence of male violence "has declined steadily"; female violence "has remained virtually the same."

To add insult to injury, or rather, injury to injury, "female violence is not recognized within the extensive legal literature on domestic violence" and is instead "denied, defended and minimized" by the legal and judicial establishments. "Female violence," Kelly writes, "presents both a threat to feminist theory as well as to the practice of domestic violence law." According to feminist theory, "society is controlled by an all-encompassing patriarchal structure," and "no aspect of male to female relations can be considered without first accepting the male as all-powerful and the female as powerless." Men batter their wives not due to psychopathology, but out of a desire to subordinate and control women. The feminists have spoken. Abusive women cannot be recognized. Men cannot be victims.'

Canada: 'Men don high heels for a cause'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SUDBURY, Ont. — More than 100 men donned red high-heeled shoes in downtown Sudbury, Ont., Sunday.

The inaugural “Walk A Mile in Her Shoes” event aimed to raise awareness about violence against women.

Pumped dignitaries from around the community joined in, including the mayor, chief of police and local MP.

Police Chief Frank Elsner says domestic issue is an important issue.

Money raised is going toward a YWCA women’s program.

The event also marks the beginning of National Victim Awareness Week.

“Look at all the men who’ve come out and put on their heels,” said Mayor John Rodriguez, who gained a couple of centimetres from his own pair of pumps.'

Student paper columnist: Men’s center not a bad idea

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I recently was in a class when a discussion broke out about the men’s center and how it was going to be voted on in this past week’s election due to it being included in the platform of one of the candidates.
...
In the beginning of this conversation, I will admit that I was convinced that this would be a place where men would sit and talk about how women are pulling the rape card or plotting how they would get out of whatever situation they were in.
...
If these gentle spirits that help me with my movement and my cause need the same help I do, I would never, ever, turn my back on them based solely on their sex.

This is not to say that every man who may use this center is a part of the feminist movement, but they hopefully are more compassionate to women’s causes if they are experiencing the same type of gender violence that women are.

In the case of the men’s center, I feel it is the first step towards fixing a broken system and bringing light to men’s gender violence issues as well.

Hopefully we can all work together someday to end these atrocities and maybe this is just the beginning.'

Our boys are falling behind in education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What's the next battle for an aging feminist?

Boys.

Granted, the battle for women's rights and equality has not been completely won, but the new reality is that in the future, it will be males who are most endangered.

Currently, up to 60 percent of the students at an average co-educational college or university are female. The majority of bachelors' degrees are now awarded to females in every racial and ethnic group. By 2017, the ratio of female to male college graduates will be 1 1/2 to 1. One demographer calls that prediction "staggering and transformational."

Feminists have lobbied for a societal transformation where the rights and talents of women are fully recognized. But is this the kind of transformation we want? A "role reversal," where women will reign supreme in all fields but the sciences?

Is it healthy that even those men who do stay in college seek fewer student leadership positions and perform worse academically than women do? Won't these factors, combined with the lower graduation rate, promote a "marriage gap?"

How many college-educated women today would want to marry a man with such low educational achievement, skills or ambition that he would be permanently relegated to the role of full-time "homemaker" — not by choice, but by default?

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To some, this boy crisis is difficult to accept. "Boys will be just fine . . . it's girls and women we still have to concentrate on," a feminist colleague said recently during a rather heated "boy gap" discussion.

"Look around," say others. "How can we worry about boys when men still rule the world?"'

Ed. note: About the author, here.

“Men’s Rights” Movement Doesn’t Belong On Top

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rutgers University Professor Lionel Tiger and some of his penis-wielding peers have been rallying to establish a “men’s studies” program at Rutgers University. Men have reached a point where “they’re experienced a considerable amount of dismay and uncertainty,” says Tiger to CNN. Men today feel “somewhat scorned, in principle by women.” Tiger’s work has been born from a fear that men are being feminized. Thus, men must explore what it means to be masculine; both on a social and biological level, and reclaim their territory.

Professor Tiger’s not alone in his masculinity mission. Just ask Harry Reid. The senator enraged “men’s rights” activists last month when he claimed unemployed men are to blame for increased domestic violence. Said Reid, “Men, when they’re out of work, tend to become abusive.” Men’s News Daily Editor Paul Elam described Reid’s remarks as “bizarre and unfounded” that “reveals an unimaginable disconnect from the millions of unemployed Americans who are not abusive.” The National Organization for Men, Men and Fathers for Justice, Men’s Equality Conference, the Fatherhood Coalition and at least a dozen other “men’s rights” groups joined the fray and called for Reid to apologize. He did not.

These organizations not only protest the feminization and demonization of men. They also rally against what they describe as widespread inequality against men. Marty Nemko, president of the National Organization for Men, insists that men are consistently put on the back burner for women and “minorities,” “When boys start to look into college, the very first thing they see are the colleges’ brochures and websites, with far more pictures of women and minorities; the subliminal message: we don’t care about white males.” Thus, they feel like a “disposable sex.” He goes on, “In our attempt to lift up girls and women, we have destroyed boys and men. Just as we are assiduous to avoid unfair treatment of women and minorities, we must do the same for boys and men.” Other members of this men’s movement are making a career out of revitalizing America’s men.'

Australian men reclaim child support through DNA tests after law change

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Story here.

'Nearly 50 men have won back child support payments totalling A$434,378 (£262,249), with one man recovering A$70,000.

In January, 2007, changes made to the Child Support (Assessment) Act allowed any parent to seek a DNA test to determine the paternity of his or her child.

Support groups hailed the development, saying too many men had been duped by former partners into supporting children who were not theirs.

"I think it's a good thing that children are able to know the biological father rather than their pretend father," said Sue Price, director of the Men's Rights Agency. "I think it's essential that they should be able to have the money repaid to them.

"Why should they have to pay for another man's child?"

But Kathleen Swinbourne, president of the Sole Parents Union, said the new laws were damaging children at the centre of such DNA disputes: "What does this say to children about being wanted, being loved, being parented?"

While 48 men determined from DNA tests that they were not the biological fathers of the children they had been supporting, hundreds of other men challenging paternity have learned that they were, in fact, the biological father of the child in question.'

Sperm and the Single Girl

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Successful 30-something women are turning to the Web to shop for top-notch sperm donors — vetting personality traits, listening to voice samples, and even enduring wait lists

[Redacted by request], a clinical researcher in Boston, Massachusetts, was contemplating grad school when she saw an episode of Lipstick Jungle that changed her life. "A woman was freezing her eggs, and it hit me: I'm 37, and I want to have children." Within three months, [Redacted by request] had purchased eight vials of sperm from a bank, an experience she likens to "match.com, because you're looking for qualities in someone you'd want to date. I used Google for everything."

...

A similar urge, deep and primal, is driving single women in their 30s, women with solid careers and financials, to forget about finding The One and move ahead with having a baby. Jane Mattes, founder of the New York City-based organization Single Mothers by Choice (SMC), which has over 2,000 members, says that 75 percent go to sperm banks, versus the 25 percent who adopt. The profile of the average woman choosing DI may sound just like your circle of friends and coworkers: "She's 30 to 45," Mattes says. "Ninety-nine percent have a college degree and are upper middle class."

UK: New research reveals a third of boys struggle to find books that interest them

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Article here. Excerpt:

"A new study by the National Literacy Trust* of 17,089 pupils aged from eight to 16 has revealed that almost one-third (32.3%) of boys agree with the statement 'I can't find anything to read that interests me'.

The finding comes as the National Literacy Trust and the Premier League launch the 2010 Premier League Reading Stars (PLRS), an initiative that uses Barclays Premier League players to encourage families to share stories together and particularly inspire boys who wouldn't normally enjoy reading. Research** also finds that over a quarter of boys (28.3%) say sportspeople inspire them to read. The PLRS project hopes to utilise this finding by showing them their football heroes enjoy reading for pleasure.

...

Jonathan Douglas, Director of the National Literacy Trust, said: "National literacy levels are being undermined by the fact that one-third of boys can't find anything to read that interests them. The Premier League Reading Stars initiative enables us to reach new audiences, inspiring them to read through their passion for football."

Laptop spycam case update: 56,000 images

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Follow-up story here. 56,000 images. So they took that many images in an effort to "recover" 80 supposedly missing laptops? We have one name involved with this sleaze-fest: Carol Cafiero. I want to see some more names associated with those responsible for this invasion of the students' privacy and rights. Excerpt:

'PHILADELPHIA – A suburban school district secretly captured at least 56,000 webcam photographs and screen shots from laptops issued to high school students, its lawyer acknowledged Monday.

"It's clear there were students who were likely captured in their homes," said lawyer Henry Hockeimer, who represents the Lower Merion School District.
...
The Philadelphia Inquirer first reported Monday on the large number of images recovered from school servers by forensic computer experts, who were hired after student Blake Robbins filed suit over the tracking practice.

Robbins still doesn't know why the district deployed the software tracking program on his computer, as he had not reported it lost or stolen, his lawyer said.
...
The depositions taken to date have provided contradictory testimony about the reasons for tracking Robbins' laptop. One of the two people authorized to activate the program, technology coordinator Carol Cafiero, invoked her Fifth Amendment right not to answer questions at the deposition, Haltzman said.

About 10 school officials had the right to request an activation, Hockeimer disclosed Monday.

The tracking program helped police identify a suspect not affiliated with the school in the locker room theft, Hockeimer said. The affluent Montgomery County district distributes the Macintosh notebook computers to all 2,300 students at its two high schools, Hockeimer said.'

Intact America: Petition Delivery Imminent, more signatures needed

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From an IA email:

Next week, we will be delivering our petition urging the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) NOT to recommend routine circumcision for all baby boys.

Despite tremendous support from our intactivists, we're still just 1,616 signatures away from our 25,000-signature goal.

If you haven't already signed the petition, please click here to take action today!

There are only a few days left - will you help us reach our April 26 goal by sharing the campaign on Facebook or tweeting about it on Twitter? We need your help!

The more signatures we can deliver, the more likely the CDC will be to listen to our message.

That's why we need YOUR help to spread the word about the importance of protecting our baby boys from unnecessary risk and harm. Will you help us by doing the following?

- If you use Facebook, click here to share this campaign on your profile (don't forget to become a fan of Intact America while you're at it).

- If you use Twitter, click here to tweet about this campaign. If you're not already following us on Twitter, click here to add us to your list now.

- Or, if you don't use either one (or even if you do!), you can always spread the word via our Tell a Friend page.

Motivated by faulty conclusions drawn from flawed studies that ignore the risks and ethical concerns of infant circumcision, the CDC may actually recommend this unnecessary and dangerous surgery for all newborn baby boys.

We know that safe sexual practices and abstinence &ndash not circumcision &ndash are best at preventing sexually transmitted diseases. And we know that there is NO link between infant circumcision and better health.

But we need your help to make sure that the CDC gets that message before it's too late for the next generation of baby boys.

We're just 1,616 signatures away from making sure our voices are heard loud and clear.

Please help us reach our 25,000-signature goal by Monday, April 26 - post an update to your Facebook account and get the message out on Twitter today.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Georganne Chapin
Executive Director, Intact America
www.intactamerica.org

P.S. If you haven't already signed the petition, please click here to take action today!

Cost-Saving Measure: Fire the Men, Promote the Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There appears to be a new, novel way to cut IT personnel costs: Get rid of the men and keep the women, because you know you can get away with paying them less.

According to Computerworld's "Salary Survey 2010," the perennial gender wage gap has remained firmly in place in the past year. For example, female application development managers made 7 percent less than their male counterparts, and female CIOs made a staggering 16 percent less.

It seems hardly coincidental that a study by recruiting firm Sheila Greco Associates, cited in the Computerworld report, found that the percentage of female CIOs and executive vice presidents of technology rose to 16.4 percent in 2009, compared to 12 percent in 2007. When women are clearly equally capable and you can pay them 16 percent less, why wouldn't you pad the upper echelons with as many women as availability will allow?

F&F: Child Custody Bill Passes California Assembly by Unanimous Consent

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Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'At Fathers & Families we receive many letters from divorced or separated military servicemembers with painful but preventable family law problems. California AB 2416 will help protect the loving bonds that servicemembers share with their children.

Fathers & Families has worked closely with Assemblyman Paul Cook, the American Retirees Association, and others on AB 2416, and earlier this month thousands of you responded to our Action Alert in support of the bill. We are pleased to announce that this week the bill passed the Assembly by unanimous consent. The bill will now go to the Senate.

To learn more about the bill and to read Fathers & Families' official support letter, see our AB 2416 Campaign page here.

Bills don't pass by unanimous consent by accident—this victory was achieved because Fathers & Families' legislative representative Michael Robinson and assistant legislative representative Nicole Silverman have spent months lobbying legislators and gathering support for AB 2416. We've been at the forefront of this issue, successfully working to pass military parent legislation in dozens of states.'

"An Emasculating Truth" complete and ready for viewing

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Via email:

Hello -

A few months ago, Matt posted the trailer for “An Emasculating Truth” – a new film directed by the Neistat Brothers.

I wanted to let you know that the film is now complete and can be viewed at anemasculatingtruth.com.

Over the course of the past few months, new studies and articles have been published about the decline of manhood. It’s only proof that this topic is gathering attention amongst academics and the news media, from nutrition and health blogs to almost every major outlet from the New York Times to NPR.

And even with the latest swath of commercials “emasculating” the American Man, we believe our film, “An Emasculating Truth”, couldn’t have come at a better time.

Thank you for taking interest in our film and letting your readers know about it.

Hope you and your readers enjoy it.

Best,

Chris

Abusegate: "DV Spring Cleaning" gearing up

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All –

Registrations are rolling in for our May 6-7 DV Spring Cleaning on Capitol Hill. We want to have as many face-to-face meetings as possible with staffers to “close the deal” on the various VAWA reforms we’re pushing for.

We’re doing advance registrations to facilitate advance orientation and team-matching. If you haven’t registered yet, please do so As Soon As Possible at http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/dv-spring-cleaning-register-now/

If you register by this coming Friday, you get the early-bird discount – FREE! After that, the registration fee will be $25.

-- Abusegate Bob

"Despite New Law, Gender Salary Gap Persists"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New legislation in Congress aims to close the pay equity gap, even as administration officials prepare to step up enforcement of the existing law.

Economists say part of the gap is because women are more likely to take time off work for child care, and an even bigger part is because of "occupational segregation": Women tend to work disproportionately in lower-paying fields. To be sure, many women's groups see this as a vestige of discrimination. (Another bill, the Fair Pay Act, seeks to address this, though that legislation is considered less likely to gain congressional passage.)
...
Critics worry the Paycheck Fairness Act would encourage a surge of unfounded class-action lawsuits. Labor and employment lawyer Jane McFetridge said small businesses would also find the new requirements cumbersome. For example, an employer who pays a man more than a woman for the same job might have to show that it's a "business necessity."

"Do we want the government deciding what is business necessity?" McFetridge asked lawmakers at the hearing. "Isn't that for the business owner to decide?"'

RADAR ALERT: A Weird Story Gets Weirder -- Ever-Expanding Definitions Of Abuse

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Last month, England's Daily Mail reported that New Jersey resident Donna Simpson was determined to become the world's fattest woman.

Already 600 lbs at the age of 42, the stay-at-home mom of a three year old girl wants gain 400 lbs in the next two years, reaching her goal weight of 1000 lbs and thereby breaking the Guinness World Record for female fatness. Her husband, a 150lb "belly man," is completely supportive of her pursuit.

On March 20, 2010, an outraged Renee Martin blogged that Simpson's husband isn't just a chubby chaser, he's an abuser. "Abuse can take many forms and it often goes unremarked upon, or else wrongly labeled. The nature of the power dynamic between the feeder/feedee removes agency and therefore eliminates culpability. Just as it is highly unreasonable to blame the victim of domestic violence for their bruises, so too is it unconscionable to blame the feedee for over eating."

Ms. Martin's take on the story is wrong for three reasons. First, and most importantly, by stretching the definition of domestic violence to include the encouragement of overeating, she diminishes the suffering of real victims of domestic violence. Secondly, she infantilizes Donna Simpson, that is, she treats her as an unconscious automaton who has no role to play in her efforts to gain weight. Lastly, she places Simpson's husband in a no-win position. What if he chastised her for wanting to gain more weight, or was simply indifferent? Wouldn't that make him an unsupportive bastard? Isn't that abuse under an expansive definition of domestic violence?

The story of one woman's quest to become the fattest woman in the world and the accompanying question of whether her husband is an abuser for encouraging her to reach her goal is perfect for talk radio, both on the left and the right of the political spectrum. Please contact your favorite radio talk show and tell them about the controversy. If you can, please send them a copy of our report, Expanding Definitions of Domestic Violence, Vanishing Rule of Law (.pdf file).

Thanks for your help.

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R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence. http://mediaradar.org/

Department of Education repeals Bush-era policy on Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Department of Education is repealing a Bush-era policy that some critics argue was a way to avoid complying with federal law in providing equal opportunities for female athletes.

Under the move, schools and colleges must now provide stronger evidence that they offer equal opportunities for athletic participation under the federal Title IX gender equity law.

It reverses a 2005 policy under former President George W. Bush that allowed schools to use just a survey to prove a lack of interest in starting a new women's sport and encouraged schools to consider a non-response to the questionnaire as disinterest.

"Making Title IX as strong as it possibly can be is the right thing to do," Vice President Biden said Tuesday at an event at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., announcing the change.'
...

But Gerald Reynolds, a former Education Department official under Bush, said the new policy is a step back for women's rights because it focuses more on numbers than what female and male students want.

"The women's movement was in part about ensuring women's liberty interests — that in the hopes, wishes and desires about any aspect of their life, they were the shot-callers," said Reynolds, chairman of the National Commission on Civil Rights. "I think we are trampling upon that concept."

Reynold's commission recently released a report on Title IX that supported the 2005 policy, saying it was the most accurate way to ensure equality in athletics.

Critics of Title IX say revoking the policy will have a chilling effect on students expressing their opinions.'

Obama seeks court nominee who backs women's rights

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Story here. Women's rights concerns as such include issues other than abortion rights. Yet, it seems the president and others focus on that issue in a make-or-break fashion, at the same time completely ignoring the other side of the equation: What of the right of men to have the same chance to terminate parental responsibilities? Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama, treading carefully on the explosive issue of abortion and the Supreme Court, said Wednesday he will choose a nominee who pays heed to women's rights and privacy when interpreting the Constitution.

"That's very important to me," Obama said. Yet he insisted he will not make any potential nominee pass a "litmus test" on abortion rights.

Obama consulted Senate leaders from both parties at the White House as he moved toward choosing a replacement for Justice John Paul Stevens, who turned 90 on Tuesday and is retiring.

The White House says Obama is considering about 10 people and has begun conversations with candidates. A nominee is expected within the next few weeks.

Noting that the abortion debate has long divided the country, Obama underscored his belief in a right to privacy while attempting not to box himself in.
...
The Senate Democratic leader said he told Obama the nominee need not already be a judge, but possibly "someone who's an academic, someone who's held public office, someone who's an outstanding lawyer. And the president said he'll take that into consideration."'

The president, et al., concerned with reproductive-rights-as-women's-rights, seem deaf and blind on one side of their heads while able to see and hear just one thing on the other. Oh and another thing: **Hillary Clinton has been mentioned as a candidate for the vacant seat.**

NOW Foundation Opposes 'Phony' Parental Alienation Disorder

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the years, hundreds of women have contacted National Organization for Women chapters looking for assistance in their efforts to protect minor children in family court custody proceedings. Often these women have been accused of a phony psychiatric condition, termed Parental Alienation Disorder (PAD). The "disorder" has been proposed by so-called father's rights (men's custody) activists to be added to the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostics and Statistics Manual - V to give it more legitimacy than it currently has -- or should have -- in court.

This accusation is made by abusive ex-husbands and is intended to cause the courts to disregard mothers' claims of fathers' physical or sexual abuse in an effort to gain the fathers' full or joint custody. NOW Foundation is concerned that because of the alienation accusation known batterers and child abusers have been awarded custody; the numbers of cases involving dads in custody disputes abusing and murdering children is appalling...
...
NOW Foundation has sent a letter recently to the American Psychiatric Association noting that publications by the American Bar Association and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges have concluded proposed "alienation disorder" is inadmissible in court and has been discredited by the scientific community. ...

More information on fathers and ex-partners involved in child custody or child support matters who have killed children, murdered mothers and/or committed suicide, please visit this website.'

Ben Roethlisberger Suspended by NFL

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Steelers quarterback will be suspended for 4-6 games due to a violation of the league's personal conduct policy, league sources told FOXSports.com.

The punishment will essentially be a conditional suspension, based both on any new information that arises surrounding Roethlisberger and also his behavior moving forward after speaking to NFL commissioner Roger Goodell last week in New York.

The suspension comes in the wake of accusations by a 20-year-old college student that the two-time Super Bowl champion sexually assaulted her in the bathroom of a Milledgeville, Ga. nightclub on March 5.

After a month-long investigation by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, prosecutors announced April 12 that Roethlisberger, who maintained his innocence throughout, would not be charged in the case due to a lack of probable cause.'

Title IX missile on collision course with football arms race

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Obama administration announcement that it is stepping up enforcement of Title IX, the law that requires equal gender opportunity at any educational institution receiving federal funding, and the possible expansion of the Big Ten Conference appear to be separate stories. But soon enough, they will become one.

That's because colleges are going to have to reconcile two differing mandates: providing fair representation, opportunity and funding for female and male athletes, and plowing every dollar possible into football in for what for most schools will be a vain hope of creating an athletic cash cow. Not for nothing have the lords of football and their protectors fought numerous times, including soon after Title IX was passed in 1972, to exempt football from the law.

...

The College Sports Council, a passionate spokesorganization when it comes to what it sees as the (mostly) men-hurting excesses of Title IX, has already blamed Title IX for the elimination of football at Hofstra and Northeastern, and it says more FCS schools could have football in their sights. After all, at the FCS level, football really doesn't make any money.

...

I'm not saying Title IX would be the real reason for cutting football. I'm just saying, it would be logical to think it would enter the conversation at some point.'

USA Today: Rescinding of Title IX model survey draws praise from critics

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Story here. Excerpt:

'News that the Obama administration Tuesday will rescind a Bush-era Title IX policy known as the model survey is viewed as a step forward by women's interest groups and a step backward by men's interest groups.

"Making Title IX as strong as possible is a no-brainer," Vice President Biden said in a draft of a Department of Education news release announcing the change. "What we're doing here today will better ensure equal opportunity in athletics, and allowing women to realize their potential — so this nation can realize its potential."

Tuesday's action "responds to concerns and widespread objections that the 2005 policy and the prototype survey issued by the Department were inappropriate for assessing compliance with Title IX," Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said in the draft of the news release.

Some of that objection came from the National Women's Law Center, which long characterized the model survey as a loophole through which schools could evade their obligations under Title IX, the law banning sex discrimination at schools receiving federal funds.

"We have criticized the policy for many years," said Neena Chaudhry, senior counsel for the NWLC. "We welcome the withdrawal of the policy and think it is a step in the right direction."

Eric Pearson, chairman of the College Sports Council, said in a statement: "At a time when the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is calling for reform of Title IX, this is a step backwards for everyone that cares about fairness in athletics."'

Relatedly:
On Title IX: How Will The Recent Change Affect College Sports?
Obama administration facelift of Title IX sparks praise, protests

Cops: Missing Ohio Mom Left Home 'To Start a New Life'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Ohio mother who disappeared from her husband and year-old child for days -- sparking a national manhunt in the process -- left them with another man to "start a new life," police told ABC News.

"She left voluntarily with this fellow and drove to Miami to -- and these are her words -- start a new life," Miami Beach police Sgt. Wayne Jones told ABC News.

Tiffany Tehan, 31, who disappeared Saturday, was found alive and well in Miami Beach late Wednesday night with Tre Hutcherson, the man who police called a "person of interest" in her disappearance. Miami police were acting on an FBI tip, Jones said.

...

Tehan's husband, David Tehan, said he is not angry and wants to work on their marriage. Tehan's aunt, Peggy Tehan, told ABC News she is not convinced Tehan has done anything wrong and plans to welcome her home.

Tehan told police she intends to return to Ohio where her husband David and 1-year-old daughter Lexie are waiting, but it is unclear when, Jones said.

David Tehan told "Good Morning America" Wednesday the couple was not having marital problems.

"It just seems so completely out of character. I just can't understand or believe it," he said. "It's terrifying to imagine the different possibilities, but I don't know."

Tehan's friends said she would never have just left her daughter.

"We're trying to leave the details and the speculation to the police," Tracy Staley said earlier this week. "That mother-child bond is unlike anything else."'

Researchers claim that jealousy may make women "functionally blind"

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I always considered that some emotions hindered some women's ability to think rationally and fairly. This study supports my observations. Apparently jealousy can cause "functional" visual impairment in some people. Of course the researchers were accused of hating women because they didn't conclude that women were either better than men or that women are victims of men. From ABC News: Feeling Jealous? It May Blind You

'Jealousy can be so powerful that it can leave a person "functionally blinded," unable to see key images in their immediate environment. That's the core finding of a study by two psychologists at the University of Delaware, who have been running for cover ever since their study was published in the journal Emotion a few days ago.
...
Why Women but Not Men?

It was juicy fodder for the Internet, leading one writer to claim the conclusions proved that "scientists hate women." Other comments, which Laurenceau labeled "venomous," cast doubt upon the scientists' credentials, intelligence, and intentions.

"We're definitely not women haters," Laurenceau said in a telephone interview. "I'm married to one, and I have a daughter."

The study targeted women, Most said, because the sample needed to be homogeneous, and men and women apparently have different attitudes about jealousy. Previous studies have also focused on women, so this adds to that data, and the researchers are considering doing other experiments targeting men, although it's not clear if that is going to happen.'

Illusionist David Copperfield's 'rape' nightmare over as model drops two-year-old claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A model who accused David Copperfield of luring her to his private island in the Bahamas and raping her has dropped her lawsuit against the magician.

Lacey Carroll, 23, announced her decision just days after a U.S. judge ruled that Copperfield's lawyers would be allowed to question her under oath this week.

'It has never been about money,' Ms Carroll said in the statement. 'I just wanted him held accountable for what he did.'

Since the alleged incident, she has since been charged with fabricating sexual assault claims against another man.
...
The FBI and federal prosecutors spent more than two years investigating the allegations, even searching Copperfield's Las Vegas warehouse, but closed the case early this year without filing criminal charges and without explaining the decision.
...
But the magician's Seattle attorney, Angelo Calfo, today said: 'Carroll's lawsuit was nothing but a pathetic attempt to extort Mr Copperfield for money with malicious and false allegations.'

AU President Prostrates to Feminists: Date Rape Column Was a “Mistake”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After weeks of prudent silence, American University’s president, Neil Kerwin, has finally spoken up about the date-rape controversy sparked by my recent column. Now, the last time anyone was interested in what was coming out of American University, it was because Kerwin’s predecessor was caught embezzling school funds — so perhaps, not used to all of the attention, the opportunity was too tantalizing for him to stay quiet. Trying — and failing — to assume a position of balance, Kerwin writes thus in his campus-wide spring semester memorandum:

> I want to acknowledge the challenges our community faced in the wake of a provocative column in the March 31 Eagle on the topic of date rape. Our community exchanged views on this incident in a manner that reflects the value we place on civil discourse. Through dialogue, exchanges of opinion, and discussion forums, several principles were affirmed—among them, that sexual assault in all its forms and circumstances (including date rape) is a crime and a violation of AU’s Student Conduct Code; and that the First Amendment protects the right to share viewpoints, even when they may be hurtful or insensitive. Date rape victims/survivors were personally affected and many were deeply offended by the column’s words. The Eagle editors have acknowledged they could have made different editorial choices that would have avoided the harm without compromising First Amendment rights. The editors should be commended for acknowledging their mistakes, listening carefully to criticisms, and responding thoughtfully.

Lawsuit against Columbia U's women’s studies department dismissed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Though Roy Den Hollander, MBA ’97, thinks Columbia’s support of gender studies discriminates against men’s rights, the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled on Friday that the University has not harmed men with its actions.

Hollander, a controversial men’s rights activist who first filed a lawsuit against Columbia in August 2008, has claimed that Columbia’s support of a women’s studies department was a First Amendment violation, on the grounds that, legally and constitutionally, feminism counts as a religion.

He has also charged that the discriminatory nature of a women’s studies program is in violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. His argument is that Columbia cannot use public funds for the Institute for Research on Women and Gender unless it supports an equivalent men’s studies program.
...

And last week, Hollander’s case, for now, reached the end of the line with the U.S. Court of Appeals’ decision to uphold the lower courts’ dismissals. The court argued that the prior decisions “properly dismissed the action for lack of standing as to all defendants because the plaintiff’s claims of harm amount to the kind of speculative harm for which courts cannot confer standing.”

But Hollander said on Tuesday that the fight was far from over. “I can bring this case again, and I’m going to bring this case again,” he said, arguing that the court ruling emphasizes that he has no standing, which he said leaves options open to pursue a different track of the case. Hollander said he plans to focus his complaint on government support for the “religion” of feminism, an argument that he said he can make because he is a taxpayer.'

Australia: Parent tests to save Coast dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THERE are times I feel a bit sorry for blokes.

Not many mind you, but on the odd occasion I have to admit blokes get a raw deal.

For one, they can never be as smart as women, something that has to be embarrassing.

And another, they seem to be handicapped when it comes to admitting they're wrong, or need help, like asking for directions, for example.

These flaws aside, you have to feel sorry for men.

Imagine what it is like to think you are a father, only to find out you are not.

When a woman falls pregnant, she knows it's hers but for men, it's not so easy.

The fact is, men cannot be sure the baby is theirs.

When it comes to cheating on your partner, it's a matter of equal opportunity adultery.

Men are told they're about to be a dad, how can they be sure? Because a woman said so? Our word is enough?

It seems so.

Women have all the power.'

Men seek to North Carolina paternity law

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Story here.

'Raleigh, N.C. — Five men who say they're victims of paternity fraud met with some state lawmakers on Thursday.

The men say they have DNA tests proving they're not the biological fathers of children, yet they must still pay child support due to state law, which allows fathers two months after acknowledging paternity to dispute it and one year to prove fraud.

“Anyone in my position that’s got caught in the system, you’re at the mercy of the courts. They’re going to dictate how to live your life,” said Victor McAllister, who says he is the victim of paternity fraud.

“The question is how to remedy that. First to stop any future child support requirements on that person who is not the father; second to do so in a way that doesn't disrupt totally the life of the child,” said Rep. Rick Glazier, D-Cumberland County.

A bill to extend the time period to prove fraud passed in the House last year, but stalled in the Senate.'

Girl, 12, turns her life around after removal from mother

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SHE had been an obese, ungainly child whose personal hygiene was "deplorable". But less than a year after living with her father and his new wife, the 12-year-old was almost unrecognisable, having shed 17 kilograms and discovered a newfound confidence.

The dramatic turnaround came after the girl was removed from her mother, who allegedly worked as a prostitute and had exposed her to inappropriate sexual issues.

In granting sole parental responsibility to the father, Family Court judge Sally Brown said the improvement in the girl's life was "such compelling evidence of the detriment to a child of inadequate parenting and the benefit … of more than adequate parenting".
...

"The outcome of the child's move to the father's care has been dramatic, and dramatically to the child's benefit," Justice Brown said. "She is very fortunate to have the support of a loving father and a remarkably able and loving stepmother. In their care, she is thriving."

The father had been concerned that his daughter had been neglected while in her mother's care and was at serious risk as a result of the woman's mental health, drug use and lifestyle.

The woman had violated a court order by refusing to hand her daughter over until April last year, when she was arrested and the girl went to live with her father, the court heard.'

Christina Hoff Sommers: The Equal Pay Day Reality Check

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is more at stake here than having to endure another feminist victim-fest on April 20. Groups like NOW, the AAUW, CAP, and the National Women's Law Center have produced volumes of tendentious research that is taken seriously by journalists and by Congress. The Senate is now holding hearings on the misleadingly named Paycheck Fairness Act. The bill, which has already sailed through the House with bipartisan support, reads as if it were written by AAUW and NOW members during a particularly bitter "Un-happiness Hour."

Under this convoluted and impenetrably murky law, feminist lawyers will file multi-million dollar class-action lawsuits and innocent employers will settle. Liability will be based on not only intentional discrimination (we already have laws against that) but on the "lingering effects of past discrimination." What does that mean? Employers have no idea. Universities, for example, typically pay professors in the business school more than those in the school of social work. They cite market forces as the justification. But according to feminist theory, market forces are tainted by past discrimination. Women's Studies departments will eagerly provide expert witnesses to testify that sexist attitudes led society to place a higher value on male-centered fields like business than female-centered fields like social work. If the Paycheck Fairness Act passes, it will wreak havoc in the American workplace. Employers today are already nervous about making new hires. This legislation will give them added pause.'

Former Olympic Athlete Disappears with American Son in Brazil

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Story here. Excerpt:

'This week was supposed to have held a joyous reunion more than three years in the making.

But for a Houston father who has been fighting to get his American-born son back on U.S. soil, there has been only more heartache. One day after a Brazilian court ruled that his son be returned to the U.S., Kelvin Birotte's wife disappeared with 4-year-old Kelvin Birotte Jr., setting off an international manhunt.
...
Birotte, a 43-year-old chef, has devoted the last three and a half years to bringing his son home after his wife, Olympic volleyball medalist Hilma Aparicida Caldeira, took the then-infant for a visit to her native Brazil and never returned.

On Monday, Birotte got the call he'd been waiting for telling him that the Brazilian court in Belo Horizonte had sided with him and ordered 4-year-old Kelvin Birotte Jr. be returned to the United States immediately.

"I was shocked," he said of the call from the U.S. State Department's Office for Children's Issues, which had been assisting him with the international abduction proceedings. "At first I had to sit down because my knees gave out. And then came the joy and tears."

But then, just tears. One day later, he received a second call that Caldeira had fled her home with their son.

"At this point I don't really know what state of mind she's in," Birotte said.'

Latest "Runaway Mom" likely to be uncharged

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an unusual case of a successful manhunt going south, Ohio runaway mom Tiffany Tehan is likely to go uncharged for causing a nationwide hunt. Tehan was located by law enforcement officials, including the FBI, in a Miami motel with the man she actually ran away with. Even more interesting, Tehan's husband David Tehan told reporters he forgives her and wants her back.

Tehan, 31, disappeared last Saturday, leaving behind husband David and 1-year-old daughter Lexie. Her disappearance was obviously a mystery to her husband and family, which led to a massive nationwide hunt for her. What now turns out to be an apparent "love nest getaway" had much more dire possibilities only days ago. Police are basically at a loss as to what to charge Tehan with now, as no crime was really committed.
...
Any way, Miami Beach police Sgt. Wayne Jones said when they found Tehan, she basically told them she was starting a new life with Tre Hutcherson, the man who was originally sought in her apparent disappearance. Whatever the outcome, Tehan and her new boyfriend did not get off to a good start headlining Good Morning America with their tackiness. Image you tried to pull something like this off.'

Ed. note: This is a follow-up to a story on MANN posted here.

VAWA immigration fraud radio interviews reach 50,000 listeners

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Press release forwarded by Abusegate Bob:

April 23, 2010
Domestic Abuse Laws Breed Immigration Fraud
Allegations of Violence Move Immigrants to Front of the Line

(Dallas) Accusing your husband of domestic abuse may be the quickest way to get a Green Card. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is a breeding ground for immigration fraud. The domestic-abuse industry spawned by this disastrous legislation actually teaches women how to work the system—all at taxpayer expense.

David Brannon knows this nightmare first-hand. After his Russian-immigrant wife falsely accused him of abuse, he discovered how difficult it is to clear your name. Now he's speaking out, along with Natasha Spivack, an international business owner who has witnessed immigration fraud first-hand. Most Americans have no idea what a racket the domestic-abuse system has become. These stories will open many eyes.

For more information visit http://www.mediaradar.org/special_reports.php

To interview Natasha Spivack or David Brannon, contact Geralyn Berry: gberry-at-spencemedia.com

Unsung hero reporting continues: "workers", "crew-members", etc.-- never "men"

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This is just one example of numerous stories about this accident that has claimed the lives of 11 men. Officially they are still missing but we know by this time if they were still alive they probably would have turned up.

If they had been women, this fact would have been pointed out every other sentence. That they are men is ignored. This is the kind of sexism, the presumption that men will sacrifice themselves for others' convenience, even, without too much in the way of specifically pointing out what they *as men* are doing, that contributes so insidiously to the devaluation of men's lives. Want more examples? I can't count the number. Google with just these keywords: oil rig missing and read. You'd think a "worker" or "crew member" were possibly third sexes of the human race.

Woman jailed after blow-gun shooting spree

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Story here.

'A 41-year-old woman was jailed after police say she went on a blow gun spree. The Stevens Point Journal reported that police got a report at 9 p.m. Wednesday from a 25-year-old woman who said she was walking downtown when she felt something hit her chest. In the next half hour, three more people made similar reports. None were seriously injured.

One of the victims reported she saw the dart shot from a pipe sticking out the window of a black minivan. Police pulled the vehicle over at 9:30 p.m. and found a blow gun, a slingshot and a bucket of rocks inside.

Police arrested the van's driver, Paula Wolf, and said she eventually admitted to shooting the pedestrians. She allegedly told an officer that she "liked to hear people say ouch."

Wolf has been charged with recklessly endangering safety. She could not be reached for comment.'

Pregnant stabbing suspect faces judge

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PROVIDENCE, R.I. (WPRI) - A Massachusetts woman who's seven months pregnant faced a judge Thursday on charges she stabbed three other people in Providence after an argument.

The stabbing happened at the Manton Heights Housing Project on Wednesday. Nicole Bruton, whose pregnancy is considered high-risk, is charged with three counts of felony assault for the incident.

"This defendant produced a knife from under her shirt, and which time she stabbed and slashed these three individuals," said prosecutors.
...
Her attorney said in court Thursday that Bruton, a mother of three, has been the emergency-room coordinator at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for two years.
...
The judge set bail at $15,000 cash or surety. Bruton's fiancé said he plans to post bail.'

The article says she has 3 kids already. I wonder what the excuse will be: "pre-partum depression"? "Pre-partum insanity", maybe? It also says she is (well, was) the ER coordinator at Mass Gen. What, she was trying to drum up business as a favor to the local Providence hospitals?

Prediction: Stress management seminars, time served, next case.

"Third wave feminism" and girls behaving badly

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Video here. Caption:

"CNN's Carol Costello explores what could be the "third wave" of feminism, and why that's troubling."

Another Example of the Idiocy of Feminist Doctrine

redwoodwriter · 24 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Discussion here. Turns out that a significant number of married couples working two jobs could do better economically if one of them quit and stayed at home. If you figure in all the related costs, such as commuting, work clothes, child care, lunches, etc., it makes sense for many two wage earner couples to switch to one wage earner couples.

This illogical situation is largely due to the propaganda of the women's movement, which has told women that they must get out there and get a job.

Excerpt:

"Now of course that touches on one of the most volatile issues touching on the household economy, the politics of gender. For complex cultural reasons, a great many feminists in the 1960s and 1970s came to believe that working for one's family in the household economy was a form of slavery, while working for an employer in the money economy – often under conditions that were even more exploitative – was a form of liberation. Now it's certainly true that assigning people to participation in the household economy by gender was unfair, but it's equally true that assigning them to participation in the money economy on the same basis was no better; for every woman whose talents were wasted in a housewife's role, there was arguably a man whose life would have been much happier and more productive had he had the option of working full time in the household economy."

An approach for fair gender - A fair blog

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See the blog here There are significant impacts due to the constraints brought by the existence of gender bias and stereotyping in all cultures and communities.

I found this blog space exposes a basic conceptual solution, but I hope I am clear about the bottom line, especially from these aspects which I perceive regarding the men's rights movement MRA and feminism:

- Feminism is well-organized but has assumed an unshakable doctrinaire kind of fundamentalist mindset
- Alternatively, the men's rights movement converges with blaming feminism as the one and only obstacle that prevents equal rights to men.

This blog is purposeful as an expression in the perspective of fair (ie, reasonable) equal opportunities for men and women. But it is not limited to feminism, women's rights, or men's rights. Nonetheless its primary aim is to address men's issues, the masculinity crisis, and equality of men.

So it would be useful to all who are interested in gender issues.

Gender Studies Lawsuit in London seeks MRAs for Fighting Fund Stall

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A pro-equality MRA in London is bringing a damages claim against an elite university's Gender department, for discriminating against him, and men in general, during a taught degree.

The case already has the support of a lawyer and barrister, but requires funding.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to join us, at an awareness-raising stall, which will be appearing on campuses around Central London.

Broadsheet newspapers have expressed an interest in covering the story, so we can expect the campaign to be high profile.

Interaction with the public will give MRA volunteers a great opportunity to perfect their debating and persuasion skills, across a full range of men's rights issues.

All interested in volunteering, should contact mrastandup-at-hotmail.com for more details.

This case is rock solid, so now is the time for up and coming MRAs to make their move.

20/20: "Girl's Night Out Gone Bad", a false rape accusation report

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ABCNews.com has an article about a 20/20 episode regarding a false rape accusation that ruined a man's life. This is regarding the 2005 case where Biurny Peguero falsely accused William McCaffrey of rape. Some of the comments below the story are from or about men who have also faced false accusations. Appalling.

Getting boys to read

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent report from the Center on Education Policy shows that boys across the nation lag behind girls when it comes to their reading skills. Over the years, that gap spreads, and many education researchers believe it's in direct corrolation to the declining numbers of boys enrolling in college.

So why aren't boys reading? And how do you inspire them to pick up a book?

That was the focus of this morning's conversation on Midmorning, which I had the pleasure of hosting (Kerri Miller had the day off). Teen lit author John Coy joined me in studio, while Professor John Chec, of the University of Florida, joined us by phone. Chec teaches children's literature, and has also served as the president of the Children's Literature Association. Coy has written several books aimed at young boys, including "Eyes on the Goal," "Crackback" and "Box Out."

One of the first revelations of the conversation was how the publishing industry helps perpetuate the problem by offering next to nothing for boys to read. The bookshelves for teens are dominate with fiction and fantasy aimed at girls. Girls (and women) are far more likely to spend their money on books, and so they get the bulk of the attention.'

Multiple factors at work in ‘gender wage gap'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the conservative Independent Women's Forum and others have pointed out, the 80 percent statistic is misleading because it is a raw comparison of all full-time working men and women. “Thus the female receptionist working 40-hour weeks is tossed in with the male orthopedic surgeon putting in 70-hour weeks,” writes the IWF's Arrah Nielsen, who pointed out that men are more likely to take jobs that pose more physical danger – a risk appropriately rewarded in higher pay. The pay gap between men and women in many occupations is much less than 20 percent, and in some vanishes altogether.
...
Nielsen notes that women take more time off work to raise children – gaps that do (and should) affect their pay. And the same Department of Labor statistics that “prove” the gap exists also state that women work 3.5 hours fewer per week than men do. Various studies, such as that by June O'Neill, former director of the Congressional Budget office, suggest that when those and other factors are considered, the gap is dramatically reduced or even eliminated.'

The College Degree Gap: Young Women Outnumber Men at Every Level

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Article here.

'The National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) celebrated Equal Pay Day this week to bring attention to the gap between men's and women's wages. On the very same day that Equal Pay Day was supposed to highlight alleged wage discrimination against women, the Census Bureau released data showing that there is a huge gender college degree gap in favor of women for 25- to 29-year-olds (see chart below).

Women in this age group hold a majority of college degrees at all levels, from associate's degrees to professional degrees (MD, DDS, and law) and doctoral degrees (PhD and EdD). There are now 138 women holding advanced degrees (master's and higher) for every 100 men with those degrees. The Census Bureau predicts that "more women than men are expected to occupy professions such as doctors, lawyers, and college professors as they represent approximately 58 percent of young adults, age 25 to 29, who hold an advanced degree."

So at the time that American women are being told by the NCPE that they remain victims of ongoing wage discrimination in the workplace because they are "segregated into a few low-paying occupations," the new census report presents a much more optimistic picture of unprecedented opportunities for women. Given their amazing educational achievements, young women are apparently not buying into the NCPE story of victimization and discrimination; they are too busy earning degrees in record numbers, and leaving their male counterparts behind.'

Exclusive: Reclaiming Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men in America today are suffering from M.P.S.: Masculinity Paralysis Syndrome. It is something that is documented by grim statistics and cultural proclivities that condemn men to mere caricatures, found in seemingly every nook and cranny of modern American life.

Why is that, you may ask?

Although authentic masculinity suffers attacks from many sources, some surprising, the primary villains are the modern feminist movement and the media, both of which seek to replace true male figures – strong, comforting, protective, faithful, and confident men - with effeminate, dismissive, flaky, unfaithful, and passive individuals. Even “tough guys” like Jack Bauer and his “take-no-prisoners” mentality have been overshadowed in the final season of 24 by strong female characters like U.S. President Allison Taylor and Dalia Hassan, widow of the President of the Islamic Republic of Kamistan, who steps up to take her husband’s place at the peace table and – together with President Taylor – finally bring peace to the entire planet. Beyond the urge to say “fat chance,” the cultural message could not be clearer: Mother Knows Best.'

UK: 'Face of a rape liar'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is the drunken liar whose false rape claim almost wrecked the life of a grammar school pupil.

Lying Lindsay Gorman, known as Linzi, sparked a huge manhunt when she told police she had been sexually assaulted late at night in Belfast's Botanic Gardens in April 2008.

The 20-year-old from the plush Walnut Hollow area of Larne had, in fact, had drunken consensual sex with two different men in bushes at the park.

But detectives believed her pack of lies and a short time later arrested Campbell College student Mark McLean.

In June 2008, the innocent 18-year-old from east Belfast appeared in court charged with rape.'

UK: 'I've been torn apart by false rape claim'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A MAN cleared by a jury of raping a pensioner says his life has been ruined by the false accusation.

And George Northam is now calling for rape suspects not to be named unless they are convicted.

The 29-year-old, from Exeter, overcame an intense crown court trial last month, but now says he is continuing to suffer despite being acquitted of the charge.

He has decided to break his silence to reveal the trauma of being wrongly accused of rape — and to say why he feels his identity should not have been made public.

The jury unanimously found Mr Northam not guilty of rape within hours of retiring to consider its verdict.

He told the court the woman had imagined the sex attack.

But despite being told he was free to go by the judge, Mr Northam said that he stepped out of the courtroom into a world where he lives in fear of ridicule.'

Teen charged with making false rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A McCalla teen is under arrest after authorities say she made up a story that she was raped to avoid getting in trouble for being out past her curfew.

Her tale of being attacked at a service station made its way onto the internet and grew to the point where rumors spread that the same type of incident had occurred two other times over the past week, said Jefferson County Chief Deputy Randy Christian.

"At the very least it caused serious concerns and some panic in that area and also had the potential to damage the reputation of area businesses," Christian said.

Brittany Krider, 18, is charged with giving false information to law enforcement. She was booked into the county jail Tuesday and released on $5,000 bond.'

Woman charged in second bogus rape allegation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'For the second time in five months, a Muncie woman has been accused of lodging a false rape accusation against a male acquaintance.

Amber May Foster, 22, 221 N. Hackley St., early Wednesday gave police a signed statement alleging that a male roommate had tried to sexually assault her.

However, under further questioning, Foster admitted that she and her boyfriend had made up the allegation after the roommate had "accused one of them of stealing food from him," according to Amoreena Kessler, a city police officer.

Foster and Michael Anthony Franks, 23, same address, were preliminarily charged with false reporting, a Class D felony carrying a standard 18-month prison term.

Foster was also charged with false informing last November after police said she had falsely claimed an ex-boyfriend had raped her.'

Obama Calls for Safety Improvements in Eulogy for W.Va. Miners

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Story here. Excerpt:

'President Obama, delivering a eulogy Sunday for the 29 workers who died in a West Virginia coal mine explosion, said their deaths should serve as a call to action to improve mine safety and prevent a similar tragedy from ever happening again.

Obama and Vice President Biden met privately with the families who lost loved ones before closing the memorial service with their remarks.

The president said in his eulogy that letters have poured into the White House since the April 5 disaster at the Upper Big Branch mine. "They make a simple plea: don't let this happen again," Obama said.

The president questioned how a country that relies on miners could "fail" in its duty to protect them, but said that must change.

"We cannot bring back the 29 men we lost. They are with the Lord now. Our task, here on Earth, is to save lives from being lost in another such tragedy. To do what must be done, individually and collectively, to assure safe conditions underground," Obama said at the service in Beckley, W.Va. "To treat our miners the way they treat each other -- like family. For we are all family. We are Americans."'

"Feeling Warehoused in Army Trauma Care Units"

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Story here. Just try this on women and see what the response is. At least the Times did a story on it but I doubt it is because they are that sympathetic with the soldiers. They are not as we know a big supporter of the cause. I have a suggestion for the Army: Try actually treating these traumatized men for their emotional injuries instead of heaping further abuse on them. What a novel concept! Excerpt:

'COLORADO SPRINGS — A year ago, Specialist Michael Crawford wanted nothing more than to get into Fort Carson's Warrior Transition Battalion, a special unit created to provide closely managed care for soldiers with physical wounds and severe psychological trauma.

A strapping Army sniper who once brimmed with confidence, he had returned emotionally broken from Iraq, where he suffered two concussions from roadside bombs and watched several platoon mates burn to death. The transition unit at Fort Carson, outside Colorado Springs, seemed the surest way to keep suicidal thoughts at bay, his mother thought.

It did not work. He was prescribed a laundry list of medications for anxiety, nightmares, depression and headaches that made him feel listless and disoriented. His once-a-week session with a nurse case manager seemed grossly inadequate to him. And noncommissioned officers — soldiers supervising the unit — harangued or disciplined him when he arrived late to formation or violated rules.

Last August, Specialist Crawford attempted suicide with a bottle of whiskey and an overdose of painkillers. By the end of last year, he was begging to get out of the unit.

"It is just a dark place," said the soldier, who is waiting to be medically discharged from the Army. "Being in the W.T.U. is worse than being in Iraq."'

Relatedly: Fort Campbell tries to stop soldier suicides

UK: Jack Tweed cleared of raping 19-year-old

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Jade Goody's widower Jack Tweed was cleared today of twice raping a student six months after his wife died from cervical cancer.

Tweed, 22, was accused of attacking the 19-year-old blonde while estate agent Anthony Davis, 26, held the bedroom door shut and said: 'Don't worry, Jack, I've got the door, do what you've got to do.'

But a jury at east London's Snaresbrook Crown Court took just 15 minutes to clear the club promoter after he insisted the teenager had consented to sex at his bachelor pad in Woodford Green, Essex.
...

Davis admitted lurking in the shadows of the bedroom before joining in but insisted the girl was willing to take part in three-way sex.

A former crimper at Hob Salon in Loughton, Essex, Davis denied holding the door and claimed the girl said: 'Yeah, I'm fine' when her friends asked after her.

He said the girl's pals sauntered off, cackling: 'Ha, ha, you little s**t' when they heard their friend was 'okay'.
...
She claimed she heard her say: 'I don't want to go' when her friend told her she was leaving because she had work the next day.

Sean Minihan, defending Davis, told the jury she had only reported the two men after regretting taking part in a threesome when quizzed by her friends.

Ronald Jaffa, for Tweed, said the girl and her friends had chased him.'

Lesson here is this: If you're a rich/famous man, make sure you get a signed waiver, with witnesses, and notarized, before having sex in any way, shape, or form, with anyone you have not known for at least the past 30 days.

Why levels of sperm in men are falling

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As many as one in five healthy young men between the ages of 18 and 25 produce abnormal sperm counts. Even the sperm they do produce is often of poor quality. In fact only between 5 and 15 per cent of their sperm is, on average, good enough to be classed as "normal" under strict World Health Organisation rules – and these are young, healthy men. By contrast, more than 90 per cent of the sperm of a domestic bull or ram, or even laboratory rat, are normal.

Human males also suffer a disproportionately high incidence of reproductive problems, from congenital defects and undescended testes to cancer and impotency. As these also affect fertility, it's a minor miracle men are able to sire any children at all. In fact, an increasing number of men are finding themselves childless. Among the one in seven couples now classed as infertile, the "male factor" has been found to be the most commonly identified cause.
...
There is now an emerging consensus among some experts that whatever it is that is exacerbating the problems of male infertility, it probably starts in the womb. It is not the lifestyle of men that is problem, but that of their mothers.
...

Meanwhile, studies of migrants between Sweden and Finland, showed that a man's lifetime risk of testicular cancer tends to follow the country he was born in rather than the country where he was brought up. It was his mother's environment when she was pregnant with him, rather than his own as a boy or as an adolescent, that seems to have largely determined a man's risk of testicular cancer.

One of the strongest pieces of evidence in support of this idea comes from studies of people who smoke. A man who smokes typically reduces his sperm count by a modest 15 per cent or so, which is probably reversible if he quits. However, a man whose mother smoked during pregnancy has a fairly dramatic decrease in sperm counts of up to 40 per cent – which also tends to be irreversible.
...
"Public concern about the adverse effects of environmental chemicals on spermatogenesis in adult men are, in general, not supported by the available data for humans. Where adverse effects of environmental chemicals have been shown, they are usually in an occupational setting rather than applying to the general population," he says.

So although scientists are closing in on the critical window of foetal development in the womb that determines a man's fertility status in later life, they are still not sure about what it is that could be affecting this change in his reproductive status. But one thing is clear, it is his mother who almost certainly holds the key.'

Times of India: "Times life - Her wild side"

Matt · 26 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc A. Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys don't cry, especially when they grow up into men who are hit by their women. As stories of battered men come out of the closet, it's clear that more and more women are losing control and giving in to their wild side.

Tales of rudeness, shouting and violent outbursts are more in the news. Recently, two Iranian women in Bangalore beat up a traffic cop; almost a week later, a drunk woman in Bangalore hit an auto-rickshaw driver.

Take this: Men are getting punched, boxed, kicked with pointed stilettos, and even having hot coffee thrown on their faces. As women initiate assault in an intimate relationship, men become the silent victims. Says Swaroop Sarkar, co-founder of the Battered Men helpline in Delhi, "I was a victim and on the brink of committing suicide. There were days that I wouldn't get out of bed. I almost lost my job." But Sarkar didn't give up. He started a helpline in Delhi, "We get 20 troubled men who come to us for help every week in Delhi itself. They just need our gentleness," adds Sarkar, who is a textile engineer.

The stories are stark but real. There's Ravi in Bangalore, all of 31, who studied at IIT, Delhi, and he narrates how he was traumatised by his wife after she discovered he had one kidney. "She threw me out of my own house. Men in our country don't cry and certainly never get beaten," says the engineer, who works for an MNC in Bangalore.
...
The stories told by battered men are no less horrifying than those told by women. According to psychiatrist Dr Avdesh Sharma, "The tipping point comes when the women can't be in control. Alcohol is making women aggressive. Some women remain tomboys."

It's time men come out of the closet and get help. Simply say goodbye to shame and guilt!'

The Ticker: "A new discipline: male studies"

anthony · 27 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Born out of reaction to the current women's and men's studies, the male studies field was officially established at Wagner College on April 7. According to InsideHigherEd.com, a group of scholars congregated at Wagner College in Staten Island to announce the creation of the Foundation for Male Studies. The foundation will support a conference and journal aimed at exploring the struggles and celebrating the triumphs of men. "Based on the same theories as women's studies [it] is grouped together with [women's studies] as gender studies," the website says.

Another distinction between men's and male studies is that it targets all ages. The foundation's website states that male studies is a "multidisciplinary study of the male human being, boys and men," whereas, "men's studies, by definition, has focused on fully grown men." The discipline will recognize all the various interpretations of males based on culture and the foundation notes that male studies is not a strictly western discipline.

Claiming to be an underrepresented minority, organizers and supporters of the discipline are justifying it by stating that society really isn't as male-dominated as many think it is.

Supporters argue that elementary and secondary schools, as well as higher education, have been "heavily influenced by feminism." The claim is that males experience an academic discrimination leading to gender-gaps of enrollment and graduation rates.

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"We don't need male studies, because overall studies are done by, and conducted on, males and most of what we learn comes from a male perspective," said the chair of the psychology department, Samuel D. Johnson, Ph.D.

Noting that men have had the upper hand in academia for as long as anyone can remember, Johnson understands the need for women's studies but male studies is something that he doesn't understand.

"It's a reaction to feminism. They are looking at it as a denigration of maleness," he said. "Gender studies is probably a more apt rubric to do it under because that covers both and gender studies also covers the LGBT aspect."'

Phyllis Schlafly: 'Democrats Try to Lock Up Their Base'

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'Indeed, the Democrats and their feminist allies have decided on one of their major goals. It is to increase the number of single moms by increasing the flow of taxpayer-paid incentives that subsidize the non-marriage lifestyle.

The plan also includes locking in this group's dependence on government and allegiance to the Democratic Party. The plan is conveniently set forth in a 60-page document called "Advancing the Economic Security of Unmarried Women" just published by John Podesta's left-wing think tank called Center for American Progress.

The Democrats know that 70 percent of unmarried women voted for Barack Obama in the 2008 election. It's obviously part their political game plan to reward that group and keep it in the Obama column.

The feminists, who have always been anti-marriage and very anti-full-time-homemaker, consider it progress that women are now half the workforce and are major breadwinners for their children. As chief feminist Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote in her 1977 tax-funded book "Sex Bias in the U.S. Code," the concept of breadwinning husband and homemaking wife "must be eliminated."

When the husband-breadwinner is eliminated, single moms look to Big Brother Government as provider. Democrats are glad to claim credit for facilitating the taxpayer subsidies.'

Are combat veterans more prone to suicide?

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'Are combat veterans more prone to suicide?

That's a controversy that has heated up as the United States last year lost almost as many military personnel to suicide as to combat.

In November, the nonpartisan Congressional Quarterly reported that more active-duty military personnel committed suicide (334) in 2009 as of Nov. 24 than were killed in Afghanistan (297) or Iraq (144) that year. The Army's active-duty suicide rate doubled from nine per 100,000 in 2001 to 20.2 per 100,000 in 2008, a number comparable with the general population. And those figures don't take into account veterans like Jesse Huff who have been discharged from active service.
...
Dr. Ethan Bean, a staff psychiatrist in the primary care clinic at the Dayton VA Medical Center, said combat soldiers may be in a higher-risk category because men are six times more likely to commit suicide than women. "A lot of veterans also possess firearms, so they have easy access to that method of suicide," he added.

Bean said the leading indicators for suicide are depression, PTSD, bipolar disorder and substance abuse. "What we usually see when we do our research is that it's not just one of those (factors)," Bean said. "Everything is tied together."'

UK: 'She’s not my daughter – I want my money back'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The test result was there in black and white but even so, James did not want to believe it: “Based on the genetic testing results ... the alleged father is excluded as the biological father of the child. The probability of paternity is 0%.” In other words, his beloved 17-year-old daughter Ella wasn’t his after all.

It was something James had suspected but the reality was crushing — he commissioned a second DNA test, with a different laboratory, hoping there might have been a mistake. That test, too, confirmed he could not be Ella’s father.

“It was devastating,” he says. “People say to me ‘she’s still your daughter’ but it’s not the same. I said to Ella myself when I got the results, ‘This won’t change anything,’ but it does, of course it does.”

The DNA test was carried out last November, just over a year after James finalised his divorce from Ella’s mother, Helen. As part of the divorce settlement, he agreed to give up his share in the family home in Surrey. “I did it because I didn’t want my daughter’s life to be disrupted, I didn’t want her to have to move home because I wanted a divorce,” he says.

Now, not surprisingly, he feels angry, bitter and betrayed and intends to return to court to ask that the agreement be overturned. If he succeeds, it will be a first. “I love Ella and none of this is her fault,” he says. “I would not ask for a penny I’ve spent on her school fees or on maintenance for her but I feel strongly that there’s a principle here.'

'Student's GF Outs Cheating BF's Sex With Teacher'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A female teacher from a Broward middle school has been busted for having an illicit relationship with a 14-year-old student after the boy's girlfriend found out the two were having sex.

Police said the teen boy confessed to his girlfriend after she found several text messages suggesting there was a relationship between the boy and their computer teacher. The girl had suspected the boy was cheating on her.

Kirsten Sullivan, 25, was arrested Tuesday and charged with two counts of sexual battery on a minor and one count of sex offense against a minor. She bonded out of Broward County jail Wednesday.

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They first had sex in a computer storage room at the school, the boy told police and would sometimes have sex at least three times in a day.

Sullivan also gave the boy gifts like a mobile phone, jewelry and cash, police said. The police report also claims the woman bought the teen marijuana and that Sullivan may have been impregnated by the teen.'

Editorial: 'Men's studies' would lead to more gender trouble

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'Although creating a separate field of study called “men’s studies” would be redundant expanding women’s studies into gender studies would not be remiss. Recently, colleges across the nation have created concentrations known as either male or men’s studies in response to women’s studies. But this is the incorrect reaction. These majors tend to denounce or demean the topics broached in women’s studies classes, instead of working with them and finding relevant parallels.

Living in a society that is male-dominated means that many fields already inadvertently stem from “male studies” – textbooks are mostly written by men and thus have a male perspective. History classes almost always focus on men, and therefore has a male perspective. Creating men’s studies is only going to cause a greater divide between the genders and create more misunderstanding. Studies about men and masculinity should not be pitted against studies about women and femininity. Both can coexist and be discussed together.

Women’s studies continues to be a necessary field because women are not always adequately represented in other areas. But women’s studies can incorporate masculinities effectively. Many women’s studies programs already encompass gender studies in general. The interaction between men and women, and the reasoning behind male dominance, are features that appear in a multitude of women’s studies courses.'

"Title IX covers more than sports"

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'Neither should one expect some education professor in a university, still using moldy old yellowed lecture notes from the 1970s, to be brave enough to suggest that male students are not being well served in our schools today. I believe there is a healthy fear that they will be perceived as politically incorrect if they skate out on the thin ice that suggests males are being discriminated against in our schools.

The data clearly show that the achievement gap between boys and girls is widening in high schools, and attention should be given to this phenomenon.

In spite of this, anyone reading educational literature will find people still writing papers claiming that girls are being short-changed in our schools, while girls continue to outperform their male classmates.

I am aware of the achievement gap data, but I don't claim to know why the gap exists and is widening.

More should be done to address this phenomenon and try to determine the "why" of it. Some experiments should be carried out to determine if the trend can be reversed.

Good science calls for careful collection and analysis of data involving large samples over significant time, under a variety of conditions, etc., but good science also allows for experimentation to effect change.

We know that many of our students go through grades K-6 and never have a male teacher. This is not new, but along with the positive changes that Title IX and other equity efforts have brought about, this may be more significant than it was in the past. It is not difficult to believe that boys may think that learning is a "girl thing" just as our girls who had only male math and science teachers in the past may have believed that math and science was a "male thing."

Canada: Foster mother target of lawsuit amid sex charges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WINDSOR, Ont. -- A mother who says she turned her teenage son over to the Children's Aid Society to get him needed help is suing after his foster mother was charged with having a sexual relationship with him.

The mother, who can't be named to protect the boy's identity, is acting on her son's behalf. She is suing the Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society and the foster parents in whose care her son was placed. In allegations yet to be tested in court, she is seeking $450,000 in damages.

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The mother says the CAS, knowing she was grieving and in a "fragile" emotional state, convinced her it would be in her son's best interest to be placed with a foster family. The arrangement was to be temporary, and she still had contact with her son.

But soon after the October 2008 placement, the mother "became concerned about his behaviour and aspects of his care." She said she went to CAS workers assigned to her son's case, but they "ignored her concerns."

She said she learned later from police that, while in foster care, her son smoked marijuana with his guardians. She also alleges they introduced him to ecstasy.'

Wellgate ad claims women never stop moving and get things done, in contrast to men

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Alerted via email. Video here. Wellgate contact info here. Looks like they market exclusively to women. Maybe we should let them know our money is as green as anyone else's. Looks like the audio from their ad is also in text, here, Excerpt:

'There are a lot of differences between men and women. Women never stop moving. Women get things done. And women want to look good doing it all. So if you have sore wrists, aching knees, or weak ankles, don't settle for a brace or support made for a man. Try Wellgate for Women - made to fit the power of women.'

I never move. I have yet to get anything done. This is because I am a man. Hell, I do believe I am a member of the plant kingdom. Water me.

F&F: Did Dr. Phil Unwittingly Promote False Accusations on His Recent ‘Crisis in Family Court’ Show?

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Blog article here. Excerpt:

'Dr. Phil did an hour long special called “Crisis in Family Court” on April 14. The view put forward both by Dr. Phil and his various guests was that mothers were losing custody of their children to abusive fathers, and that the courts were favoring fathers even when there is strong evidence that they are violent or have sexually abused their children.

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While Dr. Phil is correct to publicize these tragic cases, according to the US Department of Health and Human Services, most parental murders of children are committed by mothers, not by fathers. Dr. Phil could have had a similar show featuring fathers whose children were murdered by the children’s mothers, at times after fathers had tried to warn courts. It is misleading to only focus on murdering fathers when there are, in fact, more mothers who kill their children than fathers.

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Russell believes that there’s a “crisis” in family courts, and that courts are handing over custody of children to physically and sexually abusive fathers. Russell and the CJE promote reforms which will make it easier to deny parents shared custody or visitation rights based on unsubstantiated abuse claims. They have also been the prime movers behind California AB 612, a bill that would exclude evidence of Parental Alienation from family law proceedings and prevent target parents of Parental Alienation from raising PA as an issue in their cases. Last year Fathers & Families’ legislative representative Michael Robinson helped build a professional coalition to scuttle AB 612.

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Dr. Phil highlighted three cases. In two, a father murdered his children, which is terrible but Dr. Phil could have just as easily reported on two cases where a mother murdered her children. In the other case, Dr. Phil alleges that a family court has given custody to a child molester, yet the evidence is strong that this is not a molestation case, and the court certainly did not award custody in the case capriciously or without a thorough investigation.'

"Hundreds Camp Out For Job Opps In Queens"

Matt · 27 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. I wonder how many were female? Excerpt:

'Hundreds of job-seekers did just that in Queens in the hopes of landing a coveted union job.

Construction workers, engineers, electricians -- hundreds spent the weekend right here. Many left with a job application, while many others walked away empty-handed.

"The sky's the limit after this!" said Aaron Johnson of Mount Vernon.

Johnson is living month-to-month, struggling to pay the bills, with a 4-year-old daughter to support -- and he was one of the lucky ones.

After three days of sleeping on the street, he left with one of just 750 job applications handed out for a position as an elevator technician apprentice -- a secure job with pension and benefits and an earning potential up to $40 an hour.
...
"Right here, baby girl ... she's depending on my in three years to have the big house ... and that's what I'm working on," Johnson said.'

Home violence a men's issue, speaker argues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Domestic and sexual violence is a men's issue, not a women's issue, said a U.S. educator, author and filmmaker in Victoria last week as part of Prevention of Violence Against Women Week.

"Men, and masculinity itself, have been rendered invisible in conversations about domestic and sexual violence," said Jackson Katz [link added], co-founder of Mentors in Violence Prevention program, a widely used domestic- and sexual-violence prevention program in U.S. colleges and professional athletics.

Issues such as sex assault, domestic violence, sexual harassment and sexual abuse of children have historically been regarded as women's issues "that some good men help out with," he told a conference hosted by the Ending Violence Association of B.C. at the Fairmont Empress hotel.

And the problem with that is that it allows men to tune out of the discussion, and not participate in finding solutions, Katz argued. As soon as men hear it's a women's issue or gender issue, "there's a chip in our brain" that directs a man's attention elsewhere, he said.
...
Katz said men in leadership roles must mentor younger men and boys to respect women or, as bystanders to sexism, challenge other men about their views.'

Kennel for pets of domestic violence victims

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Article here.

'Orange County has awarded Harbor House of Central Florida a $50,000 grant to help build Central Florida's first kennel for pets of domestic violence victims.

The grant will be awarded from the Animal Services Trust Fund, which sustained by donations.

The kennel at Harbor House will house up to 20 pets of shelter residents and will be one of 37 known nationwide in the American Humane Pets and Women's Shelter program.

In addition to the kennel, the agencies' implementation of the PAWS program includes a first-responder transport that enables Animal Services officers to take abuse victims' pets to Harbor House's on-kennel, vaccinate them and evaluate them for injuries. In cases where animal abuse is suspected, Animal Services will launch a cruelty investigation.

Up to 75 percent of domestic violence victims report their batterers have threatened, harmed or killed their pets, and nearly 80 percent of violent incidents occurred in the presence of women and children.'

Police charge woman over false rape report

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Story here.

'A McConnellsburg woman faces charges for allegedly reporting a rape that apparently didn't happen.

Rachela Spriggs, 20, reported on April 8 that she had been raped by an ex-boyfriend on March 27, according to Pennsylvania State Police, McConnellsburg. Spriggs reportedly provided investigators with a detailed account of the incident.

Police said Spriggs admitted to lying about the incident on April 13. She provided a written statement that the allegations against her ex-boyfriend were false.

A criminal complaint was filed Saturday, charging Spriggs with making false reports to law enforcement.'

Grown Up Mean Girls: Mom on Mom Cyberbullying

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Motherhood is supposed to be like apple pie and a warm hug. Wholesome. Dependable.

But online, it can be anything but. Right next to support groups on diaper rash and the terrible twosare mean girls, all grown up.

It's mom on mom cyberbullying and as the popularity of mommy blogging rises, so do the often stinging criticisms.

A mom who asks about baby bottles is called "a cop out" and "uneducated" for not breastfeeding. Working moms are "selfish" and co-sleeping moms are labeled "irresponsible" online.

"There's a lot of insecurity, a lot of confusion, resentment, just about being a mother," psychiatrist and mommy blogger Janet Taylor told "Good Morning America." "There's a sense of 'I have to be better than you and I'm going to prove it by writing negative things.' Not supporting, just writing negative things."'

Man Robbed By Drink-Drugging Women Speaks Out

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A North Miami Beach man who police believe may have been a victim of the drug 'em and rob 'em female thieves doesn't want what happened to him to happen to anyone else.

"No matter how wide open your eyes are, open them wider," said the unidentified 45-year-old man Thursday. "[I felt] definitely violated and vulnerable."

The man, who wants his identity hidden, said he was the victim of a couple of smooth female crooks who lure men in with a drink, drug them and rob them blind.

It was November 2009 when the victim met the woman and a friend at Set Night Club in South Beach. They danced, they dined and they drank.
...
In all, six designer watches were missing, along with about $26,000 in cash.

The victim thought it might be an isolated incident until reports surfaced this week of a string of similar robberies happening throughout South Florida.

Police in Palm Beach County said the main female scammer, who may have the help of at least three accomplices, targets rich older men in bars and restaurants. When she gets them alone for a drink, she slips them a "Mickey" and cleans them out of cash and pricey jewelry.'

The Innocence Project gets another innocent man freed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'For nearly two decades prosecutors and judges have maintained that Frank Sterling — and not Mark Christie — murdered a 74-year-old woman as she walked along an abandoned railway bed in Hilton.

Today, a judge freed Sterling after prosecutors and defense lawyers revealed that Christie has now admitted to the Nov. 29, 1988, murder of Viola Manville.

“Our justice system’s goal is to assure that only the guilty are convicted,” state Supreme Court Justice Thomas Van Strydonck said this afternoon when agreeing to reverse Sterling’s 1992 conviction for the Manville murder. “This case and others demonstrate that ours remains an imperfect system.”

While not stating definitively in court that Sterling is innocent, District Attorney Michael Green said admissions from Christie coupled with genetic evidence from the homicide convinced him that Sterling should go free. The investigation has now been reopened.

Christie is now imprisoned for the 1994 strangulation of Kali Ann Poulton.

At a news conference after he left court, Sterling, 46, said leaving prison was “heaven.”
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Innocence Project officials contend that investigators became too fixated on Sterling and ignored other possibilities.

“There’s no question in this case the police officers had tunnel vision,” said Innocence Project co-founder Peter Neufeld.

Green said the police work in the Manville homicide was solid. “I’m very uncomfortable going back and second-guessing what people did 19 years ago,” he said.'

Larger numbers of men seek breast reduction surgery

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The sick bodies of men are expendable, are irrelevant, are ignored. The fact that these male bodies are increasingly looking like female bodies should be setting off big-time alarms with the powers that be, such as the Environmental Protection Agency. But no, it is men who are disproportionately being affected, so these powers that be just ignore it. How short sighted... our misandrist chemical-laden industrialized society is on its way to wiping out the human race (and many other species in the process).

An extract of this story is provided below, found at
http://www.nurseforhealth.com/brittanys-notes/2008/7/11/time-line-of-destruction.html

'Surgical clinics surveyed by The Sunday Times in Britain report a sharp upsurge in the numbers of men seeking breast reduction surgery. Hormones in the water are blamed for a doubling of cases in just a year of gynecomastia, a hormonal-induced growth in men's breasts.

Researchers with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project discover that two-thirds of some species of fish examined from coastal waters off Los Angeles and Orange counties possess both male and female reproductive organs. The sea floor sediment in these areas is contaminated with estrogenic chemicals from wastewater effluent generated by nine million inhabitants of coastal cities.

A report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of the U.S. Congress, finds that the EPA is failing to protect people from tens of thousands of toxic chemicals. Chemical companies have provided health impact data to the EPA for only about 15 percent of chemicals introduced over the past 30 years.'

India: Gender Neutral Laws in four years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BANGALORE: The government will be working towards making laws gender neutral in the next four years, Union minister of law and justice M Veerappa Moily said on Sunday.

He also said after legislating the Right to Education Act the government will soon come up with a Food Security Act.

“We have already passed the Right to Education Act and Food Security Act is coming shortly,” Moily said while inaugurating a three-day 'Civil Society Summit: The state of the Indian Republic @ 60', here. Observing that a number of laws were gender-biased, he said “they (laws) should become gender neutral and I assure you in the next four years this will be done.” '

This has been a demand from Indian MRAs and Indian feminists are upset. Yesterday, I was talking to a feminist legal scholar from the local Law College. She claims that DV laws in many US states are still gender-specific. As far as I know, California was the only state with gender-specific DV laws, and that was before `Woods v Shewry'.

Can someone from the US say what the true position is? In particular, I'd request Marc A.

Thanks -- Mangesh

Canada: Girls can join boys teams, boys can't join girls teams

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With few exceptions, girls who have wanted to play high school sports in Ontario over the years have had to do so on girls' teams, if one was available.

No more.

As of last week, girls now have carte blanche to play on boys' teams if they can make it. Even when a girls' team is available.

The decision stems from the case of a Waterloo high school student who filed a human rights complaint recently after her demand to play on the boys' soccer team was denied. As the process rolled on, Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations lawyers decided they were going to lose the fight, so the organization relented before legal precedent was set. A negotiated settlement allowed it to write its own policy rather than being force-fed the wording.
...
OFSAA's executive director Doug Gellatly says the new policy -- which he was against -- raises a number of issues.

Start with the obvious question before it's even asked: No, Gellatly says, if a girl takes a boys' spot on a team, a boy can't try out for a girls' squad in return.

If he requests the chance and is denied, he'd almost certainly be wasting his time launching a human rights case of his own.'

Sandra Bullock on circumcising her son: "the greatest moment I have ever had in my life"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Louis Bardo Bullock is the name of Sandra Bullock's newly adopted black son from New Orleans. And as the World swoons over photos of happy mom and son, interesting news from the People Magazine exclusive interview are coming out. One is that Bullock gave son Louis Bardo a Jewish circumcision ceremony with "full on Jewish brit."
...
Sandra Bullock calls the private circumcision "the greatest moment I have ever had in my life" in People Magazine. Considering all the pain she's gone through with Jesse James in the cheating scandal, Bullock deserves more great moments.

Congratulations to her.'

Children's Rights Group Agrees with New Study: Infant Circumcision Causes 100 Deaths Each Year in US

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Article here. Excerpt:

'West Lafayette, IN (PRWEB) April 28, 2010 -- The International Coalition for Genital Integrity (ICGI) acknowledges a critical, important, new study, published Monday in Thymos: Journal of Boyhood Studies, and believes it accurately estimates that more than 100 baby boys die from circumcision complications each year.

ICGI applauds that, for the first time, a rational attempt has been made to estimate the scale of the problem, and is simultaneously appalled by how many baby boys needlessly die each year in the United States.

The study concluded: “These boys died because physicians have been either complicit or duplicitous, and because parents ignorantly said ‘Yes,’ or lacked the courage to say ‘No.’” And called the deaths “an unrecognized sacrifice of innocents.”

The study found that approximately 117 neonatal (first 28 days after birth) circumcision-related deaths occur annually in the United States, one out of every 77 male neonatal deaths. Causes of death include anesthesia reaction, stroke, hemorrhage, and infection. Because infant circumcision is elective, all of these deaths are avoidable. The study also identified reasons why accurate data on these deaths are not available, some of the obstacles to preventing these deaths, and some solutions to overcome them.'

Duke’s sexist sexual misconduct policy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'FOUR YEARS ago, Duke University became the center of a national controversy about sexual assault, wrongful accusations, and campus politics when four lacrosse players were falsely accused of raping an exotic dancer at a party. Now, Duke is back in the news with a campus policy that ostensibly seeks to prevent sexual assault — but, in fact, infantilizes women, redefines much consensual sex as potentially criminal, and does a grave disservice to both sexes.

But the policy’s far-reaching definition of sex without “affirmative consent” covers much more. Unlike the notorious Antioch College rules of the 1990s that required verbal consent to every new level of intimacy, Duke’s policy recognizes non-verbal expressions of consent. However, it stresses that “consent may not be inferred from silence [or] passivity” — even in an ongoing sexual relationship.

What’s more, consent can be invalidated by various circumstances — not just obvious ones such as being threatened or unconscious, but also being intoxicated to any degree, or “psychologically pressured,” or “coerced.” The latter is an extremely broad term, particularly since the policy warns that “real or perceived power differentials . . . may create an unintentional atmosphere of coercion.” As FIRE has noted, a popular varsity athlete may face a presumption of coercion in any relationship with a fellow student.

Meanwhile, women, the default victims in the Duke policy, are presumed passive and weak-minded: Goddess forbid they should take more than minimal responsibility for refusing unwanted sex. In one of the policy’s hypothetical scenarios, a woman tells her long-term boyfriend she’s not in the mood, but then “is silent” in response to his continued non-forcible advances; if he takes this as consent and they have sex, that is “sexual misconduct.” Why she doesn’t tell him to stop remains a mystery.'

Scientists develop spray to make men more affectionate using 'cuddle' hormone oxytocin

Broadsword · 29 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Scientists have finally worked out what women really want.

They have created a spray that makes men more caring, affectionate and in tune with others' feelings.

Just a puff or two and even the most macho of males is as sensitive as a woman, they claim.

The spray is based on oxytocin - a hormone naturally made in the body and involved in sex, sexual attraction, trust and confidence.

It is released into the blood during labour - triggering the production of breast milk - and floods the brain during breastfeeding, helping mother and baby bond.

In spray form, it seems that the so-called 'cuddle chemical' can make a man feel like a woman.'

Intact America: CDC Petition Delivery only days away!

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From an IA e-mail:

ACT NOW

Earlier this week, Georganne Chapin, Executive Director of Intact America, spoke with Dr. Peter Kilmarx, Chief of HIV/AIDS Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control. They discussed the CDC's forthcoming guidelines on male infant circumcision, and she'll be sending him a follow-up letter next week – along with the petition signatures we've received from you and other supporters...

...and we're only 300 signatures shy of our 25,000-signature goal!

Please help us by asking your friends to sign our petition RIGHT NOW – asking the CDC not to recommend infant circumcision. We're so close to our goal, we just need a few more signatures!

You can also help by sharing this campaign on Twitter and Facebook.

Thank you again for being such a powerful advocate for our infant boys.

Lawyer on Runaway Ohio Mom: No Charges, Will Pay Thousands

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Ohio mother who set off a nationwide manhunt when she ran away with another man earlier this month will face no charges in Ohio, but she and the man will pay thousands in restitution to the county, an attorney for the woman told ABC News today.

"My clients have agreed to make full restitution for the investigation in whatever amount the prosecutor deemed appropriate," Jon Paul Rion, attorney for former missing mother Tiffany Tehan and boyfriend Tre Hutcherson, told ABC News today. "I think that they've always wanted to make this county as whole as possible."

While Rion would not disclose the exact amount that was settled on, he said it is greater than $5,000.

Tehan disappeared while she was supposedly shopping on Saturday, April 17, leaving behind her husband David and year-old daughter Lexie. The vanishing act triggered a cross-country search until police, acting on a tip from the FBI, found Tehan and a man identified as Tre Hutcherson staying at motel in Miami Beach, Florida. Police, who had been calling Hutcherson a person of interest in her disappearance, quickly determined that Tehan was not in danger.'

US Navy Allows Women on Submarines -- still not required to register for the Selective Service

anthony · 30 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Notice how the concern is giving women privacy. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Navy formally announced on Thursday that it will for the first time recruit women into its submarine force.

It has been 20 years since the Navy first allowed women to serve on its surface warfare ships. But submarines remained off-limits for several reasons.

The main reason had to do with cramped quarters on the subs, where there is little privacy. Now the chief of the Navy's task force on women in submarines, Rear Admiral Barry Bruner, says larger, more modern subs have changed that.

"The reason it's available to women is that we can give them privacy," said Admiral Bruner. "So we're finally where we can do it. And I'm pleased that the submarine force is headed down this path."'

Substitute Teacher Allegedly Shows Fifth Graders Her Bikini, Tan Lines

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CAMBRIDGE, Ohio -- It's being dubbed "The Case Of The Sexy Substitute."

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"The teacher came in, in a sweat suit to start off the day at school, and then proceeded to strip down into a bikini with a lace cover-up over it," said Sally Dyer, recounting what her 11-year-old son described. "She kissed some other boys on the cheek, and she showed off her tan lines."

After three hours of this, word got out, and Superintendent Dennis Dettra says he rushed to the school and confronted the substitute, asking her if she did those things.

"She kind of nodded and said yeah," recalled Dettra. "Just very pecular, the way she answered it. I told her those were highly inappropriate actions for a school setting."

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She also speculated that if it had been a male teacher with female students, there would have been an immediate arrest, not just an investigation.

"I believe he would already be in jail," Dyer said. "I think there would have been no questions asked.'

Labor Force Polarized as Middle-Skill Jobs Disappear: Report

Anonymous · 30 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Yes, society can continue to make family court a black hole of discrimination and human rights abuses where information about discrimination doesn't get our, but discrimination in education and labor will only get increasingly hard to ignore. They try to skirt over it a little in this article, but how much longer will this be effective depends on people like us. Excerpt:

'Middle-skills jobs have lost share in the employment pool in the last three decades, a trend of labor-market "polarization" reinforced by the recession, according to a report released Friday.
...
"Perhaps most alarmingly, males as a group have adapted comparatively poorly to the changing labor market," Autor wrote. "For males without a four-year college degree, wages have stagnated or fallen over three decades. And as these males have moved out of middle-skill blue-collar jobs, they have generally moved downward in the occupational skill and earnings distribution."

The employment and earnings of less-educated males have been particularly harmed by fewer middle-skill, blue-collar jobs in manufacturing, according to the report.

"The job opportunities available to males displaced from manufacturing jobs, particularly those displaced at midcareer, are likely to be primarily found in lower-paying service occupations," Autor wrote.

Why have middle-skilled jobs declined? Changes in technology, international trade, and the off-shoring of jobs all play a part.'

Media Release: The Masculinity Conspiracy

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Starting Now: The Masculinity Conspiracy
A free online book
http://masculinityconspiracy.com/

What if the biggest conspiracy in human history had gone completely unnoticed? What if that conspiracy was responsible for some of the biggest problems the world faces today? Wouldn't you want to know? Wouldn't you want to do something about it? Well guess what: You can.

The Masculinity Conspiracy is a free online book about masculinity. It argues that nearly every assumption about masculinity in contemporary society is wrong. The result is nothing short of exposing a worldwide conspiracy that has been preventing humanity from reaching its fullest potential.

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Systematic study of adult mortality reveals disparity increase between countries and between sexes

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This article summarizes the global mortality rates of men and women aged 15 to 59 years from 1970 to 2010. The study published April 30th, 2010 in the Lancet is the first of its kind to comprehensively collect data from censuses, surveys on household deaths, vital registration data, and sibling survival histories. Previous studies have largely relied on child mortality numbers to estimate adult mortality rates. Excerpt:

'Women overall have seen their health improve more then men have. In the 40 years between 1970 and 2010, adult mortality fell by 34 percent and 19 percent in men globally. The gap between adult male and female mortality widened by 27 percent in that period.

Dr. Alan Lopez said "We have seen these estimates for child mortality for two decades now that have been enormously influential in informing debates about priorities for child survival. But we have been remarkably ignorant around adult mortality... We need to apply the passion that surrounds keeping children alive to young adults alive."
...
South Asia, and India in particular, had among the highest female mortality in the world in 1970. Both the region and the country have seen major declines. In 2010, it is better to be a woman in India than it was to be a man in the United States in 1997.'

I'm just glad that there was a significant health study that showed the health disparity between men and women and actually considered it to be of importance.

Life in Prison for Woman who forced 13-year-old boy to fondle her

Matt · 1 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. If a man would have gotten the same punishment withy the same facts, then great. Would he have? I dunno. I do know this: it is nice to see the sexual abuse of boys by women now finally getting some serious attention from at least one court. Excerpt:

'While obviously deeply moved with her plea and confessing dismay at why no plea bargain was ever offered to the Twin falls woman, Memeo had no choice but to sentence the 34 year old Taylor to the only sentence allowed by the legislature-- Life in prison with the earliest possible parole after ten years.
...
Taylor was convicted of lewdness with a minor under 14 in November after a week-long trial.

According to Kirkpatrick the woman had been offered no plea bargain and that the jury had not been informed that the life sentence would be imposed on Taylor should she be found guilty.

In 2007 the Nevada Legislature removed any discretion from a judge in the sentencing of lewdness with minors and set a blanket mandatory life sentence for all offenders convicted of the crime.

Since then well over 95 percent of defendants originally charged with the crime plead guilty to a lessor charge with a greatly reduced penalty.

“Why you were charged with these crimes particularly, I don’t. know,” Memeo said. “Why plea bargains are offered to some and not to others, I don’t know. I do know that you were charged and found guilty for this charge by a jury and this is the sentence. Good luck.”'

Abusegate: Turning the Tide Campaign Launches Today!

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From Abusegate Bob:

The first two weeks of May are featuring an unprecedented period of grass-roots activism centered around reforming the multi-billion dollar domestic violence industry.

The national campaign includes the release of Special Reports, press releases, radio interviews, op-ed columns, lobbying on Capitol Hill, advocacy telethons, and more!

Do your part to reform the Violence Against Women Act, and keep up with all the action at Abusegate: http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/

Sweden: Doctors refuse to perform circumcisions

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Story here.

'Doctors in western Sweden are refusing to carry out the circumcision of boys, despite clearance by elected officials to carry out the procedure for non-medical reasons.

The Västra Götaland region is obliged to procure healthcare for at least 300 operations each year among Jewish and Muslim families, according to the Göteborgs-Posten (GP) local daily.

"Now we have to go out and find someone who is willing to perform the operations. The doctors' sector council (Sektorsrådet) have said no to these procedures. We respect the doctors' position," said Lars-Göran Moberg, head of the region's healthcare committee to GP.

Paediatric surgeon John Westfelt can see no possibility for doctors within the public healthcare system to perform the operations.

"We have de-prioritised several other measures to help sick children, such as surgery on tight foreskins for medical reasons. And obviously we can not carry out these operations without sacrificing something else."

Washington Post: 'Sorting out boys' school problems'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now I have read the book, and feel everyone should read it. I don't know of a clearer or more balanced examination of this issue. Whitmire is passionate about the need to help boys, but he respectfully presents other points of view, including those of pro-girl optimists like me. In fact, one of the book's most impressive features is its exposure of the harm done by pro-girl vs. pro-boy politics. The reluctance of either side to let the other experiment with new ways of teaching has been one of the greatest obstacles to moving all students up to their potential.

Whitmire's recommendations at the end of the book are sensible, creative and overdue. He wants more and better data on boys' progress, more innovative early reading instruction for boys, more hands-on subjects in high school, better managed and studied single-sex schools and classes and some affirmative action in college admissions. I don't think he celebrates the rise of achievement among impoverished girls, a worldwide phenomenon of immense importance, as much as he should, but that's a quibble. We have to do more for boys and stop blocking promising ideas out of fear that treating the two sexes differently would be politically incorrect.'

Entry in Amnesty Contest stopped by the Womens Shelter in Uppsala (Sweden)

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With reference to http://news.mensactivism.org/node/14745, I obtained an email sent by the Women's Shelter in Uppsala, which read (translated into English):

"Subject: Successful protests

Hello!

Earlier today we sent you an urgent request that you should protest against the movie "The Right To Be A Father"

Thanks to the protests, the movie never was displayed on the Festival and it was later removed from their website. We thank Amnesty for still fighting for justice!

Kind Regards,

The Womens Shelter in Uppsala"

Conclusion:
1. Amnesty does not stand for human rights
2. The Womens Shelters does not stand for equality

Watch the movie stopped by The Womens Shelter in Uppsala (English subs)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_nwJfpOuGI

Please spread the word about what happend in Sweden!

Story submitted by Ulf Andersson, PappaRättsGruppen
http://www.dads-r-us.se/
English version: http://www.dads-r-us.se/ (as translated by Google Translate)

Abusegate: 'VAWA is the new Jim Crow' - Call Sen. Leahy Now

Matt · 3 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

Today SAVE (Stop Abusive and Violent Environments) is releasing a new Special Report, "Assaulting our Rights: How Domestic Violence Laws Curtail our Fundamental Freedoms." The report can be seen here: http://www.saveservices.org/special-reports/

The report's conclusion? The Violence Against Women Act has violated the fundamental rights of more innocent Americans, in more ways, and for a longer period of time, than probably any other law passed in the history of the United States!

Sen. Leahy is the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and will play a lead role in the upcoming reauthorization of VAWA.

Call Sen. Leahy's office now at 202-224-4242. Tell him this simple but important message: "VAWA is the new Jim Crow. Fix the Violence Against Women Act now!"

As always, be polite and respectful.

UK: Medical Chiefs Worried There Are Too Many Female Doctors

Broadsword · 3 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The problem is that women will form the majority of UK medics after 2017, thanks to a ten-fold rise in their numbers entering training. Most of them will be in their childbearing years.

In order to continue working, they will need proper support while starting families, as well as careers where they can happily combine work with raising children. But an array of official reports reveals how the NHS is sorely failing to meet this need.

The result is a time-bomb for patient care, with the health service facing significant shortages in crucial hospital specialties as young women doctors head instead to the few areas of the health service where they can mix work and family.

Thus the paucity of childcare support and female-friendly practices in the NHS not only damages the prospects of thousands of female medics, it also jeopardises the future of healthcare for everyone in Britain.
...
But the stark fact is that Leigh, and the burgeoning numbers of women doctors like her, cannot be treated like substitute men. If the NHS does not wake up to that fact, the care of millions of patients could be seriously affected for many years to come.'

"Runaway mom" update: Planned fake abduction and disappearance for months, would not seek divorce due to 'spiritual beliefs'

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Video report here. Basically, she planned her own fake abduction, was in fact the one who suggested it to her boyfriend, and wouldn't consider a divorce due to her 'spiritual beliefs'. In short, she had no excuse at all. Yet there are no immediate plans to charge her with something like perpetuating a public fraud, etc. Again, the female discount is at play. There is actually the suggestion that SHE might divorce HIM and seek custody of their daughter!

And yet her husband stays with her. I wonder what if anything have other people said to this guy about such things as self-respect and boundaries. This is an example of how badly messed up the minds are of some men due to the brainwashing that nymphotropism inflicts. It is reinforced at every turn, including (most especially) in religious institutions and belief systems. There are actually people who will in all sincerity look at something like this and say yes, he is doing the right thing by staying with her and "trying to make it work." Just how many times does one need to be betrayed before he (or she) gets it?

SAVE Press release: "Jim Crow Justice under Partner Abuse Laws, Report Finds"

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Release here. Excerpt:

Jim Crow Justice under Partner Abuse Laws, Report Finds

WASHINGTON, May 3 / U.S. Newswire / -- Each year an estimated two million Americans see their basic rights compromised or vitiated by heavy-handed domestic violence policies. This number rivals, and in some ways surpasses the legal abuses of the infamous Jim Crow era, according to a report released today.

The analysis, “Assaulting our Rights: How Domestic Violence Laws Curtail our Fundamental Freedoms” is published by SAVE – Stop Abusive and Violent Environments. The report is available online: http://www.saveservices.org/special-reports/

Constitutional law experts have long expressed doubts about “get-tough” domestic violence policies. According to Cheryl Hanna of the Vermont Law School, “evidentiary standards for proving abuse have been so relaxed that any man who stands accused is considered guilty.”

The SAVE report identifies nine Constitutionally-protected rights that are often ignored by domestic violence laws. These rights include:

1. Probable cause for arrest: Twenty-three states mandate arrest for allegations of assault, even when probable-cause evidentiary standards are not met.

2. Right to due process: Civil domestic violence laws do not require notice or hearing, or even proof of abuse before a temporary restraining order is issued.

3. Equal treatment under the law: Domestic violence programs provide legal services to abuse accusers, but not for defendants, thus compromising the principle of "innocent until proven guilty."'

Abusegate Alert: Senate Judiciary Committee schedules VAWA hearing for May 5 at 10 AM ET

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From Abusegate Bob:

The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled a hearing on VAWA on May 5 at 10:00 AM Eastern Time-- the day before our big lobbying event May 6-7. Rest assured, the timing of the Senate hearing is no coincidence.

For the first time, the Committee has invited a mainstream, reputable researcher to testify, Dr. Richard Gelles of the University of Pennsylvania. It will be very interesting to see what Gelles has to say, since a few years ago he published an article ridiculing ideologically-driven DV researchers: The politics of research: The use, abuse, and misuse of social science data—The cases of intimate partner violence. Family Court Review, Vol. 45, No. 1, 2007.

I would invite everyone to watch the hearing live on the Judiciary Committee website

Below is the witness list. This may be a break-through event for us.

F&F: NOW Criticizes F & F over Campaign to Ask DSM to Include PAS in latest edition

Matt · 4 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of 50 mental health experts from 10 countries are part of an effort to add Parental Alienation Disorder to the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM V), the American Psychiatric Association's "bible" of diagnoses. This scientific coalition is led by psychiatrist William Bernet, who explains that adding PAD to DSM "would spur insurance coverage, stimulate more systematic research, lend credence to a charge of parental alienation in court, and raise the odds that children would get timely treatment."

Fathers & Families wants to ensure that the DSM-5 Task Force is aware of the scope and severity of Parental Alienation. To this end, in December we asked our supporters to write the Task Force to urge them to consider including Parental Alienation Disorder in DSM-5. As usual, the response was overwhelming. It also helped lead to progress–while as expected the newly-released draft version does not specifically include Parental Alienation Disorder, the DSM-5 Task Force has now listed Parental Alienation Disorder among the "Conditions Proposed by Outside Sources…that are still under consideration by the work groups." Gaining inclusion isn't easy–David J. Kupfer, M.D., the chair of the DSM-V Task Force, recently told the media that with any disorder proposed for inclusion, "The door to get in [the manual] is pretty hard."

...

The National Organization for Women is very concerned about our efforts, condemning them in March and again in their recent media release NOW Foundation Opposes Phony Parental Alienation Disorder. In it, the NOW Foundation references Fathers & Families' DSM Campaign and explains "The 'disorder' has been proposed…to be added to the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostics and Statistics Manual - V to give it more legitimacy than it currently has — or should have — in court." The NOW Foundation has also written the DSM Task Force, urging them to reject PAD.

NOW repeatedly encourages us to believe that Parental Alienation is "discredited" by family law experts and professionals. This is absolutely not the case–those who believe, as NOW does, that Parental Alienation is a fiction are a decided minority within the field.'

Ask Dr. Helen: Does Society Encourage Genital Assault Against Men?

Matt · 5 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is some very good exposure for this issue. Dr. Helen Smith is widely-syndicated and her column appear all over the place. Just Google "Ask Dr. Helen" to see. Excerpt:

'The other day I received an email from reader Kevin who is concerned about the increase in the depiction of sexual violence — particularly that of genital assault — against men in our society:

> Dear Dr. Helen,
>
> I want to ask you about something because you seem to be a logical and rational person and I am having trouble finding any logical, rational people who have the guts to speak out about this one particular issue.
>
> Ever since I was a kid I have noticed a steady rise in the depictions of sexual violence against males in movies, and later in television. It was obvious that these depictions, always the hero sexually assaulting the villain and almost never the other way around, were encouraging this kind of sexual violence against males. As soon as it became a regular Disney staple it became a regular part of every boy's life, something he had to endure repeatedly as part of growing up. Even as a kid I was baffled by parents willingness to let this go and not protest it. ...

Canada: Friend tells court of chilling phone call from accused Strathmore killer

Matt · 5 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'CALGARY - Minutes after she is alleged to have fatally shot her common-law husband Kevin Dunseath in the head, Lela Mae La France phoned a friend looking for drugs, court heard Tuesday.

Claude St. Germaine testified he received the call from La France just after midnight on Aug. 9, 2008, requesting crack cocaine and telling him, "I killed him."

St. Germaine said he put his cell phone on speaker phone at the rural home, so three friends could hear what she was saying to La France on the call from hers and Dunseath's home in Strathmore, 40 kilometres east of Calgary.

"She said, 'I finally did it, I did what we had discussed, I killed him,'" the witness told Crown prosecutor Eric Tolppanen.

La France, 40, on trial for second-degree murder, has pleaded not guilty in connection with the death of Dunseath, 46.'

Abusegate: Submit Testimony for Today's Senate VAWA Hearing

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From Abusegate Bob:

On Wednesday May 5 at 10am Eastern time, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the Violence Against Women Act. The hearing page is here: http://judiciary.senate.gov/hearings/hearing.cfm?id=4562

Even though you could not be there in person, you CAN submit testimony to the Committee. It's simple; just write a concise, polite letter about your experiences with VAWA, and email to Senators Leahy (Democrat of Vermont) and Sessions (Republican of Alabama). It is preferable that your letter not be longer than one page.

Just fill in the missing places in the draft letter below, and email it to:

Anya McMurray (Leahy's staffer): Anya_McMurray-at-judiciary-dem.senate.gov
Bradley Hayes (Sessions' staffer): Bradley_Hayes-at-judiciary-rep.senate.gov

Send a copy of the letter to: news-at-saveservices.org. The deadline to receive your letter is this coming Tuesday, May 11!

DRAFT LETTER

RE: Violence Against Women Act

Honorable Patrick Leahy
Honorable Jeff Sessions
Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Senators Leahy and Sessions:

I am writing regarding the May 5, 2010 Judiciary Committee hearing on the Violence Against Women Act.

[POLITELY, FACTUALLY, AND CONCISELY DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS HOW TO REFORM VAWA.]

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER]

VAWA Hearing: “The Increased Importance...” testimony available

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Note that most of the testimony delivered today is available for download as .pdf files. Go to the hearing page and look at the right-hand column under "Witness Testimony". You can download and read the statements. Of note is Dr. Gelles' statement which discusses on pages 6 and 7 of the .pdf file the lack of scope of the Act for male and other victims of DV. In his conclusion he states that this is an opportunity to revisit the scope of VAWA and to start including men in its consideration but also disputes the notion that the economic downturn we are in is causing an increase in DV generally.

I have read the other statements. [I am including contact information for those who made them. But if you choose to contact any of them and voice your concerns, I urge you to be factual and polite. (I suggest where possible that you use email over telephone since it is harder to get into heated arguments over email.) You will be a lot more persuasive if you point out the well-documented facts around male DV victims vs. being accusatory and making unproductive comments about, say, their relatives.] My take:

The Honorable Susan Carbon: No mention at all of male DV victims except on page 10 of the .pdf where she says: '...According to the 2007 "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance" survey...approximately 10% of adolescents nationwide reported being hit, slapped, or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past year.' (Contact here)

VAWA hearing reviewed

Matt · 6 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Abusegate Bob has penned a series of new articles covering the hearing and VAWA in general. Good news includes the fact that male DV victims were indeed brought up at the hearing. This is a start; they have been invisible and to government officials and unmentioned since VAWA started. Progress. See http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/

University student accused of making false rape claim

anthony · 6 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Oakland University student admitted to police that she falsely reported she had been raped by two men to get attention and support from her boyfriend, according to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Now Jessica Joe is facing a felony charge herself.

According to the sheriff's office, the 21-year-old Detroit resident was arraigned Tuesday in 52-3 District Court in Rochester Hills on a count of filing a false report of a felony and was released on a $10,000 personal bond.

Joe, police said, reported on April 24 that she was walking out of the CVS Pharmacy at Adams and Walton, when she was grabbed by two men and dragged into a van parked next to her car. She told police that the men pulled her clothing off and one man drove around, while the other man raped her and was eventually pushed out of the van in the lot, according to the sheriff's office.'

Mom of woman accused of false report faces charge

anthony · 6 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'(UALR Public Radio) - Police say the mother of a woman accused of filing a false rape accusation at Fort Smith now faces a charge as well.

A news release from Fort Smith police says 39-year-old Ericka Lee Church of Sallisaw, Okla., has been charged with harassing communications, a misdemeanor.

The release said Church made harassing phone calls and sent text messages and Face Book postings to Steven David, accusing him of raping her daughter.

David was one of two men accused by Church's daughter, Heather Smith also known as Heather Boss and another woman of raping Smith. Fort Smith police say they have cleared both men of the accusations, and have charged both women with filing a false police report, a felony.'

Woman accused of filing false rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Latrobe woman, who allegedly instigated an attack on a man she accused of sexual assault, has been charged with falsely accusing another man of raping her weeks earlier.

Felisha Hardison, 24, of 14 W. Harrison Ave., was arraigned yesterday by District Judge Michael Mahady for allegedly filing a false report with Latrobe police on March 31.

Hardison told police she had been raped by a man with whom she has three children. Hardison claimed the man forced her to have sex with him, punched her and choked her, and videotaped the act with his cell phone camera.

The man denied the allegations and said Hardison made the accusations to get custody of one of their children. A review of the cell phone camera footage contradicted Hardison's claims of rape and showed the two had consensual sex, police said.

Hardison was arraigned on the charge yesterday, the same day she and five others faced a preliminary hearing on charges they assaulted another man Hardison had accused of sexual assault.'

New Zealand Teenager admits making up false rape claim because she liked the attention

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Auckland, May 4 (IANS) A New Zealand teenager has admitted she falsely accused a man of raping her.

Christchurch District Court Judge Stephen Erber Tuesday told the 19-year-old student that her lies had “devalued the currency” for women who made genuine complaints of rape, New Zealand Herald reported.

Erber said that people may look at other women’s complaints sceptically because of her actions.

The teenager pleaded guilty in court to the charge of making a false statement.

“In explanation, she stated she did it because she liked the attention,” Constable Michael Tualii, the police prosecutor, was quoted as telling the court.'

Two Women Face Charges for False Report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two women are now facing felony charges after filing a false rape report this weekend in Fort Smith. Police arrested 19-year-old Heather Smith and her 21-year-old roommate Jeni Melton, after they claimed two unidentified men came into their apartment and raped Smith.
...
The women told police they had left Roosters around 3 a.m. and shortly after they arrived at their residents on Birnie Avenue, two men came into their home uninvited. According to the report, one suspect pinned Melton to the floor, while the second raped Smith in a back bedroom.
...
After several interviews and a 12-hour investigation, both men were released and will not face any charges. An additional witness to the incident came forward and police discovered major discrepancies in the initial allegations.

Smith and Melton were re-interviewed, arrested and charged with Filing a False Police Report, which is a felony. Both are being held in the Sebastian County Detention Center without bond.'

Canada: Women's program cuts raise feminist ire

anthony · 6 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Harper government's latest showdown with women's rights groups, suggests the time has come for Canadian women -- and men -- to reclaim the word feminist. Bring it back to its mainstream roots.

A day after Conservative Senator Nancy Ruth warned aid groups that they risk a backlash if they don't "shut the f--up," news reports revealed Status of Women funding for at least 14 women's groups wasn't renewed for the current fiscal year.

According to the government, these organizations are victims of limited resources, even though they do valuable work that advances the cause of women's health, rights and equality.

So what does feminism have to do with it?

If the word were used properly, there would be less of a divide that occurs when programs rightly or wrongly get cut. Feminism simply means a belief that all people are equal, regardless of gender.

Most voting Canadians are feminists, they just might not know it. Even many men are feminists by the true definition of the word. Anyone who believes it's wrong to discriminate against the opposite sex because of their gender, falls into this category, whether they want to admit it or not.'

Harvard Crimson: Men Champion Women's Cause

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Article here. Excerpt:

'eminism is a word that some people wouldn't touch with a 10-foot pole. Though it is sometimes perceived as a unilateral campaign against men, women's rights and gender equality groups are increasingly presenting it as a movement in which people of all genders can be involved. Many scholars, activists, and student leaders are coming to redefine the term. Many of these are men.

"As a guy, I'm happy to be a feminist," says Hugo Van Vuuren '07, a workshop leader at the Office of Sexual Response and Prevention and the co-founder of MenSpeakUp, a website that promotes gender equality. "All it means is that you believe in equal rights."
...
Both Marine and Castro Samayoa suggest ways for men to become respectfully involved and supportive of feminism.

Marine says that men can be more effective by confronting other men about issues of gender equality.

"When a man addresses another man about a problem in society, he may be more likely to see it as something pertinent to his own life than if a woman brought it up," she says.

Castro Samayoa notes that men, like those coming from the middle of the bell curve, need to have their assumptions about feminism challenged in order to take an active stance in the movement.'

Kansas U takes steps on Title IX issue

anthony · 6 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Kansas Athletics has reached an agreement with the government addressing a complaint that it discriminates against male athletes.

KU will have to submit documentation and a plan to ensure it is in full compliance with the law as part of the agreement, which resolves a Title IX complaint filed last November.

The agreement doesn't mean KU is out of compliance with Title IX, but was a mutually agreed upon course of action to resolve the complaint between KU and the Office of Civil Rights, which oversees Title IX regulations.

Ron Neugent, a Wichita dentist and former KU swimmer who was a member of the 1980 Olympic team, filed the initial complaint against KU using the civil rights legislation long used to bring about equality for women.

At Kansas Athletics today, unlike many cases in the past, men are the under-represented gender. Though men and women are enrolled at KU in about equal rates, women comprise nearly 55 percent of the total student-athletes at the university.

KU eliminated its men's swimming and men's tennis programs in 2001, citing budget concerns at the time.'

"Meet the Unemployable Man"

Matt · 7 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The betting is that the Labor Department's Friday snapshot of the job market will show that employers added workers in April, perhaps even that the unemployment rate fell.

That would be good news, but not good enough. It's hard to exaggerate how bad the job market is. Here's one arresting fact: One of every five men 25 to 54 isn't working.

Even more alarming, the jobs that many of these men, or those like them, once had in construction, factories and offices aren't coming back. "A good guess...is that when the economy recovers five years from now, one in six men who are 25 to 54 will not be working," Lawrence Summers, the president's economic adviser, said the other day.
...
For 50 years, the fraction of men with jobs in what once were prime earning years has been trending down. Over the same decades, the share of women who work has been rising, a significant social change that lately has cushioned the blow of Dad's unemployment for many couples.

Women have suffered less in this recession. They were more likely to be in health care and other jobs that weren't hit as hard as construction and manufacturing. They are increasingly likely to have the education so often required to get or keep a good job these days.
...
Each approach has shortcomings. So does doing nothing. Sidelining a huge part of an entire generation of men would waste human potential, create economic misery for their families and fuel political discontent.'

Why is Hollywood hot for circumcision?

anthony · 7 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'News of Sandra Bullock's choice to have her adopted son circumcised has tickled the Jewish media: Isn't it cool that non-Jews are getting their kids circumcised, too? And not just the snip-n-clip way, but the Jewish way, with a mohel.

What makes it more interesting, though, is that a high-profile celeb like Bullock is taking up the ritual during a period of sharp decline. According to a 2008 L.A. Times article, ritual circumcision of American boys dropped from 85% in 1965 to 56% in 2005. Unless performed for religious reasons, the story said, many parents chose to opt out because of questionable medical benefits and the stigma of genital mutilation. Then came a startling new development when a study out of Africa found that circumcised males were "51% to 60% less likely to acquire HIV from heterosexual vaginal sex with an infected woman."'

UK scientist discusses general measured IQ differences between the sexes

Anonymous · 8 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is my contention - based on a lifetime of academic research - that there is an explanation and I advance it all too aware of the howls of feminist outrage I am about to unleash. So, here goes: one of the main reasons why there are not more female science professors or chief executives or Cabinet ministers is that, on average, men are more intelligent than women. Nor do the shocks to the noisy advocates of equal opportunities stop there, I'm afraid.
...
For instance, at the near-genius level (an IQ of 145), brilliant men outnumber brilliant women by 8 to one. That's statistics, not sexism.

In this context, Professor Greenfield's indignation that only one in ten science professors is female doesn't seem all that bad. It also goes some way to explaining why, in almost 110 years of Nobel Prize history, only two women have ever won the Prize for physics, only four have won the Prize for chemistry and why no women at all have ever won the coveted Fields Medal for mathematics in eight decades of trying.
...

By all means, take steps to ensure that boys and girls get the same opportunities in education, but let's also accept that those same opportunities will not produce the same outcomes. Men will always outnumber women in certain fields and vice versa.

My argument isn't based on crude chauvinist doctrine (although I'm quite sure my opponents will disagree) but on decades of research, relatively simple statistics and an understanding of the law of averages.

Of course, just because men, on average, are more intelligent then women, doesn't mean there are no individually brilliant women around.

If I'm right, it doesn't mean there will be no female professors of physics; it just means we should accept that there will be fewer of them. Nor does it mean that a woman will never win the Fields Medal for mathematics; it just means that we live in a world where such an event is very, very unlikely.

I realise my views are unfashionable, just as I realise the juggernaut of sexual equality and political correctness will take an awful lot of stopping.'

Not content to allow MGM, now the AAP wants to curb the prohibition on FGM, too

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From an IA email:

We thought America's baby girls were safe from genital cutting, until now...

Last week, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a new policy statement proposing changes to the Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Act, a law that has prohibited any form of FGM in the United States since 1996.

But now the AAP wants to change the law to allow a "ritual nick" of girls' genitals, so families whose cultures accept FGM don't send their daughters overseas for the full genital cutting procedure.

At Intact America, we know that any form of genital cutting of babies is wrong – ethically, morally, and medically.

We can't afford to allow our leaders to destroy the progress we've made in outlawing genital mutilation for our baby girls. We must act quickly – send a message demanding that the AAP revoke its policy statement IMMEDIATELY.

For years, we've been focused on male circumcision because we believed the horror of female genital mutilation had been outlawed forever in the United States.

But now those protections are at risk.

We must do EVERYTHING in our power to stop the AAP from sanctioning the cutting of our baby girls.

Tell the AAP to revoke its statement immediately and remind the members of its Committee on Bioethics that any form of genital cutting, whether male or female, is unnecessary, harmful, and ethically wrong.

You can also go one step further by spreading the word to your friends and family or sharing this action on Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you for all your help in this critical moment.

Sincerely,

Georganne Chapin
Executive Director, Intact America
www.intactamerica.org

On this Mother's Day, consider why it was originally conceived

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Origins discussed here. Originally it seems it was meant as a way to unite mothers against war so their sons would not be killed (and what MRA wouldn't support that?), yet it fast morphed into what it is now: another commercialized holiday. In contrast, Father's Day remains just another typical day at the shop.

I can't include an excerpt from the MSNBC page since it's a Flash presentation, but the part of the Wikipedia entry on it referring to Julia Ward Howe is here. It says she was a feminist and indeed, maybe she was. I doubt she was quite the same type of feminist though as we see today (who cares nothing about what happens to men in war), given she was forming her new holiday around the idea of saving men from war. Excerpt:

'The "Mother's Day Proclamation" by Julia Ward Howe was one of the early calls to celebrate Mother's Day in the United States. Written in 1870, Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation was a pacifist reaction to the carnage of the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War. The Proclamation was tied to Howe's feminist belief that women had a responsibility to shape their societies at the political level.'

The MSNBC Flash story shows how one of Howe's daughters became so incensed at how her mother's vision of Mother's Day was exploited and misused that it eventually drove her insane, leading her to die in a mental institution.

Other people, it seems, fast learned that one could make a fortune off of a general concept of a day to honor mothers rather than so much as a penny off the actual intention of the holiday, which was to keep their sons from getting killed in war. So they discarded this inconvenient truth and rushed to their cash registers. And there you have the priorities of nymphotropism laid bare, fast translated into profits.

Obama nominates Elena Kagan for Supreme Court

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Story here. My prediction of 4/22 was wrong. I didn't think he'd tap a person already in his administration for the position. She's currently the US solicitor-general, who is the top lawyer for civil cases the United States is involved in either as a plaintiff, respondent, or appellant. But, he did. One part of the prediction I did get right though was that the nominee would be female. No man would even be considered under the current "paradigm of thinking" that pervades Washington at the moment.

Ms. Kagan's Wikipedia entry is here. As I mentioned in my comments of 4/22, there is nothing in the entry regarding her views on repro. rights, but Obama did say he would nominate someone with a strong history of supporting them. She has never been a presiding judge in her career, so it's unlikely she can have developed an "official record" one way or another.

Obviously she still has the confirmation process to go through. When that will happen, I don't know. But I do know this: This is a very good window of opportunity for MRAs to get male repro. rights issues voiced to her and to our representatives.

Undoubtedly she will be asked questions about her views regarding many things and like other candidates for the SC, undoubtedly she will avoid answering them, saying she has no specific cases before her, etc., etc. But if even one of those questions asks her of her views regarding the imbalance of repro. rights between men and women under the law, it will at least get the issue on the tube. At the moment, it doesn't get any air time at all.

So stay tuned! There's an opportunity here for activism we don't want to pass up.

UK: Facebook hacker jailed after falsely accusing boyfriend of rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Zoe Williams was described as "really wicked" by the judge, who jailed her for four months.

A court heard she tried to set up her ex-boyfriend partner after accused him of raping her several times after the end of their five-year relationship in 2007.

After the false allegations, the man was arrested and held in custody for eight hours as he protested his innocence.

Williams, 23, of Chard, Somerset, later admitted concocting the message and prosecutor Caroline Bolt said the rape allegations were not proceeded with.

Williams, who has since married and has a baby, admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice at Taunton Crown Court.

She was caught when police seized her computer and proved she had written a message warning herself to drop the rape allegations.

Ed Boyce, mitigating, said: "She felt the police were not taking seriously the complaints of rape she made to them, so she decided to invent this message and sent it to herself in the hope that it would strengthen her complaint. It has done completely the opposite and she regretted what she did."'

"90 feared dead after Siberian mine blast" - no mention of "men"

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Story here. The "forbidden word" is of course not even mentioned in the article. Was there even one female miner in the blast? Excerpt:

'Rescuers were searching desperately for 58 people still missing in a Russian coal mine yesterday as the death toll from twin methane blasts rose to 32.

Hopes were fading of finding survivors more than 450 metres underground at the Raspadskaya pit in Siberia, Russia's largest underground mine. Eighteen of the victims have been rescuers who died in the second explosion on Sunday after going in search of miners trapped by the first blast late on Saturday.

Twelve miners died and 71 were hurt in that explosion as 370 people worked underground at the mine in the Kemerovo region. Sergei Shoigu, the Emergency Situations Minister, said that the body of the 31st victim, a rescue worker, had been recovered as a large-scale search mission resumed.

He said that 30 teams of rescuers were searching "in all directions" in the mine after power and ventilation supplies were restored following the second explosion. But he cautioned that high methane levels and rising floodwater in the mine's deepest shafts were hampering their work, adding that the rescue mission had 48 hours at most to find anyone alive.'

"Partner Abuse": Peer-reviewed journal launched

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A new peer-reviewed journal on DV has been announced here, which aims to be apolitical in its approach to the matter. One article published in its second issue entitled "Gender Symmetry or Asymmetry in Intimate Partner Victimization? Not an Either/Or Answer" can be downloaded from here (sorry about the pop-up ad, but it's on a free hosting site). People involved especially in DV issues, this new journal should be a great resource for you. Article excerpt:

'Gender differences in physical victimization, sexual victimization, injury, fear, and depressive symptoms were assessed in a representative community sample of 453 young couples. The prevalence of any physical victimization experienced by women and men did not differ (29% vs. 30%), but men reported more severe physical victimization than women. No difference in prevalence of overall injury was observed, but more women reported severe injury than men. Almost twice as many women as men reported being sexually victimized (28% vs. 15%). Physically victimized females reported more fear of their partners than physically victimized men and than nonvictimized women. Physically victimized men and women, sexually victimized men and women, and physically injured men and women all had more depressive symptoms than those men and women who were not victimized or injured. Severely victimized women were 3 times more likely than severely victimized men to have depression scores in the clinical range (27% vs. 9%). In sum, whether one finds gender symmetry regarding aggression and its correlates depends on more than simple prevalence of aggression by men and women.'

Melissa Huckaby finally confesses, pleads guilty to murder of girl

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Finally after a year of lying about it, she comes clean and confesses to the crime - in exchange for having the rape and drugging charges dropped. Story here. Excerpt:

'STOCKTON, Calif. -- A California Sunday school teacher accused of kidnapping, raping and killing an 8-year-old playmate of her daughter, then stuffing the body in a suitcase, pleaded guilty Monday to murder.

Melissa Huckaby, 29, entered the guilty plea in San Joaquin County Superior Court to a charge of first-degree murder with a special circumstance of kidnapping.

As part of a deal with prosecutors, all other charges -- including two involving rape and lewd or lascivious conduct with a child under 14 -- were dropped, according to Assistant Court Executive Officer Sharon Morris.

The initial charges in the grand jury indictment last year would have made her eligible for the death penalty if convicted. Her trial had been set to begin in October.'

Golf and fishing are equal-opportunity employers for liars

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This is not really even an MRA point-up; more along the lines of humor. Everyone it seems is susceptible to lying/cheating at two things: golf and fishing-- yet even women. Bad that it happened, good she got caught before she threw the game too much, lesson learned (if she's smart). Excerpt:

'We've brought you plenty of stories of noble, honest golf efforts in recent months, including last week's tale of a college golfer who deliberately shanked a shot to allow his competitor to win, so it's only fair we tell you a story that didn't turn out quite so well.

Annie Brophy, a senior golfer at Notre Dame playing in Saturday's NCAA Central Regional, busted out of the gate at the difficult Otter Creek Golf Course in Indiana with an astonishing 30 on the front nine, including five birdies and an eagle.

Well, at least it would have been amazing -- had it actually happened. Turns out that while Brophy was keeping an accurate score on her own card, she was flat-out making up scores for volunteers to post as she went along. You know, just like the rest of us do when we're playing with family.

...NCAA rules officials caught up with Brophy on the 11th hole to keep an eye on her -- and what they saw confirmed their suspicions that something freaky was going on.
...
After just a couple more holes, the NCAA had had enough. They caught her on the 14th hole and yanked her off the course, disqualifying her for unsportsmanlike conduct. Nancy Cross, chair of the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee, indicated that she believed Brophy simply was having a little fun, and had no idea of the effect her number-jumbling was having on the rest of the field.

Book reviews: "The Emotionally Unavailable Man: A Blueprint for Healing" and "The Male Brain"

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Reviews by J. Steven Svoboda:

"The Emotionally Unavailable Man: A Blueprint for Healing"

The Emotionally Unavailable Man: A Blueprint for Healing. By Patti Henry. Highland City, Florida: Rainbow Books, Incorporated. 2004. 177 pp. (men's book) + 83 pp. (women's book).www.allbookstores.com. $16.95. Also available from same publisher as set of 9 unabridged CD's for $24.95.

Psychotherapist Patti Henry has finally written her first book, and it turns out to be good enough and different enough to justify being reviewed here despite its appearance in 2004. (Henry only sent me the review copy recently and I was previously unaware of this book.) "As a psychotherapist in private practice…" she writes, "men keep coming to my office, one after another, hurting, wounded… but mostly unhappy…. They feel like they are trapped, dying somehow. They feel like little boys in grown up bodies." As we read the book, we come to realize that virtually all men are in some ways emotionally unavailable.

Henry believes that what she calls our culture's "tradition of teaching our little boys to cut off from their feelings" helps create problems that interfere with men's emotional development. And so we have ended up in a situation today where "women seem to have gained some advantage over the last 60 years. They have their emotions---little girls are not taught to cut of from that part of themselves—and they have the business world, too. Men, however, have arrived somewhat at a disadvantage. They have the business world. Period."

The author really grasps in a way I do not remember ever seeing concretized so particularly how women can—intentionally or otherwise—create what she calls a "hurricane" that is "powerful and it is relentless," that shames and terrifies men and shuts them down. There are many ways to avoid the hurricane, but it is often hard for men to do as it may feel familiar from a childhood hurricane created by a raging, addicted, or overly powerful parent. Also, many ways to avoid the hurricane are dysfunctional and counterproductive--raging, overreacting, passive aggression, running away. If men can learn to face the storm, they can bring themselves into full adulthood. Henry writes that to face the storm, we need certain tools, including the realization that we are not victims, the realization that we also have needs, and the need to set healthy boundaries.

Just the realization, "I am not a victim" can be such a powerful statement to release us into adulthood, as Henry relates it did for her. As far as boundaries go, Henry provides an apposite metaphor: "I liken good relationships to sending a fax. You send your partner a fax and you get to keep the original." She then gives the reader seven detailed steps in setting and enforcing meaningful, realistic boundaries.

Most of us had programming laid in at childhood that may not be serving us any more. One of Henry's more inspired metaphors: allowing your (often counterproductive) childhood programming to continue to run things is like letting a five-year-old drive your car.

Chapter 8 contains no fewer than—count 'em!—twenty-eight suggested methods for reconnecting with one's feelings, each explained in detail. Clearly, this author really cares. Suggestion 2: Inventory your losses. Suggestion 5: Write a letter to each of your parents. Suggestion 10: Think About Your Own Children (but why does the author assume all readers necessarily have kids?). Suggestion 14: Practice One-Sentence Confrontations. Suggestion 21: Pray, Sit with Nature, Meditate. Henry earns a lot of points in my book for repeatedly urging readers to attend the Mankind Project's New Warrior Weekend, which--as is probably true for virtually every man who has done it—is one of the most important, powerful things I ever did.

Henry provides a fair amount of atypical advice, as when she counsels her readers not to take items off the table. In other words, if there is some issue that keeps coming up between you and your partner, it needs to be worked out,

no matter how trivial it seems, and should not be submerged as it is bound to surface later in a more virulent form. Another example is her advice not to compromise, to go for a win-win but never to agree to something just to end a conflict when your agreement is not genuine. "Compromise doesn't work when it means we take turns losing," she memorably summarizes, later adding even more succinctly, "DO NOT say yes to something when the answer is no." Finally, Henry believes in the occasional use of retraction, when you agree to something that you later realize just doesn't work for you and when there is an important principle at stake for you that you can't override and be true to yourself. The author provides a memorable story of how she uninvited her mother to witness the birth of her child!

This is literally a two-sided book. Start reading from one side and it's a book for men; start from the other side and it's a shorter book for women. Everything I have discussed so far is from the men's book, and really Henry's focus is on men. The women's book enables female partners of emotionally unavailable men to support their partners during the process she outlines. She does provide some memorable points in the women's book too. For example, don't wait to start your life until you have a partner. When you have a partner, neither make him your "project" nor live parallel lives with him. Rather, stay connected while holding onto your individuality. The author also looks at and even lists the numerous "secondary gains" that can hold us back from improving a relationship due to comfort and vested interest in the status quo, even though it may be miserable. She also provides sage advice on overcoming resistances, on creating safety for one's partner, and on how love in a relationship should be conditional, not unconditional (another unconventional yet wise point in her favor).

Some examples fall flat or just don't seem to quite fit. But those that do are often stunning. The other odd thing I noticed is the author's repeated assumption all her readers have kids, which doesn't interfere with the flow of the book or invalidate her points but is just a bit jarring.

Henry's originality means that the numerous examples are fresh, often taken from the author's own life or those of her clients (suitably anonymized of course), or even from Sea World (her example of how Shamu is incrementally changed to do the trick where he leaps out of the water is simply stunning). In a word, what is most special about this book is its sympathy for men—Henry really gets men—and its originality. This is a book not to be missed—and you can listen to it in the car if you prefer that to reading.

"The Male Brain"

The Male Brain. By Louann Brizendine, M.D. New York: Broadway Books, 2010. www.crownpublishing.com. 271 pp. $24.99.

Psychiatrist Louann Brizendine, currently of the University of California, San Francisco and formerly of Harvard Medical School, has published the predictable followup to her bestselling book The Female Brain. This may be the most accessible book I have ever read that has slightly more than half its length taken up with appendices, notes, references, and the index. In 135 easy-to-read pages, Brizendine lays out the basic functioning of the male brain. Despite the number of books addressing these general topics, the author stands out due to her knack both for memorable formulations of information and for bringing up little-discussed aspects of the brain and tying them into everyday aspects of life to which we can relate.

Her prefatory material is fabulous in itself. We get two pages summarizing the ten principal areas of the male brain, followed by a three-page "cast of neurohormone characters" that sets the tone as it gives us the list of players as if we were in the theatre: "Testosterone—Zeus. King of the male hormones, he is dominant, aggressive, and all-powerful…." Or the less familiar "Mullerian Inhibiting Substance (MIS)—Hercules. He's strong, tough, and fearless. Also known as the Defeminizer, he ruthlessly strips away all that is feminine from the male…." One more: "Androstenedione—Romeo. The charming seducer of women. When released by the skin as a pheromone he does more for a man's sex appeal than any aftershave or cologne." Next are two pages summarizing the phases of a man's life.

Then the book proper begins! Brizendine explains that male and female brains to differ considerably. "In the female

brain, the hormones estrogen, progesterone, and oxytocin predispose brain circuits toward female-typical behaviors. In the male brain, it's testosterone, vasopressin, and a hormone called MIS (Mullerian inhibiting substance) that have the earliest and most enduring effects…. We have learned that men use different brain circuits to process spatial information and solve emotional problems." The author aligns her chapters with the different principal phases of a male brain's life---the boy brain, the teen boy brain, the mating brain, the brain below the belt, the daddy brain, manhood, and the mature male brain.

In the chapters on the boy brain and the teen boy brain, the doctor provides tales drawn from her own experiences raising boys. By the time we get to the mating brain, things are really starting to heat up. She provides a detailed travelogue of an imaginary train trip along the brain circuits of "the male brain in love." One key area of the brain involved in pair bonding is the ventral tegmental area or VTA, whose cells manufacture dopamine, "the brain's feel-good neurotransmitter for motivation and reward…. Filled with dopamine, the train would speed along his brain circuits to the next station, the NAc, or nucleus accumbens, the area for anticipation of pleasure and reward." And later, "[a]s the train sped into the final station, the caudate nucleus, or CN, the area for memorizing the look and identity of whoever is giving you pleasure," we'd see al the tiniest details about the woman who started the train going in the first place.

Interestingly, to reach orgasm, "both men and women must first turn off a few parts of the brain—like the amygdale, the brain's danger and alert center—and the areas for self- consciousness and worrying—the anterior cingulated cortex, or ACC." Now there's a topic that I haven't heard feminists talk about much. Although I had heard this before, I appreciated the author's reminder that, women's complaints that men don't care enough about them to stay awake and cuddle to the contrary, "the truth is that the hormone oxytocin is to blame for a man's so-called postcoital narcolepsy."

Being a father myself, it is fascinating to read about the daddy brain and then to consider how nature has equipped males to do such different tasks—fight, conquer a woman, and then nurture children. Certain brain circuits are designed to induce men to fall in love with their children. "[C]lose physical contact releases oxytocin and pleasure hormones in dads, too, bonding parent to child." And of course, as the author reminds us, men are critical to a child's well-being. Active discipline from fathers plays a crucial role in a child's success in life, and a girl's close relationship with her father can set the stage for getting along well with men throughout her life.

In the manhood chapter, the author explains that both men and women have both a mirror-neuron system (MNS) and a temporal-parietal junction system (TPJ) but the female brain stays in the MNS longer while the male brain quickly switches over to the problem solving, action-oriented TPJ. These different brain circuits function adaptively and helpfully, for the most part, even though in modern society we may sometimes deny certain aspects of the behaviors they produce. The TPJ induces men to, for example, aggressively stare down guys they may catch checking out their wives, and women— whatever they may say—generally feel flattered by such behavior. Like it or not, "[r]esearch shows that angry men get noticed more—not only by other men but also by women." Not only that, but "couples who argue have a better chance of staying together."

Finally, the mature male brain has grown in comfort with its established rank in whatever hierarchies apply to the man's life, and it feels less called to prove itself than it did when it was younger.

What a great book! A quick, easy, and pleasant read, yet a very enlightening and instructive one. The model of integrating small amounts of core text with large quantities of prefatory and supplementary material is one other authors should consider adopting. Don't miss this fabulous work. Three cheers!

Scientists to test ultrasound as a male contraceptive

dschmidt · 12 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. University of North Carolina researchers are investigating using ultrasound as a safe, reliable, reversible birth control method for men. Excerpt:

'Scientists are beginning tests to see if ultrasound can be used as a reversible contraceptive for men.

Based on early work, University of North Carolina experts believe a blast of ultrasound to the testes can safely stop sperm production for six months.

With a grant of $100,000 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation they will push ahead with more clinical trials.

The researchers ultimately hope it could offer a new birth control option to couples throughout the world.

Lead researcher Dr James Tsuruta said: "We think this could provide men with up to six months of reliable, low-cost, non-hormonal contraception from a single round of treatment.'

F&F: 2 More Bills Pass California Senate Judiciary Committee

Matt · 12 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers & Families has co-sponsored and/or been instrumental in introducing and working for the passage of five family court reform bills in the current California legislative session. Our bills address child custody reform, child support reform, protection from family court financial abuses, and others. Below is our progress:

1) SB 1188–Passed Senate Judiciary Committee by unanimous consent

2) SB 1355–Passed Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously

3) AB 2416–Passed Assembly by unanimous consent, passed Assembly Judiciary Committee by unanimous consent

4) SB 578–Passed Senate Judiciary Committee

5) SB 580–Passed Senate Judiciary Committee

These victories did not happen by accident. They are the result of months and years of planning and lobbying by Fathers & Families' legislative representative Michael Robinson and assistant legislative representative Nicole Silverman.'

Relatedly: Mass. Shared Parenting Bill Clears Next Hurdle, Is Extended by Judiciary Committee

Abuse Arrest Policies Push Gender Bias: Report

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, May 12 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Biased domestic violence arrest policies are violating the civil rights of innocent Americans and allowing abusers to go free, according to a report released today. The report, "Predominant Aggressor Policies: Leaving the Abuser Unaccountable?" charges such policies violate 14th Amendment equal protection guarantees and worsen the cycle of violence.

The analysis is published by SAVE – Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, and is available online: http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/Predominant-Aggressor-Policies [.pdf file]

The report analyzes domestic violence policies in 23 states designed to guide law enforcement personnel in arrest decisions. The document calls on states with predominant aggressor laws to repeal such policies.

The predominant aggressor report follows SAVE's recent release of "Assaulting our Rights: How Domestic Violence Laws Curtail Our Fundamental Freedoms," which concludes abuse laws result in the curtailment of civil liberties of over 2 million Americans each year:
http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/SAVE-Assault-Civil-Rights [.pdf file]

Research shows men and women are equally likely to instigate acts of partner aggression: http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm. But in Roanoke, Va., police officers are instructed to assess the "Height/weight of parties," a criterion that openly biases the officer to arrest the male.'

Women increasingly susceptible to "men's diseases"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kay McCaw was under unbearable pressure. She was going through a divorce, selling her home and working 16 hours a day.

'I was coming home from work, crying with exhaustion and stress, then pulling myself together and getting onto the computer until two in the morning,' says the 45-year-old from Frimley, Surrey.

'My job as a PA for an international tobacco company involved dealing with people across different time zones all over the world and there was no respite from the e-mails and faxes.

...

While it's well-known that job stress is linked to heart problems in men, as the Mail reported last week, researchers have found it affects women, too.

A Danish study showed that women in high-pressure jobs are twice as likely to suffer from heart disease, with those under 50 at greatest risk.

Stress is thought to have a direct effect on the heart rate. It's also indirectly linked to heart disease.

'People who are stressed are more likely to drink too much, to smoke, to eat junk food and to avoid exercise,' explains Fotini rozakeas, a cardiac nurse at the British Heart Foundation. These are all classic risk factors for heart disease.'

Point being that it's what one does and is expected to do that shortens one's expected lifespan. In the past, society just expected men to drop dead of things like heart attacks, etc. Now that women are beginning to experience the same thing, maybe, just maybe, society will start paying more attention to the problem of work-life balance - well, at least for women, anyway.

How Your Son Could End Up on the Sex Offender List

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's say your son turns 18. He gets a job at the local carnival, running the ride where the kids lie face down and spin around till they shriek with delight (or puke). Before each ride he has to buckle the kids in so they don't fly out. But then -- tragedy strikes.

Oh, don't worry. Nobody goes flying. They're buckled just fine. But one girl does tell her mother, "He touched my bottom!"

...

The next day the police take him in for questioning. They ask him the same thing, this time with the videotape running. He gives them the same answer.

It is considered his confession. He is convicted of "Indecent Assault and Battery on a Child." He goes to jail for nine months. He is put on the Sex Offender Registry -- for life.

Meantime, a few years later, your younger son is now 18. He's at the urinal in the school bathroom during a weekend service project. A girl too young to read bursts in and he yells, "Out out out! Get out!" She starts crying and leaves. Her mom is concerned. The police are called. Was he in the men's room with a girl?

Well, yes. Since everyone agrees the girl was not touched, he is convicted of "Visual Sexual Aggression Against a Child" -- the crime of having a child see his genitals. He does six months in jail. He's placed on the Sex Offender Registry for the next 10 years.'

YouTube: Canadian Senator Ann Cools telling police the truth about DV

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Via Marc A.:

Canadian Senator Ann Cools was the first black women in the Canadian Parliament and did lots of work for battered women and gender equality. But, like Erin Pizzy, Patricia Overberg and many others, she eventually saw the myths, lies and distortions being propagated by the movement she was part of. Since then, she has spoken out for battered men for years. Here she is a few years ago talking to Toronto Police Services about how the domestic violence shelter movement is spreading myths, how in reality men and women initiate the violence at equal rates, and about gender-selective prosecution. Years ago, NCFM awarded Senator Cools its annual Award for Excellence in the Advancement of Men's issues.

Ed. note: Another YT channel highlighting men's issues holds this same video.

Disabled lawyer faces sexual harassment charges over uncontrollable spastic movements

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Story here. First off, those not knowing what cerebral palsy is should read about it here, with an emphasis on reading about its symptoms. A person with a bad case of this is indeed subject to spastic and uncontrolled movements. If they result in embarrassing situations, then they do. People who have any understanding of this will know it and act accordingly.

But since the person in this case with the condition is male and the person inconvenienced and/or embarrassed (nay, *offended*) by the symptoms thereof is female, he is facing criminal charges for exhibiting symptoms of a nervous system condition over which he has no control.

In short, this is about as clear-cut a case of legalized oppression of males as I can imagine. It is in the same category of what happened to black men if they even so much as accidentally looked at a white woman during the days of slavery here in the US. Article:

'A disabled lawyer accused of touching the rear end of a Taxi and Limousine Commission judge is blaming it on his cerebral palsy.

Queens prosecutors have charged Hippocrate Mertsaris, 35, with sexual abuse and sexual harassment for allegedly grabbing the woman's inner thigh and buttocks during a meeting in her Kew Gardens offices.

Mertsaris' lawyer, Wyatt Gibbons, admits his client touched the woman but denies it was sexual.

"He whacked her in the butt but it wasn't sexual abuse," Gibbons said. "He has spastic movements."

Gibbons says the East Elmhurst man uses a wheelchair and gets around with the help of a health care aide.

"If he was starving to death and had a hamburger in front of him he couldn't lean over to pick it up," Gibbons said.

A hearing on the matter is scheduled for June 15.'

IA makes its 25k signature goal, delivers petition

Matt · 12 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From an IA newsletter:

'In late April, I spoke via conference call with Dr. Peter Kilmarx, Chief of HIV/AIDS Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control, and several other officials from the CDC, to urge them to refrain from recommending routine circumcision for baby boys. I told them Intact America had a petition from thousands of you who felt the same way.

On May 6th, we followed up by sending 25,278 signatures to the CDC to drive home the message.

I want to thank you and the tens of thousands of intactivists who added your names to this petition calling for the protection of our baby boys.

It's not over between us and the CDC. We'll be in touch to let you know its response to our petition.'

IA's website is http://www.intactamerica.org/

Teacher cleared of molestation: ‘Nobody wins’

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In this case, the teacher was female. Read the story. See how quickly such things spin out of control. And after half a million bucks to legal defense and two years under suspicion and scrutiny, finally she is found not guilty at trial, but of course will be suspect for life - just like any man in that position. Whether a man would have been exonerated under the same circumstances however is highly doubtful. Excerpt:

'Now that a jury has said “not guilty,” now that she is finally free of allegations of child abuse that have hung over her for two years, a former kindergarten teacher from Georgia can reveal that one of the three children who testified against her was her own daughter.

“My own daughter,” Tonya Craft confirmed to TODAY’s Meredith Vieira Wednesday in New York.

“The only thing she had ever said was that I had put medicine on her,” Craft added. But taken along with the testimony of two other young girls, it seemed momentous to prosecutors.
...
Late Tuesday afternoon, the 37-year-old Craft had nearly collapsed in a Ringgold, Ga., courtroom as the jury that had listened to five weeks of testimony declared her not guilty on all 22 counts of molestation and abuse lodged against her two years ago when she was a kindergarten teacher at Chickamauga Elementary School.

The charges had torn the small town apart. Craft’s attorney, Demosthenes Lorandos, who joined his client on TODAY, told Vieira that he had rushed her out of the courtroom after the verdict because of death threats that had been made against her.
...
“I want to make people aware that this can happen anytime, anywhere, to anyone, and just to get it right; to have qualified individuals interviewing the children,” she said. “To parents, if there is a situation that you wonder about, take them to the proper people. Just get it right for the children, because children that are a part of false allegations are just as devastated as children that truly are molested.”'

Japan: Mother of falsely accused groper who killed himself seeks justice

Anonymous · 12 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The venue he chose was one he knew well from his university days – a platform at Waseda subway station. Not long before, he had had a dreadful misadventure. At JR Shinjuku Station, he'd been jumped by two male university students whose female companion – all three had been drinking – accused him of groping her. They beat him and dragged him to a police station, where police interrogated him throughout the night.

Harada's mother, so suddenly bereft of her only son, continues to seek eye witnesses at Shinjuku Station.

For nearly an hour after the police released him early on the 11th," says Naomi Harada, 53, "my son wandered around central Tokyo. He is extremely nearsighted and wasn't wearing his contact lenses, so he wouldn't have been able to see much. He was studying English, and generally carried an IC recorder about with him. It was switched on. My son's voice is on it, muttering something through tears. I can't make out what he's saying."'

Teacher's brutal attack on boy, 13, at U.S. school posted on YouTube

Broadsword · 13 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"A schoolteacher has been fired after she brutally attacked a 13-year-old pupil in front of a classroom full of students, according to US reports.

Shocking video footage appears to show Sheri Davis dragging, kicking and slapping sixth grader Isaiah Johnson after squaring up to him as he cowered in a corner.

The alleged beating is thought to have lasted almost a minute and was filmed on a mobile phone by another pupils before being posted on YouTube.

Officials at Jamie's House Charter School, a centre for children with disciplinary issues in Houston, Texas, are reportedly 'horrified'.

The 40-year-old teacher has been sacked and bosses have apologised to the youngster and his furious mother, Alesha Johnson.

Police have been called in to investigate amid public outcry, which came after the video was obtained by Ms Johnson and aired on Houston's Fox News channel.

Some children can be heard laughing on the tape as Isaiah struggles to defend himself against the teacher.

'I was on the wall like this trying to get away from her and she started hitting me, banging my head to the wall and kicking me,' Isaiah said.

'The teachers piled up and they were looking over each others shoulders just watching.'"

UK: Girl, 8, tells court she lied about being raped by ten-year-old boys

Broadsword · 13 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A girl of eight yesterday said she had lied about being raped by two ten-year-olds.

The youngster told the Old Bailey she had wanted to play with the boys because she thought it would be 'fun'.

She said she made up the rape claim because she was worried she wouldn't get any sweets if her mother found out she had been 'a bit naughty'.

The boys, now aged ten and 11, are believed to be the youngest ever in Britain to face trial for rape.'

Family of 13-YO boy beaten by teacher sues teacher and school

Matt · 14 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Good for them - don't wait on it. Go immediately for justice. Make teachers who think it's fine to abuse kids think twice. If they can't handle the job, they should quit. I do hope criminal charges will be brought against her as rapidly as civil ones are. The story:

'HOUSTON - The family of a 13-year-old whose beating by a Houston charter school teacher was caught on a classmate's cell phone video has filed a lawsuit against the teacher and the school.

Science teacher Sheri Lynn Davis was fired Monday night from Jamie's House Charter School. Her dismissal came after video of Reagins' beating became public.

The lawsuit was filed Thursday on behalf of Isaiah Reagins by his mother, Alesha Johnson.

His family says the boy suffered a black eye and other bruises. Johnson says she's taken her son out of the school.

Davis' attorney, Chip Lewis, says he and his client will have a Friday news conference.

A spokeswoman for the school said she couldn't comment on the lawsuit but that school officials feel they handled the situation appropriately after learning of it.'

Police: Missing Woman "Overwhelmed by Stress"

anthony · 14 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Nancy Salas was idolized and adored by family and friends as a successful student about to graduate from the University of California, Los Angeles. They didn't know she hadn't been enrolled since 2008.

Police say it was pressure from family and friends that prompted her disappearance and her claim that she'd been abducted at knifepoint.

"It's a tragic story," Glendale police Sgt. Tom Lorenz said. "She didn't know how to handle it and she fled."
...
She told police she'd been abducted by a man at knifepoint during her run and was taken to Merced by bus and train, he said.

Back home in her parents' tiny living room late Thursday, a tearful Salas spoke to her family, friends and about 40 people who helped search for her. KMEX-TV was the only news organization allowed inside.

Salas choked back tears and thanked them for their "unconditional love," but she didn't explain exactly why or how she ran away.
...
Salas stuck with the story that she'd been abducted until shortly before she was set to be reunited with her family at the Glendale police station, Lorenz said. She then admitted that she made it up and fled because she felt intense pressure from her family and friends.'

Study: Women in top jobs are viewed as 'better leaders' than men

Broadsword · 15 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Women in executive positions are perceived as better leaders than men, according to a new study.

The prevailing stereotype that women in business are too sensitive or not as competent can stop them from advancing through the so-called 'glass ceiling'.

However, once a woman has shattered that barrier, these qualities actually work in her favour, according to a Duke University researcher.

The research, published in the Journal of Applied Psychology, found top women executives were credited with responsibility for their own success. They were viewed as both more competent and more relationship-oriented than men.

This led them to be perceived as more effective leaders than their male counterparts.
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'But on the tiptop rungs of the corporate ladder, competence and niceness may have a certain level of compatibility for women top leaders.'"

The New Sheriffs of Wall Street

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Time gleefully reports here. The gender of watchdog group leaders will of course change the outcome of future possible ways that the financial system we have can get gamed by greedy people (er, sorry, that should read "greedy men"). But when that turns out to be false, next will be an insistence that financial institutions be led by women and that will fix the problem, since they have less testosterone. After that fails, the insistence will be traders and others making the deals be women now instead of men. We may see laws barring the number of men as a percentage that can be hired into such positions. Outlandish idea? A lot of things were considered outlandish until only recently.

"Testosterone-fueled". I must have read that phrase a hundred times going through articles on the financial mess the world of banking and finance has gotten us into. Meanwhile I would like to point out that speculative home purchasing and decisions about complex financial instruments made in ignorance are not subject to genderal factors, but for those seeking simple answers to complicated questions, anything, it seems, will do. Excerpt:

A few weeks back, at an event to celebrate the role of women in finance, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner tried to get things started with a joke. He said he had recently come across a headline that asked, "What If Women Ran Wall Street?"

"Now that's an excellent question, but it's kind of a low bar," Geithner continued, deadpan amid rising laughter. "How, you might ask, could women not have done better?"

It is rarely noted that the financial wreckage littering our world is the creation, almost exclusively, of men, not women. And no wonder: to this day, each of the large banks, from Citigroup to Goldman Sachs, employs fewer than a handful of women in senior positions, and only 3% of Fortune 500 companies have a woman as CEO. Embarrassing tales of a testosterone-filled trading culture tumbled out of the what-went-wrong probes as the Great Recession took hold.

In itself, Geithner's joke was not extraordinary for Washington, where self-deprecating fare is the norm. But what happened next drove home a deeper point: the lectern in the marbled hall at the U.S. Treasury known as the Cash Room was cleared away so that a panel of women could take their seats. Among them was Sheila Bair, the chair of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and one of the first federal regulators to publicly sound the alarm about the collapse three years ago. She sat next to Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) chair Mary Schapiro, the first woman to hold that post and the deciding vote to initiate the agency's recent lawsuit against Goldman Sachs. Across the stage sat Elizabeth Warren, chair of the panel bird-dogging the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) bank bailout and the chief advocate for new consumer-finance regulations that banks and their allies have spent millions to oppose. Suddenly, something else became clear: these women may not run Wall Street, but in this new era, they are telling Wall Street how to clean up its act.'

UK: As pregnancies on the frontline soar, MoD tells women soldiers: Carry a condom

Broadsword · 16 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The Ministry of Defence has launched a campaign warning female soldiers to carry condoms after an alarming number of pregnancies at bases in Afghanistan.

Adverts in the Army's official magazine Soldier warn 'on deployment, there'll be 50 blokes to each woman' and urge female squaddies, medics and administrative staff to use a condom or 'face something you really don't want to hear.'

Officially, a 'no-touching' rule bans military personnel from having sex in a war zone. But, according to senior officers, provided sexual relationships are between soldiers of a similar rank and do not impact on operations commanders often turn a blind eye.
...
A Freedom of Information response last year revealed that between January 2003 and February 2009, at least 102 British servicewomen posted to Iraq had been sent home after it was found they were to become mothers.

Over the same period the number of female soldiers who had discovered they were pregnant while in theatre in Afghanistan was 31.'

IVF Will Become Better Than Sex As A Means Of Reproduction, Scientists Have Predicted

Broadsword · 16 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Thirtysomethings could routinely conceive babies using IVF within a decade because it will have become better than sex as a means of reproduction, scientists have predicted.

According to a new report, advances in IVF technology mean it will be possible to produce embryos with a success rate of virtually 100% and cultivate them in computer-controlled storage facilities.

The advance will ease the pressure on couples who have delayed having children until their late thirties or forties, perhaps to pursue a career.

They may routinely opt for IVF rather than sex to reproduce, giving themselves a greater chance of conceiving through IVF than young adults in peak condition, who have only a one-in-four chance a month of conceiving naturally.

Among over-35s, the chance of natural conception falls to less than one in 10. Modern fertility techniques have meant the healthiest couples already have a 50:50 chance of success using IVF, but the authors of the report, just published in the journal Reproductive BioMedicine Online, say this is just the beginning.

They point to rapid advances in artificial reproduction for farm animals, which have led to a near-100% success rate in the production of cattle embryos and claim the technology could easily be adapted for humans."

Domestic Violence Awareness Day: Saturday June 5th 2010 in London, Ontario (Canada)

Matt · 16 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via Jeremy S:

Presented by London Equal Parenting Committee

Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased online at canadianepc.com

You can also contact Brad at lepcinfo-at-gmail.com

See the event page at http://www.canadianepc.com/lepc/

Women marrying men with less education, income

anthony · 17 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Academic and workplace strides among women are outpacing those of men in the United States and the gains are affecting who educated women marry, sociologists say. Studies find women are marrying men with less education. The income balance is shifting in American households.

If dating is a numbers game, then single ladies should consider this: A Pew Research Center report this year noted a surge in women between the ages of 30 and 44 making more money than their husbands. Women made more money than men in 22 percent of married couples surveyed in 2007, compared with 4 percent in 1970. While men make more money overall and hold more management positions, women are making greater gains.

"The supply of men has changed," said D'Vera Cohn, senior writer at the Pew Research Center's Social and Demographic Trends project. "The pool of college educated men isn't growing as rapidly as it is for women."
...

The recession has shaken some traditional gender expectations, said several marriage and family experts. About 4.7 million jobs were lost among men during the recession, according to April figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Two million women lost their jobs, the report said, leaving more women to become sole supporters of their families.
...
But most educated women prefer to secure a partner on the same educational level -- or higher. A woman with a master's degree may marry someone without an advanced degree, but he will likely have a bachelor's degree, said Christine B. Whelan, author of the book "Why Smart Men Marry Smart Women." Since the couple is the same social class, the educational differences matter less.'

Ireland: Lecturer fights sanctions after showing colleague bat-sex article

anthony · 17 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A UNIVERSITY lecturer disciplined after he showed a female colleague an article about the sex life of fruit bats is demanding his sanctions be reversed.

Dr Dylan Evans, who lectures in behavioural science at University College Cork (UCC) School of Medicine, says the university president Professor Michael Murphy has imposed harsh sanctions on him for showing an article from a peer-reviewed scientific journal to a colleague.

Now, UCC is at the centre of an embarrassing international debate on political correctness.

The university refused to officially comment on his claim that a two-year period of intensive monitoring and counselling had been imposed. But a copy of the president's letter posted online confirms the sanctions.

A UCC spokesman agreed that an investigation had been held into an allegation of sexual harassment. The investigation was completed and the spokesman would not make any further comment.
...
The president then wrote to Dr Evans saying that he was requesting him to engage in training and counselling and to complete a period of monitoring and appraisal.

"Behaviour of this type is utterly unacceptable and should any further complaint of sexual harassment made against you be upheld, I will have no hesitation but to proceed with the university's disciplinary procedures," he wrote.'

CBS video: Discrimination Against Women in Healthcare

Anonymous · 18 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Caption:

'Before healthcare reform was passed, the U.S. did not have national protection against sexual discrimination in healthcare or insurance. Dr. Jennifer Ashton talks with Marcia Greenberger, founder of the National Women's Law Center, about protecting women's rights.'

F & F's Holstein Squares off Against Leading Child Support Officials on NPR (Audio Available)

Matt · 18 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'The call-in lines were jammed as Fathers & Families' Board Chairman Ned Holstein, M.D., M.S. debated two Ohio child support officials on NPR in Cleveland May 14. To listen to audio of the show, click here. Dr. Holstein is on from 25:30 to 40:30.

To comment on the NPR website, click here.

The show, The Sound of Ideas on Cleveland's NPR affiliate WCPN 90.3 FM is hosted by Cleveland Plain Dealer columnist Regina Brett.

Holstein debated Jennifer Bheam, the Director of the Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency and John Galonski, Chief Assistant Prosecutor for Child Support, Summit County.

Holstein expressed Fathers & Families' view that while we believe all parents should support their children both emotionally and financially, the war on so-called "deadbeat dads" is often just a war against low-income/minority/hard luck fathers. This is particularly true in the recession.'

UK: Law firm unfairly axed male lawyer because it feared discrimation claim if it got rid of his pregnant colleague

Matt · 18 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A male lawyer was wrongfully sacked because his bosses feared they would be sued if they fired his female colleague while she was on maternity leave.

In a rare instance of a man claiming sex discrimination, John de Belin won £123,000 in damages after one of Britain's biggest law firms 'deprived him of his livelihood'.

Mr de Belin, 45, was one of two associates facing redundancy from Eversheds' property division in Leeds. The other was Angela Reinholz, 40.

To decide who would be sacked, the firm undertook an assessment of both Mr de Belin's and Mrs Reinholz's abilities, including financial performance, discipline history and absence records.

Mr de Belin was fired in February 2009 after losing by just half a point, scoring 27 out of 39 in the exercise against Mrs Reinholz's 27.5.

But he later learned that the test score had been 'unfairly inflated' to the advantage of his female colleague.

He also discovered that Mrs Reinholz was given the maximum possible score for her ability to swiftly secure 'lock-up' payments from clients - even though she was at home on maternity leave during the period of time she was being assessed.

The Leeds employment tribunal ruled that this effectively tipped the balance in her favour and Mr de Belin lost out.'

New Dads, Too, Can Suffer Depression

Matt · 19 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This has been reported a couple times already here on MANN (search on "postpartum" in our search box) but each time, new information is revealed. Good to see interest in it continues. How men are affected when a new baby comes into their lives is important. After all, having babies ain't all about mommy, is it? Excerpt:

'It's not just new moms who get postpartum depression. More than one in 10 fathers become depressed after the birth of their child, too, according to a new study that researchers said underscores the need for more awareness of men's depression.

Postpartum depression in mothers has been well-recognized, but much less attention has been focused on how new fathers fare. That's because women are usually the primary care givers and postpartum depression was considered a condition likely linked to hormonal changes in pregnancy. Experts say treating depression, whether it's in the mother or father, is important because it raises the risk for long-term behavioral and psychiatric problems in the child.

Researchers from the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk sought to get an accurate estimate for what percentage of men experience depression in the year after their child was born, using commonly accepted depression measures. They conducted a statistical review of 43 previously published studies involving 28,000 male and female adults.

Some 10.4% of fathers experience depression during the postpartum period, the analysis showed. In the general population, 4.8% of men are believed depressed at any given point in time, according to government data.'

Should alleged rapists be protected until proven guilty?

anthony · 19 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Given that some women will make false rape allegations, shouldn't the law protect the identity of both the alleged culprit and victim before the courts issue a verdict?
It should, says Dr. Zein Kebonang, a legal expert and former law lecturer at the University of Botswana who is now operations director at Botswana-UPenn Partnership.

It shouldn't, counters Mpho Mahopolo of Women Against Rape (WAR), a Maun-based NGO.

Kebonang says that once made, the allegation becomes a stigma that attaches itself to the falsely accused for the rest of his life. He suggests that largely has to do with the fact that the court of public opinion is notoriously unforgiving.

"It doesn't matter whether the court clears you of the charges; in the eyes of the public there will always be lingering doubt. And all it takes is just an accusation. Even if you are cleared before the case reaches court, people would say that you bought the victim off. That is why I feel that it is important to protect the identity of the alleged culprit in the same way that the law protects that of the victim," he says.

Conversely, Mahopolo does not think that it would be proper to equate the rights of the culprit with those of the victim. Her argument is that if the identity of the alleged culprits was protected, rape cases would skyrocket. The theory she advances is that criminally lustful men would rape with impunity.'

Ed. Note: The Sunday Standard is published in Botswana.

Canada: A case for men's studies

anthony · 19 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Search the University of Toronto faculty for experts on the study of women and you'll find more than 40 academics with research interests including "women's mental health," "women and religion" and even "women's fast pitch."

Conduct the identical search for "men" as a research topic and discover two lonely academics, both of whom specialize in gay men.

Of the genders, it seems feminine distinctions have become overwhelmingly more fascinating to the academe.

Witness the well-entrenched women's studies departments in universities across Canada and the United States — important academic centres of inquiry that have provided a steady pulse for the feminist movement.

Now have a look for men's studies programs.

Or, don't bother.

I looked.

As far as anyone in the field can tell, there's only one in North America, located at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y. which offers a minor in the field.

Add to that barren ground an array of individual, off-the-radar courses here and there, usually located in women's or "gender studies" departments.

It all amounts to male myopia in the ivory tower in which boys and men are studied through a distinctly feminist prism, says a group of North American academics who are taking their grievances public.

"The landscape has essentially been controlled by women's studies," says Dr. Lionel Tiger, a Canadian professor of anthropology at Rutgers University in New Jersey. "Men's studies are a branch plant phenomenon when, and where, they exist."

The overpowering orthodoxy of men's studies is that if you're male, you're bad or in need of remedy, says Tiger, a native Montrealer who taught at the University of British Columbia for five years.'

Police: Girl made up kidnapping report

Matt · 19 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'The Batavia Police Department said reports of the abduction of a 14-year-old girl Monday were false and that no abduction occurred.

In a written statement, police said after an extensive police investigation and investigations by the Child Advocacy Center and the Batavia City School District, it was determined the reported victim found herself in a situation where she felt she needed to alter the facts regarding her whereabouts.'

Radio Interview on Abused Men - May 19 at 10 PM EST

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Via email from Philip Cook:

For those interested in tuning in, I will be interviewed tonight (Wed., 5/19/10) at 10PM EST/7PM PST on the G.L. Henderson internet radio show. Subject: Abused Men-The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence. The show airs LIVE every Wed 10pm EST on http://www.artistfirst.com/ to listeners in over 142 nations.

Beating Caught on Tape: Teacher Speaks

anthony · 20 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Essentially, the woman and her lawyer blame the victim and school system for her violent outburst. Her lawyer claims the teacher was not trying to hurt the child but just wanted to get his attention by intimidating him. The teacher also places blame on the boy's mother for not being more active in her son's life. This woman seems void of any sense of accountability and appears to have a million excuses for her actions.

No-Fault Divorce Creates Strange Bedfellows

anthony · 20 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Proponents of no-fault divorce say that forcing couples to accuse each other of wrongdoing, abuse, infidelity, neglect, can make a difficult process even worse -- not only for the couple but for the children involved and also can lead to tremendous legal costs. "No one cares about no-fault divorce until their marriage is falling apart and they find out, "Oh, my god, there is no no-fault option," said Sen. Liz Krueger, who supports the Hassell-Thompson legislation, "Couples find out they have to allege something that may not really be true."

Bing said the legislation will decrease domestic violence by helping the abused partner get out of a bad marriage quickly. "I think for years there was concern that women in a lesser financial situation than their spouse would be in a bad position," said Bing, "But we've seen it work in other states, and it has reduced rates of domestic violence and the cost of divorce, because people aren't spending years in litigation."

The National Organization for Women, though, fears the bill, if passed, would put women at a disadvantage.

"We all know that divorce often plummets women into poverty. And when women live in poverty, their children are affected too. All we are asking is that the ... legislature take steps to protect the lives of women and children in divorce situations," Marcia Pappas, president of National Organization for Woman-NYS said in a March speech.'

Protests against male undergraduate students grabbed national attention

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Article here. Excerpt:

'OAKLAND -- From where Mills College students Jessica Brennan and Claudia Cinelli lounged on the edge of the campus' lush Toyon Meadow earlier this week, it's easy to see what's different here from most college campuses: Male students are in short supply. Twenty years ago this month, the meadow was the epicenter of an emotional fight over a proposal to make college undergraduate programs coed. It was a fight that attracted national attention.

Fearing for Mills long-term security if it didn't enroll 1,000 undergraduate students -- it had less than 800 at the time -- the school's board of trustees decided in May 1990 to admit men for the first time in the college's 138-year history. The decision had an immediate backlash: more than 300 students boycotted classes, blockaded administration buildings and sparked a national discussion about the value of women-only education.

Sixteen days later, the school board reversed its decision, and the undergraduate school remained women only. Graduate programs have been offered to men and women since the 1920s.

Brennan and Cinelli called those student fighters "strong, proud Mills women" who helped cement the campus as a place that promotes confidence, individuality and success for female students.

"There is something about a classroom full of opinionated, educated women," Cinelli said. "I think we challenge each other in a way that's more powerful than a coed college. I am so thankful for them for leaving us with an all-women college."
...
As officials prepare for Mills commencement Saturday -- with a keynote address by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. -- they are using the 20th anniversary of the boycott to highlight women's achievements, from inroads in science and art to journalism and politics...'

UK: Rape case defendants to be given anonymity

Broadsword · 20 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Defendants in rape cases are to be granted anonymity in an unexpected move that women's groups immediately branded an insult.

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The announcement over anonymity for defendants in rape trials turns the clock back 30 years to the 1970s, when the Sexual Offences Act introduced anonymity for those accused of rape. It was later repealed. Officials said that details of the change had yet to be decided. It is expected that the ban will be lifted after a suspect is convicted.

The proposal provoked anger among campaigners. Ruth Hall, of Women Against Rape, said that the decision was an insult and a backlash against the rising number of rape reports. "More attention needs to be paid to the 94 per cent of reported cases that do not end in conviction rather than the few that are false," she said. "If men accused of rape got special rights to anonymity, it would reinforce the misconception that lots of women who report rape are lying. False rape allegations are extremely rare but receive disproportionate publicity.""

A report by Baroness Stern earlier this year recommended that independent research should first be done into the scale of false rape allegations.'

Must-Attend Webinar for Anyone Who Wants to see VAWA reauthorization amended

Matt · 21 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

If you don't sign up for this free Webinar, don't complain if the VAWA reauthorization doesn't address the fact that you can't see your kids because your ex made a false accusation of domestic violence.

Pre-register here: https://www.jwi.org/SSLPage.aspx?pid=1094. Be sure your questions and comments during the Webinar are polite and constructive!

Scheduled participants include Lynn Rosenthal, White House Advisor on Violence Against Women and Judge Susan B. Carbon, Director of the Office on Violence Against Women in the DOJ.

There is no charge for this webinar!

This is your opportunity to ask questions of the leading advisors and federal agencies
on the implementation of VAWA from a funding & policy perspective.

Date/time: Thursday, June 3, 2010 12:00-1:00 PM EST

Register Now: https://www.jwi.org/SSLPage.aspx?pid=1094. Page reads:

'Join us as Lynn Rosenthal and Judge Susan B. Carbon brief us on the federal government's initiatives on domestic violence and sexual assault.

Lynn Rosenthal is the White House Advisor on Violence Against Women. Ms. Rosenthal was Executive Director of the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NMCADV) and the former Executive Director and President of the National Network To End Domestic Violence from 2000 to 2006.

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Book review: "Partnership Parenting: How Men and Women Parent Differently"

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Written by Steven J. Svoboda, via email:

Partnership Parenting: How Men and Women Parent Differently—Why It Helps Your Kids and Can Strengthen Your Marriage. By Kyle Pruett, M.D. and Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D. Foreword by T. Berry Brazelton, M.D. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Da Capo Press, 2009. 219 pages. $15.95. www.dacapopress.com. Review by J. Steven Svoboda

Kyle Pruett, M.D., a Yale Child Study Center psychiatrist and author of such outstanding books as Fatherneed: Why Father Care is as Essential as Mother Care for Your Child and The Nurturing Father: Journey toward the Complete Man, and his wife Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., a Smith College Social Work professor, have co-authored an engaging and excellent book on gender differences in parenting. The Pruetts devote the first half of their book to promoting the marital partnership, devoting separate chapters to the pithy topics of becoming parents together, “cuddling vs. the football hold” or why parenting differences are not deficiencies, building a partnership that works, managing conflict and fighting fair, valuing your spouse’s contribution, and assumptions and actions. In the second half of the book, such critical aspects of parenting are addressed as discipline, “care and feeding,” co-parenting and sleeping children, safety, and education. A brief, pithy epilogue provides pointers on divorce prevention.

The sub-title partially captures the book’s thesis, in that the Pruetts analyze the typically quite distinct parenting styles of mothers and fathers, finding each extremely helpful to children’s development but more importantly, discovering the wonderful synergy that can often evolve from two different individuals’ approaches to supporting the education, growth and happiness of the children they love. However, in the authors’ view, it is critical that parents maintain an external alliance with each other in their interactions with their children, reserving debates over parenting approaches for private discussions. As a second, somewhat unusual and arguably even surprising thread, Partnership Parenting shows that realization of the sexes’ complementary strengths can help foster a deep appreciation of the other parent, which can only serve to fortify the fabric of a partnership. In the authors’ own words:

Learning to identify gendered parenting differences and sort out which are problematic and which are emblematic of two parents acting in concert is what this book is about. We hope to help you recognize that the problem is really the solution; that the difference is the pathway to happily-ever-after and to co-parenting as true partners.

But the Pruetts’ book is not a book of sweeping generalities. As they say, the devil is in the details, and the authors are very good indeed on details as well as on tracking the larger picture created by assembling those small tidbits of information. So we learn in detail about how and why fathers’ bodies go through hormonal changes starting in the last months of pregnancy and extending into the first three months of a baby’s life, with testosterone levels dropping and prolactin levels rising. Intriguingly, a father’s average weight gain during a pregnancy usually comes within ounces of the baby’s birth weight!

The authors address the potentially endless warfare over which partner does more for the family, ultimately showing that there can be only losers in such a discussion and that all good parents do whatever it takes to accomplish tasks within their respective bailiwicks. Probably no generalization about the sexes is always true, but as a rule, fathers tend to provide excitement, to be less predictable in their interactions with their children, to rev their kids up, and to enjoy higher popularity during fun times, while mothers are generally more predictable, tend to calm and nurture their children, and tend to be sought out when it’s time for bed or when love is needed after an injury. Dads may tolerate more risk-taking by their children as they play and may be more open to having their body used as a jungle gym or a wrestling opponent, whereas mothers may feel that after carrying the baby, giving birth, and nursing, their bodies have been well used up by the children already. “For fathers, feeling physically close

to their children is a novelty to be explored." Mothers can frankly both admire and be jealous of the father's different role with their kids. Also, mothers "can be more ambivalent than they expected about having a very involved father. Although they appreciate the support, on some level they may not want to share this beloved baby's heavenly attentions with anybody—even him…" This can lead to gatekeeping behavior by the mother, a topic the authors look at in great detail, even including a "Gatekeeper Quiz for Moms." Fathers are also called to account and asked to search their souls and ascertain if they are truly, fully carrying out the commitments they undertake. (For what it's worth, every single one of the authors' assertions listed in this paragraph happen to be true of myself and my wife.)

The Pruetts allude to fathers' relative invisibility in studies of child development, which "have focused exclusively on the mother-child pair" with dads, if considered at all, being seen as "assistants—able or otherwise." Kyle Pruett—for although individual sections of the book are not signed by the co-authors with one name, I think we can assume he was instrumental to this section—reminds us loudly and clearly that fathers should not feel compelled to strive to be imitation mothers, but rather to find their own style of parenting. Interestingly, one study showed that "father engagement was linked to fewer behavioral problems in sons, better psychological health and cognitive outcomes for daughters, less delinquency, and a higher standard of living for families with lower incomes." We are also convincingly shown that most children with involved fathers "do not think their fathers are second-class parents." Involved fathers lead to stronger verbal skills for both boys and girls and also—fascinatingly--mathematical skills for girls are higher even when the fathers are not themselves particularly good at math. Even more powerfully, a longitudinal study whose subjects initially were five-year-old children and that re-evaluated its subjects more than two decades later as adults found that "the single most powerful predictor of whether those children wee empathetic adults was their fathers' involvement in their childhood."

The authors intersperse several enlightening exercises throughout the book, including a "Parenting Profile" that addresses five separate issues—parental views on development, expectations, spoiling, discipline, and relationships. Also, Appendix A includes a thorough questionnaire containing no fewer than 83 (!) questions regarding "Ideas about Parenting," designed to be taken by both father and mother, who can then compare their different answers. The Appendix then can become a concrete learning tool about similarities and differences in beliefs about marriage.

The Pruetts are to be congratulating for taking on the thorny issue of discipline, on which there are of course widely differing views among different parents across the US (and sometimes even within couples). They recommend what they call authoritative parenting, rather than the less effective options of authoritarian and permissive parenting: "Stick to your guns but recognize your child's feelings may be different from your decision, give a brief explanation for your rationale if appropriate, and maintain our loving, affectionate stance. Do not equate being firm with being cold, tough, or harsh." The authors frown on what they call "bribery," because "once you add the M&Ms as dessert or reward for eating broccoli, a child's motivation to eat his greens—minus the goodie—is dead in the water." Instead, "One way to encourage children to behave in a positive, pro-social manner is to use positive reinforcements."

Readers are also given some cheerleading and some sage advice on arguing fairly with one's spouse rather than fighting with him or her. "Give a good, honest reason for why you see things differently. If she doesn't buy it, find a better one. Also, make sure he feels that he too can win some of the time… Choosing your arguments is every bit as important as choosing your battles." And when your child is down, fall back on "your parental magic trio, the three things that always help… humor… music… and the vastly underappreciated back rub."

We also get some useful, specific advice. "When your children are around eight years old, both parents should have a serious conversation with them about playing with fire, followed up by a trip to the fire station." This might seem obvious to some parents but will definitely not occur to everyone. (Our son is eight and a good friend is a fireman and yet this thought never occurred to us.) I agree with the authors' enthusiasm for team sports. "[O]ften the most valuable thing kids learn from team sports is how to manage failure, loss, and erratic rule enforcement in a social context—pretty good preparation for life, eh?" While the topic has become a common one, still I appreciated the

authors' attention to the issue of television. They mince no words in showing that TV "teaches kids to care progressively less and less about the consequences of interpersonal violence" and also diminishes children's interest in reading and in creative and imaginary play.

I encountered just one slightly disappointing moment, when the authors puzzlingly suggest without citation or explanation that a "bad marriage is particularly toxic for women." There are in fact reasons to suspect the precise opposite of this statement is true. In any event, this superlative book will amply repay the reader's attention by educating and supporting his or her efforts to accomplish two goals that all too often are not addressed together: 1) to build a sustainable, productive partnership and 2) to raise healthy, happy, productive, well-adjusted children. The authors clearly care deeply about supporting parents' and children's well-being. Don't miss this fabulous work!

Jailed father hunger strikes to protest child support

Matt · 21 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Kenyon Eastin, 41, is on day four of a hunger strike from within the Tooele County Jail, protesting the treatment he has received in Utah divorce court.

That's according to man's girlfriend of three years, Niki Hammond, of Stansbury Park (pictured at right with Eastin). Eastin first went to jail for 15 days in January 2009, but was released due to overcrowding. The jail is still over-crowded--Tooele County Sheriff Frank Park even admits the facility is violating people's civil rights due to the crowd--but 3rd District Judge Stephen Henriod sent Eastin back to jail Friday for 30 days for contempt of court and non-payment of child support. Hammond says Eastin can not afford to hire and attorney and has not been appointed one by the court.

That's despite documents from the Office of Recovery Services that show Eastin not only made regular payments for each month of 2009, but paid $500 above those payments toward his arrears total. According to his court docket in his divorce, Eastin owed $9,596 in arrears as of March 19, 2009, the most recent data available.'

Letters: State can hold delinquent moms accountable, too

Matt · 21 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here.

'Slackers are not only the fathers in divorce cases. When the courts have awarded the father placement of the kids of a relationship, they receive little help from the local child support system.

Kids are the most important part of this equation, and they should have their rights treated adequately. That is not the only abuse that some males are receiving from the state's child support system.

Some of the delinquent parties are women who run businesses in which they hide most of their income so they don't have to fund their children through child support payments.

I feel that the state should look into the treatment of fathers who have been raising their children, not receiving support and not given a fair deal.

I feel that there should be a website, if there is a problem that can be addressed and can be brought out, so each parent and, most importantly, the children can be treated fairly.

James Vanderloop,

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Florida Educator Sends Nude Picture to Teen, Police Say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An assistant principal at a Florida middle school sent a topless photo of herself to a 14-year-old boy, police say.

Lauren Shreve Tilo, a 30-year-old assistant principal at Middleton High School in Tampa, allegedly sent a cell phone picture of her breasts to the teenager on May 7 after meeting him while playing the popular online game World of Warcraft, MyFoxTampaBay.com reports.

Tilo and the boy were initially just friends before they began exchanging text messages about "conducting sexual acts to one another," according to an arrest report filed in Manatee County, where deputies say they learned of the allegations when the unidentified boy told his guidance counselor.
...
"It concerns us anytime any teacher does anything against the law, but when an adult teacher has this type of interaction with a teenager, it's an additional concern," Cobbe said.'

Sexual assault = Rape (proposed legislation in India)

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Article here. If this bill becomes law in India, the penalty for kissing an unwilling victim (i.e. sexual assault) will be identical to the penalty for raping them. Of course, consent is defined subjectively by the victim and need not be substantiated, making such a law rife for abuse. Note the section in the bill which results in life imprisonment for putting one's tongue in the victim's mouth. Excerpt:

'MUMBAI: Drastic changes proposed to strengthen rape and sexual assault laws, so that women have more protection, will almost blur the difference between the two crimes. In fact, reactions to the draft bill, sent to the Union home ministry, have termed it "anti-men" with wide scope for misuse.

While there were indications earlier that the draft might propose a gender-neutral law, the draft uploaded by the ministry to invite responses from the public shows that the amendments specifically target crimes by men against women. Women activists told TOI that the proposals were long-pending and necessary.

Under the draft bill, if a man forcibly even puts his finger into a woman's mouth —or lets his tongue enter her mouth during a kiss — he could end up in jail for sexual assault with the sentence being no less than the punishment for rape, which is seven years to life. The draft bill also seeks a stricter age of consent, raising it from 16 to 18.'

Mother stages fake arrest of 5-YO son because he played with matches

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An American mother persuaded police to stage a fake arrest of her son when she
caught him misbehaving.

But far from being a criminal matter the 'offence' was that he was playing with matches - and the boy was just five years old.

Appalled neighbours looked on, unaware the whole thing was a stunt, as officers handcuffed the crying child - who was barely tall enough to reach the wheel of their patrol car - and put him on the back seat.

They threatened him by saying: 'You want to go to jail?' over and over again before finally releasing him back to his mother.
...
'I hope it scared him to not play with matches or lighters again. That was the whole point of it, it was to make him afraid he was going to jail.'

Witnesses disagreed, with one neighbour bursting into tears as she recounted the incident.

'That's not a way to treat a child, that's not a way to teach a lesson to a little boy,' said the woman, in her 30s, said.'

UK: Jail for ‘twisted’ addict nurse Rachel Baker who killed patient, 97

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The manager of a care home whose drug addiction led directly to the death of an elderly patient was jailed today for ten years.

Rachel Baker, 44, stole patients’ drugs, forged medical records and then lied to investigators looking into a series of suspicious deaths of residents of Parkfields, a residential home in Butleigh, Somerset.

The investigation led to the exhumation of the bodies of three former residents to the distress of their families. Police investigated the circumstances surrounding the deaths of 12 of Baker’s patients and charged her with the murder of two.

After a ten-week trial during which the extent of Baker’s addiction to prescription drugs was revealed she was convicted only of the manslaughter of 97-year-old Lucy Cox. She was found not guilty of the manslaughter of another elderly woman, Francis Hay, and not guilty of murdering the two women.'

UK: Pakistani who 'killed husband' in 20ft Kashmir fireball gets £1,300-a-month benefits in Britain

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Pakistani woman living on benefits in the UK despite facing a murder charge in her home country was yesterday facing demands from MPs to return there to stand trial.

Bushra Ferozdin Butt, 35, spent ten months in custody after she was accused of pouring kerosene over her husband Amjad Hussain, 36, and setting him alight.

She was eventually bailed by a judge and travelled to Luton, where she had lived with Mr Hussain for nine years.

Although not a British citizen, she had previously been granted indefinite leave to remain in the UK, which entitles her to £330.70 a week in council tax and housing benefit - equivalent to an annual salary of £22,000 before tax and National Insurance.'

The Economist: "Fighting off rivals may be responsible for masculine traits"

anthony · 22 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WHEN two drunken men fight over a woman, alcohol and stupidity may not be the only things at work. Sadly, evolution may have shaped men to behave this way. Almost all of the traits considered to be masculine—big muscles, facial hair, square jaws, deep voices and a propensity to violence—evolved, it now seems, specifically for their usefulness in fighting off or intimidating other men, allowing the winner to get the girl.

That, at least, is the contention of David Puts, an anthropologist at Pennsylvania State University, in an upcoming paper in Evolution and Human Behavior. Dr Puts is looking at how sexual selection gave rise to certain human traits. A trait is sexually selected if it evolved specifically to enhance mating success. They come in two main forms: weapons, such as an elk's horns are used to fight off competitors; and ornaments, like a peacock's tail, which are used to advertise genetic fitness to attract the opposite sex.

...

It is a disturbing idea to modern minds, harking back to old stereotypes about violent cavemen battling with clubs while a passive woman, fetching in furs, waits helplessly to see who will win her. But Dr Puts emphasises that evolutionary biology is not destiny. Regardless of our evolutionary past, in modern societies men and women freely choose their mates. However, understanding the evolutionary pressures that made men the way they are could help us better understand male violence, including murder, domestic abuse, gang violence and perhaps even warfare.'

Danica Patrick: "It’s not my fault"

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Story here. I have nothing against Danica Patrick. I have nothing against women competing in NASCAR or anyplace else. What annoys me is when they think they can compete on the same terms as men but then when things don't go their way, invoke "female privilege" to try distance themselves from the issue.

In legal matters as we know here on MANN this is called a "pu$$y pass". In other less-significant cases, I'd call it the "princess pass". Danica needs to lose the princess pass if she is going to be taken seriously--finally. She has the skills to compete. She is not the best driver in the world but neither are 99.9% of the men driving out there either. All she needs to do is cease and desist whining when things don't go her way. Whining from male drivers in intolerable. Likewise should it be from female ones. Excerpt:

'So frustrated that she threw her crew under the bus. "This is the worst car I've ever had," she said, according to USA Today's Nate Ryan on Twitter. "There's no stability or grip. It's just scary, really scary ... It's awful, really awful. I think I'm still shaking." And when her comments were played over the track PA, she was booed.

“I wasn’t flat out the last two laps and I was scared to death flat on the first two. I’ve never been bad here before. I’ve never been outside the top 10 on a finish or qualifying, so, it’s not my fault. The car is not good.”

Danica Patrick being booed? What the heck?

Maybe Danica's candor -- or whining, as some may prefer -- is rubbing fans the wrong way. Danica has always been confident, and unafraid to tell it like she sees it. That makes her likeable to some, and unlikable to others.'

From the That-can't-be-only-boys-act-that-way files

Matt · 25 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. Excerpt:

'MAY 24--For the second time in recent weeks, a chapter of the Pi Beta Phi sorority is being accused of drunkenly trashing a facility during a formal dance. At a March 6 party sponsored by the group's Ohio University chapter, attendees engaged in sex acts, used plates as "missiles" during food fights, vomited on carpets, defecated in urinals, and tried to tear off the clothes of a female bartender, according to a letter written by the director of the West Virginia art center where the formal was held. In her April 6 letter to the sorority, a copy of which you'll find below, Abby Hayhurst, head of the Parkersburg Art Center, reported that catering staff witnessed "a couple engaging in sexual congress, while surrounded by a cheering throng," and that a bathroom sink was broken as a result of "one of your members and her date attempting to have sexual relations on it, an act which was witnessed by the event's caterer, who walked in on them." The art center, which reported the damage to the Parkersburg Police Department, is seeking about $47,000 from the sorority, which contends that the art center has exaggerated its damages.'

Leading Opponent of Recognizing Parental Alienation Apologizes to Fathers & Families for Defamatory Remarks

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Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Clinical Psychiatry News board member Dr. Paul J. Fink makes a shockingly irresponsible assertion in his recent column. He writes that family court reform groups seeking to have parental alienation disorder seriously considered for inclusion in the DSM-5 are doing so because they “don’t like to be interfered with when they are sexually abusing their children”…

A group of 50 mental health experts from 10 countries are part of an effort to add Parental Alienation Disorder to the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM V), the American Psychiatric Association’s “bible” of diagnoses. This scientific coalition is led by psychiatrist William Bernet, who explains that adding PAD to DSM “would spur insurance coverage, stimulate more systematic research, lend credence to a charge of parental alienation in court, and raise the odds that children would get timely treatment.”
...
In response, Dr. Fink, to his credit, apologized and retracted his defamatory statement in the latest issue of the Clinical Psychiatry News. Dr. Fink wrote:

> I apologize for suggesting that all fathers who accuse mothers of PAS are sexually abusing their children. That was clearly an overstatement that I retract. Admittedly, I got carried away when writing the article…I had absolutely no intention of impugning Dr. Bernet, his colleagues, or Fathers & Families in any way. I hope we can all come to an agreement about what constitutes alienation, how to deal with PAS, and how to proceed in court hearings when someone alleges that one or another parent is an alienator or an abuser.

Two Essays on "The Pink World"

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Via eamil:

Please distribute / publish the following two articles (also attached in word file form).

Thank you,
Alan Millard

Kentucky Fried Chicken “Pink Bucket”--a Sex Discriminatory Campaign.

A campaign by KFC is now underway to generate money to fund research to find a cure for women’s cancer. Why do we accept the battle against cancer, in any light, only against women’s cancer? Is this not a form of sex discrimination applying to a cure? Sure, women’s cancer is a terrible thing, but so is men’s (prostate) cancer. Why discriminate?

An equal effort to battle both should be a given. The sex discrimination is high-lighted by featuring the pink-colored bucket. Despite the grave numbers of male victims of prostate cancer, this sexist example is included amongst other discriminatory efforts, even by government agencies, including the U.S. Postal Service, in which case it failed to equally represent/support male cancer. Indeed, men’s health is not given nearly the concern to women’s health, and less effort is made to secure it. Although male (prostate) cancer and female (breast) cancer have an equal mortality rate, equal financial support wasn’t even arranged by the federal government for males in a postal campaign for cancer treatment, amounting to a mere government sham for men. Apparently to appear equal, “ . . . the U.S. post office issued a breast cancer and a prostate cancer stamp. The breast cancer stamp cost 40c with seven cents going to breast cancer research.” The first run of 200 million produced $14 million for breast cancer. “The prostate cancer stamp cost 33c with no proceeds earmarked for prostate cancer research” (Hise, The War Against Men, 2004, 92 & 93). This is the same criminal mindset that has allowed the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act. All these examples demonstrate efforts favoring one segment of people within society (women) over another (men).

Last Call for this Must-Listen Webinar!

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From Abusegate Bob:

Page here:

Lynn Rosenthal, White House Advisor on Violence Against Women and Judge Susan B. Carbon, Director of the Office on Violence Against Women in the DOJ

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Thursday, June 3, 2010
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Join us as Lynn Rosenthal, White House Advisor on Violence Against Women, and Judge Susan B. Carbon, Director of the Office on Violence Against Women in the Department of Justice, brief us on the federal government's initiatives on domestic violence and sexual assault.

There will be 25 minutes for Q & A's. Questions may be emailed in advance to gelias@jwi.org or asked during the webinar on the screen provided.

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Asian Male Domestic Violence Victims: Services Exclusive for Men

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Via email, from abusegate Bob. Abstract here. Excerpt:

'The main reasons abused men do not seek social services include their strong endorsement of social/cultural values and avoidance of gender role conflict. Through internet-based service connections, we did not find sources in Asia, Australia, or New Zealand that advertised programs exclusively for male victims of domestic violence (DV). Nine social services in Hong Kong and Singapore describe their work with men in DV situations, but the main focus is “men as perpetrators.” Targeting men as victims, 32 sources in Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom describe services designed especially for male DV victims. Findings demonstrate that services for male victims must address such factors as secretiveness, cultural values, masculine identity, tolerance, shame, and loss of face.'

You can also download the whole article here.

Defendant's Gender Affects Length of Sentence

Anonymous · 26 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In her study of simulated short criminal cases, Angela S. Ahola shows that gender and appearance affect our judgments of personality, occupation, morals, and reliability and create a frame of reference for our behavior. Among other things, it was shown that judges and lay assessors both assessed and judged accused individuals of the same gender as themselves more severely than the opposite gender. On the other hand, prosecutors, lawyers, police officers, and law students, regardless of their own gender, evaluated male defendants more harshly than women defendants. What's more, among female members of this category, that is, those without a convicting role in the legal process, differences were seen in their evaluations depending on the looks of the accused.

"Most people have a need to get some conception of people they meet in everyday life. This is normal in everyday life. But if the same preconceptions, or so-called harmless everyday conceptions, play a role in the system of justice, this means that people are not equal before the law. In that case, we lose part of the fundamental security that a functioning rule-of-law society provides," says Angela S. Ahola.'

Abusegate: Making History: Come to Washington DC June 24-25

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From Abusegate Bob:

Folks, we're really excited about our upcoming lobby-fest. Please help us spread the word, and come to DC if you can.

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On June 24-25, we're going to make history. Those days, pro-family advocates with meet with key staffers in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives to talk about reforming the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). And for the first time ever, we will be presenting specific legal language that we want included in the VAWA re-authorization.

The event will include an pre-event teleconference on June 16 and a gala dinner celebration on June 24. Free lodging is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for pre-registration is Friday, June 11. Email your name, organization, and cell phone number to: rohara-at-saveservices.org.

June 24-25, we're going to make history. Will you be there?

Jurors in tears as they clear student of rape - then discover another man falsely accused by same 'victim' had killed himself

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman drove a man to suicide by crying rape and forced a second innocent man to consider taking his life after falsely accusing him of a similar sex attack.

Despite being exposed in court as a serial liar, legal restrictions mean the 21-year-old woman can never be identified.

A jury took only 45 minutes to clear medical student Olumide Fadayomi, 27, of rape.

But several jurors at Sheffield Crown Court broke down in tears when the judge revealed the 'victim' had a history of crying rape.

Judge Patrick Robertshaw launched a stinging attack on the Crown Prosecution Service for making Mr Fadayomi stand trial.'

Germany: Man wants to serve time in women's jail to care for his daughter

ItsDan · 26 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A GERMAN man facing jail is pleading with justice authorities to sentence him to a female prison so he can care for his eight-week-old daughter behind bars.

Jan Wagner, 34, has been sentenced to a year inside for repeatedly driving a car without a licence.

But the Leipzig car mechanic is terrified of his daughter being put into care while he does his time - hence the request to be the only man in an all-female facility.'

UK: Pregnant teenager sets up boyfriend then watches him get tortured and murdered

Broadsword · 27 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former football star was tortured and murdered after his pregnant girlfriend set him up to be attacked by two thugs so she could watch the savage beating for pleasure.

Chelsea Platt, 18, despised Martin Hyde, 22, and enjoyed seeing him bullied and humiliated.

When Mr Hyde got caught up in a petty row over £15, sadistic Platt lured her lover into the clutches of two thugs who ambushed him as he followed her down the street.

Platt later watched unfazed as Mr Hyde was viciously assaulted at her own flat during a two hour beating during which his killers shouted: 'I want a spade so we can watch him dig his own grave and put him in it.'

The victim - who played trials for Stockport County - was eventually frogmarched to a country park where he was battered to death, stabbed in the back and neck with what was believed to be a chisel and thrown into a river.'

Hunt for woman who married 11 U.S. servicemen... then stole all their money and went on the run

Broadsword · 27 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Police are hunting for an American woman who is accused of marrying 11 servicemen and then swindling them out of their savings.

Bobbi Ann Finley is believed to have been stalking, conning and stealing from American soldiers for nearly 20 years.

Now, with warrants already out for her arrest in Washington, Nebraska and Texas, the army has hired a special investigator to track her down.

Her methods are cold-blooded and simple: She allegedly trawls U.S. military bases for lonely men who are due to be deployed overseas.

Then she tells them that she is the daughter of a Marine Corp general who is owed a large inheritance - but she can only claim it if she is married.

After they are married and the groom departs for deployment, the spending spree begins.

Finley allegedly cleans out their homes, maxes out their credit cards, and writes bad cheques before skipping town.'

UK: Mother must give up half of her house to the lover who left 17 years ago

Broadsword · 27 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A homeowner was yesterday ordered to give her ex-lover half the value of her £245,000 house, 17 years after they split and despite him never making a mortgage payment on it.

Patricia Jones, 55, was told that despite the time lapse her former boyfriend was entitled to 50 per cent of the three-bedroom home. The Court of Appeal branded the case ‘a cautionary tale’ for unmarried couples who buy property together without making formal legal agreements.

Had the couple been married and split up, their assets would have been divided in a divorce settlement overseen by the courts. Three senior judges heard that Miss Jones paid the deposit on the house when she bought it with her then-boyfriend, ice cream salesman Leonard Kernott, in 1985.

She also paid the mortgage for the eight years that they lived together, although Mr Kernott gave her £100 a week towards ‘expenses’.

...

Appeal Court judge Lord Justice Wall said: ‘This is a cautionary tale, which all unmarried couples who are contemplating the purchase of a residential property as their home, and all solicitors who advise them, should study.’

...

The Appeal Court said Miss Jones was not entitled to any of his house, as it was bought after they split up, but ruled that he was entitled to half of their former home - a share worth more than £109,000 once the mortgage has been paid.

Sir Nicholas, sitting with two other judges, said the couple bought the Thundersley house in both their names and had agreed then that it belonged to both of them.'

UK: Two young boys convicted of raping an 8-year-old girl

Hunchback · 27 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Recently there was a story posted about two 10-year-old boys accused of raping an 8-year-old girl. She later recanted, admitting that she lied to avoid missing out on sweets. Readers were outraged that the judge told her she'd "done nothing wrong." End of story?

No.

The Crown continued with the prosecution as if nothing had happened and on Monday...the innocent 10-year-old boys were CONVICTED of attempted rape!

I thought this flagrant injustice against young boys would galvanize the MRM much like the Emmett Till murder galvanized the civil rights movement. To date the MR blogsphere has been strangely silent on this.

Hollywood.com writer skewers "Sex and the City" misandry

johndias · 27 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The writer (C. Robert Cargill) criticizes the misandry that he encounters and notices whenever a movie critic says anything negative about the Sex and the City movie franchise. Good for him. Comments for this article at his Web site are wide open! Excerpt:

'In the new film Sex and the City 2, heroine Carrie Bradshaw suffers a crippling blow to her ego as she discovers her brand new book – a book about married life and wedding vows – is utterly destroyed by a review in the New Yorker. Distraught, she turns to her three best friends and over drinks it is decided that the reviewer, a man, simply cannot stand the thought of a powerful, liberated woman. Problem solved. No, really. That's the last we hear of that subplot. It is actually the first of three subplots (out of five total) that are resolved this way in the new film. Men are sexist pigs that are the root of all of our problems. Drink up ladies!

Now, on the surface, I'm fine with this. While it's a terribly unsatisfying way to wrap up a subplot (as well as ultimately serving nothing but reinforcing negative stereotypes), a movie can and will say what it wants. And it's not like there aren't actually sexists out there that are, in fact, threatened by powerful, liberated women. Sex and the City brings that ugliness out in droves, filling comment sections with 10-year-old South Park jokes about the age of the women and their appearance. But at the same time, the series (and others like it, like Twilight) also brings out an ugly spate of misandry, as male critics, like myself, are deluged with hate mail, comments and rampant, misdirected sexism stemming from negative reviews of female-tooled entertainment.'

The Foundation for Male Studies seeks survey input

Matt · 28 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

Dear Male Studies Supporter,

We are contacting you because you were interested or may have participated in our April 7 symposium on Male Studies: A New Academic Discipline.

In order to help The Foundation for Male Studies with its grant requests and fund raising efforts, and to increase its support channels, we've created a brief yet important survey on the need for Male Studies.

Please take just a few minutes and provide us with your feedback by visiting:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9TH97BP

Your participation will be greatly appreciated and beneficial to the Foundation for Male Studies and its endeavors to create programs at colleges and universities.

Sincerely,

Joseph Notovitz
Director of Communications

Man, woman get up to 20 years in incest case

Anonymous · 28 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. He is the stepfather, she the natural mother. She seeks to escape jail time by blaming the manipulative husband. Judge will have none of it. Excerpt:

'A married couple who both admitted guilt to parental incest were each sentenced today in Clark County District Court.

Judge James M. Bixler sentenced Frederick Vonseydewitz to eight to 20 years in prison and his wife, Mary Vonseydewitz, was sentenced to four to 20 years. They each had pleaded guilty to charges stemming from allegations of sexually abusing their children, a boy and a girl, when they were minors.

Crying, Mary Vonseydewitz told the judge she was sorry and said her husband had manipulated her. Her attorney asked for probation for her instead of time in prison, But Bixler had little sympathy for her.

"Mary, to be perfectly honest with you, I could easily find justification for holding you more responsible, because, despite the fact that he may be manipulative, he may have led you into this, there's one glaring fact that is impossible to ignore," Bixler said. "He was the stepfather in this situation. You were these children's mother. To say what happened is disgusting and egregious is not even close to how bad this was. ... You crossed the most sacred line ever in what you did to these kids. Let there be no mistake. They may be able to forgive you, but I'm not."'

'Sack Tapping' -- A Schoolyard Game Turned Ugly

anthony · 28 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Gone are the days when bullies merely gave wedgies. The newest fad in schoolyard violence? A quick slap to the testicles.

In the game of "sack tapping" or "ball tapping," as it is called, a boy will try to slap or flick the groin of another boy to inflict discomfort or pain.

The "game" has gotten out of hand, however, according to Dr. Scott Wheeler, a pediatric urologist in Minnesota.

In recent years he's seen an increasing number of young boys coming in with serious damage to the testicles because of a "tap" that hit too hard.

"For some reason, [this game] is popular," Wheeler says. "It's not just bullies, it's kids doing it to their friends. It's rare that bullies target the testicles, they just beat up people."

...

In some cases, trauma sustained by sack tapping can be severe enough to rupture a testicle, an injury that can require surgery or even the amputation of the testicle, says Wheeler.

This fad is no joke, Wheeler says, "It's just ridiculous that boys are doing this."'

Relatedly: Teenager Has Testicle Amputated After 'Tapping' Game

Canada: Falsely accused Quebec teacher struggles to cope

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Quebec elementary school gym teacher says he is struggling to rebuild his life after having been falsely accused of sexual touching.

A rumour began circulating at Henri Fournier's school in February 2008 involving 19 girls between the ages of eight and 13 who accused him of inappropriately touching girls, sometimes in front of other students.

Officials at Notre Dame de l'Assomption Elementary School in Chateauguay, south of Montreal, took the allegations seriously and suspended Fournier without pay.

He was eventually arrested on 34 charges of sexual touching and spent a week in custody. The case gained a great deal of media attention.
...

Situations like Fournier's have the effect of discouraging men from a career in teaching younger children, even while elementary schools are desperate for more men to act as role models, said McGill University education professor Jon Bradley, who is doing research on males in the education system.

'The number of males coming into the elementary ed program at McGill University is five per cent," said Bradley. "The number of males who have been in my research group who are still in elementary five years after graduation is zero per cent."'

Abusegate: DV Dimwits Beware! “Adopt-a-Politician” Campaign to be Launched Next Week

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From Abusegate Bob:

Is your elected official a DV Dimwit when it comes to voting for every loony domestic violence bill that comes along?

This coming week, Abusegate, Investigate! will launch a high-profile campaign: “Adopt-a-Politician, Help Clean up Washington.” The campaign will list about 20 Washington incumbent politicians – Senators and Representatives – who just don’t get it when it comes to VAWA reform. The objective is simple: Target them for defeat on November 2, 2010.

We will invite Abusegate supporters to “adopt” one or more of these politicians, and do everything in their power to secure their defeat.

Tired of the DV Dimwits in Washington DC? Ready to bring about true change? Then jump on the “Adopt-a-Politician” bandwagon!

Source:
http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/2010/05/27/dimwitted-lawmakers-beware-adopt-a-politician-campaign-to-be-launched-next-week/

AAP retracts policy statement proposing changes to FGM law

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From an IA email:

"Thanks to you and other intactivists, our message has been heard! Yesterday afternoon, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) officially retracted its recent policy statement, which proposed changes to the Federal law banning any form of FGM in the United States.

In the past few weeks, you've sent more than 14,000 letters demanding that the AAP retract its statement. Thanks to your hard work, America's baby girls remain safe from genital mutilation.

But the AAP's mission is to protect all children.

We've designed a powerful new ad to make sure the AAP gets the message that any form of genital cutting of children is wrong, regardless of gender."

Useless, jobless men – the social blight of our age

Broadsword · 29 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The problem affects the whole of society because of the striking correlation between male joblessness and single motherhood, particularly in the old industrial cities. In Liverpool, male unemployment rose from 12 per cent in 1971 to 30 per cent in 2001. In 1971 11 per cent of families were headed by a single parent; by 2001, 45 per cent were. Similar patterns can be seen in Birmingham, Strathclyde and Newcastle. The epidemic of male joblessness after the collapse of manufacturing industries coincided with an increase in female employment and welfare support to mothers who found that they could manage alone.

Overlooked by society, irrelevant to employers, unwanted by women who can raise families on benefits without their help, the man who has no work or a series of short-term jobs is a problem. Without steady work, he will struggle to acquire a family: unemployed men are less likely to marry or cohabit than employed ones. Without a stable relationship, he is less likely to grow into a good family man and raise good sons. The taxpayer has become the father: one in four mothers is single and more than half live on welfare. A lot of these women describe the real fathers of their children as “useless” or worse. The men have no role.
...

Robert Rowthorn, Professor of Economics at Cambridge, has shown that female and male worklessness have been going in opposite directions for 30 years, well before this latest “mancession”. His research suggests that half the rise in lone parenthood in the past 30 years may be due to male unemployment. He believes that governments must start to focus on these men, and question the feminisation of education and the workplace. It is no solution, he says, to say that women don’t need men or that men should become more female. Nor is it any good waiting for economic growth to dig them out of poverty. Those men need a chance, not a benefits system that undermines them."

Cops in Canada warn that high school boys seek to have 'young girl parties', all without evidence

Anonymous · 29 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

In British Columbia, the cops issued a warning that high school senior boys were using face book to find young girls to attend parties. The high schoolers it says seek to engage in sexual activity with the girls at these parties. However the story itself states there appears to be no evidence, no investigation, and no proof, only rumours. Based on that, the cops put every high school boy in that area under suspicion of being a sex criminal. Excerpt:

'Chilliwack police are warning parents about a group of high school boys who have been trying to lure pre-teen girls via Facebook to parties where they would get them drunk and sleep with them.
...
Last week, RCMP in Surrey warned parents that Grade 11 and Grade 12 boys at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary School in Cloverdale had started a Facebook page to seduce eighth-grade girls.

They called the group the LGS Club the Little Girl Slayers Club.

I cant [sic] tie a definitive connection between whats going on in the (two schools), Wolbeck said.

At this point we havent formally engaged in any investigation ... We dont have specific people or events to tie to it.

Wolbeck said police are cautioning parents to be vigilant about where their teenagers are going and with whom.'

I've lived in Canada my whole life, and the increased attacks on teens and boys in this country by government agencies is out of control. I have to say the future looks darker with each passing day. June 5, 2010 I'll hopefully be in London, Ont. for the DV Awareness Day. Go to http://www.canadainepc.com/lepc for more info. I'm hoping this event will make me feel somewhat better about where my country's future is going. By the way, London Ont. is only 2 hours or so from Detroit, Toronto and about the same from Buffalo, in case anyone was wondering. There will be some interesting speakers.

Dennis Hopper dies of the man cancer

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Actor Dennis Hopper Dies at 74 After Suffering From Prostate Cancer

"Hopper died Saturday at his home in the Los Angeles beach community of Venice, surrounded by family and friends, family friend Alex Hitz said. Hopper's manager announced in October 2009 that he had been diagnosed with prostate cancer."

I will miss the offbeat character roles Mr. Hopper took on. While often outrageous, his characterizations were always entertaining. The individuals he created on-screen were as unique as he was. RIP Dennis Hopper.

Memorial Day thoughts

Matt · 31 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Here in the US, it's Memorial Day. Like any other holiday, it's too easy to forget the real meaning of it. (Too often it's viewed as just another chance to have a long week-end or enjoy a cook-out.) But by no means is Memorial Day like any other holiday.

Most other holidays commemorate an individual or a very small set of them (Presidents Day, for example, commemorates certain of our past presidents), or they commemorate a single event (religious holidays are often like this). But Memorial Day commemorates a very large group of people and not just for one event but for many. In this case, that group is veterans, most especially those killed or wounded in action.

The fact that the overwhelming number of veterans are men seems to get lost in the language around the event, too, just as with men's occupations replacing the word "men" while referring to them in news reports, a phenomenon discussed here on MANN already.

I don't find Memorial Day a happy occasion. To me, it's a day to remember that millions of men the world over have been killed or wounded in wars that the vast majority of them wished they had not been in. Nonetheless, some wars must be fought (which ones are debatable), so those who have had the burden of wearing the uniform should be honored in particular on this day. But glorified? I would deny warfare leads a man to glory. If he is very lucky, he may just get out of it with his life.

Central Kenya worst hit by boys' poor learning

anthony · 31 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The boy child education in Central Kenya is the worst hit in the country, according to Gender and Children's Affairs minister Esther Murugi.

Addressing education stakeholders at Rurii stadium in Kiria-ini where she officiated the second Mathioya district education and prayer day at the weekend, the minister said the province had recorded an enrolment of 10,000 pupils less than that of girls.

The minister attributed the discrepancy to irresponsible fathers who had neglected their role of guiding boys.

She said a recent survey in the province revealed that men spend only 15 minutes per week with their sons leaving parental responsibility entirely to their wives.

Consequently, the minister said, teenage boys had begun emulating what they see their mothers do among them braiding hair and piercing ears.

"That's why you see young men behaving like females," said Ms Murugi.'

Why more girls get the grades while boys struggle in our schools

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Far more boys than girls in Snohomish County either barely scrape by or flunk their high school classes, according to a Herald analysis of grade point averages.

Through last June, just under half of the county's girls — 48.8 percent — had a grade point in the solid A to B range of 3.0 or above. A third of boys — 33.4 percent — could make the same claim.

At the same time, nearly a third of boys had a grade point average of 1.99 or less, the C-minus to F range, compared to fewer than 1 in 5 girls.

The data also shows that high school girls tend to earn higher grades in all core subjects, including math, at all grade levels despite the fact that boys scored slightly higher in that discipline on last year's state WASL exams.
...
Gurian makes the case that girls and boys are programmed differently. Girls tend to be more verbal learners; boys, more spatial, mechanical and physical. While most children can learn either way, many others struggle in the traditional classroom.

“These kids are not going away. They are our sons,” Gurian said. “This particular type of learner is vast. There are millions of them.”

Ed. note: Snohomish County is in the state of Washington.

Royal Dutch Medical Society: Circumcision of boys unnecessary and risky

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The circumcision of boys is reportedly almost always unnecessary and medically risky. The Royal Dutch Medical Society (KNMG) has published recommendations advising doctors to discourage parents from having their sons circumcised. Jewish and Islamic organisations have reacted angrily.
...
More than 46,000 Dutch doctors and trainee doctors are members of the society. They call circumcision for non-medical reasons “an infringement of a child’s right to autonomy and the right to bodily integrity”. And they say there are unnecessary risks.
...
The growing number of circumcisions among boys has not led to any kind of serious discussion in the Netherlands, in marked contrast with the circumcision of the daughters of African immigrants. The excision of girls’ labia minora and/or clitoris is almost universally condemned as genital mutilation.

So now the doctors have set their sights on the circumcision of boys. Medical ethicist Gert van Dijck says doctors will invoke children’s rights to emphatically discourage parents from requesting the procedure.

“We are asking doctors to actively and urgently warn parents that there are no medical advantages to circumcision and that there is a risk of complications. This way, we are hoping to achieve a culture change via the parents, so that they will eventually stop doing it.”'

Wounded soldier billed by military for medical equipment

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Story here. Excerpt:

'VALENCIA COUNTY (KRQE) - A New Mexico father said his son's purple heart is tarnished now that the military is billing him for equipment the wounded soldier left behind on the battlefield when he was airlifted to safety.

Gary Pfleider said it's still hard for him to talk about the day he found out his son was hit by a sniper while serving in Iraq in 2007.

...

Gary's son, Gary Pfleider II, must now wear a brace and walk with a cane around his home in Oregon. The soldier remembers that incident a little differently.

...

Several months ago, the soldier who now has a purple heart, scars and a brace to show his bravery received a bill in the mail.

It totals over $3,000, which includes interest, for equipment Gary II took to the battlefield and the military said he is still responsible for—items like his canteen and even some grenades.

...

"I mean what do they want, the soldiers to go, get wounded and say not-ah you're not moving me until I get my gear," Gary Sr. said.'

MND: How to Build a Man Bomb

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Article here. Excerpt:

'And now, in keeping with the annals of our rigorously ignored history, we are setting about the business again of orchestrating a future catastrophe. After a bloody revolution for our freedom, the scourge of slavery, an even bloodier civil war, and a civil rights campaign that we handled with police dogs, riot guns and water cannons, we have put ourselves right back on the course of an inescapable social crisis.
...
A recent Wall Street Journal article, Meet the Unemployable Man, predicts that over the next several years, one in six men between 18 and 54 years old, or 18 million, will be unemployed, and unemployable.

That is 18 million men who will look for work and find none; millions of others who once carried briefcases or hammers and nails, but who will, in the days ahead, push brooms make French fries. There will be 18 million men who become the other guy. And that is in addition to the millions of other guys that are already walking among us.
...

The members of the matriarchy, like social terrorists, are partnering with and guiding government toward the inevitable explosion, and when it goes off, they will be the first to point the finger at men, even at MRA's, for the fallout.

It won't help them, though. Because whatever tragic end this comes to, it will not be at the hands of MRA's, it will be in spite of our efforts to prevent it.

If the streets erupt again, as they have so many times before, they will be filled with average men who never heard of the men's rights movement. They will just be poor men, many of them young and fatherless due to the current system, acting out their rage against a world that includes and idealizes women, but that treats them like social pariah.
...
It is a testament to men, and an exposure of lies perpetrated against them by gender ideologues that we have come this last half century without blood in the streets. It has always been in men's nature to take care of others better than themselves, and they have proved that with their silence in the face of so many constant abuses. Betting on that silence to continue when men are hungry is foolish.
...
And because of that I write this genuinely afraid. The men's movement, the only bomb squad we have, had better catch on in grand fashion, I think. And even if it does, we better hope it happens before the society we live in finds itself at ground zero when the clock ticks down.'

Marla Gurecki-Haskins Is Latest Female Teacher Accused of Sex With Student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A female schoolteacher in the small Western New York town of Canandaigua has been accused of a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old male student, among other misdeeds.

Marla Gurecki-Haskins, a striking brunette that makes it easy to see how young boys would be taken with her, allegedly performed oral sex on the student in a classroom. She's also accused of encouraging two 16-year-old boys -- via cell phone, text, and email -- to engage in sexual conduct, says the Times Union.

She's pleaded not guilty to a felony count of disseminating indecent material to a minor and three misdemeanor counts of official misconduct and endangering the welfare of a child, according to CBS. As if that's not enough, even more charges may be filed.

If convicted, she'll join the ranks of perhaps the most famous female teacher sex case, Mary Kay Letourneau, excuse me, now Mary Kay Fualaau, the last name of the 13-year-old boy, Vili, she had sex with while working as a schoolteacher in Washington State. She was 35, and a married mother of four at the time. She divorced, did her time, and she and Vili now have two children together; she waitresses in a bar where her husband DJs.'

Ed. note: Original off-linked story is gone, mysteriously. However the story is covered by another local paper here.

Men’s gymnastics a target for college athletics cutbacks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'IOWA CITY — Tom Dunn jokes that it will take the rest of his tenure as Iowa’s men’s gymnastics coach just to clean out his desk.

For 31 years Dunn, 60, led the Hawkeyes, once taking them to a second-place finish at the NCAA championships. He will retire next month, witnessing his sport change dramatically over his tenure. And that’s no joking matter.

Since 1988, 49 colleges have dropped men’s gymnastics, and just 17 teams compete annually for a combined NCAA title, including one Division III school. It’s a sport where expenses soar past revenues, and the combination of gender-equity and economic issues have made it vulnerable on the chopping block.

“We did obviously lose a ton of teams over the 20 years, but recently it hasn’t been an epidemic by any means,” Dunn said.'

Violence Against Women Act: turning the unwary into political roadkill?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Question: What do lawmakers Arlen Specter, Alan Mollohan, Barbara Boxer, and Orrin Hatch have in common?

Answer: They are all high-profile supporters of the federal Violence Against Women Act whose political fortunes have plummeted in recent months.

...

Most lawmakers who support the Violence Against Women Act sincerely believe the law is doing good. But according to a recent report, "Assaulting our Rights: How Domestic Violence Laws Curtail our Fundamental Freedoms" (http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/SAVE-Assault-Civil-Rights), VAWA is dealing a devastating blow to our constitutional protections, with two million Americans having their civil liberties trampled upon every year.

Over time, that builds up into a tsumani of disenfranchised voters who are tired of business as usual in Washington DC. And that's why many lawmakers are thinking long and hard about reflexively supporting the Violence Against Women Act this time around.'

F&F: Mom, Son Reunited After 2-Year CPS Nightmare

Matt · 1 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. CPS extremism sometimes whacks decent moms as well as dads. Excerpt:

'The case that's dropped jaws all across the U.S. and Canada is finally coming to an end. Judge Kip Leonard is finally allowing Noah Kirkman to return to his native Calgary after two years in foster care in Oregon. Read about it here (Yahoo, 5/29/10).

I and countless others have written outraged pieces about the case. Noah Kirkman is now 12 years old. When he was taken into foster care by Oregon authorities two years ago, he had not been abused; he had not been neglected. No one has ever claimed that his mother Lisa Kirkman (pictured) or his stepfather John Kirkman has ever been anything but a good parent to him. That's reflected in his grades which are straight A's despite Noah's severe ADHD.

No, in their zeal to substitute foster care for parental care, Oregon child welfare authorities decided that Lisa Kirkman had abandoned her son. How did they figure that? Well, he was living with his stepfather in Oregon, that's how. Make sense to you? After all, John has been the boy's steadfast and true dad for 10 of his 12 years on this earth. How Oregon child welfare workers and Judge Leonard concluded that a boy, who's never been abused or neglected in any way and who's living with his stepfather, had been abandoned is one for the record books. In all the annals of state intervention into families, has there ever been a case more arbitrary or capricious?'

Shoplifter Profile: Rude, Messy Men Most Likely to Steal, Study Finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Late for appointments? Rude to your wife? Maybe the security guards should ask you to check your bags on the way into a store.

Some personalities are more prone to shoplifting than others, finds a study published in the June issue of the British academic journal Personality and Individual Differences. Its authors conclude that men who are "unpleasant and antisocial" or "disorganized and unreliable" are more likely to shoplift than anyone else.

"There's this sterotype of elderly women stealing tins of salmon, but that's not what we found," says Vincent Egan, a psychology professor at the University of Leicester who co-authored the study. "My results suggest dishonest consumer behavior is narrowly associated with how unpleasant and disorganized you are."'

All the subjects identified in the study as shoplifters were men. Outgoing youths were also more prone to steal, maybe because they don't fully understand the consequences of their actions and may get "carried away by the moment," says Egan.'

Canada: Feminism blamed for rising female violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Northern Territory researcher says studies show women can be just as violent as men and social changes are behind a reported rise in violence among young women.

A senior lecturer in psychology at Charles Darwin University, Dr Peter Forster, says there is no truth to the argument that testosterone levels make men more aggressive.

He says social factors such as the rise of feminism in the last few decades could be behind the rise in violence amongst women.

"We've now taken away the expectation that women will behave differently to men," he said.

"It used to be that one of the biggest differences was that women were more peaceful, they were peacemakers.

"[But] that kind of inhibition to be violent has gradually diminished to the point where it no longer inhibits women at all."

Feminism: No Longer about Equality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feministing's Jessica Valenti has a new op-ed in the Washington Post, and she has decreed that to qualify as a feminist one must believe that American women are oppressed. She writes:

> Feminism is a social justice movement with values and goals that benefit women. It's a structural analysis of a world that oppresses women, an ideology based on the notion that patriarchy exists and that it needs to end.

The article, titled "The fake feminism of Sarah Palin," targets the Alaska governor for daring to call herself a feminist; Valenti also throws in shots at the Independent Women's Forum, Kathryn Lopez, and Christina Hoff Sommers for failing to get just how much American women still suffer.

NY Times: Gender Gap for the Gifted in City Schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When the kindergartners at the Brooklyn School of Inquiry, one of New York City's schools for gifted students, form neat boy-girl rows for the start of recess, the lines of girls reach well beyond the lines of boys.
...
Educators and experts have long known that boys lag behind girls in measures like high school graduation rates and college enrollment, but they are concerned that the disparity is also turning up at the very beginning of the school experience.

Why more girls than boys enter the programs is unclear, though there are some theories. Among the most popular is the idea that young girls are favored by the standardized tests the city uses to determine admission to gifted programs, because they tend to be more verbal and socially mature at ages 4 and 5 when they sit for the hourlong exam.
...
Biases and expectations among adults are often in play when determining which children count as gifted, and fewer boys appear to end up in gifted programs nationally. A 2002 study by the National Academy of Sciences reported that boys were "overrepresented in programs for learning disabilities, mental retardation and emotional disturbance, and slightly underrepresented in gifted programs," said Bruce A. Bracken, a professor at the College of William & Mary who wrote one of the two exams that the city uses to test gifted children. He said the implications of the study were "disturbing."'

Female Genital Mutilation and Circumcision: Comparable?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The AAP makes a valid point on the comparison of FGM/C to male circumcision: "Health educators must also be prepared to explain to parents from outside North America why male genital alteration is routinely practiced here but female genital alteration is routinely condemned." Male circumcision is more invasive than the "ritual nick" proposed by the AAP, yet most Americans don't bat an eye at the procedure. In fact, after my son was born (and not circumcised), a nurse expressed surprise that he wasn't cut. Meanwhile, Jewish families celebrate the ritual with a gathering at home eight days after the birth.

Male circumcisions have been performed under similarly brutal circumstances as FGM/C, and like FGM/C, historical reasons cited for circumcision have included cleanliness and control over sexuality. Religious observance plays a part in both procedures as well. Those defending the AAP's revised stance have cited these points as reasons to legalize FGM/C. What's good for the gander ought to be good for the goose too.

As I see it, the difference lies primarily in the prevailing attitudes behind the two practices. Male circumcision is a religious ritual for some, and a matter of social convention for others. FGM/C is also a religious ritual for some, but one that is rooted in oppression and subjugation. Regional and international human rights organizations campaign actively against FGM/C in any form, including the medicalization of the procedure as proposed by the AAP.'

Politi: Exonerating others now focus of former Duke lacrosse player Reade Seligmann

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Four years later, the moment that ripped his world apart has given him direction to help others.

Four years later, the scared kid from Essex Fells who was falsely charged in the notorious Duke lacrosse rape case is gone, replaced with a confident young man already working to change the legal system.

Remember Reade Seligmann?

His mug shot was plastered on the cover of Newsweek four springs ago with the headline: “Sex, Lies and Duke.” He was facing 30 years in prison for a crime he did not commit — a crime, it was later proven, that never took place.

He will graduate from Brown University today. Seligmann, now 24, will leave the Ivy League school with a joint degree in history and public policy and attend law school in the fall, where he will pursue a career focused on reducing the number of innocent people behind bars.'

Rape claims are falsified at an alarming rate

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'With the surfacing of yet another falsified rape allegation, this time by UC nursing student Kristen Lamb of Lebanon, Ohio, many are left questioning just how many rape claims are fabricated. Statistics show that such fake claims happen at an unfathomable rate.

The false allegations of Lamb's are not unusual, unfortunately. A 1994 study conducted by Purdue University professor Eugene Kanin, Ph.D. found that 41% of forcible rape allegations made during a multi-year period were false. While the Kanin Study has its critics, the findings of falsehood in the report were all based upon confessions by the alleged victims that their claims were fabricated.

The Kanin Study found three primary reasons for women making false rape claims, all reported by the women themselves: providing an alibi, a means of gaining revenge, and a platform for seeking attention or sympathy.

Regardless of the reasons for the false claims, a fabricated rape claim carries some of the most damaging, far-reaching consequences. For example, when a woman claims rape and names a particular man as her assailant, the accused male is typically arrested after a short investigation. After arrest, the man's face is plastered across media outlets locally, sometimes even regionally. The alleged victim, however, remains shielded with her name and identity hidden by media, police and prosecutors.'

Canada: Fast-track domestic violence cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A B.C. panel has issued 19 recommendations for preventing domestic violence deaths, including fast-tracking cases through the courts and flagging those at high risk of resulting in serious harm or death.
...
The panel also called for more consistency and better sharing of information between government agencies when dealing with domestic violence.
...

The recommendations come from a study of 11 deaths resulting from domestic violence in B.C. between 1995 and 2009.
...
Many of the recommendations are similar to those made at a 2009 coroner's inquest into a Victoria-area murder-suicide that resulted in the deaths of five people.

The inquest was examining the case of Peter Lee, who in September 2007 killed his estranged wife, Sunny Park, their six-year-old son and Park's parents, before committing suicide at the family home in Oak Bay east of Victoria.

The province's chief coroner has given government and law enforcement agencies one month to respond to the recommendations.'

Canada: Myths of domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To inaugurate a Domestic Violence Awareness Day conference in London, Ont., this coming Sunday, a vigil and commemorative ceremony will be held for Dave Lucio.

Dave Lucio's life was cut tragically short three years ago this Sunday by a .40-calibre Glock pistol bullet to his head. The lethal shot was fired by Kelly Johnson, a woman he had broken up with the previous day after a three-year intimate relationship. When she pulled the trigger, Lucio was driving a van with Johnson sitting beside him. Johnson then turned the gun on herself. The circumstances therefore left no room for doubt about who perpetrated the crime.

Although by no means the first time a Canadian man had been killed by a present or former intimate partner — one-third of Canada's approximately 70 annual intimate partner homicides are men killed by women — the case made waves because both the killer and the victim were police officers (Lucio a retired superintendent).

The story gathered wider cultural significance because then-London police chief Murray Faulkner (he has since retired) treated the case as a bilateral tragedy rather than a homicide. According to contemporary news reports, he went in person to comfort the family of Johnson — the killer — but didn't even bother to call the parents of Lucio, the victim.'

UK: Anti-violence campaign targets 'abusive' attitudes

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A TV advert shows "abusive" behaviour towards a woman, including being leered at and enduring sexist comments.

Social Justice Minister Carl Sargeant said while that could seem harmless to men, women can feel threatened.

Welsh Women's Aid said tackling "widespread social attitudes" was crucial.
...
"Any behaviour that intimidates a woman should not be tolerated. If the campaign makes people stop and think then it will have served its purpose."
...

Adele Baumgardt, Wales commissioner for the Women's National Commission, said: "Gender discrimination affects women in Wales daily and can leave them feeling intimidated and even frightened.

"We need to change how men perceive women, challenge inappropriate attitudes and show men how damaging these can be. I hope that this campaign will give victims the confidence to come forward and ask for help."'

Woman stabs nine in China train rampage

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BEIJING (AFP) - – A woman armed with a knife went on the rampage on an overnight passenger train in northeastern China, stabbing and wounding nine people as they slept, state media reported on Wednesday.

The attack, which occurred in the early morning Tuesday on a train in Heilongjiang province, is the latest in a wave of violent attacks by lone assailants that has shocked the country.

The woman, who was not identified, went from berth to berth stabbing sleeping passengers until she was wrestled to the ground and restrained by other travellers, said Dongbei, a news website covering China's northeast.

The woman was estimated by witnesses to be about 40 years old, but no other details about her were provided.

The train had been travelling from the provincial capital of Harbin to the city of Hebei. The victims received treatment when the train stopped in the city of Jiamusi, but the report did not say how serious their injuries were.'

Alimony - It is Unconstitutional

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Via email from The Alliance For Freedom From Alimony, Inc.:

Alimony Statutes' Background

There is no common law right to alimony. It is merely a statute that must conform to state and federal constitutional provisions.

Alimony originated because of coverture, i.e. a wife was viewed as property of the husband and herself was not entitled to own property., thus the idea that if the couple separated the husband was responsible for the cost of living of the wife.

Coverture was abolished by most states in their constitutions and statutes to guarantee wives the right to buy, own and sell property. It created opportunities of economic equality for wives.

The doctrine of necessaries, the idea that a husband was responsible to third parties for the debts of their wives, was abolished in many states based on equal protection grounds. The law in many states is that neither party in a marriage is responsible for the debts of the spouse to third parties. This effectively makes the parties in marriage economic independents. Some states have made both parties in a marriage responsible for the debts of the spouse to third parties thereby solving the equal protection issue by keeping the doctrine but making it gender neutral.

Australia: Susan Falls not guilty of murder of husband

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'A Sunshine Coast mother has been found not guilty of murdering her husband.

It took the jury less than two hours to decide Susan Falls had not murdered her husband, Rodney Falls.
...
Mr Falls' sister, Kim Page, stormed out of court swearing.

"You'll get yours," she said.

Another man also left the court saying "she got away with it" and slammed the door behind him.

The jury accepted Mrs Falls' argument that she was a victim of years of sustained abuse.

Justice Applegarth took several hours to sum up the case to the jury, beginning his address to them yesterday afternoon and continuing from 10am today.
...
He told jurors Mrs Falls' defence lawyers did not have to prove she was acting in self defence when she shot and killed Rodney Falls, but rather the prosecution must prove she wasn't acting in self defence at the time.

The onus of proof was on the Crown, he reminded them.

He also told jurors they must consider Mrs Falls state of mind at the time.

“Was she in fear of did she do what she did out of hatred and revenge, that's the essence of the prosecution case,” he said.'

Australia: Warning over Susan Falls acquittal: 'It's not open season on abusive husbands'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE acquittal of a woman who shot and killed her violent husband should not signify "open season" on abusive partners, a lawyer who heads a women's prisoner support group said yesterday.

The comment came after a jury took only 90 minutes to find Susan Falls, 42, not guilty of murdering her husband Rodney, 41, at their Caloundra home in May 2006.

Ms Falls was also cleared of manslaughter.

The former Sunshine Coast woman admitted killing her husband but claimed she did so in self-defence after suffering more than 20 years of violent abuse.

Lawyer Debbie Kilroy, founder of women prisoner support group Sisters Inside, said the verdicts should not encourage the public to take the law into their own hands.

"This does not mean 'open season'," Ms Kilroy said.

"I think (the Falls verdict) is a message to all battered women and victims of serious domestic violence that there is justice in the legal system," she said.
...
Ms Falls' family and supporters sobbed with joy when the verdict was read out while Rodneys Falls' family - including sister Kym Page - stormed out of the courtroom.

Outside court Ms Page said: "Why doesn't every man and woman just go out and (kill) their husbands?"'

A Hidden Crime: Domestic Violence Against Men Is a Growing Problem

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amid the media frenzy over Tiger Woods and Bengals receiver Chris Henry, a key aspect of both stories slipped through the cracks: Like millions of other men, Woods and Henry were -- allegedly at least -- the victims of domestic violence perpetrated by their wives or girlfriends. Beyond its brutal physical and psychological costs, domestic violence against men exacts a cruel economic toll at the personal, societal and national levels.

For the most part, the media, authorities and average citizens see domestic violence as a crime that is committed by men and victimizes women. Consequently, funding to combat the problem has overwhelmingly been spent on programs that support women.

...

And yet, more than 200 survey-based studies show that domestic violence is just as likely to strike men as women. In fact, the overwhelming mass of evidence indicates that half of all domestic violence cases involve an exchange of blows and the remaining 50% is evenly split between men and women who are brutalized by their partners.'

Father-Son Poem: For Justin

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Poem here. A total keeper.

For Justin

Remember that I love you,
know I'll always care,
whatever path your life may take,
feel that I am there.

As we rock, my little man,
soothe your tears away,
the little fingers on your hand,
are only small today.

A day may come when dark skies,
make you feel all hope has gone,
so in time, the sun will shine,
to cast your shadow long,

Look to see that shadow,
look, learn and find,
behold, your silhouette is first,
with mine, a step behind.

Flexing our Political Muscle: Abusegate Targets 20 Lawmakers for Defeat on Nov. 2

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Today, Abusegate is releasing a list of 20 politicians targeted for defeat on November 2. The lawmakers are being targeted as part of the "Adopt-a-Politician, Clean up Washington!" campaign.

These lawmakers – Democrats and Republicans – have a record of promoting biased and harmful domestic violence legislation in Congress, such as the International Violence Against Women Act. These Senators and Representatives have turned a cold shoulder on our repeated requests to reform VAWA.

The list of 20 incumbents targeted for defeat is shown below. We invite persons to "adopt" any of the targeted politicians and work to elect their opponents:
http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/2010/05/27/adopt-a-politician-heres-how-to-get-your-candidate-elected/

Complete information about the "Adopt-a-Politician, Clean up Washington!" campaign can be seen here.

Letter from India: "The Problem of Working With Men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the 1990s, it became popular to talk about “engendering development.” The stated goal was to include more women in the development process, to right historical gender inequalities and make sure that aid money flowed equally to both sexes.

These are laudable goals. But what often goes unspoken in the practice of engendered development is that aid agencies want to work with women not just because they have traditionally been excluded, but also because men are harder to work with.

Indeed, in many ways, and in striking contrast to women, men often represent something of an impediment to development. As Jerald Moris, who has been working in rural development for more than 20 years, said to me: “Working with women’s groups is more efficient.” He added that a rupee spent on women goes further than on men.
...
He laughed when he told me all this; the irony wasn’t lost on him. Still, he said that in his view development was a “holistic” process. You couldn’t have real progress without including men.

It is perhaps hard to feel sorry for men: they drink, beat their wives, neglect their families.

But if the goal of development is to overcome obstacles to progress, then, precisely because they are often difficult and obstructionist, it would seem that men have to be part of the process.'

More Wives Look to Upgrade Engagement Rings

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Story here. Excerpt:

'When Elizabeth Robichaux Brown got married nine years ago, she made a vow to love her husband, for better or for worse, until their dying days.

She did not make that same kind of commitment to her ring.

So, a few months ago, she did what more and more women are doing: She gave her original engagement ring an upgrade, placing two stones which she calls "the twins" on each side of her solitaire diamond.

"When I first got my ring, it was like, 'OK, I like this ring.' But I knew that eventually I would make it a different type of ring," she said. "I got a carat-and-a-half pear when I got married, but I always knew I wanted two pears on the side."

While Brown added on, some women are trading in their original engagement rings and wedding bands for something else. No longer seen as a symbol to be worn for an eternity, rings are being upgraded like some people trade in cars or remodel an aging kitchen.'

Feministing: 'Feminism and male circumcision'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I recently had a baby boy (my second) and of course the topic of circumcision came up. I educated myself on circumcision and how it is totally medically unnecessary to circumcise a healthy baby's penis and felt that doing so would pretty much amount to mutilating him for no other reason than because everybody else is doing it too. Unfortunately when I made up my mind about it, it was already too late. He was getting circumcised at that doctor's appointment.

My husband reported that our son seemed fine- that although we were told they wouldn't use pain relief he believes they did because he seems a-ok. That was until the first diaper change..and every diaper change after that for the next four days when my baby would shake and scream in pain...
...
I am now firmly on the side against circumcision and only wish I had actually looked deeper into this before my sons were circumcised. I honestly went along with the crowd on it and thought it was just one of things you do to your sons, get them circumcised.

If one of our rallying cries is bodily autonomy and we'd raise all hell when AAP briefly decided to allow "nicking" of female newborn genitals, does being against male circumcision become a feminist issue on the grounds of bodily autonomy or is it the universal right of a parent to SONS to do with their child's genitals as they please?'

The Masculinity Conspiracy: Chapter 2 now online

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The Masculinity Conspiracy is a free online book about masculinity. Chapter 2 (History) is now online: http://masculinityconspiracy.com

This chapter examines how the theme of history is mobilized in the conspiracy via two books: Manliness by Harvey Mansfield, and Sex, Ecology, Spirituality: The Spirit of Evolution by Ken Wilber.

I show how these books promote a masculinity of fixed characteristics that is biologically determined and bound by history.

I then offer some different ways of thinking about masculinity and history in order to counter the conspiracy.

UK: Cameron in U-turn on rape case anonymity which could now only apply until suspects are charged

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Plans to give anonymity to men accused of rape have been dramatically scaled back.

Two weeks ago, the coalition pledged to give men the same protection as their accusers, whose identities are never revealed.

But yesterday David Cameron indicated the accused would be named if prosecutors brought charges.

His comments, at Prime Minister's Questions, suggested any suspects released by police without charge would have their names permanently shielded from the public.'

Abusegate: 10 Reasons why Barbara Boxer will soon be Toast

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From Abusegate Bob:

Yesterday we launched the “Adopt-a-Politician: Clean up Washington!” campaign, listing 20 Senators and Representatives we are targeting for defeat on November 2: http://abusegate.mensnewsdaily.com/2010/06/04/adopt-a-politician-10-reasons-why-barbara-boxer-has-got-to-go/. Every one of these lawmakers has been unsympathetic to our repeated requests to reform the Violence Against Women Act.

And one politico is the undisputed champion in terms of her long-standing, unwavering, and dogmatic support for anti-family domestic violence laws: Senator Barbara Boxer of California. That makes Ms. Boxer the numero uno target for our Adopt-a-Politician campaign.'

[Please see the full page at the link above for the rest of this article]

Men's Rights Group Defeats "the Barbara Boxer Clone of India"

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From Abusegate Bob:

Boxer's feminist clone was defeated in India today.

The Indian Version of Barbara Boxer (Former Women's Minister Renuka Choudhury) is defeated once again today. She passed and implemented the second domestic violence law in India in 2006.

As per latest reports she was denied nomination to India's upper house of Parliament. Just a few days back, she was a clear favorite even with a section of media backing her.

From an activist in India:

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics/nation/Jairam-Ramesh-gets-RS-ticket-Renuka-loses-out/articleshow/6009539.cms

"Former minister for women and child development Renuka Chowdhury, whose name was being touted as a possible candidate, lost out in the race."

Unlike US senate elections, in India the state senators elect proportionate 1/3rd members for India's Upper House in every 2 years for a full term of 6 years.

The Ruling Congress Party headed by Sonia Gandhi was not so strongly represented in State Senates and hence it requested for support from some smaller Political parties. Our members started massive fax and email campaign to these smaller political partners of the ruling party in last few days. All these small efforts added up to existing lobbies.

http://legalfighter.wordpress.com/2010/05/30/open-letter-opposing-renuka-chaudhary-as-rajya-sabha-member/

Next, we are working to get the chairperson of Indian National Commission for Women (NCW) Girija Vyas (a PhD from University of Delaware) sacked.

Best Regards
Anil

Egypt to strip men married to Israelis of citizenship

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The feminist assertion that men have more rights than women, especially in societies that are (supposedly) patriarchal, is false. The latest example of this can be found here. If men are so powerful, why is it that the fundamental right to belong as part of the most basic political body a modern state can have (ie, the right of citizenship), can be summarily discharged simply for having married "the wrong kind of woman" -- or indeed, for any other reason that happens to become fashionable to those in charge? Excerpt:

'CAIRO (AFP) – A Cairo court on Saturday upheld a ruling to strip Egyptian men married to Israeli women of their citizenship in a case that has highlighted national sentiment towards Israel.

Judge Mohammed al-Husseini, sitting on the Supreme Administrative Court, said the interior ministry must ask the cabinet to take the necessary steps to strip Egyptian men married to Israeli women, and their children, of their citizenship.

The court said that each case should be considered separately, in a ruling that cannot be appealed.

The ruling reflects Egyptian sentiment towards Israel, more than 30 years after Egypt signed an unpopular peace deal with the Jewish state.

Before reading the verdict, Husseini said the case would not apply to Egyptian men married to Arab Israeli women.

"The case for (Egyptian) men married to Israeli Arab women is different to those married to Israeli women of Jewish origin because (Israeli Arabs) have lived under Israeli occupation," Husseini told the court.'

'Come for the Pizza, Stay for the Deconstruction of Masculinity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Getting teenage boys to engage in gender theory can require a soft approach. The vague title of the clubs—“Men of Strength”—dodges the activist implications of the D.C.-based organization that runs them: Men Can Stop Rape. At the beginning of each school year, MOST facilitators arrive on campus and lure in participants. “Last year, we were hanging out outside school, and some people were like, ‘we need some males over here to eat some free pizza,’” says Eugene, a 16-year-old junior at Foggy Bottom’s School Without Walls. At that first MOST meeting, Eugene and a dozen other guys were fed pizza and offered free movie tickets; over the next school year, they came back each Tuesday for the pizza, and gradually advancing conversations on gender. Now, “I kind of like to keep the MOST club secret from other dudes,” says Eugene. “We all have this strong connection with each other . . . But also, if you bring more people in, then there are fewer slices.”'

St. Petersburg Times: Inside Tampa domestic violence shelter, there's quite a storm

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Article here. Excerpt:

'TAMPA — Joanne Lighter was hired at the Spring of Tampa Bay to position Florida's largest domestic violence shelter for the future. Tampa's beloved charity had churned through executives and interim executives for nearly 10 years. It needed new phones and computers, but also stability and a long-range plan.

Two years later, Lighter has left a trail of broken relationships and hurt feelings through Tampa's philanthropic community.

Donors have pulled support and fundraisers have been scrapped. The Spring's mission is "in peril," as the chairman of the board wrote to donors in April, and the shelter could soon have to turn victims away.

Lighter says she is doing the job the board gave her, and that change is hard.

Lighter's critics — including former Spring employees, volunteers and board members — say she is verbally abusive, has fired good people and is dragging down an important Tampa institution that provided emergency shelter for more than 2,000 domestic violence victims last year.'

Abusegate Targets Anti-Family Lawmakers for Electoral Defeat

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From Abusegate Bob:

This press release went out to about 20,000 media outlets today:

WASHINGTON / June 9, 2010 – Twenty national lawmakers, known for their advocacy of policies that promote false allegations and serve to break-up families, have been targeted for electoral defeat in November.

The 20 lawmakers are supporters of discriminatory laws such as the International Violence Against Women Act that are known to violate fundamental civil rights and escalate partner tensions. The 20 Democratic and Republican lawmakers are listed at the end of this press release.

“Domestic violence laws that promote ‘false allegations’ of domestic violence contribute to the destruction of families. Such laws remove the right of many children to know one of their parents, and often their grandparents,” explains Sheryle Hutter of Colorado. “Thanks to such laws, my son hasn’t seen his daughter for 10 years, and I have not seen my grandchild for more than 3 years.”

The use of false abuse allegations to gain a tactical edge in child custody cases has been extensively documented: http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/VAWA-A-Culture-of-False-Allegations

A growing number of civil rights organizations are questioning “get-tough” domestic violence laws. The Washington Civil Rights Council has described the Violence Against Women Act as the “biggest civil rights roll-back since the Jim Crow era.” Last year the Connecticut chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union successfully challenged a case in which a man falsely-accused of domestic violence was denied the right to a hearing.

Women’s groups such as Concerned Women for America have also expressed concerns with what it calls violence against women “misinformation.” In May 5, 2010 testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Concerned Women for America warned that abuse-reduction programs need to “take the ‘gender’ politics and ‘politically-correct’ agenda out of the public policy solutions.”

The effectiveness of domestic violence programs is likewise being challenged. According to Department of Justice official Angela Moore Parmley, “We have no evidence to date that VAWA [Violence Against Women Act] has led to a decrease in the overall levels of violence against women.”

Research shows women are as likely as men to initiate physical abuse against their intimate partners: http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm. But VAWA-funded programs may present misleading statistics.
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Senators:
Barbara Boxer - California
Mark Kirk - Illinois
Russ Carnahan - Missouri
Arlen Specter - Pennsylvania
Patty Murray - Washington

Representatives:
Vic Snyder – Arkansas
Lucille Roybal-Allard - California
Jeff Miller – Florida
Jim Marshall - Georgia
Walt Minnick - Georgia
John Tierney - Massachusetts

Donna Edwards - Maryland
Larry Kissel – North Carolina
Paul Hodes – New Hampshire
Rush Holt – New Jersey
Ben Luján – New Mexico
Mary Joe Kilroy - Ohio
David Wu – Oregon
Ted Poe - Texas
Steve Kagen - Wisconsin

CNN: Kids of lesbians have fewer behavioral problems, study suggests

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A nearly 25-year study concluded that children raised in lesbian households were psychologically well-adjusted and had fewer behavioral problems than their peers.

...

Funding for the research came from several lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender advocacy groups, such as the Gill Foundation and the Lesbian Health Fund from the Gay Lesbian Medical Association.

Dr. Nanette Gartrell, the author of the study, wrote that the "funding sources played no role in the design or conduct of the study."

...

Wright questioned the objectivity of Gartrell's research, saying the author can "cherry pick people who are involved and the info they release."

"In essence, this study claims to purport that children do better when raised by lesbians," she said.

Studies have shown that children thrive having both a mother and a father, Wright said.

"You have to be a little suspicious of any study that says children being raised by same-sex couples do better or have superior outcomes to children raised with a mother and father," she said. "It just defies common sense and reality."'

The Atlantic: 'The End of Men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Even more unsettling for Ericsson, it has become clear that in choosing the sex of the next generation, he is no longer the boss. “It’s the women who are driving all the decisions,” he says—a change the MicroSort spokespeople I met with also mentioned. At first, Ericsson says, women who called his clinics would apologize and shyly explain that they already had two boys. “Now they just call and [say] outright, ‘I want a girl.’ These mothers look at their lives and think their daughters will have a bright future their mother and grandmother didn’t have, brighter than their sons, even, so why wouldn’t you choose a girl?”

...

In feminist circles, these social, political, and economic changes are always cast as a slow, arduous form of catch-up in a continuing struggle for female equality. But in the U.S., the world’s most advanced economy, something much more remarkable seems to be happening. American parents are beginning to choose to have girls over boys. As they imagine the pride of watching a child grow and develop and succeed as an adult, it is more often a girl that they see in their mind’s eye.

...

Earlier this year, for the first time in American history, the balance of the workforce tipped toward women, who now hold a majority of the nation’s jobs. The working class, which has long defined our notions of masculinity, is slowly turning into a matriarchy, with men increasingly absent from the home and women making all the decisions. Women dominate today’s colleges and professional schools—for every two men who will receive a B.A. this year, three women will do the same. Of the 15 job categories projected to grow the most in the next decade in the U.S., all but two are occupied primarily by women. Indeed, the U.S. economy is in some ways becoming a kind of traveling sisterhood: upper-class women leave home and enter the workforce, creating domestic jobs for other women to fill.'

From Here & Back Again: Boys versus Girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, there still seems to be a held belief that girls suffer discrimination in schools, even to the point that teachers and school administrators, when shown empirical evidence, will not believe that it is boys who have suffered and are suffering.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, slightly more girls than boys actually enroll in high-level math and science courses, girls outnumber boys in student government and honor societies, on school newspapers and in debating clubs.

Girls read more, test higher in music and art, study abroad more and are more actively engaged in school.

Guess where boys are ahead. Yes, in sports, but the gap is closing rapidly.

Girls also go on to college more than boys, and one silly prediction was made that at the present rate of change, the last boy to receive a bachelor's degree will be in 2062.

Boys have the dubious distinction of being diagnosed with attention-deficit disorder three times more than girls, are more involved in crimes, alcohol and drugs and commit suicide about five times more often than girls. These statistics do not apply to just urban or rural poor schools, but across the board.'

UK: Night on domestic violence focuses on male victims

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A conference about domestic violence against men and a candle-light vigil to honour slain London police officer David Lucio will be held Saturday.

Monday marks the third anniversary of Lucio's death. The retired London police superintendent was shot by acting police inspector Kelly Johnson, with whom Lucio had broken off a relationship.

The conference will focus on "the rarely talked about reality of domestic violence against men," according to a news release.

Lucio's father, Doug Lucio, will speak at the conference about his views about his son's treatment by London police after his death.'

Ex-Wife Gets Jail For Alienating Kids From Dad

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Article here. Excerpt:

"In a startling development, a Long Island mother has been found in contempt during a custody fight with her ex-husband.

It's a decision that could have her spending summer weekends in the slammer.

Ted Rubin and Lauren Lippe were divorced seven years ago, and over the years Rubin said his ex-wife has been vengefully programming his children to hate him.

It's a case of parental alienation that isn't being taken lightly. Now Lippe is going to jail. "

NY Times: Daring to Discuss Women in Science

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The House of Representatives has passed what I like to think of as Larry's Law. The official title of this legislation is "Fulfilling the potential of women in academic science and engineering," but nothing did more to empower its advocates than the controversy over a speech by Lawrence H. Summers when he was president of Harvard.

This proposed law, if passed by the Senate, would require the White House science adviser to oversee regular "workshops to enhance gender equity." At the workshops, to be attended by researchers who receive federal money and by the heads of science and engineering departments at universities, participants would be given before-and-after "attitudinal surveys" and would take part in "interactive discussions or other activities that increase the awareness of the existence of gender bias."

I'm all in favor of women fulfilling their potential in science, but I feel compelled, at the risk of being shipped off to one of these workshops, to ask a couple of questions:

1) Would it be safe during the "interactive discussions" for someone to mention the new evidence supporting Dr. Summers's controversial hypothesis about differences in the sexes' aptitude for math and science?

2) How could these workshops reconcile the "existence of gender bias" with careful studies that show that female scientists fare as well as, if not better than, their male counterparts in receiving academic promotions and research grants?'

Is it our fault men won't give up seats for mothers-to-be?

Broadsword · 9 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"When it comes to excuses, I like to think I've heard them all.

But this one beggars belief: according to a new survey, the reason why a tired, aching, heavily pregnant woman is left to stand on public transport - and, yes, we've all seen her -is because those healthy young men, sitting so very comfortably nearby, are just too embarrassed to offer her their seats.

They are, apparently, tormented by the thought that she might not actually be pregnant. Just fat. So better by far not to risk insulting her.

OK, chaps. If that's your story, you stick to it.

But now tell us this: why do you also neglect to offer your seat to a woman where there's no room for doubt? Because, say, she's elderly? Or carrying a child? Or struggling with shopping?

Or - if this isn't too radical a thought for you - simply because she's a woman?"

DAHMW Fundraiser in Honor of Father's Day

Matt · 9 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

A great way to show dad you care is by donating to a cause that specializes in helping men.

The DAHMW, 10 years old now, receives no federal or state funding. We have no paid employees.

Our volunteers donated over 14,000 hours last year to keep our helpline running and bring public awareness to this issue. We rely solely on the generosity of donations. Your donation of $10, $15 or $20 will help us keep our toll free helpline and website up and running. Everyone who donates will receive grateful acknowledgment through the Thank You Page on our Website. We'll post you and your dad's name, unless your prefer to remain anonymous. In order to donate, please click on the yellow "Donate" button on the Support Us page or go to our Facebook cause page at: http://www.causes.com/causes/207697

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Jan Brown, Founder & Executive Director
Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women
http://www.domesticabusehelpline.org/

"Everything you are against weakens you. Everything you are for empowers you."
– Dr. Wayne Dyer
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdUYPcEgooc

Australia: Man sets himself on fire in front of Brisbane Supreme Court building after family court ruling

Matt · 9 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A MAN is believed to have set himself on fire outside of Brisbane's iconic Supreme Court complex after an unfavourable family court decision, according to witnesses at the scene.

The incident happened just after 2pm after the man, believed to be in his 40s, had been sitting in front of the iconic marble Law Courts sign for some time.

Witness reported hearing a bang and seeing flames as would-be rescuers ran to the man's aid.

Emergency workers at the scene say the man is in a critical condition - with burns to 90 per cent of his body.

Sources investigating the incident said the man had earlier been at the Federal Courts for family matter and may not have received the outcome he was after.

Two witnesses, Kylie Pannel and Kylie Beard, who were both close to tears, said they could not believe what happened just 3m from them.

"He said absolutely nothing," Ms Pannel said. "He was so quiet it wasn't funny."'

F&F Helps Defeat Radical Bill from Opponents of Recognizing Parental Alienation

Matt · 9 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'The Northern California-based advocacy group the Center for Judicial Excellence is one of Fathers and Families' main legislative opponents. This increasingly powerful and well-funded group has been the prime mover behind California AB 612, a bill that would exclude evidence of Parental Alienation from family law proceedings and prevent target parents of Parental Alienation from raising PA as an issue in their cases. Last year Fathers and Families' legislative representative Michael Robinson helped build a professional coalition to scuttle AB 612.

The CJE claims that there's a "crisis" in family courts, and that courts are handing over custody of children to physically and sexually abusive fathers. They promote reforms which will make it easier to deny parents shared custody or visitation rights based on unsubstantiated abuse claims.

Recently Assemblymember Jim Beall, Jr. (D-San Jose), a close ally of the CJE's who sponsored AB 612, did a gut and amend of AB 2475. The amended bill added Section 43.94 to the Civil Code to remove quasi-judicial immunity from court-appointed practitioners such as custody evaluators, parenting coordinators, therapists, minor's counsels, special masters, and others. The amended bill, which was sponsored by the CJE, was done in response to a perceived problem of evaluators supposedly recommending to judges that they place children with physically and sexually abusive parents.'

Netherlands: Unemployed women given £1,000 makeovers to help them find a solvent husband

Broadsword · 10 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Women on the dole are being offered a £1,150 fashion and beauty makeover and membership to a dating agency to help them find a wealthy husband.

Dutch jobseekers are being given a new hairstyle and outfit and tips from a lifecoach on how to attract a new partner.

The scheme has been slammed by local politicians who criticised the deal as unethical and a waste of taxpayers money.

Under the scheme, the women will be given instructions on how to present themselves socially and offered a place on an exclusive matchmaking website called Mens & Relatie (People and Relationships).

They will have professional photographs of their new image to boost their dating profile.

The scheme is being offered by three councils in Friesland, in the north of the Netherlands.

They estimate that if 70 women find a solvent husband, the council can save £330,000 on welfare payments."

Canada: Alberta targets domestic violence

Anonymous · 10 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Alberta government is spending $2.4 million on programs to fight domestic violence in the province, the province's justice minister said Thursday.

Minister of Justice and Attorney General Alison Redford made the announcement at a conference in Calgary — a city that saw nine domestic homicides last year, well above the national average.

"Last spring a young woman was murdered in the home that she shared with her children and her common-law husband," Redford said.

"To know that women have died and that children are impacted is a tragedy. And it's not a tragedy that we can let happen. We need to make sure that there is a consistent message out there that if kids or parents need help — even if it's someone who is abusing — that they are able to reach out and get that help."'

Domestic Violence: Why Some Women Have Real Reason to Fear the World Cup

badgerb · 10 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

The rise in domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday was proved a hoax. Not to be outdone, a female professor in England has warned women are at risk during the World Cup. See article here. Excerpt:

'ScienceDaily (June 10, 2010) — An expert at Royal Holloway, University of London is urging victims of domestic violence to have a plan in place should their partners turn violent during the World Cup, and to avoid the temptation of turning to drink themselves.

The World Cup can be a time of fear and worry for victims of domestic abuse as heightened emotions fuelled by alcohol come into play and instances of domestic violence attacks increase. Figures from the Home Office report that during the 2006 Football World Cup there was a 25% average increase in domestic violence on the five England match days in the tournament.

Professor Paula Nicolson, from the Department of Health and Social Care at Royal Holloway, who specialises in studying domestic violence, says it is now widely recognised that the inevitable alcohol consumption during large-scale sporting events increases men's violence towards their female partners.'

Group raises concerns over Title IX, men's soccer

anthony · 11 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With the World Cup approaching, an organization that advocates Title IX reform released a report lamenting the lack of growth in men's soccer at top athletic programs.

Only 59 percent of Division I programs offer men's soccer, according to the College Sports Council's study. That's a far cry from the 93 percent that offer women's soccer and the CSC says the disparity is because of Title IX and the way schools try to comply with it.

That conclusion was met with a stern rebuttal from both the NCAA and the Women's Sports Foundation, with the latter group saying the law tries to create equal opportunities for male and female athletes but does not force schools to forsake certain sports or offer others.

The CSC's report, released Thursday, points out that there were 197 men's soccer teams in Division I in 2008-09, the same number as in 1995-96. Over that same period, the number of women's teams increased from 189 to 310.

"Men's soccer has really been harmed," said Eric Pearson, chairman of the CSC. "Since 1996, the growth of the sport at the collegiate level has been held back."

Study: Men More Affected than Woman by Ups and Downs of Relationships

Anonymous · 12 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Contrary to popular belief, men are more affected by a rocky relationship than their female counterparts, according to new research from Wake Forest University.

Research shows that women have a harder time coping with a breakup, but the guys are the ones who feel more stress and strain when the relationship hits a rough patch, researchers found. On the upside, men also get more of a psychological and emotional boost when the relationship is healthy.

"Common wisdom says that women are more hurt by problems in a relationship," says Robin Simon, lead researcher on the study and a sociologist at Wake Forest, "but we found that the benefits of support [in a relationship] and the disadvantages of strain are exaggerated for the men."

"Men are more sensitive than we often think they are," she says.'

As Women Rise in Politics, Fault Lines Change

anthony · 12 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Hillary Clinton ran for Senate in 2000, her Republican rival, Rick Lazio, walked over to Clinton during a debate waving a pledge he demanded she sign; the subsequent outrage over what was seen as an invasion of Clinton's personal space both solidified Clinton's support among women and underlined that gender remained very much an issue in politics.

"...you can't make a point forcefully if you're a man and the person you are making a point with is a woman," Lazio said at the time in response to the anger directed towards him. He added: "I just think that that's sexist."

Yet in the 2010 races, male politicians had no problems aggressively challenging their female opponents, and the female candidates were more likely to highlight their business experience than their gender.
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In a lament of the "fascist feminist" movement, meanwhile, Cassy Fiano - who appears on her blog in a tank top, pointing a gun and smiling - wrote that women like Brown "champion strong, empowered women, yet they consistently try to instill a victim mentality in women."

The question of victimhood arose more than once in Haley's South Carolina primary, though it wasn't necessarily clear who was the victim in question. Haley aggressively denied two allegations she had engaged in extramarital affairs and resisted being cast as a victim after a political rival criticized her using a racial slur. Her success appears to have been rooted in part in her deft handling of the situations: Even if she benefited from the sort of rallying-around effect that boosted Clinton in 2000, she never appeared to be seeking it out.'

"Abusegate" passes 100,000 Google search hit milestone

Matt · 12 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'In an ongoing effort to track the dissemination of information about Abusegate, we periodically do a Google search on the word “abusegate.”

For the first time, “abusegate” has exceeded the 100,000 milestone. As of today, “abusegate” has 102,000 hits on Google.

Keep spreading the word, Abusegate, Investigate! One of these days, Congress will take the hint.'

Canada: The new heavyweight champions

Anonymous · 13 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Could this be the future? Very likely. At every age and income level, women are more likely than ever before to be the major or sole breadwinner in the family. The reason is not that more women are working, but that fewer men are. Three-quarters of the people who lost their jobs in the U.S. recession were men, and the hardest-hit sectors were the male worlds of construction, manufacturing and finance. Many of those jobs aren't coming back. In the city of Hamilton – once known as Steeltown – just 2 per cent of the population still works in steel. In Sudbury, the town that nickel built, Inco's unionized labour force has shrunk from 12,000 to around 3,300 souls, who are currently locked in a futile long-term strike with their foreign owner.
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All evidence suggests the gender shift is permanent. It would be nice to report that the sons of the striking nickel workers have gone off to university to become metallurgical engineers. But they have not. Just 18 per cent of Canadian males between 18 and 21 are currently attending university. Their sisters, though, are doing fine. They outperform their brothers in school and are far more focused on getting the credentials that will land them jobs as dental hygienists, bank clerks, office managers and nurses.
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Men and women also behave differently once they get there. Here's what guys typically do in first-year university: play video games, work out, watch TV, party. Here's what girls do: study.

"If men were operating rationally in an economic sense, they should be flooding into higher education," says Tom Mortenson, a senior scholar at the Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education in Washington. But people don't always operate rationally. And so we have that most modern of stereotypes – the aimless, slacker man-boy who isn't really qualified for anything and can't quite latch on to the job market.

As women bring home more and more of the bacon – and sometimes the whole hog – what will men do? How will relationships between the sexes be renegotiated? How will men figure out new ways to be a man? I have no idea. But for the first time since women relied on men to chase away the lions and bring home a tasty side of mastodon, it's all up for grabs.'

In divorce, should the father have equal custody rights to his children?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is a scientific fact that children do ENORMOUSLY better in joint custody arrangements. The only reason this is resisted by the existing for-profit divorce industry is there are easily $50 billion in annual legal fees in custody battles and also the states are paid billions more annually in matching child support funds under The Social Security Act Title 4d. This has the perverse incentive of making it profitable to force either parent out of a child's life.

See www.FathersUnite.org www.BestInterestOfCh ildren.organd thousands of other sites and organizations now available to fight this evil divorce industry which hides the facts to maintain the status quo and their multi-billion per year boondoggle.
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It's a Fact Here's why: 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes. (Source: U.S. D.H.H.S., Bureau of the Census). 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes. 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes. (Source: Center for Disease Control). 80% of rapist motivated by displaced anger come from fatherless homes. (Source: Criminal Justice and Behavior, Vol. 14, pp. 403-26). 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes. (Source: National Principals Assoc. Report on the State of High Schools). 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home. (Source: Fulton County Georgia jail populations, Texas Dept. Of Corrections, 1992). These statistics translate to mean that children from fatherless homes are: 5 times more likely to commit suicide 32 times more likely to run away 20 times more likely to have behavioral disorders 14 times more likely to commit rape 9 times more likely to drop out of high school 20 times more likely to end up in prison.'

Call for Papers - Male Studies Conference - October 2010

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The following link is the first official Call for Papers for the First Annual Conference on Male Studies to be held in October, 2010 at Wagner College on Staten Island, New York:

http://call-for-papers.sas.upenn.edu/node/37177

Wagner College will host the first annual Conference on Male Studies, on Friday and Saturday, October 1-2, 2010. Six themes representing several disciplines will be addressed by panels and individual presenters:

▪ The deep biology of the experience of being male (genetics, biology, psychoneuroendocrinology, paleoanthropology);

▪ Literacy and education of boys and college males (pedagogy, sociology);

▪ Socioeconomic factors leading to males' over-involvement in the criminal justice system, underemployment and limited opportunities as fathers, resulting from changes in child custody law (economics, forensics, law, public policy);

▪ Misandric representations of boys and mature males in the media and advertising (media studies including cinema, television and internet, and advertising);

▪ Accounts of the experience of being male (history, literature, autobiography);

▪ Pressing issues related to the emotional well-being of boys and older males, most notably depression and suicide (clinical psychology, medicine and psychiatry, social work).

Specialists in all of the above disciplines as well as related areas of research will present position papers or engage in carefully organized panel discussions of the themes. We expect participants to include scholars from more than 12 countries who participated in the April 7, 2010 inaugural teleconference and webinar broadcast.

Proceedings of the conference will be published in the first issue of a new journal, Male Studies, in 2011.

Please submit your proposal as a (1) single authored paper, (2) panel (naming colleagues who would be willing to participate with you), or (3) a workshop. The two-day conference will be interdisciplinary and international in scope.

In your proposal, indicate the specific discipline(s) your proposal represents. Include current contact information.

As a reminder, as mentioned on the Call for Papers, please send your documents to mgroth@wagner.edu.

Also, please forward this message to other scholars with whom you work or have worked.

Proposals will be accepted until August 31.

All Best,

Miles Groth, PhD, Convener

UK: Female bodyguards to get lighter 'baby' guns

Broadsword · 13 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Police bodyguards protecting the Royals and the Prime Minister are being armed with 'baby' guns in a bid to recruit more women officers to the role.

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In a report to the Metropolitan Police Authority, John Bunn, a senior detective in the Yard's counter-terrorism command described 'considerable improvements' in the work of SO1, the specialist protection unit.

He wrote: 'A diversity forum and work strands following best Metropolitan police service practice have been established, for example changing the type of firearm used to accommodate smaller hands, changes in recruit[ment] advertising, female-only insight days and mentoring under-represented groups expressing an interest in SO1.'

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Patrick Mercer, former chairman of the Commons sub-committee on counterterrorism, told the Sunday Times: 'I hope the judgment has been made on effectiveness and not on some contorted view of equality.'

Cathy Young: "Right to be feminist"

redwoodwriter · 13 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'THE LATEST Sarah Palin controversy has to do with feminism. In a recent article in the Washington Post, feminist author and blogger Jessica Valenti blasted the former vice presidential candidate for “adopting the feminist label.” Valenti believes that any talk of a conservative version of feminism is a cynical right-wing ploy to fool women into supporting reactionary antiwoman policies. But while Palin may be far from the best spokeswoman for conservative feminism, the idea itself is essential to feminism’s health.

If feminism is typecast as a left-wing movement, this automatically limits its appeal in a country with center-right politics. Feminist writer Naomi Wolf noted this nearly two decades ago when she urged the movement to drop litmus tests that excluded millions of women because of their positions on environmental policy, guns, gay rights, or abortion. Wolf argued that the beliefs of conservative and Republican women who champion female autonomy and achievement should be “respected as a right-wing version of feminism.”

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Who owns feminism today? Many feminists are incensed when the label is appropriated by women who question the Violence Against Women Act, or who argue that the pay differential between women and men is due largely to women’s more family-focused personal choices, not discrimination. Yet critiques of the conventional feminist paradigms of such problems as domestic violence and the gender gap in pay have been made both by many dissident feminists and by many scholars and researchers. To reject them out of hand as incompatible with feminism is not only ideologically intolerant, it also suggests an unwillingness to even consider factual claims that are at odds with dogma.'

Canada: Calgary boy back home after 2 years in U.S.

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 12-year-old Calgary boy is back on Canadian soil after being shuffled through a series of foster homes in the U.S. for nearly two years.

The boy, who cannot be named now that he has returned to Canada, has been in foster care in Oregon since he was picked up by police for biking without a helmet while on a summer vacation with his stepfather in 2008.

U.S. officials didn't recognize the boy's stepfather as his legal guardian, so the boy was sent to a foster home.

After a lengthy legal battle, a U.S. judge ruled in May the boy would be allowed to return to Canada.

He arrived at Calgary airport on Friday afternoon, where he was reunited with his mother.'

Barbara Kay: First, kill the husband. Second, claim sympathy as a widow

Anonymous · 14 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It used to be that the definition of hutzpah was a man who had murdered his parents pleading for mercy from the court because he was an orphan.

We have for our delectation an update on this definition out of Sacramento, California, in a story about a woman – the wife of a police detective, to add spice to the narrative — who, disgruntled over the loss of custody of her children to the husband (and going by the stats on this subject, she must be a piece of work to begin with to have lost custody in today's mother-friendly courts) hires a motorcycle gang hit man to off her husband.

Or she thinks she did. Members of the hit man's gang tape damning conversations with her and alert the police, who arrest her and eventually convict her for solicitation to murder. The story doesn't say why, but I'm thinking the gang probably has enough problems with the police, and don't need the aggravation of a furious vendetta from their proposed victim's colleagues.

But get this: Later in divorce court, after being released from prison in 2004, the would-be murderer is awarded half the couple's property, $70,000, just as though they were any other divorcing couple with, say, "irreconcilable differences." I guess you don't get more "irreconcilable" that when one partner tries to whack the other and fails.'

Abusegate: NM Rep. Ben Lujan Calls Abusegaters “Domestic Violence Deniers”

Matt · 14 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

Monday, June 14, 2010

Recently Abusegate announced the names of 20 Senators and Representatives we are targeting for electoral defeat on November 2. One of those persons is Ben Lujan, Democratic congressman of New Mexico, who is a co-sponsor of the family-destructive International Violence Against Women Act.

So when Lujan found out his name was on our list, he issued a press release in which Lujan’s campaign manager called Abusegate a “fringe” organization that represents “domestic violence deniers” — see below.

Rep. Lujan may believe there are good reasons to support the International Violence Against Act. But engaging in political name-calling does little to burnish his image as a lawmaker who is working to help New Mexico families, as he claims on his website.

Rep. Lujan should apologize for his demagoguery — call his Washington office at 202-225-6190. Or shoot him an email at https://forms.house.gov/lujan/webforms/issue_subscribe.htm

Action Alert: Boston Globe Calls for MA Courts to Be ‘Monitored Closely to Ensure That Fathers Get Fair Treatment'

Matt · 14 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Boston Globe’s Sunday lead editorial Child-custody cases demand discretion, not new laws (6/13/10) focuses on Fathers & Families’ shared parenting bill HB 1400. The editorial arose out of contacts between Fathers & Families’ Board Chair Ned Holstein, MD, Massachusetts shared parenting activist Dr. Peter Hill, and the Globe. The Globe had previously endorsed shared parenting in principle in its 2008 editorial A fair role for fathers (Boston Globe, 2/23/08) after meeting with Dr. Holstein.

The new editorial has positives and negatives. Among the positives, it says “No one can argue against the goal of giving fathers a large presence in their children’s lives.” Moreover, it makes an important call for Massachusetts family courts to “be monitored closely to ensure that fathers get fair treatment, and that, as much as possible, both parents get ample time with their children.”

However, the editorial disappoints in failing to endorse a presumption of shared parenting and/or HB 1400 as a solution, calling our bill “too broad an approach to a challenging issue that demands nuanced, case-by-case decisions based on the best interests of the child.” As Dr. Holstein explained to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary in his testimony on HB 1400, the bill isn’t too broad and “does not limit judicial discretion, mandate 50/50 parenting or any other specific parenting schedule, increase parental conflict or re-litigation, diminish protections against domestic violence, nor discard the best interest of the child standard”. To read Holstein’s written and spoken testimony, please click here.
...
We urge all Fathers and Families supporters to write to the Boston Globe about their editorial and in support of shared parenting by clicking here (letters@globe.com). To post a comment on the story on the Globe website, click here. To volunteer to be a part of Fathers and Families' work, click here.

Action Alert: Atlantic Monthly Denigrates Dads for Father's Day

Matt · 14 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'To commemorate Father's Day, the Atlantic Monthly published the anti-father article Are Fathers Necessary? A paternal contribution may not be as essential as we think (July/August 2010). It's no surprise that author Pamela Paul's arguments are factually flawed. Fathers & Families Board member Robert Franklin, Esq. explains:

> Pamela Paul tells Atlantic Monthly readers that "there's nothing objectively essential about his (dad's) contribution." Of course she could have said that about anyone; no one's "contribution" is "objectively essential." That Paul chose fathers about whom to make the observation speaks volumes about her bias in the matter.
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> Paul's article takes off from an analysis of data on parents and children by Judith Stacey, a professor of sociology at New York University, and Timothy Biblarz, a demographer from the University of Southern California, that was published in the Journal of Marriage and the Family. Its purpose is to explain what effect (if any) parental gender has on children. The authors conclude that parental gender seems to make no difference in outcomes for children. That's the "bottom line" of the study; Paul missed it.

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Write a Letter to the Editor of The Atlantic Monthly by clicking here.

The Sperm-Donor Kids Are Not Really All Right

Stinger503 · 14 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Kids Are All Right, due out in July, is being praised for its honest portrayal of a lesbian couple, played by Julianne Moore and Annette Bening. But what seems most revelatory about the movie is its portrayal of their two teenage children who track down their sperm donor biological father and insist on forging a connection with him. Finally, we have an exploration of how children born from such procedures feel, because in fact it turns out that their feelings about their origins are a lot more complicated than people think.

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We set out to change that. We teamed up with professor Norval Glenn of the University of Texas at Austin to design and field a survey with a sample drawn from more than 1 million American households. One of us (Karen Clark) found out at age 18 that she had been conceived through anonymous sperm donation in 1966. The other (Elizabeth Marquardt) has completed studies on topics such as the inner lives of children of divorce and has been profoundly absorbed by the stories of adult donor offspring since she first began hearing them in comments to posts she wrote on the FamilyScholars blog in 2005.

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The results are surprising. While adoption is often the center of controversy, it turns out that sperm donation raises a host of different but equally complex—and sometimes troubling—issues. Two-thirds of adult donor offspring agree with the statement "My sperm donor is half of who I am." Nearly half are disturbed that money was involved in their conception. More than half say that when they see someone who resembles them, they wonder if they are related. About two-thirds affirm the right of donor offspring to know the truth about their origins.'

Canada: Sometimes unequal works

Anonymous · 15 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This private member's bill, introduced by Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott, would amend the Divorce Act to mandate "equal shared parenting" when parents split up. Courts would start from the presumption that parents share time with the kids and decision making on a 50-50 basis, and put the legal onus on parents to show that such an arrangement would not be in the child's best interest.

Before I had a baby, I would probably have supported this legislation. Who would deny a child the right to the equal love and care of both parents? Why do mothers get custody so much more often than fathers?
...
When it comes to very young children, the presumption of the bill contradicts the first law of every parenting book on Earth: Disrupt a baby's routine as little as possible. Expert after expert advises parents to establish one sleep routine, nap routine and meal routine, and to ease young children slowly into transitions, such as moving house or mommy going back to work. They further warn that vacations — or any time away overnight from home — will prove disruptive. Indeed, what parents haven't returned from a trip with their tots only to find that they suddenly won't sleep through the night, or cling to your leg like Saran Wrap?
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Which brings us back to Bill C-422. Equal shared parenting would mean that very young children could be constantly shuttled back and forth between their parents' homes. Breast here, bottle there, stay-at-home parent here, daycare there. This type of endless transitioning will do them no favours — in fact, it can do a lot of damage. Courts can already order these kinds of arrangements, even without shared parenting rules, and there is mounting evidence that the stress hurts a young child's ability to attach to either parent, and to other people in general.

Bill C-422 would make this type of arrangement even more common at a time when other jurisdictions are questioning this model. Case in point: The Australian government, which four years ago introduced mandatory equal parenting legislation, is currently under pressure to revise its laws in the wake of several damning reports. Researchers found that not only were some children at risk of being placed in violent situations, but even children who were physically safe felt depressed, stressed and confused, and suffered adjustment problems. They also found that some fathers' motivation in seeking shared custody was not to bond with their children, but to reduce the amount of child support they had to pay.
...
I hope our lawmakers will allow other fractured families the same latitude, and defeat Bill C-422 or amend it to respect the needs of very young children, and other special circumstances. Until then, happy birthday Zara, and happy Father's Day, Ian. You both deserve the best celebrations a daughter and dad can have.'

Handling of 'abduction' case involving teen has been absurd

ItsDan · 15 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here, excerpt:

'He saw a 3-year-old girl without a parent. If he had it to do all over again, if he could see the cops, the handcuffs, the TV cameras and the jail cell all awaiting him, I imagine the last thing he would have done was try to help her.

But he did.
...
But look at the evidence.

We have the little girl's mother losing track of her daughter.

We have Edwin's mother not taking the girl from Edwin and turning her over to a store employee.

And we have Edwin in handcuffs.

I'm not sure the problem here is with the 14-year-old.

Interestingly enough, the girl's mother never did press charges. But the Sheriff's Office decided it would, ultimately settling on a charge of false imprisonment.

"He was in custody of the child and had no authority to be so," said Capt. Angelo Nieves. "The thing is to make clear we have not charged him with an offense that did not occur."

Congratulations.'

Canada: Barbara Kay: Happy Seed Provider's Day, Dad

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Adult children conceived during the wave of sperm donorship in the early 1980s and early 1990s are now telling their stories. They were wanted and loved children, but because of the way they were conceived, there is a world of hurt and anger out there.

Alana Sveta is a New York based, 20-something college dropout working with an independent film team on a screenplay based on her life as a "donor kid." In an email interview she wrote that she is obsessed with her genetic heritage, to which she attributes substance abuse and intimacy issues.
Before researching her own genetic history, Alana struggled for years to understand her deep misandry. Men, she discovered, were not her problem; rather it was being raised as if the missing half of her genetic identity were superfluous to her sense of self-worth. "It never occurred to me how truly robbed I was until I started spending time in other people's homes watching how their fathers interacted with them." Discussing her feelings of loss with her mother was difficult; she didn't want to appear ungrateful or critical of her mother's decision.
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Many donor kids do find their genetic fathers through such sites as donorsiblingregistry.com. Alana knows a few facts, but they haven't panned out. She holds the "childish fantasy" that her blond, blue-eyed father of Polish provenance will see her finished film and reach out to her.'

Aragon, Spain: Law passed for shared parenting

Hulkmania · 15 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article (English translation) here. Excerpt:

'Today it is approved, in Cortes de Aragon, the new law of Shared Safekeeping. We want to pay a tribute to Antonio Henar, unquestionable leader of the fight by Custodia Shared in Aragon. (it follows….)

In this new Law it is observed, like preferred norm to be used by the judges, Shared Custodia.

Antonio Henar, throughout more than 10 years has presided over the APFS of Aragon, with its seriousness, its sobriety and its good one for doing realised multitude of action, manifestations, meetings and different directed activities from the attainment of Shared Custodia in Aragon.'

Ed. note: Original article in Spanish here. Wikipedia on Aragon here.

Only 14 of world's 1,000 billionaires are self-made women

Broadsword · 15 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Only 14 of the world's 1,000 billionaires are self-made women, and only seven of them had no help from relatives, a new list has found.

In a list of the world's richest self-made women, American business magazine Forbes published the names of 14 women who have accrued $1 billion or more thanks to their own entrepreneurship rather than inheriting part or all of their fortune.

Seven of the women on the list were Chinese, Harry Potter author JK Rowling was the only British-born woman, and of the fourteen, at least five built their business empires with the help of husbands and brothers or sometimes both.

By contrast, Forbes said that 665 of the world's 1,011 dollar billionaires, including the three wealthiest men on the planet, Carlos Slim, Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, were self-made men. That, it said, meant that the 'female billionaires' club' accounted for two per cent of the total number of self-made billionaires.

The magazine cited experts who put the shortage down to wildly differing attitudes to female achievement and equality around the world and the fact that women often had more nuanced less mercantile goals than men when it came to building a business."

How To Fight False Allegations Of Abuse Made By Your Ex-Wife

Matt · 16 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via email from Jeremy S: Article here. Excerpt:

'It's sickening what some women will do in order to give themselves an unfair "edge" in court. Some exes tend to file and make false allegations of abuse by their ex-husband against their children. This is done in order to add drama and concern in the courtroom, and is done in hopes that the case will be turned in their favor.

Fortunately, by handling a false abuse allegation properly, you can easily have this thrown out or ignored by the court altogether. The idea behind making the false allegations is so that the ex-wife can get the upper hand in the courtroom and is used to try to get the courts to favor their case. Unfortunately, it can do exactly the opposite. Remember, the ex-wife has the burden of proof. If she cannot prove anything in regards to abuse, it will make her look foolish and irresponsible.'

Some of his accompanying comments:

"This advice in the article below is offered as such in the context of Law in other countries. Sadly the advice here while made in good faith and in full appreciation of the law in other countries, it is seldom applied here in Canada. Once an allegation is made here the man is pretty much regarded as being guilty and is judged to be so until proven innocent. And this at tremendous cost, not only in terms of money. The police almost always lay charges immediately after an allegation and from then on it's a 50/50 thing as to whether the Dad or married or unmarried man will be found guilty and sentenced or not."

Why 'Feminism' Should Be Erased from the American Lexicon

anthony · 16 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Instead, second-wave feminism relied on the power of government instead of the power of the individual. These feminists also refused to acknowledge that there are differences between men and women. Recognizing this fact is an affirmation of a biological reality, not patriarchy.

Unfortunately, these attitudes incline second-wave feminists towards victimhood. And that attitude makes the genuine equality which we all desire harder to achieve.

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Second-wave feminists prefer to blame discrimination. However, sometimes, discrimination is not to blame, and so-called "solutions" predicated on an assumption of discrimination and that expand government power would do more harm than good to millions of American women. Is it really that hard to believe there are women who knowingly take jobs that pay less so they can have more time to care for aging parents or spend more time with their children and families?

The best way to advance women—which should be the goal of all self-described feminists—is to educate women about the consequences of the personal decisions women make. Another goal should be to liberate the marketplace to offer more and better opportunities for women. Finally, a goal of all self-described feminists should be to promote equal opportunity for women and men so that none of us are ever denied what abolitionist and suffragist Sara Grimke referred to as our "essential rights."

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Given the gains women have made and the country we live in today—and the counterproductive agenda embraced by the most vocal self-proclaimed "feminists" of today, maybe it is time to simply retire the word from the American lexicon.'

No good black men?

Anonymous · 16 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt (found on p. 2 of the article):

'Black women have outperformed black men in just about every domain in life, and we're now seeing that phenomenon with whites as well," my brother said.

That means women will "need marriage less and expect more from it," and become less willing to settle for someone who is not an intellectual or professional equal, a social match and emotional partner.

If black women are angry, it's because they're tired of settling, of making accommodations for men who are — and these are my words — beneath them.'

Women more prone to emotional stress than men 'because of sensitivity to hormone'

Broadsword · 16 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Members of the fairer sex are more sensitive to a key stress hormone - with even small amounts sending their emotions into a whirl, research shows. Men, in contrast, are relatively immune to even high amounts of the chemical.

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Researchers say the U.S. study could help explain the differences in the way men and women control their emotions.

Women have higher rates of depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and other anxiety problems than men.

However no one has yet been able to pinpoint a biological reason for the difference.

The study focused on a stress hormone called corticotropinreleasing factor (CRF) which helps control the body's reaction to stress.

CRF is known to play a role in human psychiatric conditions.

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'Pharmacology researchers investigating CRF antagonists (blocking agents) as drug treatments for depression may need to take into account gender differences at the molecular level,' said Dr Valentino.'

Feminist Video Game Where Women Get To Kill 'Sexist' Men

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There's a new Video game out called 'Hey Baby'. You play a female and walk around the street killing men who make 'sexist' comments. Video here. Excerpt from their website:

"Ladies, are you sick and tired of catcalling, hollering, obnoxious one-liners and creepy street encounters? Tired of changing your route home to avoid uncomfortable situations?

IT'S PAYBACK TIME, BOYS....."

Men and Gender Neutral Domestic Violence versus Domestic Violence Policy

Matt · 17 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc A.: Article here. Excerpt:

'Sometimes a situation isn't as clear as some would like you to believe. Since the male perspective on domestic violence is rarely told and often suppressed, this article will examine anecdotal evidence to place the contemporary use and abuse of domestic violence in perspective. To paraphrase an African proverb: "The hunter will always be the hero until the lion gets his paws on the pen."

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Unfortunately, domestic violence policy has historically been utilized to unfairly structure a one sided biased conversation against men. One must understand that when VAWA was enacted, men were not in the equation. They were merely an afterthought. If anyone has noticed, Jerry Springer makes millions of dollars based mostly on female violence. However, those violent behaviors are being passed off as entertainment, not crimes of domestic violence or assault. Has anyone ever heard of a single domestic violence advocate protesting the Jerry Springer show? What's happening on the Jerry Springer show isn't funny or entertaining! However, female violence seems to be the primary focus of the Jerry Springer show.

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Broadening the scope of domestic violence changes the image of the domestic violence suspect. A gender neutral domestic violence policy would allow VAWA funding to portray women as abusers as well as men. Which reverts back to what Chris Brown had said in his interview with Vibe Magazine. More importantly, it allows anyone involved in a gay male relationship to receive the needed services and funding that comes with being a victim. After all, VAWA funding is need based, not gender based. Domestic violence in the absence of gender neutrality is an antiquated law that must be revisited. The everlasting words of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. written while confined in the Birmingham Jail ring true on this subject: "An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."'

Group calls for international boycott of family court systems worldwide

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From http://www.interpaal.com/

INTERNATIONAL PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT OF FAMILY COURTS

Today 16th June 2010, sees the historic launch of a global human rights campaign by the 'International Parents Alliance' (INTERPAAL), calculated to bring to an end the crises in international family law, responsible for the destruction of millions of parent/child relationships worldwide. By presenting all past, current and future victims, with the opportunity to make a compelling personal statement, the voiceless have now been given a voice.

The attached 'International Boycott of Family Courts' campaign document (.pdf file) finally provides a historic global rallying point and valuable support, to all those demanding that governments uphold their human rights obligations, to effectively protect the parent/child relationships of their citizens.

Working in their capacity as a solution based think tank, 'INTERPAAL' first focused on clearly identifying the (4) prime causal factors responsible for destroying so many parent/child relationships. Importantly, all four prime causal factors were unmistakably found to be inter-related, as are the numerous secondary effects.

Next they produced a legal, non-violent, gender-neutral campaign model, based on equality and social justice for all. The resulting document sets out the four (4) non- negotiable core demands considered absolutely vital to achieve effective change. The global alliance makes this historic 'International Boycott of Family Courts' campaign document freely available in 11 different languages.

Millions of dispossessed biological parents, victim children as well as every extended family member around the world, now have the means to make a self-empowering personal protest in support of their human rights, and so join this grass roots rebellion, against the wholesale destruction of families.

The 'International Boycott of Family Courts' document can be used in many areas of family justice activism, will be widely available on-line, and accommodates the urgent desire of every concerned citizen to be able to personally pressure their elected representatives into supportive action.

Beginning today, the boycott will continue until international family laws comply with every responsible parents' fundamental human right to be a parent, ensuring each parent obtains the protection of a legal equal parenting right to remain part of his/her biological children's lives.

Widespread support for a grass roots rebellion is illustrated by Sir Bob Geldof 's recent comments on the family justice system. Sir Bob accused the family courts, of state-sanctioned kidnap and challenges the moral credibility of the family law industry by asking, 'How long before just one of them admit they have it all wrong and apologize to their myriad of victims?

Sir Bob perhaps prophetically points out: 'In the near future the family law under which we endure, will be seen as barbaric, criminally damaging, abusive, neglectful, harmful to society, the family, the parents and the children in whose name it purports to act'.

For all international media enquiries please contact our Media Unit at: media-at-interpaal.com

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Ed. note: Non-English versions of the boycott pledge document are available at the sponsoring group's web site.

UK: Lesbian 'mother' cannot be forced to pay maintenance

Broadsword · 17 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Mr Justice Moylan said the former couple never went through a civil partnership ceremony and as the law stands, the woman who did not have the child could not be defined as a "parent".

He said the woman, identified only as B, was a "social and psychological" parent of the child born in 2000.

But he said the law differentiates between "natural" parent and a legal one.

"I have come to the clear conclusion that those against whom orders can be made... are confined to those who are a parent in the legal meaning of that word."

The judge said B had won an order in the courts for shared residence with the child and had therefore acquired parental responsibility.

"This might appear a persuasive point save for the fact that the mere obtaining of parental responsibility is clearly not intended to make someone a legal parent when they would not otherwise be such."

The judge added: "In some respects the outcome in this case may seem objectively surprising.

"However, in my view it is for the legislature to determine who should be financially responsible for children if it is to extend beyond those who are legal parents..."

Seattle police officer under investigation after being assaulted by women

Matt · 18 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A Seattle police officer is under investigation after he was videotaped punching a 17-year-old girl after trying to ticket her and her friends for jaywalking.

The incident occurred on Monday afternoon when Officer Ian Walsh stopped four women who were jaywalking on a main road close to a pedestrian bridge in Seattle, Washington. According to a statement released by the police force, a 19-year-old woman began walking away when the officer asked the women to step over to his car. Things soon escalated with the 19-year-old yelling at the officer, the statement says. When the officer tried to arrest the 19-year-old, another 17-year-old woman got involved.

The statement:

"The second female subject placed her hands on the officer's arm, causing the officer to believe she was attempting to physically affect the first subject's escape. The officer pushed the second subject back, but she again came at the officer, at which time he punched her."

Both women were cited for jaywalking, and the 17-year-old was arrested and brought to a youth detention centre for investigation of assault on an officer. She was later released.

Police said no one was hurt.'

Abusegate: Submit Testimony for Today's Hearing on Fatherhood Promotion

Matt · 18 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

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An important hearing is being held today on Capitol Hill on ways to promote parental involvement. As we know, false allegations of domestic violence are a commonly-used tactic to deprive fathers of their parental rights.

Each year, 2-3 million restraining orders are issued in this country. So submit your testimony on the need to curb evidence-free restraining orders! The deadline to receive your thoughtful and polite testimony is July 1.

Congressman Jim McDermott (D-WA), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support of the Committee on Ways and Means, announced today that the Subcommittee will hold a hearing to evaluate the effectiveness of responsible fatherhood programs. The hearing will take place on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in B-318 Rayburn House Office Building. In view of the limited time available to hear witnesses, oral testimony at this hearing will be from invited witnesses only. However, any individual or organization not scheduled to appear may submit a written statement for consideration by the Subcommittee and for inclusion in the record of the hearing.

BACKGROUND:
Up to $50 million in Federal funds per year is now available in competitive grants to States, territories, Indian tribes, and public and non-profit community organizations to operate Responsible Fatherhood Initiatives. The program is designed to promote responsible fatherhood through: parenting activities, fostering the economic stability of fathers, marriage promotion, and collaborating with non-profit fatherhood promotion organizations to develop and advance media campaigns to encourage parental involvement. Funding for the program expires on September 30, 2010.

President Obama included a proposal in his FY2011 budget to redirect funds from the current Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Programs into a new Fatherhood, Marriage, and Families Innovation Fund. The new program would provide competitive grants to States to develop, implement, and evaluate comprehensive responsible fatherhood programs and comprehensive family demonstrations that improve child well-being by improving the outcomes for families experiencing severe barriers to self-sufficiency. The proposal would provide $500 million in FY2011 and $150 million per year for FY2012 through FY2015.

In announcing the hearing, Chairman McDermott stated, “I look forward to hearing how Responsible Fatherhood Initiatives have helped men play a bigger role in the lives of their children, and how the program might be built upon to improve the overall well-being of vulnerable children and their families.”

FOCUS OF THE HEARING:
The hearing will focus on the effectiveness of Responsible Fatherhood Programs in improving the relationship between non-custodial parents and their children, as well as their ability to provide financial support.

DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:
Please Note: Any person(s) and/or organization(s) wishing to submit for the hearing record must follow the appropriate link on the hearing page of the Committee website and complete the informational forms. From the Committee homepage, http://waysandmeans.house.gov/, select “Hearings.” Select the hearing for which you would like to submit, and click on the link entitled, “Click here to provide a submission for the record.” Once you have followed the online instructions, complete all informational forms and click “submit” on the final page. ATTACH your submission in compliance with the formatting requirements listed below, by close of business Thursday, July 1, 2010. Finally, please note that due to the change in House mail policy, the U.S. Capitol Police will refuse sealed-

package deliveries to all House Office Buildings. For questions, or if you encounter technical problems, please call (202) 225-1721 or (202) 225-3625.

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1. All submissions and supplementary materials must be provided in Word or WordPerfect format and MUST NOT exceed a total of 10 pages, including attachments. Witnesses and submitters are advised that the Committee relies on electronic submissions for printing the official hearing record.

2. Copies of whole documents submitted as exhibit material will not be accepted for printing. Instead, exhibit material should be referenced and quoted or paraphrased. All exhibit material not meeting these specifications will be maintained in the Committee files for review and use by the Committee.

3. All submissions must include a list of all clients, persons, and/or organizations on whose behalf the witness appears. A supplemental sheet must accompany each submission listing the name, company, address, telephone, and fax numbers of each witness.

The Committee seeks to make its facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. If you are in need of special accommodations, please call 202-225-1721 or 202-226-3411 TTD/TTY in advance of the event (four business days notice is requested). Questions with regard to special accommodation needs in general (including availability of Committee materials in alternative formats) may be directed to the Committee as noted above.

Common-law wife charged in man's slaying

Matt · 18 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'EDMONTON -- A man found dead in his Edmonton home Sunday was stabbed to death, say police, who've now charged his common-law wife with second-degree murder.

Results of an autopsy completed Tuesday revealed that Rodney Petryk, 44, was fatally stabbed.

Police were called to Petryk's 12245 93 St. house just before midnight Sunday and found him dead.

Neighbours said officers had been to the residence several times before.'

"Slate" author slanders fathers

Anonymous · 18 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Writing for Slate, anti-male author Katherine Reynolds Lewis transforms a positive Boston College study (.pdf file) on the expanding role of fathers into a defamation of fatherhood entitled "Why Do Dads Lie on Surveys About Fatherhood?"

After making an inappropriate comparison between the self reported parenting time of the fathers in the study to Census Bureau statistics, Lewis falsely concludes: "The answer, it turns out, is that the men in the Boston College study were probably lying about how they spend their time."

In a comment to Lewis' article, the authors of the BC study flatly reject her conclusion: "As a qualitative research study, we sought to chronicle these men's personal experiences as fathers and professionals. While we did not validate their self-reported estimates of time spent in parenting activities through other sources (e.g. their spouses or direct observation) as one might do in a time-use study, that was never our intent. We therefore have no basis to state that these numbers are accurate or inaccurate."

Israel: Men jailed, women not: protest arrest and detention double-standards

Matt · 18 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Dozens of Israeli men were in jail on Friday a day after ultra-Orthodox Jews staged their largest protest in 10 years in support of parents who defied a supreme court ruling on school integration.

But 22 mothers of pupils at an ultra-Orthodox girls' school in a West Bank settlement were given a stay of arrest while the court considered a plea to let them stay at home to care for their young families.

Settlers' news website Channel 7 and public radio said Judge Edmund Levy decided that the court would reconvene on Sunday to discuss the request.

Israeli media said that some of the mothers were pregnant, while others had children with special needs. Ultra-Orthodox families generally have large families, far above the average of the secular Israeli population.'

Patriarch games - The role of the father

Broadsword · 18 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Dads – do you feel a bit of a spare part? Do you see yourself in relation to your kids as about as useful as a stick of furniture – one of the lesser used pieces, like the side table in the guest bedroom? Well, the good news, delivered in a BBC documentary just in time for Father's Day, is that those traditional dad activities, such as talking over your children's head with long words and complex sentences, or swinging them around so that their shoulders threaten to come out of their sockets, are biologically useful. Fathers make evolutionary sense – and not just as reconstructed pseudo-mummies, or "new dads".

"There's a lot of talk at the moment about the absence of fathers, and a curiosity about what it is that fathers actually do," says child psychologist Laverne Antrobus, presenter of "The Biology of Dads", a one-off documentary in BBC Four's Fatherhood season. "In some ways, parenting has been merged. Fathers have been invited to be like mothers rather than to be like fathers – this idea of everything being about nurture. So I wondered what it must be like for fathers who think, 'What do I do that's unique and a bit different?'" Antrobus has collated the latest academic research on the subject, including the already well understood role of the kind of rough-and-tumble games preferred by fathers, which teach toddlers the boundaries of aggression and discipline.

Less well known is the part fathers play in language development – conversing with their toddlers, seemingly inappropriately, as if with a fellow adult. "Mums are constantly adapting their vocabulary so a child knows the word, but dads spur them on," says Antrobus. "They not only use longer words, but they encourage more complex uses of language, such as wit and sarcasm."

The secret to happiness - speak to your father

Broadsword · 18 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Young people who said they talked seriously to their dads "most days" gave themselves an 87 per cent score on a happiness scale compared with 79 per cent for those who said they hardly ever spoke to their fathers in this way.

The findings, from an analysis of research from the British Household Panel survey into 1,200 young people in Britain aged between 11 and 15, were released by the Children's Society to coincide with Father's Day this weekend.

Nearly half of young people - 46 per cent - said they "hardly ever" spoke to their fathers about important topics compared with 28 per cent who hardly ever spoke to their mothers about the things that matter most.

Only 13 per cent confided in their father "most days", according to the analysis.

The study, commissioned by the Children's Society and undertaken by the University of York, showed that young people talk less to their fathers about important issues as they get older."

Innocent man jailed for 3 years over false rape claim - despite police knowing 'victim' was a fantasist

Broadsword · 18 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A man jailed when a woman falsely cried rape told of his fury yesterday after learning that police knew the woman was 'unreliable'. Warren Blackwell, 40, spent three years in jail as a convicted sex attacker until his 'victim' was unmasked as a fantasist who had accused other blameless men.

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The woman - named under Parliamentary privilege as Shannon Taylor - said he indecently assaulted her outside a social club in the early hours of January 1, 1999, after a New Year's Eve party. A report revealed yesterday that officers were told Taylor was 'unreliable', ' unstable' and craved attention - but they failed to disclose it at his trial.

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The mistake led to an appalling miscarriage of justice which saw father-of-two Mr Blackwell jailed in October 1999 for three years, which was later increased to five, despite no forensic evidence to back up the claims. His conviction was quashed in September 2006 when it became clear that not only did Mr Blackwell not commit the crime, it never took place.

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In 2006, Lord Campbell-Savours used Parliamentary privilege to name the woman. Taylor, who is said to have made seven other false sex attack allegations, including one against her father, would otherwise have kept her identity secret for life. But she was not prosecuted for perjury, because prosecutors decided she was too ill. Taylor kept changing her name and moving, so police forces did not realise they were dealing with the same woman.'

Swedish Father Rights Action targeting politicians in the Riksdag (Parliament) launched

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By Ulf Andersson, PappaRättsGruppen
http://www.dads-r-us.se/

International Press Release

Swedish Father Rights Action targeting politicians in the Riksdag (Parliament) launched

In a joint co-operation action for the upcoming election in Sweden on September 19th these groups:

PappaManualen, http://www.pappamanualen.se/
PappaOmbudsmannen, http://www.pappaombudsmannen.se/
Daddys-Sverige, http://www.daddys-sverige.se/
PappaRättsGruppen, http://www.dads-r-us.se/

have sent 10 questions about fatherhood in PDF format, to the politicians in the Riksdag (Parliament) and politicians in the 290 municipalities and additionally 130 authorities.

With the support of modern research and statistics we hope that common sense and a humble attitude will apply.

This is probably by far the most extensive action in the fathers' rights history in Sweden.

The link to the questions (in Swedish, please use Google Translate)
http://www.pappamanualen.se/valspecial/

Man killed by wife and two children for trying to watch the World Cup on TV

fondueguy · 18 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here from The Huffington Post about a domestic dispute over what to watch on TV that turned deadly. Excerpt:

'JOHANNESBURG -- Police say a South African man who wanted to watch a World Cup match nstead of a religious program was beaten to death by his family in the northeastern part of the country.

David Makoeya, a 61-year-old man from the small village of Makweya, Limpopo province, fought with his wife and two children for the remote control on Sunday because he wanted to watch Germany play Australia in the World Cup. The others, however, wanted to watch a gospel show.

"He said, 'No, I want to watch soccer,'" police spokesman Mothemane Malefo said Thursday"That is when the argument came about.

"In that argument, they started assaulting him."
...
"He was always a happy man, never violent," Makoeya's nieces, Miriam and Anna, told the Daily Sun newspaper. "On Saturday, we saw him the last time at a funeral.""

Now just imagine if it was the husband who killed the wife while she was trying to watch something besides the World Cup. I'd bet that many people in the media would try to make a connection between major sporting events and domestic violence as a way of bashing masculinity. This connection was already erroneously made shortly before Word Cup as shown here; incidentally it was a man that was killed over a simple domestic dispute which happened to involve the World Cup.

The myth of the tyrannical dad

Matt · 18 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Every night when 98-year-old Lily Barron goes to bed, she looks at the large framed photographs that line her bedroom wall and says a prayer for her father, "the most important man in my life. I loved every inch of him."

Lily's dad was a miner who lived with his wife and four young children in the town of Blackwood in south Wales. In his attitudes to his children, he was in some ways surprisingly modern. He never smacked them, he read bedtime stories, and he cuddled and kissed them every day. Twice-married Lily remembers him as "the loveliest and gentlest man I ever knew".

This image of the gentle and loving Edwardian working class father is at odds with our general perception of fathers in the past. We tend to picture them as tyrannical patriarchs whose children were seen and not heard and lived in fear of father's punishments. It is only in recent decades - or so we imagine - that dads have become approachable, caring and committed to the wellbeing of their children. Nothing could be further from the truth.'

Origins of Father's Day

Matt · 18 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From an ACFC email, here. [As an aside, also therein mentioned was an article written by a young woman who blogged on the effects of feminism on society here.] Excerpt:

'Sunday is Father's Day.

Ever wonder how it began? Although many think it's a holiday made up by Hallmark, it actually has roots in Spokane, Washington dating back to 1909.

That's when 27-year-old Sonora Smart Dodd was listening to a Sunday church sermon about mothers and honoring them.

Dodd was just 16 hen her father, Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was left to raise his six children alone after their mother died in childbirth.

Smart ran a farm in rural eastern Washington state.

After the sermon, Dodd began her campaign believing the entire nation should show more respect to fathers.

She persuaded the local ministerial association and YMCA to pass a resolution in support of Father's Day and the first local holiday was observed on June 19th, 1910.

June was picked because Dodd wanted to celebrate the holiday in the month her father was born.

States and organizations began lobbying Congress to declare an annual Father's Day and in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson approved the idea.

But it wasn't until 1924 when President Calvin Coolidge made it a national event, and until 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.'

Women professionals 'to earn more than men by 2024'

Broadsword · 20 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'US government statistics show that women in 35 per cent of professional dual-income homes are now making more than their husbands. That proportion was only 28 per cent five years ago.

Maddy Dychtwald, a Californian demographer, attributed the trend – affecting professions such as lawyers and doctors - to a combination of employers being more amenable towards women staff, declining birth rates and the US recession's comparatively light impact on female workers.
...
She said: "It's role reinvention. It's a full-blown paradigm shift, one that gives both men and women more options when it comes to pursuing their careers, providing for their families and expressing their own talents and strengths."'

UK: Debt: 'Men are emerging as the new underclass'

Broadsword · 20 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The Consumer Credit Counselling Service (CCCS) blamed the trend on a combination of rising unemployment, slow pay growth and higher household cost. The group said despite men typically having lower debt levels than in previous years and earning more than women, they were generally less able to repay what they owed than women, while many struggled just to meet their basic living costs.

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Malcolm Hurlston, chairman of the CCCS, said: "Men have been hard hit by the recession and are emerging as the new underclass. Debt alone is no longer the problem. It is loss of income and other rising costs.

"This deterioration in the economic circumstances for men, still the main breadwinner in most homes, has serious implications for many households."

The charity said it had seen the number of men contacting it for help soar from 146,00 in 2007 to 221,000 last year, a 51pc jump. It added that the number of women seeking help had increased by only half this amount over the period, although women were still more likely to contact it than men, accounting for 52pc of its caseload.

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Men who contacted the charity during 2009 owed an average of £26,957, down from nearly £30,000 in 2008, but still significantly higher than the £21,915 that women typically owed.'

UK: Fathers 'should be paid' to stay with partner and children

Broadsword · 20 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers who stay with their partner to look after their children should be paid up to £2,000 a year in tax credits, Frank Field, the government's 'poverty tsar', has said.

The Labour MP, who is leading the coalition's review of poverty, wants reform of the tax credits system to end discrimination against two-parent families.Mr Field wants tax credits to include more married and cohabiting couples with children. If his proposals are accepted almost two million families could benefit.
...
Under the current system, brought in by Labour, a single mother can lose more than £200 a week in benefits and tax credits if she lives with a partner. The system has led to claims that couples are worse off living together than they would be living apart. Mr Field said his "Second Parent Premium" would encourage couples to stay together.
...

Mr Field, once Tony Blair's welfare reform minister, told the Sunday Express: "We should pay fathers to stay with their families, not pay them to live apart, which is what we do now. We have a tax and benefits system that discriminates against two parents, yet this is what most people aspire to.

"Under the existing system, it doesn't pay people on low incomes to stay together as a couple if they have children or for single mothers to move in with new partners.'

A Good Father's Day Gift

Matt · 20 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A good Father's Day gift would be to reform the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), make it gender-neutral, and assure men that family courts will accord them constitutional rights equivalent to those enjoyed by murderers and robbers. VAWA will be coming up for its five-year reauthorization later this year, and that will be the time to hold balanced hearings and eliminate VAWA's discrimination against men.

VAWA illustrates the hypocrisy of noisy feminist demands that we kowtow to their ideology of gender neutrality, to their claim that there is no difference between male and female, and to their opposition to stereotyping and gender profiling. VAWA is based on the proposition that there are, indeed, innate gender differences: Men are naturally batterers, and women are naturally victims.
...

Feminists have changed state laws to include a loosey-goosey definition of family violence. It doesn't have to be violent -- it can simply be what a man says or how he looks at a woman.

Domestic violence can even be what a woman thinks a man might do or say. Definitions of violence include calling your partner a naughty word, raising your voice, causing "annoyance" or "emotional distress," or just not doing what your partner wants.
...
Reforming VAWA is today's basic civil rights issue. All persons accused of domestic violence, men and women, are entitled to have fundamental constitutional rights in court, including due process and the presumption of innocence until proven guilty by clear and convincing evidence.'

Presidential Proclamation--Father's Day

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Document here. Excerpt:

'From the first moments of life, the bond forged between a father and a child is sacred. Whether patching scraped knees or helping with homework, dads bring joy, instill values, and introduce wonders into the lives of their children. Father's Day is a special time to honor the men who raised us, and to thank them for their selfless dedication and love.

Fathers are our first teachers and coaches, mentors and role models. They push us to succeed, encourage us when we are struggling, and offer unconditional care and support. Children and adults alike look up to them and learn from their example and perspective. The journey of fatherhood is both exhilarating and humbling it is an opportunity to model who we want our sons and daughters to become, and to build the foundation upon which they can achieve their dreams.'

Great words. I just wish the legal system as well as this and previous administrations acted like they believed them.

"Some dads don't deserve the title"

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According to an unsigned editorial in the Ottawa Sun some dads don't deserve the title.
The comment field is not moderated so have at it people though be respectful and not sink to the level of the commentators blatant misandry. Article here. Excerpt:

Yesterday was Father's Day, a B-list occasion when compared to Mother's Day, or even Valentine's Day.

This is no secret.

Yes, we're a day late and a penny shy.

But so what?

Fathers will understand this, especially if yesterday passed with little or no fanfare -- with only a card, perhaps, or some cheap cologne.
...

It should be noted that not all dead-beat dads are wearing that label by choice.

Too many child advocate offices and provincial family responsibility offices have pushed many fathers over the brink by garnisheeing wages way beyond reasonableness, thereby forcing them into untenable positions.

These agencies must lighten up, and wake up to the reality that one cannot get financial blood from a stone once the stone has bled out.

Diminishing the role of fathers in the lives of their children through bureaucracy will only make matters worse.

Do yourself a favour if you are a non-believer.

Go sit in young offenders court, and then wander across the hall into family court.'

Man jailed by courts after courts bankrupt him

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Story here. He couldn't pay child support because the courts took away his driver license. He lost his job because he could not drive so he could not pay child support and they threw him in jail. Deadbeat Dad my ass. Excerpt:

'Jeff Dolan spent Father's Day in jail, locked away for failure to pay child support. Deadbeat dads don't garner a lot of sympathy. But you don't need to study Jeff's case for long before you realize that he's anything but a deadbeat. Instead, he's a man hopelessly ensnared in a crushing bureaucratic machine: He's in jail because he couldn't pay child support, but he couldn't pay child support because he was unemployed ... and he was unemployed because the court took his driver's license for failure to pay child support ... after he went bankrupt paying his court costs.

There is no good news in this story, but there is some dark irony. Jeff, who despite a learning disability graduated high school and held down several construction jobs in his home state of Minnesota, was also a volunteer at a local sexual violence crisis centre. One of his jobs there, on top of fielding telephone calls from sexual assault survivors, was to talk to high school classes. One thing he taught was "male privilege" — the notion that society favours men in many varied, sometimes subtle ways, thus enabling sexual violence.'

OVW Head Deserves Credit for Taking First Step to Inclusiveness

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From Abusegate Bob:

In her June 18 message, Office of Violence Against Women director Susan B. Carbon highlighted the recent DoD advisory. Carbon writes (see key sentence in bold):

Last week, the Department of Justice clarified that the criminal provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) apply with equal force in cases when the victim and perpetrator are of the same sex. The Department is working to ensure that all U.S. Attorney offices are aware of the law's applicability to LGBT relationships. In addition to publishing an Office of Legal Counsel opinion on the subject, the Department has provided notice of the opinion to the U.S. Attorney offices. This confirms that Department of Justice prosecutors have access to all available tools to protect victims of domestic violence and stalking whether they be in same sex or opposite sex relationships. This does not represent a change in the law, nor will it narrow or otherwise impact VAWA's existing criminal applications. **Rather, it clarifies to the extent that there was any doubt that VAWA is inclusive and protective of women and men, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity**. Read more: http://www.justice.gov/olc/2010/vawa-opinion-04272010.pdf

This is the first time the OVW has made an official statement recognizing the existence of male victims of domestic violence. It's an important first step to turning things around.

We encourage you to send a positive note to Judge Carbon thanking her for her work to assure VAWA is gender inclusive in its programs and services. Here's her email: OVW.Director-at-usdoj.gov

Abusegate: Tell your Representative, "Fix VAWA Now!"

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From Abusegate Bob:

On Saturday, Phylllis Schlafly published a column, actually a call to arms, titled, "A Good Father's Day Gift" -- below. The article outlines a series of needed reforms to the family-destructive Violence Against Women Act.

AND TODAY WE MUST ACT. Telephone your Representative in Congress at 202-224-3121.

State your name and town of residence, and then say these 3 words: "Fix VAWA Now!"

Later this week a team of lobbyists will be coming to Washington and meeting with staffers, so your phone call is critical to getting elected officials on-board with our VAWA reform campaign.

Be polite, but be firm: "Fix VAWA Now!"

F & F Writes Column for Cleveland Plain Dealer Criticizing ‘Deadbeat Dad’ Raids

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In Father’s Day ‘Deadbeat Dad’ Raids Unfairly Target Hard-Luck Dads (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/19/10), Ned Holstein, M.D., M.S. and I criticize the annual tradition among some sheriffs and attorneys general of launching “deadbeat dad” raids in honor of Father’s Day.

We suggest you write a Letter to the Editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer by clicking here and also post a comment on the piece here.

Dr. Holstein and I wrote:

> That most “deadbeats” are really dead broke can be seen by taking a look at the “Most Wanted Deadbeat Parent” posters put out by many attorneys general and county sheriffs. For example, authorities in Ohio recently launched a highly-publicized campaign against “deadbeats,” yet the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services’ “Most Wanted” poster features only blue-collar workers of limited means.

Canada: Abusive mother of 8 jailed for 4 years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Montreal mother of eight has been sentenced to four years in prison for assaulting five of her children.

The woman, who cannot be named to protect the identity of her children, was found guilty of assault and assault with a weapon in April.

The 44-year-old single mother showed no reaction as the sentence was handed down Monday at the Montreal courthouse.
...
In the 44-year-old woman's case, court was told the beatings began after each of her children, who are from seven different fathers, turned five.
...

Some of the children endured violence for more than a decade before they were taken away from their mother by youth protection officials.

Officials intervened three years ago after the woman's 14-year old daughter complained to police.
...
Defence lawyer Mary Raposo told the court the woman misses her children and is doing everything she can to get them back.

She recommended a three- to six-month sentence so that the woman can continue her rehabilitation.

Instead, the judge accepted the Crown's recommendation for a sentence of four years.'

Australia: Example of anti-Male job advertising

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'Accounts Receivable / Finance Clerk
...
Quest Retail Technology (www.quest.com.au) is a dynamic division within the Radiant family. The Quest product and service offering supply POS solutions to Stadiums and Arenas The Quest product has over 57,000 terminals installed in more than 20 countries around the world; in a diverse range of applications including Bars, Clubs, Restaurants, Fast Food, Stadiums, Arenas, Convention Centers, Race courses, Theme Parks, Cinemas and Franchises

We are currently seeking a mature thinking team player to **join our small team of women.**

The main responsibilities for the role will include:
...
EEO Statement
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South Africa Debuts Anti-Rape Female Condom, seeks testing "during World Cup"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Ehlers, a 62-year-old physician, lab researcher and hematologist -- and a mother of two daughters -- spent the next four decades developing a female condom with jagged latex hooks that latch onto the skin of an attacker. Dubbed "Rape-aXe," the condom is inserted with an applicator like a tampon, and it clenches a man's penis and causes "immense discomfort" without drawing blood. It can only be removed by medical professionals, who are being familiarized with the device in order to contact South African police when they see one.

"I'm not out for vengeance. It doesn't leave permanent damage to the penis, but there will be tiny little scars to remind him of what he's done -- something his wife or future wife might ask him about," Ehlers said.

The new condom was patented in 2007, and Ehlers hopes to begin selling it in South African pharmacies and grocery stores soon. It's being evaluated by the country's Bureau of Standards and would sell for about $2.50. Meanwhile, Ehlers has distributed samples to 100 unnamed women across South Africa this week, for initial testing during the World Cup.'

Orlando police today will discuss false rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Concerned about three recent false rape allegations, Orlando police cautioned residents that lying wastes money, time and keeps real victims from reporting true crimes.

"We want victims to continue to report crimes, but we want real victims," Sgt. Art Eld of the Orlando Police Department's sex crimes division said at a press conference today. "We don't want to spend useful resources chasing ghosts."

Filing false rape reports stirs unnecessary fear in the community, wastes thousands of public dollars and keeps real victims from telling their stories, he said.

Police officials made their plea public Tuesday, a day after 18-year-old Samaria Renford claimed three masked men raped her Monday in Rosemont.'

Woman in court for false rape charges

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Story here.

'LEBANON, Ohio -- Twenty-one-year-old Kristen Lamb of Franklin Avenue, accused of making a false rape report, was in court Monday. She is facing misdemeanor counts of inducing panic and making false alarms.

She was granted a court-appointed attorney, and did not enter a plea.

Lamb said she was raped in a wooded area north of her home. But police became suspicious after Lamb could not give specific details about the alleged assault.

Her parents told the judge that she had been though a series of stressful events recently, which included losing a boyfriend and pressures from college.

But her father admitted she will have to face the consequences for her actions. Lamb is a student at the University of Cincinnati.

Her next court hearing is set for Monday, June 21.'

UK: Woman admits false Norwich rape claim

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'A woman who made a false rape claim to police cost taxpayers £15,000, a court heard yesterday.

Bernadette Core, 29, of Friarscroft Lane, Wymondham, admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice between October 2009 and February 2010 by making a false allegation of rape when she appeared at Norwich Crown Court.

The court heard that Norfolk police spent £15,000 on the investigation before establishing that she made up the incident.

The charge came after she made a 999 call to Norfolk police in the early hours of October 4 claiming she had been raped at an house in Norwich.

Two men were arrested and interviewed by police but further investigations established that no crime had taken place.'

“Men’s rights” group targets Luján

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'A group that tries to promote “men’s rights” is targeting Rep. Ben Ray Luján over his support for the International Violence Against Women Act. In a press release issued this week the Luján campaign called the group named Abusegate, Investigate “radical domestic violence deniers” and attached the full text of a group’s press release in which it lists the lawmakers being targeted by the group.

“Ben Ray Lujan has been a strong proponent of legislation to protect women from domestic violence,” said Aaron Trujillo, Luján’s campaign manager. “He’s going to keep standing up for women, regardless of pressure from fringe organizations like Abusegate, Investigate. I only have one question, does Tom Mullins welcome the support of domestic violence deniers?”

Mullins denied knowledge of the group when contacted by the Santa Fe New Mexican’s Steve Terrell.

“I’ve never heard of this group at all,” Mullins told Terrell. “It sounds like it is possibly a democrat group creating an issue to benefit Lujan?”

In this case, it looks like a group that Luján relishes being opposed by.'

International Violence against Women Act Faces Stiff Opposition From Unexpected Quarter

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'A Human life is full of sufferings. However concern for fellow human beings must always be accompanied by Compassion. Concern without compassion is called fraud.On Feb 04, 2010, Senator John Kerry and others reintroduced I-VAWA (International Violence against Women Act) in Senate and US House of representatives. This bill if passed will fund 1 Billion Dollars for forcing Governments across 10 to 15 countries for stringent laws and policies to prevent violence against women. This bill is handled by Senate and House Foreign Affairs Committees.

Within two weeks of introduction of the bill in both Senate and House, the members of Save Indian Family Foundation and the Civil Liberties Groups in US started opposing it saying that this bill will not help the abused women, but will only lead to Civil Liberties Violations by jailing of innocent men, women and children under gender biased laws in many countries including India. They wanted statutory language in this bill to prevent this one billion dollars getting into vested interests, agencies and NGOs, who undermine civil liberties.'

Essay: "Men Give, Women Take"

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Commentary
Men Give, Women Take
By David Johnson

"All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others." -- George Orwell in Animal Farm.

Men are in many ways, second class citizens. And they are quickly becoming third and fourth class citizens. There is a very good explanation for this: biology, coupled with social evolution. Our species developed very large brains, which unfortunately caused a problem: the brains were too large to fit through the birth canal. As a result, much brain development had to occur after birth. This left human infants nearly totally helpless for the first few years of life. This put a tremendous burden on mothers---so great a burden, that the species was unlikely to survive without a drastic change. That change came in a deal mothers and fathers made with each other. Basically, mothers gave fathers sexual access and fidelity in exchange for protection and support from the fathers. In short, if a little less accurately, women demanded help from men, and men gave it to them. This allowed two adults to work together to raise the nearly helpless children, thereby dramatically increasing the chances that their genes would survive to subsequent generations.

This helped to make the human species a very successful one. But it also bred into men and women some traits that are causing some trouble now. Women were looking for men who were protective, generous, and able to provide. Men without these traits were ignored and shunned by women. And the genes of these men were less likely to reach future generations. This put evolutionary pressure on men to develop traits of generosity, competence, and protectiveness. Men became chivalrous, offering support and help to women. At the same time, women were developing the complementary traits of asking and demanding help from men. This put evolutionary pressure on women to become demanding, self-indulgent, entitled, picky, critical, and nagging. In short, men gave and women took. Although not in all men and all women all the time, these traits are certainly still evident in people today.

Even though this situation helped with the survival of the species, it hardly resulted in an egalitarian human society. Women demanded to be put on a pedestal and men put them there. Evolution is hardly fair. But certainly people can be. Both men and women need to realize that even though evolution may have given them these undesirable traits, they are free to consciously reject them in order to form an egalitarian society. There are certainly many traits that evolution has encouraged in us, yet as civilized human beings we have explicitly rejected: violence, rape, murder, larceny, bullying, etc. And now we can add the "men give/women take" traits. We must realize that women demand more than equality, and that men are likely to give it to them. Both men and women must demand absolute equality of opportunity for an egalitarian society to exist.

Up until recently, this "men give/women take" dynamic was expressed more in a personal manner, one person to another. But with the advent of feminism, women now demand a larger political dimension as well---a macro version of putting women on a pedestal. And men are allowing them to have it. This is resulting in men's second class status---or worse. In this area too, women are demanding more than equality and men are giving it to them. Feminists say they are all about equality, but feminism is really just a wider example of women taking. This aspect of feminism adds new meaning to the phrase "the personal is political." All must understand that it is natural for both sexes to see equality between men and women when the situation is really skewed in women's favor and to men's disadvantage. Both men and women must be conscious of these tendencies and fight to be completely egalitarian.

That's it, that's the premise of this article. If you accept it, you do not have to read further, since the rest of this article is just supporting evidence. You may now continue with your life, all the while being careful not to participate in the "men give/women take" dynamic. But if you do not accept my premise, please read on. I will present many examples of the second class status of men, but where both men and women refuse to acknowledge

and change them. Instead, the attention, sympathy, help, and focus are going to women.

Probably the biggest example of men's lower status is actual length of life. Men die on average 5 years earlier than women in the United States. (Most of these examples will be from the U.S., but I'm sure comparable examples exist elsewhere.) That's 7% less life. There is no big outcry, no attention, and no concern. Those all go to women, who we value more.

Some would argue that this shorter longevity is due to men's risk-taking. Certainly this is true to some degree, but please consider this: of the top 15 causes of death in the U.S., 14 have higher age-adjusted death rates for men. Here are some of the male to female ratios: heart disease 1.8, cancer 1.4, stroke 1.2, pneumonia 1.5, diabetes 1.2, accidents 2.4, suicide 4.2, and homicide 3.8. The one exception is Alzheimer's disease and its female to male ratio is only 1.1.

Let's examine some of these. In the past, the medical establishment did focus more on heart disease in men. But that does not seem to be true today. Women and feminism apparently cannot accept men getting more attention or help than women. So now, the battle cry for heart disease is that more women die of it, even though the numbers are very close. In 2003 the death rates were 236.2 women versus 235.0 men per 100,000. Missing in this battle cry is the fact that men generally die about 10 years younger, which is why the age-adjusted ratio is 1.8 men versus women. But still the "Go Red for Women" campaign, which focuses only on women, is getting nearly all of the public attention concerning heart disease.

One aspect of the accident ratio is work-related deaths. Roughly 95% of people killed at work are men. Certainly employers and government could do much better at providing safe conditions for all workers. Perhaps they do not because so few women are employed in the death occupations. This "glass cellar" is the flip side of the "glass ceiling." If more women died on the job, perhaps men's chivalry would force more safety provisions. Or perhaps, the women workers would be more demanding of safer conditions. But because the vast majority of deaths are men, there is little concern. Another way to see this lack of concern is to pay attention to the language used. Recently 29 men were killed in a mining accident in West Virginia. Most of the news reports hid their sex by referring to them as "miners" or "workers." However, when women are killed, on the job or otherwise, the news reports emphasize their gender. The most glaring recent example of this effect was Neda Agha-Soltan, killed during the election protests in Iran. Thirty-three other people (I'm guessing nearly all were men) were killed that day during the protest, but the pretty woman became the "Angel of Iran" and received all of the attention. This is another example of men's lower value.

Military personnel also illustrate this lower worth. Men make up approximately 98% of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq. I suspect we would be much less likely to start wars if we knew more female soldiers were likely to die in them. And even though we have not had a military draft in over 30 years, we still require only men to register for the draft and suffer the penalties for failure to do so.

Prevention of suicide is another area where government and society do far too little. Even though women attempt suicide twice as often as men, men succeed about four times as often as women. (But again, women receive all of the attention. Phoebe Prince recently committed suicide after being bullied at high school. Her death dominated the media for weeks.) Women's suicide attempts seem to be more cries for help. But perhaps, with the constant degrading that men receive in life and in the media, they do not feel they can---or deserve to---receive any help. This is an example of just how powerless men really are.

The age-adjusted homicide ratio of 3.8 is just one example of the broader problem of men being victims of crime two to three times more often than women. But one would be hard-pressed to realize this given the far greater attention female crime victims receive. For example, our legislators have instituted a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), where female victims receive billions in government aid not available to males, and feminist groups are paid to "educate" (I would say "propagandize") the public. Also, the news media (e.g., Nancy Grace and Jane Velez-Mitchell's War on Women) are constantly highlighting a missing or murdered woman. Sometimes I think the media get together to designate a female victim of the week---usually a young pretty white woman. And heaven

help those women who are designated but turn out not to be dead or in real trouble. How dare they embarrass the media and female victimhood by not being real victims! Recent examples of these non-victimized women include runaway mom Tiffany Tehan, runaway bride Jennifer Wilbanks, Crystal Mangum who falsely accused members of the Duke lacrosse team of rape, Audrey Seiler who faked her own abduction, and Susan Smith who murdered her two sons but blamed it on a black man who supposedly carjacked her car.

What disease gets more attention, more funding, more donations, and more sympathy than any other? I do not think there is any question that the answer is breast cancer. Is it just coincidence that this most-attention-getting disease is one that, for the most part, affects only women? As I said before, men lose more years of their lives than women to cancer, yet breast cancer, specifically in women, receives most of the attention. Susan G. Komen For the Cure has more than 184 corporate sponsors including 3M, 7-Eleven, Ask.com, Belkin, BMW, Coffee-Mate, Cross Pens, Dell, Dove Chocolates, Dr Pepper/Snapple, Energizer Batteries, Evian, Frederick's of Hollywood, GUESS, Hallmark, Hanes, Hewlett-Packard, Huggies, Kitchen Aid, Kyocera, LPGA, Lowe's, Microsoft, NAPA auto care, NBC Today Show, Purina, Nordstrom, Oreck, Payless shoes, Pepperidge Farm, Perdue Farms, Pier One, Princess Cruises, Quilted Northern, REMAX, Clorox, Tracfone, Victorinox Swiss Army, Chapstick, Yahoo, and even the Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity. Komen also has 15 sponsors that contribute $1 million per year, including American Airlines, Bank of America, Coldwater Creek, Ford, General Mills, Holland America, Lean Cuisine, Mars, New Balance, and Yoplait. It is not just Komen; other organizations are devoted to breast cancer awareness including the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade, BreastCancer.Org, and National Breast Cancer Foundation. But it does not stop there. There are countless events, fun runs, men wearing pink ties, college basketball teams wearing pink uniforms, federal research money of around $840 million, pink skyscrapers, everyone wearing pink ribbons, pink ribbons on products, pink ribbons on return address labels, pink ribbons on fenders, breast cancer research developments in the news, a postage stamp that donates to breast cancer research---breast cancer awareness is absolutely everywhere. Even Major League Baseball, the NFL, the NBA, and the NHL have jumped on the bandwagon. Yet, I do not recall the WNBA promoting prostate cancer awareness. This is all part of "men give/women take."

One would think that since men live shorter lives and have worse health, that society would be focusing on men's health. But again, women seem to be getting most of the attention. Women have two medical specialties, men have none. Women spend twice as much on healthcare as men do. (Health care reform now dictates that insurance companies must charge the same amount for men and women---i.e., men will be subsidizing women's healthcare.) A google search of "women's health" on government websites gets 657,000 hits, while "men's health" only gives 41,100 hits. Many hospitals now have Women's Centers, but few have Men's Centers. Many hospitals also provide community classes of interest mostly to women.

The focus on breast cancer is part of a broader phenomenon of giving more charity to women than to men. CBS recently aired public service announcements called CBSCares. Here are the gender-specific topics that I found on their website: Breast Cancer, Menopause, Ovarian Cancer, Osteoporosis, Domestic Violence (I do not consider this woman-specific but most people do), Women's Heart Disease, and Prostate Cancer. Obviously, CBSCares much more for women than it does for men.

Many charities focus on women or have special programs just for women. For example, examining the partners of United Way of Greater Los Angeles, I found thirty-five that helped substantially more women than men, or offered special programs only for women. Only one partner slanted its aid substantially more to men. Large Charities show a similar pattern. CARE originally helped the poor, now it is more for poor women. Vital Voices (started by Hillary Clinton), Global Fund for Women, Catalyst, and Women For Women International focus only on women. Amnesty International, American Red Cross, American Lung Association, ACLU, Human Rights Watch, Catholic Charities USA, and Habitat for Humanity have major special programs just for women but none just for men.

Governments also focus on women. Perhaps the main reason for this is that there are generally more female than male voters. (In the 2008 Presidential election, approximately 8 million more women voted.) This has given women tremendous political power to institute their demands into law above and beyond normal "men give/women take."

A politician, male or female, must pander to his or her female constituency in order to be re-elected. This has resulted in much bureaucracy favoring women, even while most of the legislators have been men. None of the following have comparable bureaus, initiatives, or websites for men: The Women's Bureau in the Dept of Labor, The Office of Women's Business Ownership, Women Owned Businesses, The National Women's Business Council, WomenBiz, The Office on Women's Health, The National Women's Health Information Center, The Office of Research on Women's Health, The Women's Health Initiative, Smokefree Women, Bright Futures for Women's Health and Wellness Initiative, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, The Office of Global Women's Issues, The Center for Women Veterans, The Women Veterans Health Strategic Health Care Group, Women in Development, Women of NASA, White House Council on Women and Girls, International Women of Courage Awards, Women in Science and Technology, and The Office on Violence Against Women which enforces VAWA, which I mentioned earlier. Federal government websites for women include: Women in the Senate, Women in Congress, Women's History Month, Women's Cancers, History of Women and the Environment, Women in Physics, Women in Agriculture, Women's Resources (at HUD), and Women in Ichthyology. State and local governments similarly focus on women. Our governments---made up mostly of men---are doing a lot of pandering to women.

Legislation and the courts also focus on women. I mentioned earlier the Violence Against Women Act. There is no Violence Against Men Act even though men are victims of violence more often. The Women's Educational Equity Act promotes education for women and girls even though men and boys are doing worse. Title IX forces quotas on the one extra-curricular activity dominated by boys---sports---and ignores all the other activities where girls dominate. Gender Bias Task Forces were formed to examine bias against women in the legal field, even though men are given longer prison sentences for the same crimes and men are more likely to receive the death penalty if they murder women than if they murder men. The "reasonable woman" sexual harassment standard punishes a man, not for his actions, but for how a woman perceives his actions, or how much she dislikes him. The Battered Woman Syndrome Defense allows women to get away with murder. Domestic violence aid goes almost exclusively to women even though about one-third of those injured are men. Protection orders, rape shield laws, and indefinite detention of sexual offenders are protections for women that violate due process.

Non-governmental organizations exhibit a similar pattern. There are numerous women's organizations stretching from mainstream subjects to the bizarre. A subject search of "women" on the Associations Unlimited website lists 835 national and regional women's organizations. A similar search for "men" only gives 23 groups. Some of the women's organizations listed are National Organization for Women, American Association of University Women, White House Project, Camping Women, Women in Toys, U.S. Women's Curling Association, National Peach Partners, Feminist Teacher Editorial Collective, Museum of Menstruation and Women's Health, Professional Football Players Mothers' Association, and Women in Wind Energy. The ironic thing about these women's groups is that they were forming at the same time that women were attacking and integrating the few major male organizations (e.g. Jaycees, Elks, and Rotary Clubs.) And even more ironic was when Martha Burk, the head of the National Council of Women's Organizations demanded entry of women into the all-male Augusta Golf Club---"hypocrisy" does not seem to be in her vocabulary.

And as with charities, many general groups pander to women. For example, the Sierra Club has outings just for women but none just for men. The National Rifle Association has a subgroup for women. My local Trek bicycle shop sponsors two weekly bicycle rides, one for everyone, and one for women only. A local outdoors store sponsors outdoors-type classes, some of them just for women. It appears women prefer their own company, whereas men are fine being around women.

Probably the most telling example of this is the Y's. Both the YMCA and the YWCA were originally sex-segregated. But in the last thirty years, they have gone in very different directions. The formerly men's YMCA is now about as gender-neutral as it can get. As a matter of fact, it now has slightly more female members than male. The women's YWCA, on the other hand, still has a strictly female membership (although males can join as "associates" with no voting rights), and in a political sense, perhaps even more segregated than it was originally.

After all, it was once headed by Patricia Ireland, the former President of NOW. This is an example of women's self-indulgence.

Colleges show this pattern as well. Most all-male colleges changed to coeducational by 1970. Two stragglers, VMI and The Citadel, received much attention when they were forced to admit women. Univsource.com lists only 5 current all-male colleges but 65 all-female schools. Three of the women's colleges listed are public schools. Douglass is basically a women's college inside Rutgers University. Although Texas Woman's University and Mississippi University for Women are technically coed to satisfy federal law, in every other way, they are public women's colleges that admit a few men. Their mission statements, coursework, and gender-specific names are evidence of this. Again, there has been a concentrated effort to end all-male colleges even while all-female schools have flourished.

Another area where women have tremendous power on top of their "men give/women take" power is in advertising media. Women often complain that they only make 80 cents for every dollar men make, and that this discrepancy gives men economic power over women. However, people do not get power from making money; they get power from spending it. And women determine where 80 cents of every consumer dollar is spent. (The fact that men make most of the money while women spend most of it is more proof of "men give/women take.") Because women spend most money, advertisers aim their ads at women. In order to get more women to look at these ads, all advertising media also necessarily aim at women. As a result, television, magazines, newspapers, radio, websites, etc. necessarily slant their content toward women. Men are not going to get a fair shake in any of these media.

Let's examine television. Television commercials are notorious for presenting nearly all negative characters as male. Any rude, stupid, obnoxious, incompetent, insensitive, or mean people in commercials are almost always men, even in ads aimed at men. Also, people slapped, kicked, hit, or hurt in commercials are likely men. This shows how biased and slanted television is. Advertisers do not want to risk offending women. And apparently, women are easily offended. For example, after the most recent Super Bowl, some women complained that some ads showed anger toward women. I found this odd because I counted 61 acts of violence against men in the ads, but only 7 acts of violence against women. And there was a qualitative difference in the violence as well. The violent acts against women consisted of 4 head slaps, two tackles, and a playful punch in the arm. But the violence against men included being punched in the groin, zapped by an electric dog collar, head slammed on a car, a clubbing, a stabbing, an electrocution, decapitations, and historical footage of two actual men being shot. On top of this, quarterback Mark Sanchez did a CBSCares spot on women's heart disease. But even as imbalanced as the ads were, women still "took" offense, and men "gave" a pass on complaining.

Television content follows a similar pattern. Most programming is aimed at women, with sports being the main exception. The morning news shows have constant features for women. The daytime soap operas and talk shows are obviously aimed at women, as are the evening gossip, singing, dancing, and bachelor programs. Sit-coms are all basically "men behaving badly," where superior women are laughing at bumbling men. Dramas are becoming, more and more, chick shows. Even cop shows are mostly "damsels in distress" with men doing the distressing---a description which also applies to the Nancy Grace and Jane Velez-Mitchell shows. Olympic Games coverage is more and more about human interest stories instead of actual competition. Channels for women include Lifetime, We, Oxygen and coming soon, Oprah, as well as Food, Home and Garden, and Hallmark. Even the evening news shows are becoming women's programming with only a few minutes of hard news followed by human interest stories, women's news, gender war segments (in which women always win), and breast cancer updates. (I'm betting Brian Williams will be the last male news anchor on the big three networks.)

I am amazed at how the media can always find women to heighten a news story's human interest value. For example, in the recent exposure of mismanagement of 200 graves at Arlington National Cemetery, one of those involved was an Air Force nurse whose remains were moved without notification of the family. I am guessing that the rest of the graves involved were of male soldiers. But guess who was highlighted in all of the news stories? In the four reports that I saw on this, three mentioned her by name and the fourth discussed her situation. No men were discussed or named. What are the chances of this occurring by coincidence? Even if a tragic news story only

involves male victims, reporters will focus on the victims' wives, mothers, or sisters to make the story personal. We do not value men.

There is some research (Rudman and Goodman) indicating that women are biased toward women, while men do not show a bias toward either gender. That is, women prefer and like women better than they like men, while men have no preference. This gives a new perspective on which gender is the chauvinistic one. This has always been obvious to me. Women's best friends always seem to be other women, who they can talk to on the phone for hours, sharing secrets that their husbands do not know. Women always need to go to the restroom in packs. And as I mentioned earlier, women tend to form groups with other women, while men have no problem with mixed groupings.

This bias also shows in voting, where 5 to 10% of women will vote for women candidates just because they are women. Some of these candidates then show an extreme bias toward women once they are in office. Hillary Clinton is quite up front with her advocacy for women. It has been speculated that she accepted the position of Secretary of State so that she could better continue her promotion of women. Ruth Bader-Ginsberg has long been a legal advocate for women, and now is on the Supreme Court. Many women who were influenced by women's studies courses in college are now obtaining power in government as well as industry. I think that male politicians' favoritism toward women has been bad enough, but what happens when female politicians get the power to "take" what they want without going through a middleman? Will it be worse?

Perhaps Sweden, which has nearly equal numbers of men and women in Parliament and as ministers, could inform us on this. In Sweden domestic violence receives special punishment. Prostitutes receive social-service aid while johns receive jail time. Affirmative action for college admissions is being terminated even though 60% of university students are women. Gender quotas have been instituted in government offices and in the arts. Female genital mutilation, illegal since 1982, is punishable even while performed with the patient's permission or performed legally in another country. Male genital mutilation has some restrictions but is legal. Parents receive up to 480 days of paid parental leave with penalties if each parent does not take at least 60 days. Government-run day care is available for children at age one. Businesses must charge the same rate for services regardless of gender (e.g., haircuts, laundry services.) Tax rates are among the highest in the world at nearly 50% of GDP---this is an indication that women are also "taking" from the government as well as from men.

The following measures have been proposed and are being contemplated in Sweden: comparable worth, polyamory, fathers forced to take equal parental leave, gender quotas on the members of boards of publicly-traded companies, a man tax, Antioch College-like dating rules where men must ask permission for all sexual activity, gender quotas for day-care workers, and gender-neutral names. These were being seriously considered. But three incidents occurred that caused a backlash, which put these proposals on the back burner for now. A government official said men were animals. A government shelter network published portions of the SCUM Manifesto. And a song at a political party convention contained the lyrics "Fucking men, we're going to chop you to bits." These proposals will probably seriously be considered again soon. It seems that if Sweden is any indication, men should be concerned about women abusing their political power. And men should also be concerned with how much of feminism is plain bigotry.

Of course, relationships also exhibit the "men give/women take" dynamic. Men must initiate relationships, pay for dates, open doors, and then beg on one knee with the bribe of a diamond to initiate more giving during the marriage. This is another area where women make exceptions to their demands for equality. But there is another aspect to men's and women's give and take during marriage. Men must "give in" while women "take control." Psychologist John Gottman, the marriage therapy guru, has stated that "the biggest revelation we've had about how conflicts are best resolved in successful marriages" is if husbands yield to their wives. That is, the key factor in whether a relationship will be happy and successful is whether the husband listens to and obeys his wife. In a statement that shows women's demanding nature, Gottman also says that women bring up over 80% of marital conflicts while men tend to avoid these stressful discussions---it's no wonder, if the men have to "give in." It appears there is some truth in the old saying: "If Mama's not happy, nobody's happy." (To be fair, it is evident in a deeper

reading of Gottman's research that both men and women must listen to their partners and yield to some degree for successful marriages. However, both Gottman and the media presented men as the bad guys who need to change.)

Consider other aspects of male/female relationships. Women often demand major changes in their husbands after the wedding. And if the husbands do not change enough, please remember that two-thirds of divorces are initiated by women---people who are more demanding are less likely to have those demands met. And wives are encouraged to divorce since they usually receive child custody, half of the community property, and continuation of many aspects of the husband's responsibilities (e.g., alimony, child support, house payments, lawyers' fees) while the wife's marital duties end. Also consider that women usually marry up, that is, even wealthy women tend to find wealthier men---the "men give/women take" dynamic is not going to work well if she has more than he does.

I mentioned earlier that women now have more economic and political power than men. But women have always dominated in sexual power. This potent power has been responsible for the demise of many, many men. Just think of some of the powerful men recently who have risked everything because of this compelling force: Tiger Woods, Kobe Bryant, David Letterman, Hugh Grant, Jesse James, George Rekers, Jim Bakker, Jimmy Swaggart, Ted Haggard, Bill Clinton, John Edwards, David Vitter, Eliot Spitzer, Mark Sanford, Bob Packwood, John Ensign, Jim Gibbons, Larry Craig, and Mark Souder. And again, at the same time that women were demanding that men give up their economic and political power, women have been hypocritically augmenting their sexual power over men. Women have done this with tighter clothing, more skin exposure, breast implants, fat lips, other cosmetic surgeries, better cosmetics and hair dyes, botox, tanning beds, exercise, etc. Women's sense of entitlement is unbounded.

(The odd thing about marital fidelity is that studies indicate cheating wives are almost as numerous as cheating husbands. So why do we only hear about cheating men? Is it because of women's control of the media? Or is it, as Whoopi Goldberg said recently, that women blab more? Or is it women's self-indulgence and chauvinism? Think of the 15 women who voluntarily came forward to admit to affairs with Tiger Woods---all received fame and/or fortune and little public ridicule.)

At the same time that women were increasing their sexual power, women were demanding laws to also increase protection of that power. Sexual offenses get special treatment. For example, Sexual Offender laws impose special restrictions on offenders for their lifetimes which are not seen in any other types of crime. Offenders also risk continued imprisonment even after serving their sentences. Sexual harassment laws are rigged to punish only men's behavior. This allows women to be sexual at work. Also, rape shield laws exclude an alleged victim's personal life from the trial, something not seen in other types of trials. And the media do not identify alleged victims of sexual crimes. Prostitution laws are becoming more and more like Sweden's, where johns are punished and prostitutes are helped. Men's pornography is shunned and restricted, while women's pornography---bodice rippers, romance novels, magazines like Cosmo, etc.---is perfectly acceptable.

It is a woman's world. Here are a few more quick indications of that.

A lot of books are aimed at women. A subject heading search for "women" in the Los Angeles Public Library catalog resulted in 14,962 items. A subject heading search for "men" only gave 1,753 items.

It is similar for magazines. The 2009 News Media Directory lists 11 pages of magazines for women, but only 1 page of magazines for men.

The women's department in almost any department store will be right inside the front door. The men's department is likely to be in the basement. Department store catalogs and flyers also usually have women's items in the front, while men and kids may get a page and a half in the back.

Mother's Day became an official holiday in 1914---Father's Day waited until 1972.

Why does menopause get so much more attention than the other change of life, puberty? Perhaps menopause is more complicated and serious than puberty. Perhaps. But I have to think that we focus so much more attention on menopause because only women experience it.

Here is a portion of the mission statement for WAPC. “Women Against Prostate Cancer (WAPC) is a national organization working to unite the voices and provide support for the millions of women affected by prostate cancer, and their families.” Even when talking about prostate cancer, the concern and focus is on women.

One way that women receive more aid is by portraying themselves as victims. But women in the United States have very little left in which they can claim victimhood. So women and their helpers in the media show us female victims in third-world countries, where we are less likely to know that men are just as victimized if not more so. This encourages women here to continue to be perceived as victims.

This is not to say that women in the United States do not portray themselves as victims every chance they get. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recently made recommendations concerning screening for both breast cancer and prostate cancer, based on the idea that the drawbacks of screening may outweigh the benefits in certain circumstances. The USPSTF recommended that women in their 40s should consult with their doctors to determine if screening were necessary, and then receive biannual screening from age 50 to age 75. The USPSTF also recommended that men under 75 years old should consult with their doctors to determine if prostate cancer screening would be beneficial for them. The USPSTF recommended that screening end at age 75 for both men and women. These recommendations were controversial, but the mammogram recommendation caused a media firestorm. Women accused the USPSTF of sacrificing women's lives to save money. There was no such firestorm with the prostate cancer recommendations.

This may also be related to women's intrinsic value. Feminist Simone de Beauvoir had it wrong in her famous quote: "One is not born, but rather becomes, a woman." Instead, women are valued just for being. They receive worth and men's chivalry just for being women. They are put on a pedestal just for being women. Men must earn their trip to the pedestal. And as a result, men's pedestal is a little higher. This results in 3 levels. Nearly all men are in the lowest level---no pedestal. All women occupy the middle level. And just a few high-achieving men make it to the highest level. It is men who must earn their value, by being the best, richest, highest status, etc. All women have doors held open for them, but only a few men earn that privilege. This three-tiered system allows women to be shameless opportunists. If they want to play the victim, they can point to the few high-status men and complain of the unfairness that women are seen as inferior to men. But when it suits their purpose, women can also assume superiority by looking down on what they see as those callous, violent, rude dogs that are the vast majority of men. This is why the books The Second Sex (by de Beauvoir) and The First Sex (2 separate books, one by Elizabeth Gould Davis, and the other by Helen Fisher) are about women.

Here's another look at the double standards of sexual harassment. Women are very sexual. Muslims acknowledge this with severe restrictions on women's dress. We in the West have few restrictions but do not see women's excessive sexuality because we have become accustomed to it. However, consider that we do not allow 5 year-old girls to wear makeup because it is inappropriate for them to be sexual. But if makeup is sexual on a 5 year-old girl, it is also sexual on an adult woman at work. If a woman's dress is sexy, that is just a euphemism for sexual. Why do we allow women's sexual appearance at work, but penalize men if they do anything sexual at work? (Consider the recent case of Deborahlee Lorenzana who is suing to allow women to be sexual at work.) Here is another approach. Traditionally, women's power base has been sexuality, while men's has been economic. It is now unacceptable to tell a sexual joke at work (because women do not want their power denigrated), yet it is perfectly acceptable to tell an economic joke at work. "Men give/women take" allows women to get away with much hypocrisy.

It is natural for an oppressed group to overreact and develop a "super pride" when coming into equality. For example, blacks did this in the 1960s with the expressions "black pride" and "black is beautiful." This super pride lasted a few years but eventually died down to a realistic level. However, women's super pride has not died down after 40 plus years and does not look like it will. Any accomplishments by women receive more attention than deserved, and women exhibit exaggerated pride. Examples include Billie Jean King, Danica Patrick, Jessica Lynch, Kimberly Munley, Beardstown Ladies, Xena Warrior Princess, "girls rule" slogan, referring to God but not the devil as "she," and Helen Reddy's "I am woman, hear me roar." Also, images of Rosie the Riveter seem more prevalent now than during World War II. It seems like almost every year is another "The Year of the Woman." And we

constantly hear in the media about the "first woman" to do something. The first black or first Hispanic rarely gets any attention.

Here are a few quotes showing women's super pride. Sally Field while accepting an Emmy said, "If mothers ruled the world, there would be no goddamn wars in the first place." Former Governor of Texas, Ann Richards, borrowed from a Frank and Ernest comic strip when she said, "Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did, only backwards and in high heels." (Rogers was a fine dancer, but even I can tell she was not in the same league as Astaire.) Dee Dee Myers in her book, Why Women Should Rule the World, advocated for more women in power positions in government with this, "We'd have more representative government; a stronger economy; and a healthier and more sustainable planet. We'd be better able to resolve conflicts and keep the peace. We'd have stronger families." And later she said, "Women are just more practical than men." These expressions of super pride show women's self-indulgence.

Many products of a general nature are promoted, explicitly or implicitly, as only for women. Why would companies exclude half of the population from buying their products? I guess this panders to women's exaggerated pride---if the product is for men too, then it is not good enough for women. In the olden days it was Ice Blue Secret, Special K, Virginia Slims, and Gerotol. More current examples include Activia yogurt, Curves cereal, Crystal Light, Correctol laxative, Hemorid hemorrhoid cream, Living Well Lady fitness, and most all hair coloring and skin creams. Protein bars are a telling example of this phenomenon. PowerBar and Clif both had protein bars for everyone, but then introduced Pria and Luna bars just for women. They have no bars just for men.

Pandering to women's pride carries a risk. Because of women's sense of entitlement, it appears women are more likely to sue for any bad results, real or imagined, and may be more likely to win because of the chivalry and entitlement of judges and juries (e.g. Activia, Victoria Secret, Fen Phen, Vioxx, Fosamax, Bendectin, Yaz, Norplant, and McDonald's hot coffee.) Probably the best example is breast implants. Even though there was no scientific evidence that silicone breast implants caused any major diseases, manufacturers still paid $3.4 billion into the largest class action settlement up to that time.

In a time of overpopulation and dwindling resources, it is imperative that we reduce our consumerism. Certainly women reign when it comes to extravagant consumption. As I said earlier, women spend 80 cents of every consumer dollar. They are more likely to go shopping for fun, and throw away items just because they are out of style. Of course, men also need to stop any consumption which only shows off their ability to provide for women.

Some are complaining that men are becoming just as whiny, extreme, and self-indulgent as feminists. Although true in a few individual men (me, perhaps), it is certainly not true in general. Because of chivalry, men will never be as demanding and whiny as women and feminists.

Women often use shame to control men. Be warned that some entitled women and chivalrous men may try to shame anyone who believes any of the ideas in this article. But shame is not a valid argument, it is an ad hominem. Do not respond to it. (Secretary of State Madeleine Albright used this tactic a few years ago by questioning Fidel Castro's cojones. Is shame the kind of diplomacy we can expect from women?)

Feminists have relied on distortion and outright lies to accomplish their goals. One quarter of women are victims of rape or attempted rape, women are paid 80 cents per dollar men make for equal work, domestic violence is almost exclusively men battering women, battering of women increases during the Super Bowl, battering causes most birth defects and miscarriages, spousal abuse is responsible for 20 to 35% of women's trips to emergency rooms, hundreds of thousands of women die of eating disorders each year, and men were able to legally beat their wives with sticks the thickness of their thumbs, are all examples. Feminists make little effort to correct such myths which are then often used to influence public policy.

But the big lie of feminism is that it is for equality of the sexes. As I have shown in this article, feminism has little to do with equality---the word "feminism" itself proves this. (It is a little like saying that we should use the word "catism" when we want to show that cats and dogs are equal pets.) But because most everyone believes the lie,

men's side of the issue has been totally ignored and closed out. Besides, feminism can no longer promote equality by fighting for women since women are now superior.

The result of this big lie and the "men give/women take" dynamic is that our sons are second class citizens, at best. Both men and women must be vigilant to stop men's chivalry and women's entitlement. We must do this for our sons and an egalitarian society.

Ed. note: I don't often publish an essay of this length when submitted anonymously. However it was too well-written and had too many good points not to. I used Google to see if parts of it were out there on the web and I didn't didn't find any, so I will assume it is an original piece by a man named David Johnson. If you Google that name, you may come up with this story. I have no idea if this is the same David Johnson or not. I do know that it is a very common name, however, and you will get plenty of other David Johnsons in Google search results also. Heck, Wikipedia has a rather long list. Maybe it's by one of them!

Canada: Divorced B.C. father kept from seeing child

Anonymous · 22 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Geesing said his ex-wife has been allowed to bar him from his daughter because a court order requiring her to co-operate is unenforceable.
...
...He and his wife separated in 2008, when the girl was eight years old. Since then, he said, his wife has tried to shut him out of his daughter's life completely.

"When I phone, I get the message 'She doesn't want to talk to you,'" said Geesing. "On her 10th birthday, I left flowers on her doorstep — that's it."

Geesing has had no contact with his child since March 2009.
...
"Why am I supposed to be the lesser parent?" asked Geesing. "The default [in the courts] should be equal, shared parenting. That should be the default."'

Abusegate: Call your reps in support of lobbying to happen on Thursday and Friday

Matt · 23 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

On Thursday and Friday, an army of citizen-lobbyists will be meeting with Senators and Representatives to discuss long-overdue changes to the Violence Against Women Act. These persons, who are taking time off from work and paying their own expenses to come to Washington DC, need the backing of thousands of pro-family supporters from around the country.

Please call your Senators today at 202-224-3121. Tell the receptionist who answers these 3 words: “Fix VAWA Now!”

If you do not know the names of your two Senators, the operator at the Capital Switchboard can tell you: 202-224-3121.

Australia: Hidden epidemic of women beating up men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WOMEN beating up their men - physically, emotionally or financially - has become a hidden epidemic because men are too scared of being labelled wimps if they cry for help.

A new study has found for male victims of "intimate partner abuse", the cumulative effect of repeat "knees in the nuts" or being heaped with scorn is a damaging erosion of self-worth.

But a typical response to men who do complain is, "C'mon, you're a bloke - get over it".

Similar to the pattern of abuse of women by men, it often starts with verbal, financial and psychological abuse, but over time escalates to physical and sometimes even sexual abuse.

The issue is even more under-reported for men than women, because men fear either being seen as wimps or not being believed, the study says.'

Abusegate: Half a Billion Dollars for False Accusations

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From Abusegate Bob:

According to a recent estimate, innocent Americans spend half a billion dollars each year to defend themselves against false accusations of domestic violence. The full calculations are shown here.

This is simply outrageous.

Today, we're asking everyone who reads this message to contact Sen. Orrin Hatch, one of the leading proponents of the Violence Against Women Act, and leave this short and sweet message: "Fix VAWA Now!"

Telephone: 202-224-5251
Email form here.

If we don't take bold action now, don't complain if VAWA doesn't get reformed.

"My Story"

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This isn't a news story. This is my attempt at writing something about my story. I wanted to get some opinions from other men about it. I thought this might be a good place to do that. I want to improve this. I wanted to write something that would be kind of like a newspaper article you might read about my story. I wanted to express events as I lived them with minimal coloring on my part. I also have a brief coda after the essay about things that I think might help in the future. Please give me your impressions on that too. If you wish to email me with constructive comments, I can be reached at rlaspari-at-hotmail.com.

I know most men who are dads are working dads. One thing to keep in mind is how different my story would be if I were a stay-at-home mom instead of a stay-at-home dad. I think the differences indicate the different treatment men and women get.

I was a stay-at-home dad. I still am a stay-at-home dad, but it is not the same. I cannot be a stay-at-home dad much longer.

I have been a stay-at-home dad since before my son was a year old, and always the primary parent responsible for his care. Even before I was a stay-at-home dad I was the parent who took my son to doctor visits or stopped by to see him during lunch break. When my son did not adjust well to his daycare, I wanted to stay home with him. His mother wanted to continue working. So I quit my job to become a stay-at-home dad. When my son was three and a half years old, his mother filed for divorce.

I do not know why she filed for divorce. We argued more towards the end, but no more than many couples who stay married and work things out. I have since learned that in families with children, women file for divorce the majority of the time. College educated women, like my son's mother, file the vast majority of the time. I did not want a divorce, but I had no say in the matter. With a divorce forced upon me, I would have preferred a collaborative divorce to an adversarial one; but, I had no say in the matter. I would have preferred to gradually change my son's residential schedule over changing it abruptly, but I had no say in the matter. The divorce process was unilateral.

After my son's mother filed, she presented me with a large stack of papers. Among other things in these papers, she wrote her opinions of my parenting ability. I learned that she was accusing me of some form of “emotional abuse” as well. This enabled her to bring papers before a judge for “immediate relief” prior to presenting them to me. I was fortunate that no immediate relief was granted. I have since learned that many men are not so lucky. We both argued with each other, and she was the only one to ever be physical in these arguments; but, only she leveled accusations of abuse.

In her papers she requested to be named the primary parent, and I be given visitation. I had a chance to respond, and she then had the final say with a response to my response. Lawyers took these papers to the court. They spoke in front of a commissioner with each of us standing next to our respective lawyers. Her lawyer spoke for about 5 minutes. My lawyer responded for about 5 minutes. Again she was granted the final say when her lawyer spoke for another 5 minutes. Immediately after this the commissioner ruled, and my son was taken from me half the time.

This was the “temporary arrangement” until the entire process was complete. The process took almost a year and a half to complete. Another part of the ruling was the commissioner telling me I should find work. I asked for a revision hearing to try to have this custody schedule revised. It was not revised, and I was told at the revision that I need to pay half the mortgage on the house until it is sold.

Throughout the divorce process I heard the phrase “best interests of the child.” The court used the phrase often. My son's mother used the phrase often. I was coerced into signing documents with the phrase. Until the hearing my son saw me every day. We spent all day together most days. I would lie next to his bed every night to help him fall

asleep. My son cried and cried and cried during the first weeks when he was taken from me. He didn't sleep well when he was away. He was only 3. He still asks his mother if I can come over with him when she picks him up. The courts say they only act in the best interests of the child.

After filing for divorce, my son's mother wanted to put him in daycare. I thought it would be a foregone conclusion that, if there was a parent that is willing and able to stay home it would be allowed, but because his mother wanted daycare, there needed to be a hearing. My son has certain special needs that led to his mother and I to have him evaluated by the university when he was 2, and by the public school system soon after. They made certain specific recommendations for schooling and care that I wanted to carry out. Both my son and I were fortunate for this. The court was compelled to follow the recommendations. I believe without these recommendations my son would be in daycare today in order to comply with the mother's wishes. The type of preschool I requested for my son was one where parents assist the teacher. My son's mother said it should not be assumed that I would be the parent to do this. I made no such assumption. Nevertheless, the commissioner ruled that my son's mother could replace me whenever she wanted and as often as she wanted, as long as she gave me one week's notice. I was worried she would exercise this privilege all the time, and I would not get to participate at my son's preschool; but, she rarely did.

My son's mother requested a parenting evaluator. My lawyer told me I had to agree to this. Our parenting evaluator was a social worker. The evaluator writes a report with recommendations when he finishes, and my lawyer said the court almost always follows these recommendations. My lawyer also said the parenting evaluator will ask me to sign forms to waive my rights to privacy and confidentiality so that he can talk to doctors, therapists, teachers, and anyone else he might feel is relevant. My lawyer told me I should sign whatever the evaluator wants me to sign. When I met with the evaluator, I did. I was told by many, including my lawyer, that it is a good idea to keep a daily journal of what I did with my son and how I interact with his mother and her family. According to the evaluator, my journal consisted of over 500 typed pages. I don't know what he did with it, and it was never returned to me. I had two meetings with the evaluator. During the first meeting the evaluator spoke with me in an office. I told the evaluator I wanted to stay home with my son until he started kindergarten. He told me that children of divorce have to go to daycare. During the second meeting he watched me play with my son for half an hour through one-way glass. I am proud of my parenting skills, but this was still frightening for me. I felt violated by this evaluation.

Eventually, my son's mother and I “settled.” I have since learned most adversarial divorces end with a settlement, and not a trial where information about the proceedings is made publicly available. I was afraid of the extra costs of a trial, and I was afraid that worse things could still be done to me and my son. I found nothing particularly “amicable” about our settlement. We reached an agreement where I only got to see my son half the time, but I could stay with my son during times when his mother was working. Since the divorce I have had the chance to meet several divorced mothers through single parent groups. They had custody arrangements where they had their children at least 70% of the time – often more. They collect child support. I did not meet any stay-at-home mothers who had their children only 50% of the time. According to the most recent US census 5 out of 6 custodial parents are women. All the single mothers I have met so far initiated their divorces.

I noticed something else about the divorced women I met. They have a tendency to speak in the passive voice. Family court uses similar language. I asked one woman about her custody arrangement. She said it didn't make sense for her husband to have custody. I recognized the passive voice. I asked her if that was what her husband wanted. She said he just wanted whatever he could get. The passive voice extends to the description of the process – phrases like “the divorce was finalized on this date” or “we're divorced” – not “I divorced” or “I initiated the divorce.” The other person is thus put in the position of having to ask awkward questions for more information. It reminds me of governments that know they are doing bad things and wish to deflect attention and criticism. “People are being detained.” Who is detaining them? They are being detained. Some of these women also accused their husbands of abuse of one form or another. It seemed incongruous to me because, like my own ex-wife, these same women often seemed aggressive, angry, and intimidating to me – but they all had a seemingly instinctive and masterful grasp of social language.

People have been using passive language in divorce for a long that now. A friend of mine recently told me that my

description reminded him of the separate conversations he had to endure as a teenager once a long time ago. The mom explained that it was just something that developed, that it was nobody's fault. But the dad explained, she filed for divorce. Active versus passive voice. Same stuff, different decade. The courts encourage the use of passive voice when speaking to children, or an active voice with “we” to indicate the parents are on the same page about what is happening. The courts say to use the active voice would constitute blaming the other parent. To adhere to this standard leaves the parent who did not want a divorce (most often dads) in the position of saying he is ok with a scenario in which he is not permitted to have as active a role with his children as before. In effect, parents are supposed to tell the kids: I won't see you as much, and I'm ok with it, and it's no one's fault -- thus making these parents appear either callous or foolish.

Throughout the divorce I was told that I should seek work, and that I should be able to find work. This presupposition affected how assets and obligations would be divided. Income was “imputed” to me. I have been out of the workforce for nearly 5 years, and unemployment is very high. Finding work will be a challenge for me. If I need to move out of a state for work, I will be at the mercy of my ex-wife. I have been told that if it went before a court, I would lose what custody I have if I move. My ex-wife has a good job and is worth between 1 and 2 million dollars. I am worth a small fraction of that. Child support is determined based on the percentage of overnights the child spends with a parent. If the number of overnights are equal, no child support is warranted. I will not be getting child support. I have recently spoken with a divorced mom who decided to allow the dad to see his son half the time. In her case they determined child support based on the disparity of incomes. She gets $1000 a month. If I am forced to move because I can only find a job out of state, the likely outcome will be my seeing my son only for most of the summer -- and I would have to pay my millionaire ex-wife child support. I would be reduced from a full-time, stay-at-home dad to a dad who only gets contact with his son for maybe three months out of the year.

I was a stay-at-home dad. I still am a stay-at-home dad, but it is not the same. I cannot be a stay-at-home dad much longer.

So that's my story. It is probably not a particularly gripping one if you haven't lived it. As for me, I still take medication for anxiety as a result of all of it. As a stay-at-home dad I went from full time with my son to half the time. I worry I might lose more time in the future. Working dads often go from part time to virtually no time. There are things that people can do to make a difference in the future though. The first thing is to talk about it and build awareness. Everything about divorce is designed to keep people from talking about it. That's similar to any corrupt process. The only way to fight it is to talk about it more. Statistically speaking, men do not recover from divorce (Even if they remarry problems remain.). They die younger and have more physical, mental, and financial problems. Statistically speaking, children do not recover from divorce. They have deficits relative to other children, and they grow up feeling like they can never be themselves or never truly be at home. They have different selves for different homes. They feel they have to grow up sooner. They are more likely to have all sorts of problems. Remarriage does not help them and may make things worse. Statistically, the only time divorce benefits children is when there is violence or threats of violence in the home. Yet as a society we make it easy and condone and even sometimes encourage people to do this to their children. Though I use the word "people," the vast majority of people who file for divorce when children are involved are women. Ask them whether they filed. Watch for passive language. Watch for gender bias. Gender bias is still rampant through the process, even in states where the language has finally been changed to be gender neutral.

Many people recognize the system is broken and want to fix it. The best idea I have heard is this one: a rebuttable presumption of custody of any minor children to the respondent. What that means is if someone files for divorce when there are kids involved, there will be a presumption that the other parent gets custody of the kid. This would greatly reduce the number of divorces with kids. All of a sudden, the divorcer could not use the kids as pawns, and would face the possibility that she might not get custody herself. The divorcer could still get custody if there is evidence that the other parent did something bad, like abuse the kids or something -- but we would have the presumption of innocence first -- something we really like having in most other areas of the justice system. That

presumption of innocence is still elusive in family court.

Even if we could enact this change to the family court system, it might still be subverted so long as the basic undercurrent of prejudice against men remains. Men are inherently as good at parenting as women. Men need just as much protection under the law as women. So long as people reject these notions of equality, the people who enact and enforce these laws will find ways to make sure women continue to receive favorable treatment at the expense of men and children.

Requirements for counseling prior to divorce would also be a good idea -- but first we would need to change the secular counseling system as well. Right now it adopts a "divorce neutral" attitude despite mounting evidence that divorce is harmful in a multitude of ways. It is equivalent to having a neutral attitude towards whether the earth is round or flat.

We need to see to it that society has support structures for men equal to those women have. In my own case, at one point I went to my local community college's women's center for help because there is no equivalent men's center. They were kind and tried to help, but did not have much they could offer me. The best word I can come up with to describe how I felt going through this process is rape. I felt raped, and I felt like I had to watch my son being raped as well. I felt we were violated, and I felt one person violently imposed her will on us with the aid of the court. I find it hard to believe we have support systems in place for the rapists, but not the victims.

There is a lot that needs to be changed, but there are entire industries built on keeping things as they are. The only hope for change is if people get over the built-in discomfort and start talking about it more.

Canada: Are men obsolete? Ask Sebastian Junger

Anonymous · 24 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More females than males are attending university. The ranks of middle managers are being filled by women (watch the glass ceiling shatter, eventually).

Boys are adrift, as one book title puts it. "Failure to launch" has become a cultural cliché.

In two areas, mind you, men still reign supreme: engineering and janitorial work.

And war. Yes, let's not forget that.
...
Hence the basis for all these articles and books asking the question "are men obsolete?" And for all the commentary that tells us that women function so much better in modern society, with their co-operative ways, bureaucracies and book clubs.

In the end, to confess, your evolutionary dodo isn't quite sure himself what to make of the question. Are we men obsolete?

I will have to take it up with a female supervisor, one of the many so deftly staffing the ranks of the public broadcaster.'

BA compensates man 'humiliated' over child seat policy

MichaelClaymore · 25 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Remember the guy who was angry at British Airways' policy of not letting men sit next to unaccompanied kids? He received a settlement from them and now the policy is "under review". Not a watershed, but good news nonetheless. Story here. Excerpt:

'BA has compensated a passenger who was "humiliated' over its policy of not allowing single male flyers to sit next to solo child travellers on its planes.

British Airways cabin crew told Mirko Fischer to move after he swapped seats with his wife and ended up sitting next to a boy he did not know.

Mr Fischer, 33, accused staff of harassing him and said the policy contravened the Sex Discrimination Act.

BA apologised to the businessman but denied the policy was discriminatory.

A spokesman told the BBC the policy was now under review.

A consent order detailing a settlement between the parties was drawn up at Slough County Court on Wednesday.'

New PM of Australia has strong feminist creds

Matt · 26 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via Jeremy S. The new PM of Australia is Julia Gillard. (Story here). She has strong feminist credentials. Her Wikipedia entry is here. Excerpt:

'Moving to Melbourne, in 1983, Gillard became the second woman to lead the Australian Union of Students. Gillard was also formerly the secretary of the left-wing organisation, Socialist Forum. Members of the Socialist Forum lobbied for the scrapping of the ANZUS treaty, making Leningrad a sister city of Melbourne, and introducing a super-tax on the rich.

From 1996 to 1998, Gillard served as Chief of Staff to John Brumby, at that time the Victorian Opposition Leader. She was responsible for drafting the affirmative action rules within the Labor Party in Victoria that set the target of preselecting women for 35 per cent of winnable seats within a decade. She also played a role in the foundation of EMILY's List, the pro-choice fund-raising and support network for Labor women.'

Related article Gillard's ascension a giant leap for womankind

Australia: Sex discrimination chief wants power to initiate investigations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick says her office should be given the power to initiate investigations into sexual harassment in the workplace.

Ms Broderick says some workplaces need to be investigated even if there is no specific complaint from a worker.

She says sex discrimination is often built into work cultures and is difficult to tackle.

"We should be able to look at maybe organisations, maybe sectors where we know sexual harassment is more prevalent and really work to provide some more systemic response than relying on an individual complaint," she said.

Ms Broderick has also called for the Federal Government to ensure women make up at least 40 per cent of all Government-appointed boards.'

"Motherhood: the new oppression"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It seems to me that if you had deliberately devised a plot to oppress women, it couldn't get more diabolical than this. Highly educated, progressive and enlightened mothers don't need men to oppress them. They're perfectly capable of oppressing themselves!

Today, the baby has become "the best ally of masculine domination," argues Elisabeth Badinter, a controversial French feminist. Her new book (Le Conflit: La Femme et La Mère, translated as Conflict: The Woman and the Mother) argues that the moral requirements of modern motherhood – especially the back-to-nature, eco-mommy trend – have struck a blow to women's freedom. "Women's lives have grown more difficult in the last 20 years," she told The New York Times. "Professional life is ever harder, ever more stressful and unattractive, and on the other hand, there is an accumulation of new moral duties weighing on women."'

Paglia on modern middle-class sexual malaise

Matt · 27 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Op-ed here. Excerpt:

"...Although a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel recently rejected an application to market the drug flibanserin in the United States for women with low libido, it endorsed the potential benefits and urged further research. ...
...
...In the discreet white-collar realm, men and women are interchangeable, doing the same, mind-based work. Physicality is suppressed; voices are lowered and gestures curtailed in sanitized office space. Men must neuter themselves, while ambitious women postpone procreation. ...
...
Meanwhile, family life has put middle-class men in a bind; they are simply cogs in a domestic machine commanded by women. Contemporary moms have become virtuoso super-managers of a complex operation focused on the care and transport of children. But it’s not so easy to snap over from Apollonian control to Dionysian delirium.

Nor are husbands offering much stimulation in the male display department: visually, American men remain perpetual boys, as shown by the bulky T-shirts, loose shorts and sneakers they wear from preschool through midlife. The sexes, which used to occupy intriguingly separate worlds, are suffering from over-familiarity, a curse of the mundane. There’s no mystery left.'
...

Pharmaceutical companies will never find the holy grail of a female Viagra — not in this culture driven and drained by middle-class values. Inhibitions are stubbornly internal. And lust is too fiery to be left to the pharmacist."

What I notice here is that when it comes to any finger-pointing she does, it's at societal trends or at men. No mention of women being responsible for themselves and their own sexual desires. This is actually retrograde thinking, not even "progressive" in the 1970's sense. More like a page taken from the 1950s: Men are responsible for women's arousal state; it's on men to "get them aroused". Nothing like the song getting sung four decades ago.

Another feminist attack on Australia's shared parenting

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You may be interested in this report (.pdf file) in which the experiences of 22 women are used to attack Australia's shared parenting rules.

I am a regular reader but did not post this at the site as for personal reasons I don't want my name associated with this particular tussle. Articles in newspapers supporting his absurd study are here. Excerpt:

'Minister for Women, Jodi McKay, today launched the No Way to Live report at NSW Parliament House.

The report by senior lecturer at the University of Sydney, Dr Lesley Laing, looks at how Australias family law system responds to victims of domestic violence, Ms McKay said.

Importantly the research and resulting report moves beyond an analysis of the law itself and analyses the way the law supports victims, many of who we know are women.

As well as being informative, the report is a testament to the courage, resilience and great dignity of the 22 women whose experiences are told in the report.

Ms McKay said building a well informed evidence base is critical to reducing domestic violence and that is why this report is so important. The No Way to Live report provides first hand experiences of how the Family Law System has assisted and responded to victims of domestic violence, Ms McKay said.

It also highlights the key role support services play in the family law system and that workers need comprehensive and ongoing training to ensure they provide the best response to victims.'

A birth control pill for men is in the works

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The female birth control pill, commonly referred to as 'The Pill,' is not 100 percent effective, and some women's bodies don't react well to the extra hormones. Now, finally, a new birth control option for men is in the works, which would allow partners to share the responsibility, and let guys be in control of whether or not there will be any surprises in the procreation department.

Prof. Haim Breitbart of Israel's Bar-Ilan University authored a breakthrough paper in 2006 describing how sperm survive in the uterus. Now the biochemist is taking those findings and using them against sperm. He's developed a number of novel compounds that have no affect on male sex drive, but succeed in impairing the reproductive ability of the sperm. If all goes according to his plan, a new male birth control pill could be on the market within the next five years, he tells ISRAEL21c.

So far, the new pill dubbed the Bright Pill (a play on Brietbart's name) has been tested on animal models in a pre-clinical setting, and has been found to work wonderfully on mice. "What we found is that by treating the mice with our molecule we can get sterility for a long period of time; in the lower dose, about one month, and in the higher dose we found three months of sterility.'

ABC Boston Does Special on F & F's Shared Parenting Bill

Matt · 28 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog post here. Excerpt:

'Ned Holstein, M.D., M.S., Chair of the Board of Fathers and Families, discussed Fathers and Families' shared parenting bill HB 1400 on ABC's Boston affiliate WCVB on Tuesday, June 22. The story also featured longtime F & F member Rob Derosier, who told WCVB about his long, hard fight to remain a meaningful part of his daughter's life after his divorce. To watch the story, click here.

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From ABC's synopsis:

> A bill before the Massachusetts legislature would change the direction of child custody decisions, making shared and equal parenting the norm.
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> When Rob Derosier welcomed his daughter into the world 10 years ago, he never expected that after divorce he'd become a mere visitor in her life.
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> "It's the first time you have to drive up to a house and pick her up, and then drive up to the house and drop her off," said Derosier. "That's when it really hits home, when you realize your daughter really isn't yours anymore."

UK: Cameron's poverty guru targets feckless men

Broadsword · 29 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Britain should stop its obsession with getting single mothers into work and pursue unemployed fathers, David Cameron's poverty adviser said last night. Frank Field, the Labour MP commissioned to carry out a review of poverty, blasted young dads who feel jobs paying less than £300 a week are not worth their while.
...
He said that in many households, the role of the father as the breadwinner had been taken over by the taxpayer. Speaking at a lecture to the Attlee Foundation, a charity working in disadvantaged areas, he claimed the debate about poverty had been 'feminised', letting feckless fathers off the hook for living off benefits and failing to support their families.
...
He said men who refused to take a job offered to them should have their benefits cut altogether.

'The reason why we have so many single mums is because we have so many single dads who cannot fulfil what most single mothers want from their partners, and the children from their fathers', he said.

For a large section of what used to be the core of the Labour vote - working-class women - what they say they most want is a husband or partner in work which allows them their private domain of the family.'"

'Abduction' case against teen reaches new low with evil smear campaign

Stinger503 · 29 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is frightening to watch the power of the state unleashed to destroy a 14-year-old boy.

He is Edwin McFarlane, the bumbling teen whose attempt to help a 3-year-old girl find her mother June 10 at a Burlington Coat Factory has him facing a first-degree felony charge of false imprisonment.

The case never has made sense. And confronted with the possibility they made a mistake in a high-profile arrest, Orange County sheriff's detectives and now state prosecutors have waged a campaign to save face by distorting evidence and smearing the kid.

When I began questioning the arrest, the Sheriff's Office told me surveillance cameras proved Edwin never contacted his mother before leaving the store with the girl, as she claimed. I checked the videos and found this wasn't true.'

Abusegate: What is a False Allegation Worth? Join our July 22 Lobbying Effort

Matt · 30 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

The Violence Against Women Act spends $444 million each year. And VAWA-funded programs cause about 2 million false allegations. So each false DV allegation costs the American taxpayer $222 annually.

And now, President Obama is proposing to increase VAWA funding by a whopping $130 million!

The next Washington DC lobbying event will be held Thursday, July 22, the day before the Family Preservation Festival begins. Our message will be plain and simple: Stop the false allegations of domestic violence!

If you are a parent, grandparent, or other family member who has seen the harmful effects of false allegations on children, you need to come!

To pre-register, send your name, email address, organization name, and cell phone number to: rohara-at-saveservices.org

An orientation teleconference will be held in advance. Deadline for pre-registration is July 12.

Canada: New Study on Dating Violence

Anonymous · 30 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

A new study by Statistics Canada using police arrest data is being widely circulated in the Canadian Media.

Some places:

http://www.ottawacitizen.com/life/Abused+women+still+partners+dependable/2905307/story.html

http://www.vancouversun.com/life/Dating+violence+increases+most+grown+women/3215995/story.html

http://www.cbc.ca/health/story/2010/06/29/dating-violence.html

My commentary/criticism:

Police statistics on domestic violence are not representative of society and are just bad statistics.

There is a lack of willingness for boys to report violence as it is embarrassing, as well as reluctance for police to press charges against girls.

Alternate source material can be found in Dominance and symmetry in partner violence by male and female university students in 32 nations (.pdf file) by Murray Straus.

'Women on Top?'

anthony · 30 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Don't worry, gentlemen. "The End of Men," Hanna Rosin's much discussed Atlantic cover story, isn't really about the end of men. It's about men's declining economic ability to dominate women and various sociocultural consequences of that fact—but who'd read a piece with an unsensational message like that? Women are surging forward educationally, entering the professions and the burgeoning service fields in great numbers, having children on their own, putting up with less crap from boyfriends and husbands—we all know that. Men are taking less than half the BAs, have suffered from the decline of manufacturing and other traditionally male jobs, and have lost some of their domestic privileges and some of their cultural prestige—we all know that too. It may even be, as Rosin claims, that women are particularly well suited to the postindustrial economy, where brains, self-discipline, the ability to work well with others and verbal skills matter more than brawn and testosterone-fueled thrill-seeking. It takes a clever picker of statistical and anecdotal cherries, though, to make plausible Rosin's claim that we are on the verge of becoming a matriarchy.'

UK: Specialist unit reports more male forced marriages

Broadsword · 1 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The government unit dealing with forced marriages received 65% more calls about male victims last year than the previous year, figures show.
...
Professionals working with young people were urged to be vigilant during summer, a time when incidents increase.

Men accounted for 14% of the total number of forced marriage cases, numbering 1,682, referred to the Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) last year.

However, due to under-reporting, the figures are thought to be well below the actual number of forced marriages.'

Kagan nomination hearings in full swing

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Schlafly on Kagan here. As a reminder to one and all, the Kagan nomination hearings in the Senate are in full swing. MRAs/FRAs may have reason to be concerned. She is by some accounts a committed feminist and the article implies she admires a judge who felt it was a judge's role to make law from the bench. I will refer you to the Senate Judiciary Committee web site for contact information should you have a desire to voice any concerns you may have. Excerpt:

'When Kagan was dean of Harvard Law School, she presented a guest speaker who is known as the most activist judge in the world: Judge Aharon Barak, formerly president of the Israeli Supreme Court.

The polar opposite of the U.S. Constitution, which states that "all legislative powers" are vested in the elected legislative body, Barak has written that a judge should "make" and "create" law, assume "a role in the legislative process" and give statutes "new meaning that suits new social needs."

Barak wrote that a judge "is subject to no authority" except himself, and he "must sometimes depart the confines of his legal system and channel into it fundamental values not yet found in it." Channel? Does he mean he channels in a trance, as Hillary Clinton supposedly channeled discourse with the long-deceased Eleanor Roosevelt?
...
Kagan showed her feminist extremism when she served as the lead White House strategist advising President Clinton to veto the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. Ten years later, substantially the same act was passed by Congress, signed by President Bush and upheld by the Supreme Court.'

RADAR ALERT: NPR Gives Raped Males The Unworthy Victim Treatment

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[Alert on-line here]

Last week, June 23, Attorney General Eric Holder missed the deadline for issuing standards to prevent prison rape.

Men being raped in prison is so accepted by mainstream America that Saturday Night Live's writers saw nothing wrong with doing 4-1/2 minutes of ass-rape jokes in a sketch called "Scared Straight" that ended with Betty White saying emphatically, "Wizard of Ass"! Blogger Scott Starnes states the attitude explicitly. Under a graphic stating "Ass-Rape: It's Always Funny," Starnes asks: "Who honestly cares about criminals being ass-raped in prison?"

Ignorant callousness is an obvious problem for reformers trying to eliminate prison rape. But an even more insidious problem is the media's treatment of male victims as unworthy of concern, as NPR's Morning Edition recently did.. NPR chose to ignore the fact that 90% of incarcerated individuals are male, and instead focused their story solely on a female-prisoner's experience of prison-rape. This form of bias is so subtle that most listeners won't even notice it. But it is a classic example of the very media bias described by Noam Chomsky and Edward Herman in their book Manufacturing Consent, in which they write:

> Our hypothesis is that worthy victims will be featured prominently and dramatically, that they will be humanized, and that their victimization will receive the detail and context in story construction that will generate reader interest and sympathetic emotion. In contrast, unworthy victims will merit only slight detail, minimal humanization, and little context that will excite and enrage.

Australia: Court affirms licence to kill as another "battered woman" walks free

Matt · 1 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On 4th March 2006, Claire Margaret McDonald gasped and burst into tears as a Victorian Supreme Court jury found her not guilty of the execution style murder of her husband, Warren John McDonald.

The court was told that McDonald had donned camouflage gear and lay in wait with a high-powered rifle for her husband to approach. She fired six shots, mortally wounding her husband.

McDonald successfully used the "battered woman syndrome" defence, claiming she had suffered years of abuse at the hands of her husband.

Within days, Queensland woman, Susan Falls, having probably read the media reports of Heather McDonald's stunning acquittal, decided to execute her abusive husband in the same fashion, in what prosecutors would describe as a cunning, calculated murder.'

UK: Scottish Parliament debates male DV victim-related spending

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week a hugely significant and historic debate took place in Scotland when the Parliament got round to finally discussing domestic violence against men. As highlighted in the discussions it's quite shameful that it took 11 years after the initial Liberal Democrat proposal to actually have the debate, particularly given that debating "violence against women" is quite literally an annual event.

The debate itself makes fascinating viewing and a number of those taking part really should be commended for their knowledge of the issues and determination to expose the truth with particular credit going to Mike Rumbles of the Lib Dems. The most positive aspect of the proceedings was the recognition of how badly the Scottish Parliament was failing male victims. It was noted that the Scottish Executive had spent some £100 million helping females victims, compared to £28,000 on men. Feminists moan about all sorts of inequalities such as supposed discrimination in pay, yet even with their skills at fiddling the figures I doubt they can find any area where the disparity in government spending between the sexes amounts to more than 350,000%. As noted in the debate, such a lack of funding means there's no actual helpline based in Scotland for men, and further still no services that victims can be referred to one they call the helpline. It's akin to setting up a "999" call centre but neglecting to employ any fireman, police or paramedics.'

UK: BBC Radio 5 live to launch Men's Hour

Broadsword · 1 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'BBC Radio 5 live is to launch Men's Hour, an alternative to Woman's Hour aimed at the opposite gender.

Hosted by Culture Show presenter Tim Samuels, the programme will have "leading males" from sport, entertainment and politics chatting about issues that affect men.

According to the BBC, the show will bring "real candour to the challenges of relationships and life, alongside irreverent manly chatter". Louie Spence of Sky1's Pineapple Dance Studios will be a regular weekly guest.
...
Regular features will include Questions You Daren't Ask Your Doctor and Midlife Music Crisis. According to Samuels, the six-part series - which begins on 18 July - will celebrate "modern man's mix of swagger and neurosis".
...
"It's about capturing the spirit of when good mates sit around nowadays," he said.

"Amidst all the banter you can actually open up about what's on your mind without being ripped apart."'

Calgary dad mourns murdered daughter

Matt · 2 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'James Shelswell said he was looking forward to Clare growing older, and the far-off day when he might finally bond with the child he surrendered when she was only four months old.

Instead, Shelswell will fly this week from Calgary to Abbotsford B.C., to attend Clare's funeral.

On Sunday, Clare was murdered, her throat slashed open after an apparent domestic dispute between her mom and step-dad over how to discipline the kids.

Peter Wilson, 29, is charged with killing his step daughter.

And now, all that's left for her biological dad is to say goodbye to the stranger who was once his baby girl.
...
In Calgary, Shelswell, who is re-married with two kids, is a man whose fury is mixed with remorse.

He laments that he didn't have enough money to fight back with a lawyer, back when his wife took their Calgary-born daughters away to B.C.

He says he settled into a pattern of paying child support, and looking forward to yearly visit with his girls — the last, a happy trip to Vancouver, included the aquarium and McDonald's.'

Open letter from Intact America to the AAP appears in the Washington Post

Matt · 2 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Below is the open letter Intact America placed in the July 1, 2010 issue of The Washington Post. Please tell the American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Circumcision that the AAP simply must stand by its oath to "protect all children," and recommend against routine infant circumcision. Read the press release about the ad.'

UK: A chance to suggest laws that should be repealed

Broadsword · 2 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

The UK government has set up a website that will supposedly allow people to suggest repealing unnecessary laws and restore civil liberties. Whether this is just a publicity stunt or not it might be worth taking the chance to suggest that some feminist inspired laws be repealed.

Barbara Kay: You're male. You must be a pervert

Matt · 3 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In an interesting news item out of Britain, a man has received about £3,000 in costs and damages combined for sex discrimination by British Airways (BA).

Mirko Fischer, 33, and his pregnant wife were on a London to Luxembourg flight in April 2009. Deciding she preferred the window, she exchanged her middle seat with her husband, thus seating him adjacent to a child travelling alone.

A flight attendant, who later claimed ignorance of the fact that Mr. Fischer was with his wife, informed him that he must return to his original seat, as it was BA policy not to allow adult men to sit next to an unaccompanied minor. After some discussion, Mr. Fischer did ultimately return to his seat, unwilling to make a spectacle of himself, but felt "embarrassed, humiliated and angry."

For its part, BA conceded fault in not realizing Mr. Fischer was with his wife, but defended the general policy. A spokesman said, "We had 75,000 children fly with us last year and it is an issue we take very seriously."

BA is not the only airline with that policy. It's a common practice. In a September 2007 post in these pages in which I mused over airline inconsistencies in profiling discrimination — yes to all adult men, no to potential terrorists — I quoted an expert witness in aviation disputes: "You have to make generalizations for the safety of a child." She cited what is apparently a well-known adage in airline circles: "No regulation in aviation takes effect without somebody's blood on it."

The only inference to draw from that statement is that unaccompanied minors have been physically abused on airplanes by adult men in the past, and therefore the policy is well justified. If that is indeed the case, then airlines have opened the door in principle to profiling in general.

Yet strangely, even though there's "somebody's blood" – more than 3,000 somebodies to be precise – on the lack of a profile policy monitoring the kind of people most likely to shed more blood, airlines still frisk little old ladies and pointedly ignore the terror profile guy with the one-way ticket and the nervous manner.'

Woman "allegedly" stabs husband to death in domestic argument

Matt · 3 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A Livingston County woman is being charged with second degree murder after she allegedly stabbed and killed her boyfriend after a domestic dispute Friday in Nunda.

Krista S. Kiblin, 20, of Nunda, Livingston County, allegedly stabbed her boyfriend Joseph P. Garcia, 18, of Arkport, Steuben County in the chest with a pair of scissors, according to a news release from the Livingston County Sheriff's Office. Garcia was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries.

Kiblin was remanded to Livingston County Jail where she will be held without bail until a later court date.'

Family court system: root cause for a soldier's suicidal despair

Anonymous · 5 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Terrence Popp, operator of http://www.secondclasscitizen.org/, who writes simply: I would like you to view this video. Search under secondclasscitizen.org to see more similar videos.

UK: Majority of £8billion raised from tax and benefit changes to come from female taxpayers

Broadsword · 5 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Women are set to bear the brunt of the Coalition's budget cuts, with the majority of the £8billion raised from tax and benefit changes to come from female taxpayers.

Research commissioned by shadow welfare secretary Yvette Cooper showed that £6billion - more than 70 per cent - of the revenue raised will come from women and just £2billion from men.

The revelation prompted Miss Cooper to label the budget measures as the 'fiercest attack on family support in the history of the welfare state.'

'This Budget seems to be reaching back to a pre-war approach to families,' she said.

The research was carried out by the independent House of Commons Library which analysed money raised up until 2014-15 through measures such as raising the personal tax allowance, increasing capital gains tax and the freezing of benefits."'

UK: Student jailed over false rape claim made 'so she could get more time to do her homework'

Broadsword · 5 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A student has been jailed for 18 months for falsely claiming a cleaner had raped her - so she could get an extension on her university course work. Temitope Adenugba, 24, was struggling to meet a deadline whilst studying at Oxford Brookes University last year.

...

She phoned police to tell them she had been abused as a child, before complaining she had also been subjected to a serious sexual assault as she slept in her university digs. When officers attended her halls of residence to take a statement, Adenugba pointed at cleaner Kunle Ogunmola and said: 'Can't talk here, that's the man who raped me.'

...

Mr Ogunmola was arrested, before a subsequent police investigation exposed a catalogue of lies and her claims later proved to be complete fantasy. The lie was created in a bid to get an extension on her end-of-term coursework, the court heard.

...

Sentencing her to 18 months in prison at Oxford Crown Court on Friday, Recorder Rabinder Singh said: 'It's extremely easy to make an allegation of rape when there's no foundation whatsoever.

'It's likely to have the perverse impact of guilty men walking free.'"

UK: Unemployment for male graduates far worse than for female graduates – findings of a HEPI report

Broadsword · 5 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. Excerpt:

"An analysis by HEPI (published today, 4 July 2010) of the most recent data available reveals that graduate unemployment has worsened sharply for both male and female graduates in just one year and has increased by 25 per cent from 11.1 per cent in December 2008 to 14.0 per cent in December 2009. But the unemployment position appears to be far worse for males than for females: in December 2009 17.2 per cent of young male graduates were unemployed compared to 11.2 per cent of female graduates.

...

However, the HEPI report makes clear that the graduate employment picture needs to be understood in the context of the lower participation, higher drop-out and higher unemployment rates for men. Combined, these factors mean that just under half (44 per cent) of the graduate jobs are held by men, even though the male population is larger. To the extent that men are disadvantaged, their disadvantage appears to arise from their lower participation in higher education, and their subsequent performance there. Women appear to have the advantage over men when it comes to participation in HE and their subsequent HE performance, but there is one key respect in the transition to work where they appear to be at a disadvantage."

Will Our Churches Speak for Men?

Matt · 5 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Dec 2009, but still a good pointer for those involved in church work. Article here (.pdf). Excerpt:

'International Men's Day probably went unnoticed by most people—just like a social problem that has been overlooked, or ignored, or deliberately suppressed for far too long, by both secular and Christian segments of society. 19 November 2009 saw the quiet launch of the 'One in Three Campaign' (www.oneinthree.com.au), which aims to help many silent victims: men who are the victims of domestic violence.
...
According to those behind the One in Three Campaign, 'we could no longer retain our moral or intellectual integrity by ignoring the authoritative and growing body of data that indicates males are a substantial proportion of victims of family violence and abuse. While welcoming the advances that have taken place over recent decades to support women and children suffering from violence, we acknow ledge that there is a complete lack of programs, services and support to help men in the same situation.'

New York State wrap-up: no fault passed, noteworthy absences

Matt · 5 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Without a state budget passed and the governor of New York making good on his promise to veto by July 9 each and every unsigned spending item (a whopping 6,900 of them) placed before him, the New York State legislature somehow managed to find time to allow no-fault divorce. This is not bad in and of itself; what is bad is the presumptions made around it, as reflected in the article reporting it. Left undone was the reclassifying of the regulation of post-first-trimester abortions as a matter of public health instead of a criminal matter, but noticeably absent is any mention of a guarantee of the (purported) father's right to an equivalent form of discretionary choice. Excerpt:

'Every action by the Assembly and Senate in the past three months has been done under a pall of the state's $9.2 billion deficit and the inability of lawmakers and Gov. David Paterson to negotiate a budget, which was due April 1.
...
On Thursday, the Assembly gave final passage to legislation that would implement no-fault divorce in New York, something every other state allows. Companion bills passed by both houses would require counsel fees to be awarded at the onset of the divorce process and set up guidelines for interim spousal support. Proponents of the bills say they would ensure that the spouse with less money, often the woman, gets adequate financial support. They would allow divorce after six months and the resolution of all financial issues, rather than require a finding of fault, such as adultery, or a separation agreement and one year living apart.

No-fault divorce would benefit all litigants because they would "no longer be forced to testify before a judge and sometimes before a jury about why a marriage failed" or lie to the courts to get out of a marriage quickly, said Annette Hasapidis, co-chairwoman of the Women's Bar Association's Legislation Committee.
...
Other issues left undone at the Capitol include:
...
Abortion: Move the regulation of abortion from the criminal code to the public-health code, guarantee a woman's right to control her reproductive health and use or refuse contraception, and permit abortions after viability if the fetus or the woman's health is in danger. It would update the state's abortion laws, which pre-date the federal Roe v. Wade decision.'

UK: NHS uses thousands of taxpayers' cash to train jobless women to become stand-up comedians

Broadsword · 5 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"NHS bosses have been slammed today after spending thousands of taxpayers' cash training jobless women to become stand-up comedians.

Health bosses have launched the scheme to pay for council tenants to attend the lessons to help them make friends.
...
The course is supposed to be for women who are at risk of developing mental health problems - but a spokesman admitted participants had not had to provide proof of this.
...
Kat Bailey, Women and Theatre's spokesperson, said: 'The scheme is aimed at unemployed women, many of them single mums from deprived areas, who are at risk of isolation.
...

'None of the women have existing mental health problems.'
...
Public spending watchdog the Taxpayers' Alliance said it was unlike anything it had ever heard of before.

Chief executive Mark Elliot said: 'It is ridiculous to spend NHS resources on something like stand-up comedy.

'It would be laughable, if it wasn't for the fact that this money is sorely needed elsewhere.

'It is crazy to have a health service that runs stand-up comedy classes while people die for lack of funding for medicines.'"

Husbands can be jailed for insulting wives under new French law

anthony · 6 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The law – the first of its kind – means that partners who make such insults or threats of physical violence faces up to three years in prison and a €75,000 (£60,000) fine.

French magistrates have slammed the new legislation as "inapplicable", as they argue the definition of what constitutes an insult is too vague and verbal abuse too hard to prove.

Nadine Morano, the junior family minister, told the National Assembly that "we have introduced an important measure here, which recognises psychological violence, because it isn't just blows (that hurt), but also words."

Miss Morano said the primary abuse help line for French women got 90,000 calls a year, with 84 per cent concerning psychological violence.

But men now also have the right to report their wives verbal abuse in a domestic row.

It will apply to both married couples and cohabiting partners.

The bill, which has been unanimously approved by French MPs, defines mental violence as "repeated acts that could be constituted by words," including insults or repeated text messages that "degrade one's quality of life and cause a change to one's mental or physical state."'

Mom charged in kids' mutilation may get freedom

Matt · 7 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'EVANSTON, Wyo. – A woman who has spent 20 years in a mental institution for beheading and mutilating her two young daughters because she said they were evil clones may soon get supervised release.

The Wyoming State Mental Hospital in Evanston has asked a judge to place Laura Lee Rice in a group home or an apartment on the hospital's campus, saying she has not shown signs of violent behavior and is a low risk to re-offend, The Gillette News Record reported Sunday.

Rice, 58, was declared criminally insane and found not guilty by reason of mental illness in the deaths of her daughters, who were 15 and 4 months old when they were killed in 1989.

Police found the children's decapitated bodies in plastic bags at Rice's home south of Gillette. After the children were killed, Rice cut various parts of their bodies in an effort to determine whether the girls were clones, authorities said.'

Alimony Reform: F & F Helps Introduce SB 1482 to Protect Alimony Obligors from Abuses

Matt · 7 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families recognizes that sometimes alimony (and alimony increases) are appropriate, particularly when a parent, usually a mother, has had to make large career sacrifices to care for children. This is especially relevant if the children have school-related problems or other special needs. However, Fathers and Families is also concerned about the abuses experienced by California spousal support obligors.

Some obligors assert that their exes are voluntarily unemployed or underemployed, or are artificially lowering their earning capacity because they'd rather keep collecting large amounts of tax-free alimony. SB 1482, a bill recently introduced by Senator Rod Wright (D-Los Angeles), helps solve this problem by allowing obligors to request vocational examinations for the recipients of alimony payments, and requiring judges to follow the examiner's estimate of the recipient's earning ability when calculating alimony.

Also, current law places no time limit on how long potential alimony recipients have to file for increases after their children reach the age of majority and child support ends. This can create many problems for alimony obligors, who can be hit with stiff increases well after their children have emancipated. SB 1482 solves this by placing a time limit on the obligee.'

Swedish feminist party burns money in protest of 'wage gap'

Mr VanHuizen · 7 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Swedish feminist party has publicly burned 100,000 Swedish kronor ($13,000; £8,500) in a protest against unequal pay.

The Feminist Initiative party said the money represented the sum Sweden's women miss out on every minute in comparison to men.

The party hopes to win its first seat in parliament in elections on 19 September.'

Defeat wasteful spending in Congress/sound off on VAWA

MR · 8 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

A government web site named Youcut says it's looking for ways to cut wasteful spending in government. Description:

'YouCut is designed to defeat the permissive culture of runaway spending in Congress. We need your help in identifying which program and spending cuts should be featured on this website each week. Use the form below to submit your ideas for YouCut - by working together, we will be able to change Washington's culture of spending into a culture of savings.'

I sent them this:

"Defund the billions for the Violence Against Women Act. There are already laws in place against assault and other violence. VAWA is redundant and a major part of the Democrat welfare state. VAWA follows and promotes the radical feminist religion. Under it, false allegations abound, destroying the lives of innocent men for the sake of VAWA programs and services (housing, etc.). End this family destroying nightmare. Show me Republicans are pro-family."

Woman in custody dispute kills own baby

MichaelClaymore · 8 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. She shot the baby in the head, shot the husband in the gut, then shot herself in the head. Mother love - you just cant beat it. Excerpt:

'THE woman suspected of shooting dead her eight-month-old son and wounding her ex-husband had reportedly been involved in a custody fight.

Shortly before 8pm on Tuesday, 22-year-old Gracemere mother Jade Quilligan is thought to have shot her eight-month-old son Anthony.

She is also believed to have shot her ex-husband in the stomach.

As her son was carried to a neighbour's house in a desperate attempt to save his life, Ms Quilligan left in a ute, which hit a tree 10km down the road.

She died at Rockhampton Base Hospital where, The Courier-Mail understands, scans revealed she had a gunshot wound to the head.'

'For a year in prison I was treated like the scum of the earth, but I was innocent of rape'

Broadsword · 9 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In his cell at HMP Addiewell, Jason Duncan knew it was only a matter of time before the story he had concocted for his own safety would fall apart. Falsely accused of rape, the 22-year-old steel worker had decided it was better to tell fellow inmates that he was in prison for a shooting.

...

"In prison, if you are in for anything relating to a sex offence you are the lowest of the low," he explained. "My lawyers and even the prison staff told me that I would be in serious danger if other prisoners found out what I was charged with. So I concocted this story about being a career criminal who was in over a shooting. People seemed to believe it, but when my name was in the paper they realised why I was really there. I didn't leave my cell again."

Jason and his friend Chris Hoey were charged with rape in March 2009. A woman accused them of bursting into her flat and raping her at knifepoint. In reality, the woman – whom Jason knew – had invited them into her home following a night out.

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"Being accused of something I did not do was a nightmare," he said. "But when people in prison found out what the allegation was my life became unbearable. They would put razor blades under the door and urinate into my cell. They threatened me and my family.

"I was in a cell for 23 hours and 45 minutes a day for my own safety. The only time I was allowed out was for 15 minutes at night time when all of the other prisoners were asleep.

"Eventually I had to be transferred to Barlinnie for my own safety. I told the other prisoners the shooting story, which worked for a while, but then one of the guys from Addiewell was transferred too and it started again. I was put on suicide watch and I refused to eat. When I went out on the wing, people would point and say, 'there's the monster'.'

UK: Women will be the losers if the Government allows rape anonymity

Broadsword · 9 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Anonymity for men accused of rape was introduced in 1976 but reversed in 1988 because it hampered police investigations. The proposal to reintroduce it relies on the sexist myth that women are quick to lie about rape.

Nothing is further from the truth. It is extremely hard for women to report rape, and 90 per cent never do. Those who report often say it was to protect others. But many are disbelieved or dismissed by police and prosecutors and even urged to withdraw – no wonder the conviction rate for reported rape remains 6.5 per cent.

Worse: any woman whose rapist was not pursued or convicted can be accused of making a false allegation and prosecuted, especially if she has reported rape in the past. (Since rape is common, many women are vulnerable to such charges.) Such prosecutions of women, seized on by the media, inflate the already unreliable figures on false allegations. How many of them are miscarriages of justice which no government has so far acknowledged, let alone addressed?

...

Proposing to grant anonymity to men accused of rape is fuelling a backlash against rape victims who dare to report. It reaffirms the still-too-common belief that women should stop "making a fuss". It discourages women from coming forward, and increases the likelihood that those who do will be disbelieved and prosecuted while their attackers remain free to rape again.

But women will not be pushed back to the 1970s. The huge public outcry against this proposal is the proof. '

Baskerville: "Women on Top"

Matt · 11 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender politics is becoming too conspicuous to ignore. Triumphalist proclamations of female political dominance now appear in ostensibly detached scholarly journals. The trend is real, but it represents much more than 'the macho men's club' getting its just comeuppance for causing the financial crisis, as Reihan Salam writes in the prestigious journal Foreign Policy. On the cover of the august Wilson Quarterly, Sara Sklaroff sees fresher salads and smaller bus seats as evidence that 'women are taking over.' That journals with pretensions to serious scholarship address on this frivolous level what may be the most profound power shift since the fall of the Roman Empire demonstrates that important questions are not being asked. Salam, Sklaroff, and other prophets of a feminine future are quick with predictions, but they ignore the trends already well advanced in the present. The sexualisation of politics — and the politicization of sex — is the most profound social trend of the last forty years, with roots going back at least a century. In importance it far exceeds (though is also connected to) the challenge radical Islam presents to Western society. The emergence of women into top positions of power is only the tip of the iceberg. More far-reaching are the vast shifts in political power at all levels from the family to the United Nations.
...

The feminization of politics and law enforcement is global. Quasi-governmental organizations like the United Nations and the European Union were created to prevent armed aggression and war. As they prove themselves either incapable for that task or irrelevant, they have found new missions for themselves, creating their own social work bureaucracies similar to those found in Western governments, which they also propagate among less developed countries. Most of these emphasize the politics of women and children. Here too we see, on several fronts, attempts to criminalize ideologically incorrect behaviour, even matters not previously considered crimes and even when beyond the reach of any effective judiciary. Innovations like the International Criminal Court, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and measures against human trafficking are all efforts to take complex political, economic, and social problems such as underdevelopment, poverty, and war and reclassify them as crimes whereby alleged malefactors can be prosecuted by politicized tribunals that lack the detachment and due process protections found in developed judiciaries.

'The axis of global conflict in this century will not be warring ideologies, or competing geopolitics, or clashing civilizations,' writes Salam. 'It won't be race or ethnicity. It will be gender.' He may well be right. But cheerleading for political trends is seldom a constructive substitute for unbiased inquiry. If we are to avoid the 'very violent' future Salam predicts as a result, we should stop gloating and start understanding.'

UK: Without any fear for the future, boys have given up their ambition

anthony · 12 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers of boys have a perennial subject of conversation. Is it us, our parenting skills or the wider society that is creating so many disaffected, troubled and disengaged young men? One friend of mine has hit on the theory that boys have lost their fear at the same time as having misplaced any sense of ambition. With the two great animators of human motivation – fear and greed (at its best, ambition) – knocked out we have a growing army of underperforming, unnecessarily idle and too often unemployed young men. Unable to motivate themselves, they just stew.

Young men's underachievement when compared with women has multiple causes – but a growing inability to find motivation, whether growing up on a social housing estate or in a top boarding school is, I think, one of them. The roots of this simultaneous collapse in ambition and loss of fear are hard to fathom and much contested, but they are there for all to see. It has been apparent in boys' GCSE and A-level results for some time. Now, as the Observer reports, it is extending into work. Graduate male unemployment on the most recent figures is rising so much faster than women's that it is more than half as high again – 17.2% compared to 11.2%.'

Commentary is found here. Excerpt:

'I have been a teacher for 25 years. There was a time when boys embraced education because they saw it as a pathway to success in professional life or rejected it in favour of going off to be successful plumbers or farmers. I interviewed boys and, whatever they thought of education, they had some idea of what they wanted to do in life. Now, when I speak to boys, I rarely get any plans for the future. If they are not "discovered" on a talent show or talent-scouted for a football club, they see no point. There is no success for them any other way.'

UN Creates What May Become a Billion Dollar Agency for Radical Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK, July 8 (C-FAM) Last Friday the General Assembly voted to consolidate four separate United Nations (UN) bodies dedicated to women's issues into one new gender equality entity called "UN Women." The resolution capped a victory for radical feminists who lobbied for years for the new entity and is the latest in an overall push to bring women's issues even more onto the UN agenda.
...
The framework for UN Women is the Beijing Platform for Action, which calls for an end to discrimination against women especially highlighting education, employment, political participation and human rights. An Under-Secretary-General appointed by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will head the new body and member states are calling for a prompt appointment before the General Assembly meets in September. Many are speculating that former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet will be chosen. Bachelet is a socialist who promoted reproductive health and women's rights during her political career. The Under-Secretary-General will hold a 4-year term with a possibility of one renewable term.

The Gender Equality Architecture Reform (GEAR) campaign, a coalition of radical feminist groups and abortion advocates, has relentlessly lobbied to create a UN super-agency to deal with women's issues. Charlotte Bunch, executive director of the Centre for Women's Global Leadership and the leading advocate of the GEAR campaign, said, "We have high expectations for this new agency [...] The coalition of women's groups and other social justice, human rights and development organizations that played a pivotal role in this effort will now turn its efforts toward ensuring that the new body has the human and financial resources necessary to succeed."'

Libs Sneer at Men Who Grieve for Their Aborted Children

anthony · 12 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Progressives are at their most depraved and nakedly evil when expressing their contempt for human life. The concept of sympathy cards for men who lose children to abortion has induced liberal blogger Amanda Marcotte to cough up this clot of bile:

Anti-choicers [are] pretending that they just discovered they oppose abortion because it violates men's rights over their uterine property (established by the "poke it/own it" law laid down in beer commercials).

It's not about a child's life; it's about who "owns" a woman's uterus, according to the left's bizarre and heartless politics.

The charming Marcotte (formerly John Edwards's official blogger) sneeringly offers some sympathy cards of her own, like this one [Warning: link target is NSFW].

It doesn't get any better in the comments section. Here's a gem:

If a man tried to pull that crap with me, I'd tell him that if he cares about the embryo so much then he should get to work on inventing a way to transfer the pregnancy into his own body. Oh, you don't really want this thing to leech off your body for several months? Well, I don't either.'

UK: Teen jailed over false rape claim -- 'Troubled' young woman is jailed for 18 months

anthony · 12 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A TEENAGER who made false claims she was raped by a stranger in Torquay has been sent to prison for 18 months.

Nikita Kirk, 18, of Godwell Road, Ivybridge, called 999 from a public phone box to say a man she did not know had attacked and raped her.

The stranger was arrested, put into custody and tested for blood.

Exeter Crown Court was told yesterday his 'horrific' ordeal lasted four days before Kirk admitted she made up the whole story.

Sentencing her, Judge Graham Cottle said Kirk had no mental health problems and was simply a compulsive 'attention seeker'.

The court was told that on February 10, Kirk called police to make a 'totally false' report that a man had attacked her.

To support her accusation, she caused injuries to herself.

She took police to an address which she claimed was connected to the attack and identified a man who she said had taken cocaine before raping her.

David Gittins, prosecutor, said the man strenuously denied any part in the attack and offered to take blood tests to prove he had not taken drugs despite a fear of needles.

Four days later Kirk told police the allegation had been false.

At a previous court hearing she admitted one count of perverting the course of justice.'

Jon Stewart's 'Daily Show' is not sexist, female staffers write in open letter

anthony · 12 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For a sexist pig, Jon Stewart sure is charming, according to his female colleagues.

More than 30 female "Daily Show" staff members -- including Samantha Bee and newly hired correspondent Olivia Munn -- released an open letter Tuesday slamming reports that the satirical news show is discriminatory.

"While rampant sexism at a well-respected show makes for a great story, we want to make something very clear: the place you may have read about is not our office," the letter states, addressing itself to the "Dear People Who Don't Work Here."

The lengthy diatribe comes in response to Irin Carmon's blog entitled "The Daily Show's Woman Problems," which was appeared on Jezebel.com on June 23.

Carmon criticized the Comedy Central show after it hired Munn early last month, claiming female correspondents are a "short-lived phenomenon." To back up her claims that the "Daily Show" is a "boys' club," Carmon interviewed several former female employees who did not feel they were treated fairly.'

Tacoma advocate for domestic violence victims faces ethics case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Did the City of Tacoma's top advocate for domestic violence victims act responsibly to protect a woman who reached out to escape the escalating abuse of an estranged husband?

Or, did Gloria China Fortson, acting on unfounded abuse allegations, butt into a custody battle, overstep her authority and misuse city funds to help the woman break the law?

A city investigation last year found the latter, concluding that the longtime victims' advocate broke city ethics rules in 2007 by helping a client leave the state with her children.

In the midst of a custody dispute, a judge had granted Keisha Jackson's request to take her children to visit her ailing father in Florida with one condition: That she return within three weeks. Instead, Jackson – driving a van rented with city funds by Fortson – absconded with her children and was gone for more than seven months.
...
Although city officials have noted that criminal abuse charges are not required to receive domestic violence services – so as not to discourage victims from seeking help – the investigator concluded: "Evidence fails to substantiate that domestic violence issues regarding Mr. Jackson ever existed and further indicates Keisha Jackson's representations of such as self-serving in the context of a custody dispute."

Barbara Kay: Action on honour killings

Anonymous · 12 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Barbara Kay has done the human rights community another service with her recent column "Action on honour killings". She defines and differentiates between cultural violence (in the form of honor killings which are primarily directed at women and girls in an attempt to enforce social/cultural standards) and domestic violence which affects everyone. Both are serious issues which need attention, but as most men's activists know any issue that can be used to politicize domestic violence gets altogether too much free press. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence, or “Intimate Partner Violence (IPV),” as the latter name more precisely defines it, is a problem between two adults — both heterosexual and homosexual — who have difficulty dealing with intimacy issues and lash out at their partners. The violence may be initiated by either party, and carries no ideological implications. The problem is not cultural, but psychological in origin, and, however distressing to those who are its victims, is neither a collective problem nor the result of systemic misogynistic values in Canadian culture.

Honour-related abuse, on the other hand, is a collective problem, because it is based in cultural values adhered to by whole communities. Those abused, almost invariably female, and most often daughters (not a feature of western domestic violence), are the victims of a conspiracy, sanctioned and facilitated throughout a network of kinship collaboration.'

The World Cup Abuse Nightmare

Matt · 13 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Do brutal attacks on women by their husbands or boyfriends surge during the World Cup? According to a May 25 press release by England's Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), "cases of domestic abuse increase by nearly 30% on England match days." The shocking 30 percent figure was from a study prepared and publicized by the British Home Office. Determined to stem the assaults, officials flooded pubs and the airwaves with graphic warnings. "Don't let the World Cup leave its mark on you," warned a poster distributed by the West Yorkshire Police. It showed the bare back of a cowering woman marked by bruises, cuts, and the imprint of a man's shoe. News stories with titles such as "Women's World Cup Abuse Nightmare" informed women that the games could uncover, "for the first time, a darker side to their partner."
...
In that roiling sea of media credulity, Ken Ringle, a reporter at the Washington Post, did something no other reporter thought to do: He checked the facts. He quickly discovered that there was no evidence linking football and domestic violence. The source for the 40 percent factoid was a mistaken remark by an activist at a press conference in Pasadena, Calif. Today, what has come to be known as the Super Bull Sunday hoax, is a staple in discussions of urban legends. Could the World Cup Abuse Nightmare be a copycat fraud?

"A stunt based on misleading figures," is the verdict of BBC legal commentator Joshua Rozenberg and producer Wesley Stephenson. They recently investigated the alleged link between the televised World Cup games and violence in the home for their weekly program Law in Action. On June 22 — day twelve of the 2010 World Cup — they aired the story. It included an interview with a prominent Cambridge University statistician, Sheila Bird, whom they had asked to review the Home Office study and its finding of a 30 percent increase in domestic abuse. She found it to be so amateurish and riddled with flaws that it could not be taken seriously. ...'

Barbara Kay: The truth on domestic violence just isn't sexy enough

Matt · 13 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sociologist Joel Best once said, "A bad statistic is harder to kill than a vampire." And no field is more rife with bad statistics than domestic violence.

It would seem that the best time to launch a bad statistic about domestic violence is during massively attended sporting events. A gullible public seems to think that high levels of testosterone on a playing field plus alcohol just naturally translates into an astronomical escalation of male fans beating up on their wives and girlfriends.
...
Why do these myths persist? Because they make great copy and because there is something mesmerizing about a statistic that freezes journalistic brains, especially when the statistics bolster common cultural biases or trends. And one especially pejorative but persisting cultural trend is the impunity with which all men can be demonized. The moral of these hoaxes is to view statistics that paint a negative picture of unusually high numbers of men with deep suspicion.'

"Woman jailed for making threats ... to herself"

Matt · 13 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SANTA ANA – A 25-year-old Santa Ana woman was sentenced to a year in jail Friday for sending hundreds of threatening text messages – to herself.

Jeanne Mundango Manunga's criminal problem was that she blamed the harassing text messages on an ex-boyfriend and his sister-in-law, and reported them to the police.

They were arrested on false charges of making criminal threats and required to post thousands of dollars in bail. The sister-in-law was arrested three times, and spent some time in custody before she could gather enough funds to pay the bail on her third arrest.

A jury convicted Manunga of three felony counts of false imprisonment by fraud or deceit and two misdemeanor counts of making a false police report in May.'

The New Republic: The Post-Gender Justice

anthony · 14 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After reaching milestones in academia and the Obama administration, Kagan has been invited to speak on issues related to women in the legal profession, but, on these occasions, she has concentrated on the data and avoided statements about sex discrimination. In discussing gender disparities in the law, she has focused on women's choices, such as how women opt to "move around in different areas" rather than aim for "the pinnacle," and how "many of the issues that women face in the workplace are issues for men as well." What's more, when Kagan has spoken on women's issues, in contrast to O'Connor, Ginsburg, and Sotomayor, she has steered clear of discussing the way gender affected her legal career. For example, in a panel moderated by O'Connor about women practicing before the Supreme Court, in which the challenges facing women lawyers were aired extensively and each of the other panelists addressed her personal struggles, Kagan was notably mum on how gender affected her professional experience — with the exception of whether to don the traditional "morning coat" of the solicitor general. In a speech to the New York City bar association on the status of women in the legal profession, Kagan likewise kept quiet on her own experience related to the topic. About her time as dean, Kagan told the university-run Harvard Gazette that she did not perceive differential treatment from colleagues on account of her gender. Her gender, she said, is "not something I think about on a daily basis, and it's something that in many ways has seemed remarkably not relevant in the job."'

European Commission study highlights gender inequalities in education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Indeed, the study found that only a few countries address boys' underachievement as a policy priority, while only some countries have special programmes for improving boys' reading skills and girls' achievement in mathematics and science. Researchers also highlighted that government initiatives that aim to inform parents about gender equality issues and involve them more closely in promoting gender equality in education are rare in the EU.
...
In general, the study showed that girls tended to receive more attention than boys, in particular where vocational studies were concerned. 'Although interesting individual initiatives and projects exist, overall national strategies to combat gender stereotypes in career choices and initiatives aimed at boys are lacking,' the study found.
...
Policies aimed at removing gender inequalities in higher education tend to target females to increase their numbers in engineering and science, and to boost their presence among teaching staff. The fact that the proportion of women among teaching staff in higher education institutions declines with every step on the academic career ladder has prompted about a third of the countries to implement policies to address this problem, noted the study.'

Woods case and paternity fraud frequency

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Cases like this are fair more common than many people think. Paternity fraud is a term that was introduced by men's rights groups to describe when a mother names a man as the biological father even though she knows (or suspects) he is not actually the father. This paternal discrepancy happens when a man believes he is the father of a child, but the child is identified as biologically being fathered by another man.

In an article published several years ago in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health it was reported that close to 1 in 25 fathers are unknowingly raising another man's child. These figures are startling to many men and more and more people are turning to DNA paternity testing services to scientifically determine paternity.

In some jurisdictions there are limited opportunities for men to challenge the assumption of paternity. In some areas the husband of a woman who gives birth is said to be the father regardless of whether he actually is the biological parent. Other places have time limits on paternity challenges by the assumed father.'

Kentucky Supreme Court: Biological Dads Have ´Inherent, Equitable Rights´

anthony · 14 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The following is an article by Fathers & Families Board Member, Robert Franklin, Esq.:

"Given the unusual facts of this case, and recognizing the inherent, equitable rights of biological parents who are deprived of parenting through no fault of their own, the grant of joint custody to Trevor cannot prevent Cahill from going forward with his paternity action."

That´s the Supreme Court of Kentucky writing in this case (Leagle, 6/17/10). Let me repeat the key words: "recognizing the inherent, equitable rights of biological parents who are deprived of parenting through no fault of their own…" Let me be clear; those words have the power to blaze trails into the law governing paternity fraud and adoption where none have gone before. They were written by the highest court in the state.

For twelve years I have studied the many ways in which fathers can be deprived of their rights by family courts and family law. One of the easiest ways is for mothers to keep the truth about paternity secret from dads. Over the years, I have read scores of cases in which a father was deprived of his parental rights through that simple expedient. Not once in all that time has there been a case that recognized the "inherent, equitable rights" of fathers." Not once in all that time have I read a case that recognized the simple principle that rights cannot be lost without some action on the part of the individual whose rights they are. I´ve said it before: the most heinous mass murder has, literally, greater due process rights than the most upstanding single father.'

Sentencing nears for woman who had teen's baby

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Story here. Excerpt:

'INDIANAPOLIS -- When Shannon Ellis became pregnant two years ago, it was a surprise to family members. They had been told her husband had undergone a vasectomy.

But Ellis and her husband told friends and family the husband had had the procedure reversed.

That wasn't the case.

The truth, confirmed by a DNA test, was criminal. The father, the test showed, was a 14-year-old relative of Ellis' husband.

Shannon Ellis, then 34, had coaxed the boy into having sex with her on several occasions in 2007 and 2008. She is facing felony charges of sexual misconduct with a minor and already has entered into a plea agreement.

"This has damaged him for life," the teen's mother said. "She took away so many 'firsts' for him: becoming a father, seeing his child get her first tooth and taking her first step. Shannon needs to pay for what she did."

Ellis will be sentenced next month. The plea agreement caps her jail time at a maximum of 10 years. The prosecutor has not asked for minimum jail time.

The boy's mother fears the judge will go easy on the woman "who stole my son's childhood" because Ellis is a woman.'

Divorce battles go digital in the age of Facebook

Stinger503 · 14 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If you're divorced or in the process of a divorce you should definitely lock down your Facebook and other social sites. Excerpt:

'Facebook and other social networks, such as Twitter, Flickr, Photobucket and MySpace, are becoming the latest legal tool in divorce and child-support battles.

Lawyers and private investigators collecting background on a client's ex-spouse are trolling the websites as a quick and easy way to catch someone doing something they don't want brought up in court -- snapshots of snuggling with a mistress, seminude photos with children nearby or drunken party pictures from a bar on a weekend a child is visiting.

"It's happening a lot," said lawyer Mark O'Mara.

Orlando lawyer Diana Tennis remembered a case in which her client was fighting for more time with his child. Tennis came across a Facebook picture of the opposing parent's new boyfriend proudly posing with a gun he'd just purchased.

"It can be used as leverage," she said, adding that's not the image the opposing parent wanted to portray before a judge.'

F&F: 36 States Have Now Passed Child Custody Bills to Protect Military Parents

Matt · 14 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here.

'Because of problems in the family court system, when a divorced or never-married military parent deploys overseas, they often face the possibility of losing their custodial arrangement and their relationship with their children. Fathers and Families and its legislative representative Michael Robinson have been at the forefront of this issue, successfully working to pass military parent legislation in dozens of states.

In 2003, Fathers and Families publicized the heartbreaking case of Lt. Gary S., a San Diego-based US Navy SEAL who had his child permanently moved from California to the Middle East against his will while he was deployed in Afghanistan after the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The first success on this issue occurred in 2005 under Robinson's leadership with the passage of California SB 1082. SB 1082 addressed the way parents who serve are often taken advantage of in custody and family law matters while they are deployed, and helped resolve the child support nightmare many mobilized reservists face.'

Update on Men's Experiences with Partner Aggression Project

Matt · 14 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via Abusegate Bob:

Dear colleagues and friends,

Emily Douglas and I are proud to share with you our first published article from our project on men's experiences with partner aggression. It was published this month in the journal Partner Abuse, and is attached. We have another article about to be released in a month or two in the Journal of Aggression, Conflict, and Peace Research, and we will share that when it is released. A draft of that article, along with recent conference presentations and media mentions can be found on our webpage: http://www.clarku.edu/faculty/dhines/results.htm

All the best,

Denise A. Hines, Ph.D.
Research Assistant Professor
Clark University

"If You're Not a Feminist, then You're a Bigot."

Anonymous · 15 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

This was the headline video in the newsletter email I received today from the Big Think website.

Video and transcript both provided.

Feminist Attorney, Gloria Allred: "There is No In Between"

Hines and Douglas publish on men’s experiences with partner abuse

TWSchuett · 15 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Denise Hines and Emily Douglas have published the first article from their project on male victims of partner abuse entitled "A Closer Look at Men Who Sustain Intimate Terrorism by Women", appearing in "Partner Abuse", Volume 1, Number 3 and Men's Experiences with Partner Aggression Project can also be accessed through the Men’s Experiences with Partner Aggression Project website.

More at New Perspectives on Partner Abuse.

Ed. note: Already discussed on MANN here, but the foregoing gives a bit more information.

UK: Headteacher appoints two head girls as boys fail to make the grade

Broadsword · 15 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The accolade of being chosen as head boy or girl is often the proudest moment of a pupil's young life.

But one mixed comprehensive has dispensed with its tradition of having one of each - because the boys are not up to scratch.

For the first time since it was founded in 1959, Acle High School in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, will have two head girls. And in a further snub to the boys, the two deputy positions have also been filled by girls.
...

Headmaster Tim Phillips admitted many pupils had objected to his decision but insisted it was right.
...
'I believe there is a wider issue of why the strongest boys don't put themselves forward for senior positions and we will be looking to work on that with students.'
...
Those who applied had to submit an application and be interviewed by the head and two teachers. Ten girls and two boys were selected.

'Of these, the strongest by a long way were all the girls, so we chose two head girls and two deputy head girls,' said Mr Phillips.'

BBC "Men's Hour" airs July 18th

fondueguy · 16 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

A reminder that the new BBC Radio segment Men's Hour airs for the first time this Sunday.

With respect to the first episode, "Including features such as Thought for the Gay, Questions You Daren't Ask Your Doctor, M Music Crisis, Token Women, and Hoover the Studio or Apologise for Feminism"

The segment, which has already been referred to here, will feature host Tim Samuels. He has been quoted in an interview saying this about the show "I don't think men's magazines have moved on very far from the laddism of the '90s, so there's nowhere that really caters to what I think the modern man is. He's a mixture - a more complicated creature who wants to talk about emotions and feelings. I don't think there's currently space in the media to talk intelligently about relationships, work or the pressures of life. That's what we're trying to do."

I'm still not sure how the show will play out; whether it will be serious or not. However some intelligence and backbone has already been shown by the host who made some comments which recognized misandry and were critical of Feminism.

Canadian Mother Who Strangled Daughter Won't Be Jailed, Judge Rules

anthony · 16 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A judge's decision to free a Canadian mother convicted of strangling her 14-year-old daughter with a head scarf has prompted growing outrage from victims' advocates groups.

A suspended sentence was given to Aset Magomadova, 40, by Court of Queen's Bench Justice Sal LoVecchio on Thursday, stunning a national victims' group based in Toronto, the Vancouver Sun reports.

"I really strongly disagree," said Joe Wamback, founder and chairman of the Canadian Crime Victims Foundation. "It sends a message to the rest of the community and the world that her daughter's life was valueless."'

Ed. note: Barbara Kay comments here. Excerpt:

'Apparently Magomadova's lawyer really got to the judge with an account of the defendant's "catastrophic" background in war-torn Chechnya, where her husband was killed in conflict while she was pregnant with a son who later was born with Muscular Dystrophy.

I would venture to say that many killers have a "particular situation." Robert Latimer springs to mind. Robert Latimer was a white Canadian male of European extraction, so perhaps his "particular situation," that of watching his profoundly disabled daughter Tracy, a victim of Cerebral Palsy, suffer the agonies of the damned for years in spite of every possible medical intervention available (which amounted to, in Latimer's words, "mutilation and torture"), could not quite compete with the sad tale of a Muslim widow from Chechnya with an irritating daughter and a son with Muscular Dystrophy.

Latimer was convicted of second degree murder, but the judge in his second trial opted for leniency on the grounds that he acted from "compassion," ordering a light sentence of one year in jail and one under house arrest. Not good enough for the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, which insisted on the full weight of the law being applied, namely a life sentence. Latimer pleaded to the Supreme Court of Canada that he had had no choice but to end her suffering. Nope, the Supreme Court said, Latimer had other options and a ten-year sentence was not "excessive."'

"A Voice For Men's" latest

Matt · 16 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here. Excerpt:

'People that were familiar with my writing before the re-launch of this site will probably recall some of my work regarding a newly branded concept of masculinity that I have coined as belonging to the Zeta Male. For those not familiar with it, I give it a fairly complete treatment in the essay The Plague of Modern Masculinity.

In a nutshell, though, zeta masculinity describes a form of manhood that is counter biological in that it is a consciously chosen path of self preservation vs. the genetic mandate to sacrifice where it concerns women. To say it is anti chivalrous is an understatement, and to say it is anti female is a misconception, unless you consider treating women as your equals to be anti-female.

More to the point, though, zeta masculinity is, in its simplest form, a recognition that the modern sociosexual world is both hostile and dangerous to men, and that the traditional male role in that modern world is one of being used and literally nothing else. And in practice, zeta masculinity is actually doing something about it. It calls for men to let their consciousness of the real world guide their perceptions and their actions where it concerns women. It's longhand for not thinking with your dick, or being led around by the currently destructive instinct to protect without due consideration of your actions.'

Killer Japanese mum spun kid in washing machine

Matt · 16 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A JAPANESE woman arrested for allegedly strangling her five-year-old daughter to death has told police she also used to trap the child inside a running washing machine, it has been reported.

Junko Egashira, 34, was arrested last month after she allegedly killed her daughter Mone, Fukuoka police say.

The woman admitted that she had several times covered Mone's mouth with adhesive tape, tied up her hands and legs and made her sit in a water-filled washing machine, sometimes turning the machine to spin, the Asahi daily reports.'

UK: Violence against women 'should end', says Home Secretary

Broadsword · 17 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The home secretary has said the coalition government aims to end violence against women and girls. Theresa May, also minister for women, pledged more funding for an existing pilot scheme that helps immigrants who are victims of domestic violence.

Ms May told a Women's Aid conference she would also look into using fines criminals pay towards victims' services to open more rape crisis centres.

They would also devise "real solutions" for preventing violence, she added.

The annual conference, organised by Women's Aid, included delegates mainly from the charity's membership of more than 370 regional domestic and sexual violence services.

Following the speech Women's Aid chief executive Nicola Harwin said they were looking forward to working with the government.

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Ms May told the conference: "As both home secretary and minister for women and equalities I believe I have a unique opportunity to bring about real change to the lives and the status of women in this country, and my ambition is nothing less than ending violence against women and girls."

Next week the Home Office is to host a cross-government ministerial violence against women meeting to discuss a new approach to tackling the issue.'

Ed. note: Many people on this side of the pond may not know what the Home Secretary does or the significance of the office in the UK. Read about it here. For US readers, imagine taking selected powers from the Secretaries of State, Defense, Interior, and Health and Human Services and mixing them into one. It's no minor office and the powers thereof are quite significant.

Woman Charged With Molesting Daughter's Friends

anthony · 17 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Chicago Ridge officials are not commenting after a village employee was charged with holding parties at her home where she allegedly sexually assaulted four teenage boys while providing them marijuana and alcohol.

Cathleen M. Miller, 40, of the 5800 block of West 109th Street in Chicago Ridge, is charged with three counts of criminal sexual assault and one count of criminal sexual abuse, according to Cook County State's Attorney's office spokesman Andy Conklin. At the Bridgeview courthouse on Tuesday, Miller was ordered held on $900,000 bond, he said.

Miller, who is employed as a secretary for the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, was arrested Monday following an investigation by police and the state's attorney's office, according to Chicago Ridge police.

Chicago Ridge Mayor Eugene Siegel declined to comment on the case in a statement released Thursday, except to say his "thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families, as well as with Miller's family."

Police said the victims were four boys between the ages of 14 and 15.'

"End Game- The Beginning"

Matt · 18 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's face it. Pussy is power. It always has been. Pussy power is so great that women can have an entire world of men working like dogs and handing over their money, yielding seats on life boats, opening their doors, acting like trained seals for their approval, agreeing with whatever bullshit comes out of their mouths, and at the same time have those men nodding and agreeing when women claim that men have all the power and need to do more to make things better for women.

True to their unfortunate nature, men will pass laws, lock each other up and brutalize each other to make sure that all these feminine biddings are done.

If that isn't power, I'll eat my hat. And if you don't believe me, ask Sampson, Dillinger, Bill Clinton, John Edwards, Tiger Woods, the Duke Three, The Hofstra Five or any of about a million men, from average to "powerful," who have had their heads handed to them by even the weakest of women.

Clinton was outwitted by a 19 year old bimbo, with a little help from feminist governance. And if he had been a Republican, whoa Nelly, his ass would have been fried to a crisp.'

UK: MRA comedy writing group in London looking for collaborators

Anonymous · 18 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

If you're a pro-equality MRA (male or female), and able to attend a weekly brainstorming meeting in Central London on a Tuesday evening for two hours, we would like to hear from you - our mission: To manufacture the ultimate MRA stand up comedian.

A lot of comedians appear to be MRAs at heart, but can usually only manage about two jokes on the subject before moving to safer ground. For a standup to deliver solely MRA material for several minutes will be a challenge - but we have a unique plan to get the most out of the group dynamic, to produce material far beyond the sum of our parts. You may be good with concepts and set-ups, or you may be good with language, or you may be good with punch-lines. Whatever you have to offer, we would like to hear from you.

If interested, email with a little bit about yourself - and please have a go at completing in your own way, the following sayings: Behind every great man... ? A woman needs a man like a... ? Boys will be... ? No woman... ? It's a man's... ? Hell hath no fury... ?

Contact: mrastandup-at-hotmail.com

Intact Boys and Men...Born right, no need to cut!

Anonymous · 18 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I am happy to see a site that helps Men to improve their lives. I am a woman, wife and mother of both a boy and a girl. I believe in equal rights for everybody. I also believe that we are born with what nature intended for us to have. When I was pregnant with my son, I was asked if I would have him circumcised. I researched the procedure and found absolutely no proven benefit to cutting a male's foreskin. I did however find many proven potential side effects of cutting, from increased sensitivity to pain, infection, amputation to death! After researching the matter, my husband and I agreed that it would be sick to have our son's perfect anatomy mutilated for no reason. I am writing this to create some more awareness of this very important Male-Rights issue. It's time people started to think about their Sons' health and well being and choose to protect their sons from unnecessary genital mutilation. I am a Proud Mother of a Healthy, Happy, Intact Boy!

Years and marriages later, they still pay

Matt · 19 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Steve Niro got married in 1981 at age 23 and divorced less than five years later. At the time of the divorce, he and his wife were in their late 20s, and both were working. Niro remarried nearly 15 years ago, but he's still paying his alimony.

Two years ago, Niro's youngest son graduated from college, ending child support payments and leaving his former wife with alimony of $65 a week. "The next thing I know, I get summonsed to court for alimony adjustment," he says. A probate court judge increased the alimony to $700 a week even though the couple had divorced nearly a quarter of a century ago — five times longer than they were married.

"I paid child support. I paid college. I was never late. I fulfilled my obligations," says Niro, 52, a Milford native who works for an environmental engineering firm in Portland, Maine. "I just have to hope that legislators in Massachusetts have enough sense to pass a law that puts guidelines on alimony because the courts don't exercise any common sense or logic."

Niro and other men — and women — like him say the state's alimony law is archaic, reflecting an era when women kept house and men provided. Today, with women making up nearly half the workforce, they say alimony should be a temporary boost, not a lifetime subsidy.'

UK: Women on top? You've got to be joking

Broadsword · 19 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"What a depressing week it has been to be female. A psychopathically violent woman-beater and murderer is lionised. A film director who drugs and then sodomises a 13-year-old girl is let off. A famous actor tells his ex-partner she deserves to be "raped by a pack of niggers". And the Catholic Church elevates women's ordination to the same level of offence as child abuse. Thanks, chaps.

...

The real problem is that 21st-century Britain still undervalues women, and particularly older ones. Open any newspaper, look at any billboard, switch on the TV or read a magazine and you will search almost in vain for a picture of a woman over 50. Girls may be doing better than boys at school, but it is ridiculous to claim that men are being marginalised. They still have the best jobs, the most money and the preponderance of power. And when women make any progress, however small, that is exaggerated to suggest that they are somehow taking over from men.

For at least 20 years, we have been fed newspaper articles telling us "The Future is Female". But the future has always failed to materialise. The present is still overwhelmingly male and women's advances are still over-amplified. I'll start to feel sorry for men when they are wildly outnumbered on company boards, wiped off TV in their forties, routinely earning less than women, and not just being murdered by their jealous partners, but being blamed for it."

Suit: Woman offered 14-year-old sex, drugs on flight

Matt · 20 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Chicago area father claims in a lawsuit that Southwest Airlines failed to protect his teenage son from an older female passenger who made sexual advances and offered him illegal drugs during a flight two years ago.

The incident occurred on a July 2008 flight from Chicago's Midway Airport to Orlando, according to the lawsuit filed Monday in Cook County Circuit Court.

The boy, who was 14 at the time, asked flight attendants to switch his seat multiple times but "was emphatically told no," the lawsuit said.'

Fathers in jail not as important for parenting as moms, according to L.A. County

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*"Los Angeles County's launched a **new program** to make it easier for kids to visit their incarcerated mothers. It's intended to help mothers and children as incarceration rates rise."*

and

"Through the program, social workers with the Department of Children and Family Services and the nonprofit Friends Outside facilitate visits between mothers and children. They hope to eventually extend the program to fathers."

New anti-HIV gel: Wither men in the discussion?

Matt · 21 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I caught the PBS News Hour tonight at 10:00 EST here in the US. In the second half of the show, Dr. Anthony Fauci was interviewed from the AIDS 2010 summit in Austria. Two things he said leapt out at me: first he mentioned that along with circumcision of the male (fast forward to time mark 6:10 in the video), HIV spread risk to women could be substantially cut along with consistent use of the gel. Is there definitive evidence to show that circumcision in men cuts HIV transmission risk? I have yet to see it. And even if it did, if the sexes were reversed, would people be advocating for the same treatment of women? All our sex organs are essentially made from the same type of skin and in both cases, there are lots of places germs and viruses can wait for their turn to go elsewhere. In this case, by the same logic, one must argue for female circumcision if one argues for male. No one dares do that.

The second thing that leapt out at me was that there was absolutely no discussion of how men are at risk of catching HIV from women or other men. Men are being treated as if they are Typhoid Marys, themselves not infected by HIV, but immune to it, merely the vector of transmission. This is a not-so-subtle disregard of men's humanity. I also noticed, along with this gynocentric attitude toward approaching the problem of AIDS, that he ignores the idea entirely (as I am sure others are) that men would be willing to use the gel themselves in the same way that lubricants are used for sexual intercourse.

The entire tone of the interview excluded men utterly from consideration in so many ways it is hard to keep up. But at least in these two major ways, there are demonstrable objections to be made.

Dr. Fauchi can be contacted at Anthony.Fauci-at-nih.hhs.gov. As always, be concise but hit all the points, and of course, be polite. :)

SAVE's Special Report in Journal of Aggression, Conflict, and Peace Research

Matt · 21 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

SAVE's Special Report that documents the massive civil rights abuses occurring under VAWA has just come out in the July issue of the Journal of Aggression, Conflict, and Peace Research.

Be sure to share this article with your lawmakers, lawyers, and others who care about civil rights.

Israel: Man jailed for rape because he "deceived" woman into thinking he was Jewish

Anonymous · 21 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Palestinian man has been convicted of rape ‘by deception’ after having consensual sex with a woman who had believed him to be a fellow Jew.

Sabbar Kashur, 30, who had introduced himself as Daniel, was only charged with the offence when she later realised he was an Arab.

A court in Jerusalem made international legal history by jailing the delivery driver for 18 months despite acknowledging it had not been ‘a ‘a classical rape by force’.

Texas mothers who killed their children

Matt · 21 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via Jeremy S. who comments: "And please note in 5 of the 6 cases they were deemed insane. How many Fathers would have been so diagnosed had they been the murderers-rare though an incident such as that would be?" Article here. Excerpt:

'Darlie Lynn Routier, 40, of Rowlett is on death row for the June 1996 stabbing death of her 5-year-old son, Damon. She also was charged with killing his older brother, Devon, who was 6, but was not tried in that case. She has long contended that an unidentified intruder attacked them all, killing her boys and stabbing her, as well. Prosecutors say Routier killed her kids because they interfered with the lifestyle she wanted to live.

Andrea Yates, 46, of Houston drowned her five children in June 2001, believing she was protecting them from Satan. A jury found her not guilty by reason of insanity and she was ordered into a state mental hospital.'

Barbara Kay: Pygmies in the world of sexology

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This just in! A conservative man in Toronto has been convicted of rape after consensual sex with a liberal woman, who assumed he too was liberal because he was wearing Birkenstocks and carrying a backpack with a Greenpeace logo on it.

Even though the sex was fine, when she found out he was a card-carrying member of the Conservative Party and was using his nephew's backpack as a ploy to arouse her lust (the sandals really were just for comfort), she accused him of rape. The courts found that indeed the man had committed "rape by deception."

Okay, that isn't true. But this is: a 30-year old delivery man, Sabbar Kashur, was sent to jail for 18 months for having hooked up under the Jewish name of "Daniel" with a Jerusalem woman in 2008. They met on the street, repaired to a nearby office building, and went at it. The woman had no complaints about the sex until it was revealed the guy wasn't Jewish. Then she screamed rape.

As if there weren't enough to keep men in a state of panic, this international legal first not only makes a mockery of the well-established principle that consent, once given, cannot be retroactively withdrawn under the rubric of buyer's remorse, but has the effect of declaring racism a virtue, and makes a racist the victim in a clearly victimless act.'

Australia: Dads In Distress marks ten years

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The DID web site is here. A special on the organization was aired July 19, 2010 on Dads On the Air. The show is available for downloading as an .mp3 file.

Congratulations to DID for its 10-year anniversary, and may there come a day when they are no longer needed!

Rep. Joe Baca signs on as cosponsor of Men and Families Health Care Act of 2009

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A sixth representative has signed on as a co-sponsor of HR 2115, The Men and Families Health Care Act of 2009. Undoubtedly this bill will not be passed in 2010 given the few number of cosponsors it has, so it is very important that anyone who has signed on be thanked and supported in their courageous stand to cosponsor it. Bill summary is found here.

Rep. Baca's govtrack.us entry is here and he can be contacted here.

Why So Much Harsher toward Men?

Matt · 22 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent 2008 Gallup poll in Great Britain finds that 33% of women "often or very often" feel resentful of men, compared to 14% of men who often feel resentful of women. So fully a third of women carry with them an ongoing resentment toward their opposites, as compared to about a sixth of men. By my own careful calculations, that is a truckload of anger.

Most men are so involved with the accusations and with the anger itself, the harm it does, and the unfairness of it all, that we seem to miss a fundamental question. Just where does such a truckload of anger come from? Is it simply an unfortunate and unintended outcome of our modern culture? Are women treated worse than men? Or is it somehow programmed into human nature? I suggest that women are naturally more inclined to condemn their opposites, and perhaps more surprisingly, that men themselves are harsher toward men than toward women.
...
Chivalrous standards are harsher toward men than toward women. It is not merely a matter of cultural happenstance, which could go the other way just as easily. Women are born to expect something for their favors, and men are born to support those who can carry their genes into the next generation. Innate inclinations contribute to our chivalrous standards, and harsher treatment towards men serves to enforce those standards.

Innate leanings do not mean that something cannot be changed, only that passions run high and must be managed. Advocates for more equal treatment for men wrestle against a chivalrous moral imperative that most of the population hardly knows exists. We should wish them well.'

Australia: Former primary teacher molested boys in tent

Matt · 22 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Victorian County Court has heard a former primary school teacher molested two Grade 3 students in a backgarden tent while her family was at home.

After a three week trial, a jury found 59-year-old Josephine Greensill from Altona Meadows guilty of nine counts of indecent assault.

Yesterday, the Crown urged a judge to jail her for at least five years for the offences committed in the late 1970s.

She was a 29-year-old teacher at a school in Melbourne's outer east when she invited the 8-year-old boys to her home.

While her then husband and three children were inside the house, she had sex with the boys in a tent outside.'

"Urkel" Actor Cleared of Battery Charges

Stinger503 · 23 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(NewsCore) - The actor who played geek Steve Urkel on TV sitcom “Family Matters” has been cleared of charges related to allegations he punched his baby’s mother in the breast in front of the child in California, TMZ reported Thursday.

Jaleel White, 33, was accused of punching Bridget Hardy in one of her breast implants while they were driving with their daughter in the car on Pacific Coast Highway three weeks ago, sources told the entertainment website.
...
However the LAPD said there was not enough evidence to pursue the case and White was cleared of charges.

A representative for White denied the allegations saying, "There was absolutely no battery ... no abuse ... and the incident never happened."

"This is just a ploy in an ongoing custody battle over their young daughter to tarnish his name,” he said.
...
White is most famous for his role as a child actor playing Steve Urkel on “Family Matters” -- an American sitcom about a middle-class African-American family living in Chicago, which was canceled in 1998 after nine years.'

Abusegate lobbying event report

Matt · 23 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

Yesterday 12 people gathered on Capitol Hill (in advance of the Family Preservation Festival) to meet with staffers to put the kabosh on President Obama request to INCREASE federal funding for DV programs in 2011 by an additional $130 MILLION.

By the end of the day, we held 20 face-to-face meetings in the House, and distributed this flyer to all 435 Representatives and 100 Senators.

So please spread the word – call your elected officials at 1-202-224-3121 to say NO to extra funding for DV programs until the false allegations stop!

Texas mom tells 911 she used wire to kill children

Matt · 23 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'DALLAS (AP) - A suburban Dallas woman accused of killing her two young children told a 911 operator that she first tried to poison them because they were autistic and she wanted "normal kids," then choked them with a wire until they stopped moving, according to the recorded call.

Irving police on Wednesday released recordings of the 911 call after Saiqa Akhter was charged with capital murder in the death of her 5-year-old son, Zain Akhter. Police said the children were attacked at the family's apartment Monday night.

Another capital murder charge is pending in the slaying of her 2-year-old daughter, Faryaal Akhter, who died Tuesday night, police spokesman David Tull said.'

Domestic Violence: Going beyond physical abuse into every aspect of life

Matt · 24 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'To outsiders, an abusive relationship could seem like a black and white situation.

But, experts on domestic violence say those relationships are complicated, all shades of gray.

Someone may see a couple where one of the partners — statistically more often than not the man — is abusive and the other a victim as rocky, tumultuous, volatile or dysfunctional.

But, that's not how experts define it. It goes well beyond the surface, well beyond the visible bruises and apparently petty arguments, and is about far more than what outsiders may think.

"The way we talk about domestic violence behaviorally is that we see it as a pattern of coercion and assaultive behaviors that one person uses to gain power and control over their intimate partner," said Merril Cousin, executive director of the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.'

Housewives, Prostitutes and Beggars

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Undoubtedly, you'll get a good laugh from this. Excerpt:

'I recently participated in a TV discussion on why prostitution is on the rise in the country. I shared the panel with a closet feminist and a radical feminist, both of whom were of the opinion that prostitution was better than marriage since the house is unsafe for a woman, and she would at least get paid for her services if she were a prostitute.

I returned home thinking about their wise utterances and went to bed discussing the same with my husband.

I said, “For decades, feminists have claimed that one out of three women is unsafe in her own house. They have told us horrendous tales about how it was daily grind for men in the country to abuse, assault, set afire and murder their wives. They lobbied for laws which would facilitate a woman breaking her shackles and barging out of the “tyrannical household” or throwing her alleged oppressors out, whichever is convenient. They ensured that every woman who had a problem “clearly understood” that all her problems were because of men, marriage and the household.”
...
All of a sudden my husband had an epiphany and said, “A WHOREHOUSE!”

“YES,” I agreed, “This is brilliant! It is neither the house nor the street. It is something in between – the utopia that my feminist friends on TV spoke so highly of. They have to be right. That’s where they think our women would be safest, well paid and properly fed, and that’s why prostitution, with the more fashionable label of ‘commercial sex’, is on the rise.”
...
While I was still marvelling at this astounding progress, I saw a news item which said that the recent Government Census clubbed housewives, prostitutes and beggars into a group. What a timely gesture by the Government!
...
Feminists have not only taught women to shun all the age-old encumbrances imposed by marriage and family but also to shed all inhibitions associated with parasitic living. Accordingly, there is no trace of shame in these modern liberated women, but it is with a sense of pride and entitlement that they artfully exact money, thus claiming their rightful inclusion by the Government in the club.

The feminists reduced housewives into prostitutes and beggars long ago. The Government has just made it official by grouping them in the Census.

Why, then, is the Supreme Court cross about it? Beats me!'

Germany: Justice Minister seeks to enact presumed joint custody for unmarried fathers

Matt · 25 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Fathers who are not married to the mothers of their children could soon automatically have equal rights over their children, with Justice Minister Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger preparing to change the law in their favour.

The idea is to introduce a presumption of joint custody over children, rather than the current presumption of a mother's right to sole custody, according to a report in the Passauer Neue Presse newspaper.
...
"Children should have the right that their fathers taken on responsibility and make joint-decisions over important things in their lives," Stephan Thomae, family rights expert from Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger's Free Democratic Party.

He said unmarried parents would share custody unless the mother – or presumably, the father - convinces a court to grant her sole custody over the child.'

UK: Huge leap in bankruptcy among women

Broadsword · 25 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of British women going bankrupt has risen almost fivefold in the past 10 years, with new figures revealing a 28 per cent increase in the past year alone. In some cases, according to insolvency experts, the surge is down to the "irresponsible spending" of women trying to emulate glamorous celebrities, while others are being driven to financial ruin by unemployment, pay inequality and childcare costs.

New figures from the Insolvency Service show that women now account for 40 per cent of all bankruptcies, rising from 6,042 in 2000 to 29,680 in 2009.

Younger women are finding it particularly difficult to manage their money, with those between the ages of 25 and 44 making up almost two-thirds of female bankruptcies. In 2009 17,595 declared themselves bankrupt, up from 13,575 in 2008.

...

"These figures show that more and more young women have levels of debt incurred through trying to maintain lifestyles that are unsustainable," says Graham Horne, deputy chief executive of the Insolvency Service. "It is critical that all young people are aware of the impact that irresponsible spending can have. Filing for bankruptcy or obtaining a debt relief order should be viewed as a last resort."

Women's rights organisations have countered that, far from being profligate or financially illiterate, they simply "earn less, own less and have lower earning potential" than men. Experts have pointed to the effects on finance of divorce – after which women are overwhelmingly left poorer than men – single motherhood and career breaks to look after children.

...

"It was ridiculously skewed before; when I started 20 years ago, I would hardly ever see women going bankrupt," Ms Brittain says. "The rise is partly because there are more women starting their own businesses, which should be encouraged."'

UK: Work experience at the Foreign Office? Not if you're a middle class white male

Broadsword · 25 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"William Hague was last night plunged into a row over new Foreign Office rules which ban white males from gaining work experience at his department.

The Foreign Secretary was challenged to explain why his official work placement schemes specifically ban white, middle-class males from applying for the £367-a-week positions.

Under the tightly-drawn rules, only women, people from ethnic minorities and the disabled are entitled to apply for a chance to work at one of the great offices of state.

The placements give students a head start in the battle to win coveted jobs in the diplomatic service and possibly rise through the ranks to become an ambassador.Only one category of non-minority male applicants stand a chance – those whose families are poor enough to entitle them to qualify for a full student maintenance grant.

The bizarre 'middle-class male' ban came to light after Tory MP Dominic Raab was contacted by an irate - constituent who tried to obtain work experience at the department.

Esher MP Mr Raab, an international lawyer who worked at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) for six years, said last night: 'I am raising this issue on behalf of a disappointed constituent barred from even applying for Foreign Office work experience because he did not fit the social quota criteria."
...
There was 'absolutely no discrimination' in the department's normal job recruitment process, she insisted.

But in a later statement, the FCO said the work experience schemes would now 'be placed under review'.'

UK: Rape charge anonymity pledge dropped

Broadsword · 26 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Plans to change the law to grant anonymity to men charged with rape in England and Wales have apparently been dropped by the Ministry of Justice.

The ministry said it had not ruled out anonymity between arrest and charge.

But Justice Minister Crispin Blunt has said he would rather put pressure on the media not to name suspects than bring in a new law.

Labour welcomed the apparent U-turn but said the government's handling of the issue had been "lamentable".

The plan to grant anonymity to rape suspects was a surprise inclusion in the government's coalition agreement in May.

It had not been in the Conservative or Liberal Democrat election manifestos, although it had been Lib Dem policy since 2006.

The coalition agreement pledged to "extend anonymity in rape cases to defendants", with ministers stressing the need to "protect anyone who may be wrongly accused from harmful stigma".'

UK: Pfizer Life launches Man M.O.T

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Excerpt from their site:

"The Man MOT (Monday Opportunity to Talk) online surgery is here every Monday evening from 6pm-11pm to offer men a free and secure service where they can talk to a GP anonymously, and in confidence.

The fully qualified GPs can discuss specific aspects of your health but if you'd just like to find out more about general health matters, feel free to look around the site as lots of the information can be downloaded or printed.

The surgery will also be running a series of specialist sexual health and relationship clinics hosted by sexual health expert Tracey Cox and Relate counsellors. This follows recent research highlighting that two in five men (42%) would feel most confident turning to the internet for advice if they experienced any sexual performance problems.

Our GP's can talk to you about any health problem, suggest the best course of action to take, and direct you to appropriate health services if necessary. However, as they do not have access to your medical records and are not able to perform a clinical examination, they cannot give individualised medical advice or offer a specific medical diagnosis.

Canada: Mad Mel - “Nothing wrong with him that a Louisville Slugger couldn't fix”

Anonymous · 26 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nothing wrong with him that a Louisville Slugger couldn't fix

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Wait. Is it the Year of the Pig? It feels that way, given Mel Gibson’s raging return to the public eye these last few months. His has been a comeback that will finally threaten to decertify the axiom that there is no such thing as bad publicity.

With his fifth obscene telephone rant to his comely partner, Oksana Grigorieva, the talk of the town, he appears to be starring in one of those films whose style he has always gravitated to – end-of-the-world tales of ragged heroism, fatal flaw firmly in place.

...

Gibson snarled that Grigorieva needed a bat to her head, as she held her baby, and, horribly, listened. I like real pigs. As for the Gibson kind, there’s nothing that a Louisville Slugger couldn’t improve in his gigantic, cruelty-riven head.'

From a previous article at The Globe and Mail:

'If a man is unfaithful…"I desperately hope that one of these days some humiliated spouse will whack the guy with a frying pan. I'd give good money to see that." -- Margaret Wente

F&F: Victory—Crucial Bill from Opponents of Recognizing Parental Alienation Defeated

Matt · 27 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families and its legislative allies have succeeded in killing one of the worst family law bills in modern history–California's AB 612. The bill, put forward by the well-funded advocacy group Center for Judicial Excellence (and supported by the California National Organization for Women), would have banned Parental Alienation from being mentioned in any way, shape, or form in a California family court. Because of California's tremendous influence in shaping the laws of other states, this loss would have led to a mushrooming of similarly damaging legislation in other states.

Fathers and Families' legislative representative Michael Robinson helped cobble together a coalition of family law professional organizations and experts to oppose the bill. We were able to bottle the bill up in the Senate Judiciary Committee last year and keep it there until last week, when it died. To learn more about the bill, see our co-authored column Preventing courts from considering parental alienation will harm kids (Capitol Weekly, 2/25/10).'

Canada: Mother sues son she abandoned at age 15 for parental support

Matt · 27 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'When Ken Anderson was just 15, his mother, Shirley, made it clear: She didn't want him anymore.

Ken's father, a long-haul trucker, had been transferred from Osoyoos, B.C., to the province's Kootenay region. Although their marriage was rocky, Shirley followed, taking second-youngest son Darryl with her.

Ken was left behind. He had plenty of time to think about it as he wiped bug splatter off car windshields and pumped gas at the local station to make a buck. He says he can't even remember how many couches he slept on, or how he kept himself going. He just knows he never got to go to a prom, finish high school or even think about college.

The way he sees it, he never really had a mother.

On Aug. 3 and 4, Ken, now 46, will face off in B.C. Supreme Court against the woman who gave birth to him.

Shirley Anderson, 71, is suing Ken and four of his five siblings for parental support. The case has been dragging on for years, but the August hearing should complete it.'

Man who committed mercy killing years ago denied expanded parole because he's a man

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Story here. As unbelievable as it might seem, a man who was convicted in the "mercy killing" of his severely disabled child has been denied increased parole for no reason other than being male, despite the fact that he poses no danger to the community. Whatever your feelings on euthanasia, the institutionalized sexism he's facing in the Canadian penal system is an affront to human dignity.

From the article:

Although the parole board indicated Latimer is "successfully reintegrating into the community," it says his case does not meet the test of "exceptional circumstances" for expanded leave.

The board says it may consider expanded leave to "be responsive to the needs of female, aboriginal, ethnic minority or special needs offenders."

Apparently men need not apply for equal treatment under Canadian law. It isn't enough of an injustice for men to serve radically longer sentences for the same crimes; they're also being denied parole rights on the basis of their gender.

If Mr. Latimer were Mrs. Latimer, he'd be on full parole right now.

All Parties in the Swedish Riksdag (Parliament) have answered 10 questions about Fatherhood

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International Press Release

For reference, first published in English here.

All answers from the seven parties in the Swedish Riksdag will be revealed and published on August 4th 2010 on http://www.pappamanualen.se/valspecial/

(Site in Swedish, please use Google Translate)

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Baskerville: Amnesty International’s commitment to freedom is questionable

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Dr. Stepehn Baskerville writes on LewRockwell.com: ***Human Rights or Wrongs?***
Amnesty International’s commitment to freedom is questionable

"In recent years Amnesty has become a mouthpiece for the radical feminist agenda, to the point of pushing programs that violate human rights. Amnesty’s campaign against "domestic violence," for example, is a prescription for criminalizing the innocent on a huge scale."

Canada - Man punched for finishing sandwich

the_captain · 27 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A 27-year-old Chatham woman is charged after allegedly punching her boyfriend in the face after he ate her sandwich.

Chatham-Kent police said officers responded to a domestic dispute on Queen Street Monday evening.

A man made his girlfriend a sandwich and she ate half. The man asked if he could finish the sandwich and she agreed, police said.

A short time later, the woman got mad that the sandwich was missing and allegedly punched the man in the face.

Later that night, police said the two got into an unrelated argument and she allegedly punched him in the chest.

She faces two charges of assault.

She was held for a bail hearing.'

UK: Sister of dead solider sold his war medals on eBay to fund luxury cruise

Broadsword · 27 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

This is why men die for their country... article here. Excerpt:

'The sister of a war hero who died in Afghanistan sold his uniform and medals to an eBay trader to fund a luxury cruise for herself.

Corporal Rob Deering left his elder sister everything in his will, including four war medals, his uniform and an engraved memorial shell casing from his funeral.

But Elaine Deering, a single mother of one, sold it all for £1,100 and put the money towards a trip round the Mediterranean.

The 37-year-old, who is unemployed, said: ‘I’m on income support and I’m very hard up, so I did what I thought was best.’

Now the man who bought the mementos – which include medals from Corporal Deering’s service in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as an International Security Assistance Force medal – has returned them to the hero’s fiancee Gemma Polino.

Corporal Deering, a Royal Marine with the Commando Logistic Regiment, died in December 2008 as he raced to help injured comrades whose armoured Viking personnel carrier had been blown up by insurgents.

The 33-year-old was killed in a second explosion as he approached the vehicle in Afghanistan’s notorious Helmand province. He left everything to his sister, who also claims she was forced to sell the mementos to help look after her 14-month-old son.'

UK: Spotlight to be on male DV victims in new campaign

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MEN who fall victim to abusive women and children are to be targeted by a new domestic violence campaign.

Victim Support say that they are seeing more and more men asking for help and that it is time to encourage other husbands and boyfriends to come forward.They are preparing to launch the campaign in the next few weeks as part of a drive to raise awareness about the support available.'

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Ed. note: This entry was updated on 7/30/10. The "Jersey" in the story the Isle of Jersey, not the state of New Jersey in the US. Sorry for any confusion.

Ex-Teacher Nude Photo Plea: No Jail for Melinda Dennehy

anthony · 27 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DERRY, N.H. (CBS/AP) Former high school teacher Melinda Dennehy won't be going to jail after pleading guilty Monday to a charge she e-mailed nude photographs of herself to a 15-year-old student at Londonderry High School.

"I am truly sorry for my actions and poor judgment," Melinda Dennehy said in court after the judge agreed to her negotiated plea to a misdemeanor charge of indecent exposure. She originally faced a felony count.
...
Dennehy, 41, of Hampstead, could have faced up to seven years in prison if she had gone to trial on the felony. As part of her plea agreement, Dennehy's one-year jail sentence was suspended for two years on condition she remain on good behavior and have no contact with the teen or his family, or go to the school. She resigned three weeks after she was charged in March.'

Are squad cars in fact white horses?

Matt · 29 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With all respect to the dangerous and often thankless work done by police everywhere, and with great appreciation for your public call to address this problem, isn't there something else that these false reports cause?

Like the lives of men devastated, their reputations and well being destroyed? Like innocent men behind bars?

I found it troubling that it appears you did not mention this, especially given the reality that so many men have ended up in prison, falsely convicted and paying an egregious price for lies that have been all too often carried to the courts by police that are either poorly trained, overly chivalrous or under skilled at what they are paid to do. I say that because something else that sheds light on these tragedies was also mentioned by Channel Two, but for some reason was not quoted from you or another direct source. The story said, "Cops said they don't want to arrest the women, but feel they must."

...

Are the officers on your force confusing their squad cars with white horses, or has it been a matter of routine policy in the past to give women who make false allegations a pass on their crime?'

Woman charged in France over babies' bodies

anthony · 29 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Paris, France (CNN) -- A woman has been charged over the discovery of the bodies of eight newborn babies at two locations in northern France, the French Interior Ministry said Thursday.

Gendarmes found the remains in the village of Villers-au-Tertre, south of Lille, some in a home and others in the garden of another home.

The woman has admitted giving birth to and killing the babies and has been charged with voluntary manslaughter, prosecutor Eric Vaillant said. But her husband has not been charged after telling investigators he knew nothing of the pregnancies and deaths, he said.

The couple are in their mid-forties. The woman is a nursing assistant while her husband is a member of the local council, a neighbor told AFP.'

Obama Missing Historic Boy Scout Jamboree for Fundraisers, 'View' Taping

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Story here. Excerpt:

'President Obama will make history as the first sitting president on a daytime talk show when he visits with the ladies of "The View." But he'll be missing out on another historic occasion -- the Boy Scouts' Jamboree marking the group's 100th anniversary, right in the president's backyard.

The Jamboree kicked off this week at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, where organizers had invited the president to speak to the 45,000 scouts in attendance. All three of Obama's predecessors have made it to one Jamboree while in office.
...
But while the Jamboree lasts until next Tuesday, the president is sending his regards via a videotaped message.
...
The Jamboree is held once every four years. This year's festivities mark the organization's 100-year anniversary -- scouts are scheduled to visit Washington, D.C., and other regional attractions in connection with the celebration.
...

Though Obama typically reserves his exclusive interviews for network and cable news shows, he appeared on "The View" as a candidate. "The View" is hosting the president as part of its "Red, White & View" series highlighting political guests. Creator and co-host Barbara Walters said Obama's appearance, along with the past appearance of First Lady Michelle Obama, shows "The View" can play the role of news source.'

Starting August 1st - Help the Domestic Abuse Helpline Create the First US National Public Awareness Campaign on Male Victims

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First National Public Awareness Campaign on Male Victims in the USA

Studies have shown that men who are in relationships with abusive partners do not necessarily see themselves as victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence has been so narrowly define in our society as violence against women by men that men who suffer physical, emotional, psychological, financial, and/or sexual abuse at the hands of their intimate partners don't recognize the signs. They will usually write it off as their partner having a bad day or feel that they must have done something to cause the abuse.

Further, agencies that offer supportive services and shelter to victims of domestic violence do little to encourage abused men to come forward and seek help. Few (10% or less of the over 2,000 domestic violence shelter agencies in the country) agencies offer outreach and services (shelter, legal, counseling, support groups, transitional housing) to male victims.

We are hoping to change that with the first national public awareness campaign in the USA on male victims of domestic violence. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We have entered the Pepsi Refresh Project. We are seeking a $250,000 award from Pepsi for our project idea. The public decides who wins the funding through voting for their favorite project ideas. With that funding we will send outreach materials about male victims (brochures, posters, booklets and placards)to 7,500 agencies such as; police departments, ER's, and mental health counseling centers, throughout the country who work with victims of domestic violence.

VOTING BEGINS AUGUST 1st Remember, the public determines, through voting on their favorite project ideas at the Pepsi site, who wins. Please go to http://www.refresheverything.com/ sign up (takes just two minutes or less), click on the Health section and under the 250K look for "Give Under served Victims of Domestic Abuse a Lifeline." Vote for us daily throughout the month of August. Ask your friends and family members to do the same. VOTE AUGUST 1st - August 31st Thanks for your support!

Jan Elizabeth Brown
Founder and Director, Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women
http://www.dahmw.org/

Women more optimistic than men about economic outlook

anthony · 29 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Text excerpt:

'There is a widening divide between men and women when it comes to their outlook for the economy and their own financial situations in the next twelve months, according to a new nationwide survey issued today by Citigroup and conducted by Hart Research Associates.

While optimism for the future was found to have declined overall, women's confidence held almost steady while men have turned increasingly sour since March, the study found.

“Many women are CFOs of their households, controlling the purse strings on purchases, so their positive near-term outlook on the economy may be a positive indicator for recovery,” said Lisa Caputo, Chairman and CEO of Citi's Women & Co., a division of Citi dedicated to helping women achieve their financial goals. “However, it’s clear they have tempered expectations that recovery and stability for their households may remain in the far distant future.”'

"Pregnancy Denial" cited as possible cause for French women who kill their babies

anthony · 30 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The question is as horrifying as it is important to ask: Why are a rising number of French women killing their newborn babies? Finding the answer has become a matter of urgency following the discovery on Wednesday of eight infants allegedly smothered to death and buried by their mother in northern France. And with that case marking at least the fifth instance of multiple infanticide reported in France since 2003, it has become vital for the nation to confront the phenomenon that appears to be behind it all: a mental condition known as pregnancy denial.
...
Experts explained those cases as resulting from pregnancy denial, an often misunderstood and minimized condition. According to Michel Delcroix, a former gynecologist who served as a court expert in the Courjault trial and others involving pregnancy issues, pregnancy denial is a quasi-schizophrenic condition in which women either don't realize or cannot accept that they are with child — not even enough to have an abortion. Whether these women are afflicted with the condition before they deliver or as they're suddenly giving birth, Delcroix explains, the psychological denial is so strong that they refuse to believe they're pregnant even when the reality confronts them.

"These women are so convinced pregnancy is impossible that once the child they never wanted arrives, they don't accept it as real and get rid of it to restore order to what they believe is nonpregnant reality," Delcroix says. "However terrible its consequences, pregnancy denial acts in infanticide cases much as a psychotic state that drives someone to kill another person does. Yet we still try women for what they do during pregnancy denial when we don't try psychotic killers deemed not responsible for their actions." Delcroix and others who are fighting for pregnancy denial to be medically and legally recognized as an illness argue that improving ways to identify and treat these women makes more sense than simply punishing the crimes they commit as a result of it.'

Obama calls on Senate to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On July 20, 2010, President Obama called on the Senate to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 12, S. 182). You may read the full text of the bill here: http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h110-1338. In his renewed push for passage of this legislation -- which followed the Senate's refusal in 2009 to accept similar provisions in the House version of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act -- President Obama characterized the Paycheck Fairness Act as “a common sense bill that will help ensure that men and women who do equal work receive equal pay.” Passage of the PFA in its present form would result in sweeping changes to the Equal Pay Act (“EPA”).'

Ed. note: A paid subscription is required for Lexology access, so we'll have to take the submitter's word for it.

Domestic Violence Center Shut Down for Being a Total Fraud

Matt · 30 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Fulton-based resource center for battered women has been ordered by the state to shut down all operations. This shouldn't be terribly difficult since the Battered Mother's Resource Fund (BMRF) never actually did anything anyway.

Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster said in a news release that the BMRF, which is owned by Phillip Baney, solicited donations to help victims of domestic violence, but never actually implemented any of the programs it advertised, including community outreach seminars, a national database of shelters and other organizations that provided assistance to battered women and children, a Mother's Assistance Fund and a ranch for kids who had been harmed by domestic violence.

"Most heart wrenching is that BMRF may have prevented domestic violence victims from reaching out for legitimate assistance by claiming that most domestic violence shelters separate mothers from their children," Koster said in the press release. "This is not true and it is a dangerous statement that could keep a domestic violence victim from seeking assistance for fear of losing her children. Every domestic violence shelter in Missouri accepts children."'

California Courts Uphold Order Making Homeless Man Pay Child Support and Lose Inheritance, Reports NCFM

Matt · 31 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES/EWORLDWIRE/July 30, 2010 --- National Coalition For Men (NCFM) attorney Marc E. Angelucci reports that on July 28, 2010, the California Supreme Court declined to review a Court of Appeal decision that forced Hari Wilburn, a homeless man, to pay tens of thousands of dollars in child support for a child even though DNA excludes him as the dad and he never acted as the dad.

On August 17, the probate court in San Diego will hear the mother's request to intercept Wilburn's inheritance from his deceased mother in order to pay the child support order.

Wilburn was represented at the appellate level by Angelucci. NCFM is a nonprofit organization that addresses how sex discrimination affects men and boys and that helped change California law in 2005 to help protect men from false paternity claims.

In 1991, Cathy Tate named Wilburn as the father of her five-year-old child Alexis in a restraining order proceeding. Wilburn, who was homeless, was never personally served, and there is no record of any service except by mail to Wilburn's mother's address, which is not legally proper. Nonetheless, the court found Wilburn was served, issued a restraining order and ordered Wilburn to pay child support. Wilburn was not present.'

Woman accused of burning 9 with chemical, including an infant

Matt · 31 July 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Another "Staff"-reported story so brief the whole thing can be placed here without a break. Now if the accused were male, well...

'A Rochester woman is accused of throwing a caustic chemical on a group of nine people, including an infant, on the porch of a home on Sawyer Street on Thursday.

Rose Colquhoun, 40, is charged with nine counts of second-degree assault. Rochester police said Colquhoun's daughter had an ongoing dispute with one of the victims at the Sawyer Street home.

The victims were treated for burns at Strong Memorial Hospital and released.'

UK: Sisters jailed for manslaughter

Broadsword · 1 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Two 'despicable' sisters were jailed for manslaughter after one of them stabbed her boyfriend and the other let him bleed to death. Samantha Brown, 20, knifed Dean Darvill, 23, in the groin after he accused her of having a lesbian affair.

She fled the scene barefoot after stabbing the maintenance worker, leaving him bleeding to death on the floor.
...
The couple went to Toni's house with another friend to spend the evening drinking, the court heard. Samantha went upstairs with the friend for several hours, and at 1am Mr Darvill discovered them in 'a compromising position', police sources said.

A furious row erupted during which he accused them of having an affair, and Samantha picked up a carving knife from the kitchen. She plunged it into her boyfriend's upper thigh, severing several arteries, before running away. As Mr Darvill stumbled and fell to the floor, he pleaded 'get me an ambulance'.

But mother-of-two Toni refused, and instead made an attempt to bandage him up.
...
'Samantha decided to settle a drunken argument by using violence against the person she was supposed to love.

'Toni's failure to get help for Dean as he lay dying on her doorstep is incomprehensible.'"

The Masculinity Conspiracy: Chapter 3 now online

Anonymous · 1 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

The Masculinity Conspiracy is a free online book about masculinity. It argues that nearly every assumption about masculinity in contemporary society is wrong. The result is nothing short of exposing a worldwide conspiracy that has been preventing humanity from reaching its fullest potential. Chapter 3 (Sexuality) of The Masculinity Conspiracy is now online.

"Chapter 3 (Sexuality) of The Masculinity Conspiracy is now online.

This chapter examines how the theme of sexuality is mobilized in the conspiracy via two books: Earth Honoring: The New Male Sexuality by Robert Lawlor and The Way of the Superior Man: A Spiritual Guide to Mastering the Challenges of Women, Work and Sexual Desire by David Deida.

It shows how these books promote a masculine sexuality of fixed characteristics.

It then offers some different ways of thinking about masculine sexuality in order to counter the conspiracy."

Sarah Palin shows her misandry

MR · 1 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

When Palin was running for V.P., I was very upset with Palin's embrace of Hillary's misandrist, gender feminist talking points about the gender wage gap. Now we see this overtly misandrist comment from Palin, Palin: Obama lacks 'the cojones' to tackle immigration. Excerpt:

'Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin said Sunday that Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer (R) has "the cojones" that President Obama "does not have" to take on illegal immigration. Appearing on "Fox News Sunday," Palin blasted Obama for suing Arizona to block the state's controversial new law without addressing "sanctuary cities" -- in which local law enforcement are prohibited from asking people about their immigration status.'

Forget the immigration issue, the bigger issue is Palin's misandry against American men, IMO. Are men only valued for their "cajones" in Palin's eyes? Would a man get away with this kind of sexist language against a woman, or would he be driven out of the mass media sphere?

Mother accused of starving 3 kids gets life term

Matt · 1 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DALLAS (AP) — A mother whose three children were found starving after being shut away in a hotel bathroom for as long as nine months was sentenced to life in prison Friday after changing her plea to guilty in the middle of her trial.

Abneris Santiago, 31, had faced between five years and life in prison on a felony charge of injury to a child.

Police rescued Santiago's 11-year-old daughter and 10- and 5-year-old sons from a bathroom at an extended-stay hotel along one of Dallas' busiest freeways in July 2009. The children, whose skeletons were visible beneath their flaky, stretched skin, were near death from chronic starvation. Authorities say the girl was repeatedly sexually assaulted by her mother's boyfriend.

Alfred Santiago was convicted Tuesday of injury to a child and continuous sexual abuse. He was sentenced to two 99-year sentences, to be served concurrently.'

On Jury Nullification and Rape

Matt · 1 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With the possible exception of the sexual molestation of a child, rape is a crime that evokes the most visceral of responses from the average person. And for good reason. Sex that is physically forced or obtained by threat of harm sadistically reduces victims to their most helpless state, and leaves lingering damage that may well last the remainder of a persons life.

It is fitting then, that we seek to justly punish those guilty of the crime, but also that we proceed with caution and diligence, ever observing the rule of law in the process. That rule of law is integral to maintaining order; to preventing justice from being circumvented by political motives or mob rule; to ensure, as should be ensured in a just society, that the rights of the accused are protected with vigor and transparency.
...
And the same people, after reading account after account of innocent men being imprisoned, raped, tortured; destroyed, on lies, will reveal the utter depravity of their indifference by refusing to face what is happening or acknowledge that it even matters.

Their idea of justice is just as corrupt and selfish as the false accuser. They want only punishment, and only where it suits them, at any cost. They care less for the rights of men than Mike Niphong, and their objections should be discarded as quickly as they are raised.'

Frenchman, 80, freed after year in wife's laundry prison

Matt · 1 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ARROU, France (AFP) - An 80-year-old Frenchman was recovering in a state of shock in hospital on Saturday after being freed from a year locked in a laundry room by a wife half his age and her alleged lover.

French paramilitary police rescued the unnamed man from his home in the village of Arrou, southwest of Paris, on Wednesday, blinded, malnourished and physically abused by the ordeal at the hands of his own family.
...
"The victim suffered violence and ill-treatment," local gendarme commander Bruno Arviset told journalists. "The man ate twice a day, mostly pastries that were past their sell-by date."

His wife, 45, was jailed on Saturday pending trial after being charged with physical abuse, illegal detention and taking advantage of a vulnerable person, a judicial source said.'

Phyllis Schlafly: The Awesome Power of Family Courts

Matt · 1 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From June, but timely. Article here. Excerpt:

'The month of June when we observe Father's Day is a good time to review some of the injustices committed against fathers by family courts. Family courts routinely deprive divorced fathers not only of their own children, but even many constitutional rights.

For example, do you think judges should have the power to decide to which religion your children must belong and which churches they may be prohibited from attending? In December 2009 a Chicago judge did exactly that.

Cook County Circuit Judge Edward Jordan issued a restraining order to prohibit Joseph Reyes from taking his three-year-old daughter to any non-Jewish religious activities because his ex-wife argued that would contribute to "the emotional detriment of the child." Mrs. Rebecca Reyes wants to raise her daughter in the Jewish religion, and the judge sided with the mother. Joseph Reyes' divorce attorney, Joel Brodsky, when he saw the judge's restraining order, said, "I almost fell off my chair. I thought maybe we were in Afghanistan and this was the Taliban."'

UK: Feminist Group in legal challenge to 'unfair' Budget

Anonymous · 1 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The government is facing a legal challenge to its Budget from a leading women's rights group which claims it could be unlawful. The Fawcett Society has filed papers with the High Court seeking a judicial review of the austerity package. It claims the coalition could have failed to fully assess whether its savings proposals would increase inequality between men and women. It says £5.8bn of £8bn savings outlined in the Budget would come from women.

The Fawcett Society said the cuts would hit women far harder than men and described the Budget as "blatantly unfair".

...

It says women in public sector jobs would be more likely to be hit by pay freezes and job losses. Cuts in benefits and tax credits were also likely to hit them disproportionately.

The group said public sector cuts would hit women particularly hard since 65% of such workers were women.

Ceri Goddard, its chief executive, said: "Successive governments have failed to give enough consideration to how their policies will impact on equality between men and women, but this Budget shows a whole new level of disregard for the importance of equality law and everyday women's lives.'

N.Y. Woman Accused of Stabbing Nieces, Ages 7 and 9

anthony · 2 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A New York woman is accused of stabbing her two young nieces in a bloody rampage while baby-sitting the girls, then calling 911.

Police said Lisa Turkki, 39, repeatedly stabbed Maeve and Annabel Kelly, ages 7 and 9, at her sister and brother-in-law's house in Katonah, N.Y. house, while the couple attended a concert down the street Saturday night, the Journal News reported.

The house is directly across the street from Martha Stewart's farm.

Police received the 911 call from the house around 9:22 p.m. ET and found the girls in a scene officers called "quite horrible."

"There was a lot of blood in the kitchen area," said Lt. Jeffrey Dickan of the Bedford police.'

Your Vote is Needed to Help Under-Served Victims of Domestic Violence

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Your Vote is Needed to Help Under Served Victims of Domestic Violence

The Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women is seeking a $250,000 award from Pepsi for our project to bring public awareness to under served victims of domestic violence. This funding will enable us to send outreach materials (brochures, posters, booklets and placards) to 7,500 agencies that work with victims of domestic violence across the country.

In order to obtain this $250,000 award we need your help. The public determines, through voting on their favorite project ideas at the Pepsi site, who wins. Please click on this link to vote for our project idea: http://www.refresheverything.com/helpdomesticviolencevictims

That is the direct link to our project idea, “Give Under Served Victims of Domestic Violence a Lifeline,” located under the 250K category.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: After you click the link for voting, you will be taken to our Pepsi page. Once there, click the “Vote for this idea” button where you will be prompted to register or sign in. After signing in you MUST CLICK THE “VOTE” BUTTON AGAIN to cast your vote (the “vote” button will disappear and say “Good Job”, “Way to Go” or something like that if you voted correctly).

FACEBOOK MEMBERS: You can also go to the Pepsi Refresh FB page and get an app there to vote.

Voting is from Aug. 1 to Aug. 31. Remember to vote DAILY! Please post this notice to your Facebook and MySpace page, your blog and anywhere else you deem appropriate. Ask your friends and family members to vote and do the same. Thank you for helping us to bring awareness and services to victim and their families.

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Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women
email: dahmwagency-at-gmail.com
Business line: 207-683-5758
http://www.domesticabusehelpline.org/
"Everything you are against weakens you. Everything you are for empowers you."
– Dr. Wayne Dyer
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdUYPcEgooc

Man dead, woman charged in Winnipeg stabbings

Matt · 3 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A multiple stabbing early Saturday left a 62-year-old man dead and a teenage girl wounded, Winnipeg police report.

Mary Ellen Thomas, 30, is charged with second-degree murder, aggravated assault and several counts of failing to comply with a recognizance order.

The dead man, Michael Allan, had just met a woman earlier that night and taken her to a residence at 851 Nassau St., where they got into an argument and the stabbing occurred, police said.

The alleged attacker later went to a convenience store at Osborne Street and Morley Avenue, near where an 18-year-old woman was stabbed several times, police said. She was treated in hospital and released.'

SAVE Releases New Report on DV Revenue Streams

Matt · 3 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via Abusegate Bob:

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments – SAVE – has just released a new Special Report that documents the revenue streams of the $4 billion a year domestic violence industry. The report, "Estimated National Expenditures for Domestic Violence Prevention and Control," answers questions such as:

1. Which federal initiatives support domestic violence programs and services?
2. What are the total federal expenditures on domestic violence?
3. Where do non-federal DV revenues come from?

The 7-page report is an essential resource for any person who wants to get an inside look at the finances of the domestic violence industry. The report is available at:
http://www.saveservices.org/pdf/SAVE-Estimated-National-Expenditures-for-DV.pdf

"Why It Is Wise to Worship a Woman"

el cid · 4 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I've always heard that women are more complicated than men. Turns out, they're fairly simple. They just want one thing: to be worshiped--you know, kinda like the Roman emperors did.

This article explains how men can get started:

"First...create an altar in your room dedicated to Divine Feminine. Put only symbols of the feminine on it. I have a painting called "Beatrix" by Dante Gabriel Rossetti. I have a statue of Quan Kin. Populate your altar with anything that reminds you of the feminine, and spend a few minutes of the day in worship. Yes, worship. Adoration. Devotion. Offer up rose petals. Offer poems. Offer everything, and beg Her to reveal Her innermost essence to you. This will work miracles whether you're single and waiting to meet the right woman or whether you're already in relationship and long to meet your woman in a deeper way."

The comments confirm this is what women really want. No wonder the divorce rate is so high.

Idea that women are overburdened by professional and domestic duties is a myth

Broadsword · 4 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Wives who claim their husbands should help out more around the house because women work a "double shift" at the office and in the home are misguided, according to research.

If both paid work and unpaid duties such as housework, care and voluntary work are taken into account, husbands actually contribute more than their fair share to the household, experts found. According to a study of how people use their time, men in Britain spend marginally longer on "productive" work each day than women.
...
While many wives scale back their working hours or drop out of employment after having children, husbands will often work overtime to earn more income for the family.
...
Dr Catherine Hakim, who carried out the study, said: "This data overturns the well-entrenched theory that women work disproportional long hours in jobs and at home in juggling family and work.

"Feminists constantly complain that men are not doing their fair share of domestic work. The reality is that most men already do more than their fair share."'

Code Red Alert from the Family Research Council

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Via Abusegate Bob:

Code Red Alert from the Family Research Council

I-VAWA Trumps?

When a piece of legislation is sponsored by this quartet- Sens. John Kerry (D-Mass.), Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), and Olympia Snowe (R-Maine)--it's a safe bet that the bill won't be family-friendly. Unfortunately, that's the case with the International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA). Although its name suggests the contrary, S. 2982 would actually promote violence--against the unborn. Among other things, IVAWA would directly support the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) despite its financial partnership with countries like China that encourage forced abortion and sterilization. What's worse, IVAWA uses the guise of "women's rights" to push for the ratification of extreme treaties like CEDAW, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women--which would pressure countries to perform abortions in violation of their deep moral beliefs or traditions.

As if that weren't bad enough, the bill would create a new office for "Women's Global Issues" under an administration that views abortion as an integral part of reproductive health. If approved, this new headquarters could be used as an extension of the President's personal mission to overturn pro-life laws abroad. Last but not least, IVAWA doesn't include a ban on funding activities like prostitution and sex trafficking, two industries that clearly lead to violence against women! Tomorrow, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is scheduled to hold a hearing on S. 2982, though Senator Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) might be successful in delaying it for further review. Help us protect women by encouraging the Committee to completely kill this bill.

Contact:
U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

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Republican Staff Phone: (202) 224-6797

Australia: Yet another example of anti-male job advertising

Minuteman · 5 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to posting here. Excerpt:

'Receptionist/Girl Friday

We are a busy Heavy Vehicle Smash Repairer in the Northern Suburbs.

A full time position as our Receptionist/Girl Friday has become available. The role presents the opportunity to have a hand in all facets of our business. You are responsible to the Office Manager however will be required to also assist other staff.'

RADAR ALERT: "Erring on the Side of Hidden Harm"

Matt · 6 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

RADAR is proud to announce a new line of reports, the RADAR Signature Reports. Unlike RADAR's Special Reports, the RADAR Signature Reports will be attributed to particular authors. RADAR invites writers of journal-quality material to submit articles for consideration.

The first report in this new series is "Erring on the Side of Hidden Harm: The Granting of Domestic Violence Restraining Orders," by David N. Heleniak, Esq. (http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARsignatureReport-ErringOnTheSideOfHiddenHarm.pdf) The article, originally published in the journal Partner Abuse, argues the following:

"In deciding whether to enter a domestic violence restraining order, many judges think about their careers in addition to the merits of the cases before them. While the damage to parent-child relationships and to children's mental health caused by the overzealous entering of restraining orders is seldom if ever reported by the media, the harm caused by overtly violent acts following the failure to enter restraining orders most certainly is. In regards to restraining orders, the phrase 'erring on the side of caution' is often invoked. It is more accurate, however, to characterize the judge's behavior as 'erring on the side of hidden harm.' Rather than judges, juries — one time judicial actors — should decide when domestic violence restraining orders are warranted."

Please read the report and share it with anyone you think might find it interesting.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Date of RADAR Release: August 3, 2010

R.A.D.A.R. – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting – is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of men and women working to improve the effectiveness of our nation's approach to solving domestic violence.
http://www.mediaradar.org/

Stephen Baskerville: "Sexual Statism"

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'In “The End of Men,” the cover story of the July/August Atlantic, Hanna Rosin describes “how women are taking control of everything.” Suggesting that “the economics of the new era are better suited to women,” Rosin believes the fair sex are winning the struggle for the survival of the fittest. In what is apparently cause for celebration, she writes, “three-quarters of the 8 million jobs lost were lost by men” in the ongoing Great Recession. “The worst-hit industries were overwhelmingly male and deeply identified with macho: construction, manufacturing, high finance.” She contends that the economic crisis “merely revealed—and accelerated—a profound economic shift that has been going on for at least 30 years.”

The Atlantic used the same issue to ask, “Are Fathers Necessary?” Pamela Paul cites a widely publicized study purporting to prove that fathers are harmful in rearing children and that lesbians do it better. The study is politics camouflaged as social science—its authors acknowledge that the parenting virtues they extol are defined “in part in the service of an egalitarian ideology.” Their message echoes Rosin’s: within the home, as in the national economy, men are unreliable at best and pathological at worst. The Atlantic assures us that the decline of men is the product of impersonal forces against which we are powerless to respond, even if we wished to—which apparently we do not.

Rosin, whose essay is #1 on the magazine’s “Biggest Ideas of the Year” list, certainly identifies an important trend. But the phenomenon she describes is the result not of inexorable social forces but of conscious political decisions. The end of men is the consequence of the most profound trend in public life today: the sexualization of politics and the politicization of sex.'

Castration drug given to kids as autism therapy

anthony · 6 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Maryland medical group has started treating autistic children in South Florida with shots of a drug used for chemical castration, a therapy widely panned by mainstream experts.

The group gives children the cancer drug Lupron to stop their bodies from making testosterone, saying the drug helps expel toxic mercury and quells aggressive or sexually explicit behavior by kids with excessive levels of the male hormone.

A Boca Raton mother who just put her 18-year-old son on the drug said it seems to help.

But numerous physicians, researchers and therapists insist there's no proof mercury causes autism, that Lupron removes mercury or that autistic kids have excessive testosterone. What's more, the drug carries a risk of bone damage, stunted growth and heart trouble, and can render children impotent.

"Not only is there no scientific backing whatsoever for Lupron treatments, there are several major concerns for the children's health," said neurologist BethAnn McLaughlin, an adviser to the Dan Marino Foundation autism group in Weston and the mother of two developmentally disabled children.

"These people are preying on the fears of parents. We cannot be using these children who are so vulnerable as guinea pigs in a medical experiment."'

UK: Feminism? Forget it, sisters

Broadsword · 6 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The long night of modern feminism might be about to end. A glimmer of light is flickering in the encircling gloom.

A study published this week by Dr Catherine Hakim of the London School of Economics has found that men do slightly more work than the women they live with when employment and domestic work are measured together. This is the first time I can remember in 40 years that an authoritative study on a key issue of so-called gender politics has come out with a self-evident truth that runs directly contrary to orthodox feminist ideology. The fact that it has been written and published by a woman makes it even more delightful.

Ever since the late Sixties, it has been an incontestable article of faith in the feminist creed that men are lazy, slobbish, barbaric, barely civilisable and incapable of switching on the vacuum cleaner without breaking it – and eternal shame on Alistair Campbell and his partner Fiona Miller for boasting about the fact that he lives up to that mould-encrusted cliché.

It has been an essential tenet in the feminist catechism – endlessly repeated on Woman's Hour and in the Guardian – that men exploit and oppress women at home and in their domestic arrangements in the same way that men put women down at work and in the wider society."

'Gender bending' chemical in food tins may cut male fertility

Stinger503 · 7 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A ‘gender bending’ chemical in food and drinks containers could be behind rising male infertility, scientists say.

Men with high levels of Bisphenol A (BPA) in their bodies are more likely to have low sperm counts, according to a study.

BPA is widely used to harden plastics and is found in baby bottles, CD cases, plastic knives and forks and the lining of food and drink cans.

The chemical mimics the female sex hormone oestrogen and interferes with the way hormones are processed by the body.

Although some animal studies have shown it is safe, others have linked it to breast cancer, liver damage, obesity, diabetes and fertility problems.'

Men being shorted mental health services

Matt · 7 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'To help ensure safety for every citizen, the mental health community can contribute to a better understanding of all types of family murder and suicide. Why are 3,000 Canadian men committing suicide annually? This is four times the rate for women. 2 What is the impact of family separation on the mental health of fathers?

Dr. David Crawford and Professor John Macdonald of the University of Western Sydney reported that the pain of separation and divorce is having an alarming effect on the health of Australian males. They conclude relationship breakdown and divorce are leaving many men, especially fathers, emotionally broken and unable to cope, contributing to high rates of suicide and harm of others.
...
Dr. Paul Links, professor of psychiatry and chair of suicide studies at the University of Toronto, reports that difficult divorces or loss of children fit the profile of loss leading to suicide. Divorced men kill themselves twice as often as single or married men, 5 and since men in general commit suicide four times as frequently as women, 2 divorced men commit suicide eight times more often than women in the general population. Yet, little is known about male suicidal behaviour in Canada.'

Canada: Police look for mother accused of abducting son

Matt · 7 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'Toronto police are looking for a 23-year-old woman who they allege abducted her son during a parental visit.

Emila Sardaru and her one-year-old son, Robin Stanciu, were last seen July 23 at around 10 p.m. near Dawes Road and Danforth Avenue.

Police are asking for the public's assistance to find them.

They say Sardaru is of Romanian descent and speaks limited English.

She is described as white, about five feet and five inches tall. and about 165 pounds.'

As submitter-via-email Jeremy S. commented: "What, no Amber Alert?"

NPR intern stabbed on way to work; woman arrested

Matt · 7 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (AP) — Authorities say a woman has been charged in the stabbing of a 20-year-old NPR intern as she walked to work in northwest Washington.

Police say 24-year-old Melodie Brevard of Washington was arrested shortly after the attack about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Seventh and I streets in Chinatown. She has been charged with assault with intent to kill.

D.C. police spokesman Lt. Nick Breul says three people restrained Brevard after the attack until officers arrived. He says officers responded quickly because they had been investigating a suspicious package nearby.'

My goodness, this cannot be right... a woman just wouldn't do something so random and violent! Uh-huh. My guess is she will get "psychiatric attention" and never face criminal charges.

Innocent Man Freed After 27 Years

Matt · 8 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Imprisoned for 27 years for a rape he did not commit, Michael Anthony Green walked out of a US jail a free man and in the process was able to leave behind some of the anger that fuelled his survival behind bars.

Accompanied by his lawyer, Mr Green walked out of jail and into the arms of about 20 family members who cheered him.

"Live life," Mr Green said, when asked what he is going to do now.

Mr Green, 44, was released after the Harris County District Attorney's Office reopened his case and new DNA tests it commissioned showed he did not commit the 1983 rape of a woman who was abducted.'

The "Women's Sexual Peak" myth discussed

Matt · 8 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Some years ago I was at a night club with a group of men and women. Naturally the conversation turned to sex. One woman, in her late forties, said, in a good natured way, “It’s a shame that by the time men really learn what they are doing in bed, their equipment doesn’t work like it used to.”

“I understand how you feel,” I said, in an equally jovial tone, “By the time women start learning what they are doing in bed their looks start fading.”

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There was a silver lining, though. It did spark a rather lively round of verbal sparring with the rest of the people at the table. And I am sure that it was a discussion that has been echoed millions of times at millions of night club gatherings.

Why is it that men and women hit their sexual peaks at such radically different ages?

And the answer is, of course, that they don’t. It is just another one of the myriad of lies we enable women to live for the sake of not disturbing their self image- and perhaps for the sake of getting in their pants in leaner times.

Where else but the current gender Zeitgeist can a woman with crows feet, sagging breasts, reduced sexual hormones, a vagina that does not lubricate as it once did, more difficulty conceiving and less ability to attract sexual partners of their preference, stand up and say “I am in my sexual prime,” and have everyone in their presence nod their head in agreement?'

Only in a world where we tell women whatever they want to hear, no matter how ridiculous.

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Women, feminists in particular, have long lamented the male beauty standard. They claim it drives women to extremes like surgery and eating disorders, and results in damaged self esteem, all because men want women to look a certain way.

But of course, once you peel back the layers of victimized drivel and get to the core of the matter, you find that women drive themselves to do these things, biology leading them by the nose, because that is their quickest route to personal power, and because they don’t rise above it and find relevance in other ways.

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When women collectively quit worrying about sexual primacy and start focusing on their own innate human potential, when they learn to value their own accomplishments more than they value what they can sexually manipulate out of men, the plastic surgeons will be out of business and their bad self esteem, rather than their personal significance, will be facing expiration.'

Slovenia: Woman Gets Fined for Slapping Her Boyfriend

Anonymous · 9 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From the article:

'Slovenia, 25th July 2010

Hello, police, I need help, my girlfriend beat me up!

An unusual incident occurred yesterday on the Slovenian coast. A young man called the police, because his girlfriend allegedly beat him up.

Men physically assaulting their spouses for various reasons often make the news, but a woman attacking her partner is something rare.

The unusual incident occurred yesterday on the coast, when the police were called after a young couple had an argument. The 23-year-old man from Izola called them, because his 26-year-old girlfriend slapped him twice during their argument.

The woman will have to pay a fine.

When they arrived, the police found only the young man. His girlfriend had driven off prior to their arrival. Koper PD representative stated that the unknown woman will be fined for the assault.'

Source (in Slovenian) here. Google translation here.

Since nobody here probably understands Slovenian, let me just add that the average tone of the comments follows the "he should just suck it up", "where are his cojones," etc. mentality.

The Booming Domestic Violence Industry

anthony · 9 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mapping the full extent of the domestic-violence industry is not easy, because it's a cottage-industry, spread out in hundreds of places. State and federal money goes to well over a hundred institutes, clinics, programs for counseling or outreach or coordination or training, computer databases, coalitions, shelters, PR agencies and other groups.

Most would say that's just fine: Domestic violence is ugly and ought to be dealt with. But others are beginning to wonder if the huge industrial cure is as bad as the disease.

One of many critics is John Flaherty, co-chairman of the Fatherhood Coalition. "This industry is an octopus," he said recently. "It's got its tentacles in more and more parts of everyday life. It's a political movement. Many of its employees are, directly or indirectly, damaging children. This industry doesn't answer to anybody. They're in it mainly for the money -- and the children be damned." The industry's problems may be about to increase, because it is becoming clear through scientific research that the whole premise of the movement and the industry it spawned -- that "domestic violence" means bad men hitting helpless, innocent women -- is just plain wrong.

The truth about violence in the home is that it's pretty much a 50-50 thing. Respected social scientists Murray A. Straus and David Gelles have been publishing research for years that shows the standard Only-Men-Batter story-- probably visible on a billboard near you -- just doesn't match reality. Women and men attack each other about equally in the home. Solid research now shows that women begin the physical fighting in their homes about half the time. Equally solid research shows that mothers are responsible for 65 per cent of physical abuse of children.'

Father camping out by courthouse, advertising rally

anthony · 9 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'RACINE - A father who thinks the family court system has let him down is planning to host a rally for fathers' rights on the Racine County Courthouse steps.

Ricardo Martinez, 34, of Racine, says he is expecting 150 people to join him at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 18.

"It's not right," said Martinez. "This cannot be right what they are doing to men. There is no equality."

When Martinez and his ex-wife divorced, joint custody was granted for their six- and seven-year-old sons, he said. His time with them was supposed to be on Wednesdays, some weekends and holidays.

Since he has become an advocate for father's rights, Martinez said he has had even less contact with his children. His complaints about the situation have fallen on deaf ears, he claims.

"I'm stuck with a system that doesn't want to help me," he said.

Unemployed and evicted from where he was living, Martinez said he has been sleeping on the lawn of the courthouse at 730 Washington Ave., sometimes in a tent, draped with a sign announcing the rally.

The Journal Times was unable to contact Martinez' ex-wife for comment.

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"The bottom line is: all we're asking is to be treated equally," said Steve Blake, the president of Dads of Wisconsin, a statewide nonprofit advocacy group based out of Oxford. "If we could get enough people to show up at a rally like this, it would be helpful."'

Atlanta lawyer wins $11 million lawsuit for family in botched circumcision

anthony · 9 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The maker of an instrument used in circumcisions claimed that injury was impossible with its use, but after an infant lost a portion of his penis during an operation with the Mogen clamp, a judge awarded $10.8 million in damages against the company.

The judgment handed down Friday in New York involves an Atlanta lawyer who has been crusading against circumcision as a dangerous and unnecessary practice.

Attorney David Llewellyn won a similar case in Atlanta last year and the injury behind that prior lawsuit in Fulton County Superior Court put the New York clamp manufacturer on notice about the danger of the device, his current lawsuit said.

The baby in the current case, identified in court documents only as L.G., lost the entire glans, or head, of his penis after it was pulled into the jaws of the clamp, according to a federal magistrate's order. On Friday, U.S. District Judge Jack B. Weinstein ordered Mogen Circumcision Instruments of New York to pay $10.8 million in compensatory and punitive damages to the Florida boy, now 3, and his parents.'

UK: Essex circumcision doctor barred from surgery by GMC

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Dr Aziz Chaudry's fitness to practise was impaired as a result of his misconduct, a panel found.

The hearing concluded the standard of care given to five boys in 2006 was not that expected of a registered medical practitioner.

The patients all received circumcisions at his private clinic in Clacton.

The panel also found he failed to provide adequate details to the boy's families and to warn them of possible complications.
...
His procedures revealed failings in notifying the patients' GPs about the circumcisions, and inadequate record keeping, the GMC concluded.

The GMC imposed conditions on his registration which will remain in place for 12 months.

The doctor, who was trained in Pakistan and claimed to have more than 20 years' experience, was told he cannot carry out any surgical procedures for the next 12 months, including circumcisions.'

Britons 'trapped in false rape sting by blonde Swede on Greek island’

anthony · 9 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Men have been warned to be on their guard after the 26-year-old woman claimed a total of €800,000 (£666,315) in insurance after lodging allegations of rape on the island of Kos.

It is believed that her victims include at least four Britons, according to a lawyer representing one of the falsely accused.

An international hunt involving Greek and Swedish police and Interpol has failed to find the woman, described as an attractive blonde.'

Related, here.

UK: Boxing legend Pat Clinton's son released after false rape claim on Greek holiday

anthony · 9 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BOXING champion Pat Clinton's son was held for three days in Greece over a false rape accusation.

Sean Clinton, 19, and a friend were on holiday with a group in Crete when a woman tourist accused them.

But after an agonising three days in custody, they were told there was no case to answer.

It is understood police found no evidence to prove that even consensual sex had taken place.

Last night, Sean was back home with his mum Carol in Kilsyth, Stirlingshire.

And former world flyweight champion Pat, known as "the boy from Croy" during his career, revealed they were considering suing his accuser.'

Lying about rape is as hurtful as the crime itself

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Many feminists argue that the problem of false accusations is so minuscule that to discuss it extensively is a harmful distraction from the far more serious problem of rape. On the other side are men's-rights activists, claiming that false accusations are as much of a scourge as rape itself."

Bull's-eye. Whenever false rape allegations spin in the news cycle, as a father, my soul stands on a razor blade betwixt that divide: Knowing how false accusations can color police response should — God forbid — my daughter ever need a sympathetic ear; and fearing for my son in a world where the right words from the wrong lips can destroy reputations and land you behind bars.

Researchers have struggled to pinpoint the prevalence of false rape claims. Estimates range widely from about 2 percent to 90 percent. However, the most trusted studies put the figure between 8 and 10 percent.

False claims are a headache for Nicole Quinn, who is at the helm of the Victim Service Center of Orange County. They undercut the already arduous task of persuading real rape victims to come forward.'

Update from Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women

Anonymous · 9 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks to those of you who are voting daily for the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women to win 250K from the Pepsi Project challenge. We are currently holding steady at 204- we still have a long way to go and a short time to do so!

I have heard from a couple of people that they have had trouble at the Pepsi site with casting their votes. I have written to Pepsi about the problem and they suggested that I encourage you to contact them so that they may troubleshoot with you. Contact the Pepsi Refresh Hotline at 1-800-768-2784 between 8 am and 8 pm (EDT).

Just 2 minutes a day over the next 23 days--give under served victims of domestic violence a lifeline

Vote online here
Text your vote: Text: 101761 to Pepsi (73774)

2 minutes...that's it! Go here to sign up and click "vote for this idea" and text your vote: Text: 101761 to Pepsi (73774)

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Don't forget you can text your vote: Text: 101761 to Pepsi (73774)

FACEBOOK MEMBERS: You can also go to the Pepsi Refresh FB page and get an app there to vote.

Voting DAILY thru Aug. 31st. Help us spread the word---post this notice to your Facebook and MySpace page, your blog and anywhere else you deem appropriate. Ask your friends and family members to vote and do the same. Thank you for helping us bring awareness and services to under served victims.

"Gender schemas"?

Matt · 10 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via Jeremy S., article here. Excerpt:

'When we speak of gender we are highlighting our psychological and social conceptions of what it means to be a man or women. "Gender Schemas" refers to our intuitive hypotheses about the behaviour, traits, and preferences of men and women and boys and girls. Correspondingly, the term "gender roles" refers to expectations, to our ideas about how men and women are expected to behave.

All the signs have been there during this campaign. Physiognomy is well and truly at play, and more. We have covered her ear lobes, her marital status, her hair, her clothes, her choice not to have children and so on.
...
Gillard's gender should be her greatest strength, not a political weakness. But tackling gender schemas requires more insight and more thought than dropping shiny policy baubles. She needs the electorate to see her seated at the head of the table and to be comfortable with that image. Holding babies and kicking footballs with kids falls a long way short of what's needed to gain true popular acceptance.'

F&F: Ask Gov. Schwarzenegger to Sign F & F's SB 1188 (Child Custody Reform)

Matt · 10 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Short version: Fathers and Families' mission is to protect children's right to the love and care of both parents after divorce or separation. We often hear from parents who have been driven to the margins of their children's lives because their disability/partial disability is being used to deny them custody or visitation. SB 1188 will protect these parents—to write a letter to Governor Schwarzenegger asking him to sign SB 1188, click here.

Please send your letter whether you are a California resident or not. Your letter will be hand-delivered to the Governor's office by our Sacramento legislative representative. You may use our form letter or write your own.'

Study finds similar personality types in male and female domestic violence perpetrators

fondueguy · 11 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'New research published in the August edition of the American Psychological Association's Journal of Abnormal Psychology, is providing a better picture of the roles played by gender, personality and mental illness in domestic violence.

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Walsh and colleagues Marc Swogger (University of Rochester), Brian O'Connor(UBC), Yael Schonbrun (Brown University), Tracie Shea (Brown University), and Gregory Stuart (University of Tennessee-Knoxville) analyzed data drawn from the MacArthur Violence Risk Assessment Study to examine normal personality psychopathic characteristics, and mental illness among 567 civil psychiatric patients, including 138 women and 93 men with histories of domestic violence.

"Although both men and women engage in substantial levels of domestic violence, fewer studies have examined female perpetrators," says Walsh. "These new findings are among the first to highlight similarities between subtypes of domestically violent men and women."'

UK: Men make better bosses than 'loose cannon' women, say two-thirds of workers

Broadsword · 11 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Men are overwhelmingly seen as better bosses, a surprising new survey has revealed.

Two thirds of the nation's employees, both male and female, agree they would rather work for a man than a woman.

Female bosses were accused of being bitchy, hormonal and incapable of leaving their personal lives at home.

A third of those polled claimed women in charge are 'loose cannons' - ready to stab colleagues in the back at any time, and who constantly feel threatened by other people in positions of authority.

By contrast, both male and female workers believe male bosses were less likely to get involved in office politics, were easier to reason with and rarely suffered from mood swings.

Men are also said to be more straight-talking than women and rarely talk about others behind their backs, it emerged.'

Hiring preferences: attractive women have the edge

Matt · 11 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Read this article carefully. Excerpt:

'Good looks can kill a woman's chances of snaring jobs considered "masculine," according to a study by the University of Colorado Denver Business School.

Attractive women faced discrimination when they applied for jobs where appearance was not seen as important. These positions included job titles like manager of research and development, director of finance, mechanical engineer and construction supervisor.'

And so you think you know the gist of the article. But read on:

"In every other kind of job, attractive women were preferred. **This wasn't the case with men which shows that there is still a double standard when it comes to gender**."
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Take Back the Sports Page?

Anonymous · 12 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

"Take Back the Sports Page?" by Christina Hoff Sommers appeared in today's American. Your readers might find it interesting. Excerpt:

'The political wing of the women's sports movement is in trouble. These activists are accustomed to challenging timid bureaucrats and university administrators. But in taking on TV sports coverage, they are challenging the market itself.

...

According to the report, coverage of women's professional teams has "nearly evaporated" and a "deepening silence" has enveloped women's professional soccer, basketball, golf, field hockey, and softball. "Nothing short of stunning" says author Michael Messner, a feminist sociologist at USC. "This is simply intolerable."

...

But the heavy focus of news and highlights shows on men's sports is not only fathomable but obvious—that is where the fans are. And that is where advertisers expect to find customers for "male" products such as beer, razors, and cars. Men's professional sports are a fascination (obsession is more like it) to many millions of men, because they offer extreme competition, performance, and heroics. Women's professional sports, however skilled and admirable, cannot compare in Promethean drama.

Even women prefer watching male teams. Few women follow the sports pages and ESPN, but many enjoy attending live games—featuring male athletes. According to Sports Business Daily, 31 percent of the NFL's "avid fans" are women.

"Violent women are funny"

fibtastic · 12 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Watch this. This woman freaks out because she can't get McNuggets. And these people are news people?

Update: SAVE's Social Media Initiative

Matt · 13 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

The last several weeks I've been telling you about SAVE's upcoming Social Media initiative. Well, the long-awaited moment has finally arrived:

Check out SAVE's resources for victims and survivors of domestic violence here

Sign up for our new Facebook page for victims and survivors here

Participate in our Online Support Group for victims and survivors here

“WikiProject Feminism”

Matt · 13 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

Wikipedia is the world’s largest online encyclopedia. Now, Wikipedia has set up an interest group it calls “WikiProject Feminism” (I’m not kidding – see for yourself: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Feminism) The idea behind WikiProject Feminism is to promote feminist concepts and myths throughout Wiki-world.

So no surprise, many DV entries in Wikipedia are biased and false. So two stalwart individuals – Dr. Don Dutton and Andy Stachura – have volunteered to comb through these sites – see list below -- and make them right based on SAVE’s Special Reports.

If you become aware of other examples of biased Wikipedia DV entries, please shoot an email to Andy: andy.stachura-at-yahoo.com

Jennifer Aniston: Men optional when having kids

anthony · 13 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"Jennifer Aniston has lost a friend in right-wing news pundit Bill O'Reilly.

He's said she was being 'destructive to our society' for saying that women don't need to wait for a man to have a child.

The 60-year-old Fox News TV rottweiler lashed out on his show at the remark by the 41-year-old actress.

Aniston told a press conference for her new film The Switch: 'Women are realising it more and more knowing that they don't have to settle with a man just to have that child.

'Times have changed and that is also what is amazing is that we do have so many options these days, as opposed to our parents' days when you can't have children because you have waited too long.'"

UK: Revealed: The gender gap in British business

Broadsword · 13 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The lack of women at the top of Britain's biggest companies is laid bare today as research by The Independent reveals the full extent of the gender imbalance in UK boardrooms.

When the former trade minister Lord (Mervyn) Davies was appointed to look into the problem last week, the coalition Government admitted that only 12 per cent (139) of the directors of FTSE 100 companies are female. But the situation is far worse.

Because several of them hold multiple positions, in fact there are only 120 individual women on boards, out of the total pool of 1,100 directors. And just 20 of them – 6 per cent – are the executive directors who run the company on a daily basis, compared with the 309 who are male.
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Elsewhere in Europe, the picture is very different. The leader is Norway, where at least 40 per cent of company directors are now women, thanks to laws introduced in 2006. The strategy is spreading fast. Spain has a 40 per cent quota, although it is not yet legally mandated. Italy, France, Finland, Germany and Sweden have all either set similar recommended levels, or have legislation going through parliament. And Europe's Fundamental Rights Commissioner, Viviane Reding, last month warned that unless more European boardroom seats are filled by women by 2011, she will impose a legal quota.
...
Such is the antipathy for overt regulation that insiders expect Lord Davies's recommendations will follow the Australian example, using the "soft power" of lobbying efforts and mentoring programmes rather than the blunt instrument of a quota.

So far, the results look better. In the first six months of 2010, 31 women have been appointed to major companies' boards, compared with just 10 in the whole of last year.'

UK: Why have Western feminists been so muted in their criticisms of Iran?

Broadsword · 14 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The fate of the 43-year-old Iranian woman sentenced to death by stoning took a sinister turn yesterday when she appeared on Iranian state television to confess to her “crimes”. Her lawyer fears she will now be executed imminently, probably hung by the neck until she is dead.

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Yet the response of feminists in the West has been strangely muted.

Hillary Clinton lost no opportunity to brandish her feminist credentials during her campaign to become the Democratic Party’s Presidential nominee in 2008 and even went so far as to blame her failure to beat Barack Obama on the “glass ceiling”. Unfortunately, the concrete ceiling of Ashtiani’s jail cell hasn’t inspired any comparable rhetoric. All she has said is that she’s “troubled” by Ashtiani’s case.

At least Hillary Clinton was able to bring herself to mutter this mild rebuke. No other prominent feminist has spoken out about Ashtiani’s case, unless you include Yoko Ono who has signed the petition calling for her to be freed. We’ve heard nothing from Germaine Greer, nothing from Gloria Steinem, nothing from Jane Fonda, nothing from Naomi Wolf, nothing from Clare Short, nothing from Harriet Harmen.

We know why, of course. Almost no one on the left, with the honourable exception of Christopher Hitchens, dares to breath a word against any Islamic country for fear of being branded “Islamophobic”. Thus, a brutal dictatorship is able to torture and murder thousands of innocent women, safe in the knowledge that the self-styled keepers of the West’s conscience will remain silent.

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Could the West’s self-appointed defenders of women’s rights have done anything to prevent the wholesale slaughter of their sisters in the developing world if they’d taken up their cause? Could a feminist outcry today about the plight of Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani do anything to prevent her death? We will never know, but it’s hard to avoid the conclusion that their continuing silence reveals the moral bankruptcy of their movement.'

FDA approves ella as 5-day-after emergency contraceptive

anthony · 14 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'he Food and Drug Administration approved a controversial new form of emergency contraception Friday that can prevent a pregnancy as many as five days after sex.

The decision to allow the sale of the pill, which will be marketed under the brand name "ella," was welcomed by family-planning proponents as a crucial new option to prevent unwanted pregnancies. But critics condemned the decision, arguing that it was misleading to approve ella as a contraceptive because the drug could also be used to induce an abortion.
...
Critics, however, are convinced it will and fear that a woman who does not realize she is pregnant will use the drug, unwittingly giving herself an abortion. **They also worry that men will slip ella to unsuspecting women.** And, the critics say, a woman might knowingly use ella to try to abort a fetus, putting herself at risk for potentially serious complications that have been reported among a small number of women using RU-486 and possibly damaging her developing child if it doesn't work.'

Hark, Abusers and Pets -- Another DV Myth is Born

Matt · 14 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

The domestic violence industry shows a remarkable propensity to conjure up the most creative claims and then present them as scientific "fact." In this article, the author makes this claim: "In fact, studies have shown that up to 48 percent of women delay leaving an abusive home out of fear that their pets will be harmed if left behind."

But when you realize that the great majority of women in abuse shelters are poor and often homeless, the notion that half of them can't flee an abusive situation because of a pet is flat-out absurd.

No surprise, the author conveniently forgets to provide the source of her claim. Maybe if every Abusegater were to contact Allie Phillips at PAWSprogram@americanhumane.org and ask her to provide the reference for her "statistic," the lies might begin to stop.

Enjoy.

'PAWS® Program
Guest Author - Allie Phillips, J.D. Vice President of Human-Animal Strategic Initiatives, American Humane Association

I am very pleased to be bringing this article to you all. I have many requests for programs like this or people escaping abuse don't want to leave their pets behind.

Prior to joining American Humane in 2007, Allie Phillips was an assistant prosecuting attorney and handled cases involving battered women who had pets that were also at risk for harm. As she describes in this article, she was inspired by her experiences to develop American Humane's PAWS Program to help both the human and the animal victims of abuse.
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Thus, the Pets and Women's Shelters (PAWS) Program was born in February 2008. In December 2008, Paula Abdul (singer, songwriter, dancer, and most notably a judge on American Idol) signed on to be the spokesperson for PAWS. "The relationship I have with my dogs is not only very special to me, but also a great source of comfort and peace of mind," said Abdul. "The PAWS Program is a critical way of providing a transition for abused women and children into a safer and better life. I feel privileged to be involved with this extremely important and necessary program."'

Source: http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art67965.asp

Update from Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women on the Pepsi Project Competition

Anonymous · 15 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Day 14 and we are stuck between #183 and #185

Hello Mensactivism Members and Supporters,

I am in hopes that you all are continuing to online and text message vote for us to win the Pepsi competition daily. For those of you who aren't aware or aren't voting (perhaps because you don't know about it or don't know enough about it)...read on...

I have been an advocate for men who are or were in relationships with abusive women for 13 years now. In 2000 I founded the only national non profit in the USA with a toll free helpline that specializes in offering supportive services and public awareness to male victims of domestic violence.

For the last ten years, this all volunteer virtual non profit has worked to bring more public awareness and services to this much maligned under served group of victims with less that 15K in donations annually most years. We aren't able to do as much as we would like given our financial constraints, but we have housed men and their children, purchased bus tickets so that men can escape violent women, bought food, clothing, back to school items and offered other emergency services. My husband and I have even paid for a rebuilt engine so a dad staying in a safe house with us could use his car to find a job.

I tell you all this not to pat myself on the back...I could care less about accolades, I tell you this to help you understand how vital what I am about to ask you is to the future of services and awareness for male victims and survivors.

We are in the Pepsi Refresh Project for the month of August. Our proposal on the Pepsi site requests a grant of $250,000 from Pepsi to do a national public awareness campaign on male victims. We have also included $25,000 for services for abused men and their children and stipends for our volunteers who help with this huge project.

To my knowledge there has never been a public awareness campaign of this size for male victims so this could very well be the start of better things to come.

Please consider supporting our Pepsi project idea by voting daily online and via text messaging and asking your friends and family to do the same. Our notice with more information is below. I thank you in advance for any assistance you can give. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions: dahmwagency-at-gmail.com (Jan Brown)

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Actress Jennifer Freeman Allegedly Attacked Husband Earl Watson

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A vicious fight on Aug. 1 was almost the beginning of the end for Jennifer Freeman and Earl Watson's marriage. According to nydailynews.com, when Freeman got a text message late at night on Sunday, Aug. 1,, Watson "became suspicious" and "took her phone to check the message."

In a flash, Freeman became enraged, and hit Watson in his face. Then, in a sudden rush of aggression, Freeman bit down on Watson's hand. According to Watson, this bite was responsible for "breaking the skin, leaving teeth marks and drawing blood." Freeman continued on a violent rampage as she supposedly "proceeded to bite down on [Watson's] chest." She then attempted to "attack Watson with an iron," which Watson managed to pry out of her hand. After the attack, Watson petitioned for a divorce from Freeman but he recently withdrew it.
...

But, unfortunately, when domestic violence happens once, it will often happen again. Whether this episode with Freeman was the first physical fight or not, Freeman became violent very quickly. If Freeman is going to attack attack her husband because he looked at her phone, then there is a good chance that her anger may be triggered again. If violence continues, I really hope that they split."

Washington Post letter to the editor: 'Domestic violence is not just a man thing'

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Letter here.

'It is unfortunate that Terry O'Neill, president of the National Organization for Women, described domestic violence in terms of men only when quoted in the Aug. 10 Associated Press Style story "Controversial song features abuse." By doing so, she mischaracterized a significant problem.

Domestic violence is not the province of one gender; abusers can be male or female, heterosexual or homosexual. Although abuse by males is widely recognized, abuse by females is generally not. As a consequence, male victims face problems because of the general lack of recognition of their plight.

Additionally, Ms. O'Neill should not have resorted to playground name-calling by saying that "it's only 2-year-olds and violent men who use violence to get what they want." This trivializes an important issue.'

UK: Warning after Bournemouth woman jailed for false rape

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'Police have warned that malicious reports of false rapes will not be tolerated after a woman was jailed for 15 months after lying to detectives.

Cheryl Moss, 26, falsely claimed that a 19-year-old man had raped her in an alleyway near St Peter's Road, Bournemouth, in November 2009.

Moss pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice and was sentenced last week at Bournemouth Crown Court.

Dorset Police said the investigation used valuable time and resources.

Despite being shown CCTV footage of the man the mother of four had been with all night and that sex had been consensual, Moss maintained her allegations were true.'

Silver Spring Township woman filed false rape report after smoking crack, police say

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'When Mike Obrock got home Wednesday morning after a night on the town with Donna F. Miller, police said, he had a message on his answering machine from her, saying she had a wonderful time and asking why he didn't love her.

Maybe it was because -- according to court documents -- she punched him in the mouth and hit him with her crutch when he tried to drop her off in the parking lot of the Camp Hill Shopping Center. Or perhaps it was because of the false report police said Miller filed claiming she had been raped.

Miller, 50, of the 400 block of Hiltonhead Avenue, was arrested yesterday morning by Camp Hill police and charged with resisting arrest, false alarms to a public safety agency, fictitious reports and false reports to police. She was arraigned in front of District Judge Richard S. Dougherty and committed to Cumberland County Prison in lieu of $7,500 bail, court documents state.'

Female Teacher Says She's Guilty of Having 'Sex' with Student

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'PLEASANT RIDGE, KAN - A high school teacher from Lansing accused of having sex with a student admitted her mistake on Friday and entered a plea to avoid a trial.

While Shannon Young plead guilty to having a sexual relationship with a student at her school, the young man's parents aren't pleased with the sentence she's expected to get because it doesn't involve jail time.

Young, 36, was an English teacher and a volleyball coach at Pleasant Ridge High School in Easton, Kansas during the 2009-2010 school year.

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"If this was not a consensual relationship, this case would have been charged differently. The only thing that made it illegal was Ms. Young's status as a teacher," Young's lawyer Debra Snider said. "Otherwise, this would not have been an illegal set of actions at all."

Todd Thompson, the Leavenworth County attorney, says the teen's parents are outraged by what happened to their son.

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While jail is unlikely, Young will be required to register as a sex offender for the next ten years. Young will learn her fate when she's sentenced on September 8.'

Sperm-donors' kids seek more rights and respect

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'NEW YORK – Katrina Clark and Lindsay Greenawalt have much in common. Bright women in their 20s, raised by single mothers, keenly curious about the men whose donated sperm helped give them life. Clark's search for her father succeeded after only a month, though with a bittersweet aftermath. Greenawalt is still searching, seven years after she started — persisting despite doubts and frustrations.
...
"I've dreamt of you since I was a little girl," Greenawalt wrote to her unknown dad in a Father's Day blog posting in June. "There are so many things I want to know about you."
...
Since 2008, Greenawalt, 25, has been chronicling her quest on a blog, "Confessions of a Cryokid." One of the most wrenching entries came last Thanksgiving, when she addressed the oft-repeated refrain that donor-conceived children ought to be grateful they were born.

"If I had to choose between being conceived with half of my identity and half of my kinship deliberately denied from me for eternity — or never being born — I'd choose never being born," she wrote. "We were created to carry a loss. A loss that no human being should have to endure."'

Liz Jones steps out of character

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Article here. My jaw dropped. Was this the same Liz Jones who is consistently bashing men in the Femail section now having a go at her own gender? I thought it was too good not to share. Excerpt:

'Yet another bit of woman bashing took place last week. According to a survey of 3,000 employees, women bosses are incapable of leaving their personal lives at home and are eager to bitch about colleagues behind their backs.

Yet men, on the other hand, according to research commissioned by the recruitment firm UKJobs.net, never bring their personal lives to work (I can confirm this. I sat opposite a man for three years and only realised his wife had just given birth to their fourth child when one day he stood up, then keeled over, exactly like a felled tree).

Most tellingly, the survey found men in the workplace are simply not as moody.
...

While this column will probably lose me the few remaining stalwart friends I have, I must say that women complain too much: they moan and they whine and they feel sorry for themselves.

Young women are by far the worst culprits: they've come of age in a time when they think they 'deserve' a nice life, rather than having to work for one.
...
Women generally are, as the survey found, 'loose cannons', expending a great deal of energy on office politics (not real politics, mind; when I gave a female employee the afternoon off to find her polling card and vote, she said she couldn't go because she hadn't had her roots done).

The pretty ones always, always, always use their looks to get ahead, but even the ugly ones still manage to slope off on maternity leave.

I feel sorry for men in the workplace. Only the gay ones are allowed to sulk, or wear interesting clothes, or secrete hot, hormonal tears.'

Mexican woman granted asylum for domestic abuse

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' SAN FRANCISCO — A Mexican woman who claimed she was beaten and raped for decades by her common-law husband has won the right to stay in the United States in a case that experts say makes clear that domestic violence is valid grounds for asylum.

The Department of Homeland Security found that the case of the woman known only as L.R. met the stringent standard necessary to win asylum. An immigration judge found in her favor on Aug. 4, and the decision was announced this week by her attorneys.

"The point has been made, very loud and clear, that cases such as these involving domestic violence, and even more broadly, gender-based violence against women, are valid cases," said Karen Musalo, L.R.'s attorney and the head of Hastings Law School's Center for Gender and Refugee Studies at the University of California. The name of the applicant was withheld to protect her privacy.

What makes this case remarkable is that traditionally asylum has been given to individuals being persecuted by a government; applicants had to show they suffered persecution because of their religion, political beliefs, race, nationality or membership in a particular social group.'

"Male and female ability differences down to socialisation, not genetics"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"It is the mainstay of countless magazine and newspaper features. Differences between male and female abilities – from map reading to multi-tasking and from parking to expressing emotion – can be traced to variations in the hard-wiring of their brains at birth, it is claimed.

...

In fact, there are no major neurological differences between the sexes, says Cordelia Fine in her book Delusions of Gender, which will be published by Icon next month. There may be slight variations in the brains of women and men, added Fine, a researcher at Melbourne University, but the wiring is soft, not hard. "It is flexible, malleable and changeable," she said.

In short, our intellects are not prisoners of our genders or our genes and those who claim otherwise are merely coating old-fashioned stereotypes with a veneer of scientific credibility. It is a case backed by Lise Eliot, an associate professor based at the Chicago Medical School. "All the mounting evidence indicates these ideas about hard-wired differences between male and female brains are wrong," she told the Observer.

"Yes, there are basic behavioural differences between the sexes, but we should note that these differences increase with age because our children's intellectual biases are being exaggerated and intensified by our gendered culture. Children don't inherit intellectual differences. They learn them. They are a result of what we expect a boy or a girl to be."'

Superheroes send out wrong message to boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Watching superheroes beat up villains may not be the best image for boys to see if society wants to promote kinder, less stereotypical male behaviours, they claim.

Unlike the comic heroes of the past who often held ordinary day jobs and believed in social justice, the new breed of Hollywood superheroes are aggressive, sarcastic and rarely speak about the virtue of doing good for humanity. Dr Sharon Lamb, of the University of Massachusetts, said that modern depictions of superheroes like Iron Man are often playboy millionaires who are only ruled by selfish goals.
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"There is a big difference in the movie superhero of today and the comic book superhero of yesterday," Dr Lamb told the annual Convention of the American Psychological Association.

"Today's superhero is too much like an action hero who participates in non-stop violence; he's aggressive, sarcastic and rarely speaks to the virtue of doing good for humanity.

"When not in superhero costume, these men, like Ironman, exploit women, flaunt bling and convey their manhood with high-powered guns.'''

CNN: Good relationship with dad can help fight stress

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association reveals that men who had positive relationships with their fathers are better equipped to deal with the stress of everyday life than men who did not remember their dads fondly.

"A big take-home message is that if there is a father present in a child's life, he needs to know how important it is to be involved," said Melanie Mallers of California State University, Fullerton.

Researchers interviewed 912 men and women during an eight-day period about their psychological and emotional state that day. Participants also had to answer questions about their relationships with their mothers and fathers growing up, and how much attention their parents gave them.

The major finding of the study is that men who said they had bad relationships with their fathers in childhood were more likely to be distressed by the stressful incidents of daily life.

Study authors did not see this effect as commonly in women. Mallers thinks that's because women are engaging in other kinds of coping skills, relying on a network of other people besides their parents for support. Men, on the other hand, learn instrumental coping skills from their fathers, she said.
...
Participants who had a good relationships with both parents in childhood tended to have fewer stressful incidents in their lives over the eight-day period than those who had poor parental relationships.'

NY governor signs no-fault divorce bill

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'ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Unhappy New York couples who want to get divorced fast will no longer have to persuade a court that they have been abused, abandoned or cuckolded to be released from their bonds.

Gov. David Paterson announced Sunday that he has signed a bill making New York the last state to enact some version of no-fault divorce, meaning that people trying to leave a marriage will be spared the painful task of attacking their estranged spouse in court.

Previously, under a system the governor called "outdated," New York judges could only grant a divorce quickly on grounds of cruelty, adultery, abandonment or imprisonment. In other words, somebody had to be blamed for the breakup.
...

The new measure requires only that one spouse swear under oath that a relationship has broken down for at least six months.

The change had been opposed by the New York Catholic Conference, which had said it made marriage disposable, and the state chapter of the National Organization of Women, which worried that it could make it easier for wealthy men to hide assets during a divorce proceeding.'

Top Norwegian doctor wants circumcision phased out

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's against important medical ethics and is unnecessary. There's no medical reason for having it done, it's painful for some days afterwards, and there's a possibility of complications," he tells The Foreigner.

Male circumcision is a Jewish and Muslim religious tradition that goes back thousands of years. He takes issue with the some of the physical beliefs surrounding it.

"The old tradition doesn't use an anaesthetic. It's argued the infant's nerve system hasn't developed by the time it's performed on the eighth day, so it couldn't feel pain. But this has been shown to be wrong. Infants do feel pain, they just can't express it."

Markestad, a specialist in children's diseases, doesn't believe banning the procedure is the answer, however. He claims this will lead to the practise disappearing underground, leading to boys suffering even more.'

UK: 'The trouble with boys'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the next 10 days getting on for half a million boys across the country will receive, from the school office or by text or in the traditional brown envelope, their GCSE or A-level results. In our secular culture it is about as close as most of them will get to a public rite of passage. The facts of the grades will invariably come accompanied by a sentence that many of the boys may well have spent much of their lives up to this point trying quite hard to avoid. The sentence, or a variant of it, will be delivered by a parent, or a teacher, or by a sly voice in their head: "So, son, what are you thinking of doing with the rest of your life?" Twenty-five years on, that question still can bring a cold sweat to the back of my neck, a rush of unfocused and competing possibilities, and the echo of a reflexive response: "Christ, I dunno. Don't ask me…"

One of the headlines that will no doubt accompany this year's results, as it has for results of the past decade or more, is the fact that boys have performed in these exams less well than girls (or conversely that girls' grades have tended to rise, while boys' have marked time). That trend has lately seen 64% of girls achieve five A*-C grade GCSEs while only 54% of boys reach that benchmark. It has also seen half of young women participating in some form of higher education, but only 37% of young men. These trends are being felt in the (ever shrinking) jobs market, where even among recent graduates men are 50% more likely to be unemployed than women; that, in turn, is reshaping domestic arrangements across the county. More than a quarter of British men aged between 25 and 29 currently live with their parents (the figure for women is 12%), and a tenth are still in the family home at 35.'

Livermore woman accused of 'sex' with teen boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The 42-year-old Livermore mother accused of sexually assaulting two teenage boys first made an advance at one of them when he was 14 and was dating her daughter of the same age, authorities said.

After the incident in December 2008, authorities said, Christine Hubbs sent sexual text messages to the boy and gave him cash, expensive gifts and cellular telephones to maintain contact with her.

The allegations, contained in a police affidavit, were revealed Monday as Hubbs appeared in an Alameda County courtroom in Pleasanton to face charges that have stunned her suburban city.

The mother of three was arraigned on 67 felony counts, including unlawful sex with a minor and exhibition of lewd material to a minor.

Wearing a jail-issue jumpsuit, she flashed a quick smile at her husband - who waved at her from the second row - but cried as the hearing wore on and a judge ordered her bail set at $4.3 million. She did not enter a plea.'

Politico: 'Good ol' boys' in Warren's way?

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'As President Barack Obama closes in on picking a new federal consumer protection chief, critics' arguments against liberal favorite Elizabeth Warren are getting louder.
...
But some of Warren's supporters see a deeper problem at work against her — in their view, the Treasury Department is a stodgy old boys club poised to blackball Warren from getting the post, in part, because she's a woman.

Now, they're trying to turn that argument on its head. The National Organization for Women, liberal activists and some lawmakers are trying to pressure Obama into choosing Warren, by arguing that Warren would provide much-needed balance to an economics team that they say is too male-dominated, like Wall Street itself.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner "fell on the side of the good ol' boys system that got us into this mess. Elizabeth Warren fell on the side of trying to fix this mess," NOW President Terry O'Neill said in an interview. She said Geithner and top Obama economist Larry Summers are "imbued" with the "notoriously sexist" culture of Wall Street.
...
Rep. Jackie Speier (D-Calif.), one of the most outspoken advocates for Warren on Capitol Hill, agrees there's a gender issue at Treasury.

"I think there's a problem there. ... It's a Wall Street cultural problem. Wall Street is populated by testosterone-driven men," she said. "The president and Secretary Geithner should spend some quality time developing a plan to increase the number of women at Treasury."'

UK: The Shropshire schools with no male teachers

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Official government statistics reveal the staffrooms of 68 primary schools and nurseries in the region are populated solely by women.

They show the classrooms of some 17 primaries and one nursery school in the Telford and Wrekin area have no male teachers.

In the rest of the county, the children at a total of 51 primary schools are only taught by female staff.

Nationally, 4,226 schools in England – 3,340 primaries and 386 nurseries – have no male staff, according to the latest data for 2009.

This is despite a long-running government campaign to encourage men back into what is now seen as a female profession.

Men also tend to shun working with younger children over fears they will be accused of paedophilia.

It means many children have no regular contact with an adult man until they go to secondary school aged 11.

But experts say it is vital for boys – particularly those who may not have a father at home – to have positive role models as they grow up.'

Man almost crushed to death; By-standers laugh

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Bengaluru: In a shocking incident, a young man of 21 years age was almost crushed between the hydraulic doors of a Marco Polo bus in Bangalore on Sunday evening, the 1st August 2010.

Prannoy David Roy, a resident of Kaggadasapura, Bengaluru was returning after attending a mass at Indiranagar when the incident happened. Rao boarded the bus numbered 314 E bearing registration number KA 01 F 4550 at around 7:30 PM.

However, what was more shocking than the above callous behavior of the Govt. servants was the reaction of the few bystanders who were laughing at the condition of the man instead of helping him.
...
Mithun Kumar, Men's Rights Activist from Bengaluru reacting sharply to the attitude of the fellow passengers said, "Everyone has only expectations from young men but no one understands their problems and pains. The real issue is the lack of awareness of men's issue and unnecessary negative portrayal of men in media and otherwise. These problems can only be solved if men too have a ministry for their welfare and a national commission for themselves. The Govt. of India should think about it"'

Adoption rulings may boost birth father's rights

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Adoptive parents often don't worry much about challenges from an alleged birth father who wasn't married to the mother.

If the man didn't meet the 30-day deadline for signing the state's putative-father registry, offer support during the pregnancy or establish paternity before the adoption was filed, he might have little chance to halt the placement.

But two recent Ohio Supreme Court rulings in favor of birth fathers are putting putative-father laws on shaky ground, some observers say.

"I don't think it's hit people yet just how pervasive this might be," said Susan Eisenman, an Upper Arlington adoption lawyer. "If the guy doesn't want the adoption to go forward, all he has to do is file a paternity suit. Even if he's done nothing for the child, he can stop it."
...

In the two cases the court decided by 4-3 rulings last month, neither father had paternity legally determined before the adoption proceedings began, according to Ohio Supreme Court documents.

One man, whose child was placed for private adoption in Lucas County, had signed the registry on time. Another had not signed the registry but had been involved with the mother and sought to contest the adoption of his daughter by the woman's new husband in Hamilton County.

Kenneth Cahill, attorney for the biological father in the Hamilton County case, said his client had an established relationship with his child. The girl was nearly 2 years old by the time her new stepfather filed to adopt.

"The legislative history of the putative-father registry didn't fit the facts of this case," Cahill said. "To use a technicality to say that a parent-child relationship is going to be terminated doesn't sit well."'

Putting a happy face on having no dad

rlaspari · 16 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I have nothing to say. This is just too awful for words. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (CBS/AP) It's a sign of the times if ever there was one.

A New York woman who's moving to Florida has been ordered to use the Skype computer program so her children can have long-distance, on-line visitation with their father.

State Supreme Court Justice Jerry Garguilo made the ruling after Debra Baker of Coram, N.Y., told the court she is moving to Venice, Fla. The unemployed bookkeeper explained her house is in foreclosure.

Garguilo ordered the Bakers' children, ages 6 and 9, to communicate three times a week with their father on Long Island using the video-conferencing program.'

UK: Men paid less than their wives are 'five times more likely to cheat'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Well-paid wives beware - men who are financially dependent on their other halves are more likely to be unfaithful, research shows.

And the greater the earning gap, the more likely the man is to cheat, the study suggests.

It found that house husbands whose wives work all day were five times more likely to have an affair than those who contribute an equal amount of money to the partnership.

It is unclear why but it may be that their male pride is wounded by their wife or live-in girlfriend being more successful than them - and having an affair is a way of reasserting their masculinity.

Some house husbands may find the temptation of being surrounded by 'yummy mummies' on school runs just too much to bear.

With recent British research revealing that nearly at third of women are earning more than their men, the finding could raise suspicion in millions of homes.'

Pop star 'sorry' for HIV deceit

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Nadja Benaissa, 28, was appearing at a court in Darmstadt, near Frankfurt.

The former girl band singer is accused of having unprotected sex on five occasions without letting her lovers know she was infected with the virus, which causes AIDS.

One of her partners was subsequently confirmed as being HIV positive.

Benaissa is facing between six months and ten years in prison.

The ex-member of all-female pop group No Angels, was arrested last April and charged in February this year with causing bodily harm.'

Murder charges sought against mom in children's deaths

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Unemployed, single and apparently fed up with criticism from her mother, a 29-year-old Orangeburg, South Carolina, woman suffocated her two toddlers with her bare hands before strapping them into car seats and submerging her car in a river, authorities said Tuesday.

Shaquan Duley is facing two counts of murder in the deaths of her sons, ages 1 and 2, said Orangeburg County Sheriff Larry Williams. She is set to appear in court Wednesday.

"She was a mother that was unemployed. She had no means of taking care of her children," Williams told reporters. "She lives with her mother and her mother was a very, I guess, firm individual. ... She often talked with her daughter about, I guess, maybe being more of a mother or being more reliable."

Mother and daughter argued the night before the children's bodies were found early Monday in Duley's Chrysler sedan, submerged in the Edisto River, he said.'

Million Father March helps promote education

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'GARY Keanu Patterson knows why men are important in his life.

"The father or father figure will try to keep you out of trouble," the 14-year-old freshman at West Side Freshman Academy said. "He will lead you away from drugs, alcohol and having a child before it's time."

Patterson joined elected officials, school representatives and local leaders at Gary's Boys & Girls Club on Monday to promote the Million Father March. The event, which begins on the first day of school, calls on men to walk children to school and continue their involvement in and out of the classroom throughout the school year.

In Gary, students return to school Wednesday.

"Statistics show when a father is involved in a child's life, they fare better in school," said Bennie Muhammad, executive director of the Gary Commission on the Social Status of Black Males, which is organizing the city's participation in the event. "Women make women and men make men. We're asking men to be a part of their child's life."'

New York Schools get a big fat F when it comes to teaching black male students, report says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The city is one of the 10 worst-performing large school districts in the nation when it comes to African-American boys.

The Schott Foundation for Public Education study looked at graduation rates, performance on national tests and participation in gifted and Advanced Placement classes - and the picture is devastating.

National tests showed 9% of New York's black male eighth-graders were reading at grade level in 2009, compared with 10% in 2003.

In 2008, only 28% of male blacks graduated high school in the city, the same rate as in Philadelphia and Jefferson Parish in New Orleans. White male graduation rates in New York were 50% that year. The city graduation rates were based on the rigorous Regents diploma.'

"Princess culture is in danger of turning a generation of girls into overspending narcissists"

Scottie · 17 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A communications professor at Creighton University in Nebraska, Shuler decided to take a sabbatical to study what academics are starting to call "princess culture" -- young girls inundated by films, books, toys, clothes and enabled by friends and family who encourage them to see themselves as bona fide blue-bloods.

Little girls have always swanned around in mom's castoff party frocks while pretending to boss the staff. But observers are concerned about what princess culture is doing to little girls. And what will happen when little princesses grow up to be insufferable adolescents and adults who demand constant adulation and access to a bottomless pot of spending money.

"When she's 15 and you say 'She's a princess,' that's not good. So where's the transition?" asks personality psychologist Jean Twenge, co-author of The Narcissism.
...
It's easy to think the corporate world is simply imposing products on an unsuspecting world, but it's more complicated than that, says Cook. Disney's princess merchandising touched a nerve that already existed, as well as a sweet spot for selling stuff to little girls and their elders who are willing to extend princess-hood far past the primary school years.

"There was something going on with these girls," Cook says. "So many young girls want to maintain the princess persona past the boundary of playtime. Part of play can be powerfully educational and transformative. But eventually you have to put it down. What concerns me is the lack of boundaries."'

F&F: 2nd CAMPAIGN: Ask Gov. Schwarzenegger to Sign AB 2416

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Short version: At Fathers and Families we receive many letters from divorced or separated military servicemembers with painful but preventable family law problems. California AB 2416 will help protect the loving bonds that servicemembers share with their children—to write a letter to Governor Schwarzenegger asking him to sign AB 2416, click here.

MorenoPlease send your letter whether you are a California resident or not. Your letter will be hand-delivered to the Governor's office by our Sacramento legislative representative. You may use our form letter or write your own.

Full version: At Fathers and Families we receive many letters from divorced or separated military servicemembers with painful but preventable family law problems.

Many parents serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, or other distant locales are anguished that custodial parents have impeded or completely eliminated their contact with their children. When the deployed soldier calls his children at the court-specified time, nobody answers. Letters are written, but they never reach the children.'

The Picture for Men: Superhero or Slacker

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Article here. Excerpt:

The Picture for Men: Superhero or Slacker: Recent scholarship and popular journalism both suggest an unappealing future for American boys: You're screwed.

At the end of the fourth season of the critically loved and chronically underwatched Friday Night Lights, the former football star Tim Riggins martyrs himself for the sake of his brother and newborn nephew. For much of the season, he and his brother Billy have been stripping down stolen cars and making the type of fast cash they cannot make legitimately. Tim wants the quick cash to fund his desire to buy a bit of sun-drenched Texas countryside, and Billy needs it for his new duties as a father.

...

In the show, the character of Tim Riggins is a poster child for what Hanna Rosin has provocatively referred to, in a recent Atlantic cover story, as "The End of Men." Rosin argues that in our postindustrial society, women are succeeding in a way in which men cannot keep up. Women are attending and graduating from college and professional schools at a higher rate, and women are entering and ascending in the work force in greater numbers and more successfully.'

Death of infant twins ruled homicide

Matt · 19 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Thirteen-month-old twins Kimora and Kamari Roberson were underweight and overheated when they died in their Far South Side home, officials said on Friday.

The sisters, who each weighed only about 13 pounds, died of hyperthermia, environmental exposure and failure to thrive due to maternal neglect, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

The deaths were ruled homicides, and the babies' mother, Regina Lofton, 21, was charged on Friday with felony child endangerment resulting in the death of a child.'

Australia: Jailed mums keeping in touch with kids

Matt · 19 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Tonight in New South Wales, more than 700 women will spend the night behind bars, and some will have their children in custody with them.

The mothers and children's program at the Emu Plains Correctional Centre in western Sydney has been operating since the late 1990s.

The minimum security complex has now started a program to help women maintain a link with their children on the outside.

Nearly two years ago, Cindy MacDonald was convicted of firearms offences, and since then she has been held inside the Emu Plains Correctional Centre.'

Body of French Chef Found Stuffed in Freezer

Matt · 19 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(Aug. 12) -- The former girlfriend of a famous French chef has confessed to punching him to death and then hiding his body in a freezer for the past two years, prosecutors say.

The police raided the apartment the two used to share in Lyon, southwest France, after Guylene Collober, 51, confessed to her daughter on Tuesday that "something unfortunate" had happened to the 71-year-old Jean-Francois Poinard in 2008, The Globe and Mail reported today.

The daughter told police. When they arrived at the apartment, Collober collapsed in tears saying, "I think you'll find what you're looking for."
Jean-Francois Poinard - his body found stuffed in freezer.

The body of Poinard, a retired restaurateur who was regarded as one of the country's best chefs in the 1970s and 1980s, was found in a fetal position wrapped in plastic bags, The Globe and Mail reported.'

Phyllis Schlafly: The Feminist Left Goes Global on Our Money

Matt · 19 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Click here to find out more!

Just when we thought President Obama had reached the ultimate in seizing extravagant power by appointing a Health Care Czar (Donald Berwick) to exercise life-and-death surveillance over Medicare and Medicaid, Congress is now trying to give him a czar with global powers. It would be a czar over worldwide women's issues.

Based in the State Department, her statutory title will be "Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues." Her task will be to assure a "gender integration" perspective in all State Department policies and programs.

The breath-taking reach of her powers is openly stated in the bill's first section: "The Ambassador shall coordinate and advise, and where relevant lead -- (1) State Department activities and policies, including as they affect programs and funding relating to prevention and response, including gender integration and women's development internationally as relates to prevention and response."'

Steep Drop Seen in Circumcisions in U.S.

Matt · 19 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite a worldwide campaign for circumcision to slow the spread of AIDS, the rate of circumcision among American baby boys appears to be declining.

A little-noted presentation by a federal health researcher last month at the International AIDS Conference in Vienna suggested that the rate had fallen precipitously — to fewer than half of all boys born in conventional hospitals from 2006 to 2009, from about two-thirds through the 1980s and ’90s.

Last week, officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cautioned that the figures in the presentation were not definitive. But they are already stirring a sharp debate on the Internet.

The numbers were presented to the AIDS conference by a C.D.C. researcher, Charbel E. El Bcheraoui. The presentation was not covered by any mainstream news outlets, but a report by the news service Elsevier Global Medical News, along with a photograph of a slide from the presentation, quickly made the rounds of the blogosphere.'

Thanks to IA for the heads-up. Despite all the push for MGM from "scientists", it's good to see the public rejecting the attempts at brainwashing and sticking with common sense. Nonetheless, we're not done 'til MGM is done.

Paris teens charged in bare-breasted robberies

anthony · 19 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Paris, France (CNN) -- French police believe they've gotten to the bottom of a series of robberies in which teenage girls exposed their breasts to distract men withdrawing money from Paris cash machines.

Two teenagers have been charged with three hold-ups, but they will be prosecuted as juveniles since they are under 18, according to the Paris prosecutor's office.

Police say that on August 7, a man inserted a card into a cash machine in central Paris to withdraw money when two young females approached him and asked for money. The girls waved a newspaper at the man in an attempt to distract him, but the technique didn't work.

So the girls tried another strategy: One of them bared her breasts and put her hand on the man's genitals while the other took the opportunity to withdraw 300 euros, police said.'

endabuse.org sets sites on teenage and pre-teen boys

Matt · 19 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Teen boys wearing sweats with “Awaiting Instructions” emblazoned on the front? What is all this crap from something called the Family Violence Prevention Fund about?

“Respect Girls”? what do you think of this horrible ad de-balling innocent teen and pre-teen looking boys? Why should young teens wear t-shirts or sweats with the words: “Awaiting Instructions” pasted across the front?

Since when are young boys abusing anyone? Do these children look like abusers? This gives new meaning to child abuse!

“Awaiting Instructions”? From whom? For What? Where did this come from? What did this poor kid do to be branded an abuser and told to await instructions?

Looks like the folks at the Family Violence Prevention Fund, (endabuse.org) want to turn our young boys into feminized Zombies, ball-less geldings, waiting to be awoken by a superior race and given some type of instructions.'

Allstate Foundation propagates false DV stats

Matt · 20 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

Nearly everyone has heard the expression, "You're in good hands with Allstate." And now the Allstate Insurance Company has set up a domestic violence grant program.

But its website features the usual parade of one-sided and flawed statistics:

"Each day in the U.S. three women die as the result of domestic violence."
"More than one in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime."

To see the real truth of domestic violence, see this Fact Sheet: "Seven Key Facts about Domestic Violence"

Complain to Allstate now: 1-800-255-7828
Or email: http://messaging.allstate.com/corp.aspx

But don't complain just once -- do it every hour today until Allstate posts balanced information on its website.

WikiLeaks Founder Falsely Charged with Rape in Sweden

Stinger503 · 21 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Update: Swedish prosecutors have canceled the arrest warrant issued for Assange. “Chief prosector Eva Finné has come to the desicion that Julian Assange is not suspected of rape,” the Swedish Prosecution Authority has announced.

...

“According to Expressen, the Australian is facing charges leveled from two women. The media report suggests that Assange has been charged in absentia, based on recent claims leveled against him,” reports OneIndia this morning."'

Men Wear Bras So Women Can Go Topless

anthony · 22 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Women in nine U.S. cities -- Seattle, New York, Chicago, Miami, Los Angeles, Denver, Honolulu, San Francisco and Austin, Texas -- will gather in public spots on Aug. 22 to put the hot-button issue front and center by wearing little more than strategically placed stickers.

In addition, male supporters of the cause will show their support by wearing bras and bikinis.

"It's a matter of fairness," Go Topless director Nadine Gary said. "We want equal topless rights for all or none."

Gary believes that the right for women to go topless should be guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. "The Supreme Court won't stop us," she added

Although other countries, such as Gary's country of origin, France, tolerate topless women, she wants it to be in the legal books so there is no wiggle room.
...
Meanwhile, Gary is getting support from, not surprisingly, men.

"Guys are great," she said. "They understand this issue, and we get lots of cooperation from males."'

UK: Woman who urinated on graves of servicemen sought

Matt · 22 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. They died for her right to piss on their graves and then have sex in public nearby? Not so sure about that. Excerpt:

'A hunt was on Sunday for the woman branded "Britain's most disgusting person" for urinating on a war memorial after she fled court following a public shaming by elderly veterans.

An arrest warrant is out for Wendy Lewis, 32, who was given a "guard of dishonour" by angry veterans when she appeared at Blackpool Magistrates Court.

She was caught on security cameras relieving herself on the seaside town's Cenotaph, before performing a sex act on a man nearby.

Lewis was found guilty of outraging public decency and was due to be sentenced Friday.

But after turning up 40 minutes late at court, she vanished before her case began.

Veterans wearing smart uniforms and campaign medals lined up outside to give her a slow handclap. They shouted "Disgusting!" at she went inside.

"It is unforgivable what she did in the face of these dead men," said former Royal Marine James Baker, 88, who was one of few from his unit who survived the Normandy Landings.

"It can be neither forgiven nor forgotten by the ex-services' community and the wider community as well.

"If she had expressed remorse, and meant it, we could forgive then, if not forget. But I'm sorry, she is just beyond the pale."'

Domestic Violence- An Introduction

Matt · 22 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Jeremy S.:

Domestic Violence- An Introduction

Part 1 of 3
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HO5kLprp3Qg

Part 2 of 3
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nu7z_v2NNPI

Part 3 of 3
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNf4hmWBtrk

These are must-see clips.

How Women Batter Men and the Role of the Feminist State

Matt · 22 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

A study discussed here, while the study link is here (.pdf file). Excerpt:

'Over the last twenty-five years, leading sociologists have repeatedly found that men and women commit violence at similar rates.
...
...the literature consistently suggests that only men commit domestic violence. Either explicitly, or more often implicitly, through the failure to address the subject in any objective manner, female violence is denied, defended and minimized.

I assert in Part III that today's refusal to react is a product of the feminist control over the issue of domestic violence. Female violence presents both a threat to feminist theory as well as to the practice of domestic violence law. Notwithstanding such concerns, today's myopic understanding of domestic violence has serious implications.'

CNN reporter finds it amusing when boys cry

Anonymous · 23 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Chelsea, who until recently honed her pitching arm in Plant City, Florida's Little League program, told CNN Sunday that she feels "really honored and blessed" to be recognized on a national level at such an early age.

In addition to her Hall of Fame achievement, Chelsea was also recently featured on ESPN's "E:60" series.

Chelsea, who says she has been pitching since she was 7 years old, boasts a fastball in the mid-60s (miles per hour) and a baffling knuckleball that has been known to make her male opponents shed a tear.

"Yeah, when I strike them out with the knuckleball, sometimes they'll throw their helmets and start crying," she laughs. "It's just really funny to watch."

Reporter giggles happily at around 1:20.

Autism: A woman's face on a largely male problem

rlaspari · 24 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

NPR has a tendency to subtly favor women over men. I remember a story they ran about the current recession -- which has affected men more heavily than women -- where they still tied it into a woman's story somehow.

Today, I saw a piece they ran on autism here. It's a decent piece overall, and autism unquestionably affects women. However, autism affects males at least 4 to 5 times more often than females. Yet, NPR chose to put a female face on autism.

Also, in this piece it's clear NPR spoke with researcher Simon Baron-Cohen. However, NPR never mentioned one of his main theories regarding autism -- that it can be viewed as a sort of "excessive maleness" in the brain. Baron-Cohen even theorizes that a possible cause of autism may be excessive testosterone exposure while in the womb.

There is no mention of any of this in this story. There is no indication that autism is a profoundly male problem.

F & F Alimony Reform Bill Goes to Governor; Schwarzenegger Signs F & F's SB 1188

Matt · 24 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'CA Legislature Passes F & F's SB 1482 to Protect Alimony Obligors from Abuses

Many alimony obligors assert that their exes are voluntarily unemployed or underemployed, or are artificially lowering their earning capacity because they'd rather keep collecting large amounts of tax-free alimony.

Senator Rod Wright's (D-Los Angeles) SB 1482, which recently passed the full California legislature and is now on Governor Schwarzenegger's desk for signature, helps solve this problem. The bill allows obligors to request vocational examinations for the recipients of alimony payments, and requires judges to follow the examiner's estimate of the recipient's earning ability when calculating alimony.'

Plotting ex-wife gets 7-14 years in jail

Matt · 24 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BRENTWOOD – Kristin Ruggiero will spend 7 to 14 years in state prison for what police say was part of a years-long ploy to use the criminal justice system against her ex-husband, who was thrown in jail and nearly lost his career during a bitter divorce.

Judge Kenneth McHugh said Ruggiero's attempt to set up her ex-husband and use the legal system as a weapon was unlike any other case he has seen.

"There's a lot of people, usually women, who have been subjected to abuse by their significant others," McHugh said, during Ruggiero's sentencing yesterday. "As a result of her actions, their cases, their safety, their security has been damaged. The web for this is much greater than what has just happened to Mr. Ruggiero."
...
While Jeffrey Ruggiero was being investigated, his ex-wife called him at all hours and taunted him over the phone, according to court testimony.

"She mocked him. She laughed at him. (She said) 'I took all your money, I took your daughter and now I am going to take your career'," Assistant County Attorney Jerome Blanchard said in court yesterday.'

Rape charge stayed amid questions

Stinger503 · 25 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A strange turn of events saw the Crown stay a sexual assault charge following four days of trial and after the accused man had waited 26 months in custody for a judge and jury to hear his case.

James Ferris, 36, walked out of Superior Court a free man yesterday when the prosecutor told Justice Kim Carpenter-Gunn the Crown had re-evaluated its case in light of new developments and no longer believed there was a reasonable prospect of obtaining a conviction.

The rape trial went off the rails earlier yesterday when Ferris's lawyer, Peter Boushy, told the judge what he'd learned from a colleague in the legal community about the 27-year-old female complainant.'

Another case of deadly LGBT domestic violence in Massachusetts

Matt · 25 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Massachusetts murder has once again focused attention on LGBT domestic violence.

A Brockton woman walked into that city's police station on Aug. 9 and allegedly confessed to killing her ex-girlfriend's Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor because the woman allegedly had come between the couple.

Eunice Field, 54, told police she killed Lorraine Wachsman, 62, at Wachsman's Bridgewater condo, according to Assistant District Attorney Thomas Flanagan.

Field left a note for her ex-girlfriend, Renee Williams, in the Brockton apartment they shared stating that she killed Wachsman, a retired school teacher, "for taking away the love of her life", Flanagan said at Field's Aug. 10 arraignment. The prosecutor said Field stabbed Wachsman three or four times in the back and neck with a serrated knife.'

Boston jury convicts woman of setting fire that killed girlfriend's two children

Matt · 25 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Boston jury on Feb. 16 convicted a woman for setting a fire that killed her girlfriend's two young daughters nearly two years ago.

The Suffolk County jury convicted Nicole Chuminski on two counts of second-degree murder in connection with Acia and Sophia Johnson's deaths. The panel also convicted her of arson for setting the blaze and two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (smoke and flames) for injuries the girls' mother and brother sustained.

A judge will sentence Chuminski on Feb. 18. She faces a mandatory life sentence with the possibility of parole after 15 years on each murder conviction.'

Business Insider: 15% Of Women Have Slept With Their Bosses, 37% Promoted For It

Matt · 25 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Research from the Center for Work-Life Policy shows mid-level, professional women need powerful, senior executives to help promote them to the next level of management.

The problem is this: More often than not, superiors are males who are married.

Enter, sex.

In that same CWLP study, 34% of executive women claim they know a female colleague who has had an affair with a boss. Furthermore, 15% of women at the director level or above admitted to having affairs themselves.

And worse, 37% claim the action was rewarded: they said that women involved in affairs received a career boost as a result.'

German court finds female HIV singer guilty; no jail time

anthony · 26 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DARMSTADT, Germany — A German girl band singer broke down in tears Thursday as a court found her guilty of causing bodily harm to her ex-boyfriend by having unprotected sex with him despite knowing she was infected with HIV. She was not sentenced to jail time.

Nadja Benaissa, a member of No Angels, was given a two-year suspended prison sentence and 300 hours community service after she was convicted in a Darmstadt administrative court. She faced a possible ten years behind bars.

The court ruled that the 28-year-old had infected a former boyfriend with the virus that causes AIDS by having unprotected sex with him.

"We have to remember that she was a lot younger than she is now, she had a turbulent life, and the acts were committed a long time ago," he told Associated Press Television News. "I think a suspended sentence is justified."'

Wal-Mart asks Supreme Court to block giant gender bias lawsuit

anthony · 26 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Retail giant Wal-Mart on Wednesday asked the US Supreme Court to overturn a lower court ruling allowing more than 1.5 million women employees of the company to join together in what would become the largest class-action employment lawsuit in history.

The lawsuit filed by six women in 2001 charges that Wal-Mart engaged in gender discrimination by paying female employees less than men, and in passing women over for promotions that went to men. It seeks billions of dollars in damages.

Gender discrimination lawsuits are usually litigated one employee at a time. But courts may allow plaintiffs who were harmed under similar circumstances by the same person or company to join together in a common class of litigants to pursue their lawsuit.'

Australia: Honoured campaigner forced to sleep in car

Matt · 27 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A man recognised with one of the nation's highest honours for his work with divorced and separated fathers is now living on the street.

Tony Miller, the founder of Dads in Distress, will accept his Order of Australia medal in Sydney today.

He says he has been sleeping in his car on the New South Wales mid-north coast because he lost his housing and is unable to work due to stress.

Mr Miller says there an urgent need nationally for refuges for homeless men.

"It's not about me," he said.

"The reality is there's a lot of blokes out there, a lot of people out there that are homeless and I'm asking the government to look at that situation.

"Where are the men's shelters in this country? There's women's shelters all over the country and rightly so, but there are no men's shelters in this country. Where does a bloke go when it all hits the roof?"'

Woman Charged With Slashing Leonardo DiCaprio's Face to Stand Trial

anthony · 27 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES – A judge ordered a woman to stand trial on a charge of slashing Leonardo DiCaprio's face with glass during a 2005 party.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Edmund Willcox Clarke ordered Aretha Wilson to face one count of assault with a deadly weapon. The charge includes an allegation that Wilson, 40, caused great bodily injury.

The details and extent of DiCaprio's injuries were not made public, although the judge, who has reviewed photos of the injuries to the actor's ear and neck, said Thursday that "this would not be an injury that would be called trivial or moderate, in my view."'

British Airways changes 'discriminatory' seating policy for men

Matt · 29 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'British Airways has changed its seating policy after a businessman complained of being treated like a "child molester" when sitting next to a boy he did not know.

The airline has confirmed to The Sunday Telegraph it has altered its procedures to protect unaccompanied minors – the aviation industry term for children flying without a parent or guardian.

It follows the case of Mirko Fischer, a hedge fund manager who was told to move seats by cabin crew under an internal rule that prevented adult males sitting next to unaccompanied children.'

IA: August News: U.S. Circumcision Rate Drops to Just 33%!

Matt · 29 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

This email action form is from an IA newsletter:

'The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Task Force on Circumcision has been meeting to finalize its policy on routine male circumcision. Having recently retracted its policy statement calling for a lift of the Federal ban on female genital cutting – and with U.S. circumcision rates at an all-time low – the AAP must now stand up and protect the rights of ALL children to an intact body.

While the AAP prepares to go public with its statement, it's critical that it hear directly from people who oppose circumcision. Remind them that it's wrong – morally, medically, and ethically – and that doctors took an oath to "do no harm.'

U of Chicago Social Srvc Admin report: Black Men Among Most Disadvantaged, Least Helped in U.S.

fondueguy · 29 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

A blog post here, repors on a new book from the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Service Administration. Excerpt:

'Among disadvantaged people in the United States, the most needy and least helped are probably African-American men, according to a new book from the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration.
...
The book is a collection of studies, which details the disadvantages that black men face and suggests ways they can be helped. The contributors are leading scholars in social work and other related fields from around the country. Among the findings reported in the book:

• Black male youths are likely to grow up in single-parent homes. The boys often don't have fathers residing in the home to serve as role models. Without paternal involvement, boys are more likely to develop ideas about what it means to be a man based on negative media portrayals and depictions, which leads them to be emotionally uninvolved and apprehensive.
...

• Black boys are more likely to experience difficulty in school and are less likely to graduate than any other group.
...
Despite their problems, few programs are designed specifically to help black males, and social workers may not view them as part the families and communities that the workers serve, with the result that black males' individual needs go unaddressed.
...
"Many communities discourage single men from living in public housing, which signals negative value and worth as individuals and members of families who need places to live," Johnson said. The plan can help men move forward and become fully participating members of society."'

It's just another hole in Feminism's supposed plight for "diversity" and the underrepresented.

Allstate not listening-- time for action

Matt · 30 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

Last week we alerted persons about Allstate Insurance Company's flawed DV statistics: http://www.allstate.com/foundation/about-domestic-violence.aspx. Many responded, but as seen from the four responses below, Allstate still doesn't understand that DoJ crime reports provide a biased depiction of DV.

So folks, it's time we send a powerful message to Allstate: CANCEL YOUR POLICY…AND DO IT NOW!

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Dear Mr. A:

You recently contacted us regarding the Allstate Foundation's on-line resources about ending domestic violence, and your e-mail was brought to my attention. Thank you for sharing your feedback, which is important to us. I would like to take a moment to personally respond to your concerns.

In regard to The Allstate Foundation Domestic Violence Program, I think it would be helpful to first share some background information regarding our involvement with this worthy cause. The Allstate Foundation joined with the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) in 2005. Since this partnership began, we have been committed to promoting economic empowerment strategies that can help to reduce the domestic abuse that plagues many households. Also, the programs the Allstate Foundation supports have positively influenced many lives and were chosen based on research provided by the United States Department of Justice.

However, please keep in mind that even though the Allstate Foundation is unable to financially support certain programs it doesn't mean we don't recognize that both men and women may be living in abusive situations.

We appreciate your comments, and we thank you for taking the time to contact us.

Honest feedback like yours helps us to more fully understand the issues that are being faced by so many every day.

Edith Briggs
Allstate Customer Resolution Specialist
1-800-570-6206 EXT 4561

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Also, thank you for suggesting Fiebert ML. References Examining Assaults by Women on their Spouses or Male Partners. California State University, 2010. (http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm), Archer J. Sex Differences in Aggression Between Heterosexual Partners: A Meta-Analytic Review. Psychological Bulletin Vol. 126, No. 5, 2000), (Stith S, Smith DB, Penn CE, et al. Intimate partner physical abuse perpetration and victimization risk factors: A meta-analytic review, and Aggression and Violent Behavior Vol. 10, 2004. pp. 65-98)

as additional resources related to domestic violence. However, since we do not currently support these organizations, we can not provide links for them on our web pages.

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We appreciate your comments, and we thank you for taking the time to contact us.

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I'm going to close your file for now but please reply to this e-mail at your earliest convenience if you have any questions. I can be reached between the hours of 9:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Sincerely,

Victor Rice

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Sincerely,

DEJA HATCH
CUSTOMER RESOLUTION SPECIALIST
1-800-995-2572 EXT. 4573
ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY

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Dear Dr. D,

Thank you for taking the time to look into our domestic violence program and for your clear passion to fight this

issue that impacts so many people. We try to keep our program gender-neutral and certainly do not wish to exclude any victims of domestic violence, male or female. We believe our program and website reflect this commitment. While we acknowledge that domestic violence impacts both men and women, our work is guided by studies by the U.S. Department of Justice studies and many others showing that women comprise the vast majority of domestic violence victims. One such study found that women make up 84% of spouse abuse victims and 86% of abuse victims by a boyfriend or girlfriend.[1]

We hope this helps to clarify our position on the issue. Thank you for your comments.

Sincerely,

The Allstate Foundation

Australia: More Rorts for "Victims" of DV - Female Ones Only Of Course

Anonymous · 31 August 2010 · Archived copy · Original

The gravy train for victims of DV (female only) just gets longer and longer here in Australia. Universities in Australia are mostly publicly-funded so it is only a small step until this becomes a mandatory benefit for all female public servants. Just another way for taxpayers' (mostly men) money to be handed over to females. Of course no mention of male victims of DV even though it is becoming almost impossible for the media, governments and academics to keep denying the irrefutable truth. -- Great Southern Lander

Excerpt:

'Victims of domestic violence will get an extra 20 days of paid leave a year as part of a historic clause in an enterprise agreement.

In a first for Australian workplaces, the Public Service Association of NSW has been negotiating with the University of NSW to allow its workers to take special leave to attend court, counselling or a doctor.

The union has also written to Premier Kristina Keneally, urging her to include the domestic violence provisions in the award that covers many of the state's 300,000 public servants.

Ms Keneally asked the Department of Premier and Cabinet to meet the union. Preliminary talks were held this month to discuss a statewide domestic violence clause.

The clause will also ensure bosses cannot sack or suspend an employee if their attendance or work performance suffers because of domestic violence. Human resources staff will receive training in domestic violence issues.'

Ed. note: For those not familiar with the term "rort": http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rort

UK: Boys 'being held back by women teachers' as gender stereotypes are reinforced

Broadsword · 1 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Women teachers are holding back boys by reprimanding them for typically male behaviour, according to a study out today.

They are reinforcing stereotypes that boys are ‘silly’ in class, refuse to ‘sit nicely like the girls’ and are more likely to indulge in ‘schoolboy pranks’.

Women teachers may also unwittingly perpetuate low expectations of boys’ academic achievement and encourage girls to work harder by letting them think they are cleverer.
...

The study of primary schools in the county suggests that under-performance among boys in most national exams could be linked to lower expectations.

The research mainly implicates women teachers, since nearly 90 per cent of primary school teachers are female. It warned that school staff find boys’ play, such as wielding toy guns, ‘particularly challenging and difficult’.

Boys are punished and urged to conform to a more feminine style of play instead of being taught how to play responsibly with their preferred toys.'

Gay men and the men's rights movement

Matt · 1 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Latest from "A Voice For Men" here. If you're a gay man, don't let the article headline fool you. Read on. Excerpt:

'If you have spent any real amount of time reading the articles, and in particular the comments in men's movement forums, then you are aware of an often anti-homosexual attitude that has been prevalent for quite some time.

On a political level, some of the resentment is understandable. Gay activists have aligned themselves with feminists, and, while marching in misandric lockstep, have draped themselves in victim couture and made their grab for special government considerations. The resultant draconian intrusions and bullying on behalf of gays and other special interest groups is a core issue in the men's movement, and for good reason.

They have no idea who their real enemies are. No, not a freaking clue. And that ignorance sets up them up to lose more rights than they could ever hope to gain.
...

Gay men have invented new technology, built cities, researched cures for disease, made profound contributions to the arts, literature and philosophy, excelled at athletics and participated wholly in every aspect of the development of civilization as we know it.
...
... We live in a culture that doesn‘t regard gay men as men. So, it would stand to reason that a movement of social awareness and enlightenment, proffering that men who are gay are no less men than men who are straight, would have been in order. And it would have served a purpose not dissimilar from what we see in the men's movement today- to wit, that holding men to standards and expectations based on sex, while relieving women of their corresponding expectations, has led directly to their systematic, conscripted misuse as human beings.'

Zimbabwe: Man gets death threats for refusing circumcision

Minuteman · 2 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Zimbabwean man has fled his homestead after receiving death threats for refusing to be circumcised, it has been reported

Mr Patrick Chauke (46), who comes from Masekesa village under Chief Tshovane in Chiredzi, said he fled his home last month after receiving death threats from the chief and his council for refusing to be circumcised.

“I am a victim of harassment and fear that they will kill me. On 27 July this year, the chief sent his man to take me to the bush for circumcision and threatened to kill me if I refused,” he said.'

Creem: Acting in the best interests of children of divorce

Anonymous · 2 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Amid all the acrimony that has been recently raised by media coverage of fathers' rights activists seeking divorce reform, it is crucial to keep focus on the single most important tenet underpinning the entire discussion: the best interests of the children of divorce must be the priority in determining appropriate child custody arrangements.

Based on what you've recently seen or heard, or if you read last week's guest column by Ned Holstein, you might conclude, because I practice law part time when not engaged in my full-time job as your state Senator, that I am so conflicted that the only interests I take into account are those of divorce lawyers!

Not only have these claims been dismissed by both the State Ethics Commission and Common Cause (a leading government watchdog organization), but in my one year as Senate chairman of Judiciary, I appointed a task force that I expect will write consensus alimony reform legislation to be taken up and hopefully passed by the Legislature in next year's session.

I support divorce law reform. I believe that the best way to achieve it is by bringing all involved parties together to respectfully consider their various viewpoints and work toward agreement. After all, that's what leadership is about — bringing people of differing views together to reach consensus so that we can all move successfully forward.'

Australia: Ombudsman finds domestic violence campaign 'misleading'

Matt · 3 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A national men's group is claiming victory over what it calls a feminist agenda on domestic violence.

An independent investigation has upheld the group's complaint about a public awareness campaign in South Australia.

The Ombudsman's inquiry found parts of the $870,000 campaign contained errors.

The Don't Cross The Line campaign has been running in newspapers, on television and radio and on a website.

The Ombudsman in South Australia found some statistics initially published on the site were false and misleading.'

Canadian Researcher: 'We must abandon the claim that the (family) court has been acting in children's best interests'

Anonymous · 3 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Glenn Sacks' blog, here. Excerpt:

'How many times have you heard or read the phrase "the best interests of the child?" If you read much about family law and family courts, the probable answer is "more times than I can count." Indeed, establish a Google Alert for the phrase and you'll get links to several articles, court cases, op-eds, etc. a day, every day of the week. In Canada the "best interests of the child" has been raised by the Supreme Court to a level of importance that trumps even constitutional considerations.

So, with the phrase in such common usage and so vital to custody decisions, you might think that it (a) means something and (b) those using it know what it means.

But to an astonishing degree, you'd be wrong on both counts. In fact, the phrase is more intuitive, a shoot-from-the-hip type of locution. It's like a Rohrschach inkblot test; the interpretation given to it by the user reveals more about the user than about the phrase itself. That's the point attorney Chris Gottlieb was making in the New York Times recently when she referred to determinations of the "best interests of the child" as being made "subjectively, inconsistently and often erroneously."'

Obama Administration Spending $63 Billion on ‘Woman-Centered’ Global Health Care Program

anthony · 3 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNSNews.com) – The Obama administration is focused not just on health-care reform in the United States – but also on improving health care systems around the world, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced on Monday.

The new plan has a “woman- and girl-centered approach,” according to an administration fact sheet.

Speaking at Johns Hopkins University, Clinton outlined the six-year, $63-billion Obama administration initiative to bring global health care services “to more people in more places.” The administration’s Global Health Initiative has “everything” to do with foreign policy, she said.
...
Clinton also said the administration was “moving beyond” the ABC (Abstinence, Be faithful, Correct contraceptive use) anti-AIDS approach adopted during the Bush years to an “A to Z approach to [HIV] prevention” that includes measures such as “male circumcision [and] the prevention of mother-to-child transmission” as well as better HIV screening and education.'

'Alpha-Male' Role in Hollywood Is a Dying Trend, Experts Say

anthony · 3 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'So, is this shift in Hollywood's leading men from macho to meek a reflection of a changing society in which women are becoming more independent, earning more money and perhaps don't want a more dominant partner? It could be so, according to an article published earlier this year by the Wall Street Journal, based on studies by FaceResearch.org, the online psychology laboratory of the Face Research Laboratory at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. The study concluded that the majority of the 4,800 female participants were more attracted to the more feminine-featured males.

"In America today, we're seeing a lot more boys disconnected with their own sense of masculinity, due in large part due to higher divorce rates, dad's working longer hours – the strong father figure is often not around and that's why the 'geek' has become much more mainstream," explained psychiatrist Dr. Paul Dobransky, author of "Masculinity Code."

However, Dobransky doesn't believe the ultra-masculine man is endangered – he's just evolving.

"Hollywood makes its movies to appeal to women, they're the prime consumers. Women want to see what empowers them, and the 'Rambo' type of film is not exactly food for the soul for ladies who can't really relate to it. [This] is why it's not made much anymore," he said. "These days, the superhero film is a substitute for the super-masculine action film."'

Carey Roberts: Domestic Violence Fairytales Threaten Constitutional Protections

anthony · 3 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Kristin Ruggiero of New Hampshire figured it would be a slam dunk. The gambit worked like a charm during the divorce hearing; now she would bring the case to criminal court.

Her husband Jeffrey, an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard, was an incorrigible batterer, at least that's what she led to the judge to believe. That got him convicted of criminal threatening, and she won custody of their 7-year-old daughter.

But Kristin Ruggiero wasn't finished.

One day, the woman bragged to her startled ex, "I took all your money, I took your daughter, and now I'm going to take your career." She went out and purchased a disposable cell phone and registered it in Jeffrey's name. Then she sent herself a passel of threatening text messages.

Apparently Kristin didn't realize that in criminal court, allegations are subjected to a higher standard of proof. And all of a sudden the nefarious scheme to frame her ex-husband came crashing down.

Last week Kristin Ruggiero was convicted on 12 counts of falsifying physical evidence and sentenced to 7-14 years in prison.

This tale is not so much about a distraught woman sorely in need of psychological help. Rather, it's a story of a police department, a prosecutor, and a judge that allowed themselves to be duped by a conniving perjurer. And it's about a criminal justice system that has all but abandoned due process in a frenzied attempt to curb domestic violence.

Like everything in the law, the problem begins with definitions. The Violence Against Women Act, passed during the first term of the Clinton administration, includes a definition of domestic violence that is so wide you could drive a Mack truck through it.

States picked up on the loophole, and now most states include within their definitions of abuse, actions like making your partner "annoyed" or "distressed."'

SAVE launches social media initiative

Matt · 4 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

Today Stop Abusive and Violent Environments – SAVE – is launching our new Social Media initiative:

1. SAVE for Victims and Survivors: http://www.saveservices.org/victims-and-survivors
2. SAVE for DV Service Providers: http://www.saveservices.org/service-providers
3. SAVE for Policymakers: http://www.saveservices.org/policymakers
4. SAVE for Persons Falsely-Accused: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused

For each group, we have assembled:

1. An extensive array of resources, information, and advice
2. Facebook page to receive announcements, updates, and Alerts
3. Yahoo page for discussion

A new era of VAWA reform is about to begin! Catch the Wave!!

Sacrifices Of Veterans Largely Unappreciated

redwoodwriter · 4 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

In this account of a veteran with PTSD, which he suffers from thanks to his military experience, you get a sense for how difficult it can be for returning veterans. And in many cases they live with these problems (missing limbs, psychological trauma, etc.) for the rest of their lives. We owe these guys a lot for what they do and did for our country. We need to more widely discuss how they are having difficulty when they return (drugs, homelessness, etc.), and what services they need. Excerpt:

'We hear 28 died in a mine, but we don't even say 28 men, we might say 28 coal minors. We say 8 soldiers died today. Not eight MALE soldiers, just 8 soldiers. If a bombing kills "just men" we give a number, "32″ died, but if women die we say "including 2 women" because women dying make the story more "special". MRA's (Men's rights activists) have noticed this for years. In my dream I got closer and noticed each face more closely, so young. Too young to die which is what I thought of the "boys" who got out of basic training with me in 1966? Silly boys, funny boys, some mean and some kind boys but all trying to be tough soldiers. I was a tough soldier. I grew up as a tough boy.
...

I don't want to read about young boys training to be warriors in foreign countries while our sons are getting fat drinking beer, eating chips and playing video games and flunking out of class no good for work or war. At heart I am still a warrior who remembers the boys from basic training who went to war and then came home to colleges where they learned that warriors were scum and men are pigs and women don't beat children or each other or men. America is being educated by liars and they end up running the country, for however much longer we have a country. Memorial day. Those who don't remember their history are doomed to repeat it. Here's to you Lewis Puller, your brothers, and the tens of thousands valient warriors who gave their live for us. You are in our hearts and prayers this Memorial Day 2010.'

Zeta Game - Hypergamy Crossroads

Matt · 4 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Latest from "A Voice for Men" here. Excerpt:

'In the last part of the Zeta Game series, I covered the fundamental concept of hypergamy- the natural tendency in women to benefit from reducing men to a purely utilitarian role in their lives. I also touched on the notion that the innate programming in men to protect and provide (and thus compete for women's attention) plays directly into the hypergamous gambit, most often resulting in men participating in their own misuse and exploitation.

In short, the way men compete for a higher rank among women is to place their blood, sweat and assets, even their own bodies, at the woman's disposal- no matter how capricious or trivial her desires may be.

The fundamental problem with this arrangement is that hypergamy is not guided by any set of constraining ethical principles. It is, in fact, so utterly devoid of a moral compass that one of the major tools in the woman's hypergamous repertoire is to shame men into sacrificing for them- and to quietly laugh at them as they do it.

We have often seen this referred to in MRM literature as women's propensity for pathological self centeredness and to get what they want from men by any means necessary- up to and including the use of law enforcement and the judiciary. We have pointed to their "sense of entitlement," where it concerns their dealings with men, and noted what seems to be a compassionless disregard for the consequences of their selfish actions.

The evidence of this is clear for many men from the most mundane aspects of day to day life, where they are confronted with women who insist on making marriage and home, or even transient relationships, all about them- to family courts where so many women seem to revel in the sight of their families (and their own children) being ripped to shreds simply because it gives them a an opportunity for petty personal revenge- and financial gain.
...
Hypergamous behavior is a product of paleomammalian hard wiring, plain and simple. It stems from 3,000,000 years of successful human evolution, and it is present, to greater or lesser degrees, in the behavior of all women. You can complain about it, look down on it, judge it and hate it all you want, but it is not going to change by trying to reason with it. You might as well be trying to talk someone out of the urge to eat when they are hungry.

I think the truth of this has been such an ingrained part of male consciousness for so long that it has been buried in our unconscious, and we have slipped into the worst coping strategies possible for dealing with it. We ignore it and/or deny it. We even endear and defend it. But what very few of us ever do is confront and control it.'

Girl, 4, weighed 15 pounds at death

anthony · 5 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'New York (CNN) -- The mother of a 4-year-old girl found dead in her Brooklyn home Thursday morning was charged Friday with second-degree assault, reckless endangerment and endangering the welfare of a child, according to police.

Marchella Pierce weighed just 15 pounds and had marks on her hands and ankles when police found her unconscious in her family's apartment, according to CNN affiliate WABC-TV.

Her mother, Carlotta Brett-Pierce, was also charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, criminal uses of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of marijuana after a small quantity of controlled substance and marijuana were recovered from the apartment, authorities said.

WABC said the girl was hospitalized following her premature birth and nourished with a feeding tube. She came home in February, the station said. The New York Times said detectives were trying to determine whether the girl had been bound to a bed after they found marks on her ankles that appeared consistent with twine that was found tied to the head- and foot-boards of a small bed.'

"Girl Revolt"

Stinger503 · 6 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Tons of misleading information for example: "Girls, females between the age of 13 and 19, are perhaps the most oppressed group in consumer society. As a previous generation of feminists made clear, Western culture is marked by widespread violence against women. And despite the media blackout, which continues to this day, most people know at least one female who has either developed an eating disorder or been sexually assaulted."

Sadly this was written by a man.

UK: Police track down teenage girl filmed throwing live puppies into a river

anthony · 6 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A girl shown in a video throwing puppies into a fast-flowing river has been traced, police in Bosnia said today.

The teenager, wearing a hooded top, caused worldwide outrage when she was shown online apparently killing six newborn puppies by throwing them into the river one by one.

Police in the central Bosnian town of Bugojno said they had found the girl from leads given by animal protection groups in the country.

MailOnline knows the name of the girl involved but has decided not to publish to protect her safety.

The girl's parents will soon be questioned, police said. Under Bosnian law, people can be fined up to £4,000 for animal cruelty.

Such was the international fury it prompted Transformers movie director Michael Bay to offer a $50,000 (£32,500) reward for the prosecution of the young woman.'

Obama to Call for Major Infrastructure Spending

anthony · 6 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I see this as an MRA issue because the construction industry has been hit hard by the recession which has contributed to a high rate of male unemployment. The original stimulus package was hijacked by feminists because they felt putting money into male dominated professions was sexist even though those industries are suffering the most. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON -- Vowing to find new ways to stimulate the sputtering economy, President Barack Obama will call for long-term investments in the nation's roads, railways and runways that would cost at least $50 billion.

The infrastructure investments are one part of a package of targeted proposals the White House is expected to announce in hopes of jump-starting the economy ahead of the November election. Obama will outline the infrastructure proposal Monday at a Labor Day event in Milwaukee.

While the proposal calls for investments over six years, the White House said spending would be front-loaded with an initial $50 billion to help create jobs in the near future.

The goals of the infrastructure plan include: rebuilding 150,000 miles of roads; constructing and maintaining 4,000 miles of railways, enough to go coast-to-coast; and rehabilitating or reconstructing 150 miles of airport runways, while also installing a new air navigation system designed to reduce travel times and delays.'

A Voice for Men: "Nothing Makes a 'Gina Tingle Like a Killa"

Matt · 6 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On July 24th of this year, I posted "Patriarchy for Dummies," on this site. In it, I proffered that there was an element to the normal female psyche that gravitated toward violent, dangerous- murderous men. I used Scott Peterson and Joran van der Sloot, and the numbers of women sending them marriage proposals in prison as prima facie evidence that supported my contentions. I also pointed to the fact that van der Sloot went on a sexual rampage, attracting scores of attractive young women after he skated on the Holloway murder.
...
While it is true that women's selections have shifted somewhat in keeping with modern realities, it only demonstrates that growing numbers of them will select the guy who controls, and sometimes kills, other men, than settle for the guy of lesser status. How many people is President Obama getting killed right now? How much trouble would he have getting laid? How many women would jump his bones if Michelle herself were in the same room screaming bloody murder?
...
I suppose that is far as you need to go when staying locked in a cyclical pattern of man hating is your primary goal in life. But for people who want to understand this sometimes crazy, mixed up thing we call the human condition, a little more perspective is in order.

Men are violent largely because being violent, or having the capacity for it, gets them a few significant rungs up on that sexual selection ladder- because those are the men that women select. Those are the men that turn them on.'

"Sex Differences: Why Won't Men Commit?"

Matt · 6 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

This channel was off-linked from the previously-posted story. There are a number of good pro-MRA channels on YT; this is just one of them. What stood out for me was this one entry and the link can be sent to any woman you know who is complaining about how her boyfriend "won't commit" and she doesn't understand why not. Good work!

TIME: Workplace Salaries: At Last, Women on Top

anthony · 7 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The fact that the average American working woman earns only about 8o% of what the average American working man earns has been something of a festering sore for at least half the population for several decades. And despite many programs and analyses and hand-wringing and badges and even some legislation, the figure hasn't budged much in the past five years.

But now there's evidence that the ship may finally be turning around: according to a new analysis of 2,000 communities by a market research company, in 147 out of 150 of the biggest cities in the U.S., the median full-time salaries of young women are 8% higher than those of the guys in their peer group. In two cities, Atlanta and Memphis, those women are making about 20% more. This squares with earlier research from Queens College, New York, that had suggested that this was happening in major metropolises. But the new study suggests that the gap is bigger than previously thought, with young women in New York City, Los Angeles and San Diego making 17%, 12% and 15% more than their male peers, respectively. And it also holds true even in reasonably small areas like the Raleigh-Durham region and Charlotte in North Carolina (both 14% more), and Jacksonville, Fla. (6%).
...

Significantly, the conditions that are feeding the rise in female wages — a growing knowledge-based economy, the decline of a manufacturing base and an increasing minority population — are dominant trends throughout the U.S. "This generation [of women] has adapted to the fundamental restructuring of the American economy better than their older predecessors or male peers," says Chung. While the economic advantage of women sometimes evaporates as they age and have families, Chung believes that women now may have enough leverage that their financial gains may not be completely erased as they get older.'

She-wolves in sheeps' clothing

Matt · 8 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Female child abusers are the 21st century equivalent of lesbians in the Victorian age: not legislated against because they do not exist. The nature of woman being incapable of “deviancy”, as the bigoted Victorians said. Hence in New Zealand, the Accident Compensation Corporation was unable to accept claims from boys sexually abused by women, until the law changed in 2005. Prior to that the perpetrator of “sexual indecency” had to be male.

However, statistics indicate that female child abusers not only exist, but in numbers approaching those of males. In New Zealand, 48 per cent of child abusers for 2006, where the perpetrator gender was known, were women. In the USA in 2002 63 per cent of all child abuse, from neglect to sexual abuse, was perpetrated by the mother. In 40 per cent of cases the mother acted alone.

The UK's Lucy Faithfull Foundation estimates women are responsible for 10 per cent of all child sexual abuse and that 5-20 per cent of pedophiles are women. Meanwhile in New Zealand, 40 per cent of the 1,200 men helped by the Christchurch-based Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Trust (MSSAT) in 2010, were sexually abused by women when they were boys.'

When $450 an hour isn't worth it: Divorce lawyer who has had it with all the misery retires from lucrative but draining career

Matt · 8 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Family law lawyer Sandy Morris had just helped finalize a difficult divorce when a box arrived at her Toronto office tied up with a big, gold bow. Inside was a strange gift from her elated client – a mounted fish with teeth like a shark.

"It was a barracuda," says Morris in an explosion of laughter. "I couldn't bring myself to throw it away. I'm sure he meant it in a really nice way, but I kept it in my office behind some books because I was embarrassed."

...

The barracuda's bite wasn't lost on Morris, who colleagues considered a workaholic and a "toughie" in the courtroom. She knows many people think of divorce lawyers as "sharks" more intent on racking up big billings than brokering peace. But Morris is adamant she has seen very little of that.

Instead, she blames legislative changes 10 years ago and "the dirty little secret you will not find in any self-help book or website" – that there is such a shortage of judges and court resources devoted to family law cases in some parts of Ontario. This is "increasing conflict" by leaving separated couples in a horrendous sort of legal limbo, living in the same house and unable (or unwilling) to agree on division of assets and even support payments without a judge's ruling.

The "inequalities" have become so acute that Morris and some colleagues talked of launching a Charter challenge based on the notion that couples are "being denied equal access to justice based solely on where they happen to live."

The province has been pressing Ottawa to appoint more judges; six were appointed at the end of last year. Attorney General Chris Bentley recently introduced family law reform legislation aimed at making divorce simpler and less expensive, said a spokesperson for his office.

...

This month the three will launch Women4Women, offering help from seminars to legal advice to a hand to hold on the road ahead.

Morris has seen too many lives devastated, which is why, she suspects, remarkably few of her family law colleagues are divorced.

"I think a lot of divorce lawyers stay married and work on their relationships because they know how awful divorce can be."'

F&F: Holstein Debates Leading MA. Senator on F & F's Shared Parenting Bill

Matt · 8 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Item here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families Board Chairman Ned Holstein, MD, MS debated Massachusetts state Senator Cynthia Creem, co-chair of the Joint Committee on The Judiciary, on the subject of family court reform and HB 1400, Fathers and Families' shared parenting bill.

Creem is currently in the middle of a hotly contested electoral battle to save her state Senate seat. The Creem-Holstein debate began with Dr. Holstein's column Senator Creem and Mr. Rudnick, Help our children (Newton Tab, 8/24/10). Senator Creem fired back at Holstein with her column Acting in the best interests of children of divorce (Newton Tab, 8/31/10). Creem wrote:

> Sharing custody equally can be hard, especially when parents live a great distance apart, or where limited incomes make it difficult for both parents to maintain a home for the child. Some find that consistency and stability for the child is more important than a rigid 50-50 split of parenting time. Often, even parents who reach an agreement voluntarily don't opt for shared physical custody.

South Africa: Murky dealings in circumcision KLamp tender

Minuteman · 8 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The decision by the KwaZulu-Natal health department to award a tender for the supply of a controversial circumcision device, the Tara KLamp, has been obscured by a cloud of mystery.

The department, the supplier, a rival supplier and the device's inventor remain tight-lipped about how and why the health department procured the device.

The Mail & Guardian reported in June that the Malaysian-made KLamp had been flagged as unsafe by independent experts in 2004, that no further randomised control trials (RCTs) on the device had since been conducted and that the device was not approved by the World Health Organisation.'

The Entire Assange-case from Swedish perspective

the_captain · 8 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Every text has a story to tell. Here is how the Assange story goes according to the analysis we made during its events unfolding.

As many know I have written several analyses in swedish regarding the Assange-case. However us people discussing this case forgot one thing. The case really is about Mr Julian Assange and the future of Wikileaks in Sweden. Most of the people involved do not understand swedish language.
...
The first news in Expressen is the double rape suspicion and warrant in absence against founder of Wikileaks (issued Friday 17.00) by the prosecutor on call Kjellstrand. Internet is divided in two sides, the CIA-conspiracy side claiming innocence and the Feminist-male-bashing side claiming guilty. None of them have basis for their claim. Wikileaks twitter refers to being warned for dirty tricks.

The case is very similar to the case of the former secretary of Labor S-O Littorin accused of hiring a callgirl. The accusation in media itself caused harm before even reaching court.'

Australia: Sentence for babysitter in child death case 'inadequate'

Matt · 8 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Child welfare advocates have called for a review of the case of a Hobart woman sentenced to nine months for assaulting a four-year-old boy who died in her care.

Fiona Maree Garth pleaded guilty to assaulting Liam Osborne at her Claremont home last year.

The 38-year-old was babysitting Liam and struck him five times because he was playing up in the bath.

Liam was later found dead and covered in bruises.

A murder charge against Garth was dropped after it was revealed Liam had an undiagnosed heart condition which could have killed him.'

SAVE Special Reports on False Accusations now available

Matt · 8 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via Abusegate Bob:

SAVE has just released three updated Special Reports* on False Accusations:

1. Incentives to Make False Allegations of Domestic Violence
2. How False Allegations Harm Families and Children
3. What is the Cost of False Allegations of Domestic Violence?

The reports can be found here: http://www.saveservices.org/special-reports/

Want the answer to practically any question on false allegations? This is the place!

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* All in .pdf format

New Resources for Victims of Domestic Violence Available

Matt · 10 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / September 9, 2010 – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and this year the theme is “Domestic Violence: Understand the Truth, Stop the Abuse.”

To help abuse victims, S.A.V.E. has recently established an Online Support Group for survivors of domestic violence. The Support Group is designed to assist persons in their journey from hurting to healing to helping. Available in a Yahoo group format, the group is open all to victims and survivors of domestic violence.

In addition, S.A.V.E. has published a series of 11 tip sheets designed to help persons who are recovering from an abusive relationship. The sheets include a self-assessment checklist, safety plan, restraining order tips, and more. One sheet highlights how false allegations of abuse rob true victims of needed services and protections.'

Australia: After almost three years, missing son finally surfaces

Matt · 10 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Almost three years after his son went missing, former NSW deputy fire chief Ken Thompson has learnt the six-year-old boy is in Amsterdam.

Andrew Thompson was three years old when he was abducted in Sydney by his mother, Melinda Stratton, on April 24, 2008, after a custody battle.

Ms Stratton eluded the Australian Federal Police, Interpol and missing children's organisations until she was picked up on Monday after attempting to enrol Andrew in school.'

'Third wave' of feminism urged by prominent Canadian women

Anonymous · 10 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Influential Canadian women say the promise of equality that was dangled before them during the 1960s and '70s has never been fully met and a "third wave" of feminism is needed to revive the drive.

Governor-General Michaëlle Jean, who is soon to depart the office she has held for the last five years, called about 200 of the women she met on her travels through Canada to a conference at Rideau Hall this week to talk about women's security. The event is something her aides say she has been planning since the very first tour she took as Vice-Regent.

The women (and a handful of men) representing a broad cross-section of Canada – business and political leaders, aboriginal leaders, activists and scholars – touched on the matter of security, both physical and economic. But at a time when Canadian women with a postsecondary education still earn on average just 63 per cent of the salary of similarly educated men, it was the equality gap between men and women that dominated the discourse.'

Woman held after 2 shot dead at Kraft cookie plant

anthony · 10 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PHILADELPHIA — Minutes after a woman was suspended from her job at a Kraft Foods plant and escorted out, she returned with a handgun and opened fire, killing two people and critically injuring a third before being taken into custody, police said.

The woman in custody is Yvonne Hiller of Philadelphia, a local police official said Friday on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly before a scheduled news conference. No charges have been announced.'

Shelter for newly separated husbands opens in Switzerland

johndias · 10 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's not a DV shelter for men, but rather a shelter for men who have essentially been evicted from their homes by their wives (and probably also by the State). It's also not free ($166 USD per week), but they make it a point to foster camaraderie between the male residents by limiting the numbers of residents living in a given facility, and they also provide rooms for the children of fathers to stay in order to foster an uninterrupted relationship. What impresses me is that they are recognizing that male pain exists and are also identifying the cause of that pain -- family breakup, an outcome sought by wives 80 percent of the time according to this article. Excerpt:

'GENEVA (Reuters) – A trickle of newly separated Swiss fathers looking for shelter and help after marital breakdown have been finding a warm bed and a sympathetic ear from a pilot project on the shores of Lake Zurich.

Protestant pastor Andreas Cabalzar has founded Switzerland's first shelter for newly separated fathers in the Swiss village of Erlenbach, not far from Geneva.

Unique in Switzerland, the project has seen the numbers of applications to stay in the house increasing every week.'

Help for the Falsely-accused Available

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From Abusegate Bob:

Each year two million Americans are falsely accused of domestic violence. And many of these persons are arrested for a “crime” they never committed!

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments – SAVE – has just published a series of resources to help the falsely accused:

1. Yahoo discussion group to share information and ideas
2. Facebook page to receive announcements and Alerts
3. Practical advice on:
    a. how to recognize the warning signs
    b. how to deal with a restraining order
    c. how to defend against the allegation
    d. whether to file a counter-suit

Plus, it’s all free!

Come to http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/ -- you don’t have to face a false allegation alone!!

Canadian Symposium on PAS to be held in New York City October 2-3, 2010

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Web site here. Not just for Canadians! Excerpt from the About page:

'On behalf of The Canadian Symposium For Parental Alienation Syndrome and the Organizing Committee, Welcome to our website!

The Canadian Symposium For Parental Alienation Syndrome (C.S.P.A.S.), is an educational organization. We host international conferences for Mental Health Professionals, Family Law Lawyer's and numerous other professionals who are dedicated and assisting children in the prevention and treatment of Parental Alienation & Parental Alienation Syndrome.
...
This is a valuable opportunity to obtain an updated educational understanding on Parental Alienation at The Mount Sinai Hospital, School of Medicine and a chance to meet with your colleagues, in one of the greatest cities in the world -NYC.

All of the speakers at our symposium are experts in Parental Alienation - from the field's of Psychology, Psychiatry and Family Law.'

Video by ManWomanMyth: "Misandry -- Rape"

johndias · 12 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Another great video was just made by ManWomanMyth, this one entitled Misandry -- Rape. Check it out.

Kenya: Infants targeted [with Mogen clamps] in Kenya circumcision project

Minuteman · 12 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to story here Excerpt:

'UNIM project coordinator Dr June Odoyo said the new initiative is being piloted at New Nyanza General hospital, Kisumu, Siaya and Kombewa district hospitals.

Dr Odoyo said already they have trained health workers, mostly nurses, in the selected hospitals on how to circumcise the infants.

He explained that the nurses will use special gadgets known as a Mogen clamp to perform the circumcision at birth.

He says the new initiative is cheaper and heals faster and should be embraced by parents.

Speaking during a media training on male circumcision in Kisumu, Dr Odoyo said acceptance is low among the mothers besides resistance from the Luo Council of Elders.'

Playboy model nearly kills everyone on plane, no charges filed

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Article here. So, she knew she had anxiety issues and flew in a plane without medicating herself anyway. She forgot to. Well, no matter, she almost brought the plane down while trying to 'stabilize herself', presumably on the emergency door handle? And guess what? No charges. Fellas, don't YOU try this. Now as for the (male) flight attendant who, while the plane was on the ground, merely harangued the passengers then jumped down the escape chute-- he is facing felony charges. Is there a double-standard at work here? You betchya! Excerpt:

'A Playboy model was detained after claims she tried to open a plane door mid flight after she suffered an anxiety attack.
...
Tiffany Livingston, 21, reportedly suffered the attack as she was aboard the JetBlue Flight 522 from Orlando to Newark when passengers claim she tried to open the door at 10,000ft.

She was detained when the plane landed but was released hours later. Federal investigators who interviewed her after the flight concluded that she was not trying to open the door, instead she was trying to stabilise herself following the panic attack which was caused by turbulence.

A source close to Miss Livingston told the New York Post: “She said she’s gone through this before, but never this bad, and didn’t have ... her medication”.'

Miami: Baby Gets Circumcised Against Family's Wishes

Minuteman · 13 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Mario Viera is just four weeks old. When he was born, his mom says she told doctors at South Miami Hospital several times that she did not want Mario circumcised.

"It's a big hospital," said Vera Delgado, Mario's mother. "It's a good hospital, and I thought he's safe, he's good there."

But eight days after his birth, without his mother even present, doctors performed the surgery.

"I was crying. I spent that day and the next day crying," Delgado told CBS4's Gio Benitez exclusively.

It turns out every man in Mario's family is uncircumcised. It's a family tradition.'"

Also covered here. Excerpt:

"Vera Delgado gave birth to her son, Mario Viera, at South Miami Hospital, seven weeks ago. Mario spent 10 days in intensive care for complications related to his birth. During this time, hospital staff asked Delgado and her husband if they wanted Mario to be circumcised. "Every time that the doctor asked if we're going to have the circumcision on him, we always say no. Always. All the time, we always say no because we always think that it was unnecessary surgery for him," said Delgado."

UK: Judges ordered to show more mercy on women criminals when deciding sentences

fondueguy · 13 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Judges have been told to treat female criminals more leniently than men when deciding sentences.

New guidelines declare that women suffer disadvantages and courts should ‘bear these matters in mind’.

The rules say women criminals often have poor mental health or are poorly educated, have not committed violence and have children to look after.

‘Women’s experiences as victims, witnesses and offenders are in many respects different to those of men,’ according to the Equal Treatment Bench Book.

‘These differences highlight the importance of the need for sentencers to bear these matters in mind when sentencing.”

UK: The new girl power: Why we're living in a young woman's world

Broadsword · 13 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to success – success in the narrowly quantifiable terms of job, house, income – being female is increasingly important. The difference it makes can be seen as early as primary school. Girls now outstrip boys at age seven – when, according to recent government statistics, they overtake at basic maths and literacy. They do it again at GCSE, again at A-level, and again at university. Almost half of all female school-leavers go on to higher education, compared with 37 per cent of young men. When they graduate, most find jobs: just over 10 per cent struggle, in contrast with 20 per cent of men.

...

Reared as I was on a robust diet of feminism, it is difficult to feel too much sympathy. Having seen our mothers playing second fiddle to their bread-winning husbands for so long, being forced to join the hand-wringing over Our Troubled Boys feels like rather a raw deal. When I drop my friend Charlotte Coles, a civil servant, a text asking if she is around, she messages me straight back: "Women Rule OK!" Charlotte came top of our (mostly male) politics class at university. A ferocious hard-worker, she would start planning her course work long before most of our peers remembered they had any.

...

The sooner, then, that Bekhradnia's reforms – the progressive maternity leave, yes, but also the abandonment of our round-the-clock work culture – are introduced, the better. For our sake and for men's. Speaking of whom: what's to become of them? Unless you believe in some supremacist notion of women's inherent superiority (and, though it's tempting, come on), things are bound to work out in the end. With the right kind of help (the meaning of which is, well, a whole other subject) they will, eventually, catch up. After all, if we can do it, why can't they? '

UN chief to launch new strategy for women's, children's health

anthony · 14 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 13 (Xinhua) -- During the upcoming UN Summit on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Secretary- General Ban Ki-moon will announce a new plan for improving the health of women and children in developing countries, he told reporters here Monday.

Ban will launch a new Global Strategy for Women's and Children' s Health on Sept. 22 at a special event featuring leaders from both private and public sectors.

Ban said that the UN has chosen to focus on women's and children's health because it is important to "put our resources where they will have the greatest impact."
...
The UN estimates that the new plan could save 16 million lives by 2015.'

Feminism going too far in Spain, "men's lib" claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Madrid (dpa) - Women's rights need to be defended, most Spaniards agree - but do men need their own liberation movement as well?

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's progressive women's rights policies have sparked a debate on whether his campaign for the equality of the sexes has gone too far.

Spain's gender legislation 'discriminates against men,' who are not protected adequately from female violence against them, men's rights activist Domingo Gonzalez Alonso claims.
...
Zapatero, a self-confessed feminist, took a strong stance in favour of gender equality by appointing Spain's first half-female cabinet after his election victory in 2004.

After winning a second term in 2008, Zapatero created Spain's first Equality Ministry.

Legislation adopted in 2004 turned Spain into one of the most progressive European countries regarding women's rights, the government says.

The law defines gender violence exclusively as male violence against women. Violence exercised by women against men comes under ordinary criminal law.

Men should be penalized more severely than women for similar acts of domestic violence, the Constitutional Court confirmed in a recent ruling.
...
The government has rejected making shared custody the national norm. Irresponsible fathers could claim custody of their children only for economic reasons, government gender violence delegate Miguel Lorente Acosta pointed out.'

Facebook fling ends in jail for false rape claims

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Elizabeth Wilkinson was jailed for 12 months for wrongly claiming David Lord raped her four times, as revenge for him spurning her advances.

After he refused to take a one-night stand further, Wilkinson bombarded him with more than 80 threatening text messages before telling police that he raped her four times.

Mr Lord, a 23-year-old father-of-two, last night spoke of his relief as Wilkinson began her jail term.

He revealed he twice tried to kill himself, once by hanging, as he struggled with the stigma of being an alleged rapist.

‘I just couldn’t handle it. Mud sticks,’ he said. ‘All I want now is closure and to rebuild my life.

‘I think she thoroughly deserved to go to prison for what she put my children through.’

Wilkinson, a 21-year-old from Oswaldtwistle in Lancashire, pleaded guilty at Burnley crown court of perverting the course of justice. She had sent Mr Lord a Facebook message in September, telling him he looked ‘sexy’, after he had been into her shop.'

Hughsonville woman charged with making false rape claim

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Story here.

'HUGHSONVILLE — A 22-year-old woman was arrested on Saturday for falsely reporting that she was raped in her ground floor apartment last week, according to State Police.

The woman contacted police on Sept. 2., claiming that she was sexually assaulted by a masked man, dressed all in black, who broke into her apartment on Route 9D in the early hours that day, said police.

The woman provided police with a detailed description of her alleged attacker. A brief on the attack appeared in the Journal on Sept. 3.

Police said within days of reporting the incident, the woman admitted that she fabricated the story.

The Hughsonville woman was charged with third degree false reporting of an incident and making a punishable false written statement, both misdemeanors. She was issued a ticket to appear in Town of Wappinger Court at a later date.

The Journal does typically print the names of individuals charged with misdemeanors.'

U.S. Senate committee to hold hearing on rape investigations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Concerned that police departments nationwide fail to fully investigate rapes, a congressional committee will examine the issue next week at a hearing spurred partly by a Baltimore Sun examination of the systemic underreporting of sex crimes.

The Senate Crime and Drugs subcommittee has asked representatives of the Office of Violence Against Women to appear in Washington to discuss the problem, as well as a Pennsylvania woman jailed by police who erroneously accused her of making a false rape report.

The Sun reported in July that Baltimore for years led the nation in the percentage of rape cases in which police concluded that the victim was lying, with more than 3 in 10 cases determined to be "unfounded." Other cities have seen disturbingly high percentages of uninvestigated or dropped race cases in years past, and a women's advocate in Philadelphia pushed for the congressional hearing after the Sun's investigation reignited concerns.'

Three Missouri women who killed husbands to be paroled

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Three Missouri women convicted of murdering their husbands years ago learned today that they will be released from prison on parole because of claims of spousal abuse.

Vicky Williams, 55, and Roberta Carlene Borden, 65, will be released on Oct. 15, according to their lawyers and relatives. Ruby Jamerson, 57, will be released in 2013. All were serving life sentences from cases that date to the 1970s or 1980s.

For a decade, a group of attorneys called the Missouri Battered Women's Clemency Coalition has argued for the women's release, claiming they were driven to kill after suffering abuse at the hands of their husbands.

At the time the women were arrested, the group argues, there were few resources for battered women, domestic violence was poorly understood and evidence of abuse was not routinely presented at trials.
...
Many relatives of the slain spouses have disputed the claims of abuse and argued that the women were only conning their way to freedom.'

Domestic violence shooting sends man to the hospital

anthony · 14 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'TROTWOOD, Ohio -- A man was hurt in a Sunday morning shooting in Trotwood.

Police responded to a domestic violence call around 10 a.m. at 7667 Old Dayton Road.

Sgt. Joseph McCrary told the Dayton Daily News that while officers were on their way, "the female grabbed the gun and shot the man. The wound is in the upper right leg. We're still investigating whether the shooting was intentional, or an accident."

The man was taken to Miami Valley Hospital for treatment.

Police have not released the names of the two people involved.

The woman was being questioned at Trotwood Police headquarters.'

SAT scores improve slightly among public school students but fewer boys are taking the test

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Oregon students' SAT scores remained steady this year in reading and writing, according to data released by The College Board on Monday.

Math scores dropped slightly overall, but among public school students – who make up 88 percent of Oregon test takers – the news was a little brighter. Public school students in the class of 2010 scored two points higher in reading and writing than in 2009.

At the same time, the scores for Oregon public students revealed a decline in the number of boys taking the college entrance exam. Overall, more Oregon students took the SAT than ever before. But, a nearly three percent jump in test-taking by girls overshadowed a one percent drop among boys.

Susanne Smith, spokeswoman for the Oregon Department of Education, said the decline is alarming when coupled with the other indicators that show boys are struggling academically.

Oregon girls are performing as well as boys on state math tests, but boys are trailing girls in reading performance. Male students in Oregon have higher dropout rates and lower graduation rates than their female peers.

"The gender gap on assessments is an area of concern for educators," Smith said, "and our schools are focusing on instructional and curriculum strategies that resonate with male learning styles."

The state does have a narrower gender gap on state tests than the national average.'

UK: More than 40% of domestic violence victims are male, report reveals

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Article here. Excerpt:

'About two in five of all victims of domestic violence are men, contradicting the widespread impression that it is almost always women who are left battered and bruised, a new report claims.

Men assaulted by their partners are often ignored by police, see their attacker go free and have far fewer refuges to flee to than women, says a study by the men's rights campaign group Parity.

The charity's analysis of statistics on domestic violence shows the number of men attacked by wives or girlfriends is much higher than thought. Its report, Domestic Violence: The Male Perspective, states: "Domestic violence is often seen as a female victim/male perpetrator problem, but the evidence demonstrates that this is a false picture."

Campaigners claim that men are often treated as "second-class victims" and that many police forces and councils do not take them seriously. "Male victims are almost invisible to the authorities such as the police, who rarely can be prevailed upon to take the man's side," said John Mays of Parity. "Their plight is largely overlooked by the media, in official reports and in government policy, for example in the provision of refuge places – 7,500 for females in England and Wales but only 60 for men."'

Canada: Murder is Murder, Psychosis is Psychosis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This month, the Ontario Court of Appeal will decide if a mother on trial for killing her infant child can employ a defence of post-partum depression, and be sentenced to the lesser crime of infanticide as a result. Regardless how the case is decided, it raises the troubling question of why, under Canadian criminal law, infanticide is defined as a lesser crime than murder.

Without a doubt, post-partum depression and its more serious variant, post-partum psychosis, are real and serious mental health problems, the latter condition particularly so. However, there is no reason why these need to be treated differently from any other form of psychological impairment, or madness, recognized as mitigating factors in criminal cases. If a woman is so incapacitated by one of these conditions that she cannot be held responsible for her actions, then her defence should be the general one available to all those who plead not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder. Or, if convicted, her condition could be introduced at the sentencing phase under the general procedures available to all convicted criminals. There is no need to classify her condition by reference to her status as a woman or parent.

Moreover, the nation has long outgrown the antiquated thinking behind making the notion that a baby's death at a mother's hands is a less serious crime than ordinary homicide. In a society that spends over a billion dollars a year on neonatal care to keep struggling infants alive — and which does not hesitate to remove infants from parental custody if they are in danger of harm — it is incongruous to treat "infanticide" as a crime punishable by a maximum of just five years in prison.'

UK: The patriarchy is dead ... but the kyriarchy lives on

Broadsword · 14 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

From reclaiming the F word to objecting to objectification – there's a new feminist army determined to finally flatten the patriarchy. But here's the really radical news: patriarchy is dead. It's dead simplistic, dead inaccurate, and no longer a useful way of framing gender inequality in the UK. Forget about castrating patriarchy – it's time to corral kyriarchy, the system identified by Harvard theologian Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza, which explains how ethnicity, class, economics and education, as well as gender, intersect to oppress us all, men as well as women.

So, kyriarchy: the substitution of one elitist, etymological hair-splitting term for another, I hear my newly estranged sisters cry – just what feminism needs. But this is a neologism with a difference. Where patriarchy – literally, rule of the father – explains only how traditional male authority dictates to, and subjugates women, kyriarchy (from the Greek: kyrios – lord/master; archion – dominion/rule) relates how each of us, whatever our gender, is a bundle of privileges we can all too readily abuse by invoking the "master power", whether that's as a black female barrister, a mixed-race trans male teacher, or a white immigrant male labourer. At the same time, the term's connotations of elite authority perfectly tap into the legacy of oppression that western feminists, from Mary Wollstonecraft to Germaine Greer, have dedicatedly derided.

Men falsely confessing to rape under duress

Matt · 14 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The headline tries to make it sound general, but the article clearly is about this phenomenon. Rule #1: When accused of a crime, keep your damn mouth shut, no matter how persistent and annoying your interrogators are. Excerpt:

'KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eddie Lowery lost 10 years of his life for a crime he did not commit. There was no physical evidence at his trial for rape, but one overwhelming factor put him away: he confessed.

At trial, the jury heard details that prosecutors insisted only the rapist could have known, including the fact that the rapist hit the 75-year-old victim in the head with the handle of a silver table knife he found in the house. DNA evidence would later show that another man committed the crime. But that vindication would come only years after Mr. Lowery had served his sentence and was paroled in 1991.
...
But more than 40 others have given confessions since 1976 that DNA evidence later showed were false, according to records compiled by Brandon L. Garrett, a professor at the University of Virginia School of Law. Experts have long known that some kinds of people — including the mentally impaired, the mentally ill, the young and the easily led — are the likeliest to be induced to confess. There are also people like Mr. Lowery, who says he was just pressed beyond endurance by persistent interrogators.'

A Voice for Men asks "When is it OK to punch your wife?"

Matt · 14 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'It might be easy to think that the title to this piece is simple provocation, a tool to inspire people, perhaps mislead them, through sparking an angry reaction or just plain morbid curiosity, into taking a look at what this article is about.

Even though the thrust here is slightly different than the title would imply, there is no deception here at all. The question is serious, and the answer, to be certain, is so clear it need not take an entire article to address.

When is it O.K. to punch your wife? Well, anytime you are defending yourself from her physical attack. You have the right, at that moment, legally and morally, as is explicit in every legal model I know of, to use whatever force is necessary to protect yourself.
...
In the real world, where we actually live, the preponderance of people, from your friendly neighborhood patriarch to his twin sister the Gloria Steinem clone, see this type of dialog as a reason to go nuclear. In fact, I knew that the title would be provocative precisely because we live in a culture where I am not supposed to even ask such a thing. It's like asking when it is OK to hunt an endangered species, or steal a senior citizens social security check, or joke about children with cancer.'

Canada: Cop engaged in affair with suspect's wife receives temporary demotion

Matt · 14 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEWMARKET, Ont. - The York Region cop he blames for framing him and ruining his life stood before the police board and received a slap on the wrist.

For carrying on an affair with Sherry Major while investigating her claims of sexual assault against her estranged husband, Staff-Sgt. Terry Jordan was handed an 18-month demotion to sergeant Wednesday.

“This is a very unfortunate situation that has had an impact on all of us as police officers,” said York Regional Police chief Armand La Barge following the disciplinary ruling by Supt. Karen Noakes. “Obviously it’s very upsetting and disappointing.”'

Women arrested after kidnapping incident involving AK-47

Anonymous · 15 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Police arrested four Greeley women who are accused of kidnapping a man, demanding cash and threatening him with an AK-47 rifle and a knife.

The incident occurred in Greeley over the weekend, and arrest reports and an affidavit released Tuesday showed the women are facing numerous charges...
...
The two women with the highest bonds — Loya and Valencia — were held on higher bond because of their direct threats to the victim, according to affidavits.

Two men may also be involved in the incident, police said, but they haven't been arrested yet.'

Shannon Sharpe Accuser Drops Charges, Paper Says

anthony · 16 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(CBS/AP) A restraining order against CBS analyst and former NFL tight end Shannon Sharpe has been "voluntarily dismissed," according to the Denver Post.

Last week, Michele Bundy filed a temporary restraining order against Sharpe. According to legal documents, Bundy claimed Sharpe forced her into sex and threatened her life.

The Post reports that Bundy withdrew her complaint Wednesday, according to the Fulton County Superior Court.

Sharpe, who was never charged or arrested, had decided to "step aside" from his gig as football analyst for "The NFL Today" until the matter was resolved.

According to the Post, acquaintances of Bundy were not shocked by her allegations.

"She's been infatuated with Shannon Sharpe for years to the point I think she was kind of stalking him," Thayne Davis of Roxborough told the Post. "She moved to Georgia to be closer to him. She has some insane idea in her head that he's going to be in a relationship with her."

UK: Council tells Bath school to 'admit boys or close'

anthony · 16 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:
'A Bath school is pressing ahead with an application to become an all-girls academy, against the local council's wishes.

The Conservative-run Bath and North East Somerset (Banes) Council wants Oldfield School to admit boys and has now given it an ultimatum.

Banes said the school has until 1700 on Friday to change its mind or the council will close Oldfield and open a new co-educational school on the site.

The school has not yet commented.

Oldfield is still waiting to hear whether Education Secretary Michael Gove will grant it academy status, taking it out of local authority control.'

Guilty verdict in '09 stabbing, 5 years for Murder

Anonymous · 16 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who had faced a possible life prison sentence for the 2009 stabbing that left a housemate dead instead will spend up to five years behind bars.

After about 35 minutes of deliberation, jurors found Melinda Ann Chatelain, 40, guilty of negligent homicide, a far less serious charge than the second-degree-murder conviction prosecutors sought. Negligent homicide carries up to five years in prison. She is scheduled for sentencing Oct. 12 in state District Court Johnny Walker's courtroom.'

Australia: Yet another example of anti-Male jobs advertising

Minuteman · 17 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to posting here. Excerpt:

'Distribution Network Query Co-ordinator

DISTRIBUTION NETWORK QUERY COORDINATOR
Permanent part-time (0.7 FTE)
ASX listed company
...
Salmat is an organisation who believes that our people are at the heart of every Salmat solution with the 'right fit' fundamental to the Salmat vision. With a raft of Salmat Staff Benefits available, **fun events and a true EEO Employer with the Salmat Women in Leadership Council**, we provide workplace flexibility and really encourage employee input as to how we can do things better!'

Police: Washington state woman made up acid attack story

anthony · 17 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- A 28-year-old woman who said an unknown assailant threw a cup of caustic liquid in her face has admitted her injuries were self-inflicted, Vancouver, Washington, police said Thursday.

Bethany Storro was being interviewed by detectives, and whether she will be charged will be up to prosecutors, police said.

"She is extremely upset," said police Commander Marla Schuman. "She is very remorseful. In many ways it got bigger than she expected."

Police would not speculate on Storro's motives, only saying the August 30 incident did not occur as she described and that there were discrepancies in her account, including wearing sunglasses in the evening.'

"Punish false accusers, too"

Matt · 17 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'Re: "Woman admits lying about rape," The Journal, Sept. 11.

This article caught my eye. Sadly it says a lot about the inequities of the approach to criminal law and the gender bias that is pervasive in the system.
...
The accuser admitted in court she lied and the accused had never raped her as alleged. An innocent man spent almost two years in jail based on her false accusation, finally recanted.

However, his name was included in the article and hers was not.

It seems that the false accuser is entitled to anonymity while the true victim, the accused, was not.'

Legal system slammed for failing families

Matt · 17 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At one of the most stressful periods of their lives, separating couples are driven to the poorhouse by a family law system that fails to deliver workable solutions while their children are often hurt by a system that doesn't take their opinions into account, a report by the Law Commission of Ontario says.

In one of the most in-depth looks at what ails family law in many years, the report indicts the system for draining parents' bank accounts, ignoring expert advice in favour of simplistic solutions and leaving children out of the process.
...
While battling an ex-partner in court can be costly – cases that go to trial can ding the participants for well over $100,000 – the report's authors said there is substantial concern judges cannot or will not step in to stop overly litigious spouses from wearing down an ex-partner through "legal bullying."'

Slain Ontario girls found holding hands

Matt · 17 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BARRIE, Ont. - Minutes after a mother calmly called police saying her children were dead, officers found 19-month-old Sophia Campione in bed, dressed in her Tinkerbell pyjamas, holding hands with her three-year-old sister Serena, court heard Thursday.

Between their lifeless bodies lay a photo album and a rosary.

The Crown alleges their mother, Frances Elaine Campione, 35, drowned them in October 2006 so their father could not get custody.'

"A Voice for Men" on Death Row Inequities

Matt · 17 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"m not just fascinated by the Lewis case because executions of women are rare. Though they are, exceedingly. Since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976, there have been over 1,200 executions in the United States. A whopping 11 of them, or less than 1%, were women. Lewis will, if not saved by the Supreme Court or the Virginia Governor, be the first dead woman walking in that state in 98 years.

This stands in pretty stark contrast considering women commit, by DOJ estimates, 10% of all murders, are involved in 35% of all domestic homicides (are involved means, like Lewis, they get other people to kill for them) and nearly 30% of murders where the victim was another family member.

On death row, it seems, the vagina exemption is almost a given.'

DNA test catches stalker who made false rape allegations

anthony · 19 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A man falsely accused of drugging and raping his stalker has spoken about how he was cleared of the falsified claims after new DNA evidence proved the allegations had been made up.

As reported by The Independent, Dr Jan Falkowski endured four years of being bombarded by text messages, being accused of rape and death threats made to his fiancé.

"My life was going fairly well, I was quite happy with things, no major problems, and then suddenly everything changed overnight, literally, without any warning," said Dr Falkowski.

After his stalker, whose identity was unknown, threatened to have his fiancé killed if they got marred, Dr Falkowski and the police staged a fake wedding. They caught Maria Marchese sending 20 to 30 frantic texts near the scene of the wedding, and she was arrested.

However, the Crown Prosecution Service said there wasn't enough evidence to charge her, despite the fact that Ms Marchese had a shrine dedicated to Dr Falkowski in her home.'

Germany: Four dead in woman's killing rampage

Matt · 19 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BERLIN — Four people died and a policeman was seriously wounded in a town in southwestern Germany on Sunday, after an explosion in an apartment building and a shooting in the neighboring hospital that authorities believe are linked, a prosecutor said.

Two people were found dead in an apartment building that burst into flames after an explosion Sunday afternoon, Loerrach prosecutor Dieter Inhofer told ZDF public television.

Another woman, allegedly armed with a weapon, was seen running from the blast into the neighboring St. Elisabeth hospital, where she reportedly opened fire, killing a member of the hospital staff, Inhofer said.

The woman then turned her gun on officers responding to the shooting and was killed in an exchange of gunfire, Inhofer said. One police officer was seriously wounded, Inhofer said, but authorities believe there were no other victims in the hospital.

"There was a very heavy exchange of gunfire in the hospital that had the potential to be very dangerous, but based on what we know right now ... no one else was injured," Inhofer said.'

Teacher Accused of Sex With Student Takes Plea

Matt · 21 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Canandaigua, NY - A school teacher accused of sex crimes with three students accepted a plea deal Monday morning. Marla Gurecki-Haskins, 36, was accused of having sexual contact with a 17 year-old male student in her classroom during the school day. She also faced criminal charges for trading sexually explicit text messages with two other male students, both were just 16 years-old.

Gurecki-Haskins plea deal includes a 45-day jail sentence of which her lawyer expects his client will serve just 30 days. The deal also includes three years probation and she must surrender her teaching license while also resigning from Canandaigua Academy. Because Gurecki-Haskins is pleading guilty to two misdemeanor crimes (Official Misconduct and Endangering the Welfare of a Child) she is not required to register as a sex offender.'

Forty-five days. That's all. For betraying the trust not just of ordinary citizens but of parents who entrust their kids with "teachers" like this one, and of committing a crime that would have landed a man in jail for years, what does she get? Forty-five days in jail, assuming she actually serves that time at all.

Is the CBC's purpose to find the truth or to hide the truth?

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There are times when I read stories covered by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) and I can't help but think that CBC reporters are either lazy, stupid, or are deliberately out to hide the real story instead of truly reporting on it.

Take this story. What really happened here? Did this police officer really sexually assault a woman, or not? Why were the charges dropped? Why is it that the police officer - who hasn't been found guilty of anything - gets his name published and therefore his reputation smeared, while his accuser remains anonymous? How is it "in the accuser's best interests" to drop the charges? Was she lying? Is it a case of mistaken identity?

The crown has decided it's "not in the public's best interests" to continue. What the hell does that mean?

Whoever the internal censor is in the CBC, they are doing a hell of a good job.

Australia: Mother brags on public radio about having son circumcised and is portrayed as heroic victim

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Link here (text and audio). Excerpt:

BARBARA MILLER: These days it's the exception when an infant boy in Australia is circumcised for non-religious reasons.

Sydney woman Sally said she thought long and hard about the pros and cons of having the procedure done when she had a baby boy earlier this year. She decided to go ahead, but wasn't prepared for the backlash.

SALLY: It was a terrible decision because I didn't feel like I could talk to other mums about it and when I did ask mums who did have sons and I mean, it had never been a question on my mind because I had two girls, most of them hadn't and a number of women were quite aggressive about it and quite, you know, confronting about it.

BARBARA MILLER: Sally says one factor in her decision was evidence from studies in sub-Saharan Africa that circumcision can reduce the rate of HIV-AIDS transmission in heterosexuals.'

Newsweek: 'Men’s Lib'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What’s the matter with men? For years, the media have delivered the direst of prognoses. Men are “in decline.” Guys are getting “stiffed.” The “war on boys” has begun. And so on. This summer, The Atlantic’s Hanna Rosin went so far as to declare that “The End of Men” is upon us.

There’s certainly some substance to these claims. As the U.S. economy has transitioned from brawn to brain over the past three decades, a growing number of women have gone off to work. Men’s share of the labor force has declined from 70 percent in 1945 to less than 50 percent today, and in the country’s biggest cities, young, single, childless women—that is, the next generation—earn 8 percent more than their male peers. Women have matched or overtaken men as a percentage of students in college and graduate school, while men have retained their lead in alcoholism, suicide, homelessness, violence, and criminality. Factor in the Great Recession, which has decimated male-heavy industries like construction and manufacturing, and it’s no wonder so many deadline anthropologists are down on men. But while the state of American manhood has inspired plenty of anxious trend pieces, few observers have bothered to address the obvious question: if men are going off the rails, how do they get back on track?
...
But suggesting that men should stick to some musty script of masculinity only perpetuates the problem. For starters, it encourages them to confront new challenges the same way they dealt with earlier upheavals: by blaming women, retreating into the woods, or burying their anxieties beneath machismo. And it does nothing to help them succeed in school, secure sustainable jobs, or be better fathers in an economy that’s rapidly outgrowing Marlboro Manliness.'

American Thinker: The Wage Gap Myth

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'Sometimes you just have to feel sorry for President Obama. Having recently appointed Austan Goolsbee to his economic team, feminists are outraged that Obama chose a man to replace Christina Romer. "Many women have become the sole breadwinners, but because of the wage gap, as the sole breadwinner they can't provide for their families as men can," Terry O'Neill, head of the National Organization for Women, said. "If you had half of the economic advisers being women, I think that perspective would come to the forefront."

In one sense, O'Neill is right about a wage gap -- on average, women earn about 80 cents to a man's dollar. Could this mean feminists and Democrats actually have a point on this one? Not a chance. In lieu of the recent 39th anniversary of "Women's Equality Day" and O'Neill's remarks, it is imperative we revisit the wage gap myth. As much as special-interest groups and the media love to parrot the 80 cent statistic, it is hardly due to gender discrimination.'

Women exceed men in earning Ph.D.s in US in 2009

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Story here. Excerpt:

'For the first time, more women than men in the United States received doctoral degrees last year, the culmination of decades of change in the status of women at colleges nationwide.

The number of women at every level of academia has been rising for decades. Women now hold a nearly 3-to-2 majority in undergraduate and graduate education. Doctoral study was the last holdout - the only remaining area of higher education that still had an enduring male majority.

Of the doctoral degrees awarded in the 2008-09 academic year, 28,962 went to women and 28,469 to men, according to an annual enrollment report from the Council of Graduate Schools, based in Washington.'

UK: Malone's Extraordinary School For Boys

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'Gareth Malone has never been one to shy away from a challenge. He made his name on TV as the choirmaster in BBC Two's The Choir, a series which saw him bring together people from all walks of life and turn them into accomplished singers.

However back in April Gareth took on one of his toughest challenges yet, as he took over the reins of a primary school class for a term, helping to reinvigorate the educational experience for a group of 39 boys from an Essex school. Many of these likely lads hadn't been fulfilling their educational potential, a story that can be found up and down the country as boys continue to lag behind girls in terms of literacy.

With the head teacher's full consent, Gareth sets to work attempting to meet the challenge of increasing the boys' reading age by six months in just eight short weeks. It's a tough ask, and TV's Mr Nice's efforts make for fascinating viewing. You'll marvel at his tricks, which include special lessons, cleverly devised competition and infectious enthusiasm.'

Father-son bond a key to young men's development

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Technology changes. The economy changes. But some things never change. Some fathers still take time out with their sons – fishing, playing sports or video games, tinkering on cars. Even in challenging times, these unshakable dads are forging family ties, modeling manhood and fatherhood, and delivering life's most important lessons.

"The bonding between a father and son is important in terms of relationships and how they'll (boys will) generalize and translate to relationships with other males," said Rob Goldman, a psychologist who works for the Suffolk County Probation Department in New York.

It's also beneficial in helping keep boys out of trouble. There's a correlation between children who wind up in the juvenile justice system and incarcerated dads or fathers who abandon their children, he said.

"It's very, very important to be engaged and enrolled in their children's lives," Goldman said. "If they feel the caretaker isn't there for them, the child is going to have relationships that can be very destructive and erratic for them."'

Woman Gets 34 Years for Torturing/Assautling Children

Anonymous · 22 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CLEVELAND, Ohio --The Cleveland mother who tortured her 8-year-old son for four years will spend 34 years in prison.

And the boy's father, who did nothing to protect the child and eight siblings, was sentenced Tuesday to 26 years. Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Kathleen Ann Sutula ignored a plea agreement between Andreia Huffman, 37, her husband, Jason Dunikowski, 32, and county prosecutors that called for 19- and 17-year sentences.
...
"Torture is not allowed in our society," Sutula said, while looking at photographs of the boy's swollen, broken nose, bruised legs and red wrists that had been bound every night with duct tape.

"Anyone who thinks the sentences are harsh, hasn't seen the evidence."'

Two female teachers accused of "sex with minors"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two Boiling Springs teachers are facing charges after deputies say they threw parties for teenagers that involved alcohol, marijuana and sex.

Sarah Jane Lindsay, 42, of 438 Maplecroft St., and Audrey Beidleman Grabarkiewicz, 44, of 230 Sandy Drive, were taken into custody by Spartanburg County sheriff's deputies Monday. Police had been investigating since a parent came forward with a complaint in July.

Lindsay, a teacher at Boiling Springs Elementary, is charged with nine counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and criminal sexual conduct with a minor between 11 and 14 years old.

Grabarkiewicz, a preschool teacher at Lake Bowen Baptist Church, is charged with 10 counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Investigators said Grabarkiewicz also had “sexual relations with some of the victims,” but, because they were older than 16, she will not be charged, according to a statement from the sheriff's office.'

Women and the Death Penalty

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Teresa Lewis, a 41-year-old Virginia woman who admitted murdering her husband and his son, has run out of appeals and is set to be executed Thursday. Her co-conspirators were given life without parole, and Lewis' attorneys have argued that new evidence shows they were actually the masterminds of the plot -- therefore her sentence is unfair. She also has an IQ of 72, which means she's borderline mentally retarded.

Nearly all the stories I've seen mention how rare it is for women to be executed; she would be the only woman to be executed in the country in five years -- in Virginia it's been nearly a century. I understand the desire of news writers to point out rarities; it makes the story more important. But in this case, it also implies that most of the 1,226 other executions the United States has carried out since 1976, the vast majority of which are of men, are normal.'

Local group pushes for all-male school

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Members of an Annapolis organization are so concerned about boys' academic performance that they want to create an all-male school.

Brian Tucker of Concerned Citizens for Successful Students approached the county Board of Education last week about tailoring an academic program specifically for male students. It would operate either as an entire school or as an academic initiative geared just toward boys. The plan is in its early stages and the group is discussing it with county officials.
...
There has been an ongoing debate about the value of single-sex education and whether both boys and girls benefit from it equally.

The National Organization for Women opposes such efforts, saying they "increase sexism and exacerbate feelings of superiority toward women," according to the group's website. But officials of the National Association for Single Sex Public Education support the concept, offering training to teachers so they can provide opportunities that do not exist in coed environments.'

4 Dead, 1 Wounded in Shooting at Seattle Home

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SEATTLE -- A woman fatally shot three people and herself at a Seattle home Thursday, injuring another woman who fled into the front yard and told officers: "My mom has gone crazy," police said.

Officers responded to a report of gunshots at about 1:30 p.m. and could still hear shots being fired from the house when they arrived, police spokesman Sean Whitcomb said. A man in his 50s ran into the house. Two more shots were fired and he ran back out, telling officers his wife had shot herself.

When police were able to go inside, they found the four dead, including a woman in her 50s they believe was the shooter, Whitcomb said.

He said police don't believe anyone else was involved.

In addition to the older woman, the dead included two women in their late teens and a man in his 30s, police said. Their relationships were not immediately known.'

NY woman found guilty of fatally poisoning boyfriend with antifreeze mixed into margaritas

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CANANDAIGUA, N.Y. - A woman has been found guilty of manslaughter in death of her boyfriend, who drank a jug of margaritas laced with antifreeze at their apartment in western New York.
...
Cynthia Galens was charged with murder in January, three months after Air Force veteran Thomas Stack died from complications of ethylene glycol poisoning. But a grand jury opted in February for a less severe first-degree manslaughter charge.

The 52-year-old Galens has been on trial for four days. The trial began Monday.

Investigators say she told them Stack was emotionally and physically abusive and she decided to exact revenge by pouring a shot glass of the toxic automotive chemical into a margarita mix. Stack died four days later.

Galens says she intended to make him sick, not kill him.'

Harry Reid and Comparable Worth

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some bad ideas never die. On Tuesday, during Senate debate, Majority Leader Harry Reid announced that, “I’m going to do my utmost to see if we can find a way to have a vote on the Paycheck Fairness Act. It is so fair to do that, to do a better job of equalizing pay between men and women when they do the same work. It seems fairly basic and fair.”

Senator Reid has apparently not read the bill. In addition to the 2009 “Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act,” this latest Democratic pre-election pandering to the trial lawyers and some women’s organizations is creating an administrative and legal nightmare for any employer trying to manage his or her workforce. It could totally upend criteria for hiring and setting pay. What do President Obama and the Democrats consider “unfair” about paying workers more if they have more experience, more education, or specific skills?

...
The first serious problem with this legislation is that, by changing the affirmative defenses allowed for employment decisions, it allows discrimination claims to be made for reasons other than discrimination. The burden of proof would be on employers to show that a seniority or educational qualification, for example, was “job-related” and a “business necessity.”

The bill also allows employees whose work situations or locations are not comparable to have their pay compared. For example, the pay of a worker in a high cost-of- living city could be compared to the pay for a worker for the same company in a locale with lower living costs. Reasonable people can see that locality pay differentials do not demonstrate gender discrimination.'

Hollywood Feminism: Women Smart, Men Dumb

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'Feminism is a Crock – and Other True Stories." That's the title for a book I'd like to write someday. The reason I say feminism is a crock is because it has morphed from "equal rights for all" to "women are better than men, and if you disagree you're a sexist pig who should be castrated." It's also morphed into a sexual free-for-all: what used to be sauce for the gander (and those ganders were usually considered cads) is now sauce for the goose. This image is being perpetuated by pop culture and entertainment, and women are more and more frequently being portrayed as strong through their sexuality, not through their actual accomplishments. Is this the standard to which we want our daughters to aspire?
...
Fast forward to 2010. Many would say the fight for equal rights has pretty much been won. Girls can dream of going to college and becoming airline pilots, electrical and biological engineers, teachers, doctors – the list is almost endless. In fact, more women graduate with college degrees than men – perhaps due in part to more focus being put on girls than boys in school to "make up for" previous inequality and also what is being called the feminization of society (what Rush Limbaugh calls "chickification").

And for years, the entertainment industry has done its part for the last 20 or 30 years by portraying men as bumbling but lovable fools who wouldn't be where they are if it weren't for the very attractive, smart-as-a-whip women they somehow managed to marry. Television's Home Improvement and King of Queens are two of the more recent examples. And, of course, commercials like this one. So even if the woman did commit the sin of marrying, she always had the redeeming quality of having the upper hand in just about any situation.'

Man Up or Man Down? Newsweek Redefines Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We've arrived at another crossroads," declares Newsweek — and this one represents a crisis for masculinity. As the magazine's current cover story asserts, "The prevailing codes of manhood have yet to adjust to the changing demands on men." With this cover story dedicated to "rethinking" masculinity, Newsweek launches itself into a very relevant cultural conversation.

"Man Up!" is the message the magazine conveys on its cover, though by the time a reader actually reads the article, he or she may be forgiven for having little idea of what this means. If, indeed, the traditional male is "an endangered species," where does this leave men?

Writers Andrew Romano and Tony Dokoupil get right to the heart of that matter when they ask, "What's the matter with men?" They, then, point to the recent recession, which we now know has led to a significant and seemingly permanent change in the workforce — and largely at the expense of men. By some estimates, eight out of ten jobs lost in the recession were in sectors of the economy that are traditionally dominated by men, such as construction and manufacturing. In 1945, the male share of the labor force was 70 percent. Now it is less than 50 percent. In the nation's largest cities, women often make more than men on average do. Women now outnumber men at virtually every level of higher education, starting with a six to four advantage in undergraduate registrations. The list goes on.
...
The message is plain — men will have to redefine masculinity as they take on "girly" jobs, transform themselves into nurturers, and celebrate a fully egalitarian society in terms of gender. Working for a female boss will become standard, as will the expectation that a stay-at-home father is as common as a stay-at-home mom.'

Real Life: The curse of masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Every major non-geological disaster in history has been man-made, from climate change to the credit crunch and from warfare to genocide.

"Men's denial of vulnerability and the need to consume and acquire are intricately connected."

Masculinity, argues Jukes, is like an illness acquired in early boyhood. It is, he believes, built on a 'fault' created during the Oedipal crisis and is hugely destructive.

"It is like two sides of a divide. One side is a boy's relationship with his mother, and later the pressure not to be so deeply attached to the mother because it is seen as feminising.
...
"Maleness and masculinity are not the same thing. Masculinity is a psychological, socially based construct whereas maleness is a biological given," he says.

As a result, believes Jukes, masculinity is "incredibly destructive" to many men who suffer, but must never allow themselves to acknowledge, feelings of isolation, loneliness and fear.
...
"Men are the ones who gamble, who commit most of the crime, rape and murder, and who indulge in risky sex."

Much of male behaviour -- the quest for power and status, chronic sulking, workaholism, risk-taking, infidelity -- is a paradoxical defence against men's overwhelming feelings of weakness, vulnerability and humiliation, Jukes argues.
...
"You have to start by educating fathers to raise their children to be non-masculine, and to value vulnerability and tenderness in little boys."'

Virginia's execution of a woman may signal shift in national thinking

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Virginia put to death a 41-year-old woman Thursday night, the first execution of a female in the country in five years and the first in that state for nearly a century.
...
Legal scholars attribute the "gender bias" in executions to women's lower propensity to kill and the tendency of those who do to kill a husband, lover or child in the heat of emotion, seldom with the "aggravating factors" states require for a death sentence. Lewis pleaded guilty to having arranged the killings to collect $250,000 in insurance money on her stepson.

"The way capital punishment statutes are written inadvertently favor women. They make it a worse crime if a homicide is committed during a felony, like robbery or rape, which are rarely involved in women's homicides," said Victor Streib, a Northern Ohio University law professor who has spent 30 years researching condemned women. "It's also easier to convince a jury that women suffer emotional distress or other emotional problems more than men."'

The male college drop-out rate and Title IX

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Story here. Excerpt:

'There now are more collegiate rifle teams for women than there are for men. More schools offer women's equestrian teams than men's water polo teams. Quinnipiac has seven sports for men and 14 for women. UCLA has a swimming team for women but not for men.
...
To achieve gender equity amid enrollment shifts and reduced revenue, colleges have been chopping men's sports, with at least half a dozen on the endangered list and a couple facing extinction.

"Every April, you hear about the spring slaughter," said Minnesota men's gymnastics coach Mike Burns, whose program is one of 17 remaining in a sport that numbered 124 in 1972.
...
With female students now outnumbering males at most schools and the number of big-roster football programs rising from 497 in 1981 to 633, colleges are finding it more difficult to keep their programs in balance. In 2006, James Madison, which has a 60-40 female-male ratio, dropped 10 sports, including women's gymnastics, fencing, and archery.'

Running: A race against gender - Can men and women race fairly?

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Article here. Excerpt:

Can men and women ever compete fairly in a sport like running? Yes, but it requires a little bit of maths know-how. "What time did you get?" It is the first question runners ask of each other when the race is over. But is it the right question? You see, distance running is unfair.

Men experience this unfairness as they get older. Ten miles into a half-marathon, older men can only struggle on with growing irritation as younger men - men who would not have stood a chance against them in their prime - sail past. For women, the feeling of injustice comes as soon as we start racing.

Men have bigger hearts and can take in and move around oxygen much more efficiently than women can. So men can beat us even if we are "better" runners. So is it possible to adjust for age and sex to level the playing field? To solve this maths problem I challenged my 52-year-old colleague David Lewis to race against me, a 28-year-old woman, in the Great North Run half-marathon.

...

Alan's numbers give us the secret to a fair race. For example: if you compare the best possible time for men and women over a half marathon you get a factor of 0.8995. The age-factor for a 48-year-old man is also 0.8995.

So a young woman (younger than 30) can race against a 48-year-old male happy in the knowledge that it is a fair contest.

"Of course, it is fair anyway," says Alan. "If he runs faster than you, he runs faster than you. That's the nature of a race."

I chose to ignore that bit, as David and I made our way to Newcastle.

UK: Education apartheid: More middle-class families send their sons to private school, but not their daughters

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Article here. Excerpt:

There was a time when middle-class families would prioritise their son's education over their daughter's. After all, a well-brought-up young lady from a good family could marry well, while her brother would be expected to provide for his own family. It's a tradition most people would assume had long since died out, yet, as the Daily Mail discovered, many modern parents with limited funds are choosing to buy their boy's education, while putting their girl through the state system.
...
Psychologist Tim Francis says: 'In the state sector, we have a culture of conformity that does not exist in the private sector. The National Curriculum decrees that all pupils progress at the same level and suppresses individuality and "boisterousness".

'The teaching is pitched at the average child - any pupil who doesn't fit that mould misses out. You need to be a square peg in a square hole to survive the state system. It needs a radical re-think to allow every child, regardless of their sex, to achieve. Parents shouldn't have to play Russian roulette with their children's education and choose one sex above the other.' Girls appear to be better equipped to deal with this need for conformity within state education. Boys, however, are falling way behind girls in terms of academic achievement.

Social commentator James Delingpole is much more blunt about what, he believes, is the real reason behind parents favouring sons over daughters.

'Girls can always marry a rich man,' he says. 'If a girl is middle-class and reasonably educated in the state system, the chances are she will marry well anyway.

'Boys, like it or not, are much more likely to end up earning their family's crust as the breadwinner. Girls, being more sophisticated, socially adept and devious, are much more capable of negotiating the complexities of the state system than boys. It may not be liberated or politically correct, but it's true.'

James, who lives in London, has faced this tough choice himself. Unsurprisingly, he chose to send his elder son to a private day school, while his daughter is educated in the state sector.

'It is still very much a taboo subject, and most parents will do anything rather than admit they are singling out their son,' he says.

'But ever since the credit crunch, increasing numbers of middle-class parents are finding themselves in this nightmarish situation.'

James says the decision was made for him because his son was struggling at his state school.

'My son is bright, but one day he came home from school and said he wished he was more stupid, because he'd get more attention.

'My feeling is that the state system is woefully geared against boys. Almost all the teachers are female, and a kind of ideological feminisation has crept into the system.

'Boys aren't built to sit still and conform in class. They are boisterous - they need to run about and they need to be challenged.

'Bright girls can be popular, but bright boys are made to feel like geeks and have to conform with the "thick" boys to be "one of the lads". It is a simple fact that the state sector is failing boys.'

"Real Men Do Apologize"

Anonymous · 25 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men, according to conventional wisdom, are stubbornly unwilling to apologize. Countless pop psychology books have referenced this reluctance, explaining that our egos are too fragile to admit we're wrong, or we're oblivious to important nuances of social interaction.

Sorry to disrupt that lovely feeling of superiority, ladies, but newly published research suggests such smug explanations miss the mark. Writing in the journal Psychological Science, University of Waterloo psychologists Karina Schumann and Michael Ross report that men are, indeed, less likely to say "I'm sorry." But they're also less likely to take offense and expect an apology from someone else.'

Abusegate Update: Capitol Hill activism

Matt · 25 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From Abusegate Bob:

This flyer was distributed to all 435 Representatives and 100 Senators on Capitol Hill on 9/23/10. The flyer highlights the fact that mandatory arrest policies in 20 states are the cause of 600 intimate partner homicides each year.

A Voice for Men: "Shrugging Misandry"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The men's movement has long carried with it a strong undercurrent of frustration. We lack organization, have made all but inconsequential progress on the political and legal fronts, and remain on the outside of an impenetrable wall around the mainstream media. Countless times the ambitions of MRA's start up in a flash and falter as just as quickly. Uncle Zed himself has dubbed our tendency to undermine any emergent leaders, and each other, as The Circular Firing Squad.

In other words, we are doing just fine, thank you very much.

The negatives are real, but let's put a little perspective on this. First, it is critically important to consider that any movement a mere 40 or 50 years old is in its infancy. For women, it was 72 years between Seneca Falls and the 19th amendment; almost 50 years after that before mainstream feminism took hold, and still another 25 or so years before gender activists really started getting the power to destroy families and generally fuck up everything else they touched. That is roughly 150 years from inception to the resultant destruction.'

It's OK for girls to play on boys' teams, but...

Matt · 25 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Well, good for her! Can a boy at that high school run on the girl's track team, too? Excerpt:

'She didn't make a tackle, or even break up a pass. Still, Northwestern (Fla.) High School's Jaline DeJesus made history in the Miami school's 38-12 victory over Hialeah Miami Lakes on Thursday night, becoming the first girl to play in a game for one of the top-ranked teams in Florida's highest division, 6A. In fact, Northwestern stacks up well with the best programs in the entire country, too; the Bulls are currently ranked No. 71 in the RivalsHigh 100.

Perhaps equally notable was the position in which DeJesus played: cornerback. Traditionally reserved for a team's best or quickest athletes (or both), the Miami Herald reported that DeJesus was an able substitute at defensive back for the final minute of Northwestern's victory after being promoted from the Northwestern junior varsity for the game. Considering the fact that DeJesus was filling in for Northwestern seniors Jermaine Reve and James Davis, that's saying something.'

Bernard Chapin announces idea for Men's Voting Block

Matt · 26 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Announced on A Voice for Men here. Excerpt:

'Our good friend Bernard Chapin has come up with a plan for some real activism. A men's voting block. It is such a good idea that I really can't imagine why no one has done this before. Here is the Inferno-meister himself to explain it, and a link to the Facebook page under the vid.'

So long, Harriet Harperson

Matt · 26 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Well I doubt we shall see the very last of her any time soon, but the perilous edge on which the UK teetered it seems has been (at least for now) if not avoided, then delayed. Excerpt:

'It took her 30 years to get to the top of the Labour Party but, after just 137 days, her reign is over. Harriet Harman took a final wander through the grand rooms accorded to the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament last week, looking almost wistfully at the view across the Thames, before vacating in preparation for the arrival of the new Labour leader. She will return to the other end of the shadow cabinet table with her colleagues next month, but at least she will have the consolation of having reached the top of a particularly treacherous career ladder.'

UK: Childhood casualties of the family courts

Anonymous · 27 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers still have the odds stacked against them when it comes to custody battles in the family court system, but are warring parents forgetting what and who they are fighting for?
...
When Paul returned home from a six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan, he found his key no longer fitted his front door.

"My wife had changed the locks on the house I was paying the mortgage on, and my kids were inside with her new bloke," he said. "I can't tell you what I felt, trying to make sense of it all. It was a bad dream. She had a lawyer lined up to talk about money and they seemed stunned when I said I wanted contact.

"I had kids because I wanted to be a dad. I am a dad, not a sperm donor."

His little boys were then aged three and 18 months. He hasn't seen them for almost two years and struggles on with his legal battle.'

Canada: "It's time to blow up Divorce Court"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ontario Chief Justice Warren recently recommended “dramatic” changes to the family law justice system that would deny litigants access to the courts if they didn’t go through mediation or arbitration first.

“(O)nly in the event that the alternative dispute resolution process is unsuccessful would access to the costly, time-consuming, adversarial and sometimes acrimonious court process be available to litigants” Justice Winkler said earlier this month in a speech marking the opening of Ontario courts for the current session.

Apparently fine-tuning the system is of little value and a new approach, “a fresh conceptual approach,” is required.

But a report on family law by the Law Commission of Ontario questioned the effectiveness of mediation. It’s no big surprise that our family justice system was found to be lacking, indeed the title of the report refers to our “Broken Family Justice System.”

Apparently mediation isn’t a cure for what ails the system. Mediation only works when both sides want it to work. Of course, mediation can be expensive and not all mediators are effective.

...

Instead of more mediation, we need to deal with the high costs of litigation by lowering fees and providing more money to lower-income litigants. Flexible payment plans would also be nice.

So what’s the answer: More mediation, more money or dealing with the high costs of litigation? What if it’s none of the above?

If we recognize that the current system is costly, time-consuming and often acrimonious, why don’t we come to the obvious conclusion? Perhaps we need to blow up the system and build a new, improved system from the ground up. What better place to start than with our cherished adversarial system?'

Two women charged in domestic violence cases

el cid · 27 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Two women were recently charged in separate cases. One case involved a lesbian couple. The other involved a woman who convinced a boyfriend to beat up her 62-year-old ex.

Hell does occasionally freeze over. Excerpt:

'Two Denver women were formally charged today in separate domestic-violence cases.

Annette Martinez, 47, was charged with second-degree assault resulting in serious injury. She allegedly kicked her partner of 10 years in the face on Wednesday, breaking her nose, according to the Denver District Attorney's Office.

Sophia Newson-Westlund, 47, allegedly drove to her ex-husband's home on Sept. 19 and lured the 62-year-old out of his house.

Another man who was with Newson-Westlund punched and beat her ex-husband repeatedly. Newson-Westlund was charged with third-degree assault of an at-risk adult.'

UK: Council outlaws mother-in-law jokes

anthony · 28 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Despite surviving from Roman times, the humour no longer considered acceptable, according to officials at the London Borough of Barnet.

The edict was issued in a 12-page booklet entitled Cultural awareness: General Problems which came to light through a Freedom of Information request.

It states: “Humour can be incredibly culture-specific, and is very open to misinterpretation or even offense [sic] by other cultures. And don’t forget when you don’t know what people are laughing at, it is very easy to imagine that they are laughing at you.”

The guide adds: “British mother-in-law jokes, as well as offensively sexist in their own right, can also be seen as offensive on the grounds that they disrespect elders or parents.”

Barnet, the second largest population of the 33 London boroughs, where women outnumber men by 170,000 to 161,500, had been accused of a “sense of humour by-pass” by writer John Sessions.'

Mariage rates in US hit record low in 2009

Matt · 29 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Great mention of the economy, yet no mention of The Great Unspeakable Marriage Strike, but somehow with plenty of misandry squeezed in there, too. Excerpt:

'Fewer Americans are married than at any time in recorded history, according to Census data released Tuesday.

Just 52 percent of adults 18 and older said they were married in 2009, compared with 57 percent in 2000. For the first time, the 46.3 percent of adults aged 25 to 34 who said they had never married outnumbered the 44.9 percent who were currently married.

The recession was causing more adults to linger outside the church before walking down the aisle, experts said.

"Men's employment has taken a big hit, and when the guy doesn't have a stable job, couples are more hesitant about tying the knot," said Brad Wilcox, director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, noting that employed men are "not getting drunk on a Wednesday night; work is helpful to civilize a man."'

Canada: Female judge rules to decriminalize activites around prostitution

Matt · 29 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I wonder how women's studies professors can find a way to make this all about the Evil Patriarchy? A female judge rules in favor of the plaintiffs: three prostitutes just chomping at the bit to ply their trade publicly. You can practically hear the gears grinding away as The Machine tries desperately to find some kind of output that has a man to blame for it all. Excerpt:

'A Toronto judge has struck down Canada's prostitution laws, effectively decriminalizing activities associated with the world's oldest trade.

"These laws, individually and together, force prostitutes to choose between their liberty interest and their right to security of the person as protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms," Justice Susan Himel of Ontario's Superior Court of Justice said in Tuesday's landmark decision.
...

Rona Ambrose, minister for status of women, said the Conservative government is "very concerned" about the court decision and is considering an appeal.
...
"This is wonderful," dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford told reporters at the University Ave. courthouse.

Bedford and prostitutes Valerie Scott and Amy Lebovitch had asked the court to strike down Criminal Code provisions dealing with prostitution, contending the laws violate their constitutional right to security of the person and freedom of expression.'

Canada: Teacher found not guilty of sex charges

Anonymous · 29 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Morinville, Alta., teacher on trial for sexual assault has been found not guilty of all charges.

Michael Dubas, 55, faced two charges each of sexual assault, sexual interference and sexual exploitation involving two female students at G.H. Primeau School in the town about 30 kilometres northwest of Edmonton. In delivering his decision in St. Albert provincial court Friday afternoon, Judge Brian Fraser said he believed Dubas when he denied touching the girls.

"In my opinion, Mr. Dubas, you have suffered a tremendous injustice," the judge said.

...

The girls, who cannot be identified under a publication ban, alleged Dubas groped them in two separate incidents in February and October of 2009.

Fraser said the testimony of one of the girls was unreliable and pointed to a surveillance video showing the hallway at the time she said she was groped. The video showed no evidence the attack occurred, the judge said.'

In my opinion, Mr. Dubas should wait until these two girls are 25, then sue them for everything they've got!

"Too Few Women In Tech? Stop Blaming The Men"

Matt · 30 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But I'm not going to do that. Instead I'm going to tell it like it is. And what it is is this: statistically speaking women have a huge advantage as entrepreneurs, because the press is dying to write about them, and venture capitalists are dying to fund them. Just so no one will point the accusing finger of discrimination at them.

That WSJ article also criticizes Y Combinator for having just 14 female founders out of their 208 startups to date. But I know that Y Combinator wants – really, really wants – female founders and that there just aren't very many of them. I know this because Y Combinator cofounder Jessica Livingston has told me how excited they are to get applications from women, and that they want to do everything they can to get more female applicants. What they probably won't admit, but I suspect is true anyway, is that the rate of acceptance for female applicants is far higher than for male applicants.

The problem isn't that Silicon Valley is keeping women down, or not doing enough to encourage female entrepreneurs. The opposite is true. No, the problem is that not enough women want to become entrepreneurs.'

IA: AAP meeting this week-end

Matt · 30 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From an IA newsletter:

'With the American Academy of Pediatrics conference happening this weekend, it's more important than ever to write to the AAP and demand that they listen to America's parents, and the rest of the world: circumcision is not an effective tool against AIDS, it isn't medically necessary, and it inflicts needless pain and suffering on helpless infants. Email them here.'

Canada: "Strict laws protect women"

Anonymous · 30 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The author, Andrea Mrozek, is a Conservative Christian and Manager of Research and Communications for the Institute of Marriage and Family Canada.

'For the one smiling face of dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford there are thousands upon thousands more who are weeping, waiting for the despair to end, living lives filled with drugs, sedatives, physical and sexual abuse and suicidal thoughts.

Their stories were ignored in Justice Susan Himel's decision to overturn Canada's prostitution laws on Tuesday.

Reasonable evidence was likewise ignored, evidence that shows lax prostitution laws increase the exploitation of women, help organized crime and increase human trafficking.

Parliament has 30 days to decide how to act on this decision. It must be overturned, and failing that, something more stringent put in its place. Following the path of Sweden by criminalizing Johns is one possible solution, with considerable support among women's groups and anti-human trafficking activists across the globe.

The Swedish model prosecutes the buyer.

"A person who obtains casual sexual relations in exchange for payment shall be sentenced," reads the law, "…to a fine or imprisonment for at most six months."'

"Dad and buried"

Matt · 30 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Column here. Excerpt:

'We live in an era where it's no longer acceptable to make fun of particular groups.

Except men, of course.

Curiously, while we are expected to treat others with sensitivity and respect, men are still fair game.
...
And if the mass media portray men as idiots, it's not surprising that such misconceptions end up colouring people's views of men in real life.

Case in point: the long-standing myth that men are incapable fathers. Tiptoeing into that cultural minefield is Luc Bouchard, provincial co-ordinator of the Alberta Father Involvement Initiative.

His mission? To convince the skeptics that just because men parent differently doesn't mean they're bad dads — and to help social service agencies design parenting programs that reach out to dads as well as moms.'

Senate Committee Cancels I-VAWA Hearing; Passage of Bill Considered Unlikely This Year

Matt · 1 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via email submission:

This afternoon the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was scheduled to hold a mark-up hearing on the proposed International Violence Against Women Act (S. 2982). The purpose of the hearing was to consider any final amendments on the bill before a vote by the Committee, and subsequent referral to the entire Senate for a vote.

But just minutes before the hearing was scheduled to begin, committee Chairman John Kerry of Massachusetts announced the hearing would be canceled. Senate insiders believe the cancellation marks a decision by Sen. Kerry to avoid an embarrassing defeat of the bill. Sen. Kerry was a lead sponsor of the bill, along with senators Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Olympia Snowe (R-ME), and Susan Collins (R-ME).

While Sen. Kerry may attempt to secure passage of the bill during the upcoming “Lame Duck” session of Congress, Senate insiders believe such a move is unlikely.

A coalition of women’s organizations, men’s groups, pro-family advocates, and victim advocacy organizations had lobbied against the bill, saying it would promote a gender ideology, discriminate against male victims, and do little to address the known causes of domestic violence. The Save Indian Family Foundation also worked against I-VAWA’s passage, noting “India and other countries have had extensive experience with such abuse-reduction laws, which have had a disastrous impact on our society.”

The International Violence Against Women Act has also been introduced in the House (H.R. 4594). The House Foreign Affairs Committee has not scheduled a mark-up hearing on the bill.

Barbara Kay: Who’s oppressing who?

Matt · 1 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In its earliest and most benign form – the political campaign to achieve equality under the law and equality in economic opportunities – feminism was a necessary and welcome reform movement. No rational person could be less than delighted to see barriers to a full range of educational and career options for women fall by the wayside.

The feminism I take exception to today is not the mild and blameless right of a woman to self-actualize that all women absorb by osmosis from the cultural air we breathe, but the radical ideology that has come to dominate the movement’s academic and institutional elites over the last 40 years.

This is an ideology that sees the relations between the sexes as a never-ending antagonistic power struggle, with women as eternal victims and men as eternal oppressors. It is an ideology that explains away the moral failings of women as the fault of a patriarchal “system”, but holds men responsible for their actions. And most important, it is an ideology that shortchanges children by privileging the rights and importance to children of mothers over fathers.

That kind of feminism is so deeply entrenched in our society’s cultural elites and the institutions they dominate — really it is the defining ideology of our era — that whether she wants to or not, no thinking woman can escape the necessity of negotiating some kind of relationship with its claims.'

Are men being robbed of their masculinity?

Anonymous · 1 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

The best thing that ever happened to me was losing my balls..."

Barry Munday utters the words to a rugged – and horrified – guy sitting next to him at the bar. An aspiring ladies' man, Mr. Munday suffers an injury to his testicles, learns he's a father and grows into a better man in the film named after him, opening Oct. 1 in theatres.

The movie is just the latest in a string of emasculating offerings in popular culture. In April, bloggers seized on an oxytocin-laced "cuddle spray," rumoured to entrance your guy into snuggling after sex instead of cozying up with ESPN.'

Article on Men's Reproductive Rights in Elle

el cid · 1 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I accidentally came across this article in Elle magazine about men's reproductive rights. It actually does a fairly good job of presenting both sides of the issue. It includes quotations from Mel Feit and Kim Gandy (ex-president of NOW). Excerpt:

"Feit's list of grievances range from sexist social standards—why should men still be expected to foot the bill on dates? Why is crying or showing weakness verboten for them?—to what he considers discrimination enforced by the state: men's lack of reproductive rights combined with unfair child support laws. "Reproductive choice isn't a fundamental right if it's only limited to people who have internal reproductive systems," Feit says. "If it only applies to women, it's a limited right and that weakens it." In his view, Planned Parenthood's motto—"Every child a wanted child"—should apply to both people who make the baby."
...
"Still, it seems dicey for women to argue that our distinct biology gives us special rights, considering our long history of being discriminated against based on that same biology. And I wonder about the practical costs of excluding men. The assertion that women have unquestioned dominion over reproductive decisions seems to help cement the notion that fathers are minor players in the life of a family. Yet women are crying out for men to assume a larger share of the burdens (and joys, hopefully) of parenthood."'

College's First-Year Men to Attend Presentation on Campus ‘Rape Culture’

Geredeth · 2 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Tonight [9/27/10] at 7 p.m., first-year men at Hamilton College will be attending a mandatory presentation of "She Fears You," a program at which they will be pressed to acknowledge their personal complicity in a "rape culture" on Hamilton's campus and to change their "rape-supportive" beliefs and attitudes. First-year men were informed via e-mail that attendance was required and that they needed to bring their ID cards. "She Fears You" will be presented by Keith Edwards, "a national speaker and trainer on diversity and social justice and college men's issues."

"She Fears You" is based on the theory that men need a "combined cognitive and emotional intervention" in order to change their "rape-supportive beliefs."'

"Children of Divorce" documentary covers PAS

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Documentary web site here. There is no text describing it on the site, but well worth watching.

A Voice for Men: "Pat Tillman: Dying Like a Real Man"

Matt · 2 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In going through the recent tribute here to Pat Tillman, the former NFL star that gave up a lucrative career in football to serve his country, I found myself nodding my head a lot. I also experienced a kind of sick feeling. There were many references to his bravery and sacrifice as indicators of quintessential masculinity.

In an age where men struggle to find the increasingly elusive meaning of manhood, the Tillman story should prove helpful, but only in discerning a path to avoid.

...

There is a lot of talk these days about making men good fathers, husbands and citizens. Much of this, of course, is predicated on the egregious myth that men are none of these things to begin with, and that their lives do not need or deserve compassionate attention simply for the sake of improving their lot in life. Everything we want men to be is somehow meant for the benefit of others. However well intended (and sometimes not), these efforts are doing little more than regarding men as human appliances.

...

These recently added notions of real manhood, mostly about housework and enhanced chivalry, seem to define our only real interest in changing men. After all, sacrifice and death, as they apply to the male role, are pretty severe forms of limitation themselves. But that fact, inconvenient to a society that lauds phony equality, goes largely ignored. So while we gave women suffrage, we just gave men more suffering.

The natural result of the liberation of women from the mandates of their sexual role should have been to do the same for men. And that alone would have brought women commensurate responsibilities and burdens with their increased rights. It would have, most unfortunately, brought them the increased death and suffering men have long endured. As we can plainly see, that did not happen, and it removes all credibility from the cause that purported to establish a more equal society.'

Human Male: Still A Work In Progress

Anonymous · 2 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article: Researchers at MIT showed that genes on the Y chromosomes are changing at a rapid pace. Excerpt:

'"The Y chromosome looks like it has a lot of life left in it," says David Page, an author of the study and director of the Whitehead Institute at MIT. In fact, he says, the Y chromosome looks to be "the most evolutionary dynamic part of our genome."

That's a dramatic reversal from just a few years ago, when scientists were suggesting the human Y chromosome was in trouble and might be headed for extinction. In 2000, for example, a team from the University of Edinburgh presented evidence that that Y chromosome had become "genetically degenerate."'

UK: Circumcision clinic run by female doctor seeks clients specifically for non-medical reasons

Minuteman · 3 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to clinic site here. Excerpt (emphasis not added):

'The Haven Surgery now offers a circumcision service for male babies for religious or cultural reasons, from the ages of 4 - 24 weeks.

This service is not for circumcisions for medical reasons

...
She will be assisted by a female nurse.

...
Should you wish to take advantage of this special service, please contact the Haven Surgery by telephone.'

Australia: RRACP rejects endorsing routine infant male circumcision

Minuteman · 3 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Albeit, in its usual convoluted, weasel-word manner. Link to statement here (.pdf document). Excerpt:

'Recently there has been renewed debate regarding both the potential health benefits and the ethical and human rights issues relating to infant male circumcision.

Circumcision is generally a safe procedure but there are risks of minor complications and some rare but serious complications.
...
Ethical and human rights concerns have been raised regarding elective infant male circumcision because it is recognised that the foreskin has a functional role, the operation is non-therapeutic and the infant is unable to consent.

After reviewing the currently available evidence, the RACP believes that the frequency of diseases modifiable by circumcision, the level of protection offered by circumcision and the complication rates of circumcision do not warrant routine infant circumcision in Australia and New Zealand. However it is reasonable for parents to weigh the benefits and risks of circumcision and to make the decision whether or not to circumcise their sons.'

Event to focus on boys' education

Anonymous · 3 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A free public event focusing on boys' educational performance and needs will take place on Oct. 7 at the Santa Rosa Junior College Petaluma campus.

"Why Boys Fail: An Evening About Educating Boys," will be presented from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Carole L. Ellis Auditorium of the college campus, at 680 Sonoma Mountain Parkway.

Richard Whitmire, author of the book, "Why Boys Fail," will be the keynote speaker and Petaluma resident Joe Manthey will give a Powerpoint presentation, "A Brain-Based Approach to Academic Success for Boys."

The event is designed for parents and others who care for, educate or make policies affecting the lives of boys.

Manthey contends that the educational problems facing boys often are not understood.'

University Prep follows growing trend of single-sex schools

Matt · 3 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Once virtually unheard of in the public system, single-sex schools such as University Prep are becoming more common as educators look for new ways to help students learn and to bridge the achievement gap between white and minority students. In 1996, there were just three single-sex public schools in the United States. Now, more than 540 public schools have at least one single-sex classroom, and about 100 cater exclusively to one gender.

The growth follows a wave of research that suggests boys and girls learn differently, and that educators can tap into those differences to help students do better academically. The model is becoming popular in urban school districts such as Rochester, which have struggled for years to help students — particularly African-American boys who tend to lag behind their female classmates — do better.

"Across the country, especially in urban settings, girls outperform boys on state assessments and more often girls ultimately graduate from high school," said University Prep principal Joe Munno. "I said, 'let's target the group where we can have the most impact.'"'

Hamilton College update

Anonymous · 4 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks for bringing attention to "She Fears You."

Here's the latest--see top headline at http://www.thefire.org/

Adam Kissel

Male reproductive rights -- a mother fights back

Anonymous · 4 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is an article I found interesting. There are women fighting for this cause as well. I am one of them. Excerpt:

'Do Men Really have Equal Rights?

It is a question I really never thought of until recently. It was just last week, in fact, that I was sitting in a court room waiting for my 18 year old son's hearing to end. He was taken to court to pay child support for a child he did not want and did not agree to have, who he was, in fact, tricked into fathering by a dishonest young woman. Unfortunately, he was the "winner" of the paternity test (We were told it could have been one of three boys). I told my son he wasn't a winner at all, because being the winner of the DNA test he just lost everything that he doesn't even have yet.

While waiting in the filled court room, I sat there alone with my thoughts and worries about what was about to happen. Since he is 18 years old, I wasn't allowed to sit with him. He is considered an adult in the eyes of the court. An 18 year old boy with braces on his teeth, a sweet smile, and who still enjoys watching cartoons in the morning. As an adult, he is uneducated, underemployed, and naive enough to be duped by a pretty girl; damn, he doesn't even have his driver's license yet.'

Terri Stoddard: 'Let's stop this PSA from airing'

anthony · 4 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here, as follows:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqfp2aKj02w

According to an email I received these PSAs are running in Georgia. I've written to every TV station there informing them that these PSAs are not accurate. If you'd like to do the same, here are some of the addresses (the rest had fill-in forms on their websites).

Claim: Abusive fathers are successful in winning sole child custody about 70% of the time.

Analysis: This figure appears to be an embellishment of a claim in a 1989 report by the Gender Bias Committee of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court which claimed that in 70% of cases, fathers (not abusive fathers) were successful in winning some form of child custody, though not necessarily physical custody or sole custody.

New DV shelter for women only includes clubhouse and 2-year-rent-free apartments

Matt · 5 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PHOENIX - The Sojourner Center celebrated the grand opening of its newest campus for victims of domestic violence Saturday.

The Phoenix campus is a transitional facility, designed to help women get back out on their own by living in a community setting.

The campus houses 29 one, two and three bedroom apartments and a clubhouse in a gated complex.

“This brings everything together so the women can really create that sense of community, a real neighborhood where neighbors help neighbors, and women look after each other,” said Connie Phillips, Executive Director of Sojourner Center.'

Living in a Car After False DV Charges

Matt · 5 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA- A year ago, after 20 years of marriage, my ex-wife falsely accused me of striking her. I didn't touch her.

As a result of her lie, I have experienced arrest, incarceration, conviction, and loss of freedom. I am penniless and lived in my car for three months. I ate out of trash cans.

I now have temporary accommodation courtesy of a Veteran's Administration program for homeless men. I am 44-years-old.'

Pup-drowning Blonde gets Off

anthony · 5 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The blonde girl who was filmed hurling puppies into a river to drown will not face animal cruelty charges, furious animal rights campaigners have announced.

Police in Bugojna, Bosnia, have dropped plans to prosecute the youngster because they say she is not old enough to face court.

The decision was revealed by angry animal rights campaigners PETA in Germany, today (Tuesday).

They say local police and animal care groups claim all the pups were rescued from the fast flowing Vbras river by an onlooker.

But PETA spokeswoman Nadja Kutscher said: "This is outrageous. The puppies that the old woman was with were completely different ones to those thrown into the river in the video.'

Father’s incarceration associated with elevated risks of marijuana and other illegal drug use

fondueguy · 5 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a recently published study in the journal Addiction, researchers from Bowling Green State University report evidence of an association between father’s incarceration and substantially elevated risks for illegal drug use in adolescence and early adulthood.

The number of persons incarcerated in the United States has sharply risen over the past several decades, from about 250,000 in 1975 to 2,250,000 in 2006. So too has the number of children with incarcerated parents, particularly fathers. The consequences of father’s incarceration for their children, families, and communities are of increasing concern to researchers, policy makers, and practitioners.

...

Given that having a father in prison is an increasingly common event, this study’s findings suggest that a substantial number of young people in the USA are at risk for drug use. Increased drug use is closely linked to a number of adverse outcomes, including illegal drug market activity, increased crime and incarceration rates, lost work productivity, and costly substance abuse treatment. “Long-term drug use may exacerbate many other problems faced by disadvantaged youth, including mental health issues, delinquency, dropping out of school, domestic violence and poverty,” says the study’s lead author, Dr. Michael Roettger, a Postdoctoral Fellow with the National Center for Family and Marriage Research. Roettger notes that “this is of particular concern within poor and minority communities where incarcerations are disproportionately located.”'

F&F Action Alert: Tell Major Media Outlets, DSM Committee that PAS is Real and Harms Children

Matt · 6 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Alert here. Excerpt:

'Short Version: A new national Associated Press article covers the heated debate over Parental Alienation. We want you to write a letter to the DSM committee explaining that Parental Alienation is very real and needs to be taken seriously by our family courts–to do so, click here. Also, please write a Letter to the Editor concerning the AP article–click here and choose the email address of the appropriate newspaper(s).

Action Alert–We Want Your Participation

A new national Associated Press article discusses Parental Alienation and whether family courts should consider target parents' claims of being alienated from their children by their ex-spouses. Led by psychiatrist William Bernet, a group of 70 mental health experts from 12 countries are part of an effort to add Parental Alienation to the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V), the American Psychiatric Association's "bible" of diagnoses. To ensure that the DSM-V Task Force is aware of the scope and severity of Parental Alienation, thousands of our supporters responded to our Action Alert earlier this year to write to the DSM-V Task Force.'

"The Leadership Council" and PAS

Matt · 6 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

An anonymous submission mentioned "The Leadership Council", a group I never heard of before, and very generically-named at that. I Googled the phrase and discovered such a group indeed exists and is working to discredit FRAs' efforts around PAS issues, among other things. The PAS-related page is here. From their Mission page:

'The Leadership Council is a nonprofit independent scientific organization composed of respected scientists, clinicians, educators, legal scholars, journalists, and public policy analysts.
...
Goals
...
- To correct misinformation on psychological science used to serve vested interests or used as evidence in important cases affecting legal rights related to mental health issues.
- To improve coordination among professionals, develop guidelines, encourage research, further interdisciplinary professional education, and provide guidance, support, and encouragement for professionals in the field of traumatic studies.'

Boy back with mum who taped him to wall

Minuteman · 6 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An American toddler is back living at home with his mother after she and her boyfriend were jailed for duct taping him to a wall.

The 22-month old boy was originally placed in the custody of the US state of Nebraska after photos emerged of the abuse.

But the boy has now been put back in the custody of his 18-year-old mother Jayla Hamm, ABC News reports.'

Australia: Clinic opens in Melbourne to treat victims of female genital mutilation

Minuteman · 6 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to story here In full:

'A new clinic opens at the Royal Women's Hospital this week, providing services to reverse acts of female circumcision.

A landmark de-infibulation clinic opens at the Royal Women's Hospital this Friday.

The clinic provides a discreet half-day procedure to reverse female circumcision - commonly known as Female Genital Mutilation - or just simply FGM.

Richelle Hunt takes an exclusive tour through the facility just as it prepares to open for service, speaking to Dr Khai Mohhammed-Noor, who is responsible for developing this Australian-first service.

For more information about this service, call the Women's Health Information Centre on 8345 3037 and ask to be referred to the FARREP Program.'

Swimming World: Time For A Change of Title IX

anthony · 6 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'PHOENIX, Arizona, October 4. IT is time for a change. Specifically, Title IX needs to be changed. Unfortunately, the wrongs that Title IX set out to right 38 years ago are now being inflicted on our sons. While this particular forum is focused on swimming, you could easily substitute many other sports that are suffering the same fate.

The factual evidence is quite compelling. I believe the reason there is not a greater outcry, is that people are just not aware of the situation. But the time has come for some righteous indignation about what is happening to our sons.

The standards are not equitable. Male high school swimmers need to perform at an elite level if they want to be considered for a college swimming scholarship. Girls, on the other hand, can still receive a scholarship to an NCAA Division I program even if they don't have a Junior National cut.
...
Each year, our college age sons are losing access to universities and scholarships all across America. It's probably too late to make a difference for them. But think of all the novice boys out there, learning their strokes, going to age group meets, usually being beat by their female teammates until at least 12 or so. Who will be their advocate?'

US woman faked being a boy to date girl

Minuteman · 7 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to story here. Excerpt:

'A 31-year-old Ohio woman has admitted to posing as a teenage boy so she could date a teenage girl, pleading guilty to misdemeanor sexual imposition.

A prosecutor's spokesman says Patricia Dye also pleaded guilty on Wednesday to misdemeanor attempted sexual imposition and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

A judge in Warren County Juvenile Court in Lebanon sentenced Dye to six months in jail.
...
Dye's lawyer says Dye feels remorse and has learned from the experience.'

Tuskegee, Guatemala, Nuremburg and Disposable Men

el cid · 7 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

This column discusses the syphilis experiments conducted on the Tuskegee Airmen and on Guatemalan prisoners. In Tuskegee, researchers deliberately withheld treatment from black airmen known to have syphilis. In Guatemala, researchers deliberately infected male prisoners with syphilis and then treated it in hopes of determining the effectiveness of the cure.

In both experiments, the subjects were men. As Warren Farrell points out, it's easy to recognize the racism of conducting illicit medical experiments on black airmen--but it's easy to miss the sexism.

Feminists have often complained women were left out of medical experiments, citing this as proof we don't care enough about women. The truth is just the opposite: we leave women out because we care more about women than men. The columnist who wrote this piece is, I believe, a feminist--but she voices no complaints about the lack of women as test subjects.

A Misinformation Masterpiece: "Thank Goodness for the Good Men"

Matt · 8 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

This is a masterpiece of DV misinformation, on the surface claiming to praise men, but essentially ignoring the existence of male victims. Note that she never refers to “Good Women” who take a stand against female abusers.

Here’s her email if you want to point out the bizarre logic: randy-at-randysusanmeyers.com, or post your comment on the Huffington Post. Excerpt:

'Where are the signs in the men's rooms asking: Are You Hurting The Woman You Love? Underneath those words there could be a number to call -- a hotline where men can learn to change -- because the way I see it (even in my most hopeless moments, like when I read about an 80-year-old woman being raped by a gang of young soldiers) we can learn to be better.

I pray, especially in this month of Domestic Violence Awareness, that men will notice all the strong and good men preaching against using violence against women as a tool in war -- whether they be the wars in our homes or the wars in our streets.'

Female college graduate circulates cahier of men she had sex with, sparks legal and social debate

anthony · 8 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I really can't think of anything to write for this video.

Custody battle story at salon.com exposes depths of nymphotropism

fibtastic · 8 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Of course by the end of this story we're supposed to pity the woman who abandoned her child but continued to collect child support from her ex-husband while he raised the child. Excerpt:

'"She abandoned us," my client had told me. She was never the kind of woman you marry, he'd said. He should have known. They'd been married less than a year when she packed her clothes in a single cardboard box and drove off, leaving him. Leaving their infant daughter.

So when I pushed my way through the ancient revolving door of the common pleas court, I was ready to hate her.
...
I was ready for her. When was the last time you saw your daughter? Six years. You've never seen her? No. Have you called her? No, I haven't. Do you know her phone number? No. So you haven't seen her since she was a baby? No. What school does she go to? I don't know. You don't know the name of her school? That's what I just said. Are you working? Yes, I'm a bartender. How long have you been at your current job? Six months. And before that? Before that, what? Before that, where did you work? I was unemployed. For how long? Two years. Before that, what did you do? I did some bartending. Why haven't you tried to see your daughter? I just couldn't.
...

The promise of tears on the witness stand was the only time the woman came close to crying. She didn't cry when she signed the judgment entry. And she didn't cry when the magistrate asked her if she understood the agreement. She said yes, she understood and agreed to everything, and she picked up her purse and walked away, leaving behind the one gift she could give her daughter: freedom from a future of pain.
...
My husband emerged from the kitchen with the baby on one hip and smiled at me. "Did you win?"

I nuzzled my cheek against my daughter's. "No."'

Stacy Bannerman's Domestic Violence Hoax

Matt · 9 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week Stacy Bannerman, well-known advocate for military families, published an article titled, "Husbands Who Bring the War Home:" Author of When the War Came Home, Bannerman has been credited with helping to secure passage of the Military Family Leave Act in 2009.
...
As a columnist who specializes in the field of domestic violence and who has spoken with countless victims of abuse, I found myself feeling increasingly unsettled as I worked my way through her engaging yet enigmatic essay.

The question of the veracity of her claims is paramount because the partner abuse field is strewn with the battlefield debris of half-truths, misrepresentations, and utter fabrications. University of New Hampshire researcher Murray Straus has written of domestic violence researchers who "have let their ideological commitments overrule their scientific commitments." And University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work Dean Richard Gelles has coined the whimsical phrase about the ubiquitous partner abuse "factoids from nowhere."'

The big list: Female teachers with students

Matt · 9 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Had a reader mention it via email tonight, so in case you don't know about it, it is found here.

"It’s Time to Start Negotiating"

fondueguy · 10 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Someone had recently told me that bogs on men's rights and anti-Feminism are gaining popularity in Sweden. I asked if there were any Swedish blogs with postings in English and I got some examples including PelleBilling.com. The blog owner is an M.D. in Sweden and has been on TV, done interviews, and given lectures on men's issues. His post, here, succinctly brings large and historical issues to the individual level in a very useful and widely applicable way. Excerpt:

'The story of humanity is one where collective negotiation between the sexes has always been the norm. Tribes didn’t succeed by having each man and woman quarrel about what tasks to perform. Men and women simply did what needed to be done in order to survive and to secure the wellbeing of their offspring. In traditional nation states men would support and protect the family, while women would give birth to children and work in the home. Roles were simple, efficient and clear-cut, with each sex respecting the other for the important role they fulfilled. However, the social fabric of the past is very much in the past, and it’s a new day with a completely new set of rules.

You may not have learned it in school, and your parents may not have taught you, but relying on traditional gender roles to get you where you want is uncertain at best. In this day and age we need to turn to individual negotiation, something that men especially need to start becoming aware of. Women have already made this transition to a much greater extent, thanks to the women’s movement. Women are more aware of their choices, and evolutionary speaking women have always had to think about how good a deal they can get when interacting with men.
...

Men, on the other hand, still believe that they need to perform their traditional duties in every area of life, and are rarely fully conscious of what they offer and what they get in return. If you are a man reading this, I therefore offer you this checklist of things to become aware of in your everyday life...'

Woman who has sex with boy honored as 'Person of Month'

Matt · 10 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Alabama city is coming under heavy fire from some local residents for celebrating a convicted sex offender – a female teacher who admitted to raping a 15-year-old male student – as its "Person of the Month."

The controversy involves Pelham, Ala., a city of approximately 21,000 people, which is honoring Emily Morris for promoting a fundraiser at the city's high school to help battle cancer.

But just five years ago, when she was a resident of Pelham, Morris was arrested on a variety of charges for allegedly having intercourse with a teen boy at Leeds High School where she taught. The state of Alabama has listed her as a sex offender.

Now, the former instructor who avoided a potential 20-year jail sentence by pleading guilty to second-degree rape in exchange for one year behind bars and four years probation, is featured as "Person of the Month" in the June edition of Pelham Magazine, the official publication of the city, which is mailed out to local residents.'

MTV, Teen Mom and domestic violence against men

Matt · 10 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'I realize that few of the readers of this blog would be watching "Teen Mom" on MTV; however, if you caught the September 28th episode when Amber beat the crap out of her ex-fiance Gary, you would realize why this episode is so important in at least making an attempt to expose the blatant domestic violence against men.

Reluctantly, I admit that I watch and was sucked into this show on a fairly regular basis. I was shocked when I saw Amber attacking Gary a number of times and then finally, in the Sept. 28th episode, she hit him in the head and tried to kick him down a flight of stairs while he carrying down a TV to put in his car....
...
I must say I was surprised that MTV broadcast the domestic violence PSA for an abused man after the show. It was subtle but well-done. Kudos to MTV for exposing this taboo topic. They could have played it down and ignored it but they caught Amber's abuse on tape for all of the world to see. Yes, I know if the roles were reversed, the man would be in jail with no questions or apologies but at least it's a start.'

Teens drink spiked booze and immediate suspicion is on date-rape intent

Matt · 10 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. If a person intends to drug another person for "nefarious reasons" they usually do so very selectively and not in a way likely to draw attention to what they are doing. Dumping a desultory drug into a general mix of booze that a mix of people has access to just doesn't fit the M.O., yet the very first thing they can come up with is that this was an attempt to create a mass-drugging for "date-rape" purposes. The police "caught" one couple in the act of having sex someplace in the house only to find out that they are in fact a couple and undrugged. Other than that, they have nothing else to say but that some jerk/jerks spiked a common source of drinks. And the immediate suspicion? An attempt to drug females for the purposes of raping them.

Spiking the drink bowl has been around for a long time. It is a bad thing to do. However the spiking used to be done with things like vodka or gin. Today that is not enough; college kids need to use actual drugs to spike alcoholic drinks to have the same unexpectedly-loosened-up-party effect the stereotypical punch bowl-spikers of the 1950s were after. In both cases, those doing it were committing crimes. The point here though is that in the old days, the spiker, if caught, was in trouble for spiking the punch bowl because that is what he had done wrong. Now the suspicion is that he is out to do what, go on a mass-raping spree in front of everyone in the house?

When the person(s) who did this (and indeed, they could as well be female as male, though you wouldn't know that by the article) are caught, they ought to face serious criminal charges. The charges should include poisoning, but attempted date rape, without any further evidence of intent? I guess we'll have to wait and see, but what is most outrageous about this report aside from its content is the presumption around the motivations of the perps and the sex of same.

Let's Commemorate the Chilean miners

Anonymous · 11 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Within the next week all the miners who have been trapped underground for over 2 months in Chile will hopefully be rescued. Miraculously it appears that there will be no loss of life and, hopefully, no lasting physical effects, although the psychological effects of being trapped for so long may take longer to come to terms with. We frequently refer to the sacrifices which men make by undertaking hard, dirty and often dangerous jobs and the fact that well over 90% of all workplace fatalities are men. It is high time that we recognised these men in the same way that women are fond of recognising their achievements. The men's movement should designate the anniversary of the date on which the last miner is freed as the day on which we recognise these men. What better day to choose than the anniversary of an event which could so easily have been an appalling tragedy, but which will now be a cause for celebration?

Malcolm - Cardiff, Wales

(Submitted and published originally as Letter to the Editor on www.glennsacks.com)

Australia: Adelaide public hospital still hosting circumcision information despite ban

Minuteman · 12 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link here (.pdf document).

The Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital continues to host the following pamphlet of after-care instructions for the infant-only plastibell circumcision device, despite a ban on cosmetic circumcision of infants in South Australian public hospitals, in effect since 2007.

Excerpt:

'Plastibell
Is commonly used in infants 6 months and younger. A plastic ring is tied around the foreskin and the excess skin is trimmed. The ring separates and falls off after approximately 10 days.
...
PLASTIBELL CIRCUMCISION: No special dressing is required. A dark brown or black ring around the plastic ring is normal, which will disappear when the ring falls off. The plastic ring usually falls off after 2-8 days. If the plastic ring has not fallen off within 10 days take your son to your local doctor. Some bruising and swelling is to be expected.'

Australia: Mum punished [abused] kids out of "fear"(?)

Minuteman · 13 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

There's always someone else to blame...

Link here. Excerpt:

'A mother has given evidence that she choked and hit her five, small starving children if they tried to get food because she was scared of another woman who hated them.

The mother has admitted she watched her five kids, aged four to seven, beg for dog food because they were so hungry.

The mother, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was giving evidence in a Supreme Court trial in Adelaide of three men who are accused of mistreating the five children from late February 2008 to June 2008.'

Australia: Penis burning wife guilty of manslaughter

Minuteman · 13 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

It's all just a big joke to yahoo7. Link to article here. Excerpt:

'An Adelaide woman who killed her husband after trying to set his penis on fire has been found not guilty of his murder, but guilty of manslaughter.

A Supreme Court jury, after deliberating for nine hours over two days, ruled Rajini Narayan guilty of her husband's manslaughter after clearing her of murder in a majority verdict, Adelaide Now reports.

Nayaran, who threw petrol and a lit candle on the back of on Satish Narayan, said she was only trying to burn the tip of his penis, and she had no intention of killing him.

Satish died 20 days after his wife confronted him about a suspected affair in their Unley home in December 2008.

The prosecution argued the affair, and two decades of beatings, were the motivating factor in the crime - a claim Narayan denied.'

Confronting Sexist Language

Anonymous · 13 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Tom Jacobs has a nice article about confronting sexist language. Please feel free to link - Janice

Excerpt:

'A woman who bristles when a male friend or colleague uses sexist language has to make a quick decision: Call him on it, or not? Although she might be personally offended, she may be reluctant to speak up, anticipating his response will be dismissive or defensive.

Research just published in the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology suggests such fears may be overblown. It describes a carefully structured study in which college-age males are confronted over the use of sexist language — and respond with heightened sensitivity regarding gender issues.'

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Ed. note: I posted this so MANN folks could comment in the article about how important it is NOT to assume that only men may make "sexist" comments in the form of assuming the sex of a person based on their line of work, etc. Whenever we encounter these kinds of articles where is is assumed that men are the ones doing the sexist action in question, I feel that MRAs have to reply vigorously to it so the author can reconsider his or her point of view and perhaps learn a few things.

"Buyer's Remorse" and Rape

el cid · 13 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

This story provides partial transcripts regarding Ken Buck's decision not to prosecute an alleged rape. Similar stories have also appeared in the Huffington Post and Salon (though I don't have links to those stories.)

Ken Buck is the Republican candidate for the Colorado senate seat. His opponent is Democrat Michael Bennet. Apparently, someone from ProgressNow tracked down the alleged victim in this case and obtained a recording she made of her interview with Buck.

Given the totality of the evidence, Buck decided not to prosecute. He also consulted with members of the Boulder DA's office, who concurred with his decision. He told the alleged victim the jury would likely view this as a case of "buyer's remorse." That last comment has stirred a lot of controversy and Buck's being accused of being "insensitive" to women.

The story raises issues that are of likely interest to readers of this forum.

Australia: Female retirement home worker charged with sexually assaulting elderly man

Minuteman · 15 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A woman will face court over allegations she sexually assaulted an elderly man in a retirement home in inner Sydney.

The 53-year-old Lidcombe woman, who is an employee at the facility in Albion Street at Surry Hills, sexually assaulted an elderly man at the centre on Friday, October 1, police say.'

Australia: Couple jailed for sex with son aged nine

Minuteman · 15 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Alas, some are more equal than others. Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A married Sydney couple have been jailed for "disturbing" sex crimes against their nine-year-old son.
...
At Sydney's Downing Centre District Court on Friday, Judge Anthony Garling sentenced the man to serve a minimum **nine years' jail.**
...
"It is hard to imagine a greater breach of trust than what the male offender has committed," Judge Garling said.
...
The woman was sentenced to serve at least **three years and nine months** in jail after pleading guilty to sexual intercourse with her son and two counts of committing an act of indecency.
...
"She blames her husband and **I am satisfied that he did have some domination over her.** However, she seems to believe it is acceptable to carry out sexual acts with her nine-year-old son.'

F&F Action Alert: Bill Seeks to Raise Child Support Levels in Terrible Economy

Matt · 15 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Action Alert here. Excerpt:

'Short Version: Ohio SB 292 will raise child support levels in the face of the worst economy since the Great Depression. Fathers and Families of Ohio is working to defeat SB 292 this legislative session but we need your help—please fill out our form here and we will send your letter to all appropriate legislators.

Background Information: Senator Shirley Smith (D-Cleveland) and Senator Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) have introduced Ohio SB 292 into the current Ohio legislative session. While the bill does have some significant positives, it has some very ugly negatives. These are all detailed here.'

Psychiatrist facing 20 years in prison for brainwashing patient into killing husband

Matt · 15 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A psychiatrist has been accused of using sex, drugs and hypnosis to persuade a patient to kill her husband.

Mary Hein is facing up to 20 years in jail after using her skills to manipulate a patient into committing murder.

The 45-year-old is alleged to have told the patient they would share her husband's $500,000 life insurance policy if he carried out the killing.
...
The patient told police Hein said they would be a couple after her husband was dead and they could live comfortably off the husband's half a million dollar life insurance policy.

Hein was arrested after the man went to police and the therapist was secretly recorded plotting her husband's murder.

The respected psychiatrist has been charged with sexual exploitation by a therapist, one count of solicitation of first-degree intentional homicide and one count of obstructing an officer.'

'Abused Men In Scotland' launched Oct. 15, 2010

Matt · 15 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Web site: http://www.abusedmeninscotland.org/. From the Why AMIS link:

'Men In Scotland (MIS) was initially set up as a blog and forum to accompany our ePetition to the Scottish Parliament on male victims of domestic abuse. We are setting up this new website, Abused Men In Scotland (AMIS) to provide information and support for men in Scotland who experience domestic abuse or violence and anyone willing to help. We added the word 'abused' to the name to clarify the purpose of the charity.

In order for support services for men to be properly established we felt there was a need first to raise an awareness and understanding of the problem - particularly for our policy makers and service providers. The current focus of government and other agencies on domestic abuse/violence as ‘violence against women’ has had the unintended consequence of leaving men on the receiving end of domestic abuse/violence and their children unacknowledged and unsupported.'

Scottish police record record number of male victims of domestic abuse

Matt · 17 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'AMIS today publishes statistics from the 8 Scottish police forces that show an increase of around 9.4% in the number of incidents that they recorded as domestic abuse or violence with a man as the victim in 2009-10 compared to 2008-9. The statistics also reveal a reduction of 6.1% in the number of incidents recorded with a woman as victim compared to 2008-9.

Within the acknowledged limitations of police statistics* one in six of recorded victims was male yet the reality remains that after 10 years of the Scottish Parliament there are virtually no support services in Scotland designed to help men and their children affected by domestic abuse or violence.'

Watch the dynamics: conservative and liberal women

Matt · 17 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Ahh, women and politics: vis-a-vis one another.

It's been a staple of western politics that it is hard for men to run against women in political races (when indeed they do run) since there is a "code of conduct" toward women that men are expected to adhere to even as women are not expected to adhere to any such thing. For example, muck-racking and character assassination can be pursued by female candidates (even this season we have seen a certain female politician tell her opponent to "man up", while such a thing isn't even possible for him to say to her), while if a man engages in anything close to that, he will be accused of being any number of things, from sexist to abusive-- anything but doing what electoral politics is, unfortunately, largely about: whatever you can do to win the seat short of finding yourself locked up for it.

The machinery, however, seizes up when the political pundits or candidates are all female. Watch the dynamics when this is the case. Read these two articles: Dowd and Perino -- and consider the content and the various prejudices and assumptions embodied in them. What is found herein is not unrelated to the same dynamic that occurs when male and female candidates or pundits have a clash of ideas or interests. The same appeals to gender-based stereotypes occur, only here, it is within the same gender.

If this were a Feminist Hooey Machine, you could hear the gears start to grind and see smoke come out of it. This is because Feminist Hooey Machines need males as grist. When they are fed females, they seize up and start to emit smoke. The only people capable of fixing them are, of course, men-- we have to be the grist or else they have nothing to feed on.

UK: Cabal of doctors seeking to reinstate non-therapeutic circumcisions on the NHS

Minuteman · 18 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From July 2010, but it seems to have been missed on these pages. Link to article here.

ABSTRACT:

'**Introduction** Male circumcision for religious reasons is not available in the NHS. In this report, we present the results of an investigation conducted by the Thames Valley Health Protection Unit (TVHPU) at an unregulated circumcision 'camp' in Oxford in 2006.

Methods A detailed investigation was initiated following notification by a general practitioner of two children with circumcision-related complications at a 'camp'. Telephone interviews were conducted with the 'camp' organizers, the operating surgeon, GPs and paediatric surgeons. A field visit was carried out by TVHPU staff to assess implementation of infection control practices.

Results Thirty-two children were circumcised over a 3 day period in the library of an Islamic faith school by a single, medically qualified individual. Among the 29 children with follow-up information, 13 (44.8%) developed complications requiring medical intervention. Information obtained from interviews and the field visit confirmed the lack of implementation of standard infection control practices.

Conclusion This incident highlights the harm associated with circumcision in young children by unregulated operators due to lack of compliance with best surgical and infection control guidance. There is an urgent need for commissioning circumcision services for religious reasons in the NHS.'

Australia: Female drunk-driver of crashed vehicle had children in boot (trunk)

Minuteman · 18 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A Melbourne woman who allegedly drove drunk and crashed her car with seven children aboard — including three in the boot — has begged the public to forgive her.

"I know I've done the most stupidest thing you could ever imagine," she told Nine News this morning.

"Please forgive me. Please, it's all I can say. There's nothing else I can say."

The 35-year-old woman had a 10-year-old boy in the front passenger seat, two 14-year-old girls and a boy, 15, in the back seat and three boys — two aged 14 and a 15-year-old in the boot of her 1992 Mitsubishi Magna.'

Father-son team sends iPhone into outer space (video)

johndias · 18 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. How's this for a father-son project? A great dad and his young son worked together on a project to send an iPhone into outer space, carried there by a weather balloon. The entire journey was filmed by the iPhone, including the descent following the explosion of the balloon in space. They used the iPhone's GPS capability to retrieve it, and uploaded the entire video of both the ascent and descent here:

http://vimeo.com/15091562

Now THAT'S a great dad!

I am astounded that even in space, the proximity to the earth's atmosphere was still close enough to carry sounds. You can actually hear the sounds of the iPhone jostling around, you can hear the wind on the ascent and descent, and you can even hear the sound of the weather balloon when it pops, initiating the descent.

Male Studies: Back for Round 2

Matt · 19 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK: The Foundation for Male Studies will focus on the research and programs needed to reverse the downward spiral now effecting virtually all aspects of the lives of men and boys, at the Second Annual International Conference on Male Studies - Looking Forward to Solutions, April 6, 2011.

Edward M. Stephens, MD, FMS' Founder and Chair says that in addition to the conference's solution-geared presentations by leading authorities, the Foundation is calling for papers from academics on how to best deal with increasing levels of male unemployment, depression, suicides, high school and college dropout rates and related problems.

Marianne Legato, MD and Tom Mortenson will co-chair the conference at the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Legato, founder and director of Columbia's College of Medicine Partnership for Gender-Specific Medicine, edited the first text on gender medicine, and founded the journal, Gender Medicine. A widely acclaimed author of works on men's and women's health, her most current book is Why Men Die First. Mr. Mortenson is senior scholar at the Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education and the recipient of major national awards for contributions to educational research.'

Australia: Mother jailed for prostituting teenage daughter

Minuteman · 19 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A mother-of-two has been jailed for prostituting her teenage daughter in a case a judge says involved "an extreme breach of trust".

The girl says she was subjected to physical and mental abuse and forced to take illicit drugs when known by the name 'Layla' and working at Sydney's Liaisons escort agency between November 2008 and December 2009.

She was aged 16 and 17 at the time. The girl's mother has admitted changing a birth certificate so the child could work for the agency as an 18-year-old.

At Wollongong District Court on Tuesday, the 43-year-old woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was sentenced to serve at least 18 months' jail after pleading guilty to charges of obtaining a benefit from child prostitution and causing a child to participate in prostitution.'

Australia: Victorian Children's Minister unsure of checks on children

Minuteman · 19 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'Victorian Children's Minister Lisa Neville admits not knowing how many times her department has checked on three children - one of whom accidentally took an ecstasy tablet - since they were reunited with their mother.

The children's grandmother, who cannot be identified, told ABC Television on Monday her three grand-daughters, all aged under eight, have been exposed to violence, criminal activity, drug use and sexual abuse in their mother's care.

The woman says her daughter is not capable of looking after the children, who were placed in care of the Department of Human Services (DHS) - when the youngest child accidentally took ecstasy - but were returned to their mother in March.

She said the girls at times went for days without food.

The woman said that in April, a Victorian DHS officer told her that the department had "forgotten" to apply to court for a new protection order allowing its workers access to the children.'

Australia: Western Australian government apologises to unwed mothers

Minuteman · 19 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who was handcuffed to a bed, drugged and forced to give up her newborn baby for adoption says an official apology has helped her regain her "selfhood".

The West Australian government on Tuesday issued a public apology to women who had their babies taken from them by authorities from the 1940s to the 1980s because they were unwed.

WA is the first state or territory to issue such an apology.
...

Dr Hames said the apology was not about compensation for the mothers or a criticism of parents who adopted the children.

"What they (the mothers) say to me is not that they want compensation. It is that they want to have somebody recognise that what happened to them was wrong and, hopefully, will never ever happen again," he said.

Premier Colin Barnett was to move a motion in parliament on Tuesday acknowledging that previous government policies were unsupportive of pregnant, unmarried women and failed to help them.'

Sign petition for Medicare coverage of Prostate Cancer treatment

fondueguy · 19 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

The petition is linked from ustoo.org, and found on this page. Excerpt:

'I am asking the Us TOO network of survivors, family members and support group chapters to raise your voices in support of Medicare reimbursement for FDA approved cancer drugs.

On April 29, 2010, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Provenge for the treatment of men with asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic metastatic, castrate resistant (hormone refractory) prostate cancer.

We celebrated the new treatment option for men with advanced disease. But now there is a problem.

Dr. Mark Moyad has brought to our attention that the agency that oversees Medicare coverage, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), wants to review the appropriateness of covering this new prostate cancer treatment.

We believe that if the FDA approves a treatment option, that Medicare and insurance companies should provide unrestricted access and coverage for it!
...
The goal is to collect thousands of signatures from across the country, so we can present them at the CMS public meeting in Baltimore on Wednesday, November 17, 2010.'

Canada: Globe and Mail - Failing Boys

Anonymous · 19 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

The Globe and Mail is running a week-long series titled "Is 'failing boys' too simplistic a notion?". Friday, Oct 22 at 12 noon (EDT) is a live discussion with Dr. Wayne Martino of UWO (Canada).

Knowing the ideological nature of UWO academics, I did a bit of further research on Dr. Martino.

His course curriculum in the UWO education department include discussion topics such as white male power and feminist, queer and critical pedagogies.

Quoting from Dr. Martino's paper "What About the Boys, Issues of Masculinity in Schools"

"In this sense feminist educators and theories also inform the perspectives on boys and schooling elaborated in this book. Such perspectives have contributed significantly to producing valuable insights into the links between gender and power"

"In line with the positions taken up in that report, we believe that policy formulation and curriculum development in schools must avoid the popularist tendency to assert a binary oppositional and ‘competing victims’ perspective on the factors impacting on the social and educational experiences of boys and girls"

"the issue that needs to be addressed is the investment that many boys, men and schools have in promoting a particular version of masculinity which is to their detriment in the sense that it limits them from developing a wider repertoire of behaviours and ways of relating. Until a commitment is made, particularly by men and boys themselves, to addressing the role that sexuality, homophobia and misogyny continue to play in how many of them define and negotiate their masculinities, we believe that very little will change."

Reading: http://www.mcgraw-hill.co.uk/openup/chapters/0335206239.pdf

The endangered male teacher

Matt · 19 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study says male elementary teachers live in a steady state of anxiety, with 13 per cent reporting they had been wrongly accused of inappropriate contact with students. Part 2 of a six-part series.

The male elementary teacher is the spotted owl of the education system, the leatherback turtle, the Beluga.

His presence is so endangered that in many public schools his numbers can be counted on a single hand. In some schools, it requires no hands at all.

“It is now possible for a child in Canada to go through elementary school and high school and never see a male at the front of the class,” says Jon Bradley, an associate professor of education at McGill University, where men make up just five per cent of the elementary teachers in training.'

Rape Culture: Female Scam, Male Nightmare

Matt · 19 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rape culture is a term used within women's studies and feminism, describing a culture in which rape and other sexual violence against women is common and in which prevalent attitudes, norms, practices, and media condone, normalize, excuse, or encourage sexualized violence.

That is just one of the definitions for rape culture I found online. It is as good a definition as any for something that does not, and never has, existed. And it has been taking its rightful place alongside a nonexistent gender wage gap, nonexistent employment discrimination, nonexistent media bias and a nonexistent domestic violence crisis that only affects women, continuing the litany of nonexistent feminist outrages.

This collection of imagined slights and hurts form the basis of Lie Culture. And it is nothing new. We have been lying to women since the first one asked, “Does this mastodon hide make my ass look fat?” Rather we have been lying to women since the first one started crying and getting cold in the bedroom when being told the truth. And that trump card, issued in the name of survival biology, has long ensured that for the most part, women will not be inconvenienced with reality. And nor will men who want to remain on their “good” side.'

Canada: Lottery proposed to fund divorce reform

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With nearly four in 10 marriages expected to end in divorce, a trip down the aisle is a bit of a gamble. A game of chance.

And in keeping with that theme, Ontario's largest lawyers' organization is suggesting a novel way to pay for changes to the expensive and time-consuming family justice system.

A provincial lottery.

In a report presented to Attorney General Chris Bentley on Monday night, the Ontario Bar Association — along with two mediators' associations — is also proposing a "user charge" be added to the cost of marriage licences issued in the province.'

China: Mother who beat daughter to death for not memorising a poem spared prison

Minuteman · 20 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who beat her five-year-old daughter to death while trying to get her to memorise a poem has been spared jail by a court.

Tan Hongying, from Beijing, was sentenced to three years in prison by a court in eastern Zhejiang province on Tuesday — but the sentence was suspended and she was instead given five years probation, the Beijing Morning News reports.

The report did not say why the court in the city of Jiashan handed down such a light sentence.'

Pre-nups now recognised in UK (but only when he wants to claim off her)

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Would you believe it? For years pre-nups have not been recognised in law in the UK on grounds of public policy. That has now changed with this case and, you've guessed it, this volte-face came about when a man was trying to claim from his ex-wife. Notice how there's also plenty of wiggle room for judges not to enforce pre-nups in future, if they, i.e. when a woman's claiming offf her ex. Looks like a typical piece of backward reasoning, i.e. reach a decision and then construct an argument to justify it.

Another aspect of the case which was reported when the Court of Appeal decision was announced, but was not commented on, was that the marriage broke down in 2003 after he gave up his lucrative banking career to pursue a less well-paid, but evidently more satisfying, career as a university researcher, at Oxford, not some tin-pot university. The couple clearly did not need his banking salary to fund their lifestyle, so clearly either she felt that he was 'sponging' off her, or her view of him changed when he was no longer an ambitious, go-getting banker. Of course women make career decisions based on job satisfaction, rather than money all the time and that is empowering, as this article demonstrates.

Add this to the list: Boys are failing in education

anthony · 20 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Is it time we addressed the need for affirmative action programs for men?

What's that you say? Preposterous? Men still tend to out-earn women for the same work. They overwhelmingly outnumber women as CEOs and members of Congress, and have the edge in just about every other prestige career.

True enough. But consider what statistics tell us about trends in male and female educational attainment. It ain't pretty, boys. For those who are concerned about the future of this country, the red flags are up.

Women earn high school degrees at higher rates than men, and they earn more college and post-graduate degrees as well. That holds true for all races and ethnicities. While women have used the last few decades to advance in educational attainment, men have slipped.'

Man Cleared of Rape Wins $18.5 Million Jury Award

anthony · 20 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(Oct. 20) -- A jury has awarded $18.5 million to a New York City man who spent more than 20 years in jail for rape before he was cleared by DNA evidence.

The amount awarded Tuesday to Alan Newton is among the largest given to a wrongfully imprisoned person in New York City, The New York Times reported.

The jury ruled that the city violated the constitutional rights of Newton, 49, who was released from prison about four years ago.
...
A spokeswoman for the city's Law Department said the city was "disappointed" and planned to appeal.'

20 Women Arrested in Swedish Child Porn Raid

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Story here. Excerpt:

'STOCKHOLM -- Swedish police say they have arrested 23 people in a nationwide raid against a child pornography ring, including 20 women.

Police spokesman Sven-Ake Petters called the raid "unique" and said he has never come across so many female suspects in a child pornography investigation before. He says arrests were made at 12 different locations across Sweden on Wednesday and include women aged between 38 and 60.

Police uncovered the network during the investigation of a man in Dalarna, western Sweden, who was charged last month with breaking child pornography laws.

Petters says there were no immediate clues as to why so many women were involved but that police will now investigate computers and mobile phones that were seized during the raid.'

Australia: Federal bureaucrats' unsure how to meet Labor governments targets for women on public boards

Minuteman · 21 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpts:

'Federal government departments are unsure about how to meet Labor's goal of having more women on public boards, a Senate hearing has been told.

Labor promised, during the election campaign, to have 40 per cent female representation by 2015.

But government departments are still deciding how to implement these gender diversity objectives, said Cate McKenzie, the group manager of women's affairs within the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

"And really, without that information at this point, we're unable to say which particular strategies the departments will be employing," she told a Senate estimates committee.'

Jobs and Economic Security for America's Women Report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Thursday, the National Economic Council will release a report on the impact of the recession on women and how the Obama administration's economic policies benefit American women. The report lays out the economic landscape facing women today and details some of the many ways the administration is committed to making sure the government is working for all Americans especially American women.
...
• Since women are nearly 50 percent of the workforce, the recession's economic impacts on women are even more consequential for the economy than they would have been in past recessions. As a result of the recession that started in December of 2007, women have lost jobs and seen their median annual earnings fall. Further, women have faced increased economic insecurity as housing prices declined and states and municipalities have cut back on the provision of social services.

• Women face a number of longer-term challenges such as the wage gap and female underrepresentation in higher levels of management. Further, specific groups of women like single mothers, older women and minorities face additional challenges.'

New Report on Women in the Economy Is Tone-Deaf and Misguided

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Economic Council just released “Jobs and Economic Security for America’s Women,” and the report is, in many ways, about as ho-hum as you can get: women’s increased role in the economy and as family breadwinners, women’s gains in education, and the challenges women face, such as the much ballyhooed “wage-gap.” Naturally, this assessment is followed up with a list of the initiatives the administration has launched or plans to launch. But there is something notable about the report: It exemplifies everything that’s wrong with this White House in terms of both tone-deafness and policy.

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It’s fine to do an analysis of how one particular group of Americans is faring, and the group doesn’t always need to be most disadvantaged one. Yet in focusing on women’s economic challenges, the report misses one of the largest factors that determines women’s financial security: men’s economic prospects. Men’s deteriorating employment greatly impacts married women and women with children who depend on fathers for support. Few people (outside of women’s studies departments) see the world in terms as a war between the sexes. Women’s and men’s fates are inexorably tied in family finances, so to ignore men’s bleaker economic situation makes this report more an exercise in politicking than a useful analysis of women’s current economic challenges.'

UK: False High Wycombe rape report woman 'cautioned'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The 20-year-old reported being attacked in High Wycombe in the early hours of Sunday.

But following an investigation detectives found the incident had never taken place.

The woman was arrested on suspicion of wasting police time on Tuesday and after admitting making up the attack was cautioned by officers.

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"Not only do false rape allegations cost a great deal of public money, but they result in officers having less time to investigate real crimes."'

UK: Woman, 21, faces jail after crying rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A YOUNG woman faces jail for crying rape after her lies wasted 235 hours of police time and inflicted 15 weeks of misery on an innocent man.

Samantha Merry, 21, of Bells Chase, Great Baddow, admitted trying to pervert the course of justice at Chelmsford Crown Court on Monday after she made the false rape claim earlier this year on March 3.

A 37-year-old from Chelmsford was arrested at his house and was kept on bail for 15 weeks until police dropped the charges.

Merry, a former Boswells School pupil, was bailed until November 15 and Judge Anthony Goldstaub QC told her: "Sort out your affairs on the assumption you're likely to be sent to prison."'

Female sex teachers expose bad law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The increasing number of affirmed accusations against female school teachers for having consensual sex with under-age boys ought to bring the complex and often taboo subject of statutory rape under scrutiny.

Statutory rape is a broad, non-technical term for “rape” by way of legal statute. Its pretense is that adolescents under a certain age, usually between 14-18 depending on the state, are deemed unsuited to give consent to sexual relations of any kind and to anyone, not just older partners.

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The infamous LaFave saga does not define all “female sex predator” cases; many involve legitimate manipulation and physical and mental abuse, often instigated by an adult holding a position of authority. Surely it is appropriate that LaFave, due to her professional obligations and position of power, pay the professional and social consequences of being barred from teaching and having to register as a sex offender, but current protocols of legal recourse are drastically out of bounds.

The same rule applies if the gender roles are switched. The circumstances of any inappropriate sexual relationship should guide the response, not numbers. For instance, if a 16-year-old girl is legally permitted to give consent and abort her fetus, it is not easily defended that such a person is legally prohibited from giving sexual consent to a much older man. This analogy is not perfect because statutory rape involves a second actor who is sometimes in a position of power over the consenter, but it is suggestive.'

"Why Men Won't Commit"

Matt · 22 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

On "A Voice For Men", here. Please enjoy the comments.

What About Economic Security and Jobs for America's Men?

Matt · 22 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'The National Economic Council released a report today ("Jobs and Economic Security for America's Women") "on the impact of the recession on women and how the Obama administration's economic policies benefit American women. The report lays out the economic landscape facing women today and details some of the many ways the administration is committed to making sure the government is working for all Americans especially American women."

And yet, measured by job losses and unemployment rates, it was men, not women, who suffered such a hugely disproportionate share of the economic hardship of the last recession—such that it is now frequently referred to as the "Great Mancession." In a statement last June to a House Ways and Means Subcommittee based on my report "The Great Mancession of 2008-2009," I testified that "there has probably never been a previous recession in U.S. history where the negative effects of unemployment and job losses fell so disproportionately on one gender."'

Standards of Proof for DV by State

Matt · 22 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Supplied by a reader, file available for download here. Heck in some states, it's durned near anything!

F & F Passes 7 Bills in 2010, as Schwarzenegger Signs 3 More

Matt · 22 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From an F&F newsletter here. Excerpt:

'This year Fathers and Families led the passage of seven different family law bills nationwide, as Governor Schwarzenegger recently signed the remaining three California F & F bills. F & F was also instrumental in helping defeat three harmful bills. The seven bills we were instrumental in passing include:

1. Alimony Reform (CA. SB 1482): Parents who face alimony increases after their child support ends will now be able to demand a vocational examination for their ex-spouses, and judges are required to calculate alimony based on the examiner's estimate of the ex-spouse's earning capacity.'

The World´s First International Anti-Feminist Meeting in Zürich, Switzerland, October 30th 2010

Anonymous · 22 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Page here.

Organized by The Anti-Feminist Interest Group (IGAF, Interessengemeinschaft Antifeminismus)
English-translated announcement here

Media:
"It´s a historical moment"
Interview with Ulf Andersson from PappaRättsGruppen, translated, here
and
"The Anti-feminists are charging", translated, here.

Switzerland was neutral in World War II (1939 – 1945). Now, the Swiss are leading the worldwide resistance against Feminism. Very admirable!

Story submitted by Ulf Andersson,
PappaRättsGruppen, Sweden
(http://www.dads-r-us.se/)

Dallas Mother Ruled Insane, Not Guilty of Throwing Sons From Overpass

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Article here.

'DALLAS -- A Dallas woman accused of throwing her two children from a freeway overpass and then jumping off the 20-foot-high span has been found not guilty by reason of insanity.

A judge in Dallas ruled Thursday in the trial of Khandi Busby, who was charged with attempted murder and injury to a child. The judge then ordered her to spend roughly 30 days in a state mental institution, MyFoxDFW.com reports.

Investigators say the boys were ages 6 and 8 when they were injured after being thrown from the highway overpass on March 12, 2008. They were treated and placed in foster care, where they remain.

Defense attorney David Pire says Busby felt God had told her to throw her sons off the bridge to protect them from Satan.

Relatives say Busby is bipolar and had stopped taking her medication.'

1968 Playboy Playmate Victoria Vetri Tried to Kill Boyfriend, Cops Say

Matt · 22 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Except:

'1968 Playboy Playmate of the Year Angela Dorian has been charged with attempted murder after she allegedly shot her boyfriend from close range in their Hollywood apartment Saturday night, TMZ has learned.

66-year-old Dorian -- aka Victoria Rathgeb -- aka Victoria Vetri -- (currently 5'5", 110 lbs) was arrested late Saturday night -- and is still behind bars. Bail has been set at $1,000,000.

Law enforcement sources tell us ... they believe Dorian and her BF were having an argument that turned physical -- and that's when Dorian grabbed a handgun and fired at least one shot into her boyfriend's upper body.'

A Debate On Domestic Violence

Matt · 22 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From A Voice For Men, here. Excerpt:

'David Futrelle of the blog Manboobz has agreed to enter a debate on the subject of domestic violence with me here at A Voice for Men. Since Mr. Futrelle maintains a blog in which he asserts that MRA's have pretty much everything wrong, and in which he specifically claims he will, concerning MRA's, "dismantle their rickety logic and dubious statistics," it should follow that he will do just that on the subject of DV, starting right now.

During the brief negotiations it was decided that my excellent centerpiece article on domestic violence, and the research it was based on, will serve as the object of his dissent. For readers convenience I am posting the video version of that article and the research links here as well.'

Obama Woos Female Voters Ahead Of Midterms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Obama continued his final major campaign push before the midterms with events in Seattle and San Francisco on Thursday.

Accompanied by women who own businesses, Obama spoke in one family's backyard about the economy's effects on women, and outlined ways he said his policies have helped them, such as the first piece of legislation he signed –- the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

"Things like equal pay for equal work aren't just women's issues, they're middle-class family issues," he said. "Because how well women do will help determine how well middle-class families do as a whole."'

Rep. Maloney Applauds White House Report on Women and the Economy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, DC – Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Chair of the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee (JEC) and a senior member of the House Financial Services Committee, applauded the Administration's newly-released report, "Jobs and Economic Security for America's Women," prepared by the National Economic Council (NEC).

"Women's economic equity and success are integral to getting our economy thriving again," said Rep. Maloney. "But as this report and the work of the Joint Economic Committee have pointed out, we still have significant challenges."'

Angle, Reid and The “Man Up” Meme: The Pitfalls Of Gendered Attacks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The American male has lately been undergoing an identity crisis: there’s the clearly self-conscious Men’s Rights movement, a shifting economy in which women are tops, and the optimal male has been brought down to size. And that’s okay. This gender-bending upheaval should be an opportunity to expand the definition of not only a good “man,” but what it means to be a good person.

Apology, responsibility, honesty, these attributes and more are part of what make an exemplary human, that perhaps Utopian character we — I hope — all hope to emulate. Surely playing on a man’s male vanity can work in some situations, like telling a man to take care of his child, but such tactics should be used sparingly, because accountability isn’t about masculinity. It’s about being an adult.

If Reid’s campaign wanted to send a powerful, progressive message, they would have said, “Angle needs to reclaim her humanity,” rather than trying to play on phrase that perpetuates unseemly gendered stereotypes. With “man up” becoming a political go-to, perhaps we can use this opportunity to celebrate traits that aren’t for “men” or “women.” They’re for all of mankind.'

Australia: 'Lowering veil on men's rights'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LAST week the Perth District Court imposed a Muslim cultural practice on a group of non-Muslim men.

Judge Shauna Deane told the men - all journalists - to leave her court so a Muslim woman could feel free to give evidence in a fraud trial without wearing her niqab.

Deane had earlier ruled that Tasneem, whose last name has been suppressed, had to remove her face-covering veil so the jury could read her face as well as hear her words.

But the male journalists were ejected, despite applications from the Seven, Nine and Ten networks to let them stay.

No doubt Deane thought this a fair compromise. Tasneem's Muslim beliefs - in this case, that a woman not show her face to men outside her family - were infringed upon only to the extent required for justice to operate fairly.

Male jurors could see her, but male journalists not.

But what of traditional Australian values? What of a man's right to see justice being done? To report it? To be free of sexual discrimination at work?'

Report: Woman accused of false rape claims heads to court today

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman accused of filing a false rape claim is expected to appear in an Orange County courtroom today.

Emily Marie Riker, 21, of Orlando, told a security guard at a convenience store in June that someone had pulled her into a vehicle and raped her, but deputies said her story was inconsistent and did not match the physical evidence.

She faces charges of filing a false claim to a law-enforcement officer.

Riker later said she lied because she was angry with the man she had been with, according to the Orange County Sheriff's Office.'

Teacher arrested for allegedly raping student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DUNCAN, OK -- A former school band instructor is accused of having a sexual relationship with a student. The female instructor was arrested Thursday night in Marshall County and was brought back to Stephens County the next day. Court records allege the relationship started in 2008 and lasted about a year and a half. The band instructor resigned her position last May.

Friday afternoon, Stephens County deputies picked up Christyn Raincrow, a former band instructor at Empire Public Schools.

She was charged with second-degree rape by instrumentation and forcible sodomy of a 17-year-old female student.'

Author examines how schools shortchange boys

anthony · 23 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Maryville, Mo. — Peg Tyre — who had made something of a career out of studying how schools deal with, and sometimes fail, their boy students — spoke to a full house Wednesday evening at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts as part of Northwest's Ploghoft Lecture Series.
...
Tyre said as she began wondering about a perceived failure of many boys to do well in school, she decided to go to the data. She noted that boys are expelled from school five times more often than girls, and that, as a group, exhibit a far higher number of behavioral problems.

"From the data, I found that 70 percent of special education students are boys," she said.

"Girls typically make As and Bs while boys make Cs and Ds. Boys do less homework. Boys are more apt to be involved in violent activities. The difference we see between boys and girls now will affect how kids live their lives now and in the future."

She continued her lecture by saying that perfectly normal little boys play and fantasize around violence. As a result, teachers see potential Columbine shooters.'

The smarter sex: Does it matter if girls do better than boys?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys will perform just as you expect them to, it seems. If you tell them they aren't as intelligent as girls and are less likely to do well in tests, that is exactly what will happen. So says the latest salvo in the battle of the sexes that has preoccupied educationalists for decades.

A study published at the British Educational Research Association conference tested two classes of youngsters. One (mixed) class was told that boys generally performed worse in tests than girls; lo and behold, those boys did exactly that.

In the other class of 10-year-olds no such information was imparted, and the performance of the two sexes in a reading test showed greater parity. This is in line with the Pygmalion theory of education, as highlighted in the 1968 US study Pygmalion in the Classroom, which showed that if you split pupils randomly into two groups labelled "improving" and "not improving", the "improving" group will improve and the other one will not.'

'Why boys fail' is subject of Oct. 26 program

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Concord — Why are men enrolling in and graduating from colleges at lower rates than females? Why are boys falling behind in school? Richard Whitmire, a former editorial writer and a veteran education reporter, has done extensive research on these questions, concluding that the world has become more verbal, but boys haven't. Author of a new book, "Why Boys Fail," Whitmire will speak at the Fenn School on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m.

The biggest culprit in boys falling behind, Whitmire says, isn't video games, pop culture, or female-dominated schools. Rather, it is that boys are usually thrust into a bewildering new school environment that demands high-level reading and writing skills before boys are capable of handling them.

In "Why Boys Fail," Whitmire examines the sources and repercussions of the problem, and provides inspiring case studies of schools where realistic approaches of preparing students, both boys and girls, are being used with success. Educators have called "Why Boys Fail" a "thoughtful and positive call to action" and say that Whitmire has "unearthed clues that will help us better serve male learners in particular and all students in general."'

Male Serf Gets Spat Upon But Will Only Serve 6 Months In Prison

Luek · 23 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A man was spit upon and his life threatened by a female at a restaurant when her brat almost ran into a door he was exiting. He defended himself but was sentenced to 6 months in prison for hitting her after she first assaulted him. Excerpt:

'CLAYTON COUNTY, Ga. -- The defense took the stand Friday in the trial against a man accused of beating a woman at a Morrow Cracker Barrel restaurant.

Army reservist Tasha Hill said Troy Dale West hit, kicked and screamed racial slurs at her after she asked him to be careful and not let the door hit her daughter. West originally faced numerous charges including, aggravated assault and false imprisonment, but a judge sentenced him to serve six months after listening to testimony.

West told the jury he never wanted to harm Hill and never hit her with a closed fist. He testified he only hit Hill with his open hand after she spat on him and kept kicking him.
...

He said Hill threatened him and then spit on him.

“She says, ‘I'm a U.S. Military soldier. I'll kill you,’” West said.

Though Hill denies the spitting, Cracker barrel customers said they saw it happen.

“I saw her spit in his face and he wiped it out and by the time he wiped it out, he hit her,” said witness Leon Oswalt.

The defense also called two teenagers to the stand who said Hill threatened to kill them after she accused them of breaking into her home.
...
Prosecutor Jason Green asked West if it’s OK to hit a woman. While West admitted it’s normally not OK he said, “There is occasion that it could be OK.”

West pleaded to four misdemeanors and was sentenced to 36 months, with six months to serve.'

IA: When will pediatricians stop cutting our baby boys?

Matt · 23 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From an IA newsletter:

'Last year, the American Academy of Pediatrics said it would come out with recommendations on infant circumcision "soon"—and yet they remain silent. With the recent news that the U.S. circumcision rate is down to just 33%, America's pediatricians have been put on notice: circumcision is an antiquated, violent, and unnecessary procedure that has NO health benefits. Write to the AAP today and remind pediatricians they took an oath to do no harm—which means they MUST start listening to America's parents, and stop cutting baby boys. Email the AAP.

Taiwanese bride bemoans lack of men and marries herself

Matt · 23 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. In case anyone has any doubts about just how nuts certain women have become living with the effects of feminism/post-feminism/neo-post-feminism/etc. As always, I welcome insightful commentary. :) Excerpt:

'(NewsCore) - A Taiwanese woman left uninspired by the standard of men on offer in her city will finally tie the knot -- with herself, Shanghai Daily reported early Saturday.

Chen Wei-yih has bought a flowing white bridal grown, planned a lavish reception and even hired a wedding photographer to mark her unusual matrimony, which takes place next month

Lonely Chen, 30, told local media she was urged to wed by friends and loved ones but could not find a decent husband in Taipei, Taiwan's largest city.'

American Electra: Feminism's ritual matricide

Matt · 24 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From the Oct. issue of Harper's, an article by Susan Faludi. Only part of it is available to non-subscribers but you'll get the idea. Some things never change, and inter-generational "issues" always seem to be in every enclave of human endeavor. (Seems NOW was very close to having a 20-something for a president at their last election! Who'da thunk it?) One day I hope the MRA/FRA cause will be far enough along to have its own version of this! Excerpt:

'No one who has been engaged in feminist politics and thought for any length of time can be oblivious to an abiding aspect of the modern women's movement in America—that so often, and despite its many victories, it seems to falter along a "mother-daughter" divide. A generational breakdown underlies so many of the pathologies that have long disturbed American feminism—its fleeting mobilizations followed by long hibernations; its bitter divisions over sex; and its reflexive renunciation of its prior incarnations, its progenitors, even its very name. The contemporary women's movement seems fated to fight a war on two fronts: alongside the battle of the sexes rages the battle of the ages.

How many times have we heard women say, "No older woman helped me in my career—my mentors have all been men"? How many surveys report that young women don't want, and distrust, female bosses? How often did we hear during the last presidential election that young women were recoiling from Hillary Clinton because she "reminds me of my mother"? Why does so much of "new" feminist activism and scholarship spurn the work and ideas of the generation that came before? As ungracious as these attitudes may seem, they are grounded in a sad reality: while American feminism has long, and productively, concentrated on getting men to give women some of the power they used to give only to their sons, it hasn't figured out how to pass power down from woman to woman, to bequeath authority to its progeny. Its inability to conceive of a succession has crippled women's progress not just within the women's movement but in every venue of American public life. The women's movement cycled through a long first "wave," and, in increasingly shorter oscillations, a second and third wave, and some say we are now witnessing a fourth. With each go-round, women make gains, but the movement never seems able to establish an enduring birthright, a secure line of descent—to reproduce itself as a strong and sturdy force. At the core of America's most fruitful political movement resides a perpetual barrenness.'

Report: Trenton woman accused of taunting dying 7-year-old loses custody of children

anthony · 24 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It's been a rough month for Jennifer Petkov. The 33-year-old Trenton woman accused of bullying 7-year-old Kathleen Edward lost custody of two of her children this week, according to Fox 2.

The television station reports a Wayne County Probate Court judge has ruled Petkov's eight-year-old daughter and five-year-old son should live with their father until further notice.

The father, who had a relationship with Petkov prior to her current marriage, filed for an emergency hearing shortly after Petkov made national headlines by admitting on camera that she posted disturbing images on Facebook of Kathleen, who is in the final stages of Huntington's Disease, and her mother, who died of the degenerative brain condition.

The story went viral and Petkov soon found herself and her home the target of death threats, broken eggs and unwanted pizza deliveries. Last week, she allegedly tried to run over another neighbor, Tana Boling with her car. She was arraigned on felonious assault and reckless driving charges, but her attorney said video evidence contradicts Boling's story.'

Australia: Princess Academy to be subsidized by Church

Minuteman · 25 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

So much for all girl's schools responding to public demand. Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A BAILOUT from the Uniting Church will not save prestigious girls' school Annesley College from potential redundancies and lesson-sharing with other schools next year.

Yesterday, the Uniting Church revealed a last-minute reprieve for the financially-unstable school, vowing to underwrite the servicing of any loans required by Annesley to fund its normal operations for two years.

This has secured the future of the 108-year-old college until 2013, but its future beyond that date remains uncertain.

At present, the college will be operating on 307 enrolments for next year - short of the church's original offer to give the school $1 million to keep it operating providing it could guarantee at least 350 students.'

Community service for girl who made false rape claim

anthony · 25 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A 17-year-old girl has been given a 60 hour suspended community service sentence for falsely claiming she had been drugged, raped and made pregnant by an ex boyfriend last year.

The boy spent four days in custody after the girl made the accusations. It was not until April 2010 that the girl finally admitted she had made up the story.

The public prosecution department had called for a one month suspended jail term.'

"Hiccup Girl" arrested for murder

fibtastic · 25 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Three years ago, Jennifer Mee became a national sensation as the poor "Hiccup Girl," cursed with a three-week case of hiccups.

She appeared on national morning shows and thousands of suggestions from well-wishers poured in with remedies.

Now, Jennifer Mee, 19, has a much worse situation on her hands: The St. Petersburg, Fla., resident has been arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

According to the St. Petersburg police, Mee "lured" a man to an address, where two other men shot and killed him. All three suspects have admitted their involvement, police said. A conviction can lead to the death penalty.'

Michael Kimmel addresses conceptions of masculinity

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Kimmel tackled the issue of gender visibility. Women make their gender visible, he said, while men are blind to their gender because it is a societal privilege. Men define themselves in relation to women, so therefore masculinity can only be characterized as non-femininity.

Finally, Kimmel talked about the discord between women's advances in claiming their sexuality and sexual agency, and the last tenant of masculinity, "giving 'em hell." Here, Kimmel largely addressed safe sex and rape. To men, based on masculine ideals, safe sex is an oxymoron. Sex, to men, is hot, passionate and explosive; safe sex, in the minds of men, takes away all of these ideas. According to Kimmel, the difference today between men's and women's sexuality is that for women, safe sex is a precondition.
...
Until this precondition is guaranteed and observed, "unless a woman knows that her bodily integrity will be upheld, she can't get to a point where she is comfortable." Men, Kimmel said, have a huge role to play in this issue: men control the use of their bodies, and can end date and acquaintance rape. Kimmel ended with the idea that gender equality is the only way men can have the type of relationships they desire with women and with their families.'

Fathers' rights are ignored when moms abandon babies

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Letter here.

'Re: "Calgary needs an Angel's Cradle," Editorial, Oct. 21.

Is creating an Angel's Cradle really going to solve the problem of abandoning infants? Or is it going to increase the number of children discarded? I believe it will increase the number of children left, and it will be allowing a parent to potentially get out of a situation when times get tough. And what parent is really going to go and drop her child off at a hospital, in front of other people, and then just walk away so easily? It is obvious that if they are ditching their child in the first place it is because they are trying to do it secretly, and discreetly, for some reason. Also, the father in this situation is given no chance to care for his child, because of the mother's actions. Isn't it the father's right to be able to care for his child if he wants to? This type of government involvement could potentially help, yet at this stage is giving the wrong message to unwilling parents. If a parent really does not want her child, there is something called adoption. That's a good place to start.'

Woman pleads guilty to murdering husband in long-awaited trial open

Anonymous · 26 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The long-awaited second-degree murder trial of a woman suspected of shooting her wealthy former husband in 2004 is set to begin Oct. 25.

Forty-6-year-old Jan Waters is accused of killing 52-year-old Alan Waters in his Baton Rouge home after a long-running custody battle and dispute over money.'

Related article on same case here. Excerpt:

'A trial scheduled for Monday had all the makings of a made-for-TV movie, as the ex-wife of a wealthy man was accused of killing him in cold blood in their million dollar home in the Shenandoah area, but she shocked the courtroom when she pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Jan Waters' walk into court was her last as a free woman for years to come. She confessed to shooting her ex-husband, Alan Waters, in the chest on May 21, 2004. As the facts of the case were read aloud in court, Waters collapsed on one of her attorneys.'

Woman charged with baby murders

Minuteman · 26 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A US woman who allegedly stowed the remains of four children in her closet and threw the bones of another into a landfill has been charged with five counts of murder.

Michele Kalina, 44, had previously been charged with abuse of a corpse on August 9 after her daughter discovered containers with the tiny bodies inside a closet of their Philadelphia apartment.

Berks County District Attorney John Adams said Kalina gave her family strict orders not to open the living room closet.

But Kalina's daughter broke that rule and made the gruesome find.'

Baby Injured During At-Home Circumcision

ItsDan · 26 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A 3-month-old child was taken to a hospital in critical condition after his mother attempted to circumcise him at home, police said.

Portland police Sgt. Pete Simpson said officers arrived at a home at Northeast 127th Avenue and Burnside Street at about 2 a.m. Sunday to assist medics after a call of an injured child.

Police said they learned the mother had attempted to perform a medical procedure on the infant.
...
No arrests have been made at this point, Simpson said.'

Lawyer for 'Hiccup Girl' May Use Tourette's Syndrome Defense in Murder Case

anthony · 27 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. -- The lawyer for a young Florida woman who was known for unstoppable hiccups and is now accused of murder said Tuesday he may present an unusual defense in her case: His client has Tourette's Syndrome.

Jennifer Mee, 19, was charged Sunday with first-degree murder after police said she lured a 22-year-old man to a meeting where he was robbed and shot a day earlier. St. Peterburg Maj. Mike Kovacsev said police do not believe she fired the gun.

Mee was briefly famous in 2007 because she couldn't stop hiccuping. Her attorney, John Trevena, said she was diagnosed with Tourette's Syndrome, a neurological disorder that can cause involuntary movements and speech problems.

"Hiccups are a symptom of Tourette's," Trevena said, declining to be more specific about how the condition might have affected his client's behavior.

Trevena said Mee, who has never been arrested before, is distraught and is being held without bond in a protective confinement wing at the Pinellas County Jail because she is a high-profile inmate.'

India: Mum throws baby from hospital window

Minuteman · 27 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'An Indian woman who gave birth prematurely to twins has been arrested in Mumbai for allegedly throwing one of her children from a hospital window, police and hospital officials said.

The woman dropped the baby girl from a ground floor bathroom window of the KEM Hospital in central Mumbai early on Tuesday morning. The infant was found but had suffered head injuries and later died.

The girl's mother initially claimed that her daughter had been stolen but security camera footage showed her going into the toilet with the baby and emerging without her.'

Mother accused of killing daughters with samurai sword

Minuteman · 27 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A Californian mother has faced court accused of killing her twin daughters with a samurai sword.

Monica McCarrick, 28, allegedly stabbed her three-year-old girls, set fire to her apartment and then stabbed herself on October 12.
...
She has since left hospital and been sent to prison, where she is bound to a wheelchair and wears bandages for her injuries.

She has pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, child abuse, arson, and destruction of evidence.'

UK: Woman charged with subway push murder

Minuteman · 27 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. In full:

'A 34-year-old woman has been charged with the murder of a 63-year-old man pushed under a London Tube train while he was wearing women's clothes.

The victim, from central London, was struck by a train at King's Cross underground station at rush hour on Monday evening.

His companion, from north London, was arrested at the scene.

Nina Kanagasingham, 34, will appear at City of Westminster Magistrates' Court on Thursday.'

Miranda Devine asks: Why are all men made to feel like fiends?

GaryB · 28 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here, on News.com.au. Miranda Devine isn't much of a friend to guys, but this article says a lot, both in the article itself and most importantly in the comments being added. Clip:

'ONE sunny morning last week a 55-year-old advertising executive and father was walking to work on Sydney's North Shore when he came across a toddler wandering by himself just 10m from busy Military Rd (in North Sydney), no guardian in sight. "Where's your mummy," he asked the small boy, who didn't respond and kept walking towards the dangerous thoroughfare.

Against his instinct, the man did not pick up the boy, for fear of being accused of being a paedophile abductor. Instead, as the child kept moving towards danger, he called to a lady in a nearby shop to ask if the boy was hers. She ran outside and chased the toddler down. In the commotion the mother emerged from a nearby shop, apparently unperturbed.

But the man was angry. "What would have got her upset is if I had picked the boy up when I saw him, which was my first instinct," he said.'

The comments are great - the odd woman saying we're just being drama queens or 'hey we suffer too', but mostly it's men agreeing that we're getting the shaft from society. Good to see men standing up and adding their voices to the mix!

Woman shakes and kills baby over Farmville interruptions

Stinger503 · 28 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Full article here. Excerpt:

'A Jacksonville mother charged with shaking her baby to death has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

Alexandra V. Tobias, 22, was arrested after the January death of 3-month-old Dylan Lee Edmondson. She told investigators she became angry because the baby was crying while she was playing a computer game called FarmVille on the Facebook social-networking website.

Tobias entered her plea Wednesday before Circuit Judge Adrian G. Soud. A second-degree murder charge is punishable by up to life in prison.'

Action request from SAVE

Matt · 28 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

All –

The President has unveiled a new domestic violence program that is transparently designed to sway the upcoming November 2 election. WE MUST ACT NOW.

On Thursday and Friday, Oct. 28-29, we are asking you to telephone your Senators and Representative in Washington DC at 1-202-224-3121 and deliver this simple message: “Stop playing politics with Domestic Violence. Speak out against President Obama’s untested DV plan. We need abuse prevention programs that are based on sound science, and do not ignore half of all abuse victims.”

Don’t call just once. Call several times, spacing your calls about an hour apart.

And for extra emphasis, send an email to White House Domestic Violence czar Lynne Rosenthal: public@who.eop.gov with the same message. Politely direct Ms. Rosenthal to SAVE’s plan to improve domestic violence programs at http://www.saveservices.org/policymakers/what-needs-to-be-done-to-strengthen-domestic-violence-laws/

We’re hopping mad about this politically-calculated display of DV bias, and we’re not going to take it lying down.

Say it politely, and do it now.

President Obama Is Playing Politics With Domestic Violence Issue, Groups Warn

Matt · 28 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Domestic Violence experts are criticizing President Obama's pre-election unveiling of a new domestic violence initiative, saying the effort represents a concoction of unproven strategies that betray the needs of women.

The Obama plan will promote wider use of restraining orders -- but research shows such orders are flatly ineffective in preventing future violence: http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/Why-DV-Programs-Fail-to-Stop-Abuse

The Independent Women's Forum has said such orders "lull women into a false sense of security," since a piece of paper is unlikely to deter a batterer intent on maiming a victim. Former Judge Milton Raphaelson of Massachusetts notes, "Few lives, if any, have been saved, but much harm, and possibly loss of lives, has come from the issuance of restraining orders and the arrests and conflicts ensuing therefrom."

According to a report issued Tuesday by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, lesbian and gay persons are nearly twice as likely to experience domestic violence as persons in heterosexual relationships. The report also documents cases of discriminatory practices and "verbal and sexual harassment of shelter staff towards lesbian clients:" http://www.avp.org/documents/2009DV-IPVREPORTFINAL2.pdf'

NOW refuses comment on Gawker's Christine O'Donnell sex smear

Matt · 28 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Noting like politics to make everyone just wee less than true to their stated cause(s)... but NOW fairly excels at it! Excerpt:

'Following gossip website Gawker's publication of an anonymous story alleging a one-night encounter between the author and Republican senatorial candidate for Delaware Christine O'Donnell, the National Organization for Women has refused comment. "We're going to pass on this one," Mai Shiozaki told The Examiner. I asked if this is generally a topic they try to stay away from. "Thanks, we're passing."

NOW played a prominent role in demanding Anita Hill's charges against then-Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas "be heard in a public forum." But that was politically convenient — after all, one of NOW's "important missions" is "fighting the right wing."

Similarly, the California chapter of NOW stood by Democrat gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brown, even as it had initially been critical of him and his campaign for referring to his Republican opponent, Meg Whitman, as a "whore" in a private conversation that was recorded and released to the public. The president of the chapter merely dismissed it as a poor choice of words, but ultimately justified it: "The very troubling issue that is embedded in that call is what prompted the description of Meg as a 'whore' is basically that she sold out Californians for an endorsement and a $450,000 independent expenditure campaign."'

Feministing comments on mother accused of murdering baby over farmville game

anthony · 29 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There is no doubt that this story is absolutely appalling and quite sad. The natural reaction is to ask how a mother could be so evil to kill her baby over a video game? But it can't be just that simple. While I do not condone her behavior, what jumped out at me was that this woman must have been experiencing some severe postpartum depression. I am not excusing her actions but postpartum depression is real and often underestimated.

Women are expected to be all exuberant and glowing with the birth of their new baby but sometimes reality come crashing down on new moms. While they truly love their babies, sleep deprivation, hormonal fluctuations, or painful breastfeeding can trigger unpleasant feelings and hopelessness.

Tobias is a young woman and I wonder what type of support she had in raising her baby. There is no mention of the baby's father or family in the story, only that she pleaded guilty to spare her family the pain of a trial. I also wonder what type of access she had to doctors and/or therapists, and if she had information or resources about postpartum depression. Was there anyone she could talk to about her feelings? Was she predisposed to depression anyway? Maybe her cries for help were dismissed as "baby blues." My point here is that situations like this may be preventable when women are given support in childrearing and accurate information before the baby is born.'

Uganda poised to pass death-sentence law against (male) homosexuals

Matt · 29 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. When governments seek to "outlaw homosexuality", the vast majority of those persecuted are men. Societies of all kinds seem much less threatened by female homosexuality than male, even while male homosexuality is more often discussed in public forums. The persecution of men because of their sexuality is just another form of persecuting men, plain and simple. In this case, the penalty for being gay isn't just prison for some period of time, or a fine, or just public censure, but death. Excerpt:

'Gay Ugandans have faced a fortnight of attacks and intimidation, say human rights campaigners, after a local newspaper published a list of the country's "top 100 homosexuals". As well as naming gay Ugandans – complete with photographs and addresses – Rolling Stone newspaper also claimed that a deadly disease was attacking homosexuals in Uganda, and said that gays were recruiting one million children by raiding schools.

Activists say a number of Ugandans have been attacked since the Rolling Stone newspaper published the front-page story on 9 October under a banner that read, "Hang Them".

...

The newspaper's managing editor, Giles Muhame, maintains that the article was in the public interest. "We felt there was a need for society to know that such characters exist amongst them. Some of them recruit young children into homosexuality, which is bad and needs to be exposed," he said.

"They take advantage of poverty to recruit Ugandans. In brief, we did so because homosexuality is illegal, unacceptable and insults our traditional lifestyle."

The article in Rolling Stone emerged about a year after the Ugandan MP David Bahati introduced a bill that would have imposed the death penalty for some homosexual acts and life imprisonment for others.

Drawn up following a visit to Uganda by leaders of Christian ministries from the US, the legislation was quietly shelved after an international outcry. However, gays in the conservative country – where 85 per cent of the population of 32 million are Christian and 12 per cent Muslim – believe the proposed law has still had an impact on their way of life.'

Prepare for SAVE's Mandatory Arrest Campaign

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Via email:

In preparation for our upcoming Stop Mandatory Arrest campaign, SAVE has compiled a listing of the citations of the laws in the 21 states with mandatory arrest:
http://www.saveservices.org/what-are-the-state-laws-that-mandate-arrest-for-dv-assault/

We also encourage you to check this page out in preparation for your state legislature's upcoming session in early 2011, so you can prepare your plan of action. For more information about SAVE's upcoming campaign, visit:
http://www.saveservices.org/protect-victims-stop-mandatory-arrest/

Middle-aged school employee charged with sexual assault of boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CALGARY — Just weeks after being charged with sexual assaulting a 15-year-old boy and being ordered to stay away from him, a Calgary school employee allegedly met with the victim, landing her in jail for several weeks.

Now, Calgary police are trying to ensure the school employee — who is in her late 40s — and the teen remain apart. But neither are co-operating.

“We believed the relationship wasn’t going to end contrary to charges being laid,” said acting staff Sgt. Mark Hatchette, adding it was the victim’s family who contacted police about the relationship.

“We are doing our due diligence and that’s all we can do. We put specific conditions in place to protect victims and then we follow up.”

Police say the woman, who was an employee with the Calgary Board of Education, was charged in late July with sexual assault, sexual interference with a young person and sexual interference by a person in authority.'

Men's group says feminism now infringing on their rights

anthony · 30 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here, which includes an embedded link to the audio report. Excerpt:

'It's not easy being an unreconstructed bloke these days. Spare a thought for René Kuhn, former president of the right-wing Swiss People's Party in Lucerne. He's the one made headlines a while back for saying Swiss women are frumpy and don't wear enough make-up.

Now he's saying feminism is an attack on men's rights and he's having to hold a planned anti-feminism meeting in secret. The meeting was due to be held in the canton of Zurich, in Uitikon, but after protests and a paint attack on the town's community hall this week, the venue pulled out of hosting the meeting. WRS's Jo Fahy reports:

The anti-feminist meeting's organisers declined to go on air but confirmed they've employed a private security firm and will only inform conference attendees of the event's new location.'

Letter-to-the-Editor shows political activism for MRA issues

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'George Miller and Barbara Boxer are running for re-election this year and it is time to reflect on what they have done. I met George Miller once and found him abrasive and two-faced. And I was not surprised when I saw Barbara Boxer pleading for usurping respect on a web feed. Perhaps she would prefer "her highness" instead of senator. The most important matter is that Barbara Boxer and George Miller have unstintingly supported the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) while ignoring the plight of abused men.

The VAWA programs have been ineffective in reducing partner abuse and placed those women at a greater risk of violence. What had happened was that the framers of the VAWA decided to falsify the numbers by substituting their own statistics. This became evident when their totals exceeded 100 percent. Of course their most striking statistics included men who were dead and boys who have not been born.
...
The VAWA allows women to refuse to appear in court or testify in matters of rape or domestic violence. Women may refuse the rape kit protocol and still claim rape though the purported episode occurred years before. This also applies to domestic violence and its forensic testing protocol. When one segment of society has rights that exceed those of others, then that society cannot continue to exist. This notion has recurred repeatedly in our history and yet Boxer and Miller have refused remove the inequalities that remain among people.'

UK: Pupils make more effort with male teachers as they are seen as 'more fair'

Broadsword · 30 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Pupils try harder for male teachers, according to an official study.

They make more effort to please them, display greater self-esteem and are more likely to believe they are being treated fairly.

The findings are particularly significant as more than a quarter of primary schools do not have a single male teacher.

With the number of male secondary school teachers also dwindling, it is feared that some youngsters could go throughout their entire education without experiencing the benefits of being taught by a man.

Researchers from Westminster University, the London School of Economics and the graduate business school INSEAD carried out an experiment involving 1,200 pupils aged 12-13 in 29 schools.

The study, commissioned by the Department for Education under Labour, was aimed at discovering what shaped youngsters' effort, motivation and educational achievement.
...
Both boys and girls also showed greater confidence in their ability. Researchers said the findings were 'new and significant' as the effects were evident for every male teacher in the experiment.'

More on Swiss antifeminism event

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Somewhere in Switzerland on Saturday around 150 men's rights activists will be gathering at a secret location for the "first international antifeminism meeting".

Amid plans by feminist activists to hold protests, the venue was changed and the new location kept under wraps until the last minute.

...

Addressing the day-long conference will be IGAF founder René Kuhn, and speakers from a German gender policy initiative, the Swiss men's political party, an interest group for divorced men and European and Swiss men's and father's rights groups.

Andersson described it as a "very special" and "historic moment".

"The major goal is not to come to conclusions about anything but mostly to meet like-minded people. As you have seen, there are forces trying to stop us from having this meeting," Andersson told swissinfo.ch.

...

In a written statement prepared for Saturday's meeting, Andersson has drawn up five key beliefs of antifeminists: "opposing the feminist hatred of men, valuing the nuclear family, believing in the child's rights to both its parents after a divorce or a separation, looking at the individual and not judging people by their gender, and accepting that men and women are different and counting that as assets".

...

While the Swiss Federal Office for Gender Equality is not worried about the event happening within the country's borders, director Patricia Schulz told swissinfo.ch that she was concerned by "this movement's denunciation of all women who do not correspond to its limited vision of what constitutes a 'real woman'. There is a very high risk of discrimination in the ideas of this movement."'

Australia: 'Why Masculinity Trend Pieces Must Also Die'

anthony · 30 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the Sydney Morning Herald there is a new breed of man. He is "chivalrous, but not patriarchal. He is well-groomed without being pretentious or dandy. He'll open the door for someone - not because they're female - but because it's a nice thing to do. He doesn't mind meeting his mates at the pub, but he has no qualms inquiring about the riesling." He is the Modern Day Gentleman or MDG for short. A composite of traditional male ruggedness and new age intellectualism that's epitomized, apparently, by comedian Charlie Pickering. And he is completely fabricated for the purposes of this article.

Here's the thing. The problem with trend pieces on masculinity, much like trend pieces on hipsters, is this notion that a large group of rational adults willingly subscribe to a singular and static code of conduct. They don't. And when it comes to trend pieces on masculinity, that margin for error extrapolates to half the fucking population and all we're left with is vague anecdotal evidence about how the modern man behaves and what it is he stands for. “It means being a little more considered and a little more responsible for who you are and what you do,” Pickering claims of the new Australian male. “It is reclaiming some of the classical idea of what it means to be a man.” What? What does that even mean? Were men less responsible a few years ago?
...
To be an Australian male in 2010 you have to fulfill two prerequisites. You have to be male and you have to be Australian. Nothing more, nothing less. The rest (dating, your job, how many friends you have, respect) will take care of itself and it will have nothing to do with how tight your suit is.'

Huffington Post: Ten Steps the Democrats Need to Take to Win the Votes of Women

anthony · 30 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When will the women of this nation stop accepting "guilt gifts" from the men in their lives who act abusively?

When will we say "enough is enough" and turn a deaf ear to half-hearted, mealy-mouthed apologies that provide poor salve for hateful and hurtful actions and words?

When will we finally deliver the tough love and consequences for improper behavior?

I'm posing these questions in large measure because October is National Domestic Violence Month. Yet, more specifically, I want to shed light on the ugly abuse women have been experiencing in the political arena this election season as well as election cycles past.

...

If the Democrats want women to turn out and vote, they need to make some extra efforts to address our needs. Here are ten concrete and measurable steps the DNC can and should immediately take to win women back:

1.Set an annual goal of the exact number of women in the House and Senate each year, and provide funding in a manner that will achieve those goals. Publically announce targets and whether they were reached. For example, 20008 women comprised 17% of the US Congress, in 2010 our goal is for women to comprise 20%, 2012, 24% etc.

...

10.Introduce and pass a law to require publicly traded companies to have target of 30- 50% female board members.'

Rights vs. Interests

Matt · 30 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Normally I don't pen my own essays but for this topic, especially as we here in the US are heading now into a major political election season that underscores such matters, I felt this was a good time.

'MRA' stands for "Men's Rights Activist", while "FRA" stands for "Fathers' Rights Activist". It is hard to be one without being the other and for all intents and purposes they mean the same thing. The word "Rights" is represented in both acronyms. (And likewise, "Women's Rights Activist" also has the same word in it.) This word is thrown around all the time not just by activists in this realm but in many others. Indeed, the word "rights" seems to be a very common word when people seek to appeal to an innate sense of or a defined scope of justice.

But consider that, especially when talking of adults, all of us have the same rights. Consider that parents of both sexes have equal rights regarding the children they have. Consider that to bodily and other forms of human integrity and dignity, we all have the same rights. The playing field then, from a philosophical standpoint, is equal. We all have equal rights. Once that is accepted then, what is there left to make adjudications over? Will not one set of rights cancel out the other set of rights? Yes, that is exactly what happens. So the only thing left to consider then is the *interests* of the parties involved.

As men, what we don't have is an equal representation of our interests in practical ways because institutions and people within our societies are not recognizing this fact, or they simply believe we are not entitled to equal consideration because we are men, which is bigotry/misandry in action. This is where (and why) our activism comes into play. To say we are pursuing our rights isn't correct since we have them already. What we want is our interests to be fairly considered when weighed against the interests of another person/people who also have the same rights as we do. We have as full and complete claim to insisting that we have our interests fairly and judiciously considered as weighed against another person's because indeed, we do have the exact same rights as they do.

Having clarified this point, then, I believe it is entirely acceptable for male voters specifically to lobby candidates on matters that directly impact the support of our interests as men and fathers in the same way that women have been doing now for almost 50 years. Men it seems to me just don't view themselves as a voting block, while women do. The press also sees them as a voting block and reports on them as such. If men's interests are going to get defended and fairly represented in institutions of all kinds as well as in the court of public opinion, men need to start making men's issues political issues and vote accordingly. Otherwise, we'll never get anywhere with this stuff.

Yemen: Woman suspected of sending parcel bombs arrested

Minuteman · 30 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'Yemeni police have arrested a woman on suspicion of mailing a pair of bombs powerful enough to take down aircraft, officials said on Saturday as details emerged about a terrorist plot aimed at the US that exploited security gaps in the worldwide shipping system.

Investigators were hunting the Arabian Peninsula nation for more suspects tied to al-Qaeda and several American officials identified the terrorist group's top explosives expert in Yemen as the most likely bombmaker.

The explosives, addressed to synagogues in the Chicago area, were pulled off planes in England and the United Arab Emirates early on Friday morning, touching off a tense search for other devices.'

Australia: Nurses banned from 'flirting, off-colour jokes'

Minuteman · 30 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'Nurses have been banned from flirting with patients under new ethics guidelines for hospitals.

The rules also crack down on sexual innuendo, “off-colour” jokes and offensive language, The Sunday Telegraph reported.
...
The guidelines come after the number of complaints made about NSW nurses with “professional boundary issues” almost tripled in the year to June 2009, compared with the previous year.

Figures from the NSW Nurses and Midwives Board reveal there were 17 complaints made in 2009, while there were a total 47 complaints over the past five years.'

UK: Woman abandons starving pets to eat one another

Minuteman · 31 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Let's hope they catch the bas***d! Excerpt:

'Four cats and a pet dog survived living alone in squalor by eating one another, a British court has heard.

The owner of the animals, Lorraine Peake, left them when she moved from her home in Bolton in the country's north-west in March this year, the Daily Mail reports.

The 48-year-old said she paid a man $80 to check on the animals — but could not provide any more details when pressed by the RSPCA.'

NY Post: 'Stifled by feminism'

anthony · 31 October 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Republican Sharron Angle famously told Sen. Harry Reid to "man up" during a Nevada debate this month -- the implication being that Reid is a wuss, or not man enough to do his job. You'll get no argument from me, but I did note Reid didn't fire back at his opponent. That's because feminists have taught him well.

When faced with whether or not to make a disparaging remark about the female gender, most men know to keep their mouths shut.

In politics today, women can do and say whatever they want about the opposite sex, but men can't do likewise. "You can't come back on gender grounds to a female candidate," says Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania.
...

The double standard -- that women have free rein when it comes to gender issues but men don't -- is evident on every front.
...
Indeed, the power feminists have had in this country is so great -- and so destructive -- Americans can't even admit there are biological differences between men and women. You may recall what happened in 2005 when Larry Summers, then Harvard University's president, suggested the underrepresentation of women in the top levels of science and engineering could be due to a "different availability of aptitude at the high end" and the different career choices women freely make as a result of their maternal proclivities.
...
In the meantime, buried beneath the surface lies the truth: American feminism has been a disaster. According to a 2007 report from the National Bureau of Economic Research, "As women have gained more freedom, more education and more power, they have become less happy."

Does that mean freedom, education and even power are bad for women? No. But the fact that women in America (and the men in their lives) have been conditioned to believe they are second-class citizens, in need of special attention and support, has not made women any happier. On the contrary, it has driven a wedge between the sexes -- and made wusses out of men.

It's time for the men of America to man up and fight back.'

Obama Pleads for Women's Vote

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Barack Obama's pandering to the feminists makes him look like the suitor who is unwilling to face up to his beloved's announcing she will marry another man. In desperation, he showers her with expensive gifts, hoping to win back her favor.

...

Obama's principal plan to nail down the loyalty of the feminists is to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act (PFA). It has already passed the House and Majority Leader Harry Reid plans a Senate vote in a mischievous Lame Duck session.

This bill would amend the Equal Pay Act (EPA) to shift decision-making about wages and salaries from employers to judges and juries, a longtime goal of the feminists who want wages to be based on subjective motions of "worth" rather than on market rates. The Paycheck Fairness Act (PFA) would also reward another Obama constituency by opening a lucrative channel for trial lawyers to file class-action lawsuits against employers and collect punitive damages in unlimited amounts.

The PFA would give the courts the power to micromanage all personnel decisions. That's a goal the feminists have sought for nearly 30 years under the slogans "pay equity" and "comparable worth."

...

For example, a woman earning less than a more experienced man could argue that work experience is not a "bona fide" factor because the employer could have eliminated the disparity by the "alternative employment practice" of training the woman for the job.

...

The NEC report pegs its argument to the feminists' false whine that women are paid only "77 cents for every dollar paid to men." And, the White House brought out Valerie Jarrett to threaten that bad Republicans in Congress would take away benefits for women.'

Women stay away from math out of their own free choice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ever wondered why there are such few women in math-intensive fields? Two psychological scientists at Cornell University believe women aren't innately poor at math; instead they choose to stay away from the subject.

Stephen Ceci and Wendy Williams reviewed all of the evidence and concluded that the main factor is women's choices-both freely made, such as that they'd rather study biology than math, and constrained, such as the fact that the difficult first years as a professor coincide with the time when many women are having children.

But girls' grades in math from grade school through college are as good as or better than boys', and women and men earn comparable average scores on standardized math tests.

Williams and Ceci also reviewed research on sex discrimination and decided that it is no longer a major factor. In fact, one large-scale national study found that women are actually slightly more likely than men to be invited to interview for and to be offered tenure-track jobs in math-intensive STEM fields.

"When you look at surveys of adolescent boys and girls and you say to them, 'What do you want to be when you grow up,' you never see girls saying, 'I want to be a physicist or an engineer,'" Ceci said.'

UK: A crisis of masculinism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Prior to August 2010, British Airways had a policy whereby they would not allow adult male passengers to sit next to unaccompanied children on flights, even if the man was travelling with others. Many other airlines still enforce such erroneous policies, which are doing nothing short of presuming all men to be potential paedophiles. I don't recall any similar rule being applicable to women. More to the point, no rule of this kind should have been implemented whatsoever. Such political correctness gone mad has even resulted in one airline (British Airways) trying to separate a man from his own children on one occasion, namely a certain Boris Johnson.

Women's rights are always at the forefront of the political agenda, and rightly so, but what about the rights of men? Is it really fair that men should be treated as potential sex offenders because of the sinister actions of a devious minority?

...

Unless some radical form of change takes place in the near future, the downward spiral of attitudes towards men is set to continue. It will only be a matter of time until male suicide rates multiply, male teachers surrender to bureaucracy, and we are reduced to an apartheid-style society where men have few or no rights.

Men and women should undoubtedly have equal rights, but it is important not to cross that fine line of equality.'

U Delaware Women's Studies Dept. receives grant for concentration in domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'9:22 a.m., Oct. 26, 2010----The Department of Women's Studies at the University of Delaware has been awarded a grant from Verizon Delaware that will be used to start a new undergraduate concentration in domestic violence and to prepare students to earn certification in the field.

The three-year, $187,000 grant also will allow UD to offer an intensive 10-week summer practicum in which students will work with community agencies throughout Delaware, gaining firsthand experience in such areas as providing services to domestic violence victims. The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) announced the grant this week; a formal presentation will be made at the coalition's annual Purple Ribbon public-awareness event on Oct. 28 in Wilmington.

“Women's Studies students are often interested in careers involving domestic violence, from direct services for victims to public-policy advocacy,” said Jessica Schiffman, assistant professor of women's studies and associate chair of the department. “In the internship program we already offer, I get more requests from students for domestic violence placements than any other type, and there's a growing demand from community agencies as well.”'

U of Tulsa Women's Studies Dept. examines female incarceration through film

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Tulsa's Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) program is hosting a three-night film festival this week examining the unique conditions and tribulations facing incarcerated women.

"Women and Incarceration" is this year's theme for the many WGS events to take place on campus. Oklahoma incarcerates more women per capita than any other state in the nation. The WGS program will feature two films each night on Oct. 5, 6 and 7.

On Tuesday, the two feature films will focus specifically on incarcerated mothers. "Prison Lullabies" follows the stories of four women serving prison sentences for nonviolent crimes.

Arrested pregnant, all of these women have given birth at the Taconic prison facility. The facility allows mothers to keep their children for the first 18 months if they participate in counseling sessions ranging from child care to anger management and drug rehabilitation.
...
"Blind Spot: Murder by Women" features individual interviews with six women convicted of murder. "Blind Spot" delves into the unique insights examining the circumstances leading to violence and the emotional, psychological and spiritual consequences of murder.'

John Wayne’s masculine identity crisis?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On the Facebook page for the Foundation for Male Studies, the up-and-coming academic group spearheading this movement, articles abound justifying the need to address this supposed crisis. One such article involves the decreasing ratio of men to women attending four-year colleges and universities, and another addresses the statistic that women “for the first time ever” make up the majority of the workforce due to layoffs associated with the economic recession.

In a recent New York Times article, male-studies proponent and resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute Christina Hoff Sommers says that “male-averse attitudes are widespread in the United States” due in part to feminist studies and the fact that masculinity has become a social taboo.
...

So, what does Stanford have to think about this new branch of study?

According to intended feminist-studies major Miranda Mammen ‘14, “feminist studies, women’s studies and gender studies across the country are doing a really good job of tackling what it means to be a man and conventional constructions of masculinity. I think it’s a misconception that they only study women, because the study of women’s roles necessarily includes men.”

“My biggest problem with the male studies phenomenon…is that it’s an explicitly anti-feminist platform,” she continued. “The creators of male studies have argued that the presence of feminist and gender studies is harmful to them, which is really ridiculous.”'

Unemployment stats show good news -- unless you a man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One thing the rates don't reflect is the disproportionate number of men who are receiving unemployment insurance.

"If you look, 80 percent receiving unemployment insurance payments are male, whereas they are just about 50 percent of the population," he said. "The issue is that the big hits in jobs have been in construction and manufacturing that are heavily male and the gains have been in health care and education that are more female.

"People are using the term 'mancession,' " he said.

Nationally, first-time claims for unemployment fell 21,000 to 434,000, the third straight decline. The report boosted early Wall Street trading that actually ended the day slightly lower.

An Associated Press survey of leading economists out this week said there was an expectation that the national unemployment rate at 9.6 percent will lower to about 9 percent by the end of the year. Many sources expect that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke will announce next week the Fed's plans to purchase Treasury bonds to try to further lower interest rates.'

Female Yemeni bombing suspect released

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Report here. Excerpt:

'Authorities in Yemen have released on bail a 22-year-old female engineering student whose name and phone number were on the shipping documents for the two bombs sent to the United States.
...
A Yemeni official briefed on the investigation said the suspect "is not allowed to leave the country pending further questioning."

The official said the shipping agent who received the packages was called in to identify her and said Samawi "was not the person who signed the shipping manifesto."
...
But as her fellow students mounted a protest Sunday at a university, her lawyers questioned why anyone involved in the plot would use their real name and phone number to ship a bomb.'

Men’s Matters radio show available for download

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Report here. Excerpt:

'The hard work has been done by James Williams, the presenter of the radio show “Men’s Matters”, at ExpressFM in Portsmouth, UK. He has, of his own volition and independently of me, adapted the Feminism series of films to make it suitable for radio, and then broadcast it at ExpressFM virtually in its entirety.

This is absolutely unheard of in any mainstream media and is nothing short of an historic achievement!

As anyone familiar with men’s issues will know, the genuine viewpoints expressed by men’s rights advocates and any views that are remotely anti-Feminist are simply not allowed to be aired and so this radio broadcast is undoubtedly a first in Britain and a phenomenal achievement.'

Australia: Female crime boss ready to call it quits

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She's made here fortune from a life of crime, and most of here Male family members have spilled blood for her, so this "matriarch" is ready to retire. Link to article here. Excerpt:

'The matriarch of the Chaouk family has "put her foot down" and urged her relatives to end their deadly dispute with the rival Haddara clan.

Cancer-stricken widow Fatma Chaouk is "sick and tired and dying" and does not want to see any more family members killed, barrister Tas Roubos told the Victorian County Court on Monday.

Mrs Chaouk's change of attitude comes after the death of her husband Macchour, who was gunned down in the backyard of the family's western Melbourne home in August.'

Hong Kong discrimination against men gets probe

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hong Kong's Equal Opportunities Commission says men are discriminated against in the workplace.

"We're not out to stir up trouble," says Commission Chairman Lam Woon-Kwong. "For lower-educated men, even the young ones, finding a job is difficult. Even if they get one, the salary is low."

The service industry in particular prefers to hire women for posts such as cashier. Ironically, part of the reason is unequal salary expectations -- women are generally willing to work for lower pay.

In the 1980s, when Hong Kong lost its competitive edge in manufacturing, many factories relocated to the Chinese mainland. With them went male-dominated factory employment.

Now, low-level white-collar jobs are also being lost to the mainland.

Hong Kong men with low-education levels find it difficult to get hired. And while there are many welfare programs for women in Hong Kong, social initiatives for men are lacking.'

Obama’s domestic violence initiative neglects male victims of abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, President Barack Obama introduced his administration’s new “government-wide” domestic violence initiative this week.

Missing from his words about a renewed focus on victims, however, was half of the population: men.

When looking at violence within intimate relationships, men are often viewed primarily as perpetrators, yet this is not always the case. Martin S. Feibert, psychology professor at the University of California, Long Beach, has highlighted more than 270 scholarly investigations, empirical studies and reviews, “which demonstrate that women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners.”

Equity feminist and Reason magazine contributing editor Cathy Young told The Daily Caller that while the cause was a good one, she was disappointed to see male victims excluded from the president’s equation, for just that reason.'

4-YO boy growing hair long for cancer victims denied entry into pre-K

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Renee Szablewski is a good, churchgoing Catholic. She wants her 4-year-old son, Jack, to grow up to be one, too.

That's why Szablewski was so upset last month with St. Dominic, a parochial school in Brick, N.J. The principal at the school barred Jack from his pre-kindergarten class because his hair was too long.

"That's Christian? That's Catholic?" Szablewski fumed during a telephone interview with TODAYshow.com Monday.

Jack's early lesson in how tough life can be actually began when at the tender age of 16 months, his grandfather died of lung cancer. Renee Szablewski decided to honor her father by letting her son's hair grow out so that he could donate his locks to be used in wigs for children who lose their own hair to cancer radiation treatment.'

Newsweek: "Women Will Rule the World"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When historians write about the great recession of 2007–08, they may very well have a new name for it: the Mancession. It's a term already being bandied about in the popular media as business writers chronicle the sad tales of the main victims of the recession: men. They were disproportionately represented in the industries hit hardest during the downturn, including financial services, manufacturing, and construction, and their higher salaries often put them first in the line of fire. Men are the victims of two thirds of the 11 million jobs lost since the recession began in 2007; in August 2009, when U.S. male unemployment stood at 11 percent (versus 8.3 for women), it was the largest unemployment gender gap in the postwar era. Those numbers have improved, a bit—new unemployment figures show men at 9.9 percent and women at 7.8—but not enough to stop Larry Summers, the president's top economic adviser, from speculating recently, that "when the economy recovers, five years from now, one in six men who are 25 to 54 will not be working."

If they are lucky, they'll have wives who can take care of them. American women are already the breadwinners or co-breadwinners in two thirds of American households; in the European Union, women filled 75 percent of the 8 million new jobs created since 2000. Even with the pay gap factored into the equation, economists predict that by 2024, the average woman in the U.S. and a number of rich European countries will outearn the average man. And she'll be spending that money: as a new book on female economic power, Influence, points out, American women are responsible for 83 percent of all consumer purchases; they hold 89 percent of U.S. bank accounts, 51 percent of all personal wealth, and are worth more than $5 trillion in consumer spending power—larger than the entire Japanese economy.'

Australia: Schoolboy hung by neck on pole in act of bullying, gov't does nothing

Minuteman · 2 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. In full:

'A South Australian schoolboy has reportedly been hung from a pole by his neck in an apparent incident of bullying.

The Adelaide Advertiser says the education department is looking into the event at Para Hills High School in Adelaide's north which took place in September when the 13-year-old was tethered to a pole by three other students by a velcro strap around his neck.

The boy's mother's told the paper that the school didn't tell her about the incident which caused her son to lose his voice for two weeks.'

Follow-up article here. Excerpt:

'A teenage boy who was hung from a pole by his neck by school bullies has been abandoned by the South Australian government, the Liberals say.
...
Two months after the assault at Para Hills High School the boy's mother still hasn't seen the perpetrators held accountable, counselling for her son or a proper investigation, Mr Pisoni said in a statement on Tuesday.'

UK: Surrey woman jailed for false rape claim, theft

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Kate Woodhead made her claim against Paul Joseph after he told her their 18-month relationship was over, Guildford Crown Court was told.

The 31-year-old, from Ripley, told police Mr Joseph had drugged her before attacking her.

She then stole belongings of his worth about £25,000.

Judge Neil Stewart said he had no option but to send her to prison.
...

The court heard Woodhead, who ran livery stables in Surrey, went to police with a friend in April 2009 and made the false allegation.

She then stole property including an expensive stereo and art prints, and transferred ownership of her ex-boyfriend's sports car and motorcycle to her own name.

Mr Joseph was arrested and questioned by police but the rape allegation was dropped when officers became suspicious that Woodhead had made it up.

Judge Stewart said the offences were part of a "deliberate and vindictive" campaign waged against Mr Joseph.

He added: "These offences therefore must be seen as devious and manipulative and you are wholly unrepentant."'

Disabled boy, 16, found to be teacher's sex slave

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 16-year-old disabled boy doing Grade Four at a primary school in the Manzini region, has become a sex slave to one of the female teachers who also acts as his benefactor, it has been revealed.

This situation is now stressing the boy's mother, who had never suspected the teacher's intentions when she offered to help the child with fees and other needs.

As a result, she is said to be looking for a way to save the teenager from further damage, especially because he has already suffered from venereal diseases. The other problem is that the boy's peers think of him as very successful because he is able to share gifts with them.

Sources within the area say the young man stays with the mother in the village nearby, but friends always help him out in the evenings to spend quality time with the teacher.

The boy is presently complaining of sharp pains in the spinal cord, a suspicion that this could be a development from his previous encounters with venereal diseases.'

SAVE asks "How do DV Laws Contribute to Over-Criminalization?"

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Via email:

Are you aware of a growing number of conservative and liberal groups that are saying our nation's laws are over-criminalizing America? Groups like the Heritage Foundation, ABA, ACLU, Cato Institute, National Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and others are saying we have gone way overboard in criminalizing everyday conduct, like whether you can arrest an 8-year-old boy for playing 'cops and robbers' at school.

In support of next week's campaign to "Protect Victims: Stop Mandatory Arrest," SAVE has just released a new Policy Briefing that summarizes the issue: http://www.saveservices.org/how-do-dv-laws-contribute-to-over-criminalization/. (Also see http://www.saveservices.org/how-do-we-know-that-our-approach-to-domestic-violence-has-become-over-criminalized/)

Feel free to share with lawmakers and others.

South Africa: Prisoners (and priests!) to be circumcised

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Link to article here. Excerpt:

'The KwaZulu-Natal government will soon start circumcising prisoners to reduce HIV infections among inmates, says health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo.

“We will soon start circumcising prisoners in our campaign to reduce infections,” he said.

A total of 10, 229 male circumcisions had been done since the provincial government started the male medical circumcision programme in April this year.

Dhlomo said the department had a target of 2.5 million circumcisions by June 2014. Previously circumcisions among Zulus were conducted traditionally. With the permission from King Goodwill Zwelithini, government would be conducting them medically.
...
Dhlomo said they would also circumcise priests.

“We believe that if we circumcise them, they will encourage members of their congregations to test.” '

Australia: Mother cheered as son aged five downed alcohol shots

Minuteman · 4 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A mother who gave her five-year-old alcohol cheered as he downed shots of home-brewed liquor, a Victorian court has heard.

Kylie Eastwood, 34, is accused of giving her son several shots of home-made grappa, which tests later found had a 44 percent alcohol content, the Herald Sun reported.

The father of the five-year-old said he confiscated the bottle when he found his son drinking from it with a shot glass at their home in the town of Moe, east of Melbourne.'

Paycheck Fairness Act vote scheduled for November 17

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Paycheck Fairness Act is poised to see action, following the re-introduction of the bill (S. 3772) in September by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV). The bill is scheduled for a lame-duck (post-election) vote in the Senate on November 17, 2010. The Senate will vote on whether to debate the bill. This is known as a cloture vote and 60 votes are needed to move the bill forward. With the balance of power in the Senate teetering, the election on November 2 of three new Senators (from West Virginia, Illinois and Delaware), who may be seated for the lame-duck session, could affect the cloture vote.

If passed, the Act would expose employers to far greater liability than now exists. Employers must act now to make sure their concerns are heard.
...

The proposal would fundamentally change the Equal Pay Act of 1963 (EPA). The EPA prohibits employers from paying women less than men for performing the same or “substantially equal” work in the same “establishment,” except for specific reasons.

Under the proposed law, to defend against discrimination claims, employers must demonstrate that any pay differential is based on a “bona fide factor other than sex, such as education, training, or experience,” and is “consistent with business necessity,” among other requirements. Further, the legislation would expose businesses to unlimited compensatory and punitive damages and weaken the EPA’s procedural requirements for class action litigation. The bill also seeks to broaden the definition of “establishment.” (See Paycheck Fairness Act Would Negatively Impact Businesses, Jackson Lewis Partner Cautions.)'

What's the Alternative to Tucker Max?

anthony · 4 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While it's thrilling that there is also a movement of young men all who want to tear down the patriarchy right alongside women, it's dangerous that they don't have a clear picture of what they want to build in its place. At the conference, one young man spoke up against the notion of a new "feminist masculinity," explaining that he feared it would be one more box that young men felt they had to fit into. There's a lot of validity to his argument, but I fear that the old adage is true: We can't be what we can't see. Models help us try on various identities and find one that is truly authentic. The more publicly feminist-aligned men we have, the more opportunities the next generation has to find a positive, masculine gender identity that actually fits.

Many young men, it seems, are stuck in stage one of gender consciousness. They want to prove that they are one of the "good ones" and separate themselves from all the gendered behaviors and beliefs that they now see as oppressive. That, or they wallow in guilt. (This is not unlike the stage many white kids get stuck in upon fully realizing their role in perpetuating racism.) At worst, this point of view is paralyzing. At best, it leads to burnout. It's not until privileged folks, men in this case, can own the ways in which they have a self-interest in resisting systems of oppression that their work becomes sustainable.'

Editorial: Feminist theology and feminism, R.I.P.

anthony · 4 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday my students and I discussed Mary Daly, the Boston College professor, feminist theologian, and professional provocateur who died earlier this year. Judging by our discussion, feminist theology has died too, and feminism with it.

Our reading for the day was a selection from Daly's second book, Beyond God the Father (1973), which decries a sexist cycle that has patriarchal cultures creating patriarchal divinities who then sanctify in turn the patriarchal cultures that gave them birth. "If God is male," Daly writes, "then the male is God."
...
But there was little celebrating (and only a little more life) in my classroom yesterday. Hardly any of my students showed any sympathy for Daly's critique of the "Superfather in heaven," and, when I asked for a show of hands, only four of my hundred-plus students were willing to out themselves as "feminists."
...
When I asked my students why they don't want to call themselves feminists, they spoke of bra-burners man-haters and Femi-Nazis, which is to say that in the war of the words which was the feminist movement, feminists seem to have lost perhaps the most important battle: the battle over the meaning of the word feminism itself.'

Paving a Rocky Road: Removing Barriers to Men's Engagement

anthony · 4 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While men alone are certainly not the solution, this change cannot come without large numbers of men and women working together. We can "pave to the way" to gaining the support of larger numbers by removing barriers that traditionally keep men from engaging in a topic which touches us all.

This conference will broaden the ways our movement seeks to engage those who identify as male in ways that do not continue to marginalize across gender, sexual orientation, race and class, while challenging us all to explore the intersections of oppression and violence.

We will explore ways to include those beyond the "choir" across the professional experience in the field, connecting the secular movement with work faith communities are doing, and by hearing about the work and experiences of young people becoming the new generation of leaders.'

Australia: Mother killed two year-old son to 'expel evil spirit', found not guilty

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Link to article here. Excerpt:

'An Adelaide woman killed her two-year-old son by standing on his mouth and chest because she believed he had been taken over by an evil spirit, a court has heard.

Rachael Cherie Hadley, 23, was found not guilty in the South Australian Supreme Court on Friday of murdering the boy, with Justice Kevin Duggan finding her mentally incompetent at the time.

Duke Hadley died from asphyxiation with Justice Duggan saying his mother believed she was saving him, rather than hurting him.

...

"She believed she was expelling an evil spirit from him and that she expected him to recover," the judge said in summarising two medical reports.'

Australia: Female puppy killer banned from owning a pet

Minuteman · 5 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A West Australian woman has been banned from ever owning a pet after she pleaded guilty to killing a puppy by repeatedly throwing it against a wall.

Tracie Marie Beal was sentenced in Mandurah Magistrates Court on Thursday for ill treating an animal.

The 28-year-old Mandurah woman had admitted that on the night of January 19 she was given a small, six-week old puppy by a friend.

Beal then took the puppy home and after a short time she became upset and repeatedly threw it against a wall, killing the animal.'

More DV law issue summaries from SAVE

Matt · 6 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE, via email:

On Tuesday we witnessed a political cataclysm take place across the nation. Whether you are Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative, now is the time to capitalize on this dramatic shift in the political landscape.

To assist in your efforts to reform state DV laws, SAVE has posted a series of state-level summaries:

* Civil Protective Orders: Domestic Violence
* Standards of Proof for Civil Protective Orders
* Statutes Prohibiting Mutual Protective Orders
* Child Custody and Domestic Violence
* Mediation and Domestic Violence
* DV Arrest Policies
* Misdemeanor Crimes of Domestic Violence
* Other charts from the American Bar Association

To access these summaries, visit http://www.saveservices.org/policymakers/

SAVE Report a Valuable Tool in Understanding DV Industry

Matt · 6 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Since domestic violence and allegations of domestic violence are a big part of what's wrong with family law as it relates to child custody, I thought I'd do a piece on this study entitled "Are Abuse Shelters Helping the True Victims of Domestic Violence?" It comes to us courtesy of the organization Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE).

It doesn't pretend to be an in-depth treatment of anything; rather, it simply sketches some of the many problems, questions and issues that attend domestic violence and the system of shelters in this country.

Like many other people and organizations, SAVE is dead serious about domestic violence. It's so serious in fact that it wants people to know what DV is, who does it, who the victims are and, most importantly, how to effectively deal with the problem. In other words, in all those ways, SAVE is at odds with the DV industry generally.'

Canada: At Dad Camp, guys ‘man up’ or get the boot

Anonymous · 6 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In one corner: six reluctant, badass fathers-to-be in their 20s. In the other: New York psychologist and family therapist Jeff Gardere (“Dr. Jeff”), whose job is to transform them into grown-ups ready to face fatherhood. They meet on Dad Camp, one of the latest offerings from the parenting wing of the reality-TV genre, airing for the first time in Canada.'

Salon: "The soft war against women"

anthony · 7 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the run-up to the midterm elections, a bevy of conservative female candidates invoked feminism in one way or another, but all backed policies harmful to women. In the process, they became media darlings. Palin, who wasn't running herself but helped get a number of candidates on the ballot across the country, opposes abortion and sex education. ...
...
The 2010 Year of the Woman was mainly about candidates who supported policies traditionally advanced by white men. This is not just an isolated political accident. It is part of a pattern that has dire consequences for women.

At first glance, it may seem like a wonderful time to be female -- a time of empowerment and achievement: the "You Go, Girl!" era.

But there is another, even stronger current running beneath the surface of society that carries a very different message. The warning today is far more subtle than it was in the early "Backlash" days, when the argument was that women simply could not and should not do what men could do. Now, the message is, "Yes, indeed, you can do it all, and often better than men. But beware!"

Vancouver police cleared in man's beating

Matt · 7 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Remember this particular case? Here is how it ends... for now. I have a feeling it won't, though. Excerpt:

'Two Vancouver police officers who faced an allegation of abuse of authority have been cleared by Delta police investigating the incident.

The accusation was made after the officers went to the wrong entrance of a home when investigating a domestic-violence call around 2:15 a.m. on Jan 21.

A woman called 911 to report that her husband was drunk and had assaulted her.

When plainclothes officers arrived at the address provided, they believed Yao Wei Wu, 44, was their suspect and used force to arrest him, resulting in injuries to Wu’s face, legs and back.

On Feb. 1, Delta police began to investigate what happened.

A report prepared by a senior Delta police investigator found that, although Wu had seen the officers’ badges and knew they were police, he resisted arrest, prompting the officers to pull him to the ground, where he hit his face. He was also punched in the shoulder a number of times.'

Dateline interviews Mary Winkler

Matt · 7 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. For those new to the case, read some about it on Wikipedia here. She has consistently claimed she was a battered woman and that she didn't mean to kill her husband. The Dateline site story has comments, one from user *shatteredmen* which follows in part, with minor edits:

'Mary said the shot gun went off "accidentally". Did the phone get unplugged accidentally? Did the reservations for her get away get made accidentally too? Did she accidentally write 17 THOUSAND dollars of hot checks for which she and Matt were to meet the authorities at the bank the day he was shot to talk about paying it back? (The last I knew, writing checks for money you knew you did not have was a crime but she got away with that too.) What would YOU do if you accidentally shot someone? Would you watch them bleed to death or would you call 911? Also, there was NO EVIDENCE of abuse and I contend there is a good chance Matt did not even know about the high heels that were used to prove his abuse. He is no longer here to defend himself as she trashes his name more and more.

Sarah Palin and NOW

Matt · 7 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Hard to know where Sarah Palin is at vis-a-vis feminism today. I do know she is reported as having said misandrist things, more often in rooms filled with female supporters, but not as much in mixed-sex gatherings. Makes no difference to me if she is just "playing to the audience," if that is the excuse you want to make for her, since in either case, it still isn't right. (If a person wants to "play to the audience" and if that audience happens to be a bunch of Nazis, is something the speaker says that is patently racist forgivable for the "playing to the audience" reason?) Nonetheless, following is the excerpt:

'Furthermore, we discovered that during the last national conference of NOW, which took part in Indiana from June 19-21, 2009, the "pro-Palin feminists" gained the majority - reportedly with a very slim margin of only eight votes!

...

Palingates has obtained the complete set of so-called "On-Site Credentials" for the last annual NOW conference in Indiana 2009. With these documents and other background conversations, it's possible for us to understand how the system worked - and we were also able to establish with these documents without any doubt that both Shelly Mandell and Elaine Lafferty were delegates at the last annual NOW conference in June 2009.

At this point in time, Elaine Lafferty had already received more than $ 53,000 from the McCain/Palin campaign and had written several pro-Palin articles. In addition, Elaine Lafferty had received more than $ 12,000 from SarahPAC, the checks of which had been sent to Shelly Mandell's home address.'

New Life for Men on College Campuses

Matt · 8 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From A Voice for Men, here. Excerpt:

'The lives of most boys and men are now more unfulfilling than ever before in postmodern America. It is situation the beginnings of which arguably can be traced back to the post-World War II generation of men. That is an important history to be told. In general, misandry—typically dressed down in the media in the tatters of bad jokes—has by now produced two generations of males born since 1975 who feel less than welcome at home, in the workplace, and especially at school.

This state of affairs is slowly coming into focus in our public collective sensibility even while the slack water of a turning tide has made it seem that things are at a standstill for men and boys. They are not. A movement is underway that is proactive. It is taking hold in colleges and universities, even as the enrollment of young men in college nationwide (now at about 39%, an all-time small proportion of male post-secondary students) continues to decrease. Significant spaces are opening up: men's centers where small groups of young males can meet informally to talk about what is important to them, their doubts and concerns, their hopes and aspirations.'

Germany: Family Minister Schröder locked in blazing feminism row

anthony · 9 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The radical feminist tendency to reject relationships between men and women was not a solution for inequality, she said.

“I believe that early feminism at least partially overlooked that partnership and children bring happiness,” she told the magazine.

The minister also rejected the idea of quotas to improve women’s standing in the workplace, calling it a “political capitulation.” She blamed some women’s own choices for the fact that they earned less than men.

“The truth is this: Many women prefer to study German philology and humanities, while men study electric engineering – and that has consequences when it comes to wages. We can’t forbid companies from paying electric engineers more than a philologist.”

Schröder told Der Spiegel that a new part of her policy would be providing more support to boys, who are falling behind girls in schools. Government policies have neglected boys and men, she said.'

Barbara Kay: Courts get a new way to discriminate against fathers

Anonymous · 9 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"They throw guys in jail for non-support all the time, and when they do, the guys serve the whole 30, 60 or 90-day sentence (the term keeps lengthening), even though cocaine dealers routinely get out of jail after serving half their time."

Ontario's Family Responsibility Office, which is responsible for ensuring that custodial parents don't get stiffed for child support payments by the non-custodial parent, has a lot of power.

Starting Dec. 1, someone (read "father") in arrears on their support payments can have their car impounded. That's about the stupidest punishment for non-payment one can imagine, since most people need their cars in order to work. As Lloyd Gorling, a father's rights activist put it, "How are you going to make support payments if you can't get to work? If you can't make support payments, does the government really think you're going to be taking a taxi every day to work?"'

The Supreme Court hears custody law

fibtastic · 10 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Full story here. Excerpt:

"Tomorrow [was Nov. 10] the Supreme Court will consider whether American fathers have the same rights as American mothers to ensure that their children are citizens at birth. Under the 14th Amendment, "all persons born in the United States are ... citizens of the United States." But the status of children born to American parents beyond U.S. borders is less certain. In the case Flores-Villar v. United States, the Justice Department is defending the constitutionality of a law that treats some of these children differently depending on whether their mother or their father is a citizen."

German feminist calls family minister 'hopeless' and 'incompetent'

Broadsword · 10 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The interview article with the German Family Minister can be viewed here, and the follow up article here. Excerpt:

"Germany's leading feminist campaigner and its minister for families, pensioners and women have locked horns over the role of feminism in relationships and the workplace, unsparingly attacking each other's views in a row that has escalated into a nationwide debate.

Alice Schwarzer, considered the country's foremost women's rights campaigner, labelled Kristina Schröder "hopeless" and "incompetent" after Schröder said she thought some of her views were wrong.

Schröder, 33, of the Christian Democratic union, was recruited by Angela Merkel and became the youngest woman ever in a German cabinet. She told Der Spiegel that she could not agree with certain views expressed by Schwarzer, including that "heterosexual sex was hardly possible without the subjugation of women".

Schröder said: "It's absurd to define something that is vital to the survival of humanity as subjugation." She said she was unconvinced by the feminist argument that rejecting heterosexual relationships in favour of homosexuality was a "solution to the disadvantage to women", and blamed boys' underperformance in school on the disproportionate number of female carers and teachers. She also rejected the idea of quotas to improve the standing of women in the workplace."

Woman in antifreeze margarita death jailed

Minuteman · 11 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to artilce here. Excerpt:

'A woman drew a 23-year prison sentence on Wednesday for killing her alcoholic boyfriend by lacing a jug of margarita cocktails with antifreeze at her apartment.

"It's not as if you were captive in this house," Judge William Kocher said in imposing a near-maximum penalty on Cynthia Galens, who maintained that victim Thomas Stack was emotionally and physically abusive.

"It's just senseless what you did."
...
Galens was charged with murder in January, three months after Stack, a 48-year-old Air Force veteran, died from complications of ethylene glycol poisoning.
...
Based on his history of alcoholism, bipolar disorder and depression, state police deemed his death an accident or possibly a suicide.'

Feminists Suing Over Sports Gap

jayhammers · 11 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. Excerpt:

'The Irvine Unified School District is the latest target of the feminist assault on any institutions not dictating exact equality in athletics. The National Women's Law Center, wielding Title IX, has filed complaints against the school district for allegedly discriminating against girls in federally funded sports programs.

Evidently, there is a roughly 10% sports participation gap between boys and girls in the district, and, what's worse, it has even grown in recent years.

Although feminists would probably never admit it, girls simply aren't as interested in sports as boys. If they were, one might think they would have actually invented some competitive sports over the years, but I can't think of one single competitive sport created by women. '

Canada: Marriage tames men, think-tank says

Anonymous · 11 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

News story here. Excerpt:

'OTTAWA - Marriage should be promoted as a way to civilize men and cut down on social ills such as crime, substance abuse and homelessness according to an Ottawa think-tank.

An Institute of Marriage and Family Canada paper cites marriage as helping men become more nurturing, improving their health outcomes and even making men better workers.

The paper quotes Ottawa Senators general manager Bryan Murray as saying marriage improves the games of his players.

“You’re more committed. You have something to go home to,” Murray told a reporter in October. “I think these guys start to realize that there are other people depending on what they do with their lives.”

Status of Men, authored by the institute's research manager Andrea Mrozek, looks at what role the decline of marriage may play in the lagging results educators and sociologists are seeing in boys.'

The report entitled "Status of Men" was written by religious conservative Andrea Mrozek and can be found here in .pdf format.

Embattled Ohio Father Reunited with Son Illegally Taken in Adoption Battle

Matt · 12 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'After three years of legal battles, Ohio father Benjamin Wyrembek has finally been reunited with the little son who was wrongfully taken from him. In Ohio high court right to unite father, son (Toledo Blade, 10/24/10), Fathers and Families Board Member Robert Franklin, Esq. recently explained:

> This month, the Ohio Supreme Court finally cleared the way for Benjamin Wyrembek of Swanton to be united with his biological son, who will turn three years old this week. That should have happened long before now.
>
> But for almost three years, attorneys for an adoptive couple in Indiana who have raised the child since birth have kept the case tied up in court, separating father and son.

Re-sentencing starts in Texas husband stabbed case

Matt · 12 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON (AP) — A woman who tied her husband to the bed, stabbed him 193 times and buried his body in the backyard is lying when she claims she did so after years of abuse, prosecutors told jurors Monday during her sentencing hearing.

Susan Wright, 34, is being re-sentenced for the 2003 murder of her 34-year-old husband, Jeffrey. She was initially sentenced to 25 years in prison, but the Texas Court of Appeals last year tossed the sentence, agreeing with Wright that her trial lawyers were deficient because they failed to present testimony from witnesses that would have bolstered the abuse claims.

During her opening statement Monday, Harris County prosecutor Connie Spence told jurors Wright lied about being physically abused by her husband to try to justify the killing.

She said it was only after Wright killed her husband that began telling family and friends that she had been abused. Wright even went to police and took out a restraining order against Jeffrey Wright after stabbing him to promote her false story of abuse, Spence said.

"There were 193 stab wounds inflicted from head to toe," Spence said. "There were wounds to the head, face, neck, chest, abdomen, sexual organ, thighs. These were all inflicted to the front of Jeffrey Wright's body...consistent with somebody restrained, on his back."'

A nice satire on pro-circumcision blogs and articles

Minuteman · 12 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'How To Write About Circumcision
A guide for bloggers and journalists
...
Circumcision is really, really trivial, so it doesn't really matter what you write. Flippancy is essential. Make sure you use the word "snip" at least once, and any wordplay, such as "snip the tip" is guaranteed to cause hilarity. Because circumcision is so trivial, anyone who opposes it may be ridiculed.
...
Mention the African HIV-circumcision trials and imply they prove that circumcising developed-world babies will reduce their chance of getting HIV by "up to 60%" (or 70% or 80%, whatever you're happy with)
...

By all means interview couples who decided to circumcise their sons. You can safely attribute any frivolous reasons you happen to support to them. Bathroom splatter, zipper injury, teasing by friends, all belong here.
...
By all means interview doctors who make their living from circumcision. Their motives are purely altruistic, as they will tell you themselves.'

Circumcision Ban May End Up on San Francisco Ballot

anthony · 12 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(CBS) The city that will soon outlaw toys in McDonald's Happy Meals could have a measure banning circumcision on next November's ballot, reports CBS San Francisco.

"It's genital mutilation," said Lloyd Schofield, the author of a San Francisco ballot measure that would make it a "misdemeanor to circumcise, excise, cut or mutilate the…genitals" of a person under 18.

Baby boys in San Francisco may be relieved but not everybody agrees with a proposed ban.

"I just had him circumcised 3 weeks ago," said Heather Wisnicky of Sacramento, mother of Tyler, a 6-week-old baby boy. "It's a health issue. It's cleaner," she said.

Scientists with the Centers for Disease Control are still studying whether circumcisions are healthier, and have promised recommendations to the public. Meanwhile, according to the New York Times, a CDC researcher reported a sharp drop in the number of American parents choosing circumcision in hospitals - from 56 percent in 2006 to less than 33 percent last year.'

Understanding the ripple effects of underachieving boys

anthony · 12 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In American schools, boys are underachieving and girls are excelling. This gender gap in academic achievement is evident as early as kindergarten. The longer students are in school, the wider the gap becomes.

Boys are more likely than girls to earn poor grades, be held back a grade, have a learning disability, form a negative attitude toward school, drop out or get suspended or expelled.

The education gender gap is affecting colleges, the workforce, the marriage rate and the fatherlessness rate in America.

...

This shift means that women will increasingly get the highly paid jobs while men will experience a drop in earnings. This is already happening. Men in their 30's are the first generation to earn significantly less than their fathers' generation did at the same age. As jobs that require little education increasingly shrink, more and more men will become unemployed.

As the gap continues to grow, fewer college-educated women are able to find college-educated men to marry. Many of these women are choosing not to marry at all rather than marry non-college-educated men who are likely to earn significantly less than they do.

...

The National Center for Fathering found that 72 percent of Americans think that fatherlessness is the most significant social problem facing our nation. America is the world's leader in fatherless families.'

The Family Minister vs. the Feminist: German Women at War

anthony · 12 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'They are perhaps the most high-profile women in Germany after Chancellor Angela Merkel: Kristina Schröder, the young, glamorous minister for families, women and pensioners, and Alice Schwarzer, the seasoned feminist intellectual and campaigner. And they're embroiled in an unseemly, vitriolic war of words over sex, the role of women and feminism. Played out in the mass media, the slanging match is providing titillating fodder for the press — but many German women fear it is also undermining their ongoing struggle for equality.

It all started when Schröder — at 33 the youngest member of Merkel's cabinet — attacked the 1970s feminist movement, telling Der Spiegel news magazine on Nov. 7 that early feminism "overlooked the fact that partnership and children can provide happiness." The conservative minister, who's known for her prim and proper attire, went on to say: "For me, emancipation will only be truly reached if a woman can wear make-up and skirts without having her abilities doubted as a result."'

UK: How feminism could improve judicial decision-making

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Can judges be feminists? Should judges be feminists? On one view the answer is easy: no. We don't want our judges to be activists. We don't want them to promote their own political agendas. We want them to do their job. We want them to apply the law.

...

The Feminist Judgments Project offers a vision as to what the law might look like if there were (more) feminist judges, and in doing so, challenges our thinking about law and judging. More than 50 academics, practitioners and activists have come together to produce 23 alternative feminist judgments in a series of key cases in English law.

In R v A (No 2), for example, instead of rules restricting the use of sexual history evidence in rape trials being overturned by an all-male House of Lords (itself the subject of a legal challenge by the Fawcett Society), the feminist judgment by Clare McGlynn upholds the restrictions, challenging the assumption at the heart of the case: that a woman who has agreed to have sex with a particular man is – simply by virtue of that fact – more likely to do so again at another time.'

"Woman Utters Line Never Previously Recorded In A Police Report"

Matt · 13 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I hesitated to post this due to its graphic content but the lesson here is too important not to pass along, especially for newcomers to MANN: *Anyone* is capable of 1) attempted/actual rape, 2) assault, and 3) gross, disgusting conduct (just in case item 1 doesn't cover it sufficiently). Excerpt:

'Meet Melissa Lee Williams. The West Virginia woman, 41, is facing assault and weapons charges after allegedly waving a knife at two men who declined her demands to engage in sexual conduct at a motor inn.
...
This is when Melissa Williams allegedly “produced a lock-back folding knife,” opened it, and pointed the weapon at her estranged husband. She then reportedly uttered a line never before memorialized in a police report: “Somebody is going to eat my p***y or I’m going to cut your f*****g throat.”

When Deputy Mellinger arrived on the scene he observed Williams--who, like the two men, appeared to be intoxicated--nude from the waist down. After pocketing a knife that was on the coffee table in front of Williams, Mellinger arrested her for domestic assault and brandishing a deadly weapon.'

UK: Why are so many wives telling their husbands to have the snip?

anthony · 13 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are used to being in control of contraception and it's often difficult to let go of that, even when it's their husband's fertility, not their own, in question.

'Having to take the Pill is a burden,' says Gina. 'You don't know the long-term effects. I don't fancy the coil or implants, so a vasectomy seems the easiest thing to do.

'Contraception is a woman's problem, but it would be so much easier if the man played his part.'

Feminist author Natasha Walter agrees. 'It's funny it's still women having to think about contraception all the time and men shying away from it,' she says.

'Perhaps it's because men think it would impinge on their masculinity, which, of course, it wouldn't. Why shouldn't men, once they have completed their families, take this step?'

But if a woman wouldn't consider being sterilised, how can she expect her husband to do so? 'If Paul tried to force me to have be sterilised I wouldn't feel that was fair. So perhaps it's not fair for me to expect it the other way around,' says Gina.'

"Beware the January Divorce"

Matt · 13 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From three years back, essay here. An oldie but a goodie... excerpt:

'Unlike gender-blind wealth and life destroyers — alcoholism, drug addiction, gambling, and catastrophic illness — divorce will disproportionately eviscerate the wallets, parental power, and dignity of men.

Because family courts (I call them female-ly courts) generally favor women, who have overwhelmingly unfair reproductive, custody, paternity, alimony, child-support, and homestead advantages, a man's biggest nightmare is becoming the respondent in a divorce, especially in January.

If your marriage is already teetering when December arrives, it's time to beware the January divorce. By the Sunday of the Super Bowl, there's a high probability that your wife will have served you divorce papers. That's right: women bring 70% of divorce actions, to improve their odds of taking the kids and the houses.'

Zambia: School boys targeted in national Male circumcision "strategy"

Minuteman · 14 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, the Education Post visited Kafue Boys Secondary School where close to ten pupils registered to get circumcised at a local health centre without the consent of school authorities.

Confirming the development, school headmistress Catherine Mutale expressed disappointment at the decision by personnel at the health centre to enlist the pupils for circumcision without the school authorities' approval.
...
...a parent to one of the pupils had also called the school earlier inquiring on how their child had been circumcised without their approval.

'We found posters promoting circumcision stuck on trees and by the time the deputy head pulled them out ,the pupils had already read the message on the posters and were booked in for circumcision the next day," Mutale said.'

Ed note: The title for the article "Boys see circumcision as a license for unprotected sex" is new. The original title is the subject line of this post. Note the misandrist nature of the change.

"No One Can Change Men but Men"

Anonymous · 15 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'...Men are stereotyped as walking erections who would "f--k mud." Even psychology's "theory du jour," evolutionary psychology/psychobiological theory" (Buss, et al.) puts men in the position of being obliged to spread their DNA as far and as widely as possible. Middle-aged men owe it to the species to reproduce with 22-year-old females of the requisite waist-to-hip ratio – rape as a "reproductive strategy," etc. We assume that male humans are sexual predators. ...Here's the problem: I don't see men doing a whole lot to undo those stereotypes. As I say to my students every semester: No one can change these stereotypes except men. And not enough of them are stepping up. If enough good men become tired of the stereotypes about their gender, they will fight to change them – no doubt being accused of being pussies all the way. ...'

Exclusive excerpt from 'The Last Boy': Mickey Mantle finally opens up about childhood sexual abuse

anthony · 15 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The two Micks were as puzzling as they were unnerving. Lowy thought, "There was something from a very early age that happened to him."

Something Mantle had never confided to his wife. One night, long after they had separated, they spent an evening in Dallas watching a TV movie about a child who had been sexually molested. "That happened to me," he said.

He told her that often when [his parents] Mutt and Lovell went out to a Friday-night barn dance, her teenage daughter, Anna Bea, babysat for her half siblings. He was four or five years old when she began molesting him, pulling down his pants and fondling him while her friends, "teenagers and older," giggled and smirked, Merlyn Mantle told me. "They started playing with him," she said. "And, of course, he got an erection. They laughed at him. He remembered how embarrassed he was." That was the only time they ever spoke about it. "It could have been why he turned out the way he did," she told me.'

The gentler side of killer mom's estranged husband

Matt · 16 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'BARRIE, Ont. — "Daddy, daddy!" cried little Serena Campione, her chubby little arms raised in the air, running with glee when she spotted her father.

Leo Campione quickly wiped the telltale tears from his eyes and smiled broadly as he raised his little daughter in the air and then hugged her tightly.

...

It was the first time in over a month since the 33-year-old Toronto father had seen his children.

And it was the last time he would see them alive. Two weeks later they would be dead, drowned by their mother, Elaine Campione.'

Turn up the Heat: Tell Sen. Leahy three times to "Stop Mandatory Arrests!"

Matt · 16 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

Every year one million Americans are arrested on charges of domestic violence. But only 30% of these persons are ever convicted of the “crime”. Which means about 700,000 Americans are wrongfully arrested for DV each and every year!!

Knowing that mandatory arrest also puts victims at greater risk, who in the right mind would support mandatory arrest??? The illogical domestic violence industry, that’s who!!

And who’s going to change this ridiculous state of affairs? We are!

On Tuesday, November 16, we are asking you to make 3 phone calls (or send 3 email messages) to Sen. Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Call Sen. Leahy’s office today. Tell him to STOP MANDATORY ARREST! Phone his office: 202-224-4242

Or send an email: http://leahy.senate.gov/contact/ — for the Message Topic, select “Law Enforcement”

P.S. Keep track of how many times you contact Sen. Leahy this week. Then let SAVE know how many messages you sent – HONOR SYSTEM!! Send the count of your messages by midnight Thursday, Nov. 18 to info-at-saveservices.org. The winner of the contest will receive a free copy of “Domestic Violence: Intervention, Prevention, Policies, and Solutions” by Richard Davis.

P.P.S. See SAVE’s Special Report on Arrest for Domestic Violence:
http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/Justice-Denied-DV-Arrest-Policies

UK: Mother killed autistic son with bleach

Minuteman · 16 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A British mother killed her 12-year-old autistic son by making him drink bleach because she was scared social services would take him away from her, a court has heard.

Satpal Kaur-Singh, 44, forced her son Ajit to drink bleach just hours after social services met with her and warned he could be taken away because of concerns about her parenting skills.

...

But, both the defence and prosecution agreed Kaur-Singh had an abnormality of the mind when she killed her son, and her initial charge was reduced from murder to manslaughter due to diminished responsibility.'

San Francisco Circumcision Ban Unconstitutional, Professor Says

anthony · 16 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'San Francisco can have its proposed circumcision ban, or it can have the First Amendment. But it can't have both. That's the opinion of Peter Keane, dean emeritus at Golden Gate University School of Law and a constitutional law professor.

The potential ballot measure is the brainchild of Lloyd Schofield, an anti-circumcision crusader and foreskin-regeneration activist. While he has said he hopes his potential ballot measure leads to "a flood of legislation protecting baby boys from forced genital mutilation," Keane says 80 years of Supreme Court cases will, ahem, nip that in the bud.

"It's not Constitutional. It would be a violation of the First Amendment right to Freedom of Religion -- religions like Judaism that require [circumcision] as an essential part of the belief system."'

Does empowering women really make men less 'relevant'?

anthony · 16 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Of course, as the traditionalists see it, feminism made the fatal mistake of empowering women. In the last five decades, women have gained a plethora of rights; women have access to birth control, to education, to economic opportunity. As women have become more powerful and independent, the thesis goes, men began to question not only old chivalric codes, but the whole need for self-restraint. Why should men continue to protect women when women insist on being able to take care of themselves? The greatest benefit of the "old ways" was that a man could have his ego and his self-esteem boosted by knowing that he was needed by the fragile, delicate, vulnerable women in his life who relied absolutely on his strength and self-control.
...
Male privilege is not a guarantor of either happiness or health, and trying desperately to play the part of protector and provider has robbed generations of men of both. Feminism, in concert with these many new and exciting reproductive and contraceptive technologies, offers men a chance to rethink and re-evaluate their worth and their purpose. It offers them an opportunity to be intimate allies with their female partners, to forge relationships based on more than duty and dependency. It gives men a chance to be loved for the wholeness of who we are, rather than solely for what we can provide.'

Apparent "mandatory arrest" nets tamale throwing female

MR · 16 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Meet Adyan Sanchez.

The Florida woman was arrested Saturday morning for domestic battery after allegedly assaulting her boyfriend with a plate of tamales. Sanchez, 30, told cops that she tossed the corn-based projectiles at her boyfriend after he called her a “bitch” in front of the couple’s one-year-old son.

According to a police report excerpted here, deputies responded to a 911 call from the Bradenton home shared by the couple. Upon their arrival, officers found the alleged victim, Roberto Olvera, with “tamale sauce all over his pants.”'

Stop Feminists' Job Killing Legislation

Matt · 17 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

On Election Day, Americans spoke out against the radical liberal agenda in Washington, D.C. Voters demanded a Congress that will strengthen the economy and create more jobs.

But, the liberal left is still pandering to feminists and trial attorneys at the expense of American jobs by bringing the so-called “Paycheck Fairness Act” to a vote during the Lame Duck Session that begins Monday, November 15th.

The “Paycheck Fairness Act” would stifle job creation, send existing American jobs overseas, and burden employers with expensive paperwork and frivolous lawsuits.

Your calls are urgently needed to stop the feminists from causing unemployment rates to rise even higher!

A Powerhouse of Lies in New Zealand

Matt · 17 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It was a spiel I was used to. When men die on the job, they are not men. They are “workers,” “firefighters,” “soldiers,” and other professional labels designed to distract us from the idea that they are human beings. Sometimes, they are even reduced to something as generic as “personnel.”

Anything but men.

And of course I listened to this with the certainty that if by any chance any of those “workers” happened to be female, I would have heard the now ubiquitous woman inclusion. The tour guide would have to work from an amended script, telling us that 16 “workers” died, including one woman.
...
But what got to me, what made my skin crawl and turn a bit crimson, I am sure, was on the wall behind me; a backlit testimonial standing above the row of exciters in the machine hall.

{image}

It’s worth reading and thinking about. There I was, standing above the plant’s machine hall, housed in a space carved out of a million metric tons of solid rock, listening to a female plant employee tell me about the “workers” that died building her place of employment, with a glowing sign on the wall behind me that cast the men who did it all like a bunch of drunks and derelicts.'

Taking aim at a grieving dad

Matt · 17 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Leo Campione was not on trial.

Leo Campione was a victim, the father of two little murdered girls, killed by their mother's hand.

Leo Campione had pleaded with child welfare officials to remove those children from his estranged wife's custody, terrified the youngsters might come to harm — fears that were sadly, gruesomely, realized when Elaine Campione took their lives.

But on the day of Elaine's reckoning, found guilty by a jury on two counts of first-degree murder, the judge in the case implicitly aimed his condemnation at . . . Leo.

"It is more than disconcerting to think that if Ms Campione had not been so abused, so used and discarded as a person, her two daughters could still be alive."

This is a breathtaking rearrangement of the facts as court heard them.'

Wall Street Journal: Washington's Equal Pay Obsession

anthony · 17 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women in the workplace don't face rampant pay discrimination, and yet the Senate may soon pass a bill—already passed in the House—premised on the erroneous charge that they do. The Paycheck Fairness Act (PFA) would be a harmful addition to the many federal laws that already protect women and men from labor-market discrimination.

The original Equal Pay Act of 1963 made it illegal for firms to pay different wages to women and men who performed equal work on jobs in the same establishment. Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act outlawed discrimination against women and minorities in all aspects of employment, including hiring, promotion and compensation. Additional protections came with the 1978 Pregnancy Discrimination Act; the 1991 amendments to Title VII, which boosted penalties for discrimination; and the 2009 Lilly Ledbetter Act, which essentially eliminated the time limit for filing discrimination claims.

Paycheck Fairness Act Will Fatten Paychecks for Trial Lawyers, not Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The study concludes that “the differences in the compensation of men and women are the result of a multitude of factors and that the raw wage gap should not be used as the basis to justify corrective action. Indeed, there may be nothing to correct. The differences in raw wages may be almost entirely the result of the individual choices being made by both male and female workers.”

And yet the Senate will vote this week on “The Paycheck Fairness Act,” which according to the American Association of University Women is a critical piece of legislation that “can help create a climate where pay discrimination is not tolerated, and give the new administration the enforcement tools it needs to make real progress on pay equity.”

But the government’s own report by the Department of Labor concludes that there is no gender wage gap or pay discrimination once all relevant variables that impact wages are considered. And another recent study found that single, childless women between the ages of 22 and 30 out-earn their male counterparts by as much as 21 percent in large cities, and by 8 percent on average in urban areas, largely because young women are better educated than young men. This is more evidence that labor markets operate efficiently and discrimination against women has largely been eliminated by competitive market forces and the enforcement of existing laws by federal agencies, and additional federal antidiscrimination legislation is therefore unnecessary.'

Barbara Kay: When a mother is on trial, the father is the accused

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The trial was over, But Judge Stong added comments after the verdict announcement suggesting that if had the power to overturn the jury's verdict, he would. He said, "It is more than disconcerting to think that if Campione had not been so abused, so used and discarded as a person, her two daughters could still be alive…" Judge Stong was determined that even if it is Campione that gets locked up, Canadians would know that the real villain, morally speaking, is Leo Campione, the father of the dead girls (even though his alleged abusiveness was entirely based on his wife's allegations and never proved), and it is actually the "discarded" Elaine Campione who is the victim.

Judge Stong felt such personal animus against the grieving father that he wanted to deny Mr. Campione and his parents their opportunity to read a victim-impact statement, standard practice even with mandatory- sentencing cases. He only relented under strong pressure from the prosecutor, who reminded the judge that the murdered girls had been "an extremely important part of [Mr. Campione's] life."'

Paycheck-fairness bill blocked in Senate

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Report here.

'WASHINGTON (MarketWatch) -- A bill aimed at stamping out wage discrimination was blocked Wednesday as too few senators voted to move forward with the legislation. The Paycheck Fairness Act needed 60 votes to move forward, and only captured 58. The bill would have amended the Equal Pay Act to limit the defense that employers can use to respond to charges of wage discrimination based on sex, among other actions. Supporters said stronger laws are needed to erase the persistent wage gap between men and women, while critics said the bill could hurt businesses and workers. According to the Labor Department, in 2009 the median weekly earnings of women who were full-time wage and salary workers were $657, compared with $819 for men. There's disagreement over how much of the gap is attributable to sexism.'

Mandatory Arrest: Time for the Body Count

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Mandatory Arrest policies cause the deaths of 600 DV victims each year, and result in the false arrest of 700,000 persons each year: http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/Justice-Denied-DV-Arrest-Policies

Now, Stop Abusive and Violent Services (SAVE) is working to change VAWA so it incentivizes states to remove these stupid policies.

On Monday, we asked you to contact Sen. Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, once. On Tuesday, we asked you to contact Sen. Patrick Leahy three times. On Monday, we asked you to really cut loose, and contact the good senator eight times! (And if you make a few extra calls on Thursday, that's perfectly fine with us!)

So how many times did you voice your strong disapproval of Mandatory Arrest this week?

Send your count by midnight Thursday, Nov. 18 to info-at-saveservices.org, along with your name and mailing address. The person who made the most calls and sent the most messages will be mailed a free copy of "Domestic Violence: Intervention, Prevention, Policies, and Solutions" by Richard Davis.

That's right, we're going do whatever it takes to stop harmful Mandatory Arrest policies! We won't stop until we succeed.

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Call Sen. Leahy's office today. Tell him to STOP MANDATORY ARREST!

Politely phone his office: 202-224-4242

Or send an email: http://leahy.senate.gov/contact/ — for the Message Topic, select "Law Enforcement"

Police issue violations to men for teaching children to play chess in a public park

ItsDan · 18 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nice that the parents aren't actually standing up to say the rule is wrong, just that it should have been a warning. Excerpt:

'Parents at a Manhattan park are outraged that the NYPD slapped summones on a group of chess players who have mentored their children.

Cops in the 34th Precinct hit seven men with violations on Oct. 20 for using the stone chess tables inside a playground at Inwood Hill Park.

The playground is off-limits to adults without minors with them under Parks Department rules.

The summonses - first reported on DNAinfo.com - cited the men for failing to obey park regulation signs. They have to answer the charges in Criminal Court on Dec. 28.

"When people are just playing chess, I don't see a real reason for a summons for that," said Joanna Johnston, whose 7-year-old son learned the game from the men.

"A warning would have been sufficient."'

'virtual visitations' becoming the norm in divorce settlements

Matt · 19 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Though video chats are still a privilege for most, they're becoming a right for an increasing number of Canadian parents.

"Virtual visitation" will soon be fully entrenched in the language of divorce, as more and more broken families are subject to court orders for everything from parent-child Skype calls to scheduled instant-messaging sessions.

For now, this kind of plugged-in parenting is enforced primarily with couples facing distance hurdles — father on the East Coast, mother on the West Coast, for example. But with six U.S. states having included virtual visitation in their legislation, and Canadian courts ordering it on a case-by-case basis in nearly every jurisdiction, experts predict it won't be long before digital rights are a fixture in custodial agreements of every stripe.'

UK: Number of DV assaults on men has tripled over last 10 years

Matt · 19 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'THE number of domestic abuse attacks on men has TRIPLED in ten years, new figures showed yesterday.

The total number of incidents of violence in the home has dropped for the first time in a decade to 51,926 - 1,000 a week.

But there were 8,604 cases against men - 16 per cent of all attacks - compared to 2,869 in the year 2000, when they made up 8 per cent of the total. Housing and Communities Minister Alex Neil put the rise down to more males coming forward to report cases.

He said: "It is encouraging to see reported domestic abuse incidents are on the decrease. We're also pleased that more men are finding the courage to come forward." But Labour's justice spokesman Richard Baker said Holyrood's recent decision to scrap jail terms under three months could mean most abusers escape jail.'

"Marriage: What's It Good For?"

Matt · 19 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Predictably, no mention at all of how the law courts have made so many men just plain scared to get married, much less see a reason why (which is one reason the article does in fact mention, but about people of both sexes). Excerpt:

'In fact, statistically speaking, a young man of [Prince] William's age — if not his royal English heritage — might be just as likely not to get married, yet. In 1960, the year before Princess Diana, William's mother, was born, nearly 70% of American adults were married; now only about half are. Eight times as many children are born out of wedlock. Back then, two-thirds of 20-somethings were married; in 2008 just 26% were. And college graduates are now far more likely to marry (64%) than those with no higher education (48%).

When an institution so central to human experience suddenly changes shape in the space of a generation or two, it's worth trying to figure out why. This fall the Pew Research Center, in association with TIME, conducted a nationwide poll exploring the contours of modern marriage and the new American family, posing questions about what people want and expect out of marriage and family life, why they enter into committed relationships and what they gain from them. What we found is that marriage, whatever its social, spiritual or symbolic appeal, is in purely practical terms just not as necessary as it used to be. Neither men nor women need to be married to have sex or companionship or professional success or respect or even children — yet marriage remains revered and desired.'

'A Husband Spurned'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Violence Against Women Act has been a lifeline for countless abused women. The act, first passed in 1994 and due to be reauthorized next year, contains a host of programs including stiffer penalties for batterers, funding for women's shelters, and the creation of a national domestic violence hotline.

But the law has a potential flaw, too: A small fraction of the time, it may also provide incentive for immigrant husbands and wives to fake domestic abuse.

Hundreds of American men say their foreign wives exploited a section of VAWA that helps victims of spousal abuse to remain in the United States even if they exit their marriage. The spurned husbands say their immigrant spouses have lied to police, judges, and women's shelters in their efforts to manufacture evidence of abuse.
...

Brannon says he was a victim of a provision in VAWA that allows battered immigrant women and men to receive green cards and other benefits. He believes Elena never loved him at all and that she had planned to accuse him of domestic abuse from the first moment they made contact online.'

A Plea from the Founder of the Domestic Abuse Helpline

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Via email:

I sent a note earlier this month about helping us out by going to the Pepsi Refresh website and voting for our all volunteer agency (since 2000) that specializes in offering supportive services to under served victims i.e. male victims. We are losing the Pepsi challenge, not enough people are voting daily for us to win.

If you truly want to see under served victims receive services (toll free helpline, hotel and safe housing emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation costs etc) from an agency that really cares about them please take a few seconds out of your day for the rest of November to vote for our agency to win beginning today. Info on how to do so is below.

Will you take 2 seconds each day in November to help victims of domestic violence?

Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women (DAHMW) has entered the Pepsi project challenge for November in attempt to win a $50.000 grant from Pepsi so that we can offer more services to victims. DAHMW is a nationwide ALL VOLUNTEER non profit agency that offers supportive services to victims of intimate partner violence. In literally just 2 seconds each day in November you can help us win. Here's how:

Use your cell phone to Text 103820 to 73774 (Pepsi). Pepsi will confirm that they received your vote. Keep the text you sent them in your sent box and go in daily, open it up and press send. That's all you need to do to help us win $50,000! Standard text messaging charges apply.

You can read more about our Pepsi project and vote for us online too here: http://pep.si/aC5cuP

Thanks in advance for your help, please pass our need on to your friends and family members.

Sincerely,
Jan Elizabeth Brown
Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men an Women
Helpline: 888-743-5754
dahmwagency-at-gmail.com
http://www.dahmw.org/
You can help a worthy cause without driving to the store or donating a penny! Shop online at over 730 name brand stores this holiday season and a percentage of the amount you spend will go to the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women!
http://www.iGive.com/DAHM
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdUYPcEgooc

Female jailer captain charged with rape

Matt · 19 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Released "on her own recognizance"?? If this had been a male police jailer captain, you can bet the story would be a lot longer and the guy'd still be behind bars or would need to make some outrageous bail amount to get out. Excerpt:

'A captain with the Monroe County Sheriff's office today was arraigned on rape charges in Monroe County Court.

Catherine A. McLaughlin, 53, was indicted by a Monroe County grand jury with three counts of third-degree rape, a felony, 13 counts of official misconduct and one count of unauthorized use of a computer, both misdemeanors. The indictment was unsealed this morning in front of Monroe County Judge Frank Geraci, said Cpl. John Helfer of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Assistant District Attorney Bill Gargan said McLaughlin pleaded not guilty this morning and was released on her own recognizance.'

Fake doctor jailed for giving breast exams in bars

Matt · 20 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SALMON, Idaho (Reuters) - An Idaho judge has set bond at $100,000 for a Boise woman police say posed as a physician and duped at least two other women into having their breasts examined by her at Boise-area nightclubs.

Kristina Ross, 37, remains in Ada County Jail in Boise on two felony counts of practicing medicine without a license.

Police say Ross introduced herself to victims -- one at a downtown Boise bar and the other at a nightclub in a Boise suburb -- as a plastic surgeon named Berlyn Aussieahshowna, a name that turned out to be bogus.'

Ruby Ann Ruffolo's found guilty, faces life in jail

Matt · 20 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'After seven years of legal wrangling, Ruby Ann Ruffolo of Saanich was found guilty of the first-degree murder of her husband Thursday and sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 25 years.

The Victoria courtroom, filled with John Ruffolo's extended family and friends, burst into applause after B.C. Supreme Court Justice Mary Humphries took her seat and immediately announced she had found Ruffolo guilty of killing John by sedating him with amitriptyline and injecting him with a lethal dose of heroin on Oct. 19, 2003.

Ruffolo, 54, who appeared nervous and teary-eyed as she sat in the prisoner's box before the verdict, gasped and lowered her head. Behind her, in the front row, the couple's 20-year-old daughter, Jovanna, sobbed in the arms of a friend.'

UK: Would-be glamour girl who cried rape to clear drug debt is jailed for 18 months

Matt · 20 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A young woman who had ambitions of becoming a glamour model falsely accused a man of raping her as part of a ‘wicked’ scam to clear her £3,000 drug debt.

Samantha Merry, 21, claimed that she had been sexually assaulted by the man in a brutal attack which allegedly happened in front of a group of people.

Her victim was arrested in front of his partner and their children at 4am and driven to a police station where intimate swabs were taken and he was held in a cell for 23 hours.'

Australia: Killer lesbian wants compensation for bike crash

Minuteman · 21 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who bludgeoned a 16-year-old girl to death with her lesbian lover has applied for publically-funded compensation for injuries she received from a road accident before the murder.

Valerie Parashumti was 16 when she was hit by a car while riding a bike in Perth in 2004, the Sunday Times reports.

Parashumti was taken to hospital with leg injuries but court-ordered medical assessments during her 2008 murder trial showed she may have also suffered frontal lobe damage to her brain.

She now could be compensated up to $337,000 for pain and suffering following the crash, and there is no limit to damages that could be paid to her for future medical treatments and loss of earnings.'

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child - 21 Years Old

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Convention on the Rights of the Child, New York, 20 November 1989:

Article 18: "States Parties shall use their best efforts to ensure recognition of the principle that both Parents have common responsibilities for the upbringing and development of the Child. ..."

This is the first UN world resolution giving to children the right of co-parenting (shared parenting between father and mother).

Please watch a short movie to celebrate and wish the return of Father and Fatherhood in the Society

Best regards,
F.BARZAGLI
fatherhood-at-email.it
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fabio_Barzagli#Ethical_and_social_contribution

'Intactivists' to San Francisco: Ban circumcision

anthony · 22 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- In the California city that banned Happy Meal toys,outlawed sitting on sidewalks during daylight hours and fined residents for not sorting garbage into recycling, compost and trash, Lloyd Schofield wants to add a new law to the books in San Francisco: A ban on all male circumcisions.

Those who violate the ban could be jailed (not more than one year) or fined (not more than $1,000), under his proposal. Circumcisions even for religious reasons would not be allowed. At this point, Schofield's proposal is an idea that would have to clear several hurdles to be considered.

Schofield and like-minded advocates who call themselves "intactivists" seek to make it "unlawful to circumcise, excise, cut, or mutilate the whole or any part of the foreskin, testicles, or penis" of anyone 17 or younger in San Francisco.

The circumcision debate has passionate advocates on each side.'

Papua New Guinea: Boy gang raped by women

Minuteman · 22 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A 17-year-old village boy has been gang raped by 10 knife wielding women in Papua New Guinea, police say.

Southern Highlands Province police commander Teddy Tei told AAP the gang of women attacked the schoolboy just outside the provincial centre of Mendi on Friday.

"This is a serious matter and police are trying to identify who these animals are," he said.

"More than 10 women with kitchen knives attacked him and four women had sexual intercourse with him".

The boy went to hospital for treatment, he said.

Police commander Tei said he feared the women may have infected the young man with HIV/AIDs.'

Reality TV "star" charged with DV

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Anderson, Ind. police have formally charged Teen Mom star Amber Portwood for attacking Gary Shirley, her ex-fiance and father to her daughter Leah, 2. (HollywoodLife.com first reported the news.)

Portwood, 20, has been charged with two felony counts and one misdemeanor count of domestic violence and battery. If convicted, the reality star faces up to three years in jail and fines of up to $10,000.

Authorities launched their criminal investigation seven weeks ago after an episode of the MTV show aired in which Portwood hit Shirley, 24, numerous times. Using both that footage and unaired tapes, police charge that Portwood attacked her beau on three separate occasions.

Documents report that, on Aug. 14, 2009, she shoved, slapped and choked Shirley -- all while young Leah watched nearby. On June 14, 2010, she was taped slapping, punching and kicking Shirley. Finally, on July 18, she was again caught slapping and punching him as Leah watched.'

"Good Morning America" story on YT here.

NCFM sets up booth in Bangalore, India for International Men's Day

Anonymous · 22 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

The National Coalition For Men now has a chapter in Bangalore, India that is very active. Here are pictures of their recent booth for International Men's Day.

Australia: Woman charged with attempted murder of twin

Minuteman · 23 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

There's always a sympathy card to be played. Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A Victorian anorexic woman has appeared in court charged with the attempted murder of her identical sister.

Geelong Magistrates Court was told Rachel Wallmeyer was trying to strangle twin sister Clare when police arrived at the apartment they share in Grovedale, the Geelong Advertiser reports.

The 40-year-old was also charged with recklessly causing injury and unlawful assault.

Police prosecutor Sergeant Peter Beard said both women were "extremely intoxicated" when police were called to their flat at 10.30am on Saturday morning.
...
However, police are likely to remove the attempted murder charge against Rachel and replace it with a lesser charge, the Advertiser reports.'

A Voice for Men: "Kimmel & Bits, Kimmel & Bits"

Matt · 23 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What Kimmel fails to grasp in his concepts is that men's "idea of masculinity" has been socially criminalized and legislated as such. It is a street level experience that is less political and much more personal. Men no longer possess a concept of themselves that would offer a safe place to start or belong in the social equation. Men in fact are found guilty before a crime is ever committed. That guilt is assigned to masculinity only in the proximity of women, only in a social construct that includes women. It is less about a zero sum game than a negative sum prosecution for being a man. While many men may support doctrines such as Kimmel's and support a feminist cause, they are only one finger point away from the truth. The role they play in their own lives is leased to them by women and requires no notice, evidence or reason under the law to terminate that agreement.

It would be equally true to identify that the "idea of femininity" has not changed in the female mind. Where it may have served the female cause for equality to rail for shared custody of children, they are steadfast in denying it, arguing their cause by criminalizing fathers. Such a paradigm as fathering may well represent a strong role model for change in male consciousness it is however not supported by women or their lick spittle legislators. This is the societal privilege for which Mr. Kimmel speaks that ultimately renders men invisible, particularly to their children. It is increasingly the case that young men are simply opting out of the social collaboration with women in an effort to hedge risk. It is specifically the area of risk in which maleness and masculinity reside and in this area where equality is silent. It is against issues such as these that evidence the real strides made are in fact not by women but by ministries of government, their funding and your tax dollars.'

Ohio Senator Calls F & F of Ohio, Begins Dialogue on Child Support Reform

Matt · 23 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'[State of Ohio] Senator Shirley Smith yesterday called Donald Hubin, Ph.D., Chairman of Fathers and Families of Ohio's Executive Committee, to open up a dialogue about Senate Bill 292, the child support legislation that Senator Smith sponsored.

F & F of Ohio has been actively campaigning in the legislature and the media against certain aspects of the bill, which will raise child support obligations in the middle of the worst economy since the Great Depression. To participate in F & F of Ohio's campaign against the bill, please click here.'

Battlelines: science, sex, brains and gender

anthony · 23 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Audio and transcript included. Excerpt:

'Boy or girl? Blue brain or pink brain? Dr Cordelia Fine's new book, Delusions of Gender: The Real Science Behind Sex Differences, and Professor Rebecca Jordan-Young's latest, Brainstorm: The Flaws in the Science of Sex Difference, have raked over research data and mined the controversies on how male and female brains differ -- no holds barred.'

Report: Teacher Pregnant With Student's Child

Michael · 23 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Notice it isn't called "rape". Excerpt:

'FORT WORTH, Texas -- Police suspect a teacher accused of having sex with a 16-year-old student, may be pregnant with the teen's child.

25-year old Jennifer Riojas is in police custody charged with sexual assault of a child.

The 9th grade teacher taught science at Carter-Riverside High School before resigning last month.

She was arrested after the student came forward fearing he may be the father of Riojas' baby.'

Huffington Post: Dating Violence? Maybe Not But MTV's 16 & Pregnant Does Not Make Me LOL

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MTV's Teen Mom "star" Amber Portwood was officially charged last week with two felony counts and one misdemeanor for domestic violence and battery. The charges against Amber were derived from footage recorded by MTV during the shoot.

This news came immediately on the heels of an episode of MTV's 16 & Pregnant, which featured yet another unhealthy relationship segment. A young woman, Markai, physically attacked her boyfriend James, after learning that he cheated on her in the beginning of their relationship. On the show, James attempts to escape Markai's aggression but she pursues him.

After the segment, an information card popped up on the television screen with a link to loveisrespect.org, "If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, please visit loveisrespect.org." Seems harmless enough. But for some reason, MTV's seemingly responsible move to provide a help resource spurred hundreds of alarming tweets that reinforce the dire need for us to educate people (young and old) about the reality of dating violence.'

UN resolution fails to include homosexuals in fundamental human rights declaration

Matt · 24 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

"A Voice for Men" article here. This is of particular significance to MRAs since gay men are overwhelmingly the typical target for such murderous acts, not lesbians-- when indeed, no one should be the target of such acts at any time. Excerpt:

'The United Nations has been a long time ally of gender ideologues, promoting feminist politics on a global level and creating countless committees and funding organizations dedicated to women's causes. Intertwined in the language from many of those organizations are statements of support for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered citizens of nations across the world.
...
On the 17th of this month, the nations of the U.N. voted to remove sexual orientation from a resolution condemning summary and arbitrary executions. The resolution admonishes member nations to protect the right to life of all people, and calls on states to investigate killings based on discriminatory grounds. For the past 10 years, the resolution included sexual orientation in the list of discriminatory grounds on which killings are often based.

But the specification of gays was removed by a vote of 79 for, 70 against, 17 abstentions and 26 absent. It effectively issued an international gay hunting license for the numbers of nations that consider homosexuality to be a criminal offense, often looking the other way when gays are murdered, and including the 5 or so nations that treat it as a crime punishable by death.'

Health Check: The boy who was raised a girl

anthony · 24 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Biologically it is sex hormones, physical appearance and the sex chromosomes - XX for a woman, XY for a man - which dictate whether someone is male or female.

But what happens if you bring up someone who was a boy as a girl?

There was a case just like this in the 1960s, a case which ended in tragedy.

Twins Bruce and Brian Reimer were born in Canada as two perfectly normal boys. But after seven months, both were having difficulty urinating.

Acting on advice, the parents, Janet and Ron, took the boys to the hospital for a circumcision.

The next morning, they received a devastating phone call - Bruce had been involved in an accident.

Doctors had used a cauterizing needle instead of a blade, and the electrical equipment had malfunctioned and the surge in current had completely burned off Bruce's penis.'

On You Tube: Radical Feminist Statements

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A woman recites some of the most hateful comments made by feminists over the years. Many of these names are found in Women Studies text books and are looked upon in a positive manner. Some feminists will defend these comments by suggesting such quotes are -- 'taken out of context.'

Boys will be boys — if they don’t want to be the victims of bullying

anthony · 24 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In both cases — increases in bullying among boys AND girls — I think the root cause is the same: the forced androgynization (yes, I just made up that word) of our society, especially in the schools.

Consider, for example, that little boys in America are exposed almost exclusively to women in the classroom. My 16-year-old didn’t have a male teacher until sixth grade. My seventh-grader still hasn’t had one, if you don’t count health and P.E. Most of their administrators have also been women.

I’m not saying women don’t make great teachers and school administrators. They do. And it’s certainly not their fault that more men aren’t beating down the door to teach 7-year-olds.

But one result is that boys learn, in school, almost exclusively feminine values, such as that fighting is always bad. In fact, that’s probably an understatement: they actually have the aggression drilled out of them from an early age.

This has a direct influence on the increase in bullying. When I was a kid, my dad taught me never to start a fight but to finish one if necessary. That meant, at school, we took care of bullies ourselves. So bullying really wasn’t much of a problem, at least not for long.
...
At the same time that our schools are trying to turn little boys into little girls, society is telling girls that they can be just like boys in every way. Not only can they pursue any career that a male can pursue, including professional wrestling and combat infantry, but they can also dress like boys, be sexually aggressive like boys — and fight like boys.'

Salon.com: Is female-on-male violence on the rise?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Inherent in the above is some suggestion of perverse 21st century gender parity: Both partners are equally to blame, both partners are equally abusive; women are strong enough to punch, women are not -- or no longer -- the only victims. When we hear of a woman who hits, we hear rumblings that women are "becoming more violent," that this is the dark price we pay for female empowerment. As in, hey, feminism, thanks a lot. But are women really becoming "as violent as men"? And is that even the question we should be asking in the first place?

People who support women's rights, and who have worked for decades to get male-on-female domestic violence taken seriously, may find this conversation not just eye-rolling, but deeply troubling. As expert Jill Murray, author, most recently, of "But He Never Hit Me," puts it: Equating the scope, incidence and danger of male vs. female domestic violence "stands to negate everything we've been trying to fight for, all the work we've done."'

The UN’s War on Gender

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, the United States Senate held the first round of hearings on the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Despite having been adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1979, the treaty has never been ratified by the Senate.

The National Organization for Women (NOW) and other supporters claim, “in agreeing to ratify CEDAW, countries agree to take concrete action to improve the status of women and girls.” NOW applauds countries such as France for improving “maternity leave and child care for women working outside the home” after having ratified the UN Women’s Treaty.

...

In a misguided attempt to promote equality, the UN Women’s Treaty calls for the complete elimination of sex roles, and all policies – no matter how effective – recognizing gender differences. According to feminist author Christina Hoff Sommers, if implemented in the United States, CEDAW “would be a weapon for hard-line feminists in groups like NOW to wield against the rest of us.” The Treaty’s egalitarian feminist provisions threaten both the advancement of women and “the privacy, well-being, and basic freedoms of Americans.”'

Court urged not to jail genital burner

Matt · 27 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A court has been urged not to jail a woman who burnt her husband to death in what her lawyer has called a momentary lapse of control.

Rajini Narayan was found guilty of manslaughter for dousing her husband, Satish, in petrol and lighting it with a candle at their home at Unley in Adelaide two years ago.

Defence lawyer Lindy Powell said the woman should be sentenced on the basis that she had planned to burn his penis as a minor circumcision after learning he had been having an affair.'

Australia: Woman's school-run sex with 14-year-old boy

anthony · 28 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A YOUNG woman told a 14-year-old boy's mother she was driving him to school before taking him to her home and having sex with him, a court heard.

Kimberley Annette Gale, 24, of Hillside, pleaded guilty in the County Court to two counts of sexual penetration of a child under 16.

Her lawyer, Amy Wood, told Judge Sue Pullen her client had had a difficult childhood and the attention of the boy, plus moving back home to live with her mother and stepfather, had made her feel "like she was 16 again".'

UK: Shoplifter who mowed down policeman told 'Take 7-week trip-of-a-lifetime before we lock you up'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'After mowing down a policeman in an attempt to escape justice, shoplifter Saphhia Da-Silva was expected to face the full wrath of the British legal system.

But instead magistrates have adjourned sentencing – so she can enjoy a pre-booked seven-week holiday to Australia.

Da-Silva was spotted shoplifting at a Gap store and was followed to her car by two police community support officers.
...
Her case had been adjourned for pre-sentence reports, and a sentencing hearing would have likely been held in mid-December.

But the mother-of-two's planned seven-week trip Down Under, on a visa, is from November 28 to January 15 so Ashford magistrates agreed to adjourn the date until January 31.'

India: Women force men to do sit-ups on train

ItsDan · 28 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A GROUP of male passengers travelling in a female-only carriage on New Delhi's new metro system were ordered to do sit-ups on the platform by the furious women, according to reports.

At least one carriage is reserved for women on every metro train in the Indian capital, where female residents and tourists have complained about sexual harassment on public transport for decades.

The metro has also become severely congested with the lines expanding into the suburbs over the last year and most regular carriages packed to capacity.

The Times of India said on Saturday police led a crackdown at a station in Gurgaon, a booming satellite development on the outskirts of Delhi, after a series of complaints - and women passengers joined in the action.

"Not only were the unruly commuters made to shell out a fine of 250 rupees ($A5.50), angry women slapped some of them and forced them to do sit-ups," the Times reported.'

Columnist: 'Sexist' tax cut would benefit Ireland as a whole

anthony · 28 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The revelation in the news yesterday of an IMF proposal to lower the income tax rate of Irish women returning to the workforce by five percentage points, was greeted with bemusement swiftly followed by derision.

A number of angry men were quick to cry foul, branding the initiative "sexist". One popular daytime radio presenter described it as a "tax cut for the girls" and went so far as to speculate that any additional take-home pay resulting from what he branded a "sexist law" would be spent on "shopping and hair". A secondary, more measured, debate arose between women with children, who tentatively suggested that there might be some merit in a measure that counteracted the prohibitively high cost of childcare in Ireland, and women without children, who felt that they would be disadvantaged.'

Position Vacant: Men’s Counsellor -DV Perpetrators

Minuteman · 29 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to posting here. Excerpt:

'12 Month position based in Coober Pedy.

We are currently seeking an enthusiastic energetic and positive person to work with male perpetrators of Domestic/Family Violence. The person will provide case management, support, Community Development and work within a Strength Based Practise.

The successful applicants will need to have:
...'

£56m lottery winner ordered to pay £2m to ex-wife even though she left him for another man... TEN YEARS ago

anthony · 29 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A lottery winner has been left appalled after the wife who left him for another man ten years ago was able to grab £2million of his winnings.

Nigel Page, who won the £56million Euromillions jackpot earlier this year, is said to have been planning a generous gift to his former wife.

But this wasn't enough for Wendy Page, 43, who decided to take legal action against him for more.'

Foundation for Male Studies April 6 Conference to Focus on the Deteriorating Status of Boys and Men

Anonymous · 29 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'The Foundation for Male Studies will focus on the research and programs needed to reverse the downward spiral, which is now affecting virtually all aspects of the lives of men and boys, at the Second Annual International Conference on Male Studies – Looking Forward to Solutions, April 6, 2011.

Edward M. Stephens, MD, FMS' Founder and Chair says that in addition to the conference's solution-geared presentations by leading authorities, the Foundation is calling for papers from academics on how to best deal with increasing levels of male unemployment, depression, suicides, dropping out of school and related problems.

Marianne Legato, MD and Tom Mortenson will co-chair the conference at the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Legato, who founded and directs Columbia's College of Medicine Partnership for Gender-Specific Medicine, edited the first text on gender medicine, and founded the journal, Gender Medicine. A widely acclaimed author of works on men's and women's health, her most current book is Why Men Die First. Mr. Mortenson is senior scholar at the Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education and the recipient of major national awards for contributions to educational research.'

On YouTube: Men beaten off women's train in India

anthony · 30 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Here's the video to an earlier post from India about women making men do sit ups because of harassment accusations during a train ride. The harassment claims haven't been substantiated so this could just be the result of men entering the women-only train because of over crowding. Much worse than the sit-ups is footage of police escorting the men off the train at gunpoint while female passengers strike them. I heard about the video after watching 'Countdown' with Keith Olbermann. He played the footage and cracked jokes.

UK ballet teacher admits abducting teen she was accused of seducing

anthony · 30 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A BRITISH ballet teacher with a budding career in showbusiness was warned today that she faces a possible jail sentence after pleading guilty to abducting a teenage pupil.

Sarah Pirie, 27, was an aspiring dancer, actress and choreographer and had appeared in TV dramas Waterloo Road and Hollyoaks when she met the 15-year-old boy during one of her classes at a dance school.

She was initially accused of having sex with the youngster at a succession of hotels in Manchester and across the UK's North West over a three-month period between March and June last year.

But the dancer learned that she would no longer have to face the five charges of sexual activity with a youngster when she made a brief appearance before Judge Michael Byrne at Preston Crown Court.

Instead she changed her plea to guilty on a single count of abducting the teenager on May 22 last year. She was freed on bail until January 7 when she will be sentenced.'

Child Murder: It Must be the Husband's Fault

Matt · 30 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

On A Voice for Men, here. Excerpt:

'"Ju know, they say eet was the hoosbands fault," announced the thirty something Mexican immigrant who was cutting my hair that day, two months before 9/11 changed the world. The big story of the moment was not about terrorists or toppled buildings, but about Andrea Yates, the Houston area mother of five that snuffed the life out of all of her children a mere half hour from where I live. And my stylist, using up every word of almost English in her repertoire, was attempting to 'splain to me how the whole mess could rightly be hung on the man.

"Oh, yeah?" I asked, unsurprised at the stupid remark, but too far into the haircut to get up and walk. "Who are they?" I was instantly pissed and made no effort to hide it.

She looked a bit nonplussed, then shrugged and said, "Somebody say eet on the noose." She sounded less self assured; feebly attempting to distance herself from the remark. Apparently, the language barrier didn't prevent her from picking up the tone in my voice.
...
Ontario's Elaine Campione was really mad at her estranged husband, so she murdered their two daughters, Serena 3, and Sophia, 19 months, by drowning them both in the bathtub. It was reminiscent of the Yates case, only the attempts to issue this woman a p***y pass were significantly less veiled, and, so far, less successful.'

We Need to Stop Excusing Women's Violence

Matt · 30 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'For the past few weeks one of the the stars of MTV's hit show, "Teen Mom," Amber Portwood, has been the focus of a whole lot of media attention for her domestically violent behavior caught on tape towards the father of her toddler child Leah and boyfriend, Gary Shirley.

Every news outlet from CBS to CNN to TMZ has written or spoken about the on-camera verbal and physical assaults that Amber has directed towards Gary. Gary, to his credit, has never physically retaliated.

Although I don't know Gary personally I know thousands of "Gary's" in similar situations. Gary, like other men in these situations who do not hit women or defend themselves against a woman's violence, know the rules of the game i.e. if a woman hits you stand there in take it because if you defend yourself you're going to jail. There is no excuse for abuse, unless it's a woman doing the abusing.'

Women in prison: a growing population

anthony · 30 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'...women are the fastest-growing prison population in the state, in the country, and in the world.

Why? It's hard to say. Overall, the prison population has boomed since the 1980′s, so it only seems natural that the numbers of women would increase as well–but proportionally, women still outnumber men compared to 30 years ago. One common explanation is the increasing participation of women in the narcotics industry, whether as users or dealers. Others contend that women are often arrested as accessories to crimes involving their husbands and boyfriends.
...
As the population of women in prison continues to grow, it'll be interesting to see how correctional institutions evolve to respond to this population's needs–will the system become more rehabilitative? More focused on sustaining famiy relationships during incarceration? Will they not change at all? Should they change at all?'

Slate: "How to Buck Up the Science Ladies"

anthony · 30 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, researchers at the University of Colorado published a psych experiment that seems almost too good to be true. They showed that two 15-minute writing exercises, administered to an intro physics class early in the semester, could substantially boost the scores of female students. Even more curious: the exercises had nothing to do with physics. Instead, students were asked to write about things that mattered to them, like creativity or relationships with family and friends. How could a few paragraphs on personal values translate into enduring better mastery of pulleys and frictionless planes?
...
...Stereotype threat is a universal offender: It can sabotage white men on the basketball court or men more broadly on a test of social sensitivity. Whenever people are made to worry that they might confirm a negative assumption—for instance, that girls can't do math or that white men can't jump—they may be less likely to do their best. Frustratingly, the stereotypes they want so badly to avoid instead may instead become self-fulfilling....
...

Of course, stereotype threat isn't the only reason that women remain underrepresented in math and science. Previously, some of the co-authors of the new study found that differences in background explained 60 percent of the disparity between their male and female students' physics scores, with the men more likely to have taken physics in high school. After giving the affirming writing exercises, the researchers did another analysis that controlled for differences in prior math scores, which correlated with who'd done more or less past math and physics coursework. This time, they found no statistically significant gender disparities in the scores for the standardized physics test or other physics exams.'

Grandmother charged with murder after girl thrown

Matt · 30 November 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 50-year-old woman accused of throwing her granddaughter to her death off a parking garage walkway has been charged with murder.

Carmela Dela Rosa allegedly threw two-and-a-half-year-old Angelyn Ogdoc off a sixth floor outdoor walkway at Tysons Corner Center around 7:15 p.m. Monday, Fairfax County Police spokesperson Tawny Wright tells WTOP.

Dela Rosa was arraigned Tuesday morning at Fairfax County Circuit Court. She is due back there on Jan. 4.
...
Dela Rosa, of Fairfax, was walking with other family members Monday when she picked up and threw the girl off the walkway in a matter of seconds, Wright says.'

"Abuse-Prone Women Around the World Need Help, Research Shows"

Matt · 2 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

Hundreds of studies conducted in the United States have examined the nature and extent of domestic violence. For example, a U.S. Centers for Disease Control survey reported that among young adults, half of all partner aggression was mutual, and 71% of the instigators of nonreciprocal partner violence are female.

But what about partner aggression in other countries?

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) has just published a new Policy Briefing: What is the Profile of Domestic Violence Around the World? (http://www.saveservices.org/policymakers/what-is-the-profile-of-domestic-violence-around-the-world/)

The briefing summarizes the findings from 6 community surveys of intimate partner aggression conducted in 38 countries throughout the world.

In 28 countries, female-initiated violence was the more typical pattern: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Great Britain, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Israel, Jordan, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Singapore, South Africa, Swaziland, Switzerland, Taiwan, Russia, United States, and Zambia. In 4 countries, male-initiated violence was more common than female-initiated aggression: Greece, Portugal, Tanzania, and Venezuela. And in 4 countries, the violence rate between the sexes was found to be equal: Iran, Japan, Scotland, and Sweden.

These surveys lend further support to the conclusions from the meta-analysis by Dr. John Archer that “Women were slightly more likely than men to use one or more acts of physical aggression.”

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Opinion: Abuse a Human Problem

Matt · 2 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Column here. Excerpt:

'Your "Upcoming Trial for Alleged Wife Killer Sheds Light on Larger Problem" story was sexist, stereotyping men as violent oppressors and women as innocent victims, and made a false claim.

Your sentence, "That attitude keeps many immigrant women — and they are, overwhelmingly, women — from reporting abuse" misleads the reader that the vast majority of domestic violence victims are women.

Although men under-report domestic violence more than women in both crime reports and crime surveys, the two-sex survey data consistently shows women initiate domestic violence as often as men, that 38 percent of injured victims are men, that women use weapons more often than men, and that self-defense does not explain female violence. California State University summarizes almost 200 of these studies at http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm.'

Woman and family convicted of trafficking in and holding slaves

Matt · 3 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. And not just her, but her husband and children. But this is a rare case of actually holding the primary criminal, if she is female, primarily accountable. Excerpt:

'Nicole's journey started in 2002, when she was barely 12, in her small village in western Ghana. She and about 20 other girls were held in plain sight, but always under the watchful eyes of their captors.
...
The girls' families sent them to the United States after being assured they would receive a better education. But once they arrived, they were forced to work in hair braiding shops across the Newark area -- just a short drive from New York City, right in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty.
...
"My dad ... worked hard so I could go to school, so when my auntie came and told my family that I could go to a school in the U.S. ... they trusted her," she said. "Everyone was happy about it."

The girls worked in the salons right out in the open, in front of customers. They were on their feet all day, sometimes for more than 12 hours, weaving intricate and elaborate hair braids, seven days a week.

This went on for more than five years.
...
The traffickers convicted in this case were a mother, father and son who also came from West Africa, according to court documents and law enforcement officials.
...
More than two years later, Akouavi Afolabi; her husband, Lassissi Afolabi; and their son, Dereck Hounakey, were convicted of running the trafficking ring. Akouavi Afolabi was the ringleader, while her husband and son were accomplices, according to court documents.'

Australia: Jury convicts woman in rape case

Minuteman · 3 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A woman has been found guilty of raping another woman in a toilet cubicle at an inner Brisbane hotel.

Anne-Marie O'Loughlin, 25, had pleaded not guilty in the Brisbane District Court to two counts of rape, deprivation of liberty and sexual assault.

A jury on Friday afternoon found O'Loughlin guilty of two rape charges and deprivation of liberty.

She was found not guilty of the sexual assault charge.'

Australia: Student of All-Boys School Wins Coveted Writing Award

Minuteman · 4 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Blackfriars Priory School student, James Lawler, is the winner of “The Bic Young Australian Writer of the Year Award” for 2010. An initiative of not-for-profit community organisation, Children’s Charity Network, The Australian Children’s Literary Board aims to promote and recognise literary excellence via this national competition open to young writers from Years 3 to 12.

With approximately 20,000 entries, the school community is extremely proud of this accomplishment. James’ story “As I Stumble on Trembling Legs” tells the tale of a day working in the frenetic pace of a fast food restaurant. Tinged with humour, James builds dramatic tension in this story based on his own experiences in the industry.'

A Voice for Men: Some Words on Abortion and the MRM

Matt · 5 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'First there is the problem of political affiliation. As already stated in the rough draft of the policy I wrote, the AVfM position on mainstream politics is clear. They won't be part of the equation here except to point out that all popular political groups are misandric and antithetical to the cause.

Abortion is highly polemicist, with the mainstay of its opponents squarely on the neoconservative religions right. Socons, as we call them. It's a group with more nuts than a pecan orchard, and few of them would love nothing more than to have all men chained into a state sanctioned marriage (between one man and one woman, of course), which is to say they would ultimately make slaves of all of us.

Sometimes the enemy of my enemy is just another enemy.

My personal opinion is that the MRM should not officially embrace causes that will attract mainstream political ideologues. My personal decision is that AVfM won't, for sure. It will be more in keeping with policy here to run them off with a stick.
...
Abortion is a universally polarizing and defining issue, one that can be used to dismiss, anyone, at any time, as a religious zealot bent on the control of women. That comes the territory when your main cause happens to be anti abortion, but it is not like the MRM needs any more of that.'

IA Action Alert: We're Making a Difference

Matt · 5 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From an Intact America email:

We're making a difference! Well over a year ago, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) said it would come out with a recommendation in favor of routine infant circumcision. Soon after, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) formed its Task Force on Circumcision, with the same plans for a recommendation.

But neither has recommended anything... which means they're listening to us.

Thousands of intactivists throughout the country have signed our petition and sent letters demanding that our baby boys be kept intact—and it's working. We HAVE to keep up the pressure and tell the AAP what the majority of American parents already know: circumcision is an outdated, harmful, and unnecessary procedure that has NO health benefits. And it needs to stop. Now.

Tell the AAP to stop cutting our babies!

"Maybe it's time to let women rule world"

Stinger503 · 5 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

"Statistics this holiday season are appalling. Studies show that men are 11 times more likely to commit murder. They cause 98 per cent of sexual assaults, 93 per cent of armed robberies and one in three women worldwide is either physically or sexually abused by men.

Consider the treacherous Ponzi affairs in recent years. It's the dastardly deeds of Bernard Madoff, Earl Jones and others who have wiped out the life savings of thousands of honest people. They are all men. So is there any way to change men's behaviour and make them more civilized?
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Judged bashes Probation Department for gender bias in favor of leniency for girls

anthony · 5 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Queens judge is blasting the city's Probation Department for going easier on teenage girls than boys - even when they commit the same crimes.

Family Court Judge John Hunt accused probation of gender bias for trying to spare all but the most violent girls from prison time and the scarlet letter of the juvenile delinquent.

Hunt analyzed the cases of eight teenagers who had come before him - four boys and four girls - and found that probation routinely recommended tougher treatment for boys.'

Court to Weigh Legal Aid in Contempt Cases

Matt · 7 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed on Monday to decide whether poor people who face incarceration for civil contempt are entitled to court-appointed lawyers.

In a series of decisions starting with Gideon v. Wainwright in 1963, the Supreme Court has held that poor people facing the loss of liberty for crimes must be provided with lawyers. The question in the new case, Turner v. Price, No. 10-10, is whether that right also applies where incarceration is meant to be coercive rather than punitive.

The South Carolina Supreme Court ruled in March that Michael D. Turner, who was held in civil contempt and sentenced to a year in prison for failing to pay child support, had no constitutional right to a lawyer. The point of the sentence was to make Mr. Turner pay rather than to punish him, the court said.'

The Wikileaks sex files: How two one-night stands sparked a worldwide hunt for Julian Assange

Matt · 8 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Making no statement at all about Assange's Wikileaks-related activities, this story tells more about how one man's misfortune at *gasp* having sex with two different women within 48 hours can lead to an Interpol warrant. Pay close attention to the details. Excerpt:

'The Stockholm police want to question him regarding the possible rape of a woman and separate allegations from another Swedish admirer, with whom he was having a concurrent fling. But there remains a huge question mark over the evidence. Many people believe that the 39-year-old Australian-born whistleblower is the victim of a U.S. government dirty tricks campaign.

...

An attractive blonde, Sarah was already a well-known ‘radical feminist’. In her 30s, she had travelled the world following various fashionable causes.

While a research assistant at a local university she had not only been the protegee of a militant feminist academic, but held the post of ‘campus sexual equity officer’. Fighting male discrimination in all forms, including sexual harassment, was her forte.

...

Indeed, it has been suggested that the two women had discussed approaching a tabloid newspaper to maximise Assange’s discomfort. By now, the authorities realised they had a high-profile case on their hands and legal papers were rushed to the weekend home of the chief prosecutor, who dismissed the rape charge.

She felt that what had occurred were no more than minor offences.

But the case was now starting to spin out of control.

Sarah next spoke to a newspaper, saying: ‘In both cases, the sex had been consensual from the start but had eventually turned into abuse.’

...

The two women then instructed Claes Borgstrom, a so-called ‘gender lawyer’ who is a leading supporter of a campaign to extend the legal definition of rape to help bring more rapists to justice.

As a result, in September the case was reopened by the authorities, and last month Interpol said Assange was wanted for ‘sex crimes’.

...

Earlier this year, Sarah is reported to have posted a telling entry on her website, which she has since removed. But a copy has been retrieved and widely circulated on the internet.

Entitled ‘7 Steps to Legal Revenge’, it explains how women can use courts to get their own back on unfaithful lovers.

Step 7 says: ‘Go to it and keep your goal in sight. Make sure your victim suffers just as you did.’ (The highlighting of text is Sarah’s own.)'

F&F: MA Knocks Down Interest on Overdue Child Support by 50%

Matt · 8 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'The Massachusetts Department of Revenue has decided to knock down the interest on overdue child support by 50%. This is a move for which Fathers and Families has long advocated and agitated, both publicly and by Board Chairman Ned Holstein, MD, MS during his service on the Massachusetts Child Support Task Force. While interest rates still remain too high, we commend the DOR for this action.

Fathers and Families has long fought to reform Massachusetts child support, and was successful in lowering noncustodial parents' child support by an estimated $200 million a year from 2001 to 2007. Holstein and numerous Fathers and Families members testified earlier this year at the DOR hearing considering the issue.'

CNN: 'For women, a seat at the table'

anthony · 8 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The world is at "an unprecedented moment when the power dynamics between men and women are shifting," Rosin said. This year, women became the majority of the American work force and they're beginning to dominate professions such as medicine, the law and accounting, according to Rosin.

The image of American manhood, the Marlboro man, has been replaced by the Old Spice guy, whom Rosen called a parody of manhood. She said 75 percent of couples in American fertility clinics are requesting to have girls rather than boys -- and some Asian cultures are showing a greater openness to preferring female children.

As America continues to shift from a manufacturing to a service and information economy, Rosin noted, women are better positioned to thrive, since jobs require skills other than physical strength.

Visiting a college in Kansas, Rosin spoke to a female student, who summed up her view of changing gender dynamics this way: "Men are the new ball and chain."'

Lawyer: Assange Faces 'Tough Climate' in Feminist-Friendly Sweden

anthony · 8 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(Dec. 8) -- Julian Assange, facing extradition to Sweden on sex crime allegations, may be in more trouble than he realizes in a country where feminism is a powerful force and courts often favor the woman in rape cases, one of the country's top defense lawyers said today.

...

Borgstrom, who represents Assange's two accusers, insisted in a news conference today that the allegations against the WikiLeaks founder are legitimate and not set up by the CIA or the U.S. government. Borgstrom's website was hacked by WikiLeaks supporters and unavailable for most of the day.

...

One of Assange's two accusers is also known for her strong feminist views, having once written a treatise on how to take revenge on men. Both she and Borgstrom have been active in the Social Democratic Party.

"Some of the laws regarding rape are rather extreme, and the way they are applied in court is sometimes unbelievable," Samuelson told AOL News. "To be accused of a sex crime in Sweden is considered very serious. Swedish courts tend to believe what the woman says."'

Yippee, we're all abusers now!

Matt · 9 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence has been plummeting in recent years. In 1976, the toll of men and women killed by their partners registered 2,944 deaths. Now it's half that number.

But what comes as good news to American families turns out to be a mixed blessing for the domestic violence industry. After all, the Abuse Mavens don't want to see their generous paychecks trimmed!

So a few years ago someone ginned up this grand scheme: Let's exponentially broaden the definition of domestic violence.

And sure enough, the 2005 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act featured this open-ended definition: "The term 'domestic violence' includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence." The law's artful use of the word "includes" sent a clarion signal to lawmakers throughout the country — an expansive range of conduct could now be considered to constitute abuse.'

UK: It’s Christmas, so watch out for rapists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Posters warning of the alleged cab rape threat have also been plastered around the streets, pubs and clubs of London. Online ads have been created and leaflets are being distributed to members of the public in ‘hotspot areas’. In the coming weeks, everywhere you turn in London, there will be a reminder that the office Christmas party or a night on the town with your mates could end in a nightmarish sex attack.

Since its launch in 2003, the Safer Travel At Night initiative has targeted diverse groups of women who might be at risk of having too much fun - from professional women going out for Christmas dos to newly arrived students in London. The campaign deploys the politics of fear in the most impertinent way, exploiting women’s fear of sexual assault. The end result will likely be that women feel more unsafe, nervous and suspicious when they go out.'

Ex-Arizona beauty queen gets prison time for conspiracy to commit kidnapping and aggravated assault

anthony · 10 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'TUCSON - A former beauty queen and University of Arizona law school student accused of orchestrating the kidnapping and torturing of her ex-boyfriend is going to prison.

Pima County prosecutors say 28-year-old Kumari Fulbright was sentenced Thursday to two years in prison and six years' probation.

She pleaded guilty last December to conspiracy to commit kidnapping and aggravated assault as part of a plea agreement that stipulated the prison sentence. The Arizona Daily Star says it was up to a judge to decide how long Fulbright should be on probation following her release.'

What You Should Do If your Wife or Girlfriend Threatens to Call the Police and Make False Allegations

anthony · 10 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Ultimate Relationship Deal-Breaker for Men: False Allegations and Threatening to Call the Police discussed why false allegations of abuse and threats to call the police by your wife or girlfriend are abusive, why some high-conflict and personality disordered women engage in these behaviors and why it should be a clear sign that you need to protect yourself from further abuse and most likely end your relationship.

If your partner has threatened to call the police as an intimidation/control tactic, don't kid yourself. You're in an abusive relationship and, as the image to the right states, false allegations of abuse ARE abuse. The following list includes some basic precautions you may want to consider if you're the target of these kinds of threats and behaviors.'

Men and Violence: Blaming the Blameless

Anonymous · 10 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The scholars at the Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity (SPSMM), a division of the American Psychological Association, have for some time been asserting a simple philosophy about violence and all other manner of social woes. It comes in two parts.

Men are the problem. Men are the solution.

Most recently, they posted an article tellingly titled, “Violence is a Men’s Issue,” to goodmenproject.com. It is another in a continuation of efforts on their part to promote the idea that “toxic definitions of masculinity,” are the root culprit of much of our cultural violence, and that we must band together as men and confront each other till the problem is ameliorated.

All the article does, in reality, is provide a prime example of an egregiously thoughtless worldview, driven not by concern about violence, but by a mandate to promote a blind and sexist political ideology.'

CNN trumpets: "8 dumb mistakes men make with women"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'5. Mr. Tight Wad

Being cheap is so not sexy. Taking her out on a first date? Try this: pay. Who cares if it's politically correct and if she reaches for the bill. It doesn't have anything to do with money. It has everything to do with generosity. Chicks like it when you pay for stuff. Go figure.

...

8. Our toilet, our rules

If you come over to our house, spend the night, and leave the toilet seat up, we will get up in the middle of the night, sit on the toilet, and fall into the cold, wet water. After that moment, we will always associate you with that moment of falling in the toilet.

This is not the message you want to send. Put down the toilet seat. It's better than sending roses.'

Canada: Social Services Ministry 'out of control', ex-official claims

Matt · 10 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former assistant deputy minister in Saskatchewan's ministry of Social Services is lashing out against his former employer, claiming the department is dysfunctional and children are routinely placed in risky environments.

"I can tell you, from a person who had access to every document [and attended] every meeting .... that it is a ministry out of control," Tim Korol told CBC News Thursday.

Korol was a top official in the ministry for just under 12 months before he left in June of 2009. He was originally hired, he said, to provide advice on how to improve the province's child welfare system, especially family interventions and placing children in foster homes.'

New concerns for missing child last spotted in Toronto

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The father of a missing 6-year-old girl last seen in Toronto is asking the public for help after new concerns about the child's safety were brought to police.

Police say a Toronto healthcare professional who treated Pearl Rose Gavaghan da Massa — known in Toronto as Belle Flaherty — said the child showed "signs of trauma, social isolation and continued upheaval."

The news confirmed the desperate father's fears about the wellbeing of his child, who he hasn't seen in over two years.

An international arrest warrant remains in effect for Helen Gavaghan, the girl's mother.'

UK: Reading woman convicted of false rape allegations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Reading woman has been convicted of making false rape claims.

Emma Blunden, 21, told police she had been raped in a Newbury hostel in 2008, and, in February 2010, alleged an attack by three men at a Reading house.

A total of four men were arrested following her allegations.

Det Con Clare Larkworthy said: "False reports of rape distract officers from dealing with victims of genuine crimes."'

UK: 16 year old jailed after false rape claims

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Merthyr Crown Court heard how the 16 year old girl had consensual sex with a 20 year old man after a night out in a nightclub, but told police that she had been abducted and raped by three men.

All three men were arrested as a result of the girl's claims.

In court the girl admitted lying and perverting the course of justice and Judge Mr Recorder Jeremy Jenkins QC sent the teenager to a young offender's institution for six months.

The judge also ordered that the girl was not to be named and as part of her rehabilitation her anonymity should stay intact, although all three men were named in court.'

UK: Female teacher jailed for 'sexual affair' with 15 year-old pupil

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A teacher has been jailed for 20 months after she had an affair with her 15-year-old pupil.

Yeoman engaged in a 14-month affair with the pupil after initially contacting her through an internet chat website.

The pair exchanged text messages and eventually embarked on a sexual relationship when the girl was 15.

Louise Yeoman, 29, admitted carrying out 10 offences against the teenage pupil while working at a school in Wakefield, England in 2009 and 2010.

The English teacher admitted three charges of sexual activity with a child involving touching the girl, including one using a sex toy and two charges of inciting the teenager to engage in sexual activity with her.'

Forbes: On Sexual Harassment: Hey Ladies, Man Up!

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But while workplace sexual harassment is very real, Browne says there is also a predilection for women to equate hostility as harassment. Roughly 12,000 sexual harassment charges filed each year in the U.S., according to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Browne's work on sexual harassment is controversial, and the basis of his argument is this: Women seek to be treated equally to their male counterparts at work. In fact, the federal law Title XII, which is invoked in sexual harassment cases, interprets harassment as a form of sexual discrimination—of treating women differently than men. And while some women have had to endure foul, crude or sexually raw working conditions in the form of language, intimidation or degradation, Browne argues that men have long subjected each other to the very same abuses at work.

He continues: This behavior is a part of the male tool kit for competitive situations–a means of weeding out the strong from the weak that dates back to the era of hunter-gatherers.

The upshot is that if women want to be treated as true equals, then they better get used to it.'

Field hockey teams face gender membership issue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Both Seminary and Mifflinburg maintain they never recruited boys to play, but that they did not want to deny an opportunity to boys who were clearly interested in the sport.
...
“We cannot prohibit boys from playing on girls’ teams, or girls from playing on boys’ teams,” said assistant executive director Melissa Mertz. “The local schools set the policies, and the PIAA can’t overrule that. These are things we wouldn’t choose to get involved in.”

But the issue is a polarizing one, and in the wake of Seminary’s state championship run, it’s become a hot button topic in the field hockey community.

Everyone generally agrees that having a boy on a girls’ team is a competitive advantage, even if the boy isn’t as skilled as Seminary’s Tietze or Mifflinberg’s Catherman.
...
The inherent physical advantage has led coaches such as Penn Manor’s Matt Soto to establish a rule against letting boys play on his girls’ field hockey team.'

Relatedly: Mythbuster: Legally speaking, boys can be kept off girls' field hockey teams

Sexes hold different interests

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While there were several good points made in Friday's article, "PSU addresses disparities," one of the main focuses of the article — the number of tenured men and women — should not be the basis for determining equality. There are interest disparities between genders that lead to a numerical equality in some positions to be unreasonable. This seems to be overlooked in most situations. If there were 100 positions available in a field, and 150 men and 100 identically qualified women applied for those positions, the equal outcome would be that 60 men and 40 women get positions.

However, an outside eye could see that the system was biased towards men. The truth is that men and women cannot have identical lives. Men do not have to leave work to give birth, and generally women are the primary caregivers for children. That leads to a higher number of men in the workforce. If every profession expected an equal number of male and female employees, then any male would be disadvantaged compared to an equally qualified female. Similar disparities can be seen in athletics. Title IX requires equal funding for men and women in sports.

While that would look to create equality, consider this: Dave and Diane come from equal backgrounds. Both take up rowing in high school and have similar success. Both hope to row in college. However, there is no men's NCAA rowing championship. That exists only for women, created in 1997 to help schools reach Title IX requirements. Is this equality? Ask Dave.'

"What Would You Do?": Woman Drops Powder in Date's Drink

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Video here. Caption: "Woman Drops Powder in Date's Drink. 'If you saw a woman apparently drug her date's drink, would you warn him?'"

Amanda Knox appeal: 'This is all an enormous mistake'

Matt · 11 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. Excerpt:

'Knox, 23, broke down several times as she addressed the court for almost twenty minutes in an emotional and quivering voice, as she stressed she had nothing to do with Meredith's brutal murder.

The American also dismissed the prosecution's view of her saying she was not the "dangerous, diabolical, jealous and uncaring" person she had been described as at her original trial, telling the court: "That girl is not me."

Knox also expressed her sympathy towards Meredith's heartbroken family and friends and said: "I am very sorry that Meredith is no longer here.'

Save the Date: Super Bowl Hoax: The Continuing Distortions about Intimate Partner Abuse

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From SAVE:

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is pleased to announce an upcoming event to commemorate the Super Bowl Hoax. “Super Bowl Hoax: The Continuing Distortions about Intimate Partner Abuse” will feature a series of presentations designed to highlight how domestic violence half-truths and misrepresentations continue to the present day. The event will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2011 in Washington DC.

These distortions of fact have become deeply imbedded in American culture, and cause harm to the many offenders and victims of domestic violence who are being denied the services and protections they need.

The event will be held at the Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington DC 20002. The event will be held 12:00 – 1:30pm. Attendance is free, and advance registration is required. Email your name, organization, and telephone number to Teri Stoddard, Event Manager: tstoddard-at-saveservices.org.

The Super Bowl Hoax, which occurred in 1993, falsely claimed that more women are victims of domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year. The public outcry arising from the hoax spurred passage of the Violence Against Women Act the following year. A complete account of the Super Bowl Hoax can be seen here.

A Voice for Men: A Response to Christopher Kilmartin

Matt · 11 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog post here. Excerpt:

'As you can also see here in the comments to my original article, Kilmartin, a member of the Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity (SPSMM), aka Division 51 of the American Psychological Association, an organization of gender activists, posted a comment expressing his frustrations at what he called my "distortions," of the subject. He also posted a list of studies and invited me to scrutinize them, saying "After you read them, I will look forward to your reasoned criticism of the scholarship."

I think this presents a unique opportunity. First, it is good to see the people of SPSMM reach outside their insulated academic enclave and take their ideology into forums where disparate views are allowed and encouraged. I also note that while I do not agree with some of the material presented in The Good Men Project Magazine, I am encouraged that its management is clearly not interested in an editorial orthodoxy and is willing to showcase a badly needed discussion directly in view of the public. Their support for this could provide a unique opportunity for increased public awareness of some very serious issues.

So rather than just respond to the studies posted by Kilmartin to this site at this time, I am opting to wait until he, or anyone else from SPSMM has had the opportunity to rebut the current article posted there from me.'

UK: Young women move ahead of men in the salary stakes as pay gap shrinks

anthony · 12 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Young women have reversed the gender gap and raced ahead of men in the pay stakes.

Landmark official figures showed yesterday that a woman in her 20s working full-time will typically earn 2.1 per cent more than a man in her age group.

...

The turning of the tables comes after a decade in which younger women – increasingly better educated and better motivated than men – have been remorselessly narrowing the historic pay differentials between the sexes.

The achievement appears to be a death blow to the long-standing argument of equality campaigners that women are paid worse than men because they suffer from discrimination and disadvantage on the part of employers.

...

A spokesman for the Government Equalities Office said: ‘The narrowing of the gender pay gap is very welcome but it still remains too large, which is why the Government is committed to promoting equal pay and taking measures to end discrimination in the workplace.’

The insistence that the Government must act to close a pay gap that, for many women, no longer exists brought a scathing response from some critics.

Economist Ruth Lea, of the Arbuthnot Banking Group, said: ‘There is no pay gap for women who do not have children, and for women under the age of 40 the gap is now trivial.

‘We always knew that single women were paid just as well as men. The idea that women are discriminated against was always a fantasy. I think the equality lobby will be running out of things to say.’'

New Yahoo Group: Male Positive Media

mens_issues · 13 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Male Positive Media is a place for those who are interested in viewing or ordering various media (TV, video, music, movies, books, articles and art) that portray men and boys in a positive light. Members are encouraged to submit their own examples of male-positive media for others to enjoy.

With the excess of negative portrayals of males in the mainstream media (MSM), this group is a much-needed refuge for those who would like a more upbeat representation of males.

Please keep submissions on topic and refrain from posting media that represents males in a negative stereotypical manner as those coming here will want to avoid such portrayals.

Yahoo News asks: "Does Obamacare discriminate against men?"

fondueguy · 13 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi famously told the American people that Congress needed “to pass the [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act] so that you can find out what is in it,” and with each passing day Americans are learning more and more about what their government has planned for them.
...
Of the many new boards, agencies, and programs the law creates, those implemented for the benefit of women are among the most common, a fact some say renders the law inherently unequal.

There are at least 7 new agencies and departments devoted solely to women while there is not one office for men or male specific ailments.
...

Men’s health advocates long have pushed for an Office of Men’s Health to act as a companion to the Office on Women’s Health, established in 1991. Instead of rectifying that disparity, the new healthcare law intensified it.
...
Scott Williams, vice-president of the Men’s Health Network, told TheDC that women have done a fantastic job raising awareness for their health concerns and have left men in the proverbial dust. Williams believes that much of the blame for the lack of focus on men lays squarely at the feet of, well, men.'

I wonder how much this inequality will be brought to bare by those who have already expressed opposition to Obamacare.

WikiLeaks founder victim of feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What is more fascinating are the rape charges emanating from Sweden against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. While I find Assange both conceited and flippant, from what we know of the sexual assault allegations, he would appear to be a victim of the gender war against men.
...
Two women with whom Assange had sex during a recent speaking-tour stop in Stockholm seem to have had second thoughts about sleeping with him after they learned they had shared him within a matter of days of one another.
...
The paper learned that "Sarah," Assange's first conquest in Sweden, was an official with a centre-left political party, a known radical feminist, a disciple of one of Sweden's most vehemently feminist academics, a former campus sexual equity officer and a webmistress who, until recently, maintained a website devoted to "7 Steps to Legal Revenge," about how women can use the courts to get back at unfaithful lovers.
...
The two women insist jealousy is not their motivation for accusing Assange. Yet both are represented by the same lawyer, who is a leading crusader for broadening Sweden's legal definition of rape so that more men can be successfully convicted.'

Editorial: Is feminism about justice and humanity, or just about women?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Unless feminism is not about justice and humanity. If feminism is about women, however, then the condition of men is irrelevant.

If far more men have suffered economic hardship in the recession, there should be rejoicing that they are returning to work. It ought not be an occasion to suggest that sexism is coming into play so the goal of having women as secondary citizens is affected. Men are not trying to “snag” a woman's job. Men are simply trying to find work, any work, including work that had been done formerly by another man.

Today, “A Doll's House” would need rewriting. Nora might put it this way: “Before everything else, I'm a woman. I want women to gain power notwithstanding the real conditions of the world. It is only women who concern me. Men may be human, too. I'm not sure.”'

Duke false accuser in court for domestic abuse charges

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM -- When Cpl. John Tyler got to the small Lincoln Street apartment just after midnight in February he was responding to a 911 call placed by a scared 9-year-old girl, he testified Thursday.

"Once the telecommunicator heard the screaming, the complainant appeared to be scared and hung up," Tyler said describing the information he had as he entered Crystal Mangum's apartment.

Tyler was the second witness to testify Thursday in Mangum's trial, in which she faces multiple felony charges related to the Feb. 17 domestic violence call. The charges include arson, injury to personal property, resisting arrest and contributing to the delinquency, abuse or neglect of her children.

Attorneys spent five days weeding through 40 potential jurors to pick 12 and two alternates who could try Mangum without prejudging her credibility because of her false rape accusations in the Duke lacrosse case.

"That residence had a fire started in it while [Mangum's three children] were in it - by her," prosecutor Mark McCullough said, pointing at Mangum. "This case is not complicated."'

ABC: 'John Boehner Cries. Again. A Lot'

anthony · 13 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The article examines whether women are held to a different standard when showing emotion. What do you guys think? Excerpt:

'"This is not exactly the first impression you want to make to the American people," said Republican strategist Ed Rollins. "We've seen his sensitive side enough already. But a sensitive side isn't what the country wants to see in a strong leader. He's got to show strength and leadership and a willingness to stand up to the president. You never saw Pelosi crying"
...
"For men, it is a sign of compassion. For women, it's a sign of weakness. It's the double standard that worries me," said Democratic strategist and ABC News consultant Donna Brazile.

Hillary Clinton cried briefly at a campaign stop in New Hampshire in 2008. She was criticized, by some, for manufacturing the tears as a way to appeal to women voters.'

SAVE continues intensive lobbying efforts in DC

Matt · 14 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

Today SAVE lobbyists had a total of 8 meetings in the House and Senate to discuss needed changes to the upcoming VAWA reauthorization bill. Tomorrow, we have 15 more meetings scheduled. SAVE is now recognized as a major “player” in the VAWA reauthorization debate.

We are also distributing this flyer on I-VAWA. We are 99.9% sure that we have stopped I-VAWA, but we’re not going to give any opportunity for the bill to slip through the 111th session of Congress at the last minue. And beginning Jan. 3, it will be a whole new ball game.

Make plans now to attend our Jan. 27-28 lobbying event in Washington DC, and to attend the Super Bowl Hoax commemoration event on Jan. 27 at the Heritage Foundation. For more information, contact tstoddard-at-saveservices.org

The Masculinity Conspiracy: Chapter 4 now online

Anonymous · 14 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

MEDIA RELEASE

What if the biggest conspiracy in human history had gone completely unnoticed?

What if that conspiracy was responsible for some of the biggest problems the world faces today?

Wouldn't you want to know? Wouldn't you want to do something about it?

Well guess what: You can.

The Masculinity Conspiracy is a free online book about masculinity. It argues that nearly every assumption about masculinity in contemporary society is wrong. The result is nothing short of exposing a worldwide conspiracy that has been preventing humanity from reaching its fullest potential.

Chapter 4 (Relationships) of The Masculinity Conspiracy is now online.

This chapter examines how the theme of relationships is mobilized in the conspiracy via two books: Double Your Dating: What Every Man Should Know About How to Be Successful with Women by David DeAngelo and Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus: A Practical Guide for Improving Communication and Getting What You Want in Relationships by John Gray.

It shows how these books promote masculine relationships of fixed characteristics.

It then offers some different ways of thinking about masculine relationships in order to counter the conspiracy.

http://masculinityconspiracy.com

Jessica Valenti Calls for End to Presumption of Innocence, Due Process

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From A Voice for Men:

"Read that again. It's not hyperbole. Under the plan proposed by some Swedish legal experts, once a woman cries "rape," the accused male would be sent away to prison for many years unless he could prove consent." Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Jessica Valenti's take on the Assange sex case in last Sunday's Washington Post was more of the same old same old, a mish-mash of the usual feminist victim blather about America's supposed tolerance of rape.

But then, just as we are nodding off, Valenti tosses a bucket of ice water on us by -- it seemed to me (you read it and decide for yourself) -- at least tacitly endorsing what would be the most unjust, inhumane, morally grotesque law in our entire jurisprudence. Read carefully what she says:

"...we should look to [Swedish rape laws] as a potential model for our own legislation.

"In fact, some activists and legal experts in Sweden want to change the law there so that the burden of proof is on the accused; the alleged rapist would have to show that he got consent, instead of the victim having to prove that she didn't give it."

Valenti, who, by the way, is not above resorting to the cheap feminist trick of calling a rape accuser "the victim" (which means, of course, that the accused must be a "rapist"), seems to at least tacitly endorse turning the most fundamental act of intimacy, an act that has been performed countless times every minute of every day of every year since the beginning of time the world over, into a presumed felony.
...
The misandry underlying this proposal is so vile, so breathtaking, that it ought to frighten anyone who possesses a Y-chromosome, and anyone who loves someone who possesses a Y-chromosome. All of us need to be alert to the fact that this proposal lurks out there, and that there are committed zealots in this country who would love for it to be the law of our land.'

F&F: Ohio Bill to Increase Child Support Fails to Pass

Matt · 14 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'SB 292, the bill to increase Ohio child support obligations by an average of 27%, has failed to pass. Thanks to all of you who participated in our Campaign to Defeat Ohio Bill to Raise Child Support Levels in Worst Economy Since the Great Depression.

In working against SB 292, Fathers and Families of Ohio conferred with legislators and interested stakeholders, garnered extensive media coverage, and organized opposition.'

Sweden appeals UK granting bail for Julian Assange

Matt · 14 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LONDON – A British judge ordered Julian Assange released on 200,000 pounds ($316,000) bail Tuesday, but the WikiLeaks founder will remain in custody for at least two more days after Swedish prosecutors challenged that decision.

Assange has spent a week in a U.K. jail following his surrender to British police over a Swedish sex-crimes warrant. He denies any wrongdoing but has refused to voluntarily surrender to Sweden's request to extradite him for questioning — arguing that he could be questioned from Britain.

In a day of courtroom drama, the 39-year-old Australian was first told by a judge that he would be freed, then less than two hours later was informed he had at least another 48 hours in custody.

Britain's High Court will hear the Swedish appeal, but it wasn't clear exactly when.'

Australia: Athlete found guilty of infanticide

MichaelClaymore · 14 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'As court officers attended Lane in the dock, the judge temporarily adjourned the hearing but told the jurors they would return shortly as he wished speak to them.

The verdict came after the jury deliberated for a week after a four-month trial.

Earlier, the jury also found Lane guilty of three counts of making a false statement on oath in relation to documents dealing with her adopting out two other babies.
...
Tegan was the second of three babies she carried to term and delivered without those closest to her even suspecting she was pregnant.

She put her first and third babies up for adoption but a year ago Lane was charged with Tegan's murder.'

Police: WABC weather gal in 'rape' lie

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WABC/Channel 7 weather babe Heidi Jones was arrested for perpetrating the ultimate snow job -- falsely claiming to cops that a man had tried to rape her while she was jogging in Central Park, sources said yesterday.

Jones, who anchors the station's weekend evening weather coverage and fills in on "Good Morning America," was charged Monday with filing a false report, a Class A misdemeanor. If convicted, she could face up to a year in jail or a $1,000 fine.

...

Jones spun a story that proved to be as unreliable as a five-day forecast, telling police last month that she was assaulted in September while pounding the pavement in the city's back yard, the sources said.'

Former Ohio State teaching assistant to be charged with attempted murder, kidnapping

Matt · 15 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Ohio State teaching assistant will be charged with attempted murder and kidnapping after she allegedly shot her ex-fiancé and then forced him into her car Tuesday morning, Dublin police said.

Thirty-year-old Melissa "Missie" Stredney of 3081 Wakefern Place in Columbus taught a lab section of chemistry 122 before OSU fired her in February 2009 after receiving reports of misconduct.

Dublin police received a 911 call at 7:53 a.m. Tuesday saying a woman with a gun was trying to force a man into her silver Chevrolet Cavalier in the back parking lot of NCO Financial Systems at 5626 Frantz Road.

Police spotted and pulled over the car a mile from the scene and took Stredney into custody.'

SAVE launches state DV Legislative Project

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From SAVE:

Much of the mischief of the DV industry takes place at the state level.

So last night SAVE launched our state Domestic Violence Legislative Project, with 18 persons from 11 states on the call, with considerable enthusiasm and gusto! The DVLP is a growing network of advocates who are working to establish DV laws and policies that protect victims, safeguard families, and respect due process.

We have set up a webpage to highlight this important new initiative

Our next teleconference will be Wednesday, January 19. If you would like to join the state DV Legislative Project, contact Teri Stoddard at tstoddard-at-saveservices.org.

"Burqa bungle" in Australia points up MRA issues

Matt · 17 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. The MRA issues here? She plays the woman card twice (or has it played for her): first she says the officer touched her, which was shown by the film to not be true. Undoubtedly she would not have made that accusation had the officer been female. Secondly, after she is exposed as a liar, a man speaking on behalf of the local Muslim community asserts she ought not to be put in jail because she is the mother of seven children. No man could try making that claim and not get laughed off the stage or told he should have thought of that before committing the crime.

Assange released from jail on bail

Matt · 17 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A London court granted Julian Assange bail Thursday and he walked out of jail a free man. For now. Assange is still under house arrest and faces an extradition hearing in Janurary. Our correspondent explains what's next for Assange and any U.S. charges against him.

Julian Assange walked out of jail on Thursday, his first freedom in nine days.
...
So far, Assange is not facing charges related to WikiLeaks. A hearing on Sweden's extradition request will be held next month. For now, Assange is required to stay at a friend's 10-bedroom mansion, where he is free to use the internet.'

Canada: Judge lets loose on family law itself in opinion

Matt · 17 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Judge Quinn's 31-page decision boils over with the frustrations of a family-law judge who is called upon time and again to referee bouts between couples who were once in love. He even takes a shot at family law itself, saying that spousal support is "the roulette of family law – blindfolds, darts and Ouija boards being optional."

And he anticipates criticism of his tone: "The parties repeatedly have shown they are immune to reason. Consequently, in my decision, I have tried ridicule as a last resort."

In a novel twist, Judge Quinn granted the wife, Catherine, sole custody of the feuding couple's 13-year-old daughter. However, he ordered Larry to pay Catherine just a dollar a month in spousal support.

Judge Quinn expressed disgust with the way Catherine has induced her daughter to detest her father. "The harm is irreparable," he said. "Generally, it is unwise to place an immature 13-year-old in charge of her life. Here, however, Catherine and [her current partner] have engineered an alienation that is so complete as to leave the court with no feasible option."'

Child's face lashed with metal dog leash, court told

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Story here.

'A woman who beat an eight-year-old girl with the metal end of a dog leash plans to become a midwife, the Adelaide District Court has heard.

Tara Jefferson, 20, has pleaded guilty to intentionally causing harm to a child.

The court heard she struck the girl in the face with the leash at least 10 times.

It was told Jefferson had a fight with the child's father and took her anger out on the child while she was caring for her.

The court heard the woman is now four months' pregnant and intends studying midwifery, but the criminal proceedings may affect her career prospects.

She will be sentenced next month.'

Feminists slam the "rape apologism" of Michael Moore and Keith Olbermann

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Article here. Looks like the online radical feminists are on the warpath (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) to a couple of well-known political lefties, Michael Moore and Keith Olbermann, for their defense of Wikileaks' Julian Assange (Assange has been bogusly accused of sex crimes by two female groupies in Sweden, one of whom is a known radical feminist). I'm actually with Moore and Olbermann on this one insofar as they have defended the reputation of Assange. But another part of me is snickering in glee at the microscope that the feminists are putting on their usually apologist male supporters on the political left. These two male lefties, dogmatic ideologues themselves, sowed an alliance with even more dogmatic feminist ideologues, and are now reaping what they sowed. And in typical deference by such males to their feminist masters, Olbermann has compliantly shut down his Twitter account.

As a men's rights activist and an opponent of feminist ideologues, *I am feeling so validated* right now.

Duke lacrosse accuser convicted of child abuse

Matt · 18 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM, N.C. -- A woman who authorities said falsely accused three Duke University lacrosse players of rape four years ago has been found guilty by a North Carolina jury of misdemeanor child abuse and damaging property.

A Durham County jury on Friday convicted 32-year-old Crystal Mangum of contributing to child abuse or neglect, injury to personal property, and resisting a public officer stemming from a February confrontation with her live-in boyfriend. Mangum was sentenced to time already served before she was released on bail earlier this year.

The jury deadlocked 9-3 on a felony arson charge, and Superior Court Judge Abraham Jones declared a mistrial.'

Legislative goals for 2011 announced by Fathers & Families

johndias · 20 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Full summary here. Considering that Fathers & Families had a ***100% success record*** for the year of 2010 (with 5 out of 5 legislative goals accomplished), I eagerly anticipated their forthcoming announcement for their legislative priorities for 2011. Well, they just announced them, and it's an ambitious list. If you want to help them, you can either register as an activist and/or donate.

Here's a shortened overview of their 2011 legislative agenda:

1. **Combating Parenting Time Interference** [more]

2. **Curbing Alimony Abuses** [more]

3. **Combating False Accusations of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse**
- Requiring a Domestic Violence Restraining Order Advisement [more]
- Removing the Innocent from Child Abuse Registries [more]

4. **Making Child Support Fair**
- Interest on Arrearages [more]
- Helping Those Trapped by the System Get Their Lives Back

5. **Battling Paternity Fraud**
- Protecting Minors from Paternity Fraud [more]
- Helping Defrauded Fathers Get Justice

6. **Protecting Those Who Serve** [more]

7. **Combating Parental Alienation**

Breaking Bad: The Male as Designated Criminal

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From A Voice for Men, here:

'In her 1989 book, Defining Rape, feminist author Linda Brookover Bourque argued for a shift in the burden of proof in rape cases to the defense, which would entail that the defense establish, with a preponderance of evidence, that it was most likely that a woman alleging rape against her gave clear assent to engage in sex. This argument is made on page 178 of her book.

This is not an argument in favor of men obtaining consent before having sex. No, she means to alter the principal of western jurisprudence in which the accused is innocent until proven guilty through evidentiary proceedings. Bourque proposes a new, improved system in which for accusations of rape, guilt is assumed by the court, and the accused must present overwhelming evidence of innocence.

Article 11 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which was adopted in 1948 by the United Nations General Assembly by unanimity, describes the principle of presumption of innocence as follows:

Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law in a public trial at which he/or she has had all the guarantees necessary for his defense.
...
One question which springs to mind is, will feminist ideologues shaping the retooling of western law flinch at the subjugation of their brothers, fathers, and sons? I suspect the answer is no. But do feminist scholars and law makers recognize the consequences of rendering a social class who have traditionally been problem solvers, inventors, philosophers and shapers of their surroundings into legislated criminals by identity?

To that I suspect the answer is also: no.'

Glenn Beck: Julian Assange in the Crosshairs

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Transcript here. Excerpt:

'But let me just call woman number one. She met Assange at a seminar hosted by the Swedish Brotherhood Movement.

She is well-known in radical circles, and in college, was protege of the militant feminist academic holding the post on-campus of campus sexual equity officer - whatever that is.

In the past, woman number one has also had a blog posting that has since been removed called "The Seven Steps to Legal Revenge." That explained how a woman can use courts to get their - to get back on unfaithful lovers. "Step Seven" says go to it and keep your victim in sight. Make sure your victim suffers just as you did.

OK. So, here she is. We know who she is. She is a radical, uber leftist. She is at this panel where he has been invited to speak. Now, remember, this is in August. He was invited to be the key speaker at the seminar on war and the role of the media. This is about the time when Assange was threatening to release more confidential documents.

Now, she claims that she was raped. Really? Because it doesn't show here. And here's why I say that - because the very next evening, she put together a party in honor of him at the apartment that was held after the seminar. Got it? The next day Assange speaks at the seminar.'

Gather News Pokes Fun at Abused Man

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A blog entry "Gather News Pokes Fun at Abused Man" is here and takes the reader through looking at a blogger's jocular approach to a news story of a woman setting fire to her boyfriend's crotch, and a few other examples from a different perspective. What if the target were a woman? Would it still be funny? The conclusion is that, of course, whatever is abuse when done to a woman or child, is also abuse when done to a man. Excerpt:

'The lighthearted mood of both the story and the comments is even worse... how many people find this as funny simply because the victim was a man? Would it be funny for a man to set his girlfriend's crotch on fire after an argument? Even though the post makes a few token comments lightly condemning the act (also with an attitude of humor) it sickens me to see this action laughed at. The same would not be occurring if a man had done this to a woman, a parent had done this to an argumentative, disobedient child, or if a human had done the same to a dog for making her angry. Why is it funny just because it happened to a man? What if it were your son, your brother, or one of your friends who was assaulted? Would it be as funny then?'

Armed woman interrupts TV newscast in US

Minuteman · 22 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A gun-wielding woman burst into a North Carolina television station Tuesday forcing the evening newscast off the air, though no one was injured, the station said.

After a brief standoff with a police SWAT team that surrounded the building of ABC Charlotte affiliate WSOC-TV, the woman was taken into custody. ABC News said she had pulled out a gun and put it to her head, though police later learned the gun was not loaded.

A CBS affiliate in Charlotte, WBTV, identified the woman as Wendy Naidas.'

Ed. note: Also covered here.

SAVE 2010 Report: An amazing year

Matt · 23 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

Below is SAVE's annual report for 2010 - WOW! Is everyone ready for 2011? VAWA is up for reauthorization!

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A. WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA:
Website Development:
Did extensive upgrades and enhancements to the SAVE website: http://www.saveservices.org/

Social Media:
Established Landing Pages, detailed content, and Facebook/Yahoo pages for
1. Victims/Survivors
2. DV Service Providers
3. Policymakers
4. Persons Falsely-Accused
Website traffic averages close to 100 persons per day. Falsely-accused Facebook page has 3,000-5,000 Post Views per day.

B. PUBLICITY:
Campaigns:
April: Turning the Tide
October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month
November: Protect Victims: Stop Mandatory Arrest

Radio Interviews:
Held 40 interviews around the country – estimated listenership: 2 million persons

Press Releases:
Issued 4 press releases

Established the SAVE Award for DV Prevention – awarded to Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council

C. LEGISLATIVE:
Lobbying Events:
Held 9 lobbying events throughout the year with an estimated 600 face-to-face staff meetings held

Worked to prevent passage of the following harmful bills (final outcome to be known upon adjournment of Congress):
Security and Financial Empowerment (SAFE) Act
International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA)

Distributed over 7,000 flyers to staffers in the House and Senate

Special Reports:
Released one new report: Predominant Aggressor: Allowing Abusers to Go Unaccountable?

Updated 14 other Special Reports

Coalition Building:
Strengthened and broadened the VAWA Reform Coalition

Established the State Domestic Violence Legislative Project – now in 11 states

Developed the VAWA Reform Agenda for 2011

D. ADMINISTRATIVE:

Received 501c3 designation from the IRS

Staffing:
Hired paid staff to advance Social Media efforts and implement other SAVE projects
Conducted successful fund-raising activities

Boy, 13, Busted For Illegal Marker Possession

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More from the it's-illegal-to-be-a-boy dept, here. Excerpt:

'DECEMBER 22--A 13-year-old boy was arrested Friday for using a permanent marker while in class at his Oklahoma City middle school, a violation of an obscure city ordinance.

According to an Oklahoma City Police Department report, the boy was spotted “in possession of a permanent marker” by Roosevelt Middle School teacher DeLynn Woodside. The 50-year-old educator told cop Miguel Campos that the student was “writing on a piece of paper, which caused it to bleed over onto the desk.”
...
Campos reported that he allowed Woodside, a seventh grade math teacher, to “sign a citation” against the boy, who was then transported to the Community Intervention Center, a juvenile holding facility. A police sergeant subsequently “booked the marker into the property room.”

A police spokesman referred to the student’s bust as a “citizen’s arrest” effectuated by Woodside.'

Women leading men in new jobs

anthony · 23 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON -- Employers are looking for more highly educated workers, and the bulk of available jobs are in nursing and retail. One American demographic fits that bill.

Women will drive economic recovery in the U.S., according to a new Bank of America Merrill Lynch report. They tend to be better educated than men, and women tend to dominate the industries that are hiring the most workers.

Unemployment rates for last month show there are more out of work men, at 10.6 percent, than women, at 8.9 percent. However, the employment gender gap should disappear once the economy revs up, according to other economists.

"Men saw disproportionate job loss, so it makes sense they would have disproportionate gain," Heidi Shierholz of the Economic Policy Institute tells the Huffington Post.

Shierholz says men dominate jobs related to construction and manufacturing, which took a hard hit during the recession.'

False Claim Of Rape Might Put WABC Weather Girl In Jail

anthony · 23 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The public watches the weather forecast everyday to see if we need a coat or an umbrella and we tend to believe what the forecaster tell us. But WABC weather girl, Heidi Jones, told police that she was a victim of rape as she was jogging in Central Park in September. Jones reported the rape because the same Hispanic man reappeared in November and sexually assaulted her. The police think that this weather forecaster should not be believed.

When she reported the two attacks the police found discrepancies in her accounts. Eventually, the 37-year-old Good Morning America weather girl allegedly admitted that she made the stories up.
...
A false rape claim is very serious and anyone who falsely accuses someone of this deserves whatever the law feels they should get.'

Boys aren't learning to read -- and it's a global problem

anthony · 23 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Conventional wisdom holds that boys excel in math and girls in reading. Truth be told, boys excel in neither, according to a report released this month by the Center for Education Policy. The report, which analyzes test results from 40 states, reveals that boys lag well behind girls in literacy skills - while only tying them in math.

That gap is why many colleges are overflowing with women, while guys are becoming scarcer and scarcer on campus.

American boys, we tell ourselves, must be falling victim to anti-academic influences: hip hop, mind-numbing video games and too much time watching SportsCenter.

But the issue is far more complicated. Earlier this month, results of 65-country comparison called the Program for International Student Assessment revealed that girls tie boys in math while soaring ahead of them by an astounding 39 points on reading skills. SportsCenter, last time we checked, has a limited audience in Albania, the country with the largest gender gap in reading.

And that's not even the worst news. In 2000, the last time we had comparable international reading scores, boys were only 32 points behind. In only nine years, boys - around the world - have slipped another seven points further behind girls.'

Only circumcised men are allowed to attend South African harvest festival

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Article here.

'Durban, Dec 22 (IANS) Believe it or not, men are allowed to take part in a South Africa harvest festival only if they are circumcised. This is an effort to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The annual 'first fruit ceremony' involves a bull that is beaten to death in a sacrificial ritual. This year some 10,000 males participated and all of them were circumcised. The men came from the KwaZulu-Natal region.

This year's event marks 20 years since the ceremony was revived by King Goodwill Zwelithini and one year since male medical circumcision was introduced in the province, government news agency BuaNews reported.

The king lays stress on medical circumcision as part of efforts to address the HIV/AIDS cases. Zwelithini again urged young men to live responsibly and continue the fight against HIV, poverty, drugs and alcoholism.'

European court bolsters fathers' rights

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The European Court of Human Rights granted a Nigerian man access to his children on Tuesday, overturning a series of German court rulings and potentially strengthening unmarried fathers' rights.

The court, based in Strasbourg, France, was ruling on a case in which successive German courts had denied the man the right to see his twin daughters, who were born after the man had a relationship with a married German woman.

It found that the decisions by the courts had breached the man's rights. Germany must now pay the man €5,000 for damages and a further €4,000 in legal costs. The ruling also establishes a precedent that unmarried fathers in Germany have a right to see their children even after a relationship breaks down.

While the father had not established a relationship with the girls, he had nevertheless shown a "serious interest" in them, the court decided.'

Attorney submits parental rights case to U.S. Supreme Court

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Story here.

'UTICA — Suspended Utica attorney Leon Koziol filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday asking it to hear his case challenging New York's custody and support laws.

The case, if heard, will address the constitutional limits affecting domestic relations litigation, whether the state promotes "institutional discrimination on account of gender" in custody cases, and whether the state has retaliated against Koziol for his criticism of the custody system, a news release stated.

Koziol, an outspoken advocate for fathers' rights, had his law license suspended indefinitely earlier this year for failure to pay child support. He also recently filed a civil lawsuit against the New York State Unified Court System and more than 20 other defendants relating to his ongoing custody battle.

The Supreme Court is the highest court in the country and hears only a fraction of the cases submitted each year.'

Single fathers feeling trapped in one-sided system

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Single fathers lose more than the stereotypical house, car and bank account.

They lose their families, their confidence, and in some cases, even their means of making a living. What's more, any success they have is garnished without prejudice.

The stigma of the deadbeat dad, the father that is never there for his kids, still remains as strong as ever, though a large part of what perpetuates it is a social justice system that assumes fathers as providers, breadwinners and supporters, without needing support themselves.

But what happens when, in order to meet those obligations, the father's standard of living suffers greatly? What happens when failing to meet those obligations results in not only punitive family law measures, but the degradation of the individual who is suffering to make ends meet?'

Footballers, nude photos and a teenage girl

GaryB · 23 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

See this story here on the Sydney Morning Herald, and further footage for anyone not following this story.

This is an interesting story, mostly for the way the worm has turned. A couple of days ago a story blew up that seemed relatively normal (for Australia, at least) - nude photos turn up of a pro footballer, in this case released by a teenager. At first the stories were what you'd normally expect here - gee, another footballer messing up, why can't they keep it in their pants, etc.

But the worm quickly turned. Rather than crawling into a corner and kissing his life goodbye, the footballer and his club have fought back. It looks like some young girl has gotten hold of the photos and is now releasing them out of spite - she'll only say that the footballer treated her 'badly' (read 'he wouldn't have sex with me', I think). Now, she's being dragged back to face court, and the club and the players are talking legal action and law suits, and suddenly she wishes she'd done this anonymously and is scared for what might happen. From her side it's the same old story, not a thought for the lives she is destroying, just poor her now that she might have to face the music - but from the point of view of the media and from seeing men stand up for themselves, this is excellent - I hope they throw the book at her and sue her pants off!

The lessons unilateral divorce teaches children

rlaspari · 26 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

I was surprised to see a good article article about some of the bad lessons unilateral (I mean, "no-fault") divorce teaches children written by a woman. However, if in college educated households 90% of all divorces are initiated by women, that means there are still 10% of them where the woman did not initiate. I guess the author is one of those 10%. Regardless, it's refreshing to see an article that examines the harm no-fault divorce is causing and why it needs to be reformed.

Royal Marines hire film-makers to help attract more men

Broadsword · 26 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

HOLLYWOOD film-makers have been recruited by the Royal Marines to attract more young men to the elite fighting corps. Two successful big-screen talents have produced a series of advertisements to sell the excitement and adventure of wearing the Marines' Green Beret. Shane Hurlbut, the director of photography on last year's - Terminator Salvation, has teamed up with Nanny McPhee director Susanna White to shoot the four 30-second commercials which are being screened on television and in cinemas.

...

A senior source said: "We have seen a lot of young men, both Marines and officers, quit in the past couple of years and the pressure to maintain manpower within the units has increased. In addition, we went through a phase this year when every week we were looking for men to replace injured soldiers with 40 Commando in Helmand.

"These men are known as Battle Casualty Replacements and are vital to any operation.

"Next year we will see the entire Brigade deploy and that will mean more Battle Casualty Replacements. I don't think the public is aware of the cost of the war on young men's mental state and the injuries sustained. If you are a young corporal in Helmand who is leading fighting patrols day in, day out, in which he and his men face the lottery of stepping on a roadside bomb, the pressure, after six months, is immense.

"We had young Marines going on patrol with tourniquets strapped to their legs ready for use in case they got zapped. When they get home, if they have not been injured, many feel that they do not want to go back as the chance of escaping injury in a second or third tour is unlikely as the odds fall, so they leave."

"You are what your father ate"

fondueguy · 26 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Here is an article reporting on a recent study by researchers at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and the University of Texas at Austin. I found this article interesting as it purports that a father's environmental history impacts the health of his offspring, and seems to be an evolutionary adaptive strategy.

Based on animal studies and limited human studies it appears that fathers are passing on environmental information to their offspring and that this is impacting the expression of their child's genes. Most talks about environmental experiences of the parent having a direct impact of the child's health have revolved around pregnant mothers. In short, fathers pass on more than just their genes at conception and this should be taken into account when considering people's health. It will be interesting to see what future research yields and the possibilities of health-related interventions with fathers-to-be. Typically, I only see them being targeted at mothers, which I believe has larger societal implications.

Making Medical Male Circumcision Work for Women: A new report from the Women's HIV Prevention Tracking Project

Minuteman · 27 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The new report from AVAC and ATHENA Network's Women's HIV Prevention Tracking Project is an unprecedented collection of voices from Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Uganda, documents women's perspectives on male circumcision for HIV prevention.

The report is based on the input of approximately 500 women in HIV-affected communities who were reached by WHiPT country teams with questionnaires and focus groups designed to elicit knowledge, opinions and recommendations. The teams worked in urban and rural settings and sought out communities with and without traditional circumcision practices. There was a specific focus on perceptions in settings where female genital mutilation is also practiced.

The report provides reason for the cautious rollout of medical male circumcision (MMC) while offering recommendations on how to program its scale-up to ensure MMC is safe and beneficial to whole communities—including men and women.'

Wife cheats, husband finds out - husband faces charges

GaryB · 27 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

This story is amazing! Excerpt:

'A US man who says he learned of his wife's affair by reading her e-mail on their computer faces trial on felony computer misuse charges. Leon Walker, 33, of Michigan, used his wife's password to get into her Gmail account. Clara Walker filed for a divorce, which was granted this month.
...
Mr Walker told The Oakland Press of Pontiac that he was trying to protect the couple's children from neglect and calls the case a "miscarriage of justice." Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Sydney Turner says the charge is justified and the case will go ahead on February 7.
...
Privacy law writer Frederick Lane told the Detroit Free Press the law typically is used to prosecute identity theft and stealing trade secrets. He says he questions if a wife can expect privacy on a computer she shares with her husband.'

Of course, the wife who rifles her husband's computer and empties his bank account before filing for divorce is perfectly entitled - she's his wife, of course, everything is "shared". This story screams it out - men aren't equal, we don't own anything unless the wife agrees.

Mainstreaming Misandry in TV Sitcoms and Commercials

Matt · 28 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

List here, courtesy of Marc Rudov. Bookmark and send it around!

Male victims get lost in domestic-abuse data

Matt · 28 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — When Adele Freeman fired five .38-caliber bullets into her boyfriend in 2000, she contributed to an often-overlooked statistic within the sometimes-deadly world of partner abuse: namely, that more than one-third of all homicides each year connected to domestic violence are perpetrated by women.
...
The fact of female abusers and male victims is often lost in the discussion of domestic violence. In fact, women's advocates have used selective statistics — the same federally funded survey that found women are equally as abusive to men — to bolster their plea for funding and services.

That absence of attention to the men's side of the coin has contributed to an imbalance of services for men who are victimized in abusive relationships.'

MTV Teen Mom out of jail

anthony · 29 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Indianapolis — Teen Mom Amber Portwood is out of jail but not out of trouble. The MTV reality star spent Monday night in the Madison County Jail and faces charges of domestic battery and child neglect.

Anderson police started investigating 20-year-old Portwood after video of her hitting her boyfriend aired on MTV. The network handed over raw footage to Anderson Police as part of the investigation. The video shows Portwood hitting Gary Shirley, the baby's father, several times.

Police arrested Portwood Monday in Anderson on two counts of felony domestic battery and one count of felony child neglect, because one of the alleged attacks happened in front of their daughter Leah.'

Related: Teen Mom Amber Portwood: MTV Made Me Hit Gary!

Assange: "Sweden is The Saudi Arabia of Feminism"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a recent interview, Julian Assange joined defenders who have blamed feminism, writ large, for his recent sexual assault charges, saying that he "fell into a hornets' nest of revolutionary feminism." He added that one of the women who claims that she was sexually assaulted by him took a "trophy photo" of him lying naked in her bed (so clearly, she's a liar).
...
It doesn't take a "revolutionary feminist" (who clearly want to castrate all men, starting with Assange) to see that there is a difference between flirting and wearing a revealing sweater and consenting to unprotected sex, or even between enthusiastically participating in protected sex the night before and objecting to being forced into a much riskier form of intercourse in the morning. Assange claims that the two women became angry when one contacted the other and found out that he had slept with both of them, but their anger is justified, since he had had unprotected sex with both of them.'

CNN Opinion: Why men act out against women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's time for those of us who are good men to start acknowledging the role that male socialization plays in domestic and sexual violence. As good men, we must begin to acknowledge and own our responsibility to be part of the solution to ending violence against women and girls.

What is a good man?

A good man is a man who believes women should be respected. A good man would not assault a woman. A good man believes in equality for women. A good man honors the women in his life. A good man, for all practical purposes, is a nice guy. We believe this to be the majority of men.'

Canada: Atlantic Ballet focuses on domestic violence

Anonymous · 29 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Atlantic Ballet's latest production is an effort to raise awareness about domestic abuse.

Susan Chalmers-Gauvin, CEO of the Moncton, N.B.-based ballet company, says Ghosts of Violence will be on tour across the country.

"The most shocking statistic, I think, is the fact that the largest number of women killed are under the age of 25 years, so we really would like to be able to reach out to that younger demographic," said Chalmers-Gauvin.'

What Would a Post-Masculinized Military Look Like?

anthony · 29 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hmm. Let me humbly offer one: it's really about civil-military relations, not military culture or raison d'etre per se. A post-masculinized military, as I imagine it, would differ from the system she's critiquing not in its ability to use violence (in other words, I don't share Laura's view, finally, that it would look like a 'cross between the peace corps and a chain gang.') And it would not merely be constituted by who is in the military or what kind of masculinity the military privileges in its soldiers (though these things matter). More significantly, one would know a post-masculinized military system by the character of the military's relationship to the civilian world it serves. And I would argue with Sjoberg that there is further (beneficial) work to do, but also that we are heading in the right direction faster that she might acknowledge.'

Libraries to get sex predator awareness video-- with no female perps in it

Matt · 30 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Not just the libraries, but police depts., too. And guess what-- seems all the perps are men and portrayed as, you guessed it, relatives and friends. No mention at all of aunts, sisters, or female teachers. Excerpt:

'A new video coming to libraries statewide shows the faces of four sex predators, men who became nightmares for parents after winning their trust and access to their children.

While parents fear strangers, trusted acquaintances are almost always the culprits, said Tina Stanford, narrator and director of state Office of Victim Services.

"As a former prosecutor and crime victim advocate who has dealt with sex offenders and seen the impact of their crimes on their victims, none of footage in this video surprises me," she said.

Based on reported crime data, the FBI estimates one-quarter of U.S. children are molested, and about one-third of the victims will report it, but on average 15 years after the abuse occurred.'

SAVE announces Accreditation service for DV Training, Education, and Public Awareness programs

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From SAVE:

TEPA Accreditation Program Promotes Evidence-Based Policy and Practice

Our nation's decades-long effort to curb domestic violence rests on the three-legged stool of criminal justice programs, shelter services, and training, education, and public awareness. Criminal justice programs and shelters are already monitored by a variety of regulatory and professional oversight bodies.

But how do we know that abuse information that is disseminated to police officers, judges, and the general public is accurate, unbiased, and up-to-date? Philip Cook, author of Abused Men, believes "there is more false, falsely famed, or disingenuously deceptive information about domestic violence than another other significant public and social issue."

To address this need, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments – SAVE – has established the TEPA (Training, Education, and Public Awareness) Accreditation Program. The program provides a Good Housekeeping-type "Seal of Approval" to educational programs offered by professional and trade organizations, state domestic violence coalitions, abuse shelters, and governmental entities. SAVE expects the accreditation program will promote evidence-based policies and more effective abuse-reduction programs.

For more information about the TEPA Accreditation Program, see: http://www.saveservices.org/policymakers/

SAVE is a 501c3 organization devoted to ending domestic violence.

She-wolves in sheeps' clothing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Female child abusers are the 21st century equivalent of lesbians in the Victorian age: not legislated against because they do not exist. The nature of woman being incapable of “deviancy”, as the bigoted Victorians said. Hence in New Zealand, the Accident Compensation Corporation was unable to accept claims from boys sexually abused by women, until the law changed in 2005. Prior to that the perpetrator of “sexual indecency” had to be male.

However, statistics indicate that female child abusers not only exist, but in numbers approaching those of males. In New Zealand, 48 per cent of child abusers for 2006, where the perpetrator gender was known, were women. In the USA in 2002 63 per cent of all child abuse, from neglect to sexual abuse, was perpetrated by the mother. In 40 per cent of cases the mother acted alone.

The UK's Lucy Faithfull Foundation estimates women are responsible for 10 per cent of all child sexual abuse and that 5-20 per cent of pedophiles are women. Meanwhile in New Zealand, 40 per cent of the 1,200 men helped by the Christchurch-based Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Trust (MSSAT) in 2010, were sexually abused by women when they were boys.'

Woman Charged in Death of Fifth-Grader

Matt · 30 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A family acquaintance has been charged with capital murder in the case of Jonathan Foster, a 12-year-old Texas boy last seen Christmas Eve before a burned body believed to be his was found Tuesday, according to local media reports.

Mona Yvette Nelson, 44, an acquaintance of Foster's family, was named a person of interest early Wednesday and questioned by police, ABC News station KTRK in Houston reported. The Harris County, Texas, District Attorney's Office later told KTRK that it had accepted capital murder charges against Nelson.
...
"The body ... is that of a child, but it was so badly burned that we can't determine the gender or identification," Houston Police Department spokesman Kese Smith told ABCNews.com. "The Medical Examiner's office has that unfortunate task to determine, and until that happens, we are treating these two incidents as separate cases.'

Daughter, wife of AZ official accused in sex case

anthony · 30 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PHOENIX – The daughter of a county supervisor has been arrested on suspicion of sexual misconduct with the same teenage boy that her mother is accused of sexually abusing over a three-year period, police said Thursday.

Rachel Katherine Brock, 21, was arrested Wednesday on three counts of sexual conduct with a minor and one count of transmitting obscene material as part of an ongoing investigation surrounding her mother, 48-year-old Susan Brock.

...

In Rachel Brock's initial court appearance, acting attorney John Rock argued that the judge should free her on bond because there appeared to be no physical evidence to support any of the charges. Rock also said the teen would have been asked if he had been a victim of any other sexual abuse when Susan Brock was arrested in October.

...

A third woman, Christian Hart Weems, 37, was arrested in the case Tuesday on suspicion of obstructing a criminal investigation and conspiracy to commit computer tampering. She's accused of deleting potentially incriminating e-mails between the boy and Susan Brock. Police say Weems is a friend of Susan Brock.'

Maid Service Only For Women That Have Cancer

dooquidis4ever · 31 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

http://www.cleaningforareason.org/

I guess men don't get cancer. What is up with these women-only deals?

NJ Woman Charged With Setting Boyfriend on Fire

anthony · 1 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A Camden County, N.J., woman was in police custody Saturday charged with setting her boyfriend on fire on New Year's Eve.

Richard King Jr. was in stable condition in a Philadelphia burn center after a blanket he was using was set on fire, local newspaper the Courier-Post reported.

Police in Audubon, Pa., said Pamela Rozzelle, 50, was charged with second-degree aggravated arson and second-degree aggravated assault.

Rozzelle told police she could not find her car keys and tried to wake King, who was asleep on a couch. Rozzelle said she then lit a cigarette and a match fell onto a blanket that covered King, which in turn lit on fire, according to the report.'

Psych studies ordered for jailed homeschooling dad

anthony · 2 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Unspecified psychological studies or evaluations have been ordered for a jailed father who, in violation of the procedures of the government-run social services that instructed police officers to abduct his then-7-year-old son because he was being homeschooled, took him home for a visit.

Details are sketchy about the local court hearing, held just before Christmas, in the Gotland, Sweden, case involving Christer Johansson, but a Swedish broadcast station website reveals that Johansson is accused of kidnapping or unlawful detention for the Thanksgiving week incident in which he took his son, now 9, with him following a social services-supervised visit.
...
Government authorities then awarded custody of Domenic to social services because he was being homeschooled, and he has been allowed visits with his parents only about once every five weeks since.'

Two of the latest from A Voice for Men

Matt · 2 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

The Core Values of Feminism and Christopher Kilmartin and the Frozen Vagina. Excerpts:

'With this piece I take you close to the edge without dropping off. I take you as close as I can to feminist thought while still having a brain left to think with. Won't you come with me on a tour of this haunted mansion, the feminist cranium? I don't pretend to have distilled feminist thought in its entirety. You'll notice that many of these bleed together, but like the female mind, things aren't so distinct and separate.'

and

'Kilmartin, the real postmodern man among men, lays out the plain, simple and unassailable facts as only a men's studies scholar could, or would. He writes,

Men's violence is the single most serious health problem for women in the United States. It causes more harm than accidents, muggings, and cancer combined. For women aged 15-44, an estimated 50% of emergency room visits are the result of violence at the hands of their husbands, boyfriends, ex-husbands, or ex-boyfriends.

Did you get that? The most serious health problem for women in the United States! Half of all women who visit the ER for treatment got there because some bastard was beating her! And we are wasting time on pink ribbons and breast cancer fundraisers?'

Canada: N.B. case fuels debate over domestic violence

Anonymous · 4 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'After a night of drunken revelry that escalated into a violent street fight, Crystal-Dawn MacKenzie grabbed a knife from her neighbour's kitchen, yelled "I'm going to kill him" and stabbed her common-law husband in the collarbone.

If the knife had moved just a centimetre in either direction, Patrick Andrew Thomas likely would have lived, a pathologist later testified. But the 29-year-old bled to death on a downtown Saint John street.

Eight months later, Ms. MacKenzie walked out of a New Brunswick court a free woman after a nine-woman, three-man jury in Saint John acquitted the 28-year-old mother of three of second-degree murder, accepting that she had finally snapped after years of abuse at the hands of Mr. Thomas.

The Crown filed an appeal last week, a rare move for a jury trial. Prosecutors are arguing that the judge erred in his definitions of murder and self-defence and that Ms. MacKenzie had alternatives to killing her husband to escape his violence.'

City rings in new year with killing of man by woman as he tried to break up fight

Matt · 4 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

So feminists insist men start fights and women are the peacemakers. Sometimes, sure. Other times, not. In this case, a father of 7 is killed trying to break up a fight between two women. Charges she faces? Manslaughter, and assault. Excerpt:

'Rochester, N.Y. - The family of James Singleton, 46, said the way they understand it, Singleton was simply trying to break-up a fight between two women when he was stabbed early Saturday morning.

Rochester Police Investigators say Singleton was stabbed in the leg with a piece of broken glass and that the wound severed his femoral artery; Singleton died at the hospital Saturday night.

Monday morning Nancy James, 52, pled "not guilty" at her arraignment in Rochester City Court. James is charged with manslaughter for Singleton's death and with assault for stabbing the other woman, Patria Brown.'

That's not all from Rochester this year in the woman-on-man stabbings front. Another one here.

Foundation for Male Studies needs support

Matt · 4 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

The Foundation for Male Studies needs your help. FMS is working hard to add courses of study, centers and departments to the educational institutions of this nation - to spread the understanding of all aspects of boys and men - from anthropology to education to biology to psychology. We must do something now to stop the tide of lack of understanding, misdirected behavior that is prevalent from the youngest of boys all the way up to their maturity as men.

Many statistics prove that looking away will ultimately lead to a meltdown in our society. Here are just a few:

* According to the US Census Bureau, more women are going to college today than they did a decade ago, while the percentage of men attending college is decreasing relative to women;

Texan declared innocent after 30 years in prison

Matt · 5 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DALLAS – A Texas man declared innocent Tuesday after 30 years in prison had at least two chances to make parole and be set free — if only he would admit he was a sex offender. But Cornelius Dupree Jr. refused to do so, doggedly maintaining his innocence in a 1979 rape and robbery, in the process serving more time for a crime he didn't commit than any other Texas inmate exonerated by DNA evidence.

"Whatever your truth is, you have to stick with it," Dupree, 51, said Tuesday, minutes after a Dallas judge overturned his conviction.'

"The Bachelor" gets slapped, says he "deserved it," gives slapper roses

Matt · 5 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Watch it here. As long as we have men who are ready to excuse violence done to them (publicly, no less), then does the movement really stand a chance against the tide of self-loathing so many men have internalized? If you didn't find that clip very disturbing, then may I suggest you consider the idea that you are like a fish that has been swimming in dirty water for so long, he doesn't even know clean water when he sees it.

F&F: Time Magazine Urges Changes to Hague Convention to Help Mothers Who Abduct Their Children

Matt · 5 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

In Protecting Kids: Rethinking the Hague Convention (12/10/10), Time magazine uses a study that's so bad as to be almost spurious to promote the article's astonishing anti-father bias.

The Hague Convention was originally drawn up in 1980 to address the problem of parents absconding with children across international borders. Time asks:

> So what happens, three decades later, when research indicates that 68% of the abducting parents in cases under this treaty are mothers — and that many of them are fleeing abusive spouses?

To which the obvious answer should be, "Nothing." Without evidence showing that the courts aren't competent to deal with claims of abuse by parents, why should the Convention be changed?

Hong Kong Bachelor Skips Marriage & Goes Directly For Surrogate Mother

redwoodwriter · 5 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The story describes how an affluent Hong Kong businessman skipped marriage and used a surrogate mother to get his three new sons. One quote from the article, offered by a surrogate mother brokering agency employee in California:

"She says about 40% of clients are single men who pay anywhere from $20,000 to $35,000 for a surrogate mother, "depending on her experience.""

Perhaps men have been for too long thinking they needed to get married to have children? Want to avoid all the legal hassles, financial jeopardy, and emotional trauma associated with marriage, but you still want to have kids? Maybe using a surrogate is the way to go? Feminism, and all its efforts to make marriage inhospitable and unattractive, seems to be pushing men into this. At the same time feminism seems to be objecting to the use of surrogates, in part because women often think that the surrogates are forced to do this for money.

New York Meteorologist Who Allegedly Made Up Attack Story Appears in Court

anthony · 5 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK -- A TV meteorologist told police she concocted claims of being attacked because she was under personal and professional stress and wanted attention, a court document released Wednesday shows.

Heidi Jones said nothing as she appeared briefly in a Manhattan court Wednesday to answer misdemeanor charges of false reporting. Her lawyer, Paul F. Callan, said she would fight the charges and had been "unfairly characterized and vilified" in some press reports on her case.

Jones, who has been suspended from her job at New York's local ABC station, told police Dec. 1 that she'd been attacked in Central Park in September and then again outside her apartment in November, according to a court complaint prosecutors filed Wednesday.'

Swaziland: Youths blackmailed into circumcision through pool

Minuteman · 6 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'POOL- THE much anticipated ‘Circumcise’ Pool Challenge tournament, which was scheduled for this coming weekend has now been postponed to January 22.

The E30 000 Population Services International (PSI) Swaziland sponsored tournament will be open to circumcised players only.

It was initially slated for November 27 last but had to be postponed to January 8 this year after it was felt that some of the would-be- players were not able to circumcise for them to be eligible to enter the competition, as they were held up at school.
...
The tournament, meant to encourage pool players to embrace a healthy lifestyle was launched at the Swaziland National Sports Council offices about three months ago.'

'Fathers at risk' in Government's legal aid cut

Broadsword · 6 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Hundreds of men will face false allegations of domestic violence and child abuse because of legal aid reforms, barristers warned today.

Under cuts announced by Justice Secretary Ken Clarke, aid for divorce cases will be withdrawn with the exception of those involving accusations of violence and abuse.

Peter Lodder, chairman of the Bar Council, said the changes created “a perverse incentive” for unjustified claims.

“We already get far too many unjustified allegations of this sort and our fear is that there is going to be an enormous increase of this sort of allegation,” he said.

“Just imagine the unscrupulous lawyer, or adviser, telling a woman that the only way that she's going to get legal aid is if she says that she's been knocked about or that there is a problem with the children.”'

What women really want: to marry a rich man

Broadsword · 6 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The idea that women dislike being financially dependent on men is a myth, with more choosing to “marry up” now than did so in the 1940s, according to Dr Catherine Hakim from the London School of Economics.

After decades of gender equality campaigning many women now find it hard to admit that they want to be a housewife more than they want a successful career of their own, she said.

...

...Dr Hakim criticised David Cameron for backing the idea of quotas to ensure that more women gain seats on the boards of leading companies. Men dominate top positions because many women simply do not want long careers in business, she said.

Despite 40 years of reforms to promote gender equality at work, a woman’s financial dependence on a man “has lost none of its attractions”, she said.

In a 52-page report published by the Centre for Policy Studies think tank, Dr Hakim continued: “Women’s aspiration to marry up, if they can, to a man who is better-educated and higher-earning, persists in most European countries.

...

An analysis of figures for Britain shows that in 1949, 20 per cent of women married husbands with significantly higher levels of education than their own.

By the late 1990s, the proportion of women who were “marrying up” had almost doubled to 38 per cent. Similar patterns are seen across much of Europe, the US and Australia.'

New Zealand car rental site offers women-only discounts

anthony · 6 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Read it here. From the site:

"Women are better drivers than men. It's a fact. That's why, on girlsdrive women get a better deal, with low rates from NZ's top car providers, as well as further discounts on insurance. We've also hunted down the best places to unleash your plastic around NZ."

US: Father fights for son's repatriation after kidnapping mother caught

rlaspari · 7 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'New Yorker Michael McCarty was in a custody battle with his ex-wife Manuela Antonelli when she kidnapped their son Liam--now 9--and took him to her native Italy. That was 2007.

Four years later, McCarty is still fighting to get his son back. Two years after the abduction, Antonelli was deemed an unfit parent by Italian courts (she was diagnosed with psychiatric problems), and Liam was placed in an orphanage in that country. She then kidnapped him again; when she was subsequently arrested, Liam was placed in foster care.

Though McCarty has full legal custody of his son in the U.S., Italian Child Services will not allow him to take his son home. McCarty opened up to Matt Lauer on the Today Show about his ongoing struggle.'

Classifieds-for-women-only site opens

dooquidis4ever · 8 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Here we go again... classified service for women only: http://www.ladiesloop.com/

"Stop posting on sketchy classified ad sites with people that have other motives. Join LadiesLoop, a free women's only service that allows for a more comfortable classifieds experience for women. Our network of local women's ads is a great place to connect, exchange, and help other women."

Cops: Woman raped boy, 13, she met online

anthony · 8 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. Excerpt:

'SANTA ANA, Calif. — A 36-year-old California woman has been arrested on suspicion of child molestation and rape for allegedly flying across the country to have sex with a 13-year-old boy she befriended online, authorities said Friday.

Rachel Ann Hicks, of Lake Forest, was taken into custody Friday by Orange County sheriff's investigators.

A Maryland state trooper contacted an Orange County sheriff's investigator on Tuesday and reported that the woman initially "met" the boy in September in an X-Box live chat room. The online relationship progressed to phone calls, texting, e-mails and sending sexually explicit images and movies between one another, the sheriff's office said in a press release.
...
Based on new information, investigators are seeking to identify a second possible victim, a California boy under the age of 18, authorities said.'

SAVE announces Super Bowl Hoax Anniversary event in Washington, DC

Matt · 8 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

On Thursday, Jan. 27, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) will host a conference to commemorate the Super Bowl Hoax, and to highlight the continuing misrepresentations of the domestic violence industry.

The keynote speaker will be Christina Hoff-Sommers, author of Who Stole Feminism? Other speakers will include Phil Cook, author of Abused Men, and Mr. Carl Starling, a man who was falsely accused of domestic violence as a result of the DV myths.

The event will be held 12:00-1:30pm at the Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts, Ave, NE, Washington DC. Complete registration information is found in this flyer. The conference is being held as part of a 2-day lobbying event on Capitol Hill.

The meeting will conclude with an announcement how to stop the torrent of misleading and false information from the DV industry.

This will be a historic event – don't miss it!

A Voice for Men: "Welcome New York Times Readers"

Matt · 8 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If you came here after seeing A Voice for Men mentioned in the New York Times, welcome. You were led here after reading the following:

“Lurking around the edges of the male studies movement, moreover, in Web[sic] sites like Paul Elam’s A Voice for Men, is a certain amount of anti-feminist hostility, if not outright misogyny,” or so says Times writer Charles McGrath.

Please allow me to take a brief moment to demonstrate how fallacious this statement is, and why.

First, and it seems silly to have to say this, we are not “lurkers” here, though I give McGrath due credit for creativity with dark metaphors. Very compelling.

I support the concept of male studies, and I have been personally enthused about the efforts of the Male Studies Foundation since my days as Editor-in-Chief at mensnewsdaily.com. I have no official relationship with The Foundation and am much more concerned with an array of issues other than Male Studies.'

US: 'Mother,' 'Father' Changing to 'Parent One,' 'Parent Two' on Passport Applications

anthony · 8 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The words “mother” and “father” will be removed from U.S. passport applications and replaced with gender neutral terminology, the State Department says.

“The words in the old form were ‘mother’ and ‘father,’” said Brenda Sprague, deputy assistant Secretary of State for Passport Services. "They are now ‘parent one’ and ‘parent two.’"

A statement on the State Department website noted: “These improvements are being made to provide a gender neutral description of a child’s parents and in recognition of different types of families.” The statement didn't note if it was for child applications only.
...
“Changing the term mother and father to the more global term of parent allows many different types of families to be able to go and apply for a passport for their child without feeling like the government doesn’t recognize their family,” said Jennifer Chrisler, executive director of Family Equality Council.'

Australia: Couple aborts twin boys in favor of having girl

GreatSouthernLander · 9 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A COUPLE so desperate for a baby girl that they terminated twin boys are fighting to choose the sex of their next child.

The couple, who have three sons and still grieve for a daughter they lost soon after birth, are going to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to win the right to select sex by IVF treatment.

They say they want the opportunity to have the baby daughter they were tragically denied.

An independent panel, known as the Patient Review Panel, recently rejected the couple's bid to choose the sex of their next child using IVF.

They have gone to VCAT in a bid to have that decision overturned.'

Ed. Note: Submitter's comments are posted in the first comment for this story.

Woman reportedly told police she stabbed husband ‘because he drives me nuts’

anthony · 9 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BANGOR, Maine — A local woman allegedly told police Thursday that she stabbed her husband because “I can’t stand him, and he drives me nuts.”

Cynthia Dorion, 57, of Bangor was charged with aggravated assault, assault with a dangerous weapon, and domestic violence assault after she allegedly stabbed her husband in the back with a knife at about 6:50 p.m. Thursday in the couple’s kitchen.

The attack appeared to be unprovoked, Greg Campbell, assistant district attorney for Penobscot County, said Friday.

Dorion allegedly was intoxicated when she stabbed her husband.

She was released Friday morning from the Penobscot County Jail after posting $1,500 cash bail, according to jail personnel.

Information about the man’s injuries was unavailable Friday.'

Titanic: Women and Children first? Think again

fondueguy · 9 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Here is an article reporting on the casualty figures from the Titanic divided into class, age group, and gender. Excerpt:

'First of all, if you were a man, you were outta luck. The overall survival rate for men was 20%. For women, it was 74%, and for children, 52%. Yes, it was indeed "women and children first."

But what about class? Well, third class women were 41% more likely to survive than first class men. And third class men were twice as likely to survive as second class men.'

Something left unmentioned but can easily be calculated from the figures is that a third class woman had a 35% greater chance of being saved than a third class child.

Judge orders that five-year-old girl must sleep over at father's home

GaryB · 10 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. For once, a judge (a female one too!) that seems to be pushing through the crap and making a sensible decision. Excerpt:

'A JUDGE hearing a dispute over access to a five-year-old child has said the girl should no longer sleep in the same room as her mother or half-sister, so that she is better prepared to stay overnight with her father with whom she has never lived.

The Family Court ordered the girl have overnight visits to her father from January even though a family consultant said in October that she would not be confident "for some considerable time" to stay overnight. Another psychologist had recommended the child be given "no less than two years" to adjust to sleepovers at her father's home.'

Two years??!!!! The article is relatively strong on the mother's reasons why this shouldn't happen, but it does add in a couple of points from the father near the end. But good news that at least one judge is doing the right thing.

F&F: Misguided DV Groups Back Discredited Battered Mothers Custody Conference

Matt · 11 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Eighth Annual Battered Mothers Custody Conference was held over the weekend in Albany, New York. Several misguided domestic violence advocacy groups, including the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the National Network Against Domestic Violence, co-sponsored the conference. Sadly, this is a prime example of a serious problem afflicting most domestic violence organizations, one which tarnishes the often noble work they do—their consistent failure to recognize and acknowledge false abuse accusations.

For years the Conference, which is also co-sponsored by the National Organization for Women of New York State, has promoted a parade of child custody cases which they use to support their claim that “protective parents” frequently are losing in family court because the courts hand child custody to batterers who employ false claims of Parental Alienation. They advocate reforms which will make it easier to deny fathers shared custody or visitation rights based on unsubstantiated abuse claims.'

CNN piece asks: Are women leaving men behind?

anthony · 11 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Opinion special here. Excerpt:

'Why is this? As one fertility expert surmised in my Atlantic story: These mothers "look at their lives and think their daughters will have a bright future their mother and grandmother didn't have, brighter than their sons even, so why wouldn't you choose a girl?"

In certain segments of society, men are struggling to stay relevant in this rapidly changing economy, as manufacturing jobs disappear. Women, meanwhile, are making many more of the decisions: how to raise the children, manage the money, even whether to get married at all.

Let me say this again: This is not feminist gloating. It's not any kind of value judgment. It just is. Women are in so many ways filling the roles that men traditionally filled.

Many of the changes happening are obviously beneficial to women: They have more economic freedom and power than ever. But many of the changes are not all that positive for women.

With more freedom and power comes the burden of managing, heading households alone, being ever more perfect. And the stresses show up in reports of increased rates of unhappiness, alcoholism and even violence among women. Plus, the prospect of women rising is quite threatening to men in many places, so the transition can look ugly.'

Texas Woman Charged in Alleged Murder-for-Hire Plot

anthony · 11 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Texas woman tried to hire an undercover officer to kill two people living with her estranged husband, so he would return home, police say.

Wise County Sheriff's deputies on Friday arrested 39-year-old Gloria Ann Ames after she allegedly made the deal and exchanged money with the officer, MyFoxdfw.com reports.

Ames, of Chico, Texas, was charged with two counts of solicitation of capital murder and was being held in the Wise County Jail on a $1 million bond, according to the station.

During a jailhouse interview on Monday, Ames allegedly said that she had been married 10 times and that desperation drove her to the crime.'

Assange case: Has feminism gone too far?

anthony · 11 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many in Sweden reject claims that Assange, who appeared in a London court Tuesday, is the victim of a U.S.-led conspiracy. Instead, the country has been gripped by a very public and often explicit discussion about intimate behavior and relationships. The case has even made some question whether feminism has been taken too far in this supposed bastion of gender equality.

...

Feminism is a mainstream concept in Sweden and the country has among the toughest sex crime laws in the world. In fact, lawyers have been known to joke that a man must get written permission before having sex.

...

Pelle Billing, a M.D. who lectures and writes on gender and men's issues, worries that Sweden's rape and domestic violence laws make it difficult for men to get a fair trial.

...

"So how is man supposed to know what the boundaries are if the women don't know?" Billing asks. According to him, feminism in Sweden has stopped being about equal rights and has begun to infringe on men's rights.'

DOJ OVW soliciting commentary

Matt · 12 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email from SAVE:

All –

The DoJ Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) has a National Advisory Committee that meets periodically to give recommendations.

The Committee has a meeting coming up on Jan. 28 in Washington, DC. If you can't attend in person, you can submit written testimony. Here's how:

Persons unable to obtain reservations to speak during the meeting are encouraged to submit written comments, which will be accepted at the meeting location or may be mailed to the NAC, to the attention of:

Catherine Poston, Attorney Advisor
Office on Violence Against Women
United States Department of Justice
145 N Street NE, Suite 10W 121
Washington, DC 20530

Telephone: (202) 514–5430
E-mail: Catherine.poston@usdoj.gov
Fax: (202) 305–2589

For more information, see: http://origin.www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-01-11/pdf/2011-365.pdf

Be sure your testimony is factual, objective, and polite.

Position Vacant: Senior Women's Health Promotion Officer

Minuteman · 12 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to posting here. Excerpt:

'Indicative Total Remuneration: $70,972 - $79,411 (pro rata) - Perm P/T
...
Services are gender specific and designed to address complex health needs that result from the intersection between violence, mental health and wellbeing. WHS addresses these issues through a range of strategies including counselling, group work, community development, health promotion, training, education and sector development.
...
You will have experience in gender analysis training or you would have provided gender related training in a health care setting'

"The Disneyland Daddy" offers toxic view of dad in post-divorce shared parenting scenario

Anonymous · 12 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mike gets the kids every other weekend and every Wednesday. The kids love going to Dad's because there are "no rules." They get to do pretty much whatever they want. Weekends are filled with video games, trips to the mall, pizza and movie outings. And candy. Lots and lots of candy. Wednesday nights are TV nights. The kids never do their homework on Wednesday nights because, after a long day, Mike wants to kick back. He doesn't want to have to deal with questions about homework. Vicki resents Mike's free-for-all parenting and calls him "The Disneyland Daddy."

When Mike drops off the kids at Vicki's apartment on Sunday night, they are wound up, bubbling about all the things they did with Dad over the weekend and not wanting the fun to end. Within minutes, excitement turns to disrespect, when Vicki asks them to help with chores and get to their homework. They talk back, act out and tune their mother out. Sunday nights with mom turn into screaming matches and tears. The anxiety always spills over into Monday morning, when she has to get the kids out of bed and get to work on time.'

UK: Domestic violence policy is a 'war on men' claims Tory

Matt · 13 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A TORY councillor has vowed not to campaign for his party until it reverses a policy designed to combat domestic violence.
Portsmouth City Councillor James Williams (pictured) announced he will not work for the Tories outside his own Nelson ward unless it withdraws the new 'Go' orders.

The orders give senior police officers on-the-spot rights to remove men suspected of committing acts of domestic abuse from their homes for 48 hours. Courts can then extend that to two weeks.

The policy was designed by the last Labour government, but is now being piloted in three areas of the UK by Home Secretary Theresa May. There is no equivalent policy aimed at women. Cllr Williams says the orders challenge freedom and are part of a feminist war on men.'

Third of young Japanese men not interested in sex

Broadsword · 13 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Japan's birth rate stands at 1.21 per family, far below the rate of 2.08 babies that is required for a stable population.
...
According to the survey of 671 men and 869 women, issued by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, 35.1 per cent of men aged 16 to 19 said they are not interested in or averse to sex, more than double the 17.5 per cent of men in the previous study in 2008.

"Obviously, the most important reason for Japan's declining birth rate is that people are not having sex," Dr. Kunio Kitamura, head of the Japan Family Planning Association, told The Daily Telegraph.

"Combined with the rising number of elderly people, this population imbalance is a major problem," he said.'

Arizona Shooter Left To Deal With Mental Problems Entirely By Himself

redwoodwriter · 13 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

A story in The Wall Street Journal describes the postings that Jared Lee Loughner typed to a group of about 50 online gamers located around the world. Readers will remember that he is alleged to be the shooter a shooting rampage that took place in Tucson, Arizona. This article goes on at length describing Loughner's trouble with the legal system, his trouble with women, his trouble finding a job, and his trouble dealing with mental illness. Loughner cries for help repeatedly, but all he gets are some suggestions to handle it himself. He is left entirely on his own, although he shows bizarre behavior which is clearly publicly evident. For example, he was suspended from and later withdrew from a community college, allegedly for off-topic outbursts during a math class. If he were a woman, there would be all sorts of support offered to him, all sorts of safety nets would have been deployed. In some respects this sorry case reveals how little support there is for men in today's American culture. And of course the media spin includes shaming and blaming words, implying that he should have been able to handle it all himself. These words include descriptions of how his posts were "peppered with displays of misogyny."

Inside Britain's first refuge for male victims of domestic violence

Broadsword · 13 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One resident will forever carry the scars from near-fatal stab wounds, while another sits silently in the corner with a face etched with fear.

Both have fled to this safe house to escape violent partners. Both have done so in fear of their lives and — shockingly — both are men: members of a growing band of British male domestic abuse victims.

Jay is a soft-spoken, gentle, 22-year-old labourer from Cardiff who was repeatedly punched by his 32-year-old girlfriend. He tells me he'd be on the streets if it wasn't for the help he's getting here now.

'People don't think men get hit, but we do. People don't think men suffer, but we do,' he tells me.

'At first I didn't speak about the violence because of the stigma, but in the end I did and it was social services who helped me come here. I had nowhere else to go.'

The 'here' is an unremarkable looking terrace house in a valley in Powys, midWales.

Founded in 2006, it houses Britain's first refuge exclusively for men and their children fleeing violent partners.

There are 4,000 refuge places for women in Britain, and only 20 for men, most of them at this centre run by the Montgomery Family Crisis Centre.

...

'We've had a man who was deliberately run over by his partner,' Jane says sadly.

'Other men who had been stabbed, men with severe head injuries, burns and slashes . . . to name but a few.'

More than 400 men have asked for refuge here. Often it is police who tell them about the refuge while they're recovering in hospital. Residents have come from as far afield as London, Devon, Lancashire and Nottingham and have included a judge, several policemen, and Army veterans.'

NY Times: 'One Man’s Losing Fight Against Ladies’ Nights'

anthony · 14 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Manhattan lawyer who has filed a series of antifeminist lawsuits in recent years -– with little success — has suffered his latest defeat: the United States Supreme Court refused to hear what he calls his “ladies’ night lawsuit.”
...
The suit, filed in federal court, was dismissed, and so was a subsequent appeal. Mr. Den Hollander then submitted a petition to the United States Supreme Court on the same issue. He said he received word on Wednesday that the court had refused to hear the case.
...
Terry O’Neill, president of the National Organization for Women, said that Mr. Den Hollander reminded her of Bobby Riggs, who challenged Billie Jean King to a “battle of the sexes” tennis match in 1973 and then lost.

“He was one of the best things to happen to women’s tennis because he started a national conversation about the inequality of prize money and other issues, for women.”

Regarding Mr. Den Hollander’s “ladies night” lawsuit, she said, “Let’s face it: ladies nights are not actually for the ladies – they’re about men, for men — so why he’s complaining about that I don’t understand.”

Ms. O’Neill caught herself. “I guess I’m getting sincere in the face of a ludicrous argument,” she said.'

Police book woman into jail for DV on same day she was released from lock-up for DV

anthony · 14 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Prescott police arrested a woman Tuesday evening on misdemeanor charges of assault per domestic violence and criminal damage per domestic violence, and booked her into the Yavapai County Jail in Camp Verde on the same day she had been released after allegedly threatening her mother and kicking her brother as they drove her home from jail.

The mother told the officer they picked up her daughter from the jail earlier that day after a 27-day lockup, and during the trip back to town her daughter had continuously yelled, argued, swore and threatened them with physical harm and death, according to the police report. The brother told the officer that the woman had kicked him in the face.
...
After an officer arrived at the Circle K and spoke with them, he saw the woman jump out of the car and run toward Highway 89. The officer handcuffed the woman, and she reportedly swore, yelled, spit, insulted and threatened the officer and continued on the way to the police department and in the booking room.'

Australia: NSW Youth Center plans female-only cardio oasis

dooquidis4ever · 15 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Here are the feminists again creating women-only deals! When will it ever end? Excerpt:

'FAIRFIELD-CABRAMATTA PCYC will build a new female-only cardio oasis and upgrade its facilities after it received a $54,000 boost under the State Budget.

The organisation was among 11 others in the area receiving $400,000 as part of the State Government's $35 million Community Building Partnership program.

Fairfield-Cabramatta PCYC manager Jeannie Banks said the money would also go towards upgrading the kitchen and constructing a new carpark.

"We will be spending $17,500 on buying a fridge and microwave, as well as upgrading the kitchen which will actually comply with OH&S," she said. "We will also spend $11,500 on the demolition of the old dilapidated house next door and build a new carpark for our staff. We will then look at increasing it to hold more activities for the community.'

Ed. note: 'PCYC' means 'Police and Community Youth Clubs'. See here.

'The land of easy money': How the Somali woman who lied about gang rape describes Britain

Matt · 15 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who lied about being gang raped in Somalia to claim more than £250,000 in benefits had moved to Britain after boasting it was the ‘land of easy money’.

Ayan Abdulle was jailed this week after investigators discovered that the story she used to win asylum – and later UK citizenship – was a pack of lies.

Now the Daily Mail can reveal the full scale of her fraud and how easily she was able to milk the benefits system for years.

Abdulle, who also used the fake name Amina Muse and is from Somalia, was living in Gothenburg when the authorities insisted immigrants learn Swedish if they wanted to continue to claim handouts.'

Suzanne Moore: 'It's time to get angry'

anthony · 16 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Children say the cutest things! Over Christmas one of mine told me that years ago she asked me why I was a feminist. It was on the way to school and I am not a morning person. Possibly she was expecting something about equal pay. Apparently I snapped: "Because men do horrible, horrible things". She was alarmed.

That was bad of me wasn't it? A little sexist? Warping the mind of a young girl. She is now grown up and thinks it's funny. It's probably not in any childcare manual and the right answer would have been stuff about wanting equal opportunities. Or I could have replied that anyone with a brain, man or woman, would see the necessity of feminism. I could have been "inclusive".

Nowadays, saying bad stuff about men is not how feminism conducts itself. We all lurve men. We are all smiley for fear of being labelled man–haters. And what is the result of this people-pleasing, ultra-feminine, crowd–sourced sexual politics? Sod all.
...
God, how I miss those troublesome women like Andrea Dworkin and Shulamith Firestone. They may have been as batty as hell but they had passion. And balls. They were properly furious at the horrible things men do to women. Who in their right mind, male or female, isn't? Your mother, your sister, your daughter are being told to stay inside and not complain too much. Take up knitting or vajazzling maybe?'

Ed. note: Wikipedia on this lovely person.

Women arrested for multiple counts of animal abuse

Matt · 16 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Their mouths were muzzled and wrapped in so much tape they couldn't breathe, bark or eat. Their fur was matted with filth and the house was crammed with so much trash, it hid the floor.

A Long Island mother and daughter were arrested yesterday after more than a dozen tortured dogs and cats were rescued from a filth-riddled Rockville Centre home that included more than two dozen decomposing animal remains, cops said.

...

Faith Ross, 54, a secretary, and Francesca Maselli, 24, a nursing-home aide, pleaded not guilty and were being held at the Nassau County Jail on more than $75,000 bail each on three felony animal-cruelty counts.

...

Ross' ex-husband, Louis Maselli, said he has had no contact with daughter Francesca for more than a decade because Ross cut her off from him and his family after the courts refused to require visitation.

"My daughter was taken away from me when she was 11 and taught to hate me and my family," he told The Post. "I gave up, finally, after 10 years of phone calls and letters."'

UK: Police probe false rape claim

anthony · 17 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A teenage boy arrested on suspicion of rape has been released without charge.

The 17-year-old, from Slough, was arrested in connection with the rape of a 13-year-old girl in Tilehurst in November.

The schoolgirl, from Tilehurst, was attacked inside a car in a car park after accepting a lift as she walked along Northumberland Avenue, in Whitley, on Tuesday, November 16.

Det Sgt Elton Evans, from Reading CID, said: “Thames Valley Police now believes this incident to be a false report of rape and an investigation into the circumstances is continuing.”'

Australian readers: Now is the time to tell your GP that you resent having been circumcised

Minuteman · 17 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

In September 2010, the 'Medical Journal of Australia' (MJA) published an editorial entitled "The case for boosting infant male circumcision in the face of rising heterosexual transmission of HIV" (here).

The e-version of this editorial is behind a paywall on the MJA site, but you can get the jist of the editorial - and how it was used in the mainstream media - from this ABC article: here (the smirking female journalist adds a particularly sick resonance to the story).

According to a recent article in the professional publication 'Australian Doctor' (homepage), "Circumcision row erupts" - also behind a paywall but reproduced in full on The Intactivism Pages website: here - the MJA editorial resulted in a 'barrage of angry letters' from doctors (eight letters were actually published).

The 'Australian Doctor' article (also by a female journalist) only directly quotes the circumcision advocates from the original MJA editorial, and lets the advocates have the last word:

"Parents have a duty to help prevent renal damage, physical, inflammatory and hygiene problems, STIs and cancers in their sons and their sons' future sexual partners. They can do this by arranging for their sons to be circumcised,"

An alarmist editorial, which likely would never have passed the peer-review process to which research articles are subjected, was converted into an easily digestible press-release and picked up by mainstream media outlets to be fed directly to parents, by-passing the mainstray of Australian medical opinion.

Now is the time to talk to your GP about your resentment at having being circumcised. Doctors need to understand the damage of circumcision to give them the resolve to resist demands from parents, hold the editors of medical publications accountable to the high standards expected of practitioners in the medical profession, and to induce them to write letters and articles rejecting the practice of circumcision.

If enough men speak up to their doctors, the attention focused on this issue in Australia could finally induce researchers to conduct quality research into the long-term physical and psychological harm of circumcision and publish in the peer-reviewed literature which forms the basis of medical decision-making.

Where women of India rule the roost and men demand gender equality

Broadsword · 18 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

The Khasi, who number about 1 million in India's north-eastern state of Meghalaya, carry on the matrilineal tradition. The youngest daughter inherits, children take their mother's surname, and once married, men live in their mother-in-law's home.

"Only mothers or mother-in-laws look after the children. Men are not even entitled to take part in family gatherings. The husband is up against a whole clan of people: his wife, his mother-in-law and his children. So all he can do is play the guitar, sing, take to drink and die young," Pariat concludes gloomily.

Men are the weak sex in Meghalaya, but Pariat hopes the Syngkhong Rympei Thymai (SRT) campaign [roughly "a wedge to shore up a shaky table"] will promote reform of family structures. Indeed he wants to achieve more than mere equality. "Men are endowed with natural leadership. They should protect women, who in return should support them," he says.
...
In the state capital Shillong, women wear skirts to church, put on lipstick and drive their cars with their windows open, listening to music. Many are happy to stay single. In a country where the pressure to get married is everywhere, they are an exception.

"Why bother with a husband? I already have a family and I want to concentrate on my career," says Rosanna Lyngdoh, 38, who lives with her extended family in a house with 21 bedrooms.

SAVE Report: Most Abuse Programs Slice and Dice the Truth

Matt · 18 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Jan. 18, 2011 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The majority of domestic violence education programs supported by the federal government do not provide a truthful depiction of the problem of partner abuse, according to a report released today. The document, "Most DV Educational Programs Lack Accuracy, Balance, and Truthfulness" concludes that nine out of 10 training, education, and public awareness programs fail to meet minimum standards of objectivity.

The report is issued by Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE), a victim advocacy group working for evidence-based solutions to domestic violence. The full report can viewed here: http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/SAVE-DV-Educational-Programs

The SAVE report highlights a Centers for Disease Control survey that shows teenage girls are more likely than boys to be perpetrators of dating violence. But the Department of Justice inexplicably uses the CDC survey to justify the need to "engage men and youth in preventing crimes of violence against women," according to the DoJ website.'

Gordon Brown: Global 'youth' unemployment a ticking time bomb

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What he really means to say is that the long-term HE-cession that years of neglecting male needs for education and job training will soon become such a problem that pols/ex-pols like him won't be able to drive around in their fancy cars without being encased in bullet-proof windows. My, what a world we are making for ourselves. Article here. Excerpt:

'Gordon Brown will warn on Thursday that the world faces youth unemployment of "epidemic proportions", as he urges joint action by the G20 group of developed and developing nations to tackle rising joblessness.
...
"Unemployment is an international timebomb for both developed and developing worlds," Brown will say in the Ted Kennedy/John Harvard memorial lecture.

With some labour market analysts predicting that under-25 joblessness in the UK will edge closer to the 1 million level in today's figures, the former prime minister will say: "The world faces global youth unemployment of epidemic proportions."'

The man is the woman of Swedish Wahhabism

anthony · 19 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If you're even a casual consumer of the news, you're no doubt aware of the plight of men in Sweden. If you're a man in Sweden, your rights are not your own. You must have a female guardian -- no matter how old you are. You can't leave your neighborhood -- indeed, your own house -- without your guardian's permission. She has the right to veto your marriage; indeed, you've probably heard of the 42-year-old Swedish doctor who's suing his mother to allow him to marry. You are not to have contact with women you are not related to without family supervision. Indeed, you're not even allowed to drive.

Do you like sports? You can't play 'em. Interested in politics? You can't participate in 'em. Want education? You can get it -- but it's heavy on your responsibility as a man to serve women. And if you're assaulted by a woman, you'd best not report it -- a man who was kidnapped and assaulted by seven Swedish women was famously sentenced to six months in prison and a whipping for being in the presence of women he was unrelated to -- and when Men's Rights Activists complained, the sentence was doubled.'

The Futurist: 'Misandry Bubble'

anthony · 19 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Executive Summary : The Western World has quietly become a civilization that undervalues men and overvalues women, where the state forcibly transfers resources from men to women creating various perverse incentives for otherwise good women to conduct great evil against men and children, and where male nature is vilified but female nature is celebrated. This is unfair to both genders, and is a recipe for a rapid civilizational decline and displacement, the costs of which will ultimately be borne by a subsequent generation of innocent women, rather than men, as soon as 2020.'

UK: Reading woman jailed for false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Emma Blunden, 21, told police she had been raped in a Newbury hostel in 2008 and claimed she was attacked by three men at a Reading house in February 2010.

A total of four men were arrested following her allegations.

Blunden, of College Piece, Mortimer, was convicted of two counts of perverting the course of justice in December at Reading Crown Court.

Det Sgt Elton Evans, of Thames Valley Police, said: "I think this sentence sends out a very strong message to people who falsely report any type of crime, not only rapes.

"Making false reports of crime is a very serious offence and Blunden has made false allegations about very serious incidents on two separate occasions."'

Ireland: False rape claim woman gets suspended sentence

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Story here.

'A woman who falsely claimed she was raped in Bushy park in Dublin has been given a suspended three year sentence.

Liz Jameson rang 999 in the early hours of the morning in March 2009 saying she had been raped by two men who had grabbed her while out walking.

A month later she retracted her claims, saying an 11 year addiction to prescribed medication had resulted in a merging of reality and fantasy. She also told Gardai she lied about having terminal cancer.

During sentencing today the judge was told she's "more mad than bad".'

UK: Woman faces prison for false rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nicola Osborne told police she was attacked by a man who forced her into a car after pulling up alongside her as she walked in Fratton Road, Fratton, in the early hours.

The 32-year-old claimed he drove her to a nearby park and raped her before her back to Fratton Road at about 3am on July 5 last year.

...

Addressing Osborne, Judge Price said: 'The offence to which you have pleaded guilty is a very serious offence indeed.

'It is almost inevitable that you will be going to prison.'

Ask Dad: I Want My Man to Get Circumcised

anthony · 19 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Travesty here. Excerpt (have barf bucket handy):

Q:'I'm very much in love with a new man. I think he's the one. Marriage material. There's just one little problem. He's uncut, and I hate to say it, but it really grosses me out. I want him to get circumcised, but how could I possibly ask?'

A:'So let's set aside the merits. I think you've really hit on something here. A truer test of devotion you will not find. His saying "I love you," giving you a ring, buying you a house, all good signs to be sure. But cutting off part of his body, in the most sensitive and nerve-wracking spot possible? That, my dear, is true love. If he'll do it, you've got a keeper.'

Position Vacant: Administration Officer - Leaders Institute of SA (LISA)

Minuteman · 20 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to posting here. Excerpt:

'The Leaders Institute of South Australia is the State's premier leadership development organisation. We are a not-for-profit organisation that offers unconventional, unmatched and unforgettable opportunities for personal and professional growth and community engagement. Our programs include the Governor's Leadership Foundation (GLF) Program, the **High Impact Women in Leadership Program**, the Edge Program and the Governor's Leadership Foundation Alumni Think-tank program.'

From the LISA website:

'Research undertaken by the South Australian Government's Office for Public Employment found that in the SA public sector only 24% of all applications for executive positions came from women and that women were significantly under represented at a senior level (ASO6 and above).

"It has already been recognised many changes are required in order for women to comprise half of public sector employees in the executive levels (including chief executives) by 2014, an objective of the State's Strategic Plan", said Christine Locher, Locher Human Resources, Executive Chair. "While progress is being made, there's still a long way to go as current growth rates show that it will take over 20 years for women to make up 50% of the executive workforce in the public sector. Studies show that organisations and companies with greater gender diversity at a senior level, perform better financially, so there's evidence to support the view that increasing women's representation within the public sector will make it more efficient. Women often have very different leadership qualities from men and the qualities being sought for executive roles need to be considered carefully. There are many issues to consider and this program will provide senior women with a chance to develop their unique leadership capacity, connect with other women from a diversity of sectors and consider barriers including individual and organisational. Our aim is to build leadership capacity among women and this needs to be undertaken in tandem with any systemic change." '

Joint Physical Custody Moves Forward in Minnesota

Anonymous · 20 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Cautious optimism, admittedly. But those of us who have long rooted for Olson's tireless efforts on behalf of families will take what we can get.

"Nothing is ever a sure thing, and there are always surprises at the Legislature," said Olson, volunteer founder of the nonpartisan Minnesota-based Center for Parental Responsibility (www.cpr-mn.org). "But there is a strong degree of confidence among legislators that JPC will pass both the House and the Senate this session."

JPC is Joint Physical Custody, a bill presuming equally shared parenting after divorce. It's a nod to dads, who are too often marginalized in custody disputes.
...
Olson isn't slowing down. She was on her way Wednesday night to yet another meeting with another group of lawmakers interested in implementation of JPC, "who wanted to be sure they really understood and none of us were shooting from the hip." She was more than happy to oblige.'

Advance invitation: Foundation for Male Studies Conference

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This is an advance invitation.

On April 6, 2011, the foundation is having their Second Annual Conference on Male Studies, Looking Forward to Solutions. This global web-broadcast conference will gather scholars representing a wide range of academic disciplines including anthropology, education, history, medicine, politics and psychology – and have them present captivating findings at the New York Academy of Medicine. The current condition of males as well as real-time solutions will be laid out to a live audience in over 10 countries. Moderated by Guy Garcia, an award-winning journalist, novelist and multimedia entrepreneur, and author of The Decline of Men: How the American Male is Tuning Out, Giving Up, and Flipping Off His Future, this conference promises to capture the interest of many professionals including professors, students, physicians, psychologists, politicians, health care specialists, authors and educators.

Please visit http://www.malestudies.org/ for more details.

To grab an onsite or online seat at this conference, use this link to register. Please note that onsite seats are limited to the first 25 registrants.

Please forward this to colleagues and friends who may be interested, or share this on Facebook.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Notovitz
Director of Communications

Top 10 Unhinged Reactions to the Arizona Shooting (Plus Hanoi Jane)

anthony · 21 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We spend a lot of time at The Feminist Hawks' Nest exposing modern femisogynists for what they are: fake feminists and man-haters with no interest whatsoever in furthering anything beyond their own pro-abortion, socialist agenda. The "feminists" stole feminism, a movement rooted in equality for all women and which sought to make men and women equals, and turned it into a completely warped version of what it used to stand for. Instead of seeking equality between men and women, femisogynists engage in virulent man-hating. Instead of empowering women, femisogynists do all they can to make women feel like perpetual victims in need of government protectors. Instead of accepting that women have different opinions and political ideas, they shun any woman who does not strictly adhere to their approved politics: pro-abortion and big government. Are all women pro-abortion Democrats? No, but they've got an agenda to push, and therefore, a pro-life conservative cannot be a feminist to them. Only certain women count to these "feminists," and we at The Feminist Hawks' Nest have tried to expose this and reclaim feminism for what it should be: a movement that speaks for all women, not just some, and seeks equality, not hate.

Unsurprising, when the femisogynists saw an opportunity to smear the so-called patriarchy and conservative women all at once, they gleefully leapt on board. Again, it matters not to them that there is absolutely no evidence to back up their claims. They've got an agenda to push, remember?'

Student: Teacher's LAPD Husband Threatened Life Over Sex Affair

anthony · 21 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Southern California middle school teacher seduced and molested a 14-year-old student in a sexual affair that lasted several months, until the teacher's husband, a Los Angeles police officer, discovered the relationship and threatened to kill the boy, his family claims in a lawsuit.

The suit, filed Tuesday, claims LAPD officer National Beck threatened to kill the teen and his family with his police department-issued weapon in retaliation for the affair.

The incident allegedly occurred when Beck found his wife, Amy Beck, and the boy in his Burbank, Calif., home and she confessed to the relationship.

Amy Beck met the boy while he was in her sixth-grade class at David Starr Jordan Middle School in Burbank, according to court documents. While the boy was working as her teaching assistant, the family claims that "defendant Beck began a coordinated campaign designed to seduce the victim into having a sexual relationship with her and ultimately began sexually molesting and abusing the victim," the suit alleges.'

Smoking linked to earlier male deaths

RandT · 21 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Smoking is the main reason why on average men die sooner than women across Europe, according to research.

World Health Organization figures on death rates reveal tobacco-related illness accounts for up to 60% of the gender health gap in most countries.

In the UK, women live an average of four years longer than men, although in recent years the gap has been closing.

Second to smoking, alcohol accounts for about 20% of the disparity, the journal Tobacco Control reports.'

New Study in Kenya finds no association between male circumcision and lowered HIV rates

Anonymous · 21 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's a small sample but still a significant finding, and isn't the only one with this result. Will the World Health Organization pay attention? Excerpt:

'Using a population-based survey we examined the behaviors, beliefs, and HIV/HSV-2 serostatus of men and women in the traditionally non-circumcising community of Kisumu, Kenya prior to establishment of voluntary medical male circumcision services. A total of 749 men and 906 women participated. Circumcision status was not associated with HIV/HSV-2 infection nor increased high risk sexual behaviors. In males, preference for being or becoming circumcised was associated with inconsistent condom use and increased lifetime number of sexual partners. Preference for circumcision was increased with understanding that circumcised men are less likely to become infected with HIV.'

Proposed Bill Would Create Domestic Violence Registry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'RICHARDSON (CBSDFW.COM) – Veronica Galaviz of Richardson is nine months free of the man who tried to first kill her before then taking his own life. Prior to that horrific night, Galaviz said that she spent years being verbally and then physically abused.

But a bill that has been proposed by State Representative Trey Martinez Fischer of San Antonio seeks to create a domestic violence registry, similar to the current sex offender registry. “Once you’ve been in an abusive relationship, you have some trust issues,” Galaviz said. “You always have some doubts, and this would be one way to relieve some of those doubts.”'

SAVE Expands its Fight for Fact-Based DV Policies

Matt · 21 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) continues to do battle with the beast VAWA. Here's its latest press release.

SAVE is having a press conference at the Heritage Foundation offices in Washington, DC on January 27th at which Christina Hoff Sommers will speak. Why that date? It's the anniversary of the Great Super Bowl Hoax who's timely death no one laments.

You remember the Super Bowl Hoax. That was when radical DV advocates decided that a recent study done by professors at Old Dominion University showed that the bete noire of the DV industry - sports and testosterone enraged men - went crazy on Super Bowl Sunday and beat up their wives and girlfriends.'

Robert Franklin: Case shows need for fathers' rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Jan. 4, a trial court in Bakersfield terminated the parental rights of 17-year-old Christian Diaz. The court didn't terminate Diaz's rights because he's a bad person; he's not. He has no criminal record, no record of drug or alcohol use; he's on the football and baseball teams at his school and holds down a part-time job.

What lost Diaz his son was the fact that he's single. Had he been married to his girlfriend, he'd have had all the rights of any other father, but Diaz, like 40 percent of all new fathers nationwide, is unmarried.

And under California law that means that he, unlike married fathers and all mothers married or single, must take special steps to prove that he's qualified to be his child's father.
...
For decades now, we have rightly promoted the cause of gender equality in many areas of life. It is past time that the state of California made its laws on parental rights gender-neutral. The welfare of children depends on it.'

San Francisco man hopes to bring about ban on circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At his website that presents the proposed bill and a picture of a happy baby, Schofield calls for the residents' support that "will help us to protect all infants and children in San Francisco from the pain and harm caused by forced genital cutting," adding that "damage ranges from excruciating pain, nerve destruction, loss of normal, natural and functional tissue, infection, disfigurement and sometimes death."

According to the bill, performing circumcision will be made a misdemeanor punished by a 1000 dollars fine or jail time for up to a year, or both.

The only exception in Schofield's vision will be made if the surgical operation "is necessary to the physical health of the person on whom it is performed because of a clear, compelling, and immediate medical need with no less-destructive alternative treatment available, and is performed by a person licensed in the place of its performance as a medical practitioner."

The parents in the United States can't totally make up their mind, and physicians are more hesitant to give them a recommendation. According to a quite recent report, in 2006 65% of the male babies were circumcised in the US (Jewish population is only about 2%), however, in 2009 the numbers dropped to 32.5%.'

Chicago Teacher Sentenced For Molesting Football Player

anthony · 22 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO (STMW) – A former teacher was sentenced to two years of sex offender probation Wednesday after she admitted she molested a teenage student from the private Christian West Side high school where she taught.

Kathryn Vail-Wesley, 24, received the sentence after she pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse for the late 2008 incident involving the then 17-year-old male.

Vail-Wesley sexually assaulted the victim both at her home and in her classroom at Chicago Hope Academy, according to Cook County prosecutors

The case drew headlines in 2009 when the victim's mother revealed her son was forced out of school following revelations of the assault.'

Don't Save the Princess

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This ingenious little video doesn't fit any standard MANN category. It appears to be a simple computer game, but in reality it's a story about a demanding "princess" who exhausts the labor and finances of the men in her lives. By all means, watch "***DON'T SAVE THE PRINCESS***," but play the real game only if you dare!

Teacher suspended for standing by while 2nd-graders perform 'sex acts'

Matt · 22 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. No mention of the teacher's gender. Statistically it's safe to assume the teacher is female but there is a chance that it's a he and not a she. Stay tuned. In any case, it's beyond disgusting. Excerpt:

'OAKLAND (CBS 5) — A teacher at Oakland's Markham Elementary School has been suspended indefinitely after school officials said a pair of second-graders performed sex acts on each other in class – with the teacher present.

"I think everyone is taken aback over this shocking incident," Troy Flint, the spokesman for the Oakland Unified School District, told CBS 5. "Of course, it is hard to understand how that could have occurred."

...

In one case, several students apparently took off their clothes and were naked in the classroom. In the second incident, a boy and girl reportedly engaged in oral sex in front of their classmates.

Flint indicated that the suspended teacher, whose name was not released by the school district, was present for both of the incidents.

Flint and Markham principal Pam Booker said they were limited in terms of the details they could release at this time because of the ongoing investigation into the matter.'

Israel: Blasting feminists, Kadima MK appoints herself champion of men's rights

anthony · 23 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Kadima MK Yulia Shamalov Berkovich, speaking recently at a conference organized by a lobby group dedicated to preserving the Israeli family unit, delivered a scathing attack on feminist values, insinuating that complaints of sexual harassment are often ungrounded.

"I've never been sexually harassed," she told the conference organized by Familists in Ramat Gan last month. "When a man flatters me, I'm happy. It's part of the natural balance of nature." The full speech can be viewed on the group's website.

The organization, headed by Gil Ronen, is dedicated to "saving and rejuvenating the Israeli family unit," according to its website. Its members see their mission as combating so-called "genderists," whose true agenda, they believe, is persuading women to leave their husbands and take their money and children. The group says its mission is to support "the sanctity of marriage between man and woman," and for that to happen, a man must be a man and a woman must be a woman.'

Crisis Control Center tackles domestic violence this Super Bowl season

anthony · 23 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Football fans across the nation are patiently waiting for that historical day in American history when their football champion is finally named. While the beloved commercials are playing on the television and the dogs are out grilling at half-time, the local Crisis Control Center in Durant will be tackling domestic violence in their first ever “Tackle Domestic Violence” fundraiser.

Advocate for the Crisis Control Center Anna Marcy said their board members have done it again and the center is very excited to *start the fundraiser which is geared to raise money for the program**. She said with recent budget cuts statewide, their board members have went above and beyond to make sure their center does not suffer any financial loss.
...
Crisis Control Center board member Tim Boatmun said the organization does not care how you celebrate your Super Bowl Sunday as long as you are thinking of those in need. He said the weekend has one of the highest incidences of domestic violence and sexual assault than any other weekend during the year. Boatmun said such factors as alcohol and betting help contribute to these high numbers.'

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*Ed. note: Emphasis added.

Study: Ninety percent of domestic violence education programs lack accuracy

anthony · 23 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A report released today by Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) shows nearly all federally-funded domestic violence education programs fail to meet minimum standards of accuracy, balance, and truthfulness. "At most one in 10 domestic violence training, education, and public awareness materials and programs are accurate, balanced, and truthful," reports SAVE.
...
If you're wondering how we got here, it has to do with a radical ideology, the lack of oversight, and the creation of myths, hoaxes and lies. Have you ever read that 95% of domestic violence victims are women? How about, "Domestic violence is the number one reason women go to the emergency room"? Do you think that more domestic violence occurs on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year? None of these statements are true.

This distorted view of domestic violence has left many abused men with nowhere to turn. "One crisis call from an older gentleman will always stick out in my mind," recalls Lindi Jo Hall, a former hotline worker writing on facebook. "He was ashamed to go and file a police report, for fear of being belittled or looked down on by local police. His wife had broken his arm by twisting one too many times behind his back."'

Australia: Do men get a rough deal?

anthony · 24 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Seems a bit rich these days to claim there is a “glass ceiling” for female jobs. Load of cobblers, isnt it? I mean, Australia has a female Prime Minister and a female Governor-General.
...
The National Council of Women thinks so and no surprise there. I recently chatted with Victorian leader Jennie Rawther who pointed out that, among other things, women at the end of World War 1 had to give up their jobs to returning servicemen -- even though their husbands may have been killed in combat. There was no widow’s pension, nor child support.

Sounds tough but Age reader Steve Hills of Rosebud is not impressed. “There is overwhelming evidence that female health, safety and female lives were held as more valuable than men’s lives,” he says. “Men’s lives were routinely regarded as disposable. The view that women alone were discriminated against is an ignorant one.”
...
Hills is not alone in his jaundiced view of an anti-male world.
...
On the men’s rights website mensactivism.org the list of alleged discrimination is a long one.'

Woman Arrested For Sending Boy, 12, Into The Cold

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HILL DISTRICT (KDKA) – A woman was arrested after allegedly kicking her 12-year-old son out into the cold early Sunday morning in the Hill District.

According to the criminal complaint, officers were called to the corner of Chauncey Street and Webster Avenue for a juvenile not wearing shoes at 2:22 a.m.

...

Cosby was taken into custody after officers noticed “glassy blood shot eyes” and alcohol on her breath.

The 12-year-old boy stated that his mother had come home from a bar and started yelling at him. He then made her food and she continued to yell and forced him to leave the house.'

Opinion: 'A painless, lifesaving surgery'

anthony · 24 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On to the pernicious myth that male circumcision, a 30-second procedure, is a "mutilation" and the obscene canard that it is the equivalent of sexist FGM. FGM is a horribly protracted and painful cutting of girls under terrifying circumstances, with the specific intention of eliminating the capacity for sexual pleasure, and rightly considered a criminal action. According to UNICEF, at least 100 million women have been genitally mutilated. Compared to their uncut peers, these women are 69% more likely to hemorrhage after childbirth, and up to 55% more likely to deliver a dead or mortally ill baby. For every 100 deliveries, the WHO estimates FGM kills one or two more children.
...
"Mutilation" is a disgusting word to apply to the excision of a non-essential bacteria trap, nearly painless and instantly forgotten (those who claim otherwise are fantasizing; no credible study demonstrates lasting effects). Unlike ordinary circumcised men, FGM victims know they have been mutilated in the real sense of the word. Feminists constantly remind us that men have all the power. If true, how is it that after so many thousands of years -- coincidentally up to the advent of the sexual revolution and the privileging of erotic freedom over ethical mating -- so many millions of intelligent and even powerful Jewish and Muslim males never spoke up about their alleged victimhood?'

Kentucky man goes to doctor for circumcision and his whole penis is removed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Phillip Seaton says when he awoke from the surgery, he discovered that the doctor had removed his entire penis.

The doctor who performed the surgery, Frankfort Urologist Dr. John Patterson says he removed Seaton's penis because he discovered a cancerous growth on it. He says he performed the procedure to keep it from spreading.

But the lawsuit alleges that the doctor was not given authorization to remove his penis. It indicates that performing the procedure deprived Seaton the opportunity to get a second opinion.

The cancer turned out to be a stage one cancer, considered by many medical experts to be treatable.'

Watch Oprah's All Stars Candidly Chat About Penises

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Videos here.

'On Ask Oprah's All Stars, Dr. Oz, Dr. Phil and Suze Orman address audience concerns. Tonight, a lesbian couple asked if they should circumcise their son; instead, they received loads of frank penis talk from Orman and host Gayle King.

Here are three individual clips from the segment—which ran about six minutes total—during which Dr. Oz attempted to explain the pros and cons of circumcision to the couple, who are expecting a son in just a few short weeks.

In the first, King interrupts Dr. Oz before he can begin to address the couple's question by asking him, "Don't you think penies look better circumcised?"

And finally, another "Uncut penises are gross!" moment from King, with a bonus from Orman.'

Over 1,000 undergo male ‘cut’ in US-funded drive

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Bukoba. A total of 1,158 men in various Lake Victoria islands have been circumcised in the four weeks as part of efforts to curb the spread of HIV in Kagera Region.

The International Centre for Aids Care and Treatment Programmes (ICAP-Tanzania) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare are conducting a male circumcision drive at two designated government hospitals in the region.

As of June 2010, over 1,000 males aged between 10 and 55 had been circumcised at Rubya and Kagera regional hospitals while 1,158 others were circumcised in the four weeks preceding the official launch of the male circumcision campaign on Saturday.

The campaign is being supported by the American people through the US President’s Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (Pepfar).'

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US President’s Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (Male Circumcision)

'PEPFAR recognizes that medical male circumcision can be an important part of HIV prevention programs. At the same time, it is important that male circumcision be safely provided and that it be integrated into, and not substituted for, a comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention program. Given the possible misperception that circumcision eliminates HIV transmission risk, MC efforts must reinforce the ABC approach Abstain, Be faithful and correct and consistent use of Condoms and must be linked to voluntary HIV counseling and testing, as well as screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STI).'

I guess all men are still rapists huh?

Proud_to_be_a_man · 24 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Unbelievable claptrap... the video that accompanies it is hilariously bad...

Oh how I hate being a man. I mean... all I can think of is having sex with every woman I see! And forcing myself on them if they don't co-operate!!! It's terrible...

Sheesh...

And yes, it was paid by MY taxes! Disgusting...

Feminists are obnoxious bigots and men have a raw deal: Tory MP calls for male equality

Broadsword · 24 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are increasingly the victims of ‘obnoxious bigotry’ by women and should start ‘burning their briefs’ in protest, according to a rising Tory star.

Dominic Raab, a new MP tipped for high office, said men were getting a ‘raw deal’ from the cradle to the grave following years of anti-discrimination legislation favouring women.

He pointed out women in their 20s are now paid more than their male peers, who work longer hours, retire later and die earlier.

Mr Raab, the 37-year-old MP for Esher and Walton in Surrey and a former chief of staff to David Davis, called for an end to what he called feminist bigotry.'

Newsweek: 'Why Female Politicians Are More Effective'

Broadsword · 24 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Some dubbed it "The Year of the Woman." But despite "mama grizzly" talk and a crop of high-profile female candidates, last year's elections resulted in no net additions to the female ranks of the Senate and, for the first time since 1978, a net loss in the House. In fact, more than 90 years after the first woman was elected to Congress, female politicians still hold less than a fifth of all national seats, and do only slightly better at the state level. But that's more than just a blow for diversity and equality, according to a forthcoming study in the American Journal of Political Science—because women also rank as the most effective lawmakers in the land.

The research is the first to compare the performance of male and female politicians nationally, and it finds that female members of the House rout their male counterparts in both pulling pork and shaping policy. Between 1984 and 2004, women won their home districts an average of $49 million more per year than their male counterparts (a finding that held regardless of party, geography, committee position, tenure in office, or margin of victory). The spending jump was found within districts, too, when women moved into seats previously occupied by men, and the cash was for projects across the spectrum, not just "women's issues."'

Women Need Not Fear: Event to Spotlight Super Bowl Hoax

Matt · 25 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Jan. 24, 2011 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Christina Hoff Sommers, author of Who Stole Feminism? will headline a press conference to be held in Washington, DC on Thursday, January 27, 12:00 – 1:30pm. The conference, "Super Bowl Hoax Anniversary," will reveal how the original domestic violence hoax was engineered, and document how the abuse industry continues to distort the truth of partner abuse.

Other panelists include Philip Cook, author of Abused Men, and Carl Starling, who was himself a victim of a false accusation of domestic violence.

The Super Bowl Hoax, which occurred on January 28, 1993 falsely claimed that more women are victims of domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year. The disinformation scheme spawned many other myths about intimate partner aggression. A full account of the incident can be seen here: http://www.snopes.com/crime/statistics/superbowl.asp'

Title IX backlash: Girls basketball loses crowds when boys play first

anthony · 25 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Becca Quinn knew her priority should be focusing on her basketball game with a cross-district rival. But it was impossible to ignore the hundreds of fans streaming past her toward the exits.

In fact, her Forest Hills Northern team's game against Forest Hills Central was delayed to allow for the sweeping exodus right after the 6 p.m. boys game.
...
The crowd of more than 1,600 would eventually dwindle to about 300 for the nightcap.

The scenario has left the girls and their coaches using words like "embarrassed" and "humiliated," but the conference's athletic directors, wary of legal pressure over a possible Title IX violation, say they have little choice to but to schedule the girls as the late game every other year.

The commission, which operates under the state Department of Civil Rights, argued that as part of Title IX compliance, girls should have equal access to Friday's second game — what it called the "marquee" game.'

Reverse discrimination killed choice for UD men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I am the parent of a son who by his own admission was probably the least talented runner on the team, but thrived with the experience of four years of University of Delaware cross country, while also thriving as a student.

I am angry, frustrated and sad that the government-mandated reverse discrimination of Title IX has eliminated the program that did so much to form what he is today. I suppose the injustice of discrimination because of race, gender, etc., always produces this kind of indignation, but my, how painful it feels.

Shame on UD and our elected representatives in Washington who are responsible for this reverse-discrimination quota of 42 percent male athletes inflicted on the men of UD who, through no fault of their own, were born male in 21st century America.'

CNN: Why homeless women have it worse than men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Danielle Berger: Your program focuses on women. Why women, not men?

Roseanna Means: There are so many things that women have to deal with more so than men do -- reproductive years, and then mammograms, then menopause. A lot of women's health is preventive care, and if women lose out on those screening tests, their lives are in danger.

In the world of homelessness, there are lots of emotional issues, psychiatric issues, women who have been beaten up so many times they can't connect the dots. They don't have an address. They don't have a phone. They're all sitting in a shelter together, but they're not necessarily friends. There's not a common bond of, "We're all in this together." Everybody is struggling. Everybody's isolated. Everybody's miserable.'

Wrongfully-Accused Men Call For End Of Death Penalty

anthony · 25 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two fathers, wrongly accused in the murders of their children, on Friday called for an end to the death penalty in Illinois.

Kevin Fox, who was falsely accused of raping and killing his daughter Riley, and Jerry Hobbs, who was falsely accused of killing his daughter Laura and her friend Krystal Tobias, said the system is too flawed to be allowed to continue.

"There are just too many gaps to do that to a person," said Hobbs, who was released from custody late last year.

Illinois legislators earlier this week passed a measure to repeal the state's death penalty. Gov. Pat Quinn hasn't said whether he will sign it into law.'

"89%"

Anonymous · 25 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

A blog entry from man in Portland, OR describing injustice in child support. Excerpt:

'Cry foul and ring the bell, fathers who love your children!
We are accountable, bullied, and jailed for child support
While there is no accountability to how the money is spent.
Believe it.
We have three-quarters of our salary sent to her
On a faceless check that bears no credit to the father.'

SAVE announces Twitter feed

Matt · 26 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Do you like to Twitter?

SAVE now has a Twitter feed, which will keep you in the domestic violence loop. About once a day, you'll receive news, announcements, press releases, and updates.

Here's our Twitter address: SAVEservicesorg

Come Twitter with SAVE!

Police: 90-year-old man fends off female robbers

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn. — Police said a 90-year-old man in Sumner County put up a fight after three women attempted to rob him Monday.

The incident occurred outside the Verizon store on Indian Lake Boulevard just before noon.

Hendersonville police said three women followed the elderly man to the store and held him up with a gun when he got out of his car

The man knocked the weapon out of one of the robbers' hands, grabbed it and ran into the store.'

Woman Accused of Mowing Down Cousin After Facebook Feud

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Long Island, New York, woman allegedly mowed down her cousin twice with a minivan after a Facebook-fueled catfight over a man -- leaving the victim helpless in the middle of a busy road on a freezing night, sources said.

Giselle Penagos, 21, required emergency surgery Monday to fix a broken leg and shattered pelvis after she and her cousin Melanie Spanopoulos sparred viciously over a cyber-Casanova during a wild car ride.

Luckily, an unidentified man rescued Penagos as she lay bleeding in Elmont, New York, early Monday morning and rushed her to her father's house in Queens.'

UK: Female teen who kicked Man to death jailed

Minuteman · 27 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A former public schoolgirl who kicked and stamped on a gay civil servant during a deadly homophobic attack was jailed for seven years for his manslaughter.

Ruby Thomas, 19, hurled obscene abuse at 62-year-old Ian Baynham during the drink-fuelled assault in London's Trafalgar Square in September 2009.

Mr Baynham died 18 days later in hospital. Police found his blood smeared on Thomas's handbag and the ballet pumps she was wearing as she kicked him.

The Old Bailey heard how she screamed "f---ing faggots" and smiled as she "put the boot into" Mr Baynham after he was knocked to the ground by another teenager, Joel Alexander.
...
Judge Richard Hawkins increased Thomas's sentence from six years to seven years because of the homophobic nature of the attack.'

F & F Honors Senator Wright, Assemblyman Cook for Their Work for Family Court Reform

Matt · 27 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families has named Senator Rod Wright its “California Senator of the Year” and Assemblyman Paul Cook its “California Assemblyman of the Year” for 2010.

In giving the award to Wright (pictured on the left receiving a plaque from F & F legislative representative Michael Robinson), we praised his "inexhaustible passion and leadership on behalf of children of divorce or separation and mothers and fathers with disabilities, as well as [his] efforts to improve the quality of life for all parents and their children."'

'Kids are all right with just mom'

Matt · 27 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Married, two-parent households are not always best for children, according to a new study by UC Irvine economist David Neumark.

His research shows the increased incarceration of minority men in the U.S. has contributed to more single-parent minority households and fewer minority high school dropouts. The findings are surprising, he says, as they contradict both liberal and conservative views as well as current public policy initiatives.

“Previous research has found that children who grow up in an environment other than a married, two-person household are more likely to repeat a grade, be expelled or suspended, or receive treatment for an emotional problem,” Neumark says. “Our research shows that policy efforts to create more married, two-parent households won’t necessarily improve outcomes for children and – depending on which spouse is available – may even worsen them.”'

Fatherless Boys Three Times More Suicidal

fondueguy · 27 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Researchers from the University of Toronto studied 6,647 adults, including almost 700 who had been under the age of 18 when their parents divorced and found men from divorced families were three times more likely to have seriously considered suicide than adult males whose parents had not divorced.

The multiplier effect in boys whose parents had divorced is over 50% higher than in girls according to the research published in the journal Psychiatry Research.

The link between parental divorce and suicidal ideation is no longer significant among women who do not experience these childhood stressors. But even without these stressors, adult men who were children when their parents divorced still had a twofold increased risk of suicidal ideation compared to men from intact families.

The reason behind why men appear more distressed by their parents' divorce than women was not determined from the study, but researchers suggested that male development is negatively affected by the loss of close contact with their father at a young age.
...
The findings echo recent research by the Prince's Trust showing that young men without a male role model are three times more likely to be depressed and demonstrate once again that Dads Make A Difference to boys' mental health and wellbeing.'

Are men victims of obnoxious feminism?

fondueguy · 27 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

The first half of the article is written by Dominic Raab, here. Dominic Raab, a new Tory MP, was recently featured in an earlier post on his call to end "feminist bigotry". He has stuck his neck out, it's time for us to support him. Excerpt:

'Earlier this week I wrote that from cradle to grave, men are getting a raw deal. Men work longer hours, die earlier, but retire later than women. I also noted that while some say we should be less precious about light-hearted banter between the sexes, you can't have it both ways. If sexism is wrong, the same standards apply to men and women. On the other hand, if you buy into the whole Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus theory of gender difference –with all its pseudo science -you can't complain about inequalities of outcome that flow both ways from those essentially sexist distinctions.
...
The (male) journalist asked what right I had to debate the issue as a white middle class man. This is ludicrous. Aside from the fact that I am elected to represent all my constituents –irrespective of race, gender or religious belief –since when did we segregate public debate according to social criteria? The fact is that the remaining pay gap is symptomatic of a broader common challenge that couples go through together -namely striking the right work-family balance. Rather than pitting couples against each other –in an outdated struggle of the sexes –we should be debating a common problem.

But, if hard-line feminists want to push the point, let's get some perspective. Pay is just one element of the employment bargain. The data also shows that, overall, men work longer hours, commute further, have a greater risk of redundancy and derive less job satisfaction. Still sound like women are getting short-changed?

And, while we are on the subject, what about the blatant discrimination against men? Men work longer in life, die earlier –yet the state pension age won't be equalised for another seven years. Young boys are educationally disadvantaged compared with girls, while paternal rights of access to children following a break-up are routinely flouted with impunity. Don't get me started on Sheila's wheels and women-only gyms –whether objectively justifiable or not, can you imagine men getting away with either? What Emmeline Pankhurst used to call 'the double standards of sex morals' have come full circle. As I said, perhaps now is the time to burn our briefs.'

Australia: Baby Boy dies malnourished and dehydrated-- all concerned about mother's problems

Minuteman · 28 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'The mother of a three-month-old boy who died malnourished and dehydrated has broken down in tears during a Perth inquest, forcing an adjournment so she could seek legal advice.
...
The Legal Aid representative said Ms Hughes was "terribly upset" and felt she could not properly convey her thoughts and feelings to the coroner.

Ms Hughes gave evidence that her mother, Diane Kelly, introduced her to drugs at the age of 14 or 16.
...
She said her father had encouraged her to reconcile with her mother, telling her: "You've only got one mum".

She said she had made bad business choices and became tens of thousands of dollars in debt and even considered filing for bankruptcy at one stage.

She also said she had been convicted of stealing as a servant.'

Happy ending, but illustrates problems facing Dads

el cid · 28 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This column tells a story with a happy ending, but it also illustrates the problems dads go through.

The child (Nina Marie) was placed in foster care but the father was not notified after mom lied and said he was out of the country. He found out where his daughter was and contacted Social Services. He was told to attend a hearing, where the judge told him he could be considered for custody under certain conditions. Basically, he spent a year attending parenting classes and visiting his daughter--proving himself worthy--before the judge awarded him custody.

The good news is he finally received custody. The bad news is all the time he lost with his daughter while she was in foster care.

Article ignores paternity fraud data

Marc A. · 28 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

In claiming false paternity is rare, Marlene Zuk ignores important data from the American Association of Blood Banks showing 30% of 300,000 annual DNA tests are negative. NCFM posted that data at http://www.ncfmla.org/pdf/na-fraud.pdf

Marlene only talks about false paternity overall, which is hard to measure because most men don't get tested. The 30% figure, on the other hand, is a solid and consistent figure every year. It's not randomized, so it can't be projected onto the general population. But it gives us a raw number. It tells us at least 100,000 men are misidentified as dads every year in the U.S. alone, especially because that's only from accredited labs (at unaccredited labs, the percentage of negative results is about 22%), and these figures only count the men who get tested - most do not.

The bottom line is that hundreds of thousands of men are misidentified as dads every year. That's not insignificant, Marlene.

Criticising partner, denying them money and shouting is domestic abuse, rules UK court

anthony · 31 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'BRITAIN'S Supreme Court has ruled that shouting constitutes as domestic violence and anyone who raises their voice at their partner could be thrown out of their home, the Daily Mail reported Thursday.

Leading a bench of five judges, Lady Brenda Hale made the ruling in the case of Mihret Yemshaw, 35, who had applied for free housing entitled to victims of domestic abuse.

Ms Yemshaw said her husband had yelled at her in front of their two children and did not give her money for housekeeping.

However, her request was rejected by officials in Hounslow, West London because her husband had never hit her or threatened physical violence.

Wednesday's judgment means Hounslow council will be required to reconsider Ms Yemshaw's case.

Under the landmark ruling, denying money to a partner or criticising them could also count as abusive behavior.'

Illinois Teacher Ashley Blumenshine Arrested for Sex in Car with Student

anthony · 31 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 27-year-old female teacher is under arrest in Illinois, accused of having sex with one of her students.

Police say they found Ashley Blumenshine and the 16-year-old boy in a car in a department store parking lot on Tuesday. Blumenshine was in the front seat, the teen in the back.

"The person in the back was partially unclothed," said Plainfield Police Chief William Doster.

Assistant Will County State's Attorney Mary Fillipitch said they admitted that they had just engaged in consensual sexual intercourse. It appears the alleged affair has been going on for about a month.

Blumenshine is charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse, a felony punishable by three to seven years in prison.'

Substitute Teacher Charged With Student Sex Crimes

anthony · 31 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BAY CITY, Mich. -- A substitute teacher at Bay City Central High School was arrested and charged with having sexual relationships with students at the high school.

According to a news release issued by Bay City police, the 41-year-old Midland woman met the students while working as a contracted substitute teacher for Central High School.

Police began an investigation after a female student reported to a school administrator on Friday that a male student was involved in a sexual relationship with a sub.

Detectives from the Bay City Police Department were called in, and as the investigation progressed, more victims were identified.'

Female Teacher's Arrest on Sex Charge Stirs Response

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some allege school administrators know about inappropriate relationships between teachers and student and don't do anything about it. Others blame the teenage victim, pointing out that someone had to drive that second car there. Some ask why are cops wasting their time shining lights in parked cars to begin with?

There is more than one person out there saying laws regulating sex between students and female teachers are too strict. Who wrote these laws, one wondered, the Taliban? One person commenting online, who sounds like a school girl, says she knows more than one friend who is having an affair with a male teacher.

Many writers laud the victim as the luckiest teenage boy on earth. At least the victim was a male, said another, implying, I assume, that an illegal heterosexual affair with a minor is at least better than a homosexual one.

A lot of posters offer thoughts of sympathy for the families of both the accused and the victim. There is one who tells about his or her own struggle to land a teaching job, and many who marvel about how Blumenshine could squander her education and her career on so foolish a caper.'

Loveland teacher arrested on charges of having 'sex' with boy

anthony · 31 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Courtney Renee Bowles, 31, of Fort Collins also faces charges of sexual assault on a child by one in a position of trust and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, according to the Larimer County arrest report.

She remained in custody at the Larimer County Detention Center on Saturday afternoon.

Bowles was arrested at North Lake Park, where a Loveland police officer contacted the vehicle at 10:40 p.m. for being in the park after it was closed.

"The initial investigation suggests this was an isolated incident with no indication of any other victims," according to the Loveland news release.'

In contrast -- Capital teacher arrested on eight counts of 'rape', story here.

DA: Wife Killed Husband After Finding Hickey

anthony · 31 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MEDFORD (CBS) – A woman was ordered held without bail Monday charged with killing her husband in Medford.

Police found 34-year-old Troy Burston wounded outside a home on Exchange Avenue at 10:40 p.m. Sunday. He was not wearing a shirt and had been stabbed in the chest.

He was rushed to Lawrence Memorial Hospital where he died.

Police arrested his wife, 39-year-old Shawntina Burston.

Investigators say the two had come home from a birthday party and began arguing and hitting each other. She allegedly found a hickey on his neck and stabbed him with a cooking knife.

“This is another troubling incident of domestic violence turned fatal,” Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone said in a statement Monday.

“We allege that the victim was fatally stabbed by his wife during an argument, sadly leaving two young children behind.”'

Bond denied for Florida mom charged in kids' deaths

anthony · 31 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Police opened, and then dropped, an investigation of physical abuse involving a Florida mother against her teen daughter, closing the case weeks before the woman admitted killing the girl and her brother because they were "mouthy."

Julie K. Schenecker, 50, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of her 13-year-old son, Beau Powers Schenecker, and her 16-year-old daughter, Calyx Powers Schenecker.

She was denied bond at a court appearance Monday, a court spokesman said.

"Our belief was that she didn't snap -- she planned this," Tampa, Florida, police spokesperson Laura McElroy told HLN's Vinnie Politan on Monday.'

UK: So why is it all right for women to be sexist about MEN?

anthony · 31 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While at the same time, and this is the shame of it, we ourselves are fair game for women. While sexism from men is the outstanding social crime of the modern world, women can say absolutely whatever they like about us.

For make no mistake: sexism is alive and well in this country and applauded in all quarters — as long as it is practised by women. And they are allowed to say the most terrible, terrible things.

Only last week, for example, Jo Brand, the newly crowned Best Female TV Comic at the British Comedy Awards, was on Have I Got News For You and replied to the question 'What's your favourite kind of man, Jo?' by saying: 'A dead one.' Oh, how the audience fell about. And the other contestants, all male, chortled away too.

I'm not saying it wasn't funny. I'm just saying we live in a world where the thorough-going awfulness, uselessness and superfluity of the male sex is such a given, that a frontline television comic can get big laughs by saying she'd prefer it if we were all dead.'

False rape report results in $500 fine for former student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Rebecca Diamond, a former SDSU student, pleaded guilty to false reporting and was sentenced with a $500 fine.

In December, she reported to the SDSU Police Department that she was sexually assaulted, and then later repealed the report. She appeared in court Jan. 10 and was sentenced with a $500 dollar fine.

Along with the fine, Diamond was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 85 days suspended.

Clyde Calhoon, Brookings County states attorney, said Diamond has served her five days, and the conditions on which the days are suspended are that she must "remain law-abiding" and "contribute 50 hours of community service."'

UK: Lowestoft: Student made false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A HAIR and beauty student who falsely accused a man of raping her to gain sympathy was given a six- month community supervision order yesterday.

Because of her false accusation Jemma Knights wasted 37 hours of Lowestoft police's time.

The 18-year-old pleaded guilty to wasting police time at Lowestoft Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates heard Knights, who lives in support housing in Lorne Road, Lowestoft, told police in July she had been raped.

Mitzy Bond, prosecuting, said Knights had falsely claimed she was raped to try and make friends with someone at the college she was going to.

Knights had hoped to make friends by gaining the other's person sympathy.'

Australia: Department of Health & Ageing - "National Male and Women's Health" Initiative

Minuteman · 1 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Australia, where it's now official that women are women, and men are "males". Link to department site here. Excerpt:

'National Male and Women's Health

The Government has committed to developing National Male and Women's Health Policies, to ensure that specific health needs of both men and women are addressed.

The policies will be developed in consultation with state and territory governments, health service providers, consumer and advocacy groups and the community.

National Male Health Policy - For more information or the opportunity to provide comments on the development of the National Male Health Policy

National Women's Health Policy - For more information or the opportunity to provide comments on the development of the National Women's Health Policy

Page last modified: 28 January, 2010'

Tasha Kheiriddin: Affirmative action in the family room? No thanks.

DenisP · 1 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ah, the joys of new motherhood. You are perennially exhausted. The baby cried again last night; even when she goes right back to sleep, you don't. You haven't showered in three days; your hair is a mop; you pray no one comes to visit, because the last thing you want to do is be social.

And now, mothers have to worry about "maternal gatekeeping" too? Gee, thanks.

Ohio University researcher Sarah Schoppe-Sullivan studied 112 middle-class of toddlers, and found that couples where mothers did more caregiving and fathers did more playing experienced less conflict than those who assumed more gender-neutral roles. Her conclusion?

She suggested parents may be subconsciously bothered when parenting roles conflict with their pre-conceived ideas.

From the mother's point of view, it could be a function of "maternal gatekeeping," Schoppe-Sullivan said.

"For mothers, maybe, it's hard to give up some control to the father," she said. "That could be a total social effect, but there could some sort of biological underpinning to it."'

VAWA Is an Excellent Target for Spending Cuts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While the U.S. House is trying to figure out how to cut wasteful and/or extravagant federal spending, members should be mindful of Reagan's advice to begin by cutting programs that are harmful. One that fits this definition is the billion-dollar-a-year Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), now up for re-authorization.

This week is the 18th anniversary of an event that precipitated passage of VAWA in 1994. It's known as the Super Bowl Hoax, the assertion made on Jan. 28, 1993, in Pasadena, Calif., with fulsome media coverage, that more women are victims of domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year.

That radical feminist fairy tale lacked even a shred of truth. It was designed to feed the feminist anti-male and anti-masculine prejudices that men are naturally batterers, women are naturally victims, sports fans are prone to aggression and macho posturing, and football is especially guilty.'

Barbara Kay: Science confirms the obvious — dads should make time to play

DenisP · 1 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study out of Ohio State University seems to suggest that traditional gender roles work out better for families than interchangeability of parents and tasks. The study only involved 112 families, so it is hardly what can be called conclusive proof. But its findings will probably ring a bell with old-timers like me, or even new-timers who aren't politically correct.

After watching the target families interact with their children during caregiving tasks and while involved in play and various projects like building toy structures or drawing pictures, the study authors said that families in which fathers were more involved in play activities had more of what researchers called supportive interaction — i.e. "behaviours that are warm and co-operative between the parents."

These findings make sense. In their infancy, children are usually far more dependent on their mothers than their fathers. Certainly infants can be cared for by fathers, but if Nature intended infant care to be egalitarian, she would not have had the woman carry the child for nine months prior to birth, produce hormones and chemicals that reinforce bonding with the baby and produce the child's food in her body, ensuring close bodily contact with the infant many times a day for extended periods.'

Super Bowl-domestic violence myth persists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Though long ago debunked, the myth that more women fall victim to domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday still persists — ironically, according to some experts, to the detriment of women.

The myth dates back to 1993 when, like a game of telephone, anecdotal evidence became conflated into a statistical fact parroted throughout the media without confirmation. That year, The Associated Press and CBS labeled Super Bowl Sunday a “day of dread” for women across the country. Women advocates spoke of a “flood” of calls to domestic abuse hot lines and media mailings warned women “Don’t remain at home with him during the game.”
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“If you look at these myths they almost all promote this idea that women are victims and men are brutes. The ‘Super Bowl hoax,’ for example, depicts the average guy sitting in his couch watching the Super Bowl as a violent predator and I think this promotes prejudice,” Sommers said. “This view has been popular among hard line gender activists who want to depict masculinity as pathological.”'

N.D. professor says 'bee' violates Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

'FARGO — A longtime judge for the state's National Geographic Bee claims he was punished for complaining that the annual contest was unfair to girls, and he's taking his case to federal court for the second time in three years.

Minot State University professor emeritus Eric Clausen is suing the National Geographic Society and five other groups. He says he believes the bee violates federal laws on gender equity because a large majority of the state winners are boys.

Clausen claims the NGS retaliated against him by warning him not to interfere and refusing to fund a North Dakota geography program.'

National Geographic Bee

Female Teacher Gets Massages From Students -- Only Receives 5 Day Suspension

anthony · 2 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Cheryl Grampa, a teacher at Cooper City Elementary School, allegedly had a unique reward system for her students.

Give her a massage. Get a treat.

It's unclear how long the 12-year veteran has employed the massage learning technique, but the Broward School Board suspended Grampa on Tuesday, reports the Sun-Sentinel.

Grampa, 45, will miss five days of school without pay for her actions, which stems from a massage request during the 2009-2010 school year.

Grampa "engaged in inappropriate conduct and contact with a minor student ranging from soliciting and allowing students to massage her, in exchange for rewards, allowing students to touch her in an inappropriate manner and failing to take reasonable and corrective action with respect to improper touching," according to a formal complaint by the School Board.

The woman has not been charged with a crime, but whatever she did rubbed officials the wrong way.'

Mom admits strangling daughter at NY college

anthony · 2 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) -- A woman who said she strangled her 18-year-old daughter because she "pushed my last button" pleaded guilty Tuesday to first-degree manslaughter.

Her husband, who discovered the body, wept during the court session.

Stacy Pagli, 38, had been charged with murder in the Feb. 22 killing of her daughter Marissa at Manhattanville College in Purchase.

But her lawyer, Allan Focarile, claimed Pagli was under "extreme emotional duress" at the time of the killing. Her mental state was the focus of pretrial hearings, and psychiatrists for both sides eventually agreed.

In exchange for her guilty plea, Pagli is to be sentenced to 20 years in prison. Sentencing was set for April 5.'

The Second Annual Conference on Male Studies: Looking Forward to Solutions

Matt · 2 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Announcement here. Excerpt:

'Distinguished experts will discuss the problems, challenges and solutions to the rapidly deteriorating status of men and boys in education, employment, mental and physical health, family structure and related areas. The conference will cover the impact of males' problems in the post-modern era, as well as their effect on both genders, and the presenters' views on steps to reverse current trends.

The conference will deal with virtually all areas defining contemporary life from advertising and education – to medicine, psychology and sociology – and represent a range of academic disciplines from anthropology, education and history – to medicine, government and psychology.

...

The conference moderator is Guy Garcia, author of The Decline of Men, a former vice-president of AOL, and the winner of awards for journalism.

In addition to this conference's global webinar audience (early registration is $25.00 per person), we also have a limited number of seats at the conference site, with an early registration fee of $200 per person.

Please share this preliminary program with any friends or colleagues who might be interested in attending or joining online.'

"Crisis Control Center tackles domestic violence this Super Bowl season"

anthony · 2 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Football fans across the nation are patiently waiting for that historical day in American history when their football champion is finally named. While the beloved commercials are playing on the television and the dogs are out grilling at half-time, the local Crisis Control Center in Durant will be tackling domestic violence in their first ever “Tackle Domestic Violence” fundraiser.

Advocate for the Crisis Control Center Anna Marcy said their board members have done it again and the center is very excited to start the fundraiser which is geared to raise money for the program. She said with recent budget cuts statewide, their board members have went above and beyond to make sure their center does not suffer any financial loss.

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Crisis Control Center board member Tim Boatmun said the organization does not care how you celebrate your Super Bowl Sunday as long as you are thinking of those in need. He said the weekend has one of the highest incidences of domestic violence and sexual assault than any other weekend during the year. Boatmun said such factors as alcohol and betting help contribute to these high numbers.'

Denver Woman Accused of Knowingly Spreading HIV

anthony · 2 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 45-year-old Denver woman was arrested Tuesday and accused of knowingly spreading HIV while allegedly working as a prostitute, Fox 31 reports.

Prosecutors say Frances Woodke -- who has known for years that she is HIV positive -- offered sex to an undercover police officer for $23.

Woodke is being charged with two misdemeanors -- prostitution and solicitation for prostitution -- and a felony count of prostitution with knowledge of AIDS, according to the station.

The woman has pleaded guilty twice before to attempted prostitution with knowledge of AIDS -- spending time in prison for the charges in 2000 and again in 2008, according to the Denver district attorney's office.'

Canada's courts are softer on women

Anonymous · 3 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Commentary here.. Excerpt:

'No, I wasn't surprised at what a citizen of Adler Nation posted on my Facebook page.

And if you knew what Bill was posting about, neither would you. Here's the post:

"This is great. Let's all get drunk, take some prescription medication and take my beater and plow into everyone on the street. The courts will set me free and maybe I can claim damages too.

"Thank you Manitoba justice for protecting the criminals as usual. She must just be laughing at home right now and having a toast to the judge. This would never happen to a male."

Bill was reacting to the story covered in Sun newspapers this week about a Winnipeg woman, 52-year-old Joan Henderson, who consumed six double rum and Cokes while playing VLTs at a local restaurant.

She then got behind the wheel of her Dodge Neon and minutes later drove — no brakes applied — into 29-year-old Michael Pacheco. He was just doing his job at the time, picking up some road signs as part of a city street-cleaning crew.

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If Michael Pacheco had been drinking doubles, then gambled on a safe drive home and smashed his car into a mother, bringing her within inches of death and a life of constant psychological and physical anguish, do any of you think Michael Pacheco would have received the same sentence as Joan Henderson?

If your answer is yes, my guess is Bill is among millions of Canadians who think you must have just been hit by a fast-moving vehicle, or you have a drinking problem.'

The Super Bowl Prostitute Myth: 100,000 Hookers Won't be Showing Up in Dallas

Anonymous · 3 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The alarm bells reached peak decibel in November, when Dallas Police Sergeant Louis Felini told the The Dallas Morning News that between 50,000 and 100,000 prostitutes could descend on the metroplex for the Super Bowl. The call to outrage had sounded.

His estimate was astonishing. At the higher figure, it meant that every man, woman and child holding a ticket would have their own personal hooker, from the vice presidential wing of FedEx to Little Timmy from Green Bay.
...
That leaves the outside world to speculate—usually with stats only appreciated after eight beers near closing time. Professors pitch junk studies whereby every runaway girl is a potential prostitute.

Advocacy groups take those numbers and fan them by the thousands, buffing them with lurid anecdotes of "sex slaves" and "victims of human trafficking." The fervent simply can't believe that isolated cases are just that: isolated.

But it's hard to kindle interest in the world's oldest profession. So they latch onto the occasional news story or CNN special. After all, children in distress sell.

"Underage girls make better victims, better poster children," says McNeill, a former librarian with a master's from LSU. "I'm 44. What kind of believable victim would I make?"

The study by the Dallas Women's Foundation shows how the numbers are baked. It hired a company to gauge the percentage of juvenile hookers in Dallas. Its scientific method: Look at online escort ads and guess the ages of the women pictured!'

UK: Man accuses shop assistant colleague of 'bottom-slapping', sues employer

Matt · 4 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"For decades it has enjoyed a reputation as the respectable department store of choice for the middle classes.

But John Lewis was yesterday revealed as the unlikely setting for a rumpus that could have come straight from a script for Are You Being Served?

A male shop assistant, Konstantinos Kalomoiris, 40, has accused a female colleague of repeatedly slapping him on the bottom.

And when he told her to stop he said she replied: 'I do that to all the boys.'"

Canada: Sex attack hoax case closes with no charges against perp

Matt · 4 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'There was no doubt a great deal of relief in Barrhaven, as well as head-scratching, this week when that January attack was revealed to have been a hoax. Ottawa police, who canvassed the neighbourhood and viewed video footage from the OC Transpo park-and-ride where the girl said she was dumped after the attack, say they have closed the case and that the claims made by the girl are unfounded. They have not charged the 16-year-old, who had described the man she said forced her at gunpoint into his vehicle in detail.

Some in the neighbourhood are now calling on the girl to apologize for the effect the hoax had on the community, especially the heightened sense fear that the streets were no longer safe because a rapist was on the loose. The incident must have shaken the community.'

US Supreme Court to Hear Child Support Case

Matt · 4 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

F&F reports here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families has for many years publicized the terrible child support problems often faced by low income obligors, and we've had some legislative success on the issue. Nevertheless, the problem remains acute, particularly due to the recession.

The injustice is typified by the case of Jeremy Lavine, one of three Fathers and Families supporters quoted in a national Associated Press article on the issue.

Lavine worked in the real estate industry and had a $1,100 a month child support obligation based on a $4,500 a month income. Like so many in the real estate industry, his income dropped precipitously, yet the Florida Department of Children and Families told him his industry was going to bounce back and refused to give him a downward modification. The kicker? Lavine's kids live with him 50% of the time.'

"Hot Sauce Mom" Charged with Child Abuse

Matt · 4 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(CBS) A mother in Alaska has sparked outrage for allegedly punishing her son with hot sauce and cold showers. Now, she's the one facing punishment: charges of child abuse.

CBS News Correspondent Betty Nguyen reported on "The Early Show" Thursday a disturbing home video started it all.

Jessica Beagley, a 36-year-old mother of six, is seen disciplining her adopted son by making him hold hot sauce in his mouth. The reason for the severe punishment? He'd lied.

In the video, Beagley can be heard saying, "What happens when you lie to me?" The boy answers, "I get hot sauce. You get hot sauce."'

NFL Must Tackle Super Bowl Abuse Myth

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Press release here. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has recently joined the 15th anniversary team of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, along with other sports figures. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, 2011 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- A victim rights group is calling on the National Football League to denounce the myth that Super Bowl Sunday is a "day of dread" for victims of abuse. Stop Abusive and Violent Environments – SAVE – believes such claims foster hysteria and trivialize the problem of domestic violence.

The myth dates back to 1993 when a group of activists charged Super Bowl Sunday was "biggest day of the year for violence against women." The myth was later refuted by the Washington Post: http://www.snopes.com/crime/statistics/superbowl.asp

Still, groups like the Crisis Control Center in Texas are using the falsehood to promote its fund-raising efforts. According to a recent Crisis Control Center statement, Super Bowl weekend has "one of the highest incidences of domestic violence and sexual assault than any other weekend during the year."'

Domestic Violence Myths Help No One

Anonymous · 4 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Read the whole article, by Christina Hoff Sommers, at USAToday. Excerpt:

'"The facts are clear," said Attorney General Eric Holder. "Intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45."

That's a horrifying statistic, and it would be a shocking reflection of the state of the black family, and American society generally, if it were true. But it isn't true."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Justice Department's own Bureau of Justice Statistics, the leading causes of death for African-American women between the ages 15–45 are cancer, heart disease, unintentional injuries such as car accidents, and HIV disease. Homicide comes in fifth — and includes murders by strangers. In 2006 (the latest year for which full statistics are available), several hundred African-American women died from intimate partner homicide — each one a tragedy and an outrage, but far fewer than the approximately 6,800 women who died of the other leading causes.'

Wrongly imprisoned man freed after 38 years

Matt · 4 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. There is no significant text associated with this story. I will mention that the reason (ostensibly) he remained in prison was not due to a false or wrong conviction but because *paperwork was mislaid* and he could not get a new trial. For this he was kept in jail for 38 years despite being acquitted. What had he been acquitted of? Rape. Did anyone care to get him a new trial or really try too hard to get him out of jail? Apparently not.

Personally, I think the real reason he was kept there was that he was a man charged with rape, and a black one to boot. That's about it.

Teacher not criminally responsible for sex with teen student: court

Scottie · 5 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Perhaps she was mentally deficient at the time, but given the description of her actions, I am finding it hard to believe she didn't know what she was doing is wrong. It's not like she made one mistake. She made many over a long period of time. Excerpt:

'SASKATOON — Family and supporters of a teacher from Shell Lake, Sask., sighed with relief in a Saskatoon courtroom Friday after a judge declared her not criminally responsible, due to mental illness, for a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old former student.

Michelle Francoeur was in an extreme “manic state” and lacked the capacity to make rational decisions when she agreed to have sex with the teen boy on several occasions between Sept. 1 and Nov. 20, 2008, Queen’s Bench Justice Duane Koch found.

“The criminal law does not want to punish people who were suffering a mental disorder at the time of the act,” Crown prosecutor Mitch Piche said outside court.'

Wife admits to drunken killing of husband

Anonymous · 5 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Edmonton woman who fatally stabbed her common-law husband in the back while drunk and then blamed others – including her daughter – has now owned up to it.

Norma Elaine Janvier, 40, pleaded guilty Friday in Court of Queen's Bench to a reduced charge of manslaughter for the Sept. 25, 2008, killing of David Owen O'Donnell, 57.

Janvier had been charged with second-degree murder, however the Crown consented to accepting a guilty plea to the lesser and included offence.

According to agreed facts, Janvier and O'Donnell had been together for about three years and were living at an apartment in north Edmonton at the time of the stabbing.'

NY Post: 'Bring any guy to his knees'

anthony · 6 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If men are dogs, then here's how you collar them.

The dating-advice duo behind "The Man Whisperer" book promise in their step-by-step guide that getting your guy to follow your every command involves shedding feminism -- part-time.

Donna Sozio and Samantha Brett suggest women can tame their beasts by simply smiling more and shutting their mouths.

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'CASE #1: CAN I GET HIM TO TAKE ME TO DINNER?

I decide to Man Whisper to the unsuspecting dog in my life and discover that keeping my personality on a leash seems to work.

This, of course, is hard for a feminist shrew like me who has happily violated their every relationship communication rule, like never nagging or talking up my achievements.

I closely adhere to the instructions: identifying what I want, posing the issue effectively and adding a benefit for my man. I wrap myself in sunshine.'

Super Bowl, Misandry, and the Media

Anonymous · 7 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From Rebel Words.

Best ad promoting misandry and spousal abuse awards goes to:
Pepsi Max's Love Hurts. American males: take note. You are being kicked, having your heads slammed into the table, having things thrown at you, and having things shoved in your mouths. Enjoy.

...and the list of social media-male bashing is long.

Husband Suing Ex-Wife For Wrongful Death of Son

el cid · 7 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This story concerns a man whose wife intentionally smothered their 6-month-old son. He subsequently divorced her and is now suing her for wrongful death. He's being raked over the coals by commentators, but I can understand his reasoning. Excerpt:

'The husband of Superior's Stephanie Rochester - charged with smothering their 6-month-old son to death last year - is suing her for wrongful death, claiming her actions were "intentional" and have caused him "loss of companionship."

In the lawsuit, filed in Boulder District Court last week, 29-year-old Lloyd Rochester alleges Stephanie Rochester, 35, placed blankets over their son Rylan's head, causing him to suffocate.

Stephanie Rochester - who has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity - "was under the erroneous belief that Rylan had autism," according to the lawsuit. She "believed that Rylan's condition would emotionally and financially ruin her life."'

Georgia State Lawmaker Seeks To Redefine Rape Victims As 'Accusers'

Matt · 8 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON -- A Republican state legislator in Georgia doesn't like the term rape "victim." In fact, he has introduced a bill mandating that state criminal codes refer to these people as, simply, "accusers" -- until there's a conviction in the matter.

According to the legislation introduced by state Rep. Bobby Franklin (R-Marietta):

To amend Titles 16 and 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal law and criminal procedure, respectively, so as to change the term "victim" to the term "accuser" in the context of a number of statutes making reference to circumstances where there has not yet been a criminal conviction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.'

Predictably, the tone of the article is very much against the idea, despite the doctrine of innocent until proven guilty. Said before, said again: Men are guilty even when proven innocent.

A Voice for Men: On March 1, 2011 Men Will Speak...

Matt · 8 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Thirty days ago I brought up the idea of an internet radio show for MRA's that focused on men's rights and the state of men and boys in modern western culture. The idea was to have a more prominent platform than a blog or website could provide, and to create a launch pad for other activism.

At the time I did some research on the idea and determined that a reasonable start up amount for this kind of venture would be $4,500.00. To be honest, I was not encouraged. The men's movement is populated with a lot of disenfranchised, impoverished men, many of whom have been stripped of assets and livelihood by the western worlds system of feminist governance.

Add to that the fact that we tend to be a contentious group that operate more or less separately from each other and it would appear a recipe for a quick failure.

But that was before $7,634.00 was donated, as well as many hours of vital expertise, from graphic design to sound engineering to show production to original music.

In short, hell just froze over. A Voice for Men Radio will begin broadcasting on March 1st, 2011, a mere three weeks away. And we have already developed the resources across the net to make that launch day something to remember.'

Tell Attorney General Holder: "Speak the Truth!"

Matt · 8 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

Attorney General Eric Holder (the first African-American to hold the position), claimed in a 2009 speech: "Intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45." (http://www.justice.gov/ag/speeches/2009/ag-speech-091019.html) The problem with his shocking statement is that it is not true. As revealed in a recent USA Today editorial, the Centers for Disease Control reports the leading causes of death for African-American women in this age group are cancer, heart disease, unintentional injuries, and HIV disease," (http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/forum/2011-02-03-sommers04_st_N.htm)

So why has this myth remained on the Justice Department website for well over a year?

Victims of intimate violence are best served by the truth. Contact Attorney General Eric Holder today and ask him to speak honestly about domestic violence.

Contact Attorney General Holder TODAY:

* Email: AskDOJ-at-usdoj.gov
* Telephone: 202-514-2000
* Fax: 202-307-6777

Explain to Attorney General Eric Holder that you expect the Department of Justice website to contain only truthful information. Tell him to remove his inaccurate claim immediately, and to establish a Task Force to verify the truthfulness of domestic violence information at the Office of Violence Against Women and elsewhere on the DoJ website.

Chiliean Woman calls in bomb threat to keep boyfriend off plane

dooquidis4ever · 8 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. It turns out that the maximum she could face is 61 days in jail. Prosecutors decided not to invoke the more severe anti-terrorism law after hearing the couple's story. What would have happened had this been a man? Excerpt:

'SANTIAGO, Chile – People are capable of doing many things for love. What Grace Guajardo did forced the evacuation of more than 300 people from a plane moments before takeoff.

Authorities say she phoned in a false bomb threat to keep her boyfriend from flying off to a new job.

"I'm sorry, but I did it for love," Guajardo said Monday after she was charged with making a false bomb threat.

Freed pending trial, she faces up to 61 days in jail if convicted. Prosecutors decided not to invoke the more severe anti-terrorism law after hearing the couple's story.'

Female gym teacher accused of sex acts with football players

anthony · 8 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MASON — A female Mason high school gym teacher is accused of having sexual misconduct with five students, most of them football players at the school.

A Warren County grand jury on Friday indicted Stacy Schuler of Springboro on 16 counts of sexual battery, a third-degree felony; and three misdemeanor counts of offenses involving underage persons.

Schuler, who will turn 33 next week, allegedly had sexual contact with the students on five different occasions between August and December, according to officials with the Warren County Prosecutor's Office. She also allegedly bought alcohol for the students, according to the indictment.'

NYT - Social Scientist Exposes Sex Bias

liberty · 8 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It has been revealed that some of the world's pre-eminent experts on bias discovered an unexpected form of it at their annual meeting. No mention of identifying misandry as a primary social issue occurred in this (obvious) discovery, though. Excerpt:

'"This is a statistically impossible lack of diversity," Dr. Haidt concluded, noting polls showing that 40 percent of Americans are conservative and 20 percent are liberal. In his speech and in an interview, Dr. Haidt agued that social psychologists are a "tribal-moral community" united by "sacred values" that hinder research and damage their credibility — and blind them to the hostile climate they've created for non-liberals.

"Anywhere in the world that social psychologists see women or minorities underrepresented by a factor of two or three, our minds jump to discrimination as the explanation," said Dr. Haidt, who called himself a longtime liberal turned centrist. "But when we find out that conservatives are underrepresented among us by a factor of more than 100, suddenly everyone finds it quite easy to generate alternate explanations."

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"Thus," they conclude, "the ongoing focus on sex discrimination in reviewing, interviewing and hiring represents costly, misplaced effort. Society is engaged in the present in solving problems of the past." Instead of presuming discrimination in science or expecting the sexes to show equal interest in every discipline, the Cornell researchers say, universities should make it easier for women in any field to combine scholarship with family responsibilities.'

Call to Action: Help stop circumcision at Darwin GP Super Clinic - Deadline 15 Feb 2011

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Please download the document from the following link and type your name, title and e-mail address in the allocated spaces on the covering letter and e-mail to gpsuperclinics@health.gov.au with the subject line '**GP Super Clinics Consultation Registration Form**' (before Tuesday 15 February 2011 0730 GMT):

http://rapidshare.com/files/447000283/Darwin_15February2011_.doc

Please leave a reply so that I can gauge the number of submissions made.

The submission reads:

'I am writing to ask you to protect boys from the harmful practice of male genital mutilation, also known as circumcision. As you may already know, circumcision removes the most sexually sensitive parts of a boy's penis, including the foreskin, the frenulum, and the ridged band of nerves [1].

The male foreskin is also designed to protect the glans of the penis throughout a man's life, ensuring that the internal mucosal tissue remains moist and sensitive (much the same way that a woman's clitoral hood protects the clitoris). In addition, the foreskin acts as a natural gliding mechanism to reduce chafing and dryness during intercourse [2].

Although girls have been legally protected from all forms of genital cutting since the 1990s, nearly 15% of boys in Australia are still circumcised without their consent [3].

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians [4] advises against routine male circumcision, and no national medical association in the world recommends that boys be forcefully circumcised for preventive health reasons.

Recently you may have heard about several African studies which purport to show a link between male circumcision and reduced transmission of the HIV/AIDS virus, the methodology and conclusions of which have been seriously questioned within the academic literature [5]. While adults are certainly free to choose this elective surgery if they feel it will make them safer (after being fully informed of the risks and consequences), that does not mean that healthy normal infants and children should be forced to undergo circumcision simply because it might offer some possible medical benefit in the future.

By the same token, minors should not be forcefully circumcised to satisfy the religious, cultural, or cosmetic preferences of their parents.

I watch with great sadness as this mutilating procedure continues to be forced upon helpless male victims. With all that we now know about the harm that male circumcision causes, why do we let it continue? Why are girls protected from this practice but not boys?

For the sake of men's sexual health, human rights, and citizen equality, I urge you to take a stand against male genital mutilation.

Please mandate that GP Super Clinics:

• **Must not offer among their services** the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision;
• **Must not permit on their premises individuals or organisations promoting** the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision;
• **Must not allow their facilities to be used for** the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision.; and
• **Must not stock or allow on their premises literature or other material promoting** the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision.

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Assange's lawyers want Swedish prosecutor to testify

anthony · 9 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'London (CNN) -- Lawyers for Julian Assange wrapped up their case against his extradition to Sweden on Tuesday and challenged a Swedish prosecutor to "come to London" to defend her handling of the sexual misconduct allegations facing the WikiLeaks founder.

"Today, we have seen a Hamlet without the princess -- a prosecutor who has been ready to feed the media within information, but has been unwilling to come here," Assange attorney Mark Stephens told reporters outside a south London courtroom. Stephens called on Swedish prosecutor Marianne Ny to attend the extradition hearing when it resumes Friday and "subject yourself to the cross-examination."'

Radical feminism: what it is and why we're afraid of it

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So what is radical feminism? Historically, radical feminism was a specific strand of the feminist movement that emerged in Europe and North America in the late 1960s. Distinctive to this strand was its emphasis on the role of male violence against women in the creation and maintenance of gender inequality (as argued by the likes of Susan Brownmiller, Andrea Dworkin and Catherine MacKinnon). And while a minority of radical feminists – most infamously Valerie Solanas – were hostile to men, radical feminism was much more instrumental in generating widespread support for campaigns around issues such as rape, domestic violence and sexual harassment.'

'Women Being Nice is Genetic'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recently conducted study has stated that women tend to be generally nice in nature, whereas men have to work towards being more courteous to people. The latest finding might come off to be as unacceptable for half of the people. But, the study by researchers at the University of Edinburgh has stated that people being nice depends on their genes.

Apparently, women happen to be more pro-social and that being nice is already in their system. For the study, around 1,000 pairs of twins were quizzed on topics revolving around how happy they were to perform extra duties at work. Apart from that they were also asked, if they'd pay more for better healthcare.'

Where are the boys?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A common refrain among coeds these days, as college attendance and graduation rates among males are tanking across the nation.

More and more, American teenage boys seem to be falling behind their female peers in educational attainment, causing a gender schism and disrupting the social pecking order. Curiously, the drop in attendance by males seems to correspond to the rate of increase in female-headed single-parent households nationwide. The ultimately more important question might be, Where are the fathers?

In an educational system dominated by women, and with relatively few male role models in the schools, boys start to tune out of school around early adolescence; especially boys whose interests do not center around sports — the only aspect of education with a strong concentration of adult male teachers.'

The Foundation for Male Studies' 2nd Annual Conference on Male Studies: Looking Forward to Solutions

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See blog post here. Excerpt:

'Less than two months away, The Foundation for Male Studies' 2nd Annual Conference on Male Studies: Looking Forward to Solutions will be unveiled to participants on site as well as through connected computers.

During the past month, the Foundation has been committed to promoting, encouraging and engaging individuals through email blasts, press releases and personal phone calls - to capture as many participants as possible and get them to sign up for our upcoming conference on April 6.

If you have registered for the conference, please accept my sincerest thanks for supporting us. If you haven't, I hope you will consider this consortium of scholars and professionals well worth the small $25.00 participation fee, and will register here.'

Debate fires up over presumption of joint custody

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A fundamental change to the very basis on which post-separation parenting is viewed is being urged by some members of the legal and mental-health professions while others fiercely oppose the idea.

In fact, the introduction of a presumption of continued joint custody after separation is a measure that provokes strong opinions on both sides of the argument. Garry Wise of Wise Law Office in Toronto says that bringing in a presumption of joint custody would be an “across-the-board” approach to family law reform that would reduce the number of cases coming before the courts.

“This would be the biggest solution of all. What we do not have is a legally sanctioned culture of joint parenting at the federal level under the Divorce Act or the provincial level. We have an anachronism of a custody/access-based system that evolved one or more generation ago when one parent was at home and one parent was working.'

Male Baby as Future Rapist Sparks Furor and More

Anonymous · 10 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Josh Jasper thought his television commercial, which depicts a baby as a future rapist, would teach viewers about violence prevention.

Instead, thanks to YouTube, the ad has triggered an international firestorm and death threats for the Dubuque man, who heads a nonprofit advocacy group for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.
...
The ad contrasts a smiling baby with the following script: “He’s tough. He’s strong. He’s aggressive. He’s powerful. He raped his girlfriend. But he wasn’t always this way. What are you teaching your son? …”

Jasper said the ad was intended to make a point that people are not born violent, but are conditioned to be that way. He said donations paid for the commercial, which has aired for nearly a year on televisions in northeast Iowa and parts of Illinois and Wisconsin.'

A global conspiracy against St Julian?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Granted, the grounds for the two women's sex accusations look pretty shaky, and Sweden's rape laws, widely regarded as the strictest in the world, are deeply problematic. Sweden has an image as a sexually liberated society, but the idea of women's sexual empowerment has become skewed. In Sweden, it is widely regarded as understandable for a woman to feel assaulted or taken advantage of if she hasn't given active consent every step of the way during a sexual interaction. This outlook appears to infuse the accounts of the two Swedish women who have accused Assange of sexual molestation and unlawful coercion.'

Maryland teacher is charged with choking, punching first-graders

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A first-grade teacher at a Silver Spring elementary school was charged with several counts of assault Tuesday, when authorities accused her of choking and, in some cases, punching half the 16 students in her class.

The incidents happened in December, in her class full of 6- and 7-year-old students, Montgomery County police said. None of the students was harmed seriously enough to require medical treatment or show visible injuries, law enforcement officials said.'

Charges filed against woman for false report of rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Albany woman is on her way to jail right now charged with falsely reporting she was raped Wednesday morning.

A manhunt was launched after Jaques Williams reported she was raped at the Superior Creek Lodge Motel on North Slappey.

But just moments ago police charged her with making false statements and false report of a crime.'

UK: Woman cautioned over false Crowthorne rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The 19-year-old called police on 6 November last year reporting she had been attacked in Church Road West in Crowthorne.

Officers began an inquiry but failed to find any evidence to support the claim.

Last week they spoke to the woman again who admitted the claim was false. She was cautioned.'

Deputies: Girl lied about being raped

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Volusia County deputies are contemplating charges against a 13-year-old girl they say falsely reported she had been raped, they said today.

The teen Tuesday told law officers she was sexually assaulted near Phonetia Drive in DeLand about 9:05 p.m. She said a man approached her from behind while she was walking her dog and dragged her into some woods at knifepoint.

Deputies quickly determined the story was a hoax, they said. The girl had been with a 13-year-old boyfriend, a sheriff's spokesman said.'

Wikipedia Is Male-Dominated. That Doesn't Mean It's Sexist.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The gender imbalance among Wikipedia contributors is not even news. The Wikimedia study came out in August 2009 and was covered by the Wall Street Journal at that time. In the 17 months (which the Times rounds down to "about a year") that this report has been searing the Times' consciousness, the paper has come up with exactly zero new facts to explain the contributor imbalance. Instead, the paper recycles Women's Studies bromides about a female-hostile society, providing a striking display of contemporary feminism's intellectual decadence.
...
The idea that these gender imbalances represent gatekeeper bias was demonstrably false even before the Wiki reality check. Any female writer or speaker who is not painfully aware of the many instances in which she has been included in a forum because of her sex is self-deluded. Far from being indifferent—much less hostile—to female representation, every remotely mainstream organization today assiduously seeks to include as many females as possible in its ranks. ...'

British Airways nixes anti-male seating policy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'REGULAR Gulliver readers will undoubtedly recall the case of Mirko Fischer, the hedge fund manager from Luxembourg who sued British Airways after it forced him to change seats because of an internal policy that forbade seating adult men next to unaccompanied minors. (Mr Fischer ended up in the position by switching seats with his pregnant wife so that she could look out the window.) Last month, Mr Fischer won his lawsuit against the airline over what my colleague described as "this sexist bit of nonsense," and a court awarded him costs and £750 in damages. (He donated the money to child-protection charities.) Now it seems Mr Fischer has won again. British Airways has changed its policy and will now "ensure that the seating of unaccompanied minors is managed in a safe but non discriminatory manner," a spokesman told the Telegraph.'

B.C. teacher sex trial told of 200 encounters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Vernon, B.C., elementary school teacher is on trial for allegedly having more than 200 sexual encounters with one of her students.

Deborah Ashton, now 45, was charged in 2008 with invitation to sexual touching, sexual assault and touching for sexual purposes a person under 14 years of age.

The alleged victim was 12 when the purported relationship began in 2003.

Their sexual relations continued for two years and would take place either at her home, where she lived with her husband and two children, or at the boy's home, Crown prosecutor Neil Flanagan told the court Wednesday.'

"relationship"? "relationship"?? "relationship"???!

Man wrongly accused of being deadbeat dad

Matt · 11 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'TORONTO - Karl Rosier and his 12-year-old son were on the verge of being evicted from their new apartment, but they're breathing a little easier thanks to an 11th-hour decision by the Family Responsibility Office to return the East York man's assets.

The 34-year-old says he tried repeatedly to explain to the government agency, which accused him of owing $10,141 in child support, that his son lived with him and he couldn't provide for him if his bank account was frozen.'

Commentary: 'Why I am not a feminist'

anthony · 12 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Of course, I now realize that the businesswoman who demanded the plane be held up for HER whim was merely epitomizing the essence of feminism: IT'S ALL ABOUT ME. It didn't matter how many other people on that plane missed their connections or were late for critical appointments. This woman got HER way, and that's all that counted.

It's the ME mentality of feminism that bugs me. As I see it, just about everything associated with feminism is meant to promote the agenda that it's all about women: their needs, their wants, their goals, their career ambitions, and everyone else be damned. Who cares how many are inconvenienced as long as her desires are met? Who cares about her husband's needs? Who gives a rip about the needs of her children?'

Huge Gender Degree Gap at Ages 22-23: National Crisis, Title IX, Government Funding? Probably Not

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now that's a huge gender disparity in college completion at ages 22 and 23, but I predict:

1. This gender degree gap will receive almost no media attention, and certainly no attention from the gender activists, who demonstrate a selective concern for only those gender imbalances that favor men.

2. There will be no calls for government studies, or increased government funding to address the problem, and nobody will refer to this persistent gender degree gap as a "crisis."

3. President Obama will not address the issue by signing an Executive Order creating the "White House Council on Men and Boys," like he did for women and girls.

4. Neither Obama nor Congress will address the gender degree gap by invoking the Title IX gender-equity law, like they have considered using for the gender gap in some college math and science programs.

5. Nobody will blame the gender degree gap on structural barriers from grades K-12 that discourage men from attending or graduating from college, like they do for explaining the gender gap for women in math and science.'

Women Likely to Continue Outpacing Men in Education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Young women are outpacing men in educational attainment and there's little sign males will make up ground any time soon.

Nearly one in four women had earned a bachelor's degree by the time they reached age 23, compared to just one in seven men, the Labor Department said Wednesday. And while a growing share of professions are expected to require a college education in the future, men don't appear poised to make up the education gap.

The Labor Department's report was based on a long-term survey of Americans born between 1980 and 1984. The results are from the latest round of questioning, which took place in 2008 and 2009 when respondents ranged from 23 to 29-years-old.

Because the same percentage of males and females — 16% — were enrolled in college at age 23 "it is unlikely the gap in educational attainment will close in the next few years," according to the report.'

UK: Mercy for domestic abuse victims who lie about rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women who make false allegations of rape after suffering domestic violence by their partners could escape prosecution under new guidelines published today.

Others who have suffered prolonged intimidation and abuse, or were pressured into retracting their claim by their alleged attacker, will also be less likely to be charged.

*Young or immature women who make false accusations without realising the seriousness of their actions are similarly unlikely to be prosecuted, along with those whose claims do not lead to a man being detained or charged.**

The reforms, announced today by the Director of Public Prosecutions, Keir Starmer QC, follow a ruling by Court of Appeal judges last year over the case of a 28-year-old woman who had earlier been jailed at Mold crown court for perverting the course of justice.'

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*Ed.: Emphasis added

Woman’s false abuse allegations exposed in San Francisco court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is not often charges will be dropped midtrial — and even less often that a jury will applaud and offer to write letters to try to help the accused retrieve their job.

But that is what happened in a felony domestic violence case in San Francisco Superior Court this week when prosecutors gave up on the case after the alleged victim kept switching her story on the stand, the Public Defender’s Office announced Thursday.

The San Francisco man, 24-year-old kitchen manager Francisco Garcia, was accused by his former girlfriend of smashing her head into a wall multiple times and threatening to kill her and their toddler.

But Garcia said the woman only made the allegations after he told her he would go to court for a custody arrangement for their child. She took the news poorly and told him things were going to “get really bad for him,” Deputy Public Defender Eric Quandt said in a news release.'

Rapper J-Kwon Jailed for Child Support, Child Wasn't His

insdel2005 · 13 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article Here. Excerpt:

Hip Hop News 24-7 recently interviewed rapper J-Kwon about his interesting child support situation. During an interview with Miss Georgia, J-Kwon informed listeners that he'd been paying $2,500 per month in child support for seven years for a child that was eventually determined not to be his.

The artist goes on to say that he was jailed for not making the child support payments, which derailed his entire career by killing his ability to earn income.

He also said that when it was determined that he wasn't the child's father, the courts provided no remedies whatsoever for him to retrieve the tens of thousands of dollars he'd paid over a seven-year period.

J-Kwon is now saying that he plans to start a foundation for Fathers who are having their rights violated by the child support system. I support his initiative, because many of us forget about the millions of fathers out there who are doing all they can to have access to their kids and trying to do the right thing, but are left alienated by deceptive Mothers and a court system that would rather see a man in jail than with his own children.'

Judge orders former NFL player to surrender championship ring to pay ex-wife's attorneys

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"You see him playin on any given Sunday, win the super bowl but drive off in a Hyundai." - Kanye West

Article here. Excerpt:

Former NFL defensive end Chidi Ahanotu was forced by a judge this week to surrender his 2002 NFC championship ring to help pay a $130,000 debt to his ex-wife's lawyers, The Tampa Tribune reported.

Ahanotu, who played for the St. Louis Rams the year the team was upset by the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl, will have to give up his ring or risk being jailed. He has been resistant to part with the memento, claiming it's only worth $500, not the $10,000 his ex-wife's lawyers believe they can get for it.

But that's not all. Mainstream media writers can't resist putting together an article about divorce or child support without adding in a little misandry at the end:

Oh, that pesky American court system, forcing a man to pay his exorbitant debts. How dare they! What's next, holding him accountable for lying in court about giving the ring to his brother?

Look at the bright side, Chidi. If Mike Martz had used Marshall Faulk properly in that upset loss to the Patriots, you'd also be giving away a Super Bowl ring.

How exactly did **her decision** to run up costly lawyers fee's become **"his debts"**? After all they are no longer together. Oh yea, the same "pesky American court system" that forced him to sell his Superbowl ring, forced him to become liable for ex-wife's lawyers fees.

Lady golfers unhappy about law to end sex discrimination

Broadsword · 13 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

It was meant to put women on a par with men.

Women golfers have long faced restrictions at their local courses on what times they could play and which bars they could drink in. Often they were blocked from becoming club captain.

So when Harriet Harman introduced the Equality Act to give women more rights in work places and social settings, golf clubs were seen as ripe for reform. But the drive by Labour's leading feminist seems to have landed in the bunker. Many women golfers say that, following the changes, which have brought an end to men-only tee-off times at many clubs, they now have to pay more for membership.

Although the legislation was passed by Parliament just before last year's election and came into force in October, many of its effects are only now being felt, with golf clubs forced to rewrite their own rule books. As well as allowing ladies to play on whatever day they want, clubs are also having to admit women to "men only" bars and restaurants in clubhouses, and some are abolishing the traditional post of club captain. Others are even planning to scrap "husband and wife" contests, replacing them with "mixed competitions" in which civil partners can also compete.

Kirstie Thirde, from the English Golf Partnership which incorporates governing and professional bodies, said many women were unhappy that they must now have the same unrestricted membership terms as men, meaning that they lost their ladies' discount.

Mrs Thirde backed the Act but admitted: "Many golf club ladies don't want equality."

"The solution to Britain's laddish boardrooms"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Deutsche Bank's Josef Ackermann's deliciously impertinent comments that having women on company boards would make them more feminine, more "colourful and more beautiful" has caught the world on the hop and both sexes gasping at his gall.

In Germany, Silvana Koch-Mehrin of the FDU-EU told Handelsblatt: "If Mr Ackermann wants more colour in the executive committee he should hang some paintings on the wall."

Speaking from Oslo, Benja Stig Fagerland, the businesswoman who helped the Norwegian government to get half of its board positions filled by women, said she didn't know whether to laugh or cry. She decided to laugh, adding: "Although there are a lot of men using this pretty argument to hide their fear that there are some bright women coming into business who are challenging their competencies."

...

He made the remarks while being asked his view on Germany's proposal for a mandatory quota for women on boards. German ministers want 30 per cent of executive positions in the country's biggest companies to be filled by women, beginning in 2013; it's a move which the Chancellor, Angela Merkel, says she's against but the opinion polls show it has popular support. At present, only 2.2 per cent of executive positions are held by women in DAX 100 companies. But, tearing away the headlines, what Mr Ackermann actually said was far more interesting than the hype and should endear him to womankind, for he also said that having more women on boards is good for the "bottom line". And it's this fact, that more women on top does impact the bottom line, that has given this latest drive for more women in business some serious traction.'

Canada: B.C. man tells trial he saw teacher in bed with 12-year-old

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Story here. Excerpt:

'VERNON, B.C. — A British Columbia man told a courtroom Thursday that he remembered seeing his 12-year-old friend in bed with their teacher.

The man was testifying in the trial of Deborah Louise Ashton, 45, who is charged with having numerous sexual encounters with the boy over a two-year period beginning in 2002.

The friend told the B.C. Supreme Court jury that he was on a school trip, staying in cabins outside of Vernon, when he saw Ashton in bed under the covers with the boy.

"They went to bed together. When I woke up, they were side-by-side," the man told the court.'

UK: One in five victims of abuse in Cheshire is male

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cheshire Police released the statistic as they launched a campaign to urge male victims to report abuse.

Officers said they were raising the issue in the run-up to Valentine's Day, "when relationships are at the forefront of everyone's mind".

...

Assistant Chief Constable Phil Thompson said: "Domestic abuse knows no boundaries and it can happen to anyone at any time regardless of gender, age and sexuality.

"Men in particular find it hard to speak out if they are being abused, but we want to reassure anyone who may be suffering at the hands of another, that domestic abuse is an issue that we take extremely seriously - whatever time of the year.'

"One older woman who is totally into Justin Bieber"

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Article here. Could you imagine the outrage if a male celebrity made similar comments about a 16 year old girl? Excerpt:

'HollywoodNews.com: Justin Bieber loves older women and there might just be one who loves him back, other than his rumored girlfriend Selena Gomez.

In case Bieber wants the attention of an older woman, Jennifer Love Hewitt would be happy to give it to him, states Digital Spy. When she was on George Lopez's show, she admitted she is definitely a fan.

"He's so cute, he's so cute with his little dance moves and that little swoosh!" Hewitt said about his most famous attribute.

And while Hewitt is still pretty young herself, she wouldn't mind being his older woman: "I would like to be Bieber's puma!"'

Do Female Sex Offenders Receive a Lighter Punishment Compared to Males?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sentencing for an Okaloosa sex offender has sparked a lot of discussion. 31-year old Michelle Kemp had sex with a 15-year-old boy but she will not be going to prison. The lawyers on both sides of the case insist, when it comes to sex crimes, the judicial system is not sexist.

Michelle Kemp was arrested back in August 2009 for having sex with a 15-year-old. The boy's family decided not to press charges if the relationship stopped-- but it didn't. In December, Kemp drove more than 100 miles from her home in Crestview to pick the boy up at a drug treatment center in Bay County, where the two had sex again.
...
It was a very different case for Tim McGarry. The former Thomas Drive Fire Chief is serving a 40-year sentence for having sex with underage girls. The disparity in treatment makes some wonder if the judicial system is sexist when it comes to sex crimes.

District 1 Chief Assistant State Attorney Bill Bishop says no.

"We don't make any distinction one way or another whether or not someone who commits a sexual offense is a male or a female. We make our decisions based on the evidence we have available and the witnesses we have available to prosecute" Bishop says.'

New law requires colleges to teach about sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'House Bill 101, passed in November, requires schools, among other things, to establish a program that includes information on drug- and alcohol-fueled sexual violence; medical treatment and evidence collection; the possibility of pregnancy; and sexually transmitted diseases.
...
The National Sexual Violence Research Center in Enola, northwest of Harrisburg, estimates 20 percent to 25 percent of women are victims of forced sex during their time in college, and 90 percent or more of those victims do not report the assault.
...
Robert Morris University has a program called CURE -- College and University Rape Education -- aimed at first-year students, which addresses topics such as date-rape drugs and how to report an assault.'

Dartmouth College sexual assault fictitious, no false report charges to be filed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HANOVER – No one tried to rape a Dartmouth College student in her dormitory room, a police investigation concluded.

Police Chief Nicholas Giaccone, asked if anyone is going to be charged with filing a false police report, said, "Not at this time." He would not release the name of the individual who filed the report but said it was a Dartmouth College student.

For several days, police investigated the report of the alleged sexual assault that was said to have happened about 10:25 p.m. on Sunday when a man entered a student's room, pushed her down and removed her pants. The assailant reportedly fled after the woman kicked and screamed.'

V-Day: Valentines and vulgarity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Instead of embracing love this February 14th, feminists have called on us to embrace Vagina Day.

Why have some feminists hijacked Valentine's Day with disconcerting words like "vagina" and "c***"?

...

Firstly, many of the monologues are not real:

"Some of the monologues are close to verbatim interviews, some are composite interviews, and with some I just began with the deed of an interview and had a good time" (Ensler 7).

In "The Little Coochi Snorcher That Could," a 16-year-old girl is seduced by a 24-year old woman with vodka and is later raped. The original text states that the victim was a 13-year-old girl who venerated rape: "If it was rape, it was a good rape."

Moreover, men are portrayed as sex-driven beasts. In "Because He Like to Look at Vaginas," a guy named Bob is portrayed as one who fixates on vaginas:

"Turned out the Bob loved vaginas. He was a connoisseur" (Ensler 55).

Additionally, this monologue diminishes the importance of men in society:

"Our self-hatred is only the internalized repression and hatred of the patriarchal culture" (Ensler 53).

...

Feminist Camille Paglia similarly expressed disdain for the play.

"The perversion of feminism that Ensler represents -- turning Valentine's Day, the one holiday celebrating romantic harmony between the sexes, into a grisly memento mori of violence against women -- has been well demonstrated by the ever-alert Christina Hoff Sommers...," she wrote.'

Teenage female teen lied about jogger attack

Minuteman · 15 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A Twilight fan has admitted lying to police about an assault to hide the vampire-inspired role-playing behind bite marks on her body.

The 15-year-old US teen at first claimed that bruises and bites on her body were caused by someone who attacked her while she was jogging, the Smoking Gun reports.

Her imaginary assailant jumped out of the bushes, knocked her to the ground and tried to remove her shirt.

But the girl, from Marathon in Florida, supposedly was able to fight off the attacker.

When officers determined the jogging attack as described by the teen could not have caused the marks left on her neck and arms, she admitted the story was a fake.'

Assange Attack on Sweden, Prosecutor May Give Appearance of `Mud Slinging'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Julian Assange's U.K. lawyers, seeking to block the WikiLeaks founder's extradition to Sweden on rape claims, may have chosen the wrong tactic by criticizing Swedish justice and labeling the prosecutor behind the case as a "radical feminist," lawyers say.

Witnesses at hearings last week in London said Swedish rape trials are secretive and portrayed prosecutor Marianne Ny as a "crusader" on gender issues who had a hand in shaping Sweden's "harsh" rape laws. The tactic may be a sign of desperation and is unlikely to stop Assange's extradition, said Neill Blundell, a lawyer with Eversheds LLP in London.

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"Extreme feminism has taken over more and more" in Swedish society, said Peter Haglund, a defense lawyer who has represented more than 150 accused rapists since 1985. "Men are seen as fundamentally evil."'

False rape report wasted police time, authorities say

anthony · 15 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'HARRISBURG, Pa. (WHTM) - Authorities who accuse a Herndon woman of fabricating a report that she was raped at a Dauphin County shopping center said valuable police time was wasted on the investigation.

Twenty-nine-year-old Amber Adams has admitted to investigators that she was not forced into a car and raped in the parking lot of the Paxton Square Shopping Center on Jan. 29, according to Lower Paxton Township police.

"We had people that just scoured video trying to find the perpetrator's vehicle, hours and hours and hours and hours were spent, not only by us, but by civilians out at the shopping center," Lt. Gary Seefeldt said.'

England: female chaplain sentenced for false rape charge against priest

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Story here.

'A female Catholic chaplain at John Henry Newman College in Birmingham, England, has confessed that she fabricated a rape charge against a priest with whom she had worked on an earlier assignment.

Father Patrick Udoma had been ousted from his post as a pastor in Birmingham after Emma Templeton filed rape charges. But when police discovered dozens of text messages on her cell phone that supported the priest's defense: that they had a short, consensual affair.

A court has sentenced Templeton to 10 months in prison for filing the false charge, but suspended the sentence.'

MaleSurvivor.org

Matt · 15 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Discovered this site: http://malesurvivor.org/ and thought it needed sharing. From their History page:

'In October of 1988 the first professional Conference on Male Sexual Victimization was held in Minneapolis. This ground-breaking conference, organized by a few dedicated mental health providers, brought together professionals who wanted to better understand and treat adult male survivors of childhood sexual abuse. At that time, only limited information could be offered to those who participated. But those present had great enthusiasm and the clear recognition that the conference was a necessary and valuable resource, where professionals could share practical information and ask questions. And it was a safe place for some to acknowledge their own sexual victimization.'

Push for mandatory paternity testing in Australia

GaryB · 16 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This story in The Australian is interesting. Quote:

'A men's rights group has called for mandatory paternity testing of all babies after government figures revealed almost 600 instances of men compelled to financially support children they did not father.

Since changes to child support laws four years ago, there had been 586 cases of men successfully using DNA testing to show they were not biologically related to children they had been financially supporting, the federal government has revealed to The Australian.

In the overwhelming majority of these cases, the courts have not forced mothers to pay back the money they have received.

Of the 586 cases, only 74 mothers have been told to pay back the money. Those reparations total in excess of $533,000.'

It's quoted in the article that up to one third of men who seek paternity testing find they are not the father. Mind you, the article also includes an interview with the head of the president of the sole parents union - who immediately tries to quash the idea. I heard her interviewed on radio where she blatantly stated that most men who seek paternity testing are trying 'get out of their parenting responsibilities one way or another'.

What's more interesting for me is how the press reports this. I did a quick news hunt and turned up several stories over the past couple of years where women had their babies swapped at a hospital and took the wrong one home. When this was discovered and reported, the mothers were horrified that they'd been raising another woman's baby, and the news coverage was extremely sympathetic. Now I know this isn't the same thing as having paternity fraud put upon you, but it's pretty damned close - and when PF is reported (if it is at all) there seems to be no coverage of the emotional damage done to the man at all.

Is Science Saturated with Sexism?

anthony · 17 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In “Understanding Current Causes of Women’s Underrepresentation in Science,” Cornell professors Stephen Ceci and Wendy Williams provide a thorough analysis and discussion of 20 years of data. Their conclusion: When it comes to job interviews, hiring, funding, and publishing, women are treated as well as men and sometimes better. As Williams told Nature, “There are constant and unsupportable allegations that women suffer discrimination in these arenas, and we show conclusively that women do not.” Put another way, the gender-bias empress has no clothes.

For more than a decade, passionate activists in groups such as the American Association of University Women, the National Council for Research on Women, and the Committee on Maximizing the Potential of Women in Academic Science have insisted that women scientists are victims of pervasive sex discrimination, and they have produced a mountain of advocacy research to prove it.

...

But a misplaced focus on discrimination is now the law of the land. At the behest of the women’s groups, Congress held several hearings throughout the last decade on the “crisis” of sexism in the sciences. Scholars like Ceci and Williams played no role — only true believers were brought in as expert witnesses. Sen. Ron Wyden (D., Ore.), an early convert to the view that American science is saturated with sexism, was successful in bringing the Title IX equity program into the science lab.'

U California axes men’s gymnastics and baseball

anthony · 17 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men’s NCAA gymnastics will take another hit next year when the University of California at Berkeley eliminates the sport. As it is, only a dozen NCAA teams exist, thanks in large part to the implementation of Title IX. Cal is axing men’s gymnastics (but keeping women’s gymnastics) as a cost-cutting measure; their men’s baseball team is also being cut. It’s a shame that a program that brought us Graham Ackerman is being eliminated, but with the pressures from a slumping economy and Title IX, an NCAA void of men’s gymnastics is the world we live in.'

We've seen numerous cuts to men's sports due to Title IX, but none as significant as this baseball program, a program that's produced numerous major league players.

Notable Berkeley alumni who've made it to the major leagues include former MVP and possible hall of fame inductee Jeff Kent. Current Arizona Diamondback Xavier Nady is another alumnus. Berkeley has also won two national baseball championships.

Rwanda: Elastrator-like circumcision device being tested

Minuteman · 17 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The PrePex system works through a special elastic mechanism that fits closely around an inner ring, trapping the foreskin, which dries up and is removed after a week. A study conducted by the Rwandan Ministries of Defence and Health in 2010 found the device to be safe and effective.

"You don't need a sterile environment, you don't need anaesthetic, you don't need to use an operating theatre," Agnes Binagwaho, permanent secretary in Rwanda's Ministry of Health, told IRIN/PlusNews.
...

"In Africa, where we lack medical infrastructure, we feel it is the best way to go," she added.

Although cost-effectiveness studies are still under way, Binagwaho said the elimination of factors such as anaesthetic and highly trained staff as well as the gains made by the shorter healing time meant it was likely that the PrePex system would be cheaper than traditional clinical male circumcision.

"Three or four hours after circumcision, a man can be back at work," she said. "This means that the economy does not suffer because men have taken several days off work to heal."
...
Rwanda's HIV prevention strategy includes a plan to circumcise an estimated two million adult men within two years; only 15 percent of Rwandan men are circumcised, according to the government.'

American Boy forfeits championship by refusing to wrestle girls in major high school tournament

Minuteman · 17 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A standout high school wrestler in the United States has refused to compete against a girl at a major tournament because he says grappling with girls conflicts with his religious beliefs.

Year 10 student Joel Northrup, the son of a church minister, forfeited any chance of becoming champion when he defaulted on his match against year nine student Cassy Herkelman at the Iowa state high school wrestling tournament.

Northrup, who is home-schooled but was wrestling for a local high school, said in a press release that he withdrew because he does not think boys and girls should compete in the sport.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for Cassy. However, wrestling is a combat sport and it can get violent at times," he said.
...
It is unfortunate that I have been placed in a situation not seen in most other high school sports in Iowa," he said.'

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California Woman Held for Duct-Taping Toddler

anthony · 18 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'HESPERIA, Calif. -- A California woman is under arrest after authorities say she duct-taped her 2-year-old son

San Bernardino County deputies say 19-year-old Danyella Higgins was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of cruelty to a child.

Deputies went to the home of the Hesperia woman after a photo was sent to her friend showing her 2-year-old son with duct tape around his hands, feet and mouth. The recipient called authorities.'

Canada: Common law couples deserve fair shares when separating, top court rules

DenisP · 18 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Supreme Court of Canada made it easier today for common law couples who split up to claim a fair share of property or assets they played a substantial role in building.

Ruling unanimously on two cases that involved estranged common law couples, the Court emphasized that when one partner has contributed substantially to a business, property or the success of the other's career, they should gain a benefit that properly reflects their contribution.

The Court stressed the importance of adopting a flexible approach when it comes to assessing the relative role of each partner and working out a dollar amount that reflects those roles.'

VAWA Reform -- Call to Action

Matt · 19 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This coming week, Congress will be out of session. Senators and Representatives will be back in their homes district, holding meetings with constituents.

The main topic of discussion will be the federal budget. Earlier this week, President Obama proposed a budget that would produce a $1.1 trillion deficit for 2012. The Obama budget proposal includes over $777 million for VAWA and other domestic violence programs.

It is critical that we take action TODAY and contact your lawmaker's local office and request to set up a meeting this coming week. I am attaching a hand-out that you can use – or use your own handout. If we implement the recommendations spelled out on the flyer, we will be able to help more true victims, remove dangerous mandatory arrest policies, remove false allegations, and save taxpayer money!

To get your lawmakers' phone number, just do a Google search under the person's name, or look in the phone book.

Folks, this is the real deal. Either we act now, or we wait until 2016 when VAWA comes up for reauthorization.

The SAVE Team

Australia: Female Anchor Sexually Harasses Male Anchor

Stinger503 · 19 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

I wonder if she's going to lose her job like those Sky Sports broadcasters? Fat chance. Notice that it's on Channel Ten's Youtube page too.

Teenage boys asked to masturbate for high school "experiment"

Minuteman · 21 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Jamie Oliver's new TV series has been criticised in Britain after two teenage boys were asked to give sperm samples they later studied in a science class.

The controversial scenes will air on Channel 4 next month as part of Jamie's Dream School, a reality television program that follows the progress of troubled teens sent to a school run by celebrities.

As part of the seven-week series, celebrities were asked to devise classes in their specialty for the school's 20 students.

In his class, scientist Professor Lord Robert Winston asks two boys aged 16 to 18 to leave the room to produce a sperm sample.

His students are then asked to compare the samples under a microscope with the sperm of animals, including horses and pigs.'

S. Dakota: Bill aimed at helping fathers in custody cases moves ahead

Matt · 22 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A House panel Wednesday recommended passage of a bill that would make it easier for fathers in South Dakota to earn shared custody in divorce proceedings.

The House Committee on the Judiciary approved House Bill 1255 on an 8-5 vote. The legislation now will get a hearing on the House floor.

Sen. Dan Lederman, R-Dakota Dunes, introduced the bill. If it passes, judges would be required to begin divorce proceedings with the assumption that joint custody will be awarded to parents. South Dakota law now provides for a child's primary caregiver to be awarded primary custody at the start of a divorce.
...
South Dakota would be the eighth state to endorse shared parenting if the measure passes, Lederman said.'

Australia: Dr Elizabeth Celi talks about men's health, domestic abuse and social bias against men

Matt · 22 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. A bit old, added 11/14/2009, but still very relevant.

Teen Dating Violence: Girls are much more likely to be the sole perpetrator than boys

fondueguy · 22 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Journal from the National Institute of Justice here along with charts showing the rates of perpetration of teen dating violence by gender here. Excerpt:

'These findings are generally consistent with another study that looked at more than 1,200 Long Island, N.Y., high school students who were currently dating. In that 2007 survey, 66 percent of boys and 65 percent of girls who were involved in physically aggressive relationships reported mutual aggression. [7] Twenty-eight percent of the girls said that they were the sole perpetrator; 5 percent said they were the sole victim. These numbers were reversed for the boys: 5 percent said they were the sole perpetrator; 27 percent the sole victim. In a third study, teen couples were videotaped while performing a problem-solving task.

Researchers later reviewed the tapes and identified acts of physical aggression that occurred between the boys and girls during the exercise. They found that 30 percent of all the participating couples demonstrated physical aggression by both partners. In 17 percent of the participating couples, only the girls perpetrated physical aggression, and in 4 percent, only the boys were perpetrators. [8] The findings suggest that boys are less likely to be physically aggressive with a girl when someone else can observe their behavior.
...
The study of seventh, ninth and 11th graders in Toledo, for example, found that a majority of the boys and girls who were interviewed said they had a relatively "equal say" in their romantic relationships. In cases in which there was a power imbalance, they were more likely to say that the female had more power in the relationship. Overall, the study found that the boys perceived that they had less power in the relationship than the girls did. Interestingly, males involved in relationships in which one or both partners reported physical aggression had a perception of less power than males in relationships without physical aggression. Meanwhile, the girls reported no perceived difference in power regardless of whether their relationships included physical aggression. [18]'

Perpetrator Relationships of Child Fatalities, 2006

fondueguy · 22 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Pie chart from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources here.

How Do Filicide Offenders Differ From Other Murderers?

fondueguy · 22 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ScienceDaily (May 28, 2009) —People who commit filicide, the killing of their own child, are no more psychotically disordered than other homicide offenders. Research published in the open access journal BMC Psychiatry has shown that prevention of filicide cannot remain the task of psychiatry alone, but health care and society at large must work to prevent the danger.

Hanna Putkonen from Vanha Vaasa Hospital, Finland, worked with a team of Finnish researchers to compare the psychosocial history, index offence, and psychiatric morbidity of filicide offenders with other homicide offenders. She said, "The novel results of this nationwide study reinforce the general impression that filicide offenders are a distinct group of homicide offenders. However, they did not emerge as mentally disordered as has previously been supposed".'

SF May Ban Infant Circumcision

anthony · 22 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Self-described "civil rights advocates" say that a ballot proposition to ban circumcision is on track for gathering signatures, meaning that San Franciscans may vote on the measure this November.

The proposed law is being spearheaded by local resident Lloyd Schofield, according to the San Francisco Examiner.

It's part of a national push to end the procedure, which some say is steeped in tradition but poses risks and has little medical benefit. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association do not recommend routine circumcision.

Getting on the ballot is the easy part -- only about 7,000 signatures are required. Once it's there, advocates will have to convince voters that snipping off body parts is a bad idea.'

Lady Gaga Poses in Raunchy Photo Shoot With Young Boy

anthony · 23 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A one-minute, behind-of-the-scenes video of the shoot, which was photographed by celebrity Terry Richardson (who also shot the controversial “Glee” pictures for GQ last year) features Gaga fondling her breast, licking her bicep, attempting to pull her t-shirt down over her lady parts, and seductively straddling a skateboard between her legs.

However, around the 47-second mark a male toddler randomly enters the equation – wearing a “Supreme” t-shirt while holding Lady Gaga’s hand, and doing a “thumbs up” as seemingly instructed by Richardson.

At this point, the 24-year-old songstress is donning a sexy black bra/panties set, fishnets and is doused in silver jewelry.'

Delaware running community protests university decision

anthony · 23 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'On Sunday morning, more than 100 members of the Delaware running community participated in the Save Our Sport Run to protest university officials' decision to remove the men's track and field and cross country teams from varsity status. Event organizer Kevin Kelly, a former assistant cross country coach at the university, said the run was also a celebration of cross country and track and field alumni.

"Were it not for our alumni, we would not have great spirit, we would not have reached this pinnacle," Kelly said in a speech before the four-mile run began.'

AVFM: AG Holder Loses His Grip on the Truth

Matt · 24 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the more recent episodes of this digital deceit is emanating from the office of Attorney General of the United States, Eric Holder. The AG, to put it succinctly, is lying to the American people. What's more, he quite obviously knows he's lying and has no intention whatsoever of stopping. Either that or the man is too incompetent to clean the office of the Attorney General, much less occupy it.

The case demonstrating this is simple and irrefutable, beginning with words from Holder himself.

"The facts are clear," he says, "Intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45."

To begin with, we must assume that a man in Holder's position would not make such a claim out of ignorance. Common sense, along with the certitude of his unambiguous claim would indicate that he has, at his beck and call, a wealth of cutting edge research and all the manpower needed to analyze it.'

AIG Resolves Duke University's 2008 Lacrosse-Stripper Lawsuit

Matt · 24 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feb. 23 (Bloomberg) -- American International Group Inc. has resolved a lawsuit filed by Duke University over expenses tied to the school's dispute with lacrosse team members falsely accused of sexually assaulting a stripper.

The university and the unit of New York-based AIG that sold insurance coverage to Duke "agree to the dismissal" of the claims, according to a joint filing yesterday in U.S. District Court in Durham, North Carolina. The court document didn't disclose terms of the settlement.

The school was seeking reimbursement of costs from confidential settlements with three members of the team who were exonerated after they were accused of rape by a woman invited to a 2006 party. AIG, the bailed-out life and property-casualty insurer, had offered $5 million to Duke, Joseph O'Neil, a lawyer for the insurer, said in December 2008.'

Women Are Probably Going To Hate The Men's Version Of The Feminist Revolution

anthony · 24 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A couple of days ago, I was having a conversation with a friend of mine who could fairly be described as a feminist. Not a conservative feminist — a feminist in the traditional sense of the word.

I remarked to her that over the last few decades, women's ideals, in everything from dating, to careers, to their life in general, have changed quite a bit while men's ideals, hopes and dreams have been much more static over that same time period. She agreed and said feminism hasn't done a good job of "helping men" reach their potential. My response to that was that when it finally arrives, she probably won't like the men's revolution any more than most men enjoyed the feminist version.'

Fathers and Families Supports Appeal of Half-Million-Dollar Child Support Order

Matt · 25 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families has agreed to be a signatory to an amicus brief in an appeal of a half-million-dollar child support order to the Indiana Court of Appeals.

Ned Holstein, MD, MS, Founder and Chair of the Board of Fathers and Families, reviewed the brief at the request of the Indianapolis law firm of Bose, McKinney & Evans, LLP, who incorporated some of his suggestions.'

Wikileaks' Julian Assange to be extradited to Sweden

Matt · 25 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Wikileaks founder Julian Assange should be extradited to Sweden to face sexual assault allegations, a judge has ruled.

At Belmarsh Magistrates' Court in south London, District Judge Howard Riddle said the extradition would not breach Mr Assange's human rights.

Mr Assange said the ruling, which he will challenge, was due to a "European Arrest Warrant system run amok".'

Earthquakes cause domestic violence, apparently

Minuteman · 25 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'Australians are among bogus officials who are going door-to-door in quake-struck Christchurch scouting out appliances to steal from stressed and vulnerable locals.

When 300 Australian police touch down in the city on Friday their main task will be to bring rising rates of theft and domestic violence under control.

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There had also been a spike in domestic violence similar to one seen after the first quake that hit on September 4.'

2006 Swedish television documentary: "Gender War"

Matt · 25 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

Disturbing 2006 Swedish television documentary called "Gender War" (Könskriget) on YouTube. Subtitles in English, make sure "cc" button is activated if cannot see English subtitles. The whole thing is only a couple hours, but parts are difficult to navigate as they are not laid out on YouTube in order, so I put them in order below. I asked the user to re-upload in less parts to make it more accessible.

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UK: Mother-of-three jailed for falsely claiming she was abducted and raped after one-night stand

anthony · 26 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother-of-three was jailed for falsely claiming she had been abducted and raped because she was worried her husband would find out that she had a one-night stand.

Nicola Osborne, 32, told police she had been bundled in a car by a stranger and taken to a public toilets where she was forcibly raped.

Today the mother, from Portsmouth, Hampshire, was jailed for 18 months after her lie unraveled.'

Arizona lawmaker talks about fight leading to girlfriend's arrest

anthony · 27 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Calmly, 43-year-old Bundgaard told us he never hit or hurt Aubry Ballard, his girlfriend of seven months.

Bundgaard said Ballard started throwing his clothes out of the car and when he stopped to retrieve the items, she tried to get into the driver's seat.

That's when Bundgaard admits he pulled his on-again-off-again 34-year-old girlfriend out of the car.

"I asked her to get out the driver's seat and when she wouldn't then I physically removed her from the driver's seat," Bundgaard said.

Bundgaard said he never hit her, but tonight said he's the one with the black eye and fat lip.

"I've never hit a woman, don't abuse women, wasn't raised like that," he said.

Police arrested Ballard for one count of assault, but under the Arizona state constitution, Bundgaard couldn't be arrested for a misdemeanor while the legislature is in session.'

The Lousiest Family Court Order

rlaspari · 27 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

People who have been through this know about it. It just happened to me, and I will have to write about it to add to my story. If you haven't been through this you need to learn about it before it happens to you one day. Excerpt:

'Let's discuss the bad, no, let's make that the absolute worst, court order in family law cases where kids are involved: The temporary order of protection, more affectionately known as the TOP.

First, a disclaimer: Some TOPs have validity, and some actually work. There are people who seriously need to be protected from abusive or threatening individuals, and are at imminent risk of harm. The resulting TOP will work if the respondent has a lingering remnant of respect for the law, or fear of repercussion -- like arrest or imprisonment -- if s/he violates the order. (Many doubt that a simple piece of paper will dissuade a truly violent person from his/her intended harm.) And the TOP is better yet if the police are quick to enforce it. These are the meritorious orders. Who in their right mind can quarrel with them?

But bogus TOPs are more often the norm, and they hurt everyone.'

Man Receives Oral Sex, Ordered to Pay Child Support

Anonymous · 27 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Decisions like this seem to signal, rather unfairly, we think, that a man can be held legally and financially responsible for any unilateral actions his partner takes to conceive a child, no matter how absurd or unforeseeable those actions are.

And Dr. Phillips seems to have been treated particularly unfairly. He didn't even have intercourse which, is the one and only act that, outside of fertility clinics, can foster a reasonable expectation of conceiving a child. In fact, without intercourse (and outside of fertility clinics) creating a life is, simply, impossible. There was no way, short of checking what his partner did with his semen after oral sex (do you know anyone who does that?) that he could have known that he could possibly father a child.

But the courts don't care about how the egg was actually fertilized: because at the end of the day, there's a child now involved. And the concern, from a legal perspective, is whether or not the child will be adequately cared for, regardless of its conception.

Lesson to be learned: If you don't want any babies, use protection – and make sure your partner isn't hiding a test tube under the pillow.'

Why Are Men Angry?

anthony · 28 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'That's the bait; here comes the switch. Women may want equality at the conference table and treadmill. But when it comes to sex and dating, they aren't so sure. The might hook up as freely as a Duke athlete. Or, they might want men to play Greatest Generation gentleman. Yes, they want men to pay for dinner, call for dates—a writer at the popular dating website The Frisky titled a recent piece "Call me and ask me out for a damn date!"—and open doors for them. A lot of men wonder: "WTF??!" Why should they do the asking? Why should they pay for dinner? After all, they are equals and in any case, the woman a guy is asking out probably has more cash in her pocket than he does; recent female graduates are making more than males in most large cities.'

SAVE's special report: The Use and Abuse of Domestic Restraining Orders

Matt · 1 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

SAVE has just posted a Special Report, The Use and Abuse of Domestic Restraining Orders (.pdf file): http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/VAWA-Restraining-Orders

This is the report's most important conclusion: 60% of DV restraining orders are unnecessary or false. Begin to make plans now for June – False Allegation Awareness Month.

Sincerely,

The SAVE Team

SAVE and the Domestic Violence Victim Protection Act

Matt · 1 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

SAVE has recently developed language to remove funding for mandatory arrest policies. Since mandatory arrest is associated with 600 lives taken each year, we are calling our bill the Domestic Violence Victim Protection Act: http://www.saveservices.org/policymakers/domestic-violence-victim-protection-act-of-2011/

The language in this model bill can be adopted for use at the state level.

Sincerely,

The SAVE Team

"Educated Women Get Paid Less Than Uneducated Men"

Matt · 1 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Getting into college -- the more competitive the better -- ensures you will have a successful life, or so you're told.

Throw gender and other factors into the mix, however, and the picture becomes less clear.

One recent study shows a disappointing return for elite colleges, especially for women. Another study shows a disproportionate disadvantage for college binge drinkers that are women.'

Check out some of the comments, which show people are not taking the half-truths lying down.

Woman gets probation after having sex with 16 year old boy

Anonymous · 1 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 26-year-old Redwood City woman who had a sexual relationship with the 16-year-old son of her day care employer pleaded no contest Tuesday to reduced charges of trespassing, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

In return for her plea, Vanessa Craighead will be placed on probation and prohibited from working with minors in the future.

Craighead worked as a preschool teacher at a day care operated by the mother of her teenage victim. In October 2009, she accompanied her boss' family on a trip to Disneyland and shortly afterward started a sexual relationship with the 16-year-old, according to the district attorney's office.'

Why does this woman get any choice in the matter? Even if the victim doesnt want to testify against her, they have the evidence and admission of the rape.

So why does she get off and is not required to be registered as a pedophile?

EU court bans insurance sex discrimination

arindamp · 1 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BRUSSELS: The European Union's highest court on Tuesday barred the insurance industry from charging different rates for men and women, saying the widespread practices amounts to sex discrimination against millions.

The ruling ordered changes effective December 21, 2012, to auto insurance, life insurance, medical coverage and other plans, potentially affecting tens of millions of customers across the continent. For example, many women driver would see their car insurance costs rise even though they are considered safer on the road.'

Wall Street Journal: "Strides by Women, Still a Wage Gap"

anthony · 1 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Women have not only caught up with men in college attendance but younger women are now more likely than younger men to have a college or a master's degree," wrote Valerie Jarrett, a senior adviser to President Barack Obama, and Christina Tchen, chief of staff to first lady Michele Obama, in a foreword. "Yet, these gains in education and labor force involvement have not yet translated into wage and income equity."

The report depicts a sea change in women's roles over the past few decades, away from child-rearing and housekeeping to serving as a pillar of family finances and America's economy. Still, single-mother households are more common than those with single fathers, a big reason why women are more likely than men to be poor, despite higher unemployment among men. And women continue to lag behind men in science and math-oriented occupations, as well as in earnings.'

2nd Conference on Male Studies: Solutions - Update

Matt · 1 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

This is an invitation to a timely and highly relevant symposium, sponsored by the Foundation for Male Studies: The Second Annual Conference on Male Studies: Looking Forward to Solutions, at the New York Academy of Medicine on April 6, 2011 - to on-site and on-line participants from across the globe.

As a concerned academician, educator, student, mental or physical health professional, counselor, law enforcement specialist or media professional, mother or father concerned with the deteriorating performance and status of males nationally and globally in terms of education, physical and mental health, employment, and personal relationships, you will want to be part of this historic event.

Why? Because allowing the unbridled continuation of current trends can only have cataclysmic results in all phases of our personal, national and global affairs.

Click here to register.

Event info here.

Study: Scientists develop first reliable test for prostate cancer

fondueguy · 1 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Guildford - Scientists at the University of Surrey have developed a unique urine test, which is twice as effective at diagnosing cancer that has developed in the prostate than the current prostate specific antigen (PSA) test.

The findings are being hailed as a major breakthrough in the early diagnosis of prostate cancer in men. The urine test is so accurate it could be in use to screen all men over 50 within twelve months. Scientists have found a protein called E-N-2, which is only produced by prostate cancer cells. The new test identifies E-N-2, and detects 60 to 70 per cent of cancers.'

Good timing because March* is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

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*In the UK. In the US, it's September. Too bad it's not all 12 months, though.

American Airlines still catering to women

dooquidis4ever · 2 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

I contacted them as to why they have a special site for women only (http://www.aa.com/women/) and not men. No answer yet.

Good Morning America: 'It's Official: Women Win Battle of Sexes'

anthony · 2 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. The (male) author of the book "Man Down" outlines the many ways in which women have men beat in all possible critical ways imaginable. You be the judge.

Study: Women Are in Charge at Home

anthony · 2 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men might throw their weight around at the office, but at home, women are the bosses.

A study, which was just released, finds that wives have more power than their husbands in making decisions and dominating discussions.

"The study at least suggests that the marriage is a place where women can exert some power," said lead author David Vogel, a psychologist at Iowa State University (ISU). "Whether or not it's because of changing societal roles, we don't know."

The results counter past research.'

Mom Charged After Son's Body Found in Oven

anthony · 2 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'JACKSON, Miss. – A Mississippi mother was arrested Wednesday in the death of her 3-year-old son after authorities said they found the child's burned body in an oven.

Washington County Coroner Methel Johnson said police found Tristan Robinson's body inside the electric oven at his mother's apartment shortly after midnight. Johnson said the child had been burned in the oven, but an autopsy was ordered to determine whether he died before or after being put there.

Greenville Police Chief Freddie Cannon said Terrie A. Robinson, 24, was charged with murder. She was to be arraigned Thursday in Greenville, a city of about 35,000 residents in the Mississippi Delta.'

"My ego is less bruised than my respect for network news"

anthony · 2 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During the interview with Guthrie I shared that I am underwhelmed by government reports like this. Too often studies about women are produced under the assumption that women are a victim class in need of extra attention from government, including special reports. While the White House study touched on the fact that women are healthier, more educated and have more choices today than ever before, the real “story” — and the reason NBC devoted the lead segment of the nightly news to the report — was to discuss inequalities that still exist between men and women.

Let me start by busting the myth of the wage gap, which states that women earn 76 cents on the dollar for doing the same job as a man. Let’s be clear — even the American Association of University of Women and the Department of Labor have acknowledged that if you look beyond the raw data, and control for variables such as education, time taken off from the workplace, and career choices, the wage gap largely disappears.'

Canada: Court upholds infanticide defence

Anonymous · 3 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'TORONTO — The Court of Appeal for Ontario has ruled that mothers who kill their babies may use an infanticide defence and cut time off their sentence.

The court ruled Wednesday that a woman can be charged with infanticide even if there is evidence of murder.

"If the Crown proves that the accused committed a culpable homicide, the jury must then decide the nature of the culpable homicide. The jury should be told to consider infanticide first," the ruling says.

"If the Crown fails to negate at least one of the elements of infanticide beyond a reasonable doubt, the jury should be instructed to return a verdict of not guilty of murder, but guilty of infanticide."'

Police: Woman Lied About Being Raped, Cut With Razor

anthony · 3 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'UNIONTOWN, Pa. -- State police said a Fayette County woman made up a report that she was bound with a dog collar, cut with a razor, beaten and raped last month.

Trooper Heather Clem of Uniontown said Leah Dawn Saluga, 30, has entered an unspecified treatment program and will be charged with making a false report to police on Feb. 20.

Police said Saluga claimed she was raped by a man dressed in women's clothes who was walking his dog in a wooded section of Luzerne Township.'

White House, Women's Wages, Myths

anthony · 3 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But the White House, in thrall perhaps to ultra-feminists, opened its discussion of women's pay by using a sensational headline-grabbing comparison, 75 cents on the dollar, and it did capture many of the headlines.
...
Since full time means 35 or more hours a week, the table compares men who work 50 hours with women who work 37.

And women do work less than men. The report states on page 27 that "women of every educational level and at every age spend fewer weeks in the labor force a year than do men." In addition, "on the days that they worked, employed married women age 25-54 spent less time in labor market work and work related activities than did employed married men in the same age group-7 hours and 40 minutes, compared to about 8 hours and 50 minutes."'

More DV double-speak from Sen. Harry Reid (Action Alert)

Matt · 4 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

Remember Sen. Harry Reid's wacko-bizarro comment last year about unemployed men – but not unemployed women – being abusers? Well, Mr. Reid is at it again…

On Tuesday, Sen. Reid released a statement for Women's History Month. First he talks about ensuring that women are "treated equally to men."

Then in the very next paragraph, he talks about renewing VAWA "which has helped millions of women affected by violence." Nothing about abused men being "treated equally to women."

Mr. Reid needs to hear from a couple thousand upset Americans. And if you want to make three, or four, or five calls to his office, that's perfectly fine. Here's his phone number: 202-224-3542. Tell him VAWA is also supposed to help the millions of men affected by violence.

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Senator Reid Releases Statement on Women's History Month

March 1, 2011

Washington, D.C.—Nevada Senator Harry Reid today made the following statement recognizing Women's History Month:

"Since our nation was founded, pioneering women have helped shape it and make it strong. From the first homesteaders in the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas to Sarah Winnemucca, the first Native American woman to publish in English, to Imogene Evelyn Young Ford, an advocate for women's civil rights in Carson City, they have fought to make Nevada and this country a better place to live.

"Efforts to ensure that women are treated equally to men in all walks of life have yielded progress. In recent years, Congress passed landmark legislation to ensure equal pay for equal work, passed health insurance reform that will end discrimination against women with preexisting conditions such as breast cancer and protected Title IX programs that create opportunities for female students in America.

"But we can do more. This year we will work to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, which has provided resources and support to victims of domestic violence and their children. I am committed to protecting this law, which has helped millions of women affected by violence.

"As we reflect this month on the contributions American women have made to our shared history and celebrate their influence on the path of our state and our nation, we will also continue our work to ensure that every person – regardless of gender – has the same opportunity to live her dreams."

Source:
http://www.rgj.com/article/20110301/NEWS/110301036/1321/Senator-Reid-releases-statement-on-Women-s-History-Month

Proposal for a White House Council on Boys to Men

fondueguy · 4 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The White House is finally gearing up to create the equivalent of the White House Council on Women and Girls. Dr. Warren Farrell, with the assistance of 28 prominent authors, educators, researchers and practitioners, has drafted the Proposal for a White House Council on Boys to Men.
...
Hopefully this can be an important building block for putting men's issues on the political agenda in the US, and around the world.

I met Dr Farrell last summer, and I believe he is just the right person for this kind of work, so it's great to see that President Obama trusted him with the task of drafting this very important document.'

Testicular cancer rise and sperm quality fall 'due to chemicals'

Broadsword · 5 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sperm quality significantly deteriorated and testicular cancers increased over recent years, a Finnish study says.
...
The University of Turku research suggests environmental reasons, particularly exposure to industrial chemicals, may be behind both trends.

A UK expert said chemicals may affect the development of male babies.
...
"Our findings further necessitate the efforts to identify reasons for the adverse trends in reproductive health to make preventive measures possible."'

UK: Bad girls: An investigation into a new breed of young women

Broadsword · 5 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, a former armed robber offered to show me how teenage girls are moving in on the drugs market.

As we stood on a city street corner, he dialled a number and asked the person who replied if they had ‘a little ting’ for him — street slang for a parcel of drugs.

Within minutes, a slim and pretty girl, aged no more than 15, had appeared at our side.
...

He admitted he was astonished — even envious — of the ‘success’ girls like this were enjoying as drug dealers on his estate.

‘They’ve got money on them all the time. They always dress sharp. They may be only 14 or 15, but they never wear the same trainers more than two days in a row.’

Our experience on a North London street corner is no aberration — it’s symptomatic of what’s happening all over the country.
...
While criminal offences by young men have fallen, those committed by girls aged 10 to 17 have increased by 25 per cent over the past three years.

Worse still, their violent offences have gone up by a staggering 50 per cent.
...
The courts bear this out. In April last year, two attractive 17-year-olds, Ruby Thomas and Rachael Burke, went on trial for attacking a man in Trafalgar Square, in the centre of London. Their male companion had knocked him down because he was gay.

The girls then kicked him in the head and stamped on his chest. He later died of brain damage. They also repeatedly punched in the face a man who tried to intervene.

Thomas, who’d attended the £12,000-a-year Sydenham High School for Girls, joked about their vicious attack the next day on Facebook. One onlooker likened the level of the girls’ violence to ‘a scene from the film Clockwork Orange’.

Then there was the case of a teenage girl gang from East London, calling itself Girls Over Men, which decided to punish a 16-year-old girl for disrespecting the gang leader’s mother.

Several of its members abducted the girl at knifepoint and took her to an alley, where they slashed the clothes from her body. One whipped her with a belt while another took photos on a mobile phone.

Jailing these girls, Judge William Kennedy said the attack was ‘ferocious, deliberate and chilling’.
...
Numerous studies both here and in the U.S. have shown that a sense of abandonment after a divorce or separation can stunt girls emotionally. Without a father’s love and attention, and a sense that they’re valued, young girls tend not to thrive.

They’re more likely to have sex earlier, to become single mothers and to fail to form or maintain relationships. From a young age, they’ll aggressively seek attention from men. As one study poignantly put it, they are ‘clumsily erotic’.

The explosion in single mothers means that far more girls than before are growing up without a father.

Four out of ten children born in 2000 to single mothers had no contact at all with their fathers by 2003.

This means we’re going to see increasing numbers of these fatherless girls joining gangs and becoming violent.'

Action Alert: Respond to San Francisco Weekly Hit Piece on Parental Alienation

Matt · 5 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

F&F Action Alert here. Excerpt:

'The new front page San Francisco Weekly story California Family Courts Helping Pedophiles, Batterers Get Child Custody is a one-sided attack on the legitimacy of Parental Alienation that dismisses the widespread problem of false accusations of domestic violence and child abuse in family court proceedings. Write a Letter to the Editor of the SF Weekly and tell them your thoughts and experiences by clicking here.

We also suggest you comment on the piece on the SF Weekly website by clicking here and scrolling to the bottom of the page.'

Please help prevent circumcision at Mackay GP Super Clinic (Deadline 9 March 2011)

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http://rapidshare.com/files/451395415/Mackay_09March2011_.doc

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Ova-Fusion and the Elimination of the Male

Broadsword · 8 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Are men expendable? After millennia of vigorously hoisting their species to the top of the food chain, is XY now a barrier to additional progress? Has the ball game for “dudes” expired? Will the future be self-reproducing super-women? With males… extinct? Kaguya indicates Yes. In 2004, the first bi-maternal mammal was artificially created in Tokyo via parthenogenesis, a process in which an altered ovum, acting like a sperm, attached itself to another ovum to form an embryo that successfully matured.

...

In the 1970s and 1980s lesbian separatist science fiction writers began imagining methods of creating a sustainable culture without needing men for procreation. In 1975, The Female Man, by Joanna Russ, presented the “merging of ova” in a female society. The Y Chromosome, by Leora Gom (1990), also had females multiply via “ova-fusion,” a procedure eerily forecasting Kaguya’s emergence.

...

Personally, I’m not that attached to my gender. Am I a traitorous “mangina”? If my species turns into small healthy super-femmes running around for 130+ years, that’s all right by me.

Maybe they’ll keep a bullpen of short-lived testosterone studs around for sexual services, 24/7, old-style. Or is that just my deluded fantasy, because I want to be one of those guys? It’s more likely that all heterosexual activity will be performed with male sexbots.

But so what? Personally, I’m tired of today’s gender polarity, the boy-girl chasm, with segregated shopping and play, the dominance-submissive flirting games, the mating and marriage manuals, the seduction rituals, the opening lines, the Mars and Venus dichotomy. Yeah, I’m sick of it. I’m ready to try something else.'

Australian government announces grants to support new and established Men's "Sheds"

Minuteman · 8 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

A new shed will do them good. Link to media release here. Excerpt:

'Older and disadvantaged men in South Australia, Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia will soon have more help to meet and find social support with Australian Government Grants for Men's Sheds.

New sheds will be established in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales with another 16 established Men's Sheds around the country to receive a grant to assist them to develop and upgrade their workspaces and buy equipment and tools or to employ staff help manage a shed's operation (see table attached).

Minister for Indigenous Health, Warren Snowdon, said Men's Sheds play an important role by providing meeting places for men to stay connected within the community, while helping their physical and mental wellbeing.

"Based on the traditional backyard shed, Men's Sheds provide a relaxed place for men to meet and continue a hobby, learn new skills, or just pop in for a chat and a cuppa," Mr Snowdon said.

"Isolation, loneliness and depression are major health issues for many Australian men, which is compounded by the male culture of not talking about feelings or emotions and not taking as active an interest in their own health and wellbeing as they should.

"Men's Sheds can play a significant role in reducing these problems by connecting men with each other and their communities without pressure. Most sheds also undertake community work, so there's an opportunity for men to be involved in something meaningful and make a positive contribution to the community."'

SAVE Tells Congress to Cut $26 Million for No-Drop Prosecution

Matt · 8 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This flyer is being distributed to all Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill. The flyer explains why mandatory arrest is a bad idea, and how Congress can save $26 million from domestic violence programs.

Feel free to distribute – and to adopt for use at the state level, as well.

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Couple confesses to killing boy who wet his pants

Luek · 9 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO -- Orange County Sheriff's deputies say a couple beat a 3-year-old child to death because he peed his pants.

Robin Greinke, 26, and Steven Neil, 33, were arrested Thursday night on charges of child abuse, first-degree murder and child neglect.

Investigators said on Feb. 28 the couple punched and struck the boy for more than an hour after he urinated on himself.

"They were upset with him and they tossed him and spanked him and punched him," said Chris Dillon, a homicide investigator.

After the attack subsided, deputies said Neil and Greinke then ordered pizza and watched a movie.

It wasn't until around 5 a.m. on March 1 that the couple called 911. Greinke told investigators she made the call because her son was wheezing and she couldn't sleep.'

Australia: female head of crime family convicted of murdering relative - smiles for cameras

Minuteman · 9 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'Even as a convicted murderer, Judy Moran put on a show for the cameras.

With a smile and a wave to the assembled media, the gangland widow known for her blow-waved tresses and flamboyant dress headed off to jail on Wednesday for orchestrating her brother-in-law's execution.

Earlier, she looked down, her face reddened and she clasped a tissue in her hands as a Victorian Supreme Court jury declared it had found her guilty of murdering Des "Tuppence" Moran.

She pursed her red lips and appeared stony-faced in a courtroom packed with lawyers and journalists.

At 66, Moran, who has already buried two husbands and two sons to gangland murders, may now spend the rest of her days behind bars for killing off another Moran.'

UK: 'Work is like slavery' says teenage girl who 'can't be bothered' to get a job

Broadsword · 9 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

A young woman on benefits says she 'can't be bothered' to look for work because it's like being a slave. Sorche Williams, 19, who has been arrested eight times and expelled from two schools, expresses her views in a new BBC3 documentary. In it, she brags about using her parents' and taxpayers' money to pay for drink on nights out.
...
The workshy teenager, who has a criminal record for attacking a police officer, receives £350-a-month in benefits but admits she spends most of her weekly handout on cheap alcohol at student nights. Williams reveals that she receives her benefits on a Tuesday, which suits her because it is usually student night at bars and clubs and the drinks are cheaper.
...
Williams, who has no qualifications after she was expelled from two schools, is featured in the series Working Girls, which tells of young British women who choose to live on benefits rather than seeking a job.'

Canada: Woman arsonist nearly kills prominent former labor leader boyfriend

Matt · 10 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'She was a rising star in management at General Motors. He was a former top union leader at the car maker's Oshawa plant. But their romance went up in flames when she was charged with setting his house on fire — with him in it.

"It's quite a story," says Jim Hoy, who woke up at 5:30 a.m. to the smell of smoke that day in June 2009. "Nobody believes it."

Turns out there's much he didn't know about the woman he proposed to six months into their love affair, according to Hoy, who says his brother has acquired the movie rights to the tale.

It was only the day before her arrest, Hoy says, that he learned her husband was still very much alive, contrary to what she'd told him.'

Please help prevent circumcision at Tynnum GP Super Clinic (Deadline 14 March 2011)

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Judge slams prosecutors, SBI in Durham case

DenisP · 11 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Durham prosecutors and the State Bureau of Investigation broke state laws and violated both the U.S. and state constitutions as they sought the death penalty against a Durham man in the death of his girlfriend's daughter 13 years ago, according to a judge's written order that was signed today.

The state intentionally kept information from the man, Derrick Allen, that would have helped his defense.

Those multiple violations by prosecutors and the SBI were willful, flagrant, deceptive, intentional and fraudulent, according to the order by Durham County Superior Court Judge Orlando Hudson, the senior resident judge in Durham.'

The Trouble With Focusing on Women and Girls

anthony · 12 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It may come as a surprise that International Women's Day was met with lukewarm enthusiasm at ForbesWoman headquarters. Feelings ranged from "but we cover women everyday," to "what the heck is international women's day?" to "yawn."

Call it girl power ennui, but something about "celebrating" a holiday by hashing and rehashing the trials and troubles of women throughout the world just didn't get our juices flowing. As the rest of the female world shared congratulations on the landmark 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, I couldn't shake the feeling that there was something a little unfair about the whole thing.

...

So why does the world (myself included) place to much emphasis on the empowerment of women and girls? Well, maybe it's simply become politically correct. But according to Ogden, it's a problem: "The "women first" approach has been increasingly captured by overly simplistic thinking about the poor and anti-poverty programs — with easily foreseeable, and already evident, negative consequences."'

Bohl: Be a man, our culture will value you less

anthony · 13 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As of late there has been a lot of hubbub about gender roles. I can hardly seem to escape the noise about them. Talk of the role of women in society is everywhere. At Iowa State we have a women's studies program that "focuses on the study of issues and scholarship relevant to women and gender, challenges existing systems of knowledge and forges new scholarship based on the centrality of gender as a category of analysis," and "seeks to improve critical thinking and to question prevailing assumptions."

Since we lack any men's study courses, and apparently as a university care little for issues and scholarship relevant to men and gender, I'd like to beg a critical question of such a nature, an answer for which may hopefully be found using gender as a category of analysis. The question I beg is, "If men and women are equal under the law, why is a woman's life worth more than mine in our modern, equal society?" If you find fault with my words, consider the following: How often have you heard the phrase "... even women and children were killed"? Strange, is it not, that we cringe so at the thought of the deaths of women and children, but are conditioned to accept the violent deaths of men?

...

Young men have always been society's most disposable members. Strong enough for battle and harsh labor, yet not wise enough to lead or instruct; young, fully grown, average men are the natural choice for the literal and metaphorical bearing of society's heaviest burdens. It would seem that young men have naturally inherited a gender role from necessity herself. An efficient culture is a more successful one, and while women could work and fight like men, it was discovered that young men could be used most effectively for those pursuits; perforce, young men have become the archetypal laborers, soldiers and heroes. Society long ago deemed us the most disposable and least valuable of her constituents.'

Satire: Obama Says U.S. Needs Progress For Men's Equality

anthony · 13 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A little fantasy editing of this Bloomberg news article article:

"President Barack Obama said women **men** have made great **some** strides toward full equality with men **women** over the past 50 years, yet more progress is needed to close an economic, **college degree, and labor market** gender gap.

In his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama said women **men** are still more likely than men to live in poverty, are: **a) are underrepresented** in math and engineering education **for college degrees at the associate's, bachelor's and master's levels**, **b) are underrepresented by academic field for degrees in biology, communication, education, English, foreign languages, health professions, psychology, public administration, social sciences, visual arts, optometry, pharmacy, osteopathic medicine, veterinary medicine, osteopathic medicine, and naturopathic medicine,** and c) earn, on average, 75 **8** percent as much as men **less than women for the cohort of unmarried, childless workers under 30 who live in large cities, and d) are 20 percent more likely to be unemployed than women (over the last year).**'

WND: "Deadbeat moms"

anthony · 14 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The White House isn't the only arena in which feminists rule. The feminist elite, aka the women in the media, love to interview women who portray themselves as victims. On the "Today" show last week, Americans were introduced to Rahna Reiko Rizzuto, author of the memoir "Hiroshima in the Morning." Published by The Feminist Press, it is the story of one woman's journey toward "self-discovery" ("Eat, Pray, Love," anyone?) after leaving her husband and two boys behind en route to Japan.

During the interview, the sympathy for Rizzuto was palpable. Never mind that this mother admitted on national television that she never wanted her children in the first place. To the feminist elite – the professors, lawyers, journalists, writers, judges, actresses, bureaucrats, psychologists and activists who use their platform to promote their leftist views – women like Rizzuto are victims. "I realized that I had lost myself, and I wanted to give myself priority," she says. So Rizzuto left her husband of 20 years – as well as her two boys, ages 3 and 5.

There's a name for men who do this: deadbeat dads. Americans would never tolerate a man saying he needed to leave his wife and kids so he could find himself. If that happened, men would be called things editors won't allow me to put on paper. But when a woman does it, well, she's merely taking back her identity motherhood cruelly eradicated.'

5 Ways Feminism Has Ruined America

anthony · 14 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The bottom line, says Venker, is that, "Feminism has sabotaged women's happiness." Worse, she adds, it's flipped male-female relationships upside down. Just one example: Men more than ever are seeking love, marriage and kids while women want independence.
...
The book is controversial, especially in liberal circles, for lines like this: "Unfortunately, once feminism came along, women abandoned their pedestal in droves and decided they wanted to share the man's pedestal with him. They claimed they wanted both sexes on the same pedestal to represent equality and prove men and women are the same. Instead, they found themselves in conflict. Since there isn't enough room on a pedestal for both of them, feminists pushed men off to make room for themselves." She added, "That's not equality. That's matriarchy."
...
'From the book and our recent interview, Whispers has pulled this list:

Five Ways That Feminism Has Ruined America

1. It hurt marriage. Women want to wait so that they can keep their identities longer and men are finding easy sex, taking away a big reason for marriage.

2. Undermines child rearing. More kids are in childcare where discipline is lax resulting in a "epidemic" of bad kids, childhood obesity, and bullies.

3. Two-income trap. With both husband and wife working it's hard to live without life's luxuries.

4. Undermines college sports. Title IX has ended many male-only sports at some colleges.

5. Emasculates men. It's better to be a wuss than speak up or mouth off and face charges of harassment or chauvinism.'

"Harriet Harman"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Few politicians attract as much vitriol as Harman, 60. From commentator Rod Liddle's column asking "So – Harriet Harman, then. Would you? I mean after a few beers obviously," to the Daily Mail mocking her as Harriet Harperson for her perceived political correctness, the verbal attacks can, at times, look like a warning to women not to enter politics.

Yet, in spite of this, she has not just stood her ground but continued to push feminist policies, and ceaselessly worked to encourage more women to follow in her footsteps. Entering parliament when 97% of the members were men (and she was seven months pregnant) in 1982, her first question to Margaret Thatcher was to ask why there were no after-school clubs in the school holidays. And from then on her determination to push pro-women policies has not wavered. She set up the first parliamentary Labour party women's group, and fought for women-only shortlists, while during her time as the country's first female solicitor general she made tackling domestic violence a priority. During a brief spell in charge of the country in 2009, while Gordon Brown was on holiday, she suggested reviewing rape laws to improve conviction rates and teaching children about domestic violence. And last year, she demanded that half the shadow cabinet be made up of women. Her explicit support of feminism and equality ("That's what I'm in politics for: to champion the cause of fairness, of social justice, and of women") has always caused derision in the rightwing press (the Daily Mail called it an anti-male blitzkrieg).'

Breadwinners now begging for scraps: Men 55 and older face soaring unemployment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'KINGS MOUNTAIN — Allan Nichols describes himself as a well-read, self-motivated native Cheesehead. He has a law degree, spent time with a chamber of commerce, was a corporate lobbyist and spends his nights teaching himself astronomy.

But, since July 2006, that hasn't been enough to get Nichols, 58, a job.
...
And he's not alone. Nationwide unemployment in 2001 among people 55 and older seeking full-time work stood at 442,000. In 2009, that number quadrupled to 1,624,000. And it continues to rise, with 2010 at 1,816,000.

But the story within the story is who's out of work. Year after year, roughly 50 percent of the annual average is attributed to the white male demographic.

Nichols refers to it as a 'manpression,' as older, white male, experienced middle management workers can't find footing in today's economy.

"We were the breadwinners," he said. "Now, we're begging for scraps."'

UK: Sexism is dead, say most British WOMEN

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It may come as a surprise to those who feel they've hit the glass ceiling or heard one too many blonde jokes.

Most women do not believe that Britain is a sexist place, a poll has revealed.

Fewer than four in ten say they have experienced derogatory remarks or behaviour because of their gender.

And the majority of men and women think both sexes are equally capable of handling challenging and traditionally male tasks, such as making a safe emergency landing in an aeroplane.

The results of the survey, carried out for a group of charities and pressure groups, suggest that most women are far more concerned with solving day-to-day practical problems in their lives than fighting a battle for equality.'

Relatedly, Sexism as a 'war' among women.

Can We Degenderize Domestic Violence?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This gap is being interpreted as sex discrimination by men's rights activists. It does, in fact, have legal consequences: in 2008, a California court of appeal ruled 3-0 that domestic violence programs that offer services to only women and their children, but not to men, violate the state constitution. "These men … are similarly situated to women as to the need for domestic violence services," wrote Justice Fred K. Morrison. The court acknowledged that women are affected by domestic violence more than men, so programs do not need to provide equal kinds of services, but must help anyone who comes to their doorstep.

This is legal precedent has national implications and is sparking an emotionally-charged debate over whether domestic violence programs should be gender neutral. Advocates who work with women's organizations argue that the gender disparity is still significant, and that social change to protect women, who represent the majority of domestic violence homicide cases, will lead to better care for male victims. While those who argue for gender neutrality say that it's time to rethink the traditional rhetoric about domestic violence, which pits males versus females, and focus on supporting all victims.'

Top 10 Men’s Rights Issues

anthony · 15 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The editors at the Good Men Project Magazine asked if I could write a piece on the top 10 issues for men’s rights activists (MRAs). As I am only one man, I felt I could not speak for the rest of the community on how we prioritize issues. So I came up with 17 things we consider problems men face and set up a poll. (I would like to thank everyone who voted, especially from Men’s Rights Reddit.)

It is important to note that the poll is far from perfect. It has a small sample size, and the ability to pick a single issue did not go over well with many MRAs—in their mind, the goals of the movement aren’t so easily prioritized—they’re all important and interconnected. That said, while this poll isn’t perfect, it does, to some degree, reflect the distribution of priorities among those MRAs who participated.'

Action Alert: Stop Family Court Financial Abuses by Passing SB 528 & SB 917 in Oklahoma

Matt · 15 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

F&F alert here. Excerpt:

'Short Version: Veterans' groups have contacted Fathers and Families and asked us to do a rapid campaign in support of Oklahoma's SB 528 and SB 917–bills to protect 2.5 million active and reserve military servicemembers from spousal support abuses.

We want you to email and fax a letter in support of the bill by clicking here. You only need to enter your name, email address, phone #, and city & state to participate, and we will send an email and a fax to all relevant legislators.'

Military sends two planes to evacuate Czechs from Japan- women and children first

anthony · 16 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Prague, March 15 (CTK) - The Czech military has sent two special flights with a total capacity of 130 people to Tokyo to bring back Czechs from the earthquake and tsunami-hit Japan, with women and children having priority, Prime Minister Petr Necas and three ministers decided Tuesday.

Necas and the defence, foreign and culture ministers, Alexandr Vondra, Karel Schwarzenberg and Jiri Besser, respectively, decided that the Czech embassy in Japan will say who will board the planes, military staff spokeswoman Jana Ruzickova told CTK.'

Who Ever Said That Feminism Was About Your Happiness?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Happiness doesn't feature in the more radical agendas either, such as the New York Radical Feminists manifesto, which prescribed that women construct "healthy, independent, assertive" alternative selves, and lives. Robin Morgan saw liberation as an "oppressed people raising their consciousness toward something that is the other side of anger, something bright and smooth and cool." But not happy, per se.

Happiness isn't just a rare word. It wasn't feminism's backbeat or its implied manifesto, either.

Betty Friedan wrote in "The Feminine Mystique," Surely there are many women in America who are happy at the moment as housewives. But happiness is not the same thing as the aliveness of being fully used."'

Boy culture not a fit with school systems

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Boy culture is out of sync with school culture. There are several reasons for this, including zero tolerance policies that are too often taken to extremes, the lack of male teachers (the statistics are shocking, having dropped from 14 percent to 7 percent in the elementary classroom in the past decade), and the compression of the curriculum.

Even more, boy culture is not socially accepted more generally and, consequently, boys quickly come to feel that they aren't good at school, where the friction tends to be the most obvious.

The results are startling — globally in the most recent set of tests, boys scored lower than girls in early literacy skills in every country tested. Several authors have done a wonderful job of explaining these problems and discussing them in clear terms, including Peg Tyre ("The Trouble with Boys"), Ralph Fletcher ("Boy Writers: Reclaiming Their Voices") and Richard Whitmire with his work on "Why Boys Fail": http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/whyboysfail.'

Mother molested her 2-year-old daughter: 20 years imprisonment, 10 years monitoring

Anonymous · 16 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Media Reference here. The Feminists deny that there really are female pedophiles, and very often claim that all men are rapists, women beaters and pedophiles. Excerpt:

'A MOTHER-of-four has been jailed for 20 years for molesting her two-year-old daughter under instructions from a teenage Walsall pervert.

Julie Carr, aged 33, filmed the horrific abuse live on a webcam from her home in Mars Hill, Maine, North East America, for Nicholas Wilde.

“What you have done is violate the most basic bond of society — the bond between a mother and her child, the bond between a mother and her daughter,” US Judge John Woodcock told Carr before sentencing her.'

News submitted by
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Woman gets 30 days for rape of 14 year old boy

David A. DeLong · 16 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A woman threw a party, gave alcohol to minors, and then raped a 14 year old boy while she was at it. What did our society do to send a message to its taxpayers? The judge gave her 30 days in jail. I would like to see the history of the judges cases whereby men were faced with the same crime, and a comparison of the judges sentences. I would bet that there would be enough evidence to prove sexual bias in the sentences. Any sharp lawyers out there? Would this be possible? Excerpt:

'ASTORIA, Ore. (AP) — An Astoria woman has been sentenced to 30 days in jail for raping a 14-year-old boy at a party.

The Daily Astorian reports that 35-year-old Julie Diane Green pleaded no contest last Friday to rape and endangering the welfare of a minor.

Prosecutors said Green held a party for her children and their friends last August, allowed several minors to drink alcohol and then had sex with one of the visiting 14-year-olds.'

SAVE: $84 Million to Stereotype Men as Abusers

Matt · 17 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Each year the federal government spends $84 million for DV education and training programs that smear men as abusers and batterers.

It's time to pull the funding for this nonsense, until these programs get accredited. This flyer was passed out to all the Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill today.

Help spread the word.

The SAVE Team

Japan's Fukushima 50: Heroes Who Volunteered to Stay Behind at Japan's Crippled Nuclear Plants

Matt · 17 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

File this under 'male disposability', and once again notice the fact that they are all men. While this article actually refers to these men as men, I have seen others that have referred to them just as 'workers'-- invisible behind their occupations and prescribed gender roles as all-around disposable "heroes". Such "nameless" bravery deserves better, don't you think? Excerpt:

'They are the nameless brave men who are working as the last line of defense at Japan's crippled Fukushima nuclear plants. They stayed behind while everyone else was sent nearly 15 miles away and radiation soars to menacing levels.

There are 200 of them and they work in shifts of 50, earning the inaccurate nickname the Fukushima 50.

At one point, even these men were pulled back 500 yards from the deteriorating nuke plants, but this morning it appears the crisis team was heading back in.

A 27-year-old woman whose Twitter name is @NamicoAoto tweeted earlier this week that her father had volunteered for Fukushima duty.'

Mother 'bit off boyfriend's testicles' in drunken 4AM attack

Proud_to_be_a_man · 17 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother-of-four has appeared in court accused of biting off her boyfriend's testicles in a drunken attack.

Martin Douglas, 45, underwent emergency surgery to reattach his genitals after the alleged attack by Maria Topp.

Mr Douglas, a DJ, called 999 in excruciating pain and operators struggled to understand what he was saying.

Paramedics who attended his flat in Newcastle called police and Topp was arrested.

She has since appeared in court charged with GBH over the February 18 incident in which Mr Douglas was also injured in the arm, the Daily Mirror reported.

The victim was forced to spend several days in hospital recovering from his injuries.'

International Women's Day: a critic writes

Mr VanHuizen · 18 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"I wrote yesterday about International Women's Day, saying that despite the improvements of recent decades, women are still not treated as the social, legal or economic equals of men. It's particularly the case in many parts of the developing world, but, I said, a problem in Britain as well, as the gender pay gap shows.

Unsurprisingly some of you disagreed. One of the ones who did so intelligently (and calmly, which was a rare treat) was Elly, author of the Quiet Riot Girl blog and holder of a PhD in gender equality studies. I offered her the chance to respond, which she's done. I'll reprint an extract here – you can read the rest of it on her blog.

'[The gender pay gap] may already have been eradicated. It depends who you ask. According to Catherine Hakim, a scholar in the field of gender and employment, equality legislation has been successful and "these demands [by feminists] for further change rest on faulty assumptions and outdated or partial evidence. For the latest academic research and cross-national comparative studies show that most of the theories and ideas built up around gender equality in the last few decades are wrong."'"

Rape Liar Victim Suing New York City For $30 Million

anthony · 18 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The innocent man who was wrongly imprisoned for nearly four years because of false rape charges is now suing the city for his ordeal. William McCaffery is seeking $20 million in compensatory damages, as well as another $10 million for what he calls "conduct...so outrageous as to exceed the bounds of all common and civilized decency."

McCaffrey was sentenced in 2006 after Biurny Peguero Gonzalez testified that he and two other men raped her at knife point in a van parked in Upper Manhattan in September 2005. She later recanted that statement, and admitted she made the whole thing up in order to cover for a fight with some of her female friends. McCaffrey says in his suit that cops knew he didn't inflict bite wounds on Peguero, which was used as evidence against him at trial: "Aware that this fact would provide an alternate explanation for the cause of Ms. Peguero's injuries, defendants...told the young women that the true nature of their fight was insignificant and instructed them not to mention it," says the suit, which names specific police and prosecutors.'

Goshen College student fabricates rape

anthony · 18 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'After hundreds of hours investigating an abduction and rape from the Goshen College campus in January, officers now say the victim fabricated the story.'

Ed.: Also see here.

A classic

el cid · 18 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This is from the comments section of "Illegal Guardians." A link would be better but the comment is too hard to find amid all the others. But I think it's a classic compilation of male/female 2x standards:

Men seeking equal treatment = “backlash”
Women seeking equal treatment = “feminism”
Discrimination against men = “equal opportunity”
Discrimination against women = “discrimination”
A woman with grievances = “victim”
A man with grievances = “angry”
Open discussion of gender issues = “misogyny”
Men looking for equal treatment in the courts = “abuse”

Consensual sex between a man and woman = “rape”
Heated discussion between a man and woman = “domestic violence”
Women receiving preferential treatment/privileges = “equality”
A numeric majority of the human species = “minority”
Any woman = “victim”
Any man = “oppressor”
Any child = “property”
A woman talking about hating men = “empowerment”
A man talking about hating women = “hate speech”
A sexually predatory woman dressed like a hooker = “liberation”
A man with any interest in sex = “rapist”
A woman who wants to be with her children = “mother”
A man who wants to be with his children = “abuser”
A woman who forces children under her care/authority into sex = “the child was lucky”
A man who forces children under his care/authority into sex = “pedophile”
A shelter providing emergency services to abused women = “women’s shelter”
A shelter providing any services to abused men = “prison”
Female genital mutilation = “sexual repression”
Male genital mutilation = “acceptable custom that protects women from HIV”
A man assaulting a women = “(domestic) violence”
A woman assaulting a man = “humor”
A man who beats his female partner = “batterer”
A woman who beats her male partner = “victim”
A disposable slave = “man”
A human being = “woman”
Hating women = “a crime”
Hating men = “a viable political act” – Robin Morgan

Distorting or lying about reality = “feminist analysis”
Biology = “lies”
Reality = “discrimination”
Any power a man has = “patriarchy”

Any power a woman has = “empowerment”
Pornography pleasing to lesbians = “erotica”
Pornography pleasing to men = “exploitation and degradation of women”
Person who says feminists are wrong = “hate criminal”
Woman-firster and advocator of any measure against men = “feminist”
Patriarchy = “bad”
Matriarchy = “good”
Male leader = “backwards”
Female leader = “improvement”
Pro-lesbianism and female, anti-male = “feminist ideology”
Same standards, honest competition = “unfair”
Female sexuality = “nurturing”
Male sexuality = “objectifying”
Female virgin = “pure”
Male virgin = “pathetic”
Female modesty = “noble”
Male modesty = “creepy”
Pandering to male audiences = “sexism”
Pandering to female audiences = “fulfilling a niche”
Women standing up for themselves = “empowerment”
Men standing up for themselves = “chauvinism”
Woman proud of her appearance = “confident”
Man proud of his appearance = “vain”
Innate female advantages = “complementary”
Innate male advantages = “sexist”
Women’s space = “safe haven”
Men’s space = “patriarchal breeding ground”
Women discussing their issues = “therapeutic”
Men discussing their issues = “whining”
Female intellect = “pioneering”
Male intellect = “masturbatory”
Man obeying a women = “respect”
Women obeying a man = “slavery”
Men being sexually critical = “shallow”
Women being sexually critical = “having standards”
Female rage = “indignation”
Male rage = “insecurity”
Male abuse of power = “direct consequence of patriarchy”
Female abuse of power = “indirect consequence of patriarchy”
Unemployed woman = “homemaker”
Unemployed man = “loser”
Female indulgence = “happiness”
Male indulgence = “selfishness”

'Lovely' Ky. woman accused of horrific war crimes

anthony · 18 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'STANTON, Ky. — The arrest of a Croatian woman in small-town Kentucky for alleged war crimes two decades ago in the former Yugoslavia "brings her long run from justice to an end," a U.S. marshal said.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert E. Wier ordered that Azra Basic, 52, be held without bond pending an April 1 status hearing and appointed her a lawyer.

...

As a soldier in the Croatian army, she killed a prisoner and tortured others by forcing them to drink human blood and gasoline, authorities said.

...

Court documents accuse her of numerous other atrocities, including: Setting a prisoner ablaze, pulling out prisoners' fingernails with pliers, ripping off a man's ear with pliers and carving crosses and the letter "S" into another man's flesh.'

Behaviour drugs given to four-year-olds prompt calls for inquiry

Broadsword · 19 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Children as young as four are being given Ritalin-style medication for behavioural problems in breach of NHS guidelines, the Guardian has discovered, prompting the leading psychological society to call for a national review.
...
There are no reliable figures for how many children under six have been given Ritalin. But Professor Tim Kendall, joint director of the National Collaborating Centre for Mental Health, who chaired the Nice guideline committee, confirmed that he had heard reliable reports of children in nursery and pre-school being prescribed medication unnecessarily, and that it was often parents who were putting pressure on GPs. He said: "There are two reasons why parents go shopping for a diagnosis. The first is to improve their child's performance at school, and the second is to get access to benefits. There are always GPs that will do it, but it's wrong to give a child a diagnosis without also consulting schools and teachers."

In one case seen by the Guardian, a five-year-old from the West Midlands was found to be receiving a double dose of methylphenidate, commonly known by the brand name Ritalin, the drug used to treat ADHD, despite his school insisting that he is "among the best-behaved children in his class".

In notes seen by the leading educational psychologist in the case, the boy's headteacher reports that the school does not believe he has ADHD, but that the medication is being prescribed "to help mum at home".'

Dallas Craigslist Job Listing: Women-Only Office Assistants

Anonymous · 19 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

I haven't yet come across a job listing on Craigslist for a networking specialist that requires the applicant to be a young man. But one cosmetic surgeon in Dallas, TX openly states that the position can only be filled by a young woman.

http://dallas.craigslist.org/dal/etc/2273453884.html

"Dallas cosmetic surgeon/ Med Spa Medical Director needs a part time assistant for office as well as personal assistance. Our atmosphere and type of clientele requires the applicant to be an attractive and polished young lady with a professional and sweet demeanor."

Submitted by Gogonostop

Meet the unlikely "heroine" whose lovers made her a billionaire - and who she repaid by landing them in jail

Broadsword · 20 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At the gilded gates of a colonial mansion in China's seaside city of Qingdao, giggling young couples pose for snapshots, craning their necks to peer in at the sumptuous grounds and gossip about the scandalous liaisons of the female billionaire who lived there.

'I think she's amazing,' says 24-year-old legal secretary Yan Lili, who made a trip after reading Li Wei's story on the internet.

'She has proved that women can have real power in China as well as men.'

Like many Chinese tycoons hailed as establishment role models, Li Wei has risen from a penniless background to unimaginable wealth. Indeed, she is the most unlikely of heroines for at least three reasons.

First, she is a woman in a society that has traditionally expected female subservience. Second, she made her money through liaisons with at least 15 lovers in the world of business and politics. And third, she has engaged in tax evasion and corruption to build a fortune estimated at more than £1billion. Yet while her lovers were jailed for corruption, China's Queen of Mistresses testified against them, sat out four years in detention and was then released this year, with most of her wealth intact.'

If men are doing it, it must be bad

el cid · 20 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This editorial states the obvious: if men are doing it, it must be bad.

"Seventy percent of Colorado's registered users are men, a sign that the state's culture of pot use has little to do with medicine."

Men are nefarious liars who obviously are using medical marijuana for something other than pain. The possibility men may end up in chronic pain more often than women is not even explored. We all know men are just plain bad.

Female made false robbery and rape claim to cover-up murdering co-worker

Minuteman · 21 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A US sports store worker who told police she was raped and beaten in a robbery in which her co-worker was killed has been charged over the violent attack.

Brittany Norwood, 28, was arrested on Saturday and will appear in court today over the death of Jayna Murray, whose body was found out the back of a Lulemon Athletica store in Bethesda, a small town just northeast of Washington DC.

Norwood, 28, had portrayed herself as another victim in the robbery-turned-murder, telling police that two masked men entered the shop after it closed on March 11.'

Update on the 2nd Conference on Male Studies

Matt · 21 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

Our Second Annual International Conference on Male Studies: Looking Forward to Solutions is only 16 days away, and there's just one week left for the early registration discount.

There has never been any better reason to register right now:

1. You can be a part of a global conglomerate - participants from 16 universities - organizations and individuals, professionals and students - from countries including Germany, Australia, Canada, France, United Kingdom, Italy, India and the U.S.

2. Learn from a team of renowned experts about the problems boys and men face today, and how to stop the trend of lower accomplishment in school, higher suicide and incarceration rates, an anti-mail biased legal system, an international media that shames and belittles boys and men - and what these visionaries are doing and recommend doing to make our society better for both genders.

3. Get exclusive access to post-conference materials, including a collection of brilliant poster submissions, the live conference recording, videos and transcripts.

4. Registrants also will get invited to participate at no charge in our upcoming Male Studies online breakout sessions - where you can communicate with our Founder, plus guest experts in fields of psychology, sociology, anthropology, and more.

Take advantage of our early-registration discount, and pay only $25.00 for all this ($200.00 for live, onsite entrance).

The Program:

The male's shortfall in education and its impact on male employment prospects
Tom Mortenson

The Future of Fatherhood
Gordon E. Finley, PhD, Professor of Psychology at Florida International University.

The Current Muddled State of Gender Affairs and the Future
Michael Gilbert, Senior Fellow at the Annenberg Center for the Digital Future / University of Southern California, and author of The Disposable Male

Why Men Die First
Dr. Marianne Legato

From Primeval to Postmodern Man: A Revolutionary Theory
Paul Nathanson, PhD, Senior Researcher
Katherine Young, PhD, James McGill Professor of the McGill Faculty of Religious Studies;
Co-authors of a four volume series on misandry, the hatred of men.

Advertising: Past and Current Depictions of Males and their Consequences
Matthew Willcox and Matthew Palmer, Draftfcb.
Mr. Willcox is a Director of Strategic Planning at the agency and was instrumental in helping Levi Strauss and Company brand Dockers, develop the "Wear the Pants" campaign that dealt with male roles and image. Mr. Palmer is the lead strategist on the Miller Lite brand and a member of the team responsible for producing its "Man Up" ad campaign.

The opportunity to hear from such a collection of luminaries in one place, for such a reasonable cost - is

unprecedented. Don't miss this rare opportunity.

Visit http://www.malestudies.org/events.html to learn more.

Please lodge this important anti-circumcision government submission (Deadline 31 March 2011)

Minuteman · 21 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This is a response to the consultation questions on page 80 of the government White Paper Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Our strategy for public health in England.

The deadline for submissions is 31 March 2011 1600 GMT.

This submission can be made by anybody from any country around the world.

There are two options for making submissions.

Option 1.

Download and save the Word document from the following link (Select 'NO' when prompted to upgrade to RapidPro, click 'Slow Download' on the left and then click 'Download Now!'):

http://rapidshare.com/files/453616002/Response_WhitePaper_31March2011_.doc

Open the Word document, type your name and email address (optional) in the appropriate fields, save and close the document. Email the Word document to publichealthengland@dh.gsi.gov.uk with the subject heading "**Public Health White Paper Response**".

Option 2.

To make a submission using the Department of Health's on-line submission form, click on the following link and then cut and paste the responses below into the appropriate fields.

http://consultations.dh.gov.uk/healthy-people/healthy-people/consultation/intro/view

Question 5. Role of GPs and GP practices in public health: Are there additional ways in which we can ensure that GPs and GP practices will continue to play a key role in areas for which Public Health England will take responsibility?

There has been a concerted effort in the professional literature, from a small cabal within the medical fraternity, to argue the case for reinstating non-therapeutic circumcision at the expense of the NHS, frequently using professed concern for the well-being of boys of certain ethnic or religious backgrounds receiving circumcision in non-medical settings, as a pretext [1], a call loudly echoed in sections of the mainstream media [2]. Regardless of whether it is performed in a medical or non-medical setting, a significant number of boys subjected to the practice of circumcision fulfill the DSM-IV criteria for a diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder [3]. The British Medical Association advises against routine male circumcision [4], and no national medical association in the world recommends that boys be forcefully circumcised for preventive health reasons. The Royal Dutch Medical Association's very up-to-date policy on circumcision states that "KNMG is calling upon doctors to actively and insistently in form parents who are considering the procedure of the absence of medical benefits and the danger of complications", and that there is a good case for making it illegal [5]. It is therefore imperative that Public Health England mandate that all staff, contractors, agencies, facilities and departments under it's auspices, including GPs and GP practices: Must not offer among their services the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision; Must not permit on their premises individuals or organisations promoting the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision; Must not be refer patients explicitly for the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision; Must not be employed or associated with any facility offering the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision; Must not allow their facilities to be used for the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision; and Must not stock or allow on their premises literature or other material promoting the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision. References/Links: 1. Paranthaman K., Bagaria, J & O'Moore, E. (2010) The need for commissioning circumcision services for non-therapeutic indications in the NHS: lessons from an

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Question 6. Public health evidence: What are the best opportunities to develop and enhance the availability, accessibility and utility of public health information and intelligence?

The White Paper states among it's objectives “Starting well, through early intervention and prevention, is a key priority for the Government, developing strong universal public health and early education with an increased focus on disadvantaged families. This approach, proportionate universalism, was advocated in the Marmot Review into health inequalities.” (p. 32). A priority area demanding early intervention and prevention by Public Health England, is reducing the incidence of the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision. There has been a concerted effort in the professional literature, from a small cabal within the medical fraternity, to argue the case for reinstating non-therapeutic circumcision at the expense of the NHS, frequently using professed concern for the well-being of boys of certain ethnic or religious backgrounds receiving circumcision in non-medical settings, as a pretext [1], a call loudly echoed in sections of the mainstream media [2]. Regardless of whether it is performed in a medical or non-medical setting, a significant number of boys subjected to the practice of circumcision fulfill the DSM-IV criteria for a diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder [3]. Further, circumcision removes the most sexually sensitive parts of a boy’s penis, including the foreskin, the frenulum, and the ridged band of nerves [4]. The male foreskin is also designed to protect the glans of the penis throughout a man’s life, ensuring that the internal mucosal tissue remains moist and sensitive (much the same way that a woman’s clitoral hood protects the clitoris). In addition, the foreskin acts as a natural gliding mechanism to reduce chafing and dryness during intercourse [5]. Female genital mutilation has been illegal for a number of years now [6]. There has been little incentive for the medical profession to investigate the long-term affects on men's sexual and psychological health and well-being, but the growth of groups such as NORM-UK (an organisation registered with the Charities Commissioners for England and Wales), suggests that a substantial number of men genuinely resent being circumcised [7]. To best develop and enhance the availability, accessibility and utility of public health information and intelligence regarding the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision, it is imperative that Public Health England establish a central information store of the harm caused by male circumcision, which will form the basis for establishing a dictate that staff, contractors, agencies, facilities and departments under it's auspices, including GPs and GP practices, will not perform nor refer patients for circumcision; and to make use of the insights of behavioural science to research and implement strategies which discourage parents from subjecting their sons to the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision, without lending to it's prestige by implying that it is a practice worthy of it's own policy statement or the subject of a legitimate 'debate'. Refernces/Links: 1. Paranthaman K., Bagaria, J & O'Moore, E. (2010) The need for commissioning circumcision services for non-therapeutic indications in the NHS: lessons from an incident investigation in Oxford J Public Health first published online July 14, 2010 , 2. Campbell, D. (2010) NHS urged to offer circumcisions to avoid botched operations in The Guardian Sunday 11 July 2010 , 3. Samuel Ramos and Gregory J. Boyle. Ritual and Medical Circumcision among Filipino boys: Evidence of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Humanities & Social Sciences papers (2000). Available at: , 4. Morris L. Sorrells, James L. Snyder, Mark D. Reiss, Christopher Eden, Marilyn F. Milos, Norma Wilcox, Robert S. Van Howe Fine-touch pressure thresholds in the adult penis British Journal of Urology International, Volume 99 Issue 4 Page 864 – 869 April 2007 5. Taylor, J.P., A.P. Lockwood and A.J.Taylor The prepuce: Specialized mucosa of the penis and its loss to circumcision Journal of Urology (1996), 77, 291-295 , 6. LASSL (2004)4: Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003, DoH, published 27.2.2004 , 7.

Question 7. Public health evidence: How can Public Health England address current gaps such as using the insights of behavioural science, tackling wider determinants of health, achieving cost effectiveness, and tackling inequalities?

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Question 8. Public health evidence: What can wider partners nationally and locally contribute to improving the use of evidence in public health?

A priority area demanding early intervention and utilisation of public health evidence by Public Health England, is

reducing the incidence of the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision. There has been a concerted effort in the professional literature, from a small cabal within the medical fraternity, to argue the case for reinstating non-therapeutic circumcision at the expense of the NHS, frequently using professed concern for the well-being of boys of certain ethnic or religious backgrounds receiving circumcision in non-medical settings, as a pretext [1], a call loudly echoed in sections of the mainstream media [2]. Recently, there has been a string of mainstream media items favourable to male circumcision, which amount to nothing less than a marketing campaign to motivate parents to have their sons circumcised [2-5]. Many of these articles draw upon established marketing concepts (in turn derived from insights of behavoiural science), most notably, the use of “experts”. 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There has been little incentive for the medical profession to investigate the long-term affects on men's sexual and psychological health and well-being, but the growth of groups such as NORM-UK (an organisation registered with the Charities Commissioners for England and Wales), suggests that a substantial number of men genuinely resent being circumcised [12]. It would therefore be appropriate to invite appropriately registered charity organisations such as NORM-UK to partner with Public Health England to contribute to compiling and improving the use of public health evidence to counteract the mainstream media marketing of circumcision to parents and discourage parents from subjecting their sons to the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision, without lending to it's prestige by implying that it is a practice worthy of it's own policy statement or the subject of a legitimate 'debate'. References/Links: 1. Paranthaman K., Bagaria, J & O'Moore, E. 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Question 9. Regulation of public health professionals: We would welcome views on Dr Gabriel Scally's report. If we were to pursue voluntary registration, which organisation would be best suited to provide a system of voluntary regulation for public health specialists?

An area which raises questions about the professional conduct of some medical practitioners, is the continuing practice of the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision. There has been a concerted effort in the professional literature, from a small cabal within the medical fraternity, to argue the case for reinstating non-therapeutic circumcision at the expense of the NHS, frequently using professed concern for the well-being of boys of certain ethnic or religious backgrounds receiving circumcision in non-medical settings, as a pretext [1], a call loudly echoed in sections of the mainstream media [2]. Recently, there has been a string of mainstream media items favourable to male circumcision, which amount to nothing less than a marketing campaign to motivate parents to have their sons circumcised [2-5]. Many of these articles draw upon established marketing concepts (in turn derived from insights of behavoiural science), most notably, the use of "experts". An "expert", in a marketing context, is an individual who, because of their occupation, or perceived experience, is uniquely placed to lend credence to the product or service that an advertisement promotes [6]. In the context of promoting circumcision to parents, such "experts" generally include medical practitioners who work at private circumcision clinics [3,5] and religious officials [4]. Both the hospital and doctor (who is also a Consultant Urological Surgeon at Royal Liverpool University Hospital NHS Trust) featured in a recent episode of the Channel 4 television series Embarrassing Bodies [5], are linking to the video on the Channel 4 website from their respective web-pages [7,8], effectively by-passing the General Medical Council Guidelines about how medical practitioners should promote and publish information about their services [9]. A recent statement from the British Association of Paediatric Urologists on behalf of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons and The Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists admitted that some doctor's under it's charge "have been willing to provide non therapeutic circumcision without charge rather than risk the procedure being carried out in unhygienic conditions." [10]. Regardless of whether it is performed in a medical or non-medical setting, a significant number of boys subjected to the practice of circumcision fulfill the DSM-IV criteria for a diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder [11]. Given questions raised about the professional conduct of some medical practitioners with regard to the continuing practice of male circumcision, whatever system of voluntary regulation may be implemented, it is appropriate that Public Health England mandate that staff, contractors, agencies, facilities and departments under it's auspices, including GPs, GP practices and other public health specialists, will not perform nor refer patients for the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision. References/Links: 1. Paranthaman K., Bagaria, J & O'Moore, E. (2010) The need for commissioning circumcision services for non-therapeutic indications in the NHS: lessons from an incident investigation in Oxford J Public Health first published online July 14, 2010 , 2. Campbell, D. (2010) NHS urged to offer circumcisions to avoid botched operations in The Guardian Sunday 11 July 2010 , 3. Renton, A. (2010) It protects men (and women) against fatal diseases and sexual infections. So, should all boys be circumcised? in TheDaily Mail , 4. Rich, B. (2010) To snip or not to snip? in The Guardian , 5. Channel 4 (2011) Embarrassing Bodies Series 4 Episode 4 , 6. Schiffman, L Bednell, D O'Cass, A Paladino, A Kanuk, L (2005) Consumer Behaviour 3rd Edition Pearson Education Australia, Australia: Frenchs Forest , 7. , 8. , 9. General Medical Council (2011) Good Medical Practice: Providing and publishing information about your services , 10. British Association of Paediatric Urologists (2007) MANAGEMENT OF FORESKIN CONDITIONS Statement from the British Association of Paediatric Urologists on behalf of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons and The Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists. , 11. Samuel Ramos and Gregory J. Boyle. Ritual and Medical Circumcision among Filipino boys: Evidence of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Humanities & Social Sciences papers (2000). Available at:

Question 10. Cross cutting issues: Please use this section if you want to comment on any cross cutting issues

Creating incentives for medical researchers to investigate the long-term affects of circumcision on men's sexual and psychological health and well-being.

Question 11. Summary: What do you think the top 5 issues are in implementing the White Paper vision and

related strategy and proposals?

1: Mandate that staff, contractors, agencies, facilities and departments under it's auspices, including GPs and GP practices, will not perform nor refer patients for circumcision.

2: Use the insights of behavioural science to research and implement strategies which discourage parents from subjecting their sons to circumcision, without lending to it's prestige by implying that it is a practice worthy of it's own policy statement or the subject of a legitimate 'debate'.

3: Establish a central information store of the harm caused by male circumcision to counteract the mainstream media marketing of circumcision to parents.

4: Partner with appropriately registered charity organisations in researching and compiling a data-store of long-term affects of circumcision on men's sexual and psychological health and well-being.

5: Creating incentives for medical researchers to investigate the long-term affects of circumcision on men's sexual and psychological health and well-being.

Please explain your answer:

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good case for making it illegal [17]. Female genital mutilation has been illegal for a number of years now [18]. There has been little incentive for the medical profession to investigate the long-term affects on men's sexual and psychological health and well-being, but the growth of groups such as NORM-UK (an organisation registered with the Charities Commissioners for England and Wales), suggests that a substantial number of men genuinely resent being circumcised [19]. A recent statement from the British Association of Paediatric Urologists on behalf of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons and The Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists admitted that some doctor's under it's charge “have been willing to provide non therapeutic circumcision without charge rather than risk the procedure being carried out in unhygienic conditions.” [20]. 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Given questions raised about the professional conduct of some medical practitioners with regard to the continuing practice of male circumcision, whatever system of voluntary regulation may be implemented, it is appropriate that Public Health England mandate that staff, contractors, agencies, facilities and departments under it's auspices, including GPs, GP practices and other public health specialists, will not perform nor refer patients for the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision. Given the dearth of research in this area, it would be appropriate for Public Health England to create incentives for medical researchers to investigate the long-term affects of circumcision on men's sexual and psychological health and well-being. Links/References: 1. Paranthaman K., Bagaria, J & O'Moore, E. 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"Manning Up" Book Harshly Judges Young Men Going Their Own Way

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Kay Hymowitz, author of "Manning Up: Has The Rise Of Women Turned Men Into Boys?" offers her judgments about young men in this interview. She praises the recent advances women have made relative to men. Then she condemns and shames young men which, she says, aren't "grown up" until they are on their own, making the big bucks, married, and having children. In this humble contributor's estimation, what she's saying is "if men aren't doing what women want them to, i.e., following the female dream scenario, then they aren't grown up." I say that these young men are doing what makes the most sense, given the hostile legal and social environment surrounding dating and marriage. More specifically, young men are going their own way, and not doing what the women want them to do. So I receive this interview as a complaint about the fact that men aren't supporting women like they used to do... and women don't like it. Excerpt:

'So the child-man is the young guy who finds himself in this new era of preadulthood and doesn't quite feel himself a man, and is of course not a child, but is still very attached to many of his adolescent pleasures, and hangs out a lot with his bros.'

Suzanne Venker: Feminism Doesn’t Liberate Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Author Suzanne Venker doesn’t think the feminist movement liberated women.

In fact, she thinks the movement has sabotaged American women’s happiness. Venker writes “according to a 2007 report from the National Bureau of Economic Research, as women have gained more freedom, more education, and more power, they have become less happy.”
...
The saddest part of this misguided view of human nature is that it hasn’t made women any happier. In fact, it has done just the opposite. According to a 2007 report from the National Bureau of Economic Research, “As women have gained more freedom, more education, and more power, they have become less happy."'

Guys, man up and get vaccinated: HPV is your responsibility

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The human papillomavirus is a man's issue.

That's undeniable after Monday's release of a new report that revealed that half of American men might be infected with human papillomavirus . Until then, HPV was thought by most to be a woman's virus because it causes cervical cancer. That was never true; HPV, which is spread through sexual contact, should always have been as much a male concern as a female concern.

...

The vaccines, a miracle of cancer prevention, were approved for females and everyone breathed a sigh of relief. When they were approved for boys and men ages 9-26, the news was largely met with "Why bother? Women can get the vaccination." Now, though, it's obvious to everyone that HPV is a male issue, too. So get vaccinated or if you are the parent of a boy, have him vaccinated (parents of girls should have them vaccinated too, of course).'

Wendy McElroy: War of the Genders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Overwhelmingly, both disciplines adhere to a specific form of feminism that was labeled “gender feminism” by Christina Hoff Sommers, author of The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism Is Harming Our Young Men. As Sommers observed, “somewhere along the line, conventional masculinity became politically incorrect. In some circles, it's treated as a pathology in need of a cure.”

A foundational premise of gender feminism (and thus a premise of Men’s Studies) is that male culture or “the patriarchy” oppresses women through institutions such as the free market and through dynamics such as the social construction of gender identity. Gender is considered to be a social creation, not a biological one, and traditional masculinity is seen as inherently abusive to women.
...
Whatever the truth of the politics, Male Studies is not going away quietly or soon. A second conference is scheduled for April 6 the New York Academy of Medicine. An academic journal is in the offing: Male Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal will be launched in 2011.'

Female 'shot at neighbour after denied kiss'

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(The quotation marks were in the original article headline and seem to be an editor's device to further distance the perpetrator from her actions.)

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A 92-year-old US woman has been arrested for allegedly shooting at her neighbour after he refused to give her a kiss.

Gun-toting grandmother Helen Staudinger fired her 350 semi-automatic pistol at 53-year-old Dwight Bettner when he rejected her advances, WESH.com reported.

Mr Bettner had asked her to leave his home, in Marion County, Florida, but she said she would only go if he kissed her. She left angry when the man declined, telling her to "get your [expletive] out my house", it is claimed.

The police arrest report added: "She appeared to have the impression that there was a relationship between them.

"The defendant said she came home, got her gun, and went back to shoot his car that he loved so much."'

Australia: Tenders sought - "Australian Longitudinal Study on Male Health"

Minuteman · 23 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

In case any readers happen to have expertise in this area. Link to posting here. Excerpt:

'The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking tenders from capable and experienced organisations for the design and establishment of the Australian Longitudinal Study on Male Health and commencement of the first wave of data collection. The Australian Longitudinal Study on Male Health (the Study) was announced in 2010 with the release of the National Male Health Policy. The development of the Study stems from priority area five of the Policy, which focuses on building a strong evidence base on male health to inform policies, programs and initiatives. Over time, the Study will provide a national research resource of current and valid information on male health. The Study will examine the health and wellbeing of Australian males with a focus on the social, economic, environmental and behavioural factors that affect the length and quality of life of Australian men and boys. Information from the Study will be used to inform policies and service provision.'

"Men May Be Jerks...But Women Are Insane"

anthony · 23 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Men may be jerks," my husband likes to occasionally declare, "but women are insane." I hate to admit it, but he's right-and anyone who has spent two years living in a sorority house filled with alpha girls (I'm raising my hand) can attest that this is true.

Women are likely going nuts for a number of reasons. For instance, it's quite tiring and stressful, not to mention impossible, to try to have the brilliant job, the perfect family, shiny hair and manicured hands. Some women say they want total "equality" but still want guys to pick up the check. But perhaps another reason women are losing it is that they're repeatedly told that they're no different than men-and many believe it, particularly in the realm of sex ...

None of this excuses bad behavior from men, as Hymowitz points out. But the fact is that women who are sick of child-men will have little luck trying to change the knowledge economy. They're certainly happy that birth control and feminism are here to stay. The one thing they can change, however, is their own behavior, their standards, and their expectations.'

Mexico advises workers on sexist language

Broadsword · 24 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Manual for the Non-sexist Use of Language is being distributed to government offices across Mexico.

It seeks to reduce comments that enforce gender stereotypes, as well as the default use of the masculine form in the Spanish language.

The manual was written by a body that tackles violence against women.

In its introduction, the manual describes itself as "a tool to familiarize federal public workers with the use of non-sexist strategies in the Spanish language".

It discourages the use of phrases such as: "If you want to work, why did you have children," and: "You are prettier when you keep quiet".

It also advises against referring to women as possessions, as in phrases such as "Pedro's woman".'

Update: Action Alert: Stop Family Court Financial Abuses by Passing SB 528 & SB 917 in Oklahoma

Matt · 24 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Update, 3/16/11–After a tough fight, both SB 528 and SB 917 passed out of the Oklahoma Senate on 3/15. They now head to the House of Representatives. We will keep you informed of continuing developments. Your response to our 3/14 call to action was overwhelming, and we thank all of our members and supporters who participated.

Together with you in the love of our children,

Glenn Sacks, MA Executive Director, Fathers and Families

Ned Holstein, M.D., M.S. Founder, Chairman of the Board, Fathers and Families'

IA: Tell Doctors to Put Down the Knife

Matt · 24 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Excerpt:

'Every day, thousands of doctors across the country take newborn baby boys from their parents and subject them to a medically unnecessary, painful, life-altering surgery—circumcision.

Parents place their trust in their children's doctors, and it's the doctors' responsibility to tell them: (1) no medical organization in the world recommends circumcision; (2) the foreskin is a normal, important body part; and (3) babies are people with rights, and no baby has consented to circumcision.'

Abuse Hysteria in Maine: The Ghost of Michael Nifong

Matt · 27 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During the early hours of March 14, 2006, a group of Duke University lacrosse players allegedly raped and sodomized a Black woman. Over the next 13 months, the sleepy town of Durham, North Carolina became witness to a succession of prosecutorial accusations, full-throated media warnings, and castration marches.

On April 12, 2007, the state Attorney General declared the three lacrosse players innocent of all charges. Two months later, prosecutor Michael Nifong was disbarred on grounds of engaging in fraud, dishonesty, and deceit.'

Deputies: 17-year-old girl assaults mother with gun to get new vehicle

Matt · 28 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 17-year-old girl was charged Friday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, unlawful possession of a firearm and battery after deputies say she pulled a gun on her mother during an argument.

Rachel Anne Hachero was upset because her mother wouldn't co-sign on a vehicle purchase, according to a Lee County Sheriff's Office report.

The teen's mother told investigators Hachero threatened to kill her when she refused to co-sign for the vehicle.

Hachero then confronted her mother at home with a gun and pistol-whipped her head, according to the report.'

UK: 80% of women graduates 'won't repay loan' after tuition fees rise

Broadsword · 29 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Around four in five female graduates will never repay their student loan under the Coalition's new tuition fees regime, it emerged yesterday.

An analysis of the student loan system shows that middle-income men who will finally pay-off their loan at the age of 47-50, will bear the brunt of the cost of higher education.

The figures show that between 70 and 80 per cent of women – up to 150,000 a year – will never repay their full loan, compared with 20 to 30 per cent at present. And when loans are written off, 30 years after graduation, the average woman will still owe £26,500.

Under the new regime, graduates will not have to pay off their loan until they earn £21,000 and women will not have to pay anything when they take time off to raise children.'

AV4M: The Movement to Disbar Mary N. Kellett

DenisP · 29 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Vladek Filler is about to face trial for a second time on the charge of raping his wife, Ligia. He was brought to trial the first time by Bar Harbor prosecutor Mary N. Kellett, who has sought to imprison Mr. Filler despite the fact that she knows that there is no physical evidence that he ever committed a crime, and despite the fact that his accuser Ligia Filler, has proven to be a violent criminal, a liar who has been caught in false allegations against her husband, and a physical and emotional abuser of her husband and children with a history of severe psychiatric problems.

Ligia Filler has been referred to as “certifiable” by sheriff’s department personnel who she repeatedly threatened to kill.

Mary Kellett’s professional conduct in this case breeches virtually all canons of legal ethics where it concerns prosecutors, from intentionally misleading jurors to avoiding pretrial discovery to actually asking a law enforcement officer to refuse to comply with a valid subpoena in order to help her conceal exculpatory evidence.'

Walmart Gets Punked by Frivolous Lawsuit

anthony · 30 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Walmart is getting sued by 6 women for sex discrimination; this despite the fact that most of the employees are women. The ambulance-chasing shysters fomenting this case succeeded in getting “class” status for their few plaintiffs from the notorious 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. One of the primary tests for certifying a lawsuit as a “class” is for the court to determine whether the named plaintiffs are sufficiently representative of the class. Additionally, the court must determine if actual discrimination occurred and that this discrimination was likely to be widespread and effect a large class; in this case, a half of million female employees.

This sad case began with a few hapless women who couldn't qualify as managers, but wishing they were managers. These people are rolling the dice with their litigation lottery scam. These women ended up telling sad stories of how they didn't get their promotions to manager due to discrimination (yes, it’s true, Wal-Mart has a strict policy against promoting morons). This is not a tort, unless those people can show, with evidence, that they were passed over because they were a woman. In the Walmart case, the attorneys for the plaintiffs used a combination of sob stories, anecdotal evidence and statistics. The statistics showed nothing.'

Salon.com: Is the men's rights movement growing?

anthony · 30 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There are three issues that they constantly talk about as evidence of reverse discrimination against men.

1. Divorce alimony issues: Women are more likely to be believed in divorce court than men.

2. Custody issues: Women are more likely to get custody, despite the fact that men are excellent fathers.

3. Men have to register for the draft. Women can volunteer. Despite the fact that it's an all-volunteer army, they still argue that there's discrimination against men in the military.'

Women’s studies professor suggested as possible DNC chair

anthony · 30 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As Democratic National Committee chair Tim Kaine is expected to announce this week whether he will step down from his position to run for a senate seat in Virginia, Georgetown professor Donna Brazile has been suggested as a possible replacement.

Brazile, an adjunct assistant professor in the women’s studies program, currently serves as the chair of the DNC’s Voting Rights Institute. She became the first African-American to direct a major campaign when she served as the manager of Al Gore’s presidential bid in 2000, has experience as Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton’s chief of staff and press secretary, and as a campaign strategist for Carter-Mondale and the Reverend Jesse Jackson.'

Jobs where women are earning more than men

anthony · 30 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Step aside, guys. Women are moving up the payroll. According to a March “Women at Work” report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the gender wage gap continues to narrow. Women earned 81 cents for every dollar earned by men in 2010, up from 76 cents in 2000. Moreover, recent reports suggest that young urban women now earn 8 percent more than male peers, likely due to higher college graduation rates.
...
At the same time, there is some evidence that men are discriminated against in female-dominated jobs. A 2010 study found that men were less likely to be called for an interview in fields with 65 percent or more female workers, an attitude which may be reflected in wages. Employment researcher Laurence Shatkin, author of 2011 Career Plan, says that discrimination or feelings of not fitting in could cause higher turnover rates among men in these jobs, which wouldn’t allow them to gain seniority and would negatively affect wages.'

CNN Money: Single young males are tax scofflaws and children's piggy-bank robbers

Matt · 31 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

The Feminist Hooey Machine is up and running at all times of year, tax time included! Here is the latest. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (CNNMoney) -- The typical American tax cheat is male, single and under the age of 45.

At least that's what an annual survey by DDB Worldwide Communications Group found.
...
While only 15% of Americans surveyed fessed up to fudging their tax returns, 64% of those people were men, according to the survey of consumer attitudes and behavior. Thirty-five percent were single (47% when including people who have been divorced or widowed), and 55% were under the age of 45.
...
Tax cheaters are even more likely to steal money from a child. The survey found that while only 3% of non-cheaters would ever take money from their child's piggy bank, 28% of cheaters said they would.'

Woman uses 5-year-old son as shield against Taser

Matt · 31 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A domestic dispute that boiled over at a business led to a woman being arrested for disorderly conduct after she used her son as a shield against being Tasered.

According to Glendale police:

A 36-year-old Milwaukee woman was arrested for disorderly conduct/domestic violence at the service area at Andrew Toyota, 1620 W. Silver Spring Drive, at 12:15 p.m. March 24.

When police arrived, the woman was holding the hand of her 5-year-old son while shaking her finger in the face of her boyfriend, an employee of Andrew, while yelling, “Give me my weed back!” She also wanted her keys back.

The boyfriend, a 28-year-old Milwaukee man, gave her the keys but denied to her and police that he had her $5 bag of marijuana. She struggled with police, refused to give her name and held her son in front of her to avoid being Tasered.

The boyfriend, who is not the 5-year-old’s father, said the two had been living together for three months, but when asked what the woman’s last name was said he wasn’t sure.

He also said he didn’t want her arrested but police told him they had no choice because she hit him with an open hand and pushed him several times.'

UK: David Willetts blames feminism over lack of jobs for working class men

Broadsword · 2 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A counter argument to Willetts statement can be found here. Excerpt:

'The universities minister David Willetts has been criticised after making comments that appear to blame educated working women for the lack of jobs available to aspiring working class men.

Willetts said feminism was probably the "single biggest factor" for the lack of social mobility in Britain, because women who would otherwise have been housewives had taken university places and well-paid jobs that could have gone to ambitious working-class men. The Conservative minister made his comments before the launch of the government's social mobility strategy next week. Looking at reasons for social mobility, he said: "The feminist revolution in its first round effects was probably the key factor. Feminism trumped egalitarianism. It is not that I am against feminism, it's just that is probably the single biggest factor."
...
"It is delicate territory, because it is not a bad thing that women had these opportunities," he said. "But it widened the gap in household incomes, because you suddenly had two-earner couples, both of whom were well-educated, compared with often workless households where nobody was educated."'

Judge allows Duke lacrosse lawsuit to go forward

anthony · 2 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Three former Duke lacrosse players falsely accused of rape five years ago can pursue a lawsuit against the ex-county prosecutor and police investigators who handled their case, a federal judge in North Carolina ruled Thursday.

U.S. District Judge James Beaty said in his decision that the players can pursue claims such as malicious prosecution, concealment of evidence and fabrication of false evidence. He dismissed several other accusations, such as intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Richard Emery, an attorney for one of the former players, Reade Seligmann, said they are prepared to vigorously pursue the case.

"The opinion is what I would call, overall, a ringing success for the boys," Emery said. "We're glad that we're moving ahead with the case."'

Former Duke lacrosse accuser arrested for stabbing boyfriend

anthony · 4 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Crystal Mangum, the woman who famously claimed she was raped by a group of Duke lacrosse players in 2006, has now been accused of stabbing her boyfriend.

The 32-year-old was arrested Sunday morning after reportedly seriously injuring her 46-year-old lover, and was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.
...
Since then, Mangum has been convicted of a series of misdemeanors, including charges of child abuse and resisting arrest in December.

Those charges stemmed from a February 2010 incident involving a different boyfriend, in which she was charged with slashing the tires of his car, smashing his windshield and setting a pile of his clothes on fire in his apartment while her children were in the home. The police were also present, having already arrived on the scene.

Mangum's latest legal battle began on Sunday morning, when officers responded to reports of a stabbing and found a man with knife wounds his torso, according to the Raleigh News-Observer.'

Representative expresses fear that legislation could be used to fuel false accusations

anthony · 4 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, April 1, 2011 /Christian Newswire/ -- On March 31, 2011, the Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives conducted a voting session (called a "mark up") on H.R. 1232. This bill would prevent a number of federal tax credits and tax deductions from being used for abortion, or for health plans that cover abortion, but contains exceptions for abortions sought in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.

During debate, one member of the committee, Rep. Ron Kind (D-Wisconsin), indicated that he opposed the bill in part because it "could lead to some very perverse unintended consequences," specifically, that women would falsely accuse boyfriends or husbands of rape in order to continue to qualify for a tax-subsidized abortion.'

Time: Obama Administration Takes a Stand on Sexual Violence and Schools

anthony · 4 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Vice President Joe Biden gave a heartfelt, hour-long speech at the University of New Hampshire today. The topic was sexual violence, and the occasion was the unveiling of new guidance to go along with Title IX, the federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination, that spells out responsibilities that all federally-funded schools have when it comes to what Biden called the "dirty, little secret": Women are abused and raped in America, on college campuses and elsewhere.

Domestic violence awareness has been a favorite cause of Biden's for decades, and he's helped pass laws related to abuse in general. But Monday's event marked an unprecedented extension of the federal government's reach into schools. "All universities are probably going to say the right thing, but I think some of them have become more complacent than others," says Lisa Maatz, policy director for the American Association of University Women. The guidance, she says, is "supposed to help [schools] really understand what their role, what their responsibility is, so there are no questions, so there are no excuses."

...

The Vice President spoke directly to the male college students gathered there, as representatives of boys their age everywhere. He told them they needed to respect women and had to say or do something if their peers were acting otherwise. "If you want to measure your manhood," he said in a bellowing, raspy tone, "measure it on the gumption you have to speak up."'

Abuse Hysteria in Maine: This Week's Alert

Matt · 4 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

SAVE has sent a letter to District Attorney Carletta M. Bassano calling for the immediate dismissal of the case of State of Maine v. Vladek Filler: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/BassanoLtr4.4.2011.pdf

This case represents a bizarre miscarriage of justice that threatens to undermine public respect for law:

- The allegation of marital rape does not meet the probable-cause standard.
- Ligia Filler is a proven child abuser.
- Ligia Filler is a documented false accuser.
- The Maine Department of Health and Human Services sided with the defendant in a concurrent child custody dispute.
- Continued prosecution of the case is likely to harm the children.
- The case has become so tainted with bias that justice can no longer be served.
- The continued prosecution of this case re-victimizes the true victims of violent crime.

86% of the victims of female sexual predators aren't believed

fondueguy · 5 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

An article from *The Canadian Children's Rights Council*, a non-governmental educational and advocacy organization concerned with Canadian children's human rights and responsibilities, reports on female sex offenders and highlights key features here. Excerpt:

'86% of the victims of female sexual predators aren't believed, so the crimes go unreported and don't get prosecuted.
...
Finally, there is an alarmingly high rate of sexual abuse by females in the backgrounds of rapists, sex offenders and sexually aggressive men -59% (Petrovich and Templer, 1984), 66% (Groth, 1979) and 80% (Briere and Smiljanich, 1993). A strong case for the need to identify female perpetrators can be found in Table 4, which presents the findings from a study of adolescent sex offenders by O'Brien (1989). Male adolescent sex offenders abused by "females only" chose female victims almost exclusively.'

Government Office ‘falsified' figures on Domestic Violence –Ombudsman finds

fondueguy · 5 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'South Australia’s Office for Women presented erroneous statistics, such as 95 per cent of domestic violence involves a male perpetrator and a female victim, the ombudsman found. Raw data show that, overall, at least one in three victims are male.

Men’s Health Australia spokesman Greg Andresen said the SA Ombudsman’s report should make the Gillard Government think twice about rolling back the shared parenting reforms introduced to family law by the Howard government —which effectively guarantee fathers some level of access to their children in the event of marital breakdown.

...

“But the problem is that when governments roll out programs relating to children, what gets rolled out is a program for women, not one that has equal regard for men and women.'

womenshealth.gov article on men and HPV

Minuteman · 6 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Half of U.S. Men Infected With HPV, Study Reveals

TUESDAY, March 1 (HealthDay News) -- A new international study finds that half of adult males in the United States and elsewhere may be infected with human papillomavirus (HPV), a sexually transmissible virus linked to cervical cancer and other tumors.

The finding could help public health experts determine the value of widespread HPV vaccination of males, the study authors say.

"The incidence of genital HPV infection in men was high and relatively constant across age groups in Brazil, Mexico and the U.S.A.," concluded Anna R. Giuliano, of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa, Fla., and colleagues. "The results from this study provide much needed data about the incidence and clearance of HPV infection in men."

The study, which was funded by the U.S. National Cancer Institute and published in the March 1 online edition of The Lancet, also found that having multiple female or male sex partners greatly increased a man's risk of HPV infection and that, each year, about 6 percent of men are newly infected with HPV16, the virus that causes cervical cancer in women and also causes cancers in men.'

India: Female pilot gets bail while male pilots rot in jail

arindamp · 6 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This is just one example of blatant sexism by the Indian judiciary. Excerpt:

'Moving the bail application, the accused stated that she was a 40-year-old unmarried woman who was the only support for her aged parents. Counsel Aggarwal also stated that the women in the country should be given a special status and the accused being an unmarried woman could not be kept in jail.

Allowing the plea, ASJ Bhatnagar said, "Since the accused is a female and she has already joined the investigation and her custodial interrogation is not required... it is hereby ordered that in the event of arrest, the accused be released on bail."'

Rwanda Chief Justice advocates for men's rights

Matt · 6 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Deputy Chief Gender Monitor in the Gender Monitoring Office (GMO), Ramathan Barengayabo, was yesterday sworn in at the Supreme Court.

The swearing in, which was presided over by Chief Justice Aloysia Cyanzayire, also saw the swearing-in of Sam Kanyemera Kaka as a Commissioner in the National Human Rights Commission.

Cyanzayire urged Barengayabo to always strive to promote gender.

"Gender equality is a cross-cutting issue; we should not only promote women's rights, whenever men's rights are violated you should also intervene. What we are targeting is a totally balanced society," Cyanzayire said.'

NCFM helps the San Diego YMCA to Stop Charging Boys More than Girls for Skateboarding

Matt · 6 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of our NCFM members discovered that the YMCA was charging boys more than girls for skateboarding at the YMCA's skateboard park. Our Secretary Al Rava investigated and we thought it best to send the "Y" a letter.

The YMCA for decades has provided a wide range of beneficial services to the young and old. We felt it would be in their best interests to discontinue such discrimination since it's illegal in California and they could be sued, which would necessarily mean less money for programs.

...

Dear Mr. Crouch:

Upon receipt of your letter, the Mission Valley YMCA discontinued promoting its skate park to girls by offering a discounted admission fee. The sole purpose of such discount was to encourage girls to engage in a sport that has long been male dominated. We will find an alternative approach to promote gender equality.'

NCFM in 'Cycling News'

Matt · 6 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sea Otter Classic organizers proposed for the first time in its history a celebration of Ladies Day on April 17, 2011, the final day of its annual multi-day cycling festival including racing, riding, demos and expos in Monterey, California. What they didn't expect was backlash from the National Coalition for Men (NCFM).
...
NCFM President Harry Crouch was unhappy that men were not included and complained of unequal treatment."Men and boys over the age of 12 had to pay $10 admission," read a statement in an article on the NCFM organization's website.

Crouch took issue with the fact that the event would be charging men for something women received for free and with the help of his lawyers, showed how it was a violation of several California laws, and Monterey County's The Herald then published an article on the topic.
...
The Sea Otter Classic responded officially to Crouch via its lawyer Andrew H. Swartz. Yohannan shared the letter with Cyclingnews. "This is in response to your letter dated March 18, 2011 addressed to our client The Sea Otter Classic. First I want to thank you for presenting this issue to my client's attention. The Sea Otter Classic is proud of its full compliance with all laws including the anti-discrimination laws to which you refer in your letter. I can assure you that women and men have been and always will be treated equally at this and all subsequent Sea Otter Classic events and men will not pay a higher entry fee. Should you need any further information please feel free to contact me."'

Please lodge this anti-circumcision submission with the CDC (Deadline 15 April 2011)

Minuteman · 8 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This is a response to the document "Draft Action Plan--A Public Health Action Plan To Combat Antimicrobial Resistance" [Docket No. CDC-2011-0002] (http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=CDC-2011-0002-0001).

The deadline for submissions is 15 April 2011.

This submission can be made by anybody from any country around the world.

Instructions:

Download and save the PDF document from the following link (Select 'NO' when prompted to upgrade to RapidPro, click 'Slow Download' on the left and then click 'Download Now!'):

http://rapidshare.com/files/456408970/CDC-2011-0002_15Apr2011.pdf

Go to the following regulations.gov submission page:

http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=CDC-2011-0002-0001

Enter your name in the appropriate fields (Optional). Click browse under '3. UPLOAD FILE(S)' to upload the saved PDF document from your harddisk. Click 'Submit'.

Acknowledgement: This document is a slightly modified version of the Doctors Opposing Circumcision (DOC) Special Statement "Epidemic Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus: Dramatically Increased Risk for Circumcised Newborn Boys" (http://www.doctorsopposingcircumcision.org/DOC/mrsa.html). From the DOC Publications page: "Doctors Opposing Circumcision publishes statements, which may be downloaded, printed, photocopied, handed out, mailed, attached to e-mail, and used as necessary."

Please leave a reply so that I may gauge the number of submissions made.

UK: Fire brigade relaxes strength and fitness test to make entry easier for women

Broadsword · 10 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fire chiefs have made the 'ladder lifting' tests that all new recruits must go through easier to allow more women and less-strong men into the service.

Previously, potential firefighters had to extend a 100kg ladder by themselves in 20 seconds to qualify.

However, now they are only required to life a 30kg weight over their head.

Strenuous runs, where candidates had to complete increasing fast sprints in what's known as a 'beep test,' have also been scrapped, along with having to carry a 12 stone person 100 yards in less than a minute.'

Female reporter denied access to men's locker room

redwoodwriter · 11 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

A female sports reporter was denied access to the men's locker room at the Augusta National Golf Club. She makes quite a ruckus about equal access, and how this is unfair. These complaints are so hypocritical. Male sports reporters are not allowed in women player's locker rooms. This incident reveals how totally whipped American males are. American men give American women anything they want, no matter what the personal price may be: "Personal privacy? ... Oh, OK, I'll give that up too in the name of "feminism" and their definition of equal access" (no matter how twisted that may be). Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- A female sports reporter blasted the all-male Augusta National Golf Club on Monday, a day after a security guard wouldn't let her in to interview one of the stars of the recent Masters tournament.

Tara Sullivan, a reporter with The Bergen (New Jersey) Record, tried to join other reporters Sunday evening in the club's locker room to interview Rory McElroy, a 21-year-old from Northern Ireland who gave up a big lead at the close of the four-day competition. But a security guard said she couldn't come in because she was a woman.'

Homeless men paid to get beaten up by women for video sales

GaryB · 12 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This story shocks me. Homeless men were paid peanuts to get beaten to a pulp by women on video so the videos can be sold on a fetish site. What's the betting they were quietly told not to hit back? Excerpt:

'A video company paid homeless men $US50 to be filmed while scantily clad women punched, kicked and whipped them, according to a lawsuit filed in a Florida court.

Lawyers for two homeless men said the website www.shefights.net sells videos on the internet of the so-called "beatdowns," starting at $US2.99 for a two-minute "sparring session" clip and increasing in price to $US33.99 for a 33 minute clip of two women beating a man.

The lawsuit contends the beatings violate a state hate crimes law that specifically protects the homeless and that the producers are exploiting the poverty of transients for whom any cash is hard to come by.

"What type of society would allow this to happen?" said Neil Chonin, the lawyer for the homeless men. "This company preyed on people who are desperate."'

Interestingly, the words 'homeless men' are used regularly, rather than 'the homeless' or 'homeless people' - note the word MEN.

Please lodge this anti-circumcision submission with the US State Department (deadline 24 Apr 2011)

Minuteman · 13 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This is a response to the document "Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals: Biographical Questionnaire for U.S. Passport" [Docket No. DOS-2011-0055].

The deadline for submissions is 24 April 2011.

This submission can be made by anybody from any country around the world.

Instructions-

Go to the following regulations.gov submission page:

http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=DOS-2011-0055-0001

Enter your name and details in the appropriate fields (Optional). Copy & Paste the text below into the 'TYPE COMMENT' field. Click 'Submit'.

"RE: Docket No. DOS-2011-0055. I am writing to ask you to remove intrusive questions about circumcision status from the proposed supplemental Biographical Questionnaire form "DS-5513". Such inquiries intrude into the personal privacy of U.S. Citizens who merely seek to apply for a passport. The State Department's inquiry into circumcision status will only serve to discriminate against immigrant groups who are typically intact (non-circumcising). This proposed line of questioning appears to be in response to a defeat in court in the case of Castelano v. Clinton, and seems targeted at the Latino community. Such questioning may place pressure on immigrant families to circumcise their children in the belief that it may help conform to the State Departments expectations. Additionally, the form does not distinguish between male and female circumcision. Female circumcision has been made illegal by U.S. Title 18 Part I Chapter 7 Section 116 of September 30, 1996. Hence, the form may also encourage female circumcision, a violation of Federal law. The veracity of circumcision status will be difficult to ascertain in the absence of a medical examination. Medical researchers also have found that men recruited for medical studies have often incorrectly stated they were intact ("uncircumcised"), when actually they were circumcised. Such innocent errors may subject the applicant to fines and imprisonment, according to the warning provisions on the form."

Acknowledgement: The above text is a slightly modified version of an alert email sent by Tony from Intaction.org.

Please leave a reply so that I may gauge the number of submissions made.

Nova Scotia: Hitmen an option for battered women to use

Stinger503 · 13 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Don't go to the police if you're being abused! Just hire a hitman! Excerpt:

'Battered women have won an important legal victory after Nova Scotia's highest court concluded a woman "living in a state of terror" was understandably driven to try to arrange for her abusive husband's murder.

In the landmark decision, the court said the law must be sensitive to the unique plight of women whose lives and well-being are endangered by brutal spouses.

The judges upheld the acquittal of 39-year-old school teacher Nicole Ryan, who had negotiated with an undercover police officer to kill her grossly abusive, estranged husband.

"Ms. Ryan was compelled to take the action she did by normal human instincts and self-preservation," the judges said in a 3-0 decision. "It would be inappropriate, under these circumstances, to attribute criminal conduct to her."'

'They want their men back': Syrian women protest mass arrests

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Story here. Excerpt:

'AMMAN — Hundreds of women from a Syrian town that has witnessed mass arrests of its men marched along Syria's main coastal highway on Wednesday to demand their release, human rights activists said.

Security forces, including secret police, stormed Baida on Tuesday, going into houses and arresting men aged up to 60, the activists said, after townsfolk joined unprecedented protests challenging the 11-year rule of President Bashar al-Assad.

The women from Baida were marching on the main highway leading to Turkey chanting slogans to demand the release of some 350 men, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.'

UK: Teenage girls are targeted by 'new generation of domestic abusers', top prosecutor warns

Broadsword · 13 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new generation of wife beaters have made teenage girls the most likely targets for their abuse, a top prosecutor has warned.

Women aged between 16 and 19 are now more at risk than any other age group as part of a 'whole new generation of domestic violence', Keir Starmer, Director of Public Prosecutions, said.

In a bid to tackle abuse, every domestic murder in England and Wales will be automatically reviewed from today to ensure lessons are learned.'

Men’s Shelter Gets Government Grant in Canada

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This past week, Earl Silverman’s DV shelter in Calgary announced that it took in and housed its first male victim that had been both referred and funded by a $1,000 grant from the local provincial government. This is a huge deal in Canada. For the first time, a Canadian government agency has recognized male victimization from female-perpetrated violence, funded a male victim with a grant, and referred him to a shelter that it recognizes as legitimate and worthy of funding. Outstanding, Earl Silverman. I hope that the man who sought out your help is able to pick up his life and carry on, and thanks to your help and the assistance of the provincial government he has a solid shot at doing just that.'

WSJ: There Is No Male-Female Wage Gap

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'Tuesday is Equal Pay Day—so dubbed by the National Committee for Pay Equity, which represents feminist groups including the National Organization for Women, Feminist Majority, the National Council of Women's Organizations and others. The day falls on April 12 because, according to feminist logic, women have to work that far into a calendar year before they earn what men already earned the year before.

In years past, feminist leaders marked the occasion by rallying outside the U.S. Capitol to decry the pernicious wage gap and call for government action to address systematic discrimination against women. This year will be relatively quiet. Perhaps feminists feel awkward protesting a liberal-dominated government—or perhaps they know that the recent economic downturn has exposed as ridiculous their claims that our economy is ruled by a sexist patriarchy.

The unemployment rate is consistently higher among men than among women. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 9.3% of men over the age of 16 are currently out of work. The figure for women is 8.3%. Unemployment fell for both sexes over the past year, but labor force participation (the percentage of working age people employed) also dropped. The participation rate fell more among men (to 70.4% today from 71.4% in March 2010) than women (to 58.3% from 58.8%). That means much of the improvement in unemployment numbers comes from discouraged workers—particularly male ones—giving up their job searches entirely.'

Boy, 10, Escapes as Mother Drives Her Family Into Hudson

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'A 10-year-old boy escaped and swam ashore after his mother deliberately drove their minivan off a boat ramp and into the Hudson River in Newburgh, N.Y., on Tuesday night, the police said. The mother and three younger children who were trapped in the minivan died.

The police said the driver's-side window was down when the doomed minivan was towed from the water, suggesting that the boy, identified as La'Shaun Armstrong, had crawled past his mother as he scrambled to get out.

Michael Ferrara, the Newburgh police chief, identified the mother as LaShanda Armstrong, 25. Inside, along with Ms. Armstrong, were her three young children, identified by the police as Landen Pierre, 5; Lance Pierre, 2; and Lainaina Pierre, 11 months old. All had died, Chief Ferrara said.

He said the 10-year-old had been in the minivan when Ms. Armstrong steered the car off the boat ramp and into the river a few blocks from the row-house apartment where they lived. La'Shaun "managed to hit the power windows," Chief Ferrara said, and "climbed out before the vehicle sank."

Newburgh officials described a tragedy that unfolded rapidly around dinnertime on Tuesday night. Chief Ferrara said that a relative of Ms. Armstrong's had called the police around 7:30 p.m., "saying they believed LaShanda Armstrong was involved in a domestic dispute" with the father of three of her four children. Chief Ferrara said the caller reported hearing "tussling in the background."

He said officers were sent to her home, but it was too late: No one was there.'

Father Who Was Shot 3 Times by Mother Can't See Their Son, But Mother Can

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This may be the single most outrageous case I've come across. I first wrote about Peter Spitz last December here. He's the Colorado man whose wife Teresa got up in the wee hours of one morning in 2004, bundled up their young son and took him to a neighbor's. She then returned to her house, put a pillow over her sleeping husband's head and shot him with a .38. But he wasn't dead, so she shot him two more times. Then she murdered his mother who lived with them.

Despite all that, Peter lived. He's permanently blinded and has lost his sense of smell.

Peter is an ex-marine and an all around stand-up guy. So when Teresa was tried for murdering his mother and attempting to murder him, he testified on her behalf. He thought she was insane and said so under oath. She was acquitted of the charges by reason of insanity.'

Woman In False Rape Case Goes To Jail

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'CINCINNATI -- A woman who lied to a grand jury about being raped by her ex-boyfriend went to jail Wednesday night, Cincinnati court officials said.

Melinda Denham, 25, admitted in a letter that she made a false rape claim that sent ex-boyfriend Shannon Hudson to jail for two months, prosecutors said.

"I really can't say she (Denham) cleared my name because it (rape charge) is going to follow me wherever I go," Hudson said.'

Univ. to revise sexual misconduct policies

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University will alter its sexual misconduct policies following the Department of Education's clarification of Title IX regulations, a member of the Office of the Vice President and General Counsel said Tuesday.

The revised specifications, released April 4 in a "Dear Colleague" letter from the Office for Civil Rights to schools and universities receiving federal funding, outline procedures for handling sexual misconduct that are mandatory for compliance with Title IX. As administrators determine the details of a new University-wide Committee that will begin hearing sexual misconduct cases from across Yale on July 1, they will take into account requirements in the DOE advisory that are not currently in place at Yale.
...
According to disciplinary procedures published online, the Executive Commmittee — which currently reviews disciplinary cases of sexual misconduct within Yale College — requires a "clear preponderance of the evidence" to establish that sexual misconduct has taken place. Because this standard requires more evidence to prove that sexual misconduct has occurred than the "preponderance of the evidence" standard required by the Title IX clarifications, which amounts to about 51 percent certainty that the accused party is guilty, Sawyer said, the University will immediately switch to the latter.'

Are One in Five College Women Sexually Assaulted?

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'Imagine that there were a “terrible and alarming trend” of sexual violence on college campuses against female students. Imagine that 20 percent of college women were victims of rape or attempted rape — a rate of sexual assault astronomically higher than anything seen in America’s most violent cities (in Detroit, for example, there were 36.8 rapes per 100,000 inhabitants in 2009, a rate of 0.037 percent). If 18-year-old girls were in fact walking into such a grotesque maelstrom of sexual violence when they first picked up their dormitory room key, parents and students alike would have demanded a radical restructuring of college life years ago. There would have been a huge surge in all-girls colleges to protect female students from these outrageous levels of sexual violence; those colleges that did still admit boys and girls together would have been forced to prove to worried parents that the boys they were admitting were not rapists — perhaps allowing parents to interview these aspiring monks before they were accepted. Just to be on the safe side, administrators would provide round-the-clock protection for their female students.

...

And yet, according to Vice President Joe Biden, the Justice Department, and the Education Department’s Office of Civil Rights, college is in fact a nightmarish gauntlet of sexual violence and abuse. “There is a terrible and alarming trend in the country of sexual violence [on campuses],” Russlynn H. Ali, assistant secretary of education, told the New York Times. Ali’s Office of Civil Rights is investigating Yale for maintaining a “sexually hostile environment.” Somehow that sexually hostile environment did not discourage thousands of the country’s most academically gifted females from beating down the doors to get in; the acceptance rate at Yale this year was 7.35 percent, the lowest rate ever.'

White House Council on Boys to Men

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'Two years ago President Obama created a committee by executive order to advise and focus exclusively on the needs and welfare of the American woman. Feminists cheered the creation of a White House Council on Women and Girls but others questioned, why – when women and girls are outperforming men by nearly every empirical measurement – create a council for women but not for men?
...
The White House's disinterest has frustrated some who see the crisis facing America's boys as a serious issue.

"The White House has yet to agree to even a meeting on this topic," council proposal commission member and American Enterprise Institute scholar Christina Hoff Sommers marvelled.

The proposal identifies five major components of the "crisis" facing boys: education, emotional well being, fatherless homes, physical health, and employment.'

Duke lacrosse accuser's boyfriend dies after stabbing

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'Durham, N.C. — Family members of a man who was stabbed in his home April 3 say he died Wednesday evening. Crystal Mangum, the Durham woman who falsely accused three Duke University lacrosse players of rape in 2006, has been charged with assaulting him.

Durham police confirmed Thursday morning that Reginald Daye, 46, had died.

"The case remains under investigation, and we do anticipate upgrading the charges. However, no new charges have been filed at this time," police spokeswoman Kammie Michael said in an e-mail to WRAL News.

Police said Mangum, 32, stabbed Daye in the torso with a kitchen knife during a dispute at 3507 Century Oaks Drive early on April 3.'

China: No money, no honey

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Article here. Excerpt:

BEIJING — In the realm of eligible bachelors, Wang Lin has a lot to recommend him. A 28-year-old college-educated insurance salesman, Mr. Wang has a flawless set of white teeth, a tolerable karaoke voice and a three-year-old Nissan with furry blue seat covers.

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But by the exacting standards of single Chinese women, it seems, Mr. Wang lacks that bankable attribute known as real property. Given that even a cramped, two-bedroom apartment on the dusty fringe of the capital sells for about $150,000, Mr. Wang's $900-a-month salary means he may forever be condemned to the ranks of the renting.

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Zhang Yanhong, a matchmaking consultant at Baihe, one of the country's most popular dating sites, said many disheartened men had simply dropped out of the marriage market. "This fixation on real estate has twisted the popular notion of love and marriage," she said. "Women are putting economic factors above everything else when looking for a mate and this is not a good thing for relationships or for society."

...

Many women are unapologetic about their priorities, citing the age-old tradition in which men provided a home for their brides, even if that home came with a mother-in-law. There are also other concerns, including the instability of starting a family in rented premises and the endless badgering of parents. Status also plays a role, but so, too, do fears that those who put off buying will be priced out of the market indefinitely.

Male Victims of Domestic Abuse May Show Signs of PTSD

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Article here. Excerpt:

'TUESDAY, April 12 (HealthDay News) -- Men who are victims of domestic abuse by their female partners can develop psychological trauma, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression and suicidal thoughts, new research finds.

Researchers looked at a group of 302 men who sought professional help after experiencing what the researchers called "intimate terrorism," which refers to high levels of violence and controlling behavior by female partners.

Another 520 men took part in a telephone survey that asked about their relationships. Sixteen percent of these men said they had experienced minor acts of violence and mental abuse during arguments with their female partners. This type of abuse was referred to as "common couple violence."'

Australia: woman who left mother to rot on kitchen floor walks free.

Minuteman · 15 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A woman who left her maggot-infested mother to rot on the kitchen floor has avoided jail after a judge said his conscience wouldn't allow him to lock her up.

Mary Pyrczak, 51, allowed her 72-year-old mother, Kateryna, to lie dying in her own faeces on the floor of her Melbourne home for a week in November 2008.

Parts of Mrs Pyrczak's body were gangrenous, her foot was infested with maggots, and her toes were blackened and mummified, the Victorian Supreme Court heard on Friday.

Pyrczak, who is an obsessive compulsive and with a longstanding phobia of medical professionals, had pleaded guilty to manslaughter.'

UK: More girls than boys join Scouts

Broadsword · 15 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Robert Baden-Powell pioneered the Scouts movement a century ago, girls clamoured to join but he insisted that it should be boys only.

So he might be rather dismayed at today's news: for the first time more girls than boys are joining the scouts.

More than 4,000 girls signed up last year, making them the majority of recruits for the first time since the Scouts widened its scope to include both genders 35 years ago.
...
It was after Baden-Powell decided that Scout troops should not be mixed that the Girl Guides were founded in 1909.

A spokesman for the Scouts said that separation of the sexes was out-of-date now. 'Most young people go to co-educational schools and Scouts give them an opportunity to work together outside school as well,' he said.

In the year up to the end of January the Scouts had 4,330 girl recruits and 3,796 boys.'

'Sympathetic' judge sentences cancer med-withholding mom to 8 -10 years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LAWRENCE, Mass. - A Massachusetts woman convicted of attempted murder for withholding cancer medications from her autistic son was sentenced to eight to 10 years in prison.

Kristen LaBrie wept and expressed remorse before a judge announced her punishment Friday in Lawrence Superior Court. She said she misses her son every day.

Authorities say LaBrie stopped filling Jeremy Fraser's cancer medication prescriptions. The boy died in 2009 at age 9. Prosecutors argued that he had an 85 to 90 percent chance of surviving had he received the proper treatment.
...
Judge Richard Welch said he had sympathy for the "tremendous pressures" LaBrie faced as a single parent raising a severely disabled child. But he said withholding the boy's treatment was "an extended, secretive and calculated act that chills the soul."'

Father forced to fight for parental rights after murder acquittal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Las Vegas, NV (KTNV) – A man cleared of murder by child abuse charges in two criminal trials has found himself in Family Court, and prosecutors say they won't let him live with his own children until he admits his guilt.

The Family Court case against Victor Fakoya was set before the criminal trials. But his attorney says after the first trial ended in a hung jury and Fakoya was acquitted of criminal charges in the second trial, Child Protective Services showed up at his door and told him to get out.

CPS reportedly told Fakoya that he couldn't live with his two daughters until he takes a child abuse class that ends with an admission of guilt.

Meaning, Victor Fakoya could lose his parental rights if he doesn't admit to a crime for which he's been cleared.

"Should he not admit that he's responsible for killing a child," says defense attorney Kristina Wildeveld, "his children, his rights to his children will be terminated. And that is the ultimate tragedy. This, I actually think is worse than the murder trial."'

NY Post: 'How Yale became a sexual cesspool'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Drawing the loudest outcry are a 2006 episode in which frat pledges chanted, "No means yes! Yes means anal!" in front of the Yale Women's Center (a refrain they reprised in 2009), and a 2008 stunt in which frat members posed for a photo in front of the center with a sign proclaiming "We love Yale sluts."

But before you shed a tear for Yale or its feminists, consider the role that both have played in saturating the campus with vulgar sexuality. In an effort to foster "dialogue" and "acceptance" of every possible sexual choice or act, they've drenched students, faculty and administrators in images and vocabulary of graphic sexuality.

The Women's Center has hosted screenings of lesbian pornography, workshops on drag and talks about "sex toys and how to get the most out of them." In 2006, the event "Who's on Top" was intended to address lack of "discussion about the act of penetrative sex itself" and to explore feminist Andrea Dworkin's theory "that intercourse and patriarchy are inseparable." The center even throws naked parties to boost Yale women's sense of body image.

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So, can school administrators find the spine to stand up to the agitators on their campuses and impose some standards of sexual decency? They'll face charges of censorship, especially at public schools, but they don't have to grant official imprimatur to hypersexual groups and activities or let them use college facilities. They needn't be puritans, just insist on the basic norms that govern life outside the academic bubble.

University administrators have a choice to make: Go toe-to-toe with the feminists in their student bodies and faculties -- or with the feds' inquisition squads.

Maybe we should feel sorry for Yale after all.'

MLB sees first player on new paternity leave list

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (AP) — Texas Rangers pitcher Colby Lewis is the first player to go on Major League Baseball's paternity leave list.

A player can be on the new list for 24 to 72 hours. Lewis' wife, Jenny, gave birth to daughter Elizabeth Grace on Wednesday in Bakersfield, Calif.

Lewis is expected to rejoin the Rangers on Monday and take his next start Tuesday night at home against the Los Angeles Angels.'

'Swedish women fake rape to claim payouts'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Swedish woman accused of trumping up rape accusations while on holiday in Greece exemplifies a persistant view in the Mediterranean country that Swedish women bring false rape complaints to get payouts from special 'rape insurance'.
...
One of the reasons given for the case having been dropped was that it had become common for holidaying women, especially Scandinavians, to say that they had been raped during their stay in Greece to claim insurance money upon their return.

Anna resigned to trying to move on with her life.

But she was later contacted by a Greek public prosecution office, which informed her that she was being countersued for making false rape accusation and libel.'

Genital Integrity – Circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Royal Dutch Medical Association recently declared that male circumcision is an infringement of a child's rights to bodily integrity and personal autonomy, that its risks are underplayed, and that to reject all forms of forced female genital cutting while allowing forced male genital cutting is ethically inconsistent. It also analyzes the flawed distinctions made between female genital mutilation and non therapeutic male circumcision, and it finds that "there is growing concern regarding complications, both minor and serious, which can occur as a result of circumcising a child," from bleeding, infection, meatal stenosis (urethral stricture) and panic attacks to the risk of death. In relation to long term sexual damage, the paper points out that the foreskin is an important erotogenic structure, and that the history of its removal is, "rooted in the desire to control male sexuality"'

Make Sure Paternity: 'Are You my Daddy?'

Matt · 16 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Omelia Elliott owns a beauty salon on Genesee Street, but her business right next door is a whole different world.

"It would've been funny if you all would've been here at 3 o'clock," Elliott told YNN. "We watch Maury everyday: 'Are you my daddy?' "

Omelia works with her mother O.J. Rouse at "Make Sure Paternity," a business with the slogan, "Are you my daddy?"

"People walk in and come in and we swab the child and sometimes the child, then the father," explained Elliott, "and send that in to a DNA lab."

She said that five to ten people walk into those offices every week. Some go for immigration reasons, verifying a parent-child relationship for permanent residency in the United States. Most people, however, visit the business to prove who a child's real father is.'

Man Hatred is OK at the University Of New Hampshire

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This story dates back to 2005 and think it was posted on MANN. I thought I'd resubmit the story because of the irony Joe Biden chose The University of New Hampshire to make his recent speech about sexual misconduct. Excerpt:

'...Monologues by members of the FAL poked fun at feminist stereotypes and set the tone of an evening of sarcasm and wit.

"Hello, my name is Mary Man-Hating-Is-Fun," one participant said. "I am 23 years old, and I am what a feminist looks like. Ever since I learned to embrace my feminist nature, I found great joy in threatening men's lives, flicking off frat brothers and plotting the patriarchy's death. I hate men because they are men, because I see them for what they are: misogynistic, sexist, oppressive and absurdly pathetic beings who only serve to pollute and contaminate this world with war, abuse, oppression and rape."

Members of the FAL wore scissors around their necks, as members of the audience lightheartedly sang a song about castration.'

Colorado woman charged with having 'affair' with boy, 15; coroner says boy committed suicide

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Story here.

'CANON CITY, Colo. — Authorities say a 15-year-old Colorado boy took his own life after a 30-year-old woman allegedly had a sexual relationship with him.

The Canon City Daily Record reports Brenda Lynette Harding of Canon City was arrested Friday on charges of sexual assault on a child.

An arrest warrant affidavit says Harding was the teen's caregiver last summer and was a friend of the teen's stepmother.

The teen lived Buena Vista and was reported missing April 2 while visiting family in Canon City. His body was found in Canon City on April 4.

The Fremont County coroner ruled he died from an overdose of a painkiller and a muscle relaxant.

Harding was jailed under $15,000 bail. It's unclear if she has a lawyer. No phone number for her could be found.'

Did Hamilton College take 'political correctness to the extreme'?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CLINTON — A national free-speech group recently recognized Hamilton College — but not in a positive way.

The college was named a recipient of a 2011 Jefferson Muzzle, a distinction given over the past 20 years to institutions responsible for “affronts to free expression,” according to the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, located in Virginia.

The college took “political correctness to the extreme” by requiring male first-year students to attend a presentation in September called “She Fears You” where men were “asked to acknowledge their complicity in a ‘rape culture’ … and to change their ‘rape supportive’ beliefs and attitudes,” according to the center.

Female freshmen also were required to attend an event — a one act play called “Fresh,” which the Jefferson center characterized as having a theme of acceptance and support.'

American University derails $300,000 sexual assault prevention grant

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The proposed education program would require all new students to attend a seminar and an individualized break-out session on the topics of "healthy relationships, consent, relationship violence, stalking, sexual assault and risks correlated with increased use of drugs and alcohol." Incoming students would also be required to complete surveys about sexual assault at two points during the year. In order to ensure compliance with the policy, students who failed to attend the training or complete the surveys would be blocked from registering for classes for the next semester.

That sanction proved a deal-breaker for Vice President of Campus Life Gail Hanson, who informed grant supporters this week that she would not sign off on the application, which is due to the Department of Justice on March 31. In an e-mail, Hanson questioned "whether it is appropriate to place stops on students' registrations if they fail to complete a required sexual assault education program." Hanson added that "it would be exceptional for us to enforce that requirement through registration stops, as the grant proposal currently provides" and urged the campus to revisit the grant proposal next year after locating "an alternative approach."'

Is Yale University Sexist?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, 16 Yale students and recent graduates filed a confidential complaint with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights alleging that in violation of Title IX—which bans sex discrimination in schools—Yale maintains a hostile environment for women that denies them equal access to educational opportunities. The Office for Civil Rights has already begun to investigate. If it finds Yale in violation, the university could lose approximately $500 million in federal funding.

Is the complaint really plausible?

In the classroom, on the athletic fields and elsewhere throughout campus life, women at Yale are prospering. In 2010, female undergraduates outnumbered male undergraduates 2,663 (50.5%) to 2,616 (49.5%). Yale aggressively recruits, promotes and retains female faculty. Four of the university's top eight administration officers are women. The dean of Yale College is a woman. So is the dean for special projects.

More broadly, women's gains in higher education over the past 50 years testify to the friendliness of the environment. In 1960, women earned 10% of doctorates nationwide; by 2009, they earned 52%. In 1960, women earned 35% of bachelor's degrees and 32% of master's degrees; today they earn 57% and 60%, respectively. In 1960, total fall enrollment in degree-granting U.S. institutions was 36% female; today it is roughly 57%.'

Moms killing kids not nearly as rare as we think

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's the headline du jour whenever a horrific case emerges of a mother killing her kids, as Lashanda Armstrong did when she piled her children into her minivan and drove straight into the frigid Hudson River.

Our shock at such stories is, of course, understandable: They seem to go against everything we intuitively feel about the mother-child bond.

But mothers kill their children in this country much more often than most people would realize by simply reading the headlines; by conservative estimates it happens every few days, at least 100 times a year. Experts say more mothers than fathers kill their children under 5 years of age. And some say our reluctance as a society to believe mothers would be capable of killing their offspring is hindering our ability to recognize warning signs, intervene and prevent more tragedies.'

Deputies: False rape claim part of extortion plan

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PALM HARBOR - A 19-year-old woman was arrested Wednesday on charges she falsely claimed her father raped her, to win a larger percentage of a sum associated with legal action they were involved in.

Brittany Joy Davis, whose permanent address is in Lake Worth, was charged with extortion. She was being held at the Pinellas County Jail on $10,000 bail.

...

The plan was for her to claim her father raped her, and then, following his arrest, approach him about a larger portion of the monetary award, Nestor said. Once he agreed to her terms, the plan was for her to drop the rape allegation, Nestor said.'

Duke denies wrongdoing in lacrosse lawsuits

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Durham, N.C. — Duke University has denied all allegations made in lawsuits by dozens of former lacrosse players impacted by false rape claims.

More than three dozen players who were never indicted in a 2006 investigation accused the university of fraud, negligence, conspiracy and obstruction of justice.
...
The university immediately ended the lacrosse team's season and forced the coach to resign, and investigators collected DNA samples from all of the players.
...
Irving Joyner, a law professor at North Carolina Central University and a close observer of the case, said he believes third-party liability is a major part of the defense. Under that theory, Duke maintains that any wrongdoing was caused by Crystal Mangum and Nifong – two people not connected to Duke in any way.'

UK: Girls' behaviour in class is 'deteriorating'

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'A survey of teachers, heads and other school staff across the UK found that 44% believed girls' behaviour had worsened in the past two years.

This compares with 43% for boys, says a survey of 859 members of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers.

But 68% of staff in the survey said boys' behaviour is more difficult.

Half of the surveyed staff thought boys' behaviour had got worse over the past five years, and 48% thought girls' behaviour was worse.

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One secondary school teacher who contributed to the study said: "Boys are more physically aggressive and usually to other pupils, with girls it is more name calling, less fighting."

For girls, most staff said bullying such as isolating another pupil from a friendship group, spreading rumours, making snide looks and comments, were the biggest problems (44%).'

Title IX and the baseball dilemma

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The room for growth in college baseball is undeniable. However, the college market will not mature due to the unfortunate restrictions imposed by Title IX. Title IX was amended in 1972 to create opportunities for women in sports. There are now 15 women's sports at UNC. It has clearly served its purpose, but it is antiquated and needs reform.

Title IX now does nothing more than squander opportunities by often forcing athletic departments to cut other sports. The financing issues raised by Title IX serve to further generate the win-at-all-costs mentality in college basketball and football by forcing profit maximization in so-called amateur athletics.

One of UNC's top pitchers, Greg Holt, wrote to me, "I think that Title IX is something that is hindering baseball (from) becoming a potential revenue sport. If a softball player can receive a full scholarship then I feel as if a baseball (player) should be able to receive the same amount." Holt's reference to the scholarship allocation is easily explainable.

Football and basketball are needed to fund the other 26 non-revenue varsity sports. Consider the fact that UNC's women's basketball team lost $1.86 million two seasons ago. These expenses mean less resources for men's baseball, fewer scholarships and lower operating budgets.'

Sarah Palin: GOP leaders need to "fight like a girl"

johndias · 18 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here, video here. Looks like Sarah "it starts here" Palin is trying to make a go for the presidency. It's just too bad she think she needs to pander to the female ego as the means of achieving that goal. Quote (6:15-6:34):

"What we need is for you to stand up, GOP, and fight. Maybe I should ask some of the Badger women's hockey team, those champions, maybe I should ask them if we should be suggesting to GOP leaders they need to learn how to ***fight like a girl!***"

SAVE Offers Condolences Following the Tragic Death of Reginald Daye, Victim of Duke Lacrosse Accuser

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / April 18, 2011 – Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is offering its condolences to the family and friends of Reginald Daye. “Reggie” Daye, 46, succumbed April 13 after girlfriend Crystal Mangum stabbed him in the chest with a kitchen knife. Mangum is the woman who falsely accused three Duke University lacrosse players of rape in 2006.

Daye’s nephew said the couple had been arguing over rent money. The argument got so heated that someone called police who made a visit to the apartment, but left before the stabbing incident occurred. Mangum is being held on a $300,000 bond.

“Reggie” Daye was born on November 3, 1964 in Durham, North Carolina. He was employed by Scotts Painting and Decorating Company. His hobbies included painting, fishing, and cheering on the Dallas Cowboys.'

Accuser in Duke lacrosse scandal indicted in boyfriend's murder

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Article here.

'A woman who falsely accused three Duke lacrosse players of raping her five years ago was indicted today on a charge of first-degree murder in the stabbing death of her boyfriend, the News & Observer reports.

Crystal Mangum has been in jail since April 3, when police charged her with assaulting Reginald Daye, 46. He died Wednesday in the hospital.

In spring 2006, Mangum, who was working as a stripper for an escort service, alleged that the lacrosse players sexually assaulted her during a private party. Prosecutors determined the allegations were false, and the case was dismissed.

Last year, Mangum was convicted of setting a fire at home with her three children inside.'

16-year-old girl charged as an adult in sex attack

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Story here. Excerpt:

'VALPARAISO | Prosecutors opted Monday to exercise their right to charge a 16-year-old Valparaiso girl as an adult on accusations of handcuffing, confining for hours and sexually assaulting a 17-year-old boy last week.

April Kuchta, of the 300 block of Roseland Terrace, was charged with felony counts of criminal deviate conduct, criminal confinement, intimidation and sexual battery, as well as a misdemeanor battery charge.

The seriousness of the first two offenses provide the option for adult charges without the more typical waiver process, said Deputy Prosecutor Tim Haraminac.

Kuchta was transferred Monday from juvenile detention to the Porter County Jail.'

C-Span Video: Wage gap between men and women

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Video here. Caption:

'Carrie Lukas talked about the wage gap that exists between men and women. In a recent op-ed, Ms. Lukas argued that while labor surveys show women earn 77% of what men earn for equal work, other data suggests that women earn, on average, as much or even more than men. She also responded to telephone calls and electronic communications.'

Women who travel for sex: Sun, sea and gigolos

Matt · 19 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fast-forward 30 years, and the reality of sex tourism is anything but tender. Today beach resorts in developing countries such as Kuta in Bali, Negril in Jamaica and Boca Chica and Sosua in the Dominican Republic have become Third World pick-up spots for women tourists. Tour companies even market package deals as sex holidays for single and unaccompanied women. Forget Shirley Valentine, these women - who range from grandmothers to teens - don't want a long-term relationship. And there's plenty of live flesh on sale.

...

For others, this is exploitation pure and simple. Even where no money is exchanged, this sort of behaviour destabilises local communities and families. Ignorance and lack of concern about the abject poverty and lack of choice that characterises the men's lives leads the women to romanticise their actions. It is true that women sex tourists are still outnumbered by the legions of men who travel to Thailand and the Philippines for sex with prostitutes. Charities such as Amnesty and Unicef have no official policy on female sex tourism, preferring to focus on protecting trafficked women and children. Chris Beddoe, director of Ecpat UK, the children's rights organisation that campaigns against child sex tourism, believes: "If both adult partners are open and honest about what they're getting out of it, that's one thing. But it's another thing to continue the fantasy when there's a denial of the power that money brings to that relationship that creates a culture of dependency and exploitation.'

...

They interviewed 240 women holidaying in Negril, and two similar resorts in the Dominican Republic. Almost a third said they had engaged in sexual relationships with local men. Though 60 per cent admitted to certain "economic elements" to their liaisons, they did not perceive their sexual encounters as a prostitute-client transaction. Instead they insisted they were helping the men, and the local economy, by giving them money and gifts. When asked to describe "boyfriends", most emphasised how for them black Jamaican men possessed bodies of great sexual value. One 42 year-old English woman who travelled at least three times a year to Boca Chica in the Dominican Republic said: "I'm not naïve. I've been around the block. I come for sex - of course the sun, but mostly the sex. I'm not coming to live and set up house with a guy. I just want some fun and good sex."

...

It is a nasty twist that the countries where this sort of tourism is most rife are ex-slave colonies. Many are still dealing with the fallout of colonialism. All the hotels, restaurants, cars and glass-bottomed boats in Negril are owned by Americans. The urban economy doesn't even belong to the local people.'

The Real Bullies of Yale University

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The recent saga at Yale University — regarding a complaint to the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights by a group of female Yalies that the University "has failed to eliminate a hostile sexual environment on campus" — reminds me of the brouhaha over comments made by former Harvard University president Larry Summers.

When Summers suggested the under-representation of women in the top levels of science and engineering may be due to a "different availability of aptitude at the high end," his feminist colleagues hammered him until he resigned – even though Summers actively sought ways to encourage more women to pursue these areas of study.

That's how feminists operate — they're bullies. As a result, colleges and universities (along with businesses and government) are forced to spend shocking amounts of time and money pacifying this powerful group of Americans. If allegations of a hostile sexual environment on Yale's campus come to fruition, the University stands to lose billions of dollars in federal funding.'

N.Y. Domestic Violence Registry Proposal Met With Big Concerns

DenisP · 19 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'MINEOLA, N.Y. (CBSNewYork) — It's a controversial idea from some local lawmakers — registering domestic violence offenders, just like those convicted of sex crimes, on a state-wide database.

Their names, addresses and photos would be made public.

But would that put victims in greater danger?'

Australia: First female convicted of 'defensive homocide' for bashing husband to death

Minuteman · 20 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Victorian grandmother who killed her husband after he constantly demanded kinky sex has been jailed for 11 years.

Eileen Mary Creamer, 53, was the first Victorian woman to be found guilty of defensive homicide.

She bashed her husband David, possibly with a South African tribal stick, before stabbing him in the abdomen during a fight at their Moe home in February 2008.

During her Victorian Supreme Court trial, Creamer said her husband made constant demands for unusual sex that she felt she could not refuse. They included her having sex with other men in front of him.
...
Justice Coghlan noted that Creamer spent the night with her lover in the days before she killed her husband.'

F&F: Family courts and underage boys in paternity cases

Matt · 20 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

F&F article here. Excerpt:

"One of the most pernicious injustices in the family court system is the way child support enforcement agencies manhandle underage boys, often manipulating them into signing paternity declarations as minors without parental consent or legal counsel. Thomas Rodriguez (pictured) is one of these young men.

Fathers and Families has helped introduce two paternity fraud bills in the the California legislature this year, one of which (SB 377) will address the injustices faced young men like Thomas. In Thomas' support letter to Senator Rod Wright (D-Los Angeles), the bill's author, he explains:

'I am writing to you in support of SB 377, because when I was 17-years-old I was victimized by the problem which the bill addresses.

The hospital manipulated me into signing a paternity declaration when my former girlfriend gave birth to a son she said was mine. There was no parental consent nor did I have access to legal counsel or advice. I was never informed of the legal implications of what I was being asked to sign and I did not fully understand them. I thought that because I was a minor, there couldn't be serious legal implications. I have since learned differently.'"

'Angry Men'

Matt · 20 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

I came across this web site and thought I'd share it. Watch the video, you will I am sure get a lot out of it. The amount of baggage that so many men are carrying around even to this day astounds me, and I have heard all kinds of stuff in my day. Whenever someone wonders where a man's anger comes from, the answer is *usually* pretty straightforward: it's somewhere in his past.

Disclaimer: I have no affiliation in any way with the owner of the web site. I just thought the video he produced was some damn good $hit.

Pregnant woman sent to jail for lying about being raped

anthony · 20 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman has been jailed after she falsely accused her ex-boyfriend of raping her.

Melinda Denham, 25, from Ohio, accused Shannon Hudson of raping her at her father's home after they had broken up and did not own up to the crime until he had spent two months in jail.

On Wednesday, a judge ordered she spend six months in prison, a rarity on a conviction for Ohio's lowest level felony, which usually results in probation.'

Teen girl charged as adult in sex attack on disabled boy

Anonymous · 21 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(CBS/WBBM) VALPARAISO, Ind. - April Kuchta, the older of two girls who allegedly held an Indiana boy against his will and sexually assaulted him, will be tried as an adult.

The prosecutor's office filed four felony charges and one misdemeanor Monday against the 16-year-old, reports CBS station WBBM.

The highest level felony Kuchta was charged with - Class A criminal deviate conduct - carries a sentence of between 20 and 50 years, reports the station.

The other felony charges against Kuchta include criminal confinement, sexual battery and intimidation, and misdemeanor battery, the station reports.'

Violent women

Matt · 22 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Another example of women acting badly--- in this case, beating the bejeesus out of another woman. Note the men in the area do next to nothing to stop it. Why? Fear of being accused of being violent to the attacking women, perhaps? We can only speculate.

When feminists talk about women not being 'inherently violent' or some other such nonsense, this is yet another video you can send to them.

NFL star player stabbed by wife, undergoes surgery

Matt · 23 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Miami Dolphins wide receiver Brandon Marshall is recovering in Broward General Hospital after he underwent surgery for stab wound and he is expected to make a full recovery.
...
The wound was reportedly caused by a woman, but Marshall's agent would only say, "This is a very difficult time for Brandon and family, thankfully he will make a full recovery ... We simply ask that his privacy is respected."

UPDATE: Marshall's wife, Michi Nogami-Marshall, was arrested last night on a domestic violence charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and is currently being held on $75,000 bond.'

Dead Suit Walking

Matt · 23 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Newsweek gleefully asks "Can Manhood Survive the Recession?" Fewer publications enjoy watching and reporting on the decline in the status and fortunes of men more than Newsweek/Time, do they? I'll be so glad when they finally go out of business. Excerpt:

'Two coasts. Two men who can't find jobs. And one defining moment for the men in the gray flannel suits who used to run this country. Or at least manage it.

Capitalism has always been cruel to its castoffs, but those blessed with a college degree and blue-chip résumé have traditionally escaped the worst of it. In recessions past, they've kept their jobs or found new ones as easily as they might hail a cab or board the 5:15 to White Plains. But not this time.

The suits are "doing worse than they have at any time since the Great Depression," says Heidi Shierholz, a labor economist at the Economic Policy Institute. And while economists don't have fine-grain data on the number of these men who are jobless—many, being men, would rather not admit to it—by all indications this hitherto privileged demo isn't just on its knees, it's flat on its face. Maybe permanently. Once college-educated workers hit 45, notes a post on the professional-finance blog Calculated Risk, "if they lose their job, they are toast."'

The Worst Thing A Woman Can Do In Divorce Proceedings: The Abuse Of Orders of Protection

Matt · 23 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Orders of Protection are critical to the safety of many. Some people claim that they are simply pieces of paper that mean nothing. Detractors point to horrible stories where people are abused or murdered despite having an order in place.

I disagree–although we only hear of the tragic endings, orders of protection carry an authority that at least some, if not many, abusers grudgingly respect. I believe these orders have saved countless from horrible mistreatment that would otherwise have occurred.

However, it is also an unfortunate truth that because they are incredibly easy to obtain, orders of protection are misused, often against men. And this false practice clogs the system unnecessarily, preventing true victims from having their cases thoroughly examined and depleting victim-assistance resources.

In matrimonial practice, men are drastically more likely to be the spouse who has an order enforced against them at the beginning of a separation or divorce. When a man has had an order of protection issued against him, many automatically think that he must have done something horribly threatening or dangerous to his partner or family in order to have a judge feel compelled to issue an order.'

F&F: West Virginia Supreme Court: False Allegations of Abuse Can Terminate Rights

Matt · 25 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With any luck, this case will be a harbinger of things to come. Here's an article about the case (The West Virginia Record, 4/24/11).

By itself, it's not definitive regarding fathers' rights in custody matters, but it points a direction in which I suspect courts will go more and more in future cases. In a nutshell, the Supreme Court of West Virginia ruled that false allegations of child abuse can be used to terminate custodial rights.

Now, the reasons the decision doesn't control fathers' rights is that it involves grandparents. Likewise, it's based only in part on their false allegations of abuse. Still, the reasoning is there to give falsely accused parents a leg up in custody cases.'

Action Alert: Gender Studies Lawsuit in London

Matt · 26 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An egalitarian MRA is bringing a damages claim against an elite university's Gender Studies department which he attended as a student, but was forced to withdraw from due to the persistantly sexist anti-male nature of the course. His legal claim is based on Sex Discrimination law, Breach of Contract, Misleading Advertising and Misrepresentation – and he is looking for pro bono support from a lawyer or barrister, or assistance from a 'McKenzie friend' – someone not necessarily legally qualified, but who can nevertheless offer advisory support and strategy in court.

The university's promotional literature did not warn of the one-sided anti-male learning materials that would form the bulk of the curriculum – and the university's prospectus and regulations, forming part of the contract, specifically rule out discriminatory learning materials and practices – so the facts of the case are uniquely strong – on a number of fronts – and a successful litigation here will help bring about real improvements for the future inclusion of men and men's equality issues within gender studies, and all other academic fields.'

Attractiveness and hirability

Matt · 27 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former prom queens and cheerleaders looking for work might want to leave their photos off their resume and their public Facebook profile. According to a new academic study, hiring managers scanning resumes from female job applicants granted more interviews to “plain-looking” women or women who didn’t include a photo with their resume, than they did for attractive women whose resume included a photo.
...
So what gives? Here’s a hint if you haven’t yet figured it out: Who is typically in charge of screening? Yep, young women. After the survey was complete, the researchers contacted the firms they had sent applications to and determined that 24 of the 25 firms had a female employee between the ages of 23-34 doing the screening. The authors conclude that one of the major factors at play here is that “female jealousy of attractive women in the workplace is a primary reason for the punishment of attractive women.”'

Turning feminist theory into a visceral rape deterrent

anthony · 28 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In Africa, your vagina can get spikes for $2. No longer just a revenge dream, this device — called Rape-aXe — was actually distributed for free last year at the World Cup in South Africa. A psychological weapon as well as a physical one, Rape-aXe evokes a terror that was a staple of ancient folklore among cultures as different as the Egyptians, Greeks, Indians, Chinese, Polynesians, and Native Americans: teeth down there!

Complete with sharkskin-like barbs that catch onto an invading penis, causing pain and preventing urination, and requiring specialized medical professionals to remove, the Rape-aXe is a real-world application of feminist theory. It's a practical response to the harsh environment in which women around the world conduct their daily lives. While it may not yet be available in the United States, the Rape-aXe is an example of a new, forceful, even primal, phase of the women's rights movement, worth examining as Portland observes its annual Take Back the Night rally.'

Woman to be charged with making false rape report

anthony · 28 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'A woman is expected to be charged with filing a false report with police after she reported an attempted rape on April 18, Boaz Police Chief Terry Davis said.

The woman allegedly told police the attempted rape occurred on Butler Avenue, where she said she pulled over for a vehicle flashing its headlights at her after she left Walmart.

The investigation is continuing, Davis said, but the woman is expected to be charged with filing the false report because it has been determined the incident did not happen.'

Abuse Shelters Not Serving True Victims -- Petition Calls for Accountability

Matt · 28 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / April 27, 2011 – Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is calling for accountability in domestic violence shelter operations. Abuse shelters have become filled with drug-abusers and homeless persons who have not been physically abused. As a result, true victims are being denied services.

The SAVE petition calls on Rep. Gwen Moore of Wisconsin, co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, to require that abuse shelters:

1. Assure real victims get the priority they deserve by requiring evidence of violence or credible proof of imminent violence.
2. Not engage in discriminatory practices.
3. Offer anger management and substance abuse services by qualified staff.
4. Assure a safe and respectful environment for victims and their children.'

F & F Helps Introduce Spousal Support Bill in California

Matt · 28 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families has helped introduce SB 481, a California bill to curb the common family court practice of issuing “double dipping” spousal support orders.

SB 481 will correct an inequity in California law wherein the same stream of income is counted twice in a family law action — once for purposes of valuing that income stream as a division of property, then again for spousal/partner support purposes when the spouse/partner receives the income in the future. Under this bill, family law courts would have to consider the impact of double counting of income when making a spousal/partner support order.'

Divorced father struggling to change system

anthony · 29 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Knize went through a nasty divorce a few years ago, and, based on his own experience, he feels judges in divorce cases "have an inherent bias against men."

"Basically the judiciary has worked hard to erode (father's) civil rights on many levels. In my divorce case my person, property and papers were what I wanted protected, and they were all broken in the divorce. There was nothing I could make a free choice of in my life."

"Basically the child remains with the mother right away until further notice, and the father may not see the child for the first year after the divorce," Knize said. "That's unconscionable."'

Equal Pay for Women Act Brings Battle of the Sexes to Life in Louisiana

Matt · 29 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'BATON ROUGE, La. - Rep. Barbara Norton has reintroduced the “Equal Pay for Women Act,” which would give the state power to correct and eliminate discriminatory wage practices based on sex for comparable work.

The bill would grant employees, who believe they are underpaid because of their gender, the opportunity to petition for a wage increase. After the employee files a written complaint, the employer has 90 days to rectify the situation. After 90 days, the employee could initiate a civil lawsuit against the employer to recoup back wages and damages.

“Regardless of the job, if a woman has the same qualifications as a man, I see no reason why they should not make the same amount of money,” says Norton.

The proposal comes on the heels of U.S. Census Bureau data that shows full-time female employees make 77 cents for every dollar earned by men, while Louisiana’s women earned less than 70 cents when compared to their male counterparts.'

Position Vacant: Fulltime Male Staff Anthropologist

Minuteman · 30 April 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to posting here. ??? Excerpt:

'Australian Cultural Heritage Management is seeking written expressions of interest for a suitably qualified and experienced Male Consultant Anthropologist to join our Adelaide team. ACHM is an Adelaide-based cultural heritage consulting firm specialising in:
...
There is a full-time position available. The position will be responsible for providing anthropological services in South Australia and Western Australia with some potential work in Victoria, but will be based in the Adelaide office.'

Circumcision Ban Appears Headed For San Francisco Ballot

anthony · 1 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'SAN FRANCISCO (CBS SF) – A proposal to criminalize male circumcision in San Francisco was submitted to the city this week with enough signatures to put the ban on the ballot for the November election, but local religious groups said Thursday that they plan to strongly oppose the initiative.

Lloyd Schofield, who has organized a campaign to ban circumcision in San Francisco, submitted 12,265 signatures to the city's Department of Elections on Tuesday, exceeding by more than 5,000 the amount necessary to put the initiative on the November ballot.

Schofield said he believes male circumcision is wrong, and likened it to female circumcision practices that are already banned in the U.S.'

San Francisco MGM Bill:
http://www.sfmgmbill.org/Site/Home.html

Video: Male Baby Getting Circumcision

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Video here. Male circumcision has been getting a lot of media attention lately because of the proposed ban in San Francisco. Supporters of the practice include religious leaders and people who still think its beneficial because of hygiene. STD / HIV prevention has been inconclusive. I suspect most people debating this issue have never actually seen a baby circumcised.

WARNING This video is EXTREMELY graphic! This is only meant for responsible individuals looking to further educate themselves on MGM. You Tube requires an age verification before viewing it.

Woman faces charges in home circumcision

anthony · 2 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - A woman accused of attempting to circumcise her baby at home using a box cutter and a pair of pliers faces assault and criminal mistreatment charges.

Keemonta Peterson, 29, of Portland, told police she decided to circumcise her baby at home after reading the Bible. She said she watched some YouTube videos about circumcisions before making the attempt in October, according to The Oregonian.

After the 3-month-old boy suffered two hours of uncontrolled bleeding, she called 911 and the baby was rushed to a hospital where he was initially listed in critical condition. The boy appeared to have recovered with no permanent injury.

According to the prosecutor, a doctor described the baby's condition upon arrival at the hospital as life-threatening, and the pain as immense.'

Please lodge this anti-circumcision submission with USAID (deadline 9 May 2011)

Minuteman · 2 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This is a response to the document “Participation by Religious Organizations in USAID Programs” [regulations.gov Docket No. AID_FRDOC_0001, FR Doc No: 2011-6974] (http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=AID_FRDOC_0001-0136).

The deadline for submissions is 9 May 2011.

This submission can be made by anybody from any country around the world.

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UK: "Quotas and women-only shortlists aren't popular, but they work"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Quotas, women-only shortlists and any form of positive discrimination are often disliked equally by men and women, but they work. The alternative is waiting for the great promised land of meritocracy to start. I'd give it time. We are in fact still operating in the realms of hundreds of years of male-only shortlists and men giving people that remind them of themselves (other men) promotions. Rwanda has a bigger proportion of women in its parliament then we do. At the current rate of success the Fawcett Society estimates it will take Labour 20 years to get to 50% female candidates, the Lib Dems 40 years and the Tories 400.
...
Feminism is, in the end, about choices for women. Those choices are not expanding any more. It's not all about being a high-flying executive. Indeed, many younger women, having seen their mothers' generation over-stretched, may well opt out of the having-it-all means doing-it-all scenario. Nonetheless, young women cannot assume that the rights won by their mothers' generation are extended to them. Especially in the field of employment. The push for equality stopped years ago. We have stalled. Women need to wake up to what has really happened.'

F & F's Holstein Discusses Armstrong Case on Nationally-Syndicated Lars Larson Show

Matt · 3 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families Board Chair Ned Holstein, MD, MS criticized the anti-father bias in the media coverage surrounding the Lashanda Armstrong triple murder on the nationally-syndicated Lars Larson Show on Friday, April 29. According to Talkers Magazine, Larson has an audience of 2.25 million listeners, and his show is heard on over 200 stations nationwide.

Armstrong is the New York woman who drove herself and her four children into the Hudson River, killing herself and three of the kids. The oldest child, who managed to get free, said his mother held the other children down as the car sank.'

Colleges Cut Men’s Programs to Satisfy Title IX

anthony · 5 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'When the University of Delaware announced this year that it was demoting its men’s track and cross-country teams to club status, the news was sad but not surprising to many who follow college sports.

Delaware is one of dozens of universities that have eliminated low-profile men’s teams like wrestling, gymnastics and swimming in an effort, the universities say, to comply with Title IX, the federal law that bans sex discrimination in education.

But in cutting the men’s varsity track team, Delaware took the practice a step further. The university did not make the argument that it needed to cut the team to immediately comply with the law — after all, it plans to add a women’s golf team in the fall. Instead, officials say they are ending the track program, which has its 100th anniversary this year, out of concern that they could not remain compliant in the future. '

The Fan: College scramble to meet outdated Title IX quotas

anthony · 5 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Before Title IX it was common in sports played by both genders, such as basketball and soccer, for the men's coach to get paid five times what the women's coach was paid, and for the men's teams to fly to exotic places while the women took a bus to the next state. Doing away with such blatant discrimination gave women a chance to have as rewarding a college life as the men, and increased their visibility so that others wanted to join them.

But when the government steps in with good intentions, it often goes overboard. Sports are just one of the many offerings at a school, and shouldn't be regarded as more important than the others. No one cares if more women than men choose to take dance or more men opt for the challenging "Principles of Coaching Basketball 101."

For a woman who wants to play a certain sport and study chemistry in college, it might be hard to discern whether a college's chemistry department is any good, but much easier to tell if its very public sports teams are suitable. Colleges are competing for students, and women are entering college in greater numbers than men. So it doesn't require government quotas anymore to encourage schools to do the best for the athletes and pre-med scholars alike.'

Wrestlers pulling for university to keep their sport

anthony · 6 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Brown wrestling program feels its being targeted for elimination because the school wants to reduce the number of recruited athletes.
...
If Brown reduces its number of female athletes the school must stay in compliance with Title IX - a law that promotes gender equity in college sports.

The program feels its being targeted to reduce the number of male athletes because the sport doesn't have a female counterpart.

"To be honest, most of the kids were shocked because as (Goldberger) spoke we didn't fit most of the criteria that he talked about," Cowman said. "That's why we feel that we can fight this."

The team, alumni and friends of the program have been active drumming up support since the committee made its recommendation.'

Charges: Mom Pushed Child In Stroller Down Stairs

anthony · 6 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MINNEAPOLIS (WCCO) – A mother has been arrested after allegedly pushing her baby in a stroller down a flight of stairs at the Lake Street light rail train station Tuesday evening.

Police said the incident happened during an argument between the mother, 26-year-old Lisa Marie Martin, and her boyfriend. When officers arrived, they found the boyfriend holding the 4-month-old baby as Martin yelled at him. His face was bloodied. A crowd had gathered around them.
...
Martin was then seen pushing the stroller down the steps. The stroller tipped over before it could reach Martin's boyfriend, and the baby fell out onto the concrete stairs.'

Brooklyn Toddler Dies After Circumcision

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Story here. Excerpt:

'New York City's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is investigating the death of 2-year-old Jamaal Coleson, Jr. following a circumcision Tuesday at Manhattan's Beth Israel Medical Center.

"They gave him anesthesia, and after the circumcision he woke up he was fine," said Jabbar Coleson, Jamaal Jr.'s uncle, who lives in Jonesboro, Ga. "He asked to eat, he asked for something to drink, and then he started complaining about pain in his stomach."

Jabbar said his nephew was in the outpatient ward when doctors noticed something was wrong. But four hours passed before the toddler was rushed to the emergency room, he said.

The case, which has been reported as an accidental death to the New York State Department of Health, highlights the extremely rare complications of the procedure performed widely throughout the United States.'

'Guy Ritchie was circumcised for Madonna': A Kabbalah spiritual leader claims director underwent surgery for then-wife

anthony · 7 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'There are many things a man would do for the woman he loves but not every man would consider losing part of his manhood.

But Guy Ritchie is said to have agreed to say sayonara to his foreskin to please his then-wife Madonna.
...
The mother-of-two who co-founded the modern Kabbalah Centre in L.A. is reported to have said that Madonna: ‘keeps a kosher home, she observes Shabbat, she circumcised her son and had her [ex-] husband circumcised’.'

Philippine city holds 'circumcision party' to promote safe practices, establish world record

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MANILA, Philippines — Hundreds of boys in a Philippine city turned out Saturday for a daylong "circumcision party" to provide a safe, free procedure for a rite of passage that most local males undergo as preteens.

Some boys cried in their mothers' arms while others bit their shirts to stifle sobs as doctors carried out the surgery on dozens of makeshift operating tables inside a sports stadium in Marikina city east of Manila. Outside, other boys lined up to await their turn.

"I'm a big boy now," one boy who had just finished the surgery bragged.
...
As of mid-afternoon, nearly 1,500 boys aged 9 years and up had been circumcised while many were still waiting in line, city health officer Dr. Alberto Herrera said.
...
Vice Mayor Jose Fabian Cadiz says the city has applied for a Guinness World Record for most people at a circumcision event.'

Kenya: Plea to ICC over forced male circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NAIROBI, 25 April 2011 (IRIN) - A global advocacy group for gender-based violence survivors has called on the International Criminal Court to reconsider its refusal to recognize forced male circumcision as a form of sexual violence in a case against alleged organizers of Kenya's 2007-2008 post-election crisis.

Brigid Inder, executive director of The Hague-based Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice, said the judges' decision to classify forced male circumcision under "other inhumane acts" was "a misstep" that failed to take into account the element of force and purpose of the crime.

"We don't agree with the judicial decision; we think it's a wrong classification," Inder told IRIN.

Her comments followed allegedly inflammatory statements by leading politicians that have raised concerns among civil society groups in Kenya that the crime could be repeated in the 2012 elections.'

'Feminist Whining About Science Sexism'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the last ten years, the feminists have been whining that women scientists are victims of sex discrimination. The essence of feminism is to complain that an oppressive patriarchy is preventing women from earning more money and getting the academic appointments and recognition they think they ought to have. The National Science Foundation and other experts have refuted the feminists' crybaby act, but the feminists ignore the evidence and continue to proclaim their victimhood and demand taxpayers' money to remedy it.

The feminists got Congress to hold hearings on the fictitious "crisis" of sexism in the sciences, hearing only from feminist witnesses. Congress then created a program (called ADVANCE) that awarded millions of dollars to feminist university professors for anti-bias centers and workshops. This is just another feminist racket to get government to pursue their anti-male agenda. The feminists control academia and are skilled in getting grants of taxpayers' money.'

Website: 'The Boys Initiative'

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http://www.theboysinitiative.org/

'The Boys Initiative is a groundbreaking national campaign to shed light on disturbing trends in recent years pertaining to boys' and young mens' achievement. The spark for the initiative was the now well documented decline in their academic performance over the past two decades. This is part of a disturbing trend of their decline in other areas impacting physical and emotional health, performance, accomplishment and social adaptation.'

Do Fraternities Cause Rape Culture?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The horrifying part of it all is that, for the most part, fraternity members are allowed to get away with their absurd behavior, with people taking a “boys will be boys” approach to the whole thing while turning a blind eye to the darker assault-driven side of their behavior. People treat the rumors of frat house rape as just that; rumors that shouldn’t really be given much credence.

Rape is very much a part of college life, though, no matter how much we want to ignore it. Studies suggest as many as one in four college-age women are the victims of rape. A full 10% of these rapes are believed to have taken place in fraternity houses. As is typical with rape, however, very little of it gets reported, possibly as low as 10%, and in even fewer cases the perpetrator is ever brought to justice.

An important question following that setup is where do you draw the line? Even if you shutter every fraternity house across every college campus in the country, you still can’t stop groups of men from living together. Are fraternities themselves responsible for these higher rape numbers, or is this the ugly product of what happens when large groups of college age men are allowed to congregate with few rules or accountability for their actions?'

A better way to see more non-anti-male ads on TV

bikeking8 · 7 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Boycotts and letters may have some marginal effect on media's misandry. However, it seems more and more likely that giving public recognition to marketing departments who don't follow the crowd in this manner might be even more effective in squashing modern culture's affinity for male bashing. Commercials like Pledge's newest spot could be a shining example of how marketing campaigns can deliver effective advertising **without** male bashing while even displaying *gasp!* gender equality. If the people responsible for that Pledge commercial were given some public support/recognition for gender equality, they'd eat it up. And let's face it, society takes marketing to heart most of the time and sometimes uses it as a template for behavior: "Well in this commercial/movie the girl got her way all the time by having a temper tantrum and screaming - that must be acceptable, right?".

Another point that must be made is for the need to dig up comparable commercials from the days when there actually **was** male chauvinism and a glass ceiling. If direct comparisons (or better yet, mirror images) of modern male-bashing commercials can be found, this approach has a high likelihood of completely **nullifying** most feminist arguments for modern misandry in the media. Wouldn't that be a lot easier than trying to out-scream the feminist movement?

When did the building of affordable housing become a gender issue?

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When did the building of affordable housing to those in need become a gender issue?

Why am I asking this question you ask? Well on FaceBook today, where I am a fan of Habitat for Humanity, I received a notification about Lowe's sponsored "Women Build week." I followed the link back hoping to find that this idea was initiated by Lowe's as a promotional stunt but instead found an entire division of Habitat devoted to the "women build" program that traced it's history back 20 years. I am surprised and very disappointed to learn that an organization that I have participated with since I was in high school is not as egalitarian as I had presumed.

The Women Build FAQ pages address this issue as such:

"Does Habitat promote feminist issues?
We believe that decent, affordable housing is not a feminist issue. It is a quality of life and basic human dignity issue facing families everywhere.

The Women Build department of Habitat for Humanity International has one mission: empower women to take action against poverty housing conditions. The more people we can train to become effective volunteers, the better equipped we will be to fight poverty housing. Women Build brings together women from all walks of life to address in a concrete way the housing crisis facing millions of women and children across the globe.

Women Build is not about excluding men *[except apparently in the preceding sentence]*. It is about including women and opening new doors of opportunity. Men are often involved in our training programs and build projects in supportive roles and as subcontractors when women from the necessary trades are not available."

While I agree with the first paragraph of this statement, the rest is a non sequitur. If you desire more people to be trained to become effective volunteers, shouldn't we be "empowering" women and men? If we value inclusiveness, then shouldn't we bring together women and men from all walks of life? My experiences with working on Habitat builds consisted of working alongside women and men, from young teens to retired seniors and they are some of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It baffles me why Habitat seeks to prevent men from participating in some of their builds. The most disconcerting part of this statement is the omission of men in the list of those effected by the housing crisis.

But wait, there's more! Through the Women Build page I have found that Habitat also has a "Girls Build" program targeted towards preteen girls. In the following statement explaining the importance of Girls Build, could you please explain to me why this statement applies to our daughters but not to our sons?

"The Importance of Girls Build
Today's girls face pressures from peers and society that are different fro those of just a generation ago. Making the right decisions in the face of these influences can be difficult for any girl. For girls growing up in lower socio-economic conditions, the pressures and the risks are much greater.

Girls Build provides a fun learning environment to builds girls' confidence in making successful decisions about their future. Girls Build is also a great way to involve girls who want to get involved in Habitat's ministry in some way but are not yet old enough to work on a build site."

Disbar Assistant District Attorney Mary Kellett for Prosecutorial Misconduct

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"The ***petition*** is coming down in less than a week and we will be short of 1,000 signatures," writes Paul Elam at "A Voice for Men". Elam is asking people to step up and sign if they have not, and to post links to the petition as widely as possible. "An innocent man's life and future are on the line..." writes Elam.

Recent mass-circumcision in the Phillipines: The picture says it all

Matt · 9 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Picture and article here. The original page in Dutch is found here.

Club's entry charges on the basis of sex withdrawn

Mr VanHuizen · 10 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This is something that happened recently in my city (Christchurch); a new club opened up called Club 22 (a lot of bars/clubs have been opening since the massive earthquake here) - founded by a 20 year old girl. This particular club decided it would charge $5 entry fee for women and for men a ridiculous $22 to get in - with the claimed intention of apparently "to stop the drunk, stupid boys from ruining other people's enjoyment" and essentially creating a continuous ladies' night out bar.

Here was the original article, noticeably the media doesn't seem to have a problem with this kind of discrimination.

Apparently though, there was some outcry and some complaints and they decided to simply charge both men and women $5: http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/4867257/Clubs-playing-field-levels-out. So yeah, ultimately this kind of discrimination is hard to stop on a legal level simply because it falls into a grey area of the law. Of course, if you did just this in the reverse case or on the basis of any race there'd be national outcry.

Comment from the founder: 'We weren't trying to be sexist, we're not man-haters, we're not a gay bar or a gentlemen's club as one person called us, we're a bar for everyone.'

Right, sure.

Guinness World Records rejects Philippines mass circumcision 'record attempt'

Minuteman · 10 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to press release here.

'It has been bought to our attention that a circumcision event in the Philippines last Saturday has supposedly been approved by Guinness World Records.

Guinness World Records would like to clarify that it does not, under any circumstances, monitor, endorse or recognise this kind of 'record attempt'. The organisers of the event have no approval from Guinness World Records to use its trademarks in connection with this event and any claim to officially recognise this event will be rejected.'

Excedrin Product Boycott

Anonymous · 10 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

I'm not sure how this has not made it on your list! I believe this video was made in poor taste. Any similar depiction of a loving wife being portrayed as an incompetent clown would cause an uproar and most likely end up on "the view." I have sent a letter to the company. Let me know what you guys think. Thanks!

"Matriarchy Movement" seeks taxpayer funding in Switzerland

Anonymous · 10 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No, you are not dreaming. This is an IRL nightmare. Excerpt from translation:

'Environmental degradation, financial crisis, the unilateral accumulation of wealth: all the consequences of modern patriarchy - the destruction of a male-dominated society. At least, it seems the German Heide Goettner-Abendroth, one of the central figures of the matriarchy movement, which has been investigating the 1980 female-dominated societies and propagated.

Of 12 to 15 May guesting the seventy-year-Goettner Abendroth and her radical feminist movement in St. Gallen, to discuss how to achieve results and implement policy from the matriarchy. The event - consisting of lectures and spiritual rituals - is supported by the City of St. Gallen financially. Patrons are represented in the eastern Swiss politicians, including the Free Democratic Party National Councillor Marianne Kleiner and the FDP Councillor Erika Forster. Professionals in the prevention of champagne are appalled that the event is officially supported. "Goettner-Abendroth represent a dogmatic belief, the claims to the truth and not tolerate other opinions," says Georg Otto Schmid, head of the Protestant sects relinfo.ch Observatory. The feminists group back in the vicinity of a fundamentalist religious movement. "The authorities would also do not in the sense of encouraging the Muslim Central Council financially," says Schmid.'

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F&F: Massachusetts Action Alert: Shared Parenting Bill to Be Heard

Matt · 11 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Alert here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families' Shared Parenting bill (H02684) will have its public hearing by the Joint Committee on the Judiciary on Wednesday, May 18 at the State House in Boston. We want your help for this critical hearing. We need you to:

1) Call the members of the Judiciary Committee (as well as your local legislators) and let them know that you support H02684.

The contact info. for all Committee Members is here. To find your own state senator or representative, click here. Tell us how your interactions went by writing to us at FathersandFamilies@FathersandFamilies.org.'

Ad Council’s sexism hurts good cause; feminist bias in ads clouds message

Matt · 11 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'...This is not the first time, if there is on thread that runs through this organization’s ads it’s an effort, sometimes subtle, often overt, to disparage men and boys and cast women as superior, physically, mentally and even emotionally.

The Ad Council is known for creating the ads we see on T.V. or hear on the radio known as Public Service Announcements, (PSA’s) that stations run perhaps for free or at a reduced rate, usually to support some social cause that usually would not have the money for an ad campaign on the scale arranged for by the Ad Council. They usually have some ad agency do the creative work based upon their direction or guidance. I’m not sure exactly how much public funds, if any, are involved, either directly or indirectly.
...

One of the more outrageous campaigns created under the Ad Council was for something called “The Family Violence Protection Fund”. However, this time the cause was not so worthy, the campaign and the Fund provided misleading or even false information and was so biased and twisted it came close to promoting child abuse.

This campaign depicted pre-teen boys as “abusers in waiting” that needed correction or instruction to prevent them from becoming abusers of women which would be only natural in the minds of the feminists at the Ad Council.
...
Now the Ad Council takes aim at “man’s best friend” and the iconic and historic relationship and image of loyalty and friendship: a boy and his dog.'

New Study: Premature Ejaculation 5x more likely in circumcised men

Matt · 11 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

A new study shows that circumcised men are almost five times more likely to suffer from premature ejaculation. (Tang WS, Khoo EM. Prevalence and correlates of premature ejaculation, J Sex Med 2011)

DNA Testing Could Free Men Of Child Support

anthony · 12 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'DALLAS (CBSDFW.COM) – DNA testing has released hundreds of wrongfully convicted prisoners. It could also exonerate another group – men who've been paying child support for children they do not believe are theirs.
...
Senate Bill 785 would end the relationship, releasing him from child support payments through DNA testing.
...
Both the House and the Senate passed this bill unanimously. If the govenor signs the bill, it would go into effect immediately.'

Vienna man chooses jail over alimony

anthony · 12 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'VIENNA - A Vienna man would rather sit in jail than pay alimony to his ex-wife, hoping it forces a change in state paternity laws.

Monday, Sean Keefe, 37, was sentenced to six months in the North Central Regional Jail for refusing to pay his ex-wife $1,800-a-month court-ordered alimony.

"I didn't kill anybody. I didn't assault anybody. And I didn't steal from anybody and I am going to jail. I am in jail," Keefe said in a YouTube video posted Saturday.

Keefe alleges two years after he divorced his ex-wife, he discovered he was not the father of the couple's youngest son.

"Just before our divorce was finalized I was told I should have a DNA test performed. I was told there was zero-percent chance I was his biological father," he stated on the video. Caroline Keefe, Sean's wife, provided The News and Sentinel copies of the test results.'

Dartmouth sororities announce new policy

anthony · 13 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Notice the incident cited for the implementation of this new policy. The female student initiated the conflict. Absolutely no mention of any accountability on her part. Excerpt:

'The eight presidents of Dartmouth's Panhellenic sororities unanimously decided that their houses will boycott all social events held in conjunction with a fraternity in which a member has assaulted a female student if internal adjudication is not taken against the individual in a timely manner, Sigma Delta sorority president Danielle Levin '12 said in an interview with The Dartmouth. The boycott, which will continue until the fraternity in question internally tries the perpetrator of the assault, was enacted following a violent incident at a fraternity's physical plant on Saturday, according to Levin.
...

The violent argument occurred between a female member of the Class of 2013 and a male member of the Class of 2011 in the fraternity's basement on Saturday night, Levin said. The female student threw a drink in the face of the male student — who was a member of the fraternity in question — and he threw a glass bottle at her in response. He then pushed her against the wall until other members of the fraternity pulled him away, according to Levin.

Levin said she did not know if the female student, who was also a member of a Greek organization, had been injured. The new initiative will apply to acts of violence against all female students regardless of their membership status in a Greek organization, Levin said.'

"What Every Son Should Know About Love Marriage and Divorce" by Aaron Burleson M.D.

Anonymous · 13 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

In his new book warning young men about the dangers of marrying unwisely, Dr. Burleson examines the biology of love and mating, helping the reader to understand why some unions are bound to fail before they even start. The book shows by example how every action can result in unintended consequences and elucidates the tell tale red flags which can signal a divorce in the future.

The book sets out some basic principles for choosing a mate with emphasis on vetting her thoroughly before taking the plunge into marriage. A checklist that every man should go through carefully prior to marriage is provided.

The middle chapters contain advice on keeping the marriage healthy by avoiding the common pitfalls, which may lead to divorce. Finally the author gives examples of how not to make the same mistakes so many other men have when dealing with a marriage on the rocks from infidelity, mental illness, or other common problems. Included in this section are suggestions as to how information can be collected objectively because dealing with these problems without the appropriate intelligence can be disastrous.

The final chapter on Divorce sets out in stark contrast the consequences of choosing your mate unwisely, ignoring the red flags, failing to properly vet your prospective mate or failing to take appropriate precautions prior to matrimony.

Think of this book as the fatherly advice you should have gotten from your dad and surely would have if someone had told him.

For More Information go to lovemarriagedivorce4men.com
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Ed. note: I presume the submitter of this story is the author of the book, but cannot know for sure. In any case the posting of this item is neither an endorsement nor non-endorsement for his work. It is posted because it draws attention to the importance of being very careful about who, if indeed anyone, you choose to marry, as the stakes these days are, as we all know too well, very high.

ACFC's "Save the Turnips" Campaign off to a good start

Matt · 13 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From an email from ACFC:

'The Facebook Campaign to confront Child Support Agencies and their inhumane practices toward child support payers is off to a rousing start. Over 300 people 'liked' thesavetheturnips page in the first 24 hours. But there's more…One basis of this campaign is disgust over how child support officials identify child support payers as 'turnips.' We provided a link to a National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA) training program titled: "Getting Blood from a Turnip: New Farming Techniques for Increasing Your Yield."

Apparently folks at NCSEA got the message, sort of. Within hours of the start of the 'Save the Turnips' campaign NCSEA programmers had changed the website and pulled the reference to obligors as 'Turnips.' Of course, we thought you would like to see those 'before and after' alterations. The NCSEA is apparently still farming, just not specifically 'turnips.'

Would that undoing the decades of damage these people have done to families through their campaigns to vilify child support obligors was as easy as altering a webpage.'

The Facebook Group page for this campaign is http://www.facebook.com/savetheturnips.

Woman convicted of murdering baby using microwave oven

Minuteman · 14 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'Jurors in an American woman's third trial have found her guilty of burning her baby daughter to death in a microwave oven.

China Arnold, 31, was convicted of aggravated murder in the death of 28-day-old Paris Talley in August 2005. Arnold could receive the death penalty. The sentencing phase will begin on Monday next week.

Arnold's first trial ended in a mistrial.

She was found guilty in the second trial, but that conviction was reversed last year. An appeals court found there was misconduct by prosecutors and the trial court made an error by not allowing a material witness to testify in Arnold's defence.

Prosecutors have said Arnold intentionally put the baby in the microwave after a fight with her boyfriend. The defence had argued someone else was responsible.'

UK: Female teacher groomed girls for sex

Minuteman · 14 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A female UK drama teacher groomed a 13-year-old girl for sex then started a relationship with another student months after their affair ended.

Caroline French, 38, has been jailed for three years at the Preston Crown Court in Lancashire, after being found guilty of three indecent assaults and one count of indecency with a child, the BBC reports.

The court heard the Blackpool resident exchanged rings with the first teenager, a Lancashire student, and asked her to call her "Danny," to keep their affair secret.

Their affair became sexual when the student was 15 and continued for three months from January to April 2004.

A few months after the relationship ended French became intimate with another girl she taught at a different school, the court heard.'

The Flipside of Feminism: After four decades of male bashing, why are women still so unhappy?

Matt · 15 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Book review here. Excerpt:

'It's been about four decades since the Women's Liberation Movement began, yet recent statistics from the National Bureau of Economic Research claim women are more unhappy today than before the movement began.

Is the Feminist Movement to blame?

A new book by Suzanne Venker and Phyllis Schlafly "The Flipside of Feminism" explores this issue.

On their website, the overview section begins:

"What if everything you've been told about women in America is wrong? What if what your college professors taught you – along with television, movies, books, magazine articles, and even news reports – have all been lies or distortions?"

"…after all, they [men] are just brutal oppressing knuckle draggers so we need a whole new movement for that…"'

Avoiding resentment when she out-earns him

anthony · 16 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'Dear Carolyn:

What's your opinion on women who grossly out-earn their partners? I'm a raging feminist yet have difficulty with the fact that I make much more than my boyfriend. He doesn't have a college degree, so his lifetime salary ceiling is capped. If we ever buy a home together, I'll have to pay more — but he can fix almost anything. Then I shudder to think "he's earning his keep."

How do people avoid resentment? If I made $250,000, I'd care less, but I don't want to face a lifetime of struggling with bills and never feeling financially secure (especially once we have kids) while dealing with the fact that he can't contribute equally.'

Carolyn replies:

'The lenses through which you're viewing this situation aren't doing you any good. Making it a male-female issue is a loser, because it's breathtakingly unfair; you can't demand/expect/capitalize on equal opportunity ("feminism") and then be dismayed at or disparage the men you out-earn. The inevitable consequence of a bias-free system is that roughly half of the women in hetero couples will have to get used to the idea of making more than their sweetumses.'

Australia: 13 New Services to Support Aboriginal Fathers

Minuteman · 16 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to media release here. Excerpt:

'Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon today announced stronger and prouder involvement in parenting will be promoted among Aboriginal men at 13 organisations in a new Australian Government initiative.

“The $7.4 million in Strong Fathers Strong Families projects announced today for New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory will enable the rollout of antenatal programs that will engage Aboriginal males and help them prepare for fatherhood.

“Fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other significant male relatives are crucial in the lives of their children. A solid connection to family and culture gives children a great advantage in their early developmental years.'

NIH announce dangerous changes to clinical trial protocols in search for HIV vaccine

Minuteman · 17 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Will continue pushing for more circumcision regardless. Link to press release here. Excerpt:

'To speed the pace at which promising HIV vaccine candidates become viable for evaluation in large clinical trials, NIAID is exploring the use of innovative or adaptive clinical trial designs that let scientists quickly modify ongoing trials in response to data acquired during the study. Such flexibility in trial design will allow the research community to maximize efficiencies in studying vaccine candidates.
...
No matter how effective a preventive HIV vaccine is, however, we will need to evaluate and administer it in combination with other biomedical and behavioral HIV prevention tools. No single HIV prevention strategy will control and ultimately end the HIV/AIDS pandemic. That is why it is important for NIAID to continue supporting promising research on vaginal and rectal microbicides, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and expanded HIV testing with linkage to care. That is also why public health workers will continue to advocate and implement scientifically proven HIV prevention strategies such as condom use, **medically supervised *adult* male circumcision**, harm-reduction strategies for injection drug users and the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV.'

SAVE E-lert: Maine Prosecutor Files Motion to Muzzle SAVE

Matt · 17 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From a SAVE email alert:

Following our May 12 E-lert, SAVE learned that during Thursday's pre-trial hearing in the Filler case, the State of Maine prosecutor filed a motion to impose a gag order on SAVE and other organizations seeking to get the truth out about prosecutor Mary Kellett. Clearly, SAVE's well-subscribed petition, high-profile press conference, and other efforts to publicize the case are proving to be a major irritant to Mary Kellett...and well they should!

The judge viewed the motion as a puny attempt to revoke SAVE's First Amendment rights, and quickly denied the motion. And once again, the methods of prosecutor Mary Kellett and her proxies have been exposed for all to see.

Texas Teacher Allegedly Had Sex With 5 Students

anthony · 18 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ARLINGTON, Texas -- A suburban North Texas high school teacher has been accused of having sex with five 18-year-old students at her home and was released on bond Monday.

Brittni Nicole Colleps, an English teacher at Kennedale High School, is charged with five counts of having an inappropriate relationship between a student and teacher -- a second-degree felony.

It is a criminal offense for teachers to have sex with a primary or secondary school student, no matter the student's age. A conviction carries a penalty of anywhere from two years to 20 years in prison per count.

The Arlington woman was booked into the city jail after turning herself in Monday morning and posted a $125,000 bond for her release that afternoon, police spokeswoman Tiara Ellis Richard told The Associated Press.'

Australia: Harbour Bridge protest: who is Mick? (Bridge limbe For My Kids? Any time!)

GreatSouthernLander · 18 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

I can't believe that this hasn't been covered here yet. There was a lot of comment (90% positive) on the day but, it has since been ignored. A retrospective article by a major newspaper would seem warranted. Excerpt:

'The disgruntled father whose Sydney Harbour Bridge protest ground half of the city to a halt this morning was almost killed during an alleged bikie shootout last year.

Michael Fox, who went by the name "Mick" on two radio stations today, was caught up in an incident in April 2010 in which a high-ranking Nomads bikie was allegedly murdered.'

Washington Times: Guys got it made? Think again, say advocates

anthony · 18 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"“If just one sex wins, both sexes lose.”

These words, presented Tuesday at an event in Washington sponsored by the Boys Initiative, are intended to start a national conversation aimed at improving the outcomes for American boys and men in school, work, marriage and health.

The figures are stark: Compared to girls, boys are less educated and more medicated. One in five men of prime working age is not working. Men have a life expectancy five years shorter than women. Male suicide rates start out equal to females, but steadily rise over the lifespan.

America ranks No. 1 in the world for the number of men in their 50s and 60s with college degrees, but it ranks only ninth for these degrees among men in their 20s and 30s, Thomas Mortenson, education analyst and board member of the Boys Initiative, said in a report released at the event.

This is a “shameful record” and shows that the United States is not preparing its young men to compete in a global economy, said Mr. Mortenson. “For God’s sake, people, wake up.”"

Woman pleads guilty to false rape report

anthony · 18 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An MCI-Framingham inmate pleaded guilty yesterday in Framingham District Court to filing a false rape report last year in Hopkinton.

Andrea Davio-Michaud, 40, admitted to filing a false police report, but she will not face more jail time.

Judge Martine Carroll sentenced her to six months at MCI-Framingham, to be served concurrently with her existing sentence.

...

They questioned Davio-Michaud's husband, who told them his wife has falsely claimed being raped at least four other times over the past 15 years, and that she would often injure herself to add credibility to her story, the police report said.

Davio-Michaud confessed to making up the story.'

Woman charged with filing false rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 22-year-old woman who accused a co-worker of raping her has been charged with filing a false report of a crime, McDuffie County sheriff's Maj. Ronnie Williamson confirmed Tuesday.

Chelsea Ann Johnson of Dearing told police that Donteveous Coleman, a co-worker at Zaxby's, dragged her into a restroom at the Washington Road restaurant on April 25 and raped her.

Coleman, 27, of Thomson, has been released, Williamson said, but the charge against him has not been formally dropped. That will require court action, Williamson said.
...
Johnson was arrested Friday and released the next day on a $6,050 bond, Williamson said.'

"'Our boy problem' a 'disturbing trend' as boys and young men fall behind girls in education"

anthony · 18 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mortensen released a report Tuesday titled "Economic Change Effects on Men and Implications for the Education of Boys," in which he explains how men have not adapted well to the changing economy.

He points out that women are more likely than men ages 25 to 29 to have a high school diploma, that women are more likely than men to continue going to college after the first year and that there have been more women than men enrolled in college since 1981.

"Mortenson argues that teaching styles and discipline policies cause boys to disengage sooner than girls and drop out at higher rates," Education Week reported, adding that the focus in schools on test preparation and writing disengages boys faster than girls.'

CBS 6 Investigation: Botched circumcisions soar in Central Virginia

anthony · 18 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'RICHMOND,Va— For some it's a cosmetic or health decision. For others, it's a religious covenant.

Regardless of the reason, a majority of baby boys born in the Greater Richmond Area today are being circumcised.

While circumcision is one of the most common procedures performed, a number of things can and do go wrong.

Traci Stevens knew she didn't want her second baby to go through what her first son did. Stevens says, "My husband said over and over, 'Something's wrong.'"

Pediatric urologist Dr. Boyd Winslow confirmed what the Stevens feared, their first son's circumcision had been done wrong in the hospital and needed to be repeated. To spare their second born, Jonah, the same heartache, the Stevens took him directly to Dr. Winslow a month after he was born. Stevens says, "Jonah didn't cry one bit when it was done, so I was very happy with that."'

F&F: Massachusetts Action Alert: Shared Parenting Bill to Be Heard

Matt · 18 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Alert here. Excerpt:

Fathers and Families' Shared Parenting bill (H02684) will have its public hearing by the Joint Committee on the Judiciary on Wednesday, May 18 at the State House in Boston. We want your help for this critical hearing. We need you to:

1) Call the members of the Judiciary Committee (as well as your local legislators) and let them know that you support H02684.

The contact info. for all Committee Members is here. To find your own state senator or representative, click here. Tell us how your interactions went by writing to us at FathersandFamilies@FathersandFamilies.org.

GA Gov. Signs F & F-Inspired Child Custody Bill

Matt · 18 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'At Fathers and Families we receive many letters from divorced or separated military servicemembers with painful but preventable family law problems. Currently, Georgia is one of the few remaining states that has no protections in statute.

To address these problems, Department of Defense Liaisons Office legislative representatives and Fathers and Families legislative representative Michael Robinson worked to introduce Georgia's SB 112 and HB 282. Both bills largely mirror Fathers and Families' California AB 2416, which was passed into law last fall. Many months in the making, the bills will help protect military parents' child custody rights during and after deployments.'

SAVE request "Like"s for their Facebook page

Matt · 18 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE: Want to reform state-level DV laws? Visit SAVE's new Facebook page for the Domestic Violence Legislative Project, and then hit the "Like" button!

A note on 'hateful commentary'

Matt · 18 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

The MANN admins list got an email from a reader who said he felt some of the comments left by others here were hateful/vile and he gave some examples. All in all, I agreed with him re those exaamples. Following was my reply:

"Thanks for your note. I agree there are some really hateful and bigoted things in comments on our site. The MANN admins have discussed this issue at length in the past and have concluded that when we start censoring one comment, there is no end to where it goes. We think that as offensive something is, it tarnishes the poster far more than the site itself. This issue has come up a lot before in legal circles on other forums, such as newspaper forums.

Anyway, MANN admins concluded that to keep from injecting our own editorial bias into comments (we have it in what we post, since all editorial decisions re posted/printed content in newspapers or, as in our case, aggregation sites, is inherently biased), that there would be only one rule: No personal attacks against other posters. That is because personal attacks drive members away and more than that, they turn the subject matter from ideas to personalities. We want to stay focused on ideas, not personalities.

But I will say I understand your POV. The good news about these folks who post the hateful stuff is that the post usually goes nowhere. People usually don't reply to it, for they understand that that is 'feeding the trolls'. By editing out the hateful commentary, that would also be feeding the trolls and making them into martyrs. As it stands, we are simply starving them for attention and they only look bad.

I hope this clarifies some on the whys and hows of MANN editorial policy. In fact I think this is such an important issue to point out that I will take my reply to you and post it as an item, though I will not post your original note to the MANN list."

Book reviews by J. Steven Svoboda

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How Obama's Gender Policies Undermine America

How Obama's Gender Policies Undermine America. By Diana Furchtgott-Roth. New York: Encounter Books, 2010. www.encounterbooks.com. 47 pp. $5.99. Review by J. Steven Svoboda.

How Obama's Gender Policies Undermine America by Diana Furchtgott-Roth is the sixteenth in a series of small chapbooks Encounter Books is offering in a fascinating new publishing program. In this increasingly screen-oriented age, the concept of promoting paper books by putting out small, inexpensive, pocket-sized pamphlets on topics of political interest is a fascinating endeavor that should be supported.

Furchtgott-Roth is the author of two excellent books, Women's Figures: An Illustrated Guide to the Economics of Women in America and the more recent The Feminist Dilemma: When Success is Not Enough.

In fewer than fifty small-sized pages, writing accessibly so that the entire chapbook can probably be read in fifteen to thirty minutes by most readers, the author makes her case that the federal government is hurting our economic strength by attempting to ensure equality of outcome for women in the marketplace and not just equality of opportunity. "Equal outcomes is a pernicious goal for government policy, one that smacks of central planning and heavy official intrusion into private decision making, such as what to study and what vocation to pursue."

NYC mom admits to voodoo fire that burned daughter

anthony · 19 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK — Prosecutors say a New York City woman admitted setting fire to her young daughter during a voodoo ritual by pouring flammable liquid on the girl's head and igniting it, scarring her body.

Marie Lauradin (lah-hahr-DAHN') pleaded guilty Wednesday to first-degree assault by pouring the liquid on her then-6-year-old daughter at their Queens home in 2009.

Prosecutors say Lauradin poured the accelerant on her daughter's head and in a circle on the floor as part of a voodoo practice involving a loa, or spirit.'

Mother Reportedly Confessess to Killing Boy Found Dead in Maine

anthony · 19 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The mother of a young boy found dead on the side of a desolate road near the Maine-New Hampshire border reportedly has confessed to killing the boy, MyFoxBoston.com reported.

The woman, who the TV station identified as Julianne McCrery, reportedly told a Massachusetts state trooper that she killed her son and was contemplating killing herself, MyFoxBoston.com reported Wednesday evening , citing unnamed sources. FoxNews.com could not independently confirm the report with police.

Earlier Wednesday, without identifying the woman, a Massachusetts State Police spokesman confirmed that a woman was being questioned by police, and she was moved late in the afternoon from the Concord Barracks to a nearby hospital for a mental evaluation.'

San Franciscans to vote on male circumcision ban this November

anthony · 19 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'San Francisco voters will decide whether to ban male circumcision in the November 8 municipal election.

Activists gathered enough signatures to put a proposal on the ballot, the city's election board confirmed Wednesday.

The measure aims to prohibit all male circumcisions in San Francisco. Led by Lloyd Schofield who is part of a Bay Area “inactivist” group, the advocates want to eliminate the surgery and liken it to "male genital mutilation."

Schofield and the "inactivists" seek to make it "unlawful to circumcise, excise, cut, or mutilate the whole or any part of the foreskin, testicles, or penis" of anyone 17 or younger in San Francisco. Under the proposal, a person who violates the proposed ban could be jailed (not more than one year) or fined (not more than $1,000). Exemptions for religious reasons would not be allowed.'

Feminism -- schools are their playgrounds (Part II)

anthony · 19 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We don't recognize feminism in our thinking or our behavior, yet we are constantly bombarded by its ideals through entertainment media, books, movies, in the workplace and, most importantly, the public school system.

In "Save the Male," Kathleen Parker wrote, "Boys learn early that they belong to the 'bad' sex and their female counterparts to the 'good.'"

Despite obvious differences between males and females, feminism aimed to teach girls to aspire to be masculine and boys to be feminine. Public schools have become the focus of increasing girl-centered education and decreasing the natural inclinations of boys.'

"Everyone from Fox News to feminists is turning the arrest of DSK into a piece of medieval theatre"

anthony · 19 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here.

'I am no fan of Dominique Strauss-Kahn, still less of the Socialist Party of France that he is a member of or the nation-wrecking IMF that he currently runs. Yet I can't help feeling that his arrest on charges of sexual assault is being turned into a modern-day medieval drama, a kind of reality-show version of the witch trials of old, in which DSK has been assigned the role of all-purpose hate figure rather than suspect in a crime.
...
And feminists hate DSK because… well, because he is a man, and even worse than that he's a man who has reportedly flirted and engaged in saucy dialogue with his female staff in the past. The speed and thoroughness with which feminist writers have drawn a link between DSK's everyday workplace demeanour and the alleged rape of a maid has been extraordinary, as if there is a natural and logical link between sexist banter at work and the violent and criminal degradation of a woman. One writer says that what will really be on trial in NYC is the "sexual behaviour" of men in general and the "wider question of the behaviour of men in power". DSK's alleged actions apparently spring from "the sexism and snobbery of French politics". Such commentary is a reminder of feminist commentators' willingness to indulge and spread national stereotypes when it suits them and of their keen abandonment of the concept of innocent until proven guilty in any case involving allegations of rape. I mean, DSK must be guilty, right? He's French, he's powerful and he talks down to women. Lock him up.'

UK: Feminist judge resigns after Philip Roth wins Man Booker International Prize

anthony · 19 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Carmen Callil, one of three judges, claimed Roth did not deserve to make the shortlist let alone win the £60,000 prize.

Miss Callil, an author and founder of the feminist publishing house Virago, complained: “He goes on and on and on about the same subject in almost every single book. It's as though he's sitting on your face and you can't breathe”.

She was overruled by fellow judges Justin Cartwright, the South African novelist, and Rick Gekoski, a rare book dealer and writer.

Miss Callil complained: “I don't rate him as a writer at all. I made it clear that I wouldn't have put him on the longlist, so I was amazed when he stayed there. He was the only one I didn't admire – all the others were fine.
...
Roth’s career spans 50 years and includes a Pulitzer Prize awarded in 1998. However, his style has alienated feminists who have objected to his focus on explicit male sexuality.

The 78 year-old’s books have been described as almost pornographic and often feature older men and their sexual exploits.

Feminists have argued that his female characters are portrayed as less than human to which his response has been that he “writes about the lives of men”.

Women don't need federal Affirmative Action programs

anthony · 19 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women in 21st century America live five years longer than men; face an unemployment rate that is over a full percentage point lower; are awarded a substantially larger share of high school diplomas, BAs, MAs, and Ph.D.s; and show lower rates of incarceration, alcoholism and drug abuse.

Contrary to what feminist lobbyists would have Congress believe, girls and women are doing well.

With these data before us, reasonable individuals should be holding conferences on how to help men. Policymakers should require that government contractors hire men to bring down their unemployment rate. Health reform bills should feature Offices of Men's Health to assist men in living to the same age as women.

Unfortunately, the reverse is occurring. Congress and President Obama continue to advocate policies that favor women over men. The financial regulation bill has mandated 29 offices to help the advancement of women.'

UK: 'This rape debate is demeaning to women'

anthony · 19 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Sexual Offences Act 2003 declared that consent must be ‘active, not passive’; in rape cases, consent is now taken to mean agreement rather than the absence of a refusal. So if a woman goes along with sex, but doesn’t make it explicitly clear that she is actively consenting to it, it can be deemed to be rape. The government has even moved towards ensuring that no agreement can be taken as consent if it is given under the influence of alcohol. As Cavendish pointed out: ‘In our zeal to protect women, are we going to legislate so that a drunken man is accountable for his deeds, but a drunken woman is not? Why do we encourage women to see themselves as victims?’ Absolving women who engage in sexual liaisons – whether drunk or sober – of responsibility for their actions is not liberating; it’s demeaning.

...

Women are done no favours by these changes. They are being treated as feeble dimwits who have constantly to be asked for their consent, to be checked on every step of the way to make sure they’re okay. It is curious that self-described feminists are propounding such a paternalistic view of women as unable to make their own minds up, as too weak and silly to say ‘no’ to men, and as putting themselves at risk by drinking and flirting and potentially knocking out their critical faculties, leading them to wake up in a strange bed without having first given their ‘active consent’.

SAVE: Make your Voice Heard at the False Allegation Summit, June 2, Washington DC

Matt · 19 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From a SAVE email:

SAVE will be sponsoring a False Allegations Summit on June 2 in Washington, DC. The Summit will kick off False Allegations Awarenesss Month. All victims of false abuse allegations are invited to attend this historic event.

The Summit will be held at the Fairfax Hotel on Embassy Row, 2100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. from 1pm to 4pm.

The Summit will feature:

- Release of a national survey of false allegations
- Statements by stakeholder organizations
- Accounts by victims of false allegations
- Release of Model Language to Stop False Allegations

Pre-registration is necessary. Please send your name and organization, if appropriate, to tstoddard-at-saveservices.org

In addition, if you are interested in making a victim statement, please indicate that fact in your registration. We will be limiting the number of victim statements to 10, so register soon!

Friends, family members, and others are also welcome to attend. We are expecting to get good media coverage, so make every effort to attend this historic event!

Sincerely,

Teri

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

P.S. For more information on False Allegations Awareness Month, visit
http://www.saveservices.org/false-allegations-awareness-month/

Woman 'deliberately runs over daughter'

Minuteman · 20 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. The quotation marks in the title are from the original headline and appear to an editorial device to separate women from their actions. Excerpt:

'A US mother has been arrested after she deliberately ran down her daughter in a supermarket carpark, police allege.

Ohio woman Michelle Touma, 41, allegedly swerved her van to hit her daughter Emily, 19, running over her foot, the Sandusky Register reports.

Touma had been arguing with her daughter as she drove her to her job at a nearby Taco Bell outlet.

Her daughter began shouting and hitting the bonnet of the car when Touma tried to drop her off early.

Police said Touma then swerved the van so she could strike her daughter in the head.

"The mum said that she was going to drive by with the window down and smack her daughter in the back of the head," a police spokesman said.'

Mary Dejevsky: A feminist presumption of victimhood impairs justice

anthony · 20 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rape is rape is rape – and a very serious crime. Let's get that over with. Most people also have a very clear idea of what constitutes rape – and if they don't, and they find themselves sitting on a jury in a rape trial, they will be put right pretty quickly by the judge and the prosecuting lawyers. The difficulty in recent years has been less and less judicial practice than the propagation of a hardcore feminist view intent on broadening the definition of rape and presuming guilt rather than innocence. The lines between rape, sexual assault and personal "mistakes" risk as a result becoming blurred.'

Another way in which school isn't treating boys well

Matt · 20 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Bullying. When it happens to girls, it makes the news. Boys? This story speaks for itself. Perhaps the only reason it made the news is because it was a sub who was there that day. Excerpt:

'A 12-year-old Dallas student was bound to a chair with duct tape and beaten by four classmates as a substitute teacher stood and ignored the attack, according to the victim's mom.

The Dallas school district is investigating the charges made by Keneshia Richardson, who claims the attackers wrapped tape around her son's mouth to keep him from shouting.

"It was uncalled for," Richardson told The Dallas Morning News, adding her son had trouble breathing.

The woman said his hands were taped to the chair, he was wrapped with a telephone cord, and the attackers knocked him to the ground. The boy's shirt was torn as well, she claimed.'

Title IX Winners and Losers

Anonymous · 20 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Title IX has provided many athletic opportunities for women, often at the expense of mens' sports programs. The personal stories of the male athletes affected by these cuts are often marginalized.

I recently wrote a book about the plight of the 1999 Providence College baseball team. It was the last year the sport was played at the school. The program was eliminated due to Title IX concerns. The team had been having great success throughout 90's, and in their final season the team rallied to show the school that they were making a mistake. They won the Big East championship but lost the sport anyway.

STRIKE IX is the title of the book, and it tells the individual stories of the players who were affected by the Title IX decision at Providence College.

It's available in paperback, but is also available also electronically on Nook and Kindle.

An interview I did on a local sports show with Marc DesRoches, the team's star pitcher that year can be viewed here.

Experts Call for Expanding Boys' Career Options

anthony · 21 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the nearly four decades since Title IX of the federal Civil Rights Act barred sex discrimination in education, educators and policymakers have encouraged more girls to study and enter traditionally “male” careers, from science and technology to architecture and law.

With male-dominated fields like construction now stagnant, however, experts argue that the situation may be reversed: American schools don’t do enough to encourage boys to explore careers in traditionally female-dominated fields, such as health care and education.

Experts at a forum hosted Tuesday by the Washington-based Boys Initiative called for the creation of a White House Council on Boys to Men, similar to the existing White House Council on Women and Girls, to organize policies and support.'

Poetry for Mensactivism.org

Matt · 21 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Submitted via email: Link to a poetry site http://poetwarrior.org.uk/. Some people find poetry inspiring and why shouldn't they? Some of the greatest causes in history have been moved along by poetry and song. So I hope you enjoy this man's work.

Elementary school teacher jailed for 'making sex tape with daughter's 16-year-old boyfriend'

anthony · 21 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An elementary school teacher has been jailed after admitting making a sex tape with her daughter's 16-year-old boyfriend.

Michelle McCutchan,38, confessed to having sex with the teen on at least five occasions and setting up a video camera to film two of the romps.

The mother of one also sent the teen nude pictures of herself as well as sexually explicit texts during their five month affair.'

School Employee Arrested for Alleged Sex Assault

anthony · 21 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MILWAUKEE - The Milwaukee County sheriff's office is investigating after a staff member at a Milwaukee school was arrested on a sexual assault allegation.

The Milwaukee Archdiocese says that a female staffer at St. Charles School was arrested, and that the victim was a teenage boy who's a student at school.

The sheriff's office says a juvenile from the school made the complaint against a staff member at the school.

The suspect was booked into the County Correctional Facility-Central on Wednesday. Formal charges have not been filed.'

Women-Only Hotel Floors

dooquidis4ever · 22 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Why is this tolerated? Isn't this illegal discrimination? What would happen if we had men-only hotel floors? Excerpt:

'There is a new trend in hotels geared at women who are business travelers or women to just travel for pleasure. This new trend is making whole floors of hotels a woman only floor.

If all goes according to plan Grand Rapids Michigan will be the first city in the United States that has a hotel where an entire floor is dedicated to women business travelers. This looks at first glance to be a great idea but is it really? Some women are calling it sexist and discriminatory. Some call it kindness and a welcome change.

The hotel is a Marriott hotel which is known to cater to business people of both sexes. This new hotel will have twenty four floors and only the 19th floor will be reserved for women only. ...
...

As a woman I can see two sides to this issue. Sure I see the pros and the cons of this but where will this end? How much is too much? I think the only thing that will make it equal is to have men only hotels so that the men aren't being hit on by the women. After all it is not just men who hit on women, women being equal hit on men as well. Is this hotel prepared to make a male only floor within its hotel?
...
I think it goes beyond a kindness to woman as some people are saying. Sure it is nice to be pampered and feel safe but when will it end. Will there be woman only hotels on the proverbial horizon for America? What would women who fraught hard for our equal rights say if they seen this latest "advance"? There is a huge difference between being protected and being segregated. Segregation does not work; America's fore fathers have already tried that.'

When is a rape not a rape?

Kratch · 22 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"As a serving policeman, there are several things I am not allowed to talk about.

There are plenty of operational secrets we cannot discuss, but I'm not referring to those. I'm talking about the taboo subjects. The 'detection' rate for rape is one of these.

It's very frustrating to sit and listen to pundits talking about the low number of rape convictions in Court, when as police officers we all know what lies behind these poor numbers.

For example, I couldn't possibly tell you that out of every ten rapes which are reported in Ruraltown, at least eight turn out to be nonsense. To be fair, eight out of ten of everything reported at Ruraltown police station is nonsense, why should rape be any different?
...
So who suffers when Charlene drops by the nick to accuse Wayne of raping her because she is hacked off that he used her child benefit money for drugs? ...

The next genuine rape victim to walk into the police station, that's who. The next genuine victim who may face the cynical looks and delayed reaction from officers who have just finished dealing with the last ten Charlenes.'

The Military's Secret Shame

Matt · 23 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

A Newsweek article from April, which I only just saw. Men have the right to be free from assaults of all kinds, whether it be from men or women, and the governments under which they live (for good or bad) have a duty to ensure this. Article here. Excerpt:

'Blake Stephens, now 29, joined the Army in January 2001, just seven months after graduating from high school. The verbal and physical attacks started quickly, he says, and came from virtually every level of the chain of command. In one of the worst incidents, a group of men tackled him, shoved a soda bottle into his rectum, and threw him backward off an elevated platform onto the hood of a car. When he reported the incident, Stephens says, his platoon sergeant told him, “You’re the problem. You’re the reason this is happening,” and refused to take action. “You just feel trapped,” he says. “They basically tell you you’re going to have to keep working with these people day after day, night after night. You don’t have a choice.” His assailants told him that once deployed to Iraq, they would shoot him in the head. “They told me they were going to have sex with me all the time when we were there,” he says.

Stephens twice attempted suicide. His marriage fell apart. He became paranoid and explosive. In June 2003 his mother wrote a letter to Sen. Barbara Boxer, detailing her son’s “continued humiliation.” “Congressional inquiries have been know [sic] to jeopardize a soldier’s rank and standing,” Boxer’s office responded. “There is no way for our office to administratively protect your son’s military standing once a congressional examination is in progress.” The following August, Stephens was discharged for his “physical condition.”

Fear of a ruined career is a major factor preventing victims from coming forward. In 2010 the Pentagon anonymously surveyed active-duty soldiers who had been sexually assaulted about why they declined to report their attacks. Almost half the responding men said they kept silent because they didn’t want anyone to know, a third said they didn’t think anything would be done, and almost 30 percent said they were afraid of retaliation or reprisals.'

The Cure for the Modern Male Malaise: The 5 Switches of Manliness

Matt · 23 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A few weeks ago, I caught the premiere of the Discovery's Channel's "Human Planet," a television show about the ways people have adapted to survive in Earth's most extreme environments. Perhaps a better name for the program would have been "Man Planet," as the show primarily chronicled the incredible feats of men around the world – men the tentacles of civilization have barely grazed. There were men mining sulfur from an active volcano; men diving dozens of feet and holding their breath for five minutes at a time to spear fish on the ocean floor; men initiating their sons into manhood by teaching them how to train eagles to hunt. Even seemingly pedestrian tasks like taking your kids to school were fraught with danger; a father escorted his children on a 60 mile journey through the Himalayas, watching for potential avalanches and walking over a frozen river that could have cracked open at any moment.

...

Over tens of thousands of years, our manly ancestors evolved unique psychological traits that helped them survive and thrive in a dangerous, hardscrabble world. While we like to think that we're cultured and sophisticated and quite a distance beyond all that, all men still have these primitive psychological traits embedded deep inside them. As we can see from a show like "Human Planet," there are still men who live this way right now. The modern society we enjoy today represents a mere blink in the long history of humanity.

And so we have a mismatch, where for men in the developed world the inner elements of masculinity remain unchanged, while the outer landscape in which those elements exist has been dramatically altered. Instead of spending most of our time outside each day, we spend the majority of it inside. Instead of braving the elements, we spend our time in climate-controlled environments. Instead of making things with our hands, we select items from the hundreds that line the aisles of gigantic stores. Instead of hunting down our dinner, we buy our meat pre-cut, in Styrofoam containers. Instead of being looked to as leaders of the tribe, we see ourselves lampooned in the media as bumbling and inept.

The primal elements of masculinity sit within us like a well-trained regiment of soldiers that is ready and itching to fight, but sits waiting restlessly, and endlessly, in reserve. Core aspects of the male psyche lie dormant, and men find themselves as square pegs trying to fit into a round hole. Having butted up against this mismatch over and over again, men are feeling angry and restless, losing their motivation, and giving up.'

Woman tried to sell girl's virginity

Minuteman · 24 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A US woman has been charged with offering her 11-year-old daughter's virginity to a man in exchange for $US10,000 ($A9,517).

The woman was charged on Monday in Utah's 3rd District Court with two counts of aggravated sex abuse and two counts of sexual exploitation of a minor. KTVX Channel 4 reports that court documents claim she made the offer after the man asked about oral sex with the girl.

Police say the woman and the daughter would model lingerie for the man. The offer was discovered by the woman's boyfriend, who found multiple text messages discussing the proposal.'

Australia: Chivalry will be the death of some

Minuteman · 24 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A good Samaritan bashed when he tried to help a woman involved in an argument after an AFL game in Melbourne says he'd do it again.

David, who did not want his surname used, was leaving the Carlton-Geelong game on Friday night when he saw a couple arguing on the walkway between Etihad Stadium and Southern Cross railway station.

The 41-year-old from Ocean Grove intervened when he saw the man push the woman, but was punched in the face a number of times and kicked by the man.

He was helped up from the ground by a friend but the man attacked him a second time.

Constable Hannah Smith said the woman was hysterical and kept screaming for the attack to stop but also tried to hold David's friend back.

Nursing a badly-bruised eye and bruised ribs, David described his attacker as "a gutless wonder" but said he had no regrets about helping.

"It's what you do," he told reporters on Tuesday.'

Mom kills children-- will the dad be blamed?

el cid · 24 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Another very sad story about a mother who killed her children. It's a choice that perplexes me: why a parent, mom or dad, would choose to kill their kids--and, alas, we know dads do the same thing. In a related story, some commenters are already trying to blame Dad, claiming he was abusive. It seems to be part of our culture--women are never to blame for their choices, but some man is. Women are full adults when it comes to their rights, minors when it comes to moral culpability. Or at least it seems, especially as the media did its best to blame the father for the mother who drowned her own kids in the Hudson. In the end, however, it's just plain sad. And I don't know how to prevent these things. Does anyone? Excerpt:

'CASTLE ROCK — The mother arrested Monday for the murder of her two children called police at 7:48 a.m. to report that she was trying to commit suicide.

When asked by a police dispatcher whether there were any children in the home, the mother replied: "They are in heaven."

When police arrived at the Founders Village home of Kelli Lynn Murphy, they found 9-year-old Liam and his sister, Madigan, 6, dead in their bedrooms. Castle Rock Police Chief Tony Lane said the bodies had no visible signs of injury.'

Ten Things You Can Do for False Allegations Awareness Month

Matt · 24 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From a SAVE email:

June is False Allegations Awareness Month. So here are some ideas on how to get involved, and turn the corner on a major legal problem:

1. Learn the facts: http://www.saveservices.org/false-allegations-awareness-month/false-accusations-of-domestic-violence-by-the-numbers/

2. Pass out copies of the FAAM flyer: http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/False-Allegations-Shortchange-True-Victims

3. Order a FAAM poster, T-shirt, or baseball cap: http://www.zazzle.com/savemerchandise

4. Ask your local newspaper, radio station, or blogger to cover the issue

5. Set up a table during a local event, pass out FAAM flyers

6. Register to attend the False Allegations Summit, June 2 in Washington, DC: tstoddard-at-saveservices.org

7. Help fix the laws, join the Domestic Violence Legislative Project: http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp

8. Send some $$$ for the FAAM radio campaign: http://www.saveservices.org/contribute/

9. Send a letter to your state attorney general: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/FA-Letter-to-AG.pdf

10. Reach out to someone you know who has been falsely accused.

Let's make this fun and really get the word out!

Sincerely,

Teri

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Boy's body found in Maine identified, mom arrested

Matt · 24 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Caption:

'Texas mother Julianne McCrery is scheduled to be arraigned Thursday in connection with the murder of her 6-year-old son Camden Pierce Hughes in New Hampshire. Her attorney said Thursday that McCrery is suicidal and wants to "be in heaven with her son." McCrery, 42, of Irving, Texas, was arrested in Massachusetts Wednesday night on a fugitive of justice charge. That charge stems from a warrant New Hampshire police issued charging McCrery with second-degree murder in the death of Camden on May 14.'

F&F: MA Shared Parenting Action Alert: We Need Your Phone Calls

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Action alert here. Excerpt:

'Hundreds of supporters of family court reform packed the Joint Committee on the Judiciary hearings last Wednesday. Numerous determined supporters of Fathers and Families' Shared Parenting bill (H02684) testified–some waiting all day up to 10 PM at night to do so–and their words were powerful and engendered much agreement and sympathy.

Now we need you to:

1) Call your state representative and ask him or her to call House Chair Eugene L. O'Flaherty and Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo and ask them to pass the bill. The phone numbers and email addresses of all House members can be found here.

Poland: Nuns jailed for child abuse and beatings

Minuteman · 25 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'An appeals court in Poland is sending a Catholic nun to prison after she was convicted of beating children at a home for troubled youths and allowing one resident to be sexually abused by other children.

A lower court had given the nun a suspended two-year sentence, but the three-judge appeals court on Tuesday increased that to two years in prison at the request of prosecutors.

...

The appeals court also upheld an eight-month suspended prison term the lower court had given another nun, identified only as Bogumila L, who was convicted of verbally insulting children at the centre.'

State paternity laws promote identification of parents

anthony · 25 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If a new mother hopes to keep the father out of her child's life by leaving his name off the birth certificate, will she succeed?
...
But, she cannot expect to receive court-ordered child support unless she identifies the father.

When paternity becomes an issue in court, it is usually because one parent - generally the mother - wants financial help for the child's expenses from the other parent. If the man she identifies as the father does not want to pay, he can request a paternity test and the court will order it.
...
A mother can refuse to identify the father for the birth certificate. But if the man knows of the birth, he can sign an affidavit of parentage at the hospital that will have the legal effect of recognizing him as the father. He has 60 days to change his mind and sign a revocation or rescission of parenthood. After that, if he wants to revoke his affidavit, he would have to prove that fraud, duress or a material mistake of fact was involved in his assumption of the responsibilities of fatherhood.'

Ed. note: This is an article written pertaining to Maryland law. Paternity laws vary from state to state.

Casey Anthony Defense Strategy: Blame Her Dad

anthony · 25 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This isn't an uncommon defense for women accused of a crime. Somehow there must be a man to blame while the accused is portrayed as a victim. Excerpt:

'Sexual assault. An accidental drowning. A cover up. That is the explosive defense strategy declared before the jury in opening statements in the sensational Casey Anthony first-degree murder trial.

Anthony, now 25, is accused of killing her daughter Caylee in June 2008, and not reporting her child allegedly missing for 31 days, eventually telling Orlando, Fla., investigators that Caylee had been kidnapped by her baby sitter.

...

Prosecutors then called George Anthony onto the witness stand, the state's first witness in this death penalty trial. Immediately, prosecutors had to address for the jury the equally stunning revelation -- according to the defense -- that Casey Anthony was a victim of sexual abuse by her father beginning when she was 8 years old. And, in another bombshell, that Casey's brother Lee also sexually fondled his sister.

"Did you ever sexually molest your daughter Casey?" asked prosecutor Jeff Ashton.

"No sir," replied George Anthony.'

Adultery and the Alpha Woman

Matt · 25 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Whether her husband and three children would agree with her is doubtful. But then, Erica's not alone. In fact, she's just one among a growing band of women who've been dubbed the Alpha Adultresses.

These high-earning, successful women are every bit as willing as men to use their power to attract younger lovers for quick flings.

Newspapers are crammed with sex scandals involving powerful men. This past week alone, Dominique Strauss-Kahn — of late the world's most powerful banker — has been accused of rape, megastar Arnold Schwarzenegger has admitted having a love-child with his housekeeper and the scandal surrounding MP Chris Huhne's past indiscretions continues to rumble on.

However, a new academic study suggests women are inherently no more virtuous than men. It's just that, in the past, they have lacked the confidence or opportunity to stray.

Like men, women are finding that power is a potent aphrodisiac. And just like men, they are giving in to the thrill of illicit lunchtime assignations and the sheer excitement that accompanies their transgression.

Nor do they feel any more guilty or ashamed about it than a man would — if anything, less so.

Professor Joris Lammers, of Tilburg University in the Netherlands, who conducted an anonymous survey of more than 1,500 readers of a business magazine, has found being powerful makes women more prone to be unfaithful.'

MSN: Why women have the upper hand in the workplace

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ask any married couple which spouse remembers family birthdays, when the car is due for an oil change and the name of that great restaurant they went to last week, and chances are both will say it's the wife who serves as the pair's memory.

While many a wife may chalk this up to their husband's laziness, remembering detailed information may just be one of the many things that women are naturally better at than men, at least according to a new book called "Man Down: Proof Beyond a Reasonable Doubt that Women are Better Cops, Drivers, Gamblers, Spies, World Leaders, Beer Tasters, Hedge Fund Managers, and Just About Everything Else," by Dan (yep, he's a guy) Abrams, a legal analyst for NBC News and columnist for Men's Health magazine.

In his book, Abrams provides hundreds of studies and statistics to back up his claims that women best men in a lot of areas. Some -- like memory -- were already suspected, while others -- like driving -- were more surprising considering the common view is to the contrary.'

Special-Ed Teacher Admits To Raping 15-Year-Old Boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 42-year-old female special-ed teacher in Queens yesterday pleaded guilty in Queens Supreme Court to the third-degree rape of a 15-year-old boy. As punishment, in addition to surrendering her teaching license and registering as a sex offender, the teacher, Christine Williams, is expected to be sentenced to 90 days in jail and ten years probation in July. Williams had sex with the boy (who was not her student) at least twice last year in her Jamaica, Queens, home.'

UK: Women-only sauna sessions at Colchester Leisure World spark row

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MEN at Colchester's Leisure World have called for an end to women-only sauna and spa sessions.

A petition pinned to the wall of male changing rooms calls on Colchester Council to axe two female-only sessions on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings at Aqua Springs.

The spa facilities include a central pool, steam room, saunas, ice cold-pool and a new salt inhalation room.

Gary Reeve, 26, of High Woods, attends the Leisure World gym three or four times a week and said he often used the saunas.

He said: "It's a bit sexist. Women want equality, so I don't see why they should get special treatment."'

'Why Marriage Is Dead And Monogamy Is A Mirage'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men of power (and those that want to be like them): If you intend to play Russian Roulette with your life by having unprotected sex with any available vagina, why bring other lives into the wager by making a public commitment to another human being? And women – why do we silently put up with it – while pretending we don't want the same thing?

Yes, women cheat – but when it happens, you would never know. I bet Jackie Kennedy had a few pool boys and stable grooms stowed away for the hard times when Jack was out banging Marilyn. When Tammy Faye Bakker watched her bible-backed empire crumble to pieces because her husband used church funds to pay off his side piece, I bet she had a pair of strong, young arms to weep into. Men of power create bonds with the most intelligent, charismatic women in the world, who join forces with them because they also want to attain the pinnacle of success. That takes passion and fire. Could that kind of energy just wither away while a wandering man gorges himself on human flesh? I doubt it.

So I applaud these women for the secret affairs they were certainly having – because they could get what they wanted and keep the peace. Today's male philanderers should take note. When women cheat, they won't leave a paper trail. They don't have outside children. They don't perform acts that border on rape, drawing media glare. I don't judge cheating men for cheating. I judge them for being sloppy.'

Who spends the most years in retirement?

fondueguy · 26 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here, including a graph comparing the retirements of men and women in various countries. Excerpt:

'Early retirement. That's what most people want, unless you're lucky enough to love working. When you have the luxury of retiring early though, why not take advantage? According to OECD estimates for life expectancy and retirement ages, in countries like Mexico, it is common for men to work up to the last year of their lives. On the other hand, women in Austria spend an average of 26 years in retirement.

In the United States the average years in retirement is 10 years for men and 16 years for women (mostly because men typically die earlier)—among the least in the world.'

If you do the math you'll see that men retire later in life and die sooner!

Married men earn a third more than their single counterparts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Married men earn nearly one third more than single males because they work harder, new research reveals.

Tying the knot means men get paid seven per cent more than unmarried men even if differences in age, education and experience are taken into account.
...
Experts say the pay gap could be because men develop a stronger work ethic after they marry.
...
Results indicate that a lower level of pay satisfaction induces married men to put more effort into their work, which leads to higher wages,' said academics at the University of Bielefeld in Germany.'

Two New York City Police Officers Acquitted of Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two New York City police officers on Thursday were found not guilty of raping a drunken woman who had been helped into her apartment by the officers while on patrol.

The verdict brings to an end a criminal case that drew outrage across the city when the officers were indicted in 2009, and provides some measure of vindication for the officers, Kenneth Moreno and Franklin Mata.

The officers were convicted of three counts of official misconduct for entering the woman's apartment, but the jury found them not guilty of all other charges, including burglary and falsifying business records.

The police commissioner, Raymond W. Kelly, said on Thursday that the officers would be fired immediately — up till now, they have been suspended with pay.

"The guilty verdicts involved violations of the officers' oaths of office and as a result warrant immediate termination," Mr. Kelly said. "Both officers will be terminated today."'

New DNC Boss Calls GOP 'Anti-Women'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an emotional assault on the Republicans, new Democratic Party Chairwoman Rep. Debbie Wasserman Shultz today called the GOP agenda "anti-women" and "a war on women" that will backfire on Republicans in the 2012 election and provide a cushion for President Obama's re-election bid.

"It's just so hard for me to grasp how they could be so anti-women as they are," she said at a breakfast roundtable with reporters.

"The pushback and the guttural reaction from women against the Republican's agenda out of the gate, the war on women that the Republicans have been waging since they took over the House, I think is going to not only restore but possibly helps us exceed the president's margin of victory in the next election," added the popular Florida congresswoman.

The basis of her charge was the recent vote to defund Planned Parenthood and Title 10 funding for clinics that perform abortions.'

$500 Million Obama Administration Program Will Help Kids 'Sit Still' in Kindergarten

anthony · 26 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I wonder if this 'early learning initiative' is just an attempt to increase the number of boys taking ADHD drugs in order to assimilate them to an education system that is geared more towards the biological learning style of girls. Excerpt:

'(CNSNews.com) – Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told CNSNews.com on Wednesday that the administration's new $500 million early learning initiative is designed to deal with children from birth onward to prevent such problems as 5-year olds who "can't sit still" in a kindergarten classroom.

“You really need to look at the range of issues, because if a 5-year-old can’t sit still, it is unlikely that they can do well in a kindergarten class, and it has to be the whole range of issues that go into healthy child development,” Sebelius said during a telephone news conference on Wednesday to announce the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge.'

SAVE: Please thank Dr. Phil for doing show on abusive women

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From a SAVE email:

Today, Dr. Phil ran a show on Angry Women, Scared Husbands. Below is the show description from his website:

'You may know that one in four women will become a victim of domestic violence, but did you know that one in nine men will too? Violence against men is rarely talked about and under-reported. Dr. Phil continues his campaign to end the silence on domestic violence with two couples willing to open up about their abusive relationships. Steve says his wife, Monica, punches him and recently pushed him down a flight of stairs. He says he's not only afraid of her abuse, he's afraid of how he may retaliate in the heat of anger. The couple has nine children between them – two of whom are severely disabled – and they're worried about the effect their explosive arguments have on their kids. Then, Charlie worries she'll get so angry at her new husband, Gary, that she'll lash out and inadvertently kill him. Gary says that everything he does makes his wife mad, and he just can't win. Can these women learn to control their tempers and stop the chaos before something tragic happens?'

Please send Dr. Phil an email TODAY to thank him for courageously covering this important topic: http://drphil.com/plugger/respond/?plugID=9164

Underage sex study reveals selective prosecution of boys

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Via email: This new study (.pdf file) on statutory rape laws found minor teens are being prosecuted and labeled "sex offenders" for consensual close-in-age sex with each other, and some states only prosecute the boys. For example, in Arizona a 13-YO boy was convicted of having consensual sex with his 15-YO girlfriend. In Texas a 17-YO boy was given 10 yrs in jail for consensual oral sex with a 15-YO girl. Excerpt:

'In some states, a gender bias in prosecuting offenders is especially prominent when both partners of a sex act are under the age of consent. Under a number of jurisdictions if both partners are minors then they are both considered to be victims and offenders of the crime at the same time. In these cases, according to the law of their respective states, the prosecution of each teen would have been called for. However, it is more common to see the prosecution of only the male. For example, in California where the age of consent is 18, a 16 year old male was prosecuted for having consensual sex with his 14 year old girlfriend. Moreover, in Arizona a 13 year old boy was convicted of having consensual sex with his older, 15 year old, girlfriend.'

Texas lawmaker tries to intimidate male colleagues with veiled threats of reprisal

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Article here. This is another example of female politicians thrusting themselves and women in the role of victim. As a result, they blame every man who doesn't agree with them. An example of their arrogance is evident when Rep. Senfronia Thompson told the men if they don't stand up for women, they shouldn't show up in the chamber tomorrow. Her comments were met with applause. Excerpt:

'AUSTIN -- A dramatic scene played out on the House floor Thursday when several female state representatives complained of a disrespectful and insensitive attitude toward women in the chamber.

The final straw for Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, was fliers from the Texas Civil Justice League designed to lobby against an insurance bill. The fliers contend that amendments added to the bill would expand the "nanny state" in Texas. One flier featured a graphic depiction of a baby nursing from a woman's breast. Thompson mentioned more than once during her speech that her bill was about regulation of consolidated insurance programs and had nothing to do with women's issues.

...

Thompson repeatedly spoke directly to male House members, urging them to denounce such political messages.

"Men, if you don't stand up for us today, don't you walk in this chamber tomorrow," Thompson said.'

Ban on Circumcision Could Become Law in Santa Monica

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SANTA MONICA, Calif. -- Circumcising a boy under the age of 18, even for religious reasons, may soon be against the law in Santa Monica.

A proposed ban on circumcision is already on the November ballot in San Francisco.

Now supporters of the MGM Bill, which stands for male genital mutilation, are hoping to do the same in Santa Monica.'

Court: Running over husband with SUV five times is not evidence of premeditated murder

Matt · 27 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Well, perhaps ten times would be premeditate then? The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court on Tuesday, May 24, in a rare use of its powers ruled that a women who ran over her husband five times with a minivan should not be convicted of first-degree murder according to the Boston Globe.

According to the court, apparently the woman's mental issues were responsible for the way she killed Richard Rutkowski. Even though the wife called her husband "retarded" and predicted killing him by saying something like: "You will be dead very soon", the court did not believe this was evidence of premeditation.

The wife began by throwing her husband's close out the window of a Palmer, Massachusetts building to the parking lot below. She then got into a minivan and drove over her husband who was standing in the parking lot. She then proceeded to back up and run over him again, about five times.'

"Lara Croft, the Navy SEAL? Maybe someday"

Broadsword · 27 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

All is not fair in war. The justifications used to keep women out of combat and special ops units are the same paternalistic, discriminatory excuses used in favor of upholding racial segregation in the military and, more recently, the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy regarding gays and lesbians. In short, they have little to do with individual capability and reveal far more about ingrained ideas and misconceptions regarding psychology, sexuality and physiology.

...

Lastly, and perhaps most convincingly, there are the physical requirements. Special ops forces such as those in the SEAL program have to pass a screening test and then go through the notoriously difficult, six-month-long BUD/S (which stands for Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL) training that has a staggeringly high attrition rate even among males. (About 80 percent of applicants drop out before training is completed.) But standards of physical fitness in women are rising rapidly. Joseph Collins, a former Army colonel and professor of national security strategy at the National War College, says that while teaching at West Point, although he and his fellow instructors could identify differences between men and women on physical tests, they were surprised by how quickly female athletic performance increased over time.

“Men do sort of have an absolute advantage over women in, say, upper-body strength, but the extent to which that really makes sense as an issue, I don’t know,” he says. “My sense is that there are some women who would love to challenge the forces and see if they could get through. And I know some who are so fit that they probably could.”

“The physical requirements are extreme,” concedes Lory Manning, a retired Navy captain and the director of the Women in the Military project of the Women’s Research and Education Institute. “But I know some women who could probably meet them, some very strong and fit women. Remember, we used to think women couldn’t go into space.”

Manning and Collins make a point of emphasizing that, if and when women are allowed to undergo BUD/S training, they’ll have to be held to the same physical standards as their male counterparts. Otherwise, Manning says dryly, “it would just be the ladies’ auxiliary.”

Chinese men find mortgages a prerequisite for marriage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Like many young men Yang had chosen to decorate his home with pictures of beautiful women - so far so predictable. What was intriguing were the other images - a series of flyers and posters advertising the "Water Villas of Beijing", luxury homes with huge stone columns, surrounded by fountains and pools - a stark contrast with Yang's current circumstances.

He is saving to buy himself an apartment but not just because he wants a nicer home. Here in China there is an intimate connection between Yang's two obsessions.

"If I don't own my own home", he explained to me, "no decent Chinese girl is ever going to consider marrying me."
...
Chinese women are very practical, he told me: "You need to have your own house to be an eligible bachelor, so I have to go through this to be able to afford it."

It is this link between owning property and finding a wife which is an issue for the world economy. It is a key reason why the Chinese save so much of their money. Chinese people save more than a third of their total incomes, way more than Americans, for example, who currently set aside just 5% of their incomes.

Many countries have been urging China to boost domestic demand. They want the Chinese government to persuade its citizens to save a little less and to spend a little more in the hope that they will buy more products from abroad. But so long as it is near impossible to find a wife without first buying a property, then it is going to take a lot to persuade young Chinese men like Yang Jiahe and Gong Benru to stop squirreling away their money.'

Canada: No consent in unconscious sex case, Supreme Court rules (even when consent is given beforehand)

Anonymous · 27 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'People cannot consent in advance to sexual activity that takes place while they are unconscious, the Supreme Court ruled Friday.

The closely watched case involved an Ottawa man and his live-in partner of nine years who engaged in erotic asphyxiation.

In a split 6-3 decision issued Friday, the court restored the man's conviction for sexual assault for performing a sex act on his girlfriend while she was unconscious.

"Parliament's definition of consent does not extend to advance consent to sexual acts committed while the complainant is unconscious," Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin wrote for the majority.

"The legislation requires ongoing, conscious consent to ensure that women and men are not the victims of sexual exploitation, and to ensure that individuals engaging in sexual activity are capable of asking their partners to stop at any point."
...
They also stressed the fact that the complainant approached the police only after a domestic squabble. She later recanted, which they claimed ought to have ended the matter. To the Crown, however, a recantation is a red flag often signalling that a woman has been pressured to drop her allegations.'

Also reported at CBC:
http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/story/2011/05/27/pol-scoc-sex-consent.html

Microlender takes time to highlight male lendees

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From an email from kiva.org, a microlender:

'Men are a minority on Kiva. The microfinance industry has always focused more on finding and funding women (which is great!) But with Father's Day around the corner, we want to focus on the men of Kiva.'

And then they highlighted some of the male lendees that are seeking loans.

With misandry as bad as it is and many organizations just plain scared to mention men much less point them out as clients (no fear when pointing out female clients, mind you-- the announcements are everywhere), I think Kiva.org deserves a round of applause. Please drop them an email using their contact form telling them you appreciate the effort at highlighting some of their male clients, especially around Father's Day, for many of these men are just trying to do what men have been at for millenia now-- be providers to wife and children, and often thanklessly so.

Why are so many female teachers having 'affairs' with their students?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is it all about the cougar effect?

Out of the dailymailco.uk comes an interesting article posing the question why are so many US female teachers having affairs with their students?

dailymailco.uk: As school years go, this one has been riddled with sex scandal.

But it’s not droves of male teachers who are being arrested and charged for having sex with their under-age students – it’s females.And as yet another young, female teacher is this week arrested for allegedly having sex with her 16-year-old student, the MailOnline asks: what’s happened to America’s female teachers?'

Female first to earn men's tour card

Matt · 29 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Good for her. But the bigger issue is this: Having men on the LPGA is forbidden, while women on the PGA is not. Need I go into detail about this and the many other similar double-standards? Male-only events and spaces: bad. Female-only events and spaces: good. About sums it up. Excerpt:

'Canada's Isabelle Beisiegel has become the first female golfer to earn a playing card on a men's professional tour.

The 32-year-old Montreal native finished equal ninth Friday in the Canadian Professional Golf Tour's Spring Qualifying School to take one of the last two nonexempt spots.

Beisiegel had a 4-under 68 in the third round, then closed with a 75 in rainy conditions to finish at 8-over 296. She opened with rounds of 75 and 78.

"I still can't believe it. It's a little overwhelming," Beisiegel said. "I went into today just trying not to get ahead of myself. I focused on thinking about where I was and not what could happen. I was assured in the fact that no matter what happened it was going to be OK."'

Ex-cop's wife says 'lying' rape accuser should be locked up

anthony · 29 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'They should lock her up and throw away the key.

The bitter wife of an NYPD cop who beat a rape rap sneered yesterday that her husband's accuser is a money-grubbing liar who should be jailed herself.

"She can go to hell," ranted Julia Moreno, wife of veteran cop Kenneth Moreno, 43, who was acquitted last week along with partner Franklin Mata, 29, after a sensational two-month trial.

"She should go to jail for this," the wife barked in a bitter attack sure to outrage the accuser's legions of supporters. "She had two days to make up this story with her lawyer friends before she went to the hospital."

Video evidence showed Moreno, a 17-year veteran, and Mata, who had three years on the force, helped the woman upstairs, spent seven minutes inside, and then returned three more times during the night to check on her. The pair, who used the woman's own key to get back inside, admitted in court to faking a 911 call in the accuser's neighborhood to cover up one of the return trips.

...

"I know him. He's the guy on the force that they call to take home partners' girlfriends when they're too drunk. He's trusted by everyone. He's been on the force 18 years without ever having any incident with women," she said.

Moreno and Mata face a June 28 sentencing, in which each could still face up to two years behind bars on the official-misconduct convictions.'

Man spends 27 years wrongly imprisoned writing songs

Matt · 29 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Thanks again to the Innocence Project! Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Prison-issued toilet paper is what musician William Michael Dillon used to write down most of his songs, including "Black Robes and Lawyers," which has just been released on iTunes.

"I was arrested for murder on August 26, 1981, for a crime I didn't commit," Dillon tells his audience as he starts strumming his guitar. "I was released on November 18, 2008. Thank you to the keepers of justice."

According to Dillon, justice prevailed when he was released from prison after 27 years. He is now on the Innocence Project of Florida's list of 13 prisoners exonerated by DNA evidence.

It was Dillon's life story and not his music that moved Grammy Award winning music producer Jim Tullio to invite Dillon to his Chicago studio to record the songs he wrote in prison.'

Aspiring rap artist dies after being 'punched for $5 bet'... by 22-year-old woman who now faces charges over his death

Matt · 30 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is posted more as an object lesson: a woman's greatest strength is her veneer of weakness; a man's greatest weakness is his veneer of strength. Anyone who allows himself to be struck by anyone else for any amount of money is playing with fire. I doubt the woman who delivered the fatal blow will see any time from a conviction, given that the person who died was literally asking for it (but if she had been a he and vice versa, well, my prediction would then be different). Excerpt:

'A 22-year-old woman allegedly killed an aspiring rap singer with a single punch for a $5 party bet.

Tiffany Startz is accused of killing John 'Fatboy' Powell with a single blow to the face and has been told she has to stand trial.

The 25-year-old had agreed to be hit in the face by Starr in return for $5.

After being struck and collecting his money he walked away to talk with friends, only to collapse minutes later from a burst artery in his neck.

An autopsy ruled that he had died from a brain haemorrhage caused by blunt force trauma.
...
Startz, who is 5'5" and weighs 142lbs, was charged with reckless conduct and battery charges stemming from the incident last September in Joliet, Illinois.'

genderfairness.com: "1 in 4 women are sexually assaulted at your college? Didn't happen at mine."

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Koss wanted to find out how extensive rape was in American colleges. Turns out there were not enough so she tried to convince come college women that because they had been drinking and had sex it was rape. Some of those same women kept on drinking with their rapists and being raped. Stupid women? Brutal men? Or just life in the fast lane when you are young?

Unwanted sexual attention is also included with rape to inflate numbers. OK, the nerd made a clumsy pass "You look great in those jeans, want to go out?" Unwanted. The handsome athletic student whose father owns a silver mine says "You look great in those jeans, want to go out?" And she goes. Most unwanted sexual attention is not about rape or sexual assault, just the wrong women at the wrong time with the wrong guy. Hardly a sex crime. And if women can't deal with that then how will they ever become fire-persons, police persons, and army persons?'

Crying Rape

Matt · 30 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'People often assume that self-described liberals are more supportive of due process than self-described conservatives. That certainly isn't the case when we talk about the illiberal bureaucrats who run the United States Department of Education.

The notion that an adult charged with a felony should be put on trial using the same standard of evidence used for someone who has been issued a parking ticket is absurd. In fact, it is more than absurd. It is offensive to well-established principles of due process and fundamental fairness.

Recently, however, the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has announced new guidelines that will force due process to take a back seat to political correctness. These guidelines will apply to sexual harassment and felony sexual assault cases.

The OCR has decided to teach universities something they already know; namely, that sexual assault and sexual harassment are serious offenses. In the process, however, they are putting innocent students at risk of being wrongly convicted of offenses that could potentially destroy their careers and reputations.

According to the new OCR guidelines, any college that accepts federal funding or federal student loans (close to 100% of our nation's colleges) must now employ a "preponderance of the evidence" standard of proof in sexual harassment and sexual assault cases. This lowered standard replaces the traditionally accepted standard of proof beyond a reasonable doubt, which, according to most triers of fact, is close to 100% confidence of guilt. In contrast, "preponderance of evidence" means the campus judiciary only needs to be 50.01% confident that a person is guilty of a given offense – even if that offense is rape, which, regardless of degree, is always a serious felony.'

Newspaper sorry after its gallery of 'top 10 hottest female sex offenders' causes outrage

anthony · 30 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A newspaper has been forced to apologise after its list of the 'top 10 hottest sex offenders' caused an outcry.

The Houston Press yesterday published the article featuring who they believed were the 10 'hottest' women in a huge Texas-wide sex offender database.

Alongside the women's mugshots, the online article also listed the women's crimes and the age of their victims - one was as young as two years old.

The tone of the article was jokey and in most cases years old mugshots of the offenders were used.

It suggested readers may want to 'click the link' of the women before sending 'any marriage proposals' suggesting that they might not look quite as 'hot' now.

Unsurprisingly the article triggered a deluge of complaints from readers.'

Gaddafi snatch squads took hundreds of men and boys from Misrata

Matt · 30 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Anyone recall Secretary of State Clinton's claim that women have always been the primary victims of war? Read this. Oh, and this, too, then ask yourself just how misinformed/biased one has to be to come to this conclusion. Excerpt:

'The lifting of the siege of the embattled Libyan city of Misrata has revealed the disappearance of hundreds of people with many of them suspected victims of snatch squads loyal to the Gaddafi regime, relatives and rights workers said yesterday.

A desperate search has begun for "the disappeared", many of whom were reported to have been taken away to regime prisons or killed during some of the fiercest fighting of a three-month rebel uprising that has reduced parts of the city to rubble.

Witness accounts gathered by The Independent and rights groups indicate that there was a systematic attempt to kidnap men from parts of the city.'

Investigators: Polk deputy tied naked children to desk, beat them with paddle

anthony · 30 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Polk County sheriff's deputy filmed herself strapping naked children to a desk and spanking them with sex toys, then sent the videos to a boyfriend she met on a fetish website, investigators said.

On Thursday, 45-year-old Robin Leigh Pagoria was charged with aggravated child abuse, production of child pornography, promotion of child pornography and possession of child pornography.

According to an arrest report, the two children, described only as girls between the ages of 10 and 18, described in graphic detail multiple spanking sessions.

Investigators say Pagoria cut the legs off one end of the desk she used for the spanking. To keep the girls from moving, she handcuffed their arms and tied their ankles to the desk, deputies said.
...
Investigators said they found evidence of two videos on Pagoria's phone. In both, deputies said the victims' genitals and buttocks were the clear "focal point."

According to the Sheriff's Office, the videos were about 10 minutes long, and showed the children suffered "substantial" wounds. They could be heard screaming in the videos, investigators said.'

Judge, jury and executioner

Proud_to_be_a_man · 31 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. She claims to have been raped. He claims she was furious that he didn't want to settle down with her. I tend to believe him. And his penis was unable to be reattached. Sickening. Excerpt:

'A woman cut off a man's penis as he allegedly attempted to rape her and took it to a police station as evidence against him.

Monju Begum, 40, attacked the man in Bangladesh after he burst into her shack and reportedly launched his sex attack.

The victim then wrapped up the penis in polythene before handing it over to officers, police said.
...

The married father-of-five is expected to be arrested once he has recovered.
...
Speaking from hospital, Mr Mazi told the BBC he had been having an affair with the woman, who was his neighbour.

'We were having an affair and recently she suggested that both of us can go and settle down in Dhaka,' he said.

'I refused and told her that I cannot leave my wife and children, so she took revenge on me.'

Surgeons later tried to reattach the penis but they were unable to do so because several hours had passed before it was taken to the hospital.'

Petition to reject the proposed SaVE Act absent amendments to protect presumed innocence

Anonymous · 31 May 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Excerpt:

'To the Members of the United States Congress:

The proposed Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act) (S.834) should be rejected unless it is amended to adequately protect the interests of the presumptively innocent who are accused of sexual assault and related offenses.

Although as a scientific matter, the frequency of false complaints of sexual assault and similar offenses to police or institutional authorities varies widely depending on the study and is impossible to state with precision, false reporting of such offenses is a significant problem to a distinct segment of the population.

The goal of holding sexual offenders accountable for their misconduct is one that is universally shared by all civilized people. However, the SaVE Act, in its present form, should be rejected because it unduly enhances the risk of holding innocent persons responsible for such offenses in furtherance of the objective to hold true offenders accountable.'

Feminism, Pt 3 - Manhood Criminalized

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You can file this under female ally. Uploaded by christy0misty on Mar 7, 2011.

Gingrich Tells F & F Activists, Audience That Family Law System Has an ‘Extreme Anti-Male Bias’

Matt · 1 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A contingent of Fathers and Families’ Election Campaign 2012 activists attended the Portsmouth, New Hampshire Seacoast Republican Women’s Breakfast with Newt Gingrich on Wednesday. F & F member Deanna Marchand (pictured) asked Gingrich:

Family courts generally allow fit loving fathers only a few days a month with their children. This is not only harmful to children since it’s so important level of involvement by both parents in their lives, but it’s also a terrible civil rights violation when the government dictates how much time a father or mother can spend with his or her children. What are your thoughts on family court reform?

In response, Gingrich criticized the family law system for its “extreme anti-male bias.”

Gingrich added that he was “in favor of fathers having rights…We live in an age that is very different than 50 years ago and I think that it is very often very important…that we have a much greater sensitivity that both sides, both parents, both have rights and have responsibilities…”'

Boys, 7, punished for playing soldiers after teachers brand making pistol shapes with their fingers 'unacceptable'

anthony · 1 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Teachers reprimanded two seven-year-old boys for playing army games - because it amounted to 'threatening behaviour'.

The youngsters were disciplined after they were spotted making gun-shapes with their hands.

Staff at Nathaniel Newton Infant School in Nuneaton, Warks., even told the boys' parents to 'reprimand' them.

A father of one of the boys said: 'This is ridiculous. How can you tell a seven-year-old boy he cannot play guns and armies with his friends.'

All Systems 'GO' for False Allegation Awareness Month

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From SAVE:

Today is the first day of False Allegations Awareness Month, a time to spotlight the travesty of 2 million false allegations of domestic violence that are made every year against innocent persons.

In Washington DC, we're gearing up for tomorrow's False Allegations Summit, where we will release the results of the first-ever national survey of false abuse allegations. The Summit will also feature statements by stakeholder organizations such as the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the American Coalition for Fathers and Children. Wrapping up the event will be testimonies by persons who have themselves been falsely accused of abuse.

If you're in Washington DC tomorrow, drop by. We're at the Fairfax Hotel, 2100 Massachusetts Ave, NW, at the Dupont Circle Metro stop. The show begins at 1pm.

What do you have planned for False Allegations Awareness Month in your area? It's not too late to pass out flyers, distribute the press release (attached), or contact your newspaper editor. And check out all these FAAM resources: http://www.saveservices.org/false-allegations-awareness-month/

Attached press release:

PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Teri Stoddard, 301-801-0608, tstoddard@saveservices.org

June 2 Summit to Probe Problem of False Allegations of Abuse

WASHINGTON / May 31, 2011 – Following the recent publication of a stunning Washington Post account of a Fairfax teacher falsely accused of sexual assault, the upcoming June 2 False Allegations Summit will highlight the problem of wrongful accusations.

At least 6 sympathetic editorials about false allegations of abuse were published following the Washington Post story.

The False Allegations Summit will be held June 2 at the Fairfax Hotel on Embassy Row, 1:00 to 4:00pm. The event will feature the findings of the first-ever national survey of false abuse allegations, statements by stakeholder organizations, and victim testimonies.

Presenting organizations will include the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Home School Legal Defense Association, American Coalition for Fathers and Children, National Coalition for Men, and Encounters International.

Four victim statements will highlight the personal, social, and financial toll that a wrongful accusation can inflict. One of the victims testifying at the Summit will be Cheryl Shanks of New Jersey, who was falsely accused of abuse by her former immigrant husband so he could obtain a Green Card.

"Standards of proof have become so diminished that anyone can file a claim and destroy the good reputation of an innocent person," recounts SAVE spokesman Philip Cook. "And the real victims of abuse, the persons who are desperate for help, find themselves squeezed out in the process."

The Summit is the kick-off to False Allegations Awareness Month in June. More information on the observance can be seen here: http://www.saveservices.org/false-allegations-awareness-month/

The Washington Post investigation documented repeated instances of misconduct by the lead detective in the Fairfax County case. The story, "Falsely Accused Teacher Fights to Reclaim Life," published on May 15, 2011, can

be viewed here:
http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/fairfax-teacher-sean-lanigan-still-suffering-from-false-molestation-allegations/2011/03/04/AFVwhh3G_story.html

About 2 million false or trivial allegations of domestic violence are made each year, according to a SAVE report:
http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/False-DV-Allegations-Cost-20-Billion

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is a victim advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to partner abuse: www.saveservices.org

Canada: Boy abducted 7 years ago found in U.S.

Matt · 1 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A boy allegedly abducted seven years ago in Grand Forks, B.C., has been found with a woman in Chandler, Ariz., police say, according to a published media report.

The child, Valor Heath Howell, now 10, and the woman were located in a Chandler laundromat after police were called about a woman creating a disturbance.

The woman is believed to be the boy's mother, the report from Phoenix broadcaster KPHO quotes police as saying.

When police arrived and questioned the woman, they found out she is connected to a missing child report and the child with her is the victim, according to the report.'

Christina Hoff Sommers: Feminism by Treaty: Why CEDAW is Still a Bad Idea

anthony · 1 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On November 18, 2010, a surprisingly large and boisterous crowd gathered in a U.S. Senate chamber to witness new hearings on a decades-old United Nations treaty. Guards had to caution the excited attendees to keep their voices down. Senator Richard Durbin, chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, requested that another room be opened to accommodate the large gathering of feminist leaders, human-rights activists, lawyers, lobbyists, and journalists. "Women have been waiting for 30 years," said Durbin in his opening statement. "The United States should ratify this treaty without further delay."

The treaty in question — the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) — commits signatory nations not only to eliminating discrimination but also to ensuring women's "full development and advancement" in all areas of public and private life. The document was adopted by the General Assembly and submitted to UN member states in 1979. Since then, nearly every nation has ratified what many now call the "Women's Bill of Rights" or the "Women's Magna Carta." The only holdouts are three Islamic countries (Iran, Sudan, and Somalia), a few Pacific islands — and the United States. "Look at the company we are keeping in refusing to ratify this treaty," said a dismayed Senator Durbin. "We can do better."

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Helms's watch is now long over, and treaty supporters can see daylight. President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden are strong supporters. So are key Senators John Kerry, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and Barbara Boxer, chairwoman of the subcommittee with jurisdiction over it. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is an enthusiast, as is Harold Koh, former dean of the Yale Law School and now the State Department's chief legal adviser. An influential advocate of "transnational jurisprudence," Koh invokes the sad irony that "more than half a century after Eleanor Roosevelt pioneered the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, her country still has not ratified . . .CEDAW."

...

The question the Senate has to consider is not, as Chairman Durbin suggested at the November hearing, "Should the United States stand with oppressed women of the world?" Of course we should, and we do. No nation on earth gives more to foreign aid or has more philanthropies and religious groups dedicated to women's causes. Voters across the political divide welcome innovative programs to help women struggling with repressive governments and barbaric traditions such as child marriage, dowry burnings, genital cutting, and honor killings. What the senators have to answer are two more basic questions. One, is CEDAW a necessary and worthy addition to an already vibrant national effort to help the world's women? Two, for better or worse, how will ratification affect American life?

...

Even more telling, the UN Division on the Advancement of Women, the agency that monitors the treaty's implementation, is emphatic that the document is obligatory, not hortatory: "Countries that have ratified or acceded to the Convention are legally bound to put its provisions into practice." Moreover, many American legislators — and judges — will sincerely feel we are obligated to bring our laws in line with a treaty we have agreed to honor.

But, according to the ABA and Amnesty, as well as Durbin, Biden, Boxer, and Koh, these arcane questions of international law are irrelevant. Because American laws are already in full or near-full compliance with the treaty, it will have few if any domestic consequences. This argument brings us to the most striking feature of the discussion: the treaty's most engaged and knowledgeable proponents — activist women's groups — disagree with the for-export-only argument emphasized by public officials and human-rights groups like Amnesty. NOW, the Feminist Majority Foundation, and their sister organizations actually agree with conservative critics that CEDAW would have a dramatic impact on American laws and practices.

...
If the United states ratifies CEDAW there will be a three-ring circus each time we come up for review. American laws, customs, and private behavior will be evaluated by 23 UN gender ministers to see whether they comply with a feminist ideal that is 30 years out of date. The Committee will pounce on all facets of American life that fail to achieve full gender integration. That many American mothers stay home with children or work part-time will be at the top of their list of "discriminatory practices." Committee members like Cuba's Magalys Arocha Dominguez will want to know what our government has done to change our patterns of behavior. The American delegation will then enter a "consultative dialogue" with the Committee to develop appropriate remedies.

They will get plenty of help from organizations like now, the Feminist Majority, and the American Association of University Women. Groups of which Americans know little or nothing will take CEDAW as a legal mandate to implement their worldview. If ratified, the treaty would give these organizations a license to sue, reeducate, and resocialize their fellow citizens. Gender quotas, comparable-worth pay policies, state-subsidized daycare, and other initiatives that have failed again and again to win democratic support would instantly be transformed into universal human rights. And the women's groups would have new allies: UN officials and international NGOs would join them in cultivating American pastures under the legal and moral authority of the Women's Treaty.
...
CEDAW contains many worthy and indeed noble declarations, but its key provisions are 1970s feminism preserved in diplomatic amber. Releasing those aged provisions in 21st-century America would be strange at best, and at worst they could seriously compromise the privacy, well-being, and basic freedoms of Americans. At the November hearing, Senator Durbin called on his colleagues to "ratify this treaty without further delay." For the past 31 years, our legislators have wisely delayed ratification. Today's Senate should continue to follow that example.'

"The sea lion solution to sexual harrassment: keep fewer males around"

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Article here. Excerpt:

“Most colonial pinnipeds [fin-footed animals] form extreme clusters of breeding females that cannot be entirely explained by the distribution of sites for reproduction. Avoidance of male harassment has been postulated as an important determinant of reproductive aggregation in this group of mammals. Female gregariousness can reduce harassment by resident males by two mechanisms; directly by the ‘dilution effect’ or indirectly because resident males that defend large female groups are less harassing. In order to investigate the relationship between male harassment and female gregariousness in relation to the size of breeding groups, we analysed the behaviour of dominant males and their females in a breeding colony of Otaria flavescens. Females in large breeding groups received less harassment by resident males due to dilution effects and because males that defended a large group interacted less frequently with females than males with small groups.”

Reuters: 'Power, sex and conventional wisdom'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the first public comments on the Schwarzenegger affair came from a prominent woman, former Michigan governor Jennifer Granholm, who suggested it showed that the United States needed more female politicians. “Another guy guv admits 2 cheating on his wife. Maybe we need more women governors. Guys: keep ur pants zipped,” she tweeted.

The message reflects conventional wisdom – men are more prone to sexual misbehavior and adultery than women. “I’m confident predicting there would be fewer sex scandals if women were in power,” former White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers wrote in her 2008 book “Why Women Should Rule the World.”
...
A study by Dutch researchers comes to a different conclusion – power, not gender, is the main driver of infidelity.

“Power … increases infidelity among women as it does among men,” according to the study, by a team from the universities of Tilburg and Groningen. Its findings suggest that “women in high-power positions are as likely to engage in infidelity than men.”'

Police: Mom Charged For Beating Kid Who Ate Her Pot

anthony · 2 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'Tampa, Florida - A Tampa mother is behind bars after beating her one-year-old child for eating her marijuana.

Tampa Police say India Couch, 22, faces drug and felony child abuse charges. Investigators say the child was left unsupervised, found the pot in her mother's purse and ate an undisclosed amount of the drug.

Police said after Couch realized what the child had done, she beat the child with a sandal. They said she also hit the toddler hard enough to leave welts.'

Rihanna shown murdering rapist in music video

Minuteman · 2 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Another contrived bit of "entertainment" where a male gets exactly what it deserves. Link to article here. Excerpt:

'Rihanna's new promo for Man Down has come under attack from activists at a TV parents group for graphically depicting the murder of a rapist.

The singer, who was beaten in 2009 by her then-boyfriend Chris Brown, premiered the video on US cable network BET on Tuesday.

In the promo the singer shoots a man at a railway station. A series of flashback images then show her grappling with him outside a nightclub as he tries to attack her.

Rihanna took to Twitter after the premiere to address the "underlying message" of the video, warning young female fans to stay safe and beware of predatory men.
...
"If Chris Brown shot a woman in his new video and BET premiered it, the world would stop. Rihanna should not get a pass," a PTC representative adds.'

"Missing men" and the job market

Matt · 2 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Read this carefully and you are bound to note a number of interesting things. Excerpt:

'Longer-term trends are working to keep the participation rate down. The Congressional Budget Office expects the participation rate to fall steadily to 63 percent by 2021 as baby boomers retire.

The share of men 20 and older in the labor force peaked long ago, at 89 percent in 1952. It's been falling ever since and is now under 74 percent.

...

The share of women working or looking for work, after expanding from the early 1950s through the mid '90s, has plateaued at about 60 percent, where it was in April. The CBO notes that more women with high-income husbands and those with young children have been staying out of the job market.'

Massachusetts Governor Patrick refuses display of banner honoring fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What you won't hear in the media, is now he has kicked fathers again where it hurts. Patrick taking a cue his buddy, also from Chicago, Obama, who denigrated fathers at least on two Father's Days in the past with his speeches, has really done something truly inexplicable.

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick has refused a request to hang a banner in the Massachusetts State House honoring fathers this coming Fathers Day.'

SAVE: 11% Falsely Accused of Abuse, Survey Shows

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From SAVE:

PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Teri Stoddard, tstoddard-at-saveservices.org

11% Falsely Accused of Abuse, Survey Shows

WASHINGTON / June 2, 2011 – A national survey of 10,000 Americans reveals 11% report they have been falsely accused of abuse. The first-ever survey of its type probed persons' first-hand experiences with false allegations of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual abuse. The study was commissioned by Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, a victim advocacy organization.

The survey results headlined a False Allegations Summit, which was held today at the Fairfax Hotel in Washington, DC.

Conducted May 2-4, 2011, the survey also found 15% of respondents personally knew someone who has been falsely accused of abuse. In 81% of the cases the falsely accused person was a male, and in 70% of cases the false alleger was a female. Twenty-six percent of the wrongful accusations were made in the context of a child custody dispute.

"This survey shows tens of millions of Americans have been falsely accused of abuse," explains SAVE spokesperson Natasha Spivack, "These persons were stamped with the scarlet Abuser label, leaving them to wonder whatever happened to the notion of 'innocent until proven guilty'."

The Summit featured statements by leading stakeholder organizations, including the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Home School Legal Defense Association, American Coalition for Fathers and Children, National Coalition for Men, and Encounters International.

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers statement spotlighted the "immense, often irreparable harm caused to our clients by false allegations, not only to reputation and personal relationships, but often to the accused individual's livelihood and even heath."

The Summit also included the emotion-wrought testimonies by four victims of false allegations of abuse.

The False Allegations Summit is being held in the wake of a recent Washington Post front-page article about Sean Lanigan, a local school teacher who was falsely accused of sexual molestation by a 12-year-old student. The article triggered editorial commentaries and citizens' expressions of disbelief and outrage.

The full survey results can be viewed here: http://www.saveservices.org/false-allegations-awareness-month/survey-results/. The False Allegations Summit is the kick-off to False Allegations Awareness Month in June. More information on the observance can be found here: http://www.saveservices.org/false-allegations-awareness-month/.

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is a victim advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to partner abuse: www.saveservices.org

Disparate sentencing in Jaycee Dugard case

Matt · 2 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. He earned every year he got sentenced to and has no business ever getting released from jail. But his wife who is as far as any reasonable person can see as guilty as he is gets only 36 years in jail, which with "good behavior" will probably become something substantially less. Excerpt:

'PLACERVILLE, Calif. -- A serial sex offender was ordered Thursday to spend the rest of his life in prison after the California woman he kidnapped, raped and held captive for 18 years said he and his wife-accomplice had stolen her life.

Victim Jaycee Dugard was 11 when she was abducted by Phillip and Nancy Garrido as her stepfather watched her walk toward a school bus. She gave birth to two daughters fathered by Garrido while he held her in a secret backyard compound.
...

Garrido, who was on parole for a 1976 rape when Dugard was abducted, pleaded guilty to kidnapping and 13 sexual assault charges, including six counts of rape and seven counts of committing lewd acts captured on video.

His plea was part of a deal with prosecutors that saw Nancy Garrido sentenced to 36 years to life after pleading guilty to kidnapping and rape.
...
In the statement, Dugard called Phillip Garrido a liar and said what Nancy Garrido did to her was evil. She said she hoped both of them would have as many sleepless nights as she had.

"There is no God in the universe that would condone your actions," Dugard said in a portion of the statement directed to Nancy Garrido.
...
Dugard was grabbed by Nancy Garrido from the South Lake Tahoe street where her family lived and forced into a car driven by Phillip Garrido on June 10, 1991. The abduction occurred as Dugard's stepfather watched her walk to a school bus stop.'

"Accomplished feminist" now executive editor of the NY Times

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Well, according to Eleanor Smeal, anyway. You thought the Times had a sort-of-kind-of feminist bent before? Hold onto your hats! Well, we'll see, I guess. In any case, congratulations to Ms. Abramson and good luck to her in her new position. (She has a lot of challenges in front of her getting the Times competitive in a digital -- ie, free -- news age. And indeed, the Times is not alone in this.)

'Statement by Eleanor Smeal, Publisher of Ms. and President of the Feminist Majority:

The selection of Jill Abramson, an accomplished feminist, as executive editor of The New York Times, which is not only the most influential newspaper in the United States, but also the premier online news platform, smashes a barrier to women's achievement in print and digital media.

This is all the more important because it comes at a time when women's rights are under attack in Congress and state legislatures. Additionally, women are still only one-third of executive editors and one-fifth of presidents, publishers and CEOs of major U.S. newspapers. Globally, women hold only 27 percent of top news management positions. Hopefully the elevation of Jill Abramson to the pinnacle of The New York Times will spur the advancement of women in management throughout the industry.'

NY Times article: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/03/business/media/03paper.html
Wikipedia article: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jill_Abramson

June is Men's Health Month

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And the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality is here to remind you that your problems are all your own fault. Link here.

'Learn the Facts

When you get a preventive medical test, you're not just doing it for yourself. You're doing it for your family and loved ones:

* Men are 24 percent less likely than women to have visited a doctor within the past year and are 22 percent more likely to have neglected their cholesterol tests.
* Men are 28 percent more likely than women to be hospitalized for congestive heart failure.
* Men are 32 percent more likely than women to be hospitalized for long-term complications of diabetes and are more than twice as likely than women to have a leg or foot amputated due to complications related to diabetes.

* Men are 24 percent more likely than women to be hospitalized for pneumonia that could have been prevented by getting an immunization.

The single most important way you can take care of yourself and those you love is to actively take part in your health care. Educate yourself on health care and participate in decisions with your doctor. This site will help you get started.

Source: Healthcare Cost & Utilization Project and Medical Expenditure Panel Survey data.'

"The Blue Pimpernel" Reveals How Women´s Shelter In Sweden Works

Anonymous · 3 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Translated blog post here. Excerpt:

"Since the early 2000s, I work part time at a shelter in mid-Sweden. And it is part of the task for the job to try to tilt and twist the facts to help women against their ex-men. Most women, indeed virtually all my colleagues and people on the board, are totally unscrupulous and unconscionable, and men openly to make every effort to get former men / cohabiting couple convicted of incest, pedophilia, rape, women and child abuse, plus it is then either nothing morally wrong with the kidnapping of children by fathers sentenced to custody / visitation with."

Original story here.

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Spanking, DV, and anti-father laws

Anonymous · 3 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But now we have rampant fatherlessness, (Mattapan Shootings) and glorify single mothers and feminism.
...
Now before you get all excited, I'm talking about reasonable punishment, not serious abuse. However, where we draw the line is getting more and more blurred.

In my opinion that line is getting pushed more and more too far to the "teaching" and "time-out" side. A screaming two-year-old is not in a classroom nor is she a lawyer, but I see plenty of folks in the supermarket, church or fancy restaurants addressing them as if they are equals a the Harvard University Debating Society.

Sometimes it's hard for me to figure out who needs the spanking more, parent or child.
...

By the way, in Massachusetts, they have a name for it, it's called "Wine, Dine, and two-oh-nine" as in Chapter 209 A for the liberal application of "domestic abuse" petitions where a woman can get a restraining order against just about any male for merely leaving the toilet seat up. Often where no real abuse has occurred but merely to gain the upper hand in divorce, alimony or determination of child custody arrangements and the attendant financial benefits.
...
In summary, some kids, not all, some times, not for each act, need a gentle spanking once in a while, hopefully from a responsible live-at-home father not an out-of-control, emotional single mom who has to balance work and child raring with laundry and shopping.

What do you think?'

Project Males symposium June 24 on the Decline of Latino Males in Education

Anonymous · 4 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

There is still time to sign up & support for this symposium. In addition to focusing on Latino males specifically, this group often presents statistics, data, and new perspectives on the decline of men of all races in college. An acquaintance of mine is on the team spearheading this project, and from what I have seen I know that they are doing a lot of good work. The aims of the group, as cited from their website:

"To explore innovative ways to establish mentoring links between Latino male role models, current UT Latino male students, and younger Latino males within the Austin area and surrounding communities. The Project will be inter-generational, and it will have a strong focus on leadership development, community engagement, and service, all of which research suggest are critical to the academic success and retention of male students of color in both secondary and post-secondary education."

Good minds, and more importantly good hearts, are working on this project. Feel free to lend them your support.

- Gogonostop

Efforts to Ban Circumcision Gain Traction in California

Matt · 5 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'SANTA MONICA, Calif. — When a group of activists proposed banning circumcision in San Francisco last fall, many people simply brushed them aside. Even in that liberal seaside city, it seemed implausible that thousands of people would support an effort to outlaw an ancient ritual that Jews and Muslims believe fulfills a commandment issued by God.

But last month, the group collected the more than 7,100 signatures needed to get a measure on the fall ballot that would make it illegal to snip the foreskin of a minor within city limits. Now a similar effort is under way in Santa Monica to get such a measure on the ballot for November 2012.

If the anticircumcision activists (they prefer the term “intactivists”) have their way, cities across the country may be voting on whether to criminalize a practice that is common in many American hospitals. Activists say the measures would protect children from an unnecessary medical procedure, calling it “male genital mutilation.”'

Safeway raising money for prostate cancer during June

fondueguy · 6 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Safeway shoppers and employees joined together each year in June to raise money to fund critical research programs aimed at finding a cure for prostate cancer. By making donations when shopping at local stores, the fundraising program is making a huge impact, raising $50 million since it began in 2000.
...
"Prostate cancer has a 90 percent cure rate. Screenings, early detection and education can save lives," said Safeway Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Steve Burd. "During the month of June we hope to make a difference by not only encouraging screenings, but by raising funds to help find a cure for this disease."'

More info: Supposedly you will see a small sign above the credit card swipe saying that 1 in 6 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer and when you check out you will be asked if you want to donate.

Also, last year Safeway raised $11.6 million.

US: Women behind 95% of Sexual Misconduct in Juvenile Facilities

Anonymous · 6 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Translated article here. Article in original Swedish here. Excerpt:

U.S Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Special Report: Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2008-09

'Highlights
...
- Approximately 95% of all youth reporting staff sexual misconduct said they had been victimized by female staff".'

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Widow is raising awareness of the penile cancer which killed her husband

Proud_to_be_a_man · 6 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This fine woman is spreading the word about the horrors her poor husband went through when diagnosed with penile cancer. It's true about the lack of support for male cancers here in the UK. A woman gets a pimple on her breast and she's almost mobbed by agencies wanting to support her etc., etc. A man gets penile cancer and he's virtually told 'Oh, it'll have to be chopped off, but here's a leaflet to explain it all...' Excerpt:

'To mark male cancer awareness month Health Wales and Tenovus have joined forces to encourage men to be aware of the signs and symptoms of cancer. In the first of four articles, Health Editor Madeleine Brindley spoke to Wendy Gane about her husband's dying wish to spread the word about penile cancer

MIKE GANE was a private man but he was adamant he wanted his wife of 15 years Wendy to raise awareness of the disease that killed him.

Six months after his death, Wendy is doing just that – she wants men and the medical profession to know about penile cancer and she wants better services for the small numbers of men who are diagnosed with the disease every year.

“He said you have to do this because of the other men who could suffer after him,” the 52-year-old said.'

In Making Campuses Safe for Women, a Travesty of Justice for Men

Matt · 6 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'American courts take exacting precautions to avoid convicting an innocent person of a crime. It was therefore startling to read the April 4, 2011, directive on sexual violence sent by the U.S. Department of Education's assistant secretary for civil rights, Russlynn H. Ali, to college officials across the country. In an effort to make campuses safe and equitable for women, Ali, with the full support of her department, advocates procedures that are unjust to men.
...
"We will use all of the tools at our disposal including ... withholding federal funds ... to ensure that women are free from sexual violence," Ali told NPR last year. One such tool is the standard of proof that college disciplinary committees use when determining guilt. Many colleges employ a "beyond a reasonable doubt" or a "clear and convincing" standard. (Roughly speaking, "beyond a reasonable doubt" requires a 98-percent certainty of guilt; clear and convincing, an 80-percent certainty.) Ali, however, orders all colleges to adopt the far-less-demanding standard of "preponderance of the evidence." Using that standard, a defendant can be found guilty if members of a disciplinary committee believe there is slightly more than a 50/50 chance that he committed the crime. That standard will make it far easier for disciplinary committees to try, convict, and punish an accused student (almost always a male).'

Jilted ex-boyfriend puts up abortion billboard

el cid · 7 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This story tells of a man who protested the abortion of his child by putting up a billboard. The woman is complaining it's a violation of her right to privacy. The issue I find interesting is not abortion but whether the woman can deny the man his right to express his opinion. Perhaps more interesting are the comments. One issue being discussed is whether men should have any reproductive rights. A lot of man-haters are saying no. Excerpt:

"A New Mexico man's decision to lash out with a billboard ad saying his ex-girlfriend had an abortion against his wishes has touched off a legal debate over free speech and privacy rights.

The sign on Alamogordo's main thoroughfare shows 35-year-old Greg Fultz holding the outline of an infant. The text reads, "This Would Have Been A Picture Of My 2-Month Old Baby If The Mother Had Decided To Not KILL Our Child!"

Fultz's ex-girlfriend has taken him to court for harassment and violation of privacy. A domestic court official has recommended the billboard be removed.'

But Fultz's attorney argues the order violates his client's free speech rights.

Voodoo mom sentenced to 17 years in prison for burning daughter

Matt · 7 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A monster mom tried to soften her tale of setting a six-year-old daughter on fire in a voodoo ritual even as she pleaded guilty to the "barbaric" crime today — but a Queens judge would have none of it as he coaxed the truth from her and then sentenced the woman to 17 years behind bars.

Marie Lauradin, 29, pleaded guilty to assault last month for setting little Frantzcia Saintil on fire in a ritual called "Loa." But in a pre-sentencing report she changed her story, saying she was merely "rubbing [Frantzcia] down with alcohol because she was sick with fever when a nearby candle fell and set her on fire."
...
"Did you douse your child with accelerant and light her on fire?" the judge said as he began to quiz Lauradin about what happened to the little girl.

"Yes," she said through an interpreter.

"The only demonic presence this child had to worry about was her mother," the judge said, lashing into her.'

Australia: Mother put drug in son's bottle: court

Minuteman · 8 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'An Adelaide woman allegedly killed her sick five-year-old son by putting methadone in his cordial bottle, a court has heard.

The 44-year-old woman appeared at the Holden Hill Magistrates court on Wednesday charged with manslaughter and administering prescription medication to the boy.

Police prosecutor Jessica Esplin said the woman's two older sons, aged 15 and 16, had told police their mother had given their younger brother the drug during the night after mother and child had been coughing.

"(The older boy) states that some time during the morning he woke with his mother yelling...(that) his brother was not breathing," she said.'

Australia: Baby killer said she was a 'bad mother'

Minuteman · 8 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who drowned her two-year-old daughter in a Sydney river had thought she was a bad mother and wanted to die with the child, a judge has been told.

After the drowning, the woman asked officers: "Do I get to go to jail soon? I deserve to be locked up forever."

The woman, who suffers from a mental illness, pleaded guilty in the NSW Supreme Court on Wednesday to the manslaughter of her two-year-old daughter in March 2010.
...
"Help me, help me, I've killed my daughter," she said to a man walking past with a mobile phone. He ignored her and kept going.'

Woman Pushing to Ban Circumcision in California City Drops Proposal

anthony · 8 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The proponent of a ballot measure to ban circumcision in a California city has dropped the effort following claims of anti-Semitic themes and imagery, including a comic book that featured a "Monster Mohel."

Jena Troutman, the Santa Monica woman who submitted the proposal to the Santa Monica city clerk last month, said she has withdrawn the measure to prohibit "Genital Cutting of Male Minors." ...

Troutman, a lactation consultant and mother of two, told FoxNews.com that her focus was "never about religion" when she submitted the initiative, which was written by a San Diego-based group called MGMbill.org, the same organization that authored the measure to ban circumcision that will appear on the ballot in San Francisco this November.
...
"I respect and appreciate the Jewish religion and people's delicate feelings about their religious customs," she said, adding that she originally sought a religious exemption for the proposed ban but ultimately declined to include one since it would have been unconstitutional.

Still, "bodily integrity and genital autonomy" are human rights, she said.'

High School Teacher Accused Of Sexting Students

anthony · 8 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MUNHALL (KDKA) — A Steel Valley high school teacher is accused of sexting her male students.

Many of the messages 29-year-old Jennifer Smith is accused of sending to students are just too graphic to outline.

Police say she asked the five male students to erase the photos and the messages.

...

Police uncovered a message from the youngest boy in the criminal complaint. Smith allegedly sent him a text that she, “was thinking about him and missed him and that he looked sexy at baseball practice.”

The language grew more explicit, saying she, “wanted to perform oral sex on him after school in her class and have sex with him over her desk.”'

Presidential Candidate Johnson Tells F & F Activists, Audience That Family Law System ‘Is Ripe for Reform’

Matt · 8 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A contingent of Fathers and Families’ Election Campaign 2012 activists attended two New Hampshire GOP events over the weekend and asked presidential candidate Gary Johnson, a former two-term governor of New Mexico, about family court reform.

In Nashua on June 5, Johnson told F & F activists Roy Corbeil, a grandfather, and Seth Diamond:

“Anything I could do on the federal level I would do, as president, to address [this] real inequality. I recognize it, having been Governor of New Mexico. It’s a huge issue…the courts rule…usually [if not] always against the fathers…[in these rulings, fathers rights'] are obliterated, they’re nonexistent. I recognize that…I’m open to ideas [on fixing it].”'

April 6 Male Studies Conference videos

Matt · 8 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

With growing failures of males in education, staggering problems within our legal system regarding males, ever-increasing disproportionate suicides of males and continuing marginalization of males, we've never needed your help as much as we do now, to continue our work toward a better future. Our upcoming 2012 conference will tackle many solutions to improving the state of males in our society. And our goal of placing a Chair of Male Studies at a major university is a strong priority. But we need your support. Please consider donating as much as you can to help us. Visit http://www.malestudies.org/donate.html.

Meanwhile, all our efforts have paid off - we now have professionally-edited, high-quality videos of our Conference that took place at the Academy of Medicine on April 6. This footage includes the presenters as well as their slides.

As promised, I will continue following up with the presenters to acquire all the responses to your questions during the conference.

Thank you for your patience and consideration, and for staying by our side.

You can view the videos here:

Conference part 1 - http://www.vimeo.com/23289124
Conference part 2 - http://www.vimeo.com/23294130

Feel free to share.

Israel: Fathers file petition against Israel in UNHRC

Matt · 8 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Five fathers who feel they have been systematically denied their basic human rights by the Israeli authorities and the justice system during long and drawn-out custody battles with the mothers of their children filed a petition with the United Nations Human Rights Council on Monday against the State of Israel.

The five individual complaints, which all detail years of court rulings and decisions by the authorities to deny or limit the fathers' access to their children, were filed collectively by the Coalition for Children and Family Israel (CCF), a non-profit organization that unites several bodies engaged in fighting for father's rights.

Collectively, the petitions allege that Israel's family laws and practices violate international conventions, deny men involved in divorce cases their basic human rights and accuse state-run authorities and courts of purposely disengaging fathers from their children.'

Woman admits false rape report

anthony · 9 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

A Braidwood woman, who falsely claimed she was raped and kidnapped last year pleaded guilty Wednesday to disorderly conduct.
...
Partyka told Manhattan police she was abducted and raped, according to court documents.

She actually got into a fight with her boyfriend at a Manhattan bar and didn't return home until two days later, when she made the false report to police, according to a spokesman for the state's attorney's office.'

Mothers struggle against gender gap in schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tammy Mobley's son and daughter both attend college. But while Mobley is equally proud of both children, the Ross resident acknowledges that getting into college was much more difficult for her son than for her daughter.

That's not because her son is any less intelligent or hard-working than her daughter, said Mobley, the co-chairwoman of the Marin Moms of Boys Initiative. She believes his difficulties arose because modern methods of education favor students who can sit still, stay on task and keep track of many assignments at the same time.

In other words, she says, education favors girls.

"I noticed, when my daughter was in the eighth grade and my son was in the sixth, that they were having completely different experiences at school," Mobley said. "Girls have a desire to please. They have no trouble asking for help. And to be successful in school these days, you need to be organized. All of that came easily to my daughter, but was not as natural for either of my sons."

Mobley and the other members of her group say they've been inspired to act in part by the efforts of the Boys Initiative, a new national campaign to address a perceived gender gap in academic achievement and social adjustment. The project has been spearheaded by Mill Valley resident Warren Farrell, author of seven books on men's and women's issues and chairman of the Commission to Create a White House Council on Boys to Men.'

The invisible domestic violence – against men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If the empirical research is correct in suggesting that between a quarter and half of all domestic violence victims are men, a question follows: why has women's domestic violence towards men been unreported for so long, and what has changed in the last five years to make it more visible?

One reason may be the feminist movement. Feminism took up the cause of domestic abuse of women in the 1970s, with the world's first women's refuge being opened by Erin Pizzey in 1971. Feminism understood domestic violence as the natural extension of men's patriarchal attitudes towards women, leading men to feel they had the right to control their partners, using violence if necessary. Feminists campaigned successfully to bring the issue into the public arena, thereby securing resources to establish services to help victims. This activism and advocacy led to governmental and public acceptance that "domestic violence" was synonymous with violence against women.'

Gov. Deval Patrick: Still Snubbing Dad

MikeTrueman · 10 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Blog posting here. Excerpt:

'"With little more than a week to go before Father's Day the Patrick administration's lead officials still refuse to give the ok to a Father's Day banner at the State House. The latest excuse according to those who have called his State House office is that the banner did not meet the 'standards' required. In fact, we were told the banner and the Father's Day message was fine by John Billera, head of the Bureau of State Office Buildings, but that The Fatherhood Coalition was 'political' and political signs are banned. Nothing could be further from the truth as both the organization (a non-profit not allowed to engage in political activities), and the Father's Day message are anything but political. Gov. Patrick's refusal to honor fathers is thus inexplicable.
...
Gov. Patrick's number is 1 888 870-7770 or 617 725-4005. Inquiries are best directed to Mr. Mo Cowan, chief of staff.'

Russell Crowe on circumcision: 'barbaric and stupid'

Broadsword · 10 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Russell Crowe caused a Twitter row this morning when he declared circumcision was 'barbaric and stupid'.
...
The Oscar winner, who is currently on holiday in Italy, staunchly defended his viewpoint as he was bombarded with both criticism and praise by his followers.
...
He finally attempted to finish the row by reiterating his views: 'I will always stand for the perfection of babies, I will always believe in God, not man's interpretation of what God requires.

'Last of it, if you feel it is your right to cut things off your babies please unfollow and f**k off, I'll take attentive parenting over barbarism."

Why Men Are Prey To Investment Fraud

Matt · 10 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Rarely do you see a video like this one. It speaks the plain truth about a topic not much discussed. Especially in this day and age, it can be easy to start seeing dollar signs when a smooth talker comes along. Don't let yourself fall victim to another Bernie Madoff type of scam artist just because society expects you to be Richie Rich in grown-up duds.

Two women accused of threatening to accuse man of rape if he didn't give them car

Luek · 11 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. These felons got released on their on recognizance. It is vital that men and boys in this area of the state watch out for these criminals and don't fall prey to them. Excerpt:

'POTSDAM -- Two Potsdam women are accused of threatening to falsely accuse a man of rape if he didn't give them a car.

Village police say that Christine L. Laraby, 45, and Miranda L. Laraby, 17, threatened a man that they would report to police that he had physically abused and raped Miranda Laraby if he did not sign over his vehicle to the defendants with a note saying that they had paid him $500 cash for it.

Police say the defendants subsequently took possession of the man's 1997 Subaru Legacy.'

Police warn of teen girls committing strong arm robberies

Matt · 11 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Funny, I wonder why the picture they are using is of a man trying to snatch a purse from a woman rather than a girl trying to rob another girl, or at least something looking like that? Excerpt:

'CHICAGO Police have issued a community alert on the Southwest Side warning residents of strong arm robberies committed by two 16-year-old girls.

The first robbery happened on May 27 about 3:20 p.m. in the 5800 block of South Troy, police said. A 15-year-old girl was approached and the teens grabbed a gold necklace from her.

In the second robbery, which happened in the 5500 block of South Mozart, a 15-year-old girl was robbed of a gold chain and a gold heart ring, police said.'

Warrant: Teens tied up, smothered foster mom

Matt · 11 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. There could be an alternate explanation about what happened here since the girls are not yet in custody/have been found. Possibly the mother was killed and they were kidnapped? Without the actual girls apprehended/found, it's hard to say. In any case keep an eye on this one, I am sure developments will follow. Innocent 'til proven guilty, or at least until found.

'ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – Arrest documents say two 15-year-old girls accused of killing their foster mom in New Mexico put her in a chokehold, tied her hands and feet and then smothered her with a pillow.

Fifty-three-year-old Evelyn Miranda was found dead Wednesday in San Patricio.

The Albuquerque Journal reports a neighbor heard strange noises at about 4 a.m. He went to check his livestock and noticed lights were on at Miranda's home and her van was missing.

The neighbor told Lincoln County authorities he knocked on the door but got no answer so he went inside, where he found the woman's body on a bed.

An arrest warrant affidavit alleges one of the girls told authorities she put Miranda in a chokehold while the other tied her up.

Each girl is charged with an open count of murder, which lets prosecutors determine the degree of the charge at a later date.'

Push leads to twenty five story fall that kills man

MR · 11 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Woman Accused of Pushing Husband from 25th Floor Window. Is it possible for a smaller woman to push a 6'4" military man to his death? Police are saying this is a premeditated crime. The prior restraining order the male victim took out shows he had concerns about his safety.

Have you lost your faith in men?

Minuteman · 12 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to "article" here. Excerpt:

'Perhaps it's just me but is anyone else losing faith in men? Is your confidence that your relationship will endure, unmarred by infidelity, for the rest of your life, rapidly diminishing? Anyone else starting to think that maybe it's only a matter of time until it happens to you?

Amid the latest reports of Arnold Schwarzenegger's love child, debauchery seems to be the flavour of our current new stories with male politicians, business leaders, sporting stars, celebrities and members of the armed forces at the centre of the storm.
...
Tiger Woods reportedly had at least nine mistresses, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and his cabinet have allegedly treated their country's political system as one big bachelor party, Ricky Nixon (the most recent football personality to grace our media) still has a lot of explaining to do and countless other public figures have had their reputations tarnished by some form of sexual indiscretion.'

Opinion: Why Lagarde should be IMF chief: Women make better leaders, sans Weiner-like libido

anthony · 12 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During an appearance last fall on ABC's "This Week" and following tough talk on fiscal austerity and the evils of budget deficits, Lagarde dove headlong into the squishy topic of gender leadership. Her cardinal thesis: Women are better leaders than men. “We don’t necessarily project our own egos into cutting a deal, [getting] our point across, convincing people, reducing them to…a partner lost in the process.”

Then with a hint of mettle she cut to the chase: “We inject less libido, less testosterone.”
...
Lagarde’s gender braggadocio is supported by empirical data. Leadership studies consistently show women outperform men in the key area of decision-making: They tend to use a more democratic, participative style, while men take a more autocratic, directive approach. These studies conclude that women’s traditional approach to negotiation, mediation, facilitation, and communication is more effective than men’s traditional insistence on power and control.'

Video: Weiner Scandal: A Victory for Women Leaders?

anthony · 12 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Article excerpt:

'"Often women are seen as more honest, more sincere, as harder working," Clarke said. "This may be an opportunity for more women to step into those positions."

ABC's Claire Shipman, co-author of "Womenomics", says there are numerous studies that show that a company with more women in senior positions will be more profitable.

"In every decision, diversity leads to better decisions," Shipman said. "In other words, a group of all white men are not going to reach the best decision."'

Why Cross-Examination Rights Matter in Campus Sexual Harassment Cases under Title IX

anthony · 12 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As part of its broader attack on safeguards against false accusations, the federal Education Department is urging colleges to strip students and faculty of the right to cross-examine their accusers in disciplinary proceedings over alleged sexual harassment. In an April 4 letter from Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Russlynn Ali, the Education Department said that it “strongly discourages schools from allowing the parties personally to question or cross-examine each other during the hearing.”

This is perverse, since the subjective nature of the legal definition of harassment means that there is no category of cases in which cross-examination is more useful or essential to ensure due process. To legally qualify as sexual harassment under Title IX, or racial harassment under Title VI, speech must be severe and pervasive enough to create a hostile learning environment for the listener, and interfere with the listener’s education, both in subjective and objective terms, according to court rulings like the Supreme Court’s 1999 Davis decision. Transitory offense is not enough. If the accuser admits on questioning that she did not really view the offensive speech as being a “big deal,” or was not shocked or surprised by it, that probably rules out the existence of a subjectively hostile environment. Indeed, a federal appeals court dismissed a racial harassment claim for just that reason in Newman v. Federal Express Corp., 266 F.3d 401 (6th Cir. 2001).'

Obama, Planned Parenthood and Obamacare

MikeTrueman · 12 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Black American birth rate is below that of sustainability, that means if the domestic Black birth rate does not change, and it is likely to decline, American Blacks will be extinct. ...

The scourge of fatherlessness in America, particularly in the inner-city and among blacks has not been helped by Obama's disparagement of men and fathers and his often repeated glorification of single motherhood. Obama's repeated bashing of men, especially black men, accusing them of abandoning their children while at the same time his policies actually encourage single parent homes and reward mothers who eject fathers from the home and thus from the lives of their children.'

18-year-old continues fighting for custody of son adopted to another family

Matt · 13 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Next Sunday millions of families will be celebrating Father's Day, acknowledging the man who raised, loved and cared for them. Fathers hold a special place in a child's life. Dads can become involved in their child's sports, while others enjoy teaching their kids new skills or just spending precious time together. One young father admits it will be a difficult day for him.

"It's going to suck," said 18-year-old Christian Diaz.

...

After a lengthy court battle, a Kern County Superior Court Judge ruled in January in favor of placing the baby with the adoptive parents. Diaz has never been able to see or hold his son, whom he has named Liam. The decision was a hard one for Diaz and his mother, Guadalupe, to accept. And it's taken an emotional toll on the family.

"He's been stressed over the court's decision denying him his father's rights," said Guadalupe, who also lost in having her first grandson.

...

He has gotten help along the way.

The National Coalition for Men is supporting Diaz. And a nonprofit group devoted to family court reform called Fathers and Families got wind of the story and obtained the services of Marc Angelucci, a Glendale family law attorney to help out during the appellate process at no cost to Diaz.

Angelucci is convinced the Kern County Court erred against Diaz in several ways.'

NCFM helps save the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Men

Matt · 13 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Long time NCFM member Mike Geanoulis announced that the New Hampshire Commission of the Status of Men (CSM) appears to have withstood efforts to sunset its authorization. CSM is arguably only one of four legislatively enacted bodies of its type in the United States.

Mike reports that even though the New Hampshire Legislative Committee to Study Boards and Commissions Committee on Committees (NHCOC) recommended closure of the CSM the Committee of Conference agreed to extend CSM two years and add two more seats to the — one appointment each from the House and Senate leadership. HB380 will be revised accordingly and resubmitted to the floor of the House and Senate.'

"Guilty Until Proven Innocent" released

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A new documentary has been released about fathers and the (so-called) family court system. The site is here. Caption:

'In his most provocative documentary to date filmmaker Janks Morton turns his lens to the crisis in America's family courts. Utilizing the stories of five men Morton unveils the untold story of how family court processes yield millions of fatherless children. The massive machine of family courts directly impact the lives of nearly one third of our nation's citizens, with little oversight and limits on its enormous power. It is a system riddled with conflicts of interest where the 'best interest of the child' is often an afterthought.

Guilty Until Proven Innocent is the beginning of a necessary national dialogue.'

Death upheld for Kuwait woman for wedding carnage

Matt · 13 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Remember this one from a while back? Apparently the ruling has been in appeal for some time and they finally decided on it. You may wonder why I am posting this one. The issue here is that it is so rare that a woman is sentenced to death and that this sentence is upheld, whether this be in a western or another country, that it is positively newsworthy. Men being sentenced to death isn't news, however, it's par for the course. Excerpt:

'KUWAIT CITY (AFP) – Kuwait's supreme court on Sunday upheld a woman's death sentence for setting ablaze her husband's wedding tent, killing 57 women and children.

Nasra Yussef Mohammed al-Enezi, 24, was condemned to death by a lower and appeals courts for the apparent act of revenge against her husband for taking a second wife.
...
The August 15, 2009 inferno engulfed the women-and-children-only tent in minutes and triggered a stampede. The final death toll was 57, including Saudis and stateless Arabs.

If Enezi is hanged, she would be the first Kuwaiti woman to be executed in the Gulf state's history. Three foreign women have been hanged.
...
The last execution in the emirate dates back to mid-2007 although dozens of convicts are on death row.'

Tennessee will hear paternity fraud case

ItsDan · 14 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Tennessee Supreme court has agreed to hear a case that could decide whether a man has legal grounds to sue for being duped into supporting a child that turns out to be fathered by someone else.

Legal experts believe it may be the first time for the state's highest court to decide whether paternity fraud is grounds to sue.

The court could give a man the right to recover some of the expense of caring for the child and win damages for emotional suffering for the paternity fraud. Lawyers say it's unlikely the man would be able to recover past child-support payments.'

The Masculinity Conspiracy: chapter 5 now online

Anonymous · 14 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Chapter 5 (Fatherhood) of The Masculinity Conspiracy is now online. This chapter examines how the theme of fatherhood is mobilized in the conspiracy via two books: Wild Things: The Art of Nurturing Boys by Stephen James and David Thomas, and Better Dads, Stronger Sons: How Fathers Can Guide Boys to Become Men of Character by Rick Johnson.

It shows how these books promote fatherhood as being defined by fixed characteristics. It then offers some different ways of thinking about fatherhood in order to counter the conspiracy.

http://masculinityconspiracy.com/

Australia: DIY Male Health Toolboxes for Men's Sheds

Minuteman · 14 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to media release here. Excerpt:

'The Australian Government is funding DIY Male Health Toolboxes to be sent to men's sheds around the country.

The announcement by the Minister for Indigenous Health, Warren Snowdon, was made as he launched Men's Health Week with Australian Men's Shed Association Patron Tim Mathieson in Canberra today.

"These are actual metal toolbox that will contain a combination of health promotion materials featuring resources suitable to a shed environment.

"We know that men don't always feel comfortable picking up a brochure in public – so these promotion materials such as carpenter's pencils, tape measures, and magnetic clips will be more subtle and hopefully infiltrate sheds with positive health-related messages."

Mr Mathieson and Mr Snowdon today joined Brumbies players for free health checks provided by ACT Divisions of General Practice at the Sea Scout's Men's Shed in Tuggeranong.

Mr Snowdon said he was also pleased to launch a new report funded by the Australian Government and conducted by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) which suggest many males remain at risk of poor health.

"These toolboxes are a timely reminder for men to address some of the very serious issues raised in AIHW's The Health of Australian Males report.

"This report shows some disturbing data, including that less than five per cent of males eat sufficient fruit and vegetables and two-thirds of adult males are overweight or obese.

"Men need to make a difference to their own health by taking positive health action – now.'

Norway: Female Pedophiles Cause Children More Harm

Anonymous · 14 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Translation in English here. Original Article in Swedish here. Excerpt:

'Women who are sexually abusing children causing their victims more injuries than men. It writes the Norwegian newspaper Bergens time. They quote four researchers at the Psychology Faculty at the University of Bergen, who has written an article about it in the Journal of the Norwegian Psychological Association.

Women abuse is similar to those of male sex offenders, writes Bergen's time, but women's abuse often occurs in close relationships, and, therefore, more detrimental to the children.'

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The real cost of Feminism: Fatherless children, poverty, unemployment, crime and taxes

MikeTrueman · 14 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Forty years of unchecked Feminism has achieved Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's goal of "eliminating" clearly defined gender roles that have been in place for thousands of years.

The cost to almost every aspect of our society is staggering.

Women now can get "pit-stop" divorces where husbands and fathers are ejected from the home as swiftly as pit crews remove worn tires from a racing car. New tires are added, the gas tank is filled in a flash, and she's off again, this time with the kids in tow, leaving fathers in a cloud of dust, unable to see their kids, usually due to a bogus restraining order. She, off to her next conquest never having to worry about paying because it's daddy's speed pass she swipes at the pump.

It's no wonder some 20 million American children are fatherless.

...

The goals of the Feminist agenda have resulted in discrimination against men and the destruction of the traditional family:

"The feminist notion that women should be independent of men, followed by affirmative-action/female quotas in employment, tended to carry out the goal stated by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg that the concept of husband-breadwinner and wife-homemaker "must be eliminated." These feminist ideas and practices demean marriage by discriminating against men and also against fulltime homemakers." -Phyllis Schlafly — The Cost to Taxpayers of Missing Fathers'

Dept. of Ed. Regulation will Trigger a Glut of False Allegations

Matt · 15 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From a SAVE email:

In the name of curbing campus sexual assault, the U.S. Department of Education (DED) now requires all colleges that receive federal funding to use the "preponderance of evidence" standard of proof, instead of the long-accepted "clear and convincing" standard. In addition, the DED regulation forbids charged students from cross-examining their accusers.

Seldom does an issue unite the Left and Right into a single chorus of disbelief and scorn. To date, the DED letter has been the focus of over a dozen critical editorials appearing in both the liberal and conservative media. For example:

Nathaniel Zelinsky: Title IX and the Death of Free Speech at Yale - May 19
Christina Hoff Sommers: In Making Campuses Safe for Women, a Travesty of Justice for Men - June 5
Wendy McElroy: Dumbing Down the Charge of Rape - June 7

SAVE is calling on the DED to withdraw its Dear Colleague letter and replace it with a guidance that respects civil rights and due process. And we want you join us. Here's where to file a complaint:

E-mail: You can file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, using the following e-mail address: ocr-at-ed.gov.

Online: You can also file a complaint with OCR using their complaint form at the following website: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintintro.html.

Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

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Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
Teri Stoddard, Program Director
www.saveservices.org

P.S. Help us grow our efforts....forward this E-lert to a friend!

UK: "Feminism is so passe. It's the boys who need help now"

anthony · 15 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

In the Western world, the feminist argument has been definitively won — and all the silly and, frankly, somewhat pathetic ‘slut walks’ in the world won’t refute that.

As far as I can tell, the new feminism aims to make men share more of the childcare. And, of course, it’s true that children prevent many women from going further in their careers. But it’s also true that it’s usually the woman’s choice. The maternal instinct is so powerful that most mothers want to do a larger share of the childcare.
...
For years, girls have outstripped boys at school and at university, and more women than men are entering formerly male-dominated professions such as medicine and law. The latest figures show that girls do better than boys at GCSE and in further education — 20 per cent more girls go on to university than boys, and are more likely to get a good degree.

Nothing will convince me that boys are inherently more stupid than girls. No, the reason boys are lagging behind girls is because they’re the ones who are being discriminated against. It is they who are being kept back by the system.'

Blatant Anti-Male Bigotry: OK With ABC News

anthony · 15 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Christiane Amanpour led a jaw-dropping round table discussion on her ABC Sunday morning talk show, as four female guest commentators discussed how the convergence of Former IMF director Dominique Strauss-Kahn's attempted rape charges and Rep. Anthony Weiner's travails has created a possible tipping point in which the nation will come to the realization of a fact that these women have known all along: women are just plain better than men when it comes to leadership, management, decision-making, and conflict resolution

The sweeping generalities, stereotyping, and flat pronouncements of male inferiority were unrestrained. "Women seek power to do something, men seek power to be something," said Amanpour at one point, to summarize an exchange. "Testosterone really is a problem," a guest said to unanimous head nods. Claire Shipman, an ABC correspondent kindly given the chance to peddle her nauseatingly-titled new book, "Womenomics," spouted various studies showing that women in power achieved uniformly better results than those bumbling male counterparts: better hedge fund profits, better corporate performance, pretty much everything. "Men just compete for the competition," another of Amanpour's distinguished guests declared, to no objections or qualifications from the assembled experts of the Superior Sex. "Men aren't attracted to powerful women," added Amanpour.'

Witch-Hunting Males - 2011

MR · 15 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

False accusations against males have reached epidemic proportions in America's legal system. The root of the problem stems from gender feminism's political ideology, pushing a misandrist agenda. Here in time for False Accusation Awareness Month is "***Witch-Hunting Males 2011 - - - profiteering through false accusations*** "

Woman Raped And Murdered Toddler - Charged With First Degree Murder

Anonymous · 16 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman allegedly raped and threw her boyfriend's 17-month-old daughter against a blunt object, killing her, it emerged today.

Molly Jane Roe, 24, of Bells, Tennessee, is accused of throwing Maleeya Marie Murley while looking after her.

The toddler was rushed to hospital with a severe brain injury but died several hours after being admitted.

A medical examination also revealed she had been subject to a sexual assault before she died.'

Also covered here.

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Modern fathers face changing roles, says Pew study

el cid · 16 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Here's an article that summarizes the status of fathers in today's world. Mostly bad news, with one researcher wondering if kids are better off. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — Nearly half of American dads under 45 this Father's Day say they have at least one child who was born out of wedlock. And the share of fathers living apart from children is more than double what it was not so long ago.

In encouraging news, though, among married fathers, children are said to be getting more attention from both parents at home than ever before.

A Pew Research Center report highlights the changing roles of parents as U.S. marriage rates and traditional family households fall to historic lows.

For example, college-educated men who tend to marry and get better jobs are more involved with their children than lesser-skilled men struggling to get by.

"When a father can't provide monetarily for his offspring, he often becomes estranged," said Beth Latshaw, an assistant sociology professor at Appalachian State University who researches changing paternal roles. She pointed to an economic advantage for college graduates hired at companies with better benefits and family-friendly policies, contrasted with the situation for the larger ranks of low-wage workers.'

Right on schedule: a father-shaming article on the cusp of Father's Day

johndias · 16 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's like clockwork. Every year at Father's Day, we have some t**l who fancies himself as a caped crusader and demands that fathers stop being such bad fathers, and for once start being good fathers. Anyone care to give Jeff Pearlman a piece of your mind?

A father's day wish: Dads, wake the hell up!

...
Excerpt #1: "Really, wake the hell up. Now. I understand that most of you have 9-to-5 jobs, that you leave tired and come home tired and just wanna chill in front of SportsCenter with a bowl of chips. But, seriously, you have no remote idea: Being a stay-at-home parent is exhausting. At the office, you can hide. You can take lunch. You can pretend you're working while scrolling the Internet for Yankees-Blue Jays and, ahem, Lindsay Lohan news."

Excerpt #2: "For you, I offer these 10 commandments of righteous fatherhood. Pay close attention, because, behind your back, people are pitying your wife:"
[a nauseating list follows]

Do fathers know best? 5 ways dads are better parents

Matt · 16 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nice but it could have been a lot better. Still, for the MSN Moms section, not bad. Excerpt:

'Father's Day is clearly an afterthought on the holiday calendar. Which is too bad, because when push comes to shove, dads are better than moms.

Tacked on at the last minute –- Mother's Day was officially recognized in 1914, while dads didn't get an official day until 1972 (proclaimed by Richard Nixon, of all people) -- Father's Day is the family slacker of the phony holidays created by greeting card companies.

There are lots of pros and cons for either parent, of course, and the margin isn't big, and there's lots of credit to go around. And it's not a competition. But: Let's say it is! Dads are better. If your mind isn't so incredibly blown that you need to take some deep breaths and sip some cool water, read on:'

Candidates Pawlenty, Huntsman Tell F & F Activists 2 Parent Involvement After Divorce Is Crucial

Matt · 16 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A contingent of Fathers and Families' Election 2012 Campaign activists attended New Hampshire GOP events over the weekend and asked presidential candidates Tim Pawlenty and Jon Huntsman about family court reform.

F & F member Jeff Oligny asked Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, a popular presidential candidate, about family court reform. Oligny, a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, told Pawlenty:

> In today's family law system, most non-custodial parents only get to spend a few days a month with their children. This is devastating for a lot of children who love both of their parents and want to spend time with them. How do you plan on fixing it?

A United Nations Treaty Will Undermine Both the Family & the US Constitution

Matt · 16 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Indeed, human rights conventions like the CRC can even transform the very nature of treaties, especially in the United States. At the time of the American founding, treaties were forged between sovereign states and were clearly limited to matters of foreign policy, such as alliances and trade. That is why the Constitution provides for them to be concluded by the president and Senate alone, without the participation of the more democratic House of Representatives.

Modern human rights conventions, however, increasingly govern not just nation-states but also sub-national groups and even individuals. Whereas in most countries treaty enforcement is carried out as part of a nation's foreign policy, in America a ratified treaty becomes by constitutional stipulation the "supreme law of the land," equal to the Constitution itself. That means that domestic courts are automatically required to enforce its provisions, without recourse to international tribunals.

Treaty-making thus presents a loophole through which various interest groups can effectively legislate American domestic policy while bypassing the people's elected lawmakers in the House of Representatives and in state legislatures. "Other nations preserve their right of sovereignty and the people's right to self-government," says Michael Farris of the Home School Legal Defense Association. "The U.S. is unique in forfeiting the right of self-government to ratified treaties."'

Deadbeats, Duds and Doofusses: Dads in the Media

Matt · 16 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'These are tough times to be an American dad, and indeed, an American man. The recession, or "mancession," as it's been called, hit men harder than women; male unemployment was 8.9 percent compared to 8 percent for women in May. Adding insult to injury, leftwing journalists have sniggered about the plight of the "beached white male." In 2010, women became the majority in the work force for the first time in history. More women receive college degrees than men do.

Culturally, in article after magazine article, on TV and in films, fathers and men in general are portrayed as hapless bumblers at best, abusive deadbeats at worst.

Sure, dads are useful as sperm donors as the media proudly tells us of "career women" who "can have it all" including a baby without a husband. They're useful as ATMs, too even some more practical feminists will admit. But to the Washington Post, they're blustering know-it-alls, in detergent ads they're prudish kill-joys, and household annoyances on a par with muddy dogs. Googling the phrase "Who needs men?" draws 355,000 results, including big stars crowing about artificial insemination. The rise of "gay chic" and the relentless smudging of traditional gender lines have devalued manliness, even as male politicians, entertainers and star athletes highlight the less-than-admirable male traits in scandals.'

Man Immolates Self in front of Courthouse

Matt · 16 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Anywhere in the mainstream media? Not that I can see. The story is here. Excerpt:

'I just got back from the Cheshire county courthouse, the site of yesterday's self-immolation. As I was walking out, they were painting over the scorch marks they attempted to wash away earlier in the morning.
...
Thomas James Ball, born 2/21/53 and his wife at the time, Karen Louise Ball (maiden name Primiano), born 3/2/65 had begun divorce proceedings about a decade ago. It was alleged that Ball had committed domestic violence against his 4 year old daughter at the time, Melissa. Karen had called Monadnock Family Services after the incident and was allegedly told that if she did not report the incident to police, that she would be arrested for child abuse. She called Jaffrey PD out of fear of what the government people would do to her family (steal her kids if they were both arrested) and because of their mandatory arrest policy in domestic violence cases, Thomas was arrested. He was found not guilty of simple assault in Cheshire Superior Court, despite slapping his daughter multiple times and causing bleeding. The Jaffrey PD apparently admitted that pressing forward as a domestic violence case was a mistake. His wife's testimony shows he did not have a history of violence. Thomas figured he'd get to see his kids again after the not guilty. He figured wrong. The court continued to press for counseling at Monadnock Family Services (MFS) prior to allowing Thomas unsupervised visits with his kids. Of course, this is a huge racket for MFS, who likely is paid for every one of the cases they are sent by the court, either by the people involved or by the state of NH.'

One news story, here.

Will Obama's speech this Father's Day promote the lie or tell the truth about fathers?

MikeTrueman · 17 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'20 Million children in America are growing up fatherless, Obama continues to place the blame not on those responsible, but on fathers.

Growing up fatherless tends to lead to flawed development and psychological issues, namely the narcissistic personality disorder so obvious in our president who himself, grew up fatherless. Fatherless children leading other fatherless children.
...
Previously, on Father's day, Obama made a speech in a Chicago church urging black fathers to be more engaged in raising their children. Read full text of Obama's Father's Day Speech.

As usual we find the truth to be the opposite of what Obama says as well as the "conventional wisdom" or what I call the "conventional ignorance".'

Women Should Stop Male-Bashing, says the Author of a New Book

anthony · 17 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Alex Dalton, author of the new book Women Are No Good Either, says too many women have a negative view of men today, and it's causing them to give up hope that they'll ever find someone to marry. He argues that women should stop calling men "dogs" and learn to judge men individually in a more positive light. "For years, I've heard women talk about how sad the dating scene is," said Dalton. "Ask any man, and he'll tell you that finding a good woman is just as hard."

Dalton wrote Women Are No Good Either to disprove the notion that all men love to cheat and break the rules in relationships. According to Dalton, men are dishonest with women who encourage them to be dishonest. Therefore, women are partly to blame for their own problems with men. "Think of all the men who have been dumped for being too nice," said Dalton. "Those guys can't win with women."

Children as young as 10 vomit to lose weight, with highest rates in boys

fondueguy · 18 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Children as young as ten are making themselves vomit in order to lose weight and the problem is more common in boys than girls, according to a study of nearly 16,000 school pupils published online early, ahead of print publication, by the Journal of Clinical Nursing.

The findings have prompted researchers to issue a warning that self-induced vomiting is an early sign that children could develop eating disorders and serious psychological problems, such as binge eating and anorexia.
...
“Our study found that children as young as ten were aware of the importance of weight control, but used vomiting to control their weight” concludes Dr Liou. “This reinforces the need for public health campaigns that stress the negative impact that vomiting can have on their health and encourage them to tackle any weight issues in a healthy and responsible way.'

SAVE creates flyer regarding James Ball

Matt · 18 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Flyer here. Feel free to make copies and hand it out as you see fit. News of this man's struggle and final end has to be spread. Excerpt:

'Following a 10-year battle to clear his good name, Thomas Ball took his own life on June 15, 2011 in front of the Cheshire County, New Hampshire courthouse. Ball was a 21-year military veteran with no prior history of violence.

The saga began when Ball physically disciplined his child, cutting her lip. CPS warned the mother, Karen Ball, to report the incident to the police, or face a child abuse charge. The police department mistakenly classified the action as “domestic violence” and arrested the man.

With a divorce now imminent, everything seemed to go downhill. Out of a job since 2009 and now facing a jail sentence for falling behind on child support payments, Thomas Ball felt he had run out of options.
Following are excerpts from an article published at FreeKeene.com. The entire article can be read at http://freekeene.com/2011/06/16/thomas-james-ball-self-immolated-in-protest-of-the-justice-system/'

NOW Mute on Obama Calling Congresswoman ‘Cute’

Matt · 18 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNSNews.com) – Conservative women’s groups see a double standard in the reaction--or lack of it--from the media and liberal feminists to President Barack Obama using terms such as “cute” to describe Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.), chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee, but said they are not offended by his language.

However, the National Organization of Women has been mute on the matter.

NOW President Terry O’Neill, says spokeswoman Latoya Veal, did not have time to comment on the matter.
...
“What do you guys think of our new DNC chair, Debbie Wasserman Schultz?” the president asked the audience. “We are so thrilled to have her. You want Debbie on your side. She’s a mom, she’s got that cute smile and all that, but she is tough. Don’t mess with Debbie. We are so glad of her leadership.”

Though Obama's remarks were meant to be complimentary, feminists, the media and Democrats would have reacted differently if a conservative politician had said this, said Charlotte Hayes, a senior fellow at the Independent Women’s Forum.'

REEL Dads: Hollywood's Father's Day gift to dads, check out some classic "Great Dad" movies

MikeTrueman · 18 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here.

'With all the negative publicity Dad is getting recently, I thought I'd provide something positive for this weekend.

Thanks to the Patriot Ledger and GateHouse News Service here is a list of films you may want to check out on Netfilx. My favorite is To Kill a Mokingbird (1962).

REEL DADS: Films that feature memorable fathers'

New Danish study: male circumcision causes sexual problems for both sexes

Matt · 18 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Study abstract here.

'Abstract
BACKGROUND:

One-third of the world's men are circumcised, but little is known about possible sexual consequences of male circumcision. In Denmark (~5% circumcised), we examined associations of male circumcision with a range of sexual measures in both sexes.
METHODS:

Participants in a national health survey (n = 5552) provided information about their own (men) or their spouse's (women) circumcision status and details about their sex lives. Logistic regression-derived odds ratios (ORs) measured associations of circumcision status with sexual experiences and current difficulties with sexual desire, sexual needs fulfilment and sexual functioning.
RESULTS:

Age at first intercourse, perceived importance of a good sex life and current sexual activity differed little between circumcised and uncircumcised men or between women with circumcised and uncircumcised spouses. However, circumcised men reported more partners and were more likely to report frequent orgasm difficulties after adjustment for potential confounding factors [11 vs 4%, OR(adj) = 3.26; 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.42-7.47], and women with circumcised spouses more often reported incomplete sexual needs fulfilment (38 vs 28%, OR(adj) = 2.09; 95% CI 1.05-4.16) and frequent sexual function difficulties overall (31 vs 22%, OR(adj) = 3.26; 95% CI 1.15-9.27), notably orgasm difficulties (19 vs 14%, OR(adj) = 2.66; 95% CI 1.07-6.66) and dyspareunia (12 vs 3%, OR(adj) = 8.45; 95% CI 3.01-23.74). Findings were stable in several robustness analyses, including one restricted to non-Jews and non-Moslems.
CONCLUSIONS:

Circumcision was associated with frequent orgasm difficulties in Danish men and with a range of frequent sexual difficulties in women, notably orgasm difficulties, dyspareunia and a sense of incomplete sexual needs fulfilment. Thorough examination of these matters in areas where male circumcision is more common is warranted.'

The Incalculable Value of Fatherhood

MikeTrueman · 19 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'But the financial cost of those issues pales in comparison to the hurt and anguish it causes in people's lives. The tears and broken dreams of a family that once was or never was are incalculable. The damage done to children who grow up without a father and all that a father brings (not just in a paycheck) cannot be underestimated. Phyllis Schlafly takes a look at some of these in her recent column.

While the absence of a father usually pulls down his children, his presence usually makes the child infinitely better off. For instance, studies have found that the father's presence makes a child's academic success more likely, not just in school but in higher education.

So the next time someone tries to tell you that fathers don't matter–that families don't matter, for that matter–remember that research backs up what we already instinctively know: they are invaluable to society.'

A special Father's Day message from Senator Marco Rubio

Matt · 19 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Wow what a breath of fresh air!

Viewpoint: Legal system forces divorced dads out of kids' lives

Matt · 19 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'It's often been said that nothing is more American than motherhood, apple pie and Chevrolet. This commonly used phrase reflects the reality that even in an era of inclusion, acceptance and equality in American culture, fatherhood can't compete with the sanctity of motherhood.

As working moms have scored more and more success in the workplace, gender roles within the family unit have blurred in today's world. Many dads have enthusiastically jumped headlong into the frenetic pace of family life, deftly handling the rapid-fire schedule and commitments like Barry Sanders weaving through defenders in the backfield: Getting their kids ready for school, working a full day at the office, scurrying home to prepare a quick meal, helping with homework then running off to coach their kids' sports teams.

While recent years and cultural shifts have allowed some dads to display their skills on the home field, many Michigan children never get the opportunity for their dads to play such a meaningful role in their lives.

As we celebrate Father's Day this year, there's sad news to report. Almost 40 percent of U.S. children today can expect to live in a household without their biological father, according to the National Fatherhood Initiative.'

Working dads spending more time at the office

Matt · 19 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As part of its annual Father's Day survey, CareerBuilder found that today's dads have reason to celebrate and also plenty to worry about.

According to the survey, 84 percent of working dads who were laid off over the last 12 months say they have already found full-time employment. When dealing with layoffs, this news is about as good as you can get. On the other hand, long hours continue to be problematic when trying to spend quality time with children. The survey finds that 22 percent of working fathers are on the job more than an average of 50 hours per week. Last year this figure was only 19 percent.

The result of these longer workweeks can be seen when 39 percent of working fathers spend two hours or less with their children daily, and for 16 percent it's one hour or less. These figures are also not surprising when you consider that 20 percent of working fathers bring home work at least three nights each week.'

Cost to taxpayers of missing fathers

Matt · 19 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Poverty is massively greater for children living with a single, divorced or cohabiting parent than with parents who are married to each other. The poverty rate for single parents with children is 37 percent, but only 6 percent for married couples with children.

Marriage breakdown is a double-edged sword. At the same time that it forces government to become the financial provider for millions of children and their caregivers, it also reduces the government's tax receipts to pay for the handouts.

Income tax day now divides us into two almost equal classes: those who pay for government services and freeloaders. In 2009, 47 percent paid no federal income taxes, and the bottom 40 percent receive cash or benefits financed by the 53 percent who do pay income taxes.

...

Since the federal government created the child-support bureaucracy, the majority of divorces have been initiated by women. They confidently expect that pro-feminist family courts will award them a steady income for which they will never be held accountable.

The more child support that divorced fathers are ordered to pay, the more federal funds flow through the hands of the states, which compete for federal bonuses given to states that collect the most child support. It is profitable to state bureaucrats to make sure that fathers are permitted to see their own children only a few days per month so support payments can be set at the highest possible level.

Women have discovered they can use a request for an order of protection against their husband as "the gamesmanship of divorce" (in the words of the Illinois Bar Journal) to get sole child custody plus generous so-called child support. It's easy to get such orders without any evidence of abuse or even a threat, without notice to the husband and with no danger of prosecution for perjury.

Federal and state laws and subsidies that undermine marriage are the biggest fiscal as well as cultural issue of our times.'

Happy Father's Day to some, Hang Tough to others

Matt · 19 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

At MANN we know this is a joyful day for some readers and a very sad day for others. To those fortunate enough not to have been thrown under the bus of the Nanny State, we hope you enjoy this day. For those who have been given the shaft, hang in there and remember that for each act of injustice done to men/fathers, another man comes over to our cause.

The more the powers that be dish out the abuse, the more resistance they will get.

Column: "Irresponsible and selfish" men who "abandon" their children

el cid · 19 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Here's a column that makes me want to pull my hair out. The writer, Vincent Carroll, completely blames the breakdown of the family and the rise in the number of out-of-wedlock births on fathers. Fathers are simply "abandoning" their families because they're "selfish and irresponsible." Of course, the newspaper picked Father's Day to publish the article. Excerpt:

'Sooner or later, we always seem to give a pass to destructive behavior, so long as the victims are children and they aren't actually abused. If millions of men neglect or abandon their kids, it can't be because they're irresponsible or self-centered, or because they've embraced a large and growing sub-culture that no longer puts the welfare of children first.

No, it must be the economy that made them do it.

"When a father can't provide monetarily for his offspring, he often becomes estranged," Beth Latshaw, an assistant sociology professor at Appalachian State University, told The Associated Press in a recent article on "the changing role of parents as U.S. marriage rates and traditional family households fall to historic lows."

Welcome to Father's Day 2011, when "nearly half of American dads under 45 . . . say they have at least one child who was born out of wedlock."'

The President’s Fatherhood Pledge

anthony · 19 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Site here. Excerpt:

'Why take the President’s Fatherhood Pledge?

Fatherlessness is a growing crisis in America, one that undergirds many of the challenges that families are facing. When dads aren't around, young people are more likely to drop out of school, use drugs, be involved in the criminal justice system, and become young parents themselves.

President Obama grew up without his dad, and has said that being a father is the most important job he has. That's why the President is joining dads from across the nation in a fatherhood pledge – a pledge that we'll do everything we can to be there for our children and for young people whose fathers are not around. When you take the President's Fatherhood Pledge, you'll receive updates, tips and resources from fatherhood organizations, prominent dads and other supporters of responsible fatherhood around the nation.'

Sweden vs. Britain: The Foolish Lead The Blind

Anonymous · 19 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Reference here.

Britain´s PM David Cameron:
”Runaway fathers are like drink-drivers”

David Cameron is also the leader of the Conservative Party, Tory.

In Sweden, mothers receive child benefit of 1.050:- SEK/GBP 95/USD 154 per child – each month. Our Primeminister Fredrik Reinfeldt, at that time in 2005 as the leader of the Swedish Conservative Party, Moderaterna, said: ”There are women who are separated from men with alcohol problems who, with this, could be forced to receive half the child benefit in order to finance continued alcohol abuse,” said Reinfeldt.”

Source:
The Local – Split child benefit ”unfair to mothers”

The issue of split child benefit is once again on the political agenda in Sweden.

Comment by Ulf:
Shared custody is a very different issue from split child benefit. But with two European Conservative Primeministers comparing fathers to alcoholics, there´s a long way ahead of us towards equal parenting.

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National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) sloppy with numbers, advocating adult circumcision

Minuteman · 20 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Some information I came across through subscriptions to HHS and Office of Inspector General (OIG) mailing-lists that may not have been released elsewhere. It would appear that whether in their accounting standards or health statistics, a lax culture with regard to numbers and record-keeping is beginning to encroach on NIAID, and they are seeking to make this laxity the new standard. Please forward to anyone who may be interested in further pursuing or making use of this information.

"Appropriations Funding for National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Contract N01-AI-15416 With the University of California at San Francisco Audit (A-03-10-03120)". Link to OIG report:

http://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region3/31003120.pdf (PDF file, 4.9M)

Excerpt:

'NIAID initially funded only $35.3 million of the $134.8 million Contract obligation with fiscal year 2001 appropriations. NIAID obligated a total of $99.5 million in violation of the bona fide needs rule: $19.5 million of fiscal year 2002 appropriated funds, $22.4 million of fiscal year 2003 appropriated funds, $23.4 million of fiscal year 2004 appropriated funds, $22.7 million of fiscal year 2005 appropriated funds, and $11.5 million of fiscal year 2006 appropriated funds. In addition, when it awarded a fiscal year 2007 Contract modification for nonseverable services, NIAID initially funded only $40.3 million of the $220.5 million contract obligation with fiscal year 2007 appropriations. Because the Contract was a nonseverable service contract, which represents a single undertaking and provides for a single outcome, NIAID was required to record the full amount of the Contract using fiscal year 2001 or fiscal year 2007 appropriated funds. By not doing so, NIAID potentially violated the Antideficiency Act. NIAID complied with the purpose requirements of appropriations statutes.
...
In written comments on our draft report, NIH agreed that an Antideficiency Act violation had occurred but did not concur with our findings and recommendations regarding the characterization of the Contract as a nonseverable service contract. While the Contract may contain severable elements, we maintain that, on balance, the Contract is nonseverable. We determined that the Contract was overall nonseverable based on the language describing the tasks included in the statement of work.'

NIAID announce dangerous changes to clinical trial protocols in search for HIV vaccine (and will continue advocating for more circumcision regardless):

http://www.niaid.nih.gov/news/newsreleases/2011/Pages/HVAD2011.aspx?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+aidsgovnews+%28AIDS.gov+News+and+Events%29

Excerpt:

'To speed the pace at which promising HIV vaccine candidates become viable for evaluation in large clinical trials, NIAID is exploring the use of innovative or adaptive clinical trial designs that let scientists quickly modify ongoing trials in response to data acquired during the study. Such flexibility in trial design will allow the research community to maximize efficiencies in studying vaccine candidates.
...
No matter how effective a preventive HIV vaccine is, however, we will need to evaluate and administer it in combination with other biomedical and behavioral HIV prevention tools. No single HIV prevention strategy will control and ultimately end the HIV/AIDS pandemic. That is why it is important for NIAID to continue supporting promising research on vaginal and rectal microbicides, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and expanded HIV testing with linkage to care. That is also why public health workers will continue to advocate and implement scientifically

proven HIV prevention strategies such as condom use, medically supervised adult **male circumcision**, harm-reduction strategies for injection drug users and the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV.'

UK: Female Prison Workers Had Sex Parties With Inmates

Anonymous · 20 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two female prison workers have been suspended over claims that they held debauched sex parties with prisoners in their cells.

It is believed the women, one of whom has a young son, took part in a 'swinging circle', regularly swapping their partners who were inmates of the Camp Hill section of HMP Isle of Wight.

It is also alleged that one of the women met an inmate for sex at her house when he was allowed out on day release.'

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Last statement sent to Sentinel from self-immolation victim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Editor's note: On Thursday morning, June 16, The Sentinel received a "last statement" via mail from a man who insinuated that he planned to set himself on fire in front of the Cheshire County Court House, and an explanation of why he intended to do so. Through further reporting, The Sentinel is confident this is from the victim of Wednesday afternoon's fire, although police have not yet received confirmation of his identity. The 15-page statement is printed in full, except for two redacted items: The names of the man's mother and his three children. Details will be posted as they become available.

Last Statement

by Tom Ball

A man walks up to the main door of the Keene N.H. County Courthouse, douses himself with gasoline and lights a match. And everyone wants to know why.

Apparently the old general was right. Death is not the worst of evil.

I am due in court the end of the month. The ex-wife lawyer wants me jailed for back child support. The amount ranges from $2,200. to $3,000. depending on who you ask. Not big money after being separated over ten years and unemployed for the last two. But I do owe it. If I show up for court without the money and the lawyer say jail, then the judge will have the bailiff take me into custody. There really are no surprises on how the system works once you know how it actually works. And it does not work anything like they taught you in high school history or civics class.

I could have made a phone call or two and borrowed the money. But I am done being bullied for being a man. I cannot believe these people in Washington are so stupid to think they can govern Americans with an iron fist. Twenty-five years ago, the federal government declared war on men. It is time now to see how committed they are to their cause. It is time, boys, to give them a taste of war.

There are two kinds of bureaucrats you need to know; the ones that say and the ones that do. The bridge between them is something I call The Second Set of Books. I have some figures of the success of their labors. You and I are in these numbers, as well as our spouses and children. But first let me tell you how I ended up in this rabbit hole.'

Position Vacant - Research Fellow: Gender Equality and Decent Work

Minuteman · 21 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to posting here. Excerpt:

' * Centre for Work + Life, Magill Campus
* Part time (0.8 FTE), 4 year contract
* Total remuneration package: $80K - $95K pro rata

Put your qualifications and experience into practice by conducting research and providing day-to-day management for the ARC Discovery project 'From Margins to Mainstream: Gender Equality and Employment Regulation'.

Utilising your excellent research, interpersonal and organisational skills you will plan and oversee research activities, including analysing relevant regulation, case law and policy across Australia, Canada, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom, and manage project deadlines and stakeholder relationships.

As part of the Work, Gender Equality and Regulation research program at this high performing research centre, you will develop and write high level academic publications, conduct literature searches in multi-disciplinary databases and disseminate project findings in public and stakeholder forums and at academic conferences.

This is an exciting opportunity to join UniSA; an outward looking University which fosters an intellectually rigorous environment.

For further information, please contact Associate Professor Sara Charlesworth, Principal Research Fellow, Centre for Work + Life on: +61 8 xxxx xxxx or email: Sara.Charlesworth@unisa.edu.au

Applications close: 9.00am Monday 27 June 2011'

CDC and PEPFAR also criticised in new Office of Inspector General (OIG) report

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From an OIG mailing-list email I received a few minutes ago.

Could the circumcision-as-HIV/AIDS-preventative lobby be about to implode on itself?

As usual, please forward to anyone who may be able to pursue or make use of this information.

"Review of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Oversight of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Funds for Fiscal Years 2007 Through 2009 (A-04-10-04006)"

http://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region4/41004006.pdf (1.6 MB)

Excerpt:

'Our review found that CDC did not always monitor recipients' use of President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) funds in accordance with departmental and other Federal requirements. CDC implements PEPFAR, working with ministries of health and other public health partners to combat HIV/AIDS by strengthening health systems and building sustainable HIV/AIDS programs in more than 75 countries in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. HHS receives PEPFAR funds from the Department of State through a memorandum of agreement.

There was evidence that CDC performed some monitoring of recipients' use of PEPFAR funds. However, most of the award files did not include all required documents or evidence to demonstrate that CDC performed required monitoring on all cooperative agreements. Of the 30 cooperative agreements in our sample, the award file for only 1 agreement contained all required documents. The remaining 29 award files were incomplete. In addition, 14 of 21 files were missing audit reports. (A report was not yet due for 9 of the 30 cooperative agreements.) The lack of required documentation demonstrates that CDC has not exercised proper stewardship over Federal PEPFAR funds because it did not consistently follow departmental and other Federal requirements in monitoring PEPFAR recipients.

We recommended that CDC follow departmental and other Federal requirements in monitoring recipients' use of PEPFAR funds. CDC concurred with our recommendation and described the corrective actions it had taken to strengthen internal controls and to foster a strong internal control environment.'

The War Against Girls

Matt · 21 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Review here. Excerpt:

'Mara Hvistendahl is worried about girls. Not in any political, moral or cultural sense but as an existential matter. She is right to be. In China, India and numerous other countries (both developing and developed), there are many more men than women, the result of systematic campaigns against baby girls. In "Unnatural Selection," Ms. Hvistendahl reports on this gender imbalance: what it is, how it came to be and what it means for the future.

In nature, 105 boys are born for every 100 girls. This ratio is biologically ironclad. Between 104 and 106 is the normal range, and that's as far as the natural window goes. Any other number is the result of unnatural events.

Yet today in India there are 112 boys born for every 100 girls. In China, the number is 121—though plenty of Chinese towns are over the 150 mark. China's and India's populations are mammoth enough that their outlying sex ratios have skewed the global average to a biologically impossible 107. But the imbalance is not only in Asia. Azerbaijan stands at 115, Georgia at 118 and Armenia at 120.'

I commented as follows:

'The author makes a mistake in saying that the gender ratio is fixed and anything other than that ratio is due to unnatural causes. A lot of 'natural' things can influence any given current sex ratio. Examples include pre-conception influence by endocrine-disrupting chemicals on the gamete production in men (ie, sperm-production), tending to favor production of either X or Y-bearing sperm (near the Great Lakes there is a relative abundance of female births specifically for this reason). Also, diseases could come along and for whatever reason only men or women as a class are being largely exposed to them (eg: men gone off to a foreign land to war could be exposed to and die from diseases they got in camp or found in that land for which they have no antibodies). This is not to detract from the point he is making about selective abortions based on sex. Indeed, he is right. That is going on in India and China to this day and there is a word for it when people of either sex are targeted for their sex. It is known as 'gendercide'. The right to have an abortion without restriction based on arbitrarily-set values is a double-edged sword. It's fine when the society that allows it agrees with the values of the aborting mother, but not so fine when it doesn't. But we cannot have our cake and eat it too. What, outlaw the abortion of girls but not boys? The author also fails to mention that here in the US and the west in general, the typical aborted fetus is male. Does this also constitute gendercide and should there not also be a book on this topic? Finally, the tone of his article seems to be hostile to the idea of men being in a substantial majority in any given community and says it is because we are inherently more violent. Nothing could be further from the truth. Situations of scarcity, not gender dominance, beget violence-- otherwise by his logic, monasteries would be very violent places indeed! Men, due to social norms, are more likely to go to, explore, or be sent to places of scarcity much more frequently than women. It's that scarcity factor that is the primary factor in violence among otherwise well-adjusted people, not gender.'

SAVE: Shock Lingers Over Suicide of Thomas Ball, Falsely Arrested for DV

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From SAVE:

Following a 10-year battle to clear his good name, Thomas Ball took his own life on June 15, 2011 in front of the Cheshire County, New Hampshire courthouse. He killed himself by lighting himself on fire. Ball was a 21-year military veteran with no prior history of violence.

The saga began when Ball physically disciplined his child, cutting her lip. CPS warned the mother, Karen Ball, to report the incident to the police, or face a child abuse charge. The police department mistakenly classified the action as "domestic violence" and arrested the man.

With a divorce now imminent, everything seemed to go downhill. Out of a job since 2009 and now facing a jail sentence for falling behind on child support payments, Thomas Ball felt he had run out of options.

An article about this tragic event can be read at

http://freekeene.com/2011/06/16/thomas-james-ball-self-immolated-in-protest-of-the-justice-system/

Another is here: http://lewrockwell.com/grigg/grigg-w219.html.

SAVE has posted a flyer that you can send to your lawmakers here: http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/Self-Immolation-Case-Lays-Bare-Inhumane-Abuse-System. Find your lawmakers here: http://www.USA.gov/.

Mother 'killed boy over broken TV'

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Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A New York woman beat her five-year-old son to death after he broke their television, police allege.

Kim Crawford, 21, was charged with murder after she allegedly smacked her son Jamar on the back and stomach, lacerating his pancreas and intestine in the process, the NY Daily News reported.
...
The boy vomited and complained of agonising pain for five days before Crawford decided to seek medical help, fearing she would be arrested if she took him to hospital.'

Bride arrested for biting husband

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Link to article here. Excerpt:

'The 30-year-old bride followed her husband to a nearby hotel where she pushed him and bit his left shoulder.

The fight continued at the couple's home, where she ripped off his shirt and bit him again on his right arm, Broward County Court heard.

Mr Keeler asked Judge John Hurley for leniency, stating his wife may have been drunk at the time of the attack.

"For newlyweds, this is not starting things off on the right foot, for sure," Judge Hurley said.

"I hope this is a small bump in the road and you two can iron it all out and have a nice long life together."'

Ibbetson: Testosterone vs. Estrogen - Feminists Examine Evil and Good

Anonymous · 22 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Note: When opening the link, you may be presented with an aggressive request to subscribe and no clear way to dismiss the dialog box. The way to get rid of it is to click the link that says you are already a subscriber, then use your browser's Back button to return to the page. Excerpt:

'The current mentality forwarded today is that feminists don't bash men. That's just something angry males say when faced with the undeniable logic forwarded by the women's movements. If you are a reasonable male and wish to avoid an argument you will keep your eyes forward and just nod in agreement. The first problem with such a statement is that it is seldom placed to scrutiny with how feminists truly act. Second, these kinds of propositions are almost always void of half of humanity's thoughts on the issue. Yep, very few men other than the occasional token male academic feminist get to chime in on the subject.

An example of the common feminist disconnect with reality is seen in ABC's This Week with Christiane Amanpour. During the program Roundtable: Sex and Politics, Amanpour brought together a feminist coven to discuss the after-effects of the Anthony Weiner sexting incident. Strangely enough, the group discussed the good fortune of Weiner's adulterous actions as it was seen as fortuitous to the feminist movement. Considering that Weiner's spouse was victimized by the New York democrat's philandering, this is contradictory enough. But guess why this wife's pain was seen as a feminist gain? Amanpour would lead her all-female roundtable through a discussion of the evils of testosterone and how the Weiner scandal could open new inroads for more females in politics. Here is where many a clear-thinking man and woman will start to really look askew at the feminist mindset.'

Feds crack down on campus flirting and sex jokes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When I was growing up it was widely believed that colleges and universities were the part of our society with the widest scope for free expression and free speech. In the conformist America of the 1950s, the thinking ran, few people dared to say anything that went beyond a broad consensus. But on campus anyone could say anything he liked.

Today we live in an America with enormous cultural variety in which very few things are considered universally verboten. But on campus it's different. There saying something considerably milder than some of the double entrendres you heard in cable news coverage of the Anthony Weiner scandal can get you into big trouble.
...

Lukianoff and FIRE have an admirable record of defending students' and faculty members' free speech regardless of their point of view, but anyone familiar with their work knows that the most frequent targets of campus disciplinary groups are male, conservative, religious or some combination thereof.

I wonder whether there is some connection between this and the dwindling percentage of men who enroll in and graduate from college. Are we allowing -- and encouraging -- our university administrators to create an atmosphere so unwelcoming and hostile to males that we are missing out on the contributions they could make with a college or graduate degree?

Education Secretary Arne Duncan has shown an admirable openness to argument and intellectual debate. Perhaps someone will ask him whether he wants his department to be encouraging kangaroo courts and marsupial justice on campuses across the country.'

F & F's Glenn Sacks Debates Dad-Bashing 'Married Single Moms' Survey on MSNBC Live

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Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'F & F's Glenn Sacks debated the new dad-bashing 'Married Single Moms' survey on MSNBC Live on Friday, June 17.

The survey's promoters, ForbesWoman.com and TheBump.com, claim in their highly-publicized press release that many mothers feel their husbands do so little that, though married, they're really like single mothers who have to do all the work.

To watch the debate, click here.

In the show's opening we're told that 92% of mothers feel "overwhelmed" and 70% resent their husbands. Alison Bernstein, Senior Editor of TheBump.com, then explained that "even working moms feel like they're taking the majority of work on their shoulders."'

Petition: Expose the Hidden World of Male Victims of Domestic Violence

Matt · 22 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Excerpt:

'* In America, a woman is abused by her male partner EVERY 15 SECONDS.
* In America, a man is abused by his female partner EVERY 15 SECONDS.
* 75% of victims killed by their partners are women...24% are men
* There are hundreds of battered women's shelters in the U.S.
* There are ZERO shelters for abused men. Male victims are redirected to homeless shelters.'

Please Help: Debunking the gender wage gap myth

Mr VanHuizen · 22 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

A recent article appeared in the New Zealand Herald here of which Alasdair Thompson, chief executive of the Employers and Manufacturers Association correctly pointed out the gender wage gap is a result of personal choice such as women taking the time to have children. He is currently under attack by those who paint the wage gap as purely discrimination - when there is no evidence for that - particularly by Catherine Delahunty (Green MP) and Helen Kelly (Council of Trade Unions) who are both backing unnecessary amendments to the Equal Pay Act.

So what I want you to do, via Facebook: write a message to Catherine Delahunty (here) and Helen Kelly (here) debunking the gender wage gap in regards to discrimination. Use US data too (e.g. Department of Labor stats*) to show that it has been debunked internationally despite the myth being perpetrated.

Please take a short moment to write a message to them, OTHERWISE we're going to see more people getting forced to resign because of feminism and the gender wage gap myth being used to stir anger and excessive regulations in the business world. Thanks.

Added by editor:
* See http://www.consad.com/content/reports/Gender%20Wage%20Gap%20Final%20Report.pdf

'Anti-feminist' Zurich conference threatens to stir controversy

Anonymous · 23 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

'Another anti-feminist conference being held in Switzerland this weekend promises to ruffle a few feathers. Last year, a similar gathering caused so much of a flap it had to be moved to a secret location. This time round, the conference set for Zurich features Monika Ebeling, dubbed an “ex-feminist” by the media. Ebeling says she wants to address the “bitterness” between the sexes. WRS’s Jo Fahy explains what all the fuss is about.'

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7-year-old Boy Drives Car 20 Miles To See Dad

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CASEVILLE (WWJ/AP) A 7-year-old Michigan boy who drove a car at high speeds for 20 miles has been charged with unlawful use of a vehicle.
...
Still in his pajamas, the boy led police on a 50 mile-an-hour chase before he managed to stop the car, driving nearly 20 miles.

“The young man when he was spoken to by the officers said they wanted to see his father,” said Rutkowski. “He was leaving his residence which I believe is somewhere in Sheridan Township and driving nearly 20 miles over to Caseville, in Caseville Township, which is on the western part of our county.”'

Casey Anthony Trial: Cindy Anthony Searched for Chloroform on Computer

anthony · 23 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Cindy Anthony, the mother of Casey Anthony, testified in an Orlando courtroom this afternoon that she was the one who did computer searches for chloroform, stunning prosecutors who hope to use the searches to link Casey to the alleged premeditated murder of her daughter, Caylee.

...

Computer analysts have previously testified that someone from the Anthony family home searched under Casey Anthony's profile for things such as "chloroform," "neck breaking" and "household weapons."

Cindy Anthony said today that she searched for "chloroform," "alcohol," "acetone," "peroxide" and "inhalation."'

Washington Times: Men's 'apology' video to women touching, 'creepy'

anthony · 23 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. [The video this article refers to is here.] Excerpt:

'An eight-minute video on YouTube in which "conscious men" apologize to the women of the world is drawing tears and praise — as well as verbal brickbats — from around the world.

"The response has been extraordinary," said Arjuna Ardagh, one of the two men behind the "Dear Woman" video, which had more than 280,000 views a few days after it was posted.

Women have been mostly positive, he said, but there has been "aggressive hatred" from many men.
...
But many men were shocked out of their La-Z-Boys.*

"While these hamsters are apologizing for all the bad things men have done, please permit me to take credit for all the good things," tallentjack told YouTube, listing the Internet, steam engine, printing, penicillin, automobile, periodic table, calculus, fantasy football, astronomy, soft-serve ice cream, television and radio as men's gifts to women and the world.
...
Some women weren't receptive either.

"This is so creepy! If my husband acted like this, it would make me sick," doggletts wrote on YouTube. "This is just sanctimonious pap. The women I know don't have any wish or need for such patronizing 'apology,'" wrote chipmunkstew, who described herself as a "pretty hardcore feminist."'

* An article on this topic just can't seem to avoid taking a swipe at men all at the same time portraying an alternate view, can it?

Top Power Foods for Men

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Slideshow here. Caption:

'Celebrate Men's Health Month with eight healthy foods that don't just fill you up, but actually target specific parts of your body. Patricia Bannan, registered dietitian and author of Eat Right When Time is Tight, gives us fresh facts. Click through and eat up.'

Egyptian men’s revolution stage demonstration for child custody

anthony · 24 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'About ten men gathered on Tuesday in front of the Cabinet offices to protest the law which grants mothers child custody in cases of divorce. Rami Imam, a Television director, says fathers are allowed only three hours a week with their children when the mother has custody.

The men standing held a banner reading “Egyptian men’s revolution for changing family laws”. Walid Zahran, a lawyer and the founder of the Egyptian Men’s Revolution Movement, says they are planning on setting up an NGO to defend men’s rights and to fight for changing the family laws which only benefit women when it comes to child custody.'

Uganda: Women want say in circumcision of spouses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WOMEN are complaining that they are not being involved in the decisions to circumcise their children and husbands, a study report revealed last.

The report on women's perceptions on medical male circumcision (MMC) for HIV prevention in Kampala and Kapchorwa districts was launched on Friday by Health Rights Action Group (HAG) and Mama's Club, a psychosocial support group For HIV Positive Mothers.

"A man suddenly returns home with a circumcision wound without consulting the wife yet women feel, as stakeholders, that they should be consulted regarding such matters," Marion Natukunda the Programme manager for Mama's Club, said.

While presenting the report last Thursday at Katikati restaurant, Nankunda said women would like to have their babies circumcised but are not allowed to make such decisions. When their husbands are not supportive, it often leads to domestic violence. The study was done in Kampala and Kapchorwa.'

'In praise of circumcision: Curbing male barbarism'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men may soon complain that they're being objectified.

In recent weeks, national public discourse has steadily focused on the male sex organ. First, California ballot measures advocating for the ban of male circumcision caught national attention, sparking intense debate between proponents of the religious ritual ("It has health benefits!") and those who oppose it ("It's genital mutilation!"). And then, in a discomfiting display of his own Semitic snip, Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.) injudiciously Tweeted a picture of his package to an online coquette, unleashing a flurry of online-liaison confessionals and prompting calls for him to resign from Congress.

...

"Circumcision is the indelible symbol that a man can be more than just an animal," Rabbi Ed Feinstein, senior rabbi at Valley Beth Shalom, said. "The fact that you seal your connection with God and with tradition into that organ makes it incredibly difficult for that organ to be used as a weapon of manipulation or destruction. For men, this is the center of being: Is masculinity to be defined in terms of power and violence, or control and strength? What you see in the news is what happens when men make the wrong choice."

...

What powerful and public men crave may not be merely sex but a release from responsibility. Sometimes the only way to feel like a man is to act like one. Properly understood, circumcision is the sole barrier between instinct and utter ruin, and men could use a pointed reminder that sometimes inertia is more intelligent than impulse.'

Circumcision funds cut amid state budget woes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DENVER — A nationwide debate about circumcisions for newborn boys, combined with cash-strapped public health budgets, has Colorado taking sides with 17 other states that no longer fund Medicaid coverage of the once widely accepted procedure.

For years, Colorado lawmakers considered doing away with funding for circumcisions under Medicaid — a move that would save the state $186,500 a year.

Now facing a seismic budget shortfall estimated to be $1 billion at the beginning of this year, lawmakers finally approved the change, which takes effect July 1.'
...
The matter of circumcisions has gotten contentious in California, where San Francisco will be the first city to hold a public vote in November on whether to ban the practice.'

Honoring Men: A Manifesto for Conscious Women

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Last fall, Arjuna Ardagh and Gay Hendricks shared the Manifesto for the Conscious Man on Facebook and then, more recently, a video, called “Dear Woman.” Arjuna also posted The Art of Worshiping Women at the Huffington Post. These pieces triggered strong reactions in many, ranging from appreciation to anger and everything in between.

The intention was clearly to honor women. And, many women felt acknowledged, and appreciated the collective apology from men. Yet, it was also inadvertently dishonoring, and even insulting, to many men, including my husband John.

We could say men have just as much to be honored for, and women have just as much to apologize for. Maybe even more.

In any regard, we decided to balance out the story here.

While John wrote the first draft, together we shaped it into “The Manifesto for the Conscious Woman.” We submitted this to the Huffington Post in December 2010, but they felt it was too “edgy” and “not a fit” for their audience. We’re now sharing the Manifesto at my Everyday Inner Peace blog, because one of the biggest keys to inner peace is recognizing and acknowledging reality “as it is.” We may like reality or we may be repulsed by reality. Regardless, “seeing clearly” is where sanity begins.

To all the men in the world, I truly honor you.

And for all the ways my sisters and I have caused you suffering, hardship or pain, I offer up a collective apology. Just as Arjuna and Gay offered to women some time ago.

Here’s to our collective healing between genders. There is clearly a lot of pain we’ve inflicted both ways.

This manifesto is written in the spirit of truth. If parts seem harsh, perhaps it’s because we are so used to politically correct talk these days and we recoil from straight talk when we hear it. Besides we had to toss in a little humor to keep it interesting. Please know everything said here is based in fact.'

Angela Epstein: Absent fathers can't be likened to killer drivers

Matt · 24 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'And what a message it was. Doubtless leaving wife Sam and a team of hired help holding the fort (and the baby), David Cameron declared war on absent fathers, storming that they should be stigmatised by society in the same way as drink drivers.

I realise that having Nick Clegg yoked round his neck like a clingy girlfriend has put our prime minister under unimaginable stress.

...

How does an absent father compare with a reckless driver who, fuelled by a tank full of booze, turns his car into a killing machine?

Perhaps our esteemed leader should pay a visit to the Partington home of Amanda and Phil Peak, whose two boys Arron, 10, and Ben, eight, were killed after drunken footballer Luke McCormick ploughed into their family car at 100mph on the M6.'

Rwandan is first-ever woman convicted of genocide

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ARUSHA, Tanzania — The U.N. Court trying suspects of the 1994 Rwanda genocide found a female former government minister and her son guilty of war crimes on Friday and gave both life sentences, marking the first time a woman has been convicted of genocide.

Pauline Nyiramasuhuko, Rwanda's *former minister for family and women affairs*, and her son, Arsene Ntahobali, a former militia leader, were both found guilty of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, including rape.

The first media reports from the Anti-Feminist Meeting in Winterthur, Switzerland, Saturday, 25th June 2011

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Main Page about the Media Reports at The Anti-Feminist Interest Group (IGAF) here

Selected links
Radio Basel
Winterthur:100 participants in the anti-feminism meeting

Landbote
Anti-feminism meeting remained undisturbed

Tages-Anzeiger
100 men and some women against the ”feminist ideology”*

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* Ed note: Please note from this source:
"The IGAF plans to participate in the national elections in the canton of Zurich, as Urs Bleiker, president of the anti-feminists said. The third anti-feminism meeting will take place in autumn next year in Germany."

Good for them! Getting MRA issues on the political scene requires just this kind of activism.

The Top 5 Killers of Men

Matt · 26 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Heart disease is the number one killer of men, claiming the lives of nearly 400,000 fathers, friends, brothers, and sons every year. Often, the difference between life and death is razor thin—remembering to pop an aspirin, not delaying your trip to the E.R.

This week is National Men's Health Week, which was created by Congress in 1994 to raise the awareness of the health threats uniquely facing men. To commemorate, we've put together a list of the most popular ways to die as a man in America. Collectively, these diseases kill nearly one million of us annually. And, chances are, your lifestyle or genetic profile puts you at risk for at least one of them.

But, as Jeff Hale learned, our fates are not sealed. If you understand your risks, and learn how to negate them, you can outrun the reaper. Here's how:'

New campaign will use "manspeak" to help men deal with suicidal thoughts

el cid · 26 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This article reports on a new program to help men avoid suicide. It states working men are the most likely to take their own lives--a rare admission for an article on suicide, as most state numbers but rarely gender. This seems like a good program. Excerpt:

'If you think it's hard for a guy to ask for directions, then consider how much harder it is to ask for help with suicidal thoughts.

The group most likely to take their own lives is the same demographic least likely to seek out a mental-health professional.

"This is double jeopardy for working-age men," said psychologist Sally Spencer-Thomas, executive director of The Carson J. Spencer Foundation.

Article labels intactivists as 'bigots'

el cid · 26 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This column by Vincent Carroll calls those who oppose circumcision "bigots"--basically, anti-Semitic bigots. Carroll posted a father's day column about "selfish and irresponsible" dads who abandon or neglect their kids. About 4 years ago, he wrote a column against a law giving relief to men who were the victims of paternity fraud, saying they were "picky types" who wanted their children to be their own (unlike, I suppose, mothers who are more than happy to take home another mother's child from the hospital). The guy is starting to get on my nerves. Excerpt:

"Who would have thought that circumcision — circumcision, for heaven's sake — would be the next frontier for busybodies determined to impose their choices on the rest of us?

What prompts this musing is an article in Thursday's Denver Post by Diane Carman of the Solutions Health Policy Network reporting that Colorado will soon drop coverage for circumcision under Medicaid. That's fair enough, I suppose, since the procedure is purely discretionary in most cases.

What caught my eye, however, was the news that Matthew Hess, a notorious anti-circumcision zealot, "said Colorado also has a bill ready to go, if a sponsor can be found. The measure would amend the existing law outlawing female genital mutilation, extending the same protections to males."

Australia: woman set another alight in shopping precinct

Minuteman · 27 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to story here. Excerpt:

'A woman allegedly doused another woman in petrol and set her alight in a busy inner-city Perth shopping precinct yesterday afternoon.

The frantic 37-year-old woman was seen running into a toilet block off Rokeby Road, Subiaco, with her clothes on fire.

Emergency services were called to the trendy cafe strip, where they found the woman hiding inside the toilet block nearby.

A police spokesman told ninemsn the woman suffered burns to seven percent of her body and was taken to Royal Perth Hospital in a stable condition.

A woman who was working in a nearby book store told The West Australian newspaper she could smell smoke coming from toilet block.'

Letter to the Editor - Sometimes fathers forced out

el cid · 27 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. The Post published my letter about Vincent Carroll's column in which he claimed millions of selfish and irresponsible fathers abandon their children. Here's the letter:

"I'm sorry to hear The Denver Post did not get the memo about the purpose of Father's Day: to celebrate fathers. Instead, The Post chose to publish a dad-bashing column by Vincent Carroll, who blames "millions" of "irresponsible or self-centered" dads for neglecting or abandoning their children.

Carroll makes no distinction between a father who abandons his children and a father forced out of his children's lives by a custody ruling favoring mom. As long as we view these two as the same, we will never solve the problem of family breakdown.

Perhaps next Father's Day, The Post could publish a piece that actually celebrates dads."

"Cows More Important Than Children in Australia"

Anonymous · 27 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

News release here. Excerpt:

'On 30th May 2011, the community, media and Government were outraged, when confronted by the cruelty inflicted on Australian cattle in Indonesia, and it brought immediate Government action. Within days a whole industry was closed down and a valuable export trade was stopped in its tracks.

Three days earlier on the 27th May 2011, the Government released the ABS Family Characteristics Survey 2009-10, which indicates that since 1975 almost 24% of Australians have been denied meaningful contact with their biological families, as a result of deep-rooted Family Law policy failure. Yet now one month later, we have still not seen one word in the press and there is not a sign of any community, media or Government outrage.

Instead a deafening silence greets the news of crippling emotional cruelty being inflicted on Australian children and their powerless families. It would appear the health and wellbeing of the nations' cows is much more important than the health and wellbeing of the nation's children and families.'

News submitted by

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Do something, or just say 'boys will be boys'?

anthony · 27 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Readers don't know why Oregon boys drop out of school or skip college at higher rates than girls. They're not sure why boys get suspended, expelled and labeled with learning disabilities so often, either -- or why metro-area boys were so unlikely this June to be valedictorians.

They have a few theories, though. Mostly, they wish people would stop dodging the topic long enough to brainstorm solutions.

"Most times when I talk to people about this problem, they always think I am portraying women as the villain," said Portland father Kevin Sayre, 50. He doesn't intend to seem sexist when sounding the alarm about boys lagging behind. He just worries that if we continue to ignore or fail boys, more of them will grow into bored and unemployed men.'

IA: It's Time to Put the International Medical Community on Notice

Matt · 27 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From an IA Newsletter:

JUNE 2011
IT'S TIME TO PUT THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL COMMUNITY ON NOTICE

Next month, health professionals from across the globe are gathering in Rome for the International AIDS Society's Annual Conference. Intact America will be there to give a voice to the millions of boys and men around the world who are at risk of being needlessly cut in the name of bogus science. Someone has to speak the truth: circumcision does not prevent AIDS.

With all the media focus on circumcision, we NEED to be prepared for this conference, so we can distribute educational materials to the hundreds of people we'll be talking to—people who are determining HIV policy around the world.

But we have to get our orders in for the pamphlets, banners, and signs by TOMORROW so they can be printed and shipped in time for the conference.

Make your tax-deductible gift today to help us remind the medical community that circumcision does NOT prevent AIDS!

With your help we can get there!

Time to ban male circumcision?

Matt · 27 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'San Francisco voters will decide later this year whether, like its female counterpart, male infant circumcision should be outlawed. If passed, article 50 — the "Genital Cutting of Male Minors" — would make it unlawful to circumcise, cut, or mutilate the foreskin, testicles, or penis of another person aged under 18. The bill includes an exemption for cases of medical necessity, but not for custom or ritual, which has profound implications for the many Jews and Muslims who consider it an essential part of their religious or cultural practice.

Unsurprisingly, the bill has attracted considerable controversy. Some regard it as a modern manifestation of western antisemitism, while certain feminist groups consider the idea of comparing male and female genital cutting to be both offensive and unsubstantiated.
...
According to research, the sexual damage caused by female and male genital cutting can be extensive. ....

...Some circumcised men describe feelings of loss, anger, distrust, and grief, while others have reported problems with subsequent intimacy, long-term post-traumatic stress disorder, and a sense of powerlessness.
...
Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights outlaws the kind of "harm" that circumcision can cause; article 14 forbids the discrimination that prevents baby boys from enjoying the same protection of their genitalia as baby girls. In the 21st century, it is time to remember that men, too, can be victims of unjust hegemonic systems tolerated in the name of tradition, culture or religion. If we oppose female genital mutilation, has the time not come for us also to oppose male genital mutiliation?'

Malecare.org seeks reviews

Matt · 27 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

Dear Friends,

If you love the work of Malecare Cancer Support, then tell the world!

You may or may not realize it, but Malecare has grown to become America's largest men's cancer survivor support and advocacy national nonprofit. Malecare is a 13-year-old all volunteer organization, and our mission is to help men and their families make informed decisions about prostate cancer detection and treatment through support, education and advocacy.

You have an exciting opportunity to help Malecare make even more of a difference in our community. GreatNonprofits -- a site like Amazon Book Reviews or TripAdvisor -- is a website where people can share their stories about nonprofits that have touched their lives.

GreatNonprofits is currently conducting a Health Campaign, and if Malecare can get 10 reviews before the end of this week, we can be on their Top-Rated Health Nonprofits List and gain increased visibility to donors.

Won't you help us raise visibility and support for our work by posting a review of your experience with us? All reviews will be visible to potential donors and volunteers. It's easy and only takes 3 minutes! Go to:

http://greatnonprofits.org/organizations/reviews/malecare

With your help, we can gain greater visibility in the community.

Our goal is to reach 10 reviews by June 30!

Be sure to choose "Health" from the drop-down list of campaigns when posting your review.

Thanks,

Darryl Mitteldorf
Malecaredarryl-at-malecare.org

South African Medical Association denounces infant male circ as illegal and unethical

Matt · 27 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The South African Medical Association just denounced infant male circumcision as unethical and illegal and expressed "serious concern that not enough scientifically-based evidence was available to confirm that circumcisions prevented HIV contraction and that the public at large was influenced by incorrect and misrepresented information. The committee reiterated its view that it did not support circumcision to prevent HIV transmission." Excerpt:

'(PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA) — The South African Medical Association sent a letter response last week to NOCIRC-SA—the South African chapter of the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers— denouncing male infant circumcision as "unethical"and "illegal." The letter was signed by Ms. Ulundia Berhtel, head of the Human Rights, Law & Ethics unit, and Obo Chairperson of the Human Rights, Law & Ethics Committee.

IA: Tell Doctors to Put Down the Knife

Matt · 27 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From an IA Newsletter:

ACT NOW: TELL DOCTORS TO PUT DOWN THE KNIFE!

Have you made your voice heard yet?

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) all acknowledge that infant circumcision is NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY, but their members are responsible for nearly all the infant circumcisions performed in the United States.

We need them to acknowledge this ethical disconnect, to recommend that parents leave their sons intact, and to REFUSE TO PERFORM CIRCUMCISIONS.

Send a message to America's doctors by writing today!

Another three-sentence report of a woman killing a man

Matt · 27 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. In contrast, a story also on that same page of two women caught smuggling drugs takes up six paragraphs. Excerpt:

'About 1:50 a.m. Saturday, a 31-year-old man was found stabbed on Post Avenue. He died shortly after. A 30-year-old woman is in custody in relation to that incident.'

"Incident"? It's just an "incident"? Guess it is if the victim is male and the perp is female.

Missing man found buried in wife's flowerbed

Minuteman · 28 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Such a sweet old lady. Link to article here. Excerpt:

'A man who disappeared 14 years ago has been found buried in his wife's flowerbed in North Carolina.

Police only started searching for David Ellis Bostic after his wife died last year, aged 78, and they realised she had been collecting his social security payments, NY Daily News reports.

Last month investigators found the US man's remains buried in the garden that his wife Ruth Huber Bostic lovingly tended up until her death.

Police say the autopsy revealed nothing suspicious about Mr Bostic's death but they are still investigating the case.

In the 1990s Mrs Bostic told her neighbours that her husband had a stroke and they believed he had gone to live in a nursing home.

Mrs Bostic's neighbours said her house fell into disrepair after her husband disappeared but the old woman continued caring for her garden and they often caught her talking as she tended her violets and hosta plants.'

Swedish School Takes Gender Equality Too Far For Little Kids

anthony · 28 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For some parents, it would be like finding nirvana. In Sweden there exists a school where there is no gender. The kids don't learn about "he" or "she." And the books are all about homosexual couples, lest mother or father be seen as "better."

It sounds like a load of manure to me. Yeah, I said it. Egalia is being touted as the new wunderkind on the educational playground. It's a place where they're creating children who believe in gender equality because inside the walls of Egalia, gender doesn't exist.

Uh huh. But outside of Egalia, gender does exist. And just as scientists have found that by ignoring race completely, parents end up raising little racists, by ignoring gender entirely, here's betting the kids coming out of Egalia at age 7 are going to be brimming with their own mal-formed thoughts on gender. It's the way kids work. They're narcissistic beings, and the way they are -- their gender, their race, their way of eating, talking, etc. -- is best in their minds. It takes someone, an adult, telling them about the richness of alternate choices, the opposite gender, in this case, for them to embrace something different.'

Market Watch: 'Women are better investors, and here’s why'

anthony · 28 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women, on the other hand, do almost everything better. We've known this intuitively for a long time. If you didn't, just ask your wife or your mother. But now there’s a raft of evidence that suggests women are better at everything — including investing.

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“Women tend to have lower composure and a greater desire for financial self-control, which is associated with a desire to use self-control strategies. Women are also more likely to believe that these strategies are effective.”'

International Women's Day in Sweden: Girls Had Cream Buns And Boys Had Crispbread At School

Anonymous · 28 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Reference Swedish School Takes Gender Equality Too Far For Little Kids

If you think this is bad, what do you think about favoring the girls at school by giving them cream buns (semla) while the boys are having crispbread (knäckebröd) to celebrate the International Women´s Day?

Story here.

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Bristol Palin On Good Morning America: Virginity Was 'Stolen'

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Article here. Is Bristol Palin engaging in parental alienation? Her claim that her virginity was 'stolen' is obviously unsubstantiated and Levi Johnston is entitled to his side of the story. It seems as if he's not getting the benefit of the doubt and as a result is being punished by losing time with his child. Excerpt:

'When her mother, Sarah Palin, was thrust into the spotlight as John McCain's vice presidential candidate, Bristol Palin had to come out with a secret, that she was about to be a teen mom. Now she's revealed her whole story in her book, "Not Afraid of Life," and there are plenty of surprises.

Bristol Palin doesn't accuse the father of her baby, Levi Johnston, of date rape, but does say she felt her virginity was stolen. She was drunk and to her, that's how it felt.

In the book, she refers to Levi Johnston as the "gnat" who is constantly "spreading false accusations about our family." When asked how her son might react to this description of his father when he grows up, Palin is not concerned. She says already he has less contact with Trip than he's entitled to.'

Norwalk woman charged with making false rape report that resulted in arrest of two men

anthony · 28 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Norwalk Police arrested a 20-year-old woman on a warrant Monday for falsely accusing two city men of violently raping her.

Brittany Reith, of 7 Commerce St., was charged with falsely reporting an incident concerning serious injury or death and making a false statement. She was held on $5,000 bond and given a court date of July 8.

Reith made a sworn, written statement to police after showing up more than 12 hours late to the apartment that she shares with her boyfriend and telling him that she'd been kidnapped by three men, held against her will and repeatedly raped, according to court documents.

As a result of Reith's statement, patrol officers arrested two men -- Anthony Lee and Joseph Gay -- on April 7 for felony sexual assault and battery charges. Lee, a former standout Norwalk High School basketball player, had no criminal record. Gay had prior drug dealing convictions, but police never arrested him for a violent crime.'

Why Boys Are Failing in an Educational System Stacked Against Them

anthony · 28 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to Whitmire, children are forced to use literacy skills much earlier than in the past, and boys develop these skills later than girls. In the world of "Kindergarten is the new first grade," boys are struggling mightily to keep up. When it comes to writing, the gender divide is even greater. NCLB and our hyper-focus on standardized test scores is worsening, not ameliorating, the academic struggles of boys, and subsequently increasing the numbers of boys who turn off to school and eventually drop out.

According to Gurian, boys learn by doing and by moving their bodies through space. The more emphasis is placed on the development of early reading skills, and the less emphasis is placed on a healthy amount of movement and experiential learning, the more disadvantageous our schools will be for males.'

Blagojevich jury: 11 women, one man

Matt · 28 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I am not saying that the verdict was wrong. The point of this post is that there was once a time people complained vehemently at the lack of women in juries because any woman put on trial would undoubtedly have a gender bias against her since all or most of the jurors were men. In this case, a man faced 11 women and one man. Why didn't the attorneys take the oft-heard principle that juries should be representative of the population of eligible jurors in mind when choosing this jury? They could not find five more men to be seated as jurors in this trial? Excerpt:

'This time, there was no holdout juror.

It may have taken parts of 10 days to talk through the counts, but a federal jury of 11 women and one man on Monday overwhelmingly convicted former Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

In the end, they found him guilty on 17 out of 20 counts, including fraud, extortion and bribery.

One juror who wanted to acquit the ex-governor said she couldn’t ignore the mountain of evidence facing him.'

Time: Why Women Are Better at Everything

Anonymous · 28 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is why I don't subscribe to Time magazine. How utterly stupid. This inane anti-male bigotry seems to have no end in the liberal mainstream media. Excerpt:

'Recently in the Wall Street Journal, MarketWatch columnist David Weidner noted that women "do almost everything better" than men — from politics to corporate management to investing.

Weidner cites a new study by Barclays Wealth and Ledbury Research, which found that women were more likely than men to make money in the market, mostly because they didn't take as many risks. And why are they risk-averse? Because they're not as overconfident as men, the study found.'

Woman killed, then took dead baby out while shopping

anthony · 30 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO - A CHICAGO woman is accused of strapping her baby's corpse into a sling and taking him shopping after killing the three-month old in a drunken rage, local media reported on Wednesday.

Ken Blackman Jr had been dead for eight to 14 hours when the woman wrapped up her shopping trip and went to visit a neighbour, who noticed blood on the baby blanket and called 911.

Prosecutors told the Chicago Sun Times that Toyrianna Smith, 20, beat and suffocated her baby because he wouldn't stop crying on June 22.'

A look at fathers' rights in New Hampshire's court system

Matt · 30 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Personal stories told with passion are the mark of fathers who decry the role the legal system has played in their families' lives.

Fathers' rights activists make headlines from time to time. Their actions can be silly, as in the case of British activists who periodically dress as comic book superheroes and scale public buildings. Or, they can be tragic, as in Thomas J. Ball's recent public suicide outside the Cheshire County Court House in Keene.
...
Peter G. Hill, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Fatherhood Coalition, lays out his group's legislative agenda: shared custody laws, stricter requirements for issuing restraining orders, and reform to child support policies that can land cash-strapped fathers in jail.
...
In 2002, New Hampshire established its Commission on the Status of Men, the only panel of its kind in the country.

The advisory group of five residents works to raise awareness on issues ranging from prostate cancer to gender stereotypes in education. It recently sponsored an essay contest with the theme "Why My Dad is Important to Me" in honor of Father's Day.'

Schoolgirls plot murder for inheritance

Matt · 30 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'TWO English schoolgirls, along with their mother, brother and his girlfriend have been accused of using bricks to kill their granddad to get their inheritance early. The Daily Mail reported that they allegedly searched the Internet for 'the easiest way to kill an old person.'

The sisters aged 14 and 15, their 48-year-old mother, 18-year-old brother and also his 16-year-old girlfriend. Their 89-year-old granddad was suffering from dementia.
...
The jury was told that the 89-year-old man had given his adopted daughter lavish gifts, including a car, in the months leading up to the attack but that she was not prepared to wait for her inheritance

So, when he stepped outside he was set upon by his grandson and then hit by his granddaughters who were 'armed with bricks' in plastic bags. After the alleged attack, one of the granddaughters phoned 999 and said the pensioner had slipped and fallen.'

Strauss-Kahn Case Seen as in Jeopardy

Matt · 30 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. So does he get his old job back? Does he get his chance at becoming the president of France again? No and no. Another man destroyed by false allegations. Wonder if the many feminists and their supporters will now write mea culpa columns to go with their attack-writings of the not-so-recent past. Answer again is: No. And the new head of the IMF quipped that it is better that a woman be in such a position because women "make better leaders". Well we know for sure of one woman who doesn't make a very good *liar*: that is the false accuser in this case. Excerpt:

'The sexual assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn is on the verge of collapse as investigators have uncovered major holes in the credibility of the housekeeper who charged that he attacked her in his Manhattan hotel suite in May, according to two well-placed law enforcement officials.

Although forensic tests found unambiguous evidence of a sexual encounter between Mr. Strauss-Kahn, a French politician, and the woman, prosecutors do not believe much of what the accuser has told them about the circumstances or about herself.

UK: Lawyer's fiancee 'did not tell family of heart attack'

Minuteman · 1 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The fiancée of a wealthy UK lawyer did not tell his family he had died of a heart attack, because she claimed he had wanted to keep his death secret, a court has heard.

The family of Owen Davies, 45, went four months without knowing he had died in Paris after his Belgian fiancée Natalie de Vleeschauwer allegedly gave them the impression he was still alive, the Daily Mail reported.

"Not this year. There's a problem. I will explain later," a message sent from Mr Davies' phone replied.
...
Ms de Vleeschauwer has also refused to disclose the location of Mr Davies' ashes.'

Sharon Osbourne would 'chop' Arnold Schwarzenegger's penis off

Proud_to_be_a_man · 1 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A male celebrity making 'humorous' comments about savagely mutilating a woman would soon find himself persona non grata. I LOATHE the way certain women seem to think that male genitals are virtually disposable! To be destroyed at a whim. They seem to think that emasculation is no big deal. Excerpt:

'Sharon Osbourne would 'chop' Arnold Schwarzenegger's penis off if he were her husband.

The 58-year-old TV star has claimed the former Governor of California ' who fathered a son with his employee Mildred Baena 13 years ago, despite being married to Maria Shriver ' should be more respectful to his family and says she would have removed his manhood and forced Mildred to clean it up.
...
"I would have chopped his willy (penis) off. Arnie's willy would have been down the disposal unit spinning around, that's where it'd be - and I'd make her clean it up. That mop would have been wrapped around her head."'

The No-Baby Boom

Matt · 2 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No mention of other factors, such as fear of divorce. Excerpt:

'Considering the state of the economy, it should come as no surprise that the ranks of the child-free are exploding. The Department of Agriculture reports that the average cost for a middle-income two-parent family to support a kid through high school is $286,050 (it's nearly half a million dollars for couples in higher tax brackets). ... Unless you're among the less than 2 percent of Americans who farm for a living and might conceivably rely on offspring for free labor, children have gone from being an economic asset to an economic liability.

But for the child-free, the benefits go beyond dollars and cents. There's less guilt, less worry, less responsibility, more sleep, more free time, more disposable income, no awkward conversations about Teen Mom, no forced relationships with people just because your kids like their kids, no chauffeuring other people's kids in your minivan to soccer games you find less appealing than televised chess.
...
This isn't just an American trend. Global birth rates dropped from six children per woman to 2.9 between 1972 and 2008 as people migrated to cities. One Italian mayor has resorted to bribery to restock his town, offering couples $15,000 for each child they produce. Germany's baby shortage results in an annual population loss of 100,000. And the sheep-to-human ratio in New Zealand, which currently stands at 10 to 1, seems sure to increase, since a staggering 18 percent of adult men there have elected to get vasectomies.'

The sacrifices of America's Founding Fathers

Matt · 2 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

On this Independence Day week-end here in the US, many feminists would still have us believe that the Founding Fathers of the United States were simply "privileged oppressor white males" who decided paying taxes was too much to bear and for this reason started a hugely-destructive war all so they could live in continued comfort but without paying taxes. The truth is much different. Their reasons were laid out in the Declaration of Independence, so if anyone bothers to read it, they can find the reasons there. Now what happened to the Founding Fathers after the war started, that is another matter. Most people have no idea.

Regardless of what you may think of his son, Rush Limbaugh III (ie, the radio personality), his father, also a radio personality and public orator, wrote and spoke about what happened to the Founding Fathers after they declared war on Britain. (I am not attributing the foregoing discussion to his authorship, since I cannot say if he was the author or not; I am simply saying that according to his son, he used to deliver the foregoing as a speech.) I also want to stress to our British readers that this is not a dig at you or your wonderful nation, as the US's Founding Fathers themselves were quick to point out that their quarrel was with the King of England *reigning at the time*, not with the *people* of England. (As we all know, a nation's government, especially if that government is a single individual, and its people are usually if not always different in character and disposition. This is a problem that for millenia Mankind has been trying to resolve, all to disappointing effect.)

A discussion of what happened to the Founding Fathers is here. Excerpt:

'Of those 56 who signed the Declaration of Independence, nine died of wounds or hardships during the war. Five were captured and imprisoned, in each case with brutal treatment. Several lost wives, sons or entire families. One lost his 13 children. Two wives were brutally treated. All were at one time or another the victims of manhunts and driven from their homes. Twelve signers had their homes completely burned. Seventeen lost everything they owned. Yet not one defected or went back on his pledged word. Their honor, and the nation they sacrificed so much to create is still intact.

And, finally, there is the New Jersey signer, Abraham Clark.

He gave two sons to the officer corps in the Revolutionary Army. They were captured and sent to that infamous British prison hulk afloat in New York Harbor known as the hell ship Jersey, where 11,000 American captives were to die. The younger Clarks were treated with a special brutality because of their father. One was put in solitary and given no food. With the end almost in sight, with the war almost won, no one could have blamed Abraham Clark for acceding to the British request when they offered him his sons' lives if he would recant and come out for the King and Parliament. The utter despair in this man's heart, the anguish in his very soul, must reach out to each one of us down through 200 years with his answer: "No."

The 56 signers of the Declaration Of Independence proved by their every deed that they made no idle boast when they composed the most magnificent curtain line in history. "And for the support of this Declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."'

NY Maid may have been hooker; case against IMF Chief unravels; another false rape charge?

MikeTrueman · 2 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I agree that Dominque Strauss-Kahn, the former head of the International Monetary Fund is a scumbag, politically and probably personally as well.

However, in terms of the recent charges against him, the worst thing he may be guilty of is not choosing the right escort agency.

The New York Post has the story here: Maid cleaning up as 'hooker'

For me the case gave off a stench that even the greenest rookie detective could smell. I know through my years as a detective and security consultant to a top hotel chain, that that big red "S" does not stand for "Sheraton", (rather a more familiar three-letter word starting with "S" and ending with "x") and hotels and hookers go together like coffee and cigarettes, usually with red lipstick found on the butts.

The point is we are so intimidated by the militant radical feminist movement that we immediately jump to conclusions when it comes to sex crimes. "Innocent Until Proven Guilty" except when it comes to any type of abuse or sex related allegations against men. Even with all the recent evidence indicating we should be skeptical, having false rape allegations taken seriously today is still as easy as putting on a clean pair of panties.'

"Imperfect accusers common in sex assault cases"

Matt · 2 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. And the race is on (not too surprisingly, found on MSN.com) to question the credibility of those questioning the credibility of the accuser in the Strauss-Khan case. Next of course is an effort to question the questioning of the questioning. Try to keep up. Only way not to get so confused in the shuffle is to stick to facts: she was lying about when and where she was after the alleged attack, and was caught discussing the ways she hoped to make money off the accusation with a boyfriend who was in jail for moving dope. And still, some doubt the doubters? This is called 'nymphotropism in action' for those looking for a phrase to describe it. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK — The rapidly dissolving case against former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn faces challenges fairly common in sexual assault prosecutions, namely a less-than-perfect accuser.

So while Manhattan prosecutors face a more difficult task now that the accuser has been found to have lied on several occasions including about what happened immediately after the purported attack, it is too soon to consider the case closed.

"This would not be the first case where an important prosecution witness turned out not to be the angel or pure victim that the prosecution initially thought. Nor would it be the first case a prosecution's office took a case to trial where a witness had real credibility issues," Columbia Law School Professor Daniel Richman said.'

7 reasons why women cheat

Matt · 3 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Not that much different from why men cheat, are they? And, women are no less likely to cheat than men, according to this other article. Excerpt:

'You've probably heard that men cheat for physical reasons, women for emotional reasons. Sure, there's some truth to that, but when we asked real women around the country to share why they strayed from their boyfriends, we learned they had a whole host of explanations — from bad kissing to sheer revenge. Read on for the truth about why women have given in to temptation.

Reason #1: There's no passion
...
Reason #2: To delay a breakup
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Reason #3: Because absence doesn't make the heart grow fonder
...
Reason #4: To avoid being left out in the cold
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Reason #5: To make a break from a bad relationship
...
Reason #6: To find that missing piece
...
Reason #7: To give him a taste of his own medicine'

Men’s Matters has returned after a 4-month break

Matt · 3 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

Men’s Matters has returned after a 4 month break due to political matters. Listen online at 93.7 Express FM (Listen Again) at: http://www.expressfm.com/player/od/#. Although the June edition went out live on 28th June, the Feb. one is what is available at the moment. To hear it, click on the Mens Matters icon and then again when it is in the window. The show lasts about 45 minutes.

The February edition:

· A discussion with a man who lost his daughter to his abusive ex-partner. He will be giving his views on the devastating effect on fatherlessness
· Comments on Women and Trust
· Comedy sketch: Ali G vs Naomi Wolf
· Idris Francis critic of Association of Chief Police Officers
· The UK coalition government’s betrayal of men through the imposition of Go Orders – direct influence by feminists or not?

James Williams
Men’s Matters
Express FM

Nine years later, writer to file charge against Strauss-Khan

Matt · 4 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Nine years later. Amazing timing. Excerpt:

'PARIS (Reuters) - A French writer will file a legal complaint against former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn on Tuesday alleging that he tried to rape her during an incident nine years ago, her lawyer told Reuters Monday.

The move comes just as a U.S. case against Strauss-Kahn on charges of attempted rape and sexual assault of a hotel maid seems close to collapse after prosecutors acknowledged she had lied under oath and changed her story.

The turnabout in the New York case has prompted some calls for the former Socialist finance minister to make a political comeback in France.

Lawyer David Koubbi said the complaint by Tristane Banon, 32, would relate to an incident that took place when she went to interview Strauss-Kahn, a former French finance minister, in an apartment in Paris. She was 22 at the time.

"Tristane Banon will file a complaint Tuesday for attempted rape in Paris," Koubbi said.

"These acts are extremely serious," he added. "These events were combined with a violence that was absolutely striking for these kinds of situations."

The move by Banon, a journalist and author of a book and two novels, will follow Strauss-Kahn's release from house arrest in New York Friday after prosecutors said they now doubted the credibility of his Guinean-born accuser.'

Ending the Alimony Guessing Game

Matt · 4 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. How about getting rid of alimony altogether, or is that too *rad* an idea? Excerpt:

'FAMILY law reform is gaining momentum in New York State: last month lawmakers legalized same-sex marriage, while last year they adopted no-fault divorce, allowing couples to end a marriage without a demonstration of wrongdoing. In separate legislation adopted at the same time, New York also became one of the few states to adopt a formula for setting certain alimony awards, making them fairer and predictable. The rest of the country should do the same.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, former spouses pay around $9 billion in alimony each year. The amounts and payment schedules are usually decided by family court judges using a list of factors, including the length of the marriage, the ages and health of the spouses, their financial situations, their earning potential and their contributions to the marriage, financial and otherwise.

These criteria are sensible enough. But judges are on their own in deciding how to prioritize the various factors and how to translate them into dollar amounts, resulting in wildly inconsistent alimony awards. When asked how much alimony a lifelong homemaker married to a doctor deserved, judges in an Ohio survey estimated as little as $5,000 a year and as much as $175,000.'

VAWA Joe may be out as VP-- but in as Sec'y of State

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Keep your eye on this one. If he becomes the next SoS (assuming a) Obama wins re-election and b) what is considered in this article actually happens), then I-VAWA will undoubtedly become a major priority for the second Obama term. SAVE and MRAs in general will then have their work cut out for them, as if we don't already.
Excerpt:

'A Prominent Republican is joining a prominent Democrat in predicting that Gov. Cuomo will become President Obama's running mate for vice president next year.

Former New York GOP boss William Powers, credited with playing a key role in electing Rudy Giuliani mayor and George Pataki governor, was effusive in his praise of Cuomo's successes in the just-ended legislative session, and in his prediction of the freshman governor's political future.
...
"I don't think there's any doubt Obama is going to pick him as his running mate. The president is in trouble and [Vice President Joseph] Biden doesn't bring anything to his ticket.

"The president will call him up later this year and say, 'Andrew, you have to do this for the good of the country.' What's Andrew going to say, 'No?'"
...
Former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown earlier this year also predicted that Obama would pick Cuomo to replace Biden, who he claimed would be named by the president to replace Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.'

The Masculinity Conspiracy: Chapter 6 now online

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Chapter 6 (Archetypes) of The Masculinity Conspiracy is now online. This chapter examines how archetypes are mobilized in the conspiracy via two books: *Iron John: A Book About Men* by Robert Bly, and *King, Warrior, Magician, Lover: Rediscovering the Archetypes of the Mature Masculine* by Robert Moore and Douglas Gillette. It shows how these books promote archetypes as being defined by fixed characteristics. It then offers some different ways of thinking about archetypes in order to counter the conspiracy.

http://masculinityconspiracy.com/

A Gillibrand Campaign: More Women in Politics

anthony · 5 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For decades, women in elective office felt compelled to blur the distinctions between them and men: presenting themselves as tough and able while largely concealing their softer qualities. But like many political women of her generation, Ms. Gillibrand feels no such constraints, regularly talking about the demands she faces as a mother and a wife.

In fact, Ms. Gillibrand goes a step further, arguing that an infusion of women into the political system would go a long way toward changing the tone in Congress, a male-dominated world of fiercely clashing egos.

“We tend to be more results-oriented and less concerned with getting the credit,” Ms. Gillibrand explained. “The female approach is more conciliatory and less combative. We tend to use a more civil tone.”

Casey Anthony (found) not guilty of murder

Matt · 5 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

In case you couldn't see it coming, read it here. It should come as no surprise. Excerpt:

'Casey Anthony is not guilty of first-degree murder in the killing of her two-year-old daughter Caylee Marie.

After deliberating for less than 11 hours over two days, a 12-member jury decided this afternoon that prosecutors did not prove Casey Anthony was guilty of capital murder in the death of the toddler.
...
The verdict means 25-year-old Casey Anthony was found not guilty of all charges except for four misdemeanor counts of providing false information to a law enforcement officer.
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American Heart Association: Take Action for the Women Close to Your Heart

Minuteman · 6 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Another Men's health concern hijacked. Link here.

'Help Advance the HEART for Women Act in the Senate!

Help us improve the prevention, treatment, and diagnosis of our nation's No. 1 killer of women by taking action! The HEART for Women Act was just introduced in the Senate and we need your help to build support for this important bill. Send a quick message urging your Senators to become co-sponsors today!

Dear Member of Congress:

As a constituent and an advocate with the American Heart Association, I am writing today to ask you to take a stand against the No. 1 killer of women in the U.S. by co-sponsoring the HEART for Women Act.

The Heart disease Education, Research and Analysis, and Treatment (HEART) for Women Act would:

• Make sure that healthcare data reported to the federal government is classified by gender, race and ethnicity.

• Require the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary to submit an annual report to Congress on the quality of and access to care for women with CVD.

• Expand eligibility for funding to all 50 states for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's WISEWOMAN screening program for low-income, underinsured uninsured women. Currently the program is available in only 20 states.

Every 60 seconds, someone's mother, daughter, wife or sister dies from heart disease, stroke or other forms of CVD in the U.S., claiming the lives of more than 422,000 American women each year. I think you will agree that we cannot allow this alarming trend to continue.

Please do your part to help fight our nation's No. 1 killer of women by becoming a co-sponsor of the HEART for Women Act today!'

Reactions to the Anthony verdict

Matt · 6 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Just a couple:

http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2011/07/05/casey-anthony-trial-marcia-clark-says-the-verdict-was-worse-than-the-o-j-simpson-case.html

I wonder how anyone can doubt the delusive effects of nymphotropism after watching this exchange: http://video.foxnews.com/v/1039530737001/oreilly-vs-geraldo-on-casey-anthony-verdict/

SAVE: Partner Violence Reduction Act Brings Hope to Victims

Matt · 6 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

On Monday, July 11, SAVE will unveil much-needed and long-overdue reforms to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The Partner Violence Reduction Act (PVRA) addresses lack of due process, gender bias, loose definitions, false allegations and more.

The Partner Violence Reduction Act:

1. Gives first priority to real victims and reduces false allegations by narrowing definitions and distinguishing between "alleged" victims and "adjudicated" victims.

Over 11,500 victims have signed a petition demanding to know why shelters are "refusing victims the resources and services they desperately need."

2. Makes the law gender-inclusive and bans discriminatory policies.

The 2005 renewal of VAWA states: "Nothing in this title shall be construed to prohibit male victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking from receiving benefits and services under this title." Six years later, rampant gender bias continues unchecked.

3. Removes harmful mandatory arrest, predominant aggressor, and no-drop prosecution policies, thus helping to restore due process.

Mandatory arrest and no-drop prosecution policies are linked to an increase in partner homicides. And due to predominant aggressor provisions, over three-quarters of arrestees are male, even though half of the perpetrators are female.

4. Dramatically expands the use of counseling programs that have been shown to be effective in reducing abuse.

Family interventions can change the entire family unit, so further abuse will not continue, and children will not transfer dysfunction from their family into their adult relationships. We need more counseling and less incarceration.

5. Funds a multi-site research study of the effectiveness of restraining orders.

Concerns about widespread due process violations related to restraining orders have been voiced in legal circles for many years.

6. Assures legal assistance is provided both to alleged victims and alleged offenders, thus restoring the Constitutional guarantee of "equal treatment under the law".

Approximately 2 million persons have their constitutionally protected rights compromised each year by domestic violence laws and policies. While accusers receive free legal assistance, few of the accused get the same.

7. Requires third-party accreditation of all domestic violence training, education, and public awareness programs.

Less than 10% of domestic violence educational materials meet minimum standards of accuracy, balance, and truthfulness. One judge admitted that the information presented at a domestic violence seminar he attended "blew up...all my concept of constitutional protections."

8. Curbs immigration fraud.

The Violence Against Women Act has been documented to facilitate immigration fraud. Anyone who enters the country illegally and can produce a restraining order, even with no hard evidence of abuse, will likely to be approved for a work permit and permanent residency.

You can help promote PVRA. Send this flyer on the need to limit definitions to your legislators today.

Teri C. Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments

SAVE is a non-partisan 501(c)3 victim-advocacy organization
working for evidence-based solutions to domestic violence.

Uganda's President Rejects Circumcision for HIV Prevention

Matt · 7 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'PRESIDENT Yoweri Museveni has cautioned Ugandans not to consider male circumcision as the remedy and automatic control of HIV/AIDS infection.

He said messages promoting the practice were misguiding and may put the lives of many people in danger since it had not been proven to be scientifically true.

...

He said if male circumcision was the answer to HIV prevention, then Ugandans who conduct circumcision as a traditional belief or a religious practice would not contract the disease.

He, however, said there is proof that these people had contracted HIV and the disease prevails in their communities.'

Casey Anthony to Be Released From Jail Next Week

Matt · 7 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

She got one year for each count of making a false statement, sentences served consecutively. However since she has already been locked up for almost four years, guess what? She walks next week. Story here. And guess who's still in jail? Strauss-Khan. He has an accuser, like Casey Anthony, who is a pathological liar, but he nonetheless remains locked up on charges shown at this point to be utterly unbelievable... a nymphotropic Twilight Zone if there ever was one. Excerpt:

'Casey Anthony, acquitted of killing her daughter Caylee, will be released from jail next Wednesday, her attorney told ABC News.

Anthony, 25, was ordered today to remain in jail after Judge Belvin Perry sentenced her to four years in jail and a fine of $4,000 on her conviction of lying to law enforcement officials.

The judge gave her four consecutive jail sentences, but she has already served nearly three years and would get credit for time served as well as good behavior. Perry originally estimated Anthony could be freed in late July or early August, but Anthony's attorney Jose Baez told ABC News that she will be released July 13.

Anthony entered the courtroom with her long hair down, as opposed to the tight ponytails she has been sporting throughout the trial. Visibly relaxed before the sentencing, Anthony chatted with her attorneys, laughed and even winked a few times. As the proceeding began, her demeanor became much more reserved and she looked downcast as the judge read the sentence.'

Feminists exposed by rush to judgment

anthony · 8 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In their desperation to avenge all women victims of sexual assault they gleefully seized on highly dubious and probably fabricated rape claims of one (apparently wealthy, according to mysterious bank transfers) African immigrant woman against a rich, powerful white man.

Rushing to judgment before any substantial investigation or trial, and aided and abetted by a New York Police Department and a prosecutor bent on re-election, they recklessly trashed the reputation of one man for their own ideological ends, even making bizarre links with France's burka ban.

In their eyes, Dominique Strauss-Kahn had become the grotesque symbol of all that was rotten in the state of patriarchy (and especially in "sexist" France) and therefore not worthy of the minimum presumption of innocence before proved guilty.'

Woman who lied about rape sentenced to 16 to life for murders

anthony · 8 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman whose false rape allegation led to the shooting deaths of two men was sentenced today to 16 years to life in prison.

Priscilla Ramirez, 21, could have been sentenced to as much as 32 years to life for her convictions on two counts of second-degree murder. Sacramento Superior Court Judge Steve White instead set the 16-year minimum term and said he would leave it up to the state Board of Parole Hearings to determine how long she may serve beyond then, based on her performance in prison.

Ramirez made the false rape allegation to her cousin, Philip Perez Gonzales Jr. The cousin and a friend of his, Michael Lee Armstrong, then went over to the Seavey Circle apartment of her boyfriend, Everett Antonio Taylor, 28, on July 21, 2009, to rough him up. While they were there, Armstrong shot and killed Taylor, 28, and another man, Deshawn Dante Holloway, 35.'

Dominique Strauss-Kahn Vs The American Anti-Male Justice System

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Even when the accuser is discovered to be a fraud, such as in the Duke Lacrosse case, the media still for the most part keeps the accuser's identity a secret. And even after the fake-rape discovery, the media still never hounded the fraudulent accuser as they had hounded the accused. And many of these prosecutors who would perp-walk an innocent man will not prosecute a fraudulent accuser, even though the accuser committed perjury, and caused tremendous damage against the accused and their families -- not to mention a tremendous waste of taxpayers' money prosecuting the case. The woman who falsely accused the Duke Lacrosse students was never prosecuted for perjury (and even if she had been, a perjury conviction wouldn't be enough considering she could have imprisoned these innocent men for 15 years of their lives).'

Petition Alert: Create "Caylee's Law"

Matt · 8 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Letter:

'Greetings,

On July 5, 2011, at 1:15 pm CST, Casey Anthony was found not guilty of first degree murder in the death of her daughter Caylee Anthony. The only charges she now faces are four counts of falsifying police reports, each of which only carries a 1 year prison term. Since she has been in jail since August 2008, she will be out of jail ENTIRELY too soon.

I'm writing to propose that a new law be put into effect making it a felony for a parent, legal guardian, or caretaker to not notify law enforcement of the disappearance of a child within 24 hours, so proper steps can be taken to find that child before it's too late.

This way there will be no more cases like Casey Anthony's in the courts, and no more innocent children will have to go without justice.

The case of Caylee Anthony was tragic, and there is no reason for another case like this one to hit the courts. Let's do what is necessary to prevent another case like this from happening.'

Tests will confirm whether cat died from heroin overdose; Woman arrested

Matt · 8 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BOULDER, Colo. – A Boulder woman has been arrested for allegedly killing a cat by blowing heroin smoke into its face, according to Boulder Police.

21-year-old Danielle Blankenship was arrested Tuesday around 11:30 a.m. on charges of cruelty to animals, third degree assault, and domestic violence. She is being held in the Boulder County Jail on $1,500 bond.

Police say they were responding to a domestic violence call in the 1100 block of 30th St. Tuesday morning after Blankenship's boyfriend called police to report that she hit him in the face.
...
Police asked if the cat, named Muffin, had been hit or kicked accidently, to which Blankenship told officers that she would never hurt the cat.

Animal control then took the animal to get help at the Humane Society of Boulder Valley where vets began treating it for poisoning.'

No, dads, get some sleep

Matt · 8 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- You work exhausting hours trying to hold onto your job and provide for your family in a scary economy. When you get home, you help prepare dinner, play with the kids, help with homework, read goodnight books. Then there are chores around the house and, finally, a chance to crash and have a little time with your wife -- unless you had to bring work home. You squeeze in however many hours of sleep you can.

And when you get to work the next morning, what's waiting for you online? A column on CNN.com by a dad who works from home informing you that he has "been sent here today, on behalf of the stay-at-home mothers of the world" to tell his "fellow pops" that it's time to "wake the hell up."

According to him, "most" dads have "have 9-to-5 jobs," "just wanna chill in front of SportsCenter with a bowl of chips" when they get home and "have no remote idea" how hard their stay-at-home wives are working. You see, at your job you can "pretend you're working while scrolling the Internet for Yankees-Blue Jays and, ahem, Lindsay Lohan news."

The idea that anyone thought this was an appropriate message for Father's Day is preposterous.'

ACFC: "Guilty Until Proven Innocent" Premiers Tuesday, July 26th in Washington, DC

Matt · 8 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

"Guilty Until Proven Innocent" Premiers Tuesday, July 26th in Washington, DC

Many who've seen Janks Morton's new documentary GUPI, have positively commented on the film and how it captures the essence of fathers' experiences in family court. From custody issues to child support to access interference to false abuse allegations, the film portrays family court through fathers' eyes.

You are cordially invited to attend the premier showing of 'Guilty Until Proven Innocent' on July 26, 2011 at the Avalon Theater in Washington, DC. If you can't be there in person you can still participate and help make the evening a tremendous success. Please
read on and learn how you can be part of this history making event. There will be a panel discussion after the film with Janks Morton and several other special guests.

Tickets are reasonably priced at $10.00 each. If you live in the area and can attend go to http://www.gupifilm.com/ and order online. Here is a flyer you can download and print or circulate via the internet to let others know about the film.

Help Reach Congress

If you're not in the area, you can still be a significant part of this night. We want as many people from Capitol Hill to see the movie as possible. If you are not able to attend, buy a ticket(s) for a legislator. Next week an invitation will be hand-delivered to the office of each legislator when someone who lives outside the local area purchases a ticket. We will start by inviting each state's two Senators and then extend the invitations to members of the House of Representatives. You can see exactly how many members of your federal delegation (Senate and House Reps) are in Washington at this link. Order tickets here.

Become an Event Sponsor

Each individual who purchases 10 or more tickets, will be recognized as a premier co-sponsor and be listed in the event program and on the ACFC website. All you need to do is enter the number of tickets you want in the quantity box on the order page and press the update button. We'll use your state and zip code information to determine which legislators to invite.

Please purchase tickets as soon as possible. Invitations to Congress need to be distributed early next week.

Use this Coupon when Ordering

On the order page enter PREMIERSH-OFFER (make sure to include the -) in the coupon box and all shipping and handling costs will be waived on your ticket order. If you are attending in person, print out your email confirmation and bring it with you to the theater, that's your ticket. For those who have sponsored tickets for legislators, we will have that record on hand.

The Avalon Theater is located at 5612 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, DC 20015.

Please email questions to gupifilm-at-gmail.com

Thanks in advance for participating, let's pack the house. Help spread the word by forwarding this message to your family and friends.

There has been a significant amount of shared parenting and family law activity recently. We'll send an update soon. Stay tuned.

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'Horrible Bosses' plays with the theme of emasculation, in all its extremes

anthony · 9 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There's a scene in Horrible Bosses in which Jennifer Aniston, playing a dentist who habitually sexually harasses her weakling male hygienist (Charlie Day), repeatedly says the word "pussy." Her character is trying to intimidate his, while the filmmakers attempt to shock the audience with the spectacle of this lady rom-com specialist dropping slang for vagina. But it's not shocking to hear an adult woman say "pussy" in an R-rated movie. What's shocking is that the intimidation gambit works: Day's Dale is so afraid of Aniston's Julia, as both a professional superior and a sexual threat, that hearing her refer to her own intimate anatomy sends him into physical convulsions of revulsion.
...
In fact, the specter of would-be powerful white dudes getting raped emerges in Horrible Bosses so often that it transcends subtext to become the film's primary subject. On the film's continuum of emasculation, professional subordination is the midpoint, and sexual violation looms ahead as the dreaded final destination. What passes for comedy here doesn't have a chance against a thesis so scary and sad.'

Ed.: Also submitted by anthony, another review here.

Israel: Bill Nixes Divorced Dads' Rights to Public Housing

anthony · 10 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill that is currently in advanced legislation stages would deprive divorcing fathers living in public housing of any rights to their own homes. The bill would transfer all rights to the home to the spouse who has custody of the children – who, in Israel, is the mother in over 90% of divorce custody cases. In some cases, the result would be that a disabled man with no property would be thrown into the street.

Public housing in Israel is granted to a limited number of disadvantaged families that do not possess homes. These include couples in which the husband or wife needs to use a wheelchair for mobility, or has some other serious disability. The homes are rented for very low sums and can be bought after a certain period of time.

In practice, the proposed law would make it possible to deprive a disabled husband of his right to any part of his home, even if the right to reside in that home was granted to the couple based on his disability.'

Carrie Lucas: 'Title IX: Over the Hill at 39'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Schools that don't have the money to start new teams for girls, or simply can't recruit enough women to join existing teams, have instead eliminated men's teams to make the numbers work. That means that thousands of would be male athletes have denied the opportunity to play sports because of Title IX.

And that's a sad and unnecessary thing. It surprises no one outside of far left gender studies departments that just about all surveys and data shows that men are more likely than women to express an interest in playing (or watching) sports. And in fact, sports are about the one extracurricular activity that male participation outpaces girls. Women dominate academic teams, student governments, art programs, theater, student newspapers, and just about everything else on college campus. Why then is Title IX only applied to the one area-sports-where men still have an edge?

Sadly, instead of rethinking this approach, many in the Department of Education seem to want to double down on it, and use Title IX to achieve gender parity in academia as well. What subjects are the Title IX enforcers looking at? Naturally, they are only concerned with math, science, engineering and technology-those few disciplines where men out number women.'

Court system unfair to men hurt by domestic abuses

anthony · 10 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Violence Against Women Act is gender biased only recognizing the female. Despite a continual barrage of reports about how epidemic domestic violence has become, most men and women are law abiding citizens, loving spouses and caring parents. DV advocates promote the myth women live in constant terror of violence from men, fanning the flames of gender warfare. Nearly 40 percent of domestic violence victims are men (Family Law week; regalmag.com) Gender feminists contend they can't assert power and control over men so she is the victim of his abuse giving women the right to file unproven accusations for restraining orders ruining the man, his good name and reputation. Parental kidnapping laws are ignored keeping the woman from facing felony, contempt and refusal to abide by custody decree charges; Jobs and Family Service step in using tax payer money to assist by moving women and children to another state where she can again file lies protected through VAWA and state agencies. Years pass, the mother continues abuse keeping children from having contact with their father depriving him of all his parental rights. She can break the law and still keep custody.'

Michele Bachmann: Don't Call Her a Feminist

anthony · 10 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Unlike Sarah Palin, who has brandished the feminist moniker and spoken of an “emerging conservative feminist identity,” Bachmann told me in an interview Tuesday that she wouldn't call herself a feminist—instead, she simply described herself as “pro-woman and pro-man.” When I pressed her on the matter, the Minnesota congresswoman said she sees herself as an “empowered American.”

Bachmann seemed loath to engage in the kind of girl-power rhetoric utilized by Palin and Hillary Clinton, who both invoked the perennial—and so far unbreakable—presidential glass ceiling.

Said Bachmann: “I'm a woman comfortable in her own skin. I grew up with three brothers. My parents didn't see us [as] limited [by gender]. I would mow the lawn and take out the trash; I was making my own fishing lures. I went along with everything the boys did.”

...

In late 2010, when conservative pundit S.E. Cupp told CNN's Larry King that she thought Bachmann should run for president, the panel erupted in giggles. King was puzzled: “Are you kidding or do you mean that?”

Nobody should be laughing now.'

Husband forced to marry to avoid unwanted baby

GaryB · 10 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This guy wanted to dump his girlfriend, but she told him she was pregnant - and, if he didn't marry her, she'd have the baby. Knowing that would mean 18 years of slavery, she told him his only option was to marry her. Amazingly though, a judge actually lets the guy off the hook when he comes to the court and asks for a divorce. And women wonder why guys are avoiding marriage... Excerpt:

'A MAN who claimed he was forced into marriage by his girlfriend after she promised she'd terminate her pregnancy has been granted a divorce after a judge found he'd been "under duress" when he agreed to wed her. The unnamed couple were in an on-off relationship for six years from 2004, and lived together for six months in 2008. The Family Court heard that last September, the man told his girlfriend he wanted to break up, only to be told by her that she was expecting his child. The man said she told him: "I'm possibly not going to terminate the pregnancy unless you marry me." "(I said) to her, 'I don't want to get married', and she replied, 'Well, I'm not terminating the pregnancy unless we get married'," he told the court.
...
The pair wed two months later, but the husband said: "I felt therefore there was nothing I could do but to marry her to ensure she undertook the termination." His wife told him a short time later that she'd had the abortion, and the pair split up on Christmas Day.'

"Oh the hilarity"

Proud_to_be_a_man · 12 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. As usual, reverse the sexes in this story and you can't imagine there being so much hilarity to be had. Excerpt:

'A Russian man who tried to rob a hair salon ended up as the victim when the female shop owner overpowered him, tied him up naked and then used him as a sex slave for three days.

Viktor Jasinski, 32, admitted to police that he had gone to the salon in Meshchovsk, Russia, with the intention of robbing it.

But the tables were turned dramatically when he found himself overcome by owner Olga Zajac, 28, who happened to be a black belt in karate.

She allegedly floored the would-be robber with a single kick.

Then, in a scene reminiscent of Quentin Tarantino's Pulp Fiction, police say Zajac dragged the semi-conscious Jasinski to a back room of the salon and tied him up with a hair dryer cable.

She allegedly stripped him naked and, for the next three days, used him as a sex slave to 'teach him a lesson' - force feeding him Viagra to keep the lesson going.'

SAVE requests: "Sign petition for Partner Violence Reduction Act"

MR · 12 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Build public awareness and put pressure on lawmakers by signing the SAVE's petition to enact the ***Partner Violence Reduction Act*** . SAVE would like to get 1,000 signatures in the first month, and 3,000 signatures eventually.

The Partner Violence Reduction Act:

1. Gives first priority to real victims and reduces false allegations by constraining definitions and distinguishing between an allegation and a judicial finding of domestic violence.

2. Makes the law gender-inclusive and removes discriminatory policies.

3. Seeks to protect and restore families when the abuse is minor.

4. Removes harmful mandatory arrest, predominant aggressor, and no-drop prosecution policies, thus helping to restore due process.

5. Allows legal assistance to be provided both to the alleged victim and alleged offender.

6. Improves the accountability of domestic violence organizations.

7. Curbs immigration fraud.

8. Removes provisions that violate the Constitution and restores civil rights to the accused.

Police: Woman Cut Off Husband's Penis, Threw It in Garbage Disposal

Matt · 12 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman was in custody Tuesday for allegedly poisoning her estranged husband, cutting off his penis with a 10-inch kitchen knife and throwing it in the garbage disposal.

Lt. Jeff Nightengale said the crime occurred Monday night at the man's Garden Grove home. According to authorities, this was the first time police have ever been called to the home. No neighbors reported any signs of fighting or screaming.

Catherine Kieu Becker, 48, was booked for aggravated mayhem, false imprisonment, assault with a deadly weapon, administering a drug with intent to commit a felony, poisoning, and spousal abuse. She was being held at the Orange County Jail.'

F4J's Matt O'Connor on Hunger Strike

Matt · 12 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A campaigner for fathers rights has started a hunger strike on the Prime Minister's doorstep.

Fathers 4 Justice (F4J) founder Matt O'Connor has started the strike outside the Oxfordshire home of David Cameron and it is expected to last "weeks", a F4J spokeswoman said.

The 44-year-old, from Andover in Hampshire, is demanding that Mr Cameron honours pre-election pledges made to the organisation about ensuring that grandparents have a right to see their grandchildren and for a legal assumption of shared parenting.

He also wants Mr Cameron, a father of three, to retract comments he made to a newspaper describing some dads as "runaways".'

Dr. Phil will be at tomorrow's VAWA hearing... What about you?

Matt · 12 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE via email:

Cue lights and cascading drum roll...SAVE has now released the Partner Violence Reduction Act (PVRA): http://www.saveservices.org/pvra

After years of discussion and debate, it's now a reality...the Partner Violence Reduction Act will amend the Violence Against Women Act so all victims are served, false accusations stop, and the discrimination comes to an end.

And as luck would have it, the Senate Judiciary Committee is holding a hearing tomorrow, Wednesday, July 13, beginning at 10am Eastern time, about the Violence Against Women Act.

One of the featured witnesses will be -- you guessed it -- Dr. Phil of Oprah Winfrey fame! You can watch the live Webcast here:

http://judiciary.senate.gov/hearings/hearing.cfm?id=3d9031b47812de2592c3baeba61af68b

The Committee is inviting testimony from all concerned individuals...including you! So today we're asking you to submit your testimony. Share your DV horror story, say something nice about the PVRA, whatever. We ask that you say it politely, preferably in one page or less.

Address your testimony to Sen. Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and email it to Anya McMurray at Anya_McMurray-at-Judiciary-dem.senate.gov. They need to receive your statement no later than Wednesday, July 20. Send a cc to me at tstoddard-at-saveservices.org if you would like us to consider posting your testimony on the SAVE website.

And, be sure to sign our Partner Violence Reduction Act petition:

http://www.change.org/petitions/hope-for-victims-support-the-partner-violence-reduction-act

Game on!

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P.S. When you watch the Webcast, look for the persons wearing T-shirts saying, "I was FALSELY ACCUSED of Domestic Violence." Wonder who that could be??

Teri C. Stoddard, Program Director

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments

SAVE is a non-partisan 501(c)3 victim-advocacy organization
working for evidence-based solutions to domestic violence.

Mostly female jury seated for Roger Clemens trial

anthony · 13 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON - (AP) -- An overwhelmingly female jury with little interest in baseball will decide whether former pitching star Roger Clemens lied to Congress when he said he never used performance-enhancing drugs.
...
The two sides threw out the maximum number of 20 people before the jury of 10 women and two men along with four alternates were seated. The jurors themselves were not told who among them are alternates but they were told to avoid news and sports programs. To keep the panel from encountering the dozens of journalists at the courthouse, the judge told them they will meet off site each day, ride a bus to a back entrance and use nonpublic corridors. They will be served breakfast and lunch in what was once a judge's chambers so they don't have to use the cafeteria where reporters, attorneys and Clemens himself take their meals.'

Men with cancer more likely to die than women

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'LOS ANGELES — Men who are diagnosed with cancer are more likely to die from the disease than women, due to a higher initial risk and later detection, U.S. government research showed.

The National Cancer Institute study looked at a database of 36 different types of cancer from 1977 to 2006.

It found the highest male-to-female mortality rate ratios for cancers like lip, where 5.5 men died for each woman patient, and esophageal, where 4 men died for each woman patient.

For lung cancer, which is the leading cause of cancer deaths for both men and women, the research found 2.3 male deaths for each female death.'

'Look, Kitten, I Am Too A Feminist! Fauxminism and Men'

anthony · 13 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's great when men identify as feminists. Really, it is. It's great when anyone identifies as a feminist. What's more important, however, is actually sticking to the tenets of that identity and philosophy. This is important for feminists from all walks of life, but it becomes particularly paramount when men claim the title of feminist. Many a woman-identified feminist is unwilling to speak out against men who self-ID with the movement for fear of alienating them from the cause all together – or worse – becoming the man-hating stereotype. However, it's time to speak the unspeakable. I am totally ok with being labeled a man-hater if it means that feminism can better serve those it is meant for. So here goes: fauxminism in male, masculine-identified allies is a problem, and it needs addressing.
...
Feminist men need to understand that their liberation from standards of masculinity goes hand in hand with smashing patriarchal misogynistic social structures. Instead of listing off the problems that he feels feminists aren't addressing (and thus expecting women to drop everything and mommy him – a sexist expectation in the first place), he can either begin to address them himself or try to recognize how intersectionality affects oppression. The fact of the matter is that feminists should not have to dedicate 50% of time and resources to men's issues.

So yes, men have issues. However, in no way, shape, or form are they of the same caliber as the problems and oppression facing women. If he is intent on making feminism about men, or inflating the issues that men face in order to play Oppression Olympics with the women he is conversing and organizing with, he is a fauxminist. Seriously: the minute he mentions the draft just stop listening.'

HHS HealthBeat - Girls' DASH for better weight

Minuteman · 14 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

It seems that the authors of this 'study' obtained access to NIH grants by making a commonsense and fairly mundane public health message (eating fruit and vegetables is good for you) gender specific. Link here. Emphasis added:

'From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, I'm Ira Dreyfuss with HHS HealthBeat.

Teenage girls shouldn't have to worry about hypertension. But an eating pattern created to control hypertension seems to help them prevent excess weight gain, too.

At Boston University Medical Center, Jonathan Berz looked at 10 years of national survey data on about 2,300 girls, starting at age 9.

Berz says girls who ate closer to the National Institutes of Health's DASH plan – which stands for Dietary Approach to Stop Hypertension – tended to gain less weight. But he says:

``This sample of American girls were not eating nearly enough fruits and vegetables. And increasing the amount of these foods, plus whole grains and low-fat dairy, is likely to result in less weight gain." (9 seconds)

The study in Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine was supported by the National Institutes of Health.

Learn more at hhs.gov.

HHS HealthBeat is a production of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. I'm Ira Dreyfuss.

Last revised: July 13, 2011'

Dr. Phil Testifies On Domestic Violence To Senate (video)

anthony · 14 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Extremely disappointing. He mentioned false accusations but only spoke about a man falsely accusing his wife. His only comments about men were them being the sole abusers. Excerpt:

'Phil McGraw, host of the talk show "Dr. Phil," made his debut on Capitol Hill Wednesday, testifying at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing to review the 1994 Violence Against Women Act .

"Every 15 seconds a woman is abused in this country," McGraw, a psychologist, told lawkmakers. "This means that 228 women will be victimized during the first hour of this hearing."
...
Another witness, Julie Poner of Indianapolis, told senators she had been falsely accused of domestic abuse by her ex-husband, a Czech citizen, during the course of his immigration process. She appealed to senators to include provisions in the reauthorized bill that would require deeper investigation of abuse allegations related to people going through the immigration process. The fifth witness at the hearing, Eileen Larence, is director of homeland security and justice at the Government Accountability Office.'

Overheard on CNN.com: Cutting off men’s 'junk' isn’t funny

anthony · 14 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'VinProfessor said, “Why do people think violence against men is funny, but violence against women is horrifying?” Fnordian72 said, “Couldn't be.... SEXISM.... could it?” oneoarout said, “When a puppy is beaten, we're horrified. When a rat gets stepped on by a cow, we laugh. Get it?” Bubba01 said, “Because men do most of the violence, and reversals are funny. Also, it's either laugh or scream . . .” JustinCase4u said, “Because men usually deserve it ... however nobody deserves what happened to this guy unless you molested a bunch of children.”

NoSaint1 said, “Nobody would be laughing if it was a man who mutilated a woman's clitoris! It is really sickening how men are treated by women and the media. She'll get a fraction of the time in jail that a man would get. Just watch and see.”'

Sexism is a two-way street

anthony · 14 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There are a few things women have to give up - and one of them is sexism.

I'm not talking about being the victim. I'm talking about being the perpetrator. It's something that's become known as "reverse sexism", or more over-dramatically, "man bashing". This is when women denigrate, mock or objectify men or otherwise treat them in such a way that, if the roles were reversed, feminist groups would be up in arms.

A case in point that has long annoyed me is the phrase "all men are bastards". It's a phrase emblazoned on T-shirts, desk diaries, posters, calendars and is even the name of a knife block in the shape of a man with knives stabbing through it.

Some say it's all meant to be a joke but really, it's sexism. And if you disagree, just imagine what your reaction would be to a man walking around with a shirt saying "all women are bitches". It's the same sentiment, only the gender has changed. And we know that any company that created a knife block in the shape of a woman, complete with knives stabbed through the head, chest, groin and leg (as in the male version) would be branded as encouraging violence against women and run out of business.'

Brian Copeland: Domestic Violence is Never Funny

anthony · 14 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"She's just livin' the dream."

That's the text that I received from a woman friend this morning in regard to the grisly Catherine Kieu Becker story out of Garden Grove, California.

Ms. Becker allegedly served her estranged husband a drugged meal. When he passed out, she tied him to the bed and waited for him to regain consciousness. As he watched in horror, Becker allegedly cut off his penis with a knife and put it down the garbage disposal.

She is being held on $1 million bail on charges of "aggravated mayhem" that could land her in prison for life.

Her statement to law enforcement at the scene: "He deserved it."

As I surf around cyberspace and listen to the comments of some of the women I know, there are jokes and laughter. Of course, some women are appalled and shocked, but many more find the mutilation to be a source of amusement.

Personally, I am disgusted and furious by the double standard.

"Imagine," I asked one female acquaintance, "If this situation were reversed and it was a man who drugged a woman, tied her up, hacked off a breast and destroyed it. Would you find that to be the same 'thigh slapper?'"'

Penis Assault Highlights Domestic Violence Against Men

anthony · 14 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A California woman is in jail, accused of drugging her husband and cutting off his penis.
...
This sort of attack is notable more for its severity than its rarity. Wives and girlfriends abuse and assault their partners far more often than people realize, but the genitals are rarely targeted. The most infamous penis attacker was Lorena Bobbitt, who severed her husband John's penis with a knife in 1993.

Despite popular belief, studies have shown that men and women are equal-opportunity domestic abusers. Women assault men almost as often as men assault women when you look at actual numbers of incidences regardless of severity. Men, however, usually cause greater injury than women do because they are often physically stronger.

Female abusers often use weapons or drugs to assist in the attacks. In this case, Becker allegedly used both drugs and a kitchen knife to assault her husband.

Domestic abuse in general is underreported, and many experts believe that domestic abuse by women is reported even less often, partly because men are embarrassed to admit that they have been abused by a woman.'

Action Alert: Opponents of Shared Parenting Fire Back at F & F in Boston Globe Sunday Magazine

Matt · 14 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Alert here. Excerpt:

'The Boston Globe Sunday Magazine ran a feature interview (pictured, right) with Fathers and Families' Board Chairman and founder Ned Holstein, M.D., M.S. on Father's Day.

In the piece — Fighting dad (6/18/11) — Holstein discussed our shared parenting bill H02684, which has been endorsed by nearly a third of the Massachusetts legislature. Holstein explained:

> Women's groups are also against [the bill], but they can't turn out a crowd on this issue. The public understands this is good for children…Judges still award [physical] custody to mothers by default; fathers still see their children every other weekend and maybe Tuesday nights. It's a cookie-cutter solution that has outlived its usefulness.

The consequences of this, Holstein noted, include:

> There is evidence showing adverse outcomes [for kids]. They feel terrible, they long for the missing parent, and begin to draw conclusions that they're not worthy.

Predictably, there's now a blowback against Holstein and F & F from opponents of the interests of children of divorce–the domestic violence group Jane Doe Inc., and a divorce attorney, Laura W. Gal.'

Another study (Korea): circumcision damages sexuality

Matt · 14 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Study here. Excerpt:

'RESULTS
There were no significant differences in sexual drive, erection, ejaculation, and ejaculation latency time between circumcised and uncircumcised men. Masturbatory pleasure decreased after circumcision in 48% of the respondents, while 8% reported increased pleasure. Masturbatory difficulty increased after circumcision in 63% of the respondents but was easier in 37%. About 6% answered that their sex lives improved, while 20% reported a worse sex life after circumcision.

CONCLUSION
There was a decrease in masturbatory pleasure and sexual enjoyment after circumcision, indicating that adult circumcision adversely affects sexual function in many men, possibly because of complications of the surgery and a loss of nerve endings.'

Woman 'humiliated' by failing riot police test wins up to £30k

Broadsword · 15 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For 30 years it has been used to test the fitness of officers who police riots and other outbreaks of serious public disorder.

The so-called 'shield run' involves officers covering a distance of 500 metres in less than two minutes, 45 seconds while wearing full riot gear and carrying a shield.

But when Inspector Diane Bamber, 51, failed to meet the time limit, she claimed she had been left humiliated.

She brought a sex and age discrimination case against her force, Greater Manchester Police, and now stands to win up to £30,000 after an employment tribunal ruled in her favour.

The landmark case has opened the door for thousands of other women officers to claim payouts and has triggered a review of specialist police training across the country.
...
The Mail on Sunday understands that the Association of Chief Police Officers is now reviewing the lawfulness of the physical training formats for 13 specialist operational roles, including those for firearms officers, which could discriminate against women and older officers.'

New milk ads risk the wrath of women with 'Everything I Do Is Wrong' campaign

Broadsword · 15 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The firm behind the famous 'Got Milk' campaign has risked the wrath of millions - by claiming it is men who suffer the most from premenstrual syndrome.

From August billboard ads commissioned by the California Milk Processor Board will appear across the state as part of their new 'Everything I Do Is Wrong' promotion.

Each show confused men holding cartons of milk accompanied by tag lines such as ‘I'm sorry I listened to what you said and NOT what you meant,’ or ‘I apologize for not reading between the RIGHT lines.’

...

The board's executive director, Steve James, said the internet, radio and billboard campaign is meant to encourage open conversations between men and women about an awkward subject.

‘It was certainly not meant to be offensive,’ he insisted. ‘None of the humour is aimed at women. The humour is aimed at how clueless men are in dealing with emotional situations. All of the humour is built around men's cluelessness,’ he added.'

Casey Anthony plans to appeal convictions for lying

Matt · 15 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla (Reuters) - Casey Anthony will appeal her convictions on four charges of lying to detectives who investigated the disappearance and death of her 2-year-old daughter Caylee, a notice filed on Friday by her attorneys said.

A Florida jury acquitted 25-year-old Anthony earlier this month of killing Caylee, whose skeletal remains were found in woods near the Anthony family home after a five-month search.

Anthony was convicted of misdemeanor charges of lying to detectives searching for her then-missing daughter in 2008. Among other lies, Anthony said she left Caylee with a nanny named Zenaida Fernandez-Gonzalez at an Orlando apartment complex.

Anthony was sentenced to the maximum of four years in jail on four counts of providing false information to a law enforcement officer. She will be released on Sunday, less than two weeks after her sentencing date after credit for time served awaiting trial and good behavior.'

TV show "The Talk" - Talk News: Woman Cuts Off Husband's Private Part

Anonymous · 16 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Video here*. Do you even know this hatred towards men is being aired on national television?

What's Men's Activism doing about it?

*Update: CBS has taken their clip off-line. This is of course because they are too cowardly to show the world what sleaze-bags they are. But we know what sleaze-bags they are and they cannot hide from us, so here is another place you can find the disgusting clip. (The first 4:45 of the clip is commentary; the actual offensive material starts at that point.)
Update 2: With this update I point you to another YT clip from A Voice For Men radio with the offending scene as well as some outstanding commentary. Listen and learn about how hundreds of these mutilations go on every year and are largely unpublicized.

Germaine Greer: If men want to play men-only games, let them

Broadsword · 16 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are ineligible for membership of Royal St George's Golf Club, where this year's Open Championship is being held. As a feminist, I should be outraged at this example of male misogyny.

I should be chaining myself to a tree and shrieking insults at all and sundry, which would have the unintended effect of persuading the club members (as if they needed any persuading) that they were right to exclude women from membership. A raging harridan can expect little welcome from "an assembly of good fellows" who have formed a club in order to have the right to exclude people whose company they do not enjoy.
...
...Chaining yourself to the railings would be a total waste of time. You'd be better advised to start another, better club for women, but it will be a long time before you find men chaining themselves to your railings. They don't want to be where you are. Women want the company of men much more than men want the company of women. In this country, something in the order of 3.5 million men are passionate anglers. What can be the appeal of hours spent crouching under an umbrella on a cold, muddy river-bank? The absence of women, that's what.'

Woman Attacks Female Judge In Court

Anonymous · 16 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. A woman defendant physically attacks a female judge. So why is this unusual? Her husband had asked the court to issue a domestic violence order against her for his protection. I think he got it.

U.S. Navy posts feminist-produced poster advising sailors ‘don’t assault people’

Matt · 16 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A poster about sexual assault displayed on the U.S. Navy’s Facebook page is causing quite a stir. Titled “Sexual Assault Prevention Tips,” the poster advises readers not to assault anyone.

“When you see somebody walking by themselves, leave them alone!” it reads. “If you pull over to help someone with car problems, remember not to assault them!”

The poster doesn’t stop there.

“USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM! If you are not able to stop yourself from assaulting people, ask a friend to stay with you while you are in public,” the poster continues. “Don’t forget, you can’t have sex with somebody unless they are awake!”'

PHS “Tuskegee/Guatemala” HIV/AIDS STD Study redux 2011

Matt · 16 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email. Very long, of greatest interest to people and organizations focused on anti-circ measures, but still of interest to all MRAs. As follows:

PHS “Tuskegee/Guatemala” HIV/AIDS STD Study redux 2011

Accurate clinical outcomes require scientific data that meet the highest standards for research bioethics. Unfortunately (see attached): PHS (ASH: Dr. Koh), NIH (Drs. Collins, Kington, Star), and CDC (Drs. Frieden, Arias, Fenton) do not appear to understand what these standards entail as to “publication bias”, nor is there an adequate oversight/enforcement mechanism or Standard/PHS Code of Research Bioethics Conduct (Nicholas Steneck) as it pertains to “publication bias” adversely impacting reliability of all outcomes research based on federally funded science. Please review this PHS violative research bioethics conduct and refer for corrective Action as CDC considers “universal” circumcision in the U.S. (http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,541970,00.html) and DHHS/USAID/UNAIDS implements universal circumcision in Africa.

As you are aware, the recently convened President Commission on Bioethics (http://blog.bioethics.gov/2011/05/19/could-another-guatemala-case-happen/) was tasked with reviewing evidence of global violative research bioethics conduct. I am contacting you in response to President Obama’s tasking of the President’s Commission on Bioethics to review this ongoing case of PHS global violative research bioethics conduct which has disparate impact/treatment in persons of African descent:

Geena Davis Lobbies for Bill to Improve Image of Women in Media

anthony · 16 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Academy Award winning actress Geena Davis joined Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC) and Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin (D- WI) on Capitol Hill on Wednesday to introduce a bill that would support efforts to improve the image of girls and women in the media.

“I am proud to join with Sen. Hagan and Rep. Baldwin to promote gender equality and positive portrayals of women and girls in the media,” Davis said in a statement. “What children see affects their attitudes toward male and female roles and impacts the value they place on girls and women in society. The Healthy Media for Youth Act will help ensure we are creating a positive media environment for all our children.”

The legislation would provide grants to encourage and support media literacy programs and youth empowerment groups, facilitate research on how depictions of women and girls in the media affect youth. It also would establish a National Taskforce on Women and Girls in the Media, intended to develop voluntary standards that promote healthy, balanced, and positive images of girls and women in the media.'

Woman charged with severing husband's penis gets mental evaluation

anthony · 16 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Garden Grove woman charged with cutting off her husband's penis is undergoing a psychiatric evaluation Thursday at the Orange County Jail.

Catherine Kieu Becker appeared in court Wednesday but did not enter a plea. The evaluation is fairly common in cases involving a unusually violent crime like this one.

"Given the nature of the offense, it's standard operating procedure," said Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino.

...

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the case was ongoing, said the couple had argued earlier in the day and that the wife was angry at the husband over a relationship. Police said that when they confronted the woman, she said her husband "deserved it."'

~~Ed note: This is yet a different case from the one we have been discussing recently here on MANN.~~ -- Turns out that indeed, this is the same woman. So the chances of her getting away from liability for this on account of 'mental incapacity' have just gone up quite a bit. Men get prison, women get shrinks. Little changes.

Facebook Poster on Sexual Assault Has Navy Revamping Its Message

anthony · 16 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A controversial posting on the U.S. Navy's Facebook page meant to raise awareness on sexual assault prevention has followers asking, "Is this some kind of joke?"

The Navy says it's for real.
...
Facebook followers seemed stunned and at times offended by the obvious nature of the tips. The comment page is overflowing with followers who have harsh words for the Navy, many questioning its judgment.
...
The poster was not actually the brainchild of the Navy, but of a feminist blog called TumblinFeminist, whose most recent entry states, "I honestly feel as though you can not by definition be a feminist and be a Christian, unless you are a bad Christian- or a bad feminist. Christianity is inherently and undeniably sexist among countless other things."'

Please lodge this anti-circumcision submission with the Peace Corps (Deadline 25 July 2011)

Minuteman · 17 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This is a reply to the document “Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals” [regulations.gov Docket ID: PC-2011-0009] (http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=PC-2011-0009-0001).

Instructions:

Copy and paste the text below and email to pcfr-at-peacecorps.gov with the subject heading "Response to regulations.gov Docket ID: PC-2011-0009":

"Dear Denora Miller

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the changes proposed in the document “Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals” [regulations.gov Docket ID: PC-2011-0009]. The focus of this response shall be on the Peace Corps promotion of the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision. Due to the fundamental human rights violations and physical injury caused by male circumcision, and for the sake of boy's and men’s sexual health, human dignity, and citizen equality, the Peace Corps must ensure that the proposed information collection activity screens out and excludes those individuals motivated exclusively (or near exclusively) to promote or participate in the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision.

The harm caused by circumcision

Circumcision removes the most sexually sensitive parts of a boy’s penis, including the foreskin, the frenulum, and the ridged band of nerves [1]. The male foreskin is also designed to protect the glans of the penis throughout a man’s life, ensuring that the internal mucosal tissue remains moist and sensitive (much the same way that a woman’s clitoral hood protects the clitoris). In addition, the foreskin acts as a natural gliding mechanism to reduce chafing and dryness during intercourse [2].

Regardless of whether it is performed in a medical or non-medical setting, a significant number of boys subjected to the practice of circumcision will later fulfill the DSM-IV criteria for a diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder [3].

No national medical association in the world recommends that boys be forcefully circumcised for preventive health reasons, not even in Israel, where the Journal of the Israeli Medical Association published an article highlighting the high prevalence of urinary tract infections among boys who had undergone ritual circumcision [4].

The Royal Dutch Medical Association's very up-to-date policy on circumcision states that "KNMG is calling upon doctors to actively and insistently inform parents who are considering the procedure of the absence of medical benefits and the danger of complications", and that there is a good case for making it illegal [5].

Circumcision tourism

Government tourism departments, tourism publications and private tourism agencies are actively promoting the spectacle of mass circumcision of boys and young men in public, frequently as an event separate from any other cultural celebrations. Tourism Malaysia actively promote sites where circumcision ceremonies are performed [6]. Public circumcisions being performed to entertain tourists have also been documented in Uganda, Madagascar, Kenya, Thailand and Tanzania [7-11]. An article and accompanying 'pictorial special' in Phuket Wan magazine left no doubt about the tourist market that public mass circumcision of boys and young men is aimed at:

'IT IS THE DAY the foreskins have to go. About 30 young boys are set for this once-in-a-lifetime occasion, under the knife.

...

Most seem to be extremely tolerant of public exposure of their bodies, as do their parents. This is, after all, a special occasion, a Sunrat, when boys aged four to nine lose their foreskins and join the path to adulthood.' [10]

Private tourism operators are not above appealing to that section of the tourist market drawn to such events:

'The extremely rare event that I was fortunate enough to witness is not only soul building, pride rearing and so completely admirable...it is, in a way, even beautiful.
If you would like more information on how to expereince (sic) something similar yourself, please contact...' [11]

Proponents of 'medical' mass circumcision programs have also acknowledged a fascination with 'traditional' and 'tribal' circumcision practices [12] and articles in the mainstream media of popular celebrities participating in medical missions exclusively (or near exclusively) to perform circumcisions have sought to legitimize this form of 'tourism' [13].

PEPFAR and the Peace Corps

The 'About Us' page of the Peace Corp website site enthusiastically extols the Peace Corps role in 'contributing to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief' [14]. In an AIDS.gov blog post dated May 26 2011, the Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy acknowledged the role of the Peace Corps in helping PEPFAR 'scale up adult male circumcision' in Swaziland [15]. Inexplicably, the position of the Peace Corp has changed from recognizing unnecessary surgical procedures including circumcision as a risk factor for transmitting the HIV/AIDS virus in Uganda [16], to one of enthusiastic endorsement of circumcision as an HIV/AIDS preventative [17].

Action required

Due to the fundamental human rights violations and physical injury caused by male circumcision, and for the sake of boy's and men's sexual health, human dignity, and citizen equality, the Peace Corps must ensure that the proposed information collection activity screens out and excludes those individuals motivated exclusively (or near exclusively) to promote or participate in the harmful male genital mutilation known as circumcision.

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Electronic tagging could help fight violence against women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Experts confirm that Turkey is seeing a rise in the number of violent attacks against women by men, and women's rights groups suggest that one measure in the prevention of such violence could be the electronic monitoring of known abusers.

Although new laws and public awareness campaigns against domestic violence are being extensively employed, Turkey has so far failed to effectively address this seemingly growing problem.

Experts say a number of preventive measures, including family counseling, monitoring access to violent Internet content, and addressing alcohol-related or psychological issues, should be taken to keep domestic violence from occurring in the first place. However, the most important legal weapon battered women have is their confidence in the response of the authorities the first time they report abuse. But what happens after a woman's attacker is released? Experts say where restraining orders and other legal edicts fail, electronic handcuffs could work to prevent recurring domestic violence.

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Tarhan said electronic tagging, which enables authorities to monitor the movements of a potential offender by attaching an electronic device to the person, is used extensively to track known abusers in many countries. “This greatly facilitates monitoring people who have no anger management skills. It would work. If this could be applied in Turkey, we would definitely see results. The potential abuser would be afraid to go to prison, and this could prevent violence. Of course, this can only be implemented by court order.”
...
Federation of Women's Associations of Turkey President Canan Güllü recently proposed the establishment of centers which would provide legal and medical assistance to female victims of violence in Turkish provinces. The prime minister has given the green light for the centers to open as part of the basic health services department of the Ministry of Health. Güllü also emphasized that police and the judiciary must have open and effective lines of communication at all times in order to prevent violence against women.'

Beauty salon is ‘sexist’ claims bodybuilder

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Article here. Excerpt:

'HE HAS the bulging biceps and the glistening bronze tan.

But Hampshire bodybuilder Andrew Blohm got a shock when he tried to indulge himself in a bit more of the personal beauty treatment.

The 5ft 6in bodybuilder wanted to look his best for the Solent City Bodybuilding Competition but claims he is the victim of sexism when a beauty salon refused to serve him.

He said: “I just wanted a facial and to stick my feet in a bowl of fish. They gave me all the details about the treatment but I was then told I could not have them done because I was a man.”'

Austin Scott's lawsuit over false rape claim is tossed by federal judges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge issued a ruling Monday dismissing former Penn State University and Parkland High School running back Austin Scott's civil lawsuit against police, prosecutors and his accuser in a 2007 rape case.

The lawsuit claimed that Scott was the victim of conspiracy and malicious prosecution when he was charged with rape in October 2007. The lawsuit, which sought $150 million in damages, also claimed that authorities knew about Desiree Minder's questionable credibility and withheld that information.

While the federal claims were dismissed, Scott's lawyer, Benjamin Lichtman, said he might bring the case to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. There are also several state claims, such as false arrest and malicious prosecution, that U.S. District Judge William W. Caldwell refused to address and dismissed without prejudice.'

Putting together a sports team of winners? Men need not apply

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If I was asked to assemble a team of American athletes to compete against similarly composed teams from the rest of the world in any sport, the most important decision would be the easiest.

I would take a team of women.

I would take our women not only because Title IX has empowered them into a huge advantage over the rest of the world, but also because they consistently win in ways that our men sometimes neglect or ignore.
...
Go ahead, pull my man card. This is as plain as the grit in Abby Wambach's stare, and anyone who watches both men's and women's sports knows it.
...
Men often complain about misfortune, women often figure out a way around it. Men sometimes take shortcuts, women make the extra pass.'

A Feminist Economist Speaks Out: Deficits are a Grrrl's Best Friend

Broadsword · 17 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Listen up, sisters! Deficit hawks will eat your lunch, your kids, your jobs and your retirement. An economy without a deficit is like a fish without water. Reducing the U.S. federal deficit will make unemployment and poverty worse–way worse. And that means that women's economic condition will deteriorate even further. Today's deficit hawks (and way too many Democrats are flying with this flock), fundamentally and deliberately misinform by insisting on a fictional symmetry between private sector (household and corporate) bookkeeping and the U.S. federal debt.

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The mantra that "the budget must be balanced" is a throwback to the 19th century, originating from the same outmoded economic thinking that justifies women's lower wages.

Here are the facts: U.S. government borrowing creates interest-bearing assets. The bonds are bought with dollars, the interest on them is paid in dollars and, at maturity, the bonds are paid off in dollars. Since the U.S. government is both sovereign in its own currency and the sole issuer of dollars, it can never run out of them. How could it?

Don't think printing presses here: Federal debts are paid off by Treasury clerks making a few clicks on computer keyboards—keyboards identical to the one I'm typing on now.'

Time.com: Sex, Lies, Arrogance: What Makes Powerful Men Behave So Badly?

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Dated May 19, 2011, we missed this one. Look at the cover of the issue, here. Could it be any more offensive? Hardly a peep of objection that I can see. Heck, no one even seems to have noticed. Excerpt:

'But in any event, the arrest of Strauss-Kahn in New York City for allegedly trying to rape a hotel maid has ignited a fierce debate over sex, law, power and privilege. And it is only just beginning. The night of Strauss-Kahn's arraignment, former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger admitted that the reason his wife Maria Shriver walked out earlier this year was the discovery that he had fathered a child more than a decade ago with a former member of the household staff. The two cases are far apart: only one man was hauled off to jail. But both suggest an abuse of power and a betrayal of trust. And both involve men whose long-standing reputations for behaving badly toward women did not derail their rise to power. Which raises the question: How can it be, in this ostensibly enlightened age, when men and women live and work as peers and are schooled regularly in what conduct is acceptable and what is actionable, that anyone with so little judgment, so little honor, could rise to such heights?
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The Guardian on The Rape of Men in Congo

Anonymous · 18 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

A friend of mine sent me this. Excerpt:

'Sexual violence is one of the most horrific weapons of war, an instrument of terror used against women. Yet huge numbers of men are also victims. In this harrowing report, Will Storr travels to Uganda to meet traumatised survivors, and reveals how male rape is endemic in many of the world's conflicts.

...

Of all the secrets of war, there is one that is so well kept that it exists mostly as a rumour. It is usually denied by the perpetrator and his victim. Governments, aid agencies and human rights defenders at the UN barely acknowledge its possibility. Yet every now and then someone gathers the courage to tell of it. This is just what happened on an ordinary afternoon in the office of a kind and careful counsellor in Kampala, Uganda. For four years Eunice Owiny had been employed by Makerere University's Refugee Law Project (RLP) to help displaced people from all over Africa work through their traumas. This particular case, though, was a puzzle. A female client was having marital difficulties. "My husband can't have sex," she complained. "He feels very bad about this. I'm sure there's something he's keeping from me."

...

Because there has been so little research into the rape of men during war, it's not possible to say with any certainty why it happens or even how common it is – although a rare 2010 survey, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, found that 22% of men and 30% of women in Eastern Congo reported conflict-related sexual violence. As for Atim, she says: "Our staff are overwhelmed by the cases we've got, but in terms of actual numbers? This is the tip of the iceberg."

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Considering Dolan's finding that "female rape is significantly underreported and male rape almost never", I ask Stemple if, following her research, she believes it might be a hitherto unimagined part of all wars. "No one knows, but I do think it's safe to say that it's likely that it's been a part of many wars throughout history and that taboo has played a part in the silence."

As I leave Uganda, there's a detail of a story that I can't forget. Before receiving help from the RLP, one man went to see his local doctor. He told him he had been raped four times, that he was injured and depressed and his wife had threatened to leave him. The doctor gave him a Panadol.'

- Gogonostop

Why are we afraid of male sexuality?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is there anything good to be said about male sexuality? That might seem a daft question. Apparently it brings a lot of pleasure and excitement to the lives of men and women alike, it's inspired some of the greatest art, music and literature through the ages and has played a fairly substantial role in sustaining our species and populating the planet. Nonetheless you'll need to search very, very hard to find any positive appraisal of male heterosexuality.

Since the era of the permissive society and the mainstreaming of modern feminism, western society has gone a long way towards liberating women's sexuality. Younger women have, to an unprecedented extent, been encouraged to believe they can be as sexual as they like and to experience and express their desires as they wish. Even the age-old proscriptions on female promiscuity have been largely broken down, exemplified by the glorious flowering of the SlutWalk movement.

Simultaneously, and perhaps not coincidentally, male sexuality has been increasingly seen as a problem. You can hear it in the gentle, dismissive mockery that says men are simple creatures who "only want one thing" or, at the extreme, outright vilification. The male gaze threatens, male desire is aggressive. Our primal instincts are pathologised with the jargon of gender studies. Righteous and necessary efforts to reduce sexual crimes have had the unwelcome effect of teaching generations of men that our sexuality can be dangerous and frightening.'

Dr. Phil's Blooper Shows Need for DV Accreditation

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Via email:

Dr. Phillip McGraw, aka "Dr. Phil," was the lead witness at last Wednesday's Senate VAWA hearing. His testimony featured this forehead-slapper: "Domestic violence is now the most common cause of injury to women ages 15 to 44."

But the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey says the leading cause of injuries to women is motor vehicle accidents. Domestic violence is ninth on the list, accounting for a grand total of 2.2% of all injuries to women. (You can see the complete listing here: http://www.responsibleopposing.com/facts/leadcaus.html)

Unfortunately, such wild distortions are commonplace. According to the SAVE report, "Most DV Educational Programs Lack Accuracy, Balance, and Truthfulness," 90% of DV educational and training programs fold, spindle, or otherwise mutilate the truth: http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/SAVE-DV-Educational-Programs

The solution? Accreditation. SAVE's Partner Violence Reduction Act features this requirement for federal grantees:

"Applicants must certify that all training, education, and public awareness training programs and activities, including each of its instructional manuals, curricula, handouts, and other informational content, are currently accredited by an independent Training, Education, and Public Awareness Accreditation Organization, as defined in Section 3(a)(29) of this Act; that the Training, Education, and Public Awareness Accreditation Organization is allowed to conduct audits of said training and education sessions; and that evidence of said accreditation is made publicly available on the organization's website."

This week we are asking you to contact Sen. Leahy's office and urge him to include the requirement for DV accreditation in the upcoming VAWA reauthorization. In your email, mention the gross inaccuracy of Dr. McGraw's testimony and ask that your request be included as public testimony for the July 13 hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Email your testimony to Anya McMurray at Anya_McMurray-at-Judiciary-dem.senate.gov. Make sure your statement is respectful and polite.

The deadline to receive public testimony is this coming Wednesday, July 20.

Teri C. Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments

SAVE is a non-partisan 501(c)3 victim-advocacy organization
working for evidence-based solutions to domestic violence.

First-Place Sweep by American Girls at First Google Science Fair - Gender not a factor?

Matt · 19 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

And girls are doing so poorly in math and science? Article here. Note how one of the judges says gender was not a factor but that he was 'secretly very pleased' that all the winners were girls. Gender, not a factor? Excerpt:

'Girls swept all three age categories in the competition, a contrast to generations past when women were largely excluded* from the science world.

“Personally I think that’s amazing, because throughout my entire life, I’ve heard science is a field where men go into,” Ms. Bose said. “It just starts to show you that women are stepping up in science, and I’m excited that I was able to represent maybe just a little bit of that.” She will start her senior year of high school in the fall.

“At the end, we were like, ‘Yeah, girl power!’ ” said Naomi Shah of Portland, Ore., who won the age 15-16 category with a study of the effects of air quality on lungs, particularly for people who have asthma. Ms. Shah recruited 103 test subjects, performed 24-hour air quality measurements at their homes and workplaces and had each blow into a device that measured the force of their breath.
...

Vint Cerf, Google’s chief Internet evangelist and one of the judges, said that gender did not play a role in deciding the winners. “This was a gender-neutral evaluation of all the work that was done,” he said. Nonetheless, “I was secretly very pleased to see that happen,” Dr. Cerf said. “This is just a reminder that women are fully capable of doing same or better quality work than men can.”'

*"excluded"? Umm, what? Some names: Marie Curie, Joy Adamson, Maria Agnesi, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, Virginia Apgar, Clara Barton, Laura Maria Caterina Bassi, Ruth Benedict, Elizabeth Blackwell, etc., etc., etc., and the list goes on. You'd think certain people actually *wanted* people to think women were in fact excluded from the sciences for... what reason? You decide.

No Murder Charge for Wife of Accused Pharmacy Killer, Indicted on First-Degree Robbery

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An indictment was unsealed Tuesday charging Melinda Brady with first-degree robbery in connection with the pharmacy massacre that claimed four lives and stunned Long Island last month, prosecutors said.

She will not face murder charges in the quadruple killings on Father's Day.

Police say Brady, a known pain pill addict and the wife of accused killer David Laffer, was the getaway driver in the shootings. Prosecutors say the pair hatched a plan to rob a Medford, N.Y. pharmacy of painkillers; Laffer is also accused of gunning down four people inside.

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said Tuesday that Brady could not be charged with murder because she was not aware her husband had a gun when he went into the pharmacy.'

CNN: Would female leaders solve debt crisis?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Odds are that if there were more women in these discussions, the crisis would have been resolved by now.
...
Women use both sides of their brain more effectively and thus are naturally hardwired to be better communicators, more creative problem solvers and in moments of stress, less likely to walk out of meetings -- debt-ceiling variety and others -- than men.

Furthermore, testosterone not only prompts a fight-or-flight response to stress, it suppresses oxytocin, the hormone that encourages bonding and positive social behavior.
...
Nearly 85% of the people in Congress are men. So if you ever wonder why these debt ceiling negotiations appear to have an inordinate amount of chest-pounding and tree spraying, that number -- more than the $14 trillion we owe -- seems like the best place to start.'

F&F: Holstein Criticizes New Ohio Supreme Court's Lesbian Partner/Child Custody Decision in Columbus Dispatch

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Article here.

"Fathers and Families has no position on same-sex marriage. But we do have a position on same-sex 'divorce.'

Once a child has bonded with two adults as her parents, she is deeply and often permanently hurt by the sudden, court-ordered absence of one of her parents, regardless of the parents' sexual orientation…"

Fathers and Families Board Chairman Ned Holstein, MD, MS criticizes the new Ohio Supreme Court's lesbian partner/child custody decision in his new column Kids with two parents need both, even in breakup (Columbus Dispatch, 7/18/11).

We suggest you write a Letter to the Editor of the Columbus Dispatch, a 200,000 circulation newspaper in Ohio's capital, by writing to letters-at-dispatch.com.

Giuliani Tells F & F: ‘Family Courts Absolutely Need Reform’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families’ Election 2012 Campaign activists attended New Hampshire GOP events this week and asked former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, a 2008 and potential 2012 presidential candidate, about family court reform. Giuliani told F & F activist Shawn Gliklich, MD “family courts absolutely need reform,” and expressed interest in meeting with F & F.

Giuliani told Dr. Gliklich that he sees family law as a state matter, rather than a federal one. Giuliani is for the most part correct, however, there are many things the federal government could do to promote shared custody and undermine the current sole custody to mom norm.

The federal government helps shape states’ policies in many areas by the disbursement or withholding of federal reimbursement funds. It works the same way with family law—the federal government reimburses the states billions of dollars each year in child support collection funds. A pro-shared parenting administration could greatly encourage shared parenting by tying those funds to progress in enacting shared parenting laws, implementing and encouraging shared parenting arrangements, and enforcing visitation orders.'

‘The Talk’ ladies under fire for laughing at Catherine Kieu story

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The ladies of “The Talk,” CBS’s answer to “The View,” have come under fire for laughing during a segment about Catherine Kieu, the California woman accused of cutting of her husband’s private part and disposing of it in a particularly gruesome way after he asked for a divorce.

“I don’t know the circumstances,” host Sharon Osbourne said. “However, I do think it’s quite fabulous.” What sounded like the entire audience began to laugh.

The other panelists — Leah Remini, Julie Chen, Holly Robinson Peete and Sara Gilbert — didn’t revel in the story quite as much. But all of the hosts let out at least a small chuckle during the conversation.

Gilbert pointed out that the conversation could be perceived as sexist. “Not to be a total buzz kill,” Gilbert began, “but it is a little bit sexist. If somebody cut a woman’s breast off, nobody would be sitting laughing.”

“It’s different,” Osbourne said, before comparing the two parts of the anatomy.'

Female high school teacher accused of having sex with five male students changes plea to not guilty because of insanity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former high school physical education teacher accused of having sex with five male students is changing her plea from not guilty to not guilty by reason of insanity.

Stacy Schuler, 33, of Springboro, Ohio, had been indicted on 16 counts of sexual battery and three counts of offenses involving underage persons.

She allegedly had sexual relations at her home with the five students, mostly football players at the high school, on five separate occasions from August to December of 2010.
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Unmarried Schuler, 33, will have to be examined by one or more psychologists or psychiatrists, the Dayton Daily News reports.

Under Ohio law, a person is considered insane if they are suffering from a mental defect and doesn't know right from wrong.

Mr Rittgers said the examination of Schuler will be to determine if she is competent to stand trial.'

Study: Women bigger sexters than men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is it pride in pulchritude? Is it pressure from the opposite sex? Or might it even be that not so many people like to see men naked?

In an intellectually titled piece of research--"Let My Fingers Do the Talking: Sexting and Infidelity in Cyberspace"--Diane Kholos Wysocki, a professor of sociology and women's studies at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and Cheryl D. Childers, a professor of sociology at Washburn University, create a snapshot that some might find intuitive and some might find depressing.

Their numerical conclusions appear clear: two-thirds of the women surveyed said that they sexted. Only half of the men did. And women were more likely to send nude pictures of themselves out across the Internets. One might imagine that this correlates just vaguely with the preponderance of images of naked women in magazines wrapped in plastic, or that appear on the Web's vast number of sexually explicit sites.
...

Our two professors, however, feel excited that their work seems to point out not just a technological tendency but some deeper vein in our culture.

"Cheating is alive and well, and sexting is on the rise." Dr. Wysocki told The New York Times. "But I don't believe the Internet is causing people to cheat. There seems to be something going on with marriage that's the bigger social issue. Before, people would just get a divorce. For some reason, people are staying and cheating instead."'

Birth control coverage, HIV testing proposed for most health insurance plans excludes men

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Article here. I'm assuming men will not be covered for domestic violence counseling. Last I checked, men also get HIV and would certainly benefit from an annual wellness exam. Excerpt:

'Virtually all health insurance plans could soon be required to offer female patients free coverage of prescription birth control, breast-pump rentals, counseling for domestic violence, and annual wellness exams and HIV tests as a result of recommendations released Tuesday by an independent advisory panel of health experts.

The health-care law adopted last year directed the Obama administration to draw up a list of preventive services for women that all new health plans must cover without deductibles or co-payments. While the guidelines suggested Tuesday by a committee of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine are not binding, the panel conducted its year-long review at the request of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.'

Video - Wendy Williams Claims 'Penis Disposal' Was 'Efficient'

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Video here.

'Wendy Williams, the American television personality, chatting with reporters outside Boa's Steakhouse in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles. Williams, wearing an elegant purple dress, was quizzed on the recent story about a Californian woman drugging her husband and chopping off his penis before dumping it in the garbage disposal.

Williams sympathized with the woman, saying, "When you cross a woman.all is fair". She later joked, "It was more efficient then throwing it in a field, where they could pick it up. Dispose of it the right way". Los Angeles, California - 15.07.2011'

Wendy William's web site: http://www.wendyshow.com/
Contact info: here.

Woman Throws Husband's Penis in Disposal: Hey, While You're At It ...

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If I had a nickel for every time my wife threatened to knock me out, cut off my penis and throw it in the garbage disposal...

I heard the news yesterday. Well actually I overheard it. Some gals around the office were chortling about the husband in Garden Grove whose wife doped his victuals, strapped him to the bed, hacked off his willy with a carving knife and chucked the severed member in the disposal because "he deserved it." I didn't learn the details of the story until I got home last night and it seemed to me such a grizzly thing oughtn't to provoke workplace giggles, but ought or not, there's a good dose of funny about it.'

Tell UNAIDS & the WHO: Circumcision does not prevent AIDS!

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Via email:

Key policy makers from around the world are convening THIS WEEK in Rome for the International AIDS Society's annual conference. Thanks to the generosity of Intact America's supporters, we are there, calling upon the governing bodies of the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNAIDS to acknowledge the truth: circumcision does not prevent AIDS.

It's critical that UNAIDS and the WHO stop supporting mass circumcisions, and accept the fact that there are other, better ways to fight the HIV epidemic. We've created a petition to help them get that message.

Will you make your voice heard, and sign our petition today?

We know that safe sexual practices and abstinence—not circumcision—prevent HIV. But the practice of mass circumcision persists. That's why we'll be on the ground in Rome, talking with health professionals and community activists, and telling them the truth about circumcision:

- Circumcision is NOT a vaccine
- Other effective means exist to prevent HIV transmission
- Male circumcision puts women at risk
- Mass circumcision campaigns squander limited resources

We need your help to make sure that UNAIDS and the World Health Organization get the message that the mass practice of circumcision is an unethical and dangerous distraction in the battle against HIV and AIDS.

Sign our petition today, and help us change the way the world thinks about circumcision!

Thank you for your continued energy and support!

Sincerely,

Georganne Chapin
Executive Director, Intact America
www.intactamerica.org

Seems we are not alone in our disgust toward The Talk/CBS and in our demands for redress

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Google these words (without quotes): "the talk cbs penis sexism" and see the results. There are several Facebook Group pages set up in an effort to get an appropriate level of apology from CBS (one is here). Another Facebook Group has specific instructions on how to complain to the FCC (Kris, this one's for you!) about the episode here. Let's keep the momentum going!

My own take is that heads need to roll over this issue. Apologies don't strike me as good enough. Osbourne needs to go, possibly others. As for the audience that day-- well, they need male-issues sensitivity training, but I doubt they'll get it any time soon.

A Voice for Men: How Funny is a Mutilated Vagina?

Matt · 20 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There are many who deny we live in an age where maleness, where masculinity has been so devalued as to be commonly regarded as Subhuman. Where male sexuality is treated with such revulsion and contempt, that major television personalities feel completely free to make light...no, to outright revel in glee at a man being poisoned, tied up, and having his penis cut off, then ground to a pulp, by his wife, because he wanted a Divorce.

These same major television personalities that ROUTINELY cry about 'Battered Women' are making light of the poisoning, kidnapping, and torture of a man for wanting a Divorce. In an age of No Fault Divorce, which was instituted at Feminist behest. They do not hide their glee at all, in fact Sharon Osbourne (the wife of Ozzy) even makes mixing motions with her hands, simulating a garbage disposal, and calls the whole thing 'delightful'.

The appalling hatred of men is not only not hidden, but outright FLAUNTED.'

UK: Teen girl diet ticking time bomb

Minuteman · 21 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

The madness spreads. Link here. Excerpt:

'Teenage eating habits are poor, with teenage girls worse, risking long-term effects on their health according to new Department of Health data published today.

The National Diet and Nutrition Survey, which was led by the National Centre for Social Research and MRC Human Nutrition Research, found that teenage girls are only eating half their recommended portions of fruit and veg. And just 56 per cent of teenage girls are getting enough iron in their diet.

While both teenage boys and girls are failing to get their recommended 5-a-day of fruit and veg, girls eat on average half a portion less each day than boys. The findings build on previous surveys and highlight that poor eating habits risk storing up a number of potential problems for later life, such as heart disease and some cancers.'

Sharon Osbourne Makes Insincere Apology about Laughing at the Cutting Off of Men's Penises

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Article here

'Sharon Osbourne is controversial, there's no doubt about it. So when a new story surfaced, telling of how Catherine Becker lopped off her man's penis and tossed it in a garbage disposal, she had to have her say.

And like any other normal person on the planet, Sharon doesn't think it's a good idea to sever your guy's goody parts. Good. I mean, who does that?!??

Firstly, on the show, Sharon had a laugh at the man's expense, saying that she thinks "it's quite fabulous", after admitting that she doesn't know the circumstances or why he filed for divorce. She also referred to it as "hysterical".
...
Now, she has issued an apology, saying, "I do not condone genital mutilation and I didn't mean any harm by laughing about it and I'm sorry that I offended people cause that's not my intention or the intention of the show – it's not what we are about."'

Forbes: Feminism Can’t Divorce Its Debt To Capitalism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While feminism today spans the political spectrum, its most radical proponents were spawned by the same cultural Marxism covered here previously. Feminism ostensibly focused on promoting women, but in practice attacked the traditional family through the sexual revolution, abortion on demand and no-fault divorce. None of which elevates women.

Feminism as exemplified by NOW, and many Women’s Studies professors at universities, interpret life by dividing society between oppressors and oppressed. Like many of their leftist comrades, these self-proclaimed women’s advocates inevitably champion dependence on government intervention or wealth redistribution: gender based affirmative action, legislating away the “wage gap,” and publicly funded daycare.
...
As capitalism endured growing pains, early factories were not the bastions of comfort and ergonomics workers know today. Labor was difficult and often dangerous. Hours were demanding. Conveniences were rare. Early cottage industries and even many factories such as the textile mills in Lowell, Mass., mainly employed women, but young ladies desiring better lives smartly extricated themselves from the workplace.

The Industrial Revolution showered great wealth on many families opening previously unattainable opportunities. Women often sought husbands capable of affording them the chance to manage the home. Finally, women could stay home and care for their own children instead of fighting their way through the world.

But the markets marched onward. Modern workplaces improved — air-conditioned offices, ergonomic tools, shorter hours and better compensation — and timesaving inventions such as vacuums, microwaves and dishwashers improved the dynamics of housework. Free markets birthed advances like baby formula and disposable diapers, further extending the feasible alternatives.

As housework became less consuming and workplaces became more appealing wives opted back in. Today both spouses can enter the workforce while maintaining comfortable living conditions and regular diets. Whether parents stay home and who that might be is nobody else’s concern, but bashing ancestors for not following paths that didn’t then exist is foolish.'

Male bashing on TV must stop

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm getting tired of TV depicting men as small-minded, beer-drinking, softball-playing, girl-ogling, knuckle-dragging oafs who can't do anything for themselves.

More and more, ad agencies, the companies that hire them and the networks are depicting men and dads who can't function in society without help. And while we need help from the women in our lives from time to time, there are plenty of high functioning guys in real life who hold down jobs, who make excellent decisions and who don't waste their days playing video games and sitting on their couch eating salami sandwiches.'

Sharon Osbourne demonstrates innate(?) female misandry on The Talk

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Commentary here.

No felony charge for woman, 61 accused of 'groping a TSA agent's left breast'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 61-year-old woman who was been arrested for groping a female Transportation Security Administration agent's breast will not face felony charges.

An Arizona district attorney has decided to turn the case of Yukari Miyamae - who allegedly violently groped a TSA agent's breast in a Phoenix airport - over to city prosecutors.

Ms Miyamae was at Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix flying home to Colorado when she allegedly grabbed the agent's 'left breast through her clothing, squeezing and twisting it with both hands without the victim's permission,' according to police.'

Stop the Presses: Rep. Poe Calls for Gender-Neutral VAWA

Matt · 21 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

This news just hit the street...Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX) has just called for making the Violence Against Women Act gender neutral.

According to a Washington Times article, Congressman Poe "says he would now support re-writing the legislation as gender neutral....I'm open to changing the name. Domestic Violence Act. I like that phrase."

The article goes on to note, "Mr. Poe also supports replacing the word 'woman' in the legislation to a non-gender specific term like 'person' or 'men and women' or 'men or women.'"

We urge each person reading this Elert to contact Rep. Poe's office right away at 202-225-6565 and express your support for making VAWA gender-inclusive.

SAVE's Partner Violence Reducation Act calls for all provisions of VAWA, including its name, to be made sex-neutral. Rep. Poe is the first national lawmaker to speak out publicly in support of such a change.

The full Washington Times article can be seen here:
http://www.washingtontimes.com/blog/watercooler/2011/jul/21/picket-vawa-supporter-capitol-hill-looks-have-law-/

Sincerely,

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Is Prison Better for Black Men's Health?

anthony · 21 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A federal office dedicated to men's health is long overdue. Excerpt:

'Public health researchers from Vanderbilt University studied death patterns among prisoners and found that Black men in prison die at much lower rates than Black men who are not in prison.

In the American Journal of Epidemiology, the authors wrote:

"Based on the relatively poor health of incarcerated populations and the high mortality rates seen after release, one might predict that inmates would also suffer from high mortality while incarcerated. A recent Bureau of Justice Statistics report, however, showed that while incarcerated, inmates aged 15–64 years experience 19 percent lower mortality than comparably aged controls in the general population; among Blacks, mortality for prisoners is 43 percent lower than age-adjusted mortality for the general Black population."

Forty-three percent is shocking and somewhat ridiculous. What about prison—a place where 850,000 Black men and women million [sic] Black men are housed—is "better" for Black men's lives?

Well the no-duh answer is that health care for Black men in this country is so horrible and so scarce that too many Black men go undiagnosed with their ailments and are not on needed treatment. It seems like the only place where many Black men are accessing health care is when they are locked up.'

Got apology? Milk board cans 'sexist' campaign

Matt · 22 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Not quite a win-- the prevailing idea is that the sexism is directed against women when it is in fact directed against both sexes while making men out to be buffoons and helpless dolts. Excerpt:

'California milk producers have yanked a widely criticized ad campaign that poked fun at premenstrual syndrome and the way men supposedly suffer from the monthly cycles of their wives and girlfriends.

"Over the past couple of weeks, regrettably, some people found our campaign about milk and PMS to be outrageous and misguided — and we apologize to those we offended," the California Milk Processor Board says on its website. "Others thought it funny and educational. It has opened up a topic that affects women, of course, but also relationships."

Instead of abandoning the campaign completely, the milk producers are extending it by seeking to capitalize on the controversy surrounding it. They've put up a new website titled "got discussion?" featuring pro and con views and inviting people to join the discussion.

The original campaign, titled "Everything I Do Is Wrong," directed men to a website that featured pictures of puzzled men and aimed to help them with a color-coded "current global PMS level," a "video apology enhancer" and a "mistake verification system," among other features.'

Climate Change Could Hurt Teen Girls The Most

Broadsword · 22 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'LONDON (AlertNet) - At the intersection of two of the world's most vulnerable groups – children and women - adolescent girls may end up bearing the biggest burden of climate change impacts, according to a new report.

In times of economic hardship - often caused by droughts, floods or other natural disasters - girls regularly suffer from a lack educational opportunities, sexual violence, and early and forced marriages, all consequences of what the report calls “the double jeopardy brought on by gender and age.”

While recent research shows that women and children deserve special attention in climate change legislation, “girls often fall out between both camps,” according to Kanwal Ahluwalia, a co-author of the study and an expert in gender-equality policy with Plan UK, a children’s charity.

In many countries, women’s relatively stifled freedoms put them in harm’s way when it comes to climate change, she said.'

Mother fed alcohol to four-year-old and 10-month-old children

Minuteman · 23 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A mother allegedly let her four-year old son chug a bottle of beer and fed her 10-month-old daughter booze in a Connecticut playground.

Juliette Dunn, 29, has been charged with two counts of risk of injury to a child and two counts second-degree assault after a neighbour saw her in the playground and complained to police on June 28, the Connecticut Post reports.

A 33-year-old woman who was with Ms Dunn in the playground, Lisa Jefferson, was arrested on the same charges.

The children were taken to Bridgeport Hospital where they both tested positive for alcohol. The baby girl also tested positive for cocaine.

Witnesses told police they had seen Ms Jefferson hand the beer to her friend's son and order him to scull it, calling him an "alcoholic" when he finished.'

Sharon Osbourne: “I Hope Homme’s Penis Falls Off!”

anthony · 23 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This dates back to 2007 but I'm noticing a trend.

'Sharon Osbourne has let rip on Queens Of The Stone Age frontman Josh Homme, saying that she hopes his manhood drops off and gets eaten by, am, his mum.

Sharona vicious tirade, which well bring you more of in a second, follows Hommes remark about Ozzfest, the festival run by Mr Osbourne, aka Ozzy.

The QOTSA man said that he'd never play the festival again because They treat bands like sh*t.

In response, Sharon raised the bar on bad taste, and wished him the following: "I hope he gets syphilis and dies, Sharon cheerfully told Blender magazine. "I hope his dick fu*king falls off so his mother can eat it."

Ouch.'

The Noble Lie, Feminist Style

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The phenomenon of false rape allegations is an ultimate feminist taboo; indeed, leading feminist legal theorist Catharine MacKinnon has stated that “feminism is built on believing women’s accounts of sexual use and abuse by men.” In some instances of political correctness run amok at universities, students and professors have been accused of “harassment” for so much as raising the possibility of false accusations in class or in online discussions. While orthodox feminists grudgingly admit that women sometimes make false reports of rape, they insist that such cases represent a minuscule share of all complaints and that to give them much attention is to perpetuate misogynistic “rape myths” and revictimize real victims.

...

Nonetheless, the fact remains that women do lie about rape much more often than the feminist party line allows. Advocacy literature typically claims that about 2 percent of rape complaints are found to be false, the same rate as for reports of other violent crimes. But that figure seems to have no basis in research. According to the FBI, about 9 percent of rape reports are dismissed as “unfounded,” without charges being filed. While advocates claim that this is often because the authorities lack proof or distrust reports of acquaintance rape, dismissals due to insufficient evidence usually occur further down the pipeline. Generally, an “unfounded” complaint is one in which the accuser recants or her story is contradicted by available evidence.

...

While Kanin has cautioned against generalizing from his research, his conclusion that “false rape accusations are not uncommon” is supported by other evidence. Some years ago, a Washington Post investigation in Virginia and Maryland found that nearly one in four rape reports in 1990-91 were rejected as unfounded, and many of the women in those cases admitted they had lied when the newspaper contacted them. In several surveys of prosecutors and law enforcement officials, estimates of the share of rape complaints that turn out to be false have ranged from one in eight to one in five.'

Bryant Gumbel sees a women’s sports double standard

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the wake of the U.S. women’s soccer team losing the World Cup final to Japan last weekend, Bryant Gumbel of HBO Sports asked: “Can we stop coddling women in sports? Are we now so fearful of being labelled sexist that we can’t objectively assess the efforts of female athletes?”

Most [male] American reporters did adopt the ‘Gee, they-kick-the-ball-pretty-well-for-girls’ approach, dodging serious criticism of the U.S. players dropping the WC Final. Others followed Mitch Albom of the Detroit Free Press, extolling the high calibre of the tournament, saying he’s now a convert to women’s soccer. Few besides Gumbel ripped the team for allowing the underdog Japanese to win - a distinction they shared with Japan’s other victims, it might be added.

“Had a men’s team turned in a similar performance,” Gumbel said on the season premiere of HBO’s Real Sports, “papers and pundits nationwide would have had a field day assailing the players, criticizing the coach, and demanding widespread changes to a men’s national team that flat-out choked. Yet the common reactions to this ladies’ loss were simply expressions of empathy for the defeat of the unfortunate darlings and pride in their oh-so-heroic effort.”'

'Well, excuse us as we objectify men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In relation to the issue, my friend Lourisse informs me that she's delighted to say that HBO has finally started exercising their right to feature male frontal nudity, a move she considers long overdue since the network is known for an extensive liberal serving of exposed women's breasts and other lewd sexual content. We toast to the progressive move of HBO's genitalia-on-air, followed by a collective promise to one day achieve our goal of being able to objectify men, just as they do to women.
...
At this point in time, and especially in this society, we all agree that it's about time women have equal rights to objectify men. Not to say that the objectification of the human body and sexuality is by any means correct — it's just that we've seen women over and over again being misrepresented and exploited on public advertisements, and for the first time Bench is actually giving us women that equal right to ogle at men and make them feel like fine pieces of meat.'

UK push for girl power on Boards of Directors

anthony · 23 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'LONDON - The UK government published a code of conduct drawn up by executive-search firms aimed at boosting the number of women on company boards, including a recommendation that 30 per cent of candidates be female.

“When presenting their long lists, search firms should ensure that at least 30 per cent of the candidates are women — and, if not, should explicitly justify to the client why they are convinced there are no other qualified female options,” according to the voluntary guidelines announced on Friday by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills in London.

Nineteen leading headhunting firms have pledged to sign up to the code for future boardroom appointments, the BIS said. Among the signatories are Korn/Ferry Whitehead Mann, the UK arm of Korn/Ferry International.

A panel led by Mervyn Davies, the ex-chairman of Standard Chartered Plc, recommended in February that companies in the UK’s benchmark FTSE 100 index should double the proportion of women on their boards to 25 per cent. It said shareholders should hold companies to account if they fail to appoint more women.'

'Loving The Talk'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I always agree with Sharon Osbourne, who is English and outrageous. Lately they were discussing the second Lorena Bobbit case in the USA but it's a woman with a different, difficult name. Anyway this woman cut off her husband's organ and (learning from Lorena who threw it out of her car window thus her husband could retrieve it and a surgeon sew it back) threw it down her garbage disposal unit. In the USA every sink comes with a garbage disposal unit, which liquifies whatever you throw down it and you turn on the running water. Now let's see if there's a doctor who can sew a liquified thing back on!

Well, that was a funny show. Sharon Osbourne completely defended the woman, feeling she was right to do what she did. Did she tell the woman to do it? No, the woman already did it. The Talk was just commenting. Could they have prevented it from happening? No, they did not control the woman. As I remember it the discussion brought laughter to the five women so when I watched it on Wednesday morning and saw the women apologizing for the irreverence they showed genital mutilation, I was upset. What happened to you? I wanted to ask. Did some activist accuse you of supporting genital mutilation and the network decided they did not want to offend activists so they asked you to apologize? Or did some male network executive decide to ask you to apologize to the public because you threatened male crotches? All you did was approve of the gesture a wife accorded her husband after she found out he had been horrendously unfaithful to her. What was wrong with that? You did not tell all women to cut off their husband's if they discovered him to be unfaithful. That takes either extraordinary rage or extraordinary bravery but that one woman had both and did it then liquified it, I think that deserves applause. Don't listen to the few males who sent their opinions. Anybody who objects, read his opinion on air but don't apologize for your behavior. You did no wrong.

Catherine Kieu Becker fan pages on Facebook

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Page here. I'm speechless. Some of the comments from the FB page:

"LMFAO ! I love her
She is my hero my inspiration
He must have really deserved it!! LOL
You know he just pissed her off one too many times ..... "

Another here, description:

'THIS IS A SUPPORT GROUP FOR CATHERINE IF YOU CHOOSE OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE BANNED AND BLOCKED OFF THIS PAGE PERMANENTLY GO STATE YOUR OPINION SOMEWHERE ELSE WHERE SOMEONE ACTUALLY GAF that is all :] our thoughts and prayers go out to Catherine and her family ♥ free catherine!.'

How England became the 'divorce capital of the world'

Broadsword · 24 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

The unprecedented settlement of up to £220 million, agreed by Russian oligarch Boris Berezovsky in his divorce from his second wife, Galina, represents the largest ever pay-out in the UK.

Although Mr Berezovsky settled the divorce award out of court, the size of the sum reflects the growing reputation of British courts for awarding generous settlements to the wives of rich men.

Last year, a Nigerian woman, Sikirat Agbaje managed to increase her settlement to £275,000, almost 10 times the original settlement awarded to her in a Nigerian court, after bringing her case to the High Court in London.

In April this year, Russian tycoon Ilva Golubovich was forced to pay his student wife Elena £2.8 million after their 18-month marriage ended. It was claimed by Mr Golubovich's lawyers that she tried to file for divorce in Britain in an attempt to secure a larger settlement for herself and their two-year old daughter, while he sought to have the marriage formally ended in Russia, where payouts are far lower.
...
Sir Mark Potter, one of the judges who upheld the award in the Charman case, said the English courts' emphasis on equality in settlements had fuelled the growing number of wives travelling to the UK to seek divorces from their wealthy husbands.'

Attorney: 'More than meets eye' in (Kieu) penis-slashing case

anthony · 24 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'The attorney for a woman accused of cutting off her husband's penis said Friday that there is "more than meets the eye" to the case but declined to speak in further detail.

Catherine Kieu briefly appeared in court early Friday but did not enter a plea to charges that include torture. A judge set bail at $1 million and scheduled another hearing in late September for her to enter her plea.

Kieu, 48, spoke through a Vietnamese interpreter during the hearing. That was a change from a court hearing earlier this month, when she answered "Yes" in a strong voice to the judge's questions in English.

Her public defender, Frank Bittar, declined to speak about the case outside the courtroom. "There's a lot there, to the case, more than meets the eye," he said. A young man and woman who met with him after the hearing also declined to comment and would not say whether they were Kieu's friends or family.'

Woman Charged With Domestic Abuse For Assault On Man's Penis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PENN HILLS, Pa. -- A police officer found a man on the street near his Penn Hills home, grabbing his genital area and yelling that a woman hurt him severely.
...
The victim told police he was sitting on the couch with his father when his girlfriend returned uninvited and pushed open the front door.

The father said it was unprovoked, and he tried to intervene and keep her away from his son.
...
“The young lady did grab him by his penis and was pulling rather strongly, which forced him to follow her onto the porch and eventually the street area,” said Penn Hills Police Chief Howard Burton.
...
Kieston Roofner, 23, of Zelienople, was arrested on charges of domestic violence.
...
Police said they were at the victim’s home, where the couple was fighting before the assault. They said Roofner was asked to leave.'

Hotel maid in Strauss-Kahn case speaks out

Matt · 24 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Thought it all just went away, didn't you? No. Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters) - The New York hotel maid who accused former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn of attempting to rape her said in an interview published on Newsweek's website on Sunday that he appeared as a "crazy man" and attacked her when she entered his room.

Nafissatou Diallo also gave the newsmagazine and ABC News permission to identify her by name.

The magazine interview marks the first time the 32-year-old Guinean immigrant to the United States has publicly spoken to the media since she shocked the world with allegations that Strauss-Kahn emerged naked from the bathroom of his luxury suite on May 14 and forced her to perform oral sex.
...

ABC News on Sunday also announced it would broadcast an interview with Diallo on Monday morning.

"I want justice. I want him to go to jail," she said in excerpts from the television interview released on Sunday.
...
"Her lawyers and public relations consultants have orchestrated an unprecedented number of media events and rallies to bring pressure on the prosecutors in this case after she had to admit her extraordinary efforts to mislead them."
...
Wigdor said Diallo has worried that prosecutors would drop the charges. "That has been a concern, but we're all hopeful that the district attorney's going to do the right thing," he said.'

Male Birth Control? New Contraceptives Making Strides in Research

anthony · 25 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Elaine Lissner, director of the Male Contraception Information Project, formed a foundation to develop other approaches, the Times reported. One such method, “reversible inhibition of sperm under guidance,” or Risug, involves injecting gel into the scrotum to effectively deactivate sperm.

Another involves briefly heating the testes with ultrasound, which can halt sperm production for months, she told the paper. “I can imagine a world where you take your car in every six months to get your oil changed and go next door and get your ultrasound for 50 bucks," said Blithe.'

Is the NCAA Anti-Male?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Instead of funding women's sports through student fees (or other methods), the NCAA decided that money should come from athletic department budgets. The fact that male football and basketball players were creating the revenue and receiving none of the proceeds was beside the point. To the NCAA, the players were being well remunerated with a free college education, and the revenues they were generating were needed for the other sports. This policy became a shibboleth of the academic elite, and no one dared to challenge the established orthodoxy. After all, remember what happened to Lawrence Summers when he confronted the Women's rights bloc at Harvard. Why rock the boat when the only ones being taken advantage of were the athletes, who "all" thought that they would eventually hit a big payday in professional sports. The fact that this pie-in-the-sky scenario never happened for most men playing college football or basketball didn't matter. It covered the behinds of the NCAA.'

OUR VIEW: Stop favoring girls over boys (poll)

anthony · 25 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dwight Johnson's son cannot play in a state-sanctioned volleyball tournament because he is a boy. The Colorado State High School Activities Association refuses to sanction a volleyball tournament for boys, even though it sanctions one for girls. Johnson, of Colorado Springs, is suing the U.S. Department of Education, claiming that federal efforts to protect girls have backfired on boys and caused them a lack of equal protection as guaranteed by the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.'

Former wife cuts off Sukkur man's genitals

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 25-year-old man, Abid Pervaiz, was brought to Jinnah hospital at 1pm on Thursday with severe genital mutilation wounds. Doctors on duty said it was a miracle that the man had survived despite severe bleeding.

According to Mehmoodabad police station's duty officer SI Mohammad Azeem, Abid hails from Sukkur and was living in Mehmoodabad No. 5 with some distant relatives. He was divorced, but began communicating with his ex-wife again.

The couple decided to meet again and hired a room at the Royal City hotel, where the woman allegedly laced fruit juice with some sleeping pills. When Abid drowsily woke up, he discovered that his penis had been cut off. Azeem says although Abid was still in a state of shock, doctors have somehow managed to save his life.

"Abid told me that before he passed out completely, he heard his former wife speaking to someone on the phone, saying that she had carried out her plan," the officer says.'

Films About Men in Abusive Relationships

Matt · 25 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Came across this blog entry and thought it may make a good resource especially if fleshed out. The blog author is looking for suggested additions, so go for it if you have one!

Another Facebook Page In Support of Catherine Kieu... getting life in prison

xtrnl · 25 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

How refreshing! The page is here. Kudos to whoever made this in response to the sickening support pages for Catherine Kieu. Description:

'This woman cut off her husband's penis and throws it down garbage disposal. They were going through divorce. Want to read more? Go to http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/13/us-severed-penis-idUSTRE76C3MG20110713

She should be given life jail sentence for what she did. She's an animal and should be treated as such!'

Dr. Phil's Testimony was 'Reckless and False,' Group Charges

Matt · 25 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

SAVE press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, July 25, 2011 — /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, a national victim-advocacy organization, is charging that Dr. Phillip McGraw, a TV personality known to many as Dr. Phil, made claims at a recent Senate committee hearing that were "reckless and false."

...

During his testimony, Dr. McGraw made repeated statements about violence against women, but glossed over the widespread problem of abuse against men. McGraw made a number of claims that were flatly wrong, SAVE alleges.

Dr. McGraw asserted that "Domestic violence is now the most common cause of injury to women ages 15 to 44." But the actual leading causes of injury to women are falls, overexertion, and car accidents. McGraw told the senators that "In too many situations violence against women, young and old, is almost treated as an 'acceptable crime.'" But that statement ignores research showing over 90% of Americans abhor domestic violence.

...

"Two weeks ago Catherine Becker allegedly sliced off her husband's penis and tossed it in the garbage disposal," notes SAVE spokesman Philip Cook. "The gruesome incident took place just miles from Dr. Phil's southern California home. But by the time Dr. McGraw arrived in Washington for the hearing, all awareness of male victimization seemingly had vanished from his mind."'

Basque Parliament to correct "failure" of the law : Both Parents To Obtain Information About The Child

Anonymous · 26 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Not surprisingly, usually the person who has custody of the child-mothers -86% is receiving the information from school, while another part remains outside. Not that there is no regulation about it but, as reported associations of parents divorced, is not fulfilled and the circular was referred to before is no longer in charge.

Today the Basque Parliament will take a step to end this situation. Although yet to define the formula to use, the parliamentary groups will urge the Department of Education to select protocols for action in schools to ensure the right and obligation of both parents to know their children's school progress: notes, circulars briefings, meetings with tutors, school changes, model etc. The PNV is training that has led the debate by presenting a proposition of law that urges the Cabinet Isabel Celaá to forward to the start of the school clear guidelines to all schools, in cases of separation or divorce, so that both parents receive all the information and that both parents are invited to the meetings.'

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F&F: Holstein Meets with Presidential Candidate Gary Johnson; Johnson Condemns Family Court ‘Injustices’

Matt · 26 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Excerpt:

'Gary Johnson, a former two-term Republican Governor of New Mexico and current presidential candidate, met with Fathers and Families Board Chairman Ned Holstein, MD, MS in Manchester, New Hampshire on Thursday, July 21.

Governor Johnson made his support for family court reform clear when responding to questions from F & F activists at several campaign events. At one, Johnson told F & F activists Roy Corbeil and Seth Diamond, “[Family court] is an area that is really ripe for reform…I understand this issue and have researched hundreds of these cases.”

As Governor, Johnson set aside one afternoon per month to spend five minutes with any resident of New Mexico who wanted to meet with him. Many who came to see him were fathers who had been treated unfairly in the family courts. He told Holstein, “family court injustices are one of the great injustices of our time.”'

SAVE: The PVRA Offers Hope to Victims

Matt · 26 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

Abuse shelters in Washington DC currently have a 3-month wait-period, and most likely, this is true of shelters across the country. The cause of the problem can be traced back to expanding definitions and lack of requirements for proof of abuse.

The PVRA limits the definition of domestic violence to "felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence," so victims of physical violence don't have to take a number and wait their turn.

Abused men who look for help are often turned away, and in some cases arrested. Most shelters only accept female clients. Some shelters that claim to give hotel vouchers to abused men, do not.

The PVRA makes the law gender-inclusive and removes discriminatory policies.

The Partner Violence Reduction Act (PVRA) offers hope to physical abuse victims by:

- Promoting proven abuse-reduction strategies
- Tightening definitions, so real victims aren't put on waiting lists
- Allowing partner reconciliation when the abuse is minor, keeping more families together
- Ending gender discrimination

If you haven't done so yet, sign the petition:

http://www.change.org/petitions/hope-for-victims-support-the-partner-violence-reduction-act.

Also, call and thank Representative Ted Poe (R-TX) for calling for a gender neutral abuse law: 202-225-6565. Link to article:

http://www.washingtontimes.com/blog/watercooler/2011/jul/21/picket-vawa-supporter-capitol-hill-looks-have-law-/

While you're at it, call your own legislators and ask them to support the PVRA. To find your senators' and representative's phone numbers, you may use http://www.congress.org/congressorg/directory/congdir.tt or call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202)224-3121 and ask for your senators' and/or representative's office.

Sincerely,

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Teri Stoddard, Program Director

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No difference in women’s and men’s self-esteem in youth and early adulthood

fondueguy · 27 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The researchers, led by Ruth Yasemin Erol, MSc, tested how five personality traits —openness, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness and neuroticism —affect self-esteem. In addition, they looked at subjects’ sense of life mastery, risk-taking tendencies, gender, ethnicity, health and income.
...
“The converging evidence on gender similarity in self-esteem is important because false beliefs in gender differences in self-esteem may carry substantial costs,” Erol said. “For example, parents, teachers and counselors may overlook self-esteem problems in male adolescents and young men because of the widespread belief that men have higher self-esteem than women have.”'

Feminist TV in Sweden asks "Is Your Guy A Pig?"

Anonymous · 27 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Is your guy a pig?

Is your guy does not host you? Are you tired of that he never grows up? We can help you bring order to the relationship.

Is your boyfriend, self-absorbed, jealous, a miser or a real Casanova? Or do you have other small or major troubles in the relationship that it's time to grab?

Help us help you! Now you can bring order to your relationship and at the same time be part of an exciting television adventure. Do not miss out, sign up today. Do you know anyone else who also fits the description, you can also tell about her / him.'

News submitted by

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Why we should protect those accused of rape

Kratch · 27 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What do David Copperfield, Michael Flatley, the Duke lacrosse team, the four Hofstra students, Rene Angelil (Celine Dion's manager-husband), Rick Pitino, Kobe Bryant, KBR/Halliburton and Julian Assange have in common? All were accused off rape, and will, in all likelihood, be remembered for that association, regardless of what ultimately happens (Assange's case is ongoing; none of the cases have led to a conviction). It is time for a modest reform in rape jurisprudence; the accused should be granted anonymity unless and until found guilty.

Ray Donovan, Reagan's treasury secretary, after he was acquitted of trumped-up corruption charges, famously asked: "Where do I go to get my reputation back?" Before Dominique Strauss-Kahn knocks on that door, the short answer is: Nowhere, not possible, it is a permanent stain. President of France? Forget it. Even the French cringe at a man with a damaged reputation representing their country.'

Breast ironing tradition targeted in Cameroon

Geredeth · 28 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Another story about a horrific practice, but once again just reading the comments between this and the problem in the same country, with the same people, but dealing with males... and the stark contrast in replies. Since this very horrific practice deals with females, it is bad and the government should get involved. If it involves chopping off pieces of male anatomy, or many other issues such as being hunted down and your family harmed because you don't want that anatomy damaged, then it is fun and games. One important part: "Now, charities have embarked on campaigns to educate mothers in Cameroon that sex education -- not breast ironing -- is the solution to ending teenage pregnancy." But to stop males from being affected by sex at a young age, education isn't needed, surgery is. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Every morning before school, nine-year-old Terisia Techu would undergo a painful procedure. Her mother would take a burning hot pestle straight out of a fire and use it to press her breasts.

With tears in her eyes as she recalls what it was like, Terisia tells CNN that one day the pestle was so hot, it burned her, leaving a mark. Now 18, she is still traumatized.

Her mother, Grace, denies the incident. But she proudly demonstrates the method she used on her daughter for several weeks, saying the goal was to make her less desirable to boys -- and stave off pregnancy.'

Washington Post reviews 'Guilty Until Proven Innocent'

Matt · 28 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Review here. As expected, not entirely favorable. You can always contact them with your feedback or of course, post a comment to the reviewer's blog. Excerpt:

'After viewing an advance screener, I can safely call “Guilty” less a documentary and more a polemic. The movie consists of a series of one-sided-interviews interspersed with flashes of startling statistics about how fathers are most often cheated out of custody and overburdened by support requirements.
...
Though only first names are provided for these men, there’s a good chance their stories have validity. There is certainly evidence that many men have endured injustice in the family court system. In the case that went before the Supreme Court, that father had been jailed for a year for failing to pay support even though the court never considered that he couldn’t pay.
...
In “Guilty,” the unseen and unheard mothers are the villains, as well as a few judges and the family court system as a whole.

That’s too bad. The issues raised are larger than gender. We don’t have to look too far to find mothers who have also been brutalized by family court. Remember the story of Alaina Giordano, the mother who lost custody of her children because, in part, she was stricken with cancer?'

IA: Act Now - Tell UNAIDS and the WHO: Circumcision Does Not Prevent AIDS

Matt · 28 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

Intact America was in Rome last week for the annual International AIDS Society Conference (IAS 2011). We spoke with hundreds of key influencers and policy makers, sharing the critical message that circumcision does not prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

It's critical that UNAIDS (Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS) and the World Health Organization (WHO) stop supporting mass circumcisions, and accept the fact that there are other, better ways to fight the HIV epidemic. We've created a petition to help them get that message.

Will you make your voice heard, and sign our petition today?

We need your help to make sure that UNAIDS and WHO get the message that the mass practice of circumcision is an unethical and dangerous distraction in the battle against HIV and AIDS.

Mother wins right to more than half of ex-husband's £500,000 crash compensation payout as 'her needs are greater'

Broadsword · 29 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman battling her amputee ex-husband for the lion's share of his £500,000 compensation has won the right to more than half his money in a landmark ruling. The Appeal Court declared that her needs and those of their children were more important than those of the disabled man.

Lord Justice Thorpe ruled that the money Kevin Mansfield received in 1998 after losing a leg in a road smash - five years before he met his former wife Cathryn - ought to be 'available to all his family' and that the needs of his ex-wife and their four-year-old twins were 'primary' and outweighed his own.

Mr Mansfield, 41, now faces having to sell his home, a specially adapted bungalow in Chelmsford, Essex - to meet the court's order that he pay £285,000 to 37-year-old Cathryn, so she can buy a new home for herself and their two children.

But Lord Justice Thorpe left Mr Mansfield with a glimmer of hope by also ordering that £95,000 of the money must be paid back to him by his ex-wife if she remarries a partner who can support her, or in 14 years time, once their children have grown up.'

Octomom refuses responsibility for all those children

redwoodwriter · 29 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Since the Octamom claims to have been celibate for 12 years, she cannot use typical rape accusations to make a man responsible for her irresponsible behavior. This innovative woman instead is claiming that another man involved in the process, her doctor, is in fact to blame. Some women seem to have an infinite set of excuses to avoid taking responsibility for their bad behavior. One cannot help but wonder if this transfer of responsibility would not have taken place if she was (1) accepted by others for her deviant behavior, and/or (2) if she was able to pay for all those kids. Perhaps this is just a ploy to upgrade her reputation, stay in the limelight, and get more money. Excerpt:

'Los Angeles (CNN) -- Nadya Suleman on Thursday blamed the creation of the "Octomom character" that she has become synonymous with in part on a California fertility specialist who, she said, had her sign a consent form while she was drugged.

The California woman said she did not mean to have eight children in January 2009, in addition to the six she already had. But while she admitted she did want more children, she insisted she was in no condition to understand a form Dr. Michael Kamrava put in front of her before implanting 12 embryos.

"He wrote something, he gave it to me to sign," Suleman told HLN's Dr. Drew Pinsky on Thursday night. She said she was then on "a cocktail of drugs" including Valium at the Beverly Hills doctor's office because her uterus was contracting. "I signed it, and I didn't read it."'

Public shame list of "deadbeat dads"

ItsDan · 29 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Those men owe the most on a nine-person wanted poster for non-payment of child support circulated beginning Thursday by Hamilton County Job and Family Services. The seven men and two women on the poster owe a combined $488,000 to 18 children.

"There is really no excuse for shirking your responsibility to financially support your child," said Moira Weir, agency director.'

No excuse? Not even unemployment? Complete and utter poverty?

Excellent resource on the topic here.

Is The Playing Field Level For Men In The Family Court System?

anthony · 29 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The father's rights movement isn't an anti-mom or anti-woman movement; it's an anti-unfairness movement. It just so happens that moms have most of the power in the family court system in America.

It's true there has been progress in the family law system overcoming its gender bias, though rarely is the playing field even. In order to be truly fair to both parties, courts need to be completely gender blind, which is simply not the case.

In family law, more than any other area of the law, judges have a huge amount of discretion allowing ample opportunity for biases that we all as human beings have.

Since those presumptions are frequently held against fathers, men must spend more time, money, and effort just to try to get to a level playing field in a family law courtroom.'

Hideki Irabu found dead in California during split-up

anthony · 29 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. It's very possible parental alienation was a factor in his suicide. Excerpt:

'Irabu pitched in an American independent league and signed with a Japanese team in recent years while living with his family in Southern California. Neighbors believe Irabu had grown despondent recently because of a split with his wife.

Mary Feuerlicht said she was about to go pick up her son on Wednesday morning when a man came running down the driveway from Irabu's large two-story home, perched atop a hill with views of the harbor and downtown Los Angeles, pleading with her to call police.

Feuerlicht said she was later told by sheriff's deputies and the man who asked her for help that Irabu's wife had left him, taking their two young daughters. She hadn't seen Irabu's wife and children for two months, but said the family regularly left town for the summer.'

Proposed Circumcision Ban Struck From San Francisco Ballot

Anonymous · 30 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It looks as if the City by the Bay won't vote on a circumcision ban after all.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Loretta Giorgi ruled Thursday that the measure to criminalize circumcision must be withdrawn from the November ballot because it would violate a California law that makes regulating medical procedures a state -- not a city -- matter.

Giorgi then ordered San Francisco's election director to remove the measure from city ballots.

The ban would have made it illegal to "circumcise, excise, cut or mutilate the whole or any part of the foreskin, testicles or penis of another person who has not attained the age of 18 years." And under that ban, any person who performed circumcisions would face a misdemeanor charge and have to pay up to a fine of up to $1,000 or serve a maximum of one year in prison.

...
"This is the most direct assault on Jewish religious practice in the United States," said Stern. "It's unprecedented in American Jewish life."

"We would agree with the Jewish religious and legal scholars regarding the practice, and ... to my knowledge, there is no compelling medical reason to ban it," said Ibrahim Ramey, the human civil rights program director at the Muslim American Society Freedom Foundation. "There are religious sensitivities that are involved and the decision to circumcise ought best be left to the parents of the child, and not a political referendum."

Stern said that the Jewish community has held strategy meetings to diminish the proposal.

"We want to erase the message that anyone else can try to take away a central ritual, practiced for centuries without harm, to make sure no one tries to replicate this," Stern said.
...
Schofield had said that he and the "intactivists" have a broad range of support among a variety of demographic groups.

"We're taking it one step at a time," said Schofield. "If it doesn't pass this time, then I'm sure it will be tried again."

Schofield refused to say whether he is circumcised or not.

"I don't want the focus to be on me and have people use it as an excuse not to look at the issue itself," he said.'

"Men and Marriage"

Matt · 31 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Came across this essay. The way I see it, broadly, there are two different kinds of MRAs. There are non-traditionalists who want to see men given equal opportunity to be liberated from traditional role constraints (and it's this camp I definitely fall into since IMJ it represents the greatest chance for equal justice for men) and the traditionalists who want to see society return to a more traditional approach to gender roles. This essay is one in defense of traditionalism. So while I am not of this POV, and I feel the author injects prejudice and overgeneralization in several key areas of his arguments, I do see the practical issue relevance it raises in terms of certain specific gender roles, especially where the raising of children is concerned. It's hard to deny, for example, that boys raised without fathers have a much harder time of it than boys raised with fathers, and numerous studies bear this out. Excerpt:

'Without a stable family order, in which adult men civilize the young men, terror necessarily rules. No array of daycare centers, police powers, social welfare agencies, psychiatric or drug clinics, special schools and prisons can have any significant effect. William Tucker's fine new book Vigilante vividly shows the imbecile bathos into which our legal system has already fallen as a result of the decline of the stark mandate of justice into the weasels and waffles of social liberation.

At a time when millions of young men are slipping beyond the reach of democratic institutions - indeed, outside the social order itself - the drive to emasculate our politics threatens the foundations of democracy itself. Democracy is not so secure a system that in a serious crisis it can easily survive the loss of the instinctual appeal of male leadership. A state oin [sic] which the police and other governmental authorities are heavily in female hands would not last a week. The very emergence of such a state would itself signify either the massive estrangement of men from politics or the degeneration of democracy into some court-ruled system of quotas.

It is part of [Phyllis] Schlafly's genius to have persistently linked the concerns of family with the reform of education, the conservative revival of our politics, and the rehabilitation of our military. From her concern with the national defense to her defense of the nation's families, she espouses a fully coherent vision of the American predicament. A society of families both constrains male aggressions and channels them toward the protection and support of family and society.
...
Together with the tragic breakdown of the American black family, the Swedish example should disabuse Americans of the illusion that it couldn't happen here. Family breakdown and demoralization can occur with frightening suddenness when government policy destroys the role of the male provider in the family. The alternative to traditional family roles is not a unisex family; it is sexual suicide.'

Too fragile for politics?

anthony · 31 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It about time that someone told this woman what she needed to hear and if she can't stand the heat, she should stay out of the kitchen. Debbie Wasserman Schultz has repeated taunted West in public, even heading up a protest march outside West's campaign headquarters. She has made earlier charges against this man, claiming that he associated with vicious, degrading attitudes toward women because he contributed a column to a biker magazine that some found objectionable.

Well what is good for the goose, is good for the gander, and Ms. Schultz, along with her cackle of fellow women, are acting completely inappropriately. Politics is a dirty game, and Schultz has demonstrated her ability to play the game as well as any one else, male or female. But now that someone is standing up to her, and gives her a taste of her own medicine, the poor little victim cries sexism. Well too bad for Debbie Wasserman Schultz.'

Mila Kunis on Sexism in Hollywood

anthony · 31 July 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If Mila Kunis doesn't think she's taken seriosly because of her looks, maybe she shouldn't pose in her underwear for GQ magazine. Excerpt:

'Mila Kunis thinks women can be taken seriously as comedians in Hollywood -- but it's hard.

"The bottom line is if you're an attractive female in this industry, people just take you as that: attractive. People aren't getting the opportunity to move beyond being attractive," she tells the August issue of GQ while promoting her new movie, Friends With Benefits, in theaters July 22.

"It's not only with comedy. It could be with drama or action or whatever. People are distracted by looks. It happens. I'm not saying it happened to me, but it happens," she continues.'

Affordable Care Act Ensures Women Receive Preventive Services at No Additional Cost

Minuteman · 1 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to news release here. Excerpt:

'Historic new guidelines that will ensure women receive preventive health services at no additional cost were announced today by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Developed by the independent Institute of Medicine, the new guidelines require new health insurance plans to cover women's preventive services such as well-woman visits, breastfeeding support, domestic violence screening, and contraception without charging a co-payment, co-insurance or a deductible.

"The Affordable Care Act helps stop health problems before they start," said HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. "These historic guidelines are based on science and existing literature and will help ensure women get the preventive health benefits they need."

Before health reform, too many Americans didn't get the preventive health care they need to stay healthy, avoid or delay the onset of disease, lead productive lives, and reduce health care costs. Often because of cost, Americans used preventive services at about half the recommended rate.'

UK: Woman who threatened Huddersfield cabbie with fake rape claim before robbing him is jailed

anthony · 1 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN who threatened to make a false rape claim against a taxi driver has been jailed for robbing him.

Brighouse Taxis employee Mohammed Asif had picked up Natalie Woods in Rastrick, along with Nicola Cliberon and Mark Mbye, and was taking them into Huddersfield town centre last November when she began making fake sexual advances towards him.

Prosecutor Simon Batiste said Mr Asif eventually stopped the taxi and asked for his fare, but after Cliberon and Mbye got out Woods, 38, who was in the front passenger seat, asked him to drive further up Chapel Lane.

At one stage Woods told the cabbie to give her his money or she would scream and say that he had tried to rape her.

Mr Asif called Woods' bluff and threatened to call the police, but she asked him not to and he drove the car back down the street.'

Dr. Phil Show to Feature Male Victims of DV

Matt · 1 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is pleased to announce that the Dr. Phil Show will be featuring a program devoted to the topic of male victims of domestic violence. The program will be aired in mid-September. The show will feature SAVE spokesman Philip W. Cook and several male victims of partner abuse.

The decision to devote a program to male victims followed Dr. Phil McGraw's testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee on July 13, 2011 - see SAVE's July 25 press release:

http://www.saveservices.org/2011/07/press-release-dr-phil%E2%80%99s-testimony-was-%E2%80%98reckless-and-false%E2%80%99-group-charges

For more information on how domestic violence programs discriminate against male victims, see SAVE's Special Report:

http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/Domestic-Violence-Programs-Discriminate-Against-Male-Victims

SAVE applauds the Dr. Phil Show for its recognition and support of all victims of domestic violence.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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Kenya: Forced Male Circumcision and a Struggle for Justice

Minuteman · 2 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Somewhat tastelessly, there is a link on the page to a completely unrelated January 2011 magazine section article entitled "More on circumcision: The Kindest Cut" about HIV/AIDS and mass circumcision in Swaziland, presumably to down-play the grotesqueness of this article. Link here. Excerpt:

'Similar attacks were recorded elsewhere in Kibera and in other parts of the country, including the volatile Rift Valley, up until late February 2008, when Kibaki and Odinga reached a power-sharing deal. The lack of reporting on the part of victims, however, has complicated efforts to arrive at a national total. A government inquiry noted, for instance, that many victims in the Rift Valley were "too traumatized" to come forward.

While Odondi and some other Luos, a tribe that doesn't traditionally practice male circumcision, can describe their individual experiences of forced circumcision with marked candor, the International Criminal Court (ICC) is still struggling to find words for the crime. Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo, who is pursuing crimes against humanity charges against six prominent Kenyans in connection with the post-election crisis, moved in December to charge the crime under "other forms of sexual violence," the category used for atrocities such as sexual slavery and forced prostitution.

But judges disagreed, ruling in March that the crime should fall under "other inhumane acts," a separate category of crimes that cause "great suffering" or "serious injury to body or to mental or physical health."
...
Despite the ingrained discrimination -- and periodic bouts of violence -- targeting uncircumcised men in some areas, the issue receives little public attention. "No one has ever talked about male circumcision. It's just not visible," Wangechi said.

Ocampo can present new evidence about forced male circumcision during the 2007 and 2008 crisis at confirmation hearings scheduled for September. Wangechi said a subsequent decision by judges to reclassify forced male circumcision as a form of sexual violence "would have a huge impact" on how the crime is viewed in Kenya, and could perhaps draw widespread attention to it for the first time. With this heightened attention, she added, could come expanded access to treatment at health centers, provided the government begins to fully grasp "the magnitude of the assault."'

Death by stiletto: Woman 'kills her boyfriend with spiked heel to the head'

anthony · 2 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman allegedly beat her boyfriend to death with the spiked heel of a stiletto shoe.

Thelma Carter, 46, struck her live-in boyfriend Robert Higdon, 58, with the shoe at their trailer park home in Augusta, Georgia, police said.

Authorities are unsure how many times Mr Higdon was hit with the shoe before he died.

Carter has been charged with murder.'

Local Author Seeks Submissions from Abused Men

Matt · 2 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Great to see it in the news, too. Excerpt:

'ANN ARBOR, MI--Therapist and author Ken Land is seeking true, first-person accounts of men who have suffered abuse in relationships with women. The Ann Arbor-based therapist began the project in 2006 as an effort to raise awareness and support for male victims of abuse. Land is the Founder and Clinical Director of The Counseling Center of Ann Arbor, a comprehensive outpatient mental health and substance abuse clinic located in downtown Ann Arbor since 1983.

"Men are often victims of physical, verbal, and emotional abuse in relationships," says Land. "Their stories go untold for a variety of reasons: shame, guilt, feeling 'unmanly' and the justifiable belief that now one will believe them. And the criminal justice system is often either unresponsive, dismissive or biased in the favor of the woman."

The project is a collection of true stories from men all over the world, who will finally have the opportunity to be heard. Mr. Land will annotate these stories, explore psychological underpinnings, find common themes and attempt to explore possible answers to the question, “Why does the man stay attached to the abuser?”'

SAVE: DV Screening Guidelines a Slap in the Face

Matt · 2 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released its Women's Preventive Services requirements for qualified health plans yesterday. Some of the rules are reasonable, like screening for diabetes in pregnant women.

But the document requires that health plans conduct "screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence" on an annual basis for women...but not men: http://www.hrsa.gov/womensguidelines

The rule was issued exactly three weeks after Catherine Becker of California drugged and bound her husband. Then she severed and disposed of his genitalia. If he had sought medical care prior to the incident and the doctor had performed an abuse screening, it's possible the gruesome event never would have occurred.

When the rules were announced, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius explained, "These historic guidelines are based on science and existing literature." Over 250 studies show women are at least as likely as men to engage in partner violence. A rule that mandates domestic violence screening only for women ignores science and ridicules the notion of gender equity.

Contact Secretary Sebelius RIGHT NOW at Kathleen.Sebelius-at-hhs.gov. Then call Assistant Secretary for Health Dr. Howard Koh at 202-690-7694.

Respectfully tell them the DV screening requirement of the Women's Preventive Services guideines is unreasonable and a slap in the face to male victims of domestic violence. Tell them to promptly revise the discriminatory guideline to include both men and women.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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F&F: Victory! Peter Spitz Reunited With Son After Outrageous Family Court Injustice

Matt · 2 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In one of the most outrageous injustices of our time, Peter Spitz (pictured right) was separated from his son and almost lost custody of him after his ex-wife shot him in the face and murdered his mother.

Fathers and Families advised Peter, helped him get legal counsel, and also publicized his case, and we are pleased to announce that Peter has now won full custody of his seven-year-old son.

Special credit and thanks goes to talented Colorado family law attorney Brett Martin (pictured below), who took on Spitz's case and won a decisive victory–the court decision is here.

We also thank Fathers and Families Board Member Robert Franklin, Esq., who covered this case extensively and helped to advise Peter–his write-up of the new decision is below.'

Fathers' Advocates Move to Repeal the Massachusetts Domestic Abuse Law

Anonymous · 3 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

PRESS RELEASE-Aug. 3, 2011

FATHERS' ADVOCATES MOVE TO REPEAL MASSACHUSETTS DOMESTIC ABUSE LAW

Boston - Members of The Fatherhood Coalition submitted an Initiative Petition to the Mass. Attorney General's office to remove the Massachusetts 209A restraining order law and restore due process rights.

According to Joe Ureneck, chairman for the group, the current restraining order system, misused and abused, is destroying families.

There is not one independent scientific study that the current law has met the desired effect of protecting men and women who truly need help, Ureneck said. Petitioners believe the law unjustly throws fathers out of children's lives and created a more violent society as all studies demonstrate that when children grow up without a father in the home, they grow up to be more violent teens and adults, both men and women.

"We support the use of existing Assault and Battery laws, which allow for due process rights to punish those who commit any act of violence," he said. Under MGL 209A it is usually only a man or a father who is thrown out of his home, loses contact with his children, required to attend demeaning programs, and suffers a loss of employment opportunities.

"This discriminatory restraining order system has created a very one- sided, one size fits all rubber stamp approach where individuals are guilty until proven innocent," he said. In Massachusetts, some 25,000 to 50,000 restraining orders are handed out each and every year even as some judges estimate that up to 95% of these orders lack any merit.

The number of issued restraining orders far exceed the incidents of real violence.

"We agree one criminal act is too many but MGL 209A does not actually protect victims," Ureneck said. "It does however place a high cost on thousands of individuals who have merit less restraining orders issued against them and been victimized by having their rights taken away."

Members of The Fatherhood Coalition believe the price paid for this unjust law is too high - to the children who lose a parent and stable home and to society - and for these reasons put forth this repeal petition.

More information about the abuse of restraining orders under MGL 209A can be found at http://www.fatherhoodcoalition.org/.
The Initiative Petition is available at the Massachusetts Attorney General's office:
http://www.mass.gov/Cago/docs/Government/2011-Petitions/11-02.pdf

Contacts to learn about and how you can support this Initiative Petition:

Peter Hill, Media Spokesperson; 1-781-772-2500
Joe Ureneck, Chairman; 1-857-350-0575 or joeureneck-at-comcast.net
Patrick McCabe, One of 18 petitioners; 1-617-512-9460

"Advocates for Youth" leaves out male DV victims

Matt · 3 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Came across this email from a group called Advocates for Youth. Some of the topics discussed in it have been mentioned here on MANN already. Please take a minute and *politely* contact AFY and ask them to take the gender-blinders off and include males (after all, they are young at some point as well) as imperatively in their campaigns as they do females. Email follows:

We have some GREAT news to share.

Earlier this week, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that starting in August 2012, all new health insurance plans will be required to cover contraception at no cost — including condoms, birth control pills, contraceptive shots, and IUDs. This means that co-payments, which have long been a barrier to many women accessing contraception, will no longer be an issue for women with health insurance!

This historic shift is due in LARGE part to your incredible work reaching out to elected officials and members of the Obama administration, sending letters, and collecting petitions on this issue. Your efforts helped to ensure that the needs of women were the center of this debate — despite conservative attempts to derail the process through manufactured controversy and intentional misinformation. Here at Advocates for Youth, we know — as you do — that contraception is preventive care...and now insurance plans will reflect this basic reality!

The other sexual and reproductive health recommendations from the Institute of Medicine — many of which are groundbreaking in their own right — will also become standard! In addition to no-cost contraception, women will also be able to access the following services without a co-pay:

- Well-woman visits;
- Sexually transmitted infection counseling;
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) screening and counseling;
- Domestic violence screening and counseling.

We can't thank you enough for all your hard work on this issue. These new guidelines are a huge step forward in making sure that all women, including young women, will be able to access the full range of sexual and reproductive health care services they need.

Thanks again!

Sarah Audelo
Senior Manager of Domestic Policy
Advocates for Youth

Men need not apply: Program reserving contracts for women only warrants constitutional challenge

Broadsword · 3 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued a solicitation for a contract to provide support services at Fort Detrick in Maryland. Nothing unusual there, except that the contract reflects a new Obama administration program to restrict competition on the basis of gender.

The solicitation explains, “This procurement is set aside for Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) firms only.” No one but women need apply. The WOSB program is a federal contracting preference that hurts male African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Asian-Americans or American Indians in exactly the same way white men are hurt.

Here’s how the WOSB program works: In most of the industries in which the federal government does business, if a) there are two female-owned companies likely to bid on a contract, and b) the contract is for less than $6.5 million for manufacturing and $4 million for everything else, and c) the contract can be awarded for a “fair and reasonable price,” that contract can be awarded without competition from male-owned firms. The Small Business Administration runs the program.'

BMA loses £4bn discrimination case over NHS widowers' pensions

Broadsword · 3 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The British Medical Association has lost its legal challenge on NHS widowers' pensions which could have cost the government more than £4bn.

The High Court ruled today that the preferential treatment of widows over widowers in relation to pension payments was "objectively and reasonably justified".

The test case, backed by the BMA, was brought by Iain Cockburn - the widower of Clare Boothroyd, a Warwickshire GP who died of cancer in 2007.

Boothroyd paid into the NHS scheme for 24 years - but widower Cockburn receives £3,200 a year less than he would were he the widow of a male scheme member.

This is because current legislation dictates that service prior to 5 April 1988 is not counted for the purposes of calculating widowers' pensions.

Lawyers for Mr Cockburn argued this amounted to unlawful discrimination that was "blatant" and "as direct as it gets" (PP Online, 15 July).

The Department of Health accepted that its actions were discriminatory but argued the discrimination was justified on the grounds that it was introduced to correct "factual inequalities" that had existed between men and women in the workplace.'

Russia: Woman kept father chained in yard

Minuteman · 4 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A woman and her husband have been detained in southern Russia after they kept the woman's 70-year-old father on a chain in their yard for four days.

The couple "tied him to a tree with a metal chain in their yard and kept him there from July 28 to August 1," the Investigative Committee said in a statement.

...

The man's daughter, 41, "had grown tired of taking care of the blind and deaf man and simply took him out into the yard and chained him up," the Life News website reported, adding that the couple's children were witnesses.'

NYC to spend $127M on minority programs for men

Matt · 4 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (AP) — New York City will spend $127 million in public and private funds on programs designed to help young black and Latino men.

Billionaire Mayor Michael Bloomberg will kick in $30 million from his foundation and hedge fund manager George Soros will match that amount, according to the mayor's office. The remaining $67.5 million will be paid by the city.

The Young Men's Initiative was first reported by The New York Times on Wednesday. The mayor's office called it the nation's "boldest and most comprehensive effort to tackle the broad disparities slowing the advancement of black and Latino young men" in a statement.

It will include job placement, fatherhood classes and training for probation officers and school staff on how to help the young men get ahead. More than a dozen city agencies will be involved.'

One day's news in Britain

Proud_to_be_a_man · 5 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2022299/Woman-mowed-boyfriend-left-fractured-skull-accusing-cheating---game.html

"A crazed woman ran over her boyfriend twice leaving him brain damaged because she thought he'd cheated her at a computer game."

(sentenced to ELEVEN MONTHS!!!)

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http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2022427/Cleaning-lady-beat-82-year-old-companion-death-rounders-bat-buried-garden-fortune.html

"A cleaner battered a vulnerable pensioner to death after befriending him to get her hands on his £250,000 fortune, a court heard yesterday.

"Ann Browning, 54, bewitched Bill Williamson, persuading the lonely 82-year-old to part with thousands of pounds, buy her a car and shower her with gifts, it was claimed.

"The day after murdering him, she went to the theatre to see a ‘thriller murder’ play and then played bingo with friends – all the time appearing to be her normal self."

(CASE CONTINUES)

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http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2022430/Runner-Liz-McColgan-charged-repeatedly-punching-husband-throwing-clothes-window.html

"Distance runner Liz McColgan appeared in court yesterday accused of attacking her estranged husband before hurling his clothes out of a window.

"The 47-year-old answered charges that she repeatedly punched Peter McColgan’s head and body."

(CASE CONTINUES)

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http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2022509/Southern-Cross-carer-laced-Alzheimers-sufferers-tea-vinegar-jailed-months-vile-abuse-elderly-patients.html

"A ‘vindictive’ carer who slapped a 95-year-old woman with Alzheimer’s round the head and tormented another 86-year-old sufferer was jailed for nine months yesterday."

(sentenced to NINE MONTHS!!!)

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Pu**y Passes all round here in Britain! Come to Britain ladies and do what you like to whoever you like and never ever risk more than a feeble amount of jail-time.

NB - they won't serve the whole time...

Businessman who fought off false sex harassment claims hits out at 'spongers who want an easy bung'

Broadsword · 5 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

A multi-millionaire businessman awarded record costs after a former employee claimed he sexually harassed her today suggested she was 'a sponger' who needed 'to be taught a lesson'.

Tim Watts, chairman of recruitment agency Pertemps, was awarded £100,000 in costs after Debbie Smith made false claims of sexual harassment, discrimination and victimisation.

He declared: 'These vexatious spongers have to be taught a lesson. And she has been... big time.'

Today he spoke of his delight and called for changes to the employment tribunal system in Britain, which he said meant employers were increasingly seen as guilty until proven innocent. He was awarded a record £100,000 in costs - the previous highest sum is believed to be £67,000. Mr Watts, who said he had only met Ms Smith three times, said: 'She is a very silly lady. I don't think it's my right to send a message to her, but, and I hope this doesn't sound peculiar, she probably needs help.'

He went on: 'There are two Debbie Smiths. There's a Miss Jekyll and Ms Hyde. She could be quite a charming person and there's a very dark side to her.'

56 Who’s-The-Daddy Cases Heard In 3 Hours

Matt · 6 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For this wasn’t the set of the Maury Show. This was the latest episode of “Paternity Thursday,” a real-life drama played out in rapid-fire segments in the fluorescent-lit Courtroom 3A at 235 Church St.

It’s a weekly mini-series in which Family Support Magistrate David Dee hears the so-called “paternity docket,” anywhere from 30 to 60 cases that try to establish who the father is and how much he should pay in child support.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. this past Thursday, Dee plowed through 56 cases, of which Parker’s case was No. 19. As Dee moved briskly through the cases, the atmosphere was subdued. The courtroom decorum was broken only by the chatter of children squirming on uncomfortable benches and the babble of toddlers perched on their mothers’ hips as their fate was decided. Unlike in popular culture scenes filled with outbursts and hysteria, these mothers and putative fathers glided past one another in stony silence with barely a nod of recognition.
...

Dee also made clear the responsibilities that accompany a legal declaration of fatherhood: A support order can be entered based on ability to pay, and wages can be garnished to pay it; failure to pay support could lead to contempt proceedings and possible incarceration.

As he moved through the docket, Dee repeatedly let the fathers know their rights and, if they chose to waive their rights, to do so on the record.

“We do our very best to make sure everyone’s rights are considered,” Assistant Attorney General Amy Guido said during a break between representing the state’s and the mothers’ interests in all 56 cases heard Thursday.'

Financial Incentives Drive Mississippi Child Support Enforcement

Matt · 6 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Child support collections in Mississippi have increased by 61 percent over the past 8 years due to increasingly aggressive enforcement tactics and an incentive program that rewards coming after men.

Oh, and if you can't pay because you're unemployed, then "get a job."

The Clarion-Ledger reports Mississippi's Division of Child Support Enforcement collected $314 million in fiscal 2011 compared to $195 million in fiscal 2003.

The difference of $119 million over a span of just 8 years is largely contributed to increased enforcement and financial incentives.

Though it received praise for its cost efficiency in 2002, the paper reports, the state's Division of Child Support Enforcement lost an estimated $1.14 million through penalties and reduced incentive awards by failing to meet minimum federal standards in other areas: establishing support orders and determining paternity.'

President Obama to Announce Reverse Boot Camp for Vets Entering Workforce

anthony · 7 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As the Obama administration prepares to withdraw the remaining US troops from Iraq by the end of this year, the White House projects over one million service members will be returning to civilian life and entering the workforce between 2011 and 2016. The White House wants to be sure these troops are given the opportunities for advancement and prepared for the challenges ahead.

President Obama will announce several steps to prepare veterans for their return Friday, including a proposal for career readiness training before they retire from the military--a sort of reverse boot camp. "The present structure of the military really requires intensive training on the front end, weeks of boot camp," one administration official said Thursday. "But one of the things we're finding is that there's not as much effort on the back end as those service members are separating and preparing to enter the work force."'

The Masculinity Conspiracy: chapter 7 now online

Anonymous · 7 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Chapter 7 (Spirituality) of The Masculinity Conspiracy is now online:
http://masculinityconspiracy.wordpress.com/book-chapters/chapter7a

This chapter examines how spirituality is mobilized in the conspiracy via two books: No More Christian Nice Guy: When Being Nice—Instead of Good—Hurts Men, Women and Children by Paul Coughlin, and The Hidden Spirituality of Men: Ten Metaphors to Awaken the Sacred Masculine by Matthew Fox.

It shows how these books promote masculine spirituality as being defined by fixed characteristics. It then offers some different ways of thinking about spirituality in order to counter the conspiracy.

Maine continues witch-hunt of innocent man

MR · 7 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Paul Elam at "A Voice for Men" ***writes***:

"[Vladek] Filler was exonerated of the false rape charges against him. He was, however, convicted falsely of assaulting his estranged wife, Ligia Filler, by putting a bruise on her arm. The court has scheduled Vladek's sentencing hearing for August 10, 2011, at 9 am at Hancock County Superior Court in Maine, despite clear evidence that the assault conviction was based on fraud."

"We need people to demand justice for Vladek and his children – not more abuse and imprisonment."

"**Respectful emails for Judge Robert Murray** of the Hancock County Superior Court, who is presiding over the case, **can be sent to free.vladek@gmail.com** They will be forwarded to his office."

"What's with Indian Men?": An objectionable sexist, anti-men TV show

arindamp · 7 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Just watched a program called "What's with Indian Men?" on Fox History & Entertainment. It's a highly sexist and anti-men show. Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/apps/application.php?id=188546051185179

Two females, Indrani Das Gupta and Sugandha Garg, vent their personal sexist bias against men. It reinforces the stereotype against men. I have lodged a complaint against the show to the Indian Broadcasting Foundation. I strongly encourage you to do so. The link for the online complaint form is http://ibfindia.com/onlineform.php

Genital Autonomy conference in UK Aug 30/Sep 1

Minuteman · 7 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Originally posted here.

Members of UK registered charity NORM-UK (restoration and phimosis help) are assisting with the planning for a two-day conference being presented jointly by UK registered charity Genital Autonomy (working for male and female bodily integrity rights) and the Keele University School of Law, to be held on 31st August and 1st September. This will deal with the legal and human rights issues surrounding unnecessary genital surgery on children.

The details are on the following link:
http://www.genitalautonomy.eu/#/ga-conference-2011/4552998052

The conference programme is reproduced below.

We have an impressive selection of speakers including Gert Van Dijk who has drafted the position statement on male circumcision for The Royal Dutch Medical Association and Efua Dorkenoo who will be talking about female genital mutilation and human rights.

The conference will have breakout sessions where professionals dealing with these issues will be able to talk about policy development.

We need help promoting this conference. Any help you can give will be gratefully received.

The details need to go to Child Protection Boards, Health organisations, hospital trusts, midwives. Local bodies working in child protection, members of charities dealing with children.

Please feel free to circulate the details widely.

Alternatively, if you can advise names, phone numbers and email addresses of suitable contacts we will gladly pass the details on.

Thank you,
David Smith
info@genitalautonomy.org
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Genital Autonomy 2011.
Law, Human Rights, and Non-Therapeutic Interventions on Children

Programme

Day One: 31st August
10.30 - 11.00 Coffee and Registration

11.00 - 12.45 1. Genital Autonomy and Human Rights
Chair: Marie Fox

Welcome:
Richard Dunker (Chair of Genital Autonomy)

Debra L DeLaet
Genital autonomy and children's rights in international law

Travis Wisdom
The right to health: towards a feminist understanding of genital autonomy

12.45 - 2.00 Lunch

2.00 - 3.30 2. Medical Practice I
Chair: Michael Thomson

Gert Van Dijk
Between religious freedom and the right to bodily integrity: the case against circumcision of male minors

Antony Lempert
Non-therapeutic circumcision and conscientious objection

3.30 - 4.00 Coffee

4.00 - 5.30 3. Health Law and Genital Autonomy : Two Paradigms
Chair: Debra L DeLaet

Michael Thomson
Public health law and social justice

Marie Fox
Health law and bodily integrity

5.30 - 6.30 Drinks reception

7.30 Conference dinner

Day 2: 1st September

9.30 - 11.30 4. Female Genital Cutting
Chair: David Smith

Dr Comfort Momoh
Title: TBC

Efua Dorkenoo
FGM and human rights

John Geisheker
The Seattle Plan

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee

12.30 - 1.30 5. Intersex
Chair: Michael Thomson

Steven Svoboda
"Justice and peace" : protecting all from genital cutting : law, human rights and demedicalization?

Sarah Graham
A letter to my body

1.30 - 2.30 Lunch

2.30 - 4.00 6. Medical Practice II

Matthew Johnson
Dealing with invasive religious rights: should the NHS offer circumcision to diminish harm

Lauren M. Sardi
Institutionalized practices and neonatal circumcision: the informed consent process

Program to provide Medicaid to breast cancer patients doesn't apply to men

ItsDan · 7 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Raymond Johnson, 26, was diagnosed with breast cancer about a month ago, after pain from a lump in his chest sent him to the emergency room.

Though Johnson has a job laying tile, he does not make enough to pay for the treatments out of his own pocket and does not have health insurance.

To make matter worse, Johnson was denied for a state program that provides medicaid for breast cancer patients. because he’s a man."

Dramatic Increase in ER Visits for Drug-Related Suicide Attempts by Males Aged 21 to 34

Matt · 7 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. What isn't asked is why did all these guys need to get on antideps, etc. in the first place? I can imagine several factors, the lousy job market being a big one. Being an MRA however, you can bet I can think of a few more! [It's even higher for Iraq/Afghan war vets, too, as I am sure you already know, but this is so even for college students.] Report highlights:

'In 2009, there were 77,971 emergency department (ED) visits for drug-related suicide attempts among males. By age group, the number of ED visits for drug-related suicide attempts among males aged 21 to 34 increased 54.6 percent between 2005 (19,024 visits) and 2009 (29,407 visits). Among males aged 21 to 34, the number of visits involving pain relievers showed a statistically significant increase of 60.2 percent (from 7,185 to 11,509 visits), the number of visits involving antidepressants increased 155.2 percent (from 1,519 to 3,876 visits), and the number of visits involving drugs that treat anxiety or insomnia increased 93.4 percent (from 5,018 to 9,706 visits). Between 2005 and 2009, narcotic pain reliever involvement in ED visits for suicide attempts almost doubled among visits made by males aged 35 to 49 (from 2,380 to 4,270 visits) and almost tripled among visits made by males aged 50 or older (from 882 to 2,589 visits).'

Australia: "Cops" (Police Officers) shoot (superficially wound) axe- (and knife) wielding female

Minuteman · 9 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A police sergeant shot a woman when she refused to drop a knife she was wielding after she had rammed another vehicle and attacked it with a pickaxe, a witness to the incident says.

A Victoria Police spokeswoman said the woman, who suffered a non-life-threatening injury when she was shot in the lower leg, is in a stable condition in hospital after what apparently started out as a wild domestic argument.

The incident unfolded at Epping in the city's north at about 12.45pm on Tuesday.

Assistant Commissioner Stephen Fontana told reporters that the woman had confronted a man after ramming his car head-on and slamming the pickaxe through its window screen.

A witness said she had then grabbed a long knife from the rear of her car and had started swinging it at the man.'

SAVE E-lert: Continue our 'Big Mo'

Matt · 9 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

Within hours of approval of the budget deal last week, members of Congress headed home for their annual August recess. For lawmakers it's a time to meet with constituents and find out what's on persons' minds.

And right now our VAWA reform effort is on a roll. In just the past month:

- Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa revealed the fiscal malfeasance of many VAWA grantees: http://grassley.senate.gov/news/Article.cfm?customel_dataPageID_1502=35952
- Rep. Ted Poe of Texas called for VAWA to be made gender-neutral: http://www.washingtontimes.com/blog/watercooler/2011/jul/21/picket-vawa-supporter-capitol-hill-looks-have-law-/
- The prestigious Roll Call newspaper ran a column by SAVE on the necessity for VAWA reform: http://www.rollcall.com/issues/57_14/hearing_reveals_gaps_domestic_abuse_system-207705-1.html?pos=oopih

So this week, we urge you to continue our Big Momentum. Call your representative's office to set up an appointment and urge his or her support of the Partner Violence Reduction Act.

SAVE has developed several flyers to explain the need to amend the Violence Against Women Act. The flyers, PVRA legislative language, editorials, and more can be found here: http://www.saveservices.org/pvra/

There's a saying that 1% of the population makes things happen, 10% watch things happen, and the remainder asks, "What happened?"

2011 is the year we will bring about fundamental reform to our nation's domestic violence laws.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

The London Riots and Disenfranchised Males

Matt · 9 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Discussed here. It explains the rioting, but doesn't excuse it. Criminal acts have to be stopped and those responsible held accountable. But I would like to suggest that it is as criminal as rioting to systematically remove from a whole class of person their means of self-support and then ignore them when they seek redress for it. Today, it seems to be predominantly young black men. Tomorrow, it will be (and has already begun to be) young white men as well. After that, every man, young and old. Can a society really survive this kind to stress? Feminists seem to think so, as they have been working to disenfranchise males from their own societies now for decades. Excerpt:

'LONDON -- As political and social protests grip the Middle East, are growing in Europe and a riot exploded in north London this weekend, here's a sad truth, expressed by a Londoner when asked by a television reporter: Is rioting the correct way to express your discontent?

"Yes," said the young man. "You wouldn't be talking to me now if we didn't riot, would you?"

The TV reporter from Britain's ITV had no response. So the young man pressed his advantage. "Two months ago we marched to Scotland Yard, more than 2,000 of us, all blacks, and it was peaceful and calm and you know what? Not a word in the press. Last night a bit of rioting and looting and look around you."
...
The truth is that discontent has been simmering among Britain's urban poor for years, and few have paid attention. Social activists say one out of two children in Tottenham live in poverty. It's one of the poorest areas of Britain. Britain's worst riots in decades took place here in 1985. A policeman was hacked to death. After these riots, the same young man pointed out, "They built us a swimming pool."'

Tim Allen answers: 'Why are men douchebags in sitcoms?'

anthony · 9 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'So the critics didn't waste much time. "Tim, why are men always portrayed as douchebags on sitcoms?" one asked.

"Well, that was the working title, actually," Allen replied, drawing laughs. "Somebody's already got it. Fox already got it."

But seriously folks: "It's the lowest common denominator, " Allen said. "The great showrunner we have, Jack Burditt, called it, one day, Sitcom 101. When you don't have material, you go to the lowest common denominator. I still do a lot of scatological humor, but I've risen it to a high art. [This gets another laugh]. Every guy on TV has a flannel shirt and a gray T-shirt underneath, and he likes beer, and he's got a much better-looking wife than he deserves. It's buffoonery. I'm going to go out on a limb and say we're not going to do that on this show. The tide keeps it that way, but we're not going to do that."

Gender Quotas Spread in Europe, Mandated for Corporate Boards

Matt · 9 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After Norway adopted gender quotas for corporate boards — requiring companies to have boards of directors comprised of at least 40 percent women — large numbers of inexperienced people ended up as corporate directors. “A study by the University of Michigan found that this led to large numbers of inexperienced women being appointed to boards, and that this has seriously damaged those firms’ performance.”

But this didn’t stop other European countries such as Spain and France from following Norway’s example and mandating 40 percent quotas (Spain’s quota requirement is already in effect, while France’s law goes into effect in 2017). Italy’s Parliament recently passed a 30 percent quota requirement after Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, who had previously opposed such quotas, endorsed them (perhaps as a way of attempting to defuse public outrage over his sexual escapades and his patronizing remarks towards women). The European Parliament has recommended that all member countries adopt such quotas in their national laws.

The Economist recently opposed such quotas in an editorial. (Corporate law scholars such as Stephen Bainbridge have previously criticized these proposals.) As The Economist later noted, Europe’s race towards quotas is at odds with company practice and legal norms elsewhere in the world:...'

South Carolina Pushes for Medicaid Overhaul After Man Denied Breast Cancer Coverage

Matt · 9 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'South Carolina health officials are petitioning the federal government to overhaul its "discriminatory" Medicaid rules after a local construction worker was denied coverage for breast cancer treatments because he is a man.

Raymond Johnson, 26, found out about his cancer last month. He visited the emergency room after a pain in his chest became unbearable. He already knew he had a lump there but, "being a male," assumed it was a cyst.

When the tests came back, "I found out I had cancer."
...
But when Johnson, who is uninsured, applied for Medicaid, he was swiftly rejected. The reason? He is a man.

"To me it's really dumb. ... It's not as common as a woman having breast cancer, but we do have it," Johnson said.

The state of South Carolina agrees with him. Since Johnson applied for coverage, the state Department of Health and Human Services has been in talks with federal Medicaid officials about the possibility of changing the rules. Tony Keck, director of the state health department, said in a statement that the federal position is "discriminatory" and urged the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to show some flexibility.'

Rape allegation clouds child support case

Matt · 9 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'NEW PORT RICHEY - They say boys will be boys, but Kris Bucher says not always.

"A guy not wanting to have sex with somebody -- that seems impossible. But I expect it," said Bucher.

Kris claims he was raped by his old girlfriend Jessica Fuller. She got pregnant and had their son Joshua. Kris was never a part of his son's life.

In fact, Jessica never asked Kris for help in raising their son, but after moving to Michigan the young mom fell on hard times and got government assistance. Now the state of Michigan wants Kris to start paying child support.

"I'm a victim of a crime. Why should I have to pay the perpetrator?" Kucher said.

Kris and Jessica met at Hudson High School. Kris says the two had a tumultuous relationship from the start. Jessica suffered a miscarriage at one point, and so they decided to avoid sex altogether.

But Kris says one night in the back seat of a friend's car, it happened.

"She climbed into my lap, and I said what are you doing? She said 'you know you want me.' I said 'no, I don't '," Kucher said.

Kris says after the alleged assault, he slipped into a deep depression, and the skinny teen ballooned to 235 pounds.

He says weeks after the incident he spoke to a deputy, but he appeared to doubt Kris' story and never followed up.

Kerry O'Conner is Kris' attorney. She says there are laws dealing with child support if a man rapes a woman, but not the other way around. Recently, Kris' request to dismiss the child support case was denied.

"They never decided whether his lack of consent could be a defense to a paternity action, " O'Conner said.

So Kris will take his fight to an appeals court, not just on merit, but on principal.

"I'm sure there's other men like me, boys that were that age that have gone through this, and it kind of gives them some courage to step out of the shadows," Bucher said.'

Recovering US job market is leaving black men behind

Matt · 9 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The jobs landscape is bleak for any unemployed American, but for black men it's virtually a desert.

For them, the Great Recession not only led to the largest increase in unemployment for any category of American worker, but it also is pinching a lot longer. About 1 in 6 black men over age 20 in the labor force is jobless – and that number has barely improved since the economic recovery officially began two years ago.

In Detroit, Las Vegas, Milwaukee, Minneapolis-St. Paul, and several other US cities, Depression-era unemployment rates above 20 percent beset the black community, estimates one economic policy group, citing government data. Moreover, the problem may get worse because city governments, which traditionally employ many African-American men, are laying off workers to cope with budget shortfalls, say experts on black employment.'

Probable cause finding Maine's ADA Mary Kellett's conduct be subject to sanction

MR · 9 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NCFM filed a grievance against one of the State of Maine's Assistant District Attorney, Mary Kellett.

The grievance was filed primarily because NCFM and many others believed Kellett's behavior violated the Maine Bar Rules. We all felt that she persecuted rather than prosecuted certain people including Vladek Filler, a man falsely accused of spousal rape and numerous other things.'

Considering a cruise vacation? Consider the fact that men are part of the "product"

Anonymous · 10 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

It seems that there are many companies which effectively pimp men to lonely "single"* women on cruise ships.

Here is one particularly egregious example of a company which provides "gentlemen hosts" to single women on cruises. The men are compensated to a very limited extent with free or very inexpensive cruises and screened to ensure they meet the company's standards for dancing ability, appearance and wardrobe.

Add this to the fact that most guest-contact positions (i.e. well-paid jobs requiring little or no manual labor) on a cruise ship are filled with light-skinned women, while most of the labor-intensive jobs on the lower decks go to darker-skinned men who rarely see the light of day, and you can safely conclude that the cruise industry routinely objectifies men in order to attract women and increase their profits.

Next time you're planning a vacation for yourself or your family, remember to choose someplace else to take your money.

*One other cruising tip: if your wife or girlfriend tells you she wants to take a cruise alone or with her friends, remember that the staff on cruise ships call such women "SWAS", or "single while at sea".

What's your deepest, darkest secret? Moms confess in our survey

anthony · 10 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

- Nearly one in five moms admits medicating their child to get through a special event like a plane flight; one in 12 does it just to get some peace and quiet on a regular night.
- Half have knowingly sent a sick kid to daycare or school.
- 85 percent use their kids to get out of social obligations.
- Nearly one in three uses work as an excuse to avoid taking care of the kids.

And sometimes the secrets are thoughts we don't dare tell anyone else:

- 44 percent of moms would rather be 15 pounds thinner than add 15 points to their child's IQ.
- One in four fears their partner is a better parent than they are.
- One in ten wishes their child was the opposite sex – and of those moms, 60 percent have boys.

Kevin Mengel Gave His Life to ‘Keep Family Together’

Kratch · 11 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Kevin Mengel gave his all to keep his family together. Eventually he gave his life. Here’s one story (Delco Times, 8/8/11).

According to police records, Mengel was murdered by his wife and her boyfriend on June 17, 2010. The West Goshen Township, Pennsylvania man had had a stormy relationship with his wife, Morgan Mengel, throughout the 12 years of their marriage.

That included his leaving her once and her filing for divorce and then withdrawing the petition. They had three children, 12, 10 and 6.

Friends and neighbors say that Morgan Mengel had numerous extra-marital affairs throughout the marriage and that Kevin knew about them.
...
"[Detective David S.] Maurer testified that Morgan Mengel said he wanted her husband dead because she did not want to go through a “messy divorce” that would likely prompt her husband and his mother to seek custody of the children."

...
A couple of sidelights: First, there have been a good many articles written on this case by a couple of different publications. So far I haven’t found a single one that refers to the murder as “domestic violence.” That accords with almost every case of intimate partner violence perpetrated by a woman against a man. The facts are reported, but the fact that the crime is one of domestic violence seems never to occur to the reporters or their editors.

Second, Kevin Mengel’s death will not be recorded as a spousal murder by law enforcement authorities. It’ll be called a “multiple offender homicide,” meaning that two or more people participated. That’s perfectly accurate of course, but also skews the statistics on how many husbands are killed each year by their wives. It seems that when women want to kill their husbands or boyfriends, they tend to hire someone else to do the job rather than doing it themselves.

So while official statistics show that about 1,300 women are killed each year by their husbands or boyfriends and about 300 men are killed by their significant others, those statistics understate the number of men killed. The actual number is higher due to the “multiple offender” category.'

"Stand Up Guys" has only half the story

Matt · 11 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Organization site here. A great motive indeed but they have only half the story. They are putting on a golf tourney to help end violence against women and children. Nothing about men.

Presumably, this group doesn't have all the facts. So please inform them POLITELY of the research on DV that shows the extent to which females perpetrate it and how any fair and accurate undertaking to end DV must include efforts to end DV against men as well as women. Contact form is here. I ask that you refrain from making phone calls since that has in the past led to misunderstandings and exchanges that set the cause back -- no one intends for things to go that way but sometimes in the heat of verbal exchanges, they do.

"Raised to rampage"

Matt · 11 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

The article asks "Where's the parents?" This is not the right question. It's "Where are the fathers?" Answer: They were deemed an annoying inconvenience by society a few decades back and institutions were re-aligned or spawned to get them separated from their children or cause them to realize that it was a greater risk to stay with the child's mother than not to. In my judgment, you have state-implemented policies founded in feminist dogma to thank for the mess in the UK being played out in the streets. And while focus groups and government agencies will spend loads of time and money asking about such factors as economics and race (which undoubtedly play a part), they will conveniently overlook "The Father Factor", the modern 300-lb. gorilla in the middle of the room that everyone will pretend not to see. But I do the article an injustice, as the author does mention 'dadlessness' in it. Excerpt:

'Why can't they feel things properly? How did we end up with some of the most indisciplined and frighteningly moronic youngsters in Europe? How come our kids are the best at being bad? There's no use blaming the police; it's the parents, stupid. A report by the Centre for Social Justice found that the UK excels in the three D's of family breakdown – divorce, dysfunction and dadlessness. Of the 805 violent looters arrested, how many come from homes without a father? I reckon we can guess the answer. A study back in 2001 found that 85 per cent of Indian families were headed by a married couple while 50-60 per cent of black families were headed by a lone parent, usually the mother. Is there anyone who still believes there is no link between that agonising statistic and the young males running amok on our streets?

It is unlikely that these boys will have encountered a male teacher with real authority, a teacher who isn't afraid to show them who's boss and to give them the discipline, order and hierarchy that, without knowing it, they crave. A friend who works in an inner-London comprehensive with boys twice her size is not allowed to send them to the headmaster. Faced with full-frontal rudeness or casual violence, Clare must first follow school policy and ask, "Darren, are you ready to receive the discipline message?"
...
I am bringing my own two children up in a country I barely recognise. So what is the answer? In the final chapter of Lord of the Flies, after the boys stranded on the island have formed rival gangs and committed arson, theft and murder, the author William Golding pulls off one of the great shifts in perspective in literature. From the young savage lying on the beach, we look up and see a crisp, white uniform. Civilisation and authority have arrived in the shape of a naval officer. Suddenly we see the main character not as an all-powerful savage, but as a dirty little boy who needs a good talking to. Given limitless freedom, and without adults to show them better, children will run riot. That is the lesson of the past few days.

What our young people need is adults to stop abdicating authority. They need police to police, teachers to teach, parents to parent, politicians and clergy to give moral leadership, and, above all, they need more people like Pauline Pearce, the jazz-singing Jamaican grandmother who fearlessly took on rioters and saved a white man from the mob. Pauline shouted at the looters everything the rest of the country wanted to say to them. Pauline didn't walk by on the other side. She could see that they were little blighters – but she knew that they were our little blighters and the adult's job was what it always has been: to give them what for. And, just for a moment, they weren't monsters, feral rats or thieving scum. They were stupid kids out too late, who needed a mum like Pauline to bring them to book and a father to take them home.'

Battered Men's Hero, Patricia Overberg of Lancaster, CA, Passed Away Today

Matt · 12 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From NCFM-LA:

Patricia Overberg, the first known domestic violence shelter director in the United States to help male victims along with female victims, passed away today (August 11, 2011). Patricia is being honored by men's rights activists as a hero and civil rights pioneer, similar to the shelter director Erin Pizzey in England.

From 1990 to 1998, Patricia directed the Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council in Lancaster, California, also known as the "Valley Oasis" shelter. After realizing male victims had no place to go, she courageously changed her women-only policy by setting aside one of her shelters for male victims and their children, and in rare cases of overflow she would obtain consent from residents in another one of her shelters to mix the sexes, which, she says, never created a problem. Nonetheless, Patricia was mistreated by other shelter directors who insisted services should only be for women. The mistreatment became so severe that she filed a complaint with the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, as she explains in her sworn declaration at http://www.ncfmla.org/pdf/overberg.pdf Patricia later joined NCFM's Advisory Board and the Speaker's Bureau of Stop Abuse For Everyone (SAFE) and remained closely in touch with battered men's advocates until the date of her death.

In 2004 Patricia encouraged NCFM to file a lawsuit to end the discrimination against male victims and their children. NCFM filed the lawsuit in 2005 and in 2008 won a landmark appellate victory that held it is unconstitutional for the State of California to exclude male victims from the state laws that fund domestic violence services. The case is David Woods v. Horton (2008) 167 Cal.App.4th 658 and can be read at http://law.justia.com/cases/california/court-of-appeal/2008/c056072/

After the Woods decision, Patricia joined battered men's advocates in a historic meeting with Los Angeles County Counsel, domestic violence shelters and others regarding enforcement of the Woods decision. In the attached photo taken after the meeting, Patricia is on the bottom left between Pasadena City College instructor Edgar Pacas and NCFM attorney Marc Angelucci. Until the date of her death, Patricia continued to encourage NCFM to file another lawsuit to enforce the Woods decision. To this date, advocates from NCFM and the Men's Health Network continue meeting with the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Counsel in an uphill battle for inclusiveness and equal access and treatment for male victims.

Patricia will be remembered by many as a hero to men's rights and equality. Her policy of inclusion remains in place today under a new director.

Bio of Patricia Overberg: http://ncfm.org/advisor-board/patricia-overberg-msw/

Sworn Declaration of Patricia Overberg: http://www.ncfmla.org/pdf/overberg.pdf

Statistics on Male Victims on DV

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Thanks to a recent NCFM-LA email:

The Centers for Disease Control recently funded a major study of heterosexual relationships throughout the U.S. and found: "Almost 24% of all relationships had some violence, and half (49.7%) of those were reciprocally violent. In nonreciprocally violent relationships, women were the perpetrators in more than 70% of the cases," and both sexes suffered significant injuries. http://www.ajph.org/cgi/content/abstract/97/5/941

The same study also found: "More women than men (25% versus 11%) were responsible. In fact, 71 percent of the instigators in nonreciprocal partner violence were women" and "while injury was more likely when violence was perpetrated by men, in relationships with reciprocal violence it was the men who were injured more often (25% of the time) than were women (20% of the time)." http://pn.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/42/15/31-a

Men are less likely to report it (which makes crime data unreliable), but almost 300 studies now confirm "women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners," as California State University Professor Martin Fiebert shows in his online bibliography at http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm

For example, a 32-nation study by the University of New Hampshire found women are as violent and controlling as men in dating relationships worldwide. http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2006/may/em_060519male.cfm?type=n and http://pubpages.unh.edu/~mas2/ID41E2.pdf

When children witness either parent hit the other, regardless of how severe or minor, it becomes a model for them to follow. Domestic violence is an intergenerational cycle, and we'll never stop that cycle without being honest about it rather than following the politically correct gender paradigm that has been totally refuted by serious researchers like Professor Don Dutton of the University of British Columbia and many others.

This Canadian government report also recognizes the above data:
http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ncfv-cnivf/pdfs/fv-intime_e.pdf

F & F's Paternity Fraud Bills: 50 Physicians Endorse 'Reasonable Means' to Determine Correct Paternity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families has helped introduce two new paternity fraud bills (SB 375 and SB 377) into the California legislature, both sponsored by Senator Roderick Wright (D-Inglewood).

There are many reasons to support these bills, including fairness for the men targeted by paternity fraud. But there are also compelling medical reasons to combat paternity fraud. In our official support letter for SB 375 and SB 377, Ned Holstein, M.D., M.S., F & F's Founder and Chairman of the Board, wrote:

Current California law declares that there is a compelling state interest in determining paternity for all children. SB 375 would instead declare that there is a "compelling state interest in determining biological paternity for all children." Current California law allows minors to sign paternity judgments without parental consent or legal counsel. SB 377 would prohibit this practice, which currently leads to many errors in assigning paternity.'

Colleen Carroll Campbell: The power of a father's presence

Matt · 12 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For fatherhood in America, these are the best of times and the worst of times. So says a new Pew Research Center report on fathering trends.

The report, released in June, found that today's fathers are active in their children's daily lives to a degree not seen in nearly half a century. Live-in dads now regularly eat meals with their children, play with them, read to them, help them with their homework and ask them about their day. They also log more than twice as many hours on kid duty than did their own dads: In 1965, the average married father spent only 2.6 hours a week caring for his children; by 2000, that average had risen to 6.5 hours.

...

But that's where the good news ends. The Pew report found that alongside this rising level of involvement among live-in fathers is a rise in absent fathers — men who live apart from their children and often have little or no role in their children's daily lives.

In 1960, just more than one in 10 children lived apart from their fathers. Today, more than one in four do. The statistics are starker when parsed by race: Nearly half of African-American fathers and more than a third of Hispanic fathers live separated from their children. An education gap also exists: Some 40 percent of dads who dropped out of high school live apart from their children, while only 7 percent of college graduates do.

...

The consequences for children are profound. As statistics in the 2011 Father Facts report make clear, children who live apart from their biological fathers are more likely to suffer abuse, run afoul of the law, abuse drugs or alcohol, struggle with emotional and behavioral problems, live in poverty and engage in early sexual activity. Children raised by their married fathers and mothers, by contrast, fare better on nearly every sociological measure available, from their rates of graduation to their incidence of out-of-wedlock childbearing and divorce.'

Man seeks child support reimbursement for child that is not his

Matt · 12 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Madison County man wants to be reimbursed for child support and healthcare benefits he allegedly paid for a child that is not his.

Gerald Krug filed a lawsuit July 5 in Madison County Circuit Court Family Division against Anita Dawn Bogle and David Lofink.

According to the complaint, Krug and Bogle were married in 1984 and had two children. They divorced in 1993 but maintained a sexual relationship, according to Krug, that he believed to be monogamous.

During their divorce proceedings, Krug claims Bogle told him she was pregnant with his child. Krug says he and Bogle remarried in 1994 but divorced a second time in 1999. A court order issued at the time of the divorce required Krug to pay child support and medical benefits for three children along with half of his retirement benefits.

In December 2007, Krug says he was told he was not the biological father of Bogle's third child. He says his ex-wife told him the child was conceived with Loflink. Krug says he used a home DNA kit in February 2008 to test if he was the father of the boy. He alleges the results returned negative. However, despite his multiple requests, Krug says Bogle has refused a court-approved DNA test.'

India: Male students cringe at getting less seats in BCom

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CHANDIGARH: Boys are clearly at the receiving end as far as admission to BCom course is concerned due to less number of seats available for them as compared to girls in city colleges.

There are around 4,000 seats available, out of which 2,140 are in 11 colleges. Five are girls colleges whereas five are co-educational and only one is a boys college. This creates a huge difference of around 700 in the number of seats available for boys and girls.

"Nearly 700 male students who had got good ranks have been adversely affected. There are cases where boys with 1700 or 1800 rank, could not get admission whereas a girl with a rank up to 2500 easily did so," K Tankeshwar, director of PU computer centre who coordinated the online BCom counselling this time, told TOI.
...
BCom is one of the most sought-after courses in city colleges and students from Delhi, Himachal, Punjab, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir and Bihar had applied for admissions this year. "There should be a balance between the seats available for boys and girls. Due to this gap, many boys are either forced to leave Chandigarh or to change their stream," said a senior PU official. PU had received nearly 10,000 applications; more than double the available seats.'

Keep Dad in the Game

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Here is an important public service announcement from the Prostate Cancer Foundation called "Keep Dad in the Game."

Prostate cancer strikes one out of six men, but prostate cancer research gets only a fraction of the funding that breast cancer research receives.

The number of men who contract prostate cancer is about the same as the number of women getting breast cancer. The disparity in research funding between the two cancers is striking and discriminatory, illustrating yet again the institutionalized misandry existing in Western societies, in my opinion.

Give me charity money pleads mother-of-TEN who insists her £30,000-a-year benefits are 'not enough'

Broadsword · 13 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A mother-of-ten who nets more than £30,000-a-year in benefits has begged for charity donations to help raise her brood - because her state 'wage' is not enough.

Moira Pearce, 34, has insisted her weekly government handout of £600 is insufficient to feed and clothe her children and she needs donations to survive. The single mum - whose kids are fathered by four ex-partners - has insisted her range of child and family allowance benefits do not meet her weekly outgoings.

Her annual payments funded by the public purse work out at a staggering £31,200-a-year - or £3,120 per child.

Ms Pearce - who lives with unemployed ex-boyfriend Mark Austin, 19, seven daughters and three sons - now wants extra help to save her from going under.'

UK: Divorcee wins £4.3m of ex-husband's inheritance despite judge saying 'she did not work for it'

Broadsword · 13 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A divorcee was awarded £4.3million of her ex-husband's inherited fortune, despite a judge conceding that she had not worked for it.
...
Seeking a lump sum of £6million, on top of £1million that is already in her name, the wife's lawyers said she needed £1.5million to buy and furnish an 'appropriate' new home for herself, along with enough cash to give her an income of over £130,000-a-year.
...
The wife's lawyers argued the 'sharing principle' should be applied to the case, entitling her to a stake in her husband's inherited wealth. But the husband said that would be an 'invasion' of a fortune he owed to his father and which was not built up during the marriage. Mr Justice Moylan said the husband's wealth was 'non-matrimonial' and it was 'fair' to base the wife's award on a 'generous assessment' of her financial needs.

She was awarded a lump sum of £3.3million, on top of the £1million of assets already in her name.'

Melanie Phillips on Britain's riots

Kratch · 14 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For most of these children come from lone-mother households. And the single most crucial factor behind all this mayhem is the willed removal of the most important thing that socialises children and turns them from feral savages into civilised citizens: a father who is a fully committed member of the family unit.

Of course there are many lone parents who do a tremendous job. But we're talking here about widespread social collapse. And there are whole areas of Britain, white as well as black, where committed fathers are a wholly unknown phenomenon.

In such areas, successive generations are being brought up only by mothers, through whose houses pass transitory males by whom these women have yet more children — and who inevitably repeat the pattern of lone and dysfunctional parenting.

The result is fatherless boys who are consumed by an existential rage and desperate emotional need, and who take out the damage done to them by lashing out from infancy at everyone around them. Such children inhabit what is effectively a different world from the rest of society. It's a world without any boundaries or rules. A world of emotional and physical chaos.'

Israeli Feminists Oppose Joint Custody Legislation

anthony · 15 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The feminists are even oblivious to the pain and agony they inflict on other innocent women along the way. For example, Family Court Judges and Ministry of welfare's policies of disengaging fathers from children during divorce or separation is hurting not only the fathers, but also the father's mothers, sisters and all women in the extended family on the side of the father.

In order to achieve the nefarious goals, the feminists here resort to false statistics, doctored surveys and fictitious figures. In contract, men's rights organizations do not jump on every opportunity to portray women as stereotypically inferior. For example, a news item appeared in Israeli media regarding a study at the University of Michigan reported that female drivers are involved in more road accidents, despite spending less hours on the road. Presumably, the reporters' intent was to entertain the typical, slightly chauvinistic, reader. Nobody has ever suggested that this would now justify endless research and training to stop the carelessness of women's driving and to protect the public from reckless female driving.'

'Fight gender inequality by empowering men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Delivering the Helen Joseph Memorial Lecture at the University of Johannesburg on August 10, Barker spoke on the theme Men and Gender Equality: Between the Urgency and the Confusion. He is the international director of Instituto Promunda, a Brazilian non-governmental organisation that promotes the end of violence against women and children.

In no way does Dr Barker exonerate men who are violent towards women, but he argues that in order to deal with the oppression of women, men must be included in gender equality interventions: the difficulties in their lives need to be addressed, too.

He explains that most men "who have made women's lives hell have themselves had hellish lives".

Barker says that during research on women's rights, men are seldom asked what they think of women's rights. He also argues that men often don't see the benefit of equality with women. Perhaps, suggests Barker, men "might be more supportive of gender equality if they could see something in it for them".'

‘Harassed’ Kerala men unite against women’s panel

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Article here. Excerpt:

'TRIVANDRUM — Harassed husbands in Kerala have urged the government to scrap the Women’s Commission and establish a Family Commission in its place to ensure fair hearing to men who are tortured by women.

The demand was made at seminar organised by ‘Janamithram Janakeeya Neethi Vedi’ (JJNV), an association of harassed husbands, in the state’s northern city of Calicut on Sunday to formulate strategies to protect the men’s rights.

The speakers at the seminar said that the Women’s Commission was being misused by women for various purposes, including extraction money from men. It seldom tries to verify the genuineness of complaints filed by women.

The speakers also came down heavily on the family courts, saying that it was biased against men. They listen only to the women in most cases. This, the speakers, said was leading to wrong convictions.

They said a large number of advocates were taking advantage of this and dragging men to the court and subsequently pushing them into jails in connivance with their women clients. The seminar demanded removal of advocates from the family courts.'

Anarchy in the UK

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Article here. Excerpt:

To begin to understand the mayhem in our cities, look at a set of figures on literacy rates that came out a week before the riots began. Teaching a child to read and write is not difficult or expensive. Much poorer countries manage to do it. The statistics in the UK are staggering. A full 63 per cent of white working-class boys and just over half of black Caribbean boys at the age of 14 have a reading age of seven or below. How does that translate into the criminality on our streets? Humiliated in lessons, by 14, the young men I interviewed had either dropped out or were excluded. They then spent their time hanging around on the streets, turning up to school only to sell drugs or stolen goods.

Studies show that about half of the prison population has a reading age below that of an 11-year-old. Of one south London gang I met three years ago, all were bright but semi-literate. Three are now in prison. Bigs, the former leader of one of Brixton's most notorious gangs, received his first prison sentence at 15. "Other people go from school to university," he told me. "We go from school to prison."
...
The young men now roaming our streets frighten us because they have such total disregard for our values. But then they have disengaged from society for a reason. They see nothing in it for them. And in this they are quite right. The overwhelming attitude of all the young men I encountered was despair at the prospect of a life on benefits.

The third area in which government intervention has been disastrous is in the home. Politicians are now appearing on TV demanding that parents keep their children under curfew. I wonder what planet they are living on. Certainly not the same one as the boys I know, for whom grown-ups are absent or ineffectual. The children do not even get fed properly. A recent survey found that 49 per cent of British parents did not know where their children were, or whom they were with, in the evenings. Some 45 per cent of 15-year-old boys spent four or more evenings a week hanging about 'with friends', compared with just 17 per cent in France.'

Making ‘cents’ of Title IX at UGA

anthony · 15 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Though NCAA rules require men’s tennis programs to share the equivalency of 4.5 scholarships between the team, it allows female squads eight full rides.

“I’ve had defending NCAA champions on a partial scholarship,” men’s tennis head coach Manuel Diaz said. “While it’s not likely for any top men’s program to have a tennis player on a full scholarship, just about everybody on the women’s side does.”

And the inequality extends beyond the tennis court.

In every sport played by both men and women, the University’s female athletes average $7,151 a year in scholarships more than their male counterparts, according to numbers reported to the NCAA.

But associate athletic director Carla Williams said this wasn’t a choice made by the University.

“I think it’s a result of the rules we have to play in,” she said in reference to the NCAA’s scholarship limitations. “If we were allowed to give eight full scholarships to our male student athletes in tennis, then we would. … We go to the limit with what we can do [in every sport] and that’s the best we can do.”'

Desert Hot Springs man sentenced to life in prison in rape rumor case

anthony · 15 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Desert Hot Springs man was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole Monday for gunning down a friend over what turned out to be a false rape rumor.

Concepcion Rodriguez, 35, was convicted April 28 of the 2006 killing of Anastacio “Taquito” Torres, with a special circumstance allegation of murder in the commission of a kidnapping.

Co-defendant Mingus Chavarria, 33, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced in May to 15 years to life in prison.'

False rape claim leads to arrest of Gresham woman

anthony · 15 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Less than three weeks ago a woman's testimony sent Gresham police searching for a rape suspect, but today the woman was arrested following a Multnomah County Grand Jury indictment that accuses her of lying to authorities.

Danielle Elizabeth Hayes, 35, admitted to police that she conceived the entire July 25 story to "cover-up personal indiscretions," according to Gresham police.

Officers arrived to a Borders book store at about 5 p.m. to find a distraught Hayes explaining how she was grabbed by two men and sexually assaulted in a secluded area on the west side of the store.'

Antifeminists To Stand On Trial In Switzerland

Anonymous · 15 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Reference
http://www.dads-r-us.se/2011/08/16/antifeminists-to-stand-on-trial-in-switzerland/

From http://www.antifeminismus.ch/ (translation to English here)

Background:
The Swiss Antifeminists in IG-Antifeminismus and Verein Antifeministen wanted to publish the addresses to the Women´s Shelters in Switzerland on the Internet. They are therefore to stand on trial. The Main Session is on Thursday, 15 September 2011 at 2 PM

Comment by Ulf:
What I don´t understand, is, how you can stand on trial for wanting to publish addresses - without actually doing it?

News submitted by

Ulf Andersson
PappaRättsGruppen
http://www.dads-r-us.se/

SAVE: Falsely Accused Take it to the Streets Across the Land

Matt · 16 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

Did you see the photos from the nationwide GovAbuse protest this past Friday, Aug. 12, 2011 in Sacramento, CA?

False allegations of abuse are a major concern to parents going through divorce and custody cases, and even families with children in foster care. This protest was covered by TV stations, newspapers, and online news outlets.

The Partner Violence Reduction Act reduces false allegations in 5 ways:

- Limits the definition of domestic violence
- Distinguishes between "alleged" victims and "adjudicated" victims
- Removes harmful mandatory arrest, predominant aggressor, and no-drop prosecution policies
- Allows legal assistance to be provided both to the alleged victim and alleged offender
- Requires grantees to certify that prosecutors enforce laws that ban perjury and false swearing

If you haven't done so yet, call your Representative's office to meet during the August recess. Share your story of being falsely accused (keep it short and stay calm), and urge his or her support of the Partner Violence Reduction Act.

SAVE has developed materials to help. The PVRA legislative language, petition, editorials, flyers, and more can be found here: http://www.saveservices.org/pvra

WE'RE ON A ROLL! DON'T STOP NOW!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Mother gets probation in home circumcision

Matt · 16 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An Oregon woman who tried to circumcise her 3-month-old son at home after reading the Old Testament and watching YouTube videos has been sentenced to five years of probation.

Keemonta Peterson pleaded guilty to first-degree criminal mistreatment. The 30-year-old Portland woman must also undergo mental health treatment.

Peterson called 911 and the boy was rushed to a hospital last October after her botched effort left the infant bleeding uncontrollably and in intense pain. A prosecutor says he has fully recovered.
...
Multnomah County Circuit Judge Eric Bergstrom told Peterson on Monday that "the reality is you love your children and had absolutely no intent to harm your child."'

Australia: Sperm-donor dad off birth certificate

Minuteman · 17 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'He donated sperm to a lesbian couple and considered himself a father to the child they conceived, forming a loving relationship with her and contributing thousands in support payments.

But the 58-year-old man is now outraged and devastated that his name will be stripped from the girl's birth certificate, after a NSW District Court judge ruled in favour of the mother's ex-partner.

The latter took the man and the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages to court in March to have his name replaced with hers on the document.

It is the first case of its kind since NSW law was amended in 2008 to permit two women who had a child while in a relationship to be listed as parents. The legislation was retrospective.
...

The judge said the three adults had an amicable relationship in the beginning, and the man visited the women's house to listen to the baby's heartbeat.

He paid for midwifery, naturopathic and chiropractic consultations, and shiatsu massage for the mother, and was invited to visit whenever he wanted after the birth.

Before long, he had contributed close to $10,000 for such expenses, and paid $150 a week maintenance for some years.

Although the man indicated from the beginning he wanted to be involved in the child's life, there was no discussion about the birth certificate, the judge said.

His name was added in late 2002, but the birth mother said she only agreed because she was advised it was the best course of action to settle the family court proceedings.
...
Solicitor Janet Loughman, of the Women's Legal Service NSW, said the case is an important step in transforming rights into reality for many families.'

Senator Wright Meets with F & F's CA Leaders; F & F Supporter Forces TX AG's Office to Apologize to Son

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Newsletter here. Excerpt:

'California Senator Rod Wright (pictured) and his legislative director Stan DiOrio held a phone conference with two dozen of Fathers and Families' California leaders on Wednesday.

Beginning in 1996, Senator Wright has taken up the cause of family court reform and fought to bring justice to a very unjust system. He sponsored four family court reform bills last year, all of which passed and were signed by Governor Schwarzenegger, and he's introduced three more this year. Last December we gave him our "California Senator of the Year Award 2010."

Both Wright and DiOrio praised Fathers and Families' work and said that we've helped change the political balance of power on family court issues in Sacramento. However, they both made it clear that there is much more to be done, and they want to see F & F continue to grow and build its organizational strength.'

Mom jailed for false child abuse story against ex

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Story here.

'SARASOTA, Fla. -- Three southwest Florida residents have been charged with falsely reporting child abuse to the state hotline.

Lisa Ann Schinnow was arrested Tuesday after officials say the 48-year-old woman called in three separate reports alleging her ex-husband was abusing their son. DCF found no evidence of abuse and believe Schinnow made the allegations because of the custody arrangement.

Taiwandra Burks and Stacey Hendry were also arrested last week for making false child abuse reports after DCF investigated claims that a child was being sexually abused. The agency found no evidence of abuse.

Falsely reporting child abuse is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison. Each report is a separate violation.

DCF stressed falser reports waste time and resources for investigators busy with thousands of legitimate cases.'

Female wrestlers' discrimination claims rejected

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A judge has rejected the discrimination claims of three female wrestlers at the University of California, Davis, who had to compete against men of the same weight class in order to make the team.

U.S. District Judge Frank Damrell concluded Wednesday that university officials did not violate Title IX, the federal law banning sex discrimination in college sports, or the Constitution's equal protection clause in their treatment of the women.
...
He also noted that the women, Arezou Mansourian, Lauren Mancuso and Christine Wing-Si Ng, were given the opportunity to compete for the men's team in 2001 but either declined or did not make it on the squad.

"Plaintiffs were not cut from the men's team because of their sex," the judge wrote. "Rather, plaintiffs were cut ... because, like the other male student-athletes that did not make the roster, they could not compete at the Division I, Pac-10 level in intercollegiate men's wrestling."'

Australia: Sex bias claims by men rise

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sex discrimination complaints made by men have outnumbered those from women for the first time, according to figures compiled by the State's Equal Opportunity Commission.

The EOC recorded a surge in the number of sex discrimination allegations last financial year, with men responsible for lodging more than half of them.

Equal Opportunity Commissioner Yvonne Henderson said studies of the complaints indicated that men were becoming more aware of the treatment dished out to them by employers and service providers.

The majority of male complaints related to sex discrimination in the workplace, with the next biggest category relating to entry to premises.

"We have received complaints from men who feel discriminated against because they have been denied entry to bars for wearing attire similar to women," Ms Henderson said.
...
Sue Price, spokeswoman for the national group Men's Rights Agency, said she was not surprised by the increase in complaints by men and described it as a "sign of the times".

"The rights of men are ignored when the claims of women are put above those of men," Mrs Price said.

She said society had swung too far in favour of women and men were fighting back.'

UK: A-levels: Boys close the gap on girls in key subjects

Mr VanHuizen · 18 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys have dramatically closed the performance gap between them and girls as a result of knuckling down to exams because of the recession, yesterday's A-level results show.

Exam boards officers said they had heeded calls to study subjects like maths and science to get ahead in the search for for jobs.

Figures show that girls are at level-pegging in the percentage of A* grades they have notched up – with 8.2 per cent being awarded the top grade pass. Last year girls were 0.4 per ahead of boys.

Andrew Hall, chief executive of the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance, the country's biggest exam board, said boys had "recognised the challenge of A* grades" as a growing number of universities insisted on all candidates having at least one top grade pass.'

South Carolina Dares Feds to Deny Medicaid Coverage to Male Breast Cancer Patient

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Article here. Excerpt:

'South Carolina health officials announced Friday that they will cover a local construction worker's breast cancer treatment under Medicaid even though federal guidelines exclude him because he is a man.

The decision effectively dares the federal Medicaid office to reject the claims for his treatment, and it sets up a potential showdown between state and federal officials.

But until then, South Carolina said it will cover Raymond Johnson -- a 26-year-old man who discovered he had breast cancer last month. His unsuccessful efforts to apply for Medicaid coverage have drawn national attention.

Tony Keck, director of the South Carolina Department Health and Human Services, said it is "in the best interest" that Johnson be deemed eligible for the program.'

Feminists Hate Everything Masculine

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I hope that one of the results of my new book The Flipside of Feminism will be to show the American people that the feminist movement was never about equality. It was always about interchangability, and when the facts of human nature are too overwhelming to make men and women interchangeable, feminists are determined to get rid of anything that is truly masculine.

A good example of feminist maliciousness toward men is the way they have used the power of Big Government in the Department of Education to abolish hundreds of men's college sports teams, particularly the sports that are too masculine for women to play. I knew the congressional sponsor of Title IX, and she certainly did not plan it to be a sword to punish men or to enforce bean-counting quotas. She merely wanted equal opportunity for women. But the malicious feminists have used Title IX as a sword to force colleges to abolish hundreds of men's athletic teams, so many, in fact, that they have discouraged large numbers of men from even attending college, and colleges are now nearly 60% women.'

Peace College alums protest college's plan to admit male students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'About 200 Peace College alumni and their families tossed roses into the college's fountain Sunday to protest the administration's surprise plans to admit male students and rename the institution.

Security at the private college just north of downtown Raleigh did not allow reporters to attend the protest, but the group could be observed from the college's front gate, The Raleigh News & Observer reported. They sang the school's alma mater, heard a speech from one of the organizers, and then tossed their roses into the fountain.

They finished with a loud cheer, then marched to the front gates to meet with reporters. A security guard worked at the lock at the gates for several minutes before getting them to open and let the protesters through.

"We're here because a travesty has happened at our college," said Jamie Averette Mitchell, who graduated in 2000 and now lives in Zebulon.'

Brittany Lester Sent Disturbing Child Abuse Images to Father of Child

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Brittany Lester is another example of fine parenting coming from the state that brought you Casey Anthony. It seems that she wanted to use imagery to make her threats seem more realistic when she was angry at the father of her child. Fortunately, her baby's daddy has more sense than her, and he turned her in to police.

Sources say Brittany Lester, a 20-year-old out of St. Petersburg, sent disturbing images of her baby via text message to the father of the child. The father of the abused infant, Donald Callaway, had just dropped the 1-month-old infant off at the hotel in which Lester resides. Sources say she was recently kicked out of her mother's home and had to live in the motel with her children. Who wants to take a stab at why her mother threw her rear-end out on the street? It probably has something to do with the way she acts.'

'How to create a feminist future'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'School's out for 500 activists as they graduated yesterday from UK Feminista's second summer school. With interest in feminism sparking across the UK, this weekend's "suffragette school" in Birmingham aimed to equip budding activists with a toolbox of techniques for building a feminist future. With attacks on abortion rights, the relentless objectification of women in the media and the assault on women's economic independence through public sector cuts, there's certainly no shortage of obstacles to creating it. Hence "lessons" at summer school included everything from suffragette-era tactics of direct action to the rather more modern approach of mobilising the masses through Facebook and Twitter.

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Important questions were also asked about the future of feminism. With women's lives being so diverse, and the impact of sexism refracted by the many aspects of their identity – class, race, sexuality and disability – how can we work to ensure the strategies and solutions reflect this? And given that bringing about real progress will also mean fundamentally changing what it means to be a man in this society, how do we mobilise men and boys to escape the "masculinity trap"? Those conversations and the search for solutions need to continue, because feminism is a movement, not a club. Everyone has a vital part to play in it.'

"The Flipside Of Feminism"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Author Suzanne Venker, a Warson Woods resident recently transplanted from Kirkwood, has some words of advice for freshmen co-eds entering college in a few weeks: Stay away from the women's studies classes.
...
Venker's book and her outspoken commentary have garnered plenty of kudos from the likes of Ann Coulter, Mark Levin, David Limbaugh and more. She has appeared before the conservative Heritage Foundation and is scheduled for an appearance on "Fox & Friends," a morning show on Rupert Murdoch's cable television news channel.

"I advise college students to read about successful women, not about all this victimhood," said Venker. "My favorite thing to do is to speak to college audiences to give them a different view from what they get from their professors.

"I don't ask the students to accept what I say now," added Venker. "I just want them to be exposed to the truth. Some day down the road a light may go off in their heads, when reality sets in, and they realize they've been told a lot that is not true."'

Americans Think Women Need College More Than Men Do

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'According to Reuters, the Pew Research Center talked to over 2,000 Americans and found that while 77% said women needed to go to college, just 68% said men needed to. Also, women tended to be more positive about their college experiences — female graduates were more likely than male ones to say that their education was worth the money, and that college contributed to their personal and intellectual growth. Another interesting finding: 40% of women's parents paid for college, while just 29% of men's did so.

...

Whatever the case, there's the potential for a feedback loop here: if people continue to see college as more necessary for women than for men, more women may enroll and more men may opt out, making universities seem more female and thus less necessary for men, and then starting the whole process over again. It seems unlikely that women will ever take over the entirety of the intellectual labor force, or that any other dire mancessionary scenarios will come to pass, but a perception that guys don't need college is none too good for young men. And a widening gender gap in enrollment without a corresponding closure of the wage gap might lead to more debt for women — or, even more troublingly, a loss of respect for colleges if they start to become female-dominated institutions in a world where femaleness is still devalued. Really, large gender inequalities in college enrollment are unlikely to be beneficial for people of any gender, and when it comes to making decisions about college, one's chromosomes probably aren't very important. Now researchers need to figure out why people think they are.'

College Rape Accusations and the Presumption of Male Guilt

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Article here. Excerpt:

'OCR's new interpretation of Title IX "strongly discourages" universities from permitting the accused "to question or cross-examine the accuser" during the hearing. In addition, if universities provide an appeals process, it must be available to both parties—which subjects the accused to double jeopardy.

Most egregiously, OCR requires universities to render judgment using "a preponderance of the evidence" standard. This means that in a rape case, a campus disciplinary board of faculty, administrators and perhaps students serves as both judge and jury. Few if any of these judges are likely to have professional competence in fact-gathering, evidence analysis or judicial procedure. Yet to deliver a verdict of guilty, they need only believe that the accused is more likely than not to have committed the crime.

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On campus, where casual sex is celebrated and is frequently fueled by alcohol, the ambiguity that often attends sexual encounters is heightened and the risk of error in rape cases is increased. The consequences for a wrongly convicted student are devastating: Not only is he likely to be expelled, but he may well be barred from graduate or professional school and certain government agencies, suffer irreparable damage to his reputation, and still be exposed to criminal prosecution.

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In short, universities are institutionalizing a presumption of guilt in sexual assault cases. This implements the doctrine developed in the 1980s and '90s by postmodernists, radical feminists and critical legal studies scholars that inspired the ruinous campus speech codes. That doctrine teaches that the American political order is designed to oppress the weak; that racial minorities and women, whether they realize it or not, are victims; and that the truth, except for the first two propositions, is infinitely malleable.'

Strauss-Kahn accuser mulls dropping case for money: report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(Reuters) - Lawyers for the woman who accused former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn of sexual assault have explored a deal in which they would scuttle the criminal case in exchange for a monetary settlement in the civil lawsuit, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday.

The woman's lawyer, Kenneth Thompson, strongly denied the report, which the Journal sourced to unidentified people briefed on the matter.

The report comes ahead of Tuesday's scheduled court hearing in which Strauss-Kahn, once seen as a leading contender to be the next president of France, was due to appear before a judge for the first time since he was freed from house arrest on July 1.'

Sentencing disparities in child-sex-assault cases point to double standard

el cid · 21 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This story reports on the double-standard of sentencing for men convicted of assault on a child and women convicted of the same offense. Many of these stories involve teacher/student relationships, though not all. Excerpt:

"Women in Colorado convicted of sexually assaulting a child in their care are far less likely to go to prison than men sentenced for the same crime.

A Denver Post analysis of sentencing data provided by the Colorado Judicial Branch shows that of the 2,128 men convicted of sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust from 2006 through 2010, more than 50 percent were sent to prison.

Of the 79 women convicted of the same felony offense, 38 percent went to prison. A little more than 39 percent of female defendants in that same period — 31 — were put on intensive supervised probation. Less than 35 percent of men were given the same sentence.

Experts who have studied the issue say those statistics are mirrored nationwide and show a clear disparity between how male and female teachers, coaches and babysitters are treated when they are convicted of sexually abusing a child."

Australian Department of Health and Ageing: 25 New Grants to Support Men's "Sheds"

Minuteman · 22 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to media release here. Excerpt:

'The Australian Government is funding new grants for twenty-five men's sheds across the country to purchase tools, conduct building and maintenance and employ shed coordinators.

The Minister for Indigenous Health, Warren Snowdon, who has responsibility for male health, made the announcement at the 4th National Men's Shed Conference in Brisbane.
...

"Men often form friendships as they work together, doing things that are traditionally done in sheds, like building furniture, fixing machinery and working on small projects to help other local community groups.

"With Australian men still dying four to five years younger than women, we know we have to support grass roots initiatives like men's sheds to get males of all ages engaged in ways to improve their health and wellbeing," he said.

Mr Snowdon said Round Two of the Australian Government Shed Development Program announced today is funding sites in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania up to $10,000 each.'

DSK case gross injustice used as vehicle to paint men as predators

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'It is an extraordinary, swift turnaround and a deep humiliation for the Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance and his unreliable witness Nafissatou Diallo; an embarrassment for US justice; and a day of shame for the feminist movement.

Like the New York prosecutor worried about his re-election, prominent US feminists in academe and the media were too desperate to handcuff, draw and quarter their prize catch in the form of Strauss-Kahn the rich, powerful French political luminary and International Monetary Fund boss known as DSK.

Women such as gender studies guru Joan W. Scott, feminist icon Gloria Steinem, The Nation's Katha Pollitt and The New York Times's Maureen Dowd lost all sense of reality, objectivity or basic scepticism regarding the untested accusations. They gleefully hopped on to the dirty bandwagon of presumption of male guilt the moment a woman - any woman - makes an accusation of sexual assault.'

Circumcision may fuel illicit trade

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Article here.

'A medical advocacy group has warned that the KwaZulu-Natal health department's decision to allow circumcisions at state hospitals will fuel an illicit trade in foreskins, the Sowetan newspaper reported.

The newspaper reported that Medical Rights Advocacy Network head Dr Uttam Govind had written to Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi, KwaZulu-Natal premier Dr Zweli Mkhize and health MEC Sibongiseni Dhlomo.

He had urged them to stop the planned circumcision programme, which starts in April 2012.

Govind reportedly wrote that there were problems enforcing the Human Tissue Act, which required researchers to obtain a permit from the health ministry before exporting human tissue.

The foreskins were used in the cosmetics industry to remove wrinkles, as artificial skin and for insulin.'

Title IX ties hands of athletic officials

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's arguably the most polarizing issue that has affected college athletics over the last 40 years. Advocates point to the opportunities that have been provided while critics blame it for many of the athletic programs that have been cut.

Since 1972, Title IX has legally required that the same education opportunities be provided for women as well as men, which means that colleges have had to effectively — and struggled to — provide the same opportunities in athletics for women as well as men.

And like every other college in the country, Porterville College has had to face the same issues when it comes to Title IX. While there's no denying the opportunities that have been provided for local female athletes, there's also no denying the challenges that PC faces when trying to meet Title IX requirements.'

On YouTube: "A Murder But Not A Crime" from "Chicago"

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Video here. This video comes from a Feministing contributor. In the twisted world of feminism, its OK to kill a man, hence the title -- "A Murder But Not A Crime". I attached a link to Chloe Angyal's Feministing profile. Please -- no threats are hate mail. I'm just trying to expose her hypocrisy.

NASA's girls-only science camp

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Article here. Excerpt:

'GREENCASTLE, Pa. — At the age of 12, Abigail Marconi might be too young to be a rocket scientist.

But give her a few years, and it could be her career of choice.

The seventh-grader at Greencastle-Antrim Middle School recently spent a week as a participant in NASA's SISTER program — the Summer Institute of Science, Technology, Engineering and Research.

Held each year at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., the purpose of the five-day program is to provide opportunities for middle school girls to explore nontraditional career fields while working with research scientists, mathematicians and engineers.

Limited to 30 girls, Abigail said she applied for a spot in the program in mid-April.'

Sexual assault hurts everyone

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Article here. Excerpt:

“I do think it’s quite fabulous,” Sharon Osbourne declared on a recent episode of CBS’s “The Talk.”

But she wasn’t commenting on makeup, books, or typical talk show fodder. She was applauding a California woman who cut off her husband’s penis and put it in the garbage disposal.

The five co-hosts giggled and speculated, even going so far as to reenact the scene at the sink and discuss whether he may have “deserved it.”

These women are paid to act like eighth grade girls around the lockers at lunchtime, but typically I don’t even mind their childish demeanors. Do as you please, CBS, but stick to new recipes and fall clothing lines.
...
Making jokes about a man who had his genitals cut off is offensive, too. If five men sat around a table on a national news network, laughing about the violent abuse of a woman, outrage would ensue.

However, when women applaud a female perpetrator, it’s no longer about abuse. Suddenly, women are fighting for that mythical empowerment and retribution they’ve deserved for years.

By encouraging violence, abuse, and gender discrimination, these ladies shed light upon a repulsive double standard.'

UK: Shock as woman is charged over 'false rape claim'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who claimed she was raped in front of her two young children in Co Armagh has been charged with wasting police time and perverting the course of justice.

The charges relate to an incident in March where a 24-year-old woman told police she was raped in a park in Bessbrook, Co Armagh.

She told police she was attacked by a man walking his dog as she approached an area known as the Bridge in Derramore Woods.'

Mom coached daughter to lie about sexual abuse to win custody battle

Anonymous · 23 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former jockey and racehorse trainer at the centre of a child custody scandal lied that her former boyfriend was a paedophile, a High Court judge said yesterday.

Vicky Haigh made up the allegations and even coached her seven-year-old daughter to repeat the claims, he added.

Sir Nicholas Wall, the country's most senior family judge, said that Miss Haigh should be named and shamed and her former partner, David Tune, freed from the false smear that he is a child abuser.'

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F&F: Holstein Weighs in on Craig v. Hodge Paternity Fraud Case in Nashville Tennessean

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“”The appeals court could have found a reason to award damages to Chad if it cared to, but it didn’t,’ said Dr. Ned Holstein, a physician and founder of Boston-based family court reform organization Fathers and Families. ‘This father is deserving of being made whole based on the deception he has suffered and the harm to him.’”

Brandon Gee of the Nashville Tennessean wrote a detailed piece concerning a paternity fraud case currently before the Tennessee Supreme Court. The case pits duped dad Chad Craig against Tina Marie Hodge, the mother of a son who she told Craig was his.'

‘Hot Sauce’ Mom Convicted of Child Abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Jessica Beagley, the 36-year-old Alaska mother who forced her 7-year-old son to ingest hot sauce and take a cold shower as punishment for allegedly lying about various transgressions at school, has been convicted of misdemeanor child abuse.

Beagley’s case has stirred up a debate about when parental discipline crosses the line into illegality.

She was charged with a crime after she sent a video of the hot sauce/cold shower punishment to the Dr. Phil show and later appeared on the program. The mother of six argued in court that she had to resort to a serious punishment method, because her son, adopted from Russia, suffered from a disorder that made him prone to misbehave.

After deliberating for a day, the jury convicted Beagley of misdemeanor child abuse, the Anchorage Daily News reports. She faces up to a year in prison and is due to be sentenced Monday.

Beagley stood blank-faced as the verdict was read, according to the Daily News. She did not respond to questions as she left the courtroom with her husband Gary, an Anchorage police officer.'

SAVE: Academia Rebels Against the Presumption of Guilt for Men

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SAVE press release:

PRESS RELEASE

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ACADEMIA REBELS AGAINST THE PRESUMPTION OF GUILT FOR MEN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 / U.S. Newswire / -- Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is calling on the U.S. Department of Education to rescind a controversial directive. The new DED rule forces persons to abandon their due process rights to get an education. Such persons are considered “guilty until proven innocent” whenever an on-campus sexual accusation occurs.

On April 4, the DED Office of Civil Rights instructed every university that accepts federal funds to use a “preponderance (51%) of evidence” standard in evaluating allegations of sexual offense, including rape. An accuser only needs to 'tip the scales' for a professor or student to be found “guilty.”

But the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) is now objecting. The group wants sexual accusations to be judged by a higher standard than traffic courts use for parking tickets.

On June 27, Gregory Scholtz, AAUP's Director of the Department of Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Governance wrote to DED to protest the "lower standard of proof” that threatens “academic freedom and tenure.”

Then on August 18, AAUP's Chair of the Committee on Women expressed concern about the “potential for accusations, even false ones, to ruin a faculty member’s career.” Backlash from two separate units of the AAUP is remarkable. Their recognition of false accusations is extraordinary.

“People lie for many reasons including revenge and shame; people also make mistakes. This is why courts presume an accused to be innocent and place the burden of proof on the accuser,” explains SAVE spokesman Phil Cook. “Hard evidence and due process are all the more important in sexual cases that often devolve to ‘he said, she said.’”

As a result of the DED directive, campuses are already beginning to reverse the presumption of innocence. Based on questionable data, men are assumed to be predators and women are said to “never lie” about issues like rape. By lowering the standards of justice, the OCR is encouraging false accusations.

SAVE applauds the AAUP for its courage in demanding the OCR rescind its April 4th mandate. SAVE urges college student parents to contact the Department of Education to demand for due process for all.

The SAVE letter to the Department of Education can be seen here: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/OCRLetter.pdf. SAVE is a national victim advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to domestic violence.

Boys believe discussing problems is a waste of time and weird, says study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'COLUMBIA, Mo. — Boys don't discuss their problems because they feel it's a waste of time, says a new study from the University of Missouri.

"For years, psychologists have insisted that boys and men would like to talk about their problems but are held back by fears of embarrassment or appearing weak," said Amanda J. Rose, associate professor of psychological sciences in the university's College of Arts and Sciences.

When researchers asked young people about how talking about their problems would make them feel, boys responded that they didn't see talking about problems to be a useful activity, the study says. Boys didn't express angst or distress about discussing problems any more than girls.
...

"An implication is that parents should encourage their children to adopt a middle ground when discussing problems," Rose said. "For boys, it would be helpful to explain that, at least for some problems, some of the time, talking about their problems is not a waste of time."

Helping boys see some utility in talking about problems may be more effective," Rose said.

"On the other hand, many girls are at risk for excessive problem talk, which is linked with depression and anxiety," Rose said. "So girls should know that talking about problems isn't the only way to cope."'

Baby Tossed From 4th Floor on Life Support, Mother Arrested

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ORANGE, Calif. (KTLA) -- A mother accused of tossing her 7-month-old baby from the fourth story of a parking structure is set to be arraigned Wednesday as the child clings to life.

Noe Medina, Jr. was found in extremely critical condition after falling from the fourth floor of the parking structure at Children's Hospital in Orange around 6:20 p.m. Monday, according to Orange Police.

The baby, who wears a helmet for medical reasons, did not appear to be wearing the helmet at the time, police said. He remained on life support Wednesday morning.

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Hermosillo's husband, Noe Medina, says his wife was hospitalized in May for depression and was not allowed to be alone with the baby.

Medina says Hermosillo grabbed the baby Monday while he was watching the couple's two other children at a home in La Habra.

He was not immediately aware of what had happened, but called police to report them missing.

Family members also say Hermosillo went to therapy for the first time Monday.'

Allegations against WNBA star include assault and menacing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'L.A. Sparks rookie Jantel Lavender -- the #5 overall pick in the 2011 WNBA Draft -- allegedly kneed her ex-BF in the junk so hard, his groin area was "throbbing from the pain" ... this according to legal docs obtained by TMZ.

According to court papers filed in L.A. County Superior Court, Lavender's ex Adam Ashley obtained a temporary restraining order against the 6'4" athlete two weeks ago ... claiming he's been "in hiding" ever since a July 5 altercation where Lavender allegedly grabbed a knife and threatened to kill him.

In the docs, Ashley also says Lavender "grabbed my head and slammed it into the wall. She grabbed my neck and was choking me."

Ashley claims it wasn't the first time Lavender got violent with him -- alleging she also tried to choke him during a fight in June. During that altercation, Ashley claims, "While I was grabbing for her hands she kneed me in the growing [SIC] area. My private area was throbbing from the pain."

Jantel has been ordered to stay at least 100 yards away from Ashley until the next court hearing.'

Feminists Have a Tantrum

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The feminists are having another tantrum. The New York chapter of the National Organization for Women and the New York Civil Liberties Union are squealing about a 64-page decision in a workplace, class-action suit brought by their friends in the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The feminists are so accustomed to having their gender doctrines prevail in the courts, in the bureaucracy, in the media and in academia that they can't deal with being told the truth, i.e., that their notions don't make sense and are unfair to others, especially employers, husbands and fathers.

Judge Loretta A. Preska of the U.S. District Court in Manhattan tossed out this case in which some female employees accused financial and media services giant Bloomberg LP of workplace discrimination because their bosses failed to pretend that pregnant employees and those who took time off for maternity or other purposes were really doing the same work as those who worked faithfully fulltime on the job. This is another example of the fact that the feminist goal was never equal pay for equal work, but always was more pay for less work.'

New UK feminist group pledges cuts backlash

Broadsword · 25 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminist activists launching a new group in London today promised a series of "creative, bold actions" to challenge inequality.

UK Feminista will offer training in campaigning and direct action, with its first monthly meeting due on Saturday, August 27.

"We think it's time for some action," said a spokeswoman. "Public sector cuts are undermining women's economic independence.

"Services for victims of rape and domestic violence are being slashed. A pernicious rise in sexual exploitation is expected in the capital when the Olympics kick off. And abortion rights are under attack.

"Day in, day out, women's rights are being ignored, sidelined and restricted. Enough is enough."

About 500 people attended the group's "suffragette school" in Birmingham over the weekend, where activities included learning how to behave when arrested.'

SAVE: Remove Campus Policy that Strips Men of the Presumption of Innocence

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From SAVE:

On April 4, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ordered every university that accepts federal funds to use a "preponderance (51%) of evidence" standard in evaluating allegations of sexual offense.

Campus procedures are not criminal ones, so the accused do not enjoy Constitutional protections. Now, jilted lovers can ruin the lives of teachers and students with false allegations of rape.

Two units of the prestigious American Association of University Professors have spoken out against this new policy:

1. Gregory F. Scholtz, Director of the Department of Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Governance

2. Ann E. Green, Chair of the AAUP's Committee on Women in the Academic Profession and AAUP President Cary Nelson

And this past Sunday the Wall Street Journal published a searing editorial, charging, "In short, universities are institutionalizing a presumption of guilt in sexual assault cases" (http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424053111903596904576516232905230642.html)

We are now asking you to politely contact the Department of Education and tell it to remove its sex assault policy that strips due process from the accused.

Contact Ms. Russlyn Ali, Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights:

Telephone: 202-453-5900
Email: russlynn.ali@ed.gov

Please contact Russlyn Ali today. Every day that passes with this policy in place means more false accusations and more ruined reputations.

For more information about SAVE's new activism project visit CAMP - Countering Abuse Misinfo Project - at http://www.saveservices.org/camp.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Schools 'failing generation of teenage boys' as the GCSE gender gap is at its widest

Broadsword · 25 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Schools were today accused of failing a generation of teenage boys as record exam results revealed the gender gap is wider than ever. One in four entries from girls scored an A*, while fewer than one in five of those from boys were awarded the top grade - the biggest gap since the A* was introduced in 1994.

Education experts warned the "alarming" trend is leaving boys without the necessary skills to get the most out of life. The starkest difference was in English, with 73 per cent of girls getting an A* to C grade compared with 59 per cent of boys.

...

Girls are moving to traditionally male science subjects at a faster rate than boys, helping to fuel a massive increase in the popularity of physics, chemistry and biology.

...

The most worrying trend was the increasing gap between the results of boys and girls, said Professor Alan Smithers, director of the centre for education and employment research at the University of Buckingham.

"It is a truly enormous gap in English and it is really very alarming. It is a poor reflection on us as educators. We are failing boys in English. We are not giving them the necessary understanding to get as much out of life as they could."

It comes despite coursework being cut back, which has in the past been blamed for helping girls to do better at their GCSEs. When the A* was first introduced the gap between boys and girls was just three per cent.'

Light a Blue Bulb for Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, September 2011

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From malecare.org:

This year, let's take prostate cancer awareness building into our own hands. Light a Blue Bulb every night (or, for a few nights) during September.

Too often, we look to nonprofits, government agencies and corporations to lead our advocacy efforts…and, sometimes, we are deeply disappointed. This year, our national prostate cancer nonprofit, Malecare, asks us to take personal responsibility and build advocacy from the grass roots, up. So, please do the simple task of getting a blue bulb and lighting it where your neighbors might see it. Get ready for your neighbors to ask you, "why the blue bulb?" Proudly express your desire that all men and women become more aware about prostate cancer.

Get a blue bulb at your local hardware store or online at homedepot.com or amazon.com or dig one out from your party box. Set it in your porch light or a lamp by a window. And, simply, light it for a few hours, or all night.

Post your thoughts at http://malecare.org/blue. Did you use Prostate Cancer Awareness Month to remember someone whom you have lost? We would be honored to publish a paragraph about the person you cared about, and, you can even upload a photo. Perhaps a photo of the person you wish were still here, or of you, by your blue light bulb.

If in the moment that you screw in a blue light bulb, you think to yourself, "I ought to make a doctor's appointment," then Prostate Cancer Awareness Month has done its job. We need to say to ourselves, "we are worth taking care of, that our lives are worthy of health and happiness, that I will commit to asking my doctor what tests I need to stay alive."

Thanks for honoring us, all, by supporting Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Please feel encouraged to email any questions or comments to me at darryl@malecare.org

Darryl
Darryl Mitteldorf, LCSW
Director
Malecare Cancer Support

The Will Foundation seeks submisisons

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The web site is at http://thewillfoundation.webs.com/. The author of the site (who also maintains another blog discussing legal abuse matters at http://dignifiedlife.blogspot.com/) lives in India and is looking for contributions to a regular, free magazine. According to his email note, he has been the victim of India's Penal Code 498A, a law originally intended to protect women from abuse by dowry-related fraud or misuse of the tradition of dowry, but has become used all too often as a means of gaining an upper-hand in divorce proceedings or in cases where a marriage has gone bad and the law is simply used as a means of getting the state to arrest or harass the husband and/or his family.

In particular he would like articles or stories about how laws in the country in which you have live have been used or misused such that a measurable injustice has been inflicted on you simply because you happened to be a man in a relationship with a woman or when it was a case where your interests as a person ran into conflict with hers. He offers you the opportunity to include your name and/or photo along with the article you submit.

The first issue of WILL can be downloaded from here.

Men's Rights Denied: An Indian Perspective

Anonymous · 27 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

With growing concerns about denial of justice and fair treatment in laws and judicial system and with increasing suicides of men due to marital terror, men's rights activists across India are demanding that "Men have a Right to live a dignified life" and society must not consider the lives of men as cheap or as disposable. We point at the facts like one married man is committing suicide in every 9 minutes and that intimate terror has no gender bias, while courts deny justice to male victims of intimate terror.

Men's Rights activists today have no enthusiasm to celebrate August 15th as India's Independence Day, as they no longer feel any sense of freedom inside India's biased justice system. "Staying alive" is a struggle for Indian men today.

Many women have also started championing for men's rights, opposing anti-male bias in the laws and growing misandry (hatred against males) in the society. They are also demanding gender neutral laws. As a norm, men are facing extortion as demands of huge alimony after marriage. Recently, a woman demanded Rs.1 crore (10 million) in court as alimony from her husband, a software engineer after 2 years of marriage. Biased Laws have converted marriage into a business now. Throughout India, Mothers, Grand Mothers, Sisters (both married & unmarried) are up in arms to stop this evil. Mothers of husbands are denied the right to see their grand children, who become pawn's at the wife's mercy.

Men's Rights Activists (MRAs) are asserting that intimate terror has no gender bias and as thousands of men are dying due to intimate or marital terror. While, there are scores of laws for women there are none to protect men or their families from torture by wives or their powerful family members.

The suicides of males due to intimate terror are almost always dismissed as accidental deaths and police never files FIRs, even when the man has written a suicide note blaming torture and abuse by wife as the cause of him taking this extreme step. However, if a woman commits suicide due to even mental problems, not only the husband, but also his parents are jailed for causing her death by a mere complaint by woman's parents. Media also sensationalizes these female deaths, while ignoring suicides of males due to marital terror as there is no such law for men.

Last year, about 58,000 married men committed suicide compared to 31,000 married women. According to National Crime Records Bureau, 18,441 men compared to 11,641 women committed suicide due to family reasons (and marital terror), while only 5,089 men committed suicide due to poverty and bankruptcy. So, it is very clear that men need laws to protect them from marital terror. However, Government and courts are not listening. Due to this, men are finding it difficult to stay alive.

With increase in separations, divorces and multiple court cases, many men are losing jobs or are completely unable to carry on with their professions due to stress and depression. However, courts are rarely sympathetic to such men and order them to pay huge alimony to wives every month. Many men are also thrown out of their own houses without verifying facts or truth, when wife files a false case of domestic violence in the court. These men are on the streets now.

Demands by Men's Rights Activists (MRAs):

1) A special Domestic Violence act for men must be enacted at Parliament to prevent rise of men's suicides due to marital terror by wives.

2) Tenure of Marriage must be considered by courts, while awarding alimony. Less alimony for short marriages and more for long marriages.

3) No alimony to working women (without children), if they earn salaries more than Rs.20,000/- (US$ 434) per month.

4) Men must not be thrown out of their houses in domestic violence cases.

5) Shared parenting of Children must be considered as default arrangement by courts instead of encouraging prolonged child custody disputes.

6) Courts must tell highly educated women to work instead of telling husbands to pay huge sums of money as alimony or maintenance to wife every month.

The most frequent reason for suicide of men is “family problems”, not economic problems as often perceived. The suicides of men increased rapidly with economic growth in last 15 years.

Gender wise, Statistics of number of victims of Murders, Suicides and Accidents all over India
(Figures as per National Crimes Record Bureau report)

Murder:
Male Victims-24,441, Female Victims-8,718 Total Victims-33,159

Culpable Homicide Not Amounting To Murder (Sec.304 and 308 IPC) During 2009
Male Victims=3,529, Female Victims=753 Total Victims=4282

Dowry Death Convictions (75% dowry death cases are false and lead to no convictions)
In 2009, 2008 and 2007 the dowry death convictions are 1882, 1948 and 1946 respectively.

These dowry deaths are too small a number for a country of 1.2 billion people.

Accidental Deaths:
Male Victims=276,333 Female Victims=80,688 Total Victims=357021
(Male Victims=77.4%, female Victims=22.6%)

Suicides:
Male Victims=81,471 Female victims=45,680 (Total Victims=127151)
(Male Victims=64.1%, female Victims=35.9%)

Total Victims of Suicide, Murder and Accidents:
Male Victims=361,333 Female Victims=135,839
Male Victims: 73%, Female Victims: 27%

So, who is more vulnerable in Indian Society?
The males or females?
Who is more likely to be a victim? A male or a female?

Regards,
Anwar H. Danish

Jewish Voices: The Current Judaic Movement to End Circumcision

Anonymous · 27 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(SALEM, Ore.) - The past century has been marked by the declaration and protection of universal human rights, as well as a marked increase in the quality of life, both in the United States and worldwide. With these improvements, higher expectations regarding a child's right to bodily autonomy have become socially accepted and legally mandated. Many argue that since female children in the U.S. are protected by a 1996 law banning female circumcision, this law should be expanded to include the protection of male children as well.

There are a growing number of Jews who are becoming increasingly vocal in questioning both the ethics and the legality of circumcision. Jews in the Reform Judaism movement have already been advocating for an end to ritual circumcision for the past 180 years. What follows is a collection of statements from Jews who question the ethics of forced under-age circumcision.
...
Here are some of these pioneers in their own words.

"In any other arena of medical or religious practice, such an activity as the willful removal of healthy, God-given, purposefully functioning tissue (without sufficient mitigation of the pain that it causes) from a fully conscious infant, would be immediately recognized, in both Jewish and American law, as the trespass it is.
Or, to put it another way: It's a mitzvah to fight to end circumcision!"
- Samuel Richmond, a Jewish Intactivist in southern California,The Case for Brit Without Milah, Circumstitions.com
...
Thus the need for the emotional blackmail so many parents are subjected to; the myths of no pain and no risk; the hugely exaggerated claims of potential health benefits. Throughout Europe, health services abjure routine circumcisions because of the doctors' commitment to upholding the Hippocratic Oath not to do harm. Jewish parents should embrace that simple principle and take up welcoming ceremonies for our babies that are violence-free and egalitarian.
- Victor Schonfeld, Director of the documentary War Cries: It's A Boy!

Jerusalem Report, November 22, 1999.
"More and more Jews are choosing to not circumcise their boys.. (Thank God!) And just as we accept Jews who do not keep kosher or observe as we do, we recognize the amazing diversity of practice and belief that is part and parcel of our astounding heritage.
Genital cutting does not create a 'mensch' (a conscious-caring individual). Indeed it is more of an obstacle to our natural development and [a] source of anger and confusion.
Coming from an Orthodox background and having lived in Jerusalem, i am very aware that the problems of domestic violence and sexual pathology are just as prevalent in the observant communities as in the secular.
Deuteronomy 10:16 says: "Circumcise the foreskin of your heart,"
In Hebrew, the word foreskin is 'orlah'.. there is an 'orlah' covering the ear and the heart..
What is preventing us from 'hearing the word of God and opening our hearts in love and compassion.. This is the real circumcision that needs to occur. and it is a life-time learning ceremony….
Brit Milah' is the hebrew for the covenant of 'circumcision'. 'Mila' also means 'word'.. We can welcome the child with songs and praises and holy words, gentle tones, and soft touches and smiles
- Rabbi Nathan Segal, Rabbi of Shabbos Shul
One Rabbis' Thoughts on Circumcision

"...It is accepted that he that is not circumcised, but is the son of a Jewish mother, is a Jew. Numerous scholars of Judaism have clearly pointed out that this damaging surgical ritual is inconsistent with all other tenets of the Jewish

religion to protect the integrity of the individual and do no harm to another person. The Law Commission would be doing all Jews great service, in fact, to finally recognize the universal harm, the permanence, and the impossibility of informed consent of non-therapeutic circumcision on any infant boy, regardless of religion. To fail to do so, to create a "special exception" for Jewish boys, would be tantamount to governmental discrimination against infants born into the Jewish faith by assuming that their pain is less (it is not) and that they will simply learn to accept their harm. Our pain is real, we are part of the larger society, and we need and expect full protection under the law."
- Brian Levitt, Statement to the United Kingdom Law Commission
Consultation Paper No. 139 20November 1996.'

Weighty Issues: How Marriage Affects Men and Women's Bodies Differently

anthony · 28 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Cut the cake! Both men and women are likely to pack on a few extra pounds after they get married. That modest figure is an average—it also includes married folks who gain or lose a significant amount of weight upon tying the knot. And according to a new study, marriage is linked to a heightened risk for major weight gain among women. For men, the pounds come a little bit later: after the divorce.

Add a steady waist measurement to one of the many social perks of marrying as a man. Married men make more money and get more promotions than single guys. They live longer, have less heart disease, drink less, smoke less weed, and experience less stress. Meanwhile, married women have less fulfilling sex lives and less free time than their husbands. They also have smaller paychecks. (They do get to keep smoking the same amount of weed). These factors help explain why women are less into marriage than men are. And they may also contribute to the gendered risk of gaining weight after getting hitched.

Bluntly, marriage "is more beneficial for men than for women," write Ohio State University sociologists Dmitry Tumin and Zhenchao Qian. "Men after marriage do not gain [significant] weight because they enjoy a healthy lifestyle and receive stronger emotional support"—in other words, they've got the time, energy, and help to maintain a steady weight, thanks to the sacrifices of their spouses. Across the aisle, though, "the unsettling effect of a marriage for women may be strong enough to cause large weight gain."'

The Slow Disappearance of the American Working Man

Matt · 28 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As President Barack Obama puts together a new jobs plan to be revealed shortly after Labor Day, he is up against a powerful force, long in the making, that has gone virtually unnoticed in the debate over how to put people back to work: Employers are increasingly giving up on the American man.

If that sounds bleak, it's because it is. The portion of men who work and their median wages have been eroding since the early 1970s. For decades the impact of this fact was softened in many families by the increasing number of women who went to work and took up the slack. More recently, the housing bubble helped to mask it by boosting the male-dominated construction trades, which employed millions. When real estate ultimately crashed, so did the prospects for many men. The portion of men holding a job—any job, full- or part-time—fell to 63.5 percent in July—hovering stubbornly near the low point of 63.3 percent it reached in December 2009. These are the lowest numbers in statistics going back to 1948. Among the critical category of prime working-age men between 25 and 54, only 81.2 percent held jobs, a barely noticeable improvement from its low point last year—and still well below the depths of the 1982-83 recession, when employment among prime-age men never dropped below 85 percent. To put those numbers in perspective, consider that in 1969, 95 percent of men in their prime working years had a job.

Men who do have jobs are getting paid less. After accounting for inflation, median wages for men between 30 and 50 dropped 27 percent—to $33,000 a year— from 1969 to 2009, according to an analysis by Michael Greenstone, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology economics professor who was chief economist for Obama's Council of Economic Advisers. "That takes men and puts them back at their earnings capacity of the 1950s," Greenstone says. "That has staggering implications."'

Misandry in the Media: RADAR Expands its Focus

Matt · 28 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Alert here. Excerpt:

'Misandry, simply defined, is the pathological hatred of men and boys. It is the analog to misogyny, but with the bigotry and rage targeted at males.

Paul Nathanson and Katherine K. Young, two scholars in the field of religious studies at McGill University in Montreal, popularized the word "misandry" in a series of books on the topic: Spreading Misandry: The Teaching of Contempt for Men in Popular Culture (2001); Legalizing Misandry: From Public Shame to Systemic Discrimination Against Men (2006); Sanctifying Misandry: Goddess Ideology and the Fall of Man (2010).

Nathanson and Young describe misandry as "a form of prejudice and discrimination that has become institutionalized in North American society, 'a collectively shared and culturally propagated worldview, not a personal emotion such as dislike or anger'"
...
Going forward, RADAR will focus less on particular laws and more on the nation's anti-male culture. RADAR plans to focus on the prevalence of misandry and the impact of misandry on the nation's approach to domestic violence. RADAR will highlight the media's role in spreading misandry, with media broadly defined to include not just the print, radio, film and television industries but also the messages disseminated by the nations churches and education, including judicial training that often amounts to nothing more than misandristic indoctrination.'

The New "She" is "He"

scarbo · 29 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I see it in the school district where I work. Girls punching boys — punching them hard, sometimes out of meanness, sometimes for fun, but still packing a wallop.

It's been increasing in recent times, with situation comedies either reflecting, or leading, the trend. How did these young people learn this? Has this nastiness come to be OK because boys are supposed to be able to take a punch without showing pain? Or do the boys get the whack because they're such muttonheads and they have it coming?
...
So the totals were: eight boys physically attacked by girls, seven boys hit by boys, three girls hit by other girls and one girl struck by a boy. So we're being trained to get a laugh from girls striking and berating boys, and we're being conditioned to believe that boys are sloppy and violent among themselves when they get together, but there's nothing comedic about a girl being injured, whichever sex caused the harm.

What I'd like to know is how much of this is unconscious to the writers and producers of these programs, because as mean and dishonest as Eddie Haskell was, he never hit the Beaver.'

Australia: Female murdered, dismembered pensioner "to make a better life for herself and her two daughters"

Minuteman · 30 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A woman faces life in jail for killing and dismembering an aged pensioner in a bizarre case that prosecutors say shows the dark side of society.

South Australian Supreme Court Justice Trish Kelly found on Tuesday Angelika Gavare, 35, murdered Vonne McGlynn, 82, on or about December 3, 2008.

Gavare wanted to steal Mrs McGlynn's house to make a better life for herself and her two daughters.
...
Gavare became a suspect after she tried to withdraw money from Mrs McGlynn's account and was found with a forged power of attorney, a shed smelling of rotten flesh and some of her victim's things.

Gavare denied killing Mrs McGlynn but admitted she was a liar, a thief, a fraudster and hoped to profit from the pensioner's death.

She appeared surprised at the verdict.'

Alaska woman in hot sauce case spared jail time

anthony · 30 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ANCHORAGE, Alaska — An Alaska woman convicted of punishing her adopted Russian son by squirting hot sauce into his mouth was spared immediate jail time on Monday.

Thirty-six-year-old Jessica Beagley was given three years of probation, a 180-day suspended jail sentence and a $2,500 fine — also suspended — after she was convicted last week of misdemeanor child abuse. Prosecutors say she used a videotape of herself punishing the 7-year-old boy as a ploy to get on the "Dr. Phil" TV show.

Beagley submitted the eight-minute tape for a show segment titled "Mommy Confessions." She said the boy had lied about getting into trouble at school.'

SAVE: Dept. of Ed is Ignoring Us, Now We Take it to the Top

Matt · 30 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

As we reported last week, the U.S. Department of Education (DED) has issued a directive that requires colleges to use the "preponderance of evidence" standard in handling allegations of sexual assault, a standard that in practice removes the presumption of innocence.

Editorials rightly continue to condemn this directive, like:

The New Rules of College Sex

We'd like to thank all of you who contacted Ms. Russlyn Ali, Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights last week by email and phone. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough.

We are being ignored, and that is unacceptable. This week we take it to the top!

Let's flood the inbox and voice mailbox of Secy. Of Education Arne Duncan. Be resolute and be persistent. Politely yet firmly insist Mr. Duncan remove the sex assault policy that strips due process from the accused.

Please contact Arne Duncan today:
Telephone: 202-401-3000
Email: arne.duncan-at-ed.gov

Your voice matters. Use it.

More DED editorials: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/ded-editorials

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Beyond the Bris - A Jewish Movement Against Circumcision

JewishIntactivist · 30 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Welcome to the web-based multimedia project that's putting real faces and voices to the current Jewish movement opposing circumcision. This dynamic site is being created by, for and about Jews who are united in the belief that cutting children's genitals is unnecessary and harmful. As our name implies, an increasing number of Jewish people are moving in a more ethical, more humanitarian and more Jewish direction: beyond the bris.

Just for Us: For Women Only: Sept. 10 event offers info on health, happiness, some humor, too

anthony · 30 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'KEARNEY — Just For Us aims to offer women information, relaxation and fun.

The new women's event will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 10 at Younes Convention Center. This is the first year the Kearney Hub will partner with Good Samaritan Hospital to present Just For Us.

The event will include exhibit booths, keynote speaker Peggy Kline, breakout sessions on women's health issues, on-stage demonstrations, door prizes and more.'

UK: New women-only Labour group to launch

anthony · 30 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A NEW women's only group is being launched by the Banbury Constituency Labour Party on Wednesday (August 31).

The launch is open to members and non-members of the Labour Party and will take place at The Great Western Arms in Aynho.Organiser Annie Higgs said: "The purpose of the group is for women to share issues that affect them both locally and nationally, to meet socially with like-minded women and to invite inspiring speakers. We have an exciting programme of events coming up across the whole constituency.

"I'm hoping this group will empower women and give them a voice."'

The DSK affair: Miscarriage of justice one way or another

anthony · 30 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's hard to make a cut-and-dried women's-rights issue out of this case because of the accuser's credibility problem, though the sisterhood did have some words to say. "This miscarriage of justice exhibits all the hallmarks of a society that tolerates sexual violence by blaming and shaming the survivors -- but the real shame belongs with the perpetrators and the prosecutors who allow them to walk off scot-free," said National Organization for Women president Terry O'Neill.

It is, of course, not at all clear that that is what happened. And will NOW take some responsibility in this mess, for contributing to a culture in which men and women are always adversarial rather than complementary? In which sex is the ultimate expression of independence and power, rather than a beautiful, intimate, life-giving act of love and mutual respect and human dignity?

A friend commented about the case: "I am gathering he's a pig. I am gathering she is not fully credible. It reminds me a little of the Duke case. The woman was a disaster, as was the prosecution, and a pox on all of them. But very much forgotten was the boys' behavior: Nobody, or too few, pointed out the frat-house ethics they were engaging in, hiring strippers to come over, etc. I lived a pretty raucous college lifestyle -- in many ways, it's a miracle I survived, and survived without any law problems. But I certainly never even thought of hiring strippers to come over." I realize that when Midwestern housewives are bringing stripper poles into their family homes, what's inappropriate may be up for grabs. But that is part of the story. God help any woman who is raped, and God help any man who is falsely accused of rape. But God help, too, anyone who isn't creeped out by the lawyerly takeaway.

And sticking to war-of-the-sexes and class-warfare talking points does not serve justice either.'

Ongoing Action Campaign-- Tell Doctors To Put Down The Knife

Matt · 31 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From IA:

America’s medical organizations all acknowledge that infant circumcision is NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY—yet their members are responsible for nearly all the infant circumcisions performed in the United States!

This October, pediatricians are gathering in Boston for the American Academy of Pediatrics' annual conference, and Intact America will be there once again to tell doctors that circumcision is wrong for baby boys. Thanks to our ongoing Put Down The Knife! campaign, you too can tell doctors that circumcision is a harmful violation of a child’s right to bodily integrity, and it needs to end NOW.

If you haven't yet sent your letter, write to America's doctors right now and demand that they tell parents the truth about circumcision. If you’ve already sent your letter, then please consider asking your friends, family, and coworkers to send letters of their own. The larger our community, the louder our voice!

Egad, there are just way too many men here...

Matt · 31 August 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If the student population were only 34% female, would the president of this college be talking about what a problem that was? Excerpt:

'Destler said that Kevin McDonald, who was the chief diversity officer at RIT, has been elevated to the position of vice president for diversity and inclusion.

"Nevertheless, despite strong efforts by many of you, progress in building the diversity of our student, faculty and staff populations has been spotty." Destler said.

RIT, Destler added, has found that, while there has been progress in engineering and some other technical fields, overall female undergraduate enrollment has stagnated at about 34 percent. He has asked his Commission on Women to determine what needs to be done to reach a goal of 40 percent for female undergraduate enrollment.'

Chapter 8 of The Masculinity Conspiracy (Conclusion) is now online

Anonymous · 1 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Chapter 8 (Conclusion) of The Masculinity Conspiracy is now online.

This final chapter revisits some of the main ways that the conspiracy manifests, but more importantly examines how and why it happens, as well as revealing what ultimately lies behind the conspiracy.

If you don't like reading online, print and Kindle editions of the book are also now available.

Father falsely accused of child sexual abuse tells his side of story

Kratch · 1 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In 2006, David Tune's 'world fell apart', as he puts it, when his ex-wife Vicky publicly accused him of sexually abusing their daughter.

For five years he has been dragged through the Family Courts, accused of the most heinous acts. Yet every single investigation has ended with the authorities concluding that he has no case to answer.

Not only has the entire system — police, social workers and judiciary — believed his word against his ex-wife's, but they have believed in him so much that they have taken the child from her, and she now lives with her father.

This week, the most senior family court judge in the country took the highly unusual step of naming all the adults involved in this complex case, claiming that David had the right to tell the world he was not a paedophile.

Jailing a woman called Elizabeth Watson, an associate of Vicky's, President of the Family Division of the High Court, Sir Nicholas Wall, declared unequivocally that Vicky had made the whole thing up.

She had, he concluded, coached her daughter to say that her father had abused her, and when no court in the land believed her, set out to blacken her ex's name.

With Elizabeth Watson's help, she had then sent emails containing all manner of vile accusations, slurring not only David but accusing almost every professional involved of corruption, and worse.'

Czech Mother Suspected Of Slaying Her Four Children

Anonymous · 2 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

“The mother’s partner reported to the police in Polička that there was a child lying unconscious in a pool of blood. Upon arrival at the scene medics discovered four dead children and the mother who was attempting to hang herself and who also had cut wounds,” head of the Pardubice region emergency services, Pavel Svoboda, told the news server idnes.cz.
...
The server novinky.cz reported Friday afternoon that so far police susoect [sic] the mother of murdering all four of her children - two boys and two girls said to be aged 10, 8, 7 and the youngest just two months old. According to the server’s information, in addition to knife wounds, marks were found on all the children suggesting they had all been strangled."

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New Zealand: School 'only supports female causes'

Mr VanHuizen · 2 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Timaru girl says she was forced to wash off her blue face paint as it was supporting a male cause – and her school, being a girls' school, could only support female causes.

However her principal has told the Timaru Herald the school has "no policy around any gender-related fundraisers".

Kristie Bennet, 15, turned up to Timaru Girls' High School yesterday with half her face painted blue to support Blue Friday, a nationwide campaign to raise awareness of prostate cancer.

She said she wanted to take part as her grandfather died from the disease last year.

She hoped her fellow students would spread the cancer message to the men in their lives.

"When I went to form class I was told straight away to take [the paint] off. I went to the deputy principal [to ask if I could keep it on] and she said we were only allowed to support female causes.

"She watched me take [the paint] off."'

9/11 firefighters have higher cancer risk: study

Minuteman · 3 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO (Reuters) - Male firefighters who were exposed to toxic dust and smoke from the 9/11 attacks on New York's World Trade Center have a 19 percent higher risk of getting cancer of all kinds than colleagues who were not exposed, U.S. researchers said on Thursday.

The study is the first to look at cancer rates among the all of the exposed firefighters, and the findings may help pave the way for federal health benefits for rescue workers now suffering from cancer nearly a decade after the attacks.

"This study clearly shows World Trade Center exposure in these firefighters led to an increase in cancer," said Dr. David Prezant of the Fire Department of the City of New York, whose study was published in The Lancet medical journal.
...
Prior studies have shown increased rates of post traumatic stress disorder, asthma and other respiratory illnesses among rescue workers. To date, only a handful of smaller studies have shown increased rates of cancer, which can take five to 20 years to develop.

In July, a report released by Dr. John Howard, director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, concluded that there was not yet enough evidence to support a link between the 9/11 attacks and cancer.

Without that evidence, firefighters and other rescue workers can not receive payments for cancer treatments under the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which covers illnesses like asthma and other respiratory diseases, but not cancer.'

Figuring out fatherhood

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New research is revealing more about men's lives in the transition to fatherhood. Psychologist and PhD candidate Jeanette Lightfoot says that, despite a growing interest in fathers, much of the research is either comparative – contrasting them with mothers – or misses them altogether.

Little is known about men's abilities to form close relationships and strong bonds with their infants, and only limited research has sought to better identify vulnerabilities and risk factors during the transition to fatherhood," she says.

"While new fatherhood is an uplifting, rewarding and wonderful time for most men it is important to be able to identify those men who may be at risk of a poorer adaptation, and to develop appropriate supports and interventions to assist these men, their partners and their children."'

Woman leaves three children alone in mall parking lot

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Story here.

'A Rochester woman is facing charges after leaving her children alone in her car.

The Ontario County Sheriff's Office says 33-year-old Shanita Polk left her three children, ages 5, 7 and 9, unattended in the Eastview Mall parking lot for an extended period of time.

She also provided police with a false name to avoid an active warrant for her arrest out of Rochester. Polk was charged with endangering the welfare of a child and criminal impersonation.

She was arraigned in Farmington Court and taken to the Ontario County. The children were picked up my family members. Polk will answer to the charges in Victor Town Court.'

Women and divorce: Goodbye darling, you're just too dull...

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Article here. Excerpt:

Lucy Valantine was approaching her fortieth birthday when she made the seemingly bizarre decision to leave her husband of five years. “On the surface, life was perfect,” she says. “We had a gorgeous Victorian house in the Home Counties, I had a great job with a blue-chip company, and my husband was a lovely chap. He was kind and gentle and my friends all loved him. There was nothing wrong with him, but it wasn’t enough. I wanted to change my life.

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Relationship counsellor Andrew G Marshall, author of I Love You, I’m Just Not In Love With You, says he has noted a trend towards such splits. “In the past 10 years, I’ve seen a huge increase in couples who don’t actually hate each other, they just don’t love each other enough to stick at it. Ninety per cent of these marriages would be perfectly serviceable if the people involved would just put in more effort.”

What does this say about our society? Is it a shocking indictment of our narcissism that we are ignoring “Until death us do part”, because it’s easier to slump in front of Facebook rather than book a candlelit table for two? Or is it a triumph of feminism that women whose mothers would have put up and shut up in return for a roof over their heads have decided that they refuse to live out their years with a man whose idea of an enjoyable night is dinner on his lap in front of Top Gear?

I say “women”, because they initiate seven out of 10 divorces. Divorce is also soaring among the over-45s, with break-ups in that age bracket increasing by 30 per cent in a decade....'

Resources regarding the Jewish movement to end circumcision

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Today's Jewish Movement to Question Circumcision

(Submitted by a MANN Reader)

Over the last hundred years, a Jewish and Israeli movement to stop circumcision has emerged. This is due to modern notions of an individual's right to their own body, new historical information about the origin of circumcisions in Egypt and Africa, scientific discoveries about the damage caused by circumcision, and a desire by individuals to live a higher level of spiritual ethics. This movement includes Jewish Rabbis, scholars, parents, intellectuals, Israelis, and educators.

Jewish Groups for Genital Integrity
Jews Against Circumcision
Jews for the Rights of the Child
Bris Shalom Officiants by Mark D. Reiss, M.D.
Questioning Circumcision: A Jewish Perspective by Ron Goldman, Ph.D.
Beyond the Bris: Jewish Parenting Blog

Israeli Groups for Genital Integrity
Kahal: Giving Up Brit Milah (In Hebrew and English)
Intact Son: the Israeli Association Against Genital Mutilation (In Hebrew)
Gonnen: Protect the Child (In Hebrew)
Af-Mila: Israeli Intactivist [In English] [In Hebrew]

Jewish Parents – Mothers Voices
A Jewish Woman Denounces Circumcision by Laura Shanley
My Son: The Little Jew with a Foreskin by Stacey Greenberg, Mothering Magazine
Lucking Into Bris Shalom by Sarah Rockwell
How "Cut" Saved My Son's Foreskin: A Movie Review by Diane Targovnik
Jewish mom: Circumcision spiritually wounds, breaks bonds and trust

Jewish Parents – Father's Voices
The Kindest Un-Cut Feminism, Judaism, and My Son's Foreskin by Professor Michael S. Kimmel
Ending Circumcision in the Jewish Community? by Moshe Rothenberg, MSW

Peaceful Ceremonies: Brit B'lee Milah, Bris Shalom, Brit Hyiam, Brit Chayim, Brit Ben
Bris Shalom Officiants by Mark D. Reiss, M.D.
Brit B'lee Milah (Covenant Without Cutting) Ceremony
Bris Shalom Ceremony by Norm Cohen
Bris Shalom by Rabbi and Cantor Steven Blane
On Alternative Rituals by Ronald Goldman, Ph.D.
Brit Shalom: An Alternative Naming Ceremony by Mark D. Reiss, M.D.

Jewish Religious and Historical Issues
Being rational about circumcision and Jewish observance by Moshe Rothenberg, MSW
Defying Convention: An Interview With Miriam Pollack
One Rabbis' Thoughts on Circumcision by Rabbi Nathan Segal
Eli Ungar-Sargon Debates Rabbi Shmuley Boteach on the Ethics of Circumcision
Israeli Linguist Vadim Cherny: How Judaic is circumcision?
Brit Milah : Inconsistent with Jewish Ethics? By D.A. Huffman-Parent,

A Case for Bris without Milah.
Cut: Slicing Through the Myths of Circumcision – A Film by Eliyahu Ungar-Sargon
Jerusalem Post: Challenging the Circumcision Myth by Jan Jaben-Eilon [PDF]

Jewish Voices – Many Jews Question Circumcision
Jewish Voices: The Current Judaic Movement to End Circumcision: Part 1
Jewish Voices: The Current Judaic Movement to End Circumcision: Part 2

Men's Voices
To the Mohel Who Cut Me by Shea Levy
On Circumcision, Authority, and the Perpetuation of Abuse by Jonathan Friedman
Howard Stern: Jewish Intactivist by Rebecca Wald, J.D.

Women's Voices
Circumcision: A Jewish Feminist Perspective by Miriam Pollack
Circumcision: Identity, Gender, and Power by Miriam Pollack

Circumcision Referendum and Legal Issues
Outlawing Circumcision: Good for the Jews? by Eliyahu Ungar-Sargon
Jews Speak in Favor of Banning Circumcision on Minors

Questioning Circumcision: Op/Ed by Rebecca Wald, J.D., The Jewish Reporter
The Circumcision Referendum: A Liberal Jewish Perspective by Sandford Borins, Ph.D.
The Other Side Of The Circumcision Debate by Ronald Goldman, Ph.D.
Jewish Journal: Circumcision critic has Board links

Australia: "Former sailor wants compensation over ship circumcision"

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Article here. The title is from the original article; the now 56 year-old former serviceman is actually seeking a very modest pension, for severe depression resulting from his treatment whilst in the defence force. Being seen to be after "compo" (financial compensation) is frowned on here in Australia, and the female journalist is attempting to portray this former serviceman's situation in this light. Excerpt:

'A FORMER sailor who was circumcised by a ship's doctor and allegedly suffered ridicule from his shipmates is seeking compensation almost 40 years after the operation.

He woke during the operation and had to be physically restrained while it was completed, according to evidence to a tribunal.

The attendant holding him down then joked his foreskin would make good fish bait, it was claimed.

The Melbourne man, 56, is seeking a $28,600 a year defence force pension because he claims his severe depression that emerged after the circumcision was caused by his defence service.

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A medical attendant "held the removed foreskin in tongs and joked about using it for fishing", he said.

The man fainted and spent four days in sick bay, then his shipmates started taunting him.

"Jokes were made referring to the size of his penis . . . he was called names," the tribunal found.

When he transferred to another ship the taunts continued and he became depressed, alienated and lonely, the tribunal found.'

Frenchman ordered to pay wife damages for lack of sex

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The 51-year-old man was fined under article 215 of France's civil code, which states married couples must agree to a "shared communal life".

A judge has now ruled that this law implies that "sexual relations must form part of a marriage".

The rare legal decision came after the wife filed for divorce two years ago, blaming the break-up on her husband's lack of activity in the bedroom.

A judge in Nice, southern France, then granted the divorce and ruled the husband named only as Jean-Louis B. was solely responsible for the split.'

Feds warn colleges: Handle sexual assault reports properly

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Article here. Such an arrogant comment by the American Association Of University Women. Taking away a man's rights is looked upon as some kind of victory. In a way they're right. The new sheriff is man-hater Joe Biden, the same man behind the unconstitutional VAWA and an advocate for reducing men's sports teams (Title IX). Excerpt:

'"In many ways, there is a new sheriff in town," says Lisa Maatz, director of public policy at the American Association of University Women in Washington.

But some academic-freedom advocates say the sheriff has gone too far. In particular, they're concerned that the standard of proof the Obama administration is urging will wrongly take down some of the accused.

US officials want "to sort of shortcut the process of justice by making it easier to convict," says Robert Shibley, senior vice president of the Philadelphia-based Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE).
...
Shibley cites the case of a University of North Dakota student who was found guilty of sexual assault in a campus procedure using the preponderance standard. The university suspended him. Meanwhile, the police had decided to charge his accuser with filing a false claim, and she left to dodge the arrest warrant, Shibley says.'

Government by Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The domestic-violence incident involving former New York City deputy mayor Stephen Goldsmith illustrates what Harvard Law professor Jeannie Suk has written about. Domestic violence has become an area where the government takes control away from the individual woman.

After Mrs. Goldsmith said to her husband, “I should have put a bullet into you years ago,” Mr. Goldsmith shoved her into a counter, smashed a phone, and held her for some moments. She called the police. When they got there, she didn’t want her husband arrested, but it didn’t matter. Arrest is mandatory once the woman has made the call, and her husband spent two days in jail before the charges were dismissed when she declared her wish that he not be prosecuted. (And the Goldsmiths were fortunate there. According to Suk, many disputes result in mandatory prosecution and sentencing, over the objections of the woman.)

Now the Goldsmiths have begun a public-relations offensive, calling the domestic-violence incident a “mistake” and a “misunderstanding.” No, it was not a mistake or misunderstanding. It is the law. A woman who declares herself a victim of domestic abuse by calling the cops will for a time be seen as incapable of making her own decisions. Evidently Mrs. Goldsmith regrets her action, but now his career is in shambles, his children have suffered, and the marriage is marred. No evidence has been presented that Goldsmith was a serious abuser; it was all for nothing.'

Ambrose: Thwarting justice an ultra-feminist aim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'That's repugnant, and something else that's repugnant is certain ideologically inane women's groups telling us we shouldn't even be discussing the maid's credibility. These ultra-feminists are forever arguing that women accusers are always truly victims, are always right, and that the male defendants are always guilty, are always wrong. How far a distance is that from someone saying he is an Aryan and you are a Jew and therefore he is a real human and you are not?

I do not deny generations of mistreating women, but swinging from one extreme to another is multiplying error, not erasing it. If members of these groups fall short of Nazi ambitions, they're still in the camp that would happily ruin lives on the basis of infantile generalities. Right now, the Obama administration is insisting that universities work even harder on the goal. To find out more, listen to Peter Berkowitz.

In a Wall Street Journal op-ed piece, this fellow at Hoover Institution tells how the Education Department is advising universities to disregard due process in deciding the fate of male students accused of sexual assault. Universities more concerned about federal lucre than ethics should listen up to even the nastiness that says the accused male student should not be allowed to cross-examine the female witness.'

Why must women mock the men they love?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What is especially worrying about the trend is the effect it has on our children. It's impossible to spend a night with your female friends, having a 'laugh' about your useless husband and then go home and treat him with respect.

More than once, I've seen mothers and children in cahoots, exchanging raised eyebrows over yet another 'job' that Daddy hasn't done. In sharing tales about men's incompetence, women are coming dangerously close to normalising a corrosive and lasting disrespect for fathers that can only have devastating consequences.

Research carried out by the University of Kent last year demonstrated that by the age of eight boys believed girls were better behaved and more successful than they were. Surely these negative opinions of their gender are down to boys growing up in a culture that routinely derides and ridicules masculinity.

As a teacher in secondary schools, I've noticed that by the age of 14 the idea that girls are more competent than boys is well established. And it is fair to say that in many mixed schools, more is expected of girls than of boys. Those boys who do work hard and apply themselves are criticised and sneered at, called 'geeks' and 'nerds'.

Even boy scouts have to allow girls in now — the same doesn't hold true for Brownies or Guides, of course. There doesn't seem to be any space for boys to just be boys, to have fun, let rip, have adventures, go on missions and achieve amazing things.'

Colleges teach students about sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Students rehearsing for Thursday's play called "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" said they weren't sure if all of the stories were true, but they were powerful nonetheless.

Tom Sendelbach, a St. Ambrose senior in finance and management and a residential adviser, read a monologue from the perspective of a man who knew he was wrong when he coerced women into having sex.

Sendelbach said he thought the whole show was a good thing for students, especially freshmen who were new to the college experience.

"I think people don't realize exactly the definition of sexual assault, and I think that this is aimed and making men and women more aware of their boundaries and how things can go wrong," Sendelbach said. "I do know that there are situations that male freshmen do get into, and they don't necessarily know the line in the sand. I hope that this event helps to clear the fog away and sharpen people's perceptions when it comes to sexual assault."'

Former student sues LSE over its 'gender bias' against men

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'The London School of Economics is facing legal action after a former student claimed its gender studies course was sexist - against men. Tom Martin, who quit the university after six weeks, claims in papers lodged at the Central London county court that lecturers ignored male issues. He is claiming some £50,000 citing breach of contract, misleading advertising, misrepresentation, and breach of the Gender Equality Duty Act.

The 39-year-old, who attended the university last year to take up a Gender, Media and Culture Masters degree, said there was "systemic anti-male discrimination". But he said an internal investigation carried out by the university in the wake of his complaints found "no evidence" of bias.

Mr Martin, who is representing himself, said: "The core texts we had to read before each class were typically packed with anti-male discrimination and bias - heavily focusing on, exaggerating, and falsifying women's issues perspectives, whilst blaming men, to justify ignoring men's issues. There was no warning of this sexist agenda in the prospectus."

He added: "They simply refuse to acknowledge the research which contradicts the 'women good/men bad', or the 'women victims/men perpetrators' storyline.

"Science does not come into it at LSE's Gender Institute. Like a religion, the curriculum simply insists, by repetition, attempting to drum the anti-male agenda into the students."

The university's legal team has asked for the case to be struck out, claiming the core texts were not compulsory, merely recommended readings, and that the texts were equally available for both men and women to read, so therefore did not directly discriminate against men. The team also argues that "any discriminatory effect [against men] was plainly justifiable".'

Sewanee $3 million breach-of-contract lawsuit trial begins

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A $3 million breach-of-contract lawsuit trial against Sewanee: The University of the South enters its second day today with lawyers questioning an expert witness on college sexual harassment and assault policies.

The plaintiff, identified only as John Doe in court documents, is suing the school in federal court for negligence and breach of contract, claiming he received no due process when forced to leave following a rape accusation by another student. The female student later left the school for drug and alcohol treatment and did not pursue criminal charges against Doe.

"Instead of being careful with their conduct, the university chose to rush to judgment," Doe's attorney Charles Wayne told jurors in his opening statement Tuesday afternoon.

...

Sokolow testified this was the first time he has worked as a witness on behalf of someone accused in a sexual assault. In all other instances, he has testified on behalf of the university or the victim of a sexual assault.

Wayne asked Sokolow for his opinion on how Sewanee handled Doe's case.

"The university did not satisfy the standard of care," Sokolow responded.

...

Doe said Hartman asked for a written statement and advised Doe to say he was too drunk to know what was going on the night of the incident and that he is sorry.

The committee met the next day and, within a few hours, found Doe guilty and told him he had two days to leave campus.

Hartman told Doe to "destroy" all related materials and that appealing the decision could increase his punishment and possibly cause A.B. to pursue criminal charges, Wayne told the jury. Doe's options, according to Hartman, were to leave school for one semester, reapply for admission with the incident remaining on his student record or withdraw for a year and reapply for the next fall with a clean record.

Doe left campus and decided on the one-year option, but later decided not to return. In June 2009, he and his parents, identified as James and Mary Doe, filed the lawsuit.

Jury selection took the entire morning Tuesday. Seven women and two men comprise the nine-member jury.'

Woman charged with perjury after false rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 36-year-old woman is expected to appear in court next month after she laid false charges of rape against her former husband.

Police spokesperson Const Sergio Kock said the police were now investigating a case of perjury after the woman laid the rape charge against her ex-husband on August 10.

“Her ex-husband was arrested on the same day and spent seven days in prison for a crime he allegedly did not commit. On August 16, after excellent investigative questioning by police detectives, the female complainant admitted there was animosity between her and the ex-husband and this led to her laying the false rape charge,” said Kock.

Kock said the woman confessed that she had consensual sex with the husband and also admitted in the presence of the police that she lied under oath about the rape.'

Woodbury jogger made false report of sexual assault, police say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The reported assault of a jogger that shocked Woodbury residents in the spring was a hoax, the Woodbury Police Department said Tuesday.

A 33-year-old woman reported April 23 that she was sexually assaulted while jogging at 5:30 a.m. on a trail by Marksgraf Lake.

But that crime never happened, according to police Cmdr. Jay Alberio.

Instead, police believe the woman made up the episode. Alberio said police are reviewing the case to see what charges against her might be appropriate.

When the woman reported the crime, she had been injured and was treated and released at Woodwinds Hospital.

She said she was assaulted from behind by a man that she was unable to see, so she gave no description to police.

She told officers it was her third time jogging on the trail. The woman has lived in the neighborhood for about two years, Alberio said, and has no record of previous crimes.'

The Need to Create a White House Council on Boys to Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Warren Farrell: The five different areas in which boys are in crisis—education; jobs; emotional health; physical health; and fatherlessness—are handled by different portions of the government. First, White House co-ordination creates the best possibility of avoiding different departments having program duplication and becoming territorial. Second, the best solutions are holistic ones; a Council located in any given department would be less holistic and more territorial.

Most important, a Council on boys and men parallel to the White House Council on Women and Girls would signal to the world that boys and men are facing problems, alert schools and parents as to the nature of these problems, and alert all the nation's institutions to explore how attending to these problems might help our sons, daughters, families and nation.'

Sexist Men, Women May Be a Good Fit: Study

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Curiously, didn't ask participants about their attitudes towards men. Link here. Excerpt:

'For both sexes, those who seek uncommitted trysts rely on assertive strategy, survey finds.

SUNDAY, Sept. 4 (HealthDay News) -- When it comes to aggressive courtship strategies, sexist men and women seem to be perfect for each other, new research suggests.

U.S. researchers conducted two surveys: One included 363 college students at a large Midwestern university, and the other was a national Internet poll of 850 adults.

The male and female participants were asked about their sexist attitudes toward women and whether they were willing to engage in uncommitted or short-term sex. Men were also asked how often they used assertive strategies to initiate relationships and women were asked if, and to what degree, they found these types of advances desirable.

The researchers found that men who favored casual sex were more likely to use aggressive courtship strategies, while women who were also open to casual sex were more likely to respond to such approaches.'

Australia: Children suffer under political correctness

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This unfortunate man has been removed from his daughter's birth certificate. This triumph of legal misandry means that a child who is now 10 and, most important of all, knows he is the other half of her physical being for all of those 10 years, will just have to content herself with having a two-mothers' day.

What hope for fathers when even the cowardly politically correct media are now involved in this silly game of let's pretend, using the term having a baby "with" a person of the same sex, to describe the pregnancy of a partner of a government minister? Then again, the truth has always been a casualty of political correctness.

However, things are serious when even children become casualties. Children know that mother plus mother doesn't really equal child. It amounts to a form of psychological abuse to pretend otherwise.'

NIH-funded study: "Being a Beta Male"

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'In male baboons, higher social rank generally brings lower stress. But a new study shows that the highest-ranked (alpha) males have greater stress levels than the second-ranking (beta) males. The finding suggests that life at the very top can be more costly than previously thought.

A high social rank has advantages in many animal societies. Alpha males, for example, have first choice of food and father the most offspring. But a high rank also brings conflict and stress—and stress can take both a mental and a physical toll.

For 4 decades, a research team directed by Drs. Jeanne Altmann of Princeton and Susan Alberts of Duke has been studying a baboon society. For their new report, the NIH-funded researchers examined stress hormone levels in fecal samples from 125 male baboons over a period of 9 years. They compared these hormone levels with the animals' social rank.'

AHRQ: Research on Women's Health Issues Informs Treatment Choices

Minuteman · 7 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

It's all beginning to take on a certain surreal quality. Link here. Excerpt:

'As individuals, we want choices that reflect who we are and what's right for our situation. Getting the right health care is no different.

Until recently, information that showed which treatments work best for certain groups of patients, especially women, was hard to find.

Now women's health research is a growing field. The Women's Health Initiative (WHI), a long-term study launched by the late National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Bernadine Healy, MD, has provided important information on preventing and treating heart disease, breast and colorectal cancers, and osteoporosis in women aged 50 to 79.

The WHI and the Office of Research on Women's Health, led for two decades by Vivian Pinn, MD, helped to ensure that women are fairly represented in NIH-sponsored studies. Before the WHI began, very few studies focusing solely on women had been conducted.'

Quotas won't resolve the battle of the sexes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Too few recognise the social progress Britain has made in recent decades. The gender pay gap has halved since the Seventies; the percentage of women on boards has doubled in the last decade; and half the top posts in the civil service are filled by women.

But worryingly, this month, the deadline expires for British FTSE companies to sign up to a commitment to have 25 per cent women in the boardroom by 2015. If too few comply, then the veiled threat of mandatory gender quotas looms. Far from advancing the meritocratic tide, such quotas would be regressive and counter-productive.

Since Lord Davies's report on the gender balance in the boardroom was published six months ago, headway has been made – 30 per cent of appointments to boards this year were women. But there have also been numerous complaints that the target is tokenistic. Sir Robert Wilson, chairman of the BG Group, points out that a 25 per cent target would require 100 per cent female appointments at his company for the next three years.

Few would deny – indeed, research from McKinsey shows – that having a more diverse board makes companies more competitive. But the best way to encourage that is transparency over boardroom appointments, so the correlation between diversity and competitiveness can be scrutinised by shareholders and investors. Equality should bolster, not undermine, commercial competitiveness.'

Campaign 2012 - Putting False Allegations on the Political Agenda

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From SAVE:

Have you ever wondered what a candidate's take is on an issue like false allegations? We have. So we're going to ask.

The upcoming election is sure to be the most important and most heated election in recent memory.

This contest will be grabbing the media spotlight. And we'll be right there, asking our very important questions.

Campaign 2012: Stop False Allegations of Abuse will:

1. Increase public awareness about false allegations of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse
2. Engage candidates for state and federal political office in the issue of false allegations
3. Secure commitments from these candidates to work to reform abuse laws

October will find us in New Hampshire. We're currently looking for local citizens to address presidential candidates. Interested?

You can be part of our Campaign 2012 team! We'll provide training, printed flyers, information about candidates' local town hall meetings, easy-to-use forms, and t-shirts.

We'd like to see Campaign 2012 grow with volunteers across the country addressing candidates on both the state and federal level. Are you ready to take action? Make sure you attend the Sept. 21 DVLP conference call. DVLP: http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp

If you want to join our efforts, email me at tstoddard@saveservices.org. Put "Campaign 2012" and/or "DVLP" in the subject line, and give me your city, state, and phone number.

I'll be in touch!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

F&F: Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Rules Against F & F's Child Support Lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many Massachusetts child support obligors are being driven underground, out of their homes, and out of their children's lives by impossible child support demands. Fathers and Families filed and pursued a highly-publicized lawsuit challenging the state's new child support guidelines–guidelines which actually raise child support levels in a terrible economy. Our lawsuit made it all the way up to Massachusetts' highest court, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, which ruled against us.

Our lawsuit has garnered extensive media coverage, including the recent pieces Dads' group seeks child-support reform (Boston Herald, 9/2/11), SJC Upholds Child Support Guidelines (WBUR [NPR, Boston], 9/2/11), SJC rejects challenge to child support rules filed by fathers group (Boston Globe, 9/2/11), and Mass. high court upholds child support guidelines (Associated Press, 9/1/11), as well as previous pieces in the New York Times, Newsweek, Psychology Today, CBS radio, WRKO in Boston, FOX 25 TV in Boston, and many others.'

Schools adjust sexual assault policies for new federal guidelines

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Schools across the country have revamped their sexual assault response policies in the wake of new federal guidelines issued earlier this year.

The rules put a greater burden on schools and colleges to investigate possible sexual assaults by placing them in the same category as sexual harassment under Title IX, which deals with sex discrimination.
...
The changes have some arguing that the federal government has overstepped its bounds.

UNCW criminology and sociology professor Mike Adams said he believes the rules could result in more false reports of sexual assault.

Adams said he also worried about justice since victims now also can appeal a campus disciplinary decision if they disagree with its severity or new evidence comes to light.

"That's incredible given our understanding of the importance of the concept of double jeopardy," Adams said, referring to the criminal justice system's rules that a person can't be charged with the same crime twice.

Schools also are required to use a "preponderance of evidence" standard that is easier to prove than the reasonable doubt standard of the criminal system.'

'Violence of the lambs'

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Feminism can be thought of as like a corporation. It's interested in its constituents. Well-meaning feminists are often trained only to see a certain way, only to support their constituents. That is partly what underlies the spurious research on battered-woman syndrome. Anyone who questions whether battered women are only simple victims is put in the pillory and crucified.

"There are young, inexperienced women who fall in love with a man and are put in a battering situation, but there is nothing wrong with them more than simple bad luck. That's absolutely possible and my heart goes out to them. But there's also a sizeable group - perhaps 40 to 50 per cent of battered women - who are themselves as much involved in the battering as the man. That simply isn't discussed; it's considered to be 'blaming the victim'. But in fact it's being more perceptive about the difference between real victims and those who portray themselves as victims.'

Washington Times: 'Sometimes, women lie about rape'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the church of radical feminism “Women don’t lie about rape,” so it would be heretical to afford any man accused of rape a fair trial. The recent campus regulations from the Department of Education’s Civil Rights Office codify this unjust belief, and virtually eliminate the accused’s rights to due process.

The new rules mandate how colleges and universities are to investigate and prosecute allegations of sexual assault. Campus judiciary boards, made up of students, professors and administrators, must judge allegations based on a “preponderance of the evidence” standard. In other words, to be found guilty, evidence only needs to prove that “more likely than not” an assault occurred. Among other things, universities are discouraged from giving the accused the right to confront their accuser. Any appeal process has to be available for both parties to exercise, creating the possibility of double jeopardy. Institutions that do not comply with these regulations risk losing all federal funding.

These rules will reduce campus judiciary proceedings to nothing more than show trials. Innocent men wrongly convicted in these kangaroo proceedings could suffer expulsion, damage to their reputation, disqualification for jobs and even criminal prosecution. Yet, women making false allegations are rarely punished.'

SAVE: Bruised Barbie Photo Proceeds Shouldn't Discriminate

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From SAVE:

This is a photograph taken recently of television star Heather Morris (Brittany from "Glee") engaged in mock domestic violence with a male model.

In a series of fashion photos, Tyler Shields shows a black-eyed Morris dressed as Barbie, staring seductively into the camera, and later merrily pressing a hot iron to her partner's crotch. The photos depict a getting-what-he-deserves storyline that reinforces serious misconceptions about domestic violence. Men are stereotyped as abusers, and Barbie supposedly strikes a blow for victims everywhere.

The truth is that men are just as likely to be the victims of domestic violence as women (although they are much less likely to report the crime) and most of the time, domestic disputes result in mutual violence. Predictably, reactions to the photos have focused only on the abuse to Barbie: her assault of Ken has been ignored, even though it is the more serious crime.

Rita Smith, director of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), was asked about the photos, but it was as if she had seen a different set of photos. "I don't know if Tyler is aware but I'm quite sure there are plenty of women who have been abused by these kinds of household appliances and children as well being hit with electrical cords," she told E! News, disregarding male victims everywhere.

Even worse, nothing has been said about the photographer's donation to an advocacy group that disregards male victims of domestic violence. Shields told the Daily Mail that he would donate the proceeds to Glamour magazine's Tell Somebody campaign, which focuses exclusively on violence perpetrated against women.

We want you to ask Shields, politely, to select a different beneficiary-one that serves all victims, whether they are female or male, gay or straight-so that proceeds from the sale of a photo making light of domestic violence victims will not go to a project that stereotypes men as the only abusers.

Write to Tyler Shields: info-at-tylershields.com

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Dutch woman calls ex-boyfriend 65,000 times

Matt · 8 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Notice the headline identifies the man as her boyfriend while the story reports he denies they had a relationship. I would observe it's another example, albeit a subtle one, of media taking her word over his by default, even when she is the one clearly evincing the deranged behavior.

'AMSTERDAM (AP) — Dutch prosecutors are charging a 42-year-old woman with stalking after she allegedly called her ex-boyfriend 65,000 times in the past year.

The 62-year-old victim from The Hague filed a police complaint in August due to the persistent phone calls. Police arrested the suspected stalker Monday, seizing several cell phones and computers from her home in Rotterdam.

Hague prosecution spokeswoman Nicolette Stoel said Thursday the woman argued to judges at a preliminary hearing she had a relationship with the man and the number of calls she placed to him wasn't excessive. The man denied they had a relationship.

The court ordered her not to contact him again.'

Jews Speak Out in Favor of Banning Circumcision on Minors

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Jews Speak Out in Favor of Banning Circumcision on Minors

A growing number of Jews are in favor of banning circumcision on minors. These Jews recognize a minor's right to their own body, a right that supersedes the rights of a parent to harm the body of a child in the name of religion.

Article | July 28, 2011 - 4:33pm

“In Massachusetts, two Jewish mothers testified in favor of a law making circumcision illegal. Moreover, several Jews and Jewish organizations throughout the country are backing a proposed national law against circumcision. Jewish groups such as Jews Against Circumcision and the Israeli Association Against Genital Mutilation have endorsed the proposed American MGM bill, which would rewrite the U.S. Female Genital Mutilation Act of 1996 so that boys are also protected from genital mutilation.”
- Questioning circumcision, by Shani McManus and Sergio Carmona, Florida Jewish Journal, June 06, 2011

Shrink4Men Radio with Dr Tara J. Palmatier Debuts on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 9pm EST

DenisP · 9 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

Shrink4Men Radio will begin on the AVfM Radio channel this coming Monday, September 12, 2011 at 9pm EST.

Please call in if you're able to catch the show live with questions, comments or whatever happens to be on your mind.

Shrink4Men - for men who are recovering from relationships with abusive women and the non-abusive family and friends who love them.

Also see http://www.blogtalkradio.com/avoiceformen

Study Finds Sex Differences in Mental Illness

Minuteman · 9 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON—When it comes to mental illness, the sexes are different: Women are more likely to be diagnosed with anxiety or depression, while men tend toward substance abuse or antisocial disorders, according to a new study published by the American Psychological Association.
...
The authors cited previous research that found women suffer more than men from depression, because “women ruminate more frequently than men, focusing repetitively on their negative emotions and problems rather than engaging in more active problem solving.”
...
Past research also indicated that women report more neuroticism and more frequent stressful life events than men do before the onset of a disorder, indicating that environmental stressors may also contribute to internalizing, the report said.'

Colleges Forced to Redefine Speech and Assault Codes, Destroy Civil Liberties

anthony · 9 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Take, for example, Stanford University. Once Stanford got OCR's letter, it changed the standard of evidence during a student's case from "beyond a reasonable doubt" (say, 98-99 percent certainty) to the "preponderance" standard.

'You might not be surprised to learn that the student was found guilty. You might be surprised, though, about the training materials provided to jurors in sexual assault cases at Stanford. These instruct jurors that being "persuasive and logical" is a sign of guilt, that they should be "very, very cautious in accepting a man's claim that he has been wrongly accused of abuse or violence," and that maintaining neutrality is equivalent to siding with the accused.

So much for neutrality and the presumption of innocence. Too many schools, as Peter Berkowitz argued in the Wall Street Journal, presume "male guilt" according to the doctrine that "the American political order is designed to oppress the weak; that racial minorities and women, whether they realize it or not, are victims; and that the truth, except for the first two propositions, is infinitely malleable."

National Education Association Endorses Feminist Goals

anthony · 10 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The annual convention of the National Education Association in Chicago this year again passed a bunch of feminist resolutions. For example, Resolution I-61 again put the NEA on record as endorsing the long-dead Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The ERA was debated for ten years, 1972 to 1982 and rejected by the American people, but the NEA is trying to resurrect it. The NEA urges its affiliates to continue to support ratification of this amendment.

The NEA supports full funding for the Women's Educational Equity Act. That's a feminist boondoggle to funnel taxpayers' money into radical feminist organizations. The NEA endorses the use of non-sexist language. That means rewriting textbooks to censor out so-called sexist words like man, woman, husband, wife, boy, girl, and even he and she.

NEA Resolution F-2 calls for the adoption of another feminist goal called Comparable Worth. That means getting rid of "market value" as the guide for establishing salary range and replacing it with government commissions of feminists who will subjectively decide that women's jobs are "worth" more than other jobs held mostly by men.'

'Mental health for men' section on Women's Health government web site

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"Source: Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health"

Link here. Excerpt:

'Mental health helps us face the challenges in our life, makes us feel comfortable, supports our physical health, and more. But day-to-day stress and difficult times can wear down our mental health. Major changes like losing a job, the death of a loved one, going off to combat, or coming out as gay can be especially hard. And even happy times — like becoming a father — can take a toll on your emotions.

Today, we know a lot more about ways to promote mental health. Try some simple steps, like making sure to get enough sleep, getting social support, exercising, and finding healthy ways to cope when you feel stressed.

If you are struggling with your mental health, you are not alone. In fact, about 1 out of 4 American adults suffers from a mental health condition each year. Experts don't know exactly what causes mental illnesses, but a combination of genes and life events often is involved. It's important to remember that mental health disorders are real medical illnesses that can't be willed or wished away.'

Boy discovered dead in squalid conditions; mother 'being investigated'

Matt · 10 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Shouldn't that read 'under arrest'? And pinning it on 'social isolation'? How about 'child abuse through neglect'? Oh yes, we are dealing with a mom here, not a dad. Sorry, my mistake. Excerpt:

'BERWYN, Ill. (WLS) - The death of a 14-year-old suburban boy discovered living in squalid conditions Thursday afternoon has prompted state officials to warn about the dangers of “social isolation” and a lack of community response. The teen’s mother is being investigated by the Illinois Dept. of Children and Family Services and three of his siblings were removed from the home, authorities said.

Matthew Degner of 2834 Lombard Ave. in Berwyn was pronounced dead at MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn at 4:39 p.m. Thursday, according to the Cook County Medical Examiner’s office.

An autopsy Friday determined Degner died of bronchopneumonia and his death was ruled natural, according to the medical examiner’s office.

Authorities on Thursday found dozens of animals, including 40 cats, 24 birds and at least one squirrel inside the home, which also had a bug infestation. Feces were found in the home and it had no running water, according to a source.

...
Marlowe said the case is a stark reminder of the dangers of social isolation.

“Social isolation is one of the most powerful risk factors for serious harm to children,” Marlowe said. “If we as a community never knock on that door that no one ever seems to open, we may never know how bad it is or how we can help.”'

UK: Labour sisters to oust men in women-only session at party conference

Broadsword · 11 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men will be banned from a session of this year's Labour Party conference in what is described as an "uprising" by female members. Ed Miliband, in his first conference as leader, will be the only man allowed into the auditorium in Liverpool to address the "What Women Want" meeting.

...

Presiding over the event will be the party's most senior women, including the deputy leader, Harriet Harman, the Shadow Home Secretary, Yvette Cooper, the Labour leader in the Lords, Baroness Royall, and the Shadow Attorney General, Baroness Scotland.

The move is likely to be controversial among some members who believe that the party's policy development should not be drawn up along gender lines, but that all members should have a say. There will be formal resolutions based on suggestions from female members, who are being invited to the platform to put their case on education, childcare, the economy and the NHS, as well as party rules.

...

Mr Miliband is expected to make a short speech before opening up the floor to women.

One demand that is expected to be passed is the proposal by Ms Harman for there always to be a woman in Labour's leadership, either as deputy or as leader – a move some traditionalists have protested against.

...

A senior Labour source said: "It will be an open mic event – Harriet, Yvette and others are simply presiding over an uprising. Ed will be there as an honorary woman.'

Death Tolls Expected: Female Firefighters in Sweden Not Required To Meet The Standards

Anonymous · 11 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Source 1:
Physical demands on firefighters reduced Excerpt:

"Few women can handle the test

Since 2003 the SRSA has trained 880 firefighters on the program protection against accidents, SMO. Of them, one hundred were women. A follow-up have shown that 30-50 percent of the female students could not handle the physical aspects of employment tests for emergency services."

Source 2: Feminism in the fire department can now reap life Excerpt:

"Now comes what many of us have been waiting for.

The background is that the Swedish gender hysteria has driven a situation where the physical demands on firefighters lowered to make it easier for women to become firefighters."

Comment by Ulf:
We can soon expect the first death tolls caused by gender quota: Female Firefighters that can´t save a victim in a burning building/house/apartment/office etc because they don´t have the physical strength (not meeting the standards of the physical requirement) to pull the victim away from the fire and the toxic smoke. Politically indoctrinated politicians and public calling for gender quota in every area of the society will be painfully aware of their stupidity.

News submitted by

Ulf Andersson
PappaRättsGruppen
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Tech Industry Needs Female Quotas Now

Broadsword · 12 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'So, a woman at the top of her game has been unceremoniously kicked out of her job - she's not the first and surely won't be the last. Carol Bartz, until this week CEO of Yahoo, has been fired by the company board. She received the news via a phone call from the Chair of the Yahoo board. Charming.

Does this have anything to do with the fact that Carol Bartz is a woman? If she were a man would this have ended the same way? Would enforced quotas for women on boards have helped this situation in any way? I believe that they would.

A recent 'Women and Work' survey of three thousand women by Marie Claire magazine and Everywoman found that sexism is still rife in the workplace and that women believe they are disadvantaged compared to men when it comes to pay, promotion and age. 44 percent of women surveyed said that that glass ceiling still exists in their workplace and 83 percent said that being attractive helps women get on better at work. In another survey of both male and female managers almost three quarters of the women surveyed said that they face barriers when it comes to top level promotion, while 62 percent of women and 42 percent of men, surveyed backed positive action to boost the role of women.'

Sue Black: the greatest threat to women in the workplace since Jack the Ripper

Broadsword · 12 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, legendary ball-buster Carol Bartz was dismissed from her position as CEO of troubled Internet giant Yahoo!. Carol Bartz was ousted because she is a potty-mouthed bully who failed to meet the expectations placed on her, despite being given free rein at the company to indulge in her favourite pastimes of firings before breakfast and impaling men on skewers in the courtyards of Sunnyvale.

That she was a woman was plainly irrelevant to her dismissal (though we may note, in passing, how much more testosterone Bartz appears to have flowing through her veins than the rest of the Yahoo! board). Yet, with depressing predictability, an English academic and management consultant has seized on the unhappy event as further proof that female quotas should be imposed on company boards.
...
“Black the Ripper”, as she is coming to be known by other campaigners, who compare her damagingly crude analyses to the hatchet jobs performed by another well-known “women in the workplace” activist, struggles to marshall statistics to support her position in this piece, relying instead on data from that esteemed organ Marie Claire.'

Mom Glues 2-YO Daughter's Hands to Wall Then Beats Her

Anonymous · 12 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Joselyn Cedillo, 2, was on life support with multiple internal injuries at a Dallas hospital Thursday, The Dallas Morning News reported. A hospital spokeswoman told The Associated Press she had no information on the girl Friday.

The newspaper, citing police records, said glue and paint were stuck to Joselyn's palms, and that skin had torn away in places.

Joselyn's mother, Elizabeth Escalona, was crying and hysterical when she called her own mother Wednesday morning from her Dallas apartment, according to police records. The records show that when the grandmother arrived at the apartment, her granddaughter was unconscious on the floor. She took her to the hospital.

One of the girl's brothers said their mother kicked the child in the stomach and beat her with a belt and shoe, according to police records.'

Unable to pay child support, poor parents land behind bars

Matt · 12 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

On MSNBC, no less! Article here. Excerpt:

'It may not be a crime to be poor, but it can land you behind bars if you also are behind on your child-support payments.

Thousands of so-called “deadbeat” parents are jailed each year in the U.S. after failing to pay court-ordered child support — the vast majority of them for withholding or hiding money out of spite or a feeling that they’ve been unfairly gouged by the courts.

But in what might seem like an un-American plot twist from a Charles Dickens’ novel, advocates for the poor say, some parents are wrongly being locked away without any regard for their ability to pay — sometimes without the benefit of legal representation.
...
“Languishing in jail for weeks, months, and sometimes over a year, these parents share one trait … besides their poverty: They went to jail without ever talking to an attorney,” according to the lawsuit filed by the nonprofit Southern Center of Human Rights in Atlanta.

While jailing non-paying parents — the vast majority of them men — does lead to payment in many cases, critics say that it unfairly penalizes poor and unemployed parents who have no ability to pay, even though federal law stipulates that they must have “willfully” violated a court order before being incarcerated.
...
No one can say how many parents are jailed each year for failing to pay child support, because states typically do not track such cases.

But an analysis of U.S. Bureau of Justice statistics in 2002 by the Urban Institute’s Sorensen suggested that approximately 10,000 parents were jailed that year for non-payment of child support, representing 1.7 percent of the overall U.S. jail population.'

"If You've Got It, Charge for It": The Feminism 2.0 Manifesto

anthony · 12 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In her new book Erotic Capital, Hakim says sex appeal is our most valuable asset and we should deploy it without shame. It went on sale this week, and it's required reading for anyone under 35.
...
Like money, you can be born with it, and like friends, you can work on getting more of it. It provides measurable and significant advantages to people who have it, just like being tall.

Women have a lot more of it than men, but men want more sex than women do, a global phenomenon Hakim calls the "male sex deficit." That means erotic capital is a valuable asset in high demand and short supply. ("Male sexuality is worthless, because of excess supply at zero cost.")'

Women, swearing and the workplace

anthony · 12 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- It's not every day you read about one top-level executive asking another where his balls are. But in the end, former Yahoo CEO Carol Bartz lived up to her reputation for "salty language" and candid management style.

Since Bartz's very public departure from Yahoo last week, her penchant for blunt, profane language have become recurring themes in discussions of her career, driving conversation about what women can and can't be in the workplace.

"It stands out because it's not expected," said Deborah Tannen, a linguistics professor at Georgetown University and author of "You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation."

"We always take notice of what's unexpected and women are still not expected to curse, so when they do, its noticed more."

Bartz got the ball rolling when she called the board members that fired her a bunch of "doofuses" who "f----- me over" in her first public comments after the now infamous firing-by-phone. Those statements came two days after Yahoo chairman Roy Bostock called her on her cell phone last Tuesday to deliver the news. In response, she sent an e-mail to Yahoo's 14,000 colleagues telling them "I've just been fired over the phone by Yahoo's chairman of the board," and wishing them the best.'

The Unknown History of Misandry

Anonymous · 12 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Site here. Excerpt:

This, the 100th post to the blog named “The Unknown History of MISANDRY,” serves as an introduction to the ongoing project. The blog consists mainly of illustrated historical news stories (mostly from the first half of the 20th century) which reveal the little known facts of how misandry and anti-misandry were viewed by the US public the preceding the era of cultural marxism that took over public discourse in the 1970s – an event which precipitated a barrage of pseudo-scholarship that has filled our heads with false statistics, historical disinformation, facile half-truths, ideological generalizations unsupported by factual evidence, all derived from a myriad of sophistic discourses.

The blog provides some much-needed historical information on earl Men’s Rights Activism and the widespread support of their aims by women writers, women judges and women legislators. A number of misandric rackets are described in great detail: “The Alimony Racket,” “The Badger Game,” “The Heart Balm Racket,” military allotment racket (“Alimony Annies”). Notable husband-killing cases are included (including serial killings) as well as Husband-Killing syndicates. There is an extensive selection of article on the crucially important subject of Chivalry Justice. And there are many more topics germane to the study of misandry, such as parental alienation, spousal revenge filicide.

...
The bog includes rare photos of early activists and Fathers Rights protests and loads of stunning period illustrations. Much of this historical material written in a breezy witty prose and is as entertaining as it is informative. Most of the material will surprise – and frequently it will shock – the reader.

History matters!

Psychology Today: Myths about Circumcision You Likely Believe

Matt · 12 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When I was pregnant with my first child, I just thought that circumcision was what you did, no big deal, and that every man was circumcised. Then one day I saw a picture of a baby being circumcised, and everything changed. Just one tiny, grainy photo was enough to make me want to know more, and the more I knew, the worse it got. It turns out, circumcision really is a big deal.

Part 1 - Circumcision Surgery Myths

Myth 1: They just cut off a flap of skin.

Reality check: Not true. The foreskin is half of the penis's skin, not just a flap. In an adult man, the foreskin is 15 square inches of skin. In babies and children, the foreskin is adhered to the head of the penis with the same type of tissue that adheres fingernails to their nail beds. Removing it requires shoving a blunt probe between the foreskin and the head of the penis and then cutting down and around the whole penis.'

Prostate Cancer At The White House- Join Malecare.org This Sunday

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From Malecare.org:

BE THE ANSWER - Be part of our prostate cancer awareness photo shoot at the White House on Sunday, September 18 at 12:15PM. Rain or Shine.

Meet in front of the White House along the fence on 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Look for the banner, "Prostate Cancer Pony Express." Be Part of the Blue Bulb Brigade!

- Show the World that you hate prostate cancer.
- Show America that we prostate cancer survivors, fighters, family, friends and doctors, are united and will not sit still until prostate cancer is beaten.
- Show the White House that Prostate Cancer Awareness Month means more than a simple proclaimation.....it's about our lives, fighting cancer, together.

For more information, or if you have questions or comments, email me at darryl-at-malecare.org or, on Sunday, email Robert at robert.hess-at-29000men.org

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Did feminist groups derail the stimulus bill?

anthony · 13 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'American women are resourceful. In the business world alone, women have racked up impressive gains, earning three times as many college degrees and doubling the female presence in the workplace compared to forty years ago. In the realm of entrepreneurship, the adult American female is leaving the male in her dust, starting up businesses four times faster than men.
...
Even though 80 percent of the 5.7 million jobs lost over the first eighteen months of the recession were held by men, cries for more jobs for women arose from a feminist group calling itself "WEAVE" (Women's Equality Adds Value to the Economy). The group's complaints were bolstered by the National Organization for Women, Feminist Majority, Institute for Women's Policy Research, and National Women's Law Center. Members of the super-coalition slammed Obama for pushing a "Macho Stimulus Plan" packed with "testosterone-laden 'shovel-ready'" lingo that focused on "jobs for burly men." Rumor has it that the ladies also objected to the President speaking in deep masculine tones when talking about shovels and stuff.

But jobs would be the last thing that anyone should look for from the web of illogic, misinformation, and tribalistic dogma that pervades women's groups' arguments. Gender "fairness" pusher and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis admits to huge gains by women in the workplace--at the expense of men--and then but a breath later calls for more help to close the "gender gap" between men and women. The feminist group, WEAVE, stares down evidence of men losing jobs at a rate four times faster than women and cries foul when government "stimulus" aims to restore the lost male jobs. Tribal credo, not reality, rules the gender warrior's thinking.'

'Babysitter' Accused Of Having Sex With 14-Year-Old(s)

anthony · 13 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CLINTON, Conn. (CBSNewYork) — A Connecticut woman, accused of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old boy in Clinton, has now been charged with a similar crime in a neighboring town.

Authorities said 20-year-old Loni Bouchard, of Clinton, was charged with second-degree sexual assault for allegedly having sex with a minor in Southington.

Bouchard is already facing charges of sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor in Clinton. The alleged victim was a 14-year-old boy she was hired to babysit, according to police. Those charges came following a 3-month investigation.

It is unclear if the same teen is involved in both cases.'

Teacher Charged With Having Sex With Underage Student

anthony · 13 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

StORY here. Excerpt:

'GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (CBSNewYork) — Shocking charges were levied Friday against a New York City teacher.

She's been arrested for allegedly having sex with an underage student at a Long Island motel.

She faced a judge Friday afternoon, reports CBS 2's John Slattery.

Arrested and charged with both rape and performing a criminal sexual act is 33-year-old Tara Driscoll of Bay Shore. She was a high school English teacher at Campus Magnet Educational Complex in Queens until last May when an investigation started. Administrators reassigned her away from the classroom.'

Video Released Of Female Shooter At Mall

anthony · 13 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLAND PARK, Ill. (CBS) – Police have released video of a woman who is suspected of trying to rob a shopper outside Orland Park Square Mall late last week.

Police say the images are of a woman who followed the shopper to her car in a parking lot outside J.C. Penney on Friday night. Officers say she pulled a gun and said, “Do as I tell you.”

The 67-year-old victim took a bullet in the forearm – a non-life-threatening wound. She was able to tell police what the shooter looked like.

“Wow — you would never think. She looks like anybody’s mom, doesn’t she?” said one shopper when shown surveillance video of the suspect.'

Former teacher's aide gets diversion for sex with boy

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This woman was originally charged with two counts of aggravated statutory rape and solicitation of a minor involving a 16-year-old boy. The "aggravated" implies this wasn't merely a horny sixteen year old gladly consenting.

Martin has now been granted a "diversion". If she's a good girl for a couple of years we all have to pretend it never happened. Her slate is wiped completely clean. I'm surprised they didn't order a Bex and a lie-down: Former teacher's aide gets diversion for sex with boy

Putting aside the gender double standard and the "sex with boy" headline it seems that McMinn County in Tennessee is incapable of punishing a female rapist and is even willing to send her back into the environment in which she abused the friend of one of her children.

A couple of years ago I satirically promoted my state of Victoria in Australia as a five star destination for female ephebepiles due to our track record of zero punishment for women who'd raped boys. That idea is permanently shelved in light of McMinn County's effort. Can't compete with that.

You can't deny it. Gender studies is full of male-blaming bias

Matt · 14 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jonathan Dean reacts dismissively to the news that I am suing the Gender Institute of the London School of Economics, where I was a student (Fear not, male readers, 8 September). "Martin claims he had the misfortune of being subject to a torrent of anti-male discrimination," Dean writes, adding: "Martin alleges that the course material he studied … was systematically anti-male, overlooked men's issues, and ignored any research that contested a 'women good, men bad' line of reasoning. Furthermore, [he claims] the Gender Institute drummed into the students … a simplistic view of women as victims and men as perpetrators."

Dean, a former researcher at LSE's Gender Institute, denies everything: "Gender studies programmes encourage students to acknowledge ... the limitations of a victim-centred understanding of womanhood." Fine words, but a close analysis of the core texts shows all the old, male-blaming biases are still there.

Patriarchy theory – the idea that men typically "dominate" women – is omnipresent, when research shows women tend to boss men interpersonally. Texts highlight misogyny but never misandry, its anti-male equivalent – despite research finding that women verbalise four times more misandry than men do misogyny. And the core texts highlight violence against women only, despite decades of research showing that women are more likely to initiate domestic violence.'

NYC TV meteorologist admits false attack claims

Matt · 14 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (AP) — A TV meteorologist admitted Wednesday she'd made up claims of being repeatedly attacked by a stranger on the city streets, allegations that sparked an extensive investigation before police said she told them she'd invented the story to get attention.

Heidi Jones, who has worked for stations in New York and Texas and filled in on ABC's "Good Morning America," pleaded guilty to misdemeanor false-reporting charges.

Her plea deal calls for three years' probation, continuing psychiatric counseling and 350 hours of community service — the amount of time police spent looking into her phony claims, prosecutors said. Jones is due to be sentenced Oct. 26.'

Woman gets away with murder?

Anonymous · 15 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A man disappeared a year ago, September 2010. His wife never reports him as missing, but eventually the neighbors do. Shortly after he disappears, the wife builds a new barbecue pit in the backyard. The body, of course, is eventually found underneath the barbecue pit. So what charges do they lay against this woman? None at all. Not even improper disposal of human remains. Do you think the same would be true if a man had buried his wife under a barbecue pit? Excerpt:

'A Novato woman won't be charged with a crime after her husband's body was found underneath a barbecue pit she built in their yard, her attorney said Tuesday.

The body of Dale Smith, 74, was found Feb. 23 buried at least 4 feet beneath the patio of the home he shared with his wife, Evelyn Smith, 55, investigators said.

Neighbors had not seen Dale Smith since at least September 2010. It was around that time that his wife and two laborers put in a brick barbecue pit in the backyard of the home on Rebecca Way, neighbors said.'

Mom admits stealing son's cancer benefit money

anthony · 15 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BUFFALO, N.Y. — An upstate New York woman has admitted to gambling away thousands of dollars raised to help her son fight cancer.

The Buffalo News reports that 46-year-old Sherry Holcomb of Cortland pleaded guilty Wednesday in state Supreme Court to a felony count of scheme to defraud.

The newspaper reports that Holcomb confessed to losing $15,000 of her son's benefit money while gambling at casinos in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Canada.

Prosecutors say the money had been raised for her 21-year-old son, Ryan O'Donnell, who's being treated for leukemia.'

Australia: Men banned from female-only council events

anthony · 15 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are increasingly being banned from council events in Melbourne because it's not appropriate for men to mix with Muslim women, a newspaper reports.

The Darebin Council will ban men from a music concert in December, while another female-only event marking the end of Ramadan was recently cancelled, the Herald Sun reports.

Darebin Mayor Diana Asmar said these events were aimed at women who, "due to their cultural and religious backgrounds, cannot attend events where men and women both attend".

The paper reports the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has backed the bans, and declared councils no longer needed to apply to the court for such exemptions.

Darebin Council originally asked the court for an exemption under the Equal Opportunities Act to stage the women-only events, but was told the events did not discriminate and special exemption was unnecessary.'

Wal-Mart aims for change with multibillion-dollar initiative to help women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Wal-Mart appears to be hoping that a new multibillion-dollar initiative will not only help women, but will also aid in changing its image.

Three months ago, Wal-Mart achieved a major legal victory – but incurred public-relations problems – when the US Supreme Court threw out an employee class-action lawsuit against it. Some 1.5 million women were suing for pay and promotion. It was the largest gender-discrimination class-action lawsuit in history.

“The Supreme Court decision in the Wal-Mart sex-discrimination class action has received an incredible amount of media attention, much of it negative and critical of the court’s decision in favor of Wal-Mart,” says Kevin Johnson, dean of the University of California, Davis School of Law. Mr. Johnson made his comments in an e-mail.

Now, on Wednesday, the world’s largest retailer announced it will spend $20 billion over the next five years on goods and services from US businesses owned by women. It also said it would double what it pays women-run suppliers overseas. In addition, the Bentonville, Ark.-based retailer said it will offer training to 60,000 factory women who supply its stores. And it will teach life skills – including punctuality and financial literacy – to 400,000 women worldwide (200,000 in the United States).'

The Boy Crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many might be unaware of the boy crisis in America, but Montclair State University alumnus Dr. Warren Farrell is determined to change that. As Chair of the Commission to Create a White House Council on Boys to Men, he is looking to bring the nation's attention to this quiet crisis.

Last week he returned to his alma mater to discuss the troubling topic as part of the lecture series presented by the College of Education and Human Services.

Dean Ada Beth Cutler opened the lecture, "Boys to Men: Transforming the Boy Crisis into a Boy Opportunity," by introducing Farrell as one of the world's top 100 thought leaders. He's been named such by the Financial Times as well as been featured repeatedly in Forbes, The New York Times, and the Wall Street Journal and on such programs as "Oprah" and "Larry King Live." He has authored many books including two award-winning, international best-sellers, "Why Men are the Way They Are" and "The Myth of Male Power," and currently, he is co-authoring the book, "The Boy Crisis," with John Gray, author of "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus."'

The 'Men are finished' issue set for debate

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Some background:

The Last Days of the American Male

'Hanna Rosin's 2010 Atlantic cover story, "The End of Men," was one of the most talked-about magazine articles in recent years. "Man has been the dominant sex since, well, the dawn of mankind," wrote Rosin, an award-winning journalist for Slate and the Atlantic. "But for the first time in human history, that is changing—and with shocking speed."

That shift, she says, hasn't showed signs of slowing in the past year. And that's why she'll debate for the motion that "men are finished" during the Sept. 20 live Slate/Intelligence Squared U.S. debate at NYU.

Retort:

Oh, Come On, Men Aren't Finished

'Meanwhile, men continue to file more than 90 percent of patent applications. They drive innovation in technology—and not just with basic hardware. Bill Gates achieved global dominance by designing computers with a friendly, approachable interface. Steve Jobs displaced him by creating elegant, intuitive super-machines that were small enough to fit into an evening bag. A guy named Doug came up with the touchy-feely idea of the mouse. The social network is dominated by women but it was invented by Mark Zuckerberg.'

The Debate, to be broadcast:

How you can watch—and participate in—the live Slate/Intelligence Squared debate on Sept. 20 at NYU

'Ladies, give yourself a night off from your second job as an astronaut or neurosurgeon. Men, take a break from your fantasy football league to see if you can save yourself. Join us at NYU's Skirball Center in New York City for an Oxford-style live debate. ABC News Legal Analyst Dan Abrams and Hanna Rosin, award-winning journalist for Slate and the Atlantic, will argue for the motion that "men are finished." Feminist scholar Christina Hoff Sommers and Men's Health magazine editor-in-chief David Zinczenko will argue against it.'

SAVE: Campaign 2012: Enlist as a Volunteer Now

Matt · 15 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Eleven days from today, SAVE will be launching the most ambitious project ever undertaken by our movement: injecting domestic violence reform into the upcoming political campaign.

All across the country, we will be asking candidates for state and national office to commit themselves to the challenge of fixing of domestic violence laws.

And this is where you come in....

This coming Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 9pm Eastern time, SAVE will be holding the Campaign 2012 orientation. The teleconference will cover:

1. How to find out when a campaign event is planned in your area
2. What flyers are available to distribute
3. Good questions to ask the candidate
4. How to follow up

The theme of Campaign 2012 is Stop False Allegations. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt to wear at campaign events.

Woman pleads not guilty to domestic assault charges

anthony · 16 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Maria Gonzales-Esquivel, King County Prosecutors say, tortured and assaulted her male housemate and his children for more than two years, sending the man to the hospital at least six times and blinding him partially in his left eye.

Despite his injuries, which included punctured lungs, wounds to his genitals and a broken nose, prosecutors say the man repeatedly covered for his tormentor, insisting that his ex-wife had possessed the woman and that the ex was responsible for the abuse, not Gonzales-Esquivel.

On Tuesday morning, 46-year-old Gonzales-Esquivel pleaded not guilty at the Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent to five charges of second-degree assault, including assaults against the daughter. She remains in jail on $200,000 bail.

According to King County Sheriff's Detective Robin Cleary, whose write-up forms the basis for the charges, the Sheriff's Office said Gonzales-Esquivel first came to its attention last November when she called to report that an unknown homeless man had dropped the injured housemate off at her house outside of Auburn. Gonzales-Esquivel told the deputy that her housemate had said that two unknown men had robbed and assaulted him.

Medics transported the man to Harborview Medical Center with wounds to his legs, a fractured rib and a "macerated" penis.'

Funding Opportunities Update from The Office on Women's Health (OWH)

Minuteman · 16 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

A HHS.gov mailing list email:

'You are subscribed to Funding Opportunities from The Office on Women's Health (OWH). This information has recently been updated, and is now available.

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Request for Proposals (RFP)
09/15/2011 12:00 AM EDT

Funding is available for activities and events in support of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWGHAAD...

Request for Proposals (RFP): Heart Attack Symptoms and Calling 9-1-1 Campaign for Women
09/12/2011 12:00 AM EDT

Funding is available for activities and events in support of the Heart Attack Symptoms and Calling 9-1-1 Campaign for...

Women's Health Conference Support Request for Proposals (RFP)
09/01/2011 12:00 AM EDT

This funding opportunity provides partial support for women's health conferences in the United States and its affilia...

Request for Proposals (RFP): National Evaluation of BodyWorks: A Toolkit for Healthy Teens and Strong Families
08/05/2011 12:00 AM EDT

Funding is available to participate in a national evaluation of the newly modified BodyWorks program. Targeting paren...

FY11 Sustainable Comprehensive Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Clinical
Program for Low Socio-economic Status Women of Childbearing Age
06/15/2011 12:00 AM EDT

The purpose of this project is to implement and to evaluate the success of tobacco cessation and prevention programs...

Prevention and Public Health Fund Coordinated Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Program
06/10/2011 12:00 AM EDT

The purpose of the program is to establish or strengthen Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Programs wit...

OVC FY 2011 National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance, and Demonstration Projects (PDF, 246 KB)
05/19/2011 12:00 AM EDT

Funding is available for proposals that will create, test, and evaluate equal access to traditional and mainstream...

Regional Offices on Women's Health (OWH) Request for Applications (RFA): Addressing Tobacco Use Among Young Women (PDF, 42 KB)
02/23/2011 11:00 PM EST

Funding is available for activities and events in support of projects that address the prevention of tobacco use

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Request for Applications (RFA): Addressing Depression Among Racial and Ethnic Minority or Underserved Women and Girls (PDF, 90 KB)
01/10/2011 11:00 PM EST

This funding will support projects which address depression as a health disparity affecting racial and ethnic minorit...

Request for Applications (RFA): Reducing Health Disparities by Preventing Obesity among Minority and Underserved Women and Girls (PDF, 94 KB)
01/10/2011 11:00 PM EST

This funding is available for activities and events in support of projects that address obesity prevention in minorit...

Request for Applications (RFA): Women's Health Conference Support Projects (PDF, 38 KB)
11/17/2010 11:00 PM EST

This RFA is coordinated by John Snow, Inc. (JSI) on behalf of the HHS Office on Women's Health (OWH). Funding will pr...

Heart Attack Symptoms and Calling 9-1-1 Campaign for Women (PDF, 129 KB)

This funding is available for activities and events in support of the Heart Attack Symptoms and Calling 9-1-1 Campa...

Building Systems of Prevention through Health Promotion for Women and Girls (PDF, 53 KB)
10/22/2010 12:00 AM EDT

This funding will support projects that build systems of prevention through the promotion of health for women and g...'

Psychology Today: More Circumcision Myths You May Believe: Hygiene and STDs

Minuteman · 17 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Myth: You have to get the baby circumcised because it is really hard to keep a baby's penis clean.

Reality check: In babies, the foreskin is completely fused to the head of the penis. You cannot and should not retract it to clean it, as this would cause the child pain, and is akin to trying to clean the inside of a baby girl's vagina.

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Myth: Little boys won't clean under their foreskins and will get infections.

Reality check: The foreskin separates and retracts on its own sometime between age 3 and puberty. Before it retracts on its own, you wipe the outside off like a finger.

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Myth: Uncircumcised penises get smelly smegma.

Reality check: Actually, smegma is produced by the genitals of both women and men during the reproductive years.

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Myth: "My uncle wasn't circumcised and he kept getting infections and had to be circumcised as an adult."

Reality check: Medical advice may have promoted infection in uncircumcised males. A shocking number of doctors are uneducated about the normal development of the foreskin, and they (incorrectly) tell parents that they have to retract the baby's foreskin and wash inside it at every diaper change.

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Myth: My son was diagnosed with phimosis and so had to be circumcised.

Reality check: Phimosis means that the foreskin will not retract. Since children's foreskins are naturally not retractable, it is impossible to diagnose phimosis in a child.

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Myth: Uncircumcised boys get more urinary tract infections (UTIs.)

Reality check: This claim is based on one study that looked at charts of babies born in one hospital (Wiswell 1985).

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Myth: Circumcision prevents HIV/AIDS.

Reality check: Three studies in Africa several years ago that claimed that circumcision prevented AIDS and that circumcision was as effective as a 60% effective vaccine (Auvert 2005, 2006). These studies had many flaws, including that they were stopped before all the results came in.

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Myth: Circumcision is worth it because it can save lives.

Reality check: Consider breast cancer: There is a 12% chance that a woman will get breast cancer in her lifetime. Removal of the breast buds at birth would prevent this, and yet no one would advocate doing this to a baby.'

What Does President Obama Mean For Men?

Matt · 18 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama might as well say, "Let me be clear: Although I don't go to bat for men, I certainly do for women." His going to bat for women is aptly demonstrated by his immediate signing off on the White House Council on Women and Girls* and on what I call his "Ledbetter Payback Act," in reference, of course, to the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which I believe is a promised payback to feminists and women for their vote.
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To date, no evidence indicates that Obama will single out men for help in any direct and selective way. For men, so far, Barack Obama represents business as usual.
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To truly grasp President Obama's bias against men (just as some women are biased against women), reflect on his Father's Day speech about men “shirking their responsibility” in the world of children. Now picture Obama's speech with a gender reversal, not a reversal in which women shirk responsibility in the world of children — for that would not be a true reversal -- but one in which women shirk responsibility in the world of work. Suppose that on Mother's Day 2009 Obama had the brazenness, the insanity, to rail against mothers who refuse to work or who don't return to work after a reasonable period of maternity leave. Suppose he said, “These mothers have abandoned their responsibilities. They are acting like girls instead of women. And the foundations of our families have suffered because of it. You and I know this is true everywhere but nowhere is it more true than in the African-American community.” How fast would Democrats turn on him, disowning and ostracizing him from the Democratic Party? Of course, none of this would ever happen. Obama, like all presidents before him, knows with great certainty which gender of the ox to gore for political purposes.'

Prison officials are set to let some female inmates out early

anthony · 18 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Reporting from Sacramento— Drastically redefining incarceration in California, prison officials are about to start releasing thousands of female inmates who have children to serve the remainder of their sentences at home.

The move, which could affect nearly half the women held in state facilities, will help California meet a court-imposed deadline to make space in its chronically overcrowded prisons. The policy could be extended to male inmates in the near future, administrators said Monday.

Mothers who were convicted of non-serious, non-sexual crimes — and have two years or less remaining on their sentences — could start going home as early as next week, prisons spokeswoman Dana Toyama said. The women would be required to wear GPS-enabled ankle bracelets and report to parole officers.
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Since well over 90% of California inmates are men, it is easy to see why prison officials might want to expand the program, said Robert Oakes, legislative director for state Sen. Carol Liu (D-La Cañada Flintridge), who wrote the 2010 bill creating the policy. But that wasn't the original idea.

"In crafting the bill, her intent was to single out female inmates with children," Oakes said. But that could not be done because of a constitutional ban against gender-based discrimination. So the phrase "primary caregiver" was added to the bill.'

Virgin Group founder jumps on circumcision bandwagon

Matt · 18 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A web search has turned up richard.branson-at-virgin.net as his email address, but it is likely to be read by a member of his staff rather than him. Still, it'll at least get read by someone there. Excerpt:

'There's a way that few people know about that can save millions of lives at next to no cost. That is voluntary medical male circumcision. The bottom line is that it reduces transmission of HIV by 60% in men, the greatest benefits accruing in developing nations that are hardest hit by the epidemic. The World Health Organisation (WHO), UNAIDS and PEPFAR are leading the world in scaling-up circumcision efforts as part of the fight against AIDS.

The WHO estimates that voluntary medical male circumcision could prevent up to 5.7 million new infections and 3 million deaths by 2017, and PEPFAR reports that a programme to increase circumcision to 80% coverage in Eastern and Southern Africa over the next 5 years could prevent 20% - an incredible 4 million – new infections in the region.

The effect of male-to-female HIV transmission is less clear and more research is needed. However, studies do show that female partners of circumcised men have a reduced risk of acquiring the virus, and there is consensus that women will benefit from the scale-up of circumcision efforts in the long term because of the lower risk of exposure to HIV as well as sexually transmitted diseases and cervical cancer.'

Q&A: Co-ed sports benefits female athletes

anthony · 19 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'No boys allowed! Jimmy Cao, a 16-year-old senior, is not allowed to play on the Hillsborough High School girls field hockey team, even though there's no team for boys. Letting boys play on girls teams could eliminate opportunities for female athletes, according to New Jersey's governing body for high school athletics. Title IX, however, does permit girls to play on boys teams — including contact sports such as wrestling or hockey — if there's no team for girls.

Laura Pappano, co-author of "Playing With the Boys: Why Separate Is Not Equal," played field hockey in high school and at Yale. She spoke to editorial writer Julie O'Connor about why she believes it would be good for the girls on this team, and female athletes in general, to let Cao play.'

World War I, Women and the White Feather Campaign

Broadsword · 19 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When the war began, recruitment was massive and enthusiastic as millions of young men responded to Lord Kitchener's poster appeal: 'Your country needs you'. But not every man rushed to join the colours, so girls brandishing white feathers were organised by a retired sailor, Admiral Charles Fitzgerald, to shame 'slackers' into joining up

The first foray of his Order of the White Feather was on the seafront at Folkestone, where 30 of the women pounced on any man not in uniform.

'Are you deaf or indifferent to your country's needs?' the girls demanded to know, before reminding the men that British soldiers were fighting and dying while they took their leisure.

'Here's a gift for a brave soldier,' they said sarcastically as they handed out the feathers. Fuelled by newspaper reports, the movement quickly spread.

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But the abuse went unabated. In the East End of London, girls added insult to injury by using feathers plucked from chickens' bottoms and letting the recipients know where they had come from. Similar sentiments drove the Active Service League, founded by the formidable Baroness Orczy, author of The Scarlet Pimpernel.

Its 20,000 female members pledged not to be seen in the company of any man who had not answered 'his country's call'. A small ad in The Times read: 'Jack, If you are not in khaki by the 20th, I shall cut you dead - Ethel M.'

Who were the women goading men in this way? Some may have been suffragettes. They found their voice campaigning for votes for women and now brandished their girl-power on other matters. Others were war widows and mothers with sons at the front aggrieved that other young men were out of harm's way.

But it is hard to resist the conclusion that a large contingent were young women enjoying a sense of empowerment the war brought.'

Clinton, Rousseff urge greater female role in politics

anthony · 19 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Here in the US, women have a higher literacy rate, are the majority of college students, have superior health care, are the minority of unemployed citizens, and are less likely to become homeless. I'm not sure what they mean by conflicts, but men make up the overwhelming majority of war time casualties. Sexual violence? Forced male circumcision is a form of sexual violence. Feminists speak about increased productivity if women were represented in higher numbers through out different industries, yet I hear no one mention education. Women make up the majority of school teachers, one would think increasing the number of male teachers would improve the education system. Excerpt:

'Prominent female politicians including US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff joined voices Monday to demand a greater global political role for women.

"Despite notable progress, gender inequality persists," Rousseff, who became Brazil's first female president earlier this year, said at a high-level event held at the United Nations ahead of this week's UN General Assembly.

"Women are still the ones who suffer the most from extreme poverty, illiteracy, poor healthcare systems, conflicts and sexual violence."'

F&F: Opposing Child Support Enforcement's War Against Low Income Dads

Matt · 19 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Iraqi war veteran Randy Miller was jailed for three months after he was unable to pay his child support because he lost his job--despite having faithfully paid his support for 10 years previously. Veteran Lance Hendrix was jailed after he fell behind on child support when he couldn't find work after serving in the army. MSNBC recently reported that both are plaintiffs in a new class-action lawsuit designed to force states to provide legal representation for low-income non-custodial parents facing jail for inability to pay child support.

Our organization sees many fathers like Miller and Hendrix who have lost their jobs or suffered significant drops in this terrible economy. Because it is difficult for fathers to get their child support orders modified downward, many decent, loving fathers are being jailed because they can’t keep up with their child support obligations.'

'Gentle men’s club': Men in India create Men's Rights Agency, focus on defending against false DV accusations

Matt · 19 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'These men from various walks of life have one thing in common — all were accused of domestic violence and were subsequently acquitted. Now, they’ve formed a group that advises other men how to fight the charge.

They are doctors, lawyers, IT professionals. They are demanding a ministry for men’s welfare on the lines of those for women & child development and environment and forests. They are men with standing in society who have lost in love and landed in court after being accused of domestic violence under IPC section 498, pertaining to domestic violence.

Now acquitted of the domestic violence charge, 25 of them have come together to form the city’s first Men’s Rights Association, thanks to the initiative taken by software engineer Atit Rajpara. The Association now advises other men fighting domestic violence charges with tips and tricks to come through unscathed.

The 32-year-old says he has just been to hell and back, thanks to his wife. Speaking to Mirror, he said, “We had opted for a test tube baby, but my wife filed a case of domestic violence against me, demanding custody of the yet-unborn child. I was arrested and humiliated by the Gujarat police and then by Pune police because of this false complaint. She then demanded maintenance of Rs 50 lakh claiming that I hold property worth Rs 1.5 crore. I stay in a rented house.”'

UK: False rape claim woman given suspended sentence

anthony · 21 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Rebecca Howard, of Prince of Wales Terrace, pleaded guilty at Channel Magistrates Court in Folkestone on August 18 and was sentenced last week to four months imprisonment, suspended for two years.

She was also ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work and pay £1,000 compensation to Kent Police. She will be the subject of a supervision order for 12 months.

Howard falsely claimed that two men had bundled her into a car before driving her to a car park in Walmer where one of the men raped her in the early hours of Sunday, February 6.

A detailed police investigation into the alleged rape proved the offence had never occurred and Howard later admitted this.'

Woman lied about burglary, rape attempt to cover up crash, deputies say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 19-year-old Orange County woman was arrested early Monday, accused of wasting more than a dozen deputies' time as they investigated her false reports of assault, burglary and attempted rape.

Amanda Angelero called 911 about 7:10 a.m. Monday from a pay phone outside a closed Mobile station near the intersection of Valencia College Lane and Goldenrod Road, an arrest report states.'

Police charge woman with false rape claim

anthony · 21 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A South Carolina woman was charged by Fayetteville Police with making false statements in a Sept. 10 incident that occurred at the home of her boyfriend in Fayetteville. The woman told officers her boyfriend had raped her but was later arrested for making false statements during an interview with female detectives.

Fayetteville Police spokesman Steve Crawshaw said 40-year-old Angella Caprice Miller, of Hopkins, S.C., was charged with making false statements and writings after an incident that police reports said involved her boyfriend, a Fayetteville resident.'

Lake Arthur teen get jail time, probation for false rape claim

anthony · 21 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'JENNINGS, La. — A Lake Arthur teenager has been ordered to serve two years of probation after she pleaded guilty Sept. 7 in state court to falsely accusing a police officer of raping her.

The American Press reports (http://bit.ly/qjfACs) 18-year-old Meghan Franks must serve 90 days in the parish jail and pay fines totaling $1,140 plus court costs.

District Attorney Michael Cassidy says all fines and costs must be paid within the first 18 months of probation.'

About a girl - London's first women-only psychotherapy clinic

anthony · 21 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sabina Amiga, Trudi Seely and Anna Tierney open the doors (and plump the sofa cushions) of their women-only therapy clinic, Woman to Woman, next Monday. According to Seely "there is a trend for this kind of clinic in America", but surprisingly, Woman to Woman will be the first private practice of its kind in central London that is not semi-charity-funded.

A former lawyer, a novelist and a businesswoman, who all retrained as psychotherapists, the trio hope to make therapy more accessible and acceptable for women like them.

"There is quite a shortage of therapy in general for people who can't afford to pay, so the NHS is very limited on who gets seen and there are long waiting lists," says Tierney.

"So career women and high fliers wouldn't be taken on by charitable organisations because they're earning too much," explains Amiga.'

Man sued by mother for parental support

anthony · 21 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A B.C. man who was abandoned as a teenager is being sued by his elderly mother for parental support.

Ken Anderson, 47, has been fighting a lawsuit by his mother, Shirley Anderson, 73, since 2000.

Shirley, who has not had a relationship with Ken or his two siblings for decades, is asking for $750 per month in support from each of them.

A rarely used section of B.C.'s Family Relations Act says adult children are responsible for legally supporting parents who are "dependent on a child because of age, illness, infirmity or economic circumstances."

The B.C. Law Institute recommended repealing the section in a 2007 report.'

Overwhelming Victory for the Motion "Men Are Finished" at Intelligence Squared U.S. Debates

anthony · 21 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK, Sept. 21, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Last night at NYU'sskirball Center audience members gave an overwhelming victory to the team defending the proposition "Men Are Finished." According to the final votes, Dan Abrams and Hanna Rosin convinced 46% of the audience to change their minds over the course of the evening, winning the Oxford style debate by a landslide (See full numbers below). Their argument: as a result of a changing economy and shifting cultural values, men, who were once seen as the dominant sex, are now in a deep slide to number two status.

The resolution was opposed by Christina Hoff Sommers and David Zinczenko, who argued that men still hold more political and economic power, and that, although women have caught up or surpassed men in some regards, this does not mean that men as a whole, are finished.'

Note: Website with details here, including downloadable transcript and video clips.

Only women, kids allowed into Turkish soccer game

anthony · 21 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Soccer authorities in Turkey may have hit on the perfect solution for unruly fans: Ladies Night!

The Turkish Football Federation had planned to make Istanbul favorite Fenerbahce play two games in an empty stadium after fans invaded the pitch after a friendly against Ukraine's Shakhtar Donetsk during the summer, according to a Turkish Weekly report.

But new rules say those games will be open only to women and children under age 12, National Turk reports. *Admission is free.**

The policy got its first test Tuesday night in Istanbul, as 45,000 women and children turned out to watch Fenerbahce and Manisaspor face off in the Turkish Super League.

'Class Warfare' and Gender Politics in Massachusetts

anthony · 22 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'How might gender politics interact with economic anxieties and class conflicts in a race between Warren and Brown? For years, conventional wisdom has held that female candidates fare relatively well when "it's the economy stupid," and not crime or national security. Traditionally women were presumed to be more honest and compassionate than men and accustomed to balancing budgets. Traditionally, female candidates have exploited feminine stereotypes in advancing themselves and items on a feminist agenda, notably suffrage. (Government is "enlarged housekeeping," Jane Addams once said.) But the extreme, atypical economic crisis currently confronting voters can't simply be said to require better housekeeping; deficit reduction is not an exercise in compassion, and neither honesty nor compassion seem highly valued today, as male and female Republicans alike run as un-compassionate conservatives and self-styled mama grizzlies revel in ruthlessness.'

Ireland: 'International Day of the Girl'

anthony · 22 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'CHILDRENS' CHARITY PLAN Ireland has called for September 22 to be declared the International Day of the Girl in order to focus the world's attention on the importance of girls' rights.

Today's report found that fathers, brothers and husbands play an essential role in creating true gender equality.

However, gender equality is good for boys too, highlights Plan Ireland's 2011 'Because I am a Girl: The State of the World's Girls' report.'

Column: Men need to help with gender equality – but it's good for them too

'On the domestic front, fathers could stand back a little bit and see what they can do to break down such gender stereotypes. Could they help more with household chores or caring for the younger children? By doing so, these small changes can give an example to their sons and lead to a new breed of male.'

Debra Lafave Asks Judge to Reduce Probation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Florida middle school teacher who pleaded guilty to having sex with a 14-year-old student in a high-profile case is reportedly back in court Thursday to ask a judge to reduce her probation.

Debra Lafave, 31, a former teacher at Angelo L. Greco Middle School in Temple Terrace, Fla., pleaded guilty in 2005 to having sex with a 14-year-old boy in the summer of 2004, when Lafave was 23-years-old.

The case never went to trial because the victim's mother did not want her son to testify, fearing his identity would become public.

Lafave agreed in a last-minute plea deal to three years of house arrest followed by seven years of probation. But a lawyer for the woman is asking a judge Thursday to reduce her probation by four years, arguing that Lafave -- now a mother of twins -- is a responsible adult, according to the station.

The boy's mother is reportedly outraged by the move. The woman, whose name has not been released, told ABCActionNews.com that an agreement was made at the time that does not allow for early termination of the deal.'

Penis hack killing: woman refused bail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman accused of murdering her ex-lover after drugging him and mutilating his genitals has been formally denied bail in a Sydney court.

Jian Chen, 48, is charged with one count of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to murder and one count of murder.

She is accused of using sleeping pills to spike the soup she gave her former partner at her North Ryde home on February 9

...

Once Mr Peng was asleep, Chen allegedly bound his hands and feet and stabbed him a number of times in the neck and groin, before cutting his penis and scrotum.

"An attempt to castrate him had taken place," said police facts.

"The victim also had lacerations to the left side of his groin and his penis had been scalped."'

Woman Faces Charges in Horrific Child Abuse Case

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(Warning: Graphic Content)

Story here. Excerpt:

'GILBERT, Ariz. - A Gilbert woman is accused of sexual conduct with a minor -- her 10-year-old adopted son.

According to police, the victim told them that his 39-year-old mother bound his hands and feet, forced dog excrement into his mouth and duct taped it shut.

The victim added that she burned his penis with a lighter, then sodomized him repeatedly with a toothbrush. Police say there was another incident where Jennifer Barnes repeatedly burned the victim's penis with a curling iron. In both cases, the victim bled.

During a physical exam, it was discovered that the child had large scars on his pelvic area and legs, consistent with healed burns. He also had three distinct scars, consistent with his disclosure of being sodomized.
...
She was arrested and faces sexual conduct with a minor and child abuse charges. She remains in custody without bond.'

Ohio mother charged with raping infant son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Ohio woman is accused of raping her 10-month-old son, videotaping it and sending it to her Michigan boyfriend.

Ashley N. Jessup, 24, was indicted in Columbus on Thursday on two counts of rape, one count of child endangerment and one count of pandering sexually-oriented material involving a minor.

Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien says the rape charge could land her life in prison.

O'Brien tells The Columbus Dispatch (http://bit.ly/n2XPEK) that Jessup emailed the videos to her boyfriend in Battle Creek, Mich., where his ex-girlfriend discovered them and contacted police.

Jessup is being held in the Franklin County Correctional Center in lieu of $1 million bond. Court documents do not list an attorney for Jessup.'

U.S. Girl Dropout Crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Girls are overlooked when it comes to tracking the school dropout crisis in cities and towns across our country. Overlooking the problems that threaten the education of girls makes this crisis far more critical. Even though every state, even individual schools, counts dropout rates differently, estimates show the nationwide toll of dropping out:

• 50% Native American girls
• 4-in-10 black female students
• nearly 4-in-10 Latinas

Absenteeism, often triggered by feeling unsafe at school, can lead to dropping out completely.

Pregnancy is also a major cause for leaving school: 3-in-10 young women in the United States will become pregnant before the age of 20, a rate higher than any other developed country. Many girls who are expecting, as well as those who are already mothers, face discrimination by school administrators, teachers, and fellow students. Becoming a parent is given as a primary factor for not continuing high school among nearly 50% of all female dropouts, versus one-third of male dropouts. The research on this crisis is woefully inadequate.'

Not a rape culture, just a PC one

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's make this perfectly clear: there is no rape culture at Yale.

If Yale had a rape culture, there would be students and faculty speaking in favor of rape. Rape would be a common practice; it would be routine to hear someone talking about raping or being raped by someone last weekend. People would discuss what styles or methods of rape they prefer. Obviously, the existence of a rape culture is a farcical idea. These things just don't happen at Yale.

There are isolated incidents of rape, and that is surely a severe problem. Beyond the physical harm the victim suffers, rape erodes trust. Like any crime, it arouses fear.

Rape falls somewhere on a wide spectrum between murder and robbery. The number of people who commit rape is a tiny percentage of the population at large. The vast majority of people are not criminals.

When we talk about a rape culture, when we look at everyone as a potential criminal, and when we condemn different opinions as promoting rape, we create an environment of suspicion. This suspicion, like crime, erodes trust and arouses fear.'

Interview with man suing gender studies department for sexism

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Tom Martin, the man suing the Gender Institute at The London School of Economics for teaching sex discrimination against men, appeared on A Voice for Men Radio on Wednesday to discuss some of the anti-male academic practice he alleges took place at LSE, and, Mr Martin suggests, across a broad range of other academic fields too.

The radio interview is conducted by men's rights activists (MRAs) Paul Elam, and John the Other (JTO) - Tom also fields calls from listeners.

The show is archived at:

http://www.sexismbusters.org/

(The interview with Tom Martin begins 36:30 minutes into the show)

The story has been covered by The Evening Standard, The Guardian (x4), The West End Extra, Forbes Magazine, and many websites - these links all available at http://www.sexismbusters.org/ too - including a contact email for Mr Martin.

SAVE: VAWA Bankrolls the Dissolution of the American Family

Matt · 22 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE: The federal Violence Against Women Act is more about breaking up families than stopping partner abuse. That's the main conclusion of 6 years of ongoing research to analyze the effects of VAWA on our communities and families.

And no surprise, the real victims of partner violence are hopping mad, saying VAWA has created a "broken system that is in dire need of repair" -- see http://www.survivorsinaction.org/

Today SAVE unveiled a series of reforms:

1. Give priority for services to persons with evidence of physical violence
2. Cut back on false allegations
3. Remove harmful policies like mandatory arrest

Additional policy changes are laid out in our proposed Partner Violence Reduction Act: http://www.saveservices.org/pvra/

Family break-up is the number one engine of an expanding welfare state. So policy changes that reduce false accusations and promote partner reconciliation will save substantial sums of money and reduce the federal deficit.

Here are the specifics of our proposal how to enhance services for true victims, strengthen the family, and shrink the welfare state by $155 billion over the next 10 years.

Census: Recession takes big toll on young adults

Matt · 22 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (AP) -- Young adults are the recession's lost generation.

In record numbers, they're struggling to find work, shunning long-distance moves to live with mom and dad, delaying marriage and raising kids out of wedlock, if they're becoming parents at all. The unemployment rate for them is the highest since World War II, and they risk living in poverty more than others - nearly 1 in 5.
...
Young males who lacked a college degree were most likely to lose jobs due to reduced demand for blue-collar jobs in construction, manufacturing and transportation during the downturn. Among teenagers, employment was less than 30 percent.
...
Opting to stay put, roughly 5.9 million Americans 25-34 last year lived with their parents, an increase of 25 percent from before the recession. Driven by a record 1 in 5 young men who doubled up in households, men are now nearly twice as likely as women to live with their parents.

Marriages fell to a record low last year of just 51.4 percent among adults 18 and over, compared with 57 percent in 2000. Among young adults 25-34, marriage was at 44.2 percent, also a new low.'

Catherine Kieu pleads not guilty in penis slicing

anthony · 23 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. $1,000,000 bail. I applaud the prosecutor and judge for taking this very seriously. Unfortunately, none of the charges include domestic abuse. I suspect there'll be a battered wife defense but I don't see that working because her husband was the one who filed for divorce. The trial should be very interesting because her defense attorney will find some way to portray her as a victim.

'WESTMINSTER, Calif. — A California woman has pleaded not guilty to cutting off her estranged husband's penis and running it through a garbage disposal.

Catherine Kieu entered the plea in Orange County Superior Court Friday to charges of torture and aggravated mayhem with sentencing enhancements for great bodily injury and use of a knife.

If convicted of all counts, she could face life in prison without parole. She's being held on $1 million bail.

Authorities say Kieu spiked her 60-year-old husband's tofu dinner on July 11, then tied his hands and feet to the bed after he went to lie down. Authorities say Kieu cut off his penis as he woke.

Kieu's husband had filed for divorce in May after 16 months of marriage.'

Stress the 'Human' in HPV, One Man Suggests

Minuteman · 24 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fred Wyand has been in a prime spot to watch the evolution of the public health response to human papillomavirus, or HPV.

Since 2003, Wyand has served as editor of HPV News, a bimonthly newsletter published by the American Social Health Association. The newsletter has been around since the 1990s.

HPV is a sexually transmitted disease that most people associate with genital warts, a temporary but somewhat repugnant condition. But the more dangerous potential side effects of HPV infection are not as well known, Wyand said.
...
Early on, there was some controversy when parents objected to having girls of 12 or 13 inoculated for a sexually transmitted disease, but those arguments have mostly faded, Wyand said.
...
"There has been a lot of back and forth about using the vaccine in men," he said. "There's a medical indication for using it in men, but when you look at it and consider that cervical cancer is probably the most prominent cancer linked with HPV, people say, 'Well, would we be better served taking those resources and using them to get more and more women vaccinated?'"'

CDC Considers Vaccinating Boys, Not Just Girls, for HPV

Minuteman · 24 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Immunizing half the population isn't forceful enough against widespread virus, expert says.

U.S. health authorities now recommend that girls and young women be vaccinated against human papillomavirus, a sexually transmitted disease that is a known cause of cervical cancer, but that recommendation does not extend to boys and young men.

At least for now.

A debate that's been simmering over whether males also should be vaccinated for human papillomavirus, or HPV, could be resolved in October at a meeting of a key advisory committee of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said CDC spokesman Tom Skinner.

HPV is widespread among men. An international study published in March in The Lancet found that half of all adult males in the United States may be infected with the virus.
...
Another strong argument in favor of male HPV vaccination, Bonhomme said, is the fact that by only immunizing half the population, health officials are not attacking the problem with full force.

"Where are women getting the virus from?" he asked. "If you don't vaccinate the guys, then you aren't helping the women."'

UK: Dead boy 'left to rot in cellar for two years'

Minuteman · 24 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother-of-eight allegedly lived with the dead body of her three-year-old boy decomposing in the cellar of her home in northern England for up to two years.

Amanda Hutton, 41, was taken into custody after police made the grim discovery on Thursday, having been called to the house in Bradford by a concerned neighbour, the Daily Mail reports

...

Hutton, a single mother who was known to social services, also has two grown-up children aged 22 and 20 who had moved out of home.

One of the elder brothers, Tariq Khan, said he had no idea that his baby brother had died.'

How To Teach Boys To Be Feminists

anthony · 25 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As a young man:

- Teach them that “feminism” means promoting women’s rights and interests.
- Discuss how being a feminist does not mean women hate men or that women think men are the enemy.
- Teach them that by taking a role in feminism they will be helping everyone, not just women.
- Teach them that because they are at the top of society’s hierarchy, they have a responsibility and an ability to be part of social change and justice for everyone.
- Simply talk to them and use probing questions when teachable moments arise. Allow them to reach their own conclusions.'

Cleared of Rape but Lacking Full Exoneration

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr. Haynesworth, then 18 and never in trouble with the law, had been mistakenly identified by the victim as her assailant. He was arrested on suspicion of having committed five rapes and assaults in his neighborhood, and was tried for four of them. He was convicted in three and sentenced to 84 years in prison.

DNA has since proved that he did not commit two of the rapes he was tried for. The DNA from those two cases pointed to another man, in prison for having committed multiple rapes in the same neighborhood that occurred after Mr. Haynesworth's arrest. That man, Leon Davis, who identified himself to victims as "the Black Ninja," is serving multiple life terms plus 100 years.

Now Mr. Haynesworth, 46, is asking for full exoneration on all of the rape convictions, although DNA from the other two cases is not available. But the circumstantial evidence supporting Mr. Haynesworth's claims of innocence is so powerful that along with his own lawyers, the prosecutors from both jurisdictions where the rapes occurred support his efforts, as well as the attorney general for the commonwealth, Kenneth T. Cuccinelli.

...
With no one arguing against exoneration, most judges would be expected to congratulate Mr. Haynesworth on his new life, perhaps with an apology as well, and send him into daylight and freedom. But in July, a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals of Virginia said, in essence, "Not so fast." The court called for additional briefs in the case, which will be heard again on Tuesday by all of the judges of the court.

It is a move that has left legal experts astonished. "It's very rare for a court to set a case for argument when all the parties are agreed," said Stephen J. Schulhofer, an expert in criminal justice at New York University law school, adding that "it's essentially unheard of" for a court to take matters into its own hands, instead of appointing a special advocate to argue on behalf of the interests that they believe are unrepresented.

It is a case, then, that might seem quirky, even unique. But experts like Professor Schulhofer say the case raises broader questions about the lengths that defendants must sometimes go to clear their names, and even raises fundamental questions about the administration of justice. "What I worry about is, if Haynesworth is having trouble getting his conviction set aside, what kind of judicial relief is available to your run-of-the-mill case where your arguments are not quite so slam dunk?"'

Title IX gender quotas may hurt high school sports next

anthony · 26 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fall sports season is in full swing for New Jersey high schools. But for many students, this may be the last year they play if supporters of Title IX gender quotas get their way in American high schools.

Last November, the Washington, D.C.-based National Women's Law Center filed federal complaints against 12 school districts. The charge? Because the gender balance of male and female athletes did not exactly mirror the overall population of the student body, the school districts were discriminating. This numbers game assumed that boys and girls have identical interests in identical numbers.
...
With few options to address those complainants, schools must make the numbers work. They will have little choice but to eliminate male teams or significantly slash their rosters. As many as 1.3 million male high school athletes nationwide could be permanently sidelined — although that would not create any opportunities for female high school athletes.

Already, hundreds of men's college programs have ended because of the gender quota system. In New Jersey, even champions aren't immune. Former Rutgers swimmer and coach Sean Smith bluntly noted: "Rather than providing more opportunities for women, I think (Title IX) is more often used as a scapegoat for athletic departments. … It will be the death of men's Olympic sports on the collegiate level if its application is not changed drastically."'

SAVE Alert: VP Biden Needs to Address Female Teen Violence on 'The View'

Matt · 26 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Tomorrow (Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011) Vice President Joseph Biden will make an appearance on ABC's talk show The View to discuss teen dating violence -- and we're asking you to contact the White House to make sure VP Biden gets his facts straight!

We would like VP Biden to emphasize these three critical facts during his appearance on The View:

1. Teenage girls are now more likely than males to be the initiators of dating partner violence.
2. Female abusers need help, not a cold shoulder.
3. The problem of dating violence against boys needs to be highlighted.

This morning SAVE sent a letter to VP Biden asking him to address these 3 issues: http://www.saveservices.org/2011/09/save-sends-letter-to-vp-biden-regarding-his-upcoming-appearance-on-the-view/

We need your help to drive home the message! Today...RIGHT NOW...telephone the White House at 1-202-456-1414, and send send an email to Public-at-ovp.eop.gov: "Vice President needs to tell The View the truth about dating violence."

This is urgent, this is important. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Australia: Right to fight - Women on the front line in five years

Broadsword · 27 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WOMEN will be able to serve in any frontline combat role within five years after a historic change by the Government. Federal Defence Minister Stephen Smith said cabinet approved the change during a meeting yesterday.

"This is a change which has the strong support from the chief of the defence force," he said today.

Currently 93 per cent of Australian Defence Force (ADF) positions were open to women.

The other seven per cent excluded women "simply on the basis of sex", Mr Smith said.

These included jobs such as mine disposal divers, air force defence guards and infantry and artillery frontline positions.

These jobs make up 17 per cent of employment opportunities in the ADF.

Mr Smith said the discrimination would be removed over five years in a "careful and methodical" way.

The first implementation report would go to the Government in the first quarter of 2012.

Once women are allowed to serve in all areas, Australia would fully meet its obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Mr Smith said.'

Massachusetts Sets Limits on Alimony

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Article here. Excerpt:

'BOSTON—Alimony isn't forever in Massachusetts anymore.

The state abolished most lifetime spousal support Monday, joining several states where alimony payments have come under scrutiny as payers argue they are struggling in the rocky economy

Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick signed a measure that generally ends alimony when the payer reaches retirement age or when the recipient begins living with a romantic partner.

The law also establishes a formula for alimony, based on the length of the marriage. For example, alimony would generally last no more than 10½ years following a 15-year marriage.
...
The law has been changed to "reflect the fact that both parties, more often than not, are working outside the home and there are more opportunities for people, women in particular…and that people need to have laws that really do allow them to end their relationship both in terms of living together and financially at some reasonable point after divorce," said Democratic state Sen. Gale Candaras, a lead sponsor of the bill.'

Repeal MGL 209A (so-called ‘Abuse Prevention’ law) Campaign Underway

Anonymous · 28 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

The effort to repeal the draconian Massachusetts 209A law is on track after the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ordered the Mass. Attorney General’s office to allow the initiative petition supported by The Fatherhood Coalition (http://www.fatherhoodcoalition.org/) to proceed.

Under the so-called ‘domestic violence’ law many individuals are separated from their children, thrown out of their homes, forced into the court system and even incarcerated for non-violent acts and for charges without any merit. Due process rights are ignored under a law which presumes a person is guilty before any crime is committed.

The most benign actions, even unintentional ones, are considered criminal by a law destructive to normal healthy relationships within families.

The nationwide travesty of 'abuse prevention' laws began in Massachusetts in 1978.

Signature gathering began Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011. We encourage all those who have been adversely affected by the law and all who are concerned about fair treatment of men and fathers to help collect the required 68,911 signatures from registered voters.

Financial support is also welcome and needed.

Email support-at-fatherhoodcoalition.org or call 857-350-0575 to have petition sheets delivered to you. This .pdf file of the petition to repeal MGL 209A can be printed out and used to collect signatures so long as there are no changes to the size and is printed back-to-back (head-to-head, bottom-to-bottom) and black on white paper.

Here is an instruction sheet of the do's and do-not's from the Massachusetts Sec'y of State's office.

Please spread the word through your friends, relatives and social media.

Ed. note: Please be aware that signature-gathering is valid only in Massachusetts. If you gather signatures of non-Massachusetts residents, they will not be valid.

'False' rape claims hit DSK's global mission

anthony · 28 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ALLEGING "false" sexual assault claims had hampered his efforts to right the global economy, former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn yesterday claimed immunity from prosecution.

Criminal charges were dropped last month when prosecutors lost faith in the credibility of the hotel maid alleging assault, Nafissatou Diallo, but she is pursuing her civil case for undisclosed monetary damages from Mr Strauss-Kahn, once a presidential hopeful in France.

Mr Strauss-Kahn's lawyers claim it is irrelevant that he was no longer head of the IMF when Ms Diallo filed her civil case on August 8, saying: "Mr Strauss-Kahn's absolute immunity persisted until he was able to leave the United States."

Mr Strauss-Kahn went on the attack, accusing Ms Diallo of imperilling his efforts, at the helm of the IMF, to rescue the world economy at a crucial time after the financial crisis.

"As a direct result of (the) plaintiff's false charge of sexual assault, the IMF's ability to serve its critical function in the international economy was significantly impaired at a time of worldwide financial crisis and instability."'

SAVE Alert: Outrage: Biden Blew it on The View

Matt · 28 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Vice President Biden joined the ladies of The View (ABC) yesterday, to discuss teen dating violence and sexual assault. The picture he painted of dating violence was so inaccurate and so bizarre, yes, we're outraged!

Now we need to set him straight!

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, 10% of high school girls, compared to only 9% of boys, have engaged in dating violence in the previous year. So SAVE sent VP Biden a letter, asking him to address the growing problem of dating violence by teen girls:
http://www.saveservices.org/2011/09/save-sends-letter-to-vp-biden-regarding-his-upcoming-appearance-on-the-view

Unfortunately, Biden not only ignored our letter, he falsely portrayed teen dating violence as only done by boys, to girls. See the video here: http://theview.abc.go.com/ - then click on the Tues. September 27 button.

Today we're asking you to email Valerie Jarrett, director of the White House Council on Women and Girls, and then call the White House:

Valerie Jarrett: vjarrett-at-who.eop.gov
White House comment line: 1-202-456-1111

Speak up! Unload. Politely demand they set the record straight, that teenage girls are more likely than boys to abuse - and there's no excuse for turning the truth on its head.

On behalf of abused boys and abusive girls, and the families who love them, thank you!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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SAVE Press Release re Biden's 'The View' Appearance

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Sept. 28, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Despite calls to address the growing epidemic of abusive teenage girls, Vice President Biden glossed over the problem during his Tuesday appearance on ABC's The View. Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is calling on the Vice President to remove the veil of silence that envelops the problem.

Surveys now show high school girls are more likely than boys to engage in physical violence with their dating partners. But VP Biden only spoke of girls as victims and never mentioned them as possible perpetrators. Host Whoopi Goldberg even asked the Vice President a direct question about the reality of dating violence, but Biden did not respond to the question:

"And will you just also remind people, remind the women that the way to get a man's attention is not to hit him? Do not hit him. (applause) Because this is something violence in itself, is something we need to teach kids is not to perpetrate on each other. No?"

Earlier this month a judge in Memphis, Tenn. ruled 17-year-old Renee Addison would stand trial as an adult following the fatal shooting of her dating partner, Sarah Gailbraith. The two were known to be in a relationship and had dated off and on for five years.

In June, 17-year-old Vanessa McGhee stabbed her boyfriend during a dispute in their Brooklyn apartment. McGhee was later charged with second-degree murder and criminal possession of a weapon.'

Woman who killed grandchild says she felt unloved

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — A grandmother who threw her 2-year-old granddaughter to her death from a sixth-floor walkway at Virginia's largest shopping mall told detectives in a taped confession that she felt unloved by her family and jealous of the attention her granddaughter received.

More than anything, Carmela dela Rosa told detectives, she was angry at her son-in-law James Ogdoc for taking her daughter away from her and saw killing the infant as a way to get back at him, according to the confession. The tape was played to jurors Tuesday at the woman's murder trial.

"I just saw James through her, through the baby," dela Rosa said in the hour-long videotaped confession to a Fairfax police detective. "I thought about James and I threw her."

Dela Rosa, 50, of Fairfax, Va., acknowledges that she threw her granddaughter, 2-year-old Angelyn Ogdoc, from an elevated pedestrian bridge at Tysons Corner Center last November, in the midst of the busy holiday shopping season. She has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, and her lawyers argue that her diagnosed depression was so severe that she could not distinguish right from wrong.

In her confession, though, dela Rosa explicitly states that what she did was wrong. "I did a terrible thing," she told the detectives. She also admits that her intent at the time was to kill Angelyn and that she hatched the plan several minutes before carrying it out.'

Australia: Female nurse banned after having affair with inmate

Minuteman · 29 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Nurse Suzanne Maree Dyason fell in love with a male prisoner at the Maryborough Correctional Centre known only as "DH" and had a sexual relationship with him between March 2006 and July 2009, the Courier Mail reports.

The Queensland Civil and Administration Tribunal (QCAT) was told Dyason tried to hide the illicit affair from her superiors and used childhood nicknames in letters and phone calls with DH to avoid detection.
...
The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia requested Dyason be banned for three years but Judge Kingham has ordered the ban to be reduced to 18 months and compelled Dyason to seek counselling from a psychologist who specialised in "boundary violation issues".'

Men's Rights Movement Group at Arizona State University

anthony · 29 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Site here. Excerpt:

'Feminists and society like to say we live in a Patriarchy. Because men hold more leadership positions than women. But why are all the gender concerns towards women only? None for men! NO UN panels, NO national committees, NO State organizations, NO university departments. None. All for women!

Excuse me, What "Patriarchy"???

• Men and Fathers face the harshest discrimination in family courts. [17] [18]
• Epidemic of false accusations are near half of all rape cases. False accusations on men from sexual harassment to rape to child molestation. [12] [13]
• Violence Against Women Act profiles men and demands that they be arrested in all domestic violence disputes. [11]
• 4 out of 5 Suicides are male (18 out of 23 more accurately) [10]
• Misandry and abuse and denigration of men is widespread across media, while at the same time media is extra sensitive to stay up to date with each and every feminist demand for favorable and correct portrayal of women in media. [23] [24] [25] [26] [27]
• College enrollment and gradation of males is declining and has been for decades. [5] [4] [3]
• Male fertility has been on the decline for at least a century. [8]
• No men's shelters. [10]
• Men have no reproductive rights and are often victims of paternity fraud. [15] [16]'

Mom who tried to sell baby to be set free

Matt · 30 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — A woman who tried to sell her baby boy at a Taco Bell restaurant in southwest Washington will be free from jail soon.

Under an agreement with Clark County prosecutors, 36-year-old Heidi Knowles pleaded guilty on Thursday to reckless endangerment and was sentenced to 77 days in jail by a county judge.

The Columbian reports (http://bit.ly/pYcLlp) Knowles has already served that amount of time and will be released this week.

According to court documents, prosecutors say Knowles approached a woman in the restaurant on July 14, handed her 1-year-old boy to a woman and offered to sell him for between $500 and $5,000. She declined and called 911.'

IA: Tell the New York Times that circumsicion does not prevent the spread of HIV

Matt · 30 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From an Intact America alert:

This past Monday, the New York Times published an article claiming that mass-circumcision efforts are “one of the most promising, proven methods for preventing HIV in Africa”—and this is simply not true. Study after study shows that circumcision does not prevent the spread of HIV, and in fact increases the risk, because circumcised men think they are safe, and don’t use condoms.

The most offensive part of the article, however, is this quote from Robert Bailey, an epidemiologist at the University of Illinois at Chicago who helped design Kenya’s circumcision efforts (that country’s 330,000 circumcisions so far are just a third of the government’s goal). “We’re hacking away at it every month,” Dr. Bailey said. “Those foreskins are flying.”

It seems that these doctors, who have built their careers from these mass-circumcision programs, have forgotten we’re talking about human beings with normal, functional, important body parts. “Hacking?” Really?

Unfortunately the article, which is replete with misinformation, is not accepting comments. So we’re asking you to write to the New York Times. Tell this major newspaper what you think about the science and the ethics of this article. Write your own letter, or—if you wish—you can use some of the points here:

- Nowhere in this article is it mentioned that most of the world is intact, and that the foreskin is a useful and valuable body part that most adult men do not want to give up.
- The African “studies” on circumcision have not been replicated anywhere in the developed world, because they would be considered highly unethical.
- Circumcision does not prevent the spread of HIV; the American experience proves that.
- A mass surgical campaign is a terrible use of public health resources in countries with under-developed health care systems and a lack of food and clean water
- Coercing men into giving up a natural and important body part with partial or false information is the worst kind of medical imperialism.
- The statements by Dr. Bailey reveal the cultural insensitivity and callousness of the scientists and researchers who are building their careers on this shameful campaign.
- ...or anything else you would like to say.

Ed. note: Ways to contact the NYT are found here. It seems to me the most appropriate email address to use is nytnews-at-nytimes.com or if you hope to get a letter to the editor published, information about that is here.

Mexico City considers temporary marriage licenses

Matt · 30 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'MEXICO CITY (WLS) - Mexico City lawmakers are proposing legislation that would allow newlyweds to apply for temporary marriage licenses, instead of making the plunge into wedded life a lifetime commitment.

The change to civil code was proposed this week and would allow couples to decide the length of the commitment, with two years as the minimum. If couples are still enjoying wedded bliss when the contract ends, then they would be able to renew the license. And if they're unhappy, the contract expires and they are both free without going through a divorce.

The legislation has proved to be controversial in Mexico, the country with the second largest Catholic population in world, after Brazil.

A vote is expected on the proposed legislation by the end of the year.'

Ex-model who killed, ate husband seeks parole

Minuteman · 1 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Nelson, who worked as a part-time model and nanny in Egypt before immigrating to the US in 1986, killed her 56-year-old husband after just one month of marriage.

She then cooked his head on a stove, skinned his torso and fried his hands in oil, at their Costa Mesa unit in central California, reports the Daily Pilot news website.

Nelson then drove garbage bags filled with body parts to ex-boyfriends, asking them to help dispose of the evidence and offering a $75,000 reward for help.

...

Nelson, who was aged in her 20s at the time, told police she was under severe stress and claimed her husband often physically and sexually abused her.'

Scotland: Definition of abuse 'should change'

anthony · 1 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No mention of women who abuse men. Excerpt:

'Mr Dempsey said the Scottish definition of domestic abuse as primarily about male abusers controlling female victims "dominates" publicity materials and training for medical staff, police officers, judges, housing workers and civil servants. As a consequence, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) people who suffer abuse at home, as well as their children, are being marginalised, he argued.
...
The Scottish Government's definition of domestic abuse as an offence perpetrated by men against women does "serious damage" to gay and transgendered people suffering violence in the home, an academic has said.'

Ireland Bans Powerful Child-Abuse PSA for 'Baffling, Idiotic Reason'

anthony · 1 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ireland's advertising watchdog has made itself a laughingstock—except nobody's laughing—by banning an anti-child-abuse PSA that was powerful enough to get noticed worldwide. The brutal spot by Ogilvy Dublin, which Adweek covered at length here, shows a boy being beaten up while still articulating, in grown-up language, a manifesto for children's rights. After getting 13 complaints, the country's Advertising Standards Authority has banned the spot from all "Irish media" (this does not include YouTube) because it supposedly breaches gender-equality rules. "Complainants objected to the advertisement on the basis that it was unbalanced in its treatment of the subject of abuse in the home. The advertisement only depicted a male as being the aggressor, and the complainants considered this to be unbalanced," the ASA ruled, according to Adland. The stupidity of such a ruling is self-evident. It means you couldn't dramatize abuse without having both a man and a woman whaling on the kid at once—which would be weird and completely shift the focus of the ad from the abused to the abusers. The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which produced the ad, is understandably flabbergasted and is in the ludicrous position of having to explain what should be common sense. "The video makes no reference to physical abuse being carried out exclusively by either men or women or indeed by fathers or mothers," it writes. "This advertisement does not focus on the adult; its focus is entirely on the child. Any attempt to focus on whether the adult is a male or female is clearly missing the point and purpose of the ad in the first instance." The ISPCC is appealing the ruling.'

Ed. note: Comments can be submitted to the ISPCC here.

Verizon and National Domestic Violence Hotline Launch ‘Monsters' Video

anthony · 2 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The video, two minutes and 34 seconds long, graphically describes how domestic violence affects children. The child’s voice states:

“A child who lives with domestic violence lives in darkness. …She struggles to separate her nightmares from reality because there’s very little difference. The child who lives with domestic violence isn't afraid of the dark. She’s afraid of her dad because the monster doesn't live in her closet – it’s just down the hall.”'

Canada: Education system failing boys

anthony · 2 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Based on these results one can conclude only one of three things.

Either A) the above observations are anomalies and usually the number of high achievers is typically evenly split between boys and girls, B) girls are generally more intelligent than boys and thus it is natural that they would do better at school or C) the education system is not properly structured to educate males.

The facts point to the obvious conclusion that the education system is failing to educate our boys to the same levels as our girls and has been for decades.

Why has this situation been allowed to exist for as long as it has when it is apparent that the education system is aware of it?

Why is no one talking about this obvious inequity within our society?

Even with the now published inequity in the genders in university entrance, there is still no recognition or discussion of this awful situation.

Why is it that no one cares about the boys?'

Woman downed pint of whiskey before groping male Virgin Airways attendant

anthony · 2 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'A WOMAN drank more than a pint of whiskey before grabbing a male Virgin Airways steward's penis and demanding sex, a UK court heard.

Katherine Goldberg, 25, from Ealing Common in west London, was on a flight from South Africa to Heathrow last month when she drunkenly assaulted the crew member.

Ms Goldberg, a teacher, was granted bail after her lawyer applied successfully to adjourn the case to make representations in relation to the charge of sexual assault, the London Evening Standard reported.

He said, "It is a serious allegation but there are good reasons why it would be in the public interest for the Crown to deal with her by way of a caution."

Ms Goldberg is charged with one count of sexual assault and another of being drunk in an aircraft.'

Indiana woman gets probation for false rape report

anthony · 2 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'September 30, 2011 (MISHAWAKA, Ind) -- A former Goshen College student who falsely reported that she was abducted and raped has been sentenced to 18 months of probation and ordered to perform 200 hours of community service.

WSBT-TV in South Bend reports that a judge Thursday also suspended an 18-month prison sentence that Jessica De La Vega could have faced under her conviction of obstructing justice.

Prosecutors said De La Vega told her mother in January she'd been kidnapped and raped as an excuse for being late. She then told police she had been abducted and raped in a Goshen park, leading police to circulate a sketch of a suspect.'

UK: Woman teacher held over sex with schoolgirl, 15

anthony · 2 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A teacher who admitted sexually abusing a 15-year-old female pupil has been detained under the Mental Health Act.

Suzanne Harrison, 38, pleaded guilty to four sex offences which took place when she worked at a school in Colchester.

Ipswich Crown Court heard Harrison swapped numbers with her victim at the girl's 15th birthday party.

The judge ruled the former Ipswich sixth form college worker, of Wacker Field Road, Rendlesham, Suffolk, should be held in a psychiatric hospital.

Judge Peter Thompson said he had made the ruling after a "very thorough" assessment of her condition.

"This does not mean the court takes a less serious view of the offending - the victim has suffered very significantly, " he told the court.'

Judge ends probation for Debra Lafave, victim under psychiatric care

anthony · 2 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(CBS/WTSP/AP) TAMPA, Fla. - A judge ruled to end middle-school teacher turned sex-offender Debra Lafave probation early during a court hearing Thursday afternoon.
...
The Tampa judge decided Thursday to end the 31-year-old former teacher's probation four years early. She had served two years of house arrest and was scheduled to remain on probation until November 2015 for having sex with a 14-year-old student.

The judge's ruling means she no longer must observe a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, and can travel anywhere outside the area.
...
Lafave reportedly got engaged earlier this year and is now the mother of twin boys, she gave birth a month ago.

The victim is now 21. His sister said he is still getting psychiatric care, reports the station.'

Battle of the Sexes: How Men and Women View Money

anthony · 2 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sethi's survey found that 58% of men feel more confidence toward their money and finances, compared to 44% of women. Females also feel more anxiety toward finances (33%) than men (18%). This may account for why 28% of the male respondents reported to always negotiating their salary, compared to only 19% of women respondents. Men also believe that the pay of women compared to men is equal, at a rate of 47% to 18% of women. More than 80% of women said they feel the pay is less.

Men also spend more of their money on technology and electronics at a rate of 54% to 23%. Female respondents spent more on travel--43% compared to 33% of men.'

Men march in high heels to end violence

anthony · 2 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It's not a sight you see every day.

Courageous men took off their comfortable shoes and sported red high heels Saturday morning for the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" international men's march in Central Falls.

The march kicked off at the high school on Summer Street in an effort to show solidarity and support to end violence against women and bring an end to sexual assault, rape and gender violence.
...
One in four women will experience gender violence in her lifetime.

"This violence does not just affect women. Men are hurt and angered when women they care about are raped or abused. And the same violence that targets women also targets men because rape isn't about sex, it's about power, control and violence," said Nancy Rafi, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Crisis Assistance Center.'

Chart-topping singer arrested on stage over child support

Matt · 2 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'Police say a singer known for his 1990 chart-topping love song was hauled off a Massachusetts stage and arrested on charges of owing $420,000 in unpaid child support.

Steven Bernard Hill of Las Vegas was arrested Friday night at the MassMutual Center, where he was performing on tour.

Hill performs as Stevie B and is best known for the song "Because I Love You (The Postman Song)." It reached No. 1 on the Billboard charts in late 1990.

Springfield police Sgt. John M. Delaney tells the Springfield Republican that Hill was surprised by the arrest and concerned that he might miss a weekend show in Providence, Rhode Island.

Hill is scheduled to be arraigned Monday. He couldn't be reached for comment Sunday. Police didn't know if he had an attorney.'

HPV and Male Susceptibility

Matt · 3 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More males may get throat cancer from having oral sex with women than from smoking as the result of a virus linked to the malignancy, a study suggests.

Researchers examined 271 throat-tumor samples collected over 20 years ending in 2004 and found that the percentage of oral cancer linked to the human papillomavirus, or HPV, surged to 72 percent from about 16 percent, according to a report in the Journal of Clinical Oncology. By 2020, the virus-linked throat tumors -- which mostly affected men -- will become more common than HPV-caused cervical cancer, the report found.

HPV is known for infecting genitals. The finding that it can spread to the throat and cause cancer may increase pressure on Merck & Co., the second-largest U.S. drugmaker, to conduct large-scale trials to see if its vaccine Gardasil, which wards off cervical cancer in women, also prevents HPV throat infections, said Maura Gillison, an oncologist at Ohio State University and study senior author.'

Italian jury clears American Amanda Knox of murder

Matt · 3 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Perugia, Italy (CNN) -- In a ruling read to a tension-filled courtroom, an Italian jury on Monday cleared Amanda Knox of murder and other charges, nearly four years after she was arrested on suspicion of having killed her roommate in this picturesque Italian university town.

There was an audible gasp in the courtroom as the verdict was read, then an eruption of emotion, prompting the judge to call for silence. Knox herself was nearly hysterical, according to CNN's Matthew Chance, and had to be assisted out of the courtroom by two people.

The jury evidently believed Knox's impassioned final statement to the court, delivered in a voice trembling with emotion.

"I am not what they say I am -- perverse, violent. ... I haven't murdered. I haven't raped. I haven't stolen," Knox said in the most important speech of her life. Her co-defendant, Raffaele Sollecito, was also cleared of involvement in the 2007 death of Meredith Kercher, a British exchange student and Knox's roommate in Perugia.'

Hormonal contraception ups HIV risk in women -- and men

Anonymous · 4 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I wonder if these results will be as quickly accepted as circumcision studies done in Africa. Excerpt:

'Hormonal contraception may make it easier for HIV to spread between heterosexual sex partners, according to a new study conducted in Africa.

Women in the study who used hormonal contraception had double the risk of acquiring HIV or transmitting it to their male partners as those who did not use hormonal contraception.

While hormonal conception includes both oral contraception and injectable forms of birth control, the findings were most pronounced for women using injectables, like Depo-Provera, the study said.'

The Husband-Killing Syndicates: Misandry in Action

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“Husband Poisoning By Wholesale,” “Women Formed Club To Kill Husbands,” “Exterminating Husbands,” “A New Business; Husband Poisoning On A Scale of a Commercial Enterprise,” “How Wives Gained Power by Mass-Murder of Husbands.” Such newspaper headlines as these popped up with alarming regularity in American newspapers from the 1880s to the end of the 1930s. With the exception for the story of the notorious “Arsenic Incorporated” case of 1939 in Philadelphia – with its gruesome 200-plus body count – all these sensational reports were of European husband-killing covens.

Apart from a few of the more than twenty cases now rediscovered and presented to the public in The Unknown History of Misandry, these crimes are completely lost to the official historical record (there is no taxpayer-funded army of university researchers working tirelessly to dig up the truth about misandry).

If you want to understand today’s misandry, you need to get to know the newly rediscovered history of past -- which the mainstream historians have succeeded in erasing from the public memory. These amazing stories are now available online at “The Husband-Killing Syndicates”.

They offer indispensable insight into the mind of the predatory misandrist. Just another reminder that HISTORY MATTERS!

SAVE: Ground-Breaking Surveys: 10% of Persons Are Falsely Accused

Matt · 4 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

False allegations of abuse harm the innocent, rob true victims of needed services, and undermine the workings of justice. In May, SAVE conducted the first nationwide phone survey about this vexing problem, with 11% of respondents saying they had been falsely accused of domestic violence, child abuse or sexual assault.

To confirm the numbers, last month we repeated the survey, again calling over 10,000 persons on their landline phones. With both surveys combined; we can now report that about one in 10 persons have been falsely accused of abuse.

Other highlights from our surveys:

- One in six of the respondents personally knew someone who has been falsely accused of abuse
- About twice as many persons have been falsely accused of child abuse as domestic violence or sexual abuse
- Three-quarters of the falsely accused persons were male
- Nearly seven in 10 of the accusers were female
- In over a quarter of the cases, the accusation was made as part of a child custody dispute

For more details, see: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/survey

To bring an end to false accusations of abuse, you can join SAVE's Campaign 2012. SAVE provides the flyers and questions for candidates to use at townhalls and other events to bring false allegations and other DV reforms into the political arena: http://www.saveservices.org/campaign-2012.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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On Partner Abuse, President Obama Flubs his Facts

Matt · 4 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Oct. 4, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is calling on President Obama to correct false information in the Domestic Violence Proclamation he issued Monday. At a time when victims are demanding accuracy and accountability, the declaration features misleading statements and inaccurate facts, according to SAVE.

The presidential proclamation, issued for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, makes the claim that "One in four women and one in 13 men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime." But multiple studies show that men and women abuse each other at similar rates.

The Center for Disease Control's Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey reveals males are being victimized at a higher rate than females: 10 percent of teenage males versus 9 percent of teenage females report dating violence. In the American Journal of Public Health, a second CDC study of young adults revealed a dramatic gap for one-way violence: in 71 percent of cases, females were the aggressors.'

Grandmother Gives Worst 'Reason' for Tossing 2-Year-Old Over Mall Balcony

anthony · 5 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Relationships between women are often fraught with drama and pain, especially the ones between mothers and daughters. But no one's story is as awful as Mary Kathlyn Ogdoc's. The young mom lost her 2-year-old daughter last year after her own mother tossed her from a mall skywalk in Virginia.

Apparently, this grandmother had a reason for murdering her toddler granddaughter in such a cruel and horrific way. She hated her son-in-law who impregnated her daughter out of wedlock when she was 19. Oh and this: She felt the little girl came between her and her daughter.

I am going out on a limb to say what actually came between her and her daughter is the fact that she is a RAGING PSYCHO. It's unconscionable that she could even think that is a good "reason" to murder a child. And the worst part is her defense team is trying to prove she is insane.'

Oklahoma mother, 37, charged with 'having sex' with boy, 13

anthony · 5 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Oklahoma nurse arrested on charges of having sex with a 13-year-old boy is back behind bars - for slipping him a love note wrapped in a burrito.

"Hey Babe, I love you forever," Amy Blose, 37, penned to the schoolchild before asking his 15-year-old female friend to deliver it, RadarOnline reported.

In April, Blose was charged with three counts of rape, three counts of forcible oral sodomy, one count of lewd or indecent acts to a child under 16 and one count of performing lewd acts in the presence of a child under 16.'

CNN: Why men are in trouble

mens_issues · 5 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

The latest misandrist "man up" article on CNN, this time by William Bennett. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- For the first time in history, women are better educated, more ambitious and arguably more successful than men.

Now, society has rightly celebrated the ascension of one sex. We said, "You go girl," and they went. We celebrate the ascension of women but what will we do about what appears to be the very real decline of the other sex?

The data does not bode well for men. In 1970, men earned 60% of all college degrees. In 1980, the figure fell to 50%, by 2006 it was 43%. Women now surpass men in college degrees by almost three to two. Women's earnings grew 44% in real dollars from 1970 to 2007, compared with 6% growth for men.
...

The warning signs for men stretch far beyond their wallets. Men are more distant from a family or their children then they have ever been. The out-of-wedlock birthrate is more than 40% in America. In 1960, only 11% of children in the U.S. lived apart from their fathers. In 2010, that share had risen to 27%. Men are also less religious than ever before. According to Gallup polling, 39% of men reported attending church regularly in 2010, compared to 47% of women.

If you don't believe the numbers, just ask young women about men today. You will find them talking about prolonged adolescence and men who refuse to grow up. I've heard too many young women asking, "Where are the decent single men?" There is a maturity deficit among men out there, and men are falling behind.
...
The Founding Fathers believed, and the evidence still shows, that industriousness, marriage and religion are a very important basis for male empowerment and achievement. We may need to say to a number of our twenty-something men, "Get off the video games five hours a day, get yourself together, get a challenging job and get married." It's time for men to man up.'

SAVE: Trash-Talk: Call on Rep. Gwen Moore to Cancel Gender-Biased Briefing

Matt · 6 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

A Congressional Briefing on the Effects of Domestic Violence on Children has been scheduled for this coming Wednesday, Oct. 12 in Washington DC. The event is hosted by Makers of Memories and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV).

As you can see to the side, the image they chose to promote the briefing shows a man, presumably a father, yelling at a small girl who is cowering in the corner. And no surprise, the websites of Makers of Memories and the NCADV are brimming with gender-biased information.

SAVE supports evidence-based efforts to address young victims of family violence. These are the facts that need to be highlighted:

1. Women are at least as likely as men to engage in intimate partner violence. One national survey found mothers are twice as likely as fathers to engage in severe marital violence. [i]

2. Most child abuse is committed by mothers. According to the DHHS, "approximately one-half (53.8%) of child abuse and neglect perpetrators were women and more than 40 percent (44.4%) were men." [ii]

3. Partner-abusing mothers are equally likely to abuse their children as partner-abusing fathers. [iii]

Unfortunately, the Makers of Memories website is filled with ugly, misleading statements, including this inflammatory claim: "Each night 1 million children go to bed to the sounds of their mother being beaten." The NCADV website is also biased, making the nonsense claim that "There is not a typical woman who will be battered - the risk factor is being born female."

When groups put that kind of stuff on their websites, you know that any Briefing they host is likely to cherry-pick the research and stereotype males as abusers.

Today we'd like you to contact Rep. Gwen Moore of Wisconsin. Tell her the Briefing hosts have a track record of providing inaccurate and unbalanced information, and she needs to cancel the briefing until she identifies legitimate experts to testify. Here's the contact information:

Email Rep. Moore's staffer: steffany.stern-at-mail.house.gov
Telephone: 202-225-4572

Children who experience domestic violence need programs based on accurate and truthful statistics, not gender-biased trash-talk. Please contact Rep. Moore today.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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www.saveservices.org

P.S. Hand-out available for download here.

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F&F: Former Education Secretary Bennett Needs Education on Men

Matt · 6 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Secretary of Education William Bennett has taken time out from his busy day to notice men, and he doesn't like what he sees. Here's his article (CNN, 10/4/11).

It's not a good piece for a former Secretary of Education. That's because it's short on facts and logic, and does its best to contradict itself. In short, if Bennett had turned this in as a composition exercise in, say, 10th grade, I'd give him a D.

The only reason his grade isn't lower is that he does get some facts right. He notices that men's status in society has declined significantly since the 50s, 60s and 70s.

Woman charged with threatening witness in domestic violence case

anthony · 6 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NASHUA – A woman violated bail by contacting her alleged victim in a domestic assault case, police say.

Katrina Russell, 28, of 108½ Ash St., tried to induce the male victim not to cooperate in upcoming court proceedings against her, police said. Russell also allegedly threatened to harm the victim if he contacted police.

Russell was arrested Tuesday in Springfield, Vt., on a warrant from Nashua police. She was held at the Southern State Correctional Facility until police officers from Nashua traveled to Vermont to take her into custody, police said.'

If Men Are In Trouble, So Are Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the first time in history, wrote author and former U.S. Secretary of Education William J. Bennett on CNN.com, women are better educated, more ambitious, and arguably more successful than men.

“Society has rightly celebrated the ascension of one sex,” he writes in Why Men Are In Trouble. “We said, ‘You go girl,’ and they went.”

...

A few weeks ago, I spoke at The University of Tennessee in Chattanooga, and I can confirm that many of the young women on campus are confused about men: their mixed signals, their lack of commitment to a relationship, the dearth of maturity and the inability to communicate. But if you asked the women what they wanted, they didn’t seem to quite know either.

Many didn’t have an idea what they wanted to do after college. Asked if they wanted a committed relationship, many said no. Were they deluding themselves? I don’t think so. I think they genuinely didn’t want to be tied down in their early 20s, and preferred to keep their options open to travel, go to graduate school, or switch cities.

...

But men have their genuine gripes and concerns too. “Yeah, marriage,” wrote one man on CNN. “I want to give up everything to be constantly nagged… Looking forward to a woman who completely loses interest in sex after we take the vows. Married men are supposed to put their wife and children first, slave away at work and give up any real passion they once had. Sounds like a worthwhile life on earth to me!”

What is the solution to all of this? Does it even need a solution? I won’t pretend I have the answer. I just know that if men are in trouble, then women—at least if they want to build a life with a man—are in trouble too.'

Medical group to say men don't need prostate cancer screenings, source says

anthony · 6 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, the group that told women in their 40s that they don't need mammograms, will soon recommend that men not get screened for prostate cancer, according to a source privy to the task force deliberations.

The task force is set to recommend a "D" rating for prostate specific antigen, or PSA, testing. Such a rating means "there is moderate or high certainty that the service has no net benefit or that the harms outweigh the benefits," according to the group's website. The task force is set to propose this recommendation Tuesday, and then allow for a comment period before issuing a final recommendation.

According to a draft copy of a report scheduled to be released Monday, a review of studies shows screening with the PSA blood test results in "small or no reduction" in prostate cancer deaths.'

Domestic Violence Regional Roundtable Event: Engaging Men and Boys in Preventing Violence

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From an Office on Womens Health mailing list email.

'Domestic Violence Regional Roundtable Event: Engaging Men and Boys in Preventing Violence

Date: October 26, 2011
Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Thomas P. O'Neill Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, First Floor O'Neill Auditorium, Boston, MA 02222

Purpose: To engage members of the public; community and faith-based organizations; students; educators; domestic violence advocates; housing officials; homeless advocates; government leaders; and health care professionals on the topic of engaging men and boys in preventing violence. The event is open to everyone and free of charge.

Sponsored by

* U.S. Department of Education
* U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
* U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Agenda:

* 9 to 9:30 a.m.—Registration, networking
* 9:30 to 9:40 a.m.— Brief welcome from Federal agencies
* 9:40 to 9:50 a.m.—Massachusetts First Lady Diane Patrick (invited)
* 9:50 to 11:30 a.m.— Panel presentation with audience discussion; Q&A

Panelists:

* Craig Norberg-Bohm, Men's Initiative for Jane Doe, Inc. Youth Peer leader from Start Strong Initiative, Boston Public Health Commission
* Lisa Burke, Nurse Practitioner, Site Director, Greater Lawrence Family Health Center at Lawrence High School, Lawrence, MA to talk about the community impact of domestic violence

To register for this event go to
http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=1060&update=N

For more information on this forum contact: Rhonda Siciliano by email at Rhonda.m.siciliano@hud.gov

Please note: Since this event is being held in a Federal building attendees will be required to pass through security prior to entering.

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No prostate test: 'Throwing baby out with bath water'

anthony · 7 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"[The] decision of no confidence on the PSA test by the U.S. government condemns tens of thousands of men to die this year and every year going forward if families are to believe the out-of-date evidence presented by the USPSTF," said Skip Lockwood, chief executive of ZERO, a group devoted to ending prostate cancer.

"A decision on how best to test and treat for prostate cancer must be made between a man and his doctor. This decision is coming from a panel that doesn't even include a urologist or medical oncologist."

Dr. Scott Eggener, an expert in prostate cancer from the University of Chicago, said the new recommendations, if adopted, would discourage men from getting prostate cancer screening.

Eggener said the move "is a classic example of 'throwing the baby out with the bath water.' A more sensible approach is to use all of our currently available tools to intelligently determine which patients are most likely to benefit from screening and treatment."'

Australia: Cheating wife guilty of attempted murder of husband

Minuteman · 7 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A cheating Melbourne wife who committed the ultimate betrayal by plotting to have her lover kill her millionaire husband on his birthday, has been found guilty of attempted murder.

Vicky Soteriou, 44, had her lover Ari Dimitrakis stab her husband Chris as she walked arm-in-arm with him after celebrating his 44th birthday at a Melbourne restaurant in January last year.

Chris Soteriou suffered life threatening injuries.

Until that night Mr Soteriou believed he had the perfect marriage and the perfect life.

He woke from a coma to be told his wife had been cheating on him and was told a few days later that she had plotted to kill him.

After nearly two years of "hell" Mr Soteriou finally saw justice on Friday.

He yelled out "yes" and wept as a Victorian Supreme Court jury found his wife guilty of attempting to murder him.'

Women lead the way in embezzlement cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men commit more crime than women but there's one category where women hold the distinction – embezzlement.

In a national trend that is playing out in series of Sonoma County cases, women are more often arrested on charges of stealing from employers, churches or community organizations.

Their dominance is likely a result of the positions they occupy such as bookkeepers and bank tellers that allow greater access to financial records, checking accounts and cash, experts say.

And a perception that women are more trustworthy than men may lead to even more opportunity to misappropriate funds, said Richard Scott, a Santa Rosa lawyer specializing in embezzlement defense.'

Wife Who Fired 11 Shots Is Acquitted of Murder

Matt · 7 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'She had always admitted to killing her husband, using two guns to fire 11 bullets inside the couple's home in Queens. But she insisted she had no choice: if she had not shot him, he would have surely killed her first.

On Thursday, a jury in State Supreme Court in Queens agreed, clearing the woman, Barbara Sheehan, of second-degree murder charges in a case that had been viewed as a strenuous test of a battered-woman defense. Her son and daughter, the children of her slain husband, wept with joy.

During the trial, the jury heard how Ms. Sheehan had been relentlessly abused by her husband, Raymond Sheehan, a former police sergeant, during their 24 years of marriage. But the critical question at trial was whether Ms. Sheehan was in imminent danger when she killed her husband; New York State's self-defense law justifies the use of lethal force when a threat to a person's life is deemed immediate.

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Ms. Sheehan testified that the couple had a fierce argument the day before, and she had decided to leave, carrying one of her husband's guns for protection. When her husband saw her, she said, he reached for a gun on the bathroom vanity and aimed it at her.

Ms. Sheehan and her children burst into tears when the verdict was announced, and her lawyer, Michael G. Dowd, put his arms around her. Her supporters, adorned in purple in solidarity with victims of domestic violence, began cheering.

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Nonetheless, the jury of nine women and three men unexpectedly reached a consensus on Thursday, in their third day of deliberations. Ms. Sheehan was acquitted of murder and of a gun possession charge, but was found guilty of a second gun possession charge, which carries a sentence of 3 1/2 to 15 years. The judge ordered her to return to court on Wednesday, when she will be remanded into custody. Her sentencing will follow.

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Legal experts said the verdict was a vindication for the so-called battered-woman defense. Under this strategy the battered woman chronicles her abuse in intimate and graphic detail with the aim of convincing the jury that she reasonably feared for her life based on her abuser's past behavior.

"The case is a good marker of the willingness of jurors to realize that a history of abuse can inform a woman's sense of the need to act in self-defense," said Holly Maguigan, a law professor at New York University.'

From death row to freedom: Woman gets second chance

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A Memphis woman who spent 26 years on death row and came within two months of being executed for hiring a stranger to kill her husband was freed Friday from a Tennessee prison.

Gaile Owens, 58, was greeted by a small group of supporters outside Tennessee's Prison for Women. Owens was all smiles as she pushed a yellow laundry cart containing her belongings past the prison's razor-wire fence to freedom.

Owens was sentenced to die in 1985, but her death sentence was commuted to life in prison last year and she won parole last week.
...
Supporters had urged her release, claiming she was a battered wife who didn't use that defense because she didn't want her young sons to know about the physical and sexual abuse.
...
Sidney Porterfield, the man she was accused of hiring to kill her husband with a tire iron, was also sentenced to death. He is still on death row.'

Why Does America Have So Many 'Peter Pan' Men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Working in an office full of women, many of whom are young, single gals, I hear all the time, “Where are all the good men out there?” Even in this post-feminist age of asserting independence from men and having both a career and a family, women still want their prince and these days, he can be really tough to find.

Bill Bennett, who used to work for President George H. W. Bush and is now at the Claremont Institute, just came out with a new book called, "The Book of Man: Readings on the Path to Manhood," and it could not have been released at a better time.
...

These men should be studying in college, getting a job, and contributing to society through the workforce and family. How in the world do they have time to play video games for hours? The answer is that they just don’t ever grow up.

But are women contributing to the demise of the man? Feminism has been detrimental to the identity of the American male. Men have been rebuked if they pull out a chair or open a door for a woman. If they offer to pay for dinner (which they should), their date may be offended and demand to split the check because she can pay her own way. -- Ladies, it’s not such a bad thing to be treated to dinner unless that meal comes with sexual expectations, which is another column.'

Barbara Sheehan and the Battered Women's Defense: When Killing is Legal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Michael Dowd, Sheehan's lawyer, has made a career of defending women who kill their tormentors. In a 1991 paper discussing the battered women's defense, he wrote about the difficulties of surmounting the skepticism that women in such cases face.

"The denial of the equality of women in cultures which perceive such treatment as both acceptable and lawful is essential to the existence of domestic violence," Dowd wrote. "This denial is the cornerstone of men's violence against women and ultimately operates to deny battered women a fair trial when they are successful in fighting back against their abusers."

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It is not easy for battered women to obtain such verdicts. The fact that the defendant remained in the relationship, rather than fleeing or seeking help, can work against her. Prosecutors will often ask whether the defendant reported the abuse or told anybody.'

An Abused Wife? Or an Executioner?

anthony · 7 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The murder trial of Barbara Sheehan, the Queens school secretary who shot her husband with 11 bullets, often bears the hallmarks of a dysfunctional wake.

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Jacquelyn C. Campbell, an expert witness on domestic violence from Johns Hopkins University, likened an abused woman to a dog who receives a shock every time it tries to leave a cage, eventually remaining frozen in place, even when the cage door is left opened.

...

But the Queens prosecutor, Debra Pomodore, attacked the syndrome as little more than “pseudoscience” embraced by the defendant out of desperation to stay out of prison. Moreover, Ms. Pomodore, an assistant district attorney, argued, being abused was not an excuse for an open season on killing men; of the nearly four million women abused each year by their husbands in the United States, only 500 to 600 killed them, she said.

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Battered women’s syndrome became so widely accepted as a legal defense in the early 1990s that a number of states, notably Ohio and Maryland, granted clemency to some women imprisoned for assaulting or killing their mates.'

Fiji: 'Child abuse on the rise' -- and men are warned (exclusively) to stop it

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE Fiji Women's Crisis Centre is concerned at the increasing rate of child abuse cases in the west.

According to centre officials, a total of 17 incidents have been recorded so far this year compared to 11 registered at the end of last year.

Centre co-ordinator Shamima Ali urged members of the public, especially men, to be responsible and to respect children.

"Any child who is being abused sexually or otherwise is required to contact the centre or the police," Ms Ali said.

"People should support women and children who are in this situation. And men, please, change your abusive behaviour and treat women and girls as equal human beings and respect them."'

Domestic violence strikes men; woman works in memory of slain brother

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are not the only victims of domestic violence.

Lisa Moore knows this from personal, painful experience.

Her brother, 45-year-old Randy Ferguson, was shot to death by his wife five years ago, bringing a terrible end to years of constant verbal and emotional abuse.

"I watched my brother suffer in shame for years," Moore said. "It was hard for me. I introduced my brother to her. They seemed to have it all together in the beginning, but I quickly learned I had made the biggest mistake of my life. ... She was controlling, manipulative and jealous."

And violent.

Although physically half her husband's imposing size, Angela Ferguson's relentless harassment psychologically and emotionally reduced the man to nothing, Moore recalled. Beaten down, his self-esteem crushed, he watched all his hopes for salvaging his marriage crash in dust, smoke and ruins.

It all ended in 2006 when the enraged woman shot Randy twice in the head at point-blank range at their South Hill home. The wife was later convicted and is serving 26 1/2 years in prison for murder.'

Mail: Why do today's soppy men act like toddlers who need to be mollycoddled?

mens_issues · 7 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Sheesh, this demeaning misandrist garbage never stops. First William Bennett, then this piece of garbage from the Daily Mail Online. Excerpt:

'Like the original Madonna and child, the young woman on the Tube has her beloved draped around her, his head nestling on her shoulder.

As he snoozes, she texts idly with one hand, while the other absent-mindedly strokes his arm, soothingly, maternally. But this is no serene scene of mother and son — this is a couple. A couple of adults.

If you are forced to use public transport, you see them all the time. Soppy young blokes in skinny jeans, hair artfully arranged to mimic a guinea pig in a hurricane, being mollycoddled by a domineering, post-Spice Girls vixen who, if figures released last week are correct, also earns more than him.
...
No one's saying everyone should conform to a gender stereotype, or that men should be 'dissing' their women like some caricature of male aggression.

But neither should masculinity be regarded as a dirty word.

Isn't it time to man up, boys?'

Charged with filing false rape claim, Memphis woman waives preliminary hearing

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who police say filed a false attempted rape claim against a Bartlett man waived her preliminary hearing this morning and was held for the action of the Shelby County grand jury.

Angela Poindexter's bond was set at $25,000 — almost equal to the $30,000 bond under which Maher Garada, the man she accused of trying to assault her, was held for six days.

Poindexter, of Memphis, has been in custody since she acknowledged Tuesday that her claim about Garada, 50, ripping her clothes and trying to assault her was false

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In court this morning, prosecutor David Lakin sought the same $30,000 bond for Poindexter, saying it was only fair since Garada was held on that amount.

Municipal Judge Freeman Marr noted that bonds were not set as punishment, but as a way to assure the defendant would return to court.'

Call for men accused of rape to be anonymous

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Men accused of rape should have their identities kept secret, according to a leading lawyer in Jersey.

Currently the victim of any sexual crime is kept anonymous, but the identity of the accused is revealed.

This has led to cases nationally and locally where men who were later proved innocent in court were victimised by members of the public.

The alleged victim's identity is protected by law, mainly so that the victim feels confident in giving evidence.

But if it is a false allegation, labelling an innocent man a rapist can have a detrimental effect on his life.

Hazel Jury, from Victim Support, explained: "We'd like to make it as easy as possible for people to come forward with that allegation, but obviously on the other hand if it proves to be a false allegation - and that does happen from time to time - that in itself is very unjust and can have a devastating effect on that person's life, anyone who's been accused of anything that can be unjust and unfair it will resonate with them."'

Man Falsely Accused of Attempted Rape Says Life Is Ruined

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Article here.

'FAST FACTS:
A Bartlett man is free after being falsely accused of attempted rape
Police say the victim admitted that she made up the story
Maher Garada says his business in Bartlett is now suffering

(Memphis 10/6/2011)-A Bartlett man says his reputation has been ruined and life destroyed by woman who falsely accused him of a crime.

Maher Garada was arrested last week and charged with attempted rape.

He was released from jail several days later after police discovered Angela Poindexter, made up the entire story.

But Garada says the damage has already been done.'

Lott: Invisible Men

anthony · 8 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Wouldn't having female advocacy groups and no equivalent for men be a Title IX violation? Excerpt:

'Female Dartmouth students have access to more support than their male peers. Female advocacy groups at Dartmouth include Women in Business, the Society of Women's Engineers, Women in Leadership and the Women in Science Program, which provides faculty mentors and paid internships to freshmen women. Link Up pairs first-year women with senior mentors. It's unfair that men do not have similar opportunities for mentoring or support.

As hard as it may be to believe in light of the historical dominance of males, in many ways modern men are struggling a lot more than their female counterparts. Indeed, men aged 20 to 24 years old commit suicide 10 times as often as women of the same age. Men die younger than women and account for the clear majority of homeless adults. From 1995 to 2002, male college students were twice as likely as female students to be victims of violent crime. Yet, while the College devotes two weeks of every year to V-Time — a programming extension of the global V-Day movement to end violence against women — no campaign exists to reduce violence in men's lives.
...

Men should be able to form advocacy groups without automatically being subject to unfavorable suspicions. Although an all-male "Proud to be a Man" dinner would surely garner a flurry of accusations, Dartmouth hosts an annual all-female "Proud to be a Woman" dinner.
...
While there's nothing wrong with support groups or peer mentoring, the College may be going too far when it provides paid WISP internships to help women become more confident in male-dominated fields. If feminists really want to move away from traditional gender roles, they should be up in arms about women being viewed as needy and deserving of lots of special treatment.

Although women in this country face great challenges, they are in many ways doing better than men. Hopefully when people realize how very far we have come from the patriarchal societies of the past, they will accept that the problems of men deserve equal attention.'

Malecare.org: PSA testing is at risk

Matt · 9 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) has prepared a draft recommendation against prostate-specific antigen (PSA)-based screening for prostate cancer. While not binding, primary care doctors usually follow USPTF guideline. Insurance companies have already begun discussions about ceasing psa test coverage.

The psa test has limitations, as well as benefits. This is no doubt that we need a better test, and we need treatments that don't put men at risk for impotence and incontinence. But, psa testing is what we have, today, in 2011and, likely, all that we will have for next few years.

I have been quoted in the N Y Times and other outlets about this. And, Malecare will be collaborating with our brother prostate cancer organizations to create an appropriate response from our community. But, we need to know what you think!

Please tell us how PSA testing affected your life. Go to http://psaandme.org/ and post a few sentences or paragraphs. You can post your thoughts with your name or anonymously. Without your voice, we are nothing.

Darryl Mitteldorf, LCSW
Executive Director, Malecare - Men fighting cancer, together.
http://www.malecare.org/
darryl-at-malecare.org

Misguided feminism trumps prep academy

anthony · 9 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here.

'Feminists are protesting the sexual discrimination of a male-only school which was proposed because males are failing so frequently in our female-oriented school system.

Did anyone hear feminists protest the sexual discrimination when a Violence Against Women Act was passed by the federal government, even though men experience at least one and a half times as many crimes of violence as women do? Whoops, I forgot that it was National Organization for Women that led the push to create this biased legislation.

And where were the feminists' objections to the sexual discrimination resulting from the state and federal Women's Health Initiatives to foster women's health. No such Initiatives are available for men, even though on average men die over five years younger than women do, are affected by most major diseases five years earlier than women are, and commit suicide about four times as often as women do, to name a few of men's health disadvantages.

Why are feminists so quiet about these serious discriminations against men? Have feminists given up on advocating for equality between men and women, or does equality just mean maximizing women's advantages?'

National Let Your Boy Be a Girl Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's have a new holiday -- National Let Your Boy Be a Girl Day -- that lets boys be, well, girls for a day. That's right. I said it out loud. In a national forum. Online, where it will NEVER die.

Because every other day of the year they have to make sure they are NOT girls. Because if a boy acts like a girl the national press gets involved, the jihadists that weaponize their sons will crush us, and the rate of the sun's gradual extinction will speed up exponentially.

Of course, girls get to act like boys everyday, so they don't need a holiday. A girl's imagination and life would be a pretty barren place if she didn't learn from an early age how to empathize with being a boy. For instance, girls get to:
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- Cross-dress everyday
- Grow their hair as long or as short as they want and decorate it
- Indulge in imaginative cross-gendered play. Girls love male superheroes, idolize boy book protagonists, and on Halloween can buy boy stuff from the most popular catalogs, in case they want to be just regular firefighters and not sexy firefighters.

CDC executive arrested for child molestation, bestiality

Matt · 11 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Just a lovely pair, these two. Excerpt:

'A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention official was arrested Sunday and charged with two counts of child molestation and bestiality for sexual acts involving a 6-year-old boy.

According to a DeKalb County criminal warrant obtained Sunday, Kimberly Quinlan Lindsey's boyfriend, Thomas Westerman, was also arrested on two counts of child molestation. Westerman works for the CDC as a night watchman, his LinkedIn profile states. The pair, who live together in Decatur, surrendered to authorities Sunday afternoon, said DeKalb police spokeswoman Pamela Kunz.

Lindsey, 44, serves as the deputy director for the Laboratory Science Policy and Practice Program Office at the CDC, according to her biography on the agency's website. The Emory University graduate, who's been with the CDC since 1999, was formerly a senior health scientist responsible for overseeing a $1.5 billion fiscal allocation process for terrorism preparedness.

A medical professional alerted police about the child molestation allegation on Aug. 24, Kunz said. The warrant cites two incidents -- the first in Jan. 2010 and the latest on Aug. 22.'

Petition For A Men's Section At The Huffington Post

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The Huffington Post is an extensive online news site which contains sections for top stories, political news, sports, technology, entertainment and other common categories. There is also a section just for women, as well as for parents, divorcees, latinos, blacks, GLBTs... but, noticeably absent, there's no section for men. The purpose of this petition is to gather signatures in support of adding a men's section to the Huffington Post, which like the other specialized sections will offer news and articles written largely by members of it's target audience (namely: men) for that same audience. Once a reasonable number of signatures have been gathered, this petition will be presented to the editors of the AOL/Huffpo. The creator of this petition would like to further state that the focus of the proposed men's section should be substantial, relevant and informative content on important issues such as paternity, men's rights and issues, legal and political content relevant to men, and so on... not a vapid collection of articles about "babes, beer and gadgets".

SAVE: Domestic Violence Doesn't Discriminate

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Video here.

Compliments of Terri Stoddard via Wendy McElroy's Face Book page.

Man Stabbed In Scrotum With Hypodermic Needle

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Story here.

'In the month's most wince-producing assault, a Kansas man was stabbed in the scrotum with a hypodermic needle, which broke off inside the 39-year-old victim's body.

According to a Wichita Police Department report, the victim told cops that the stabbing occurred during an argument with the needle wielder. Cops believe that the attacker is a female acquaintance--or girlfriend--of the man with the punctured scrotum.

Investigators reported that the victim, who was not cooperative, was admitted to St. Francis Hospital for surgery. A CAT scan "showed part of needle broke off inside scrotum," the report noted.

Police have made no arrests in connection with last Wednesday's stabbing, which has been classified as aggravated assault, a felony.'

'Leave the sexist card out of the Scott Brown race, please'

anthony · 11 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During last week's Democratic debate, when questioned how she put herself through school, Senate hopeful Elizabeth Warren responded: "I didn't take my clothes off" (referring, of course, to Scott Brown's salacious 1982 Cosmopolitan pictorial, the proceeds of which apparently helped him pay for his education at Tufts University). Everyone laughed and all was merry. A couple days later, when asked during an interview by a WZLX disc jockey for a response to Warren's jab, Brown responded: "Thank God." Cue the insanity.

Of course, we all know that he meant the latter, which is why a bunch of women (and men, too, although let's face it: more women) out there have their panties in a bunch. That sexist pig! Or, in the words of Terry O'Neill, president of National Organization for Women, as told to Politico: "This is the kind of sexist misogynistic attack that we have very sadly come to expect from politicians whenever there is a strong woman who is capable and really dedicated to the betterment of all the people."
...
Why do women need to be treated like such delicate flowers, anyway? If the fairer sex can dish it out, shouldn't we be able to take it? Women have scrutinized and made fun of Governor Chris Christie's weight, former Senator and all-around deuche John Edwards' hair, and Senator John Kerry's (alleged) Botox treatments, to name a few, yet we are incapable of handling a little joke about not wanting to see a 62-year-old woman naked? Frankly, who would?'

Walmart Associates and Feminist Groups to announce partnership to create better working conditions for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Oct 04, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- On Wednesday at 10:00 AM national groups that advocate for women will join Walmart Associates to announce a partnership to call on Walmart to be a better employer for women. Walmart Associates, with representatives from the National Organization for Women (NOW), National Partnership for Women and Families, Family Values at Work will discuss how they plan to challenge Walmart to become a place of opportunity for women. Several other prominent national groups will also join in this partnership.

"Walmart Associates across the county are coming together through the Organization United for Respect at Walmart to improve work conditions and gain more respect on the job," said Jackie Goebel, a Walmart Associate from Kenosha, Wisconsin and a member of the Organization United for Respect at Walmart. "I'm excited that such strong groups are joining with us. This kind of support will help us hold Walmart accountable for the ways its policies affect women."'

'Scared' Boys Refuse to Play Teen Girl in High School Football Game

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You'd think earning a spot as the first and only girl on your high school's football team would be the hard part. But Mina Johnson just can't catch a break. She sat out the Southampton Academy game last week because the boys from Northeast Academy refused to play against a girl.

That's right. The boys at Northeast are a bunch of backward-acting jerks who are afraid to face off against a girl. But can we talk for a minute about the actions of the Southampton Academy team? They weren't acting like one when they let Mina sit the bench and trotted out on the gridiron, that's for sure.
...
The story goes that Northeast threatened to forfeit if they had to play against Mina. So Mina said she'd sit out. The coach said she "deserved" to play and cited her work ethic and her success in past games, including sacking an opposing quarterback four times. But that's it. The Southampton boys played anyway, albeit with pink socks as a nod to Breast Cancer Awareness and her (which sounds like an afterthought if there ever was one). No one said, "You know what, screw this! If they want to forfeit, they can forfeit!"'

F&F: Obama Misstates Facts on Domestic Violence in New DV Awareness Month Proclamation

Matt · 12 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In President Obama's new proclamation "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, 2011" he misstates several key facts on men, women, and domestic violence. Harvard-trained public health specialist Ned Holstein, MD, MS explains:

> "Obama tells us that 'One in four women and one in thirteen men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.' In reality, over 200 studies have found that women initiate at least as much violence against their male partners as vice versa. Obama's 3.25 ratio is actually 1-1. And men comprise about a third of domestic violence injuries and deaths."
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> The most recent large scale study of DV, published in the American Journal of Public Health, surveyed 11,000 men and women and found that, according to both men's and women's accounts, 50% of the violence in their relationships was reciprocal (involving both parties). In those cases, the women were more likely to have been the first to strike. Moreover, when the violence was one-sided, both women and men said that women were the perpetrators about 70% of the time.

Dr. Holstein, Board Chairman of the national family court reform organization Fathers and Families, says, "Obama's distortion is no mere quibble over statistics—the myth that 'only men do it' has crept into family courts, leading judges to put children into the custody of dangerous mothers whose violence is ignored because of the pervasive myth that women do not injure or kill."'

Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women

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http://dahmw.org/

Make sure you check out the PSA on the home page. I'm not sure what to make of it.

'The Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women is a national non profit founded in 2000 in Harmony, Maine. Our agency was established to compliment the traditional domestic violence shelter programs that specialize in services for women abused by their male intimate partners. We specialize in offering supportive services to men abused by their female intimate partners. However, all who call us, whether they are male or female in a heterosexual or same sex abusive relationship are offered the same respect and support because no one deserves to be abused.'

Low Number of Male Teachers Affects Youth

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Greensboro, NC -- Education experts say that a lower salary and stereotypes are to blame for a shortage of male teachers across the Piedmont Triad.

Bill Budusky is a Pre-Kindergarten teacher at Hunter Elementary School in Greensboro.

Budusky is one of only six male teachers out of 75.

The father of two said having male teachers in schools is important because they serve as positive role models for boys.

"Male teachers are absolutely necessary especially in a school like Hunter Elementary. You have some students who may be at risk that may have some needs in their backgrounds in their daily lives where a positive role model is missing," explained Budusky.'

Please lodge this anti-circumcision response with the U.S. Office of Human Research Protections

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This is a response to the document "Human Subjects Research Protections: Enhancing Protections for Research Subjects and Reducing Burden, Delay, and Ambiguity for Investigators" [regulations.gov Docket ID: HHS-OPHS-2011-0005] (http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=HHS-OPHS-2011-0005-0001).

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Response to "Human Subjects Research Protections: Enhancing Protections for Research Subjects and Reducing Burden, Delay, and Ambiguity for Investigators" [regulations.gov Docket ID: HHS-OPHS-2011-0005]

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to “Human Subjects Research Protections: Enhancing Protections for Research Subjects and Reducing Burden, Delay, and Ambiguity for Investigators” [regulations.gov Docket ID: HHS-OPHS-2011-0005]. This response shall briefly address a few of the issues identified in the document “Regulatory Changes in ANPRM Comparison of Existing Rules with Some of the Changes Being Considered” (OHRP 2011).

Issue 1: There are no specific data security protections for IRB-reviewed research: regulations require IRBs to determine, for each study, “when appropriate [that] there are adequate provisions to protect the privacy of subjects and to maintain the confidentiality of data.”.

The management of subject data is increasingly being outsourced and commercialised by federal agencies. Examples involving the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases [NIAID] include Contract N01-AI-15416 With the University of California at San Francisco (OIG 2011a), Contract N01-AI-3-0052 With Avecia Biologics Limited (OIG 2011b) and Contract HHSN266-2006-00015C With NexBio, Inc. (OIG 2011c). In 2011, following an investigation by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [HHS] Office for Civil Rights [OCR], the University of California agreed to settle potential violations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 [HIPAA] Privacy and Security Rules, after it was uncovered that between 2005-2008, unauthorized employees had repeatedly looked at the electronic protected health information of numerous patients

(HHS 2011). It is therefore imperative that the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules be adopted and applied to federal agency commercial partners, with the same applicable penalties for breaches of patient/subject privacy.

Issue 2: Research using existing biospecimens (clinical or from prior research) can be done without consent by stripping the specimens of identifiers.

Circumcision of male minors, in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, is a controversial practice within the medical profession (Smith 2011). Foreskins excised from minors in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, almost invariably present in a normal healthy state, and as such their excision and preservation contributes little to the study of the pathology of disease. Further, the most promising advances in the field of stem cell research, are to be found in stem cell lines derived from adult sources including dental pulp stem cells (Authur et al 2008), uterine stem cells (Bock 2011) and bone marrow stem cells (Wada et al 2011), rather than stem cell lines derived from the excised healthy foreskins of minors.

Products derived from foreskins excised en masse from minors in the absence of clear and present immediate medical indications, are frequently utilised in the commercial medical product, and more especially cosmetics industries (Advanced Healing 2011; Organogenesis 2011; Pitman 2008; SkinMedica 2011). As observed by the OHRP (2011) 'Changing technology in the field of genomics has dramatically increased the amount and nature of information about individuals that can be obtained from their DNA'. Valid concerns therefore exist for the future privacy of children whose healthy tissues are likely to be acquired by commercial interests in the cosmetic and medical product industries - and may be retained indefinitely - due to presently unforeseeable technological advances in the field of genomics.

It is therefore inappropriate to ask or permit the parent or legal guardian of a minor, to authorise the storage, transfer, processing, sale or any other use of foreskin or other healthy tissue excised from minors in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication.

Issue 3: Federal protections only apply to studies that are funded by certain federal agencies (Common Rule agencies), or to clinical investigations that involve products regulated by the FDA.

As observed by the OHRP (2011) 'Many have called for legislation to extend the Common Rule protections to all research with human subjects conducted in the U.S., regardless of funding source'. Increasingly however, federal agencies are funding and sponsoring research conducted abroad, that would be unlikely to receive ethical approval to be conducted in the U.S. Specific examples include NIAIDs sponsorship and funding of ClinicalTrials.gov registered trials NCT00059371 and NCT00425984 (Bailey et al 2007; Gray et al 2007). It is therefore imperative that federal protections be extended to all studies conducted by recipients of federal agency funds, or that are in any way sponsored by federal agencies, whether conducted in the U.S. or abroad.

Issue 5: Current provisions of the Common Rule provide only basic information about the elements of informed consent and how consent documents should be written. Many consent forms are too long and hard to understand, and fail to include some of the most important information.

Increasingly, federal agencies are funding and sponsoring research incorporating the excision of healthy tissue from subjects in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication. Specific examples include NIAIDs sponsorship and funding of ClinicalTrials.gov registered trials NCT00059371 and NCT00425984 (Bailey et al 2007; Gray et al 2007). Consent forms for these trials failed to include then known information, from the professional medical literature, about the importance to mens sexual health of the foreskin and other tissues removed by circumcision (Taylor 1996).

Of concern, is the results of the above trials are increasingly being used to justify the en masse circumcision of male minors in the absence of clear and present immediate medical indications (Kim 2011).

Research incorporating the excision of healthy tissue from subjects in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, must be limited to consenting adult subjects and consent forms must contain full and complete

information, drawn from the professional medical literature, about the biological functions of the tissue to be excised, with clear stipulations in any published conclusions or media releases arising from such studies, that any results obtained are applicable only to populations and patients of the same demographic characteristics as the trial subjects, in “real world” settings which have similar variables to the study settings.

Issue 19: One of the six exempt categories applies to research involving the use of existing data, documents, records, and pathological or diagnostic specimens, but only if the sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by researchers in such a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to them.

See reply to Issue 2, above.

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Downsized and Downtrodden, Men Are the New Women on TV

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Man Up!," which begins next Tuesday on ABC, is one of several new sitcoms that make fun of men, so much so that the word "man" itself is treated as a joke. ABC's other emasculation comedy starts this Tuesday and is called "Last Man Standing." It stars Tim Allen, the onetime star of "Home Improvement." Mr. Allen plays Mike, the marketing director of an outdoorsman's catalog who has to stay home to tend to his three daughters when his business retracts to an online shopping site.
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The focus on men's failings partly reflects that female viewers outnumber men; network executives, it seems, know what women want. But the devolution of man has been a topic of talk shows, pop psychology and books for years. The New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd published the book "Are Men Necessary?" in 2005, before the economy collapsed. Since then, books, articles and blogs about the changed status of men have abounded. This year alone, Dan Abrams argued that women were better at almost everything in his book "Man Down." And Kay S. Hymowitz agreed in "Manning Up: How the Rise of Women Has Turned Men Into Boys."'

County awarded $300,000 to improve girls' health

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Thurston County Public Health and Social Services has been awarded a $300,000 grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health. Funding will be used to offer the Girls Circle program to middle-school age girls and continue efforts of the Thurston Coalition for Women's Health.

The YWCA of Olympia is taking the lead in bringing the science-based Girls Circle prevention program to Thurston County. Research shows that Girls Circle reduces alcohol use, improves the ability of girls to form healthier bonds with others and promotes academic achievement.
If Thurston County meets performance expectations, an additional four years of grant funding is possible.'

Joe Biden believes out-of-work men become murderers and rapists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Vice President Joe Biden attempted to tie passage of the American Jobs Act to a decrease in murders and rapes in an appearance in Flint, Mich., Wednesday.

“In 2008, when Flint had 265 sworn officers on their police force, there were 35 murders and 91 rapes in this city,” Biden said, standing alongside city officials. “In 2010, when Flint had only 144 police officers, the murder rate climbed to 65 and rapes — just to pick two categories — climbed to 229. In 2011, you now only have 125 shields. God only knows what the numbers will be this year for Flint if we don’t rectify it.”'

Texan freed by DNA test after 25 years exonerated

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Story here. Excerpt:

'AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Texas appeals court on Wednesday formally exonerated a man who spent nearly 25 years in prison for his wife's 1986 fatal beating, reaffirming a judge's decision to set him free last week after DNA tests linked the killing to another man.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals declared Michael Morton innocent of killing his wife, Christine, and made him eligible to receive $80,000 from the state for each year of confinement, or about $2 million total.

Morton, 57, was convicted on the basis of circumstantial evidence and sentenced to life in prison. He maintained over the years that his wife and their 3-year-old son were fine when he left for work at an Austin grocery store on the day she was killed, and that an intruder must have attacked her.

DNA found this summer during testing on a bloody bandanna recovered near the crime scene matched that of a man who authorities say has a criminal record in several states. When it was also matched to DNA recovered from the scene of a north Austin woman's 1988 unsolved beating death, prosecutors recommended that Morton be freed immediately.'

WILL Magazine, issue 2 now available

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Available for download here. It includes an article on male DV victims as well as a discussion of the MANN web site and an interview with yours truly. (Please forgive me if that comes off as some kind of self-promotion. It isn't. I'm in this for the cause, and that's all.)

Vancouver restaurant 'bans' men from urinating while standing up

anthony · 13 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Vancouver restaurant has come up with an interesting solution to the men-can't-aim problem: Ban men from peeing standing up.

Recently, my wife and I had brunch at the Edible Canada bistro on Granville Island. When I went to use the facilities, I was surprised to see just one unisex bathroom with about six private stalls and a communal sink area.

Even more surprising, though, was the sign above the toilet, showing a stick man tinkling into a toilet with a line through it. Yes, Edible Canada has banned men from peeing standing up.

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In Edible Canada's case, where men and women have to share toilets, I can see why they'd be interested in reducing behaviours that might make things messy.

But, still, isn't banning stand-up peeing a little extreme? Not to mention, as far as I can tell, completely unenforceable?'

Advocates for men move into social media, Internet in fight for parity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A burgeoning civil rights movement, focused on eliminating what its members see as broadening social and legal disparities between men and women, is using social media and the Internet to spread its message demanding parity.

Active in North America but also evident in increasingly visible efforts abroad, the Men's Rights Movement (MRM) is fighting proposed and existing legislation its members see as "misandric," while challenging social customs and traditions its activists believe favor women over men.

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While "gender feminism" is frequently blamed as the root cause of these problems, few issues within the MRM inspire as much vocal outcry as false allegations of sexual assault.

"We have men literally going to prison and having their lives destroyed, their reputations... all over finger pointing," Elam says. "This is a huge problem across the movement."

Elam and his fellow activists have fought back by creating their own website, "Register Her," which purports to be a public database of false accusers, violent female offenders and even public figures who have advocated against men.

One of Elam's more prominent targets among the latter is Mary Kellett, an assistant district attorney in Maine, whom the site calls a "corrupt public official" who "has distinguished herself by prosecuting numerous cases of rape and domestic violence against men within her community based on no evidence."

Calls for comment to Kellett's office were not returned.'

New Study in Canada shows circumcised status of male doctors affects their opinion on circumcision

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From Marc A.:

Interestingly, this new study in Canada found that, among male doctors, their opinion on infant male circumcision correlates strongly with whether they are circumcised themselves, with 68% of the uncut doctors opposing infant male circumcision, and 68% of the cut doctors supporting it.
http://www.jmhjournal.org/article/S1875-6867(10)00050-3/abstract

No wonder pro-circumcision advocacy comes mostly from the U.S., with its high (but declining) circumcision rate, while national medical associations throughout the rest of the world find no medical justification for it and some are flat-out calling it harmful and unethical. Obviously, culture influences science.

The British Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons' 9/09 report declared:

"Infant male circumcision was once considered a preventive health measure and was therefore adopted extensively in Western countries. Current understanding of the benefits, risks and potential harm of this procedure, however, no longer supports this practice for prophylactic health benefit. Routine infant male circumcision performed on a healthy infant is now considered a non-therapeutic and medically unnecessary intervention. . . . Circumcision removes the prepuce that covers and protects the head or the glans of the penis. The prepuce is composed of an outer skin and an inner mucosa that is rich in specialized sensory nerve endings and erogenous tissue. Circumcision is painful, and puts the patient at risk for complications ranging from minor, as in mild local infections, to more serious such as injury to the penis, meatal stenosis, urinary retention, urinary tract infection and, rarely, even hemorrhages leading to death. The benefits of infant male circumcision that have been promoted over time include the prevention of urinary tract infections and sexually transmitted diseases, and the reduction in risk of penile and cervical cancer. Current consensus of medical opinion, including that of the Canadian and American Paediatric Societies and the American Urological Society, is that there is insufficient evidence that these benefits outweigh the potential risks. That is, routine infant male circumcision, i.e. routine removal of normal tissue in a healthy infant, is not recommended."

http://www.cpsbc.ca/files/u6/Circumcision-Infant-Male.pdf

The Dutch Medical Association's May 2010 report, backed by 7 other national medical associations, concluded:

"Contrary to what is often thought, circumcision entails the risk of medical or psychological complications."

"Non-therapeutic circumcision of male minors conflicts with the child's right to autonomy and physical integrity."

"There are good reasons for a legal prohibition of non-therapeutic circumcision of male minors, as there is for female genital mutilation."

"There is no convincing evidence that circumcision is useful or necessary in terms of prevention or hygiene."

http://www.norm-uk.org/news.html?action=showitem&item=1306

The South African Medical Association denounced infant male circumcision as unethical and illegal and expressed "serious concern that not enough scientifically-based evidence was available to confirm that circumcisions prevented HIV contraction and that the public at large was influenced by incorrect and misrepresented information. The committee reiterated its view that it did not support circumcision to prevent HIV transmission."

http://www.icgi.org/Downloads/SAMA-NOCIRC-2011-06-25.pdf

Mary Kellett resource URLs

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Submitted by anthony with a different story. Thought I would break it out to its own item.

'Scandal Surrounding Maine ADA Mary Kellett Goes International'
http://www.fathersandfamilies.org/?p=19027

'The Movement to Disbar Mary Kellett'
http://markymarksthoughts.blogspot.com/2011/03/movement-to-disbar-mary-kellett.html

'A small sample of Assistant DA Mary Kellett's cases'
http://www.fillerfund.com/marykellett.htm

'Disbar Assistant District Attorney Mary Kellett for Prosecutorial Misconduct'
http://www.change.org/petitions/disbar-assistant-district-attorney-mary-kellett-for-prosecutorial-misconduct

'Petition to Disbar Mary Kellett: 551 signed, 1000 Total Needed'
http://www.avoiceformen.com/mens-rights/activism/petition-to-disbar-mary-kellett/

VA Announces PSA About Women Veterans

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Link to news release here. Excerpt:

'The Department of Veterans Affairs is taking its internal culture-change message to the public with a new video about the vital role women play in the military and the importance of providing women Veterans with high quality health care.

VA's Women Veterans Health Strategic Health Care Group recently completed a 60-second public service announcement (PSA) that challenges viewers to rethink pre-conceived notions about women Veterans. This dynamic video features images of women in service to our country: they drive supply trucks, participate in reconnaissance missions, walk safety patrols, and operate helicopter machine guns.

"When these brave women complete their service and become Veterans, we want them to know that VA is there to meet their health care needs," said Dr. Patricia Hayes, Chief Consultant of the VA's Women Veterans Health Strategic Health Care Group. "At the same time, we want the public to recognize the contributions of women Veterans and the benefits they have earned through their service to the Nation."'

Brazil: Gisele Bundchen ad not too sexist for TV

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Brazil's National Advertising Council has denied a request to ban a television ad featuring lingerie-clad supermodel Gisele Bundchen after a government agency called it sexist.

"The stereotypes in this ad campaign are common in society, easily identifiable and do not denigrate women," the council's members said on Thursday.

Brazil's Ministry for Women submitted a request in September to suspend the ad, saying it reinforces the stereotype of women as sex objects.

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Some men had called for the ad to be put down because it took them for "idiots".'

Three women in Zimbabwe charged in series of sex attacks on men

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Report here. Excerpt:

'Harare, Zimbabwe (CNN) -- Police in Zimbabwe on Friday charged three women found in possession of 33 condoms containing semen with 17 counts of aggravated indecent assault in a case that may be a break in a string of sex attacks over the past two years by women targeting male hitchhikers.

Prosecutor Michael Reza told a court in Harare that the counts were for each of the 17 men who had positively identified the women as having sexually assaulted them in 2010 or 2011.

The women, all of them in their mid-20s, were arrested Sunday in Gweru, about 300 kilometers (186 miles) south of Harare, when their car was involved in an accident. Police found the condoms in the women's car. Police appealed to any other victims to inform police.

The three were taken Wednesday by police to Harare.

"Since Monday, 17 men came and positively identified the women as having raped them," said a police official in Harare who refused to be identified. "Most of the men said the women would offer a drink either laced with something to tranquilize them or were forced at gunpoint."

Watch Ruparanganda, a professor of sociology at the University of Zimbabwe said : "Some sections of the society use these sperm for ritual purposes. The thinking is that it can be used for regeneration of life since they are source of life (biologically). Some people think that they can have their bad luck gone by using semen. I am sure that explains all this we have been witnessing (men being forced)."'

Harvard: Office of Sexual Assault Prevention Pushes for 'Enthusiastic Consent'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Under most legal definitions, forced sexual intercourse can be considered rape or sexual assault only when the victim said “no” or was incapable of doing so due to the influence of drugs or alcohol, according to Meier.

Meier said that she and other students on the committee hoped to push the University instead toward an “enthusiastic consent” model, in which an incident can be called rape in the absence of affirmative agreement.

“The only people who lose out in this model are the rapists,” said Lila S. Schreiber ’12, who had also intended to serve on the committee.

Meier said that she plans to discuss the stay on student involvement with Rankin, but she might eventually consider leading a “student protest” or “something more radical” than acting through administration-approved channels if she feels that student voices on this issue are not being heard.'

The 'silent taboo' of suicide among young men in the UK

Broadsword · 16 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Every year, more than 5,000 people in the UK take their own lives – and 22 per cent of them are men aged between 16 and 24. In the 20 to 24 age group, men are four times more likely to kill themselves than women. Suicide is the commonest cause of death among men under 35. ‘It’s one of the few things that men are better at than women,’ says David Trickey, a consultant clinical psychologist and specialist in traumatic bereavement. ‘And because of the way in which they try to kill themselves, they are more likely to succeed.’

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Suicidal men are 18 times more likely than suicidal women to shoot themselves. They are also at least three times more likely to hang themselves or throw themselves under a train (whereas women are more likely than men to take an overdose). Jane Powell, director of the Campaign Against Living Miserably (Calm), a national organisation that reaches out to young men at risk of suicide, believes the shocking absoluteness of such deaths is ‘wrapped up in their thinking that it is their final masculine act – and the final act of which they are in control.'

Adoption battle quashed by Utah Supreme Court

Anonymous · 16 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'OREM — For three years, two families have wanted the same baby.

The birth father and his family have been fighting the legal system and an Orem adoption agency, declaring that the father's rights as a parent have been violated.

The birth mother, who lives in California, said she's been slandered and maligned for choosing what she felt was the best for her baby.

In the meantime, the baby's adoptive parents have been raising the little girl, praying that soon they'll be able to permanently call her theirs.

After a recent Utah Supreme Court decision affirming a 3rd District Court ruling, the longed-for adoption finalization is closer than ever before.

The Supreme Court ruled this week that the baby's birth father, Cody O'Dea, waived all of his parental rights in 2006 by not complying with Utah law to establish paternity.

In a 3-2 decision, the high court also wrote that O'Dea's four appeal issues hadn't been raised in the district court, and thus were not preserved in the federal arena.'

Taiwan: Woman cuts off husband's penis

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The woman allegedly told police she felt no regret about what she had done to her husband, who is 29 years old, jobless and a known user of illegal drugs.

Police said she claimed to have suffered beatings even though she had worked at a local karaoke shop to support the family since the pair married two years ago.

Her husband's affair with another woman, which he did not attempt to hide, prompted her revenge, the suspect said, according to police.'

Australian Department of Health: "Queensland Women Lead the Way in $96.5 Million of Ground Breaking Medical Research"

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There's nothing in the press release to suggest that the work of these five females is any more worthy than that of the recipients of the other 1305 grants. Link here. Excerpt:

'Queensland's leading female researchers will receive funding to continue their groundbreaking work in osteoporosis, the genetics of ovarian cancer and childhood obesity prevention, the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, Mark Butler, announced today.

The Gillard Labor Government is providing $673.7 million for 1,140 grants to support researchers, research projects and research institutions Australia-wide. This represents the single biggest investment of grants for health and medical research in Australian history.

Queensland researchers will receive $96.5 million for 169 grants through the National Health and Medical Research Council.

"These grants support our research community to continue to do what they do so well – making cutting edge discoveries that improve the diagnosis, treatment and cure of illnesses that touch all Australians," Mr Butler said.'

Controversial Therapy for Pre-Teen Transgender Patient Raises Questions

anthony · 17 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A lesbian couple in California who say their 11-year-old son Tommy who wants to be a girl named Tammy are giving their child hormone blockers that delay the onset of puberty -- so that he can have more time that he can have more time to decide if he wants to change his gender.

The couple's supporters say the Hormone Blocking Therapy has only minor side effects and is appropriate for a child who is unsure of his gender. "This is definitely a changing landscape for transgender youth," said Joel Baum, director of education and training for Gender Spectrum, a California-based non-profit group. "This is about giving kids and their families the opportunity to make the right decision."

But critics of the treatment say 11-year-olds are not old enough to make life-altering decisions about changing their gender, and parents should not be encouraging them. They say it's too soon to tell what the side effects of the treatments may be, and they say Tommy's parents, Pauline Moreno and Debra Lobel, are irresponsible for seeking them and allowing them to be administered.

"This is child abuse. It's like performing liposuction on an anorexic child," said Dr. Paul McHugh, professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University.'

Woman allegedly stabs boyfriend after he refuses to buy her beer

anthony · 17 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LAS CRUCES - A Las Cruces woman was jailed after allegedly stabbing her boyfriend for not buying her another 40-ounce bottle of beer.

Doña Ana Sheriff's Deputies were called to the 9500 block of Butterfield Blvd. at around 5:30 p.m. Thursday after Alexa Monet Rodriguez, 22, allegedly became enraged at her boyfriend and stabbed him in the arm with a 14-inch stainless steel knife, according to sheriff's office spokeswoman Kelly Jameson.

Rodriguez had also allegedly thrown a 3-pound weight at her boyfriend so hard it got lodged in the wall, then struck him in the back with a TV tray and a chair, Jameson said. After the alleged stabbing, Rodriguez allegedly threw the knife at the victim and fled.'

Mother: I was drunk when Missouri infant disappeared

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- The mother of Lisa Irwin, an 11-month old Missouri girl missing for nearly two weeks, said in an interview she was drunk the night the infant disappeared.

Deborah Bradley made the admission during an NBC interview, portions of which were aired Monday on "Today."

She also said she last saw Lisa at 6:40 p.m. October 3, when she put the girl to bed, not at 10:30 p.m., as initially believed.

Lisa was reported missing at 4 a.m. October 4, after Lisa's father, Jeremy Irwin, came home from work to find the door unlocked, lights on and a window that had been tampered with at the family's Kansas City home.

Bradley told NBC she is afraid she will be arrested. Police have accused her of killing Lisa, she said, and told her that she failed a lie detector test, with deception indicated when she was asked where Lisa was.'

Georgia woman sentenced to more than 11 years for human trafficking

Matt · 17 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA - Bidemi Bello will spend the next 11 years in a U.S. prison. After that she will be deported back to her native Nigeria, her luxe life in suburban Atlanta decidedly finished.

Bello, 42, was convicted for bringing two Nigerian women to the United States and forcing them to work in her plush home as slaves. U.S. District Judge William Duffey Jr. sentenced her to 140 months in jail Thursday.

Bello apologized to her two victims, present in the Atlanta courtroom to hear firsthand their abuser's punishment. Bello also apologized to her prosecutors, said U.S. Attorney Susan Coppedge.

"We are very pleased with the sentence," she said. "I think it fits the facts of the case."

Those facts amounted to "shocking modern-day slavery," said Brock Nicholson, the special agent in charge of immigration and homeland security investigations in Atlanta.

Bello had promised the two young women, identified as Laome and Dupe in court, and their families that she would send them to school in the United States, according to court documents. Instead, she beat them and abused them emotionally.'

Mom Charged with Stabbing Teen Sean Hines to Death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MANHATTAN — An Upper West Side mom was charged with stabbing her teenage son — a quiet kid who loved to skateboard — to death in their apartment, police said.

Yvonne Hines, 52, was hit with a manslaughter rap for stabbing Sean Hines, 18, in the leg just before midnight Saturday at their home on West 92nd Street and Columbus Avenue, according to cops.

"That boy was a nice boy, going to school," said Alberto Walters, 76, a resident for 34 years. "Never talked to anybody...It's a shame."

Neighbors said that Sean loved to skateboard and had recently graduated from high school.

When police arrived, the suspect, who has two sealed arrests, came to the door with a bloody sponge, according to Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly.

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Sources said there was a history of domestic incidents at the apartment, including allegations of assault and child abuse. The details of the allegations were not immediately clear.

According to the criminal complaint, the suspect, who was held without bail at her arraignment Sunday, had what "appeared to be a recent cut on her left thumb and what appeared to be recent scratches on her left arm."'

Florida woman, 19, gets life prison term for fatal ambush

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla (Reuters) - A 19-year-old Florida woman was sentenced to life in prison on Monday for the brutal murder of a teenager who was lured by text message to a fatal ambush, prosecutors said.

The woman, Charlie Kay Ely, was found guilty in September of first-degree murder in the death of 15-year-old Seath Tyler Jackson, who was beaten, shot and burned in April in Summerfield, northwest of Orlando.

Four other defendants, who ranged in age from 15 to 20 at the time of their arrests, remain in jail awaiting trial on first-degree murder charges, prosecutors in Ocala said.'

Teacher Accused of Choking First Graders in Court

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A trial is set to begin Monday for a Montgomery County teacher, accused of punching and choking several of her first grade students.

Susan Burke, 36, was arrested in February, after nine of her first grade students at Greencastle Elementary School claimed they were abused. According to investigators, Burke allegedly choked, kicked, punched and scratched children in her class.

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Police interviewed all of the students in Burke's class, and their investigation revealed eight more victims, all ages 6 or 7, police said. In addition to being choked, some students also reported being kicked, punched, scratched or squeezed on the arms, police said. Additional students reported witnessing the attacks, police said.'

Woman tries to cut her sleeping husband's head off with power saw

Broadsword · 18 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman has been accused of trying to saw her sleeping husband's head off with a power saw.

Police were called to Hoyt Avenue in Everett, Washington, on Friday, and found the unnamed 36-year-old still alive but his head and neck covered in bloody cuts. When officers arrived at the family residence they allegedly heard the husband screaming at his wife: 'It was you, it was you - you tried to cut my head off. You're going to jail.'
...
Yesterday the woman, also unidentified, appeared in court on a charge of domestic violence assault and a judge ordered her bail to be kept at $250,000 (£158,000).

When interviewed by police the 43-year-old insisted that she had grabbed the power saw in the dead of night as she thought she heard an intruder escape from her daughter's window.

However, sergeant Robert Goetz indicated that there was no sign of a break-in - a child lock prevented the window in the child's room from opening more than a few inches.

In addition, both the front and back doors were locked from the inside. He said: 'There was no evidence there was an intruder.'

Biden Continues to Warn of Rapes and Murders If Jobs Bill Isn't Passed

anthony · 18 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, Biden reiterated his warning at an event in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.“The other thing I've heard from my friends who oppose this – this whole jobs bill and this – that this is just temporary," Biden said. "Well let me tell you, it's not temporary when that 911 call comes in and a woman's being raped if a cop shows up in time to prevent the rape, it's not temporary to that woman. It's not temporary to the guy whose store is being held up and a gun is being pointed to his head. If a cop shows up and he's not killed, that's not temporary to that store owner. Give me a break, temporary! I wish these guys that thought it was temporary, I wish they had some notion what it's like to be on the other side of a gun or a 200 pound man standing over you telling you to submit. Folks, it matters. It matters!”

UK: Judge storms out of child cruelty trial

Minuteman · 19 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A English teen mother who left her baby with irreparable brain damage after repeated beatings prompted a judge to storm out of his courtroom in anger.

Judge Anthony Russell had to step out of Preston Crown Court for 15 minutes so he would not jail Kayleigh Searle, 19, out of rage, the Daily Mail reports.

Searle has been jailed for eight years after a series of violent beatings of her three-month-old son Thomas left him blind, severely disabled and in considerable pain.

...

"It is almost unimaginable that a mother could have inflicted such injuries on her own child, and furthermore shown no remorse at all," he said.

"Your conduct throughout the inquiry and the case have shown you to be completely heartless — you appear to lack even the basic humanity."'

Example of great results from men's rights protest in San Diego for battered men

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From Marc A.:

Summary: A few years ago NCFM and others picketed outside the the San Diego Domestic Violence Council's event to protest their neglect of male victims and female perpetrators. Back then, the silhouettes of dead victims pictured below and in the link above were only of females murdered by their partners. The link also has pics of the protest. Now, as you can see from the pics of NCFM at the recent San Diego “Hope in the Park” Domestic Violence Prevention Month, two of the five silhouettes represent male victims murdered by their partners, including female partners. Thank you NCFM! And thank you Dr. Dawn Griffith, President of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council, Kent Peters, Director of Catholic Social Ministries, and Chesley Blevins of the County Office of Crime Prevention, for doing what is right.

Article here. Excerpt:

'Thanks largely to the good work of opened minded people like Dr. Dawn Griffith , President of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council ; Kent Peters, Director of Catholic Social Ministries, and Chesley Blevins of the County Office of Crime Prevention, the domestic violence industry in San Diego is much more aware of male victims. Hence the inclusion of the silhouettes of murdered men.

Event “Terms and Conditions” included a non discrimination clause prohibiting vendors and exhibitors from displaying or circulating information that implied or stated services provided would be restricted based on sex. The majority of people who visited our booth were from various service providers, virtually all of who were happy to see us and concerned about the absence of services for male victims in the county, including in the military. So, even though there is a heightened awareness of male victimology in San Diego there still exists a dearth of related services. Interestingly, two days later I took a call from a male victim who received some legal assistance from the YWCA!'

F&F: NYC Event: Join Discussion with Director of Classic Divorce/Child Custody Movie 'Kramer vs. Kramer'

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F&F announcement here. Excerpt:

'Perhaps the most famous and enduring movie about divorce and child custody is Kramer vs. Kramer (1979). Fathers and Families' New York City members have a great chance to see this stunning divorce-related drama and discuss it with the film's director, three time Academy Award Winning Director, Screenwriter and Producer Robert Benton, and novelist Avery Corman, author of the book Kramer vs. Kramer, this Wednesday (October 19) at 7:00 PM.

This event, hosted by Fordham Law School's Forum on Law, Culture & Society, will be held at the James B.M. McNally Amphitheater at 140 West 62nd Street, New York, NY, 10023 (near Lincoln Center).'

SAVE: Tell Senator Leahy: Accredit New Teen Dating Violence Prevention Programs

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From SAVE:

It was recently announced that the upcoming Senate version of VAWA will include a new teen dating violence prevention focus. SAVE encourages evidence-based programs for children and teens. When done right, youth in families with abuse can be taught to break the cycle of violence.

The key words here are "When done right." This SAVE report shows Most DV Educational Programs Lack Accuracy, Balance, and Truthfulness (www.saveservices.org/downloads/SAVE-DV-Educational-Programs) On average, only 10% of DV "education" is correct.

It is vital, that moving forward all domestic violence educational materials include only accurate and unbiased information. SAVE offers a Training, Education, and Public Awareness (TEPA) accreditation program. This kind of scrutiny is necessary if we are to serve all victims of domestic violence.

Call Senator Leahy today. Politely yet firmly explain that all new teen dating violence prevention programs need to be accredited. Tell him to "get it right the first time out of the gate."

Sen. Patrick Leahy
Call: (202) 224-4242
Write: http://leahy.senate.gov/contact/

Thank you for assuring that all teens have the opportunity to break the cycle of violence.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Cleveland man awarded $1.5 million after false rape charge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ELYRIA — A Cleveland man was awarded $1.5 million in damages yesterday against a Sheffield Township couple who falsely accused him of rape.

Joseph Melendez was arrested by Lorain County sheriff deputies on Sept. 24, 2010, after a Fleming Avenue woman said he put a knife to her throat and tried to rape her and was chased and threatened by her husband.

However, Melendez passed a polygraph test and an independent witness said Melendez was set up, according to his attorney Larry Zuckerman.

Melendez sued James and Gabrielle Bracken in November 2010. Lorain County Common Pleas Judge Christopher Rothgery decided in his favor.
...
The couple was charged with making false statements to police and filing false police reports.'

UK: Burnley woman jailed for making false rape claim

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Story here. I wonder why the picture of the false rape accuser is distorted? Are they trying to protect her identity? Excerpt:

'A 20-YEAR-OLD Burnley woman has been jailed for falsely accusing her former boyfriend of rape.

Keeley Horrocks, of Grant Street, admitted perverting the course of justice at Bolton Crown Court and was sentenced to two years in prison.

The court heard that at 5-15 p.m. on January 3rd last year, Horrocks called police to report she had been raped in Rochdale.

Officers attended and took an initial account from Horrocks. Later that evening she had a full medical examination at a referral centre. Over the next few days, Horrocks was video interviewed by trained officers, and gave a lengthy and detailed account of her ordeal – all of which proved false.'

Op-Ed: Frightened little women - false rape news, and a retrospective

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The crime of rape is often used as a battering ram by the loony feminists against men, but when the allegations made are demonstrably false, the same people are strangely silent. Here is the other side of the coin.

Here is a gem from Rape Trauma Services: “Only 16% of rapes are ever reported to the police.”

This begs the question how do they know? Well, because “In a survey of victims who did not report rape or attempted rape to the police, the following was found as to why no report was made: 43% thought nothing could be done, 27% felt it was a private matter, 12% were afraid of police response, and 12% felt it was not important enough.”

This presupposes that all these “victims” were actually victims and not fantasists or simply lying little tarts. Can 12% of “victims” really be afraid of the police response? Can another 12% really believe a rape is not important enough to report?'

Yarloop rape claim was false: police

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Only a day after a 15-year-old girl was found to have "cried wolf" over a false rape claim, Bunbury detectives have charged a 65-year-old woman with falsifying a sexual assult complaint.

The Yarloop woman had told detectives late last month that a man had entered her bedroom in the early hours of the morning and threatened and then sexually assaulted her.

Police had originally said she was "very distressed" and "shaken up" by the ordeal.

Detective Senior Sergeant Jon Munday today said that investigators had established the incident the woman had complained about was false and the public could put its mind to rest.'

Insipid 'Man Up' makes both men and women look bad

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Should you decide to squander 30 minutes on what may be the worst of a bad bunch of fall sitcoms, divert yourself from the tedium by asking why our Man, Will, is so unhappy. He has a beautiful wife, two healthy children, an expensive-looking house, a job and two devoted friends.

Yet instead of celebrating, Will spends the night boo-hooing because he can't find his son a birthday gift and because his wife reminds him he and his buddies didn't fight in Vietnam or World War II— as if the men who risked their lives in those conflicts thought of them as some jolly, male-bonding, sweat-lodge retreat. No wonder the show's women treat these men like idiots; they're probably overestimating them.

Before you accuse Man Up of male-bashing, note that the portrayal of those manipulative, emasculating women is just as insulting. Man Up is an equal-opportunity sex offender.
...
And that's the real issue. When did TV decide that empty heads were the hallmarks of manhood, or that anything that smacks of education or cultural refinement was somehow unmasculine? The problem with this trio isn't that they're unmanly; it's that they're morons. And to compound that problem, they're moronic on our TVs.

With any luck, that problem at least should take care of itself.'

All Huffy, Joe Biden Stands By Rape Reference to GOP

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Article here. I'm sending Matt articles about Biden to expose his misandry, not because I support either party. I mention this because this particular piece comes from a conservative publication. Excerpt:

'Vice President Joe Biden now says he didn't make a reference to rape, and got testy with HUMAN EVENTS when we asked if he would like to retract his comments that the number of sexual assaults would increase if Republicans don't sign on to Barack Obama's latest "jobs" proposal.

"I didn't use, no no no...Let's get it straight, guy. Don't screw around with me," Biden lashed out at HUMAN EVENTS. Then Biden confirmed that he indeed did talk about rape in terms of the President's spending measure. "Murder will continue to rise, rape will continue to rise, all crimes will continue to rise," if the Democrats agenda isn't passed, he added.

It was on Tuesday during a speech at the University of Pennsylvania where Biden initially argued that another round of government spending was needed to prevent sexual assaults. "It's not temporary [administration's proposed stimulus] when that 911 call comes in and a woman's being raped, if a cop shows up in time to prevent the rape. It's not temporary to that woman." Then in the same speech he wished Republicans were themselves rape victims. "I wish they had some notion of what it was like to be on the other side of a gun, or [to have] a 200-pound man standing over you, telling you to submit."'

F & F Helps Win Stunning Victory over CS Enforcement in Outrageous Pedro Soto Paternity Fraud Case

Matt · 19 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Despite the Legislature's clear directive that child support agencies not pursue mistaken child support actions, the County is asking that we do so. We will not sully our hands by participating in an unjust, and factually unfounded, result. We say no to the County, and we reverse."–County of Los Angeles v. Navarro, (2004)

In a stunning victory, duped dad Pedro Soto and his attorney Richard A. Lowe, Esq. have prevailed against the Orange County Department of Child Support Services in a paternity fraud case emblematic of the numerous outrageous injustices faced by men and fathers in family court. In this case, Soto has paid over $75,000 in child support for a child DNA tests have established is not his, and who has been living with both of his biological parents for many years.

Action Alert–Your Participation Needed!

Fathers and Families condemns the conduct of OCDCSS in fighting to preserve a paternity judgment it knows to be false. We want to add your name to our letter to OCDCSS, which will also be copied to the California DCSS–to read the letter and add your name, please click here.

You're Invited - Engaging Males in Stopping Violence Against Women Regional Town Halls - October 25-29, 2011

Minuteman · 20 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Uhm, no thank you. Link here. From an Office on Womens Health mailing-list email:

'Vice President Joe Biden's commitment to ending violence against women has been unwavering. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) that he authored has reshaped the way the United States responds to domestic violence and sexual assault by enhancing law enforcement practices, improving the criminal justice system, and creating a network of services for victims.
...
In response to the Vice President's call to action and youth initiative, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development are collaborating to hold ten regional town hall events throughout the country during the last week of October 2011 on the topic of Engaging Men in Ending Violence Against Women.'

Don't Believe the Hype, College Educated Women Are Still Getting Married

Broadsword · 20 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Every so often, the media dusts off and replays some version of the story that marriage is dead, a casualty of women's empowerment and dramatic economic shifts. These stories generally shed as much light on the nation's media class as they do on the real story of America's family troubles. There's no better example than Kate Bolick's much-discussed Atlantic magazine cover story, "All the Single Ladies.".

Like a vocal number of her high achieving peers, the 39-year-old Bolick remains single not because she is cursed by nature– we know that because in an unusual and, I dare say, cynical decision, the magazine put Bolick's sultry face and lace bodiced figure on its cover -- but because of a taste for independence and a lack of acceptable candidates for her hand.

...

Educated women are still the marrying kind because they know intuitively what research concludes: children are more likely to succeed in school, go to college, and get good jobs if they grow up with their two married parents. Prepping your kids for a competitive knowledge economy is a time-consuming, devotional task; no wonder it works better with a steady, focused twosome.

"Alternative family arrangements" that can do that job anywhere near as well? Good luck.

One in 10 Falsely Accused of Abuse: Survey

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http://www.marketwatch.com/story/one-in-10-falsely-accused-of-abuse-survey-2011-10-17

'WASHINGTON, Oct 17, 2011 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX) -- One in 10 adults has been falsely accused of domestic violence, child abuse, or sexual assault, according to a survey conducted by Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE). The survey also found a strong disparity between the number of males and females falsely accused: more than three quarters of all false accusations are levied against men. Nearly seven in 10 false accusers are female.

The survey is the first of its kind to be undertaken, and uncovers distressing trends within the American abuse-reduction system.

Child abuse is the commonest false charge -- about twice as many people have been falsely accused of child abuse as of domestic violence or sexual assault. In over one quarter of cases, the false allegations were made in a child custody case.

"Each year, millions of innocent Americans are falsely accused of abuse," explains SAVE spokesman Philip W. Cook. "These false allegations can strip persons of their assets, harm their families, and ruin their lives."

Swedish Court Convicts 23 Women over Child Porn

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Story here. Excerpt:

'While the world has gone used to seeing men get convicted over child pornography, a Swedish court has convicted 23 women over the despicable crime this time, proving that child abuse and sexual offenses are not exclusive to men, although the ring leader of these women is a man.

The ringleader in this case is 43-year-old Lars Skoglund, who distributed a considerable amount of pornographic material featuring children to the 23 women. He was convicted of aggravated child pornography and sentenced to one year in prison.

The Falun district court in central Sweden convicted the women and ordered them to pay fines ranging from $370 to $2658.

The 23 women, aged between 38 and 70, met Skoglund over the internet. He convinced the women to take his pornographic material and sell it for profit.'

Mom pleads guilty to feeding kids beer, cocaine

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BRIDGEPORT, Connecticut — A Connecticut mother has pleaded guilty to charges that she forced her 4-year-old son to drink beer and gave her 10-month-old daughter beer and cocaine.

The Connecticut Post reports Juliette Dunn, of Bridgeport, pleaded guilty Wednesday to risk of injury to a child under the Alford Doctrine, where the defendant doesn't agree to the facts but agrees the state has enough evidence to win a conviction.

A companion, 33-year-old Lisa Jefferson, pleaded guilty to the same charges.

...

The warrant also stated that Dunn admitted to giving her son a bottle of beer every day, the TV station reported, and that when questioned by a social worker, the child was able to list off brands he liked and ones he didn't.

The children were turned over to the Department of Children and Families after 29-year-old Dunn's arrest. Custody hasn't been decided.'

IA Update on Recent Conference

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From an IA email:

I'm writing to let you know that our attendance at this year's American Academy of Pediatrics conference in Boston was a tremendous success.

Thanks to your support, we were able to place our Open Letter in the Boston Globe, as well as an ad in the daily conference newspaper. Hundreds of pediatricians stopped by our booth—some to ask questions and offer their support, others to debate, and still others to get educational materials for themselves and their patients.

Visit our website to see our Conference Report, which includes photos of the team—Georganne Chapin, Marilyn Milos, Amy Callan, and Dan Bollinger.

Though the conference is behind us, we're not letting up the pressure on America's pediatricians, family physicians, and obstetricians. PLEASE help us make an impact by sending your letters to the members of the AAP's Task Force on Circumcision, as well members of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and tell them to Put Down The Knife!

Thank you so much for your continued support. Together, we're saving babies from genital mutilation.

Sincerely,

Georganne Chapin
Executive Director, Intact America
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MSNBC: 'And sometimes the gentleman drops off his hat'

anthony · 21 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Check out this video. Apparently Rachael Maddow thinks men are idiots. She conducts a sarcastic tutorial trying to teach men how reproduction works. The segment is called --"The Man Caves Not-Too-Upsetting Guide To Down There Parts." Notice how she speaks in a condensing and simplistic tone. It reminds me of a parent teaching a 3 year old how to tie their shoes. You might want to fast forward to 4:18. The beginning is just political rhetoric.

Woman Severed Husband's Penis

Matt · 21 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This story here has been covered here on MANN already. I am running this article though to point up the tone and attitude of the author. She is basically saying that sometimes, it's OK to cut off your husband's penis while he sleeps, citing two possible reasons: suspected infidelity and unemployment. Imagine such an article written by a man justifying an equivalent assault on his sleeping wife for the same reasons? Excerpt:

'A penis is without a home after his wife was fed-up and done with his nonsense. Hey, maybe some of you men should read this and snap into shape, right? You never know when you might just push your significant other so far that she, uhm, cuts you off.

Sources report that a woman who is only identified as "Pan" chopped her husband's penis off with a pair of scissors after he passed out from a night of drinking and taking pills. She is being charged with assault and may face up to 12 years if she is convicted. The Vietnamese woman claims that the relationship of infidelity and abuse led to her actions, and she does not regret it in the slightest. She's glad for what she did, and she feels that she taught him a lesson.
...
So the moral of this story is pretty obvious. Men: Don't cheat on your women, especially if she's the one bringing home the income and busting her tail working every day to support you. Otherwise, don't expect much sympathy when you wake up without a penis.'

VAWA - Critically important that we get this message out

Matt · 21 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

Leahy's Draft VAWA Bill is a Stinker

Sen. Patrick Leahy is currently circulating a draft of the Violence Against Women Act. Even though SAVE representatives repeatedly met with Sen. Leahy's staff over the last 2 years, and even though the staffer seemed sympathetic to our concerns, the draft VAWA totally, completely, 100% misses the mark. These are the reasons the draft bill is Dead on Arrival:

Nothing to make sure real victims get priority – see summary:
http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Fatally-Flawed.pdf

-Zero attention to false allegations.
-Nothing to rein in DV lies.
-Nada to address mandatory arrest.
-No attempt to make VAWA gender-neutral.

Worse, the bill will take the Dept. of Education's directive on sexual assault on campus and turn the "preponderance of evidence" standard into statutory law – see page 69 of the draft bill:
http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/VAWA-2011-Draft.pdf

We need to raise a holy stink about this. Call your Senators today at 1-202-224-3121, and tell them to refuse to co-sponsor the bill. Sen. Leahy's bill is fatally flawed.

McDonald's cashier claims self-defense after brutal attack on female customers with metal bar

the_captain · 22 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A McDonald's cashier who swapped Happy Meals for jail fare after an ugly fast-food fight says he was goaded by a foul-mouthed customer who threatened to cut him up.

Rayon McIntosh, in an exclusive Rikers Island interview with the Daily News, said yesterday that he only smacked the woman and her friend with a metal bar after they jumped the counter and attacked him.

The first patron "started getting really aggressive," said McIntosh, giving his version of the brawl for the first time.
...

One of the women became outraged when McIntosh checked to see if the bill was genuine, as required by store policy.
...
The woman then spat at McIntosh, threatening to "cut me up," the fast food employee said. "Then she came over the counter and slaps me."

When the second woman jumped the counter to join in, McIntosh said his instinct for self-preservation kicked into high gear.

"I was being attacked by aggressive people I didn't know," said McIntosh. "I was just defending myself. They came in and went crazy on me."

A video camera caught McIntosh grabbing a metal bar used to clean grills and bashing the women. He was jailed on assault and weapons charges. The women were charged with criminal trespassing, menacing and disorderly conduct.'

Wendy J. Murphy: America's shameful un-equal protection clause

anthony · 22 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'It's Domestic Violence Awareness Month and a fresh pile of dead bodies reminds us that women and children are not worth very much in this country.
...
Many women have resorted to suicide because unequal justice is so out of control in this country, especially in Family Court, where judges often get it wrong because some "expert" wrote a report finding a child's allegation of abuse to be false. While bad parents sometimes use their children for tactical gain during divorce proceedings, studies show that false allegations are exceedingly rare and that the real problem is abusive men winning custody when they don't deserve it.
...

The American legal system has failed women and children for so long, violence against them has become the tolerated norm. It's time to give up the romantic notion that we can create stable families by ignoring children's desperate cries for help, and that we can stop sexual and domestic violence with "treatment" and restraining orders.

Between now and whenever we start getting it right, these ideas might help keep the body count down:

Women and children should carry wasp spray. It shoots long and far, stings like crazy, and unlike pepper spray, you don't need a license to carry.'

UK: Black schoolboys underachieving because 'academic success is seen as gay'

Broadsword · 22 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Adolph Cameron, head of the Jamaican Teachers' Association, said many boys perform poorly because their fear that appearing studious undermines their masculinity.

He claimed that many youngsters turn to a so-called “hustle culture” to make money, rather than chasing careers built on academic achievement and hard work. Mr Cameron warned that the attitude was affecting the academic standards of Afro-Caribbean boys both in Jamaica and in Britain.

They are one of England's worst-performing ethnic groups in schools. Last year just 40 per cent of Afro-Caribbean boys achieved five good GCSEs including English and maths, compared with the national average of 58.5 per cent. Mr Cameron told the BBC: "That notion of masculinity says that if as a male you aspire to perform highly it means you are feminine, even to the extent of saying you are gay.
...
"But in the context of Jamaica, which is so homophobic, male students don't want to be categorised in that way so that they would deliberately underperform in order that they are not."

In a lecture at an event in Bristol aimed at promoting the educational achievement of black boys and sponsored by the National Union of Teachers, Mr Cameron said that in Jamaica, boys were at least 10 percentage points behind girls in national tests.'

Police believe Texas mom fatally shot son, self

Matt · 23 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SACHSE, Texas (AP) — Police say they believe a mother in suburban Dallas fatally shot her 7-year-old son and then killed herself on Friday as police waited outside with her estranged husband, who was there to pick up the child after receiving court-ordered custody.

Sachse police say the father had been given sole custody of the boy after an acrimonious and drawn-out divorce. Police Chief Dennis Veach told The Dallas Morning News that a "third party" had asked police to be present when the father, who lives in Murphy, came to pick up his son (http://bit.ly/oVimFH).

"I think there was some thought that there would be a problem with the transfer," Veach said. "There was no expectation of this level of violence, by the third party who called us, or anyone."

Police said in a statement that officers outside the house just before 11 a.m. Friday heard three shots inside. They forcibly entered and found the 43-year-old woman and the boy dead in an upstairs bedroom. Police said it appears she shot the child, then killed herself.'

Acquisition of Erectile Dysfunction from Circumcision

Anonymous · 24 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study in the International Journal of Men's Health shows that circumcised men have a 4.5 times greater chance of suffering from erectile dysfunction (ED) than intact men, revealing what appears to be a significant acquisition vector. Researchers Dan Bollinger and Robert S. Van Howe, M.D., M.S., FAAP found a strong association between circumcision and ED in their survey of 300 men (OR = 4.53, p=.0058). What other studies support this finding and what could be an underlying cause?

Eighteen percent of adult American men—three-fourths of whom are circumcised—have ED, affecting 18 million men. Circumcision's role as a risk factor may be reflected in ED drug sales; while the United States represents 5% of the world's population it also accounts for 46% of Viagra sales. Other studies have previously observed that circumcision's damage results in worsened erectile functioning, inability to maintain an erection, and reducing the glans sensitivity, including an overall penis sensitivity reduction by 75%. A recent study discovered that premature ejaculation is five times more likely when adjusted for erectile dysfunction and circumcision. A new Danish study also found that circumcised men are three times more likely to have ED.
...

Every man has the right to good sexual health and to feel sexual pleasure for full psychophysical wellbeing. Erectile dysfunction is devastating to the lives of so many men and their partners, which, when this new data is considered, calls elective circumcision into question.'

Bollinger D, Van Howe, RS. Alexithymia and circumcision trauma: A preliminary investigation. Int J Men's Health, 2011;10(2):184-95. Available online at:
http://www.mensstudies.com/content/2772r13175400432/?p=a7068101fbdd48819f10dd04dc1e19fb&pi=4

UK: Study says 9% of rape claims ‘false’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some 9 per cent of all rape allegations made to the gardai are false, according to research conducted for the state prosecutor’s office.

However, Director of Public Prosecutions James Hamilton said that, despite the research, his own experience of dealing with rape cases did not bear the findings out. “One of our studies suggested that it was as high as 9 per cent, but in my experience, it wouldn’t be anywhere near that high," Hamilton told The Sunday Business Post.

Hamilton, who retires next month after 12 years as the DPP, defended the handling by his office of rape complaints, including cases of historical clerical abuse. “One of the interesting statistics is that our overall conviction rate, comparing the number of convictions with the number of complaints made, is pretty well the same as in theUK,”Hamilton said.

“In the UK, they actually charge a lot more [people], but there’s a lower conviction rate. We charge fewer people than in the UK [as a percentage of alleged rapes based on reports to police], but the overall conviction rate is pretty much the same,which leads me to think that, if we charged more people, we would just get a lot more failed cases.'

Sobering Statistics regarding Children without Fathers

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Article here.

*63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (US Dept. Of Health/Census) -- 5 times the average.

*90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes -- 32 times the average.

*85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes -- 20 times the average. (Center for Disease Control)

*80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes -- 14 times the average. (Justice and Behavior, Vol 14, p. 403-26)

*71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes -- 9 times the average. (National Principals Association Report)

*75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes – 10 times the average. (Rainbows for All God's Children)

*70% of youths in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes – 9 times the average. (U.S. Dept. of Justice, Sept. 1988)

*85% of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes -- 20 times the average. (Fulton Co. Dept. of Correction)

Clearly, fathers represent a lot more than just a paycheck to a child; they represent safety, protection, guidance, friendship,and someone to look up to.

'Hey ladies, want a hit song? Bash a man!'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So go the lyrics to Kelly Clarkson recent Top 20 hit, “Mr. Know It All,” the lead single from her fifth studio album, “Stronger,” which dropped on Oct. 21. Another song on the album, “Einstein,” has a chorus that goes “I may not be Einstein/But I know dumb plus dumb equals you.”

Depending on your point of view — and perhaps your gender — these songs are either female empowerment anthems or male-bashing songs. Whatever the case, this mini-genre has become fashionable among female artists, with songs like Pink’s “U and Ur Hand,” Orianthi’s “According to You” and Britney Spears’ “Womanizer” all becoming big hits in the past few years. Vibe Magazine’s female arm, Vibe Vixen, even put together a list of “The 45 Greatest Male-Bashing Anthems” — and that list didn't even include any country songs (like Carrie Underwood’s “Before He Cheats”).
...
But according to Glenn Sacks, a men’s issues expert, the lyrics of songs by Clarkson and others are indicative of anti-male stereotypes found today in sitcoms, movies, and commercials, where men are seen as inept and foolish.

“I think it speaks to something larger in the culture,” Sacks said. “Where the man’s always wrong the woman’s behavior is never examined. I always found ‘Womanizer’ to be ironic because Britney had been married and divorced multiple times and is nobody to be pointing fingers about womanizing or being promiscuous or whatever.”'

Mum ordered to pay back sterile 'dad'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A MUM has been ordered to repay child support to a man she claimed was her son's father after he found he could not conceive.

The man spent nine years believing the child was his after what he says was a "one-night stand".

He told a court he believed the mother had manipulated the situation.

The woman has now been ordered to repay the $3730 he paid in child support.

The couple, who cannot be identified, met on the internet in late 2000 and had a brief rendezvous in 2001.

They lived in different states.

The woman claimed she believed he was the only person who could have been the dad.

She had him sign a statutory declaration stating he was the father so she could receive the family tax benefit.

But the man discovered last year, while trying to conceive a child with his new partner, that he was "physiologically incapable of conceiving a child".'

Man denied protective order, murdered by wife

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Story here.

'HELENA - A Helena man who was shot to death Thursday morning was denied an order of protection last month and filed for divorce two days before his estranged wife was charged with killing him.

The Independent Record reports 48-year-old Joseph Andrew Gable asked District Judge Dorothy McCarter for a temporary order of protection from Michelle Coller Gable on Sept. 20, alleging she was stalking him.

He said Michelle Gable had entered his apartment and started a confrontation in which she threw a laptop computer down the stairs.

McCarter denied the request, writing: "No personal danger or threat involved."

Michelle Gable is charged with two counts of deliberate homicide in the death of her husband and his female acquaintance at his apartment.'

Together for Girls Partnership: Ending Sexual Violence Against Girls

Minuteman · 25 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'In 2002, the World Health Organization estimated that 150 million girls and 75 million boys worldwide experienced sexual violence before the age of 18. Research shows that consequences of the sexual violence epidemic in children include increased risk of contracting HIV, as well as myriad debilitating mental health problems that affect social behaviors, education opportunity, emotional well-being, and overall quality of life.
...
The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) acknowledges the importance of addressing sexual violence against girls as a global epidemic that connects directly to the spread of HIV/AIDS and is proud to collaborate with a groundbreaking partnership called Together for Girls. Together for Girls was launched in September 2009 at the annual meeting for the Clinton Global Initiative as a movement to end sexual violence.
...

Led by Michele Moloney-Kitts, the former Assistant U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, the public-private partnership connects organizations including the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator/PEPFAR, the Office of Global Women's Issues, CDC Office of Violence Prevention, the Nduna Foundation, BD, the CDC Foundation, Grupo ABC, and five United Nations agencies, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UN Women, UNFPA and WHO.
...
In line with these efforts, the Government of Tanzania, with support from Together for Girls partners UNICEF and CDC, recently released a report on their National Study on Violence against Children (August 2011) and a national action plan to address the issues raised in the survey.
...
Emotional abuse in the home and physical abuse in schools, such as the 78 percent of girls and 67.4 percent of boys who report having been punched, kicked, or whipped over five times by a teacher in school, also highlighted areas for potential interventions.'

Men are called to fight abuse

anthony · 25 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Rape and domestic violence are thought of as women's issues," Calhoun County District Judge John Hallacy said Thursday. "But whose issue is it really? It's the one's who are committing the crime. Why are we as men ignoring the issue because it is our gender which is committing it."

...

About 95 percent of domestic violence cases are committed by men, officials said, and yet the problem, along with sexual assault, is considered an issue for women.

Hallacy said fathers and sons should have discussions about domestic violence and men should be role models in their treatment of women.

"My son asked me, 'What is domestic violence?' and it is uncomfortable but it's a conversation we need to have with our sons," he said. "They ask the question, 'why?' and why do men harm a woman who they are in a relationship with and who they love."'

ThyBlackMan.com: Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Adding Insult to Injury...

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence against men is a story that is rarely told. Their stories will not be readily posted in the headlines or shown on the evening news, simply because women are normally the ones reporting the abuse, not men. According to some statistics in 2008 The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stated that 11.5 men reported being abused by their mates.

While conducting research for this article I discovered that there was much more information available on domestic violence against women than that of men. This would be expected and for a number of reasons.

Many men refuse to report domestic violence for fear of embarrassment, ridicule and that no one will believe them. Society says that men are supposed to be the stronger sex, not the weaker. Men are also afraid of mistakenly being viewed as the perpetrator and being hauled off to jail. When men do decide to call the police to report the abuse, they may be wrongfully locked up when the police arrive.
...

Abuse may be physical or mental, but both are forms of abuse. Any man can be a victim. He may be large or small in stature or financially rich or poor. Abuse can happen to anyone.

In 2006 the wife of Indianapolis Colts cornerback, Nick Harper stabbed him with a knife during an argument. According to ESPN the assault occurred because he was ignoring her and she wanted his attention.'

Panel: Boys should get vaccine for HPV too

anthony · 25 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No mention of girls getting vaccinated in part to prevent them from spreading the sexually transmitted virus to boys. Excerpt:

'A government panel wants young boys as well as girls to get the controversial HPV vaccine, in part to prevent them from spreading the sexually transmitted virus to girls.

The HPV vaccine has been recommended for young girls to protect them against cervical cancer and genital warts for the last five years. But the vaccine has been slow to catch on — only about a third of adolescent girls have gotten all three shots.

Experts say the HPV vaccine could protect boys against genital warts and some kinds of cancers. But they also say vaccinating 11- and 12-year old boys could help prevent them from spreading the human papillomavirus to girls.
...
There are two vaccines against HPV, but Tuesday's vote applies only to Merck & Co.'s Gardasil, which costs $130 a dose. The other vaccine wasn't tested for males.

An estimated 50 percent to 80 percent of men and women are infected with HPV in their lifestimes, although most clear the infection without developing symptoms or illness, according to the CDC.'

Cops: Mom killed sons for insurance money

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CHARLESTON, S.C. — A South Carolina mother who told police her son killed three family members and himself has been charged with quadruple murder because she wanted their life insurance money, police said on Tuesday.

Susan Diane Hendricks, 48, was charged with the murder of her two sons, Matthew, 23, and Marshall, 20, her ex-husband Mark Hendricks, 52, and her stepmother, Linda Burns, who was in her mid-60s, police said.
...
Family members told police that Hendricks' motive was life insurance money. Hendricks was the beneficiary of multiple life insurance policies taken out by the victims, according to a police report.

Police said Hendricks killed the victims with a handgun that she kept in her night stand.

Pickens County Sheriff David Stone called it "a horrendous act of evil."
...
In 2006, Hendricks shot Doyle "Brian" Teague dead, telling police he had entered her home uninvited and threatened someone. Police determined she had acted in self-defense.'

Free Training Available For Quick Health Data Online - From The Office on Women's Health (OWH)

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From an Office on Women's Health mailing list email:

'Free Training Available For Quick Health Data Online

The Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health is pleased to announce the availability of free training for the online health statistics system, Quick Health Data Online. The system contains data on demographics, mortality, reproductive and maternal health, disease incidence, and access to care at the county level for all states and territories; additionally, data are included on prevention, violence, and mental health at the state level. To the extent possible, data are provided by race, ethnicity, and gender, and where applicable/available, by age. Also, the system incorporates graphing and mapping features so that the data of interest can be used directly as tables, graphs/chart, and maps.Please join us for a free training session!

Quick Health Data Online 101

QHDO 101 will provide an overview on health indicators available, preparing custom queries, and generating tables, graphs, and basic maps.

* Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 4-5 p.m. (EST)
* Monday, December 14, 2011 at 2-3 p.m. (EST)

Quick Health Data Online 201

QHDO 201 will detail the comprehensive mapping features.

* Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 2-3 p.m. (EST)
* Wednesday, December 12, 2011 at 4-5 p.m. (EST)

Register today! The toll-free conference call number and other details are provided at the registration site. You need to be at a computer with Internet access and a telephone.'

Woman bites off boyfriend's testicles

Proud_to_be_a_man · 26 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Maria Topp, 44, from Wreckenton, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, pleaded guilty to grievous bodily harm at Newcastle Crown Court.

She bit Martin Douglas, her partner of five years, during a drunken brawl at his flat in February.

She was granted bail to be sentenced next month and Recorder Robin Mairs warned her: "All options are open and that will include locking you up."

Topp, a mother of four with a blonde bob, bit Mr Douglas's testicles off at his flat in Waterloo Street, Newcastle, during the early hours of February 18.

She cannot remember biting her partner, but can recall their fight, and the court accepted that violence had been used by both sides.

Caroline Goodwin, defending, told a previous hearing: "The defendant was on her back with the victim straddling her."

Mr Douglas was so traumatised by his injuries that emergency services staff struggled to understand him when he dialled 999. The 45-year-old DJ later required 19 stitches to his wound.'

Senate Bill Would Further Undermine Due Process on Campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Historically, most colleges used a “clear and convincing” evidence standard in student and faculty discipline cases, to safeguard due process. As Nicholas Trott Long noted in 1985 in the Journal of College and University Law, “Courts, universities, and student defendants all seem to agree that the appropriate standard of proof in student disciplinary cases is one of ‘clear and convincing’ evidence.” (Long, The Standard of Proof in Student Disciplinary Cases, 12 J.C. & U.L. 71 (1985)).

But in recent years, this due process safeguard has come under attack, most prominently in a legally-flawed April 4, 2011 “Dear Colleague” letter from the head of the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights, Russlynn Ali, who has demanded that colleges dilute the presumption of innocence in sexual harassment and assault cases by instead using a “preponderance of the evidence” standard that defines as guilty people who are as little as 50.001 percent likely to have committed the offense. I explained earlier why this demand was legally baseless, and not supported by either the Title IX statute or federal court rulings dealing with sexual harassment. (I was once a staff attorney at the Office for Civil Rights (OCR))

Now, the Senate draft bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (by Sen. Leahy’s Office) has inexplicably sought to expand the assault on due process. The draft VAWA bill would give OCR the power to set the “standard of proof” not only in harassment and rape cases, but also in other kinds of cases like “domestic violence,” “stalking,” and inappropriate behavior in dating relationships. It would do this even though OCR has jurisdiction (and expertise) only in certain kinds of discrimination cases (like sex discrimination and sexual harassment), not things like domestic violence.'

Students Say Teacher Plotted Insanity Defense

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LEBANON, Ohio -- Two female students testified Tuesday that a Mason teacher accused of having sex with five male students hatched her defense before she was ever found out.

Stacy Schuler faces 16 charges of sexual battery and three charges of providing alcohol to minors for a series of incidents that occurred between August and December 2010.
...
KD testified that she and Schuler confided in each other about everything, including the events that occurred between Schuler and two male students.

"She told me that something had happened with RS and EK (the two students). She said she was really drunk and she thought something happened with RS," KD testified.

KD said that Schuler was crying as she told her that she was afraid of losing everything if anyone found out what happened.

She also testified that Schuler told her she had already thought of her defense if anyone found out.

"She said that if anyone found out, she already had her defense, that she would claim she was insane," KD testified.'

Self-Defense or Cold-Blooded Murder? Trial Begins for Mom Charged With Killing Neighbor

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FORT DODGE, Iowa – A woman forced a 20-year-old neighbor to write a diary framing her ex-husband in a murder-for-hire scheme and then killed him because she didn't think he could keep his role a secret, a prosecutor said Wednesday at her first-degree murder trial.

Prosecutor Douglas Hammerand told jurors in an opening statement that Tracey Richter invited Dustin Wehde to her home on Dec. 13, 2001 and forced him to create a diary claiming he had been hired by her first husband, John Pitman, to kill her and her 11-year-old son Bert.
...
The prosecutor said as part of the plan, Richter had Wehde, a loner who had spent time hanging out with her husband, back later that night and shot him nine times from two guns. Three shots that went through the back of Wehde's head would have been instantly fatal, he said.

Richter, 45, of Omaha, is charged with first-degree murder in the shooting at her former home in Early, a small town 100 miles northwest of Des Moines. She claims she acted in self-defense and was hailed as a hero after the shooting by some gun rights advocates and TV personality Montel Williams, who applauded her story on national television.

She blew a kiss at her fiancee, who sat in the front row, as she entered the Fort Dodge courtroom. But she appeared to fight back tears as defense attorney Scott Bandstra shared her version of events -- that Wehde and another man broke into her home and strangled her with pantyhose before she was able to break free, unlock her gun safe and shoot Wehde. When he tried to get up, she shot him the last time with the second gun, the attorney said.'

New sexual assault mandate causes national controversy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The letter stated that in hearings for these cases, schools must adhere to a standard of "preponderance of evidence."

That means it is more likely than not that the accused committed the act. This is the lowest legal standard of evidence. The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) has been one of the most outspoken critics of the new mandate.

"This is too low of a standard," Will Creeley, the director of legal and public advocacy for FIRE, said. "This is the same standard used in hearings for speeding tickets."

The campus sexual harassment standards explained by the OCR letter are a part of Title IX, a U.S. law designed to ensure gender equality on campus. The letter reminded schools of their obligation to take immediate action against the harassment and address its effects.

"It is a college's moral and legal duty to respond to such allegations, but shifting the burden of evidence just leads to more innocent students being accused," Creeley said. "It doesn't increase justice, it just widens the net."

FIRE believes a "clear and convincing" evidence standard would serve both the victims and the accused more fairly.

"This move is well-intentioned, but lowering the standard is not the right way to go about it," Creeley said. "If there is an epidemic of these sexual assaults on campus, I don't think you lower that number by making it easier to accuse.'

Ashly Clark, Nebraska Mother, And Other Adults Accused Of Keeping 2 Boys In Wire Dog Kennel

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (Associated Press) — Four children were removed from what authorities described as a filthy Nebraska trailer home where a 3-year-old boy and his 5-year-old brother were kept in a wire dog kennel, police said Tuesday.

North Platte officers went to the home late Monday after receiving a call from someone asking that police check on the welfare of the children living there, police Lt. Rich Hoaglund said. When officers went inside, they were met with the stench of urine and found trash and animal feces throughout the home, Hoaglund said.

An officer soon found two boys, ages 3 and 5, in a 30-by-42-inch wire dog kennel.

"They had a small child's mattress in there, and that's where both kids were sleeping," Hoaglund said. "The gate on that door was wired shut."

The children's mother, 22-year-old Ashly Clark, told officers she put her boys in the kennel at night to keep them from climbing out of the trailer through a window, Hoaglund said.'

Action Alert: F & F Joins with MA Domestic Violence Organization Jane Doe to Protest Ad

Matt · 26 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Alert here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families has joined with Jane Doe Inc., The Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence in a joint letter to protest an advertisement from the luxury shoes, clothing, and bags company Jimmy Choo Ltd. The ad appears both on their website and in many of their storefronts. We explained:

Unwittingly, your ad both trivializes domestic violence and makes it appear that partner abuse is acceptable. The man in the photo appears to be in fear and possibly in pain or even dead, and the woman pictured seems to be about to put her full weight on the man's skull.

We suggest you call Jimmy Choo Ltd CEO Joshua Schulman and Chief Creative Officer Tamara Mellon and let them know that the ad is offensive and should be removed. They can be reached in their New York office at (212) 319-1111.'

Ed note: The image in the ad can be seen here.

Young boy wishes to join Girl Scouts - and the GSA seems like they will let him

Matt · 26 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Bobby Montoya is a 7-year-old boy from Denver. Unlike a lot of young boys, Bobby has no desire to join the Boy Scouts. Instead, he wants to be a Girl Scout.

We first saw Montoya's story over at 9news.com. The NBC affiliate reports that when the boy's mother, Felisha Archuleta, tried to sign her son up for Girl Scouts, a troop leader told her no.
...
We placed a call to Rachelle Trujillo, vice president of communications at Girl Scouts of Colorado, for further clarification. She replied with this statement: "Girl Scouts is an inclusive organization, and we accept all girls in kindergarten through 12th grade as members. If a child lives life as a girl and the family brings the child to us to participate in Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts of Colorado welcomes her. Girl Scouts of Colorado respects the privacy of all girls and families we work with. When a family requests membership for their daughter, we do not require proof of gender, we respect the decisions of families."

So it would seem that Bobby will get his wish. Gender-identity issues are becoming more common, especially among young children--which makes it more likely that the policy of the Girl Scouts will face future tests in the months and years ahead.'

SAVE: Sen. Leahy's Draft VAWA is a Stinker

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Sen. Patrick Leahy is currently circulating a draft of the Violence Against Women Act: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/VAWA-2011-Draft.pdf. Even though SAVE representatives met with Sen. Leahy's staff over the last 2 years, the draft VAWA totally, completely, 100% misses the mark. These are the reasons why the draft bill is Dead on Arrival:

- Nothing to make sure real victims get priority - see summary: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Fatally-Flawed.pdf
- Zero attention to false allegations.
- Nothing to rein in DV lies.
- Nada to address mandatory arrest.
- No attempt to make VAWA gender-neutral

Worse, the bill will take the Dept. of Education's directive on sexual assault on campus and turn the "preponderance of evidence" standard into statutory law.

We need to raise a big stink about this. Call your Senators today at 1-202-224-3121, and tell them to refuse to co-sponsor the bill. Sen. Leahy's bill is fatally flawed.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Ten Worst Stereotypes About Powerful Women

el cid · 27 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. More whining about how unfair life is to female leaders. Don't know how to break it to these women but it's just the way life is once you leave the kitchen. Even God isn't liked by everyone. Excerpt:

'"A woman who shows emotion in the workplace is often cast as too fragile or unstable to lead," Bock said. "A woman who shows no emotion and keeps it hyper-professional is icy and unfeminine. For many women, it can be a no-win situation."'

Kinda reminds me of what is often said about men. If they're too emotional, they're weak. If they clam up, they're told they need to show their emotions. It's often a no-win situation for men. What a coincidence.

Jenna Lyons, You and J. Crew Wanted Your Son to Stop Being Such a Boy

anthony · 27 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last spring, I told you that Jenna Lyons, J. Crew's president and creative director, wasn't just having a little, harmless fun with her son Beckett when she published a photograph of herself painting his toenails hot pink in a J. Crew catalogue—a catalogue distributed to millions of people.

The quote accompanying the image of Beckett read, "Lucky for me, I ended up with a boy whose favorite color is pink. Toenail painting is way more fun in neon."

I said Lyons was making a cultural statement about masculinity no longer being important to boys—that she was, essentially, uncomfortable with his gender.

But I didn't just think that. I thought Lyons was promoting a cultural agenda at her son's expense—and at the expense of all our sons whose masculinity was being downplayed. Why else would you pick that photograph, decide for Beckett that it was a really good one with which to brand him in the minds of millions, and make sure that his hair was long and wavy for the photo shoot? Why spend tens of thousands of dollars (or a hundred thousand or more) to distribute that particular photo of Beckett to millions of us.
...
What it says is that my worry that Ms. Lyons' might be expressing her own discomfort with masculinity and projecting it onto her son—and mine, and yours—seems to have been justified.'

South Carolina Aunt Accused of Attacking Nephew for Using Toilet Paper

anthony · 27 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'UNION, S.C. (AP) — Union police say a 53-year-old woman has been arrested after she attacked her nephew because he used her toilet paper.

Authorities said they were called to a home Tuesday night by a 27-year-old man who said his aunt threw an ash tray at him that missed, then punched him in the face and pulled his hair.

The man told officers that Linda Johnson was angry because he used the toilet paper she bought.

Police say Johnson was sitting on the porch at the home and told officers she was ready to be taken to jail.

Johnson was charged with assault and battery. It wasn't clear if she had an attorney.'

F&F: Success: Jimmy Choo Ltd Agrees to Remove Offensive Ad

Matt · 27 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

Fathers and Families joined with Jane Doe Inc., The Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence this week in a joint letter to protest an advertisement from the luxury shoes, clothing, and bags company Jimmy Choo Ltd. The ad, which depicts a woman stepping on a man's head as he lies prone on the floor, appears on their website, in print ads, and in many of their storefronts. We explained:

'Unwittingly, your ad both trivializes domestic violence and makes it appear that partner abuse is acceptable. The man in the photo appears to be in fear and possibly in pain or even dead, and the woman pictured seems to be about to put her full weight on the man’s skull.'

Yesterday we asked our members to call Jimmy Choo Ltd to protest. Your response has been overwhelming, and we're pleased to report that Jimmy Choo Ltd has now agreed to remove the offensive ad from all of their stores, all print media, and their website. They emphasize that they did not mean to offend, and they apologize.

We commend Jimmy Choo Ltd for understanding our concerns and acting so quickly.

We also thank Jane Doe Inc. Director of Communications Toni K. Troop for her important work on this issue.

Our original letter to Jimmy Choo Ltd can be seen in its entirety here.

With best regards,

Glenn Sacks, MA
Executive Director,
Fathers and Families

SAVE: Leahy Bill Would Turn Every College Male into a Rape Suspect, Group Warns

Matt · 27 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Washington, DC/October 27, 2011 – Senator Patrick Leahy's proposed Violence Against Women Act reauthorization would trample upon the due process rights of college students, according to Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE). The bill would make into law the Department of Education's recently issued guidelines that reduce the standard of proof in sexual assault cases to the controversial "preponderance of evidence" level.

That unusually low standard requires only that 50.01 percent of the evidence be in favor of an assault having happened. SAVE previously requested the Department of Education to rescind its guidelines, which were issued without prior notice or opportunity for public comment: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/OCRLetter.pdf.

Earlier this month, Caleb Warner was allowed to return to the University of North Dakota after being victimized by the university's unconstitutionally low standard of evidence. The accuser had filed claims of sexual assault with both the University and the municipal police department. Two investigations resulted -- the university's according to the preponderance standard, and the police's according to the usual "clear and convincing" standard -- and they could not have turned out more differently.'

Women -- The Unacknowledged Source Of Overpopulation

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It's totally taboo even to mention it, but by the way, did you notice this earth is getting pretty crowded? We just hit 7 Billion, with a B. Why is world population out of control? Why can't we talk about this topic in polite company? Is it because having babies is considered a sacred right of all women, no matter what the consequences on the rest of the world? Is it verboten to even mention the topic because it would in some way put women at a disadvantage? Is it verboten because it would mean that individual women would have to act more responsibly? Have we once again allowed women to be selfish, and in the process damaged a wide variety of others (including animals, plants, etc.)? Is this not the de facto credo of feminism -- giving every woman a right to be selfish, no matter what the consequences on others?

Absent fathers are fuelling drug addiction, anti-social behaviour and crime among young people, says charity report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Absentee fathers are driving high levels of addition, anti-social behaviour and crime, a new report has revealed. Children growing up in fatherless families are turning to self-harm as well as criminal activity, fuelled by their sense of abandonment and lack of self-esteem.

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Many of the youngsters interviewed for the Dad and Me report, which was commissioned by charity Addaction, said they had sought affirmation and affection from gang membership and turned to drugs to numb the pain.

The fatherless young people were found to be almost 70 per cent more likely to take drugs and 76 per cent more likely to turn to crime.

The report says: ‘Young people are struggling to find a sense of purpose within their families, schools, and community , and believe that peers provide them with what they need.

‘The continuing desire to join a gang, engage in antisocial behaviour and risky lifestyles combined with the need to carry a weapon as a form of protection has become the norm for many."

"no girls allowed..."

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Article here. Excerpt:

'… It takes an almost monumental amount of effort to help my son secure a place in his life where he can just be boy. I realize that as I single mother I can not replace the absence of his father and fatherly influences so I don't even try.

Instead, I actively seek opportunities and organizations that cater to young men and, more specifically, are led by positive masculine role models. This is no small task. In schools the majority of instructors are female… and liberal. Deadly combinations to a young man. Most of these female teachers do not like boys and will be quick to tell you young men are always their most difficult students. Instead of recognizing there exists major biological differences in how boys and girls learn these 'educators' attack young men as 'problem children' and suggest they be fed Ritalin. You can thank feminism for this. Feminism was not a champion of women's rights and gender equality. That was just a ruse. The real agenda of feminism was to indoctrinate into society the belief that women are better than men. To a liberal and feminist, qualities associated with manhood are bad and aggressive. So young men in school are not allowed to rough house on the playground or be competitive in sports and academics.'

Is there a double standard between male and female sex offenders?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CINCINNATI, OH (FOX19) - There is the public perception that women sexual offenders seem to get more sympathy than if the sexual offender is a man.

Attorney Lisa Wells says the Stacey Schuler case is a prime example.

"There is a bias in this case and it is of course based on gender. If we were talking about a male teacher here it'd be that he needs to go to prison and for a very long time," said Wells.

Stacey Schuler faced up to 18 years in prison, but only got four years and could be out in as little as six months.

"If we were talking about female victims there would be all kinds of backlash about it, but since these are male athletic students who are generally assumed to be popular, who have good GPAs and are going to college, we look at her and say they weren't that scarred so there's definitely bias in her favor." said Wells.'

Are Dad Bloggers Attacking Father Stereotypes or Windmills?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Am I implying the “dumb dad” shtick and other negative stereotypes don’t exists? Not at all. However, pointing to the demigod-like fathers of the 50’s as the gold standard for pop culture paternity is a poor argument for demanding a modern reboot. In a sense, these depictions of infallible fathers were the least realistic of them all. Furthermore, to say that TV dads have only declined since is a faulty assumption too because for every bad dad shown over the ensuing decades, a good one can be found to counter it. Even today, for every Tony Soprano and Peter Griffin, there’s a Don Draper and Homer Simpson (Gasp! That’s right, Draper and Simpson. Ask me why in LA.)

The truth of it is, the media doesn’t get motherhood right either. Michael Keaton’s Mr. Mom isn’t any more accurate than Diane Keaton ’s supermom in Baby Boom. In those early years, behind every all-knowing dad stood a mom in heels and pearls mopping a floor; now behind every fat slob in a La-Z-Boy stands a disproportionally gorgeous wife and mother bringing him nachos before the big game. Yeah, that’s realistic.

Still, these inaccurate portrayals aren’t going to change, not as long as profits can be made from them. To network and ad execs, dumb dads and tolerant wives are merely tropes—story devices meant to contextualize whatever it is they’re hawking. In ad campaigns marketers use mom and dad as tropes in several ways, for example: 1) The Empowered Woman and Impotent Man where a woman is told she doesn’t need a man to make a purchase decision when she can dupe him instead, and 2) The Oafish Man and Longsuffering Woman who accepts that she can’t change her bumbling man and endures aided by consumer products.'

"Abortion Hurts Men" Campaign Continuing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Between new billboards and new public speakers, it's becoming more clear that the next wave of the anti-choice war is to recruit men to talk their partners out of abortions.
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> "…[T]his study adds new depth to our understanding of this neglected population. The recurring meaning of abortion for the men in this study was that of profound loss and a common reaction to that loss was anger. The men experienced significant, multiple losses related to relationships with their partners, their masculine identify, their self of self-esteem or self-worth, and fatherhood. For some men, the abortion raised issues related to disappointment in their own fathers as well as to perceptions of themselves as fathers. For all of the men, abortion entailed a much more complex loss than has generally been recognized."
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> The authors freely admit the limitations—the number is small and is comprised of men "who self-identify as having been harmed by the experience." They call for more investigation. But they also make a very important statement:
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> "This may or may not represent a minority of men, since the prevalence of men who experience significant psychological sequelae after abortion is not known at this time."

Yet another avenue to cutting off a woman's right to choose -- partner coerced pregnancy. Ironic, since the most recent set of state restrictions pushed by the anti-choice advocates were reminding a woman that it is illegal for a partner to coerce you into ending a pregnancy.'

Objecting to the proposed change in the definition of 'Rape'

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Via email from a reader:

Here is a way to send the FBI a letter through a feminist site. I wrote asking that the definition of rape not include when a woman is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Here is my letter. I wrote both men. Feel free to use it (though it does have a couple grammatical errors) if you want others to also write in. Thanks.

"Dear Mr. Mueller,

I applaud your efforts to change the definition of rape. However, I find it appalling and degrading to women if you include that women under the influence of drugs or alcohol can not be responsible for giving consent. If a woman is empowered and independent enough to choose whether to have an abortion or not, then a woman can choose whether or not to have a couple of drinks with dinner and be responsible enough to subsequently consent to have sexual relations without it being a rape charge for her partner. By including this "under the influence" clause in the rape definition, you will also cause many innocent men to have their lives ruined by being branded a rapist. Do you want countless innocent men going to prison for decades because of this decision you have made? What if the woman had a couple of drinks before her partner arrives at her home? Is he supposed to issue a breathalyzer? What if she smoked some pot before he arrived? Is he supposed to have her take a blood test and wait for the results? This would cause hundreds if not thousands of men to be labeled rapists when they had no such intentions whatsoever. A woman can say no when offered a drink and choose not to drink if she knows there might be a chance of sexual relations forthcoming.

What if the woman is setting a man up just to get back at some perceived injustice? She can have sex with him and then take a few drinks and call in a rape charge after the fact. Is this definition of rape made to count true non-consensual rapes or made to trick men and count rapes that never were intented as such? Also, if both are under the influence, how does one know that the woman didn't initiate and take control and force sex without his consent? Would she be subject to rape charges as well? If a woman chooses to consume or partake of illicit drugs, should we then blame a man for his desire to be passionate? The woman can choose not to take illicit drugs. It is her choice and she knows the consequences beforehand. Are we then to also remove the responsibility of women who drink and then drive and kill somebody too? There is no difference here. In both instances it is a woman's choosing to take a drink or drugs knowing full well the possible consequences of her actions.

I hope you will answer to reason and common sense.

Thank you"

Conference Report: "Law, Human Rights, and Non-Therapeutic Interventions on Children"

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Via email from Steven Svoboda. This report can also be downloaded here.

I participated in a conference organized by the UK-based Genital Autonomy organization and by the University of Keele. The conference, entitled "Law, Human Rights, and Non-Therapeutic Interventions on Children," was held on August 31-September 1 at the University of Keele in Keele, UK.

Genital autonomy refers to the principle that all minors--male, female, and intersex alike--should be protected from genital cutting that is not medically necessary. The conference organizers, including David Smith of Genital Autonomy and Michael Thomson of the University of Keele, used a very creative approach to the conference, bringing together a mix of, on the one hand, intactivists, and on the other hand, academics and officials whose interests and inclinations align somewhat with ours but who are mostly not associated with intactivism.

The conference was devoted to considering all aspects of genital autonomy, though it concentrated primarily on intactivism and secondarily on female genital cutting (FGC). Some famous, long-standing activists against FGC spoke, including Efua Dorkenoo of Equality Now on "FGM and Human Rights" and Comfort Momoh of the University of London and FORWARD on "FGM--An Overview."

Two authors of recent influential papers on intactivist-related issues participated, and both their papers and the opportunity to interact with them were highlights of the conference. Drake University Politics Professor Debra DeLaet addressed "Genital Autonomy and Children's Rights in International Law" while Matthew Johnson discussed "Dealing with Invasive Religious Rights: Should the NHS Offer Circumcision to Diminish Harm?" Former Tasmanian Chidlren's Commissioner Paul Mason traveled all the way from his homeland to deliver a talk entitled, "'So You Think Medically Unnecessary Circumcision Breaches Human Rights Law': The Other Side of the Coin."

Several presenters appeared for the first time at an intactivism-related conference, offering fresh perspectives. Youthful Travis Wisdom fought off illness to brilliantly analyze intactivism using a feminist analytical framework. Gert Van Dijk, one of the main movers behind the Royal Dutch Medical Association's recent forceful anti-circumcision position statement and ensuing anti-circumcision programme, examined the relationship of the right to bodily integrity and religious freedom. Antony Lempert of the Secular Medical Forum, who was recently interviewed to stunning effect in a video available online, discussed "Conscience and Foreskins: A Medical Paradox." UK Professors Michael Thomson and Marie Fox delivered well-prepared and thoroughly researched meditations on health law and genital integrity.

The organizers even managed to get the Metropolitan Police to attend the entire conference and to present a film they prepared on the FGC topic. Unfortunately Sarah Graham was unable to be present to discuss her experiences with intersex activism. Instead the delegates were shown an interview with Hida Viloria who is a spokesperson for OII that promoted a lively discussion, and John Geisheker of Doctors Opposing Circumcision did double duty, discussing last year's flip flip by the American Academy of Pediatrics on the acceptability of less severe forms of FGC, and also examining recent events regarding the San Francisco ballot initiative and the ensuing court case.

I presented a well-received paper that examined common concerns of the three branches of genital autonomy, entitled, "Proecting All from Genital Cutting--Law, Human Rights, and Demedicalization." The process of preparing this paper was itself very valuable and I found fascinating and instructive the opportunity to present a paper for the first time on the interrelationship between intactivism and activism against other forms of genital cutting.

The cross-fertilization was extremely beneficial and enlightening. Also the high quality of the presentations and the

intimate, relaxed setting of the conference allowed us all to connect, share ideas, and get to know each other over the two days. To use a British word, the conference was no less than a smashing success.

Steven Svoboda
Attorneys for the Rights of the Child

Ohio Gym Teacher Jailed for Sex With Students

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Story here. Guilty on 16 counts of sexual battery and she gets... 4 years in jail, eligible for parole in six months. A sentencing disparity? Nahhh, none here! Sure. It's so outrageous that it's even gotten press time. Now it has to be pretty bad for that to happen. Excerpt:

'A popular Ohio high school gym teacher has been sentenced to four years in jail after a judge rejected her insanity defense and convicted her on 16 counts of sexual battery for sleeping with several of her former students.

Stacy Schuler, a former gym and health teacher, had sex with five former students, some of whom were football players, at the school in suburban Cincinnati, where she taught since 2000. During her trial, which ended Thursday, Schuler's lawyers defended her actions with explanations ranging from her vegan diet, the use of the antidepressants, blackouts from alcohol and even irritable bowel syndrome, claiming it rendered her unable to determine right from wrong.

Although several students testified on her behalf, the decision to reject the defense prompted some tough words from the judge hearing Schuler's case, who said it would be a "magnificent leap" believing she had no idea her actions were wrong.

"This is a noble profession that you have, and I've heard a lot of good things about you, but I know that you had the opportunity, as all teachers do, to affect the lives of our children," Warren County Common Pleas Judge Robert Peeler said. "You crossed a line."

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One of the victim's fathers testified at the trial of how his son was negatively affected by Schuler's actions.

"He suffered from depression, loss of motivation … almost didn't go to college -- he was angry at home and he didn't want to be around family or anyone -- my son was not who he used to be," the father said.

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Although Schuler declined to comment on her own behalf after her sentencing, she cried as she was handcuffed and led out of the courtroom, The Associated Press reported.

Sentenced to four years in jail, Schuler will be eligible for parole in six month, but she will be labeled a sexual offender and required to register her address every 90 days for the rest of her life.'

Woman charged with pimping teen recruited at Occupy NH rally

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MANCHESTER - A city woman is accused of pimping a 16-year-old girl she met in Victory Park during the Occupy NH demonstrations.

Justina Jensen, 23, of 341 Hanover St., is charged with felony prostitution. Police allege Jensen met a teen at the local protest, which is an offshoot of Occupy Wall Street, and used the Internet to arrange a first liaison for the girl with a man who turned out to be an undercover police officer.

Police said the teen's mother called them Thursday about noon to say her daughter was missing and that her photograph had been posted on a website advertising adult party entertainment.
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The missing teen was found inside Jensen's third-floor apartment. Court documents show the teenage girl told police that Jensen had taken her photo and posted it on the website and said Jensen was going to start training her to be a prostitute, with her first customer scheduled to be “Mad Mike.”

Police said Jensen was using her residence to facilitate prostitution involving an individual under the age of 18, so she is charged with felony prostitution. She was also charged with misdemeanor resisting arrest.
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Cunha said that in addition to concern for public safety, there is concern about two suicide attempts made by Jensen following her arrest. He said she attempted to strangle herself with her shoelaces when she was left alone briefly in an interview room at the police department and, after she was taken to the Elliot Hospital, attempted to strangle herself with the ties of the hospital jonny. Cunha said Jensen struggled so violently at the hospital that she had to be sedated.'

Australia: Queensland's Minister for women - men should "end their violence against women and children and other men"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Queensland's Minister for Women has criticised Bob Katter over his views on domestic violence, after the independent MP said overcrowding in homes was to blame for the social problem.

Karen Struthers said Mr Katter was oversimplifying the problem and called on the federal independent MP to show leadership on the issue.

"Mr Katter in his leadership role should be calling on men to take responsibility for their violence and end their violence against women and children andother men," she told ABC Radio.'

Woman guilty of trying to burn husband to death during nap

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. — A Florida woman was convicted of trying to murder her husband by setting the couple's bedroom on fire while he napped, in one of two suspected attempts to kill him, authorities said on Saturday.

Kimberly Boone, 46, who investigators believe tried twice over four months to kill Robert Boone for his life insurance money, was convicted of attempted murder and arson, a spokesman for the Seminole County Jail booking center said. She is scheduled to be sentenced on Dec. 5. A jury deliberated four hours on Friday before issuing the verdict.

Prosecutors said Kimberly Boone, a college financial aid manager from Winter Springs, Florida, set the couple's bedroom on fire in December 2008 while Robert Boone slept. She drugged her husband with the anti-anxiety medication Xanax, making it harder for him to escape the fire, they said.
...
She was not arrested for the arson and attempted murder until four months later, in April 2009, when Robert Boone was shot in the chest while checking on his wife's concern about noises in the garage.'

Wikipedia edits Men's Rights section

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this year, we learned that men greatly outnumbered women among Wikipedia editors. But now the site's article on men's rights has been through a controversial edit, and some men are calling Wikipedia "feminist propaganda."

The trouble seems to have began late last month, when editors, including one Kevin Gorman, began rewriting Wikipedia's Men's rights page. Gorman explained the rationale for his edits thus:

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I'm not going to be removing these completely, but will also be looking to repair:

Any section where MRA positions are presented as mainstream positions, or sections where most of the section is talking about MRA positions [...]

Any section that talks about issues that are specific to the global north that makes statements like "A primary concern about men's rights is..." [...]"
...
It's true that people coming to the "men's rights" page looking for information on men's rights activism may be disappointed or confused — Wikipedia might consider adding a disambiguation directing users to a page on MRAs. Such a page exists, in nascent form, under the title "Men's movement," but there's certainly room for expansion. Men's rights activism, however disturbing some of its proponents are, is a real movement deserving of (neutral, unbiased) coverage on Wikipedia. But this doesn't mean that efforts to root out biased or poorly sourced material are part of some sort of feminist conspiracy, or that attempts to close Wikipedia's gender gap are an evil matriarchal plan to take over the world's information. In fact, women in particular and rational people in general may be scared away from Wikipedia entirely if the most basic efforts to make the site "a professional and respectful environment" are recast as meddling by "dykes and dweebs."'

Wikipedia Contact: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Contact_us

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Ed. note: Re the Wikipedia Volunteer Response Team: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:VRT

Title IX Causes Inequity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While Title IX's goals are admirable, it has not worked out in practice as it was meant to. Its implementation dictated that colleges had to balance the numbers of female and male athletes to mirror the student population at their institutions. In theory, it was as simple as creating more female sports teams to even out the number of scholarship athletes between the two genders. But in practice, many males suffered as a result of this legislation.

Male athletes from all over the country were told that their sports would be cut and they would have to provide an education for themselves. Young men who had dreamt of playing a sport in college, many of whom could not pay for an education if it weren't for their full-ride scholarships, were left out to dry.

That isn't equality, but a ludicrous attempt to justify more discrimination. Not one critic of Title IX will argue that creating more athletic opportunities for women is a bad thing. But discriminating against males to fill a quota for athletic departments is just as wrong as exclusion.'

'Complaining for our rights'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Perhaps this is why I was so shocked — and yes, slightly horrified — by claims made by a men's rights organization.

Of all the ludicrous ideas that work their way into reality, never once did it occur to me that men would claim to be discriminated against.

There has been quite a bit of buzz around campus in regard to the Men's Rights Movement Group at ASU. This organization is focused on protecting men's rights on campus and eliminating male discrimination.

After reading the "key priorities" listed on their website, I couldn't help but wonder if I was looking at a sort of satirical piece or "Saturday Night Live" skit. Some bizarre goals included, "Eliminate all institutional and social gender-based discrimination, including 'Ladies nights' at bars."

Maybe I am totally off-base here, but is ladies' night really degrading any man's place in society? I will give these gentlemen the benefit of the doubt and assume gender discrimination of any form is what they're really attempting to target.'

How Social Security redistributes money from men to women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Social Security benefits are doled out according to a progressive formula, meaning that lower earners receive a bigger fraction of their lifetime earnings than higher earners in an attempt to address income inequality. But a new study shows that the wage gap between men and women wipes out a lot of that redistribution when you look at benefits received per household, rather than per individual. In other words, the gender wage gap makes Social Security benefit system a lot less progressive than it might seem, essentially redistributing funds from higher-earning men to lower-earning women. Here's what Alan L. Gustman, Thomas L. Steinmeier and Nahid Tabatabai say in their new National Bureau of Economic Research working paper:

> Studies using data from the early 1990s suggested that while the progressive Social Security benefit formula succeeded in redistributing benefits from individuals with high earnings to individuals with low earnings, it was much less successful in redistributing benefits from households with high earnings to households with low earnings. Wives often earned much less than their husbands. As a result, much of the redistribution at the individual level was effectively from high earning husbands to their own lower earning wives. In addition, spouse and survivor benefits accrue disproportionately to women from high income households. Both factors mitigate redistribution at the household level.

The Herman Cain Harassment Hit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sexual harassment returns, and now it's all about vague gestures.

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This weekend, the Politico website devoted four reporters to bringing us the horrifying tale of two anonymous women who claim Herman Cain made vaguely inappropriate gestures at them ten years ago, when he was head of the National Restaurant Association:

> On the details of Cain's allegedly inappropriate behavior with the two women, POLITICO has a half-dozen sources shedding light on different aspects of the complaints.
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> The sources — which include the recollections of close associates and other documentation — describe episodes that left the women upset and offended. These incidents include conversations allegedly filled with innuendo or personal questions of a sexually suggestive nature, taking place at hotels during conferences, at other officially sanctioned restaurant association events and at the association's offices. There were also descriptions of physical gestures that were not overtly sexual but that made women who experienced or witnessed them uncomfortable and that they regarded as improper in a professional relationship.

(Emphasis mine.) Not only has "sexual harassment" returned with a vengeance, but now it doesn't even have to be "overtly sexual."

Wrongly Accused UND Student Will Not Return To UND

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The mother of a UND student who was falsely accused of sexual assault and kicked out of school says her son will not return to UND.

Sherry Warner-Seefeld says her son Caleb Warner just wants to put the incident behind him and get on with his life. Nearly two years after being accused of rape Warner's expulsion was reversed.

Despite being cleared of the charges, Warner wasn't able to get his expulsion reversed until he brought in the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education to represent his case.

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Warner's accuser, a UND student at the time, was charged with making false allegations.

Despite being cleared of the charges, Warner wasn't able to get his expulsion reversed.

That is until just about a week ago when UND vacated the expulsion after Warner brought in the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education to represent his case.

UND had refused to reopen the case as late as August 2010.

The school told Caleb Warner not to set foot on campus for three years, after a student relations committee ruling in February 2010.'

New Zealand: Classes for teen dads

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Article here. I wonder if a similar program about child safety exists for teen girls or do they assume only teenage boys are incompetent unless taught otherwise. Excerpt:

'A new course for teenage dads is opening the eyes of young fathers to a brighter future with their children.

Run by the Otara Health Charitable Trust the Teen Parent Programme mentoring initiative is giving young fathers the confidence to be better parents.

Alom William is one of those reaping the benefits.

As the primary caregiver for both of his children, aged six and four years old, he struggled with his role as a young dad.

But the course has given him some tools to be a better father, he says.

"It was a wake-up call to learn about things like sudden unexplained death in infancy syndrome, safety for children and then the legal stuff like children's rights and access.'

'Men don high heels to raise awareness about domestic violence'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event, which assembled near at the Skowhegan Chamber of Commerce building, was organized by the Somerset Domestic Violence Task Force, Family Violence Project and Sexual Assault Crisis and Support. Organizers encouraged men to don high heels to illustrate the point that masculinity isn't about violence against women.

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"They're pretty tight, but it just represents the idea that oftentimes as men, we're sort of self-centered and don't put ourselves in someone's else's shoes. Empathy really has to be encouraged in men," Heath said. "I think all of us are here to bring into the forefront the impact domestic violence is having on families and, most importantly, women in Maine. The deaths that have resulted just this year have impacted the whole community."'

The Hattie Cabinet: Harman 'riding roughshod' over Miliband as she launches women-only frontbench team

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Harriet Harman was yesterday accused of 'riding roughshod' over Labour leader Ed Miliband after she launched a new bid to boost the power of women Labour MPs.

Ms Harman, Labour's deputy leader, sparked fury among male party colleagues by announcing that the 11 women in the Shadow Cabinet were holding their own meetings.

They said Ms Harman informed the Labour leader of the plan – already being dubbed 'Harriet's Kitchen Cabinet' – at a full Shadow Cabinet meeting earlier this month.

One witness told The Mail on Sunday that towards the end of the meeting, Ms Harman mentioned that the women members would be meeting on their own. The source added: 'The blokes on the Shadow Cabinet just looked at each other as if to say, what the hell is all this about?

'Harriet then said that as the Tories were now losing the women's vote, it was important that we made sure our policies appeal to female voters.

'But even Ed looked a bit surprised and joked, “When are the men going to meet then?” and when nobody laughed, he said, “Sorry, not a great joke.”'

'But it really is a load of politically correct, feminist claptrap. She's riding roughshod over Ed.'

Survey: More professional women choosing time over money

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new nationwide survey shows that Willis, 44, may not be alone. A women and workplace survey from More magazine shows that 43% of the women surveyed say they are less ambitious now than they were a decade ago. And only a quarter of the 500 women ages 35 to 60 say they're working toward their next promotion.

And forget about the corner office: 3 out of 4 women in the survey — 73% — say they would not apply for their boss' job. Almost 2 of 5 — 38% — report they don't want to put up with the stress, office politics and responsibility that often go hand in hand with such positions.
...

"We're bemoaning the lack of women in top Fortune 500 companies or women in political office," Seymour says. "We're sliding backwards, and here's your answer. It's because we have thrown ice water all over ambition."
...
Polling Company Inc./Woman Trend surveyed women who had at least a college degree, were employed in a professional position and had at least a $60,000 annual income if single and $75,000 if married.

Two of 3 of women reported they would prefer to have more free time than a bigger paycheck, and 2 of 5 said they would be willing to accept less money for more flexibility.'

October 2011 DAHM Newsletter Available

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Download the newsletter here. Excerpt:

'On October 27th we will celebrate our eleven year anniversary of serving victims of intimate partner violence. Quite an accomplishment when you consider that we have maintained a nationally available toll free helpline manned by an all volunteer staff with a budget that averages $15,000 or less in contributions and small grants each year.'

'Hard Hats' Still Have High Rates of Injury, Illness: Report

Minuteman · 1 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'MONDAY, Oct. 31 (HealthDay News) -- Construction workers in the United States have a high risk of work-related injuries and an increased risk of work-related illness and death, a new study shows.

Researchers analyzed data from several national sources and found that a construction worker has a 75 percent chance of suffering a disabling injury over a 45-year career, and a 1-in-200 risk of being fatally injured on the job.
...
"While great strides have been made in reducing construction injuries and illnesses, the numbers are still stubbornly high," Pete Stafford, executive director of CPWR, said in an APHA news release.'

ABC News: 'Men's Health Spotlight: The Male Mind'

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The ABC News website has a men's and women's health section. Unlike the women's health page, the men's page includes a section called -- 'Men's Health Spotlight: The Male Mind'. It seems ABC equates the male mind with violence, poor parenting, bad behavior, and excessive alcohol consumption. I should also point out the women's page has a section devoted to heart disease while no equivalent exists for men.

Some of the topics include:

Teen Sports = Teen Drinking, Teen Violence?
When Dad Couldn't Care Less About Baby
Ending Road Rage: A Subliminal Solution?
Harsh 'Reality': Getting Dumped on Live TV
Why Young Men Don't Know How to Act
Bad Boys Grow Up to Be Sick Men
Why Ask 'Why Men Buy Prostitutes?'

Cain Is Guilty Until Proven Innocent, Feminists Say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This week, after a glorious thrill ride for Americans who enjoy our national pastime — baseball — we must endure another political attack, this time on Herman Cain. I'll resist talking about the obvious: an ad hominem charge against a black conservative who, to a lefty, represents the lowest of the low. Instead, I'll focus on the real issue: In response to the two women who claim they were sexually harassed by Herman Cain, Erin Matson, a vice president for the National Organization for Women, had this to say: "It is deeply insulting that this is being called political. . . . Sexual harassment allegations are always about a woman who is simply trying to go to work."

In fact, that is rarely what sexual harassment allegations are about.

Thanks to feminists' well of grievances (hence Matson's use of the word "insulting"), sexual-harassment allegations are about women's feelings — and nowhere is this more evident than in the accusations against Cain. According to Politico's sources, the incidents in question include descriptions of gestures that were not overtly sexual but made the women who experienced them "uncomfortable."

That women now have the power to ruin men's lives using a boatload of resentment but no evidence to speak of tells you all you need to know about feminism and its effect on our society. Once a free country, in which a person was innocent until proven guilty, America has devolved into a country hell-bent on getting even with men — and what better way to do this than using sex as a weapon?'

The Campus-Rape Myth Exploded (Again)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Three and a half years ago, during the debate over Heather MacDonald's piece on the campus-rape myth, I took a look at Department of Justice statistics and concluded that she was right: While any rape is more rape than there should be, college women have nowhere near a one-in-four chance of being raped during their time on campus. In the report, the highest annual rape/sexual assault statistic I found was 3.2 per 1,000 people (in the 16-to-19 age bracket). Even if you double that rate (as it includes men, who are rarely raped) and then quadruple it (to cover four years of college), you're still left with only a few percent of women being assaulted, and only a little over half of these cases are completed rapes. If a quarter of college women were raped, this number would be much higher, even if non-college women were never raped at all.

Now, John Lott has published a table from a different Department of Justice report that breaks the numbers down by gender and college attendance. This allows me to make an even bolder assertion: Women are probably safer in college than they are outside of it. For non-student females between the ages of 18 and 24, the annual rate of rape and sexual assault is 7.9 per 1,000. (This translates to a little more than 3 percent of women being victimized over a four-year college career.) For student females, the number is 6.0 (a bit over 2 percent over four years).'

SAVE Elert: If Herman Cain were in College, He'd be Expelled by Now

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Elert here. Excerpt:

'A recent article in Politico claims that GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain was accused of sexually harassing two women during his tenure at the National Restaurant Association in the late 1990s. The accusations are sourced to a series of unnamed sources. Cain is denying the claims.

And what if Cain happened to be a student attending a university that is now required to follow the Dept. of Education's (DED) new sexual assault policy? The policy requires that colleges change their standard of proof from "clear and convincing" to a "preponderance of evidence."

What's more, the draconian DED policy says an institution must "take immediate action to eliminate the hostile environment… including taking interim steps before the final outcome of the investigation." That's why the twice-accused Cain would probably be long gone if he had been been attending the college.
...
Call Senator Leahy today. Politely yet firmly explain that the accused deserve protections too. Tell him to remove the DED sexual assault standard from VAWA:

Call: (202) 224-4242
Email: http://leahy.senate.gov/contact

Please contact Sen. Leahy's office now. Thank you for helping to make college campuses safe for everyone. '

SAVE: Bogus Sex Harassment Claims on the Upswing, Says Victim Rights Group

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Nov. 1, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Following recent publication of sexual harassment claims against presidential candidate Herman Cain, a leading victim-rights organization is deploring the use of such accusations as a political maneuver. Resurrected in the middle of a closely fought political campaign, such allegations rob true victims of their credibility and trivialize the problem, according to Stop Abusive and Violent Environments.

This past Sunday, Politico published an article that recounted charges by two unnamed women of alleged "inappropriate behavior" by Herman Cain when he was the president of the National Restaurant Association. The Politico essay describes the behavior as "conversations allegedly filled with innuendo or personal questions of a sexually suggestive nature" and "physical gestures that were not overtly sexual."

False allegations of sexual misconduct have been leveled against candidates of both political parties, including former Vice President Al Gore and Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown.'

IA: Thank You for Helping Us Make an Impact at this Year's AAP Conference

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Last week, members of the Intact America team—Georganne Chapin, Amy Callan, Marilyn Milos (of NOCIRC), and Dan Bollinger—traveled to Boston to attend the annual conference of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Thanks to your financial support, we were able to publish an Open Letter in the Sunday edition of the Boston Globe, as well as an ad in the conference's daily newspaper, inviting pediatricians to visit our booth.

And visit they did! Hundreds of doctors stopped by to talk with us about circumcision, and why we're fighting to bring an end to the practice:

- Many sided with us, taking literature with them to distribute to their patients;
- Dozens of physicians from overseas were appalled that the practice is so widespread in the United States;
- Others debated with us, and we spent a great deal of time educating them and spreading the message that circumcision is unnecessary, harmful, and wrong.
- We also—more than ever before—spent a great deal of time educating doctors about the value and functions of the foreskin, the average age of retractability (10.4 years), and the need to refrain from premature forced retraction.

Read the full conference report

While the conference is behind us, we still have so much work to do! Rumors abound that the AAP as well as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) will be issuing new policies recommending circumcision. These organizations cannot ignore the ethics—i.e., it's medically unnecessary surgery performed on patients who cannot consent. And if they state that it's wrong to cut the genitals of girls, then they MUST state it's wrong to cut the genitals of boys.

How can you help? Send a message telling doctors to Put Down The Knife!

Justin Bieber sued for paternity despite having been 16 when alleged sex occurred

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Story here. Talk about hutzpah. A 19-year-old woman in essence confesses to committing statutory rape of a 16-year-old and demands paternity. Bieber denies his alleged paternity but that isn't the point. If they did have sex when he was 16, isn't that statutory rape on the woman's part? And if so, why isn't she under arrest? The law as we know generally doesn't care about these details. If it can assign paternity even to a minor, it will, even if the mother was a statutory rapist at the time of the impregnation. Excerpt:

'A 20-year-old California woman has filed a bombshell lawsuit against teen pop icon Justin Bieber alleging he is the father of her three-month-old baby boy, Star magazine is exclusively reporting in its new issue.

Mariah Yeater is demanding the singer take a paternity test "to scientifically confirm" he is the father of the child, according to court papers obtained by Star.

The papers were filed in late October and Yeater asks the court for Bieber "to provide adequate support for my baby."

In an affadavit signed under penalty of perjury Yeater says she was 19 years old when she had sex with the underage star backstage at one of his concerts in Los Angeles.'

Movember: Get your mustache on and raise money for prostate cancer

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Article here.

'Movember is a movement that started in Australia in 2003 that has men all across the globe growing mustaches for a good cause - to raise money and awareness for men's health issues. It reached the United States' shores in 2006.

But there are actual rules for the event, set forth by the nonprofit group.

First of all, the man must start the month of November clean-shaven. Secondly, throughout the month the 'stache must be kept nicely shaped. No touching of the side burns to the 'stache (beard), no joining the mustache to chin hair (goatee).

The goal is raise money and awareness of men's health, specifically prostate cancer and other cancers that affect men. The money each man raises is donated to programs run directly by the Movember group, plus the Prostate Cancer Foundation and LiveStrong.

The month was kicked off with the fifth annual "Stache Bash," held by the American Mustache Institute in Chicago.

Check out the Movember website for more information. Movember says that so far, the movement has raised over $170 million.'

Assange loses appeal against extradition order

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has lost his appeal against extradition to Sweden, where prosecutors want to question him about sexual assault allegations.

Two judges at the High Court in London rejected the 40-year-old Australian's arguments that his extradition would be unlawful.

They ruled the Swedish arrest warrant stands and Mr Assange should face questioning over the allegations made by two former volunteers of his WikiLeaks organisation.

Mr Assange showed no emotion as the result was read out and outside court he said the European arrest warrant under which he has been held was too restrictive.

"It prevents UK courts from considering the facts of a case, as judges have made clear here today," he said.'

Swedish Gender Politics and the Assange case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Brita Sundberg-Weitman, a Swedish lawyer, retired judge and distinguished jurist, spoke of Sweden's gender politics and the Assange case at the February Hearing:

"Outsiders will not be aware of the role gender plays in politics in Sweden. In recent years, elements of the Social Democrat Party, including one of the complainants who is a well-known and aspiring Social Democrat politician and her lawyer, Mr Borgström, and some public officials like Ms Ny have taken the lead in amending Swedish law so as to try to make it more favourable to women. This has become a matter of political debate, but at a legal level, although some reforms have been welcome, there is a concern that others are actually producing unfairness and discrimination against men."

"It is a fact that people like Marianne Ny and Claes Borgström have worked in cooperation on different issues in efforts to produce our new, more stringent sexual offence laws. It is a fact that Marianne Ny was one of the experts for the recent law reform committee which published a report in 2010 recommending even more harsh sexual offence legislation. It is a fact that Marianne Ny approved the contents of that report which concluded that, unlike the law of England and Wales, Swedish rape law is not based upon lack of consent and which specifically rejects any recommendation that Swedish law be amended to adopt the English law approach where rape is based on consent (see page 125 of SOU 2010: 71)."
...

"Like Mr Borgström, Ms Ny is a well known feminist. For example, she is known to have said that when a woman says she has been assaulted by a man, the man ought to be detained because it is not until he is in prison that the woman may have the peace to consider whether or not she has been mistreated. Ms Ny has stated that she believes that imprisoning the man has a positive effect, "even in cases where the perpetrator is prosecuted but not convicted". It is also informative, in regards to the presumption of innocence, that she uses the term 'perpetrator' rather than 'defendant' or 'suspect' in discussing criminal investigation in rape cases."'

'The Gender War (Könskriget), pt2 [1/6] English subs'
http://www.youtube.com/user/figaropravda#p/u/11/isMK21PY7wc

Babysitter gets lifetime probation for 'sexual relationship' with teen boy who committed suicide

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Colorado woman whose whirlwind sexual relationship with a teen boy she babysat ended in the boy's suicide got tossed in jail and hit with a probation stint that could last a while.

Brenda Harding, 30, of Canon City, pleaded guilty to a charge of sexual assault on a child. She was sentenced to 90 days in jail in addition to 10 years to life on probation, KRDO reported.

She began hooking up with 15-year-old Tristen Hagen, of Buena Vista, Colo. while working as his caregiver.

The terms of her sentence forbid her from having contact with anyone under the age of 18 until a risk assessment is completed - a ruling that includes her own two children. She also must register as a sex offender.

Hagen committed suicide in April after Harding ended the relationship at the urging of the teen's father, who had begun to suspect they were involved in hanky panky. He died of a drug overdose.'

Defending Military Parents' Child Custody Rights: F & F Helps Embattled Nurse in CO Supreme Court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families and its legislative representative Michael Robinson have been at the forefront of the fight to protect military servicemembers' often tenuous child custody rights. We've successfully worked to pass military parent legislation in dozens of states, including Ohio, Georgia, California, Indiana, Nevada, and Arizona in the past 18 months. In the coming weeks, we will be reporting on cases where military parents have used this legislation to protect their loving bonds with their children. To see an updated chart of military parent legislation nationwide, click here or on the image.

While the family court system in general is biased against fathers, Fathers and Families has repeatedly warned that there are fathers who have learned how to work the system against mothers, and use it to their unjust advantage. When this occurs, Fathers and Families is on the side of the mother whose loving bonds with her children are being endangered.'

Rights group says that Moroccan women are also guilty of harassment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the number of Moroccan women subjected to sexual harassment increases and women's rights organizations call for taking measures against culprits, the Moroccan Network for the Rights of Men (Réseau Marocain pour la Défense des Droits des Hommes – RMDDH) announced that women are not the only victims of sexual harassment.

The number of men harassed by women is still lower than that of women harassed by men, but that does not mean the phenomenon does not exist, said Abdul Fattah Bahjaji, RMDDH president.

"Cases of women harassing men usually occur in the workplace where the woman is in a more senior position, or with drivers and janitors," he told Al Arabiya. "The man is usually dismissed from his job if he does not comply."

Commenting on the demonstration women rights organizations are planning to stage in two weeks to protest harassment, Bahjaji stressed that the harassment of women is a demeaning and violent act and that it should be curbed.

However, he objected to the generalizations with which such campaigns are characterized.

"Not every Moroccan man is a molester and generalization is very dangerous because it widens the gap between men and women at the time when all Moroccans are supposed to unite to fight more important battles."'

Israel: Men's retirement age higher than women's, attempt to raise women's blocked

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Knesset Labor, Welfare and Health Committee, chaired by MK Haim Katz (Likud), today unanimously approved for its first reading a bill that states the retirement age for women age will not be later than 62, against the position of the Ministry of Finance.

On the basis of the bill proposed by Katz and MK Ilan Gilon (Meretz), the current situation will remain unchanged, and women will be able to apply for early payment of their old age pensions from the age of 62, based on means tests.

Katz said, "Precisely at a time of social protest, the Ministry of Finance is trying to harm hundreds of thousands of women for no reason."

An expert source slammed the decision, calling it "populism that contradicts demographic trends characteristic of Israeli society. The decision is based on a desire to appear socially aware."
...
The Ministry of Finance said in response, "The budget cost of keeping the retirement age unchanged is NIS 1.1 billion. The actuarial deficit created is estimated at NIS 4 billion. The only way to offset this deficit is by reducing men's rights in old pension funds."'

Yet another Cain accuser surfaces

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Article here. Suddenly, after all this time, this woman finds his behavior disturbing enough to talk about -- to the press, and anonymously -- years after the fact. Incredible timing. And her actual complaint? Read about it. Why did it not bother her so much as to discuss it back then (all the way back in last century, actually) but suddenly it does now? I want to be clear here, I am not taking political sides in the matter of Republicans v. Democrats in the 2012 election (though like all taxpayers ought to, I do vote). This is about character assassination against men done for political or other reasons by using accusations of sexual or sexually-related misconduct of one kind or another. It makes it hard to be credible when one lodges such a complaint only after a particular man has become prominent or wealthy. The farther away in time after the alleged act has occurred that one has a problem with, the harder it is to take the accusation seriously. Finally, add the level of severity of the alleged offense. An invitation to one's apartment? An "off-color" joke? Ambiguous, *possibly* "sexual" hand gestures? Now add all these factors together and you see what I mean.

'WASHINGTON (AP) — A third former employee says she considered filing a workplace complaint over what she considered aggressive and unwanted behavior by Herman Cain when she worked for the presidential candidate in the 1990s. She says the behavior included a private invitation to his corporate apartment.

She worked for the National Restaurant Association when he was its head. She told The Associated Press that Cain made sexually suggestive remarks or gestures about the same time that two co-workers had settled separate harassment complaints against him.

The employee described situations in which she said Cain told her he had confided to colleagues how attractive she was and invited her to his corporate apartment outside work. She spoke on condition of anonymity, saying she feared retaliation.

Cain's campaign declined to comment.'

Who Are Herman Cain's Accusers?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A third woman considered filing a workplace complaint against Herman Cain at the National Restaurant Association over what was termed aggressive and unwanted behavior, with invitations to his corporate apartment, according to a report in the Associated Press. Meanwhile, a radio host in Iowa said that the candidate had made "awkward" and "inappropriate" comments to staffers at the station during a visit earlier this year.

Cain has already denounced the two previous allegations of sexual harassment against him as false, and suggested at least one of the women was a poor worker. But an ABC News investigation found that both women are highly respected professionals who have gone on to successful careers in and around government.

One woman in Maryland has worked for years as a public spokesperson for various agencies of the federal government.

Her case appears to be the one Cain has described in his round of interviews, saying she was a writer working in the trade group's communications department.
...
Cain's recollection of the reported financial settlements has changed through the week. At first he said he was unaware of any settlement, then said an accuser had been paid three months salary, then upped that to three to six months salary.

Today, the New York Times reported that one of the women had accepted a settlement from the NRA that was worth a full year's pay, $35,000.

Said employment lawyer David Scher, "When you pay someone a year of salary to resolve a case, that means the company probably thought there was some merit to it."'

Houston Murder-for-Hire: Mistress Testifies at Alleged Hit Man's Trial

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Houston woman who has confessed to hiring a hit man to murder her lover's wife testified at the alleged killer's trial that she gave him $15,000 in cash and told him where and when to gun down the woman.

Michelle Gaiser told the jury how she arranged to have Houston socialite Yvonne Stern murdered in her car while it was parked in the lot of her apartment building. The mistress of Yvonne Stern's husband, millionaire attorney Jeffrey Stern, spent the entire day on the stand, sobbing nearly the entire time.

"I made a horrible mistake, and there isn't a day that goes by that I don't feel ashamed of what I have done," Gaiser, taking the stand in her jail jumpsuit, told the court.

Jeffrey Stern has been indicted on solicitation of capital murder charges, while five other people, including Gaiser, have been charged in the plot. Prosecutors are presenting a case that Gaier plotted with Jeffrey Stern to pay alleged hit man Damien Flores to shoot his wife.'

On YouTube: "Feminism is the WORST thing to happen to women" (Suzanne Venker's NPR interview)

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Video here. "Feminism is the worst thing to happen to women", says Suzanne Venker in her best-selling book "The Flipside of Feminism". (Uploaded by MensRightsVideos on Aug 3, 2011)

Letter to the Editor: Many men victims of abuse as well

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'As an organization that works with male victims of domestic violence, we would like to respond to the article, "Men called to fight abuse" (Oct. 21). The article incorrectly states that 95 percent of domestic violence is committed by men.

That figure is not supported by any current, reliable source. Even crime data from the Department of Justice, which is unreliable because men report it less than women, now shows about 25-30 percent of the victims are men.'

The original article submitted to MANN on 10/15/2011:
Men are called to fight abuse

Females worse in technical tests due to lack of interest

Broadsword · 3 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Researchers at the University of Iowa found that the difference in performance in technical tests wasn't related to intelligence - and it had no impact on job performance.

Young women simply aren't interested in the tests, but can adapt to the same skills if required for a job.
...
He found that at all intelligence levels women score lower on technical aptitude than men at the same intelligence level.

Schmidt suggests this difference stems from sex differences in interest in technical pursuits.
...

He warns, also that using technical aptitude tests as part of a general intelligence test may cause women to do worse.

He suggests that teachers should ensure that technical tests are not a part of general intelligence tests - as these yield distorted results.

'That is quite possible today. You can either not use technical aptitude tests or you can use them and counterbalance them,' he says, with tests that women tend to do better on, like verbal tests.'

UK: The generation of young women drowning in debt as figures show insolvencies among under 35s soar

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Half of Britons being plunged into insolvency are women, the highest proportion since records began, a report revealed yesterday.

It predicts official figures, which will be published tomorrow, will show women account for nearly 50 per cent of all insolvencies in England and Wales for the first time in history.

Experts say they fear it is proof that women have paid the biggest price for the recession, with hundreds of thousands losing their jobs.

More than one million women in Britain are unemployed, with numbers growing by around 500 a day, amid warnings of worse to come.

Many women who do have a job are frustrated because they have been forced into part-time work, which is typically badly paid.

Women also account for around two-thirds of the State workforce, which means they have been more affected by the Government's cull of the public sector.
...
The rise is being driven by young women in financial difficulty – they make up 65 per cent of insolvencies in the 18 to 25-year-old age group, and 54 per cent of the 26 to 35-year-olds.

Mark Sands, head of personal insolvency at RSM Tenon, said it was a 'bleak day for female credit ratings up and down the UK'.'

Who Is the Woman Who Says Justin Bieber Is Her Baby's Daddy?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'San Diego native Mariah Yeater alleges Justin Bieber impregnated her backstage at a concert a year ago when she was 19 and he was 16.

Beiber through his rep has denied the charge, saying it was “sad that someone would fabricate malicious, defamatory and demonstrably false claims. We will vigorously pursue all available legal remedies to defend and protect Justin against these allegations."

So who exactly is the woman who has turned Bieber Town upside down?

According to the court documents she filed to seek a paternity test and child support from Bieber, Yeater, 20, was on food stamps when she acquired front row tickets to Bieber’s Los Angeles concert last year, and was subsequently plucked from the crowd by security to meet the star backstage.
...
Under California law, Yeater may also be admitting to be a statutory rapist, having allegedly had intercourse with a minor. Yeater claims to be 19 and the time of the alleged incident, while Bieber was only 16.

“If someone over 18 has sex with someone under 18 it is called ‘unlawful sex with a minor’,” California Criminal Defense attorney David Wohl told FOX411’s Pop Tarts column. “I'm very surprised this woman would come forward claiming Bieber fathered her child. In most states this would be seen as an admission to statutory rape. Perhaps she feels it is worth the risk in order to cash in on some potentially huge child support dollars.”'

Bieber: Alleged statutory rape victim?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The New York Post has noted that under normal circumstances, this would not normally draw the attention of prosecutors, both because of the limited age difference between the two and because underage males are oftentimes perceived as being left unscathed by sexual experiences with slightly older women. But the high profile of this case might change that. Steve Cron, a California defense lawyer, told the Post: “Under these circumstances, the DA’s office has to show they’re not treating women differently, not treating a celebrity differently, [and] they might have to do something.”

While there are many questions that remain to be answered, if it is determined that the allegations against Bieber are true, Yeater has opened herself up to prosecution. If Yeater were found guilty of misdemeanor statutory rape, she would likely be punished with probation. But it adds yet another complicating legal issue to what promises to be one of the more high profile paternity suits in years.'

Zimbabwe: Ten Myths About Men

Matt · 3 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Zimmetro — Myths are everywhere and men face stereotypes every day as well as women. I often hear heart-broken women saying that all men are well, bad, to put it gently, and her friends are nodding in agreement. Generalizations are pertinent to humans but most times stereotypes only do harm. Let's debunk some myths about men.

#1 Men Are Not Emotional
Have you ever seen a male teen making a scene because of some trifle? Well, child or teen males are always taught to be more restrained when it comes to emotions. In childhood men always hear: "Don't cry, you're not a girl." So with such upbringing, which is supposed to prepare males to their future social roles no wonder why men don't gladly share their feelings with wives or God forbid their friends. It just seems not too manly.

Some men want to be seen in one and only role – aggressive male, but people are too different for that. Often men are not too happy to be that, feeling that there is more to them than just testosterone.'

Herman Cain meets Washington's 'scandal industrial complex'

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Article here. Good piece but he completely neglects the fact that if Cain were a she, even if she had done anything like he is alleged to have done if not much worse, even the most provable and verifiable such allegation would get no exposure at all. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- If Herman Cain committed sexual harassment and is now lying about it, his goose is cooked and it should be. But if he is telling the truth, there is something terribly disconcerting about the way the Washington "scandal industrial complex" -- full of reporters, former campaign workers and pundits -- has reacted to this sad story.

After the story broke in Politico, Cain the next day denied that he sexually harassed anyone, which after all, is the core issue. Since then, other anonymous sources claim they too were harassed, without anyone really knowing what the alleged harassment entailed. He has been consistent, unwavering and on the record in his denial.

But that's not good enough for the way things work in Washington, where the manner in which he reacted to the news is said to be a sign of whether he would make a good president. He is being assailed because he remembered more information and therefore "his story changed," an unforgivable development for those who cover scandal news.'

Ten costly sports divorces

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Oct. 31, 2011, the world was blindsided by the news that reality TV star Kim Kardashian was divorcing her husband, National Basketball Association star Kris Humphries. The couple had married on Aug. 20, 2011, in a storybook wedding worth $10 million. A mere 72 days later, however, Kardashian had filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences.

Fortunately, the couple had a prenuptial agreement in place, so each party is likely to walk away with their finances intact.

This puts Humphries in a better situation than many of his fellow divorced sports personalities, many of whom never had such a contract in place prior to exchanging vows. Maybe they believed they truly would live happily ever after with their spouses, or perhaps they never knew they needed one in the first place.

Either way, they failed to protect themselves, and it cost them dearly.
...

• Jeff Gordon and Brooke Sealey

Gordon's first wife, Brooke Sealey, filed for divorce in 2002, citing "marital misconduct." Although the full details of the settlement were not disclosed, the Associated Press reported that Sealey would receive a guaranteed $15.3 million from the sale of two homes.

• Michael Jordan and Juanita Vanoy

In 2002, the couple filed for divorce. They reconciled, but in 2006 they filed papers again, and that time it stuck. Juanita Vanoy Jordan was awarded $168 million in the divorce settlement.

• Greg Norman and Laura Andrassy

In 2006, Norman announced that he and Andrassy were divorcing after 25 years of marriage, refusing to give a reason for the dissolution and flatly denying that there had been a third party involved. Whatever the reasons for the split, Andrassy walked away with a settlement of $105 million.'

UK: Fathers will be denied the right to have a 'meaningful relationship' with their families, report suggests

Broadsword · 4 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Fathers and grandparents will not be given any legal right to see children after a break-up, under the biggest changes to family law in a generation.

In what was immediately denounced as a ‘betrayal’ of the family, a major report today rules against giving men shared or equal time with their children when a relationship ends.

It suggests fathers will even be denied the legal right to maintain a ‘meaningful relationship’ with their families, as this ‘would do more harm than good’.

...

The report says: ‘No legislation should be introduced that creates or risks creating the perception that there is a parental right to substantially shared or equal time for both parents.’

...

Mr Norgrove believes that enshrining such rights in law could slow down already lengthy and expensive custody cases.

Instead, the courts will simply have to consider the benefits of a meaningful relationship when they decide where children should live and how often they should see each parent.

The final report flatly rejected claims by fathers’ rights groups that the current system is biased – despite figures showing that 93 per cent of custody battles are won by the mother.'

Texas mom pleads guilty in death of son in NH

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BRENTWOOD, N.H. (AP) — A Texas mother pleaded guilty Friday to killing her 6-year-old son in New Hampshire and disposing of his body in rural Maine, and a prosecutor said the woman smothered her son with motel room pillows and the child struggled against her for "about three minutes" before he died.

In a deal with prosecutors, Julianne McCrery, 42, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of her son, Camden Hughes.

She is expected to be to be sentenced to 45 years to life in prison on Jan. 13, 2012.

After her arrest, McCrery told police she drove cross-country from Irving, Texas to Maine to buy castor beans to use in committing suicide, and spent the drive thinking of ways to kill her young son, Senior Assistant Attorney General Susan Morrell said in court.

"There was no one else in her family she believed was fit to raise him if she were dead and she did not think he should be raised by social services," Morrell said.'

Justin Bieber was Mariah Yeater's second-choice baby daddy?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When Mariah Yeater accused Justin Bieber of being the father of her baby, she said he was the only one who could've done the deed. But what about the former boyfriend she allegedly identified as the baby daddy back in December?

...

Former boyfriend John Terranova, 18, heard from Yeater in December that she was pregnant and he was the father, Terranova's grandmother Frances Lippe told TMZ. Long story short: That who's-the-daddy visit led to an alleged argument, capped by an alleged window-breaking by Yeater, followed by an alleged return by Yeater to discuss paying for said window, finally wrapped up with Yeater's arrest on suspicion of domestic violence after police were called to sort out the second argument that broke out, which allegedly included Yeater slapping her ex repeatedly. (She's due in court Dec. 12 to deal with that charge.)

...

Also noted by Team Yeater: Despite the age difference — she's 20 now, he's 17, and a year ago they were, well, each a year younger — she would "not technically" need to worry about statutory rape charges, because in this case it would only be a misdemeanor, and a $5,000 fine would be worth it if she got the child support she's seeking.'

Woman suing Bieber faces Vegas battery trial

anthony · 4 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LAS VEGAS (AP) — A San Diego woman who claims pop star Justin Bieber fathered her 3-month-old son has a court date in Las Vegas on allegations she slapped an ex-boyfriend.

Court records show 20-year-old Mariah Yeater (YAY'-ter) faces a bench trial Dec. 12 on a misdemeanor battery charge that could get her six months in jail and a $1,000 fine.

A police report says Yeater slapped her 18-year-old ex-boyfriend Dec. 21, 2010. The two were arguing about a window broken on the car of the his new girlfriend.'

UK: The Norgrove Report reviewed

Matt · 5 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email from a reader:

Yesterday the Norgrove report was published in the UK. It will define family policy for years to come and will describe the guiding principles of how fathers will be valued in the family:

http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/publications/policy/moj/family-justice-review-final-report.pdf

It's fair to say this is one of darkest days in English civil rights history. The report seeks to wipe away any claims fathers might have to a right to “family”. The new priority is to focus on minimising conflict at the cost of parental contact (read fathers' contact) in the case of entrenched and continued conflict. So ultimately all a mother need do to exclude a father is to refuse to agree to any of his “requests” to see his children and any access to family can be summarily removed from him on the grounds that further conflict in the matter is only going to harm the children. Needless to say the report was required to do a little shuffling around the subject of maintenance payments. I include a couple of telling excerpts from the report by way of demonstration should anyone not have the stomach to read the whole thing, and who could blame you.

If anyone doubted the gender discrimination of this report they need only compare sections:

[Section 109]

"The child's welfare should be the courts paramount consideration,..."

"... no legislation should be introduced that creates or risks creating the perception that there is a parental right to substantially shared or equal time for both parents. "

So when it comes to custody the issue of excluding one parent from contact with their children has no significant impact on the child's welfare worthy of comment.

[Section 129]

"Parents often make in their own minds a link between contact and maintenance...

"The focus should be on the right of children to be supported by both their parents emotionally, financially and practically, and parents have a responsibility to provide this."

Now when he wants to underline the need for fathers to pay-up, the report leads with the importance of emotional support before mentioning the finances. Sandwiching the word financially between emotionally and practically to ease it's palatability.

Spin, purely and simply, a report which in its conception was supposed to have an unbiased analysis how best to serve the needs and the rights of the people of the country with relation to family law is worded to manipulate the issue and deliver a pre-selected message that the rights of children and their fathers' are secondary to those of women.

Tom Martin law suit effort update

Matt · 5 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via email from Tom:

Press release, Friday, November 4th, 2011:

Tom Martin, the man suing the London School of Economics (LSE) for sex discrimination in one of its gender studies Masters degrees, appears in a new video asking LSE students if they think discrimination against men in a curriculum is justifiable, as the university's defence team have argued.

Some students get aggressive, telling Tom that discrimination against men in a curriculum is indeed justifiable, as '… men don't face any discrimination'. Those who claim to have read gender studies or feminist literature appear to be the most ignorant, aggressive and oppressive on gender politics – opposing men's issues debates outright. Tom says “Elite students should be aware, that to espouse such bias and man-hatred is completely wrong - but a lot of the students I spoke to don't seem to have an internal alarm bell. They just blurt it out. We have all learnt to recognize and reject misogyny, now its time the educational establishment accept, and teach, that misandry is completely unacceptable too.”

The case still awaits an initial trial date, and Tom asks all those interested in supporting equality for men in education to donate to the fighting fund at http://sexismbusters.org/ - 49 men and women from six countries have done so, the total currently standing at £1375, with a further £900 needed for further vital legal advice fees in preparation for the initial court hearing.

Tom also asks people to like, follow or subscribe on youtube, twitter and facebook - and do anything else they can to keep spreading the word.

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For media and all other enquires, Tom can be contacted directly at sexismbusters@hotmail.com

Thank you!

43-YO woman charged with 'having sex' with a 12-YO boy

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A 43 year old Orange County woman is charged with having sex with a 12 year old boy. Here is the article. Excerpt:

'A 43-year-old Fountain Valley woman was charged with having sex with a 12-year-old boy who was her son's friend, authorities said Thursday afternoon.

Patricia Ann Serrano is charged with three felony counts of lewd acts on a child under 14 with a sentencing enhancement for substantial sexual conduct with a child, the Orange County district attorney's office said. She is scheduled for a continued arraignment Friday.

In October, Serrano allegedly had sex with the boy twice -- in a car and in her home, according to the district attorney' office.

The boy's mother discovered Serrano in a room with the victim. Serrano had allegedly been kissing the boy, but the mother did not observe any wrongdoing, the district attorney's office said. The mother became suspicious and alerted police.'

More on Justin: Paying Your Rapist

el cid · 5 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Posting because of an interesting statement by the alleged mom's attorney:

'It's illegal in California to have sex with someone under age 18. If the other person is not more than three years older, it is a misdemeanor, which carries up to a one-year jail sentence.

"The issue of statutory rape, even if she's guilty, hypothetically, that has no bearing on the duties to provide child support," said one of Yeater's lawyers, Matthew Pare. "It's a totally separate issue."

Pare said he and his client have not been contacted by authorities or anyone representing Bieber. He said Yeater is a stay-at-home mother who is looking for adequate child support if a paternity test determines Bieber is the father.'

That's the way the system works, guys. Can you imagine any woman paying child support to her rapist?

Dalai Lama says "Sex spells trouble"... if he only knew

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Although it's from 29 Nov 2008, this quote was still relevant today. From the opening of the article:

"LAGOS - THE Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual and temporal leader, on Friday said sex spelt fleeting satisfaction and trouble later, while chastity offered a better life and 'more freedom'.

'Sexual pressure, sexual desire, actually I think is short period satisfaction and often, that leads to more complication,' the Dalai Lama told reporters in a Lagos hotel, speaking in English without a translator.

He said conjugal life caused 'too much ups and downs.'"

Editorial remark:

The Dalai Lama's quote is particularly relevant to the mens' rights movement because the source of women's power over men is sex. If men stop being so entranced by heterosexual sex, they spare themselves all sorts of trouble, and avoid being ensnared by women's traps. Without sex, men would not need to worry about paying child support, alimony, or splitting one's assets 50/50 at the time of a divorce. Without sex, parental alienation would not be an issue. Without sex, men would avoid a lot of women's drama and women's sh*t tests. In the absence of sex, without anything to trade with men, women are likely to be a whole lot less manipulative of men.

For those of us men who aren't quite ready to be celibate, the Dalai Lama's words are still relevant. If we could significantly downplay the importance of sex with women, then we are likely to discover that we have both greater personal freedom and also greater self-respect.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg: "We would have a healthier world...if men shared...responsibility for bringing up the next generation."

Matt · 6 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc A.:

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg recently told California Lawyer Magazine: "In fact, I've said quite often that if I were to invent an affirmative action plan, it would be to give men every incentive to be close to children. We would have a healthier world, I think, if men shared women's responsibility for bringing up the next generation."

Does this mean she would have affirmative action for fathers in child custody cases?

India: In coping with stress, men could be the weaker sex

anthony · 7 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In India, as many as 61,453 married men ended their lives in 2010, compared to 31,754 women. After Chennai, Bangalore tops the list with 515 husbands taking the extreme step. Also, the rate of suicides among married men has almost doubled in the last 15 years. This makes us wonder whether more men are at the receiving end in marriages, or are there other issues that men face that need to be addressed.

According to Sneha Fernandes, counsellor at Transforming Lives, an organisation which provides family counselling, unlike women, men do not have options to vent their feelings of depression or frustration. “Women are expressive. They talk to their friends or family and depend on them for support. Whereas men are used to bottling up their feelings. I meet so many married men who just want someone to talk to and cry, but don’t find the comfort in their partners.

...

Several groups to protect men’s rights have sprung up in the City and they opine that the Indian laws favour women leaving men in a very disadvantageous position in legal issues.

“I get 8-10 calls a week from men who are subjected to domestic violence. Even the police don’t take them seriously when they complain about their wife or in-laws. Section 498 of the IPC or the dowry law favours women, irrespective of whether they are right or wrong,” says Virag Dhulia, member of Confidare, India’s first community centre for men’s rights.

He says there is an absolute lack of awareness about men’s problems and that there is a need for a strong social support system and an official communication channel for men to come out with their problems.'

Report: NH female inmates not treated same as men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CONCORD, N.H.—New Hampshire may be violating the civil rights of its female prisoners by not giving them access to the same programs as male inmates, according to a two-year study released Monday.

The New Hampshire Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights said in its report that the inexcusable disparities warrant action by New Hampshire to end the unequal treatment of female inmates. A spokesman for the Department of Corrections said the agency supports the committee's findings.

Committee Chairman Jordan Budd said the group lacks enforcement power to ensure that happens and hopes New Hampshire will act because it is morally and legally bound by the U.S. Constitution to ensure that women and men are treated equally and to correct an intolerable situation.

The report concludes that the state's failure to address the deficient conditions "reflects on the state's acquiescence in the kind of sex stereotyping that has long consigned women to an inferior place in the American workplace and economy."'

For contrast: California: Male prisoners must drink unsafe water while female prisoners get bottled water -- Posted on MANN -- 2008-12-29

Wilkes: Why Open Marriages Benefit Women

anthony · 7 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Cultivated femininity … in large part, that's what an open marriage represents.

Despite what "they" tell us ("they" being Cosmo magazine editors and other such "feminist fighters"), open marriages are at least as beneficial to wives as to husbands, if not more so. Husbands are easily satisfied: They simply need their wives to act like their girlfriends (that's why I'm a loud defender of mistresses, by the way).

Wives, though … wives need more, different, new.

I hear from so many women who wish their husbands would agree to an open marriage, and I hear from so many women who are lucky enough to be in an open marriage and who cite that as a main reason that they are such attentive wives.

Now, to be clear, I don't endorse sex outside of marriage. Pretty much without exception. Which is precisely why open marriages are so well-suited to women: Women don't benefit from the extramarital sex itself, but from the prelude to it and the possibility of it.'

Call to action - radical feminist site advocates eradication, biological 'correction' of men

sirprince · 7 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Most of you may not have heard of Radicalhub.wordpress.com, but this site is a growing presence on the feminist blogosohere. That may be of little consequence, but it has now started a worrying theme of advocating what it calls a "resolution" - in effect the eradication at worst or the systematic exclusion at best of the human male.

One of the comments from the article...

re men: yes, they are the problem, and womyn will have to realise this. Men are the carriers of a Y chromosome that makes them the way they are, I believe Womyn have to be strongly aware of the posibility of men's inherent sadism and cruelty.

There are many comments like this, all of which are perfectly in keeping with the overall meme of the article and of the site as a whole.

All of you need to spread the word about this vile hate-speech. A Voice for Men has already flagged this, but as many men as possible need to know about this. So alert as many pro-male sites/blogs as you can; this type of misandry cannot be left unchallenged.

Some of us thought this type of extreme rad-feminism died out in the '70s; let this be a warning to men that unless we stand up now this type of rampant hate may just become mainstream...

Iowa jury convicts woman who shot neighbor in 2001

Matt · 8 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'FORT DODGE, Iowa (AP) — An Iowa jury convicted a woman Monday of murder in the 2001 death of her 20-year-old neighbor, rejecting her claim that she shot him to protect herself and her three children during a home invasion.

Prosecutors maintained there was no home invasion and Tracey Richter, now 45, killed Dustin Wehde to keep him quiet about his role in a convoluted plot to frame her ex-husband. They said Richter lured Wehde to her home in Early in December 2001, had him write in a pink notebook that her ex-husband hired him to kill her and her son and then shot him nine times with two guns.

Richter was involved in a custody fight at the time, and prosecutors say she was trying to gain an advantage before an upcoming hearing to keep from losing her son and $1,000-a-month child support payments.'

Bieber Accuser Says He Went From Cute to Aggressive

Matt · 8 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Good grief. Is there no end to the foolishness? Now he's the rapist. Story here. Excerpt:

'The 20-year-old woman who claims Justin Bieber fathered her now 4-month-old son says the pop star was “aggressive” and refused to wear a condom the night she says he got her pregnant.

“His whole demeanor changed,” Mariah Yeater told “The Insider” in an interview airing Monday night. “It went from cute and gushy…to just more aggressive.”

Yeater’s paternity suit against Bieber, 17, claims their tryst in a backstage bathroom at the Staples Center in Los Angeles following a concert in October 2010 resulted in the birth of her son Tristyn Anthony Markhouse Yeater this July.'

Chicago Woman Claims Herman Cain Wanted Her to Trade Sex for Job

Matt · 8 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Anonymous reports of flirting (*gasp*!), ambiguous hand gestures, comments about a woman's height being like his own wife's (that cad!), and even suggestions around going back to his room just weren't doing the trick. So now... it's full-on sexual harassment as legally defined, rather than as defined in WST101 textbooks or college campus conduct codes. Wonder what's next, will he be rumored to eat kittens (only female ones) for breakfast, too? Excerpt:

'Sharon Bialek of Chicago became the first woman accusing Herman Cain of sexual harassment to go public Monday, describing an alleged incident in Washington in 1997 in which the presidential contender, then the president of the National Restaurant Association stuck his hand up her skirt and tried to pull her head toward his crotch.

"I said, 'What are you doing?'" alleged Bialek, who said she had contacted Cain for help getting a job. "You know I have a boyfriend. This isn't what I came here for."

According to Bialek, Cain answered, "You want a job, right?"

Bialek claims that after the incident she rejoined her boyfriend and told him that Cain had been "sexually inappropriate." She also said she had confronted Cain recently at a Tea Party event and asked him, "Do you remember me?" and that he had confirmed that he remembered her and "he kind of looked uncomfortable."'

Where were all the blue ribbons?

Anonymous · 8 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Is it just me, or do most men get upset with all the pink breast cancer products out there (that's not a bad thing at all) and the total void of any blue prostate cancer products in Sept. (that's bad). I wrote to two corporations asking why men's health is totally unimportant to them, but praising their efforts to raise money for breast cancer. Ghirardelli wrote back saying they would forward my email. Probably never hear from them. General Mills did as well, though I did call too and left my comment to a consumer help operator to be forwarded. I also wrote my son's school district as they had a whole thing with breast cancer and t-shirts and a walk, but never heard back. I wrote to the local baseball team here on Long Island, The Ducks, as they had a breast cancer awareness night and auctioned off game worn pink uniforms to benefit the cause, but had no prostate cancer night. Never got a reply. I didn't write yet, but Pepperidge Farm and Dannon are two others. Has anyone ever seen a product donating to prostate cancer or men's health?

Perhaps these companies can have a Hall of Shame, even though they do help donate for women.

Would people want to write any of these? I can get contact info., perhaps do it as a petition if possible?

Murky past of Herman Cain accuser starts to emerge

anthony · 8 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Though her lawyer Gloria Allred painted a respectable and prestigious education and employment history for Sharon Bialek, 50, just a day later it has been revealed that she has not held a job for more than two years and has filed for bankruptcy twice.

...

Meanwhile, a friend of Ms Bialek, from Chicago, told the New York Post: 'She has a very infectious personality. It's easy to see how she won [Cain] over. But the reality of her situation is -- she's a complete gold digger. It's all about the money.'

Adding that she was from a middle-income family but lives in a posh house while running from bill collectors, the source said: 'Most of her jobs ended in termination. It's always the employer's fault, not hers.

'This is a lady who lives off the system. She is hellbent on finding a way of never having to work and living the lifestyle she wants to live, a very affluent lifestyle.'

...

Details of a number of legal and financial difficulties have since emerged, with the Chicago Tribune listing a long history with tax evasion and late or missed credit card payments.

The paper reported that Ms Bialek has filed for personal bankruptcy twice, first in 1991 and then again in 2001.

...

She is also said to have accused a former boyfriend of harassing her for money he had loaned her after she borrowed $4,500 from him.'

Witness: Cain accuser hugged him during Tea Party meeting a month ago

anthony · 8 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'They hugged each other backstage in a full embrace like old friends.

She grabbed his arm and whispered in his left ear.

She kept talking as he bent to listen, and he kept saying “Uh, huh. Uh, huh.”

Huh?

“I don’t know if what she was giving him was a sucker punch, but he didn’t put his arm down while she was talking to him,” said the Sneed source.

The “he”... is GOP presidential contender Herman Cain, who has been accused of sexual harassment by several women.

The “she”... is Chicagoan Sharon Bialek, who held a news conference Tuesday as the only woman to PUBLICLY accuse Cain of sexual harassment.'

Herman Cain accuser identified as a Treasury Department employee

anthony · 8 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Seems a bit suspicious the accuser works for a competing political party. Excerpt:

'Washington (CNN) - One of the women who claims she was sexually harassed while she worked at the National Restaurant Association while Herman Cain headed the organization stepped forward publicly Tuesday.

Karen Kraushaar confirmed she was the accuser in interviews with The Washington Post and New York Times after her name was first published in several media stories. The name was initially reported by online news source The Daily and then Kraushaar confirmed it to National Public Radio.

Kraushaar is a director of communications at a bureau within the Treasury Department.

"When you are being sexually harassed in the workplace, you are extremely valuable," Kraushaar told the New York Times. "You do whatever you can to quickly get yourself into a job some place safe and that is what I thought I had achieved when I left."'

False Accusations of Sexual Harassment May Soar, SAVE Warns

Matt · 9 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Nov. 8, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The National Association of Scholars recently released a position paper condemning an Education Department directive that forces colleges to remove fundamental due process protections from persons accused of sexual harassment. The statement describes the Dept. of Education mandate as "ominous," bordering on the "surreal," and excluding any mention of free speech.

The National Association of Scholars (NAS) position statement follows similar letters by the American Association for University Professors, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, and Stop Abusive and Violent Environments: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/sex-assault/complaints/

Concerns about false allegations in society have escalated in the past week as a growing number of persons have questioned the validity of accusations by two unnamed women that GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain sexually harassed them over 10 years ago. Leading Democratic politicians have been subjected to false allegations of sexual offenses, as well.
...
A student who was wrongfully expelled by the University of North Dakota after a cavalier investigation of sexual assault charges against him is a recent example:
http://www.saveservices.org/2011/10/falsely-accused-student-will-not-return-to-college-that-wrongfully-expelled-him/

Over the last 20 years, sexual harassment policies on college campuses have become increasingly neglectful of Constitutional protections, reveals the NAS. In one case, a professor of history was handed a pink slip, unaware of the accusation or of a clandestine investigation being conducted against him.'

SAVE: Now it's our turn to take action

Matt · 10 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

The Forces of Darkness are gathering in Washington DC, preparing to push through another 5-year reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Even though we met with Sen. Leahy's staff numerous times over the last 2 years, in the end the good senator completely blew us off.

Not only does Leahy's VAWA draft fail to include a single proposal that we presented, the draft bill adds incredibly bad stuff, like re-educating middle school children into domestic violence ideology.

Fortunately, our coalition is well-positioned to fend off this latest assault on the Constitution, the family, and on our nation's fiscal integrity.

Today we are sending a Group Letter to Senators, asking them to not support or co-sponsor Leahy's draft bill. I'm now writing you to join in this effort, and add your voice to the calls to reform VAWA.

Please take the attached letter, paste it on to your group's or personal letterhead, make whatever changes you want to make, and send, email, or fax the letter to your 2 senators.

Time is of the essence... Please do this now – our children are depending on us. Working together, we will succeed in stopping the discrimination, the false allegations, and the lies.

F&F: Oklahoma Legislator Blasts Family Law System

Matt · 10 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families member Chris Gregory, a Marine combat veteran of Desert Storm and Somalia, recently told an Oklahoma House of Representatives committee that the family law system is rife with injustices and often separates children from the fathers they love and need.

Led by Representative Mark McCullough and Representative Jason Nelson, the Oklahoma House of Representatives conducted an interim study on family law and no fault divorce earlier this month. According to the legislators' press release here, "Oklahoma's family law is dangerously failing the children it is supposed to protect, leading some lawmakers to consider reform of both divorce statutes and the foster-care system."
...
Gregory, who was asked by Representative McCullough to share his experiences with the divorce system, is a good example of the way fathers are plundered financially.

The financial orders in Gregory's case are more or less garden variety in a divorce, yet while Gregory earns $7,500 a month after taxes, by court orders he is to be left with merely $2,200 a month to live on. That's correct–family court leaves Gregory less with less than 30% of his post-tax income.
...
Gregory also got stuck with paying 90% of the $69,000 in marital debt. Gregory asked:

If this is a no fault divorce, why have I had to I assume all the fault?

As is the case with many divorced and separated fathers, Gregory's daughters' schools have been generally uncooperative, refusing to send him his daughters' report cards and notices of parent-teacher conferences and other upcoming events, despite his repeated requests that they do so.'

Cain accuser filed complaint in next job

Matt · 10 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (AP) — A woman who settled a sexual harassment complaint against GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain in 1999 complained three years later at her next job about unfair treatment, saying she should be allowed to work from home after a serious car accident and accusing a manager of circulating a sexually charged email, The Associated Press has learned.

Karen Kraushaar, 55, filed the complaint while working as a spokeswoman at the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the Justice Department in late 2002 or early 2003, with the assistance of her lawyer, Joel Bennett, who also handled her earlier sexual harassment complaint against Cain in 1999. Three former supervisors familiar with Kraushaar's complaint, which did not include a claim of sexual harassment, described it for the AP under condition of anonymity because the matter was handled internally by the agency and was not public.

To settle the complaint at the immigration service, Kraushaar initially demanded thousands of dollars in payment, a reinstatement of leave she used after the accident earlier in 2002, promotion on the federal pay scale and a one-year fellowship to Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, according to a former supervisor familiar with the complaint. The promotion itself would have increased her annual salary between $12,000 and $16,000, according to salary tables in 2002 from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.'

Young Women Nabbed In Bloody Satanic Sex Ritual

Matt · 10 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NOVEMBER 9--Two young Milwaukee women were arrested this week after an 18-year-old Arizona man--who traveled to Wisconsin by bus after meeting one of the suspects online--told cops that he was held captive in the duo's apartment for two days and slashed and stabbed more than 300 times as part of an apparent satanic sex ritual.

A Milwaukee Police Department search warrant for the East Knapp Street apartment where the man was held details his ordeal. The warrant authorized cops to seize an assortment of items from the residence, including "knives or other cutting instruments," blood and DNA evidence, duct tape, restraining devices, and "Books or literature relating to Satanism or the occult."

The police investigation began Sunday night after cops responded to a report of a possible stabbing. Officers found the Arizona man "bleeding from the neck, arms and back." He told cops that after arriving at the home of a woman he met online, he "was bound and was stabbed numerous times over a timeframe of what he described as 'two days.'"'

Low-Income Dads Are Involved With Their Kids, Study Finds

Minuteman · 10 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A new study finds that low-income, urban fathers in the United States take an active role in their children's health and encourage them to eat healthy foods and exercise.

But the study also found that when their kids are sick, some of these dads may not give recommended doses of medicine to their children and may feel ill-equipped to handle emergency medical care.

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine researchers studied 31 fathers, most of them black and Hispanic, average age 31, in Chicago and Milwaukee. About 40 percent of the men earned $34,999 or less a year.

More than half of the fathers said they tried to encourage physical activity and engage their children in play to promote good health. They said they tried to set a good example because they know their behavior influences their children's habits.
...
Fathers are playing an increasingly larger role in childcare, and health care providers must include and educate fathers as key players in their children's health, rather than focusing so much on mothers, the researchers said.
...
The low-income fathers in this small study were more involved in their kids health and health care than researchers expected.

"There's a bias to assume lower-income dads, particularly in unmarried families, are not involved with their children," Garfield said. "But that's not the case. Recent research has shown the vast majority of dads will attend the birth of their kids whether or not the men are married to the mother. Our research goes further to say they really are involved day to day with their kids in ways that affect their health and development."'

Sweden: The SCUM Manifesto - Now As A School Play

Anonymous · 10 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'SCUM Manifesto by Valerie Solanas is a violent attack on masculinity. The men are accused of having made the world a shit place. Solana line up all the men are obliged to: war, violence, money system, imagination, ugly buildings and more. She puts forward the thesis that men are biologically inferior to men and that it is the foundation for all problems.

We are now setting up the show as a monologue. We think the text is funny, sharp, provocative, imaginative and liberating. It is a reaction to centuries of oppression of women. There is no equivalent. She draws his conclusions so far that men no longer have any raison d'etre.

This is of course provocative. And that is exactly what is meant. We want to create discussion. Not telling the truth. The point of our conception is that the audience is forced to own reflective.

Show's second part therefore consists of a discussion of what we have seen. What values are presented in the show? What values do we learn from our upbringing? Are there differences between men and women? Why is that in this case about? Are there things girls and guys are not allowed to do because of their gender? Do we want to change the world? Why? How? mmmm'

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Education system fails young males in the UK

anthony · 10 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is being said that young women cannot find men of equal social status and are having to ‘marry down’. And the universities minister, David Willetts predicts that women will earn more than their male partners.

According to the Daily Mail ‘experts’ predict that women will become the breadwinners and men will become the stay at home carers as women ‘power ahead’ in education and in the workplace.

Well, is anyone surprised at this since we took the decision in the UK to keep male teachers out of schools, change the system completely to favour girls and ensure that women always benefit from reverse sexism, otherwise cries of male dominated sexism ring out?
...
When boys did better at school and got the good jobs it was their fault. That was how feminism was born. But now that boys are lagging behind somehow it is once again, you guessed it, their fault. Or why say that boys are said to be ‘lagging behind’.'

Mother 'starved disabled toddler until he went into cardiac arrest after tying him to crib with rope'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother is facing child abuse charges after she starved her three-year- old son to the point that he went into cardiac arrest.

Arlena Alanz, 28, is alleged to have tied the special needs toddler to his crib with a rope to stop him from climbing out.

The severely malnourished boy weighed just 26lbs when he was finally taken to a hospital in Houston, Texas on October 2

Authorities found the boy after Alaniz called emergency services to her dilapidated apartment in a west Houston complex when the child stopped breathing, said Houston Police Department spokeswoman Jodi Silva.

Doctors said that the child was in cardiac arrest and suffering from severe 'failure to thrive'.'

SAVE: Opposition Grows to Dept. of Ed Sex Assault Directive

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Last April the Dept. of Education's (DED) stirred up a hornet's nest when it released its new sexual assault policy that requires colleges to change their standard of proof from the "clear and convincing" standard to a "preponderance of evidence." Adding fuel to the fire, Sen. Patrick Leahy's recent discussion draft of the Violence Against Women Act includes the DED's directive, which would turn the controversial policy into statutory law.

To date, the American Association of University Professors, the National Association of Scholars, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, and SAVE have all come out against the DED policy: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/sex-assault/complaints/

And a spate of editorials has condemned the policy as hastening the end of due process and free speech on American campuses. In her September 7 essay, columnist Anna Rittgers openly admitted, "Sometimes, women lie about rape." To date, over 30 editorials have criticized the policy in the strongest terms: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/ded-editorials

Now, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education is urging citizens to contact their Senators to request they reject the DED directive in the draft VAWA bill. "Colleges have both a legal and a moral duty to address sexual assault on campus, but working to eliminate such crimes does not require colleges and universities to forsake fundamental student rights," explains Robert Shibley, FIRE's Senior Vice President.

Sign FIRE's petition here: http://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/5896/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=8575 and help bring an end to this travesty of justice.

Thank you for your help on this important matter!

Sincerely,

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The End of Men Means the End of Women, Too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows the percentage of men between the ages of 25 and 34 living at home rose from 14 percent in 2005 to 19 percent in 2011. Women, on the other hand, are doing just fine. Not only do they dominate today's college campuses, they have little trouble staying away from mom and dad's place. That's because women are flourishing in the workforce while men are not. Writers and pundits blame this phenomenon on the economy, but the trend reflects a much larger sociological problem. America is in the midst of a sea change: Never before has it been more difficult for men and women to find their way to one another, settle in for the long haul, and build strong families together.

To read about it, you'd think the entire mess is out of our hands. You'd think the circumstances involving the roles of men and women in society have happened to us, rather than the other way around. The truth is that we created this new world — and while we may not be able to undo it, we can certainly stop the freight train from running off the tracks.

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There is a large and powerful group of women who see this shift in gender roles as a good thing. Hanna Rosin's provocative piece in The Atlantic, called "The End of Men," and Kate Bolick's new piece "All the Single Ladies" (which may now become a TV series) make light of the demise of masculinity and the role men once played in society. They represent the kind of movers and shakers who help lead the feminist fight. Pointing to the latest statistics about men, they'd be likely to respond, "See how hopeless men are? Everything we've been saying about men all these years has proven to be true."

But the laugh will be on them — if not for their own families, then for their children's. The feminist policies that were put in place to help women flourish outside the home have suffocated men's opportunities for economic self-sufficiency. In short, men's desire to be good workers and family providers has been undermined. This is more than unfortunate; it is a loss of catastrophic proportions, for it is men's consistent, full-time, year-round work that women depend on in order to live that ever-coveted "balanced life." What too many women don't understand (because they've been unduly influenced by feminist groupthink) is that male nature is ultimately beneficial to them, for women continue to put family — not career — at the center of their lives and are thus dependent on men to pick up the slack at the office.

It is a dangerous thing to create a society of frustrated young men. Feminists have no idea what a can of worms they've created — and what it's about to do to our nation.'

UK: Dads by deception

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The email sent to Jack Goodchild this summer was short and to the point. Jack recalls: ‘Basically, it said: “I’m pregnant, it’s yours — but don’t worry, you won’t be having any involvement and we won’t be seeing each other any more.”

It had been written by Tess, his on-off girlfriend of several months. And now it was all over. Having learned she was expecting his child, Tess apparently wanted nothing more to do with the father.

Moreover, the 41-year-old London businessman soon learned that this seemed to have been his lover’s plan all along. ‘I telephoned her straight away, as anyone would after receiving an email like that, to find out what was going on,’ he says.

‘I thought maybe there was some misunderstanding; that because we hadn’t talked about anything serious like starting a family, she assumed I wouldn’t be interested in the baby.

‘Instead, she said she had wanted to get pregnant, that she had “stolen” my sperm, and now she no longer wanted to be in touch. She was incredibly matter-of-fact about it; clinical even.’

As far as he knows, Jack’s baby is due some time in early spring, although Tess has made it clear she won’t be getting in touch to let him know when the day has arrived.'

"Female veterans carry special war baggage"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For these women, spending time at war brings special complexities and conflicts, because in war, expectations for hypermasculine behavior are more extreme than at any other time. (This is true to some extent whether the soldier is serving in a provisions unit or as a mechanic.) Indeed, the association of the military with hypermasculinity makes it harder for men as well as women to figure out what to do with their tenderness, vulnerability, moral conflicts and spirituality.

It is not possible to say whether it is harder for women to try to live up to the traditional standards of the other sex--because the expectation is that they cannot and perhaps that they should not--or for men to risk failing to meet the traditional standards for their own sex.
...
In general, exposure to so much violence in the military can sap their patience, tenderness and resilience. Furthermore, for military women who had positions of power and authority when at war, to come home, where mothers' work is unpaid, often not respected, and often invisible, can make them feel "less consequential."'

"The Case Against Justin Bieber"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So if it's statutory rape, what happens to Yeater?

I'll tell you what Justin Bieber would say: I think this is much-ado-about-nothing. What was it, 30 seconds? If he says it didn't happen but she can prove it, it will be a statutory rape—so she'll get a suspended sentence, therapy, community service, or it's not that way and she made it up, and then it'll be a restraining order against her. But at this point in time, it's Justin Bieber saying it didn't happen, and I'm sure there are things going on behind the scenes to get her out of the media and a deal that way, so the question is how far she's willing to go and what's her price tag. It's a chess game at this point in time.'

Women Voters Buoy Obama's 2012 Hopes

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As if you needed a news story... read it here. As Gomer Pyle would say, "sur-prise, sur-prise, sur-prise!" Actually, Gomer, no, not really. Excerpt:

'With persistent economic woes gripping much of the electorate, President Obama today pivots his re-election pitch towards women voters, who backed his candidacy enthusiastically in 2008 and may prove more influential in 2012.

In an address before the National Women's Law Center, Obama will celebrate the role of women in the civil rights movement and the steps he's taken to keep their spirit alive, organizers say.

But despite advancements in gender equality under Obama — including the appointment of two women to the Supreme Court and enactment of a health care overhaul that provides insurance parity and free preventive care services for women — polls show he and Democrats face a difficult path towards rekindling active political support in the months ahead.

"I think there will be currency for Obama when women learn about what he's achieved, but I do believe that many women have no idea about the concrete accomplishments that have been secured over the last few years," said National Women's Law Center co-president Marcia Greeberger.'

First Lady Announces Pledge to Hire 100K Veterans and Military Spouses by 2014

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Article here. You just know I am going to post the first comment, don't you? Excerpt:

'First lady Michelle Obama announced today that U.S. business has pledged to hire 100,000 veterans **and military spouses** by 2014, and she made a personal vow not to rest until all of the country's 859,000 unemployed veterans have gainful employment.

"Now I have to say I am excited to be here because this is a big day. This is unprecedented," Obama said in a keynote address to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce today. "America has your back. Today, America's businesses have stepped forward with pledges to hire 100,000 veterans and military spouses by 2014. That's right, 100,000."

Today's pledge supports the "Joining Forces" initiative that Obama and Jill Biden, the vice president's wife, launched earlier this year.

"That's 100,000 jobs, that's 100,000 veterans and spouses who will have the security of a paycheck and a good career," the first lady continued. "That's thousands of families that can rest just a little bit easier every night."

Obama said the hiring pledge, including 5,000 positions for wounded warriors, came from two organizations: the International Franchising Association and the Military Spouse Employment Partnership. Companies such as UPS, Microsoft, Home Depot and Citi are examples of businesses participating in the pledge.'

Australia: Woman rapes four boys and escapes jail due to 'low self-esteem'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Laura O'Donnell, 20, pleaded guilty and was convicted in the County Court of four counts of sexual penetration of a child under 16 and five counts of committing an indecent act with a child under 16.

Court documents reveal she plied the boys, aged 12, 15, and two aged 14, with alcohol on three separate occasions. The first two involved one victim and the third, all four.

Documents show O'Donnell, who had trained to be a childcare worker, assaulted the boys while drunk between February and June last year in Ballarat .

Judge Sue Pullen wholly suspended O'Donnell's two-year, five-month sentence and placed her on an 18-month community-based order despite her previously breaching a similar order for an attempted robbery.
...
The judge attributed her offending to a troubled background, low self-esteem and alcohol abuse.

Crime Victims Support Association president Noel McNamara said the sentence was a disgrace.

"If it was a man on those charges it would have been a different story," he said.'

Woman bites 2 people in convenience store

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A bizarre story, to say the least. Really weird:

'DENVER - On Monday night, a woman went into a convenience store in the 4600 block of Tower Road, sexually assaulted a customer and then bit him and a clerk on the neck.

"I was in shock! Did she really just bite me?" Alice Gonzalez, who was bitten in the strange incident, said. "I could feel her teeth."

...

"She latches on to my neck through my hoodie, cause I had a blue hoodie on," Gonzalez explained.

The clerk showed 9Wants to Know investigator Jeremy Jojola the marks on her still swollen neck.

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According to Denver Police, the yet unidentified woman walked into the Barn Store around 10:30 p.m., groped the customer and bit him on the neck. The woman then allegedly went up to the clerk, asked for a hug and proceeded to bite the woman on the neck too.'

'The Bro Code'

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'The Bro Code is founded on three cultural mandates: Entitlement, Silence and Protection. Entitlement is rooted in the ideas of male superiority; men are in control at all times and in all situations, and always exhibit the perfect example of perfect manhood. It is also gives men the right to regain those things given up to society.

As a man, society owes me for all of my sacrifices over time, and now my payback has arrived. Silence, according to Kimmel, is one of the ways boys are welcomed to manhood. This is true when coming to terms with their own emotions, and especially true when faced with the violence of other men. Whether the violence involves making harassing statements at the Fro-Yo machine, acts of intimidation toward those outside the circle of coolness or taking advantage of an intoxicated female, the code of silence is in full force. No one confronts because no one wants to become the next person living outside the circle of coolness.
...
Upon this foundation of entitlement, silence and protection, the Bro Code reigns unchallenged and insurmountable. The specifics of the Bro Code can change depending on the particular community, but here are several consistent rules: 1) It is your right to have sex, and to do so as often as you like. 2) Always upgrade your woman when you can. 3) You must never get in the way of a Bro who is attempting No. 1. 4) Bros always before Hoes. 5) You will tell her whatever she wants to hear to achieve No. 1. 6) Never ask a women's opinion about anything sexual. 7) If there is no sexual action after so many dates, it's time to move on. 8) Men don't cry. 9) Don't get mad, get even. 10) Take it like a man. 11) Size matters. And the list continues.'

Letter: 'Men are cast as buffoons today'

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Letter to the Editor here.

'Thirty years ago, I left the Middle East region for many reasons, and one of them was the "male chauvinism" aspect imbedded in the culture. I always knew that it was neither right nor fair for all the mothers, sisters and wives living under that kind of prejudice. Now looking back, when I first arrived to the United States, the initial decade seemed promising in many ways. However, as years went by, I started noticing a change. Today, there isn't a day that goes by without seeing a TV commercial that demotes the male image and his role in society. You see husbands depicted as if they are clueless, guys oblivious to the knowledge of operating household gadgets, fathers ridiculed in front of the kids while the mother is portrayed as calm, cool and collected, besides other commercials where the father is totally absent from the family.

Congrats, America. You've reached the identical trap that most cultures in the Middle East are still held captive with and burdened by, except this time it's "female chauvinism."'

'The Easiest Lie'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When one parent wants to take unfair advantage in a divorce or custody case, all that is needed is a claim of domestic violence and the wheels are set in motion. A Domestic Violence Restraining Order is issued and the court will automatically suspend parental rights of the accused. These orders are meant to be a protective measure by the courts. They are to prevent truly violent people from harming innocents and fathers who are truly guilty of domestic violence or child abuse should be viewed as criminals and treated as such.

But in the bitter arena that is divorce court, the charge of domestic violence -- the vast majority of which are made by women -- and the reaction by the judicial system to it has caused the pendulum to swing too far. There are currently 32 states with civil definitions that classify domestic violence as a spouse being fearful, apprehensive or experiencing emotional distress. All it takes is a claim of "I was afraid" and, valid or not, the "victim" is now presumed to be a better parent and has an advantage when the court makes final determinations of child custody, visitation, and move-away plans to new cities, states or countries. Provocation, not having a history of violence or even being the abused victim, is irrelevant.
...
VAWA was enacted to help stop spousal abuse and I believe was created with the best intentions. But in its overzealousness a new abuse has been created and perpetuated -- the marginalization of fathers through false accusations. No one wants to turn a blind eye to violence of any kind and offenders should and must be prosecuted. But until VAWA and the courts recognize that guilty until proven innocent goes against everything we claim to stand for, more injustices will take place and more lives will be ruined.'

Closing the Girl Gap in Science

Matt · 13 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At most colleges and universities, women outnumber men — at 57 percent nationally. But Southern finds itself among a smattering of campuses with a few too many good men: women make up just 44 percent of undergraduates. And over all, only about 30 percent of Southern's students in STEM fields — science, technology, engineering and math — are women.

Flanking the cheer camp director at an evening pep rally last summer, two university recruiters tossed out beach balls and pumped up Justin Bieber's "Baby," whipping an already raucous crowd into a frenzy of gleeful shrieking. They passed out raffle prizes to the girls who had diligently completed "Saluki V.I.P." information cards. Within 24 hours, the office of admissions had created for each an individualized Web page so recruiters could keep in touch, encouraging the girls to visit Carbondale and, ultimately, apply for admission.

"The idea is that any pre-college-age group of girls who are visiting the university should be in touch with our recruitment staff, not in a heavy-handed way, but as an opportunity to get the message out that coming to S.I.U. can transform their lives," says Rita Cheng, the university's new chancellor and first woman in the post.'

It's not enough that women generally outnumber men on college campuses, and earn more advanced degrees, too, and are getting higher GPAs. It's that if there are even a few campuses where men outnumber women, that is insufferable. And if there are any depts. where there are more male students than female, that too needs immediate redress, and the national press needs to shine the spotlight on it. Hey, anyone ever see the MSM complain about the near-total lack of men in nursing, a relatively well-compensated field? Not me. Not once.

Penn State and child sexual abuse: Men-as-only-predators machine up and running

Matt · 13 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

I have already seen it in action. It has shown up in articles written by people who assume that only men can be sexual predators and that if women had known about this or other similar situations, they would have certainly handled it differently. On the contrary, at least one female authority figure in recent news does not seem to care too much about what happens to male victims of sexual abuse when the abuser is female.

None of the foregoing is to excuse those who knew what happened at Penn State but chose to stay as uninvolved as possible. People who know about or reasonably suspect that child abuse of any kind is occurring have every duty and obligation to sound the alarm as much as they can; in the case of the Penn State officials/employees involved, they needed to see the police about the allegation and everyone involved needed to step up and go into overtime to make sure the accusation was investigated thoroughly, which would have undoubtedly resulted in its substantiation. Instead, by sitting on it, not only did they allow children to continue to be abused but destroyed themselves in the process; if they had just done the right thing, they would all still have their jobs and reputations.

This is an older article but still very good. Feel free to share it with the next person who says that only men are sexual predators or that if it had been women at Penn State who knew about the abuse, it would have been stopped. In addition, this bibliography on works regarding female sexual predation is also a good reference.

Kevin Powell: Joe Paterno, Herman Cain, Men, Sex, and Power

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The bottom line is that our notions of manhood are totally and embarrassingly out of control, and some of us have got to stand up and say enough, that we've got to redefine what it is to be a man, even as we, myself included, are unfailingly forthright about our shortcomings and our failures as men, and how some of us have even engaged in the behaviors splashed across the national news this year alone.

But to get to that new kind of manhood means we've got to really dig into our souls and admit the old ways are not only not working, but they are so painfully hurtful to women, to children, to communities, businesses, institutions, and government, to sport and play, and to ourselves. Looking in the mirror is never easy but if not now, when? And if not us in these times, then we can surely expect the vicious cycles of manhood gone mad to continue for generations to come, as evidenced by a recent report in the New York Times of a steadily climbing number of American teen boys already engaging in lewd sexual conduct toward girls. Where are these boys learning these attitudes if not from the men around them, in person, in the media, on television and in film, in video games, or from their fathers, grandfathers, uncles, older brothers, teachers, and, yes, coaches?'

Sweden: Discrimination Against Men - An Expensive Ideological Prestige Loss for the National Police Board

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Mr. Pär Ström have previously reported about the firefighter Simon Wallmark, who was discriminated because he was male and caucasian. Simon was represented by The Center For Justice, and was awarded 100 000 SEK in damages.

Now, The Center For Justice have filed three lawsuits against the National Police Board for discriminating men at the try-outs for the Police Academy. This can be an expensive ideological prestige loss for the National Police Board, as more than one hundred lawsuits are expected in total, according to the 7.30 PM News (Rapport) on the National Broadcasting Television in Sweden (SVT).

"Over 100 male applicants have also turned to the Equality Ombudsman and asked that their cases be reviewed."

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Australia: Women pay to get men caught DUI - and kicked out of their parental rights

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This story is amazing - it appears in the Sydney Morning Herald, but relates to the US. It appears that women have been paying to have their husbands entrapped in a DUI sting - and then using that to have them disadvantaged in court when it comes to child access. Excerpt:

'A man who once worked for Butler had blown the whistle. He told authorities Butler arranged for men to be arrested for drink-driving at the behest of their ex-wives and their divorce lawyers - and that entrapment was only one of many alleged misdeeds.

Butler, 49, a former police officer, was arrested in February. In addition to setting up at least five DUIs, he sold drugs for law enforcement officers and helped them open and operate a brothel, collecting and delivering the profits, according to prosecutors and a statement Butler gave them after his arrest.

In the March 15 statement obtained by the Los Angeles Times, Butler said his accomplices reasoned that they could shield their illegal businesses because any complaints would be investigated by a state-run narcotics task force, which one of the officers headed.

The alleged crimes implicated three law enforcement agencies - the San Ramon and Danville police departments and the narcotics task force - and took place in Contra Costa County, a collection of mostly middle-class communities that stretch from the East Bay shoreline opposite San Francisco to upscale suburbs inland.
...
Susan Dutcher, a substitute schoolteacher, said in a sworn declaration that she paid Butler $US2500 to obtain evidence that her husband drove while drinking. She insisted she did not authorise Butler to have him arrested because she did not want to imperil his job and his ability to pay child support.
Her lawyer's paralegal, who had recommended Butler, "made this all seem completely legal and as though it was standard practice [in divorce cases]", she said.'

Notice how she didn't want him jailed because she doesn't want to jeapordise his ability to pay her child support!

And, notice how this is seen as 'common practice' in the legal profession. Man, I bet they are hating having their dirty laundry aired in public over this one.

Branenburg Academy of Sciences releases surprising study on college students' attitudes on 'sex work'

redwoodwriter · 14 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Quotes:

"Sex work an acceptable job option for 1/3 of Berlin college students (29.2% in Paris, 18.5% in Kiev). In a scientific study by "Studienkolleggs zu Berlin", that will be presented Wednesday to the Brandenburg Academy of Science..."
...
"Human Stupidity Analysis
...
It seems to us that heterosexual men would have restricted earning opportunities. We are surprised about the openness to prostitution and sex work, compared to the main stream media hysteria, especially in the United States."

Editorial Remark:

Of course the reason why heterosexual men would have restricted earning opportunities in this area is because heterosexual women would never patronize them (especially in the United States). This is because the sex for money exchange must go in the opposite direction.

Sweden: "SCUM having fun!" - by depicting the murder of a man because he is a man

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Young female drama students in Gothenburg execute a man in a promotional video.

"SCUM GBG (GBG is short for Gothenburg), consists of a group of self-confident, free spirited, cool, indepedent women-women. The group was formed during drama studies at the University of Gothenburg. The show SCUM was the final project for the group and was played for the first time in June 2009".

Video on YouTube
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJjKJ-_d4YQ

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Senator Drops Controversial VAWA Campus Sex Provision, But Civil Rights Violations Remain

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Nov. 14, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- As a result of criticism from Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) and other groups, Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) has dropped the controversial "preponderance of evidence" standard from his proposed Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization bill. "Because of the feedback he has received concerning this proposal, he does not plan to include it in the bill he later will introduce," according to Erica Chabot, spokeswoman for the Senate Judiciary Committee (1).

Language in the draft bill would have required federally funded universities to apply a lower standard of proof — a 51% "preponderance" of evidence rather than the usual "clear and convincing" evidence — in cases of alleged sexual assault or domestic violence.

SAVE is thankful that the Senator decided to drop this section from his proposed bill, but other parts of the measure still contain troubling civil rights concerns:

Due Process Violations:

- Allows for the continued funding of mandatory arrest policies, which a Harvard study found to increases in partner homicides of 60 percent.
- One false allegation can be used to tear apart a family: VAWA is an engine for the growth of single-parent households and the demand for welfare services.'

Judge who ordered Sandusky's release without bond was volunteer with his 'charity'

Matt · 15 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Only men cover up or enable things like child sexual abuse? Article here. Excerpt:

'FOX 29 News has uncovered a link between Sandusky's charity, The Second Mile, and the judge presiding over his case.

Prosecutors say Sandusky met his victims through Second Mile and Sandusky's foundation for at-risk kids.

We poured through the charity's donation records from 2009 and found that the judge who handled his preliminary arraignment gave Second Mile somewhere between $500 and $1,000 and has volunteered with the group. That's the same judge who released Sandusky on $100,000 unsecured bail.

That means Magisterial District Justice Linda Leslie Dutchcot required Sandusky to just sign his name on a piece of paper, and he was set free. There was no leg monitor, and no big bail. Prosecutors had asked for a half-million dollars at least.

FOX 29's Steve Keeley spoke early Monday morning with state Rep. Mike Vereb (R-Montgomery County), who said, "These details have got to be reviewed."

"I'm sending off a letter to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Ron Castillo and asking him to look at what happened here, to look at the reports that are out there, and if in fact does this district justice has a conflict of interest," Vereb said.'

Please lodge anti-circumcision submissions with the CDC (Deadline 21 November 2011)

Minuteman · 15 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

This is a response to the document "Public Health Service Guideline for Reducing Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Through Solid Organ Transplantation" [regulations.gov Docket ID: CDC-2011-0011] (http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=CDC-2011-0011-0001).

The deadline for submissions is 21 November 2011.

This submission can be made by anybody from any country around the world.

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Response to "Public Health Service Guideline for Reducing Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Through Solid Organ Transplantation" [regulations.gov Docket ID: CDC-2011-0011]

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to "Public Health Service Guideline for Reducing Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Through Solid Organ Transplantation" [regulations.gov Docket ID: CDC-2011-0011]. This document shall briefly address the special danger posed to newly circumcised baby boys from acquiring transfusion-transmitted hepatitis B virus [HBV] infection, and consequences for both the future supply and demand for donated organs.

Transfusion-transmitted HBV infection and consequences for the future supply of healthy donated organs

HBV remains a major risk of transfusion-transmitted infection due to the pre-seroconversion window period, infection with immunovariant viruses, and with occult carriage of HBV infection (Candotti & Allain 2009). Recipients of blood transfusions in the U.S continue to be at risk for HBV infection as a result of breakdowns in basic infection control and limitations in the laboratory screening of donated blood (HHS 2011). Blood transfusions were the fifth most common procedure received by children and infants in U.S hospitals for the year 2009, with approximately 109,400 transfusions being administered (AHRQ 2011). Prophylactic HBV vaccine was received by less than 1.33 million infants in the year 2009 (AHRQ 2011), out of approximately 4.13 million births for that year (CDC 2011b). Indviduals infected with transmission-transmitted HBV can latter become carriers of the virus in the general community (HHS 2011).

Controversy exists about the suitability of those who have been infected with HBV, to later become organ donors and the circumstances under which an organ donation from such individuals should be considered (ECRI 2010).

The present recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC] is that individuals who have ever tested positive for HBV not donate blood or organs (CDC 2009).

Circumcision and haemophilia A as special risk factors for acquiring transfusion-transmitted HBV infections and subsequent increased demand for donated organs

Circumcision of male minors, in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, is a controversial practice within the medical profession (KNMG 2010; Smith 2011). Despite this, more than 1.14 million circumcision procedures were performed on male infants in U.S. hospitals in the year 2009 (AHRQ 2011). One of the commonest complications of circumcision is excessive bleeding and rates as high as 35% have been quoted in the literature (Mahomed et al 2009). Babies often present after several hours of continued bleeding and blood transfusion may be necessary (Qazi et al 2010).

A survey conducted by Ragni et al (2011) of current prophylaxis practices and bleeding characteristics of children with severe haemophilia A in U.S. haemophilia treatment centres [HTCs], found that among 226 newborns with severe haemophilia A in 62 HTCs, the median age at first bleed, excluding circumcision, was 7 months and that of the 113 [53.5%] newborns who underwent circumcision, 62 [54.9%] bled. Haemophilia A occurs among approximately 1 out of every 4,000 male births (CDC 2011a). Although lower than in the past, HBV infection remains a risk among those with haemophilia A who rely on blood products to counteract the disease (Steele et al 2009).

Thus, a higher proportion of boys are already at greater risk of acquiring transfusion-transmitted HBV infection relative to girls, and circumcision worsens that disadvantage.

While over 95% of people infected as adults will spontaneously clear the HBV virus, this reduces to 30% in children, and 5% in infants (Bell & Nguyen 2009). Untreated, chronic hepatitis B acquired early in life results in cirrhosis, liver failure, or hepatocellular carcinoma in up to 40% of individuals, necessitating a liver transplant procedure at the end-stage of these respective diseases (Weisberg et al 2007).

Action Required

Genital integrity [non-circumcision] is most likely to produce the highest state of health and well-being and is the preferred medical option for newborn boys (KNMG 2010, Van Howe 2004).

Public health officials should act to suspend the performance of medically-unnecessary non-therapeutic circumcision of boys.

Hospital administrators must respond to this threat to all children and especially circumcised boys by limiting circumcisions to those for which there is a clear and present immediate medical indication.

The CDC and Department of Health and Human Services can reduce the danger of transfusion-transmitted HBV to boys and subsequent reduced supply of, and increased demand for, donated organs by advising against circumcision of male minors in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication.

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Woman charged only with disorderly conduct after assaulting her boyfriend because McDonald's wouldn't sell her a cheeseburger

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The 22-year-old--for some unexplained reason--turned on her boyfriend, biting him on the arm and tearing off his shirt. Darrell Page, 40, explained to a cop that Edgell “wanted a burger from McDonald’s,” so they drove to the restaurant--only to discover at the drive-thru window that the eatery “had stopped serving hamburgers and was now only serving breakfast.” Edgell, he added, “got upset because she did not want breakfast and only wanted a cheeseburger.”

After driving away, Edgell apparently changed her mind, and directed Page to “return to McDonald’s so that she could get breakfast,” according to a misdemeanor criminal complaint filed in Circuit Court. At this point, Edgell allegedly began striking Page in the face and biting his right arm. Page also told police that when he pulled his car over during the assault, Edgell got out of the vehicle and climbed atop the hood to keep him from leaving.
...
When a cop asked why he had spotted her on the car’s roof, Edgell answered, “because I was acting crazy.” After dismounting from the vehicle, Edgell was collared for disorderly conduct.

Pictured in the above mug shot, Edgell is being held in the Rock County jail in lieu of $150 bond. She is scheduled for a court appearance later this afternoon.'

What Justin Bieber and Gold Diggers Can Teach Us About Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For starters, as I'm sure has already been stated by others, part of what's troubling about the case is that if the gender roles were reversed and a nineteen-year-old man had impregnated a sixteen-year-old girl I don't think everyone would have initially treated the matter as a boys-will-be-boys like joke.

But the equally disturbing issue is that Bieber's accuser follows a long line of women who not only use their sexuality to get ahead, but their wombs. The act of becoming pregnant on purpose with the goal of landing financial security has become viewed as such a common practice that it is regularly joked about whenever stories like this become public. Bloggers, commenters and commentators use language like "just became pregnant with eighteen years of security" or "she just hit the lotto" to describe women announced to be carrying the children of rich men, particularly men they were not in serious relationships with but will now be linked to, both personally and financially, for life. From Mick Jagger, to Hugh Grant and countless professional athletes, the notion these women (and the men involved), help perpetuate is that there is another option besides appearing on a reality show for those who don't want to work for a living. (And yes I consider parenting, at least being a good parent, the hardest job in the world, but you get my meaning.)'

'Fathers are not much use during childbirth'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, at the Royal College of Midwives annual conference, Ann Milton, the public health minister, will claim many fathers feel “uninformed and unwelcome” when it comes to maternity care.

Her answer? To “encourage” men to sleep in maternity wards on fold-down beds, so not only will they feel wanted but it will also ease the burden on midwives.

I will need at least two hands to count the number of reasons why that screams “bad idea”. The report also recommends maternity wards “should provide men’s lifestyle magazines to make fathers feel comfortable”.

Comfortable? Why should they be comfortable? Does any woman, in the first few hours/days of motherhood feel comfortable?

One hospital is even arranging ante-natal classes so they don’t clash with men’s office hours or football matches.

Hang on, it’s not about them! For once, equality doesn't come into it. Women have babies, men don’t. And if men feel that maternity wards aren't “comfortable” places for them, then guess what?

They probably shouldn't be there.'

Are Male Bathroom Helpers A Threat To Kids' Safety?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Should volunteer dads be allowed to take girls to the bathroom at a preschool? One mom said no, and her response has ignited a controversy.

Jenna Myers Karuvinidis runs a parenting blog that's been featured on CBS Chicago in the past. Late last month, she took to her blog to protest a policy at her daughter's preschool: parents have to volunteer on a regular basis, and volunteers' duties include taking kids to the bathroom. Dads volunteer too, which means that "while I'm at home kicking it up over laundry, my daughter is a mile away MAYBE having some dude I've never met cleaning her butt." She continued,

"99% of sexual predators are men, only 1% are women and girls are over twice as likely as boys to be sexually abused.

Perhaps when my daughter is older and can better communicate we can talk about who is okay to touch what, but for my two-year-old, I want the clear idea to be "men don't go anywhere near that part of my body". Not the friend's dad at school, not the friend's dad at our house while mommy is busy hosting a BBQ. Not the new strange man in class, not the new strange man anywhere."

So she talked to officials at the school, who assured her that men would no longer take her daughter to the bathroom. They also "formed a task committee to research standard practices at other preschools and will institute a change based on that and other findings." Sounds like a measured and reasonable response to us. But not to men's rights activists on Reddit, who are now roundly lambasting Karuvindis. They also listed her as a "bigot" on Register-Her, an MRA site that also purports to list female sex offenders.'

Teacher Accused Of Making Students Rub Her Feet

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LEXINGTON, S.C. -- Lexington County School District Three is investigating after a first-grader complained about having to rub her teacher's feet.

A district representative said the district has launched a full investigation, appropriate action has been taken and the situation has been rectified. But that's not nearly enough for some parents.

"She admitted to the children rubbing her feet," said Brenda Norris. "Just the thought of it... They immediately sent her home, but she's back there today."

Norris is far from satisfied after her 6-year-old granddaughter, who is in first grade, came home from Batesburg-Leesville Primary School last Wednesday to said she was "tired of rubbing her teacher's feet."'

Wendy McElroy: "Equality of Opportunity, Not of Outcome"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Quebec Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette wants to force corporations, parent Crown corporations and some financial institutions to have their boards of directors include at least 40 per cent women. She is reintroducing a private member's bill into the Senate to remedy what she views as proof positive of discrimination against women. (A Financial Post survey found that women comprised 14 per cent of directors at the 500 largest corporations in 2009.)

Critics of Ms. Hervieux-Payette's plan will bristle at further extending government into private sector decisions. They will point accusingly to the decline in productivity that would result from business decisions based on gender, not merit. Braver voices may even whisper that it is women who are currently privileged under law; it is men who are falling behind.

But if the past is prelude, the critics will fall silent at precisely the moment they should speak out most loudly. This is the moment at which the 'gender justice' card is played. A quota system is necessary, it will be argued, because discrimination against women runs rampant throughout Canadian society. Gender justice demands that business elites be forced to pry open 'their clubhouse' door and rectify centuries of exclusion.
...
Why is the stripping of rights from one segment of society in order to enrich another called justice? Why is violating freedom of association seen as morality? The words have been twisted away from their original meaning so that justice requires the violation of rights and morality resides in government making our personal decisions.'

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SAVE: We're on a Roll, but Many Civil Rights Violations Still Remain

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It's time for high-fives and, "Congratulations on a job well done!"

Your calls and emails have caused Senator Patrick Leahy to remove the Dept. of Education's (DED) new sexual assault policy from his draft of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). See: http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20111111/NEWS03/111111020/Leahy-scraps-provision-upcoming-bill-following-complaints Great job! Enjoy that sweet smell of success.

One down, many more to go...

Unfortunately, Sexual Assault was not the only section of VAWA with civil rights violations. Sen. Leahy's draft:

- Continues funding mandatory arrest policies.
- Provides legal assistance to accusers, yet not for the accused.
- Perpetuates sex-based discrimination through biased predominant aggressor policies.
- Doesn't distinguish between those making allegations and those with probable-cause evidence.

IA announces creation of Intact America Blog

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Via an IA email:

I've got something to say.

Anybody who knows me knows I'm outspoken and passionate about ending infant circumcision. I have written about it extensively, I speak with the media every chance I get, and I talk with friends, colleagues, and my own family about it all the time.

But I need a regular forum for conversing with YOU, the supporters of Intact America. I need to talk with you when a conversation with a pediatrician makes me cringe. I need a bullhorn when a new article in a major medical journal breaks my heart with its misguided promotion of circumcision. I need a platform for shining a spotlight on the victories we see and hear about day after day.

So we've launched the Intact America blog. Through the blog and your comments, I hope to explore new ways of framing our discussion with others, and increasing the pressure on the perpetrators and practitioners of infant and childhood circumcision to cease and desist.

For more than three decades, the intactivist movement has provided a voice for babies who have none. With the Intact America blog, I hope to amplify that voice, farther and wider than ever before.

Visit http://intactamerica.wordpress.com/. Read. Comment. Subscribe. Share. Engage.

Thank you for your support!

Georgeanne Chapin

57% of paternity tests in Wales UK show named man is not father

redwoodwriter · 16 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Apparently there's a whole lot of paternity fraud going on in Wales. Excerpt:

'ALMOST six out of 10 Welsh men who take a paternity test turn out not to be the biological father.

Private DNA testing service BioClinics, which runs a clinic in Cardiff, found that a staggering 57% of hundreds of analysed paternity tests conducted in Wales were negative.

Dr Nichola McChrystal, the company's director, said: "I was not particularly surprised by these results but I think some people will be. There are serious medical implications to not knowing the identity of your biological parents. There are also serious emotional factors."

...

Dr McChrystal said there were many reasons why people got the DNA testing done and results were often a shock to people who had not even considered their child's paternity.

She said: "The thing that we have to take into account is that we do a lot of DNA tests for immigration purposes where the paternity of the child is not even in question.'

Justin Bieber paternity suit dropped, report says

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Story here. Except:

'A paternity lawsuit against Canadian pop singer Justin Bieber has been dismissed, according to TMZ.

The suit brought by an American woman, Mariah Yeater, was quietly dropped last week, according to the celebrity gossip website, which first reported the legal action earlier this month.

Lawyer Jeffrey Leving confirmed Wednesday the suit had been withdrawn, but said the two parties were trying to address the matter out of court.'

Women bloggers seek to fight online misogyny, critics decry threat to free speech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Taking a cue from Howard Beale, feminist bloggers are banging their keyboards to say “I’M AS MAD AS HELL, AND I’M NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS ANYMORE!”

Just what are these women so angry about? Misogyny. And not just any misogyny, but Internet misogyny that ends up in their email in-boxes, comment sections, Facebook pages and Twitter feeds.

While women decrying the hatred of women is nothing new, what is new is the number of women bloggers coming out of the woodwork to openly share their experiences of hurt in an effort to launch a campaign against online misogyny.

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Being from Great Britain, Lewis-Hasteley explained that they have laws against “hate speech” which allow female bloggers to turn their negative comments into a criminal case. In the United States, however, no such remedy exists, so American women bloggers have to find other avenues to combat the hate.

Feminist blogger Sady Doyle’s suggestion to create an awareness raising hashtag — “MenCallMeThings” — took fire on Twitter at the beginning of last week.

“Misogynists don’t like women,” she wrote at her site, Tiger Beat Down. “It doesn’t matter how uniquely charming and witty and acquainted with various fine bourbons you are. Are you a woman? Then they don’t like you. And they especially don’t like you telling them what to do. By, for example, asking them to cut it out with the misogyny.”'

Report: Paternity fraud rampant in US if New Hampshire study is representative

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON – More than three years ago, a Maine district court judge ruled that Geoffrey Fisher no longer had to pay child support for a child that wasn't his.

But that didn't stop the state from revoking Fisher's driver's license and coming after him for thousands of dollars it says he owes in back payments.

Last year, Maine sent Fisher, 35, a letter seeking $11,450 in child support, even though officials know that DNA tests proved he isn't the father of the child in question.

As the nation experiences an unprecedented increase in unwed motherhood, more men are finding themselves named as "fathers," for purposes of child support, simply because of their ability to pay, say several recent studies.

It's called "paternity fraud," and one state that examined the problem found as many as 30 percent of those paying child support were, indeed, not the biological fathers of the children being supported.

The most recent comprehensive study took place in New Hampshire under the auspices of the Commission on the Status of Men.

The commission found that even men who later were able to prove they were paying support for the children of other men were sometimes still forced by courts and state agencies to continue.'

Victory—In Face of Opposition, Leahy Scraps VAWA Draft Provision Which Lowers Evidence Standards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'False allegations of abuse are common in family court, and have been used to separate many fathers (and some mothers) from their children. The reasons for this problem are many, but one of the biggest is the low evidence standard for upholding abuse claims.

The common evidence standard for domestic violence restraining orders is “preponderance of the evidence,” often conceptualized as a mere 51/49% likelihood of guilt. By contrast, when someone seeks a civil restraining order, the more stringent and appropriate “clear and convincing” evidence standard is used.
...
Fathers and Families wants abused women (and men) to be afforded the protection they need. However, we have relentlessly publicized and fought the common problem of false allegations being used as child custody and financial maneuvers in divorce. And one of the key components in this fight is to replace the “preponderance” standard with the “clear and convincing” standard.

SCUM Actress Convicted Of Shoplifting - TWICE

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Reference: http://news.mensactivism.org/node/17530. Article here. Excerpt:

"Andréa Edwards has made a number of roles in film and television. Last seen her in a small role in "Easy Money". She has also had roles in, among other things Wallander movie "The weak point" and "In the Shadow of the heat."

Edwards went out Theatre Academy in 2000 and has worked at the Royal Dramatic Theatre, Stockholm's City Theatre and Theatre Guillotine.

Now she has been sentenced to 11 000 SEK in fines for having shoplifted a Filippa K sweater Åhléns City of Stockholm.

Edwards has been convicted once before for shoplifting."

Andrea Edwards reference:
"They are being attacked incessantly by Andrea Edwards during the approximately hour-long show."

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New judge assigned in Penn State sex abuse case

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Story here. Good move. (See previous MANN story here.) Excerpt:

'STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — A new judge was assigned Wednesday to handle the child sex abuse charges against former Penn State football assistant coach Jerry Sandusky, whose televised defense earlier this week drew a rebuke from a lawyer for one of his accusers.

The change removed a State College judge with ties to a charity founded by Sandusky for at-risk children, The Second Mile.

Harrisburg attorney Ben Andreozzi said he represents a client who will testify against Sandusky, who is accused of abusing eight boys, some on campus, over 15 years.'

It Is Never OK to Trick a Man Into Fatherhood

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women who trick men into fatherhood are the lowest of the low. If you think it doesn't exist, think again. It happens all the time.

The Daily Mail had several examples of men who were duped into becoming fathers by women who lied about birth control or, worse, used the sperm in the condoms to impregnate themselves. Sometimes it seems like all the rhetoric around childbearing is about women's rights and men's responsibilities, but what about in cases like these where the man is clearly duped into becoming a father because of the woman's biological clock?

It's hard to imagine anything that could be more irresponsible than bringing an unwanted child into the world and then, adding insult to injury, suing the man you tricked into paying for that child for at least 18 years. It's wrong to the man, yes. But even more, it's wrong to the child.

How does a child born this way feel? If a woman really wants a child on her own, there are ethical ways to do that. There are sperm banks and willing men who would like to become dads. What these women do is unconscionable.'

University of Tennessee rejects discrimination claim by women's athletics employees

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Story here. Excerpt:

'KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee has rejected claims by three employees of its women's athletics department who say they were discriminated against because their salaries were lower than those of employees in the men's athletics department with comparable duties.

...

In the complaint, Moshak, who works directly with women's basketball and oversees employees who work with other women's sports, compared her salary and duties to Director of Men's Sports Medicine Jason McVeigh. At that time, Moshak earned a base salary of $87,500 while McVeigh, who works directly with the football team and supervises employees who work with other men's sports, made a base salary of $89,048.

...

A report by the university said Moshak and McVeigh's positions differ for many reasons, including the number of athletes each supervises, the nature and number of injuries involved in their respective sports, their budget responsibilities and the amount of revenue and interest their sports generate.'

University of Louisville Pediatrics opens clinic for adolescent girls only

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Article here.

'LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — University of Louisville Pediatrics has opened a health clinic for girls only.

The UofL Pediatrics-Young Women's Health said in a statement that it will limit its practice to girls and young women ages 11-21. The clinic's focus will be to help girls as they develop in their teen years.

Attending physician Monique Howard said many teen girls feel too old to see a pediatrician, but sometimes require attention that a family doctor might not be able to provide. In addition to routine medical checks, Howard is trained to help patients with issues such as eating disorders and reproductive health.

UofL Pediatrics Division of Adolescent Medicine chief Ken Schikler says the goal is to "bridge the gap" between pediatricians and adult medicine.'

"European Quotas for Women CEOs Help Crack Boardroom Glass Ceilings"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Nov. 16, 2011 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Women are cracking boardroom glass ceilings all over Europe, spurred on by new quota requirements in many countries to put women at the top, according to the latest Corporate Women Directors International study of women directors in Fortune Global 200 companies, the biggest in the world.

"Something is happening, and it's driven by Europe," said Irene Natividad, chair of the Washington-based international research group CWDI which releases its 17th annual report on Nov. 18. "The momentum for more women on boards will change the face of the biggest companies in Europe, in the midst of the region's ongoing financial crisis. They are ahead of the ball game."

The major influence on many European companies -- government quotas for the number of women required to be in the boardroom, was initially propelled by Norway, but since adopted in Spain, France, the Netherlands, Iceland, Italy and Belgium.'

Muses & Visionaries, an office space and club for women only, opens in West Palm Beach

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Like many working moms, Lena Hyde and Erin Rossitto juggle schedules that are full to overflowing.

So it's no surprise that they craved a little space - specifically, a downtown West Palm Beach address that would attract women with similar goals, "who want to grow and be successful and be good parents," Rossitto says.

The two friends recently opened Muses & Visionaries, a members-only office space and club - for women only. No boys allowed.

"We all connect on a different level when it's just women," says Hyde, a 43-year-old photographer.
...
Any woman is welcome to join her there, for a fee. Muses & Visionaries memberships are available at three levels - the Enthusiast, the Musepreneur and the Careerist, providing varying degrees of access.'

Why we all need to talk about prostate cancer – the forgotten cancer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It appears that the uptake of breast cancer screening varies in different geographical areas of the UK. Researchers reporting to the National Cancer Research Institute's conference in Liverpool revealed that "fear, anxiety and embarrassment" were the reasons given by women for not attending breast screening – along with only being aware of two possible symptoms and assuming that "cancer would never happen to me".

GPs, nurses and health professionals are being encouraged to talk to women about breast cancer in order to raise the numbers accepting screening.

Women are much better at understanding their own bodies but if fear, anxiety and embarrassment are dissuading them from seeking screening, how much worse will it be among the male population. We know, from breast cancer in men, that the male of the species tends to ignore symptoms so that, by the time the doctor is consulted, the breast cancer has reached an advanced stage. I wonder – does the same apply to prostate and other male cancers?'

Plea deal ends charge stemming from false rape accusation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A San Antonio woman who authorities accused of instigating a murder by lying to her boyfriend about being raped has accepted a plea agreement in which she now faces up to eight years in prison.

Melissa Ann Ramos, 23, had been charged with manslaughter for the June 2007 shooting death of Quiznos employee Nathan Ramirez, 20, even though she was not there when he was shot outside the North Side sandwich shop.

On Tuesday, prosecutors agreed to drop the manslaughter charge in exchange for her no-contest plea to robbery. Both are second-degree felonies generally punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Her boyfriend, James “Clay” Kelly, was convicted by a jury of murder and sentenced in August by state District Judge Ron Rangel to 40 years in prison for also instigating the shooting.'

Woman who cried rape to pay damages

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http://www.iol.co.za/news/crime-courts/woman-who-cried-rape-to-pay-damages-1.1177505

'A Soshanguve teacher who was falsely accused of rape by the woman with whom he had an adulterous relationship is due to receive R230 000 in damages from his former lover.

Pretoria High Court Judge Legodi Phatudi ordered that Ntebane Patricia Molapo had to pay the damages to Herold Maphoto, a teacher at the Kgadime-Matsepe Secondary School. Maphoto spent 17 days in custody and went through a lengthy trial only to have his name cleared.

The judge found the woman intended to injure her lover when she instituted criminal proceedings against him. She knew rape was a schedule six offence and it was unlikely he would easily be released on bail.

Judge Phatudi said the woman decided to go ahead with the rape charge without applying her mind as to the possible consequences.'

November is Native American Heritage Month

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http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/

I think people forget Native American men have the highest rate of alcoholism and suicide. We have a responsibility as a nation to do more for them.

Some about it discussed here. Excerpt:

'What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the very proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kans., formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.'

Cornell Debates Rules for Sexual Assault Cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

A temporary amendment to the Campus Code of Conduct that was approved in May is sparking a debate about how Cornell should treat students who are accused of sexually assaulting other students.

The amendment, which came in response to pressures from the federal government, lowered the required burden of proof in sexual assault cases, making it easier for accusers to win their cases. It also gave the accuser — who is formally referred to as the “complainant” — the same rights as the accused student to appeal the decision.

The ensuing debate has pitted victim advocates, who are concerned about protecting students who have been sexually assaulted, against those who worry that the changes may lead to the expulsion of innocent students.

The changes have raised questions about whether sexual assault accusations should be treated differently than accusations involving other offenses under the Code of Conduct, and whether the complainants and the accused should be given equal rights. More broadly, students and administrators have questioned whether the University should focus on protecting students from being wrongfully punished — with sanctions that can include expulsion — or protecting victims from becoming further hurt by a contentious judicial process.
...
But one advocate for accused students argued that it is not fair to force the accused to defend themselves again.

Kyle Hogan grad, a law student who heads the Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor, said that allowing claimants to appeal could subject accused students to double jeopardy.'

Never trust a chivalrous man - it means he’s up to something

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, I witnessed a remarkable altercation on a London bus, when a man refused to give up his seat to a woman. She started screaming at him about his lack of respect, but he wouldn’t budge. Quite right, too. Why should he? Respect cannot be demanded, it has to be earned.

Some say that chivalry is dead in the workplace, but did it ever have a proper place there in the first place, I wonder. In this instance, I can only speak for myself. If you are a female journalist working on a daily newspaper and a male colleague opens the door and politely ushers you through first, it really means something.

It means that, overnight, workmen have removed an entire floor, exposing a 100ft drop to the basement three storeys below, where a poisoned spike trap has been set. ‘After you, my dear.’ ‘No, no, after you.’ But at least, as I said, we understand each other.

Actually, I see tiny but compelling acts of chivalry every day. A cup of coffee put on a busy colleague’s desk. A helping hand with a pram, a child, an awkward parcel, a difficult step. It is non-gender specific, because today we are all in it together, for better or worse.

Today, good manners, showing an everyday kindness to strangers and being polite to all is the petrol in the engine of civilisation. It is not the prerogative of men, it is up to everyone to make the effort. And, with that, I bid you good day, my lady. Bow, bow, scrape, scrape disappears into obsolete mists of time.'

Where Did All the Boys Go?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Providence College has had issues maintaining male enrollment in the past, and this has impacted the sports teams. The Friars had to cut men's tennis, golf, and baseball in order to comply with Title IX regulations. Title IX states that there must be equal opportunities for men and women; this includes the number of sports scholarships and sporting opportunities. Other universities have faced similar issues with sports and Title IX compliance; Boston University, for example, cut its football program and dedicated the resources to women's sports.

According to Associate Vice President and Dean of Admission Chris Lydon, the first class to have a larger female population than male was the class of 1985, 10 years after the school became co-educational. That class had a population of 51.5 percent women and 48.5 percent men. Since that point, the percentage of boys in various entering classes has ranged from around 45 to 38 percent, with a rise to 47 percent in the class of 2008. Lydon admitted that the yield of males this year was unexpectedly low, but says he is not sure exactly why.
...
The lack of males on college campuses raises bigger issues about the treatment of males in American high schools. It is a curious question as to why male students are being outpaced by their female counterparts. Strategies that have been suggested to improve the standing of males in classrooms include the creation of single-sex classrooms and male mentoring programs.

Despite troubling national statistics about boys in higher education, not all attitudes on campus are very concerned about the manner. The residents of Guzman Hall were quite pleased that there were more girls than boys on campus, and said that they thought the male-to-female ratio was "absolutely fine."'

American Medical Association makes quick decision to state male circumcision has 'health benefits'

Matt · 17 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc Angelucci:

Today the Los Angeles Daily Journal printed my op-ed responding to the American Medical Association's irresponsible and unexamined 11/15/11 statement that male circumcision has documented health benefits. The op-ed is here. The AMA completely disregarded what national medical associations worldwide are saying, and based on some of their responses to us on Facebook it appears they didn't even read them. The AMA's announcement on its Facebook page has well over 150 very critical comments from the public about this decision.

Interestingly, two of their members answered by admitting this was somewhat of a quick decision. One of them, name, Sam Mackenzie, said this was made with only "limited debate," and he offered to draft a resolution for reconsideration at their June meeting, and he said this that the AMA's report "stated that there was very limited testimony arguing against the resolution. The limited debate was framed around intrusion of patient choice and physician practice, not on the merits of circumcision. I'm not saying this is appropriate--just that it's what happened. Second, this was submitted as a late resolution; hence, it was not privy to discussion on the online forum before the meeting. A strong case could have been made for referral to a council, for example, the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs. In hindsight, this would have been my preferred action, but as a medical student, I was focused on other issues, for example, those centered around Medicaid revisions and cuts to GME funding."

New York Family Courts Say Keep Out, Despite Order

Anonymous · 18 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New York State's Family Courts were ordered to be opened to the public with much fanfare in 1997, supposedly allowing anyone to witness the cases of domestic violence, foster care and child neglect that inch through by the hundreds of thousands every year. But now, 14 years later, the Family Courts remain essentially, almost defiantly, closed to the general public.

Recent visits to the courts across New York City revealed officials and security officers routinely disregarding the open-courts rule in ways both large and small, direct and implied, insistent and even hostile.

Some courtrooms were locked, and many were marked with "stop" and "do not enter" signs. Court officers stationed at courtroom doors repeatedly barred a visitor, sometimes with sarcasm or ridicule, frequently demanding to know who he was and what he was doing. Armed court officers at times appeared so rattled by a visitor's efforts to enter courtrooms that, in several instances, a group of them nervously confronted the visitor, their holsters in easy reach.
...

American legal principles have long favored open courts as a check on government, and New York law has specifically said for more than a century that "the sittings of every court within the state shall be public."

But by 1997, the Family Courts had been closed for decades, with rare exceptions. Critics said the chaos of the courts was amplified by their secrecy — a veil that had grown over the years with the support of many of the courts' judges, lawyers and social-agency representatives. Closed courtrooms, critics argued, kept hidden the courts' struggles, as well as the sometimes controversial ways they dealt with those who ended up in the resource-starved system plagued by delays.

Citing a need for accountability, the officials who issued the open-courts rule presented it as the centerpiece of an effort to reform Family Courts that were perennially in crisis. The rule was announced by Judith S. Kaye, the state's chief judge at the time, and the chief administrative judge, Jonathan Lippman, now the chief judge. It stated bluntly, "The Family Court is open to the public," and assured access to all courtrooms, lobbies and waiting areas. The only exceptions were to be after "case-by-case" decisions by judges after the presentation of "supporting evidence," like a "compelling" privacy concern.'

It’s time boys learn the F-word

anthony · 19 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Her story, an all too common one, illustrated for me why feminism still has some fights to take on – and why boys her age need to hear its perspective. It’s the kind of experience that prompted a new book, The Guy’s Guide to Feminism, which landed on my desk recently. Co-authored by Canadian social justice educator Michael Kaufman and New York-based sociologist Michael Kimmel, the book takes the form of a lighthearted A to Z bathroom companion – the personal is political, after all – and thus strikes a tone that I think boys just might listen to.

With homophobic cyberbullying causing suicides, rape joke pages on Facebook, and pornography widely accessible to impressionable minds, it’s more important than ever to start a discussion with teens – the girls as well as the guys – about gender stereotypes and expectations.

Internet pornography, one of teen boys’ greatest preoccupations, is naturally one of the issues addressed – in a pro-sex, playfully ironic manner. When I asked my niece whether she thinks porn puts negative pressure on her, she confirmed – and then inspirationally combatted – our collective fear that girls feel they have to mimic the videos that boys watch. One guy she dated at 16 did indeed pressure her. “He asked me, ‘Why aren’t you screaming?’ And I told him, ‘Because I’m not acting!’ That’s what a lot of it is. It’s fake.”'

The Politics of Campus Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nonetheless, the new Department of Education guidelines remain in force (the OCR never even replied to FIRE's letter criticizing them). And, while these regulations carry no penalty for non-compliance, they will undoubtedly continue to exert pressure on colleges to disciplinary codes. A number of schools, including major universities such as Stanford and Yale, have already amended their procedural rules in response to the OCR letter. A comment from Stanford Dean of Student Life Christine Griffith strongly suggested that concerns about violations of students' rights were not misplaced. If some were worried that the changes in the burden of proof might be unfavorable to the accused, Griffith told The Stanford Daily, it was "an opportunity for people to be saying to themselves, 'I need to be really educated about these issues because I don't want to find myself in this circumstance.'" In other words, it's up to potential defendants to be extra careful to avoid any ambiguous situation that might lead to a rape charge.'

Could Women Have Saved Penn State?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"There's a gender element to everything," says Andrew Shubin, a central Pennsylvania civil-rights attorney who is representing a number of the victims. He notes that, even in an opposite situation—had somebody said they walked in on Sandusky raping a young girl, instead of a boy—"it might have been an easier thing to understand."

There are other questions, too: Might the victims have been more willing to come forward had they been female, where, some might say, the idea of talking about a rape is less taboo? Had this not been football, where pats on the ass and lurid locker-room talk are routine—yet to be "gay" is roundly condemned—might these boys have recognized the abuse earlier? (As Naomi Mezey, a Georgetown law professor who studies cultural identity, puts it, "Sports is one of those places where male physicality with each other is allowable, yet is simultaneously deeply homophobic.") And, lastly, would this horrifying narrative have turned out any differently had the culture surrounding it not been so chauvinistic?

"I don't think we are going to see women coaches raping 10-year-olds any time soon, and if one did, I think she would be out on her ear in no time," says journalist Katha Pollitt, a columnist at The Nation. "And female students leading a riot in defense of child molesters? I doubt it. This whole thing is just patriarchal from top to bottom."

Whether or not we agree, it's easy to make the argument that close-knit, insular groups of men have been known to do bad things (think: the Catholic Church). Studies show that dissenting voices are crucial to countering group think—especially in realms where pledging allegiance to a hierarchy are the norm. In the business world, companies with equal numbers of men and women on their boards are more successful. We'll probably never know if that would be the case in football.'

‘Breaking the Silence: A Practical Guide for Male Victims of Domestic Abuse’ available for pre-order

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Normally when it comes to posting items about new items being sold by a person or group, I think twice. After all, if I make too many exceptions, then what? Everyone has a claim of right to say they ought to get their whatever-it-is advertised even if it is only tangentially related to MR issues. That disclaimer aside, I am making an exception for the book ‘Breaking the Silence: A Practical Guide for Male Victims of Domestic Abuse’, which I found out about from a Men's Health Australia email. Since DV against men is so under-recognized, it's important that any new work on the subject and in particular one offering practical advice to men in abusive relationships be made known. So, here it is. Excerpt:

'Male victims of domestic abuse are not often spoken for or spoken about. In this ground breaking book, Dr Elizabeth Celi sets out to debunk myths, provide practical advice and create a much needed resource for men who are experiencing domestic abuse and those who wish to help them.

If you are a man who has suffered domestic abuse, you may feel confused about what to do and whose fault it all is. You know you’re not safe but you don’t know how the situation got so out of control. If you have kids, there’s an even bigger risk than leaving an abusive or violent situation – leaving your children behind in it. At times you may even feel like you’ve failed at being a man.

You’re not alone. And although it’s not an easy cycle to break, it is possible. With the right advice, practical tips and the right team in your corner, you can rebuild your sense of self, your relationships and your life.'

Students Decry Anti-Feminist Speaker at DKE, Hold Sit-In

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Self-proclaimed anti-feminist, pro-free-speech editor Charlotte Allen gave a lecture at the Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) house, which was hosted by the alumni of the University's DKE and Beta Theta Pi (Beta) chapters. The lecture was quick to spark controversy on campus, and the women's advocacy group FemNet staged a peaceful sit-in at the event.

"I am here to deliver an alarming message: college fraternities are being hunted to extinction," Allen declared.

Allen suggested that the change in attitudes towards fraternities has been facilitated by what she referred to as a "coalition of militant feminists." She said that politically-correct college administrations are also to blame, as well as President Obama's administration.
...

Allen ended her speech by suggesting that anti-fraternity sentiments will intensify as college education becomes increasingly feminized. She urged the crowd to fight for their rights to keep spaces free of University corruption.

"Fraternities provide a private space," Allen said. "There, men do not have to apologize for being men, playing football, or having testosterone and throaty voices. They can laugh freely at the latest pronouncements from the campus women's center."'

Recession hitting young men hardest: 1 in 5 now back at home

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Michael Gaynor, 25, completed his bachelor's degree and certification to teach elementary and high-school physical education in May 2009, then set out during a recession to find that dream job.

Over the next two years, the quest would take him from substitute teaching and respite care work in Iowa, back to his parents' home in Skokie; to Florida, where he waited tables, then back to Skokie; to Colorado as a substitute teacher, coach and camp counselor, then, back to Skokie.

"My moves back home were always transitional. They allowed me to save up money, not having to pay rent and utilities," says Gaynor, who got a new job and moved out from his parents again last week.

A U.S. Census Bureau analysis earlier this month found that nearly one of every five young men in their mid-20s through mid-30s are either moving back home with their parents — or never left.'

F&F: Battle for Alimony Reform Heats up in FL, CA

Matt · 22 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Florida bill has been introduced to abolish lifetime alimony and clean up other abuses within the system, similar to the alimony reform bill recently passed in Massachusetts. One of Florida's largest newspapers, the Orlando Sentinel, attacked the bill as a windfall for "wealthy men who cheat on their wives."

Many Fathers and Families members have experienced the injustices of the current alimony system firsthand–we ask that you write a Letter to the Editor of the Sentinel by clicking here and/or comment on the bill here.

A Low-Rent Attack

Sentinel columnist Scott Maxwell employs anti-male stereotypes in his piece In new alimony bill, wealthy, cheating men could pay less, and informs us that the bill is "anti-woman," "unconstitutional," "radical," "Draconian," etc. In a state where alimony obligors are often unable to retire at a normal age because they must continue to pay alimony, Maxwell is somehow unable to come up with any family law experts who like the bill.'

Missing girl's mom arrested on child abuse charges

Matt · 22 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Police on Monday arrested the mother of a missing 5-year-old Arizona girl on child abuse charges "directly related" to the girl, and said they don't believe they'll find the child alive.

In a news conference that offered the most detail yet about what investigators think happened to Jhessye Shockley, Glendale police said the girl's mother, Jerice Hunter, was now the investigation's "No. 1 focus."

Hunter was booked Monday at the Maricopa County jail. A sheriff's spokesman said Hunter was unable to talk to reporters because she had not yet been assigned a housing unit. She was scheduled for her first court appearance Monday night.

Hunter previously told The Associated Press she had nothing to do with Jhessye's disappearance and was highly critical of the department's investigation.

Glendale police Sgt. Brent Coombs said at the news conference that new information in the past few days led police to serve another search warrant on Hunter's Glendale apartment and arrest her Monday. He wouldn't elaborate.'

Cops: Woman kills 1, injures 5, then kills self

Matt · 22 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This is a really terrible and tragic situation made up of immature so-called adults doing nutty things with children being their victims. The reason I am posting it is to point out that yes, some women can do really irrationally violent things, just like some men can also when under similar circumstances. Nonetheless, no adult of any sex who can tell the difference between right and wrong actions (especially mortal actions) and who is also not well and truly insane in some other relevant way (e.g.: seeing flying pink elephants while hearing loud voices urging them to kill people) has no excuse for such behavior. She killed herself, so there is no way to know what "The System" would have done with her: treat her as the criminal she was or give her a room in a psychiatric ward? But I guess she passed sentence on herself. Excerpt:

'GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — A woman who killed her son, then shot her ex-boyfriend and four other people before killing herself was bitter over an affair with the married man, authorities said Monday.

The gunwoman, Mary Ann Holder, left behind two notes taking responsibility for the shootings Sunday morning and apologizing for the pain she caused, Guilford County Sheriff BJ Barnes said.

Investigators said the notes indicate Holder was angry about how her relationship with 40-year-old Randall Lamb came to an end after starting nearly four years ago. He was in stable condition on Monday.

Holder filed restraining orders against Lamb and his wife, saying they stalked and harassed her and that Lamb constantly drove past her house. Lamb's wife filed a restraining order against Holder, saying she would constantly call and text their cell phones and that Holder also sent nude pictures of herself to her boyfriend's wife.'

UK: Press Complaints Commission (PCC) upholds complaint against "Woman" magazine following custody battle story

Minuteman · 22 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The Press Complaints Commission has upheld a complaint against Woman under Clause 1 (Accuracy) of the Editors' Code of Practice after a first-person story it published about a custody battle was disputed by the former husband of the woman who had told her story.

The article was an account of the couple's custody dispute of their son, focusing particularly on the mother's decision to take the child from Cyprus to the UK without the complainant's consent. He contested a number of claims she had made, most notably that the child was taken to the UK because he needed medical care that was not available in Cyprus. He had not been contacted by the magazine before publication. The magazine said this was because he had not been accused of any wrong doing; however, in order to check the veracity of the piece, it had checked the text with the complainant's former mother-in-law to before going to print.'

Ed. note: The PCC in the UK is discussed here.

With Boys on Girls Swim Team, NYT's Support for Gender Equity Takes a Sudden Dive

anthony · 22 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After years of hailing the federal Title IX ruling that mandates equal opportunity for women in school athletics (and resulted in some schools shutting down marginal boys sports like wrestling), and for the inclusion of women on boys teams, the Times now turns around and sympathizes with girls who want boys to be barred from competing with them, despite the right of boys to compete apparently enshrined in the constitution of the true-blue liberal state of Massachusetts.

'Sarah Hooper, a senior at Needham High who is the fourth-fastest female entrant, finds the situation difficult to swallow.

“It’s really frustrating to see how athletic directors and school administrators aren’t doing anything,” she said. “They really aren’t advocating for us. I understand there isn’t an opportunity for these boys, but it infuriates me that they can’t combine two schools’ boys to create one team or have them compete in separate heats. The way it is now, the boys are taking recognition away from girls who have worked hard and deserve it.”'

...

Crouse offered rationalizations on why having girls on boys teams is unobjectionable, but having boys compete on a girls team is a newsworthy controversy.'

"In Praise of Idleness", revisited

redwoodwriter · 22 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From In Praise of Idleness by Bertrand Russell:

"If the ordinary wage-earner worked four hours a day, there would be enough for everybody and no unemployment -- assuming a certain very moderate amount of sensible organization. This idea shocks the well-to-do, because they are convinced that the poor would not know how to use so much leisure. In America men often work long hours even when they are well off; such men, naturally, are indignant at the idea of leisure for wage-earners, except as the grim punishment of unemployment; in fact, they dislike leisure even for their sons. Oddly enough, while they wish their sons to work so hard as to have no time to be civilized, they do not mind their wives and daughters having no work at all. the snobbish admiration of uselessness, which, in an aristocratic society, extends to both sexes, is, under a plutocracy, confined to women; this, however, does not make it any more in agreement with common sense.

This quote from Lord Bertrand Russell's famous essay, entitled "In Praise Of Idleness," highlights the fact that American men are indoctrinated with the "work ethic". These American men find it very difficult to be idle, to enjoy their leisure, to feel deserving of their time off. They must work, work, work, or else starve, or so they think. This is the mentality and the morality of a slave, and the modern world has no need for slaves.

It is time that American men confronted the disparity in work expectations between the sexes. For example, if a young couple has children, and the wife stays home with small children while the husband earns the money, perhaps there is some semblance of equality there. But as such a couple gets older, and the children grow up and leave the house, and the man continues to work full time while the wife has a life of leisure. Where is the equity in that?

SAVE E-lert: Giving Thanks

Matt · 23 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Via a SAVE email:

During this season of gratitude we realize that all of the things SAVE is thankful for are due to your efforts.

We want you to know how much we appreciate your calls and emails to legislators. We want to thank you for your generous donations. And we want to honor all of the volunteers who have joined the Domestic Violence Legislative Project (DVLP), the Countering Abuse Misinformation Project (CAMP), and Campaign 2012.

Your many calls and emails have already improved Senator Leahy's discussion draft of VAWA. Your generous donations have allowed us to distribute press releases, give dozens of radio interviews, and sponsor two public events in the last year, Hoax! and False Allegation Awareness Summit. Every one of your gifts, from $5 on up make a difference.

I want to take this moment to give a heartfelt "thank you" to each and every one of you who have committed yourselves to our success by joining the DVLP, CAMP, and Campaign 2012.

Each month I am amazed by the number of people who join our DVLP conference calls. I love reading the articles, letters to the editor and op-eds written by our CAMP crew. And I get a kick out of seeing photos of Campaign 2012 members wearing their t-shirts and hearing how the public reacts.

Know that you are a valuable part of SAVE. We do.

Know that you can make a difference...you already have, and together we will continue to do so!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

New Verizon DV Campaign Uses Same Worn Sterotypes and Half-Truths

heg215 · 23 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Here is a Verizon sponsored video depicting the stereotypical domestic violence bias. Please write in and call as well to express your dissatisfaction and ask them to make the necessary corrections. My letter is included here in for reference. We all must act, not just complain. Thank you. (Saveservices.org alerted me to this)

Contact:
Mr. Bob Varettoni
Executive Director, Media Relations
robert.a.varettoni-at-verizon.com

My letter:

Dear Mr. Varettoni,

I want to commend you and Verizon for forming a hotline for those who are victims of domestic violence. However, the video that I watched and statements that I read were highly inaccurate and very gender biased. It does not portray what is actually occurring with domestic violence.

First of all, why is this video only referring to "she" when it describes those affected by watching violence in the home? Why is there no reference to boys being affected by watching violence in the home? This is nothing but pure sexism and discrimination.

Second, why is there no reference to mothers hitting dads? Over 200 studies have shown that women initiate violence at rates equal to men. Even the CDC reports that women initiate violence 70% of the time in nonreciprocal violent relationships. (http://csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm) (http://ajph.aphapublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/97/5/941). Statistics used by the DV industry are skewed usually because they also add rape into the data or they use reported figures. Due to continued bias in education, most men don't report DV due to the fact no one would believe them, shame, or fear of themselves being arrested. Please view this study of DV in Ireland. It is precisely what male victims deal with. (http://www.amen.ie/Downloads/26007.pdf)

I would hope that Verizon Wireless wishes to be viewed as a company that truly wants to help ALL domestic violence victims and that includes the many men that are in desperate need of someplace to turn to. Verizon states, "People need to understand that when they look the other way, they condone this deplorable behavior." By using these biased and distorted figures and only addressing girls viewing violence and female victims, Verizon is perpetrating the act that they claim to want to end. As a Verizon Wireless customer, I will surely look into alternatives if these inaccuracies and biases are not properly addressed.

Thank you,

Bob McCoskrie: Why I won't be wearing the White Ribbon - New Zealand

Mr VanHuizen · 24 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence is not a gender issue, writes Bob McCoskrie, national director of Family First NZ.

I won't be wearing a white ribbon on Friday. Don't get me wrong - I would be the first in line to condemn violence against women, and the first to be held to account for my own actions.

But the well-intentioned White Ribbon Campaign, according to the website, is led by the Families Commission which supports a "suite of family violence initiatives" including the It's Not OK campaign, the Family Violence Clearinghouse and the Family Violence Statistics report.

If we're serious about reducing family violence, we need to open both eyes - and tell the truth.

The website says "Violence is endemic within New Zealand. One in three women are victims of violence from a partner". The first part is right - the second misrepresents the facts.'

Do women really get a better deal than men in UK?

anthony · 24 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ironically enough, the idea came from a woman.

For years, Swayne O'Pie had been writing and lecturing about what he feels is feminism's corrosive effect on society.

Then, one day, his then girlfriend said: "Why don't you put all your notes together in a book."

And so was born the 456 pages of Why Britain Hates Men: Exposing Feminism, which he has just self-published.

He got the bit between his teeth around 20 years ago when he became a single parent and started counselling dads who were struggling to get access to their children.

As he brought up his own three kids, he encouraged fathers around the country to stand up for their rights, and was involved in a number of Fathers 4 Justice demonstrations.

That began a mission to prove his controversial point that men are now the put-upon underdogs in life.'

Australian Parliament Rolls Back Children's Rights to Their Dad

Kratch · 25 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The long-anticipated roll-back of children's rights in Australia has happened. The Australian Parliament has passed the bill aimed at scuttling the 2006 amendments to the Family Law Act that promised children greater access to their fathers.

The Howard government's modest attempt at making shared parenting the rule in Australia was met with a firestorm of protest from anti-father forces across the country. Lacking any comprehensive data for their claim, they nevertheless argued that the 2006 reforms endangered children. That of course was premised on the notion that fathers are uniquely harmful to children. The fact that, in Australia as in the United States, mothers commit more abuse and neglect of children than do fathers is a concept the anti-dad crowd preferred to ignore. They shouted to the skies their narrative of paternal violence, irrespective of known science.

And the political powers that be listened. The bill that was offered and that has now passed is so virulently anti-father as to beggar belief. More importantly, it's anti-child, despite the claim that it's done for their welfare. It's touted as protection for children because it places child safety as paramount when a court decides custody. Read about it here (News.Com.Au./11/22/11).'

Brooklyn teacher Claudia Tillery charged with raping boy

Anonymous · 26 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Let us remember that she is innocent until proven guilty of course. It is interesting that the article includes the word 'statutory', though. Is the article implying that if the boy WAS raped, it could only have been on statutory grounds? Excerpt:

'A female New York City school teacher has been charged with raping a statutory rape [sic] of a male student and plying him with drugs and alcohol, police said Wednesday.
...
The victim is a sixth-grader at Middle School 35, the Stephen Decatur School, in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, where Tillery began teaching in 1996, officials said. The boy, now 14, had been having a sexual relationship with Tillery for two years but ended it and came forward Nov.22.'

UK: Domestic violence team working with men to change the cycle of destruction

anthony · 27 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Are you violent or abusive?

Do you have problems managing your temper?

Do you frighten people you care about?'

These are the questions the Janus Project, Sheffield's only programme which works with men to stop their abuse of women, asks of those who walk voluntarily through its doors wanting help.

But the most important one is this: 'Do you want to change?'

"That desire is essential if we are to break the cycle of abuse," says Senior Therapist and Intervention Programme Coordinator Jozef Sen.

Janus, which gets around 20 enquiries a month, gives long-term support. Men are urged to stay for at least a year and after one to one therapy using anger management techniques, are encouraged to meet in a weekly group to help each other to change their violent or abusive behaviour.'

'Building better men'

anthony · 27 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Travis Jones is determined to show the community that nice guys don't finish last.

Jones has been hired by the Hailey-based Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to lead a new project aimed at engaging men and boys in violence prevention efforts. The program is specifically designed to mobilize men and boys so they are inspired to take action against sexist violence and bullying.

According to statistics, more than 90 percent of violence against men and women is committed by men.

The Engaging Men and Boys project received startup funds from several local foundations and a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Office. The grant is overseen by the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.'

Woman who attacked McDonald's worker -- and became a "victim" of his self-defense -- arrested over another incident

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Article here. Yep, that's Rachel Edwards, who along with accomplice Denise Darbeau attacked employee Rayon McIntosh at a Greenwich Village McDonald's. One of them slapped him and then jumped over the counter, pursuing and cornering him. He grabbed a pan cleaning utensil, dubbed a "metal bar" or "pipe" by the media to defend himself, and was arrested on felony assault charges. Excerpt:

'A Brooklyn woman caught on tape getting beat up in a Greenwich Village McDonald's has been busted for harassing her cousin, court papers show.

Rachel Edwards, 24, was blamed for sparking the fast food fight after she and a friend cursed out a worker and leaped over the counter last month.

She was arrested for trespassing for that incident and busted a day later for allegedly displaying the same potty mouth in a series of calls and text messages sent to Allison Belmosa.'

"Glitch" in prosecutors' presentation of Greenwich Village McDonald's Incident obscures some footage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Gerald Lebovits ruled that there was probable cause to hold McIntosh in custody while prosecutors take more time to present his felony case to a grand jury, which they are generally required to do within five days of an arrest, in order to keep the suspect in custody.

Video of the incident, which rapidly spread online, was played in court, but the excerpt did not include the moment as the women jumped over the counter. Prosecutors blamed the missing footage on a glitch in the recording.'

Hmmmm...the version of the video available online at http://www.helpfreerayonmcintosh.org/ does not suffer from this "glitch."

Something's fishy, no?

Philadelphia Woman Accused of Fatally Crushing Boyfriend With Car

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Story here.

'PHILADELPHIA -- Police in Philadelphia said a woman fatally crushed her boyfriend with a car early Sunday following an argument.

The incident occurred at around 2:00 a.m. local time in the city's Grays Ferry neighborhood after the couple was arguing inside the car, WPVI-TV reported.

When the man got out, his girlfriend struck him with the car and pushed him into the side of a home.

He was crushed by the impact and pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

The woman was arrested at the scene and was facing several criminal charges Sunday.

Police have not yet identified the man or woman, according to WPVI.'

Man Says Ex-Girlfriend Stole His Sperm to Create Kids

Matt · 28 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK – A New York man was stunned to find out that his four-year-old twins were not an accidental pregnancy after all -- but that his desperate girlfriend secretly stashed away his sperm and used it for an in-vitro procedure, he charges in a lawsuit.

Joseph Pressil, 36, was not planning on having children with Anetria Burnett, with whom he was in a relationship for six months in 2007, he said.

So she took matters into her own hands, he told the New York Post, in order to remain in his Texas house and make a legal bid for half of his possessions.

"A gold digger is an understatement. She was trying to get community property and alimony. She's ruthless," he said.

Now, Pressil is suing Burnett in Texas for custody of their sons.

"This is more than a nightmare -- it's a horror story," he told the Post.

Pressil, a telecommunications manager, said he hooked up with Burnett, 34, when he lived in Texas -- and was a little surprised when she announced she was pregnant.

"We always used condoms," he said. But when a DNA test proved him to be the father, Pressil said he began paying $800 a month in child support.'

"One man's modest plea for womankind’s right to nonviolence"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While men's attitudes are difficult to gauge, The VicHealth National Survey on Community Attitudes to Violence against Women 2009 found that 22% of men believed that rates of violence were equal between men and women and just under two-thirds of Australian men would describe violence against women as a "common" problem; alarming figures that hint at a wider scepticism about the clear contrasts between victimisation and perpetration rates in Australia.

Some simply do not trust the appalling national and state statistics that have either remained unchanged over the years or risen in some areas. Every time a journalist dares publish a figure that slightly widens the lens to better view the full horrifying scope of the issue, the internet comment backlash is merciless.

Some are still writing off instances of intimate partner homicide, rape and physical, psychological and sexual abuse as acts of individual irrationality or crimes of emotion or provocation. Men, along with wider society seem to shrug off the importance of the issue, like the way Facebook recently shrugged off calls to remove "rape joke" pages.

Some still do not believe the issue is as big as popular opinion would suggest, and that men are the "real" invisible victims of domestic violence. It is getting harder to avoid noticing some of the bizarre and often offensive claims in the numerous men's rights websites out there.'

Feminists Target Boys' High School Sports

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now the feminists in Barack Obama's Department of Education are starting to apply the same anti-male regulations to high schools and demand that high schools apply the same gender quotas that have cut back men's teams in colleges. The feminists have filed charges against hundreds of high schools all over the country.

Much research shows that males and females have different interest levels in sports, but the feminists claim that is "a stereotype" that can even be ruled "impermissible" under the Title IX law. Research and common sense are unlikely to deter feminist activists. They've made it clear time and time again that their real goal is not equal opportunities for women, but equal outcomes, regardless of whether most women desire that equal outcome or not. It is predictable that if boys sports are reduced, we will have more and more high school dropouts.'

Women Aggressive Toward 'Sexy' Peers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study finds women can be downright nasty when they don't approve of members of their sex.

The harsh reactions of 43 women to a provocatively dressed peer, caught on tape by Canadian researchers, reveal just how sassy women get when they think someone else is sexier.

"I was convinced, having lived a life as a woman, that we're not as pleasant as some people make us out to be," said Tracy Vaillancourt, professor of psychology at the University of Ottawa and lead author of the study published in Aggressive Behavior.'

Man ordered to pay wife for lack of sex

GaryB · 30 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A COURT in France has ordered a man to pay 10,000 euros in damages to his long-frustrated ex-wife after he failed in his marriage "duties" by withholding sex from her for years. In the May ruling, published overnight in the Gazette du Palais judicial review, an appeals court in the southern city of Aix-en-Provence upheld an earlier decision to award the damages for "absence of sexual relations".

The couple, who are both 51, married in 1986 and have two children. They divorced in January 2009 in Nice.

In its ruling, the court said the man's wife deserved the damages due to the suffering she endured because of her sexless marriage.

"The wife's expectations were legitimate in the sense that sexual relations between married people are an expression of their mutual affection and part of the duties that proceed from marriage," the court said.

It dismissed the husband's argument that health problems and long working hours had simply reduced the opportunities for the couple to have sex. The court ruled that he had not proved "any health problems that would make him completely incapable of having intimate relations with his wife".'

So, I guess that makes it official - the men of France can now sue their wives if they refuse to put out, right? The law is obviously stating that sex is part of the marriage contract, and that failure to deliver on your part is counted as breach of that contract. But can you see women being held to the same standard? Can you just hear the wailing and the gnashing of teeth if a woman - ANY woman - was taken to court and forced to pay (or even worse, 'deliver') on her part of the bargain??!

To paraphrase the Witch, what a world, what a world...

F&F: Tell Officials to Reunite Solomon Metalwala with His Daughter Maile

Matt · 30 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Short version: Washington Department of Social and Health Services seized Maile Metalwala, the 4-year-old daughter of Solomon Metalwala, away from her unfit mother, Julia Biryukova, and put Maile in foster care. It is a common but unjust practice for child welfare agencies to put children in foster care instead of giving them to their fathers. Moreover, the Washington court separated Maile from Solomon based on spurious abuse allegations from a now thoroughly discredited accuser.

We want you to contact all relevant Washington authorities and demand that Solomon and little Maile be reunited--to email and fax them a letter, click here.'

Verizon Video Teaches Children to Fear Fathers, SAVE Charges

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'Washington, DC/November 29, 2011 — A domestic violence video produced by the Verizon Foundation distorts the facts, plays on emotions, and serves to alarm and frighten young children. Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE), an advocate for domestic violence victims, has communicated with Verizon executives about the numerous factual errors, but the company refuses to correct its dangerous misinformation.

Titled “Monsters,” the video revels in powerful yet destructive stereotypes: fathers as abusers, wives as victims, and young boys as future abusers. “The child who lives with domestic violence… is afraid of the monster just down the hall,” a girl’s voiceover intones, while frightening images of a hunchbacked monster-dad flit across the screen: http://www.multivu.com/mnr/52044-verizon-foundation-national-domestic-hotline-video-launch-monsters.'

Do Men Think About Sex All the Time? Maybe Not

Minuteman · 30 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A new study is challenging the widely held notion that men's minds are preoccupied with one topic: sex.

The research in college-age participants suggests that while men do think about sex more often than women, the subject crosses their mind an average of only about 19 times per day, compared to 10 times per day for women.

The results seem to disprove the popular notion that men think about sex every seven seconds, which would total more than 8,000 thoughts about sex in 16 waking hours, the Ohio State University researchers said.

"It's amazing the way people will spout off these fake statistics that men think about sex nearly constantly and so much more often than women do," lead author Terri Fisher, a professor of psychology, said in a university news release. "When a man hears a statement like that, he might think there's something wrong with him because he's not spending that much time thinking about sexuality, and when women hear about this, if they spend significant time thinking about sex they might think there's something wrong with them."'

'Ask Amy' seems fine with subterfuge to get pregnant against husband's wishes

chuck · 30 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Column here. A one-sided response from Amy Dickinson. She blames the husband as does the wife. The husband did say "I could never have kids." Amy does not say a word about the wife's deceit when she tried to subvert her husband's desires by secretly going off the pill. Apparently both Amy and the wife think women have a right to do this. Excerpt:

'I knew it was wrong, but I would accidentally-on-purpose skip days of my birth control, eventually ceasing to take the pills at all. I knew that if we had a child, my husband would grow to love it.

The problem was that, after months of this, I never conceived. A few weeks ago, I finally decided to broach the topic again with my husband.

I discovered that he had a vasectomy a year before we met!
...

Dear Seeking: When your husband stated "I could never have kids," it sounds like he seems to think this is the same thing as saying, "I had a vasectomy."

It is not.
...
You two desperately need to strip away the obfuscation and start telling the truth. Unvarnish it. Why did he have a vasectomy in the first place? Is he willing to have children now? Would he be willing to have his vasectomy reversed or adopt a child with you? Give yourself a reasonable timeline.

Total honesty and clarity about this will help both of you make a decision about the future of your marriage.'

Australia: Federal government funded women-only research fellowships announced

Minuteman · 30 November 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link to media release here. Excerpt:

'The outstanding achievements of Australian Nobel Laureate Professor Elizabeth Blackburn have been recognised through a new fellowship from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) awarded to top female Research Fellows.

This important new NHMRC Fellowship was announced today by Minister for Health and Ageing Nicola Roxon and Minister for Mental Health and Ageing Mark Butler.

“The NHMRC Elizabeth Blackburn Fellowships will foster the career development of female scientists excelling in biomedical, clinical and public health research,” Ms Roxon said.

“Professor Blackburn’s stellar international career, which includes the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 2009, has inspired the NHMRC to recognise the next generation of Australian women in science.”

The inaugural Elizabeth Blackburn Fellowships were awarded to: Associate Professor Amanda Leach (Menzies School of Research), Associate Professor Christine Roberts (University of Sydney), and Professor Carola Vinuesa (John Curtin School of Medical Research).

“These exceptional women are contributing to Australia’s health and wellbeing through important research and I congratulate them on their awards.”'

Woman admits to sexually assaulting her four children in the 1990s

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Story here. If this were a man, it would have been front page news in Boston.com with several other articles that would overview the case in detail. Also, the woman got out of harsher charges because she invoked her her neo-feminist jurisprudence override and claimed she was "abused". Funny how these issues get worked out very differently in public opinion and sentencing. Excerpt:

'A Lowell mother has pleaded guilty to raping her four children, putting an end to a 16-year-old case that was reactivated last month when the Massachusetts Appeals Court overturned her conviction.

Nancy Adkinson, 49, was convicted in a jury-waived trial in Middlesex Superior Court in 1997 and given a sentence that would have kept her behind bars until she was 70 years old. However, the appeals court ruled last month that Adkinson was a battered woman whose husband, Corby Adkinson, also controlled the trial strategy that led to her conviction. The court ordered a new trial.

On Tuesday, Nancy Adkinson pleaded guilty to the same charges at a Woburn courthouse and was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Leila Kern to up to 16 years in state prison for four counts of rape, and up to 10 years for three counts of indecent assault and battery and three counts of distributing cocaine to a minor.'

SAVE: Verizon: "She's Afraid of Her Dad"

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The Verizon Foundation has produced a frightening video titled Monsters. The video's perverse message can be summed up in this slide: "She's afraid of her dad."

The video revels in powerful yet destructive stereotypes: fathers as abusers, wives as victims, and young boys as future abusers. The video tells the impressionable viewer:

"The child who lives with domestic violence... is afraid of the monster just down the hall," a girl's voiceover intones, while frightening images of a hunchbacked monster-dad flit across the screen: http://www.multivu.com/mnr/52044-verizon-foundation-national-domestic-hotline-video-launch-monsters

To be honest this video is not just biased, it's awful. Tell Verizon (politely) to clean up its act.

Contact Bob Varettoni, Executive Director of Media Relations:

Email: robert.a.varettoni-at-verizon.com

Please email today - thanks!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Life After a Guilty Plea to False Charge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'They believed that their son was innocent but were afraid that Virginia's penal system would grab hold of him and never let go.

So Cherri Dulaney and Edgar Coker Sr. told 15-year-old Edgar Jr. to plead guilty to raping a 14-year-old friend. Their court-appointed attorney told them that was better than risking adult charges and a lengthy prison term.

Two months after their decision, in November 2007, the girl admitted that she had lied.

The Cokers have been fighting ever since to rescue their son from the consequences. He served 17 months in a juvenile prison. He remains on the Virginia sex-offender registry, and the family moved to avoid harassment from neighbors.

Last month, Coker, now 20, was arrested during a Friday night football game at the Orange, Va., high school he graduated from after his release from juvenile prison. Unless they have permission from the school, convicted violent sex offenders are not permitted on school grounds. But Coker had received such permission, and he attended school there for more than a year before graduation.'

Fathers Seeking to Confirm Paternity Through DNA Testing on the Rise

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Paternity has been pushed into the national spotlight by the recent allegations toward teen pop star Justin Bieber. While tabloids buzz with celebrity paternity stories, thousands of men across the country face the same issue daily and turn to DNA paternity testing to either confirm or refute their relationship to children. According to DDC (DNA Diagnostics Center), the largest provider of private paternity testing worldwide, questions about paternity testing from men have increased annually and now account for about 40% of all inquiries.

“As one of the leading companies in DNA testing, we’re seeing an increase in calls by men seeking paternity answers, especially for cases where there are disputes or where chain of custody is important,” said Dr. Michael Baird, chief science officer for DDC. “In the case of DDC, we’re an accredited AABB laboratory that maintains a chain of custody reporting structure to ensure results of a test can be presented in court, if needed.”'

Violence Against Women Act Meets Reality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Section 102, “Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforce Protection Orders” calls for the development of “multidisciplinary high risk teams” focused on reducing sexual violence and homicides by developing “evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of homicide.” Oher than the ambiguous “evidence-based indicators,” there is no mention in the bill that a complaint by an alleged victim must be made before such assessments can take place. Absent a complaint, how does one justify government surveillance in order to gather “evidence”?

Another troubling clause concerns eligibility for grants in which the grantee, “with the exception of the courts,” must demonstrate that their ”laws, policies, or practices and their training programs discourage dual arrests of offender and victim” (italic mine). Offender and victim as defined by whom? Absent physical evidence, domestic violence cases are often he said-she said affairs. Dual arrests are often necessary in order to ferret out the truth, and this item would appear to inhibit that.

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Section 108, “Criminal Provision Related to Stalking, Including Cyberstalking” is yet another area where ambiguity allows for the possibility of abuse, especially with respect to cyberstalking. Part of what constitutes cyberstalking is that which “causes or attempts to cause or would reasonably expect to cause emotional distress to any person.” In a country where hypersensitivity has reached absurd levels, “emotional distress” is a troublingly elastic concept. One that can be exploited in the aforementioned civil litigation.'

Leahy, Crapo introduce bipartisan bill to reauthorize landmark Violence Against Women Act

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011) – Nearly 20 years after the Violence Against Women Act was first signed into law, U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) introduced bipartisan legislation Wednesday to further strengthen and improve the programs authorized under the landmark law to assist victims and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The legislation is cosponsored by Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho).
...
“These dollars go directly to woman and children who have been victimized by domestic violence,” Crapo said. “The reauthorization of VAWA provides critical services to these victims of violent crime, as well as agencies and organizations who provide important aid to those individuals. I have been a strong supporter of prevention and elimination of domestic abuse since coming to Congress, and I intend to continue to fight to keep these funds intact for women and children.”'

VAWA 'harmful for America'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Radical feminists recently suffered a rare setback when a U.S. senator decided to back away from proposed legislation that would have denied college students basic civil rights.

Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vermont) has dropped the "preponderance of evidence" standard that was to be added to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Phil Cook of Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE), an organization that dedicates itself to protecting victims and stopping false allegations, tells OneNewsNow what that would have meant for college students accused of a sex crime.

"The standard is it's more likely than not a sexual assault occurred -- that's what 'preponderance of evidence' means," he details.

But even though the clause has been removed, the SAVE spokesman says there are still many unresolved issues involving the renewal of the Violence Against Women Act, such as a Department of Education directive that requires schools to set up tribunals to judge students accused of sex assaults.

"Colleges must set up basically kangaroo courts. These are committees made up of faculty and students," Cook explains. "These committees are set up to look into things like plagiarism and cheating and things like that; they're not set up to be criminal investigative units."

So even though he is pleased Senator Leahy has dropped one controversial standard of the VAWA, Cook's organization warns that numerous existing provisions are "dangerous to victims and harmful to fundamental American values and institutions."'

Plague buildup in heart arteries "more worrisome for women than men"

Minuteman · 1 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Your heart relies on arteries to feed it blood. When plaque builds up in these crucial blood vessels, it's bad news. But it may be even more of a threat for women.

In a new study, researchers included 480 people who were having severe chest pain. Doctors gave all of them a high-tech test that took pictures of their heart to check for plaque.

Having a lot of plaque buildup in the heart's arteries had a different effect in men and women. It put women at a higher risk of major heart problems like a heart attack or dying of a heart-related cause down the road.

These findings show that having extensive plaque buildup is more worrisome for women than men, according to one of the researchers.'

The Circumcision Referendum: More American Jews are Becoming Intactivists

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From Marc A.:

Interesting quotes from intactivist rabbis and other Jews. Sample from Rabbi Binyamin Biber:

"We're seeing [circumcision's] decline, and we're seeing Rabbi's like me and others in other communities saying these practices are not warranted and we're seeing a generational shift away from them. One of the things that I think that's also critical is the growing popularity, and I think a rightful popularity of natural medicine and natural childbirth ideas. And I think that this is clearly seen as inconsistent - not consistent with natural childbirth, natural health. ... Inflicting a wound on an infant is clearly not one of those....“

And from another rabbi:
"The code of the Jewish law is called "halacha" (the way). Within the Code, there is a provision that if a mother loses a son because of circumcision, she is NOT obligated to circumcise her next son. I extrapolate from this, the inter-connection of my human family, that enough deaths and maiming have occurred because of circumcision. Therefore - circumcision is no longer a requisite! Just as we no longer practice the animal sacrifices in the traditional temple, so let us not sacrifice an important piece of our mammal in the temple of tradition."
- Rabbi Nathan Segal, One Rabbis' Thoughts on Circumcision

Hawking of circumcision on World AIDS Day by various U.S. government agencies

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The White House Blog - American Leadership to Reach an AIDS-Free Generation. Excerpt:

'As President Obama said in his remarks and his World AIDS Day Proclamation, scientific advances have provided us with a unique opportunity for dramatic gains in the global response to HIV/AIDS. The concept of ‘combination prevention,’ through which we rely on multiple prevention interventions tailored to needs in the countries where we work, is at the center of this effort. The President outlined plans to expand our combination prevention work, including prevention of mother-to-child transmission, voluntary medical male circumcision, and condoms.'

Department of State Press Statement - World AIDS Day 2011. Excerpt:

'This vision of an AIDS-free generation can only be realized by working together. Partner governments, civil society, the private sector and multilateral organizations like the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria must collaborate and share best practices. We must engage the world’s brightest scientists, advocates, and public health experts to find more effective ways to fight HIV. High-impact interventions like antiretroviral treatment, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, and voluntary medical male circumcision have the potential to move us toward the end of this epidemic.'

NIH News Release - NIH Statement on World AIDS Day 2011. Excerpt:

'As a result of NIH-sponsored research, we have known for some time that the use of antiretroviral drugs during pregnancy can prevent HIV transmission from mother to child. More recently, medically supervised adult male circumcision was shown to decrease by more than half the risk of female-to-male sexual transmission in communities where men are not circumcised. We also have long known that correct and consistent condom use can prevent sexual transmission of the virus.

...

Mathematical models indicate that the use of parallel approaches to HIV prevention in a community could dramatically change the trajectory of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Such approaches could include scaling up medically supervised adult male circumcision, consistent and proper use of condoms, the prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission, and substantially increasing the number of HIV-infected individuals who receive antiretroviral therapy.'

Jury Declines to Indict McDonald's Cook Rayon McIntosh

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Just reported by CBS 2 News around 5: 30 pm. Word is only starting to hit the web. As of 5:43 pm ET, a web search only yielded this NBC NY article:

'A grand jury has dismissed all charges against a McDonald's cook accused of beating two irate customers with a metal rod in a fight caught on videotape.

Rayon McIntosh was to be released from jail Friday after the grand jury vote.

The grand jury is still weighing charges against the women, Rachel Edwards and Denise Darbeau. They were arraigned on initial charges of trespassing in the Oct. 13 episode.

Another customer's video showed two women vaulting a counter to attack McIntosh and him grabbing a metal bar and hitting back, even after the women were on the floor. One suffered a fractured skull.

McIntosh said he was only defending himself. The women's lawyer says McIntosh used unjustifiable force.'

Judge orders Mindy McCready: Return son to Florida

Matt · 2 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Wonder where the dad is in all this? And why is McCready's mother the guardian of the boy and not his father when it seems the boy can visit the dad? This is weird. But aside from that, seems this is a case of mom v. daughter and mom ignoring the law. Curious to see how they treat her when they finally catch up with her, which I am sure they will soon enough. Will she also get jail time like men who violate custody orders and take their kids across state lines? Usually mom alleges abuse at the hands of dad. In this one, she is alleging abuse at the hands of her own mother. Try to keep up with all the pronouns! Excerpt:

'ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) - Country singer Mindy McCready said Thursday she would not bring her 5-year-old son back from Tennessee to Florida, despite violating a custody arrangement and a judge's order.

McCready took the boy during a recent visit at her father's southwest Florida home and a judge signed an order Thursday ordering authorities to take the boy into custody and return him. It's not yet clear whether she could face criminal charges.

"I'm doing all this to protect Zander, not stay out of trouble," McCready wrote in an email to The Associated Press on Thursday. "I don't think I should be in trouble for protecting my son in the first place."

McCready says she is in Tennessee and it is looking less likely that she will bring her son back to Florida. She says she cannot travel because she's nearly seven months pregnant with twins. There was no answer at a Nashville address for McCready.

The judge's order means law enforcement anywhere can pick up Zander and bring him back to Florida.

McCready and her mother have had a long custody battle over the boy. Until recently, the boy was living with McCready's mother. Her mother was awarded guardianship in 2007. McCready says her son has suffered abuse at her mother's house; her mother, Gayle Inge, denies the abuse allegations.'

Are Hormones Responsible for Women's Non-Traditional Career Choices?

Matt · 2 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Food for thought. Excerpt:

'Many different individuals and groups surmise as to why this particular disparity exists; for instance, many people blame cultural stereotypes that dictate which careers are acceptable for males and females. Other people believe that certain negative social issues deter women from succeeding in these fields, while there is also the popular argument that women tend to shy away from scientific careers due to socialization. For instance, the career interests of children are directly tied to parental expectations. In fact, studies reveal that the gender-related parental expectations of teenagers positively correlate with their future career choices.

Biology Determines Occupational Choices?

According to psychology researchers at Penn State University, specific sex hormones directly influence people's general interests. In turn, these specific interests directly affect which careers these individuals choose to pursue.

"Our results provide strong support for hormonal influences on interest in occupations characterized by working with things versus people," said Adriene M. Beltz, a graduate student in Psychology working directly with Sheri A. Berenbaum, a Professor of Psychology and Pediatrics at Penn State University.'

Lung cancer's "hidden victims"

Minuteman · 3 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More than 32,000 Americans who never lit up will die each year, with women at higher risk, experts say.

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In fact, experts say, one in every five cases of the leading cancer killer occurs in nonsmokers. The annual death toll among this group now approaches that of breast cancer (about 40,000 per year) and is roughly equal to that of prostate cancer (32,000). Many never-smoking women may also be unaware that they are more than twice as likely to die of lung cancer as they are of ovarian cancer (14,000 deaths per year).

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"Among never-smokers with lung cancer, women outnumber men two-to-one," Wenger said.

According to experts at the LCRF, the reasons for the disparity aren't clear, but early research is suggesting that, much like breast tumors, lung tumor aggressiveness in women appears linked to estrogen.'

Multitasking Stresses Out Working Moms More Than Dads

Minuteman · 3 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ever unload the dishwasher while helping with a child's homework? Ever keep one eye on soccer practice while checking your voice mail and trying to figure out what to make for dinner?

That's called multitasking, and in a fast-paced world, American working moms do a whole lot of it -- and seem more stressed by it than working dads, a new study shows.

According to the research, working mothers spend 9 more hours a week multitasking than do working fathers, or about 48 hours per week for moms compared with 39 for dads.

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What can be done to alleviate the pressure on moms?

Getting dads to not just pitch in more, but to share more equally in the child care and housework would help, Schneider said. In other words, don't just take your daughter to gymnastics when your wife says she can't do it. Make that your job to take her to gymnastics every week.'

Mindy McCready's 5-year-old son found 'hiding in a closet' with mom

Matt · 3 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Gayle Inge, Zander's grandmother and McCready's mother, was tearful when she talked about the news by phone Friday night with The Associated Press.
...
Inge said Zander was taken into custody at McCready's boyfriend's lake home in Arkansas. Inge said that her son — McCready's half-brother — texted McCready, who responded with a text that said her mother would never see her again.
...
The evening's developments capped a days-long struggle between McCready — who is seven months pregnant with twins — and several others, including state of Florida child welfare authorities, a Fort Myers, Fla. judge and her own mother.

Authorities say McCready took the boy during a visit late last month to her father's Florida home, where she was allowed to visit the boy. McCready's parents are divorced.

A Florida judge signed an order Thursday telling authorities to take the boy into custody and return him. It's not yet clear whether the singer could face criminal charges.'

"McDonald's Beating Cook Rayon McIntosh 'Elated' to be Free"

Anonymous · 4 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Although Rayon McIntosh is free, justice has yet to be served. Not only does he deserve compensation from his employer, but these two violent thugs need to be put away for attempted murder. They were free while he was in jail for 48 days. Excerpt:

'MANHATTAN — Rayon McIntosh — the Greenwich Village McDonald's cook who was cleared Friday evening of felony assault charges for beating two unruly female customers — said he was overjoyed to be free after spending nearly seven weeks in jail and plans to sue the fast food eatery for not keeping him safe.

"I'm just glad to be home," McIntosh, 31, told DNAinfo after being released from Rikers Island Friday night. "I feel elated, I feel splendid."

In the first in-depth interview since his release, McIntosh — who garnered an outpouring of support after DNAinfo's "On the Inside" broke the news of the shocking videotaped Oct. 13 incident — said that he and other employees had told managers and franchise owners of the West 3rd Street McDonald's for months that they needed to hire more security.'

Dad bashed wife to death after she killed son

Minuteman · 4 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A US father who bashed his mentally ill wife to death with a torch after she strangled their son and tried to kill their daughter has been jailed 30 years for manslaughter.

Christopher Smeltzer, 39, arrived at his New Hampshire home on November 7, 2010, to find his four-year-old son strangled to death and his seven-year-old daughter hanging off her bed with a scarf tied around her neck, Fox News reports.

His wife, Mara Pappalardo, was in the process of trying to kill herself, Rockingham Superior Court heard.
...

"I am mad and sad that my daddy killed my mommy and brother Mason," Mercey said on a tape recording played in court.

"Please keep him in jail for the rest of his life."
...
Smeltzer's charge was changed from second-degree manslaughter to manslaughter by provocation because of the traumatic scene he would have walked into.'

Hillary Clinton criticism sparks Israeli anger

anthony · 4 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It seems Mrs. Clinton conveniently forgot to mention Israeli men have a higher legal retirement age. Excerpt:

'Israeli ministers reacted angrily on Sunday after local media quoted U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as saying she feared for the future of Israel's democracy and the rights of women in the Jewish state.

Clinton's remarks, reportedly made Saturday behind closed doors at the Saban Forum in Washington, made headlines in most Israeli newspapers, which reported them without explaining how they obtained the comments.

Top-selling Yediot Aharonot said Clinton had expressed concern about a slew of "anti-democratic" bills proposed by right-wing members of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government.

And the newspaper said Clinton had described shock at hearing that some buses in Jerusalem were gender segregated and some religious Israeli soldiers refused to attend events where women would sing.

The comments sparked a quick backlash in Jerusalem, where Israeli ministers holding a weekly cabinet meeting accused Clinton of hyperbole.

Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz called Clinton's remarks "totally exaggerated," Israeli media reported.'

Cops: Charlie Sheen's ex-wife arrested for assault, drugs

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Story here. Keep in mind this is the same woman who accused Charlie Sheen of domestic abuse.

'Authorities said officers arrested Mueller at a nightclub after a woman reported being assaulted by her.

Mueller posted $11,000 bond and was released from custody. She was scheduled in court Dec. 19.

Aspen police spokeswoman Blair Weyer says additional details are not immediately available.

Her attorney, Yale Galanter, had no comment.

Sheen and Mueller divorced earlier this year, citing Christmas Day 2009 as the day of their breakup.

Charlie Sheen was arrested in Aspen on that day on suspicion of assaulting Mueller.

He completed his probation in that case last November.'

6 Symptoms You Should Never Ignore

Matt · 4 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to their health, says Dr. Holt, guys are notorious for doing too little, too late. As men, we're told to play through the pain, tough it out, shake it off, and suck it up. There are a dozen other variations of the same message, and they're all code for: Ignore your symptoms.

And why not? What doesn't kill us makes us stronger, right?

Here's the problem: Things kill us all the time. Even when we're young. In fact, guys between the ages of 20 and 40 are twice as likely to die as women, says Dr. Holt.

Most of us, I'd hope, would call a doctor if we were struck by blinding head pain, suddenly couldn't feel one side of our body, or, frankly, noticed fist-size bumps emerging from our foreheads. But some symptoms aren't so obviously dire. We asked writer Allen St. John to put together a list of surprising symptoms you should never ignore. ...

1. SEVERE BACK PAIN
...
2. SUDDEN GROIN PAIN
...
3. SHARP PAIN IN THE ABDOMEN
...
4. TRANSIENT CHEST PAIN
...
5. LEG PAIN WITH SWELLING
...
6. PAINFUL URINATION'

NCFM protest at Verizon on Dec. 10 at 2:00 PM in Santa Monica, CA

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For Immediate Release

Los Angeles - 12/4/11 - The National Coalition For Men's (NCFM) Los Angeles chapter will be protesting and handing out flyers on Saturday, 12/10/11 at 2:00 PM outside Verizon at 2530 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, corner of Wilshire & 26th St., against Verizon's sexist, anti-father ads that depict all domestic violence as committed by men and fathers against women, and that says among children who witness it, the girls grow up to be victims while the boys grow up to be abusers. See it here: http://www.multivu.com/mnr/52044-verizon-foundation-national-domestic-hotline-video-launch-monsters

The following flyer will be distributed, which was created by SAVE, a national organization that is organizing similar protests nationwide this week against the Verizon ad: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Verizon-Monster-Video-flyer-FINAL.pdf

NCFM and SAVE have asked Verizon to withdraw or change the sexist ad, but they refused, and in response they cite crime data showing far more women than men are victims.

To begin with, when we mention soldiers in Iraq, we say "men and women" regardless of the fact that over 90% of them are men. That's to make sure the minority are not excluded. Why aren't domestic violence victims given the same respect? There is a 40-year history of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH), which co-sponsored this ad, addressing this issue in a way that leaves male victims and their children invisible as usual. NCFM had to sue the State of California for its widespread discrimination against male victims. The lawsuit resulted in an appellate decision holding that "domestic violence is a serious problem for both women and men," that excluding male victims "carries with it the baggage of sexual stereotypes," and that it is unconstitutional to exclude male victims of domestic violence from the statutory funding provisions or from state-funded services. Woods v. Horton (2008) 167 Cal.App.4th 658. News-Enterprise, "Court Rules Domestic Violence Programs Must Be Open to Men" (10/15/08) (http://www.metnews.com/articles/2008/wood101508.htm)

And the crime data they cite is not accurate. The police data shows about 25% of police calls now come from men. But since men are less likely to report it, the oft-cited crime data from the Department of Justice is not reliable. By contrast, virtually all of the randomized surveys show women initiate DV at least as often as men, and men suffer 1/3 of the physical injuries, as Cal State University Professor Martin Fiebert shows in his online bibliography at http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm. For example: Science Daily, "Male And Female Adolescents Equally Victims Of Physical Dating Violence, Study Shows" (11/12/07) (http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/11/071109210657.htm)

A 32-nation study by the University of New Hampshire found women are as violent and controlling as men in dating relationships worldwide. See: http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2006/may/em_060519male.cfm?type=n and http://pubpages.unh.edu/~mas2/ID41E2.pdf.

The Centers for Disease Control recently funded a major study of heterosexual relationships throughout the U.S. and found: "Almost 24% of all relationships had some violence, and half (49.7%) of those were reciprocally violent. In nonreciprocally violent relationships, women were the perpetrators in more than 70% of the cases," and both sexes suffered significant injuries. See: http://www.ajph.org/cgi/content/abstract/97/5/941

The same study also found: "More women than men (25% versus 11%) were responsible. In fact, 71 percent of the instigators in nonreciprocal partner violence were women" and "while injury was more likely when violence was perpetrated by men, in relationships with reciprocal violence it was the men who were injured more often (25% of the time) than were women (20% of the time)." (See http://pn.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/42/15/31-a)

When children witness either parent hit the other, regardless of how severe or minor, it becomes a model for them

to follow. Domestic violence is an intergenerational cycle, and we'll never stop that cycle without being honest about it rather than covering up half of it out of political correctness.

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National Coalition For Men

Boy, 9, Suspended from School for Sexual Harassment After Calling Teacher 'Cute'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 9-year-old boy North Carolina boy was suspended for calling a teacher “cute,” WSOCTV.com reports.

The boy’s mother, Chiquita Lockett, said the principal of Brookside Elementary in Gastonia called her after the incident to say the comment was a form of “sexual harassment.”

"It's not like he went up to the woman and tried to grab her or touch her in a sexual way," Lockett said. "So why would he be suspended for two days?”

According to the station, a district spokeswoman said she could not go into detail, but said the boy was suspended for "inappropriate behavior" after making "inappropriate statements."

The district's Code of Conduct doesn't list "inappropriate behavior," but says "disruption of school" is punishable by five days of out-of-school suspension.'

Kim Kardashian: Domestic Abuser?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'People are horrified over the episode of Keeping Up with the Kardashian's in which Kim Kardashian takes a closed fist swing at husband Kris Humphries. Despite the entire scenario being caught on camera, many viewers are still wondering -- is this domestic violence?

How is this a disputable question? Though some have tried to downplay her violent reaction by calling it "playful," throwing a fist at your husband is not playful and technically falls under the category of domestic violence. It seems that because Kim is a woman people are confused as to whether or not her action falls into the "domestic violence" category. My answer: yes, it absolutely does.
...
Are people quick to defend her because she is physically smaller and weaker than her husband therefore he should be able to "take it?" No man deserves the humiliation and pain that goes along with being beat up by a woman despite whether or not he can physically "take it." The emotional and psychological impact lasts long after the physical bruises have faded. Men are often silent victims when it comes to being victims of rape and/or domestic violence. Male victims of domestic abuse and rape deal with even more societal stigmatization than female victims, who have it rough as it is. Society unfairly labels men who "complain" about violence from a partner as "not real men" or just plain weak. This is wrong. Anytime a person is abused by a family member it is domestic violence whether it is a female or male throwing the punches.'

Ex-McDonald's cook who whacked two women says he's going to sue fast-food eatery

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"My life was in danger," McIntosh told the Daily News. "Females do murder men. . . . I displayed a lot of patience. I was in fear for my life."

Cell phone video of the ugly smackdown at the W. Third St. franchise shows McIntosh striking the women with a 3-foot steel pole, fracturing one woman's skull.

McIntosh was arrested on felony assault charges and tossed in a Rikers Island jail for seven weeks.

A Manhattan grand jury refused to indict him, forcing prosecutors to drop the charges and release him Friday night.'

Pitts: Media coverage does pretty young white women no favors

el cid · 5 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I'm not a huge fan of Mr. Pitts, but he gets it right on this one. Excerpt:

'Another white woman has turned up missing. And, as predictably happens in such cases, television news has gone into overdrive, CNN, ABC, NBC providing breathless updates of Michelle Parker's disappearance, how she was last seen the day she appeared on "The People's Court," suing her former fiance, who is now the prime suspect in her kidnapping.

This story unfolds in the wake of similar media fixations on Laci Peterson, Elizabeth Smart, JonBenet Ramsey, Jennifer "Runaway Bride" Wilbanks, Chandra Levy, Lori Hacking, Robyn Gardner, Natalee Holloway, all of them young, female, white, pretty -- and imperiled. There is, should it need saying, a naked bias in the media's obsession with white women in danger to the exclusion of pretty much every other cohort of the American demographic.'

Australia: Gold Coast abduction claim withdrawn

Minuteman · 6 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Queensland schoolgirl who claimed she fought off a would-be abductor by kicking him in the groin has withdrawn her allegations, Nine News understands.

The girl said she kicked the man in the genitals when he tried to drag her into his white Holden Commodore.
...
"Daniel Morcombe's parents came to visit her school last week so she knew what to do in that sort of situation," her mother said.

Last month Bruce and Denise Morcombe were named Queensland's Australians of the Year for their work as child protection advocates after their son Daniel, 13, was abducted on the Sunshine Coast eight years ago.'

Women Are Aggressors in Household Violence Too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We now know that women-on-women aggression is far from rare and that women are often the initiators of male-female aggression. Surveys of U.S. households have found rates of wife-to-husband violence "remarkably similar" to those of husband-to-wife violence. And an early cross-cultural survey did not find that men were significantly more aggressive than women.

Aggression, as opposed to anger, conveys an intent to hurt or harm and can be expressed physically, verbally or by withdrawing. There is general agreement that men exhibit higher levels of physical aggression than women, but the differences are small to moderate. After a thorough review of the literature on who initiates violence in couples, Murray Straus, of the University of New Hampshire, reports: "It is painful to have to recognize the high rate of domestic assaults by women. All six major studies which have investigated this topic found that women initiate violence in a large proportion of the cases."'

UK: Dad blasts 'attention seeking' daughter after she's jailed for two false rape claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A YOUNG mum who made two false rape allegations in 10 months was jailed yesterday.

Twisted Dorothy Russell, 20, admitted falsely accusing an ex-boyfriend of raping her - while awaiting sentence for lying to police that another man had assaulted her and threatened rape.

Yesterday, she was jailed for six months after a sheriff told her that her lies had risked the freedom of innocent men and undermined real rape victims.

After the hearing, mum-of-one Russell's despairing father said he believed his daughter committed the crimes because "she likes being the centre of attention".'

Woman sentenced for false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who lied this summer about being raped by two men behind a bookstore at a busy shopping center pleaded no contest on Monday, Dec. 5, to a charge of initiating a false police report.

Danielle Elizabeth Hayes, 35, of Gresham must serve two years of probation, perform 150 hours of community service, pay $3,000 in restitution to the Gresham Police Department for police overtime costs associated with the investigation and continue with her mental health treatment, according to the sentence imposed by Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Christopher Marshall.

Hayes also has 30 days to write letters of apology to the police department and to the citizens of Gresham

Her false rape report sparked fear throughout East Multnomah County in late July when she claimed that two men grabbed her in broad daylight as she was getting into her minivan next to Borders bookstore, pulled her dress over her head and raped her in the 600 block of Northwest 12th Street.'

Canada: Children’s group wants tougher ID regulations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Creating a fake identity for a child is far too easy, according to a national non-profit group fighting to change Canadian and provincial laws and regulations.

The Canadian Children’s Rights Council wants mandatory paternity tests at birth so both parents are identified immediately. Such a measure would go a long way to eliminating paternal fraud and identity fraud, said Grant Wilson, the council’s president.

He has followed the story of Patricia O’Byrne, who was arrested in Victoria in connection with an Ontario parental abduction case from 1993. She had been living under the name Pamela Whelan. Her daughter, Sigourney Teresa Chisholm, was raised in Victoria and known as Thea Whelan.

The Victoria school district has a long-form birth certificate that states Theadora Gloria Whelan was born on Feb. 18, 1992, in Toronto. The space for the father’s name on the document is left blank, which is where a large part of where the problem stems from, Wilson said.

Details about how O’Byrne created new identities for herself and her daughter are not known.'

UN Calls on Israel to Cancel 'Tender Years' Clause

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Article here. I guess Hillary Clinton forgot to mention this when she was criticizing Israel for their unfair treatment of women. Excerpt:

'The United Nations' Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights has determined that Israel discriminates against divorced fathers and has called upon Israel to cancel the Tender Years Clause that grants automatic custody over children in divorce cases to their mothers. Israel is said to be the last country in the world not to have canceled the clause.

In the concluding remarks of meetings held in Geneva in November and December, the committee wrote that:

"The Committee is concerned that, in the case of a divorce, custody of children up to the age of six is always given to mothers, and that fathers are often required to pay child support awards that exceed their income, and if not that their freedom of movement is seriously curtailed. The Committee is concerned that divorced fathers often are required to visit their children in supervised visitation centers during their working hours, which leads to the accumulation of work absences and the risk of dismissal.
"The Committee recommends that the State party amend the Capacity and Guardianship Law so that custody of children up to the age of six is not always given to mothers, and ensure that child support awards do not lead to an inadequate standard of living for the father."'

Third Grade Teacher Arrested on Charges of Child Pornography, Lewd Acts

StayingFit · 6 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A third-grade teacher who resigned this week after parents accused her of dressing their daughters in lingerie and photographing them at a Christmas party was arrested on Thursday.

Kimberly Crain, 47, was arrested at her home in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and will face charges of manufacture of child pornography and lewd acts with a child, said District Attorney Richard Smothermon."
...
Crain had been an elementary teacher for six years in McLoud, Oklahoma, about 30 miles east of Oklahoma City, when she allegedly invited third- and fourth-grade girls to her home last month for a Christmas party. She is accused of having the girls dress in holiday-themed bras and panties and photographing them.'

Just as troubling as the story is the reaction of many who commented on it. They express shock, since "women don't do this sort of thing". I would argue that some women have always done this sort of thing, but people were more likely to explain away their behavior, rather than see it for what it is.

So, I see her arrest, and the charges filed, as extremely positive. It will be very interesting to see if the prosecutors can obtain a conviction, however.

F&F: Metalwala Campaign Update: Father Wins Custody of Daughter

Matt · 7 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Solomon Metalwala's 2-year-old son Sky disappeared while in the custody of his estranged wife Julia Biryukova a month ago. Since then, everyone's focus has been on the search for Sky, as it should be. We speculate that Sky has been stashed with a relative in Ukraine, Biryukova's native country, but nobody really knows. We hope that Sky is safe and that he will be reunited with his father as soon as possible.

When Sky disappeared, Washington Department of Social and Health Services seized Maile Metalwala, the 4-year-old daughter of Solomon Metalwala, away from her unfit mother, Julia Biryukova, and put Maile in foster care. It is a common but unjust practice for child welfare agencies to put children in foster care instead of giving them to their fathers. Moreover, the Washington court separated Maile from Solomon based on spurious abuse allegations from a now thoroughly discredited accuser.

...

We are now pleased to report that, in part because Washington Department of Social and Health Services is now supportive of Solomon's custody bid, Solomon has won custody of Maile, will likely be reunited with her soon.'

Tom Martin vs LSE court date set

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Court date for man's £50,000 lawsuit against 'male-blaming' gender studies degrees at LSE

(AVfM News)A former student of the London School of Economics (LSE), who has filed a lawsuit claiming all five of its gender studies Masters degrees "exaggerate women's issues and recommend blaming men to justify ignoring men's issues," will make his case at the Central London County Court, a hearing date now set for February 14th, 2012. As reported by The Evening Standard, The Guardian ...,Forbes Magazine, The West End Extra, A Voice for Men, Men's Matters, and dozens of blogs and vlogs, Tom Martin's case has garnered a lot of public support, his legal fund receiving £3055 in donations from ninety people in eight countries to date, but Martin says he now needs more donations, "Clerical errors by the court have caused a three month delay, so I now need a few thousand pounds more to continue devoting all my time in preparation for winning the case."'

French move to ban prostitution by punishing clients

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Article here. Excerpt:

'France's parliament is to debate abolishing prostitution through a crackdown which would criminalise payment for sex.

The National Assembly will vote on a symbolic resolution drafted by a cross-party commission which, if successful, will be followed by a bill in January.

The resolution urges abolition at a time when "prostitution seems to be becoming routine in Europe".

Some campaigners reject the bill, advocating prostitutes' rights instead.

Around 20,000 people are believed to be working as prostitutes in France.

France has been committed to abolishing the practice in principle since 1960 but the MPs behind the resolution want this stance to be "proclaimed loud and strong".

The criminalisation of clients is "the best way to see prostitution reduced in France, given that all the countries that have regulated this activity have seen an increase", the commission has argued.
...
However, France's sex workers' trade union, Strass, has called a rally outside parliament to oppose the proposed bill.

It draws a clear distinction between consensual prostitution and sexual trafficking and fears that a reduction in clients might drive prostitutes to accept riskier transactions.

A letter to MPs signed by Strass and other groups accuses politicians of treating prostitutes as "marginals whose voice does not deserve to be heard".

It calls for prostitutes to be given rights rather than penalising clients and thereby creating "more isolation and more clandestine behaviour". '

Blago Sentenced to 14 Years for Corruption (Only One Man On Jury)

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In the end, the 11-woman, one-man retrial jury found the former governor guilty after nine days of deliberation. Jurors decided Blagojevich had tried to sell Obama's Senate seat and personally gained from his position of power. Each of the wire fraud convictions carry a maximum 20 years in prison.

They spared the former governor on count 17, however, saying he never shook down the Illinois Tollway. The jury didn't come to an agreement on counts 11 and 16, which dealt with the Illinois Tollway and trying to get favors for releasing funds for an elementary school.'

Trashy MTV Reality Shows Primarily Use Women to Trash Women, Study Shows

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Think most of the misogyny on MTV comes from men? Guess again, says a new study of the network's shows, which finds women engage in a whopping 88 percent of the shows' sexual dialogue, insult each other much more than the men, and offer themselves up in positive portrayals only when they're talking about physical appearance and their ability to bounce back from getting ridiculed.

Television watchdog group The Parents Television Council (PTC) releases its jaw-dropping report "Reality of MTV: Gender Portrayals on Reality TV" on Wednesday, and Fox411.com got an exclusive first look at its findings.
...
Here are their bombshell findings:

-- Only 24 percent of what females said about themselves was positive across all shows combined.

-- Positive dialogue between females focused on their appearance, sense of accomplishment and emotional resilience.

-- While terms men used for each other were often viewed as complimentary (e.g., big man, dawg, superhero, McGyver, winner), women used far more degrading language when talking about other females (e.g., rodent, skank, trash bag, trick, ho and much worse).
....
-- Females talked about sex acts more than men, talked about sex more graphically than men, mentioned sexual body parts more than men, and talked about intercourse and foreplay more than men.'

SAVE Urges Activists to Protest Verizon Video

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Outrage is growing over the Verizon Foundation video that portrays abusers as "monsters" and denies the existence of abusive women or abused males:
http://www.multivu.com/mnr/52044-verizon-foundation-national-domestic-hotline-video-launch-monsters

Editorialists have called the video "outrageously misandric" and having the "potential for spreading harm and hate." The pro-feminist blog Jezebel described the video as "disturbing."

Activists across the United States and Canada are going to their local Verizon store to raise awareness about the video's systematic biases. We invite you to join in this effort.

Print out copies of this flyer:
http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Verizon-Monster-Video-flyer-FINAL.pdf. Then, pass it out to customers as they enter the store and to store employees.

Tell them the Verizon video is hateful and harmful, and needs to taken down immediately.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Man exonerated after spending nearly 30 years in prison

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Story here. Excerpt:

'RICHMOND, VA (WTVR) - The day is finally here and Thomas Haynesworth can finally breathe a sigh of relief. The wait for a full exoneration is over.

A panel of judges from the Virginia Court of Appeals has decided the 46-year-old Richmond man is not a rapist and he's not a criminal. It acknowledged Haynesworth's record should be wiped clean.

"Today justice is finally served for Thomas. God has been merciful and I'm so thankful" said an emotional Ken Cuccinelli during a Tuesday afternoon news conference.

He told a packed auditorium that his job as Attorney General is not just to convict people, but rather it's to seek justice.

Cuccinelli formally apologized to Haynesworth. He said the mistake that led him to be imprisoned for 27 years was just that, a mistake.'

NOW feminist charged wiith assaulting MRA at VAWA Senate hearing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You can't make this stuff up~

Lisalyn R. Jacobs charged and arraigned today for assaulting Ben Vonderheide, aka. Daddy Justice At a VAWA Hearing in the Senate Building in Washington D.C. Another one bites the dust.

Do your job VAWA people and stop supporting and defending false accusations or you will be exposed and go down one by one.
...
See the assault caught on tape...' (at http://vimeo.com/26559450)

India: Women can't be prosecuted for adultery: Supreme Court

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'Only a man can be proceeded against and punished for adultery, but the wife cannot be, even as an abettor, the Supreme Court has ruled.

A Bench of Justices Aftab Alam and R.M. Lodha said, “Section 497 of the Indian Penal Code [which deals with adultery] is currently under criticism from certain quarters for showing a strong gender bias, for it makes the position of a married woman almost as a property of her husband. But in terms of the law as it stands, it is evident from a plain reading of the Section that only a man can be proceeded against and punished for … adultery. Indeed, the Section provides expressly that the wife cannot be punished even as an abettor.”

Kalyani appealed against an Andhra Pradesh High Court judgment that dismissed her petition against registration of a case for adultery under Section 497 of the IPC and wrongful restraint under Section 341 of the IPC by another woman, Sailaja, who alleged that her husband was in an illicit relationship with her.'

Chicago ‘Fathers’ Rights’ Attorney Is Representing Mom in Paternity Claim Against Justin Bieber

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Chicago lawyer well-known locally for his "fathers' rights" advertising has taken on a celebrity case ... for a mom who says teen singer Justin Bieber is the father of her baby boy.

Although Mariah Yeater has dismissed without prejudice her San Diego Superior Court suit against Bieber, it could be refiled at any time, her attorney, Jeffery M. Leving, told the Associated Press.

Bieber, who denies that he could be the father, has reportedly agreed to take a paternity test and the suit has been put on hold while both sides wait for the result.

"We are trying to settle this matter out of court with Bieber's camp." said Leving, adding: "It's better that it's handled out of court which is in the best interests of everybody,"' [sic]

Airline flies concept of “women-only” workplace

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In the Gulf region, where gender restrictions keep the majority of educated women at home, an airline company has come up with a unique formula to encourage a female workforce within its ranks.

Eithad Airways has opened an all-female customer call center in the university city of Al Ain, about two hours east of its main office at Abu Dhabi International Airport, the New York Times reported.

The call center opened in March 2011 with 80 workers and, since then, the staff has more than doubled, according to the newspaper.

“They’re more comfortable, and their families are more comfortable,” Samia Barj, manager of the center reportedly said, in reference to cultural mores that keep women from mingling with men who are not related.”'

'Circumcision is Africa’s best weapon against AIDS'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Unfortunately, ramping up to implement circumcision has been slow. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton recently announced that 1 million circumcisions have been performed over the last 4 years, three-quarters funded by the U.S. government. This is just 4% of the number of circumcisions needed in sub-Saharan Africa. This seems disappointing. It has been four years since randomized controlled trials definitively showed that circumcision can reduce HIV transmission by 60%. And at $75 or so per procedure, circumcision is one of the great bargains in the fight against HIV/AIDS. As many cynics have observed, if there were an HIV/AIDS vaccine as effective as circumcision, we would have been celebrating wildly and intensely pushing its production and distribution. Why has circumcision been treated differently? Why has it taken so long to ramp up circumcision?'

Ex-wife 'pours boiling water over sleeping husband' after learning that he was dating a new woman

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Jesua Tatad is said to have scalded her former spouse as he slept and then beat him with a baseball bat.

Even though they were divorced, the 39-year-old shared the same home with the victi, who suffered 60 per cent burns.

Prosecutors said Tatad waited until her ex was asleep before pouring a full pan of boiling water over his body.

As he leapt up in pain she was waiting with a baseball bat and allegedly clubbed him in the head.

Police said the husband was able to escape and flagged down a passing security guard outside his home in Daly City, California.

An ambulance rushed the man to San Francisco General Hospital where he was admitted in critical condition.

San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said the victim is unable to speak due to his injuries.

He said Tatad wasn't cooking anything prior to the incident and deliberately boiled the water for the attack.'

Verizon - Dad-Bashing repeat offender

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Most of you are aware of Verizon's latest Dad-Bashing commercial, Monster but do you remember this Dad-Bashing commercial from several years ago, and the effort Glenn Sacks led to have the ad pulled.

Dad-Bashing is apparently nothing new for Verizon. It appears to be a pattern. Is this really the business model Verizon wants to project to its customers and potential customers? If so, why?

FBI expands definition of "rape"

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From Marc A.:

The FBI is expanding its definition of "rape" to include male victims and anal or oral penetration.

The change goes from: “Carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will" to "Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.”

Good move, FBI, even though the article somehow forgets to mention the inclusion of male victims. But one thing they seem to have omitted is penetration of the urethra. That may be one of the ways Stephen Hawking was raped by his wife, who apparently also broke his wrist, blackened his eyes, let him slip under the bathwater, let water into his tracheotomy site in his throat, and denied him his urine bottle. (Story here.)

Girl Posted on Facebook During 7-Hour Welfare-Office Standoff

Matt · 9 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 12-year-old girl whose mother shot and critically wounded her before killing herself made several cryptic posts on Facebook during a nearly seven-hour hostage ordeal at the Texas Department of Health and Human Services office in Laredo.

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Rachelle Grimmer, 38, pulled a gun on the welfare office supervisor, Roberto Reyes, and her two children out of her frustration at being denied food stamps. The office's other employees were able to safely evacuate the building, according to the San Antonio Express.

...

But at midnight -- shortly after Grimmer hung up on police -- three shots were fired, causing the police to storm the building.

Rachelle Grimmer was pronounced dead at the scene, while Ramie and her brother, Timothy, 10, suffered critical head wounds and were transported to University Hospital in San Antonio, according to the San Antonio Express.'

Barbara Kay: A new front opens in the hate campaign against men

Matt · 9 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Marketing campaigns funded by high-profile companies drill the message home with slick and costly media ads. That the message is misleading, biased and sexist is rarely noted and virtually always ignored when it is noted.

The latest, and perhaps the most outrageous example of this kind of extreme misandry is the Verizon Foundation's new, widely distributed video entitled "Monsters," which portrays the average American home as a secret chamber of horrors, in which a pleasant façade hides terrified mothers and children, stalked by the shadowy figure of the family "monster," the husband and father. It is chilling to watch; any woman or child ignorant of the actual facts around domestic violence would walk away from it convinced that that they were in imminent peril, and that at any moment their beloved husband or father might transmogrify before their eyes into a veritable Mr Hyde.

I have left three media queries over the past week with the Verizon Foundation's media communication contacts in order to query them about where they got their facts and statistics, but have received no response. This morning I received notice that a group called SAVE (Stop Abusive and Violent Environments) is charging the Verizon Foundation with misleading the public.'

Fractured skull, broken nose, held captive for days...

Proud_to_be_a_man · 9 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Apologies to those who have trouble with Welsh place names!

This is one of those 'reverse the genders and imagine the different sentence' situations:

'A woman who battered her boyfriend unconscious in his sleep with a golf club and locked him in a derelict farmhouse for days has been given a 12-month suspended jail term.

"Nathan Yates, 37, suffered a fractured skull and broken nose in the attack at his home in Llanddewi Brefi, Ceredigion.
...
Laura Jones, from the same village, admitted grievous bodily harm.

The 45-year-old's sentence was suspended for two years and she was also placed on an 18-month supervision order and required to do 200 hours community service.'

He'd have got at least 5 years for this kind of crime. She got the pu$$y pass. Surprise surprise...

Angry Harry: 'When feminists attack'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some mornings, going through my email is just part of my usual routine. Then, other mornings, like today, someone sends an email that elicits a huge smile and just makes my whole day.

Ben Vonderheide aka Daddy Justice, is a relentless men's and father's rights activist. He and his video camera have been holding corrupt public officials and the corrupt family court system and its minions accountable for almost a decade.

...

The woman who assaults Mr. Vonderheide in the above video is Lisalyn R. Jacobs. Ms. Jacobs is the current vice president for government relations of Legal Momentum, NOW attorney and one of the individuals responsible for implementing the highly discriminatory and unconstitutional VAWA legislation. ...

...

Ms. Jacobs believes violence against women and girls is wrong. Her actions, however, seem to indicate that female perpetrated violence against men is right and acceptable and the Orwellian belief that some humans are more equal than others.

I could go on and on about what a hypocrite Ms. Jacobs appears to be. I could point out how a violent female offender shouldn't be allowed to participate in any discussions or policy-making about the violence of men and the protection of women. I could say all these things and more.'

Woman 'killed son in botched exorcism'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Latisha Lawson, 31, forced her two-year-old son Jezaih to drink a vile mixture of olive oil and vinegar as part of a ritual to drive the devil from his body.

As he choked on the liquid she held her hand over his mouth to stop him vomiting and crushed his neck.

Jurors heard Lawson had wanted to drive a demon named as "Marzon" from her son's body.
...

But prosecutors said there was no evidence to suggest the mother of two didn't understand how wrong her actions were.

"Jezaih was an unwanted kid," said Allen County Deputy Prosecutor Thomas Chaille. "This is a simple child abuse case. She still thinks she did the right thing. Scary."

Lawson was convicted of murder as well as charges of neglect and battery of her four year old daughter.

She faces at least 45 years in prison when she is sentenced next month.'

Press Release: Verizon removes its anti-dad commercial, but NCFM's rally will still occur in Santa Monica 12/10/2011

Matt · 9 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

For Immediate Release (12/9/11 Los Angeles):

Background: The National Coalition For Men's (NCFM) Los Angeles chapter, and the faith-based organization "Brotherhood Organization of a New Destiny" and their leader, Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson (http://www.bondinfo.org/), together will rally outside Verizon at 2530 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, corner of Wilshire & 26th St., on Saturday, 12/10/11 at 2pm, to protest Verizon's sexist, anti-father commercial that stereotypes fathers as "monsters," leaves male victims of domestic violence and their children invisible as usual, and says girls who are exposed to the violence grow up to be victims while boys grow up to be abusers. The rally is part of a national protest organized by Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE), who created the flyer for the protest. See http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Verizon-Monster-Video-flyer-FINAL.pdf and http://blogs.laweekly.com/informer/2011/12/domestic_violence_men_women_ve.php

Update: Verizon recently agreed to withdraw their ad, which they did. NCFM is thankful with this. However, Verizon has a history of anti-father ads, and so the rally will proceed.

There is a long history of neglect and discrimination against male victims and their children. NCFM successfully sued the State of California and overturned, as unconstitutional, the state laws that exclude male victims and their children from state-funded services. Woods v. Horton (2008) 167 Cal.App.4th 658. (http://www.metnews.com/articles/2008/wood101508.htm)

No domestic violence should be ignored. Even "minor" domestic violence (pushing, yelling, throwing things, put-downs) hurts children when they see it and becomes their example to follow. By ignoring female violence and male victims, we foster that cycle rather than prevent it.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, every year there are 4.8 million incidents of intimate partner assaults and rapes against women and 2.9 against men, with 25% of the deaths being men. (http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/ipv_factsheet.pdf)

However, male victims are less likely than female victims to report their victimization, and that makes crime figures unreliable. And independent empirical survey data consistently shows men and women initiate domestic violence at similar rates, and that men suffer one-third of physical injuries. Almost 300 of these studies, from all around the world, using various methodologies, are summarized by California State University Professor Martin Fiebert in his online bibliography at http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm

For example, a 32-nation study by the University of New Hampshire found women are as violent and controlling as men in dating relationships worldwide. See http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2006/may/em_060519male.cfm?type=n and http://pubpages.unh.edu/~mas2/ID41E2.pdf

This Canadian government report also recognizes the above data: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ncfv-cnivf/pdfs/fv-intime_e.pdf

NCFM asks that Verizon stop stereotyping fathers, ignoring male victims and their children, and spreading the message that female-on-male violence is not frequent or serious enough to include in their public statements. ALL victims deserve recognition regardless of their sex.

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Prison psychologist accused of faking rape

el cid · 9 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This woman apparently faked her own rape to convince her husband to move to another part of town. One of the stranger stories I've ever come across. Excerpt:

'SACRAMENTO, Calif.—She split her own lip with a pin, scraped her knuckles with sandpaper and had her friend punch her in the face. Investigators say she even ripped open her blouse, then wet her pants to give the appearance she had been knocked unconscious.

But it was all part of what authorities said Friday was an elaborate hoax by the woman to convince her husband she was raped so they could move to a safer neighborhood.

Charges filed by the Sacramento County district attorney allege Laurie Ann Martinez, a prison psychologist, conspired with the friend to create the appearance that she was beaten, robbed and raped by a stranger in April in her Sacramento home.

Martinez, her friend and two co-workers eventually told police the whole thing was a setup to convince Martinez's husband that they needed to move from a blighted, high-crime area three miles north of the state Capitol. '

Father assumed to be abuser

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Story here. A sad story about how the government can abuse parents mistakenly accused of abuse--and how the government assumes fathers are the likely perpetrators. Excerpt:

'"I knew as soon as I saw Dr. Reed's face that something was terribly wrong," Alice says. The x-rays showed that several of Liliana's ribs were broken. "These injuries are nonaccidental," Dr. Reed told them. Someone has squeezed your baby, probably to make her stop crying, Alice recalls him saying. The doctors did more tests to check for other injuries. Alice began sobbing loudly.

People in white coats peppered Miguel [the father] with questions. What had happened? Did he drink a lot? Get angry? Shake the baby? Miguel was shocked speechless.
...

The Alexandria police knew where and when the Velasquezes were seeing their baby. That's when they decided to arrest Miguel for felony child abuse.
...
In the spring, the public defender in Miguel's criminal case finally got a court order to test the child. The results didn't come back until September. But when they did, they confirmed Liliana had osteogenesis imperfecta type I. The main symptom: fractures.

When he heard about the diagnosis, the prosecutor for the Commonwealth of Virginia, Roger Canaff, consulted Dr. Craig. She wrote later in a memo that the test was "experimental in nature," and that doctors looking at the x-rays of a child with OI should see evidence of the faulty bones. Liliana's bones, she said, looked "completely normal." Other military doctors, then and later on the witness stand, said the same.
...
A settlement was reached, but there was no assignment of wrongdoing. The Velasquezes were, however, awarded $950,000. About half went for legal fees and expenses. A trust fund of $150,000 was set aside for Liliana. As far as is publicly known, no one at the hospitals or in social services was fired or reprimanded. The foster-care giver was not found negligent.'

UK: 'Whining women surgeons who complain about sexist industry are making excuses'

Broadsword · 10 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A top female surgeon has rejected claims the profession is sexist, saying women surgeons who claim it is should stop whining and that many are using the allegation to hide they fact they are not good enough.

Helen Fernandes, who chairs the Women in Surgery group at the Royal College of Surgeons, dismissed claims that sexism was the cause for only eight per cent of consultant surgeons being female. The number is even lower in neurosurgery, which is Ms Fernandes' area of specialism.

...

Ms Fernandes works as a consultant at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. In an interview with The Times, she said: 'I don't think true sexism or harassment along those lines really exists.

In my opinion, a lot of girls who say that they've experienced sexism are, generally speaking, not up to the mark surgically. 'Sexism' almost becomes an excuse.'

One of the reasons put forward for the low number of female surgeons is the unpredictable nature of shifts, which could interfere with domestic issues. Ms Fernandes, who has three children, told young women wanting to build a career in medicine to stop moaning about having kids and to invest in home help.

...

'Don't whine for hours about childcare issues or the fact that you're a mother. Domesticity is a dirge.'"

NIH News: Panel endorses active monitoring and delay of treatment for low-risk prostate cancer

Minuteman · 11 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'An independent panel convened this week by the National Institutes of Health has concluded that many men with localized, low-risk prostate cancer should be closely monitored, permitting treatment to be delayed until warranted by disease progression. However, monitoring strategies—such as active surveillance—have not been uniformly studied and available data do not yet point to clear follow-up protocols. The panel recommended standardizing definitions and conducting additional studies to clarify which monitoring strategies are most likely to optimize patient outcomes.

“It’s clear that many men would benefit from delaying treatment, but there is no consensus on what constitutes observational strategies and what criteria should be used to determine when treatment might ultimately be needed among closely-monitored men,” said Dr. Patricia A. Ganz, conference panel chairperson and director of the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control Research at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of California in Los Angeles.

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in men in the United States. It is estimated that in 2011, approximately 240,000 men will be newly diagnosed with prostate cancer and 33,000 will die of the disease.'

Wikipedia entry: When it's a man, it's called 'circumcision'

Anonymous · 12 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

From Wikipedia when you type the word "circumcision":

"This article is about male circumcision. For female circumcision, see Female genital mutilation"

Can anyone tell me why when the victim is female it's called 'mutilation' but when it's a man it's referred to as 'circumcision'-- when by their own admission, it's the same thing? I find this offensive to say the least, and people need to know about this.

UK: Bullying husbands could face court for 'emotional abuse'

anthony · 12 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Men accused of ‘bullying or abusing’ their wives could face criminal charges under new domestic violence laws.

It could mean prosecution for husbands who treat their wives in a controlling way but do not assault them physically.

The change is being proposed by Liberal Democrat ministers as part of a review of domestic violence to be published this week.
...
Critics of domestic violence laws point to the lack of an agreed legal definition or specific criminal offence for attacks in the home.

The guidelines could cover anyone exercising ‘coercive control’ over their partner.

This would include demonstrating a pattern of threatening behaviour or emotional abuse.

It could also cover ‘economic control’ and the manipulation of children.

For the first time, the law could make clear that under-18s can be victims of domestic abuse.
...
The new definition would also cover women who bully their male partners.

Around 5 per cent of men report having been the victims of domestic abuse.

Around one in four women is thought to be a victim of domestic violence. But figures suggest that only one in 15 cases that reach the criminal justice system leads to a conviction.'

'Men are not an oppressed group in society'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'However, when I'm asked to pretend that men are an oppressed group in society, I cannot decide whether I should laugh or cry.

This attitude is not limited to our campus; sites such as link aggregation database Reddit contain so much anti-feminist sentiment that they even have active communities such as “r/mensrights.” These men are also occupying the fantasy world where feminism ruins lives on a daily basis.

The unfortunate thing is that there are some legitimate concerns raised by some men's rights activists. Male circumcision and false rape claims are unfortunate occurrences in today's society. The problem is that male circumcision and female circumcision are different issues, yet men's rights activists insist on putting them on the same level. The same goes for the oft-raised issue of false rape claims. False rape claims are not non-existent, but also do not occur at the alarmingly high rate of legitimate sexual assaults. The ridiculous notion that half of rape claims are false has led people to immediately question a woman's claim of sexual assault instead of offering assistance and protection.

The men's rights movement is merely a knee-jerk because some men do not take kindly to the fact that for once, they've been left out of something: feminism. Never mind the idea that men can be feminists and allies as well; for some men acknowledging male privilege feels like an attack when really it's the mere statement of a fact.'

Brit women in 20s narrow wage gap earning 3.6 pc more than men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'London, Nov 24 (ANI): British women in their 20s earn 3.6 percent more than men of same age, shrinking the overall gender pay gap with men to less than 10 percent for the first time, a new study has revealed.

The Office for National Statistics figures stated that in their 20s, women earn 10.45 pounds an hour, compared with 10.08 pounds for men.

But the figures also revealed that the situation changes dramatically in their 30s as women lose the edge when they start families.

By the time women are between 40 and 49, men working full time are paid 15.14 pounds an hour and women only 12.77 pounds.ccording to Jill Kirby, a family expert and author of The Price of Parenthood, the pay gap between the sexes had 'nothing to do with discrimination'.

"It is the fact that women become less committed to the workplace at the point in their lives when they have children," the Daily Mail quoted her as saying.

"They want to spend more time with their children, and regard lower pay as a trade-off for family time."'

Working mums are happier and healthier study finds

Minuteman · 13 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A study published by the American Psychological Association found that mothers with jobs were healthier and happier than mums who stay at home during their children's infancy and pre-school years. It found that the best way for mums to balance their working and home life was to work part time, which involved between one and 32 hours per week.

The research involved interviewing 1364 mothers, including 24 percent ethnic minorities, 1 percent without a high school degree, and 14 percent single parents, shortly after their child's birth with interviews and observation over 10 years from 1991.

Lead author Cheryl Buehler, PhD, professor of human development and family studies, at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro said the study found there was no difference between mums who worked part time and full time.'

NCFM Los Angeles stages protest against Verizon's male-bashing anti-father video

Matt · 13 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Saturday, 12/10/11, the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition For Men (NCFM) held a street demonstration outside Verizon to protest Verizon's anti-father advertisements that depict fathers as "Monsters."

Approximately 15 people participated in the rally, including members of Brotherhood Organization of a New Destiny (BOND), a faith-based organization founded by Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson that has a home for troubled young men. The rally was at the corner of 26th Street and Wilshire Blvd. in Santa Monica.

"Verizon finally pulled the ad, but the company has a history of anti-father ads, and we had to protest years ago for the same thing," said Marc Angelucci, NCFM's Vice President. "Also, a lot of Verizon's false, stereotyping information on domestic violence is still on their website."

verizonIn addition to displaying a number of large signs saying things such as: "Verizon, Stop the Anti-Father Ads!," "Honk For Dads Rights," and "Stop Abuse For Everyone," NCFM members spoke from a bullhorn and handed out flyers from the organization Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) , which is organizing a national protest against the ads.'

Petition: Stop the 'I Hate Balls' campaign and its vile depiction of male sexual abuse

Matt · 13 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. (Please click 'Read more' to see contact information for Ms. Heigl and her affiliated partners.) Excerpt:

'The depiction of violence such as sexual mutilation and human castration in Ms. Heigl's campaign as humor is nothing short of repulsive. Would a video depicting a man having hopeful thoughts about the legalization of rape of women be humorous? Would a reenactment of a woman being raped on video be amusing and accepted if it were part of a charitable cause? Of course not. Both the acceptance of and the humor surrounding violence against men must be stopped.

In the I Hate Balls campaign, male hatred has been taken to a new low by being attached to a charitable cause essentially equating something positive with male sexual mutilation. Would a man shown in a video hoping to legalize female genital mutilation (FGM) and showing the procedure in a re-enactment be acceptable just because he claims it's just a joke and it helps a charitable cause? One can say in jest that FGM might make mating less desirable for the female and thus help reduce the animal population. Funny? Not at all. FGM is nothing to laugh about and neither is male genital mutilation.
http://www.funnyordie.com/videos/b63f436ac2/katherine-heigl-hates-balls'

Father’s Rights Protest Against Domestic Violence Video

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Regarding the article* printed in The Santa Monica Daily Press: Father’s Rights Protest Against Domestic Violence Video. Excerpt:

'The utter lack of balance, of an acknowledgment that women can be abusers also, saddened me. Because I grew up in a house where the woman was as much an inciter as the man, I know from personal experience that a woman is just as capable of domestic violence. I learned how to knife fight from my mom, not my dad. I learned how to shred a person’s ego not in law school but from listening to my mom do it to my father. She would regularly call him a coward, then berate him when he got physical with her. It was a no win situation, she would taunt and terrorize him and then fall back on her status as a woman as why he should not defend himself.

I regularly see the same thing today in my family law practice. Men who have been taunted and terrorized by their wives or girlfriends to the point of breaking, and when they eventually do, they are considered to be the abuser. If I say ‘it is their own fault’, most people agree with me, “a man should never hit a woman” but few are those who will stop and reconsider their logic, and realize that it is a form of ‘blaming the victim’ when I say that. If a man has been pushed to the point of abuse, then he is the first victim in an abusive relationship. It’s just that the abuse a woman perpetrates leaves no visible marks.'

*The article is being reported rather than presented. This is because for some reason, at the time of this post, the actual source link does not work. Hopefully this will be corrected by the webmaster at some point.

Toy signs changed after Hamleys accused of sexism

Broadsword · 13 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Instead of a “pink floor” for girls and a “blue floor” for boys, Hamleys has introduced plain white labelling with red lettering throughout.

Toys have been reorganised by type rather than which gender is expected to want to play with them.

Laura Nelson, a blogger who accused the firm of “gender apartheid” in October, was celebrating what she claimed as a victory yesterday.

She wrote: “In response to the campaign against categorisation of toys by gender and sexist stereotypes, Hamleys has changed its signage.”

However Hamleys denied the changes were prompted by her campaign and claimed that, instead, they were part of planned alterations to “improve customer flow”.'

MarketWatch commentator devolves into male bashing

mens_issues · 13 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Here is an article in MarketWatch by Paul B. Farrell that starts with some predictions for the 2010s decade, then devolves into irrational male bashing. Excerpt (page 2):

'2020. America's first woman president, patriarchal dominance is dead
By the end of the decade, it is finally obvious that patriarchy — male dominance of leadership roles in philosophy, economics, politics and culture throughout history — has failed our civilization, bringing the world to the brink of total destruction.

Why do male leaders consistently fail us? Jeremy Grantham brilliantly captured that fundamental flaw in our nation's character a few years ago: Male leaders are actually quite emotional, myopic and "impatient ... management types who focus on what they are doing this quarter or this annual budget." But true leadership "requires more people with a historical perspective who are more thoughtful and more right-brained."

Unfortunately, "we end up with an army of left-brained immediate doers." And that guarantees "every time we get an outlying, obscure event that has never happened before in history, they are always to miss it."

Worse, today's male brain is so rigidly hard-wired in short-term myopia, it quickly forgets history's most recent lessons, like 2008. As a result, our males leaders "collectively miss even totally obvious events that happen over and over in history."

Class war? Or Gender War? By 2020 we'll have an answer, but by then it may be too late.'

I mean, just wow, the guy totally disgusts me with the stupid smug grin in his photo and the asinine male-bashing end to his article.

Woman, 66, Shoots Estranged Son-in-Law Over Custody Dispute

StayingFit · 13 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Story here. Excerpt:

'A 66-year-old grandmother is under arrest after police say she shot her estranged son-in-law because of an ongoing custody battle he and her daughter were having over the pair's young son.

The victim, Salvatore Miglino of Boca Raton, had his cell phone recording the entire time, and the audio was key to the investigation of the Wednesday shooting in Broward County, Fla.

The incident unfolded when Miglino, 39, went to pick up his 3-year-old son for a scheduled visit. His mother-in-law, Cheryl Hepner, stood outside the home with the toddler's pillow and bag.

"According to him, when he asked for the things, she instead pulled out a handgun and starts firing shots," according to Dani Moschella, a spokeswoman for the Broward County Sheriff's Office.'

New Hotel Trend: Women-Only Rooms

anthony · 14 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'(Newser) – In the new trend among high-end hotels, men need not apply. The ritzy Dukes in London is the latest to experiment with women-only rooms, notes Katy Holland at Aol. The idea is to cater to single females or women traveling in groups, and the no-boys-allowed rule applies even to the hotel staff that caters to the rooms. The Naumi in Singapore and Premier in New York City have similar offers, though a Denmark government agency recently ordered the Bella Sky in Copenhagen to stop offering women-only floors.'

HHS and the White House Fatherhood Initiative honors local DC fathers

Minuteman · 14 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Twelve local Washington, D.C. fathers will be honored on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 by the White House and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for their dedication and positive presence in their families and communities. This roundtable is a part of the president's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative and the "Year of Strong Fathers, Strong Families" that President Obama announced in June 2011. These fathers are everyday heroes who are strengthening their families and their communities.
...
This fatherhood roundtable is the first in a series of local fatherhood events around the country, and a part of the president's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative which is is a national effort to address responsible fatherhood and healthy families in America through partnerships with family-serving groups and mentorship groups around the country. The initiative serves as call to action for cities and states, with individuals and organizations across the country to raise awareness about responsible fatherhood and working to re-engage absent fathers with their families.'

NY Times: They Call It the Reverse Gender Gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For starters, young women today — and not just in the United States — are moving quickly to close the pay gap, or in some cases have closed it already.

They are marrying later and later, or not marrying at all. They no longer need husbands to have children, or want no children (40 percent of births in the United States each year are now to single women).

Women are ahead of men in education (last year, 55 percent of U.S. college graduates were female). And a study shows that in most U.S. cities, single, childless women under 30 are making an average of 8 percent more money than their male counterparts, with Atlanta and Miami in the lead at 20 percent
...

Faced with a shrinking pool of men on their level, some young women are settling and marrying “down,” but others will jump on planes for “dating excursions” to cities like New York, San Francisco and Boston where the male market is more promising.
...
“Women here are doing the same jobs as men,” she said. “They are getting paid almost as much or sometimes more and doing the jobs better, and on top of that, women are the ones who have children and who care for children. What’s there for men to do?”'

Casey Anthony Teams With TV Producer to Shop $750,000 Interview Special (Exclusive)

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Los Angeles-based TV producer is shopping the first interview with Casey Anthony, who was acquitted in July of murdering her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee Anthony.

The Hollywood Reporter has learned that Scott Sternberg and his Scott Sternberg Productions have been quietly pitching a no-holds-bared interview with Anthony, who has been lying low since being released July 17 after nearly three years in a Florida jail.

Multiple sources say Sternberg is asking between $500,000 and $750,000 to deliver Anthony, a hefty license fee to be sure. According to sources with knowledge of the proposal, networks can choose the interviewer and Scott Sternberg Productions would co-produce the program. But so far, multiple cable networks have declined. Spokespeople for Discovery Communications' TLC and ID confirmed that the networks have passed on the project. A&E Networks, which includes Lifetime and A&E, also has passed, says a spokesperson.'

Study: Nearly 1 in 5 women reportedly raped

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A government survey of rape and domestic violence released Wednesday affirmed that sexual violence against women remains endemic in the United States and in some instances may be far more common than previously thought.

Nearly 1 in 5 women surveyed said they had been raped or had experienced an attempted rape at some point, and 1 in 4 reported being beaten by an intimate partner. In Florida, nearly 1.3 million women (17.1 percent) say that have been raped at some time in their lives.

"That almost 1 in 5 women have been raped in their lifetime is very striking," said Linda Degutis, director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which conducted the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey.'

Australia: Pregnant woman assaulted toddler, court told

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Detective-Senior Constable Adam Pawsey told the court that on November 27 the woman allegedly threw her two-year-old daughter against a brick wall more than three times, then punched and kicked her while she lay paralysed on the floor.

She took the child to hospital three days later after force-feeding her soft food because she was unable to feed herself, Det Sen Const Pawsey said.

He said the toddler remained paralysed on her right side and CT scans showed permanent brain damage.
...
The woman's other two children have been placed by the Department of Human Services into the care of relatives but their father has full access, Sgt Pawsey said.

The woman, who is 32 weeks pregnant, is charged with intentionally causing serious injury.'

Pro-Male Affirmative Action?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Indeed, the entire concept of pro-male affirmative action undermines the feminist cause. Admitting that women so dominate academia that men need special rules to compete exposes as absurd the feminists' continued push for funding for girl-power programs (such as those related to math and science) and their continued fixation on the exact number of female college athletes. Feminists also have long championed affirmative action programs for other underrepresented groups, which would make outrage about using different standards for men a stretch.
...
Education reformers should consider why our K-12 education system fails to help so many boys reach their potential. Just as fixing the pipeline is ultimately the best path to boost minority education achievement, so it is with our nation's boys. Parents should consider whether traditional one-size-fits-all public schools are really best for their sons. Our education system should be restructured so that there are more options, including paradigms better-suited to serve boys' specific academic needs.

Many may prefer to ignore pro-male affirmative action policies, but they are a symptom of larger issues that will continue to hurt American society.'

SAVE: Verizon Foundation: Abuse Deniers

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Thanks to all of your calls, emails, and protests across the country, Verizon has taken down the Monster video. The gender-biased video portrayed men as abusive monsters, boys as potential abusive monsters, and only women and girls as victims.

Activists across the United States and Canada went to their local Verizon stores to raise awareness about the video. Read about one California protest here:
http://www.saveservices.org/2011/12/california-group-protests-verizons-false-dv-claims

Unfortunately, Verizon remains a hotbed of gender-biased misinformation, such as its Pinocchio-like claim that 'domestic violence is the single greatest cause of injury to women ages 15-44':
http://foundation.verizon.com/core/domestic.shtml

We are asking on you to continue to call, email and protest at Verizon stores until this information is replaced with balanced information.

Print out copies of the new flyer: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Verizon-Abuse-Deniers.pdf. Then pass it out to customers as they enter the store, and make sure you give one to the manager and other store employees.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

F&F: Success—Judge Rules in Favor of Solomon Metalwala, Clears Way for Reunion with Daughter Maile!

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Washington Department of Social and Health Services seized Maile Metalwala, the 4-year-old daughter of Solomon Metalwala, away from her unfit mother, Julia Biryukova, and put Maile in foster care on November 6. It is a common but unjust practice for child welfare agencies to put children in foster care instead of giving them to their fathers. Moreover, the Washington court separated Maile from Solomon based on spurious abuse allegations from a now thoroughly discredited accuser.

On Tuesday November 29 Fathers and Families launched our Campaign to Reunite Solomon Metalwala with His Daughter Maile. Our goal has been to push WA DSHS and King County Superior Court to reunite Maile and Solomon as soon as possible. Many of our members and supporters wrote and/or called the relevant authorities, and our campaign has been covered by much of the Seattle media. DSHS issued a statement in response to our campaign on Friday.'

Mass media misleadingly citing CDC data to ignore male victims

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From Marc A:

As usual, the mass media is misleading the public about gender and domestic violence. This time, they're citing the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) 2010 report (released Nov. 2011) very misleadingly by only citing female victims. For example, in an AP story, they say 1 in 4 women were victims of intimate partner violence (IVP) and 1 in 5 women have been "raped." (http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/wellness/135586678.html)

They say nothing about men. Invisible as always. But if you look at the actual data, it says: "More than 1 in 3 women (35.6%) and more than 1 in 4 men (28.5%) in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime." See executive summary at http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/NISVS_Report2010-a.pdf

And "rape" was defined to include "completed forced penetration, attempted forced penetration, or alcohol/drug facilitated completed penetration." See executive summary, page 11. Alcohol/drug facilitated completed penetration is NOT necessarily rape. Otherwise, I've been raped NUMEROUS times by my girlfriend, throughout my life.

CDC: Sexual Violence, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence Widespread in the US

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Link here. Excerpt:

'On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States, according to findings released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Over the course of a year, that equals more than 12 million women and men. Those numbers only tell part of the story – more than 1 million women reported being raped in a year and over 6 million women and men were victims of stalking in a year, the report says.
...

For women:

* High rates of sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence were reported by women.
o Nearly 1 in 5 women has been raped at some time in her life.
o One in 4 women has been a victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in her lifetime.
o One in 6 women has experienced stalking victimization during her lifetime in which she felt very fearful or believed that she or someone close to her would be harmed or killed. Much of stalking victimization was facilitated by technology, such as unwanted phone calls and text messages.
* Almost 70 percent of female victims experienced some form of intimate partner violence for the first time before the age of 25.
* Approximately 80 percent of female victims of rape were first raped before age 25.
* Female victims of violence (sexual violence, stalking, intimate partner violence) were significantly more likely to report physical and mental health problems than female non–victims.
* Across all forms of violence (sexual violence, stalking, intimate partner violence), the vast majority of victims knew their perpetrator (often an intimate partner or acquaintance and seldom a stranger).

For men:

* About 1 in 7 men has experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime.
* One in 19 men has experienced stalking victimization at some point during their lifetime in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed.
* Almost 53 percent of male victims experienced some form of intimate partner violence for the first time before age of 25
* More than one-quarter of male rape victims were first raped when they were 10 years old or younger.
* Male victims of violence (sexual violence, stalking, intimate partner violence) were significantly more likely to report physical and mental health problems than male non-victims.'

Men Often Misread Women's Sexual Cues: Study

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Link here. Excerpt:

'But ignorance might work in favor of males who overestimate their attractiveness.

Men often have difficulty accurately reading a woman's level of interest in them, a new study finds.

In what should come as no surprise to any woman who's spent time in the dating world, a certain type of guy tends to think all women want him, while other guys just can't seem to pick up on the cues.

The study included 96 male and 103 female U.S. college undergraduates who took part in a "speed-meeting" exercise that involved talking for three minutes to each of five members of the opposite sex.
...
When it comes to human evolution, it's likely that males who overestimated their appeal to females and pursued them even at the risk of being rebuffed were more likely to reproduce and pass this trait to their genetic heirs, the researchers suggested.'

Teacher disciplined after writing 'stupid' on student's forehead

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Story here. Suppose he would have 'joked around' this way with a female student? He would not have even dared touch her much less write "Stupid" on her forehead. Excerpt:

'LIVINGSTON, Tenn. -- A first-year teacher from Overton County may lose his job after writing the word "stupid" across a student's forehead with permanent marker, a district official told WSMV-TV in Nashville.

The math teacher has been suspended indefinitely, Matt Eldridge, director of the Overton County Schools, told the NBC television station.

"We're here to help the children and not to hurt them," Eldridge said, adding "One word can break a child. I mean, I've got three children. I wouldn't want it done to mine."'

Mother kills her family in Illinois murder-suicide

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Story here. This is a murder-suicide of a young mother and her whole family, including the father and her three children. This story is appalling and disturbing, like so many recent stories in the news. What is wrong with some people?

'(AP) EMINGTON, Ill. — A burst of gunfire sent Annelise Fiedler running out of her home to see what the noise was. In the yard next door, she saw 30-year-old Sara McMeen hovering over her baby as if she had dropped her. Fiedler asked McMeen if everything was all right.

"She looked at me and said, 'No, everything is not all right,'" Fiedler told The Associated Press.

Then, Fiedler said, McMeen shot the baby. Fiedler fled for her life.

While authorities in the small Illinois farming community remained tight-lipped Saturday about the details of what they said was a murder-suicide that left five people dead, neighbors described shocking violence that took place outside, in full view of their homes. Some could see two of the children's bodies from their windows.

The dead included McMeen, her 29-year-old live-in boyfriend, Daniel Warren, and her three children, 8-year-old Skyler Lemke, 7-year-old Ian Lemke and 10-month-old Maggie Warren, authorities said.'

Italian gipsy camp burned down by vigilantes after false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The 16-year-old reportedly made up the account to conceal the fact that she had lost her virginity to her Italian boyfriend, but the lie unleashed a chain of events that she could not have foreseen.

She went to the police near her home on the outskirts of Turin late last week to report that she had been raped.

Police officers conducted interviews with dozens of people in the area to try to find witnesses to the supposed attack, and the news of the assault quickly spread.

Up to 500 people staged a peaceful protest march on Saturday in the suburb of Le Vallette but a mob of around 50 peeled off from the rally and headed to a nearby gipsy camp.

As the Romany inhabitants fled, the vigilantes set fire to around 20 makeshift shelters and huts, creating a huge blaze. They threw stones and beat up at least one gipsy man.

The teenage girl, who has not been named, is expected to be charged with giving false evidence, along with her brother, who is alleged to have repeated her story.'

Acquitted of rape, Denver doctor sues accuser

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Denver anesthesiologist cleared in criminal court of raping his nanny is now suing his accuser for lost wages and emotional damages in an unusual lawsuit that's bound — once again — to come down to he said, she said.

A jury in February acquitted Jordan Sankel, 47, finding there wasn't enough evidence showing he forced his nanny into sex. Three months later, he filed a slander and abuse-of- process lawsuit against the former nanny, asking for an unspecified amount greater than $100,000.

Her attorneys call the suit an "outrageous" attempt at retribution, and rape awareness counselors shudder at attaching potential civil penalties to filing a police report on an already underreported crime.

But criminal defense attorneys say civil litigation — though a very rare move — is one way an already acquitted defendant can fully prove his innocence and restore his reputation.
...
"It's outrageous that he sued her. I can't believe he's done this," Killmer said. "He's already hurt her terribly, and he's trying again just because she had the courage to stand up."'

UK: Teenager's false rape claim leads to £80 fine despite assault it provoked against falsely-accused

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A teenage girl whose false rape allegation led to an innocent man being beaten up and another man sent to jail was let off by police with just an £80 fixed penalty notice.

Jess Cooper was handed the penalty – usually given for minor traffic infringements, anti-social behaviour or environmental offences – for wasting police time.

However, her ‘wicked’ lie led to Andrew Lester being punched and kicked to the floor. He lost eight teeth and his hearing was permanently damaged.

Yesterday a judge who jailed Cooper’s boyfriend over the attack said the police’s decision not to prosecute her ‘beggared belief’.

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The judge said he was able to reduce Hollyman’s sentence because the ‘provocation is very significant’. He added that Hollyman, from Walsall, was ‘in many ways’ a victim.'

Imposing Gender Equality Rules in Sports: Discrimination or Necessary Evil?

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A high school cheerleading squad with hopes of placing in a recent statewide competition was disqualified when the contest ended in the lakeside city of Port Huron, Michigan.

The team's lone infraction? One of the team members is a boy.

As initially reported by ABC affiliate WXYZ, the Lakeview High cheerleaders were formally disqualified only after the competition had concluded. They received no final score—only a "DQ".

Though the disqualification came into play just this past week, Lakeview High's story of a male cheerleader has been brewing for several months.

Long before the recent Port Huron competition, Lakeview High welcomed 14-year-old Brandon Urbas to its cheerleading team. The squad was looking forward to the upcoming 2011-2012 season's series of meets and tournaments.

Upon becoming the school's only male cheerleader earlier this year, Urbas had received support from the school and his peers since day one.'

UK: New social network for women allows users to create inner circle and rate their dates

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If a male-only social network was launched that let men rate their former conquests in terms of attractiveness and sexual ability, it probably wouldn't go down very well.

But somehow, a female-only equivalent is OK.

Luluvise.com, which went live yesterday, is a social network, described as 'Sex And The City marries Facebook' - and it bans boys.

It connects through your Facebook profile - although does not let any of your Facebook friends know that you have connected.

'Luluvise uses Facebook to make registration easier. We do not post to walls or make Luluvise information public anywhere or to other Facebook users,' creator Alexandra Chong explained.

Once you've logged on you can see what other women have said about your potential love interests.
...
More than 500 boys have already submitted their emails to get access to the site, but instead received an email reading: 'Hey Dude, you're a dude.'

Legal first as father wins right to be named on birth certificate of 12-year-old girls who don't know they are is his children

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Story here. Excerpt:

Fathers have won the right to be named on their children's birth certificates as soon as their paternity is proved.

The new legal ruling means that even if a mother has refused to tell her children who their father is, his identity must be immediately revealed on the amended birth certificate.

This significant development in father's rights came in an Appeal Court judgement yesterday, in the case of a man who has been fighting a long-running battle to see his 12-year-old twin daughters since DNA results established he is their father.

The mother entered another man's name as the father, and has not told them who the real father is. None of the people involved can be publicly identified.

As part of on-going legal proceedings, a family judge ruled earlier this year that the girls' birth certificates must be altered.'

Missouri Boy, 14, With Down Syndrome Suspended for Allegedly Sexually Harassing Bus Aide

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 14-year-old Missouri boy with Down syndrome whose mother says he “gives people hugs all the time” has been suspended from middle school for allegedly sexually harassing a bus aide, a school official told FoxNews.com.

Desi Mayberry, Central R-III School District superintendent, told FoxNews.com that Aleczander Fujiomoto, of Park Hills, Mo., grabbed an unidentified female bus aide while aboard a school bus last Wednesday and imitated a "sexual act" while on top of the woman, who is no longer considering pressing charges for sexual harassment.

"He grabbed her around her waist, like a bear hug, and then he gets on top of her and moves in a sexual motion, imitating a sexual act," Mayberry said.

The aide then "screamed for help," leading the school bus driver to separate Fujimoto and the aide, Mayberry said. The incident led to a "short-term" suspension for Fujimoto, according to Mayberry, who declined to indicate exactly how many days the boy was banned from school.

Mayberry said all of the district's buses have security cameras, but added that Fujimoto's mother was not allowed to see the footage of the alleged incident, despite her requests.'

Reversing the gender gap: Women surpass men at CSU

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are leapfrogging men into the classroom at the nation's largest university system, redefining the gender gap on California State University campuses in a startling way.

About six out of 10 CSU graduates last spring were female -- a complete reversal over the past four decades. Some campuses, like Dominguez Hills and Stanislaus, have almost twice as many women as men, feeling eerily like women's colleges.

The trend is so pronounced that last month Cal State East Bay held a special one-day "Male Initiative" conference for young minority men, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Women are pouring into college at elevated rates all over the country -- not only at two- and four-year schools, but also into professional and graduate programs. The profound shift comes two decades after educators issued an alarming report entitled "How Schools Shortchange Girls."
...
Women's advances don't "translate into a loss for men," said Mikyung Ryu, Associate Director for the Center for Policy Analysis at the American Council on Education. "It's not a zero sum game."
...
But at other campuses, students say they miss the male voice.

"We lose the perspective that comes from men when there are open classroom discussions. We get a lot of the female view," said Jesseca Stone, 35, who is earning a Liberal Studies degree, along with a teaching credential, at Cal State East Bay's Concord campus.'

SlutWalk: Manufacturing Myths about ‘Myths’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SlutWalk is the latest, most visible offshoot of radical feminism. The cornerstones of SlutWalk’s ideology – victim blaming, rape culture, slut shaming – is extremely similar to that of radical feminism on sexual violence. SlutWalk Singapore is no exception. Currently, radical feminism so completely dominates discussions in the fields of women’s self-defence and sexual violence against women that it is extremely difficult to find objective, peer-reviewed case studies and academic papers. These are studies that seek to understand the subject matter, not ‘studies’ that push an agenda by perpetuating dogma.
...
Radical feminists claim that they are exposing myths about sexual violence. What they do not say is that they are conjuring myths about myths.
...

So why do radical feminists continue to perpetuate the myth of victim blaming?

The answer lies in the courts.

The American justice system (and Singapore’s) is based on the adversarial model. In criminal cases, convictions are made and broken on evidence, which include testimonials drawn from a witness that describe her pre-assault behaviour. Testimonials can provide mitigating factors or clear the accused of guilt. The defence attorney’s goal during cross-examination is to draw out damaging testimonials from the prosecution’s witnesses to weaken the prosecution’s case.

Today, radical feminists perpetuate the myth of victim blaming so they can influence the courts even more than they already have. The radical feminists cry victim blaming to shut down examination of the prosecution’s witnesses – including the victims of sexual violence. This would make it easier to convict the defendant and hand down harsher sentences.

This tactic perverts the justice system. Criminal trials are not always black and white. The defendant is not always guilty, and the plaintiff not always a hapless victim. The point of examining the behaviour and histories of the defendant and the plaintiff is to establish what really happened.'

Movie Review: "Barracuda"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sexism is a terrible thing. Women have been oppressed by men all throughout history. While humanity has made fantastic progress in this respect, we still have a ways to go. This is evident, for example, in the world of film and television: women are often portrayed as the weak and the helpless, or else merely as sexual objects. The issue, however, can go both ways; while misogyny is the more pressing issue, it is equally wrong to hate or stereotype men. Misandry is not nearly as common, so I was surprised to see a real-life sexist-towards-men film: “Barracuda,” directed by Louisvillian Shane Woodson and written by Christy Oldham, who also stars.

“Barracuda” is the story of a phone sex operator named Summer (Oldham) who, through her work, encounters the most perverse men imaginable: men who admit to rape, men who fantasize about sexual acts with their daughters, men who have killed women in the throes of passion. Fed up, she takes matters into her own hands and pays each man a visit to obtain a taped confession and bring justice upon them.'

Report: 'Teen Mom' Amber back in jail

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Article here. Excerpt:

'TMZ reports that the troubled reality personality was booked at Madison County Jail in Indiana today because a judge issued a warrant for her arrest. According to The Herald Bulletin, she was taken into custody for allegedly violating the terms of her probation.

Last week, her probation officer filed a report claiming that Amber had violated the terms of her probation in her domestic violence case. She had pleaded guilty to two counts of felony domestic violence in June after MTV aired scenes of her punching and slapping ex-fiance and baby daddy Gary Shirley during season two of the popular docuseries. The judge in her case, David Happe, suspended her two-year sentence and put her on two years of probation.

The sheriff's department also confirmed to our pals at E! News that the 21-year-old mother of Leah is in jail for a probation violation, and that the length of her stay will be "up to the courts."'

Marriage: What's in It for Men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Second, we must retract the message Boomers sent young women about female empowerment. Indeed, it isn't a coincidence that marriage rates have plummeted alongside America's fascination with the feminist movement. Empowerment for women, as defined by feminists, neither liberates women nor brings couples together. It separates them. It focuses on women as perpetual victims of the Big Bad Male. Why would any man want to get married when he's been branded a sexist pig at "hello"? In the span of just a few decades, women have managed to demote men from respected providers and protectors to being unnecessary, irrelevant, and downright expendable. Consider these examples:

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#*# Author and journalist Natalie Angier begins an article in the New York Times by writing, "Women may not find this surprising, but one of the most persistent and frustrating problems in evolutionary biology is the male. Specifically#…#why doesn't he just go away?"

#*# In a CNN interview with Maureen Dowd about her 2005 book, Are Men Necessary? Dowd says, "Now that women don't need men to reproduce and refinance, the question is, will we keep you around? And the answer is, 'You know, we need you in the way we need ice cream — you'll be more ornamental.'"
...
The concerns of men frequently arrive in my inbox. The latest is from Mark Trueblood, who had this to say: "From a man's perspective, men take on an untenable risk. The culture of male disposability runs deep — some say even at the level of our DNA." Because of this, he says, "Men are making a lifelong commitment to eschew marriage, cohabitation, and even dating in some cases. We do so for all the reasons you can guess, and more. As far as I am concerned, this is the wisest lifestyle decision for men in the United States at this point in time. And I say so as a conservative/libertarian who fully acknowledges the power of a functioning nuclear family."

Mark Trueblood is not an anomaly. Countless men's-rights groups have popped up across the country, and even more men happily shack up with their girlfriends with no plans to get married — which may sit well with women for a while, until their clocks begins to tick, and they become desperate for a baby. All of the sudden men look more appealing — but the men don't want to marry them.'

UK: 'The New Sexism'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I was in a bar, having a nice drink with my boyfriend when a man looked at me from across the room. Suddenly, I exploded into a tirade at my boyfriend about how men are sleazy, stupid, ignorant and how women are by far superior. I eventually stopped and realised that I'd been ranting like this for a good twenty minutes. My boyfriend blinked at me, bewildered. Poor bloke; he'd only come out for a pint.

That night I realised that I was a sexist: a proper sexist, which is as bad as any racism or homophobia. I, along with every female I'd ever known, had my own tales of man-woe, but it goes deeper than being stung by men. Within society, there is now a new and permissible form of sexism — that of anti-male sexism, which is purporting subconscious ideologies within society that men are less emotionally (or otherwise) intelligent, and that they are generally inferior to women. Without even exploring child custody rights, pension ages, paternity rights or woman-instigated domestic violence, the evidence for male-oppressive sexism is rife within the media, which is usually the primary factor in influencing any cultural ideology. Advertisements, television programmes and magazines are full of (sometimes not so) subliminal messages that advocate derogatory behaviour towards men. Through the following examples of anti-male sexism in media, I challenge you to revert the roles of the men and women and then try not to picture the ensuing Ofcom investigations and public outcry.'

Australian Parliamentary Committee Inquiry - escalation of Indigenous women in detention "disturbing"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'The Committee finds that the escalation of the number of Indigenous women in detention is disturbing. Indigenous women are critical to the future strength of Indigenous families and communities. They play an important role in the care of children, providing the future generation with a stable upbringing. Continued growth in the number of Indigenous women being imprisoned will have a long lasting and negative impact on the wellbeing of Indigenous families and communities.'

ARCLAW: "Circumcision: Know Your Rights" brochure

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Link to download here (.doc file, 60kb). From an ARCLAW mailing-list email:

'ARC is proud to announce the release of our "know your rights" brochure for potential litigants, entitled "Circumcision: Your Legal Rights."

It is available through a link from our home page at http://www.arclaw.org.

ARC Secretary (and Intact America Director Georganne Chapin) worked closely with us to develop this document.'

Flawed Studies Used to Claim Circumcision Reduces HIV Infection

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(BOSTON) - An article in the December Journal of Law and Medicine cites numerous flaws in three African studies that claim male circumcision reduces transmission of HIV. (see: the article here)

According to the article, the studies, which are being used to promote the circumcision of up to 38 million men in Africa, had selection bias, inadequate blinding, problematic randomization, experimenter bias, lead time bias, supportive bias, participant expectation bias, time-out discrepancy, and lack of investigating of non-sexual HIV transmission among other confounding factors and problems.

The absolute reduction in HIV transmission associated with male circumcision for the three studies was only about 1.3%. The African studies had cited the relative reduction in HIV transmission, a misleading figure. Reports in the popular press have been even more misleading. Furthermore, there are at least 17 observational studies that have not found any benefit from male circumcision in reducing HIV transmission. Since condom use after male circumcision is essential to prevent sexual transmission of HIV, circumcision does not have any additional value.'

'Male Circumcision a Route to Gender Equality'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Activists at the Sonke Gender Justice Network, a non-profit organisation focusing on men's responsibilities in creating a just and democratic society, see MMC as carrying benefits in addition to its significant HIV-prevention potential. They see it as nothingless than an opportunity to promote gender equality.

"MMC is an opportunity to engage men on sexual reproductive health. That means an opportunity to engage to say they must reduce their sexual partners, they must use condoms correctly and consistently, and they must seek consent before sex," said Leo Mbobi, Cape Town Coordinator for Sonke's flagship One Man Can programme.

The first phase of the effort to use MMC as a platform to promote gender equality has come in the form of raising awareness. Through posters, brochures, and a door-to-door campaign, Sonke is focusing on educating people not only about the health benefits of MMC, but also on the importance of women's participation in conversations around MMC and sexual decision-making in general.'

New Guinea: PNG circumcision research uncovers horror penile modification trend

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Research in Papua New Guinea on circumcision as a means of prevention of HIV transmission has brought to light the number of men undergoing unsafe penile modification, often with disastrous consequences.

Professor John McBride of Australia's James Cook University was one of a number of researchers presenting their work to the PNG government and non-governmental organisations in a recent two-day policy forum in Port Moresby.

He says most men are amenable to being circumcised, with almost 60 percent having had either full or partial circumcision, known in PNG as the straight cut.

Professor McBride says all the research groups were concerned about the potential adverse effects of that informal type of circumcision and other forms of penile cutting.'

The Fathers & Men Who Are Ex-Felons Bill/Petition

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I spent time in prison for theft. I can say I would have never gone if I had been granted the same benefits women are granted in America. I have placed petitions online for Fathers And Men That Are Ex-Felons at http://www.scribd.com/hdignity.

In America, over 65 million men have a felony record. We are banned from virtually every single apartment area. We have to beg others to live with them and in many cases we see people lose their masculinity and even their pride. This results in further problems like drug abuse and other serious social problems. We are already seeing just the beginning of the effects. As prisons are forced to release more people and more people get a criminal record, people start to see the injustice of a lifetime ban on obtaining housing.

I have lived with my family for 10 years now. I have attended schools like Purdue University and have also obtained other skills. I have a Class A CDL to drive a truck but am banned from truck-driving due to the DAC which is currently banning ex-felons from access to housing. I, along with tens of millions of men, cannot even rent in our local ghettos. So it's no wonder why many of us lose ourselves. But my conscience is extremely clear-- so clear I wake up with no remorse. I have paid my debt to society. I am just a human that wants to live my life. I want to work and be productive.

Support Housing Rights For The 65 Million Men In America That Have A Record

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Support Fathers & Men Who Are Ex-Felons by telling others about our issues and that the numbers of men who are being affected so unbelievably enormous. We are literally creating an environment of hostility for men. I have placed many videos on YouTube and articles online, so check me out.

SAVE: Regulating Sex?

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Stop Abusive and Violent Environments

December 18, 2011

A majority of Americans worry about the federal government extending its reach into citizens' everyday lives. Now, following release of a Centers for Disease Control report, critics of big government have a new cause for alarm.

Rape is personal tragedy and a societal anathema, and victims of rape deserve our protection and support. Fortunately, the number of rapes has tapered off dramatically in recent decades, along other types of violent crime.

But to the Centers for Disease Control, much more needs to be done. So the CDC devised a radical approach.

This past week the CDC released its long-awaited survey called the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/NISVS_Report2010-a.pdf. The study was widely publicized in the traditional media with startling headlines that blared, "Nearly one in five U.S. women has been a victim of sexual assault."

But many viewed the one-in-five statistic with skepticism. Citing a "history of twisting rape statistics," columnist Robert VerBruggen took issue with the basic definitions of the CDC study. VerBruggen explained, "Researchers ask women about their sexual experiences, and then classify some experiences as 'rape' that most people, including the women themselves, do not consider to be rape." (http://www.nationalreview.com/phi-beta-cons/285936/re-sexual-assault-and-college-robert-verbruggen)."

This is what the Centers for Disease Control did to inflate its rape count: It asked if persons had ever had sex when they were "drunk, high, drugged, or passed and unable to consent." Any person who answered "yes" to this question was included in the CDC's tally of rape victims.

Now consider these 2 scenarios:

1. Bill and Wanda have a picture-book wedding ceremony. At the reception, they share numerous champagne toasts. Afterwards, they retire to their room to consummate the union.

2. Miguel and Maria are discussing ways to commemorate a decade of marital union, and Maria proposes that they celebrate at a New Year's Eve party in a nearby hotel. Like many other couples, the two liberally indulge in alcoholic beverages. As the gala is wrapping up, they make their way to their room where they celebrate their years-long relationship by making love.

Most persons would view these scenarios as exemplifying loving and respectful marital relationships. But according to the CDC, Wanda and Maria are rape victims -- and Jack and Miguel are common rapists.

So the CDC definition turns common sense on its head, recasting the couples' celebration of marital union as a sinister prelude to an abhorrent crime.

The CDC's definitional hijinks are only the first step, of course. Because representatives of the abuse industry will now take the "authoritative" CDC definition and use it to push states to implement similar definitions in their criminal statutes.

The CDC rape definition represents an unprecedented, unwarranted, and radical intrusion of federal power into the private lives of couples -- a step that could eventually exact baleful effects on the institution of marriage and on healthy, respectful relationships between men and women.

Source: http://www.saveservices.org/2011/12/regulating-sex/

Wrestling returns to Penn State Mont Alto after 35 years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Mont Alto, Pa. — The old saying, ‘What goes around, comes around’ fits nicely in this story.

That’s because, after a 35-year absence, wrestling is back at Penn State Mont Alto. Boy, how things have changed.

Back in 1970, when wrestling was first introduced as a sport at the campus, the college did not even have a gymnasium. Hence, wrestling and basketball contests were held at the old East Junior High School, which was demolished years ago.

Several years later, logistics — and Title IX — prompted Mont Alto to drop wrestling in the mid-1970s, a difficult decision that landed squarely on then-athletic director and wrestling coach Duane Thomas.

“We needed to balance our programs. We started women’s volleyball when we stopped wrestling,” said Thomas, referring to the landmark legislation that forced colleges to increase opportunities for female students, sometimes at the expense of male sports.'

'School is unfair for boys'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'High school hates boys. Wait, before you count me out as just another disillusioned student who wants an excuse to rant against the system, take a look at these statistics: according to an article in The New York Times, the average high school grade point average for males is a 2.86, the average GPA for a female is 3.09. 64 percent of National Honor Society members are girls; boys are about 25 percent more likely to drop out and the American Association of School Administration reports that boys make up only 44 percent of college attendees (some colleges now use affirmative action to try to solve this problem).

As a male who has attended high school for nearly four years, earned a decent GPA and was accepted into a college, I cannot claim to be a victim of the system. However, I believe in equality and it bothers me when any group of people is ignored for political correctness, ignorance, ambivalence or whatever other reason.

After doing some research on why males underperform, it appears that by far the biggest cause of this problem has been the feminization of schools. Basically, to put it in other words, schools have moved from hating girls to hating boys. How is that for progressive thinking?'

Schools examine gender issues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men have long been outnumbered by women in higher education in the U.S., going back to the 1980s. What's drawn less notice is they are also less likely to earn bachelor's degrees.

Graduation rates across nearly all University of Wisconsin System schools are consistently higher for women. Last year, 62 percent of the females who entered the UW System in 2004 had graduated, compared with 58 percent for men.

While there's lots of talk of improving overall graduation rates and getting more minorities to earn degrees nationwide, few colleges have sounded the gender alarm. Some experts say it's time.'

Scientists at secret German lab grow human tissue from baby foreskins in bid to end animal testing

Broadsword · 21 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A secret laboratory growing new human skin from baby foreskins has been hailed a medical breakthrough by scientists at Europe's biggest research organisation.

The process - dubbed the Skin Factory at the Fraunhofer Institute in Stuttgart, Germany - takes cells from foreskins donated to the project and grows swatches of skin for use in testing cosmetics and other consumer products.

Its creators claim that one day their process could replace all animal testing, explained project spokesman Andreas Traube.

Scientists extract a single layer of cells from each foreskin and then grow on layers of collagen and connective tissue in the Skin Factory, a sealed growing environment just seven metres, by thee metres, and three metres high and kept at a constant temperature of 37 degrees centigrade.

The project uses foreskins taken from boys up to just four years old, said Traube.

'The older the skin is, the worse it performs,' he explained.'

J Law Med. - Is it lawful to use Medicaid to pay for circumcision?

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Adler P W (2011) Is it lawful to use Medicaid to pay for circumcision? J Law Med. 2011;19(2):335-53 Abstract archived at http://liveweb.archive.org/http://sites.thomsonreuters.com.au/journals/2011/11/28/journal-of-law-and-medicine-update-december-2011/ Retrieved 7 December 2011

Abstract:

'Since 1965, tens of millions of boys have been circumcised under the Medicaid program, most at birth, at a cost to the United States Federal Government, the States and taxpayers of billions of dollars. Although 18 States have ended coverage since 1982, the United States Government and 32 States continue to pay for non-therapeutic circumcision, even though no medical association in the world recommends it. Many cite American medical association policy that the procedure has potential medical benefits as well as disadvantages, and that the circumcision decision should be left to parents. This article shows that Medicaid coverage of circumcision is not a policy issue because it is prohibited by federal and State law. As American medical associations concede, non-therapeutic circumcision is unnecessary, elective, cosmetic surgery on healthy boys, usually performed for cultural, personal or religious reasons. The fundamental principle of Medicaid law is that Medicaid only covers necessary medical treatments after the diagnosis of a current medical condition. Physicians and hospitals face severe penalties for charging Medicaid for circumcisions. Medicaid officials and the Federal and State Governments are also required to end coverage. It is unlawful to circumcise and to allow the circumcision of healthy boys at the expense of the government and taxpayers.'

'Circumcision: Canal for new HIV infections'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'HARARE - Male circumcision is becoming a canal for new HIV infections as men are now reluctant to use condoms on the basis that they are 60 percent safe, a government official has said.

MDC deputy spokesman and legislator for Bulawayo East Thabitha Khumalo said while circumcision was good in reducing the risk of HIV infections in men, the emphasis should be on the use of condoms than circumcision in order to save both men and women.

Circumcision and the use of condoms, Khumalo said, should be used together if Zimbabwe's goal of Zero to new HIV infections and Zero to HIV related deaths by 2015 is to be attainable.

"We have a huge challenge where male circumcision has created a canal to those who do not want to use condoms.

People should understand that circumcision is not a cure, it is just a way to help reduce the risk of infections, together with the use of condoms, said Khumalo.

Khumalo said women will be the most affected because they have limited methods of protecting themselves.

According to Khumalo, Sub-Sahara Africa still records the highest figures of new infections with about 7 000 estimated infections despite the increase in the numbers of men who are getting circumcised.'

Iraq War Veteran, Fit Father Has Parental Rights Terminated

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A veteran of the Iraq war has had his parental rights terminated despite having in no way wronged his child or the mother. Read about it here (Booneville Democrat, 12/8/11).

The facts of the case are straightforward. Edward Glover served in the U.S. armed services. He was deployed to Iraq. His wife, Michelle, gave birth to a child, E.G., in November of 2008. While Edward was serving abroad, Michelle took up with one Maliki Raheem, who had a history of domestic violence. In April, 2009, it came to the attention of the Arkansas Department of Human Services that E.G. had been severely abused by Raheem. Here is how one Arkansas Court of Appeals judge described the child's injuries:
...
Edward Glover obtained emergency leave and returned home, but was sent back to Iraq 10 days later. Glover remained deployed oversees while legal proceedings played out. The ADHS of course took E.G. into foster care and eventually succeeded in terminating Michelle's parental rights. At all but two hearings, Glover was neither present in person nor represented by counsel.

Irrespective of the fact that Glover had done nothing wrong and was never even accused of any form of wrongdoing toward anyone, the trial court, at the request of ADHS, terminated Glover's parental rights. The Court of Appeals affirmed the ruling. Indeed, if there was a claim by anyone at any time that Glover had ever in his life done anything to indicate unfitness as a parent, neither the trial nor the appellate court mentioned it.'

Barbara Kay: The awkward truth about spousal abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of first-wave feminism's great achievements in the 1970s was to end the denial surrounding wife abuse in even the "best" homes. Resources for abused women proliferated. Traditional social, judicial and political attitudes toward violence against women were cleansed and reconstructed along feminist-designed lines.

But then a funny thing happened. The closet from which abuse victims were emerging had, everyone assumed, been filled with women. But honest researchers were surprised by the results of their own objective inquiries. They were all finding, independently, that intimate partner violence (IPV) is mostly bidirectional.

But by then the IPV domain was awash in heavily politicized stakeholders. Even peer-reviewed community-based studies providing politically incorrect conclusions were cut off at the pass, their researchers' names passed over for task force appointments and the writing of training manuals for the judiciary. Neither were internal whistle-blowers suffered gladly. Erin Pizzey, who opened the first refuge for battered women in England in 1971, was "disappeared" from the feminist movement when she revealed what she learned in her own shelter: She committed a heresy by asking women about their own violence, and they told her.'

Oakham woman to serve probation after false rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'EAST BROOKFIELD — A 44-year-old Sunday school teacher from Oakham pleaded guilty yesterday to lying to police, telling them she'd been raped, and she was sentenced to 2 years' probation.

Christine Drolet went to Spencer Police Detective Michael Shea earlier this year and reported that William Domey, a paramedic who worked with her husband, had raped her.

She went to a hospital for treatment, called police several times to check on the status of the case and never recanted until Detective Shea questioned her version of what had happened, prosecutor Courtney Sans told the judge in Western Worcester District Court yesterday.
...

Judge Timothy M. Bibaud sentenced Mrs. Drolet to one year concurrent sentences at Framingham state prison on the charges of filing a false crime report, criminal harassment and witness intimidation. She was sentenced to two years on a second witness intimidation charge. All of the sentences were suspended for two years, during which time she will remain on probation.

Mr. Domey said after court that while Mrs. Drolet's sentence will end in two years, he anticipates having problems for much longer as a result of her actions.

He said he is able to see his children again, but has been turned down for jobs because the emergency medical services community is small, and word of the rape allegation, though false, is still spreading.'

Marital Woes Lead Lynwood Woman To Call In False Bomb Threat At LAX

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Story here.

'LOS ANGELES (CBS) — A Lynwood woman is facing federal terrorism charges after she made a false bomb threat to delay her husband's flight out of Los Angeles International Airport.

According to court documents, Johnna Woolfolk called in a bomb threat to AirTran on Nov. 27. Woolfolk told a representative that her husband was planning to blow up an Atlanta-bound flight, FBI officials said.

Airline officials pulled Woolfolk's husband off the flight. He denied the charges and told officials that he and his wife were having marital problems and that they recently had a fight.

FBI agents later interviewed Woolfolk at her Lynwood home who admitted to the call.

She was charged with providing false and misleading information. Woolfolk is expected to enter a plea next week in federal court.'

Shooting deaths rock Perinton neighborhood

Matt · 22 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PERINTON -- To the neighbors who knew her as Penny, she was a social coordinator and a breezy mom, passing out tea lights for their porches and windows this time of year.

On Wednesday, the wooded neighborhood in which she had become a fixture was illuminated by the flashing lights of a sheriff's deputy's squad car.

In the finished basement of her family's home on Red Fox Run on Wednesday morning, police say, Penelope Luddy, 53, killed her 10-year-old daughter, Alexandra; her father, Harold Bertram, 79; and herself with a shotgun.

About 8:30 a.m., she'd sent her husband, Michael Luddy, 57, to check on an ailing relative. When he returned home at 9:45, he found his wife dead and his daughter and father-in-law shot.

There were signs of a struggle, Monroe County Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn said at a news conference Wednesday afternoon to discuss the ongoing investigation.

Bertram, conscious but severely injured, survived long enough to tell police what happened. He and his granddaughter had each been shot twice, and died at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Into the evening, neighbors struggled to come to terms with the tragedy as they mourned the loss of a girl, her grandfather and the woman who was their mother, daughter and apparent killer.

"The woman we knew was completely selfless," said John Storrar, whose son went to school with Alexandra and whose wife ran an informal neighborhood group known as the Hunters Run Women's Club with Penny.'

'A Model for Female Correctional Design'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"It was a project with a lot devoted to developing the women's facility using the latest for women prisoners," said Bill Bashore, the command evaluator for the JRCFS and co-coordinator on the expansion project. "Historically, women's facilities are built to men's standards, then 'painted pink.' Women prisoners are defined a lot by the relationships they make in an institute, so we tried to design the facility to give them the ability to form relationships and interact with staff."

To do that, several design elements were incorporated into the women's housing unit that aren't normally found in a men's facility. The housing unit and dayroom, for instance, are rectangular (men's units are triangular to allow for direct supervision by staff) and is divided into five smaller rooms by partial-height glazed walls as a way to facilitate the formation of relationships between the various subpopulations while still allowing for direct supervision.
...

"[Female] offenders respond to the environment in different ways and are easier to manage if they have the ability to socialize and get away if they need to," said Hartman. "It's easier to manage a population and have a safer environment."

Privacy was also a consideration in creating a normative environment, and privacy screens were installed in the showers and around cell toilets to shield women from view while still allowing correctional officers to keep an eye on them. "For males, privacy is not a big deal, but it is for women," Bashore said.'

School Accused of Putting Autistic Boy in Duffel Bag

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Article hee. Excerpt:

'LOUISVILLE, Ky. – A 9-year-old autistic boy who misbehaved at school was stuffed into a duffel bag and the drawstring pulled tight, according to his mother, who said she found him wiggling inside as a teacher's aide stood by.

The mother of fourth-grader Christopher Baker said her son called out to her when she walked up to him in the bag Dec. 14. The case has spurred an online petition calling for the firing of school employees responsible.

"He was treated like trash and thrown in the hallway," Chris' mother, Sandra Baker, said Thursday. She did not know how exactly how long he had been in the bag, but probably not more than 20 minutes.'

Breast Cancer Patients "Face More Imaging Tests Today"

Minuteman · 24 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Women possibly being inconvenienced by over-servicing in the health care sector, but more research is needed. Link here. Excerpt:

'Women with breast cancer undergo many more imaging tests between diagnosis and surgery than they did in the early 1990s, a new study finds.

The tests -- breast ultrasounds, MRIs and mammograms -- help doctors determine the best course of treatment, but add to the hassles and expense of care, the study says.

"The burden to the patient is increasing substantially," said study leader Dr. Richard Bleicher, an associate professor of surgical oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. For older patients, especially, coordination of care is needed, he said.

Bleicher, a breast surgeon, evaluated data on more than 67,000 women in the United States diagnosed with breast cancer from 1992 to 2005. His intent was to clock the time and inconvenience involved in multiple imaging appointments.
...
Research presented at meetings should be considered preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed medical journal.'

Fears of Divorce May Be Keeping Many Young Couples From Marriage: Study

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Fears about the emotional, financial, social and legal consequences of divorce explain why the percentage of married adults in the United States has reached an all-time low, researchers report.

The study of 122 people in cohabitating couples found that 67 percent said they worried about having to deal with the fallout of divorce, the University of Central Oklahoma and Cornell University researchers said in a Cornell news release.

...

Lower-income women were especially likely to have doubts about the "trap" of marriage. Many believed it would lead to more domestic responsibilities with few benefits or that it could hard to get out of a marriage if things go wrong.'

Men: Cancer Symptoms You're Most Likely to Ignore

anthony · 24 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Annual checkups and tests such as colonoscopies and PSA assays are important, but it's not a good idea to rely on tests alone to protect you from cancer. It's just as important to listen to your body and notice anything that's different, odd, or unexplainable.
...

Commonly overlooked cancer symptoms, 1-10

1. Upset stomach or stomachache
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2. Chronic "acid stomach" or feeling full after a small meal
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3. Unexplained weight loss
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4. Jaundice
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5. Wheezing or shortness of breath
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6. Chronic cough or chest pain
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7. Frequent fevers or infections
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8. Difficulty swallowing
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9. Chronic heartburn
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10. Swelling of facial features'

UK gov. advisor: ‘lesbians make better parents’

anthony · 25 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'LONDON, December 22, 2011 (LifeSiteNews.com) - A UK government parenting adviser has publicly stated that lesbians make better parents than heterosexual couples.

“Lesbians make better parents than a man and a woman,” said Professor Stephen Scott, director of research at the National Academy for Parenting Practitioners and the director of the National Adoption and Fostering Team at Maudsley Hospital, during an event hosted by the think-tank Demos, according to a Daily Mail report.

...

A spokeswoman at the Demos event defended Professor Scott’s declaration on lesbian parenting, saying other contributors had pointed out there was a relative dearth of research on the impact and importance of a father’s attachment to a child, according to the Daily Mail report.

However, there is a vast amount of research into the importance of fathers to children.

A massive Swedish study published in the peer-reviewed journal Acta Paediatrica in 2008 stated that active father figures play a key role in reducing behavior problems in boys and psychological problems in young women.'

Father's Christmas miracle: US girl returned

anthony · 26 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'For the first time since his ex-wife spirited their daughter away to Japan nearly four years ago, a Wisconsin doctor was able to tuck his little girl into bed after a bitter court battle that brought her home just in time for Christmas.

"Karina is at home and it's a miracle," Moises Garcia told reporters Saturday.

Garcia fought passionately -- and spent about $350,000 -- to get his daughter back after her mother, Emiko Inoue, took the five-year-old girl to Japan in February 2008.

The liver transplant doctor learned to speak Japanese so he could communicate with a daughter whose English was slipping away.

He hired lawyers in Japan and flew across the Pacific nine times to press his case and try to see his daughter. He enlisted the help of the US State Department and his native Nicaragua. He became active in an advocacy group -- Global Future -- run by US parents whose children were taken to Japan.'

DNA didn’t match, charges dropped, but rape case haunts Superior youth

anthony · 26 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A typical day for Andrew Lawrence seems to be a pretty simple one. The 18-year-old said it usually consists of him sleeping until the early afternoon, playing video games at his apartment, and then going to work as a cook at a Superior restaurant. About once or twice a week, he goes to visit his parents about a mile away and do laundry.

It’s a far cry from his life just over a year ago, when he was facing charges that in July 2010 he broke into a Superior woman’s home, held a weapon to her throat, and raped her.

Those charges were dropped by the Douglas County Attorney’s office on Dec. 11, 2010, after DNA evidence found at the woman’s house didn’t match Lawrence.
...

A year after the charges were dropped, Lawrence said he still thinks often about the case and worries about how it could affect his future. Though the charges have been dropped, the accusation is still on his record.

“I still get depressed,” he said. “I probably won’t be able to get a good job or go to college. My senior year was messed up. I don’t have any grades for my senior year because I had off-campus schooling. That doesn’t look good for college.”

His stepmother, Rita Bergstrom, is more blunt in her assessment of Lawrence’s future.

“The kid is screwed,” she said. “He’ll be stuck doing manual labor jobs for the rest of his life. What the police basically said was, ‘We can’t prove you did it, but we’re keeping our eye on you.’”'

'A World without Men?'

anthony · 26 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last year an article in The Atlantic asked the headline question, "Are Fathers Necessary?" The answer was thoughtfully supplied in the subhead -- "A paternal contribution may not be as essential as we think." Uh-oh.

The article cites a study conducted by researchers from New York University and the University of Southern California which "consolidated the available data on the role of gender in child rearing." The results of that data-crunching The Atlantic summarizes as follows:

> [O]ur ideas of what dads do and provide are based primarily on contrasts between married-couple parents and single-female parents: an apples-to-oranges exercise that conflates gender, sexual orientation, marital status, and biogenetic relationships in ways that a true comparison of parent gender -- one that compared married gay-male couples or married lesbian couples to married heterosexuals, or single fathers to single mothers -- would not. Most of the data fail to distinguish between a father and the income a father provides, or between the presence of a father and the presence of a second parent, regardless of gender.

Boy disciplined after waving gun-shaped pizza slice

anthony · 27 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SMYRNA, Tenn. - For the rest of the semester, a Rutherford County elementary student has to eat lunch at the "silent table" for allegedly waving around a slice of pizza some say resembled a gun.

Nicholas Taylor attends David Youree Elementary School in Smyrna, about 30 miles southeast of Nashville.

School leaders say the 10-year-old threatened other students at his lunch table with a piece of pizza with bites out of it so it looked like a gun and when asked about it was initially not truthful.

Nicholas' mother LeAnn calls her son's punishment "absolutely ridiculous" saying he was just playing around and never said anything derogatory or anything about shooting anyone.'

Change.org Petition: Teacher punishes 9-year-old autistic boy by putting him in a bag

Matt · 27 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Think the "teacher" would have done this to a girl? I doubt it. Excerpt:

'In Mercer County, Kentucky, nine year old Chris Baker, an Autistic student, was told by his special education aide to climb inside a bag intended for therapeutic purposes as a punishment to "control his autistic behavior" on 14 December 2011. He was placed in the bag with the drawstring tightened and left in the hallway in the school. When his mother, Sandra Baker, was called to the school to get her son, she demanded that he be removed from the bag right away. The teacher struggled to undo the drawstring, and Chris emerged sweaty and non-communicative. According to the teacher, this had been done several times over the last year, but Sandra didn't know until this latest incident. While she met with state officials on Monday 19 December 2011 before a possible meeting with school officials, there is no guarantee that those meetings will prevent this kind of abuse from happening again -- either to Chris or to other students.

If you think it's wrong to tell an Autistic child to climb inside a bag not intended as an instrument of confinement and tighten it with a drawstring, which could potentially have led to serious injury or death, as punishment, then please sign this petition. This is wrong. This is abuse. It needs to stop.'

UK: 'Refugee of the Year' looking out for women (oh, and children)

Minuteman · 28 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Bradford woman who won the Yorkshire Refugee of the Year award is setting her sights on even greater achievements in 2012.

Next year, Beatrice Botomani, who fled to the UK from Malawi in 2004 with her two children, will qualify as a teacher fulfilling a lifelong ambition.

She hopes to work in the adult learning sector once her studies at Bradford College finish.

Miss Botomani has already helped improve the lives of others by campaigning for the rights of women and child refugees in detention.

She was spurred on after her own family's experience at Yarls Wood Immigration detention centre in Bedfordshire, where her children were so traumatised they wrote a letter to MPs.

Since coming to Bradford she has worked as a volunteer for the Women's Forum, as a Trustee for Forster Community College and with BCB community radio station.'

'The illusive promise of circumcision to prevent female-to-male HIV infection – not the way to go for South Africa'

Matt · 29 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Medical journal article here. Excerpt:

'That was before the three RCTs, publication of which has led to the current drive to inflict mass circumcision on southern African men. Circumcision intervention has now been embraced by the WHO, the Centers for Disease Control, other health-based organisations and some researchers. Even the MRC has since reversed its position, with lead researcher Siegfried declaring on 15 April 2009 that 'Research on the effectiveness of male circumcision for preventing HIV in heterosexual men is conclusive. No further trials are required to establish that HIV infection rates are reduced in heterosexual men for at least the first two years after circumcision.'

However, the three RCTs have not been without detractors. ... They conclude from their recalculations and statistical reasoning that 'Conservatively for the three trials, 89 of the 205 infections (43.1%) were sexually transmitted. Without knowing which infections were sexually transmitted [and which were not], it is impossible to test the hypothesis of whether circumcision reduces the rate of sexually transmitted HIV.'
...
Several authors have pointed out as well that, without field testing, it is impossible to predict the applicability and repeatability of the RCT findings in real-world situations. ... On the other hand, the Western Cape, with a spotty circumcision tradition, has the lowest prevalence (6%) in the country, almost half that of the EC (ASSA2003 Projections for 2010). According to one nationwide demographic survey,10 12.3% of circumcised men were HIV-positive, and 12.0% of intact men were similarly HIV-positive...Within the USA, black Americans have the highest rate of circumcision and the highest rate of heterosexually transmitted HIV. These data certainly show no distinct pattern relative to circumcision and the risk of HIV infection.'

Gender segregation: Israelis protest ultra-Orthodox treatment of women

Matt · 29 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Possibly I will field accusations of anti-Semitism or at least anti-Jewishness or whatever. Well anyone who may know me personally would know such an accusation is utterly ridiculous. (But just read some of my previous comments about circumcision and how I think the religious lobby around it is the least of the anti-circ world's concerns and that the danger lies much more in the secular and corporate lobby's efforts to keep it going.) I will write more as the first comment since I think that is the appropriate place for it. Excerpt:

'Thousands of people in Israel rallied against religious extremism on Tuesday, protesting against the way some ultra-Orthodox Jews treat girls and women.

Protesters held signs reading, "Free Israel from religious coercion," and "Stop Israel from becoming Iran."

Ultra-Orthodox extremists want to impose a number of restrictions, which include not allowing women to be interviewed on radio stations, not accepting pictures of women in newspapers or billboards, and demanding women sit at the back of the bus.

Some also want women to walk separately on the opposite side of the road.

Last week, a young Israeli woman caused a nationwide uproar when she refused a religious man's order to move to the back of a bus.'

AHRQ - Call for Public Review: Skin Substitutes for Treating Chronic Wounds (Deadline 13 Jan. 2012)

Minuteman · 29 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Link here.

(There are links to a copy of the Draft Technology Assessment, and the page for submitting comments near the bottom of the page.)

Many of the products being included in this review are derived from foreskin fibroblasts (eg Apligraf). A thread has been started previously collating information about the use of foreskin fibroblasts in cosmetics and medical products, which readers are welcome to utilise in preparing responses to this Call for Review:

http://www.foreskin-restoration.net/forum/showthread.php?t=8415

Pittsburgh city elementary schools 'hoops' policy changed - boys don't play of there aren't enough girls for girls' team

anthony · 30 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If a young girl wanted to play basketball in the Pittsburgh Public Schools last season, she didn't have many options.

Only two schools had a K-5 girls' team. Other schools invited girls to play on co-ed teams in a male-dominated 16-team league against boys' teams. And at some schools, no girls played basketball.

Now, K-5 boys and girls will be split as the district revamps its program to remedy years of "Title IX equity issues," or unequal opportunities for girls.

But there's a twist.

If a school can't field enough players for both a boys' and a girls' team, neither team will be allowed to compete in the eight-game season that begins in January.

The district says the new rule is intended to force schools to make more vigorous efforts to recruit girls and offer equal opportunities.

One person familiar with Title IX issues says the all-or-nothing approach could potentially limit opportunities and do the opposite of the federal law's intention to provide gender equality.'

Meryl Streep's next project: A national women's history museum

MR · 30 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Meryl Streep arrives in movie theaters Friday with “The Iron Lady,” playing former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher — the first female head of state in the Western world.

Women's place in history is a subject on Streep's mind of late. Her next off-screen project is the National Women's History Museum, an entity that exists so far only in cyberspace and that the actress is trying to get erected in brick and mortar on a site adjacent to the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

“History until the 20th century was written by one member of the human family and it wasn’t the mother,” Streep said in a mid-December interview in New York City with her “Iron Lady” director, Phyllida Lloyd. “It was dad. That’s who wrote history and ... what was important? Movements of armies, sovereignty of nations, all sorts of things. But women were there all along and they have incredible stories that we don’t know anything about.”'

When suffragettes picketed the Wilson White House for women's right to vote, thousands of American men were being killed and maimed in WWI without their right to vote. In more recent history, approx. 42% of the more than 58,000 men whose names are on the Vietnam War Memorial Wall in D.C. died for America w/o the right to vote.

"Don't Ask Amy"

chuck · 31 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Amy Dickinson has the habit of ignoring men's rights. In her column Ask Amy: There's a hitch in the plan to get hitched (12/29/11, see second letter down the page) she accepts the idea of ignoring a gold-digger's plan to marry-then-divorce for money. Amy tells the letter writer not to interfere:

"I can't imagine that if you were in this man's well-heeled shoes you would actually welcome being informed of this impending disaster."

Amy has had a total failure of imagination.

As an exercise here, let's do a role swap. Say the letter writer is male, the columnist is male and the (imaginary) column is called "Ask Bolt."

Bolt says:

Have a man-to-man talk, though perhaps a little indirect. Ask your friend what kind of pre-nuptial agreement they're going to sign before the wedding. If he has no idea what you're talking about explain it to him. More important than that-- be ready to give him the name of a good attorney who can arrange it.

If she won't sign...she loves his assets more than she loves him.

Recommended reading: "How to Avoid 'Getting Screwed' When Getting Laid," by R. K. Hendrik (the author is a lawyer).

'Middle school boys learn that they can stop rape; Men of Strength Clubs teach youths to be allies to women'

anthony · 1 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The federal government estimates that one in five women will be raped in their lifetime *[Ed: please click 'Read more' about this stat]* — and a group of young men in city schools are hoping to change that.

They're part of the an afterschool program called Men of Strength (MOST) that teaches boys they should be allies for girls and that violence is inexcusable.

Cherno Barry, an eighth grader at Junior High School 217 in Briarwood, Queens, said the club has taught him to treat all girls like he treats his mother.

"No one is beneath another person," he said.

Marquette University Threatens Academic Freedom

anthony · 1 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Over at the blog Marquette Warrior, John McAdams provides a good example of how unwarranted investigations of campus speech can cause a deeply problematic “chilling effect” at a university. Universities must not pursue investigations of protected expression just because someone submits a complaint; as soon as it is clear that the expression in question is protected speech, the inquiry must end, even if there are other factual disputes. Prolonging the investigation tells everyone on campus that the university will pursue charges against you no matter how frivolous or malicious the complaint. The likely result is that people self-censor and keep their mouths shut rather than risk such investigation and a possible punishment.

It seems that Marquette University, where McAdams is a professor, made just such a mistake this month. According to McAdams, his introductory course in American politics discusses alleged media bias and takes an anti-feminist perspective:

"Ambiguous sexual encounters, often fueled by alcohol, are defined as “rape” by feminist researchers, but not defined that way by purported victims.
...
We always respond, sarcastically “you’ve got to look at this from the feminist point of view. Males are the oppressor class, and women the victim class. So of course the guy is responsible.”

We typically add “if you wake up in the morning and ask ‘what in the world did I do?’ you haven’t been raped. If you’ve been raped you feel violated. If it requires a feminist political activist to explain to you how what happened was rape, you weren’t raped.”"
...
Marquette has no basis, consistent with free speech and academic freedom, to punish anyone for making a vigorous argument in class, even if some perceived that argument as “demeaning to rape victims.” Nevertheless, Provost John Pauly directed McAdams’ department chair to pursue the investigation. McAdams writes:

"Faculty have a right to disagree with any political movement – including feminists. And social science faculty have a right to debunk bogus social science statistics. … [T]he complaint should have been dismissed immediately. Taking the complaint absolutely at face value, we did nothing but disagree with feminist claims about date rape, something clearly protected by the canons of academic freedom."'

Bachmann plays gender card as Iowa GOP vote nears

anthony · 1 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) -- Desperate for a late lift in Iowa, Republican Michele Bachmann is increasingly stressing a distinction in the presidential field: She's the only woman competing for the nomination.

The Minnesota congresswoman has made the gender card central to her closing argument. She's urging voters to embrace the idea of a "strong woman in the White House" and is molding herself as "America's Iron Lady" in the vein of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

...

"I'm an Iowa girl. And one thing I remember about Iowa is we are a state of strong women," Bachmann told the lunch crowd at a 50s-themed burger joint in Mount Ayr. "We need a strong woman to turn this country around, right?"

Longtime residents Margaret Bickers and Mary Davenport, sitting in a booth near Bachmann, nodded in agreement.

"Women are just more passionate than the men," Bickers told a reporter. "We need a woman who is not afraid to vocalize that passion and effect change."'

Woman Allegedly Accuses Man With Arabic Surname Of Terrorist Plane Threat After He Ends 4-Day Fling

anthony · 1 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES (CBS) — A 45-year-old Temple City woman is accused of providing false information to an airline in order to take revenge on a male passenger with whom she had a four-day fling.

Lizet Sariol is expected to plead guilty Tuesday in a federal court.

She is charged with a single felony count of conveying false and misleading information, specifically, implying that a United Airlines flight was endangered, according to a signed plea agreement filed Thursday in Los Angeles federal court.'

Also see Marital Woes Lead Lynwood Woman To Call In False Bomb Threat At LAX

New York State Senate and the Federal Government: Equality for fathers in the Family Court System

Matt · 2 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Excerpt:

'Are you a father or do you know a father who has been discriminated against in the New York State Family Court system? New York State is a "Mother State" as many are. If the courts make the decision about custody concerning the children they favor the mother. Is this not discrimination? How are we as fathers supposed to have an influence and build relationships with our children based on this minimal time interaction granted by the courts? We as fathers can do anything a mother can do except breast feed. Women fought for equality in the workforce and we are fighting for equality in the home. Many women agree that fathers are discriminated against, if you are a woman and believe this is true and would like to support this petition please sign and show your support.'

Press Release: Domestic Violence Against Men

anthony · 2 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'MIAMI, FL, January 01, 2012 /24-7PressRelease/ -- According to a report by the US Department of Human Services and the US Department of Justice, an estimated 835,000 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner every year. These assaults can be sexual or physical, and this statistic does not include emotional or verbal abuse.

Men are often the victims of domestic violence, but the incidents rarely get much attention. There is a general assumption that men are the violent partners, but statistics indicate that violence against male partners occurs in both same-sex, and male/female relationships. Men are entitled to the same protections as women when they are assaulted, and deserve strong legal counsel who will fight for their rights, and work to protect them against abusive partners.

Social Stigmas and Domestic Violence Against Men

In our culture, men tend to try to keep a masculine image. This can make reporting a crime of violence emasculating, particularly when the crime was committed by a woman. In addition, men tend to try and protect their partners, and may shy away from filing charges in an attempt to protect their loved one.'

India: More women misusing law to harass men, says PASS

anthony · 2 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'THRISSUR: The Purusha Avakasha Samrakshana Samithi (PASS) held its meeting in order to address and redress the grievances of men who claim to be harassed by women misusing the Domestic Violence Act.

The meet held at Alankar Auditorium witnessed four grievances. “We normally hold meetings on the third Sunday of every month, but often have to gather at short notice in the instance of complaints. It is a fact that more and more women are abusing the Act for many reasons, mainly money. It often involves either a divorce or estrangement, sometimes the harassment from the mother-in-law or daughter-in-law, but ultimately it is the man who bears the brunt of the law, in an unfair manner,” PASS treasurer and spokesperson advocate Vincent said.

The law is now highly misused by women. A fair share of such cases is found in the upper strata of society. Manifold false cases of cruelty and violence are hoisted by women urged or instigated by their counsels/advocates hungry for fees and more prey to feed on the gullible.'

"New Year's Eve most dangerous night of the year for domestic violence"

anthony · 2 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'SAN DIEGO – December 30, 2011 – Most of us enjoy some harmless excitement and revelry on New Year's Eve, even if some of us overindulge in a little too much food and drink.

But for many women and men at risk of domestic violence, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are the two most dangerous dates on the calendar.

According to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, domestic violence reports increase as much as 30 percent on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. This comes after lower than average reports of domestic violence between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It seems that people sit on a powder keg during the holidays, trying to keep things together and under control so they don't "ruin" Thanksgiving and Christmas. Moms will do just about anything to make Christmas nice for their children. Abusers are also known to tighten their grip on their victims over the holidays. They extort promises of "good behavior" with the excuse of making everything nice for the children.'

Pakistani wife kills, cooks husband for lusting over daughter

xtrnl · 3 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It all began on Friday when neighbors in the Pakistani town of Karachi smelled a foul odor coming from the residence where Bibi and Abbas lived...

When police arrived, they discovered the dismembered parts of Ahmed Abbas stuffed into boxes. After talking to Zainab Bibi about the dead man, investigators say the wife admitted to killing her husband because he wanted to engage in a physical relationship with their 17-year-old daughter...
...
It is sad that one person had to die, especially in the manner that Abbas did. However, customs, morals, and the religions of India and Pakistan forbid incest. As such, it is understandable why Zainab Bibi felt compelled to take her husband's life. Hopefully, she finds the peace in her alleged heinous crimes, and the family and community heals from it.'

There you have it, folks. Vigilante justice against men is OK, as long as the murderer is female and her religion finds a flaw in her victim. Considering the murderer is mentally unstable enough to be a cannibal, you would think people would take what she says with a grain of salt, and consider the possibility that she made everything up because she wanted to kill her husband. Sadly, people love to just assume men are dirt bags.

Madame Noire opines... "7 Manly Things We Wish Men Still Did"

Matt · 3 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Here goes! Excerpt:

'Why is it that everything of the past seems so good, so classic, soo…the way things should be. Decades ago, women were fighting for equal rights but, today, we're fighting for a return to chivalry. No matter how you cut it, many women want to be treated like ladies and many of us imagine that the world of the 1960s was not only a world mired in charged politics but represented a time when American society was filled with an abundance of manly men. Ok, so maybe our memory is in part clouded by the period drama "Mad Men."

In any case, sometime between my high school years and full-fledged adulthood, it seems that it's become okay for men to not take the lead. I think I can speak for many women when I say we're not too happy about this trend. Here's a few things that we wish most men still did:

Move Out Of Their Mothers' Houses
...
Insist On Paying The Bill
...
Dialing Our Number
...
Hold The Door Open For A Stranger
...
Keep Us Warm
...
Help Us With Our Bags
...
Having A Signature Aftershave'

"California Lawyer" prints letters re Ginsgburg comments

Matt · 3 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Remember this from Nov. of 2011? California Lawyer published three letters in the Jan. 2012 issue regarding Justice Ginsburg's comments, none of them supportive of her attitude. Read them here.

Australia: Girl, 13, charged after taxi knife attack

Minuteman · 4 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 13-year-old girl has been charged over the assault of a taxi driver who was allegedly cut in the arm with a knife in the NSW Illawarra.
...
Police say they arrested one of the girls shortly afterwards and also found some cannabis.

The teenager was taken to Lake Illawarra Police Station and charged with being armed with intent to commit serious indictable offence, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, possess prohibited drug and evade taxi fare.

She was conditionally bailed to appear at Port Kembla Childrens Court on January 16 January.'

Boys raised by traditional families 'do better at school'

Broadsword · 4 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a major study, researchers said family structures had a much more significant effect on boys' early education than school type or even the gender of teachers. It found that boys were much more likely to misbehave, be excluded from school and go on to achieve low grades after rebelling against "emotionally distant" parents.
...
The pattern is particularly marked in single-parent families where mothers "invest disproportionately less in their sons or feel less warm toward them" than daughters.
...
Researchers in the United States tested various theories to explain bad behaviour and low standards among boys and concluded that "home-based" influences played a much bigger part than biological differences, the style of early education, teacher gender or peer pressure.

"Boys' likelihood to 'act out' is sharply reduced when faced with larger and better parental inputs," said the study.

"As these parental inputs are typically higher and of better quality in intact families, this largely contributes to why boys with single mothers are so much more disruptive and eventually face school suspension."'

Breakthrough as scientists grow sperm outside the body

Broadsword · 4 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Scientists have made a major breakthrough that could lead to infertile men being able to father their own children, rather than using donor sperm.

Researchers in Germany and Israel were able to grow mouse sperm from a few cells in a laboratory dish. The scientists believe that the same technique - using 'germ cells' extracted from the testicles - will eventually work in humans.

The team are now 'working as quickly as possible' to reproduce the result in humans.

In a world first a team headed by Professor Stefan Schlatt, at Muenster University in Germany, were able to grow sperm by using germ cells. These are the cells in testicles that are responsible for sperm production.
...
Scientists grew the sperm by surrounding the germ cells in a special compound called agar jelly to create an environment similar to that found in testicles.

Professor Mahmoud Huleihel, who also grew the sperm at Israel's Ben Gurion University in Beersheba, said: ‘I believe it will eventually be possible to routinely grow human male sperm to order by extracting tissue containing germ cells from a man's testicle and stimulating sperm production in the laboratory.”

SAVE: Why Doesn't (The National Alliance to End Domestic Abuse) Care About Female DV Victims?

Matt · 5 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

SAVE E-lert here. Excerpt:

'The National Alliance to end Domestic Abuse (Jewish Women International) is sponsoring a conference on January 12. Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, RN, will discuss the implementation of routine screening for domestic violence, which was recommended by the Institute of Medicine and will be part of the affordable health care act roll out in 2012.

Campbell has spent over 30 years in advocacy and research of abused women, has written 200 articles and seven books, sits on the boards of four women's abuse shelters, and chairs the board at Futures Without Violence. One would think she really wants to end domestic violence against women.

One would think that...except...

Jacquelyn Campbell is completely ignoring a major predictor of domestic abuse towards women: their own violent acts.'

US-UK survey of college students reinforces stereotype of sex-crazed young men

Anonymous · 5 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Vicki Larson, in The Huffington Post, reports a study done by U.S. researcher Eric Anderson at University of Winchester in England. In brief, he studied 120 undergraduate men, and 78 percent of those with a partner cheated, "even though they said that they loved and intended to stay with their partner." According to him, most men aren't cheating because they don't love their partner, but because they just want to have sex with others. And society shouldn't pooh-pooh that.

Funny...the thing that could put me at risk of cheating is finding a woman who never says "Oh, honestly..." or otherwise ridicules something I express.

I don't know if he researches infidelity, but a well-known U.S. divorce researcher, Dr. Gottman, has found that the pattern that most reliably predicts divorce is what he calls the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (FAQ #9):

1. Criticism
2. Contempt (expressed as sarcasm, taunting, yelling, etc.)
3. Defensiveness (no duh, after experiencing the above)
4. Stonewalling (i.e., emotional withdrawal).

Maybe the 78 percent cited in Anderson's study have partners like mine. I'm monogamous, but sex is emotional Russian roulette: if something goes wrong, I'm a clod.

Suit: Boy falls & breaks leg, teacher says crawl back to school

anthony · 5 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Teachers at a Skokie school forced a 6-year-old with a broken leg and a concussion to crawl back to his classroom across an icy playground, then failed to call for an ambulance, according to a lawsuit filed Tuesday.

Kindergartner Rahul Chandani slipped on a mound of snow and hit his head in the playground at Devonshire Elementary School on Jan. 3 last year, but didn't get any medical help until his mom came to get him, the lawsuit filed in Cook County circuit court by Chandani's parents Pritam and Priya alleges.

"His teacher told him, 'You're a big boy — I can't carry you,'" the boy's mother, Priya Chandani, said Wednesday, "She told him to walk back, but his leg was broken so he fell again and then had to crawl at least 200-300 feet back to the school building.

"If someone did that to me as an adult, I'd slap them."

Skokie School District 68 officials declined to comment on the negligence suit Wednesday, but Chandani said that her son was off school for six weeks recovering from the injuries, that he had trouble sleeping, needed six months of rehabilitation and was "emotionally scarred" by the incident.'

April ‘Dear Colleague Letter’ Was 2011′s Biggest FIRE Fight

anthony · 6 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Looking back at the year just ending, it’s extraordinarily easy to identify FIRE’s biggest fight of 2011: the dramatic new regulations announced by the federal Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in its April 4 “Dear Colleague Letter.”

In my five years here at FIRE, I can’t remember it ever being this easy to select a topic for my end-of-year review. Simply put, FIRE’s legal work has been dominated this year by OCR’s letter: analyzing OCR’s new requirements of every college and university that accepts federal funding (read: virtually all of them); crafting and publicizing our response and concerns; answering critics of our defense of student rights; tracking the importation of the worst of OCR’s new regulations into proposed federal legislation; documenting the impact OCR’s letter has already had on individual students and schools nationwide; and more.'

Many Jails Got No Flu Shots During H1N1 Outbreak: CDC

Minuteman · 7 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Jail and prison inmates are at increased risk for exposure to infectious diseases. The steady stream of new arrivals can introduce new types of infectious diseases to facilities, and close confinement makes it easy for diseases to spread, researchers from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention explained.

The CDC scientists found that 55 percent of U.S. jails -- facilities that house people awaiting trial or serving short sentences -- received no H1N1 vaccine during the 2009-10 outbreak, which means they were not part of the national vaccine campaign.
...
Most jail inmates are healthy men, but there are also inmates in the highest risk categories for flu, including pregnant women. While the median jail stay is 48 hours, some inmates are detained for months, the study noted.'

Australia: Parliamentary Report acknowledges ex-"spouses" lodging false complaints against doctors

Minuteman · 8 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

From Chapter 5 - Related matters raised during the inquiry of the *Finance and Public Administration Committee (Senate)* report entitled "The administration of health practitioner registration by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)". Excerpt:

'Avant Mutual Group also noted that other complaints have been made by ex-spouses of doctors during family break-ups and anonymously. Avant concluded 'the necessity for AHPRA to be take care in accepting and acting on such complaints including using its emergency powers as set out under section 156, needs to be emphasised'.'

Wrongfully jailed: Records detail more than 500 mistaken-identity arrests

el cid · 10 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. While I'm sure some women are subject to mistaken-identity arrests, all the sample stories given are about men. I suspect it's a "hidden problem" mostly men face and so is rarely discussed, such as paternity fraud. Excerpt:

'More than 500 people were wrongly imprisoned in Denver's jails over seven years, with some spending weeks incarcerated or pleading guilty to crimes they did not commit before authorities realized they nabbed the wrong person, a federal court filing shows.

Civil-rights lawyers suing the city and county of Denver assert the documented mistaken-identity arrests "are the tip of the iceberg" and are an undercount of the true magnitude of the problem.

In one case a black man spent nine days in jail after he was arrested on a warrant for a white man wanted on a sex-crimes arrest warrant.

In another, authorities arrested an 18- year-old when they were searching for a man 30 years older.'

Norwalk woman gets 7 months in prison for false rape statement

anthony · 10 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NORWALK -- A 20-year-old woman who falsely accused two men of rape was sentenced to a total of seven months and one day in prison Friday at Norwalk Superior Court.

Brittany Reith, of 7 Commerce St., also received two years of probation after pleading guilty to falsely reporting an incident in the second degree, violation of probation and fourth-degree larceny.

Reith was arrested in June for filing a fabricated sworn, written statement accusing two innocent men of raping her at gunpoint.

As a result of Reith's statement, patrol officers arrested two innocent men on April 7 for felony sexual assault and battery charges.

The charges against both men were dropped after detectives conducted further investigation and found serious inconsistencies in Reith's statement, police said.'

Parental abductions go unpunished, Canadian dads say

anthony · 10 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two Canadian fathers whose children were allegedly abducted by their mothers and taken to European countries say authorities have done little to try to enforce court orders and bring them back.

"I'm holding my hands up going, 'Can somebody please do something about this?'" said Calum Hughes, whose five-year-old daughter Livia was allegedly abducted by her mother from B.C. and taken to Italy in 2009.

"Somebody is not doing their job behind a desk," said Gary Mezo, from Thunder Bay, Ont. His two-year-old son Gary Jr. has been in Hungary for a year. Court records confirm his mother took him there without his father's permission.

"I believe Canada has to put its foot down — finally — and do whatever is written in law what has been ordered in court."'

'Men's rights extremists go online'

anthony · 10 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men's activists have been around for decades, but thanks to the internet they're getting slicker, more organised, more professional, and more visible.

Men's outcomes in some areas really are poor. Male suicide rates are three to four times higher, their life expectancy is lower. Girls often outperform boys at school. Males are more likely to be incarcerated, more likely to be addicted.

But these genuine issues are not the ones that concern the new breed of men's activists. These men are aggrieved because they see misandry - the hatred of males - everywhere in society, from government down.

They have a persecution complex, and aggressively lobby for better rights for men - usually at the expense of women.'

Circumcisiontv.com

Matt · 10 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

I received this URL: http://www.circumcisiontv.com/ via email from an intactivist. Warning: It shows graphic footage of actual circumcisions being performed as well as narratives by doctors about what and how they perform them (ie, using restraints to hold the baby down, etc.). Honestly, I couldn't get past more than about a minute of watching the video on that page. When people tell you that circumcisions don't harm babies or that there is little blood, etc., send them this link and tell them to just watch. Ask them to tell you later how long they could.

Cops: Incensed By Judge Judy, Florida Woman, 62, Attacks Husband, 65, With Hammer

anthony · 10 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Florida woman who reportedly became incensed while watching TV's Judge Judy was arrested Sunday after she allegedly struck her husband on the head with a hammer.

Janet Knowles, 62, was charged with aggravated battery following the bizarre 10:30 AM incident at a residence in Jupiter. Knowles, seen in the above mug shot, is locked up in the Palm Beach County jail in lieu of $10,000 bond.
...
The report does not specifically indicate why Knowles was so upset about Judge Judy, who is pictured above. The victim, who was seated in a recliner when twice hammered, suffered large cuts to his head and forearm, according to cops.'

'Why Men Hurt'

anthony · 10 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In Hollywood, it is generally agreed that blowing stuff up is a guy thing. So is shooting people, driving down city streets like Evel Knievel, and getting into fistfights no actual human being could survive unmaimed. But these aren't actual human beings. They live in movies carefully aimed at what's euphemistically called the young male demographic, i.e., guys of all ages who shell out again and again for films with the depth and complexity of Grand Theft Auto, only louder and larger. For us other demographics—women, men with brains—such films are so formulaic that all the explosions in the world can't stave off boredom. Two new high-profile movies, Drive and Warrior, sound like they fit this mold, and to some extent they do. But they're smarter and go further, exploring the hypermasculinity expressing itself on the screen and calculating its real-life cost.'

SAVE: Will You Be Our Eyes and Ears?

Matt · 10 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

Last week we mentioned that the National Alliance to End Domestic Abuse (Jewish Women International) is having a webinar on January 12 called Screening for Domestic Violence: The New Healthcare Regulation's Impact on the Medical Profession and Domestic Violence Practitioners.

You have asked JWI to present a balanced, gender-inclusive presentation. And we are hoping that's what you'll get.

Will you be our eyes and ears?

Register for the webinar here: https://www.jwi.org/SSLPage.aspx?pid=2627. There is a charge of $25. Then send your notes to tstoddard-at-saveservices.org.

If you enjoy keeping people on the straight-and-narrow, join CAMP, the Countering Abuse Misinformation Project: http://www.saveservices.org/camp

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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WILL Magazine (November, Issue 4)

Matt · 10 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Dear Friends & Brothers,

Please accept my mightiest apologies for the late release of this issue. Times and situations got the best of all of us here at the TWF Team.

As you all are aware, since the cost of production and courier charges was beyond our means, we've moved to Online Version Only. If you want you can access older issues at our website.

The WILL Magazine November Issue 4 on Child Rights is finally uploaded to our website.

The link to the issue is http://thewillfoundation.webs.com/documents/Child%20Rights%20Nov%20Issue%204.pdf

We ask everyone to please download and read. If you like it, you can share it with your friends and colleagues.

We humbly look forward to your feedback, comments, and article contributions.

Thanking you with best regards,

Anwar H. Danish

Connecticut Alimony Reform

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A group in Connecticut has started it's own Alimony Reform Group (http://www.ctalimonyreform.com/). In our latest meeting we met with counsel to start drafting a new law that will change some of the ambiguities of the current laws. We are looking to establish guidelines for the courts to apply alimony as a transition to independence for the divorcing parties, not as an award or lifetime entitlement. We believe that the current law hurts rather than helps families, by cultivating a battle amongst divorcing parties. We encourage people to join our cause, we could use lots of support to see this law through the legislature. Or check online, many other States have begun similar movements.

SAVE: The "All-Sex-is-Rape" Team is Coming to Your State

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Attorney Catherine MacKinnon once proclaimed, "Penetrative intercourse is, by its nature, violent." Her writings argue that in a patriarchal society, women are incapable of giving consent, so all heterosexual sex is rape. For years, critics dismissed her has a nut case.

But now, MacKinnon's minions are working to assure that she gets the last laugh. The process began 9 months ago at the federal level with a radical overhaul of definitions of rape:

1. In April, the US Department of Education released its "Dear Colleague" letter: http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201104.html

2. In December, the Centers for Disease Control issued its National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/NISVS_Report2010-a.pdf

3. Last week, the FBI announced its new reporting definition of rape: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-01-06/fbi-rape-definition-adds-men/52398350/1?csp=34news

The ideologues are working to achieve their "all-sex-is-rape" goal through two steps:

1. Remove the requirement of the sex being "forcible," and substitute the idea of the sex "lacking consent"

2. Decree that if alcohol passes between a woman's lips, she is rendered incapable of giving consent...even if the drunken bash is her idea!

Dr. Christina Hoff Sommers discussed this issue on Tuesday's Mike McConnell Show: http://www.wgnradio.com/shows/mikemcconnell/wgnam-mike-mcconnell-1-10-12-uncut-b,0,1176295.mp3file?track=rss

SAVE's Domestic Violence Legislative Project consists of state-level citizen lobbyists working on their 2012 legislative agendas. If you would like to stop expansive definitions of rape from being applied in your state, participate in our monthly teleconferences. The next call is Feb. 21. Email info@saveservices.org to join.

Sincerely,

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Two charged in false rape report

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Article here.

'ONEIDA - State Police in Oneida arrested Katalyn Fura, 17, of Oneida, Keith Drummond, 22, of Canastota, following an investigation into an alleged rape. Fura had reported to school officials Friday morning that she had been raped over Christmas break.

School officials contacted police and notified them of the allegation. State Police in Oneida interviewed both Fura and Drummond who provided inconsistent accounts of Fura being forcibly raped somewhere in Canastota. Further investigation revealed that the allegation was fabricated to target a male subject that both Fura and Drummond were upset with.

Fura was charged with two misdemeanors for providing a false written statement and falsely reporting an incident and was released on appearance tickets. Drummond was charged with the misdemeanor of providing a false written statement and also released on an appearance ticket. The tickets are returnable in Oneida city court.'

Also reported here.

Hunter College Group Slammed For Booting NYPD Sex Crimes Chief

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Article here. Excerpt:

'City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and other city officials blasted a Hunter College women's group that booted the NYPD's top sex and hate crimes official from a panel on sexual harassment against women in the subway system.

Deputy Chief Michael Osgood, the commander of the NYPD's Special Victims Division and its Hate Crimes Task Force, was dumped from the panel just a day before the Dec. 5 event, which also included experts from the Manhattan Borough President's office, the National Organization for Women, Hollaback! and John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Osgood's ouster was the result of a complaint by the Hunter Women's Rights Coalition that the NYPD was a violent organization whose members rape women and brutalize New Yorkers, DNAinfo reported last week.
...

Queens City Councilman Peter Vallone, chairman of the public safety committee, said he could barely contain his anger when he read the "On the Inside" column, which appeared on the same day slain NYPD officer Peter Figoski was laid to rest.

"This group did not deserve the presence of the NYPD," Vallone said. "A hero officer, a father of four daughters, was killed protecting New Yorkers just days after these nursery school brats took this position."'

Kevin Myers: 'Equality' is the feminist right to whinge

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Article here. Excerpt:

"'Women,' said Stephen Hawking, when asked on his 70th birthday, what he thought about most. 'They are a complete mystery.'

Quite so: and you know, sometimes I'm really surprised when I sail right into a columnar uproar. But not today: today is Balaclava.

Why do so many women claim to seek what they do not really want, namely, equality? They don't want the equality to become steeplejacks or coalminers or lumberjacks or deep-sea welders half a mile under a North Sea oil rig. They want equality in banking and in medicine, but only provided that they don't have to keep anti-social hours, which -- as soon as professional women encounter them -- are redefined into "machismo schedules" and "anti-family work practices", and therefore anti-women.'

...

Inconsistency: thy name is feminism. The 'Guardian' women's page recently had a hilarious article giving advice to its readers on how to sabotage newsagents display-racks selling men's girlie magazines. But there are many photographs of naked women in women's fashion magazines, because, clearly, women also like seeing naked women. No sabotage here, though. Why? Stupid question.

Women defend their right to have eye-catching cleavage, and also to denounce any man who comments on it. We may congratulate them on their display of gorgeous Gucci, but not of their magnificent Titti. And of course, the gathered bosom is a visual reiteration of the labial message that is given by the peep-toe exposed by the near-vertical high-heeled shoes, and by carefully applied lipstick. The same advertisement, at three levels -- foot, chest and face; but how dare you treat me as a sex-object!

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Meanwhile, in universities, feminists have turned petulance into an academic discipline and sulking into scholarship. So the simple fact that women haven't risen to the top of everything is not related to the lack of those hormones that make men into billionaire bankers, commandoes, racing-drivers, mountain-rescuers, lifeboat men, murderers, muggers, football mobs and rapists, but to that transparent but impenetrable silicate horizontality, the Glass Ceiling. The GC concept is the silver bullet of a phoney argument that brooks no further discussion."

Catherine Kieu Becker's Penis Cutting Indictment Could Bring Life Behind Bars

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Suspect Catherine Kieu Becker, now unofficially known as the new Lorena Bobbitt, was grand-jury slapped with an indictment for alleged penis cutting so harsh that it could get her life in prison if she's convicted.

While we sometimes wonder if the justice system treats the ladies with kid gloves (especially when it comes to their own domestic violence and claims for alimony), this here case of a pared-down pecker is being messaged with the utmost of due diligence.

Men everywhere can exhale:

Our sister publication OC Weekly notes that Bobbitt Becker was handed an indictment charging the 48-year-old with "one felony count of torture, one felony count of aggravated mayhem, and a sentencing enhancement for the personal use of a knife."

What, exactly, did this seemingly upstanding Orange County lady do? (She pleaded not guilty by the way -- and remains behind bars in lieu of $1 million bail).
...
(We always deserve it. Tell any woman your girlfriend smacked you and her immediate response will be, "Well, what did you do?" Not that we'd know).'

Women-only hotel floors

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Article here.

'Carol Pucci of the Seattle Times points out that JWT, a New York firm specializing in travel trends, expects more women-only floors to be opening in hotels around the globe, the result of more women traveling alone and wanting more security.

She reports the Georgian Court in Vancouver, British Columbia, has 18 rooms on the 10th floor set aside for female guests and may add more. Not only do especially women business travelers feel more secure, but the rooms are outfitted with other amenities, such as curling irons, nail polish and yoga mats.'

Women in McDonald's Fight Seen Widely Online Plead Not Guilty

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although the women got the worst of the confrontation — Ms. Darbeau was hospitalized for several days with a broken skull and arm; Ms. Edwards had many cuts and bruises — a grand jury indicted them and dropped assault charges against the employee, Rayon McIntosh, who argued self-defense.

The lawyer for Ms. Darbeau, 24, and Ms. Edwards, 25, called the charges against his clients a travesty.

"The only person that uses the weapon, the only person that uses criminal force in the case is basically off the hook," the lawyer, Harold C. Baker III, said. "And the people who got beaten to within an inch of their life are under indictment. In my opinion, that's not consistent with justice."

Yet Mr. Baker's clients have not engendered much sympathy.

The cellphone video shows one of the women striking Mr. McIntosh first, and then jumping over the counter to go after him. Mr. McIntosh grabbed a thin rod used to clean the griddle and delivered a dozen or so blows, some while the women were on the ground.

Mr. McIntosh was charged with felony assault and held in jail more than a week, but drew an outpouring of support, including the creation of a Facebook page, "Free Rayon McIntosh." Mr. McIntosh maintained that the women yelled slurs at him and that he feared for his safety.

"McIntosh is at work, not looking for trouble," his lawyer, Theodore M. Herlich, said in an interview. "If you watch the videotape, you see how these two thugs behave. They threw the first punch."

The grand jury not only dropped the charges against Mr. McIntosh, but also elevated misdemeanor trespass charges against the women to third-degree felony burglary.'

Why Women Don't Run for Office (As Much As Men Do)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the United States, women make up only 16.9% of our national legislature (i.e., Congress). That places us 91st in the world. In a new report, Jennifer Lawless and Richard Fox conclude that there are seven big reasons why women continue to lag so far behind men in the political world:

1. Women are substantially more likely than men to perceive the electoral environment as highly competitive and biased against female candidates.
2. Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin's candidacies aggravated women's perceptions of gender bias in the electoral arena.
3. Women are much less likely than men to think they are qualified to run for office.
4. Female potential candidates are less competitive, less confident, and more risk averse than their male counterparts.
5. Women react more negatively than men to many aspects of modern campaigns.
6. Women are less likely than men to receive the suggestion to run for office—from anyone.
7. Women are still responsible for the majority of childcare and household tasks.'

F&F: Appeal Court Reverses Judge Who Manhandled Dad in Child Support Case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When the Office of Child Support Enforcement tells us that 63% of those behind on paying their support obligations are the poorest of the poor – those who report earnings of less than $10,000 – it comes as no surprise. Of course it's the poor who fall behind and who can't afford a lawyer to go to court to try to modify the order. In fact, that's so much to be expected that it's a surprise when the guy fighting for his life was once pretty well off and who has the education to fight the system.

That looks to be the case described in OC Judge Reversed For Cruel Treatment of Ex-Husband in Child Support Case (OC Weekly, 12/30/11).

It seems that James Lockington was doing fairly well for himself before the housing bubble burst. He was a home-building executive in California who, when his divorce was finalized, was making almost $15,000 a month. That's not fabulous wealth, but it's a good income. His ex-wife Tricia was bringing in about half that, so his monthly child support obligation was set at $2,074. Fair enough.

...

As it turns out, that's a concept the Office of Child Support Enforcement has been trying to get family courts to heed for many years now. The OCSE has encouraged judges to pay attention to the basic idea, "don't order more than the non-custodial parent can pay," but the federal government encourages the opposite. Because it pays states for child support collected, the obvious reaction is to order child support levels as high as possible. After all, if you don't order it, he certainly won't pay it and if you do, maybe he will.

I'm sure Kreber understood the law perfectly well; he was just doing his part to get as much money from Washington for the Golden State as possible, and what matter if a few fathers get driven into the street as a consequence?'

Woman arrested in online dating killing

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The woman who met a soldier on a dating website before he was killed on their date, has been arrested on charges of felony murder, according to the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Lavar Watson's friends told Local 6 he was in the US Army for 3 years and served two tours in Iraq. Watson met Ashley Levelle on plentyoffish.com, a dating website, and was meeting her for a date.
...
Levelle told deputies that Roopnarine shot Watson inside her car and forced her to help him move the body, which was found on the side of a road, the Sheriff's Office said.

Roopnarine told authorities that Levelle planned a scheme to rob Watson and shot him first.'

UK: Taxpayer forks out thousands of pounds a year for paternity tests as mothers try to claim cash off wrong fathers

Broadsword · 13 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Taxpayers are forking out thousands of pounds a year on DNA paternity tests after mothers seeking maintenance wrongly identified the father of their child.

Last year, around £100,000 went on tests which turned out to be the wrong man because the mother has slept with so many men that she has no idea who the father actually is.

Another £250,000 was lost by the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission when men demanded a DNA test to prove they were not the father - but then it turned out that they were, and they nevertheless refused to pay for the test.

However, the organisation did manage to recoup £160,000 from men whose paternity was proved by the tests.

In some cases, the taxpayer pays for multiple tests when the mother is unable to identify one man as the father. There is no limit to the number of tests a person can ask for.

The CMEC orders around 3,000 paternity tests a year when paternity is contested in child maintenance cases. If the test proves negative, the cost has to be met out of public funds.'

Sinking cruise ship passengers told "Women and children first"

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It's interesting to hear "Women and children first" from the crew in the lifeboats after all the emphasis on so-called "equality" for women over the last few decades. This is reminiscent of the Titanic, almost exactly 100 years ago. Story here. Excerpt:

'"I felt like the disaster itself was manageable," Smith added, referring to the grounding and tilting of the ship, "but I felt like the crew was going to kill us."

The worst part came when a lifeboat crew member told everyone, "Women and children first," Smith said. "All these families who were clinging to each other had to be separated," he added.

After helping passengers, some crew members jumped overboard and swam ashore.'

San Francisco: Mayor Lee chose new supervisor largely because she’s a woman

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sure, she’s got roots in activism for immigrants and tenants, the same circles in which Mayor Ed Lee got his political start. She’s popular in the progressive District 5 and is widely expected to win her seat in her own right in the November election. And yes, she was supportive of Lee during his mayoral campaign.

But there’s another reason Lee chose Christina Olague to fill the supervisorial seat left open when Ross Mirkarimi became sheriff.

She’s a she.

Gender, Lee told The Chronicle’s editorial board this week, was a big consideration of his — and three of the four finalists were women. But it wasn’t a factor only because a scant three of the 11 supervisors were women before Olague’s appointment.'

Commentary: Commission on Status of Women's Job Done

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Article here.

'The state is broke. As the governor has said, California needs to focus on core functions like education. As we seriously contemplates trimming three weeks off the school year, even the Commission on the Status of Women's annual budget, a paltry $465 thousand dollars, becomes a luxury the state can no longer afford.

There are plenty of private groups that do what the commission does. The National Organization of Women, The California Budget Project, the American Association of University Women, and more. They aren't going away.

Unlike 1965, when the commission was established, women are a significant presence in commerce today. They now make up more than a quarter of the Legislature. California has a woman Attorney General.

And finally, there's this. The status of men needs attention. Men are more likely to be victims of violence than women. They are more likely to be in prison, or homeless or to commit suicide. Men are less likely to graduate from high school or go to college. They die at younger ages than their sisters. To serve all of its citizens, California urgently needs to get its fiscal house in order. Eliminating the Commission on the Status of Women is one small step in that difficult journey.'

New Zealand: Why are there so many men behind bars?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Decades on such notions evidently continue to result in women being treated less harshly by the criminal justice system. Jeffries wrote, "In New Zealand ... women are less likely than men to be ... sentenced to imprisonment" and "[o]nce imprisoned, NZ women receive shorter terms than men."

This was fascinating. I'd never considered the possibility that gender biases would be so deeply entrenched within our justice system.

Those who reject the "chivalry thesis" make claims that women's law-breaking tends to be less serious than that of men, hence the comparably lighter sentences. But a 1999 study using a Ministry of Justice database "[w]ith all independent variables controlled" confirmed "that men were more likely than women to be imprisoned."

It's thought that the domestic role of women as caregivers and centres of the family units is likely to help them secure lighter sentences. Other factors assisting the chivalry theory are that prison is often considered to be a harsher environment for women than it is for men and, thanks to there being fewer women's prisons, female prisoners are likely to be incarcerated further from home than male prisoners typically are.'

Timberline students prove chivalry is not dead

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Oftentimes teenagers are stereotyped as being impolite and self-centered. Dana Lyman of Highland disagrees. She is impressed by the young men who share her daughter's bus stop. Without any of suggestion from parents or the bus driver, these young men step aside every morning and afternoon before boarding the bus so the girls can get on first.

The polite gesture of these Timberline Middle School students began about two weeks after the school year began.

"As the students were getting on the bus Isaac Emerson put up his hand and said, 'come on guys, let the girls go first' and the boys agreed," she said. "That morning set the standard which holds to this day."

She added, "It's really windy up here sometimes. But, it doesn't matter if it's windy or snowy, they consistently show kindness and respect by letting the girls go first."

To Isaac this is something that doesn't require much forethought or planning. It comes naturally.

"I was raised to do this," he said. "It's not a big deal. I just want the ladies to go inside to get warm and get a good seat, and it makes us feel good to do something nice."'

Women and children first, or every man for himself?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The death toll from the Costa Concordia tragedy has reached five, and more stories are emerging about the chaos inside the luxury cruise liner as it started to go down.

Melbourne mother Michelle Barraclough told the Herald Sun that she had to fight hysterical adults to hold on to her 12-year-old daughter, and that the men were the worst.

“Everybody just shoved and screamed in 15 different languages,” she said.

“The people that pushed their way on to the boat were then trying to tell them to shut the door, not to let any more people on the boat after they had pushed their way on.

“We just couldn’t believe it - especially the men, they were worse than the women.”

...

Personally, I would hope that the stronger people would look after the weaker. That a man or a strong woman would help a child to safety before saving themselves. That a swimmer would help a non-swimmer. That somehow, in the anarchy, there would be heroes.

Unlike an aeroplane, cruise ship passengers are not seated in orderly rows, with neat lights pointing the way to the nearest exit. But you would hope there was some sort of plan, something better than everyone for themselves. Maybe the lifeboats could be built with designated seats for the weak, the young, the sick. Maybe they could be designed so there are enough readily accessible seats for everyone; although it’s hard to see how that would be possible when half the boat is under water.

Maybe the boat’s designers didn’t think about it hard enough.

Is it time for a new rule? What would you do if your life was at risk?'

Australia: Position Vacant - "Powerful Pathways for Women Project Officer"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'A great opportunity to make a difference in the ever changing environment of Education, Training and Employment in the Western and Northern Metropolitan region. Reporting to the Workforce Development Manager, Northern Futures Incorporated, this position is responsible for the implementation and coordination of the Powerful Pathways for Women Project. The project has been funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations in conjunction with the Local Employment Co-ordinator Flexible Funding Pool, TAFE, and ETSA.

...

To be successful you will have previous project officer experience with an understanding of the challenges facing women in traditional trades; in addition to this you will work well with people from various cultural backgrounds.'

So much for women and children first: Italian cruise disaster shows men need to be reminded of the rules of gallantry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some people love to laugh at Victorian values. The favourite target is 19th century attitudes to sexual morality, which are routinely labelled as hypocritical.

We are frequently reminded that the Victorians were so prudish that they used to cover up their piano legs. This is rubbish, perpetuated by people who don't know that covering up the piano legs was actually a Victorian joke about sex. Believed originated by the author Captain Marryat in 1839, taking the rise out of Americans.

Also close to the top of the favourites chart for those who love to ridicule the 19th century are military values. Victorian generals and admirals, we know, were incompetent aristocrats, officers were bullies, and soldiers were brutal and ignorant. Think the vicious history of callous imperialism, think the appalling racism that the British spread around the world.

...

Self-sacrifice on the Birkenhead scale is probably beyond the bounds of possibility in the modern age. But the unfortunate passengers of the Concordia hoped for the crew to do their job, for women and children to be helped to escape first, and for the captain to think of himself only after doing his best for everyone else.'

Protesters Rally Against Circumcision

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Article here.

'Marina, Calif. Supporters of the movement to ban circumcision in San Francisco came out Saturday to protest the American Civil Liberties Union on the California State University Monterey Bay Campus.

San Francisco approved a November 2011 ballot measure to outlaw circumcision of minors in the city. But a judge took if off the ballot last summer, saying the city has no authority to ban circumcision.

Supporters say ACLU members, who were holding a seminar today near the Monterey College of Law, played a big part in stopping the ballot measure.

"We want little boys in this country to enjoy the same legal projection that little girls currently enjoy under federal law which prohibits any form of female circumcision or genital mutilation," said David Lane, an anti-circumcision activist.

The activists say they will not be able to get the measure on another ballot, but will continue to protest circumcision until a law banning them is on the books.'

Shorting on the marriage market: How hedge fund managers gamble on bitter divorce battles

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Investors are gambling on bitter divorce battles between women and their rich husbands in return for a share of the spoils, it has emerged.

Venture capitalists, hedge funds and high-end lenders are putting up money to women who want to fight their husbands in court.

In return, the investors take a chunk of the court payouts.

According to The Sunday Times, one company now has loans out to more than 100 'high net worth' spouses - it charges about 20 per cent interest for up-front divorce financing.

It is believed the market is growing rapidly, not least because of cuts to the legal aid budget and the credit crunch meaning banks are refusing to lend money.

...

Steve Jones, a business development manager for Argent, a barristers' chambers, told of the growing trend: 'Rather than backing stocks and shares, hedge funds are backing litigation, because the returns are good for successful cases. They wouldn't be doing it unless they thought they could make money out of it.'"

Scarcity of women causes men to spend more, save less

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Article here. Except:

'When men think they outnumber women, they borrow more, save less and make more impulse purchases, according to a study published last week by the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management.

University researchers asked groups of men to read news articles suggesting that their local population had either more men or women. They were then asked to indicate how much money they would save each month from a paycheck, as well as how much they would borrow on credit cards for purchases.

When the articles suggested there was a surplus of men, the savings rate fell 42%, and the men were willing to borrow 84% more each month.

The study also found real-life evidence of this behavior. In Columbus, Ga., where there are 1.18 single men for every single woman, the average consumer debt was $3,479 higher than it was 100 miles away in Macon, Ga., where there were 0.78 single men for every woman.'

Ask Amy: Devastated husband faces wife's in vitro fraud

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This time Ask Amy got it right in Husband faces wife's fraud over in vitro embryos (1/17/12). She wanted another child so she forged his name on the papers and had the embryo implanted. There is no way that wife can use the "it was an accident" excuse. It will be interesting to see what happens to the birth rate -- and that excuse--when Vasalgel is approved (it's essentially a completely reversible vasectomy). Excerpt:

'Dear Amy:

...

I wasn't ready to have another child at that time and told her so.

Unfortunately, my wife forged my signature on the clinic paperwork for the embryo transfers and never told me.

I only found out by contacting the fertility center after the fact.

I've tried numerous times to get her to go to marriage counseling to talk about this and other problems, but she won't go because she feels that whatever problems we have are my fault.

...

Dear Sad: Your wife's selfishness is truly shocking.

You are correct that there is no "good outcome" from this, but it is necessary to confront the issue directly.

Sweeping this fraud and its underlying hubris under the rug will not work. Even if you manage to stay married, your sense of self and the dynamic with your wife will become untenable unless you both openly deal with her actions.

...

Your wife made her choices. But she does not get to decide what you will choose to do to restore some order and integrity to your life.'

What angry GRCC football players had to say after college kills program

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Story here. Excerpt:

'GRAND RAPIDS — Nearly 50 Grand Rapids Community College football players, along with coaches and athletic director Charlie Wells, gathered Monday afternoon to listen to the devastating news of the program's fate.

After 80 years, the football program will not exist.
...
Ender cited impending changes to the conference schedule requiring out-of-state travel, the departure of former head coach Tony Annese to Ferris State University and concerns on Title IX compliance as reasons behind the move.
...

GRCC is the fourth school in the Midwest Football Conference to drop its football program in the past five years.

In November, Joliet (Ill.) Junior College eliminated its program.

They cited two primary factors similar to GRCC — the high costs associated with operating the program and the need to balance gender equality among sports offered at the college because of Title IX requirements.'

Letter to the Editor: Why women before men? Sexism on the high seas?

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Letter here.

'Apparently during the chaos of the evacuation of the Costa Concordia in Costa de Giglio, Italy, a crew member shouted, "Women and children first!"

Now I can agree that women with children should be given priority in this situation, but how about men with children? Also, why should all women be given priority over all men? If this is, in fact, a maritime rule or law, it seems outdated.

Are all women more important to save than all men?'

Health & Human Services OIG - "Child Support Enforcement: Deadbeat parents earn spot on New Most Wanted list"

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Thread title is from the OIG mailing-list email:

Link here. Excerpt:

'Parents who fail to pay court-ordered child support for the care of their children put an unnecessary strain on the custodial parent and the children, as well as on agencies that are tasked with enforcing these matters. Although most child support cases fall under State jurisdiction, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) plays an important role in aggressively pursuing parents who fail to pay court-ordered child support.
...
"Project Save Our Children" is a multiagency law enforcement initiative that investigates and prosecutes the most egregious child support cases. Its members include investigative analysts from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Child Support Enforcement External link (OCSE), OIG Special Agents, the U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Attorneys' offices, and the Department of Justice, along with child support agencies across the United States. These entities identify, investigate, and prosecute noncustodial parents who knowingly fail to pay support obligations and meet the criteria for Federal prosecution under the Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act.'

From an OIG news release:

'Washington, DC - Parents who are years behind on child support payments or who have fled to avoid paying up will now have a tougher time hiding from their court-ordered obligations, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Health and Human Services announced today.
...
"OIG agents tirelessly pursue fugitives who skip out on their court-ordered child support payments," said Gerald T. Roy, OIG's Deputy Inspector General for Investigations. "We have a global reach. We will find you so you can be held accountable for meeting your responsibilities to your children."'

Title IX And The Trouble With Quotas

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Article here. Excerpt:

'April marks the 40th anniversary of Title IX, legislation passed to ensure educational institutions do not discriminate on the basis of gender. That's why the American Association of University Women recently held a "Tweet-Up" with Education Secretary Arne Duncan.

Four decades after the law passed, Secretary Duncan seems to remain largely ignorant of the serious ramifications of this legislation, which, in effect, has helped institutionalize gender inequality, quotas and preferences. During the Tweet-up Duncan wrote, "Contrary to conventional wisdom, since 1972 access to men's sports has not been diminished." He added, "T9 requires schools to offer equal athletic opps for men & women. It doesn't require schools to eliminate any teams."

Well, not exactly, Mr. Secretary.

In actuality, between 1981-2005 men's teams per school dropped 17 percent while women's teams rose by 34 percent. The reason is this: the proportional participation clause in Title IX, upheld by Duncan's own department, states that if the number of female athletes is not "proportional" to the number of women enrolled at an institution then the school is technically "discriminating."'

In Massachusetts, boys playing on girls teams causes a ruckus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'FRANKLIN, Mass. - When Will Higgins won the South sectional 50-meter freestyle in Massachusetts in November, there was mixed joy among his Norwood Senior High teammates.

He broke the meet record in a blistering 23.96 seconds, moving on to the state swimming and diving championships. The win also helped spur his team to an eighth-place finish in the section tournament.

But because Higgins is a boy, his record win sparked increasing attention and criticism from a national audience in what has become a local epidemic: Boys playing on girls teams.

Higgins, swimming at the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) girls South Section meet, broke a girls swimming record that had stood for 26 years, immediately drawing the criticism of local parents, coaches and the former record-holder. With an uptick in boys playing on girls teams, and an increasing number of mixed-gender teams, the MIAA swim committee has decided to take a renewed look at the mixed gender arrangement in Massachusetts high school sports. The committee decided in a Jan. 5 meeting to create a sub-committee charged with finding a solution by its next meeting in April 2012.'

SAVE: We're on a quest for excellence, and you can help us find it

Matt · 19 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

We've all heard the stories. In relationships with violent partners, men hope for the safety of an abuse shelter, just to be told they aren't allowed inside. Abused men and lesbians reaching out for help, just to be told by DV advocates that they must have provoked their female partner.

Unfortunately, we have a long way to go before we are serving every domestic violence victim. But the news isn't all bad. There are hotlines, shelters, agencies and counseling centers that serve abuse victims who are GLBT and heterosexual men.

We are on a quest to find them. Will you help?

Please use a phone book or internet search engine to locate the DV providers in your area (county or state, depending on the size and your dedication). Then call them and ask the following questions:

What services do you provide? Shelter? Hotline? Support Groups? Legal advice?
If you have a shelter: Do you allow men? Men with Children? Provide hotel vouchers if no in-house shelter?
If you only accept women into the shelter, is there an age limit
for male children?
If yes: What is it?
Do you provide counseling for abuse victims?
If yes: Do you provide counseling for gay or heterosexual men?

Is there a support group available for men?
Do you provide legal assistance for abuse victims?
If yes: Do you provide legal assistance for men?

If hotline only: Does your hotline help abused men? How?

When you find an agency that embodies excellence, send that information to tstoddard-at-saveservices.org.

We know they're out there. Let's find them. Then we can show the rest how to do it right!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

'Benched for being a girl'

Matt · 19 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. It's not an accident I posted this shortly after In Massachusetts, boys playing on girls teams causes a ruckus. Excerpt:

'On Thursday, October 6, 2011, Mina Johnson sat out of Southampton Academy's junior varsity football game because their opponent, Northeast Academy, threatened to forfeit if a girl played. At 5'2" and 170-pounds, Mina is a starting linebacker for the Southampton Academy Raiders. She is also an honor-roll student and is quite formidable on the football field, having sacked Rocky Mount’s quarterback four times during a 30-24 win on Sept. 22.

This petition was started by members of the U.S. women's national tackle football team to show support for Mina Johnson, her coach and team, and the multitude of girls and women who face discrimination in the sport of tackle football.

Northeast Academy is part of the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association, which prohibits "participation by boys in girls’ sports and girls in boys’ sports in any event hosted and/or sponsored by any NCISAA school." This petition is to tell the NCISAA to adhere to the spirit of Title IX calling for equal opportunity in sports, by changing NCISAA policy to allow girls and boys to play together when only one team exists for a given sport -- as Mina's own school allows her to.'

UK: New pension equality rules could cost companies 'millions'

Anonymous · 20 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The Department for Work and Pensions on Friday outlined plans to force companies that offered “guaranteed minimum pensions” in the Nineties to reassess the different accrual rates for male and female members of the scheme and equalise overall benefits to avoid discrimination.

Under the law at the time, women could collect their state pension five years earlier than men, when they reached 60. Men could only start claiming their pension at 65.

This rule has never been updated for the guaranteed minimum pension scheme since, despite case law in 1990 which ruled it was unlawful to discriminate between men and women in relation to occupational pensions.

According to equality campaigners, this gives female members of the guaranteed minimum pension retiring today an unfair advantage as they can get hold of the benefits sooner than men.

The new rules outlined by the DWP on Friday would see men be able to claim payments at the age of 60."

U.S. Military Women Exposed to More Combat Than Ever Before

Minuteman · 21 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Female American soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan have been involved in more combat than in prior wars and have the same post-traumatic stress disorder rate as men, a new study has found.

For the study, researchers looked at over 7,000 active-duty soldiers who served in the war zones and found that 4 percent of female soldiers reported killing, 9 percent reported witnessing killing, 31 percent reported exposure to death and 7 percent suffered a combat-related injury.

...

"If women are indeed being exposed to combat stressors at a higher rate than in prior eras, we have to be prepared to provide the services they need, and take into account the impact that these stressors can have on their mental health functioning," she said in a university news release.

"We also need to take a closer look at physical injury and its potential impact on women's psychological health," Maguen added.'

Change.org: 'Birmingham: Stop Pepper-spraying High School Students'

Matt · 21 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Overall point of effort very well-taken. But something doesn't feel quite right. I signed the petition, but with a 'signing statement'. I include it as the first comment of the story. Petition excerpt:

'I once trusted the Birmingham Public Schools. I sent my children to school thinking they were safe and protected. I found out different.

My 17-year old-daughter Gloria was sprayed in the face with pepper spray by a Birmingham police officer assigned to protect students in the school.

She wasn't being violent and she certainly wasn't a threat to the officer. Gloria was upset because a boy had pushed her. While she was confronting the boy, the police officer grabbed her from behind, pulled out his canister of pepper spray, and sprayed her in the eyes, face, and mouth. My 15-year-old daughter Patrice saw her sister sprayed and ran to her side. As Patrice reached Gloria, the officer sprayed Gloria with a second burst of pepper spray. The second burst also hit Patrice in the face.

When I saw Gloria, I couldn't believe how red and swollen her face was. She was crying out to me to help her and I couldn't do anything. She had red welts all over her face and her eyes were red. Days later the welts turned to black scabs that took two weeks to go away. Every time she washed her face, she cried again because water only made the pain worse. For weeks she refused to come out of her room and fell into a deep depression. It was a nightmare knowing my child suffered physical pain and depression because she reacted emotionally at school. She's a teenage girl, not a criminal.'

Colorado: Bill to re-instate circumcision on Medicaid to be introduced

Minuteman · 21 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Circumcisions would again receive state funding under a proposal introduced by several Colorado lawmakers.

The bill would allow Medicaid to again cover circumcisions. The procedure was dropped from Medicaid last year as a money-saving move. Several states have stopped covering circumcisions amid concerns that they're not medically necessary. Colorado projected that it would save about $186,500 a year if it stopped covering circumcisions.'

Israel Removes Biased Child Custody Law Against Fathers, Dads Address False Abuse Charges

anthony · 22 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jerusalem --- January 20, 2012 .... For many divorced fathers in Israel, the declaration yesterday by Israel Justice Minister Yaakov Neeman that divorced parents must now share custody of children, may have come too late. Neeman has accepted recommendations by the Schnit Committee that joint parental custody be ordered in divorce cases involving young children, which the law defines as those up to age 6. Until now, most divorced fathers became visitors, being limited to seeing their children only a few hours a week.

As the new law comes into affect, thousands of dads in Israel would have lost any opportunity of fatherhood due to the fact that their children have already grown up or that their children suffer from PAS - Parental Alienation Syndrome. With PAS the children become alienated against the father as the mother has pushed him away and brainwashed the children that he is of no worth, or perhaps even bad for whatever reason she creates.

But, it is still a time to celebrate. A time to restore faith in the justice system in Israel which until now practiced gender bias discrimination. A time to rejoice for the many children who will now have a father to learn from, gain confidence and be there at all times.
...
The UN committee was responding to a report submitted by the Coalition for Children and Family, a non-profit organization that unites several bodies engaged in fighting for father's rights.

Alongside complaints of social and economic difficulties faced by the men and accusations that in general more attention is paid to women's rights, the CCF also outlined legislation it calls "blatantly discriminatory against men."

"The parliament and judges refuse to eliminate discriminatory preferences and presumptions which favor women. That is coupled with automatic and instant decisions in favor of women, compared with deliberate procrastination in disposing of motions filed by men, general attitude of ridiculization and marginalization of all men, labeling all men as potential aggressors and dangerous to spouses and children," said the UN in it's findings.
...
But the battle for equality is still far from over.

"As soon as the Minister of Justice announced intentions to adopt the Schnitt Committee parental equality recommendations, the media was filled with reactions from the militant feminist groups," said Zer. "The Rackman Center, Naamat, WIZO and other feminist groups arguing that parental equality means that women may lose the children as bargaining chips, and that child support may be reduced to compensate for enhanced parenting time with the fathers."'

Nebraska rape charge dropped, accuser arrested

anthony · 22 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) - Rape charges filed against a Wymore man have been dismissed, and the woman who accused him has been arrested on suspicion of lying about the assault and other counts.

Beatrice radio station KWBE (http://bit.ly/xTyNOL) reports that 27-year-old Jennifer Valenta of Wilber has been charged with perjury, false reporting, obstructing government operations, two counts of prostitution and other counts.

Deputy Gage County Attorney Rick Schreiner says Valenta was arrested Friday in Beatrice. Valenta had reported that she was gang-raped by the Wymore man and three others on Nov. 24.

Schreiner says the investigation into the allegations did not support Valenta's claims, and that she eventually acknowledged fabricating the rape.

Valenta remained in jail Saturday and could not be reached for comment.'

Dad's nightmare over sex charge

anthony · 22 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Americans reacted with disbelief and outrage this week after an ABC TV documentary detailed a conspiracy between prosecutors, social workers and school authorities to destroy Julian Wendrow's family.

Wendrow, 56, is a teacher and paint-store owner. He was arrested at his home in Michigan days before a planned family holiday to Johannesburg in December 2007. He was jailed for 80 days, 70 of them in a 2x2m solitary confinement cell, and threatened with life imprisonment while county officials publicly described him as a rapist and a paedophile.

His wife, Tali, was also taken to jail, fitted with an electronic tether and placed under house arrest for alleged complicity in the "rapes". As a result she lost her job as a research attorney.'

Mark Steyn: No more ‘women and children first'

anthony · 22 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today there is no social norm, so it's every man for himself – operative word "man," although not many of the chaps on the Titanic would recognize those on the Costa Concordia as "men." From a grandmother on the latter: "I was standing by the lifeboats and men, big men, were banging into me and knocking the girls."

Whenever I write about these subjects, I receive a lot of mail from men along the lines of this correspondent:

"The feminists wanted a gender-neutral society. Now they've got it. So what are you complaining about?"

And so the manly virtues (if you'll forgive a quaint phrase) shrivel away to the so-called "man caves," those sad little redoubts of beer and premium cable sports networks.

We are beyond social norms these days. A woman can be a soldier. A man can be a woman. A 7-year-old cross-dressing boy can join the Girl Scouts in Colorado because he "identifies" as a girl. It all adds to life's rich tapestry, no doubt. But I can't help wondering, when the ship hits the fan, how many of us will still be willing to identify as a man.

...

The contempt for "women and children first" is not a small loss. For soft cultures in good times, dispensing with social norms is easy. In hard times, you may have need of them.'

Chivalry Sinks under Equality's Murky Waters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Long ago, feminists launched an attack on the concept of manliness, and you can see the fruits of their campaign in the Costa Concordia. Harvard professor Harvey Mansfield, author of Manliness, has said that the "the entire project of modernity can be understood as a project to keep manliness unemployed."

If manliness, a necessary precursor of the virtue of chivalry, is obsolete, why would a crew member risk his life to uphold it? My friend and colleague Carrie Lukas once observed that "gentlemanly conduct isn't about the women at all. It's about the men and their sense of themselves." Today men are discouraged from feeling that there is any intrinsic value in being and acting like a man. If there is no pride, no sense of particular duty to a high cause, why, then, would they possibly surrender a seat on a lifeboat?'

'Passing of domestic violence bills could set NH back 40 years'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New Hampshire currently has the strongest set of domestic violence laws in the country; however, that could all change. Lawmakers held a hearing on Thursday which focused on two bills that would drastically scale back the domestic violence laws currently in place.

One of the bills being considered is House Bill 1581 which would prevent law enforcement from being able to immediately arrest an abuser who has assaulted his or her partner unless the officer has actually witnesses the crime take place. Under the current law, the police can arrest an abuser based on probable cause.
...
“It’s clear if a police officer sees somebody robbing a bank they ought to be able to arrest them,” says Representative Dan Itse, “Our Constitution is clear. You have to prove to an objective party, a judge, that there is reasonably cause that there is warrant for arrest.”'

South Africa: Woman accused of cutting baby from womb

anthony · 22 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A SOUTH African woman appeared in court yesterday accused of leaving a pregnant woman for dead after slicing her open and stealing the unborn child from her womb.

Loretta Cooke (29) from Randfontein in west Johannesburg was remanded in custody at Randfontein Magistrate Court after state prosecutors were granted an adjournment to allow them investigate the case further.

The grisly murder was perpetrated last week, but the police initially thought 34-year-old Valencia Behrens had bled to death after giving birth. In addition, they could not locate the deceased's newborn baby at the crime scene.'

CMU to add more women’s sports even though there's very little interest

anthony · 22 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In an effort to prove compliance with the gender equality law, CMU issued a survey to all students in the spring of 2009 gauging the interest and ability of female athletes. The survey, which had about 2,200 respondents, concluded there was a very limited interest in adding new women’s sports. However, a repeal in April 2010 – the George W. Bush administration had ruled a survey was sufficient enough – forced schools to adhere to more stringent criteria to prove that they were compliant.

“We went through process and the survey showed that there was not a substantial interest level in additional sports — that we were meeting the needs,” Heeke said. “When the Obama administration came in, that tool was deemed non-compliant and the Office of Civil Rights came back and said you can’t use that anymore. When that went away, we had to start over.”'

Title IX and Its Effect on Men’s Collegiate Athletics

anthony · 22 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

http://usa-sports.org/TitleIX.pdf

'The law, which was designed to end discrimination against women, is now discriminating against men. For example:

• Boston University dropped its football program due to Title IX pressures after 91 years.

• University of San Francisco cut football after 64 years.

• Colgate University eliminated men’s baseball after 107 years.

• Cornell University’s men’s fencing team was discontinued after 98 years.

• Princeton University ended its wrestling program for fear of litigation due to an inability to satisfy “proportionality”.'

California community activist asks for support for child support tax-deductibility law

Matt · 23 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Via email:

My name is Linda Taylor, I am a community Activist in California. Recently I asked California Assemblyman Bill Berryhill to introduce legislation that make child support tax deductible. If you are interested in helping make this law, you should contact Matt Roman - Legislative Director for Berryhill's office at 916-319-2026. Or, fax his office at 916-319-2126.

The decision whether to introduce this legislation is only a week away. Please contact his office ASAP.

Thank you,

Linda Taylor

WILL Magazine - Dec 2011, Vol 1, Issue 5

Matt · 23 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Dear Brothers,

The latest Issue of WILL magazine has been uploaded.

WILL Magazine Volume 1 Issue 5, has been given a makeover and contains articles by reputed members of society.

http://thewillfoundation.webs.com/documents/WILL.DEC.Vol1.Issue5.pdf

We at TWF hope you find it an informative read.

Please lodge anti-circumcision submissions with the FDA (Deadline 30 Jan. 2012)

Minuteman · 23 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

This is a response to the document “Cosmetic Microbiological Safety Issues; Public Meeting” [regulations.gov Docket No.: FDA-2011-N-0770, FR Doc No: 2011-28238] (http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FDA-2011-N-0770-0001).

The deadline for submissions is 30 January 2012.

This submission can be made by anybody from any country around the world.

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Male sex drive 'to blame for world's conflicts'

Broadsword · 23 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The male sex drive is to blame for most of the world's conflicts from football hooliganism to religious disputes and even world wars, according to scientists. The "male warrior" instinct means that men are programmed to be aggressive towards anyone they view as an outsider, a study claims.

In evolutionary terms an instinct for violence against others helped early men improve their status and gain more access to mates, but in modern terms this can translate into large-scale wars.

In contrast women are naturally equipped with a "tend and befriend" attitude which means they seek to resolve conflicts peacefully in order to protect their children, researchers said.
...
Although men's hostile responses most likely evolved to combat the threat from outsiders, they "might not be functional in modern times and are often counterproductive," experts said.'

Ethicist wants women to abandon motherhood, use artificial wombs

Broadsword · 23 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In remarks that critics have said are disturbingly reminiscent of Aldous Huxley's famous dystopian novel "Brave New World," a UK ethicist has argued that since pregnancy causes "natural inequality" between the sexes, women must be liberated from the "burdens and risks of pregnancy" through the use of "ectogenesis", or artificial wombs.

"Pregnancy is a condition that causes pain and suffering, and that affects only women. The fact that men do not have to go through pregnancy to have a genetically related child, whereas women do, is a natural inequality," writes Dr. Anna Smajdor in an article that recently appeared in the Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics.

In her Defense of Ectogenesis, published online December, 2011, Smajdor construes pregnancy as a "medical problem, along with other conditions that cause pain and suffering." Smajdor is Lecturer in Ethics at the School of Medicine, Health Policy and Practice in the University of East Anglia.

"If there were a disease that caused symptoms and risks similar to those caused by pregnancy, I contend that it would be regarded as being fairly serious, and that we would have good reasons to try to insure against it," argues Smajdor, who lumps pregnancy along with "diseases" that continue for many months, such as the measles.

For Smajdor, currently "men reap all the benefits of women's gestation, while women bear the risks and burdens."

Accordingly, in Smajdor's worldview, "women are disadvantaged as a group through brute luck, because men can reproduce without undergoing the risks of pregnancy."'

Judge bought the lie hook, line and sinker!

Alphamale · 23 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

A recent article (http://www.thestar.com/news/article/1119764--man-jailed-4-months-for-sexually-assaulting-wife?bn=1) in the Toronto Star has highlighted a judge who was fooled beyond belief. A man was sentenced to four months in jail for raping his wife. Not surprisingly, the wife did not bring the rape charge forward until eight months later. Eight months. I doubt I could even remember what day I had sex with my wife eight months later.

Furthermore, I'm aghast that this man couldn't see this one coming a mile away. As soon as I had read the first few lines it was as clear as day that the couple must be split up and a battle over custody of the children was the impetus behind the sleazy ex-wife. What's so disconcerting is that the judge was so easily fooled. I would have expected a higher standard of justice, but just proves how ingrained the well-oiled female chauvinist machine is in today's society.

SAVE: The Senate Judiciary Committee Needs Your Calls Before Thursday's (Jan. 26, 2012) Vote On VAWA

Matt · 24 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

The Senate Judiciary Committee is expected to vote on the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) this coming Thursday at 10am. As you know, we have found many flaws in this bill, which is why we created the Partner Violence Reduction Act (PVRA).

The Partner Violence Reduction Act:

- Gives priority to real victims.
- Reduces false allegations.
- Removes provisions that violate the Constitution.
- Protects families.
- Provides legal assistance for alleged victim and alleged offender.
- Requires third-party accreditation.
- Curbs immigration fraud.
- Makes the law gender-inclusive.

Today we'd like you to call members on the committee. Tell them to reject VAWA and to support the Partner Violence Reduction Act. More info: http://www.saveservices.org/pvra

'Trust Women Week' for Female Repro Rights - and Male Repro Rights Are...?

Matt · 25 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

MoveOn.org is leading Trust Women Week, a 'virtual march' for women's reproductive rights. No mention at all of male reproductive rights, or the complete lack thereof. Anyone else feel like it's time MRAs had their own virtual (or real) march for male reproductive rights? I do.

Ob-Gyns Should Screen for Domestic Abuse: Experts

Minuteman · 25 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Obstetricians and gynecologists should screen all patients for intimate partner violence, including during prenatal visits, according to new recommendations from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.
...
About one in four women has been physically and/or sexually assaulted by a current or former partner, and nearly 324,000 pregnant women are abused by their partners each year in the United States, researchers have found.
...
"Women of all ages experience intimate partner violence, but it is most prevalent among reproductive-age women," Dr. Maureen Phipps, chair of the college's Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women, said in the news release. "We have a prime opportunity to identify and help women who are being abused by incorporating this screening into our routine office visits with each and every patient."'

Businessman to have cosmetic surgery to heal horrific wounds after two years of abuse by his 5ft 1ins girlfriend

Broadsword · 25 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"A businessman who was beaten so badly by his 5ft 1ins girlfriend that he almost lost his arm is to have cosmetic surgery to heal his horrific scars.

Ian McNicholl, 49, from Hull, suffered two years of abuse at the hands of Michelle Williamson, including one attack where she sprayed bleach in his eyes.

He also suffered fractures to his skull, cheekbones, and nose, three cracked ribs and horrific burns on his arm from an iron at the hands of his ex-girlfriend.

Williamson, who is now serving a seven-year jail sentence for causing grievous bodily harm, also lit cigarettes and shoved them up her partner's nose after falsely accusing him of having an affair.

On one occasion, she also poured two kettles full of boiling water over him - and even attacked him with a vacuum cleaner.

...

He added: 'I can completely understand why some men will feel embarrassed speaking out - men generally don't like talking about their feelings.

'But the bigger issue is that lots of men don't know where to go for help and there's a lot of gender bias.

'The massive problem is that men are not seen as victims. We need a gender neutral awareness campaign, or even a male-specific one.'"

Canandaigua mom accused of leaving toddler alone, driving drunk and assault

Matt · 26 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Notice in these stories there seems to be an emphasis on the fact that the accused or convicted woman is a 'mom'. Umm, forgive me here, but 'moms' don't do stuff like this to their kids. Criminals do. Excerpt:

'A Canandaigua woman was accused of leaving her infant home alone, driving drunk and assaulting a police officer early today.

Ontario County sheriff's deputies stopped Vanessa R. Rosa, 21, of Telyea Street on Route 364 in Gorham, Ontario County, just before 1 a.m. She was allegedly driving outside the appropriate lane, deputies said.

Rosa was also driving without a valid license because hers had been suspended pending a separate DWI arrest that occurred in November, said Ontario County Undersheriff David Tillman. He said charges are pending in that case.

Rosa is accused of spitting in a deputy's face and kicking the deputy as she was being arrested, deputies said. Rosa refused a breath test and was taken to Ontario County Jail to await arraignment in Gorham Town Court. She is also accused of spitting on a jail deputy this morning, Tillman said.'

SAVE: VAWA Vote on Thursday: Have You Made the Call?

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Reference: http://news.mensactivism.org/node/17895

VAWA Vote on Thursday: Have You Made the Call?

- Chuck Grassley (202) 224-3744
- Orrin G. Hatch (202) 224-5251
- Jon Kyl (202) 224-4521
- Jeff Sessions (202) 224-4124
- Lindsey Graham (202) 224-5972
- John Cornyn (202) 224-2934
- Michael S. Lee (202) 224-5444
- Tom Coburn (202) 224-5754

Two teenage girls charged with murder after stabbing death of man

anthony · 26 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'GARLAND, Texas – Two teenage girls in Texas are facing capital murder charges after a man was found stabbed in a motel room, MyFoxDFW.com reports.

Police say 17-year-old Tatina Daniels and 18-year-old Teresa Price were "partying" Monday night in a motel room with the victim, 40-year-old Jesse Morales, Jr.

Authorities did not give details on what happened in the hotel room that night, but said the "party" involved drugs, sex and alcohol.

"At some point during the night, the party got out of hand," Garland Police public information officer Joe Harn said in a news release. "Police believe that led to the death of Morales."

The girls then allegedly took the victim's van and set fire to it.'

F&F: Victory! F & F Helps Win Child Custody Case in CO Supreme Court

Matt · 27 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families and its legislative representative Michael Robinson have been at the forefront of the fight to protect military servicemembers' often tenuous child custody rights. We've successfully worked to pass military parent legislation in dozens of states, including Ohio, Georgia, California, Indiana, Nevada, and Arizona over the past two years.

While the family court system in general is biased against fathers, Fathers and Families has repeatedly warned that there are fathers who have learned how to work the system against mothers, and use it to their unjust advantage. When this occurs, Fathers and Families is on the side of the mother whose loving bonds with her children are being endangered.

In Re the Marriage of Brandt, decided this week by the Colorado Supreme Court, is such a case. Fathers and Families has been assisting Captain Christine Brandt of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps to regain custody of her 12-year-old son.

In short, Brandt's ex, George Brandt, tried to take custody of their son away from Christine by using her military service against her. As Brandt's attorney Stanley G. Lipkin, Esq. explained to the Court, this case is "about an active duty military person who has been deprived of the custody of her child solely by reason of her deployments."'

Bill Hudson, Goldie Hawn's Ex, Pens Book on Parental Alienation, Praises Fathers and Families

Matt · 27 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Bill Hudson, father of Kate and Oliver Hudson and the ex-husband of Goldie Hawn, has authored a new book, Two Versions, in which he claims he was alienated from his children by his ex-wife. According to Amazon.com:

> Bill Hudson of the Hudson brothers, ex-spouse of Goldie Hawn, explores in this book aspects of the family dealing with fame, marriage, divorce, and the ugliness that can cause relationships between parent and child to become stilted…he covers the bitter side of divorce, his own foibles, as well as such issues as parental alienation and fathers' rights. Not a 'Hollywood tell-all', but instead an emotional outreach to those who have been in or are in the same situations Bill saw.

In a recent appearance on Good Day LA, Hudson said he was unfairly portrayed as a "bad father" who "walked away" from his children. He claims he has tried everything to reestablish a relationship with his children, but that Kate has "followed the path of her mom," accusing him of abandoning this children, etc. He sadly noted, "I've never met my grandchildren." To watch the interview, click here.'

NYPD Commissioner's son in rape probe

anthony · 27 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The woman reported the alleged assault three months after the encounter and during that span continued contact with him via text messages and phone calls. I'm going to keep a close eye on this story. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK -- The son of New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly is under investigation after a woman accused him of rape, sources tell NBC New York.
...
Details of her complaint are unknown at this time, but Greg Kelly has not been arrested or charged with any crime.
...
Kelly's attorney, Andrew Lankler, said that his client was aware of the investigation and strongly denied any wrongdoing.

"Mr. Kelly is aware that the New York County District Attorney's office is conducting an investigation. Mr. Kelly strenuously denies any wrongdoing of any kind, and is cooperating fully with the district attorney's investigation," Lankler said in a statement. "We know the district attorney's investigation will prove Mr. Kelly's innocence."
...
The New York Times, quoting an anonymous law enforcement official, said the woman is in her late 20s or early 30s. She walked into the 13th Precinct with her sister after 8 p.m. on Tuesday and made her complaint, according to the Times.

The woman told police she met Kelly on the street, and the two had drinks together on Oct. 8, the paper reported. They then moved on to her office at a Lower Manhattan law firm. According to the Times, the woman told the cops that the rape occurred at the office. The two continued to keep in touch by phone and text message after the encounter.'

Oral HPV Infection Strikes Men More Than Women: Study

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Almost 7 percent of American men and women are infected orally with the human papillomavirus (HPV), new research reveals, with men showing significantly higher infection rates than women.

In fact, the study found that among those between the ages of 14 and 69, men seem to face a nearly threefold greater risk than women for oral HPV infection.

The authors noted that the gender gap grows even wider with respect to HPV-16, a strain that is responsible for the vast majority of HPV-related cases of oral cancer. Men are five times more likely to be infected with HPV-16 than are women, the study found.

The biggest risk factors for oral HPV infection include sex and tobacco use, the researchers say.'

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Police: Woman Made Up Attack For Boyfriend's Attention

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Story here. A young woman in Boulder makes up a story of an assailant in order to get her boyfriend's attention. Excerpt:

'BOULDER, Colo. -- A 20-year-old college student admitted to Boulder police that she fabricated a story about fighting off a knife-wielding black man because she wanted attention from her boyfriend, according to police reports obtained by 7NEWS.

Police on Thursday issued Nina Fiorillo a summons for false reporting after she admitted making up the story about being attacked while walking home early Sunday morning. False reporting to authorities is a misdemeanor carrying a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a $750 fine.

The University of Colorado student's bogus claim about an armed attacker at large triggered alarm in the community and an intense investigation by police detectives and patrol officers, according to 43 pages of police reports generated by the manhunt.'

Super Bowl Hoax Redux: Hey, guys — it's just a game

el cid · 28 January 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This article claims that domestic violence incidents go up when the Denver Broncos lose a football game. It sounds suspiciously like the Super Bowl Hoax--that DV incidents increase on Super Bowl day. It also states the usual half-truths and unfounded statistics about DV. You can post comments under the article or send a Letter to the Editor (via e-mail) to openforum-at-denverpost.com. Excerpt:

'I was never a big sports fan, and I became less of one about 15 years ago.

I was at a tea party hosted by my aunt and shared a conversation with Anne Tapp, executive director of Safe House Alliance, a domestic violence shelter in Boulder. She made a statement that comes to mind literally every time I think of professional sports.

"Our busiest days are when the Broncos lose," she said. Apparently a lot of people take the game pretty seriously."'

Australia: Position Vacant - Men's Health Research Fellow (Biostatistician/Epidemiologist), Adelaide University

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Research Fellow (Biostatistician/Epidemiologist)
Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health, School of Medicine

Job Reference Number: 17097

We are seeking an enthusiastic and committed Research Fellow Biostatistician/Epidemiologist to conduct analyses of data generated by researchers, and provide support to students, in the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health, School of Medicine at the University of Adelaide.

Position Requirements

At a minimum, the candidate should have the following qualifications:

* Master's degree or PhD in Biostatistics and/or Epidemiology
* Familiarity and track record of effective use of statistical packages (eg, SAS, SPSS, Stata, R).
* Demonstrable ability to manage, manipulate and analyse complex longitudinal data sets, and prepare comprehensive statistical reports.
* Familiarity with genetic data analysis, statistical genetics, bioinformatics and data mining.
* Ability to apply independent problem solving and application of novel statistical methods and tools.
* Ability to motivate self and others to meet deadlines even in demanding timeframes
* Demonstrated flexibility in coping with multiple and changing priorities.'

New revelations in Fox TV anchor Greg Kelly rape accusation case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"She lied to the boyfriend to meet Greg that night. She said, 'I'm going out with a girlfriend,' " said the source.

They had a couple of drinks but the bar tab revealed that the amount of drink taken was "laughably low" — and then went to the woman's law firm.

They had sexual relations in her boss's office.

Afterrwards "They continued to text," the source said. "Part of it was about arranging another date."

There were 17 text messages in all between the two.

"You don't text your rapist — other than to say, 'You're awful,'" the source said.

But three months later the woman claimed Kelly had raped her and reported it to police. She claimed she was too drunk to resist his advances.
...
The key to the case, says the insider is "What drives someone who's making a delayed report?"'

History shows we shouldn't rush to judgment in Greg Kelly case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Being a man accused of a sex crime these days is tantamount to being convicted in the court of public opinion. Even if you are cleared, Google your name until the day you die and the stink of “sexual abuse” or “rape” will be in the first graph of your bio.

Ask any of those young guys falsely accused in the Duke University lacrosse team “rape” scandal. Ask any of the kids who did time for brutalizing the Central Park jogger only for DNA to vindicate them.

This by no means is to suggest that Kelly's accuser is a liar.

Any woman who accuses a man of rape or sexual assault should be taken seriously. I have no evidence to contradict her claims that Kelly date-raped her while she was intoxicated in her law office after they had drinks in October.

But I haven’t seen anything to back up her story yet either.

I am not blaming the victim. But we in the press and you in the jury of public opinion must ask: Who is to say that the "victim" isn't the accused?
...
And I know that even questioning the veracity of an accuser in these politically correct times can be misinterpreted as defending the accused. Not true. But forgive me if I approach this Greg Kelly story with healthy skepticism, with the burden of proof in the accuser's corner, especially since she waited three months to file a report and seems to have been in repeated contact with Kelly since the night they met.'
...
Maybe this accuser is telling the truth.

But until it's proved, let's remember that Greg Kelly is innocent.'

Congress and States Prepare for another Circumcision Battle

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Children's right activists from coast to coast have joined together this month to press more than 2,200 lawmakers in Congress and eleven states to enact the Male Genital Mutilation Bill. The proposed bill would protect boys from forced circumcision the same way that girls are protected under federal and state laws.

As director of MGMbill.org's Florida office, Stacey Butler is leading the effort in her state to make Section 794.08 of Florida's Sexual Battery Code gender neutral. "All children deserve to be protected from forced genital cutting," said Butler, a licensed practical nurse and mother of three living in Palm Bay. "Although every girl in America has a legal right to genital integrity, we still allow boys to be circumcised for medically unnecessary reasons. That needs to change. One person at a time, one child at a time, we will make a difference!"'

San Francisco Sheriff-elect neighbor's report of abuse lit firestorm

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Story here. Excerpt:

'San Francisco police inspector John Keane received a phone call Jan. 4 from a woman who wanted to report an incident of domestic violence involving her neighbor. It would soon become clear this wasn't an ordinary call — the woman had information that would rock San Francisco's political establishment and possibly ruin a man's career.
...
Madison's motive for calling police has been the subject of much debate. Mirkarimi, who has denied the allegations of domestic abuse, at one point suggested nefarious political forces behind the scandal. In an interview with a Venezuelan radio station Tuesday, Lopez — who has publicly denied being abused by her husband — suggested the sheriff was a victim of dirty politics and questioned Madison's reasons for going to the police. Lopez said the two women had met because Madison has a child who is the same age as Lopez's son, Theo.
...
Madison has not responded to several requests for interviews. She describes herself as a nonpracticing lawyer and a "radical feminist politico" in her bio on Redroom.com, the online writers' social network she founded. Madison has written for DC Comics characters such as The Huntress, a heroine whom Batman fears for being too violent and unpredictable.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit, Lopez told Madison she wanted her to make a video of her injuries "just in case [Mirkarimi] wants to take Theo away from me because he … said that he is very powerful and can do it." After calling police, Madison refused to turn over the video because she had promised Lopez she wouldn't give it to authorities. Police later obtained a search warrant to seize the video, along with text messages and emails between Madison and Lopez.'

The less explored side of family domestic violence

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Article here. Here:

'The Community Oriented Policing group in Puslinch decided to bring family domestic violence to the forefront and has spent this past year carrying out various activities to highlight the support available and to bring awareness to this issue. This group culminated its year-long effort by holding an information night and silent auction. All auction proceeds went to Women in Crisis and Victim Services of Guelph-Wellington. An audience of more than 40 — about half of which were men — attended. Our guest speaker, representing Women in Crisis, began her talk by equating domestic violence with abuse to women. She said violence toward a male is very rare and it has to be recognized that when violence occurs within families, the victim is almost always a woman. As the speaker went on, I could see some in the audience getting a little antsy — myself included. It was beginning to sound like men were the root of all evil. Some audience members challenged her assumptions, but the speaker asserted her position.

So, I decided to scratch the surface and dig into some data on domestic violence. The results were very eye-opening. Statistics Canada shows an alarming and growing trend. More women than ever before are attacking their domestic partners, but despite some progress, male abuse has yet to be recognized as a public issue. Most abuse toward males goes unreported because men are seen as bigger and more powerful, so it is seen as weakness if they concede they are victims. When men do confide in others, they are often met with disbelief.'

'Tackle domestic violence' this Super Bowl

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This February, football fans across the country will be gearing up to see who will be the champions of Super Bowl XLVI. Will the Giants squash the Patriots? Or will freedom ring and the Giants suffer a swift defeat? Whatever the outcome, the Crisis Control Center, Inc. in Durant encourages football fanatics to celebrate for a purpose in 2012. The center will once again “Tackle Domestic Violence” this year during the week of the Super Bowl. While you’re noshing on junk food, talking about your favorite Super Bowl commercials, waiting to see what crazy antics will ensue during the halftime show and cheering on your favorite team, you and your friends can be doing your part to end domestic violence.

Crisis Control Center board member Tim Boatmun said the organization does not care how you celebrate your Super Bowl Sunday as long as you are thinking of those in need. Throughout the year, nearly 4,000 women are killed and hundreds of women and children are physically injured and emotionally scarred. The Crisis Control Center serves Bryan County, Atoka County, Johnston County and Marshall County. They strive to provide a safe place for hundreds of women and their children who are attempting to escape the ravages of domestic violence. They also provide counseling, advocacy and a 24-hour crisis hotline to individuals in need of emergency assistance.

Advocate Anna Marcy said they plan for this fundraiser to be for everyone in the community and not limited to abuse on women and children. She said the center would also like to focus on men taking a stand against domestic violence. She said it not only affects the family but everyone in the entire community.'

'Help! I Hate My Husband!'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Help! I hate my husband."

This is how a letter starts in my Inbox today. It's from a 41-year-old woman named Cindy in Dallas who has been married for 12 years. I get hate mail like this using slightly different language several times a week. Substitute the word "hate" for "loathe", "despise", "can't stand" and occasionally, "wanna kill".

...

Any woman married for longer than six months, if she is honest, knows the eggshell thin line that separates loving from loathing The deeper the love, the deeper the potential to hate. Any wife who is honest knows the compulsion to throw things, to hiss, to swear, to sit in the driveway in your bathrobe, engine running, sobbing.

...

From Cindy:

"At some point every week I feel like leaving him. When we got married I imagined this great life we would have together and instead we seem to always be fighting, about the kids, about the fact that he is so remote, about the stupidest things."

From me:

"Are you still attracted to him?"

From Cindy:

"Sex is still, good, yes. But we don't have it very often. I find myself lusting after other men."'

Colorado: Tell the Senate Health and Human Services committee to vote NO to reinstating circumcision on Medicaid

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'If you live in Colorado or know someone who does, please read this important message from NOCIRC of Colorado.

TO ALL COLORADO RESIDENTS:

We need your help THIS WEEK!
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Here's the list of senators on the HHS Committee that you can send the above e-mail to:

Sen Irene Aguilar, M.D. (D)
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Sen Betty Boyd (D)
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Sen Kevin Lundberg (R)
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Sen Jeanne Nicholson (D)
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Sen Ellen Roberts (R)
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Sen Jean White (R)
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The author of this bill is Sen Joyce Foster (D), joyce.foster.senate@state.co.us. 303-866-4875. She is the 9th member of the HSS Committee. She describes circumcision on her website as a "very important health procedure". While she won't vote against her own bill, she should still hear from opponents of the bill.

Again, there will be a public hearing on the bill just before the HHS Committee votes. The hearing is THIS THURSDAY, Feb 2, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. Mountain Time, in room SCR 356 (Senate Committee Room, 3rd floor) at the Colorado State Capitol building in downtown Denver (200 E Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80203). Several of us will be speaking against the bill. If you'd like to speak against the bill, you will need to sign up at the hearing, and you will have no more than 5 minutes to talk. We hope many of you can come to the hearing to lend your support! The circumcision bill is 3rd on the docket, so plan to spend the afternoon!

Link to the hearing schedule:
http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2012a/csl.nsf/CalendarsFrameSet?OpenForm&chamber=Senate

Please help us get the word out - forward this e-mail to anyone you know in Colorado who might be willing to help us fight this bill. AND PLEASE CALL AND EMAIL THE ABOVE LEGISLATORS NOW!

Thank you for your support!
Craig Garrett
Gillian Longley RN
NOCIRC of Colorado'

SAVE: Call Judiciary Members Today: 'Where's All the Money Going?'

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The Senate Judiciary Committee vote on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was postponed until this coming week to allow more time for staff to negotiate several sticking points. And well they should, because victims are demanding to know, "Where's all the money going?"

Time and time again, domestic violence victims are being turned away by the very agencies that are supposed to be helping them, or are getting the DV runaround. One Department of Justice audit reached this disturbing conclusion:

$638,298, or about 47 percent, of $1.3 million given to Jane Doe, Inc., also known as the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, was identified as unsupported and unallowable payroll expenditures, unallowable bonus payments, and unallowable and unreasonable conference expenditures.

So the problem isn't a lack of funding. The problem is lack of accountability.

Children of working mothers face more health problems

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'Children of working mothers are approximately 200 percent more likely than those with stay-at-home mothers to have been hospitalized overnight, had an asthma episode within the past 12 months, or had an injury or poisoning episode within the past 3 months, according to a new study. Although the percentage of women with children participating in the labor force has risen from 54.9 percent in 1975 to 79.4 percent in 2001 (declining to 76.9 percent by 2005), the impact of maternal work on children's health has remained unclear, reports Melinda Sandler Morrill, Ph.D., of North Carolina State University.

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In her study, Dr. Morrill looked at the three potentially adverse health events cited above in a population of children, ages 7–17 years. Her data revealed a clear increase in the percentage of mothers working once their youngest child reached 60 months of age by their State's kindergarten enrollment cutoff date. She found that a mother's employment increased overnight hospitalizations by 4 percentage points, injuries/poisonings by 5 percentage points, and the rate of asthma episodes by 12 percentage points, each by about 200 percent.'

'And colleges and universities should get the hell out of the criminal-justice business'

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'Back in September, I wrote in the magazine about the problems posed for colleges and universities by the Department of Education's new rules governing how they must respond to allegations of sexual assault. Over the weekend, those chickens came home to roost, big-time, as the news spread that Yale University quarterback Patrick Witt had been accused of sexual assault.

You may remember Witt; he was lauded nationally for choosing to forgo an interview for a Rhodes Scholarship in order to play in his final college football game (against Harvard), which was scheduled for the same day. On Thursday, the New York Times reported that Witt withdrew his candidacy for the scholarship after the Rhodes Trust "learned through unofficial channels that a fellow student had accused Witt of sexual assault." The Times story, written by Richard Pérez-Peña, is rather extraordinary. For example, it includes these lines:

"Witt's accuser has not gone to the police, nor filed what Yale considers a formal complaint. The New York Times has not spoken with her and does not know her name."

...

Witt's sports-agency representative issued a rebuttal of the Times's version of events. The usual suspects are engaging in elaborate conspiracy theories, and shouting about rape apologists. But here's the takeaway, in the end: A young man's reputation is in tatters based on an anonymous allegation that he committed sexual assault. And this, folks, is why we need to have one simple, standard way of judging whether sexual assault is sexual assault or not. There should be proof—good proof, not just a hairsbreadth of proof—that a crime has been committed. That proof should be given to police. And colleges and universities should get the hell out of the criminal-justice business.'

Woman Sentenced After Lying About Black Men Kidnapping Her

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'A Philadelphia woman who told police that two black men kidnapped her -- and was later found to have lied -- was sentenced to eight years in prison Thursday, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Bonnie Sweeten, 40, who made headlines two years ago after triggering a massive search when she called police and said that black men had kidnapped her and her 9-year-old daughter, will have to pay $1 million in restitution.

"Sweeten stole funds from family members, from the law office where she had been employed and from the law firm's clients," the prosecutor's office said after the ruling came down.

"You've done great wrong, and you have to pay the price," said U.S. District Judge William H. Yohn Jr., calling her a "master con woman."'

How the CDC is overstating sexual violence in the U.S.

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'What does that mean? If a woman was unconscious or severely incapacitated, everyone would call it rape. But what about sex while inebriated? Few people would say that intoxicated sex alone constitutes rape — indeed, a nontrivial percentage of all customary sexual intercourse, including marital intercourse, probably falls under that definition (and is therefore criminal according to the CDC).

Other survey questions were equally ambiguous. Participants were asked if they had ever had sex because someone pressured them by “telling you lies, making promises about the future they knew were untrue?” All affirmative answers were counted as “sexual violence.” Anyone who consented to sex because a suitor wore her or him down by “repeatedly asking” or “showing they were unhappy” was similarly classified as a victim of violence. The CDC effectively set a stage where each step of physical intimacy required a notarized testament of sober consent.

The report also called for more research on “sexism” and urged “collective action” against media messages that “objectify and degrade women.” In the familiar jargon of feminist theory, the CDC said: “It is important to continue addressing the beliefs, attitudes and messages that are deeply imbedded in our social structures.”'

Ultrasounds Before Abortions? Only if Men Get Rectal Exams for Viagra, Virginia Lawmaker Says

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'But yesterday, State Sen. Janet D. Howell, a Democrat from Fairfax, decided to push back on the measure, which she said is "adding to the cost and ... opening [women] up for emotional blackmail."

Attempts to derail pieces of legislation by adding unpalatable amendments—say, attaching to a budget autonomy bill a rider that would turn the District into a shooting gallery—are often called "poison pills."

Well, in the case of the ultrasound bill, Howell's poison pill is the little blue pill.

In deliberations over the measure yesterday, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported, Howell offered an amendment that would require any man seeking a prescription for erectile dysfunction medication first submit to a rectal examination.

"I think we should just have a little gender equity here," Howell said when presenting her amendment.

Conservatives want women considering abortion to undergo an additional procedure, potentially adding to the financial and emotional cost? Howell said men who need a little extra lift from drugs like Viagra or Cialis should undergo more scrutiny, too. Seems fair.'

The Caging of America

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Article here. The picture caption refers to "Six million people". We all know the vast majority of these are men. The Caging of America is a men's rights issue since as we know, men and women do not get an equal shake in the legal system. Judges are much faster to jail a man than a woman for the exact same crime under the exact same circumstances. Excerpt:

'Six million people are under correctional supervision in the U.S.—more than were in Stalin's gulags.
...
A prison is a trap for catching time. Good reporting appears often about the inner life of the American prison, but the catch is that American prison life is mostly undramatic—the reported stories fail to grab us, because, for the most part, nothing happens. One day in the life of Ivan Denisovich is all you need to know about Ivan Denisovich, because the idea that anyone could live for a minute in such circumstances seems impossible; one day in the life of an American prison means much less, because the force of it is that one day typically stretches out for decades. It isn't the horror of the time at hand but the unimaginable sameness of the time ahead that makes prisons unendurable for their inmates. The inmates on death row in Texas are called men in "timeless time," because they alone aren't serving time: they aren't waiting out five years or a decade or a lifetime. The basic reality of American prisons is not that of the lock and key but that of the lock and clock.

That's why no one who has been inside a prison, if only for a day, can ever forget the feeling. Time stops. A note of attenuated panic, of watchful paranoia—anxiety and boredom and fear mixed into a kind of enveloping fog, covering the guards as much as the guarded. "Sometimes I think this whole world is one big prison yard, / Some of us are prisoners, some of us are guards," Dylan sings, and while it isn't strictly true—just ask the prisoners—it contains a truth: the guards are doing time, too. As a smart man once wrote after being locked up, the thing about jail is that there are bars on the windows and they won't let you out. This simple truth governs all the others. What prisoners try to convey to the free is how the presence of time as something being done to you, instead of something you do things with, alters the mind at every moment. For American prisoners, huge numbers of whom are serving sentences much longer than those given for similar crimes anywhere else in the civilized world—Texas alone has sentenced more than four hundred teen-agers to life imprisonment—time becomes in every sense this thing you serve.'

Tom Martin v LSE's Gender Institute: Update

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From Tom:

Tom Martin's sex discrimination lawsuit against Europe's largest gender studies department at The London School of Economics (LSE) has been delayed, a hearing now rescheduled for March 13th. Tom has given an interview for a programme on satellite news channel Press TV on 'the future of feminism', which awaits broadcast, and also, has recently been invited to take part in a debate at University College London (UCL), on the prevalence of misandry in academia and society, a date not yet set. Tom invites all other press and media to contact him directly: sexismbusters-at-hotmail.com

Tom thanks all 120 people from 9 countries who have now donated a total of £4013.25 to the legal fighting fund so far, and asks supporters to keep the donations coming in and the momentum going, by subscribing on twitter, facebook and youtube, and spreading the word in any other way they can for what could be a long, difficult, but ultimately game-changing awareness-raising and legal campaign.

Slate: One-Night Stand or Rape?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Q: A friend recently called me and said she had a one-night stand after drinking too much. She was beating herself up over drinking too much and going home with a guy she met at a bar. I reassured her that everyone makes mistakes and didn't think much more of the account. However, since then, she has told many people that she was a victim of date-rape.
...

A: Trying to ruin someone else's life is a poor way to address one's alcohol and self-control problems. Since her first version of the story is that she was ashamed of her behavior, and since you have seen her knee-walking drunk on other occasions, it sounds as if she wants to punish the guy at the bar for her own poor choices.
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Groups Attempt to Close STEM 'Girl Gap'

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'STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education has been a high priority in the recent efforts put toward education reform. One of President Obama's priorities in his reform efforts has been making these classes and programs available to everyone regardless of race, socioeconomic status and gender with the hopes of preparing them for careers in those fields.

Recently, many are implementing programs that are focusing on introducing younger girls into these subjects. These programs range anywhere from national efforts like the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) to local efforts like Techbridge, to even smaller efforts like clubs and classes specifically created with the intent of gaining girls' interest in the subject.

At the Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Princeton, N.J., a task force of top thinkers in these areas has been formed to come up with solutions to help close this "girl gap" in STEM fields.'

'An alleged victim is assaulted by the press'

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'Here's what we know: On Jan. 25, an unnamed woman accused Greg Kelly, the co-host of "Good Day New York" and the son of New York police commissioner Ray Kelly, of raping her in October 2011, after they had a few drinks together in a Manhattan bar. She is described as being 30 years old and in the legal profession. We know that the woman had a boyfriend, who publicly confronted both Kellys at a recent public event. That the woman claims she had too much to drink and that Kelly forced himself on her. She says Kelly got her pregnant, that she subsequently had an abortion, and that she reportedly decided to tell her story because Kelly's father has encouraged crime victims to come forward. Kelly has not been formally charged with any crime.'

Beyond macho: Defining a man's world

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MONTREAL — The male stereotype of the all-powerful protector and provider is doing a disservice to men -- pressuring them to conform and ultimately, leaving many powerless to face the challenges of modern society.
...
Synnott, who has been teaching a course on the sociology of men for 10 years, wrote the 2009 book, Redefining Men: Heroes, Victims and Villains, and currently writes a column on men for Psychology Today. He believes that the rallying cry of “male chauvinist pig” has ignored important realities that men face. “Men dominate at the top and also the bottom,” he points out. “The vast majority in prisons, victims of accidents, victims of work fatalities, 99 per cent of military fatalities — are all male.”

Men, argues McGill University professor Paul Nathanson and his colleague Katherine Young, suffer from the myth that they are the gender with the power and therefore cannot be damaged by criticism and ridicule. The physical, political and economic power that a small percentage of men do wield renders women, they believe, “either unwilling or unable to see men as fully human beings, people who can indeed be hurt, both individually and collectively.”

Nathanson and Young have written five books chronicling the rise of misandry, the hatred of men, which they view as a culture war being fought because of the feminist activism that led to the changed role of men.'

The NIH urges women to protect their heart health

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'The Heart Truth campaign celebrates a decade of progress and continues to inspire heart health action during American Heart Month

As part of American Heart Month, on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's (NHLBI's) The Heart Truth campaign, with the support of the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH), will showcase its signature event, the Red Dress Collection 2012 at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in New York City. As part of its 10th anniversary this year, The Heart Truth has partnered with Million Hearts, a national initiative of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to prevent one million heart attacks and strokes over the next five years.
...
National Wear Red Day: Friday, Feb. 3

As part of its milestone anniversary, The Heart Truth will celebrate the 10th National Wear Red Day, when Americans nationwide wear red to show their support for women's heart disease awareness. This year, the campaign is again encouraging women to take a photo of themselves or a group and share their heart health action online. For more information, visit The Heart Truth's Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Heart-Truth/6476847301.
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About The Heart Truth

The Heart Truth is a national awareness campaign for women about heart disease and is sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Through the campaign, the NHLBI leads the nation in a landmark heart health awareness movement that is being embraced by millions who share the common goal of better heart health for all women.

The centerpiece of The Heart Truth is the Red Dress, which was introduced as the national symbol for women and heart disease awareness in 2002 by the NHLBI. The Red Dress reminds women of the need to protect their heart health, and inspires them to take action.

To learn more, visit www.hearttruth.gov.'

SAVE: VAWA Show-Down Thursday

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Tomorrow, Thursday Feb. 2, 2012, the Senate Judiciary Committee will be meeting to discuss Sen. Leahy's version of the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization. Leahy's VAWA bill contains many, many controversial provisions, and does nothing to assure real victims, and ALL victims - are helped.

At the meeting Sen. Charles Grassley will be proposing an amendment to bring the domestic violence industry to heel. The DV industry is certain to oppose these accountability measures. So please contact these members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and tell them that abuse victims are demanding that VAWA be made accountable to meet their needs.

Tell them to support Sen. Grassley's efforts to bring accountability to the Violence Against Women Act.

- Chuck Grassley: (202) 224-3744
- Orrin G. Hatch: (202) 224-5251
- Jon Kyl: (202) 224-4521
- Jeff Sessions: (202) 224-4124
- Lindsey Graham: (202) 224-5972
- John Cornyn: (202) 224-2934
- Michael S. Lee: (202) 224-5444
- Tom Coburn: (202) 224-5754

Time is of the essence...please make your calls now!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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Psychology Today article about marriage portrays husband as chimpanzee

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I noticed a Psychology Today article titled "Are you with the Right Mate?" which portrays a woman married to a male chimpanzee. Kind of demeaning, huh? Read the article if you can stand it. Excerpt:

'Elliott Katz was stunned to find himself in the middle of a divorce after two kids and 10 years of marriage. The Torontonian, a policy analyst for the Ottawa government, blamed his wife. "She just didn't appreciate all I was doing to make her happy." He fed the babies, and he changed their diapers. He gave them their baths, he read them stories, and put them to bed. Before he left for work in the morning, he made them breakfast. He bought a bigger house and took on the financial burden, working evenings to bring in enough money so his wife could stay home full-time.
...
What he decided was, indeed, there were some things he could have done differently—like not tried as hard to be so noncontrolling that his wife felt he had abandoned decision-making entirely. His wife, he came to understand, felt frustrated, as if she were "a married single parent," making too many of the plans and putting out many of the fires of family life, no matter how many chores he assumed.'

'How to Solve Nagging with Feminism'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nagging doesn't come out of nowhere. It's usually the woman doing the nagging and the man feeling nagged. And it happens because of a power imbalance in the relationship: men have more power to blow off what women say to them, in almost every sphere of their lives. I've found this especially exaggerated in relationships where one partner stays at home and the other works full time.

I put a stop to the nagging cycle in my own marriage a few years ago, doing it exactly the way Marcotte describes. My husband is a feminist. He cares deeply about gender bias. But he's still a guy who was raised with male privilege, and it's not always visible to him when gender dynamics are at the root of a problem.

So I sat him down and made it clear that he could not "help" me with childcare or housework. Parenting the children and caring for our home are shared jobs that we're equally responsible for. That means that not only is it his job to change half the diapers and fold half the laundry (roughly speaking), it is also his job to know that these things need to be done and take responsibility for doing them.'

Title IX causes reverse discrimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Most people associate Title IX with athletics as the main point as it states that men and women should be treated equally when it comes to athletics. It states that athletic participation should be proportional to the student enrollment. I understand where they were originally coming from and there is nothing wrong with women playing sports. It is great seeing the success and attendance of women's athletics, especially here at Iowa State with our basketball team.

The problem here, though, is with reverse discrimination. In order to be fair, basically the same number of players from each sex need to play. So sports such as basketball, soccer, track and gymnastics are fine because each sex can play them. Then you have the problem with football. Football is a male sport only. So in order to make it fair for the females, we either need to make a football team with the same number of females or cut smaller men's sports programs.

Most colleges, including Iowa State, chose to do such. Wrestling was the first and largest victim to this rule at the beginning. In all, 121 schools have cut their wrestling programs, and despite all of the tradition and success of Iowa State's wrestling program, that number was almost 122. Swimming, golf, tennis, soccer, track and many other smaller men's sports have been cut. There are many talented athletes that play sports like soccer and baseball, but because of Title IX they don't have the opportunity here to play at the collegiate level.

This is discrimination against male athletes. We get all worked up when just a few people get offended on some issue and have to discriminate against the majority just to please the minority. Now, I'm not attacking women's rights here. What I am saying is that if you want to be treated equally, then be treated equally. You don't need special exceptions and benefits, because then you aren't equal.'

Super Bowl Health Hazards: Separating Myth From Fact

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 1993, in advance of the Super Bowl games held in Pasadena, Calif., several local women's advocacy organizations came forward with anecdotal evidence that domestic violence shelters and emergency rooms saw a surge of battered women on Super Bowl Sunday. Experts appeared on national television, citing research proving a link between the game and violence against women. But a closer look at the initial research revealed that there was no clear association.

A 1993 Washington Post article by Ken Ringle revealed that the initial study's findings were completely different from what was reported. Ringle tracked down the researcher who completed the study, Janet Katz -- a professor of sociology and criminal justice at Old Dominion University -- who immediately refuted her study's interpretation in the media:'

Verizon and the Super Bowl DV Myth: They're At It Again

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To kick off Super Bowl XLVI weekend, Verizon will participate in the 13th annual Super Bowl Gospel Celebration (SBGC) on Friday, Feb. 3, an NFL sanctioned event, where legendary NFL Pro Bowl players, Super Bowl Champions and MVPs come together on one stage with Grammy Award-winning artists, A-list entertainers and special guests. Salvation and Deliverance Church Choir, the winner of Verizon's 2011 "How Sweet the Sound" national choir competition, will perform during the 2012 SBGC taking place at Butler University in Indianapolis. HopeLine® from Verizon will also make a donation to a local domestic violence agency to help the organization increase awareness of domestic violence and further prevention efforts.'

State Supreme Court decision: Connecticut man can seek payment from child's real dad

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now, five years later, the State Supreme Court has ruled that Fischer (the duped provider) can proceed with a lawsuit demanding that the girl's biological father pay him $190,000 — half the cost of raising her. She's now a young woman of 19.'

What is unfortunate is that the Supreme Court did not in some way require the mother, who knew all along the child was not her husband's, to pay 50% of that amount to Fischer. The mother remains unaccountable for the fraud she foisted upon her husband.

'Ripped Apart'

rlaspari · 3 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

I don't know if this was posted already, but it's rare that the discrimination against dads gets any recognition in the mainstream press. Excerpt:

'The papers informed him his wife was filing for divorce. Worse, she had requested, and been granted, a temporary protection order based on allegations of domestic violence. The order—issued at a hearing that took place without Jim—took effect immediately. It required him to vacate his house and refrain from "any contact whatsoever" with either his wife or his 3-year-old son.

In it, his wife wrote that she felt like she had to "walk on eggshells" around Jim due to his unpredictable temper. He would scream to such an extent that "veins in his neck were bulging" and "spittle from his lips was hitting me in the face." She also described him yelling at their dogs, roughly handling their cat, and driving aggressively and recklessly.

But there's one thing she never claimed—that Jim had ever hit her or their son. Nor did she accuse Jim of threatening either of them.

...

Had he been charged with domestic violence in criminal court, where guilt must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt and the standards of due process are high, this might not have happened. But Jim's fate was decided in a very different venue: family court.

It's a court like no other—a hugely busy and rancorous place where the most personal aspects of people's lives are not only on display, but judged and reshaped in proceedings that often last no longer than 20 minutes. Appointed commissioners, rather than elected judges, make many of the most crucial decisions. And the standard of evidence (known as "preponderance of the evidence") is the lowest allowed by law.

For years, dads'-rights groups have claimed that family court overwhelmingly favors women, particularly when it comes to custody. In former times, when dads generally did far less hands-on child-rearing than moms, those claims tended to be viewed as the ranting of bitter misogynists.'

Police: Woman extorted New York Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK -- A woman has been charged with stalking and shaking down New York Yankees general manager Brian Cashman.

Louise Neathway was arraigned Thursday night in Manhattan Criminal Court. Prosecutors said she extorted $6,000 from Cashman, tried to squeeze $15,000 more and engaged in "a long-term effort to control and manipulate" him.

According to a statement from an investigator for the district attorney, starting in the fall of last year, Neathway allegedly asked for money for a medical procedure that would cost more than $15,000. She allegedly threatened to "contact the press and informant's family and assert facts that would subject the informant to ridicule and damage his personal relationships and professional reputation."
...
Judge Abraham Clott set bail at $300,000 bond or $200,000 cash, according to Joan Vollero, a spokeswoman for Manhattan district attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr.'

VAWA vote report

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Via email from an activist:

As a result of all our efforts and the attached letter signed by 25, this morning all 8 GOP senators voted 'no' on Sen. Leahy's VAWA reauthorization bill. The aura of VAWA enjoying full bipartisan support has been broken. Now, passage is of VAWA is no longer a foregone conclusion.

Needless to say, NOW is fuming right now.

Although we still have a lot of work to do, CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO ALL.

Click here (.pdf file) for the CWA letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Indiana passes human trafficking law in time for Super Bowl

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Article here. Another Super Bowl myth supported by questionable data? Excerpt:

'Indiana lawmakers passed tough human trafficking legislation this week -- just in time to prevent an event where thousands of young girls could get bought and sold for sex.

“The Super Bowl is a huge human trafficking event,” said State Sen. Randy Head, (R-Logansport). “They’re running sophisticated rings -- trading girls from city to city.”

Organized criminals are known to exploit young women and children through gatherings such as the Super Bowl. In fact, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates 10,000 prostitutes were brought to the 2010 Super Bowl in Miami. In 2011, more than 100 people were arrested for prostitution in Dallas during Super Bowl weekend.
...
“The Super Bowl -- or any large sports game -- always draws traffickers and they bring the product line because there are a lot of men that are used to buying commercial sex around these events,” Smith said. “Unfortunately, it draws minors as a product line. People bring in kids. So what has happened in Indianapolis is absolutely amazing. The leadership standing up saying – we’re going to send a message to traffickers saying we’re not a good place for you to be bringing kids or vulnerable women to sell.”'

IA: Tell the NYT That Circumcision Does Not Prevent HIV

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Via email:

According to an article that appeared on the front page of the Science section of Tuesday's New York Times (1/31/12), "The day of the assembly-line circumcision is drawing closer." The article states that two new devices, named PrePex and the Shang Ring, will greatly increase the ease and speed with which nurses can perform circumcisions in Africa, with the goal of circumcising 20 million men by 2015.

The tone of the article shows a shocking disregard for the pain and risk involved in circumcision, the loss of functional tissue, and the negative impact on sexual function—not to mention the overwhelming proof that circumcision at best lowers the transmission rate of HIV from women to men, but not from men to women, and that the only way to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted HIV is to practice safe sex. Rather, the focus is solely on the use of American tax dollars to pay for mass circumcisions. According to Dr. Jason Reed, an epidemiologist in the global AIDS division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "PrePex teams could mean circumcising around 400 men a day, rather than the 60 to 80 a busy team now does. And the surgeon could go do something more important."

Write to the New York Times right now at letters-at-nytimes.comand tell them that the male foreskin is indeed "important," and that circumcision does NOT prevent HIV!

SAVE: Violence Against Women Act - Senate Judiciary vote

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Via email:

Since its enactment in 1994, the Violence Against Women Act has been criticized by people as serving to expand the reach and size of government, to weaken the family, and to roll-back the Constitution. And because of its innocent-sounding name, few lawmakers have been willing to take on the VAWA juggernaut.

Late last week the Senate Judiciary Committee announced it was going to hold a mark-up of the VAWA reauthorization bill, S. 1925. And we knew GOP Sen. Chuck Grassley was unhappy with Sen. Patrick Leahy's bill, for a variety of reasons.

So groups mounted telephone campaigns, did lobbying, and Concerned Women for America put together a group letter that was signed by 25 groups and individuals. This letter was circulated to GOP senators just minutes before yesterday's mark-up.

And when the dust had settled, all 8 GOP senators voted 'No' on Sen. Leahy's bill, instead preferring Sen. Grassley's substitute amendment. All 10 Democratic senators voted 'Aye,' so Leahy's bill carried through the committee. In a word, yesterday's party line vote was unprecedented.

Now the VAWA bill goes to the full Senate, which may take up the bill as early as next week.

If you'd like to write an article about this historic vote, you may find the VAWA: Mandate for Change report helpful: http://www.saveservices.org/partner-violence-reduction-act/mandate-for-change/

UK: Victory for divorced dads is a victory for children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers matter, and the law now recognises this. The government is rewriting the law so that children will have a legal right to see their father, even when their parents have split up. Fathers' rights campaigners will hail this as a victory for fathers – but in fact, it's a victory for children.

One in three children grow up without a father. In some cases, this is because the father bolted, or is behind bars. But in many cases it is because mother banned him after an acrimonious divorce. This could be because he was a child abuser, or a wife-batterer – or because his drinking makes him dangerous. But often it is down to mother's anger. I pray that if ever my husband and I were to break up I would prove saintly and wise, and let him see the children. I hope that, in the midst of my fury and hatred, I would be able to put the children's interests above mine. But I can't swear that I'd be any different from the hundreds of thousands of women who each year go to the family court to wrangle with their former spouse over his access to the kids. (Some don't even do that: they accept in principle his right to see the children, but in practice place obstacles to any visit.)'

SAVE Press Release: Anti-Violence Bill Loses Focus on Victims, Many Claim

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PRESS RELEASE

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Anti-Violence Bill Loses Focus on Victims, Many Claim

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 -- A growing number of groups, including Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, are criticizing the proposed reauthorization bill of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) for losing sight of the law's original intended purpose: to help victims of domestic violence. These concerns were highlighted during the recent February 2 meeting of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Concerned Women for America, the largest women's organization in the country, noted in a February 1 group letter that the Leahy-Crapo bill will "actually squander the resources for victims of actual violence by failing to properly prioritize and assess victims."

Victim-advocacy group Survivors in Action decries what it calls the "DV run-around" in which victims are shunted from hotlines to shelters to social service agencies, never receiving the services they need.

Sen. Charles Grassley, ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, deplored the fact that VAWA bill S. 1925 "creates so many new programs for underserved populations that it risks losing the focus on helping victims." (1)

Even Judiciary Committee chairman Patrick Leahy acknowledged criticism that the VAWA bill is "trying to protect too many victims." Following debate, Sen. Leahy's proposed bill was approved by a slim 10-8 margin and was forwarded to the full Senate for consideration.

Vague and over-broad definitions of abuse found in the current law undermine Constitutional protections for the accused, as well: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/SAVE-Assault-Civil-Rights.pdf

"If we want to stop the cycle of violence and help real victims, the Violence Against Women Act must rein in sweeping definitions, improve accountability, and recognize that women are as likely as men to be physically abusive with their partners," explains SAVE spokesman Philip W. Cook.

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is proposing consideration of the Partner Violence Reduction Act (2), which accords priority to persons with evidence of physical violence.

Congressman Ted Poe, co-chair of the Victim's Rights Caucus, has suggested changing the name of VAWA to the Domestic Violence Act, in order to recognize that partner abuse affects members of both sexes (3).

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is a victim-advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to partner abuse: www.saveservices.org

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(1) http://www.saveservices.org/2012/02/statement-by-sen-chuck-grassley-about-vawa/

(2) www.saveservices.org/pvra

(3) http://www.washingtontimes.com/blog/watercooler/2011/jul/21/picket-vawa-supporter-capitol-hill-looks-have-law-/

'Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand focuses on advancement of women'

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Article here. Last time I checked, a good half of any given US senator's constituency is male. So why focus so much on just one gender when the other gender has issues with 'getting ahead' as well (boys and education, anti-male discrimination, etc.)?

Imagine a senator who stated quite publicly that his or her focus would be on helping whites get ahead, or green-eyed people get ahead, or people under 5' 5" tall get ahead, etc., all on the dime of the rest of that person's constituency?

Real political leaders are representative of ALL their constituents, not focusing on just one subgroup. I think it's time Sen. Gillibrand heard that. So please contact her and *politely* point this out, especially you folks in the State of New York here in the US. This idea that it is acceptable for pols to pursue the advancement of one group over others at the expense of the rest of their constituents must end, starting with the pursuit of women's interests over men's.

Korean human rights commission disapproves women-only library

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Human Rights Commission has issued its opinion that operating a municipal library for women only, which men are not allowed to use, constitutes gender discrimination and must be eliminated.

On the 7th the NHRC issued a judgment that the operation by a civic group of a women-only public library violates men's rights to equality and constitutes discrimination, and advised the library to cease excluding men.
...
The library retorted that because its patrons constitute 15% of all library patrons in the city and the volume of use it sees during its long hours makes it more difficult to run than other libraries in the city, so it believes it is appropriate to place more restrictions on men than women.'

Britain offers more rights for separated fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LONDON — Fathers separated from their families will get increased rights to see their children under reforms being unveiled in Britain next week, the government said on Friday.

But it signalled there would be no change in the law to guarantee equal access, as sought by campaigners such as Fathers 4 Justice, who have scaled Buckingham Palace among other stunts to highlight the system's unfairness.

New rules for court cases will "make it much clearer that it is vital for children to have an ongoing relationship with both parents after separation or divorce", except where they pose a risk, the Department for Education said.

The measures will be outlined on Monday as part of the government's response to a review of the family justice system published last year.'

Science subtext: Gender parity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At the White House science fair this morning, President Obama is expected to announce a new education initiative to invest $100 million into training 100,000 new teachers. Specifically, the president is trying to fend off the problem of a shortage of teachers in science, technology, engineering and math — known as STEM — in order to keep the United States competitive in the global marketplace.

While he's not expected to talk about the dearth of women in the STEM fields, you can be sure that's part of the larger White House agenda.

In 2007 the National Academies released Beyond Bias and Barriers: Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering — the first step in an effort by the feminist lobby, lawmakers in Congress and several federal agencies to solve the "crisis" of women in science.

Last year the White House released Women in America, a report about the status of women in America today, which addressed the fact that "female students are less well-represented than men in science and technology-related fields, which typically lead to higher paying occupations."'

Journal "Science": 'Affirmative Action Policies Promote Women and Do Not Harm Efficiency in the Laboratory'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender differences in choosing to enter competitions are one source of unequal labor market outcomes concerning wages and promotions. Given that studying the effects of policy interventions to support women is difficult with field data because of measurement problems and potential lack of control, we evaluated, in a set of controlled laboratory experiments, four interventions: quotas, where one of two winners of a competition must be female; two variants of preferential treatment, where a fixed increment is added to women's performance; and repetition of the competition, where a second competition takes place if no woman is among the winners. Compared with no intervention, all interventions encourage women to enter competitions more often, and performance is at least equally good, both during and after the competition.'

Seton Academy for Girls will open enrollment to boys next year

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FALL RIVER — For the past 13 years, the Seton Academy for Girls has held strong as the only school in Fall River where parents can find an all-girls education for their young daughters. That legacy is going to change.

School leaders informed parents Friday that Seton Academy will admit boys for the 2012-2013 academic year.
...
“We loved that it was an all-girl school; however, realistically we had to decide if it was more important to stick to our original concept, or more important to give all students a full education,” Sturchio said.
...
Sturchio said the school surveyed families about its plans before making a final decision. Some families were not in favor of the change said they would support it if declining enrollment jeopardized the future of the school. Only one parent surveyed plans to pull a student from Seton as a result of the decision, Sturchio said.'

Mirkarimi prosecutor wants expert in battered women's syndrome to testify

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In many criminal prosecutions, the refusal of a victim to testify against a suspect might derail the case. Not so with domestic violence cases, such as that involving Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi.

Accused of misdemeanor domestic violence battery against his wife Eliana Lopez, Mirkarimi is scheduled to stand trial Feb. 24. Both husband and wife have publicly denied any abuse.

A neighbor reported the New Year's Eve incident to police, saying a tearful Lopez complained of violence and showed her a bruised arm. Lopez subsequently said the incident was "completely taken out of context" and that the criminal investigation was motivated by her husband's political enemies.
Lopez could refuse to testify at Mirkarimi's trial.

Prosecutor Elizabeth Aguilar Tarchi argued last week that testimony from a domestic violence specialist about battering and its effects was needed to help explain a behavior pattern that might not make sense to the average person.
...
"Recanting is very, very common and most of the time, when an expert is called by the prosecution, that's the reason why," Schrock said.'

Maine Governor LePage set to unveil domestic violence proposal

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Article here. Excerpt:

AUGUSTA — Gov. Paul LePage on Friday held an event designed to bring awareness to domestic violence.

The gathering in the State House Hall of Flags was a public service event. However, the governor also foreshadowed some upcoming initiatives he says will strengthen the state's domestic violence laws.

The details are expected to be released later this month in a package of bills sponsored by Republicans and Democrats.

...

The governor noted that the majority of abusers were men; therefore, he said, Maine's laws should be focused accordingly.

"We need to shift domestic violence from a women's problem to a men's problem," he said. "We need to speak up, stand up and man up against domestic violence."'

Follow-up from anthony: CDC Survey Shatters Gender Myths: Reports 1 in 4 Men are Victims of Domestic Violence

UK: Teacher faked 'slasher' stalking attack

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It triggered a police manhunt which resulted in an innocent man being arrested.

Frankcom, 41, mutilated her own hands with a kitchen knife and slapped herself in the face - then wrongly alleged her injuries were caused by a sinister assailant who attacked her three times in 12 weeks at her music shop and farmhouse home.

She also sent herself poison pen text messages and abusive Christmas cards saying: "It's your last bitch" and "You're dead bitch" and helped officers compile e-fit of the fictitious assailant.

Frankcom's husband Martin, also a musician, was so worried about the terror campaign he went on the internet and bought his wife a stab proof vest and a stun gun for protection.

Police staged a major operation to track down the stalker gave Frankcom police protection when she left work, referred their inquiries onto murder squad detectives and scrambled the force helicopter to search for suspects.

They eventually arrested an innocent man, held him for 18 hours and forced him to take part in an ID parade before releasing him without charge.'

Office of the Vice President: "1 is 2 Many"

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Linked to from an Office of Adolescent Health mailing-list email. Excerpt:

'Despite the significant progress made in reducing violence against women, there is still a long way to go. Young women still face the highest rates of dating violence and sexual assault. In the last year, one in 10 teens have reported being physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend. One in five young women have been sexually assaulted while they're in college.

In response to these alarming statistics, Vice President Biden is focusing his longstanding commitment to reducing violence against women specifically on teens and young women ages 16-24. By targeting the importance of changing attitudes that lead to violence and educating the public on the realities of abuse, the Vice President is leading the way in an effort to stop violence against women before it begins.'

From the mailing-list email:

'Of all females who have ever been raped, physically abused, or stalked by an intimate partner, almost 70 percent first had those experiences before age 25. And, of all rape victims, about 40 percent reported that they were first raped before age 18. The prevalence of dating violence varies across the country; find out more about this problem in your state with OAH's searchable map.

UK: 'We need gender studies to battle inequality across the board'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a period where women are haemorrhaging from the workforce, and when state welfare, elder care and childcare provisions are under attack, the wider social purpose of schooling – and the importance of the feminist lens in public policy and decision-making – are hoving into view.

As a group, women rely more upon the state to mitigate the disproportionate burden of care placed upon them, yet the government appears to be turning back the clock on women's equality, setting in motion a resurgence of feminist protest.

...

We have serious work to do to shift the norms. Teaching about gender is increasingly looked to as a way to make progress in a global culture that continues to uphold men and boys' entitlement to control women and girls.

...

The government's target is that 50% of new appointments to public boards should be held by women by 2015. While getting more female representation at senior levels of the public sector is a laudable goal, as is the goal of 25% female representation on corporate boards by 2015, I would also add to our list of demands that women and gender studies must be included in the national curriculum by that date.'

Judge Orders Florida Man To Take His Wife on a Date

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just in time for Valentine's Day, a Florida judge ruled on Tuesday that a man involved in a scuffle with his wife treat her to an evening at a local bowling alley and a romantic meal at Red Lobster.

Judge John Hurley ordered that Joseph Bray, 47 and his wife Sonja, 39, also visit a marriage counselor.

Hurley handed down this ruling instead of setting bond or slapping Bray with a prison sentence after he deemed domestic violence charges leveled by Bray's wife to be "very, very minor."

According to Bray's arrest affidavit, Bray and his wife got embroiled in a spat after he failed to wish her a happy birthday. Bray's wife claims that her husband shoved her against a sofa and grabbed her neck.

The judge, citing Bray's otherwise clean record and the incident's apparent lack of serious violence, did not consider Bray's behavior a major offense. However, Bray must follow the stipulations of Hurley's ruling very closely if he wants to avoid potential jail time.'

Why Women-Only Transit Options Have Caught On

anthony · 8 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This year marks the 100th anniversary of Japan's first women-only trains. The idea, back in 1912, was to spare young women the indignity of being ogled by admiring men.

Over the course of the century Japan's women-only trains were discontinued and resurrected several times until they were at last fully restored in late 2000. At that time, the term sekuhara – 'sexual harassment' – had become a bit of buzzword in the Japanese media, as stories of just how often most women were subjected to public groping began to receive more attention.
...
Japan is not the only country to offer women-only transportation. Cities in Indonesia, India, Brazil, and Russia operate similar programs, while women-only buses have gained popularity in cities in Guatemala, Mexico, and most recently, Pakistan.
...
Some Japanese men don't believe that women-only trains solve the groping problem. A few have even banded together to oppose the trains, claiming they aren't effective and smack of gender discrimination (against men) to boot.

"We think women-only cars came about more for political reasons than protecting women from gropers," says Hiroshi Fukuyama, a 41-year-old office worker in Tokyo who heads an opposition group to women-only trains that boasts about 300 members. What these cars really accomplish, he says, is helping politicians curry favor with voters and the train companies sell ads targeting women.

In fact, some of the women I spoke to confessed that their main reason for riding them was comfort – they tend to be less crowded and less smelly.'

Securing Equal Pay? There (Should Be) an App for That!

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ArticlE here. Excerpt:

'Last week, the Obama Administration launched the Equal Pay App Challenge. We're inviting software developers to help women ensure that they're being paid fairly -- which in turn will help restore an economy where everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same rules.

Right now, if you're a woman in the workforce, it can be surprisingly difficult to answer basic questions about equal pay: what's the typical salary for someone in your position? Should you be asking for more at the negotiating table? What are your fundamental legal rights?

When the Equal Pay App Challenge is over, you'll have information that helps you answer these questions, available right on your smartphone or computer. We believe that the same types of innovations that help you find movie times or get a great deal at a restaurant can help you protect your rights in the workforce.'

Australia: Pay decision a win for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fair Work Australia's decision on equal pay for community sector workers is a step forward for all Australian women, the Australian Services Union says.

Some 150,000 community sector workers, mostly women, have been awarded a pay rise by the industrial umpire in a landmark test case.

"We said we wanted to put a dent on the 18 per cent gender pay gap between men and women in Australia," ASU NSW and ACT branch secretary Sally McManus told reporters in Sydney today.'

Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Moves Ahead... Without Cornyn

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'Some of you may remember the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as a major Biden initiative from before he was cool (and by cool I mean Vice President). The National Organization for Women called it "the greatest breakthrough in civil rights for women in nearly two decades." Phyllis Schlafley called it proof "that the feminists control the Democratic Party." So you can guess where John Cornyn stands.
Last week, VAWA came up in the Senate Judiciary Committee for reauthorization. And while the Democrats on the committee voted it to the floor unanimously, Cornyn joined his Republican brethren in doing just the opposite. Fortunately, despite their best efforts, it's still moving on to a full floor vote.

Cornyn and the other Republicans on the committee tried to play down their opposition by pointing out that they supported an alternative of the bill. This "more fiscally responsible" alternative included things like shutting down the Office of Violence Against Women. And the version that did pass - they one they thought was too expensive - is already $135 million cheaper than the 2005 version. As with many other issues, this is the first time it's gotten really partisan. VAWA was passed in 1994 and has been reauthorized twice with bipartisan support.'

February PACHA Meeting to Focus on Women and Girls

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Link here. Excerpt:

'By Christopher Bates, M.P.A., Executive Director, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, and Senior Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Infectious Diseases, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) will convene February 28 and 29 in Washington, DC. Among the many items on the agenda for the 45th meeting of the PACHA, two are of particular note:

* A conversation with Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius on a variety of issues, including the implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy across HHS.
* PACHA will devote much of the first day of this meeting to an examination of the state of HIV/AIDS among women and girls in the U.S. and the nation's response. A number of speakers have been invited to address PACHA on issues including HIV/AIDS research, prevention, and access to care and treatment.'

SAVE E-lert: Tell your Senators to Support Grassley's Amendment, not Leahy's VAWA

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Last Thursday the Senate Judiciary Committee voted Sen. Leahy's version of the Violence Against Women Act out of committee with ten votes for and eight against. This was after Sen. Charles Grassley unsuccessfully proposed an amendment that would have added accountability and other improvements.

Your calls are the reason eight senators voted against VAWA last week. High fives all around!!!!!

While the DV industry is drumming up support for the passage of Leahy's VAWA, we can still take steps to stop their mismanagement of funds, insure the distribution of accurate information, end acts of discrimination, and more.

Sen. Grassley's amendment incorporates many of the provisions of SAVE's Partner Violence Reduction Act: http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/legislation/upload/EAS12031-Grassley-Sub.pdf

Today we'd like you to call your own senators and ask them to support Sen. Grassley's amendment instead of Sen. Leahy's VAWA. Locate your senators' phone numbers here

Please, call your senators right now!

We are on a roll! The ride is fabulous, isn't it?

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Dannon uses DV to 'appeal' to viewers during Super Bowl 2012

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In case you missed it, the ad can be seen on YouTube here.

Ways to contact Dannon are here. Feel free to let them know what you think of their sense of "humor" as well as whether or not you are inclined to buy their products now that you see how little respect they have for men's rights to be un-assaulted by wives and sweethearts, even if such men have a predilection for teasing ways to spoon-feed their female companions. Ask them if we would ever see the same thing happen in their ad but with the sexes were reversed? And if so, OK, then when can we expect to see that air and will it air with as great an audience as the Super Bowl had?

Equal justice update: Female teen slasher-strangler gets life

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Story here. Excerpt:

'JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Missouri teenager who had described the slaying of a young neighbor girl as an "ahmazing" thrill made an emotional apology Wednesday to the girl's family and was sentenced to a potential lifetime in prison.

Moments before her sentence was imposed, 18-year-old Alyssa Bustamante rose from her chair — with shackles linking her ankles and holding her hands to her waist — and turned to face the family of 9-year-old Elizabeth Olten, whom she confessed to killing in October 2009.
...
Cole County Circuit Judge Pat Joyce then sentenced Bustamante to the maximum possible sentence for second-degree murder — life in prison with the possibility of parole. She ordered the teenager to serve a consecutive 30-year term for armed criminal action, a charge resulting from her use of a knife to slit the throat and stab Elizabeth after she had strangled her into unconsciousness.'

Oklahoma Democrat Adds ‘Every Sperm Is Sacred’ Amendment To Personhood Bill

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'State Senator Constance Johnson of Oklahoma City has served Oklahoma’s 48th Senate District since 2005, but it was yesterday’s introduction of Senate Bill 1433 that really pushed her over the edge. The bill sought to define human life as beginning at the moment of conception, before it’s even implanted in the womb, and offers full legal protection to those tiny multicelled lumps. In the words of the bill, “the unborn child at every stage of development (has) all the rights, privileges, and immunities available to other persons, citizens, and residents of this state.”

Johnson submitted an amendment of her own to the bill, which would have added the language,

However, any action in which a man ejaculates or otherwise deposits semen anywhere but in a woman’s vagina shall be interpreted and construed as an action against an unborn child.'

System of injustice: Father says Utah law allowed 'illegal' adoption

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'Almost five years ago, he and his longtime girlfriend, Carie Terry, were living in Denver when they found out they were expecting a baby. He says they had talked about getting married.

"It was probably the happiest day of my life, finding out I would be a dad," he said.

Manzanares says at that point they were not even considering adoption.

He says that changed a few weeks later.

"She came back from her church service and stated to me that she would have to adopt this child to a Mormon family," Manzanares said.

He says she wanted the child raised in a two-parent, Mormon home.

The conversation about adoption ended the relationship and began Manzanares's legal fight to be a father.

"I stated from that day on that there was no way I'll allow my daughter to be adopted. I will fight for her no matter what," he said.

He filed a paternity action in Colorado District Court before his daughter's birth. Colorado established him as the father.'

UK: Giving divorced dads more rights could be 'dangerous', Ken Clarke says

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'Under plans unveiled by the Government on Monday, the law would be changed to stress the importance of children having contact with both parents.

Similar changes in Australia led to delays in resolving custody disputes, Mr Clarke cautioned, adding that there were "dangers" associated with doing so.

The move, confirming a report in Friday's The Daily Telegraph, will mean that children are for the first time to be given the legal right to have a proper relationship with both their parents after a divorce. stops short of the guarantee of equal access demanded by some fathers' rights groups.

But it contradicts one of the main findings of the family justice review by former Whitehall mandarin David Norgrove.

...

According to the Office for National Statistics, one in three children, equivalent to 3.8million, lives without their father. Ministers are particularly concerned about boys growing up without a strong male influence. Eight per cent of single parents in Britain are fathers.'

Trivializing abortion (while taking a swipe at men)

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'Janet Howell, a Democratic state senator in Virginia, does not want females who are thinking of an abortion to look at an ultrasound first. We know why this legislation was proposed and why she opposes it: The ultrasound is the biggest deterrent to abortion. A woman or girl not really happy with the choice of abortion surely is going to think twice again and likely walk out.

Rather than debate the actual question — should government participate in a medical decision no matter how odious it is? — Missus Howell decided to be clever and mock men by offering an amendment to require a rectal exam for men before they receive a prescription for Viagra.

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Prescribing a medication is not a medical procedure. And I am sure that any responsible doctor would not prescribe such medication without first examining the patient, doing a family history and the like.

Her proposal showed the unserious and hateful side of feminism. To trot out the trite, she “came of age” in the 1960s (Oberlin 1966) and she does not seem to have gotten over the fact that men and women are not the same. Yes, they have equal rights — voting, jury duty, jobs — but men and women are not the same. Women have babies. Men don’t. In the development of the “right” to abortion on demand, society has decided men have no say in an abortion, and yet if a woman keeps a baby the man is on the hook for child support payments until the kid is 18.'

Maine Governor's PSA excludes women as DV perps or men as victims

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From a reader via email:

Maine's Governor has a new PSA* in his campaign for insane laws against men. This was unveiled this week with his repeated statements to the press (and by the press) that men are mostly responsible for DV and it is women and children who are the victims. Contact form is here.

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*Use Internet Explorer to view. Firefox didn't work, at least not for me.

'Possessed' mother found with blood-covered baby after 'slitting her throat' in same woods where ex-boyfriend was found dead

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'A mother allegedly slashed her nine-month-old baby's throat just months after telling a pastor she could be possessed and might hurt the girl.

Bradie Simpson, 39, of Camdenton, Missouri, was found in woods 225ft from her home as she held the baby covered in blood with a neck wound.

It comes months after the body of her ex-boyfriend, the baby's father, was found in the same woods last September, reported ABC affiliate KSPR.'

Missing gender difference's relevance

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'There is a brand of rhetoric within feminism that I find incredibly troubling. It is one that embraces dichotomy, reinforces old myths about gender identity and runs counter to common goals of feminist movements. An example of this sort of rhetoric is Eve Ensler's 'girl cell' monologue presented at tedtalks, India in November 2009. Ensler describes the 'girl cell,' which amounts to an embodiment of feminine stereotypes. She argues that everyone has a girl cell within them and that it is integral to the survival of humankind that we foster and express our girl cells. Ensler's view-- while certainly dramatic and biologically perplexing-- is not an isolated or fringe one within feminism. Well-meaning feminists I've spoken to, both on campus and through my regular internet haunts, feel particularly invested in incorporating 'feminist principles' into current institutions or doing away with those institutions altogether to invent new ones based on these principles. Like Ensler's girl cell, feminist principles are ideas, attributes and traits that have been historically prescribed to those of us born with ovaries. Institutions, organizations and any other collection of humans or their endeavours that do not embody these traits are seen as sexist, perpetuating patriarchy or misogynistic.'

New York hotel maids to be given 'panic buttons'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Large New York hotels plan to equip their housekeepers and staff with portable alarms so they get help quickly in case of trouble, officials said Wednesday.

Any staff member who must enter guests rooms, such as maids, waiters and mini-bar attendants, will be given the "panic buttons" within the next year, said Lisa Linden, spokeswoman for the Hotel Association of New York.

She declined to link the electronic alarms to the case of French politician Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the former International Monetary Fund chief who was accused of sexually assaulting maid, Nafissatou Diallo, at the Sofitel in New York in May. The charges against him were eventually dropped.

"It has been under discussion for some time," Linden said.'

NY City must not ban boys' sports in new schools

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'In 2010, the New York City Department of Education was slapped with a lawsuit for its failure to comply with Title IX regulations and provide equal athletic opportunities for girls and boys in New York City high schools. In an attempt to correct this imbalance, the Department of Education has put an embargo on the creation of new boys' teams altogether — effectively discriminating against boys in new schools and continuing to disparage girls in existing schools.

In New York City there is nearly an 8 percent difference between the number of girls who are enrolled in the district and the number of female student-athletes. If this gap were closed, it would allow an additional 17,000 girls to participate in a sport. In order to close it, the DOE is relying on new schools to establish a better balance. By granting solely girls' teams in new schools, and denying opportunities for boys, the administration hopes the imbalance will work itself out over time.'

Pentagon to Lift Some Restrictions on Women in Combat

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Pentagon on Thursday will propose rule changes that will allow more women to formally serve in jobs closer to the front lines.

Defense officials say as many as 14,000 positions could be opened up, though the restrictions on women serving in infantry combat units will remain in place.

The rule change reflects the ongoing reality that in a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, women were already dying in combat with the blurring of the traditional definition of front lines. Nearly 300,000 women have served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and 144 of them have died in those conflicts.

The rule change is included in a report required by Congress as part of last year's Defense Authorization Bill that has been overdue for months. The new rules likely will not go into effect until the summer if Congress raises no objections to the change.'

UK: City in backlash over PM's plan to put more women on boards as Cameron refuses to rule out 'golden skirt' quotas

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Article here. Excerpt:

'David Cameron faced a business backlash last night after warning that companies could be forced to appoint more women to their boards.

The Prime Minister refused to rule out the introduction of so-called ‘golden skirt’ quotas if business leaders fail to meet government demands for more females in top jobs.

In his strongest threat yet to business leaders, Mr Cameron said the promotion of women needed to be ‘accelerated’. The Government has already set voluntary quotas for business leaders to more than double the number of women in boardrooms by 2015.'

A more peaceful world if women in charge?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Would the world be more peaceful if women were in charge? A challenging new book by the Harvard University psychologist Steven Pinker says that the answer is “yes.”

In The Better Angels of Our Nature, Pinker presents data showing that human violence, while still very much with us today, has been gradually declining. Moreover, he says, “over the long sweep of history, women have been and will be a pacifying force. Traditional war is a man’s game: tribal women never band together to raid neighboring villages.” As mothers, women have evolutionary incentives to maintain peaceful conditions in which to nurture their offspring and ensure that their genes survive into the next generation.

Skeptics immediately reply that women have not made war simply because they have rarely been in power. If they were empowered as leaders, the conditions of an anarchic world would force them to make the same bellicose decisions that men do. Margaret Thatcher, Golda Meir, and Indira Gandhi were powerful women; all of them led their countries to war.'

Man drowns attempting to rescue already-rescued girlfriend

Matt · 10 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Read this one carefully. This is pretty damned suspicious. Excerpt:

'Authorities say the Tennessee River's current was swift when 25-year-old Christopher Heaton jumped in the water to rescue his girlfriend.

Heaton, of Jasper, Tenn., had driven to Bridgeport, Ala., to meet his girlfriend Tuesday evening. He arrived at their meeting place near a boat ramp to see her car sinking as it was swept down the river, said Jackson County Chief Deputy Rocky Harnen. Witnesses told police Heaton immediately dived into the water.

But the woman -- whom police haven't named -- escaped from the car and was helped from the water by fisherman at a ramp only 20 yards away, Harnen said.
...

Family members said in an obituary notice that Heaton believed a small child was trapped in the car. Investigators found a child's car seat in the vehicle when it was pulled from the river.

Harnen said investigators don't know why the woman drove her truck to the edge of the boat ramp.

He said the woman told police she saw Heaton jump into the river but couldn't tell if he saw her in the water.'

Kelly accuser’s memory of ‘rape’ but not of sex killed her case: sources

citizend · 10 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. That's right, liars- as long as you are consistent, the hands of justice are tied. Nevermind the ruined lives. Excerpt:

'She insisted she was raped - she just couldn't remember actually having sex.

Maria Di Toro, the woman who accused Greg Kelly of raping her in a Financial District law office, admitted she had no memory of the alleged attack — making it impossible for investigators to pursue a case against the Fox 5 TV anchor, sources said yesterday.

“Not remembering is not tantamount to being raped,” one source said a day after prosecutors announced they’re dropping their probe of Police Commissioner Ray Kelly’s youngest son.

Di Toro, 29, told investigators that she got so drunk the night she left her boyfriend at home to go out with the popular TV newsman that she blacked out on everything that happened after they left the bar to adjourn to the nearby firm where she works as a paralegal.'

Mom Who Threw Tot in NY River Can Go Home to India

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A mother who tossed her toddler into the Hudson River after suddenly spiraling into psychosis can return to her native India and her children, a judge said Friday after she reached a rare form of agreement with prosecutors to resolve her attempted-murder case.

Devi Silvia will continue treatment and medication in India, with New York authorities monitoring her progress during five years of probation.

Her lawyers called it a just result for a woman whose conduct was driven by a mental illness that emerged only in the days before she threw her daughter into the chilly river off Manhattan's Upper West Side, then leaped in herself, in May 2010.'

Geometry, Not Gender: Study Shows Why Women, and Some Men, Are at Greater Risk for ACL Injuries

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'Much orthopaedic research has been devoted to determining why women are far more susceptible to knee ligament injuries than men. According to a new study, the answer may lie in geometry – the length and shape of a patient's knee bone – more than gender.

Research recently published in the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery (JBJS), compared magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans of male and female athletes with non-contact anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries with those of athletes who participated in similar, at-risk sports but without a history of ligament injury.
...
The study found that most of the women (those who had ACL injuries and those who did not) and only the ACL-injured men shared a common geometry on the outside of their knee joint: The upper part of their shin bone at the joint (tibial plateau) was much shorter and more rounded. This may help to explain why women have an ACL injury rate that is two-to-five times greater than that of men.
...
The findings also may explain why women have a higher rate of ACL injuries, and yet the rate of re-injury is the same among men and women.'

Why Almost Everyone Needs a Prenup

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Asking for a prenup--a legal agreement that specifies how couples will divide assets if they divorce--doesn't exactly sound like a romantic gesture. After all, couples marry for love, not money, so who needs to work out the nitty-gritty financial details of a break-up that the couple hopes will never happen?
...
Everyone does, insists Silvana Raso, matrimonial attorney with the Englewood Cliffs, N.J.-based law firm Schepisi & McLaughlin. "There's not a single person who couldn't benefit from a prenup, even if you're going into marriage with little assets," says Raso. "You might accumulate assets during the marriage, and even a young couple embarking on their own careers wants to make sure that what they acquire during marriage isn't just left up to a judge to divide," she adds.
...

Many couples today enter marriage on relatively equal terms, with both spouses working and building careers, says Raso. Then, if they have children, one spouse often scales back workforce ambitions to spend more time at home. "They put their career on the back burner, and that limits their earning power substantially," she says.

As a result, she always asks couples what they think about alimony in the event of a divorce. "People are often surprised to hear their partner's reaction. If their spouse doesn't want to pay alimony, that might convince you to keep working," she says.
...
Some states, including Texas and California, are known as community property states, which means couples' assets are usually divided in half regardless of circumstances. That means couples who wouldn't want an equal division need a prenup to prevent it.

Raso says prenups are like life insurance policies--no one likes thinking about either worst-case scenario, but having plans in place can ease the stress of a painful life event. Says Raso, "It's not romantic, but it's realistic."'

Poor Turnout For Men's Group Symposium

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Article here. Excerpt:

'BOZEMAN, Mont. -- An MSU men's group says they're disappointed but not surprised by a lack of attendance at their "Men's Issue's" event, Thursday night.

The MSU chapter of the National Coalition for Men organized a symposium to raise awareness of problems in men's lives.

The group geared the event towards fraternity students at the college and invited speakers to talk about things like men's rights when it comes to sexual misconduct investigations on-campus.

No one showed up to the event but organizers say the lack of attendence is not due to a lack of interest.

"One of the fraternity boys, I was working out at the gym, and he walked up to me, 'Hey, hey, you're the guy that did the presentation on the men's group, right?' He didn't want anyone to hear that he was talking about this in public. He was very interested in it, but didn't want anyone to know that he was interested in men's rights, men's issues. So, that kind of shows why no one turned out," says President of the MSU chapter of the National Coalition for Men Chris Thompson.
...
"Just this strong, strong, social condemnation of men standing up for themselves. They're supposed to stand up for other people but not for themselves," says Straughan.'

Complaints to DOJ re discrimination against battered men

Matt · 12 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc A.:

If you have specific instances of discrimination against male DV victims by any government-funded DV program anywhere in the U.S., I encourage you to send all evidence you have to the following federal agencies as a complaint, and state that this violates United States Code, Title 42, Section 3789d(c)(1)*. Give them as much evidence as you can. They are supposed to investigate it. I made the complaint about a year ago and after many months they wrote back saying "insufficient evidence" and that they would need more info such as dates and times of the discrimination, names of the programs and contact info, names and contact info of witnesses, documents or records, and a detailed chronological narrative. I'm going to send another complaint with more info, but I encourage others to do the same. The more the better.

You can send the complaints by email, mail, or both. Send them to:

Office of Civil Rights
Office of Justice Programs
U.S. Department of Justice
810 7th Street, NW
Washington, DV 20531

Office of the Inspector General
inspector.general-at-usdoj.gov
oig.hotline-at-usdoj.gov

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*"(1) No person in any State shall on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin, **or sex** be excluded from participation in, **be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under** or denied employment in connection with any programs or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this chapter."

NY Times Anti-Violence Editorial Shortchanges Victims, SAVE Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To address these shortcomings, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments has developed the Partner Violence Reduction Act, which amends and strengthens the current Violence Against Women Act (6).

"The New York Times editorial calls on Republican lawmakers to 'explain to voters why they refuse to get behind the federal fight against domestic violence and sexual assaults.' But victims of domestic violence are demanding that Times editorialists go beyond partisan posturing, and ask why so many VAWA programs aren't meeting basic expectations of accountability and effectiveness," according to SAVE spokesman Philip W. Cook.'

CDC Study hides DV against men

Anonymous · 13 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Last month the CDC released its National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey. The media coverage stressed the harm to women from intimate partner violence. A lot of the controversy surrounds its expanded definition of rape to include sex while high or drunk. But in the meantime, nobody noticed the data it hid about male victims of physical violence.

I've put up an article on http://batteredmen.com/NISVS.htm to refute that. My summary highlights the data they hid:

According to a 2010 national survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Department of Justice, in the last 12 months more men than women were victims of intimate partner physical violence and over 40% of severe physical violence was directed at men. Men were also more often the victim of psychological aggression and control over sexual or reproductive health. Despite this, few services are available to male victims of intimate partner violence.

They tried to define some new areas of domestic violence, psychological abuse and control over sexual / reproductive health ("refused to use condom, tried to get pregnant") Guess what - more men than women were victims of these two forms of violence.

Their summary stresses how much women are victimized, and barely mentions men.

Please spread the word - get the info out that men are abused.

Bert
Bert H. Hoff
WebMaster, MenWeb and MenWeb Battered Men
http://www.batteredmen.com/

UK: Father in IVF case seeks fuller role in life of son now living with mother and lesbian partner

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Court of Appeal last week heard an appeal concerning the contact arrangements for a son conceived by IVF treatment. The child lives with his mother and her lesbian partner. The father, who had been married to the mother in a 'marriage of convenience', is seeking staying contact and holiday contact with the boy, now two years old.

The mother claims that prior to conception the father had agreed that the mother and her partner would be primary parents of the child. It was agreed, she says, that the father would not seek to enforce his 'paternal rights'. The father claims that he was more than a mere sperm donor and wishes to play a fuller role in the boy's life.

Alex Verdan QC of 4 Paper Buildings, for the father, urged the court not to allow the father's relationship with his son to 'wither on the vine' at the current level of contact. Charles Howard QC of 1 king's Bench Walk, for the mother, warned that emotional damage could be caused by 'shuttling' the son between two homes and that such an arrangement had never been agreed.

The Court of Appeal, comprising Lord Justice Thorpe, Lady Justice Black and Sir John Chadwick, has reserved its judgment.'

Please lodge anti-circumcision submissions with Medicaid / CMS (Deadline 17 Feb. 2012)

Minuteman · 14 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

This is a response to the document “Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Programs: Transparency Reports and Reporting of Physician Ownership or Investment Interests” [regulations.gov Docket No. CMS-2011-0191, FR Doc No: 2011-32244] (http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=CMS-2011-0191-0001).

The deadline for submissions is 17 February 2012.

This submission can be made by anybody from any country around the world.

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Response to “Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Programs: Transparency Reports and Reporting of Physician Ownership or Investment Interests” [regulations.gov Docket No. CMS-2011-0191, FR Doc No: 2011-32244]

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to “Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Programs: Transparency Reports and Reporting of Physician Ownership or Investment Interests” [regulations.gov Docket No. CMS-2011-0191, FR Doc No: 2011-32244]. This response document shall briefly address the important role that increased transparency and public awareness of financial relationships between drug and device manufacturers and certain health care providers has to play in safeguarding patients against government agencies regulatory failures; in filling information gaps on exculpatory consent forms regarding the use of foreskin and other healthy tissue excised from minors; and the need for greater transparency to help safeguard patients from the potential clinical bias of physicians and teaching hospitals in receipt of NIH research funding.

Medicaid and circumcision

Circumcision of male minors, in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, is a controversial practice within the medical profession (KNMG 2010; Smith 2011), with doubts having been raised in the professional literature about whether it is even lawful to circumcise, and to allow the circumcision, of healthy boys at the expense of Medicaid (Adler 2011). Despite this, more than 1.14 million circumcision procedures were performed on male infants in U.S. hospitals in the year 2009 (AHRQ 2011), with hospitals in states in which Medicaid continues to cover circumcision of male minors in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, having circumcision rates higher than states where it does not (CDC 2011). Thus at the outset, a stipend

from the state acts as an incentive for physicians to subject minors to a controversial medical procedure, in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, and one that will continue to dilute other government expenditures and initiatives aimed at improving child and infant health (HHS 2011a).

FDA, circumcision devices and regulatory failure

In 2000, the Food and Drug Administration [FDA] issued a public health notice about safety concerns regarding Gomco [and Gomco-type] circumcision clamps and Mogen [and Mogen-type] circumcision clamps, having received approximately 20 injury reports a year between 1996-2000 including lacerations, hemorrhaging, penile amputation and urethral damage (FDA 2000).

As of September 2011, the FDA has received a further 139 reports of problems related to circumcision clamps, including 51 injuries, twenty-one of those which were related to Mogen-type clamps, all but one of which involved injuries (Hennessy-Fiske 2011).

Despite this, the FDA has yet to issue a recall on any circumcision devices, and many physicians and teaching hospitals continue to use Gomco- and Mogen-type circumcision clamps (Hennessy-Fiske 2011).

On the 13 December 2011, the OIG published a report critical of the FDA's failure to oversee states inspections of food facilities (OIG 2011a), suggesting the possibility that more systemic problems exist within the agency, impacting it's ability to perform it's basic regulatory functions.

Increased transparency and public awareness of financial relationships between drug and device manufacturers and certain health care providers thus has an important role to play in safeguarding patients against government agencies regulatory failure, and one that must take precedence over drug and device manufacturers professed concern for increased regulatory and administrative 'burden'.

Foreskin-derived medical and cosmetic products and the informed consent of donors

Foreskins excised from minors in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, almost invariably present in a normal healthy state, and as such their excision and preservation contributes little to the study of the pathology of disease. Further, the most promising advances in the field of cellular regeneration research, are to be found in cell lines derived from adult sources including dental pulp cells (Authur et al 2008), uterine cells (Bock 2011) and bone marrow cells (Wada et al 2011); and diagnostic and therapeutic application of patient-derived cells (HHS 2011b; Pasca et al 2011), rather than cell lines derived from the excised healthy foreskins of minors.

Products derived from foreskins excised en masse from minors in the absence of clear and present immediate medical indications, are frequently utilised in the commercial medical product, and more especially cosmetics industries (Advanced Healing 2011; Ballantyne 2009; LifeCell 2012; Organogenesis 2011; Pitman 2008; SkinMedica 2011). As observed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Human Research Protections, “Changing technology in the field of genomics has dramatically increased the amount and nature of information about individuals that can be obtained from their DNA” (OHRP 2011). Valid concerns therefore exist for the future privacy of children whose healthy tissues are likely to be acquired by commercial interests in the cosmetic and medical product industries - and may be retained indefinitely - due to presently unforeseeable technological advances in the field of genomics.

Doubts exist about the appropriateness of utilising products derived from foreskin and other healthy tissue excised from minors, in the cosmetic and medical product industries, on the basis of exculpatory consent forms signed by parents and legal guardians of minors, and whether it is appropriate for parents and legal guardians to give explicit consent for these purposes.

The provision of information to parents on circumcision consent forms about the storage, transfer, processing, sale or any other use of excised healthy foreskins is unstudied. However, a survey conducted by Schaefer et al (2011) of consent forms from U.S. in vitro fertilization clinics and the provision of information to egg donors of the potential

for embryonic research using donated eggs, concluded that “egg donors in the United States, including some who may have a moral objection to research and stem cell research, are not being informed that embryos created with their donated eggs may in fact be used for these purposes”, suggesting the possibility that incomplete information is also being provided to parents about the use of foreskin and other healthy tissue excised from minors. Similarly, information about the original source of human skins cells used in cosmetic and medical products, is ominously absent from the websites of some manufacturers who utilise foreskin-derived ingredients in their products (LifeCell 2012; SkinMedica 2011).

Increased transparency and public awareness of financial relationships between drug and device manufacturers and certain health care providers thus has an important role to play in filling information gaps on exculpatory consent forms regarding the use of foreskin and other healthy tissue excised from minors, and one that must take precedence over drug and device manufacturers professed concern for increased regulatory and administrative 'burden'.

Safeguarding patients from the potential for clinic bias resulting from NIH research funding

In 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General [OIG] published a series of audit reports revealing that throughout the fiscal years 2000-2010, institutes under the aegis of the National Institutes of Health [NIH], did not comply with the time and amount requirements specified in appropriations statutes, in awarding federal contracts to commercial partners, committing the federal government to tens of millions of dollars of expenditure ahead of appropriation of funds from Congress. Specific examples involving the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases [NIAID] include Contract N01-AI-15416 with the University of California at San Francisco (OIG 2011b), Contract N01-AI-3-0052 with Avecia Biologics Limited (OIG 2011c), Contract HHSN266-2006-00015C with NexBio, Inc. (OIG 2011d) and Contract HHSN272-2008-00013C with the EMMES Corporation (OIG 2011e).

During this time, federal agencies also funded and sponsored research conducted abroad, that would be unlikely to receive ethical approval to be conducted in the United States, incorporating the excision of healthy tissue from subjects in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication . Specific examples include NIAIDs sponsorship and funding of ClinicalTrials.gov registered trials NCT00059371 and NCT00425984 (Bailey et al 2007; Gray et al 2007). Consent forms for these trials failed to include then known information, from the professional medical literature, about the importance to mens sexual health of the foreskin and other tissues removed by circumcision (Taylor et al 1996).

Of concern, is that the results of the above trials are increasingly being used to justify the en masse circumcision of male minors in the absence of clear and present immediate medical indications, both in the United States and abroad, and in the former instance, at the expense of Medicaid (CDC 2011; Kim 2011).

To help inform patients of potential clinical bias of physicians in receipt of NIH research funding, it is imperative that the proposed publicly accessible, centralised website be expanded to include NIH grants awarded to physicians and teaching hospitals. This could be accomplished with minimal burden by cross-referencing the names of physicians and teaching hospitals with grant information already available through sources such as ClinicalTrials.gov.

Conclusion and Action Required

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Susan Douglas speaks to launch Women's Week

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Douglas — author, columnist and cultural critic — first garnered attention in 1994 when she published her book, Where the Girls Are: Growing Up Female with the Mass Media. Today, she continues to analyze the normalization of anti-feminism and the mixed messages women receive in mass media.

“Effectively feminism has been … vilified in the media,” Douglas said. In fact, feminism in the media is the “ideological equivalent of anthrax,” she said.

Douglas said a stigma still exists around feminists, who are dismissed as social pariahs and wrongfully cemented as extremists and man-haters.
...
According to Douglas, women’s achievements are overrepresented in the media as a way to promote fantasies of power. These attempts are transparent, she said, because gratifying images of success “mask how much still remains to be done for women.”

This speaks to the relationship between embedded feminism, the desire to highlight women’s success in the media, and enlightened sexism, a more subtle form of sexism that embraces achievements on the surface but ultimately repudiates feminism.'

F&F: Fathers and Families Welcomes New Leadership

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is with equal measures of regret and optimism that I announce Glenn Sacks' decision to resign his post as Executive Director of Fathers and Families. Fathers and Families grew faster during the past three years under Glenn's leadership than it has at any point since I helped found it 14 years ago. To my personal regret, Glenn has decided to move on. (see Glenn's statement below).

Beginning five years ago, I sat with Glenn and his family in his California back yard, trying to cajole him into joining Fathers and Families. I knew I was talking to a special talent. As a journalist and blogger, Glenn had amassed the biggest audience in the world on gender-related issues as seen from the male point of view, including reform of the family courts. He wrote and spoke with precision, a solid grasp of the facts, balance, and with respect for both men and women.
...

I also approach this transition with optimism. The Board of Directors has appointed Rita Fuerst Adams as our new Executive Director. Rita has been an invaluable behind-the-scenes advisor to Fathers and Families since 2003. She knows our operations, personnel, and issues backwards and forwards. She has already proven herself a hard-driving, tireless leader, a relentless organizer, and an inspiring motivator. Now she makes the transition to Executive Director.
...
When asked why she accepted the position as ExecutiveDirector, Rita responded, "I believe Fathers and Families is poised to bring about fundamental social change. We are opening doors with our simple message of shared parenting and gender equality, with equal rights and responsibilities for fathers and mothers. We will make this the norm and the expectation in every state. I believe anything less penalizes innocent children."'

Articles list on Jewish intactivism

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From the author of these articles:

Here are some new articles on Jewish Intactivism that I've published this year. Please like them on Facebook and Google+, and share and promote them on Tumbler, and your other social networks.

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Peaceful parenting: The Intactivist Movement Within Judaism
http://www.drmomma.org/2011/10/intactivist-movement-within-judaism.html

Jewish Voices: The Current Judaic Movement to End Circumcision: Part 1
http://www.intactnews.org/node/104/1311886091/jewish-voices-current-judaic-movement-end-circumcision-part-1

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http://www.intactnews.org/node/105/1311886372/jewish-voices-current-judaic-movement-end-circumcision-part-2

Jewish Voices: The Current Judaic Movement to End Circumcision: Part 3
http://www.intactnews.org/node/112/1313862929/jewish-voices-current-judaic-movement-end-circumcision-part-3

Jews Speak Out in Favor of Banning Circumcision on Minors
http://www.intactnews.org/node/103/1311885181/jews-speak-out-favor-banning-circumcision-minors

Eradicating Circumcision: Judaism, Intactivism, & Human Rights ...
http://www.restoringtally.com/blog/2011/10/eradicating-circumcision-judaism-intactivism-human-rights

The Guggie Daily: Jewish Intactivism: Resources
http://guggiedaly.blogspot.com/2011/09/jewish-intactivism.html

The Guggie Daily: Jewish Intactivism Part II
http://guggiedaly.blogspot.com/2011/11/jewish-intactivism-part-ii.html

The Intactivist Movement Within Judaism
http://www.savingsons.org/2011/10/intactivist-movement-within-judaism.html

Jewish Writers Write on Intactivism
http://www.thewholenetwork.org/14/post/2011/12/jewish-intactivists-write-on-circumcision.html

Many Jews Oppose Circumcision
http://www.thewholenetwork.org/14/post/2011/8/the-many-jews-who-oppose-circumcision.html

Jewish Critics of Circumcision Growing More Vocal
http://www.circinfo.org/Jews_against_circumcision.html

My Body, My Choice: Ban Non-Consensual Circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Like countless men who have been circumcised, I'm angry about what was taken from me. If I could go back in time to the moment before this was done to me, I would use any means necessary to stop it. I wish there'd been a law against it. I've spent many nights ruminating in grief. I know other men like me who have sunk into deep depression while wrestling with the pain of this violation.
...
While circumcision may not reduce a man's desire to make love to himself, it irrevocably reduces his capacity to experience sexual pleasure. ...
...
From where I sit, arguments like Goldstein's sound like hate speech. If a man said he needed to cut off part of a woman's genitals in order to make her "more like a man," he'd rightly be ostracized. Why do we, as a progressive community, let this kind of dehumanization of men go unchallenged? Yes, male violence against women is a huge social problem and must be addressed. Inflicting irreversible harm onto our innocent sons' genitals is not the answer.

Which part of your daughter's body would you cut off to prevent a disease? Which part of her genitals would you cut off because you believe that God commanded you to do so? Well if you wouldn't cut your daughter, why is it OK to cut your son?

Abolishing infant circumcision would benefit the Jewish people. Rabbi Lerner rightly mentions that we've left behind numerous Torah commandments in the dustbin of history, such as stoning people to death and taking slaves from neighboring nations. Did giving up those divine dictates harm the Jews or make us more righteous and compassionate?'

SAVE's Accusing U. Project Set to Launch

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Via email:

This week SAVE is introducing a new campaign to combat the Department of Education's Directive regarding rape and sexual assault on college campuses across the nation.

The DED has lowered its standard of what constitutes probable cause when an allegation of a sexual assault is reported. Here's an example; if you have a drink with a woman and then become intimate, you are now at risk of being charged with rape if she later regrets her decision.

Accusing U. is a new campaign developed by SAVE, aimed at reversing the government's directive and educating students across the country on this new assault on students' rights.

Please sign our petition, join the Accusing U. Facebook page, and pass along this information to any college students you know! Visit the Accusing U. webpage: www.accusingu.org

Sincerely,

Tom Lemons, Director of Special Events
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Obama's Valentine's Day advice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Obama has a warning for America's men: don't forget today is February 14th.

"Let me start with a quick public service announcement to all the gentlemen out there: today is Valentine's Day. Do not forget," Obama said during remarks Tuesday. "I speak from experience here. It is important that you remember this."

"And go big. That's my advice," the president added.'

UK: Police in Valentine's Day domestic abuse warning

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Det Sgt Chloe Webber said there were "many factors at this time" which may lead to a relationship becoming abusive.

Calls about domestic abuse last year fell 18.5% around Valentine's Day, but she said the warning was a "timely reminder".

Det Sgt Webber said: "Valentine's Day can be extremely special for some people but unfortunately for others this is not always the case.

"There are many factors at this time which affect relationships, such as high expectations, stress, and financial pressure which may lead to a relationship becoming abusive."
...
A spokeswoman said: "There is no statistical evidence which suggests Valentine's Day is a pinch point for people."

Det Sgt Webber said the drop in reports over Valentine's Day "may have been because of the awareness campaign in the last couple of years".

She said: "Three or four year ago we had anecdotal evidence from officers of an increase in domestic violence over the Valentine's Day period.'

New Zealand: Domestic abuse charity subverts Valentine's Day messages of love

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Article here. Excerpt;

'A domestic abuse charity in has turned the sentimentality of Valentine's Day on its head with a campaign that highlights the darker side of love for some women.

New Zealand's Women's Refuge is placing Valentine's Day cards with a traditional exterior and a sinister message inside in retailers in Auckland and Wellington.

According to Women's Refuge, some regions of New Zealand saw a near 100% spike in the numbers of women seeking help over the Christmas period for violent abuse, with a 12% increase last year in the numbers of women and children using their safe houses.

"We designed the campaign to encourage conversations and help those suffering to make a change," said Livia Esterhazy GM at Saatchi & Saatchi Wellington.'

Boys falling behind girls in education, experts look for solutions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the first time in U.S. History a generation of sons will have less education than their fathers while girls are graduating from college in record numbers. Women have also become a majority of the workforce.

Many believe the gap is beginning at a young age. Stereotypes, lack of support programs and education are several of many factors hindering boys' progression, experts say.

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In the last three decades, hundreds of federal programs and initiatives have been created to help girls continue and finish their education. But no such programs exist for boys, according to Dr. Warren Farrell. He is part of the effort to change that, with the Proposal for a White House Council on Boys to Men. The commission identified five areas of problems at crisis level: education, emotional health, physical health, work and father involvement.

According to Lois Collins, a reporter with the Deseret News who has researched the topic extensively, said that the biggest catalyst to change would be putting fathers back in homes with their sons, giving the in-house role models.'

CDC Request for Information on Youth Violence (Deadline 21 Feb 2012)

Minuteman · 15 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here (click the PDF icon, 160kb). Excerpt:

'SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is seeking on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services information for an anticipated Surgeon General response to the public health problem of youth violence.
...
Potential Areas of Focus: CDC is interested in receiving information on the following:

(1) What is the extent of the problem and its consequences.
(2) What are the differences in youth violence prevalence among subgroups and communities and how might they inform prevention approaches.
(3) What is the availability and adaptability of evidence-based prevention programs.

Purpose of Notice: The purpose of this notice is to provide individuals and organizations the opportunity to identify issues and areas of need for consideration as we gather information to inform the Surgeon General's document on youth violence. All comments will receive careful consideration.'

Boys do better than girls when taught under traditional reading methods

fondueguy · 15 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The use of more traditional phonetics-based lessons helps boys catch up with girls - even doing better on some tests - and prevents some children from needing 'special' schooling, according to new research findings.

A study of synthetic phonics also found children from disadvantaged backgrounds do as well as those from better off homes.
...
They have been introduced after damning revelations that four in 10 children have failed to master the three Rs by the time they leave primary school.
...
Boys were 20 months ahead while girls were 14 months more advanced than expected.
...
"All children can get the most out of learning to read using synthetic phonics.
...
"Teachers told us they had fewer disciplinary problems and less trouble in the playground because boys were succeeding and had higher self esteem."'

Malawi: Episcopal Bishops Endorse Male Circumcision as HIV Prevention Measure

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Episcopal Conference of Malawi (ECM), a college of all catholic bishops in the country, has endorsed government's proposal for the adaptation of medical male circumcision as a mean for HIV prevention.

However, ECM General Secretary Father George Buleya said the endorsement is on condition that Catholics should be accessing the service in catholic health facilities only.

"We have taken this stand on the understanding that circumcision contravenes no Biblical teachings" said Father Buleya. The cleric said while they have adopted male circumcision, the Catholic Church was still against the use of condoms as an HIV preventive measure. Various researches are agreeing that male circumcision can reduce HIV transmission by 60 percent, on top of reducing by 100 percent transmission of other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) such as gonorrhea and syphilis. Apart from that, it is also believed that male circumcision greatly reduces risk of cervical cancer in women.'

Children´s Rights Organization In Sweden Skews Boys' Suicide Statistics

Anonymous · 15 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

From GenusNytt ("Gender News"), article here.

'Association BRIS - Children's Rights in Society http://www.bris.se/?pageID=61

Notice a statistical trick in the report they have recently sent out. It results in a clear prevalence of girls.

As you can see in their table below is the boys' percentage of young people with suicidal problems being 12.2 percent (while girls account for only 87.1 per cent).

Anyone who goes to the National Centre for Suicide Research and looks at their statistics on completed suicide - which is probably much worse than going into suicidal thoughts - get a totally different picture. Their statistics show that between the ages of 15-24 years is 74 percent of those who committed suicide boys-- that is about three boys to each girl.'

Comment by Ulf:
Misandry is surrounding boys when they are alive and misandry haunt the boys when they´re dead, by creative statistics from a "children´s rights organization". Is there any hope at all for the destructive race called "mankind"?

News submitted by

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Wanted: An Honest Discussion About the Violence Against Women Act

Matt · 16 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But this year Republicans, previously feminist-pecked, are taking a harder than usual look at VAWA. Senator Charles Grassley, ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, has had the audacity to offer a counterpoint bill that, while not perfect, would introduce more stringent accounting policies and altogether eliminate the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women. Headed by Susan Carbon, this office administers VAWA, doling out grants nationwide for shelters, often staffed by feminist ideologues, and law enforcement training, often grounded in feminist theory.

The Office on Violence Against Women's budget request this year is $454,898,000, and, while that is certainly less than was poured down a green rat hole on Solyndra, it should raise eye-brows in economically tough times.

What is at stake in deciding whether to reauthorize VAWA is not whether domestic violence is a serious problem—it is. To the extent that VAWA has made the public aware of this, it is to be applauded. But unfortunately VAWA activists have primarily sought to use the law and their funding to further the feminist cause, which is not always the same as the cause of women.

The "must-arrest" policy advanced in VAWA, for example, may sound like a winner to anti-male ideologues, but it's more complicated for real women. Knowledge that a call seeking help can set off an irrevocable process may also discourage some true victims of violence from seeking help they need. It also means that women who have begun the process of pressing charges against violent partners are often not allowed to drop them if they change their minds. Obviously, a woman's decision to take a bum to court deserves society's utmost support, but the current policy has often forced women who might otherwise have opted for counseling for both parties in an effort to save a marriage to go ahead with more drastic measures.

And only the most naïve would assume that women don't recognize that a charge of domestic violence is itself a powerful weapon. It's also a weapon that's almost exclusively used against men, even though women are known to be instigators of violence, too.

The problem with VAWA is that it makes women not just victims of crime, but special victims, with special rights and special standards of what is right and wrong.

And while VAWA may have succeeded in raising awareness about the problem of domestic violence, it's also encouraged the dissemination of misinformation too.'

New York won't recognize man's masculinity

anthony · 16 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (UPI) -- A former Marine's lawsuit against New York says a hospital mix-up listed him as female on his birth certificate and the city is refusing to correct the error.

David Hassan, 29, filed a lawsuit in city Supreme Court saying the mistake on his birth certificate was not noticed until 2003, when he was denied a new ID by a clerk who noticed the error, the New York Post reported Thursday.

"I am not, nor have I ever been, female," he said.'

Police: Boulder Woman Made Up Attack

mens_issues · 16 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

This is the second time in a few weeks that a false report of sexual assualt was made in Boulder. Excerpt:

'BOULDER, Colo. -- For the second time in three weeks, Boulder police have cited a young woman for fabricating an assault story.

Boulder police on Wednesday said they have cited 18-year-old Allyson M. Manley with false reporting after she claimed that a man tried to sexually assault her in October.'

Ed. note: Also see here.

'Man attacked' for not buying Valentine's gift

Minuteman · 16 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Those nifty quotation marks are from the original story headline.

Link here. Excerpt:

'A US woman furious at her boyfriend for not giving her a Valentine's Day gift tried to attack him with a knife, according to reports.
...
Police allege she pushed and scratched Mr Brown until he locked himself inside a bedroom in her apartment.

Reed reportedly took a knife to the door, trying to slash her way in as she yelled that she would cut Mr Brown and kill him.'

Acknowledging the problem of male suicide

el cid · 16 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

This letter-to-the-editor acknowledges something rarely acknowledged: that men are at greater risk for suicide than women. It also gives some useful statistics on the issue and supports a bill to help suicidal persons. The letter:

'Colorado has the sixth-highest rate of suicide in the nation (867 deaths in 2010, including 447 in the metro area). The largest number is among men of working age (35 to 54). Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among young people (ages 10 to 34). Men over 75 are at highest risk. A death by suicide has a profound impact on family, friends, the workplace, and results in an untold loss of productivity.

Colorado House Bill 1140 (sponsored by Rep. Matt Jones and Sen. Linda Newell) will, if passed, ask hospitals to provide information about suicide (risk factors, signs and sources of help) to family and friends to whom a suicidal person is being discharged. Any effort that gets information into the hands of those closest to suicidal persons will help save lives.

Susan Marine, Boulder

The writer is a board member for the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado.'

Teacher Accused Of 'Having Sex With' Student For 4 Months

Matt · 17 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. More from the 'having sex with' files when it is in fact statutory rape. Excerpt:

'EAGLE COUNTY, Colo. -- A teacher in Eagle County was arrested on Thursday on suspicion of sexual assault on a child by one in a position of trust with a pattern of sexual abuse.

Lauren Redfern, 25, is a physical education teacher at Basalt High School.

Redfern is accused of having sex with a 17-year-old male student over a duration of 4 months, deputies said. Click here to find out more!

The sexual encounters took place at both Redfern's home and the victim's home in El Jebel, deputies said.'

Key reason for gender gap - Female teachers give boys lower marks, study finds

fondueguy · 17 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

The study was published by the Centre for Economic Performance, full paper (pdf). Article here. Excerpt:

'Ground-breaking research shows that boys lower their sights if they think their work is going to be marked by a woman because they believe their results will be worse.

It also shows their suspicions are correct – female teachers did, on average, award lower marks to boys than unidentified external examiners. Male teachers, by contrast, awarded them higher marks than external examiners.

The findings, published by the Centre for Economic Performance today, could have immense repercussions for boys because of the dearth of male teachers in the profession. Only 15 per cent of primary school staff are men.
...

He said the research, carried out among 1,200 children in 29 schools across the country, had shown a possible reason for the glaring gap in performance between girls and boys right through schooling.
...
Professor Smithers said: "It is fascinating research. It does stress the importance of independent marking for high-status examinations."'

NCFM-LA News Release - Hillary Clinton Needs to Woman Up on her Genital Mutilation Hypocrisy

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AIDS Circumcision Fallacy Discussion with Dr. Dean Edell

National Coalition For Men
Working together since 1977 to free men from sex discrimination
ncfm.org

News Release

NCFM CALLS ON HILLARY CLINTON TO WOMAN UP ABOUT HER SEXIST HYPOCRISY ON GENITAL MUTILATION

Hilly Clinton's opposition to female genital mutilation while promoting male genital mutilation is just more of her sexist "no excuse" double standards, just like her denouncement of domestic violence while she assaulted her husband

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For Immediate Release

February 17, 2012 (Los Angeles) - Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, on February 16, 2012, announced at a State Department meeting that "there is no cultural justification for female genital cutting, a practice that is sometimes referred to as female circumcision."
www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Clinton-Cultural-Tradition-is-No-Excuse-for-Female-Genital-Mutilation--139478343.html

At the same time, Clinton has been promoting male genital mutilation in Africa to fight HIV based on three controversial clinical studies claiming male circumcision reduces the chance of contracting HIV by 60 percent.
http://aumag.org/wordpress/?p=3211

The National Coalition For Men (NCFM) calls on Hillary Clinton to "woman up" about her sexism and hypocrisy when it comes to genital mutilation and domestic violence.

Male circumcision is gynecologically equivalent to removal of the clitoral foreskin, one of several forms of infant female circumcision all of which are illegal in the U.S. and elsewhere. "It's a common myth that female circumcision is always removal of the clitoris," says NCFM Vice President Marc Angelucci. "The most common form is removal of the clitoral foreskin, which is no different than removing the male foreskin," he said.

"In fact, male circumcision permanently removes a natural buffer and lubricant during sex that is packed with erogenous nerve endings and specialize mucosa. A child cannot consent to that. It's a sexist double standard to forbid one but promote or even allow the other. Boys deserve the same protection as girls, regardless of religion, culture, or tradition."

Research shows the male foreskin is the most sensitive part of the penis, and male circumcision can significantly reduce sexual pleasure.

www.livescience.com/health/070615_penis_sensitivity.html

http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1464-410X.2006.06646.x/full
A recent study in Denmark found circumcised men have a much higher rate of sexual problems than intact men.
http://ije.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2011/06/13/ije.dyr104.short?rss=1
New research also find circumcised men are five times more likely to suffer from premature ejaculation.
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21492404

Furthermore, the South African Medical Journal and others vehemently challenge the studies that claim circumcision reduces HIV. www.samj.org.za/index.php/samj
Likewise, the South African Medical Association expressed "serious concern that not enough scientifically-based evidence was available to confirm that circumcisions prevented HIV contraction and that the public at large was influenced by incorrect and misrepresented information. The committee reiterated its view that it did not support circumcision to prevent HIV transmission."
www.intactnews.pfeyz.com/openpublish/article/south-african-medical-association-denounces-circumcision-infants
The President of Uganda rejected circumcision as an HIV preventative and declared the research to be misleading.
http://www.newvision.co.ug/D/8/12/759239
The few studies in Africa that found male circumcision reduces HIV are contradicted by observational studies that show otherwise. www.publichealthinafrica.org/index.php/jphia/article/view/jphia.2011.e4/html_9
www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0015552?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+plosone%2FPLoSONE+%28PLoS+ONE+Alerts%3A+New+Articles%29
According to a report by USAID, "There appears no clear pattern of association between male circumcision and HIV prevalence—in 8 of 18 countries with data, HIV prevalence is lower among circumcised men, while in the remaining 10 countries it is higher." USAID report, "LEVELS AND SPREAD OF HIV SEROPREVALENCE AND ASSOCIATED FACTORS: EVIDENCE FROM NATIONAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS"
www.measuredhs.com/pubs/pdf/CR22/CR22.pdf

And reports in Zimbabwe, Uganda and elsewhere show circumcision is increasing HIV rates because the men think it makes them immune. http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050159.html
http://dailynews.co.zw/index.php/news/34-news/6026-circumcision-canal-for-new-hiv-infections.html

This is exactly what renowned physician Dr. Dean Edell warned about when he called the African/HIV conclusions "silly" and warned, "it will backfire." He recognized the gender double standard, the loss of sensation in the penis, and that the solution is condoms and education, not circumcision. www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlsUg0sdAtE

Even if it did reduce HIV, the men being subjected to circumcision should be adequately informed about the above research, and they are not. Moreover, due to a poor turnout of African men volunteering to be circumcised, the pro-circumcision lobby has began turning to Plan B, which is to circumcise African boys at birth.
www.theworld.org/2011/10/botswana-infant-circumcision-campaign/

"Mutilating infant boys totally violates their human rights," Angelucci said. "There is no excuse for this double standard. In fact the top doctors in Norway and Holland are calling for an end to infant male circumcision."
www.dutchnews.nl/news/archives/2011/09/doctors_campaign_against_risky.php

http://theforeigner.no/pages/news/top-norwegian-doctor-wants-circumcision-phased-out/

The Dutch Medical Association, representing 46,000 physicians and medical students, recently issued a report backed by seven other national medical associations in the Netherlands declaring that male circumcision violates children's right to bodily integrity and that the male foreskin is an important erotogenic structure for which no medical benefit justifies its routine removal.
www.norm-uk.org/news.html?action=showitem&item=1306

The South African Medical Association denounced infant male circumcision as unethical and illegal.
www.intactnews.pfeyz.com/openpublish/article/south-african-medical-association-denounces-circumcision-infants

The British and Australian medical associations both denounced any medical justification for routine infant male circumcision. www.smh.com.au/national/letters/no-evidence-to-support-routine-circumcision-20090911-fkna.html
www.cpsbc.ca/files/u6/Circumcision-Infant-Male.pdf

In fact, research shows infant male circumcision is extremely painful and can cause lifetime trauma.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAGNnqyNidY
www.cirp.org/library/psych/boyle6/

This is similar to Hillary's claim that 'there is no excuse for domestic violence' while she assaults her husband Bill." According to the otherwise complimentary biography, Hillary's Choice, by author Gail Sheehy, Hillary Clinton attacked Bill on several occasions. In 1993, she slashed his face with her fingernails, leaving a "mean claw mark along his jawline." Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokeswoman at the time, later explained to Sheehy that it was Barbara Streisand's visit to the White House that sparked Hillary's rage. According to Christopher Anderson, author of Bill and Hillary, Hillary also assaulted Bill on August 13, 1999, after the Monica Lewinsky revelations. Anderson writes: "Much of what transpired next between Bill and Hillary Clinton was plainly audible to Secret Service agents and household staff members down the hall. In the past, Hillary had thrown books and an ashtray at the President--both hitting their mark...Hillary rose to her feet and slapped him across the face--hard enough to leave a red mark that would be clearly visible to Secret Service agents when he left the room." Sheehy's account of the incident is similar, though the book also mentions a lamp that was thrown by Hillary Clinton in this or another incident, but she does confirm the the August 13, 1999 assault by a quote from Hillary friend Linda Bloodworth-Thomasen who was staying with her husband in the private quarters nearby who confirmed that Hillary Clinton "smacked him upside the head."

"Hillary Clinton needs to woman up," said Angelucci. "Her sexism, hypocrisy, and violence need to be exposed and she needs to denounce them like a woman."

SAVE launches Accusing U. Campaign against Dept. of Education

Matt · 17 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is set to launch Accusing U., a national campaign designed to educate college students about the Department of Education's new Sexual Assault Directive. SAVE says the Directive subverts fundamental due process rights on college campuses.

The Accusing U. campaign will be unveiled at a panel presentation to be held Saturday, February 17 at 10:00am at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington DC. The panel will highlight DED's alleged anti-civil rights agenda, which affects students and professors alike.

The American Association of University Professors, National Association of Scholars, and Foundation for Individual Rights in Education have all come out against the Directive (1). Over 30 editorials have criticized the mandate on civil rights grounds (2).

The erosion of civil rights of persons accused of sexual assault was highlighted in a recent Yale University case. Yale quarterback Patrick Witt, a promising candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship, saw his application blow up when The New York Times revealed he had been accused on scant evidence of sexual assault.'

Man shot to death while holding baby

Matt · 17 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Police say 50-year-old John Loxas was holding his grandchild in his arms as he walked around his Scottsdale neighborhood Tuesday night threatening neighbors and police.

"There were at least three officers in position to engage the suspect. At least one of the officers thought he saw something in the suspect's hands," said Sgt. Mark Clark.

Loxas was standing outside of his home with his grandchild still in his arms when Officer James Peters fired one shot to the head, killing the suspect.

Police say the 9-month-old boy was not injured during the shooting.

Officers also escaped unharmed.
...
Officer Peters, who fired the fatal shot, has been involved in seven shootings over the past decade.'

'Ladies are free'

Matt · 17 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Came across this in my travels:
"Price: $10.00 @ door/ ladies are free" (Feel free to call or email them and politely tell them what you think of their discriminatory behavior.)

So, now it's not even about getting 'ladies' into bars so as to attract men to come and pay for drinks while the 'ladies' drink gratis. Now it's things like entire entertainment venue performances.

Wonder when it'll be food, housing, etc., too, all government- (ie, men-) paid? Think I am being too uptight? Think again. It's definitely already happening. It starts in small ways, gets larger, and eventually, becomes expected and 'normal' at larger and larger scales. Wait and see.

Caught on video: Horrific moment a father was shot by his mother-in-law as he picked up son, three from her house

Anonymous · 18 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A father goes to his mother-in-law's home to pick up his son and is shot twice by her. She then calls 911 and alleges that HE tried to shoot HER. Unbeknownst to his mother-in-law was the fact that the man had recorded the incident on his iPhone. Let us stress the importance of using personal surveillance devices in securing justice. Excerpt:

'A father recorded the moment he was shot by his mother-in-law as he went to pick up his three-year-old son from her house.

Salvatore Miglino, 39, was shot in the ribs and the shoulder by 66-year-old Cheryl Hepner.

Mr Miglino caught the attack in Florida on Wednesday on video - because he had set his iPhone to record in anticipation of an argument with Mrs Hepner.

After a brief exchange outside the granny's house in Tamarac, Florida near Fort Lauderdale, Hepner allegedly shot Mr Miglino in the shoulder and rib.

The exact discussion before the shooting is unclear, but it appears relatively calm.'

The Nerve's "Dispatches" section: 'How Insensitive' discusses circumcision

Matt · 18 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

From back in 2007, still this is a very good, brief article describing how and why it is that men lose sensitivity (and, a lot of it) in their penises when they are circumcised. It also discusses the issue of HIV/STD transfer prevention and the jumbled results from the few studies done on the matter. And to recommend it further, it is brief and to the points. Excerpt:

'The science in this case concerned one of the most controversial and common medical procedures practiced in the West: circumcision of the penis. The study, published in the April 2007 BJU International (the former British Journal of Urology) under the title "Fine-Touch Pressure Thresholds in the Adult Penis," is the latest research salvo in the war for the neonatal foreskin.
...
Anti-circumcision advocates cite methodological problems with the STD studies while raising a separate question about the ethics of discarding a body part to prevent its becoming infected. In order to establish what, exactly, a male person loses when he loses his foreskin, the study set out to compare sensation in the cut and the uncut organ. Its conclusion may seem obvious to those of us with only a lay interest in the penis, but it's controversial, nonetheless: uncut dick feels more. A lot more.

"The study shows that the foreskin is the most sensitive portion of the penis," said study coauthor Robert Van Howe, a pediatrician at the Marquette General Health System in Marquette, Michigan. "It's not like you're chopping off plain old skin. The analogy would be like removing your lips, because the lips are more sensitive than the skin around them."
...
But even if the medical establishment arrived at an undisputed consensus, I'll keep thinking about the well intentioned parents — and doctors — in the nineteenth century who circumcised millions of boys to protect them from hip dysplasia. Doesn't that history give us a special obligation to be cautious?
...
...Personally, if I'm ever in the position of deciding whether an infant is going to have the most sensitive part of his penis cut off in exchange for potential health benefits later in life, the full range of what They have been telling us over the last 150 years is going to raise a red flag.'

Swedish docs in circumcision protest

anthony · 19 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"We consider it to be an assault on these boys," Staffan Janson, chairman of BLF's committee for ethical issues and childrens' rights, said to newspaper Göteborgs-Posten (GP).

Removing small boys' foreskin for reasons other than medical is controversial in Sweden.

After discussing the matter for several years BLF has now concluded that the procedure ought to be banned on the grounds that the children are unable to form a decision in the matter. According to BLF and Staffan Janson, circumcision is an attack on boys' integrity.

"It's such a complicated and difficult question, but even so, we've decided that this is a procedure to be done away with," Janson said.

"It's a mutilation of a child unable to decide for himself."'

SAVE: Standing-Room Crowd Welcomes Launch of Accusing U. Project

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Yesterday, Feb. 18, SAVE launched its long-awaited Accusing U. project, designed to raise awareness about the Department of Education's Sexual Assault Directive, and stop false allegation of rape on campus.

The roll-out featured a panel presentation at the annual conference of International Students for Liberty, held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington DC. The session, "How the Government Plans to Regulate Your Sex Life," featured presentations by attorney Ron Henry, author Philip Cook, and SAVE program director Teri Stoddard.

Ninety students attended the session, many asking candid questions during the Q and A period. Afterwards, panelists engaged in one-on-one conversations with audience members, with a number of students volunteering to become Accusing U. Campus Coordinators.

More about the Accusing U. project can be seen here: http://www.accusingu.org/. Get in on the discussion – join our Falsely Accused of Sexual Assault Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Falsely-Accused-of-Sexual-Assault/349737661704751

Sincerely,

The SAVE Team

P.S. Start making plans now for Take Back our Rights Week, April 1-7. The week will highlight the failings of the DED Directive, which was issued on April 4, 2011.

Battered Kenyan men urged to boycott meals in their homes

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Men in the Nyeri, Central Province of Kenya are being battered by their wives (and urged to boycott meals in their homes in protest) in this video posted on YouTube.

Apparently the women of the region are upset with their husbands as they are often the primary breadwinners and their unemployed husbands often turn to alcohol. Just look at some of the semi-literate misandrist comments on YouTube and you can see the rude and ignorant attitudes of many posting there. Would the reverse be acceptable with employed husbands battering their unemployed wives who drink?

Clinton: 'Cultural Tradition' is No Excuse for Female Genital Mutilation

anthony · 20 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The comments challenge Hillary Clinton's hypocrisy when it comes to circumcision. Excerpt:

'U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Thursday that there is no cultural justification for female genital cutting, a practice that is sometimes referred to as female circumcision.

Secretary Clinton says governments and non-governmental organizations are making progress toward ending female genital mutilation, or FGM, by reaching out to those who still practice it.

In those societies, it is often justified as a way to protect a girl's purity and cleanliness. Although Clinton said many cultural differences must be respected, this is not one of them.

"We cannot excuse this as a cultural tradition. There are many cultural traditions that used to exist in many parts of the world that are no longer acceptable. We cannot excuse it as a private matter because it has very broad public implications. It has no medical benefits. It is, plain and simply, a human rights violation," Clinton said.'

"Federal Judge Says Chicks Can Slam Cheating Exes on Web; Gloria Allred Declares 'Victory for Women's Rights'"

anthony · 21 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gloria claims her clients -- and women at large -- should have the right to exercise their free speech however they like ... especially since there are laws in place that prevent them suing an unfaithful ex.

She's referring to what are called "Heart Balm" laws -- laws that abolish the ability of one to sue over breach of a promise to marry. And while the laws are gender-neutral, Gloria argues they unfairly protect men ... because men are more likely to cheat than women.

Gloria claims women should have the right to sue ... because they are disproportionately affected by a cheating man than vice versa -- insisting men typically occupy the power position in relationships ... with better jobs, more money, etc.'

Interview with Wendy McElroy on feminism in America

anthony · 21 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Consider academia. Every university has a women's department; almost every one has PC policies such as campus codes that preclude sexual jokes and comments; professors are suspended or fired for expressing the wrong views of gender in class...the list of institutionalized ideology rolls on and on. One problem with institutionalizing an ideology or idea is that it lives on almost through inertia far, far longer than it could survive a free market process of open debate and analysis. Once a gender feminism professor gets tenure, for example, that position is occupied by her ideology for the next 20+ years. It doesn't matter that her ideas have been discounted by the general public or the political tide has turned. She has tenure. And remember almost every professor within women's departments, political science, etc. who has received tenure in the past 2 decades or so needed to toe a PC line. Thus the struggle goes on even though the battle has been won.'

UK: Girls' Education Campaign Runs Street Ad Only Women Can See

anthony · 21 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The transformation of bus stops into advertising laboratories continues this week in London, where an Oxford Street shelter will be fitted with facial-recognition technology that allows women to view a 40-second Plan UK "Because I Am a Girl" ad, while men will see only a URL. A client rep explains: "We're not giving men the choice to see the full ad so they get a glimpse of what it's like to have basic choices taken away." Wags might suggest that many guys wouldn't want to see the ad anyway unless it had hot chicks in it. I'd never stoop so low. Seriously, Plan UK has an intriguing strategy, although it's been somewhat lost in media coverage focusing mainly on the system that can tell the genders apart and serve ads accordingly. Most stories compare that aspect to the individually targeted ads portrayed in films like Minority Report—read: "futuristic" and "scary"—with critics decrying the "creepy" and potentially invasive nature of such systems. (Plan UK says the facial data will not be stored.) Per the BBC, the software is correct about gender roughly 90 percent of the time. Perhaps it can be fooled by wigs, masks and makeup. It'd be a hoot if men dressed in drag just to trick the system. At the very least, it would enliven the daily commute.'

SAVE: Accusing U.: Come Visit our New Facebook Page

Matt · 22 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

'This past Saturday SAVE launched our Accusing U. campaign at the International Students for Liberty Conference in Washington D.C. It was a complete success -- the room was filled to capacity, barely leaving room to stand. Several students volunteered to become Campus Coordinators.

If you received our last E-lert, you are aware of the government's effort to remove the presumption of innocence from persons accused of rape or sexual assault on college campuses.

SAVE is working tirelessly to expose and expel this new Directive -- and we invite you to get involved. We have just set up a new Facebook page for persons falsely accused of sexual assault: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Falsely-Accused-of-Sexual-Assault/349737661704751

Drop by, like a comment, join the conversation, recommend us to a friend! For more information, visit http://www.accusingu.org/

Sincerely,

Tom Lemons, Director of Special Events
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Australian Dept of Health & Aging - "Men's Shed Funding Boosts Support for Blokes"

Minuteman · 22 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The Minister with responsibility for Male Health, Warren Snowdon, has announced 31 Men's Sheds across Australia will be helped to fit out their buildings, purchase tools or supplies and to run programs to spread health messages.

Mr Snowdon said the Australian Government is committed to improving the health of Australian males by finding ways to make the health system more responsive to the specific and unique needs of males.

"Sheds are playing a key role in strengthening communities and in promoting the physical and mental health of males, we have committed $3 million of our $16.7 million National Male Health Policy to the Australian Men's Shed's Association to help support sheds, and $250,000 each year for three years in direct financial assistance for Men's Sheds around Australia.

"Each Men's Shed has its own character – some are traditional buildings, some are vans, some are virtual sheds - but common factors include friendliness, social inclusiveness, a safe environment and a range of activities to suit every community.

"Some sheds were successful in this funding round in more than one category so that 13 sheds received funding for tools and equipment; 11 for building maintenance and development; and 14 for shed activities and programs," he said.'

Court Orders Man To Apologize To Estranged Wife On Facebook To Avoid 60-Day Sentence

anthony · 22 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'CINCINNATI -- A Cincinnati man has been ordered to apologize to his estranged wife on Facebook after a post he wrote last year.

Court records indicate that Mark Byron was found guilty of civil domestic violence against Elizabeth Byron in June 2011, and Elizabeth Byron was granted a temporary protection order.

The records indicate that Mark Byron posted a comment to his Facebook wall in late November that stated "if you are an evil, vindictive woman who wants to ruin your husband's life and take your son's father away from him completely -- all you need to do is say that you're scared of your husband or domestic partner and they'll take him away!"
...
On Jan. 25, magistrate Paul Meyers ruled that Mark Byron violated the protection order and sentenced him to 60 days in jail and a $500 fine.
...
Meyers ruled that Byron could not shut down his page during those 30 days and had to grant friend status to his wife or someone of her choosing to monitor the page.'

Female Georgia Democrats Seek Vasectomy Ban In Response To Abortion Bill

anthony · 22 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of female Democratic legislators in the Georgia House of Representatives has proposed a bill that would ban men from seeking vasectomies.

"Thousands of children are deprived of birth in this state every year because of the lack of state regulation over vasectomies," said bill author Yasmin Neal in a statement. "It is patently unfair that men can avoid unwanted fatherhood by presuming that their judgment over such matters is more valid than the judgment of the General Assembly, while women's ability to decide is constantly up for debate throughout the United States."

The proposed legislation is a response to HB 954, a bill sponsored by Republican Doug McKillips that seeks to ban abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. Current legislation prohibits abortions after the second trimester, or approximately 24 weeks. The measure, which has been moving quickly through the House, is intended to prevent late-term abortions on fetuses that proponents say can already feel pain at 20 weeks.'

Men are doomed theory is off the mark

mens_issues · 22 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

The diminishment of the Y chromosome happened early on, then leveled off, according to this study. Excerpt:

'But the latest study says the Y's shrinkage occurred in the very distant past and the chromosome has been wonderfully stable for millions of years.

The human genome has 22 pairs of chromosomes plus one pair that determine sex. If you are a female, you get two X chromosomes, and if you are male, it's an X and a Y, whose all-important sex-determining region accounts for the sperm and testes.'

LePage’s domestic violence legislation focuses on abusers

anthony · 22 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The executive order signed by LePage on Wednesday would create a task force to study the viability of using technology such as electronic monitoring to better track abusers and keep victims safe. That task force would report back by the end of 2012.

LePage said the proposals announced on Wednesday would create additional deterrents for abusers but would not solve the problem.

He said all Mainers, and men in particular, need to do their part to make domestic violence socially unacceptable.

Cain agreed.

“The bills today are a starting point for the work that lies ahead. It is simply not enough to increase punishment for this kind of crime after it happens,” she said. “We must also work together on comprehensive domestic violence prevention resources and treatment for battered women and their families.”'

Relatedly, wonder if there will be focus on this woman, too?

Bangor woman faces two felony domestic violence charges

A ‘Teachable Moment’ on Marginalized Male Victims

anthony · 23 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Charles M. Blow aims to provide readers with a “teachable moment” regarding the suspension of the CNN commentator Roland Martin after a gay rights organization complained that his Super Bowl tweets advocated violence against gays (“Real Men and Pink Suits,” column, Feb. 11).

Noticeably absent from Mr. Blow’s and others’ commentary was any criticism of the numerous graphic acts of violence — slaps, head butts, kicks, punches — depicted against heterosexual males during the Super Bowl commercials in the interest of humor.

...

We should condemn all public endorsements or mockeries of violence. Our rebuke should not turn on whether the victim is heterosexual or homosexual, male or female, or a member of a group to which we belong, but whether there was an offense made against a person’s human dignity. Unless we, as a nation, hold ourselves to such a standard, we will only substitute one brand of social injustice and bias for another, and compromise our moral authority.'

Maine’s chief justice changes bail rules for domestic violence suspects

Matt · 23 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In her annual State of the Judiciary address, Leigh I. Saufley announced that, effective immediately, bail commissioners may not set bail in domestic violence-related cases unless they have access to the defendant’s criminal history in Maine.

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Bail commissioners sometimes don’t have that information because of varying legal interpretations, technological limitations, law enforcement staffing limitations and miscommunication, according to Saufley.

...

If a bail commissioner does not have a defendant’s criminal history, the defendant will have to remain in jail and appear before a judge within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, Saufley said at a press conference after her speech.

...

The chief justice’s action raised concerns among criminal defense attorneys.

...

The president of the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers also expressed concern about Saufley’s directive.

“Holding an accused on a crime that is bailable as a matter of right until criminal history information is received is not a novel concept — the problem is that technical limitations on the sharing of this type of information between law enforcement and bail commissioners results in justice being denied and constitutional rights being violated,” Sarah Churchill of Portland said Thursday in an email.

“What the Chief Justice has proposed can be done without violating the rights of the accused if changes are made to how information is shared,” she continued. “I have concerns about how quickly those types of changes can be made and how the potential violations of constitutional rights of the accused are going to be handled in this interim period of time.”'

Tom Martin v LSE's Gender programme: Public Debate press release

Matt · 23 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Tom Martin, the man suing Europe's largest Gender Studies department, at LSE, for sex discrimination in its taught Masters degrees (court date on March 13th), will be discussing the problem of sexist elements within feminism at a public debate at one of London's other elite universities, UCL, at 7:00 PM on Tuesday 28th February, 2012. The debate will take place in Room 309 of the Roberts Building, on UCL's campus. If you would like to attend, then you must email sexismbusters-at-hotmail.com to book your place in advance.

Media practitioners interested in doing a news story or documentary, including filming events at the debate, and around the court case with Tom, should also email sexismbusters-at-hotmail.com.

Tom's legal fighting fund has received 129 donations from 10 countries totaling £4300 so far. Tom thanks all those who have donated, and asks everyone else considering it, to donate now, so he can afford further expert legal advise as he prepares further evidence which must be submitted by March 6th, a week before the all-important court hearing date.

Please keep spreading the word to your networks in any other way you can, as well as follow on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

sexismBusters.org

Alleged battering victim gets 6 months house arrest for killing boyfriend

anthony · 23 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Concord woman who claimed that her boyfriend had died of medical problems pleaded no contest Wednesday to involuntary manslaughter for smothering him with a pillow, a killing her attorney portrayed as the act of a domestic violence victim.

Dava Alizabeth-Ann Steen, 47, was sentenced to six months in jail, which she can serve at home while under electronic monitoring, said her attorney, Public Defender Robin Lipetzky.

...

Steen was initially charged with murder. Judge Garrett Grant of Contra Costa County Superior Court sentenced her to six months at a hearing in Martinez on Wednesday as part of a plea deal.

Lipetzky said Steen wanted to "address the issues in her life that gave rise to this situation in the first place, which includes a long history of domestic violence in a relationship in which she was the victim and (Bennett) was the batterer."'

WILL Magazine: January 2012, Volume 1 Issue 6

Matt · 24 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Dear Brothers,

The latest Issue of WILL magazine has been uploaded to the website.

WILL Magazine Volume 1 Issue 6 has been given a makeover and contains articles by reputed members of society. The main focus of this issue is Female Literacy in India.

http://thewillfoundation.webs.com/documents/January.Volume1.Issue6.pdf

[Alternate download from here.]

We at TWF hope you find it an informative read.

Kindly let us know your feedback.

Thanks & regards,

Anwar H. Danish

Stepmother and grandmother charged in death of girl forced to run in circles for hours

Matt · 24 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ATTALLA, Ala. (AP) — Roger Simpson said he looked down the road and saw a little girl running outside her home but didn't give it another thought. Police, however, said the man witnessed a murder in progress.

Authorities say 9-year-old Savannah Hardin died after being forced to run for three hours as punishment for having lied to her grandmother about eating candy bars. Severely dehydrated, the girl had a seizure and died days later. Now, her grandmother and stepmother who police say meted out the punishment were taken to jail Wednesday and face murder charges.

Witnesses told deputies Savannah was told to run and not allowed to stop for three hours on Friday, an Etowah County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman said. The girl's stepmother, 27-year-old Jessica Mae Hardin, called police at 6:45 p.m., telling them Savannah was having a seizure and was unresponsive.'

Florida Attempts To Reform Lifetime Alimony

insdel2005 · 24 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The Florida legislature attempts to make a modest alimony reform, changing Florida alimony from a lifetime obligation to a "long term support" and feminists along with family law attorneys everywhere oppose it. How predictably revolting.

Feminists at the National Organization of Women are now hypocritically spouting two opposite and irreconcilable lines of attack at the same time, depending what the issue is. Politicians on the national stage have opened more combat roles to women. NOW claims that everyone should support this move because women are every bit as: tough, independent, fearless, and self reliant as men, an assessment I wholeheartedly agree with. But when a few Florida politicians consider ending lifetime alimony, the same organization starts simultaneously claiming that women are defenseless little prairie flowers and must be protected from taking responsibility for their own existence. I wish the National Organization of Women would make up its mind. If you're a Florida resident call your representatives. Excerpt:

'Rep. Ritch Workman's bill (HB 549) cleared the House Judiciary Committee by a 17-1 vote. The bill now goes to the Senate.
...

It would end "permanent" lifetime alimony in favor of "long-term" support that has a foreseeable end. A man with the Florida Alimony Reform group told the committee he was still paying alimony to his wife decades after their divorce because she refuses to work.
...
...Barbara Devane from The National Organization for Women is concerned. “They stay home, they raise the children, and then they get older and the man trades them in for a younger wife, and then they are left out in the cold, and they must be protected,” she says.
...
The Florida Bar Family Law Section also expressed doubts about changing the law, but said it was willing to work with the sponsor to make sure the bill is fair to both sides in a divorce.'

"END OUR SILENCE" - Children4Justice Film

Anonymous · 24 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

200 Children are separated from their Fathers every day
in secret Family Courts.

In 2011 The Norgrove Report confirmed Dads have no right
in law to see their Children.

1 in 3 Children in the UK is growing up without a father.

4 Million Children have lost their Dads.

Submitted
In The Name Of Our Children and
In The Name Of The Fathers

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Lawyer: Lesbians’ assault on gay man can’t be hate crime

Matt · 25 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Three women identified by their lawyers as lesbians were arraigned yesterday on a hate crime charge for allegedly beating a gay man at the Forest Hills T station in an unusual case that experts say exposes the law’s flawed logic.
...
Prosecutors and the ACLU of Massachusetts said no matter the defendants’ sexual orientation, they can still face the crime of assault and battery with intent to intimidate, which carries up to a 10-year prison sentence, by using hateful language.
...
But Carolyn Euell, 38, mother of two of the defendants, Erika Stroud, 21, of Dorchester and Felicia Stroud, 18, West Roxbury, told reporters the alleged attack “can’t be hateful” because both her daughters are lesbians.
...
“The defendants’ particular orientation or alleged orientations have no bearing on our ability to prosecute for allegedly targeting a person who they believe to be different from them,” he said.'

Grassley: Why 'No' to VAWA

Matt · 25 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Sen. Chuck Grassley explains why 8 Republican senators voted to not support Sen. Leahy's Violence Against Women Act reauthorization bill.

'To the Editor:

"Republicans Retreat on Domestic Violence" (editorial, Feb. 10) doesn't recognize the reasons for the lack of support for the Judiciary Committee bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. The bill fails to recognize the dire fiscal situation, fails to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and adds unjustifiable controversial provisions.

My alternative bill provides more assistance for victims than the bill reported by the Judiciary Committee. The inspector general's random audits of the act's grant recipients repeatedly found irregularities and misconduct, including unauthorized and unallowable expenses in 21 of 22 grants. It's only logical to change the committee's bill to ensure that those funds go to help victims.

Also, the committee's bill fails to address testimony at a hearing demonstrating that some immigrants applying for visas falsely claim to be victims of domestic violence.

I object to the editorial's claim that my bill would eliminate the Office on Violence Against Women. Given the poor record of that office in administering these programs efficiently, my bill retains a separate Office on Violence Against Women within an existing Justice Department agency that administers grants. This means that less money is spent on bureaucrats, leaving more funds for victims.

Democrats have insisted on inserting controversial items into the act for which there is no proven need. In doing so, they have prevented Congress from strengthening it as a consensus bill and turned a routine reauthorization into an unnecessary dispute.

CHUCK GRASSLEY
Washington, Feb. 10, 2012'

Georgia House Committe Told How Men Mourn Loss of Unborn Children

Anonymous · 26 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. ("Like"s and comments are very appreciated.) The Georgia House of Representatives is considering a bill to prohibit abortions after the time that the unborn child can feel pain. Some lawmakers have argued that a legislature composed mostly of males should not legislate on abortion, claiming that it is only a women's issue. (Some legislators have even proposed a tongue-in-cheek ban on vasectomies as a way to make this point.) On Friday, February 24, 2012, the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee heard that many men do mourn the loss of their unborn children.

Reminding members that "it takes two to have a baby," attorney Charles Jones urged the Committee not to disregard men's views on abortion. Jones pointed out the feelings of men who did not have a voice in the abortion room, feelings of "grief," "powerlessness," and "anger," and urged the Committee to make sure that these men do have a voice when it comes to passing laws to protect their unborn children.

Dad arrested, stripped searched for daughter's drawing

MR · 26 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

A Canadian dad has been arrested and strip searched for his 4-year-old daughter's drawing of a terrible, horrible gun that reeks mayhem. After the bad man had been stripped naked, searched, then locked in a cage, they found the ominous, life threatening weapon that put terror in the heart of the poor little girl. It was a toy gun that shoots foam darts.

(sarcasm on) Thank goodness that we presently have Senator Patrick Leahy, and other feminist partisans, working very hard here in America to strengthen the Violence Against Women Act so we can get many more suspiciously male dads and men out of their homes and families and into jails where they all belong. :-/ Excerpt:

'A Canadian father was arrested and strip-searched Wednesday after his 4-year-old daughter drew a picture of a gun in her kindergarten class.

Ontario dad Jesse Sansone told the Toronto Sun his little girl's drawing was supposed to be him, getting monsters and bad guys. Her teacher apparently thought differently, and the school contacted child protective services. When Sansone arrived to pick his daughter up, three police officers were waiting to take him into custody.

"I'm picking up my kids and then, next thing you know, I'm locked up," he told the Waterloo Region Record. "I was in shock. This is completely insane."'

Draft Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff, Availability: Evaluation of Sex Differences in Medical Device Clinical Studies

Minuteman · 27 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'This document provides guidance on the study and evaluation of sex differences in medical device clinical trials, with a specific focus on addressing potential differences in study design, conduct, outcomes, and interpretation that should be considered to ensure sex-specific issues are adequately addressed in clinical trials.

...

The purpose of this guidance is to outline the Center for Devices and Radiological Health's (CDRH's) expectations regarding sex-specific patient enrollment, data analysis, and reporting of study information. The intent is to improve the quality and consistency of available data regarding the performance of medical devices in women.'

F&F: Appoint a Shared Parenting Task Force

Matt · 28 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Latest F&F newsletter here. Excerpt:

'Now is the time for the Massachusetts Legislature to appoint a Shared Parenting Task Force. On the heels of the resounding success of the Massachusetts Alimony Task Force, Fathers and Families wants the same for our children with a Shared Parenting Task Force.

Call your legislator today!

I am asking every Massachusetts Fathers and Families reader to advocate for the Shared Parenting Task Force that our legislative leaders promised. Please call your legislator and tell them or a member of their staff:

Now it is time to produce the single most important reform for the welfare of our children — shared parenting — in the family courts. The legislature used a task force to work out the solution for alimony, please use this same powerful tool for shared parenting for our children. Ask the Judiciary Committee's Chairs to appoint a Shared Parenting Task Force: Senator Cynthia Stone Creem and Representative Eugene L. O'Flaherty.'

Maine Governor Paul LePage Uses Domestic Violence For Martial Law Measures

Matt · 28 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. You have to see it to believe it.

Huggies Thinks Dads are Incompetent

rlaspari · 28 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Seen Huggies latest "Dad Test" campaign? Apparently, Huggies believes dads are bumbling idiots who are incompetent at parenting.

Insemination To Become Reality For Single Women In Sweden

Anonymous · 28 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Today, February 28th, 2012, a child´s right to both its parents and the right to know who the father is, is set to be abolished by the Swedish Government. Excerpt:

'The Centre Party, Liberals (Folkpartiet) and the Moderates want single women to have access to artificial insemination treatment, and are proposing a change to current laws despite opposition from coalition partners the Christian Democrats.
...
"The important thing is not that a child has a biological mother and father, but that children are surrounded by adults who take care of them and love them," she told Sveriges Radio (SR).
...
Although the Christian Democrats do not back the proposal, it is expected to win widespread support in parliament from the left-leaning opposition parties, which have made similar proposals in recent years'

Insemination is to become a reality for single women in Sweden. One of the last steps in building the Feminist Utopia is set to be taken, reference here, page 4 of 5: "Building the Feminist Utopia - The Artificial Society"

Comment by Ulf:
Not a thought about the child´s rights at all. It´s all about the egocentric self-realizing of single women.

"What a bummer, the World keeps getting dumber"
-- NOFX from the song "The Idiots Are Taking Over"

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Australia: "The Circle" faces backlash after mocking war hero

Minuteman · 29 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Network Ten's The Circle is facing a furious backlash from viewers after the hosts mocked war hero Corporal Ben Roberts-Smith, suggesting he was dim-witted and "not up to it in the sack".

The panel was discussing the Victoria Cross recipient after he appeared in a candid Sunday Night profile and aired a shot of him shirtless in a pool.

After one of the hosts commented on Corporal Roberts-Smith's physique, Yumi Stynes said: "He's going to dive down to the bottom of the pool and see if his brain is there".

Then as the shot of the war hero, who single-handedly stormed a machine-gun position in Afghanistan, was displayed again Stynes said "S-A-S" in a mocking voice.

Shortly afterwards veteran journalist George Negus chimes in saying: "What if they're not up to it in the sack?"
...
"What I didn't estimate was how much my joke was not appreciated. I sort of intimated that maybe he wasn't very smart, because how could you be that buff and spend that much time in a gym and be smart as well? And people have been a bit angry and I've been getting a lot of angry messages."'

Australia: Children's Protection (Lawful Surrender of Newborn Child) Amendment Bill (SA) 2011

Minuteman · 29 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The mother of a newborn child who surrenders the child—
(a) into the physical custody of a prescribed person at a hospital or medical practice; or
(b) at a prescribed hospital in a place—
(i) specifically designed for the purpose; and
(ii) designated for the purpose by signs, in accordance with the regulations; or
(c) to some other person or at some other place in accordance
with the regulations, will not be liable to prosecution for an offence arising only from that act.

(2) A mother surrendering a child under this section—
(a) is not required to provide identifying information in relation to the child or herself (and a prescribed person, or some other person to whom a child is surrendered in accordance with the regulations, is not required to ask for such information or for information about the age of the child);
but
(b) is to be encouraged—
(i) to provide information that may be of relevance to
the current or future health of the child; and
(ii) to seek medical treatment or other support services for herself anonymously or otherwise.
...
9D—Adoption or guardianship
(1) The Minister must, as soon as practicable after the surrender of a child under this Part, take action to enable the child to be adopted.'

Blatant sex discrimination in Ireland

Anonymous · 29 February 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'TEENAGE boys can continue to be prosecuted for underage sex while teen girls are exempt.

The 'Romeo and Juliet' law is constitutionally sound because it reflects a girl's risk of pregnancy after sex, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

The court also said that it was not always possible to apply the same treatment to everyone, especially when it came to different genders.

It stemmed from a 15-year-old boy being charged with having sex with a 14-year-old girl in Donegal on August 5, 2006.
...
The court unanimously ruled the law was constitutional, because lawmakers could take account of the danger of pregnancy for teenage girls in such cases.'

'How Title IX Hurts Female Athletes'

anthony · 1 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The numbers bear it out. Since the advent of Title IX, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations, the number of girls playing high school sports has grown more than tenfold, from 294,000 in 1971 to nearly 3.2 million last year.

But this welcome transformation has come at a serious cost for many female athletes. Title IX has inflicted significant collateral damage, including increased health risks for the players, a drop in the number of women coaches, and increased exposure to sexual abuse.
...

Of special concern for girls is damage to their anterior cruciate ligament, or A.C.L., the tiny ligament in the knee that connects the two halves of the leg. Female athletes are four or five times more likely than male athletes to have A.C.L tears, says Dr. William Levine, the director of sports medicine at Columbia University and the head physician for its varsity teams.

As Dr. Levine explains, once girls begin to menstruate, they become more "quadricep-dependent" than males, and that thick slug of muscle in the middle of the thigh then works against the A.C.L., sometimes causing tears. "Female athletes jump and land in a more erect posture, which puts increased stress on their A.C.L," he says.'

SAVE: Tell Your Senators, Don't Co-Sponsor VAWA

Matt · 1 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Senator Leahy and VAWA supporters are six co-sponsors short of avoiding a filibuster. They are close, but that doesn't mean they will succeed. Not if we get busy and make a few phone calls.

To see if your senators have co-sponsored the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) visit http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php. Enter bill number S.1925.

If your senators have not become co-sponsors, call and thank them. Let them know that you do NOT want them to become co-sponsors. If your senators have co-sponsored VAWA, call two who haven't.

Tell them not to listen to the "If you're pro-women you're pro-VAWA" line. Remind them that women's groups like the Independent Women's Forum and Concerned Women for America have come out in opposition to VAWA. Or suggest they visit the Women Against VAWA Excess website to see what women really think about VAWA.

Find your senators' phone numbers here: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

Have a few extra minutes? Call as many senators as possible who are not on the co-sponsor list.

We can do this, so let's get started...

Call your senators right now!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Vigil at the British Medical Association

Anonymous · 1 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Although the number of boys circumcised in the UK is low by USA levels there is still much public anger at the practice. The reason for the vigil was that the B.M.A. was discussing ethics and once again the non-therapeutic cutting of boy's genitals was not on the agenda. Excerpt:

'Men Do Complain held a vigil on Wednesday 22nd of February outside the B.M.A. Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP. We got there at 08:30 and stayed until the rain, cold and wind overcame us. The reason for the vigil was that the B.M.A. were discussing ethics and once again the non-therapeutic cutting of boy's genitals was not on the agenda. The vigil went very well the public really are on our side. Several circumcised men approached us and quite openly said that they were glad someone was taking a stand. One surprise was the number of friendly car hoots and we didn't even have a sign saying hoot if you agree.'

See the Controversial Photo of a Dad Bottle-Feeding His Baby

the_captain · 1 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Breastfeeding activists in New Zealand raised so much of a stink over an ad featuring a dad bottle-feeding his baby that the New Zealand government actually decided to edit the image above out of the ad.

While the government's decision could be viewed as a victory for La Leche League, which protested the ad, some observers have concluded that the decision is a sad day for dads. If a father is going to be involved in the feeding of his new baby, it's only going to happen through a bottle. Even in many families where the baby is drinking breast milk exclusively, Mom is often pumping milk to allow others -- including Dad -- to feed the baby breast milk through a bottle. So, to state the obvious: An ad showing a dad bottle-feeding a baby doesn't mean that the child isn't drinking breast milk. (We won't get into the fact that parents should be allowed to make feeding choices without being judged.)'

Mums should be allowed to terminate new babies - article

GaryB · 2 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

This article here from Australia beggars belief.

Apparently, a woman's 'right to choose' should include choosing to terminate a baby, **after it is born**, according to some philosophers. Apparently though, that's only the mother - fathers don't even get a mention.

I'd comment; but to be honest, I'm lost for words.... Quote:

'KILLING newborn babies should be allowed if the mother wishes, Australian philosophers have argued in a prestigious journal.

Their argument, that it is morally the same as abortion, has forced the British Medical Journal to defend its publication of their views.

In an article that has sparked outrage around the world and elicited death threats, Monash University's Alberto Giubilini and the University of Melbourne's Francesca Minerva say that a foetus and a newborn both lack a sense of life and aspiration.

They argue this justifies "after-birth abortion" on the proviso it is painless as the baby is not missing out on a life it cannot contemplate.

The doctors of philosophy argue in the BMJ publication Journal of Medical Ethics that one-third of infants with Down syndrome are not diagnosed in the womb, which means mothers of children with severe disabilities should have the chance to end a child's life after, as well as before, birth.'

SAVE Advisory: Women Against VAWA Excess

Matt · 2 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Women Against VAWA Excess – WAVE – is dedicated to exposing how the Violence Against Women Act has veered away from its original intended purpose to stop domestic violence. Now, VAWA has come to embrace a radical ideology that marginalizes true victims, harms families, and betrays the ideals of equality feminism.

WAVE invites persons to visit its website, which features articles by Wendy McElroy, Anna Rittgers, and others: http://womenagainstvawa.org/

WAVE also sponsors a Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/WomenAgainstVAWAExcess?sk=wall. We invite women to drop by and share your experiences and concerns about VAWA and with the domestic violence programs in your area.
For information on submitting an article, contact editor-at-womenagainstvawa.org

Gay men vs lesbians and the right to express affection

Matt · 3 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Syndicated columnist Leonard Pitts, Jr. recently wrote this piece regarding the 'controversy' over the return of a gay US Marine and the reception he received, which included the kissing of his sweetheart, who in fact turned out to be a man. But what Mr. Pitts may not have known about was that a gay military couple had already done the same thing back in 2011 almost immediately after "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" was abolished. Only in that case, the couple was female, the reception was official, and there was not a peep of outrage or controversy over it.

I doubt the Navy would have dared stage such an event with two men as the couple. There seems to me to be a huge double-standard regarding these things. Affection like this (even a relatively chaste kiss) between two women is considered fine (if not also cute or to some, titillating). Lesbians often show affection and their relationship status publicly by kissing and hand-holding without much fear of reprisal from bystanders while gay men wouldn't dare show the same level of affection in typical public places for fear of being 'bashed', admonished, or taunted aggressively by total strangers.

Male equality will not be achieved until men are accepted for who and what they are (criminality aside, of course-- safe to assume we do not accept people's behavior if it includes violence and other obvious forms of overt antisocial behavior). If a man is gay, then he's gay, just as if a woman is gay, then she ought to be accepted as such. But all people regardless of sexual orientation should have the same rights as anyone else-- neither more rights, nor fewer rights. The real controversies exist when people of some given sexual orientation get more rights or are more accepted than others. Assuming tomorrow that all other planks in the MRA platform are achieved, there will still not be equality between the sexes until gay men are as readily accepted in popular culture/society as are gay women. But if a society is going to condemn homosexuality collectively by majority sentiment or decision, it should not be 'more condemnable' if the homosexuals in question just happen to be male, which, it seems to me, is closer to where we're at right now than anything else.

Let's see just how many comments this thread will generate. :)

Same-sex custody battle could change Florida law

Matt · 5 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Again, the Feminist-PC Hooey Machine (I have now hybridized them into one joint acronym: "FPCHM") has no idea what to do when there isn't a man/father around either to blame or exploit. Excerpt:

'TALLAHASSEE, Florida (AP) — A custody battle in Florida between two lesbians could fuel the growing national debate over the definition of motherhood.

It also might force state lawmakers to reconsider a 19-year-old law regarding the rights of sperm and egg donors.
...
But the Brevard County couple separated two years later, and the birth mother eventually left Florida with the child without telling her former lover. The woman who donated the egg and calls herself the biological mother finally tracked them down in Australia with the help of a private detective.
...

"But it does solidify gay couples' right to retain a relationship with their child," she said. "If it goes the other way, parenthood could be subject to risk on the whim of the other partner."

Ultimately, the state Supreme Court may have to wrestle with Judge Monaco's closing sentences: "We still ought to come to grips with what is best for the child. Here, having two parents is better than one."'

Child Abuse Law in Wisconsin

Anonymous · 6 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Finally, somebody with enough balls to tell the truth and is trying to pass a law about it. There are thousands of studies and data to prove this without question - yet it will be political suicide for this guy to try and get this passed. Watch what happens. Excerpt:

'In Wisconsin, a state senator has introduced a bill aimed at penalizing single mothers by calling their unmarried status a contributing factor in child abuse and neglect.

Senate Bill 507, introduced by Republican Senator Glenn Grothman, moves to amend existing state law by "requiring the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board to emphasize nonmarital parenthood as a contributing factor to child abuse and neglect."'

SAVE: Tell Olympia Snowe, Vote No on VAWA

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We'd like to express our gratitude. Your calls to Washington DC expressing your opposition to VAWA are having an impact. THANK YOU.

Senator Leahy has not yet convinced enough senators to sign-on to VAWA to avoid a filibuster. Let's make sure he never does.

Today we're asking you to call Senator Olympia J. Snowe, a well-respected centrist from Maine. Known for being at the center of every policy debate in Washington, this is a senator who needs to hear from you.

You can call Sen. Snowe at her Washington DC office: (202) 224-5344.

Your voices are being heard. Keep using them!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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Controversial circumcision ritual led to infant's death from herpes, says death certificate

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CBS News) The New York District Attorney's office is reportedly investigating the death of a 2-week-old boy who underwent metzizah b'peh, a controversial Orthodox Jewish ritual that involves orally sucking the blood from the circumcised baby's penis. According to the unidentified boy's death certificate, he contracted herpes simplex virus type 1 from the ritual, and passed away at a Brooklyn hospital in September 2011, the New York Daily News reported.

"We are looking into the circumstances surrounding the death of this child," said Brooklyn DA spokesman Jerry Schmetterer told the Daily News.

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Traditional Jewish circumcisions, known as a bris, can also raise a baby's risk for a urinary tract infection, studies suggest. A 2008 study showed that out of 162 babies under two months old hospitalized for urinary tract infections in Israel, 108 were boys, Haaretz reported. "We saw the same phenomenon in each hospital - a wave of urinary tract infections around the ninth day after pregnancy," Prof. Yaakov Amir, who conducted the study, said. There was no discernible time pattern for girls. It was also more common for babies who underwent circumcision by a mohel rather than a physician to suffer from an infection, which could also be due to poor bandaging practices, the study found.'

'A Bad Law on Life Support'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A bad piece of legislation is about to be reauthorized, empowering bureaucrats and tort lawyers and poisoning relations between women and men. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) could be fixed, but Senate Democrats will not hear of it.

Vice President Joe Biden says that out of all the legislation that he was associated with while serving in Congress, he is most proud of his role in getting the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) passed in 1994. Now, seventeen years later, even the ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vermont), admits that the bill is too broad to be effective. An expert in family violence, Dr. Angela Moore Parmley, concurs: "We have no evidence to date that VAWA has led to a decrease in the overall levels of violence against women." To the contrary, some studies indicate an increase in violence against women since VAWA was enacted, including in one study a 60-percent increase in intimate partner homicides.

VAWA has created a vast bureaucracy with an annual price tag of $455 million. Instead of addressing the root problems of violence and ending battering, the broad definitions of violence in VAWA mean that husbands are thrown in jail based on flimsy allegations of causing "emotional distress" or of "unpleasant speech." Meanwhile, drug-addicted boyfriends and alcoholic cohabitors continue to batter, and all men are assumed to be capable of violence.'

UK: Law launch 'perpetuates the women-only myth' of abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Police chiefs have been criticised for “perpetuating the myth” that only women can be the victims of domestic violence after they outraged campaigners with the launch of the so-called “Clare’s Law”.

Wiltshire Police is one of just four forces in the country given the new powers, which will let people know if partners have a history of domestic abuse. Around one incident of domestic violence in every six reported involves a male victim, though campaigners believe the problem is worse.

But when Wiltshire Police announced the start of the trial in the county yesterday, they only referred to women checking on new partners.'

India: Products, benefits that only women get

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Income-tax benefits

Under the current tax regime, women pay less tax than men. For example, for the assessment year (AY) 2012-2013, the tax exemption limit for women is Rs. 1.9 lakh. In other words, no tax is to be paid on Rs. 1.9 lakh of your salary. However, for men this limit is Rs. 1.8 lakh.

So a woman who earns an annual salary of Rs. 10 lakh will need to pay around Rs. 1.18 lakh as income-tax. In comparison, the male counterpart will need to pay Rs. 1.19 lakh tax. This tax liability is assuming that both have availed section 80C and 80CCF deductions of Rs. 1.2 lakh.

Fading advantage: Earlier, the difference was larger, but has narrowed down over the years and works to just around Rs. 1,000 for AY 2012-2013. In AY 2011-2012, the exemption limit for men and women were Rs. 1.6 lakh and Rs. 1.9 lakh, a difference of around Rs. 3,000 in total tax liability. In fact, the Direct Taxes Code (DTC) proposes to completely wipe out the difference. Under the proposed DTC, both men and women will have the same exemption limit of Rs. 2 lakh.'

CDC Features - National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2012

Minuteman · 8 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'March 10 is National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, a day to recognize the special risks HIV/AIDS pose for women and girls, and to raise awareness of the disease's impact on them.
...
Personal factors also put all women at risk for HIV, regardless of age, race, or ethnicity.

* Heterosexual sex puts women at risk for HIV. It is important to know a male partner's HIV status and insist upon condom use during sexual encounters.
* Unprotected vaginal sex puts women at risk for HIV, and unprotected anal sex places women at an even greater risk for HIV transmission.
* Women who have experienced sexual abuse may use drugs as a coping mechanism, find it difficult to refuse unwanted sex, exchange sex for drugs, or engage in risky sexual behaviors, all of which increase HIV transmission risk.
...

What Can Women Do?

There are several ways you can reduce your risk for getting HIV. Below are a few things you can do to look out for yourself and stay healthy.

1. Don't have sex.
Abstaining from sex means not having any type of sex at all—oral, anal, or vaginal. Abstinence is 100% effective in preventing sexual transmission of HIV.
...
I know unprotected sex with a man is risky. But what about having sex with women?

Though the risk of getting HIV through vaginal secretions and menstrual blood is well-documented, there are no confirmed cases of HIV transmissions by female-to-female sexual contact. Nonetheless, women who have sex with women should also use the steps listed above to protect themselves from HIV.'

Were single mothers better off in the 19th Century?

Broadsword · 8 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

As far back as the 1800s, single mothers were receiving benefits. At that time, they would be paid up front and in cash, but were they better off than today?

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Cambridge historian Dr Samantha Williams has examined an early form of welfare in England and Wales called the Old English Poor Law. Under it, poor relief - as it was then called - was given out by the local parish. Looking at the plight of poor families in two Bedfordshire communities between 1760 and the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834, her research reveals that a generous benefits system existed in parts of England.

...

If a single pregnant mother wanted to claim poor relief before 1834, she had to go before two judicial officers and swear on the paternity of her child's father under oath. No other proof was needed. She would then receive benefits up front and the officials would try to reclaim money back from the father.

The "bastardy examinations" - as they were called - required the father to pay back all the childbirth expenses, the legal expenses it cost to pursue him and regular maintenance payments for the child, similar to child maintenance payments today.'

Rabbis: Circumcision Death Investigation Could Force Mohels Underground

anthony · 9 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This week, the Brooklyn district attorney confirmed that prosecutors are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a two-week old infant who died last fall in Brooklyn after he contracted herpes from a religious circumcision at Maimonides Medical Center. Now, rabbis are worried that the investigation may send mohels who perform the metzitzah b'peh ritual into back alley circumcisions: "The worst thing that could happen is if the authorities regulate this practice, then it could go underground," Rabbi David Zwiebel, the executive vice president of Agudath Israel of America, told the Times.

"I think the practice would continue, but there could be significant difficulty in gathering evidence. I would hope that our government officials take steps in conjunction with the community," he said. The cause of death for the boy, who died last September, was listed as "disseminated herpes simplex virus Type 1, complicating ritual circumcision with oral suction."

...

Rabbi Zwiebel believes roughly two-thirds of newborn boys in the city's Orthodox communities are circumcised through metzizah b' peh, in which a rabbi or mohel removes blood from the wound with his mouth. He added that Orthodox community leader, who are loathe to work with police on these matters, are aware of the risk of herpes from the practice: "We're not oblivious to what's going on."'

Family stonewalling authorities after newborn dies from herpes contracted in ritual circumcision

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Authorities are being stonewalled by the family of a newborn boy who died after contracting herpes through a controversial religious circumcision ritual, the Daily News has learned.

Multiple sources in the Orthodox Jewish community said the 2-week-old boy's parents were related to a herpes-infected rabbi who conducted the circumcision according to tradition — using one's mouth to remove blood from the wound.

The Brooklyn District Attorney's Office is investigating the death and trying to identify the rabbi, or mohel, but family members have not been cooperative, sources said.

"You guys are barking up the right tree," a law enforcement source said of word that the mohel was related to the boy. "But we don't know yet who did what."

City health officials have criticized the religious practice, saying that putting the open wound into contact with the mouth of the rabbi carries "inherent risks" for the infant.'

Sydney Professor Pushes Routine Circumcision New Zealand

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A study that highlights the importance of circumcision in New Zealand is pushing for routine practice on male infants in the country, but medical experts in the country disagrees, the New Zealand Herald reports.

Circumcision reduces the risk of infections, cancer and other health issues, and as such, male infants should be subjected to it routinely, a study claims.

Sydney University Professor of Medicine Brian Morris led a team of 12 medical experts to conduct the study.

Their report revealed the risk of urinary tract infection and kidney inflammation was 10 times greater in uncircumcised babies than those circumcised.'

F&F: New Child Support Rules Seize Social Security, Disability, and Veterans Benefits

Matt · 9 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Spud McConnell, a well-known movie actor, also hosts a popular New Orleans talk radio show, Talk Gumbo on New Orleans radio station WWL—AM 870/FM105.3. On February 28, 2012, Fathers and Families' Chairman of the Board Ned Holstein, MD, appeared on the show to discuss new child support rules promulgated by the federal government....

In yet another measure that will harm children instead of helping them, the new rule effects how much money can be seized for payment of child support arrearages from people who receive federal benefits, such as social security, disability and veterans' payments.'

Police: daughter kept dad's body in ice chest

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Louisiana woman apparently kept her father's severed body in an ice chest at her apartment for at least two years as she collected his Social Security check, police said.

At some point, she cut off his hands so that identifying him would be difficult, authorities said, but she never dumped his body as she had planned. The woman and her roommate recently went to police to tell their story after deputies came to the apartment when they wouldn't let maintenance workers inside the home.'

SAVE: Tell Senator Kelly Ayotte, Vote No on VAWA

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The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is up for reauthorization. Since it was first introduced in 1994, this nice-sounding bill has been described as the solution to domestic violence. And most people believed that claim, as evidenced by its 2005 reauthorization.

That all changed once Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) and victims' groups started educating the public and staffers on Capitol Hill about the problems with VAWA.

SAVE wants accountability added to stop the misuse of grant monies. We want restrictions removed so advocates can open shelters primarily for abused men. And, among other things, we want accreditation to be mandatory, to stop the widespread promotion of inaccurate "facts."

Today we're asking you to call Kelly Ayotte, a senator from New Hampshire who is committed to upholding the Constitution. Please ask her to vote NO on VAWA. You can call Sen. Ayotte at her Washington DC office: 202-224-3324.

Thank you so much for taking action on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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'Connecting boys to the feminist movement'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Connecting girls, inspiring futures. The theme for this year's International Women's Day is a call to action for women to involve their daughters, communities to involve their young girls.

By engaging with them we can connect them to the rich history of women before them, to each other through community involvement, to the world at large through social media. Raising our daughters to understand the issues of their gender and empowering them to act on injustice is one of the most important things mothers can do.

But our son's need the same instruction. If they're white, middle-to-upper class, and male, then they are the power set. Feminism has come beyond the days of male-bashing and bra-burning — if indeed they really existed at all as part of feminism. But our society has not come beyond the days of men on top and women on bottom, despite how good it looks on the surface.

How ideal, then, to infiltrate that group up top with men who understand the issues and concerns of women. Without men who are willing to listen and engage in change, the goals of feminism would stall.'

Tom Martin interviewed on BBC Radio, and in New Statesman

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Has feminism left men behind?

John Rutherford argues in the New Statesman this week that the language of feminism fails to engage the support of men plunged into a 'perpetual adolescence' by economic and social inequalities. So how can feminism engage with men more successfully? Jenni Murray talks to Helen Lewis, Assistant Editor of the New Statesman magazine, and to Tom Martin, who is currently suing LSE for alleged sex discrimination, and is founder of sexismbusters.org

You can read the article, listen to the interview, and donate to Tom's legal fighting fund, at http://sexismbusters.org/.

Gloria Allred seeks Rush Limbaugh prosecution

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Rush Limbaugh has drawn the ire of celebrity lawyer Gloria Allred, who sent a letter to the Palm Beach County state attorney requesting an investigation into whether the popular radio host should be prosecuted for calling a law student a “slut” and “prostitute” last week.

“Mr. Limbaugh targeted his attack on a young law student who was simply exercising her free speech and her right to testify before congress on a very important issue to millions of American women and he vilified her. He defamed her and engaged in unwarranted, tasteless and exceptionally damaging attacks on her,” Allred told POLITICO Friday afternoon. “He needs to face the consequences of his conduct in every way that is meaningful.”
...

In a letter dated March 8, Allred, writing on behalf of the Women’s Equal Rights Legal Defense and Education Fund, requested that Palm Beach County State Attorney Michael McAuliffe probe whether the conservative radio personality had violated Section 836.04 of the Florida Statutes by calling Georgetown University law student Sandra Fluke the two derogatory words.

The statute stipulates that anyone who “speaks of and concerning any woman, married or unmarried, falsely and maliciously imputing to her a want of chastity” is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. Allred explained that the statute recently came to her attention as having never been repealed, and that it could very well apply to Limbaugh’s remarks as his show is broadcast from West Palm Beach.
...
She added, “Hitting him economically is one price that he has to pay. He needs to be accountable in every way possible.”'

Canada: Younger men are opting for vasectomies

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Andrew Masuda likes his friends' children well enough, but he's sure that he never wants to have any of his own.

Two weeks ago, the 38-year-old Toronto man underwent a vasectomy.

"I first started thinking about getting a vasectomy when I was 17," says Masuda, who adds that his family, friends and girlfriend are supportive of his decision.
...
"(A vasectomy) should be considered a permanent procedure," says Aquino. "If a man or a couple is asking a lot of questions about reversals, that's a red flag for me. I'd suggest they spend more time thinking about whether they are really ready to proceed."'

DOJ Director on Violence Against Women in the United States

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In one of the most in-depth discussions to date on violence against women in the United States, and to coincide with International Women's Day, I interviewed Susan B. Carbon, Director of the United States Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

Ms. Carbon was nominated to this position by President Barack Obama on October 1, 2009 and confirmed by the United States Senate on February 11, 2010. As Director, she serves as the liaison between the Department of Justice and federal, state, tribal, and international governments on crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. In this role, she is responsible for developing the Department's legal and policy positions regarding the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act and oversees an annual budget of nearly $400 million.

...

Susan Carbon: Although violent crime has decreased nationwide, the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking still devastate the lives of too many women, men, youth, and children. Since then-Senator Biden brought national attention to crimes of violence against women in hearings in 1990, we have learned more about their shocking prevalence. One in every four women and one in every seven men have experienced severe physical violence by a current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend.'

Rush Limbaugh needs to be silenced by FCC, argue Gloria Steinem, et al.

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A group of well-known feminists is calling for Rush Limbaugh's head - and they want radio listeners to help fire him.

In an editorial posted on CNN.com Saturday, Gloria Steinem, Jane Fonda and Robin Morgan urged listeners to file complaints with the FCC in hopes that the government agency will yank the licenses of radio stations that air his show — and thus silence the controversial conservative.

Limbaugh's syndicator, Clear Channel Communications, has backed the host since he called Sandra Fluke, a third-year Georgetown law student, a "slut" and "prostitute" over her support of insurance coverage of birth control.

"If Clear Channel won't clean up its airways, then surely it's time for the public to ask the FCC a basic question: Are the stations carrying Limbaugh's show in fact using their licenses "in the public interest?" the trio wrote.

The editorial says it's not about Limbaugh's political views, but more about his "toxic hate speech" on the airwaves.

"For 20 years, Limbaugh has hidden behind the First Amendment, or else claimed he's really 'doing humor' or 'entertainment.' He is indeed constitutionally entitled to his opinions, but he is not constitutionally entitled to the people's airways," they argue.'

The 72,000 problem families with no father and no male role model

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Article here. Excerpt:

'About 72,000 of the most troubled families, 60 per cent of those being targeted by the Government, are headed by a single mother. The rate is about triple the national average.

An official review into the causes of last summer's riots is expected to highlight the lack of "male role models" for many of the youths arrested in the wake of the widespread disturbances.

The riot panel, set up to investigate the problem, is thought to have become frustrated that few details of the family backgrounds of problem children have previously been recorded, despite it being such an important influence on their behaviour.

...

Last night, Eric Pickles, the Communities and Local Government Secretary, said: "These troubled families are in total breakdown. The absence of a positive father figure is a huge problem and often the fathers who are present have severe drug and alcohol addictions and are not working.

"Clearly we want to work towards a situation where the fathers in these families provide stability, which means getting them back to work, so they can bring in money and be a positive role model to their children."'

FOX Video: "Benefits of male circumcision"

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Mar 11, 2012 - 3:05 - Medical experts warn procedure's benefits outweigh any minor risks

Video here. [See first comment for FOX contact info.]

Baby's Death Renews Debate Over a Circumcision Ritual

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors are investigating the death of a newborn boy who died in September after contracting herpes through a controversial practice of ritual circumcision, reviving a debate in New York over safety and religious freedom.

The Brooklyn district attorney, Charles J. Hynes, confirmed on Wednesday that the investigation was continuing, but declined to comment further.

The cause of death of the 2-week-old boy, who died at Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn on Sept. 28, was Type 1 herpes, caused by "ritual circumcision with oral suction," according to the medical examiner's office.

The ritual of oral suction — or in Hebrew, metzitzah b'peh — is practiced almost exclusively in ultra-Orthodox communities and, to a lesser degree, in Orthodox Jewish communities, despite efforts by the city to curtail it and educate communities about its health risks. The procedure occurs during the circumcision ritual of the bris, as the practitioner, or mohel, removes the foreskin of the penis and then sucks the blood from the wound to clean it.
...
In 2005, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg assembled rabbis throughout the city to try to persuade them to move away from metzitzah b'peh. But they said that the practice was safe and that there was no definitive evidence that it caused herpes. "The Orthodox Jewish community will continue the practice that has been practiced for over 5,000 years," Rabbi David Niederman of the United Jewish Organization in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, said at the time. "'We do not change. And we will not change."'

"Women a driving force behind higher volunteerism rate"

Matt · 12 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

More from the "They're just plain better" Dept., here. At least this time it's sort-of-kind-of acknowledged that one reason you see men volunteering less is, *shocker*, they're out earning the money that women spend or have spent on them. Still, it doesn't stop the article from touting women as being so much better than men, but of course, they are also under so much pressure to be good volunteers. Read:

'WASHINGTON — Looking for volunteers?

The person most likely to say yes is a married white woman between 35 and 44 who's a college graduate, works part time and has at least one child under 18, according to a Bureau of Labor Statistics survey released last month.

For millions of women who fit that profile, the findings are no surprise. They know the social pressure to help out as classroom moms, PTA volunteers, sports team coaches, snack moms at soccer games, cookie sale coordinators for the Girl Scouts and a multitude of other self-sacrificing assignments.
...
Fran Weisberg, co-chair of the Women's Leadership Council of the United Way of Greater Rochester, said she was not surprised by the Bureau of Labor Statistics findings.

"I believe there is something unique, a certain empathy and caring that we as women have, either through our personal experiences or a sense of understanding and compassion," she said. "I do believe women are more apt to volunteer and to give and say 'I believe I can make a difference in the lives of others.'"'

Galled?

Read this:

'Nationally, men volunteered at a rate 6.4 percentage points lower than women, according to the federal survey. And their participation was almost unchanged from the year before.

Westchester County resident Diane Luftig, 42, of New Rochelle said her husband, Larry, would volunteer more but doesn't have the time. He works long days as a banker, heading out at 5:30 a.m. weekdays to commute to lower Manhattan's financial district.

Allison DiMarco, 40, of Penfield cites the same issue — long work hours — as the major obstacle for her husband, Rich, who works in construction.

"The men have to be the breadwinners," she said.'

On the surface, somewhat "vindicating", as if it's presumed all good people do or should volunteer. (What would that famous female economist, Ayn Rand, have said about such a statement, I wonder?). I'll tell you what galls me about that statement: It's the presumption that men HAVE to be the breadwinners. No, we don't. Fact is, we can be whatever the hell we feel like being and if others don't or won't accept it, then bye-bye to them.

Article: "The Sorry Lives and Confusing Times of Today's Young Men"

TCM · 12 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The subtitle: "They don't have jobs. They're dropping out of college. They play video games all day and watch porn all night. Even their sperm counts are low. Why won't guys grow up?"

Discriminating against men and boys in employment and education, and then blaming them for being unemployed and uneducated, is like breaking someone's legs and then blaming them because they can't walk. Such is, unfortunately, the kind of treatment we have become accustomed to for the past forty years. As we may observe in this article and broader society, men are unique in that society regards their vulnerabilities as opportunities not to come to their aid, but to mock them for their very condition of being vulnerable. Note, however, the defiant comments in the article. Note the unity of their message. Note their passion, their choice of rhetoric, the targets of their scrutiny! No longer content to be the beasts of burden for a society that denies their suffering and mocks their existence, Men are Going Their Own Way, at last. Excerpt:

'THE WOMEN ARE IRATE. The women are talking about men, young men, the men they'd like to date and marry, and are they ever pissed. Here's what they're saying:

"All they want is sex. They don't care about relationships."

"They're so lazy."

"All they do is play video games."

"They aren't men. They're boys."

The women are a little bewildered. They're good girls. They followed the script: did well in high school, got into college, worked hard there, got out, got jobs, started looking around for someone special to share life with, and …

"I met a guy the other night. Good-looking, smart. Twenty-eight years old. He still lives at home. With his mom." Young men are now nearly twice as likely as young women to live with their parents; 59 percent of guys ages 18 to 24 and 19 percent of 25-to-34-year-olds live at home. Based on those Census Bureau stats, 64,000 young Philly men have returned to or never left the nest—and they all have mothers, ex-girlfriends, grandmothers, dads and other friends and relations worrying about their plight.'

'Abortion is not for women, it is for men' - Men to 'blame' for abortion?

anthony · 12 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'Jessica Valenti's op-ed "A war on women" (March 5) would have been better titled "A war on Republicans." Abortion is not for women, it is for men! Men who engage in sexual acts forced or consensual and take no responsibility for the intercourse that could result in pregnancy.

Abortion is not a choice, it is a consequence. The slogan "A woman's right to choose" is erroneous.

Many women do not show up at abortion clinics because they choose. Most women did not willingly plan an unwanted pregnancy, did they? No, it is a consequence of a sex act that resulted in "whoops" or a sex act they were forced to have unwillingly. In either case, the man is accountable, and it was his choice!

There are many men enjoying the pleasures of sex and loving the slogan "A woman's right to choose" because they reap the fruit of the pleasure of sex without the consequence and responsibility of caring for the woman or the unwanted pregnancy.'

The Democrat War on Men – Contraception Mandate Obfuscation at Its Finest

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Article here. Excerpt:

'COMMENTARY | The effort to turn the protest of employers with religious objections against bearing the expense of contraception coverage into a Republican war on women wasn't enough. A certain Democrat has now launched an official and quite blatant war against men.

...

Seriously -- now the liberals want men to provide "a notarized affidavit signed by a sexual partner affirming impotency" to get a prescription for Viagra?" How about we add a similar clause to the Obamacare contraception mandate that a woman must submit a notarized affidavit signed by a sex partner that she can achieve a measurable level of sexual arousal/pleasure before she can qualify for receiving birth control? Women have been faking orgasms since the dawn of man. Imagine having to prove you really "had one." How's that for an achievement of ultimate gender equality?

Still, while Turner's self-righteous rant sounds well and good and might serve to rally quite a few of her fellow disgruntled feminists into a frothy "gotcha" lather, what's ultimately missing from Turner's endeavor to debase the male species is any evidence that A) an unconceived child's life would be a stake in a man's decision to take Viagra and B) that any of the men requesting a prescription are demanding that someone else pay for it.'

The Southern Poverty Law Center Award for Men's Rights Advocacy

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Via email, tongue-in-cheek for sure:

The Southern Poverty Law Center published a wonderful list of some of the most thought provoking and sympathetic websites that anyone with an interest in men's rights could hope to find. The sites that made this list:

Alcuin (has since been made private for only select viewers)
http://alcuin-constant.blogspot.com/

BOYCOTT AMERICAN WOMEN
http://boycottamericanwomen.blogspot.com/

The Counter Feminist
http://counterfem.blogspot.com/

The False Rape Society
http://falserapesociety.blogspot.com/

In Mala Fide
http://www.inmalafide.com/

MarkyMark's Thoughts
http://markymarksthoughts.blogspot.com/

MensActivism
http://news.mensactivism.org/

Reddit: Mens Rights (a news aggregator rather than a blog proper)
http://www.reddit.com/r/MensRights/

RooshV
http://www.rooshv.com/

SAVE Services
http://www.saveservices.org/

The Spearhead
http://www.the-spearhead.com/

A Voice for Men
http://www.avoiceformen.com/

The SPLC is a well-funded organization that put lots of effort into researching these sites. All sites that made the final cut receive good traffic, are well written, and are seen as credible rebuttals to the refusal of the feminist lobby to concede equal rights to men, particularly in separation and divorce.

Ignore the useless verbiage on the list which can be found here.

The verbiage dismisses all legitimate men's rights issues on the grounds that some of the comments on men's rights sites are a little angry. It goes without saying that the occasional angry comment by some man who has suffered false rape or domestic violence accusations, or who at the behest of his ex spouse has been forcibly denied his children or property by the family courts, has to be separated from the validity of the movement's underlying issues. No reasonable person would so completely lose sight of those issues because of such comments as the SPLC has done, just as no reasonable person would say that comments made in anger by those who had experienced

concentration camps, slavery, genocide, or rape could ever invalidate the legitimate grievances of the victims.

It's truly an honor to all who received this recognition. There are a great many blogs out in the manosphere and it takes hard work to rise to the top. Keep up the great work!

Media bashing of males damaging

anthony · 12 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'Madam -- I was concerned by some of the remarks made by Jody Corcoran (Sunday Independent, March 4, 2012).

"He is like men everywhere. They shout, they roar, they threaten. Eventually they may calm down but the damage is done. O Cuiv, like most men, will realise he should have listened to the voice of reason, which is usually the voice of a woman."

If a male journalist made negative generalisations about women, and implied that men were, on average, more reasonable than women, it is hard to believe that would be published on your front page.

Misandry in the media is prevalent and damaging. Our boys need to grow up feeling positive about their gender. Comments like Jody Corcoran's surreptitiously remove positive value from maleness.'

Florida parents force son to stand on corner with sign as punishment for bad grades

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MIAMI – A Miami seventh-grader's parents are forcing their son to stand on a street corner with a sign describing his failures in school after he got bad grades, WSVN reports.

Michael Bell. Jr. will be spending his spring break on a street corner near his home after he came home with a report card containing three failing grades. His teachers also reported he was a "class clown."

In accordance with this report, the front of Michael's sign reads: "Hey, I want to be a class clown. Is it wrong?"

The back of the sign says: "I'm in the 7th grade and got 3 F's. Blow your horn if there's something wrong with that."'

Lisalyn Jacobs cops a plea

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Video: http://vimeo.com/38342545

Lisalyn Jacobs, the woman who assaulted Daddy Justice, agreed to a plea deal.

Unwed Fathers Receive Rights to Infant Children

Anonymous · 13 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

By Jeffery M. Leving

Unwed biological fathers are often told they have no rights when it comes to their infant children when placed for adoption. The fact they fathered their child is not considered important when the mother decides, on her own, to give the infant child up for adoption in certain circumstances.

But, this gender disparity in equal protection and due process in parental rights is changing.

Recently, the State of Utah adopted House Bill 308 that is designed to safeguard unwed paternal rights in regards to children six months or younger from being adopted. This law would require unwed fathers to be issued official notification of the mother's intention to give their infant child up for adoption in certain circumstances. Once received, the father would then have 30 days to assert his rights as a parent and petition the court for custody. This closes a loophole which had allowed mothers to circumvent notifying the biological father and thus committing the ultimate act of parental alienation – terminating the father-child relationship forever.

Common sense and fair play would argue that if an unwed mother decides to give up her rights to a child, then the biological father would automatically be given the opportunity to take custody of his child. Instead, a stranger can be given the right to adopt the child, often without the father even knowing he will never see his child again.

All too often these points are treated unreasonably in many states because too many jurisdictions have rejected the rights of fathers regarding infant children born outside of marriage.

The mother, it is aggressively argued, bears the burden of child birth and therefore should be the sole parent overseeing the child's well-being and future relationship with the birth father. This not only doesn't make sense, but can strip children of someone who has a natural biological drive to protect them – their own father.

Utah isn't the only state that has begun to tear down these antiquated attitudes against biological fathers.

Recently, a legislative initiative evolved in the State of Michigan to adopt a similar law involving putative fathers. This House Bill (HB 4067), which, among other things, would allow biological fathers the right to seek to establish paternity even if the child's mother was married to another man between the time the child was conceived and born.

The new Michigan legislation would provide a detailed mechanism to establish paternity for a biological father as previous statues automatically granted paternity to the marital father.

Again, common sense would dictate that the biological father, the one who conceived the child with the mother, would have rights to establish paternity and custody, but this is not always the case. Existing laws in many states not only ignore the rights of the father, but ignore the rights of the child. Who better to enjoy the legal right to defend a child's health, education, and welfare than their biological, natural father when mom walks away?

The rights of fathers should be balanced against the rights of mothers when it comes to safeguarding the well-being of their children. Equal protection and due process should exist in every state regardless of gender and marital status. Unwed fathers should not be wrongfully excluded from making decisions that are necessary in raising their children, including education, religious training, and health care. This is critical in this nation where approximately 33.1% of children are born out of wedlock.

However, if there is a child placement disagreement, the child's future is too often decided based on parental gender and marital status.

Unwed fathers' rights legislation will hopefully be enacted into law in both Utah and also in Michigan and spread throughout the nation. These are steps in the right direction to correct this unfair imbalance. Constitutional rights must apply to unwed fathers and their children too.

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Is feminism sexist?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Does feminism discriminate against men? Tom Martin thinks so. Today, the former MSc student at the gender studies institute of the London School of Economics sued the university for misleading advertising and breach of equality legislation, on the basis that the course promotes a "sexist agenda".

Martin, who has raised £4,300 to fund his case at the central London county court, argues that feminism makes women think of themselves as victims, and that it promotes a discourse which "excludes mention of men" and the inequalities they face, such as increased risk of homelessness and subjection to hypergamy (gold-digging), which his website claims is "prevalent among most of the world's women".

Martin would like to see the gender studies course incorporate male studies, a burgeoning field in America backed by the likes of Warren Farrell, the controversial author of such books as The Myth of Male Power. A substantial part of the evidence that he will be using for his case is the language of the core texts for the LSE course, which he believes establish an "all women good, all men bad" binary, while research that is "articulate and forthright on men's problems" is systematically blocked.'

SAVE: Tell Senators Corker and Alexander, Vote No on VAWA

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As we've mentioned before, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is up for reauthorization. VAWA has many short-comings. Last week we told you about the lack of accountability and accreditation. Today we're focusing on VAWA's lack of equal protection.

VAWA provides legal assistance to accusers, but not to the accused. Read "My Son Had No Chance to Prove His Innocence" (http://womenagainstvawa.org/mother-my-son-had-no-chance-to-prove-his-innocence) to see how VAWA is negatively impacting innocent families.

Senator Leahy is still trying to get enough co-sponsors to avoid a filibuster, but he hasn't succeeded yet. We need to make sure he doesn't get any more.

Today we're asking you to call senators Bob Corker and Lamar Alexander of TN. Call Sen. Corker at his Washington DC office: 202-224-3344, and call Sen. Alexander at his office: (202) 224-4944.

We're holding the line. Don't let go now!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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"Access Denied: Sex strike to hit the US"

otomo · 14 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Liberal Ladies Who Lunch, a women's right group that says they strive to turn "America blue, one plate at a time," is waging a sex strike starting next month that they hope will combat infringements on their personal liberties being waged by conservatives. With women's rights issues being debated in the mainstream lately by the likes of lawmakers looking to deny the right to choose and commentators deeming pro-choice women as sluts, the strike scheduled for next month seems more than just well timed.

According to the group's latest call to action, this protest won't rely on picket signs and chants to get a message across. Instead, Liberal Ladies Who Lunch are asking women to wage a sex strike to "united against the war on women."

"Why are we taking a stand to protect women's rights in 2012? Because not that long ago a group of brave women took a stand, and in some cases a beating, to give us the right to vote," explains the group via Facebook, stressing the importance of the American suffrage movement in securing women the right to vote. "Younger men and women may not remember the 'good old days' when the only reproductive choice we had was to deny men access to sex. In truth, if we lose our hard won rights to medical care, birth control and pregnancy choice, it won't only affect women. Men will have to go back to the days when they waited for or paid for sex," explains the group.

To help make a chance, the group is asking like-minded women to align with them for a sex strike starting on April 28 and extending a week later until May 5.'

Their FB page: https://www.facebook.com/LiberalLadiesWhoLunch

And a FB group against this insanity: https://www.facebook.com/groups/291954670873658

Exclusive: Banned Mohel Still Apparently Performing ‘Metzitzah’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A mohel who was ordered to stop the circumcision practice of metzitzah b’peh in 2007 by the New York State Department of Health is apparently still engaging in the controversial practice of “oral suction,” The Jewish Week has learned.

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In 2005, it was reported that Rabbi Fischer had been linked to the infections of three infants, one of whom died, with the herpes simplex 1 virus. All three infants were circumcised by Rabbi Fischer in New York State. At the time, the city ordered Rabbi Fischer to stop practicing metzitzah b’peh temporarily while it investigated the matter.

...

In 2007, after Rabbi Fischer was linked to another case of neonatal herpes in May of that year, he was prohibited under Section 16 of the Public Health Law by the state Department of Health from performing metzitzah b’peh “in and throughout the state of New York.” Rabbi Fischer was also prohibited from engaging in any other practice in which he “[allows his] mouth or oral fluids to come in direct contact with an infant’s genitals...”'

F&F: Oregon Will Fine for False Reports of Child Abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an effort to keep people from maliciously filing false reports of child abuse in the midst of divorce, custody fight, or other domestic conflict, the Oregon Legislature passed legislation making it a Class A violation resulting in a $750 fine.

One of our members, Gordon Hillesland, has tracked this legislation through the Oregon House and Senate. Ten years ago, his wife accused him of abusing his children when she was seeking a divorce. The accusations, even though he was never charged, ruined his life.'

Department of State: Celebrating International Women's Day by Investing in Women and Girls

Minuteman · 15 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Ambassador Eric Goosby serves as U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, and Melanne Verveer serves as Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues.

As we observe Women's History Month throughout March, we celebrate the work pioneered by advocates, policymakers, and practitioners around the world to advance women's rights. Promoting the rights of women and addressing gender inequities and gender norms are essential steps to reducing HIV risk and increasing access to HIV prevention, care and treatment services -- for both women and men.

The Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI) and the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) are committed to advancing the rights and health of women and girls around the world. Under the leadership of President Obama and Secretary Clinton, the United States has put women and girls front and center in the three pillars of our foreign policy -- diplomacy, development, and defense.
...

Today, at the National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event at the White House, we announced a joint S/GWI and PEPFAR initiative. We will support civil society organizations with small grants to prevent and respond to gender-based violence (GBV), with a link to HIV prevention, treatment or care.
...
The White House also released a Presidential Memorandum establishing a working group to explore the intersection of HIV/AIDS, violence against women and girls, and gender-related health disparities in the United States -- and will include lessons learned from our international work in this area.
...
As we move forward globally, we will continue to focus on several key objectives -- including reducing GBV and coercion; engaging men and boys to address norms and behavior; increasing women and girls' legal protection; increasing women and girls' access to income and productive resources, including education; and ensuring gender equity in HIV/AIDS programs and services, including access to reproductive health services.
...
For example, over the last two years, PEPFAR has invested close to $155 million in responding to GBV.
...
We are also partners in the Together for Girls initiative -- a unique partnership that brings together public, private, United Nations and U.S. agencies to address sexual violence against children, particularly girls.'

UK: Women posed as boy to sexually assault girls

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Link here. Excerpt:

'An English teen has been found out leading a double life — posing as three different boys in order to have sexual encounters with other girls she was attracted to.

Gemma Barker, 19, had relationships with two girls aged 15 and 16 who thought she was a male, despite going to the same school as her, Guildford Crown Court heard yesterday.

During their encounters Barker spoke like a boy and wore men's clothing — including baggy tops, hats and hoodies — to cover up her feminine physique.

She created three different alter egos — Aaron Lampard, Connor McCormack and Luke Jones — and had separate Facebook profiles for each of them.

The Middlesex resident now faces jail time after admitting to two counts of sexual assault and one count of fraud.'

Boy, kidnapped by babysitter, to be reunited with mother

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Miguel Morin was 8 months old when, police say, his baby sitter took him for what was supposed to be just one night in 2004. The sitter, Krystle Rochelle Tanner, was Miguel's godmother and friends with his mother, police say.

Now, eight years after his disappearance, Miguel will be reunited with his mother, Auboni Champion-Morin of Houston, pending a DNA test, Click2houston.com reported Wednesday. She says she never gave up hope that she would find her child.

"I prayed every night that he was safe, loved and he would come home one day," Champion-Morin told the Houston television station.'

When Violence Against Women Becomes a Political Game

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Still, acknowledging the "branding" aspect seems only to highlight the real issues, which are way more important than the name of an act (and frankly, shouldn't it be the Anti-Violence Against Women Act?). We are talking about programs that help stop violence against women, and hopefully same-sex couples too. As much as Democrats may be hoping in some way deep down or even more shallowly to use this for their gain (while simultaneously supporting something that should be done) and Republicans fight to reign in the scope of the act and not alienate every single women in America, they're both somewhat at fault -- Democrats for any unnecessary strategic "add-ons" that compromise the meaning of the act itself; Republicans for cowing to the conservative line.
...
If Mary, one New York Times commenter, is an indication of American women, perhaps yes. She writes, "Elected males across the country ought brace themselves for the second wave: younger females who've struggled to put themselves through college and establish themselves in the work force are not as willing as their moms and grandmothers to see their hard earned tax monies thrown down the bottomless pit of 2 million predatory male criminals, corporate prisons, and the male-skewed law enforcement industry ... which clearly does little to protect women and girls. At some point, the majority of females in the U.S. will finally begin to wonder why males make so little effort to control themselves while obsessed with controlling everything that is female."'

Young: Rethink violence law from the center

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Violence Against Women Act, passed in 1994, is up for its third reauthorization in Congress this spring. The legislation, which promotes stronger state policies combating domestic violence and sexual assault and secures federal funds for related programs, has always enjoyed bipartisan support. But no longer. While the 2012 bill is co-sponsored by Democrat Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Republican Mike Crapo of Idaho, the Senate Judiciary committee approved it last month on a 10-8 partisan vote, with not one Republican voting for it.

Republicans have lately been accused of waging a "war on women," which puts them in a bad position to demand a critical review of the law. And that's unfortunate, because it needs one.

Helping victims of rape and abuse is a noble cause. But VAWA has always been about more than that. The original bill, sponsored by then-Sen. Joseph Biden, was crafted primarily by feminist groups which, however genuine their commitment to helping women, are also committed to a narrow ideological approach to complex issues.

The activists tend to view violence against women entirely through the lens of gender oppression -- men terrorizing women to enforce patriarchal supremacy. Yet domestic violence research paints a far more nuanced picture. Mental illness, substance abuse and dysfunctional family dynamics are major factors. Many violent relationships are characterized by mutual abuse, and while women are at higher risk, female aggression is fairly common (and is not, as advocates claim, only a form of self-defense).'

UK: Woman loses false rape claim appeal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The woman's husband was charged with six counts of rape in 2009 to which he pleaded not guilty, but she later said the allegations she had made were false.

The prosecution offered no evidence against him when he appeared at Mold Crown Court and not-guilty verdicts were entered.

Initially she was charged with perverting the course of justice on the basis of making a false complaint, but she later asserted that it was the retraction, rather than the allegation of rape, which was false.'

Time for the Men's Rights Movement to Grow Some

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Anyone who has ever taken to the streets as part of campaigns to stop violence against women (increasingly relevant after a new Alberta survey purports to reveal that one in 10 men think it's OK to hit a woman if she makes him angry), has probably come across the following argument: Where are all the campaigns to stop violence against men? For many who have yet to stumble upon the heated forums, blog rants, and protests that embellish the heart of this argument -- this may be your first foray into the men's rights movement.

You might then wonder what the movement wants and be compelled to do some research. Divorce settlement equality, better laws to stop violence against men by women, better custody laws... the list goes on. Some of these are very reasonable requests -- and in many cases, the MRM has been quite effective in achieving its goals. Some of the movement's more notable successes include "The Innocence Project," an organization that works to exonerate individuals who have been wrongly convicted of rape or otherwise, and "Just Detention International," an organization that works to end prison rape.
...
Of course, there are concerns of the MRM that should rightfully be investigated. For the first time, women outnumber men in universities -- striving to figure out just why men are faring much more poorly in the education system should be high on the agenda. But searching for solutions to helping those men is not the same as creating barriers to stop the women who are succeeding. If this point is ignored then developments, like those in Hanna Rosen's TED video talk, which charts the rise of women in society, will only inspire anger, rather than applause.'

Subtle sexism common at work, experts say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If a guy offers to carry a box for a female co-worker, help her with Google Analytics or compliments her for what a good mom she seems to be, she may be better off turning down the help and deflecting the compliments. These seemingly nice gestures and complimentary comments towards women may be a form of subtle sexism, experts say.

Chivalrous acts and compliments on female qualities, like mothering or nurturing, studies show, can be just as damaging to women as more blatant sexism and catcalls. Offering to assist women in traditionally male tasks, which experts call benevolent sexism, reinforces the notion that men are more competent than women, and women are weak and fragile.

One study found that when women were led to expect help from men, they became unsure of themselves, got distracted, and consequently performed poorly, creating a self-fulfilling prophesy. Women don't usually recognize benevolent sexism, and they start to doubt their ability to do the job, which makes them less able to do the job, the study's co-author Peter Glick said in a podcast.
...
Researchers found when women were made aware of subtle sexism and how to spot it, they no longer had self doubts and their performance didn't suffer.

Men, though appear to be slower at getting the message and had to be more actively educated that any kind of sexism harms women.'

Baseball: "A victim of Title IX"

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'Baseball is included in that count. Wisconsin scrapped its program entirely, and Cal-Berkeley committed to discarding its program in 2010 before fundraising raised enough to keep it afloat.

“Women didn’t want to kill men’s sports, they just wanted it to be equal,” said former LSU athletic director and baseball coach Skip Bertman. “I think baseball is pretty much a victim of Title IX.”

The NCAA mandates a roster limit for each team, allowing only 35 players.

Just 27 are allowed to receive any sort of scholarship.

“You can’t even cover a full backup spot,” said former LSU first baseman Blake Dean. “You need at least a full 18 scholarships. … You could field two full teams with 18 scholarships. That would be a little more reasonable.”'

Huggies Diapers and Fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's been trending wildly on the internet, has spawned, outrage, online petitions and tearful mea culpas from Kimberly - Clark spokespeople. Their Huggies commercial is criticized as dad bashing. So I asked the dad I know best - my husband - for his thoughts. He's not just a dad - he's been calling out dad-bashing since authoring "Mack Daddy," a bestselling parenting book written from a decidedly male point of view.
...
Undoubtedly, some folks at Huggies' marketing department may now be wearing Depends - so fearful are they for their jobs. And I say... yippee. Squirm. Sweat. Have a full blown unemployment panic attack. You deserve it after the latest Huggies commercial.
...
Maybe this Huggies commercial debacle will serve as a clarion call to sitcom writers and ad copywriters around the globe. Find a fresh laughingstock for your formulaic jokes. They stink like dirty diapers.'

'Women talk, men should listen'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mind, I don't unequivocally state we are the smarter of the species. I only repeat a question posed in Foreign Service applications. Question: "Do you know what they call anybody with an IQ of 80 in Slobbovia?" Answer: "Mr. President."

I'd never deign to think males are dim. I only wonder why big-time executives jog a half-hour for exercise then take the elevator up to the second floor.

Understand, men may complain. Like saying the wife is a lousy driver. Like: "If she were an Arab, she'd come home with a dented camel."

But, the National Academy of Sciences with MRIs, graphs, charts, images, brain scans and maybe playing "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" has decreed that women's brains are wired more keenly than those belonging to the manly persuasions.'

UK: Who is getting made redundant?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It has become received wisdom that women are much more likely than men to lose their jobs in the current downturn. But is it true? It sounds so plausible - women make up a larger proportion of the public sector where the cuts are biting. And the latest unemployment figures do show that of the 28,000 rise in jobless in the latest figures, 22,000 are women.

But that doesn't mean more women lost their jobs. In fact, more women have won jobs - the female employment rate in Britain has risen. In the year to last autumn, an additional 32,000 women were in work and experts say the trend has continued since then.

...

What the stats don't show is that women are more likely to receive a redundancy notice than men. On the contrary, it is men who have experienced a fall in employment over the past year. Despite cuts to a female-dominated public sector, it is male workers who appear to be getting the chop.

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There is a bit of a mystery here and one which the CIPD acknowledges. "Why ongoing job losses in the public sector are not hitting women harder than men is an interesting question, and one to which the answer is not immediately apparent," they told me today, expressing frustration that official ONS public/private job stats don't have a gender breakdown.'

"A feminist theologian explains the problem with men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In gatherer and early gardening societies, built on the matricentric core of the human family, women often had real power and prestige, when food-gathering and agriculture also meant female control of resources. Such societies achieved real gender parity of power when they constructed ways of drawing in the adult male contribution to work and parenting, conceding to him real and symbolic spheres of prestige and power, while limiting male aggression. But the conditions of such societies began to break down as the agricultural revolution moved toward more crowded urban societies about five thousand years ago, and only remnants still exist today. (170)

In a somewhat surprising, maybe even shocking, admission, Ruether, a leading feminist, says that “this matricentric pattern [of primitive societies and of families in general] is itself the breeding ground of male resentment and violence, rooted in male strategies of exploitative subversion of women’s power….” (171)

Now, it would be totally wrong to interpret Ruether as suggesting that the blame for patriarchy lies with women. Nothing could be further from the truth. She is arguing, however, that matricentricity is the “original position” of human society because only women can give birth and suckle and, generally speaking, in most societies, women have been the primary nurturers of children. And there’s nothing wrong with that UNLESS some mechanism isn’t found to balance matricentricity with male prestige and power. When men become resentful, which happens when they feel hopeless about prestige and power, patriarchy is the result. (Remember, “matricentricity” is not “matriarchy”—the opposite of patriarchy. Both would be hierarchical patterns of relationships. Ruether is against all hierarchy as dominating power over. Matricentricity is in itself a good thing. But it contains a hidden weakness that leads to patriarchy unless that weakness is acknowledged and corrected. The way to do that is for matricentricity to yield to young men prestige and power, not dominating power over. I think of “prestige and power” as social acknowledgement of worth and value.)
...
Now, how does Ruether’s view support my own? It seems to me that the root cause of the present male malaise is resentment arising from the perception that males are viewed by society as, at their core, inferior to females. One education expert noted (in Newsweek’s “The Boy Crisis” cover story (January 30, 2006) that in today’s public schools boys tend to be treated as “defective girls.” Boys and young men cannot help but pick up the not-very-subtle messages in the media that boys and men are fundamentally flawed. ...'

SAVE: $300,000 in Taxpayer Money for Men to Parade around in High Heels

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Last week 400 Mississippi State men were pressured to walk around campus wearing high heels. [i] Billed as a rape awareness event, the activity was funded by a $300,000 grant awarded to the university under the Violence Against Women Act, [ii] as part of VAWA's $9.4 million Violent Crimes on Campus program (Section 304).

Let me get this right…American taxpayers are spending $300,000 to pay college students to play dress-up?

Four Rapes

Rape is a terrible thing to happen. Fortunately at Mississippi State, rapes are rare. According to campus police reports, only four rapes were reported from 2005 to 2010. Of course not all rapes are reported, but it's safe to say there is no epidemic of rape at Mississippi State.

But in 2011, the MSU Department of Outreach and Sexual Assault Services received a $300,000 grant from the Office of Violence Against Women.

According to director LeWanda Swan, the money would be used to "flood the campus with prevention education." That included distribution of flyers in campus bathrooms that featured questionable statistics such as, "one in four women will be raped in their lifetime."

On March 5, 2012, MSU students were treated to the spectacle of a "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event.

Coercion

To round up the 400 men, the campus Inter-Fraternity Council issued a Standards Requirement mandating at least 80% participation. Non-participants faced revocation of their individual privileges and possible termination of the fraternity's charter.

Re-Education

During the event, organizers repeated the claim that women are more likely to be victims of non-lethal partner violence than men. Apparently these persons hadn't bothered to read the most recent CDC violence report, which found a 6.5% male victimization rate, compared to 6.3% for women.[iii]

Not surprisingly, many found the event preposterous. "It's ridiculous, it's humiliating," explained one man. "Not all men are rapists, but that is basically the message than an event like this conveys."

Ideology

The Violence Against Women Act is rooted in a gender ideology – dubious at best -- that partner violence is caused by men's need for patriarchal control. This theory has trouble explaining why women are equally likely to abuse…but please, let's not allow the facts to confuse the matter!

So forcing college men to traipse around campus in high-heels, re-educating them into domestic violence ideology, and subjecting them to public shaming shouldn't come as any particular surprise.

[i] http://www.avoiceformen.com/featured/mississippi-state-students-forced-to-walk-a-mile-in-her-shoes/

[ii] http://www.reflector-online.com/news/sexual-assault-grant-to-benefit-students-1.2546486#.T1uVa3mP8v9

[iii]http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/NISVS_Report2010-a.pdf

Barbara Kay: Adoption abuses have only been half cured

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the March 14 segment, the series highlighted the iniquities of the system that were visited on the fathers of those babies. Several fathers recount their experience of being shunted aside, with no role or legal standing in the process. One father saw his baby only once before signing a “surrender document.” Another was told that there was no point in putting his name on the birth certificate since it would only be “whited out.” According to Raymond Cave, whose high school sweetheart Linda Dawe became pregnant at age 17 in 1966, when the couple was too young to legally marry, “No one was ever supposed to know who the father was, let alone come ask me for a signature. It was like I didn’t exist.”

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Actually, to make a point, I have deliberately led the reader astray in the above paragraph. What I should have said was that “our society has opened its eyes to the sanctity of the biological-mother connection to children.” For nobody nowadays would ever dream of tearing a baby away from its biological mother and handing it over to an adoptive family. Unfortunately, time has stood still for biological dads.

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Former Justice Minister Martin Cauchon said in 2003, “Men have no rights, only responsibilities.” That is the ruling paradigm in our society. Recall what Raymond Cave said about his youthful experience: “No one was ever supposed to know who the father was, let alone come ask me for a signature. It was like I didn’t exist.” If you didn’t know, would you guess those words applied to 1966 or 2012? You’d be right either way.'

Children whose minds wander 'have sharper brains'

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Article here. Unfortunately children are often medicated for such behavior. Excerpt:

'A study has found that people who appear to be constantly distracted have more “working memory”, giving them the ability to hold a lot of information in their heads and manipulate it mentally.

Children at school need this type of memory on a daily basis for a variety of tasks, such as following teachers’ instructions or remembering dictated sentences.

During the study, volunteers were asked to perform one of two simple tasks during which researchers checked to ask if the participants’ minds were wandering.

At the end, participants measured their working memory capacity by their ability to remember a series of letters interspersed with simple maths questions.

Daniel Levinson, a psychologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the United States, said that those with higher working memory capacity reported “more mind wandering during these simple tasks”, but their performance did not suffer.'

Weatherman sues CBS for hiring young, attractive women

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Story here. Check out who his lawyer is. Excerpt:

'A Los Angeles weatherman has filed a lawsuit claiming he was passed over for jobs at two prominent stations because he wasn't a young, good-looking woman.

Kyle Hunter, who has worked as a meteorologist in various southern California markets during a 23-year career, filed an employment discrimination lawsuit against CBS Broadcasting and its owned-and-operated Los Angeles stations KCBS and KCAL on Thursday. He's represented by Gloria Allred.

Hunter alleges "that within the past few years, KCAL and KCBS decided to hire young attractive women as weathercasters in prime time rather than men in order to induce more men to watch their prime time newscasts," according to the suit. That means there was no place for Hunter, an over-40 male meteorologist with impeccable credentials, he says.'

Fraternity men to 'Walk a Mile'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The men of WKU will hit the streets in high heels on Wednesday for the Interfraternity Council's annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event.

About 40 men signed up to wear a pair of heels while walking a mile around campus to raise awareness about sexual abuse and violence against women.
...
"We want to raise awareness to stop rape, violence and sexual assault," said Phil Korba, IFC's activities chair. "The money we raise will go to Hope Harbor."

Hope Harbor is a non-profit organization in Bowling Green that offers support to women who are victims of abuse.
...

Because they had trouble getting men to sign up, IFC postponed the deadline for signing up several times.

"We were trying to make this event bigger than last year," Korba said. "This is out of the guys' comfort zone. They don't want to walk around in red high heels."

Korba said he hopes that the event will continue and that more and more men will participate.

"I would like to double the participation each year. Or even just add 10 every year," Korba said. "The more guys you can get to do this the more of an impact we can make."'

A Huge Gender Gap Persists In College Degrees, Do We Need A White House Council On Boys And Men?

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Article here.. Excerpt:

'In 2010, a multi-partisan group of thirty-four scholars made a proposal that President Obama create a White House Council on Boys and Men, as a parallel program to the White House Council on Women and Girls. Warren Farrell, the leader of the effort, identified five different areas in which boys are in crisis—education; jobs; emotional health; physical health; and fatherlessness. In an interview with Forbes, Farrell said that “The White House Council would signal to the world that boys and men are facing problems, alert schools and parents as to the nature of these problems, and alert all the nation’s institutions to explore how attending to these problems might help our sons, daughters, families and nation.” One educational issue to be addressed by the Council would be the huge gender gaps in educational attainment for young adults illustrated by the BLS report.

As you might expect, Obama has not responded to the request to create a Council on Boys and Men. Reason? In a 2009 article in the National Journal, Stuart Taylor summarized well the standard, politically-correct “selective concern on sex imbalances” that typically ignores any cases of male under-representation, like college degrees, which helps us understand why there will be no White House Council for Boys and Men:

“It is an article of faith in the Obama administration, Congress, and much of the academic establishment that there are no innate differences between females and males in interests or cognitive capacities. From this dubious premise, they conclude that only pervasive, ongoing sexism and stereotypes can explain the huge gender disparities in academic fields — hard sciences, engineering, and mathematics — that are still male-dominated.

But advocates of this disparity-proves-discrimination dogma apply it quite selectively. They have shown virtually no concern about the small and shrinking percentages of males in colleges generally and in most academic fields.”'

Gender Gap May Return as U.S. Jobs Favor Women: Chart of the Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This year's figures erased a gap that peaked at 2.6 points in May 2009, when a greater proportion of men were out of work. The differential was the largest since the government started tracking the numbers in 1948.

"It's a function of manufacturing coming back strong and mining doing really well," Dutta said yesterday in a telephone interview. Men have benefited more from the industries' growth than women because they traditionally do most of the jobs, the New York-based economist added.

Even so, women are more likely to stay in school and get the college education needed for jobs in health care and other expanding industries, according to Dutta. He highlighted this trend in a report published on March 6, during International Women's Week.

"The problems for men are mounting," he said. "They just don't have the skills for today's labor force."'

Uganda: Govt Plans Circumcision School Camps

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Government is studying ways under which it will set up circumcision camps or clinics in schools for boys who are willing to be circumcised.

Education ministry's permanent secretary Francis Xavier Lubanga told New Vision that when arrangements are done, the ministry will send circulars to all schools in the country about the issue.

"Schools will also be instructed to communicate to the parents on how the programme will be conducted.

For children below the age of consent, written consent of the parents will be required," Lubanga explained.

He also said the education ministry would partner with the health ministry. Citing an incident where 13 students of Teso College Aloet, were recently suspended after they sneaked out of school to get circumcised, Lubanga said the number of students in need of circumcision across the country may be high.'

Police: Woman slit 5-year-old step-son's throat

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MAGNOLIA, TX (KTRK) -- A Montgomery County child was in the hospital in critical condition Saturday night and his mother was behind bars after authorities say she attacked him.

Magnolia police were called to a home in the 100 block of Roy Street near F.M. 1488 just after midnight for a welfare check on a child.

According to police, the child's father called 911 after he returned home and found his son covered in blood and unresponsive.

When authorities arrived, five-year-old Michael Spurlock was lying on the living room floor.

According to investigators, the child's throat had multiple lacerations and was sliced from one side to the other. Officials said he also had a crushed chest and severe head injury.

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Beverly Latham heard that her sister claimed she was trying to rid her son of demons, but Latham said that's uncharacteristic of her sister.

"I know my sister would never hurt her children," Latham said. "Never."

Even a family friend -- Mary Smith, who raised her children alongside Spurlock's -- says police have the wrong person.

Smith said authorities need to investigate what happened between Spurlock and her husband, David, before Michael was found in that near-death state.

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Together, as they pray for Michael's recovery, Spurlock's family is searching for a lawyer to help them fill in the blanks left open by police.

They admit they don't know exactly what happened in that home overnight, but they say they're willing to do whatever it takes to find out.'

Why women are out-earning men

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Article here.. Excerpt:

'Women are poised to become America's biggest breadwinners.

The tipping point is a generation away, assuming women's economic power keeps rising as expected. But already, the trend is stunning enough that TIME made it the subject of its current cover.

"Almost 40% of working wives out-earn their husbands," noted Liza Mundy, author of "The Richer Sex"--both the cover story and a new book that goes by the same title--at a breakfast in New York City, hosted by TIME and Fortune.

...

Why such rapid advancement? The Pill, Mundy said, helped spark the trend 50 years ago: Newly able to delay marriage and childbearing, women began focusing on their careers. America's shift to a service economy also favors college grads, who increasingly tend to be female. Today, women make up 60% of U.S. college classes and earn more masters and doctorate degrees than men.

What can stop women from out-earning men in more than 50% of U.S. households? "Nothing that I can see," Mundy, who writes for the Washington Post (WPO), told TIME Executive Editor Nancy Gibbs at the breakfast. Some industries, such as veterinary medicine, are so populated with women that few men are now entering them, she said. She calls the phenomenon "gender pollution." In 25 years, law and medicine may well be female-dominated.'

Mississippi State students forced to “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The crowd of marching men were subjected to demeaning slurs from the crowd of onlookers and given hand written notes from members of a virtually all female audience implying their complicity in the supposed sexual assault epidemic. “Female students stood on the side lines. Over 400 male students wore heals and walked in a 1/4 mile circle, four times while the female students stood and watched, mostly smiling and some were laughing.
...
On the strict condition of anonymity, a member of a participating fraternity spoke with AVFM about the event. He said that the Intra Fraternity Council (IFC), an administrative body who enforces rules and guidelines set both within the Greek community itself and by the school administration evoked a “Standards Requirement,” imposed to ensure a participation rate of at least 80% for all fraternities. Consequences for non-compliance of this requirement include revocation of privileges for individual fraternity members as well as suspension or termination of a fraternity’s charter.'

Video here.

Norway's businesswomen and the boardroom bias debate

Broadsword · 18 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'...Business experts have expressed scepticism that the EU could impose uniform restrictions on such diverse national working cultures.

Kenneth Ahern, a professor of finance from the University of Michigan, doubted whether Britain was ready to make the necessary financial sacrifice to push women onto boards. His own research on Norway, published last year, showed that "the quota led to younger and less experienced boards, and deterioration in operating performance, consistent with less capable boards."

He told The Sunday Telegraph: "In Norway, they knew that the value of their companies would drop, but society there cared more about equality than finance. It was a conscious decision.

"For the EU to make such an important moral choice, across such a variety of countries, is a very big ask indeed. I could see there being real resistance to obligatory quotas from countries such as Germany and the UK, which prize the financial output extremely highly." '

Asma Assad all in with her husband for violence and human rights abuses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DAMASCUS, Syria – The wife of Syrian president Bashar al Assad told a friend she was the "real dictator" in the family, leaked emails revealed Monday.

Asma al Assad, 36, apparently showed no remorse for the deaths of thousands of Syrians in the brutal crackdown on protests and backed her husband in a series of emails to aides, friends and family.

Around 3,000 messages were obtained by activists and then passed on to several media outlets including The (London) Daily Telegraph.

...

She also praised Assad for being "very strong, no more messing around," and in another email complained that ABC News had unfavorably edited an interview with him.

She said, "As for listening -- I am the REAL dictator, he has no choice..."

The mother of two, who was born in Britain and studied at a university in London, was forced to shop online using an alias after international sanctions were brought in over the bloodshed in Syria.'

Violence Against Women Act Poses Threat to Civil Rights, Group Charges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) proposed a reauthorization of VAWA, which passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee to the Senate floor. But for the first time in VAWA's history, the bill encountered strong opposition. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA), aware of VAWA many flaws, offered an alternative bill, but that bill did not pass out of committee.

SAVE report documents 10 fundamental rights and protections that are being harmed by the Violence Against Women Act:
...

"Indiscriminate restraining orders, unconstitutional standards of evidence, and arrests without probable cause have been ravaging this country since VAWA passage in 1994," SAVE spokesman Philip W. Cook notes. "The civil rights of African-Americans and other minorities have been especially hard-hit by strong-arm domestic violence policies."

The abridgement of men's rights has also been allowed to flourish under the VAWA, the report documents. Family law attorney Lisa Scott has warned, "Don't call 911 unless you are bleeding and she still has a weapon in her hand."

SAVE, an advocate for all victims of domestic violence, is working to reform federal domestic violence statutes so they both protect victims and affirm the civil rights of the accused.'

What's Wrong with the Violence Against Women Act

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As Senate Republicans resist renewing the 1994 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), raising questions about immigration fraud and Indian tribal courts, and Democrats indignantly declare their support of it, civil libertarians should take a hard look at some of the Act's deceptively innocuous provisions. Section 304, which governs the treatment of sexual violence charges on college and university campuses, requires that cases involving allegations of violence or stalking provide for "prompt and equitable investigation and resolution."

What's worrisome about this language? Will Creeley of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) points out that "prompt and equitable" is a term of art under federal anti-discrimination law. It's construed by the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights to require a low standard of proof ("preponderance of the evidence") in sexual misconduct cases.

...

These low standards of proof, together with the appeals provisions, reflect the tendency of victim advocates, including Obama Administration officials, to err on the side of presuming guilt in sexual misconduct cases. Some have unabashed contempt for the rights of the accused: Boston attorney Wendy Murphy writes disdainfully of "lawyers for men accused of rape (who) injected themselves into college disciplinary proceedings demanding 'due process' and arguing that accused students have a constitutional liberty interest at stake." The accused have no constitutional claim to due process, she writes approvingly, but "student victims of sexual assault" do, "because sexual assault is a form of gender discrimination."'

Fathers 4 Justice Stage Naked Mumsnet Protest in Marks & Spencer Oxford Street

Matt · 19 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Members of Fathers 4 Justice (F4J) staged a naked protest in the flagship London branch of Marks & Spencer at Marble Arch, Oxford Street.

Group founder Matt O'Connor was arrested during the weekend protest, which criticised the high street store for its advertising on parenting blog site Mumsnet.

Along with four other members of the group, O'Connor took off his clothes in the store to draw attention to what F4J claimed was Mumsnet's "anti-male agenda".

He claimed that the protest was just the start of a series of attacks on M&S in order to draw attention to the "naked truth" that Mumsnet "promotes gender hatred".'

Health reform provides woman-only benefits

Minuteman · 20 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Under the Affordable Care Act, 45.1 million women – including 20.4 million women with private health insurance and 24.7 million women with Medicare – can receive recommended preventive services with no cost-sharing, new data released today by Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius show.
...
The data highlighted in an issue brief by the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation show that Affordable Care Act provisions are already improving women's health by making recommended preventive care services more accessible and increasing access to health insurance coverage.

"From increased health coverage to free preventive services and lower prescription drug costs, our mothers, grandmothers, daughters, friends and neighbors are already benefiting from this law and will continue to in the months and years to come," said Secretary Sebelius.'

Dutch Roman Catholic Church 'castrated at least 10 boys'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Evidence of the castrations has emerged amid controversy that it was not included in the findings of an official investigation into sexual abuse within the church last year.

The NRC Handelsblad newspaper identified Henk Heithuis who was castrated in 1956, while a minor, after reporting priests to the police for abusing him in a Catholic boarding home.

Joep Dohmen, the investigative journalist who uncovered the Heithuis case, also found evidence of at least nine other castrations. "These cases are anonymous and can no longer be traced," he said. "There will be many more. But the question is whether those boys, now old men, will want to tell their story."

'Feminism Won't Make A Victim Out Of Me'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you take what you hear in the mainstream media as gospel, you probably believe that women are discriminated against, marginalized and held back unjustly in the workplace.

As a strong woman in the workplace myself, I am tired of being portrayed as the feeble minority encircled by the bloodthirsty men waiting to pounce on me at any given moment. Any such portrayal is a disingenuous attempt at victimization. I, for one, refuse to be a victim.

Debora Spar, president of Barnard College, alleged at a White House conference on urban economic development last month that women have "fallen into what I call the 16 percent ghetto, which is that if you look at any sector, be it aerospace engineering, Hollywood films, higher education, or Fortune 500 leading positions, women max out at roughly 16 percent... That is a crime."

That some women choose childbirth and motherhood as a valid occupation seems to have been overlooked by Spar. Women haven't "fallen into a ghetto," some have just chosen alternate paths.'

The Violence Against Women Act Should Outrage Decent People

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is also a bureaucratic nightmare with billions of dollars spent to establish a vast expansion of government programs that are riddled with financial irregularities. Feminists like to repeat the mantra that there is a "war against women," but when women can routinely claim nebulous "psychological harm" and keep a man out of his home, away from his children, possibly losing his job and ruining his reputation, there is more of a war against men than against women. Intimate partner violence is mostly from boyfriends, rather than husbands (about 62 percent) and it is about equal between men and women (6.4 percent vs. 6.3 percent).

The greatest problem, though, with the law, known by its acronym, VAWA, is that it is an ineffective program; it has a long history of failure. A family violence expert said, "There is no evidence that VAWA has led to a decrease in violence against women." Instead, the legislation has morphed into a rigid, inhuman law enforcement tool that relies on restraining orders and mandatory arrests instead of ending intimate partner violence. The law is more about building feminist power structures than about protecting vulnerable women or helping battered women.'

Also see this article from the same source.

How the Gender Wars Became a Class War

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When The Atlantic's article "The End of Men" came out over a year ago, I, like many women, was irritated. But it took me a long time to understand why I found the article so grating.

It makes good points. It's true that many jobs that were long dominated by men are on the decline. The statistics author Hanna Rosin cites are convincing: of the 15 job categories projected to grow in the next ten years, 13 are dominated by women; women earn some 60% of bachelor's degrees; the recession, as we all know, hit men the hardest. White working-class men have every reason to be worried about what the future holds.'

Another college program cut due to Title IX-- despite alumni funding availability

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Millersville University grad offered $300,000 as part of an alumni proposal to run men's track and cross country for three years while the alumni look for permanent funding.

On Monday, alumni learned the university had rejected the proposal.

The would-be donor spoke on condition of anonymity. He didn't want recognition, he said, but rather to help a program that was meaningful and helped shape him.
...
Citing savings of about $200,000 a year, Title IX concerns and competitiveness, the university announced the cuts Feb. 14.

The women's running programs remain intact. The university isn't renewing the contract of Scott Weiser, who had been head men's and women's track coach. Instead, Andrew Young, the men's and women's head cross-country coach, will take over as women's track coach.'

New study confirms PSA screening saves lives

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Article here. I should point out the Affordable Care Act provides women with free cervical cancer screening. Excerpt:

'Nearly six months ago, U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommended healthy men no longer receive PSA tests as part of routine cancer screening. Ironically, this decision against routine PSA screening was made by a panel that does not include urologists or oncologists. The same task force tried unsuccessfully to eliminate mammograms for women ages 40-49 and recommended against teaching women to do breast self-exams. The panel made the PSA recommendation based on contradictory information from studies with serious design flaws. Based on USPSTF recommendations, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) singled out PSA tests as a screening that would require patient co-pays, potentially discouraging men to have testing that could identify cancer in its earliest, most curable stage.
...
The revised ERSPC data highlights the problems with the USPSTF process. Under the Affordable Care Act, this taxpayer-funded agency has been given great power to determine what screening tests must be provided. Despite this authority, the USPSTF does complies with neither the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (FACA) nor the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) which were enacted to ensure that those that ultimately work for American citizens conduct their business in an objective, transparent fashion. We as a country deserve to know who is making health policy decisions by what criteria, as well as if there is an inherent bias or potential conflict of interest that those with that decision-making power may have.'

Court throws out claim of anti-male bias at London School of Economics

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A FORMER gender studies student at the London School of Economics (LSE) who had hoped to sue the institution for alleged sexism has had his case struck out.

Tom Martin, 39, who lives in Covent Garden, claimed he suffered “anti-male discrimination” while studying for a master’s degree in gender, media and culture at the world-famous university in Holborn.'

‘The Richer Sex’: How Women Became the New Breadwinners

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s a generational shift that’s been a long time coming. For a brief chapter in the history of gender relations—what’s rightly been called the Leave it to Beaver era—dapper, chipper men provided for their effervescent, vacuum-pushing wives in a suburban Elysium of sparkling appliances and gas-guzzling, American-made cars. That time has passed, and good riddance, many say. Perhaps the largest single engine of change in American culture over the last fifty years has been the liberation of women, and now, as another wave of educated, professional females enter the workforce, we’re bound for a whole new set of adjustments and anxieties.'

Portraying Men As Stupid to Undermine Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's a truism in feminist circles that no one hates men more than anti-feminists, and it's a truism two recent items from the notoriously anti-feminist conservative rag Daily Mail demonstrate neatly. The Daily Mail has a tendency to portray men as hapless dogs who, being more beast than human, can no more be expected to respect women's rights than Sparky can be taught to use the toilet. (Cats, on the other hand....) Unfortunately, other outlets tend to pick up the Daily Mail's man-bashing anti-feminism as if it's light-hearted fluff, and these two stories are no different.'

Probation for teacher in student sex case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A New York City schoolteacher from Bay Shore will be sentenced to probation and have to register as a sex offender after admitting Tuesday to having sexual relations with a 16-year-old male student a year ago, prosecutors said.

Tara Driscoll, 33, of 17 Anna St., pleaded guilty to misdemeanor sexual misconduct. She will be sentenced to six years' probation and must give up her teacher's license...'

SAVE: VAWA Focus of US News Debate Club. Vote Now!

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U.S. News & World Report has taken note of the controversy around the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act - VAWA - (s.1925), making it the focus of Debate Club. Debate Club brings in the best arguments and lets readers decide which is the most persuasive. They ask: Should the Violence Against Women Act Be Reauthorized?

As of this writing, the entry in first place is: "NO: Violence Against Women Act Is a Totalitarian Violation of Democracy" by Laura Wood. In second place is "NO: The Violence Against Women Act Should Outrage Decent People" by Janice Shaw Crouse. Following that are a few entries supporting the reauthorization.

You could read these two thoughtful articles explaining why Senator Leahy's VAWA misses the mark, or you could read all of the entries, pro and against VAWA. We encourage that.

But we also understand how valuable your time is. So if you only have a moment and you want to make a difference, I'll explain how you can do that.

Go to the debate here: http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/should-the-violence-against-women-act-be-reauthorized. Scroll down until you see two 'NO' opinions. Click on the UP buttons next to Laura's and Janice's entries. That's it!

If you have another moment, you could click the down buttons next to all of the 'yes' entries.

Thank you for your continued dedication, and for your patience. I believe we are starting to see the results of our slow and steady efforts. Isn't it just wonderful?

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Suspected New Neonatal Herpes Case Being Investigated

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The New York City Department of Health received a report within the last week of an infant with symptoms of neonatal herpes and the case is currently under investigation, The Jewish Week has learned. (By law, such reports must be made within 24 hours of a diagnosis).

While the health department could not confirm where the report came from or whether it involved the circumcision ritual metzitzah b'peh, a source in the medical community told The Jewish Week that a suspected case of neonatal herpes related to metzitzah b'peh, or oral suction, has been treated at Maimonides Hospital within the past week.
...
This case comes on the heels of revelations that four other infants who had undergone the controversial circumcision rite of metzitzah b'peh were treated for neonatal herpes, two in Rockland County in 2009 and two more recently in New Jersey.'

Two Babies Sickened by Circumcision Rite

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two Jewish infants in New Jersey were recently infected with — but survived — a herpes virus attributed to their ritual circumcisers' use of an oral suctioning technique that is said to have caused the death of an infant in New York in September.

Dr. Margaret Fisher, chair of pediatrics at Monmouth Medical Center, told the Forward that a newborn boy was admitted to the center within the past month, infected with the virus, known as HSV-1, within days of his circumcision. The other case "was in the last year or two," said Fisher, a pediatric infectious disease specialist. Both boys had herpes lesions on their genitals but "extremely mild cases," she said, and both were successfully treated for 10 days with intravenous anti-viral medication.'

Sandra Fluke: Politicians should be required to pass pro-woman litmus test to get elected

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Georgetown Law student Sandra Fluke said on Tuesday that candidates running for office should have to pass a pro-woman litmus test in order to get elected.

Fluke, an advocate for the Obama administration's plan to force health insurers to cover birth control, was on Capitol Hill for a forum on "Opportunities and Challenges for a New Generation of Women," in celebration of Women's History Month.

"There should be a litmus test that they be pro-women so our votes have to include that requirement at least," Fluke said. "And it should be a litmus test that applies to male candidates as well."

She also spoke about the possibility of running for office in the future:

"Numerous American women have actually written to me in the last few weeks saying that I should run for office, and maybe someday I will."'

Wendy Kaminer Highlights VAWA's Potential Impact on Campus Due Process in 'The Atlantic'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First, the reference to the "prompt and equitable" standard. This is new language, replacing the "preponderance of the evidence" requirement seen in an earlier version of the bill last fall. Our press release from last October voiced alarm about codifying the preponderance of the evidence standard, and we were pleased when Senator Patrick Leahy's office removed that provision from the bill.

Unfortunately, by replacing the explicit "preponderance of the evidence" requirement with a mandate that university procedures for sexual assault cases must "provide a prompt and equitable investigation and resolution," the bill's authors have reintroduced the problem.

To be clear, FIRE obviously does want campus disciplinary procedures to be prompt and equitable. Justice, no matter the venue, should always be prompt and equitable; indeed, it's hard to imagine a just result that isn't prompt and equitable.

However, this "prompt and equitable" standard is essentially a de facto incorporation of the preponderance standard. That's because, as Kaminer notes, the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) troublingly interpreted "prompt and equitable" to require the preponderance standard in its April 4, 2011, "Dear Colleague" letter.'

COLUMN: Religious practices are not all ethical

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In September 2011, a two-week-old baby boy unnecessarily died. The cause of death: Disseminated Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1, complicating ritual circumcision with oral suction. The Orthodox Jewish circumcision process called “metzitzah b’peh” is otherwise known as “oral suction,” or the suctioning of blood from the circumcision wound directly by mouth.

Unfortunately, last year isn’t the first time that this particular rabbi, Yitzchok Fischer, caused the death of a child. The same thing happened in 2004, and that same year three other babies were determined to have contracted herpes from Fischer. While Herpes Simplex Virus 1 is usually harmless in adults and manifests itself only as uncomfortable cold sores, because of the virus’ association with the nervous system, it poses significant health threats to newborns and can result in brain damage, and sometimes, death.

The practice of circumcision is condoned in the Bible and believed by several religious denominations to be one of the most important rituals performed during an individual’s lifetime. But outside of a religious context, oral-penile contact from an adult man to a child is considered pedophilia and is punishable by law.

Because the contact in question occurred within a religious context, Fischer has not been held accountable for the death of the baby boys.

Jerry Schmetterer, the spokesman for Brooklyn DA Charles Hynes, told The Jewish Week that, “Our Crimes Against Children Bureau is looking into this situation. I would not assume what any possible charges would be.”

I can think of a few possible charges, Mr. Hynes. How about two counts of criminal homicide? Several counts of child molestation? Tortious transmission of an STD by intentional neglect? The behavior of this priest is abominable to any right-minded person, but according to The Jewish Week, the city only filed a legal complaint against Fischer to compel him to stop engaging in the practice after the death of the first baby. Clearly, he did not comply, but instead of being legally prosecuted, the matter was ultimately referred by the city to a “beit din” — a religious tribunal — for review.'

Woman killed workmate then used semen from brothel to make it look as though she'd been raped and murdered

Broadsword · 22 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Spanish businesswoman killed her workmate and then injected the semen of male prostitutes into her mouth and vagina to make it look as if she had been raped and murdered.

María Ángeles Molina was jailed for 22 years yesterday for the grisly crime committed to cover up identify theft and plot to steal €1million in an insurance scame.

The killer, known as Angie, lured her friend Ana Páez to a Barcelona apartment she had fraudulently rented in her victim's name just three days before.
...
To make it look like her victim had been raped, Molina then injected the semen, which she had obtained from a brothel.

The elaborate cover-up came after Molina had stolen Páez's identity and used it to take out bank loans and insurance policies worth €1million in her name.'

Zimbabwe 'sperm hunters' picking up male travellers

Broadsword · 22 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gangs of women in Zimbabwe have been picking up male travellers to have sexual intercourse and harvest their sperm, according to reports.

Susan Dhliwayo claims she pulled her car over recently to pick up a group of male hitchhikers and they refused to get in, because they feared they were going to be raped.

"Now, men fear women. They said: 'we can't go with you because we don't trust you'," 19-year-old Miss Dhliwayo recounted.

Local media have reported victims of the highway prowlers being drugged, subdued at gun or knife point – even with a live snake in one case – given a sexual stimulant and forced into repeated sex before being dumped on the roadside.

The sperm hunters first surfaced in the local press in 2009 but police have only arrested three women, found with a plastic bag of 31 used condoms in October. The attacks have continued since they were nabbed for allegedly violating 17 men.'

Interfraternity Council at WKU sponsors "Walk a Mile"

anthony · 22 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite the sounds of moaning in pain, the men of WKU were all smiles after walking a mile around campus in high heels.

The “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” event occurred Wednesday morning by the Interfraternity Council to raise awareness for sexual abuse and violence against women, said Bowling Green sophomore Phil Korba, IFC’s activities chair.

“The event is to raise awareness for sexual assault and show women we care,” he said.
...
The walkers paid an entrance fee, which added to donations and sponsorships to raise money for Hope Harbor, a non-profit organization that offers support for women who have faced sexual abuse.
...
Hartzell and the other event coordinators urged the men to attend “Take Back the Night,” which is a community-wide walk around Bowling Green to increase awareness about and prevention of violence against women, children, and families.'

SAVE: Female Columnists Double-Down on the Violence Against Women Act

Matt · 24 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

In case you haven't been following it, there has been a boatload of articles by female columnists criticizing the Violence Against Women Act. All of these articles were published in the past week:

1. Wendy Kaminer, The Atlantic: What's Wrong with the Violence Against Women Act? http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2012/03/whats-wrong-with-the-violence-against-women-act/254678/
2. Abby Schachter, New York Post: The 'I Lied to the Police and Got Him Thrown in Jail' Act. http://www.nypost.com/p/blogs/capitol/the_lied_jail_the_police_and_got_s2zheEr5zwQ1CXY3cbgGCP

NY Governor jumps on 'Monuments to Women' bandwagon

Matt · 24 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Latest email blast from Gov. Cuomo contained this. Excerpt:

'Dear Fellow New Yorker,

Women's history in the Empire State goes hand in hand with New York's history as a progressive leader. From education to health care to civil equality, women have been a driving force behind almost every reform movement in our state.

This past week, in honor of Women's History Month, Governor Cuomo opened a new exhibit at the State Capitol honoring the remarkable women who have led New York and the nation. Explore our online exhibit featuring these women's stories by clicking below:

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Governor Cuomo hopes this exhibit will inspire New Yorkers to learn more about our state's progressive history and the outstanding women whose accomplishments contributed to a variety of fields. The legacy of New York State women who made history – like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Ruby Dee, and Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor – is one of strength, determination, character and courage.

We pay homage to this progressive legacy as we continue our reform efforts to make this state a greater state for all New Yorkers.

We hope you have a chance to learn more about these women's accomplishments up close next time you're in Albany. If you would like to visit the exhibit in person, click here to learn more about Capitol tours.'

One day perhaps politicians will build monuments to all the monuments around us that speak of men's contributions: modern architecture, plumbing, medicine, modern electrical systems... and the list goes on and on. Now don't get me wrong here; women have contributed substantially to fields such as education and medicine. But to honor women as a class to the exclusion of men when the signs of men's contributions abound all around us in ways tangible and so ubiquitous as to be easily overlooked-- this is a huge injustice. Basically, if you want to know who to thank for modern civilization as we understand it-- thank men.

F&F: Boston Globe calls for shared parenting

Matt · 24 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In an editorial this week, The Boston Globe called on the legislature and the Governor to convene a Shared Parenting Task Force. This could prove to be a breakthrough on shared parenting in Massachusetts, and then, like marriage equality, in the rest of the country. It is the first time The Boston Globe has taken a stand on a Task Force for shared parenting. The Boston Globe said there is “a genuine need to examine the workings of family courts,” Also, “It’s time to break the contentious impasse [on this issue].”

This editorial will increase the pressure that Fathers and Families has been bringing behind the scenes for the Legislature to act. The Globe’s editorial is a direct result of YOUR past activism and support, as well as the activism of some who are outside of Fathers and Families.'

WILL Magaizine Volume 1, Issue 7 now available

Matt · 24 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Available here or here if you have trouble with the first link. This issue focuses on elders/senior citizens and their issues. Note WILL is not an MRA publication as such, but runs MRA issue-friendly articles from time to time.

Two articles from 'Beyond the Bris'

Matt · 25 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Me But Not My Son: A Young Jewish Man Breaks Rank on Circumcision Excerpt:

'I am 21 years old, Jewish, and opposed to circumcision. I attend college in Indiana. I grew up in a small Southern town where my family was one of a handful of Jews. My parents were born and raised Jewish. I was circumcised when I was eight days old by a mohel at a brit milah.

My Jewish identity was always very important to me growing up. I went to synagogue a lot, spent my summers at a Jewish summer camp, had a bar mitzvah, and in high school was part of NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth). I went to Israel for a semester in high school. When I was a child and teenager, I was always proud to be Jewish, to be a part of G-d's chosen people, to be in a culture that valued life and not death. I'm also a person who finds the idea of permanent body modification disturbing. I feel G-d made us the way we are for a reason. Every organ has a purpose. Even our imperfections are a sign of our individuality. When I found out I was circumcised, I was horrified.'

Bringing a Jewish Circumcision Alternative (Brit Shalom) to New York Metro Families Excerpt:

'The Jewish opposition to circumcision was just beginning 24 years ago when my wife Yehudit and I decided to leave our newborn son intact. We were not the only Jewish parents of our generation to reject circumcision, but we were among the first.

I performed my son's birth ceremony and it was beautiful. We called it a brit b'lee milah or "covenant without circumcision." The gift of life came unencumbered by any cutting and joy permeated the room. All three of Samuel's living grandparents refused to attend his brit because they knew no circumcision would be taking place. This only made what Yehudit and I had decided to do more powerful. There was no going back.'

Australia: PhD Scholarship in Men's health research, Adelaide U

Minuteman · 26 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health (FFCMH) is seeking a PhD candidate for a research project aimed at improving the delivery of health services to men and developing more effective responses to men's health concerns.

The project :

The project will examine men's attitudes and help-seeking behaviours in relation to their health and wellbeing using data from a recent survey of 1500 men in South Australia, conducted to investigate the perceived health care needs of men, and the Florey Adelaide Male Ageing Study (FAMAS), a longitudinal study of over 1000 men in South Australia designed to learn about age-related changes in men's health.

Latitude to explore additional areas of interest in relation to men's health service utilisation will also exist within the project framework.'

"Moms: It's better to deal with toddler's sensitive situation now"

anthony · 26 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With the exception of a few colds, my 16-month-old son has been a healthy baby. He hasn't been afflicted with chronic ear infections, colic or bowel problems. His visits to the doctor have been almost all routine.

...Like about half of newborn boys, my son was circumcised. The day we checked out of the hospital, the doctor and a nurse came and got him, wheeled him off and returned him a short time later. I was instructed to cover his wound with Vaseline and gauze for a week and a half. And that was it.

Except that wasn't it.

When the little guy was about a month old, I started to wonder if maybe things weren't all right. It looked like there was too much skin. It also looked like skin was re-adhering, as I've come to learn.
...
Fast-forward to last fall. The issue was not getting any better. It actually got worse, because, like all little boys, my son became curious about what that was down there. We went to the doctor after he started bleeding one day, and he scratched to the point of making his entire front diaper region inflamed. The doctor (a new doctor, since we had moved from Maine) said to watch it.'

President Obama on Title IX's impact

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Question from Andy Katz: Well, Mr. President, it is going to be the 40th anniversary of Title IX [on June 23]. What is the impact of that legislation on society in America?

Answer from President Obama: I am a huge believer that sports ends up being good for kids, and especially good for girls. It gives them confidence, it gives them a sense of what it means to compete. Studies show that girls who are involved in athletics often do better in school; they are more confident in terms of dealing with boys. And, so, for those of us who grew up just as Title IX was taking off, to see the development of women's role models in sports, and for girls to know they excelled in something, there would be a spot for them in college where they weren't second-class, I think has helped to make our society more equal in general.'

"'Men's Rights Movement' Symbolizes Growing Nationwide Misogyny"

anthony · 26 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An article in the current issue of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Report exposes the "man-o-sphere" through which this backlash to feminism finds a voice, and the real-life acts of violence that appear to have links to the hate found online. Hundreds of websites, blogs and chatrooms are devoted to rants about feminism and rage filled tirades against domestic violence laws and the family court system. Women, specifically Western women, are blamed for oppressing men through false accusations of abuse and rape, through divorce, and for generally demanding equality in the social and legal realms. Author of the report Arthur Goldwag writes that virtual threats of violence against women online appear to have real world consequences. The case exemplifying the link between belief and action is that of Tom Ball, a leader of the Fatherhood Coalition, who hit his 4-year-old daughter in the mouth and found himself entangled in child custody and child support battles. Last year, he lit himself on fire outside of a New Hampshire courthouse. Ball left a suicide note calling for a male insurrection. He wrote, "[t]he federal government declared a war on men. It is time, boys, to give them a taste of war."'

Poll: Most Don't Want Violence Against Women Act

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Mar 27, 2012 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX) -- Washington, DC/March 27, 2012 -- The broader American public opposes reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, according to a U.S. News and World Report poll that shows Americans think the law is ineffectual and unjust. Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) notes the recent U.S. News "Debate Club" feature on VAWA has elicited an overwhelmingly negative reaction to the law: http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/should-the-violence-against-women-act-be-reauthorized.

The top vote-getter in the poll was a commentary by Janice Crouse of Concerned Women for America, who argued the Violence Against Women Act should "outrage decent people" because it "victimizes both women and men." Crouse's statement beat opposing votes by a nearly five-to-one margin.

Taking the other side of the debate was Deborah Tucker, Executive Director of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, who argued the "Violence Against Women Act must be reauthorized because it is working." But U.S. News readers disagreed with that claim by over a two-to-one margin.
...
Highlighting the problem of false allegations, New York Post columnist Abby W. Schachter ridiculed the proposed VAWA reauthorization, titling the law the "I lied to the police and got him thrown in jail" Act: http://www.nypost.com/p/blogs/capitol/the_lied_jail_the_police_and_got_s2zheEr5zwQ1CXY3cbgGCP.'

'America's War on Women'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What do you do when you don't have dragons to kill? You beat up women and remove their rights. It is the new American way. Women are smaller. They can be destroyed with a single word or with a well placed blow to the neck. They fall quicker than dragons and die easier. You can even have a fun time before you finish them off. When they are dead the problem is gone. This is the war on women.
...
So what do you do if people don't like you beating or killing a woman? You organize and whine. "Men have no rights in a divorce." "Judges always give women restraining orders." "Women always claim their husbands beat them." Here's a secret for you ladies. Even the guys who say these lines don't believe them. That hasn't stopped a hot air men's rights movement from springing up in support of batterers. "Punishing a batterer is sexist." "A 100 pound woman is just as much of a threat to a 250 pound man as he is to her." "Children are better off with a rich batterer than in a domestic violence shelter."'

Interview with Professor Who Dared to Criticize Sandra Fluke

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Steven Landsburg, the professor who was denounced by his university for criticizing Georgetown Law student Sandra Fluke, stuck to his position in an exclusive interview with The College Fix.

“Everyone deserves respect, but some people are not interested in discussing their ideas, or possibly examining a different side,” said Landsburg, a bestselling author and professor of economics at the University of Rochester. “Fluke clearly has no desire to do this.”

...

His opinion sparked controversy at the University of Rochester. Student protesters entered Landsburg’s mid-afternoon lecture and formed a line, shoulder-to-shoulder, between him and the class. Landsburg continued to lecture. The students distributed fliers that read: “We denounce professor Steven Landsburg’s attempt to smear a gender with derogatory terms.”

UR president Joel Seligman wrote an e-mail to faculty and staff that said he was “outraged that any professor would demean a student in this fashion.”

Landsburg found these criticisms to be absurd.

“Free speech isn’t the issue here,” he said. “Nobody, myself included, tried to stifle her speech.”

In fact, if anyone had stifled speech, it was the student protesters.

“I’m very disappointed in the growing trend of students and others unwilling to engage in meaningful discussion,” he said.'

TTN Video: Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

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Video here. Caption:

'Male students march around Temple's campus in high heels to demonstrate against domestic violence and victim blaming.'

Circumcision violates child's charter rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Re: Circumcision tied to lower prostate cancer risk: study, March 12

I am continually baffled at the seemingly endless array of problems that routine infant circumcision is supposed to "cure" or "prevent." First it was masturbation in the Victorian era, then cancer, then HIV (even though the U.S. with a high rate of circumcision has a much higher rate of HIV transmission than non-circumcising countries like Germany, Norway and Sweden, and infants are not sexually active anyway) and now cancer again, even though the data in this study is showing correlation and not causation — a common misconception.
...
The procedure itself does not treat any medical condition in infants and children and is therefore unethical as removing healthy, normal, functional tissue from an infant for no medical reason is a clear violation of the doctor's oath to "do no harm."

Infant circumcision is also a violation of the child's rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, specifically Article 7: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person," and Article 15: "Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability."'

Almost 2 out of 10 men in their prime are not working

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The recent improvements in the job market have given us reason to hope the economy is finally on the mend.

But after five years of struggles, here's a sobering reminder of how far we still have to go: Nearly two in 10 American men in the prime of their life still are not working.

Nearly 83 percent of men ages 25 to 54 – traditionally the core of the nation's workforce – were working in February, according to the most recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

...

Holzer said there has been some real progress for working men in recent months, but a look at long-term trends shows that we still have far to go. He's particularly concerned about working-age men who do not have a higher education and have been hit hard by cuts in fields such as manufacturing and construction.

"They were having a hard time even before the recession hit, and they really got slammed by the recession," he said. "That's a problematic group that we need to think about more seriously."'

On YouTube: 'Feminism and the Disposable Male'

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Video here.

Uploaded by girlwriteswhat:

'What has feminism done to shatter the patriarchal "women and children first" mentality, and elevate men to status as full human beings deserving of empathy and human rights? What has it done to reinforce and legally entrench the mentality that everyone, including men themselves, should put men last?'

SAVE: Last Chance to Tell Your Senators, Vote NO on VAWA

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In the last week, Senator Leahy (D-VT) gathered enough co-sponsors to avoid a filibuster, and the Senate is expected to vote on the Violence Against Women Act (S.1925) very soon.

This means time is running short to take action.

Let's make sure that every senator knows that without accountability, accreditation and equal protection, VAWA is a flawed bill. Let's make sure they know that we want them to vote NO.

Find your senators' phone numbers here: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm.

Or call the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121, where an operator will connect you directly with the Senate office you request.

The vote could be this week, so please call right now.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

SAVE: Setback to Abuse Industry: Sen. Reid Postpones VAWA Vote

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For weeks the Domestic Violence industry has been promising that the Senate would vote on its version of the Violence Against Women Act, S. 1925, by March 23, or certainly no later than March 30.

But that promise came unraveled this week as Senate majority leader Harry Reid postponed a vote on VAWA until after April 16, when the Senate will come back into session after its Easter recess.

Some say the reason for the delay is the reluctance of Sen. Reid to compete with the publicity surrounding President Obama's Affordable Care Act, which is being argued in the Supreme Court this week. But the more likely explanation is that Sen. Reid is having difficulty lining up the necessary 60 votes to secure passage of the VAWA reauthorization. It is known that some senators who are generally supportive of the bill are insisting that amendments be made before they will vote in favor of it.

A recent U.S. News and World Report debate found a majority of persons were opposed to the Violence Against Women Act: http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/should-the-violence-against-women-act-be-reauthorized. A number of female commentators have written editorials sharply criticizing the law: http://www.womenagainstvawa.org

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Judge at center of storm in Facebook apology

Matt · 28 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Letters here. Video here. Excerpt:

'Hamilton County has become the international focus of free speech activists, and rightly so. Magistrates and Judges have forced, under threat of jail, a citizen to speak what he otherwise would not. The man in question is involved in a contentious divorce. The wife claims domestic violence yet a criminal court found the man innocent. Subsequently the man makes innocuous statements without the threat of violence and his wife claims harassment even though she is barred from reading the statement.

The result was the violation of the man's First Amendment right to free speech (and against forced speech) when he was ordered to publicly post (for 30 days) an apology on Facebook. Adding insult to injury the judge now tells the man that "There is certain monetary interest to be served in this media exploitation." Judge Sieve, if you cause the cause – you cause the effect. Let's hope the county doesn't have to write a large check to fix this blunder.'

'Haredi Rabbis Duke It Out Over Circumcision Sucking Ritual'

anthony · 28 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Satmar leader's comments stand in stark contrast to statements made by Rabbi Shmuel Kamenetsky, the founder and dean of the Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia and a senior member of Agudath Israel's Council of Torah Sages, the prestigious haredi rabbinical policy-making body. When asked about rabbis who believe that using a tube is not valid under Jewish law, Rabbi Kamenetsky replied, "Nobody holds like that." Told of those who make this claim, the apparently incredulous rabbi said only, "I don't think there's a response to them. Chas v'shalom [God forbid], if [children are] getting sick [from oral suction], [under halakha, Jewish law, you] wouldn't do it."
...
3. The slippery slope argument that Rabbi David Zwiebel, Agudah's executive VP, so favors. Even if stopping MBP is the right thing to do, even if the only way to save the lives of a few Jewish babies is for the government to ban MBP, the next issue the government gets involved with may be to ban or regulate circumcision itself – something Agudah would strongly oppose.

How could Rabbi Niederman deny medical fact? How could Agudah not speak out against MBP? In other words, what is the halakhic peg they're hanging their collective hat on that allows them to behave in a way that certainly will sicken, maim and even kill babies?'

Andrea Yates Could Be Released From Psychiatric Hospital to Attend Church

Matt · 28 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Andrea Yates, the Houston mom who in 2001 drowned her five young children one-by-one in the bathtub, might soon be allowed to leave the state psychiatric hospital where she is being treated for mental illness to attend church.

"She's been approved by a certain church to attend Sunday services, and I anticipate that that recommendation will be forthcoming from her doctors," Yates' attorney George Parnham told ABCNews.com. He would not name the church.

Parnham said he expects doctors at Kerrville State Hospital to file a letter to the state district court within 10 days recommending that Yates be granted a two-hour pass to attend church on Sundays, the first step toward a permanent release.'

Only 29 months for druging and raping 13 YO boy

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Story here. She only got 29 months and 10 years' probation for drugging and raping a 13 year old boy. If a man had given a 13 year girl (well, nowadays any female of any age) alcohol and drugs then had sex with her, he would never see the light of day. Excerpt:

'Former Massachusetts teacher Christine McCallum was sentenced to 29 months in prison and 10 years probation for raping and drugging a 13-year-old student.

McCallum, 29, was arrested in January 2009 and convicted of raping the boy up to 300 times over a 21-month period. She pleaded guilty to 12 counts of child rape, one count of drugging a person for sex and one count of providing alcohol to a minor, according to Enterprise.

The former Abington elementary school educator started tutoring her victim and his 11-year-old brother in 2005, FOX 25 reported. After a 20-month period, the two boys started living with McCallum and her husband part-time.'

RISUG as birth control for men

Anonymous · 30 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If I were going to describe the perfect contraceptive, it would go something like this: no babies, no latex, no daily pill to remember, no hormones to interfere with mood or sex drive, no negative health effects whatsoever, and 100 percent effectiveness. The funny thing is, something like that currently exists.

The procedure called RISUG in India (reversible inhibition of sperm under guidance) takes about 15 minutes with a doctor, is effective after about three days, and lasts for 10 or more years. A doctor applies some local anesthetic, makes a small pinhole in the base of the scrotum, reaches in with a pair of very thin forceps, and pulls out the small white vas deferens tube. Then, the doctor injects the polymer gel (called Vasalgel here in the US), pushes the vas deferens back inside, repeats the process for the other vas deferens, puts a Band-Aid over the small hole, and the man is on his way. If this all sounds incredibly simple and inexpensive, that's because it is. The chemicals themselves cost less than the syringe used to administer them. But the science of what happens next is the really fascinating part.'

The Next Step in Combatting the Spread of HIV/AIDS Among Women and Girls

Minuteman · 30 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'As the Executive Director of the White House Council on Women and Girls, it is my honor to join Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy and Lynn Rosenthal, the White House Advisor on Violence Against Women, in announcing the next step in President Obama's commitment to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS amongst women and girls. Please read on for more details.

There are approximately 1.2 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States, including more than 290,000 women. Black and Hispanic women account for nearly three-quarters of new HIV infections among women. In July 2010, President Obama launched the first National HIV/AIDS Strategy to provide a coordinated national response to fight the epidemic, with the goals of reducing new infections, improving health outcomes, and decreasing HIV-related health disparities. This past World AIDS Day, the President said that "When black women feel forgotten, even though they account for most of the new cases among women, then we've got to do more."
...
When we address the domestic public health threat of HIV/AIDS, we cannot ignore the detrimental effects of gender-based violence and gender-related health disparities, particularly within underserved communities. The Administration commemorated this year's National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day by hosting a White House event to highlight how these intersecting factors contribute to poor health outcomes among women and girls.'

Voluntary sex causes as many injuries as rape

Broadsword · 31 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New research surprises by showing that vaginal injuries are just as common after regular intercourse as after a rape. The findings could have great implications for forensic investigations into rape cases.

When police officers around the world investigate rape cases, an important type of evidence is whether or not the woman has lesions in her vagina. If she does, it is regarded as a sign that there has been an assault. There have been cases where men have been convicted, based on vaginal injuries as the key evidence.

...

Now a Danish researcher has obtained solid evidence that injuries to a woman's vagina can provide a totally misleading picture of whether or not a woman has been raped. An in-depth study of 39 rape victims on one side and 110 nursing students on the other reveals that voluntary sex causes vaginal injuries just as frequently as in rapes.'

Could the Augusta National golf club be forced to make IBM chief Virginia Rometty its first-ever female member?

Broadsword · 31 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

The last four chief executives of IBM - a longtime corporate sponsor of the Masters - have been members of the exclusive golf club in Augusta. The latest CEO of the computer giant happens to be a woman. Virginia Rometty was appointed this year.

One problem - a woman has never worn a member's green jacket since Augusta National opened in 1933.

"I think they're both in a bind," Martha Burk said recently. Burk, who spearheaded an unsuccessful campaign 10 years ago for the club to admit a female member, told CNN on Friday that she fears Augusta and IBM will work out a "sham solution" to make the issue go away.

"The company has a huge responsibility here not to undermine its first female CEO," Burk said. "If they accept anything less than full member - or resign their sponsorship, which is another option - they're going to undermine their new CEO. And they'll be making a statement that they don't consider her an equal to her predecessors."

UK girl, 12, dared boy to rape friend in game

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Link here. Excerpt:

'A 12-year-old British girl dared a boy to rape her 11-year-old friend, laughed while it was happening and then yelled "no you're not finished," when he tried to stop, a court heard.

Leeds Crown Court heard the girl instigated the attack, which took place in her bedroom on October 2010, by suggesting a game of dare that quickly got out of hand, the Daily Mail reports.

Judge Geoffrey Marson sentenced the 12-year-old and the 14-year-old boy to 28 months detention in a young offender institution.

...

He said that after daring the boy to rape her friend, the 12-year-old pushed her onto the bed.

The boy stopped raping the 11-year-old when the victim told him to, prompting the bully to yell, "No you're not finished," but he ignored her.

Defender Richard Reed said the 12-year-old came from a troubled background and had difficulty empathising with the victim's situation.'

Mother conned ex into thinking he was her child's father jailed for 20 months

Anonymous · 31 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Interesting comments from the judge on the emotional ramifications for all involved including the victim's actual children. Excerpt:

'A mother who conned a former lover into thinking he was the father of her daughter for more than 13 years has been jailed.

The 47-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, swindled him out of at least £48,700 which went on private education and expensive gifts.

She admitted 15 offences of deception when she appeared at Caernarfon Crown Court, in north Wales, yesterday.

And despite a plea for leniency from her daughter, the judge told her he had no choice but to jail her for 20 months.'

Two teachers caught taunting disabled boy

Matt · 31 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. Cruelty as you can see is an equal opportunity employer. As sad as this is, I have heard of much worse, and the perps have come from both sets of the sexes. I can't help but think they would have been a lot slower to act this way had the child been female. Excerpt:

'wo Alabama teachers were caught cruelly taunting and abusing a 10-year-old boy who has celebral palsy after the boy's mother attached an audio recorder to his wheelchair.

The shocking recording captures two voices chiding Jose Salinas for his 'disgusting' drooling and reveals he was left alone with no instruction for long periods of time.

'Why is my paper wet?' a female teacher is heard demanding on the tape. 'Look at me and answer. That's not an answer. That's not even a word.'
...
'Do you seen anybody else at this table drooling? Then, stop,' she said. 'You have got drool all over your face and it is gross.'

The teachers accused, Drew Faircloth and Alicia Brown, have been put on administrative leave from Wicksburg High School, Alabama, where Jose is in the fourth grade.'

F&F: Call Shared Parenting Legislation Sponsors

Matt · 31 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here (scroll to about half-way down the page). Excerpt:

'At least 30% of Massachusetts representatives and senators are currently sponsors of proposed shared parenting legislation. If you live in their district, please call them or email their office.

First, thank them for backing the one solution that prominent and respected experts in child development have shown through research that children ardently desire; makes them happier; improves their schooling; decreases delinquency, gang violence and trouble with the law; decreases substance abuse and teen pregnancy; increases child support compliance; diminishes parental conflict and domestic violence; and has been endorsed by 86% of Massachusetts voters in a 2004 ballot referendum. It is not only free to the taxpayer, but would actually save millions of dollars.

Second, ask them to encourage the appointment of a shared parenting task force. Ask them to contact the Judiciary Committee's Chairs, Senator Cynthia Stone Creem and Representative Eugene L. O'Flaherty, and urge them to appoint a Shared Parenting Task Force.
...
Find your legislator or call 617.722.2000 to reach their office.

(List follows on target page)

Texas nurse convicted in bleach deaths case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LUFKIN, Texas - A former Texas nurse accused of killing five of her patients and injuring five others by injecting bleach into their kidney dialysis tubing was found guilty of capital murder Friday.

Kimberly Clark Saenz, 38, was fired in April 2008 after a rash of illnesses and deaths at a Lufkin dialysis clinic run by Denver-based health care giant DaVita Inc. She was charged a year later.

Her trial began March 5. Defense lawyers argued that Saenz was being targeted by the clinic's owner for faulty procedures at the facility, including improper water purification. They also suggested that officials at the clinic, about 125 miles northeast of Houston, fabricated evidence against Saenz. Prosecutors described claims Saenz was being set up by her employer as "absolutely ridiculous."

The mother of two now faces life in prison or a death sentence as the case moved to the punishment phase. Prosecutors had said they would seek the death penalty if Saenz was convicted.'

Top 5 things that drive men crazy

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This is currently a top-half rotating content story on Yahoo. Nice to see such things, though they be scarce. Excerpt:

'2. Expecting the man to pay for everything. Most men don't mind picking up the check early on in a courtship, but after a few dates, it's nice for a woman to offer to contribute financially — especially if exclusivity has been established. Men like to be generous, but they don't like to be taken for suckers, especially if the woman they're seeing has a good job. As a corollary to this one, "Men are often put off by women trying to get a sense early on about what he does for a living and how much he earns," says Dr. Seth Meyers, a Los Angeles-based psychologist and author of Dr. Seth's Love Prescription. Men are people, too. If they feel they're being sized up for more shallow, resume-type qualities, they'll be annoyed.
...
4. Being controlling. "Correcting him on little details when he's got the big picture right," adds Dr. Young, is another thing that drives men bonkers. It's often true that women are better at multitasking, but that doesn't mean they have to run every detail of the show. A man will get frustrated if a woman asks him to do something then won't give him a chance to do it his way. The real show-stopper is when she then claims she "has to do everything around here!" If this situation sounds familiar, how can you improve it?

"If you want to put a stop to people's annoying behavior, you first have to make them aware of it," says Marc Muchnick, Ph.D., author of No More Regrets! 30 Ways to Greater Happiness and Meaning in Your Life. "Often, people don't realize that what they are doing is bugging you, so when you tell them, it may come as a surprise." So tell your significant other that she has to trust you if she doesn't want to plan every meal, vacation and weekend you spend together, guys. Then do a good job with the task — in your own way, of course — and she just might back off.'

Mother Faces Possible Jail Time For Baptizing Children

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Article here. Interesting case. My own commentary is in the Comments section. Excerpt:

'NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Shelby County mother is facing contempt-of-court charges and possible jail time for baptizing her two children without the knowledge or consent of her ex-husband.

This week the Tennessee Court of Appeals said Lauren Jarrell must face a criminal contempt hearing for violating a court order that said major decisions regarding the religious upbringing of her two children should be made jointly with her-ex-husband.

The mother and her ex-husband, Blake Jarrell, are both Christian — he's a Methodist and she's a Presbyterian.

Court records say the father thought the children should be baptized once they are older. He has asked that his ex-wife be found in criminal contempt for baptizing the children without his knowledge or permission.'

Jackie Mason assulted, girlfriend arrested

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Story here. (About Jackie Mason.) Excerpt:

'It was no laughing matter for Jackie Mason.

The elderly stand-up comedian called cops early today after he and a gal pal got into a tiff in his apartment and he wound up scratched on his arm, law-enforcement sources said.

The 48-year-old woman, Kaoru Suzuki- McMullen, was arrested and charged with misdemeanor assault.

Mason, who cops said is 83, was at his W. 57th St. apartment with Suzuki-McMullen, who they described as his girlfriend, at 6:30 a.m. when they got into an argument, according to law-enforcement sources.

Mason wanted her to leave, and he grabbed his cellphone to call the doorman, the sources said.

Suzuki-McMullen tried to take the phone from his hands, and he suffered scratches and bruises on his left wrist in the struggle, sources said.'

'The Dumbest Law In Illinois'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm no fan of "father's rights" attorneys. I think that they are just marketers who prey on the fears of Dads (or in some case Moms) who are worried about losing their kids or not seeing them as much as they want.

Despite me cringing when I hear one of these Dad's rights commercials, there is a law that really screws some fathers that needs to be changed.

In Illinois, if you sign the birth certificate to a child and don't reverse that within 75 days of doing so, you are legally the Dad. That's it. So if your wife sleeps with her boss and gets pregnant (as happened to a recent caller to my office), and you sign the birth certificate, you are on the hook for child support for that kid. If you get a paternity test later on that shows you aren't the father, you are out of luck.

It could be worse. In some states, if you are married and your wife has a child you are automatically the Dad no matter what. But the law in Illinois is still awful. Unless you can prove a fraud (e.g. someone forged your name on the birth certificate) or the Mom agrees to let you off the hook, you are out of luck. In fact there almost never is a point in hiring a lawyer to go to court and fight this because it's a lost cause.'

"Congresswoman: 'Violence' Against Women 'As American As Apple Pie'"

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Video here. Caption:

'Calling violence against women "as American as apple pie," Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI), testified on behalf of the Violence Against Women Act which would would renew grants to U.S. domestic violence prevention and survivor support programs, would increase availability of legal assistance to victims and would extend assistance to battered undocumented immigrants and same-sex couples.'

Tension erupts as college considers ending basketball due to Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The men's basketball program at St. Johns River State College is in imminent danger of being eliminated, but those wishing to prevent the removal of the school's oldest sport aren't going down without a fight.

School president Joe Pickens will be asking the Board of Trustees to consider several options at a Wednesday meeting on the McClendon campus to keep the college in compliance with Title IX regulations, including the controversial measure of dropping basketball, which has been in place at the Palatka school since the early 1960s.
...

The college, which is approximately 60 percent female, has had the same four sports for nearly two decades (baseball, basketball, softball and volleyball). With 38 scholarships for women and 30 for men, that translates to about a 56-44 percentage split in favor of the women. As long as schools are within 5 percent of the male-female student breakdown, the federal government considers them in compliance. For schools in danger of non-compliance, the governing bodies of all college athletics usually allow a grace period of at least two years to meet federal guidelines.

"As it stands, [SJRSC] is not out of [Title IX] compliance," said Wanda Young, coordinator of Access and Civil Rights for the Florida college system. "The school has been working back and forth with us to see where they are."'

Cheerleader and mother appear in court in sex abuse case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TAYLOR MILL, Ky. - The Ben-Gal cheerleader and her middle school principal mother involved in a sex abuse scandal will make their first court appearance Monday morning.

Pleas of not guilty are expected to be entered in Kenton Circuit Court for Cheryl and Sarah Jones, both of Independence.

Sarah Jones, Captain of the Ben-Gals cheerleading squad and a former Dixie Heights High School teacher in Edgewood, is accused of sexually abusing a student and unlawful use of electronic means to induce a minor to engage in sexual activities. She resigned from her teaching position Nov. 30 for personal reasons.'

High court rules against man strip-searched over traffic violation

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Article here. Something tells me if it was a woman the Supreme Court would have came to a different decision. Excerpt:

'Washington (CNN) -- A New Jersey man who was strip searched in prison after being accused of failing to pay a traffic fine lost his Supreme Court appeal Monday.

The 5-4 divided court found two county jails "struck a reasonable balance between inmate privacy and the needs of the (correctional) institution."

The conservative majority concluded a "reasonable suspicion" standard could be applied when conducting examinations of newly admitted prisoners.
...
Albert Florence said he was subjected to what he called a pair of intrusive, humiliating searches six years ago.'

British teen rape PSA goes too far, critics say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new ad campaign aimed at British youth is causing critics to claim the shock value of one public service announcement goes too far, with many others saying the "shocking" ad is necessary to open eyes.

In the ad, as part of the "This Is Abuse" campaign, a young man is seen forcing himself on a young girl in a bedroom. As she tries to resist, the teenage boy continues to advance on her.

The hook comes near the end, when a carbon copy of the boy is seen screaming at "himself" to stop. Viewers are then prompted to ask themselves, "If you could see yourself, would you see rape?"

The Huffington Post reports that the ads are aimed to British teenagers aged 13-18 years old. The PSAs typically run during shows geared toward that age range.'

New charges for stalker of Yankee GM

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK -- A woman accused of stalking and shaking down New York Yankees general manager Brian Cashman peppered him and his office with odd phone calls, posing as other people and disguising her voice as a man's, a new indictment says.

Louise Neathway also called Cashman's estranged wife, according to the indictment, obtained Monday. The indictment adds a slew of charges to the initial stalking, grand larceny and harassment counts Neathway has faced since her February arrest.

Neathway, a 36-year-old medical sales worker originally from Great Britain, now also is contending with charges that range from lying about her income on an application for her Manhattan apartment to lying to the grand jury -- and from squeezing Cashman for thousands of dollars to harassing her ex-husband and another man.

Father, grandmother of missing baby offered to take him from troubled mom

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Story here. Disturbing because the baby is presumed dead and father and grandmother offered to take the child--but Social Services say mom has all the rights. Excerpt:

'The father of a 7-month-old Commerce City boy missing and presumed dead said he offered to take the child when the baby's mother expressed dissatisfaction with her baby.

Sharrieckia Trinette Page, 22, is being held in the medical unit of the Adams County Jail in lieu of a $100,000 bond on suspicion of child abuse resulting in death. She appeared in Adams County court for an initial advisement via a video link, said Krista Flanagan, an Adams County District Attorney's Office spokeswoman.

Torrey Brown Sr., the father of the child, said he visited Page's home on Wednesday, the day before the baby was last seen.
...
Brown said he offered to take the child but was denied."
...
"'She has more rights, she is the mother,' " Brown recalled of her conversation with a child welfare agent. "That is what I was told."'

Wife arrested for assault after marriage counseling session

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Story here. She beat him up in bed after a marriage counseling session:

'Wife arrested for assault. On March 13, sheriff's deputies were called to Swedish Southwest Emergency Room, 6196 S. Ammons Way, to investigate an assault. The man suffering from head and shoulder injuries said he had been beaten by his wife in bed after coming home from a session of marriage counseling at their church and arguing. The woman later agreed to meet the deputy at the Jefferson County Jail and was arrested for assault.'

Dad freed after spending 9 years in jail on daughter's false rape allegation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(Longview, Washington) In 2001, a disgruntled daughter, upset over her parents' divorce and mad at her dad, told Washington State Police that her father raped her on several occasions back when she was 11-years-old. The dad, Thomas Edward Kennedy (now 43), denied the allegation at the time, but was convicted by a Washington jury and sentenced to more than 15 years in the slammer. Now 23-years-old, the daughter, Cassandra Ann Kennedy recanted her 2001 rape allegation – after her father spent more than 9 years behind bars.

According to tdn.com in Washington: " … she made it all up. So after serving more than nine years in prison, her father was released last week and the charges against him were dismissed."'

Ed. note: According to this article reporting the same, the daughter will not be charged with any crime - for the usual excuse that to do so might scare others away from making similar reports.

Op-Ed: The latest false rape round up

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman gaoled for making false marital rape allegations has lost her appeal. Others had little appeal in the first place, including Christine Jordan, who had consensual sex with a man who couldn't even remember her name.

Pips Taylor was recently given space by the BBC to indict the men of Britain, plucking figures for unreported rape statistics out of thin air. Here, we concentrate on actual cases of false allegations. This short round up of recent proven fabrications is in no particular order. The first concerns marital rape, which is a fairly new development in English law.

Three years ago, the non-victim's husband was charged with six counts of rape - on her word alone - pleaded not guilty, and no evidence was offered against him when he appeared at Mold Crown Court, Wales. Then she admitted she had accused him falsely, and was charged with perverting the course of justice.'

Australia: $2000 fine over false rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who falsely accused two Victorian policemen of sexually assaulting her after they arrested her for being drunk outside a South Yarra nightclub has been convicted and fined $2000.

Karly Enid Jean Mitchel, 25, had formally complained after her release from custody that she had been "groped" on her breasts by the police and touched on her inner thighs and outside her crotch.

Melbourne Magistrates Court heard today Mitchel had been refused entry about 2am on August 6 last year to the Circus Nightclub and then spent 45 minutes abusing crowd controllers.'

'Aggressive' female board members take more risks than men, research shows

Broadsword · 3 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women at board level are "less experienced", "more aggressive" and "more likely to take risks" with a bank's finances - a report by an all-male group of academics and bankers has found.

The Bundesbank's Thomas Kick led the study, entitled Executive board composition and bank risk taking, that flies in the face of the theory that women in senior management take a more balanced, risk-averse approach.

The German central bank's research found that female board members were more likely to take risks with a bank's finances than their male counterparts.

It urges financial institutions to be cautious when re-addressing the gender balance: "Employing a higher proportion of female board members significantly increases risk taking."'

Youth suicide in Canadian girls and problems 'traditionally associated with males'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of girls committing suicide in Canada has risen in the past 30 years, a troubling trend that's prompting some experts to question the role played by social media.

In a study published Monday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, researchers from the Public Health Agency of Canada report that on a whole, youth suicide rates have declined since 1980. But closer inspection reveals the decline is evident only in males, while female suicide rates rose from 1980 to 2008.
...
In 1980, a total of 249 males and 50 females between ages 10 to 19 committed suicide in Canada, according to the study. By 2008, that number had fallen to 156 for males but rose to 77 for females.
...
Dr. Manion says the trend could be explained in part by the fact more females are being affected by substance abuse or behavioural issues, problems traditionally associated with males.'

"Even Seventh-Graders Are Hitting Their Girlfriends (And Boyfriends)"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's a lot of data about high school dating violence, but not as much about younger kids. However, middle-schoolers are dating according to a team of researchers from the program Start Strong: Building Healthy Teen Relationships, who talked to seventh-graders from eight middle schools in four states. Seventy-five percent of those kids said they'd had a boyfriend or girlfriend at some point, while 37 percent of the kids said they'd been victims of psychological abuse (such as, being forbidden to hang out with their friends), and 15 percent said they'd suffered physical violence.

The kids also subscribed to a lot of gender stereotypes. Two-thirds of them believed in at least one of a list of generalizations about boys and girls, like “girls are always trying to get boys to do what they want them to do,” or “with boyfriends and girlfriends, the boy should be smarter than the girl.” Deborah Gibbs, an expert on child welfare at the Research Triangle Institute, which helped conduct the study, said that these kinds of "rigid and prescriptive" gender beliefs are predictors of who might end up in violent relationship later on — so even kids who hadn't been involved in abuse were at risk for it.'

'That 70's show' actress Lisa Robin Kelly charged with domestic violence

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Story here.

'LOS ANGELES, Calif. - The That 70's Show actress who played Laurie Foreman, the promiscuous and antagonistic older sister of Eric Foreman, was arrested for domestic violence in Los Angeles over the weekend, E Online reports.

Lisa Robin Kelly was put behind bars for corporal injury upon a spouse on Saturday.

Kelly was on the hit series for five seasons before she was fired in 2003, according to TV Guide.

Kelly was previously arrested in 2010 for a DUI in North Carolina.

She remains locked up with bail set at $50,000.'

'Boys deserve respect'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here is what my son learned in class the other day. A man's mind tends to be slightly less developed than a woman's.

Which is one of the reasons men are more aggressive and less understanding, and women are gentler, calmer and more sympathetic. This, his teacher very helpfully explained, is one of the reasons teenage boys are still paying more for their car insurance than girls. Because boys are risk-takers. Irrational beings who leap before they look. They deserve to pay higher premiums on their insurance because as we now know, they are the ones who get in all of the car accidents. Not girls. Of course. They deserve to be judged as a whole.
...
And boys? Well, now we know what is lying in wait beneath their skin. Vicious, snapping beasts who want nothing more than to raid your fridge, crash your car and ravage your daughter. They can't help it, of course. It's in their physical make-up. Perhaps if we could find them an outlet befitting all that natural rage and ugly testosterone. Like . . . like a yearly wild boar hunt! Yes! We could send all of our young men into the wild in nothing more than a loin cloth. Have them fashion their own spears and set them amongst some wild boars. A little boys getaway, Lord Of The Flies style.

Then maybe we could tame them. Teach them how to be more civilized. Although apparently their brains are sort of underdeveloped so maybe they won't get the point. We have tried a variety of media in recent decades to help them understand and repress their inner animal. I thought the male-bashing, embarrassingly one-sided sitcom Everybody Loves Raymond would do the trick. If not, then maybe King of Queens. Although this generation of boys is probably too young for those shows. How about the Disney channel, and their penchant for strong-willed, sarcastic girls in bright clothing loudly berating their dim-witted brothers? Shows like Wizards of Waverly Place or Hannah Montana or ICarly?
...
This isn't empowerment. Pushing someone else down isn't the only way to lift yourself up. It's a temporary solution that has never worked in the past. It's wrong, plain and simple. And it isn't what any of us should want for our sons. Maybe it's time we speak up.'

Young Women Who Drink and Drive at Higher Risk of Fatal Accident

Minuteman · 3 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Young women who drink and drive in the United States are at increasing risk for being in a fatal accident, according to a new study.

Although men had roughly double the risk for a fatal crash as women with the same blood-alcohol level in 1996, that gender gap had closed by 2007, the researchers pointed out. And although reasons for that trend remain unclear, they said it may be because young women are taking more risks on the road.

"Young women who drink and drive may be behaving more like young men who drink and drive," said the study's lead researcher, Robert Voas, of the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation in Calverton, Md., in a news release from the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs.
...
The researchers concluded drunk-driving and distracted-driving prevention education is needed for both boys and girls.'

Contact DA in falsely-accused dad case

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Just published this story. Are you as fed up with this kind of blatantly sexist injustice as I am? Time to make your feelings known. The DA who is declining to prosecute the daughter has a page here with a contact email (baurs-at-co.cowlitz.wa.us) listed here, which also lists a phone number of 360-577-3080. Please call or email her and POLITELY ask her to reconsider her decision. Let her know the eyes of the country (if not also the world-- I also encourage non-US-based activists to take action as well) are on her and these eyes are not happy with what they are seeing.

The daughter was old enough to know what she was doing was wrong. Yet she maintained her silence after the fact for nearly 10 years. Years of that man's life have been stolen from him. Yet his false accuser, his own daughter, will go unpunished? Is this justice? No. And rights are like muscles - if you don't use them, you eventually lose them. We have the right to petition for redress of grievances. If this isn't a grievance, I don't know what is!

SAVE: $1.2 Million in Anti-Violence Funds Embezzled, Missing, or Misused

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$1.2 Million in Anti-Violence Funds Embezzled, Missing, or Misused:

Fraud is Widespread, SAVE Charges

Washington, DC/April 4, 2012 – Following release of three reports by the Department of Justice, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is charging that many grants made under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) are plagued by fraud and waste. Such malfeasance shortchanges the vulnerable victims of partner abuse.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) issued three reports in March highlighting the problem:

1. A March 28 press release announced the sentencing of Julie and Andrea Matau for embezzlement of funds from a VAWA grant. From 2005 to 2007, the mother and daughter pair stole $159,763 in federal money from their American Samoa legal services corporation, which had received $1.2 million in VAWA-related grants. http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2012/March/12-crm-386.html

2. A DOJ audit of the Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Commission reported that $847,553 in funds awarded by the Office of Violence Against Women were found to be questionable. Of this amount, $372,434 of expenditures had no records to document how the money had been spent. http://www.justice.gov/oig/reports/2012/g4012001.pdf

3. An audit of VAWA grants to the Coeur d'Alene Native American tribe's domestic violence program revealed $240,431 had been improperly spent, including $171,000 in salary for an unapproved position. http://www.justice.gov/oig/grants/2012/g6012008.pdf

Each year VAWA awards $500 million in grants to abuse-reduction organizations, but fiscal management practices have been found to be sub-standard. A SAVE report documents long-standing problems of fraud and abuse. http://saveservices.org/pdf/SAVE-Accountability-and-Oversight.pdf

The SAVE report points out that the Office of Violence Against Women has not conducted comprehensive self-evaluations, in disregard of directives from the Government Accountability Office and Office of Management and Budget.

Says SAVE spokesman Philip W. Cook: "Victims of domestic violence are ill-served by fraud and waste, especially on such a broad scale. Congress must assure the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act contains strong accountability measures that deny funding to rogue grantees that misuse taxpayer money."

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is a victim-advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to partner violence: www.saveservices.org.

AHRQ Statistical Briefs: Circumcisions Performed in U.S. Community Hospitals, 2009

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision is the most commonly performed surgical procedure in newborns.1 Although circumcisions may be performed for cultural or religious reasons, there has been debate over the ethics and medical necessity of this procedure.1,2 As recently reported by the CDC, the percent of male newborn circumcisions declined over the past decade.3

In 1999, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) issued a policy position stating that the evidence of medical benefits from circumcisions was not compelling enough to warrant routine newborn circumcision.4 In recent years however, evidence has been accumulating on the potential health benefits associated with circumcisions, including reductions in infant urinary tract infections and rates of penile cancer.5 In heterosexual men, circumcision has been linked to decreased acquisition and transmission of sexually transmitted infections such as syphilis, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and herpes simplex virus type 2. Since 2005, three randomized controlled studies have been published indicating benefits from circumcision in reducing HIV acquisition in heterosexual males in Africa.6,7,8 These findings have renewed the debate over AAP's current position that there is insufficient evidence to issue recommendations for routine neonatal circumcisions.4'

Tiger's mistresses rewarded for cheating

el cid · 5 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

I agree with this column about the culpability of Tiger's mistresses in his downfall. Famous men who cheat pay a price while the women with whom they cheat are often rewarded. Excerpts:

'This threesome of apparent adulterers apparently so cherished their time with the then-married golfer they decided to do a film tribute. I have not yet been able to screen "3 Mistresses: Notorious Tales of the World's Greatest Golfer," but I am sure the Q&A about Tiger's sexual tastes and demonstration portion of the video is not at all about cashing in on their role in ruining a marriage but, rather, just their fond memories of doing so.
...
This latest Tiger development reveals the hypocrisy. He is getting excoriated for cheating on Elin Woods, and his helpers are profiting from it."
...
Because this is now a business plan: Be hot, sleep with a famous rich guy, save the texts, call Allred and turn it into a 401(k).'

Brave men “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes”

anthony · 5 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Men wearing high heel shoes paraded through downtown Cherokee on Thursday, April 5. No, it wasn’t a drag show, and none of them lost a bet. The brave men donned the shoes, as part of a “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” event which drew over 100 people, to help bring awareness to the problem of violence against women.

“Thank you for manning up and walking with us,” said Painttown Rep. Terri Henry, a long-time advocate against domestic violence. She spoke to the crowd about the importance of awareness and education on the problem as well as the need to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
...
Tom Hill, of Analenisgi, said it is important for men to take responsibility for the problem. “We are responsible for this problem and we are the ones that have to take care of it.”'

Men paint their nails to stop violence against women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Men walking around campus with red painted nails aren't cross-dressing; they're taking part in an initiative to stop violence against women.

Volunteers will be at the Atrium, Student Recreation and Wellness Center and Scramble Light to ask men if they are man enough to stop violence against women by volunteering to paint one of their nails red.

Operation Red Jungle, a campus wide initiative, is geared toward bringing awareness to stopping the violence.

Emily Sullivan, president of Ball State's Timmy Global Health, volunteered her time on Tuesday to ask men passing by if they wanted to take the pledge.'

Divorce Ruling Revised

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Nassau County judge dramatically reversed himself in a decision about divorce payments that had been cited by an independent commission as an example of flaws in legislation passed to reform New York's matrimonial laws.

In March 2011, Judge Norman Janowitz ordered Jeffrey Goldberg to pay his wife Jill Goldberg more than $17,000 a month, though his monthly take-home pay as an investment banker was only $12,775, according to court documents. His wife, Jill, is employed as a guidance counselor, earning $103,000 a year. Mr. Goldberg was laid off in August.

But on March 12, Judge Janowitz declared his original decision to be "unjust and inappropriate" and substantially reduced how much Mr. Goldberg must pay his wife, including reductions in temporary alimony and child support.

"The Court did not consider how the totality of the court-directed payments would impact the parties' economic reality on a month to month basis," Judge Janowitz wrote in his new decision.'

SAVE: Our Volunteers are the Best

Matt · 5 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Over the last few months we have called upon all of you to help us reform domestic violence law, specifically the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), S.1925. We have asked you to make phone calls, send emails and sign petitions. And you haven't let us down. Thank you so much!

Today, we'd also like to recognize our volunteers.

We are honored to work with members of the Domestic Violence Legislative Project (DVLP), Campaign 2012, and the Countering Abuse Misinformation Project (CAMP).

Meet two of our volunteers:

DVLP member Relda Copning shared her son's tragic story with the women of WAVE. She also called every senator to talk about VAWA. Sign Relda's petition on false allegations of domestic violence: http://www.petition2congress.com/1627/stop-false-allegations-domestic-violence

CAMP member Gordon E. Finley, Ph.D. wrote a letter about VAWA to Washington DC's The Hill. His letter "Time to Sunset Violence Against Women Act" was published on March 27: http://thehill.com/opinion/letters/218615-moderates-should-support-vote-for-other-moderates

This is just an example of the dedication that you can find across the country for domestic violence law reform.

Thank you all. You are the best!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Obama to host forum on women and the economy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Tomorrow is Women's Day at the White House.

President Obama will host and speak at a White House Forum on Women and the Economy on Friday, designed to "highlight ways the administration has helped create economic security for women and recognizes that women are key to economic growth and competitiveness."

The White House will also be releasing a report from its Council on Women and Girls, showing how economic security and jobs for women are essential to a sustained economic recovery.

"From access to affordable education for young women to supporting women at work and at home, to ensuring security for women in retirement, the administration is committed, across all agencies and departments, to do everything it can to create an economy built to last for America's women," said a White House statement.'

UK: Boys to be allowed into girls' school

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Story here.

'Boys are to be allowed into an all-girls prep school for the first time in the North Down school's history.

Cygnet House, preparatory school for Glenlola Collegiate Grammar School in Bangor, are to allow boys in, in a relaunch for the school in time for next September's intake, or soon after.

The Department of Education has approved the plans but Minister John O'Dowd said the move did not signal an increase in capacity and would therefore not impact on neighbouring schools.

Last year every girl who attended Cygnet House's P7 class secured a grammar school place.'

Middle school boys who are reluctant readers value reading more after using e-readers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Middle school boys rated reading more valuable as an activity after two months of using an e-reader, according to a new study.

The findings come from a study of 199 middle school students who struggle with reading and who participated in a reading improvement class that included Amazon's Kindle e-reader, said one of the study's authors, Dara Williams-Rossi, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

The researchers found that boys consistently had a higher self-concept of their reading skill than girls both before and after using the e-readers. After use of the e-readers, boys' attitudes about the value of reading improved, while girls' attitudes declined, said Williams-Rossi, an assistant clinical professor in the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development at SMU.'

WH Press Sec Jay Carney and exploiting gender gap

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Transcript here. Excerpt:

'Q Jay, thank you. I want to go back to the women's conference on Friday. There's a pretty obvious political strategy from Chicago to exploit the gender gap that you have. It's in a lot of public polls that women, by a wide margin, are supporting the President over Mitt Romney or any other Republican paired up against him. Why are you using the White House on Friday to stage an event that clearly has some political implications?

MR. CARNEY: Ed, by that — you're saying that anything that has to do with women has political -- so anything that has to do with growing the economy, because I think every political analyst out there would say that a stronger recovery would be good for the President politically, or anything that has to do with job creation is inherently political because more jobs would be good for the President.

Q So what day are you having a men's conference on the economy? (Laughter.)

MR. CARNEY: Well, stay tuned. Ed, that's kind of a silly question.

Q — because you're only focused on half of the population.

MR. CARNEY: This administration has engaged in a number of policy approaches designed to address women in the economy, including the very first bill that the President signed into law, the Lilly Ledbetter Act — Fair Pay Act — and there are a variety of initiatives that this administration has put forward that deal with issues of concern to women in particular. There is the Violence Against Women Act. We have an office overseen by the Vice President's office that deals with that legislation. So these are important policy initiatives; that's why we're having the conference.'

Obama campaign wants to train army of women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Obama campaign is hoping to train an army of women at the DNC's national issues conference in Washington, D.C., later this month.

The two-day convention will include remarks by President Obama and strategy meetings on American women, values and the 2012 election as well as economic security and strengthening the middle class.

Confirmed training sessions include: "Talking to Your Neighbor: Persuading Women Voters," "Digital Organizing: Effective Social Media Strategies," "Talking about the President's Accomplishments," and "Crafting Your Personal Narrative."
...
The White House also is targeting women with a forum on Friday that will highlight how the administration "has helped create economic security for women and recognized that women are key to economic growth and competitiveness."'

Ex-Girlfriend Busted For Brutal Scrotum Attack

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Story here. Excerpt:

'APRIL 5--An Indiana man had his scrotum severely torn when his “on-again, off-again” girlfriend entered his home and pummeled him in an attack that resulted in the woman’s arrest on several criminal charges, including two felonies.

Christina Reber, 43, was freed from jail yesterday after posting $10,000 bond in connection with her bust for the alleged attack last Friday at the Muncie house of her ex-beau (who told cops he had ended the couple’s eight-month relationship days before the assault).

The victim, 57, told police that he was working at his computer when Reber, pictured in the adjacent mug shot, “walked into his house uninvited,” according to a Muncie Police Department report that will make every guy wince. The man said Reber screamed at him to “call the fucking police” before launching her assault.

Reber, the victim told cops, first struck him repeatedly in the head before latching onto his scrotum and “squeezing as hard as she could.” The man, interviewed by police at a hospital emergency room, said that he “was in incredible pain when Reber grabbed his scrotum and began digging in her fingers.”'

Can women raise boys to be men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cathleen Williams, whose book, “Single Mother The New Father,” raised considerable controversy because of its provocative title, opened the discussion by saying, “As a single woman, I was able to successfully raise my son,” currently a student at St. John’s University.

“As a people, we tell women you can’t do it, that you’re doomed to failure. Not only can you, but you must do it for the salvation of our race,” she said.

She indicated that there are “over 10 million single women in the United States raising their children successfully,” admitting that she “didn’t do it alone.”

Opening the discussion for the opposition, clinical social worker Rodney Pride, who serves as vice president of youth development at United Black Men of Queens, said, “Eight out of 10 boys are without a positive male role model in their families and that ain’t good. So many boys are walking around with a level of anger.” He suggested that their pent-up rage often leads to cases of teenage pregnancy, dropping out of high school, and black on black violence.'

Why is ESPN ignoring the damage caused by Title IX?

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'As you might have guessed, the microsite features plenty of adulatory coverage of the law, including an interview with President Obama, a personal essay about the law from Katie Couric and an analysis of how female coaches are having a tough time competing with their male counterparts for jobs coaching women's teams. Missing is any discussion of how countless men's athletic programs have been cancelled due to Title IX quotas, including men's swimming at UCLA. Before it was cancelled, the UCLA men's swimming program produced 16 Olympic gold medalists.

Needless to say, one has to wonder why a news organization like ESPN would ignore juicy stories like these, especially as it would seem that the 40th anniversary of the passage of the law might be a good time to reflect on the totality of its impacts instead of just one side of the story. Then again, why should we expect that when ESPN as a corporation has already taken a side in the Title IX debate?'

Spurned housewife's rape claim backfires after husband shows police a video of them having consensual sex

Anonymous · 6 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A spurned housewife who claimed her husband raped her has been jailed after he showed police a video of them having consensual sex.

Kelly-Ann Ferguson, 23, had met her husband Paul to try and patch up their broken marriage but when he refused went to police claiming he'd raped her.'

Judge Rejects Challenge to High Schools' Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(CN) - The American Sports Council cannot proceed with a claim accusing the Department of Education of illegally enforcing Title IX rules on high school sports programs that American Sports claimed amounted to "federal gender quotas."

American Sports sued after the department refused to consider a petition to amend or repeal rules applying Title IX guidelines to high schools. American Sports argued that high schools were not required to use "strict gender quotas" to balance their athletic departments, and said the guidelines violate the Equal Protection clause of the Constitution.
...
In an emailed statement Eric Pearson, Chairman of the American Sports Council, told Courthouse News the court's ruling was "unfortunate" and said "justice has been denied to high school male athletes nationwide who have been and who will continue to be harmed by these unreasonable regulations."

"But we remain undeterred," Pearson wrote. "The American Sports Council will continue to advocate for reforming Title IX regulations on behalf of the thousands of high school athletes who are denied equal protection under the law because of gender quota enforcement."'

Kelly McParland: What if women don’t need guys any more, and guys don’t care?

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'It may be that this condition manifests itself more in younger men because the old farts are too conditioned to adjust. Feminism has been a gradual process, and the ripple of unanticipated consequences has expanded at similar rate. Men raised to provide may feel uncomfortable outside that role, but less so a younger generation of males that hasn’t been treated to the same level of conditioning. Schools now work on the expectation that women are supposed to do well. To a much greater degree, society is set up to move them along the path to success and achievement. They still have the option of motherhood if they prefer, but there’s much less stigma (perhaps none at all) in choosing career over mothering, or vice versa. What’s important is self-esteem, and the assurance that, whichever path you choose, society fully embraces the choice as valid.

Men, on the other hand, have largely been ignored, on the apparent assumption that they had what they wanted and didn’t need any special care. As long as you taught them to read and write, and maybe do a little math, they were set. They’d reach working age and automatically set out to earn a living, because it was in their nature. It’s what they wanted.'

Margaret Wente: What if women don’t need guys any more?

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Article here. (Ed. note: This is not the same article as published by Kelly McParland, just posted here on MANN. Interesting the meme sprouted up at the same time in two different places, isn't it?) Excerpt:

'Today, a lot of younger women simply don’t need guys any more. Guys can even be a liability. The New York Times reported last month that, in the U.S., having children outside of marriage is the new normal. More than half of births to American women under 30 now occur outside marriage. One mother, Amber Strader, 27, told the Times she was in an on-and-off relationship when she got pregnant. Marrying her boyfriend, a clerk at Sears, never entered her mind. “It was like living with another kid.”

If illegitimacy has lost its stigma, so has being out of work. Men who failed to provide for their families used to be known as “bums” and “deadbeats.” Now they’re just slackers.

The Richer Sex assembles plenty of evidence that, as women’s ambition is on the rise, men’s ambition is shrinking. Younger women are more focused and achievement-oriented than younger men. They have realistic career goals. Many younger men have no idea what they want to do or be. Younger women in the work force are eager for more responsibility. Younger men aren’t; they’re happy just to get by.'

F&F: California Loses 800,000 Child Support Records

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Have you been contacted by the Department of Child Support Services that your information was on one of the four backup storage cartridges lost?

Information about 800,000 adults and children in California's child support system were lost during shipment. The cartridges contain such information as names, addresses, Social Security numbers, drivers' license or identification numbers, names of health insurance providers, health insurance plan membership identification numbers and employer information.'

Obama tailors election-year message to working women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(Reuters) - President Barack Obama, leading in the polls among women voters, said on Friday he wants to help working women fight discrimination and juggle the demands of motherhood but stopped short of making promises on gender equality if he wins re-election.

At a White House event on women and the economy, Obama noted "there has been a lot of talk about women and women's issues lately," a nod to the emergence of contraceptive rights, working women and all-male establishments as heated issues in his race for re-election in November.

"But I do think that the conversation has been oversimplified," Obama said. "Women are not some monolithic bloc. Women are not an interest group. You shouldn't be treated that way."'

Australia: MyCircumcisionDisgrace.org (circumcision without father's consent)

Minuteman · 8 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'My name is Peter. In August 2012 my the 6 week old little boy was subjected to circumcision.

He was circumcised for no medical reason, without his consent and without my consent as his father.

* In my view, society (or a parent) has no right to subject an infant to surgery without medical reason. An infant's body does not belong to parents, he is only in their custody until adulthood.

* My son was circumcised without my consent as father. My son had a natural right to expect that he would have my protection, care and authority. I had a natural right to give him that care, protection and authority. As you will read, every politician, every bureaucrat and the medical regulators are of the mind that the circumcision of my little boy was none of my business.
I DISAGREE.

For a doctor to take the decision to circumcise an infant without the informed, considered consent of both parents represents a blatant moral and ethical failing. If the doctor's decision is defended in law, the act becomes one of state sanctioned bastardry.

After reading some of the inane responses I have received from politicians, bureaucrats and the medical self regulators, perhaps you'll be angry enough to put pen to paper yourself to try and make a difference.

I will be publishing the name and address of the doctor as soon as practical.

The letters to the then Premier Kristina Keneally and the Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, form a backdrop to my son's and my journey so far. There two letters can be accessed directly below...'

Connecticut official wants prison nursery for new moms

anthony · 8 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'HARTFORD, Conn. — Victoria Steele saw her daughter on the day she was born, and was not allowed to see her again for five years.

Steele, just 18 at the time, was wanted for violating the terms of her supervised home release on a robbery charge. She was sent to the York Correctional Institution directly from the hospital. The state placed the baby with her paternal grandparents, who spoke only Spanish and never brought the child to visit in prison.

"I was so depressed," said Steele, now 45, of West Hartford. "I was emotionally, mentally, and physically lost. I had no I idea how to connect. It was like losing my child. I lost her. There were no support services in prison."'

Report: N.Y. mohel apparently tested postive for herpes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(JTA) -- A New York mohel who performed the circumcision of one newborn who died of herpes and of three other infants who contracted the disease apparently tested positive for herpes, The New York Jewish Week reported.

Yitzchok Fischer, who was ordered in 2007 to stop the circumcision ritual of metzitzah b'peh, in which the mohel orally suctions blood from the circumcision wound, refused, however, to submit to a DNA test to determine if he is a match to the viruses found in the babies.

The Jewish Week reported April 6 that a copy of the 2007 New York State Department of Health order obtained by the newspaper through a Freedom of Information Law request said that he tested positive for an infection that he was "capable of communicating to others."'

Forbes: "No Men Allowed: Discriminatory Hotels We Women Love"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Of course, it was a man who sued the Copenhagen Bella Comwell for its “Bella Donna” floor dedicated solely to rooms for women guests. The hotel, which has decided to challenge the decision by the Danish Gender Equality Board, reports full occupancy for the “ban men” floor. So do other hotels that declare men unwelcome on specific floors in Australia, as well as various cities in the U.S., Singapore and Dubai.

I’ve never stayed at such a hotel, but it’s hard to find fault with the idea of a secure-access floor served only by women, offering white, king-sized beds, fresh flowers, bowls of green apples, fashion magazines, complementary natural-beauty products, steam irons, ionic hairdryers, satin-padded hangers and an emergency kit with nylons and other items that one may have forgotten. Not to mention fine chocolates, smoothies and wine by female winemakers in the mini bar. All that for about $50 extra or at no charge? Check me in, please.'

Facebook COO: Women should marry women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg, a mother of two, believes women should marry women. In exceptional circumstances, they can marry men, she said during a recent Makers interview (excerpt embedded above).

“The most important thing — and I’ve said it a hundred times and I’ll say it a hundred times — if you marry a man, marry the right one,” Sandberg said. “If you can marry a woman, that’s better because the split between two women in the home is pretty even, the data shows.” She didn’t elaborate on her source.

Unlike men, women feel guilty for working full time, according to Sandberg. Furthermore, they are liked less the more they succeed. That’s something that needs to change.'

UK: Women increasingly marrying ‘beneath themselves’ by opting for men of lower social classes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To the great delight of the vast majority of men, it appears the days of women setting their sights on marrying ‘above themselves’ are over.

The attractions of the Mr Darcys of this world are waning as women become better educated and better paid, research has found.

Indeed modern women could hardly be further from the likes of Pride and Prejudice’s Elizabeth Bennet and her scheming to net Mr Darcy – not just the man she loved but, crucially, a wealthy aristocrat.

Analysing how female aspirations have changed over the past 50 years the researchers found women in their late twenties and early thirties are increasingly marrying ‘beneath themselves’ by opting for men of lower social classes.

The study by the Institute for Public Policy Research adds weight to the idea that today’s economically independent women are freer to marry for love rather than to further themselves.'

Change.org petition: We call for the immediate firing of Taylor Bigler by The Daily Caller

Matt · 9 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Excerpt:

'Taylor Bigler, Entertainment Editor of The Daily Caller has written an article about the sexual mutilation and abuse of a man at the hands of his ex-girlfriend. In writing this article, Ms. Bigler somehow found this man's horrific injuries which may have caused permanent damage and the crime committed against him by his ex-girlfriend to be a humorous and positive event. If the genders were reversed and a man ripped the breast from a woman's body, would Ms. Bigler have made comments such as "As if this story isn't already good enough...." Good enough? So Ms. Bigler finds some good out of this poor man's sexual mutilation. http://dailycaller.com/2012/04/06/angry-ex-girlfriend-goes-ballistic-rips-off-mans-scrotum/

We ask that Taylor Bigler resign from The Daily Caller or be fired by them. Nothing short of Ms. Bigler's resignation or firing will suffice.'

D.A. in falsely-accused dad case issues press release

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As a follow-up to this item, I received the following in reply to my letter to the D.A.:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 6th, 2012

KELSO, WA - Cowlitz County Prosecutor Sue Baur will not be filing perjury charges against Cassandra Kennedy. Ms. Kennedy recently claimed she lied in 2001 as an eleven-year-old victim when she testified against her father, Thomas Kennedy in a jury trial. The jury convicted Mr. Kennedy of three counts of Rape of a Child in the First Degree. Her recantation was found to be enough to warrant an order for a new trial, but was not determined to be the truth.
There is a misconception that Mr. Kennedy would not have been released unless he was found innocent. This is untrue. He has never been found innocent of the crimes of Rape of a Child.

In 2001, Mr. Kennedy was convicted of Rape of a Child in the First Degree based on Ms. Kennedy's testimony, medical evidence, and the testimony of other witnesses. In March 2012, Superior Court Judge Stephen Warning overturned the conviction of Mr. Kennedy based only on Ms. Kennedy now claiming that she lied at the first trial. The judge did not make a finding that Ms. Kennedy was telling the truth then or now, but ruled that Mr. Kennedy was entitled to a new trial because of this new information. After reviewing what evidence is left to prove the original charges, including Ms. Kennedy's new claim, Prosecutor Baur determined that eleven years later the Rape of a Child charge could not be proven beyond a reasonable doubt in a second trial.

"We will not be filing charges against Ms. Kennedy for the same reason we will not be re-filing charges against Mr. Kennedy. I understand and share the frustration people have with Ms. Kennedy. I cannot prove beyond a reasonable doubt if she is lying now or if she lied in 2001. If a prosecutor is not firmly convinced of the truth of a charge beyond a reasonable doubt, they have an ethical duty not to file that charge.

For more information, please contact Sue Baur at baurs@co.cowlitz.wa.us.

Australia: Man tries to get full custody of unborn baby

Minuteman · 10 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A Queensland man has lost a bid to gain full responsibility for his ex-girlfriend's unborn child.

The man, who cannot be named, had applied for an injunction from the Family Court of Australia to stop the 16-year-old girl from terminating her pregnancy and to get full custody of the child once it was born.

He also wanted to ensure the girl told him when she went into labour and that he was given permission to visit the hospital, the Daily Telegraph reports.'

‘I Had No Idea If He Was a Manarchist,’ Says Woman Saved By Ryan Gosling

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Actually, what we find weird is that someone who claims to be a “feminist, a writer, and a gentlewoman of fortune” who refuses to be labeled as some sort of damsel in distress has absolutely no problem making up stereotypes for Mr. Gosling before having met him.

In an email to The New York Observer (sent before the Gawker piece), Ms. Penny wrote about that fateful meeting:

"Lucky or not, I feel it’s some sort of karmic retribution for my having spent so much time cackling at the ‘manarchist Ryan Gosling’ meme. I have no idea if Mr Gosling is actually a manarchist, but he’s clearly a decent sort of person, and looks rather dashing in double denim."

A manarchist, by the way, is “an angry young “anarchist” male that has issues relating to women” (according to UrbanDictionary, at least.) This is the Tumblr of Manarchist Ryan Gosling. You’d think Ms. Penny would try to underplay the hypocrisy of judging celebrities for their looks while she herself “refuse(s) to be cast in any sort of boring supporting female role” in the story of how she almost didn’t survive crossing the street.

But no, don’t thank Ryan Gosling. He was just doing what any normal person would do. The fact that another person didn’t actually save your life is totally irrelevant. Right?'

Ed.: Another piece covering the same topic found here.

SAVE: You're Invited: Connecting for Change

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We'll be meeting on Capitol Hill Friday morning for a day of lobbying, followed by a get-to-know-each-other dinner.

On Saturday we'll enjoy the conference, have lunch, and participate in our June Domestic Violence Legislative Project (DVLP) meeting. DVLP: http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp.

Meet your fellow advocates, activists and citizen lobbyists. Learn from the experts. Get hands-on training. Feel empowered!

Visit the SAVE website for more information about this year's conference:
http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp/annual-conference-2012

Start making plans now to attend. Register early, as space is limited. To register, email info-at-saveservices.org.

I can't wait to meet you all!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Sexual Abuse May Put Boys at Risk for Unsafe Sex

Minuteman · 11 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Male teens who were sexually abused are more likely to have unsafe sex, a new study finds.

University of British Columbia researchers analyzed data from more than 40,000 American and Canadian male high school students who were surveyed between 1986 and 2011.

Compared to those with no history of sexual abuse, young males who were sexually abused were five times more likely to cause teen pregnancy, three times more likely to have multiple sexual partners and two times more likely to have unprotected sex, according to the study published online and in the June print issue of the Journal of Adolescent Health.'

When Should a Father's Rights Be Terminated?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill making its way through the Missouri General Assembly would allow adoptions to go through without paternal notification.

House Bill 1258 is based on a case that went before the Missouri Supreme Court in 2007. The legislation would allow adoption without a father's consent, if he had not developed a "consistent and substantial relationship with the child."

The bill defines a relationship as:

1. Consistent prenatal financial support;
2. Consistent payment of prenatal and natal medical care for the mother and baby;
3. Consistent child support payments commensurate with his ability to pay;
4. Consistent contact and visitation with the child; and
5. Assistance with educational and medical care of the child

...
The bill passed in the House 126-15. It was read in the Senate, and referred to committee.

Rep. Rory Ellinger, D-University City, told KMOX he is strongly against the bill. He said in the case of a woman getting pregnant and deciding not to tell the father, that this bill would not only deprive the man of the right to be a father, but would also get him out of his duty to pay child support.'

SAVE Report Reveals Many Abuse Statistics are One-Sided or False

Matt · 11 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

WASHINGTON, April 11, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The federal government spends $76 million a year for domestic violence education programs, but 90 percent of the claims made in these programs are one-sided, misleading, or completely untrue, according to a new report from Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE). The report, "Most DV Educational Programs Lack Accuracy, Balance, and Truthfulness," compares validated scientific research with the claims made by leading abuse-reduction groups: http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/SAVE-DV-Educational-Programs

The SAVE report highlights three offenders:

1. The American Bar Association frames its discussion of domestic violence with the broad claim that "2 to 4 million American women are battered every year." But the dean of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Work derides that statistic as a "factoid from nowhere."'

Professionals Say More Men Should Earn College Degrees

anthony · 12 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent years, the number of women earning college degrees has vastly increased. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, women earned the majority of almost all levels of degrees in 2008-2009 across various racial and ethnic groups. Additionally, the Council of Graduate Schools found that in 2008-2009, about 50.4% of doctoral degrees were awarded to women, marking the first time females have earned the majority of these credentials, The New York Times reports.

While this certainly marks a huge step for American women, other professionals say it also shows that men need to become more focused on earning a degree as well.

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Unemployment Falls Fast in U.S. If Men Get College Degree

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Men Are Becoming the Undereducated Gender

California court says Texas sperm donor owes no child support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'FORT WORTH — For four years, a North Texas bodybuilder and former police officer has waged a court battle in California against a woman who sued him for support of children born to her from sperm he donated.

Only recently did an appeals court in California overturn a lower-court ruling that held 47-year-old national bodybuilding champion Ronnie Coleman of Arlington responsible for supporting twins born from his donated sperm, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

But after an April 2008 court order directed him to pay child support, Coleman paid thousands of dollars in child support until the March 19 ruling by California's 2nd District Court of Appeals in Los Angeles overturned that order.'

F&F: Deployment Disrupts Parenting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the resulting military deployments have significantly affected our service members and their families. These deployments have sometimes caused considerable disruptions in existing child custody and visitations arrangements between the parents. Current California law provides that upon return from deployment any temporary custody order issued during the deployment reverts back to the prior order.

AB 1807, sponsored by Representative Paul Cook, passed the House without a single ‘no’ vote. It clarifies the law protecting custodial arrangements for deploying parents to better protect the custodial rights of our servicemen and women, while still ensuring the best interest of children.'

More Unmarried Couples Having Babies: CDC

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Link here. Excerpt:

'More unmarried women who live with their partners are having babies than ever before, a new government report shows.

Twenty-seven percent of births between 2003 and 2010 were to such couples -- a threefold increase from 1985, researchers from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found.

"It's thought that in births outside of marriage, one parent isn't present. But our data is showing that a large proportion do have two parents, even though [they're] not formally married," said report author Gladys Martinez, a demographer in the CDC's Division of Vital Statistics.'

2nd Annual Latino Males Symposium at UT Austin, May 4th 8AM-2PM

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Registration is free, and food is provided. From the registration site:

"Based within the Academic Diversity Initiatives of DDCE, Project MALES aims to create and cultivate a support network for Latino male students at UT-Austin, within local school districts, and throughout the surrounding community. The Project is a research-informed model that highlights mentoring as a way to leverage social capital among Latino males. Specifically, we hope to explore innovative ways to establish mentoring links between Latino male role models, current UT Latino male students, and younger Latino males within the Austin area and surrounding communities."

While men in general are underrepresented in higher ed relative to women (~60% of graduates are women), these disparities tend to be greater among men of color.

Register at http://latinomalesymposium.eventbrite.com/.

Learn more about Project MALES and their research at http://blogs.utexas.edu/projectmales

Australia: Teen girl gang terrorising Perth

Minuteman · 13 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'They look like any other teenagers, but Western Australian police believe this gang of girls are responsible for a series of violent assaults in Perth's CBD over the past two weeks.

CCTV footage has been released of the group of girls suspected of attacking and robbing several young women in separate attacks.
...
Detectives also believe several other attacks are linked to the teen gang.'

Middle School Student Suspended For Hugging Teacher

anthony · 13 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BLADENBORO, N.C. (CBS Charlotte) — A North Carolina middle school student has been suspended for hugging a teacher.

WECT-TV reports that Ryan Blackmon, an eighth grade student at Bladenboro Middle School, was suspended when he hugged his teacher after she broke up a potential fight between himself and another student.

“”I said, ‘Thank you,’ after she got done,” Blackmon told the station. “I went to hug her, then she just snatched me up by the arm and drug me to the other teacher and said that I needed to be written up, and that something serious had happened.”
...
Blackmon’s parents have filed a police report against the teacher and the school after a mark was left on the boy’s arm from where the teacher grabbed him.

“I don’t understand how she could feel threatened if I was showing my gratitude, but she could have told me politely to tell me to move away,” he told the station.'

Essay: The Law of Economics and of Parenthood: How Gender Inequality Impacts Social Welfare

Matt · 13 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Submitted by email, essay here. I would include an excerpt but the site spoils efforts to copy-and-paste. If you have the time, worth a read.

SAVE: Make Plans Now for False Allegations Awareness Month

Matt · 13 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

June is False Allegations Awareness Month, and we hope you'll be attending our second annual False Allegations Awareness conference, Connecting for Change.

Have you been falsely accused of domestic violence? Would you like to speak at our event? If so, send us a short proposal to participate in a panel of persons falsely accused.

You don't have to wait until June 29-30 to address this growing and devastating issue. You can educate others all month long. Why not start making your plans now?

Whether you set up a booth at a local event, call a radio talk show or write a letter to your editor, every effort helps. Visit the SAVE website for more ideas and information:
http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp/campaigns/faam-resources

To register for the conference, or to submit a proposal, email info-at-saveservices.org.

If not us, who?

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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www.saveservices.org

An Australian Men's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service

Anonymous · 13 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Seems that Australia has at least one barrister willing to advocate for men in a court of law. Excerpt:

'Mario Licha (Barrister at Law) is setting up a new AVO advice service for Australian men.

Mario Licha is a New South Wales Barrister who practises out of Ada Evans Chambers in Sydney, New South Wales. This Sydney Barrister practises in the areas of Criminal and Family Law.
...
On 17 April 2012 Mario Licha will be giving a talk about AVOs.

Michael Michalak, Student-at-Law assistant will also be giving a small talk about how he became interested and involved law. Michael has prior experience as a self represented litigant in the Family Court.

The location of this talk is: Talk to Men at Men construction zone (Men & Court) Inspire Church, Corner Hoxton Park Road & Illaroo Road Hoxton Park NSW 2171'

Found via link from Fathers4Equality Australia and hosted on Ezine4males.com

UNCW hosts event to combat violence against women

anthony · 15 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Local agencies are teaming up this weekend to host a free program for all coaches throughout southeastern North Carolina, in an effort to prevent sexual assault and violence against women.

Wilmington's Verizon Wireless is partnering with the UNCW Athletics department and Domestic Violence Shelter and Services to hold "A Call to Coaches" on Sunday, April 15 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at UNCW's Trask Coliseum.

"Well-meaning men are generally unaware how their everyday attitudes, beliefs and language create a culture that empowers men -- at a great cost to women," said Rick Houston, prevention specialist with the Domestic Violence Shelter and Services. "While they don't personally perpetrate violence against women and girls, many accommodate and accept male domination in small ways every day and in so doing, support a culture in which unhealthy relationships and violence against women thrive."'

Nancy Pelosi, Willie Mays Share Commitment To End Domestic Violence

anthony · 15 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A congresswoman, a former Giants player, and a packed room of political and social activists pledged Thursday afternoon at a San Francisco nonprofit office to end violence against women by starting with educating men and boys.

The national daylong summit, "The Y Factor: Men Leading by Example," held at the nonprofit Futures Without Violence headquarters in San Francisco's Presidio in conjunction with the Waitt Institute for Violence Prevention spent the day highlighting men who are leading the anti-domestic violence movement.
...
In videotaped remarks, Biden said when he first pushed to pass VAWA nearly 20 years ago he was told domestic violence was a "private matter and not OK to talk about."

The vice president said, "The solution lies in the hands of boys and men. Every man needs to know that no means no...no matter what circumstances."'

Obama Revives an Old Feminist Myth

anthony · 16 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"When more women are bringing home the bacon, but bringing home less of it than men who are doing the same work, that weakens families, it weakens communities, it's tough on our kids, it weakens our entire economy." Thus said President Obama at a recent "women and the economy" event at the White House, where he portrayed American women as victims of pervasive wage discrimination in the workplace.
...
Consider some pertinent facts. Far more often than men, women tend to seek employment in fields that are non-technical or which involve the social—as opposed to the physical—sciences. Moreover, they seek employment in fields that: offer a high level of physical safety; involve work that is performed indoors as opposed to outdoors (where bad weather can make working conditions poor); feature a pleasant and socially dynamic working environment; are characterized by lower levels of emotional turbulence; offer desirable shifts or flexible working hours; and require fewer working hours per week or fewer working days per year. As well, women tend to gravitate toward fields that do not require long commutes; men on average commute 36% farther to get to work, a fact that translates into about $1,500 in extra annual pay. Similarly, women are more inclined to pursue jobs that do not require geographic relocation—the result being that females make up only 18% of all workers who are transferred abroad by their employers.'

Joe Biden: ‘War on women is real’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Vice President Joe Biden said Thursday he believes the right’s “war on women is real” and could be particularly salient during the multiple Supreme Court appointments he expects to come during the next president’s term.

“I think the war on women is real,” Biden said in an interview he sat for with MSNBC’s Ed Schultz as part of a campaign trip to New Hampshire to talk up the Buffett rule. “And, look, I tell you where it’s going to intensify: the next president of the United States is going to get to name one and possibly two or more members of the Supreme Court.”'

Keeping the gender balance in SF State athletics hinders creation of men’s track team

anthony · 16 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender equity laws and limited funding together confine SF State’s athletic program, leaving the school without a men’s track and field team.

These constraints have fragmented who can participate in the school’s sports teams, inhibiting potential athletes from competing.

Many students often wonder why SF State only has certain teams, but in addition to scarce athletic funding, balancing the number of athletic teams for men and women due to Title IX, which sets standards for gender equality in sports, is part of the reason.

This stems from a lawsuit the California State University system settled with a women’s group over the inclusion of women in school sports, making compliance with the act more explicit. The lawsuit stated that the ratio of male to female athletes should be reflective of the student population’s gender ratio.'

'Youth To Pay For Sexual Contradictions'

Matt · 16 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I have just had the privilege of taking my 9 year old son and 7 year old nephew to a carnival in Sydney, Australia.
...
To my utter despair, on a very cold autumn day in Sydney which required winter clothing for me and the boys, one of the earliest sites we saw while waiting in the queue for our tickets was countless young girls, aged between eight years up to their mid-teens, with skimpy-sized, 'Daisy Duke' cut-off jeans, not only exposing the length of their legs, but their buttocks too.
...
I was left asking 'in a society that prioritised above everything else the protection of children against sexual influence of any kind, what kind of social pressures, or perhaps social incentives, really do exist in our society that compels young girls to expose themselves in such cold weather, in such a sexually affronting manner?'

What does this then say about our very 'in-your face' public campaigns against child sexual abuse, and campaigns against the treatment of women as a whole as sexual objects? Are we as a society saying one thing, but doing the complete opposite in truth?

If we are, then our children, both girls and boys, are going to pay a high price for this contradiction.

As we left the carnival that day, a group of young girls, most of which were dressed in these short cut-off jeans, shuffled passed us, all locked in arms and singing in tune to what I think is currently a hit song on the radio.

"I am sexy and I know it", they chanted as they buzzed passed us mocking the stares of other teenage boys in close proximity.

I hope for their sake, that they don't really mean it.'

Death Row Inmate’s Best Lawyer Was Himself

citizend · 16 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Courts botch cases and it can pay to know your rights. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — Albert Holland Jr., a death row inmate in Florida, has no legal training and seems to be suffering from a mental illness — “perhaps a disorder involving paranoia or delusional thoughts,” a federal judge wrote recently.

But he turns out to be a pretty good lawyer. Two years ago, in allowing Mr. Holland a fresh chance to make his case after his court-appointed lawyer blew a crucial deadline, the Supreme Court praised Mr. Holland’s legal acumen. Indeed, Justice Stephen G. Breyer wrote, Mr. Holland had had a better understanding of the complicated time limits for challenging death sentences in federal court than his lawyer had.

Mr. Holland made good use of the opportunity the Supreme Court gave him. A couple of weeks ago, he won a decision granting him a new trial. In the process, he opened a window on the astoundingly spotty quality of court-appointed counsel in capital cases.'

Big Push for Costly “Comparable Worth” Legislation Coming? Lilly Ledbetter Returns to the Stage

anthony · 17 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Lilly Ledbetter, who made false claims about her pay discrimination lawsuit, has returned to the political arena, as you can see at this link. This may set the stage for another Congressional push for passage of the costly and misleadingly-named “Paycheck Fairness Act,” which Ms. Ledbetter backed in the past, or for “comparable worth” legislation, or other trial-lawyer backed legislation that would require pay to be set based on factors other than merit.

...

Various lawyers, like Paul Mirengoff, an attorney at Akin Gump, have concluded that Ms. Ledbetter deceived Congress and the public about when she became aware of the pay disparities she sued over in her lawsuit, in order to try and make her discrimination claim appear more timely. She clearly has made false claims, claiming she was not aware of what she previously admitted knowing in a sworn deposition. (The liberal former EEOC lawyer David Copus and the moderate Stuart Taylor of the National Journal and Brookings Institution have also cited the existence of this inconvenient deposition testimony, which contradicts claims made by Ms. Ledbetter.) I earlier discussed a false claim made by Ms. Ledbetter that contradicted her deposition testimony at this link.'

Gender gap: Myth or reality?

anthony · 17 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women make less money than men for the same work. It's a proven fact.

Or is it?

Tuesday is Equal Pay Day, designed to highlight the gap between men's and women's wages. The idea is to point out that the average woman would have to work through all of 2011 and into early 2012 -- through Tuesday -- to earn what the average man took home just in 2011.

The wage gap has the attention of Nevada's congressional delegation. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., pushed the Paycheck Fairness Act, which aims to close the gap, to a Senate vote in 2010, but a Republican filibuster blocked it.

The act has since languished, likely because supporters see little chance of passage with a Republican majority in the House, said Michele Leber, chairwoman of the National Committee on Pay Equity, the Virginia advocacy group behind Equal Pay Day.'

SPLC names men’s rights activists as hate group

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), a US non-profit organisation dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry, has named men’s rights activists (MRAs) as a hate group in its latest quarterly publication.

In an issue entitled The Year in Hate and Extremism, the SPLC, based in Montgomery, Alabama, explores how MRAs spread false claims about women:

Misogynists in the men’s and fathers’ rights movements have developed a set of claims about women to support their depictions of them as violent liars and manipulators of men.

Some suggest that women attack men, even sexually, just as much as men attack women. Others claim that vast numbers of reported rapes of women, as much as half or even more, are fabrications designed to destroy men they don’t like or to gain the upper hand in contested custody cases.'

SPLC: Leader's Suicide Brings Attention to Men's Rights Movement

anthony · 17 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After 10 years of custody battles, court-ordered counseling and imminent imprisonment for non-payment of child support, Thomas James Ball, a leader of the Worcester branch of the Massachusetts-based Fatherhood Coalition, had reached his limit. On June 15, 2011, he doused himself with gasoline and set himself on fire just outside the Cheshire County, N.H., Courthouse. He was dead within minutes.

...

For people who associate the men's and fathers' rights movements with New Age drum circles in the woods, the ferocity of Ball's rhetoric, the horror of his act, and, in particular, the widespread and blatantly misogynistic reaction to it may come as something of a revelation. When the feminist Amanda Marcotte, a bête noire of the men's rights movement, remarked that "setting yourself on fire is an extremely effective tool if your goal is to make your ex-wife's life a living hell," a poster at the blog Misandry.com went ballistic. "Talk about the pot calling the kettle black," he raged. "She is evil and such a vile evil that she is a disease that needs to be cut out of the human [consciousness] just like the rest of the femanazi ass harpies."

...

Ball's suicide brought attention to an underworld of misogynists, woman-haters whose fury goes well beyond criticism of the family court system, domestic violence laws, and false rape accusations. There are literally hundreds of websites, blogs and forums devoted to attacking virtually all women (or, at least, Westernized ones) — the so-called "manosphere," which now also includes a tribute page for Tom Ball ("He Died For Our Children"). While some of them voice legitimate and sometimes disturbing complaints about the treatment of men, what is most remarkable is the misogynistic tone that pervades so many. Women are routinely maligned as sluts, gold-diggers, temptresses and worse; overly sympathetic men are dubbed "manginas"; and police and other officials are called their armed enablers. Even Ball — who did not directly blame his ex-wife for his troubles, but instead depicted her and their three children as co-victims of the authorities — vilified "man-hating feminists" as evil destroyers of all that is good.'

New treatment for prostate cancer gives 'perfect results' for nine in ten men: research

Matt · 18 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is hoped the new treatment, which involves heating only the tumours with a highly focused ultrasound, will mean men can be treated without an overnight stay in hospital and avoiding the distressing side effects associated with current therapies.

A study has found that focal HIFU, high-intensity focused ultrasound, provides the 'perfect' outcome of no major side effects and free of cancer 12 months after treatment, in nine out of ten cases.

Traditional surgery or radiotherapy can only provide the perfect outcome in half of cases currently.

Experts have said the results are 'very encouraging' and were a 'paradigm' shift in treatment of the disease.'

SAVE: Tell Your Senators, VAWA Must Respect Civil Rights

Matt · 18 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

I enjoy Spring, the season of new beginnings and hope. My hope is that we give domestic violence law a new beginning, starting with the reform of VAWA (S.1925) to protect civil rights.

Easter break has passed, and the Senate is back in session. As of this writing, there has not been a vote on VAWA. Word has it the delay is due to some Senators behind the scenes demanding amendments to S.1925 in return for their vote. This is great news for us!

I hope you realize that your calls give these senators the motivation and strength to speak out on your behalf. Please don't let them down now, not when they need your support the most. Let's do another round of phone calls today.

Please contact your two senators and ask them to be sure the new VAWA respects civil rights, esp. the requirement of the 4th Amendment to have probable cause before a person can be arrested.

Find your senators' phone numbers here: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm. Or call the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121, where an operator will connect you with the Senate office you request.

Hope is a wonderful thing. But it's not enough when it comes to politics. Now, get busy and make those calls!

Want to feel really good about yourself? Call every day until the vote. ;-)

Thanks,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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www.saveservices.org

Convicted defendants left uninformed of forensic flaws found by Justice Dept.

Matt · 18 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Justice Department officials have known for years that flawed forensic work might have led to the convictions of potentially innocent people, but prosecutors failed to notify defendants or their attorneys even in many cases they knew were troubled.

Officials started reviewing the cases in the 1990s after reports that sloppy work by examiners at the FBI lab was producing unreliable forensic evidence in court trials. Instead of releasing those findings, they made them available only to the prosecutors in the affected cases, according to documents and interviews with dozens of officials.

In addition, the Justice Department reviewed only a limited number of cases and focused on the work of one scientist at the FBI lab, despite warnings that problems were far more widespread and could affect potentially thousands of cases in federal, state and local courts.'

SAVE: Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison Applauded for Principled Stand on VAWA Bill

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Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison Applauded for Principled Stand on VAWA Bill

Washington, DC/April 18, 2012 – Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison recently announced her support for an alternative to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization bill S. 1925, which had been introduced by Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont. The Texas senator's announcement has earned her praise from advocates for victims of domestic violence.

In a letter to the Des Moines Register, Sen. Hutchison outlined a number of objections to S. 1925 and indicated that she is working with Sen. Chuck Grassley and Sen. Amy Klobuchar on an improved domestic violence bill. http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20120406/OPINION/304060009/-1/SPORTS12/Grassley-plan-will-strengthen-anti-violence-law-women

Inmate Sues Hospital For Performing Circumcision On Him Nearly 30 Years Ago

Matt · 18 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (CBS St. Louis/AP) — A prison inmate in South Dakota is suing a hospital for performing a circumcision on him nearly 30 years ago.

Twenty-eight-year-old Dean Cochrun is imprisoned at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls for kidnapping. He's suing Sanford Hospital, previously known as Sioux Valley Hospital, for performing the circumcision when he was an infant.

Cochrun says in a complaint filed Friday in federal court that he was "recently made aware of the fact that I had been circumcised," and that the procedure has left him feeling inadequate and unable to fully enjoy sex.'

F&F: Indiana Lowers Cutoff Age for Children Receiving Child Support

Matt · 18 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Indiana's new state law lowers the cutoff age for children receiving child support from 21 to 19. It exempts support for education expenses and provides an exemption for a child who is incapacitated. Sen. Brent Steele, R-Bedford, said the law takes effect July 1 and applies to all child support orders.

Warrick County Superior Court Judge Robert Aylsworth said Enrolled Act, Senate Bill 18 shift of the emancipation age to two years earlier is "an enormous change" that's going to result in a surge of petitions seeking to modify support orders. "I think we are going to see a run on the courthouses."'

Biden suggests GOP opposition to Dem. bill will spur domestic violence

mens_issues · 18 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Vice President Joe Biden shows his disregard for the civil rights of men once again. Excerpt:

'Vice President Joe Biden suggested on Wednesday that the GOP's opposition to the Democratic version of a domestic violence bill will give the green light to male violence against women.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was passed in 1994 and was reauthorized in 2005. Approval of an updated law is stalled because Republican and Democratic senators disagree over what provisions should be added to the law.

"Just ask yourself, what message does it send to our daughters, to every women imprisoned in their own homes … if the law is not reauthorized," Biden declared today at a White House meeting of feminists and groups that are funded by the law.'

Woman claims rape to hide philandery from boyfriend

Broadsword · 19 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A John Lewis sales assistant claimed she had been raped because she was so embarrassed about a sado-masochistic sex session, a court heard.

Kirsty Sowden, 21, met her victim online after advertising herself as a 'BDSM princess' - standing for Bondage, Domination and Sadomasochism - on a no-strings attached website.

...

But Sowden, who was trying for a baby with her boyfriend at the time, was so guilt-wracked that she called police shortly afterwards and told them she had been raped.

Police eventually untangled the dominatrix's web of lies and charged her with perverting the course of justice. The investigation had already cost nearly £14,000 and wasted a staggering 376 hours of police time.'

Aussie PM in denial as her support amongst males drops to all time low

Kratch · 19 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Australia's Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, has responded to news of the collapse of her support amongst Australia's voting public with an air of denial that has even stunned her harshest critics.
...
Senior federal Labor MPs are warning Ms Gillard that she needs a strategy to win back the hearts and minds of middle Australians, especially males, otherwise Labor faces being decimated at the next federal election.
...
And a policy that has received little news media coverage but has caused significant grass roots upheaval has been the recent 2011 Family Law amendments, which have effectively dismantled Australia's popular and broadly successful shared parenting laws, and replaced them with what is largely perceived to be anti-male, anti-fatherhood policies, many seeing this as Gillard cowering to feminist ideologues.

Critics have warned Gillard that she needs to win back the support of male blue-collar workers, who are the traditional Labor mainstays who have abandoned Labor en masse.'

The other gender gap: Obama struggles to make gains among male voters

Kratch · 19 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For all the analysis of Mitt Romney's struggle to attract female voters, little has been made of the other gender gap -- President Obama's difficulty in attracting male voters.

While Romney's deficit among female voters is deeper, the incumbent president has faced his share of trouble winning over the other 49 percent of the population. The president's approval ratings since the beginning of his term demonstrate this reality. He fares consistently better among women, consistently worse among men.

When pitted against Romney, the Republican presidential front-runner, the trend holds. Romney often captures the men, while Obama wins the women.

In a Fox News Poll released last month, only 43 percent of men said they approved of the job Obama was doing -- 51 percent disapproved. The numbers practically flipped among women.
...
The latest jobs report in March pegged the unemployment rate for men at 7.6 percent, for women at 7.4 percent. The numbers, though, weren't always so close.
The gap in the jobless rate for women and men grew to nearly 3 percentage points in late 2009 and has narrowed slowly since.
...
From a cultural perspective, Blakeman noted that the "burden of not being employed" can weigh more heavily on a man than a woman.'

It's Time That We End the Equal Pay Myth

anthony · 19 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Department of Labor's Time Use Survey, for example, finds that the average full-time working man spends 8.14 hours a day on the job, compared to 7.75 hours for the full-time working woman. Employees who work more likely earn more. Men working five percent longer than women alone explains about one-quarter of the wage gap.

There are numerous other factors that affect pay. Most fundamentally, men and women tend to gravitate toward different industries. Feminists may charge that women are socialized into lower-paying sectors of the economy. But women considering the decisions they've made likely have a different view. Women tend to seek jobs with regular hours, more comfortable conditions, little travel, and greater personal fulfillment. Often times, women are willing to trade higher pay for jobs with other characteristics that they find attractive.

Men, in contrast, often take jobs with less desirable characteristics in pursuit of higher pay. They work long hours and overnight shifts. They tar roofs in the sun, drive trucks across the country, toil in sewer systems, stand watch as prison guards, and risk injury on fishing boats, in coal mines, and in production plants. Such jobs pay more than others because otherwise no one would want to do them.'

Suggestions on How to Reconnect with an Estranged Child

Anonymous · 19 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

By: Leslie S. Arenson
Law Offices of Jeffery M. Leving, Ltd (http://www.dadsrights.com/)

Some parents have estranged relationships with their children. Whether it is because they made bad decisions, they have been alienated by the other parent, because of geographical constraints, because they were in the military and separated from their child for a long period of time, or other reasons, there is no better time than the present to take the first step. Some parents might be afraid of being rejected by their child, but children need their parents. Taking the first step to reconnect can sometimes be the hardest, but it is also the most important.

There is no manual on how to be a perfect parent, and there is no perfect parent. As a parent, if you do not have a relationship with your child, the worst thing you can do is sit back and think, “He will come to me when he is ready.” If you are a parent in this situation, you must take the initiative and set a good example by doing the right thing. Reaching out to let your child know you care or going to court to get court ordered time to spend with your child are important first steps.

When you are with your child, focus your time on the present and the future. What events is your child involved in? What school projects is your child involved in? Who are your child’s teachers? What is your child’s best friend’s name? What activities is your child interested in? Is your child being bullied at school? Ask questions. Your child will appreciate your interest, and will derive confidence from having a positive relationship with you. Do not focus on the past. Do not speak ill of the other parent. Do not discuss your hardships, whatever they may be.

If you go through the court system to establish or re-establish a regular schedule with your child, be proactive, prepared and persistent. There may be steps you have to take before you can get the schedule you want, and it may take time. Do whatever you have to do to rebuild the relationship, and do not give up. It will mean the world to your child.

Australian Company offers new moms double pay for returning to work

anthony · 19 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of Australia's largest companies is making it easier for new parents to juggle work and family: Starting this week, new moms who return to work at the Insurance Australia Group (IAG) will get double pay for their first six weeks back after maternity leave.

"Yes it's generous, but we're a business and it is about making sure we get quality people coming back to us," IAG chief executive Mike Wilkins told the Sydney Morning Herald.

IAG already offers one of the most generous maternity leave policies in the industry -- 14 weeks of paid time off after giving birth or adopting a child. Their six-week "welcome back bonus" is on top of that -- and in addition to an Australian government policy that gives new parents up to 18 weeks pay at minimum wage or a $5,400 "Baby Bonus" per child, whichever is greater.'

Man needs pardon even after proved innocent

Matt · 19 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Change.org petition here. Excerpt:

'In 1978 I was found guilty for the rape and murder of 21-year-old Linda Jo Edward in Texas. I was sentenced to death row. I was innocent.

In 1999 I was proven innocent through DNA testing -- after over 20 years on death row.

The case against me was based entirely on circumstantial evidence. Over the years, every piece of evidence used to convict me was revealed to be bogus.The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled that the prosecution had suppressed evidence that showed I was innocent in order to build their case against me.

Thirteen years after my innocence was proven and I was released from prison, the state of Texas still has not judicially exonerated me.

I was tried for this murder nearly four times. Despite an Appellate ruling throwing out my second conviction with findings that “Police and prosecutorial misconduct has tainted this entire matter from the outset,” the Smith County District Attorney’s Office was more interested in saving face than justice.'

SAVE: Memo to Joe Biden: Stop the DV Lies

Matt · 19 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

On Wed., April 18, Vice President Joe Biden was broadcast live via streaming video on the White House website to promote the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) (S. 1925). Biden has let us down in the past when it comes to recognizing all victims of DV, but I remained hopeful.

I watched, and counted, to see if the VP would acknowledge male victims. These men, known as the "hidden side of domestic violence" are the hidden half of DV.

I wish I could tell you that things have improved. I wanted so badly to tell you that abused men have finally gotten the recognition and respect they deserve, that now they will truly be helped.

But, I can't.

The only time the Vice Pres. mentioned men was when he described perpetrators of intimate partner homicide and honor killings, perpetrators of physical, financial and mental abuse, and perpetrators of rape and stalking. He talked about boys, but only to say that we should teach men and boys not to abuse women and girls.

This is outrageously unacceptable. Pres. Obama asked for evidence based solutions. So why is the Vice President completely ignoring the evidence when it comes to domestic violence?

Call the White House right now, and express your disgust:(202) 456-1414. Tell VP Joe Biden,"Take the blinders off and tell the whole truth about domestic violence!"

Please, don't wait. Call right now: (202) 456-1414

Thank you, on behalf of male victims everywhere.

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After Hospitalization, Men More Likely to Show Up in ER

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Many key factors predicted men's return to hospital. They were 72 percent more likely to return if they were unmarried or retired, 64 percent more likely if they had not seen their family doctor since their discharge and 53 percent more likely if they were depressed.

"Our findings raise the possibility that social isolation -- as illustrated by the positive association with being retired or unmarried, and [having] symptoms of depression -- may be important factors to target for intervention," wrote Dr. Suzanne Mitchell, of the department of family medicine at the Boston University School of Medicine, and colleagues, in the release.

The researchers noted that previous studies found that men's social isolation tends to contribute to poorer health results for them, and that women are better at using health services.'

Why the U.S. Economy Is Biased Against Men

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'The workplace cultural practices more often preferred by men have largely been replaced by approaches more often preferred by women. Individual initiative is now usually deemed inferior to teamwork, competition often replaced by collaboration, "push through to get the job done" with "process feelings," decision-making by leader with decision-making by committee. Men are more likely than women to throw all of themselves into work than to demand worklife balance, for which they are often dubbed with pathologizing monikers such as "workaholic" and "unable to relax" rather than "heroic" for being so contributory, even if it costs them their life. Men die 5.2 years earlier than women, a major cause being stress-related illnesses such as heart attack and stroke.

True, the occasional old boy still unfairly promotes a man over a woman, but despite unemployment being higher for men than women, today, "Sisters help Sisters" is not denigrated let alone sued as sexist, but encouraged. For example, Madeleine Albright said, "I have always said, there is a special place in hell for women who don't help other women." And such statements have broad impact. For example, Google that quote and you'll see 43,000 references to it.

Men's efforts to organize into groups have largely been ridiculed, for example, portraying men's groups as troglodytes tromping into the woods to beat tom-toms. And men's organizations have been pressured to admit women, for example, the service clubs: Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions. Further limiting men's ability to organize, men's groups don't get the enormous free advertising the media gives to women's groups.'

False Statistics by Feminist Groups Lead to Hysteria, Misandry

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'In your April 17 With Three Domestic Violence Murders in Three Years, Advocates Say Problem Not Going Away article you quoted Jacque Reid, a navigator at the Family Justice Center in Santa Rosa, who claimed that "domestic violence is the number one cause of injury for women in the United States and it crosses all cultural and economic lines." But according to University of Pennsylvania domestic violence researcher Richard Gelles, "as good a sound bite as it is, the statement is simply not true."
...
Yet, according to the CDC and the Justice Department's own Bureau of Justice Statistics, the leading causes of death for African-American women between the ages 15–45 are cancer, heart disease, unintentional injuries such as car accidents, and HIV disease. Homicide comes in fifth — and includes murders by strangers. In 2006 (the latest year for which full statistics are available), several hundred African-American women died from intimate partner homicide — each one a tragedy, but far fewer than the approximately 6,800 African-American women who died of the other leading causes.

Unfortunately, misinformation spread by battered women advocates, government officials and unquestioning journalists leads to hysteria, not to mention misandry.'

UK: Soccer player convicted of rape because sex partner was intoxicated

Anonymous · 21 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is a travesty. The woman, not girl, was 19. Legally an adult, entitled to drink and to consent to sex. She was not a child. The judge said there had been no force involved and the complainant received no injuries. The complainant was not 'targeted' and the attack had not been 'premeditated'. Are adult women now legally designated children with no responsibility for their own behaviour? If so they should not be allowed to buy or consume alcohol and her parents should not have allowed her out late at night to consort with footballers.

"I sincerely hope that the guilty verdict will provide some closure on this horrendous ordeal..." Not nearly as horrendous an ordeal as that imposed upon this young man for her "buyer's remorse". More cases like this will occur and in future this feminist inspired misandrist legal travesty will be seen for what it is. Excerpt:

'We are footballers, that's how it is,' he told them. 'Footballers are rich, they have got money, that's what the girls like.'

Evans and McDonald had been out partying the night before the Bank Holiday last May and had booked a room at the resort's Premier Inn, the trial at Caernarfon Crown Court heard.

The girl, who they had earlier seen falling over in a kebab shop after drinking wine, double vodkas with lemonade and a sambuca shot, approached McDonald, and the pair took a taxi to his hotel.
...
Jailing Evans, of Penistone, South Yorkshire, for five years, Judge Merfyn Hughes QC told him he must have realised the girl was 'intoxicated' and in no condition to agree to sex. He said Evans had thrown away his 'successful career'.'

Climate change is a 'feminist' issue, claims MEP

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Members of the European Parliament will vote today on a report by a French Green party MEP who claims global warming “is not gender neutral”.

Nicole Kiil-Nielsen said women “consume more sustainably than men and show greater willingness to act to preserve the environment” as they tend to organise household consumption and childcare. She argued climate change policies needed to take gender discrimination into account, especially in the developing world.

...

Miss Kiil-Nielsen’s report - Women and Climate Change - calls for a 40 per cent female quota on all EU delegations involved in climate negotiations and on the committees that allocate climate aid from member states.

It also suggests the creation of new EU-funded initiatives to help women’s groups get involved in climate policies, and for the EU to start gathering data on the “gender sensitive” effects of climate change on women.'

UK: Circumcision promoter caught with child porn videos

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'THE head of a pro-circumcision group who used to run a children's computer club was caught with a hoard of child porn.

Vernon Quaintance, from Upper Norwood, has avoided a jail term – despite having three video cassettes with nine-hours' worth of clips showing boys as young as 11 engaging in sex acts.

The 68-year-old is the head of the Gilgal Society, a group dedicated to promoting male circumcision.

The Old Bailey heard how police raided Quaintance's home in Henley Gardens, Upper Norwood, on April 11 last year after receiving a tip-off.

The movies seized included graphic footage of child abuse ranked at the second-highest level of severity.'

UK: Huge rise in IVF for single and gay mothers since law requiring father figure was removed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of single women and lesbian couples receiving fertility treatment has soared since the Government took the controversial decision to remove the legal requirement for any child conceived to have a father or father figure.

In 2007, before the change in the law, only 350 single women had IVF. But by 2010, the last year for available figures, that had leapt 448 per cent to 1,571. The number of lesbian couples given IVF more than doubled in the same period, from 178 to 417. But the number of heterosexual couples treated rose by only 18 per cent.

While the figures represent good news for women who have been able to become mothers because of the legal change, others are alarmed by the increase in ‘fatherless families’.'

Woman uses gasoline to burn husband

arindamp · 22 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, An Indian-origin woman in the US set her husband on fire and locked him in a bathroom, after promising him a hot oil massage, police said.

Shriya Biman Patel,25, has been arrested on charges of first-degree felony aggravated assault and arson and booked into the Travis County Jail in Austin, Texas.

...

The man, whose name has not been released, was airlifted to Brooke Army Medical Centre in San Antonio where he is said to be in a critical condition, suffering from second and third-degree burns to 70 percent of his body.'

Sex assaults catch colleges in Title IX legal trap

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A closed- door encounter between two college acquaintances. Both have been drinking. One says she was raped; the other insists it was consensual. There are no other witnesses.

It's a common scenario in college sexual assault cases, and a potential nightmare to resolve. But under the 40-year-old federal gender equity law Title IX -- and guidance handed down last year by the Obama administration on how to apply it -- colleges can't just turn such cases over to criminal prosecutors, who often won't touch them anyway. Instead, they must investigate, and in campus proceedings do their best to balance the accused's due process rights with the civil right of the victim to a safe education.
...
Colleges that do too little about sexual assault could lose federal funds. The Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights is currently investigating a dozen colleges and universities over their response to sexual violence (documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show schools that have recently agreed to take steps to resolve OCR complaints over Title IX policies include universities such as Notre Dame, Northwestern and George Washington).

Meanwhile, judgments in Title IX lawsuits against colleges, usually brought by accusers, are soaring. Compounding the fear: In some such cases, college administrators may be found personally liable.

But when colleges do take action against accused students, those students are increasingly lawyering up themselves, suing for breach of contract and negligence. And in at least two recent cases, in Tennessee and Massachusetts, male students have tread novel legal ground by alleging violations of their own Title IX protections against gender discrimination, arguing a college's sexual assault policies or procedures were unfairly stacked against men.'

Canada: In the age of Internet porn, teaching boys to be good men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WiseGuyz, run by the Calgary Sexual Health Centre (which gave Mr. Spence his training), isn't just sex ed with an update. It's part of a new wave of initiatives to intervene in a young, male culture that is giving many adults cause for concern. Long-term, the aim is to combat the rates of domestic violence and sexually transmitted infections. Short-term, the goal is to tutor young men in healthy relations with women and non-destructive masculinity.
...
In many ways, these programs are a junior version of the Men Of Strength (MOST) Club: Now a decade old in the United States, the 22-week curriculum for 11-to-18-year-olds emphasizes “healthy, non-violent masculinity.” A college incarnation, Campus MOST, is now pushing bystander intervention in sexual assaults.

“It does a good job of portraying the well-rounded, healthy, chivalrous man, the real masculinity. It's not just your jock – the media portrayal of what a man should be,” says Adam Middleton, a freshman at George Washington University who attends Campus MOST.'

Women lag in life-expectancy gains

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON - Women's life spans in the USA are improving at a slower pace than men's and are shorter in many U.S. counties than they were 20 years ago, according to a report released Thursday.

The trend is cause for alarm even though women are still expected to outlive men by four years, says the report by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, a health research center at the University of Washington. The study is based on mortality data by age, sex and county from 1989 to 2009.

Life expectancy for U.S. men improved by 4.6 years on average, but only by 2.7 years for women. Life spans county to county across the USA range on average from 66.1 to 81.6 years for men and 73.5 to 86 years for women.

"A gain in life expectancy should be equal among men and women," says Ali Mokdad, director of the research team. "This is a wake-up call for all of us. It's tragic that in a country as wealthy as the United States, and with all the medical expertise we have, that so many girls will live shorter lives than their mothers."'

"Celebrity mohel mocks baby's manhood"

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'According to Zarki, the baby's parents asked him to look into the matter, and since he had already carried out three similar circumcisions, he agreed, even though he hadn't previously seen a penis as small in all his 24 years as a mohel.

"My goal (in tweeting the) tweet was to bring the matter to the public's attention, that you can carry out a halachic circumcision even when there is such a problem, which is complicated from a medical perspective, that was my message."

"Sometimes you see a baby that weighs four kilograms, where three of them are the penis and sometimes it's only a few grams. Medical literature recognizes the phenomenon of 'micro penises,' just like sometimes I also see macro (penises), but everyone knows that size doesn't matter," the rabbi added jokingly.

The rabbi's "humorous" tweet came on the same day that a different Brit ceremony carried out by a different mohel, ended in tragedy. An eight day old baby was rushed to hospital after a mohel cut off a third of his penis during a circumcision ceremony.'

Letter: Women should not have the only voice in abortion decision

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Letter here.

'Recently a letter to the editor suggested that men should not be part of the abortion debate.

I still can't quite process that.

It takes a man and a woman to create a child. With that in mind, if the pregnant woman, the mother, is considering abortion the man, that is, the father, should have a say in the consideration.

If the pregnant woman decides to bear the child, the man may be expected to pay child support for a number of years.

Today it is the pregnant woman, who decides whether the fetus is a human being; whether the fetus will live or die; and whether the father will be expected to pay child support if the woman decides to bear the child.

Something is wrong with this picture. I know I am not the only person to see that.'

14-year-old boy charged with rape after consensual sex with 12-year-old

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Springboro, OH (WKEF/CNN) - A 14-year-old boy faces rape charges after being accused of having sex with a 12-year-old girl at school.

The incident allegedly happened during school hours.

Both say it was consensual, but that doesn't matter under Ohio law.
...
These women say it's unbelievable that two students had sex at school.

The Warren County prosecutor says they were able to get out of class and hook up.

Now the boy is charged with rape because the girl is under the age of 13.

"I think it's a shame and if he's going to be charged she should be charged too because they both knew what they were doing," said Moore.'

CNN Opinion: "Are men stupid?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- Are men stupid? How else can we explain the endless parade of otherwise successful individuals, who by all appearances seem intelligent and competent, and yet risk destroying their careers and their personal lives over the chance to have a sexual escapade?

John Edwards crashing from the heights of promise to infamy, from presidential candidate to defendant in a trial after a secret affair; Secret Service agents ending their careers in disgrace over dalliances with prostitutes in Colombia, all join that long procession of men who managed to self-destruct, pulling a pin on the grenade of their careers and perhaps their personal lives for the sake of a little fun.

The pageant of legacy-killing misjudgment includes a president, several might-have-been presidents, a few governors, a World Bank director, a former Dutch prime minister, an Israeli president and one of the top golfers of all time. And that is only a partial list.'

Philipines: Davao City addresses issue of abused husbands

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DAVAO CITY, April 22 (PIA) -- The local government of Davao is the first local government to address the issue of abused husbands.

Says Rene Estorpe, barangay captain of Agdao Centro and president of the Mr. GAD (Gender and Development) Federation, a group of 15 barangays in the city where GAD for men are being piloted.

Estorpe said that aside from Violence Against Women and Children, Mr. GAD seeks to look into the plight of cuckolded husbands who are also victims of abuses committed by their spouses. “Pareho rin ang mga kaso, may physical violence and verbal abuse.” (It has the same cases there is physical violence and verbal abuse). The barangay chief say that in these cases, the roles are reversed as the husbands themselves are the victims.

Estorpe said that in his barangay they are handling two cases of abuses, where the husbands are asking for barangay protection against their wives. Estorpe added.'

Notes from the field: NCFM at Earth Day Festival in San Francisco, CA

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From Marc Angelucci of NCFM:

Today I spoke on the panel at the Earth Day Festival in San Francisco (the largest Earth Day festival in the U.S.) on behalf of the National Coalition For Men (NCFM). The organizers invited us, along with the National Organization for Women (NOW), to be part of a panel on the topic, "What is Green." The idea was to engage the community from various viewpoints. There were about 6 panelists. Here is the link to the "Our Team" with my name and brief bio.: http://www.earthdaysf.org/our-team.html

I spoke first and thanked the organizers for inviting NCFM. I said we are not an environmental organization but some of the issues we address can affect the environment. I mentioned some of those issues (men's health, fathers' parenting rights, male victims of DV, etc.). I said being green needs to include consideration of men's health and well-being. I mentioned some statistics re men and homelessness, incarceration, and job deaths. I said only one state (Georgia) has an office of men's health, and only one state (New Hampshire) ever had a Commission on the Status of Men, and it was unfunded and was recently cut along with the Commission on the Status of Women. I mentioned how these issues are neglected and we assume men "have everything." I explained that when we neglect men's issues it can harm inner cities. Our policies devalue dads rather than encourage father involvement. Fatherlessness leads to homelessness, dropouts, and incarceration. We send men to war and when they return with mental illnesses we do little about it and they often become homeless or incarcerated. Lots of homeless people are war veterans.

Homelessness, crime, and incarceration cause inner cities to deteriorate, which leads to urban flight and urban sprawl, which destroys farmland and creates traffic and people commute from the city to suburbs. When cities deteriorate, so do their sewer systems. I used to do urban sprawl work for CalPirg, and I helped with a lawsuit against the City of L.A. to get them to fix the deteriorating sewer system. I mentioned that there are many other issues we address concerning men that are neglected. I also founded the Environmental Affairs Committee at UCLA Law and brought recycle bins into the classrooms. And there are chemicals in our environment that are apparently damaging men's reproductive systems, reducing their sperm count and increasing testicular cancer.

I only had so much time so I just re-stated that we need to consider men's issues when we set policies. Due to time constraints (a band was about to perform) there was no Q & A, but afterwards several people asked me the name of the organization and the website. I also spoke to a few people about the additional issue of circumcision. Overall it went very well. No negativity or reactionism.

The First Protest Ever of Its Kind In Sweden: The Children's Rights To Both Their Parents

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now we finally have the chance to stand up in a common call for all children in Sweden's right to both parents. This is thanks to Niklas Sundqvist who is the initiator of a joint protest. The first of its kind. It will be held in Stockholm on 13 May 2012. Do not miss this unique opportunity to show the leadership that we have had enough of their incessant violations of our and our children's right to family life.

The demonstration will be held in Sergel Square in Stockholm.
...
May 13, 2012 - Collection 12:00
Demonstration 13:00 to 16:00

Organizer: Niklas Sundqvist
Link for notification: http://www.facebook.com/events/315765661815373/

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Deion Sanders' estranged wife accused of assault

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'McKINNEY, Texas (AP) — Deion Sanders' estranged wife denies that she broke into his room in their Dallas-area home and attacked him in front of their children.

Pilar Sanders was arrested Monday on a misdemeanor domestic violence charge. She was released Tuesday and said she is innocent and that she's not being treated fairly because her husband is a Hall of Famer who played for the Dallas Cowboys.

Authorities haven't released details about the alleged attack. But Deion Sanders tweeted Monday that his children "just witnessed their mother and a friend jump me in my room."

The Mommy Wars are About Daddy Too

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'I don't know about you, but everywhere I go I run into men who don't feel like they have a real place in the world, thanks to the so-called "man-cession." Their eyes are hollow; they struggle for identity. They are all like the guys in Peter Gabriel's searing song, "Don't Give Up," about a man "whose dreams have all deserted," who struggles for work, for identity and a reason to go on living.

...

Today in the U.S., the tables have pretty much turned. Like fish without bicyles, women are enjoying more opportunities than ever, and they don't need men to realize their dreams of college and careers. They are putting off marriage and childbearing. They now enjoy a majority in colleges and graduate schools. They are also a majority in American workplaces, though they still generally earn less than men in comparable jobs.

Meanwhile, millions of smart, hardworking men, like all those women before them, feel threatened, their ambitions "disrupted" by technology and displaced by outsourcing. Today, fewer men than women are earning college degrees. One (disputed) study has even asserted that men will actually become extinct one day as the Y chromosome runs out. My own husband — a hard-working, entrepreneurial, visionary videographer disrupted by digital technology — is working to reinvent himself as community activist. (Hey, at least he is not sitting at home in front of the television with a six-pack.) And he is no wimp, but he is aching to re-find his place as a meaningful person in the world.

...

If I were the CEO of my dreams, I would make sure that women had an equal seat in the boardroom and the executive committee; but I would also work to ensure that all the men and women in my company had the chance to work without killing themselves. I'd offer ample opportunities for flex-time and job-sharing. I'd try hard to see that everyone who worked for me had a chance to rise, to feel important, and, critically, to achieve some semblance of balance between their family and office lives. And if I overheard sniping, I'd nip it in the bud.'

On campus, debate over civil rights and rape

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'But the most vigorous criticism has come from civil libertarians, who argue the Obama administration's guidance undermines the rights of the accused. They've focused on the requirement that colleges use a "preponderance of evidence" standard in such cases — essentially a belief guilt is more likely than not, and a much lower standard than defendants enjoy in criminal court.

Illustrating the dangers, they say, are cases like that of a former North Dakota college student who was found responsible for sexually assaulting a fellow student by a campus disciplinary board. Later, police investigating the incident cleared him and brought false-reporting charges against his accuser. Still, he struggled to clear his name and has yet to return to school.

Title IX, these critics claim, is a blunt legal weapon for addressing sexual assault on campus. They too see a threat to access to education — but for the accused.'

Violence Against Women Act Termed 'Fundamentally Flawed': SAVE Calls for End to Partisan Rhetoric

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Apr 24, 2012 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX) -- The Heritage Foundation has recently released a report that concludes the proposed Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization is "a gross distortion of the original law and is gravely flawed." The think-tank report, Violence Against Women Act: Reauthorization Fundamentally Flawed, highlights how the bill now being debated in the U.S. Senate, S. 1925, would fund abuse-reduction programs that are unproven, duplicative, and wasteful: http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2012/03/the-violence-against-women-act-reauthorization-fundamentally-flawed

At the heart of the proposed bill, the report argues, lies an ideologically rooted attempt at social engineering:

"Because proponents of the law argued that violence against women is a form of social control perpetuated by--according to their arguments--women's weaker social, political, and financial status, the substance of the VAWA focused largely on redistributing power and resources to female victims. This philosophy of group victimhood undermines equal protection and the rule of law and has been detrimental to the protection of victims generally."'

F&F: Maine Bar Counsel Recommends Discipline for ADA Mary N. Kellett

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The attorney for the Board of Overseers of the Maine State Bar has recommended that Assistant District Attorney Mary N. Kellett be disciplined for her legal and ethical misconduct in her prosecution of Vladek Filler. On April 6, 2012, Bar Counsel J. Scott Davis recommended discipline for Kellett based on her violation of nine separate codes of conduct for Maine attorneys.

As readers of this blog will recall, Vladek Filler is the father who was accusedby his wife Ligia Filler, during the course of their custody battle, of sexual assault and child abuse. Despite the complete absence of evidence against him apart from his wife's say-so, ADA Mary Kellett not only prosecuted Filler, but violated numerous ethical codes in doing so. She managed to get a conviction which was overturned by the trial court due to her prosecutorial misconduct.

Amazingly, despite having been convicted of sexual assault, the Maine family court gave Vladek custody of his two children before the conviction was overturned. It did so because it was clear to all – the police and the judge – that Vladek was a good and responsible father and that Ligia had severe mental/emotional problems.'

SAVE: Do it For the Children, Stolen With a Lie

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It's down to the wire. The senate is expected to vote on the Violence Against Women Act very soon.

Vice President Biden recalled recently that when VAWA was first passed, opponents warned that it would be misused in divorce. They were right.

One in six Americans know someone who has been falsely accused of domestic violence. The "silver bullet" in divorce, false allegations are sometimes used to obtain child custody. This despicable act removes fit and loving parents from the lives of their children.

Please take a moment as soon as possible, and speak out for the millions of children who are missing a falsely accused parent. And do it for the parents who are grieving for their children, stolen with a lie.

Find your senators here: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm. Take note of their party affiliation and phone number.

If your senator is a Republican, call, and ask them to support Sen. Grassley's Substitute Amendment to VAWA.

If your senator is a Democrat, call, and ask them to demand changes to Sen. Leahy's VAWA (S. 1925), to curb false allegations of domestic violence.

Thank you for taking a stand for affected families everywhere.

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Special White House Event Will Encourage Girls' Participation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

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'By ensuring that women and girls receive the exposure, encouragement, and support they need to enter and succeed in STEM fields, this country can benefit from the full range and diversity of its talent. To this end, on April 24, 2012, the White House Council on Women and Girls will host a White House event featuring a panel of trailblazing women in STEM fields. These women will share their experiences and encourage girls to follow in their footsteps—or to blaze trails of their own. This event will also showcase the very first public screening of Girls in STEM, a video with footage of girls who participated in the 2012 White House Science Fair, including Girl Scout team the Flying Monkeys, which invented a new type of prosthetic hand to help a little girl write for the first time. (The girls won the $20,000 FIRST LEGO League Global Innovation Award from the X Prize Foundation in April 2011; they were also granted a provisional patent.)'

False Report to Department of Children & Family Services – Be Aware!

Anonymous · 25 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

By: James M. Hagler
The Law Offices of Jeffery M. Leving, Ltd. (http://dadsrights.com)

A new Illinois law, effective January 1, 2012, makes it a crime for any person who knowingly transmits a false report to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) a crime – and a serious one at that!

If one knowingly makes a false report to the DCFS, that person has committed the offense of disorderly conduct which is a Class 4 Felony, 325 ILCS 5/4 (2011).

I welcome this law. I have encountered too many times in my legal career a parent who abuses the system and makes false (and often repeated) reports to DCFS in an effort to destroy the relationship of a parent and child and to devastate the other parent. From now on, these false reporters are risking serious criminal penalties. A Class 4 felony is punishable by incarceration of not less than 1 year and not more than 3 years, and a fine of up to $25,000 can be assessed against an individual. While a person who is convicted of this crime may be able to get a suspended prison sentence and probation if they have a clean record, a repeat offender likely would not.

Any person who wants to use DCFS as a tool to falsely accuse another parent – or stepparent, or anyone else who stands in relationship with a child - is now playing a high risk game. Outrageous and false reports of abuse can now backfire on the accuser. If you were falsely accused and you believe that there is no way the report could have been made in good faith, you should contact the local authorities and seek a criminal investigation. Even if your accuser is not charged, your accuser will likely be dissuaded by the experience to ever try making a false report against you again.

Of course, mandated reporters such as doctors, nurses, and licensed professional counselors must make a report to DCFS if they have reasonable cause to believe a child known to him or her in their professional or official capacity may be an abused or neglected child. Bear this in mind if you find yourself in the role as a reporter, for this law is a two-way street. For example, if you have not personally witnessed the abuse but have heard a child's outcry, take the child to a mandated reporter. A hospital emergency room is a good place to consider taking a child when abuse is first reported. The facility will get a licensed professional to examine and speak to the child. Let the mandated reporter evaluate the child, and make a determination if there is reasonable cause to believe the child is abused or neglected. The professional will then notify DCFS. Don't take it upon yourself, in the heat of emotion, to assume the risk of making the report.

No one should hesitate to protect a child – but don't forget to protect yourself when doing so. No person should knowingly make a false report to DCFS – and if they do, they ought to be punished. With this new law, they can, and hopefully, will.

Justin Bieber writes song about false paternity claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(Rolling Stone) -- At a listening party in London last night, Justin Bieber told reporters that one of the many new songs that could appear on his upcoming album, "Believe," was about Mariah Yeater, the woman who falsely accused him of fathering her child, the BBC reports.

According to the BBC, while talking about his inspiration, Bieber said he'd written "songs like that girl -- Mariah Yeater -- who said she was going to have my baby." The singer added, "I wrote about that situation."

Last November, Yeater claimed that she and Bieber had sex backstage following a show in Los Angeles, and that he was the father of her then-three month old baby boy. While the case was dropped a few weeks after, Bieber still took a paternity test that proved he was not the father.'

Infant stabbed in Baltimore; mother in custody - for 'mental health evaluation'

Matt · 25 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BALTIMORE (AP) -- A mother managed to slip a long kitchen knife past security at a Baltimore social services building and used it to stab her infant daughter in the face and neck Tuesday, police said.

The 8-month-old baby was stabbed several times, but was listed in good condition at Johns Hopkins Children's Center and was expected to survive, Police Det. Donny Moses said.

"The baby should be OK," Moses said.

The mother was admitted to an area hospital for a mental health evaluation, police said.'

New Jersey Autistic Boy Records Teachers' Alleged Abuse

Anonymous · 26 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

An appalling story of two abusive women teachers/aides verbally abusing an autistic boy. At least the father stood up for his son. Excerpt:

'A New Jersey dad who suspected something was "horrifyingly wrong" at school when his autistic son began acting violently had the boy wear a digital recorder and discovered teachers verbally abusing him.

Stuart Chaifetz, 44, described his 10-year-old son Akian as a "sweet and gentle child" with a penchant for acrobatics and a deep bond with his three dogs.

So Chaifetz said it was totally out of character when he began receiving reports from Horace Mann Elementary School that Akian was hitting his teacher and a teacher's aide.
...
When Akian came home from school and Chaifetz listened to the audio, he was shocked by what he heard. "When I listened to what they had done to him, I just shattered inside," Chaifetz said.

Chaifetz heard the teacher and aide calling Akian names, making fun of him, yelling at him and having inappropriate conversations in front of the children.'

Boy field hockey star kicked off girls' team for being 'too good'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The attorney for a 13-year-old Long Island boy who was kicked off his high school's girls' field hockey team for being too dominant says his client will most likely be reinstated.

"We are confident that a court will see the discrimination in this case," Frank Scagluso, the attorney for Keeling Pilaro said.

Scagluso said Keeling has support from his school district, other coaches and players in the league and that he has not heard any criticism about the boy's participation in games.

Keeling, who played for Southampton High School's varsity girls' field hockey team for the past two years, was told he could no longer play next year after becoming the team's star.'

Facebook Protesters Demand Social Network Add Women To All-Male Board

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK -- Protesters swarmed the entrance to Facebook's Madison Avenue offices in New York City on Wednesday to deliver a petition with 53,000 signatures asking the world's largest social network to add women to its all-male board ahead of its public offering.

"Shame on Facebook," chanted the more than two dozen men and women brandishing signs declaring "'Like' Women on the Board" and "Facebook: Women Are Good for Business." One protester, Anne Cardinez, called on Facebook's female members to boycott the social network every Monday until the company adds at least one woman to its board.'

Woman sentenced to psychiatric treatment for lying about rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Three men spent 14 months in jail before being acquitted due to the false testimony of an 18-year-old women who will now receive psychiatric treatment.

An 18-year-old woman has been sentenced to five years of psychiatric care after being found guilty of giving a false witness testimony in a rape case three years ago.

The woman's testimony lead to three men, who where were 16, 17 and 18 at the time, spending 14 months in jail for rape.'

False rape claim woman sentenced

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Story here.

'A university student who wasted more than 650 hours of police time after making a false rape allegation has narrowly avoided jail.

20 year old Chloe Jayne Fox of Spencer Street in Carlisle had claimed she'd been attacked in an alleyway in the city centre last September. Magistrates sentenced her to four months imprisonment, suspended for 12-months, and ordered her to do 180 hours of community service.'

UK: Two girls made up rape allegations, court told

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TWO young girls made up allegations of rape against an 11-year-old Westhoughton schoolboy, a court heard.

Liverpool Crown Court was told yesterday that the boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, told police the claims were false.

He is accused of inviting one of the girls to perform a sex act on him — but he claimed the words in question were a sarcastic taunt because she had called him fat.

It is alleged that, while out playing, the boy took her ball and refused to give it back until she had performed a sex act on him.

...

The boy, who is now aged 12, has pleaded not guilty to two counts of raping the girl and one of sexually assaulting her.

He also denies one count of raping the older girl, one of attempting to rape her and one of sexually assaulting her.

The trial continues'

Nancy Pelosi Ties 'War On Women' To Student Loan Debate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON -- Congressional Democratic leaders have found another venue to hit Republicans for their so-called war on women: the debate over student loan costs.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) on Thursday slammed Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) for proposing on Wednesday to keep down the costs of student loan interest rates by pulling money from what he called "one of the slush funds in the president's health care law." He was referring to the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which contains billions of dollars aimed at encouraging people to take better care of themselves, thereby saving money down the road.'

Reid On Secret Service Scandal: "Hire More Women"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(RTTNews) - Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) had a three-word response when asked by Senate reporters on Thursday what the Secret Service could do to avoid more prostitution scandals: "Hire more women."

Reid aligned himself with critics who say the agency needs to diversify its workforce to prevent future recurrences of the recent scandal in Colombia. Several agents were discovered to have consorted with prostitutes, including at a hotel in Cartagena just days before President Obama arrived, and about a dozen agents have been dismissed from the agency in recent days as the inquiry has progressed.

Female congresswomen such as Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.) have openly questioned why only 11 percent of Secret Service employees are women.

"I can't help, but wonder if there'd been more women as part of that detail if this ever would have happened," Collins said during an appearance on ABC News' "This Week" on Sunday.'

F&F: Children Are Being Stolen With a Lie

Matt · 27 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's down to the wire. The senate is expected to vote on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) very soon. Vice President Biden recalled recently that when VAWA was first passed, opponents warned that it would be misused in divorce. They were right.

One in six Americans know someone who has been falsely accused of domestic violence. The "silver bullet" in divorce, false allegations are sometimes used to obtain child custody. This despicable act removes fit and loving parents from the lives of their children.

Please take a moment as soon as possible, and speak out for the millions of children who are missing a falsely accused parent. And do it for the parents who are grieving for their children, stolen with a lie.'

SAVE: Show Your Gratitude To These Senators

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The senate voted on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) yesterday. Sen. Leahy's version passed with 68 votes for and 31 against. Now it moves to the House.

Please do not get disheartened. Look at the bright side: 31 senators were brave enough to vote no. Imagine how difficult that was in this election year.

We need to thank these senators, especially Sen. Grassley for providing a substitute amendment, and we need to do it right now.

Sen. Grassley:
(202) 224-3744
http://www.grassley.senate.gov/contact.cfm

Find out if your senators voted no:

Alabama: Sessions (R-AL), Nay Shelby (R-AL), Nay
Arizona: Kyl (R-AZ), Nay
Arkansas: Boozman (R-AR), Nay
Florida: Rubio (R-FL), Nay
Georgia: Chambliss (R-GA), Nay Isakson (R-GA), Nay
Idaho: Risch (R-ID), Nay
Indiana: Lugar (R-IN), Nay
Iowa: Grassley (R-IA), Nay
Kansas: Moran (R-KS), Nay Roberts (R-KS), Nay
Kentucky: McConnell (R-KY), Nay Paul (R-KY), Nay
Mississippi: Cochran (R-MS), Nay Wicker (R-MS), Nay
Missouri: Blunt (R-MO), Nay
Nebraska: Johanns (R-NE), Nay
North Carolina: Burr (R-NC), Nay
Oklahoma: Coburn (R-OK), Nay Inhofe (R-OK), Nay
Pennsylvania: Toomey (R-PA), Nay
South Carolina: DeMint (R-SC), Nay Graham (R-SC), Nay
South Dakota: Thune (R-SD), Nay
Texas: Cornyn (R-TX), Nay
Utah: Hatch (R-UT), Nay Lee (R-UT), Nay
Wisconsin: Johnson (R-WI), Nay
Wyoming: Barrasso (R-WY), Nay Enzi (R-WY), Nay

If so, call and/or email, and thank them for their courage and support. You can find their phone numbers and contact forms here: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm.

Feeling really grateful? Or discouraged that your senators aren't on the list, but still want to take action? Feel free to contact all 31 of these brave individuals.

There was a time when many thought this would never happen. We have proven them wrong. You did it, all of you, each one of you. Thank you so much!

(((((((Group hug!)))))))

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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Anderson Cooper: Keeping them honest

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Article here.

'Anderson Cooper is keeping Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-NY, honest tonight. House Republicans, with a handful of Democrats, voted Friday to keep interest rates on government-backed student loans from doubling in the not-too-distant future. Most Democrats, including Maloney, opposed the move. They blasted Republicans, accusing them of raiding a preventative care fund in President Obama's health care law, as a way to pay for their bill. Democrats claim it's another example of what they call the GOP's war on women. But when Anderson pointed out that Democrats, including Maloney, dipped into that very same fund to pay for an extension of the payroll tax cut earlier this year, things got a little heated. Not only that, but the prevention fund does not appear to specifically target women's health. As Maloney points out, the preventative measures funded in the health care bill do benefit women and their families. But if Democrats have raided this fund before, and if the fund does not specifically target women's health programs, can they really call what Republicans did Friday a "war on women"? We're Keeping Them Honest.'

College student faces charge of filing false report after rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Detroit — A Wayne State University student is being charged with filing a false police report after she claimed she was sexually assaulted on campus.

As required by law, school officials issued a campus notice Wednesday about the reported sexual assault in a parking lot south of the Matthaei Building.

But after reviewing video surveillance and noting inconsistencies in her story, police again questioned the woman. She signed a statement admitting her story was false, police said.'

S.F.'s political correctness takes Mirkarimi prisoner

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For those of you who missed it, on New Year's Eve, Mirkarimi and his wife, Eliana Lopez, got in a fight. He grabbed her arm and bruised it. Lopez complained to a neighbor, who videotaped her. Days later, the neighbor contacted police.

The episode unleashed the hounds of political correctness in San Francisco. Domestic violence advocates saw an opportunity to strike a blow for female empowerment. San Francisco police and City Hall didn't want to appear soft on domestic abuse by an elected official. A city that doesn't let government into the bedroom watched, even applauded, as the criminal justice system divided a family that wanted to stay together.
...
The whole setup is "designed to break you along the way," Mirkarimi told me. Until he fights back and wins, he has lost the elective office he worked hard to win. The courts won't let him talk to his wife, who - this is ironic, as her declared wish to visit her native Venezuela with her son started the fight - took their son to Venezuela while she visits her sick father. When she returns in June, they will have been apart for five months and still will not be able to talk to each other.'

Nairobi: Women urging men to undergo circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Oketch is among a group of women in Nairobi who are leading an initiative aimed at urging men to get circumcised.

The women comprising of public health officials, surgeons, counselors and ordinary persons, have decided to take the HIV/Aids battle to men, who are crucial in prevention of the disease.

“They are our partners and sons. We are calling them to get circumcised so that they can protect us from HIV, cervical cancer and other sexually transmitted infections (STI),” she said.

Research indicates that male circumcision reduces a man’s chances of becoming infected with HIV and other STIs (Sexually Transmitted Infection) through sex by up to 60 percent.

It also reduces the risk of transmitting Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and in women chances of getting cervical cancer, which is spread by HPV.'

Unmarried father wins visitation rights in custody battle

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DENVER — Rob Manzanares has only seen his daughter once in four and a half years but that hasn't stopped him from battling courts in Utah and Colorado to get custody of his child.

A judge in Denver Friday decided to allow him visitation rights going forward, something he calls a victory for all 'dads' like him who are being denied custodial rights to their children.

The situation usually happens when the birth mother and father are not married. In many states, fathers have to sign up with a state registry to assert their rights.

In Utah, experts say the laws are much more in favor of the birth mother, which is why fathers often lose custody rights when courts in that state get involved.'

Students debate gender-exclusive spaces

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The pending creation of the men-only space is the source of much discussion at Simon Fraser University. Since the news broke in April, many students have questioned whether the men deserve funding. Along with that, a debate has emerged over whether women—who make up 55 per cent of undergraduate students at SFU—still need their own women-only space.

...

The website lists support for the idea of a “male allies project” that would “bring self-identified men together to talk about masculinity and its harmful effects.” Masculinity, it says, “denigrates women by making them into sexual objects, is homophobic, encourages violence, and discourages emotional expression.”

Those are the very stereotypes Midgley says the men’s centre’s users might discuss.'

The next battle in the war over women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's official: Senate Democrats will soon hold a vote on the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would update and strengthen the Equal Pay Act of 1963, a senior Democratic Senate aide confirms to me.
...
The vote means this will likely be the next major battle in the war over women, and it could put Mitt Romney in a delicate political spot. It will force a choice: Either he supports the measure, which would put him at odds with the Senate GOP caucus (which voted against the bill two years ago), or he opposes it, which would put Romney at odds with his own rhetorical support for equal pay for women, potentially damaging him further among crucial female swing voters.
...
This Act would put more pressure on employers to prove that differences in wages are not rooted in gender difference, and would make it easier for employees to divulge information about their salaries, which would in turn facilitate deterring or challenging pay discrimination.'

Women Charge Ahead At Work, While Men Lag Behind: Reports

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Forget the politics of the so-called war on women. When it comes to their careers anyway, women seem to be winning.

Two stories Monday highlight women's rise in the workplace. CNNMoney is the latest news outlet to discover that more men are staying home to take care of their children. Meanwhile, the Wall Street Journal on Monday asserts that "More Women Are Primed to Land CEO Roles."

In the CNN story, reporter Jessica Dickler writes that "a growing number of dads... are staying home with the kids." The story cites statistics from the Census showing that 32 percent of fathers with a wife in the workforce took care of their children at least one day a week in 2010, an increase from 26 percent in 2002.

CNN's hardly the first to discover that more fathers are staying home. Time's March cover story "The Richer Sex," claimed that "women are overtaking men as America's breadwinners." In January BusinessWeek ran a cover story entitled "Behind Every Great Woman," which took a deep dive into female corporate executives married lives. To rise to the top, the article concluded, female executives need supportive husbands who are willing to take a backseat to their wives' ambitions.'

Surviving Illinois Child Support

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Surviving Illinois Child Support
By Arthur S. Kallow
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We all know about the Illinois statutory minimum child support guidelines - 20% of net pay for one child, 28% for two, 32% for three, and so forth. This is the law in Illinois.

But what many don't know is that those minimum guideline amounts are not etched in stone. There may be ways for you to avoid being ordered to pay those amounts. In the right case, the right lawyer might be able to persuade a judge to enter an order for support that is below, maybe even substantially below, the Illinois statutory minimum guidelines.

Here are a few tips:

1. Make sure that "net income" is properly determined.

The Illinois statute contains some deductions that may overlooked. For example, if you pay child support under a prior court order, the law allows that amount to be deducted from your gross pay before determining child support for the younger children. The statute also provides that union dues, medical insurance premiums, certain expenditures and debts for expenses for the child or the other party or for production of income and for some medical expenses are also proper deductions. They should not be ignored when computing your net income.

2. If you spend a great deal of time with your child, an argument could be made that child support be reduced accordingly.

This would most likely be successful if the child lived for ½ of the time with each parent. It would be very less likely to be persuasive if you only had alternating weekend visitation. However, often child support could be eliminated or lowered during extended summer visits.

3. If your children are split up for custody purposes – some living with you and some with the other parent – traditional applicability of the guidelines would seem inappropriate.

One reasonable technique is for each parent to pay guideline support to the other and receive guideline support from the other.

4. If you have to spend a great deal of money to visit your child because the other parent has moved far away, you may be able to persuade the judge to award support at a lower rate to compensate you for your costs.

This would most likely be more convincing if the other party wanted to move to another state and the costs of long distance visitation trips is very high.

5. Get as much information as you can about the other parent's income and expenses.

If they spend very little money on the child and if someone else provides them a free place to live, an argument could be made that the guidelines for support are not applicable.

6. If one of the parties earns a great deal of income and the other doesn't, a court might order an amount of child support less than the amount in the guidelines.

This could work either way. If you earn a very large income, child support would be unreasonably high if based on the guidelines. Cases involving professional athletes often fall into this category. The reverse could be true as well. If your income is very low and your spouse earns a very high income, it could be argued that a lower than guideline order could be necessary to enable you to provide for the children during your time with them and provide for yourself as well.

7. Make sure that if you lose your job or other source of income, or if your earnings decrease, that you seek to modify support immediately.

Child support will continue to add up and you may even be punished with jail time for not paying the amounts that are due unless you correctly have those amounts adjusted or stopped before they become due. A good family law attorney can file the necessary papers so that you are protected financially and so that your liberty will not be at risk.
This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of methods to reduce the impact of the minimum guidelines on your child support obligation. These are only a few suggestions that a competent, skilled, creative and aggressive attorney can consider so that you are not taken advantage of when setting child support.
Disclaimer: This article is intended for general informational purposes only and should not be understood to be legal advice. We recommend that you retain a skilled, competent attorney to represent you and give you personal, legal advice for your specific situation.

Comedy about middle school statutory rape? Does Adam Sandler's 'That's My Boy' go too far?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES – Adam Sandler's comedy "That's My Boy," slated for release on Father's Day 2012, centers on a 13-year-old boy named Donny having a sexual relationship with his middle school teacher, resulting in a child.

Thirty years later, Donny is reunited with his now grown-up son (Andy Samberg), who fled his single father as soon as he turned 18, and it's all fun and games as they get to know each other again.

But father/son bonding aside, is statutory rape an acceptable comic premise?

The trailer for "That's My Boy" shows young teen Donny mesmerized by his teacher "crush," who saunters down the school corridor in slow motion. She then fondles her cleavage while staring at the child seductively in the classroom. But "things went too far." Cut to the courtroom where Donny's mates high-five him for impregnating his teacher. As she is dragged off to jail, she screams: "Take care of our baby, Donny!"'

Why do only women have reproductive rights – choice?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As a man, I am baffled and, yes, troubled by the idea that reproductive rights - “choice” – only applies to women. The men have none.

Even though women can’t get pregnant without a man.

Even though the embryo is genetically half the man’s, half the woman’s.

If the woman wants an abortion and the man wants the child, he has no say.

If she wants to have the baby, and he doesn’t, he has no say.

And he’s on the hook for 18 years of child support, 21 if the child goes to college. Most of the time, the woman gets custody, even if the man is a better caretaker.'

Petition: Silverthorne Clinic: Stop performing neonatal circumcision

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Petition here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision of healthy male infants is not recommended by any medical association in the world, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association. In order to protect children from medically unncessary surgery, medical professionals and medical centers must stop offering to perform such surgery.

High Country Healthcare's Silverthorne Clinic (located at 265 Tanglewood Lane, Suite E-1, Silverthorne, CO 80498) currently performs neonatal circumcision at parental request. This petition is to ask Silverthorne Clinic to stop performing circumcision.

Medical associations which do not recommend circumcision of healthy male children include the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Canadian Paediatric Society, the American Medical Association, the British Medical Association, the Royal Dutch Medical Association, the American Cancer Society, the Royal Australian College of Physicians, the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, the Australasian Association of Paediatrics Surgeons, the Australian College of Paediatrics, the Swedish Paediatric Society, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.'

FIRE Press Release: Bipartisan Support for Student Rights in Senate VAWA Reauthorization

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, April 30, 2012—The U.S. Senate made bipartisan progress on college student rights on Friday as it passed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011 (VAWA). Heeding the concerns of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), Senators altered language in the final bill that might have required colleges and universities to employ our nation's weakest standard of proof in adjudicating allegations of sexual misconduct.

"FIRE thanks Senators Patrick Leahy, Chuck Grassley, Robert Casey, Mike Crapo, and Kay Bailey Hutchison for their leadership in protecting students' due process rights," said FIRE President Greg Lukianoff. "Campus sexual misconduct can and should be combated without eroding student due process rights."
...
FIRE continues to be concerned about the Senate bill's requirement that colleges maintain "procedures for the accused and the victim to appeal the results of the institutional disciplinary proceeding." (Emphasis added.) The requirement contradicts the principle behind the Fifth Amendment's prohibition on "double jeopardy," whereby someone accused of a crime cannot be tried again for the same charge once the original hearing has properly ended in either acquittal or conviction. (The alternative version proposed by Senator Grassley and Senator Hutchison addressed this concern.)'

Schumer to House Republicans: Renew Violence Against Women Act in its current form

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Charles Schumer (D-New York) and domestic violence survivors pushed Sunday for Congress to renew the Violence Against Women Act.

The law, which will expire in September, passed the Senate Thursday, but faces opposition in its current form in the House, where Republicans are working on their own version of the bill.

“I want to say, to the small group in the House of Representatives moving to stop this bill. Stop it. Pass this bill,” Schumer said, calling the renewal a “no brainer.”

“Now you have extreme people who don’t care about the rights of women,” Schumer said. “They want a new bill, but their bill doesn’t even mention the word women.”'

As Parents, Are Fathers the Second Sex?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ten months ago, my wife and I had our first child, a boy. He was born in London, where we've been living for nearly four years.

We've both been happy with the prenatal and postnatal health care services provided, and have been equally pleased with the day care center he's been going to four days a week for the past four months.
...
Doctors, nurses and baby sitters don't always pay attention to me, and sometimes dodge my questions entirely. Some of them have cut me off midsentence, and they often speak directly to my wife, even though I'm standing right there.
...
In the end I know it doesn't really matter whom they call or text first. We're both going to deal with the issues as they come. But to be so heavily involved in his life and yet feel so invisible at the same time is hard to get used to.'

NYC: Barbers Can’t Charge Women More Than Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A New York City barber was accused of violating the city’s discrimination policy because he charged women three dollars more for a hair cut than men.

“I’m here for 21 years and I’ve never heard of such a thing,” said Leon Kogut, the owner of Leon’s Fantasy Cut in Brooklyn. “The guy tells me this is discrimination of a woman.”

...

“A woman’s haircut requires a lot of skill,” Kogut said. “You have to style the hair, blow dry, use the mousse, the hairspray. It could take hours to get her hair cut.”

On the other hand, he said, it only takes a few minutes to cut a guy’s hair.

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“I ran away from Communism,” he said. “The system in New York City reminds me of Communism. The government can do anything to you.”'

Mom charged with putting bleach in her toddler's eyes

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Story here. This is an example of how parental alienation harms children. Excerpt:

'A 29-year-old Washington state woman was charged Monday with first-degree child abuse after doctors said she nearly blinded her toddler daughter by replacing the child's antibiotic eyedrops with household bleach.

Jennifer Lynn Mothershead of Buckley, Wash., was arrested Friday after a nearly yearlong investigation that revealed that she inflicted severe eye and head injuries on the child, court documents show. She was held by Pierce County officials in lieu of $150,000 bail.

...

Mothershead was separated from the child's father, Cody B. Mothershead, who is a math teacher at a local high school, White River High School, in Buckley, a town of 4,500 in western Washington state. School district officials said Monday they were not aware of the extent of the child's injuries or whether Cody Mothershead was aware of the abuse. As a teacher, he would be required by law to report any suspicion of child abuse.'

"Good Riddance to Feminism!"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Modern motherhood is complicated. Naturally we want to be caregivers and nurturers, but, socially, we also want to be professional powerhouses. And, the truth is we can have both — just not at the same time, as dedication to one often results in forgoing pieces of the other. Understandably, this is why working mothers generally experience feelings of guilt and inadequacy.

The damage that 'attachment parenting' is doing to feminism is a good thing. And, for that, we can blame feminism — a movement that, while liberating women to follow their dreams, devalued marriage and the familial and societal benefits of homemaking and encouraged self-indulgence. It appears millennial moms have taken note, choosing to pattern themselves after their grandmothers rather than their baby boomer moms. A 2007 Pew Research survey showed a rising number of new mothers, 48 percent, consider full-time motherhood to be the ideal situation, while only 21 percent of working mothers believe working full time is ideal. One could presume the rise of “attachment parenting” is partially backlash from the children of Steinem-ites left for daycare and afterschool programs.'

Misinformation by NOW president on domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'O'NEILL: The fact is that men do experience domestic violence at far lower rates than women. And, in fact, quite a bit of the domestic violence or street violence, if you will, assaults, sexual assaults, I mean, and intimate assaults are perpetrated by men on them.
...
O'NEILL: On college campuses, it's a real concern. One of the things -- we don't have enough studies. We don't have enough information, but clearly -- yeah, the date rape drug is well known on college campuses.
...
HAYS: But, yeah, I think that men are not protected, and women -- there was piece in the New York Post that had the headline -- it was a violence against women editorial, and the headline was, "Let's call it the I lied and got him thrown in jail act."

O'NEILL: There just isn't any evidence that women are going around falsely accusing men of domestic violence. In fact, most women who experience domestic violence experience an enormous amount of embarrassment and shame. How did I get involved with this loser who gets his way by hitting me? And it is a very difficult thing for women to come forward and seek help to begin with. So the thought that there are people who are being falsely accused is it needs to be backed up by evidence, but, oops, there isn't any.'

Teacher assaults student, rants about 'Nazis and Jews'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Bluffton Middle School teacher is accused of grabbing a seventh-grader by his shirt collar, forcing him under a desk and telling him, "This is what the Nazis do to Jews," according to the Bluffton Police Department.

The student's parents decided to press charges.

A lawyer for social studies teacher Patricia Mulholland said she was merely conducting an "interactive lesson" on the Holocaust during a class Wednesday.

Mulholland turned herself in at about 5:45 a.m. Monday on charges of third-degree assault and battery, and public disorderly conduct. She was released on her own recognizance later that morning, according to the Beaufort County Detention Center jail log.

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Several students took cellphone videos of Mulholland before the incident occurred that police reviewed during the investigation. The incident is not captured on video, but Babkiewicz said they show Mulholland talking about an upcoming talent show, singing and falling over while attempting to sit on a desk.

"Not once did she mention the Holocaust before this incident occurred," Babkiewicz said. "She was all over the place."'

Senator Bennet visits CU-Boulder to discuss VAWA

el cid · 1 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The story reports on the visit of Michael Bennett to push for re-authorization of VAWA. A summary of the bill combined with the usual disinformation about DV. One excerpt that bugs me:

'Leslee Morris, an investigator with the Office of Student Conduct, said the criminal justice system requires an incredibly high standard of proof.

"At the university, we have a much lower standard of proof," Morris said. "There will certainly be times where (victims) don't get a satisfactory result through the criminal justice system, but there may be different results through our process because we have higher expectations of our campus population and a lower standard of proof."'

"How to spot a misogynist"

anthony · 2 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If you're not trained in the spotting of smug, self-satisfied misogynists, you might not know the general thrust of their shtick. Luckily for you, I've become somewhat of an expert in the field since they all started following me on Twitter. So to help novices and outsiders, I've taken the following five popular misogynist arguments and parsed them into some kind of legible (if not logical) format for your benefit.

...

5. Men are oppressed too, therefore women aren't! Or something.

'If feminists really cared about equality, they'd be addressing all the inequality that faces men. Like, why do feminists only care about breast cancer and not prostate cancer? Why aren't feminists advocating for single dads? Why won't women sleep with me when I'm a really nice guy and I've made a particular effort to be nice to them, particularly? Until feminism can answer that, I'm afraid I don't really see it as being legitimate."

This is the last bastion of the misogynist's argument - their self-fancying checkmate, if you will. What these people are basically saying is that, despite the overwhelming evidence of entrenched sexual, physical and ideological oppression of women, the only way feminism can really be fair is if it first identifies and solves all of the ways in which the patriarchy also oppresses men.'

Cathy Young: Drop the distorted feminist ideology

anthony · 2 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The congressional battle over the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, which briefly pitted Republicans against Democrats in yet another skirmish in this political season's gender wars, seems largely over. The Senate voted last week to approve the VAWA reauthorization; the House is expected to vote on it next week. Republican objections to the current legislation have crumbled under the threat of the party being seen as anti-woman.

But does VAWA truly advance the interests of women — or advance a divisive and paternalistic form of feminist ideology?

Obviously, no sane person is "for" violence against women. But VAWA, originally passed in 1994, has always been about more than preventing violence and helping victims. Sponsored by then-Sen. Joseph Biden, the law was crafted largely by feminist groups and activists who viewed domestic violence and sexual assault as a male "war against women," an instrument for enforcing patriarchal oppression. While these activists are no doubt sincerely concerned with the welfare of women, this is a blinkered ideology that often creates more problems than solutions.'

Opinion: Lawmakers clueless about circumcision research

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is child abuse by today's standard, but it was embraced as the norm in the late 19th century. This is the root of circumcision in this country today.

Each year, as people learned that the latest claim didn't work, a new disease was introduced that circumcision would cure. Dr. Paul M. Fleiss states, "In fact, no procedure in the history of medicine has been claimed to cure and prevent more diseases than circumcision."

There is still confusion and much ignorance on this subject. Just last week, Sen. Brandon Shaffer, D-Longmont, was e-mailing constituents saying, "Reliable studies prove that male circumcision reduces instances of infectious disease, some congenital obstructive urinary tract anomalies, neurogenic bladder, spina bifida and urinary tract infections."'

India: Circumcision goes awry, two boys die

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two boys died in Bodhan town in the district late on Monday night due to over bleeding. A rural medical practitioner performed circumcision on the boys five days ago, which led to uncontrolled bleeding.

The deceased were identified as Arif, 4, and Azhar, ,3 of Rakasipet in Bodhan.

It is believed that the negligence of RMP led to the death of children. According to sources, parents got the two children circumcised five days ago at Masjid Colony in Rakasipet area.

After the surgery, the boys had suffered bleeding, but the RMP advised them not to worry and it could be cured with medicines.'

UK: 'False rape belittles victims'

anthony · 2 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Shock and fear hung over Carlisle. People felt shame for their city, held suspicions about their neighbours, were afraid to go out at night.
...
Two women have now been punished for the lies that blighted Carlisle. Two women have been convicted of fabricating stories of brutal sex assaults – untruths that seriously and directly impacted on the ordinary, routine day to day activities and peace of mind of thousands of their fellow citizens.
...
Not only did she waste valuable police time and contribute to bringing a climate of terror to Carlisle's nightlife, her actions thoughtlessly belittled all women who, having been subjected genuinely and terrifyingly to rape, struggle to face the frightening ordeal of bringing charges and giving testimony.'

SAVE: Tell Congress: Require probable-cause evidence

Matt · 3 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Democrats and Republicans in the House have each introduced their own versions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). While we applaud some improvements, there is still work to be done.

Persons accused of domestic violence deserve their due process. And they certainly don't get that with mandatory arrest. Unfortunately, it was not removed from VAWA, by either side.

One in six Americans know someone who has been falsely accused of domestic violence.

During a recent trip to Capitol Hill, I happened to meet three different legislative staffers who had a friend or loved one who had been falsely accused. They know...but they need to hear from you.

Call your Representatives in Congress and demand that VAWA require probable-cause evidence for domestic violence arrests.

Call the Capitol Hill Switchboard: 202-224-3121

Or Find your Representatives by zip code:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/find

We have very little time to make a very big difference in the lives of the future falsely accused.

So get calling! Please!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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F&F: Will P&G Honor Fathers?

Matt · 3 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Proctor & Gamble has a heartwarming YouTube video showing mothers preparing their children for the London 2012 Olympic Games. It is touching. It is a wonderful tribute to everything mothers do for their children. It is timed beautifully to coincide with the Olympics and Mother's Day. Fathers and Families applauds it.

What will P&G do for Father's Day? We are curious. Please join us in asking P&G what it plans for Father's Day. Log onto https://www.facebook.com/thankyoumom and post a message. Fathers and Families suggests you thank your Mom and ask Proctor & Gamble what to expect for Father's Day. We are sure they are working an equally heartwarming tribute for fathers.'

BBC News - "Just who are men's rights activists?"

Matt · 3 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Via email from Marc A.:

BBC News is way ahead of CNN. They have covered the truth about domestic violence, covering the issue of battered men, the coverup of the actual research, discrimination against male DV victims, the myth about the "pay gap," and much more. Here, they briefly cover the men's rights movement and even list NCFM as a notable organization. It's amazing the difference between BBC News and CNN. BBC News looks more like 60 Minutes while CNN looks more like TMZ or Extra. This is progress, and there will be more, no matter how much feminist groups try to smear the men's rights movement. Discrimination against men is real, institutionalized, systematic, and susbstantial. And that will increasingly become known. We have made tremendous progress and will continue to. Good job everyone.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-17907534

Excerpt:
'An increasingly vocal men's movement argues that anti-male discrimination is rife. Who are the activists and what do they want?

Feminists have spent decades trying to get equal pay and rights for women.

But while, in the West at least, discrimination against women is rigorously challenged, a growing band of men's rights activists say no such protection is afforded to men.

Many of these activists also believe that the media allow women to objectify and ridicule men in a way that would be unthinkable if the gender roles were reversed.'

"Obama Campaign: Women Are Helpless"

anthony · 4 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, the Obama campaigned launched its Dads Are Unnecessary, Single Women Are Helpless campaign, simply titled "Julia." It features a faceless composite, which seems to be the type of woman with which the campaign is most comfortable.

Julia decides to have a child. She doesn't need a father or husband because she has the Obama government! Fathers are unimportant in both the choice of procreation and the raising of children. Under Obamacare, Julia will have less access due to rationing and higher costs.
...
Obama is still president and now Julia's son Zachary is starting school? Where is Zachary's dad?

The government is his daddy.'

St Stephen's college principal moots 40 per cent reservation for men, teachers call idea 'absurd'

arindamp · 4 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW DELHI: An unusual proposal to reserve 40 per cent of the seats for male students was introduced at the staff meeting of the St Stephen's college today, but was met with vehement disapproval from the teachers who said they were "taken aback" by the "absurd" idea.

College Principal Valson Thampu introduced the proposal before the college staff at a meeting held this morning.

The idea that has earlier been discussed by the Supreme Council of the college proposed a reservation of 40 per cent of the college seats for male students.

...

At present, there are 64 per cent women students at the prestigious college, making them a majority over their male counterparts.'

Mother 'made sex tape with her son, 16, and sent him naked photos of herself'

Matt · 4 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother has been charged with incest after she was found in hotel room with her teenage son along with videos of them having sex.

Police said the 16-year-old had videos on his cell phone that showed his mother Mistie Atkinson performing oral sex on him.

They also recovered nude photographs the 32-year-old had sent her son as she began the illicit relationship earlier this year.
...
The boy, who lives with his father who has sole custody, was aware Atkinson was his biological mother.

Court records do not reveal how much contact the teen had with his mother before they began their affair.

But investigators said Atkinson had no custody rights to the boy.

'Atkinson and the victim are aware they are biological mother and son,' investigators wrote in an arrest affidavit.'

The village can help, but children raised by a mum and dad do best

Anonymous · 4 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Those without children can help lift the load, but the burden still lies most heavily on the actual parents, of course. Fortunately, there's a very efficient incubator in which to maximise successful child-rearing: the emotional bond between mothers and fathers. The heterosexual family.

That last paragraph would have seemed uncontroversial over most of the span of human society, but no longer. Almost unnoticed, Labour changed the rules covering IVF in the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008. No longer is it only a medical intervention to assist childless couples, desperate to conceive but prevented through one or other's infertility. Instead, Parliament fashioned it into a tool for "equality", changing the "need for a father" in the 1990 Act to "the need for supportive parenting". Single women and gay couples are now presumed to have a right to children, regardless of biological circumstance.
...
It is the arrogance of the Left to imagine such rules to be malleable by the will of man. They are not; and the (admirable) fear of causing offence (offence I regret I will have caused) should not lead us to remain quiet about the wrong turn our society has made, in eroding the importance of the biological father in the raising of children.'

Colorado lawmaker jokes about reducing boys' sexual pleasure to prevent teen pregnancy

Matt · 6 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc A.:

Imagine if a male lawmaker joked about reducing girls' sexual pleasure by removing their clitoral foreskins in order to combat teen pregnancy and "female irresponsibility." The media would be covering it and that lawmaker would have to publicly apologize. Well that is exactly what Colorado lawmaker Sue Schafer, D-Wheat Ridge (sue.schafer.house-at-state.co.us) publicly said about boys in a hearing on whether to reestablish MediCaid funding for male circumcision. The bill failed. But the laughter about reducing male sexual pleasure through male genital mutilation is sexist and unacceptable.

"One lawmaker, Rep. Sue Schafer, D-Wheat Ridge, elicited laughter in the hearing room when she asked Dr. Johnson if circumcision might help reduce teen pregnancy rates and teen sexual activity by reducing nerve sensation in boys' penises. "I'm wondering if there's a risk of more sexual activity, more male irresponsibility" for uncircumcised boys, Schafer asked. Johnson answered that teen pregnancy is certainly a problem, but said circumcision won't halt teen sexual activity. "Circumcision is not a cure for behavior. That's about education," she said. She and others also testified that cutting off infant babies' body parts is not the way to prevent urinary tract infections. She said she's treated plenty of babies for infections and antibiotics are an easy answer.

"You don't cut off part of a healthy penis to treat urinary tract infections," Johnson said. http://www.healthpolicysolutions.org/2012/05/05/circumcision-bill-dies-in-colorado-house/

The Swedish Paediatric Society has rightfully called infant male circumcision an assault on boys. http://m.thelocal.se/39200/20120219/

The male foreskin is a highly innervated erogenous organ that is dense with specialized mucosa and over 20,000 high sensory nerve endings. It also acts as a natural buffer and lubricant during sex. Researching using fine-touch medical instruments shows it is the most sensitive part of the penis. http://www.livescience.com/health/070615_penis_sensitivity.html

A recent study in Denmark found circumcised men have a much higher rate of sexual problems. http://ije.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2011/06/13/ije.dyr104.short?rss=1 Research also find circumcised men are five times more likely to suffer from premature ejaculation. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21492404

And a recent report by the Dutch Medical Association, representing 46,000 physicians and medical students and backed by seven other medical associations, explains that the male foreskin is an important erotogenic structure for which no medical benefit justifies its routine removal, that it is comparable to certain forms of FGM, and that it violates children's rights to bodily integrity. http://www.norm-uk.org/news.html?action=showitem&item=1306

Sue Schafer should woman up and publicly apologize for her sexist comments about males. Both boys and girls are responsible for teen pregnancy, which should more accurately be called teen parenthood. To target one sex and joke about reducing their sexual pleasure through genital mutilation is outrageous.

Video: Biden Recreates 911 Domestic Abuse Call: 'Oh My God, He's Coming'

anthony · 7 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Last time I was down, I had them turn on one of the calls. And a young women, a young women was on the phone saying "I'm calling. Oh my god, oh my god. I see him, he's coming. I'm standing between Radioshack and Gap. I'm in the mall Please, please, oh god!" That's the reality. And I love these people who why don't these women have the courage to get up and leave. Can you imagine the courage it takes to pick up that phone and make the call. We should all have so much courage."'

"Au revoir, Carla! The Rottweiler wants to be France's new First Lady"

anthony · 7 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The twice-divorced Trierweiler once slapped a colleague who said something she deemed sexist. When her own magazine put her on its cover under the headline 'Francois Hollande's charming asset', she tweeted: 'Bravo Paris Match for its sexism . . . my thoughts go out to all angry women.'"

SAVE: Tell Congress: Vote YES on HR 4970

Matt · 7 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

After careful examination of both House versions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), we find HR 4970 the better choice.

HR 4970 puts victims first, with stronger fiscal accountability.

HR 4970 includes reform to curb VAWA immigration fraud.

HR 4970 is gender inclusive, (except Title IX, re: Indian women)

Please call the Capitol Hill Switchboard: 202.224.3121.

Tell the operator your zip code and ask to be connected to your Representative's office.

Or find their phone number here: http://www.house.gov/representatives/find

Tell your Representative to vote YES on HR 4970.

We're in the homestretch, folks! Let's give it our all!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Circumcision bill dies in Colorado House

anthony · 8 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill that would have restored Medicaid funding for circumcisions in Colorado died Friday.

The measure squeaked through a hearing in the House Health and Environment Committee on Thursday, then died in Appropriations Friday morning.

Opponents, who included health professionals, budget hawks and anti-circumcision activists told health committee members on Thursday that circumcision is cosmetic and potentially harmful, and taxpayers should not fund it.

Proponents for the bill argued that funding for circumcision for babies on Medicaid is a social justice issue. In general, insurance companies pay for the procedure for insured Colorado babies even though the American Academy of Pediatrics does not deem circumcisions to be “medically necessary.” Meanwhile, low-income parents who want their babies circumcised are being put on waiting lists for the procedure until parents can prove they’ve paid in advance.'

Woman given probation for false rape and abduction charges

anthony · 8 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ELYRIA — A Sheffield Township woman was sentenced to three years of probation for trying to frame a man for rape and abduction.

Gabrielle Bracken pleaded guilty in March to tampering with records, forgery and falsification in March.

Bracken and her husband, James Bracken, on Sept. 24, 2010, lured Joseph Melendez, 35, of Cleveland, to their Fleming Avenue home in Sheffield Township, according to the Lorain County Sheriff's Office.

The Brackens initially claimed Melendez put a knife to Gabrielle Bracken and tried to rape her. Melendez was charged with rape, but the charges were dropped after Melendez passed a polygraph test and investigators spoke with a witness.'

Woman charged with falsely accusing man of rape

anthony · 8 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Naperville woman who had consensual sex with a man, then later accused him of rape, has been charged with disorderly conduct for filing a false police report, Aurora police said.

Sarah C. Eschbach, 22, turned herself in Thursday night after a warrant was issued for her arrest, police said.

On March 26, Eschbach told police she had been sexually assaulted by a 21-year-old Aurora man she knew at his apartment, police said. But a police investigation revealed the two engaged in consensual sex and no assault had taken place.

Eschbach was being held in the DuPage County Jail on $1,500 bail.'

Q&A: Prof. David Benatar

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this week, a damning report by Stonewall revealed that UK healthcare is failing men – especially gay men. But what's new? From divorce, circumcision and paternal rights to domestic violence and a failing education system, boys and men are also victims of sexual discrimination.

Now, finally, a men's movement is gathering pace. Here, in a bid to silence the bigots who dismiss misandry, we spoke to Professor David Benatar about his vital new book The Second Sexism, which is out next month.'

Woman accused of severing man's penis in fatal stabbing at Dallas motel

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 28-year-old woman is accused of cutting off a man's penis during a fatal stabbing in a Dallas motel room Saturday, according to police documents.

Cristal Paulette Richardson (right) faces a murder charge in the gruesome death of Cedric Lamont Owens, 34. He was found dead in a room at a Motel 6 in the 8500 block of East R.L. Thornton Freeway about 5:20 p.m., police said.

Motel video surveillance showed Richardson one day earlier renting the room alone. About 4 on Saturday, a security guard said he heard man and woman "in a loud verbal and physical disturbance" in the third-floor room, police said.'

SAVE: Press Release: VAWA Must Stop Funding Lethal Mandatory Arrest Policies

Matt · 8 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Release here. Excerpt:

'Washington, DC/May 8, 2012 — States that enacted mandatory arrest policies saw a 60 percent increase in intimate partner homicides, according to a Harvard U. study. Now, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is calling on lawmakers involved in the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to halt funding for such lethal policies.

Beginning in 1994, VAWA pushed states to change their domestic violence arrest standards from probable cause to the more aggressive mandatory arrest policy. Under mandatory arrest, the accused person is taken away in handcuffs if the police are called, even in the absence of evidence of physical violence.

VAWA's 2005 reauthorization did away with the mandatory arrest language, but states continued to enforce these harmful policies. SAVE insists that the House of Representatives insert language in its version of VAWA that would stop taxpayer funding of arrest without probable cause.'

Ask women about partner violence, panel says

Minuteman · 9 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Doctors should screen all of their female patients for signs of partner violence, whether face-to-face or through a waiting room questionnaire, a new report suggests.

The review of the current evidence on screening for partner abuse, from researchers at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, is the first step toward new recommendations on screening from the government-sponsored United States Preventive Services Task Force.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, close to three in 10 U.S. women have experienced rape, stalking or physical violence by a partner. Other studies suggest as many as half of women will experience psychological aggression from an intimate partner at some point in their lives.'

NCFM appeals to family court judge council to use gender-neutral language

Matt · 9 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Letter sent by NCFM:

'Dear National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges,

Your Checklist for judges uses sex-specific language with regard to domestic violence, referring only to "fathers" but not to mothers.
www.ncjfcj.org/resource-library/publications/checklist-promote-perpetrator-accountability-dependency-cases

As an organization that works with male victims of domestic abuse, we are concerned that this language stereotypes fathers and keeps female perpetration invisible as usual.

In October 2008, we won a landmark appellate case in California that held it is unconstitutional to exclude male victims of domestic violence from the statutory funding provisions or from state-funded services, and held: “domestic violence is a serious problem for both women and men,” “men experience significant levels of domestic violence as victims,” “male victims of domestic violence are similarly situated to female victims for purposes of the statutory programs and no compelling state interest justifies the gender classification,” and that gender classifications in domestic violence programs carries "the baggage of sexual stereotypes.” Woods v. Horton (2008) 167 Cal.App.4th 648, 662, 671, and 676. www.metnews.com/articles/2008/wood101508.htm

We request that you correct that language and make it gender-inclusive ("fathers and mothers") or gender neutral ("parents"). Please get back to us about this.

Marc E. Angelucci, Esq.
Vice President
National Coalition For Men (NCFM)
www.ncfm.org'

SAVE Demands Apology from Rep. Zoe Lofgren

Matt · 9 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is a victim-advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to the problem of domestic violence. Stop Violent and Abusive Environments supports the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

SAVE advocates for all victims of domestic violence, regardless of their race, sex, or gender identity. Unfortunately, false claims of domestic violence and sexual assault have become widespread, a problem that robs true victims of desperately needed services, protections, and credibility. (http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/False-DV-Allegations-Cost-20-Billion)

During the May 8, 2012 mark-up of the House Judiciary Committee, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) made certain statements regarding Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, alleging SAVE represents a group of “apologists for abusers.” In support of this accusation, Lofgren referred to a member of the SAVE Board of Directors, Natasha Spivack.'

SAVE Elert: Say You're Sorry, Rep. Lofgren

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I'm learning that politics is a lot like sales; people will say what they need to say to close the deal. Yesterday, that practice hit a little too close to home.

During the May 8, 2012 mark-up of the House Judiciary Committee, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) made unfounded, scurrilous, and false statements regarding Stop Abusive and Violent Environments and Natasha Spivack, a member of the SAVE Board of Directors. See:
http://www.saveservices.org/2012/05/save-demands-apology-from-rep-zoe-lofgren/

SAVE, who are not a group of "apologists for abusers," has demanded that Rep. Lofgren retract her remarks about SAVE, issue an apology to Natasha, and begin to work for ways to stop false allegations of domestic violence. As of this writing SAVE has not received a reply, so we're asking for your help.

Call Rep. Lofgren (202) 225-3072 and repeat the same demand:

1. Retract your remarks about Stop Abusive and Violent. Environments (SAVE)
2. Issue an apology to Natasha Spivack.
3. Work for ways to stop false allegations of domestic violence

For our Natasha, and for every single falsely accused person who is being denied by the current system, please call.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Mantrue.com up and running

Matt · 9 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

http://www.mantrue.com/

Started by a reader of MANN. We say, 'Atta boy!' Excerpt:

'For years, I have felt a general feeling of isolation and rejection. However, it's perhaps only over the last few years that the extent of how much of this is actually real has been dawning on me. For I have come to realize, not just how discriminated against and oppressed I have been, but how I have been brainwashed into believing that it is somehow acceptable and, even, justified.
...
Why have things been allowed to get so bad? Well, perhaps it's not easy to stand up to this kind of insidious hostility if we are alone, isolated and lack the tools and language to respond in a constructive way. It's time that this started to change.'

F&F: Money Is More Important Than a Parent

Matt · 9 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Money is more important than a parent. We don't express this view by our words, of course. But our actions scream it loudly.

Fathers and Families of Ohio is working with legislators to provide a fast, low-cost, effective way for nonresidential parents to have their court-ordered parenting time enforced. It is a scandal that we have a multi-billion dollar bureaucracy to enforce financial child support orders and, yet, we leave parents whose time with their children is denied on their own, with demonstrably ineffective, but very costly, mechanisms for protecting their relationship with their children.'

Riots were a 'taste of Britain to come', warns Government adviser

Broadsword · 10 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Simon Marcus, a charity boss appointed to investigate the riots, has launched a blistering attack on the Government, local councils and police for being “in denial” about the gang culture behind the unrest.
...
Writing in the Spectator, he said few are willing to admit that an “epidemic of father absence” had lead to a vacuum which is now filled by dangerous gangs that give young people security, identity, loyalty and money.

“Many may be in denial of this reality - but in many parts of our country this culture now owns the streets and last August it simply did what it says on the tin,” he said.
...
He said the problem was made worse when councils fail to address the problem directly and identified a “local government culture of psychobabble”.'

The Case Against the Paycheck Fairness Act

anthony · 10 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The misnamed Paycheck Fairness Act is a special-interest bill for litigators and aggrieved women's groups. A core provision would encourage class-action lawsuits and force defendants to settle under threat of uncapped punitive damages. Employers would be liable not only for intentional discrimination (banned long ago) but for the "lingering effects of past discrimination." What does that mean? Employers have no idea. Universities, for example, typically pay professors in the business school more than those in the school of social work. That's a fair outcome of market demand. But according to the gender theory permeating this bill, market forces are tainted by "past discrimination." Gender "experts" will testify that sexist attitudes led society to place a higher value on male-centered fields like business than female-centered fields like social work. Faced with multimillion-dollar lawsuits and attendant publicity, innocent employers will settle. They will soon be begging for the safe harbor of federally determined occupational wage scales.'

'Paycheck Fairness' Will Mean a Pay Cut for Men

anthony · 10 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here (paid registration required). Excerpt:

'Feminists have long wanted enlightened government officials, rather than the indifferent market, to determine salaries. Information collection and government-compensation guidelines today could easily become regulations and mandates tomorrow.

Such meddling would be disastrous for the economy, but men particularly should be warned: Bureaucrats micromanaging compensation standards will mean many male workers should expect a pay cut.

We've seen how this works. Soon Democrats will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Title IX as a triumph for women's equality, but mothers of would-be wrestlers and male gymnasts know this well-intentioned law has a darker history.

Title IX amended federal education law to require that schools receiving federal funding couldn't discriminate on the basis of sex. However, enforcement procedures have morphed this antidiscrimination statute into a de facto quota system for athletics. Many colleges have eliminated men's teams, and some male sports are now all but extinct at the collegiate level, such as men's gymnastics.'

Paycheck Fairness Act Is Based on a Misapplied Statistic

anthony · 10 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Paycheck Fairness Act failed to become law in the 111th Congress, when the House and Senate had overwhelming Democratic majorities and President Obama, in his State of the Union Address, called the bill "common sense."

Why?

The act is based on a misapplied statistic, that women earn 77 cents on a man's dollar. This is true when comparing all women's wages with all men's wages, but not when comparing men and women with the same experience in the same job. The 77 cent statistic combines men and women who work in different jobs with different numbers of hours. When job, experience, and hours of work are taken into account, rigorous economic studies show women make about the same as men—95 cents on a man's dollar.

When women believe they are the victims of discrimination, they have many laws under which to seek justice, such as the Equal Pay Act, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, and the Civil Rights Act.

On average, women will never be at complete parity with men, because they choose different jobs and many choose to combine work and family and work part time. When women work full time, they work fewer hours. In April, full-time working women worked 12 percent fewer hours than men.'

UK: Made-up rape claims ‘devalue true victims’, claims Cumbrian charity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'That’s the view of Carol Tindall, chairman of the Cockermouth-based West Cumbria Rape Crisis Unit, who spoke out after two women admitted making up rape claims in Carlisle, sparking huge police investigations and fear on city streets.

Takara Jayne Harding, 18, of Low Meadow, Raffles, Carlisle, pretended she had been the victim of a terrifying sex attack in a Carlisle car park and was in court on Monday where she was given a suspended prison sentence.

A week earlier, Chloe Jayne Fox, 20, of Spencer Street, admitted she had lied when she said she had been dragged into an alley and brutally raped.

Ms Tindall said: “It’s detrimental. It puts the police to a lot of trouble and effort. It devalues true victim and gives them a hard time.

“There is the fear that they won’t be believed. With rape, it’s usually one word against another. “When you have got people like this who make false accusations – whatever the reason – then it all adds up in people’s minds. Is she telling the truth is she not?'

'Don’t let the man bring you down'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The same thing that makes many men a “manly” man is also the same thing that leads men to die, on average, 5-10 years before their female counterparts: masculinity.

Some argue that this difference is due to the sex hormone, testosterone, which makes younger men prone to make rash decisions. While higher testosterone levels slowly harden men’s arteries, the impact of natural and biologically oriented masculinity on society is very slight. Past the age of 35, testosterone slowly declines—fortunate because if not, men would die far earlier than they do already.
...
These arbitrary, hyper-masculine standards for what means to be a man cause suffering for all people in our society, even men. When men disregard all other aspects of their personality in order to conform to rigid gender norms set by our society, they fail as men, as human beings and our society as a whole fails.

Our society needs a radical change in its gender norms if we really want everyone’s lives to change for the better. So long as we participate in a society that continuously shames women and more feminine men for their own femininity, very little in our society will improve.'

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on National Women's Health Week

Minuteman · 11 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Didn't they just have one of these? Link here. Excerpt:

'Starting with Mother's Day, May 13, we are observing National Women's Health Week; the theme this year is "It's Your Time." We can all celebrate the women in our lives during National Women's Health Week by encouraging them to make the time to address their own health. Healthy, strong women are essential to having healthy strong children and communities, but too often women place the needs of others before their own needs.

Because of the new health care law, the Affordable Care Act, being a woman will no longer be considered a pre-existing condition.'

Tale of vengeful Polish dentist pulling lover's teeth came out of ether

Matt · 11 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This story was reported on MANN a week or so back and this fact that it is a fake story has come to light. Therefore, the story has been deleted from MANN. Excerpt:

'It seemed like just another weird news story dug up from somewhere far away. The kind of story people can't help clicking on, sharing, talking about.

"A dentist pulled out all her ex-boyfriend's teeth after he dumped her for another woman — who has now left him because he is toothless," reported the website of British tabloid the Daily Mail.

MailOnline was first to report the saga of Polish dentist Anna Mackowiak's vengeful dental work on an ex-boyfriend. Soon the story spread far and wide in the English press.

Fox News, Huffington Post, Yahoo! News, the Los Angeles Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, the New York Post, and the New York Daily News all took a swing at the story, offering takes on their respective websites. On the home front, CBC.ca wrote a blog post citing the Daily Mail story.

Then one killjoy decided to actually call up police in the relevant Polish town for an update on the status of charges against Mackowiak. Police had no idea what the reporter from msnbc.com was talking about. '

Australia: woman 'impulsively' murdered her baby boy

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Gemma Gaye Killeen, 23, was sentenced in the West Australian Supreme Court on Friday to life in prison with a minimum of 13 years to be served before she is eligible for parole.

She had pleaded guilty to murdering her 22-month-old son, Tereringa Wetere, known as Kayden, who was found floating in Hillarys Boat Harbour on November 26, 2010.

In sentencing, Justice Stephen Hall said there was no doubt that Killeen would be "forever blighted" by her decisions that day, despite not intending to kill or harm her son.

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"You were so self-absorbed that you could think only of trying to obtain attention by creating a drama," he said.'

NJ woman admits making, streaming child porn

Matt · 11 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

This story debunks the stereotype that only male perps engage in such disgusting and criminal behavior. Excerpt:

'RENTON, N.J. (AP) -- A New Jersey woman admitted Wednesday to sexually assaulting a 5-year-old girl she was allegedly babysitting and putting a video of the assault on the Internet.

Jennifer Mahoney, 33, of Manalapan pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to sexual exploitation of a child.

She faces between 15 and 30 years in prison when she is sentenced Aug. 22, and will have to pay restitution to the victim. She had been charged with two counts of sexual exploitation of a child.'

WILL Magazine March Volume 1 Issue 8 now available

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Latest issue is downloadable here as a .pdf file.

Note WILL Magazine is not a men's issues publication exclusively, but it runs articles from time to time dealing with such.

Time magazine cover -- forget the breast, what about the boy?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jamie Lynn Grumet, the 26-year-old mother featured on the cover of Time magazine breastfeeding her 3-year-old son, has done more this week than become the poster woman for “attachment parenting,” the sometimes laudable movement that advises parents to be physically and emotionally available and responsive to their children. She has shown the limits of such a concept, and the ways in which it can be twisted into a bizarre, contemptible caricature of itself.

...

When he enters school later in his young life he may be ridiculed for it. And these realities hint at a woman who could (and I have not evaluated her) have very poor boundaries and be willing or likely not only to nurture a child, but to absorb him, deny him his personhood and render him no more than her appendage.

...

The truth is that what Time magazine may have unwittingly captured and been party to was a grotesque form of psychological abuse—the parading into public of an intimate moment (intimate for mother and child) at the sole direction of that child’s mother, who didn’t stop to think that her child may not be able at the age of three to know what he thinks about the whole thing, much less to stop it, if he wanted to.

...

This is self-centeredness at its worst, sold as good parenting. And this is an act of media violence against a child, committed by adult journalists who also commandeered his will (as did his mother), for sensation and profit. Rarely do we get such evidence of how wrong parenting can go, how poorly journalists can behave and how slow we can be to recognize ugliness when it is disguised as something beautiful.'

UK student spared jail after making false rape claim

Anonymous · 12 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A student has been spared jail for a false rape claim which led to a man being arrested and detained for nine hours.

Hannah Byron, 20, invented the sex attack in an attempt to win back an ex-boyfriend, a court was told.

She was told by a judge that she avoided a jail sentence 'by a short whisker' for what police describe as a 'malicious report'.

Police strongly criticised Byron for putting the man through such an ordeal, for wasting their time, and possibly putting off genuine victims.'

Mother's Day in prison

Matt · 13 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Do fathers behind bars get the same treatment on Fathers' Day? Not that I know of. Slideshow here. Caption:

'Mothers watch their children arrive to visit at California Institute for Women state prison in Chino, California May 5, 2012.'

What’s the difference between the men’s rights movement and feminism?

Matt · 13 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Grist for the thought mill. Excerpt:

'A commonly asked question by those on the fence about both men’s rights and feminism is what the difference is between the two movements. Feminism has been around for over five decades and the public is understandably more familiar as a movement.

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When I brought up the fact that MRAs have caused no legal discrimination against women and only wish to abolish the unjust laws set in place by feminism the counterpoint from both the feminist and the neutral observer were “but men in the past set laws in place that discriminated against/oppressed women.”

The feminist, again as one would expect, could not grasp the concept that “MRA” is not synonymous with “man,” however, the neutral observer eventually conceded that MRAs are indeed men and women who oppose the legal bigotry put in place by the feminist movement.'

'Obama's Campaign Slop to Women'

anthony · 14 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Barack Obama is buying votes. The Paycheck Fairness Act (PFA) is a blatant sop thrown to a voting block on which his next presidency may depend: women, specifically, liberal women. Obama also hopes it will weaken Mitt Romney, who is trying to woo women himself and, yet, cannot endorse the PFA without alienating conservatives.

The PFA (HR 1519) seeks to amend the Equal Pay Act (EPA) of 1963 and the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) of 1938, to which the EPA itself was an amendment. The goal is to strengthen protections and sanctions against the currently illegal business practice of paying unequal wages to men and women who do substantially comparable work.

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The PFA is profoundly anti-business.

It is also anti-male. For example, the PFA authorizes the awarding of grants to organizations in order for them to teach females how to negotiate better salaries and other compensation. Women's competitors in the job market are men. Tax money, including taxes paid by men, will be used to advantage one sex over the other in the job market.

But the foregoing objections only scratch the surface. The PFA is a violation of individual rights; it is based on false assumptions; it rests on discredited statistics that come from advocacy research; it is special-interest legislation; it will harm women as well as all workers; and it places a crippling burden on businesses at a time when so many are sinking into bankruptcy or closure.'

Husband relives horror of moment petite blonde wife plunged steak knife into his chest after years of domestic abuse

Anonymous · 14 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A man who was subjected to terrifying violence at the hands of his petite wife has described the moment she plunged a steak knife into his heart.

Kieron Bell, 36, only found the courage to leave his wife Sarah after she stabbed him and left him to die.

Even after she was jailed Kieron found it hard to admit he had been a victim of domestic violence at the hands of his wife.

But he hopes telling his story will encourage more men to come forward.

He said: 'There is a misconception that men who are victims are weak but that couldn't be more wrong.'

Kieron, of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, was a strapping nightclub bouncer when he became a victim of domestic violence.'

Title IX competes with true gender equality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While everyone is celebrating the upcoming 40th birthday of Title IX, shouldn't we also hold a funeral for men's sports?

I hate to rain on the party (not really), but if Title IX is gender equity (it isn't), then we should look at the effects of the law from the men's side, too.

...

All this notwithstanding, the way Title IX has been interpreted is wrong, period.

The original law, as passed in 1972, stated, "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

But that is exactly what is happening in collegiate sports, except now it's the men who are being denied opportunities and subjected to discrimination.'

UK: Lagging at school, the butt of cruel jokes: are males the new Second Sex?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You might not have realised it, but men are being oppressed. In many walks of life, they are routinely discriminated against in ways women are not. So unrecognised is this phenomenon that the mere mention of it will appear laughable to some.

That, at least, is the premise of a book by a South African philosophy professor which claims that sexism against men is a widespread yet unspoken malaise. In The Second Sexism, shortly to be published in the UK, David Benatar, head of the philosophy department at Cape Town University, argues that "more boys drop out of school, fewer men earn degrees, more men die younger, more are incarcerated" and that the issue is so under-researched it has become the prejudice that dare not speak its name.

"It's a neglected form of sexism," Benatar says in a telephone interview. "It's true that in the developed world the majority of economic and political roles are occupied by males. But if you look at the bottom – for example, the prison population, the homeless population, or the number of people dropping out of school – that is overwhelmingly male. You tend to find more men at the very top but also at the very bottom."
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Men are also increasingly the butt of jokes. In a recent article for Grazia magazine, one male writer took exception to comedian Jo Brand claiming that her favourite man was "a dead one" and an advertisement for oven cleaner with the tagline: "So easy, even a man can do it." In a Guardian article on Friday, it was pointed out that the stereotyped image of a man incapable of growing up has become a staple of US film comedies – the most recent example being Jeff, Who Lives at Home, starring Jason Segel as a man still living with his long-suffering mother who lets him smoke weed in her basement.'

Do Men Really Earn More Than Women?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Eighty cents on the dollar - that is the gender pay gap figure often quoted these days. It seems incredible that, in our modern world, such inequity in pay for male and female workers can exist. PayScale wanted to find out more about this figure and what we discovered is that "80 cents on the dollar" isn't accurate in most cases.

In our new infographic "Do Men Really Make More Than Women?" we show that when working the same job, with similar skills, knowledge and abilities, men and women's pay rarely differs by more than five percent, with men typically earning more. There is still work to do to even out pay between the sexes but is isn't, perhaps, as severe of a problem as thought.
Job Choice and Family Responsibilities
...
What we found is that job choice and family responsibilities heavily impact pay differences between men and women. Women tend to choose lower-paying jobs that will not, no matter how hard they work, pay as much as the jobs men typically choose.

Also, we noticed that women's pay growth stops out-pacing men's around age 30 which, for college educated women, is the age at which they typically start a family.'

Study of the Day: Gender Gap in College Leads Women to Prioritize Work

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PROBLEM: These days, American women receive 57 percent of all bachelor's and 60 percent of all master's degrees in college. Are there repercussions to having this gender imbalance on campus?

METHODOLOGY: Researchers led by University of Texas at San Antonio professor Kristina Durante examined historical data on the ratio of single men to single women in each U.S. state and Washington D.C. They also looked into the desire of hundreds of female college students to focus on career or family after they led them to believe that there were either more men or less men on campus by reading one of two news article about the student population.

RESULTS: As bachelors became scarce in college, the percentage of women in high-paying careers increased, women delayed having children, and had fewer kids when they finally started a family. As for the experiment, when women read that there were fewer men than women on campus, they became more motivated to pursue ambitious careers than to start a family.

CONCLUSION: The gender ratio dramatically alters women's choices about career and family. When men are scant, women delay having children and pursue high-paying careers.

IMPLICATION: An unconscious but important factor in women's career aspirations is their perception of how easy or difficult it is to find a husband.'

UK: Student spared jail after making false rape claim in bid to try and get her boyfriend back

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SAVE: Tell Your Representative, Vote YES on HR4970

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Like I told you last week, in politics, some people will say anything to win. I know this, but I'm still floored by all of the misinformation being published about HR4970. Maybe they are blindly believing members of the domestic violence industry.

Recent fundraising emails from major VAWA-funded organizations are the worst offenders. Even though the GAO and the DOJ found misuse of funds and fraud, these organizations are fighting against accountability. And they're doing this by misrepresenting how HR4970 will affect the LGBT community.

What they don't say, is that HR4970 is the only VAWA that removes all discrimination, the only VAWA that allows service providers to open shelters for men who are abused (40% of all injured victims!). If we, as a society, are going to claim to want to help every victim, shouldn't that include heterosexual men?

Let's not let them get away with this smoke and mirrors trick.

So, whether you want abused men to have services, or whether you want your tax dollars spent correctly, please contact your Representative and ask them to vote YES on HR4970.

Please call the Capitol Hill Switchboard: 202.224.3121. Tell the operator your zip code and ask to be connected to your Representative's office. Or find their phone number here: http://www.house.gov/representatives/find

Tell your Representative to vote YES on HR 4970.

We can do this! You, me, and all of our friends. Share this e-lert with your social media network today!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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Women's lifespan edge over men slowing, study shows

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new, 20-year research project shows women still outlive men but that their life spans are increasing more slowly than men's. — The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation conducted a county-by-county estimate and comparison of U.S. life expectancies from 1989 to 2009.

Nationwide, life expectancy grew by 4.6 years for men and 2.7 years for women in those two decades.

"Men are catching up with them," said Dr. Ali Mokdad, head of the study's U.S. County Performance team. "Men and women should have exactly the same life expectancy (gains)."

Chipping away at women's life spans are preventable causes of death, including tobacco, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, obesity and alcohol, researchers say.

"Their life spans are getting shorter because they are not able to control the risk factors," Mokdad said.

The study, released this spring, was funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which is part of the National Institutes of Health. The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation is an independent global health research center at the University of Washington.'

UK: Queen's Speech boosts fathers' rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'David Cameron and Nick Clegg promised “unprecedented support for parents” with a new Children and Families Bill, which also contained measures to make it easier to adopt, and more support for children with special needs.

Parents’ groups “cautiously welcomed” the proposals but business leaders warned that making parental leave more flexible would impose complex “burdens” on employers.

Officials said current rules on maternity and paternity leave were “outdated” because they presumed that women will do the “vast majority” of caring for infants.

A spokesman for the Department for Business said: "Parents should be able to choose their childcare arrangements for themselves.”'

Deported father's children may be listed on Michigan adoption website

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Though their father risked his freedom to regain custody of them, two of his three children are poised to be advertised on Michigan's website for adoption.

The man, an undocumented Guatemalan immigrant, had returned to the U.S. after being deported from the country to fight for his family: a girl and two boys, all under the age of 10.

He's since lost them to the state of Michigan: His daughter is living with a foster family that intends to adopt her, and it is unknown when his sons will find a permanent home in the system.'

NIH statement on HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Statement of Anthony S. Fauci, M.D. Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases National Institutes of Health

There is a growing consensus that we can significantly curtail the HIV/AIDS pandemic by implementing scientifically proven HIV prevention strategies, such as voluntary medically supervised adult male circumcision, prevention of mother-to-child transmission and treatment as prevention. With 2.7 million new HIV infections in 2010 alone, however, it is likely that controlling and ultimately ending the HIV/AIDS pandemic will require an effective vaccine as well. This past year, there have been a number of encouraging findings on this front.'

'Stop catering to feminist minority'

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'It is time for rational American women to repudiate the propaganda and indoctrination by the fanatical feminist fringe in this country, who dictate policy to our anemic legislators in Washington. I resent these radical groups' claims that they represent the demands of the majority of American women. These groups are responsible for the wussification of America by demonizing the role of men in our society.

They have convinced too many women that fathers are not necessary to raise children, contrary to studies that show the overwhelming cause of poverty and incarceration of young men in the U.S. stems from so many families headed by single mothers. For at least three decades, we have heard the incessant claims that women are capable, intelligent, independent, stronger and better than men.

However, when promoting feminist issues, these groups revel in hypocrisy by then claiming that women are weak, vulnerable and exploited victims.'

'Women are better than men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I've been noticing news items lately about how women are gaining in many ways. They now represent a majority of U.S. college students, and 60% of all graduate students. Their income levels are rising, although they still don't have parity with men. They are far less involved in violent crimes, and crime of all sorts. They are safer drivers. A child in a single-parent home is likely to be better off if the parent is a women. In the U.S. the odds are that 80% of the single parents will be women; having given birth, they stick around to raise children, while men are more likely to be missing.

I could bore you with more statistics, but I doubt you need convincing. Most of these things are intuitively true. I believe that a great many things can be explained by the process of evolution, and differences in the sexes are certainly included. We are the descendants of primitive hunting and gathering societies. Men are better are hunting, and women are better at gathering. Men are taller, heavier, stronger. They're not in the child-rearing business.'

Mother's Day slaying blamed on cheap gift

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BEAUMONT — Evetta Wright said she was puzzled when she got a call early Monday from her son.

Not long before, around 11:30 p.m. Sunday, she'd dropped Clifton “JR” Barkin off at his house after taking him to Wal-Mart to buy flowers and a Mother's Day card for Paige Parkerson, the mother of Barkin's two small children.

When she answered the phone, she said Parkerson was on the line.

“Paige told me she killed JR, that he was dead,” Wright said through sobs.

Wright said she sped back over to her son's house, but it was too late.

Barkin, 22, died just after midnight Monday in the backyard of his yellow rental house, stabbed several times. Wright said she believes Parkerson expected a more expensive gift, such as jewelry.'

Woman gets probation for sex with underage neighbor

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A San Antonio woman who admitted to Child Protective Services investigators that she left her children unsupervised to go have sex with a 13-year-old neighbor was ordered Monday to serve deferred adjudication probation for aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Prosecutors had recommended prison for Amanda Ann Nabers, 26, who will have to register as a sex offender for life.

But she gave a full confession, she has already lost her children, her house and her job, and the victim's family was in favor of probation, defense attorney Carlos Martinez told state District Judge Juanita Vasquez-Gardner.
...
Had Nabers been a man, she would more than likely be prison bound, but the wishes of the victim and his family play a large roll in determining the sentence, the judge said.'

News & Commentary: Critiquing VAWA

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Obviously, no sane person is "for" violence against women. But VAWA, originally passed in 1994, has always been about more than preventing violence and helping victims. Sponsored by then-Sen. Joseph Biden, the law was crafted largely by feminist groups and activists who viewed domestic violence and sexual assault as a male "war against women," an instrument for enforcing patriarchal oppression. While these activists are no doubt sincerely concerned with the welfare of women, this is a blinkered ideology that often creates more problems than solutions. Most research finds that substance abuse, mental illness and dysfunctional family dynamics are major factors in domestic violence—far more so than male dominance or sexist attitudes. Abuse is no less common among same-sex couples than among heterosexual ones.

Moreover, abusive relationships are often characterized by mutual violence, and in male-female relationships women are sole or primary aggressors much more often than is commonly believed.
...

VAWA-funded training for police and prosecutors encourages the presumption that the man is always the sole or primary aggressor in domestic violence cases. Among past recipients of federal grants for such training are psychologists Dee Graham and Edna Rawlings of the University of Cincinnati, authors of a 1994 book, Loving to Survive, which argues that women's relationships with men are akin to the "Stockholm syndrome" in which hostages bond with their terrorist captors.
...
The VAWA model of feminism is not one of equality; rather, it is a mix of gender polarization and paternalism that treats violence against women as more worthy of concern. The best solution would be to replace the law with gender-neutral family violence and sexual assault legislation and the current Justice Department programs with ones based on diverse perspectives on domestic violence. Perhaps someone will find the political courage to champion such reforms the next time the law comes up for renewal.'

Lawmaker blasts Title IX, Brandi Chastain winces

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The world-famous U.S. women's soccer player was in Sacramento on Monday with her Brazilian counterpart Sissi to be honored by the California Assembly as it recognized the 40th anniversary of Title IX.

The occasion prompted Assemblyman Chris Norby to reveal that he wasn't a fan of the 1972 federal law chiefly known for mandating gender equity in high school and collegiate sports. The Fullerton Republican said he thought Title IX had come at the expense of male athletes, particularly those who depend on sports scholarships.

"We need to be honest about the effects of what I believe are faulty court interpretations or federal enforcement of Title IX, because it has led to the abolition of many male sports across the board in UCs and Cal States," he said. "And that was never the intention of this, to have numerical equality. It was never the intention to attain equality by reducing opportunities for the men."'

Gaps in sexual health care for male teens

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Marcell pointed to gaps in research, the absence of uniform clinical practice guidelines and care providers' lack of knowledge as contributing factors to a health care environment in which male teens often don't receive basic sexual and reproductive health care—services that he said should be standard in primary care settings. These include taking a sexual history, STI/HIV screening and testing, a sexual development physical assessment, including a genital exam, and discussion of the male role in contraception and STI/HIV prevention.

"I think the bottom line is there's a major research gap," said Marcell.'

Boy field hockey star deemed 'too good' can play, committee rules

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The biggest goal of Keeling Pilaro's field hockey career happened far from an athletic field on Tuesday.

An athletics committee determined the 13-year-old boy can keep playing on the girls' varsity team at Southampton High School, at least for one more season. The decision at an appeals hearing Tuesday reverses earlier rulings that claimed Keeling's skills as a field hockey player, which he developed growing up in Dublin, Ireland, had developed to a level superior to those of girls.

"I was jumping up and down; I was so excited when I heard," the youngster said in a telephone interview about an hour after the decision was announced by an attorney for the athletics committee. "I can play!"

Kevin Seaman, the attorney for the committee that oversees public school athletics in Suffolk County, said panelists determined that Keeling's continued participation on the team ultimately would not have "a significant adverse effect" on girls' opportunity to participate in interschool competition. That was the same criteria used earlier this year when officials for the committee said Keeling's skills had exceeded those of his female teammates and competitors.'

Media Skip Obama Barnard Remarks Bashing Media, Men As Dumber Than Women

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'CNN ran a large chunk of speech in the 2 pm hour Monday that included that passage, along with what followed, in the "don't let the media stop you for doing idealistic things" vein. Washington Post columnist Dana Milbank was the rare journalist to note the "founding mothers" crack. The Constitution is an "extraordinary document," said Obama:

> Yes, it had its flaws — flaws that this nation has strived to protect (perfect) over time. Questions of race and gender were unresolved. No woman's signature graced the original document — although we can assume that there were founding mothers whispering smarter things in the ears of the founding fathers. (Applause.) I mean, that's almost certain.
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> And one reason many workplaces still have outdated policies is because women only account for three percent of the CEOs at Fortune 500 companies. One reason we're actually refighting long-settled battles over women's rights is because women occupy fewer than one in five seats in Congress.

'Barack Obama, the first female president'

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'He speculated that “Congress would get a lot more done” if more women were there. He speculated that, although no women signed the Constitution, “we can assume that there were founding mothers whispering smarter things in the ears of the founding fathers.”

He announced that “more and more women are out-earning their husbands. You’re more than half of our college graduates and master’s graduates and PhDs.” He told them that they are “poised to make this the century where women shape not only their own destiny but the destiny of this nation and of this world.”

And they can look good doing it! “You can be stylish and powerful, too,” he said. “That’s Michelle’s advice.” The first lady, the couple’s two daughters, and the president’s mother and mother-in-law had recurring roles as “strong, remarkable women” in the speech.'

UK: woman attacks slow cyclist

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Police in the UK have released video of a gumboot-clad woman attacking a cyclist on a quiet country lane in a bid to track her down.

The video shows the redheaded woman repeatedly kicking and striking the man after his slow pedalling held her car up.
...
The woman herself brought the attack to the attention of police, claiming she was the victim but giving them false contact details.'

Wrong man was executed in Texas, probe says

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'He was the spitting image of the killer, had the same first name and was near the scene of the crime at the fateful hour: Carlos DeLuna paid the ultimate price and was executed in place of someone else in Texas in 1989, a report out Tuesday found.

...

"Everything went wrong in this case," Liebman said.

That night Lopez called police for help twice to protect her from an individual with a switchblade.

"They could have saved her, they said 'we made this arrest immediately' to overcome the embarrassment," Liebman said.

...

"Unfortunately, the flaws in the system that wrongfully convicted and executed DeLuna -- faulty eyewitness testimony, shoddy legal representation and prosecutorial misconduct -- continue to send innocent men to their death today," read a statement that accompanies the report.'

SAVE Calls on Lawmakers to Stand Tall for Victims and the Constitution during Upcoming VAWA Vote

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PRESS RELEASE

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Washington, DC/May 15, 2012 – A leading victim-advocacy organization is calling on Representatives to support reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, H.R. 4970. Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) says H.R. 4970 will best help victims of partner abuse and safeguard Constitutional protections.

SAVE urges lawmakers to resist attempts to expand definitions of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault. Overly-broad definitions encourage false allegations of abuse and make it harder for true victims to be heard.

Since its passage in 1994, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has sparked controversy. The ACLU once termed VAWA's mandatory arrest provisions "repugnant" to the Constitution, and in 2000 the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a VAWA provision designed to provide a federal civil remedy for sex assault cases.

One area of particular controversy centers on VAWA's immigration provisions, which allow a foreign national to claim to be a domestic violence victim without provision of evidence. Under current law, the accused person is deprived of key due process protections and is barred from submitting evidence of immigration fraud. One civil rights expert termed such provisions "Kafka-esque." (http://www.mindingthecampus.com/originals/2012/03/the_new_vawaa_threat_to_college_students.html)

Last year the Senate Judiciary Committee invited testimony from Julie Poner, who was a victim of false allegations made by her former husband from the Czech Republic. Saying she had "suffered unimaginable consequences," Poner lamented the countless men and women "who have lost access to their children, their homes, their jobs, and in some cases their freedom because of false allegations of abuse." (http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/pdf/11-07-13%20Poner%20Testimony.pdf)

"Our nation was founded on due process protections such as the right of the accused to be advised of the charges, to confront his accuser, and to be afforded the opportunity to refute the accusations," notes SAVE spokesman Philip Cook. "But under the existing VAWA, the accused is stripped of these Constitutional protections, affording more rights to the accuser than to the American citizen. This is a slap in the face to notions of justice and fairness."

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is a victim-advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to partner violence: www.saveservices.org.

Strauss-Kahn seeks at least USD 1 million from maid

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Disgraced ex-IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn is seeking more than USD 1 million in a countersuit against the New York hotel maid whose accusation of sexual assault last year brought down his glittering political career.

The countersuit, signed Monday and made public Tuesday, seeks a minimum of USD 1 million, plus legal costs and undetermined punitive damages from the maid, Nafissatou Diallo, who is accused of "falsely and maliciously asserting" she was attacked.

The 18-page document accuses Diallo of malicious prosecution, abuse of process, false imprisonment, defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

"Ms Diallo participated in the commencement and maintenance of a baseless criminal prosecution," the suit said, "and in doing so intended to injure Mr Strauss-Kahn."

The suit was the French politician's latest attempt to turn the tables on Diallo and recover from a scandal that started a year ago when Diallo accused him of forcing her into oral sex when she went to clean his luxury hotel room.'

SAVE: Many Americans are Disenchanted with Violence Against Women Act:

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SAVE Calls on Lawmakers to Heed Citizen Concerns

WASHINGTON / May 16, 2012 – A recent U.S. News poll found a strong majority of persons are opposed to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in its current form. Featuring pro and con position statements by leading advocates and elected officials, the poll found that U.S. News readers reject the current VAWA law by a two-to-one margin: http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/should-the-violence-against-women-act-be-reauthorized

Laura Wood, a writer at TheThinkingHousewife.com, argued the "Violence Against Women Act is an egregious departure from justice and common sense." Two out of three poll responders agreed with Wood's critique.

More remarkable were the responses to the statement of Janice Crouse of Concerned Women for America. About 80% of respondents agreed with Crouse's contention that VAWA "victimizes both women and men while building a feminist power structure." Only 20% disagreed with her view.

Seizing the other side of the debate was Deborah Tucker, director of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, who claimed the "Violence Against Women Act must be reauthorized because it is working." Readers roundly rejected that line of reasoning, with 1530 persons opposed and only 803 in favor.

U.S. News readers did not appear to be swayed by consideration of partisan politics. Democratic senator Max Baucus (MT) and Republican senator John Cornyn (TX) both argued in favor of VAWA's reauthorization. But over two-thirds of survey respondents rejected the senators' positions.

Least popular was the position taken by Delaware attorney general Joseph Biden, son of vice president Joe Biden. Only 22% of respondents agreed with Biden's stance that the Violence Against Women Act should be reauthorized in its current form.

Over 2,400 persons participated in the online poll. While the U.S. News poll respondents likely are not representative of the American population, it does represent the largest survey of its kind ever conducted.

"Lawmakers need to pay heed to the views of average Americans, not the shrill claims of industry advocates," notes SAVE spokesman Philip W. Cook. "In this election year, many men and women have witnessed first-hand the harmful effects of an out-of-control abuse industry. Voters will be satisfied with nothing less than reforms that bring a halt to the widespread waste and fraud."

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments supports the reauthorization of VAWA, provided key reforms are included in the new law.

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'Misandry = to Misogyny'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A BBC commenter and religious leftist named John Bell went on a sexist tirade that was remarkable in its vitriol. He makes a point that people will do in groups what they would never do as individuals, which has long been known as mob psychology. No argument there. But the biogoted sexism is really over the top. From “John Bell’s Screed Thought For the Day:”

> Because we live in a broadly patriarchal society, we should not be surprised that the culture which brought about the worldwide financial meltdown was overwhelmingly masculine. But consider also that the people who are most vocal in denying human responsibility for the disastrous effects of climate change are mostly male.
> ...

Sex, Lies and Rinsing guys

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This documentary featuring these disgusting women aired on UK TV recently, you can watch it here. Article here. Excerpt:

'In the grips of recession most people are having to forget their material desires. But a new breed of women dubbed 'rinsers', are taking to the internet to find rich men who will fund their expensive shopping habits.

Featured in a Channel 4 documentary 'Sex, Lies and Rinsing Guys' Jeanette Worthington, Danica Thrall and Hollie Capper reveal how they use their feminine charms to get thousands of pounds worth of goods from wealthy Twitter and Facebook followers.

They never meet their admirers in person and merely offer virtual friendship in exchange for designer products. As 33-year-old Liverpudlian Jeanette notes: 'I do nice things for my friends and I don’t expect them to have sex with me."

VAWA's Mandatory Arrest Policies: Unconstitutional, Wasteful . . . and Lethal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Republicans are NOT waging a "war on women," but the Democrats are definitely waging a "war on men." Case in point is the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

First passed during the Clinton Administration, VAWA is now up for reauthorization. Democrats in the House of Representatives have presented their version of the VAWA reauthorization – H.R. 4271. No surprise. It's loaded with expensive new programs based on radical feminist ideology.
...
The problem with mandatory arrest policies is they silence victims and keep them from calling the police for help. As a result, mandatory arrest policies have resulted in a 60% increase in partner homicides — according to a Harvard University study. All this at a cost of $25 million in taxpayer money.

The radical feminists like mandatory arrest — throw more men in jail, break up families, and push children deeper into the cycle of welfare dependency.'

"Pass the GOP version of VAWA"

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'In a May 8 press release, the National Organization For Women condemned the Republican version of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which was passed by the HouseJudiciary Committee on a mostly party-line vote.

Among other provisions, the Republican version provides greater protection and services for boys and men along with more inclusive “gender neutral” language than does the Democratic version, which presumes that only men are violent and only women are innocent victims (“Domestic-violence law advanced by House panel,” Web, May 8).

A few days before the vote, the Dallas Morning News and Dallas TV stations reported that a naked and blood-covered Cristal Paulette Richardson was charged with castrating and then murdering Cedric Lamont Owens by slitting his throat and stabbing him multiple times in the chest. In this heinous act Ms. Richardson joins at least three other women implicated in castration cases that received media attention: Lorena Bobbitt, Monju Bengum and Catherine Kieu Becker.'

Violence Against Women Bill Fails to Address Fraud

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Senate is poised to consider S. 1925 this week, the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Despite the law's good intentions, more recent reauthorizations—including the bill before the Senate—are seriously flawed and veer away from the legislation's original goals of protecting vulnerable women.

As Heritage research fellow David Muhlhausen and Independent Women's Forum visiting fellow Christina Villegas explain in a recent Heritage Backgrounder, the problems with S. 1925 are significant. In addition to broadening the classes of covered victims to include men and prisoners and expanding existing, duplicative programs, S. 1925 fails to rectify VAWA's inadequate accountability measures—while increasing direct spending by more than $100 million.

As recent investigations by the Department of Justice (DOJ) have revealed, disturbing instances of fraud and embezzlement of some Office on Violence Against Women grants have marred the original law's intentions. ...'

Emotions linger for former Illinois State wrestler

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kevin Bracken's wrestling career took him all over the world, but he always had a soft spot in his heart for those guys from his college days. That's why it was so hard for him when Illinois State called and wanted to add his name to the Redbirds' Hall of Fame. Hard feelings don't necessarily fade in time, especially with someone as stubborn as a wrestler.

Part of Bracken wanted to tell his old school where to stick that award. In 1995, Bracken's final year of college, Illinois State cut its wrestling program. Strapped with financial constraints and Title IX compliance issues, the school chose to drop wrestling and men's soccer and add a women's soccer team.
...

There are 79 wrestling programs left in Division I, down from the 146 that were around three decades ago, when Bracken was a kid in Illinois dreaming of competing in college. This, Title IX critics say, is what is wrong with a piece of legislation that promotes proportionality. It created opportunities but took away other athletes' chances to compete.
...
"How could you hate something that's creating opportunities and helping people?" he said. "But how could you celebrate something if it's also hurting people?"'

F&F: Shared Parenting Teeters in the Balance

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here is your chance to stand tall and grab a big victory for the shared parenting movement. But it is imperative that you act immediately.

Everything you need to know follows.

Background:
Both the Minnesota State Senate and Minnesota House have passed bills requiring that each parent get a minimum of 35% of the parenting time—including during temporary orders. Any of you who have been through the custody process knows that temporary orders are crucial—months to years later, they have a way of turning into permanent orders.'

Cannes' female-free directors line-up criticized

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Article here. Notice that anything that has 'glory' attached to it in any way that just happens to be all-male is immediately pounced upon by feminists as evidence that there is an evil conspiracy going on to exclude women from its ranks. But anything that happens to be all-female is itself touted as glorious for that reason alone, and no excuses are to be made for that state of affairs. Men are being excluded? Not only fine, but desirable-- nay, it's justice! Excerpt:

'CANNES, France (AP) — At this year's Cannes Film Festival, there are directors in their 30s and their 80s, directors from Europe and North America, directors from Asia and the Middle East — but no women.

Not, at least, among the 22 films competing for the coveted Palme D'Or, an absence that has drawn criticism from feminists — and a defense from the festival's artistic director. Thierry Fremaux argues it's not his fault that filmmaking remains primarily "a male sport."

"I don't select films because the film is directed by a man, a woman, white, black, young, an old man," said Fremaux, who has led the festival since 2001. "I select films because I think they deserve to be in selection.

"It wouldn't be very nice to select a film because the film is not good but it is directed by a woman," he added.
...
Research by the Center for the Study of Women in Television and Film at San Diego State University found that just 5 percent of last year's 250 highest-grossing films were directed by women, a lower level than a decade earlier.

Some have suggested forms of affirmative action, or quotas, for female filmmakers, but directors oppose the idea.

"I would absolutely hate it if my film got selected because I was a woman," said British director Andrea Arnold, whose films "Red Road" and "Fish Tank" both won prizes at Cannes. "It's true the world over in the world of film, there are just not that many women film directors. That's a great pity and a great disappointment."'

Report: Congo mutineer forces 149 more boys, young men to fight

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A general who defected from the Congolese army last month has forced at least 149 boys and young men to join his mutinying forces, repeating the alleged acts for which he has long been wanted by the International Criminal Court, according to a new report from Human Rights Watch. At least 48 were under 18.

"They tied my hands with a rope. All of us were tied up. Then they marched us to the hill," a 17-year-old student told the human rights group, recounting an episode in which at least 32 high school students were rounded up. "They told us we would fight for Bosco."

Bosco Ntaganda has been wanted by the International Criminal Court for recruiting and using child soldiers while commanding a rebel group during Congo's civil war. Yet after the war ended, Ntaganda was brought into the army and ultimately promoted to general.'

White House Threatens To Veto House GOP's Violence Against Women Act

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'WASHINGTON -- The White House issued a press release on Tuesday threatening to veto the House GOP's version of the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization, which the House is scheduled to vote on Wednesday afternoon.

"The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 4970, a bill that would undermine the core principles of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)," the White House wrote. "H.R. 4970 rolls back existing law and removes long-standing protections for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault -- crimes that predominately affect women. If the President is presented with H.R. 4970, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."

...

The White House also noted in its press release that the GOP version of VAWA "does not include important improvements to the Clery Act found in the Senate-passed bill that would address the high rates of dating violence and sexual assault" in schools and "weakens critical new provisions in the Senate-passed bill that would improve safety for victims living in subsidized housing."'

Obama targets women's health, contraception coverage in new Web

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Article here. There is no mention of a father in this video except for a two second clip (1:37) of a man putting a backpack on a young girl. Excerpt:

'Homing in on women's health issues, President Obama's campaign released a new Web video Wednesday afternoon targeting female voters, spotlighting the president's support for contraception coverage through health care policies.

The video, titled, "Letters to the President: The Dreams of Our Daughters," spotlights the life of one mother and her two daughters. The mother reads her voice-over as a letter to Obama about her concerns as a mother raising two daughters.'

House passes GOP-sponsored domestic violence bill despite Obama veto threat

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On a 222-205 vote, the House passed a GOP-sponsored bill to renew the Violence Against Women Act, an 18-year-old law written by then-Sen. Joe Biden that dedicates federal resources to assist victims of domestic violence.

Wednesday's vote puts the House at odds once again with the Democratic-controlled Senate, which approved its version of the bill last month on a bipartisan 68-31 vote. The Senate bill renews the act for five years, authorizes $659.3 million in annual spending and contains measures to help victims of sexual assault, improve emergency housing services for victims and consolidate some grant programs to make them more efficient.
...

Republican men and women both abhor violence against women," said Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-N.C., who supported the House version. "In fact, I would say we are more concerned about violence against women, because we want to see those women served better and we want to see the money spent better. ... We are strengthening the Violence Against Women Act, not weakening the act."
...
The Republican bill was endorsed by the National Coalition for Men, whose argument in support of the legislation appeared to undercut the GOP claim that the Violence Against Women Act's language is so broad that it already covers almost all groups.

In a letter to lawmakers, the men's rights group said the bill's opponents "loudly assert that VAWA serves all people, which is absurd given the name of the Act."

"Opposing versions, by omission and lack of specificity, generally exclude men, particularly heterosexual men, regardless of specious arguments to the contrary," the letter read.'

Huffington Post: 'House VAWA Bill Picks Up Unhelpful Ally: National Coalition For Men'

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'WASHINGTON -- The House Republican version of the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization, which has been decried by women's rights groups as a dramatic rollback of protections for domestic violence victims, has picked up the backing of a group that may prove to be an unhelpful ally: the National Coalition For Men.

The coalition argues, in a Tuesday letter to members of Congress that was forwarded to HuffPost, that the Republican bill protects both men and women, while the original VAWA aimed to protect only women.

"Those opposing H.R. 4970 loudly assert that VAWA serves all people, which is absurd on its face given the name of the Act. Opposing versions, by omission and lack of specificity, generally exclude men, particularly heterosexual men, regardless of specious arguments to the contrary," states the letter from coalition President Harry Crouch.
...

"It's almost like people want to say we want to go out and abuse women. It's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard. It's total idiocy to see an intelligent person elected to Congress stand up and look across the aisle and accuse someone of being in favor of opening the doors to abuse for more people," he said.'

Outrage Grows After Safeway Suspends Monterey Worker Who Stopped Attack

redwoodwriter · 17 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Safeway employee intervenes in domestic violence case and gets fired. Everything that men are supposed to do is getting to be illegal, immoral, or ill-advised. Excerpt:

'DEL REY OAKS, Monterey County (CBS 5) — Safeway's suspension of a Monterey County employee after stopping a domestic assault has become a public relations headache for the grocery chain.

Police said Ryan Young, a meat clerk at the Del Rey Oaks location, intervened when he saw Quyen Van Tran beating his pregnant girlfriend in the store last month.

"If it was their wife who was pregnant or their daughter who was pregnant who was being attacked, would they want someone to step in and help them?" Young said.'

House Approves Violence Against Women Act: SAVE Applauds Long-Overdue Reform Measures

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SAVE thanks the many organizations and individuals who have supported VAWA reform efforts. SAVE will continue to work for ways to reform and strengthen the Violence Against Women Act: http://www.saveservices.org/pvra.

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Child Support: Enslaving Black Men

Anonymous · 17 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, on my facebook page, A Sister asked me if I am “for” or “against” child support. I posted a picture, of a Black woman holding a wheelbarrow full of money, and the words above the picture said “Child Support, Way Better Than A Dad”, then I proceeded to answer the question. What I am “for” is choosing wisely when deciding to reproduce and deciding who will reproduce you. What I am “for” is adults being mature if the relationship ends so that the child won’t suffer, become molded in the bitterness of its mother, and caught in an emotional tug of war. What I am “against” is women hustling their wombs SPECIFICALLY for the sole purpose of collecting a child support check. What I am “against” is child support being limited or perceived as just financial assistance. Child support means to support your child mentally, emotionally, spiritually, being there for events, listening to them, encouraging them, showing them love and teaching them lessons so they won’t have to learn lessons in the streets.

What I am “against” is Black Men not even given a chance to WILLINGLY give, contribute and add to the life of their child or children, before the Mother of his child (or children) runs down to the overseer to handcuff him with a child support order. I am “against” Brothers being violated in such a system that was designed to destroy the Black Family and children being treated as assets and property of the Mother, with no regard to the Father.
...

Again there are so many options for Single Mothers, but for a Single Man there are limited options. He will hear BE A MAN ABOUT IT! As if he is attempting to be anything else. Sometimes as women, I think that we have become desensitized to the pain and struggles that our Brothers go through. Now with MOST men, do you think they WANT to be shiftless? Do you think that not being able to provide for their family REALLY makes them feel good? Do you think that for most MEN being labeled as a dead beat dad is something they proudly wear like a badge of honor? I mean, let’s step out of our stilettos, and try to slide our feet into his shoes.'

Male Student Suspended for Wearing a Skirt

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Fine for girls to wear jeans and button-down shirts, but boys in skirts? Nah. Story here. Excerpt:

'A male student was suspended from a southern Maryland school for wearing girls' clothing, and the incident has sparked a big controversy in Calvert County.

Warren Evans, an openly bisexual student at Calvert High School, was suspended for violating the school's dress code by wearing a skirt.

Evans says the school is discriminating against him and does not believe he violated any dress code.'

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On YouTube: 'Feminism explained' (Funny)

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Video here.

'A feminist accidentally explains her view of the world.'

Graphic film on female sex tourists cheered in Cannes

Matt · 19 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Filled with rationalizations for why certain women are doing what the film shows. Would a film about male sex tourism get such acclaim especially when there is a huge income and class disparity between buyers and sellers? Never, nor should it. So why is this one? You know the answer already. Excerpt:

'A graphic, unflinching look at the delicate interplay of desire, money and power among European women sex tourists and African gigolos hit the screen yesterday in the Cannes contender "Paradise: Love".

Austrian director Ulrich Seidl, who scandalised cinema's top international showcase five years ago with another take on rich and poor and the sex trade, "Import/Export", this time turns his camera on women as the consumers.

"Paradise: Love" stars Margarethe Tiesel as Teresa, a 50-year-old Viennese single mother of an insolent teenage daughter who needs a break from it all, in a breakout performance cheered by audiences here.'

Edward Kruk is a new blogger-correspondent for Psychology Today

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Blog here. Excerpt:

'It is often assumed, by legal and mental health professionals alike, that when divorcing parents are unable to come to an agreement in regard to parenting arrangements for their children, and remain locked in high conflict, shared parenting is contraindicated. The belief is that children will remain caught in the middle of their parents' conflict, and exposure to ongoing conflict is extremely damaging to children's well-being. In many jurisdictions, there is a legal presumption against shared parenting in high conflict cases. As a result, parents who seek a sole custody arrangement or wish to retain primary caregiving responsibility for their children after divorce often characterize their cases as high conflict. Parents may exaggerate the extent of conflict, or purposefully engage in conflict to resist a court order for shared parenting.

...

In the majority of high conflict divorces, however, violence and abuse are not a factor. The culture of animosity created by litigation and the adversarial sole custody system, however, seems tailor-made to produce the worst possible outcomes when there are two capable parents who wish to continue as primary caregivers, cannot agree on a parenting plan, and are forced to disparage each other in an effort to simply maintain their role as parents. Children's safety in the majority of divorces is best assured when both parents are actively and responsibly involved in their lives, and when social institutions support them in the fulfillment of their parental responsibilities.'

Government study of arrestees' drug use ignores female arrestees

Matt · 19 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I have a hunch they'd find just as high numbers-- if they had bothered to check. Excerpt:

'More than 60 percent of males arrested last year for crimes – felonies and misdemeanors – tested positive for drug use, according to a White House study of arrest data from 10 large cities. For some cities, that surpassed 80 percent.
...
The range was from a low of 64 percent of arrestees who tested positive for drug use in Atlanta to 81 percent in Sacramento, Calif. That's up slightly from 2010 when the range was from 52 percent in Washington to more than 80 percent in both Chicago and Sacramento. It did not evaluate female arrestees.'

Married men and their traditional view of women are holding back equality in the office, claims study

Broadsword · 19 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Working men with stay-at-home wives are a 'pocket of resistance' to equality in the workplace, according to a new study.

After research with hundreds of husbands, the team found those with 'traditional' rather than modern marriages tended to 'view the presence of women in the workplace unfavourably'.

They also found that men with stay-at-home wives - or even 'neo-traditionalists' married to women who worked part-time - thought companies with more women worked 'less smoothly', and found organisations with female bosses 'relatively unattractive'.

And the research paper provides a possible explanation for the so-called 'marzipan layer' - which traps women just below senior jobs: such men 'deny more frequently, qualified female employees opportunities for promotion'.'

Man with 30 kids wants state help to pay his child support

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Story here. This guy is no saint, but if we assume for the sake of argument that all or most of the eleven mothers receive government assistance, why shouldn't the father also receive government assistance to pay his support? Why do we give welfare to moms who can't or won't support their child and jail fathers who can't or won't support their children? Wouldn't helping the man in this case also help his children?

'A 33-year-old man who has fathered 30 kids is asking the state of Tennessee to give him a hand with his child support payments. Desmond Hatchett is having a tough time making ends meet while working a minimum wage job and seeing half of his paycheck get split up between his 11 baby mamas. Incidentally, his score and 10 kids is a record for Knox County, and some of his kids receive as little as $1.49 a month once the money is divvied up. Hatchett last appeared in court in May 2009, when he had a paltry 21 kids to his name and said he had no intention of having more. Somehow, he found a way to add nine more to his legacy, so we're guessing he probably isn't done at 30.'

Campbell Brown: "Obama: Stop Condescending to Women"

anthony · 20 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WHEN I listen to President Obama speak to and about women, he sometimes sounds too paternalistic for my taste. In numerous appearances over the years — most recently at the Barnard graduation — he has made reference to how women are smarter than men. It's all so tired, the kind of fake praise showered upon those one views as easy to impress. As I listen, I am always bracing for the old go-to cliché: "Behind every great man is a great woman."

Some women are smarter than men and some aren't. But to suggest to women that they deserve dominance instead of equality is at best a cheap applause line.

My bigger concern is that in courting women, Mr. Obama's campaign so far has seemed maddeningly off point. His message to the Barnard graduates was that they should fight for a "seat at the table" — the head seat, he made sure to add. He conceded that it's a tough economy, but he told the grads, "I am convinced you are tougher" and "things will get better — they always do."

Hardly reassuring words when you look at the reality. According to the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University, about 53.6 percent of men and women under the age of 25 who hold bachelor's degrees were jobless or underemployed last year, the most in at least 11 years. According to the Pew Research Center, if we broaden the age group to 18- to 29-year-olds, an estimated 37 percent are unemployed or out of the work force, the highest share in more than three decades.'

About the author: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campbell_Brown

Equal pay? Not if jobs aren’t really equal

anthony · 21 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Equal Pay Act (EPA) says that men and women who perform jobs requiring equal skill, effort and responsibility should be paid the same. But that doesn’t mean everyone with the same title or similar job responsibilities falls into the same pay category.

Employers can, for example, pay a male employee who has greater financial responsibilities or who handles bigger budgets more than it does a woman who holds a similar position, but manages less money.

Just make sure you can justify the difference, based on the impact on the company’s bottom line.'

Largest compilation of exonerations ever finds over 2,000 falsely convicted over past 23 years

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — More than 2,000 people who were falsely convicted of serious crimes have been exonerated in the United States in the past 23 years, according to a new archive compiled at two universities.
...
The database compiled and analyzed by the researchers contains information on 873 exonerations for which they have the most detailed evidence. The researchers are aware of nearly 1,200 other exonerations, for which they have less data.

They found that those 873 exonerated defendants spent a combined total of more than 10,000 years in prison, an average of more than 11 years each. Nine out of 10 of them are men and half are African-American.'

Two men sue Royal Caribbean Cruise for imprisonment due to false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'They’re lucky they didn’t get keelhauled.

Two pals who jetted from New York to Florida for a fun-filled cruise say they, instead, spent their weeklong vacation locked in the brig after a fellow passenger falsely accused them of rape.

Eviatar Mor — who was celebrating his 22nd birthday — and buddy David Amsalem, 26, sued Royal Caribbean Cruises yesterday over their grueling getaway in a “small, windowless cell” on one of the company’s luxury liners.

Their Manhattan federal-court filing seeks at least $100 million in damages each on grounds including false arrest and imprisonment, assault and battery, and “outrageous conduct causing emotional distress.”'

More Men Enter Fields Dominated by Women

Matt · 21 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr. Alquicira, 21, graduated from high school in a desolate job market, one in which the traditional opportunities, like construction and manufacturing, for young men without a college degree had dried up. After career counselors told him that medical fields were growing, he borrowed money for an eight-month training course. Since then, he has had no trouble finding jobs that pay $12 or $13 an hour.

He gave little thought to the fact that more than 90 percent of dental assistants and hygienists are women. But then, young men like Mr. Alquicira have come of age in a world of inverted expectations, where women far outpace men in earning degrees and tend to hold jobs that have turned out to be, by and large, more stable, more difficult to outsource, and more likely to grow.

“The way I look at it,” Mr. Alquicira explained, without a hint of awareness that he was turning the tables on a time-honored feminist creed, “is that anything, basically, that a woman can do, a guy can do.”'

Health experts: Routine PSA tests for prostate cancer not good for health

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than 33,000 American men die of prostate cancer each year. And, every year, 20 million get the PSA test to detect the disease early. The recommendation is already causing a lot of criticism. Dr. Jon LaPook reported on the issue.

For 20 years, the message has been the same: Get a PSA test every year or two, detect prostate cancer early -- and save your life. Dr. Michael Lefevre helped lead the panel that said the message was wrong.

"The problem is that in contrast to the small benefits, a significant number of men will be harmed by the test and treatments that follow prostate cancer screening," he said to CBS News.'

Woman accused of 'having sex with' boyfriend's 7-YO son

Anonymous · 22 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WINTON PLACE — A 20-year-old woman is accused of having sex with the 7-year-old son of her boyfriend.

Alicia Gaston of North Fairmount confessed to engaging in sexual intercourse with the child about 8 p.m. on April 10, 2011 in the 200 block of Craft Street in Winton Place, Cincinnati police said. She faces one count of rape.

Hamilton County Job and Family Services said they were unaware of the incident, or why it took so long for the case to be prosecuted.

Gaston was ordered to stay away from the boy when she appeared in Hamilton County Municipal Court today. Judge Lisa Allen set her bond at $75,000.'

Sen. Gillibrand pushes bill that targets gender pay disparity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- With women nationally still earning 77 cents for every dollar a man makes -- amounting to a $113 weekly wage gap on Staten Island -- U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand today renewed her push for passage of a bill to close corporate "loopholes" in the Equal Pay Act, which has been the law-of-the-land for more than four decades.

"Women make up more than half the country's population and more than half the workforce," Ms. Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) said during a conference call with reporters on the Paycheck Fairness Act. "Women are out-earning men in college degrees and advanced degrees. But ... men are still out-earning women at work."
...
She said the Paycheck Fairness Act: Would mandate that employers prove any pay disparity is job related; would prohibit employers from retaliating against employees who share salary information with co-workers; strengthen punitive and compensatory damages; require the U.S. Department of Labor to improve outreach to employers to eliminate pay disparities; enhance the collection of wage information to address pay disparities, and create grant programs to strengthen the negotiation skills of girls and women.'

Gloria Allred: Ambulance Chaser of 'Feminism'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So why do we feel so dubious? There's a growing disconnect between what she says and the cases she takes, for example, this "too hot" nonsense. Can a lawyer call herself a feminist or a pioneer of social justice if she appears to be primarily fighting on behalf of women (or men) who want a payout for some perceived trumped-up injustice, or who have made poor decisions and gotten involved in questionable things and want to evade punishment by the law? Feminism and "social equality of the sexes" requires accountability for our actions; we can't rely on the excuse that just because we're women we've been discriminated against and therefore don't have to own up to mistakes or pay for our crimes. It's also not using sex to make someone else pay—that seems the reverse of feminism, actually.
...
The media laps up beefs both in the courtroom and out of it. And if we're living in a world of painfully obvious self-promotion in which everyone's aching for their own reality show, Gloria Allred may be the pre-eminent attorney for that time. But that hardly means she's a feminist, or even a feminist lawyer. Maybe she was, once; maybe she still is, but all we have is our perception, and at this point, she looks more like an ambulance chaser for feminism. A woman who fights in the name of feminism to focus the media on unimportant topics (with the benefit of getting attached to another "high-profile" case) when we should be discussing things that matter is not really a feminist at all: That's called an opportunist.'

Men’s Rights Association Requests a Ban on Baek Ji Young’s ‘Good Boy’ Song

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A men’s rights association in Korea, Man of Korea, has filed an official request to seek the distribution ban of Baek Ji Young’s recently released title song, GoodBoy.

The group filed the motion against Baek Ji Young’s Good Boy on grounds the song lyrics belittled men.

A representative for Man of Korea said, “Baek Ji Young’s Good Boy contains contents about an older women domesticating a younger man. That expression, like that of a dog and its master, demeans men.”
...
The representative said the expressions used were inappropriate saying, “We also believe in freedom of expression but can you say it’s the same freedom of expression [if the song’s lyrics] changed the gender point of view? Any normal and healthy male will feel serious displeasure at the song.”'

Women are 'happier and less stressed than overworked men' says OECD

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are happier and less stressed than overworked men, according to a survey of lifestyles in 34 countries.

Men living in the world's most advanced nations work longer hours and earn higher wages, but are more likely to be exposed to danger and have a lower life expectancy.

But while women might score higher on measures of happiness, they still spend twice as much time as men doing housework - an average extra of two-and-a-half hour each day.
...
Researchers have now, for the first time, broken down the results into age and gender as well as by country.
...
Women across the 34 nations surveyed spend an average of 279 minutes per day carrying out housework or caring for children or the elderly, compared with 131 minutes each day for men.

British men are almost three times more likely to be working 'very long hours' when compared to women.'

Dr. Peggy Drexler: 'The Kids Are All Right: Gay Parents Raising Children'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Much of the concern for the children of two-mom families has centered specifically on boys. The thinking goes if one mom raising a boy is trouble, two moms must be double trouble. Unfortunately boys on average have seemed, especially in recent years, prey to confusion, resentment, and destructiveness -- something credited to the rising proportion of males being reared in fatherless homes. If only fathers were more fatherly, we are told, boys would learn to be good men, a subject I explored in my book Raising Boys Without Men. People want to know: How will boys learn to become men? Where will they find their role models? Will they grow up to be gay?

Here's the truth: "Boyness" is inherent. It doesn't have to be instilled, or taught. The boys I encountered in my work devised boyhoods using not just social cues, but what seemed like innate male-identity-building talents. They rode skateboards, they turned sticks into swords, toast into guns, they were leaders on sports teams. No one taught them to do these things. They just had it in them. And, in fact, all the research has reported children of gay parents feel less bound, less restricted, by gender stereotypes than those raised in straight households. They were freer to pursue a wide range of interests. There were no "boy things," no "girl things." Just kid things. That's key.'

Tell Forbes Magazine: Correct the DV Misinformation, End the Misandry

Matt · 23 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

In the May 22 Forbes Magazine article entitled"How Some Men Are Upending Domestic Violence Laws to Scam an Advantage in Divorce" Jeff Landers, a financial adviser, helps sell a book by a once-victim who warns women that abusive men are misusing domestic violence laws to falsely accuse and get DV convictions against their wives.

While we have compassion for the author of the featured book, her claims do not match the research. It's not women, but men who are more likely to be falsely accused of abuse. It's not men, but women who are more likely to make the false allegation.

2011 Nationwide False Allegations Phone Survey Results:
* Three-quarters of the falsely accused persons were male.
* Nearly seven in 10 of the accusers were female.

Lander's article is a misrepresentation of false allegations of domestic violence and DV arrests. In his quest to "exclusively advise affluent women throughout the United States before, during, and after divorce," Landry and Forbes Magazine are spreading misinformation, promoting fear and profiting from misandry.

We do not think this is acceptable! And we hope that you agree.

Please write or call Forbes Magazine and demand that they publish an article that refutes this misinformation.

Contact Forbes magazine:
Email: readers-at-forbes.com
Phone: (800) 295-0893

Tell Forbes: "Correct the misinformation on domestic violence and end the misandry!"

Feel free to suggest they visit SAVE for accurate facts.

Please, contact Forbes right now.

Sincerely,

Teri C. Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments

Man sues ex-fiancée after she breaks off engagement

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Story here. I say good for him. Excerpt:

'After his ex-fiancée jilted him before they reached the altar, a Manhattan man made his own vow: I sue.

Consulting firm executive Steven Silverstein, 29, filed a lawsuit in Manhattan Supreme Court Tuesday seeking a court ruling to make former fiancée Kendra Platt-Lee pay him back for costs related to their planned wedding and her portion of the rent from two apartments the couple shared over the course of their relationship.

“I don’t think that I owe him any money at all,” Platt-Lee told NBC News from her home in San Diego. “I’m just your normal girl who fell out of love with somebody, and I didn’t feel it was right in my heart. I just didn’t feel I wanted to get married anymore so I broke it off. I just wanted to break up with somebody and move on, and it turned out that he just wants to drag this out.”

Silverstein and his attorney declined any comment beyond the lawsuit.'

Victory for schoolboy, 13, who went to class in a skirt

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Story here. Excerpt:

Wearing his sister's skirt to school certainly got Chris Whitehead noticed.

Now it has also secured a nobler aim – and forced his school into a climbdown over its ban on shorts.

Chris, 13, made headlines with his outrageous method of protest at being prevented from wearing shorts in hot weather.

He brought national scrutiny to the uniform policy at Impington Village College, Cambridgeshire, when he turned up for lessons in a knee-length skirt last year.

He claimed it was unfair that girls were allowed to wear skirts while boys were banned from wearing shorts.'

New: Male Positive Meetup Group (Denver/Boulder)

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The Male Positive Meetup Group (Denver/Boulder) is intended for both men and women who would like to promote positive images of and attitudes toward men and boys. With the proliferation of negative stories about males in the mainstream media coupled with anti-male attitudes in general society, a group like this is a much needed refuge for those seeking an alternative.

"Male postitive" doesn't necessarily mean female negative; it just starts with the assumption that maleness is intrinsically a valuable thing (as is femaleness, which it complements). Building on that principle, this group intends to encourage like minded individuals to meet in person to help create a supportive and encouraging environment for males, both within the group and the community in general.

The web address for the meetup group is here:

http://www.meetup.com/Male-Positive-Meetup-Group/

Steve Van Valkenburg
Group Founder

Onetime top football prospect exonerated after rape accuser recants

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LONG BEACH, Calif. – The kidnap-rape conviction of a once-promising prep football star was dismissed Thursday following a recantation by his accuser.

Brian Banks collapsed in sobs on the counsel table during a court hearing where a prosecutor quickly conceded the decade-old case and moved for the dismissal.

In the summer of 2002, Banks' future looked bright: He was a 17-year-old high school football star being heavily recruited by a number of colleges. But in a single day that changed with the accusations of kidnapping and rape by a female student.

He maintained there was no rape and their sexual contact was consensual, but his lawyer urged him to plead no contest rather than risk a sentence of 41 years to life in prison if convicted. He followed the advice and went to prison for six years, shattering his dreams of gridiron glory.'

F&F: Don’t Grill the Hot Dog That Grills Dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Oscar Mayer ad campaign is “everything a man could wish for. The wife in the series is smart, energetic, decisive, sensible and cute, and she finally says ‘Yes.’ Unfortunately, when she finally says ‘Yes,’ it’s not what you might hope for; it’s for Oscar Mayer hot dogs for dinner,” said Ned Holstein, MD, MS, Founder and Chair, Fathers and Families.

He continued, “And here’s an advance warning: the Dad is everything you have come to expect from television dads: infantile, inept, narcissistic, befuddled, sloppy and balding, stupid, insecure, and timidly subservient to his wife. I envy the skill that Hollywood and Madison Avenue bring to their work; it takes something near genius to convey all that in a 30 second spot. But they manage to do it.”'

Today's all-action film heroine is tough and putting leading men to the sword

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Then entertainment caught up with feminism, and along came a slew of remarkable female roles: Ripley in Alien, Sarah Connor in Terminator, Disney's Belle and Mulan. They set a precedent for hundreds of heroines who were not only as intelligent and strong-willed as the men in the story, but more so. Less nuanced than the heroine, less intelligent and usually weaker, the conventional hero seems now to be in greater danger than the Siberian tiger.

Next week sees the release of Universal Pictures' Snow White and the Huntsman. Instead of a mild little thing who keeps house for seven dwarves and charms woodland animals (and the prince) with her sweet singing and gentleness, here we meet an action heroine who is far more appealing to contemporary tastes. Dressed in shining armour, the new Snow White will not be doing any housework; and it is she – rather than the uncouth Huntsman of the title – who will call the shots against her wicked stepmother by going into battle.
...
All of this is good fun for girls, but rather less so for boys. As yet another feisty female bounces on to the screen, eyes blazing and bow twanging, our sons have some excuse for grunting dismally and returning to the all-male worlds of Call of Duty or an old Arnold Schwarzenegger DVD.'

Democratic Rep. Claims Victimizing Women is 'as American as Apple Pie'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Democratic congresswoman claimed this week that victimizing women is practically a right of passage in the United States, and that doing so is even “as American as apple pie.”

Rep. Gwen Moore (D-Wis.), a victim of abuse herself, was recounting her reasoning for voting against the “fake” Violence Against Women Act reauthorization during a call in to Current TV’s “Talking Liberally with Stephanie Miller.”

“Victimization of women is as American as apple pie. I think people accept it and men’s right [of] passage, men’s rights as boyfriends and husbands,” Moore said.'

Prosecution of false accuser in rape case seen as difficult

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A day after a former high school football star had his rape conviction dismissed, attention focused on the woman who recanted the sexual assault claim she made 10 years ago.

Wanetta Gibson was a high school sophomore when she accused Brian Banks of raping her at Long Beach Poly High School. She and her family sued the school, receiving a $750,000 settlement, and Banks spent five years in prison after pleading no contest to forcible rape.

Even though a judge tossed out the rape charge Thursday, it remains far from certain whether Gibson, 24, will face any consequences.'

WILL magazine April Volume 1 Issue 9 now available

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Issue downloadable from here. It contains an article on how men can reduce stress in their lives. I would say though the advice is probably just as applicable to women.

Honoring the Exchange of Life for Life

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The face never comes into view in my dreams, but I know it's him. The twisted mouth is agape, molded in an eternal gasp of shock. The lower half of his body is gone, and there's a black hole where his guts should have been. When Chevy was blown from the Stryker hatch, he took flight for an incalculable measure of time before landing on the slat armor of his vehicle. His uniform was blown off, which never happens in the movies. But he was whole, as complete and pure as the day he was born, I'm told. I never got the chance to see for myself before he disappeared into a body bag. The continuing ambush prevented that.

Memorial Day comes early and often for the men in my infantry battalion. During the unit's second tour in Iraq in 2006 and 2007, we lost 21 men from three companies and attachments. We lost 17 in the span of four months during the Battle of Baquba.'

Anonymous submissions disabled due to spam

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MANN Readers,

Regrettably, we've had to disable anonymous submissions due to loads of spamming to the site that started a few days ago. I waited to see if it would stop after a time but it hasn't; it only got worse. Somewhere out there, someone figured out how to automate spam advertising submissions to our site and for this reason, we all have to deal with the inconvenience of logging in first before submitting a story.

If you need a userid for the site to submit a story, just ask for one by sending a request to newaccounts@mensactivism.org. Again, sorry for the inconvenience, but spammers have made the web that much harder a place to enjoy the convenience it used to have.

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'A shed of one's own'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We need to talk about men and we don't do so. Quite often, because of the cultures of both modern men and women, it's because we can't.

Even to suggest that there are issues among men that might need talking through is a minor heresy: being a white male is like playing a computer game on "easy mode" – men are the patriarchy. Not only do we sail easily into the elite, with great jobs and pay, we're also responsible for a huge number of problems faced by other groups.

For some men, all of the above is true. Looking at the very top of society, you could imagine it was the case for huge numbers. But it's not the case for everyone: millions of men are losing out and their situation is getting steadily worse each year. And all too often, it's happening below the radar.

Despite the focus on the real and severe impact of the UK's austerity measures on women, men were more likely to be unemployed before the downturn and still are.

Men are more likely than women to be the victims of violence and far more likely to be in jail. Year after year, boys' school attainment falls behind that of girls, as does their chances of getting into university.'

The Masculine Mystique and Male Depression: Embracing Your Vocation of Destiny

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It doesn't take social science research to prove that men are angry and depressed. One measure of this trend is the increase in the rates of homicide and suicide we see in males. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), homicide rates for males are three to four times higher than they are for females. Among persons aged 20-24, the male homicide rate is six times higher than it is for females, and it is much worse among minorities than among whites. For those ages 10-19, the homicide rate is 10 times higher for blacks than for whites.

Differences in suicide rates are even more dramatic, according to the CDC. Overall, males kill themselves at rates that are four times higher than females. But as with homicide, certain groups are even more vulnerable. The suicide rate for those ages 20-24 is 5.4 times higher for males than for females of the same age. [1] In the older age groups suicide is predominantly a male problem. After retirement, the suicide rate skyrockets for men, but not for women. Between the ages of 65-74 the rate is 6.3 times higher for males. Between the ages of 75-84, the suicide rate is seven times higher. And for those over 85, it is nearly 18 times higher for men than it is for women. [2]

Why are men so unhappy? The Feminine Mystique told women that they should be satisfied with being wives, mothers, and homemakers. The Masculine Mystique told men that they should be happy to compete with other men to find a woman and then compete with other "breadwinners" to create ever greater material wealth for themselves and their families. We were told that "he who dies with the most toys, wins" and "winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." Both women and men become depressed trying to fit into roles that no longer work for us.'

Minnesota shared-parenting bill for divorce cases vetoed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Mark Dayton says he won't sign into law a bill that would have increased the minimum parenting time in cases of divorce.

"I'm very disappointed. This was such a small change in the right direction," said Republican Peggy Scott of Andover, the House sponsor of the bill.

But Liz Richards, director of programming for the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, called it "a very simplistic solution" that could have de-emphasized consideration of a child's best interests. "Our position is really: 'Proceed with caution,' " she said.

Most divorces are settled between the parties, Richards said, but the ones that need court intervention -- and thus would be affected by a change in statute -- often include complex and problematic domestic situations.'

Lawsuit challenges combat exclusion for women

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'A team from the University of Virginia law school is suing the Pentagon for excluding women from combat units on behalf of two female Army reservists who say their careers were stymied by the policy.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jane Baldwin and Col. Ellen Haring both argue in the lawsuit that they have been shut out of promotions and desirable jobs for which they were otherwise well qualified either because they were banned by the exclusion policy from serving in those units, or because the combat exclusion prevented them from getting vital career experience.

...

The Supreme Court last addressed combat exclusion issues in 1981, when it ruled that sex discrimination in Selective Service registration was constitutional because women were unable to serve in combat units. Coughlin noted that combat has changed dramatically over the past three decades, and even the Defense Department has acknowledged that women today have often been placed in combat situations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Everyone seems to agree, including the Pentagon, that the combat exclusion policy needs to be revamped,” Coughlin said. “We believe it should be scrapped altogether.”'

'The Second Sexism' - discrimination against males

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'All these examples seem like strong evidence for Benatar's thesis. Others he advances are more contentious, however. He finds it hypocritical that people get "very exercised" about female circumcision, but the decision to circumcise baby boys, often without anaesthetic, is uncontroversial. It was pointed out at Monday's seminar that the two are virtually incomparable in terms of pain, scale and long-term effects, but Benatar says he addresses this argument in more detail in his book.

He also points to the fact that more boys drop out of school and fail to graduate than girls as evidence of some discriminatory elements in the education system. Again, this point is likely dealt with in fuller detail in his book, but a whole platter of statistics would seem to counter the idea that boys are disadvantaged within education – not least the fact that, according to a World Bank study from last year, 66% of the world's illiterate adults are women. The same study found that "in many countries of South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, girls are still much less likely than boys to attend, much less complete, basic education".

British feminist Julie Bindel was also uncompromising in her response, labelling the notion "total and utter bullshit. There are areas where men are paying the price that male supremacy gives them – there's absolutely no doubt about that… The reality is that the public domain belongs entirely to men and the disadvantages they face are just the price they pay. It's tough cheese."'

For Man Falsely Accused of Rape, All Liars Should Go To Prison

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'Every perpetrator of this crime against justice deserves to be punished, starting with Banks' accuser. There is word that Wanetta is going to be asked to repay the $1.5 million she was paid by the school district for what she claimed to have happened to her, but her repayment should go far beyond money:

She should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and deserves a prison sentence no less severe than the time that was going to be given to Mr. Banks when the state chose to believe that he was a rapist.

The second party to pay for what happened to Mr. Banks should be the attorney, judge, and prosecutors who coerced him into taking a plea deal. Mr. Banks was told that if he continued to hold on to his "illusion" of innocence and actually fight for his right to a fair trial, he could face up to 41 years.

This kind of threat is similar to what was done during the Salem Witch Trials and the Spanish Inquisition, where anyone who proclaimed their innocence was tortured until they admitted guilt.'

Men’s wages still not back on track after recession

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — Men continue to take a bigger hit in their paychecks than women because of lingering effects of the recession, according to a study by the Conference Board.

Average wages for women remain lower than those for their male counterparts, by nearly 20 percent. But men’s wages have been much slower to rebound from the effects of the recession, which had its most severe effects on male-dominated industries, such as construction, the study found.

Although the recession technically ended in 2009, men’s wage growth had rebounded to half the average rate of the previous decade by last year. Meanwhile, the growth in wages for women had almost fully recovered, the study said.

The findings came as the Obama administration has sparred with the campaign of presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney in recent weeks about which gender has suffered more in the down economy.

Romney said that 92 percent of the jobs lost since Obama took office were held by women. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner called the claim ridiculous. The nonpartisan fact-checking group Politifact has rated Romney’s statistic as “mostly false.”

The Conference Board study didn’t break down job losses by gender. But it said a reason for the difference in wage growth is that the recession’s effects were felt hardest in sectors such as construction and housing, where jobs are largely held by men.'

It's official: Women are better narco-traffickers, too

Matt · 28 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The high mortality rate in Mexico's drug war has seen women progress quickly in the shadowy underworld of the cartels and they are increasingly taking on key management roles, a new book says.

"Female Bosses of Narco-Traffic," by Arturo Santamaria, a researcher at the Autonomous University of the State of Sinaloa, traces the ascent of women in drug trafficking organizations.

...

Santamaria said women act with more caution and use deadly force more sparingly than men.

"Maybe this is because they are mothers and have children," argued the researcher, while cautioning that younger women were apt to be as bloodthirsty as men.

...

Manuel Clouthier, a businessman and politician from Sinaloa, said he believed women in the drug trafficking business were more responsible, more loyal and, therefore, more effective.

And he warned that the rise of women augurs ill for the war on drugs.

"It used to be that mothers told their sons and husbands to leave the business or not get involved in it," said Clouthier. "But if the mother is the one who is already involved, she's not likely to be the one to tell a son: Don't get involved!"'

UK: NHS removes word 'Dad' from pregnancy handbook in case it offends same sex couples

Broadsword · 28 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Health Service has removed the word ‘dad’ from a pregnancy handbook for fear of offending gay and lesbian parents.

Officials decided to use the term ‘partner’ throughout the 200-page guide, titled Ready Steady Baby, after receiving a complaint that ‘dad’ was discriminating against same-sex couples.

But the omission of the word has angered some campaigners who claim that traditional family values are being undermined.

Norman Wells, of the Family Education Trust, said: ‘This is all part of an agenda to present as natural a type of family that cannot be created by natural means.

‘The NHS should not be squandering taxpayers’ money to advance the cause of a minority interest group.'

UK: Woman who injected E. Coli into girl's I.V. drip given 'rehabilitation'

Minuteman · 29 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A 39-year-old woman who injected waste matter into a child's intravenous drip as she lay in hospital has been sent to rehabilitation instead of prison.

CCTV footage showed Nicola Clark injecting the substance into the girl's drip at Medway Hospital in Kent in April last year.

The substance contained E.Coli, a bacteria that lives in human intestines and can be detected in faeces.
...
Judge Jeremy Carey decided to spare Clark jail time because she was more in need of rehab.

"There will be those who, if they read the headline, will be surprised at the very least at the seemingly lenient sentence," Judge Carey said.

"I need to explain why I take that course. I have to consider the need for the protection of the public and the need for rehabilitation."'

Wilmington man fights for child ex never told him he had

Mastodon · 29 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WILMINGTON, NC (WWAY) -- A Wilmington man is fighting for the right to raise his own child. A child he's never met. A child he never knew existed until the baby was several months old and already living with its potential adoptive parents. So far, trying to intervene has been a losing battle.
...
"I'm already a father," John said. "I'm just looking to be a daddy."

In April 2011, Johns discovered he had a six-month-old baby boy. A mutual acquaintance told Johns his ex-girlfriend had a baby and put it up for adoption. He confronted her and found out the truth.

"The emotions of anger, sadness, the joy of being a father... I had all that compacted into a five-minute conversation by her just saying, 'You have no rights.' I just kept thinking, 'What is she talking about? I'm the father,' John said.'

Euro MPs back quotas to get more women into top jobs

Mastodon · 29 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The EU Commission wants the proportion of female board members at big companies to rise to 40% by 2020, from the current average of 12%.

The Commission has said it may legislate to make quotas compulsory.

The Euro MPs in Strasbourg also called for EU-wide measures to boost female representation in politics.

Last week the EU's Justice Commissioner, Viviane Reding, launched a public consultation to generate initiatives - including possible legislation - aimed at redressing the gender imbalance.

Belgium, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain are among the countries that have already introduced gender quotas for companies.'

What Men Do To Outearn Women

Mastodon · 29 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In that, not much has changed between Peggy Olson's 1967 job search and our own lateral moves today.

Simply put, we continue to accept unequal conditions in the workplace serving lesser clients for lower pay, fewer promotional opportunities and far less respect than our work product deserves.

Peggy, who worked her way up from secretary to copywriter with the mentorship and sponsorship of the fatally handsome and deeply flawed Don Draper, learned a few things in last night's show that men in the workplace have known since they first gathered together to raid the next village.'

Chris Graham: Title IX for Males?

Mastodon · 29 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The good news: Title IX has worked, big time. In 1970, two years before the seminal federal education law mandating equal opportunities for females was passed and signed into law, there were 3 million women, 3 percent of the female population, attending college. Today, more than 10 million women, nearly 7 percent of the female population, is attending college.
...
You might notice a gap in the numbers there. Not only are young women attending college in greater numbers than young men, the growth in the Title IX era is close to figurative exponential in comparing the numbers.

Which makes me wonder aloud … is it time, maybe, for a Title IX for Males?

Could it be that we're putting so much emphasis on pushing young girls into realizing their full potentials that we're forgetting that young boys might need a similar push?'

Male circumcision an assault - surgeon

Mastodon · 29 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Routine circumcision in male infants is a potentially dangerous and unnecessary procedure, according to a Dublin surgeon, who has dismissed the rationale for the procedure as unproven and without medical justification.

Dublin consultant plastic surgeon Mr Matt McHugh said circumcision was a form of genital mutilation that exposed patients to a number of health risks.

However, a representative of the Jewish community in Ireland has defended the procedure, stressing that it is safe when performed correctly.

Writing in the latest issue of Modern Medicine, the Irish journal of clinical medicine, Mr McHugh said: "There is no rationale for carrying out this extremely painful, traumatic and potentially dangerous procedure on male infants.

"While female genital mutilation (FGM) is banned in Ireland and regarded as a serious assault, circumcision, which is a form of male genital mutilation, is not illegal, with the procedure still undertaken by some doctors."'

Zimbabwe still falsely claiming circumcision defeats HIV/AIDS

Mastodon · 29 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Zimbabwe is still falsely claiming that the surgical circumcision operation defeats the deadly HIV/AIDS virus.

This comes after more than 5 months of media coverage exposing the method's weakness as a competent measure.

Several US medical practitioners have in the past few months warned third world countries upon whom the United Nations suggested the method, that they should not have their citizens deceive on circumcision and its supposed benefits.

The ministry of health is deceiving people by announcing to them that once they are circumcised, they become immune to HIV/AIDS effectively encouraging them to engage in promiscuity. Instead of reducing the risk, circumcision has been tested through behaviour change to actually be a protagonist of HIV transmission, critics state. One recent randomized controlled trial carried out in South Africa into male-to-female transmission actually demonstrated a 54% higher rate in the group where the men had been circumcised.'

Australian Department of Health & Ageing: "Young Men's Mental Illness Costs us $3 Billion Annually"

Minuteman · 30 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A new report released today shows that young men's mental illness in costing the Australian economy more than $3 billion each year in lost productivity.

Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, Mark Butler, today launched the landmark report, 'Counting the Cost: The Impact of Young Men's Mental Health on the Australian Economy'.

Commissioned by the Inspire Foundation and Ernst & Young, the Report highlights that mental illness in young men costs the economy $387,000 per hour and over 9 million working days lost per annum.'

Under Obama, Men Killed by Drones Are Presumed to Be Terrorists

lance · 30 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

After interviewing dozens of current and former White House advisers, the New York Times breaks a lot of news in its story on President Obama's secret kill list, perhaps none of it more jaw-dropping than new details describing how the U.S. now calculates the number of innocents killed by our drones. What innovative method did our Nobel Peace Prize-winning president implement?

"It in effect counts all military-age males in a strike zone as combatants, according to several administration officials, unless there is explicit intelligence posthumously proving them innocent," the newspaper reports. "Counter-terrorism officials insist this approach is one of simple logic: people in an area of known terrorist activity, or found with a top Qaeda operative, are probably up to no good."

Woman killed infant, ate part of brain, police say

Mastodon · 30 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'SAN ANTONIO -- San Antonio police say a woman accused of beheading her 3-week-old infant son used a knife and two swords in the attack and ate some of the child's body parts.

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus told reporters Monday that Otty Sanchez's attack on her son, Scott Wesley Buchholtz-Sanchez, was "too heinous" to fully discuss.

But he says Sanchez ate part of the newborn's brain and bit off three of his toes before stabbing herself twice.

Police say the 33-year-old Sanchez told officers who were called to her house early Sunday that she killed her son at the devil's request.

Sanchez is charged with capital murder and is being held on $1 million bail. She is recovering from her wounds at a hospital.'

SAVE: June is False Allegations Awareness Month - Make Your Plans Now

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June is False Allegations Awareness Month.

Help us bring awareness to False Allegations of Abuse during the month of June. Here are some ideas to get you started. Like posting this link: http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp/campaigns/false-accusations-of-domestic-violence-by-the-numbers/ to your social media network, where your friends will learn that 700,000 persons are wrongfully arrested for domestic violence each year.

We hope you'll join us at the Connecting for Change false allegations awareness conference in Washington, DC on June 30. You can also join us as citizen lobbyists on Capitol Hill June 29. In order to lobby, you must attend a June 19 teleconference. Register for either or both events by sending an email to info-at-saveservices.org.

You've seen what happens when we all work together. Let's put this unity to work to end false allegations!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Study: Women seek 'providers'

Matt · 30 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. There isn't much new in terms of ideas in this article. I think it's been known for quite a long time. The main reason I am posting this is to point out the graphics that go along with the article. Seems not even a relatively even-handed (though decidedly sexist in all directions) report regarding relations between the sexes can't be delivered without some form of male-bashing. Anyway, here's an excerpt:

'Confident and cocky, alpha males might have you believe that they could win the heart of any woman they want.

But when it comes to finding a mate, women are actually hardwired to go for a meeker, less macho chap who is a good provider, a study suggests.

American researchers have looked into the reasons why humans developed the two-parent nuclear family.

Our primitive ancestors would have inherited the social structure of the apes – a sexual free-for-all with males fighting each other for mating rights.'

Male-dominated boards will fall behind rivals, says report

Broadsword · 30 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Without women in senior posts, companies will lose touch with their customers and risk making “flawed decisions” as a result of “groupthink” by men, a report from the Department for Business said. In a separate study, the Equalities and Human Rights Commission suggested firms should appoint more women directors to help the economic recovery.
...
Women represent “around 70 per cent of consumer purchasing decisions” and “connecting better” with the female workforce will help businesses understand their customers, the report said. “Continually recruiting individuals who share the same backgrounds and experiences creates a 'groupthink’ mentality within the board, which runs the risk of making flawed decisions because there are no fresh or different perspectives. Ultimately, of course, such businesses will be unable to stay ahead of the game.”'

UK: Plans for women's quotas on company boards dropped

Broadsword · 30 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The move to drop the “golden skirt” policy is a sign of ministers’ commitment to strip red tape from companies to get the economy moving.

Ministers said they were “standing up for British business” and were opposing the plans to impose more “burdensome regulation” on companies.

...

However ministers will say the Government is not going to implement the quotas, and instead will merely encourage firms to hire more women in executive positions.'

Dept of State: "African Women Entrepreneurship Program Kicks Off June 4"

Minuteman · 31 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The African Women Entrepreneurship Program is an outreach, education, and engagement initiative that works with African women entrepreneurs to promote business growth; increase trade both regionally and to U.S. markets through the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA); create better business environments; and empower African women entrepreneurs to become voices of change in their communities.

For three weeks, 47 African women entrepreneurs from 37 countries will engage in professional development training and networking opportunities with American counterparts from civil society, corporations, industry associations, non-profit organizations, and multilateral development organizations throughout the United States. The women will develop business partnerships, attend workshops on accessing capital and U.S. markets, and learn best business practices to build their women-owned small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in their home countries.

Investing in women's entrepreneurship helps yield stronger economies and communities, that’s why Secretary Clinton put women and girls at the center of this country’s foreign policy priorities.'

Obama Honors Top Socialist/Feminist with Medal of Freedom

Mastodon · 31 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama sparked more controversy after awarding the U.S. government's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, to divisive labor activist Dolores Huerta, a fellow "community organizer," collectivist, radical feminist, as well as the honorary chair of Democratic Socialists of America. DSA, which openly calls for "restructuring society," even more "massive redistribution of income" and increased central planning on its website, is the largest socialist organization in the nation and Socialist International's main U.S. affiliate.
...
The self-described "born-again feminist" has also drawn fire for working with and praising socialist Venezuelan tyrant Hugo Chavez; famous for jailing critics and political opponents, stealing property, waging war on press freedom, rigging elections, and establishing collective farms. Somehow, the infamous despot has managed to drive the formerly wealthy oil-rich economy into the ground so thoroughly — mostly through nationalization and wealth-redistribution schemes — that even water and electricity are now rationed.'

House defeats bill to ban gender-based abortions

Mastodon · 31 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It appears these lawmakers are more outraged about the prospect of aborting a girl. I would like to think anyone who considers themselves pro-life would be equally concerned about both genders. Excerpt:

'A bill that would ban sex-selective abortions failed to muster enough support to pass the House Thursday following a contentious debate.

The final vote was 246-168. Though a majority voted in favor of the bill, this particular proposal required a two-thirds majority to pass -- supporters of the bill fell 30 votes short.

The proposal would have made it a federal crime to carry out an abortion based on the gender of the fetus. The measure takes aim at the aborting of female fetuses, a practice more common to countries such India and China, where there is a strong preference for sons, but which is also thought to take place in the U.S.'

Relatedly: Couple Aborts Twin Boys Because They Want a Girl Using IVF

Female sex offenders protected by the criminal justice system

Matt · 31 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Los Angeles, CA (May 30, 2012) Female sex offenders receive lighter sentences for the same crimes than males says a study recently published in Feminist Criminology, a SAGE journal and the official journal of the Division on Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology.

Embry and Lyons looked at the sentences that male and female sex offenders received for specific sex offenses and found that even after the implementation of sentencing guidelines to ensure equality in sentencing, on average male sentences were between 6% and 31% longer than female sentences for the same or similar crimes.

"It appears as if the criminal justice system actually treats women more leniently than men," wrote Randa Embry and Phillip M. Lyons, Jr., authors of the study.

The researchers explained this disparity by discussing the American idea that "women are weaker and, therefore, must be protected at all times regardless of their status as victims or offenders."'

On Child Support and Abortion

Matt · 31 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'However, in Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) ruled that the rights of the individual living mother outweighed the rights of the unborn child, and therefore made abortion legal. In doing so, and considering the arguments of both sides it attempted to address individual rights but the SCOTUS failed to take into the consideration the legal implications and the rights of the father.

A woman has complete and utter control over her own body—this much has been established by Roe vs. Wade and other rulings. Yet, what about the man? Does he not have any rights over his own body? Should a woman choose to bring to term a child that may not be wanted by his father, the father is nevertheless legally and financially bound by that decision. It is a well-established legal concept that a man must provide financial support for the child that was mutually conceived but solely brought to term by another person's (the woman) decision.

As such, the Roe vs. Wade decision has effectively made one member of society an economic slave to another person's decision.'

UK children need more volunteer male befrienders

Matt · 2 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many boys say they would prefer a male befriender according to early findings, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). Yet, less than a quarter of UK volunteer child befrienders are men.

"The shortage means many boys in need of a strong male presence in their lives are missing out on the adult male companionship they would like," states researcher Dr Sue Milne of the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships (CRFR) at the University of Edinburgh.

Many of the children referred to befriending services face difficulties at home or in school. Some have learning or behavioural problems; others have been affected by the death or imprisonment of a parent, or by parental substance/ alcohol abuse.

"Befrienders offer relationships to children without being goal orientated. They make a very valuable contribution to the lives of children living in difficult circumstances," says Dr Milne. "They provide friendship and support as well as the chance for the children to try new activities and enjoy themselves out of the house."'

SAVE: June is False Allegations Awareness Month

Matt · 2 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

False allegations of abuse ruin reputations and careers, undermine the credibility of true victims, and upend basic notions of fairness and justice. The recent case of Brian Banks, exonerated on a charge of rape after spending 62 months in prison, highlights the criminal justice travesty.

According to a national telephone survey, one in 10 persons has been falsely accused of abuse: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/survey/

In preparation for the month, SAVE has created a new webpage on false allegations of child abuse: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/child-abuse/. In addition, we've added new information to our page on false allegations of sexual assault: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/sex-assault/

Finnish Medical Association says male circumcision conflicts with medical ethics

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From Marc A.:

The Finnish Medical Association said "child circumcisions are in conflict with medical ethics" and the Green League just voted to phase it out "either through advice or, if necessary, through legislation." Thank you Fins! Nice to see progress. :-) http://www.hs.fi/english/article/NEWS+ANALYSIS+Finland+lacks+policy+on+religiously-mandated+male+circumcision/1329104229469

They're certainly not alone. The Swedish Paediatric Society has called infant male circumcision an "assault on boys." http://m.thelocal.se/39200/20120219/

A recent report by the Dutch Medical Association, representing 46,000 physicians and medical students and backed by seven other medical associations, explains that the male foreskin is an important erotogenic structure for which no medical benefit justifies its routine removal, that it is comparable to certain forms of FGM, and that it violates children's rights to bodily integrity. http://www.norm-uk.org/news.html?action=showitem&item=1306

A recent study in Denmark found circumcised men have a much higher rate of sexual problems. http://ije.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2011/06/13/ije.dyr104.short?rss=1 Research also find circumcised men are five times more likely to suffer from premature ejaculation. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21492404

Utah Adoption Council president resigns amid fathers' rights controversy

Matt · 2 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'SALT LAKE CITY — The president of the Utah Adoption Council resigned Tuesday amid controversy over claims the council is working to undermine the rights of birth fathers.

Wes Hutchins was to serve another month as president of the Ut ah Adoption Council (UAC) — a group consisting of adoption agencies, adoption attorneys, families, and birth mothers and fathers. Instead, he's founded a new nonprofit organization he says will work in the best interests of all parties in adoptions.

There was certainly friction in Tuesday's council meeting, as some representing adoption agencies accused Hutchins of having his own agenda. In turn, he pointed fingers at them for not acting ethically in administering adoptions.'

"Big Bad Dad": The Movie

Matt · 2 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If you're reading this, you no doubt know of a father whose life has been torn apart by the family legal system. Or maybe you are that man.

This was the impetus for the making of Big Bad Dad: the filmmakers realized they simply knew too many fathers who had the same horrific, turn-your-life-upside-down stories about their experiences.

We are Ruth van Vierzen and Patrick Hodgson, the filmmakers behind this project. We have been working on this film for 4 years and we are very anxious to get this film finished and out to the masses.'

Fathers Day 2012: Three years after President Obama tells men to "step up"

Mastodon · 3 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Marilyn Frye, a leader in the feminist movement, often referred to a birdcage as a metaphor for the oppression of women. With a myopic focus we see only the individual wire and ponder why the bird does not simply fly around it. But with a macroscopic viewpoint we realize each wire has been systematically placed, creating a confine not unlike the solid walls of a dungeon.

Sadly, one result of the feminist movement has been the construction of a network of groups, organizations, and regulations that are being used to prohibit men from being a productive influence on their offspring. Not for profit and federally funded organizations actively influence legislation and judicial proceedings to protect women, resulting in the utter disregard for the rights of men. The tyrannical use of false allegations, coupled with Child Protective Services and law enforcement, effectively removes men from the picture. And corrupt family law attorneys portray men as abusive monsters, constructing fear in an already adversarial and biased family law system, compelling the court to remove the perceived “threat”.'

Are the Recent Cries About Misogyny Warranted?

Mastodon · 3 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But not every crude and hateful slam at a woman is misogynist; sometimes, it's just crude and hateful. An anatomical epithet toward a woman is not automatically worse than the male equivalent. Calling a female politician a bitch is not automatically worse than calling a male politician a scumbag, an overwhelmingly male-directed slur. Rocker and right-wing activist Ted Nugent's invitation to Hillary Clinton to "ride one of these into the sunset" while brandishing two rifles at a 2007 concert was no more disgusting than his simultaneous invitation to Barack Obama to "suck on this" (and there's no reason to think that Nugent would have been kinder to a top Democratic presidential contender who was male and white).

Nor are male politicians immune to sexual denigration. After Rick Santorum angered gay activists with negative comments about homosexuality, he was targeted for an Internet campaign promoting the use of his last name as an obscene sex-related term. Print ads seeking dirt on Rick Perry were run not only by Flynt but by Ron Paul supporter Robert Morrow. (Imagine the shrieks if a respectable newspaper had run an ad asking, "Have you ever had sex with Sarah Palin?")

In the 21st century, women may not have yet reached parity in public life. But they are clearly no longer outsiders. If their gender can still be an obstacle, it can also be an asset: a source of extra star power as well as extra voter sympathy. They have come far enough to not be treated as especially vulnerable, an expectation that can become a self-fulfilling prophecy.'

Sexual politics, Swedish style

Matt · 3 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Via email from a reader in Sweden:

I want to give you a tip about a book that gives a history of sexual politics in Sweden, and thus focuses a lot on the political radical feminism we have here, by simply giving a timeline of events, starting in the 50's and leading up to the Assange case. I don't think people outside Scandinavia understand how extreme the situation is here - this book explains it all. I would be really happy if you could spread the word about this book, perhaps you might be interested in it yourself, since I believe this information may deliver a serious blow to the extreme feminists we have here.

The book: A Brief History of Swedish Sex: How the Nation that Gave Us Free Love Redefined Rape and Declared War on Julian Assange

"Swedish Feminists are so Bored they're Telling Men How to Sit on the Bus"

Mastodon · 4 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sweden has a reputation as having the most equal relations between the sexes in the world—it's a place where male politicians are voted "woman of the year" by feminists, where young dads on paternity leave take toddlers for play dates while their wives work, where a preschool can casually ban gendered pronouns. A recent World Economic Forum report claimed Sweden is the most gender equal country in the world.

Yet some Swedish women apparently think that the image of the Nordic country as a feminist's paradise is just a veneer hiding deep-seated misogyny. Their evidence? Men slouching and taking up more than one seat on buses, trains, and subways.

To counter this "normalized expression of power" (that's what they call slouching), a group of firebrand feminists have set up a blog called "Macho i Kollektivtrafiken" ("Macho in Public Transport"), encouraging readers to send in sneaky snaps of men in relaxed poses. The aim is to spread awareness of a "symbolic and active recreation not just of power, but of a stereotypical form of masculinity."'

Hoping for clout with women, Obama urges Congress to pass ‘Paycheck Fairness Act’

Matt · 4 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama, his re-election fortunes heavily dependent on women, pushed Congress on Monday to "step up and do its job" by passing a bill designed to erase the wage gap between male and female workers doing the same job.

With Senate Republicans expected to block the Paycheck Fairness Act when it comes up for a vote on Tuesday, Obama urged supporters of the measure to make an 11th-hour push on behalf of the legislation.

"At a time when we're in a make-or-break moment for the middle class, Congress has to step up and do its job," the president said on a conference call. "But let's face it: Congress is not going to act because I said it's important; they're going to act because you guys are making your voices heard."

"So senators have to know you're holding them accountable. Everything that they're going to be hearing over the next 24 hours can make a difference in terms of how they vote," the president said.'

Woman to serve 15 months in psychiatric hospital for drowning sons

Minuteman · 5 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'An Australian woman living in Canada who drowned her two young sons in a bathtub has been sentenced to six years in jail.

Allyson McConnell, 33, will serve about 15 months after being credited for the time she has already spent in custody, The Calgary Herald reports.

...

Court of Queens Bench Justice Michelle Crighton recommended McConnell serve her sentence at Alberta Hospital in Edmonton, where she has been in psychiatric care since the killings.

During her trial in March, the court heard the Australian had been going through a bitter divorce in late 2009 and early 2010. She was described as having been tired, stressed and depressed before the killings.'

Grandfather Says Barnes & Noble Kicked Him Out For Shopping Alone In Children's Section

Kratch · 5 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Scottsdale man is claiming that a Barnes & Noble bookstore discriminated against him when an employee forced him out of the store because he was a male shopper alone in the children's area.

Omar Amin, 73, said store worker Todd Voris told him that a female shopper had complained about him being in the children's area May 4 in the store at Shea Boulevard and Loop 101 in Scottsdale.

Amin, who was alone at the time, said he was in Barnes & Noble to buy books for his two grandchildren who live in Wisconsin.

"Men alone cannot be by themselves in the children's area," Amin said he was told, adding that Voris said other bookstores had encountered problems with child molesters.'

CDC seeking comments on National Infertility Action Plan

Minuteman · 5 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Readers knowledgeable or with direct experience of such issues may want to ensure that mens' fertility concerns are also adequately addressed.

Link here. Excerpt:

'In 2007, a CDC-wide ad hoc workgroup formed to examine the full scope of infertility activities across the agency. This workgroup conducted an assessment to identify gaps and opportunities in public health surveillance, research, communications, programs, and policy development, which led to the 2010 publication of a white paper outlining the need for a national plan, with a public health focus, on infertility prevention, detection, and management. In consultation with many governmental and nongovernmental partners, CDC developed the National Public Health Action Plan for the Detection, Prevention and Management of Infertility. Addressing both male and female infertility, the plan outlines and summarizes actions needed to promote, preserve, and restore the ability of women in the United States to conceive, carry a pregnancy to term, and deliver a healthy infant. This goal extends beyond simply addressing the inability to conceive but also focuses on reducing the burden of impaired fecundity by promoting behaviors that maintain fertility; by promoting prevention, early detection, and treatment of medical conditions; and by reducing environmental and occupational threats to fertility. Given the public health focus of this action plan, promoting healthy pregnancy outcomes associated with treating and managing infertility is also important, as is improving the efficacy and safety of infertility treatment.'

Florida woman uses nail polish remover to set husband on fire

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TAMPA, Fla. -- A Florida woman was being held without bail Monday after she allegedly doused her husband with nail polish remover and set his arm on fire.

Idalmis De Armas, 40, faces charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and resisting an officer, the Tampa Bay Times reported.

She poured the chemical on her husband's arm and shorts and lit it with a cigarette lighter at around 11:00pm Saturday at their home in Tampa, according to an arrest report.

She admitted to officers who arrived at the scene that she had lit her husband on fire, and tried to pull away when they attempted to handcuff her, police said. The motive for the attack was not known.'

SAVE Says Sex Abuse Policies Recall 'Soviet-Style' Justice

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PRESS RELEASE

In Wake of Abdalla Suspension, SAVE Says Sex Abuse Policies Recall ‘Soviet-Style’ Justice

WASHINGTON / June 5, 2012 – Following revelations of denial of due process protections to Hany Abdalla, accused by an anonymous source of sexual abuse of an 8-year-old student, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is calling on lawmakers to investigate the problem of false allegations of abuse.

Abdalla, who works as a teacher’s aide in a New York City school, was arrested on April 25. The next day the Manhattan district attorney’s office announced it would not prosecute the case and released the man. Abdalla, father of 3, had worked at the school since 2007 and had no prior investigations or convictions on his record. Abdalla always worked with other adults in the room, according to the man’s attorney.

The teacher’s union has filed a grievance on behalf of Mr. Abdalla. Still, a school system representative refused to indicate how long the department could keep Abdalla suspended without a hearing, or what could lead him to be reinstated, according to the New York Times account: http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/05/30/accused-of-abuse-but-not-charged-teachers-aide-remains-in-limbo/

The Abdalla incident occurred just as the National Registry of Exonerations released a ground-breaking study that details how dozens of persons around the country have been falsely accused and convicted on charges of child sex abuse, only to be exonerated after years behind bars. Some had been handed life sentences for a crime they didn’t commit.

The exonerations occurred after the “victim” stepped forward to reveal the crime had been fabricated, or after DNA testing proved another person to be the perpetrator. The report deplored the sex-abuse “hysteria” that surrounded many of the prosecutions: http://www.law.umich.edu/special/exoneration/Documents/exonerations_us_1989_2012_full_report.pdf

“Anonymous allegations, secret procedures, open-ended investigations, and media accounts that presume guilt are an anathema to justice.” notes SAVE spokesman Philip Cook. “Every lawmaker who took an oath to defend the Constitution should be asking why Soviet-style justice is being allowed to flourish in the United States.”

June is False Allegations Awareness Month. According to a national telephone survey, one in 10 persons has been falsely accused of abuse: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/survey/

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is a victim-advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to partner abuse: www.saveservices.org

Woman slaps Tom Barrett for conceding too early

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Story here. Excerpt:

'After giving his concession speech in the race where Governor Scott Walker won his own recall election, a woman came up to him and asked, “Can I slap you?” Apparently, she was upset about him conceding while she felt there were still votes to be counted, reports Politico.

Barrett responded, “I’d rather you hug me.” Thinking he had made himself clear, he leaned down and received a slap in the face.

The Washington Times reports that Barrett was stunned and “just simply walked away after that.”'

Iowa court allows paternity-fraud lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'IOWA CITY -- A mother who falsely represents the identity of the father of her child can be sued for fraud and ordered to pay back financial support she received, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled Friday.

The court reluctantly opened the door to claims of paternity fraud, a controversial and particularly messy area of litigation that had not been recognized in Iowa. Chief Justice Mark Cady warned litigants to use caution in bringing such cases, saying they would be hard to prove, emotional and embarrassing.

"In the end, it becomes painfully obvious that parties pushed into the justice system over a paternity fraud claim could never leave it unscathed, and the standards of justice will certainly be stretched to their limits, even if justice is attainable," Cady wrote in a concurrence to the 7-0 decision. "This consequence may cause many reasonable, caring people to simply leave the claim dormant for the betterment of others."'

White House exaggerates male-female wage gap, statistics show

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Article here. Excerpt:

'America's "wage gap" between men and women may be more paper-thin than Democrats are letting on, and it's non-existent among those with a college degree.

President Obama and Senate Democrats have recently taken to repeating Census Bureau numbers showing that U.S. women earn 77 cents for every dollar a man earns, but that figure may not be the best representation of the facts. At the least, it's not the only representation.

The Census Bureau report is based on workers who earn an annual wage, so it doesn't take into account professions like school teachers who don't necessarily work year-round, the Washington Post reports.'

'A Good Day for Women’s Equality'

Mastodon · 6 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Organization for Women is pretending that the failure of the Paycheck Fairness Act in the Senate is a big blow to women.

It’s not: This bill would have encouraged more class-action lawsuits and made workplaces less flexible and efficient by encouraging the adoption of one-size-fits-all compensation practices. Trial lawyers would have been the only real beneficiaries of the Paycheck Fairness Act’s new legal regime. Women who want more job opportunities and greater flexibility should welcome the bill’s defeat.
...
Of course, this didn’t stop the National Organization for Women from repeating the tired line, “It is unacceptable that women are still paid, on average, 77 cents for every dollar paid to men,” with the clear — and misleading — suggestion that this gap is driven by discrimination. Yet certainly the Washington Post’s exposé on the statistic is a step in the right direction.'

SAVE Elert: June 30: A Pivotal Transformation

Matt · 8 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

The Connecting for Change Summit is the pivotal event in a transformation of the false allegations reform movement. Come to Washington, DC, June 30. Be part of this historical gathering.

Keynote Speaker: Michael McCormick
Exec. Dir., American Coalition for Fathers & Children
"False Allegations: A Blight to Families and Society"

"How to" Presentations
Write your own legal briefs.
Draft a bill while avoiding the legal fees.
Become a party delegate.
Lobby successfully.
Grow an organization.
Use traditional and social media.

N.Y. health chief calls for end to metzitzah b’peh rite in circumcisions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a strongly worded statement, Dr. Thomas Farley said that direct oral-genital suction, known as metzitzah b'peh, should not be performed during Jewish ritual circumcision. He said that several hospitals, including those serving the haredi Orthodox Jewish community, have agreed to distribute a brochure that describes the risk of contracting the herpes virus from the practice.

The controversy over metzitzah b’peh was reignited in March after it came to light that an unidentified infant died Sept. 28 at Brooklyn’s Maimonides Medical Center from “disseminated herpes simplex virus Type 1, complicating ritual circumcision with oral suction," according to the death certificate,

Health Department investigations of newborns with the herpes virus from 2000 to 2011 have shown that 11 infants contracted the herpes virus when mohels, or ritual circumcisers, placed their mouths directly on the child’s circumcision wound to draw blood away from the circumcision cut, according to a statement from the department. Ten of the infants were hospitalized, at least two developed brain damage and two babies died.'

Woman killed and dismembered cheating husband and scattered body parts around city in plastic bags

Matt · 9 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Ever notice that when a woman kills her cheating husband, "he had it coming," while when a man kills his cheating wife, "he's a monster!" Truth is, murdering a spouse over an affair is wrong no matter who gets murdered. Try telling that though to the average person. Excerpt:

'A Brazilian woman has admitted to shooting her husband and cutting off his limbs before scattering his body parts in plastic bags.

Elize Ramos Kitano Matsunaga, 38, killed her husband, Marcos Kitano Matsunaga, 42, in their apartment in Sao Paulo, Brazil, last month after an argument over his infidelity.

Police found his body parts spread along a road in the city of Cotia, about 20 miles outside Sao Paulo.

WILL Magazine, May Issue, Volume 1 Issue 10

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From the WILL publisher:

WILL Magazine Volume 1 Issue 10, has been given a makeover. The highlighted topics in this Issue are Old Age & Male Breast Cancer.

'Save scolding of fathers for another day'

Mastodon · 10 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'And those discussions have their place – just not on Father's Day.

We don't have this problem on Mother's Day.

Nobody talks about the moms who made poor choices.

Nobody talks about the moms who walk out on their kids or unnecessarily puts them in harm's way to hold onto a destructive relationship.

Nobody dares to talk about the things moms sometimes get wrong.

For one day, moms are simply celebrated, their importance and sacrifices highlighted and appreciated.

Dads don't receive the same blanket courtesies on Father's Day, even though we have 364 other days every year to point out things fathers get wrong.

It took almost six decades after Mother's Day was recognized to have the United States officially begin acknowledge Father's Day.'

Should Men Pay for Their Lover's Pregnancy?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Why don't we recognize that when a woman gets pregnant with a man to whom she is not married, the pregnancy should be both parties' responsibility?" she writes in the Stanford Law Review. Not to say that some men don't help out; many do. But for those who don't "the law gives them a free pass. In short, until and unless paternity has been established, a pregnant woman and the man with whom she conceives are legal strangers."

Except they aren't really strangers; they've shared an intimate act. But they aren't spouses, either. They're something in between, either as tenuously connected as a no-strings-attached situation or a cohabiting couple. "When a man and a woman have nonreproductive sex, they knowingly engage in an act that has a reasonable possibility of radically interfering with the woman's life, and disproportionately so," she says. "Preglimony is a new word; it is not a new practice. It's time the law noticed."'

Why Society Is Failing Young Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Have you noticed how guys are being portrayed in movies lately? Unless you've been living under a rock you've seen at least one of these: Knocked Up, Failure to Launch, Hall Pass, Old School, or the Jackass series.

All the leading male characters are presented as expendable losers usually incapable of taking responsibility for themselves, often plotting intricate but seldom realized plans to get laid, and generally running the opposite direction of any kind of commitment. Not only do they avoid the future, sometimes they attempt to re-live past glory in order to avoid living in the present. It seems these guys don't have much value to contribute to society beyond their ability to entertain the other male characters, and of course, the audience.'

Should fathers have rights with unwanted children?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As Father's Day approaches, it may be time to rethink the question of a father's rights and responsibilities, to take some of our most cherished and unexamined slogans and see if they are fair. (This is a dangerous prospect: Obviously there is a reason that we cherish and don't examine our slogans.)

Take for instance the idea of "a woman's right to choose." I believe absolutely that a woman should decide whether to terminate or go forward with a pregnancy. The man's opinion is only secondary, and if there is a conflict, entirely negligible.

But is this fair? The social scientist Dalton Conley wrote a provocative op-ed, "A Man's Right to Choose" in The New York Times on this subject a few years ago. He wrote, "But when men and women engage in sexual relations both parties recognize the potential for creating life. If both parties willingly participate then shouldn't both have a say in whether to keep a baby that results?"'

Obama Misleads On Women's Pay

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, the Senate voted on the Paycheck Fairness Act, Democrat-created legislation that would have allegedly insured women are paid equally to men. Democrats cited statistics indicating women only make 77% as much money as men do as justification for the new legislation. The Senate voted down the legislation basically along party lines, with Republicans and a handful of Democrats voting against it.

Color me confused. Didn't President Obama sign the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 to address that exact problem? Is this new legislation an admission that Ledbetter was ineffective, or what? Plus, the Equal Pay Act of 1963 was implemented nearly fifty years ago to address the same problem, as was Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prevented sex discrimination. Were all those pieces of legislation also ineffective? What's going on here?'

5 cancers men should worry about -- and what they can do

Mastodon · 10 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'No man is invincible, especially when it comes to health. Learn to detect and defend against the cancers most likely to attack men, and you'll be able to take the disease head-on if it strikes--and increase your chances of beating it.'

1. Prostate
2. Lungs
3. Colorectal
4. Bladder
5. Lymphoma

Michigan bills would extend biological dads' rights

Mastodon · 10 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Michigan Legislature has sent Gov. Rick Snyder bills that would give biological fathers some rights to their children, even if the mothers were married to other men at the time of a child's birth.

The current 1956 law presumes that a woman's husband is the father of her children, making the husband responsible for their support and denying parental rights to the biological father.

Lawmakers last week passed measures extending rights to biological fathers, and the proposals are awaiting Snyder's signature. A phone message about the governor's intentions on the bills was left with a spokeswoman Sunday.
...
Under the bills, a man who asserts a claim of fatherhood could bring legal action to gain paternal rights to the child, even if another man is already being acknowledged as the child's father.
...
The Michigan branch of the National Organization for Women opposed the bills.'

Five months in jail for married teacher accused of having sex with four students

MikeJH · 11 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What would have been the sentence if a male teacher was convicted of having sex with 4 underage girls? Judges, male or female, always apply a double standard. Interesting comments at the bottom. Excerpt:

'A teacher who began an affair with an underage student just two months after getting married has been jailed for five months.

Rachel Farrell was accused of having sex with four students in the months after her marriage in June 2010.

But after three of the teens refused to co-operate with a police investigation the 26 year old was charged with one count of underage sex.

Farrell, who has since been divorced by her husband, pleaded guilty to corrupting a minor.
...
She then surprised Judge Giodarno by telling him she thought the sentence of five months in jail and three years probation was correct.

After the hearing, Mills said he will appeal the sentence, adding that the district attorney's office did not specifically request jail time for Farrell.'

RFK Jr. calls Mary Kennedy abusive in court papers

Matt · 11 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (AP) — Robert F. Kennedy Jr. accused his estranged wife, Mary, of abusing his children from an earlier marriage, including stealing items from his young daughter, showing up uninvited on trips he took after they separated and sometimes calling him dozens of times a day, according to a legal filing revealed Sunday.

Mary Kennedy killed herself last month at the family's estate in Bedford, N.Y. Robert Kennedy filed for divorce two years ago, and the case was pending when she died. The couple married in 1994 and had four children together.

Portions of a confidential affidavit filed in 2011 in the divorce case were posted online by The Daily Beast (http://bit.ly/LCcOY4) as part of a cover story in Newsweek magazine on newsstands Monday about Mary Kennedy that was written by Kennedy family biographer Laurence Leamer. A spokesman for the site declined to comment on how the affidavit was obtained.'

NOW: Mothers, Children at Risk as Fathers' Rights Groups Seek Legitimacy for Phony Mental "Disorder"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NOW Foundation opposes the inclusion of the so-called PAS/PAD in the DSM-5 under any name or category. The American Psychiatric Association is soliciting final comments on the revisions to the DSM-5 by June 15. We encourage you to send messages to the APA via their interactive website. Tell the APA that you oppose the inclusion of the so-called parental alienation syndrome in DSM-5 in ANY FORM. Please make sure to emphasize the fact that the American Bar Association has determined PAS to be inadmissible in court because it does not meet evidentiary standards. Accusations of PAS protect real abusers at the expense of women and children who have already been victimized.'

Parental Alienation: 'A hotly disputed topic'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Parental alienation is a hotly disputed topic among some members of the legal and mental health communities.

The American Psychiatric Association is debating whether or not to include parental alienation as a mental health syndrome in its 2013 revision of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, or the DSM-5.

Those in favor of recognizing parental alienation as a mental disorder claim it would result in fairer decisions from family courts and enable child victims to get treatment and eventually reconcile with their estranged parent.

Those who oppose inclusion in the DSM-5 claim that parental alienation is junk science, or an unproven concept that abusive husbands use to draw attention away from their behaviors.'

UK: Police chief found hanged after 'nice buttons' sexism row

Broadsword · 11 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Police chief David Ainsworth, under investigation for alleged sexism, including commenting on a female colleague's "nice buttons", was found hanged after convincing himself his force was "gunning for him", an inquest was told.

Mr Ainsworth, 49, the deputy chief constable of Wiltshire, was removed from his duties after up to 24 allegations emerged against him from female colleagues.

The officer, who earned £110,000 a year, was accused of looking at one woman in a tailored blouse and commenting: "Nice buttons."

He feared he would lose everything and was found hanged at his cottage in Potterne, Wilts, in March last year. Jo Howes, his girlfriend, told the inquest yesterday of a conversation less than a month before his death.

"David was very distressed and outlined why he thought he had nothing left to live for," she said. "He thought his employer was gunning for him and he did not know why.

"He expressed that no matter what he did, those involved would get him, through an employment tribunal. He was very hurt." She added: "He had been told by more than one superintendent that it was a witch hunt."'

Children with older fathers and grandfathers 'live longer'

Broadsword · 12 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Delaying fatherhood may offer survival advantages, say US scientists who have found children with older fathers and grandfathers appear to be "genetically programmed" to live longer.

The genetic make-up of sperm changes as a man ages and develops DNA code that favours a longer life - a trait he then passes to his children.

The team found the link after analysing the DNA of 1,779 young adults.
...
Experts have known for some time that lifespan is linked to the length of structures known as telomeres that sit at the end of the chromosomes that house our genetic code, DNA. Generally, a shorter telomere length means a shorter life expectancy.

Like the plastic tips on shoelaces, telomeres protect chromosomal ends from damage. But in most cells, they shorten with age until the cells are no longer able to replicate.

However, scientist have discovered that in sperm, telomeres lengthen with age.

And since men pass on their DNA to their children via sperm, these long telomeres can be inherited by the next generation.'

Spread of 'baby boxes' in Europe alarms United Nations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The United Nations is increasingly concerned at the spread in Europe of "baby boxes" where infants can be secretly abandoned by parents, warning that the practice "contravenes the right of the child to be known and cared for by his or her parents", the Guardian has learned.

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, which reports on how well governments respect and protect children's human rights, is alarmed at the prevalence of the hatches – usually outside a hospital – which allow unwanted newborns to be left in boxes with an alarm or bell to summon a carer.
...
"There is growing evidence that it is frequently men or relatives abandoning the child, raising questions about the mother's whereabouts and whether she has consented to giving up her baby," he said. "You also have to ask whether an anonymous drop allows the authorities to check whether there's a chance for the baby to remain with its family in the care of other relatives."'

Silverthorne Clinic still performing neonatal circumcisions

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With reference to this petition, MANN admins received the following:

'Hey, everyone. Thanks for signing. We reached our goal of 500 signatures and then some thanks to you.

Unfortunately, Silverthorne Clinic is not responding so, I'm asking you to send them an email (info-at-highcountryhealth.com), write them a letter (265 Tanglewood Lane Ste E-1, Silverthorne, CO 80498), or call them (970.468.1003) to let them know that you want them to stop performing infant circumcision. Thank you for your continued support.'

Remember, please be polite and avoid any nastiness regardless of how you contact them. Just let them know you are aware of the effort to petition them to stop performing routine neonatal circumcisions, that you support it, and you want them to stop doing it. That's all.

SAVE: Convicted by a Stereotype, Brian Banks Now Needs Our Help

Matt · 12 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Brian Banks was a 16-year-old star high school football player when he was falsely accused of rape by a female acquaintance. Ten years later, after spending over five years in prison, he was recently exonerated.

Banks now looks forward to playing for the Seattle Seahawks...and telling his story. Planning on producing a documentary, he writes, "I hope my story can serve as a catalyst for change."

Using kickstarter, Banks needs to raise $40,000 by June 28. He has received $11,369 as of this writing. Banks: "I am asking from the deepest part of my heart, will you help me? I will not be able to do this without you."

Please visit his page on kickstarter, and do what you can to help Brian Banks expose the devastation of false allegations.

JUNE IS FALSE ALLEGATIONS AWARENESS MONTH. TELL A FRIEND.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Panel recommends: All women should be screened for partner abuse

oregon dad · 13 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'All women of childbearing age could benefit from being routinely screened for intimate partner violence, a government-appointed panel of experts said today.

Whether or not women have any signs or symptoms of abuse, they would be screened under the proposed recommendation released today by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

An estimated 1.3 to 5.3 million women yearly experience violence at the hands of their partners, though these numbers are likely underestimates, because such violence often goes unreported, according to research cited by the panel.

If a screening test revealed a woman to be the victim of intimate partner violence, she should be referred for an intervention, according to the draft.

The new recommendation would be a change from the panel's previous statement on the topic. In 2004, the panel said it found insufficient evidence to recommend for or against routinely screening women for intimate partner violence. In recommending any routine screening, the panel considers evidence of the potential benefits and harms.'

UNBELIEVABLE!!

Swedish party wants sit-down urination

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Article here.

'Left Party members of a Swedish county council said they want to encourage men using the council's toilets to sit during urination.

The Left Party in Sormland said it wants the Sormland County Council to pass a motion requiring toilets reserved for stand-up urination to be labeled, Swedish news agency TT reported Monday.

The party said sit-down urination is more hygienic and reduces the risk of bathroom users having to negotiate their way around puddles en route to the toilet.

The supporters of the motion said sitting during urination also has medical benefits, including reducing the risk of prostate problems and leading to a healthier and longer sex life.

Viggo Hansen, a substitute member of the council and author of the motion, said he wants it to eventually lead to sitting-only bathrooms.'

NZ: 'Emotionally unstable' Dunedin woman made false rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A young woman was seriously emotionally unstable when she falsely claimed she had been raped, counsel for 20-year-old Sarah Louise Jenkins, unemployed, told the Dunedin District Court yesterday.
...
Mr Miller acknowledged the complaint had been "disturbing". But although it caused difficulties for the young man, it was "at the low end". The defendant was truly sorry for what she had done. She was having ongoing counselling and was stable at present, Mr Miller said.

Judge Michael Crosbie told Jenkins the victim had gone through "a very bad situation" as a result of the false allegation. He had liked her, although he knew she had "issues".

Then it seemed her friends became involved and made threats against him. Although angry and upset about what happened, the victim had since "moved on", the judge said.'

India: Mewat sees rise in false cases of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'HANDIGARH: The Mewat district in Haryana, where Muslims are in majority and which is also one of the most backward areas of the state, has witnessed a surge in false cases of rapes and molestation, allegedly for settling personal scores.

According to Mewat superintendent of police, Pankaj Nain, police have so far cancelled 32 false FIRs of rape in the last five years while investigations into 19 other cases were presently on. In most cancelled cases, the complainants were Muslim women, he said.

"The cases which have been cancelled by us so far included those registered by vested interests, who wanted to settle scores with their rivals. In some cases, the complainant did not join investigations after registration of case or turned hostile at the time of recording of statements by judicial magistrate," said Nain.

"However, as provided under law, we have started taking action against such complainants, who are misleading police to settle personal scores," he added.'

A father's love is one of the greatest influences on personality development

Matt · 14 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to the impact of a father's love versus that of a mother, results from more than 500 studies suggest that while children and adults often experience more or less the same level of acceptance or rejection from each parent, the influence of one parent's rejection -- oftentimes the father's -- can be much greater than the other's. A 13-nation team of psychologists working on the International Father Acceptance Rejection Project has developed at least one explanation for this difference: that children and young adults are likely to pay more attention to whichever parent they perceive to have higher interpersonal power or prestige. So if a child perceives her father as having higher prestige, he may be more influential in her life than the child's mother. Work is ongoing to better understand this potential relationship.

One important take-home message from all this research, Rohner says, is that fatherly love is critical to a person's development. The importance of a father's love should help motivate many men to become more involved in nurturing child care. Additionally, he says, widespread recognition of the influence of fathers on their children's personality development should help reduce the incidence of "mother blaming" common in schools and clinical setting. "The great emphasis on mothers and mothering in America has led to an inappropriate tendency to blame mothers for children's behavior problems and maladjustment when, in fact, fathers are often more implicated than mothers in the development of problems such as these."'

Bizarre burning and cutting ritual on kids lands Florida woman in jail

Matt · 14 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ST. PETERSBURG -- Danielle Harkins told the kids they needed to rid their bodies of demons as the group gathered before dusk Saturday around a small fire near the St. Petersburg Pier. They should cut their skin to let the evil spirits out, police said she told the children. Then, they needed to burn the wounds to ensure that those spirits would not return.

...

Harkins, 35, a literacy teacher at Lealman and Asian Neighborhood Family Center, was booked in jail Tuesday morning on child abuse charges in connection with the bizarre ritual. She was held in jail Tuesday night on $55,000 bail.

Police said the ritual was attended by seven teenagers, all of Asian ethnic background, whom Harkins had taught a few years ago in her job at the center. At least two were injured, police said.

...

Records show that Harkins was the defendant in a sexual violence injunction that was dismissed in January. In August, she filed a domestic violence injunction against her husband, which was also dismissed.

The divorce was finalized June 1. About a month before, Harkins began acting strangely.

Lisa Cope, Harkins' next-door neighbor for the past four years, said the last time she saw her, Harkins had taken an interest in extreme religious beliefs.'

A Norwegian Political Party Has Called For A Ban On Religious Circumcision

Matt · 14 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In an interview with Norwegian daily newspaper Dagbladet published today, a representative of Norway's Center Party has argued that circumcising a newborn boy for religious reasons should be made illegal.

Citing how circumcising a girl is already prohibited, justice policy spokeswoman Jenny Klinge and the Center Party — a junior member in Norway's coalition government — reportedly believe it is time to extend this law to include males.

Her comments have already caused quite a stir in Norway and abroad with doctors and politicians coming forward to express their disapproval or support for Klinge's comments.'

Following Brian Banks Release, SAVE Raps Media for Allowing Rape 'Hysteria'

Matt · 14 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, June 14, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Following the release of Brian Banks after 5 years in jail on a false rape conviction, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is calling on the media to report rape allegations in a responsible and ethical manner. Media accounts of alleged rape cases often highlight the accusation but fail to report exonerations in the same manner, SAVE says.

Brian Banks was a 16-year-old football star with a full scholarship to the University of Southern California when he was accused of rape by Wanetta Gibson. Fearing a life sentence, Banks agreed to a plea bargain, even though there was no medical evidence or witnesses to support her claim.

Banks spent over five years in jail. In the meantime, Gibson received a $750,000 settlement from the school for not defending her from the alleged assault. Recently Gibson admitted during a taped interview that her accusation was fabricated. On May 24, 2012, Banks was exonerated.'

Vibe: An Investigative Report On Reverse Circumcision

Matt · 14 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Society puts great importance on the male genitalia. But at birth, the penis faces its first true test: to circumcise or not to circumcise. For generations, the question was a no-brainer because most fathers want their sons to “look like them.” At the peak of its practice in the 1970s, an estimated 80 percent of American parents circumcised their newborn sons, removing what would be nearly four inches in adult foreskin and 20,000 nerve endings.

Like the man in the video, Eddy, 38, is also restoring. He said he suffered from a “growing lack of sensitivity” after being “modified” as a child. ... The men who opt to restore do so because, like women who were circumcised, they didn’t have a choice and feel their bodies have been altered for the worse.

OVER THE YEARS, the procedure has declined in popularity in the U.S. In 2011, an estimated 54 percent of American boys were circumcised at birth (down from 80 percent in 1970). Parents are deciding to break from tradition. Medical research has proven that the foreskin is more than just an extra flap of skin. It’s a natural shield, lubricant and erogenous zone. “Since 1979 there has been a lot of research done that has established the actual value of the male foreskin,” explains Richard Russell director of communications for Doctors Opposing Circumcision (DOC). “And the costs of its loss, in terms of sexual sensing and performance.”'

Swedish Left Party Chapter Wants To Make Urinating While Standing Illegal For Men

Mastodon · 14 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Male representatives on the Sormland County Council in Sweden should sit rather than stand while urinating in office restrooms, according to a motion advanced by the local Left Party.

Known as a socialist and feminist organization, the party claims that seated urination is more hygienic for men -- the practice decreases the likelihood of puddles and other unwanted residue forming in the stall -- in addition to being better for a man's health by more effectively emptying one's bladder, The Local reported.'

New York City urges Requiring Consent for Jewish Rite

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New York City health officials proposed on Tuesday that Orthodox Jewish parents be required to sign a consent waiver before they can take part in a circumcision ritual that is believed to have led to the deaths of at least two babies in the city over the past decade.

The proposal, introduced at a Board of Health meeting, represents an escalation of the city's efforts to curtail the ancient Jewish procedure of metzitzah b'peh, in which an adult male, usually the circumciser, places his mouth directly on the wound created by the removal of the infant's foreskin to suck away the blood.'

UK: Why aren't boys participating in gym?

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Article here. Except:

'London - Findings from Western University have led researchers to ask questions about adolescent body image issues that are increasingly being traced to unhealthy behaviors and ultimately affecting adolescent male youth's desire to participate or avoid exercise.

Experts in gender studies and physical education will meet with the London community at Palasad (777 Adelaide Street North) at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13 to address how adolescent boys struggle with body image issues. Parents, students, teachers, school board members and friends are welcome to explore how some boys manage physical education classes that discourage participation.'

School Backs 'Bridesmaids' Teacher Who Allegedly Slapped Student Six Times

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jennifer Gonzalez, the Malibu High School teacher accused of slapping a student six times as she cited the movie "Bridesmaids," is being backed by school officials and will not be placed on administrative leave, TMZ reports.

The news comes after the NAACP urged the school to further investigate the incident.

“Where there’s smoke, there’s fire,” NAACP Santa Monica Branch President Darrell Goode told CBS Los Angeles last week. “So we’re pushing the district to do a full-blown administrative investigation.”

According to TMZ, the school's "full-blown" investigation revealed Gonzalez only "pat" the student, and that she didn't mean to hurt her.'

School for husbands – girls should be taught how to find supportive man

Broadsword · 14 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Helen Fraser, 63, the chief executive of the Girls' Day School Trust, told its annual conference that girls should learn to be just as "ambitious" in their relationships as they are in their careers.
...
The former managing director of Penguin Books said that girls can have it all - career, marriage and motherhood - but they must learn to pick the right partner to accomplish it.
...
"Just as I believe we should always encourage our girls to aspire to the best universities, I believe we should encourage our girls to be ambitious in their relationships," she said.
...

"That what too many women face nowadays isn't a 'glass ceiling' because of their sex but a 'nappy wall' if they choose to have a child as well as a career?

"That if you want children and a career, a partner who shares the load at home really, really matters?

"Or a partner who cares as much about you succeeding in your career as they does about their own – and is a cheerleader for you through your triumphs and setbacks. Is it about teaching girls to find partners who will make space for their own careers in a relationship?"'

White working class boys' growing up environment 'not conducive to good education'

Broadsword · 14 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hundreds of thousands of poor children are growing up with little hope of a good education or career after being raised by families that fail to set proper boundaries or fully understand the difference between right and wrong, Sir Michael Wilshaw warned.

He said problems were particularly acute among disadvantaged white boys who perform worse than almost every other group at the age of 16.

In an interview with the Telegraph, Sir Michael said that old-fashioned values such as “self-help” and support for education had been eroded in many communities, particularly those in post-industrial cities with high levels of unemployment.

He said teachers from the best schools in these areas were now expected to act as “surrogate parents” – escorting pupils to bus stops, helping with homework, providing meals and giving them advice – in place of families “who can’t or won’t support their children”.'

NOW’s Stand on Shared Parenting

Matt · 15 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It seems inconsistent that the group that says its purpose is “sharing equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities with men,” opposes shared parenting. On its website, NOW states:

NOW is the largest, most comprehensive feminist advocacy group in the United States. Our purpose is to take action to bring women into full participation in society — sharing equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities with men, while living free from discrimination.

Gloria Woods, President of Michigan NOW, wrote this about shared parenting:

"Shared Parental Responsibility." In our work as women's advocates, how often have we heard custodial moms wish that their children's father would share the parental responsibility? Unfortunately, "shared parental responsibility" is the new doublespeak for joint physical custody by so-called "father's rights" groups.'

Kiva.org sends pro-father/man message

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So rare to see that it is worth noting. Some of what was said in their email:

'Why lend to men?

As the nonprofit world focuses on empowering women, men's contributions to their families and communities are too often overlooked. On Kiva, men make up only 19% of all borrowers but account for 65% of loans that don't get funded. True equality means expanding opportunity and financial independence to everyone. Consider the incredible ripple effect of lending to men:

- Financially stable men are more likely to have healthy, educated (and yes, happy!) children.
- Gainfully employed men are more likely to share housework and care-giving with their partners, becoming valuable role models for gender equality.
- Men with financial opportunities are less likely to migrate or uproot their families, and more likely to spend quality time with their children.

Kiva is dedicated to providing men with the economic support they need to find fulfilling employment and care for their families. We also partner with organizations in 60+ countries that provide resources specifically tailored to families, helping make parents' lives just a little bit easier, one loan at a time.'

A Father's Day plea -- let's stop anonymous sperm donations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We are just a few days away from Father's Day 2012. On Sunday, June 17, Americans will celebrate the value of fatherhood.

Yet, without seemingly having given it much thought to it at all, our society now allows millions of men and women to create children who will never know their biological fathers. That's because we sanction allowing men and women to purchase sperm from anonymous donors. These donors will forever be shielded from having their identities discovered by their sons and daughters.

This policy inherently presupposes that bearing children who have no opportunity to know their biological fathers does not deprive them of anything that is inherently theirs--as a fundamental human right.'

Mandatory Circumcision Not Cost Effective for HIV Prevention

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SAN DIEGO – Mandating circumcision in the United States would prevent 24 more cases of HIV than does the traditional optional approach to circumcision, but would increase costs by approximately $389 million, making it far less cost effective, an analysis of published data suggests.

The investigators assumed that the overall incidence of HIV in the United States is 27 cases/100,000 people and the lifetime cost of care for someone with HIV is $119,000, based on published data from government statistics and peer-reviewed studies. Using the $392 cost of a circumcision at their institution, they developed computer-generated estimates of the cost-effectiveness of mandatory or traditional circumcision strategies for various populations, said Dr. Sarah E. Drennan, a third-year resident in ob.gyn. at Ochsner Medical Center, New Orleans.

For the overall U.S. population, mandatory circumcision would prevent 494 cases of HIV at a cost of approximately $790 million. Traditional circumcision – in which the parents choose whether or not to circumcise a newborn – would prevent 470 cases of HIV at a cost of approximately $401 million, she reported at the annual meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.'

Australian Department of Health & Ageing: "Males Urged to Think and Do More About Their Health"

Minuteman · 15 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The Minister responsible for male health, Warren Snowdon, today launched the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW) second male health bulletin, Health of Australia's males: a focus on five population groups, during a visit to the Murrumbateman Men's Shed.

The bulletin examines five male population groups at risk of poor health: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males; those living in regional and remote areas; males living in socio-economically disadvantaged areas; males born overseas; and older males.

"This bulletin shows just being a part of these groups can have a very mixed impact on health, but often preventable risk factors play a role," Mr Snowdon said.'

Transnational Relations Between Perceived Parental Acceptance and Personality Dispositions of Children and Adults

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Three questions drawn from parental acceptance–rejection theory were addressed: (a) Are children's perceptions of parental acceptance transnationally associated with specific personality dispositions? (b) Are adults' remembrances of parental acceptance in childhood transnationally associated with these personality dispositions? and (c) Do relations between parental acceptance and offspring's personality dispositions vary by gender of parents? All studies used the child and adult versions of the Parental Acceptance–Rejection Questionnaires (PARQ) for Mothers and for Fathers, as well as the child and adult versions of the Personality Assessment Questionnaire (PAQ). Results showed that both maternal and paternal acceptance in childhood correlated significantly in all countries with all seven personality dispositions of adult offspring. Adults' remembrance of paternal acceptance in childhood correlated significantly with all adult personality dispositions except dependence.'

CNN: No more dumb old dad: Changing the bumbling father stereotype

mens_issues · 16 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There's a movement under way among dads in America that's changing what you see on TV.

Across the country, more and more are fed up -- and rising up against the stereotype of the inept, clueless father.

"We're not the Peter Griffin or the Homer Simpson that we're often portrayed as," said Kevin Metzger, who runs the Dadvocate blog.

It's often the chief gripe among the dads I interview about modern fatherhood.'

The single-mom catastrophe

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In its broad outlines, the story is familiar by now. In 1965, 93% of all American births were to women with marriage licenses. Over the next few decades, the percentage of babies with no father around rose steadily. As of 1970, 11% of births were to unmarried mothers; by 1990, that number had risen to 28%. Today, 41% of all births are to unmarried women. And for mothers under 30, the rate is 53%.

Though other Western countries also concluded that it was OK for the unmarried to have kids, what they had in mind as the substitute for marriage was something similar to it: a stable arrangement in which two partners, cohabiting over the long term, would raise their children together. The embrace of "lone motherhood" — women bringing up kids with no dad around — has been an American specialty.
...
On the other hand, those who opt for single motherhood are hurting not just themselves but their offspring. The children of single mothers are twice as likely as children growing up with both parents to drop out of high school. Those who do graduate are less likely to go to college, even if you control for household income and the mother's education. Decades of research show that kids growing up with single mothers (again, even after you allow for the obvious variables) have lower scholastic achievement from kindergarten through high school, as well as higher rates of drug and alcohol abuse, depression, behavior problems and teen pregnancy. All these factors are likely to reduce their eventual incomes at a time when what children need is more education, more training and more planning. The rise in single motherhood was ill-adapted for the economic shifts of the late 20th century.'

Barack Obama: Michelle Told Me To Knock It Off For Calling Father's Day A 'Forgotten Holiday'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON -- President Barack Obama says his wife told him to knock it off for calling Father's Day a "forgotten holiday."

Obama ate lunch with four campaign supporters in downtown Washington on Friday and observed that people make a bigger deal out of Mother's Day. He said he had shared his observation with Michelle Obama and that she told him to knock it off.

The president said the first lady told him Mother's Day should be a bigger day because "every day is Father's Day" and he is "always getting a treat."

Obama's comments came as he chatted with his lunch mates in view of the media. Later Friday, he and his family were flying home to Chicago, where they planned to spend Father's Day weekend.'

Eliminating Prison Rape Would Save Society $50 Billion Per Year: Report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In terms of dollars and cents, it makes sense to try and prevent prison rape.

That's the conclusion of a recent report from the Department of Justice, which examines the costs and savings associated with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) -- a law that was passed in 2003, but with specific rules that weren't finalized until last month.
...
Full compliance with the standards set out in the PREA would cost penal facilities about $468.5 million a year, according to the report. By contrast, the financial benefits to society from eliminating prison rape would come to almost $52 billion a year.

The real horror of prison rape, of course, has nothing to do with money, and everything to do with the physical and emotional trauma that prisoners experience -- especially when those prisoners are juveniles suffering abuse at the hands of staff.

It all points to a problem that seems to cost more to ignore than it would to treat.'

Does Child Support Need an Update?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(The Root) -- Timed for Father's Day weekend, on Friday the White House Domestic Policy Council issued a new report detailing the Obama administration's various initiatives to encourage fatherhood and healthy families.

"One out of every three children in America -- over 24 million in total -- lives in a home without their biological father present," reads the introduction to the report, entitled Promoting Responsible Fatherhood (pdf), which continues to say that many noncustodial dads who try to do the right thing are challenged by unemployment and underemployment. "Data show that low-income men from communities of color are significantly more likely to be nonresident fathers than resident fathers."

...

"There are guys who don't have the economic means, for various reasons, to pay, and for a lot of low-income dads it becomes insurmountable debt," Joseph T. Jones, the president and founder of the Center for Urban Families, told The Root. "Then the child-support system expends resources to incarcerate them, compounding the issue because even while the father's in jail, the debt continues to accrue."'

Happy Fathers' Day

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It's always a holiday here at MANN that brings mixed emotions. Many of our readers don't get to see their own kids much or at all, or are estranged from them, or something else. Still, it's a day to say "Thank you, dads," and MANN says it with gusto.

THANK-YOU, DADS!!

Whatever this day means to you or how you experience it, we hope it is as good as it can be for you.

1% Wives Are Helping Kill Feminism and Make the War on Women Possible

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK -- When my mind gets stuck on everything that is wrong with feminism, it brings out the 19th century poet in me: Let me count the ways. Most of all, feminism is pretty much a nice girl who really, really wants so badly to be liked by everybody -- ladies who lunch, men who hate women, all the morons who demand choice and don't understand responsibility -- that it has become the easy lay of social movements. I am going to smack the next idiot who tells me that raising her children full time -- by which she really means going to Jivamukti classes and pedicure appointments while the nanny babysits -- is her feminist choice. Who can possibly take feminism seriously when it allows everything, as long as women choose it? The whole point to begin with was that women were losing their minds pushing mops and strollers all day without a room or a salary of their own.

Let's please be serious grown-ups: real feminists don't depend on men. Real feminists earn a living, have money and means of their own.

If the movement had been serious about being serious then the idea could not have caught on that equal is how you feel. Or that how anyone feels about anything matters at all. Men know better. They look at numbers, and here is how the statistics are running years after women first started screaming and yelling and burning bras: We still earn 81 percent of what men do, and an act to make things more fair was blocked in Congress by Republicans. For anyone who doesn't care to count, but understands traffic signals mixed with policy speculation, I think it's safe to say that the day is near when a teenage girl will be forced to get a vaginal probe before she is issued a learner's permit in the state of Virginia. And this is all because feminism has misread its mission of equality as something open to interpretation, as expressive and impressive, not absolute.'

As gender roles change, are men out of step?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Gender politics are alive and well in this country, let there be no doubt," said Dean Jennifer Delahunty, who laid it all out in a 2006 opinion piece in The New York Times exposing the widening gap in achievement.

"There's a kind of anti-intellectualism of young men that really bothers me," Delahunty said, "that it's not cool to be smart. That it's not cool to be engaged. That it's not cool to do your homework. That bothers me.

"Not only do they not enroll in college at the same rate as women, they don't graduate from college at the same rate. They don't retain at the same rate."

The numbers don't lie: Male college enrollment has been sliding for more than four decades - and it's expected to just get worse.
...
"Boys think that academic disengagement is a sign of masculinity," said Kimmel. "The less you can do in school, the less connected you are, the less interested you are, the more manly you are."'

Arizona dad fights for rights of divorced fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mike Espinoza's life has become a stereotype. Like divorced fathers across the country, the Apache Junction flooring installer crams a life with his sons into every other weekend and a few weeks in the summer.

He's furious about it and is trying to change it.

And while he hasn't yet won more time with his own children, he has given Arizona fathers a better chance at equal parenting time. In the process, he's become a role model to his 8- and 10-year-old sons.'

India: Men no more show manners around women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men and chivalry come together but guess with women talking a lot of economic independence, it's making them forget their basic etiquettes.

This is not some male bashing exercise nor is it a feminist piece but the days of men showing basic manners with women are all over! A male colleague shares an ice-cream with a female colleague and since the ice-cream is Rs.65, it is assumed that the money will be shared between the two. For Rs.35, the male colleague reminds his woman colleague twice when she is going to repay the money! Yes, this is a real case scenario between colleagues. Even if the male colleague could not afford to pay and was hoping to share the bill, he need not remind the woman colleague twice! A man asks a woman out for a date and he shares the Rs.10 two cookies bill with her! Friends go to watch a movie and the woman does not know she will be paying money for popcorn and tickets just because the man reveals he does not have a job and does not want to spend on any money for the time being!
...

Veer Singh, an investment banker says, "Women are getting independent. They proclaim so much about their fianancial independence so then they should not worry about splitting the bill or paying for us once in a while. Men have been showing chivalry for many years now, if women are so independent then why do they shy away and talk about chivalry in such situations?" Rati Sheth, a fashion designer feels men today are so careless about little things that would make us feel good. "I am happy that I am single. She says, "A male friend invited me to his place on the outskirts of the city for dinner and when I asked him to help me with directions to go home after the party got over, he simply refused. He said, I am an independent woman and can easily locate my place by asking for directions on the way, forget chivalry, basic helping nature has also vanished amongst people today."'

Canada: Top court hears landmark spousal abuse case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Supreme Court of Canada heard arguments Thursday on whether victims of domestic abuse can hire a hit man to kill their partners, a controversial issue which tests the limits of the defence of duress.

The case involves a Nova Scotia woman, Nicole Doucet, who tried to hire an undercover RCMP officer to kill her husband Michael Ryan.

The high school teacher was arrested in March 2008 and charged with counselling to commit murder.

She was acquitted of the charge two years later after the Nova Scotia Supreme Court accepted her argument that she thought she had no other way out of an abusive 15-year marriage to a man who repeatedly threatened her and her daughter.'

Texas school staff forced 'smelly, dirty' third-grader to shower, lawsuit says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'FORT WORTH, Texas – The parents of a third-grade boy have sued two Texas school employees, alleging that they forced their son to strip and shower in front of them because he "smelled badly, was dirty and had bad hygiene."

The eight-year-old was singled out last November and taken to the nurse's office at Peaster Elementary School where he was forced to remove his clothes, the suit alleges, the Courthouse News Service reported.

The two school officials then "began violently washing his body with a washcloth, scrubbing him over a large portion of his body, stuck cotton balls in his ears, all while ridiculing and harassing him about being 'dirty,'" the complaint claims.'

UK: White working-class boys are consigned to education scrapheap, Ofsted warns

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys from white working-class families are growing up with no hope of a decent education or career because of an ‘anti-school culture’, the head of Ofsted warned last night.

Sir Michael Wilshaw says generations of children in deprived areas are doomed to underachieve, thanks to an erosion of traditional community values and parents failing to set boundaries.

The chief inspector of schools said white boys from poor families were worst affected and achieved the worst results aged 16 at school.'

The cheapening of fathers, men and boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here's a great Father's Day thought: Men and boys need help. They've become more self-destructive, more apathetic about success and more violent. Fewer are moving on to higher education, and boys and men alike are being outperformed in school by girls and women.

On this day, Fathers Day, the culture continues to redefine masculinity, but struggles to know what it means to be a "real" man. Meanwhile, the bashing of the traditional male role continues without surcease.

A case in point: CBS' Sunday Morning on Sunday celebrated Fathers Day by asking in its lead piece: "As gender roles change, are men out of step?" It's a scatter-shot piece, badly in need of focusing by a skilled editor, and it never really answers the question. Yet not a single defender of traditional role of men and fathers appeared to suggest why boys and men have gone off the rails. Instead, there is the demeaning reference to "out-date He-Man ideas."'

TV report features data on American boy crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men seem to be “out of step” in various parts of American society today, reports the popular CBS “Sunday Morning” TV show June 17; while focusing especially on how men are not enrolling in college at the same rate as women and “they don’t graduate from college at the same rate.” The numbers don't lie, added Sunday Morning while pointing to “male college enrollment has been sliding for more than four decades - and it's expected to just get worse.” On this same Father’s Day, First Lady Michelle Obama was speaking to graduates about today’s changing “traditional markers of success during the Oregon State University graduation ceremony in Corvallis, Oregon, June 17 that was televised state-wide by Oregon PBS. The First Lady was on hand to give the commencement address at Oregon State University, the school where her brother Craig Robinson is the head basketball coach. In turn, in what’s become evident - at both this university graduation and throughout the nation – is that women and not men are excelling in both college and all other aspects of American society.'

US Govt. Web Site Gives Dads Tips on Teaching Kids Hygiene, How to Eat

Matt · 18 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Wonder if there's one for moms, too? Excerpt:

'The federal government Web site www.fatherhood.gov offers a wide range of “tips” and resources for teaching men how to be a father, including “father-child” videos on healthy eating, teeth brushing and hand washing.

The taxpayer-funded website, launched during the Clinton administration, is a project of the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse, which is a part of Health and Human Services’ Office of Family Assistance. The site links to the videos on the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences’ Psychiatric Research Institute’s Web site.'

Number of stay-at-home dads has doubled in past decade as 'man-cession' bites

Matt · 18 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It shows up in a UK paper but it's about US trends. Excerpt:

'Not too long ago, a father who chose to stay at home with kids while his wife went back to work after childbirth was something of an anomaly, opening the doors on countless Mr Mom jokes, but nowadays, a growing numbers of dads wear the moniker as a badge of honor.

Nationwide, the number of stay-at-home fathers - while still relatively small - has more than doubled in the past decade. There were only about 81,000 Mr Moms in 2001, or about 1.6 per cent of all stay-at-home parents.

By last year, the number had climbed to 176,000, or 3.4 per cent of stay-at-home fathers, according to U.S. Census data.'

A Father's Day downer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'From the loving, engaged portrayals of fathers featured in recent popular movies like “The Descendants,” “Moneyball” and “A Better Life” — all three performances were nominated for Academy Awards — one might conclude American dads are culturally valued.

Look again. The mothers in these films are comatose, divorced or dead. It’s no coincidence. From Atticus Finch to today, there’s an unspoken Hollywood rule that fathers can’t shine too brightly in the face of active mothering. Dads are more likely to be accorded respect when they are “coping” — in effect, when they are surrogate mothers.

Sadly, it is not only in Hollywood where fathers get the short end of the stick. The culture reflects a painful and pervasive social reality: For all we talk about the value of fathers, we have been devaluing and discarding them for decades.

We must first diagnose this cancer. Then we must systematically work to cure it.

Why do fathers matter so much? Because fatherhood makes men out of boys, for one thing. And because typically they offer children a just as necessary but different kind of love and guidance from what mothers bestow.'

Fathers Day Index 2012: Dads Worth Less Than Moms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers of America, you may consider yourselves indispensable, but a new survey says you're only worth about one-third as much as mom around the house.

In fact, you are not even keeping up with inflation.

Insurance news and data website Insure.com released its annual Father's Day Index on Monday, an attempt to calculate the value in wage terms of the work a father typically does around the house.

The value this year was some $20,248, about $1,000 less than the inflation-adjusted value of 10 years ago.'

"Silenced US lawmaker performs The Vagina Monologues"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A US lawmaker who says she was barred from speaking in the Michigan House because Republicans objected to her saying the word "vagina" during debate over anti-abortion legislation performed The Vagina Monologues on the Statehouse steps — with a hand from the author.

Eve Ensler, whose groundbreaking play about women's sexuality still packs theaters 16 years after it debuted, oversaw Monday night's performance by Democratic state Rep. Lisa Brown, 10 other lawmakers and several actresses.
...
"If we ever knew deep in our hearts that the issue about abortion ... was not really about fetuses and babies, but really men's terror of women's sexuality and power, I think it's fully evidenced here," Ensler told The Associated Press by phone Monday before arriving in Lansing.'

Boy castrated by his own drug addict mother at five weeks old

Broadsword · 19 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Five years ago, five-week-old Holden Gothia was sleeping inside the suburban Houston apartment he shared with his parents when he was castrated by his own mother who was high on drugs.

Katherine Nadal claimed the family dog tore off her son's genitals but a jury found her guilty and she was sentenced to 99 years in prison in August 2009.

...

He has had a number of medical issues and has undergone surgery on his left foot after his mother's attack left him with a severed artery, but, for now, Holden is unaware of the true extent of his injuries.

'I think in his mind, genitals are something he gets when he gets older and the response to that comment is, "you're exactly right, you will, when you're older," which is not untrue,' Patches DeShazo, his paternal aunt and legal guardian, told Fox News.'

STEM Title IX Before it Hits the Classroom

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With such an emphasis on the underrepresentation of women in math and science, it's important to remember that this is not the whole story. From the picture groups like the AAUW paint, one might expect that our colleges and universities -- and especially the academic sciences -- remain openly hostile toward women. Of course, nothing could be farther from the truth. Today, women earn more bachelor's degrees (57 percent), master's degrees (59 percent) and now PhDs by a small margin than men. What's more, roughly 50 percent of medical school students are female; and veterinary classes are (on average) comprised of 75 percent women.

The problem is that feminists on the left continue to change how we measure women's success. It's no longer sufficient that women out-earn men in terms of higher degrees; now the problem is that women are gravitating toward the wrong fields. It's true women are inclined toward degrees in art history, biology, English and education, while men are overrepresented in computer science, engineering, math and physics. And in certain subsets of the hard sciences -- such as computer programming and engineering -- women are dramatically underrepresented. Still, as Christina Hoff Sommers of the American Enterprise Institute reminds us in her book, The Science on Women and Science, the reason for the disparity is hardly one-dimensional. And she reminds us, in academics, "the physical sciences are the exception, not the rule.'

'Treating Men Like 4-Year-Olds'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I've always said that it's a generally fantastic experience to be a man in our culture. This is because, in comparison to women, we men get way more room to be ourselves or do what is most comfortable for us. One of the areas in life where men are most coddled is in how we are permitted to emotionally express ourselves.

Specifically, I am talking about the excuses that women make for men who lack emotional follow-through. For me, emotional follow-through is about the capability to completely and clearly express emotions or emotional responsibilities -- whether that means someone apologizing in a heartfelt way, expressing affection, etc. I'm not talking about extraordinary expressions of emotion; rather, I am addressing the most basic forms of emotional follow-through like, "I love you" and "I'm sorry."'

Julian Assange Seeks Asylum In Ecuador

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Article here. Politics aside, I really can't blame the guy for seeking asylum considering he's doomed if he faces the Swedish sex gestapo. Excerpt:

'LONDON — WikiLeaks chief Julian Assange has taken refuge at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, seeking asylum in a long shot move that would see him trade the glare of an often-hostile British press for the comforts of a small Latin American nation governed by a friendly leader.

Ecuadorean Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino said the leftist government of President Rafael Correa – an administration often at odds with Washington – was weighing the request. He did not indicate when a decision might be made.

Assange's legal options in the U.K. had almost completely run out. Less than a week ago Britain's Supreme Court re-endorsed its decision to allow the 40-year-old's extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted over sex crimes allegations. The accusations – which stem from Assange's trip to the country in mid-2010 – have cast a cloud over his online organization's spectacular leaks of U.S. military, diplomatic, and intelligence material.'

Unblinding Lady Justice: SAVE Calls on Dept. of Education to Respond to Civil Rights Complaints

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PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Teri Stoddard
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WASHINGTON / June 19, 2012 – Over a year after the Department of Education issued its controversial sex assault policy, the federal agency has yet to respond to concerns about civil rights violations. Stop Abusive and Violent Environments renews its call to the federal agency to safeguard students' rights rather than seek to curtail them.

The policy was issued by the Dept. of Education's Office for Civil Rights on April 4, 2011 without prior opportunity for public comment or debate. On August 24, 2011, SAVE sent a letter to the DED requesting that the policy be rescinded: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/OCRLetter.pdf

In addition, 12 other organizations have issued statements opposing the directive. These groups include the American Association for University Professors, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, Alliance Defense Fund, Feminists for Free Expression, American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, Tully Center for Free Speech at Syracuse University, Accuracy in Media, Heartland Institute, American Council for Trustees and Alumni, National Association for Scholars, John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, and Defending Dissent Foundation: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/sex-assault/complaints/

In addition, over 50 editorials have criticized the mandate as removing fundamental civil rights from persons accused of sexual assault: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/ded-editorials/ Many worry that reducing due process protections will invite false accusations, robbing real victims of needed protections and credibility.

In a recent Brown University case, Marcella Dresdale accused a classmate of rape. The accused man, William McCormick, was forced to leave the university. McCormick later sued the accuser's father, Richard Dresdale, a wealthy Brown donor, alleging the benefactor had interfered with the university's investigative procedures, violating his due process rights. The Dresdales agreed to an out-of-court settlement, reportedly after McCormick had been offered $1 million.

"Over the past year, many leading groups have called on the DED to rescind its mandate that universities rely on the preponderance-of-the-evidence standard for sexual assault allegations," notes SAVE spokesman Philip Cook. "But the federal Office of Civil Rights has yet to respond. Stonewalling these requests, and allowing false accusations of rape to continue, constitutes a parody of justice."

June is False Allegations Awareness Month. According to a national telephone survey, one in 10 persons has been falsely accused of abuse: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/survey/

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is a victim-advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to partner abuse: www.saveservices.org

Before Birth, Dad’s ID

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Article here. First thing they think of is to use it to get the father of the fetus to start paying for the mother's decision to have the baby. I know this is a tough issue for many of us. Point is, as long as a man has no post-conceptive reproductive rights, why should he be legally on the hook for a decision which is not his but entirely hers, yet even before the infant is born? Excerpt:

'It is an uncomfortable question that, in today’s world, is often asked by expectant mothers who had more than one male partner at the time they became pregnant. Who is the father?
...
Besides relieving anxiety, the test results might allow women to terminate a pregnancy if the preferred man is not the father — or to continue it if he is.

Men who clearly know they are the father might be more willing to support the woman financially and emotionally during the pregnancy, which some studies suggest might lead to healthier babies.

And if the tests gain legal acceptance, some lawyers say, women and state governments might one day pursue child support payments without having to wait until the birth. Under current law, “until and unless the pregnancy produces a child, any costs associated with it are regarded as the woman’s personal problem,” said Shari Motro, a law professor at the University of Richmond.'

F&F: Michigan Protects Biological Fathers' Rights

Matt · 20 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Michigan Governor Rick Snyder signed into law Senate Bill 557, giving biological fathers some rights to their children, even if the mothers were married to other men at the time of a child's birth. The previous 1956 law presumed that a woman's husband is the father of her children, making the husband responsible for their support and denying parental rights to the biological father.

Lawmakers recently passed four bills extending rights to biological fathers. In a statement, Governor Snyder said "children thrive with parental involvement" and said "the legislation promotes increased involvement by making it easier to recognize biological fathers."'

SAVE E-lert: Tell Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, We're Tired of Waiting

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On April 4, 2011 without public comment or debate, the Department of Education issued its controversial "Dear Colleague" letter on sex assault. The directive requires federally supported universities to institute numerous changes to their policies and procedures regarding allegations of sexual harassment and sexual violence.

Concerned that the Dept. of Ed. policy fails to protect fundamental constitutional principles, over 50 editorials have criticized the mandate. SAVE and 12 other organizations have issued statements opposing the directive: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/sex-assault/complaints/

It's been over a year since Dept. of Ed. secretary Arne Duncan starting getting complaints, yet he's still disturbingly silent.

"Stonewalling these requests, and allowing false accusations of rape to continue, constitutes a parody of justice," notes SAVE spokesman Philip W. Cook in Unblinding Lady Justice: SAVE Calls on Dept. of Education to Respond to Civil Rights Complaints.

Seems Arne thinks he can ignore us. So we need your help. Tell Arne Duncan to rescind the Sexual Assault policy, immediately. Tell him once, tell him twice, tell him three times!

Contact Arne Duncan: arne.duncan-at-ed.gov

Thank you, all, for the miracles we create together!

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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Exposing Feminism: The Thirty Years' War Against Men

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Sample chapters from Swayne O'Pie's Exposing Feminism: The Thirty Years' War Against Men

This book has just been published (11 June 2012) internationally, in both paperback and ebook editions (Kindle only). The Kindle edition is downloadable onto PCs and Macs using free-to-download software from Amazon. It's also downloadable onto some e-readers in addition to the Kindle device. The content of the UK paperback edition, which has the title Why Britain Hates Men: Exposing Feminism is virtually identical.

The book has 53 chapters, and the following material is being made freely available (also available here) in this download:

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Australian judge writes unusual letter to two children involved in custody battle

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MELBOURNE, Australia -- An Australian judge took the extraordinary step of writing to two children involved in a custody dispute, explaining why he gave sole custody to their mom even though he does not accept her claims that their dad abused them.

Australian Federal Magistrate Tom Altobelli published his decision on the court's website, ordering the boy, 11, and his sister, 6, to live with their mom, and the dad's contact to be restricted to letters and birthday cards.

The judge's letter, which is to be opened once the children turn 14, is a plea that the children renew contact with the father, explaining that their mother's claims he abused them are false.'

CDC seeking comments on "World Trade Center Health Program: Addition of Certain Types of Cancer to List of WTC-Related Health Conditions"

Minuteman · 21 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. It was overwhelmingly Men who put their health at risk to save others on 9/11, so readers knowledgable about such matters might like to submit a comment to the CDC. Excerpt:

'SUMMARY: Title I of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 amended the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) to establish the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program. The WTC Health Program, which is administered by the Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), provides medical monitoring and treatment to eligible firefighters and related personnel, law enforcement officers, and rescue, recovery, and cleanup workers who responded to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and to eligible survivors of the New York City attacks. In accordance with our regulations, which establish procedures for adding a new condition to the list of health conditions covered by the WTC Health Program, this proposed rule would add certain types of cancer to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions.'

Mother who dumped newborn down garbage chute now looking for work as home health aide

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Brooklyn judge was baffled yesterday when a mother who dumped her newborn down a garbage chute said she is looking for work as a home health aide.

Laquasia Wright must hold down a job as part of a deal in which she pleaded guilty to endangering the welfare of a child — but Justice Patricia DiMango was stumped by her career choice.

“That’s probably the least appropriate job for her,” DiMango told Wright and her lawyer. “It defies logic. I don’t think it’s the best choice.”

Wright was 18 when she was charged last year with trying to kill her baby boy by tossing him out with the trash at a Fort Greene housing project.'

Are Men Less Moral Than Women? Studies Show Ethical Standards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the most notable risk factors for ethical laxity is one that all of the above offenders share: Being a man. A number of studies demonstrate that men have lower moral standards than women, at least in competitive contexts. For example, men are more likely than women to minimize the consequences of moral misconduct, to adopt ethically questionable tactics in strategic endeavors, and to engage in greater deceit. This pattern is particularly pronounced in arenas in which success has (at least historically) been viewed as a sign of male vigor and competence, and where loss signifies weakness, impotence, or cowardice (e.g., a business negotiation or a chess match). When men must use strategy or cunning to prove or defend their masculinity, they are willing to compromise moral standards to assert dominance.

Shall we blame it on testosterone, the Y chromosome, or other genetic differences? The current evidence doesn't point in that direction. Instead, a recent series of studies by Laura Kray and Michael Haselhuhn suggests that the root of this pattern may be more socio-cultural in nature, as men - at least in American culture - seem motivated to protect and defend their masculinity. These scientists suggest that losing a "battle," particularly in contexts that are highly competitive and historically male oriented, presents a threat to masculine competency. Apparently manhood is relatively fragile and precarious, and when it is challenged, men tend to become more aggressive and defensive. So a man's gotta do what a man's gotta do. To ensure victory, men will sacrifice moral standards if doing so means winning.'

Uganda: Forceful circumcision in Mbale: Police fire teargas

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Police in Mbale have fired teargas and deployed heavily to disperse hooligans forcefully circumcising people on the streets including non-Bamasaba.

The District Police Commander, Michael Angucia Wednesday vowed to crack down the hooligans who are causing insecurity in the town.

“I am not trying to fight the culture of the Bamasaba but the way the practice is handled may cause tribal conflicts. Several people have fled the town, property robbed and business is being paralyzed,” Angucia said.

“We have deployed on the streets to arrest the hooligans,” Angucia added.

He said that several groups of such people have taken advantage of the cultural festival of the Bamasaba to force whoever they suspect to have not been circumcised.'

Jimmy Rollins Joins Other Notables In PSA Against Domestic Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — A Phillies star is among the athletes speaking out against dating violence and domestic abuse in a new public service announcement put out by the White House.

When sports heroes like Jimmy Rollins speak out…

(Rollins:) “No woman should have to fear abuse. No man should hit a woman for any reason.”

...Vice President Joe Biden wants men and boys to listen up:

(Biden:) “If you strike a woman, you’re not a man, you’re a coward.”
...
(Pres. Obama and montage:) “Listen up guys, listen up: no one should ever hit a woman. Not their wife, not their girlfriend, not their date.”'

Maine Compass: Father's Day is a time to reflect on meaning of being a 'good dad'

Mastodon · 21 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Father's Day can be filled with happiness and precious memories, or it can be a reminder of violence and emotional pain.

In everyday lives affected by domestic violence, victims and family members often will try to balance a violent equation by saying, "But he is such a good dad."

This will be said within the very same sentence that describes a man's horrific acts of violence perpetrated on his family.

Do we expect so little of men in America that changing a diaper or taking a child out for a meal can outweigh the consequences of his abusive behavior?'

Canada: Judge to rule on whether obesity is factor in man's fitness for fatherhood

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Article here. Excerpt:

'OTTAWA — In a family court case to be ruled on soon, a judge will, in part, decide whether a 38-year-old Ottawa man is too fat to be a dad.

The Royal Ottawa Hospital's family court clinic, which does court-ordered assessments on parents, is now using obesity as a factor when deciding if parents are fit to raise children.

In court filings by child-welfare authorities in the case of an obese Ottawa father who is fighting for custody of his two boys, a doctor at the family court clinic wrote:

"Finally, (father) has struggled with obesity for years, which impacts significantly on most aspects of his life including (his) functioning as a parent. He was short of breath or winded in simply walking short distances about the clinic and he lacks both the mobility and stamina required to keep up with young and active children.'

"Step up guys: Sports stars condemn dating violence"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some of the biggest names in sport have lined up with President Barack Obama to condemn violence against women in an advertisement showcased by the White House on Thursday.

Soccer star David Beckham, major league baseball players Evan Longoria and Jimmy Rollins, National Football League quarterback Eli Manning, and basketball sensation Jeremy Lin were among those recruited to speak out against violence.

The ad will run this summer on television and the Internet.'

Woman arrested for fake sexual assault claim

Matt · 21 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla. -- A woman has been arrested and charged with filing a false police report after she claimed she was the victim of a sexual attack at Main Beach on May 30.

Jennifer Riechert, 32, was arrested Friday and was being held in the Nassau County Jail on $15,000 bond, according to a release from the Fernandina Beach Police Department.

Detectives found that the incident did not happen, and Riechert has since recanted her claim. Riechert purposely misidentified a man she described as homeless as her attacker.'

Father's brain more valuable than their wallet

Broadsword · 22 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers who want successful sons should focus on passing on their advice and worldly wisdom rather than their money, a study suggests.

Although boys with wealthier fathers usually grow up to earn higher-than-average incomes themselves, researchers said their parents' money may not be the deciding factor.

Intelligence, advice, work ethic and other "human capital endowments" which sons inherit from their fathers are more important than money in determining how successful they will be, the experts wrote in the Journal of Political Economy.'

Barbara Kay: Britain strikes first major blow for father's rights

Matt · 22 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The first radical shake-up of family courts in decades is under way in the U.K. A dramatic list of consequences will befall any breach of court orders that flout court-endorsed arrangements for the care of children of separated parents. Children's Minister Tim Loughton will announce that the Children Act 19879, which states that the child comes first in law courts, will be rewritten.

Henceforth the preferred option for the courts will be "the presumption that a child's welfare is likely to furthered through safe involvement with both parents." That is, in the absence of abuse, equal parenting, exactly the template we have been patiently awaiting in Canada, will be the default for splitting couples. Furthermore, mothers who refuse to permit access to the children may lose their passports, their driving licences or even their freedom of movement if they fail to comply.

This is a happy, but somewhat shocking, development for those in the global Fathers Rights community. For years objective observers in all western countries have hammered away at the double standards imposed in family court under the influence of feminist ideology, but it has been water dripping on a stone. The template has remained stubbornly pro-mother and anti-father. When custody disputes cannot be amicably resolved, courts routinely assign sole custody to mothers. Swift and often draconian penalties attend any failure to pay support by men, including jail time, but women who habitually and arbitrarily deny fathers court-ordered time with their children are rarely even threatened with repercussions, let alone punished. Here in Canada, the attitude of family courts was best summed up in 2003 by then Liberal Justice Minister Martin Cauchon, who said with regard fathers who were denied parenting status, "Men have no rights, only responsibilities."'

SAVE: Connecting for Change: Only One Week Left, Register Today

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June is False Allegations Awareness Month. Luckily, you can still register for the Connecting for Change conference.

"False Allegations: A Blight to Families and Society"

"How To" Presentations
Write your own legal briefs.
Draft a bill while avoiding legal fees.
...and more.

Brainstorming sessions and networking opportunities.

Who Should Attend?
Educators, academics, legal professionals, law enforcement, individuals interested in false allegation prevention, social justice advocates, activists, victims of false allegations, and more.

Location
901 Fifteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005
Metro: Blue-Orange Line, McPherson Square

Date/Time
June 30, 2012
9 am to 4:15 pm

Registration
There is no charge to attend, but preregistration is necessary. Send an email to: info-at-saveservices.org.

Meet members of the Domestic Violence Legislative Project (DVLP). Join this dynamic group of movers and shakers!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

After 40 years, Title IX is getting old for boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

To hear reporters tell it, Americans one and all are gathering to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Title IX. But if you look closer, you'll notice that some people are missing - notably the thousands of male student-athletes who have lost participation opportunities because their teams were cut or capped.
...
However, the glowing media coverage of Title IX's anniversary avoids these dirty details and blatantly crosses the line from objective reporting to cheerleading. Any damage done by Title IX's enforcement is roundly ignored, and any criticism is summarily dismissed.

The team at ESPN has done its best to invent new scapegoats for the loss of male athletic opportunities. For example, ESPN's Peter Keating claims that "you will find that the real enemy of men's sports isn't Title IX. It's National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) scholarship limits." His theory fails to consider that hundreds of colleges don't even offer athletic scholarships.'

Queen’s Park baby bled to death two days after being circumcised

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A one-month-old baby from Queen’s Park bled to death less than two days after he was circumcised, an inquest heard.

Angelo Ofori-Mintah’s operation went according to plan, but a few hours later the incision began to bleed.

Westminster Coroner’s Court heard it eventually stopped and his mother Maame Abrafi, who lives in Ashmore Road, thought he was fine.

However the following day he became cold and pale and was rushed to hospital with dangerously low oxygen levels.

He suffered a cardiac arrest and died in the early hours of February 17.

Tests revealed he had lost about three-quarters of his total blood volume and died as a result of an acute haemorrhage due to circumcision.'

40 years after Title IX, women still lag in tech fields

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On the academic side, women earn the majority of degrees at the associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels.

Yet their numbers lag in what are known as the STEM fields — science, technology, engineering and math. Education Department data show, for example, that just 17% of engineering and 18% of computer science-related bachelor's degrees in 2009-10 were awarded to women. Women make up 25% of the STEM workforce.

Several conference participants, including Education Secretary Arne Duncan and King, stressed the economic imperative for encouraging more girls to pursue careers in STEM fields.
...
Sabrina Schaeffer, executive director of the non-profit Independent Women's Forum, which is critical of Title IX, said efforts to level the STEM playing field could have the opposite effect: "If we don't have enough women in engineering, are the schools going to cut engineering programs?" said Schaeffer, who spoke Wednesday at a separate Title IX event in Washington. "We have to recognize that men and women are different and are going to make different choices."'

'Title IX's Dark Legacy'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When the summer Olympics begin next month, commentators will point to young girls eagerly watching female track stars, soccer players, gymnasts and swimmers, and celebrate how Title IX, a law passed 40 years ago, has helped so many girls and young women have the chance to play sports.

That's an important part of Title IX's legacy.

Yet there's another side to the story. It's one that could be told by male gymnasts, swimmers, and track stars: And that's how men's sports teams have been sacrificed in order to achieve "proportionality" as demanded by those enforcing Title IX. Mothers concerned about their sons' diminishing prospects might rightly bow out of Title IX's anniversary celebrations, and ask why the focus continues to be solely on bolstering female participation on college campuses, even as young men fall further behind.'

With eye on female voters, Wasserman Schultz, Obama mark Title IX anniversary

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lawmakers and President Obama on Saturday celebrated the 40th anniversary of Title IX, which ensured equal rights for men and women in education.

Obama and other Democrats marking the occasion didn't mention politics, but the coordinated effort seemed aimed at 2012 voters, particularly women.

Democrats all year have been doing everything they can to create a gender gap between Obama and his presumptive GOP opponent this fall, Mitt Romney.

"From addressing inequality in math and science education to preventing sexual assault on campus to fairly funding athletic programs, Title IX ensures equality for our young people in every aspect of their education," President Barack Obama wrote in a Newsweek op-ed published Saturday. "It's a springboard for success."'

No Male Teachers Equals No Future Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to a 2009 report, more than a quarter of English children do not have even a single male teacher at their school. For many children, that means they have greatly reduced contact during the day with an adult man until age 11 when they go to secondary school. Children who don't have a father in the home may not have any regular contact with a male role model until they go to secondary school.

The situation is similar in America, and Canada, and Australia—where between 70 to 75 percent of teachers are female.

Why is society robbing young boys of the masculine role models they need?

The lack of male leaders in schools is all the more hurtful considering the fact that most of the children going to school come from broken families or families that will one day experience divorce. America has more than 13 million single parents raising more than 21 million children. More than four out of five of those custodial parents are mothers.'

Barack Obama ad says women are paid "77 cents on the dollar for doing the same work as men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The 77 cent figure has become a rallying cry for those who seek to eliminate employment discrimination based on gender. And it's a genuine statistic. In a report released in September 2011, the U.S. Census Bureau wrote that in 2010, the female-to-male earnings ratio of full-time, year-round workers was 0.77." Translated into dollars, that means that in 2010, women working full-time earned 77 cents for every dollar earned by men working full time.

But the Obama ad takes a solid statistic and describes it incorrectly. The campaign is wrong to say that the 77-cent figure describes the pay differences between men and women "doing the same work." (By contrast, former Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine recently earned a Mostly True on a similar claim because he was not specifying the number was for the same occupations.)

The 77-cent figure compares all male and female workers, regardless of their occupation. Whether due to a historical legacy of discrimination or because of personal choice, women and men are disproportionately represented in certain jobs. For instance, women dominate the ranks of receptionists, nurses, and elementary and middle-school teachers, among other fields. Men are disproportionately truck drivers, managers and computer software engineers.'

Obama celebrates college gender gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Today, thanks in no small part to the confidence and determination they developed through competitive sports and the work ethic they learned with their teammates, girls who play sports are more likely to excel in school," wrote Obama. "In fact, more women as a whole now graduate from college than men. This is a great accomplishment — not just for one sport or one college or even just for women but for America. And this is what Title IX is all about."
...
"We have come so far. But there's so much farther we can go," Obama wrote. "There are always more barriers we can break and more progress we can make. As president, I'll do my part to keep Title IX strong and vibrant, and maintain our schools as doorways of opportunity so every child has a fair shot at success."'

Report: Young women earn more than young men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(NECN/WTVJ: Christina Hernandez) - Young women are earning more money than men, according to Time Magazine and USA Today.

Genesis Hernandez is studying English and culinary arts at Miami-Dade College.

She isn't surprised to hear single women in their 20s are earning more than young men.

"A woman has more motivation to study, to get a degree, to be somebody," Hernandez said. "For me it's really important to get a degree."

Education is key.

Both Time Magazine and USA Today say more women go to college than men.

Once there, women are more likely to graduate or earn advanced degrees.

Among African-Americans and Hispanics, women are more than twice as likely as men to earn college degrees.'

HIV-positive woman charged with felonious assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who called police to report domestic violence was charged herself with felonious assault after police learned she did not disclose her HIV-positive status to her boyfriend.

Tyeashea D. Taltoan, 27, told police her boyfriend David Brooks, 50, punched her in the face Tuesday evening during an argument at the Wagon Wheel Motel on Market Street, where the couple had been staying, and that she wanted to file domestic violence charges, according to reports. Police said they interviewed Brooks, who told them they were fighting because Taltoan did not disclose that she had HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, during their seven-month relationship when they had unprotected sexual relations.

Brooks said he confronted Taltoan after finding HIV-related medicine and that he wanted to pursue charges against her, reports state.'

Pledge to Never Commit, Condone or Remain Silent regarding Violence against Women and Girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Following this event, a group of Canadian men decided they had a responsibility to urge men to speak out about violence against women in all its forms.

Wearing a white ribbon would be a symbol of men's commitment to never commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women. Today, the White Ribbon Campaign is the largest effort in the world of men working to end violence against women.

Domestic Violence is one of the most pervasive crimes affecting in country. The Center for Disease Control reports that one in four women will experience abuse in their lifetime and according to the U.S. Department of Justice, female victims equal eighty-four percent of all intimate partner violence whose abuse was perpetrated by their male partners.'

Spurned lover who attempted to bite off lover's penis during row is given two-year restraining order

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A spurned lover has been handed a two year restraining order after she was convicted of assaulting her partner - by biting his penis during a furious row.

Vicious Sinead Walker, 40, grabbed hold of Vincent Rennoldson's manhood and tried to 'pull it off' when he angrily ordered her out of his flat.

The drunken mum-of-one who had downed an entire bottle of wine before going round to apologise for a previous bust-up - then sunk her teeth into his private parts.'

Spotlighting the masculine vulnerabilities to AIDS

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With an objective to raise awareness on how men's behaviour, attitudes and practices are contributing towards the spread of HIV and AIDS, a two-day exhibition displaying traditional truck art opened at Nomad Art Gallery on Saturday, said a press release.

The exhibition is a part of "Driving on Empty – a truck art based HIV and AIDS prevention and advocacy initiative", implemented by Amal Human Development Network with the support from Direct Aid Programme of the Australian High Commission.

The campaign aims at investigating and understanding vulnerabilities of truck drivers to HIV and AIDS, which puts their sexual partners, spouses and unborn children at risk as well. The combination of research and work with truck drivers and truck artists has resulted in producing a series of moving testimonials and panels that express the experiences, hopes and fears of respondents in a sensitive and unique manner.'

'Blame it on Hormones: Men are the Cause of Today's Problems'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Wall Street Journal has had a flurry of great headlines lately: "Inside Fumbled Facebook IPO" and "JP Morgan Reveals 'London Whale'-Size Losses." While reading these and other stories about the massive losses surrounding the Facebook IPO and JP Morgan's hedging losses, I couldn't help but notice how it was men who caused the vast majority of these recent (and several past) problems. What if Facebook's all-male Board of Directors had chosen a female investment banker to head up their ill-fated IPO? What if the "London Whale" or his male boss had been a woman? What if Enron's bad boys had been girls? What if Nick Leeson, who ruined Barings, had been named Nicole? How many bonuses could Societé Générale have paid with the $7 billion blown by rogue trader Jérôme Kerviel if he had been a she?'

Girls Only Celebration Draws 700 Girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The day was about finding a reason to like yourself, finding support and finding friends. It was also the largest culminating event yet held by Girls Only, an HWDSB program that develops high self-esteem, mentoring and positive role models for female students.

On Friday, 700 girls from elementary school clubs across HWDSB gathered at Dofasco Recreation Park. They enjoyed physically active games, they shared a lunch, they heard inspirational speeches and they were both entertained and entertaining in the lead up to a group dance finale. The girls in grades 6 to 8 were also meeting secondary school students who will help with their transition to Grade 9.'

Study proves Lesbian families do “very well” without father figures

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent study has shown that children of lesbian parents do not suffer from the lack of a prominent male role model. Researchers from the University of Amsterdam and UCLA’s Williams institute have rebutted the common accusation, often pitted against lesbian families.

The results throw doubt on recent research conducted by conservative sociologist Mark Regenerus that claimed to find same sex children fare worse than their straight-parented contemporaries.

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The lack of a male role model has been used as an excuse to bar lesbian parents from adopting. It is hoped this new research will go some way to ending issues of discrimination around gay parenting.'

Three Biggest Fears for Raising Boys Today

Matt · 24 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Attorney, TV legal analyst, and author Lisa Bloom is out with her new critically-acclaimed book "Swagger: 10 Urgent Rules for Raising Boys in an Era of Failing Schools, Mass Joblessness, and Thug Culture" and she's here to give a wake-up call to parents raising young boys. From failing schools to an economy of incarceration, Lisa explains the major threats hindering our boys ability to succeed in today's world and offers up real solutions to these urgent issues.

In Lisa's words:
"At this very moment, through no fault of their own, our boys are caught in the vortex of four powerful, insidious, often invisible forces that conspire to rob them of their future. First, our heartbreakingly subpar schools. ... At even the best schools our kids graduate without knowing the basics of US history or the rudiments of science. Our kids already enjoy some of the shortest school days and school years in the developed world. And now we are witnessing a new sickening trend: in over one hundred counties in America, state budget cuts have pared the school week down to only four days. Hooray! An extra day every week to watch Fear Factor and play Xbox!"'

From the Amazon.com book description:

'From Swagger: "At this very moment, through no fault of their own, our boys are caught in the vortex of four powerful, insidious, often invisible forces which conspire to rob them of their future." We medicate, discipline, suspend and expel our boys from school at quadruple the rate of girls. We let double the number of boys drop out of high school than girls, and of those boys who do graduate, they are far more likely than their sisters to be illiterate, to fail to go to college, or to drop out of college if they do go. Young American men are unemployed at the rate of their counterparts in Arab Spring countries. Pop culture hammers our boys with the message that manhood equals emotional numbness, gun violence, rape, and drug use. And we incarcerate more of our boys and men than any other country on earth, now or in human history.'

And get this, according to the Amazon.com entry, she is Gloria Allred's daughter!

How living in London is seriously harming men's health

MikeJH · 25 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Living in London can seriously damage men's health, a new study reveals today.

It points to shocking disparity across the capital, with life expectancy in some areas up to 17 years shorter than in others.

The Bureau of Investigative Journalism study shows that the NHS is failing to improve the chances of men surviving heart disease and cancer — key factors to blame for early death.

Both conditions can be triggered by poor diet, smoking, drinking and lack of exercise. Suicide is another leading cause of death, especially among young men.

Experts blame health chiefs for failing to invest in initiatives targeted at men to help them improve their physical and mental wellbeing. Only a handful of health trusts in the capital commission services specifically for the male population, according to the Bureau's findings.'

Yorktown University Offers Free Access to Online Lecture: “Political Correctness and Feminism”

Mastodon · 26 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Bowling Green, OH, June 25, 2012 --(PR.com)-- The free, pre-recorded lecture is given by Dr. Richard Zeller, a sociologist who developed an online course for Yorktown University on Political Correctness and authored articles such as "Gender Bias Paranoia" and "Political Correctness: Sociology's Achilles Heel." Dr. Zeller was active in promoting Yorktown University in Press Conferences at the National Press Club in 2000. Dr. Zeller had noted that a survey at the university in Ohio where he taught found many students complaining that their classes were too politicized by left-leaning faculty. In response, he proposed a course that would examine political correctness. His department rejected the course proposal and Dr. Zeller accepted Yorktown University's invitation to offer his course online.

Dr. Zeller defines political correctness as “the attempt to limit thought in science, education and culture by intimidation, force and other forms of coercion. Certifying that some thought is ‘correct’ and other is not enables those who are ‘correct’ thinkers to avoid free and fair competition of ideas by threats and intimidation."
...
“Radical feminist elements are willing to lie, cheat, steal and almost anything else to achieve their political objective,” he warns, adding, that “feminist charges of sexism and gender unfairness are an attack on values that enabled democracy, education, liberty and freedom to thrive in America.”'

German judges rule parents can be brought to court for circumcising children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Parents having their sons circumcised can be brought before a judge for causing bodily injury, even if they did so for religious reasons, a regional court in Germany has ruled.

The recent landmark decision will likely draw the condemnation of Jewish and Muslim communities, although official representatives have refrained from commenting so far, saying they first want to study the reasons given for the judgment.

Following the judgment by the District Court of Cologne, neither the rights of parents nor the constitutional freedom of religion can justify interventions such as circumcision, according to Financial Times Deutschland, which first reported the story.'

Seems two moms are fine for some, but not two dads

Matt · 26 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. But to be fair, they don't seem to like gay women, either. Excerpt:

'Just a few months after anti-gay group One Million Moms launched a campaign to remove Ellen DeGeneres as JCPenney's spokesperson because of her sexual orientation, the group is boycotting the department store over a new ad featuring a same-sex couple. The Father's Day ad shows real-life dads Todd Koch and Cooper Smith playing with their children, Claire and Mason.
...
The last time One Million Moms and JCPenney locked horns, the store responded by standing behind its partnership with DeGeneres, stating that "Ellen represents the values of our company" — and with this kind of proequality advertising, JCPenney is "continuing to reinforce its progressive values." It's not the first fight for either of them; in February, JCPenney distributed a Mother's Day ad featuring two lesbian parents and their daughters; One Million Moms also took a stance against Urban Outfitters after the store featured two women kissing in its catalog in April.'

The specific group One Million Moms aside, I wonder just how many people wince at the idea of "my two dads" but are just fine with "my two moms"? I am not aware of any studies as such, is anyone else?

Norwegian gov’t coalition partner seeking to outlaw circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(JTA) -- A Norwegian political party said it will seek to outlaw circumcision in Norway.

“Circumcision on religious grounds should be a criminal offense,” Jenny Klinge, a spokesperson for Norway’s Centre Party, said in an interview earlier this month with the newspaper Dagbladet.

Klinge added that “Fortunately, circumcision is already illegal in females. The time has come for boys to receive the same legal protection."

The Centre Party, a member of the Norwegian coalition, occupies 11 seats out of the 169 in parliament.

Ervin Kohn, president of the Jewish Community in Oslo, told JTA that he considers the issue “an existential matter” for the community.

“Banning circumcision would send a loud message that the Jewish minority is not wanted here,” he said. Norway has a Jewish community of about 700.'

Pittstown's McEldowney crusades for ‘men’s rights’ in athletics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When Clay McEldowney saw the Princeton University wrestling program get pinned to the mat in 1993, he wanted to do something about it.

Eventually, the Pittstown resident and former Princeton grappler spearheaded a movement that enabled the sport to remain on the campus at Old Nassau, although struggling mightily at times. And along the way, McEldowney learned plenty about sometimes messy athletic politics and, more specifically, Title IX, a law Congress implemented in June 1972 as a means to prohibit sex discrimination against students and employees of educational programs and activities at both public and private institutions that receive federal funds.
...
“I’ve been working on the national level but my mission is to alert people to the very high likelihood [Title IX] could impact scholastic activities as it relates to boys who participate in high school sports.'

Title IX a balancing act for college administrators

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Title IX is controversial with some men's coaches and male athletes.

For instance, in order to close a $2 million shortfall in their athletic budget earlier this year, Slippery Rock University dropped two women's sports and five men's sports. After some female athletes filed a lawsuit in federal district court earlier this year, the university was required to reinstate the two women's sports, swimming and water polo, because their elimination violated Title IX regulations. The school did not have to reinstate the dropped men's programs.

Pecora explained that Title IX has been very positive for women's athletics. However, the rules do have an impact on some men's programs, although not at Pitt-Johnstown.

"You always have these unintended consequences," Pecora said. "Over the years, universities were put into a position that you have to comply with one of these three prongs. The whole premise was to expand the opportunities for women, and that is what everyone is trying to do. But, what happens in the unintended consequences is that if you put a lot of effort into trying to expand the opportunities, but if the numbers and the interest are just not there to do that, then you have to cut to comply with it."

'Office cougar' jailed for preying on married men

Broadsword · 27 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Cambridge graduate who described herself as the “office cougar” has been jailed for falsely claiming she was having affairs with her married male colleagues.

Software engineer Jeevani Wickramaratna, 44, spun a web of deceit, bombarding the men with sexually explicit messages, emailing their wives and even falsely claiming one man had HIV.

She was found guilty of sexual harassment and jailed for 26 weeks by District Judge David Parsons, who blasted her "complete fantasy world".

...

Christine Hart, prosecuting, said: "She claimed that Mr Stokes was having an affair with the office 'cougar', and many of the messages were sexually explicit and caused great distress to both him and his family.

"Wickramaratna then began sending him a series of messages saying she was setting him free and said she had told his family about their affair and that he loved her."

Further abusive Facebook messages were sent, including a false allegation that Mr Stokes had been diagnosed with HIV, all of which caused great humiliation.'

NBA star's ex-wife arrested for child abduction

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The ex-wife of NBA star Dwyane Wade was arrested and charged with “child abduction” in Chicago over the weekend.

According to the Associated Press, Wade has asked a judge to terminate Siovaughn Funches-Wade’s visitation rights with their two sons.

The couple divorced in 2010 and Wade was awarded custody of the boys in March 2011 due to Funches-Wade’s erratic behavior in court.

Wade’s attorney, James Pritikin, filed an emergency motion today to terminate Funches-Wade’s visitation rights, just hours before the Miami Heat were to take on the hapless Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 4 of the NBA Finals in Miami.'

OnlineParentingPrograms.com Focuses on Raising Awareness of Parental Alienation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Online Parenting Programs.com today announced the integration of Parental Alienation, a new 45 minute section to their mandated online co-parenting programs. Parental alienation deprives children of their right to be loved and expressing love for both of their parents. Family courts are beginning to recognize and notice Parental Alienation as a form of child abuse, as the alienating strategies used on the children are disturbing, confusing and often frightening, and rob children of their sense of security and safety.
...
“An alienating parent may seek emotional comfort and support from their children. They may be seeking validation for pain and anger against the co-parent and turn to their children,” said Lori LaVigne, Education Director for Online Parenting Programs.com. “An example of this behavior would be trying to persuade your children to take sides with you against your co-parent or speaking negatively about your co-parent in front of the children. Many alienating parents are very angry and disapprove of their children having a healthy, loving bond with the co-parent, and they express this message of disapproval to their children in both obvious and subtle ways.”'

SAVE: As Victim Credibility Dwindles, SAVE Calls on Prosecutors to File Charges in Brian Banks False Rape Case

Matt · 27 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / June 26, 2012 – One month after revelations of Wanetta Gibson's false rape accusation, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is charging Los Angeles County prosecutors with unacceptable delay in filing perjury charges against Gibson. A vigorous prosecution of Gibson is critical to restoring the credibility of true rape victims, who often complain investigators with growing case loads don't take their claims seriously, SAVE says.

Rape is No Joke, a victim advocacy group, has charged that "Enormous damages are done by making a false allegation of rape." New York Post Andrea Peyser columnist laments that false accusations represent a "huge problem for future rape victims." And Justice Enriques has decried that "False complaints of rape necessarily impact upon the minds of jurors trying rape cases."'

North Carolina Dad Battles Hospital For Guardianship Of Comatose Son

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A North Carolina father is embroiled in a legal battle with a hospital that wants to assume guardianship of his comatose son.

A hearing was held on Tuesday to determine who will make the medical decisions for Freddie Lempe, 18, of Smithfield, N.C. The teenager has been in a coma since a car accident on March 6, 2011.

Lempe was in the passenger seat of a car that spun out of control on Highway 39 in Johnston County, N.C., throwing him out of the car. While the driver walked away with only minor injuries, the accident left Freddie with both brain and spinal cord trauma.

Now, WakeMed, the Raleigh hospital in which he has been receiving care for over a year, has filed a suit in Wake County Courthouse to replace Lempe's father as his legal guardian to ensure that the overwhelming amount of paperwork is completed so that the teenager is eligible for Medicaid.'

New approaches urged to get boys to read

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Educators have long struggled to motivate boys to read on their own. Boys tend to be more active, hands-on learners and would rather clean their rooms than read Little Women, educators say.

But the stakes are high to get boys nose-deep in books, especially in the summer when kids who don't read can lose ground on their reading skills. Boys have consistently lagged behind girls on state and national reading and writing exams, a gap that widens by the time they reach high school.

Under a new reading requirement recently approved by state legislators, third-graders who aren't reading at grade level must be held back by the 2013-14 school year. In the 2010-11 school year, the most recent for which results are available, 22.3 percent of Ohio's third-grade boys failed the reading exam.

Part of the problem is that teachers — many of them female — have steered boys into books that the teachers are interested in.

"Boys like to read things that don't appeal to adults or girls," said Scott Jones, a fifth-grade teacher at J.W. Reason Elementary in Hilliard. He led a district training seminar last week on helping boys become independent readers and expressive writers.'

Please lodge anti-circumcision responses with the State Department (re: PEPFAR) - Deadline 8 July 2012

Minuteman · 28 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

This is a response to the document "Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals: PEPFAR Program Expenditures" [regulations.gov Docket ID: DOS-2012-0032, FR Doc No: 2012-11190] (http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=DOS-2012-0032-0001).

The deadline for submissions is 8 July 2012.

This submission can be made by anybody from any country around the world.

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Response to “Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals: PEPFAR Program Expenditures” [regulations.gov Docket ID: DOS-2012-0032, FR Doc No: 2012-11190]

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to “Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals: PEPFAR Program Expenditures” [regulations.gov Docket ID: DOS-2012-0032, FR Doc No: 2012-11190]. This response document will briefly address concerns about the ethical, legal and methodological flaws with past research informing aspects of present PEPFAR program areas; concerns about adverse consequences of PEPFAR program areas; and concerns about the absence of oversight of the activities of PEPFAR funding recipients.

Ethical, Legal and Methodological Flaws with Past Research informing present PEPFAR Program Areas

In 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General [OIG] published a series of audit reports revealing that throughout fiscal years 2000-2010, the National Institute of Allergy and Infections Diseases [NIAID], did not comply with the time and amount requirements specified in appropriations statutes, in awarding several federal contracts to commercial partners, committing the federal government to tens of millions of dollars of expenditure ahead of appropriation of funds from Congress (OIG 2011a; OIG 2011b; OIG 2011c; OIG 2011d). During this time, NIAID also funded and sponsored research conducted abroad, that would be unlikely to receive ethical approval to be conducted in the United States, incorporating the excision of healthy tissue from subjects in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, specifically ClinicalTrials.gov registered trials NCT00059371 and NCT00425984 ['the African trials'] (Bailey et al 2007; Gray et al 2007), the methodology, conclusions, ethics and legality of which have been questioned in the professional medical literature (Boyle & Hill 2011; Green et al 2010). Consent forms for the African trials failed to include then known information, from the professional medical literature, about the importance to mens' sexual health of the prepuce, frenulum, ridged-band and other tissues removed by circumcision (Taylor et al 1996), evidence for which

has grown in the years since (Frisch et al 2011; Sorrells et al 2007). In the years following publication of the African trials, regulatory agencies under the aegis of the Department of Health and Human Services have moved to strengthen protections afforded human research subjects and to increase the rigor with which trials conducted abroad are assessed as a basis for seeking approval of new drugs and medical devices in the U.S. market (FDA 2012; OHRP 2011).

Adverse Consequences of PEPFAR Program Funding Areas

Despite the concerns identified above, the results of the African trials continue to be used to justify the en masse circumcision of men in Africa using PEPFAR funds and to justify the circumcision of boys and male infants - both in the United States and abroad - in the absence of clear and present immediate medical indications, and in the latter instance, with the tacit endorsement of U.S. government agencies in receipt of PEPFAR program funding (CDC 2011; Llewellyn 2012). In the wake of PEPFAR funding for mass circumcision programs in Africa, local media in the region have reported coercion of men and boys to be circumcised (AFP 2012; Dube 2012; Langa 2012; Onyango 2012) and misdirection of limited medical resources from other priority areas to male circumcision (AHN 2012; Gonzalez 2012).

Absence of Oversight

On the 15 June 2011, the OIG published a report critical of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [CDC's] failure to oversee recipients' use of PEPFAR funds, concluding that the "lack of required documentation demonstrates that CDC has not exercised proper stewardship over Federal PEPFAR funds because it did not consistently follow departmental and other Federal requirements in monitoring PEPFAR recipients" (OIG 2011e). More recently, on 5 June 2012, the OIG published a report identifying vulnerabilities in vaccine management in the CDC's domestic 'Vaccines for Children' program (OIG 2012), suggesting the possibility that more systemic problems may exist within the agency, impacting it's ability to effectively oversee the activities of grantees in receipt of federal funds.

Conclusion

Valid concerns exist about the ethical, legal and methodological flaws with past research informing aspects of present PEPFAR program areas; adverse consequences of PEPFAR program areas; and the absence of oversight of the activities of PEPFAR funding recipients. It is therefore imperative that full and complete disclosure and oversight in the proposed information collection activity take precedence over the CDC's and PEPFAR funding recipients' professed concerns for increased regulatory and administrative 'burden'.

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SAVE: Tell Congress: We Must Prosecute Wanetta Gibson and all False Rape Accusers

Matt · 28 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Brian Banks, a star high school football player, was falsely accused of rape by a female acquaintance. Banks served five years in prison and was required to register as a sex offender. The accuser received a $1.5 million settlement from the school.

Last year, Banks logged onto Facebook and had a friend request from his accuser, Wanetta Gibson!

Private investigator Freddie Parish hid two cameras to record statements by Gibson when she met with Banks in the investigator's office. "Did he rape you?," asked Parish. "No," Gibson said, "he did not rape me." "All that money they gave us, I mean gave me, I don't want to have to pay it back, all of it, because that would take a long time," Gibson said on camera.

See the video: http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/06/brian-banks-accuser-money-wanetta-gibson.html

A judge overturned Banks' conviction. One month later, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is charging Los Angeles County prosecutors with unacceptable delay in filing perjury charges against Gibson. A vigorous prosecution of Gibson is critical to restoring the credibility of true rape victims.

Tell your Representatives to insist that Los Angeles County prosecutors file perjury charges against Wanetta Gibson, right NOW!

Find your representatives here:
http://www.house.gov/htbin/findrep?ZIP=

JUNE IS FALSE ALLEGATIONS AWARENESS MONTH. TELL A FRIEND.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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Cologne's Court Bans Infant Male Genital Mutilation

Matt · 28 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"To ban infant circumcision is essentially to make the practice of Judaism illegal in Germany; it is now once again a crime to be a Jew in the Reich ... Perhaps those convicted of wrongful circumcision could be required to wear a yellow star?"

... But the court does indeed get to a central issue: can parents permanently mutilate a child's genitals to pursue their own religious goals? I have a rather expanisve view of religious liberty, so I would veer on the side of permissiveness here. But that it is an assault on a child seems obvious to me. If it were done not for religious reasons, it would be banned. And so I do not see making this mutilation as illegal as it is for girls to be somehow bigoted or intolerant.

And the religious liberty involved is obviously not the child's. If he wants to, he can get his genitals mutilated later as a sign of his religious commitment - when he is old enough to be able to make such a choice of his own free will. At some point, one can only hope this barbarism disappears. And it will have nothing to do with anti-Semitism or Islamophobia; it will be about defending the religious liberty of Jewish and Muslim males to choose their religion, and not have it permanently marked as scar tissue on their dicks. ....'

F&F: Day One: Family Law Reform Promoting Responsible Fatherhood

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Equal shared parenting as a default in custody disputes is the logical and ethical choice: a win-win for fathers, for children and the nation. Let tomorrow be Day One of family law reform in America," wrote Barbara Kay, a columnist with the National Post of Canada, in her article, A Father's Day Downer, that ran in the New York Daily News, on Father's Day.

Kay made her case with the facts and figures we know too well: "Father absence is devastating for children. Exhaustive peer-reviewed research confirms that the absence of a father is the single most reliable predictor for a whole roster of negative outcomes: low self-esteem, parental alienation, high school dropout (71% are fatherless), truancy, early sexual activity, promiscuity, teen pregnancy, gang membership, imprisonment (85% of jailed youth are fatherless), drug abuse, homelessness (90% of runaway children have an absent father), a 40 times higher risk of sexual abuse and 100 times higher risk of fatal abuse.'

“Religion” is no excuse for mutilating your baby’s penis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But other grown-up babies may not feel this way. What of Jewish (or Muslim) children who reject their parents’ faith? Who don’t believe in God? Or who do believe in a God, but in a loving one—say, one who would never mandate the genital mutilation of babies? Those grown-up babies have had their penises irreversibly scarred in the service of beliefs they do not hold as adults. Surely there is room for the legal system of a pluralistic society to determine that these babies have a right to bodily integrity and are entitled to make decisions about their own penises when they are mentally competent to do so.
...
“Culture” cannot justify the nonconsensual genital cutting of babies. Neither can religion. Even if I sincerely believed that the creator of the universe had commanded me to remove genital tissue from my son without his permission, I would have to decline on ethical grounds. “God told me to do it” is simply not an acceptable replacement for moral reasoning in the modern era. The German court ruled rightly.'

Unemployed Men Undesirable To Women, "It's Just Lunch" Survey Finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's not unusual for people looking for a relationship to keep a mental checklist of qualities they absolutely require in a a partner. But a recent survey by the dating service "It's Just Lunch" found that there's one box in particular that straight women want checked: they want the men they date to have jobs.

Of the 925 single women surveyed, 75 percent said they'd have a problem with dating someone without a job. Only 4 percent of respondents asked whether they would go out with an unemployed man answered "of course."

"Not having a job will definitely make it harder for men to date someone they don't already know," Irene LaCota, a spokesperson for It's Just Lunch, said in a press release. "This is the rare area, compared to other topics we've done surveys on, where women's old-fashioned beliefs about sex roles seem to apply."
...

Still, the new survey joins an existing body of research indicating that women do want a man with some financial resources. One oft-cited study out of the U.K. in 2011 found that women today care more about a man's income and level of education than they did in the 1940s. Another study published last year found that German women increasingly look for men with salaries similar to their own. The reason, again, wasn't that the women wanted a man to take care of them. Instead participants reported that they wanted a mate with equal earning power to avoid the conflict they foresaw arising if their male partners felt insecure about them earning more.'

German verdict's purpose is to delay circumcision, not ban it, jurist says

Matt · 29 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A widely criticized German court verdict on religious circumcision this week aims only to delay the act, not ban it, and is not directed against any faith, a jurist with a leading role in the legal debate said on Friday.

The operation does serious bodily harm and only males old enough to consent to it freely should undergo it, said Holm Putzke, law professor at Passau University in southern Germany.

Using arguments Putzke has published in recent years, a court in the western city of Cologne ruled on Tuesday that the circumcision there of a Muslim boy who suffered post-operative bleeding had violated a German law against causing bodily harm.

Jewish, Muslim, Catholic and Protestant leaders in Germany denounced the ruling as a serious intrusion on religious freedom. Even Germany's foreign minister spoke out, saying such faith traditions must be allowed in a tolerant modern society.'

Berlin hospital suspends circumcisions after court ruling

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Berlin's Jewish Hospital will suspend circumcisions after a German court ruled this week that performing the procedure on religious grounds is unlawful, a hospital spokesman said Friday.

"We are suspending circumcisions until the legal position is clear," Gerhard Nerlich told AFP, citing head of internal medicine Kirstof Graf.

The hospital performs 300 circumcisions a year, a third of which are for religious reasons and the remainder due to medical concerns.

"We regularly performed circumcisions before this ruling but we don't have the legal freedom to do so any more," said Nerlich, adding that two procedures had already been cancelled.'

Strip Club 'Tax' to Fund Rape Investigations in Houston

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Article here.

'(NEWSER) – Want to help Houston foot the bill for its rape investigations? Visit a strip club. The city doesn't have the funds to quickly analyze evidence collected in rape kits, so the City Council passed an ordinance yesterday imposing a $5-per-visitor "pole tax" on strip joints and other clubs that host adult entertainment (think wet T-shirt contests). The money collected will go toward processing Houston's rape kits; an estimated 6,000 sit untested, the Wall Street Journal reports. With 30 clubs subject to the tax, as much as $3 million could be raised annually.

Supporters of the fee, which passed 14-1, say that strip clubs contribute to sexual assaults by fostering an unhealthy attitude about women that could ultimately lead to sexual assaults; opponents point out the lack of studies proving that. Texas already levies a $5-per-customer "pole tax" on strip clubs, meaning Houston clubs will have double the fee. But, says a City Council member, "When you look at videos of these clubs and see women putting $5, $10, and $20 dollar bills in their remaining clothing, I don't think a $5 tax will hurt anybody."'

Elect more women to end gridlock

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than 300 women, a record high, have filed to run for Congress this year, which means a likely gain of female members come November. In addition to greater parity for women--who've been chronically underrepresented--more women in Congress could bring another benefit: Less gridlock.

Female senators have a markedly more bipartisan vote record than their male peers do. Moreover, studies in personality research find that women are more cooperative than men, more willing to compromise, more empathetic and, moreover, more polite.'

WashPost Promotes Feminist Study Demanding More Quotes From Women

Mastodon · 30 June 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Washington Post reporter Paul Farhi publicized the latest feminist lament that “a new analysis of campaign coverage found that women aren’t even the principal news source on a topic they would presumably know best: women’s issues.”

That apparently means sexual issues: “Major news outlets, print and TV, turn mainly to male sources for their take on abortion, birth control and Planned Parenthood, according to a study by 4th Estate, a research group that monitors campaign coverage.” Farhi turned to "women's groups" for comment -- just one kind of women.
...
What’s a little ridiculous is that this whole story on alleged media one-sidedness only consults the feminist spinners – from Michael Howe to Terry O’Neill of NOW to Julie Burton of the Women’s Media Center.'

Stand up for your son: Say ‘no’ to ritual circumcision

Matt · 1 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Even if criminalization is impractical, this week’s German court ruling against circumcision on children, except for medical purposes, sent a much-needed message.

I’ve been an atheist since adolescence, but being a Jew has always been a vital element of my identity, something I can’t imagine not being, and for this reason, above all others, I knew as a matter of course that I would have my two sons circumcized. It was only after going through it, with the blood and the boys’ wailing and our anguish and worry - with the realization that this mohel was actually taking a knife to the foreskins of our eight-day-old sons’ penises - that I began to think about it.

...

So I put my boys through it, 12 and 16 years ago. And since then, although the bleeding and crying stopped and everything turned out alright, I realize that this Jewish (and Muslim) tradition is a bad one. It should be replaced, like some of the Torah’s other horrific injunctions, and instead of cutting off the foreskin, a few strands of hair should be removed, or a fingernail should be dyed, or the boy should get a little tattoo at age nine or something. I very much like being a member of the Jewish tribe, and I don’t have a problem with parents harmlessly “marking” their infant sons (or daughters) as members of their tribe. But ritual circumcision for an eight-day-old boy, as the absolute mandatory condition of his being a Jew, is barbaric, risky and fairly insane.'

Protecting Adoption and Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Act of 2012

Matt · 2 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, Congresswoman Laura Richardson introduced the Protecting Adoption and Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Act of 2012. The legislation will create a National Responsible Father Registry, giving unwed fathers the chance to register and be notified of court proceedings involving the child and relieving birth mothers of the burden of notifying the birth fathers.

Congresswoman Richardson's legislation has been endorsed by the National Council for Adoption and the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys.

"Too often, a child misses a critical window of opportunity to be adopted simply because there is a lengthy and cumbersome process of locating the father and adjudicating his parental rights," said Congresswoman Richardson.

California is not one of the 34 states that already have father registries. It's for this reason that Congresswoman Richardson introduced this legislation to encourage the state to participate in a national responsible father registry. Registered men are entitled to notice of court proceedings involving a particular child, such as adoption or state custody proceedings. Congresswoman Richardson's legislation will "protect the rights of responsible fathers, protect the rights of mothers, and help secure the prompt and stable placement of children," said Denise Bierly, President of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys.'

Teacher Avoids Jail Time For Hosting Student Alcohol-Fueled Sex Parties

Mastodon · 3 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Audrey Grabarkiewicz, a 46-year-old preschool teacher at Lake Bowen Baptist Church in Spartanburg, S.C., will not serve jail time despite being arrested for throwing alcohol and sex parties for teens last year, WSPA-TV reports.

According to CBS, the "sex parties" took place in the summer of of 2010, and Grabarkiewicz was charged with 10 counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Late last week, Judge Larry B. Hyman Jr. sentenced the teacher to three years probation and 120 hours of community service, the Spartanburg Herald-Journal reports.'

SAVE Elert: Govt. Panel Says No Need to Screen Abused Men for IPV

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The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has just released its draft recommendations to screen for intimate partner violence (IPV) in healthcare settings. The panel says all women should be assessed for IPV: http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/draftrec2.htm

But if you're an abused man.... you didn't make the cut.

There's hope: the Task Force recommendations are just a draft, so if enough persons complain, maybe they'll change them to include men.

Here's how to email your polite comments: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/uspstf-responses/

Take 5 minutes today - you may save an abused man's life.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Young boys 'turned off books' by lack of male teachers

Broadsword · 4 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Large numbers of boys are failing to develop a love of reading during primary education because of a shortage of male teachers combined with an anti-book culture among many fathers, an inquiry has found.

Gavin Barwell, chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Literacy, said reading was not seen as a “masculine thing” by boys – leaving them lagging behind girls from the age of four onwards.

In many cases, schools failed to equip them with a selection of adventure and action novels by authors such as Enid Blyton, Roald Dahl and J.R.R Tolkien that are significantly more likely to appeal to boys at a young age, he suggested.

It is claimed that a failure to read properly as an infant has a serious impact on standards across the curriculum, with children struggling to grasp the basics in all other major academic subjects. According to Government figures, boys are less likely to read basic words or recite the alphabet by the age of five and the gap widens throughout compulsory education.'

Girls outperforming boys in "masculine" subjects

Broadsword · 4 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New figures show teenage girls are more likely to achieve good grades in practical courses designed to lead straight to a job in traditionally male-dominated industries.

They were almost twice as likely to score highly in vocational qualifications sat between the age of 14 and 16, while results were around a third higher in courses sat in the sixth-form. The disclosure – in data published by one of Britain's biggest exam providers – comes amid continuing concerns over the gulf in standards between boys and girls.
...
According to figures, girls are already ahead in most disciplines by the age of five and the gap widens throughout compulsory education.

Last year, some 62 per cent of girls achieved five good GCSEs, compared with just 55 per cent of boys. Almost one-in-10 boys also failed to gain at least one C grade at the age of 16 – almost twice the failure rate of girls.'

U.S. says Texas police department discriminated against women

Broadsword · 4 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal lawsuit filed on Tuesday accuses Corpus Christi, Texas of discriminating against female applicants to the city's police department by requiring them to pass a physical test that favored men.

The Justice Department said the female pass rate for the test, which was used between 2005 and 2011, was 80 percent lower than the male pass rate and that it excluded otherwise qualified applicants from consideration for hire as entry-level police officers based solely on their gender.

The test, which included push-ups, sit-ups, and a 300-meter and 1.5-mile run, had identical cut-off scores for men and women. But between 2005 and 2009, only 19 percent of the female applicants who took the test passed it, compared with 63 percent of the male applicants, according to the Justice Department.

It said the disparate results "constitute a pattern or practice of resistance to the full enjoyment by women of their rights to equal employment opportunities regardless of their sex."'

Author Claims Abortions Have Made Men's Lives Better

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Pro-choice women have long asked men to remain silent when it comes to the issue of abortion. The theory was that it's a woman's choice, and therefore no man should have a say in the matter.

And while Sara Robinson of AlterNet makes it clear that she doesn't believe that men have the right to stop the killing of their own children, she does believe that men need to start speaking out in favor of abortion. In her post, "Abortions Have Made Life Better for Millions of Men: It's About Time to Speak Up in Support," Robinson reminds us all that "for every single woman who's ever had an abortion, there's a man somewhere in the story." But it's only those who supported the abortion who matter to Robinson. She writes:

But even as we're getting an aggrieved earful from the full chorus of patriarchal bullies, our own pro-choice men have receded into the background of the conversation, to the point where they have no voice at all. Worse: these sweet guys think that by holding their tongues, they're doing us a favor.'

Circumcision deaths worry SACP

Mastodon · 5 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Eastern Cape* - The high number of deaths at circumcision schools in the Eastern Cape required action, the SA Communist Party in the province said on Wednesday.

“This challenge warrants all people of our province to unite and fight against malpractice of this old custom,” SACP spokesman Siyabonga Mdodi said in a statement.

The SACP called on community forums, traditional leaders, law enforcement agencies and the health department to intervene.

The SACP said at least 20 initiates had died this year alone and scores more had been injured.

“Four had penile amputations and 131 (were) admitted to hospitals.”'

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* Ed. added link

A Men and Woman's MRA Group Call for the London area

Roderick1268 · 5 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Hello MRAs,

Here is another try at setting up a Men's Rights Group in London. 2010 was my last bash at it, with no real interest.

Paul Elam's "A Voice For Men" has flourished since then and I am eternally grateful beyond all words for what he and the AVFM team is doing, for MRAs worldwide, alongside all our other active, online and offline activists.

Why am I writing in again? Well John-The-Other is now involved in Vancouver with other MRAs, I am no JTO by any stretch, I am no great organizer and have no personal ambitions of leadership, but if they can do it in Vancouver and Australia, why not London too?

My original request was for a men only group, I felt men needed to find our feet independently. I was wrong, some of the most well spoken articulate MRAs speakers are woman. I don't think we can advance far without women, and there is always a danger we could become a reflection of Feminism ourselves, by not being challenged, in an unhealthy closed atmosphere like many hateful Woman's Groups.

I work part-time out of London, so a fortnightly or monthly group would suit me.
It will be two or three weeks before I can return to my computer screen again, so I'm putting this out there now, food-for-thought.

I am not throwing myself into battle mode here; I am attempting to encourage the natural growth of a community of men and woman who oppose Feminist dogma.
Things are changing so quickly now. There are MRAs and human rights activists who have been working for years and years have got us to this place now by committing their lives to activism. We can help too, just by doing something.

I am friends with Tom Martin (he tried suing London School of Economics for discrimination). I discuss and debate issues with him often; he might even come to something we do.

I am not naive, Radical Feminists are very dangerous women, and have rarely if ever been held accountable for their violence or intimidation. These extremists will do anything to stop dialog between men, or between men and woman. Feminists will see us, - believe us - and try and prove us to be a hate group, a rape club or pedophile ring or whatever. Personal attacks, false allegations, lies, public shaming and vendettas comes with the territory. So we will need to take care as we go.

There WILL be Men's Rights Groups in London and everywhere else in time.
Please don't expect an immediate response for two weeks I am away from my computer and the internet.

Contact me at antifemnasty-at-googlemail.com

Thanks,

Rod!

Austrian med school gives women grading edge

Mastodon · 7 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Antonio Bandera took a last nervous drag on his smoke Friday as he readied himself for the grueling eight-hour entrance exam for elite Vienna Medical University. Making the cut's hard enough, he said, and this year his chances may be even smaller: The university is grading men and women differently based on gender.

"It's not right to give one sex or the other the advantage," he said. "How you score should determine how your chances are."

The university's policy is apparently unique in Europe. Those responsible for giving women a grading edge are aware that it could expose the institution to EU legal action, on charges of discrimination, but they argue that it's needed to even the playing field. Since the Vienna medical school introduced its current entrance exam six years ago, they say, women on average have scored significantly lower each time than men.'

F&F: Putative or “Punitive” Father Registry?

Matt · 7 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Putative Father Registry mandates that unwed fathers mail in a postcard to register their possible claim for paternity rights in a timely manner. Thus, the registry places the responsibility on the father. Mothers, however, do not need to identify the father or potential fathers.

Adoption agencies and attorneys favor registries because adoption proceedings can then commence without the possibility of disruption due to late paternity claims. Proponents claim:

- The privacy and safety of the mother is secured because she does not have to identify the possible father nor inform the father of her pregnancy.
- The privacy of the father is protected in that notice is mailed only to the secure address he has provided the registry.
- Both mother’s and father’s privacy are protected in that no names are published in the newspaper.

Thirty-four states use registries to give putative fathers an opportunity to file notice of their claims to paternity. In many states, a man who has not filed with the putative father registry will not receive notice of any termination of parental rights and/or any adoption court proceedings regarding the child.'

Taxing Marriage To Fund Domestic Violence Grants - Sense Or Nonsense?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the end the Court let the tax stand:

Rather, based on the facts before us, we cannot say that a $5 fee on a marriage license constitutes a significant burden on the right to marry. Thus, we will apply the rational basis test. Applying that test, we believe that the legislature's imposition of a small charge on marriage license applicants is reasonably related to the Fund's narrow purpose of helping married victims of domestic violence leave violent marriages. As we find that the tax bears a rational relationship to a legitimate legislative purpose, the plaintiff's due process claim fails.

I have not been able to discern who it is that thought taking an extra five bucks from each newly married couple to fund domestic violence programs, specifically for married people, was a good idea. It seems like something that might occur to radical feminists and admittedly does have a certain logic to it. I would think that defenders of traditional marriage might find the whole thing more disturbing than allowing gay marriage, but the decision has not attracted much notice. Hopefully, I'll get some comments that will shed a little more light.'

'The bigotry of the anti-circumcision zealots'

Mastodon · 8 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The international campaign demonising the religious practice of circumcising young boys is fuelled by a new form of misanthropic bigotry. It represents a synthesis of twenty-first-century cultural correctness and old-fashioned prejudice. This moral crusade brings together many of the worst trends of our age: the paranoid dogma about the ‘vulnerable child’; the culturally sanctioned contempt for the exercise of parental authority; intolerance of freedom of religion; insensitivity to people’s traditional beliefs; and old-fashioned prejudice against circumcised people.'

'If all men are monsters, how should we raise our boys?'

Mastodon · 9 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are used to living with criticism, often from other men who are sometimes hard on each other. Sometimes from women. Or from well-meaning people in the media. We have been analysed, scrutinized, puzzled over, labeled, you name it. We are too much this and not enough that. We fail in Kindergarten for not being quiet enough and we fail later on because we're afraid of commitment.

The world of book-learning is especially critical of us. When I asked about books on men in one Sydney bookshop the reply was "Oh God, I don't know. Try under mental illness or self-help". Men will always be criticized for not being feminist enough. But as Garrison Keillor said, men can never be feminists. Millions have tried and nobody did better than C-plus.

Men are urged to take more care of themselves. But why do we expect men to look after their health if they are always told that society doesn't value them?'

NYC officials suggest law change after Jewish circumcision is tied to infant herpes and death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Health officials in New York City are asking for Orthodox Jews to accept a proposed regulation on a circumcision ritual after it has been linked to spreading herpes to infants and causing the deaths of at least two newborns.

The New York City Board of Health wants ultra-Orthodox parents that subject their children to the "metzitzah b'peh" ritual to be forced to sign a consent waiver before the circumcision procedure is performed. The reason, they argue, is that which can be potentially fatal.

While circumcision is considered commonplace in many religions, the specific metzitzah b'peh done by Orthodox Jews has caused concern in New York health officials because it doesn't end with a simple snip. The health department says that around 20,493 infant boys were involved in the ritual in the month of June alone, which requires the person performing the procedure to orally suck blood from the wound on the boy's circumcised penis after an incision is made on the foreskin.'

Girls more likely to suffer from 'mathematics anxiety'

Broadsword · 9 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Study here. Excerpt:

Research shows girls are more likely to suffer from “mathematics anxiety” – holding them back in tests.

It was suggested that maths was often viewed as a male subject, meaning many young women were socialised into thinking of themselves as “mathematically incompetent”.

Academics from Oxford and Cambridge universities said that girls and boys performed roughly the same in independently-set maths exams.
...

Children aged 11 to 15 were presented with a maths test and asked to complete a questionnaire used to assess their physiological, emotional, cognitive and behavioural reactions to answering the questions.

It revealed no difference between girls and boys in straight test results, but found that girls displayed higher levels of mathematical anxiety.

The study found that heightened levels of fear – in turn – affected girls’ performance in maths exams. Without this anxiety, girls were likely to pull ahead of boys in tests, it was revealed.'

"The rebranding of circumcision as 'child abuse' echoes the ugly anti-Semitism of medieval Europe"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There are many bad things about the modern atheistic assault on religion. But perhaps the worst thing is its rebranding of certain religious practices as "child abuse". Everything from sending your kid to a Catholic school to having your baby boy circumcised has been redefined by anti-religious campaigners as "abuse". This use of emotionally loaded language to demonise the practices and beliefs of people of faith has reached its ugly and logical conclusion in Germany, where a court has decreed that circumcision for religious purposes causes "bodily harm", against boys who are "unable to give their consent", and therefore should be outlawed.

This is an alarming attack on freedom of religion and on parents' rights to initiate their children into their faith. The court case centred around a four-year-old Muslim boy who was given a very bad circumcision, but the precedent set by the case will of course affect Jews as well as Muslims. And as Germany's Central Council of Jews rightly said, the court's ruling is "an egregious and insensitive measure", which represents "an unprecedented and dramatic intervention in religious communities' right of determination". He points out that Jews have the freedom to circumcise their male children in every country in the world – but soon maybe not in Germany.'

Harvard Will Not Alter Its Sexual Assault Policies in Response to Yale

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Harvard administrator said the University does not intend to alter its sexual assault policies in response to Yale's recent settlement over a complaint that alleged that Yale's sexual misconduct grievance procedures violated Title IX.

In an agreement with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, Yale agreed to uphold its recent policy changes—including its adoption of the lower "preponderance of the evidence" standard, which requires the university to be at least 51 percent certain of an alleged perpetrator's guilt before issuing a guilty verdict. The previous policy required a "clear preponderance of the evidence," a more stringent burden of proof.
...
Currently, Harvard employs different standards of evidence among its various schools. The Law School uses the more stringent "burden of proof" standard--which requires about 80 percent proof for a guilty verdict--while the Faculty of Arts and Sciences requires that the Administrative Board be "sufficiently persuaded" of an accused student's responsibility for an alleged incident.'

Indiana Dad Sentenced to Five Years for Criticizing Judge, Custody Evaluator

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Indiana man faces five years in prison because he criticized the judge and the custody evaluator in his divorce and custody case. Here's Dan Brewington's website and here's a link to his brief appealing his criminal convictions.

Dan and Melissa Brewington were married in 2002. They had two daughters before Melissa filed for divorce in early 2007. Both parents sought primary custody of the children, but Melissa was awarded primary custody during the pendency of the case. Dan had visitation three days each week. During the entire course of the two and a half year custody case, no allegation of violence, physical or sexual abuse, neglect, drug or alcohol abuse was ever leveled at Dan Brewington. And of course he had his daughters three days a week, so someone must have thought he was a pretty good dad.'

SAVE: Last Chance: 24 Hours to Stand Up for Abused Men

Matt · 9 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force draft recommendations to screen for intimate partner violence (IPV) in healthcare settings omits screening for the abuse of male patients: http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/draftrec2.htm.

This has us baffled, since the following studies have demonstrated the feasibility of screening for male victims of domestic violence: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/uspstf-studies

Have a look at the article "A Closer Look at Men Who Sustain Intimate Terrorism by Women" by Denise A. Hines, PhD and Emily M. Douglas, PhD, published on the National Institutes of Health website: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2913504

If you are as concerned as we are, if you want the discrimination to end, if you want abused men and boys to get the same level of services as women and girls, please send your polite comments by the end of the day, tomorrow, Tuesday, July 10: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/uspstf-responses

Please do this now; it could be one of your male friends or family members who suffers in silence.

Sincerely,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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How VAWA Takes Away Men's Due Process Rights

el cid · 10 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

This article provides an excellent analysis of men's loss of due process rights under VAWA. Excerpt:

'While "due process" exists in form, it no longer means anything in substance, and the Mondale Act and the Violence Against Women Act have further eviscerated what have been called "the rights of the accused." Being that the main purpose of the VAWA was to get more convictions of assault, sexual assault, and rape against men, the law has been very successful, but only by spreading the net very wide (on the assumption that all men are rapists and women always tell the truth they when accuse men of rape) and eliminating requirements that the prosecution bring corroborating evidence.

It is important to remember that "sex crimes" in this era have become intensely political. Passage of the VAWA, just like the Mondale passage some 20 years earlier, had been preceded by huge amounts of propaganda claiming that rape and sexual assault were "epidemic," and that only the federal government could save the day, and the way to do that was to destroy due process, rules of evidence, and any sense of "fair play" when "sex offender" accusations were made.'

Increasing number of US schools splitting up boys, girls in classrooms

Broadsword · 10 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Single-sex classes began proliferating after the U.S. Education Department relaxed restrictions in 2006. With research showing boys, particularly minority boys, are graduating at lower rates than girls and faring worse on tests, plenty of schools were paying attention.

In 2002, only about a dozen schools were separating the sexes, according to the National Association for Single Sex Public Education, an advocacy group. Now, an estimated 500 public schools across the country offer some all-boy and all-girl classrooms.

Proponents argue the separation allows for a tailored instruction and cuts down on gender-driven distractions among boys and girls, such as flirting. But critics decry the movement as promoting harmful gender stereotypes and depriving kids of equal educational opportunities. The ACLU claims many schools offer the classes in a way that conflicts with the U.S. Constitution and Title IX, a federal law banning sex discrimination in education. Researchers also have weighed in.

Women outnumber men on US Olympic team

Matt · 10 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During this, the summer of the 40th anniversary of Title IX, American women have reached another milestone in sports: For the first time, they outnumber men on the U.S. Olympic team.

The U.S. Olympic Committee released its roster for the London Olympics on Tuesday. There were 269 women and 261 men.

CEO Scott Blackmun called it a "true testament to the impact of Title IX," the 1972 law that increased opportunities for women in sports across America.'

Men Only Parking

MikeJH · 11 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A German mayor faces accusations of sexism after ordering for his town's trickiest parking spaces to be marked 'men only'.

Gallus Strobel, mayor of the Black Forest town of Triberg, has demanded that spaces are painted with a male or female symbol depending on their perceived difficulty.

Women have been allocated wide, well-lit spaces located close to the exits of car parks, while men are expected to pull in at more difficult angles close to cement pillars.
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It comes less than a week after pictures emerged of a car park in China which has introduced a ladies-only parking zone.

The underground shopping centre car park in Tianjin has an area clearly marked with neon signs, bright pink shopping-themed decor, and hazard bumpers in each space.

It is believed to be one of several car parks in China which have special ladies-only parking zones to make them feel comfortable when parking.

The car parks include extra wide bays, added lighting, and female parking attendants to give guidance.

Statistics from the Driving Standards Agency show that more than 40,000 women failed their driving tests last year for not controlling their car while reverse parking.

The number of men who failed was less than half that number at 18,798.'

What About the Men? Why Our Gender System Sucks for Men, Too

Mastodon · 11 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We live in a sexist society, one where gender programming starts at birth (though the advent of the sonogram has allowed parents to get a head start by painting the nursery pink or blue and stocking up in advance on gendered toys and clothes) and is so pervasive as to be inescapable. Feminism has done an excellent job analyzing and challenging the ways that these assigned and enforced gender roles damage and deform the lives of women. The same tools of analysis can be applied to the damage and deformation that men suffer. And that damage, sad to say, is severe.

The general term for the incredibly restrictive social codes on male behavior is hegemonic masculinity, though Paul Kivel refers to it as the “Man Box” in his work, and Charlie Glickman clarifies that to the “Act Like a Man Box” to emphasize the performative nature of the restrictions. We choose to use hegemonic masculinity as our term because it is less likely than “Man Box” to be used in a trend piece about how it’s okay for men to own steamer trunks now.'

Women voters want white guys out

Mastodon · 11 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Undecided women voters in key swing states have spoken: dads and other old white guys are out and mommy lawmakers are in, especially those with a little spine--or a pistol.

In a far-reaching Emily's List poll that showed President Obama beating Mitt Romney among the group 48 percent to 40 percent, the 950 women in 13 states rejected male politicians in Washington, blaming them for the fiscal crisis and being out of touch with the everyday woes of females.

The poll, which the progressive group is using to guide its Women Vote! project to back female Democratic candidates, put dads near the bottom of the list of appealing attributes women voters prefer, slightly above attorneys, stock brokers, lobbyists and current members of Congress.

At the top: Teachers, female police chiefs and moms. "Moms are more appealing than dads," said pollster Lisa Grove, because it's assumed that they understand what women want.'

Protecting Your Rights as an Unmarried Father in Georgia

Mastodon · 11 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'July 11, 2012 /24-7PressRelease/ -- So you're about to become a dad -- congratulations! Getting ready for a new baby is a big job, but if you and the baby's mother are not married, there is one important task you need to take care of. You need to establish paternity and go through the process of legitimating your child. If you don't, you will have no legal rights regarding the care and custody of the child.

In Georgia, when a child is born outside of a marriage, the mother is the only person allowed to have legal or physical custody of the child. There are no automatic fathers' rights. This is true even if the mother and father live together or have been in a committed relationship for several years.
...
Paternity establishes a duty to pay child support. It does not give a father a right to seek visitation or custody of a child.
...

An unwed Georgia father who wishes to establish legal rights to a child must go through a process called "legitimation." It is very important to note that simply putting the father's name on the child's birth certificate does not create a legal relationship.'

Boys Should Be Protected, as Girls Are

Matt · 11 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The recent court decision in Cologne that found ritual, medically unnecessary male circumcision to be a violation of the child's rights should not surprise scholars of American constitutional law. Two landmark cases have long held that U.S. law protects religious belief, but will not condone potentially harmful religious practice.

In 1878, in Reynolds v. U.S., the Supreme Court held that “laws are made for the government of actions, and while they cannot interfere with mere religious belief and opinions, they may with practices.”

Likewise, in 1944 in Prince v Massachusetts, the justices ruled: “The right to practice religion freely does not include liberty to expose the … child to ill health or death. … Parents may be free to become martyrs themselves. But they may not make martyrs of their children before they have reached the age of full and legal discretion when they can make that choice for themselves.”'

Let Boys Decide at 16

Matt · 11 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'All human beings should be able to make their own decisions about whether their genitals are to be injured. All the more so if such a procedure is irreversible and not medically necessary.

In countries where daily personal hygiene is possible and routine, there are no, or at least only highly doubtful, verifiable medical advantages of circumcising a child. Even if the removal of the foreskin could minimize the man's risk of contracting H.I.V. or reduce his female partners' risk of developing cervical cancer, this does not justify the circumcision of children. Whatever risks might exist for an uncircumcised man and his partners, they would not become relevant until the man is sexually active. For young boys, there are no medical benefits. On the contrary, circumcision carries all the risks inherent in any surgery.'

Teaching Feminism: Summer Reading, Girls Vs. Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many teachers and parents believe that we should select books that boys will be interested in because girls will read them no matter what. While I do believe this is true, it is dangerous to keep pushing male-oriented books on our young female students. Girls are already so overwhelmed with all of the classics written by (and for) dead, white men. They encounter important heros in literature such as Guy Montag, Holden Caulfield, and Jay Gatsby to name a few. They also encounter their helpless and often short-lived female counterparts who generally serve to inspire or otherwise drive the male hero of the story with no true agency themselves. While these books are important for students to read, if we don't counter the images of women we show young female students in literature, we risk sending the message that women aren't good for much besides inspiring men.'

Obama Sinks to Historic Lows Among Blue-Collar Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The new Quinnipiac University and ABC/Washington Post national surveys out this week converge on one key conclusion: as the election nears, President Obama is sinking to historic lows among the group most consistently hostile to him.

Throughout his career on the national stage, Obama has struggled among white men without a college education. But in these latest surveys, he has fallen to a level of support among them lower than any Democratic nominee has attracted in any election since 1980, according to an upcoming National Journal analysis of exit polls from presidential elections.

Though pollsters at each organization caution that the margins of error are substantial when looking at subgroups such as this, each poll shows erosion within that margin of error for Obama with these working-class white men. The new Quinnipiac poll shows Obama attracting just 29 percent of non-college white men, down from 32 percent in their most recent national survey in April, according to figures provided by Douglas Schwartz, April Radocchio and Ralph Hansen of Quinnipiac. The ABC/Washington Post survey found Obama drawing just 28 percent of non-college white men, down from 34 percent in their May survey, according to figures provided by ABC Pollster Gary Langer. Romney drew 56 percent of the non-college white men in Quinnipiac and 65 percent in the ABC/Washington Post survey.'

SAVE Applauds Justice Dept. Probe into Wrongful Convictions

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PRESS RELEASE
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WASHINGTON / July 12, 2012 -- Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) welcomes the recent announcement that the Department of Justice and FBI are launching a probe of thousands of criminal cases to determine whether defendants were wrongly convicted. The news was highlighted in a recent Washington Post article:
http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/justice-dept-fbi-to-review-use-of-forensic-evidence-in-thousands-of-cases/2012/07/10/gJQAT6DlbW_story.html

Each year millions of dollars in prosecutorial resources are squandered on trivial and false cases of domestic violence, thus shortchanging real victims who deserve priority from the criminal justice system, SAVE believes.

One survey found that about two-thirds of prosecutors' offices around the country have implemented so-called "no-drop" policies for domestic violence:
http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/Unequal-Justice-in-the-Criminal-Justice-System . Such policies obviate the requirement of probable cause, and have resulted in innocent citizens being needlessly charged and wrongfully convicted.

In a recent high-profile case, high school athlete Brian Banks, wrongfully accused of rape, accepted a 5-year plea bargain, rather than face the uncertainties of a trial. Banks' conviction was overturned in May after his accuser admitted on tape that the accusation was false.

Earlier this week, former Hofstra University student Rondell Bedward settled his lawsuit against false rape accuser Damnell Ndonye. Despite the existence of a video showing the sex was consensual, prosecutors had forced Bedward and 4 other accused men to be detained.

In 2011, SAVE filed a Grievance Complaint against Maine prosecutor Mary N. Kellett for multiple instances of prosecutorial misconduct: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/COMPLA1.pdf Kellett's case will be heard August 30-31.

SAVE says the Violence Against Women Act, currently up for reauthorization in Congress, needs to add provisions that require prosecutors receiving VAWA funding to eliminate no-drop policies and enforce laws that ban perjury and false swearing.

SAVE is a victim-advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to domestic violence:
www.saveservices.org

OED finally recognizes 'misandry' as a word

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http://oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/misandry?q=misandry

Definition of misandry
noun
[mass noun]

the hatred of men (i.e. the male sex specifically).

Propecia May Have Long-Lasting, Possibly Permanent Sexual Side Effects

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kevin Malley was almost 30, and he was starting to lose his hair. He went to his doctor to see if there was a way to keep from going bald, and his doctor prescribed Propecia.

"I looked young for my age, so I wanted to hold off my hair loss for a little bit," Malley said. "I didn't plan on taking Propecia for more than a year."

Malley started taking the drug in May 2011, and by October he was completely impotent and had no sex drive whatsoever. His body changed, even his genitals shrank, and he slipped into a mental fog that he just couldn't clear. His doctor told him the side effects would go away if he stopped taking the drug, so he did. But nothing changed.

"I kept expecting the side effects to go away, but they did not, they only got worse," he said.'

"Boiling Water Attack"?

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Here's the headline for this story:

"Trial ordered for ex-wife in boiling water attack"

Here's what she did:

"A judge has ordered trial for a California woman charged with pouring boiling water on her sleeping ex-husband in a jealous rage over another woman. Prosecutors say 39-year-old Jesusa Tatad peeled back the sheets covering 36-year-old Ronnie Tatad and tossed a pot of boiling water on him. She then clubbed him with a baseball bat as he screamed in pain.

Although divorced, the couple shared a small Daly City apartment.

Ronnie Tatad died two weeks later."

The prosecution got it right: she's to be tried for torture and murder. But the headline makes it appear she just doused him with some boiling water. While unkind, that's about half the story. This was murder most foul, not a scalding.

And remember, guys: Only men commit domestic violence.

University academic quits over 'extreme' feminism

Broadsword · 13 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'JAMES Cook University is embroiled in an ugly battle of the sexes which has resulted in one academic resigning in protest at the lack of discipline of his "extreme" feminist colleague.

JCU School of Medicine adjunct senior lecturer Dr Greg Canning has quit his teaching job of 10 years, claiming the university failed to caution Adjuct Associate Professor Betty McLellan, who he has accused of publicly practicing sexual vilification.

Dr McLellan, from the School of Arts and Social Sciences, is a feminist ethicist and psychotherapist, with more than 20 years experience. She has written several books, and regularly contributes opinion pieces to radical feminism websites such as the Coalition for a Feminist Agenda.

Dr Canning, who is a men's health advocate, said he took great offence to some of Dr McLellan's writings. An opinion piece, written by Dr McLellan on website Radfem Hub titled 'The Question on Nobody's Lips', states "even with all the evidence we have that something's not quite right with the male of the species, there is still impenetrable resistance to focusing on men's behaviour and asking: what is it about men?"'

Africa: The Global Fund Should Actively Promote Male Circumcision

Mastodon · 13 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Male circumcision is a high-impact and cost-effective method of curbing the spread of HIV infection, Karanja Kinyanjui says. "It is time for a massive scale up of these programmes."

As the campaign for an AIDS-free generation by 2015 gains momentum, the Global Fund will play a crucial role in achieving this target because it is a major funder of health programmes globally. The Fund should actively promote the inclusion of male circumcision in programmes as it is a high impact and cost-effective method of curbing the spread of HIV infection.

Male circumcision as an effective anti-HIV strategy has already received support from influential leaders globally. In November last year, US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton said male circumcision was one of three interventions that could help achieve the goal of an AIDS-free generation, a policy that the US government would pursue. This political support is crucial for the male circumcision campaign to gain momentum.'

Boys twice as likely to be diagnosed with special needs

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Article here. Excerpt:

Young boys are almost twice as likely to be diagnosed with learning impairments, behaviour problems or communication difficulties as girls, it emerged. The disclosure – in data published by the Department for Education – will reignite concerns that schools are wrongly branding pupils with special needs as a cover for indiscipline or poor exam results.

...

Earlier this year, Jean Gross, a former Government adviser on speech, language and communication needs, insisted that problems were often “used as an explanation for failure” at school, particularly among boys.

She said: “One third of nine and 10-year-old boys have special educational needs. It’s at that age that schools start to think they are not going to get a [pass] on their SATs, so they get labelled as having special needs.

“This is not done out of malice – schools are just trying to explain themselves. It is a real incentive to do this when schools don’t hit their floor target.”'

'Miss New Hampshire USA' Nicole Houde Charged with Domestic Assault for Second Time

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On June 30, Miss New Hampshire USA, 26-year-old Nicole Houde, was arrested for the second time for domestic violence after allegedly beating her new boyfriend.

On April 25, Houde was arrested for attacking her previous boyfriend, Scott Nickerson, who told RadarOnline.com that the beauty queen has a temper after she drinks.

The new boyfriend, who Houde allegedly attacked, was a man whom Nickerson claims she was cheating on him with.

Nickerson told RadarOnline.com: "The public only sees Nicole in her sober state for the most part, so most people she knows think she is an angel beauty queen when in fact she is nothing more than an out of control partier who turns violent and has cheated on me and previous boyfriends and no one realizes this."'

Woman accused of having sex with 7-year-old

Matt · 14 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. 'having sex with'... need I say more? Excerpt:

'A 20-year-old woman is accused of having sex with the 7-year-old son of her boyfriend.

Alicia Gaston of North Fairmount confessed to engaging in sexual intercourse with the child about 8 p.m. on April 10, 2011 in the 200 block of Craft Street in Winton Place, Cincinnati police said. She faces one count of rape.'

Title IX no longer does its job as intended

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The sad thing about Title IX is that no one benefits from its if-we-can't-have-it-no-one-can mentality. A 2007 study by the College Sports Council studied athletic participation at universities between 1981 and 2005. The study found that the number of male athletes per university dropped by 6 percent during that time period, and the number of male sports teams dropped 17 percent! While non-mainstream sports like wrestling, gymnastics, tennis, and swimming were hit hardest by these cuts, even perpetual cash cows like football and basketball experienced declines during this time frame.

Title IX proponents like to claim that the law is responsible for increases in female athletic opportunities. Not only is this misleading, it wholly ignores the great cost to male athletes and to American sports in general. In the 1990s, for every female opportunity that was created (though not necessarily by Title IX), 3.4 male opportunities were lost. The average university has 8.7 women's sports teams and only 7.8 men's teams.'

Nebraska mother of kids found in kennel gets probation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — The Nebraska mother of two boys police found locked in a dog kennel will serve two years of probation after pleading no contest to felony child abuse.

Prosecutors made deals with Clark and other defendants in the case after a judge ruled some of what they told investigators couldn't be used as evidence.

Police say they found Clark's two boys, ages 3 and 5 at the time, sleeping in a wired-shut kennel Oct. 24 inside a filthy trailer home littered with trash and feces. Police were following up on a tip that four children in the home were living in an unsafe environment.

Police say Clark told officers she put the boys in the 30-by-42-inch kennel at night to keep them from climbing out of a window.'

Angela Merkel backs circumcision right after German ruling

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman said it was a case of protecting religious freedom.

Steffen Seibert said: "Circumcision carried out in a responsible manner must be possible without punishment."

European Jewish and Muslim groups had criticised the Cologne court ruling.

The case involved a doctor who carried out a circumcision on a four-year-old that led to medical complications.

The court said that a child's right to physical integrity trumped religious and parental rights.'

NYTimes: Two Classes, Divided by ‘I Do’

Matt · 15 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Anyone's guess which side of their editorial mouth they will speak from on any given Sunday. One week is "single moms are all the rage, you go girl!" and the next it's "if only I had a man!". Please, NYT, make up your mind! Article here. Excerpt:

'But a friendship that evokes parity by day becomes a study of inequality at night and a testament to the way family structure deepens class divides. Ms. Faulkner is married and living on two paychecks, while Ms. Schairer is raising her children by herself. That gives the Faulkner family a profound advantage in income and nurturing time, and makes their children statistically more likely to finish college, find good jobs and form stable marriages.

Ms. Faulkner goes home to a trim subdivision and weekends crowded with children’s events. Ms. Schairer’s rent consumes more than half her income, and she scrapes by on food stamps.
...
“The people with more education tend to have stable family structures with committed, involved fathers,” Ms. McLanahan said. “The people with less education are more likely to have complex, unstable situations involving men who come and go.”
...

But marriage also shapes the story in complex ways. Economic woes speed marital decline, as women see fewer “marriageable men.” The opposite also holds true: marital decline compounds economic woes, since it leaves the needy to struggle alone.
...
That is the essence of the story of Ms. Faulkner and Ms. Schairer. What most separates them is not the impact of globalization on their wages but a 6-foot-8-inch man named Kevin.'

UK: Suicide on the rise among older men

Broadsword · 15 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of suicides and the prevalence of suicidal tendencies is rising faster among older men than in any other age group, according to research released in the week the government postponed its suicide prevention strategy.

Data from the Office for National Statistics shows that the number of suicides among men aged over 55 has risen by 12% over the past decade, while suicides by men aged under 34 dropped by 30%.

The mental health charity Calm said men aged 45 to 54 were still most likely to seriously consider taking their own life.

Charities and mental health experts are concerned that across all age ranges there are far more male than female suicides.

Jane Powell, the chief executive of Calm, speculated that the recession may be having more of an impact on older men.

"If you are middle-aged just now and your job and life prospects are diminishing then this is tough," she said. "There is work to show that the impact of unemployment hits men harder, and later on in life; that it's easier for women whose lives are not necessarily defined by work and for whom part-time or temporary work isn't by definition bad.'

Title IX in science: Quotas for men?

Mastodon · 17 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In its zeal for gender balance in science, technology engineering and math courses, the Education Department could impose quotas on male STEM students by 2013, warns Hans Bader, who once worked for the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights. The White House has promised new Title IX guidelines in STEM fields.

To comply with Title IX, colleges have eliminated men's sports teams to create a gender balance. "Title IX isn't just about sports," President Obama wrote in Newsweek. It's also about "inequality in math and science education" and "a much broader range of fields, including engineering and technology. I've said that women will shape the destiny of this country, and I mean it."

By the Title IX model in sports, that means if 60 percent of undergrads are women — common in many colleges and universities — then 60 percent of engineering and physics students must be female.'

Science Quotas for Women--A White House Goal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But lately, and especially under the Obama administration, the Education Department has been inserting Title IX aggressively into other aspects of college life. One of them is sexual misconduct, typified by the department's new rule demanding that colleges lower the standard of proof required to prove sexual assault in a campus disciplinary proceeding. And now the department has been asked to intervene in what is supposed to be a problem: that more women than men choose to major in the humanities--or biology--rather than in the math-intensive STEM fields. Yet the administration's view that bias reduces women's entry into STEM fields has little scholarly support. A task force from the National Academy of Sciences investigated 500 university science departments and concluded that men and women overall "enjoyed comparable opportunities," and that female candidates for jobs at major research universities actually had a slight edge over their male competitors.'

Quotas Limiting Male Science Enrollment: The New Liberal War on Science

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender disparities in a major are not the product of sexism, but rather the differing preferences of men and women. The fact that engineering departments are filled mostly with men does not mean they discriminate against women anymore than the fact that English departments are filled mostly with women proves that English departments discriminate against men. The arts and humanities have well over 60 percent female students, yet no one seems to view that gender disparity as a sign of sexism against men. Deep down, the Obama administration knows this, since it is planning to impose its gender-proportionality rules only on the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math), not other fields that have similarly large gender disparities in the opposite direction.'

Why Obama administration shouldn't use Title IX to balance math classes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Public schools are hereby ordered to meticulously log and report to a federal officer (in the interest of “broadening data collection”) the gender breakdown of their math and science classes. Virtually all public and private colleges (“grant-receiving universities”) will be held to a new standard.

If federal officials think your classes are too male-dominated, the government will order you to put more women in them (“help you to comply with Title IX rules”) until it likes the ratio.

Punishment for failure to obey will be severe (nice federal funding you have there — it’d be a shame if anything happened to it).
...
“While we’ve made some progress in closing the gender gap . . . at the higher-level classes,” explained Education Secretary Arne Duncan, “we still see underrepresentation of young girls, and we have to improve upon that going forward.”

Who says “under-representation” is anything to be worried about? Sixty-nine percent of psychologists are women. Do we need to address the psychologists’ gender gap? Sixty-one percent of veterinarians are women. And like their best-known ex-colleague, Michele Bachmann, 74% of tax examiners are women. Not every profession can be at least half-female unless every profession is required to be exactly half-female.'

Circumcision ban makes Germany "laughing stock"-Merkel

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Article here. Excerpt:

BERLIN, July 17 (Reuters) - Chancellor Angela Merkel has warned that Germany could become a laughing stock if it fails to overturn a district court ban on circumcision that has enraged Jews and Muslims.

Merkel's government has already criticised the Cologne court ruling and promised a new law to protect the right to circumcise male infants, but the conservative leader's strong comments underline how sensitive Germany is to charges of intolerance because of its Nazi past.

"I do not want Germany to be the only country in the world where Jews cannot practise their rituals. Otherwise we will become a laughing stock," the Bild daily quoted Merkel as telling a closed meeting of her Christian Democrats (CDU).'

'Wait until later,' say pediatricians

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Children have to be old enough to give their consent to a religious circumcision, says leading pediatrician Maximilian Stehr. But the law does not need to be changed.
...
'Would you see the issue of the inability of the child to give its consent as a bigger issue than that of the child's physical integrity?

I don't think you can separate the two. Physical integrity is certainly the highest value. That goes without question. There are certainly medical conditions and situations in which people want to decide for themselves that they would like to change something about their body. That is standard procedure in cosmetic surgery - it's the same in pediatric surgery, for example, when we correct protruding ears. For that, the child has to be able to judge for itself the seriousness of the operation, as well as its risks and side-effects, and that is only possible when the child is 14 or 16 years old.'

'The Masculinity Police Perpetuates Gender Pay Gap'

Mastodon · 17 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The masculinity police push women away from financial equality by engaging in systematic scorn for all that is perceived to be feminine and all this is supported by feminists. Women's efforts to level the economic playing field are discounted and dismissed. To maintain the perceived superiority of masculinity over femininity, the masculinity police work tirelessly to keep the substantial wage gap in place.

It is a sad day every day that women earn less money than men. Women earn just 77 cents for every dollar earned by men in the same position. The pay gap is even worse for women of color, with African American women earning 67.7 cents and Latinas earning 58.7 cents for every dollar earned by men doing the same work. Unprecedented numbers of women are the sole or primary breadwinners in their homes. Equal pay means that mothers, daughters, wives, and sisters will be better off financially, offering more long-term financial stability for their fathers, sons, husbands, and brothers. When women earn better wages, more money is spent in the economy. Every single American man, woman, and child has a vested interest in paycheck equality. Pay equity is good news for all of us.'

Richmond woman arrested on sex-crime charge

Matt · 18 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Richmond woman has been arrested on a warrant charging her with a felony sex crime after an investigation determined she was impregnated by a 15-year-old Richmond boy, court documents said.

Jessica M. Thompson, 23, of 256 S.W. Third St. in Richmond was charged with sexual misconduct with a minor (a Class B felony). A warrant was issued Monday, and Thompson had an initial hearing Friday morning in Wayne County Circuit Court. A trial date was set for 9 a.m. Oct. 9.'

Most Support Reform of Violence Against Women Act, SAVE Survey Shows

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WASHINGTON, July 17, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- A strong majority of registered voters participating in a national survey support reforming the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). These persons support measures currently being debated in Congress that are designed to curb the waste, discrimination, and false allegations which are occurring under the current VAWA law.

Commissioned by Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE), a victim advocacy organization, the survey shows strong support for reform among key voting blocs including women, young people, and domestic violence victims themselves.

'Always Worrying About Boys'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some people suggest that boys have very different brains from girls and have inherently weaker verbal skills. They should be given "informational texts" to read instead of the classics or any material containing emotion, which they aren't good at either. Leonard Sax, president of the National Association for Single Sex Public Education, suggests that literature teachers should not ask boys about characters' emotions but should focus only on what the characters actually do.

But science is proving that none of this is true. The alleged great differences between the brains of boys and girls are a myth. Lise Eliot, associate professor in the Department of Neuroscience at the Chicago Medical School, did an exhaustive review of the scientific literature on human brains from childhood to adolescence. She reports in her book Pink Brain, Blue Brain that there is "surprisingly little evidence of sex differences in children's brains."

As for boys' inability to handle emotion, that's another canard. In fact, boys have to learn to suppress emotions, and too often our culture instructs them well. Harvard psychiatrist William Pollack, the author of Real Boys, notes that our strict "boy culture" demands emotional rigidity, and by the second grade erodes the interpersonal skills that come naturally to boys. He says that boy babies are actually more expressive and vocal than girl babies. "We now have executives paying $10,000 a week to learn emotional intelligence. These [sessions] actually target skills boys were born with."'

SAVE National Phone Survey: Abuse Victims Among Registered Voters Who Want VAWA Reform

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We recently surveyed registered voters across America to see if they agree with recent reforms to the Violence Against Women Act. We specifically asked about reforms to stop waste, fraud, discriminatory practices, and false allegations.

Over-all findings:

1. Stop waste and fraud - 69.5%
2. Stop discrimination - 65.9%
3. Stop false allegations - 63.5%

The survey shows strong support for reform among key voting blocs including women and young people. One notable finding: About 7 in 10 persons who are a victim of domestic violence or who personally know an abuse victim support the proposed changes.

Survey methods and detailed findings:
http://www.saveservices.org/campaign-2012/national-survey-on-vawa-reform/

What If Sandusky's Alleged Victims Had Been Girls?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Who would leave a little girl behind to be raped? Pretty much no one. It's inconceivable. So what happened with the boy? Was there some kind of repulsion that took hold of McQueary, something about a man and boy, some kind of homophobia-inflected disgust? Or do we imagine that, on some level, boys can take care of themselves and be strong? This is why so many male survivors of rape feel plagued by guilt: They're ashamed to be victims because they don't feel entitled to be vulnerable. This boy was vulnerable, and he needed a protector. Mike McQueary failed him.

I don't know where this victim is, but I hope he has the courage to come forward. If I could speak to him, I'd say, "We support you, whoever you are. We stand with you. And this time, we won't walk away."'

Ecuador: Grant Political Asylum Now to Julian Assange

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As concerned citizens of the world well know, the Editor-in-Chief of WikiLeaks, Julian Assange, is currently inside the Ecuadorian Embassy, in London, England, having gone there to ask for political asylum. I want to add my voice to the many people of conscience around the world in urging President Correa of Ecuador to grant political asylum to Julian Assange.

The British courts shamefully refused Mr. Assange's appeal against extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning accused of sexual molestation. No criminal charges have been made against him. Mr. Assange has said he is willing to answer questions relating to accusations against him, but only in England. He has good reason not to want to be extradited to Sweden, as he could find himself imprisoned in solitary confinement, and then very likely extradited to a U.S. prison.'

Report finds black gay males in US worst hit by HIV-AIDS

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Article here. Excerpt:

'HIV-AIDS is affecting black gay men in the United States on a scale unseen among any other group in the developed world, said a report issued Wednesday ahead of the International AIDS Conference.

So grave is the crisis that in some US cities, one in two black men who have sex with other men are HIV positive, according to the report from the Black AIDS Institute, the only national HIV-AIDS think tank focusing on African Americans.

"AIDS in America is a black disease, no matter how you look at it," its president and chief executive Phill Wilson, who is himself HIV positive, said ahead of Sunday's opening of the six-day global conference.

"The best lens through which to figure out what AIDS looks like in America is to look at AIDS in black America," he said in an interview, adding that it was time to "jump-start a new conversation... and build a robust response" to the crisis.'

New Survey Supports VAWA Reforms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This year, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is once again up for reauthorization, but this newest version of VAWA — loaded up with even more leftist provisions — has hit a snag. First signed into law in 1994 with bipartisan support and reauthorized in 2000 and 2006, the legislation has become both a failure and a boondoggle — lining the pockets of feminist groups, vastly expanding federal, state, and local bureaucracies, and becoming riddled with fraud.

This year there are competing bills in the House (H.R. 4970) and Senate (S. 1925), and in a climate of debt, deficit, and government waste, the legitimate bone of contention is how best to reform the law that has spawned dozens of failed programs. VAWA created a bureaucratic nightmare that targets the wrong women — those claiming nebulous "psychological harm" — instead of actually helping battered women. In addition to not helping the women it is supposed to serve, VAWA has morphed into a rigid, inhumane law enforcement tool that hurts and denigrates men.'

“Nice Guys” Contribute to Rape Culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminist women have taught me many things. One is that sexual/domestic violence can’t occur without sexism (racism, homophobia, etc.). Sexual violence is supported by a “rape culture” that glorifies objectification and male ownership of girls and women. Sexual coercion is painted as romantic–men are not only expected to use coercion to “score,” they are pressured and punished as “unmanly” if they don’t.
...
Men, we have a crucial role to play in this. We benefit from male privilege every moment of every day. We may not ask for it, but it’s there. So let’s use it to confront rape-supportive behavior, rape jokes and rape culture whenever we can. Let’s listen when we’re told we’ve done something that inadvertently supports rape culture, rather than getting defensive. Let’s learn from feminist women who speak and write about sexual violence and rape culture. Let’s support our local rape crisis center and state sexual assault coalition. Let’s be “aspiring allies” to feminist women, as together we work to create a world free from sexual violence.'

Records: Mom accused of whipping boy to death had long history with CPS

Matt · 20 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON—The mother charged in the beating death of her 4-year-old son was allegedly upset that the boy wet himself, according to CPS and court documents the I-Team reviewed.

Vastie Coleman, 27, was being held without bond Tuesday in the Harris County Jail for allegedly killing Kyron Barnes.

The boy's two surviving sisters described routine whippings by their mother in court documents. One of them told investigators Coleman used a cord to whip Kyron, because "the belt was broken because mom kept whipping the kids so hard it broke into pieces."'

F&F: New California Law Protects Military Parents Child Custody Rights

Matt · 21 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed into law AB 1807, protecting child custody rights for military parents. Assemblyman Paul Cook, R-Yucca Valley, introduced the legislation to protect our military parents.

Fathers and Families has lobbied and advocated for the rights of our military in child custody. This legislation is another success.

When a divorced couple shares custody of a child and one of the parents is deployed due to military orders, full custody of the child is given temporarily to the non-deployed parent. Often, when the deployed parent returns, a custody battle ensues.'

Dear Prudence Screws Up: Drunk Sex Edition

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Prudie seems offended by Confused's desire to set ground rules in her own marriage. Lots of couples find a mutually comfortable level of implied consent for drunk sex, but that isn't working for Confused and her husband.

Confused is not the bad guy. She's a survivor who needs her partner to be extra careful about a kind of sex that most people in committed relationships would take in stride.

We don't have to blame her husband or label him as an abuser. Although, as the person who (inadvertently?) traumatized her in the first place, he should be gracious about accomodating her idiosyncratic needs.

This is a problem to be solved by negotiation, not recrimination.'

Circumcision is an affront to decent human behaviour

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The extent of this cutting, which "has no health benefits", involves removal of "healthy and normal female genital tissue" and is associated with ideas about "unclean" sexual parts, is immaterial. "It is nearly always carried out on minors and is a violation of the rights of children. The practice also violates a person's rights to health, security and physical integrity, the right to be free from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, and the right to life when the procedure results in death."

And the genital mutilation of a boy? The WHO has a separate, notably upbeat fact sheet about that. "Male circumcision is one of the oldest and most common surgical procedures worldwide," it notes, respectfully, "and is undertaken for many reasons: religious, cultural, social and medical." Here, it finds, the removal of healthy, normal genital tissue and violation of a child's rights and physical integrity for reasons often associated with sexual cleanliness can be a positive boon, now that circumcision may – or may not, given risk compensation – help contain HIV. For neonates, the WHO commends the Mogen clamp method and a local anaesthetic, adding that "a pacifier soaked in sucrose solution has been found to be effective in reducing fussiness in infants".
...
Whether Genesis, the law or local culture explains the difference in approach, the original German judgment was right – children need protecting from it. Either the mutilation of children is wrong or, as many resentful supporters of FGM would argue, it is every parent's fundamental right to redesign their child's genitals.'

Campaign to Promote Circumcision Wastes Resources

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(BOSTON) - Ronald Goldman, Ph.D., executive director of the Circumcision Resource Center and author of Circumcision: The Hidden Trauma, is concerned about the International AIDS Conference in Washington, DC starting July 22. He says it offers a one-sided view by promoting male circumcision to reduce HIV transmission in Africa.

"There is nothing scientific about a process that excludes opposing views. Circumcision advocates are afraid to debate circumcision critics," states Goldman. "This shows up at professional conferences where critics are not provided equal opportunity to participate. The fear of open discussion was also apparent when two circumcision advocates refused to debate me on two different radio talk shows." He also notes that circumcision advocates tend to be circumcised and have personal, political, and financial conflicts of interest connected with circumcision.'

Can chivalry and feminism coexist?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Confession: I'm a little bit/very charmed by chivalrous, gentlemanly men. As long as it's not some sort of agenda-laden, playboy act, I find certain gestures touching. Like bag carrying, or a door held open. (Unless I'm not even close to the door yet, so I have to hurry awkwardly along while the guy's just standing there, waiting.)
...
More recently, US television presenter Laura Schlessinger announced that: "Chivalry is largely dead, and feminism is the murderer". Campaigning for a resurgence, she urged women to "enjoy being a woman and let men treat them as such", and men "to be old-fashioned gentlemen".'

Aurora heroes: Three who gave their lives

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Here is the latest of a few stories I've come across about men in their 20s saving the lives of their girlfriends and dying in the process in the Aurora movie massacre:

'(CNN) -- Great evil often brings out the best in good men, men like Todd Beamer on Flight 93, Medal of Honor recipient Michael Murphy in Afghanistan, and now the Aurora three -- the three young men, each in different parts of theater nine, who gave their lives to protect their girlfriends.
...
These men were three of the 12 innocent people killed early that morning. Their incredible sacrifice leaves us asking: Why? Why would a young man with his entire life ahead of him risk everything for a woman he has no legal, financial or marital obligations to?
...

They believed, to put it simply, in a code of honor. They put the lives of the women before their own, an old fashioned notion to be sure, but certainly an honorable one (if you have any doubt, ask the survivors). Their instincts were to protect, not run away.
...
In an age when traditional manhood has been increasingly relegated to fiction -- capes, masks and green screens -- these three men stand as real-life heroes. Their actions remind us that good triumphs over evil, not just in movies, but also in reality.'

IA Urges Policymakers to Halt Male Circumcision Rollout

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'The human rights group Intact America (IA) is urging policy makers attending the 2012 International AIDS Society Conference in Washington, DC, 22-27 July, to halt the rollout of mass circumcision campaigns, calling the plan exorbitant, dangerous and unethical.

“The promotion of male circumcision sends the wrong message, creates a false sense of protection, and places women at greater risk for HIV. Men are lining up to be circumcised in the belief that they will no longer need to use condoms,” said Georganne Chapin, Executive Director of IA. “It’s extremely disturbing that scarce resources would be squandered on this prevention method when new research shows that the other proven prevention and treatment methods reduce transmission far more effectively. Medical resources need to be devoted to antiretroviral drugs, condom programs, education, and vaccines.”

Various studies show that results from three highly-publicized randomized clinical trials (RCTs) on HIV and circumcision are not applicable to the general population of sub-Saharan Africa or any other region. A 2008 study concluded that male circumcision is not associated with reduced HIV infection rates in the general sub-Saharan population. Another recent study analyzed circumcision rates and HIV incidence in South Africa, finding that:”Circumcision has no protective effect on HIV transmission.” “The RCTs are questionable,” says Chapin. “A 2008 study found that increased use of condom promotion is 95 times more cost-effective than male circumcision in preventing new HIV infections.” In Zimbabwe, a country where a mass circumcision campaign is currently underway, the recently released Health Demographic Survey (ZHDS 2010/2011) showed the HIV prevalence rate among circumcised males between the ages of 15 and 49 in Zimbabwe to be 14%, while for intact (non-circumcised) males it’s 12%.'

Wronged Twice

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Editorial here. Robert Dewey was wrongfully convicted of murder and spent 16 years in jail. Apparently, the state of Colorado has no laws that require compensation. In fact, he was released without even minimal cash or shelter. Just released. Men, of course, are more likely than women to be accused and convicted of a crime. Excerpt:

'The result — and it's a rare one — could be that someone is falsely imprisoned. When that happens, we think the state has a duty to compensate the individual.

Such is the case with Robert Dewey, incarcerated in Colorado for 16 years for a murder he didn't commit. There was no prosecutorial misconduct or other malfeasance. The system just ended up with the wrong man, as recently proven with DNA evidence.

Until that time, Dewey was a lifer. There was no point in teaching him job skills — he was never getting out. He also sustained a painful back injury in prison that still impedes his ability to do manual labor.

Upon his release in April, he left without even the minimal cash and shelter offered to those convicted and who have done their time.'

Six women rape man to death in Benue State

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Trouble started on tuesday morning, precisely 3 am when Uroko returned from Ochanja, a popular joint in the small community of Ugbugbu and headed to the room of his youngest wife. The other wives who according to the youngest wife, Odachi had a meeting before Uroko returned home invaded her room with knives and sticks, demanding that their husband have sex with all of them at once. Uroko who resisted their attack was overpowered by the women who ordered that the sex march begin with the youngest wife and to continue in that order to the top.

Our correspondent reported that Uroko stopped breathing when the fifth woman was making her way to the bed. “Suddenly, my husband stopped breathing, and they all ran out, still laughing, but when they saw that I could not resuscitate him, they all ran into the forest.'

SAVE: Help Launch the Priority States DV Reform Project

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Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) recently asked their Domestic Violence Legislative Project (DVLP) members to take on a one year challenge: Get state-level DV reform legislation enacted into law by June 30, 2013.

As of this writing, twelve states have signed up: Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, Texas, and Wisconsin. Good thing, since Americans are fed up with fraud, waste, discrimination and false allegations.

Some of us are able to lobby legislators and do all of the other activities involved in this project. Many other people want reform, but are prohibited from participating due to job or family obligations. If that describes you, please consider making a financial donation so that others can advocate on your behalf.

Please help if you can.

Visit http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp to join the DVLP.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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The damaging impact of false rape allegations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There are very few things everyone reading this piece will agree on. One of those things will be that rape is one of the most disgusting (if not the most disgusting) crimes that any human being can perpetrate. However is someone claiming rape when in fact no crime has taken place just as bad?

When thinking about what I should write for my first piece on The Periscope Post I threw out the idea of writing about this subject to a couple of friends and to say the response was cold would understate exactly what they said. However it is something that has been growing (or at least the reporting of it has been growing) in recent years.

Last week a 27 year-old woman from Aberbargoed, Caerphilly in South Wales was jailed for two years and eight months for making up a rape claim. She claimed rape because she was late home from a night of partying and thought that her parents would shout at her unless she had a good reason. So instead of apologising for staying out longer than she planned to she decided to cry rape.'

Cops: girl falsely accused ex-boyfriend of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'HAMDEN, Conn. (WTNH) -- A 20-year-old West Haven woman was arrested after falsely reporting that her ex-boyfriend has abducted and sexually assaulted her.

On June 4th, Hamden police responded to 16 Hubbard Place, for a report of an abduction and sexual assault.

Jessica Barrett, 20, told police that on June 3rd, when she was walking near the Truman Street School in New Haven, her ex-boyfriend exited his vehicle, punched her in the head and then forced her into the vehicle.

Barrett told police her ex then drove her to the Hubbard Place address, where he raped her several times. She also said that he kept her in a closet for a period of time and that she was not fed for nearly 24 hours.'

UK: Father’s rights breached by mother 'too upset’ to let him see children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Three senior judges found that it was not acceptable for the mother to block the father’s reasonable efforts to see his two daughters.

They urged all separated parents to see the “bigger picture” and consider the harm that legal disputes cause children. Lord Justice McFarlane said mothers and fathers had “a responsibility and a duty” to help children maintain contact with the other parent.

The Government has announced plans to reform the law to enable fathers to see their children. The changes would to spell out the right of children to have a “meaningful relationship” with both parents after a separation.'

Female-only VC firm Forerunner Ventures raises $40M fund

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Article here Excerpt:

'Amid sweeping accusations that Silicon Valley venture capital firms have failed to attract female talent, one women-only firm has been quietly raising millions for its first institutionally-backed fund.

If you haven't heard of Forerunner Ventures, you probably will soon. This firm has been making its mark in the fashion world. In its first year, Forerunner made strategic investments in companies like Bonobos, Birchbox, Warby Parker, Hotel Tonight, Snapette, and Threadflip. And today, Forerunner announced it had closed a cool $40 million to continue funding up-and-coming digital commerce startups.

The firm has only been around since 2010, and already Forerunner Ventures has made some promising-looking investments. The secret ingredient is Kirsten Green, the firm's managing partner, who has a clear vision for success, one that has been almost a decade in the making.'

'More Female Than Male Olympians? Thank a Feminist!'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We all know by now that for the first time in history, the U.S. Olympic team will have more women (269) than men (261). Just incidentally, these numbers also exactly reflect the demographics of our country as a whole, where women make up 50.8 percent of the total population.

So the dominance of women this year is just a natural progression, right?

Not exactly. When our female athletes march into Olympic Stadium in London, they will be marching on the shoulders of feminists, male and female alike, who worked like hell against very long odds to make it happen. The London games have been called the "Title IX Olympics," appropriately laying credit to the 1972 law that opened athletic opportunities to girls and women in schools taking federal money, meaning virtually all of them.
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In addition, Title IX has been under constant attack ever since it was passed, with dozens of weakening amendments and rules put forward over the years. Some lawmakers still claim it should be repealed, that it's unfair to boys, and takes away from male sports teams. But statistics show football hogs resources from both male and female teams -- and Penn State should teach us what football worship at its worst can do.'

Application of Title IX Guidance to Math and Science Education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, Heritage published a blog post entitled “Obama Administration Broadens Gender Quotas in Higher Ed,” detailing the Administration’s expansion of Title IX enforcement to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.
...
What steps is the Administration taking?

- The federal government will harness an interagency collaboration between the DOE and the Department of Justice to develop common guidance for colleges on Title IX compliance “to help institutions better understand their compliance obligations and ways to improve access and outreach to women and girls in STEM fields.”
- The DOE will revise its technical assistance to explicitly address STEM education to include information for K-12 schools and universities about their requirements to “ensure equal access to educational programs and resources in STEM fields.”
- The DOE “will broaden data collection to provide new gender-based academic analyses.”

Will this new collaboration result in quotas, substituting policymakers’ predetermined outcomes for the preferences of students, and diminished opportunities for men in STEM fields? If implementation of Title IX in the intercollegiate athletics context is a reliable indicator, there is strong evidence that it might.'

Texas: Child support changes kick in Sept. 1

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men who have been paying child support for a child they believe is not theirs have 43 days to take their case to an attorney and get a court ordered paternity test.

Texas lawmakers recently passed a bill helping men who have dealt with mistaken paternity.

It gives men who have known they may not be the father of a child for more than a year a window of time starting in May 2011 to end payments when he has been wrongly named the father.

That window of opportunity closes September first, and a new law will go into effect.

Attorneys say getting out of paying child support was once difficult for men after the court determined a man was the father of a child. Even with DNA evidence, attorneys say father could rarely win the argument.'

Gender-biased laws don’t help matters

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'A recent weekend edition of The Marietta Times, contained the viewpoint article, "Violence Against Women Act" must be renewed. I would like to ask the writer, executive director, Nancy Neylon, to give me a good reason as to why a gender biased act should ever be renewed. I believe domestic violence is wrong and no one, male or female, should instigate such actions. Those found guilty of such acts should not be protected by a law that focuses wholly on the woman.

Men are also stalked and fear for their lives. Women file false allegations, lie to the police and courts and it is the man who is usually arrested; when women are guilty the sentence is not the same as what a man would receive. No law is needed to protect the lawbreaker regardless of gender or life style. VAWA should be rewritten to cover all genders, anything less is redundant and biased. Not all immigrants are victims, some turn out to be the abuser after coming to the states but are still covered by this biased rambling law.'

'The Overwhelming Maleness of Mass Homicide'

Mastodon · 26 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This was inevitable. Feminists were licking their chops at the opportunity to use this tragedy as a way to condemn men. Excerpt:

'We shouldn't need Steven Pinker, one of the world's leading psychologists and the author of the book, The Better Angels of Our Nature, to tell us the obvious: "Though the exact ratios vary, in every society, it is the males more than the females who play-fight, bully, fight for real, kill for real, rape, start wars and fight in wars." The silence around the gendering of violence is as inexplicable as it is indefensible. Sex differences in other medical and social conditions — such as anorexia nervosa, lupus, migraines, depression and learning disabilities — are routinely analyzed along these lines.

For millennia, human society has struggled with what to do with young men's violent tendencies. Many cultures stage elaborate initiation ceremonies, presided over by older men, which help channel youthful aggression into productive social roles. But in contemporary society, we have trouble talking about the obvious: the transition from boy to man is a risky endeavor, and there can be a lot of collateral damage.'

Sample reader comment --

"I'm glad someone has addressed the startlingly obvious. Although judging by most of these lily livered responses men don't seem to handle being called out very well (What a surprise). The western world's economic crisis was caused by men. Men need to be held to account. Men deserve to be judged harshly. Men should admit and act to remedy their destructive faults. But alas this will never happen. Because it's a man's world."

Study: Brain Objectifies Women As Body Parts, Men As Whole

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LINCOLN, Neb. (CBS St. Louis) — A recent study finds that our brain objectifies women as different body parts, while viewing men as a whole.

The study, published in June's European Journal of Social Psychology, was conducted by Sarah Gervais, a psychology professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

She conducted experiments by presenting 227 participants of the study with images of men and women, finding that men were perceived as a "global" – or whole – cognitive processing level, while women were seen on a "local" cognitive processing level.

"Local processing underlies the way we think about objects: houses, cars and so on. But global processing should prevent us from that when it comes to people," Gervais said in the study. "We don't break people down to their parts, except when it comes to women, which is really striking. Women were perceived in the same ways that objects are viewed."

The participant pool, which was evenly divided between men and women, were first provided images of fully-clothed people. They were then shown two images: the original clothed image from before and then an image of a sexual body part. The study found that the participants more easily identified a woman's body part shown in isolation than presented in the context of her entire body, and vice versa for men.'

Huffington Post: Penis Stolen by Thieves

TCM · 27 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The story is not framed in terms of genital mutilation or psychiatric trauma, but instead in lighthearted terms that trivialize the matter, provoking ridicule and trivialization on the part of commenters themselves. Excerpt:

'Fei Lin, 41, of the Niqiao village near Wenling City, in east China's Zhejiang province, told police he was asleep when the thieves burst into his room and put a bag over his head, according to CEN/EUROPICS and as reported in the Daily Star.

"They put something over my head and pulled down my trousers and then they ran off," Lin said. "I was so shocked I didn't feel a thing - then I saw I was bleeding and my penis was gone."

Police believe the attackers were jealous lovers of several local women whom Lin was having affairs with, the Austrian Times reported. Lin denied taking part in any infidelity.'

Boys' impulsiveness may result in better math ability, say MU researchers

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A prospective cohort study of 300 boys and girls has found that boys' greater willingness to risk being wrong may play a role in boys' superior math skills. A press release describing the study is available here, and the study itself is available here. Story excerpt:

'COLUMBIA, Mo. – In a University of Missouri study, girls and boys started grade school with different approaches to solving arithmetic problems, with girls favoring a slow and accurate approach and boys a faster but more error prone approach. Girls' approach gave them an early advantage, but by the end of sixth grade boys had surpassed the girls. The MU study found that boys showed more preference for solving arithmetic problems by reciting an answer from memory, whereas girls were more likely to compute the answer by counting. Understanding these results may help teachers and parents guide students better.

"The observed difference in arithmetic accuracy between the sexes may arise from a the willingness to risk being wrong by answering from memory before one is sure of the correct answer," said Drew Bailey, a recent recipient of a Ph.D. in psychological science from MU. "In our study, we found that boys were more likely to call out answers than girls, even though they were less accurate early in school. Over time, though, this practice at remembering answers may have allowed boys to surpass girls in accuracy."'

Commentary: Individual voices worry liberal feminists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When the White House announced a push to use Title IX -- a law best known for increasing female participation in sports -- to boost the number of women in the science, technology and math fields, there wasn't much of a reaction. That's because to most people, there's not much of a problem. Though the Obama administration claims that girls and women need government help because they are being discriminated against, that might be the opposite of what's happening.

...

The liberal feminist groups that are pushing this agenda on the administration complain that women earn only 18 percent of the bachelor's degrees in engineering and computer science. But in reality, that number is a very small part of the story of women in so-called STEM fields. Turns out, women rule in biology with nearly 60 percent of all bachelor's, master's and doctorates awarded to women. Notice that nobody is raging about that gender disparity despite the fact that Title IX protects the underrepresented sex, male or female. According to the U.S. Department of Education, no investigations into this or many other gender disparities in favor of girls and women in a variety of disciplines are pending.

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We are asked to believe that an anti-female gender apartheid exists even though more than 40 percent of bachelor's degrees awarded in the physical sciences and math go to women. The National Women's Law Center complains that women need to be better represented in the STEM fields that are more lucrative. This condescendingly assumes that women don't already consider these things when choosing a career. They don't need Big Sister telling them what's best for them.'

Men Never ‘Had It All’

Matt · 28 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I have all the respect in the world for the impossible challenges working moms face. The battle is not the same for men; it is not as tough. We don’t have both the maternal voice and the feminist voice in our heads telling us we should be at home nurturing our kids and also at work building fulfilling careers. But it’s nearly impossible for men to have it all too. Many men want fulfilling family lives. I want that even as I fulfill my familial role by providing. But most of the time I feel like I’m not involved enough in either my career or my kids’ lives. I usually feel as though my life is like a plate of food sitting in front of me, but there’s so much that the plate is overwhelmed, unable to hold it all, so it spills over onto the table.

When I’m at work and away from my kids, my heart aches as I look at the pictures my wife texts me. Here we are eating ice cream in the park! Look at us with the Easter bunny! Aren’t they cute in this little pool?! Meanwhile, I’m alone in a quiet office trying to finish my next book or preparing for tomorrow’s show. But when I’m with them, I can’t totally forget about the work I could be doing to help give them everything they need. Work that’s piling up because I can no longer work during weekends whenever I need to and must end many work days early to pick up someone from school. But then I find myself in northern Iowa or central Florida, about to give a speech about my book, and read an e-mail from a teacher about how my son acted out at school that day, and I feel tinier than a bug. Am I having it all? No.

My dad didn’t have it all, but he never seemed to worry about it. For many years he ran his own accounting business in Mattapan, Mass., and during tax season we barely saw him. He drove us to school and that was the last we saw of him until the next day’s drive. He taught me that a man is a provider. If that means working long hours and missing out on some key family moments, then so be it. I knew my dad loved me because he was always at the office. He was far from an absent father, but he did not achieve the balance I’d like to have. Alas, as I write this, my wife is putting the kids to bed by herself. I’ll get home later and kiss them asleep in their beds.'

HIV Debate: Circumcision for African Men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Among those in Washington, D.C., for this week's International AIDS Conference, there's little to no debate about whether the world community should do what it takes to stop the global pandemic. But when it comes to how that goal should be accomplished, even those who care most passionately about the issue can disagree.

Case in point: The issue of voluntary medical male circumcision, known as VMMS. Depending on whom you ask, it's either a lifesaving procedure or "torture" that could have the unintended side effect of discouraging condom use and fueling the spread of the disease.
...
"Over the next five years, enough men can be circumcised through voluntary medical male circumcision to prevent 3.4 million new HIV infections and save billions in care and treatment," said Benjamin Mkapa, former president of Tanzania.

But just outside the convention center, there was a different take. Protesters held banners reading "Circumcision Is Torture" and "Intact Genitals Are a Human Right."

Natalie Erdossy, 29, an activist from Reston, Va., told the Washington Post that circumcision won't end AIDS and that it can lull men into thinking wrongly that they are protected against the virus. She called the studies indicating that VMMS reduces HIV infection "totally flawed."'

F&F: White Knights Ride While Dark Knight Rises

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Slowly we are learning more about the 12 people killed in Aurora, Colorado. For four men, we are also learning how their ultimate sacrifice saved four lives by their using their own bodies to shield their girlfriends, and in one case, a fellow airman.

Yet it seems the heroes most of the media are talking about are three who saved their girlfriends by being human shields: Jonathan Blunk, Matt McQuinn, and Alex Teves.

Someone should have told Air Force Staff Sergeant Jesse Childress to fling himself in front of a woman. It appears there is little valor in — and little to be remembered for — saving a fellow airman.
...
By most accounts, Jesse Childress was an Air Force cyber-systems operator based at Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora. I had to keep reading to find a reference to his protecting his fellow airman and saving his life. Most of the stories about “heroes” focused on Blunk, McQuinn, and Teves. I guess Childress’ fellow airman should have been able to take care of himself.'

Violence Against Women Act needs reform

Matt · 28 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is up for reauthorization again this year. This newest version of VAWA — loaded up with even more leftist provisions — has hit a snag. First signed into law in 1994 with bipartisan support and reauthorized in 2000 and 2006, the legislation has become both a failure and a boondoggle, lining the pockets of feminist groups, vastly expanding federal, state and local bureaucracies, and becoming riddled with fraud.

This year there are competing bills in the House (H.R. 4970) and Senate (S. 1925). In a climate of debt, deficit and government waste, the legitimate bone of contention is how best to reform the law, which has spawned dozens of failed programs. VAWA created a bureaucratic nightmare that targets the wrong women, those claiming nebulous “psychological harm,” instead of actually helping battered women. In addition to not helping the women it is supposed to serve, VAWA has morphed into a rigid, inhumane law enforcement tool that hurts and denigrates men.'

NYTimes' Room for Debate section

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Two topics jump out at me: Are Modern Men Manly Enough? and An Age of Consent for Circumcision?.

Funny, I don't see a section called "Are Modern Women Feminine Enough?" or "An Age of Consent for Female Circumcision?"

Oh yeah, that's right, that's because female circumcision of minors is outlawed (and rightly so). And as for questioning if modern women are feminine enough? Who would dare? But is it even considered a relevant matter these days? And if not, why is wondering about the "manliness" of men even a topic?

UK: Prison for girls is not the answer

Broadsword · 29 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Generally speaking, girls are much better behaved than boys. That isn't some ludicrous Victorian stereotype, but a fact drawn out by crime statistics. Of 1,744 young people in custody, just 95 are girls. Just 22 per cent of offences committed by children are committed by girls. Moreover, of the few girls that do end up in court, the majority have committed low level, non-violent offences such as shop theft or criminal damage.

This has two significant consequences: it creates a youth criminal justice system built with boys in mind and it very often means that, for those girls who have ended up caught up in lives of crime, something must have gone very wrong.

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Women in the Penal System, chaired by Baroness Corston has conducted an inquiry on girls and found that girls were being criminalised inappropriately by the courts when it would have made far more sense to deal with the girl's issues, in terms of her welfare and behaviour, long before they reached the courtroom.

Using inappropriate and unnecessary criminal justice interventions for girls' low level behaviour is like using a sledgehammer to crack a nut. The criminal justice system should focus time and resources on those who have committed serious violent offences, not on the mentally unwell and sexually exploited girl who has stolen a lipstick from the local supermarket for the first time.'

Call for Scaling up Services in East and Southern Africa for Male Circumcision

Minuteman · 30 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'In December 2011, UNAIDS, WHO, PEPFAR, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Bank and the Ministries of Health from 14 priority countries (Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Swaziland, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) committed to a five-year action framework to accelerate scale up of VMMC, and in turn reduce new HIV infections and free-up resources for other crucial interventions. The framework's immediate "catch-up" phase is designed to quickly achieve coverage of adolescents and adult men who are most likely sexually active. The second phase—"sustainability"—will expand the framework's reach to finally integrate VMMC into infant health programs.'

Afghanistan Veterans With Genital Wounds Receive Little Help From Pentagon

Broadsword · 30 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON -- For the growing number of soldiers and Marines whose genitals are damaged or destroyed by blasts from improvised explosive devices while in combat, the Pentagon has decided it will not provide some critical reproductive health benefits.

To put it bluntly, if you are sent to war and an IED blast blows off your testicles, the U.S. government will not pay for your wife to have in vitro fertilization or artificial insemination using donated sperm.

The new policy, quietly adopted without announcement by the Defense Department, responds to the growing demands of the more than 1,800 veterans with genital wounds that the government that sent them to war now help them return to normal life, including raising a family.

The policy authorizes payment for some reproductive procedures for the first time, including limited in vitro fertilization and artificial insemination. But it also specifically excludes covering males who cannot produce sperm. "Third-party donations and surrogacy are not covered benefits," the policy states firmly.'

UK: 190,000 older men condemned to loneliness

Broadsword · 30 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Polling among people over the age of 75 who live alone found that men are more likely than women to live lives dominated by isolation and loneliness.

Yet they are also less likely to seek help even if they are suffering from depression, the study on behalf of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS) found.

David McCullough, the charity's chief executive warned that many older men were suffering needlessly because of a “stiff upper lip” approach to their problems.

The study found that 36 per cent of men described themselves as lonely or very lonely - many of them going for days on end without speaking to anyone. Among women the rate was 31 per cent.

Based on recent Office for National Statistics figures showing the number of older people living alone, it suggests that just over 190,000 men over 75 live in serious isolation in Britain.'

Title IX at 40: Looking for Another 'National Crisis'

Mastodon · 30 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At a White House conference earlier this summer observing the 40th anniversary of Title IX -- the 1972 law prohibiting gender discrimination in federally supported educational programs and activities -- the talk was not so much about college athletics as about the STEM disciplines: science, technology, engineering and math.

Women, according to the prevailing wisdom at the conference, are "underrepresented" in these fields. More needs to be done to boost their participation. Carnegie Mellon University President Jared Leigh Cohon called the current situation "a national crisis."

But a profession should be a matter of personal choice, not something the government dictates. Title IX may have helped open doors for some women. What they do when they get inside should be up to them.
...

Title IX and its supporters need to recognize that life is full of statistical imbalances, most of which have nothing to do with institutional bias and everything to do with personal preferences. If women choose to go into education or medicine, rather than physics, why should Washington question them?

Forty years of Title IX artificially leveling the athletic and academic playing fields is enough. We don't need government meddling in career choices under the guise of "gender equality."'

Drunken gang of girls in subway stab attack: cops

Matt · 30 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A wolf pack of drunken young women “acting stupid” on a downtown No. 6 train in Manhattan stabbed a 63-year-old man early today — for having had the nerve to ask them to pipe down, police said.

The man was on his way to work at about 6:15 a.m. when he was attacked as the train entered the East 23rd Street station, a law-enforcement source told The Post.

“The eight females were acting stupid. He just told them, ‘Relax. Calm down,’ ” another source said.

Instead, one stabbed him in the left shoulder. He was treated at Bellevue Hospital.

The women were arrested as they exited the 23rd Street subway station near Gramer¬cy Park. Seven of them, ages 17 to 20, were charged with gang assault, disorderly conduct, riot¬ing, criminal possession of a weapon, menacing, and felony assault. A 15-year-old girl was not charged. Cops added that they recovered a knife.'

Boehner Pushes for Conference Panel on Domestic Violence Measure

Matt · 30 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After a months-long stalemate over a bill to protect women from crimes of domestic violence, Speaker John A. Boehner on Monday named eight House negotiators to serve on a nonexistent conference committee, one that would be charged with bridging the divide between House Republicans and the Senate.

In April, the Senate voted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, and it urged the House to move on the legislation.

The House subsequently passed its own measure, which omitted provisions of the Senate bill that would allow Indian tribal courts to try certain non-Indians in some cases of domestic violence on reservations, expand the number of temporary visas for illegal immigrants who were victims of domestic violence and extend the protections of that act to gay men and lesbians.'

Extend protections to gay men and lesbians. But not straight men? I.e., it's OK to extend DV protection to men as long as they are gay. Straight men, no. Straight men, after all NEVER get beat up/assaulted/etc. by female partners, right? And does this not also tacitly admit that even something called the Violence Against Women Act was not actually seeking to protect all women from violence, but only the straight ones? It just gets more and more nuts, doesn't it?

Summer Olympic sports where men are barred from competing

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Article here. Ah yes, "equality". The blogosphere sees feminists gleefully celebrating the fact that not a single Olympic event now is mandated as male-only (though not all events have enough female entrants to hold a women's version of the event-- but that is a different matter) and that on top of that, through the magic of Title IX, now more female US athletes were sent to London this year than male ones. Ahh, it's equality, right? Well, if you define it the way feminists do, I suppose it's something like that, though they will complain (and rightly so), that there are certain countries that do not allow female athletes to compete in their name. Still, they are filled with glee at all the "progress" made by so much of the world on this issue. And it is good that women athletes are now a big part of these Games, since it is true that for many years, they were not allowed to compete. So we agree that not allowing people to compete in sports or certain contests because of their gender is wrong, right? Notice how quiet then feminists are about this inconvenient truth:

'According to Belinda Goldsmith of Reuters, there are two sports in which men are shut out of competition in which women compete for medals:

Men have called for action after being ruled out from competing at two events at the Summer Olympics, synchronized swimming and rhythmic gymnastics, even though there are growing numbers of men participating in both sports.

A lobby group of male synchronized swimmers wrote to the IOC and swimming's governing body FINA in June to argue that men should no longer be excluded from this event at the Olympics.

Men's rhythmic can resemble a different sport than women's. It's a strength-based competition that incorporates martial arts; power is emphasized as much as artistry. It's born from Japanese stick gymnastics, and the Japan Gymnastics Association is helping to lead the charge in an attempt to get the sport recognized as an Olympic sport.'

Dr. Drew: Why are so many mass murderers men?

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So according to this article and video, not only do men commit mass murder 10 times as often as women, when women do it, it's for love (as opposed to men doing it for money, revenge, or power). Excerpt:

'In the midst of all the horrendous stories in the news recently, HLN's Dr. Drew welcomed clinical psychiatrist Dr. Dale Archer who explained some of the basic differences between male and female killers.

Dr. Archer says men are 10 times more likely to murder than women, noting their motives are vastly different.

"Men typically kill for money, revenge and power," he said. "With women, it is about love -- either someone they have loved, someone they currently love... their kids. So it's much more emotional when it comes to women."'

IA: Help Us Reach 10,000 Fans on Facebook

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Updated: Original posting left out the IA Facebook URL, which is http://www.facebook.com/intactamerica

In just a few short years, we've watched the intactivist movement grow from a handful of dedicated people into a vast, thriving network of thousands of activists all over the world—thanks to social media. Between Facebook and Twitter, more and more people are seeing our message every day, and grassroots organizations like the NOCIRC centers and The Whole Network are working on the ground across the country, helping people take action.

At last week's International AIDS Conference in Washington, DC, Intact America met with hundreds of medical professionals and global health activists, getting the word out that circumcision does not prevent AIDS. That's what activism is all about—communication, education, and effecting change.

By getting involved in the intactivist movement, you really are changing the way America views circumcision. We have made the world hear us... so let's get even louder! Let's use Facebook to do what it does best: get more people talking, more people aware, more people educated, more people joining the ranks of intactivism.

"Health care law gives women control over their care, offers free preventive services to 47 million women"

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'"President Obama is moving our country forward by giving women control over their health care," Secretary Sebelius said. "This law puts women and their doctors, not insurance companies or the government, in charge of health care decisions."

The eight new prevention-related services are:

* Well-woman visits.
* Gestational diabetes screening that helps protect pregnant women from one of the most serious pregnancy-related diseases.
* Domestic and interpersonal violence screening and counseling.
* FDA-approved contraceptive methods, and contraceptive education and counseling.
* Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling.
* HPV DNA testing, for women 30 or older.
* Sexually transmitted infections counseling for sexually-active women.
* HIV screening and counseling for sexually-active women.

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...Men and children are also able to take advantage of preventive services at no extra charge under the health care law. These services include flu shots and other immunizations, screenings for cancers, high blood pressure and cholesterol, and depression.'

VP Biden Charged With Misrepresentation: Abuse Statement Ignores Three Decades of Research, SAVE Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Aug 1, 2012 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX) -- A leading victim-advocacy group is charging Vice President Joe Biden with spreading one-sided and false information regarding domestic violence. Stop Abusive and Violent Environments says Biden's statement issued Tuesday (1) condones the cycle of violence by ignoring the widespread problem of female abusers and male victims.

Female-initiated aggression is the leading risk-factor for women becoming injured by an intimate partner, reveals a research summary by Sandra Stith, PhD (2). And according to Martin Fiebert, PhD of California State University, 286 research studies conducted over the last 30 years show "women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners" (3).'

SAVE: Demand That VP Biden Tell the Truth about Domestic Violence

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Vice President Joe Biden has disappointed abuse victims once again. On Tuesday, Biden issued a statement on domestic violence: http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2012/07/31/158921/an-issue-beyond-debate-congress.html. With yet another opportunity to tell the truth about DV, he again only addressed one aspect: women abused by men.

Biden failed to mention intimate partner violence in the LGBT community, and he ignored women's violence towards men. According to Martin Fiebert, PhD of California State University, 286 research studies conducted over the last 30 years show "women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners." http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm

Scanning the news, it's easy to see that women commit DV. On Monday, Terry Dear, OH, was shot in the back by his wife in front of their two small children. Derrick Graham, VA, was hit and drug along a highway by his wife driving an SUV last week.

You may remember when Whoopi Goldberg asked Biden about violent women on The View (thanks to your calls and emails!). He threw his hands up as if dumbfounded, pounded his fist into his hand while ordering men to never hit women, then claimed that every person in prison saw their mother abused by their father. Video: https://vimeo.com/30787987

The time has come for our Vice President to stand up for ALL victims of domestic violence. And, it's time for him to acknowledge that women can be, and often are just as violent as men.

Contact Lynn Rosenthal, the White House Advisor on Violence Against Women, and tell her that we demand that VP Biden tell the truth...the entire truth. You can write to Rosenthal at lrosenthal-at-who.eop.gov.

Telling the truth is something we were all taught as children. Let's remind Biden. And maybe we'll save a life while we're at it.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Australia: Young men starved and beaten, court told

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Link here. Excerpt:

'A couple held two young boarders in their central NSW home, bashing and starving them and forcing them to do chores, a jury has been told.

The man and woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, have pleaded not guilty to unlawfully detaining the two young men with intent to obtain advantage and occasioning actual bodily harm.

In his opening address at the Downing Centre District Court in Sydney on Thursday, crown prosecutor John Bowers told the jury the two men - who also cannot be named - were boarders in the home of the couple in central western NSW on two separate occasions between mid-2007 and August 2010.

He said the woman, aged 48, and her male de facto partner, 43, detained and psychologically controlled the men through a "regime of physical and mental abuse over an extended period".'

Moms gone wild: '40-year-old reversion'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- In a shocking article on TheAwl.com, author and mother Amy Sohn writes that moms in her affluent Brooklyn neighborhood are going through something called "the 40-year-old reversion." The tedium of raising children, she says, is driving moms in her circle out at night to party to the extreme as if they were 25 again.
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It's a grim portrait of parenthood and marriage. And cringe-worthy tales of a drunk mom falling down the stairs while leaving a party and a mom who went to third base in the back of a minivan with a man who wasn't her husband could make a person who's thinking about getting pregnant hit the pause button. Sohn's salacious revelations have some people suggesting she made it all up: Her new novel comes out in August, after all. (When I contacted Sohn directly and asked if everything she wrote was true, she referred me to her publicist, who said the author wasn't doing interviews until the book releases.)'

Irish political parties must meet female MP quotas or risk losing state funding

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Bill passed in the Irish government this weekend has historically changed the way women will be represented in the Dáil*.

The Electoral Amendment (Political Funding) Bill 2011 rules that state funding of political parties will be halved unless 30% of parliamentary candidates at the next election are female.

The Bill was triggered by only 15.1% of Irish parliamentarians being women – a figure that is only slightly less than the 22% of women sitting in the House of Commons.'

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*Dáil Éireann

"Our schools need tough guys teaching teenage boys, not feminised men changing infants' nappies"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Michael Gove wants male role models for boys and better discipline he says. Yet, yesterday he let his civil servants knock back a Free School application that offered just that.

Mr Gove has also said he wants more male teachers. He is right, they are needed. To our cost, teaching has become a female-dominated profession in both secondary and primary schools. Fewer than one in four recruits are men. Only 25% of teachers are men and it is set to get worse as the profession sheds older members.

The three main teachers' unions too are led by women. The simple fact is that this is not a great environment for men to work in. With the elimination of so many single-sex schools, boys today can go through their entire schooling without ever being taught by a man.

This is quite, quite wrong. I would go so far as to say it is a disaster. No wonder so many of our young men are in crisis, out of control, on drugs and unemployable.'

Are there more than 4,250 schools in Britain without a male teacher?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Statistics released this week by the Teaching Agency have revealed a notable increase in the number of male trainee primary school teachers in the past four years. This is an encouraging sign for those worried by the gender imbalance among teachers that has typically characterised primary education in Britain.

According to the research, in 2008/9 there were just 2,467 male primary school teachers (or 15 per cent of the total) yet in 2011/12 the number had increased to 3,743 (or 19 per cent of the total).

However, despite these increases, in today's Daily Mail columnist Richard Littlejohn claimed that over 4,250 British schools still lack a male teacher, leaving thousands of children without a male role model in schools. So is this really the case?

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At the end of March 2010, 4,700 English primary schools and 6 English secondary schools were without a male teacher, and at the end of March 2011 the number of primary schools in this category had fallen to 4,569, while the number of secondary schools remained constant.'

Boys' performance in schools declining

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'David Brooks shines a light on the worsening situation for boys in education [“Time to change the cookie-cutter approach to school,” Opinion, July 9]. While convincing in his case that there is indeed a problem, he comes up short on solutions, other than to point out the obvious fact that one size does not fit all.

As an educator and father to an adolescent male, I believe one solution is to increase the number of male teachers in elementary, middle and high school. When I was in middle school in the 1970s, at least half of my teachers were male. In stark contrast, my son had only one male teacher during the two years of middle school he just completed.
...
I did not like all my teachers, male or female, and surely not all of them liked me, but the six male teachers I can specifically remember — all very different in style, personality, and physique — no doubt contributed in some way to my modest success in school, even if just in allowing me to see myself reflected in the mirror of education.'

W.Va. university officials reflect on Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Crane-Banford said Marshall has made progress when it comes to Title IX but the law presents challenges.

The school now offers the maximum number of scholarships in women's sports. The women also don't have to provide some of their equipment anymore -- a change implemented within the last five years, Crane-Banford said.

But other areas of compliance are trickier, especially when it comes to getting participation numbers proportional to enrollment, which fluctuates each semester.

There's a cap on men's sports teams and a floor on women's sports participation, but that number is "kind of a moving target," Crane-Banford said, depending on total school enrollment.'

3,000 Malawian men cut off their foreskins: Less cervical cancer, reduces Aids risks

Mastodon · 2 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Malawian cancer expert at the country's sole certified oncology unit at the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital (QUECH) has asked authorities to consider exploring possibilities of using medical male circumcision as a measure of reducing cases of cervical cancer in women.

The country's lone oncologist, Dr Leo Masamba told the Malawi News Agency (Mana) that though no research has been conducted locally, there are theoretical linkages between the HIV virus and the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) which is one of the major causes of cervical cancer in women.

Dr Masamba's sentiments come at a time when more men are willingly to go for certified medial male circumcision since its endorsement by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a means of reducing HIV infection in 2007.'

Male circumcision is an unwarranted breach of a child's integrity – just like FGM

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why MGM and FGM are not considered equally reprehensible defies compassionate reason.

FGM is carried out – for cultural/religious reasons – by restraining a young girl and removing her clitoris with a sharp implement. It is done without her consent ostensibly in order to control the sexual urges of women.
MGM was not uncommon practice in western Europe until recently. It even had mainstream medical sanction. But more recently the justification for MGM has been undermined. If it is not medically necessary then there are no good reasons to mutilate a child's body.

Freedom of religion should not grant licence to holy men to mutilate infant boys' genitalia. It is barbaric and its tacit acceptance in Europe demonstrates a misplaced deference to religious sensibilities. That only one regional German court stood up unambiguously against it is shameful. That it has been castigated by political leaders for doing so demonstrates the erosion of secular liberal values and ideas of individual freedom.

MGM amounts to a gross breach of the bodily integrity of baby boys. There is a fundamental inequality at work here. In direct contravention of gender equality, boys are treated differently to girls. Anyone who takes a knife to a baby's penis in 2012 is committing a breach of human rights. They should be prosecuted, not pandered to.'

F&F: Uniform Act Could Benefit Deployed Military Parents

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"With deployments on the rise from the first Gulf War through the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, especially for National Guard and Reserve members, a majority of the states have implemented a patchwork of laws designed to protect service members in child custody and visitation cases. But the rules aren't consistent across the country," says Eric Fish, legal counsel for the Uniform Law Commission.

The Uniform Law Commission approved a new act recently at its 121st Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. The Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act, addresses issues of child custody and visitation that arise when parents are deployed in the military or other national service. The deployment of a custodial parent raises custody issues that are not adequately dealt with in the law of most states. In many instances, deployment will be sudden, making it difficult to resolve custody issues before the deployment by ordinary child custody procedures. The Commission determined that there is a need to ensure that parents who serve their country are not penalized for their service, while still giving adequate weight to the interests of the other parent, and most importantly, the best interest of the child.'

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Watch the short video of the Foreskin Pride Salute.

Visit CAN-FAP's Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/canfap

Visit http://ForeskinPride.org/ for details on the 4-5 Aug. 2012 Foreskin Pride March in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Australian Department of Health & Ageing: "Mates to Drive Suicide Prevention on Construction Sites"

Minuteman · 3 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Minister for Mental Health Mark Butler has announced $5.24 million for a new suicide prevention initiative to be rolled out on construction sites across Australia.

Minister Butler announced the funding for suicide prevention program Mates in Construction at a construction industry conference in South Australia.

Mr Butler said the program would build better connections between construction workers, mental health professionals and other organisations to offer support for people in these industries who are at risk of suicide.
...
“Getting men to seek help on mental health issues is notoriously difficult, but the Mates in Construction program seems to have cracked this chestnut for the building and construction industry.”
...
“We have more than 23,000 workers in the program nationally and we connect two to three workers to help each other every day - I believe this additional funding will help us save lives,” Mr Gullestrup said.'

Australia: Teen girl 'strangely happy' with murder charge

Minuteman · 3 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A 15-year-old girl charged in relation to the murder of a young chef in western Sydney appeared "strangely happy" when she fronted court today.

Patrick Crowe, 22, died on July 7 after being stabbed in Parramatta while heading home from a night out last month.

This morning the girl, who can't be named for legal reasons, appeared in Parramatta Children's Court via video link and smiled to the courtroom as she heard she would not be released on bail, the Daily Telegraph reports.

"You need to remain in custody for now until next Thursday, at least," Magistrate Anthony Spence told the girl.

"Ok, thank you," the 15-year-old replied.'

Men = Testosterone Damaged Women

Broadsword · 3 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

The problem with men, as a group, as a type of organism, as a subset of humans, is that at various points along the way on their journey from the female template on which all humans are built biologically, they have been altered in ways that make them dangerous assholes. Even when we try to reduce the male-female difference as a society, men who do not willingly participate in that often end up being fairly nasty, dangerous beasts; they may be rapists, they may be batterers, they may be some other thing. They break our efforts to have an egalitarian peaceful world. In a way, they are broken. They are damaged, if you will. Some of that damage is facilitated by what you may know of as testosterone (a word that stands in for androgens).

But whatever you do, don't mention this testosterone caused by damage thing because it will upset them.
...
I have found the ongoing conversation about "testosterone damaged brains" to be somewhat less than interesting, full of distraction, very often little more than troll fodder and a huge waste of time. I've been asked to explain, to apologize, to produce copious documentation to back up may amazing claims. There are, however, only two reactions to my comment that I'm interested in. One: You go "Ouch" and put your hand up to your eye because I just poked you there. Two: You go "heh, that was funny." All other reactions are really your problem, not mine. Sorry.'

Broken Chromosomes and Damaged Brains

Broadsword · 3 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A rebuttal to this post can be found here. Excerpt:

'The first statement, called sexist by many viewers, was Heina Dadabhoy's comment that the Y chromosome is a broken X chromosome. The other, called outrageously sexist, was Greg Laden's statement that the male brain is a female brain that has been damaged at various times throughout development by testosterone. The question is, however, are these statements true?

Heina's statement is the easier to address. A number of people did so in the YouTube comments, but I'll do it here as well. Yes, the Y chromosome is definitely a broken X chromosome.
...

This has undesirable consequences for male humans as well, at every stage of development. A short sex chromosome means that males have only one copy of some genes. Sex-linked hemophilia is one of the specific vulnerabilities of males caused by this arrangement. There are plenty of others, and there are a number of vulnerabilities that we're still not sure to what degree are sex-linked and to what degree our screening processes and social expectations make it more likely that males will be diagnosed. Some of those may also turn out to be attributable to having a Y chromosome.

So, yes, the X chromosome is the original in this situation, and the development of the Y chromosome both depleted the X chromosome and did so in ways that are not helpful to those who carry it. It is a broken X chromosome. If it weren't for the fact that the Y chromosome also causes masculinization, and our society highly values masculinization, we would talk broadly about how unfair that is. But it creates our semi-science-literate society holds the Y chromosome responsible for creating boys and men, so it's all good, and the commenters say that calling it broken is very sexist of Heina.'

Teacher, 44, escapes prison despite 'boasting about sex with students'

Broadsword · 4 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An elementary school teacher who admitted having sexual relations with students has escaped prison after prosecutors declined to bring charges against her.

Kristle Vandever, 44, resigned two years ago after the allegations first emerged - but she has only just had her teaching licence revoked.

Shortly after quitting, the 21-year veteran wrote an email admitting: 'I just can't help wanting these hot young boys... and they want me.'

She also appeared to imply that she could have faced legal action if her victims had spoken up as she wrote, 'no witnesses coming forward'.

Vandever taught English as a second language at McNary Heights Elementary School in Umatilla, Oregon, having qualified as a teacher in 1989, according to the Hermiston Herald.'

A Confederacy of Bachelors

Broadsword · 5 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New Yorkers in midlife crisis, meet the brotherhood of Fortress Astoria: Danaher Dempsey, Luke Crane, Rick Brown and Shyaporn Theerakulstit, best friends and artists.

They have no children, no linear career histories, no readily disposable savings. The four men, all heterosexual, approaching 40 and never married, have lived together for 18 years, give or take a revolving guest roommate, cohabitating in spaces like an East Village walk-up, a Chelsea loft and, now, a converted office space in Queens.
...
Sociologically, the men represent the apotheosis of two trends in American life. While Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg may be promoting the idea of tiny apartments for singles, the most recent census figures suggest that many people do not want to live alone; they prefer or need the company: The number of roommates in nonfamily households in New York City increased by more than 40 percent between 2000 and 2010. At the same time, Americans, especially men, have been pushing back the age at which they first marry — for men, it climbed to 28.2 years in 2010, up from 26.8 a decade earlier.
...
“It’s almost like they have four really tiny studio apartments,” she said. But, when showering, “you realize you’re in a home with four men, or man-children,” she added, using Mr. Theerakulstit’s term for the roommates.'

Female sexual arousal = defense against rape?

Matt · 6 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Holy non sequiturs, Batman! Read it here. Excerpt:

'The findings confirm a long-held belief among sexual researchers that has apparently not been studied in any depth before. The results provide new insight into the evolutionary development of human sexual responses, suggesting that women may have evolved a more responsive sexuality to help them cope with forced copulation.

Established ways of assessing sexual identity are more invasive. For men, it involves wrapping the penis in a device that measures expansion in response to erotic stimuli. For women, it is the insertion of a vaginal probe that assesses changes in the amplitude of the vaginal pulse.
...
The findings support the idea that sexual response has different biological functions in men and women. For men, an important function is to facilitate erection and penetration. For women, the function is to stimulate lubrication and prevent genital injury in case of penetration -- a response that may have developed early in evolutionary history in response to episodes of rape by males.'

So lubrication of the vagina in females is a defense against vaginal trauma inflicted by rapist males. Um, what? You mean it doesn't happen because, well, the woman might just get aroused by *gasp* the idea of having sex with a *gasp* man and vaginal lubrication makes this all the more possible? I don't know where the author got his ideas about sexual dynamics from but I doubt they came from common bloody sense.

Replace circumcision with symbolic ritual, says Norwegian children's watchdog

Mastodon · 7 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Norway's ombudsman for children's rights has proposed that Jews and Muslims replace male circumcision with a symbolic, nonsurgical ritual.

Dr. Anne Lindboe told the newspaper Vart Land last month that circumcising boys was a violation of their right to decide over their own body.

"Muslim and Jewish children are entitled to the same protection as all other children," Lindboe said, adding that the practice caused unnecessary pain and was medically unbeneficial.

Lindboe, a pediatrician, was appointed ombudsman in June. Her predecessor, Reidar Hjermann, proposed setting 15 as the minimum age for circumcision. According to Jewish religious law, Jewish babies must be circumcised when they are eight days old.'

STEM-ming college gender quotas

Mastodon · 7 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Increased “gender equity” in higher education is a long-time goal of feminists. Their new target is science, technology, engineering and math, the so-called STEM disciplines.
...
But as President Obama recently said, “Title IX isn’t just about sports.” It also applies, he said, to “inequality in math and science education, and a broader range of fields including engineering and technology.” In short, the president wants to see more women earning STEM degrees.

Soon afterwards, the White House issued new guidelines for the enforcement of Title IX with particular emphasis on ensuring “equal access to educational programs and resources in STEM fields” for women.

Specifically, there will be a new initiative involving several agencies, intended to clarify schools’ “compliance obligations and ways to improve access and outreach” in STEM.

The question is: Where will that lead?

Although Title IX doesn’t require gender quotas in sports, the interpretation put on its language by both the education bureaucracy and the courts led to quotas. Colleges and universities realized that the safest route for them, to avoid costly battles with the government, was to have approximately equal numbers of men and women on their sports teams.'

Sexism row as children's play centre bans fathers and all boys aged over nine

Broadsword · 7 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Kids Go Wild recently opened in Sparkhill, Birmingham, and boasts it is the first soft play venue in the country for just mothers and children. Staff at the business openly tell men they are not allowed in and a flyer posted to homes in the city reads: 'Ladies and children only. No boys over nine allowed.'

...

The Birmingham Mail reported that a woman who claimed to be the manageress, but who refused to give her name, defended the policy.

She said: 'It's a predominantly Asian community around here and we're catering for that. It's a cultural thing.

'It's not that men are an issue - ladies are more comfortable around women.

'We've had ladies coming in and they've not questioned it [ban on men]. They've been asking for it for a long time.'

CDC: The Health of Male Veterans and Nonveterans Aged 25–64: United States, 2007–2010

Minuteman · 8 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'* Veterans were more likely than nonveterans to report having two or more chronic conditions.

* Veterans reported serious psychological distress more often than nonveterans; but less than 5% of both veterans and nonveterans reported serious psychological distress.

* Veterans had work limitations more often than nonveterans.

* Veterans were more likely than nonveterans to have health insurance.

The well-being of military personnel and their families is a topic of growing concern in public health. The effects of military service on physical and psychological health, especially after extended overseas deployments, are complex. There may also be long-term consequences of military service for the health and health care utilization of veterans as they age. Today, over 12 million men aged 25–64 in the United States are veterans, representing 15% of the total U.S. male population at those ages.

More attention is now being paid to gathering accurate data to help veterans readjust to civilian life. Many studies of veterans only use information from military or veteran databases, which limits the ability to make comparisons with the overall population. This report uses data from the 2007–2010 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) to describe the health status of community-dwelling male veterans aged 25–64. It directly compares the health status of veterans with nonveterans on a variety of measures.'

Quinnipiac University violated Title IX, what went wrong?

Mastodon · 8 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Of the 5,696 students enrolled at Quinnipiac in 2009-2010, roughly 62 percent were women. A strict reading of Title IX would require that women occupy 62 percent of all varsity sports positions offered by the school.

Under the school's calculation, women held 62.27 percent of all varsity spots, including competitive cheerleading and track.

In contrast, Judge Underhill's calculations found that women athletes held only 58.25 percent of varsity sports positions.

In affirming Judge Underhill's ruling, the appeals panel agreed that a 3.62 percent disparity between female enrollment and female varsity athletes is substantial enough to violate Title IX.'

Obama Brings 'War on Women' to State that Rebuked White House for Unequal Pay

Mastodon · 8 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The New York Times reports that "Obama Travels to Colorado With Appeal to Women."

Mr. Obama will be introduced on Wednesday afternoon at the University of Colorado in Denver by Sandra Fluke, the Georgetown Law School graduate who earlier this year became the face of women's reproductive rights after Congressional Republicans blocked her from testifying about insurance coverage of contraception. The conservative radio personality Rush Limbaugh later referred to her as a prostitute; he apologized after a furor caused some corporate sponsors to defect from his program.

Mr. Obama's emphasis on reproductive rights suggests an effort to solidify his backing among women, who are the mainstay of his support and offset his weakness among white males.

Yet, Obama's decision to bring the war on women to Colorado might seem a little odd. After all, earlier this year, Colorado's state senate rebuked Obama's White House for paying male employees more than its female employees.'

For Women in Street Stops, Deeper Humiliation

Matt · 8 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Reminds me of a story I read some time ago about a group of pregnant women in Mexico who robbed a bank. Seems they did some homework and learned that under Mexican law, a pregnant woman could not be jailed (well, that was the law at the time-- by now they may have changed it). I kid you not. So they knocked over a bank knowing full well they'd be turned loose if caught. Anyway, article excerpt:

'The laws governing street stops are blind to gender. Male officers are permitted to frisk a woman if they reasonably suspect that she may be armed with a dangerous weapon that could be used to harm them. A frisk can escalate into a field search if officers feel a suspicious bulge while patting down the woman's outer layer of clothing or the outline of her purse.

Last year, New York City police officers stopped 46,784 women, frisking nearly 16,000. Guns were found in 59 cases, according to an analysis of police statistics by The New York Times.

While the number of women stopped by officers in 2011 represented 6.9 percent of all police stops, the rate of guns found on both men and women was equally low, 0.12 percent and 0.13 percent, respectively. Civil rights leaders have argued that the low gun-recovery rates are a strong indication that the bulk of stop-and-frisk encounters are legally unjustified. (The number of police stops has dropped by more than 34 percent in recent months.)
...
"A male officer should not have a right to touch me in any sort of manner, even if it's on the outside of my clothing," Ms. Galloway said. "We're girls. They are men. And they are cops. It feels like a way for them to exert power over you."'

Teenage mother 'intentionally burned her 15-month-old son's genitals'

Matt · 8 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother has been arrested after admitting to police she burned her 15-month-old son's genitals with a hair straightening iron.

Jodi Rock, 19, from Tahlequah, Oklahoma, remains in jail on $200,000 bail after she was charged with felony injury to a minor child.

Her son has been taken into state custody.

According to the three-page arrest affidavit obtained by Tulsa World, Rock told investigators while she was straightening her hair, she touched her hand to the iron then she took and closed the iron’s clamps on the toddler’s genitals.'

SAVE: MCEDV Needs to Stop Discriminating Against Male Victims of DV

Matt · 8 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Last year Roxanne Jeskey of Bangor, ME admitted to killing her husband Richard. A detective's report detailed the injuries: "These included nose fractures, loss of an eye, rib fractures, rectal incised wounds, and internal hemorrhage from an instrument(s) pushed through his scrotum into his abdomen. Further, Mr. Jeskey was strangled with sufficient force to break the hyoid bone of his neck."

According to the 2012 report of the Maine Domestic Abuse Homicide Review Panel, women committed 5 out of 13 domestic violence homicides in recent years. That's nearly half, so you'd think that the Maine Coalition To End Domestic Violence (MCEDV) would present a balanced picture of DV. Not so.

Man spent ten years in prison after judge refused to allow evidence that his accuser made false claims against him

Mastodon · 9 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals sitting in San Francisco overturned the sexual assault conviction of a Las Vegas man named Calvin O. Jackson who has spent more than ten years in prison for a crime he may not have committed. The court held that Mr. Jackson was wrongfully prevented from presenting evidence at his trial that the woman who accused him, Annette Heathmon, had made other false claims of prior sexual assault against him. The court explained: "Jackson's defense was that the assault never took place and that he and Heathmon engaged in consensual sex. He contended that Heathmon used the police as a means of exercising control over him whenever they argued, and that her allegations against him were fabricated in this instance, just as they had been in prior instances when the police were called to respond to her claims." We offer no commentary,and we provide the following excerpt from the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.'

Socialism's Trojan Horse: "Improved" gender diversity in the boardroom

Broadsword · 9 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The freedom of companies to appoint directors solely on the basis of merit is a cornerstone of capitalism. That cornerstone is slowly but surely being removed in the name of an innocuous-sounding initiative, ‘improved’ gender diversity in the boardroom (‘GDITB’).

The British government continues to bully major companies into appointing more women to their boards with threats of legislated quotas if they don’t do so ‘voluntarily’...

...

So what does the available research tell us? Only two independent studies show a causal link between gender diversity in the boardroom (GDITB) and corporate performance, and in both cases the link is negative. The first study was carried out by two academics at the University of Michigan, Kenneth Ahern and Amy Dittmar, and the latest draft was published in May 2011. The report’s full Abstract:

The Male Side of Divorce: What Men Need to Know

Mastodon · 9 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Here are the top five things men should not do when going through a divorce.

1. Do Not Move Out of Your House: Chances are you are getting divorced because you cannot stand living under the same roof as your wife. However, until a court says otherwise, the house you are living in still belongs to you so you are still allowed to live there. You will continue to contribute to the household expenses while the divorce proceedings play out. If you move out, you will have to support two households -- the one you are living in and the one you moved out of. Living together may not be an ideal situation, but it is the most cost-effective.'

The Contempt of Women

Broadsword · 9 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the constantly progressing and deteriorating and rapidly revolving kaleidoscope of misunderstanding and disgust and hunger that constitutes gender relations in the twenty-first century, a new gesture has emerged to define us: the sneer, the female gaze of contempt.

Feminine contempt is suddenly everywhere, subtly and invidiously panoramic, in public life and in private life, in the bedroom and on television and in bookstores and on the campaign trail. The sexuality of the moment is all about contempt. In Lena Dunham's hit show Girls, which has succeeded so admirably in providing American critics with a moment of convenient generational definition, the men are pitiable and grotesque. Whether rough or tender or vanilla, they fail. In Sex and the City, the women commoditized men, often in the most banal way, but at least they liked what the men had to offer: cocks and money and status and sometimes even support. ...
...

Eventually, the sexual always morphs into the political. Contempt for men has become so widespread and acceptable that it's a commonplace for politicians' wives. Michelle Obama loves to describe her husband's morning breath and struggles with smoking and failure to put away his socks. Her pull quote: "He's a gifted man, but he's just a man." Got that, boys? You can be editor of the Harvard Law Review, first African-American president, director of the assassination of Osama bin Laden, loving husband and father, and an innovator of "absorption marijuana ingestion" to boot, but in the end "just a man." Michelle uses that hokey line because it inevitably provokes warm ovations and knowing laughter. The wife of the British prime minister, David Cameron, has borrowed the technique, moaning about how Cameron "makes a terrible mess" when he cooks and can be "quite annoying." This is what the political operatives call "humanizing the candidate": Contempt for men is what ordinary women understand.'

Men: Suffering secretly and silently

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Are times changing in the patriarchal society we live in? Has feminism smothered and surpassed the brotherhood, leaving them floundering and forgotten about on the sidelines? A true feminist would hope not, as (contrary to sloppy stereotypes) feminism is about achieving true equality, not the oppression of men.

A while ago, I wrote about how austerity in Britain is hurting women the most. Since then, things haven't got better, they've got worse. The British government is inflicting yet more pain on women in Britain by disregarding and debasing issues such as abortion, rape and domestic violence. Ruthlessly slashing the already frail budget from women's services, culling child benefit, housing benefit, child tax credits and cutting 40 per cent - £350m ($550m) - from Legal Aid's already meagre budget - these are just a few stomach-churning indications of how women in Britain are being forced into a further state of vulnerability by those in power.

But men in Britain are vulnerable too, like 38-year-old Chris from London. We don't really hear about neglected and vulnerable men, because as a direct consequence of phallogocentrism, there is little acknowledgement that a man could be struggling, a fact recognised least of all by men themselves.'

How About a Title IX for Women on Boards?

Mastodon · 9 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I think we need a Title IX for Boards of Directors.

Last month, the business group CED issued an urgent plea for increasing representation of women on corporate boards. The blue chip panel wrapped its message in God, Flag, and U.S. Competitiveness. But the organization pulled its punches when it comes to getting the job done. Rather than call for a clear test, like the Title IX equivalent of equal expenditures, we are left with the hope that enlightened boards will lead the parade. Meanwhile, we are being beat to a pulp by our competitors -- France and Norway, among others, require boards to step up their game. To make their numbers, corporations in these countries have begun to poach the U.S. field of experienced, board-ready women. It's a little like American women moving from California to Rio to get a chance at beach volleyball.'

Airline forced to rethink their sexist policy

GaryB · 10 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

This story is doing the rounds in Australia, and finally some traction. Excerpt:

'A public backlash has prompted Virgin Australia to announce it will review its policy barring men from sitting beside unaccompanied children on flights.

The company was today widely criticised after a Sydney fireman reported his experience of being asked to swap seats because he was sat beside two unaccompanied boys.

...

"In light of recent feedback, we're now reviewing this policy. Our intention is certainly not to discriminate in any way."

A Virgin spokeswoman said the policy was shared by Qantas, Jetstar and Air New Zealand.'

DHS faces sex discrimination suit

Mastodon · 10 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Looks like the Department of Homeland Security could be renamed the Department of Hyper Sexuality.

A blistering federal discrimination suit accuses agency honcho Janet Napolitano of turning the department into a female-run “frat house” where male staffers were banished to the bathrooms and routinely humiliated.

James Hayes Jr., who now is New York’s top Homeland Security cop, claims Napolitano filled top spots in Washington, D.C., with two of her gal pals who were bent on tormenting male employees.

The suit identified them as Dora Schriro, who is now running the city Department of Correction, and Suzanne Barr, the chief of staff for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.'

School District to offer flag football for girls to comply with Title IX complaint

Mastodon · 10 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Flag football will be a girls varsity sport in public high schools this winter, costing the Clark County School District $225,000 for the first season as it tries to comply with federal requirements.

And flag football may just be the beginning, with girls lacrosse being considered for the 2013-14 school year, said Ray Mathis, the district's executive athletic director. Local high schools added girls freshmen soccer last school year but didn't do the same for boys. And boys won't receive any new sports for a while, he said.

That is because the district is trying to close the gap between the number of its male and female student-athletes, which was pointed out in a civil rights complaint made in 2010.'

Rights for the innocent

Mastodon · 10 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'Most people might not know that if a person is charged with domestic violence and a jury acquits them (or the charge is dismissed) it does not prove that the defendant is innocent. The verdict simply means that there is reasonable doubt that the defendant was guilty. This is much different from "proof beyond reasonable doubt" or the question of moral certainty where one would act in reliance upon its truth in matters that are important to them.

This also means that a juror cannot decide a defendant's actual innocence, although it does exist, and that leads to injustice. Moreover, an innocent defendant may be subject to a restraining order because the law does not require an overt act. Instead it is based on what the innocent defendant might do rather than what that person didn't do. That's open to pure speculation that continues to be fostered by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

I support the use of DNA testing in matters of allegations of abuse and rape, but the testing must occur within a valid time span that would make it effective. This should reduce the number of false and malicious allegations that would lead to unjust consequences. So in these matters, those who have been falsely accused of abuse or rape should be compensated from those funds that are now allocated to the VAWA. This would continue until changes are made that provide complete compensation for those men who have been falsely accused.'

Don’t leave boys behind

Mastodon · 10 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Part of the problem is cultural, which policymakers may not be able to address easily or at all. One Dallas principal I spoke with noted that as more families split up, more young boys live in homes without a father. The lack of a dad can create numerous problems, he pointed out, but it especially can create a problem for young boys who lack a male figure helping supervise them.

Divorce may be the only way forward for some families, but fathers in situations like that owe it to their kids to remain a part of their lives, helping create horizons for them. For one thing, young men with only a high school degree are more likely to suffer economically. Holly Hacker reported in December on a telling difference: Men with high school degrees suffer higher unemployment rates than men with either an associate’s degree or a bachelor’s degree.'

"Sunburned Butt Slap Leads To Beau's Stabbing"

Matt · 10 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

I can just imagine in the mind of the average reader: "He had it coming!" Yes, if she had done the same thing to him and he had stabbed her, do you suppose the "average reader" would think the same thing? Article here. Excerpt:

'According to a police probable cause affidavit, Sherry was cleaning the dishes when her boyfriend, Michael Martinez, “slapped her in the buttocks.” Martinez told a Bethlehem cop that he did this as a “joke” since he “was aware Sherry had sunburn in the area.”

Sherry, however, did not find this amusing and “became immediately agitated.”
...
After directing her two children to leave the room, Sherry allegedly “poked” Martinez in the abdomen with the knife, and then stabbed him in the shoulder. Before stabbing him a third time, “Sherry screamed, ‘I’m going to fucking kill you.'”'

F&F: Child Support Scare Tactic Stopped

Matt · 11 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For more than 20 years, the South Carolina Department of Social Services used false contempt of court threat to scare parents behind on their child support. It would issue a summons to appear for a hearing and pointedly remind the parent that he or she could be held in contempt of court for failure to pay.

Of course, it was an empty threat. No judge was present. It was not a judicial proceeding. Nobody could be held in contempt. The scare it placed in child support obligors who received it, however, was real. And yes, it skirted, if it not violated, all notions of due process.

One father questioned this practice. Because of his lawsuit, this scare tactic has been stopped.'

Woman accused of stabbing fiance to death hours before their wedding

Mastodon · 13 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(CBS/AP) HOKENDAUQUA, Pa. - Na Cola Darcel Franklin spent her weekend in jail when she was supposed to be celebrating her first days as a newlywed. She is accused of killing her fiancé at their eastern Pennsylvania apartment hours before they were to get married.

Franklin, 31, was charged with criminal homicide Saturday morning in the stabbing death of 36-year-old Billy Brewster in their Whitehall Township apartment. She seemed unable to grasp her fiancé's death during her arraignment by video from jail Saturday, when she reportedly pleaded to the judge, "You got to check again!"

District Judge Donna Butler told her that Brewster had been pronounced dead earlier, to which Franklin wailed and covered her face in her hands. When asked if she understood the homicide charge against her, Franklin wept and choked out the words one at a time.

"I ... did ... not ... kill ... him ... on ... purpose," she said, according to the Morning Call newspaper.'

5 Reasons To Beware Of Feminist Men

Mastodon · 13 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'1. Against Their Nature: Wouldn't it strike you as strange if a tiger suddenly turned vegetarian? This is because it is against their basic nature. In the same way, feminism is against the basic nature of men and that is why women hate men who claim to be upholders of women's rights.

2. Traitors To Their Own Cause: The types of men who start calling themselves feminists are seen as 'traitors' among men folk. Generally, men despise male feminists much more than they despise female feminists. How do you trust someone who has betrayed their own kind? If they have betrayed their own gender that is men, they might as well betray you.

3. No Chivalry: Usually men who believes in the rights of women usually lack chivalry. They treat women as equal, but not better than men. So when you are an equal, he doesn't have to hold the door for you or pay your bill. Just like Atheists have no holidays, feminists have no concessions for being women. That is why legendary actress said, "Women who want to be equal with men lack ambition."'

'Movement sets them free'

Mastodon · 13 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The statistics tell the story — boys are losing out when it comes to education.

On a number of counts, the evidence suggests that more young men than women are experiencing difficulties with school.

They appear to be less engaged and eventually drop out before graduation at a higher rate than girls.

Theories and proposed solutions abound, but one common element among experts is the education system needs an overhaul for the so-called “boy crisis” to be resolved.

Two local women in the masters of education program at Thompson Rivers University have come up with one way to address the problem: get kids moving.'

Mistaken fathers have one year to challenge paternity

Mastodon · 13 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men can legally challenge the paternity on the grounds of fraud, mistake or misrepresentation following the 2011 amendment to Chapter 161 of the Texas Family Code.

The new law enables a man who has previously been named as the biological father of a child in a court order or has signed an acknowledgment of paternity to challenge his paternity by filing a petition in court to terminate his parental rights after later discovering the fraud.

In order to successfully challenge paternity under the new law, a man must file a verified petition, after which the court will hold a pre-trial hearing to determine whether the man has a justifiable reason for not previously questioning his paternity. The court then will order genetic testing.'

Circumcision, long in decline in the U.S., may get a boost from a doctors' group

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than 1.2 million infant boys undergo the surgery each year, making the United States one of the industrialized world's leading producers of circumcised men. But the once ubiquitous practice, in which the foreskin is removed from the penis, is waning.

From a high of about 80 percent in the 1960s, the portion of baby boys leaving hospitals with petroleum-jelly-covered wounds in their diapers dropped to 56 percent in 2008, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (The figures do not include those circumcised in outside clinics or by religious providers.)

The downward trend is probably fueled by Medicaid laws in many states that have stopped paying for the surgery, increased immigration from Latin America and other areas were circumcision is less common, and a growingly vocal cadre of so-called "intactivists" who argue that the practice is a human rights violation.'

Male birth control plans begin to gel

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Video here.

'Scientists in California are reporting promising results with an experimental contraceptive gel for men. Using a combination of two hormones, the researchers say they have been able to lower the sperm count of males significantly, bringing a new era of male responsibility for birth control a big step closer.'

SAVE: Tell Judge Robert E. Murray to Vacate the Conviction of Persecuted Single Father Vladek Filler

Matt · 13 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Today, we're asking you to intervene on behalf of a young father in Maine. Judge Robert E. Murray convicted Vladek Filler and gave him a sentence of 21 days in jail for allegedly pushing his wife Ligia Filler in April 2007. The problem is that the conviction and harsh sentence follow five years, two criminal trials and appeals involving prosecutorial misconduct by Asst. District Attorney Mary E. Kellett.

The charges stem from Filler's child custody dispute, and range from spousal rape to splashing water on his then-wife. The 1st trial court and Maine Supreme Court found prosecutor Mary N. Kellett had engaged in misconduct. The divorce court granted Filler sole custody of his children, found his wife made false allegations and was a violent child abuser.

In 2011 SAVE filed a Grievance Complaint[1] with the Board of Overseers of the Bar (BOB) demanding Kellet's disbarment. Bar Counsel J. Scott Davis in an 18-page Disciplinary Petition[2] charged that Kellett "has acted in a manner unworthy of an attorney," violated nine rules[3] of conduct, failed to provide defense with discovery, violated a court order, and instructed police officers not to cooperate with defense subpoenas. Davis stated that Kellett then made "misrepresentations to the jury of the actual facts", and concluded "she should receive such appropriate disciplinary action as is provided for by the Maine Bar Rules." The BOB will convene a disciplinary hearing against Kellett for misconduct in the Filler case.

Filler's incarceration is looking a lot like retaliation. "Men who have no criminal record get a fine or an afternoon DV class for allegations like this. Not only did the judge sentence Vladek to jail, he sentenced him to 21 days," says SAVE spokesperson Philip W. Cook, "It was all very personal and had nothing to do with what they convicted him of."

Call Judge Murray today! Tell him to rescind his conviction of Vladek Filler.

Judge Robert E. Murray
Hancock County Superior Court
Ellsworth, ME
Clerk: Terry Harding
207-667-7176

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. Vladek's children need their father at home where he belongs.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

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[1] http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/COMPLA1.pdf
[2] http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Kellett-Disciplinary-Petition.pdf
[3] http://fenceviewer.com/site/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=75933:hearing-scheduled-on-complaint-against-assistant-da&Itemid=938

What 'makes a man' needs to change - experts

Mastodon · 14 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys learn very quickly growing up they should respond to challenges with violence, says the senior lecturer in sociology at the University of Wollongong.

Dr Flood says: “There’s good evidence that male-on-male violence … is shaped very strongly by codes of manhood based on honour, on pride, on aggression."

“We need culture change. We need change in the way we raise our boys.”

Boys learn to react with violence from their peers, family and culture.
...
“I think we need to complement campaigns about violence against women with ones about men’s violence against men.”'

Don’t Blame Discrimination for Gender Wage Gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s a staple of feminist rhetoric: Women make less money than men because of discrimination.

“We’d all like to think, in 2012, that pay discrimination is a thing of the past,” the progressive activist Joy Lawson wrote in the Huffington Post recently. “But the pay gap still exists, and it’s big: women earn an average of 77 cents on a man’s dollar.”

April 17 has been designated Equal Pay Day: Supposedly that’s how long women have to work to catch up to men’s pay from the previous year.

U.S. President Barack Obama has cited a similar statistic to promote legislation to make it easier to sue employers for discrimination. Democrats accuse Republicans who resist such laws of waging a “war on women.” Expect to hear more about the issue during the fall campaign.

Here’s the truth you won’t hear: The pay gap is exaggerated, discrimination doesn’t drive it and it’s not clear that government can eliminate it -- or should even try.'

Harass morass at DHS

Matt · 14 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — The number of Immigration and Customs Enforcement workers who claimed they faced retaliation from superiors has more than doubled since Janet Napolitano took over, according to data obtained by The Post.

The stats — which also show an increase in sexual-harassment claims — come as James Hayes, a senior law-enforcement official, moves ahead with a lawsuit charging he faced a “hostile work environment” in which male employees face discrimination under Napolitano, who oversees ICE as head of Homeland Security.

Hayes, who also said higher-ups created a “frat-house” atmosphere, claims agency bosses tried to intimidate him by opening several investigations of his own conduct after he filed a complaint.'

Israeli Pediatric Group Calls For End To Circumcision-Related Rite

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Israel Ambulatory Pediatric Association is calling for an end to a controversial circumcision-related rite that is also under fire in New York.

Direct oral-genital suction, known as metzitzah b'peh, should not be performed during Jewish ritual circumcision, the IAPA said. The association is calling on Israel's Health Ministry to require maternity wards and clinics to advise parents against metzitzah b'peh, Israeli media reported.

IAPA is recommending that mohels, or ritual circumcisers, use a tube to take the blood from the circumcision wound, preventing direct contact with the infant's incision.'

A Feminist Needs Accurate Statistics Like a Fish Needs a Bicycle

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Over at Jezebel, Katie J. M. Baker has a response to my Bloomberg View column on the gender pay gap that is heavy on personal attacks and light on logic. The first four paragraphs consist of nothing but such attacks and misrepresentations of my argument; the fifth of an excerpt from the column; the sixth goes back to personal attacks. (My face is “smug,” and apparently arouses a desire to “smack” it, at least in feminists who are incapable of mustering actual arguments against what I have to say.)

Baker does get around to trying to refute me by citing what she describes (falsely) as a “study” that affirms the feminist conventional wisdom about the pay gap. That “study” lists ten bullet points in making its case. None of them proves what Baker thinks it proves. Thus, for example, the first bullet point notes that “[w]omen in science, technology, engineering and math are paid 86 percent of what their male counterparts are paid.” Follow the footnote, and you’ll see the cited source doesn’t correct for continuous employment history or seniority and lumps all “STEM” jobs together. The next sentence, about female business majors, does not appear to be supported by the source noted in the footnote. And so on.'

Man: Airline treated me like pedophile

Mastodon · 15 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'Man claims Virgin Australia treats male passengers like pedophiles after being told to change seats away from two kids.'

Should male passengers be allowed to sit next to unaccompanied children?

Mastodon · 15 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Washington (CNN) -- An Australian airline's policy prohibiting male passengers from sitting next to kids traveling alone has fueled a social media firestorm and caused the company to review the rule.
...
Virgin Australia's policy to prevent men from sitting next to the unaccompanied minors has supporters, including John Shehan of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in the United States.
...
"We're trying to prevent child victimization," he said. "We know the overwhelming majority of sex offenders are male, so by removing that situation you're lowering the risk."

Australian airline Qantas also has come under fire for a similar policy prohibiting men from sitting next to unaccompanied minors. The airline declined to comment.'

Airlines' male policy is Virgin on the ridiculous

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's a hell of a thing putting an unaccompanied kid onto an airline flight. I've done it. For the kid it's hugely exciting (if they're the adventurous sort). For the parent it's a Kafkaesque nightmare of form-filling and fiery hoop-jumping.
...
Right now, every time an airline like Qantas or Virgin moves a male passenger away from an unaccompanied child for no reason other than his being a male, they break the law. Or rather, they breach the Anti-Discrimination Act, for which penalties do apply. If he was drunk, abusive, or maybe if the unaccompanied children's parents or guardians had requested a specific seating arrangement for the flight, then the airlines would be in the clear. (A lawyer will doubtless set me straight on that last one). But to maintain a policy of moving passengers simply on the basis of gender is not legal.

The two men who have been in the news, after being humiliated in this fashion, could sue and win very, very easily. Especially as one was a fireman who runs into burning buildings to save children, and the other was a nurse who stays up all night looking after them.'

Australia: Woman who drowned baby could be free is less than two months

Minuteman · 15 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A woman depressed and suffering "abnormality of mind" when she left her baby daughter in a bath to drown could be free in less than two months.

The 27-year-old, who can't be named, was sentenced in the Supreme Court in Sydney on Wednesday to a maximum five years in prison with a non-parole period of three years and two months.

She has been in custody since her arrest on August 10, 2009 and could possibly get out of jail on October 9.

In sentencing the woman, Acting Justice Michael Grove said a series of events led to her placing the 17-month-old into a bath and turning on the taps at her Gwynneville unit near Wollongong on July 21, 2009.

While he found she foresaw the probability of her daughter's death, she was suffering from such an "abnormality of the mind" that her capacity to control herself or understand whether her actions were right or wrong was "substantially impaired".'

Lawsuit in the US against Israeli Government officials for institutional discrimination against men

davidcohen188 · 15 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

A lawsuit has been filed in the US against Israeli Government officials for institutional discrimination against men. This is probably the most comprehensive lawsuit ever filed in a court anywhere in the world with regards to men's rights. The lawsuit attacks the institutionalized discrimination against men as a whole.

Read it here.

SAVE: Politicizing the Truth: White House Order Ignores the Plight of Most Victims of Violence

Matt · 15 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Aug. 15, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Victim-advocacy group Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is charging the White House with politicizing the issue of violence. SAVE says Obama's executive order "Preventing and Responding to Violence Against Women and Girls Globally" marginalizes and ignores the suffering of male victims of violence.

According to the World Health Organization, men are twice as likely to die of violence as women. Globally, violence accounts for 14% of male deaths and 7% of female deaths.'

Woman Admits to Poisoning Boyfriend With Visine Drops

Matt · 15 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 33-year-old Pennsylvania woman could spend the rest of her life in prison after admitting to police that she repeatedly poisoned her boyfriend with Visine eye drops for more than three years in a bid for his attention.

Vickie Jo Mills of Ayr Township, Pa., was arrested Thursday and charged with 10 counts of aggravated assault, 10 counts of simple assault and 10 counts of reckless endangerment after she told authorities she slipped Visine eye drops into the drinking water of her boyfriend, 45-year-old Thurman Edgar Nesbitt III.
...
Nesbitt had been sick for years with symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and blood pressure and breathing problems, according to police. His doctor, Dr. Harry Johnston, alerted authorities in after detecting traces of tetrahydrozoline, a chemical found in eye drops, in Nesbitt's blood tests.'

Coming to Saudi Arabia: The world's first women-only city

Matt · 15 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Look for the next in a country near you! Article here. Excerpt:

'Saudi Arabia has a problem: The Persian Gulf kingdom has an increasingly educated, increasingly unemployed female population and ultraconservative laws and customs that forbid women from mingling, much less working, with men. The Saudis are fashioning an unusual solution, building an industrial city that will allow only women. The female-only zone is scheduled to open in the Eastern Province city of Hofuf next year, with more ladies-only areas to come in Riyadh, the capital. How do these cities-inside-a-city work, and are they good for women?'

ICE chief of staff on leave after new allegations of lewd conduct surface

Matt · 15 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The top Homeland Security official accused of cultivating a "frat-house"-style work environment has "voluntarily placed herself on leave" amid an internal review, the department told FoxNews.com late Tuesday evening -- just hours after FoxNews.com contacted the agency about new allegations against her.

The official, Suzanne Barr, is chief of staff for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Two more ICE employees came forward this week to complain about "lewd" conduct inside the agency, submitting sworn affidavits that depict graphic comments made by two top officials working under DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano.'

As British actor John Cleese decries the a pre-nup, one cynical man pens the hopeless romantic an open letter

Broadsword · 15 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm sure you've tried to forget it, but - for the sake of men everywhere - let me recap: after a 16-year marriage with no children, your third wife, Faye Eichelberger, ended up with a settlement that made her (quite literally) richer than you.

Not only will you have to pay her £600,000 a year until 2016 (even though you're now technically a pensioner and she's a successful therapist), you also had to give her £8 million in cash, plus assets which included: an apartment in New York, a £2 million home in London and half a beach house in California.

Why? Because you're a man.'

HHS awards $68 million in grants for HIV/AIDS care for women, infants, children and youth

Minuteman · 16 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced the release of more than $68 million to ensure that women, infants, children, and youth living with HIV/AIDS receive comprehensive primary HIV medical care and support services.

The grants, funded through the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, help people who lack sufficient health care coverage or financial resources to manage HIV.

"With these investments, we're targeting our resources to the communities that need them most," Secretary Sebelius said. "This will help women, infants and children with HIV get the care and treatment they need by increasing access to comprehensive, coordinated primary care."'

NIH announce Grants to Study Bioethics of HIV Research

Minuteman · 16 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

An opportunity that might appeal to appropriately qualified and experienced readers, to help raise concerns about the ethics of the 'African circumcision trials'. Link here. Excerpt:

'If you have an interest in the bioethics of studying HIV and associated conditions, consider applying for R01 or R21 funding through a new program announcement from NIH.

Your plan may include conceptual work in bioethics, empirical work gathering and analyzing data relevant to ethical issues, or both. When planning your research team, NIH strongly encourages you to include at least one person with demonstrated expertise and scholarship in bioethics.

NIH welcomes applications on any ethics topic relevant to HIV research, particularly in the following areas:

* Human specimens
* Pregnant women
* Adolescents and young adults
* Cures (eradicating the virus from the body)
* Clinical trial design (standard of care dilemmas, statistical methods)
* Effectiveness of ethics committees
* New technologies
* Stigma, discrimination, and oppression
* Tuberculosis in the context of HIV infection
* Community engagement

Your applications are due January 7, 2013, 2014, or 2015.'

Another generation of boys' genitals about to go "under the knife"

DanBollinger · 16 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

According to a recent Washington Post article, it looks like the American Academy of Pediatrics is going to come out with a revised statement in favor of circumcision, saying the benefits outweigh the risks.

We think this would be an egregious violation of basic human rights, and a HUGE step backwards. They realized it was wrong to cut baby girls--so why is it okay to cut baby boys? IT'S NOT OKAY!

Visit the AAP's Facebook page -- http://www.facebook.com/AmerAcadPeds -- and send them a message, telling them what YOU think about this possible new statement.

And stay tuned for more news and action campaigns from **Intact America** on FaceBook http://www.facebook.com/intactamerica

Julian Assange: Ecuador grants Wikileaks founder asylum

Mastodon · 16 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ecuador has granted asylum to Wikileaks founder Julian Assange two months after he took refuge in its London embassy while fighting extradition from the UK.

It said his human rights might be violated if he is sent to Sweden to be questioned over sex assault claims.

Foreign Secretary William Hague said the UK would not allow Mr Assange safe passage out of the country and the move was also criticised by Stockholm.

Ecuador said it would seek to negotiate arrangements for Mr Assange to leave.'

SAVE: On College Campuses, Civil Liberties Took a Beating

Matt · 16 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The first full academic year following the Department of Education's release of its Sexual Assault Directive has come to a close. The Directive was announced by the Office for Civil Rights on April 4, 2011 without prior notice or opportunity for public comment. Two days later, civil rights expert Wendy Kaminer deplored the "authoritarian impulse" that gave rise to the Directive and predicted it would occasion, in her words, "tragic deprivations of liberty." (1)

Several of these cases, reported in the media during the 2011-2012 school year, had been adjudicated before the OCR policy took effect:

University of Hawaii at Manoa

September 20, 2011 — Following news of seven allegations of sexual assault filed during the previous academic year, the University's security chief Wayne Ogino stated that a student could be evicted from a campus dormitory solely on the basis of an accusation. Ogino did acknowedge, however, that some rape accusations did turn out to be "unfounded." (2)'

F&F: Pilot Project Makes Failure to Pay Child Support a Felony

Matt · 16 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New Mexico's Governor Susana Martinez is celebrating August being Child Support Awareness Month by kicking off a pilot project. The Felony Prosecution Project will seek the prosecution of the state's worst child support offenders for the abandonment of a child, which is a fourth degree felony under New Mexico law.

It is aimed at increasing the collection of child support from parents who are among the worst offenders at failing to honor their obligations to financially support their children. The project will be a partnership between the New Mexico Human Services Department Child Support Enforcement Division and the District Attorneys' offices.'

Second-Class Citizenship

Robber748 · 17 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Most of the U.S. is busy pandering to women. I nominate Bellingham, Washington, as the worst panderer. Men of Bellingham are truly second-class citizens. During about a four month period, I have noticed 33 activities and events that are by, for, and about women. As far as I could tell, none of these events received any complaints. I could only find 2 comparable activities for men, one of which received a complaint of being sexist.

So I took it upon myself to complain to the organizers about the sexism of a few of the women's events. For the most part, I was ignored. Apparently sexism is of little concern if it is against men. One organization, however, did respond to my complaint: its bicycle maintenance class was changed from "for women only" to "especially for women."

One of the events listed is an article in a local newspaper which raved about an appearance of the Chippendale male strippers. I do not believe I will live long enough to see a local mainstream newspaper give a positive review of female strippers.

FOR WOMEN

2/4/12--Western Washington University (WWU) sponsors Elect Her to encourage women to run for student government

2/16--Fairhaven Bike and Ski sponsors Ladies Night

2/22 to 2/25--WWU sponsors Vagina Memoirs

3/6--the class Owning Your Female Power begins

3/7--Wild Whatcom Walks sponsors Ladies Night Out

3/8--International Women's Day is celebrated with a screening of the film "Miss Representation"

3/18--YWCA sponsors Northwest Women's Hall of Fame Dinner

4/4--the newspaper, Cascadia Weekly, gives a glowing review of the Chippendale strippers

4/6--Wild Whatcom Walks has Ladies Night Out

4/11--City council member Cathy Lehman reveals that she ran for the position because she is female

4/19--Kulshan Cycle sponsors Ladies Night

4/21--Boating For Women By Women Seminar at Squalicum Yacht Club

4/27--A women's gym, Butterfly LIFE, presents "Chicago" for it's Flicks for Chicks.

4/28--Men bring attention to domestic violence against women by walking in women's shoes

5/4--Marianne's House (for adults with developmental disabilities) sponsors an auction of local eligible bachelors at a nearby casino

5/10--Everybody Bike sponsors a bicycle maintenance class for women

5/11--the Fairhaven community of Bellingham sponsors Girls' Night Out.

5/12--Represent! shows a film and sponsors a discussion encouraging women to run for public office

5/13--benefit concert for Bellingham Girls Rock, a summer camp dedicated to empowering girls

5/15--HD Vest Investment Services offers 3 seminars in its Women's Empowerment Series

5/18--downtown Bellingham sponsors Ladies' Night Out

5/18--Bellingham Technical College explores non-traditional careers for women with The Road Less Graveled

5/19-- American Association of University Women holds a benefit supporting scholarships for women in local colleges.

5/20--WWU sponsors the film "Miss Representation" about the media's view of women in power

6/1--YWCA sponsors Leadership Breakfast, a benefit for homeless women

6/1--Bhakti Flow Yoga has a benefit for Womencare Shelter

6/2--YMCA sponsors Girls On the Run 5K run

6/2--Female Artists for Music Education sponsors a benefit featuring female musicians and artists

6/8--Everybody Bike sponsors Diva Cycle, a bike ride with shopping

Ongoing--Habitat for Humanity sponsors Women Build Program

Ongoing--Kokoro Yoga has Kundalini Yoga for Women every Tuesday

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FOR MEN

March is MAN Month at Joy of Pilates

4/20--WWU sponsors Strongman competition

UK: Mother-of-two jailed for making TWO false rape claims against men she was dating after one didn't show up for a liaison

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother-of-two has been jailed for making two false rape claims against men she was dating after one, who she had met online, failed to show up for a liaison.

Emma Saxon, 23, from Sheffield, was jailed for eight months after telling police she had been raped in a BMW car in a supermarket car park.

The victim of her slur Martin Blood spent 14 hours in a police cell and suffered the indignity of an intimate medical examination while the police spent 90 hours investigating before finally concluding it was a hoax.

Sheffield Crown Court heard Saxon, 23, was given a community penalty in 2007 after a similar false allegation against a former boyfriend.

Jailing her Judge Michael Murphy said: 'Rape is such a terrible, diabolical offence that it is always treated very seriously in these courts. It is a dreadful thing for a person to be raped. It is a most serious allegation for one person to make against another. It is truly awful if it is untrue.'

UK: White males now classed as a 'minority group' at university

Broadsword · 19 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Across UK universities, 984,000 female undergraduates are studying for degrees, compared to 713,000 male. The gap is expected to widen in future years as new government rules make it easier for universities to recruit students with A-level grades of AAB or better, more of whom are female.

While last week's A-level results showed boys narrowly outperforming girls at the A* grade for the first time, girls remained significantly more likely than boys to achieve grades in the upper range of A* to B.

...

White males are defined as under-represented because while they make up about 45 per cent of the UK population, according to the last census, they account for only 20 per cent of the college's intake.

Prospectuses and publicity materials have been redesigned to feature photographs and quotes from white male students. Visits to schools and college roadshows specifically target boys.

...

By contrast, white women are overrepresented among the students, and are not being targeted for recruitment.'

Feds move to strike lewd details from Homeland Security sexual-discrimination lawsuit

Matt · 19 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. More than just circling wagons, looks to me like an attempt to suppress evidence. Would they dare attempt the same tactic if the complainants were female and the defendant male? Heck, by now, he'd be fired! Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — The feds have asked a judge to strike from the public record the most “scandalous” details of a bombshell sexual-discrimination lawsuit against Janet Napolitano and the Department of Homeland Security that refer to oral sex and an odd bathroom prank.

The lewd details are included in senior law-enforcement official James Hayes’ suit claiming retaliation anti-guy bias.

The filing claims top immigration aide Suzanne Barr “humiliated” a male employee by calling him in his hotel room and screaming that she wanted his “c--k in the back of [her] throat.”'

German judge says circumcision violates human rights-- over 700 doctors and profs sign support letter

Matt · 19 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

From Marc A.:

As you know, a judge in Germany ruled that infant male genital mutilation violates boys' human rights. A Reuters story on the judge's decision is at http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/27/us-germany-circumcision-idUSBRE85Q19Y20120627.

And as expected, powerful religious lobby groups got the German parliament to legislatively override the judge's decision that circumcision violates human rights. But the good news is that this is forcing the issue into a public debate, and over 700 doctors and professors just signed a letter supporting the judge's decision! The letter in German is here.

An imperfect Google translation from German to English, with the list of the co-signors and their credentials, is here.

Affairs: They're fine when women are charging for them

Matt · 20 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The tone, the content, the whole thing. In a rare article that admits that women *gasp* have affairs as much as men do, the tone is suddenly not just tolerant but positively embraces not just the having of affairs but the blatant charging for them (ie, prostitution via dating site). Excerpt:

'Alongside the internet dating revolution, these “playfairs” are evidence of a potentially dramatic shift in British marriage. As dating websites open up a global shop window of sexual possibilities, as life expectancy continues to rise and we become increasingly sexually aware, how can we still take the crushing old rules of fidelity, that turn marriage into a prison, for granted? Why should we not be able to recapture the heady thrills of youth, while protecting a secure home life?

The time has come, alongside the technology, to redraw the rules of marriage for the 21st century. Just as the Pill opened up premarital sex in the Sixties, the internet is opening up a whole new culture of affairs among married people. Sex has become a major leisure activity of our time, accessible to everyone, married or not, rich and poor. It’s time to start honing our seduction skills and join the playground.
...

If anything, married women are at an astonishing advantage in this 21st-century world of modern adultery, not least because of the disparity in sexual desire in modern marriages. Recent sex surveys all prove that the received wisdom about men wanting more sex than their wives is not an unfair stereotype but a fact. The gap in sexual desire between men and women is observed in every country and culture where such surveys have been carried out.
...
When he met his first date, Maya – beautiful and in her thirties – he could not believe his luck. They had a cheerful and flirty lunch, sitting in the sunshine. At the end, they discussed meeting again. Maya suggested a monthly fee for unlimited time with him at his convenience. Peter laughed, assuming she was joking. He considered an expensive dinner generous enough.

But as he worked his way through a similar series of first dates, that were also not followed up, he realised that Maya was right: a crucial rule in this modern world of adultery is that the women are able to call the shots, especially when the men are past their prime.'

First women admitted to Augusta National Golf Club as full members

Matt · 20 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Ahh, Martha! Enjoy the champagne! Now I am just wondering when the Ladies Golf Club of Toronto will allow men to join. After all, fair is fair. Or is it? Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (AP) -- The home of the Masters now has green jackets for women.

In a historic change at one of the world's most exclusive golf clubs, Augusta National invited former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and South Carolina financier Darla Moore to become the first female members since the club was founded in 1932.

"This is a joyous occasion," chairman Billy Payne said Monday.'

But really, I am no fan of gender separatism. I am glad this has happened. What I don't like is the kind of bigotry people like Martha Burk spout off. They are fine with women-only spaces but can't stand to see men-only spaces. This they see as evidence of evil sexism and oppression of women. Yet they can't see women-only hotel floors, "ladies nights" and other such things for what they are.

U.N.: Over 435,000 displaced, children forced to fight in Mali

Matt · 20 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. For "children", read "boys". Imagine if girls were forced into military "service" by thugs and bandits (polite words for them)-- do you think the UN would be sitting on its hands doing pretty much nothing? It just goes on and on. Problems for girls and women are a huge crisis requiring multinational intervention. Problems for boys and men draw a small article on the blog section of the LA Times. Excerpt:

'The chaos has also worsened an existing food crisis, leaving 4.6 million people in need of aid, according to the World Food Program. Swarms of locusts threaten to add to their woes, though the World Food Program says it is unclear whether the insects have reached the north.

Armed groups in the north have also continued to recruit and use children as fighters, UNICEF said Friday. Last month, the agency reported that at least 175 boys had been recruited in the region; the numbers are now believed to be in the hundreds and still rising, the agency warned.'

Though to be fair, look at the big picture. The way things are going there, being coerced into armed service may end up being the least of one's problems given that they are on the verge of a much bigger problem consisting of getting enough to eat. And also with that, it hardly gets any MSM coverage. Lovely world we got here.

"Women in Biomedical Careers"

Minuteman · 21 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The NIH Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers is a trans-NIH effort to consider barriers for women in science and to develop innovative strategies to promote entry, recruitment, retention, and sustained advancement of women in biomedical and research careers. Under the leadership of NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins and Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) Acting Director Dr. Janine Clayton, the Working Group collaborates with the NIH Institutes and Centers to promote tangible changes to institutional policies in the NIH intramural and extramural communities.

The Working Group was originally established in January 2007, by then NIH Director Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., in response to the 2006 National Academies report Beyond Bias and Barriers: Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering. The report found that women face institutional and environmental barriers to advancement at all career stages and called for broad, innovative action from universities, professional societies, and government funding agencies. The NIH Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers includes NIH Deputy Directors and Office of the Director (OD) senior staff, Institute and Center (IC) Directors, and other representatives of NIH intramural and extramural staff. Five years after its inception, the Working Group continues to work towards even greater accomplishments, recognizing that sustaining advancement of women in biomedical careers will require persistent attention.'

Delaware Daycare Employees Arrested For Encouraging Toddlers To Fight

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DOVER, Del. (CBS) – The three daycare employees who were arrested on Monday for allegedly watching and encouraging toddlers to fight each other were released Tuesday afternoon after posting $10,000 secured bond.

On Monday, three employees from the Hands of Our Future Daycare in Delaware were arrested after a cell phone video showed employees watching and encouraging two 3-year-olds fight each other.

Tiana Harris, 19, Lisa Parker, 47, and Estefania Myers, 21, were charged with Assault, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Reckless Endangering and Conspiracy for the incident, which occurred in March of 2012 and was captured on cell phone video.'

Title IX: 40 Years Later, U.S. Women Reign Supreme

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Article here. Excerpt:

'United States women Olympians came home bedecked in gold and silver as if they had walked off with the crown jewels from the Tower of London.

Only one nation other than the United States managed to win more gold than our wonder women. American men didn't come close to taking as many medals as their female counterparts.

Surely Michael Phelps, with his record half a dozen London medals for a total of 22, including 18 gold through three Olympics; and Usain Bolt of Jamaica, the "world's fastest man," who defended his Olympic gold in both track dashes, will be well remembered as stars of the XXX Olympics.
...
They also reminded us that there was a time 40 years ago when congressmen acted like adults as they voted to protect women athletes from those foolish old chauvinistic white men who made up the minority and waged war on women, just as they are doing today.'

How Government Destroys Marriages

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The saga isn't over yet, but the story is so bizarre that it deserves to be told nationwide. The accused has my sympathy, even though he is a left-wing Democrat. Yes, I believe that leftists deserve due process and fair treatment in our criminal justice system.

The local prosecutor charged Mirkarimi with the crimes of domestic violence and child endangerment, which sound bad, but the evidence was trivial. The domestic-violence charge was based on Mirkarimi grabbing his wife's arm during a New Year's Eve argument, which allegedly left a bruise, and the child endangerment charge was based solely on their toddler (who was not touched) merely being present when this argument took place.

Mirkarimi's wife, Eliana Lopez, never made any complaint, and she publicly defended her husband. She is an intelligent adult, a former Venezuelan telenovela star, who is perfectly able to make her own decisions.

At Mirkarimi's arraignment, Lopez declined to paint herself as a domestic-violence victim. She told the judge, "This is unbelievable. I don't have any complaint against my husband."

Lopez added, "This country is trying to pull my family apart. This is the real violence, I believe." She made a written statement saying that the episode was "completely taken out of context."

Outside the court, Lopez told reporters that "this country has not allowed me to work on my marriage in a healthy way. I feel like … everybody is using my family, myself, in a political game just to destroy Ross. … This country is destroying my family."'

Decline in circumcisions costing health care system billions, study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"The economic evidence is backing up what we already know medically," said Dr. Aaron Tobian, a Hopkins health epidemiologist and pathologist and senior researcher on the study.

The findings are the latest in a continuing debate over the health benefits of a procedure that was once common practice in the United States — and comes as the Academy of American Pediatrics prepares to announce updated guidelines on male circumcision next week.

Circumcision became controversial in the 1970s when the rate of procedures began to decline. Today, about 55 percent of the 2 million baby boys born each year are circumcised, compared with a peak of 79 percent in the 1970s and 1980s.

The Academy of American Pediatrics, which advises doctors on medical procedures, has taken a neutral stance on the issue for years. It last updated its position in 2005, reaffirming a stance from 1999 that there wasn't enough scientific evidence to show medical benefit to recommend circumcision.

Studies have long shown that when babies are not circumcised, where the foreskin on the tip of the penis is removed, they are at risk for health problems in the long run. Bacteria and viruses can get trapped in the extra layers of skin left on the penis.'

U.S. Supports Circumcision Abroad, Should Do Same at Home

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. government is justifiably proud of its leadership abroad funding male circumcision as a way to prevent HIV infections. The president's AIDS relief program boasts of having provided more than 1 million circumcisions in 14 African countries.

The record of government support for male circumcision within the U.S., however, is nothing to crow about. More and more states (18 so far) are dropping Medicaid coverage for routine infant male circumcision, contributing to a decline in rates from 79 percent throughout the 1970s to 55 percent in 2010. This has occurred even as evidence of the medical benefits of the procedure has stacked up.

The Medicaid cutbacks are driven by budget pressure, which has also caused some private insurers to stop coverage. These are penny-wise, pound-foolish decisions. In an analysis published Monday, researchers at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine conclude that every infant circumcision that is not performed results in $313 in extra health-care expenses even after accounting for the procedure's cost of about $291.'

Why boys' literacy skills lag behind girls' and how to bridge the reading gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Parents come into the library every day concerned that their boys aren't reading," said Linda Brilz, youth services supervisor at Boise Public Library in Idaho. But the problem is bigger than "not reading." Across the country and around the world studies show that young men lag behind their female peers in literacy skills by significant margins.

"There is a huge disparity in performance," said William Brozo, professor of literacy at George Mason University's Graduate School of Education.

How serious is the problem? Some of the most compelling data on the topic comes from the results of the Programme for International Student Assessment, an exam given to 15-year olds in 65 countries. On the 2000 PISA exam, girls outperformed boys in reading by an average of 32 points. By 2009, the gap had increased to 39 points.'

Ruled innocent by judge 2 years ago, Los Angeles man remains in prison

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Story here. Excerpts:

"Supporters of a Los Angeles man who remains in California state prison despite being declared innocent by a federal judge delivered more than 90,000 petition signatures to the state Attorney General's Office on Monday, calling for his release from custody.

Daniel Larsen was convicted in 1999 of possession of a concealed weapon and sentenced to 27 years to life but had the conviction overturned when a judge in 2010 found his constitutional rights had been violated."

You can sign a petition for his release here.

Circumcision, the ultimate parenting dilemma

Matt · 21 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While Europe increasingly questions the practice of circumcising boys, US paediatricians are about to say that the medical case for it is getting stronger. Most US adult men are circumcised, but the number of newborns having the op is falling, and is now below 50% in some states - intensifying the dilemma for parents.
...
Unlike in Europe - where rates are low, and circumcision is mostly confined to the Jewish and Muslim communities - circumcision is one of the most common operations in the US.

Three-quarters of American adult men are circumcised. There are over one million procedures each year, or around one every 30 seconds.

But rates are falling, as parents - like Stephen Box and his wife - are opting to break with tradition, and alongside this, an increasingly vocal anti-circumcision movement has emerged.
...
Take the most private part of the male body, add parenting rights, children's rights, disputed science, history, tradition and a dollop of religion, and you have the recipe for a controversy that will run and run.'

Petition: Stop Sexism in The Affordable Care Act

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Petition here. Excerpt:

'Now that men and women pay equally for healthcare, shouldn't men receive equal coverage when it comes to fully covered services? Shouldn't there finally be a government health office dealing with men's health? Men and women should sign this petition no matter if they agree with the Affordable Care Act or not. The Act is sexist and needs to be made unbiased should it remain in existence in its present state. (Since Change.org seems to have cropped my original top photo to remove all resemblence of what it was supposed to portray, the chart shows govt. funding for cancer by gender (millions of $) 2009. The first bar graph is for the National Institute of Health and the second bar graph is the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).)

On August 1, 2012 many more health care services became available to women without co-pays, deductibles, or out-of-pocket expenses. While this can be seen as a victory for women's health, there are many services that affect men in equal or similar ways that still require men to be able to afford those cost-sharing requirements. Why should all women receive these services (such as well-care visits) "free" while men still will be denied those services if they can not afford to pay for them? The Affordable Care Act will undoubtedly expand the gender life-expectancy gap even further due to men being denied these well-care visits. Blacks and Hispanic males will be hit hardest as studies have shown them to be less likely to afford those out-of-pocket expenses.'

Delaware Woman Charged With Abusing A Corpse

Matt · 21 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. They found her son wrapped up in her basement and she isn't being held for murder? Excerpt:

'However, Delaware State Police say they were unable to verify Hooks' story. Due to concerns for the welfare of the child, detectives obtained a search warrant on July 25th for Hooks' home in the unit block of Squire Circle in the Royal Grant Development.

During the search, detectives located "a suspiciously wrapped package" in a storage area. The package was removed by the Medical Examiner's Office which later determined it to be the remains of a male child at least one year of age.

Hooks was arrested and arraigned on the charge of abusing a corpse. She is currently held on $1,000.00 cash bail.'

Class of '16 sees men as 'dumb and dumber'

Matt · 21 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I guess this is what happens when you feed them a steady diet of pop culture and anti-male TV commercials, all without telling them who invented all the electronics they use, the cars they ride in, the houses the live in, the schools they go to, etc., etc. Excerpt:

'The students are also accustomed to seeing women in position of leadership. They came of age at a time when Madeleine Albright was serving as the first female U.S. secretary of state, and women have held the position for most of their lives.

And the old Hollywood stereotype of ditzy blonde women has given way to one of "dumb and dumber males," according to the list.

"In general, there was always the complaint that it was too slow for women to get to positions of responsibility," said Ron Nief, one of the two Beloit College officials who compiles the list. "Now the question is, `What took so long?'"'

Seneca Falls woman accused of raping 14-year-old boy

Matt · 21 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Ironically, the same Seneca Falls that is heralded as the "Birthplace of Women's Rights" (though I rather think a lot of ideas around their issues pre-dated the Seneca Falls convention by many years). Thankfully those rights don't include statutory rape-- at least not some of the time. Excerpt:

'A Seneca Falls woman has been accused of having sex with a 14-year-old boy after allegedly allowing him to drink alcohol.

Dawn R. Planty, 45, was charged Monday with second-degree rape, a felony, and endangering the welfare of a child and second-degree unlawfully dealing with a child, both misdemeanors, according to the Seneca Falls Police Department.

The incident occurred in Seneca Falls, officers said. Further details were not released.

Planty was arraigned in Seneca Falls Village Court and was remanded to the Seneca County Correctional Facility in lieu of $5,000 cash bail or $10,000 bond.'

Russian woman kills elderly neighbor with her bra

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MOSCOW (AP) -- Russian investigators say a woman in East Siberia has strangled an elderly neighbor to death with her bra.

The Investigative Committee in Buryatia said in a statement on Tuesday that the 26-year-old woman from the town of Zakamensk, just miles north off the border with Mongolia, has been charged with murder.

Investigators say the woman was drunk on a July evening when she and her boyfriend called on their 65-year-old neighbor for money to buy drinks. Angry that he refused to lend them money, the woman punched him in the face and tried to strangle him with her hands, before taking off her bra and strangling him with it, they say.'

Pro tennis umpire charged with husband’s murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'As an umpire for decades on some of tennis's biggest stages, Lois Goodman mixed it up with John McEnroe and Martina Navratilova, Roger Federer and the Williams Sisters.

Already in New York City for next week's U.S. Open where she was to serve as a line judge, the 70-year-old Goodman was met Tuesday with a felony arrest warrant from her hometown of Los Angeles, where police and prosecutors say she beat her 80-year-old husband to death with a coffee mug in April.

Goodman has been a line judge at the U.S. Open for many years and was scheduled to work at this year's tournament, which begins Monday, and was about to begin working the tournament's qualifying matches on Tuesday, said tournament spokesman Tim Curry, who had no further comment.'

3,000 Malawian men cut off their foreskins: Less cervical cancer, reduces Aids risks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Malawian cancer expert at the country's sole certified oncology unit at the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital (QUECH) has asked authorities to consider exploring possibilities of using medical male circumcision as a measure of reducing cases of cervical cancer in women.

The country's lone oncologist, Dr Leo Masamba told the Malawi News Agency (Mana) that though no research has been conducted locally, there are theoretical linkages between the HIV virus and the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) which is one of the major causes of cervical cancer in women.

Dr Masamba's sentiments come at a time when more men are willingly to go for certified medial male circumcision since its endorsement by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a means of reducing HIV infection in 2007.'

Zimbabwe: Clinton Hails Legislators' Circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Washington, DC, Usa — United States Secretary of State Mrs Hillary Clinton has lauded 40 Zimbabwean parliamentarians who recently underwent voluntary male circumcision.

She described the team as true leaders who should be applauded for their role in the HIV and Aids fight.

Addressing 20 000 delegates gathered here for the XIX International Aids Conference, Mrs Clinton said Zimbabwean lawmakers were a good example of political leadership's commitment in the HIV and Aids management.

She said they supported more than 400 000 male circumcision procedures since last December alone and hoped to do more through different grants.

". . .We want the world to know that this procedure reduces the risk of female-to-male transmission by more than 60 percent and for the rest of the man's life, so the impact can be phenomenal.

"In Zimbabwe, some male lawmakers wanted to show their constituents how safe and virtually painless the procedure is, so they went to a mobile clinic and got circumcised.'

The demise of U.S. males in sports

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Much of the blame in the demise of Olympic sports programs in the United States has been the federal government's push of Title IX regulations that have led to "quota queens" that mandate more sports for women than men, and men are being told they cannot play sports.

Now the Department of Education, knowing the demise of the American male at the Olympics, has made it clear it is planning quotas in high school sports, and the local high school gridiron, diamond and Olympic sports are on the cutting block, all in the name of equality, which technically means feminine superiority and masculine inferiority. In New York, new schools in the city may only offer sports programs for girls. Future plans by the agency call for quotas in math and science classes to restrict male participation in such classes.
...
The administration has made it clear it wants quotas on boys taking such classes the way they have in sports. This will make us fail against the world without such restrictions. Title IX is becoming a cancer against males and schools, creating failure in order to advance an ill-thought agenda with the actions pushed by the Department of Education. It is time Title IX be repealed or boys will be facing the task of being benched from schools because of federal regulations on the playing field and the classroom.'

Postpartum psychosis: Affected parents speak out

Matt · 22 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are more at risk of severe mental illness after giving birth than at any other time in their lives.

In the worst cases it can lead to postpartum psychosis, also known as puerperal psychosis, a mental illness which affects one in 500 new mothers and can result in suicide or them killing their baby.

BBC Newsnight has spoken to people affected by this devastating but poorly understood condition, which often goes undetected because doctors and midwives can fail to recognise the symptoms.
...

"I put my hand around his tiny neck, not yet strong enough to hold up his own head, and began to squeeze. I wasn't trying to harm him. I knew I mustn't do that, but I wanted to know if I was capable of it."

Jo knew something was badly wrong, but she was too scared to seek help because she thought her children would be taken away from her.

Without treatment she became sicker and began planning how to kill both herself and her two young sons.'

IA: Intact America Condemns Anticipated AAP Circumcision Statement

Matt · 22 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Release here. Excerpt:

'TARRYTOWN, NY—Intact America, an organization founded in 2008 to ensure that all children are protected from permanent bodily alteration inflicted on them without their consent, is criticizing the anticipated August 27 release by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) of its new “Circumcision Policy Statement.” Based on comments to the press* made by members of the AAP’s Task Force on Circumcision, which authored the document, Intact America deplores the Statement’s focus on selective evidence supporting medical benefits of removing normal foreskins from baby boys.

Georganne Chapin, Executive Director of Intact America, stated today, “From the AAP Circumcision Task Force’s pre-publication comments, it is clear that the group has chosen to feature only literature (almost exclusively focused on adult men in Africa) that supports its predisposition toward circumcising boys; the Task Force has failed to consider the large body of evidence from the developed world that shows no medical benefits for the practice, and has given short shrift, if not dismissed out of hand, the serious ethical problems inherent in doctors removing healthy body parts from children who cannot consent.”'

Thailand: woman cannabilised sons, claims she thought they were pigs

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Link here. Excerpt:

'A Thai woman who has been accused of eating her two sons claims she hallucinated and thought they were pigs.

She allegedly butchered and cooked her sons, aged one and five, last week before police found her asleep at her Chiang Mai home with several body parts near her, the Bangkok Post reports.

When police conducted a background check after the woman's arrest, they found she had been treated for a mental illness in 2007.
...
She was charged with murder, but has been deemed mentally unfit to stand trial and was sent to a nearby hospital for treatment.'

German Rabbi faces Charges for 'Religious Circumcisions'

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Article here.

'David Goldberg has been the rabbi of the Bavarian city of Hof since the last 1990s. He is a mohel (ritual circumciser) who has performed approximately 3,000 circumcisions since being trained to do so. However, there is a new curve in the road: less than two months ago a German court "banned religious circumcisions" and Goldberg now faces a criminal complaint over the most recent circumcisions he performed.

Jewish leaders throughout the world have taken the news of the complaint against Goldberg with stunned disbelief. And Moseh Kantor, president of the European Jewish Congress, said: "It has been many decades since a Jew was charged for practicing Judaism openly and is reminiscent of far darker times. We hope that in Germany, of all places, the authorities would remain far more sensitive to this issue."

There is no word on what possible punishment Goldberg might face over the circumcisions. But officials at the Simon Wiesenthal Center are scheduled to met with the German Justice Minister on Goldberg's behalf on August 29. For now, they've made clear their belief that "this criminal complaint [against Goldberg] is not an attack only on one rabbi but against the entire Jewish people."'

Why Some Women Will Never Be Happy With Proof of Equality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Few topics stir up more heated debate than how women fare in the workforce. Bloomberg columnist Ramesh Ponnuru recently took on this issue, soberly detailing research that shows discrimination isn't the primary reason why men continue to out-earn women.

As Ponnuru explains, some politicians and activists continue to use the statistic that women earn just 77 per cent of what men earn, implying that this is the gap that exists between your average male and female coworkers. But in fact, once factors such as occupation choice and hours worked are taken into account, just a small fraction of that gap remains.

It's not just conservatives who reach this conclusion: Studies by the American Association of University Women and the General Accounting Office have found the same. Researchers vary on how much of a gap lingers after controlling for men and women's different choices, but there's a near consensus that a large portion of that 77-cents-on-the-dollar gap has nothing to do with workplace discrimination.'

ACLU targets single-sex education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The American Civil Liberties Union on Monday issued a report to the Department of Education asserting that numerous single-sex education programs in public schools are unlawful. Furthermore, the report calls for the department to rescind its regulations enabling these single-sex education programs.
...
Critics of the ACLU's position leaped to the defense of single-sex education. Christina Hoff Sommers, Resident Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and author of "The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism Is Harming Our Young Men," denounced the report in an interview with the Daily Caller News Foundation.

"I think it's seriously misguided," said Sommers. "What the ACLU's doing is foreclosing on possibilities for programs that will help children — especially boys — who are languishing in school … the ACLU may not like it, but boys and girls are different."

Sommers acknowledged that single-sex education should be voluntary and tied this support for freedom of choice into her critique of the ACLU's report, saying, "It's ridiculous that we would give parents fewer choices than more … I find it very odd that a group with 'liberty' in its name is marching against a parent's right to choose."'

ACLU threatens school system over same-sex classrooms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE American Civil Liberties Union has again threatened to sue the Wood County school system over same-sex classes at Van Devender Middle School.

Sarah Rogers of the ACLU demanded that school officials sign an agreement to end the classes. Dean Furner, attorney for the school board, replied.

"However, after much study and debate amongst administration, myself and the board, the board voted to not sign this agreement," Furner said.

...

The ACLU has the luxury of concentrating on manning feminist bastions. Van Devender Middle School has the much more demanding challenge of nurturing actual girls - and boys.

Outside special-interest groups should not make that job any more difficult than it is.

The ACLU's highhanded, threatening behavior is offputting in the extreme.'

Infant Male Circumcision should be banned

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Non-therapeutic male circumcision is quite unclear in Tasmania and this is the reason that the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute has been asking the government to clear the doubts. It is not even known that infant male circumcision is even legal or not.

However, the institute has asked to ban circumcision among infants. It is very important that new laws should be made, which can clarify that circumcision is not allowed for baby boys. It has been noted time and again that parents and relatives make their infants to undergo make circumcision for varied purposes, which are not related to ant medical problem.
...
Professor Kate Warner, who is the director of the institute, was of the view, "It should also support measures to encourage individuals associated with these traditions to move away from loosely entrenched and particularly contentious practices". A lot of pain is involved in the procedure, which can affect the mental growth of a person.'

NY Times: Men, Who Needs Them?

Matt · 26 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Your pedictably regular dose of misandry from the NY Times. You'd think that the editorial dept. was run by feminists! Wait, ... it is... anyway, here it is. Excerpt:

'That bias, however, is becoming harder to sustain, as men become less relevant to both reproduction and parenting. Women aren't just becoming men's equals. It's increasingly clear that "mankind" itself is a gross misnomer: an uninterrupted, intimate and essential maternal connection defines our species.
...
With expanding reproductive choices, we can expect to see more women choose to reproduce without men entirely. Fortunately, the data for children raised by only females is encouraging. As the Princeton sociologist Sara S. McLanahan has shown, poverty is what hurts children, not the number or gender of parents.'

Official’s Lawsuit Claims Discrimination Against Men at U.S. Immigration Agency

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A discrimination and retaliation lawsuit has embroiled the upper reaches of the federal government’s immigration enforcement agency, contributing to a sense of turmoil in a bureaucracy that has been suffering major labor conflicts between senior officials and employees.

The lawsuit, filed by a top federal immigration official in New York, alleges that he was shunted out of a high-level position in the agency in favor of a less-qualified woman because he was a man.

The official, James T. Hayes Jr., also accuses the agency’s chief of staff, Suzanne Barr, of “sexually offensive behavior” that contributed to a discriminatory work environment for male employees.

Last week, Ms. Barr stepped down from her post and voluntarily left the agency on paid leave pending the outcome of an internal review of the misconduct allegations, a spokesman said.'

Matalin: War on women ‘ridiculous,’ Dem gender gap with men as great as GOP with women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“I’m shaking my head because the Democratic gender gap with men as great as the gender gap with women,” Matalin said. “Greta — after the sustained war on women, that Romney is everything, from a dog abuser, to a wife cancer giver, to a felon, to a tax cheat, multimillion dollars, multi-state, multi-faceted the gender gap has remained stable, as has Obama’s with men. We’re doing fine with women. What’s driving the gender gap with Obama — excuse me, one second — is liberal women, women under 30 and post-graduate women. Romney wins every other woman, middle class moms, suburbans. Those are the women who are going to vote. The enthusiasm among younger people, in particularly post-graduate, that’s not enough to overcome the women that Romney is going to win.”

“And this war on women is ridiculous,” she continued. “Do you don’t think that Republicans who are married and have daughters and have sisters don’t care about women’s health or are going to ban contraception?”'

Letter to AAP from Catholics Against Circumcision

Matt · 26 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Organization web site: http://CatholicsAgainstCircumcision.org/

Dear AAP Board Members:

I'm writing to you to request that you withdraw or rescind the newest 2012 AAP Circumcision Policy Statement. Below I have critiqued for you some of the serious problems with this new statement.

The Abstract states on page 585 that "health benefits are not great enough to recommend routine circumcision for all male newborns", but this is not repeated even once in the long text on pages 758-785. Other long columns favoring circumcision are repeated over and over again, on pages 761-762, 770, 775-776, and 778. The 1999 AAP Statement was 8 pages long (pages 686-693), but this diatribe against living with a foreskin goes on for 28 pages. There is almost the feeling that AAP physicians hope that if they repeat something over and over again, eventually it might become the truth.

The AAP concludes on page 778 that "the health benefits of newborn male circumcision outweigh the risks", and yet on page 772 the AAP admits that "the true incidence of complications after newborn circumcision is unknown". If one doesn't know how often complications occur, then one can't make the judgment that the benefits outweigh the risks! The AAP lacks the evidence it needs to make such a claim.

The 1999 Statement studied 40 years' worth of research, and the 2012 studied only selective research since 1999. Only 1031 of 1388 studies were accepted to look at. Balance might have been found in the 357 studies that were omitted, but the AAP was not seeking balance. The AAP statement goes on ad nauseum about alleged "benefits", to the point of fear-mongering that something will go wrong if an infant isn't circumcised. It's a high pressure sales pitch to try to get the American public to buy the circumcisions that AAP and ACOG doctors are selling. This is in direct contrast to Europe, where circumcision is uncommon and the health of European children equals or surpasses that of American children.

No studies on ethics were included in this statement, and it's clear that the rights of the child and how a grown man might feel about HIS foreskin being stripped from him were never given any consideration at all by the AAP. These are major issues, and even more important than many of the other minor issues the AAP discusses. Material was provided to the AAP to study this aspect of circumcision, but it was ignored. With one bioethicist on the panel, you would have thought that the AAP might at least have given the ethics of circumcision a cursory examination, considering that they were provided with many sources showing the emotional distress many men feel. Ethics and mental health, however, nowhere enter the picture for the AAP. Respect for the bodily integrity of another person were not included, and medical ethics were thrown out the window as infants were thrown under the bus.

Financing studies weren't included in the studies, but the AAP did its best to push financing repeatedly for third-party reimbursement of non-therapeutic circumcision, at the expense of taxpayers during a time of budget crises. Those with private insurance would see premiums and medical costs rise. The cost for circumcision on page 777 ranges from $216 to $601 per circumcision in the U.S. In 2010, the in-hospital U.S. circumcision rate was 54.7%. Thus, 45.3% of newborn males left the hospital genitally intact. If the AAP were to convince parents of these 45.3% to circumcise (as they are attempting to do in this 2012 statement), then there would be 45.3% of roughly 2.1 million baby boys that could be an additional income source for physicians. (Remember, don't consider the ethics!) This would be an additional 951,300 male infants to profit from. At prices the AAP quotes, this could mean an additional $205,480,800 to $571,731,300 for doctors who circumcise. This is no small sum, and as Thomas Wiswell, M.D. stated on June 22, 1987 in the Boston Globe, "I have some good friends who are obstetricians outside the military, and they look at a foreskin and almost see a $125 price tag on it. Each one is that much money. Heck, if you do 10 a week, that's over $1,000 a week, and they don't take that much time." (Lehman 1987) Money like that would certainly help doctors make their mortgage payments and their car payments, pay for

vacations, etc. - a “benefit” that the AAP failed to mention. Under Literature Search Overview, it is understandable why AAP physicians might consider it important to investigate “What are the trends in financing and payment for elective circumcision?”

No studies on the anatomy and functions of the foreskin were included. This is surprising, since it would seem like common sense to consider what the functions of any healthy body part are before amputating it. Probably since the male AAP Task Force members are all circumcised, this idea was difficult for them to grasp. Only one study on the sexual impact of circumcision was included, and this from Africa. Other studies were ignored or discounted. “The effect of male circumcision on the sexual enjoyment of the female partner”, which appeared in BJU INTERNATIONAL, Volume 83, Supplement 1, Pages 79-84, January 1, 1999, is not mentioned. Nor is the newest Danish study that was publicized on November 14, 2011 – “Male circumcision leads to a bad sex life” - “Circumcised men have more difficulties reaching orgasm, and their female partners experience more vaginal pains and an inferior sex life, a new study shows.” See: http://sciencenordic.com/male-circumcision-leads-bad-sex-life The AAP had time to include this study, but it was ignored. Others sent material to the AAP about CIRCUMserum, Senslip, foreskin restoration that men are undergoing to undo some of the damages of circumcision and how this improves the sexual experience for both men and women. It didn’t fit the AAP’s pro-circumcision agenda, so it was ignored. The Policy Statement is totally lacking in ethics, anatomy, and foreskin functions. Instead, the Task Force is more concerned with how to train more doctors to circumcise, and how to do so with different devices and various forms of anesthesia.

The physical and sexual harms from circumcision are minimized or dismissed outright. Deaths from circumcision and botched circumcisions are considered “case studies”, and the children horribly damaged from circumcision don’t merit the AAP’s consideration, even though the AAP’s alleged mission is that it is “Dedicated to the Health of All Children”. When cribs are faulty or car seats aren’t safe, the AAP becomes concerned and warns the public. When physicians botch circumcisions and are at fault, children don’t matter. After one botched circumcision lawsuit and a large settlement, the company that manufactured the Mogen clamp went out of business. The AAP report should have advised physicians to NOT use the Mogen clamp because of the botched circumcisions that have resulted with this device. If still in use, no doubt there will be future tragedies with the Mogen clamp, but parents will only be able to sue the doctor and hospital and not the manufacturer.

There was so much reliance on studies from Africa in this statement that it seemed like the AAP should change its name to the African Academy of Pediatrics. In contrast to the AAP, the American Association of Family Physicians (AAFP) has stated: “…the association between having a sexually transmitted disease (STD) - excluding human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and being circumcised are inconclusive…most of the studies [of the effect of circumcision on HIV] …have been conducted in developing countries, particularly those in Africa. Because of the challenges with maintaining good hygiene and access to condoms, these results are probably not generalizable to the U.S. population”. But generalize the AAP did! In addition, the AAP listed page after page of STDs that allegedly circumcision would prevent, and wrote conflicting statements about syphilis. A recent study in Puerto Rico found that circumcised men have HIGHER rates of STDs and HIV. The 60% reduced risk of HIV following circumcision is the relative risk reduction, not the absolute risk reduction. There’s a huge difference. Across all three female-to-male trials, of the 5,411 men subjected to male circumcision, 64 (1.18%) became HIV-positive. Among the 5,497 controls, 137 (2.49%) became HIV-positive”, so the absolute decrease in HIV infection was only 1.31%, which is not statistically significant.” (Boyle GJ, Hill G. Sub-Saharan African randomised clinical trials into male circumcision and HIV transmission: Methodological, ethical and legal concerns. J Law Med 2011; 19:316-34.)

Infants are not at risk of STDs or HIV through sexual contact, so this speculation about their future risk is foolhardy. Infants can also be at risk for many other diseases, but surgical amputation of healthy body parts is a foolhardy approach for prevention and treatment of disease. If an infant is at risk of an STD, then it is probably safe to say that an adult is perpetrating a crime against the child and needs to be arrested and charged.

Judaism and Islam are mentioned as religions that practice religious circumcisions. Once again, the statement

ignores Christianity, which teaches that circumcision is unnecessary. Christianity is the largest religion in the U.S., but its teachings don't even get a mention by the AAP, which is rather insulting! With an over-representation of members on the Task Force who have a religious bias favoring circumcision, this is not surprising.

The AAP promotes parents choosing medically unnecessary circumcision for their male children, completely contradicting what it said in PEDIATRICS, Volume 95 Number 2, Pages 314-317, February 1995. It said then, "Thus "proxy consent" poses serious problems for pediatric health care providers. Such providers have legal and ethical duties to their child patients to render competent medical care based on what the patient needs, not what someone else expresses… the pediatrician's responsibilities to his or her patient exist independent of parental desires or proxy consent."

Parents deserve factual information about circumcision, but they won't find it in the new AAP Statement. In fact, the AAP wrongly advises parents of intact baby boys to retract the foreskin and wash it with soap and water. (page 763) Soap can alter the good bacteria under the foreskin, potentially causing infections that should then be treated with liquid acidophilus to restore the good bacteria. Water is sufficient for cleansing. Circumcised doctors with circumcised sons probably don't know this.

On page 764, the AAP speculates that the foreskin contains a high density of Langerhans cells, "which facilitates HIV infection of host cells. Actually, the exact opposite is true. "Langerin is a natural barrier to HIV-1 transmission by Langerhans cells" (Nature Medicine- 4 March 2007). This study states, "Langerhans cells (LCs) specifically express Langerin … LCs reside in the epidermis of the skin and in most mucosal epithelia, such as the ectocervix, vagina and foreskin."

UTIs can be prevented through breastfeeding, which the AAP allegedly supports. This is nowhere mentioned under "Male Circumcision and UTIs" on page 767. HPV can be prevented with a vaccine for both boys and girls, but it is not mentioned on that same page. A recent study reporting on the large number of re-circumcisions done following infant circumcisions is also not even mentioned. On page 770, EMLA is mentioned as a possible anesthetic, but EMLA is not supposed to be used on infants. The fact remains that unnecessary surgery performed with anesthesia is still unnecessary surgery.

There is so much wrong with this new statement that it should immediately be withdrawn before it is presented on Monday. The AAP should either start all over again (with new, unbiased Task Force members), or renew its 1999 statement which attempted to at least give a more balanced view of circumcision. The 1999 circumcision statement certainly had its flaws by ignoring ethics and the anatomy and functions of the foreskin, but it wasn't as atrocious as this new statement is.

If the AAP wants to remain a credible organization, it will look to the judgment of other foreign medical associations, who recognize that circumcision is medically unnecessary and has serious ethical problems underlying its practice. American parents should look to these foreign medical associations for good advice, since the AAP is not providing it in its new statement.

Sincerely,

Petrina Fadel, Director
CatholicsAgainstCircumcision.org

Usher held in contempt and wins primary custody of kids

Matt · 26 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Quite a week for Usher. Stories here and here. Excerpt:

'Usher‘s ex-wife Tameka Raymond just lost in the former couple’s bitter custody battle — TMZ has learned, a judge has awarded Usher primary custody of their two sons.

It’s a shocking development — considering both sides were trying to strip each other of custody. Tameka felt the singer was an absentee father who was too absorbed in his career to be a good dad. She also accused him of using drugs in front of the kids.

Usher argued Tameka was inattentive and irresponsible.'

Texan wrongly convicted of rape freed after 24 years in prison

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON — In what's becoming a familiar scenario in Texas, a man has been freed after spending years behind bars for a crime he did not commit.

David Lee Wiggins, 48, of Fort Worth was imprisoned in 1989 for rape, largely because the 14-year-old victim picked him out of photo and live lineups. His fingerprints did not match any at the crime scene. Still, he was sentenced to life in prison.

But this month DNA testing excluded Wiggins, and on Friday, State District Judge Louis Sturns in Fort Worth approved a motion overturning his conviction and freed him.

Before Wiggins is officially exonerated, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals must accept the judge's recommendation or the governor must grant a pardon.

"This was the beginning of the final chapter in his 24-year ordeal: He walked free today," Wiggin's attorney, Nina Morrison of the New York-based Innocence Project, told the Los Angeles Times. "He lost half of his life to this wrongful conviction. It's a startling reminder of the toll it takes."'

Gender Gap: Obama Down 8 Among Men; Romney Down 8 Among Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNSNews.com) - According to the Gallup tracking poll of the presidential race, there is a gender gap in the candidates' appeal: Men are more likely to favor Republican candidate Mitt Romney and women are more likely to favor Democratic candidate Barack Obama--by the exact same percentages.

In Gallup's tracking between July 30 and August 19, 50 percent of male registered voters said they supported Romney and 42 percent said they supported Obama. At the same time, 50 percent of female registered voters said they supported Obama and 42 percent said they supported Romney.

The Gallup poll showed a similar, but larger disparity, between married and unmarried registered votes. Among those who were married, Romney led Obama 55 to 37. Among those were not married, Obama led Romney, 57 to 34.'

UK: Wife whose husband became secret sperm donor calls for change in the law to require partners' consent

Broadsword · 27 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A married woman whose husband donated sperm without her knowledge is calling for clinics to be forced to ask for a wife's consent.

The unnamed mother-of-one from Surrey said she feared that children fathered with the sperm – who would be half-brothers or sisters of her son – may one day 'disrupt' the family by getting in touch.

She has written to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority calling for guidelines on sperm donation to include the spouse's views – and says the sperm should be treated as a joint 'marital asset'.

A controversial ruling in 2005 meant all children born through sperm donation – up to ten families are allowed per donor – have the right to trace their biological father when they reach adulthood.

In her heartfelt letter to the fertility watchdog, she told how her husband had donated sperm against her wishes after suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder following the birth of their child.'

Intact America Demands American Academy of Pediatrics Retract its New Technical Report

DanBollinger · 27 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Intact America demands that the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) retract its Technical Report released today* extolling the benefits of neonatal male circumcision. According to Georganne Chapin, founding executive director of Intact America, the Report disregards pediatricians' ethical obligations to their patients and promotes the benefits of circumcision through a selective and self-serving literature review. Further, by calling for public and private insurance payments for medically unnecessary circumcision, the Report promotes pediatricians' self interest, at the cost of the safety and wellbeing of newborn baby boys and the men they will become. The Report, written by the AAP's Task Force on Circumcision, is to go before the AAP membership at its October meeting in New Orleans. It stops short of recommending circumcision, even as it claims the surgery's benefits outweigh the risks, and calls for parents to be the ultimate decision-makers.

The AAP Technical Report says, "Although health benefits are not great enough to recommend routine circumcision for all male newborns, the benefits of circumcision are sufficient to justify access to this procedure for families choosing it and to warrant third-party payment for circumcision of male newborns." In an apparent contradiction, the Report also admits that "the true incidence of complications after newborn circumcision are (sic) unknown" making all the more remarkable the Task Force's assertion that the surgery's "health benefits… outweigh the risks," and that if parents ask for it, insurers should pay for it.'

Doctors Opposing Circumcision: Commentary on American Academy of Pediatrics 2012 Circumcision Policy Statement

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Commentary here (.pdf file). Excerpt:

'Male circumcision is a radical operation that irreversibly excises and amputates a healthy functional body part. The part removed is the foreskin or prepuce of the penis, which constitutes more than fifty percent of the skin and mucosa of the penis. The foreskin, which is a complex structure containing, smooth muscle, large vascular structures, and is highly innervated, has numerous protective, immunological, mechanical, sensory, and sexual physiological functions. The task force on circumcision, however, makes absolutely no mention of the nature or function of the foreskin, although this information is of great relevance to making a decision regarding circumcision.

Rights of the child

It is well established in both domestic law and international human rights law that a child is a person with rights of his own from the moment of birth. The task force on circumcision, however, treats the child-patient as a non-person with no legal rights of his own. There is no mention of the child's right to bodily integrity or the child's right to security of his person and special protection during childhood, which are violated by male circumcision. The child is seen as a chattel possession of the parents, with which they can do whatever they please. The AAP has failed to understand that domestic and international laws for the protection of individuals are written for the protection of the best interests of those individuals and that the violation of those laws cannot be in the best interests of those individuals.'

Circumcision wars: The other side weighs in

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Maybe up there with abortion and healthcare reform, circumcision of male babies and children is shaping up to be one of the hottest issues in the sociomedical world over the next few years. Once uniformly regarded as kooks by nearly everyone, people who vow to outlaw circumcision are now only regarded as kooks by the majority of people. They managed to get a measure on the San Francisco ballot last year. The California Legislature quickly intervened, passing a law that made it (rightly) clear that the state is in charge of determining medical law, not individual cities, which ended that as well as any talk of measures elsewhere in the state.
...
Enter medical reality. Circumcision, far from being unhealthful, is good for boys and men, and for the nation's wallet, according to the experts. Last week, a study out of Johns Hopkins University predicted that healthcare costs in the United States would rise by billions of dollars in coming decades as the popularity of circumcision wanes, largely because of increases in the rates of sexually transmitted diseases and related cancers; studies in Africa and elsewhere found that circumcision lowered the risk of HIV infection. This week, the American Academy of Pediatrics shifted from a neutral position on circumcision to one saying that the health benefits of circumcision outweigh the risks. The physicians' group stopped short of recommending that all baby boys be circumcised, but its position will likely persuade more health insurers to cover the procedure; coverage has been falling off in recent years because of the academy's previous stance.'

Women-only art exhibition at Edinburgh Art Festival

MikeJH · 28 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At the exhibition, only work by women artists is displayed - and for the first month, only women were allowed in.

The organisers are now letting men in - but for most of the month of August they were turned away.

Sarah Wilson said: "It's kind of an experiment - it's a two-month exhibition and the first month has been solely for women - men are not allowed in.

"I don't have a police badge that means I can throw them out on the street but I wanted to create a space where women can work together with other women."'

Marc Dutroux ex-wife Michelle Martin released from jail

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Article here. A convent? Convent?? For a woman who was a willing accomplice to multiple counts of child rape and murder? Shouldn't she be in jail for life along with her unspeakably evil ex-husband? If this had been two men who had done this, with one being "only" an accomplice, you can be sure he would not ever see the light of day again, and rightly so. So why is this woman? The answer is of course in the last word of that question. Story here. Excerpt:

'The jailed ex-wife of child killer Marc Dutroux has been released from prison, after Belgium's highest court upheld her transfer to a convent.

The controversial move for Michelle Martin comes 16 years into her 30-year sentence.

Relatives of the pair's victims have expressed outrage over the decision, with one describing it as "absurd".

Earlier, a court in Brussels rejected two appeals against the ruling.

Martin was arrested in 1996 and was finally convicted in 2004 of complicity in the starvation deaths of two girls kidnapped by Dutroux and of helping him in the abduction of a number of others.
...
Dutroux himself is serving a life sentence for the kidnap and rape of six young and teenage girls. As well as the two who starved to death, Dutroux killed two others.'

SAVE: Help Stop False Allegations of Rape on Campus

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Last December the University of Montana at Missoula was ranked as the "safest" university in Montana in terms of low rates of forcible rape and other violent crimes (1). But five months later the U.S. Dept. of Justice and Dept. of Education claimed the U. of Montana's failure to adequately address an alleged rash of sexual assaults was "very disturbing."

In March, quarterback Jordan Johnson was charged with rape, which former prosecutor Kirsten Pabst said was done just "to send a message." (2) And just this week, it was revealed that the U. of Montana has implemented mandatory training for students that talk about "rape-prone culture" and label false allegations of rape a "myth."(3)

Has the U. of Montana suddenly become a hotbed of sexual assault, or is the college simply terrifying everyone because of the DED's April 11 sexual assault directive?

Next week, SAVE will be launching a month-long campaign designed to expose the ideological agenda behind the Dept. of Education's Sexual Assault Directive. The campaign will consist of op-ed columns, social media, a lobbying event in DC, and radio interviews (with Sherry Warner, mother of Caleb Warner, who was terminated by the University of North Dakota, even though the local police issued a warrant against his false rape accuser for perjury!)

We'd also like to place some Facebook ads. Last June we spent $2,000, which resulted in an incredible 4 million FB impressions. Hoping to reach the same number of people this time, we're asking for your help to raise $2,000 in one week.

Can you help us stop false allegations on college campuses?

You can contribute by PayPal: http://www.saveservices.org/contribute. Or send a check payable to:

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
P.O. Box 1221
Rockville, MD 20849

If you contribute $100 or more, we will send you a False Allegation T-shirt - but we need to receive your contribution by Sept. 4.

Thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

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Ann Romney: Women have it harder

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Ann Romney made a stirring speech tonight at the RNC Convention. It was, overall, an effective speech. But alas, it seems putting men down in some way just seems to be a requirement of political figures either in or aspiring to office, either directly or by proxy. I have no doubt Mrs. Romney believes every word she spoke but also that her husband does too, or at least supports her saying it.

Just once in this modern era I'd like to hear a major political speech made and not have it pander to feminist sentiments and/or display out and out anti-male bigotry. Can you just imagine a male politician making statements similar to those Ann Romney made tonight about women and it not being a sure-fire rocket-sled ride into electoral irrelevance?

Speech transcript here. Excerpt:

"And if you listen carefully, you'll hear the women sighing a little bit more than the men. It's how it is, isn't it?

It's the moms who always have to work a little harder, to make everything right.

It's the moms of this nation — single, married, widowed — who really hold this country together. We're the mothers, we're the wives, we're the grandmothers, we're the big sisters, we're the little sisters, we're the daughters.

You know it's true, don't you?

You're the ones who always have to do a little more.

You know what it's like to work a little harder during the day to earn the respect you deserve at work and then come home to help with that book report which just has to be done.

You know what those late night phone calls with an elderly parent are like and the long weekend drives just to see how they're doing.

You know the fastest route to the local emergency room and which doctors actually answer the phone when you call at night.

You know what it's like to sit in that graduation ceremony and wonder how it was that so many long days turned into years that went by so quickly.

You are the best of America.

You are the hope of America.

There would not be an America without you.

Tonight, we salute you and sing your praises.

I'm not sure if men really understand this, but I don't think there's a woman in America who really expects her life to be easy. In our own ways, we all know better!"

Deaf boy's sign name 'breaches school policy'

Minuteman · 29 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A deaf three-year-old boy has been told by school officials in the US to change the way he signs his name because the gesture resembles a shooting gun.

Hunter Spanjer uses hand shapes to communicate — a method known as Signing Exact English, which is meant to mimic spoken words.

Hunter signs his name by crossing his index finger and middle finger and then shaking his hands.
...
Mr Spanjer is disputing the school's ruling, saying the name sign is not threatening in any way.

The school has declined to discuss the matter publicly, saying only they were working with the parents on a compromise.'

'Can single women swing the election?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This political season, single women keep finding themselves at the center of political firestorms. Both parties and the media have recognized that single women are one of the country's fastest growing demographics and a potentially crucial voting bloc. As the New York Times recently wrote, single women lean strongly toward Obama in polls, but they are not reliable voters, often feeling like politics don't address their everyday concerns.
...
In the 1970s and 1980s, the number of single women in this country also grew dramatically. A rising number of divorces and increasing economic opportunities for women outside of marriage created new constituencies. Finding their access to economic resources—from credit to pensions—severely limited in a political economy built around the assumed norm of a nuclear family, these women organized. They formed groups like the Older Women's League and the Alliance for Displaced Homemakers, which demanded legal reform to give single women access to badly needed resources. They proposed creative solutions to the problems single women faced on a day-to-day basis – for example, new ways of calculating Social Security benefits based on a couple's shared earnings.'

UK study: married women drink more because men are a bad influence on them

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Far from encouraging men to patronise a local pub to escape from domestic duties, marriage actively reduces their alcohol intake, according to research being presented at the American Sociological Association today.
...
The researchers found that married women generally drink more heavily than single women, widows or divorcees.

By contrast, men who are happily married drink less than their bachelor friends and significantly less than divorced men.

The reason, the researchers conclude, is that while women can help keep their husbands' drinking habits under control, men are simply a bad influence on their wives.'

Short stint in jail for woman who killed partner by cutting off his penis

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN who chopped off her ex partner's penis to stop him impregnating other women will serve less than four years in jail.

Jian Chen was this morning sentenced to a minimum of three years and nine months in jail after pleading guilty to the manslaughter of her ex partner Xian Peng at her North Ryde home in February 2011.

The court accepted the guilty plea to the lesser charge, and withdrew the murder charge, because Chen was suffering from an "abnormality of the mind" due to mental illness and the belief Peng was going to take their child to China.'

The Dangerous Article for Boys

Matt · 29 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys now seek refuge in cheesy horror novels because the Cultural Authorities won't give them the adventure books that were once staples in every boy's life. It is to this I attribute the popularity of vampire novels (and movies and television shows). But even here a boy is destined for disappointment.
...
We have the mistaken impression that it was traditional children's literature that was preachy. This is not only untrue, but it is almost the exact opposite of the truth. It is precisely the preachiness of politically correct modern literature that offends their innate sense of honesty and justice—a human instinct that we do our best to educate out of them.

Boys are not interested in getting in touch with themselves, and it is particularly off-putting when they are told that it is good for them. The minute the politically correct schoolmarms approach, they head for the woods, where they are free to pick up sticks and pretend they are swords and fight monsters and hunt frogs and swing from trees—anything but to be preached at by people whose sermons consist of high-minded meaninglessness.'

The New York Times' Most Idiotic Attack on Men Ever

Matt · 29 August 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What do intellectuals have against men?

Back in June 1999, American Psychologist printed "Deconstruction of the Essential Father," asserting that kids don't need a dad. The implication was that children stand just as good a chance of growing up healthy and well-adjusted if raised by one parent, or unmarried parents, or homosexuals, as if raised by their own biological dad and mom in a happy marriage.

...

But Professor Hampikian isn't finished. He reduces the role of men not merely to our raw biological contribution to human reproduction, but even less: the weight of that contribution—in trillionths of grams. "[Y]our father's 3.3 picograms of dna comes out to less than one pound of male contribution since the beginning of Homo sapiens 107 billion babies ago."

Males' combined contribution to humankind throughout history hasn't even amounted one whole pound! Who needs them?

Okay, well, maybe dads work to provide for their kids, read to them, help with homework, play catch, go camping, teach responsibility, give them a sense of values, protect them from dangers in society, help them toughen up and face adulthood—not to mention helping moms shoulder the burdens of parenthood through the years. But what does all that amount to, when you consider that, biologically speaking, they each contributed a measly three picograms of dna?'

Preliminary Findings of ACLU: “Teach Kids, Not Stereotypes” Campaign

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Report here. Excerpt:

'This report represents the initial findings from the ACLU’s multi-state “Teach Kids, Not Stereotypes” campaign. This initiative was launched in May 2012 to assess the growing trend in public education of separating boys and girls based on discredited science and gender stereotypes, such as the idea that boys are better than girls in math because boys’ brains receive several daily “surges” of testosterone, whereas girls can perform well on tests only a few days per month when they experience “increased estrogen during the menstrual cycle.”

Although our analysis of documents is ongoing with many more programs to be evaluated, our findings thus far demonstrate that many public school districts misapprehend the Department of Education’s 2006 regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 relating to single-sex classes and have instituted programs based on sex-stereotyped instruction.

As such, the 2006 regulations must be rescinded, the prior regulations must be reinstated, the Department must issue guidance explaining that programs based on stereotypes are impermissible, and the Department’s enforcement efforts must be increased."

'A boy among girls'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The ACLU, though, says that teaching kids differently on the basis of gender defies Title IX, a portion of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Title IX states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance ...”

I’m going to have to side with the ACLU on this one.

You see, in the late 1970s, I became the first male student to attend an all girls boarding school, the Academy for Girls Too Smart to Study with Boys — an experience that haunts me still.

The school refused to admit me at first, so I filed suit. Since the school accepted public funds, the judge ruled that it had to let me in.

My female classmates harassed me from the beginning. They said I was a wimp. They printed up T-shirts: “152 debutantes and one dork!”

The school’s administrators were out to get me, too. They forced me to follow school regulations to a T.

Do you know how hard it is, wearing a plaid dress and Oxford shoes, to outrun neighborhood bullies?'

Making men sit to pee: A new war on masculinity?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First you had to put the seat down. Now you have to sit?

A Taiwanese plan that would force men to urinate sitting down, like women, for the sake of “hygiene” is not going down well with the chaps.

Stephen Shen (yes, a man), minister of Taiwan’s Environmental Protection Administration, recently spearheaded a policy that requires men to sit down while they do the deed in government buildings.

“We want to learn from Japan and Sweden,” the administration’s director, Yuan Shaw-jing, told the BBC. “In Japan, we heard 30 per cent of the men sit.”

Earlier this year, Swedish politicians tabled a motion calling for genderless office washrooms with toilets only, nary a urinal in sight. They claim that sitting is cleaner but also helps men empty out their bladders more fully, which is good for the prostate.'

China: 'Left Behind Boys'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As more boys struggle in schools, educators must address their special learning styles and challenges

Over half of China's primary and secondary educators are women, and female teachers account for an even larger proportion in primary and junior middle schools, according to a recent national survey on teaching staff of primary and secondary schools. The survey, conducted by researchers from Beijing Normal University, revealed that by the end of 2009, women had rose to 52.93 percent of all full-time teachers in primary and middle schools.

The survey report warned that the demographic change of teachers' body, with more females and fewer male teachers, would hamper the growth of male students and cause a loss of masculinity and self-confidence in them. Such a finding rekindles people's interest in the so-called "boys crisis": Boys are struggling more than girls in school while becoming intellectually and physically weaker. This topic has attracted extensive attention from the country's educational community for years.'

Men´s Congress in Germany, September 21st - 22nd

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"Men´s Congress in Germany, September 21st - 22nd: Divorce Hurts - Separation Through The Eyes Of The Fathers And The Children"

Translated page here. Excerpt:

'The Congress of 2012, the men in the sciences hitherto neglected consequences of separation and divorce for men and children - come to the fore - especially from the perspective of affected fathers and boys. Relations are of fundamental importance for all people. The quality of interaction between men and women as well as by parents and their children is of paramount importance. It affects personal health and quality of life as well as the social climate. Separations and goodbyes are inevitable biographical turning points on the one hand, they can also highlight the extent necessary maturation steps. However, relationships are separated by conflicting or even traumatic conditions that often leads to all stakeholders painful shock of their life structure.'

F&F: It’s Your Story and We Want to Tell It

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Can you tell your story one more time? Will you share your story about how the family courts have kept you from your children? From your grandchildren? From your parents? Will you speak out about how your rights, your children’s rights, or your parents’ rights have been trampled?

I am sure you have told your story many times; how the family courts have disrupted you and your family. You have told it many times to judges and the people in the systems that are supposed to be helping you and your family. You have told it to friends who still have trouble believing this happens in the United States.

This time, Fathers and Families has a reason for you to tell it. This time, we want to gather your voice with the voices of many other fathers, mothers, grandparents and children of divorced or separated parents. This time we want to tell our legislators what they are doing to our children and families.'

Today's version of "Let Them Eat Cake"

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Read it here. Not to start a discussion regarding work ethics or class, or how one gets to where they are in life (though this particular little gem seemed to have inherited much of her wealth from, you guessed it, her dad). I am just pointing out that one of the assertions made by feminists in the 1970s was that when women controlled more wealth and made more decisions in business, etc., the world would inevitably become a fairer, more just and peaceful place. Has it? Has all the progress women have made in making and controlling wealth had this effect? Google the phrase "women control most of the wealth" and you'll see all manner of stats. This site asserts women in the US control a whopping 75% of the wealth. So are we a more equitable and socially just society than we were, say, 40 years ago? Excerpt:

'"There is no monopoly on becoming a millionaire," she writes. "If you're jealous of those with more money, don't just sit there and complain. Do something to make more money yourself - spend less time drinking, or smoking and socializing and more time working."
...
"The lessons are the same," she writes. "You can't get rich without working hard, taking risks, investing and reinvesting your profits."

Of course, as Rinehart knows, you can also become very rich from inheriting and expanding your father's company.'

Is Infant Circumcision a Violation of Human Rights?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Thus, the new academy statement stirs the waters in which already swim a variety of cultural practices, personal beliefs and religious arguments for circumcision, as well as a large number of anti-circumcision groups advocating the opposite position. Add to the mix the occasional lawsuit against doctors, hospitals and/or parents who circumcised an infant believing it was in the best interest of the child. A lawyer in Atlanta specializes in malpractice cases involving botched circumcisions (including the Kentucky man who woke up finding his entire penis removed), and doctors in several cities specialize in cosmetic adult circumcisions and even re-circumcisions.

The human rights issue emerges out of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948, which proclaims that everyone has certain basic rights that supersede local laws, religious practice and cultural traditions. These rights include the right to life, liberty and security of person.

This declaration raises the thorny question of whether the decision to permanently alter one's body belongs only to that individual. It is a question not likely to go away. An international symposium will debate the matter in Helsinki in September, and the debate elsewhere will surely continue.'

‘Intactivists’ furious at new AAP circumcision policy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the days since the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a major new statement of support for circumcision, the response from opponents has reached a furious level. So angry are opponents to the procedure, sometimes called “intactivists,” that their response may be remembered as much as the pediatricians’ advice.

The AAP update of its formerly neutral stance concluded that new medical evidence suggests the procedure can be medically beneficial, especially in preventing future sexually transmitted diseases. It, however, stopped short of recommending the procedure, saying the decision should be left to individual parents.'

Nurse who stabbed her four-year-old girl to death is jailed for 12 years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A nurse who stabbed her four-year-old daughter to death before turning the knife on herself after being caught leaking patient details has been jailed for 12 years.

Dawn Makin, 35, who is now confined to a wheelchair by the injuries she inflicted on herself in the suicide attempt, was in a ‘spiral of descent into despair’ leading up to the killing, a court heard.

The nurse of 15 years had lost her job after being unmasked as a ‘mole’ for feeding confidential data about patients to her boyfriend who worked for a personal injuries company.'

Hanna Rosin dedicated her book 'The End of Men' to her son

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Article here.

'Hanna Rosin wants you to know that her 9-year-old son, Jacob, questions the title of her book, too. "He sends me notes that say 'only bullies write books called The End of Men," Rosin says, ruefully. She's explained that she didn't actually choose that title--it was coined by an editor at The Atlantic when Rosin wrote a cover story two years ago about how women are gaining on men in almost everything. But while she tried to think of an alternative when that piece grew into a book, nothing else summed up this moment of transition nearly as well. So The End of Men and the Rise of Women is dedicated to Jacob, "with apologies."

Dependent feminism is bankrupting our country

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Article here.

'As a woman who has managed businesses, when I look at Sandra Fluke and the Obama campaign railing against the so-called "Republican war on women," it reminds me of my naive college days.

Dependent feminists taught us to be empowered women, reject the family structure (marriage) and then demand that others pay for our birth control, abortions and child care. Government dependency would replace self-dependency or need of family/husbands. This "Julia" model has never worked and is bankrupting our society.

President Barack Obama has resorted to micro-pandering to different interest groups to cover up his incompetence in running an executive office. He has never held a job where he had to make payroll or balance a budget. He is just another man who promises big and doesn't deliver. According to polls, it is naive single women, falling for someone for the wrong reasons.

I would like to encourage my younger counterparts, when looking for someone to fill any position (job, husband or president), to look at their honesty, dependability and performance. Obama's record is one of incompetence. Remember, when we demand that others provide for us, we are not standing up for our rights as women, but acting like little girls.'

N.H. woman arrested 4 times in 26 hours for loud music, assault

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Story here. Arrested and released three times in 24 hrs. Would a man be arrested and released three times in 24 hours? Finally after she shows herself to be physically dangerous to another person, they keep her in jail but instead of treating her like they would a male prisoner, they remand her for a psych evaluation. Tell me, do men get the same consideration under the same circumstances? Excerpt:

'Joyce Coffey of Epping, N.H., just didn't seem to get it -- or care -- when she was arrested four times in 26 hours earlier this week. The police run-ins stemmed from loud AC/DC and Guns N' Roses music police said could be heard blasting from her house as well as Coffey allegedly throwing a frying pan at her nephew.
...
Coffey was then released on $1,000 bail, but a mere four hours later, after yet another loud music complaint, the police returned at 1:10 a.m. Wednesday.

She was at this point arrested for a third time -- and released a short time later on $10,000 bail.

Police said they heard AC/DC's "Highway to Hell" as well as music by the group Guns N' Roses coming from Coffey's home during their first four visits, reported WMUR.

The final call to Coffey's home was for a report of a domestic disturbance. Police said Coffey's nephew alleged she threw a frying pan at him, hitting him in the head, when he tried to get some of his belongings from her house.

She was arrested a fourth, and on Thursday a judge ordered her to undergo a mental health evaluation.'

ICE chief of staff resigns amid misconduct claims

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON - A senior Obama administration political appointee and longtime aide to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano resigned Saturday amid allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior lodged by at least three Immigration and Customs Enforcement employees.

Suzanne Barr, chief of staff to ICE Director John Morton, said in her resignation letter that the allegations against her are "unfounded." But she said she was stepping down anyway to end distractions within the agency. ICE, a division of the Homeland Security Department, confirmed Barr had resigned. The Associated Press obtained a copy of Barr's letter.

Barr is accused of sexually inappropriate behavior toward employees. The complaints are related to a sexual discrimination and retaliation lawsuit filed by a senior ICE agent in May.

In her letter to Morton, Barr said she has been the subject of "unfounded allegations designed to destroy my reputation" and is resigning "with great regret."'

Humanistic Judaism Increasingly Critical of Child Circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Humanistic Jewish movement is a quickly growing denomination in Judaism and the furthest from practicing circumcision. The movement contains over 30,000 members and has over 50 active synagogues in the United States and Israel. There are a variety of active Humanistic Jewish journals and a group of thriving associations and communities connected to the movement. The focus of Jewish Humanism is on Judaic culture and society while embracing Humanistic ethics.

Most of the official Humanistic Jewish organizations do not distinguish between bris shalom (welcoming ceremony without circumcision) and hospital circucmcision, but there is a growing tendency to oppose circumcision altogether in favor of the new peaceful welcoming ceremonies. Humanistic Rabbis do not perform ceremonies in conjunction with circumcision. All Humanistic Jewish Rabbis officiate at peaceful welcoming and naming ceremonies such as Brit Shalom, Brit Chyam, and Brit B'lee Milah (covenant without cutting). Many Humanistic Rabbis are listed as celebrants of Brit Shalom and Brit B'lee Milah naming ceremonies that exclude circumcision.'

Op-ed: Follow Germany's lead on circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'About two months ago a German court ruled that circumcisions for religious reasons constitute illegal bodily harm to newborn babies and that the "fundamental right of the child to bodily integrity outweighed the fundamental rights of the parents."

Beyond the knee-jerk responses accusing the Germans of anti-Semitism, the latest developments obligate us to reexamine the bris (circumcision ritual).

It is time to replace the fear and ignorance surrounding the subject - due to its religious-traditional roots and due to the fact that it has become the norm – with educated dialogue that will bring about cultural progress.'

Eva Longoria Plans To Open Women-Only Steakhouse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Eva Longoria has reportedly decided to open up an upscale steakhouse in Las Vegas on New Year's Eve - but it's for ladies only.
...
The Desperate Housewives star is, according to folks at Perez Hilton, apparently geared up to open a women-only steakhouse in Las Vegas, so that women can give into their secret cravings for delicious meat WITHOUT the judging eyes of their male companions upon them.
...
Pardon? Is that genuinely a thing that women are worried about when tucking into a juicy plate of peppered steak?
...
The man-ban restaurant is set to focus on a 1920s theme, complete with sexy female performers a la Cirque du Soleil. Sounds classy!

What do you think of single-sex restaurants?'

New Zealand: 'Men's Ministry' launched at Parliament

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new ministry was launched at Parliament this afternoon but it wasn't sanctioned by the Government and few people turned up for the occasion.

Five pro-men's rights activists launched the makeshift 'Ministry of Men's Affairs' in a bid to raise awareness of a number of men-specific issues.

The group's spokesperson Hans Laven says high male suicide rates and high employment deaths are not being addressed by the Government.

After hounding Members of Parliament about the issues and getting no response, Mr Laven says he decided to make his own unofficial Government department.'

'Penis-Sucking Mohels Fight City's "Evil Decree" To Inform Parents About Circumcision Ritual'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite the fact that at least 11 NYC boys have been infected with herpes from herpes-infested mohels who have insisted on performing the ancient circumcision ritual "metzitzah b'peh," ultra-Orthodox leaders are fighting the Health Department's "evil plans" to mandate parental-consent forms before performing the procedure. About 200 rabbis signed a proclamation claiming the city "printed and spread lies...in order to justify their evil decree. It is clear to us, that there is not even an iota of blame or danger in this ancient and holy custom," the letter states. Except for those 11 boys with herpes. And the two who died from it.

"Metzitzah b'peh" is the practice of sucking the blood from a just snipped foreskin in traditional Jewish circumcisions. Most modern mohels use a sterile pipette to do so, but some Orthodox parents insist on the ancient tradition. The city will vote next week whether mohels will have to distribute consent waivers, detailing the herpes risk, before the ritual.'

A political war on women? No, a secret war on men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (MarketWatch) — No war on women? But politicians and political pundits think so. They're clueless. Women get it. But men are blind: In today's America the real war is a war on men. Men against men. And they're losing badly, getting hostile, lashing out, creating market uncertainty, unpredictability, volatility.

Yes, men are outnumbered, outwitted, and clueless, unaware they're now their own worst enemy, sabotaging themselves, acting super macho, lashing out against strawmen and ghosts, fighting a war they cannot win. Follow me with a new mind-set: Put on a new pair of psychological glasses, think like a behavioral scientist, see with the eyes of a rational investor, tune out the political noise. You'll see what's really going on.

Men are losing this war on men. That will change everything for investors, markets, banking, retirement, taxes, fiscal, monetary policy, elections. Why? Because women think very different from the outdated "old guys rule" politics driving America for too long. We know women are more rational as investors, as corporate directors, military thinkers, CEOs and long-term strategic planners, but men can't admit it.
...
Listen closely: You are witnessing a massive, widespread turning point from an earlier war on women to a new cultural war on men by men, a historic shift that has been unfolding behind the scenes since 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed Title IX: The Equal Opportunity in Education Act.'

Peru: woman severs cheating boyfriend's penis

Minuteman · 3 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A woman who discovered her boyfriend had been cheating on her sliced off his penis with a kitchen knife and tossed it down the toilet as he slept, local media has reported.

Julia Munoz Huaman, 41, confessed she emasculated her companion Ramon Arias, 46, in a jealous rage.
...
Security guards nabbed the woman and detained her as Arias wailed in pain.'

Facebook Campaign Protests AAP Circumcision Policy

Matt · 3 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Even as the world abandons the unethical practice of infant male circumcision, the American Academy of Pediatrics recently revised its policy statement to more strongly recommend it. In response to this step backwards, people of conscience all over the world have been protesting the AAP's misguided decision by posting on Facebook photographs of themselves with the words "AAP" on one hand and "No Ethics" on the other.

As a proud Jew and an opponent of infant male circumcision, I wanted to join this protest in a meaningful way. It is my belief that a deep concern for ethics lies at the core of the Jewish tradition and it is this concern, along with the ability to adapt to new information, that gives meaning and relevance to my heritage in the 21st century.

The AAP, who as recently as 2010 embarrassed themselves by recommending that physicians offer their patients a form of female genital cutting, find themselves on the wrong side of history once again. Their task force report is an insult to both reason and science and has destroyed what little credibility they may have had left on the subject.'

Outlawing Circumcision

Matt · 4 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Published May, 2011, but a very good read. Excerpt:

'The subject of circumcision is often relegated to the realm of jokes and cheeky double-entendres, but a San Francisco ballot initiative now gaining momentum would ban the practice, and it raises some very serious issues. At the heart of the current controversy are three fundamental questions. First, is circumcising an infant wrong? Second, should infant circumcision be against the law? And third, would banning circumcision infringe on the rights of those who practice it as part of their religions?

The answer to the first question is relatively straightforward. Though practiced by Jews for thousands of years and more recently adopted in the United States for its purported health benefits, infant circumcision is an ethically problematic act. By surgically removing the most sensitive part of the penis, we permanently alter a person's sexual experience and we do so without their consent. The argument that we ought to circumcise babies for health reasons is very weak. Consider an analogous situation: If all women had one breast surgically removed, we could probably reduce the incidence of breast cancer in this country. This is clearly not a sufficient reason to implement such a drastic measure and neither are the claimed health benefits of circumcision.'

The National Consensus on the Mutilation of Every Newborn Male

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Article here. Excerpt;

'(TEL AVIV Ha'aretz) - The main element at play regarding circumcision is the majority rule. This rule can only be broken by regulation from above. Not from heaven, which is too far from our reach, but from the governing power - a leader with inspiration who isn't afraid of breaking consensus and slaughtering (pardon the disgusting expression) holy cows. It's an irony of fate that the Germans, of all people, are calling us to order in Jewish matters. It's an irony of fate that they are the ones telling us the religious precept, which even complete heretics among us keep without blinking an eye, is a barbaric, primitive act, not to say a violation of the law.
...
If we think rationally for one moment, why should the Germans - and the Swiss who followed their lead, or any other Western state - allow a Jewish rabbi to perform a surgical act forbidden to anyone else who isn't a doctor? What chutzpah on our part to ask for ourselves a privilege that is a blatant infraction of the law, which is intended to protect people from various charlatans. This whole affair, triggered by a court somewhere in the federal republic following a circumciser's severe failure, forces us to face one of the most peculiar occurrences in Israeli life. No other state in the world, perhaps, displays such extreme polarity between outrageous clericalism and defiant secularism. Yet the one thing uniting everyone here, almost with no cracks in the wall, is the national consensus for the mutilation (whose benefit to health is questionable) of every newborn male.'

SAVE: Tell Sen. Scott Brown of Massachusetts that S. 1925 is Biased and Unfair

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In the last few days Senator Scott Brown of Massachusetts has seen fit to publicize his support to S. 1925, the VAWA reauthorization bill which passed the Senate on April 26. SAVE has reviewed S. 1925, and notes the bill ignores the problem of female-initiated abuse, has the potential to inflict harm on the falsely accused, and comes within a whisper of unconstitutionality.

In general, Scott Brown has been a fair-minded senator. He now finds himself in a tight race against Elizabeth Warren who has repeatedly played the gender card.

Contact Senator Brown and tell him that much of Domestic Violence is initiated by women, that false accusations are rampant and destructive, and that S. 1925 is flatly unfair.

The senator can be reached by phone at 1-202-228-2643, or fax at 1-202-228-2646.

Thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Australia: Homeless fathers missing out on support: report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Federal Government has acknowledged it needs to provide better support services for single fathers who are homeless.

A government-funded study has found services specific to fathers need to be set up because emergency accommodation or other help is currently targeted at mothers.

The study shows homeless fathers often lose contact with their children because of a lack of emergency accommodation for single fathers, as well as safe places to see their children.

It also found that when fathers lose their connection with their children, their health and wellbeing suffers.'

Circumcision practice is not natural

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'The recent German court ruling and controversy about circumcision has stirred up my thoughts like an intellectual coffee-spoon, and the conclusion I've come to is slightly jolting. Just what sort of an ice-blooded culture welcomes newborns to the world with a wrenching mutilation? Those scissors snap a cutting message: "Kill or be killed, and keep fearful distance from women, nature, and love."

Having myself been spared by a local doctor, I know that area to be of immense sensual and emotional significance, as Europe's scientists have established. Here, the ancient madness breaks as slowly as the melting glaciers that likewise indicate mainstream America has become estranged from mother nature, and she smolders with imploring reproach, scolding that we should move closer to her.'

N.Y. Rabbis Will Defy Law On Ancient Circumcision Ritual

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Even after the deaths of two children and the injuries of many more, a group of ultra-Orthodox rabbis say that if a proposed law requiring parental consent for an ancient circumcision ritual is enacted they will defy it.

In the ancient "metzitzah b'peh" ritual, a "mohel" or a Jewish person, usually a doctor or rabbi, trained in the practice circumcision removes the foreskin and draws blood from the circumcised penis with his mouth.

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene said in a statement that at least 11 infants in New York are believed to have contracted herpes from the practice, including two of whom died and two of whom have irreversible brain damage.'

Is Circumcision a Viable Option to Prevent HIV Infection?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recent research has shown a direct link between male circumcision and reduced HIV transmission, generating growing interest in high-risk communities, especially in Africa, which has been hit hard by the HIV epidemic. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton even praised a campaign to circumcise adult male Africans as a preventative measure for HIV in her opening speech last month for the 2012 International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C.

...

As part of the growing anti-circumcision movement, some healthcare workers have made efforts to educate people about the practice. In the mid-1980s, healthcare professionals in San Francisco founded the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers to provide information about the pros and cons of circumcision. This organization upholds the Declaration of the First International Symposium on Circumcision.

Part of this declaration, issued in 1989, states, "Parents and/or guardians do not have the right to consent to the surgical removal or modification of their children's normal genitalia."

...

While circumcision may reduce the risk for certain sexual acts, is it worth having the procedure? With the increased attention around circumcision as an option for disease prevention, hopefully future clinical trials will address this question for the MSM population in the United States. For now, the question remains unanswered and the controversy continues.'

Ireland: Increase in number of men seeking assistance from domestic violence charity (named) Amen

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There has been a significant increase in the first half of this year of men seeking assistance from Amen, a charity that supports victims of domestic violence.

Amen director Eugene Wogan said there has been a 34% increase in the number of callers to its helpline between January and June this year.

The annual report recorded a slight decrease in the number of men seeking assistance in 2011 compared to 2010.

Last year, the Navan-based charity recorded a total of 4,303 contacts from men wishing to discuss abuse by their wife or partner. This was down from 4,683 in 2010.'

DNC Convention, night 1

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Simply too much to comment on in full. Best to Google for transcripts. I can just mention a few things: Mrs. Obama delivered a finger-wag about what a man really is when she described her MS-stricken father as still going out to work so she could be sent to college. I.e., a real man ignores his health and well-being so his daughter can work later to curb the educational and other opportunities of people like him (i.e., men).

Constant rebukes regarding abortion, with the NARAL president saying people without knowledge of what it's like to have a woman's body shouldn't be making any decisions about it (implication: male lawmakers should have no say in laws around abortion). No mention of course about the fact that maybe, just maybe, men should also have reproductive rights too. Not a peep from either Dems or Reps. Dare I dream?

And of course, the wage gap myth was trotted out repeatedly by multiple speakers.

Until now I have been reluctant to go along with the suggestion that the Democrat party has in essence become "the feminist party". That is because political parties go through phases, like fads, and just because a party veers this or that way for a few years doesn't mean it has assuredly changed course for the foreseeable future. But after tonight, I see the time has come for me to change my opinion.

The GOP can hardly be considered, however, a "men's party", by any means. Clearly they are substantially less hostile to men ideologically but as for support or acknowledgement of men's/fathers' issues, they are still not there. So guys, no news here: we're still on our own.

Former 'Teacher Of The Year' charged with sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What a difference a year makes.

Erica DePalo, 33, won the Essex County, N.J. Teacher of the Year award in 2011. Last Friday, she was arrested and accused of having a sexual relationship with one of her 15-year-old honors English students, according to CBS New York.

Many of the students that the station spoke with were blindsided by the allegations.

“I was kind of shocked,” Arnold Ajondo said. ”I was a little surprised. She was really close with the students and we all liked her. She was always there after school if you ever needed any help.”

DePalo was charged with first-degree aggravated sexual assault, second-degree sexual assault and endangering the welfare of a child, according to the Star Ledger.'

"Family of Men" DV victims support society site

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Just learned about this web site: http://www.familyofmen.com/ and wanted to pass it along to MANN readers. Looks like great stuff! From their About page:

'For more than 10 years the Family of Men has operated a telephone crisis line.

The daily averages of callers are 2 per day.

Of the 1200 callers per year (2001) 22% are from women. Of the 22% women callers approximately 25% are from mothers who's sons are in a violent domestic situation and they are concerned not only for their son's safety but also the safety of their grandchildren. An additional 25% are from, what I call the 2nd wives club, women who are married to a man with a vindictive 1st wife and their life is in total distress due to the situation. The remaining 50% consists of sisters, girlfriends and female friends who are concerned for a male in their life.

A typical male caller is between the ages of 24 and 54 years of age. These men are mostly working fulltime in a secure job or a part time in a seasonal job, a small percentage are homeless and without work looking for a place to live. Most likely, 62%, the men are in a relationship that is unstable or are separated/divorced. It is noted that 83% of the men with children their main concern is the fact that they are paying child support, usually 30% of their income, and are unable to see their children. These fathers want to take an active part in their children's lives but are unable to do so. These men are usually feeling anxious or depressed and are feeling very isolated because no one is listening to their story.'

Police: Mother Forces 10-Year-Old Boy To Rob Home

Matt · 5 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LYNNWOOD, Wash. (CBS Seattle) — Lynnwood police say a mother used her 10-year-old boy to rob a home.

Police tell KOMO-TV that Marie Shafique, 33, made her son climb through an open window, but didn't know that she was being watched by neighbors and the house's security camera.

Michelle Geronimo was inside of her home when the child tried to break in. She told the station that the boy was "peering inside" her open window.'

'Queen of Cocaine' killed in Colombia

Matt · 5 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

And all this time I thought it was only men who did such evil! Silly me! Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- An elderly woman who was known as Colombia's "Queen of Cocaine" was gunned down in the northwestern city of Medellin, police said Tuesday.

Griselda Blanco, 69, was killed by two bullets at close range -- a violent end not unlike the ones that authorities say she ordered during her prime in the 1970s and 1980s.
...
Blanco, also known as "the godmother" and "mafia's mother," gained notoriety in the 1970s and '80s when, authorities say, she was responsible for shipping multi-ton shipments of cocaine from Colombia to Miami. She was also the mastermind, investigators say, of countless murders. She was also linked to drug lord Pablo Escobar.'

SAVE: Tell the Dept of Ed to Rescind their Flawed Sexual Assault Policy

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Students returning to campuses are facing the curtailment of student civil rights, thanks to a 2011 U.S. Department of Education (DED) sex assault mandate. Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is calling on the federal agency to retract the Directive, and restore due process to campuses across the nation.

Under the policy, rather than the usual "reasonable doubt" standard used in courts of law, colleges are now mandated to use the 50.1% "preponderance of evidence" standard when adjudicating claims of sexual assault.

Release of the Directive has resulted in a number of high-profile debacles across the country: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/sex-assault/civil-liberties-took-a-beating/

SAVE wants to stop the Directive from inviting false allegations, which harm the credibility of true victims and dissipate needed services for victims.

Help us convince the DED to rescind the Directive. Sign the petition: http://www.change.org/petitions/accused-tell-the-ded-to-repeal-its-outrageous-sex-assault-directive or write to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan: arne.duncan-at-ed.gov.

Thank you!

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Fact check: Opening night of the DNC

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Nice to see some part of the MSM calling the wage gap tripe, etc., for what it is. Nice to see some gumption from them. Article here. Excerpt:

'CHARLOTTE, N.C. — We heard a number of dubious or misleading claims on the first night of the Democratic National Convention:

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Two advocates of equal-pay legislation said women make 77 cents for every dollar men earn. That's true on average, but the gap for women doing the same work as men is much less, and not entirely or even mostly the result of job discrimination.

...

Making a pitch for "equal pay for equal work," Rep. Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut said "America's women still make just 77 cents for every dollar men earn." And the equal-pay crusader Lilly Ledbetter used the same figure and added: "[W]hen we lose 23 cents every hour, every day, every paycheck, every job, over the entire lives, what we lose cannot be measured in dollars."

But that oft-cited 77-cent statistic exaggerates the actual gap between women and men doing the same work.

As we noted back in June, the most recent Census figures show that in 2010, "the earnings of women who worked full time, year-round were 77% of that for men working full time, year-round." But that's the median (midpoint) for all women in all jobs, not for women doing "the same work" or even necessarily working the same number of hours.'

Convention speaker lineups show both parties want women vote

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Gosh, it's like men don't even vote! One day, dunno when, some pol is going to wake up and realize that there is this huge bloc of voters known as... men... and that we have interests and goals that indeed, should start getting attention. Til then, guess we're in for all-women, all-the-time from both major parties and the MSM. Article here. Excerpt:

'Both presidential campaigns say their female-heavy convention speaker rolls are about underscoring that women's issues are America's issues. However, the female-centric messages also speak to the parties' battle over the deeply coveted female voting bloc.

"It's aimed at a specific group of voters that both parties need," Jennifer Duffy, senior editor at the Cook Political Report said. "This whole argument is aimed at appealing to this group and keeping them in the fold."
...

"At this time the Democratic Party is the only party for women because of the controversial stance the Republican Party has taken," said Alabama delegate Susan Brown.

Not to be outdone, the first full day of last week's RNC was also heavy with female speakers including congressional candidate Mia Love of Utah, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington, Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire and Govs. Mary Fallin of Oklahoma and Nikki Haley of South Carolina. New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez and former Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice had prime-time speaking spots later that week.'

Expanding the debate around circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In response to the ruling, some Jews and Muslims who practice circumcision for religious reasons have protested vehemently. Subsequently, German politicians pledged to pass a law to protect ritual circumcision of young boys. Israeli Chief Rabbi Yona Metzger even traveled to Berlin to defend Jewish circumcisions, and a complaint against a Bavarian rabbi for performing circumcisions drew the anger of the Anti-Defamation League. The legal and cultural dilemma inherent in the issue makes prompt resolution unlikely.

Most of Germany (and the world) does not circumcise. It is instinctively viewed as harmful. Here's why:

— Studies show that circumcision causes significant pain and trauma based on various physiological and behavioral changes. Sometimes infants do not cry because they are in traumatic shock. Other effects can include disrupted bonding between parent and child and risk of surgical complications.

— Imagine yourself being forcefully restrained and having a part of your genitals cut off. Anyone would be traumatized. Studies confirm that infants feel pain more than adults. If you have any doubt about the advisability of circumcision, watch a video of one and trust your feelings.
...
Considering the harm, why do some parents feel so strongly about circumcising their sons? Religion (or tradition) is often the expressed reason to circumcise. However, the psychological effects of circumcision trauma play a prominent and unrecognized role in perpetuating the practice. In the U.S., circumcised fathers are about four times more likely to want their sons circumcised (for nonreligious reasons) than fathers who are not circumcised.'

Boys Excluded from Sally Ride and ExxonMobil Science Festival

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Article here. Excerpt:

'BATON ROUGE, LA. — Middle school science teachers should expect a surge of student enthusiasm this fall when the Sally Ride Science Festival makes its way Louisiana State University on September 22nd, 2012.

Presented by ExxonMobil, the festival for 5th to 8th grade girls features hands-on workshops, guest speakers, and a street fair complete with food, booths and music. This will be the third festival Sally Ride Science has hosted at the Baton Rouge campus, and the renowned science education company is expecting hundreds of girls, teachers and parents to attend.

“ExxonMobil is proud to offer the Sally Ride Science Festival again this year,” said ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Polyolefins Plant Manager Angela Zeringue. “It’s important that we show girls in our local community how exciting a career in math and science can be. There will be many role models for the girls to learn from at the event, and we hope that some will be inspired to pursue careers in STEM fields. This is workforce development, and it is a lot of fun as well!”'

Male educators a rarity in elementary classrooms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But there aren't very many male elementary school teachers in the Grand Forks area or in the field as a whole, a trend in place for decades.

Many educators would like to see more of a balance. For young boys who don't have a father figure, male instructors can provide a perspective that reaches beyond the books, they said.

Of 12 elementary schools in the Grand Forks Public School District, there are 15 men teaching kindergarten through fifth grade classes, which are the elementary grade levels here, according to the district.

Some elementary schools in Grand Forks don't have male teachers at all.

Statewide, the number of male K-6 classroom teachers has grown from 436 to 451 in the past six years, according to the state Department of Public Instruction. During the same period, the number of female teachers grew from 2,685 to 2,857. The DPI does not break down the data by grade level.'

'Not your mom and dad’s Democratic Party anymore'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But here’s the bottom line. Aside from the prime time speeches (where they largely put their best face’s forward), the message boils down to a collection of grievances, fear, sob stories — and a celebration of victimhood (only government can save us!).

How may times have we heard something such as, “Barack Obama understands women. Barack Obama cares about women.”

Can you imagine the same thing being said about men?

And while the mainstream media won’t say this, they are overplaying the “woman issue” — taking a very sympathetic argument, and turning it into a negative. Most people believe in equality for women — they do not, however, embrace radical feminism. The Democrats, by pushing this message so aggressively, seem intent on growing the (rarely-discussed) gender-gap problem they already have with men.'

Feminists Today Are Replica of Male Chauvinist Pigs 30 Years Ago

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Women feminists today are an exact replica of male chauvinist pigs 30 years ago because women today think that men are not necessary," she explained. "They are the same as men 30 or 40 years ago saying that women were mindless ninnies."

Feminism today, she described, can be defined as having two foundational issues. One obvious one is abortion. The other one that Passno says is less understood is essentially the rejection of men.

"What the feminist movement has done is it's gone from wanting equality with men to being a movement that doesn't think that men are really necessary at all."
...
Passno doesn't want women today to fall for the rhetoric of feminists – that success means pursuing a career and climbing the corporate ladder; men aren't needed; children are a constraint; and abortion is a choice that women ought to make.'

DNC still pushing wage gap myth

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Good evening, I'm Lilly Ledbetter and I'm here tonight to say: What a difference four years make!
...
The president signed the bill for his grandmother, whose dreams hit the glass ceiling, And for his daughters, so that theirs never will. Because of his leadership, women who faced pay discrimination like I did will now get their day in court.

That was the first step but it can't be the last. Because women still earn just 77 cents for every dollar men make. Those pennies add up to real money. It's real money for the little things like being able to take your kids to the movies and for the big things like sending them to college. It's paying your rent this month and paying the mortgage in the future. It's having savings for the bill you didn't expect and savings for the dignified retirement you've earned.'

Unintended Consequences: The Chemical War on Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the spring of 2011 farm workers near Royal City, Washington, were working in an orchard when a toxic cloud drifted their way from a neighboring farm. Carol Dansereau, executive director of Farm Worker Pesticide Project describes what happened next:

Within minutes they were experiencing the pain and terror of acute poisoning: vomiting, abdominal cramps, dizziness, headaches, weak muscles, numbness, burning hot skin, and other symptoms.

Chlorpyrifos (CPF), the pesticide behind the poisoning, is one of the most common agricultural chemicals. The EPA finally banned it for household use in 2000, but it is still widely used on golf courses, treated wood and in agriculture. It lingers on foods, contaminates drinking water, and poisons the air.

It also lowers IQ, especially in boys. The latest in a string of studies to show chlorpyrifos harms growing brains did not look at farm workers. The 335 children and their mothers were Latino and African Americans from low-income neighborhoods in New York City. Columbia University tracked them from birth.'

J'Acuse: Shame on Germany for Circumcision Ban

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why do countries with long histories of anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry seem to care more about the so-called rights of young children not to be circumcised than do other countries in the world with far better histories of concern for human rights? The same rhetorical question can be asked of countries, such as Norway, that care so much about the rights of animals not to be slaughtered according to Jewish ritual. These questions are entirely rhetorical because every thinking person knows the answer. It's not because Germans or Norwegians are better people and care more about children and animals than do Americans. It is because they care less about Jews. Or more precisely they care a lot about Jews. They just don't like them very much and don't care if they are forced to leave the country because they cannot practice their religions there.

So let no one praise a nation that murdered a million Jewish babies and children for shedding crocodile tears over the plight of the poor little baby boy who, following a many thousand year old tradition, is circumcised a week after birth. Every good person should condemn Germany for what really lies at the heart of efforts to ban circumcision--old-fashioned anti-Semitism, a term coined by Germans for Germans and against Jews.'

Kathie Lee Gifford put note in sons diaper for his circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Dear Doctor,

Just take a tad. Please leave me most of what I already had. Life is too short so don't make me that way. So please hold steady and have a nice day."

She noted that the doctor, who has since retired, said in his 40 years of practice he never found another note in a baby's diaper. After Cody's procedure, Kathie Lee had wanted the note back to put in her son's baby book, but the doctor insisted on keeping it. He then framed it and put it on his office wall.

My question is this, what must Cody think? Is he amused or embarrassed that his mother is talking about his penis on morning TV? As if having a note about your circumcision living on the wall of a doctor's office wasn't bad enough.

Would you talk about your son's circumcision in such a public way or do you think that is something best kept private?'

German doctor: Circumcision like piercing ear

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The president of the German Association of Pediatricians was quoted Sunday by the Frankfurter Sonntagszeitung as comparing circumcision to "drilling a hole in the ear of a child and causing physical damage."

On Friday, a district court in Berlin was asked to rule in a unique case in Germany, in which parents of a three-year-old girl demanded compensation from a piercing studio on the grounds that their child was traumatized and had complained of pain in the days after her ears were pierced.

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"A hole in a child's ear causes irreversible damage, just like circumcision is an irreversible act," said Hartmann, adding that "circumcision is obviously a violation of utmost importance."'

Why We Chose Not To Circumcise Our Son

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One question we did not answer until a nurse posed it in the hours after delivery, my newborn baby boy nestled snugly in the bend of my arm, was whether or not our son would be circumcised.

"Absolutely not," my husband replied without a glance in my direction. While my gut instinct was to agree with him, I was caught off guard by his prompt response and the finality with which it was delivered without my input. My mind flashed back to an experience I had long before he and I met, a former boyfriend who was very self-conscious about his uncut penis. It was the only male insight I had into the subject outside of my husband's firm declaration, and I waited until the nurse left to broach the topic. My Husband Wants To Circumcise Our Son... But I Don't

"I think I agree with you about the circumcision, but aren't you worried he might be embarrassed in the locker room if he's different from his friends?" I asked. While the circumcision debate in the parenting community has become as hot-button as those about breastfeeding, co-sleeping and the like, my initial objection wasn't rooted in the ethical nature of the procedure so much as a concern for my son's future comfort in his own skin.'

F&F: Have You Experienced Partner Aggression?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A national research project is recruiting men to participate in a study on men's experience with partner aggression. Researchers at Clark University and Bridgewater State University are conducting this study on men who have experienced aggression from their girlfriends, wives, or female partners.

If you are a man between the ages of 18-59 and have experienced aggression from a female partner at some point during your life, you may be eligible to participate in this study. Researchers, Denise A. Hines, Ph.D. and Emily M. Douglas, Ph.D., invite you to follow this link to the study webpage where you can complete the online survey about your experience.'

Report highlights boys in Malta are top low achievers in EU

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One in five 15 year olds, as well as nearly 75 million adults, lack basic reading and writing skills, which makes it hard for them to get a job and increases their risk of poverty and social exclusion.

The high-level group's report highlights a significant gender gap, with 13.3% of low achievers among girls compared with 26.6% for boys. The gender gap is smallest in the Netherlands, Denmark and Belgium, and highest in Malta, Bulgaria and Lithuania (2009 statistics).

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The 80-page report includes a raft of recommendations, ranging from advice for parents on creating a culture of reading for pleasure with their children, to siting libraries in unconventional settings like shopping centres and the need to attract more male teachers to act as role models for boys, who read much less than girls. It also makes age-specific recommendations, calling for free, high-quality early childhood education and care for all, more specialist reading teachers in primary schools, a change of mind-set on dyslexia, arguing that almost every child can learn to read with the right support, and for more varied learning opportunities for adults, especially in the workplace.'

Feds: Love Triangle Feud Led to False Jet Threat

redwoodwriter · 7 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Man uses airplane bomb threat to "avenge" another man's posting of compromising pictures of his ex-girlfriend on Facebook. When will men stop upholding the "honor" of women? Excerpt:

'A man angry about a compromising Facebook photo of his girlfriend took revenge against the ex-boyfriend who posted it, making a hoax call to police that set off a terrorism scare and got the former beau taken off an airliner at gunpoint, authorities say.

The new boyfriend, Kenneth W. Smith Jr., was arrested Friday on charges of making a false threat to Philadelphia police, who recalled a Dallas-bound flight and marched the ex-beau, Christopher Shell, off the plane Thursday.

The episode led to Shell's own arrest on drug warrants after he finally reached Texas to celebrate his 29th birthday.'

More men in early childhood education sector 'could lift quality'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More men in the early childhood education sector would not only bring a range of benefits for children, but could also lift the quality of early childhood education, improve staff dynamics and encourage fathers to become more involved with their child's education, a new survey shows.

A more diverse workforce, with men represented as well as women, is seen as being necessary to expand the quality of early childhood education for children and bring different viewpoints and ways of working to the ECE profession and the sector.

The ChildForum Early Childhood Network survey questioned hundreds of people involved with early childhood education services and teacher educators about whether they would like to see more men in the workplace and what benefits or disadvantages that could bring.'

Share of Men in Labor Force at All-Time Low

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just 69.8 percent of all men over age 16 were in the labor force in August, compared to a long-term average of 78.3 percent since the Labor Department began tracking these data in 1948. The share has been falling pretty steadily over the last six decades but has declined sharply in the last few years.
...
For example, a lot of traditionally male jobs, in industries like manufacturing and construction, have disappeared, and many of the men who were displaced gave up looking for work when they couldn't find similar jobs.'

Relatedly (and ironically), Secretary Hilda Solis attends 'Women in the Workforce' discussion. Excerpt:

'During the event Solis spoke about the Department of Labor's efforts to stamp out gender-based pay discrimination as well as other efforts to make sure women have access to the skills and training they need to succeed and provide a better life and more prosperous future for them and their families.'

Police: Angry Ex-Girlfriend Triggered US Airways Bomb Hoax

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A bomb hoax in Philadelphia that turned a Dallas-bound flight around and led to a full-scale SWAT response was apparently triggered by a spiteful ex-girlfriend who telephoned authorities to say her former beau was aboard the US Air flight armed with liquid explosives, police told ABC News.

According to authorities, Christopher Shell, a salesman in his 20's who travels between Philadelphia and Dallas, had no explosives and is cooperating with authorities. He appears to have been the victim of a cruel joke.

When asked how Shell reacted when police took him off the plane, Philadelphia Police Chief Inspector Joseph Sullivan said at a news conference, "He was obviously very alarmed as I would be if heavily armed police entered a plane to take me off...he was certainly stunned."'

Judge wants woman's accusations against Jefferson man investigated

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'Suspicious that a woman concocted a tale of being threatened at gunpoint by her ex-boyfriend, a state Superior Court judge in Morristown has suggested that police and the Morris County Prosecutor's Office investigate the woman's claim of being victimized.

"I'm going to reiterate: It appears you have grossly misused the domestic violence law," Family Division Judge Thomas J. Critchley Jr. told Melanie Pilcher, 44, at a hearing in August.

"It's foolishness what you've done and the banner under which you've marched. It's on its face absurd some of the things you've been saying." the judge said.

The current obstacle for the man Pilcher has accused — Jefferson resident Robert A. Mertrud, 55 — is that he remains criminally charged with aggravated assault, terroristic threats and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, a charge that alone carries a punishment of up to 10 years in prison upon conviction.'

"Democratic women, feminists rally at Democratic National Convention"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Emily's List president Stephanie Schriock says that in 2008 about 10 million more women than men voted in the historic presidential election the propelled Barack Obama into the White House.

Now Schriok and the group that promotes Democratic women candidates across the county hopes that the women's vote will help Obama win another term.

"We're going to make sure that happens again," Schriock told me while at a reception at the Democratic National Convention given by the National Women's Political Caucus. "It's going to be great. We can do it."

The reception, at an uptown bar in Charlotte, featured fiery speeches by veterans of the feminist movement. They claimed that Republicans were waging a war against women and reproductive rights and would fail.

Republicans dismissed this notion and contend their conservative, pro jobs agenda is better for all Americans, including women.

Democrats disagree.'

Berlin declares circumcision legal, but only if performed by a doctor — not as a ritual

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Article here. Excerpt:

'JTA — One of Germany's 16 states has declared circumcision legal, but only if performed by doctors — not, as required by Jewish law, by mohels.

Berlin, Germany's capital and itself a state, is the first to declare the practice legal following a Cologne court ruling in June that non-medical circumcisions on children amounted to a criminal offense, according to DPA, a German news wire. National legislation is pending to legalize circumcision.

State Justice Minister Thomas Heilmann made the announcement Wednesday, saying he felt it necessary to allay fears in this "difficult transitional period," the Associated Press reported.

The Berlin state has authorized only doctors, and not mohels, to perform circumcisions. National legislation could authorize mohels. The state also required that parents be informed of the procedure's medical risks before consenting, and that doctors do everything possible during the procedure to reduce pain and limit bleeding.'

"Patriot Voices" daclares "Moms Know Best"

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Read it here. Pandering knows no political ideology or moral limits. There doesn't seem to be a contact page but there is a Facebook account for them here. Excerpt:

'Patriot Voices has released a survey by The Tarrance Group that listens to the voices of moms through an online survey in five Battleground states – Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin, Florida, and Virginia. What it found shows that Moms Know Best, and that candidates running for national office this November shouldn't discount the opinions of Moms across these important states. Most acknowledge that they are a key voting block this year, and that although many minds are seemingly made up, this demographic famously make up their minds late, or are often willing to change them.

From September 6 through September 8, we will be sharing additional information about this survey. On Thursday, September 6, we are releasing the scope of the survey and some key findings. On Friday, September 7, we will be sharing the surprising results regarding Moms' feelings on national security issues, and on Saturday, September 8, we will be releasing information on Moms' opinions on oil and energy production, government regulations and Obamacare.'

Letter: Stop circumcision

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'In any debate, people are entitled to their opinions, but not their own facts. The American Academy of Pediatrics has issued a revised circumcision policy statement that relies on selectively chosen facts to support the alteration of normal male genitalia ("Pediatrician Group Says Pros Outweigh Cons in Circumcision," Aug. 27 news article).

It's important to remember that the AAP has recently made other serious errors in judgment. In 2010, it issued a policy that called for doctors to be allowed to inflict a "ritual nick" on infant girls' genitalia for "cultural" reasons (in contravention of federal law). Under pressure from Intact America and other genital integrity organizations, the AAP rescinded this recommendation.

...

Few people in circumcising cultures question any research that supports their viewpoint -- they want to believe. However, since most males are cut shortly after birth, they have no frame of reference and cannot possibly comprehend what they're missing. The AAP should reconsider all the facts and the fundamental bodily integrity rights of children, or they will be stuck on the wrong side of history.'

Posters in support of men's rights ripped down in Vancouver

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Story here. Excerpt:

'VANCOUVER (NEWS1130) - There is backlash from both sexes after posters supporting men's rights were ripped down in Vancouver's Commercial Drive neighbourhood.

Some of the posters read "Stop violence against women, but not men, because men don't matter -- despite being more often the victims of violence." Many of the posters have been either taken down or defaced.

News1130 hit the streets to find out what you think about the controversial message. Men and women we spoke with say they should be left up because we don't hear enough about men's rights. They also believe Vancouver is an open-minded city.
...
"You don't hear a lot about [men's rights] and that's the surprising part. It is very surprising that they're being ripped down. Definitely, they should go back up. You see signs up for everything around here and to select which ones we put up and which ones we don't, it's a little bit ridiculous," explains another man.

In a written statement to News1130, the founder of the local men's rights blog MasculisM.ca, which is behind the movement, says he got involved because of his experiences on the Downtown Eastside.'

India: Men oppose sexual harassment Bill, term it anti-male legislation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Monday, Lok Sabha had passed the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Bill, 2010, drafted by Krishna Tirath, minister of women and child development without discussion despite uproar from BJP members.

Right groups raised concerns about passing of the Bill without consulting male representatives.

“There are times when we find that there is unwanted feminine attention which is overwhelming and discomforting. Further worse, pervert social mindsets force male victims to keep quiet,” said Atit, president of Men’s Rights Association, a rights group.

Swarup Sarkar, member of a rights group pointed out that based on presentations made by men’s rights organisations, the parliamentary standing committee on human resources development had also recommended that the law should be made gender-neutral and men should also be provided equal protection.'

Irish Cabs Getting Video Cameras to Prevent False Rape Claims

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Article here.

'Taxi drivers in Derry, Northern Ireland are installing video cameras in the cars. It all started with one driver, who installed a video camera in the cabin after an incident that saw a drunk passenger attempt to take control of the steering wheel. Some time after that, the driver was attacked by another customer, and used the footage in the trial that followed.

However, there's another reason behind the aforementioned move. In 2011, there was at least one rape accusation that proved to be false and driver don't want to go through such an experience.

"I know a lot of drivers who will not work at night because of fears of being attacked or robbed but the biggest fear they have is of being falsely accused of rape," said Jarlath Malone, owner of Derry cab company Foyle Delta.'

Female teacher accused of group sex with students

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TEXAS (WABC) -- A Texas jury saw dramatic video in the trial of a high school teacher is accused of having group sex with several of her students.

Prosecutors say 28-year-old Brittni Colleps had sex with five of her students in 2010.

Colleps, a mother of three and former English teacher, is accused of arranging the meetings through text messages.
...
This week, a jury saw cell phone video of a sexual encounter with four of the teens that the fifth one recorded.

Colleps is charged with several counts, including deviate sex and improper relationship between educator and student. She remained silent during her trial and Judge Ruben Gonzalez entered a not guilty plea. She faces up to 20 years in jail if convicted.

Her husband, Christopher Colleps, a soldier stationed at Louisiana's Fort Polk, has previously said he will support his wife and that they will remain married.

The teens are considered adults, but the law protects students from a relationship with someone in a superior position.'

No Jail Time for Arlington Teacher Charged With Raping Students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(Arlington, TN) There will be no jail time for an Arlington teacher who admitted having sex with two of her students.

That has people wondering if the punishment fits the crime.

A judge ordered Stacy Hopkins to have no contact with the two students with whom she had sex when she was a teacher at Arlington High School.

Not only can she not teach here anymore, she cannot have a job with anyone under the age of eighteen.

A judge gave Hopkins four years of probation after she plead guilty to two counts of aggravated statutory rape, but she escaped jail time.

Some people like Cathy Park think the sentence shows a double standard in the courtroom, “If this were a case where it was a male on a young female or if the children were younger, I think it would have been much more harsh.”'

When a boy is sexually abused by a woman ‘people do not often recognize the harm’

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'Keyvette Gamble went to a friend’s house with her 4-year-old daughter, playing cards into the early morning with plans to spend the night at the Southwest Washington apartment. After everyone had nodded off, Gamble slipped over to a bed where her friend’s 14-year-old son was sleeping.

Gamble, 24, then sexually assaulted the teenage boy, according to court records. The attack in September was one of three child sex abuse cases to reach a D.C. courtroom this year that involved an adult female defendant accused of sexually assaulting a teenage boy.

While sex abuse cases are all too common, prosecutors and child victim advocates say prosecutions of adult women sexually attacking boys are extremely rare. All unrelated, the three cases in the District surprised local authorities and have raised awareness of an often-underreported crime.

“This is unusual,” said prosecutor Kelly Higashi, chief of the sex offense and domestic violence section of the D.C. Superior Court unit for the U.S. attorney’s office. “People do not often recognize the harm this does to a boy.”'

Does a changing economy mean the 'End of Men'?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters) - For all the bluster of her book's title, "The End of Men: And the Rise of Women," Hanna Rosin is surprisingly ambivalent about whether men are, in fact, doomed.

Women are quicker to adapt to the economy's new demands, Rosin says, pursuing higher education in record numbers and dominating fast-growing professions such as nursing and accounting.

At the same time, men watch the shrinking of manufacturing, construction and other traditionally male industries as if paralyzed, on the couch with a beer in hand.

More than two years of research and reporting, though, have left Rosin unconvinced that the end of men is inevitable.

"It's an obnoxious title," she conceded about her book and the 2010 cover story in the Atlantic magazine that launched it. "And I think my argument would have been much easier to make if I believed that women's brains are one way and men's brains are another way and the economy prefers our brains right now."'

Rosin: Why Men Will Never Fully Recover From The Great Recession

Mastodon · 9 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But men will never fully recover because the bad economy simply expedited something that had been happening for years, according to Hanna Rosin's new book The End of Men: And the Rise of Women .

Rosin explains in her book:

In the Great Recession, three-quarters of the 7.5 million jobs were lost by men. The worst-hit industries were overwhelmingly male and deeply identified with macho: contruction, manufacturing, high finance. Some of these jobs have come back, but the dislocation is neither random nor temporary. The recession merely revealed--and accelerated--a profound economic shift that has been going on for at least 30 years, and in some respects even longer."
...
The August jobs report revealed men's participation in the workforce to be at the lowest level since 1948, the Atlantic reported. The number of men in the workplace began declining in the 1950s, when women entered the workforce in droves.'

Porn And Video Games Are Ruining The Next Generation Of American Men

Matt · 10 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From June but contains some stuff I have suspected myself. There is no doubt in my mind that the access to all manner of distractions, whether it be pornography or games or something else, has had a really bad effect on our children's (and especially, it seems, our sons') abilities to get and remain focused on more productive and valuable pursuits likely to serve them in life. Excerpt:

'Psychologist Philip Zimbardo claims that today's young men are destined for failure because of porn and video games.

In his controversial book The Demise of Guys: Why Boys Are Struggling And What We Can Do About It, Zimbardo and co-author Nikita Duncan outline why he thinks men are failing in education and personal relationships.
...
Some highlights from the book:

-Females currently outperform males at every level, from grade school to graduate school. Boys are 30 percent more likely than girls to drop out of high school and college, according to the National Center of Education Statistics.

-In 2011, young men's SAT scores were the worst they had been in 40 years.
...
-Boys account for 70 percent of D's and F's given at school.

-Research shows guys aren't interested in being husbands, fathers or the head of the household.*
...
-70 percent of young men surveyed said their generation wouldn't be as smart or innovative as their peers in other First World countries.'

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*Well this I can understand. I think young men have caught on to what is happening to men as they have seen fathers and uncles dragged through the divorce mill and shafted by the "family law" system. After watching that, who'd want to take the risks associated with paternity?

Title IX: Local high schools work to bridge achievement gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although girls and women have made significant progress in the 40 years since the introduction of Title IX — the law that prohibits educational programs that receive federal funding from discriminating on the basis of sex — students and educators say more work is needed to truly level the playing field.

A Daily Herald analysis based on data from the 2011 Illinois School Report Card found that while female students at the 25 top performing high schools in suburban Chicago scored higher than their male counterparts in the reading section of the 2011 Prairie State Achievement Exam, boys continue to outperform girls in the areas of math and science.'

Title IX moves beyond sports to ‘new frontier’ of STEM

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'Preventing discrimination or exclusion in STEM education is important, experts say, because unequal opportunities may be partially to blame for the traditionally low number of female engineers and scientists.

President Barack Obama’s administration is evaluating what could be included in a Title IX compliance test for STEM and whether it could encompass criteria similar to the “three-prong” test for compliance in athletics, Maatz said.

Under the test, schools can prove compliance by showing a history and continuing practice of expanding athletic opportunities for girls, by proving the interests of both sexes are being met, or by making sure percentages of girls and boys participating in sports are proportional to percentages of girls and boys enrolled at the school.

The idea of applying a proportionality test to student populations in STEM classes scares some educators and at least one women’s group.

“This idea that we would try to create a quota system in the one discipline left where women are not outpacing men shows the enforcement is skewed,” said Carrie Lukas, managing director of the Independent Women’s Forum, a nonprofit conservative research and education organization. “I don’t think Title IX is really fighting discrimination anymore when it comes to women having an opportunity to participate in academic life. That’s a battle that has already been won.”'

India: Salary to the wife? Men's groups fume over proposed law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The central government's proposal to introduce a law, which, if passed, would mandate every man to part with a portion of his salary income as salary to his wife, has been strongly opposed by men's rights groups.

Save Family Foundation, a non-government organisation, has written a letter to Union Women and Child Development Minister Krishna Tirath [Images] seeking immediate withdrawal of the proposal.

The foundation, representing around 40 different men's organisations across the country, has termed this proposal one-sided.

The organisation has also sought Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's intervention in this matter.

Opposing the proposal, Swarup Sarkar, founder member of Save Family Foundation, noted, "The government must focus on bringing laws that are gender neutral. Any law that can lead to breakdown of the society must not be passed. The Women and Child Development ministry is proposing a law of providing salary to housewives keeping in mind only the interests of women. However, no one in the government is ready to accept the fact that a husband gives away his entire salary to his wife."'

Women’s council deplores government opposition to quotas

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Council of Women has dubbed as "shocking" news that the Maltese government will join a diplomatic push spearheaded by the United Kingdom, to oppose a law that will introduce mandatory quotas for women on public companies and private companies on the stock exchange.

The law, pushed by the EU's justice commissioner Viviane Reding, seeks to have 40% of all boards of directors for companies listed on the stock exchange made up of women, by 2020.

Justice minister Chris Said told MaltaToday yesterday the Maltese government believes the EU should stay out of such legislation and instead allow national governments to pursue their own equality measures.'

Eleanor Smeal, President of the Feminist Majority, “Women’s Issues Front and Center”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Women's issues were front and center at the Democratic National Convention as President Obama and the many women headliners underscored over and over again the reasons why this election is critically important for women. The choice on November 6 for women could not be more stark and will determine if this country continues the progress we have made on women's rights, or if we retreat and lose the gains of more than forty years.

Women's health, pay equity, women's jobs, the fight for women's equality, and reproductive choice and rights were featured in Charlotte as Democrats made a strong and compelling case on these issues. The women delegates and activists responded with loud applause and sustained enthusiasm.'

Forum: It's the boys' turn now

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Journal reported recently that the Rapid City School Foundation honored the Teacher of the Year and the Teachers of Distinction. I couldn't help but notice all 20 teachers honored are female. Not to say that the 20 aren't deserving but, even if there are more women teachers than men, it seems strange that there isn't a more equal ratio of deserving male teachers. Maybe teachers had to apply and no males applied. The Journal article didn't state how the winners were nominated or chosen or who makes up the foundation.

But what it reminded me of is the preferential treatment and special attention females still receive. It is acceptable in the work force, schools and universities to give preferential treatment and recognition to females. More scholarships are available to females than to males. It seems acceptable for women's groups to give scholarships only to females but not so much for men's groups (of which there are far fewer) to give scholarships only to males. Even the Federal Department of Education has preferential scholarships for women. Special entrance requirements have been put in place at some universities, such as doing away with math and science ACT and SAT tests scores because girls, in general, don't score as high on those sections. More subjective criteria can then be used to get the girls into engineering and computer programs. Special mentoring groups in high school and universities are formed to promote and bring along the females.

All this while males are dropping out of high school in record numbers and now nationwide university enrollment is approximately 40 percent male and 60 percent female. No one seems to care about the guys. I haven't heard the national alarm yet.'

Jews, Muslims stage circumcision march in Germany

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Story here. I am reminded of that plea to the All-Mighty, "Lord, save me from your followers!". People are marching for the right to sexually mutilate their sons. For religious reasons? For any reason other than to save their lives or to address a serious health problem is unbelievable. But really why should it still shock me? Think of all the completely bonkers stuff people have done in the name of their religious beliefs, whether those be actual religious beliefs or what some have called "secular religious beliefs", such as those held by political extremists or really anyone so beholden to a single way of doing anything or looking at the world that they can't even tell when their behavior has gone from self-expression to just plain nutty. Anyway, excerpt:

'AFP - Around 500 mainly Jewish but some Christian and Muslim protesters gathered in Berlin on Sunday to demand the right to circumcision after a disputed court ruling in Germany outlawing the rite.

Some protesters were draped in Israeli flags, others wore orthodox Jewish dress for the peaceful demonstration on Berlin's Bebelplatz, infamous as the site of book-burning ceremonies carried out by Adolf Hitler's Nazis.

One banner at the demonstration accused Germany of reverting to a "colonial power" while another read: "Foreskin? No thank you!"

Following the judgement from the court in Cologne saying circumcision was tantamount to grievous bodily harm, Jewish and Muslim groups joined forces for the protest in central Berlin as the foreign minister expressed his concern.'

Australia: Perth teen attacks car with axe outside court

Minuteman · 11 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A teenage girl has run out of Perth Magistrates Court and smashed a car with an axe on a main street, yelling and swearing at officers as they tried to restrain her.

The 15-year-old girl began smashing the windows of the parked Pajero in front of dozen of stunned onlookers on Hay St yesterday.
...
It is believe the frenzied attack was related to a family dispute over unpaid parking fines.'

SAVE: Tell Royce Engstrom to Withdraw his Biased Sex Assault Videos

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The University of Montana has recently implemented new sexual assault guidelines and created a series of personal empowerment awareness videos for students. Unfortunately, the videos are spreading misinformation about rape, and the guidelines are restricting the civil rights of falsely accused students.

The videos are based on claims by the Justice Department that are wholly unverified -- such as "80 reported rapes" at the university in the past three years. The videos even promote the untrue statistic that only 2 percent of rape accusations are false.

Montana quarterback Jordan Johnson was charged with rape despite all evidence pointing to his innocence. His accuser admitted to her friends "I don't think he did anything wrong to be honest," but prosecutors continued with the case inviting, as an investigation reported, "the possible conviction of an innocent defendant."

In a letter to Univ. of Montana President Royce Engstrom, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) has requested that the university immediately remove the damaging videos from its curriculum.

We'd like your help. Tell Royce Engstrom to withdraw his biased sex assault videos and to respect the rights of accused students, who are innocent until proven guilty.

Univ. of Montana president Royce Engstrom:

Email: prestalk-at-umontana.edu
Phone: 406-243-2311

Thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Circumcision: time to cut it out?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite this laudable reason for getting snipped, medical science remains rather more sceptical about the matter. Harking back to biblical times, circumcision is habitually passed off as “cleaner” than its laissez-faire alternative, but statistics about the spread of disease in roundheads versus cavaliers are inconclusive. The British Medical Association states that “the evidence concerning health benefits from non-therapeutic circumcision is insufficient for this alone to be a justification.” Although the World Health Organization has found “compelling evidence” that the practice can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV, this claim has been disputed by various studies and was recently savaged on the Oxford University Practical Ethics blog, which concluded that it was based on “bad science”. In Africa, the procedure is also becoming a worrying substitute for contraception.

There is another explanation for the popularity of the ritual lurking in the annals of religious folklore. There are those who argue (incontrovertibly) that circumcision leads to decreased sensitivity in the end of the penis and (more controversially) that this causes a reduction in male sexual pleasure. Whether or not this uncomfortable thought is actually true, it is interesting to note that the practice has, over the millennia, been upheld by various religious sages as beneficial precisely because of this belief. According to the great 12th-century Jewish philosopher Maimonedes: “With regard to circumcision, one of the reasons for it is, in my opinion, the wish to bring about a decrease in sexual intercourse and a weakening of the organ in question.” In effect, no foreskin meant less focus on the penis and more focus on God. Could it be that all forms of genital cutting – and not merely female ones – have their origins in the desire to control and temper human sexuality? Either way, 800 years later, the Victorians were in agreement, convinced, in a world before Portnoy’s Complaint, that circumcision prevented boys from masturbating. It was partly this quaint supposition that spread the practice across Britain and America. Indeed, it was only when a cash-strapped nascent NHS decided to remove the service in 1949 that the British started leaving their children’s penises alone.

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A shocking 2010 report in The Journal of Public Health found that, in a sample of 29 Muslim children circumcised at an Islamic school in Oxford, 45 per cent ended up developing medical problems as a direct result of the surgery. Then there was the recent case of 28-day-old Angelo Ofori-Mintah, who bled to death in February of this year after a circumcision in Queen’s Park, London – a tragedy echoed by that of Goodluck Caubergs, an infant who died in similar circumstances in 2010 following the cut. While the fatal haemorrhaging of Ofori-Mintah was ruled a “tragic accident”, the midwife responsible for Caubergs, Grace Adeleye, was charged in April of this year with manslaughter. She is currently awaiting trial.

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These tragic examples are more than unfortunate, isolated episodes. For every extreme case that gets reported in the media and debated in the courts, hundreds of nasty little incidents sink without a trace. For certain hospitals in Britain, the practice of patching up circumcision botch jobs is said to be appallingly routine. Largely, these interventions go unrecorded. The infant is simply stitched up and sent home. The perpetrator is not reported. Censure is not issued. Cultural sensitivity trumps child protection. One wonders if, say, the parents of a newborn suffering from skin lesions following a clumsily administered home tattoo would get off the hook so lightly.

...

But it’s time for us to have an adult debate about where to go from here. Firstly, we all need to question whether it’s necessary to circumcise our boys. If we are able to talk about this openly, perhaps, over time, social mores will phase the practice out in the way legal intervention never could. Secondly, we need to decide whether it’s time to stop continuing these procedures in the home. The Jewish community in particular would fight tooth and nail to prevent the NHS from intervening in home circumcisions. Regulation would be opposed every step of the way. Then again, as religion has constantly demonstrated over the centuries, it is not immune to compromise. Women

can be vicars. Observant Jews can cook on Saturdays. With God, too, there is such a thing as progress.'

Students have mixed views on sexual assault tutorial at University of Montana

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Known as Personal Empowerment Through Self Awareness training, or PETSA, the new tutorial includes seven video segments followed by a quiz, along with a list of emergency contacts. Every student, regardless of age or academic year, is required to watch the video and pass the quiz.

“It didn’t teach me anything,” said Blake DeShaw, a junior majoring in international business. “I support the help system they’ve created, and I think that’s great. But the mandatory tutorial is overkill.”

DeShaw believes the tutorial focuses on the obvious – don’t drink alone, make smart decisions, don’t hang out with jerks who are aggressive toward women and don’t rape.

His sentiments were similar to some of his peers, who struggled to define drunken consent, or an absence of consent, as rape. Many students believe the video fails to hold individuals accountable for their decisions, regardless of gender.

In a letter to the Montana Kaimin, the school newspaper, UM student Anthony Trujillo said the university is correct in taking steps to create a safer campus. On the other hand, he wrote, forcing the “rape scare” on all students makes the problem worse.'

PETAS videos: http://www.umt.edu/petsa/videos/default.php

UConn police: Report of sex assault false

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Story here. Excerpt:

'STORRS, Conn. (AP) — University of Connecticut police say a report that a group of men struck a woman with a skateboard and sexually assaulted her is false.

Police say they investigated the report of the alleged attack early Saturday at Storrs campus and learned the incident did not occur and the person who made the complaint "falsely reported the assault."

They say on their website that after receiving the report, they issued an alert warning through the university's emergency alert notification system. Detectives reviewed security camera footage and conducted interviews with the person who made the complaint. They did not say if charges would be filed.'

Lacrosse lawyers fight Duke subpoena

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM – Duke University lawyers trying to fend off a lawsuit want to question and perhaps make witnesses out of two attorneys who are representing three members of the school's 2005-06 men's lacrosse team.

Durham lawyer Bob Ekstrand on Labor Day filed a motion to quash subpoenas Duke's lawyers have issued to him and fellow attorney Stefanie Smith. They invoked attorney/client privilege.

The subpoenas came as Duke gathered evidence for its defense against the lawsuit from 38 former members of the team that gained unwanted fame in 2006 after stripper Crystal Mangum lodged a false rape charge.

Ekstrand's three clients are not among the 38, but they are pursuing a lawsuit of their own that closely parallels the claims lawyers for the 38 have made.'

The silent war on noncollege-educated white men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Much ink has been spilled this election cycle about the so-called “war on women,” but as the Wall Street Journal notes, “In 2010, young American women had a median income higher than that of their male peers in 1,997 out of 2,000 metropolitan regions.”

That same year, Hanna Rosen observed: ”Earlier this year, women became the majority of the workforce for the first time in U.S. history. Most managers are now women too. And for every two men who get a college degree this year, three women will do the same.”

There is no political benefit in discussing this phenomenon, but it hasn’t gone unnoticed by academics. From Kay Hymowitz’s “Manning Up: How The Rise of Women Has Turned Men Into Boys” (listen to my podcast with Hymowitz here) — to Rosen’s “The End of Men and the Rise of Women” — some observers are keenly aware of the trend.

In recent years, women have also been hit by the economic downturn. Still, you won’t hear much about the plight of men on the campaign trail.

There is very little benefit to talking about how hard men have it.
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One wonders about the unique psychological toll this might take. White men, especially, can’t complain. What I mean is that nobody is sympathetic to them. There is a good reason for this. Historically, they have won the lottery. Thus, there is no release valve — no politically correct way for them to express their understandable anger at a society that seems to have let them down. What is more, they are regularly mocked and portrayed as Homer Simpson-like buffoons by the media. There is no anti-defamation league to complain when men are portrayed as idiots on TV commercials, movies, etc. They are supposed to suck it up.

This is concerning for a variety of reasons. First, we should be concerned when any demographic of American society is falling behind. Second, it seems dangerous for a society to have a bunch of single, disaffected men, roaming around (men, of course, represent nearly 50 percent of the population). People who don’t believe they have a purpose are dangerous. Marriage and other institutions have had a sort of civilizing effect. But as more and more high-achieving women are remaining single (party because there aren’t enough highly-educated men), we can expect problems, including gangs, the rise of fringe radical groups/militias, etc., lower birth rates, more suicide, etc.
...
Meanwhile, Obama continues to pander to women. The goal is to increase turnout among this important voting base, but it will also likely increase the gender gap he has with males. During the Democratic Convention, Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards said: “President Obama understands women. He trusts women, and on every single issue that matters to us, he stands with women.”

Can you imagine any speaker saying that about men?'

The End of Men Is Here? 14 Signs And Consequences Of Male Decline

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When journalist Hanna Rosin talks about the "End of Men," she doesn't mean that men are destined to die out (although statistics show that couples in many parts of the world increasingly want female children) or destined to become the indentured servants of a matriarchal society. She means that as the world has changed over the last 50 years, women have changed with it, to their advantage, and men ... haven't.

In Rosin's new book "The End of Men and the Rise of Women," based on her often quoted 2010 Atlantic cover story "The End of Men," she explores the decline of men, how it's bad for both men and women and how "people describe this as a feminist triumph, but it is not entirely," as she recently told The Huffington Post's Lisa Belkin. Here are 14 arguments Rosin makes in one of the most anticipated books of the year.'

Men’s Rights “Hate Speech”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The following poster is being placed prominently in multiple cities in Canada, starting in Vancouver but also elsewhere. Similar posters with similar messages are beginning to appear in Seattle and other parts of the United States, as well as Australia and the UK. In every place so far that they’ve gone up, they’ve faced ridicule, mocking, and, worst of all, received regular vandalism and torn down in locations where it’s perfectly legal to place and display them. They have been classified by people who call themselves “feminists” as “hate-speech.”

The statistics from these posters are from the Canadian government and apply to Canada nationwide; statistics for the US, Australia, and other advanced Western nations are very similar, however. The poster reads:

40% of domestic violence victims are male
94% of all industrial deaths and accidents happen to men
42% of Bachelor’s Degrees are earned by men
90% of divorces are initiated by women'
...
If someone can tell me which of the major Presidential campaigns in America plans to do anything about any of the above, I’d like to hear it. So far as I can see, Barack Obama has nothing to say about any of it, and neither does Mitt Romney.

Further mainstream news coverage of the postering campaign and active censorship efforts against them here. Further discussion of these issues, as well as censorship efforts against them, here.

Why do I write about these things? Because I have sons I love, growing up in a world that is increasingly contemptous and dismissive of them.'

Feminism and the Disposable Male

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The #1 video on YouTube on the subject of feminism for the last year has been Feminism and the Disposable Male by Girl Writes What. If you don't believe it, just go to YouTube and type in the word "feminism" and if it's not some brand new sponsored video, this will be the top video. And unlike most videos that "go viral," it has seen not an explosion of views but a steadily increasing number of views. It has ignited a firestorm of hatred against its author. People have put up pictures of her face battered and bloodied to show their hatred for her. She's called a right-wing extremist, a "back to the kitchen" traditionalist, a misogynist, a woman-hater, a traitor to her vagina–she's even been called the "Tokyo Rose of feminism." Much of this is rather amusing since she's a bisexual atheist who writes erotica professionally, and often doesn't even vote–not because she thinks women shouldn't vote, but because, like Penn Jilett, she thinks it's often a waste of time. Amusingly, she's also often been called a "feminist extremist" (often laced with many more vulgar epithets).'

Girl Writes What also created a YouTube video regarding the recent tearing down of posters put up by A Voice for Men activists in Canada.

Change.org: Revoke Parole for Stephanie Lopez NMCD Inmate #59941

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Petition here. Excerpt:

'The New Mexico Parole Board: Revoke Parole for Stephanie Lopez NMCD Inmate #59941

Baby Brianna Mariah Lopez died on July 19, 2002 after suffering abuse by the hands of her mother Stephanie Lopez, her father Andy Walters, and an uncle Steven Lopez. Stephanie Lopez was sentenced to 27 years in prison after being convicted by a jury of negligently permitting child abuse resulting in death or great bodily harm. Autopsy findings revealed five month old Brianna had suffered "numerous human bite marks throughout her entire body, scraping and bruising injuries, extensive injuries to her head and fatal injuries to her brain, bleeding within membranes around the brain as well as the nerves around her eyes, indicating she had been violently shaken. Brianna's skull had 5-7 day old fractures in two places, on two different bones. Both old and new blood were present, indicating a previous injury to the brain. Brianna had two rib fractures that were weeks old upon her death. The baby also had bucket handle fractures on both thigh bones and a fracture on her left arm. Baby Brianna's anus and vagina were also injured." Currently, Brianna is buried in a pauper's grave as no family members came forward to claim her body.'

NY Times: Why Fathers Really Matter

Matt · 13 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The NYT spin is that it's all biological. No mention of the many other ways dads count. And predictably it concludes with the suggestion that when things go wrong for a kid, it's dad's fault. One thing you can say for the Times, they're as predictable as Big Ben's (now "Elizabeth Tower") chimes. Excerpt:

'Biology is making it clearer by the day that a man's health and well-being have a measurable impact on his future children's health and happiness. This is not because a strong, resilient man has a greater likelihood of being a fabulous dad — or not only for that reason — or because he's probably got good genes. Whether a man's genes are good or bad (and whatever "good" and "bad" mean in this context), his children's bodies and minds will reflect lifestyle choices he has made over the years, even if he made those choices long before he ever imagined himself strapping on a Baby Bjorn.
...
Epigenetics means that our physical and mental tendencies were not set in stone during the Pleistocene age, as evolutionary psychology sometimes seems to claim. Rather, they're shaped by the life we lead and the world we live in right now. Epigenetics proves that we are the products of history, public as well as private, in parts of us that are so intimately ours that few people ever imagined that history could reach them. (One person who did imagine it is the French 18th-century naturalist Jean-Baptiste Lamarck, who believed that acquired traits could be inherited. Twentieth-century Darwinian genetics dismissed Lamarckism as laughable, but because of epigenetics, Lamarckism is staging a comeback.)
...

When you're an older mother, you get used to the sidelong glances of sonogram technicians, the extra battery of medical tests, the fear that your baby has Down syndrome, the real or imagined hints from younger mothers that you're having children so late because you care more about professional advancement than family. But as the research on paternal inheritance piles up, the needle of doubt may swing at least partway to fathers. "We're living through a paradigm shift," said Dolores Malaspina, a professor of psychiatry at New York University who has done pioneering work on older fathers and schizophrenia. Older mothers no longer need to shoulder all the blame: "It's the aging man who damages the offspring."'

Kentucky Man Sues Doctor For Amputating His Penis

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A Kentucky man did not consent to have his penis amputated and the doctor who performed the surgery had options other than removing the organ, even though cancer had been found during a surgery, an attorney argued Tuesday to the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Kevin George, the lawyer for Phillip Seaton of Waddy, told the appeals panel that the medical waiver signed by his client contains extremely broad language and that Dr. John Patterson should have sought consent before removing the penis.

“The point is … a patient has a right,” George said. “The doctor does not have the right to do whatever he wants, even if it turns out to be reasonable.”'

NY Times: Why Men Fail

Matt · 13 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Yet more! Article here. Seems to be a male-bashing article prominently featured in the Times about once every other day, and usually on Sunday for those lucky Sunday-only subscribers who just gotta have their crossword puzzle/sudoku/male-bashing fix. Excerpt:

'In elementary and high school, male academic performance is lagging. Boys earn three-quarters of the D's and F's. By college, men are clearly behind. Only 40 percent of bachelor's degrees go to men, along with 40 percent of master's degrees.

Thanks to their lower skills, men are dropping out of the labor force. In 1954, 96 percent of the American men between the ages of 25 and 54 worked. Today, that number is down to 80 percent. In Friday's jobs report, male labor force participation reached an all-time low.

Millions of men are collecting disability. Even many of those who do have a job are doing poorly. According to Michael Greenstone of the Hamilton Project, annual earnings for median prime-age males have dropped by 28 percent over the past 40 years.

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Forty years ago, men and women adhered to certain ideologies, what it meant to be a man or a woman. Young women today, Rosin argues, are more like clean slates, having abandoned both feminist and prefeminist preconceptions. Men still adhere to the masculinity rules, which limits their vision and their movement.

If she's right, then men will have to be less like Achilles, imposing their will on the world, and more like Odysseus, the crafty, many-sided sojourner. They'll have to acknowledge that they are strangers in a strange land.'

His Body, His Choice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision infringes on a child's right to physical integrity and religious freedom. A powerful policy of deterrence should therefore be established.
...
As part of this worldwide trend, and following other professional organizations, the KNMG published a position paper in 2010 on the 'non-therapeutic circumcision of minors' (NTC). In it, the KNMG concluded that circumcision violates the child's right to autonomy and physical integrity. One of the main guideposts for the KNMG in this issue is the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). This declaration states that children should be protected 'against all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse.' It also calls upon governments to 'take measures to abolish traditional practices prejudicial to the health of children.' There is ample scientific proof that NTC is indeed prejudicial to the health of children. Around 25-50% of healthy skin is removed from the penis in circumcision.
...
This growing aversion to NTC is therefore not caused by anti-religious or anti-Semitic feelings, but by an increased emphasis on human rights, combined with a growing awareness that children have the same fundamental human rights as adults. If it is not permissible to forcefully circumcise a grown man, why would it be permissible to do so to a child? The law protects the physical integrity of young girls, should it not do the same for boys? As it is his body, shouldn't it be his choice?'

Panel Unanimously Decides to Regulate a Circumcision Ritual

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The New York City Board of Health passed a regulation on Thursday that will require consent from parents before an infant can have a form of Jewish ritual circumcision, prevalent in parts of the ultra-Orthodox community, in which the circumciser uses his mouth to remove blood from the incision.

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Indeed, some panel members said they believed that requiring consent did not go far enough. “It’s crazy that we allow this to go on,” said Dr. Joel A. Forman, a professor of pediatrics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Infectious disease experts widely agree that the oral contact, known in Hebrew as metzitzah b’peh, creates a risk of transmission of herpes that can be deadly to infants, because of their underdeveloped immune systems. Between 2004 and 2011, the city learned of 11 herpes infections it said were most likely caused by the practice. Two of those babies died; at least two others suffered brain damage.

...

“They feel that if their child doesn’t have the metzitzah b’peh, he is not Jewish, so this, to them, is the most important act that they can do for their son in life,” said Dr. Kenneth I. Glassberg, the director of the division of pediatric urology at Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital at NewYork-Presbyterian.'

Women's Room - Feminism and going too far

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'The difference between feminism and misandry is often not understood. However, it's an important distinction because it's the difference between treating men like lesser humans and trying to gain equal rights for women. Feminism is defined as a collection of movements and ideologies that are aimed at establishing and defending equal rights for women. Misandry, on the other hand, is the male equivalent of misogyny and is defined as a hatred of men.

Examples of feminist movement goals may include the right to vote, the right to control our bodies, and the right to equal pay. On the other hand misandry includes things like "stop domestic violence against women" or "men should stay at home and do the things women once did." Now, I'm not saying we shouldn't stop domestic violence against women but this is something that doesn't support equality and is therefore not a feminist ideal by definition. We should try to stop domestic violence period because men and women are both victims. Are women more likely to become the victims of domestic abuse? Statistics show that yes, they are but that doesn't mean that it's okay to forget that men get beat up by their partners or families too because that's not what equality, and feminism, is about.

The distinction is important in all circumstances because what most hardcore feminists claim to want is an equal society. However, their distrust, dislike, or down right hatred towards men makes this impossible. It makes women bullies. This "I think women should have x because men have had x for too long so they should know how we feel" is an ideal that is often seen when browsing "feminist" websites. It's bullying and it's not helping. If a school yard bully pushes you into the mud and then you push them in turn nothing changes. You're both just muddy bullies who still don't understand how the other person feels. That's what a lot of feminism is like.'

Former WWE performer arrested three nights in a row for DV-related violations

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'Former WWE performer Tamara Lynn Sytch, 39, was arrested three nights in a row this week — Sept. 11, 12 and 13—in Connecticut for strangling her boyfriend, Damien Darling, and violating protective orders.

She was arrested for disorderly conduct on Tuesday, stemming from strangulation. She was released on Wednesday but arrested again that day for violating a protective order, strangulation and disorderly conduct. She was released on Thursday and arrested again that day for violating a protective order.'

SAVE: Tell VP Biden that Every MAN Deserves to be Safe from Violence

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September 13 marked the 18-year anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Vice President Biden issued a statement commemorating this anniversary. Included in his statement: VAWA "was founded on the basic premise that every woman deserves to be safe from violence." VP Biden goes on to give statistics only about female victims of domestic violence. He concludes by stating "I urge Congress to keep the promise we made to our daughters and our granddaughters on that day-that we would work together to keep them safe." Statement: http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/09/13/statement-vice-president-eighteenth-anniversary-violence-against-women-a

Biden's glaring omission of male victims, time and time again, seems as if he is putting forth the contention that men don't deserve to be safe from violence. What other conclusion can one reach?

The Vice president refused to tell a national TV audience that women should never hit men to get their attention when he was asked to on The View. Video: http://vimeo.com/teriincali/willvpbidenremindwomennottohitmen

Every speech by Biden completely ignores the fact that women are perpetrators and men are victims of DV. The latest CDC study shows 53% of the victims of partner violence are men and 42% of the victims of severe DV are men. Report: http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/NISVS_Report2010-a.pdf

Call or write the White House today. Ask, "Why does Vice President Biden feel that only women, not men deserve to be safe from violence? Shouldn't we keep our sons and grandsons safe from domestic violence too?" Then remind them that discrimination is wrong. Demand that the Vice President tell the entire truth about domestic violence now, and in the future.

Call: 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414
Fax: 202-456-2461
Email: http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact-vp

On behalf of all male victims, thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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In Defense Of The Child

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'Since children – especially babies and infants – cannot consent to procedures that would violate their right to bodily integrity, the right to consent is legally vested in the parents or guardians of the child. But they cannot legally consent to any procedure: violations of bodily integrity are permissible only insofar as they benefit the child (for example, the consent to have vital surgery performed on the child).

In the case of circumcision, this is only the case when a persuasive medical reason exists to justify the procedure. German law does not permit violations of bodily integrity that serve the freedom of religion of the parents. Freedom of religion is limited by strong considerations of the rights of the child. Under this framework, tradition cannot suffice as a justification for the violation of important rights – a legal interpretation that was affirmed in 2000, when a court ruled that physical punishment of children was illegal even in places where it had historically been carried out on a routine basis. Physical punishments, psychological torments, and other degrading measures are impermissible as educational tools. Even if the German parliament passed a law to allow male circumcision, the Constitutional Court would be likely to reverse it.'

Demeaning men is not equality

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'I was recently watching the news and tweeting as usual, some woman was lauding another for her political stance and choice to stand up for election. As she spoke, she mentioned something to the effect that men are useless and will never do anything for women.

The thinking of such women baffles me. Why do we have to stomp on men to make ourselves look better?

Forget the typical male-bashing jokes… yeah, those ones will happen whether we like it or not. There are women who take it too far and will not leave a man standing with his dignity intact, who will not be satisfied unless she tramples on him and puts him under her thumb. It's not about making him a doormat; it's about the fact that she needs to make men look bad to feel good.

What happens to the man in your life if you keep treating the men around you like they're nothing but whipping boys? Don't you think this will sooner or later translate into your home? Your husband will just be another statistic and your son will grow up thinking that he's worthless.
...
Feminism is good, but with the right intentions. I try to remind myself that we cannot be 'equal', but we can have equal opportunities. Remember, we are the mothers, sisters, wives and friends of these same guys we bash. When we turn them into misogynists, who will be to blame?'

More men need to share their experience of domestic violence

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Except something about this interview is different. Rihanna, Tina Turner and countless other women have told their sad tales of abusive relationships. But, after dredging the recesses of my memory and Google, I've been unable to find a single comparable example of a male celebrity disclosing experiences as a victim.
...
So the interview, to be broadcast this Friday, is perhaps more groundbreaking than anyone involved realised. If it were with some hip, young, anguished method actor it might be less surprising, but this is Sir Roger Moore: the 84-year-old embodiment of British stiff upper lip, a knight of the realm who attained superstar status by playing James frickin' Bond, no less. It may be a measure of how far the debate has moved on in recent years that someone like this can mention partner violence almost as an incidental aside, and nobody seems especially surprised.

Whatever set of statistics one prefers, it is beyond dispute that a significant proportion of men will experience some form of domestic abuse at some point in their lives. For some it will be medically serious and/or psychologically traumatising. The phenomenon can affect people in all walks of life. So how many male actors, TV stars, musicians, sports heroes and other celebrities must have written their memoirs and opened the windows on their lives, yet kept a few bruised truths from their ghost writer's ear?'

The growing trend in Section V

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'Title IX requires girls to have the same opportunities to compete in sports as boys, but what about allowing boys to compete on girls' teams. It's a growing trend in Section V, especially in volleyball.

One local athlete loves the sport of volleyball, but when budget cuts stopped him from being able to play on the boys' team at school; he tried out for the girls' team.

Ben Ellingham, Pittsford Mendon senior, said, "I've never really been a football or soccer player I tried it but it wasn't my love, I tried volleyball and something just clicked for me."

Mendon senior Ben Ellingham certainly stands out on the volleyball court.

Ellingham said, "The first year, I was out of my comfort zone, but I got used to it."'

How Marriage Changed My View of Men

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'Some even attempt to formalize theories supporting this claim about men's lacking morality. Feminist Carol Gilligan, for example, is well known for arguing in her influential book In a Different Voice that women deal differently with moral dilemmas than men. Women, she claims, are more caring, less competitive, less abstract, and more sensitive than men in making moral decisions. Because they speak in this “different voice,” their culture of nurturing, caring, and peaceful accommodation could cure the world governed by hyper-competitive males and their habits of abstract, less interpersonal moral reasoning.

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Not according to Lawrence Walker of the University of British Columbia. Walker has reviewed 80 studies on gender difference in solving moral dilemmas and determines that “[s]ex differences in moral reasoning in late adolescence and youth are rare.” Additionally, three researchers at Oberlin College attempted to test Gilligan’s hypothesis, administering a moral reasoning test to one hundred male and female students. Their conclusion: “There were no reliable sex differences [. . .] in the directions predicted by Gilligan.” Other findings by Wendy Wood, a specialist in women’s psychology at Texas A&M, and William Damon (Brown University) and Anne Colby (Radcliffe College) further undermine these negative stereotypes.'

UK: Woman seeking to cease husbands' sperm donation rights

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'A British woman is campaigning for the legal right to veto her husband's choice to donate sperm, it has emerged.

The unidentified complainant says her partner volunteered samples of his semen to a registered clinic after becoming stressed by the birth of their child, reported MailOnline.

Disgruntled, the mother-of-one from Surrey has contacted the Human Fertilisation And Embryology Authority, arguing that women across the UK should be able to deny their spouse's free will on the matter - because sperm is a 'marital asset'.

She's wrong.

As a men's rights activist and someone whose mother was a counsellor in Liverpool's British Pregnancy Advisory Service, where I spent considerable time as a boy, I value the importance of choice massively. But it cuts both ways.

The old maxim of 'my body, my choice' is one that applies to both genders, not just women.'

'Plastic women, cardboard men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I know a fiftysomething woman who went back to school last year. She needed a credential in order to get steady work, so she invested eight months and several thousand dollars to qualify as a personal care assistant. She cleaned toilets to help pay the tuition. The pay is low, but she'll always be in demand. Her former husband (he's the same age), meanwhile, has more or less dropped out of the economy. History seems to be repeating itself with their kids. Their focused daughter is a top university student with an eye on a good career. Their son dropped out of university in his first semester. Since then, he's had a string of low-paying jobs. He has no plan.

Men of all ages are dropping out these days. Another friend, a woman in her 40s, has a soon-to-be-ex-husband who drove them into bankruptcy. He lost his job and can't find more work and is about to move back in with his mother. My friend, who stayed home to raise their four kids, is now working double shifts to put herself through nursing school. In between work and school, she shops for food, feeds the kids and drives them to their lessons. The last time I saw her, she fell asleep sitting up.

As for thirtysomething women, many of them are building impressive careers while their men just coast along. They pay the mortgage, and the guys pay the utilities. Nothing wrong with that, if only the guys would pitch in more on the home front. But a lot of the guys turn out to be incredibly passive – like oversized knick-knacks parked in front of the TV.

The patriarchy is dead. The new world order is a matriarchy. And the guys can't figure out where they fit in. As one university-educated urban male told writer Hanna Rosin, "All the things we need to be good at to thrive in the world we imagine existing 10 or 20 or even 50 years from now are things that my female friends and competitors are better at than me. Than us."
...
I've no idea how the new world order will play out. Ms. Rosin thinks more men will eventually catch on and find their places in it. Meantime, there's one scene I can't get out of my mind. It's a village in the hills of Thailand that my husband and I visited a few years ago. The women did all the work – the child rearing, the farming, the cooking, the wood and water gathering, the long trek to town to sell their vegetables. The men sat around discussing politics and smoking opium. They didn't seem terribly miserable; I guess they'd gotten used to it.'

Are women better leaders than men?

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'OREM -- Are women better leaders than men?

That was the question posed at Friday's Utah Valley Women's Business Conference and according to research presented at that same conference, the answer is yes.

Keynote speaker Bob Sherwin, CEO of Zenger Folkman, presented research his company published in the March edition of the Harvard Business Review.

The data comes from thousands of surveys that rate leaders in 16 different traits thought to be important to leadership, including taking initiative, driving results, developing strategic perspectives, developing others and establishing goals.

The research shows that when evaluated by their superiors, peers, subordinates and themselves, women in leadership positions score better than men in 12 of the 16 categories.'

Grading Obama's First Term for Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The goal of this article is to evaluate how women and women's issues have fared during President's Obama's first term. We'll examine the entire four years in order to gauge progress and unresolved shortcomings.

Those of you who have followed my writings here and at the Daily Beast, know I was an early critic of Obama on women's issues. To his credit, I have watched Obama evolve since then. To wit, his recent appointment of Debbie Wasserman Schultz to DNC Chair, after he irked women's group early in his term by selecting anti-choice Tim Kaine. Whether Obama's evolution is personal growth or politically motivated, I will leave to you, the reader, to decide.

I need to lay out two disclaimers. First, Obama is not directly accountable for all metrics. For example, as relates to jobs, he cannot direct gender hiring preferences in the private sector (although, he can lead by example). Second, this article does not examine whether the GOP offers a better alternative in areas of weakness. For example, while Obama's efforts on the Paycheck Fairness Act may be disappointing, the GOP is patently against legislative equal pay, period. Let's begin.'

Tammy "Sunny" Sytch: “Lesson to men: Cheat on a good woman, You get choked out”

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Article here.

'As previously reported, WWE Hall of Famer Tammy "Sunny" Sytch was arrested in Connecticut on three separate occasions over the last week on domestic violence complaints. WWE also released an official statement on the matter, stating that while she has not been under contract with them since 1998, they have paid for three separate rehabilitation stints for her and will continue to provide assistance should she choose to take advantage of it.

The Associated Press has also picked up on the story and notes that Branford, Connecticut police confirm that Sytch was arrested on three separate occasions on charges that included disorderly conduct and violating a protective order.

Sytch herself took to her official Facebook page Friday night by posting the following in response to her recent arrests:

“Lesson to men: Cheat on a good woman, You get choked out.”

UK: Jilted woman falsely accused her ex-lover of rape after he refused to rekindle their affair

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A jilted lonely heart who tried to frame her ex-lover for rape after he refused to rekindle their affair has been jailed.

Janet Higginbottom, 36, got drunk and dialled 999 at 2am falsely claiming she had been stalked and then raped in the street after being followed home.

Manchester Crown Court heard how Higginbottom of Broadbottom, Hyde, then identified her ex as the culprit, wrongly claiming he had fled in a car after the incident even though he was at home all the time.

Higginbottom's unnamed former boyfriend was later arrested in a 4am raid in front of his current girlfriend and held for 11 hours.'

Report Shows Females Lead in College Plans, Enrollment and Degrees

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new report by the federal government shows high school girls outpacing boys when it comes to planning for college, enrolling, and completing a degree. Yet boys are doing better on Advanced Placement exams and college-entrance tests.

Looking at education trends by gender and across racial/ethnic groups, the National Center for Education Statistics' Higher Education: Gaps in Access and Persistence Study reports among the freshman class that began in 2008-09, a lower percentage of males (71.8 percent) than females (78.9 percent) graduated with a regular high school diploma.

The NCES asked 9th graders to indicate the highest level of education they expected to achieve. Fifty-nine percent of the girls expected to complete a bachelor's or graduate/professional degree compared to 53 percent of boys. This pattern held for white males and females (56 percent vs. 63 percent) and black males and females (54 percent vs. 61 percent), according to researchers.'

'Women Get Free Preventive Care, Men Get To Go Pee Up A Rope'

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'Women Get Free Preventive Care, Men Get To Go Pee Up A Rope
Robert Franklin posts at Fathers & Families:

The Affordable Care Act mandates well woman exams, including a variety of preventive screenings, for all women completely free of charge, no deductibles, no co-pays. But it does nothing of the kind for men. Whatever we may think we need in the way of preventive care, we pay for; the ACA leaves us on our own. When it comes to preventive care, the ACA rations our preventive care according to our ability to pay, but requires providers to screen women at no cost.

That struck me and the other signers of the petition as (a) sexist and (b) bad policy. After all, doesn't effective preventive care for men save the healthcare system money in the long term the same as it does for women? Of course it does, so, since the ACA is so much about keeping costs down that it's part of the law's name, why not go all in? Why not include men's preventive care along with women's? And that of course is in addition to the fact that, as a matter of morality, fairness and justice, men and women should receive equal treatment by public policy. Men contribute far more to tax revenues than do women, so why does the ACA short men?'

F&F: Pennsylvania and Mississippi Update Child Support Guidelines

Matt · 16 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Articles here. Excerpts:

'The Pennsylvania Supreme Court Domestic Relations Rules Committee has reviewed and proposed updates to the child support guidelines, which will go into effect later this year. The Committee, as required by federal law, reviews the child support guidelines at least every four years in order to assure that they appropriately reflect current economic data on the costs of raising children.

The Committee's Recommendation 116 was guided by Jane Venohr's economic study. Jane Venohr, Ph.D, is a research associate with the Center for Policy Research. She is regarded as the nation's leading expert on child support guidelines, having worked with over 25 states to develop and update guidelines.'

and

'Significant amendments to the Mississippi child support guidelines went into effect May 22, 2012. The amendments were to MCA 43-19-103, which sets out the bases that the court may use to deviate from the statutory child support calculation guidelines.

The most significant change is that the payments by the noncustodial parent for child care expenses may be a factor in determining child support payments when the child care is needed in order for the custodial parent to seek or retain employment, or because of the disability of the noncustodial parent.'

S. 3475: Women and Minorities in STEM Booster Act

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Bill here. Excerpt:

'To increase the participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and industry.
...
(e) Authorized Activities- An eligible entity that receives a grant under this section shall use such grant funds to carry out the following activities designed to increase the participation of women and underrepresented minorities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics:

(1) Online workshops.

(2) Mentoring programs that partner science, technology, engineering, or mathematics professionals with students.

(3) Internships for undergraduate and graduate students in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

(4) Conducting outreach programs that provide elementary school and secondary school students with opportunities to increase their exposure to the fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

(5) Such additional programs as the Director of the National Science Foundation may determine.

(f) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2013, 2014, and 2015.'

Future will see costs of gender gap in higher education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Call me biased, but the data does seem to suggest women are smarter than men. Or, at least, they aspire to go to college more and are more likely to graduate with degrees than men are.
...
The problem with the gender imbalance in higher education isn't that more women are enrolling in higher education. The problem is that men aren't keeping pace.

While a stabilized gender gap that swings in favor of women doesn't seem like such a bad thing, men need degrees just as much as women do.

More education pays off more, literally. A study by Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce shows workers with at least some post-secondary education fared better through the recession than those without any.

A generation of undereducated men will contribute less to the economy, and leave future generations with fewer role models in education to look to.

If men fail to catch up and the gender disparity grows wider, you don't need to go to college to see the implications.'

Tim Landis: Habitat planning women-only build

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Article here. Excerpt:

'HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SANGAMON COUNTY is planning a first next month — for women only.

Executive director Sarah Mackey said women-only build days have proved popular with Habitat for Humanity chapters elsewhere in the country. She said the first such workday here will involve exterior repairs to a home. The date has not yet been scheduled.

...

Mackey said women volunteers are sometimes uncomfortable, at least at first, when working on traditional projects combining men and women.

“It can be intimidating for women who are not familiar with construction tools or terms or processes,” said Mackey. “The women-build provides a safe environment where women can come together, and learn together, and try new things.”'

Women, get used to marrying down

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For much of history, the mark of an enviable woman has been her ability to secure a superior match, through her beauty, cleverness or artful deception. After the civil rights era, that expectation mellowed into something called "homogamy," meaning women marrying men of equal money and education. But that happy place of equilibrium seems to be fading as well. Instead, women have started doing something demographers thought they would never see: They are marrying down, not just in the United States, but all over the world, a phenomenon closely tracked by Spanish demographer Albert Esteve.

Women are largely doing this out of necessity. In every continent except Africa, women are more likely to have a college degree than the men around them. This means that in their late 20s and 30s, when most people get married, women's earning prospects are brighter. So they have no choice but to marry someone who in a Jane Austen novel would have been declared an unsuitable match.

About 40 percent of wives in the United States now out-earn their husbands, and researcher Liza Mundy predicts they will be the majority in a generation. It's already happening with education: According to Mr. Esteve, the majority of women in France, Hungary, Israel, Portugal, Brazil, Belarus, Mongolia and Colombia -- to name a few -- now marry men with less schooling than they have.'

H.R. 6303: Global Science Program for Security, Competitiveness, and Diplomacy Act of 2012

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Bill here. Excerpt:

'(8) Engaging women in the scientific enterprise is beneficial to the well-being of women and girls, as well as to global stability and prosperity. Improving access to education and science opportunities for women and girls advances their economic viability, along with that of their families and broader communities. Moreover, the scientific field thrives on exchanges of a broad range of ideas. Including female voices, and those of all minorities, in scientific dialogue leads to more significant discoveries and creative solutions to local and global challenges.'

Texas: Law narrows paternity test window

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If the deadbeat dad phenomenon is a national disgrace, paternity fraud is its oily underbelly.

Attorney Dennis Fuller has spent the past year trying to remedy the fraud that wreaks much the same emotional and financial havoc as the more common failure to pay legitimate support to a son or daughter.

His 12-month mission narrows greatly on Sept. 1, when a legal window closes for men who have long known the child they support is not theirs.

“There’s a remedy for a short period of time,” Fuller said this past week. “If you take the statistics the blood banks give us, and the researchers give us, there should be 128,000 guys in Texas that are paying child support for children who are not theirs.”'

Australia: Mother admits killing son with methadone

Minuteman · 17 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'An Adelaide woman has admitted killing her five-year-old son by putting methadone in his cordial.

Lisa Anne Collard, 45, pleaded guilty in the South Australian Supreme Court on Monday to the manslaughter of her son Christopher on June 7 last year at their Modbury Heights home.
...
A court has previously heard Collard was trying to treat her son's cold when she put the methadone in a bottle of green cordial.'

Saudi shuts 'male-staffed lingerie shops'

Matt · 17 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Some guys just lost their jobs because they're male-- in a "male-dominated society", no less. Story here. Excerpt:

'AFP - The labour ministry has ordered the closure of around 100 lingerie shops in the Saudi capital for having men on their sales staff, a newspaper said on Sunday.

Al-Eqtisadiah quoted a ministry official as saying all shops which violate a decree on the "feminisation and nationalisation of jobs" would be shut down. The measure aims to "provide a safe environment for working women," he said.

The ministry at the start of the year banned male assistants from working at lingerie shops, as a first step to be followed by women-only sales assistants at cosmetics outlets.'

IA: Tell the American Academy of Pediatrics: Shame on You!

Matt · 17 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Action item here. Excerpt:

'The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has just released a new Technical Report by its Task Force on Circumcision, claiming that the “benefits” of routine infant circumcision outweigh the risks. Hard to see how they might draw such a conclusion, because they acknowledge—over and over in the Report—that no good studies have been done on those risks! And the Report IGNORES the growing accounts in medical literature, in the mainstream press and on the internet, of botched circumcisions, sexual dysfunction, psychological impact, and—in at least 100 instances a year—death.

Shame on the American Academy of Pediatrics! This group, which describes itself as “dedicated to the health and wellbeing of infants, children, adolescents and young adults,” has put its own interests before those of its members and their patients, and has turned a blind eye to global trends and hard evidence proving that infant circumcision is medically unnecessary, unethical, and causes serious harm. There’s more—the AAP is asking all insurers and government health care programs to step up and pay doctors for mutilating our sons! How is THAT for self-interest?'

Some American Jews Think That Child Circumcision Should Be Against the Law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A growing number of Jews are in favor of banning child circumcision. These Jews recognize a minor's right to their own body, a right that supersedes the rights of a parent to harm the body of a child in the name of religion.
...
What follows is a collection of statements from Jews who question the ethics and legality of forced under-age circumcision. Jewish Americans Support Outlawing Child Circumcision

"I am a Jewish mother against circumcision and in support of passing Bill 1777. For years I was a certified childbirth educator and now a journalist and filmmaker. I continue to educate people that childbirth is a natural event rather than one filled with unnecessary drugs and other medical intervention, and circumcision is an unnatural event. These are two clear-cut examples of interfering with nature."

- Katherine Mora, Jewish Mother , Testimony before the Massachusetts Joint Committee on the Judiciary'

For S. Korean men, makeup a foundation for success

Matt · 17 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. "Male-dominated country", indeed! If it's so "male-dominated", how come men and not women are forced to serve in the armed forces? Excerpt:

'SEOUL, South Korea -- Cho Won-hyuk stands in front of his bedroom mirror and spreads dollops of yellow-brown makeup over his forehead, nose, chin and cheeks until his skin is flawless. Then he goes to work with a black pencil, highlighting his eyebrows until they're thicker, bolder.
...
...This socially conservative, male-dominated country, with a mandatory two-year military conscription for men, has become the male makeup capital of the world....
...
Kim Jong-hoon, a 27-year-old tech industry worker in Paju, said the endless media exposure to famous men with perfect skin helped steer his progression from soap and water to an elaborate regime that includes as many as eight steps, from cleanser to eye cream and lotion to a small amount of makeup powder.'

Title IX Hurt Men’s Sports at Olympics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminist-imposed gender quotas hurt us at the Olympics in events which our Nation once dominated. The systematic elimination of certain men’s sports from colleges has weakened our competitiveness. We won only four medals in all of men’s wrestling, less than half the total won by Iran, and only a fraction of the medals won by Russia in this masculine sport. Wrestling is an immensely popular and valuable sport; it’s inexpensive and safer than other sports. Wrestling develops discipline in boys. Many high-achievers, such as Donald Rumsfeld and pro-life attorney Phill Kline, developed their toughness as wrestlers.

But although tens of thousands of high schools have thriving wrestling programs for boys, at the college level Title IX gender quotas have cancelled wrestling at all but a fraction of colleges. Many hundreds of successful college men’s wrestling programs have been eliminated, not for financial reasons, but due to Title IX gender quotas. These quotas typically require that the percentage of men and women in intercollegiate sports at a college equal the percentage of men and women enrolled as students, even though many colleges have become 60% women and only 40% men.'

Circumcision as a Weapon Against HIV

Mastodon · 18 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is supporting the wider use of circumcision its propagation and the World Health Organization is being urged to do the same, with critics arguing that any such campaign carries with it the real danger that societies in Africa, where the AIDS prevention efforts are mostly focused, will result in the large scale circumcising of infants who have no choice in the matter.

It should be noted that female circumcision has nothing to do with health. It is nothing more than the practice of female genital mutilation and is a gross insult to womanhood. It stems from male fears of women's sexuality and usually involves cutting out the clitoris, which is enormously painful though milder versions which only involve trimming the labia may have no more effect on ability to be aroused than the male counterpart.'

SAVE: Tell Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, False Accusers Must be Held Accountable

Matt · 19 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

The U.S. Department of Education (DED)'s 2011 sexual assault directive has resulted in a number of false allegations and wrongful convictions. High profile cases involve the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the University of North Dakota, Cornell University, the University of North Carolina, Brown University, Xavier University, Yale University, and the University of Montana.

Learn more at: http://www.accusingu.org/

SAVE believes that holding false accusers accountable will result in a reduction of false allegations. Today, we're asking you to write to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. Tell him, "False Accusers Must be Held Accountable!"

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan: arne.duncan-at-ed.gov

Oh behalf of every male student on campus, thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

"Support System Down" available on DVD

Matt · 19 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Announcement here. Available on Amazon.com here and from their own store here.

'The documentary film Support? System Down is an eye-opening account into divorce and custody issues in America. The shocking documentary exposes the truth of the "divorce industry" and child support system in America while touching on subjects such as Parental Alienation, Shared Parenting and Parenting Plans.'

Father-daughter dances banned in R.I. as 'gender discrimination'

Matt · 19 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Father-daughter dances and mother-son ballgames -- those cherished hallmarks of Americana -- have been banned in a Rhode Island school district after they were targeted by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The ACLU, the self-proclaimed guardian of the nation's liberty, says such events violate the state's gender-discrimination law. The organization challenged their existence following a complaint from a single mom who said her daughter was prevented from attending a father-daughter dance in the Cranston Public Schools district.

The story has created a furor both online as well as in Cranston, a community located south of Providence and considered one of the safest places in America.'

Some Religious Leaders See a Threat as Europe Grows More Secular

Matt · 20 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But the debate over ritual circumcision shows that the tensions extend even further.

Rabbi Goldberg does not seem especially worried. Anyone can file a complaint against anyone else in Germany, and he may never face formal charges. Rabbi Goldberg has not hired a lawyer and declined an offer from one who was willing to handle the case for free.

The more serious threat, in the eyes of Rabbi Goldberg and many Jews, Muslims and Christians in Europe, comes from what they see as an attack by secular society on religious ritual, on faith itself. A seemingly insignificant decision by a lower court in Cologne, against a doctor who circumcised a Muslim boy, has fed a rapidly spreading drive to criminalize a practice that is core to Jewish and Muslim belief.

...
Muslims express similar sentiments. “There are more than a few people who have something against Muslims and Jews, and they are taking advantage of this,” said Aiman A. Mazyek, chairman of the Central Committee of Muslims in Germany. “They can hide behind this discussion. They can say what they always wanted to say.”
...
“In Judaism, the health of the baby is more important than anything,” Rabbi Goldberg said. The harm, he added, would come if the baby was not circumcised. “A man who is not circumcised cannot understand the context of the Bible,” he said. “It is very, very important.”'

Australia: Woman jailed for torturing bed-wetting boy

Minuteman · 20 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A woman who tortured a six-year-old boy with lit matches and heated knives as punishment for wetting the bed has been sentenced to four years behind bars.

Mango Ahmed Adan, 22, also tied the child up and locked him inside a small garden shed, the Brisbane District Court heard on Thursday.

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The court heard Adan put tape over the boy's mouth, held him down over some steps in her yard and asked his sister to hold a heated knife against his face; which she did.

Adan then took a heated knife and put it against his back.

On a separate occasion, Adan held lit matches to the boy's legs, the court heard.

...

Defence lawyer Debra Wardle told the court Adan, who grew up in Somalia, had been subject to similar forms of punishment from her grandmother.

"I'm told that she has scarring to her chest and belly area and back from knives," Ms Wardle said.'

New resource will try to help close state's college gender gap

Mastodon · 20 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'SALT LAKE CITY — Education officials want to close the gap between male and female college degree earners in Utah and are hoping the Utah Women and Education Initiative and its newly launched website will provide a path to achievement.

The initiative's director, Mary Ann Holladay, said this step is a continuation of a task force convened by Gov. Gary Herbert in 2011, which looked at the barriers women encounter in pursuing college degrees.

Utah has the worst gender gap in the country for post-secondary degree earners, and officials say closing that gap is key to achieving Herbert's Prosperity 2020 goal of 66 percent of Utah's workforce holding a post-secondary degree or certification by the year 2020.'

F&F: Child Support Guidelines Make Fathers ATM

Matt · 21 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The formula for the Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines is excessive and flawed. I am a divorced mother of two daughters who mediated my child support with my ex-husband. We did it so that we had EQUAL income in order that we could provide EQUAL homes for our children. Why? Because it was the right and moral thing to do.

Massachusetts hides behind the premise that these guidelines are in the best interest of the children. The application of these guidelines does NOT follow its own principles, the main one being # 2 “to encourage joint parental responsibility for child support”. There’s nothing “joint” about these guidelines. If we had gone through the Child Support Guidelines, my children’s father would not have been able to provide a comfortable home for his children when they were with him and little money to entertain them. There is no way that my ex-husband and myself spend 30% of our income to support our children each year and my kids live pretty well.'

MN woman accused of making nephew ride in trunk to protect her Lexus' seats

Mastodon · 21 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'We all know that water and leather don't mix, but we also know (or at least we should) that kids in trunks don't mix, either. A woman in Minnesota is in hot water after allegedly making her 11-year-old nephew ride home in the trunk of her Lexus after riding a water ride at a local amusement park.

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The boy's grandmother, 14-year-old sister and another child passenger were also in the vehicle, and while the grandmother was "uneasy" about him riding in the trunk, she didn't want to question the aunt's decision.

According to reports, McCarty was charged with gross-misdemeanor child endangerment, and, if convicted, could face up to a year in prison and as much as $3,000 in fines.'

Judge issues light sentence for female embezzler becasue she had "childhood issues"

Minuteman · 22 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Between September 2 and October 29 of 2010, Martin stole tens of thousands of dollars from the bank by purposely entering incorrect cheque details into the system.

The 24-year-old then spent the money on a breast enlargement, $2600 worth of dental work, liposuction, jewellery from Tiffany's and nights out where she would spend money on drinks and drugs.
...
When she was arrested, Martin claimed she had earned the thousands of dollars by working as an escort and being "a common prostitute".
...

Recorder Jeremy Wright jailed Martin for 52 weeks, taking into consideration she has been suffering "issues" since she was 11.

"Your activity has been aggravated, to some extent, by the fact that suspicion would automatically be thrown on others, even if no other investigation took place," he said.

"You are not [your son's] sole carer, you leave him in the care of your parents whenever you like. Considering the seriousness of the crime... it seems to me a mockery if I didn't send you to prison right away."'

Israel: Feminist NGOs say drilling female-named gas fields demeans women

Mastodon · 23 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"We regret that the people who picked the names 'Myra' and 'Sarah' imagined in their minds women when they thought of land for drilling. I am sorry to have to surprise you, but our names and our bodies are not for drilling, and the giving of such nicknames strengthens the perception of women as objects for penetration and drilling," said a group of women's organizations.
...
The organizations added, "The groups picking the names should immediately stop thinking about using women's names for drilling, and realize that, consciously or not, they are lending a hand to the kind of dialogue that objectifies and demeans women. We regret that the people engaged in critical issues like drilling for natural gas, we are forced to deal with hidden chauvinistic messages in these issues."

The women's organizations have apparently forgotten that the oil and gas exploratory licenses were often named for women family members of the geologists responsible for mapping the licenses. For example, the Tamar discovery is named for the granddaughter of geologist Yossi Langotski, and Myra and Sarah were named for the daughters of Petromed Corporation geologist David Peace.'

Women's Center of Southeasern Connecticut Reaches Out To Male Victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What's in a name? When it comes to a man seeking help from a sexual assault or domestic abuse, it can mean everything.

The Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut presented its new name, Safe Futures, to more than 60 people at an event at the Mystic Hilton Thursday night.

Last year, 26 percent of the people served by the newly renamed Safe Futures were men and boys, said Catherine Zeiner, executive director of the organization. It was less than 9 percent in 1998.

"Just imagine being a male victim of sexual assault or domestic violence and trying to get over this stigma to ask for help and finding out the only place to get help is a place called the Women's Center."'

Welsh men speak of the domestic abuse they suffered for new S4C show

Mastodon · 23 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'MALE domestic abuse victims who have suffered harrowing violence at the hands of their girlfriends tell their stories in a new S4C documentary this week.

O'r Galon: Cariad sy'n Curo features two men who break their silence to describe how their partners became angry and abusive, even cutting them with knives.

According to police figures, the number of female perpetrators in Wales and England has increased from 800 in 2004-05 to more than 4,000 in 2010-11.

The problem is more widespread than people realise – and the programme, screened next Wednesday, asks if there is enough support available for the victims.'

UK: Modern men expect women to go Dutch on dates now there's equality in the workplace

Mastodon · 23 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It seems that chivalry is dead thanks to growing financial pressures and greater equality at work as men are becoming increasingly unwilling to cover the cost of a first date.

The latest survey revealed that most men would now ask for a contribution from a female partner on a first date with the vast majority (51 per cent) happier to go Dutch and split the bill.

The true gentlemen out there are numbered - with just under one third of those polled saying they would still pay for a first meeting.

The remaining one in five said they would be happy to pay for parts of the night, such as a round of drinks, but would not be willing to cover the whole evening.

Shockingly a penny-grabbing five per cent of those quizzed said they would be happy to reverse roles and allow their female companion to fund their evening.

Increasing financial pressures was cited as the number one reason behind the decision however many of those polled stated that they felt it was unfair, or even a little embarrassing to pay for the date.'

Two female teachers from the same school district charged with having sex with students on same day

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two female teachers from the same school district have been arrested on the same day for having sex with teenage students.

Kristy Risell, 31, and Jean Kleckner, 47, were Berks County teachers when the alleged sexual relations took place.

English teacher Kristy Risel, 31, who worked at Daniel Boone Area High School, is accused of having sex with a 15-year-old boy between January and April this year.
...
Kleckner first abused the girl in 2008, after giving her alcohol on a camping trip and continued to abuse her on a regular basis into 2009, mostly in Kleckner's home, detectives said.

Police say the 47-year-old also became a field hockey coach this year.

Kleckner and Risell are the fourth and fifth Berks educators to be charged with sexually abusing students in the past year, Chief County Detective Michael J. Gombar said.'

Loss of 'breadwinner' role driving rise in suicide among middle aged men, Samaritans suggest

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Article here. Excerpt:

Family breakdown, improved rights for women and the collapse of traditional male-dominated industries have combined to create a crisis of “masculine identity”, a panel of psychologists, economists and social scientists concluded.

Together with male traits such as an unwillingness to talk about personal problems and heavier use of drink and drugs, it means they are now at far greater risk of suicidal tendencies than anyone else, the study commissioned by the Samaritans found.

Men aged between 35 and 55 are more than four times as likely to take their own lives as women of the same age, and more than twice as likely as younger men, according to official figures.

And middle aged men from poor areas are up to 10 times more likely to commit suicide than other groups of people.

The report argues that the pressure to live up to a “gold standard” of masculinity – involving providing for the family – can turn personal troubles such as losing a job into a crisis in a way that it might not for women.'

German upper house seeks women quota in boardrooms

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Article here.

'BERLIN — The German Parliament's upper house is calling for a mandatory quota for women on companies' supervisory boards.

The house, which represents Germany's 16 states, voted Friday for a motion that would require large companies to have at least 20 percent of women on their supervisory boards - the equivalent of a U.S. board of directors - starting in 2018, and 40 percent five years later, German news agency dapd reported.

The motion now goes to Parliament's lower house, which Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right coalition controls. The coalition is divided on the issue and it's unclear whether a quota could secure a majority there.

The quota was proposed in the upper house by center-left state governments. Two states led by Merkel's conservative party joined ranks with them on Friday.'

The Inquisition Comes to College Campuses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Veteran Hamilton County, Ohio prosecutor Joe Deters called the process “fundamentally unfair” and “seriously flawed,” and he was right. What he didn’t say was that the process is also the law of the land.

The process Deters was talking about was the one used to expel budding basketball star Dezmine Wells from Xavier University. A young woman had leveled sexual abuse allegations at Wells and, as night follows day, he was “convicted” by a panel of students, faculty and administrators, and expelled from school. Dez Wells had no prior offenses of any kind on his record, but, apparently based on her word against his, he has now been forever branded with a scarlet ‘A’ for ‘abuser.’ The university denied Wells the right to an attorney to assist the 19-year-old in defending himself.

...

In addition, colleges and universities are required by federal regulations under Title IX to try claims of sexual misconduct under the lowest standard of evidence in the legal system – preponderance of evidence. That means if a jury or other fact-finder concludes that there is the slightest bit more evidence supporting the complaint than not, then the accused must be found guilty and punished. That’s what happened to Dez Wells. Often, a woman’s tears fall heavily on the scales of justice.'

Deters: No charges against former Xavier player Dez Wells

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Story here. Excerpt:

'One week after Xavier expelled sophomore Dez Wells for “a serious violation of the Code of Student Conduct,” Hamilton County prosecutor Joe Deters said no criminal charges would be filed against the basketball player.

A Hamilton County grand jury declined Tuesday to indict Wells on a charge of sexual assault.

Deters assigned senior assistant prosecutors to the case to review evidence and make a presentation to the grand jury, which they did Monday.
...
A Xavier University Conduct board made up of faculty, students and administrators determined that Wells was responsible for a serious violation of the code of conduct. The punishment for the violation, the school said in an Aug. 21 statement, is expulsion from the university.'

Parental Alienation Not A Mental Disorder, American Psychiatric Association Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK -- Rebuffing an intensive lobbying campaign, a task force of the American Psychiatric Association has decided not to list the disputed concept of parental alienation in the updated edition of its catalog of mental disorders.

The term conveys how a child's relationship with one estranged parent can be poisoned by the other parent, and there's broad agreement that it sometimes occurs in the context of divorces and child-custody disputes.
...
"The bottom line – it is not a disorder within one individual," said Dr. Darrel Regier, vice chair of the task force drafting the manual. "It's a relationship problem – parent-child or parent-parent. Relationship problems per se are not mental disorders."
...
Among those on the other side of the debate, which has flared since the 1980s, are feminists and advocates for battered women who consider "parental alienation syndrome" to be an unproven and potentially dangerous concept useful to men trying to deflect attention from their abusive behavior.'

More Americans now commit suicide than are killed in car crashes as miserable economy takes its toll

Matt · 24 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

It takes a non-US news source to report this, too. And as already reported, we can be pretty sure the rise is attributable to male suicide. If it were females committing suicide more like this, you can be certain it'd be front-page news in the US MSM. Excerpt:

"Suicide is the cause of more deaths than car crashes, according to an alarming new study.

The number of people who commit suicide in the U.S. has drastically increased while deaths from car accidents have dropped, making suicide the leading cause of injury death.

Suicides via falls or poisoning have risen significantly and experts fear that there could be many more unaccounted for, particularly in cases of overdose.

'Suicides are terribly under-counted,' said Ian Rockett, author of the study, published on Thursday in the American Journal of Public Health.

'I think the problem is much worse than official data would lead us to believe. We have a situation that has gotten out of hand.'"

Equality and empathy may curb domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MYTH: Domestic violence is not a serious problem in the U.S. or in Georgia.

FACT: Battering is the single largest cause of injury to women in the United States. It tops mugging, automobile accidents and rape, combined (NCADV 2003). In 2009, Georgia was rated the 10th highest state in the nation for the rate at which men kill women. In 2010, Georgia residents mourned at least 130 domestic violence related deaths.'

AVFM Has a Forum

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AVFM has put up a forum for the use of the MRM community; sign up and support them!

Study: Castration Adds Years to Men's Lives

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PROBLEM: It's suspected that there is a biological trade-off between reproduction and longevity, the theory being that our mechanisms of repairing damaged genetic material are limited and thus relegated to the most evolutionarily advantageous repair work. Propagating our genes, it would follow, trumps living to see/attempting to control the lives of proceeding generations. The male sex hormone is implicated in this theory, and taking into account that fact that women tend to live significantly longer than men, may be responsible for limiting men's lifespan.'

Education Nation: Rural Arkansas Town Rethinks High School

Matt · 25 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Notice everyone is doing better, and the article mentions that men in particular respond to it. I only wish that I had gone to a high school like this one! Excerpt:

'Mountain Home Career Academies High School has taken a big gamble over the last decade. It transformed itself from a traditional high school into one consisting of three academies--engineering, communications, and healthcare. Unlike many high schools which have career mentoring programs tucked inside a regular curriculum, Mountain Home is "wall to wall" academies. Each of its 875 students were tested as freshmen, and based on their learning styles, skills, and interests, the students have chosen which academy to join.
...
Thomas McLees is a senior who moved here from Montana, where he attended a traditional high school. After some thought, he chose Mountain Home's engineering academy. "I knew I was more 'hands on' because all my life I had been taking apart computers, toasters, my mom got really made at me for that." He comes from a long line of military veterans. "I want to make military body armor and medical stuff."

Do career academies better prepare students for life after high school? Social policy research group MDRC looked at results from nine academies in or near large urban school districts and found that graduates earned, on average, 11 percent more over eight years compared to non-academy peers. The effect was concentrated among men. Nearly all academy students--95 percent--graduated or completed their GEDs.'

Violence: It's men's fault

charlie · 26 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

A new "documentary" film is being premiered by Twin Cities Public Television this week. Given the fact that the promoter is a member of the Minnesota domestic violence network, the content will likely be long on political content and short on facts. Hopefully, true social scientists will view it and debunk it before it gets wider distribution. The promoter, Minnesota State legislator Michael Paymar, is well known for his efforts in characterizing fathers as being violent and preventing them from having custody following divorce or separation. Link here. Excerpt:

'Join tpt at a pre-broadcast screening of a new film that explores cultural and historic beliefs about manhood that allow men to exploit and hurt women – with impunity.

With Impunity: Men & Gender Violence engages the thinking of leading historians, sociologists and practitioners to examine our past, cultural realities and options for ending gender-based violence. This program is a tpt MN co-production with Education for Critical Thinking.

A free community preview screening will be held this Thursday at 7 p.m. at William Mitchell College of Law, 875 Summit Avenue in St. Paul.

The event will be hosted by Eric Janus, President and Dean of William Mitchell College of Law and the discussion of the film will feature With Impunity developer Michael Paymar and producer Daniel Pierce Bergin. The event is free and open to the public; no reservations necessary.'

Prep Volleyball: Boys hope to get their spot on the court

Mastodon · 26 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ROCKTON — Matt DePauw is one of the best in his sport in the area, and he's in the middle of his senior year.

But instead of being out on the court, DePauw spends all his time on the bench, watching.

"It's been hard for him, because there aren't a lot of opportunities around for boys who want to play volleyball," Lori DePauw, his mom, says.

Matt is the manager for Hononegah's varsity girls volleyball team. A club player for four years with Club Fusion in Marengo, he is one of the a few boys volleyball players in the area who was never given the opportunity to play for his school.'

New Zealand: All men have gone on strike

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now that all the naughty ladies have control of the earth, men are staging a revolt. They're doing this by not going to university, not marrying, and working in low-paid jobs. Some of them are refusing to work at all, in protest against the government's secret plan to give ALL the tax dollars to women.

That's the thesis of Male Strike: Society's War on Men, a new book that makes me want to stab my eyes out so I can never be tempted to even peek inside its pages, ever. Its author is men's rights activist and psychologist Dr Helen Smith, who calls this imaginary male revolt "Going Galt". (Inspired by the Ayn Rand novel Atlas Shrugged, in which a character by the name of John Galt leads an industrial strike against exploitation.)

...

But, "what Kay Hymowitz calls the perpetual adolescence of men is just men understanding that the cards are dealt against them," reckons Dr Smith, Chum of Men. Except she's hardly doing men any favours either, painting them as vindictive saps hell bent on self-sabotaging to avenge the world's women. Even if we have rearranged the "system" so Man Dollars fall in our harlot laps, as we swan about in search of ATMS. I mean men. Muhahahaha...'

Dodge: Are women being paid less for the same work?

Mastodon · 26 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I have become increasingly disturbed by the so-called "feminist" arguments made by some regarding the "War on Women." It seems we've reached an age of political discourse where women are receiving the deference of yesteryear, but not the respect of a rigorous examination of their argument — which, if true, would be grievous.

In this piece, I will examine the feminist claim that women are not paid as much as men for equal work.
...
Let's say, for the sake of argument, that there is a discrepancy. These feminists argue that it exists because of sexism without addressing the "equal work" part of the argument. But look at the careers women choose compared to men. They are generally less dangerous, lower-paying, require less travel, are more frequently part-time and more likely to be volunteer work, according to the 2011 White House report "Women in America." Not only is their work "not equal" on average, which closes the alleged gap significantly, but it seems to be a conscious choice.

To hammer home the point, in 2012 the Census Bureau released data demonstrating that single women's pay has outstripped their male counterpart's pay in metropolitan areas of the country. So does sexism only start after women wed? The truth is, when the stork brings little messy, crying incentives to shackle earning potential into women's lives, women have increasingly chosen a balance between work and childcare since the passage of the Equal Pay Act of 1963. Gary Becker even got a Nobel for saying as much.'

Police charge woman with falsifying rape claim, fraud

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ST. GEORGE — After months of investigating an alleged rape that happened on a public trail, St. George Police have charged the alleged victim with fraud and filing a false police report.

St. George Police Capt. Kyle Whitehead said the fraud charge stems from money Rutz obtained from the Utah State Crime Victims Reparation fund. Whitehead said Rutz received more than $25,000 from the fund.

Rutz was booked Tuesday into the Purgatory Correctional Facility on $12,500 bail. She has since posted bail and been released.'

YouTube: Sexual Harassment Hysteria in Lower Education

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Video here.

'One of the most alienating messages that schools send to boys is the idea that they are inherently dangerous and predatory. This is especially true in the area of sexual harassment. After a few decades of one-sided reforms and increasingly punitive reforms to education policy, schools now face fines, investigations, or lawsuits if female students suffer any kind of discomfort which can be defined under the broad umbrella of harassment. Schools are hyper-vigilant toward any kind of misbehavior on the part of boys, to the extent that boys who exhibit quasi-offensive behavior (or behavior that would be inoffensive or non-threatening to most people) are being labeled as predatory - labels they inevitably internalize -- and being punished for it. I'll give numerous examples in this video.'

Part Two is here.

'Bias Persists for Women of Science, a Study Finds'

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Hang onto your lab-coats, STEM educators! You are about to feel the same righteous wrath of feminism that has been inflicted on the liberal arts lo these many years. Hell hath no fury as feminists with some kind of study decrying female victimization paired with the enabling power of The State to come up with new regulations and enforcement units to make damn sure that there are AT LEAST as many women in a given field as men (but not the other way around). Soon college-aged men will be blocked out of classes like they are from sporting opportunities because there aren't enough female students taking Physics in some given year. Don't believe it could get that crazy? Really, you'd doubt that by now? Mark my words. Article here. Excerpt:

'Science professors at American universities widely regard female undergraduates as less competent than male students with the same accomplishments and skills, a new study by researchers at Yale concluded.

As a result, the report found, the professors were less likely to offer the women mentoring or a job. And even if they were willing to offer a job, the salary was lower.

The bias was pervasive, the scientists said, and probably reflected subconscious cultural influences rather than overt or deliberate discrimination.

Female professors were just as biased against women students as their male colleagues, and biology professors just as biased as physics professors — even though more than half of biology majors are women, whereas men far outnumber women in physics.'

Israel: Wave of Arrests of Father's Rights Activists

Mastodon · 27 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Several campaigners for fathers' rights and shared parenting after divorce have been arrested or summoned for questioning in recent days and a Knesset member who sides with the fathers' movement says a "militant feminist crackdown" is under way.

One activist father, Guy Shamir, has been held in jail for 21 days. He was arrested when Haifa Family Court Judge Esperanza Alon's clerk claimed that he used a threatening phrase in a telephone conversation with her. Shamir says he told the clerk: "The judge should mind her own children and I will mind mine." The clerk claimed that he told the judge to "mind her children" in a threatening way.

An attorney who heads the Coalition for Children and Families was questioned and placed under three-day house arrest regarding alleged threatening statements on the internet. His computer was confiscated. The organization recently organized a study day in Tel Aviv's Municipal Library regarding anti-father bias in the Family Courts.'

'Fathers Need Apply'

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Article here.

'The Chicago teachers' union is citing poverty, violence, and homelessness as reasons for student failure, problems they maintain are beyond their ability to solve and are the responsibility of society at large. But here is why the teachers' unions deserve disapproval, despite having some right on their side: They do not cite the main cause of all of these problems, fatherlessness, and the veritable culture of single-mother families in the areas their schools serve.

Why are they unwilling to bring this problem to the attention of society at large and demand action on it? Such a demand might actually do some good coming from the nation's teachers, especially with attention focused on the crisis in Chicago right now. Is it because they do not wish to interfere with the feminist-inspired idea of women's independence from men? The idea that women should be able to do anything and everything without men and that society exists to enable them to do so? If that is the case, then the unions are helping to perpetuate the problems that they see in their schools and are sacrificing the interests of the children to the supposed interests of women according to feminism.'

'Top 3 Must See Domestic Abuse PSA's'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At the Clinton Global initiative conference, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said in her speech on Monday, "Violence can never be justified."

Domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking -- could also be defined as bullying -- are not issues exaggerated in crime dramas on primetime TV in the US. Here's the painful truth: domestic violence is spreading, and destroying the lives of millions and millions of people. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found in a 2011 survey that "these types of violence affect the health of millions of adults." The CDC added, "On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner . . . Over the course of a year, that equals more than 12 million women and men." It should also be kept in mind that these statistics are based upon survivors of abuse who were willing to share their stories. Unfortunately, not everyone is a survivor. Many people remain silent victims, and their stories go untold.'

Matt Gurney: University-run legal aid forgets justice applies to men too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than 40 years ago in Ontario, University of Windsor law students began volunteering their time to assist those in need of legal counsel, if the accused met certain financial criteria. The program continues today, under the banner of Community Legal Aid. Not that those first student defenders would likely recognize their creation in its current, grotesquely prejudiced form.

...But it still gives the students real-life experience handling real-life cases, while providing a service to those in need.

Not all in need, however. Community Legal Aid will no longer take on any domestic abuse cases, it announced in an email, “unless the alleged offender is a woman.” In that case, it will work to find a lawyer who will take the case for free, or failing that, take the case itself. Men are on their own.

This astonishing decision, reported by the Windsor Star, has been swiftly condemned by the local legal defence community. But Community Legal Aid isn’t backing down. Camille Cameron, dean of the law school, told the Windsor Star that the students can’t be expected to take on every case that comes to them, and pointed out that similar programs run at other schools don’t take on domestic abuse cases. “We are talking about a student legal aid clinic at a university. We’re not talking about a private law firm, or even a legal aid office,” she told the paper.'

Relatedly, on YouTube: Windsor Lawyer On Legal Aid
U. of Windsor contact form here.

Men Deserve the Chance to Speak Out on Abortion, Too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's not unusual to hear pro-aborts say that men don't have a right to speak out against abortion. They don't deserve a seat at the table. And now one pro-abortion advocate is going so far as saying that she wants to silence the voices of all men on abortion. According to this writer, who blogs at a website called Abortion Gang, because men can't get pregnant, they shouldn't be allowed to express any opinion on abortion whatsoever.

> I want to silence all the male voices in the abortion discussion.
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> ...The main anti-choice voices for the U.S. are also all men. In fact, the majority of persons in government who are anti-choice, are men. And none of them can get pregnant. The people who are making decisions that affect the lives of women, CAN'T EVEN GET PREGNANT!
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> And so, I want to silence the voices of all men. I am so tired of men giving their opinion about abortion. I am so tired of it that I am willing to sacrifice the voices of all the men who support women. I truly believe that if men were no longer allowed to speak on the topic of abortion, every country would be pro-choice. Anti-choice women get abortions too. Abortion crosses every religious, cultural, and political line. The only line it can't cross is biological sex, and that is where the problem lies.

And she wonders why people equate feminism with misandry.

Most of her argument is factually incorrect – the majority of women are pro-life, after all – but let's just ignore that and focus on the topic at hand. Do men deserve the right to offer an opinion on abortion?

The answer is absolutely, without a doubt, yes.'

"Support?" will be screening at the Free Thinking Film Festival Nov. 1-4, 2012

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Schedule of films here.

"Saturday, November 3, 2012
Room 156
5:00 PM

This American film looks at the everyday issues of stress, family, struggle and suffering that families experience when they are put through the detrimental maneuvers of the family court system. This shocking documentary shows how fathers are forced to pay exorbitant amounts of money for child support and how many fathers lose access to their children."

SAVE: VAWA: Grave Threat to Civil Liberties

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Our nation's system of laws is rooted in the notion that rights are God-given, and these rights cannot be revoked at the whim of government bureaucrats.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), advanced by then-senator Joe Biden in 1994, assumes the opposite: that fundamental protections and guarantees of the Bill of Rights are subject to negotiation and "reinterpretation."

SAVE has just released a report, "An Assault Upon our Civil Rights," which documents how VAWA has rolled back a broad range of civil liberties that most Americans take for granted: Equal protection under law, the presumption of innocence, due process, the right to freedom from undue government interference, and many more.

For 12 fundamental rights, the SAVE report identifies the relevant Constitutional amendments, pertinent Supreme Court rulings, and an estimate how many persons whose rights are removed each year. The SAVE report can be seen here: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/SAVE-Assault-Civil-Rights.pdf

Right now Congress is negotiating over 2 competing versions of the VAWA reauthorization: S. 1925, sponsored by Patrick Leahy (D-VT), and H.R. 4970, sponsored by Rep. Sandy Adams (R-FL). Some believe neither version will be enacted into law this year, which means Congress will have a second bite at the apple in 2013.

Stay tuned as this sentinel Congressional debate continues over the fate of our civil liberties.

Should Chivalry Be Dead?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It didn't sit right with Lawrence E. Adjah that there were a lot of women standing up during their Caltrain commute, so he decided to take a stand. Adjah, a media and entertainment entrepreneur in Palo Alto, decided to make an announcement, asking for seated able-bodied men to give their seats to standing ladies. Passengers complied and Adjah posted a picture of the standing men and seated women to his Facebook page with the caption, "We did it! All the men agreed to stand! There are no women on this Caltrain standing. Small victories family, small victories." Gathering dozens of likes in minutes, the post stood as a testament to chivalry not being entirely dead. However, nice things rarely go rewarded, and a vocal minority of disapproving men, presumably Adjah's friends, voiced their opinion on Adjah's activism, claiming that chivalry should be dead, citing gender equality as the basis for dismissing Adjah's efforts.

While gender equality is an interesting premise for the argument against Adjah's efforts, it became clear from the negativity (and negative depiction of the women who might avail themselves of a seat that could be occupied by a dude's derriere) that the dislike of this was about a deeper hatred of women. Take this comment from one of Adjah's Facebook friends, for example: "That's that stuff that be driving the Female Entitlement Mindset. If you can run from store to store for four hours straight, then you can stand on the damned commuter train for a half hour. Sheeeit." The commenter followed up on the ""beggin' ass, free-ridin', tackheaded broads" Adjah was serving, continuing to say that "those "chicks" who want men to give up seats so that they can sit their lazy, entitled asses down are prime examples of the selfishness... [a]s much as it may surprise you to read, there are some men who actually BELIEVE in the notion of gender equality."'

Uganda: Tororo Women Discourage Men From Circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tororo women are discouraging their husbands from undergoing circumcision, health authorities have disclosed.

Willy Mungoma, the district health educator, said most of the women think their husbands may take long to heal, thereby denying them sex.

"In our routine sensitisation programmes and radio tallkshows, women challenge us to explain how long their husbands would take to heal. This is because they think taking a long time to heal would make them miss sex," he said.

...

He urged parents to support the education of their children, saying this would eliminate early marriages and prevent them from engaging in sex before they are 18.

Participants recommended that health centres start encouraging the distribution of condoms to pupils and students who may need them. This Ministry of Education and Sports banned the distribution of condoms in schools.'

Kenya: Women Urged to Back Circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A task force in Nyanza wants women to encourage their husbands and boyfriends to get circumcised.

The chairman of the task force on male circumcision, Jackson Kioko, told a stakeholders' forum yesterday that women must be incorporated in the programme for better results.

"Now we must reach out to men who have been slow to embrace medical male circumcision despite being aware of its benefits. HIV peaks after 24 years. Therefore, those men at 25 and above are at risk and in need of VMMC services. Reaching out to this age group will require women," said Kioko.

Kioko said women will be key driving forces behind the attainment of the targeted age group since male circumcision involve their health as well. He said the success achieved in circumcising over 500,000 men was due to the influence and role of the women in inspiring men to go for the cut and called on the women to continue with the campaign.'

New Jersey bill allowing purported DV victims to testify remotely by camera advances

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Article here. Excerpt:

'TRENTON — A state Assembly committee approved a bill Thursday that would allow some domestic violence victims to testify remotely on camera, despite questions over whether it's constitutional.

Sandy Clark, executive director of the New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women, said the legislation might encourage some victims to participate in the prosecution of their attackers.

But some lawmakers questioned whether the law would violate the provision in the Constitution allowing suspects to confront their accusers. The Democrat-led panel voted to advance the bill while the constitutional question is researched.'

Male teachers can paddle female students in Texas

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Article here. I do not believe in paddling children but for some reason the outrage only exists towards male teachers paddling female students. Excerpt:

'About 75 percent of the state's school districts use corporal punishment, including Springtown, a town of about 2,700 located about 30 miles northwest of Fort Worth, according to People Opposed to Paddling Students, a group based in Houston. Some of the major districts, including Fort Worth, don't paddle students.

"It is never OK to hit a child. ... Men should not be padding teenage girls, because there is a sexual connotation with teen girls but also with teen boys," said Jimmy Dunne, president of People Opposed to Paddling Students.

State Rep. Alma Allen, D-Houston, thinks schools should never spank children, but her bill to abolish corporal punishment in Texas schools never passed. She said the compromised version of her bill, which did become law, was that parents could opt in.'

Canada: Teacher sex trial: Judge acquits woman of sexually assaulting male student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A judge has acquitted a Toronto teacher of sexually assaulting a former student when he was 15.

Ontario Superior Court Justice John McMahon delivered his verdict Friday.

The complainant “may have been telling the truth” but his evidence was inconsistent, both internally and with some of the facts, McMahon said

“It is unsafe in law to base a conviction on his evidence,” the judge said.

While McMahon found the teacher to be largely credible, he said Gowans showed poor judgment in getting so close to her former pupil, and could not accept that she had no idea he was sexually obsessed with her.'

F&F: Speak Out About Ohio Child Support Guidelines

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The most important things we do for our children are personal: we support them, we feed them, we convey to them our values, and we nurture their development into competent, self-reliant adults. But sometimes there are very important political things we need to do for our children. Now is one of those times.

Federal law requires that states review their child support guidelines every four years. The work of the 2013 Ohio Child Support Guidelines Advisory Council is underway now. The Council is seeking your input. And Fathers and Families of Ohio wants to make sure they receive it.'

Virtual House Arrest Ordered for Minors in East St. Louis

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Story here. So how many girls out after 10:00 or truant during school days or hanging out on street corners do you suppose will get stopped and questioned or arrested by the police? The violence they are dealing with is indeed tragic. But does 4 recent killings warrant threatening calling in the National Guard? For every one murderous young man there are many thousands who are not; is taking away their right to go on about their business in keeping with the right to be presumed innocent? Violence in cities like Detroit and Camden is a serious problem, but are their mayors taking such drastic measures? In essence I see this as basically outlawing the public appearance of under-aged males for the better part of most days. Excerpt:

'EAST ST. LOUIS (KMOX) – Angered by the recent murders of four young people, the mayor announced today that police are going to impose drastic new measurers to keep teens off the streets.

“There is something going on in the community at this point that we’ve got to safeguard them and keep them off the streets,” Mayor Alvin Parks said. “There are people shooting at each other for no reason whatsoever.”

Among the new rules:

**Minors are to be off the streets at ten o’clock on both weeknights and weekend nights.

**Minors on the street during school hours will be arrested on sight.

**Police will also perform I.D. checks on street corners and conduct gun searches, and Parks says he won’t hesitate to call in the National Guard if the spike in violence continues.'

Graduate schools follow trend of 3:4 M:F ratio in higher education

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The title is "Enrollment Drops Again in Graduate Programs" but the real story is this: in grad school programs, 58% of enrollees are female. Yet is anyone saying this is a crisis that requires a Title IX-like attack to fix it like they would if the genders were reversed? No, you can hear a pin drop, the silence is so deafening. Article here. Excerpt:

'Enrollment in college is still climbing, but students are increasingly saying no to graduate school in the United States.

New enrollment in graduate schools fell last year for the second consecutive year, according to a report from the Council of Graduate Schools.
...
Women continued to outnumber men in the nation's postgraduate programs, 58 percent to 42 percent, in the 2011 report.'

That is a 16-point spread. What those numbers mean is that for every 100 women going to grad school, just over 72.4 men are going, for a difference of 27.6 students. That is not insignificant. If those numbers were reversed, do you suppose the government would be silent on the matter? Or indeed any number of other entities?

High-profile basketball player announces retirement to deal with abuse issues

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This kind of item usually doesn't get onto MANN but I felt I had to run it. Article here. This is an example of how much misery a man can sit on, just bluff his way through it, until he can't take it anymore. A lot of senseless tragedies unfold wherein a man just loses it one day and does great harm to himself, or to himself and others. And I am not just talking about violent harm, but things such as chronic substance abuse. Not surprisingly though that a man may end up this way, if he is abused as a child and told at every turn to "deal with it like a man", either explicitly or through the many numerous suggestions and examples all around him. So the take-home message is this: It's more important to get to feeling good about being alive and living life positively than to do yourself the disservice of trying to meet everyone else's expectations of you and forcing yourself to grin your way through it. Excerpt:

'On Thursday, Jessica Camerato of CSNNE.com published a story on Dooling's decision and the life experiences that went into it. It's a brave set of revelations from Dooling, who discusses his history of abuse and his hopes for the future. A small sampling of a must-read piece:
...
Years of repressed emotions came rushing back during this realization. Memories that Dooling had tried to bury were flooding out. "I actually had such a meltdown that I had to get professional help and I ended up in the hospital," said Dooling.

"It just all came to a head. To be honest with you, I blocked a lot of things out of my life. I'm a man who's been abused, sexually, emotionally, mentally. I've been abused in my life, and there's so many guys around the NBA who have been abused and I know it because I've been their therapist. I didn't even have the courage because I blocked it out so much that I couldn't even share that...'

NOW: Fall 2012 – Newsletter of the NOW Family Law Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

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Newsletter here. Excerpt:

'Dear NOW Leaders and Members,

The purpose of the Family Law Committee Newsletter is to provide continuing education about current news and information regarding the ongoing crisis for mothers and children in family
courts. We hope you find the information we share with you of value as you go about your work on behalf of women and their families, and you are encouraged to share it with members of the public.

This Special Report of the NOW Family Law Ad Hoc Advisory Committee focuses on the destructive ability of abusive parents (usually the father) – aided by fathers' advocacy groups or fathers' rights groups – to deny the protective parent (usually the mother) custody of minor children. Discussed in this issue is how abusers deny custody, and the damage it causes to a half million or more children exposed to continuing physical, psychological and sexual abuse.

We agree with the Leadership Council on Child Abuse & Interpersonal Violence, as well as other anti-domestic violence and child welfare organizations that this phenomenon constitutes a national public health crisis. Discussed in this issue is how abusers are using family courts to deny custody to protective parents and the damage this causes to a half million or more children exposed to continuing physical, psychological and sexual abuse.
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"Fathers' Rights" Activism

The following information presents NOW Foundation's views about fathers' rights groups and how their agenda harms the lives of mothers and their children during and after custody disputes. We wish to educate mothers, activists and the public about the adverse impact these groups have on protective mothers and children through their power to mislead and to control.

Background

Groups Differ in Focus - First, a note of clarification: fathers' custody activists or fathers' rights groups focus on divorce, custody and alleged gender discrimination in the courts; as opposed to the men's liberation groups who contend men are victims of gender inequality in general as the women's rights movement has grown. In our view, the term "fathers' rights" is misleading as no legal rights are denied to men because they are men or fathers. Additionally, we question calling the activism of those who promote fathers' custody a "movement." It is essentially a collection of small groups and networks across the U.S. and abroad who communicate primarily through the Internet. Activist numbers are relatively small, but their impact in family court proceedings has become significant and harmful to women.

Backlash Against Social Change - The so-called fathers' rights or men's rights movement began as a backlash against what some fathers perceived as unfair sole custody awards to mothers and the assignment of child support responsibilities to non-custodial dads. Additionally, the expansion of shelters, social services and legal aid for battered women, together with better job opportunities for women, made escape from a violent marriage easier for women, enabling many to obtain a divorce and seek custody of minor children. As with other major societal revolutions, gains made by the feminist movement and women's bid for equality prompted a backlash by men who felt threatened by changing roles.'

Men don heels to raise awareness for sexual assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'One Whistler RCMP sergeant found out what it was like to walk a mile in a woman's shoes when he donned high heels to raise awareness for violence against women, but feminism experts say the event may be counterproductive.

Sgt. Rob Knapton joined 30 other men who marched together in red high heels in Whistler Village on Sept. 23 to raise awareness for sexual assault and domestic violence against women.

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"For us, the connection with 'sexual assault' is already embedded in "high heeled shoes" because they are culturally marked as 'feminine,'" the post said.

But founder of Vancouver-based the F Word: Feminist Media Collective Nicole Deagan said while the intentions of the event are good, associating high heels with sexual assault is a problem.

"While I really appreciate any effort made to bring awareness to violence against women, one of the big problems with associating high heels with sexual assault is it... perpetuates that assault is in any way connected to how women dress."

...

Associate professor for women's studies at Simon Fraser University Elise Chenier said while it may not be the best way to address violence against women, it's successfully draws attention to the issue.

"It seems to me a little bit odd, but the intention is to be playful, and it certainly has been successful getting media attention," she said.'

Skating solutions to boys' education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'They don't tell you about indoor skateparks. They show you the ultrasound, they hand you the wrinkly baby and say, 'a little boy'. What they don't say is, 'you will spend every day of the school holidays at an indoor skatepark.'

My son is eight and rides a blue scooter. He got it for his birthday and for about ten minutes was content to ride it up and down the sidewalk in front of the house. Then he decided we should go to a small skatepark.
...
But then my son started school. He goes to a friendly little primary establishment where everyone knows him and he is making steady progress. But he doesn't love it. His handwriting is atrocious, he finds sitting for long periods a drag, and he doesn't understand why the girls are 'better at everything'.

He likes sport and art. Both of these involve, according to him, 'doing stuff' and not just sitting. I say to him that he has to learn to sit and that all of the other stuff is really important but I am starting to see his point.

And it is at Rampfest that I have seen it.
...
Schools have been battling with adolescent boys for centuries. Maybe it's time to start giving some ground. There are lessons to be learned in a big shed in Braybrook if you are willing to brave the cold and the music. Come by for a chat, I'll be at my table.'

Fox News: Women Earning Less Than Men "Is Not A National Problem"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fox News dismissed the fact that women are paid less than men as "not a national problem." In fact, studies consistently show that an earnings discrepancy between men and women persists, even when accounting for a variety of factors.

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Angle's assertion rested on a statement from U.S. Census Bureau spokesman David Johnson who recently stated: "We don't have a way of measuring equal pay for equal work. We try to compare the earnings of full time, year-round work between men and women."

Angle trumpeted the statement to mean that it's "not true" the assertion that women earn on average 77 cents for every dollar men earn. Angle also explained away the discrepancy by saying women often work less hours than men and that it's "the result of personal choices."

He added: "Now there may be some discrimination somewhere but it is not the national problem President Obama says he's fixing. In fact, analysts say young female college graduates now often make more than men."'

Busting Myths About Women in the Workplace

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'In her book Women's Figures: An Illustrated Guide to the Economic Progress of Women, Furchtgott-Roth exposes these falsehoods and loose statements, asserting that women don't need special treatment to be equally competitive in the American workforce. The myth that a woman makes 78 cents on a man's dollar is a typical refrain used in mass media and a basis for affirmative action for women. Furchtgott-Roth explains, however, why this refrain as well as the "wage gap" and "glass ceiling" are in fact myths.

The statement that women get less pay for equal work is a false assertion that comes from comparing the earnings of men and women. First, Furchtgott-Roth says, the comparison lumps together men and women who work different numbers of hours. Often, a woman may choose to work fewer hours than a full-time man because she prefers a flexible schedule. Second, the gap claim puts each gender's earnings from varied vocations on the same level. Men often choose more dangerous and physically demanding lines of work, which can affect pay scales, yet the gap claim averages types of professions together.

The discriminatory "glass ceiling" claim persists, indicating that women are restricted to lower-paying jobs and careers and kept out of senior management positions. Yet many women, even those with stellar academic records, actually prefer to work part-time to combine their work life with family life, Furchtgott-Roth says. If a woman wants to put in the hours to be in senior management, she will. But she often chooses not to, because that means missed dance recitals, hockey games, and birthday parties.'

Why Do Men's Activists Bring Up The Draft?

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'A while ago, I stumbled on a video from TheTruePooka attacking MRAs such as myself for "blaming feminists for the male-only draft." This leads me to wonder if maybe there is a problem with people listening when a woman speaks.

Very few MRAs, myself especially, actually blame feminism for something that's been happening throughout most of history, and we don't even lay blame on feminism for being unable to change that situation. I certainly never have.

Feminists DO, however, get criticized by MRAs for their marginalization of the draft and their dismissal of it and other traditional male obligations when they are offensively speaking about so-called historical "male privilege" and "patriarchy." So let me try to spell this out for everybody so we can clear the air a bit.'

Guestwords: Rethink Domestic Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Our society has created an environment where beating women and children and violating their civil rights are acceptable. In fact, we have actually created an industry — the violence against women movement. This movement thrives on building “safe houses” and places of “retreat” to protect victims, as opposed to enforcing on-the-books laws against the men who abuse.

The 1970s ushered in the epitome of misogyny with the development of facilities to protect women from violent men. As well as brutalizing and maiming women, violent men in the United States kill three women each day. That’s more than we were losing in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq combined. Although we don’t acknowledge it, this is war.

Why not consider the obvious? Why should women and children be carted away, bleeding and bruised, often in the middle of the night, while violent men stay in the family home, resting comfortably, perhaps beer in hand, watching television, and showing absolutely no remorse? By anyone’s standards this is not equality of justice. If a man were to beat up another man he would be arrested. But beating a woman is tolerated. We hide the women away so abusers can’t find them. It’s absolutely outrageous.

Why not use these “safe houses” to board the men? They could be put on work release and equipped with GPS devices, allowing them to go to work each day while being monitored. They would then be responsible for supporting their families, and at the same time be charged room and board. We could also be sure they were taking care of themselves in such ways as doing their own laundry and preparing their own meals.'

UK: 'Domineering' men face domestic violence prosecutions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The move will mean that domineering men who torment their partners but do not assault them physically can be brought to justice for the first time.

Verbal insults, taking control of a spouse's finances or isolating them from family and friends could all count as domestic abuse under the new definition.

Under-18s will also face prosecution for the crime, following concerns about the number of abusive teenage relationships.

However it will not mean the creation of a new criminal offence of domestic violence. Instead, bullying husbands could face trial if it was thought that their behaviour amounted to harassment.

The changes were first proposed last year and will be confirmed by Nick Clegg, the Deputy Prime Minister and Liberal Democrat leader, on Wednesday.
...
The definition will be widened to anyone aged 16 or over, and may even refer to perpetrators who are related to their victims, in order to cover so-called "honour" attacks and forced marriage.

Although most victims of domestic abuse are female, the revised wording will make it clear that the law will apply to anyone "regardless of gender or sexuality".'

New Zealand: Children most often killed by mothers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New Zealand mothers kill more children than any other group in society and men are victims of domestic violence as often as women, a police investigation has found.

The Family Violence Death Review, released today by police, found mothers were responsible for 45 per cent of children killed by domestic violence.

The review of 95 family violence deaths involving 101 victims between 2004 and 2011 revealed some "inconvenient truths", Family First national director Bob McCoskrie said.

He said the statistics debunked the misleading popular perception "that women and children need to be protected from men".

"This gender focus is misleading," Mr McCoskrie said.

"If we're really serious about reducing family violence, we need to talk about ... our violent culture and the role alcohol and drugs play in fuelling this environment."'

UK: Domestic autonomy takes another beating

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This new definition will include ‘any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members’. It will extend not only to physical or sexual abuse but to financial, psychological and emotional abuse, too. The Home Office announcement explains that controlling behaviour includes acts ‘designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent’ by, among other things, ‘exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain’ or ‘regulating their everyday behaviour’.

...

The most direct danger is to those individuals – mainly men – who will be branded as domestic-violence perpetrators. Even leaving to one side the stigma, not to mention the real risk of prosecution, the label domestic violence is the gateway to a nebulous bundle of coercive state powers. A sobering example is the Domestic Violence Protection Notice, currently being piloted. Under this scheme, if a police officer reasonably believes that a man has used or threatened violence towards his partner and that his partner needs protection from him, then the police officer has the power to order him to leave his home and also his neighbourhood, even against his partner’s wishes. So when the police are called - perhaps by a neighbour - to defuse a heated family row, this can lead to eviction and forced family separation, even though the couple raised only their voices, not their fists.'

DA says no evidence of domestic violence in murder-for-hire case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'BROWNVILLE, Maine — She talked about her husband being controlling, but police found nothing to suggest that murder-for-hire suspect Wendy S. Farley of Brownville suffered spousal abuse before she sought a hit man to kill her husband, the case's prosecutor said Friday.

"The evidence that we have at this point doesn't point to any domestic violence issues," said Piscataquis County District Attorney R. Christopher Almy.

Farley's husband, Luther "Rusty" Farley, should be considered a victim, not a perpetrator, Almy said.

The affidavit detailing the case against Farley, who remained Friday at the Piscataquis County Jail on $10,000 cash bail, details how police and the informant they wired, Michael Anderson of Milo, probed whether she or the Farleys' 13 children were domestic violence victims even before she was arrested. The 46-year-old farmer's wife was arrested and charged Tuesday with criminal solicitation for murder.'

UK: Mothers & Prison: The alternatives

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'Similar projects are being pioneered in Bradford, Glasgow, Calderdale, Worcester and London to find more effective ways of stopping women from offending than the traditional prison system affords. At the centres, women undergo a detailed individual assessment and then are given help with a range of problems including drug and alcohol misuse, parenting and budgeting skills, debt, housing and employment problems, anger management, and mental and physical health problems.

The aim is to address the root causes of crime more effectively – and more cost-effectively – than prison. The approach works. The average court-directed order at the Together Women Project in Bradford costs between £750 and £1,000 per woman per year – compared with the £56,415 a year it costs to keep a woman in jail. It has a compliance rate of 80 per cent. And it has reduced reoffending to less than 10 per cent compared to a national average of 62 per cent.
...
"Everyone agrees we need fewer women in prison but nothing happens," says Juliet Lyon of the Prison Reform Trust. So how has this impasse come about?
...
Why are more women in jail? Most of the rise comes from a significant increase in the severity of sentences. Just 10 per cent of women convicted of an indictable offence were sent to prison in 1996. A decade later the figure had risen to 15 per cent. "Not since the mid-19th century has our prison system held as many women as it does today," says the Chief Inspector of Prisons, Nick Hardwick.'

Jailed Texas group-sex teacher Brittni Colleps says, ‘I was victimized in that video’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The former Texas high school teacher jailed after being caught on tape having group sex with four of her own students — while a fifth filmed — now says that graphic video makes her a victim.

Brittni Colleps, a 28-year-old wife and mother of three, was convicted on 16 counts of having improper relationships with students in August and is currently serving a five-year jail term.

Her conviction came after a salacious round of courtroom testimony this summer, when jurors heard her student sex partners say they were “happy” to mess around in her home and that Colleps had once described herself as an “anything goes in sex kind of girl.”
...
"I felt like I was victimized in that video, because I did not, I never gave my consent for it,” Colleps said in a jailhouse interview with “20/20” airing Friday night.

Colleps’ case was unique — not only for its extremely lewd nature — but also because the students she had sex with were consenting adults at the time.

That being the case, she did not face rape charges. Rather, Colleps faced the charge of “having improper relations with students,” stemming from a Texas law, which prohibits teachers from having sex with students — at any age.'

European court to decide if a lesbian couple can sever a father's ties to his son

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'NEW YORK, September 21, 2012, (C-FAM)—Europe's highest court on human rights will decide if a lesbian can adopt her partner's child, in this case stripping the father of his parental rights to his son.

The case is very simple according to Gregor Puppinck of the European Centre for Law and Justice (ECLJ). "The two female partners want to oust the father and, since the law does not allow them to do so, they claim it is discriminatory," Gregor reported in Turtle Bay and Beyond, C-FAM's blog.

The Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights will hear the case X and others v. Austria on October 3. Its decision will apply to all 47 countries in the Council of Europe and cannot be appealed.

Austria's attorney has pointed out that most European countries do not allow a child to have two mothers or two fathers. A homosexual rights attorney who brought the case argued that this is sexual discrimination.

The child was born out of wedlock in 1995. He bears his father's name. While the mother has sole custody, the father has regular contact with his son and pays alimony.
...
It is unclear whether the father is aware of the court proceedings since the lesbian couple is pursuing the case anonymously. Nothing indicates the boy's opinion. The same lawyer – Helmut Graupner, legal counsel of ILGA-Europe – represents the women and the boy.'

Anti-feminists are meeting in Zurich

Matt · 30 September 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Translated article here. Excerpt:

'The IG anti-feminism (IGAF) is gearing up for her third international meeting on 3 November. "There is a secret place in the Zurich region instead," IGAF-founder and Vice President René Kuhn tells Blick.ch. Where exactly will not reveal for fear of left-wing extremists.

"We have in the past received massive threats. Such a theater we want to avoid this time, "says Kuhn. The venue will be communicated to registered participants only. Nevertheless, the site will be police and a private security company to ensure peace.'

Cops: Teen mom dumped 3-week-old baby on roadside, claimed abduction

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 19-year-old mother has been charged with dumping her 3-week-old daughter along a rural road for 12 hours and lying to police about the baby's whereabouts, prompting an Amber Alert.

Bond was set at $100,000 Friday for Kendra Meaker of Toulon, who was charged in Stark County Court with obstruction of justice and endangering the life or health of a child.
...
During the hearing, Sheriff Jimmie Dison told the court Kendra that showed up at his department Thursday morning to report that someone had snatched her 3-week-old baby, Mia Graci Thompson, out of the back seat of her car after she went inside the post office in Toulon, about 30 miles northwest of Peoria, to mail a package.'

Till Death, or 20 Years, Do Us Part

Matt · 1 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last year, several lawmakers in Mexico City proposed the creation of short-term, renewable marriage contracts with terms as brief as two years. The idea was to own up to the reality that marriages fail about half the time.

Is marriage headed for an overhaul? A fundamental rethinking? Is it due for one?

When the Mexican legislators proposed their idea, which was not passed, the archdiocese there called it “absurd” and said it was anathema to the nature of marriage. I decided to put the questions to a different group: the people who study marriage and divorce. I was motivated not just by trend lines but, as a child of divorce, by ghosts.
...
Kenneth P. Altshuler, the president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the divorce-attorney trade group, said such contracts were neither so absurd nor impractical as they might sound. He thinks they could address some of the financial costs associated with divorce, which he estimates at hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

One key, he said, would be figuring out a formula for predetermining alimony, given the extent to which money becomes a proxy for bitterness during divorce. That could be solved, he said, through something like tables that show what payments each spouse would make based on his or her eventual income in Year 20.
...
As a thought experiment, Mr. Altshuler said, sure, given the lie we’re currently telling ourselves. There’s still a fantasy of Ozzie and Harriet, he said, “and if that’s what we’ve decided we’re striving for, we are failing miserably.”

“So perhaps we need to change our expectations so we’re not so unhappy,” he said.'

Couples are more likely to divorce if the husband does half the domestic chores

Matt · 1 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I have my thoughts on this, too long for here, so it's in the first comment. Excerpt:

'Attention married men, here's the perfect excuse to put your feet up – sharing housework can lead to divorce.

Research has suggested that the more chores a man does, the more likely the couple will split.

The survey of couples found that while most were happy to share childcare, the women still did the lion's share of the housework most of the time.

And in 11 per cent of cases, the women did almost all of it.

When the man finally did do his bit, things seemed to go wrong.

The divorce rate among those who shared chores equally was about 50 per cent higher than among those where the woman did most of it, the study by the Norwegian government found.'

West Virginia House of Delegates: Impeach Family Court Judge Lori B. Jackson

Rog · 2 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Court order to gag the abuse of the judge signed by the judge here. Court investigation summary recommending the father have custody here. This has got to stop. Petition excerpt:

'In the case of the minor children of Lt. Col Joel Kirk and his wife, Tina Taylor Kirk, Judge Jackson had clear evidence that the children were being abused by their mother. This evidence included eyewitness testimony from outside the family, the testimony of the children, the report of the guardian Ad litem appointed by the court and court appointed psychologists.
...
Judge Jackson reviewed all this evidence and failed to contact child protective services, and subsequently ruled to deliver both children from that marriage into the custody of their abuser.

Judge Jackson even went as far as ordering that the video evidence of Tina Taylor Kirk's child abuse be gagged and withheld from further viewing by authorities.

It is incumbent on the West Virginia House of Delegates to investigate this case of failed judicial responsibility and depraved indifference by Judge Lori B Jackson and to hold an impeachment vote regarding her misconduct.'

Whitehouse.gov: '1 is 2 Many' - Domestic violence awareness month

Minuteman · 2 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Despite the significant progress made in reducing violence against women, there is still a long way to go. Young women still face the highest rates of dating violence and sexual assault. In the last year, one in 10 teens have reported being physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend. One in five young women have been sexually assaulted while they're in college.

In response to these alarming statistics, Vice President Biden is focusing his longstanding commitment to reducing violence against women specifically on teens and young women ages 16-24. By targeting the importance of changing attitudes that lead to violence and educating the public on the realities of abuse, the Vice President is leading the way in an effort to stop violence against women before it begins.'

Probable Anti-Male Caps in Math and Science

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The White House has announced a new set of policies that would step up enforcement of Title IX, explicitly applying the rule to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. Title IX has always applied to all federally funded education programs, but the Department of Education's new enforcement efforts will "develop consistent and consolidated technical assistance" on Title IX in STEM.

Just as enforcement of Title IX has meant gender quotas on school sports teams, increased enforcement in STEM education will likely lead to artificial enrollment caps aimed at keeping men out of math and science classes. "Title IX isn't just about sports," President Obama wrote in Newsweek earlier this year. It's also about "addressing inequality in math and science education" and "a much broader range of fields, including engineering and technology. I've said that women will shape the destiny of this country, and I mean it."

"To Obama, gender disparities are only bad when they disfavor women," wrote the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Hans Bader. "Under his strange idea of equality, equality means men losing out to women. . . . The result could be a substantial reduction in the number of scientists graduating from America's colleges and universities."'

"Blame Mars, not Venus"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'IT IS no secret that support for Mitt Romney and Barack Obama breaks down differently among men and women. But while this “gender gap” is typically discussed in terms of Mr Romney’s stance on so-called "women’s issues", such as abortion rights and contraception coverage, the evidence indicates that it actually reflects partisan differences over the government's social-welfare programmes. Moreover, the source of the gender gap has less to do with women and more to do with men moving away from the Democratic Party.

If the gender gap is defined as the difference between men and women’s support for a candidate, most polls currently show it to be about ten percentage points for Mr Romney, who does better with men. (John McCain, by comparison, faced a gap of about five points in 2008.) Women have been consistently more likely than men to give the president higher marks, and there is evidence that more women than men have swung into Mr Obama’s column in the last month, helping to fuel a recent bump in the president's poll numbers.'

MIAA receives US complaint over boys playing field hockey

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Article here. Excerpt:

'FRANKLIN — The last time Marianne Murphy, Mim Jarema, and Joan Bannon were at a Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association meeting seeking to protect girls from boys who played field hockey, they left disappointed. A 10-1 vote in June 2011 went against the field hockey coaches from Walpole, Reading, and Hopkinton.

But if you thought the issue was over, think again.

At Thursday's board of directors meeting, executive director Dick Neal told the board the United States Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights has received a complaint filed against the MIAA. According to the letter, "the complaint alleges that the MIAA and its member schools are discriminating against girls by allowing boys to participate on girls' field hockey teams.
...
The OCR is responsible for enforcing Title IX, the 1972 federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex by athletic programs receiving federal aid, "and controlled by an organization like the MIAA" according to the letter.

The MIAA would agree with the OCR, but the state's equal rights amendment has repeatedly been used to strike down any MIAA rule against boys. "There's no other states that are in this position," said Neal.'

Man jailed on accusations of domestic abuse sues Irvine

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Story here. Excerpt:

'IRVINE – An Irvine man who spent a night in jail after being accused of domestic violence by a woman who was later charged with numerous counts of burglary, kidnapping and false arrest is suing the city of Irvine for $150,000.

The plaintiff, businessman Deukman Lee, alleges that Irvine police officer Joseph Jun did not follow proper law-enforcement protocol and failed to take reasonable, available steps to check the credibility of the accuser. The city denies the allegations.

The woman, Sunmee Kim, gave Jun a false name and didn't show identification at the scene of the Dec. 13 incident on Stanford Avenue, according to both the lawsuit and Irvine police. When asked for identification, she said the plaintiff had taken and hidden her purse.

Kim, 39, told Jun that she and the plaintiff were engaged to be married, that she had lived in his home for a month, that she was pregnant and that he had hit her 10 times with a wooden practice sword, the lawsuit says.

Lee, 45, insisted that all of those statements were false – which Lee's neighbors corroborated – and he repeatedly asked Jun to verify the woman's identity before arresting him, the lawsuit says.

The woman displayed injuries consistent with domestic violence, but which Irvine police now say were self-inflicted.'

False rape report filed in Newport News

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (WAVY) - Taxpayer dollars were wasted. Precious police time was abused. It was all because a Newport News teen lied about being raped.

"It's very frustrating because we have actual legitimate cases that come through our unit," said Detective Amber Rogers of the Newport News Special Victims Unit.

On Monday, Sept. 24 Rogers had no reason to believe a 15-year-old told her anything but the truth.

"She alleged that an unknown male, unknown race, abducted her from the bus stop, drug her to the woods behind the bus stop, and then sexually assaulted her," Rogers said.'

'Circumcision is not about the rights of the child'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is ironic, I suppose, that the Jewish and Muslim community who cannot make common cause on any meaningful issue should come together on this comedy show. To make an anti-circumcision law based on the child's inability to choose is insanity: a child by definition cannot choose anything—whether breastfeeding or tonsillectomy. But so long as a child has parents who within common-sense parameters act in his best interests as they see them to be, we do not need judges or governments to make decisions in loco parentis. Because this is what the battle over the centimetres of foreskin is about—not Muslims and Jews versus anti-Semites but the age-old battle between individual liberty and statism—in this case the individual family unit and the state. I've watched statism conceal itself in many a Trojan horse: multiculturalism, feminism, human rights and so on. This time children's rights is the thin end of the wedge. And somewhere in Germany's dank caves, the anti-Semites may howl but they are not the predator.

Ultimately, I think circumcision is mad—but that's because I think most religious ritual is mad—whether it is bowing knees and heads down toward Mecca or reverently tasting bread and wine as the body and blood of Christ. I personally carry out certain rituals associated with my faith as a Jew, even knowing them to be utterly illogical. They are my tribe's rituals. Had I a male child, I feel certain I would have had him circumcised. But that would be my decision, not some advocacy commissar or Ontario judge. The medical evidence for and against circumcision is baffling. It seems to have helped prevent the spread of HIV infection and STIs—or maybe not. Statistics can be played contextually according to fashion. As for getting consent for circumcision—after reading what is involved in doing it to an adult male, I cannot believe that any man would be mad enough to consent. I am told there are men whose objects of affection are Jews and that circumcision is the price of winning their hearts. Foreskins off to them, I say, it's clearly true love.'

Judge compares adoptive mothers to biological fathers in child custody decision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Family Court judge has awarded full custody of a young child to her adopted mother, instead of her biological mom, in what is believed to be the first such New York state case involving a same sex couple.

Manhattan real estate attorney Allison Scollar defeated the little girl's biological mom, Emmy-winning TV producer Brook Altman in a bitter court battle, the Post has learned.

...

Manhattan Judge Gloria Sosa-Lintner said, "Although . . . Altman is the biological parent, this does not give her an automatic priority over the adoptive parent. This is analogous to a father getting custody of his own child, where only the best interests of the child are paramount."'

Nation's Report Card: Writing test shows gender gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the board, performances varied by race, ethnicity, gender, school location and other factors, such as parents' educational attainment. But the most notable achievement gap was between males and females in both eighth and 12th grades.

On average, female students in the eighth grade scored 160; their male counterparts scored 140.

On average, female students in the 12th grade scored 157; males scored 143.

Education analyst Susan Pimentel, one of the team presenting the test scores on Friday's NAEP conference call, said that while this test cannot determine cause and effect, there are some clues as to why the gap exists. Students were surveyed to find out some additional information about them as they took the test. Among those surveyed, said Pimentel, 53% of girls agreed or strongly agreed that "Writing is one of my favorite activities", but only 35% of the boys felt that way. Since writing improves with practice, she said this is "an important variable to observe."'

Obama waives sanctions on countries that use child soldiers

Matt · 2 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Speaks for itself. Excerpt:

'U.S. President Barack Obama issued a new executive order last week to fight human trafficking, touting his administration's handling of the issue.

"When a little boy is kidnapped, turned into a child soldier, forced to kill or be killed -- that's slavery," Obama said in a speech at the Clinton Global Initiative. "It is barbaric, and it is evil, and it has no place in a civilized world. Now, as a nation, we've long rejected such cruelty."

But for the third year in a row, Obama has waived almost all U.S. sanctions that would punish certain countries that use child soldiers, upsetting many in the human rights community.

Late Friday afternoon, Obama issued a presidential memorandum waiving penalties under the Child Soldiers Protection Act of 2008 for Libya, South Sudan, and Yemen, penalties that Congress put in place to prevent U.S. arms sales to countries determined by the State Department to be the worst abusers of child soldiers in their militaries. The president also partially waived sanctions against the Democratic Republic of the Congo to allow some military training and arms sales to that country.'

Take your pick: 11th century extremism or 21st century extremism

Matt · 2 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. (free registration required) Excerpt:

'Mr Azhari, who vehemently denies accusations that he advocates child marriage, also wants to remove a proposed clause banning the trafficking of women. He said he was concerned it would be used to prosecute parents who marry off their underage daughters. The text now under consideration by the panel only bans slavery and the sex trade.

...

They fear an impending setback to gains women achieved in recent years under Hosni Mubarak, the ousted president, whose efforts to polish the image of his authoritarian regime in western eyes led to an improvement of women's rights in divorce and child custody cases.

...

Known as "Suzanne's laws" after the previous first lady who championed them, the legislation gave women access to a relatively quick no-fault divorce through the courts, cutting years of litigation during which a woman was neither married nor divorced, although her husband was entitled to take another wife. The laws also gave divorced women custody of their children until the age of 15 and allowed them to keep the family home for as long as they were raising children.

...

Neither the Muslim Brotherhood of Mohamed Morsi, the president, nor the more hardline Salafis have articulated specific plans for changes to Egypt's family laws. But the rhetoric filling the air is deeply conservative and largely hostile to the enhancement of women's rights.

Amany Aboul Fadl, a member of the panel from the Muslim Brotherhood, said "Suzanne's laws" would be reviewed and those that "benefited grassroots women" would be retained. She criticised the legislation as coming from a "100 per cent feminist mentality".

"The rights of women after divorce are exaggerated to the extent that they are unfair to men, sometimes destroying their lives," she said. "They extend women's custody of children so they can take the marriage apartment. Men are robbed and women take everything."'

Petition: Accept Alternative Brit Milah (Bris) Practices

Matt · 2 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Note you do not need to be Jewish to sign this petition. Excerpt:

'Within Judaism, the Brit Milah, a ritual circumcision performed on the eighth day of life, is considered a central rite.

Reform Judaism, progressive in many other ways, has yet to re-evaluate this practice, in spite of clearly compelling evidence of its medical and ethical shortcomings.

We therefore petition the leadership of the Union for Reform Judaism and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, as principals of the reform Judaism movement within the United States of America, to recognize these shortcomings, and to sanction alternative religious ceremonies that are spiritually relevant but also medically and ethically responsible.'

'Partridge Family' actor visciously bitten by 'fan'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'"The Partridge Family" star Danny Bonaduce is recovering after a crazed fan bit him during a meet-and-greet in Washington on Friday.

The actor was hosting an event at a local casino when a woman approached him and asked to give him a kiss.

He tells local publication The News Tribune of Tacoma, "She said, 'I loved you on 'he Partridge Family.' Can I kiss you?'"

But when Bonaduce agreed, she sunk her teeth into his cheek for several seconds until security officials were able to pry her off him.
...
The woman was taken into custody and the following morning cops stopped by the 53 year old's hotel room to photograph his wound for their official police report.

Bonaduce does not plan on pressing charges, however, his wife Amy reveals her husband is on antibiotics to stave off a possible infection.'

Hundreds of thousands of war vets still waiting for health benefits

Matt · 3 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Priorities: Implementing Title IX in the STEM fields in colleges vs. ensuring our veterans are getting adequate healthcare. What's winning out? Excerpt:

'The Department of Veterans Affairs said it is on track to process 1 million disability claims this year.

With the war in Iraq over and the one in Afghanistan winding down, the VA is sorting through a backlog of more than 860,000 disability claims from American veterans. More than a quarter of those vets -- 228,000 -- have been waiting for a year or more.

Rioux has been trying to get his disability claim fully processed since January 2011, shortly after he returned from Afghanistan.

The litany of delays includes lost paperwork, long wait times for appointments and erroneous lab results. At one point, a doctor prescribed him medication for a bladder infection he didn't have; he'd never given as much as a urine sample.

Because of his debilitating injuries, neither Rioux nor his wife, Maggie, is able to work full time. Rioux said without his wife's care, "I'd be in the fetal position. I'd be curled up in a ball. I couldn't do it."'

Woman suffocates her 6-week old baby with pages from Bible

the_captain · 3 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A UK woman, Jullia Lovemore, 41, admitted to the manslaughter of her 6 week old daughter in court stemming from an incident in 2009. Lovemore has been in the custody of the state for three years prior to her latest courtroom appearance. She now awaits the punishment for smothering her child to death.

When the child was discovered dead, it was found to have pages of the bible in its mouth and throat. The mother admits to blocking the airways of the less than two month old child's mouth. She said, "I sat in my bedroom and I was ripping pages out of my Bible. I put some small bits of paper in Faith's mouth and she spat them out."

Many sources have reported the mother describing sitting on the child, and then bouncing up and down. She says she does not know why she did this and that she "got bipolar." Quite an excuse for someone who admitted to taking the life of a child.'

SAVE Elert: Presidential Proclamation Shamefully Downplays Male Victims of Domestic Violence

Matt · 3 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

On Monday, President Obama kicked off National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Unfortunately, his proclamation leaves much to be desired.(1) Even though men and women abuse each other at similar rates(2), the focus is on women.

How many men have to get beaten with sledgehammers(3), have their penises cut off(4), get poisoned(5), or get run over with cars(6) by their female partners before the White House takes notice?

We say, "Enough is enough!"

Contact Pres. Obama via Danielle Borrin: Danielle_Borrin-at-ovp.eop.gov. Demand that he tell the truth, the entire truth about domestic violence.

Oh behalf of every male victim suffering in silence or struggling to have his voice heard, thank you.

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'The Myth of Male Decline'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SCROLL through the titles and subtitles of recent books, and you will read that women have become “The Richer Sex,” that “The Rise of Women Has Turned Men Into Boys,” and that we may even be seeing “The End of Men.” Several of the authors of these books posit that we are on the verge of a “new majority of female breadwinners,” where middle-class wives lord over their husbands while demoralized single men take refuge in perpetual adolescence.

...

If the ascent of women has been much exaggerated, so has the descent of men. Men’s irresponsibility and bad behavior is now a stock theme in popular culture. But there has always been a subset of men who engage in crude, coercive and exploitative behavior. What’s different today is that it’s harder for men to get away with such behavior in long-term relationships. Women no longer feel compelled to put up with it and the legal system no longer condones it. The result is that many guys who would have been obnoxious husbands, behaving badly behind closed doors, are now obnoxious singles, trumpeting their bad behavior on YouTube.'

Media hysteria over child abduction case

GaryB · 4 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

This is an interesting story that has played out in Australia over the last few months.

Also see: Mother of daughters returned to Italy afraid to visit them

Excerpt:

'THE mother of four girls taken kicking and screaming from her side as part of an international custody battle has no immediate plans to fly to Italy to visit them, despite her daughters being ordered there by a judge.

Australian Federal Police officers took the girls from an undisclosed Sunshine Coast home on Wednesday night. One of the girls yelled "leave me" and another "no, you're going to hurt me".

At Brisbane International Airport, the emotional scenes continued as the girls, aged between nine and 15, struggled with AFP officers who were trying to escort them on a Dubai-bound plane en route to Italy. Their mother could be heard screaming, "I love you, baby."'

A quick recap of the story: parents separate in Italy and have shared custody. The mother (an Australian) takes the girls back to Australia on holiday, and then doesn't return. The father uses the legal system to force her return, and she has fought it ever since - up to and including hiding the children from police when she was ordered to return them.

What's interesting here is that although this piece has picked up on the hysteria of the case, it has failed to register that this is almost entirely because it's a case of children being separated from mum to go to dad. In other cases where the dad has absconded with the kids, the press (and the public) are outraged on behalf of the heart-broken mother and demand the instant arrest of the father and return of the children.

An interesting case indeed.

Three months after circumcision ban, German government to legalize rite

Matt · 5 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The German government is set to pass legislation that would legalize ritual circumcisions if they are performed by a medical professional, allowing local Jews to breathe a sigh of relief three months after a local court criminalized the rite and criminal charges were filed against two rabbis.

German-Jewish leaders welcomed the bill, a copy of which has been obtained by The Times of Israel. The cabinet in Berlin will discuss the 26-page bill next Wednesday, after which it will proceed to the floor of the Bundestag, where it it is expected to be voted into law within the coming days.

“It is a clear political signal that Jews and Muslims are still welcome in Germany,” said Dieter Graumann, the president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany. “We are happy that Jewish commandments and Jewish life are not being pushed into illegality.”'

Officer Who Hit Woman Will Be Fired

Matt · 5 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Maybe he should be sacked. Question is, if the silly string-sprayer had been male, would the story even had made the news? Would the officer even have gotten into any trouble? I believe the answer to both questions is "No". Excerpt:

'Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey will take "Commissioner's Direct Action" against Lt. Jonathan Josey, the Philadelphia police officer who hit a woman during a public event on Sunday.

That means that effective on Thursday, Lt. Josey will be suspended for 30 days with the intent to dismiss.

Josey was caught on video striking Aida Guzman during a traffic stop on Sunday.

Josey was part of a crowd gathered for festivities after the Puerto Rican Parade and Josey was the commanding officer on the scene.

The video shows Josey right after she sprayed silly string near the officer. Josey was with several other officers involved at the time in a traffic stop. He turns around and hits Guzman, who falls to the ground.'

Australia: Margie Abbott defends opposition leader

Minuteman · 6 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'How does God turn a man into a feminist? Answer: He gives him three daughters.

That gag summed up Margie Abbott's foray into the world of political spin.

The opposition leader's wife made a proud and defiant speech in Sydney on Friday, supporting her husband in the face of opinion polls showing he remains unpopular with women, and a Labor offensive to entrench that view.

The previously publicity-shy Mrs Abbott came out with guns blazing, telling a business lunch in Penrith: "Don't ever try and tell me that my husband of 24 years and the father of three daughters is on some anti-women crusade. It's simply not true.

"Next time you meet someone who says that Tony doesn't get women, ask them when was the last time they cycled 1000 kilometres raising $148,000 for their local women's shelter. Which is what Tony did this year for Manly.

"And in 2006 he ran non-stop up and down the stairs of Centrepoint Tower with Pat Farmer to raise much needed funds to help lift the profile of ovarian cancer."

Mrs Abbott said the couple's three daughters were educated, confident, grounded and happy, "living the life that feminists aspire for every young woman".'

Obama on Domestic Violence Awareness

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Article here. Excerpt:

'My Administration remains committed to getting victims the help they need, from emergency shelter and legal assistance to transitional housing and services for children. We are also working to stop violence before it starts. Last year, agencies across the Federal Government held town hall meetings nationwide to promote men's roles in ending violence against women. Through Vice President Biden's 1is2many initiative, we built on that progress earlier this year by releasing a public service announcement that features professional athletes and other role models speaking out against dating violence. This April, I directed leaders throughout my Administration to increase efforts to prevent and combat domestic violence involving Federal employees and address its effects on the Federal workforce. Since August, the Affordable Care Act has required most insurance plans to make domestic violence screening and counseling available as a preventive service for women - without co-payments, deductibles, or other cost-sharing. And most recently, we developed a new initiative to reduce domestic violence homicides through high risk screening and linking victims with services. Moreover, my Administration looks forward to working with the Congress to strengthen and reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act.'

F&F: California Limits Spousal Support

Matt · 6 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'California Governor Jerry Brown has signed legislation introduced by Assembly member Toni Atkins, (D-San Diego) that prevents victims from being forced to pay spousal support to ex-husbands or wives who are convicted of violent crime against them. Assembly Bill 1522 was inspired by the case of a San Diego-area woman, Crystal Harris, who was ordered to pay her former husband monthly spousal support during the pendency of his criminal trial. After he was convicted and sentenced to six years, Harris was ordered to pay a portion of his legal fees.

San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis announced the legislation earlier this year and testified before the California Senate Judiciary Committee in support of it. Current California law already prevents spousal support in cases of attempted murder or soliciting the murder of a spouse. AB 1522 adds violent abuse felonies to the list of convictions that disqualify a person from obtaining financial benefits from their ex-spouse in a divorce proceeding.'

Women Sex Offenders in the Ozarks Tend to Get Lighter Sentences Than Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — There's not a lot of hard data about this but there are anecdotes. Courts tend to be more sympathetic towards women offenders. Their sexual crimes are rarely violent and most often statutory with older teenage victims. One mother tells us that shouldn't matter.

"Our boy is a hero for going through the court system."

We first talked to this Ozarks mother a year and a half ago when Amanda Jackson faced three counts of felony statutory rape in two Ozarks counties for having sex with a 14-year-old. Jackson's set for sentencing on two of the counts at the end of the month.

"Being she's a woman I don't know if it's going as hard as if she was a man. I feel like a man gets put in jail right away and she should have been put in jail right away," the mother tells us.
...
Chad Nevels got four years for sex with a 14-year-old, while Allison Peck originally got probation.

Patterson also tells us many sex offenders were themselves victims at one time in their lives, and women abused as children tend to elicit more sympathy in sentencing than men who were abused.'

Male Circumcision: What Would Newborns Say?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why are so many male circumcisions still performed when we all agree that female circumcision is a barbarous act? Now, the American Academy of Pediatrics says the benefits of male circumcision outweigh the risks. But, if newborns had a say in the matter, they would use the following reasons to shout a big “NO” to this mutilating procedure, unless religious or cultural reasons require it.

One
Circumcision doesn’t just snip off a small piece of skin. Rather, it removes a large surface of foreskin measuring three to five inches in length, about half of the total skin of the penis! Also, inside the foreskin there’s a band of tissue that acts like an accordion. Its gliding motion is needed to trigger sexual reflexes and pleasure.

Two
The foreskin is not just skin. Dr. John Taylor, a Winnipeg pathologist, reported in the British Journal of Urology in 1996 a new anatomical finding. Taylor and his colleagues discovered a “ridged band” that runs around the inside of the foreskin. Microscopic examination shows this skin is loaded with blood vessels and nerves. So what is being amputated is a large part of the sexual function of the penis.
...
Ten
Circumcision is not a life and death situation. So unless it’s required for religious or cultural reasons, this decision should be made when an adult can decide whether or not he wishes it done. I believe many newborns would say Amen to that.'

Defamation Suit Over ‘Deadbeat Dad’ Reference Held SLAPP

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two women who referred to a San Diego man, in an online posting, as a “criminal and a deadbeat dad” who “may be taking steroids” were expressing protected opinions and cannot be liable for defamation, the Fourth District Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

Div. One affirmed a San Diego Superior Court judge’s ruling that the suit by Darren D. Chaker against Wendy and Nicole Mateo was a strategic lawsuit against public participation. The justices agreed with Judge Timothy Taylor that the suit arose from speech on a public issue, and that the action is barred by the First Amendment.

The evidence, Justice Patricia Benke explained, showed that Nicole Mateo became pregnant during a brief relationship with Chaker, resulting in contentious paternity and child support litigation in Mateo’s home state of Texas. In 2010, comments about Chaker and his forensics business, including claims that he was involved in fraud and prostitution, as well as the deadbeat dad and steroid references, began showing up in the comments sections of websites such as Topix, where he had posted a profile, and the Ripoff Report.'

Tennessee Court Upholds Man’s Paternity Fraud Claim

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Article here. Except:

'The Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled in favor of a man who was misled into thinking he was a father and ordered the child’s mother to reimburse him more than $25,000 for child support, medical expenses and insurance premiums he had paid.

In a unanimous ruling, the court said Tennessee law allows a former spouse to pursue a fraud claim against a mother who intentionally misrepresented the identity of a child’s biological father.

The case stemmed from a Maury County lawsuit filed in 2008 by Chadwick Craig against his ex-wife, Tina Marie Hodge.

The couple had married in 1991 after, court documents said, Hodge told Craig she was pregnant and no else could be the father. They divorced in 2001 and Craig became the custodial parent in 2005.'

'Lies our fathers told us: The men's rights movement and campus-based misogyny'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I first encountered the Canadian men's rights movement directly when I was in Peterborough last November.

Some friends and associates of mine and I had driven from Toronto early one morning to attend the Policy Assembly of the Socialist Party of Ontario that was being held at Trent University. Upon arriving, we were greeted by the usual array of posters that litter the halls of any university. Among them were dozens of posters for what was a newly formed campus "Men's Issues Awareness Society."

The posters were juvenile in both presentation and content. They made a variety of claims, entirely out of context, that, simply put, attempted to make the case that not only are women no longer victims of systemic inequality, but also that the shoe is now on the other foot. It is men's issues that are being "ignored" and it is men that are now allegedly facing discrimination. This "discrimination," further, is being disregarded due to the influence of feminism in our society.

These claims, of course are absurd, a point to which I will return. However, their very idiocy had the effect of making me not take the groups around this postering campaign seriously. That is a mistake. The "Men's Rights Movement" needs to be taken very seriously, and many of its adherents and ideas are very dangerous.'

Does Title IX Need Fixing?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Richmond is getting rid of men's soccer and men's track in order to add men's lacrosse, which a university committee decided would be more attractive to students and advantageous for Division 1 play. The university's athletic director is blaming Title IX because – he says – if they add men's lacrosse without scrapping another men's sport, they'd have to add a women's sport. He says they can't afford that and don't want to reserve more spots for student-athletes.

The university president claims the decision to substitute lacrosse for men's soccer and track wasn't connected to the $3 million in donations pledged for an endowment for the new lacrosse team.'

Arrested Moms Stay with Kids Instead of Jail

insdel2005 · 7 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Another case of women getting therapy while men get prison time. Full Article here. Excerpt:

'A unique program in New York City allows mothers to live with their children in a private apartment building instead of prison while they serve out court mandates.

Five families live in the building, all sent there by the district attorney's office for felony offenses. Some involve drugs, others weapons, and still others violent crime.
...
The program has been lauded as a successful, more supportive and cheaper alternative to prison. But space is running out, and it needs funding in order to grow.'

Finally, a Book on How to Raise a Sexist Jerk! (Every Mom's Dream Read)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dear Adriana: I'm raising a young boy and I want him to grow up to be a big, strong man. But I also want to make sure he's a sexist asshole who can't cope with everyday civilized life in these modern times. I want him to feel totally out of sync with the rest of the world's sexual politics. I want women to avoid him like the plague and for men to be embarrassed around him. What's the most important thing I can do?

Fake letter writer who I just made up, I'm glad you asked that question! I have a book for you. It will do all of these things for your son. It's called Raising Boys Feminists Will Hate by Doug Giles. Let me tell you more about this extremely useful tome.

And because honestly, I couldn't possibly put it better myself, here is the book description from the back cover.'

'Kissing Sailor' Photo Depicts 'Sexual Assault, Not Romance,' Says Feminist Website, Blogger

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Touted as an "icon of American culture" and celebrated as one of the most romantic moments ever captured on camera, Alfred Eisenstaedt's "Kissing Sailor" image is one familiar to most of us.

But now one website is turning our understanding of this saucy picture on its head, saying the image "unambiguously depicts an act of sexual assault " and not a romantic moment between lovers.

Feministing.com, quoting a blogger from London known only as "Leopard," argues that "far from being a kiss between a loving couple, we learn that George and Greta were perfect strangers. We learn that George was drunk, and that Greta had no idea of his presence, until she was in his arms, with his lips on hers…It seems pretty clear, then, what George had committed was sexual assault."'

Former NFL cheerleader pleads guilty in student-sex case

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Article here. Excerpt:

COVINGTON, Ky. — A former Cincinnati Bengals cheerleader pleaded guilty Monday to having sex with her 17-year-old former student while she was a teacher at a northern Kentucky high school, a move that will allow her to avoid jail time.

In a tearful admission in Kenton County Circuit Court in Covington, Ky., 27-year-old Sarah Jones pleaded guilty to sexual misconduct and custodial interference in place of more serious charges as part of a plea agreement with prosecutors.

...

Jones said the relationship began in February 2011 when the boy was 17, saying that the two had sex, that she sent him sexually explicit text messages and lied about the relationship to police.

The teen had been in Jones' freshman English class in 2008, and she was his peer tutor in 2010 and 2011 before he graduated at the age of 17 this year, according to Monday's plea agreement, signed by Jones.

In accepting the plea agreement, Judge Patricia Summe granted prosecutors' recommendation to sentence Jones to five years of diversion* but no jail time, and she won't have to register as a sex offender. The diversion requires Jones to report to a probation officer and undergo drug tests.'

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* http://definitions.uslegal.com/d/diversion/

Advocacy group backs order to send girls back to Italy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Monday the Family Court dismissed the mother's last ditch attempt to keep her four daughters in Australia after she brought them here two years ago from Italy, ostensibly for a short holiday.

The Brisbane court ruled the children, aged between nine and 15, be returned to their father in Italy and they were immediately taken into the custody of the Queensland Department of Communities.

The girls' distraught mother was seen yelling out to her screaming daughters around 3:30am on Thursday as they were escorted onto a plane by police and an official from the Italian embassy.

...

The legal action has run for more than a year and men's rights advocates say the court was correct to uphold the rules of the Hague Convention.

Men's Rights Agency director Sue Price says while the mother is grieving, she should not have flouted the law.'

Mother admits gluing two-year-old daughter's hands to wall and beating her into a coma

Matt · 8 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A young mother admitted on Thursday to gluing her two-year-old daughter's hands to a wall and beating her into a coma.

When Elizabeth Escalona, 23, left the courtroom after pleading guilty to injury to a child charges stemming from the horrific abuse in September.

She told reporters afterward, 'I have no comment, and only God can judge me. That's all I gotta say.'

The toddler, Joselyn Cedillo, was briefly on life support in a coma.

According to police records, glue and paint were stuck to her palms, with skin torn away in places.
...
Escalona could face life in prison if convicted.

She remains eligible for criminal adjudication, which would leave her without a criminal conviction on her record.

The girl and three other siblings were taken into custody.'

Men owe child support despite not being fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON—A new estimate shows an overwhelming number of child support owed statewide in Texas. According to the Texas attorney general's office, there is nearly $11 billion of unpaid child support to date.

The attorney general's office says the majority of those who don't pay, have the ability to do so, but choose not to.

On the opposite spectrum, there are a small percentage of men who pay child support for kids that aren't theirs. A family law attorney in Houston estimates that there are more than 120,000 men in this predicament in Texas.

A new state law says men no longer have to make child support payments if they can prove the child is not theirs. However, there appears to be a loophole in that law. It does not erase back child support.'

Tammy Sytch Fourth Arrest: Ex-WWE Diva Violates Restraining

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Former WWE diva Tammy Sytch had her fourth arrest in four weeks in crimes related to "domestic violence," reported TMZ. Sytch was arrested in Connecticut on Monday after she violated a restraining order that her ex-boyfriend had against her.

Sytch was taken into custody on charges of violating a protective order, disorderly conduct and criminal mischief. Police say she appeared to be intoxicated at the time of arrest.

Tammy Sytch, arrested under the name Sunny, is currently being held on$25,000 bond and is set to be arraigned Tuesday morning.

In September, Sytch was arrested three times in three days for charges related to domestic violence. All three incidents involved her ex-boyfriend.'

Stay-at-home dad honored by national organization

Matt · 9 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Not all men can be defined by their careers, and as the father of 8-month-old triplets, Matt Batchelor can attest to that.

The father of two boys and a girl from Warminster was the recent recipient of a scholarship honoring him for his work as a stay-at-home dad.

Selected as the recipient of the 2012 Brian Dickson Memorial At-Home Dads Convention Scholarship Award, Batchelor was helped financially so he could attend this year's convention.

Batchelor said he was searching for networking contacts when he came across The National At-Home Dad Network on the Internet.'

Paternity establishment: undue influence, misrepresentation & mis-service

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men suffer from lack of good biological paternity knowledge. That's not a matter of biological destiny, men's personal faults, or men's free choices. Legal processes of paternity establishment support false biological paternity beliefs through undue influence, misrepresentation, and mis-service.

In high-income democratic societies, paternity is commonly established in hospitals shortly after a woman gives birth. If the woman is married, paternity of her newly born child is legally assigned to her husband. A husband on his own initiative could seek to have a paternity test. However, the mother might perceive her husband's request for a paternity test as a grave insult to her. A husband requesting a paternity test could thus seriously endanger his relationship with his wife, irrespective of the knowledge that such a test would provide and the actions that a husband would take given certain knowledge of paternity or non-paternity. Not having paternity testing as a default legal rule supports relational circumstances that unduly influence husbands to remain ignorant of true paternity knowledge.'

High court denies area man’s plea for lower child support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SALEM — The South Dakota Supreme Court has ruled a judge was correct in denying a McCook County man’s request to have his child support payments reduced.
...
Heumiller asked a circuit court to lower his payments to reflect his past overpayments. Heumiller’s monthly payment was reduced to $699, but the court refused to lower the payments further to compensate for the times he paid the original $1,238.36 payment after two of his children no longer qualified for support.

Heumiller appealed the decision.

The Supreme Court ruled Heumiller should himself have requested his payments be modified as soon as he was no longer required to pay support for one or more of his children. In addition, the Supreme Court pointed out there was no agreement between Heumiller and Snyders for any “credit or offset” as was requested by Heumiller.'

Why Some Borderline, Narcissistic and Histrionic Mothers Sabotage their Children

Matt · 9 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

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'Many men and women in my practice have made the above observations and asked the above questions. The subject of maternal sabotage is also one of the many common themes on the Shrink4Men Forum. It can be difficult to wrap one's mind around this topic. What kind of a mother would deliberately try to sabotage her child's intellectual, emotional, psychological, physical and moral development?

A bad one.

That's a simplistic answer, but an accurate one. Sabotaging one's own children is frequently a common trait of abusive personality disordered women and men specifically, borderline (BPD), narcissistic (NPD), histrionic (HPD), and dependent (DPD) personality disordered parents.
...
Common reasons BPDs/NPDs and other personality disordered parents sabotage their children's development:

1) Exposure. If and when the BPD/NPD parent has exposed her asshattery to a teacher(s), other parents, coaches and/or school administration, she may push to change the children's school. One could argue that the BPD/NPD is embarrassed, but many of them appear to be quite shameless — and relentless. More likely, her mask of super mom, single martyr mom or victim of my POS ex-husband mom has slipped and she has revealed which parent is the actual problem.'

IA: AAP meeting in New Orleans in two weeks

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In less than two weeks, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) will gather in New Orleans for its annual conference—and Intact America will be there, inside and on the ground, demanding that the AAP retract its new pro-circumcision Task Force Report.

THE TIME TO GIVE IS NOW. We need to reach America's pediatricians and remind them that circumcision is medically unnecessary AND harmful to the infant—and thus violates the very ethical principles they swore to uphold.

Why now? Because if you donate before midnight on October 15, your gift will be matched dollar for dollar (up to $10,000), thanks to a very generous pledge from intactivist Dan Bollinger. This match will double the impact of your gift!

Australia: Abbott won't resile from Gillard criticism

Minuteman · 10 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Opposition Leader Tony Abbott says he won't be retreating from his criticism of Prime Minister Julia Gillard and called on Labor to stop playing the gender card.

Ms Gillard on Tuesday accused Mr Abbott in parliament of having a record of sexism and misogyny.

The comments came in a debate over whether to sack Speaker Peter Slipper, who is facing court action by a former male staffer over alleged sexual harassment.

Mr Abbott said the attack was "a bit rich" coming from the person who was "prepared to knife Kevin Rudd, but wasn't prepared to sack Peter Slipper".

The prime minister should be prepared to accept fair criticism.

"Just because the prime minister has sometimes been the victim of unfair criticism doesn't mean she can dismiss any criticism as sexism or she can dismiss any criticism on gender grounds," Mr Abbott told reporters in Canberra on Wednesday.'

'Opportunities For Girls To Play Sports Not Equal To Boys'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Researchers at the University of Michigan compared data from four-year public high schools across the country, including schools that do and do not offer interscholastic sports. They broke the data down by regions, what type of communities the schools were in (rural vs. city, etc), and how much money the schools spent on athletics. Then they compared data from the 2009-10 school year with data from school years 1993-94 and 1999-2000.
...
The studies' authors warn that their findings indicate that progress towards gender equity has reversed over the past decade thanks to a false sense that girls were finally receiving an equal chance to play sports and less funding due to the recession. "One sociological tenet contends that, during times of economic hardship, social inequalities tend to grow more marked rather than diminish," the researchers explained. "This dynamic may be playing out with regard to gender equity in high school sports."

So while it's legally possible for girls to hit the gym as much as the boys do, more than 40 years after major legislation changed the sports scene in the United States, there's still not an equal playing field. Studies like this may help fight back against common assertions that Title IX has taken away opportunities from boys by causing schools to drop expensive sports teams in order to make teams for girls. With all the benefits sports provide to both boys and girls, it seems like every public school child should not only get the chance, but be encouraged, to take the field, court or track. By the look of the country's skyrocketing obesity rate, it's certainly better than the alternative.'

Mother who glued daughter's hands to wall: 'I'm not a monster'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 23-year-old Texas mother who beat her daughter and glued her hands to a wall told a Dallas judge on Wednesday that she was a monster a year ago, but she has changed.

"Elizabeth Escalona is not a monster," she said of herself, according to a tweet by Dallas Morning News' crime reporter Scott Goldstein. "I want everybody to know that I'm not a monster. I love my kids. I love my babies."

Escalona pleaded guilty in July to first-degree injury to a child, a felony. Prosecutors are seeking a 45-year prison sentence.

...

She cried as she recounted what she did to her daughter, according to Goldstein: "I hit her, I kicked her constantly and she didn't deserve that."

She described a grim home life -- four of her children slept on a sofa because a mattress was infested with bed bugs.

...

But prosecutors have painted a portrait of a violent young woman, playing recordings of her as a teenager threatening to kill her mother. They said she was a former gang member who started smoking marijuana at age 11.

Her mother, Ofelia Escalona, has stood by her daughter and now cares for Escalona's five children, including Jocelyn, who has recovered.

On the stand, Ofelia Escalona burst into tears and said, "I wish as a mother that I had done more to protect my daughter." She pleaded with the judge to show her daughter mercy.'

Portlandia: Claire Gets a Sitter for Doug

fibtastic · 11 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Wow... just re-watching some of these, and WOW. Would this even be attempted with the genders reversed? Wake up, Dougs of the world!

Portlandia - Claire gets a sitter for Doug

Attention Disorder or Not, Pills to Help in School

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Article here. As we all know, this issue primarily affects boys. Excerpt:

'CANTON, Ga. — When Dr. Michael Anderson hears about his low-income patients struggling in elementary school, he usually gives them a taste of some powerful medicine: Adderall.

The pills boost focus and impulse control in children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Although A.D.H.D is the diagnosis Dr. Anderson makes, he calls the disorder “made up” and “an excuse” to prescribe the pills to treat what he considers the children’s true ill — poor academic performance in inadequate schools.

“I don't have a whole lot of choice,” said Dr. Anderson, a pediatrician for many poor families in Cherokee County, north of Atlanta. “We've decided as a society that it’s too expensive to modify the kid’s environment. So we have to modify the kid.”'

Boys Organization Calls New York Times Article "Profoundly Disturbing"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Oct. 9, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Today The Boys Initiative, a Washington, DC-based nonprofit organization, characterized an October 9 article appearing in the New York Times as "profoundly disturbing". The article examines the widening diagnosis of ADHD in children and the use of prescription drugs to treat symptoms that may or may not be related to that diagnosis. Studies show that boys are diagnosed with ADHD at two and a half times the rate of girls.

"It has been apparent for some time now that there is widespread confusion on the subject of ADHD diagnosis among parents as well as health care providers", said Dennis Barbour, Co-Founder and Executive Vice President of The Boys Initiative. "The damage we are inflicting on young brains may well be life-long as well as unnecessary," he said, "in the end we may be creating a largely male cohort of robots".

The Boys Initiative is calling on national organizations that serve the interests of children and adolescents to begin advocating for use of more coherent treatment guidelines based on sound science, such as those of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Such guidelines are neither well understood nor applied uniformly.'

Australian PM’s sexism speech sparks divisive reaction

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Deputy opposition leader Julie Bishop accused Gillard of using sexism as a weapon against criticism and said women deserved better.

“The prime minister is setting back the cause of women decades by using sexism as a shield against criticisms of her performance,” she said.

“Instead of being remembered as Australia’s first female prime minister, she’ll be remembered as the prime minister who let down the women of Australia when she was put to the test.”

Abbott also weighed in, saying it was time “everyone in this parliament moved on from the gender card which so many members of the government have been playing”.'

Arrested New York Moms Stay With Kids Instead Of Going to Jail

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rita Zimmer, the founder of Housing Plus Solutions, the nonprofit that runs the program, said it costs $34,000 annually to house a woman and her children at Drew House. It costs nearly four times as much to incarcerate a woman and put her children in foster care.

Some prisons allow women to keep their infants with them, and some drug treatment programs allow children, but no other program allows women arrested on other felonies to live with their children instead of prison.

The idea came from prosecutors working with Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes and took nearly a decade to get off the ground, until Zimmer came on board. The house opened in 2008, and was named for Hynes' mother, a victim of domestic violence.

"There's just a lot more to public safety than locking people up," Hynes said.'

Remains Found in ’05 Are of Harlem Girl, Authorities Say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The skeletal remains were discovered in 2005 in a wooded area in central New Jersey. They belonged to a girl of grade-school age, a girl who had probably died three years or so before she was found. But there was little else for investigators to go on; her case, unlike some that were called Baby Hope or Baby Faith, was simply referred to as Baby Bones.

Seven years later, investigators finally put a real name to the girl.

Her name was Jon-Niece Jones, prosecutors in Monmouth County said Wednesday, as they charged the girl’s own family in New York City with dumping her body in the wooded area off the New Jersey Turnpike in Upper Freehold before trying to cover their tracks with fire. Officials said Jon-Niece’s sister told them this summer that she had been killed in 2002 by their mother, who died the same year.'

SAVE: DV Group Batters the Truth for Fundraising Campaign

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The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) has announced their current fundraising campaign, "Every Home a Safe Home." While SAVE agrees that every home should be safe, we are getting a little tired of their ongoing gender bias. Take a look at the t-shirt they've chosen to sell.

It's bad enough that the shirt only shows a mother and daughter, perpetuating the myth that only women and girls are victims. You should see the gender bias they've added to the website you have to visit to order the t-shirts!

The campaign on Charity52 completely disregards male victims, even in the statistics. No images of men or boys, other than t-shirt models. Not one word about abused men or boys (Half of all DV victims.)

Today we're asking you to contact NCADV. Tell them to tell the ENTIRE truth about DV. Demand that they end their gender bias!

Email Exec. Dir. Rita Smith: rsmith-at-ncadv.org.

While you're at it, let Charity 52 know how unhappy you are about this campaign:
http://www.charity52.org/contact/

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Intact America Banned from AAP Conference

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Via an IA email:

Just as we were about to send you the email below, we received a letter from the American Academy of Pediatrics, telling us that INTACT AMERICA HAS BEEN BANNED FROM HAVING A BOOTH AT NEXT WEEK'S AAP CONFERENCE! It's clear they are afraid of our message, but we're still going to New Orleans, and we need your help. We have an opportunity to place two Open Letters in the New Orleans Times Picayune to reach the thousands of pediatricians visiting the conference!

Next week, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is meeting in New Orleans for its annual conference. Given the AAP's recent Task Force Report on Circumcision, it is more important than ever that Intact America be there—especially now that we've been banned from exhibiting inside the Convention Center.

The spotlight is now on us to stage a major press conference and demonstration, because we must get our message out to America's pediatricians: circumcision is medically unnecessary and harmful to the babies they are bound by oath to protect.

WE WILL NOT BE SILENCED. Please donate now and help us make an impact in New Orleans!

YOU are the driving force behind all the progress we've made so far. That's why I am asking you to please give—and give generously—at a time when your donation will be matched dollar for dollar, up to $10,000—which is exactly the amount we still need to pay for TWO Open Letters in the New Orleans Times Picayune!

Intactivists are coming from across America to help fight for baby boys' rights to genital integrity. We need to equip them with the information, signs, and tools they need to be heard when they tell the AAP, "Shame On You!"

Your tax-deductible donation today will be critical in getting our message out to pediatricians who need important information about circumcision—information that their own trade association is keeping from them by banning us from the conference!

We can't afford NOT to be there.

Thanks to the generous matching pledge from intactivist Dan Bollinger, your donation today will go twice as far—which is why I am asking you to please give as generously as you can. Like I said above, we will not be silenced.

Together we can make a difference!

With gratitude for all that you do,

Georganne Chapin
Executive Director, Intact America
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Mom Who Glued Toddler's Hands To Wall Gets 99 Years

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DALLAS (CBSDFW.COM) – The North Texas mom who pled guilty to gluing her toddler daughter's hands to a wall, kicking her in the stomach and beating her over "potty training" issues has been sentenced to 99 years in prison.

...

In handing down the stiff sentence, Mitchell told Escalona that in spite of the 'heartbreaking' and 'compelling' evidence presented on both sides, "to me, it comes down to a single, salient fact: you savagely beat your child to the edge of death… for this you must be punished."

Pleading for leniency Escalona took to the stand Thursday where she admitted that she'd behaved "like a monster" but also said she deserved to be given "a second chance."'

Roseanne Barr of Peace and Freedom Party is honest about DV and gender

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From Marc A.:

Roseanne Barr, Presidential candidate for the Peace & Freedom Party, is the only candidate I have seen who was fair and honest about domestic violence. She flat-out said women are as violent as men in relationships. That is precisely what the majority of the independent surveys show, all over the world, as opposed to the unreliable crime data. She said this in the context of the Chris Brown/Rihiana incident, in which CNN admitted the court records say Rihianna was slapping Chris around before he attacked her, but the mass media and Oprah all attacked Chris 100% without ever mentioning Rihianna's vioence.

Quoting Roseanne:

http://www.roseanneworld.com/blog/2009/02/sick-secret/
"Women who go back to men who have hit them are usually violent too–they escalate conflict by using verbal humiliation and often throw the first punch, but are then unable to withstand the strength of the man's counter attack. Alot of guys hit women because the women are hitting them, verbally abusing them or throwing the keys to their car outside and goading them on, and they lose control of themselves. This is what it sounds like to be in the rhianna-chris brown affair. There is no way out of violence if you are violent. the only way to win is not to play the game. In the later stages, she won't leave because her will is destroyed, and a violent line crossed, because once the guy threatens to kill her, it becomes almost impossible for her to leave. i hope rhianna is getting counseling from a professional counselor who will tell her that there is no way for her to ever win, and that she will have to curtail her own penchant for escalating conflict by screaming at or hitting or humiliating her abuser. I hope he gets real counseling too, that is not from a minister or his mom or any other shame based bullshit method that will never work, and that is designed to avoid dealing directly with self-control issues. I hope that they both leave each other alone and get over their faults. I hope she does not continue to play the game with him. If they still love each other after they learn self control and conflict resolution, then they can get back together."

http://www.roseanneworld.com/blog/2009/03/i-am-glad-chris-brown-is-charg/
"I hope he spends a long time in jail. I think laws need to change so that the woman who is a partner in domestic abuse should go to jail too. I think they both should be going to jail right now. She was also psychologically abusive to him, spying on his private phone messages, and throwing his keys out the door and screaming and threatening to call the police, as a way of taunting him, not stopping him. It's all a big game and it takes two players. I am sick of people thinking that women cannot leave when the truth is they stay too long because they do not want to stop being violent themselves. I have heard so many women say: "I didn't just take it, I hit him too" as if that is some feminist thing. Women are as violent as men and women attack and provoke men instead of just leaving them and moving on. Alot of times they do move on and end up in another violent situation with another man."

An end to the agony

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Article here. Login required, registration is free. Excerpt:

'Germany's parliament may soon approve a law to protect religious circumcision, this to counteract a Cologne court ruling last June that pronounced the practice unlawful.

This is wrong - the German government should rethink. I say this as a Jewish parent from a proud rabbinic lineage, with relatives killed in the Holocaust; I say this as the maker of "It's a Boy!" - the 1995 British TV documentary that first broke the taboo on showing the hidden toll of circumcision. It demonstrated how a rite ingrained in Jewish and Muslim culture, and said to be divinely commanded, regularly results in acute suffering, injuries, mutilation and deaths.

The film triggered a furor in Britain by chronicling the near-death of a baby circumcised by a mohel, and I hoped this would start a phasing-out of the custom. Instead, at pulpits across the U.K., rabbis denounced "that film made by a self-hating Jew," and urged parents to ignore it.
...
I think about this positively: For my daughter's generation and those following, shouldn't Jewish and Muslim identities embrace children's rights? Nonviolent welcoming ceremonies would be equally meaningful for baby girls and boys. A handful of rabbis in America and Germany have been pioneering "brit shalom" ceremonies. These celebrate the perfection present at the birth of all children. That's the true praise for a Creator, after all, rather than "corrective surgery" for every newborn boy.'

Bus driver suspended after fight with passenger

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Incredible story... a female bus driver was harassed physically and verbally by a male passenger who appeared drunk and/or crazy, and after trying to deal with him verbally, and after repeated threats and assaults such as choking and spitting, she hit him and threw him off the bus physically. Then he re-boarded the bus and assaulted the driver again. And can you believe it, she declined to press charges against him for his outrageous behavior. Now, strangely enough, the bus company (Greater Cleveland RTA) she works for has suspended her and denounced her actions despite him putting her and her passengers in danger. I think this is nuts. Click here to go to Change.org to sign a petition expressing your dissatisfaction to the bus company for their difficult-to-understand actions. What you say, the link doesn't work? You're right, it doesn't. That's because it isn't a hyperlink. That's because there is no such petition. That's because the foregoing story is not true. However if you re-read the story and reverse the genders, the story will in fact be true. Read it here. GCRTA contact info is posted in one of the comments below, if you would like to let them know how you feel. Excerpt:

'OCTOBER 12--The Cleveland bus driver who delivered an uppercut to an unruly female passenger told cops that he struck the woman after she grabbed his throat and spit in his face as he was driving, according to police reports.
...
Video of the fight (see below) went viral online this week, prompting RTA officials to suspend Hughes, a 22-year veteran, and characterize his behavior as "absolutely unacceptable."

When cops responded to the stopped bus around 4 PM, Hughes and three passengers described Lane (pictured at right) as the incident's aggressor. Hughes told cops that Lane initially boarded the bus without paying, claiming, "I left my bookbag."

Criticising women not sexism or misogyny

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Article here. Note you may get prompted for login, and paid registration is required. If necessary, get around this by using the Google search link here, then click on the first listed result. Excerpt:

'Have I encountered sexism and misogyny along the way? Not that I have noticed, although I am the type who would be inclined to suck it up and fight back.

I often have criticisms levelled at me. Only yesterday, someone (anonymous, of course) described me as a "commentator's bootlace". I take these remarks as indicative of the person's opinion of my work not good. That's fine.

...

My view is that if you put yourself out there, it is only reasonable to expect attacks and criticisms. So be it.

Have I benefited from being in a profession which has traditionally been dominated by men? You bet, although I find comfort in the knowledge that merit and competence are always part of the selection criteria. But could this be called reverse sexism?

The really troubling implication of the showdown in parliament this week is that the Prime Minister will now misrepresent any criticisms of her performance and the performance of her government as examples of sexism and misogyny. She will play this card, even if it is the lowest trick in the book, constantly portraying herself as a helpless victim.

This is not the feminist way.'

F&F: Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines Are Actively Harmful to the Wellbeing of Children

Matt · 14 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I believe that that Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines require extensive revisions because they are actively harmful to the wellbeing of children.

Best Interests of Children
Life teaches us that almost any beneficial factor is beneficial in moderation; and that too much or too little are usually harmful. It is intuitively obvious why too little child support is harmful to the wellbeing of children. It ought to be intuitively obvious that too much court-ordered child support is also harmful to children, but so little thought has been devoted to this issue by decision-makers that it is often lost.

For middle income and high income families, the current Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines produce child support orders that are far too high by any reasonable measure. They constitute a windfall to the recipient. In low income cases, the child support orders are by no means a windfall, since they are generally less than it costs to raise a child; but they are high enough to constitute a major burden for the payor, often pushing him into deep poverty.'

AHRQ: Healthcare Quality and Disparities in Women

Minuteman · 15 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Introduction to the NHQR and NHDR

Priority populations include racial and ethnic minorities, low-income groups, women, children, older adults, residents of rural areas and inner cities, and individuals with disabilities and special health care needs.
...
Colorectal Cancer

* From 2000 to 2007, the rate of advanced stage colorectal cancer in males age 50 and over decreased significantly, from 111.4 to 88.0. During the same period, rates for females age 50 and over also showed a significant decrease, from 83.2 to 67.0. In all years, males had significantly higher rates of advanced stage colorectal cancer compared with females.
...
Diabetes

*From 2000 to 2007, males had significantly higher rates of admission for lower extremity amputation. In 2005-2007, the amputation rate for males was 4.8 per 1,000 admissions compared with 2.2 per 1,000 admissions for women.
...

HIV and AIDS

* In 2008, there were no statistically significant gender differences in the percentage of people with HIV receiving recommended services.

* In 2009, the percentage of newly diagnosed cases of AIDS in female patients was lower than in males, 6.7% compared with 20.6%.

* In 2007, the HIV infection death rate for males was more than twice that for females (5.4 per 100,000 population versus 2.1).
...
Summary

AHRQ includes women in their priority populations, because women have unique health care needs or issues that require special focus. In addition to analyses in the NHQR and NHDR, AHRQ supports research on all aspects of health care provided to women, including enhancing the response of the health system to women's needs, understanding differences between the health care needs of women and men, understanding and eliminating disparities in health care, and providing evidence to inform women in their health care decisions.'

SAVE: Urgent-- Stop the Political Imprisonment of Vladek Filler

Matt · 15 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Last August we asked you to intervene on behalf of single father Vladek Filler in Maine(1) who had endured 5 1/2 years of persecution by Asst. District Attorney Mary Kellet.(2,3) Filler was facing jail when he needed to prepare for Kellet's disciplinary hearing for her procedural misconduct in his case.

We asked, and you took action! Filler's incarceration was postponed. But, so was Kellet's hearing.

Now Filler has been ordered to jail on October 17, right when he should be preparing for Kellet's October 22-23 hearing. Coincidence? We don't think so.

IA: Thanks to your support, we reached our goal

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Later this week, members of the Intact America staff, along with intactivists from around the country, will arrive in New Orleans to protest outside the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, where the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) will be hosting its annual convention, and formally announcing its new Task Force Report on Circumcision.

Why are we outside this year, and not inside? Because we've been barred from the convention's exhibit hall by the AAP.

As you know, every year since its inception, Intact America has had a booth inside the AAP's annual convention. To get more bang for our buck, we linked up with the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers (NOCIRC). As our profile became more and more visible and our position became more and more threatening to the AAP, we fully anticipated that the AAP would try to silence us; we just didn't know how.

Intact America is planning a major press conference as well as a demonstration outside the Convention Center, because we know the AAP is scared, and rightly so—their pro-circumcision stance is finally exposed for its self-interest and lack of ethics, and it is creating a storm of public criticism and disgust. They took the gloves off when they published that report, and if we want the intactivist movement to prevail, we have to be ready to fight.

Immediately following the release of the Task Force Report, YOU—Intact America supporters—took action through the Intact America website, and sent a total of nearly 100,000 (yes, one hundred thousand!) emails to AAP's elected leadership, senior staff, and Task Force members. Thousands of intactivists posted comments on the AAP's own Facebook page, criticizing the organization for ignoring medical ethics and promoting unnecessary, painful surgery on baby boys who cannot consent. And the "AAP-NO ETHICS" project was incredibly powerful, and it sparked the idea for Intact America's new "I Did Not Consent" message—which will be on full display this weekend in New Orleans.

Then, my article lambasting the Task Force Report was published in the Huffington Post, and—a few days later—IA received a letter saying that we would not be welcome in the exhibit hall of the convention.

By barring Intact America from the conference exhibit hall, the AAP has shown the world that it's frightened of us! This is a great opportunity to STEP UP our protest. We are investing your donations, as well as the refunded money from the booth, in more advertising to the public, to parents, and to doctors by placing Open Letters in both the New Orleans and Baton Rouge newspapers, and in a whole new slew of signs, banners, and media outreach strategies.

Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our goal ahead of our deadline—raising $19,211 and thus securing the matching gift from Dan Bollinger. We raised almost $30,000 in only six days. This is testament to the dedication and generosity of our supporters!

As good as it was to be at the conference in the past, we now have ways of reaching MORE people than ever before. This weekend, we'll be in New Orleans as doctors enter and leave the Convention Center, handing out informational flyers, sharing our analysis of the Task Force Report, and inviting them to speak with us about how the AAP is misleading and misinforming them.

We also hope as many as people as possible show up at the demonstration. Intact America is only one of several groups who'll be there representing the intactivist movement. Now is the time for us to band together and tell the AAP, "Shame on you for trying to silence us! Shame on you for supporting the mutilation of baby boys! Shame on you for promoting doctors' financial interests instead of the rights of babies you took an oath to protect!"

To all of Intact America's supporters: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Now let’s go to New Orleans and save some babies!

With gratitude and respect,

Georganne Chapin
Executive Director, Intact America
www.intactamerica.org

P.S. We reached our goal for this fundraiser, but Intact America needs your help in an ongoing way. The circumcision rate is falling, but—still—this year, one million baby boys will lose their foreskins to an unethical surgery to which they cannot consent. Please consider becoming an Intact America Sustainer, so that we can count on you in our continuing fight to protect babies’ bodies and babies' rights.

"The View" Hot Topics: Bus Driver Suspended for Hitting Female Passenger

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Video here. The "Ladies of The View" took up this topic. Kudos to Whoopi G. for standing up for the right of the driver to fight back-- regardless of the sex of the driver and his assailant. Predictably, most of the other "Ladies" disagreed.

Bettina Arndt Interview: Modern marriage - a dud deal for men?

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Article here. An interview with Bettina Arndt. Excerpt:

'Marriage has become a "dud deal" for men, says Bettina Arndt.

Gone are the times when men would be thanked for their hardwork - where leisure time was their own and sex was a "wifely duty".

Now, according to Bettina Arndt, "many men find themselves grovelling for sex or having sex handed out like meaty bites to a dog".

She says modern marriage demands more from men and rewards them less. Plus, the threat of divorce looms larger than ever with women's expectations on the rise.

"The risk of divorce is another really important issue - the fact that marriage is a really risky deal for men because they stand to lose an awful lot if the marriage goes wrong," she says.'

Father fights to change paternity rights in Michigan, has court hearing next Friday

Matt · 16 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'GENESEE COUNTY, MI (WNEM) - A bitter custody battle has spawned major changes in Lansing and now, a newly passed law is helping a Hartland father's fight to get his daughter back.

Daniel Quinn and his then 2 1/2-year-old daughter are all smiles in the pictures he has framed. But four years ago, his baby girl was taken away right in front of his eyes.

"Now, she's 6 years old, last time I talked to my daughter was August of 2008, and the last time I saw Maeleigh was Memorial Day of 2008," Quinn explained.

This story starts in 2006, when Quinn was dating Maeleigh's mother, a woman who he said claimed to be divorced. She got pregnant and the two moved in together. But shortly after Maeleigh was born, Quinn learned something wasn't quite right.

"At the hospital, I was denied to be able to sign my name on the birth certificate, and it was at that point, the hospital said that she was married," Quinn said.'

Please thank Whoopi Goldberg for her common sense and courage

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Regarding the post from yesterday, please contact Whoopi Goldberg for her courage to stand up and be counted even if what she says is unpopular-- unpopular, but right. A Google search turns up no direct contact email address for her but The View can be contacted here. Of course, no guarantee The View management or staff will pass along your feedback, but it will let them know that people are watching and are as capable of rewarding with praise as punishing with condemnation when someone on their show does the right thing.

Google did turn up a snail-mail address for her via a celebrity information site, found here. I can't vouch for the accuracy though of the contact information one way or another.

UK: How female breadwinners are 'losing out' in divorce

Broadsword · 17 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the country's leading family law firms says increasing numbers of female breadwinners are left feeling "aggrieved" when their less well paid husbands walk away with more generous divorce settlements.

Their biggest complaint is often that while they have shouldered bigger financial burdens and longer working hours than women in previous generations, their husbands have failed to step in to take on more of the responsibility on the domestic front. The result is that they feel they have been doing "two jobs" – something the courts do not take into account when dividing assets.

...

"Both spouses will need rehousing and if the husband's income is lower than his wife's, his mortgage capacity will also be lower," she explained.

"He may therefore need more capital to enable him to obtain a suitable property."

"However, many women still find it hard to believe that they will receive less than their husbands when they divorce, especially when they still seem to do the greater share of work around the house."

...

"They feel quite aggrieved that they have been doing 'two jobs' yet they have not got any credit for it."'

Gay man assulted by coworkers, DA does nothing

Matt · 17 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Change.org petition here. Looks a lot to me like they are ignoring what is happening to this guy because he's male. If this were a female getting sexually abused this way by men or women, I am sure the DA would be all over it. Men have the right to live lives free of assault and abuse by people of either sex, and it's time the powers-that-be knew it. Excerpt:

'While working at the Shaw Group in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, I was sexually assaulted by four male co-workers who perceived that I was gay. But the District Attorney's office has refused to take the case. I believe this is because they don't take male-on-male sexual assault seriously. Now, I'm calling for a state and federal investigation to hold my abusers accountable and prevent this from happening to anyone else.
...
When I finally had enough of the abuse, I went to the police. The four men were charged, but the District Attorney refused to take the case because I was unable to appear before a Grand Jury in August. I was only given two days notice before the hearing and my request for a delay so I could speak with a rape therapist before having to speak publicly about what happened to me was denied.

I'm calling on my Attorney General in Louisiana, Buddy Caldwell, and Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General for DOJ Civil Rights Division, to investigate the case. I know they'll find the truth.

Talking about what happened to me isn't easy. But I know that somewhere, someone else is going through the same thing.'

VAWA and the War on Men

Matt · 18 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) arguably is one of the most misguided pieces of legislation ever passed by Congress. From conceptualization to consequences it has wreaked a wide swath of destruction across American society and accurately can be described as “A War on Men.” Conceptually, VAWA is based on the false Duluth Power and Control Wheel model. VAWA falsely presumes that all Domestic Violence (DV) is perpetrated by evil patriarchal males against virtuously innocent female victims. This false gender ideology has no research support.

By contrast, social science research, replicated across hundreds of studies, shows that: DV is initiated about equally by men and women; slightly more women than men are physically harmed by DV but men nonetheless still represent more than 40% of the physically harmed victims; the DV initiation rates for women, and especially young women, have been rising; and DV has nothing to do with an evil patriarchy because the DV rates for bisexuals, gays, and lesbians all are higher than for heterosexual couples.

The research further exposes misrepresentation in the title: “The Violence Against Women Act.” Given that DV approaches 50-50 on most indices, why does Congress want to serve only half of the victims? Where are the programs for male victims of DV? Where is the money for fathers and their children who have been victimized by violent and abusive wives and mothers?'

'Alarming' low testosterone levels found in obese teenage boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Obese teenage boys are at risk for more than diabetes and heart disease, a new study has found. They also have alarmingly low levels of testosterone - between 40 to 50% less than males of the same age with a normal body mass index.

The study, published this week in the journal Clinical Endocrinology, investigated the effect of obesity on testosterone levels in young males.

It has its origins in earlier research, which showed that type II diabetes and obesity in older men are linked to a high rate (25-33%) of hypogonadism, or low testosterone levels. According to the new study, the rate of hypogonadism in type II diabetic men ages 18-35 is greater than 50%.

In addition, concentrations of free testosterone — testosterone that isn't chemically bound and thus available to the body — were shown to be negatively related to BMI: The higher the body mass, the lower the concentration.'

Letter to the Editor: Domestic violence also impacts men

Matt · 18 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'According to the 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey given by the Centers for Disease Control, one in four women and one in seven men in the United States will experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. There is a stigma in this country that men cannot be victims so the services available to them are limited. As a social work graduate student who works at a domestic violence agency, I am concerned by the amount of support males are able to receive. I have had calls from both homosexual and heterosexual male victims asking for support. In reality, until we raise awareness and reduce the stigma, male victims will continue to be underserved. Shelters are only for women so men end up having to go to a homeless shelter and often face discrimination even from shelter staff.'

UK: Thousands of young boys 'struggling to write their name'

Matt · 18 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Figures show that 15 per cent of boys struggle to form simple words such as “dog”, “cat”, “mum” and “dad” from memory at the end of the reception year.

They are around twice as likely as girls to fail in basic writing at the end of pre-school, it emerged.

Data from the Department for Education also showed that some four-in-10 boys and almost a fifth of girls cannot write a simple shopping list or a letter to Santa.

In further figures, It was revealed that eight per cent of boys cannot count up to 10, compared with just five per cent of girls. They were also considerably more likely to struggle to dress independently and manage their own hygiene.'

MensHealth.com: The War Against Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On a radio show one morning last year, a female professor at a well-known university tossed off the thought that if men are just going to hang out with their pals at the bar every night, women will take a pass on having kids with them. She didn't cite any studies, and she almost certainly didn't know any men who fit that description. But it didn't matter.

Casually disparaging the entire male gender is not only the last socially acceptable prejudice, it's a national pastime. Later I asked friends to name a few things men do well, and the answers ranged from "Leave the toilet seat up" to a flat-out "Nothing." Men have become a necessary evil—and maybe not all that necessary, once artificial sperm moves out of the lab and into a uterus. At the same time, women have become so disproportionately admired by both sexes that psychologists call this phenomenon the "women are wonderful" effect.
...
Feminism notwithstanding, everybody understands that it's still a world where women and children come first. And we're okay with that because when it comes to survival of the species (or the family), men are just not as precious. But that context can sometimes make the modern urge to focus on female victims—while stepping gingerly past heaped-up male corpses—a little unseemly. For instance, a recent New York State report on post-9/11 deaths among first responders at the World Trade Center solemnly noted that 13 percent of victims were women. You had to go to a table to find out that the other 87 percent were . . . oh, never mind.'

Barbara Kay: One father's fight for gender-neutral justice

Matt · 18 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Officially sanctioned injustice focuses the victim's mind wonderfully. When such an injustice befalls someone of high intelligence, iron will and an enormous reservoir of patience, sometimes one person can change a system.

Meet Toronto tax consultant Lucien Khodeir. Khodeir got screwed over years ago through Canada's recipient-biased 1997 Child Support Guidelines. He tasked himself to analyze them exhaustively, prove their bias and force judicial reform.

Khodeir is not the first person to denounce the inherent unfairness in the guidelines, but he may be the most pertinacious. He's written two e-books on the subject, and argued the need for reform through the courts up to the UN level on his own dime. According to almost equally knowledgeable comrades-in-arms, Khodeir has established a new gold standard in legal advocacy for the fathers' rights movement. We owe him a hearing.
...
Khodeir notes: "Since May 1997, Canada's child-support guidelines have been responsible for causing damage to 340,000 divorced parents at the alarming rate of $100-million every month. These damages will reach the $20-billion mark by the end of 2013 and undoubtedly classify Canada's child-support guidelines as the longest-running, most expensive scandal in the history of Canadian politics."

The state was counting on fathers to end single-mother poverty, but it hasn't. A study of Low Income Cut-off (LICO) rates for children of single-parent families seven years after the guidelines were initiated showed no change from the seven years before the guidelines. They are unlikely to have improved since then. It's time to take a fresh look at the failed guidelines with a view to reality — and gender-neutral justice.'

The most dangerous jobs in Chicago--and the state

Matt · 18 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the most recent data available from the Illinois Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, the careers associated with the highest number of occupational fatalities were transportation and material moving, management (including farming) and construction. Sales-related occupations were fourth, while protective services rounded out the top five.
...
In Illinois alone, there were 203 injury-related occupational deaths in 2010, up from 158 deaths the year before. The 28 percent increase is attributed to an unusually low number of work-related deaths in 2009.

"That year was an abnormally low number," Wamack said. "There was a downturn in the economy and less construction, which is one of the possible reasons" for fewer workplace deaths in 2009.

Men account for an overwhelming number of workplace fatalities, making up 92.1 percent of all injury-related occupational deaths in Illinois, even though they only make up a little more than half of the total workforce.

"These particular industries are dominated by men, so they make up more of the deaths" Wamack said. "But I'm seeing more women in trucking, and they're really finding their footing in that industry, so I wouldn't be surprised if the number of women deaths go up."'

Women's votes worth fighting for-- men's not?

Matt · 18 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"And on the campaign trail and on the air, the candidates and their allies argued intensely all day over who would do more to help women. At the same time, the topic of whether the heated encounter Tuesday night had alienated the very female voters they were seeking to connect with became fodder for cable TV discussions.

The level of intensity left little doubt that the election was coming down not only to a state-by-state fight for territory, but also to one for the allegiance of vital demographic groups, chief among them undecided women.
...
Mr. Romney, at a campaign rally in Chesapeake, Va., hit back. “This president has failed America’s women,” he said. “They’ve suffered in terms of getting jobs. They’ve suffered in terms of falling into poverty.”

For Mr. Romney, the imperative, with less than three weeks until Election Day, is cutting into what has been Mr. Obama’s sizable lead among women.

Their goal, Romney aides said, is to keep Mr. Obama’s lead among women, which in many polls has been in double digits, down to the low single digits."

UK: Modern women feel feminism 'not relevant' to their generation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Only one in seven women describes herself as a "feminist", while one in five said feminism was 'not relevant' to the modern generation, according to a new UK survey.

One in three modern women view traditional radical feminism as "too aggressive" towards men, the survey by a UK-based parenting website found.

Fewer than one in ten women aged 25 to 29 identified with feminism, compared with a quarter of those aged 45 to 50 and just one in seven women describes herself as a "feminist" with younger women even less likely to describe themselves as such.

A third view traditional radical feminism as "too aggressive" towards men, while a quarter no longer view it as a positive label, the Daily Mail reported.'

Obama and Romney on the Wage Gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We hear it over and over again: the myth of the wage gap. In Tuesday's presidential debate, Katherine Fenton asked President Obama what he intended to do about "women making only 72 percent of what their male counterparts earn."

Just one problem: Women make about 95 percent of what their male counterparts earn, if the male counterparts are in the same job with the same experience.

Obama's answer was to brag about the increased regulations he's put in place through the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which he signed into law in January 2009 — even though women have brought only about 35 lawsuits under the new law.'

UK: Thousands of boys 'at least four years behind in reading'

Broadsword · 18 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Articles here and here. Excerpt from one:

'More than 20,000 boys left primary school this summer with the reading skills of a seven-year-old or worse, according to official figures.

Seven per cent of 11-year-old boys will be starting secondary education with ability levels no better than those expected of the average infant, it was revealed.

Despite a record rise in results this year, figures showed that boys were almost twice as likely as girls to fail basic reading tests.

In all, some 20,300 boys were at Level 2 or below in reading – the standard normally expected after just two years of compulsory schooling – compared with 10,400 girls.

The disclosure comes amid concerns that a lack of male role models at home and school may be turning boys off reading at a young age.

Earlier this year, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Literacy warned that large numbers of boys were failing to develop a love of reading during primary education because of a shortage of male teachers combined with an anti-book culture among many fathers.'

"Perversion files" show locals helped cover up

Matt · 18 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Undoubtedly the vast majority of adults in Scouting are NOT child molesters, in the same way that the same can be said for college football coaches and clergymen. The issue here is that once again, boys were the victims of sexual predators (male or female, makes no difference), and instead of other adults standing to defend them, they turned their backs on them. Need I make the point yet again: Would they have done thus if the victims had been girls? No way. Excerpt:

'PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An array of local authorities — police chiefs, prosecutors, pastors and town Boy Scout leaders among them — quietly shielded scoutmasters and others who allegedly molested children, according to a newly opened trove of confidential files compiled from 1959 to1985.

At the time, those authorities justified their actions as necessary to protect the good name and good works of Scouting. But as detailed in 14,500 pages of secret "perversion files" released Thursday by order of the Oregon Supreme Court, their maneuvers protected suspected sexual predators while victims suffered in silence.

The files document sex abuse allegations across the country, from a small town in the Adirondacks to downtown Los Angeles.

At a news conference Thursday, Portland attorney Kelly Clark blasted the Boy Scouts for their continuing legal battles to try to keep the full trove of files secret.'

SAVE E-lert: Bring Mary Kellett to Justice

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Something smells very rotten in Ellsworth, Maine.

Even though you made the calls this week on behalf of falsely accused and persecuted domestic violence victim and single father Vladek Filler, he was incarcerated yesterday. But that's not the worst of it.

Asst. District Attorney Mary N. Kellett is facing a disciplinary hearing next week for procedural misconduct in the Filler case. And now Vladek is in Mary Kellet's jail. He's in her jail without an attorney.

Background: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/intolerable-injustice/

Six weeks ago Vladek filed two motions, including one asking the court to recognize his new attorney. Judge Robert E. Murray waited until the very last minute, then denied both motions. Vladek Filler doesn't have an attorney to make sure he is allowed to testify at Kellett's disciplinary hearing next week.

Do you smell it now?

Please call the Board of Overseers of the Bar. Tell them to bring prosecutor Mary Kellett to justice at 207-623-1121

Board of Overseers of the Bar
97 Winthrop Street
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E-mail: board-at-mebaroverseers.org

And sign the petition on Change.org.

Thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Religious vs. secular ethics and a note about respect

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The philosopher Iain Brassington has recently expressed a similar concern. On the Journal of Medical Ethics blog, he wrote: “Though I [have] mentioned the [recent] decision of the German court that ritual circumcision constituted assault, I’ve wanted to stay clear of saying more about it [because] it seemed too potentially toxic”[2] (Brassington, 2012, para. 2). To give another example, the bioethicist Dan O’Connor from Johns Hopkins University—in an article entitled “A Piece I Really Didn’t Want to Write on Circumcision”—has recently said that: “when [a reporter] calls my work and ask[s] if there is a bioethicist in the house who will give the anti-circumcision viewpoint, I beg off. … I would be a terrible interviewee anyway, [since I would have to preface] my every argument against circumcision with rambling spiels about what loving and caring parents my [Jewish] friends are” (O’Connor, 2012, para. 10).

Finally, as a philosopher colleague of mine wrote to me in a recent email: “To be honest with you, I am strongly anti-circumcision. The reason I don’t [write papers on the topic] is that I have a large number of circumcised Jewish … friends who I think would be offended if they found out [about my views]” (personal communication, May 17, 2012).

Like all of the men I have just mentioned, I find myself in the position of being very skeptical about ritual circumcision on ethical grounds—for reasons I will give in just a moment—and yet I am well aware that since I myself am neither Jewish nor Muslim, I have an especially good chance of offending someone who is when I publically criticize this practice. This chance is, of course, magnified by the fact that circumcision is seen by some as a central, or even obligatory, ritual in each of these faiths. And just like the bioethicist Dan O’Connor and the philosopher colleague whose email I quoted above, this potential for causing offense extends to many of my closest friends, to colleagues of mine, and to a pretty wide range of people I have no particular interest in irritating.'

Sandusky seeks new trial

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Unbelievable, but read it here. Excerpt:

'Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky asked a judge on Thursday to overturn his child sexual abuse convictions and grant him a new trial, claiming his lawyers lacked sufficient time to prepare and the statute of limitations for some charges had expired.

Sandusky's lawyers made the filing at the courthouse in Bellefonte where he was sentenced two weeks ago to 30 to 60 years in prison after being convicted of abusing 10 boys, some on Penn State's campus in State College.

"The defendant submits the court's sentence was excessive and tantamount ... to a life sentence, which the defendant submits is in violation of his rights," they wrote.

The 31-page set of motions, technically not appeals because they were filed with the trial judge, cover a wide range of assertions, including insufficient evidence, improper use of hearsay testimony and improper rulings from the bench.'

What's tantamount to a life sentence is living with the trauma of having been brutally raped by someone you thought you could trust. Sociopaths have no concept of what they do to others. They only see life through their own eyes. There is just one fit place for Jerry Sandusky: Prison.

Hillary tells women to 'stop whining'

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Article here. Will wonders never cease? I think years of walking a few miles in mens' mocassins has taught her a few lessons. Wonder if she'd recognize that whining panderer she was not too long ago if she met her in the hallway? Now I don't see this as proof of a magical transformation; I have no doubt she still cares diddly about males, much less men's issues-- after all, she's still Mrs. Circumcision-For-All-African-Men, last I knew. But I'm glad to see that after so much time, she's finally grown up some and not only seems to have stopped her endless whining herself but has developed a healthy intolerance for it. Better late than never. Excerpt:

'Secretary of State Hillary Clinton says in a new interview that she can't stand "whining" by women who are unhappy with the work and family choices they've made in life and complain that they have no options.

Clinton, in the interview with Marie Claire, was discussing Anne-Marie Slaughter, a former director of policy planning at the State Department who left in 2011. This summer, Slaughter wrote a much-discussed cover story in the Atlantic — "Why Women Still Can't Have It all" — about leaving her job because of the difficulty of balancing her work at State with the needs of her two teenage boys.'

Slate: Map Shows the Worst State for Women To Make Money

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Slate has recently published an interactive map purporting to show income inequality by gender down to the county level, based on the US Govt. data from the American Community Survey. You'll immediately notice the ubiquitous pink and red tones screaming that women earn up to 50% less than men.

Lets educate them a bit in the comments shall we?

PM's sexism rant prompts Australian dictionary rewrite

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sydney (CNN) -- The Australian Macquarie Dictionary has re-ignited the so-called gender war that shone so brightly after the country's prime minister's blistering attack on sexism and misogyny in parliament earlier this month.

Julia Gillard's tirade, which drew global attention, and at the time of writing had been viewed almost two million times on You Tube, was directed at the Opposition leader, Tony Abbott.

"The leader of the opposition says that people who hold sexist views and who are misogynists are not appropriate for high office. Well, I hope the leader of the opposition has got a piece of paper and he is writing out his resignation," Gillard blared.

Abbott's National-Liberal Coalition took deep offense. Had the prime minister conflated or confused "sexism" and "misogyny," or worse, deliberately distorted the meaning of misogyny to score a resounding political point? Was Gillard seriously asserting that her opposite number held a pathological hatred of women, as most dictionaries define misogyny?'

Circumcision policy a hot issue as American Academy of Pediatrics convention comes to New Orleans

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As pediatricians gather Saturday at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, they'll be greeted by protesters urging the medical group to rethink its position on an issue that makes most people squirm: the circumcision of newborn boys. Although the American Academy of Pediatrics doesn't recommend routine removal of infants' foreskins -– that has been its stance since 1999 -– its report, released two months ago, does cite literature saying that the procedure can prevent urinary-tract infections, cancer of the penis and sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.

Such benefits, the report says, justify its coverage by private insurance and Medicaid. Louisiana is one of 18 states where Medicaid does not pay for the procedure.

Opponents, who call themselves "intactivists," go beyond mere opposition to the circumcision of healthy infants.

"We say that it's a human-rights violation to tie down a baby and cut off part of his penis," said Georganne Chapin, the founding executive director of Intact America, which will hold a press conference and rally at the convention center at 11 a.m. Saturday.'

Title IX Conference Conveys Both Progress and Goals to Wrestle with Gender Discrimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A merry group of men and women gathered in the McCune conference room on Monday, Oct. 15, to kick off University of California Santa Barbara's two week celebration of Title IX.

Signed by President Nixon, Title IX was added to the Higher Education Act of 1965 in 1972. The act is widely known for expanding opportunities for female athletes at the college level, and it also bans sexual discrimination from any federally funded educational program or activity. Female professors, graduate school applicants and athletes, once small in numbers compared to their male counterparts, became legally protected from discrimination thanks to Title IX.

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"I think we will have a wonderful opportunity to have a dialogue," she said, speaking to her diverse audience. Chancellor Yang came to offer opening remarks about the celebration. He discussed the welcomed implementation of Title IX at UCSB and the progress made by women on campus because of the law.

"Your achievements inspire us and make us proud," he said to the female athletes in the room, "We also recognize we have a long way to go." Nearly all the speakers acknowledged this same sentiment throughout the evening. Vice Chancellor Gene Lucas also spoke about the celebratory events and effects of Title IX on UCSB.

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"If we did it with sports, we can do it with STEM," said Oliver. However, there is no doubt that women have made tremendous progress in American universities thanks to Title IX and the women who rose above limitations set by sexist expectations in the 1960s and 70s. Our faculty, full of accomplished women who pursued educations in spite of a rigid social structure, reminds us of the work that has already been done. Professor Janis Ingham chose to focus on the issues of her time in college.'

Title IX Invades Science and Math

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists have long abused the law called Title IX in order to cancel men's sports teams in colleges and universities. For example, they have forced colleges to cancel hundreds of college wrestling teams because the feminists hate anything so masculine as wrestling. Now the feminists are making the same kind of assault against men who are interested in science and math. The feminists, who virtually control the Obama Administration, have gotten the federal government to announce a new set of rules to enforce Title IX in what are called the STEM courses. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. There has never been any discrimination in the STEM courses; they are open to males and females on the same basis. But traditionally more men are interested in those subjects than women.

The fact that engineering departments have a majority of men does not mean they discriminate against women any more than the majority of women in English departments means that English classes discriminate against men. But the feminists are determined to make them gender equal regardless of student preferences or aptitude. This new feminist attack on men comes straight from President Obama. He told Newsweek magazine, that he is "addressing inequality in math and science education" and "engineering and technology." He then said, "I've said that women will shape the destiny of this country, and I mean it." What he really meant is that radical feminists will shape the policy of his administration, regardless of ability or talent or aptitude or choice in education.'

Title IX is government discrimination against men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Males, not females, are presently the ones being discriminated against. By arbitrarily forcing males and females to have parity in sports and not in other extra curricular activities, an unattractive and hostile environment for males in higher education communities has been created. Not only are the contact sports teams, that are part of the male DNA dwindling, young college men are vulnerable to persecution under Title IX even with consensual sexual partners.

In the recent past these sexual encounters have not been considered sexual assault. These sexual encounters between college students on campus were usually not prosecuted by the local criminal system because they were "he said, she said" incidents where the rights of both parties have to be protected. After initial university and/or police investigation found probable cause that a possible sexual assault took place, it was turned over to the courts for prosecution.

Presently the same type of college assault cases are not turned over to local prosecution but according to Title IX federal guidelines anyone can make a complaint to the Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (OCR), where the male has no legal right to due process. The burden of proof falls on the male who appears to be guilty until proven innocent.'

Teaching for the Future: Steering girls to science

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women graduate from college in larger numbers than men, but they fall behind when it comes to degrees in some of the fastest-growing — and most lucrative — fields. Not only did just 18% of bachelor's degrees in computer science go to women in 2010, their numbers are down from 38% in 1985, Education Department data show.

The center, a coalition of 300 corporations, colleges, government agencies and non-profits, was created in 2004 to promote efforts to reverse that decline. It has been helped along by member organizations such as the Girl Scouts, the Computer Science Teachers Association and this program, called Inspiring Girls Now in Technology Evolution, or IGNITE, offered through Seattle Public Schools since 1999.'

Setting a Realistic Standard of Proof in Sexual-Misconduct Cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In April of last year, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights made clear its stance that when colleges assess Title IX-related complaints on their campuses, including those involving sexual violence, they should follow the "preponderance of the evidence" standard. In other words, the accused should be found guilty if it is more than 50 percent likely that they committed the act. Those are welcome instructions.

In a recent commentary in The Chronicle, Joseph Cohn, legislative and policy director at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, argued that the low standard was unfair to the accused because the burden of proof should be higher in cases of sexual misconduct. We, however, support the use of the preponderance standard, for two main reasons: First, it protects colleges from being held liable for violating Title IX, the law that bars sexual discrimination at institutions receiving federal money; and second, it is the only standard that is equally fair to men and women.

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Another reason the preponderance-of-evidence standard should be followed is that it is the only fair one. Title IX requires equitable treatment based on sex, both in substance and in procedure. Procedural equity cannot be satisfied by a standard of evidence that skews in favor of one party over another, as any higher or lower standard would.

Preponderance presumes a level playing field, one that is not advantageous to either party. But a higher standard, such as clear and convincing evidence, would make it less likely that those who commit sexual misconduct would be held accountable. Ponder whether it should be harder for a woman to prove that a man raped her than for a man to prove that he did not. Men commit the vast majority of acts of sexual harassment and violence on campuses, and they should not have a systemic advantage that makes it easier for them to do so and avoid accountability.'

Santa Clara County: State audit finds flaws in handling of domestic violence shelter funds

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'As they gather Friday for the 19th annual Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council Conference, hundreds of participants -- from domestic violence shelters to law enforcement agencies, from judges to doctors -- might be surprised to learn that their well-meaning efforts over the years were critically hampered by a lack of coordination and accountability from some of the very county officials who support their efforts.

A recent state audit revealed that $715,000 in state-mandated funds collected by the county since 1995 and meant to be distributed to local domestic violence shelters sat in an account virtually forgotten by officials until the oversight was accidentally discovered in 2010. It wasn't until earlier this year that the money was ultimately distributed to shelters.

"I'm still inflamed -- I'm still so angry not knowing this money was sitting there," said Kathleen Krenek, executive director of Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence, the county's largest shelter for battered victims. She said that money could have been spent to prevent layoffs, to pay for rent or supplies -- even toilet paper -- to help keep the program going.'

Celebrating International Day of the Girl

Minuteman · 19 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. From the USAID Newsletter:

'In December 2011, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring Oct. 11 the International Day of the Girl Child.

The day was established to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges they face around the world. This year marks the first time this day in honor of girls is being observed and provides an occasion for reaching out and educating others about the status of girls.

See USAID's vision on ending child marriage and meeting the needs of married children.'

UK: Companies forced to reveal number of women staff

Broadsword · 20 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From next October quoted companies will be made to carry out gender audits and report publicly on the number of women and men they hire.

The recommendation was contained within the Lord Davies women on boards review, which urged companies to get better at scouting and hiring talented women into senior management roles. At present women make up just 16pc of FTSE 100 board roles.

The mandatory requirement to list the number of women and men in jobs will help shine a spotlight on gender inequality, the Department for Business said.

It is hoped that investors will pile pressure on companies to up the number of women employed should the gender audit reveal low numbers.

Business minister Jo Swinson said: “It’s widely acknowledged that the UK leads the world in standards of annual reporting, and that those standards are rising every year. However, over a period of years reports have become longer, more complex and increasingly difficult for shareholders to navigate.'

Sweden, the world's most equal country

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What defines a democracy? The people rule through fair and just elections. Well I guess in that case all western countries are democracies. How fair and just the elections are is another matter of course. But the most important thing in a democracy I´d say is that the rule of law treats everyone the same. Such a government can be called a nomocracy, from the Greek nomos (law) and kratos (power or rule). The phrase can be traced back to 17th century and was popularized in the 19th century by British jurist A. V. Dicey. The concept was familiar to ancient philosophers such as Aristotle, who wrote "Law should govern". Rule of law implies that every citizen is subject to the law. It stands in contrast to the idea that the ruler is above the law, for example by divine right.
...
In the Swedish constitution it is clearly stated that everyone are to be treated equally under the law. It also states that every citizen are protected against discrimination due to gender, ethnicity, religion, age, and sexual orientation, and of course it does. Sweden is the world´s most equal country right? At least that is what Sweden claims. But one thing that Sweden doesn't explain when boasting about this, is how the state defines gender equality. That we are using feminism as a template to implement gender equality. And the result is that Sweden no longer apply the fundamental rules of democracy. Now men are being discriminated against already when the laws are written. Affirmative action Sweden calls it, thereby hoping that no one will see the truth. But we do. Especially those of us men in our country that daily get our rights as humans violated. Those of you that know your history will remember that another European country did the same in the 30's. The target that time was a religious minority. It did not end well.

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So lets take a look at some of the laws in this equal Shangri-la shall we?
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"Social services shall give special consideration to women who are or have been victims of violence or other abuse by people close to them and may be in need of support and help to change their situation."
...
"2 § A child born alive in this country is registred if the mother is registered, or if the father is registered and legal guardian. A child born abroad by a woman shall also be registered in the population register. Act (1997:989)."
...
"1 § A child acquires Swedish citizenship at birth, if

1st The mother is a Swedish citizen,
2nd father is a Swedish citizen and the child is born in Sweden,
3rd father is a Swedish citizen and married to the child's mother,
4th father is deceased but at his death was a Swedish citizen and the child is born in Sweden, or
5th father is deceased but at his death was a Swedish citizen and married to the child's mother."
...
"13 § If no notification under the first paragraph is made, the amount shall be credited to the parent who, for the year the amount relates, have the lowest pension base under Chapter 4. § 2. If none of the parents have any pension base for that year or have the same base, the pensionable amount shall be credited the mother or if the parents are of the same sex, the elder of them."

F&F: Colorado Child Support Commission Pursuing Changes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Colorado Child Support Commission is pursuing legislation in 2013 to update the guidelines. The legislation being recommended is the result of the work of the Child Support Commission that was convened in September 2009 and completed its review in December 2010.

The Colorado Child Support Commission is charged with conducting a review of the child support guidelines at least every four years. According to Colorado law, the Commission must consider economic data on the cost of raising children and other related issues. Colorado is one of thirty-seven states that uses the income shares model made popular by Jane C. Venohr, PhD, Senior Researcher at the Center for Policy Research.'

MSNBC's "Today" show indulges in double-standards around showing off semi-nude men

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Video here. Imagine a similar thing like this only with the sexes reversed? Suppose the idea would ever even leave the conference room in which it was brought up?

Some of you guys, this may not bother. That's fine. But if it does, the contact form is here.

Ottawa Film Festival to Show Fathers Rights Movie on Saturday, November 3rd at 5:00 PM

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Ottawa Film Festival to Show Fathers Rights Movie

Saturday-November 3rd @ 5 pm

Meet Journalist Barbara Kay, FACT'S Brian Jenkins and many other brothers in the Fathers Rights struggle.

This is the first-ever, Fathers Rights Film shown by a festival organizer in Ottawa, Please Forward to other Ottawa and Area contacts as the family law situation in the USA is exactly replicated in Canada. . This is a major celebration of public notice being taken of the family law disaster and placed on the public record by means of film of the divorced fathers nightmare. The Free Thinking Film Society has taken a momentous decision and needs to be congratulated for this effort. Please show your support of the festival itself and this film in particular.

http://www.freethinkingfilmfest.ca/schedule.html

Botswana: 133 prisoners circumcised

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Speaking at a press briefing, Dr Rachel Seleka revealed that so far 133 inmates have undergone circumcision at their clinics. "So far we have at least 133 inmates from Gaborone, Moshupa and Molepolole prisons circumcised since April last year but we have not taken our initiative to the northern part of the country," she said.

Government introduced the SMC programme a few years ago, and there have been calls for the initiative to be extended to other vulnerable groups outside mainstream society. Seleka said they have discovered that inmates take health related issues more seriously when they are incarcerated.

Admitting that sodomy is a sensitive issue Prisons chief, Motlalekgosi acknowledged that there is sodomy in Botswana prisons."We know that sodomy is illegal in Botswana but it happens in our prisons, how we don't know.If it can happen in mainstream society, what about in places like prisons? I don't have evidence to say it's not happening but we have heard stories narrated by ex-inmates," he said. The Prisons boss observed that prison officers are not merely guards but treatment providers as well. "At any moment an officer is close to a prison inmate," said Motlalekgosi.'

UK: Would you pay $8,785 to join a women-only club?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As gentlemen's clubs in London become more and more irrelevant, a new elite club is getting ready to open its doors next month … to women only.

Grace Belgravia, located in the posh area of the same name, bills itself as "inclusive and exclusive." Membership will cost £5,500 (approximately $8,785) annually.

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Following the announcement, another Telegraph writer voiced her opinion about the benefits of women's clubs. "Men (sorry, chaps) are exhausting," she writes.

But is a women-only club even necessary? Moreover, the concept of a testosterone-free zone for schmoozing is not exactly new. In Toronto, Verity operates under a similar premise, providing a social sanctuary for businesswomen.

...

There have always been varying opinions about the culture of men's clubs in London – specifically, whether denying access to women is anachronistic. Boodle's, which has been around since 1762, allows women to enter through a separate entrance and only on specific days. In 2008, the Conservative-leaning Carlton Club opened membership to women. White's, another gentleman's club that welcomes women as guests, has not eased its policy against full membership status.

Meanwhile, at Grace Belgravia, men are invited to attend for dinner – on Thursday nights. There is no separate entrance for them but only, apparently, because the venue wouldn't accommodate one.'

Woman fined for false rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Durban - A Durban regional court magistrate has warned a woman who falsely cried rape about the seriousness of her actions, and said it had been the third such incident before him in just one week.

The woman, 18, in a bid to have charges against the accused withdrawn, told magistrate Anand Maharaj on Friday that she had laid charges against the young man in the dock for raping her because she was upset.

It appears she had caught him in a compromising position.

Maharaj said it was the third case in his court in which a woman applied for charges to be withdrawn after making a false statement that she had been raped.'

Kagan admits her gender was likely the greatest factor for her appointment

Matt · 22 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. "Difficulties", indeed. Plenty of male lawyers and judges would love to have your "difficulties", Mme. Justice. Excerpt:

'If Elena Kagan was not a woman, she may not be sitting on the country's highest judicial bench, the Supreme Court justice told an audience at the University of Tennessee on Friday.

The candid statement came early in an hourlong conversation-style presentation Kagan held Friday in the Cox Auditorium in the Alumni Memorial Building, where she also discussed the strategy of deciding the country's top cases and her affinity for hunting with fellow Justice Antonin Scalia.
...
"Every woman knows there are some difficulties one confronts that a man might not have to, but nowhere near what my predecessors did," she said. "And to tell you the truth, there were also things I got because I was a woman. I'm not sure I'd be sitting here, I'm not sure I would have been President (Barack) Obama's nominee if I were not a woman and if he wasn't as committed as he was to ensuring there was diversity on the Supreme Court."'

Berlin Conference Addresses Male Troubles

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Article here. Excerpt:

'German Family Minister Kristina Schröder has long had something of an adversarial relationship with the country's feminists. Not only has she refused to support hard quotas for women in top management positions, but she also has repeatedly broadsided "early feminism" or "feminists from the last century" for failing to recognize that "partnerships and children produce happiness." For many women's rights veterans, Schröder's book published last spring, in which she essentially declares the dawning of the post-feminist era, was something of a last straw.

Now, Schröder is wading even further into the gender debate. On Monday, she will open a two-day conference specifically focusing on issues specific to men as society strives to achieve gender equality. Called "Men's Policies: Contributions to a Gender Equitable Society," the gathering is the first such high-level conference ever held on men's issues in the German-speaking world. And, as Schröder has made clear, comes not a moment too soon.

"The demands made on men and women in today's society are changing," a Family Ministry spokeswoman told SPIEGEL ONLINE in a statement. "Many men do not want to live like their fathers and grandfathers. In addition to their careers, they want more time for their families. The changes in gender roles that women have experienced have made it necessary to open new perspectives to men outside of traditional roles."'

Related: Blog post discussing the conference. Agenda downloaded from here.

"A Deadbeat Dad and the Bloody Pandas"

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Site for book by the title here. Excerpt:

"Some stories need be told and others heard at any cost. This is one such story. The system does not want it published and the law prohibits its disclosure. The societal and judicial prejudices are on display but the law as it stands will at any cost try and bury this disclosure. The author is staring imprisonment but willing to accept the consequences. Why not share the tears and joy that make us all human."

From the Amazon.co.uk link here:

'Book Description
Truth sees no boundaries and sooner or later it comes out and expresses its need to be acknowledged. Relationships are needed and sustained throughout our lifespan and need sustenance through nurture, understanding and support. This incredible story, narrated with simplicity and humour, carries the reader through extremes of human emotion and relationships. It is a compelling story of a father's true horror, isolation and survival in his daily struggles to rear his two adoring and beautiful daughters. Upon the inevitable breakup of his family, in court every attempt for the revelation of the truth is thwarted as he tries to put forward his experiences only to suffer injustice at every step of the nightmare that unfolds in front of him. He advocates and instigates a campaign for equality and justice in the treatment of parents and grandparents through the halls of power only to be physically and emotionally drained by the very men he saves from self destruction. He challenges and exposes the incompetence of the system, the state, the legal profession only to be excluded from the media at every step of his struggle to survive while being wiped from government files and dubbed as a threat to the very same system that tried to destroy him. But truth runs much deeper and much closer to the heart, where life itself, the unconditional love of his daughters and friendships are continuously challenged.'

Women And STEM Careers: How Microsoft Is Building A Bridge To Future Innovation -- One Girl At A Time

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Microsoft believes they need diverse teams to encourage innovation and ensure technological advancements. With women accounting for only 18% of the Bachelor's degrees awarded in computer and information sciences and support services in the U.S. as of 2009-2010, Rane and Microsoft realize the need to grow interest at a younger age to attract more women to the field of technology. Working with their communities, governments, NGOs/IGOs, and academic and research institutions, they inspire women with creative thinking skills to pursue technical careers.

Out of this creative process came programs Microsoft now offers and supports both domestically and globally to engage and encourage young women in the technology field. There is DigiGirlz High Tech Camp, which targets girls 13 years and up. The camp is a three-day program giving young girls an opportunity to gain hands-on experience with technology, participate in technology tours and workshops, listen to executive speakers, and network with those in the industry. "During the camp, we work to dispel the stereotypes of the high-tech industry and help girls overcome fears that technology is 'geeky' and not for girls," added Johnson-Stempson.'

Leaders, educators help engineer future workforce

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women earn 20 percent of all bachelor degrees in physics, engineering and computer science.

2018 workforce projections show 9 of 10 of the fastest growing occupations that mandate bachelor degrees require significant scientific or mathematical training.

Science and engineering occupations are predicted to grow faster than the average rate of all other occupations, and some of the largest increases will be in engineering and computer-related fields.

Sources: American Association of University Women 2010 “Why so Few” report; The National Science Foundation; and the U.S. Department of Labor

“Engineers design things people use daily — including buildings, bridges, computers, cars, wheelchairs and X-ray machines. When women are not involved in the design of these products, needs of women may be overlooked. Consider some of the early voice-recognition systems; they were calibrated to typical male voices. Women’s voices were unheard.

...A group of mostly male engineers tailored the first generation of automobile airbags to adult male bodies, resulting in deaths of women and children.” — AAUW 2010 “Why So Few” report.

Sources: American Association of University Women 2010 “Why so Few” report; The National Science Foundation; and the U.S. Department of Labor'

Australia: "Male teachers need special exemption from equal opportunity laws"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'South Australia has the highest proportion of male teaching staff in the nation at 30 per cent, according to 2011 Australian Bureau of Statistics data.

But that is down from 34 per cent a decade ago and only a few per cent more than other states and territories.

Nationally, the proportion of male teachers has fallen everywhere except in the Northern Territory.

The Education Department does not run specific programs to recruit male teachers, prompting MPs and school leaders to call for a more targeted strategy.

Opposition education spokesman David Pisoni said the department should consider applying for exemptions from equal opportunity laws to recruit only men for some school positions "if we're serious about stemming the decline".'

Towson University athletic department recommends cutting men's baseball, soccer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Towson University announced Tuesday that its athletics department recommended the school's NCAA men's baseball and soccer teams be cut after the 2012-2013 school year, according to a message from President Maravene Loeschke on the school's website.

"Our Towson University community holds a great deal of pride for our baseball and men's soccer student-athletes and the legacy they have established with Towson University," Loeschke said in the online letter.
...
The task force was charged with increasing Towson's competitiveness, establishing long-term stability of the athletics department, and maintaining Title IX compliance, which ensures equal funding for men's and women's sports.'

Also see: Towson University Cutting Baseball Is Inexcusable

UNC drops term ‘freshman’ in favor of ‘gender inclusive language’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill has removed the word “freshman” from official university documents, citing as their reason an attempt to adopt more “gender inclusive language.”

We are “committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our community,” reads a statement administrators sent to Campus Reform on Monday.

...

Some students, however, expressed discontent over the change in policy.

Brandon Hartness, Executive Vice Chair for the school’s college Republicans chapter, told Campus Reform he feels the university is allowing political correctness to drive their decisions.

“I feel like they are making a big deal out of nothing,” said Hartness. “Girls are not going to deem the word [freshman] as sexist.”'

Crystal Mangum charged with murdering boyfriend

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And somehow, feminists have just kept on supporting her. There's no end to the insanity. Story here. Excerpt:

'Durham, N.C. — Family members of a man who was stabbed in his home April 3 say he died Wednesday evening. Crystal Mangum, the Durham woman who falsely accused three Duke University lacrosse players of rape in 2006, has been charged with assaulting him.

Durham police confirmed Thursday morning that Reginald Daye, 46, had died.

"The case remains under investigation, and we do anticipate upgrading the charges. However, no new charges have been filed at this time," police spokeswoman Kammie Michael said in an e-mail to WRAL News.

Police said Mangum, 32, stabbed Daye in the torso with a kitchen knife during a dispute at 3507 Century Oaks Drive early on April 3.

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A man who said he was Daye's nephew called 911 to report the stabbing, saying it occurred while Daye and his girlfriend were arguing about rent money. The caller said police came to the apartment complex earlier while the couple argued, but the stabbing occurred after the officers left.

When asked for a description of the girlfriend, the caller said, "It's Crystal Mangum. THE Crystal Mangum."

He then added, "I told him she was trouble from the beginning."'

A 5-Concussion Pee Wee Game Leads to Penalties for the Adults

Matt · 24 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. So you wonder where boys learn that they're utterly dispensable? Easy enough. They learn it from their parents, who stand around and do nothing (or are complicit) while they get their heads bashed in playing a game their bodies aren't nearly ready for. After all, if a 23-YO man in the prime of life, bulging with muscles and wearing a padded helmet, can suffer a serious concussion that leaves him unintelligible when he's 40, what do you suppose happens to 10-year-olds when they get their heads bashed in? Excerpt:

'It took just one play on Sept. 15 to suggest the game between the Southbridge Pop Warner pee wees and their rivals, the Tantasqua Braves, could mean trouble. Two Tantasqua players were hit so hard that their coach pulled them off the field. An emergency medical technician on the sidelines evaluated the boys, grew worried that they might have concussions, and had them take their pads off.

The boys on the teams were as young as 10, and, because of rules about safety, none could weigh more than 120 pounds. Shortly after 3 p.m. at McMahon Field in Southbridge, though, things quickly became worse. Six plays into the game, another Brave was removed after a hard hit. An official with the Tantasqua team said the eyes of one of the boys were rolling back in his head.

But the game, an obvious mismatch between teams from neighboring towns in central Massachusetts, went on, with Southbridge building a 28-0 lead in the first quarter. The game went on without the officials intervening. It went on despite the fact that the Braves, with three of their players already knocked out of the game, no longer had the required number of players to participate.

Even with what are known as “mercy rules” — regulations designed to limit a dominant team’s ability to run up scores — the touchdowns kept coming, and so did the concussions. When the game ended, the final score was 52-0, and five preadolescent boys had head injuries, the last hurt on the final play of the game.

The coaches, at the game’s conclusion, shook hands, and then the Southbridge team, with a military flourish, marched off the field in pairs.

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“If you lost that many players, you should have called a timeout and come seen me,” Lazo said in an interview this week. “My team is not dirty. All the issues were on their side of the field. This is a football game, not a Hallmark moment.”

Late last week, league officials suspended the coaches for both teams for the rest of the season. The referees who oversaw the game were barred from officiating any more contests in the Central Massachusetts Pop Warner league, and the presidents of both programs were put on probation.

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...Yet even as the Southbridge team pummeled Tantasqua that day, parents on the losing side of the field wanted their sons to soldier on.

“We were trying to play a football game,” one parent of a Tantasqua player wrote in an e-mail. “Every kid who was out there wanted to play and not give up.”'

What to do if she says you're the father

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Inside was a letter from the Gaston County Child Support Enforcement Agency. It informed McClain that a woman had identified him as the father of her nearly 3-year-old son.

McClain, 77, read that an appointment had already been made for him. He would need to bring his last four wage stubs, verification of other child support he was paying, and further personal financial information to the Department of Social Services.

“Consider this letter to be a formal demand for support for (the child’s name),” the letter read.

There was one small problem. McClain, a Mount Holly resident, had never heard of the woman named in the letter, much less her son. And he said he certainly had never stepped outside the bounds of his marriage.

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“This is just another example of a government institution refusing to look practically at its own caseload,” he wrote.

McClain’s wife has since died. He said he never received an explanation from DSS about what happened, but he wonders whether the woman “just picked a name out of the phone book and handed it in.”

“When that’s all it takes for DSS to send a letter like the one I got, it seems to me changes should be made,” he said.

...

Bennett believes the department’s measures for identifying parents of children are largely efficient. They have a simple goal in each case, she said.

“We care that somebody is the father of that child,” she said. “We just want people to take responsibility for their sexuality.”'

Little Rock Shelter Provides Room for Single Dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There are several places open across Arkansas that are waiting to help homeless women and children, but more and more single dads are finding themselves homeless and with virtually no where to turn for help.

But one Little Rock shelter is doing what it can to be the solution to an ever-increasing problem.
...
The shelter also helps Sean and others save their money with the ultimate goal of getting back out on their own.

"I work 40-50 hours a week," Sean says. "Once I move into a place, I'll be able to afford rent and utilities and stuff. It's just a matter of when you first move in somewhere, it's $2,000, rent, deposit, electricity; it's this big sum of money I don't have."

In the meantime, Our House provides, food and shelter for both of them, as well as daycare for Aiden, who's making himself at home.
...
Our House estimates around 18 people have lived in a room dedicated to single dads and their kids in the two years they've had it available.'

SAVE E-lert: Make VAWA Reform a Campaign Issue

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Have your civil rights been trampled by current abuse laws? Do you want to bring the need for reform into the public eye? For the next two weeks, you have a unique opportunity to put the domestic violence issue on the political radar screen.

Between now and Nov. 6, visit campaign townhall meetings, rallies, and events. Pass out flyers and ask the candidates if they support reform.

Visit the SAVE website for question ideas, flyers, nationwide survey results, special reports, event information, and more: http://www.saveservices.org/campaign-2012/

Have a friend take photos or video. We'd love to see them. And by all means, let us know if your question gets in the news!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

'Frightened Men Love Mitt Romney'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'These are the facts you don't want to know. This is the hard data that can make you cringe, that can despoil the soul and make you wonder at the sad state of the modern world, and gender politics, and the tragically deceived hearts of (ahem) men.

All that progress! All that supposed enlightenment! All that push and desire, that evolution and that open-hearted possibility! And for what? For naught! For shame!

Maybe I was just blocking it out. Maybe I just didn't want to recall just how wide, how gnarled, how ugly the gender gap was in the last presidential election, when a strong majority of American men for some godforsaken reason wanted McCain and a huge majority of women understandably wanted Obama, and it was all tied to an antiquated idea that the modern male still hadn't evolved much beyond his own chauvinistic posturing and the hollow, old-school, might-makes-right machismo McCain so wobblingly represented.
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Not even close. Here is your brutal nutshell takeaway: If only women voted, Obama wins in a landslide. If only men voted, Romney wins in a landslide. (Taken further: If only Latinos, blacks, celebrities, college grads, professors, scientists, poets, Burning Man attendees, book readers, trees, oceans, major cities or college towns across America voted, Obama nails it, wholly and true. If only rich CEOs, gun owners, upper managers, rednecks, shut-ins and guys who think Muslims are terrorists, Mexicans are lazy house painters and feminazis are ruining porn voted, Romney is a mutant and faraway god).

All of which leads to the most depressing conclusion of all: Older white males remain the most terrified, lopsided, confused demographic in all of America, perhaps even more acutely -- and more embarrassingly -- in this election than any other in modern history.
...
Upshot: Confused middle-aged white guys of every height and state are looking around in increasing terror/desperation for some hint of stability, someone to validate -- however wrongly, however dishonestly -- their waning powers, and finding only charlatan mushball Mitt Romney and the sneering misogyny of the GOP. Hey, better than nothing, right? Here you go, bro, have a beer and a layoff and some Glenn Beck jeans to go with your sexist binder full of women, courtesy the Bush worldview and Romney's promise of more of same. Hey, at least he hates the gays!

We must remain calm...'

'NOW Can We Kick The Boy Scouts To The Curb?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For years now, both City Hall and the larger waking citizenry have been pondering a thorny matter of cognitive dissonance: In a city that tries to prize, above all else, brotherly love and sisterly affection, how can we be giving free rent to an organization that has hate built right into its charter? It only further complicates matters that the organization is the Boy Scouts Of America. One idea intended to rectify the situation somewhat — on the basis that here was a group with homophobic policies that the City itself would never endorse — was to try and evict the Scouts. And those of you that followed this story for a few years know that it did not go well. And in fact, the Boy Scouts only just got over gloating about it.
...
For here is the heart of the matter: Just as we've seen with the church — and the church of football, natch — pretty much any time you have a closed, strongly patriarchal organization where men are supposed to impart some set of values to boys, you always wind up with some percentage of those men quite literally f-cking some percentage of those boys. This is a fact; men are, left to their own devices, just awful. And the sooner we cop to this, the sooner we may begin to correct most of what is wrong with this world. For the record, I am saying this as a man, and I'm not trying to get laid. Just cut it out with this shit already. This is Philadelphia, and though we may be many unpleasant things from day to day, this is not who we are. Again, as ever, the Boy Scouts need to go.'

University Uses Taxpayer Dollars For “War on Women” Forum

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Michigan is defending their promotion of a feminist forum that state Republicans believe was an out-right partisan event that violated the university’s tax exempt status.
...
“The Republican War on Women” forum was held earlier this week and was moderated by a university employee who made political contributions to the Democratic National committee and the Obama campaign.

The event infuriated Rachel Jankowski, the president of the University of Michigan’s College Republicans.

“For a university that totes diversity and acceptance, it shows those feel good words only apply to people who espouse its shared liberal viewpoints,” she wrote. “Such hostile events have no place at a public university. Any use of taxpayer dollars to sponsor this event could be seen as participating in campaigns, which would be a violation of federal law.”'

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the War on Men

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'The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) arguably is one of the most misguided pieces of legislation ever passed by Congress. From conceptualization to consequences it has wreaked a wide swath of destruction across American society and accurately can be described as “A War on Men.” Conceptually, VAWA is based on the false Duluth Power and Control Wheel model. VAWA falsely presumes that all Domestic Violence (DV) is perpetrated by evil patriarchal males against virtuously innocent female victims. This false gender ideology has no research support.

By contrast, social science research, replicated across hundreds of studies, shows that: DV is initiated about equally by men and women; slightly more women than men are physically harmed by DV but men nonetheless still represent more than 40% of the physically harmed victims; the DV initiation rates for women, and especially young women, have been rising; and DV has nothing to do with an evil patriarchy because the DV rates for bisexuals, gays, and lesbians all are higher than for heterosexual couples.

The research further exposes misrepresentation in the title: “The Violence Against Women Act.” Given that DV approaches 50-50 on most indices, why does Congress want to serve only half of the victims? Where are the programs for male victims of DV? Where is the money for fathers and their children who have been victimized by violent and abusive wives and mothers?

The relentless feminist war on boys, men, and fathers across the past half century has successfully destroyed one of the bedrock foundational institutions of American society, the American family.'

A Brief History of Man-Hating Music Videos

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Misogyny in music, from rock to pop to hip hop, is a phenomenon so ancient and ubiquitous that it doesn't even surprise us anymore. Neither, in this post-Madonna era, is it strange to see female pop stars treat men like sex objects. But what happens when these artists, besieged not only by their male counterparts but also a catty entertainment press and constant political threats to women's rights, forgo the soft blows of easy objectification in favor of mounting a full-on attack on men? It's not necessarily that some of pop's brightest stars are giving off misandrist vibes; they're simply mincing fewer words to put men in their place. Inspired by Christina Aguilera's recent video for "Your Body," which kicks off with a cheeky promise that "No men were harmed in the making of this video," we're taking a look at some of the most man-hating music videos in pop history.'

It's Time To Take Steps To Reverse The Decline Of Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How could that happen? We could start by correctly identifying the problems. Men are not becoming obsolete in the home and the workplace, but a significant proportion, especially of working class and poorer young men, are being left behind on pretty much any measure of success and wellbeing. Discussions of masculinity need to acknowledge that a significant minority of men do very well out of the current norms, and they are likely to be the ones who attain wealth, influence and power. As for the others, if they feel unsure as to what their role is meant to be, it may be because the wider culture doesn't really know either. They are no longer needed as a mass workforce or as providers for families. They don't need self-help books; they need decent training and meaningful jobs.
...
There are institutional issues too. From paternity leave rights to the practices of the family courts, even sentencing in the criminal courts, our legal framework too readily assumes parent equals mother equals woman, and it is dispiriting when even modest proposals for reform meet resistance, not least from some feminists. Many men wish to be or become more active and responsible fathers only to find they have to fight the systems to do so.'

NCFM shares 'Transitions' magazine on-line for first time

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Great to see it! Oct. 2012 edition here. What a great Halloween treat! About the release:

'Transitions is generally a benefit of NCFM membership. However, after well over a year of being without an editor or producing Transitions, it is being published again. First published in October 1982 Transitions has become the longest running Men's Rights publication on the planet. Since NCFM is an all volunteer organization sustaining the tradition is, to say the least, difficult. This edition of Transitions is our first online edition. Previous editions, all 139 of them, were hard copies, most recently produced in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Production and distribution costs became cost prohibitive. What you may soon be reading, should you choose to read the current edition by clicking on this link for Transitions, will be available for one week. It will then be deleted from our website and available to current members (those who are current on their membership dues, Honorees, Liaisons, and other non paying members) through on online membership system ("Membership System Login" above).'

11-year-old boy convinced NFL to use pink penalty flags this week

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Story here. I see pink ribbons all over the place. At work. In drug stores, on soda cups, on billboards. It seems that now every month is BCAM (you don't even need me to tell you what that acronym stands for, do you?).

Maybe one day, there'll be an 11-YO girl who convinces the officials at a women's soccer game, or football game, or at the LPGA, or at some major sporting event where women compete, to use some kind of purple-colored somethings during the event to mark Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Purple-colored golf hole flags, perhaps. Or maybe purple-frilled jerseys for the soccer players. Or maybe a women's basketball team can use a purple basketball. But what do you suppose the chances IN HELL of that happening are? Answer: $0.00 \times 10^{\text{Umpteen-kazillion}}$

Denzel Washington's secret to marital success: Stay silent and do whatever she says

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Article here. Quite a price to pay for such "bliss". I imagine another factor is that they probably don't see one another too much, an actor's schedule often being what it is. After all, how long can anyone, male or female, live under such circumstances and not eventually want to run like hell in the other direction? Excerpt:

'So what is the secret to their relationship's longevity? According to the actor, it's a two-step process: "Do whatever my wife says, and keep my mouth shut!" he told Wonderwall at the Los Angeles premiere of his latest film, "Flight."'

Imagine if a woman said that her 'secret to marital success' were to keep her mouth shut and do everything her husband told her to do? Can you just imagine the reaction? She'd be drummed out of the Los Angeles-Hollywood party circuit, labelled a traitor to her own sex and a bad example to girls and women everywhere! So what is Mr. Washington, then?

My take on marriage or any other LTR is this: If it's actually going to work (i.e., everyone is happy and the thing lasts), you have to give and take, but also stand your ground, say 'No' when you're not happy with an idea, and not let your mate push you around-- nor try to push your mate around, which is to say, you must take 'No' for an answer yourself. Your mate has as much right to stand his or her ground as you do, and if you both accept that respecting their right is as important to your right getting respected, things are a lot more likely to work out. To me, that is a far better formula for LTR longevity. (I like Ambrose Bierce's take on LTRs, too).

But what the hell do I know, I've never been in a movie or anything. :)

Group asks universities to crack down on false rape claims across the nation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE), a nonprofit victim-advocacy organization, is asking colleges to crack down on false accusations of sexual assault, citing a growing number of false claims.

In a letter to the president of the University of Montana, a campus that had a recent sexual assault case involving an athlete, SAVE addressed the problem of false claims.

According to the letter, ”during the past year, false-rape cases have been reported at the University of North Dakota, Yale University, University of Connecticut, University of North Florida, Xavier University and elsewhere.” SAVE tries to broaden its argument by saying all false claims, not just claims of sexual crimes, are occurring, citing an article from the University of Northern Florida’s Spinnaker.

According to the article, police are now giving students citations for false claims to combat the increasing occurrence.

Though SAVE is adamant about addressing the issue, Jay Huff, Missouri State’s Safety and Transportation assistant director, said false claims aren’t a new problem.'

Verizon Foundation Launches New Domestic Violence Awareness Effort Encouraging All Men to Join and Engage in Prevention Efforts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ted Bunch, co-founder of A CALL TO MEN, said, "We encourage and invite men to become the solution to preventing domestic violence by raising their voices and awareness through Your Voice Counts. Together, we can all create a better world for our daughters, our sons, our sisters, our mothers and ultimately ourselves."

Domestic violence is one of the most critical public health issues for women, resulting in serious, long-term health impacts and devastating effects on children and families. According to a report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 1 in 4 women and nearly 1 in 7 men in the U.S. have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetimes.

Maile Zambuto, CEO of the Joyful Heart Foundation, said: "Despite the pervasiveness of domestic violence, it remains a widely hidden issue in our society. And although women and children represent the majority of victims of domestic violence, it isn't just a women's issue. Men are affected as well - as victims, as perpetrators and as witnesses and bystanders. Engaging men is an important part of the movement to address, prevent and - one day - end domestic violence."

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The Your Voice Counts action guide contains concrete steps for how users can help prevent domestic violence and intervene if it is suspected. The guide's tools include a list of five ways men can speak up about domestic violence; examples of how to start conversations with others including friends, co-workers, children, survivors, coaches and students; and facts and statistics about the issue, including who is impacted and in what ways.'

Ohio nurses get probation in malnutrition death of teen girl who weighed 28 lbs. when she died

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CINCINNATI – Two Ohio nurses were sentenced to probation on Wednesday in the malnutrition death of a 14-year-old girl who had cerebral palsy and weighed 28 pounds when she died, avoiding a sentence of up to one-and-a-half years in prison.

Mary Kilby of Miamisburg and Kathryn Williams of Englewood were sentenced to up to five years of probation in the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas in Dayton on Wednesday stemming from the March 1, 2011, death of Makayla Norman.

Authorities say the teen had numerous bed sores and was living in filthy conditions when she died from nutritional and medical neglect complicated by cerebral palsy in what a coroner said at the time was the "worst malnourished child" his office had ever seen.'

Book: Rise of gender and ethnic studies programs helped bring about decline of modern academia

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Modern academia has gone astray and identity studies programs are in large part the culprit, argues author and poet Bruce Bawer in his new book ”The Victims’ Revolution: The Rise of Identity Studies and the Closing of the Liberal Mind.”

“Identity studies sum up everything that’s wrong with the humanities today,” Bawer told The Daily Caller. “They’re about nothing other than group identity, group oppression, and group grievance. Instead of engaging in objective scholarly study of, say, black American history or women’s literature, these departments are boosters for everything having to do with the group in question. It’s all slogans. Kids don’t learn anything other than to think of themselves as having been wronged by capitalism, by the West, by America, by white men.”

Bawer says that this has consequences beyond the classroom.

“Young people who have been brainwashed in college by all this groupthink head out into the world and are constantly on the alert for ‘racism’ and ‘sexism,’” he told TheDC.

“And they find these things everywhere, just as they were trained to. If they hear a white person criticizing President Obama – boom! Racist. If a man has something negative to say about Hillary Clinton – boom! Sexist. It’s simple as that. These kinds of knee-jerk reactions are daily fare nowadays. It’s the only way the products of these cockamamie programs have learned how to think about anything. They make these facile, baseless charges and actually think they’re making insightful moral judgments. It doesn’t bode well for America’s future.”'

F&F: Ohio Service Member Is Granted Special Orders for Deployment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Army officer who came to my office was worried. His relationship with his ex-wife, the mother of his child, was rocky to say the least. He had his orders deploying him to Afghanistan for at least a year. Was there anything he could do to make sure he could stay in touch with his son?

Because of Fathers and Families of Ohio's work on military custody issues, Ohio is one of 36 states protecting our service members' custody. As a result, the Ohio legislature and Governor John Kasich created a series of laws to protect Ohio service members deployed and on active duty in 2011. These laws effectively address the four biggest problems deployed service members face when trying to stay in contact with their children:'

Do men need quotas and a rights movement?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As Germany fails to close the gender gap in the workplace, and a debate continues about whether quotas should be introduced to improve the mix of people working at the top levels of industry in the country, the figures generally show men way ahead of women.

Yet Schröder hosted a conference in Berlin on Wednesday to talk about what could be done to help men. She told how the share of kindergarten teachers who are male in Germany had risen from 2.4 to 2.9 percent. Yet she was put to shame by the 10 percent of Norwegian kindergarten teachers who are men.

Men are stuck in clichéd roles just as women are, she said – and pointed to the “Boys’ Day” she has set up to encourage boys to go and spend a day in a traditionally female work place.

Yet just as she is against mandatory quotas for women in the workplace, Schröder is against quotas for men – instead she intends to rely on encouragement, a position which was criticised at the conference. Her Austrian counterpart Rudolf Hundstorfer called for quotas, which he said would work to kick off real change.'

Domestic violence shelter also shelters pets

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman needed to leave her abusive home in Kansas City earlier this year, but didn't want to leave her dog behind.

She couldn't find a domestic violence shelter that accepted pets, so she lived on the streets.

That's where she likely would have remained, if not for the opening of a pet shelter at the Rose Brooks shelter four months ago. Since then, she and many other women have been able to escape abusers without losing their pets.

Rose Brooks is the only domestic violence shelter in the region — and among just a few across the country — to have a stand-alone pet shelter. It even hired a pet shelter advocate to oversee operations.

The shelter, called Paws Place, has four large "state-of-the art" kennels built to lower stress and prevent the spread of disease. Each kennel, which is like a small room, is filled with homemade pillows, cozy blankets and chewy toys.'

Anti-circumcision activists confront pediatricians

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW ORLEANS — Pediatricians gathered here for the American Academy of Pediatrics convention were greeted by protesters urging the medical group to rethink its position on an issue that makes most people squirm: the circumcision of newborn boys.

And although the American Academy of Pediatrics doesn't recommend routine removal of infants' foreskins — that has been its stance since 1999 — its report, released two months ago, does cite literature saying that the procedure can prevent urinary-tract infections, cancer of the penis and sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.

Such benefits, the report says, justify its coverage by private insurance and Medicaid. But opponents, who call themselves "intactivists," go beyond mere opposition to the circumcision of healthy infants.

"We say that it's a human-rights violation to tie down a baby and cut off part of his penis," said Georganne Chapin, the founding executive director of Intact America, which held a press conference and rally outside the convention on Saturday (Oct. 20).'

Paternity fraud lawsuit set for trial in Iowa

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Story here. Excerpt:

'GRUNDY CENTER, Iowa (AP) — A trial is set for next year in an Iowa man's paternity fraud lawsuit against his former girlfriend.

Joseph Dier, of Grundy Center, seeks to recover money he spent supporting a daughter born in 2009 who turned out not to be his. Dier claims Cassandra Jo Peters enticed him into believing he was the father to get money and that he supported them for more than two years.'

Obama's Pandering to Women Falls Short

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama is straining to woo women voters to support him for reelection in spite of his sketchy record when it comes to issues affecting females.

Obama was asked during this week's debate how he would "rectify the inequalities in the workplace, specifically regarding females making only 72 percent of what their male counterparts earn?"

The president claimed to have "fixed" that problem with the first bill he signed into law – the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

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Then there's Julia, the fictitious character created by the Obama campaign that leads voters though an informational graphic on everything Obama has done to help women.

Julia's life begins with the head start program for all children, that actually began under former President Lyndon Johnson, to Pell grants, also created by Johnson, to Obamacare, that will cost thousands of dollars more each year in insurance premiums, but includes "free" birth control.

And thanks to the Lilly Ledbetter Act, "Julia is one of millions of women across the country who knows she'll always be able to stand up for her right to equal pay."

Interestingly, a poll released Thursday by a group called Generation Opportunity found that the top issues among women ages 18 to 29 are taxes, too much federal spending, and the weak economy.'

Why Is the Labor Force Shrinking? Blame Young Men, Not the Economy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why are fewer men choosing to work? For that, we turn to the Census Bureau's 2012 Statistical Abstract. The participation rate is lower for single men than for married men, and marriage rates in the US have been falling for decades, so we'd expect a modest decline from that. Looking by age bucket, it's been pretty steady for single and married men for everyone over the age of 25 since the start of the Great Recession.

The recent decline we've seen has been primarily among young, single men. For single men age 16-19, participation fell by almost 9 points from 2006-2010. For single men age 20-24 it fell by almost 5 points. This could be for a variety of factors, from men deciding it's not worth bothering to apply for a job at the local grocery store, to men more focused on their education with unskilled work harder to find, to those living at home who decide there's no need for spending money when so much entertainment is free online.

...

And those not dropping out for education-related reasons? If it's just a bunch of 17-year olds who are content spending their time on Facebook instead of earning a few bucks bagging groceries, that's one thing. But if it's people who feel shut out of the workforce, that's something policymakers should address.

These are issues we're going to have to grapple with, because with robotic labor on the horizon, our desire and ability to compete with emerging market and silicon-based labor, especially for less-educated Americans, is likely to continue to fall.'

Women’s enrollment increases while men’s interest in college decreases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Since the 1980s, women have largely contributed to the jump in college enrollment, a trend also witnessed at ISU. But some of ISU faculty members wonder if the men are being left behind.

Associate professor of history Daniel Clark said while the surge in college female enrollment is positive, it sheds light on a troubling phenomena in male academia: less men are going to college.

“The college degree is not a worthwhile possibility to men,” he said, adding that college was always an option for men, but never instilled by American culture to be a necessity.”

Lisa Phillips, assistant professor of history, acknowledged that “there wasn’t enough research” on the behavioral studies, but agreed with Clark.

“There’s a gap that’s developed academically,” Phillips said. “Studiousness has become gendered.”'

Ann Coulter plays the 'sexist pig' card on Piers Morgan

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Video here. Transcript:

'PIERS MORGAN, HOST: You called me in the break a sexist, misogynist pig.

ANN COULTER: Yes.

MORGAN: Can you explain why?

COULTER: Yes.

MORGAN: What have I said that's been remotely sexist.

COULTER: “Calm down.” Oh, it is the conservative female obligation to…

MORGAN: You were hyperventilating.

COULTER: ..I'm not hyperventilating. I'm disagreeing with you, which apparently is insulting your teeny, tiny, male ego. It is the most insulting, condescending, sexist thing to say to a female - generally conservative - who disagrees with you. No, it's my obligation to back down and accept your point, and if I don't, “You're not being calm...'

Our View: Obama ad insulting to women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The nonsensical “war on women” charge against Republicans has gone too far and may have backfired. An Associated Press-GfK Group poll last week found that women, long Obama’s strongest asset in his re-election bid, have come to favor Republican Mitt Romney 49 percent to 45 percent. If true, it may prove disastrous for President Barack Obama. An ABC/Washington Post daily tracking poll had conflicting results, indicating Obama may still have a commanding lead with women.

Regardless, all reliable data indicate a decline in his support among women.

In a pathetic effort to jump start the “war on women,” the Obama for America campaign this week released the most tasteless and insulting ad of the election season, and that’s saying something.
...
Most American women are perfectly capable of managing their reproductive choices without assistance from the president. Most have a vast assortment of interests and concerns beyond their sex lives, but we seldom hear that from the president.

Please stop with the misleading and sex-obsessed “war on women” campaign. It has taken on a sexist and insulting tone that is beneath most Americans.'

Australia: Dumped PM Kevin Rudd 'wanted to see a female prime minister'

Minuteman · 28 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Former Labor prime minister Kevin Rudd wrote his own version of what happened when he was dumped by his party for one-term MP Maxine McKew's book about her time in politics, "Tales From The Political Trenches".

Rudd said that he felt "betrayed" by then Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard and losing the top job was exacerbated by the fact that he had supported her ambitions.

"I too wanted to see a female prime minister. So given all of that, I was stunned when the coup occurred," he wrote.'

'NYC nanny not herself before children's killings'

Matt · 28 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (AP) -- Friends and relatives of Yoselyn Ortega, the New York City nanny accused of stabbing two young children to death, said she appeared to be struggling emotionally and financially recently. Few, though, could offer any explanation for what might have caused her to attack the children.
...
"Apparently over the last month she was not herself," said police department spokesman Paul Browne.'

"She snapped," "She was not herself," etc. Well yes, obviously. She was obviously quite "disturbed," enough to murder two children and attempt to kill herself. Makes no difference though. But wait, it may just indeed make a difference because she's a... she.

Look at how the media has been handling this story. No use of words that would doubtlessly be used if the murderer had been male, such as "monster", or indeed "murderer". I have yet to see anyone call her what she is: a child-murderer. And yet, suppose this hideous crime will change anyone's prejudices around their belief that a woman can be capable of such an act? Doubt it. It will disappear into the Nymphotropic Memory Hole like the other crimes certain women commit against children and people will still continue to believe women are categorically more trustworthy as child-minders than are men, simply because they have uteruses and men don't.

Obesity and men

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Obesity is now a major health problem not just in the developed world but also in the less-developed world. Reasons are simple: People are getting less exercise by working or working out than ever before. And, people are eating more than they used to by calories per person, and the calories are more likely to come from low-nutrient or out-and-out bad-for-you sources, like soda and processed foods. The stats on developed world obesity are unbelievable, but believe it. Look at this chart for the US. The numbers are very similar in other western countries as well. Notice how the numbers climb for both sexes as people get older. But the real story is how it kills people prematurely. Look at this. Excerpt:

'Recent work commissioned by the Taskforce indicates that if current trends in overweight and obesity continue, there will be approximately 1.75 million deaths at ages 20+ years and 10.3 million premature years of life lost (PYLL) at ages 20–74 years caused by overweight/obesity in Australia in 2011 to 2050. Each Australian aged 20–74 years who dies from overweight/obesity in 2011 to 2050 *will lose, on average, 12 years of life before the age of 75 years*.'

There's no reason to believe the facts around Australian premature deaths don't hold true for other developed countries' populations. 12 years of life lost due to being obese or overweight. That's incredible.

New Jersey Assemblyman seeks council on dads

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TRENTON — New Jersey's government has councils to address a wide array of issues, from government records and local mandates to clean water and the Highlands region.

But a South Jersey legislator feels an important concern is being overlooked, so he's proposed a council to promote responsible fatherhood.

"Twenty-four million kids under 18 live in homes absent a biological father," says Assemblyman Troy Singleton, D-Burlington, who notes the proposed panel could identify "needs and priorities relating to fatherhood programs in the state." The 21-member council also would work to attract federal grants and raise awareness of the impact of absentee fathers, he said.
...
"Getting them to understand the commitment is a challenge," says Liss, who cites the club's own Passport to Manhood weekly program for boys 13 through 18. "We get them to understand you have to make responsible decisions. They have to understand the ramifications of fatherhood."'

Study: Ovulating May Make Women More Critical Of 'Unsexy' Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hide what you are about to read from every man who has ever tried to blame his girlfriend's temper on her cycle. There is new evidence that suggests women will snap at their heterosexual partners more often while they are ovulating. Specifically, a recent study suggests that ladies who took, well, everyone's advice and settled down with brainy, stable guys instead of hunky irresponsible playboys are likely to find fault with their mates when they are most fertile.

The study, which will appear in the November issue of Hormones and Behavior, targeted two different groups of women in long-term heterosexual relationships. Research psychologists Martie Haselton and Christina Larson asked participants to rate their partner's sexual attractiveness and stability, and to track their ovulation cycles. They then quizzed each participant about the quality of her relationship at two different points in her cycle: once at a point of high fertility and once at a point of low fertility.'

Women protest jailing people for not paying alimony

Matt · 30 October 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Three women carrying protest signs marched back and forth in front of the Hunterdon County Courthouse in Flemington for several hours on Friday morning, Oct. 26, criticizing the state's Family Court. In particular, they objected to putting people in jail for not making required alimony payments because they didn't have the money.

"Free John Waldorf from Debtor's Prison," read one sign. The protest was organized by Deb Frank of Washington Crossing, Pa. Waldorf, her boyfriend, is a former Califon resident, in jail since Oct. 17 because he was only paying $5,500 a month, while he was under a court order to pay $8,000.
...
"But it's not just this judge, this is throughout the state" that in her view people are being treated unfairly by the courts, said a good friend of Frank's, Shelia Taylor of Ocean Grove, Monmouth County, who joined her in the protest. Also taking part was another close friend, Janice Klug of Newtown, Pa.
...

A passerby, Mitchell Jakubowski of Lebanon, said "I can't agree with you more" about the protest as he told his own tale of woe about ending up in jail for two weeks for getting behind in his child support payment to his ex-wife. It was all "because I can't find a full-time job," he said.

Last year, according to a written statement from Waldorf, he was in jail for two months for contempt of court, for not paying the $53,000 he owed his ex-wife. And in 2010, he continued, he was incarcerated for 10 days for contempt because he couldn't pay her the $25,000 she was owed.'

F&F: Federal Court Awards $750,000 in Damages Against Woman for Conduct in Custody Case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lori Handrahan, ex-wife of Igor Malenko, has been ordered by a federal court to pay her former husband $450,000 and her daughter $300,000. Federal District Judge George Z. Singal ordered the damages to be paid for Handrahan's outrageous conduct throughout her custody battle over their daughter, Mila. Handrahan's repeated false allegations against Malenko were so obviously at odds with the truth and her behavior so immune to judicial control that a Maine family judge eventually gave Malenko sole custody of his daughter. Handrahan's visitation is conditioned on her seeking, receiving and benefiting from intensive psychotherapy. Since custody was transferred to Malenko in 2011, Handrahan has apparently neither seen nor spoken to her daughter, despite the fact that telephone contact is permitted her under the court's order. Apparently, she's paid no child support either, although that may be old news. The current state of her child support obligation, I haven't been able to ascertain.'

Obama Provides Award to Former FFCA President Through Points of Light Foundation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO, Oct. 29, 2012 -- /PRNewswire/ -- Fathers' rights pioneer and Chicago-based leading Attorney Jeffery M. Leving will receive the National Lifetime Volunteer Call to Service Award for his commitment as a volunteer for The Fathers & Family Coalition of America (FFCA) on November 2, 2012. This award is presented on behalf of the FFCA and the President's Volunteer Service Awards Points of Light Foundation at the University of Southern California.

The National Lifetime Volunteer Call to Service Award, which President Obama is providing through the Points of Light Foundation, is an esteemed honor as only a few have been presented. James C. Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer and President of the FFCA is delighted that this distinctive award is being presented to Leving.'

Hurting dads, hurting kids

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In Baltimore, the collection of child support has been outsourced to a private, for-profit company, a subsidiary of Maximus Corp., whose website lauds its ability to "improve collections." This incentivizes a zero-tolerance approach to child-support enforcement, despite research indicating that certain well-defined arrearages will never be collected. In addition, the hidden cost of this merciless and relentless collection process on the underclass of Baltimore is rarely discussed. It results in substantial detriment to young men's lives and thwarts their participation in the formal labor force.

Let's start with wage garnishment. If you owe more than 12 weeks' worth of child support, you can have up to 65 percent of your take-home wages garnished. Let's say you manage to get a job making $10 an hour. This could leave you with as little as $3.50 an hour to pay for rent, utilities, transportation, food and clothing, not to mention caring for your kids.

Being more than 60 days in arrears also allows the state to garnish your bank assets — so forget about having a bank account. The state can take liens on your personal and real property, if you have any. And Maryland will not only suspend your driver's license but prevent you from holding any professional license in the state.

Even bankruptcy will not remove or restructure child-support debt. If you file income taxes, Maryland will intercept them. How do you get ahead?

If you're a single man in your 20s, with an eighth grade education and two young children who need food and clothing — and your only meaningful work experience happens to be selling drugs — then your options narrow quickly to that which got you locked up in the first place.

Today, in just five West Baltimore ZIP Codes, there is more than $37 million in child support arrears that will likely never be collected, but have been outsourced to Maximus. So, the collection process will continue unabated, and its socioeconomic impacts will continue to prevent young men from joining the formal economy, literally for the rest of their lives.

In this way, the child-support system actively perpetuates the drug trade. This makes no sense. I think we can do a lot better.'

UK: Second National Conference for Men and Boys 2012 Starts November 1

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Main Index for Second National Conference for Men & Boys
http://brightonmanplan.wordpress.com/conference-2012/

Thursday 1st November 2012
Event: Men's Rights Networking Event and Discussion
Theme: How Do We Put Men's Issues On The Political Agenda?
http://brightonmanplan.wordpress.com/2012/09/12/conference-fringe-event-mens-rights-event/

Friday 2nd November 2012
EVENT: SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR MEN AND BOYS
http://brightonmanplan.wordpress.com/2012/09/28/programme-for-second-national-conference-for-men-and-boys/

Saturday 3rd November 2012
Event: The Big Man Gathering
http://brightonmanplan.wordpress.com/2012/09/11/big-man-gathering-2012-programme/

SAVE E-lert: Outcome of the Nov. 6 Election Hangs in the Balance - Take Action Now

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In a few short days we will face the most important presidential election in our lifetimes.

Will you look back on Nov. 6, 2012 and say that you did everything that you could to affect the outcome?

You still have time to make a difference. Between now and Tuesday, contact your local political party, volunteer to do neighborhood canvassing, make voter calls, and attend local rallies.

Think how proud you'll feel when we are that much closer to reform.

http://www.saveservices.org/campaign-2012

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Boys raised by traditional families ‘do better at school’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a major study, researchers said family structures had a much more significant effect on boys’ early education than school type or even the gender of teachers.

It found that boys were much more likely to misbehave, be excluded from school and go on to achieve low grades after rebelling against “emotionally distant” parents.

The pattern is particularly marked in single-parent families where mothers “invest disproportionately less in their sons or feel less warm toward them” than daughters.

The disclosure comes amid continuing concern over the gender gap at the heart of the education system.

Data shows boys fall behind girls after just a year of school and the gulf widens throughout primary and secondary education.'

CDC: U.S. Birth Rate Hits All-Time Low; 40.7% of Babies Born to Unmarried Women

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As most of you might know from previous comments, I am fine with an ever-decreasing birthrate. The planet's population has exploded over the past 200-300 years, largely due to increased hygiene (including the invention of the toothbrush) and better nutrition generally, and that doesn't bode well for the future. But while the low birthrate we see in the western world may trouble some, even more troubling is the very high birthrates in parts of the world that can least afford adding to their populations, resulting in unnecessary suffering and conflict over ever-scarcer resources.

But anyway, I post this story because indeed, almost 50% of children now born in the US are born to unwed mothers. This does not necessarily mean the kids will not know or have relationships with their dads, but the odds are higher they won't. The only thing that concerns me is the decrease in the relationships men are having with their kids, to the detriment of both classes of person. Meanwhile, maternal dependence (real or manufactured) on public largesse only increases. How exactly any society can hope to remain productive much less prosperous under these conditions is beyond me. Anyway, here's the excerpt:

'(CNSNews.com) - The birth rate in the United States hit an all-time low in 2011, according to a report released this month by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“The 2011 preliminary number of U.S. births was 3,953,593, 1 percent less (or 45,793 fewer) births than in 2010; the general fertility rate (63.3 per 1,000 women age 15-44 years) declined to the lowest rate ever reported for the United States,” said the report.

More than 40 percent of all babies born in the country last year, the report said, were born to unmarried women.

While the overall birth rate declined to a record low, the birth rates for women in the 35-39 and 40-44 age groups actually increased from 2010 to 2011.
...
In 2010, 33.9 percent of the babies delivered by women 25-29 were delivered by unmarried women, and in 2011 that increased to 34.4 percent. In 2010, 21.1 percent of babies delivered by women 30-34 were delivered by unmarried women, and in 2011 that increased to 21.6 percent. In 2010, 19.6 percent of babies delivered by women 35-39 were delivered by unmarried mothers and in 2011 that increased to 21.1 percent. In 2010, 21.7 percent of babies delivered by women 40 and over were delivered by unmarried mothers and in 2011 that increased to 22.4 percent.'

Campaign to reduce suicide in young men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cumbria mental health service is supporting a campaign by the Samaritans to try and reduce the number of suicides in young men.

Dr Richard Thwaites, Clinical Lead for the Cumbria mental health service First Step, explains:

“About three quarters of suicides in Cumbria are among men. I think the new campaign from the Samaritans is a great opportunity to raise awareness and encourage men to seek help when they need it.

"Men can be hesitant to seek treatment for psychological problems for various reasons, such as a belief that they ‘should’ be able to cope or that experiencing such problems makes them weak. Clearly this isn’t true - First Step receives referrals for over 6,000 men each year suffering with such problems.

"This is a normal part of life for men, even if it’s not as widely discussed as it may be for women. First Step offers a range of evidence-based treatments that can help men to understand and change the way they have been feeling.'

Men Can Get Breast Cancer Too

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Article here. Maybe some of those pink ribbons should have a little blue added to them in places. Then again, ask for donations to help fight breast cancer in men and you're likely to get a dirty look. Ask for the same for women, and the wallets open up. Can you believe there are still some feminists who can keep a straight face and say that women are not getting enough attention from researchers for their particular ailments? Admittedly, the incidence compared with women is 1/100th, so epidemiologically, it's considered "insignificant". Say that to someone whose dad just died from it and see what they tell you. The denial around male health issues would be funny for its ridiculousness if it were not for the tragic consequences. Excerpt:

'The focus of Breast Cancer Awareness efforts are focused on women -- the ribbons are pink, after all. But men can get breast cancer too.

Patch sat down with a few local experts about male breast cancer:
...
Patch: Why is it important to talk about male breast cancer?

Dr. Lee: It's important because men don't think they can get breast cancer. They don't think they can receive a mammogram screening. The discussion should be focused on breaking the myths and informing people on what is fact versus fiction. Men will say to me “men can't get breast cancer.” So they tend to show up late, when the lump has been there for several months, which is usually stage 2 or later. And that means that it has already spread to the lymph nodes because they have been waiting. I see this 50 percent of the time. If they never heard of male breast cancer, they think the lump will go away.'

"Wear Blue" movement seeks to raise awareness of men's health issues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is an ongoing, increasing and predominantly silent crisis in the health and well-being of men. Due to a lack of awareness, poor health education, and culturally induced behavior patterns in their work and personal lives, men's health and well-being are deteriorating steadily. Society is being dramatically affected because men are living approximately 5 years less than women.'

The One Picture Feminists Don't Want Anyone to See

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Look at this image. If you can't download it due to volume restrictions, try later. It's that good. Then when you see it, save it to your hard drive (if you don't know how to do this, see this .pdf document; if you are still confused, ask someone for help).

This is the image feminists don't want you you to see. It's a picture of a US soldier just back from deployment whose wife got pregnant just before he left. He had never seen his baby until now. And the picture tells it all as far as his reaction-- as well as how he feels about his baby.

Feminists told one of many Big Lies in the 1970s and have maintained it ever since. They have repeated it time and again and have gotten so many people to believe it that now even those who used to argue with them back then may actually believe it. It's just this: Men don't care about their kids. They are not deserving of any parental rights because they don't really care about children. They should be used only as resources for the maintenance of the child, of course, but only via the mother as the conduit and gatekeeper. In short, men should have no parental rights because they don't deserve them because they don't care about their kids anyway.

That was one of the Big Lies they told. But it was false back then and it's false today.

Share this picture. Post it to Facebook, wherever you can and say it like it is: Men love their children. And what is truly tragic is that society at large has been brainwashed into thinking that that isn't true. And so, is it any wonder that the US birthrate is the lowest it's ever been and the out-of-wedlock percentage of births is getting ever-closer to 50%? Perhaps it's because even potential fathers of children believe this Big Lie themselves.

HuffPost: Male Rape is Real

Matt · 1 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. The video report has no text, so here is some information on the topic from Wikipedia. Excerpt:

'Several studies argue that male-male prisoner rape, as well as female-female prisoner rape, might be the most common and least-reported forms of rape, with some studies suggesting such rapes are substantially more common in both per-capita and raw-number totals than male-female rapes in the general population.

Research from the UK suggests that almost 3% of men reported a non-consensual sexual experience as adults and over 5% of men reported sexual abuse as a child. This does not take into account the possibility of underreporting. Recognition of male on male rape in law has historically been limited; the first successful prosecution for attempted male on male rape in the UK was not until 1995.

...

Much like female erectile response and contrary to popular opinion, male erectile response is involuntary, meaning that a man need not consent for his penis to become erect and be placed in a woman's vagina. Penetration of a man by a woman is possible through forcible stimulation of external male genitalia or the anus, or by forced penetration of the anus with the use of strap-ons, dildos, other foreign objects which could include a tongue (inserted or external) in forced oral, forced digit manipulation, and digital penetration. A woman could also force a man to perform oral sex on her. Rape of a man by a woman could also occur when limited sexual activities are agreed upon and a man's penis is placed in a woman in violation of the limits that had been set. Rape of a man by a woman is thus possible in several ways.

However, male victims of sexual abuse by females often face social, political, and legal double standards. While gender-neutral laws have combated the older perception that rape never occurs to men, and other laws have eliminated the term altogether, the double standards still remain.'

Could You Have a Male Eating Disorder?

Matt · 1 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When the subject of eating disorders comes up, most people naturally think it's a chick thing. But the latest research shows that gender is neither a predictor of—or an insurance policy against—body image issues. In fact, the number of guys worldwide who suffer from eating disorders is on the rise, according to Eating Disorders: The Journal of Treatment & Prevention. "There's a lot more pressure these days for guys to have a cut body than there used to be in the past," says Ted Weltzin, MD, medical director of eating disorder services at Rogers Memorial Hospital in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

While eating disorders in women typically reveal themselves in the form of an emaciated body, the look is different for guys. Males with eating disorders tend to be overly focused on exercise and muscle definition, says Dr. Weltzin. If you're body-conscious—and you probably are if you're on this site—ask yourself these sic questions to make sure you have a healthy approach to nutrition and exercise. If after answering these questions you're worried that you may be crossing into unhealthy territorry, call the National Eating Disorder Association's Live Helpline at 800-931-2237 to help you find an expert in your area who can help.'

Who are the Hurricane Sandy Heroes?

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I don't need to talk too much about Hurricane Sandy at this point, but just in case you have been living under a rock the past 1-2 weeks and just came up for air, read about it here. Millions without power or ready access to food and medical help remain while homes, businesses, infrastructure are still flooded. Thousands of people also remain stranded in some places and it may take days (as of this writing) to get them out.

So, who is doing the work to restore power, and who had it going in the first place? Who are fighting the fires that have broken out in places as a result of the storm? Who are risking their own lives regularly to rescue others? Who are risking their lives to maintain or restore law and order in places that are currently still, literally, in the dark?

Men. The answer is, by and large: Men, almost everyone involved. There may be a small percentage of women involved in the actual hands-on work that needs to be done to bring the affected areas back to some semblance of normalcy. But I ask you, if this were an army of women in the form of power utility employees, police officers, fire-fighters, EMTs, and others, would that not be a constantly-reported fact? Would they not receive constant praise for their sacrifices for others' betterment and survival? Would they not be hailed constantly, AS WOMEN, for what they were doing? The answer is of course, yes. But while men are doing the vast majority of the work needed to relieve the sufferings of so many as a consequence of this hurricane, they are indeed praised-- but not as men. They are praised as "utility workers", "fire fighters", "police officers", etc. Again, men as a gender get lost in a sea of occupational titles while women do not.

In this disaster as in all the rest, men are doing just what is expected of them, receiving fleeting praise when successful and harsh condemnation when not. One day I wonder if we'll ever see women in such positions as men are to this degree-- and get held to the same standards of judgment. Don't hold your breath.

Australia: New Grants Build on the Work at 58 Men's Sheds

Minuteman · 1 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'More than fifty Men's Sheds across Australia will receive funding from the Australian Government to upgrade their facilities or buy new equipment and tools, in the latest round of grants announced today by Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon.

"Men's Sheds offer more than just a place for blokes to catch up and work on the tools – in many parts of country Australia they give men a lifeline to a network of mates and support," Mr Snowdon said.

"In this round of funding we looked at giving priority to towns and regions with higher than average rates of unemployment – we know men in these areas are more likely to suffer from isolation."

"We provide the money for the bricks and tools, but it's the men and their camaraderie that make these sheds work," Mr Snowdon said.

58 Men's Sheds from across the country will share in $125,000 worth of funding to assist with purchasing tools for woodwork, including saws, drills and safety equipment, as well as providing money for upgrades to facilities.

Under its National Male Health Policy, the Federal Government funds the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) to run the Shed Development Program, which includes $250,000 a year over three years, in direct assistance to Men's Sheds, plus $125,000 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander shed activities.'

IA: Special Report from New Orleans

Matt · 2 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Last week, members of the Intact America staff, along with dozens of intactivists from around the country, attended the 2012 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Unlike in years past, this year the AAP barred us from hosting a booth inside the exhibition hall, citing as a reason Intact America's planned demonstration, which we promoted on our Facebook page. The real reason they barred us: They know we are right. They are afraid of us. And they want to pretend we don't exist.

Well, thanks to your generous support, we made our presence VERY well known:

- We staged a major press conference attended by supporters as well as doctors and people new to the cause. The event was subsequently covered by The Washington Post!
- We spent three days protesting on the corner directly across the street from the convention center, on the sidewalks in front of the building, and on the "neutral ground"—a strip of land in the middle of the street, a spot impossible for the convention-goers and passers-by to miss. We talked with attendees; we walked and hoisted our signs and voices high. See our AAP Conference Report Page for more photos, and our Facebook page for even more.
- Intact America reinvested the funds from the exhibition booth into running our Open Letter in both the New Orleans Times-Picayune and the Baton Rouge Advocate—twice!—reaching several million people over that weekend.

Woman murders children, blames truck-driver husband's absence

Minuteman · 3 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A Polish woman charged with murder in the stabbing deaths of her seven-year-old son and a five-year-old girl she was babysitting had been upset about her own father's recent death, a prosecutor says.

But what role Elzbieta Plackowska's grief over her father's death may have played in her actions on Tuesday - when authorities say she stabbed the two children dozens of times as they begged for their lives - DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin could not say.

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Plackowska, a 40-year-old Polish immigrant, told investigators that her husband, a truck driver, used to bring her flowers and gifts, but she resented him being home only on weekends and that she had to work as a maid, which she felt was beneath her, Berlin said.

"She felt he truly did not appreciate how fine a wife and mother she was," he said.'

Obama and the Women's Lobby

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Affordable Care Act mentions "breast" 44 times, "prostate" not once. It also establishes an elaborate and expensive network of special programs to promote women's health. Programs for men are nowhere to be found. What explains the imbalance?

When President Obama took office, he promised to insulate his administration from organized lobbyists. Yet, from day one, he granted the women's lobby unprecedented influence. The results should trouble fair-minded feminists.
...
Most striking of all is the Obama administration's blindness to the growing problem of male academic underachievement. Girls outshine boys by nearly every measure of classroom success. They earn better grades, take more advanced-placement and honors courses in high school, and are far more likely to go to college. Women earn 57 percent of bachelor's degrees, 63 percent of master's degrees, and 53 percent of doctoral degrees. According to a recent Harvard study ("Pathways to Prosperity"), the new passport to the American Dream "is education beyond high school." Today, far more women than men have that passport.

Yet the president persists in acting as if our schools are a hostile learning environment for girls, one that warrants aggressive federal intervention. Pressured by groups like the AAUW and the National Women's Law Center (NWLC), the White House recently announced that the Department of Education would be adopting a more rigorous application of Title IX to career, technology, and engineering programs in high school and college — to stop the alleged boy-favoritism that is shortchanging girls. To avoid federal investigations that threaten withdrawal of financial support, programs will simply enroll fewer males.'

Men's role towards women's rights highlighted

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The seminar held to discuss involvement of men in gender activism and issues related to women's rights. The study captured stories of 5 men who took affirmative actions against sexual violence against men, women and transgender persons in the context of Pakistan. Sadia Sahrif from SDPI moderated the proceedings while Safillulah Khan from Rozan explained research methodology with participants.

Sharing the findings of study, Maria Rasheed from Rozan said that masculinity is a complex terrain where Men's lives and gendered experiences have exhibited contradictions. She said violence in the lives of men, both by witnessing and experiencing at the hands of another man, seems to be a common influence in shaping and motivating his actions. "The study speaks of unstable nature of masculine identities and power relationships where motivations for actions against sexual violence are not clearly pointed out," she added.
...
She highlighted the Men's behaviour that how men's distancing from pain - physical and emotional - feeds into masculinities shaped by tribes, sectarian groups, whereby men's role are seen as essential to protect weaker groups, identities, and land. Discussing the study, Gender expert, Dr Yasmin Zaidi, said that the study offers thought provoking insight on inner workings of real men. She said the Men are too often portrayed as sole oppressor, which silences the supportive character where men are facilitating women in socio-political and economic sphere.-PR'

Why won't feminists let men debate abortion?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Suzanne Moore has told the Today audience that men are banned from debating abortion. They can't have an abortion, so how dare they talk about its rights and wrongs? This is a women-only subject, so back off, boys.

The logic of this was confused, as Medhi Hasan, who confessed his pro-life views in his blog, told the lady in the van. (Moore was in a radio car. Thank goodness: otherwise blood would have been spilled.)

You bet: that's like arguing that women can't debate male circumcision just because they don't have a male member that can be snipped. Moore should remember that it was David Steel, a man, who pressed for the 1967 Abortion Act; and that two WOMEN ministers are calling for its review.

The truth is, both men and women have children, and THAT is what this debate is about. When does life begin in the womb? When is a foetus a child? Men as well as women have a sense of morality, and a stake in future generations.'

Teen who made false rape report offered support

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Story here. Excerpt:

'As community leaders mobilize support for a Yates High School student who admitted she lied about being sexually assaulted last week, Houston police have not ruled out the possibility of criminal charges against the teen.

The 15-year-old girl told police that a man abducted her on Noah Street near Cyrill Park on the way home from school, dragged her into an abandoned house and sexually assaulted her. She provided a detailed description of man, as well as other information.

But authorities discovered evidence that made her story questionable, and she ultimately admitted that the Oct. 24 assault never happened, said activist Deric C. Muhammad, who held a news conference Friday at the park.

"We are actually relieved that the predator that we were looking for does not exist," said Muhammad, of the Ministry of Justice-Houston. "One of the most egregious things that a female can do is to fabricate a story that she has been raped, when she has not. We don't want the cries of real rape victims to get drowned out in the lies that are told, such as the one that was told last week."

Muhammad agreed that assistance, rather than punishment, is needed to get the girl on the right track.

"We know there are some underlying psychological issues that would compel this young girl to come forward with such a story," he said. "We vehemently condemn what she did, but we don't condemn her as a child and as a person. We believe she can be redeemed from this."'

F&F: Maryland Reduces Child Support Arrears to 0

Matt · 4 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In Maryland, the Child Support Payment Incentive Program is taking small steps to chip away at the mountain of bad child support debt. The Office of Child Support Enforcement acknowledges that 63% of fathers in arrears report earnings of $10,000 or less per year.

The Maryland program allows noncustodial parents with incomes below 225 percent of the federal poverty level and who have made 24 months of consecutive child-support payments on their current obligation to have their arrears reduced to zero. Also, as of October 1, the new legislation will automatically suspend child-support orders for anyone sentenced to 18 or more months in jail and lacking the financial means to pay.

While other states continue to strip away licenses to drive and professional and occupational licenses, Maryland is making some small steps to acknowledge that some dads are just “dead-broke” and the state is better off helping them reenter the workforce – and the lives of their children.'

Forget the war on women: The men’s vote could decide who wins in 2012

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Article here. Amazing-- someone in the MSM has finally started to pay attention to the stats around the voting polls! But as I said before, don't expect Obama et al. to pay attention to men's votes. Feminists just don't seem to think men are very important so naturally subconsciously think our votes don't count. Rule #1 in electoral politics: "Every vote counts-- every single one of them." It's a real bush-league mistake to ignore that fact, but myopia is a sin anyone can be guilty of, and it can't be cured by donning rose-colored lenses. Living inside a bubble such as the one every high-level politician sitting in office for any length of time tends to cause such lenses to grow in front of their eyes of their own accord. Excerpt:

'A barrage of attention from the presidential candidates and the news media has been paid to "waitress moms," "Walmart women" and other exhibits of the female species this election, with pundits wondering whether the female gender gap, which works in the president's favor, will carry him over the top on Election Day.

But the focus might be better spent on men.

"The issue is not the women's vote, but the men's vote," Frank Newport, Gallup's editor-in-chief, told Yahoo News. The reason: polls show male voters look much more likely to break from their 2008 voting patterns. If that happens, the men's vote could decide whether Barack Obama or Mitt Romney becomes the next president.

Four years ago, Obama won 49 percent of the male vote, buoyed by historic gains with white men, who chose the Democratic candidate in the highest proportions seen since Jimmy Carter. Even so, most white men—57 percent of them—still voted for John McCain, and a majority of such voters have not backed a Democratic candidate since 1964, when men began abandoning the Democratic party.

This year, Obama's inroads with white men have eroded. Worse, the candidate tracks in the low 40s among all men, not just white ones, in the latest ABC/Washington Post polls. It's possible the president will have lost up to 9 points of ground among male voters compared to 2008. No Democratic candidate has been elected in the past 50 years without gaining close to half of the male vote.'

Obesity infographic

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A reader sent a link to this graphic after reading this story here on MANN. More grist for the mill. Being fat incurs greater health care costs than smoking and drinking *combined*.

Let's call it what it is, guys: fat. That's what it is. You can say "obese" or "overweight", but when people see a fat person of either sex, they simply say to themselves: "fat". That's the reality. Political correctness insists on "obesity", but everyone knows a duck when he sees one-- and he calls it a duck. And the longer a person stays fat, the avoidably shorter their lifespan gets and their quality of life just continues to drop. And the thing is, it's so avoidable. It's the one thing people well and truly have substantial control over: how much they eat and how much exercise they get. It's just a matter of making the right choice, that's all.

Circumcision Decision: Jewish Couples in Crisis

Matt · 4 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Back in the days when I was dating, before I met my wonderful husband, I would mention my views about circumcision early in a relationship, namely that I was against it and had no plans to circumcise any future sons. I figured I could marry someone with different interests or even political views, but when it came to circumcising a child, that was a deal-breaker.

Of course, not everyone is passionate about this issue before they have kids. Many people don't give a second thought to circumcision until they are expecting. By then, if turns out there are strong views in opposite directions, it can lead to a lot of heartache.

The situation of couples at odds about whether to circumcise is becoming increasingly common. Years ago, few people in the U.S. were talking about circumcision and almost everyone was doing it. Today circumcision rates have plummeted. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2010 the rate of hospital circumcision in the United States was just 55%. There is more media attention over the issue as people are becoming increasingly aware of circumcision's many harms. The 2011 film What to Expect When You're Expecting took a humorous approach to one a couple's disagreement over whether to circumcise. In real life, it's never funny.'

"Movember" for Men's Health

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Movember web site here: http://www.movember.com/. From the US version site here:

'Movember is all about bringing back the moustache, having fun and doing it for a serious cause; men's health, specifically prostate and testicular cancer initiatives. Mo Bros commit to growing a moustache for the 30 days of Movember, and in doing so become walking and talking billboards for the cause. The moustache is our ribbon, the symbol by which we generate conversations, awareness and raise funds for men's health.

Whilst the growing of Mo's is limited to the guys, Mo Sistas play a vital role in the success of Movember by supporting and encouraging the men in their life to get involved, and participating in raising funds and awareness themselves.

There are many ways in which you can get involved with Movember, such as registering as a Mo Bro or Mo Sista and raising funds and awareness yourself or donating to someone you know who is participating. You can also attend various events such as Gala Partés, Mo Parties, Mo Runs or host your own event in honor of Movember.'

Man Saves Mystery Cabbie During Storm

Matt · 5 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Inspiring and more to the point, noble. But as a man coming to someone else's rescue, he is indeed a hero, but risking his life for another person is somewhat expected, is it not? He even expected it of himself. Imagine if he had been a woman. Indeed he (as she) may have done the same, but would she have felt the same obligation to act as he said he felt? And would she also not be now lauded nationally as a hero rather than just as an ordinary fellow doing an extraordinary thing due to circumstance? Excerpt:

'Jon Candelaria, a 25-year-old who works in accounting, was in his apartment near the East River, looking out the window as the streets below filled with water. He saw the taxi do a 360-degree turn and end up in the rising flood. Candelaria, dressed in basketball shorts, threw on a jacket and sneakers and rushed down into the street.

"It was so dangerous but it didn't even matter to me," he told ABC News. "All that mattered was, not even my own life, but just getting this guy out of the car and saving his life. That's all that mattered."
...
Candelaria said the water was chest-deep and freezing.

"When I got down there and I started walking through the water, then it hit me. I could pretty much die right now," he said. "I thought about my daughter and I told myself, if anything was to happen to me, I know my family could take care of her. I know that for a fact."

He could see the cab rocking and briefly thought about how he could be electrocuted by falling power lines, but pushed that thought from his mind and kept going. When he got to the driver, the water was already up to his chin.

"I'm glad I got there on time. I guess five more minutes and he would've been drowning," he said. "I put him on this shoulder. I was like, 'Please don't panic, don't freak out. The water is very high.' And he was like, 'All right.'"'

Wage Gap Myth Exposed -- By Feminists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you believe women suffer systemic wage discrimination, read the new American Association of University Women (AAUW) study Graduating to a Pay Gap. Bypass the verbal sleights of hand and take a hard look at the numbers. Women are close to achieving the goal of equal pay for equal work. They may be there already.

How many times have you heard that, for the same work, women receive 77 cents for every dollar a man earns? This alleged unfairness is the basis for the annual Equal Pay Day observed each year about mid-April to symbolize how far into the current year women have to work to catch up with men's earnings from the previous year. If the AAUW is right, Equal Pay Day will now have to be moved to early January.

The AAUW has now joined ranks with serious economists who find that when you control for relevant differences between men and women (occupations, college majors, length of time in workplace) the wage gap narrows to the point of vanishing. The 23-cent gap is simply the average difference between the earnings of men and women employed "full time." What is important is the "adjusted" wage gap-the figure that controls for all the relevant variables. That is what the new AAUW study explores.'

Study: Teens With Lesbian Mothers Do Better In School, Happier In Life

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES (CBS Las Vegas) – Teens living in homes with lesbian mothers are proving to be more successful in school and generally happier in life.

A new study has found that 17-year-olds with lesbian mothers had high school GPAs ranging between A-minus to B-plus, while having strong family bonds with their mothers, whom the teens consider good role models. The Williams Institute at UCLA, which conducted “Adolescents with Lesbian Mothers Describe Their Own Lives,” tracked 78 adolescents over a 26-year period.
...
The research, which appears in the Journal of Homosexuality, indicated that these teens had very close friends that they felt comfortable informing about their lesbian parents. “They teach me to be accepting of all people on this earth, no matter what differences they may have,” wrote one of 38 adolescent boys tracked in the study.'

'C*ck Block The Vote' PSA Discourages Men From Voting On 'Totally Biased'

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Video here. Text:

'"If you have a penis, on November 6, it's crucial that you stay home and watch porn all day."

That's the message of a new PSA on FX's "Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell." The thing is, women support President Obama far more than men do, and if, in a reverse-19th amendment situation, only women voted, Obama would win in a landslide. (Assuming they don't let their hormones do the talking on Election Day.)

Everyone wins: Men don't have to inconvenience themselves, and women are happy they get a president who will protect their bodies and health. And if women are happy, men are happy, right?'

How feminism distorts reality

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'Madam -- I am writing to commend Eilis O'Hanlon on her excellent article entitled 'Sometimes it's not so hard to be a woman' (Sunday Independent, October 28). It is long past time that the feminist industry, which survives by perpetuating the myth that women are oppressed, was exposed for the nonsense that it is.

Ms O'Hanlon very competently demolishes the latest silly feminist claim that the recession is having a disproportionate effect on women. It is almost as ridiculous as the other feminist claim that women suffer more than men in war, repeated by Hillary Clinton among others.

The fact that it is predominantly men who are killed, crippled and maimed in war is an inconvenient truth, but feminists are expert at ignoring truth, no matter how blatantly obvious it may be.

That distortion of reality is an integral part of feminism. Its proponents selectively look up through the glass ceiling but refuse to look down into the glass cellar (ie dangerous and dirty jobs) which are almost totally dominated by men.'

Cops: Substitute teacher claims 14-year-old got her pregnant

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 35-year-old Texas woman accused of having sex with a 14-year-old boy and then claiming to be pregnant from the relationship may have worked as a substitute teacher at least once in the boy's classroom, a school official said.

Amanda Sotelo, a resident of Von Ormy, was booked into a Bexar County jail on Nov. 1 on a charge of indecency with a child, Louis J. Antu, spokesman with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, told NBC News. Bond was set at $75,000.

School district officials learned of the allegations Oct. 31 after the boy's mother alerted them of the relationship, Anne Marie Espinoza, spokeswoman for the Southwest Independent School District in San Antonio, told KSAT-TV.'

SAVE E-lert: Your Vote Counts, Every Vote Counts

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Tomorrow we will experience the most important presidential election of our lifetimes. And talk about exciting... The race is neck and neck.

This reminds me of 2000, when George W. Bush officially won Florida's electoral votes by a margin of only 537 votes out of almost 6 million cast, winning him the election.

This year, if you live in CO, FL, IA, MI, NV, NH, NC, OH, PA, VA, or WI there's a chance that your ballot could decide who will lead our country for the next four years.

But only if you vote.

Please vote. Your vote counts. Every vote counts!

There are close races for seats in the House and Senate as well.

Tell a friend. Share this elert today!

http://www.saveservices.org/campaign-2012

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Hurricane-relief Guardsmen tossed out of armory - for Victoria's Secret show

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Today I thought to myself: What kind of humorous pseudo-story could I come up with for some comedy relief on MANN, heading into tomorrow's debacle that will probably make 2000's pregnant-chad-a-thon look like a slam-dunk Wednesday-morning certainty in comparison? (I really hope I am wrong about this, but only a history that has yet to be made will show if it's true or not.)

So I thought and thought, then came up with this: National Guardsmen called in from wherever to assist with the many tasks needing attention right now in New York City are thrown out of their billet so some Victoria's Secret models could have a place to do their catwalk thing. Perfect! It'll make the guys laugh!

But before I had a chance to actually post it, PRESTO, it actually happened! Yes indeed, here in the modern day, which may in some ways be regarded as "Bizzaro-world", truth remains stranger than fiction. As much as I would like to be able to, I just can't make this stuff up. Suppose the same thing would occur if for example a lot of female soldiers were billeted in the same conditions and were ousted by, say, a troupe of Chippendale's dancers? Not in a million years. Excerpt:

'The Victoria's Secret show must go on — even if it means kicking out hardworking men and women in uniform.

Dozens of National Guardsmen, and Army and Air Force personnel who have been sleeping at Manhattan's Lexington Armory in between hurricane-relief shifts are being booted — to make room for Victoria's Secret models in anticipation of Wednesday's runway show.

About 300 uniformed personnel have been bunking down at the armory at various times since Sandy hit.

But their numbers will be reduced to 60 by Wednesday for the event, which is featuring Rihanna and Justin Bieber.

The military workers will be relocated to the Jacob Javits Center, Harlem Armory and hotels such as the Marriott East Side and Ramada East Side — where they'll bunk five to 10 per room on the government's dime, sources said.'

And female pols don't "behave badly"?

Matt · 7 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Feminists would have you believe sexual and romantic indiscretions are pretty much male politicians' turf. Maybe not so much these days. Story here. "Lady"? There's another word I'd use, but this is a "family site" (well, not exactly, but...). Excerpt:

'The former French justice minister Rachida Dati had up to eight lovers, including Nicolas Sarkozy's brother, in the year she fell pregnant with her daughter, a lawyer for the alleged father has claimed.

Dominique Desseigne will use the fact that Ms Dati had several lovers as one argument to refuse to take a paternity test, Le Monde reported.

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Ms Dati, 46, a former minister in Mr Sarkozy's government and now an MEP, filed a paternity case in October to oblige Mr Desseigne, the chief of the Lucien Barriere casino and hotel group, to acknowledge he is the father of three-year-old Zohra.

...

Mr Desseigne's friends say Ms Dati "sent him threatening letters on several occasions", asking for money, and offered to stop legal proceedings in exchange for a negotiated settlement. Ms Dati's lawyer is expected to demonstrate the affection Mr Desseigne has shown her, including paying for her rented apartment at one point, and presenting witness statements showing he often came to visit Zohra.

Mr Desseigne's wife died in 2001 from injuries sustained in a plane crash six years earlier.

"He categorically told Rachida Dati he didn't want a child," an unnamed friend said. "That is why they broke up." Ms Dati's lawyer declined to comment on the claim she had several lovers in 2008.'

"Don't take men's vote for granted"

Matt · 7 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Search on "Don't take men's vote for granted" to get to the letter.

'Given the high volatility of the “women’s vote,” as if women were a homogeneous group, I can understand why both President Obama and Mitt Romney are worried that this volatile vote might go to the other guy (“Critics slam Mitt Romney on equal pay,” Oct. 17). However, if men and fathers don’t have a candidate who speaks to their interests and concerns, what makes either candidate think that men will even bother to get out of bed on Election Day?

Today’s boys, men and fathers are not the boys, men and fathers of the greatest generation. Males today are living in a gender-reversed world where they are at the wrong end of gender gaps in education, health and jobs and income in the younger generations.

Recent polls show that about 93 percent of black voters are committed to President Obama. Until either the president or Mitt Romney can see roughly 93 percent of male voters committed to them, they should not take the “men’s vote” for granted. With less than three weeks to go, today would be a good day to begin addressing the needs and concerns of boys, men and fathers in today’s world.'

Identigene Raises Awareness of Paternity Fraud in America

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Press release here. Admittedly, this is a press release from a commercial entity. (Everyone's always trying to see you something. *sigh*) Anyway, if you can ignore that much for now, the meat of the text is worth reading. Excerpt:

'Identigene, maker of the only DNA paternity test available in drugstores and supercenters, is working to increase awareness of paternity fraud in America. Paternity fraud occurs when a woman allows a man to assume he is the biological father, even though he is not. It's an issue with potentially serious consequences for everyone involved, from financial obligations to custody arrangements to emotional attachments.

The campaign to raise awareness of paternity fraud reached millions of people and was conducted through advertising, outreach to news organizations, social media, and the efforts of Dennis Fuller, a Dallas, Texas attorney who has championed this cause. "In my professional experience, the truth about paternity leads to a positive outcome for everyone involved," Fuller says. Mr. Fuller provides the example of his client, Barry Wallace. Mr. Wallace was sentenced to prison for nonpayment of child support. His wife sought legal assistance and DNA testing, eventually proving paternity fraud and freeing her husband from jail. The mother of the little girl had a brief encounter with Wallace and had for years wanted to stop the child support, enabling her husband to officially adopt the little girl and assume financial obligation. Disestablishing paternity was a positive for all parties. See more of Mr. Wallace's personal story on YouTube.

Stay-at-home dads on the rise

Matt · 7 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'There's a lot of love and chaos in the David Nicolato household.

"I'm doing it backwards," Nicolato said. "They're upside down. I've got 15 things to do and I have to get out of the house on time."

Nicolato is a stay-at-home dad.

"It's the hardest job in the whole wide world," he said. "But, at the same time, there's nothing else I would rather be doing."

Nicolato's children, 4-year-old Jacob and 2-year-old Ian, are a hand-full.

When mom is at work and on business trips, they know it's dad who runs the show.'

2012 International Men's Day

Matt · 7 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Description here. Excerpt:

'2012 International Men's Day: Helping Men and Boys Live Longer, Happier, Healthier Lives

In the run up to International Men's Day 2012 (Monday 19th November) we're asking supporters of the day to focus on five key challenges that will help us improve the health and wellbeing of men and boys all over the world.

Some of the universal health issues that men and boys in all countries around the globe face include lower life expectancy, difficulty accessing mental health services, educational disadvantages, lack of male role models and tolerance of violence against men and boys.'

Female "caregiver" sexually assaults bedridden 106-YO woman, threatens retribution of she tells anyone

Matt · 7 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. WARNING: Both graphic and disgusting! Read no further if you don't have a barf-bucket handy. I wonder what excuse will be made for this "caregiver" based on her "her-ness". Excerpt:

'A female caregiver was arrested today and charged with sexually assaulting a 106-year-old woman in her care, according to cops.

Taquita Lashay Watson, 29, had been providing in-home care to the bedridden victim, according to the Pensacola Police Department. Investigators determined that Watson last month had "used a sexual instrument" on the elderly woman.

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[Ed.: I am deliberately breaking the 'Read more' section here since the more disgusting stuff follows. This is so the reader can decide for him- or herself if they really want to go on reading.]

Australia: The perils of the Prime Minister's feminist fantasies

Mastodon · 7 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The PM's political strategy is clear. An eight-page spread in Marie Claire taps Gillard into a younger demographic -- the 445,000 monthly readers of the magazine are mostly women aged 25 to 39. In fact, much younger women are also being encouraged to join the Gillard gender wars. Well-meaning schoolteachers have started showing Gillard's tirade to their female high school students as evidence that misogyny still happens. Disappointingly, when the YouTube video was played at one school, there was no classroom discussion of the underlying hypocrisy of Gillard's continuing support for Peter Slipper, whose distasteful texts about female genitalia should have required his removal from the Speaker's chair by any fair-minded and consistent feminist. Nor was there any real analysis of the man Gillard accused of being a misogynist.'

Note full access to the article requires a subscription. One intrepid individual however re-published an edited version of the same article here.

"Can Men Be Shamed Into Marriage?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The United States Census Bureau found that in 2008 16% of American men between 40 and 44 had never been married, an increase of 150% over 1980 numbers. Dr. Carl Weisman, author of "So Why Have You Never Been Married", says these confirmed bachelors are being stigmatized by society as being a "playboy, loser, commitment-phobe, fussy, damaged goods, plain weird" or, like in the famous "Seinfeld" episode, are labelled as a closeted homosexual, whether or not they are actually gay (with the recurring disclaimer "not that there's anything wrong with it"). Katie Hahn, author of "The Stigma of the Unmarried Man", says that many women actually hope a middle age date is divorced rather than never married. She says never-married thirty and forty something men have a hard time explaining their life history toward wary potential partners, like an ex-con accounting for those missing years on his resume: "If you ask a guy in his late thirties or early forties why he isn't married, he'll have his answer- you could call it his defense- ready."

The 150% increase in never married men ages 40-44 over the last three decades indicates that the societal shaming mentioned above isn't working. Pierce College social scientist and lecturer John Fergus argues that because half of all marriages end in divorce, the popular knowledge of this grim statistic has had a "chilling effect" on single adults, making them fearful of relationships. A survey by Ohio University and Scripps Howard News Service confirmed this increasing public pessimism of successful matrimony due to the apparent recent changes in the way men and women relate to one another. Seeing the failure of so many marriages, many single men are refusing to even try it, regardless of a disapproving culture.'

Divorced Dads' Rights: Father Fights For Say In Son's DNR Order, Access to Medical Records

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'While single-parent homes are more common than ever, less than 18 percent of custodial parents are fathers. Jack Frost, President of Father and Families in New York, discussed some of the frustrations of being an active, involved father without full custody on a segment for HuffPost Live.

One of his greatest concerns was not having access to his child's medical records in the early stages of his divorce. His wife made medical decisions concerning his son, including filing a do-not-resuscitate order without his consent.

But when Frost found that he legally had a say in his child's DNR order, he was still met with opposition.

"I told the doctor, I said I wanted the DNR gone. You didn't include me when you filed this. You were supposed to include me and you didn't," Frost said. "She just ignored me."'

Some Dads Want This Walmart Ad Banned Because It Gives Moms Too Much Credit

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'The ad shows a "typical" British mom masterminding a family Christmas dinner, exhausting herself in the effort. It's cheesy, heartwarming stuff. The tagline: "Behind every great Christmas there's mum and behind mum there's Asda."

Fathers4Justice, however, objects to the portrayal of the dad in the commercial. His character is portrayed as ineffective and clueless -- a typical "dumb dad" stereotype that has become increasingly common in advertising.

The context here is that when it comes to groceries, women tend to make most of the purchasing decisions; thus grocery ads tend to see things from their point of view. And Fathers4Justice is a media-stunt loving group that believes the law discriminates against men who have split up with the mothers of the their children.'

Ed. note: Asda is owned by Walmart.

F&F: Take Action: Help Pro Se Litigants

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'Ohio judges confront a growing problem. Increasingly, parents involved in family law disputes are coming to the court without representation. They either cannot afford or choose not to employ attorneys to represent them. Because they are unfamiliar with the rules and procedures of courts, these parents' attempts to represent themselves often create additional burdens for, and delays in, the courts.

To address this problem, the 2006 Ohio Supreme Court Task Force on Pro Se (self-represented) and Indigent Litigants recommended that the Court develop easily completed forms for a variety of legal issues, including many in family law. The Supreme Court has now drafted a set of proposed forms and has published them for public review and comment.'

No longer taboo, but divorce still damages children: Suffering goes on into adulthood and even old age

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'Family breakdown is as devastating for today's children as it was when divorce was a source of social disgrace, a state-backed report warned yesterday.

Even though divorce is no longer considered 'shameful' – as it was until the 1970s – the children of broken families continue to suffer destructive effects throughout their lives, the report said.

The paper, produced by a team of senior academics, found that the damage caused to a child by divorce continues to blight his or her life as far as old age.

It said parental separation in childhood was 'consistently associated with psychological distress in adulthood during people's early 30s'.

The report added: 'This seems to be true even across different generations, which suggests that as divorce and separation have become more common, their impact on mental health has not reduced."

"The Heart Grows Smarter"

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A NYT OP-Ed piece, so of course if you try to get to it by clicking this link: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/06/opinion/brooks-the-heart-grows-smarter.html, you'll be asked to sign in. The way around this is to copy the actual link text:

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and paste it into the Google search box at Google.com. Then the page link will come up as the first hit and click on that link. Now, you can see the page. Excerpt:

'If you go back and read a bunch of biographies of people born 100 to 150 years ago, you notice a few things that were more common then than now.
...
It wasn't only parents who were emotionally diffident; it was the people who studied them. In 1938, a group of researchers began an intensive study of 268 students at Harvard University. The plan was to track them through their entire lives, measuring, testing and interviewing them every few years to see how lives develop.

In the 1930s and 1940s, the researchers didn't pay much attention to the men's relationships. Instead, following the intellectual fashions of the day, they paid a lot of attention to the men's physiognomy. Did they have a "masculine" body type? Did they show signs of vigorous genetic endowments?

New PSA lets women Veterans know they've come to "The Right Place"

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'A new PSA from Women's Health lets women Veterans know they've come to the right place when they choose VA health care.

Watch the video and learn more about VA's ongoing culture change campaign. Read a recent article that expands on the message. See more headlines about women Veterans and Women Veterans Health Care.

Did you know that women are the fastest growing group within the Veteran population? Learn more about the changing face of women Veterans and what VA is doing to meet their health care needs.

This web site provides information on health care services available to women Veterans, including comprehensive primary care as well as specialty care such as reproductive services, rehabilitation, mental health, and treatment for military sexual trauma.

You can also find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about women Veterans health care.

At each VA Medical Center nationwide, a Women Veterans Program Manager is designated to assist women Veterans. She can help coordinate all the services you may need, from primary care to medical services to Mental Health and Sexual Abuse Counseling.

Women Veterans who are interested in receiving care at VA should contact their nearest VA Medical Center and ask for the Women Veterans Program Manager.'

Ashley Judd for Senate?

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'On Barack Obama: “I think that he has an incredible devotion to our Constitution.”

On culture:

I believe that the social construction of gender - the cultural beliefs and practices that divide the sexes and institutionalize and normalize the unequal treatment of girls and women, privilege the interests of boys and men, and, most nefariously, incessantly sexualize girls and women - is the root cause of poverty and suffering around the world.

And she’s a fanatical supporter of abortion. Remember when she viciously mocked Rick Santorum?'

In case you need it: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashley_Judd

'Where the Boys Are'

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'Why are boys — even those who cultivate college dreams — so prone to underachievement? Explanations abound, but boy advocates say we've created a classroom culture that ignores critical boy-girl learning differences and mainly rewards the things girls do well. Bored and disengaged, boys tune out or act out. Too many drop out.

By the time the SAT rolls around, these boys have vacated the school building. They aren't sharpening No. 2 pencils; they're mulling the unemployment line.

Feminist groups surely will seize on the latest reading and math scores as proof that girl power is enfeebled, even after years of concerted efforts to work toward gender parity in education.

But this argument doesn't withstand scrutiny. Of course, we must continue our efforts to help girls achieve. The mother of a son and a daughter, I want a level academic playing field for both boys and girls.

But I'd say right now, the girls are all right. Boys, however, need our targeted attention if they ever are to realize their full potential.

Several years ago, a cadre of educators and prominent boy experts launched a national campaign, The Boys Initiative, to ensure they get it. The Boys Initiative is working to raise awareness of gender-based learning differences, as well as the importance of mentoring and instructional flexibility in the classroom.'

A rare breed - the male kindergarten teacher

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'On a small piece of woodland next to the Technido daycare centre in Karlsruhe, a group of boys noisily build a bush camp out of logs. Amid whoops of glee, they start running around, wildly shooting at each other with sticks.

“Karl, Lennie, the rules are keep the sticks down at belly height,” says teacher Todd Phillips calmly as he walks up to the boys. “No sticks near anyone’s eyes.”

“It's important to have a man here when the warring camps construct their battleground,” Phillips said afterwards, tongue in cheek.

The 47-year-old has been working at the daycare centre looking after children aged between four and six for more than four years.

Phillips, who hails from Florida but has been living in Germany for 15 years, had been working as a graphic designer at an advertising agency. As he became increasingly dissatisfied with his job, he started looking for alternatives and decided that he wanted to work with children.

“They are very spontaneous, open and honest and live in the moment for the most part,” he says. “It just took me a while to realise that suited me more than advertising.”'

Australia: Loophole in SA Health elective surgery guidelines allows for "cultural/religious" circumcisions in South Australian public hospitals

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'APPENDIX 4 - GUIDELINES ON EXCLUDED ELECTIVE SURGERY PROCEDURES

SA Health has endorsed a list of Elective Surgery procedures that will not be performed at South Australian Public Hospitals. This also includes private patients in public hospitals.

A4.1 Excluded Procedures

As of 5 November 2007, the following list of surgical procedures will not be performed in public hospitals in South Australia unless assessed and justified on true clinical grounds or there is **no access to a private hospital within one hour from a patient's usual place of residence**.

Where are all the millennial feminists?

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'Others appreciate feminism but simply don't identify with elements of the movement.

"Extremists are what turn me off from immediately labeling myself as a feminist," said Amelia Vereb, 25, a media relations manager. "What they preach and what I'm actually experiencing, or noticing ... don't always align." She explained that she hasn't actually experienced discrimination in the workplace, though feminists would insist she has. "Considering how terrifying the job market was when I graduated, I feel like I've been able to achieve the type of success that I had hoped for at this point in my life."

In some cases, millennial women said it's silly for men and women to be equal in the workplace when they're biologically dissimilar.

"Why should an employer hire a woman and then pay her for work she isn't doing? A baby isn't a medical emergency," said Rosenblatt, who believes both maternity and paternity leave are unnecessary financial burdens on employers.

Drost put things more bluntly when discussing feminist tactics.

"If you have enough time to label yourself a feminist or complain about the injustice you receive as a female, then you aren't working hard enough at your job, whether it be homemaker or corporate employee," she said. "Maybe the injustice you perceive is justified."

John Bercow: women behave better than men in Parliament

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'John Bercow, the Speaker of the House of Commons, has said that women behave better than men in Parliament and revealed that he tries to avoid allowing an unbroken sequence of male politicians to speak in the Commons.

“On the whole women are better behaved in Parliament and on the whole less inclined to be shouty and raucous. There is less of the bar room or Oxford Union Society culture amongst the women but that doesn’t mean they should lose out,” said Mr Bercow.

Speaking today at the International Parliamentary Conference on Gender and Politics held in Westminster at Portcullis House, the MPs’ office building, the Speaker also revealed a little bit about how he chooses who speaks next in Parliament: “Giving one of my secrets away - I wouldn’t normally want to call half a dozen men in a row to speak if I can also see that there are several women standing – so that’s an attitudinal thing on my part. It’s not a quota, but it’s a question of thinking it through.”'

British Panel Opposes Quotas to Place Women on Boards

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Article here. (Get around login by pasting the URL: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/09/business/global/british-panel-opposes-quotas-to-place-women-on-boards.html into Google and clicking "Google Search", then click the first hit in the search results). Excerpt:

'LONDON — As the debate in Europe widens over the merits of female quotas on company boards, a parliamentary committee in Britain plans to stake out its position: not so fast.

A report to be released Friday by a House of Lords committee concludes that such quotas would “generate negative perceptions amongst women and business leaders” while failing to address the “root causes” of inequality. Quotas, and penalties to enforce them, should be considered only as a last resort, the report says.

The findings come as little surprise. The British government has led opposition to a push by the European Commission to legislate on the issue.

The study comes ahead of discussions scheduled for next week in Brussels on whether the European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union, should propose a binding, Union-wide gender quota on supervisory boards — enforceable by sanctions.'

The Wage Gap Myth Revealed

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'Is there a wage gap between men and women? Despite the rhetoric, there is little, if any, difference between salaries for men versus women. This truth has been uncovered by an American Association of University Women (AAUW) Study, an organization which seeks to advance "equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research."

The study entitled, "Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation," seeks to determine if the gap exists between men and women. Although the study declares that, "one-third of the gap remains unexplained, suggesting that bias and discrimination are still problems in the workplace," the American Enterprise Institute took a close look at the data. They implore the reader to "bypass the verbal sleights of hand and take a hard look at the numbers."'

'Back Off, Stay-at-Home Dads'

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'The number of stay-at-home dads has doubled in the past decade, partly due to the economy. But rather than bumbling through an awkward shift brought on by circumstances, the stay-at-home dads I know seem to be taking it all in stride. Thriving, even. Seriously, stay-at-home dads, your ability to just ease into the primary caregiver role like it's a job folding sweaters at The Gap is making the rest of us look bad. At least Michael Keaton's Mr. Mom had the courtesy to feed the baby raw chili and overflow the washing machine.

Today's SAHD's make parenting seem too easy and fun. And that's no good for me or my stay-at-home mom job security.

My partner and I have a fairly traditional arrangement. He wins the bread and I butter it, staying home with our 21-month-old daughter. I like it this way. But if I complain about anything -- a missed nap, a melt-down, a chunky bout of car sickness -- instead of sympathy and appreciation, I get wistful jealousy. My man swears up and down he'd switch places with me "in a heartbeat." And that's your fault, stay-at-home dads, what with your cute Baby Bjorn photos on Facebook and your weekday games of tag at the park.

The modern stay-at-home dad's evolution from clueless cartoon to sexy superhero is not the only part of this whole trend that annoys me. I'm bitter that since you're men and not women, you're easier on yourself and each other. How nice that must be for you.

Moms, am I wrong? Take an alpha male out of the boardroom and put him in a parent/toddler class and you will see a parent who is not afraid to take pride in his accomplishments: "Yeah, potty training, I crushed that bitch!" We moms are too busy prefacing every comment, "So I'm sure this is my fault and I'm totally screwing up my kid but..." to ever pat ourselves on the back and relax.

While dudes are generous enough to be self-deprecating about their parenting misfires (see: daddy blogs), they're not nearly as likely as mommies to beat themselves up and shame-spiral.

That's why you never hear about "daddy wars." Stay-at-home dads don't have to judge and disparage other fathers just to make themselves feel better about their choices. They already feel fine. Because they're guys. And that's just not fair.'

Feminists Criminalize Comments in Europe

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'In America we have the blessings of free speech, fully protected by the First Amendment of our Constitution. The roots of this special right do not trace back to England, but to the Christian ministers who evangelized the colonies, creating the Great Awakening. To this day England and the rest of Europe do not protect a constitutional right of free speech. Some remarks in Western Europe can cause the speaker to be imprisoned.

Feminists in Europe have exploited this lack of a right to free speech in order to criminalize statements that they call “sexist”, an indefinable term which means any comment feminists do not like. By criminalizing sexist speech, governments in Europe will scare people away from many remarks and comments that are entirely appropriate. As long as government and feminists can define what is “sexist”, much valuable speech will be censored.
...
England, 18 other nations including Germany and France signed an absurd United Nations treaty about Women that requires them to pass new laws making sexist comments a crime and outlawing “psychological violence,” which they define broadly to include statements “seriously impairing a person’s psychological integrity through coercion or threats.” This is sold to the public as part of a phony campaign against domestic violence, and politicians are apparently still too afraid to stand up to the feminists even to stop such obviously bad laws.'

Now-former CIA chief Petraeus resigns over affair

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'WASHINGTON - The CIA director Gen. David H. Petraeus said he was resigning because he had exercised "extremely poor judgment' in conducting an extra-marital affair.

In a statement to the CIA workforce, Petraeus wrote, "Yesterday afternoon, I went to the White House and asked the president to be allowed, for personal reasons, to resign from my position as D/CIA. After being married for over 37 years, I showed extremely poor judgment by engaging in an extramarital affair. Such behavior is unacceptable, both as a husband and as the leader of an organization such as ours."

"Dave's decision to step down represents the loss of one of our nation's most respected public servants," Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said in a statement, according to Reuters. "From his long, illustrious Army career to his leadership at the helm of CIA, Dave has redefined what it means to serve and sacrifice for one's country.".

Obama accepted the resignation and said the general has "made our country safer and stronger," according to the Associated Press.'

Ex-Wife's lies send a man to prison for 37 years

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'A man who spent almost four decades in prison for killing two people in the Arizona desert today pleaded no contest to two counts of second-degree murder and will go free.
...
The 77-year-old Macumber, who had no history of violence, was convicted in the 1970s in one of the most sensational murder cases in the history of Arizona. Macumber was twice sentenced to life in prison for killing Joyce Sterrenberg and Tim McKillop, both 20 years old, and leaving their bodies in the desert. In total, he has served 37 years.

On May 24, 1962, the young couple was found shot and killed next to their car in an area now near Scottsdale. The case went cold for 12 years until Macumber's wife, Carol Kempfert, went into the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office department where she worked and told her supervisors that her husband had confessed to the murders. Macumber was arrested a week later.

In 1975, Kempfert testified against her now ex-husband, again saying that he confessed.
...
In 2009, Macumber and his attorneys petitioned the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency, which in a rare move unanimously recommended his sentence be commuted, saying, "An injustice has been done in Mr. Macumber's case" and that his wife had "motive, means and opportunity to falsely pin the murders on Mr. Macumber."

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer denied the recommendation for clemency.

In 2011, Macumber petitioned the Court for post-conviction relief and was granted an evidentiary hearing. But without the necessary evidence, prosecutors said in court today they were unable to retry the case for a third time. Now that the judge has accepted Macumber's plea, he will be released.'

14-year-old 'Modern Family' star removed from home amid abuse allegations

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'Ariel Winter, the 14-year-old actress who portrays Alex Dunphy on TV's ABC comedy hit "Modern Family," was ordered removed from her family home yesterday based upon allegations of emotional and physical parental abuse. Court papers were filed accusing the teen's mother, Crystal Workman, of "ongoing physical abuse."

The nature of the abuse was described as slapping, hitting, pushing - plus name-calling and personal insults regarding the 14-year-old's weight.

...

It's also been reported that the older sister Shanelle was removed from her mother's home almost twenty years ago under similar abusive circumstances. Shanelle was not only removed from Crystal Workman's home, but also ended up in foster care for more than two years.

...

The mom is the one receiving her 14-year-old daughter's checks from the "Modern Family" TV show, and is also in charge of her daughter's estate earnings. By law, all child actors must have money set aside in a Coogan account which is to be saved for them until they reach adulthood. Crystal Workman has access to that account.'

Female Army officers say they sent nude photos to married general facing sex crime charges

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'FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Two female Army officers testified Wednesday they provided nude photos to a general facing sex crime charges.

A married captain testified that Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair repeatedly asked her to send him nude photos of herself, which she said made her uncomfortable. Eventually, she said she placated the married general by sending him downloaded pornographic photos of other women cropped so that their faces weren't visible.

The testimony came during the third day of a hearing at Fort Bragg to determine whether Sinclair will go on trial for multiple criminal charges including forcible sodomy, wrongful sexual conduct and adultery, which is a crime under the military justice system. The allegations against Sinclair involve relationships with five women other than his wife.

Sinclair served as a deputy commander of the 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan until he was relieved of his duties in May amid a criminal investigation and sent back to North Carolina.

On Tuesday, a second female captain testified that Sinclair, her direct superior, twice forced her to perform oral sex and threatened to kill her and her family if she told anyone. The woman had a three-year relationship with the married general at Army bases in the United States, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan.'

SAVE E-lert: What Happened to the Presumption of Innocence?

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We're launching a new campaign this coming Monday, Nov. 12. So I thought I'd give you a heads-up. This effort will focus on ending the erosion of due process protections and restoring the presumption of innocence in rape and sexual assault cases.(1)

Over the next few weeks we will be asking you to make targeted phone calls. And we'll ask you to write your incredible emails. To prepare for this campaign, please read: How Rape Laws Remove the Presumption of Innocence.(2)

Thank you. I'll be in touch soon.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Violence Against Women Act – The Real War on Women

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'For months now we've heard about the "War on Women" that's sometimes called the "Republican War on Women." While close inspection of the claim reveals the WOW to be little more than an election-year bid to keep female voters in the Democratic fold, there is a real war on women and up until this year, it's been bi-partisan. It's called the Violence Against Women Act.

How could VAWA, long touted by the domestic violence establishment as vital to women's welfare, in fact be anti-woman? Let me count the ways.

1. When police are called to the scene of a domestic violence incident, VAWA encourages them to make an arrest whether or not they have probable cause to do so. VAWA funding goes to train police in this mandatory arrest policy, but the result is the opposite of what VAWA advocates imagine. Mandatory arrest policy actually increases a woman's chance of being injured or killed by a domestic partner. Why? In a domestic violence incident, a woman must decide whether to call the police or not. If she does, she knows her husband or boyfriend will be arrested, jailed, charged and ordered to stay away from her, their children and their property. Faced with that, many women opt out of the system, preferring to remain with their partner and try to handle the situation themselves. That increases her chances of injury at his hands. A 2007 study at Harvard found mandatory arrest policies increase a woman's chance of death by an intimate partner by almost 60%.

2. One of the leading causes of injury to women in domestic violence incidents is their own initiation of violence. She hits first and he retaliates with far greater force. Dr. Sandra Stith of Kansas State University has called it "a dramatically more important factor than anything else." Studies conducted for the Centers for Disease Control show about 70% of reciprocal DV to have been initiated by the female partner. Meanwhile, about half of non-reciprocal violence is committed by women. But VAWA is based on the political ideology that men alone commit DV. The unsurprising result is that female perpetrators find it all but impossible to get the treatment they need to stop the behavior that often results in their own injury.'

Boardroom gender quotas are dangerous, says Burberry boss Angela Ahrendts

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'Burberry boss Angela Ahrendts has dismissed the idea of quotas to boost the number of women in the boardroom as "dangerous", despite growing evidence of discrimination in the business world and the prospect of just two female chief executives in the FTSE 100 next year.

Asked if she was in favour of the imposition of quotas, Ahrendts said on Wednesday: "I'm not. I think it's dangerous … Whether it's countries or companies, it's about putting the best person in the job who can unite people and create value. A man could do this job just as well as I can."

The American, who took the helm at the British fashion brand six years ago, added that it was not an issue that she fretted about: "I don't spend a lot of time thinking about this, what with three kids, running the company and being flat out busy."
...
Pointing to the growing number of female university graduates, Ahrendts suggested it was just a matter of time before the gender balance improved.'

Is America Ready for a White, Male Secretary of State?

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'The Secretary of State job requires both tenacity and restraint, both of which may be difficult for a man's unique chemical constitution. The male hormone testosterone, while responsible for such wondrous miracles as back hair and upper body strength, is also responsible for an increase in male aggression, anger, and even violence. Diplomacy is a difficult enough task without having to temper a man's natural tendency to throw chairs through windows when angered by gridlock.

Further, it's a well-known fact that men's lack of intuition and emotional intelligence has translated into a troubling inability to cry under appropriate circumstances. War, death, and destruction are horrifying realities that Secretaries of State from Madeleine Albright to Condoleezza Rice have had to face, and an insufficient emotional response to tragedy will reflect poorly on our country. Do we want our allies to think we're a bunch of callous jerks who are totally unmoved by the death of innocents?'

Halle Berry Shut Down in Custody Battle

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'Halle Berry just lost big in court -- a judge has ruled she cannot permanently move her 4-year-old daughter to France ... TMZ has learned.

Halle had been fighting tooth and nail with her baby daddy Gabriel Aubry to bring Nahla to Paris, where Halle wants to live with her fiance Olivier Martinez.

Halle argued the L.A. paparazzi scene made life in California too dangerous for her and her daughter -- but today the judge in the case ruled in favor of Gabriel, refusing to let Halle jet to France with their kid.'

'Circumcision Goes Horribly Wrong'

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'EDINBURG, Texas (CN) - A doctor botched a circumcision of a 4-year-old boy so badly that the boy pleaded to "just cut it off and (he) can be a girl," the parents claim in court.

Rafael and Vanessa Deleon sued Dr. Jennifer J. Garza, of McAllen, in Hidalgo County Court. They claim they learned from specialists that Garza over-cauterized the penis to try to stop the bleeding, damaging their son's urethra and requiring reconstructive surgery to close the holes.

But after the 90-minute surgery, the Deleons claim Garza told them, "'the circumcision was successful.' She also told them that 'there was a little bleeding, but that she and her staff were able to stop it,'" according to the complaint.

Then a nurse appeared and told Garza that the boy "still had a lot of bleeding and that the bleeding did not appear to be stopping," the complaint states. Garza told that that "their son 'needed to go back into surgery in order to find out what was happening and to stop the bleeding,'" the Deleons say. They were then given a consent form, but "the consent papers were for a different patient," according to the complaint.'

Sweden: Boys fall further behind girls in school: report

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'"We are worried about these results," Christina Sandström at the agency told The Local on Thursday.

“We have known for a long time that girls have better school results than boys. What is new is that the results are increasing. There has always been a gap, but now it is bigger,” Sandström explained.

On Wednesday, Skolverket published the school results of this summer’s ninth-year students. These results showed that girls’ school results were an average of 223.8 (out of 320), whereas boys scored an average of 199.5.

The statistics also showed that more girls qualified for high school (gymnasiet) programmes than boys.

Skolverket concluded that though results are improving for most student groups, boys with a foreign background and boys with less educated parents are actually performing worse.

“I do not begrudge any success for the girls, but it would be terribly serious to lose a generation of boys and immigrants,” Karl-Petter Thorwaldsson of the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO) told the TT news agency.'

Great Expectations: Women Should Demand Payback for Helping President Obama

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'It's time to pass the Equal Rights Amendment, a simple sentence that says it all:

Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Why do we need the Equal Rights Amendment? Last year, I asked Rep. Carolyn Maloney (who was reelected this week also) this same question. Here's what she told me:

Laws can be repealed. Judicial attitudes can shift. We continue to see demonstrable cases of systemic gender discrimination -- even in this day and age, when women have come so far. Establishing the clear unambiguous language of the Equal Rights Amendment into the U.S. Constitution would have a real impact on our national consciousness. Our democracy rests on the principle of 'liberty and justice for all.' We need the ERA to ensure that this concept applies equal to women.

Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.) regularly reintroduces the Equal Rights Amendment to Congress, only to see it languish.'

NCFM Celebrates International Men’s Day with LA party and fundraising event

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Announcement here. Excerpt:

'NCFM is celebrating International Men’s Day with a party in Eagle Rock, CA on Friday night, November 16, 2012 at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Eagle Rock. You are all invited!

It’s a celebration of International Men’s Day, one of the few days that recognizes the value of men, the event helps raises funds for the National Coalition For Men , the non-profit educational organization that addresses issues affecting men (men’s health, male domestic violence victims, sex discrimination, homelessness, fathers’ issues, etc.).'

Female principal tells student she 'looks like a porn star'

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Link here. Excerpt:

'An outraged US father has launched a public shame campaign after a school principal told his teenage daughter that she looked like a porn star.

Steven Werner said the comments came after his 15-year-old daughter arrived at her Michigan school in a Halloween costume which included a black skirt and knee-high black stockings with pink bows.

Mr Werner said his daughter was called into Principal Janet Jones's office because of the outfit.

"She said to my daughter, 'Honey, you look like a porn star'. My daughter said, 'What do you mean a porn star?' She goes, 'You know, a porn star. You know what those people do?' My daughter said no," he said.

Mr Werner said the principal then explained to his daughter what a porn star was and what they did for a living.'

'How to put an end to the cycle of creating defective men'

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'YOU'D have to say it's a theme in the culture - the outrageous mistreatment of girls at Sydney University's St John's College, which almost took the life of a student there this year. The scandal that shook the Australian Defence Force Academy over sexual violations present and past, and similar problems right across the defence forces. And of course the recurring sagas involving sportsmen's behaviour towards women.

We are only just coming to grips with our tendency to create generations of defective men. That this happens in places that are the incubators of our nation's political, legal and business leaders, means it couldn't be more urgent.

Schools and university colleges have long claimed to be about making honourable men. The now laughably pompous-sounding name "Johnsmen" for the Sydney college's former residents must have had its origins in some ideal of masculinity. It doesn't square with images of students collecting their own faeces to leave lying in corridors, or setting fire to furniture, let alone violating vulnerable students. What is most concerning is that the adults in charge were for so long unwilling to intervene.'

What the 2012 Election Means for Women and for Feminism

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'The main takeaway for feminists in all this is simple: Feminism wins at the ballot box, especially if you're looking at a high voter turnout election like this one. While our opposition is loud and powerful, the reality is that we've been making our arguments for decades to the public, and it looks like the public actually agrees, even if the word "feminist" continues to be treated like a dirty word. It's not just that candidates who protect and expand women's rights won, but candidates who revealed the ugly streak of misogyny lurking under a feigned concern for "life"—such as Richard Mourdock and Todd Akin—grossed the voters out, and were voted down in elections they would have easily won if they could have restrained themselves.

I think the reason for this is two-fold and simple. First, Americans really prioritize thinking of themselves as fair people, and the issues of feminism really can be boiled down to issues of fairness. The other reason, which Obama emphasized in the second debate, is that liberal feminists have really driven home the message that when women do better, everyone does better. While there's still lingering cultural anxiety over myths such as the belief that it's better for kids to have a stay-at-home mother, by and large, people know how far women have come and how much better the lives of everyone, including men and children, are for it.'

More women have driver's licenses than men in US

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (AP) - Women have passed men on the nation's roads. More women than men now have driver's licenses, a reversal of a longtime gender gap behind the wheel that transportation researchers say is likely to have safety and economic implications.
...
"The changing gender demographics will have major implications on the extent and nature of vehicle demand, energy consumption, and road safety," predicted Michael Sivak, co-author of the study. Women are more likely than men to purchase smaller, safer and more fuel-efficient cars; to drive less, and to have a lower fatality rate per distance driven, he said.

Over the 15 years the study covered, the share of men ages 25 to 29 years old with driver's licenses dropped 10.6 percent. The share of women of the same age with driver's licenses declined by about half that amount, 4.7 percent.
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There also may be economic reasons for the shift, McGuckin's research indicates. Employment of 16- to 24-year-olds as a share of all workers has declined. At the same time, the rate of young men ages 18 to 34 years old living at home has been going up and is greater than the rate of young women living at home.

It may be that unemployment and underemployment have made auto insurance unaffordable for young men, said Alan Pisarski, author of the Transportation Research Board's comprehensive "Commuting in America" reports on U.S. travel trends. "Insurance for males under 25 is just colossally expensive," he said.'

AVfM debuts new show this week

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A Voice for Men Radio will be adding a new show this week to its regular lineup. Starting this Wednesday night at 9:00 PM Eastern Time, "Tales from the Infrared", an entertainment analysis program from a Red Pill perspective will begin broadcasting. Any and all mediums of fiction are on the chopping block for hosts Dean Esmay and TyphonBlue. Be it television, movies, magazines, even comic books, none will slip past the lighthearted commentary to be found in each segment. For more details and weekly updates, check in in at: http://www.avoiceformen.com/

Op-Ed: Obama vs. Romney decides the issue — Women are smarter than men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To begin, I get that Republicans are not likely to buy this argument but some Democrats might so I'm putting it out there - women are smarter than men and their support of Barack Obama over Mitt Romney cinches it.

Now poll after poll in the States, both nationally and in the states themselves, show a big reason Barack Obama has a high likelihood of serving his country as president a second term is the support he gets from women. If women only voted, President Obama would win with electoral college numbers north of 325.

Women: intelligence to support Obama

That support of Obama shows women have a greater intelligence than us males when it comes to assessing a situation. Women are not simply reacting to the 'now', though the 'now' in the U.S. is ever-improving, but are taking into account conditions in America when Obama took office. It was a bleak and economically fragile time in the U.S., indeed, next to the Great Depression the most difficult economic times the nation has seen.'

Go Maureen!

Matt · 13 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

The sun rises in the east and sets in the west... you can be sure of two things in life: death and taxes... and Maureen will always be Maureen!

Romney is president of white male America

As in other cases, to avoid the NYT log-in, copy and paste the URL:

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/11/opinion/sunday/dowd-romney-is-president.html

into Google.com and click the first hit. Excerpt:

'Team Romney has every reason to be shellshocked. Its candidate, after all, resoundingly won the election of the country he was wooing.

Mitt Romney is the president of white male America.

Maybe the group can retreat to a man cave in a Whiter House, with mahogany paneling, brown leather Chesterfields, a moose head over the fireplace, an elevator for the presidential limo, and one of those men's club signs on the phone that reads: "Telephone Tips: 'Just Left,' 25 cents; 'On His Way,' 50 cents; 'Not here,' $1; 'Who?' $5."'

When it comes to indulging in stereotyping, does anyone beat "Mean Maureen"? But really, if she were anything other than herself, what could we be certain of in this life? She's like a lighthouse in a storm, the North Star, or maybe a bit like old Archie Bunker: Bigoted and insufferable, but somehow lovable all the same. Well, maybe not lovable. But reliable. Predictable. Just like Archie, you can always count on Maureen to say exactly what you know she'll say next.

Australian Dept. of Health & Ageing acknowledges perinatal depression can also affect men

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Albeit, more concerned about "cost to the economy". Link here. Excerpt:

'In the week before Postnatal Depression Awareness Week, Mr Butler congratulated the Post and Antenatal Depression Association (PANDA) on the new report, saying the entire community stood to benefit from efforts to raise awareness and provide early intervention to new parents.

“Being a new mum or dad can be the most rewarding experience of one’s life, but it can also be an enormously challenging time for many parents,” Mr Butler said.

“We’ve known for some time the emotional and human toll of post and antenatal depression but this is the first time anyone has tried to quantify that cost in terms of lost productivity from days absent from work and the cost to the health system.”

Mr Butler also noted that the new study observed both mums and dads were susceptible.

“This is a condition which we tend to associate with women but it actually affects one in twenty men as well so we need to raise awareness and break down the stigma so that all parents feel comfortable speaking up and seeking support.”'

Karen Hughes, Former Bush Adviser: If Another Republican Man Talks Rape, I'll 'Cut Out His Tongue'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For any Republican man considering following in the footsteps of Rep. Todd Akin (R-Mo.) or failed Indiana Senate candidate Richard Mourdock by making insensitive comments about rape, be forewarned: former George W. Bush adviser Karen Hughes will be very displeased.

In an op-ed in Politico last week offering advice to the GOP in the wake of their defeats on Tuesday -- which included Mourdock and Akin, who lost a bid for Missouri Senate -- Hughes lashed out particularly harshly against Republicans responsible for controversial remarks about rape and abortion.

"And if another Republican man says anything about rape other than it is a horrific, violent crime, I want to personally cut out his tongue," she wrote. "The college-age daughters of many of my friends voted for Obama because they were completely turned off by Neanderthal comments like the suggestion of 'legitimate rape.'"'

Why White Men Shouldn’t Be Allowed to Vote

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Article here. Excerpt:

'That’s why I propose that we just put them out of their misery right now and declare that from this moment on, White Men Can’t Vote!

Whoah! Let me assert right here that I myself am a white male, and a middle-aged one at that. And even though I throw my lot in with the minority of my ilk — that is, I vote Democratic — I am willing to forgo my ballot and “take one for the team” if we can be removed en masse from the voting rolls.

How can I make such a blatantly outrageous, undemocratic suggestion? Let me put it thusly:

It’s unbecoming. Nobody likes a bitter, sore loser. As we white men try to stave off the inevitable influx of immigrants, minorities and uh, everybody else, we increasingly resemble a grossly over-paid aging athlete who refuses to retire gracefully, even though he’s hurting the team and impeding its future. Far better to step aside and be admired for our selflessness than to fight a losing battle till the bitter, bitter end.

It would dramatically alter the political debate. Instead of endlessly revisiting the same fights over capital gains, estate taxes, and a host of other issues pertinent mostly to white men, denying us the vote would enable the country to liberate itself from these old, hoary debates and turn its attention to the issues specifically challenging those who will have an increasingly large stake in the nation’s well-being.

We had a good run. For much of the country’s history, white men were the only group that could vote. Karma has caught up with us. It’s time to turn over the keys to the country to the next wave. As mentioned, most Republicans acknowledge that demographically speaking, time is not on their side, and for their party to survive it needs to attract women, youth, and minorities. But what’s the biggest impediment to doing this? White men! As long as this long-in-the-tooth group hangs around trying to “decide” how to appeal to others, it doesn’t stand a chance. The party needs to decisively clear out its “dead wood” and let whatever next-generation of pro-business / fewer regulations sympathizers fill its vacuum, infusing it with a new wave of energy, enthusiasm and direction.'

Police: Arizona woman runs down husband with car for not voting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Arizona woman, in despair at the re-election of Democratic President Barack Obama, ran down her husband with the family car in suburban Phoenix on Saturday because he failed to vote in the election, police said on Monday.

Holly Solomon, 28, was arrested after running over husband Daniel Solomon following a wild chase that left him pinned underneath the vehicle.

Daniel Solomon, 36, was in critical condition at a local hospital, but is expected to survive, Gilbert police spokesman Sergeant Jesse Sanger said.'

Guys, your Y chromosome is an evolutionary marvel

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SAN FRANCISCO — The Y chromosome may have gotten a bad rap. Despite the claim that this male sex chromosome is mostly junk, new research suggests it's actually a lean, mean, highly evolved machine for producing the fittest males possible.

The findings, presented Friday (Nov. 9) here at the American Society of Human Genetics' annual meeting, dispute the notion that historically most men in a generation have not passed on their genes while a few lucky guys fathered hordes of children.

"Averaged over many hundreds of thousands of years, there's likely been a small skew in the number of males to females," said Melissa Wilson Sayres, a researcher at the University of California Berkeley. "There is some skew, but it's not very large."'

German opposition lawmakers propose circumcision ban for boys under 14

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Article here. Excerpt:

'BERLIN - Left-wing lawmakers in Germany are threatening to oppose government efforts to keep male infant circumcision legal.

More than 50 lawmakers from three parties are proposing that parents should have to wait until their son is 14 so he can give informed consent for the procedure.

The proposal obtained by The Associated Press on Monday would radically amend a government bill that would give parents the power to decide.

The bill was prompted by a regional court ruling that circumcision could amount to criminal bodily harm. The government has enough votes to pass the bill and defeat amendments.'

What terrifies Islamists more than drones or Marines? Girls with books, that's what

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Nothing scares the unholy monkey-snot out of Islamists like the Taleban more than a girl with a book. This is because they know that if girls and women learn to read and make up their own minds about the Islamists' particular version of Islam (which I would argue isn't really a version so much as a perversion), they will stop supporting Islamist men in what they are doing. When men lack the moral and personal support of women at home for a war they go to fight, by and large, they decide to stop doing it. Or as history has shown time and again, as with the Spartan mother who used to tell her son to "Return with your shield or on it!", there is nothing like a mother's encouragement to make her son go get his head blown off for king and country.

Does this particular girl deserve a Nobel Peace Prize? Much more than our current president ever did. Sign here and maybe we can see justice done for her eventually as well as stick it to the Islamists who if they had their way would see every man reading this grow his beard out, pray six times daily (or pretend to), publicly commit to a religion whether he believes in it or not, and live in fear of his life that he might do or say something that could be interpreted as "impious," a crime punishable by anything from imprisonment to death.

The right to learn is a human right, it should be equal for all people regardless of sex, ethnicity, age, etc., and also just so happens to be one of the best ways to keep the world from being taken over by bullies and idiots.

That's why Islamists fear girls with books more than every drone, Marine, soldier, sailor, and bomb we ever sent at them. The best way to stop an army of extremists hell-bent on forcing their idea of how both men and women ought to live is to keep their women from drinking the Kool-Aid. The way to do that is to teach them there is something more to life than supporting an endless war that teaches men and boys that it's OK to kill themselves in the process of trying to kill others in the name of the All-mighty, with such actions earning them a free pass into Paradise. Yeah, feminism is bad. But Islamism is a lot worse.

The End of Men? More Like Tough Times For Everyone

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, men are slightly more likely to be unemployed than women, while women are 6% more likely to be in management positions than men. Women dominate many of the professions poised to grow the most in the next decade, while several male-dominated industries -- notably manufacturing -- are losing jobs. And, in an economy where a college education is increasingly important, women are 46% more likely to have a bachelor's degree by the time they turn 24.

To some observers, the writing is on the wall: Women are on their way up and men are on their way out. But a more nuanced look at the evidence suggests that the gender battle may be little more than a sideshow, drawing our attention away from a massive, long-term decline for all workers -- and that what looks like good news for women might actually be bad news for everybody.
...
Rosin's notion that men are caught in cultural amber, unwilling or unable to change, partly explains a society that increasingly seems skewed towards women. However, her thesis ignores a larger problem -- an economy that has slowly eroded the position of all workers. Several factors have shielded women from the most painful symptoms of this process, but a growing body of evidence suggests that the ill effects of the job market are, increasingly, affecting both sexes.'

SAVE E-lert: Twenty-four Hours for the Presumption of Innocence

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This week is the beginning of our "What Happened to the Presumption of Innocence?" campaign. And we're starting right out of the gate with a 24-hour call to action.

Today is a Day of Action for some victim advocates, with calls and tweets asking for reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). We're not so quick to jump on that bandwagon, because VAWA is not ready to be reauthorized. It still has many provisions that strip the presumption of innocence from the accused.

See our recent press release for more details:
http://www.saveservices.org/2012/11/pr-anti-violence-law-may-dash-the-presumption-of-innocence-save-warns

Let's have our own 24 Hours of Action! For the next 24 hours*, call both your Senators and your Representative at 1-202-224-3121. You can also find your Senators' phone numbers here: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm and your Representative's phone number here: http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/

Simply say "Don't pass VAWA until the presumption of innocence is restored!"

THIS IS IMPORTANT. I KNOW THAT WE CAN DO THIS!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

*Feel free to keep calling beyond the 24-hours.

Grandmother and son suspected in murders-suicides: 5 deaths

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'A Toledo woman and her son allegedly conspired to kill themselves and three young children — her grandchildren and his nieces and nephew — in order to prevent the children's parents from regaining custody, police theorized on Monday.

Police found the five family members — Sandy Ford, 56; Andy Ford, 32; Paige Hayes, 10; Logan Hayes, 7; and Madalyn Hayes, 5 — dead inside of a car parked inside the family's attached garage at 5142 Harvest Lane on Monday afternoon.
...
Sergeant Heffernan said the parents were in the process of getting full custody and police believe that was the motive for the alleged murders and suicides. He said carbon monoxide poisoning was suspected as the cause of the deaths.

Dean Sparks, executive director of Lucas County Children Services, said Monday night that he did not immediately have much information about the case, but did know that the children were placed in the Fords' custody in 2009.

He did not have any indication that there were ever court proceedings involved. Not speaking specifically about this case, Mr. Sparks said that, sometimes, a parent can give permission for children to live with another relative.'

Questioning Pelosi's remaining as minority leader is sexist-- of course

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Pelosi's wind-up was epic. For nearly 10 minutes, she praised her fellow female members and admitted that "we want more." She emptied the cliché-o-matic, talking about the need to "reignite the American dream" and work "for a healthy nation, a healthy political arena, a healthy planet." Finally, after cable had cut away, she announced that she'd "made the decision that some of you might have some interest in." She was running for leader again. Her team of women burst into cheers.

In 2010 there were real questions about whether Pelosi could lead the party. Fortunately for her, there weren't many conservative Democrats around to ask the question. Rep. Heath Shuler, a moderate Democrat from western North Carolina, challenged her on the grounds that she'd made the Democrats unelectable, and he got creamed. This year, Pelosi could point to eight Democratic gains—just 17 seats away from control of the House again. Shuler and some other Blue Dogs had been beaten or gerrymandered out of existence.
...
"Mrs. Pelosi," said Russert, "some of your colleagues privately say that your decision to stay on prohibits the party from having younger leadership. It hurts the party in the long term. What's your response?"

The women around Pelosi erupted—booing, hissing, one member snapping "discrimination!" Pelosi told Russert to ask the same question to Mitch McConnell. The women cheered.

"Excuse me!" interjected Russert, who was asking a question that was inevitably going to come up. "You, Mr. Hoyer, Mr. Clyburn, you're all over 70. Does staying on prevent younger leadership from moving forward?"

"So you're suggesting that everyone move aside?" asked Pelosi.

"No, I'm simply saying that to delay younger leadership from moving forward ..."

"Let's, for the moment, honor that as a legitimate question, even though it's very offensive. You don't realize that, I guess. The fact is that everything I have done in my, I guess, decade now of leadership, is to let younger and newer people come up. In my own personal experience, it was very important for me to elect young women. I came to Congress when my youngest, Alexandra, was in college. I knew that men who came here in their 30s had a jump on me."'

Why Do Some Feminists Get Uneasy When Women Make Progress?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Back in the late 1970s, as an undergraduate at Princeton, I auditioned to be the loudspeaker announcer during halftime at football games. It would be, I thought, a great gig: sitting in some box talking into a microphone, narrating the funny skits the band performed on the field. I made it to the final callback, but in the end the judges gave the slot to a guy. They told me afterward that it was just too hard to imagine a woman's voice coming out of a loudspeaker at an Ivy League stadium. That was what the 1970s and '80s were like, for women: opportunity and setback, goofy small disappointments along with important big ones. We were there, but they didn't want anybody to, you know, hear us.

I forgot about that incident for a long time, but think about it now, sometimes, reflecting how far we have come. Four of eight Ivy League presidents are female. Around the country, women make up nearly 60 percent of college and university students. The default student on campus is no longer male; she is female.

This transformation has occurred in just a few decades, and it's global, a truth powerfully evidenced by a dynamic chart created by demographer Albert Esteve and colleagues at the Centre for Demographic Studies in Barcelona. Tracking trends worldwide—and projecting into the future—the chart uses blue dots to designate countries where male college students outnumber females; and red ones to denote countries where women students outnumber male ones.'

Equal Opportunity, Unequal Interest?

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Article here. Excerpt:

Few would dispute the intentions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 as it applies to sports. To prevent discrimination on the basis of sex, the law requires all institutions receiving federal funding to provide equal opportunity in athletic participation.

But a new study, based on participation data and the hypothesis that women are inherently less interested in sports than men, asserts that Title IX might be taking the wrong approach.

“A greater male predisposition for sports interest does not contradict most arguments made by Title IX proponents,” concludes the study released Wednesday evening in the online journal PLOS ONE. “Nevertheless, our results do suggest that it may be a mistake to base Title IX implementation on the assumption that males and females have, or soon will have, generally equal sports interest.”
The report counters that assumption with three sub-studies that found gender gaps of varying and often significant proportions. The sub-study most relevant to college athletics in particular examined who participated in intramural sports participation at 34 institutions (varied in size and location, and listed in the study). Only about one in four participants (or 24 percent) were female. Intramural programs, like all educational opportunities at federally funded institutions, are subject to Title IX.'

MSNBC's Todd: Pelosi Running Again Because She Didn't Want A White Male Running Dem Caucus

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"NBC's White House corespondent Chuck Todd Discussing Nancy Pelosi running for Minority leader again." Video here.

Teacher charged with having sexual contact with a student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A disturbing case out of Canandaigua*. A teacher is accused of having a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old student. Investigators believe the relationship lasted for several months. Officers say the most recent incident happened last weekend.

44-year-old Lisa Footer has been charged with sex abuse, forcible touching and endangering the welfare of a child.

On her teacher web page, Lisa Footer says it's her 22nd year of teaching and she's determined that it will be her best. Obviously it isn't turning out that way as she stands accused of having an inappropriate relationship with a student who attends Canandaigua Academy.

Footer is charged with three misdemeanors: sex abuse, forcible touching and endangering welfare of child. She was arraigned Tuesday night. According to police, she was having a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old male student.

Police say the incident that led to the charges occurred Saturday night in the parking lot of a local convenience store. But police also believe there may have been multiple encounters dating back to the summer and therefore they expect to bring more charges.'

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* Hyperlink added.

'Why Do Men Cheat? Because Sexism Ain't Dead'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'David Petraeus' cheating was somewhat, if not entirely predictable. As Lisa Belkin points out, the Men Behaving Badly phenomenon is quite common when it comes to politics: FDR, JFK and Slick Willie Clinton are three egregious examples.

It isn't just that male politicians who sleazy, but women in general are expected to stay attractive in middle age, whereas men don't have to because they still call the shots. I hate to say this but as soon as I saw Petraeus' wife's picture I said to myself: "poor thing, a once-attractive gal, who has gained weight and looks somewhat frumpy can expect that her famous husband's eyes will wander when he comes into close contact with a younger woman."

Race/gender obsession seems limitless in today's politics

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The race/gender composition obsession seems endless. I honestly think if Minnie Mouse wanted to run for office vs. Sam Rayburn, Wasserman-Shultz would endorse the mouse. Video here. (For those unfamiliar with it, EMILY's List is a PAC that supports only female Democrat party candidates who support a pro-choice abortion position.)

Can you just imagine a PAC that explicitly stated it would only support male candidates that were pro-choice for men? Can you just imagine the constant howlings about it? Would any male politician feel or indeed be as free as Wasserman-Shultz to so openly deride "the other side" because of their ethnic or genderal composition? Politicians will use any means to garner votes; divide-and-conquer-the-electorate is as old a tactic as there is. After this year's general election, indeed, nothing's changed. It's business as usual.

Pelosi Plays the Gender Card in ‘Cliff’ Negotiations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In announcing her plans to continue leading the Democrats in the House, Nancy Pelosi stressed this morning an unusual but critical and easily overlooked political force in resolving the fiscal cliff: gender diversity.

“As we move forward to debate our economic and fiscal challenges in the weeks and months ahead, one thing is clear — our economic agenda and choices will be viewed through the perspective and eyes of our nation’s women,” the California congresswoman said at a Wednesday news conference, flanked by other women Democratic lawmakers.

It’s a sign of how identity politics will come into play as Washington scrambles to address the economically toxic mix of tax hikes and spending cuts that are slated to begin next year. Rather than accepting a changing of the guard, Pelosi — with more than a decade of time in congressional leadership — decided to highlight how she embodies an increasingly diverse caucus.'

UK: Should Guides be just for girls?

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The head of Girlguiding UK says that no boys should be allowed in, despite girls being allowed into the Scouts.

Since 2007, girls of all ages have been allowed to join UK Scout groups, which traditionally were only for boys.

However the Guides don't allow boys in and the new head of the organisation, Julie Bentley, says that's the way it should be.

We asked you what you thought. Here's a selection of some of the comments sent in.'

Male Circumcision Programme Facing Resistance

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Malawi Government launched a year ago what it called “voluntary male circumcision programme” with an aim of circumcising 2.1 million males by 2016. The goal of the programme is to reduce HIV infections among sexually active males.

So far, the Malawian Ministry of Health announced that only 15,000 males have come forward and went through the knife. This number represents only 0.7% of the targeted population, which indicates that something must be wrong somewhere in the process as the programme now nears one year mark.

The ministry’s spokesperson, Henry Chimbali, points to a number of factors that contributed to the slow pace of the programme. He blames 'house-keeping' issues such as policy, scale up plan of the campaign, communication plan and human resources as the main contributing factors to the slow pace.'

'I Didn't Do It': Man Befriends Woman Whose False Rape Accusation Sent Him To Prison

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Vid/story here. Excerpt:

'"I Didn't Do It" told the story of Jennifer Thompson and Ronald Cotton. Thompson wrongly accused Cotton of raping her in 1984, though she didn't do it on purpose. She was certain Cotton was her attacker -- and convinced two juries he was.

Cotton was sentenced to life behind bars in North Carolina in both his trial and a retrial; in the latter trial, a second victim claimed he'd raped her as well. Ronald maintained his innocence throughout.

Eleven years into his sentence, he asked for new DNA-testing technology to be used -- and was finally proven innocent and released in 1994. Investigators -- and Thompson -- were blown away by the news. She and Ronald met after his release so she could apologize, and broke down in each other's arms.'

Shedding light on male domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Standing nearly 6 feet tall and weighing about 230 pounds, 23-year-old Willie Wiltz may have been an imposing figure, but his mother said he was a "big boy with a big heart."

But that large frame hid something that ultimately killed him.

Wiltz was a victim of domestic violence, and a few days before Valentine's Day 2011, Wiltz, an athletic young man who enjoyed playing basketball, was gunned down as he attempted to leave his home in San Bernardino during an argument with his girlfriend, Ebony Davis.

"I didn't think it would ever come to this," said Wiltz's mother, Darlene Young of Los Angeles.

She said her son had told her about some of the incidents of abuse, but he always told his mother not to worry and that he could take care of it.

According to the Domestic Violence Research Center, exact numbers of male victims of domestic violence are difficult to obtain because of a lack or reporting, but the National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control estimates that 1.5 million women and 835,000 men are victims of domestic violence each year.'

NIAID Position Vacant: Director, Basic Science Program - Division of AIDS (Deadline 11 Dec. 2012)

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An opportunity that might appeal to appropriately qualified readers to try and steer NIAID towards more productive areas of research than circumcision-as-an-AIDS-preventative. Link here. Excerpt:

'DIRECTOR, Basic Sciences Program, Division of AIDS, NIAID, NIH, HHS

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) is seeking an exceptional and visionary leader to be director of the Basic Sciences Program (BSP) in the Division of AIDS (DAIDS). The director is responsible for planning, implementing, and directing an extramural program of basic and applied preclinical research supported by grants and contracts to advance research on HIV pathogenesis, immunology, and the epidemiology of HIV disease, as well as drug discovery and development. The director formulates an overall scientific agenda for basic research in HIV/AIDS, recommends resource allocation among competing initiatives, and continually assesses and reorients program activities and priorities to be responsive to changing research needs or redefined policies. ...

QUALIFICATIONS:
Applicants must possess a Ph.D. or equivalent in an academic field of the health or pertinent sciences allied to health or health-related research and must have demonstrated skills in 1) working both independently and collaboratively in planning, organizing, and conducting biomedical behavioral health, or health-related research. 2) serving effectively in research program administration; and 3) effective communications and collaborations.'

Protesting Warren Farrell at University of Toronto

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Video here. Excerpt:

'Demonstrators outside a men's rights talk given by Warren Farrell* at the University of Toronto clash briefly with police and campus security, resulting in one arrest.
...
A talk inside the J.J.R MacLeod building by Warren Farrell sponsored by UofT campus group "Men's Issues Awareness at the University of Toronto (MIAUT)" brought out protestors in front of the Medical Science Building.

The Ryersonian live-blogged the talk inside while Toronto Police kept 100+ people company outside in the entranceway in front of the Medical Science Building.'

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* Link added.

F&F: Massachusetts Judge Errs on Alimony and Child Support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Massachusetts Appeals Court recently vacated alimony and child support components of a judgment because the Probate and Family Court judge made a number of errors. The case should warrant reduced alimony and child support obligations in other cases with similar facts.

In Zeghibe v. Zeghibe, Mass. App. Docket No. 11-P-860, (Oct. 11, 2012), a family court judge awarded a divorced father physical custody of one of his two children and ordered him to pay alimony in the amount of $405 a week. The judge also ordered the wife to pay him child support in the amount of $170 a week.
...
The Appeals Court noted that "[u]pon divorce, it is not uncommon, and often reasonable or necessary, for a party to use (or to change the form of) assets assigned to him or her for various purposes in starting anew . . . . [i]n this case, we think it is strained to characterize the husband's actions as resulting in a 'reward' to him." Accordingly, the Appeals Court set aside the modification and sent the case back to the Probate and Family Court for new calculations.'

NYTimes: Muscular Body Image Lures Boys Into Gym, and Obsession

Matt · 20 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Because it's in the NYTimes, use Google.com to see it. Paste the URL:

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/19/health/teenage-boys-worried-about-body-image-take-risks.html

into the search box and click "Google Search", then click the first hit. Excerpt:

'It is not just girls these days who are consumed by an unattainable body image.
...
Pediatricians are starting to sound alarm bells about boys who take unhealthy measures to try to achieve Charles Atlas bodies that only genetics can truly confer. Whether it is long hours in the gym, allowances blown on expensive supplements or even risky experiments with illegal steroids, the price American boys are willing to pay for the perfect body appears to be on the rise.
...
“There has been a striking change in attitudes toward male body image in the last 30 years,” said Dr. Harrison Pope, a psychiatry professor at Harvard who studies bodybuilding culture and was not involved in the study. The portrayal of men as fat-free and chiseled “is dramatically more prevalent in society than it was a generation ago,” he said.
...
Paradoxically, the emphasis on weight lifting among adolescents may be depleting the number of contestants in teenage bodybuilding meets, because many children cannot pass a drug test. “You used to get a lot of teenage bodybuilders, but you don’t get them as much anymore,” said Andrew Bostinto, president of the National Gym Association. “A lot of these kids are juiced, so they’re not entering natural shows.”'

International Men's Day: Nov. 19, 2012

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From Marc A.:

Today is International Men's Day, a day to celebrate the men and boys in our lives and men's contributions to humanity, civilization, family, & child care, and to address men's issues and equal rights.

International Men's Day was first inaugurated in 1999 in Trinidad and Tobago, and today is celebrated in over 60 nations and on every continent. The objectives of IMD include focusing on men's and boys' health, improving gender relations, promoting gender equality, and highlighting positive male role models. It is an occasion to highlight discrimination against men and boys and to celebrate their achievements and contributions, in particular for their contributions to community, family, marriage, and child care. Speaking on behalf of UNESCO, Director of Women and Culture of Peace Ingeborg Breines said of IMD, "This is an excellent idea and would give some gender balance." http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Men's_Day

The National Coalition For Men celebrated International Men's Day by hosting a party in Eagle Rock at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles that included two bands - an all-female Jimi Hendrix tribute band called Foxey Lady, and a local Eagle Rock band called Buck Shot Bill that has musicians from TMZ. The event was a big success and will be repeated every year.
http://eaglerock.patch.com/articles/international-men-s-day-festivities-in-eagle-rock-friday

Progress is happening and we are overcoming the ignorance, reactionism, hate, sexism, and misandry of those that would obstruct progress. Both the UN and the European Court of Human Rights have chastised nations (Israel and Germany, respectively) for discriminating against dads. German and surrounding nations are forming commissions on men. We're seeing major activism throughout the world, especially in India, where only men can be prosecuted for adultery and where the government only protects abused women but not men. The Nordic nations are increasingly opposing infant male circumcision and supporting laws to protect both girls and boys. Los Angeles County has a task force on male victims of domestic violence and is also working with San Diego County on the issues. Activism is increasing all over the world. Yes, there will be always reactionism and hate, but we are OVERCOMING IT!

Happy International Day to everyone! This article in the Business Insider provides an excellent discussion about International Men's Day.

Peace Corps Observes International Men’s Day

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'In much of the developing world, men retain significant authority over many aspects of family and community life. Without men, we don’t have healthy communities. Men frequently control decisions about access to resources that either limit – or expand – access to education, health and social support services for women and girls. Men may – or may not – adopt and model behaviors that safeguard their own health and the health of their partners. Peace Corps employs several strategies that engage men and boys to reduce gender inequalities and promote the health and well-being of women, men, and children.
...
These male-focused activities are typically complemented by programs directly focused on women and girls. Hundreds of Volunteers in dozens of countries regularly organize “Girls Leading Our World” (GLOW) camps and similar activities that empower adolescent and young adult females to be conscious of and prepared to respond to male behaviors that may compromise their health and wellbeing.'

SAVE: Thank You for a Year Well Done!

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As we celebrate the season of giving thanks we turn to you our committed e-lert activists, hardworking volunteers, dedicated staff, and generous donors to say that we couldn't do this without you. Every one of our advances is due to your commitment to our success. Thank you!

Looking for a good movie to catch this holiday season? Next Monday is the premiere of The Central Park Five, the story of the five young men who were wrongfully convicted for the 1989 rape of a jogger in Central Park. Check your theater for showtimes. You can watch the trailer here.

Thanks again for everything, from the bottom of my heart.

Visit http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp to join SAVE's Domestic Violence Legislative Project (the DVLP).

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

'Most marriages break down over mundane household chores'

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The article title says it's due to chores; but the article says it's differences around how money is spent. Article here. Excerpt:

'Most marriages break down over arguments about who does mundane household chores or pays the bills rather than due to infidelity, according to a leading law firm.

According to analysis of divorce cases by Gateley, a UK law firm, seven in ten marriages fall apart because couples fail to reach an agreement on decisions relating to the home, such as how monthly finances are arranged, where couples live or how household responsibilities are carved up.

Only one in five marriages ends because of infidelity, the law firm said.
...
Of the seven in ten marriages that fail because people can not agree on simple domestic issues, by far the most common cause is lack of agreement over finances. One in eight of these marriages disintegrate because couples are unable to agree on where to settle down.'

Obama's 'Constituency Groups' Checklist Offers No Options for Whites or Men

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'Fresh off his reelection, President Barack Obama is asking his supporters to complete a survey that asks the people being polled to check off which "constituency groups" they identify with – there are 22 groups listed but not one for "whites" or "men."

The post-election survey, distributed through www.barackobama.com to "take this organization forward," includes the question, "Which constituency groups do you identify yourself with? Select all that apply." It then lists 22 groups.

But whites and men are not on the list – women are, as are African Americans, Arab-Americans, Latinos and LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender).'

Sweden: woman alleged to have used skeleton for sex acts

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'A Swedish woman has been charged with possession of human skulls and bones, which the prosecution claimed she used for sexual purposes.

The 37 year-old woman kept at least six skulls, one spine and "a large number of other bones" in her Gothenburg apartment, according to the prosecution's charge sheet.

It said she had used the human body parts "for various sexual activities". The evidence included two CDs entitled "My necrophilia" and "My first experience".
...
"I want my man like he is, whether he is dead or alive. He allows me to find sexual happiness on the side," added the woman, who has said she is in a relationship.

The access code to a morgue was also found in the apartment, the paper said, citing a press conference held by the prosecutor on Tuesday.'

India: Men seek national commission to protect their rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When a woman is harassed, a number of NGOs and the National Commission for Women arrive to provide support. But a similar system is not available for harassed men, who also consider it unmanly to join any movement fighting for men's rights and relate the problem too late.

Considering that the issues concerning men are being neglected by the government, city-based social activists and NGOs are seeking a National Commission for Men and are observing the International Men's Day on Monday.
...
The figures available for Karnataka are no different. In the age group of 30-44, there were 2,903 men who ended their lives, while 1,252 women in the same age group committed suicide. But the sad part is that the men committing suicide and the reasons behind them are not highlighted, he said. Mr Naveen Rolands, Family Counsellor with Children's Rights Initiative for Shared Parenting (CRISP), says, "There are laws to protect harassed women, but there is nothing to protect men. Faced with trauma, many lose their jobs and social status. Some of them go to the extreme of committing suicide. The worst sufferers are the children of such families."'

Men deserve a day, too

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'Oh! Such a day exists?' That was the response of most people, when told about 'International Men's Day' that has been celebrated, though in a far more low key fashion than Women's Day, for over a decade.

There is a lot of talk about gender equality and justice but when it comes to assigning a day to thank the contributions made by the gentlemen, no one seems to care. TV channels, magazines and youth groups come out in full vigour to celebrate Women's Day that falls on March 8, however, the day for men is unknown to even men.

"It is that phase of the world where people should realise that men are a tortured lot too, especially in the name of the so called 'women's rights'," says social activist Baby Prasad, who has been championing men's rights for the past six years. According to him, those who are keen to celebrate women's day should also make it a point to acknowledge the contributions of the men, who pretend to be strong but are in actuality having a tough time.

The theme of International Men's Day 2012 is 'Helping Men and Boys Live Longer, Happier and Healthier Lives.' The debates mostly are about men getting sidelined in different ways. But what is the right approach?'

Zambia: Women Should Encourage Their Partners (to get circumcised)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CHIEF Mumena of the Kaonde people has called on women to encourage their partners to seek male circumcision services.

Speaking at a voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) stakeholders meeting held recently at Hotel Inter-Continental in Lusaka, the traditional leader called for an increase in male circumcision communication.

"Male circumcision is about survival. Women should realise that male circumcision helps prevent cervical cancer, thus women should demand for their partners to get circumcised," she said.'

Man in prison for false rape claim being freed

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'Johnathan Montgomery spent the past four years in a Virginia state prison saying the same thing a lot of inmates do: He was innocent.

Convicted in 2008 of molesting a 10-year-old girl outside her grandmother's Hampton home when he was 14, he insisted the alleged 2000 assault never happened. Turns out, he was telling the truth.

After the woman recently recanted her story, Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell on Tuesday issued a conditional pardon to Montgomery, allowing him to be freed in time for Thanksgiving at his father's home in Vale, N.C.

"The truth sets you free," Montgomery, now 26, said Tuesday night, shortly after being released from the Greensville Correctional Center in Jarrat, Va., where reporters awaited him.

It's not exactly clear why the woman, Elizabeth Paige Coast, recanted her story, but she was working as a clerk for the Hampton, Va., police department at the time.'

Misandry alive and well

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'I'm caught short by the return of the word "misogynist", thanks to Australian PM Julia Gillard tagging the term on Opposition Leader Tony Abbott. I'd thought it was a quaint old word replaced in common usage 40 years ago by "male chauvinist pig".

After all, why use one word when we can waste three?

It's true the two terms are not strict synonyms, but male chauvinist pig devoured the other's usage because its meaning was very similar, it was stroppier, and it was part of the enraged language of early Women's Lib. To its more extreme first users, male chauvinist pig was a satisfying phrase, made entirely from swear words.

And it rolled redolently from the tongue with an oink-oink here, and a P plosive there.

Pig's plosive, it may be noted, is a consonant which can't be uttered without ejecting a puff of hot air.

Perhaps Ms Gillard thought MCP was no longer strong enough for Mr Abbott. But nor was he merely a sexist. Dear me no, sexists are piffle beside Mr Abbott. This fellow, said Ms Gillard, was the full monty - an old fashioned, satanic, misogynist.'

Obscene gesture photo at Arlington Cemetery stirs anger

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two young Massachusetts women have been placed on unpaid leave from their jobs after posting a photo on Facebook showing one of them at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery giving the finger beside a sign calling for silence and respect.

Lindsey Stone, 30, and Jamie Schuh, who took the photo, were placed on unpaid leave by a non-profit, LIFE Inc., based in Hyannis, Mass., which helps adults with special needs, the Cape Cod Time reported on Wednesday.

The chief financial officer of the told the Times that the company is "appalled."

A Fire Lindsey Stone page has gotten more than 14,000 "likes."'

3 Ways We Need to Stop Abusing the Men in Our Lives

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'A holiday weekend is coming up, which means that a lot of women will be spending time with their significant others. In the interest of keeping relationships intact during this time of togetherness, I thought about the ways we, as women, take a few too many liberties with our men and think it's okay.

I mention this because day to day female interactions stresses being polite and positive, even if what a situation really calls for is brutal honesty. Consider this post an open call for change in lieu of creating awkward moment during brunch.'

Women vs. Men: How Females Are Smarter, Tougher, Luckier

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Slideshow here.

'We're not saying we're better -- or even stronger -- than our male counterparts, but we do have certain advantages.'

F&F: Activists Are Successful: Raised Their Voices in 2012

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'Throughout this year, you and other activists have raised your voice with Fathers and Families. This Thanksgiving, we give thanks for your work and your activism, and the example you are setting for your children.

Together we have:

- Secured a place for our founder, Ned Holstein, on Governor Deval Patrick's Working Group on Child-Centered Family Law;
- Placed a new limit on California spousal support;
- Helped Ohio child support obligors by maintaining their driver's licenses;
- Continued our fight to protect our American soldiers' custody in deployment;'

Women recruited to join fight against prostate cancer

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Former Pittsburgh Steelers player Robin Cole knows firsthand that early detection of prostate cancer saves men's lives. It saved his. That's why he's working to raise awareness among men in an unusual way -- by recruiting women to battle the disease.

Mr. Cole, 57, of Nottingham, Washington County, underwent laparoscopic surgery in 2004 for prostate cancer, which claimed the life of his 49-year-old father, Obediah Cole, in 1979. Since then, Mr. Cole and five of his brothers have been diagnosed with the cancer but early enough to prevent complications. One brother, William, did die from other cancers.

Mr. Cole helped to found the Obediah Cole Foundation for Prostate Cancer that's joining with the Allegheny County Health Department to form a local chapter of Women Against Prostate Cancer. The goal is to recruit women to raise awareness and help convince men to get early screening for the cancer.'

Economic Discrimination Most Detrimental for Gay and Bisexual Men

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'Bisexual and gay men are at risk of discrimination and prejudice because of their sexual orientation. This extends from social settings and reaches across nearly every domain, including academic, professional, and in areas related to housing, medical care, and legal matters. Additionally, these men may be more vulnerable to aggression and harassment. It has been established that increased prejudice and discrimination can have significant mental health ramifications. In the gay and bisexual male population, the perception of prejudice and the reality of discrimination have worked together to create an elevated presence of psychological issues.

Although the existing research shows a link between sexual orientation prejudice and poor mental health outcomes, Kristi E. Gamarel of the Center for HIV/AIDS Educational Studies & Training at City University of New York wanted to see if other factors mediated or moderated that effect. In a recent study, Gamarel interviewed 294 gay and bisexual men and asked them what types of discrimination they had experienced in the previous 12 months. She then assessed how each type of discrimination and perception of discrimination influenced depressive and anxious symptoms in the men.'

Uniting the Next Generation of Parents Against Circumcision

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'As a nineteen-year-old woman, I only have one friend who is already a parent. She is an incredible mother to her young daughter, whose sex protected her from the circumcision debate. The rest of my peers are college-aged adults who spend an appropriately smaller amount of their free time than I do pondering infant welfare and debating a common practice that was probably performed on themselves or on their brothers. Yet in a few years, these people and I will become the newest generation of parents in America.
...
Before becoming an intactivist, I had discussed circumcision with a few friends who were proudly intact, and even after hearing their stories, I pathetically announced, “Well, I’m Jewish. My sons are going to be circumcised. It’s a big cultural thing.” Never mind that my personal relationship to Judaism is religiously lax and that I wear piercings, dyed hair, and makeup. My opinion was unequivocal: When it came to the permanent alteration of my hypothetical children’s genitals, no decision-making process need occur on account of my ethnicity.

It wasn’t until I saw a YouTube video about circumcision from a young woman who was pregnant with twin boys that I understood the disturbing nature of circumcision. A few hours of research on the Internet turned my formerly cavalier attitude about the procedure into a passionate quest to study and defeat it. Spreading knowledge about circumcision to people of all backgrounds is beneficial to our pro-cutting society, but my age group is a particularly important audience for this information because we are the next generation of parents who will be deciding whether to circumcise our sons. So when I realized how urgent I felt about spreading this message to my peers, I considered which pieces of information made me receptive to intactivism so that I could propagate them effectively. The following outlines a small portion of what most strongly influenced my understanding of circumcision as a violation of human rights.'

NOW Foundation Files Amicus Brief in Domestic Violence Case

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'On Nov. 20, the National Organization for Women (NOW) Foundation filed a friend-of-the-court brief on behalf of 10 women's rights and anti-violence organizations in the case of Khawam v. Wolfe, in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. The brief supports reversal of an unprecedented award of $350,000 in attorneys' fees against a woman who accused her ex-husband of domestic violence. The brief argues that such an extraordinary award may chill protective mothers from raising allegations of domestic violence in custody disputes for fear of retaliation should their claims ultimately be found unproven.

After Khawam sought a protective order against Wolfe, citing emotional and physical abuse, Wolfe sought custody of their young child. Khawam's ability to introduce evidence of domestic violence was sharply limited by the courts, and her truncated testimony was ruled not credible, leading to Wolfe being awarded sole custody of their son. Additionally, the judge expressly premised the attorneys' fee award on Khawam's supposedly "unsupported" domestic violence allegations.

...

NOW Foundation President Terry O'Neill states: "This case is emblematic of the continuing bias in family courts against women, discrediting their testimony of domestic violence, ignoring the potential for continuing abuse of children placed in the custody of abusers and financially punishing the protective parent. This judicial bias is all too often reinforced by biased psychological evaluators, who frequently view conflict as caused equally by both parties. That is a dangerously false equivalence in cases of intimate partner violence."

Fathers rights group opposes presence of activist judge on bench

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'What is most troubling with Judge Mawla is that he did pro bono work at WAFA House, which stands for Women Against Family Abuse. It is there that he helped abused women file restraining orders, find shelter and receive job training and financial assistance. Given that domestic violence allegations seem to exist mostly in divorce and custody related matters, Mawla made his fortune off of women making domestic violence allegations against men. He has a built-in gender bias against men and should not be sitting in judgment in Family Court matters.
...
Judge Mawla has incarcerated John Waldorf for owing alimony arrearages. However, it was Mawla who made the insane order that Waldorf pay over $8,000 per month in alimony and child support at the time of Waldorf's divorce. Or, in other words, Waldorf was ordered by Mawla to pay almost $100,000 in alimony.

According to the divorce transcripts and judgment of divorce Mawla told Waldorf he wasn't making enough money and doubled his alimony. This goes against the law in New Jersey. Waldorf presented 10 years of federal tax returns showing that his best year ever was $147,000 gross salary. Subtracting federal and state income taxes and social security FICA tax, Waldorf's net income is less than $100,000--that is if he made $147,000 every year. Upon review of 10 years of tax returns, Waldorf has never made that amount and has always made less. Waldorf is paying over 100% of his income. And, now he's in jail and his employer will not hold his job much longer.'

EU wants direct action to get women into boardrooms

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'BRUSSELS, Nov 12 (Reuters) - The European Commission wants to make companies favour female non-executive board candidates where they are equally qualified so as to raise the proportion of women in boardrooms to 40 percent, EU sources said on Tuesday.

One source, who declined to be named, said the commission plan did not set a binding EU quota for all member states but rather set an "objective" of having 40 percent women by 2020 - suggesting that an earlier plan for a strict 2020 deadline had been dropped.

But another EU source, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the preference rule was "tied to the legally binding objective of 40 percent by 2020, which means that if by 2020 companies have not reached 40 percent and have not been appointing women instead of men, then they will also face sanctions".'

UK: Bias against men and overweight women found in HR

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than half of HR professionals are biased against overweight women, while nearly two fifths are biased against men, according to a survey conducted exclusively for People Management.

Special bias tests were taken by 122 HR professionals to measure their unconscious prejudices in a range of common areas such as age, gender, weight and disability. The tests, designed by specialist provider Hogrefe Implicity, revealed that almost 40 per cent of those surveyed showed a preference for one gender (overwhelmingly, they were in favour of women).

The tests, which assess unwitting associations of gender and competence, found that men were the losers with 37 per cent of respondents revealing a bias against them. Yet only 1 per cent showed a prejudice against women.

However, when asked about overweight women, 51 per cent of respondents revealed a bias against them at a level “likely or very likely” to affect their behaviour. Yet only 4 per cent showed a bias against “slimmer women”.

The strength of men’s prejudice against other men was surprising, with 15.6 per cent of men showing an anti-male bias compared to just 0.5 per cent of women showing an anti-female stance.'

India: 'Boys boo helpline, ask what if girls harass them'

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'LUCKNOW: The first objection to Women Powerline 1090, UP Police's helpline for women to curb eve-teasing and telephonic harassment came for a quarter that was as obvious as unexpected-boys, who cried gender bias.

"Do you have any service for boys who face similar harassment at the hands of the girls," a boy shot the question at a woman operator at the call centre on the opening day on Thursday leaving her puzzled, a source told TOI. The trained reply from the call operator was that the service was meant strictly for women in the state.

Another male caller, who was probably aware of the basic surveillance methodology, went a step ahead to tell the operator, "Will the police send a girl to jail if it is proved that the said call was being made by herself," yet again leaving the women call operator perplexed, till a senior official of the centre pitched in and tried to convince the boy that though his concern was genuine the service was meant only for women.'

New baseball field sparks Title IX dispute

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'The opening of a new multi-million dollar baseball field in Sitka earlier this fall is polarizing the community in an unexpected way: Can or should it be used for softball, too?

Gender equity in public education – including activities like sports – is governed by a federal statute known as Title IX.

...

“This whole issue, it’s kind of petty. Where we’ve got one team saying, Hey, your new field is better than my new field, so we want your new field. Then we get Title IX thrown at us, to be displaced off of our field and get the girls on.”

Displacing the boys is at the heart of the argument for most parents who spoke on behalf of the baseball team during the two-hour work session. In establishing equity, Title IX should not disadvantage one gender to create opportunity for the other.'

'Why Women Make Better Traders Than Men'

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'The release listed five possible reasons why women generally do better at financial spread betting, those being:

- Men hate to be wrong and take longer to admit that they have made an error;
- Women are better in a crisis and less emotional because, contrary to popular belief, female traders are more disciplined and less likely to panic;
- Women can more easily say no and sometimes the best trades are the ones you do not make;
- Women read the manual, stick to a strategy and question things that they are uncertain of; and,
- finally, women are measured as opposed to jumping in head first - which men are apparently prone to doing.'

Conference Helps Women Prepare for More Secure Future

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'On Saturday, Nov. 10, AARP Connecticut sponsored a half-day conference for Boomer-age women on "Living Longer, Living Smarter and Reinventing Yourself" at the Pond House Caf at Elizabeth Park in West Hartford. The conference, attended by more than 150 women, featured a keynote address by well-known Connecticut TV broadcast personality, Diane Smith, and a moderated panel discussion with professional experts and the women who have lived it on topics including, Adult Education, Health and Wellness, Entrepreneurialism, Finances, and more.

The conference was sponsored by AARP Connecticut and Decide.Create.Share. - an AARP initiative dedicated to increasing awareness among women about the depth and breadth of long-term care and the benefits of life-span planning. Informed by research, the initiative's resources engage women as leaders with their families, informal networks, and communities to learn about long-term care, actively plan for a secure future and share what they learn with others.'

Women in Combat: How Should it be Done?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The first two women to begin one of the Marine Corps toughest combat courses washed out within a week this fall. The Corps had temporarily lifted the restriction on women attending its Infantry Officer Course—one of the toughest schools in the U.S. military—in a nod toward greater equality through its ranks.

After both failed to make it beyond one week, what's next for female Leathernecks, or women in other services,who want to work in combat units?

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About a quarter of the men who begin this sought-after course wash out before graduating.

Unlike other schools the Marine Corps offers for both male and female candidates, the first women to enter IOC were held to the same physical standards as their male counterparts.'

House and Senate Should Reauthorize VAWA Before 2013

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'Now that the election is over, the ruthless political ads have stopped, and the majority of Facebook newsfeeds have gone back to descriptions of what we had for lunch that day, it's time to get back to reality. It is amazing how fired up people can get over politics, but after the big day, we lose that passion. No matter how exhausted you may feel, civic duty does not end at the polling booth. Regardless of your political affiliation, we all have either known someone or been the victim of domestic violence ourselves. It is a societal disease that permeates through class, age, religion, gender, race, culture, education level and sexual orientation.

Here are some sobering facts: 1 in 4 women have been beaten or raped by a partner during adulthood. Every day, 3 women are killed by a current or former intimate partner. These statistics point out horrific facts about American society and what we tolerate. Domestic violence is one of the most chronically under-reported crimes. While men can also be victims, women are disproportionately affected. After the smoke clears, life isn't about donkeys and elephants. It is about real, human lives.'

Turning Brass Into Gold

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Maureen Dowd does if nothing else speak her mind. In this case, probably not in typical feminist party line, but she's got enough chits collected where she can stray from time to time without losing her club card. Article here. As always with the NYT, use Google to get around the login box. The URL is:

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/21/opinion/dowd-turning-brass-into-gold.html

Excerpt:

'As The Times's Scott Shane writes: "The major players have hired high-profile, high-priced representatives to manage the fallout, watch for legal trouble, police the press and massage damaged reputations."

And, no doubt, pave the way for future book deals, cushy jobs and TV apologias in honeyed light with Diane Sawyer and Barbara Walters.

The tears and lip gloss started flowing Tuesday at a press conference at the Ritz-Carlton here featuring a distraught twin, a befuddled press corps and Gloria Allred, the feminist avenger last seen tormenting Herman Cain over sexual harassment charges.

...

The military might want to have its future stars read Jane Austen as well as Grant and Rommel. "Pride and Prejudice" is full of warnings about the dangers of young ladies with exuberant, flirtatious, "unguarded and imprudent" manners visiting military regiments and preening in "all the glories of the camp."'

Obamacare Funding Anti-Male Sex Education

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'The lessons also teach students how to “avert pregnancy and STDs in situations ranging from drinking and going for a ride with one’s boyfriend, to being alone at your boyfriend’s house in the absence of parents for several hours, and when your ‘boyfriend begins to kiss you and tries to take off your clothes.’”

...

According to LifeNews, the homepage of Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Virginia promotes “Man up Monday” with “an image of a pair of men’s boxer underwear with a huge fishhook protruding from the fly, proclaiming, ‘Hook up this weekend? Make sure you didn’t catch anything.’”

After clicking on the link, “one sees a similar pair of underwear—this time with flames flashing from the fly—with the caption: ‘Hot weekend? Get checked for HIV and STDs.’

Also: Planned Parenthood Introduces Man Up Mondays: http://www.ppsev.org/

British School Bans 13 Year Old Boy from Movember

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Movember marks the month when men have been encouraged to grow moustaches in support of fighting prostate cancer and raising awareness of male mental health issues. Many men are taking part of this endeavor and putting the razors down.

A 13 year old boy in Britain also wanted to take part and grow a moustache. However his school has banned him from partaking in it because it is not an “inclusive” activity.

Gus Hooker began shaving since he was 9 years old and decided to participate in Movember by growing a moustache and raising money for Prostate Cancer UK by joining men (and boys) around the world growing facial hair for Movember, the BBC reports.'

Project MALES Receives Grant to Focus on Male Student Success

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'AUSTIN, Texas — The Greater Texas Foundation (GTF) has awarded Project MALES a grant for $335,314 to support Hispanic and African American male student success in college enrollment and degree attainment. Project MALES is an initiative within the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement at The University of Texas at Austin.

The grant will be awarded over a three-year period starting in summer 2013 to support the Texas Higher Education Consortium for Male Student Success, an ambitious statewide initiative that will align existing programs that target underrepresented male students in higher education and stimulates new initiatives within Texas colleges and universities.

“Data on educational attainment show that Hispanic and African American male students are not faring as well as their peers in college matriculation and graduation rates,” said Victor Sáenz, assistant professor of education and Project MALES director. “With the support of GTF, the consortium members will collaborate, share best practices, and leverage their resources and expertise to support male student success at their respective campuses across the state.”'

Anti-Male Caps in Math and Science

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists who want to limit opportunities for men and boys have long abused Title IX when it comes to college sports. Now we can expect the same assault against men who are interested in math and science. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 requires that schools and colleges receiving federal funding not discriminate “on the basis of sex.” Radical feminists have used this law to abolish hundreds of men’s sports teams, including 500 wrestling teams.

The Obama Administration has announced a new set of policies that would apply Title IX to science, technology, engineering, and math courses. Just as enforcement of Title IX has caused gender quotas on school sports teams, increased enforcement in math and science education will bring us artificial enrollment limits on men. Legal precedents have made it very difficult for school sports teams to comply with Title IX without imposing gender quotas, and it’s unlikely that math and science education will be different.'

Women at Wilson College of Chambersburg protest proposal to allow men

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A committee was formed earlier this calendar year to address Wilson College's financial struggle and find ways to make the college financially sustainable in the future. At an open presentation Nov. 1, the Commission on Shaping the Future of Wilson College made several recommendations, including the co-ed option, for increasing enrollment from 700 this fall to 1,500 by 2020 and easing the budget deficit.

The commission gave its final recommendations to President Barbara Mistick Monday. She must hand over her own recommendations by Dec. 1 to Wilson's board of trustees, which will make the final decision. Until then, students are doing what they can to sway decisions.

"We want Wilson to keep that 'it' factor of being an all-women's college because there aren't that many left in the United States. We don't just want to become another mediocre co-ed situation," said Janelle Wills, president of Wilson College Government Association.

While men are already permitted in the adult degree and teacher intern programs, Wills believes incorporating them in every aspect of campus life would significantly change culture and traditions.
...
Some students are also concerned that some of the posters are communicating the wrong message. One student referred to a poster that read "Women," but with "men" crossed out, and said she thought it was sexist. Another well-known poster referred to Mistick as a "mistake."

"The sign about the president, that's drawing attention away from the real issue," Grissinger said.'

UK: Woman jailed for false rape claim against innocent employer

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'Scorned woman Tina Greenland plotted revenge for her one night of passion with the man she worked for.

The Folkestone mother-of-three flew into a fury after she felt rejected when Nicholas Mouna made it clear he did not want a relationship.

So the vengeful carer of Mr Mouna's child phoned the police and claimed she had been raped after her drink had been spiked.

Detectives arrested insurance broker Mr Mouna, but then examined messages between the two... and realised Greenland's texts betrayed her vicious lies.

Senior officers realised immediately the innocent Mr Mouna had been the victim of false allegations and, although he was never charged, he was suspended and then lost his job.

The 49-year-old, of Newbury Close, carried on her lying in the witness box – but her account was rejected by the jury.'

'The war on men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Believe it or not, modern women want to get married. Trouble is, men don't.

The so-called dearth of good men (read: marriageable men) has been a hot subject in the media as of late. Much of the coverage has been in response to the fact that for the first time in history, women have become the majority of the U.S. workforce. They're also getting most of the college degrees. The problem? This new phenomenon has changed the dance between men and women.

As the author of three books on the American family and its intersection with pop culture, I've spent thirteen years examining social agendas as they pertain to sex, parenting, and gender roles. During this time, I've spoken with hundreds, if not thousands, of men and women. And in doing so, I've accidentally stumbled upon a subculture of men who've told me, in no uncertain terms, that they're never getting married. When I ask them why, the answer is always the same.

Women aren't women anymore.
...
In a nutshell, women are angry. They're also defensive, though often unknowingly. That's because they've been raised to think of men as the enemy. Armed with this new attitude, women pushed men off their pedestal (women had their own pedestal, but feminists convinced them otherwise) and climbed up to take what they were taught to believe was rightfully theirs.
...

It is precisely this dynamic – women good/men bad – that has destroyed the relationship between the sexes. Yet somehow, men are still to blame when love goes awry. Heck, men have been to blame since feminists first took to the streets in the 1970s.

But what if the dearth of good men, and ongoing battle of the sexes, is – hold on to your seats – women's fault?'

Woman Charged With Stabbing Brother With Fork At Thanksgiving Dinner

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'ANNAPOLIS, Md. (WJZ)— An Annapolis woman is behind bars, charged with stabbing a relative during Thanksgiving dinner.

It happened Thursday at around 9:30 p.m. in the 1100- block Madison Street.

Police say 27-year-old Shenika Allsup stabbed her half brother, 23-year-old Deonte Wallace, in the neck with a serving fork after the two got into a heated argument at the table.
...
Allsup is charged with first-degree assault, second-degree assault and reckless endangerment.

She is being held at the Jennifer Road Detention Center on $1,000,000 bond.'

Casey Anthony detectives overlooked Google search for suffocation made from home computer

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ORLANDO, Fla. — The Florida sheriff's office that investigated the disappearance of Casey Anthony's 2-year-old daughter overlooked evidence that someone in their home did a Google search for "fool-proof" suffocation methods on the day the girl was last seen alive.

Orange County sheriff's Capt. Angelo Nieves said Sunday that the office's computer investigator missed the June 16, 2008, search. The agency's admission was first reported by Orlando television station WKMG. It's not known who performed the search. The station reported it was done on a browser primarily used by the 2-year-old's mother, Casey Anthony, who was acquitted of the girl's murder in 2011.

Anthony's attorneys argued during trial that Casey Anthony helped her father, George Anthony, cover up the girl's drowning in the family pool.

WKMG reports that sheriff's investigators pulled 17 vague entries only from the computer's Internet Explorer browser, not the Mozilla Firefox browser commonly used by Casey Anthony. More than 1,200 Firefox entries, including the suffocation search, were overlooked.'

Gender parity trumps excellence in science?

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'Nowhere in the entire 252-page report is there an inkling that anything but men and culture might be to blame for this sorry state of affairs. Nowhere is there any speculation as to why this gender imbalance exists in every developed country – including those with better child care. Nowhere is there a hint that one reason more women aren't entering these fields is that maybe they don't want to.

...

We now have plenty of evidence showing that even as equality of opportunity has grown, women continue to express different career preferences than men. Even women who are great at math are more likely to be fascinated by other people than by terabytes, ohms and quarks. But men who are great at math generally prefer to devote their careers to small rotating objects, not kindergarteners.

...

Is gender parity more important than excellence in science? Some people think so. In the U.S., there's widespread talk of extending Title IX to STEM fields. Title IX is the legislation that requires colleges to fund women's sports at the same level as men's. Because women have far less interest in playing sports than men do, Title IX dealt a heavy blow to men's athletics and sent colleges scrambling to assemble women's volleyball teams so that their funds wouldn't be cut off. Saner heads worry that Title IX might do the same thing to academic research.'

'Men fear circumcision'

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'THE male circumcision programme that was launched in 2009 has only seen 10% of the targeted 1,2 million men by 2015 being circumcised, a government official said yesterday.

The programme's national coordinator in the Health and Child Welfare ministry, Sinokuthemba Xaba, was speaking during the opening of a voluntary medical male circumcision clinic in Bulawayo's Lobengula suburb.

He said most males feared getting circumcised due to a number of factors.

"More and more men have heard about the benefits of male circumcision, but have various concerns that prevent them from getting circumcised," Xaba said.

"Males have questions like; what if something goes wrong?

"Will the wound heal? Where will my foreskin go? These are some of the fears that we hear every day from men who are considering going for the procedure."'

India: 7-year-old loses genitals after circumcision, fighting for life

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Story here.

'ALWAR: A seven-year-old boy is battling for life after a circumcision surgery went horribly wrong at a private hospital in Alwar on Thursday. The boy's genitals had to be cut off in an attempt to save his life, said sources. An FIR has been lodged against the hospital authorities after the relatives of the boy created a ruckus.'

UK: Nightwing team to tackle Christmas spike in domestic abuse

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'A DEDICATED team of police officers is being launched to tackle a spike in domestic abuse over Christmas.

Operation Nightwing has been set up in Hull to ensure victims who call police are seen quickly.

Between 13 and 15 officers will be available to respond solely to calls regarding domestic abuse in the city during the operation.

Detective Sergeant Stuart Fox, who is leading the operation, said: "We know there is an increase in domestic abuse over Christmas and the new year.

"This can be down to rising stress levels – perhaps relating to money worries – the alcohol that is consumed as people are celebrating, and the fact families are spending more time together.'

Nine out of ten women in the UK control family finances

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'London: Men might think they hold the purse strings but it is actually women who control the family finances and make the biggest decisions on spending, according to a new UK study.

Nine out of ten middle-aged women in Britain take control of paying bills, financial planning and buying goods for their household, the study found.

Dubbed the family CEO, these women believe the term housewife is old-fashioned and no longer relevant to them. Instead, they say their wide range of responsibilities mean their role is more akin to the boss of a company, the 'Daily Mail' reported.'

Justice Ginsberg: We Need All-Female Supreme Court

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Video clip here. Quote:

'So now the perception is, yes, women are here to stay. And when I'm sometimes asked when will there be enough? And I say when there are nine, people are shocked. But there'd been nine men, and nobody's ever raised a question about that.'

UK: Women's groups demand new watchdog to confront sexism in the media

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'A coalition of women's groups has called for the issue of sexism in the media to be taken on by a new regulatory body in the runup to publication of Lord Justice Leveson's report on the press this Thursday.

Four women's organisations monitored the content of 11 national newspapers over a randomly chosen fortnight in early September, finding more than 1,300 articles and images that raised concerns over how women and violence against them are portrayed in the British press. They say their findings should inform proposals for a new era of newspaper regulation.

The analysis, published on Sunday – International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women – warns that newspaper coverage is glamorising and, on occasion, eroticising violence against women and girls, and helps normalise rape while undermining the criminal justice system by creating jurors who hold prejudices against female victims.'

The Bully Society: School Shootings and the Crisis of Bullying in America's Schools

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'Masculinity is at the forefront of bullying in schools. Hypermasculinity and flamboyant heterosexuality are markers of masculinity that contribute to bullying. Boys should exhibit a tough, aggressive and violent masculinity that is based on heterosexuality. Boys who are considered nerdy, weak, or who do not live up to these standards of masculinity are often called gay or faggot and are assumed to be less masculine than those who exhibit traditional masculine behavior. The school climate is therefore built on a acceptance of hypermasculinity, and as Klein notes, school shooters often fail to live up to the standards of masculinity, choosing instead to respond to the bullying and failed masculinity in a violent last attempt to assert their power and questioned masculinity.

Inherent in the acceptance of hypermasculinity is also violence against girls. Klein notes that various forms of violence against girls (such as teasing, harassment and sexual assault) is very common in schools, and is a common denominator for many school shooters who were violent towards girls. Many shooters shot or killed former girlfriends, girls that rejected them, or girls whom they felt they needed to protect. Another component of the bully culture, and another common denominator among the school shooters, is gay bashing. No matter the shooters sexual orientation, they were often teased and called gay or faggot in school. As status is considered everything in high school, being gay bashed equals a loss of status and is also considered the worst type of harassment for boys. The acceptance of hypermasculinity and masculine ideals has also spread to girls, who are becoming increasingly violent. As hypermasculinity is deemed the opposite of femininity, girls need to display both feminine and masculine characteristics. With the spread of social networking sites, text messaging, and other forms of technological advances enabling communication between people, cyber-bulling has become another tool used by bullies and is often used as primary sites for gay and slut bashing. Especially since laws concerning cyber-bullying have not proved useful in curbing bullying online.'

Costa Rica: Dozens march to demand rights, equal treatment for men

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'November 25th, 2012 (InsideCostaRica.com) A group of over 60 people marched through Paseo Colon yesterday, with the message “we are functional parents, not ATM machines.”

The march was to demand men’s rights, and to demand the creation of an institute that could provide them with protection and support when assaulted by their partners or facing unfair legal treatment.

The protest began at about 10:00am yesterday in Paseo Colon, and proceeded towards the central Park in San Jose. There, the group spoke about various problems that men face in a family environment.

Eugenia Quesada, director of the foundation “Support to Men Institute” (FUNDIAPHO, in Spanish), said they are demanding the government to create an “Institute for Men.”

“We also want to eliminate jail for not paying alimony and child support, demand serious punishment for noncompliance of visiting hours (for parent-child visits), and we want the domestic violence act to be applied equally to both sexes, and not only to be for women’s protection,” she added.'

Male domestic violence victim able to locate shelter — finally

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'We all should have someone in our corner like Sharain Spears, especially when experiencing the kind of month her cousin Brian Ingram is having.

Ingram was stabbed three times by his girlfriend, Diane M. Romano, on Nov. 4, after an argument at their home on Van Norwick Avenue in Batavia, according to police. Romano, who police say also knifed her 19-year-old son, was charged with three felony counts. Ingram was hospitalized with two punctured lungs.

Romano, 38, bonded out and went home. Ingram, released from Delnor Hospital in Geneva last Wednesday with no place to go, began living in a borrowed truck. Which is not a great place to bunk, especially after his wounds became infected.

That's when Spears stepped in. Even though she'd not talked to her 34-year-old cousin in over a year because of his "crazy relationship" with Romano, she put all that aside when she heard he was in crisis.
...
Elgin's Community Crisis Center doesn't take men under any circumstances, said its leader, Gretchen Vapnar. The Aurora and Elgin shelters have, on rare occasion, put up men in motels in emergency situations, as has the DuPage Family Shelter Service. But with state budget cuts, even that well is dry, shelter directors say.
...
Clearly frustrated by late Monday evening, Spears finally found her cousin a bed for a night from a Facebook friend by posting this plea: Men who are domestic violence victims need help too. On Tuesday, after receiving proof from Batavia police that Ingram was a Tri-Cities resident, she planned to drive him to Lazarus House, where he hoped to stay at least until he could heal enough to return to his job at Service Pallet in North Aurora.

The whole experience, said Spears, made her more determined than ever to continue her advocacy work. "I know what it's like to turn your life around," she said. "Someone was there to help me. I need to do the same for others."'

Mother who took drugs trying to kill baby likely won't face child-abuse charges

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'Katherine Hasson's son was born addicted to cocaine and other drugs. So when Riviera Beach police said Hasson told them she took drugs while pregnant in an attempt to kill her son, they thought they had probable cause to arrest her on child-abuse charges.

But the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office said Thursday it will not file such charges against Hasson — because it can't.

"We need a statute that specifically punishes a mother when she harms a child in utero," Assistant State Attorney Kirk Volker said.
...
Hasson gave birth to a boy Oct. 15 at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach. The boy was born blue in the face and motionless, and he was experiencing withdrawal symptoms. He was hooked up to a ventilator.'

'Military can take a toll on women's health'

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'The 18th Annual "A Woman's Journey" health symposium at the Baltimore Hilton highlighted lung disease and the health of women in the military.

Herrera was first deployed in 2004 to Fort McCoy in Wisconsin. Her son was 31/2 and her daughter 2. She was deployed again a year later to the William Beaumont Army Medical Center near El Paso, Texas.

Women in the military often suffer from back and joint problems from carrying heavy equipment and wearing ill-fitting uniforms that sometimes cut into a woman's breast area, Herrera said. Extreme weather conditions can lead to skin disorders. And hearing problems can arise from gunshots, bombings and loud military equipment.

"I was never able to get used to the hum of the generator," Herrera said. "It was noisy all the time."

Mental stress is also an issue as women worry about their safety at war and their families back home. The mental stress is something that can linger even after a soldier returns home. Herrera and her husband eventually divorced because of the stress of her military career.'

Florida survey of young women asks if a man ever poked holes in a condom in effort to make her pregnant

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Article here. Seriously... I mean, for real? They actually asked this? Pardon me, but what planet does one have to be living on to imagine this would happen? It's simply more out-and-out misandry, state-sponsored, too. [Fla. DOH contact info is in the first comment to this story.] Excerpt:

'FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. -- The state of Florida is asking thousands of young women some intimate questions their sex lives and is giving them a $10 gift card in return - but some who received the survey are offended.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel reported Sunday (http://sunsent.nl/10SkSc4) that the Department of Health sent surveys to 4,100 women between 18 and 24, giving participants a CVS gift card.
...
The state spent $45,000 on the 46-question survey, which was sent out in September and October, and 782 have been returned. Participants were asked how many men they had sex with over the last year, whether a man ever poked holes in a condom to get them pregnant and how they felt emotionally the last time they had unprotected sex. A November batch weren't mailed after it was found that some of the surveys were sent to girls under 18.'

Carla Bruni: A woman's place is in one of her homes

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'So her entry into the debate about women's place in society is likely to raise some eyebrows, whether plucked or au naturel.

The 44-year-old, who was France's first lady for four years until May, has declared: "We don't need to be feminist in my generation." Instead she suggests a woman's place is in the home with her children.

In an interview for the January issue of Vogue magazine, to be published on Dec 1, she develops her views on the women's liberation movement, adding: "There are pioneers who opened the breach.

"I'm not at all an active feminist. On the contrary, I'm a bourgeois. I love family life, I love doing the same thing every day.'

Referring to her regular psychoanalysis sessions, Mrs Bruni-Sarkozy said: "I've ended up becoming my mother in some respects, despite my eight years of analysis!" Months before becoming President Nicolas Sarkozy's third wife in 2008, the former supermodel and pop singer said "monogamy bores me" and described herself as a "tamer of men".'

Divorcing parents turn to 'brainwashing' children in custody battles

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'Solicitors specialising in divorce and child contact say they have noted a marked rise in allegations of one parents exerting undue influence on children to try to turn them against the other.

New mobile phones, computer games, designer clothes and even exotic holidays have been deployed in attempts to win children's loyalty.

In other cases parents have openly resorted to trying to blacken their former partner's name in the children's eyes.

Naomi McGloin, a solicitor at Pannone, said allegations of "brainwashing" had become an increasingly common feature of acrimonious separations in her experience.

Parents desperate to keep their children have attempted to exploit a requirement on the courts to take a child's feelings into consideration in determining where they should live.'

Australia: woman bribed teenage boy for sex, court told

Minuteman · 27 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The 52-year-old woman, who cannot be named to protect the victim's identity, pleaded guilty in the Victorian County Court on Tuesday to repeatedly having sex with the teen over a four-year period.
...
After one sexual encounter the teenager vomited in the bathroom for half an hour.

"I'd never had sex before this and I felt sick to the bottom of my stomach," the boy said in a police statement that was read out in court.

The sexual relationship began in 2002 when the victim was aged 13 and the woman was 41.

She pushed him against the wall in the garage, grabbed his groin and had sex with him.
...
The woman also phoned the victim's school pretending to be his mum to get him out of class so the pair could have sex.
...
"When I was 15 (the woman) turned me into an addicted drug user," the boy said in the victim statement.
...
Defence lawyer Jane Dixon said her client had been suffering from depression and anxiety and was trapped in a controlling marriage at the time of her crimes.

Forensic psychologist Patrick Newton told the court the woman had an immature and dependent personality with "limited social skills".'

Military Women Challenge Combat Exclusion Rule In Lawsuit Against Defense Department

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'A first lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, a captain in the Marine Corps Reserves, a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves and a major in the U.S. Air National Guard filed suit Tuesday against the Department of Defense, challenging its rules restricting women in combat under the Fifth Amendment.

The American Civil Liberties Union is representing Marine 1st Lt. Colleen Farrell, Marine Reserves Capt. Zoe Bedell, Army Staff Sgt. Jennifer Hunt and Air Guard Major Mary Jennings Hegar in the suit, filed Tuesday afternoon in the U.S. District Court in San Francisco. The four individual plaintiffs have all served in Afghanistan or Iraq, and two are Purple Heart recipients.

...

Joined by the advocacy group Service Women's Action Network (SWAN), they accuse the Defense Department of violating servicewomen's rights to equal protection under the law by maintaining policies collectively known as the combat exclusion rule. Though the Pentagon is reforming the policies directed at servicewomen, the rules still bar women in the U.S. military from specific combat positions -- positions that are available to men.'

Gender Roles: Men, Women, And Rape

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'This week on campus, a number of movements picketed and soapboxed to prevent sexual assault. And don't get me wrong; that's a very good thing. Rape and sexual assault are some of the more heinous and damaging crimes that human beings can enact upon one another. My problem is not with groups determined to prevent these crimes, but with the nature of these groups.
...
A glance at the White Ribbon Campaign's website reveals some dynamic logos and the words: "What Does It Mean to Be A Man Today? It's Time For A New Vision of the Perfect Man." The White Ribbon Campaign further promises to educate men about how they can further prevent gender-based violence, a trait seemingly limited to their barbaric sex.

That's my main problem here. Last I checked, our society was striving for an egalitarian approach, not a sexist one. The vision was that men and women are equal, and must be treated equally … so then why does no one care about men?'

'Masculinity top safety barrier'

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'As the wife of a Canberra construction worker, I have every hope that the ACT government inquiry into safety in the building industry will be successful in identifying causes and proposing implementable solutions. As someone who has worked in the health sector, however, I am not optimistic.

There is no simple or single underlying cause of the cavalier attitude towards occupational health and safety which is evident on many construction sites, and it will be the job of the inquiry to uncover as many of these causes as possible. While some attention has been given to issues such as the quality of training and workers being pushed to meet cost and time deadlines, the one aspect of the current culture which has remained unrecognised is gender.

We know that gender influences how men and women think about and behave in relation to health and health promotion. The role of gender in health is so intrinsic that it has even been said that "the doing of health is the doing of gender". Men have a concept of health which is similar to the holistic indigenous concept of overall physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. Men also think of health in the sense of being in control and having power over their bodies.'

'You're a Pussy If You Think There's a War on Men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For some men, women—especially feminists—are terrifying. Not in the normal oh-my-God-I-can't-ask-her-out-what-if-she-says-no way that middle schoolers and characters on Friends experience, but "afraid" in the sense that women will take their money, try to get pregnant on purpose, invent false rape claims, and use feminism to generally abuse men. In this narrative, men are either an oppressed minority (or about to become one), or have to "fight back" against feminists to preserve their rights.

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Venker's article doesn't exactly match up with the Men's Rights movement (some MRers have mildly criticized it), but it seems like it comes out of the same idea—that now men are the ones who are oppressed, that there needs to be a pushback against feminism, that men are now too discouraged to marry and have kids. But that just shows how worthless men are. If you are claiming that feminism is the reason women don't want you, or that women are taking over, maybe the problem is that you're fucking up your life and looking for something to blame? Men shouldn't fear feminism or women—why worry about competing with them in the workplace if you think you're competent in the first place? Why wouldn't you want to have a girlfriend or wife every bit as driven as you? Venker says that "if men today are slackers… women should look in the mirror and ask themselves what role they've played to bring about this transformation." If a man believes that, that's because it's self-serving bullshit. He's a slacker because he's a slacker, and maybe because men still have enough of an edge in society to get away with that shit. If you're a man who thinks that there's a "War on Men," you probably deserve to get beaten by the women.'

Sweden: female 'skeleton lover' caused uproar in Australia in 2010

Minuteman · 28 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A Swedish woman who allegedly committed acts of necrophilia on a skeleton has been revealed as the same woman who sparked outrage in Australia in 2010 after publishing photos of a murdered Queensland teenager on her website.

The woman, whose identity has been supressed in Swedish media, is facing trial after human bones, body bags and disturbing images were allegedly found in her Gothenburg apartment.

Photos released to the media showed the 32-year-old caressing and licking the cranium of a yellowing skull.

In 2010 the woman made headlines after she posted three images of slain 12-year-old Goodna schoolgirl Leanne Holland on her now-defunct “gore” website ViralDeath.com.

Although it was later revealed the Holland images were lifted from a 2002 textbook, it drew widespread outrage from Australian authorities and led to an investigation by the Crime and Misconduct Commission.'

'Change permanent alimony'

Matt · 28 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Say you married your high school sweetheart, and he or she stayed home to raise the kids. Now 20 years later, you've grown apart and gotten divorced.

Along with a fair distribution of your lifetime savings, you'd probably agree that it's fair to pay alimony for a good number of years to help your former spouse find his or her way in the next chapter of life.

But should you be forced to pay alimony for the rest of your life?

Current law says a judge can make you pay alimony until you die, or until your former spouse remarries, something exes have been known to delay so as not to end the alimony gravy train.

As it stands, "permanent alimony" amounts to a life sentence. It is an outdated law that should be changed in the next session of the Florida Legislature.'

Saint Kitts and Nevis: Men Can Now Take Women to Court for Child Support

Matt · 28 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new Bill passed on Wednesday now gives men the opportunity to take women to court for child maintenance (child support).

The sole female parliamentarian, Minister of Social Services and Gender Affairs, Hon. Marcella Liburd introduced and led the debate on The Maintenance of Children Bill, 2012.

The 33-section Bill states that if a father/male has guardianship/sole custody of a child, he can take the same legal action previously only available to mothers/females, and apply to the court for financial support from the child's mother/female guardian. It replaces an Act passed in 1920.

"I want to say that unlike what is said out there, mothers can indeed be asked to maintain their children because there situations where the children are in the physical custody of their father or the father's family," Minister Liburd said.'

Ed. note: Saint Kitts and Nevis is a country comprised of two islands in the Caribbean. Wikipedia entry here.

Australia: Position Vacant - Social Worker Men and Families (SA Health)

Minuteman · 28 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Yorke & Lower North Health Service, Clare
Indicative Total Remuneration: $74,997 - $86,710 (pro rata) - Temp P/T (15 hrs p/wk) - AHP2

You will enjoy community culture, a rural lifestyle and the benefits of a broad exposure to rural generalist portfolio in this key role. As the Social Worker, Men and Families, you will be a valued member of our Community Health Team. You will apply professional expertise, developing generalist / specialist knowledge, clinical competence and experience to provide professional services to client groups in circumstances requiring increasingly complex practice skills. Exercising professional judgment in the selection and adaptation of established methods, procedures and techniques within the profession, you may provide a broad range of clinical and consultative services across a range of service settings. This will include one-on-one, group based and health promotion activities. Additionally, your duties will involve managing and prioritising personal work load and supporting others in developing workload management plans, including in the allocation of team resources.
...

To be considered for this role, you must hold an appropriate degree of equivalent qualification which gives eligibility for full membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers. With demonstrated skills in working with Men and Families building resilience and relationships, you will possess high level communication and interpersonal skills complemented by a proven ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary team to provide quality services.'

In suicide epidemic, military wrestles with prosecuting troops who attempt it

Mastodon · 28 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — Marine Corps Pvt. Lazzaric T. Caldwell slit his wrists and spurred a legal debate that's consuming the Pentagon, as well as the nation's top military appeals court.

On Tuesday, the court wrestled with the wisdom of prosecuting Caldwell after his January 2010 suicide attempt. Though Caldwell pleaded guilty, he and his attorneys now question his original plea and the broader military law that makes "self-injury" a potential criminal offense.

The questions resonate amid what Pentagon leaders have called an "epidemic" of military suicides.

"If suicide is indeed the worst enemy the armed forces have," Senior Judge Walter T. Cox III said, "then why should we criminalize it when it fails?"'

Girlfriend ‘beat up her boyfriend after bad sex left her unsatisfied’

Mastodon · 28 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 24-year-old woman was arrested yesterday for attacking her boyfriend after he climaxed and she did not, a police report alleges.

Raquel Gonzalez lives in Bradenton, Florida with her boyfriend, Esric Davis, 30. Apparently, the two were engaged in intercourse.

When he finished and she did not, Gonzalez allegedly started punching and scratching him around the nose and eyes.

...

The violent post-coital attack allegedly occurred after Davis reached orgasm, but Gonzalez did not. Apparently outraged, she then ‘began hitting and scratching (Davis), causing scratches near his eyes and nose,’ the police report read.

She was arrested yesterday afternoon and charged with felony domestic battery, and remains in the Manatee County jail.'

Zimbabwe: Infant Circumcision Could Soon Be Compulsory

Mastodon · 28 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'GOVERNMENT is considering making neo-natal male circumcision compulsory as a long-term strategy for HIV prevention.

In an interview yesterday, Aids and Tuberculosis Unit national director in the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare Dr Owen Mugurungi said infant circumcision was more sustainable than adult circumcision.

He said the ministry was still following due process for the feasibility and acceptability studies for its introduction.

Dr Mugurungi, however, said they were carrying out research on the implications of infant circumcision.

"We have received a lot of inquiries from young couples who wanted their children to be circumcised. We are following due processes for the feasibility and acceptability studies.

"There are people who are advocating infant circumcision and there are some who are against it. We do not want to force anyone and that is why we want to carry out research," he said.'

Good Relationship with In-laws Improves Marriage for Men, Increases Chance of Divorce for Women

Mastodon · 28 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The holiday season is ripe with opportunity for family disputes and blow-ups. (As Beverly D'Angelo says in National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, "It's Christmas. We're all miserable.") Now, a new study may help your understand how best to handle your relationship with your in-laws.

The marriages of men who are closer to their in-laws are 20 percent less likely to end in divorce, according to a study conducted by Dr. Terri Orbuch, a psychologist and research professor at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research and author of Finding Love Again: 6 Steps to a New and Happy Relationship. The story of her findings in regards to in-laws recently appeared in The Wall Street Journal.'

SAVE: VAWA Must Respect the Presumption of Innocence

Matt · 29 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

What Happened to the Presumption of Innocence?

The DV industry is telling Congress that the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) must be reauthorized during the lame duck session. We need to make sure they hear our message that VAWA should not be reauthorized unless it respects the presumption of innocence.

Learn more: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/presumed-innocent/

Let's take action!

Call both of your Senators and your Representative at 1-202-224-3121.

You can also find your Senators' phone numbers here: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm and your Representative's phone number here: http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/

Even if you called last time, call again today. Just say, "Don't pass the Violence Against Women Act until the presumption of innocence is restored!"

Call now. Call later. Call often.

Or call once.

Just call!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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'Yet More from our Brave Women in Uniform'

Matt · 30 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Commentary here. Excerpt:

'Four women filed suit for the right to serve in combat in San Francisco today, demanding the military officially call them combat soldiers. Of course, none of them are really suited to engage in combat, but they want to be called warriors nonetheless.

Typically, by this point, there would be a chorus of feminists telling me Ms. Farrell is far tougher than I am, and could easily kick my ass, beat me in war, etc. But just look at the girl. This is a joke. I'm an out-of-shape, nearly middle-aged guy and I could kick her ass with one hand tied behind my back.

But anyone who says such a thing must support violence against women, right?

This is where they're covered on both sides. On the one hand, you say she can't hack it as a soldier and you're accused of being an anti-equality bigot, and on the other you say "OK, let's put her to the test" and suddenly you're an abusive monster.

We simply can't win one way or the other, which is why I recommend simply letting them claim to be full-fledged soldiers, giving them a gun and the standard equipment, and sending them out on some mission in Afghanistan. At this point, who gives a damn what happens? She and her sisters-in-arms would get cut to pieces, but we don't even have the money to pay for the subsequent lawsuit any longer, so might as well let her have her wish.'

UK: Female Teachers Give Male Pupils Lower Marks, Claims Study

Matt · 30 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt

'Female teachers mark male pupils more harshly than they do their female students, research has claimed.

Additionally, girls tend to believe male teachers will look upon them more favourably than female teaching staff, but men treat all students the same, regardless of gender.

The study, released on Thursday, told 1,200 students in 29 schools to place financial bets on who would give them higher grades: external examiners or their teacher.

Conducted by professors Amine Ouazad and Lionel Page, for the London School of Economic's Centre for Economic Performance, the report said:

"Male students tend to bet less [money] when assessed by a female teacher than by an external examiner or by a male teacher. This is consistent with female teachers' grading practices; female teachers give lower grades to male students.'

Nanny jailed for crying rape after one-night stand

Matt · 30 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Wealthy insurance broker Tina Greenland, 49, had sex with divorced Nicholas Mouna, 55, after employing her to care for his disabled daughter.

The mother-of-three texted him the next day saying she "had a lovely night" and that she hoped he didn't think she was "some kind of tart".

But when Mr Mouna gave a "half-hearted" response making it clear he did not want a relationship she accused him of "using" her.

Canterbury Crown Court heard how she then phoned Kent Police and claimed she had been raped after her drink had been spiked.

Mr Mouna was arrested and suspended from his job, which he later lost despite never being charged for the crime.'

Women’s athletics given stage to shine at Western

Robber748 · 30 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Forty years ago, a landmark piece of legislation, commonly referred to as Title IX, was passed in the purpose of ending discrimination. That piece of legislation paved the way for women’s athletics not only in the collegiate and high school level, but for all wanting to compete in an equal society.

Title IX allowed my mother, at the age of 14, to participate in sports on equal grounds. She was no longer shunned because she was a woman. Instead, she was given the right to enjoy sports, a joy she would soon share with her son.

When I was five years old and just beginning my first year of T-ball, it was my mother who was my first coach. At the time, she was the only female coach in Soundview Little League in Northeast Tacoma. That accomplishment, and my love for sports, spawned from the implementation of Title IX.'

I Only Hit You Because You Have A Job: Working Women And Domestic Violence

Mastodon · 30 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The study, conducted by two female researchers at Sam Houston State University in Texas (and supported by the university's Crime Victim's Institute) looked at the impact that education levels and employment status differences play in domestic or intimate partner violence in heterosexual couples and found that dual-incomed households were more than twice as likely to .

"When both male and females were employed, the odds of victimization were more than two times higher than when the male was the only breadwinner in the partnership, lending support to the idea that female employment may challenge male authority and power in a relationship," said Franklin and Menaker in a press release.
...
In other words, when women work, in pursuing wages, prestige and power or developing relationships outside the home, they undermine their partners, resulting in violence. I'm not prepared to accept the characterization of men as so base that they resort to violence when undermined or even emasculated by their partners, but according to this research, there does appear to be a link.'

Comment: Christmas advertising addressing child abuse

Matt · 30 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We have received a small number of complaints about a fundraising advert currently running on public transport in London and the South East of England (below) that portrays a father as a perpetrator of child abuse.

Our advertising and awareness literature represents all kinds of abuse and all kinds of perpetrators of abuse - whether male or female, young or old - and we work hard to find the correct balance in our campaigns.

The advert above happened to talk about a man, but many others talk about women.'

F&F: Parental Alienation is Child Abuse

Matt · 30 November 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, the Detroit Jewish News wrote an informative article on parental alienation: Parental Alienation: Children suffer most from their parents' inability to resolve conflict in a healthy way. It features one of our members, and another one of our members wrote a heart wrenching letter to the editor in response to the article. Neither chose to be identified. Both are concerned about the potential response of the custodial parent and their children and grandchildren.

During the holidays, parental alienation is particularly difficult for families to deal with. Many of you may relate to the letter one of our members wrote in response to the Detroit Jewish News article. It is a story Fathers and Families hears all too often. One that Fathers and Families wishes to end with shared parenting.'

Canada: Human rights complaint launched over girls' hockey time

Mastodon · 1 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A volunteer minor hockey coach in Stephenville has filed a complaint with the Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Commission about how girls are given an unfair league advantage.

Brent Watkins said there are two minor hockey leagues in Stephenville — a mixed league and an all-female league — but girls that are skilled enough to play in the mixed league are also allowed to play in the girls' league.

Watkins said that extra ice time is giving some girls an unfair advantage when competing for spots in the mixed league.

"A team is picked based on your skill level. [It] doesn't matter if you're a female or a male," he said.

"But if we allow more ice time for a female player then they have more advantages than a male player with skill development."'

USAID - In Celebration of Men: Stepping up for Male Circumcision

Minuteman · 1 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Posted by Emmanuel Njeuhmeli, Senior Biomedical Prevention Advisor, Office of HIV/AIDS

On November 19, the first ever International Men's Day was celebrated in over 60 countries around the world. It was an occasion to put the spotlight on men's health, improving gender relations, and recognize positive male role models who make valuable contributions to family, community and society. This year, we recognize and celebrate the hundreds of thousands of men in East and Southern Africa who are stepping up for Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) to protect their own health and that of their families.

We also recognize the political, traditional and community leaders who are leading the charge in their countries and local communities. For many communities, male circumcision has cultural significance representing a rite of passage from childhood to manhood. Ministries of Health are working closely with traditional leaders to ensure that male circumcision is medically safe while still respecting the meaning of the tradition. In 2011, I participated in one such ceremony with the Changaani tribe at an "initiation camp" in a remote area of southern Zimbabwe where adolescent boys learn what it means to be a man. Despite the cultural challenges, the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MOHSW) with support from PEPFAR and USAID, and in collaboration with traditional leaders, was able to provide these boys with safe male circumcision services.

In June 2012, I was again fortunate to witness the kind of male leadership we celebrated on Nov. 19. Mr. Blessing Chebundo, Chairman of Zimbabwe Parliamentarians against AIDS, and a group of fellow Zimbabwe parliamentarians, underwent voluntary medical male circumcision to inspire other men in their country to follow suit. Zimbabwe aims to circumcise 1.2 million men aged 13 to 29 years by 2015 with the potential impact of preventing 750,000 new HIV infections. It will take leading by example, as demonstrated by Mr. Chebundo, to get this done.'

US mum 'uploaded daughter's nude pic to Facebook'

Minuteman · 1 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

The quotation marks are from the original story headline. Link here. Excerpt:

'A US mother has been charged with child exploitation and child pornography possession after uploading a nude photo of her 14-year-old daughter to Facebook.

Police say Indiana woman Lynda Rusk, 50, used her daughter's phone to post the graphic photo.

Rusk denied any knowledge of the photo but police determined she was in possession of the phone when it was published on November 8, 2011.
...
Rusk was charged and released on bail on Thursday.'

Deputies: Mail carrier poisoned husband's tuna fish sandwich, tried to kill him

Matt · 1 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'BARTOW, Fla. - A Central Florida mail carrier was arrested on attempted murder charges after she tried to poison her husband's tuna fish sandwich, according to deputies.

Beth Dickison Richards, 37, of Lake Wales, was arrested Friday on charges of attempted first-degree murder, poisoning food with the intent to kill, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the Polk County Sheriff's Office, deputies were called to Richards' home Thursday night in connection with a poisoning case. Deputies said they met with Richards' husband, Gregory Lawrence Richards, and her step-sister, Jessica Jarvis.

Jarvis said Beth Richards told her earlier in the day that she tried to poison and kill Gregory Richards by crushing up multiple Trazodone pills and placing them in a tuna fish sandwich.'

'No More Mr. Nice Guy'

Matt · 2 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

I don't do this too often, but I want to endorse a book entitled No More Mr. Nice Guy by Robert A. Glover. From the outset, be assured that I have never met the book's author or communicated with him in any way, nor do I have any kind of financial interest in its sales, directly or tangentially. I am simply recommending it since it does such a very good job of explaining "Nice Guy Syndrome", examples of which abound in today's world.

It's my firmly-held belief that the only way MR issues are going to get into the ken of society is if men stop trying to live for/please women all the time and start thinking about what's good for them first. The author makes the case and quite convincingly that when people (of either sex) look out for their own needs first, everyone is eventually better off since a lot of relationship-wrecking sorts of things are avoided. It's counter-intuitive, but the main point is this: If you place everyone else's needs ahead of yours, not only will you not get your needs met, but guaranteed, you will not meet the needs or expectations of others. Net result: No one is happy, least of all you, and they will blame you for it. Is the First World not up its eyeballs in "Nice Guys" and tell me, how happy is everyone? Since men have been trained to be and are expected to be "Nice Guys", and as many of them have been at it for decades now, how is it working? Are either men or women really happier than in the past, particularly where romantic relationships are concerned?

I read this book quite some time ago but think this is a good time to mention it, since the end-of-the-year time is upon us and this is when people typically decide to make new year's resolutions. If you're a man who finds himself getting used by a partner (or others), or who is incessantly trying to please her (or him) but can never do anything good enough (by their or your own standards), and yet you just keep trying harder, thinking if you do, eventually things will be fine-- well, this is the book for you. And if this doesn't describe you but describes a man you know, feel free to share the fact of its existence with him.

India: 15,000 men to boycott all Aamir's films until he apologises

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Story here. Excerpt:

'After taking offense at Aamir Khan's* TV show Satyameva Jayate* (SMJ) for "projecting men in a bad light", several men's rights activists are now taking up cudgels against his film Talaash.

Anil Kumar, one of the founders of the Save Indian Family Foundation (SIFF), says, "We are protesting as we have been observing Aamir as an actor for a year now. He has portrayed anti-male agenda on his TV show and he has indulged in spreading male hatred in the society. The programme had only half-truths and was dangerous. The domestic violence issues were only one-sided. We have decided we are not going to watch Talaash or any of Aamir's movies and not just that, we will also urge people to stay away it as well. Why doesn't he take up real-life campaigns with other actors and really do something? We should also be against violence in movies and not just homes."'

Ed. note: Links added.

Uganda: Should a man get circumcised for his wife?

Mastodon · 2 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, health officials in Tororo said women were discouraging their husbands from undergoing circumcision, fearing that they may take long to heal, thereby denying them sex. So, should a man seek his wife's or fiancé's consent before going for the 'knife'?

According to Rita Zemeyi, a student at Kyambogo University, a man should not do anything without involving his wife.

"Circumcision is a sensitive issue. It is better if both partners talk about it. How can you be so selfish not to tell her?"

Zemeyi argues that if a man does not consult his wife, it may 'kill' the trust in the relationship and even go a long way in determining whether the relationship lasts or not.'

Cornell Police: Report of Attempted Rape on Campus Was False

Mastodon · 2 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An attempted rape reported to have occurred on campus this September did not in fact happen, Cornell police announced Thursday. Police say there is “irrefutable evidence” that the allegations were false and they may pursue charges against the person who made the attempted rape report, Chief Kathy Zoner said.

On Sept. 27, a female reported to the Cornell University Police Department that a male assailant had grabbed her on the Trolley Bridge — which connects Oak Avenue and the Engineering Quad — and dragged her into the adjacent woods before attempting to rape her. The female told CUPD that there she struggled against her attacker before she was able to strike him in the face and flee from the scene.

But after an “exhaustive investigation,” CUPD says the attempted rape did not occur and that the case has been closed.'

McMorris Rodgers Plays Gender Card In Leadership Bid

Mastodon · 2 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, D.C. — On the eve of the House Republican leadership elections, supporters of Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers are attempting to shore up support for her bid for Republican conference chair by touting, among other qualities, her gender.

A Republican leadership aide said McMorris Rodgers has been reminding colleagues about "her achievements with women's outreach and new media, her conservative credentials, [and] her profile as a young woman" in a last-minute pitch before the leadership elections tomorrow.

McMorris Rodgers has received an unexpectedly vigorous and public challenge from Rep. Tom Price, even as some within the House Republican leadership have attempted to persuade Price to drop his bid.'

In Israel, some rebel against circumcision

Matt · 3 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision is one of Judaism's most important laws and for generations of faithful it has symbolized a biblical covenant with God.

But in Israel, more and more Jewish parents are saying no to the blade.

"It's such a taboo in Israel and in Judaism," said Gali, nursing her six-week-old son, about the decision not to have him circumcised.

"It's like coming out of the closet," she said, asking to be identified by her first name only because she had not told her relatives yet.

Nearly all baby boys in Israel are circumcised. Be their parents ultra-Orthodox or totally secular Jews, it is by far the most common choice. Most Israeli-Arabs also keep with a practice that is widespread in the Muslim world.

Jewish circumcisions are done when the baby is eight days old. The majority are performed by a mohel, a religious man trained in the procedure carried out in a festive religious ceremony called a "brit", Hebrew for covenant.

But an increasing minority fear it is a form of physical abuse.

"It's the same as if someone would tell me 'it's our culture to cut off a finger when he is born'," said Rakefet Kaufman, who also did not have her son circumcised.'

SAVE Elert: Tell House Speaker Boehner: "VAWA must restore the presumption of innocence"

Matt · 4 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Congress is still being told by the domestic violence industry that the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) must be reauthorized this month.

Today, we're asking you to make one phone call, to House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner.

Call Speaker Boehner at 1-202-225-6205 and say, "VAWA must restore the presumption of innocence!"

Details: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/presumed-innocent/

Please take action!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Australia: Sunday school teacher jailed for sex with girl

Minuteman · 4 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The 39-year-old woman, who cannot be named to protect the identity of the victim, was on Tuesday jailed for three years and one month, but will be eligible for parole in 12 months.

The Melbourne woman began climbing into bed to kiss and touch the troubled 15-year-old after taking her into her family home in mid 2009, the Victorian County Court was told on Tuesday.

The abuse continued for six months and escalated to sexual penetration when the woman took the girl for a short trip away to Daylesford.

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Judge Sexton said she accepted the woman was facing an ill husband, late mortgage repayments and a son with an undiagnosed mental health problem at the time of the offending.

But she told the offender this did not excuse her crimes.'

Husband not told his daughter was up for adoption

Minuteman · 4 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A US woman allegedly failed to tell her husband that she was putting their daughter up for adoption days after he moved to the other side of the country for a new job.

Tira Bland gave birth prematurely and allegedly signed the child over to a family of seven in Utah soon after her husband went to South Carolina for a new job with the US Army.

She then cut all contact with her husband.

A Utah judge has now given the baby's new family 60 days to return the girl, but they say they'll fight his decision.

Lawyers for father Terry Achane, who is now divorced from Ms Bland, said it was a case of human trafficking.

"Children are being bought and sold," attorney Mark Wiser told The Salt Lake Tribune.

"It is one thing that (adoption agencies) have been doing with unmarried biological fathers.

"It is in a new area when they are trying to take a child away from a married father who wants to have his child."'

Woman claimed rape because the sex was bad

Mastodon · 4 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Tennessee woman was charged with filing a false police report when she admitted that she lied about being raped.

She confessed that she concocted the lie because she simply did not enjoy one of her recent sexual experiences, and that the experience was “bad.”

Lynette Lee of Clarksville, Tennessee first told police on November 23 that she had been raped in a hotel room by a man she had met through the dating website MeetMe.com. “Lee said once at the hotel the man removed her clothes and, despite her protests, had sex with her,” according to newschannel5.com.

The rape suspect told police that his sexual experience with Lee was consensual. But apparently it was nothing to write home about.

Lee asked police to drop the rape case four days later, on Nov. 27, claiming that she lied about the rape because “she did not enjoy (the sexual encounter) and it was bad,” according to police.'

Gordon Finley: Permanent alimony unfair to so many

Matt · 5 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Opinion piece here. Excerpt:

'However, if the family courts have assigned them permanent alimony, the golden years are enjoyed only by the ex-wife, as the former husband either is required to keep working or to continue to pay generally exorbitant sums to his ex from whatever he has left in old age.

Permanent alimony today is not fair to men, and soon will be unfair to women when the current gender gaps favoring females in education, occupation, and income kick in and will make them the payers.

Incomprehensibly, while most divorced children and parents can see what is happening, the minds of Florida's state legislators and family court judges are locked into the model of the 1950's family, with dad working and mom staying at home. This is about as realistic and relevant as The Flat Earth Society.'

Mother guilty of smothering children to death

Matt · 5 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CASTLE ROCK, Colo. — A Castle Rock mother was found guilty Tuesday of smothering her two children to death with a pillow.

Kelli Murphy's defense team asked the jury to consider a lighter charge for their client, who confessed to smothering her two children to death in May of 2011. The Douglas County jury chose to ignore that plea, finding Murphy guilty of two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of first-degree murder by a person in a position of trust.

Judge Vincent White immediately sentenced Murphy to two consecutive terms of life in prison without parole.

Prosecutors said Murphy killed her children, Liam, 9, and Madigan, 6, by smothering them at her Castle Rock home. Liam would have been 11 today.'

War On Men: The Economy is to Blame For the Male and Female Disconnect

Matt · 5 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Marriage has become a source of conflict for both male and females in the United States. According to the Pew Research Center, the number of newly-wed adults has steadily declined from 2008 to 2011. Fox News has interpreted this data as a result of women's changing role in society in a piece titled "The War on Men". However, the reality is much more complicated thanks to a significant shift in societal norms. Priorities have changed for both the American male and female. The changing environment has thus resulted in the failure of both sexes to meet on common ground regarding marriage.

According to other Pew Research data, 72% of American adults ages 18 and over were married in 1960. Today, only 51% of American adults are married. What has contributed to this trend? American society has certainly evolved over the past 40 years, changing the way in which men and women relate to one another.
...
No matter which perspective you may identify with, it is clear that both males and females are being greatly affected by the economic crisis. As national happiness is at historic lows, marriage rates have consequently suffered.'

U.S. Department of State Announces International Exchange with Female Volleyball Coaches from Gulf States

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'As part of its global Empowering Women and Girls Through Sports Initiative, the U.S. Department of State announced today that 10 female volleyball coaches from Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, and Yemen will travel to the United States to participate in a Sports Visitors program, where they will share their experiences as female athletes and coaches as well as learn about sports opportunities for women in the U.S.

From December 5-16, the delegation from the Gulf States will engage with their American counterparts in Washington, D.C., Louisville, KY, and Knoxville, TN. In addition, they will participate in discussions on Title IX, sports psychology, nutrition, and participate in teambuilding and leadership activities. They will also participate in events with the Special Olympics and the 2012 NCAA Women's Volleyball Championships.

This global initiative aims to increase the number of women and girls who participate in sports and builds on Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's vision of "smart power," which embraces the full range of diplomatic tools—in this case sports—to empower women and girls and foster greater understanding.'

UK: Women to escape prosecution under re-offending scheme

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women who commit crime will avoid prosecution by going on courses aimed at preventing reoffending under a controversial new scheme.

About 60 women a year will be assessed and referred to the Together Women project, a charity working across Yorkshire and the Humber region, which will provide support to tackle the cause of their offending and avoid prosecution.

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Cunningham, of Humberside Police, denied the initiative was a “soft option”, saying: “If somebody deserves to go into the criminal justice system they will do.”'

UK: How a feminist debate was derailed by asking all men to leave

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The opening night of the London Feminist Film Festival last Friday seemed like a huge success: Myriam Fougère's Lesbiana – A Parallel Revolution, about lesbian separatist communities in North America in the 1980s, was originally going to be screened at one of the smaller screens at the Hackney Picturehouse, but was moved to the biggest one after it sold out, and then sold out again. Unfortunately, the film didn't end up in the centre of the event. Chair Femi Otitoju managed to introduce the panellists – director Fougère, politician and activist Linda Bellos and anti-porn activist and academic Julia Long. But even before the floor was opened for questions, Long raised her hand and asked all the men in the audience to leave.

There was an instant uproar: lots of clapping, but also lots of booing. Many men and women got up and left, visibly disgruntled. Long then elaborated on her point, saying how "politically disastrous" it had been to allow men to attend feminist events and conferences in recent years (although she did not specify what the harm actually was). She made some further controversial claims, such as that heterosexuality can be a death sentence (no, that's conflating it with abuse), or that in the face of "off the scale" sexual violence and misogyny, there's nothing more threatening than women withdrawing from men completely (how very progressive and change-inspiring).'

'Man calls 911 saying wife stabbed him'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TOOELE, Utah (ABC4 News) – Women are usually the victims of domestic violence, but in rare cases men are victims too.

Mike Sorrels was allegedly stabbed by his wife, Tiffany Buhler, over the weekend. Excerpts from the 911 call he made are below.

Mike: Yeah, I've been stabbed in the chest. There's blood all over the place.

Operator: Mike, can you tell me who stabbed you?

Mike: My wife.'

State Department: Recipients of Women Entrepreneurs in the Americas Small Grants Announced

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'Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs Liliana Ayalde announced awardees for more than $1.5 million worth of small grants through the Women's Entrepreneurship in the Americas (WEAmericas) initiative during her trip to Trinidad and Tobago. Twenty-six grants will go to 16 Latin American and Caribbean countries, as well as two multi-regional projects, and will support women's entrepreneurship by developing and linking existing resources, programs, and infrastructure to create a stronger entrepreneurial environment for women entrepreneurs and women-owned businesses. The small grants were made possible by the Secretary's International Fund for Women and Girls and the Walmart Foundation.

Announced at the Sixth Summit of the Americas by President Obama and launched by Secretary Clinton, WEAmericas leverages public-private partnerships to increase women's economic participation and address three key barriers women confront when starting and growing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): access to training and networks, access to markets, and access to finance.'

Women’s group: Obama’s cabinet ‘clearly’ needs to be 50-percent female

Matt · 6 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The actual goal isn't 50%; you can bet your next ten paychecks on that. Excerpt:

'As President Barack Obama finalizes his second-term cabinet picks, the nation’s leading feminist group is pushing for more female appointments.

Currently, the president, who garnered 55 percent of the women’s vote on Election Day, has eight females in his 23-member cabinet. According the National Organization for Women, that number isn’t nearly high enough.

NOW president Terry O’Neill, in an interview with The Daily Caller, explained that she would like to see complete gender parity in Obama’s second-term cabinet.'

New ad on domestic violence targets males

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'The Authority for the Advancement of the Status of Women in Israel has a new target for their anti-domestic violence public service announcements now showing on major TV channels: men.

After years of encouraging women to call the 118 hotline to avoid continuing domestic violence or to find a safe shelter, the AASWI wants men to take responsibility and get help before they become abusive.

The shift is part of a worldwide trend to force men to take responsibility for domestic violence, rather than placing the burden on the victim to seek help.
...
“We need to find creative ways to increase the calls from men as well,” said Vered Swid, the organization’s director-general.

When men call the 118 number and ask for assistance, social workers can direct them to a variety of different services, including support groups, anger management courses, therapy, or temporary apartments to allow a “cooling off period” that enables the woman and children to stay at home rather than deal with a shelter.'

Gender Unemployment Shift from Previous USA Recession Reflected in Current Job Interview Statistics

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'The historical trend of females bearing the brunt of job losses was reversed for the first time in the recession of 2008, and with some experts predicting the United States is on the verge of confirming they are in yet another recession, statistics reveal that 70% of candidates now attending job interviews are men. The majority of candidates are aged between 20 and 30 years old, with almost half reporting they are not in any kind of employment. A further 1 in 10 indicate they are employed in temporary positions highlighting job insecurity and increasing under-employment concerns.

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"Unemployment statistics peaked for men in the United States in 2010, and while it is still early to determine the exact reasons why men were affected more than women, there could be various contributory factors. For example the number of women graduating in the United States has surpassed men in the last few years, and certain industries that have traditionally attracted a lot of female recruits, such as healthcare and retail, are areas where job growth has been noted since the onset of the great recession", said James Weaver, Director of FindEmployment. "It is difficult to witness the impact recession can have on anyone, so I would advise both men and women, to be open to the constant evolution of the job market and move past traditional gender occupation perceptions", he continued, "Prepare to look at future employment opportunities in sectors you generally would not consider especially if these pessimistic expert predictions come to pass".'

Barbara Kay: Women's Federation sells fear and hatred in place of facts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Surveys about perceptions are not science. As any expert in intimate partner violence will tell you, real physical abuse between intimate partners – both heterosexual and homosexual (lesbian inter-partner violence rates are higher than heterosexual) – is mostly bilateral. The actual intimate partner violence victimization rates for domestic violence in 2011 are 18.8% for women, and 19.8% for men. In other words, about one in five women will suffer abuse at the hands of men, and about one in five men will suffer abuse at the hands of women. And by abuse I do not mean rape: I mean everything from psychological control (bilateral) to pushing and shoving, up to flinging objects and knifings, which men and women do to each other in equal numbers. Most women will not be subject to rape or attempted rape in their lifetime.

About 67 women a year are killed by their intimate partners; so are about 40 men a year. In a nation of 35 million people, this figure is not indicative of an alarming or widespread social pathology.

But that is not the message the Canadian Women's Federation is spreading with this meretricious video. This ad promotes needlessly elevated fear for their safety amongst women and, more reprehensibly, promotes hatred of men as a group. Watch the video, "dislike" it, as I did, and tell them why.'

F&F: A Change in Ohio Statutes Could Prevent Similar Tragedies

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'Emilliano Terry, a 3 year Cleveland boy, is dead. His skull was fractured and his body deposited in a dumpster. His twenty year old mother has been charged with his murder.

It's been just over one week since Emilliano Terry was reported missing. In one month, our memories will fade and those of us outside of Emilliano's family and community will not remember him at all. He will be remembered as just another sad statistic of domestic violence. But now, one week later, as facts emerge concerning Camilia Terry, the boy's mother, it is obvious that Emilliano was living in a high risk environment and something should have been done. In fact, a lively round of the blame game has begun.

In this game, everyone associated with the mother is to blame. The maternal grandmother is to blame because she abused Camilia as a child - thus creating a cycle of abuse. The foster care system is to blame because it didn't do enough for Camilia when she was placed there when she was 14. The father, Shawn Dotson, is to blame because he didn't do enough to see his son. The paternal grandmother is to blame because she didn't fight hard enough for custody of her grandchild. Apparently everyone is to blame.'

'So I'm a feminist troublemaker for requesting some women-only space?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I am the kind of nutter that gives feminism a bad name. Barmy. A gender hating sexist misandrist. Childish. Selfish. Unsisterly. A saboteur and troublemaker who derails feminist debates by indulging in cheap tricks and meaningless grandstanding.

Such has been the assessment of my character and behaviour from certain quarters, following my participation on a panel after the London Feminist Film Festival screening of the glorious Lesbiana – A Parallel Revolution, a film that documents and celebrates lesbian feminism and separatism. According to a previous piece on Comment is free, I reputedly "asked all the men in the audience to leave", an intervention which was greeted with hearty applause from much of the audience, but also some consternation.

Except, for the record, that wasn't quite what happened. As the transcript of the event makes clear, what I in fact said at the beginning of the panel discussion was:

"I just wonder if there are any men that would like to show their solidarity and leave at this point, out of respect for autonomous women's space. It's a polite invitation, but I just thought you might like to consider it, as political allies. Thank you." [Cheers and applause.]
...
It is fascinating that such a mildly expressed invitation should have proved so controversial, and fascinating that the version of events collectively agreed by many "feminists" involves apportioning blame to me for "sabotaging" and "derailing" not just the event, but indeed the whole festival.'

France set to enact sweeping changes to sexual equality laws

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'The proposals will include "ABC of gender equality" lessons for children as young as six, the threat of imposing compulsory equal pay for men and women in the same jobs and tougher laws on domestic violence.

France's women's rights minister Najat Vallaud-Belkacem said: "This will become the third generation of equality legislation after women were given the right to vote in 1944 and abortion was legalised in 1975."

She made the comments on the day France called its first cross-ministry meeting on women's' rights in 12 years.

New draft laws outlined yesterday will allow the courts to accelerate restraining orders and trials for violent male partners and provide females considered under threat of violence with free emergency mobile phones to alert police.

Employers will be inspected to ensure men and women receive equal pay, and could be forced by law to raise a women's salary or lower a man's to ensure fairness in large companies.
...
In 2010, former president Nicolas Sarkozy introduced a law meaning married couples could be jailed for verbally insulting each other during domestic arguments.

The new offence of 'psychological violence' – aimed at protecting women from abusive men – covers violent threats, false accusations of infidelity and even insults over a partner's appearance, and is punishable by up to three years in prison.'

Antiquated Title IX laws keeping LSU from a men's soccer program

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Statistically speaking, more men walk onto teams than women do through a four-year period," said Associate Athletics Director and Senior Women's Administrator Miriam Segar. "We constantly monitor sports to see if the interest and ability on campus will allow us to add more women's sports."

The monitoring process at LSU includes surveys to gauge interest in sports throughout the area, looking at other SEC schools' women's programs and keeping tabs on several NCAA emerging sports.

If LSU added another men's sport, it would widen the gap in participation between male and female student-athletes.

The addition of a men's sport is handicapped by the Title IX requirements. If LSU added a men's program, it would limit its options of significant interest in another women's sport developed at the University.'

Nurse accused of killing Oldham baby in botched circumcision used ‘discredited’ procedure, court hears

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Grace Adeleye, 67, of Sarnia Court, Salford, denies manslaughter by gross negligence where 27-day-old Goodluck Caubergs died following the operation at his home.

The jury in Manchester Crown Court heard evidence from expert circumcision consultant Nigel Zoltie on the Nigerian religious ‘clamp and cut’ procedure used by Adeleye in the circumcision.

He said: “Bleeding is such a significant risk that it must be explained to the parents, particularly for the method used on Goodluck.”'

Affirmative action is sexism and misandry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Affirmative action on behalf of women is a form of misandry. I know this comment will provoke shrieks of outrage from the sisterhood, and I am not sure what the current definition of misandry is in the Macquarie Dictionary. However, although Wikipedia defines misandry as the hatred or dislike of men or boys, I am confident the Macquarie Dictionary can define it down as "indifference to the plight of men and boys", which is the sense in which I am using the word.

I am increasingly irritated by pompous statements from some of Australia's top chief executives as headlined in The Australian (Business 28/11/12) "Call for targets to get women to the top". These executives include Grant O'Brien from Woolworths, Qantas boss Alan Joyce, Telstra's David Thodey and ANZ's Mike Smith, who have all called for more companies to set targets for promoting women into leadership positions.

What immediately struck me about their statement is that not only does the setting of a target compromise or completely bypass the principle of employment and promotion on merit, but none of these CEO's has offered to give up his own job in favour of a woman. It is some other hapless bloke down the line who will miss out on a job or a promotion to make these CEOs feel good and imagine they are contributing to the enlightenment of the universe.'

Women Have Regained Greater Share of Jobs Lost in Recession Than Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Dec. 7, 2012 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- According to Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) analysis of the November employment report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), job growth improved, with 146,000 jobs added to nonfarm payrolls. Job growth was strong for women (91,000 jobs) and men (55,000 jobs).

Women's employment growth was aided by strong growth in retail trade (26,000 jobs added for women), education and health services (21,000 jobs added for women), leisure and hospitality (18,000 jobs added for women), and professional and business services (15,000 jobs added for women).

IWPR analysis of the BLS payroll data over the entire course of the recession and recovery shows that in November women passed men in the number of jobs regained in the recovery as a share of jobs lost in the recession. As of November, women have regained 54 percent (1.5 million) of the total jobs they lost in the recession from December 2007 to the trough for women's employment in September 2010 (2.7 million). The picture looks similar for men: men have regained nearly 52 percent (3.2 million) of the jobs they lost between December 2007 and the trough for men's employment in February 2010 (6.1 million).'

Parents sue school district after teen is strip searched in bathroom

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 15 year-old-boy was allegedly strip-searched by staff at a Chicago high school, and as a result, his parents are now suing the entire school district for violating their son's human rights.

The boy claims he was taken from detention by two security guards to a nearby toilet where he was ordered to stand against the wall whilst the male officer strip-searched him, and the female watched.

The boy's parents are suing the two guards, a Chicago police officer and an assistant principal, the school and its governing body, Chicago Public Schools.'

'The Real War on Women'

Matt · 7 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'A popular meme claims there is a “War on Women” in America. Unlike an actual conflict, this conflagration takes on as many metamorphoses as there are maniacs to proclaim it is occurring. For thinking individuals, “feminism” means equal rather than identical. Yet the only thinking done in this mêlée is the degree to which everyone thinks their opinion is right.
...
In all this kerfuffle things such as common sense, rational thought, and logical deduction have absolutely no place (that is, unless you happen to live in the three-fourths of the world as yet uninfected by such hysterical war whoops). Using any combination of the above does nothing more than demonstrate that you are hopelessly mired in patriarchal battle tactics and have no idea how real women wage warfare.'

'Camille Paglia: Taylor Swift, Katy Perry and Hollywood Are Ruining Women'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When Forbes released its annual list of Hollywood's highest-paid women in October, it was no surprise that Oprah Winfrey passed everyone else by a mile. Her vast media empire, pulling in $165 million last year, swamped her nearest competitor, Britney Spears, whose earnings from music, TV and product endorsements totaled a distant second at $58 million. Spears' career has made a spectacular recovery after what seemed like a squalid death spiral just a few short years ago -- but she's being given a run for her money by the new gals in town.

It's staggering that 22-year-old Taylor Swift earned $57 million and Katy Perry $45 million. How is it possible that such monumental fortunes could be accumulated by performers whose songs have barely escaped the hackneyed teenybopper genre? But more important, what do the rise and triumph of Swift and Perry tell us about the current image of women in entertainment?
...
...But middle-class white girls, told that every career is open to them and encouraged to excel at athletics, are faced with slacker white boys nagged by the PC thought police into suppressing their masculinity -- which gets diverted instead into video games and the flourishing genre of online pornography.'

Men more likely to die of cancer: study

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'Not only are men more likely than women to be diagnosed with cancer, among those who get the disease, men also have a higher chance of dying from it, according to a new study.

In an analysis of cases of all but the sex-specific cancers like prostate and ovarian cancers, for example, men with the disease were more likely than women to die in each of the past 10 years, researchers found.

That translates to an extra 24,130 men dying of cancer in 2012 because of their gender.

"This gap needs to be closed," said Dr. Shahrokh Shariat from Weill Cornell Medical College in New York, who worked on the study.

"It's not about showing that men are only doing worse and, ‘poor men.' It's about closing gender differences and improving health care" for both men and women, he said.'

Warren Farrell interview on recent Canadian university protest

Matt · 8 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Caption:

'Warren Farrell, named one of the world's top 100 thinkers, was stifled for the first time ever on a Canadian university campus.'

Pennsylvania woman killed boyfriend after she ‘smelled sex’ on him, prosecutor says

Matt · 8 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors say a northwestern Pennsylvania woman told her boyfriend she had "smelled sex" on him before she killed him earlier this year.

Thirty-one-year-old Rachel Kozloff is on trial in the April 12 killing of her boyfriend of eight weeks.

Investigators say Kozloff shot Michael Henry at his Erie apartment because she suspected him of cheating on her. Her then-10-month-old son was in a nearby room.'

SAVE E-lert: DED Shake-Up; Demand that Secy. Duncan Restore the Presumption of Innocence on Campus

Matt · 9 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

After a Duke Law Review article chided the Department of Education's Sexual Assault Directive for its "fatally inadequate discussion" and "unacceptable" and "perverse" effects on due process, Russlynn Ali resigned. Ali headed the Dept. of Education's Office for Civil Rights and was the lead author of the Directive.

Today, email or call Dept. of Ed. Secretary Arne Duncan with the message, "Repeal the Sexual Assault Directive!"

Email: arne.duncan-at-ed.gov
Call: 1-800-USA-LEARN (872-5327)

Nearly 90 editorials have criticized the Directive for ignoring civil rights, removing the presumption of innocence, and fostering false allegations: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/ded-editorials/

Let's end this nonsense now!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

State Department: Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Travels to Northern Ireland, etc.

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Nice work if you can get it. Link here. Excerpt:

'In Belfast, Northern Ireland December 7, Ambassador Verveer will deliver an address on Women, Peace, and Security at the University of Ulster. She will meet with women active in advancing the Northern Ireland peace process, as well as with representatives of the Women in Business Northern Ireland organization.

In Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 8-9, Ambassador Verveer will launch the South Asian Women's Entrepreneurship Symposium and deliver remarks.

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Continuing on to Stockholm, Sweden December 10-12, Ambassador Verveer will participate in the World Bank's Gender Advisory Council meeting, speaking on a panel to discuss post 2015 gender and development along with Nigerian Finance Minister Ngozi Okongo-Iweala and Under Secretary and Executive Director of UN Women Michelle Bachelet.

...

Ambassador Verveer will then join Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in Tunis, Tunisia on December 12 for the Forum for the Future Conference where she will participate in the women's empowerment session, and accompany her to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on December 14.'

Europe moves toward quotas for female CEOs

Mastodon · 9 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"If you want a transformative change, if you want something to move forward faster, you sometimes have to impose mechanisms to reach that," said Hilde Tonne, executive vice president and head of group industrial development at Norway's largest telecoms company Telenor.

She rejects criticism that quotas lead to tokenism, or the hiring of women who are not as qualified as men available for the same job.

"You want someone to be there because they are the best candidate," she said. "I think you get more and more competent women to choose from and you get more and more men that have had to compete with women so they are more competent now as well."

Others, including prominent businesswomen, say quotas interfere with the rights of companies to determine what is best for their businesses.'

'Watering down women on boards quota is not the way to go'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION recently approved proposals from justice commissioner Viviane Reding to have women in at least 40% of board positions by 2020. Unfortunately, following fierce opposition from a number of member states, including the UK, the proposals have been watered down and will not address the unconscious and political bias which blocks the progress of a pool of talented and aspiring senior women executives.

The proposals approved by the European Commission will require member states to put in place measures designed to ensure women hold 40% of non-executive board positions by 2020. These apply only to large listed companies and the proposal is for a common objective, rather than prescriptive regulations and sanctions.

In my view, this is an opportunity missed to address the discrimination inherent in our boards and the appointments process by implementing temporary compulsory gender quotas. Self-regulation has not worked and the current proposals allow member states and their large corporates to continue to pay lip service to the proven business case for diversity on boards.'

Ask Men: Top 10: Manhaters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You've probably met a few in your time: Women so embittered by the past wrongs they experienced from men that they want to write you, your friends and every other man off as a prick, a**hole or bastard. To put them on display, we've put together a top 10 list of manhaters.

These include a range of women who regularly trade on their hatred of men for their career to scorned women just tapping into their hatred. From consistent tirades against our gender to recent confessions to the media, one thing is clear: when a manhater enters the room, the temperature immediately drops a few degrees.

Ready to see which ice queens made the list? Here's our list of the top 10 manhaters.'

FB Hate Page: The Man Hater's Club

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Page here.

'Empowering Women since June 2010! Females rule the world!!!!

Mission
A place to vent, share, and discuss the jerkness of the opposite sex!'

Father is ready to turn page on Utah adoption horror story

Mastodon · 9 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This is a follow-up to this story. Excerpt:

'A 4th District Court judge says he is "astonished and deeply troubled" by a Utah adoption agency's deliberate move to circumvent the rights of a married man whose daughter was adopted at birth without his knowledge.

The Provo judge, while noting the birth mother had deceived her husband, the adoption agency and the prospective parents, has given the adoptive couple 60 days to give the child back.

In a 48-page ruling, Judge Darold McDade said the Adoption Center of Choice's policy of refusing to disclose any information to Terry Achane once he learned what had happened to his baby is "utterly indefensible."

Salt Lake City attorneys Mark and Scott Wiser, the father/son team that represented Achane, used even stronger language for what occurred.

"This is a case of human trafficking," said Mark Wiser. "Children are being bought and sold. It is one thing what [adoption agencies] have been doing with unmarried biological fathers. It is in a new area when they are trying to take a child away from a married father who wants to have his child."
...
During that hearing, a representative for the Adoption Center of Choice testified that it was "standard practice" to not provide any information when a father — married or not — of a prospective adoptive child called the agency. Kristi Freis told the court that although they knew Achane wanted his child, she and her husband felt they had no obligation to return the baby.
...
"Much of the pain and anguish in this case could have been avoided or at least substantially mitigated if the adoption agency had responded to Mr. Achane's initial requests for information concerning his daughter, and [his] request to have her returned to him back in July or August 2011," McDade said, adding that he hoped the case would "serve as a cautionary tale and prompt the Adoption Center to change its policies so situations like this never happen again."'

UK: Equal pay legislation has resulted in 'interminable litigation', judge claims

Broadsword · 10 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Equal pay litigation has reached "almost epidemic proportions" but has failed to eradicate unfair pay discrimination over the past few decades, a leading judge has claimed.

Lord Justice Mummery launched a broadside against the “interminable litigation” brought to employment tribunals, implying that workers and employers had better things to spend their money on than lawyers’ fees.

The aim of equal pay legislation was not to bring about endless tribunals but to put an end to sex discrimination in matters of pay - something that was taking “a very long time indeed” to achieve, he added.

The appeal court judge said: “Over 30 years of litigation have not eradicated unjustified pay discrimination against both women and men.

"Equal pay litigation in the Employment Tribunals has now reached almost epidemic proportions…

"The long-term goal of the equal pay legislation, which has been in force since 1975, is not, of course, interminable litigation between waged workers and their employers about their rights.'

Men suing Chicago for ignoring exculpatory evidence

Matt · 10 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Terrill Swift, Michael Saunders, Harold Richardson, and Vincent Thames – known as the “Englewood Four” – had their convictions for a 1994 murder overturned last year, after DNA evidence cleared them of guilt.

Richardson and Saunders spent 17 years behind bars before they were cleared. Swift and Thames served 12 years in prison, and had already been released when they were cleared.

Now, all four men are suing the city, Cook County prosecutors, and several detectives, claiming authorities ignored evidence that a career criminal, Johnny “Maniac” Douglas, was responsible for the murders. Last year, new DNA testing linked Douglas to Glover’s murder.

Swift was 17 years old, still in high school, and had never been in trouble, but another teenager from his neighborhood implicated him and three other boys in 1995 in the November 1994 rape and murder of a 30-year-old prostitute named Nina Glover.
...
He said the questioning lasted more than 12 hours, with officers often standing just a few inches away, and yelling at him: “You’re going to die in jail, you’re never going home.”'

Germany: Infamous rapist of men found dead

Minuteman · 10 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A woman labelled "the nymphomaniac of Munich" has been found dead after a drug-fuelled night with a neighbour.

Antje Crapnik, who has twice been arrested for kidnapping men and forcing them to have sex with her, was discovered unresponsive by the man she had just spent the night with.

The 47-year-old was treated for sex addiction in April after police smashed down the down the door to her apartment where she was holding DJ Dieter Schultz against his will, the Sun reports.

Schultz had willingly gone to Crapnik's home after the pair met, but when he tried to leave Crapanik locked the doors and hid her key.

She forced him to have sex with her five more times before he was able to contact police when she fell asleep.

Crapnik avoided any jail time but was forced to consult a psychiatrist for her addiction and admitted that she needed to have sex at least 10 times a day.

The treatment failed and just days after the first attack she was in trouble with the law again.
...
"My daughter was ill, a manic depressive. My Antje was a victim of men," Ms Crapnik's mother said.

"She only went on the pull when she had a manic phase."

An autopsy is yet to be performed on Ms Crapnik but police don't believe her death is suspicious.'

SAVE E-lert: Tell Eric Cantor, "the new definition of sexual assault must be removed from VAWA"

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A national survey showed most people favor reforming the Violence Against Women Act. SAVE agrees with the need for reform. We are especially concerned about VAWA's lack of presumption of innocence.

Let's do what we can to fix this. Since there are VAWA negotiations already going on, Eric Cantor needs to hear from you, ASAP! Call (202) 225-2815 and tell Sen. Cantor: "the new definition of sexual assault must be removed from the final version of VAWA!"

We may not have a lot of time left, so let's not waste a minute.

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Opinion: Teachers Accused of Sexual Misconduct: A Double Standard?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The recent arrest of Creekview High School teacher Blake Bearden for sexual assault caused many people to come forward and heap shame on the man for his transgressions.

On Canton-Sixes Patch, several comments were left on the article detailing Bearden's arrest that called the teacher a "pathetic scumbag," a "creep," and "the most disturbed man I've ever come in contact with."

This criticism may well be justified, depending on what the investigation of the case reveals, but what I find interesting is the reaction of people when a male teacher is suspected of misconduct with a student as opposed to a female teacher.

There are web pages that name "Hot Teachers Caught Sleeping With Students," all of whom are female. A popular response to news of a female teacher who is charged with misconduct with a student is, "Where were these teachers when I was a kid?" Instead of concern for the victim, praise is heaped on him or her (usually him) for his supposed conquest, and others lament that the victim "has nowhere else to go but down now."'

Former teacher (Debra LaFave) appealing ruling in Fla. sex case

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Story here.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - A former Tampa teacher convicted of having sex with a student wants the Florida Supreme Court to take her off probation.

An appellate court in August reversed a trial judge's decision to end Debra LaFave's 10-year non-prison sentence four years early. LaFave appealed to the Supreme Court in October and Thursday she asked the justices to let her remain off probation until they rule.

A three-judge panel of the 2nd District Court of Appeal also asked the high court to review its decision as a question of great public importance. The panel acknowledged the state had no right under Florida law to appeal the trial judge's decision but cited common law to reverse it.

LaFave pleaded guilty in 2005 to having sex with a 14-year old boy.'

Abuses at infamous Florida boys reform school even more widespread, report says

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Scientists have found 19 previously unknown grave shafts on the grounds of a notorious Florida reform school, suggesting that many more boys died there amid brutal conditions than had previously been known, the researchers said Monday.

The Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in Marianna, which was also known as the Florida State Reform School, closed in June 2011 after state investigators and the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division confirmed widespread abuse over many decades.

The state attributed its decision to close the school to budgetary reasons. Yet long before then, the institution had been the target of investigations and lawsuits alleging not only physical and mental abuse but also forced labor, rape and even murder of the young charges sent to its care since it opened in 1900.'

'Let's Give Chivalry Another Chance'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women, she said, "want to be treated like ladies."

Bennett and her fellow chivalry advocates have the right idea. "If women give up on chivalry, it will be gone," Sommers tells me. "If boys can get away with being boorish, they will, happily. Women will pay the price."

If feminists want to level the playing field between men and women, they should find common cause with traditionalist women, like those at ASU, on the issue of chivalry. Both groups are concerned with how men treat women. They just differ in what that means: Feminists want men to treat women as equals; traditionalists want men to treat women like ladies. Are the two mutually exclusive?

Chivalry is about respect. It is about not harming or hurting others, especially those who are more vulnerable than you. It is about putting other people first and serving others often in a heroic or courageous manner. It is about being polite and courteous. In other words, chivalry in the age of post-feminism is another name we give to civility. When we give up on civility, understood in this way, we can never have relationships that are as meaningful as they could be.

If women today—feminists and non-feminists alike—encouraged both men and women to adopt the principles of civil and chivalrous conduct, then the standards of behavior for the two sexes would be the same, fostering the equality that feminists desire. Moreover, the relations between the sexes would be once again based on mutual respect, as the traditionalists want. Men and women may end up being civil and well-mannered in different ways, but at least they would be civil and well-mannered, an improvement on the current situation.'

Women’s Studies and the Spread of Man-Hatred

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women’s Studies is not just the Big Mama of the “identity studies” rackets at North American institutions of higher education – it’s also arguably the most influential, its foundational tenets having become, on virtually every college campus, a rigid institutional orthodoxy that the individual student challenges at his or her peril. At the heart of that orthodoxy, of course, is the idea that we live in a “patriarchy,” in which male power and oppression are ubiquitous. One corollary of this view is that rape is not a crime committed by one twisted individual against a helpless victim but is, rather, a product of those universal male attributes, aggression and misogyny. As innumerable young men are informed at freshman orientation, they, and all other males, are potential rapists, every last one of them. Indeed, as one course after another, in a range of disciplines, strives to underscore nowadays, pretty much every negative phenomenon in human society can be traced to the poisonous needs and uncontrollable impulses of males, without whom there would, for example, be no war, no cutthroat competition, no violence of any kind.
...

Well, you can certainly say that again. Alas, this is the true face of Women’s Studies – a “discipline” that, at its core, has nothing whatsoever to do with education in any objective sense and everything to do with the inculcation of an unreasoning enmity for an entire sex (and that includes inculcating self-hatred in young men). These pointlessly angry young women have been taught by their feminist professors that they’re victims of the patriarchy, and they’ve bought the whole thing hook, line, and sinker; but they’ve also been taught – by, perversely, the very same professors – to think and act like authoritarian thugs, gangsters in the service of what is, when you come right down to it, and whether or not they realize it, nothing less than an ideology of hate.'

New Zealand: 'Economic abuse' to be put on par with domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women's Refuge says a law change to put economic abuse - such as excessive control over the purse strings - on a par with violent abuse will help to counter the view that only physical abuse amounts to domestic violence.

"Economic abuse" will be included in the definition of domestic violence in major reforms to the Family Court which will go before Parliament for the first time today.

Examples of economic abuse include restricting access to money, extorting or spending someone else's money, or preventing someone from working.

Women's Refuge head Heather Henare said "economic abuse" was an issue for abused women as well as disabled or elderly people with caregivers or other family members who had some control over their finances. She said the change would make it easier for women to recognise it as a true form of abuse.'

Ed.: Also see this article. Check out that picture of a menacing male figure in a doorway. No anti-male fear-mongering here, is there?

Op-Ed: False Rape and Alleged Historic Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When is a man guilty of rape? When he is accused by more than one alleged victim, according to one MP. Fortunately, the law sees things differently.

It is widely believed that rape is a greatly under-reported crime; not everyone shares this view, especially the False Rape Society*. As they point out, no one knows for certain how many genuine rapes are not reported. The flip side is rapes that are reported but never occurred, and the sad thing is that it doesn't take much of a search to unearth a mass of these.'

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*This off-linked piece is a must-read. Highly recommended.

SAVE Applauds Proposed Suspension of Prosecutor Mary Kellett

Matt · 12 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON/December 11, 2012 – A Maine bar association panel has recommended the suspension of prosecutor Mary N. Kellett, two years after the state Supreme Court reprimanded Kellett for unethical actions. SAVE applauds the panel's decision, and calls for stronger oversight of prosecutor conduct.

SAVE – Stop Abusive and Violent Environments – a victim advocacy organization, deplores the fact that frivolous prosecutions harm the credibility of victims and waste scarce taxpayer resources.

In September 2010 the Maine Supreme Judicial Court rebuked Assistant District Attorney Kellett for numerous irregularities in prosecuting a rape claim against Vladek Filler. Despite the decision, Kellett continued to prosecute sexual assault cases that lacked DNA evidence, independent witnesses, and credible allegations, SAVE alleges.

On March 29, 2011, SAVE filed a Grievance Complaint with the Board of Overseers of the Bar calling for Kellett's disbarment "in order to assure the safety and tranquility of the citizens of Maine:" http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp/campaigns/abuse-hysteria-campaign/

On April 6, 2012, the Board of Overseers of the Bar issued a Disciplinary Petition concluding Mary Kellett acted in a manner "unworthy of an attorney" for violating nine rules of attorney conduct.'

Senators: Girl power would get 'fiscal cliff' deal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Would there be a deal that avoids going over the "fiscal cliff" if women were in charge of Congress and the White House?

Female senators resoundingly said "yes" in an interview with ABC News.

"I think if we were in charge of the Senate and the administration that we would have a budget deal by now," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, as 18 of her female colleagues nodded their heads in agreement. "What I find is with all due deference to our male colleagues that women's styles tend to be more collaborative."
...
"I think by nature we are less confrontational and more collaborative," said Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo. "Not only do we want to work in a bipartisan way, we do it."'

AVFM Forums

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AVFM forums are available here, just giving them another plug.

Men`s Rights Are human Rights!

Mom, 35, 'had sex with four underage boys she met through her son, aged ten'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother has been accused of having sex with four underage boys she met through her ten-year-old son.

Courtney Sue Reschke, from Idaho, is alleged to have plied the teens - all 15-years-old - with alcohol before having sex with them at her home.

Police said the 35-year-old was engaged in a sexual encounter when her five-year-old child tried to get into the bedroom at her home in Kuna, Idaho.

An arrest report revealed Reschke ignored her son and continued to have sex.

The 35-year-old met the teens through her oldest son who is aged ten. She was charged with two counts of felony injury to a child and felony lewd conduct with a child under 16.

Investigators said their investigation is still ongoing and Reschke could face further charges.'

F&F: Bring Fathers and Families to Your State

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Article here. Excerpt:

'My dream for Fathers and Families is to build a strong affiliate in every state. Fathers and Families is on its way to making this a reality. Get ready. We are coming to your state.

With your gift – and enthusiastic volunteers – we are building in Massachusetts, Ohio, California, Georgia, Kentucky, and Washington.
...
Massachusetts, where we started, is leading the way. We secured a place for our founder, Ned Holstein, on Governor Deval Patrick's Working Group on Child-Centered Family Law. The legislature is looking to this Working Group for its recommendations on massively overhauling family law, and Ned is advocating for shared parenting.'

Hillary Clinton admits US material support of al-Qaeda affiliates in Syria

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Story here. So, al-Qaeda is an alliance of Islamists who seek the imposition of Sharia throughout the Middle East (to start), and eventually, the world. Sharia requires, among other things, for women to be subservient to men in a multitude of ways, in particular to be subservient to their fathers first, then after marriage, to their husbands. They are expected and required to remain veiled in public and behave in an "Islamic fashion befitting a female," or words to that effect. Yet Hillary Clinton, our Secretary of State and world-famous feminist, admits publicly that the US has been supporting al-Qaeda affiliates in Syria-- the same goons that fought against and killed U.S. troops in Iraq, no less. My goodness, politics sure does make for strange bedfellows. Wonder how her Secretary-of-Stateness reconciles this with her long-held feminist ideology? Wonder how her boss reconciles it? We'll probably never know. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton has admitted that Al-Qaeda is supporting the Syrian rebels, who are backed by the Obama administration with $200 million dollars in aid. According to McClatchy Newspapers one of these groups, Al Nusra Front, an Al-Qaeda affiliate, is now conducting “the heaviest frontline fighting” in Syria and has been responsible for terrorist attacks. Impartial observers such as Dr. Jacques Beres say the majority of rebels in Syria are foreign extremists whose goal is to impose Sharia law. These rebels have also been filmed burning U.S. flags and chanting anti-American slogans. Funding terrorists is a crime under the National Defense Authorization Act. Such activity has had disastrous consequences in the past, such as 9/11. We demand all support direct or indirect to cease immediately.

Petitions posted on the WhiteHouse.gov website have to obtain a minimum of 25,000 signatures to mandate an official White House response. Only American citizens who register an account are allowed to sign.

The petition is timely given that 29 different Syrian opposition groups this week pledged their allegiance to Al Nusra, an Al-Qaeda-affiliated group which, as the New York Times reported on Saturday, “killed numerous American troops in Iraq,” dismissing the notion that Al Nusra is merely is one “bad apple” amongst the rebels. In reality, the United States is backing an uprising that has placed the imposition of Sharia law and the ultimate destruction of the United States at the core of its long term agenda once Assad is deposed.
...
In continuing to fund an uprising that is being led and executed by known terrorists while being supported by their rebel allies, the United States is breaking its own law, the National Defense Authorization Act, which specifically criminalizes support for any “associated forces” of terrorists.'

Parents of strip-searched boy sue North Carolina school district

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Story here. I'm certain sexual assault charges would be filed if a male principal did this to a young girl. Excerpt:

'A 10-year-old North Carolina boy whose parents say he was traumatized when strip-searched by an assistant principal have sued district officials, alleging a violation of the boy's constitutional protection from unreasonable searches and seizures.

In an 11-page complaint, Clarinda and Lionel Shawn Cox allege their son, Justin, was searched for a missing $20 bill by former Union Elementary School Assistant Principal Teresa Holmes in June. A fifth-grader at the time, Justin was taken aside by Holmes — who has since reportedly retired — to be searched after a female classmate dropped coins on a cafeteria floor and he retrieved them, according to the lawsuit.

“[Holmes] ordered J.C. to remove his shoes, socks, pants, and shirt,” the complaint reads. “When J.C. was stripped down to his undershorts and undershirt, [Holmes] put her fingers inside the waistband of J.C.’s undershorts and ran her fingers around the waistband. [Holmes] also lifted J.C.’s undershirt and searched his bare torso.”

Holmes ultimately did not find the missing $20 bill, which was later found on the cafeteria floor by another teacher. Clarinda Cox later returned home that day to find Justin waiting outside for her, which “was unusual,” according to the lawsuit.'

Sweden: Municipality beginning to address issues for fathers after divorce

Matt · 14 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Translated article here. Excerpt:

'Welfare targeted recently criticized Kungsbacka Municipality for case management in child custody disputes. She does not believe that her management is unique, but that it is a historical legacy of seeing the mother as the natural guardian in social services throughout the country.
...
Thorbjorn Leu, who has experience of a custody battle in which he felt unfairly treated by the social services, was one of the participants at the meeting. Today, his situation resolved well. He feels they have a good relationship with his children and his ex-wife. Now he has taken the fight to other men's rights by at their leisure to engage in the newly formed Men's and family shelter where he will impact both in Kungsbacka on the national level by courting politicians in parliament.'

SAVE Urges High Court to Impose Sanctions to Curb Prosecutorial Misconduct

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON/December 13, 2012 – Following a bar panel recommendation to suspend the license of prosecutor Mary N. Kellett, SAVE is urging the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to act promptly to affirm and restore fundamental legal principles of due process and the presumption of innocence.

In its December 5, 2012 decision, a panel of the Board of Overseers of the Bar concluded Assistant District Attorney Kellett violated at least seven Maine Bar Rules. The panel then recommended the Hancock County prosecutor be sanctioned with a “period of suspension.” The panel’s recommendation now goes to a Maine high court justice for a final decision:
http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/index.php?topic=mebar_overseers_discipline&id=464815&v=article'

'Malignant Narcissism in Circumcision'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(MONTEREY, CA) - The American Academy of Pediatrics crafted a criminally based Circumcision Policy Statement justifying male abuse and molestation. Advisory members from other medical specialties included, in part, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Urology and Family Practice as well as the Centers for Disease Control. Obstetricians perform most circumcisions. Pediatric Urologists often repair errors with some making that their entire practice.

RADM Preston's 1970 article in the Journal of the American Medical Association stated there are over 100 fatalities annually from circumcision.[2] This prompted the Pediatrics association to issue a Policy Statement in 1971 against routine efficacy. Policy has been blandly upheld until now. Yet, the practice continued despite. And fatalities continued. In 42 years the conservative estimate of deaths are 4,200. The numbers are more likely than not from required Reportable events which occur only at the time and place of incidence - if made at all.[3]

Recently the American Academy of Pediatrics failed advocating the most minor genital assault on females because of public backlash. But the practice continues underground. Males also need protection. The Sacrificial Male must cease. The Sacrificial Child must cease.[4,5,6]'

Shrill backlash to men’s rights advocate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Farrell is enormously respected for his challenge to the assumption that men have total power, and he is also controversial because he has questioned some of the statistics about abuse, rape and gender imbalance.

He supports his claims with a great deal of research, of course, but none of this matters to those who would silence him. There were around 100 of these fanatics at the university before he spoke, ripping down posters, threatening and insulting anybody who tried to attend the lecture, and explaining as only heavily funded students can do, “You should be f---ing ashamed of yourself, you f---ing scum” to those with whom they disagreed. There is ample video evidence.

They gave Nazi salutes to the police and screamed in their faces that they were “f---ing scum and f---ing pigs,” including to the women police officers.

Why some of them were not arrested is beyond me, as they were clearly physically intimidating other people. But failure to arrest violent thug leftists is now common at such events.

The ugliness and stupidity of the mob was invincible. Caked in bad makeup and piercings, their faces creased in hatred and self-loathing, they screamed at Farrell and anybody who wanted to hear him — supporters or opponents — and tried to block all of the exits and entrances. They laughed at and abused anybody who told personal stories about tragedy and suffering, chanted that men’s rights groups were hate groups, and proudly stated their intention was to close down the event and prevent free speech.'

Could women really have solved the fiscal cliff?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If women were running the show, this whole fiscal cliff thing would be solved.

That was the essential message that came from Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and that was greeted with nodding approval by the female senators of the 113th Congress in an interview with Diane Sawyer taped Tuesday. Collins shared that “I think if we were in charge of the Senate and of the administration, that we would have a budget deal by now.” She went on to say that “what I find is, with all due deference to our male colleagues, that women’s styles tend to be more collaborative.”

But would they really? Research doesn’t wholly support it.
...
Still, the differences between male and female leadership styles are actually pretty small. And often, our image of women as collaborators—making peace between everyone from warring colleagues to squabbling toddlers—doesn’t actually come from our experience with how women behave when they’re placed in top leadership roles. For instance, writes leadership professor Ronald Riggio over at Psychology Today, when women in top jobs are studied, they “seem to exhibit the same sorts of leadership behaviors as their male counterparts.”'

Student Accepted Into Program After False Rape Complaint

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Story here. Excerpt:

'VERNON — A student charged with falsely claiming she was raped by a group of men at UConn the weekend students moved onto campus, triggering an alert to more than 30,000, was accepted into a program Wednesday that could lead to the erasure of her charges.

Isabella Himmel, 20, of Chicago was arrested Sept. 19 and charged with second-degree falsely reporting an incident, second-degree making a false statement and second-degree breach of peace.

...

Investigators reviewed surveillance video of her leaving each bar and, eventually, walking on Route 195. Although she wasn't always in view, police never saw her getting attacked, running or taking off her boots.

Her friend told investigators that when Himmel left Ted's, she was upset he "wasn't paying attention" to her, police said.

When Himmel talked to police again, she agreed that she was "moody" that night, the warrant states. She also told police that she was no longer sure that she had been sexually assaulted, it states; she may have been kicked.'

Ken Burns: Duke Lacrosse Team 'Mildly Inconvenienced' by False Rape Charges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Burns brought up the 2006 Duke Lacrosse case, in which three students were accused of sexually assaulting a stripper, during an interview with The Phoenix in Boston:

In the same issue as your interview we are also running a profile of Damien Echols. What are the similarities and differences between this case and that of the West Memphis Three?

[Burns] Basically both are instances where society deems someone an "other" and treats them as such, contrary to the actual facts of the case. And you can also compare the Central Park Five to the Duke University lacrosse players, three rich white boys who were mildly inconvenienced by rape charges that proved to be false. In no time the prosecutor of that case was fired, disbarred, and put in jail, and the three ended up getting a huge settlement.'

Tears and forgiveness as Longview dad, daughter speak on false rape allegations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Longview father, wrongly accused of raping his own child tearfully spoke out on national television with his daughter at his side.

Cassandra Kennedy was 11 years old in 2001 when she accused her father of rape. Now, as a 23-year-old, she apologized to her now-free dad on "Katie."

"Thank you for being a good dad and I'm sorry for my wrong perspective as a child about you," she told her dad, Thomas Edward Kennedy, on the show. "I'm glad you're here for me now."

Last January, Cassandra told police she made up the rape allegations when she was a child.

"I was just angry and upset because I felt like he wasn't around enough and you know, broken promises and stuff like that," Cassandra said. Host Katie Couric asked her if she had just wanted more of her dad, "I did. I wanted more of my dad."

Thomas denied the rape allegations at the time but was convicted and sentenced to more than 15 years in prison. After serving nearly a decade, he was released and all charges against him were dismissed.'

Shocking footage shows teacher dragging blind student, 6, down a hallway 'because he refused to go to class'

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"A special education teacher has been placed on administrative leave after a shocking surveillance video emerged of herI dragging a six-year-old blind student down a school hallway.

The teacher, who has not been identified, is seen grabbing the youngster by one of his ankles and pulling him along on his back as another teacher holds his other leg, and a third staff member walks behind.

The alleged ringleader, who now faces child abuse charges, told police in Santa Fe, New Mexico that she moved the boy after he refused to go to another classroom when told to do so.

The boy, who has also not been named, appears helpless in the video as he reaches to protect his head. He complained about head pain to the nurse afterwards, but did not need medical treatment.
...

The second teacher in the video also faces child abuse charges. She is a contract employee in the Special Education Department and police said she has not cooperated with the investigation.
...
Dobyns added that the youngster's family did not want to press criminal charges against the teacher after the school told them about the incident.

'The boy's parents like this teacher,' she said. 'This teacher has been working with their child for quite some time.'"

State Department: "RT Girls! Program" Launch at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology

Minuteman · 15 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Tara Sonenshine and Acting Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Rose Gottemoeller will co-launch the “RT Girls! Program” at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology on Wednesday, December 19 at 2:00 p.m. The “RT Girls! Program” is designed to encourage girls to pursue studies and careers in the science, technology, engineering and mathematic (STEM) and international security fields, public diplomacy, and other sectors with technology applications. The program will have subsequent outreach activities in high schools around the DC metro area with the eventual goals of expanding internationally.

During their visit to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, the Under Secretaries will speak to 40-50 girls about their educational and professional experiences, learn about students’ STEM-related projects, share career possibilities in related fields, and participate in a Q&A session.

Empowering women and girls in STEM is a priority for the Obama Administration.'

It's time feminists stopped blaming all men for violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I will not bear the collective guilt of liberal homogenizations. Being a man does not make me guilty of misogyny. I reject the collective guilt implied by the radical feminist provocateurs of Dec. 6.

I did not arrest, imprison or kill Japanese people during the Second World War. I did not slaughter native people on the move westward by white Europeans in the 19th century. And I did not murder 14 innocent women at the Montreal Polytechnique in 1989.

I get the point that women are still mistreated in Canada, still bullied and discriminated against, still assaulted and killed by evil men. But I am not a piece of Janice Kennedy's collective "male as guilty context." It's not her insinuated guilt that I rail against. It's the direct attack on my gender - that being a man is somehow less worthy of the respect and dignity afforded to all people.'

Men Who Disagree With You Are Not Evidence Of Misogyny (Or Trolls)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Misogyny is a real thing. It is a real thing, it exists, there are societal biases against women all over the place (I tried to begin listing them, but I figured you didn't want to read a 40 page long article). It is not a made up term. And there are many ways it manifests itself.

However, it is notable that none of those ways are evident in Sarah Jaffe's "Memories of My Misogynist Trolls*" piece on Jezebel. The only thing the much discussed pieces seems to indicate is that if you pick disagreements with people they will yell at you. Just as people have been doing with other people essentially since the dawn of time.
...
This is certainly a story about gender, but not the way Jaffe thinks it is. If Jaffe had been a man who interrupted someone's conversation and demeaned their opinion – in a bar, where people had been drinking, and thanks to the presidential election tensions were already high, although, to be fair, you do not find many tea-party members at bars in Greenpoint – he certainly would have been yelled at. There is a very high chance that a physical altercation might have occurred. And no one would have sat around patting man-Jaffe on the back to soothe him, because, well, it's understood that if you provoke arguments with strangers that's a possible outcome.
...
You're a feminist because you don't like men yelling at you? That is not a reason to be a feminist. That is a reason to join a role playing community with a strong emphasis upon chivalry.

Being a woman and being a feminist does not give you a free pass to go around antagonizing strangers with no repercussions. Feeling shaky and victimized afterwards certainly doesn't make you a feminist hero, it makes you a person who does not anticipate other people's responses well. There is, to my memory, no episode of the Mary Tyler Moore show where she goads a guy into a bar fight and then, after he is ejected, sits at a table, tearily murmuring "I'm a feminist. A feminist" to her friends.'

'Connecticut shooting, white males, and mass murder'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I want to say this next bit very carefully. It is absolutely true that white men have lost a lot of power in the last few decades. Inasmuch as these shooters are angry about feelings of powerlessness, their feelings are at least understandable. However, white men needed to lose a lot of power. Without exaggerating, one could say that a history of America is a history of white men lording power over... pretty much anyone who wasn't a white man. If America was ever going to truly be a land of equality, white men needed to lose their power.

The thing is, losing power hurts. That's the "aggrieve" part of aggrieved entitlement. It's one thing for a bunch of white men to feel hurt because they are no longer the kings of their own private castles, rulers of all they survey. It's another thing for them to feel like they're entitled to power, and more importantly, entitled to punish others for taking it away. And that -- aggrievement plus the feeling of entitlement -- is what may well drive people like Adam Lanza to these horrific crimes.

There's another point of commonality for many -- perhaps most -- of these crimes. Most of the perpetrators end up dead. Many kill themselves at the end of the spree, while others commit what is known as "suicide by cop," forcing police to shoot them rather than submit to arrest. This tendency is consistent with aggrieved entitlement. Masculinity, for many white men, is identical to sense of self. To be a man is literally the same as being masculine. This is particularly true of men in strongly Conservative Christian areas where homosexuality and femininity are equated. For some of these men, to be stripped of masculinity is to be redefined as nothing worthwhile. When someone feels like nothing, suicide often feels like a reasonable option. For someone who's really, really mad about feeling like nothing, taking revenge first may add a bit of satisfaction and righteous vengeance.'

Stop the Violence Against Women Act's war on men

Matt · 15 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) claims to fairly protect all victims of domestic violence, in reality it intentionally discriminates against about half of the victims — men ("Progressive groups pressure House GOP to pass Violence Against Women Act," Dec. 11).

First, social science research literature is unambiguously clear. Domestic violence is initiated about equally by men and women; slightly more women than men are physically harmed, but men nonetheless still represent more than 40 percent of the physically harmed victims; the domestic violence initiation rates for women, and especially young women, have been rising; and the domestic violence rates for bisexuals, gays and lesbians all are higher than for heterosexual couples. Yet men receive no protection under the current versions of VAWA under consideration.

Second, the ideological foundations of VAWA discriminate against men. Conceptually, VAWA is based on the Duluth Power and Control Wheel model, which falsely presumes that all domestic violence is perpetrated by evil patriarchal males against virtuously innocent females. There is no research support for this false gender ideology.'

Woman charged with missing husband's murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Hopewell, N.Y. — Rose Chase, of Stanley, was charged today with second-degree murder in the death of her husband, Adam Chase, who had been missing since June, said Ontario County District Attorney R. Michael Tantillo.

Rose, 31, was arraigned this morning in Canandaigua City Court, Tantillo said. She is being held at the Ontario County Jail without bail and is due back in court on Wednesday, Dec. 19, for a preliminary hearing.

According to investigators, Adam Chase left his home after an argument with Rose, his wife of 11 years, at approximately 11:30 a.m. June 14. He was 31 at the time of his disappearance, said Ontario County Sheriff Phil Povero.'

'Skiing in Engelberg: girl power in the Swiss Alps'

MikeJH · 16 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

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'Male readers are probably now thinking two things: “Man up” and “Three female skiers in Engelberg? Unusual…” To address the first point, the growing popularity of women-only ski classes and clinics suggests that I’m far from alone in finding an all-female environment a more supportive and forgiving one in which to learn.
...
The premise is simple: female skiers and boarders who book at least four nights’ accommodation in Engelberg during Ladies’ Week (which runs from January 19 to 27 in 2013) receive a free lift pass for the duration of their stay, saving £136 on a four-day pass (£187 on a six-day pass). Participating women also benefit from a complimentary run with an instructor, spa access and a schedule of social events throughout the week, with free entrance to night clubs and drinks in selected bars.'

Woman drains ex’s retirement account

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'Divorce is a tough experience, but such hardship doesn't cut you any slack if you don't stay on top of your retirement paperwork, as one poor fellow discovered.

Imagine this scenario: After 11 years of marriage, you and your spouse call it quits and you move out of the house. After you leave, a letter from your former employer is delivered to the house that your ex now resides in. The envelope is clearly marked: "To be opened by addressee only." Your ex opens it and discovers there's a new procedure in place to access your retirement funds online. After following the procedures, your ex drains the account in four months.

This happened to Michael Foster of Tulsa, Okla. He lost $42,126.38 altogether -- and didn't even find out about it until January of the following year, when he received a tax form from the plan provider reporting a distribution of that amount. Foster sent a letter to his former employer's plan administrator, "claiming potential fraud, as I did not request withdrawal from my plan and I did not authorize any disbursement from this plan," according to court documents.'

Strip Search Of 10-Year-Old Prompts Complaint Against Elementary School

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'The parents of a 10-year old Union elementary school student have filed a complaint against the school for strip-searching their son to find an allegedly stolen $20 bill.

In a complaint filed against assistant principal Teresa Holmes on Dec. 6, the family of Clinton, N.C., fifth-grader Justin Cox allege their son was ordered to remove his socks, shoes, pants and shirt so the principal could conduct a manual search for a $20 bill that was inevitably found in the cafeteria.

Holmes defended her actions saying that several other students and a few other faculty members told her the money was missing and they had seen the fifth-grader dive below the table for it. The court filing states that Holmes told the boy “he left her no choice and that she had to search him,” when the boy pulled out his pockets and didn’t produce the allegedly stolen money.

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She told the 10-year old that she had the authority to search him “because teachers and other students thought Justin had the money.”

However, another teacher came into the office at the same time and said that the money had “miraculously” been found on the floor of the cafeteria.

Holmes defended her actions after the fact, telling WRAL-TV, “Any staff member who has ever worked with me knows that I care for my students and that even when I have to discipline them, I love them.”

Holmes hugged the boy and apologized, but Justin’s mother says this is not enough.'

Connecticut mass-murderer's mother implicated in "motivation"

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'The mother of the loner who massacred 26 pupils and staff at a US primary school may have played a major part in his catastrophic mental breakdown, it emerged last night.

Friends and family portrayed Adam Lanza's mother Nancy as a paranoid 'survivalist' who believed the world was on the verge of violent, economic collapse.

She is reported to have been struggling to hold herself together and had been stockpiling food, water and guns in the large home she shared with her 20-year-old son in Connecticut.

Mrs Lanza, 52, was a 'prepper' – so called because they are preparing for a breakdown in civilised society – who apparently became obsessed with guns and taught Adam and his older brother, Ryan, how to shoot, even taking them to local ranges.'

'A bigot in a bra'

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'This week, Esther Walker - wife of celebrity food critic Giles Coren - wrote a lacerating opinion piece about her casual sexism towards men and boys.

The article, which no doubt delighted the likes of Harriet Harman and Suzanne Moore, garnered more than 1,400 reader comments and sparked global offence (from both genders) after it poured vitriol on her unborn child for possibly being male.

'I can only deal with one man in my life... and sometimes that's one too many,' she spewed, probably over some middle class macaroons or an elderflower torte.

'I know very little about boys, but what I have seen I really haven't liked. Boys are gross; they attack their siblings with sticks, are obsessed with toilets, casually murder local wildlife and turn into disgusting teenage boys and then boring, selfish men.'

She then said she would 'die' if her baby was born male, claimed that she was 'deeply, deeply suspicious of little boys,' before describing them as the 'dreaded gender'.'

'Guns and the Decline of the Young Man'

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'This is merely anecdotal evidence, not social science, but I believe that it is indicative of a sort of infection spreading in our collective brain, one that whispers to the American subconscious: “The young men are in decline.”
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Certainly, there are young men who are paragons of success: the entrepreneurs of Silicon Valley, the sharply dressed bankers, the swarms of brilliant graduates who receive their diplomas each year. And there are heroes who fight our fires, soldiers who fight our wars and the first-responders who are the first to set eyes on the dead children’s bodies at the scenes of mass shootings. But more young men these days are avatars of soldiers rather than soldiers themselves.
...
I would argue that maleness and whiteness are commodities in decline. And while those of us who are not male or white have enjoyed some benefits from their decline, the sort of violence and murder that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary will continue to occur if we do not find a way to carry them along with us in our successes rather than leaving them behind.'

'Will women-only clubs catch on in macho Spain? '

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'In London a friend was waxing lyrical about the new spate of women-only clubs and restaurants that seem to have taken the Capital by storm. There's Grace Belgravia, a new spa cum social club, The Sorority club in Holborn, STK, a female friendly American steak chain, Dea Latis, a beer tasting club and soon actress Eva Longoria will be launching the London branch of her She steak restaurant group. Miu Miu created a pop-up club exclusively for women at the Café Royal last month and PR guru Lynne Franks is the face of B.Hive which offers meeting rooms and business lounges for female members.

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Some female lawyers in Palma shrugged off the idea of women's clubs and restaurants. They felt that it created better harmony in the workplace to socialise with male colleagues and didn't like the idea of unnecessary barriers between the sexes. Much as they conceded that the macho spirit was alive and well in Spain, none believed that creating such haunts would do much to diminish it. If anything, they commented wryly, women-only zones might indeed help to fan the macho flames.'

Why is the shooter always male?

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'Yet until very recently the fact that mass murder is an essentially all-male phenomenon got almost no attention. Ironically, we are so accustomed to the idea that violence is gendered male that we don't even notice that it is — unless we force ourselves to focus on something that seems so natural that it's normally invisible to us.

As feminists have pointed out, if we define "human nature" as "what men do" we will treat male violence as merely violence, as opposed to a very gender-specific behavior. If, when considering violence in our society, we were to turn being a man into a marked category, we would not ask questions like "why is America so violent?" but rather questions like "why are men so violent?"'

Park says S Korea needs ‘motherly’ leader

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Article here. (The FT has a login challenge unless you click over to it from Google. So the thing to do here is copy some text from the quote below, search for it on Google and click the link that leads to the story.) Excerpt:

'While women hold relatively few senior positions in South Korean business and politics, Ms Park has sought to use her gender – as well as her political experience – as a key selling point.

Her campaign banners and television advertisements feature the slogan: “A prepared female president”, and she has referred to her sex increasingly frequently as the election has drawn closer.

Ms Park, daughter of the military dictator Park Chung-hee, would follow previous Asian female heads of government such as Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan and Indira Gandhi of India, who were also children of former leaders.'

“Faced with the possibility of another global economic crisis next year, we should now establish a feminine, motherly leader who may sacrifice all for the sake of the people,” Ms Park, 60, said last month.'

Fathers-4-Justice: The First Protest Celebrating Ten Years

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers 4 Justice: The First Protest Celebrating Ten Years 1) ”On 17 December 2002, O’Connor* and a small group of supporters staged their first protest by storming the Lord Chancellor’s Office dressed as Father Christmas.”

Source:
1) WikiPedia
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fathers_4_Justice

2) A Short History of Fathers 4 Justice by Nick Langford, page 14
http://www.fathers-4-justice.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/A-Short-History-of-Fathers4Justice1.pdf '

SAVE E-lert: Tell House Leader Cantor to Restore the Presumption of Innocence in VAWA

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The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which is being discussed by House Leader Cantor and VP Biden, could include this proposed definition: “sexual assault means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, tribal or State law, including when the victim lacks the capacity to consent.”

Due to changes in state laws, innocent men have been convicted of sexual assault and imprisoned, even though there was no DNA, no witnesses, and no forensic evidence. Learn more here: http://saveservices.org/innocence

Do we really want VAWA to shift the burden of proof to the defendant? No law should remove the presumption of innocence.

Call House Leader Eric Cantor right now! (202) 225-2815 Tell him to restore the Presumption of Innocence in VAWA!

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Woman arrested for castrating a man with her bare hands

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Joyce Maxine Gregory, 35, of Ohio, was arrested for allegedly castrating a man with her bare hands.

The incident took place in Shelby, Ohio early in the morning at around 5 a.m. during an argument between Gregory and her lover, 59, whose name has not been released. Apparently the man attempted to flee the house he was sharing with Gregory, and was calling 911 while outside when Gregory rushed the man, squeezing his genitals.

Reports indicate that she squeezed the man's genitals so hard that she popped one of the man's testicles out of the scrotum.'

Male circumcision: Let there be no more tragedies like baby Goodluck

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'He was born in Chadderton, Greater Manchester, in March 2010. His parents, filled with the joy, hope and optimism of new parenthood, named him Goodluck. When he was only 27 days old, a midwife called Grace Adeyele accepted £100 to hack at his tiny penis with a pair of scissors. The baby screamed so loud his mother had to look away. Adeyele dabbed the ragged wound with olive oil, dressed it with a small bandage and left him to bleed. He died the next day from his wounds. As if the short life and tragic death of Goodluck Caubergs is not shocking enough, consider that his case is not unique. Earlier this year an inquest in London recorded a verdict of accidental death, having heard how Angelo Ofori-Mintah died after being circumcised at home. The rabbi faced no charges.'

Memo to Media: Manhood, Not Guns or Mental Illness, Should Be Central in Newtown Shooting

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'Many of us whose work touches on the subject of masculinity and violence have long been frustrated by the failure of mainstream media -- and much of progressive media and the blogosphere as well -- to confront the gender issues at the heart of so many violent rampages like the one on December 14 in Connecticut.

My colleagues and I who do this type of work experience an unsettling dichotomy. In one part of our lives, we routinely have intense, in-depth discussions about men's emotional and relational struggles, and how the bravado about "rugged individualism" in American culture masks the deep yearning for connection that so many men feel, and how the absence or loss of that can quickly turn to pain, despair, and anger. In these discussions, we talk about violence as a gendered phenomenon: how, for example, men who batter their wives or girlfriends typically do so not because they have trigger tempers, but rather as a means to gain or maintain power and control over her, in a (misguided) attempt to get their needs met.

We talk amongst ourselves about how so many boys and men in our society are conditioned to see violence as a solution to their problems, a resolution of their anxieties, or a means of exacting revenge against those they perceive as taking something from them. We share with each other news stories, websites and YouTube videos that demonstrate the connection between deeply ingrained cultural ideas about manhood and individual acts of violence that operationalize those ideas.'

Kathleen Parker: Obama should tell men to man up

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'One of my great hopes for a Barack Obama administration — and thus one of my personal disappointments — was that he would use his bully pulpit to emphasize the importance of a two-parent family, and especially of fathers, to children's well-being.

Few understand better than the president the value of a present and involved father. Much of his literary work and his examined life pertains to his own absent father. By his example, he has certainly demonstrated his own commitment to parenting — and his family is a source of pride for all Americans. But the true story of fatherlessness in this country can't be repeated often or forcefully enough.

This is not a new story.

Children who grow up without fathers tend to fall into patterns of destructive behavior — from drug use and truancy to early promiscuity, delinquency and, in too many cases, incarceration. Children raised in fatherless homes are also more likely to grow up in poverty, which is no fault of their mothers but is a fact.'

'Time to profile white men?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, during a cable news discussion of gun violence and the Newtown school shooting, I dared mention a taboo truism. During a conversation on MSNBC's "Up With Chris Hayes," I said that because most of the mass shootings in America come at the hands of white men, there would likely be political opposition to initiatives that propose to use those facts to profile the demographic group to which these killers belong. I suggested that's the case because as opposed to people of color or, say, Muslims, white men as a subgroup are in such a privileged position in our society that they are the one group that our political system avoids demographically profiling or analytically aggregating in any real way. Indeed, unlike other demographic, white guys as a group are never thought to be an acceptable topic for any kind of critical discussion whatsoever, even when there is ample reason to open up such a discussion.'

David Sirota on Wikipedia

Father's death affects early adolescents' futures in developing world

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Certain negative effects of a father's death can't be compensated for by the mother or other relatives," said Mary Shenk, assistant professor of anthropology in MU's College of Arts and Science. "The loss of a father can result in lower adult living standards for the bereaved children. Not only is a child emotionally affected, but the lack of a father's earning power can cause children to get married younger or drop out of school in order to work."

Recognizing the importance of fathers to adolescents could lead to improvements in aid programs for youths who have lost their fathers. If Shenk's research were expanded to collect more data, she contends it could be used to help develop an evaluation system that would measure the degree of risk that children face from the loss of their fathers. In poorer regions of the world, a measurement tool could help aid organizations to prioritize children who have the greatest need of assistance.'

UK: Teen fathers feel 'marginalised', charity says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Barnardo's claims young men are often treated as "invisible" and some policies are actively driving fathers away from their children.

Support services are "mother centred" and leave young fathers feeling "worthless and marginalised", a report from Barnardo's and other groups says.'

UK: Fathers claim time with children limited by Richmond Council cuts

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'Fathers plan to launch a petition in a bid to save what they claim is a unique group for dads and their children.

Dads Unlimited is a drop-in activity service held at the Stanley children and families centre, in Teddington, every Saturday morning, for about 15 fathers and their children.

The group were told that the weekly service would stop because Richmond Council will cut funding to the group from March 31 next year.

Father of two Rajesh Ruparelia works late in central London during the week and the group was the only chance he got to spend quality time with his children and do a range of activities.'

Why Progressive “Men’s Movements” Are Bound to Fail

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'Jill at Feministe reopens the ongoing Good Men Project battles with an excellent post and article about the reason that perpetuating rape myths is so very, very bad and not, contrary to GMP’s defensive posturing (when they aren’t fundraising on how excellent they are at pissing off feminists) about “dialogue”. In sum, when we perpetuate the myth that rapists are just nice guys who are confused about consent, rapists realize they can rape, claim confusion, and escape justice. Which is why the self-defined rapists that GMP gave voice to did, in fact, claim confusion. Imagine!

But I don’t want to talk about that right now. What I want to talk about is the idea that there could be a useful, meaningful progressive men’s movement that doesn’t devolve into men sitting around pitying themselves about how they’re so oppressed by women, neatly turning them into a reactionary movement. I used to think yes, which is why I was enthusiastic about the idea of GMP before they revealed how much it’s actually about bundling the same old defenses of male privilege in “complex” sheep’s clothing. I dearly want men to have conversations about masculinity and manhood, and the oppressive expectations patriarchy puts on men. I think that’s more important every day as we struggle with the way that these ideals of masculinity encourage violence and voting Republican.'

An Interesting E-Mail on Young, White Males

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Email reported here. Excerpt:

'We allowed our young boys to play violent murdering video games. These types of games are the same ones the military uses to train soldiers. But they are being played by very, very young kids in dark rooms all over the country. You want to ban something, ban those. We have overlooked the devastating effects on all children of not having a father in the house. And we have ignored and not helped boys with their mental illness. We've hyperventilated endlessly over girls and their eating disorders, image issues, self-esteem, sex, blah, blah, blah, but we have most totally ignored the mental challenges that boys face.'

When the Gun is the Boy's Best Friend

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is really about the lost and degraded role of the male in today's western society. Two generations of young men have been instructed through school and culture that they are the "useless" and "dangerous" sex, not needed for much more than sperm donation; that they are predators; that they will have a diminished role in society, as rightly they should, given their sub-human perception and actions. So the boys on the margins, those whose father is not around, or worse, around and a menace, grow isolated, resentful and psychotic.

Young men are being shoved aside and out of many areas of main stream society. They are living up to the expectations that have been drilled into them since they could toddle across a room. Those expectations are mostly negative. Men, it is insisted, must change, must become more like women...or something. But they must not be male in the traditional sense, and in American culture that traditional sense used to mean honor, sacrifice and courage.'

'What Is Wrong With This Generation of Young Men In America?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Well, there are a whole host of reasons. But certainly parents and our education system have to bear much of the blame. In the old days, young men were taught what it means to “be a man”, and morality was taught to young men both by their parents and in the schools. But today, most young men have very little understanding of what “manhood” is, and our society has taught them that morality doesn’t really matter. Instead, television and movies constantly portray young men as sex-obsessed slackers that just want to party all the time, so that is what many of our young men have become.

How much better off would our society be if we had trained this generation of young men to love, honor, protect and take care of others?

How much better off would our society be if we had nurtured the manhood of our young men instead of teaching them to be ashamed of it?'

Mom of mentally ill son: "I am Adam Lanza's mother"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I live with a son who is mentally ill. I love my son. But he terrifies me.

A few weeks ago, Michael pulled a knife and threatened to kill me and then himself after I asked him to return his overdue library books. His 7 and 9 year old siblings knew the safety plan--they ran to the car and locked the doors before I even asked them to. I managed to get the knife from Michael, then methodically collected all the sharp objects in the house into a single Tupperware container that now travels with me. Through it all, he continued to scream insults at me and threaten to kill or hurt me.
...
At the start of seventh grade, Michael was accepted to an accelerated program for highly gifted math and science students. His IQ is off the charts. When he's in a good mood, he will gladly bend your ear on subjects ranging from Greek mythology to the differences between Einsteinian and Newtonian physics to Doctor Who. He's in a good mood most of the time. But when he's not, watch out. And it's impossible to predict what will set him off.
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I am sharing this story because I am Adam Lanza's mother. I am Dylan Klebold's and Eric Harris's mother. I am James Holmes's mother. I am Jared Loughner's mother. I am Seung-Hui Cho's mother. And these boys -- and their mothers -- need help. In the wake of another horrific national tragedy, it's easy to talk about guns. But it's time to talk about mental illness.
According to Mother Jones, since 1982, 61 mass murders involving firearms have occurred throughout the country. Of these, 43 of the killers were white males, and only one was a woman. Mother Jones focused on whether the killers obtained their guns legally (most did). But this highly visible sign of mental illness should lead us to consider how many people in the U.S. live in fear, like I do.
...
With state-run treatment centers and hospitals shuttered, prison is now the last resort for the mentally ill -- Rikers Island, the LA County Jail and Cook County Jail in Illinois housed the nation's largest treatment centers in 2011. No one wants to send a 13-year old genius who loves Harry Potter and his snuggle animal collection to jail. But our society, with its stigma on mental illness and its broken health care system, does not provide us with other options. Then another tortured soul shoots up a fast food restaurant. A mall. A kindergarten classroom. And we wring our hands and say, "Something must be done."'

Michael Kimmel: Masculinity, mental illness and guns: A lethal equation?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why are angry young men setting out to kill entire crowds of strangers?

Motivations are hard to pin down, but gender is the single most obvious and intractable variable when it comes to violence in America. Men and boys are responsible for 95% of all violent crimes in this country. "Male criminal participation in serious crimes at any age greatly exceeds that of females, regardless of source of data, crime type, level of involvement, or measure of participation" is how the National Academy of Sciences summed up the extant research.

How does masculinity figure into this? From an early age, boys learn that violence is not only an acceptable form of conflict resolution, but one that is admired. However the belief that violence is an inherently male characteristic is a fallacy. Most boys don't carry weapons, and almost all don't kill: are they not boys? Boys learn it.

They learn it from their fathers. They learn it from a media that glorifies it, from sports heroes who commit felonies and get big contracts, from a culture saturated in images of heroic and redemptive violence. They learn it from each other.'

Michael Kimmel in Wikipedia

Feminist Professors Use Classrooms As Recruitment Tool

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A women's history class frequently offered at Chapman University glorifies Margaret Sanger while it avoids her racist beliefs, highlights the feminist revolution while sidesteps the suffrage movement's family values, and heralds Roe v. Wade and the advent of birth control, all while failing to cite the feminist counter-culture movement.

That's not only not surprising, it's expected, as classrooms in colleges across America are used to recruit young women into the feminists ranks, says Carrie Lukas, managing director of the conservative Independent Women's Forum.

"The purpose here is to advance the feminist movement," Lukas says. "The college classroom is a recruitment tool."

Lukas, author of "The Politically Incorrect Guide to Women, Sex, and Feminism," says the vast majority of women studies classes do not offer fair and balanced approaches to the subject. It's not unheard of for professors to skip relevant information, slant lesson plans, or skew lectures.'

'In Most Rich Countries, Women Work More Than Men'

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'In most of the developed world, women spend more time working each day than men do, if you include unpaid work.

According to the latest report on gender and employment from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, across the developed world and in other countries tracked by the organization, men spend more minutes per day in paid work than women do.

In the United States, for example, men spend 5 hours and 8 minutes working on the average day, whereas women spend 4 hours and 2 minutes.

But when it comes to unpaid work — activities like child care and cleaning — women spend vastly more time than men in every country the organization included in its analysis.'

Special ed teachers defend dragging blind boy

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'Two special education teachers caught on camera dragging a blind 7-year-old boy 155 feet down the Gonzales Community School corridors are defending themselves and their method to move the boy between classrooms.

A mobility and orientation special education specialist with Santa Fe Public Schools told police weeks after the Nov. 15 incident that the boy wasn't cooperating with her requests and that grabbing the boy by the ankles and dragging him "was just a way to transport the child and believed it was a natural way of taking the child," according to the report released by police on Monday. A Braille specialist under contract with the school district also helped her colleague move the boy.

The report by Officer Michael Dimas says the 64-year-old special education teacher, when questioned about having the contract employee help her pull the child, "stated to me it had occurred to her at that point it could be construed as looking bad and therefore she had stopped and turned towards [another teacher] and [the contracted employee] and stated to them, 'Do you think this could be construed as child abuse?' "

NH Judge Says Girl Can Stay On Boys' Hockey Team

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'CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire judge has ruled that a high school girl can continue to play on the boys' varsity ice hockey team even though her school has formed a girls' team.

Seventeen-year-old Shelby Herrington made the boys' varsity team at Bishop Brady High School three years ago, when there was no girls' team.

Herrington is fighting a decision by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association that she needs to switch to the girls' team formed jointly by her school and Trinity of Manchester.'

Charges of necrophilia dismissed against Swedish woman who kept human bones

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'A Swedish woman who kept human skulls and bones in her apartment was sentenced Monday to probation and ordered to undergo psychiatric care after being convicted of “disturbing the peace of the dead.”

The prosecution had argued that the 37 year-old woman, who has a history of unemployment and substance abuse, used the bones “for various sexual activities”, but charges of necrophilia were dismissed by the Gothenburg district court.

“Moving parts of the skeleton is a crime, since she was unauthorised to do so, just as it is a crime to assemble a skeleton and keep it lying on the floor, (and) to keep skeletal parts in plastic bags and use them for trade,” the court said.'

Woman gets 3 years in prison for 40 years of abusing her husband

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'TROMSØ (AP) Bodo Woman (73) beat, threatened and insulted her husband at the coarsest for over 40 years without anyone intervening.

Now the former unpunished pensioner zones three years behind bars.

The couple married in 1961. Some years later abuse. The relationship was not revealed until 2010, when the woman Reviewed her husband for harassment.

After Bodø police began to do research, the case was turned completely upside down.

The investigation revealed that the woman in over 40 years regularly had acted violently and threatening to her husband.

"The man has lived for 41 years under an almost constant terror regime, characterized by constant insecurity and fear of violence and other harassment," stated Salten District Court, which earlier this year sentenced the woman to three years in prison.'

SAVE: Presumed Innocent? SAVE Unveils Innocence Quilts to Spotlight Need for Legal Reform

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- A legal reform organization has unveiled innocence quilts to highlight the growing problem of the loss of the presumption of innocence. Affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court, the presumption of innocence has long been viewed as a bedrock principle of the American legal code.

SAVE – Stop Abusive and Violent Environments -- believes widespread changes are urgently needed to restore the integrity of the criminal justice system, protect civil rights, and thwart false allegations. False accusations serve to divert scarce services and protections from needy victims.

Each innocence quilt lists the names of about 30 persons wrongfully convicted and later exonerated of crimes such as sexual assault and child abuse. The purpose of the quilts is to highlight the devastating effect of wrongful convictions on innocent persons, and to alert the American public to the pressing need for reform: www.saveservices.org/innocence/quilt.'

Excellent documentary on divorced dads, with commentary by Dr. Warren Farrell

Matt · 20 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

From Warren Farrell:

This, a documentary on divorced fathers called 'Broken', is excellent. It's some touching interviews with divorced dads. I know the fathers with whom you work will feel less lonely and isolated as they see this. The documentarian, Steve Brulé, has submitted this to a Canadian film festival. Brulé interviewed me in my capacity as the author of Father and Child Reunion and my experience doing expert witness work for dads. Feel free to make this available as a holiday present to the dads you are helping.

Warren Farrell, Ph.D.
www.warrenfarrell.com

White House working group seeks comments re AIDS, violence against women, etc.

Minuteman · 20 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'As we commemorated World AIDS Day earlier this month, the importance of addressing the needs of women and girls as part of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy was clear. While we have made tremendous progress in learning how to prevent and treat HIV, including among women and girls, much work remains. Of the approximately 1.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States, about 290,000 are women and women account for 23 percent of new HIV infections.

This Administration has made combating the HIV/AIDS epidemic a priority. For women, that includes addressing gender-based violence and gender related health disparities.
...
From December 20, 2012 to January 20, 2013 you will be able to submit your individual stories, experiences, and comments to the working group by completing this online form. While we welcome any comments salient to the issue, we also ask that you consider the following questions:

1) How can we best address both violence and HIV among women and girls?
2) What are model programs and promising practices in addressing the intersection of HIV/AIDS and violence against women and girls?
3) What are barriers to reaching women and girls affected by HIV and violence?
4) What are the most effective strategies to reach women and girls who are living with violence and with HIV?'

German Lawmakers Vote to Protect Right to Male Circumcision

Mastodon · 20 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'BERLIN — German lawmakers on Wednesday passed legislation ensuring parents the right to have their boys circumcised, bringing a close to months of legal uncertainty set off by a regional court's ruling that equated the practice with bodily harm.

The measure passed by a vote of 434 to 100, with 46 abstentions, in Germany's lower house of Parliament, the Bundestag. The vote followed months of emotional debate, and angered and alienated many German Jews and Muslims, for whom circumcision is a religious rite, integral to their beliefs.'

In contrast: U.N. seeks a global ban on female circumcision

'Improperly Governed'

Mastodon · 20 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In all the discussion of the horror in Newtown, one factor that should be considered is the absence of appropriate influences for boys and men in our increasingly feminized society. Many of the traditional supports for male maturity have been withdrawn, traditional manhood is often mocked and diminished, and the qualities promoted today tend to be the more feminine ones of acceptance, nurturance, etc., instead of the more masculine demand to measure up. The killers are often misfits of precarious masculinity, who may be unconsciously or consciously furious at a feminized world that denies and denigrates who they are. Years ago psychologist Erich Fromm described the difference between the unconditional love of the mother and the conditional love of the father. Both are needed, and of course it's possible for both men and women to extend both kinds of love, but in the desire to glorify women, our society has gone too much in the one direction. Instead of teaching self-control, Dennis Prager points out, we teach self-esteem.'

F&F: Raise Your Voice with Fathers and Families

Matt · 21 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families is your voice in family law. Fathers and Families continues to grow and so does the strength of your voice. We want to start our next affiliate in your state.

Fathers and Families believes shared parenting is the single most important social change we must make for our children. Society should support shared parenting and the rights and responsibilities of both parents in the same way it supports other children's issues, including child support enforcement.'

F&F: The Newtown Shooter: The Conversation You Won't See Anywhere Else

Matt · 21 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After our tears dry for the twenty little darlings and seven others who were mowed down by Adam Lanza, we begin to ask "Why?"

There is always a dominant narrative to explain the unthinkable. Now it is mostly about the absence of effective gun controls, or about mental illness. Or, we hear about the effects of violence on television and video games.

We don't hear about the effects of fatherlessness, especially on young men. We don't hear that the most reliable predictor of crime is neither poverty nor race but growing up fatherless. We don't hear that a large majority of violent criminals were fatherless. We don't even hear that young male elephants go on violent rampages unless they are kept in line by the old bulls.

...

The Daily Mail reports quotes several of Adam's former classmates to the effect that his problems got much worse after the separation. "He was always weird but the divorce affected him. He was arguing with his mother. He was a ticking time bomb waiting to explode."

...

In fairness, most rare and awful events are the result of numerous influences acting together. The accident happened because the driver was intoxicated and the brakes were worn and the pedestrian was careless and the road was slippery and the lighting was poor. No one factor explains all. If just one of these factors had been different, there would have been no accident.

But fatherhood is not even on society's list. This is especially sad because a simple change in divorce laws towards shared parenting would take a big chunk out of this factor at no cost. This is a much cheaper fix than a bureaucracy to enforce new gun laws or more mental health services, not that these might not be good ideas.'

F&F: Detroit Judge Allows Mom to Decide Dad's Punishment in Child Support Case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just in case you thought there was even a shred of integrity left in the family court system, let this story lay that misguided notion to rest for good (The Daily Caller, 12/8/12).

Detroit judge Wade McCree was hearing a child support suit involving a mother, Geniene La'Shay Mott and her ex-husband, Robert King. The only problem with that was that McCree and Mott entered into a serious and long-term sexual relationship during the legal case.

"It went from being a summer fling and just something to do to falling in love, promises of marriage, me getting pregnant, us buying a house together, name it," Mott told WJBK-TV.

That all happened despite the fact that McCree was married. But mere marriage vows wouldn't stop a man like McCree. Neither would ethical and legal restrictions on judges having sex with litigants in cases before them. And neither did common sense or any notion of personal dignity dissuade McCree from doing everything in his power to screw up his career, his marriage, the life of his unborn child and, most certainly that of Robert King.'

'Moving Beyond Men's Killing Fields'

Mastodon · 21 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

In the wake of Adam Lanza's murderous rampage, men in particular, must not stay silent. There's an epidemic in our "man culture" we can ill afford to locate on the periphery, ceding center stage to the narrow gun control debate.
...
How many more lonely, alienated, disconnected, (usually) white males perpetrating murder and then committing suicide need we see before admitting the irrefutable fact that the shooters are mostly male? From police detectives to forensic psychologists, anyone studying mass killings in the U.S. over the past two decades cannot ignore that fact. Still, too many, including much of the media—continue to under-acknowledge this achingly obvious truth. Is it because they don't see the killers' gender, just as fish don't see the water surrounding them? A Mother Jones review of the 62 mass murders in the U.S. since Columbine in 1999 revealed males committed 61 of them.
...
This is a perfect moment for Warren Buffett and Bill Gates to lead a call for the wealthiest one percent in the nation to take the lead in launching a national program to train early childhood education and care providers, prekindergarten, and elementary school teachers, to create new lesson plans that emphasize boys' emotional wellbeing. And, let's put men's mental health on the docket, too, beginning by asking the president to charge the CDC with coordinating a national campaign to raise awareness about mental health and males.'

UK: Female rower responds to criticism over nude calendar double-standard

MikeJH · 21 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. (Be advised: Partial nudity in pics shown with the story, so it's NSFW.) Excerpt:

'When the boys of the rowing club stripped off for a charity calendar, it was met with praise, encouragement and the occasional cheeky compliment.

But it seems that it’s one rule for them and another for the club’s girls – who have been accused of being attention-seekers and damaging the feminist cause by posing for their own naked calendar.
...
Hettie's comments came in the wake of a blog on the Huffington Post website, which attacked Hettie and her friends, and said they had put the feminist cause back.'

School worker arrested on domestic violence charges against a child

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Escambia County investigators arrested a part-time Escambia County elementary school worker today on several domestic violence charges, including battery, torturing a child, caging a child and cruelty toward a child that could result in physical or mental injury.

Dorothea Vega, 59, of Pensacola is in the Escambia County Jail without bond.
...
Investigators learned that a child was hit by numerous household objects and was made to take prescription medications in an effort to control the child's behavior.

Deputies went to the home, where they found alarms on the door of the child's room.

The child was made to stay in the room, unless she was doing chores. If the alarm sounded, Vega beat the child, according to the Escambia County Sheriff's Office.

The living conditions were found to be deplorable. The child was not always permitted to eat or take a bath and would sometimes use a school restroom as a place to bathe.'

Macy Gray: Women aren't equal to men, they're better

Mastodon · 21 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"I am not a feminist because that's about equality. Women aren't equal to men. We are better. We are so much bigger, so much more capable, and can do a lot more than men," she explains in a straightforward manner.

"I think women have a lot more going on than men – so I wouldn't call us equal. We are just better."

Right then. Well that clears that one up. And while we are on the topic of women being badass and brilliant, Gray name checks one of her big female idols: Michelle Obama.'

Ed. note: I had never heard of her before, so of course went to Wikipedia to find out.

Australia: Results prove education system favours girls, yet we do nothing

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Article here. Like the NYT, you'll probably get a login challenge, so to get around it, go to Google and enter "Results prove education system favours girls, yet we do nothing" and click the first link in the results list. Excerpt:

'Australian children have been subject to haphazard experiments in reading and writing for a very long time. And not just reading and writing, but in all aspects of pedagogy and curriculum. The ones who have really suffered from all this are the boys.

It was recognised in 2002 that there was a real crisis in the education of boys. Brendan Nelson had an inquiry which produced an important report on the subject. But despite research confirming that boys are doing worse overall than girls, and despite some attempts by individual schools to rectify the problem, the crisis continues.

On just about every marker, including behaviour, boys score worse than girls. Lately they have even started to score worse than girls in their traditional strengths, like mathematics.

Yet you wouldn't know it from the complacent attitude of most of the teaching profession. When I wrote about this in 2002 the then head of the Australian Education Union wrote a letter to The Australian complaining that my argument blaming this situation on contemporary education, particularly teaching methods, was wrong. Did I not know that there is a worldwide "crisis in masculinity", not education? Silly me. In other words the boys just don't know how to fit into this new female-dominated world order - and they just should.'

Olympic athlete discovered 'escorting', gets spun as mid-life crisis

Matt · 22 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DECEMBER 20---A three-time U.S. Olympian whose illustrious running career has included a Nike TV commercial, a swimsuit calendar, and ongoing promotional work for Disney has spent the last year doubling as a $600-an-hour call girl, an astounding secret life that she now regretfully calls a “huge mistake.”

Beginning last December, Suzy Favor Hamilton, 44, has worked with one of Las Vegas’s premier escort services, booking scores of “dates” in Sin City and other U.S. cities, including Los Angeles, Chicago, and Houston.

While Favor Hamilton (seen at right) has used an alias, “Kelly Lundy,” when working as an escort, she inexplicably shared her true identity with several male clients, believing that her secret was somehow safe with strangers who paid for her company by leaving envelopes stuffed with cash on bathroom vanities in swanky hotels.
...

Favor Hamilton described the escort business as “exciting,” an illicit midlife diversion from her routine existence, one in which she operates a successful Madison, Wisconsin real estate brokerage with her husband, delivers motivational speeches, and does promotional work for various businesses and groups, including Disney’s running series and Wisconsin’s Potato & Vegetable Growers Association.

She said that only her husband Mark, 44, was aware of her escort work, but that, “He tried, he tried to get me to stop. He wasn’t supportive of this at all.” The couple lives in a $600,000 Madison home and appears to be in no financial distress based on a review of court and municipal records.'

College student held without bond for explosives, drugs

Matt · 22 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It will be an explosive-free weekend for the northeast Georgia college student who admitted to federal agents that she likes to blow things up as a hobby. She's being held without bond after a hearing was canceled Friday.
...
Law enforcement agencies including the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the FBI and the GBI searched Celia Savage's home and found explosive devices, firearms and suspected illegal drugs, according to documents filed in U.S. District Court, Gainesville.
...
Her Facebook profile, which is public, contains numerous pictures and statements regarding her love of guns and distaste for law enforcement. Colleges she attended, according to the profile, include Gainesville State College and North Georgia Technical College.
...
"I despise all law enforcement and any governing authority," she states in her profile. "I am not one for selective targeting but mass destruction."
...
Celia Savage was being held Friday in the Hall County jail on drugs, weapons and explosives charges.'

Federal investigators bust 'Jane Doe' child sex abuser after nationwide appeal for assistance

Matt · 22 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Agents from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) have caught the woman suspected of producing child pornography and appearing to abuse a young child in a sex video she posted on the internet - less than 24 hours after the Feds appealed to the American public for help.

Corrine Danielle Motley of Okaloosa County, Florida was arrested late Wednesday and faces federal charges for the production and distribution of child pornography.

The 25-year-old was apprehended by Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force members and Homeland Security Investigations special agents.

A Facebook page for the suspect shows that the woman is married to Brandon and in photos she poses with various young children.

U.S. Immigration and Customs were alerted after a video appeared on the internet showing the woman engaging in explicit sex with a four to five-year-old victim.

They issued an appeal on Wednesday morning for help in finding the woman in the footage, believed to have been uploaded on or around November 27.'

Court upholds decision in penis removal case

Matt · 22 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A Kentucky man lost his bid Friday to force a doctor to pay damages for removing a cancer-riddled section of his penis during what was scheduled to be a simple circumcision.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals found that a jury correctly concluded that 66-year-old Phillip Seaton of Waddy consented to allow Dr. John Patterson to perform any procedure deemed necessary during the Oct. 19, 2007, surgery.

Patterson, a Kentucky-based urologist, maintains he found cancer in the man's penis during surgery and that it had to be removed. The patient claims the surgery was supposed to be a circumcision and he never authorized the amputation, nor was he given a chance to seek a second opinion.'

Why Feminists Should Support the Return of Chivalry

Mastodon · 22 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Chivalry and feminism appear to be natural enemies: If women want to be treated as equals they can't also want men to open doors for them or always pick up the check. Carrying a woman's bag can be taken as implying that she's too weak to do it herself.

...

Even when it comes from a positive place of wanting to help, the assumption that a woman always needs a man to step in and rescue her is exactly how chivalry came to be referred to as "benevolent sexism." Chivalrous men may mean well, but it's easy to see a disconnect between social rules about treating women with delicate respect and the push toward equality.

...

I'm not entirely convinced that a return to chivalry wouldn't open the door to reinforced ideas of women as weak, but Smith's proposal is worth considering.'

FDA seeking comments on Draft Guidance for Industry on Vaginal Microbicides (Deadline 21 Feb 2013)

Minuteman · 23 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt from guidance document (emphasis added):

'Sexual transmission accounts for the majority of HIV infections both in the United States and globally. Behavior change through counseling, male and female condoms, antiretroviral therapy for the infected partner, **voluntary male medical circumcision**, and treatment of STIs can reduce the risk of HIV acquisition. However, despite these prevention methods, HIV incidence in the United States has not declined and remains stable at 56,300 new infections annually (Hall, Song, et al. 2008). Worldwide, the annual incidence is estimated to be about 2.7 million infections (UNAIDS 2011).'

There is a 2000 character limit in the comment web form, but you can upload larger documents.

You may want to center comments around the notion that vaginal microbicides are intended to be a "female controlled" anti-HIV measure, but that male circumcision (purportedly) makes it more difficult to insist on condom use or refuse sex, and that some analyses suggest a higher rate of male-female HIV transmission when men are circumcised.

Please remember that your comments will be read by decision-makers in the FDA and to be firm but respectful (and ideally, provide links to scientific articles and other credible references) if you want to be taken seriously.

White House petition aims to end male-only military draft

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A petition on the White House's "We the People" Web page contends that a military draft covering men, but not women, is discriminatory and should be abolished.

"The Selective Service System is discriminatory against the young men of the United States of America," the petition reads, "and should be considered unfair and unethical."

"As the law stands young men must sign up for Selective Service for a possible military draft when they turn eighteen," the petition notes. "If they do not they risk jail sentences, huge fines, or the denial of government services or jobs. Young women do not face the same requirements or penalties."...

"To require only half of our citizens to register for such a program is not only government-sponsored sexism, but also a breach of their autonomy as human beings."'

Women take the lead at British universities

Mastodon · 23 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If you get a login challenge, Google "Women take the lead at British universities" and click the first hit link. Excerpt:

'YOUNG women have extended their dominance over men at British universities as a result of the trebling of tuition fees, new figures show.

Higher fees depressed demand for higher education, with 51,000 fewer students starting a university degree this autumn compared with a year ago, a decline of 13 per cent.

But the fall was bigger among boys in their late teens than among girls, extending the gender gap on British campuses to a record amount.

Applications to university among boys aged 18 dropped by 1 point, with 30 per cent seeking a place in higher education. Among girls of the same age it slipped by only 0.6 of a point to 40.1 per cent, a gap of 10.1 percentage points.'

Canada: Rideau Park School teacher accused of sex crimes has ‘loyal following’

Mastodon · 23 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It began as a bad dream for parents: a letter home from school officials informing them that a much-loved Calgary teacher had been accused of sex crimes against a teenage student.

A day after police charged a female Rideau Park School teacher with sexual assault and sexual interference, many parents say they are shocked by the allegations.

But some are standing behind the teacher, who is in her 40s, calling her “excellent” and “talented,” and say no matter the outcome of the case, her good work should not be forgotten.

“The teacher is a much-loved teacher at the school,” said Lisa Poole, president of the school council, although she was not speaking on behalf of the group. “She’s excellent with the children, she’s hardworking.

“She has made an enormous contribution to the school and has a very loyal following.”

The teacher was arrested Tuesday and charged with sexual assault and sexual interference. Police accuse her of having a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old boy for a year.

Police refuse to identify her, but she will be in court Jan. 28. The Calgary Board of Education teacher is suspended with pay.'

Billings woman charged with filing false rape report against ex-boyfriend

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Story here.

'BILLINGS — A Billings woman is charged with making a false rape report against a former boyfriend in August.

Christina Nadine Nelson pleaded not guilty to fabricating evidence during a District Court hearing Thursday.

Court records say Nelson told police that she left work on Aug. 10 and was walking to her car when her former boyfriend approached her from behind, took her to a van and raped her.

However, court records say a review of surveillance video from Nelson's workplace shows her leaving work and driving away. Nelson's former boyfriend gave police proof that he was in Seattle at the time.

The detective said a review of Nelson's medical records show she had made similar rape reports in the past, including twice in April.'

Judge arrested on domestic violence charges

Mastodon · 23 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Workers' Compensation Administration Judge Shanon Riley was arrested in northwest Albuquerque late Friday.

Riley was booked into the Metropolitan Detention Center on domestic violence charges Friday. She was released on bail the following day, Albuquerque police confirmed.

Riley currently serves as a judge for the Workers' Compensation Administration.

Riley had served as assistant district attorney in the First Judicial Court District in Santa Fe.'

Brawley hiding in Virginia 25 years after historic gang rape case turned out to be a hoax

MikeJH · 24 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Twenty-five years after Tawana Brawley's claims of being raped by a gang of white men polarised New York City, the woman has been tracked down living in hiding in Virginia.

On November 28, 1987, the then-15-year-old was found in a trash bag, dazed, smeared with feces with the word n****r scrawled on her body.

She told police she had been abducted by two white men and driven to the woods where they and four others ravaged her for four days - one of which had a badge.'

Afghan Policewoman Kills US Adviser In Kabul

Matt · 24 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan policewoman walked into a high-security compound in Kabul Monday and killed an American contractor with a single bullet to the chest, the first such shooting by a woman in a spate of insider attacks by Afghans against their foreign allies.

Afghan officials who provided details identified the attacker as police Sgt. Nargas, a mother of four with a clean record. The shooting was outside the police headquarters in a walled compound which houses the governor's office, courts and a prison in the heart of the capital.

A police official said she was able to enter the compound armed because she was licensed to carry a weapon as a police officer.
...
The fact that a woman was behind the assault shocked some Afghans.

"I was very shaken when I heard the news," said Nasrullah Sadeqizada, an independent member of Parliament. "This is the first female to carry out such an attack. It is very surprising and sad," he added, calling for more careful screening of all candidates, male and female, for the police force.'

UK: A 'dad' is tenth most popular Christmas list request for children

Matt · 24 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A 'dad' is tenth most popular Christmas list request for children with youngsters happy to forgo the latest iPad, toy or new pet, a survey has found.

When it comes to Christmas, it might be safe to assume children will ask Santa for an extensive list of toys, games and treats.

But a survey of their typical lists for Father Christmas has shown many have more serious concerns, requesting "a dad" instead.

...

Despite their material requests, the tenth most popular Christmas wish on the list was a "Dad".'

Afghan policewoman was 'unstable'

Matt · 25 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. I know I'm sounding like a broken record here, but anyone who is 1) crazy and 2) has access to firearms is a potential threat. Of course many other things can be a motive for murder-by-gun much less anything else, but when it comes to seemingly inexplicable murders (so-called "random" or "impersonal" murder) not driven even by ideology or political affiliation, the factor is "crazy". Unfortunately just yesterday, America had a second mass-shooting in upstate NY in as many weeks wherein the killer targeted innocent men for no apparent reason and killed himself before he could be caught; he was a convicted killer and apparently murdered his sister before setting his house on fire, too. Crazy: check. Access to guns: check. Until guns can be kept out of the hands of lunatics, we'll keep having such tragedies-- and the sex/age of the murderer isn't really a factor, as much as feminists want you to believe it. It's "crazy". Excerpt:

'KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The policewoman who killed an American contractor in Kabul is a native Iranian who came to Afghanistan and displayed "unstable behavior" but no known links to militants, an Interior Ministry spokesman said Tuesday.

The policewoman, identified as Sgt. Nargas, shot 49-year-old Joseph Griffin, of Mansfield, Georgia, on Monday, in the first such shooting by a woman in a spate of insider attacks by Afghans against their foreign allies. Nargas walked into a heavily-guarded compound in the heart of Kabul, confronted Griffin and gunned him down with a single pistol bullet.
...
The ministry spokesman, Sediq Sediqi, told a news conference that Nargas, who uses one name like many in the country, was born in Tehran, where she married an Afghan. She moved to the country 10 years ago after her husband obtained fake documents enabling her to live and work there.
...
"Her mental condition is not good," he said, describing her behavior as "unstable." He said that after she attended a recent training course in Egypt a "foreign government" — a clear reference to Egypt — informed Afghan authorities that she did not appear to be "normal."

On Monday, senior Afghan officials said the policewoman was licensed to carry the weapon into the compound and was well known there. On Tuesday, however, the chief investigator, Gen. Mohammad Zahir, told reporters that she was not authorized to carry weapons into the compound but managed to pass through security checks with a hidden pistol. Zahir said the lapse of security was also being investigated, as well as whether she had connections with foreign or local militant groups.
...
Zahir said that during interrogation, the policewoman said she had plans to kill either the Kabul governor, city police chief or Zahir himself, but when she realized that penetrating the last security cordons to reach them would be too difficult, she saw "a foreigner" and turned her weapon on him.'

MANN Twitter feed created

Matt · 26 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Catching up some to the 21st century, we've just created a Twitter feed. Follow us at: @mensactivism

Don't know much about Twitter? Nothing to be ashamed of. Just go to http://www.twitter.com/ to find out about it. (The 'About' and 'Help' links at the bottom of the page are good places to learn about and how to use Twitter.)

The feed will be used largely to let our Twitter followers know when new stories have been posted, but as time goes on it may turn out to be useful for other things. Let's see where it goes, and... "Follow us on Twitter!" :)

[Note this post is set as "sticky", meaning it remains at the top of the others until I un-sticky it. So just because you may return to the site and still see it at the top doesn't mean new posts haven't been added since this one. Check below, new posts are regularly added as usual.]

Afghan policewoman 'desperate, struggled with mental illness'

Matt · 26 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's all so predictable. Male shooters: evil murderers. Female shooters: mentally disturbed and 'driven' to it. She is a child- and husband-abuser and intended to continue her shooting spree but was stopped by her gun jamming. And yet... we should feel sorry for her. Afghanistan is filled with poor and desperate women, and men. She was lucky even to have some kind of job. But it wasn't good enough-- she needed to berate and abuse her husband and children and then go commit murder. And the MSM peddles the thing as a sob-story. Excerpt:

'The Afghan policewoman suspected of killing a U.S. contractor at police headquarters in Kabul suffered from mental illness and was driven to suicidal despair by poverty, her children told Reuters on Wednesday.

The woman was identified by authorities as Narges Rezaeimomenabad, a 40-year-old grandmother and mother of three who moved here from Iran 10 years ago and married an Afghan man.
...
They recalled Ms. Narges's severe mood swings, and how at times she beat them and even pulled out a knife. But the children said she was consistent in bemoaning poverty.
...
But he was acutely aware of her mental problems and often heard her scream at her husband, whose low-level job in the crime investigation unit of the police brought home little cash.
...
Fatima would often seek refuge in Mr. Kohistani's house when her mother's behaviour became unbearable. "She did not hate us, but usually she was angry and would not talk to us," said Fatima, her eyes moist with tears.'

Fathers disappear from households across America

Matt · 26 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In every state, the portion of families where children have two parents, rather than one, has dropped significantly over the past decade. Even as the country added 160,000 families with children, the number of two-parent households decreased by 1.2 million. Fifteen million U.S. children, or 1 in 3, live without a father, and nearly 5 million live without a mother. In 1960, just 11 percent of American children lived in homes without fathers.

America is awash in poverty, crime, drugs and other problems, but more than perhaps anything else, it all comes down to this, said Vincent DiCaro, vice president of the National Fatherhood Initiative: Deal with absent fathers, and the rest follows.

...

"We have one class that thinks marriage and fatherhood is important, and another which doesn't, and it's causing that gap, income inequality, to get wider," Mr. DiCaro said.

The predilection among men to walk away from their babies is concentrated in the inner cities. In Baltimore, 38 percent of families have two parents, and in St. Louis the portion is 40 percent.

The near-total absence of male role models has ripped a hole the size of half the population in urban areas.'

Will new rules help N.J. divorce debate?

Mastodon · 26 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Roughly half of U.S. marriages end in divorce. In New Jersey, the real fighting begins when the divorce decree is issued.

On Dec. 1, a group of women in Monmouth County continued a protest of rulings made by Superior Court Judge Paul X. Escandon, who they accuse of being biased against female litigants in divorce cases. The protest marked the second time Escandon’s decisions have been publicly contested: a September demonstration brought more than 40 women to the courthouse entrance.

Meanwhile, a Flemington man has spent seven weeks in jail for "non-support" because his court-mandate alimony payments exceed his income. John Waldorf claims he's a victim of what he says is the state's flawed alimony system.'

'Perfect 10? Never Mind That. Ask Her for Her Credit Score'

Matt · 26 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Great idea. These days, you don't want to get stuck with someone who may be both financially irresponsible or unwilling to pull her own financial weight. Traditionally, men have been expected to supply the cash and/or ignore or tolerate their wife's/fiancee's/gf's financial irresponsibilities or ignorance. No more. (But guess who's still largely expected to pay for the dates?) And if she won't talk about her credit score or seems evasive? Big red flag. Excerpt:

'Dating someone with poor credit can have real implications. Banks remain wary of making loans to borrowers with tarnished scores, typically 660 and below; the best scores range from 800 to 850, and scores above 750 are considered good. A low score could quash dreams of buying a house, and result in steep interest rates, up to 29 percent, for credit cards, car financing and other unsecured loans.
...
Lauren Dollard, a 26-year-old assistant at a nonprofit in Houston, said her low credit score had helped to stall her romantic plans. Her boyfriend is wary of marrying her until she can significantly pay down the more than $150,000 she owes in student loans and bolster her credit score, she said.

Ms. Dollard’s credit score is so low, around 600, that she hasn’t been able to qualify for a car loan. She sympathizes with her boyfriend’s position because he “doesn’t ever want to be accountable for the irresponsible financial decision I made,” she said. Her boyfriend declined to be interviewed.'

Australia: Role model program aims to help boys to be boys

Mastodon · 27 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A BOYS' welfare project started by Menai Public School is helping children reconnect and engage in their learning.

The Boys Initiatives Program was established to address the needs of male pupils.

Targeted at grades 3-6, it aims to identify children who could most benefit from male role models, including children at risk of behavioural problems.

The idea was launched this year when the school realised there was a need for boys to be involved in activities that were separate from the classroom.

It involved pupils doing male-supervised activities including bike-riding and skateboard riding, which teach communication, co-operation and resilience.'

"Empowered young women don’t want to be called ‘feminist’"

Mastodon · 28 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The trailblazers — Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, to name two heavy lifters — believed that women should have the same legal and civil protections as men without discrimination. As Stanton said in 1854 when she addressed the New York Legislature, “We ask no better laws than those you have made for yourselves. We need no other protection than that which your present laws secure to you.” You might call these first feminists “equity feminists”: They sought equality before the law.

A century-and-a-half later, the modern feminist movement has different aims than those of the women who first gathered at Seneca Falls in 1948*. That is not to say the modern feminist movement shares none of the goals of those early crusaders. Aspects of modern feminism — such as campaigns seeking to end violence against women or stop the sexual objectification of women — are fully consonant with “first wave” feminism. Yet today’s feminists also pursue objectives that go far beyond those of the equity feminists. As University of Colorado feminist Alison Jaggar has said, “Radical and socialist feminists have shown that the old ideals of freedom, equality and democracy are insufficient.”'

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* Ed.: They meant "1848", when the Seneca Falls Convention was held.

SAVE: Find Hope, Know Hope, Give Hope

Matt · 28 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

In our line of work we come into contact with many people who are in difficult, if not desperate situations. Their perseverance to right the wrongs around them inspire us.

Vladek Filler was persecuted and wrongly convicted of spousal rape by an unethical prosecutor in Maine. The prosecutor, Mary Kellett was recently recommended for suspension by the panel that investigated her handling of his case: http://www.saveservices.org/2012/12/maine-bar-recommends-suspension-for-asst-da-mary-kellett/.

Gordon Smith was wrongly arrested several times over the course of several years due to false allegations of domestic violence in Delaware. Gordon was cleared after his electronic monitoring unit proved that he could not have attacked his accuser, and he recently received this letter from State Senator Lawson to A. G. Biden: http://www.saveservices.org/2012/12/de-sen-lawson-to-a-g-biden-on-behalf-of-falsely-accused-gordon-smith/.

The message I want to give you today is this:

Find hope, know hope, give hope.

Here's to hope!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

US Soldier Suicides Outnumber Combat Deaths In 2012

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (CBS DC) – American soldier suicides continue to outnumber combat-related deaths in 2012, and the trajectory for soldier suicides continues to get worse.

Statistics released by the Department of the Army show that through November potentially 303 active-duty, Reserve and National Guard soldiers committed suicide. As of Dec. 7, Stars and Stripes reports that 212 soldiers have died in combat-related deaths in Afghanistan.

The Army set a grim new record of 177 potential active-duty cases with 2012 coming to a close on Tuesday – 64 of these cases remain under investigation, 113 have been confirmed.'

The Dark Side of Feminism - Why Women Don't Like Powerful Women

Mastodon · 28 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It would have been better if she had dark circles under her eyes. Maybe a little bit of flab around the middle. At the very least a stain on her blouse – anything. Instead, in her first public appearance since the birth of her son, Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer was as slim and blonde as ever, beaming at the cameras.

"The baby's been easy," she said – no problem at all. How shocking!

Women all over America and the world followed Mayer's appointment as head of the Internet giant Yahoo, and then early this fall the birth of her first child. Remembering their own tough first few months with a new baby, many young mothers wondered how she would manage. Very well, thank you, as it turns out. And that did not go down well at all.

In fact Mayer's first post-natal interview sent storm waves crashing through the Internet. Couldn't she just have kept her mouth shut, feminists, mothers, even childless-by-choice women, asked. Little seems to polarize other women so much as successful women. Or women who have lives very different from the ones they have more or less chosen for themselves.

...

American author and journalism professor Katie Roiphe, who wrote an essay entitled Elect Sister Frigidaire about the strange antipathy so many women feel for Hillary Clinton, suggests that we may like to imagine strong women but that we don't actually like them. As much as women complain about the differences in salaries, support quotas, pay lip service to breaking the glass ceiling – when a woman actually makes it big, for many the reaction is not joy – far from it in fact – many women are downright miffed.

Instead of being inspired and motivated by the success of other women, it seems to be perceived as a direct attack on their own life and to provoke comments that cut the successful woman down to size.'

Petition to create a White House Council for Boys and Men

Tom · 29 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

There is a petition online that is calling for a White House Council for Boys and Men. Please do sign this petition and urge all you know to sign it too.

"Cops: Woman, 50, Battered Boyfriend, 32, Because Six Came Before Nine"

Matt · 29 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Notice how TSG makes light of the attack via their headline. Wouldn't see this if the sexes were reversed. Excerpt:

'A Florida woman is jailed on a battery rap for allegedly striking her boyfriend after he “finished first and stopped pleasuring her” during a mutual oral sex session late last night in the victim’s home, police report.

Jennie Scott, 50, was booked into the Manatee County lockup on a misdemeanor charge stemming from the 11 PM encounter in the Palmetto bedroom of Jilberto Deleon, 32. Scott has dated Deleon “for the last 5 years on and off,” according to a sheriff’s report.

Deputies were summoned to Deleon’s home by a witness who heard the couple arguing and saw Scott (seen at right) atop Deleon “punching and scratching him.” She also allegedly struck Deleon with a stick and threatened to hit him with a wrench before the tool was taken from her hand by the witness.'

"Breadwinner women" idea bothers feminists

Mastodon · 29 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'She was celebrated as a feminist success story, lifted aloft for shifting the gender imbalance in women's favour, for showing that providing financially for ones' family is no longer just a man's job.
...
But cultural anxieties about what this shift means for the workplace, for parenting and, especially, for men meant successful women were as torn as ever. The female breadwinner talk became all about men and their inevitable decline.

In her book The End of Men and the Rise of Women, Hanna Rosin, a senior editor at The Atlantic, argued that "at this unprecedented moment, women are no longer merely gaining on men; they have pulled decisively ahead in every measure," and lit a match under the simmering gender wars, angering a surprising cohort: Feminists themselves.

"[After that book came out] there were a number of feminist academics who really felt like they had to come forward and pound that idea, 'How dare you say that the end of men is occurring — men still rule, men still oppress, women are still victimized, you're wrong,'" said Ms. Mundy in an interview. "It seems to me some members of the feminist establishment are actually uneasy when you argue that women are making progress."'

UK: Pro-men party has Harriet in its sights

Mastodon · 29 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Male rights campaigners are setting up an anti-feminist political party and plan to stand against Harriet Harman and other prominent feminists at the next General Election.

The ‘men power’ is being orchestrated by Mike Buchanan, 55, a former business consultant who opposes tokenism and says ‘our political elite has become detached from reality with its state-sponsored feminism’.

Mr Buchanan is not some fruitcake of the Monster Raving Loony party ilk. A bookish fellow from Bath, full of statistics, he has recently given evidence to a parliamentary select committee.

He has also been interviewed on Radio 4 and has spoken at political party conference fringe events about the Establishment’s demands for more women in boardrooms.'

AVfM interview of Mike Buchanan

Flawed Violence Against Women Act Could Become Next Lame-Duck Fight

Mastodon · 29 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As the lame-duck session of Congress grinds to a close, policymakers are feeling the pressure to rush passage of a number of expansive, potentially faulty pieces of legislation before the year's end. Recent rumors swirling around Washington suggest the House may consider anew language in a Senate-passed version of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization in the next few weeks.

Despite the original law's good intentions to support female victims of violence, recent reauthorizations—including those before Congress—are seriously flawed and have steered the law away from its original intent of protecting vulnerable women.'

UK pop star uses sexual violence against Simon Cowell look-alike in new video

Mastodon · 29 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The explicit footage, for controversial artist Madame Allsorts' single Jack Shh, sees a lookalike of the music mogul attacked by the blonde singer.

The graphic vid sees "Cowell" arrive at a deserted warehouse in his Bentley, which features the reg plate P5 YCHO, a pun on his label's name Syco.

The Brit singer is then seen bending down and unzipping the double's trousers.

Seconds later the lookalike, who is dressed in a black suit and wearing X Factor boss Cowell's trademark sunglasses, screams in pain as Madame Allsorts — real name Alayna Salter — severs his manhood.'

Woman accused of driving drunk, leaving kids at crash scene

Matt · 29 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A valley mom has been accused of crashing her car while driving drunk in Scottsdale. She fled the scene and police say she left behind her son.

The accident happened at 90th St and Raintree in north Scottsdale Sunday night. Police say the woman left her 13-year-old son behind after crashing into a median and took off with her other two kids.

Brianna Railing, 35, was also allegedly driving with a drink in her car.

The police report states Railing was turning onto 90th St from Raintree, but turned way too wide, hitting the curbed median. Her car ended up stuck on the median.'

A Call for Sensitivity in Discussing Circumcision

Matt · 29 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Since I used to be pro-cutting and am now adamantly opposed to it, I remember which messages I used to scoff at, and which messages actually got me to listen. I couldn't identify with the horror of the procedure until I learned about it in a non-judgmental manner.

When I became increasingly interested in the cause this past year, I sought out other intactivist “converts” like me but encountered sparing results. Most acquaintances and friends with whom I’ve spoken understand why I feel passionately about the issue and agree its practice should end, but few of them ever actively supported circumcision.

I’ve met a similar lack of representation in communities of more outspoken intactivists. I feel almost envious of the instinctive horror that these people rightfully experienced when they learned what circumcision meant. I feel guilt for having needed evidence to understand that the permanent alteration of male infant genitalia with a scalpel should be—at the very least—harshly questioned. Still, I am endlessly relieved that I gained this knowledge before becoming a mother and letting a mohel amputate large amounts of sensitive tissue from my son’s penis by default.
...

As abhorrent as circumcision seems to most intactivists, we must remember to withhold our judgment and our anger in order to be productive in our cause. I’ve personally struggled with such emotions, and I certainly haven’t overcome their presence in my life. However, I know how to handle these feelings in a way that lets me communicate with pro-cutters, and I believe that’s an imperative step in promoting the intactivist movement.

Circumcision exists because of institutionalized regulations on normality rather than specific parental wrongdoings, but combating it requires loud voices from supportive individuals. For this reason, we must forgive our opposition before we can sway them. Otherwise, we will never be open enough to garner their support.'

Woman charged with 'hate crime' in US subway shove death

arindamp · 30 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 31-year old woman, arrested for shoving an Indian immigrant to his death onto a subway train track here, has been charged with murder as a hate crime after she admitted before police that she pushed him because she "hated Hindus and Muslims".

Erika Menendez of Queens is charged with second-degree murder as a hate crime for the death of 46-year-old Sunando Sen.

She is to be arraigned in Queens criminal court and faces a maximum of 25 years to life in prison if convicted, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said.'

Kansas demands that sperm donor pay child support

Mastodon · 31 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Kansas man who donated sperm to a lesbian couple three years ago is fighting the state's demand that he pay child support.

The two women raising the 3-year-old girl say they support the man, who responded to an ad they posted on the Craigslist website in 2009, the Topeka Capital-Journal reported.

The issue of child support arose when the two women broke up, and the couple applied for state services. Workers at the Kansas Department for Children and Families demanded the donor's name and then filed a child-support claim against him, the newspaper said.

Angela Bauer, one of the mothers, told the Capital-Journal that she and her former partner, Jennifer Schreiner, support the donor, William Marotta, "in whatever action he wants to go forward with" to fight the state's demand.'

Woman charged in NYC subway death ordered to undergo psychiatric evaluation

Mastodon · 31 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 31-year-old Bronx woman charged with pushing an immigrant to his death from a New York City subway platform has been ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

Erika Menendez was arraigned Saturday night on a charge of murder as a hate crime, the Associated Press reported. Judge Gia Morris ordered that she be held without bail and be given a mental health exam, it said

Menendez is charged in the death of Sunando Sen, who was crushed by a train in Queens on Thursday night.

Menendez, who was seen muttering to herself before shoving a man onto subway tracks in front of a speeding train, said she did so because, "I hate Hindus and Muslims," prosecutors said on Saturday.'

UK: Modern men too selfish to get 'the snip'?

Mastodon · 31 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Yesterday, the Daily Mail published an article on the free-falling rate of UK vasectomies and implied that modern men are to blame.

In 2001-02, there were 37,700 procedures across England and Wales, compared with 15,106 in 2011. There's been a 16 per cent decline in the past two years alone.

According to the feature, which was written by Tom Rawstorne, many women across the country blame the decline on men being 'selfish'.

They also assume that male fertility is a ticking infidelity time bomb - something which should be treated as highly suspicious, not a natural human state.

I disagree.

The truth is that modern life, and medicine, has simply out-grown the vasectomy.'

N.J. educators unsure how to improve 4th-grade boys' reading scores on state test

Mastodon · 31 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Young boys across the country have trailed their female classmates in language arts proficiency for at least four decades, but over the last four years, the gender gap in New Jersey's public schools has widened, test results released last week show.

Between 2009 and 2012, the percentage of fourth-grade girls who passed the reading section of the annual NJ ASK test held at about 65 percent, while the share of boys who passed declined by 8.1 percentage points.

This year, nearly half of the state's fourth-grade boys failed the test.

Male students' declining reading proficiency is evident to some degree in every grade and in every demographic subgroup, according to superintendents, who said they don't understand why this is happening or how to solve the problem.'

Helping boys become better readers

Mastodon · 31 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Conventional wisdom has long intimated that girls are more adept at language arts and reading than boys of the same age. A recent study indicates there may be some merit to the assumption that boys tend to lag behind girls in reading. In order to bolster interest in books and reading comprehension, parents and educators can look to many successful literary series that tend to draw the attention of boys.

Boys and reading

A 2010 study by the Center on Education Policy that looked at trends beginning from 2002 to 2008 found boys have been lagging behind girls on standardized reading tests in all 50 states. According to Jack Jennings, president of the Center on Education Policy, "We found no state in which boys did not lag behind girls in reading at the elementary level, the middle school level and the high school level. So it's pretty clear: Boys are not doing as well as girls in reading."'

Police Lower Bar on Domestic Violence Arrests

Mastodon · 31 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WINTER HAVEN | It's not difficult to get arrested for domestic violence: A tossed cupcake or a soda shower can get you a ride in the back of a squad car.

The Nov. 25 arrest of Baxter Troutman, a former four-term state representative from Winter Haven, is a case in point of how in some domestic violence episodes, the bar for an arrest can appear low.

Although the domestic violence-battery charge against him was quickly dropped, Troutman first spent a night in jail, which he called a humiliating experience.

But, he said, people have been overwhelmingly supportive of him.

Troutman acknowledges throwing a bedspread in the direction of his wife, Becky.

She told a deputy it hit her in the face. He said it didn't hit her anywhere.

Sheriff Grady Judd, whose deputies arrested Troutman, said if someone calls about a domestic assault in his or her home, "somebody is going to jail. Every time."'

Police: Woman was upset about laundry cash

Mastodon · 31 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'JERSEY CITY, N.J., Dec. 31 (UPI) -- Police in New Jersey said they arrested a woman accused of charging at her boyfriend with a hammer when he refused to pay for laundry.

Jersey City police said they responded to an apartment Saturday on a 2:52 p.m. report of a man locked in a bathroom while his girlfriend pounded on the door with a hammer, The Jersey (Jersey City, N.J.) Journal reported Monday.

Police said they subdued Jazmin Duran, 24, after a brief struggle and she was arrested on charges of aggravated assault, terroristic threats, criminal mischief, domestic violence, possession of weapon, unlawful possession of a weapon and resisting arrest.'

Seattle woman charged in boyfriend's slaying

Mastodon · 31 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Seattle woman accused of stabbing her boyfriend to death during an argument has been charged with murder.

King County prosecutors contend Christina D. Kasper-Lewis killed Dante Durant on Dec. 19 during an argument at Durant's Skyway apartment. Stabbed in the chest, Durant died at the scene.

According to charging documents, Kasper-Lewis, 31, had stabbed Durant previously during other incidents of domestic violence. She allegedly told police she picked up the knife to show Durant she was serious about their argument, and then stabbed him once when he grabbed her by the lapels.'

Tacoma woman accused of starting fire with children in house over husband's possible affair

Mastodon · 31 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 33-year-old woman who suspected her husband of having an affair started a fire in their house Sunday, forcing the couple's children to hide in a closet and call for help, Tacoma police reported.

Department spokeswoman Loretta Cool said the woman was burning some of her husband's items downstairs when the rug caught fire at their home in the 3800 block of East J Street. Her husband was not home at the time.
...
Police arrested the woman on suspicion of arson and domestic violence and called Child Protective Services, who placed the children with their father. One child was treated for smoke inhalation.'

Glenn Sacks on Fox Video: Fatherhood Crisis in America?

Matt · 31 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Interview here.

"Single moms raising children on the rise" -- 4:25, Dec. 30, 2012

For those new to the MR scene, read about Glenn at Wikipedia.

UK: Breast cancer receives twice as much research funding as prostate cancer

MikeJH · 31 December 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Breast cancer, the most common female cancer which has a similar death rate to prostate cancer, received more than double the annual research spend with £853 per case diagnosed compared with £417.
...
The figures were published by Prostate Cancer UK to mark the start of a fund-raising campaign, The Sledgehammer Fund, presented by Bill Bailey, the actor.'

Judge orders woman to have no more children

Minuteman · 1 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A US woman charged with child neglect has agreed to not have any more children as a condition of her probation and house arrest.

In October 2011, Kimberly Lightsey, 30, was arrested after she allegedly left her four young children - one of whom has epilepsy, cerebral palsy and brain damage - alone at a trashed hotel room while she went partying.

A guest called police after finding one of the Florida woman's children, who were aged from one to 11, strapped into an overturned stroller in a hallway at the hotel.

At the time, Lightsey was already serving four years of probation after not contesting a charge of hitting her six-year-old son in the face with a belt two years earlier.'

Kathy Griffin sexually harasses Anderson Cooper as 2013 arrives

Matt · 1 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. So where's the wailing cries of sexism and demand for apologies? Excerpt:

'No matter what vulgar things Kathy Griffin does on CNN's live New Year's Eve broadcasts, the folks at the supposedly most trusted name in news continue to invite her back.

On Monday night's program, after first telling co-host Anderson Cooper "I'm going to tickle your sack," she shortly after midnight actually kissed his crotch (video follows with transcribed highlights and commentary):

Roughly eleven minutes into the program which began at 10 PM, Cooper commented about how on Twitter folks were suggesting that there should be a game that whenever he giggles nervously during the show, contestants have to take a drink.

Then, completely out of the blue, Griffin said, “I'm going to tickle your sack. You can say sack. That's not bad.”

An obviously nervous Cooper responded, “I don't know what you're talking about. I have no sack of gifts here.”

Griffin then suggested the camera pan lower so the audience can see her “naughty gestures.”'

Germany: Pediatric Association Condemns Infant Circumcision

Matt · 1 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month*, Germany's official Pediatric Association, the Berufsverband der Kinder- und Jugendärtze (BVKJ), joined the Dutch Medical Association and spoken out against infant circumcision. Below is a transcript of the statement; you can read the original in German here.

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Initially, it should be observed that there is no reason from a medical point of view to remove an intact foreskin from underage boys or boys unable to give consent. Additionally, in pre-school age, there is only very rarely a real medical indication for removing the foreskin (circumcision). At this age the foreskin (praeputium) is physiologically to a greater or lesser extent, strongly fixed to the glans of the penis. Infections and painful tears often occur due improper attempts to pull back the fixed and still immature foreskin.'

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* Nov., 2012

Fewer parents opting to circumcise their babies

Mastodon · 1 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Like every mom, Jessica — who requested her last name not be used for this story — had important things to consider during her first pregnancy, including whether or not to have her newborn son circumcised.

A recent policy statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics updated the organization's 1999 policy on circumcision, the surgical removal of some or all of the foreskin from the penis. The AAP states that the decision should be left to the parents, weighing medical information along with their own religious, ethical and cultural beliefs and practices.

...

Jessica watched a video of a circumcision during a childbirth preparation class. At the time, she and her husband lived in the Northeast.

"That sealed the deal," she said. "If it's not necessary, why do it?"'

Evan Thomas: 'White Men Dropping Out of the Workforce'

Mastodon · 1 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Newsweek editor Evan Thomas made a bizarre statement on PBS's Inside Washington Friday.

"Unexplored story of the year: white men dropping out - dropping out of the workforce, dropping out of elections, just plain dropping out, getting social security, not doing anything, going hunting, fishing, just not in the game"
...
As such, the biggest decline in this statistic has come from black men not white men who continue to by far represent the largest chunk of the labor force with a participation rate of 73.2 percent.

With this in mind, Thomas might want to rethink his bizarre conclusion.'

UK: Soho restaurant joins trend for women-only venues

Mastodon · 2 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

The vogue for women-only venues is gathering pace as a restaurant bar prepares to open in Soho.

The independently-owned bar and restaurant in Frith Street, Sofakingcool, is to become “women-only” themed from February 1 and renamed KC’z Bar.

It follows a spate of others which aim to connect women with women — most recently private members’ club Grace Belgravia, which opened in November. It only admits men for dinner on Thursdays and has an annual fee of £5,500.'

Are women really better than men?

Mastodon · 2 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In his book “Man Down: Proof Beyond a Reasonable Doubt That Women Are Better Cops, Drivers, Gamblers, Spies, World Leaders, Beer Tasters, Hedge Fund Managers, and Just About Everything Else”, Dan Abrams slammed men with some outlandish research to make the case for the fairer sex. He stated that “statistics and studies show women are better collaborators, and are more cautious and more adept at navigating treacherous terrain.” He also said that women were better at facing tough conditions, hard economic times, bad situations and some other boring stuff.

I'm sure Abrams book is adored by women worldwide, and is considered a divine revelation by Oprah, but I think the author has it all wrong. Men are better than women at all sorts of really cool jobs and skills. For example, Abrams failed to mention that men still excel at:'

Maryland boy, 6, suspended from school for making gun gesture with hand and saying ‘pow’

Matt · 3 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Maryland family is fighting the one day school suspension of a 6-year-old boy who made a gun gesture with his thumb and forefinger while in class.

The boy was suspended after pointing the finger gun at a classmate and saying “pow,” WTOP reported. The incident came a week after a gunman stormed Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., killing 26 people, including 20 children.

The boy’s family said they got a letter from Roscoe Nix Elementary School in Silver Spring, Md. saying the child was being suspended over the gun gesture and had also been spoken to about a "similar incident,” the Washington Examiner reported.

The family also obtained a lawyer.'

Sworn-in female senators declare (again) that so much will be better as more women take office

Matt · 3 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Yes, indeed. All the same issues that male pols deal with such as electoral pressure, special-interest meddling, internal personality conflicts and interest-clashes, will somehow be mitigated, just because the players are female. Tell me, anyone ever watch a women's soccer or basketball game? Did you walk away thinking women were any less competitive than men? Didn't think so. Thought experiment: The Congress (both houses) are 90+% female and we have a female president, too. Now what has really changed? The deficit is gone? Voters will stop threatening to toss them out if they raise taxes too much or reduce Social Security? Our various Middle East problems will all be solved? Social problems of all kinds will be solved or disappear? What do you think? Excerpt:

'But the women also admit that they believe having more women in the room would help in fierce negotiations, compromise, and legislating on Capitol Hill, traits they say do not come as naturally to their male colleagues in the Senate. That sentiment enjoys bipartisan support among the women of the Senate.

"What I find is with all due deference to our male colleagues, that women's styles tend to be more collaborative," Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said.

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said by nature women are "less confrontational." Sen-elect Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, says that women are "problem solvers."'

Hey, sperm donor, don't answer that Craiglist ad

Mastodon · 3 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A man who responded to an online ad for sperm and now faces thousands of dollars in child support is living proof of the dangers of donating outside of a sperm bank.

"The biggest piece of advice is just to not do it," said Ashley Nicole Reeve, a Texas-based attorney practicing in family law and reproductive technology law. "I don't know that there is any sure way legally to protect yourself."

With reproductive technology advancing more quickly than the law that governs it, donors who go through less-than-official channels can find themselves in a gray area when it comes to child support.

"The medical technology really has gone further than what the law has protected at this point. People are using sperm donors and egg donors and surrogates more and more, and the law really hasn't caught up just yet," she said.'

Australia: "Female graduates earn $5000 less than men"

Minuteman · 4 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'"It is very disturbing that men's starting salaries have increased over the past year but those of women have not, especially given that women make up the majority of university graduates," the research executive manager at the Workplace Gender Equality Agency, Carla Harris, said.

"The lesson here is that the gender pay gap continues to have a very real impact on the bank balance of young women starting their careers."

The pay gap was most pronounced for those working in architecture and building, dentistry, optometry and law.

However, female computer scientists, earth scientists, pharmacists and engineers were amongst those women who earned slightly more than men.

Only education, humanities and medicine had no gender pay gap in starting salaries.'

SAVE: Congress Adjourns, VAWA Fails to Pass

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The 112th Congress has adjourned without reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

SAVE has consistently advocated for improvements to VAWA. We have worked hard to educate legislators. Among other things, we held several lobbying events throughout the year. We even wrote our own language, the Partner Violence Reduction Act (PVRA) to show that we can serve all victims of domestic violence while reducing waste, fraud and false allegations.

We are happy to report that some of SAVE's key reforms were included in HR 4970, the House version of VAWA. Rest assured, our efforts to achieve VAWA reform will continue in the next session of Congress.

Please call House Leader Eric Cantor today, and thank him for his principled and courageous support of VAWA reform. Call: (202) 225-2815

Looking forward to 2013,

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"Joe Biden Gets Frisky with Senator's Wife"... Really?

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Video here. I watched this video and despite being no fan of Biden, I don't think a man ought to be accused of inappropriate/lewd conduct for engaging in what has historically been referred to as "friendly affectionate contact". I am pretty sure the new senator's wife was known to Biden and nothing about her body language conveys discomfort, at least not that I could see. Biden didn't do anything wrong here except of course be male. If the sexes were reversed, does anyone think this site would have trumpeted this rather innocuous event? Caption reads:

'Vice President Joe Biden got a little frisky with the wife of Senator Angus King at today's ceremonial swearing-in at the Capitol ...

Biden's hand remains on King's wife, Mary Herman, for at least 20 seconds, moving down her back and to the side of her chest.

The vice president has been in the Capitol today welcoming in the new Congress.'

UK: Feminism is to partly blame for the breakdown of the family, says senior female Labour MP

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism is partly to blame for the breakdown of the family, one of Labour's most senior female politicians has said.

Diane Abbott, the party's public health spokesman, said that major issues facing society 'stem from family breakdown'.

...

Perhaps most surprising, however, is her argument that Left-wingers and feminists should make family breakdown a key battleground rather than leave the issue to Conservatives.

In an interview with The Guardian, she said: 'Those of us who came of age at the height of feminism had very mixed views about the family, since it seemed to be defined as a heterosexual thing with a certificate, children and mum at home.'

But she said the Left had to recognise that 'some of the biggest public health issues stem from family breakdown', explaining: 'Doctors say to me that so many of the drug and alcohol problems they see stem from family difficulties.'

Girls make better grades because they're nicer?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Elementary and middle school teachers give higher grades to girls than boys — but that may be more about differences in behavior than differences in what they know, according to new research by University of Georgia economists.

“It appears that teachers see girls’ performance more favorably than boys’ performance,” said Christopher Cornwell, head of the UGA economics department and the study’s lead author.

...

“You would think there would be a close alignment between teachers’ assessment of performance and test scores, but they’re not as closely aligned as you’d think,” Cornwell said.

And that misalignment favors girls, he said.

“It’s not just that they’re not aligned. Boys are less favorably rendered than the girls,” he said.'

Thousands of Kansas Sperm Donors Emerge to Protest State's Child Support Claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Over three years ago, a well-intentioned, 46-year-old race car mechanic in Kansas donated his sperm to a lesbian couple seeking to conceive a child. A written agreement that waived the donor's parental rights and financial obligations was executed between the parties at the time of delivery. However in October, Kansas filed a petition to have the donor legally declared the father of the three-year-old child and held responsible for support payments under state law. Citing a 2007 case before the Kansas Supreme Court, lawyers for the donor argued that their client bore no parental responsibilities because of his agreement with the couple. The case attracted national attention this week with the announcement of a January 8 hearing. As an unexpected result, thousands of unmarried men with illegitimate children and mounting child support debt filed motions Thursday to have their statuses changed to "donor," and their financial obligations overturned.'

State: Woman deceives Kansas agency to get child support from sperm donor

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Article here. Excerpt:

'TOPEKA, Kan. — The state agency seeking child support payments from a Topeka man who donated sperm to a lesbian couple says one of the women “clearly deceived” the department.

The Kansas Department for Children and Families in a court filing Wednesday also called into question the validity of a sperm donor contract between William Marotta and the couple, Jennifer Schreiner and Angela Bauer.

Marotta’s attorney called the agency’s filing “offensive.” Phone calls placed to the women Thursday afternoon weren’t immediately returned.

Documents show Schreiner indicated she didn’t know the name of the donor or “have any information” about him in her application for child support.'

Shrill Rhetoric and Partisan Squabbling Doomed Violence Against Women Act, SAVE Says

Matt · 5 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Jan. 4, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Anti-violence advocates are disappointed after the 112th Session of Congress ended without hammering out differences in the Senate and House versions of the Violence Against Women Act renewal. Last-minute talks between Vice President Joe Biden and House Leader Eric Cantor failed to resolve differences in provisions regarding immigrants, Indians, and lesbian/gay victims of intimate partner violence.
...
"The rhetoric has been over-the-top and personal attacks only serve to harm relationships that are essential for political compromise," explains SAVE spokesman Steve Blake. "As we move into the next session of Congress, SAVE hopes all key stakeholders can work together to develop a better law that will protect all victims."

A national poll found a strong majority of registered voters are in favor of reforming VAWA: http://www.saveservices.org/campaign-2012/national-survey-on-vawa-reform/'

Women in the Senate Explain Why They Do it Better

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, a record 20 women were sworn in to the U.S. Senate. To mark the occasion ABC's World News With Diane Sawyer had all of the female senators on for a group interview. One of the major topics of the discussion was the belief of many of the senators that they achieve better results than their male colleagues on a variety of issues including the budget, immigration reform and climate change. Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow got the ball rolling when she suggested women are more inclined to get results by working in a bipartisan manner.
...
Maine Senator Susan Collins took the argument a step further by saying if women were in charge of the Senate and in the White House there would be a solution to the budget debate that has gripped Washington.

"I think if we were in charge of the Senate and of the administration that we would have a budget deal by now," Ms. Collins said.
...
Later on in the interview, Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski said she believes women bring a "sense of timeliness" to the Senate that is not shared by their male colleagues.
...
California Senator Dianne Feinstein chimed in to say that having less testosterone makes female politicians more effective.'

Hanna Rosin on America's Male Identity Crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rosin: What young people learn in church can no longer be reconciled with the realities of their lives. Yet men and women alike are finding it immensely difficult to accept their changed roles. This is why marriages are failing, and mothers are raising their children alone. Many women would rather remain alone than marry a man who can't contribute anything to the family's income.
...
SPIEGEL: That sounds very optimistic. But in your book, you describe couples for whom the fact that the woman was suddenly earning more money than the man caused considerable tension.

Rosin: That's true. These arrangements are so new that both men and women often have mixed feelings about them, and you don't have to dig very deep to find those feelings. I think one young man from Canada put it very well when he told me that theoretically and politically he believes in the idea of a househusband 100 percent -- he just doesn't want to be one himself.'

Common-law doctrine bars man from rejecting paternity of his non-biologic daughter in Berks court

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Judge Bucci of the Berks County Court of Common Pleas recently barred a man from disclaiming paternity over a child, pursuant the common-law doctrine of “paternity by estoppel.”

In January 2012, the plaintiff, who is the mother of a 4-year-old girl, filed a complaint for support in the Berks County Domestic Relations Office, seeking financial support from her estranged husband, the defendant.

The man challenged the complaint and filed a petition for special relief, seeking an order for DNA testing to disestablish paternity.

According to the court’s opinion, the parties agreed that the girl was conceived and born during the marriage but is not the biological child of the man.

The court found that the girl child was, in fact, the product of an extramarital affair. Although the man suspected infidelity, according to the court’s opinion, the mother concealed the affair and assured the man that he was the biological father.'

Evidence for "demonic male ape" is flimsy

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Story here. I find this article of interest because it argues against the theory of the "demonic male" among apes. I have literally seen the argument made that men make lousy parents because male lions or polar bears allegedly kill their young. But such killings among apes, at least, are apparently rare--as is other war-like behavior. Excerpt:

'An important essay by columnist John Horgan that was published in 2010 in Scientific American summarizes much of what is known about warfare in great apes and other primates. Horgan is especially concerned with what is called the "demonic male" theory that states "both male humans and chimpanzees, our closest genetic relatives, are 'natural warriors' with an innate predisposition toward 'coalitionary killing,' which dates back to our common ancestor." Horgan summarizes what is actually known as follows: "All told, since Jane Goodall began observing chimpanzees in Tanzania's Gombe National Park in 1960, researchers have directly observed 31 intergroup killings, of which 17 were infants.... researchers at a typical site directly observe one killing every seven years ... my criticism -- and that of other critics I've cited -- stems from science, not ideology. The evidence for the demonic-males theory, far from extraordinary, is flimsy."'

F&F: Success: Arizona Takes a Step Towards Shared Parenting

Matt · 6 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Happy New Year! Arizona's law, SB 1127, went into effect on January 1st. It requires the court to adopt a parenting plan that provides for both parents to share legal decision-making regarding their child and that maximizes their respective parenting time.

Arizona's new law still requires judges to make decisions based on the children's best interest, but their best interest now includes maximum time for both parents, although the new legislation does not specify the amount of time a child should spend with each parent. It does emphasize three aspects to contact with both parents: Frequency, Meaningfulness, and Continuity.'

SAVE: Tell House Speaker John Boehner: Do Not Agree to Vote on S.1925

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Even though the 112th Congress adjourned without reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act, VAWA is still very much in the picture.

As you may remember, last year the Senate passed their reauthorization of VAWA, S 1925. Not satisfied with the Senate's bill, the House passed their own version.

Then we had a standstill. There were reports that they were trying to come to a last minute agreement, but it didn't happen.

Immediately following the adjournment, supporters of S 1925 started pressuring the House to vote on the Senate version of VAWA. But why should they? They've already approved a reauthorization of VAWA - HR 4970.

We believe that if people in the Senate sincerely want to pass VAWA, they should put HR 4970 to a vote in the Senate.

Please call House Speaker John Boehner TODAY.

Call: 202-225-6205
Say: "Do not agree to the ridiculous demand to schedule a vote on the Senate VAWA bill, S. 1925."

We have worked hard to reform VAWA. Let's not let all of our hard work go to waste!

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Warren Farrell: 'Guns don't kill people — our sons do'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For boys, the road to successful manhood has crumbled. In many boys' journey from a fatherless family to an almost all-female staff elementary school such as Sandy Hook, there is no constructive male role model.
...
Adam Lanza is reported to have gone downhill when divorce separated him from his dad. Children of divorce without enough father contact are prone to have poor social skills; to struggle with the five D's (depression, drugs, drinking, discipline and delinquency); be suicidal; be less able to concentrate; and to be aggressive but not assertive. Perhaps most important, these boys are less empathetic.
...
It's time we go beyond fighting over guns to raising our sons. With one executive order, President Obama can create a White House Council on Men and Boys to work with the Council on Women and Girls he formed in 2009. Why? No one part of government or the private sector has a handle on the solution.

A coordinated strategy is best developed at the White House level. The mere formation of such a council by the president alerts foundations, companies, families, teachers and therapists that our sons' "failure to launch" needs to be on their agenda. And politically, an effort to go beyond the rote ideological disagreements of the two parties could help build the unity to actually do something instead of fight to a standstill in a closely divided country.

There are few things a culture does as important as raising children. We can't continue to fail half of them.'

'Coming soon to an angry dude near you - the "pro-men" party'

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Article here. Excerpt:

As with many extremist political ideologies, the increased visibility and popularity of Men's Rights Activists (or MRAs) such as Buchanan can be attributed largely to fear. Fear, paranoia, and hatred. Fear that white working class men are set to become a "minority" (David Willetts this week confirmed this by comparing them to other "disadvantaged groups"); paranoia that such disadvantages are caused by the increasing emancipation of women, out there, spreading their tentacles, passing exams, and taking the world by storm, like the demented harpies that we are; and hatred of those women, with their vaginas and their soft smooth skin and their Child Support Agency. The bitches.

While we're not denying that there are many male-specific problems which are not being adequately tackled – not least the alarming suicide rate among young men, which Buchanan seems to imply is also feminism's fault – laying the blame at the door of women is an astonishing jump in so-called logic. All the major political parties seem to be doing a rather nice job of championing male interests already, and although the coalition clearly couldn't give a toss about the working class, the fact that they only have five women in the cabinet doesn't exactly signify the 'state-sponsored feminism' that Buchanan sees lurking in the dark corners of his proverbial bedchamber. So where's the beef?'

Women In Military In No Rush To Join Infantry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON -- If or when the Pentagon lets women become infantry troops – the country's front-line warfighters – how many women will want to?

The answer is probably not many.

Interviews with a dozen female soldiers and Marines showed little interest in the toughest fighting jobs. They believe they'd be unable to do them, even as the Defense Department inches toward changing its rules to allow women in direct ground combat jobs.

In fact, the Marines asked women last year to go through its tough infantry officer training to see how they would fare. Only two volunteered and both failed to complete the fall course. None has volunteered for the next course this month. The failure rate for men is roughly 25 percent.
...
Changing the rules for a potential future draft would be a difficult proposition.

The Supreme Court has ruled that because the Selective Service Act is aimed at creating a list of men who could be drafted for combat – and women are not in combat jobs – American women aren't required to register upon turning 18 as all males are. If combat jobs open to women, Congress would have to decide what to do about that law.'

South Africa: Pregnant women drinking alcohol to induce FAS to collect money

Minuteman · 7 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Pregnant South African women are deliberately drinking large quantities of alcohol to harm their unborn babies in a bid to earn more welfare money.

...

"If I don't drink this, I'm like someone who is sick," one mother told Sky News.

"I can't sleep and I can't think straight but when I have this then I am better and I can do anything."

The addictive milky brown brew is made from yeast, water and battery acid and is sold in illegal drinking houses called 'shebeens'.

...

The World Health Organisation reports there has been a spike in the area of children born with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) since 2002.

The irreversible symptoms mean children suffer from speech problems, physical deformities, learning difficulties and behavioural issues.

Families receive 250 South African rand ($28) per child, per month but a disabled child brings in 1200 rand a month ($134) – a "lucrative" income.'

F&F: Report Shows Mothers Control Fathers' Access to Children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'...From the simple fact of breaking up with a man and not informing him of the existence of his child or, if he learns of it somehow, saying it's another man's, to surreptitiously placing the child for adoption, to refusing or limiting his visitation, to child abduction, to false claims of abuse, to maternal gatekeeping, to parental alienation, mothers maintain all but complete power over a father's ability to have a relationship with his child and, of course, the child's ability to have one with its father.

...

Needless to say a society like ours that comes between its fathers and their children is a society that is asking for trouble. It's a society that is begging for more crime, more drug and alcohol abuse, more unemployment, and the like. As I say so often, someone should inform our legislatures and judges. Everyone knows but them.'

UK: Teen murdered over false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Four killers carried out the “extraordinarily callous, violent and brutal” murder of a Harold Hill teenager after the sister of one wrongly claimed he had raped her, a court heard today (Tuesday).

Luke Harwood, 18, was punched and kicked to death by the gang, from Romford, who planned to slice off his fingers and pull out his teeth so the body could not be identified, the Old Bailey was told.

The victim had the misfortune to move into a council house in Crow Lane, where the gang all lived when Alice Hall - who made the false allegation - was there, the jury heard.
...
The victim, who was 5ft 7ins tall and weighed just seven stone, was taken to a stream where he was finished off on the bank, the court was told.
“His facial skeleton was crushed. They then concealed his body by covering it with a mattress and other items,” Mr Denison said.

The following evening the alleged killers returned to the scene.

“They had with them knives and a pair of wire cutters, items they were intending to use to mutilate his body by cutting off his fingers and removing his teeth, doing so to make it more difficult for him to be recognised,” said Mr Denison.'

False rape claim warrants severe punishment

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'I'd like to comment on an article written by Greg Tuttle Dec. 20 concerning a false rape claim by Christina Nadine Nelson in The Gazette. First of all, I received this article via email from The Society Of The Wrongfully Accused.

I myself was a false rape victim back in September of 1995 while living in Carmichael, Calif. I was accused by a woman I never even shook hands with. I was arrested, charged and thrown into jail without any consideration and had the embarrassment of having my name and charges splattered all over the Sacramento Bee.

The embarrassment and humiliation to my wife, my daughter and myself was immeasurable; it caused severe emotional trauma and in some ways permanent damage to my marriage. I hope and pray this woman receives the justice she deserves and that some day laws are passed making false rape claims a felony. They also should be treated as a sex crime. Even though no physical rape was committed, men who are almost always the victims in these cases, are raped by the justice system. If they are unfortunately convicted and sent to prison, they are often physically raped and sometimes murdered.'

UK: John Leslie opens up about how false rape claims ruined his life

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Former television presenter John Leslie has laid bare his torment at the devastating sex attack claims that destroyed his career and nearly brought him to suicide.

The former host of This Morning says being named supposedly accidentally as the alleged rapist of fellow TV presenter Ulrika Jonsson ruined his life, leaving him broke and turning him into a hermit.

He has not worked in television since the unfounded 2003 allegations and says he still feels damned for crimes he didn't commit.'

Wikipedia entry on John Leslie here.

Man sues after false rape accusation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Wymore man wrongfully accused of sexual assault is asking for a jury trial to assess damages done by Gage County and several sheriff's deputies.

Elliot Hawkins filed the suit in Gage County District Court on Wednesday, the same day Jennifer Valenta was sentenced to 32 to 60 months in prison for attempted prostitution, false reporting and tampering with evidence.

The suit names Deputy Brandon Schley, Investigator John Chavez, Investigator Rob Sandersfeld and Sgt. Tony Shepardson for their role in the "conscious-shocking reckless investigation" that Hawkins claims violated his constitutional right to due process.'

Casey Anthony's Misdemeanor Conviction Reviewed By Florida Appeals Court

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -- There is no doubt that Casey Anthony lied to detectives when she told them her 2-year-old daughter had been kidnapped by a babysitter.

But a state appellate court is being asked to decide Tuesday whether the Florida mother was in police custody when she made the statements that led to her being convicted of lying to law enforcement officers.

If judges on the Fifth District Court of Appeals decide she was in police custody, they could overturn her misdemeanor convictions on the grounds that her statements were inadmissible since she hadn't been read her Miranda rights. The Miranda rights warn suspects that they can remain silent and that their statements can be used against them in court.'

UN: Countries must address lack of women in science and technology fields

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Article here. Excerpt:

'7 January 2013 – Women and girls run the risk of being left behind in scientific and technological fields if countries do not put measures in place to address discrimination and change traditional attitudes, the United Nations said today, warning that this gap constitutes an obstacle to nations' progress.

"Women tend to be overrepresented in the humanities and social sciences, and underrepresented in science and technology," said an official from the world body's International Labour Organization's (ILO) Bureau for Workers' Activities, Claude Akpokavie. "Measures need to be put in place to redress this imbalance."

According to ILO, the gap between men and women in the scientific and technological fields is linked to pervasive gender roles and attitudes in different societies – visible in both developed and developing countries – which encourage girls to pursue 'softer' subjects.'

'America must stop blaming divorce on women'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent poll revealed a clear tendency to blame women for not keeping their husbands happy and a habit of viewing divorced women as unwanted and pitiable.

That was in the United Arab Emirates. But what about the United States of America? You'd think a more enlightened view of women and marriage might prevail.

Think again. The Huffington Post ran a front-page piece just this week with a headline that would make any old-school patriarch proud: "Women: Five Reasons Your Divorce Is Your Fault." The author, self-appointed intimacy expert Laura Doyle, spent several paragraphs hectoring women for sins including "Taking the same approach at home as you do at work" and "Rejecting his efforts to make you happy." She reserves special scorn for present-day Lysistratas who are cruelly "withholding sex" from their partners, as if they were using sex as a punishment rather than simply too tired or not aroused enough to want it. Doyle's "remedy" for this transgression? "Consider making yourself available for sex at least once a week in support of your mutual goal of connecting." Problem solved!'

Study Examines Why Girls Do Better Than Boys In School

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Article here. Excerpt:

'American women seem poised to make the 21st century their century as they begin to equal or even surpass their male counterparts in many aspects of society.

Researchers from the University of Georgia and Columbia University decided to look into one possible aspect of the emergence of women: why young girls earn better grades in elementary school than their male counterparts despite performing worse on standardized tests.

According to the research team's report in the current issue of the Journal of Human Resources, the girls' classroom behavior appears to translate into a higher overall academic performance.

"The skill that matters the most in regards to how teachers graded their students is what we refer to as 'approaches toward learning,'" study co-author Christopher Cornwell, an economics professor at UGA, said in a statement. "You can think of 'approaches to learning' as a rough measure of what a child's attitude toward school is: It includes six items that rate the child's attentiveness, task persistence, eagerness to learn, learning independence, flexibility and organization."

...

The study's findings showed that gender differences in teachers' grading and evaluation begins in early years and tends to favor girls. In every subject area, the boys tended to perform below where their test scores might indicate.'

"Can the ‘cuddle hormone’ also make men better fathers?"

Mastodon · 8 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The wonder hormone that a recent study said might stop men from cheating could also make them more engaged fathers, according to new research.

Oxytocin has been variously labelled as the “cuddle hormone,” the “love hormone” and the “trust hormone” in recent years.

Last month, it once again made headlines because of a study published in the Journal of Neuroscience that suggested getting men to stop cheating on their significant others might be as simple as getting them to take a whiff of the hormone. In that study, men exposed to oxytocin stayed farther away from an attractive woman than men who were not exposed to the hormone.'

H.R. 2400 (112th): Religious and Parental Rights Defense Act dead

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Link here. Excerpt:

'H.R. 2400 (112th): Religious and Parental Rights Defense Act of 2011

Introduced: Jun 24, 2011 (112th Congress, 2011–2013)
Sponsor: Rep. Brad Sherman [D-CA27]
Status: Died (Referred to Committee)
...
Religious and Parental Rights Defense Act of 2011 - Prohibits a state or a political subdivision from adopting or continuing in force a law, regulation, or order that prohibits or regulates the circumcision of males who have not attained the age of 18 years and whose parent or guardian has consented to the circumcision, unless such law, regulation, or order applies to all such circumcisions performed in the state and is limited to ensuring that all such circumcisions are performed in a hygienic manner.'

"Gender gap" in Internet access?

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Link here. Excerpt:

'On January 10, at 9:00 a.m. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Melanne Verveer will convene and deliver remarks at the first international Working Forum on Women, Information and Communication Technologies and Development (WICTAD) at the Institute for International Education (IIE) in Washington, DC. Co-hosted by the Department of State's Office of Global Women's Issues and UN Women, WICTAD will bring together representatives from civil society, academia, government, the private sector, and the UN to assess the social, economic, and political implications of the gender gap in Internet access.'

A Prime Time Abortion and a Broken-Hearted Father

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last night's episode of a popular prime time television show, Parenthood, dealt with the tragedy of fathers being legally excluded from the abortion decision.
...
Drew tells Amy that he wants to support her no matter what she decides to do about the pregnancy. He repeatedly insists that he loves her enough to support their new family regardless of hardships that may come their way. However, Amy becomes like a stone wall. Lyrics in the background aptly describe her demeanor: [she is] colder than a wave in the Arctic Ocean. A baby, she believes, will destroy her life.
...
This is reality. This is what abortion looks like when all is said and done. Fathers have no legal rights in the decision to keep or abort their own children. They have no say in a mother's choice, even though they are equally responsible for the child's conception.'

Dept. of Health & Human Services Office of Inspector General (OIG) recruiting Auditors

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Link here. Reports published by the OIG have been very useful in gaining insight into U.S. government agencies that incentivise circumcision and circumcision "research" (such as the CDC, FDA, NIAID and NIH), and in documenting the deficiencies in state Medicaid programs to help strengthen the case against continued funding of medically-unnecessary circumcision, so appropriately qualified readers might appreciate the opportunity to gain further insights and help hold these agencies and programs accountable.

If anyone should happen to be successful in landing one of these vacancies, it would be greatly appreciated if they could donate a certain percentage of net income (maybe 5%-10%) to an anti-circumcision organisation/s in the U.S. (or if you're not confident in donating the money, invest a similar amount in your own anti-circumcision activities).

Excerpt:

'As an auditor for the Office of Inspector General, you can save the American taxpayer millions of dollars each year. Over the past 10 years, the Office of Audit Services (OAS) has saved taxpayers $95 billion.

As an auditor, you will help to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in the programs and operations of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); identify systemic weaknesses; advise the Secretary and Congress about problems and deficiencies; and recommend improvements in costs, efficiency, and effectiveness.
...
We conduct and supervise audits of:

Medicare and Medicaid
Public Health Services
Food and Drug Administration
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Institutes of Health
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
Foster Care
Child Support
Head Start'

UK: Universities should target working-class white boys, minister says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Universities should recruit more white, working-class boys in the same way they target students from other disadvantaged groups, the universities minister has suggested.

David Willetts says white, working-class teenage boys should be targeted alongside ethnic minorities and those from disadvantaged communities when universities look to attract students.

His suggestion comes against the backdrop of a drastic fall in the number of university applications from men.'

Italy: Berlusconi accuses judges of 'feminist' bias over divorce deal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Senior judges in Milan issued a stern rebuke to Silvio Berlusconi on Wednesday after the former Italian prime minister tried to blame his huge alimony payments on the biased views of "feminist, communist" magistrates.

In the latest skirmish between the billionaire media magnate and the judiciary, the heads of the Milan tribunal and court of appeal issued a curt statement saying they "firmly rejected any insinuation of partiality" on the part of the magistrates who drew up the three-time prime minister's divorce settlement, which he claims amounts to €200,000 (£163,000) a day.

Livia Pomodoro and Giovanni Canzio added that their colleagues were "diligent professionals", and called on politicians to avoid making "any expression of derision" that could cause the public to think otherwise.'

Australia: Feminist insists Abbott no misogynist

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Article here. Get around the login challenge for this story by Googling the first paragraph text and clicking the top result link. Excerpt:

'LEADING feminist and key member of the Women's Electoral Lobby Eva Cox has declared some of Julia Gillard's policies sexist and rejected the Prime Minister's claims that Tony Abbott is a misogynist.

In an opinion article for The Conversation website, Ms Cox says the Opposition Leader is not "feminism's worst enemy", as portrayed by Labor in its attacks against Mr Abbott.

"He is a somewhat inconsistent, confused conservative with the attached sexist views on gender roles, which he seems to be trying hard to minimise," she says. "He is not in my terms a misogynist."
...
Ms Cox says she takes the definition of sexism as a "view of gender as the basis for entrenched discriminatory differences" and misogyny as having a deep pathological dislike of women.'

More Women in Congress Does Not Mean Less Gridlock in Washington

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Exhilarated by the record number of women elected to both the House and Senate in 2012, giddy commentators have begun suggesting that increased representation by females could cure the poisonous polarization in Washington and repair the broken institutions of our government. A more sober, comprehensive analysis, however, reveals no historical or logical basis to assume that the much heralded influx of female politicos means an automatic improvement in the dysfunctional performance of the legislative branch.

...

None of these happy pronouncements cited examples of this sort of collaborative, constructive female legislative leadership in either the recent or distant past. In her short-lived speakership, for instance, Nancy Pelosi achieved a reputation for many things, but "working across the aisle" wasn't one of them: she won not a single GOP vote for either the stimulus package or the Obamacare reforms. On the Senate side, the "Maine Girls" (Republican Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe) won praise as moderate problem-solvers, but from the other edge of the continent the "California Girls" (Democratic stalwarts Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein) emphatically did not. (Very few colleagues in either party would croon along with the Beach Boys that "I wish they all could be California Girls.")

Gender differences never really identify political performance or predilections: there's as much temperamental difference between the genial Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.) and the pugnacious "Battling Barbara" Mikulski, as between the courtly Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) and the flame-throwing Rand Paul (R-Ky.).

...

In this context it's worth remembering that one of the most polarizing and truculent of all legislators of the past 50 years, noted for frequent verbal abuse of both colleagues and staff, also happened to be a feminist icon: Bella Abzug, the big-hatted harridan from the Borough of Brooklyn.

...

Around the world, some female politicians have won praise for their heroic leadership in times of danger and discord, like Britain's Margaret Thatcher or Israel's Golda Meir. But neither of these fierce, formidable ladies earned recognition for a collaborative, nonconfrontational style, and both found themselves forced from office by disgruntled dissidents in their own parties. Other women who have led major governments became notorious for ferocious, uncompromising, often disastrously willful leadership, like India's Indira Gandhi or Argentina's currently embattled President Cristina Kirchner—hardly exemplifying the collaborative, accommodating approach so lavishly praised by estrogen-is-the-answer advocates.'

Florida woman, 2 others arrested in stun gun, dragging assault of ex-husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Florida woman, her brother and another accomplice allegedly shot her ex-husband with a stun gun, held him at gun point, beat him and used a pickup truck to drag him a half-mile down a dirt road, MyFoxOrlando.com reported.

The victim, Robert Hall, managed to get to a nearby home and asked for help. He told police Tuesday night that the three tried to kill him.

Hall was badly injured in the attack, the report said. He suffered a broken pelvis, broken facial bones and bleeding on his brain.
...
Jeanette Morris, 61, and her brother, Harold Anderson, 63, face attempted murder and aggravated assault charges for a "brutal attack" on Hall, Volusia County investigators said.

A third accomplice, Joan Hobart, 46, of New Smyrna Beach, was found in Port Orange and booked on the same charges.'

SAVE: Tell Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden: Expunge Gordon Smith's Arrest Record

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Father of two, Gordon Smith was the victim of 14 false police reports by his ex-wife Tiffany Marie Smith of Dover, Delaware. Mr. Smith was falsely arrested nine times for various domestic violence charges, one terrifying time at gunpoint.

Tiffany Smith was caught in her web of deception last September after she cut herself and lay in a ditch, accusing Mr. Smith of attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon. Police used Gordon's electronic device to confirm that he was nowhere near Tiffany at the time, and Tiffany was finally arrested.

Unfortunately, Gordon Smith's arrest record was never expunged. These records will be available to any and all future potential employers. So Tiffany's rein of terror continues.

Today I'm asking you to contact Delaware Attorney General Joseph "Beau" Biden, lll. Tell him: "Expunge Gordon Smith's arrest record!"

Beau Biden Contact Info
beau.biden-at-state.de.us
(302) 577-8500

Gordon is the Delaware Coordinator for our Domestic Violence Legislative Project (DVLP). Not only does he want to encourage others who have been falsely accused to join the DVLP, he wants to invite you to a public hearing. This is what he had to say:

"On Thursday, Jan 17, 2013 the Delaware Family Law Commission will have its annual Public Hearing in Legislative Hall located in Dover. This is an opportunity for citizens of Delaware to share their thoughts regarding the domestic violence policies of the state. SAVE's Delaware chapter of the Domestic Violence Legislative Project will be actively participating in this event."

So join Gordon at the hearing if you can, join the DVLP if you want to become more active in reform, and make the call to Beau.

Thank you all for your dedication,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

No DNA, No Witnesses, No Evidence: Brian Banks Case Spotlights Need for Rape Reform

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON/January 8, 2013 – The upcoming 60 Minutes appearance of Brian Banks will highlight flaws in the American criminal justice system, including laws pertaining to sexual assault. Brian Banks, who spent 5 years in prison on a false allegation of rape, will be featured during the January 13, 2013 broadcast of the CBS show 60 Minutes.

Brian Banks was a 16-year-old football star in Long Beach, Calif. when he was accused of rape by Wanetta Gibson. Fearing a life sentence, Banks agreed to a plea bargain, even though there was no DNA, witnesses, or other evidence to support the accusation.

Banks spent over five years in prison. After his release, Wanetta Gibson admitted during a taped interview that her accusation was fabricated. On May 24, 2012, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mark C. Kim exonerated Mr. Banks.'

Football player's suicide draws attention to TBIs among athletes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The former N.F.L. linebacker Junior Seau had a degenerative brain disease linked to repeated head trauma when he committed suicide last spring, the National Institutes of Health said Thursday.

The findings were consistent with chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a degenerative brain disease widely connected to athletes who have absorbed frequent blows to the head, the N.I.H. said in a statement. Seau is the latest and most prominent player to be associated with the disease, which has bedeviled the sport in recent years as a proliferation of studies have exposed the possible long-term cognitive impact of head injuries sustained on the field.

“The type of findings seen in Mr. Seau’s brain have been recently reported in autopsies of individuals with exposure to repetitive head injury,” the N.I.H. said, “including professional and amateur athletes who played contact sports, individuals with multiple concussions, and veterans exposed to blast injury and other trauma.”'

"Traditional Gender Roles Encourage Women To Avoid Marriage, Says Study"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Unmarried couples who live together hold very conventional views of household gender roles, new research has found. In particular, researchers found that the men in unwed couples are still seen as the primary breadwinners even when they are not, while the women are seen as being responsible for domestic work.

...

"A number of these working-class men wanted the respect of being the breadwinner but were not necessarily taking on that role," Miller said. "While they were content to let their girlfriends pay at least half of the rent, they admitted that they had no plans to take on half of the housework, even if their partners were very unhappy about doing more than their fair share."

Men have a very specific reason for holding onto those viewpoints, Miller and Sassler said. In particular, men are holding onto the privileges of being the breadwinner in a household because they have lost other privileges in the workplace recently.'

Testimony video available of Eran Sadeh of Protect the Child

Matt · 12 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Testimony at press conference in Berlin found here. His testimony is given in English.

English translation of Mr. Sadeh's message in Hebrew:

I hereby call Jews in Israel and anywhere in the world: learn about the advantages of an intact penis, learn about the disadvantages of a cut penis, and join the unstoppable movement of tens of thousands of Jews all over the world who welcome their sons to the world without violating their bodily integrity, without hurting them, and without putting them at risk. Here ends a year and its maledictions and a new one begins with its blessings. Happy New Year / Rosh Hashana

"Woman-Run Hedge Funds Perform Better"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Evidence of intra-firm gender discrimination in the assignment of tasks and irrational aversion to appointing women to boards of directors is fascinating to me not only because sexism is an important issue, but because there's a very clear and simple theoretical argument that this kind of widespread gender discrimination can't exist. In a well-functioning competitive marketplace, firms that don't discriminate will outperform those that do. And yet it's obvious that systematic implicit discrimination against women is in fact widespread. So it should come as new surprise that the latest reports show that the small minority of hedge funds run by women outperform the (dismal) industry average.'

"Why Boys are 'Evil'"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Our culture pretends that if it represses boys' violent tendencies, violence will decrease. Society does this by trying to emasculate boys into girls. It encourages boys to play with gender-neutral toys, drugs boys into submission at school and otherwise suppresses their instinctive rough-and-tumble, smash-and-bang physical nature.

But none of these feminist-approved techniques erase the influence of genetics and testosterone. That persistent biochemical is something every boy must learn to handle. Testosterone gives boys less impulse control, more muscle strength and, yes, more violent tendencies. Unchecked, testosterone can cause boys to explode when they hit adolescence … unless they're trained otherwise.

It takes a man – not a woman – to teach boys how to handle themselves. Without a male mentor, boys often give in to their animal nature and become violent.'

Lifespan and the sexes

MikeJH · 12 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In England and Wales, the biggest peacetime difference between the life expectancies at birth of the two sexes was 6.3 years. That was in 1967. It is now 4.1 years, and falling. In the early 1980s women who made it to 65, the traditional age of retirement for British men, could expect to live four years longer than their male counterparts. The gap now is less than three years (see chart), though there is still some way to go before things return to the nine-month gap that prevailed in the 1840s, when records began. Other industrialised countries, except Japan and Russia, show something similar.
...
A further fifth of the longevity gap between the sexes is explained by alcohol. In this case, however, the gap is widening. In 1979 two men died from alcohol-related causes for every woman who succumbed. In 2009 it was 2.4.

A third important factor is obesity—or, rather, the physiological complications obesity brings, such as high blood pressure and type-2 diabetes. On the face of things, there is little difference between the sexes in this area: 15.6% of women in the EU are obese, compared with 15.4% of men. But obesity may have a greater impact on women because it increases the risks of both hypertension and diabetes in their sex more than it does in men. And men are also closing the gap in another area related to obesity and high blood pressure: coronary heart disease. In England, deaths from this fell more than 50% between 1991 and 2005 for both men and women. But, because heart disease kills twice as many men as it does women, the reduction in the male mortality rate has been greater.'

UK: Husband tricked into believing wife's children were his own awarded £25K

MikeJH · 13 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A man who discovered that the son and daughter he raised into their teenage years were not his has been awarded £25,000 in damages after suing his ex-wife for deceit.

Richard Rodwell was a loving father to Adam and Laura until his marriage to their mother Helen broke down.

After the divorce he paid regular child maintenance for more than four years, from his salary as a factory manager.

But in 2008 Mr Rodwell ordered DNA tests after hearing rumours about his daughter's paternity – and the results showed that each child was fathered by a different man.
...
Following the results, the children cut off all contact with him. He claims his ex-wife turned them against him.'

"Big News! Men Like Sports!"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Title IX was passed to end discrimination in schools and colleges. But contrary to the intent of the law, Title IX is used to impose gender quotas. Schools and colleges must equate the ratio of males and females in sports programs to their overall enrollment. When there are more women than men in college, as is now typical, Title IX regulations mandate that women outnumber men by the same ratio on its competitive sports teams. Title IX has compelled colleges to eliminate hundreds of men's teams. At the same time, women take an athletic scholarship mainly to get free college tuition, not because they were keen on sports. Colleges are offering full-ride scholarships to women with no experience in sports that are easy to learn, such as crew.
...
The United States spends more on sports than any other country in the world, perhaps more than all other countries combined. But if our future great athletes have their spots taken away from them in the name of gender equality, what are we getting for our money?'

Saudi criticises world reaction to maid's beheading

Matt · 14 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Is death a defensible punishment for murder, rape, and other crimes? That's a separate issue. Point is, Saudi law says these crimes are capital offenses. Next question is this: Is the "world's outrage" because capital punishment is so objectionable or is it because the executed person is young and female? I'd guess so. It doesn't seem anyone is disputing the facts of the case. If a recent MALE immigrant from Sri Lanka had suffocated an infant over an argument with one of the baby's parents, would ANYONE be raising a stink? No way. Excerpt:

'Saudi Arabia on Sunday criticised world reaction to its beheading a Sri Lankan maid convicted of killing her employer's baby, the official SPA news agency reported.

Riyadh "deplores the statements made... over the execution of a Sri Lankan maid who had plotted and killed an infant by suffocating him to death, one week after she arrived in the kingdom," the government spokesman said.

Rizana Nafeek was beheaded on Wednesday in a case that sparked widespread international condemnation, including from rights groups which said she was just 17 when she was charged with murdering the baby in 2005.

Nafeek was found guilty of smothering the infant after an argument with the child's mother.'

Sweden: Fathers' Rights Group marks one millionth site visit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Anyhow, that we, PappaRättsGruppen (The Fathers Rights Group), would get one million visits on our Home Page wasn't something anyone would have believed or expected – not even we ourselves.

In any case, we are incredible proud and humble before the fact that there are people who are interested in the topics we write about.'

The End of Courtship?

Matt · 14 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Summary: single women are annoyed that single men are not interested in blowing $100 on a "date", thereby reducing how "special" they feel and worse yet, they can't eat for free on the week-ends. Though the comments are closed, they're interesting reading. Excerpt:

'Dodgy economic prospects facing millennials also help torpedo the old, formal dating rituals. Faced with a lingering recession, a stagnant job market, and mountains of student debt, many young people — particularly victims of the “mancession” — simply cannot afford to invest a fancy dinner or show in someone they may or may not click with.
...
A much-publicized study by Reach Advisors, a Boston-based market research group, found that the median income for young, single, childless women is higher than it is for men in many of the country’s biggest cities (though men still dominate the highest-income jobs, according to James Chung, the company’s president). This may be one reason it is not uncommon to walk into the hottest new West Village bistro on a Saturday night and find five smartly dressed young women dining together — the nearest man the waiter. Income equality, or superiority, for women muddles the old, male-dominated dating structure.'

Israel: Feminist MK: OK to Attack Male, not Female Rivals

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MK Zehava Gal-On of Meretz, which was recently described by one of its Knesset candidates as a "leftist-feminist" party, decided to pull advertisements attacking female MKs from Likud.

Advertisements against male rivals appear to be fine with her, however, according to a report in Maariv-NRG.

Last week, Meretz began running internet advertisements attacking Likud MKs Moshe Feiglin, Danny Danon, Tzipi Hotovely and Miri Regev, as well as Bayit Yehudi head Naftali Bennett. The ads target voters who may opt not to vote at all, warning them that doing so means allowing more MKs like these in the next Knesset.

However, according to the report, Galon has decided not to run the advertisements that feature MKs Regev and Hotovely, who are both women. "I decided to pull the Miri Regev ad out of gender considerations," Galon explained. "I am in favor of the campaign but I will not attack women who run for Knesset."'

Seeking Enrollment Boost, Wilson College Will Admit Men

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Wilson College's Board of Trustees voted on Sunday afternoon to begin accepting men to the college's traditional undergraduate program and to adopt a series of other recommendations aimed at broadening the liberal-arts institution's educational offerings, improving its facilities, and strengthening its position in the admissions market.

The decision to admit men came over the anguished protests of some alumnae and students, but with the support of others. The goal is to increase enrollment, now below 700, to about 1,500 by 2020. The college began the current academic year with 316 women in the traditional undergraduate program and 379 men and women in the adult-degree program.'

UK: £500 bonus for women in pension reform

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an article for today's Daily Telegraph, Steve Webb, the pensions minister, says that the "complicated and divisive" pension system must be reformed to "reflect modern working patterns and modern patterns of family life".

From 2017, the basic state pension will be set at about £160 a week and the complicated system of means-tested "top-ups" will be scrapped. Women who take time out of the workplace to care for children or elderly relations will qualify automatically for the pension.

Mr Webb said the reforms will "particularly benefit many older women, whose time at home with children has damaged their state pension entitlements".

Iain Duncan Smith, the Work and Pensions Secretary, said on Sunday night: "The single-tier pension will mean that more women can get a full state pension in their own right, and stop this shameful situation where they are let down by the system when it comes to retirement because they have taken time out to care for their family."'

“Men’s issues” groups test limit of free speech on campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Senior administrators at the University of Toronto and the University of Toronto Students’ Union (UTSU) continue to debate the acceptable limits of free speech on campus in the aftermath of a lecture delivered in late November by Dr. Warren Farrell.

The lecture was marked by a sizable protest and heavy police presence, during which a group of protestors blocked the entrance to the lecture hall where Farrell was scheduled to speak.

“We have at the University of Toronto a wide range of contentious events, in which views are expressed that are offensive to some,” said Provost Cheryl Misak in a December 11 statement. “Our primary aim with respect to these events is to ensure that freedom of speech is protected, including the freedom to protest, as long as the law is respected.”

In a dueling statement released in the days following Farrell’s lecture, the UTSU condemned the event. “Despite complaints to the University administration, and requests from students to maintain our campus as a safe space free from oppression and discrimination, Dr. Farrell was given a space and forum to spread his misogynistic, hateful theories at U of T,” read the union’s release.'

Military Suicides Reached Record High In 2012

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — Suicides in the U.S. military surged to a record 349 last year, far exceeding American combat deaths in Afghanistan, and some private experts are predicting the dark trend will grow worse this year.

The Pentagon has struggled to deal with the suicides, which Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and others have called an epidemic. The problem reflects severe strains on military personnel burdened with more than a decade of combat in Afghanistan and Iraq, complicated by anxiety over the prospect of being forced out of a shrinking force.

Pentagon figures obtained Monday by The Associated Press show that the 349 suicides among active-duty troops last year were up from 301 the year before and exceeded the Pentagon's own internal projection of 325. Statistics alone do not explain why troops take their own lives, and the Pentagon's military and civilian leaders have acknowledged that more needs to be done to understand the causes.'

Debates on Men at Women's Colleges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Wilson College's board voted Sunday -- despite protests from many students and alumnae -- to become a fully coeducational institution.

College leaders say that the change is essential for the institution to survive. Critics see an abandonment of a proud tradition of educating women. Men are already admitted to some programs at the college, but not the residential undergraduate program that for many alumnae defines the institution.
...
Student critics of coeducation could not be reached Sunday night. But their views are evident in columns in the student newspaper at Wilson, The Billboard. One student noted that Wilson's mission is to educate women. Admitting men "means that everything that we have believed in, that we have valued, is a lie. It sends a message to the entire Wilson community, and to all women, that we cannot stand on our own; we are not the independent and confident women that we believe we are. Instead we are inferior and inadequate. Our mission has not failed; we are failing to stay true to our mission."'

UK: Working class white boys failed

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Article here. Excerpt:

Last week David Willetts proposed that Universities should put working class white boys in the same bracket as other disadvantaged groups, claiming that the talent of white working class boys was being wasted due to underachievement and that Universities should provide more outreach to potential students.

The sad reality is that this is too little, too late for these boys. The real issue is not that Universities do not do enough to promote themselves, it is that our society fails these boys before they are even at an age to consider University.
...

This is not merely a ‘quick-fix’ problem; it is not an issue that can be solved by more white working class boys going to University, it is a deep embedded part of our society and whilst I agree whole-heartedly that better education would improve the problem of social mobility; better education does not necessarily mean more students at University.'

Female college students seek euphamised prostitution opportunities

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Article here. World's oldest profession; knows no class or educational boundaries. Even in this age of boundless opportunities for women, we still see such things. What would Susan B. say if she were alive to see this?

I read once that the wives of senators in old Rome routinely prostituted themselves for extra money and/or to just plain have a little fun, until eventually this was outlawed, possibly because it led to far too much "Who da daddy?" and the attendant inheritence disputes. Nothing much changes, does it? Excerpt:

'Don't have parents to pay for college? More New York City co-eds are turning to rich "daddies" online.

Seekingarrangement.com, a site that helps broke "sugar babies" find wealthy, older men announced in a press release that more and more young women from New York University and Columbia University are signing up.I

When the company analyzed its data for 2012, it discovered the site was seeing the fastest growth from women attending these two universities.

In 2012, 285 women from New York University enlisted to see if they could receive extracurricular perks from meeting men on the site. Columbia University, the only Ivy League school to make the site's top 20 list, saw 100 new female "sugar babies."
...
"Most college women seek an allowance of around $3,000 a month," said Gwynn. "In New York, 'sugar babies' ask for more, around $4,000."'

"Reminders in the bathroom may help men practice better hygiene"

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Article here.

'Here's a story that can offer hope and gross you out at the same time. Researchers at Michigan State University, asked men about hand washing upon leaving the restroom. The men said they washed their hands 75 percent of the time.

The researchers next posted signs in men's restrooms that read "4 out of 5 Males Wash Their Hands," with pictures of students wearing Michigan State University hats. The signs included details about proper hand-washing.

According to Health Day News, the team then tracked hand-washing by restroom users and interviewed them after they left. With the signs in place, the men were more likely to wash their hands (86 percent of them did) and run the water longer compared to when the signs weren't there.

Perhaps the next step could be a sign telling men to put the seat down.'

Former teacher and sex offender on run, suspected of being "involved" with another student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former teacher from upstate New York who spent three years in prison for having an affair with a 14-year-old student skipped out on her parole and is now on the run from police, who fear that she may be involved without another child.

Buffalo police say convicted sex offender Cara Dickey, 34, removed her electronic ankle bracelet in violation of her parole condition and vanished Wednesday.
'We know that the electronic bracelet has been detached. She has not responded to attempts to reach her,' said Peter K. Cutler, a spokesman for the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.
...
The former South Buffalo Charter School educator was found guilty of rape in 2009 after admitting to carrying on a sexual relationship with one of her students and entering into a suicide pact with him, WIVB reported.'

Ex-Hoover teacher Denman gets jail for sex with student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An ex-Hoover High School teacher was sentenced Wednesday to six months in Fresno County Jail for having a prolonged sexual relationship with an underage student.

Megan Denman, 30, of Fresno also will serve three years on probation but will not have to register as a sex offender when she is released.

In October, Denman pleaded guilty in Fresno County Superior Court to three counts of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor and three counts of oral copulation with a minor. The boy was 16 and 17 during the 18-month relationship.

A doctor's report said Denman doesn't have a "predatory" or "exploitive" personality. It was a major reason Judge Ralph Nunez said he ruled against sex-offender registration.

There also were several letters attesting to Denman's positive influence as a teacher from students, families and others.'

eBook use on the rise, especially among boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's no surprise that eBook use among kids is widening, but recent numbers from Scholastic's biannual Kids & Family Reading Report are showing just how much difference two years have made.

The number of kids who are reading eBooks has nearly doubled since 2010, up from 25% to 46%, and half or children ages nine to 17 say they would read more books for fun if they had greater access to electronic books.

Boys, who typically demonstrate less motivation to read than girls, are particularly finding more inspiration in eBooks, as the study finds that 25% of boys who have read an eBook say that they are now reading more books for fun.'

"China bank’s ‘sexist’ promotion sparks outrage"

mcp · 15 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Notice how the word 'sexist' is in quotes, in spite of the fact that the practice is clearly so. Good to see that Chinese men are protesting. Excerpt:

'A Chinese bank’s offer to automatically transfer most of a husband’s income to his wife’s account has provoked fury, with some calling it “the most atrocious banking service against men in history.”
...
Traditionally women have taken charge of household finances in China, but as the country modernizes, attitudes have changed, especially among the young, and the advertisement set off a firestorm of controversy.
...
“The CMB service is far too atrocious – it is a boon for the ladies and a deadly blow for men. I remind you gentlemen that you should never let your better half go to CMB,” said a user with the handle “gossip girl in finance.”

Another wrote: “I can’t understand the bank – does it intend to disable all men in China or dismantle all Chinese families?”'

SAVE: Tell Your Senators, VAWA is Dangerous to Women

Matt · 15 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Have Domestic Violence Programs Delivered on Their Promises to Women? Our recent special report exposes the fact that the federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has not only failed women, it puts them in more danger.

The shocking report reviews nearly 50 research studies and articles examining the effectiveness of restraining orders, mandatory arrest policies, and no-drop prosecution: http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/VAWA-Has-It-Delivered-on-Its-Promises-to-Women.

We found that among other things, VAWA-funded programs:

- Are ineffective in reducing abuse
- Promote policies that place women at greater risk
- Ensnare women in a rigid criminal justice bureaucracy
- Can lead to the removal of children from their homes

Call your senators today. Ask them to read SAVE's special report. Then tell them to reform VAWA so it is no longer dangerous.

You can find your Senators' contact information here: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm or call 1-202-224-3121.

They're listening. Please make the call.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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American Effort to Ban Circumcision of Minors Kicks into High Gear

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Genital integrity activists from across the country are demanding that lawmakers ban the practice of circumcising boys. Popularly known as “intactivists”, these children’s rights advocates submitted the Male Genital Mutilation (MGM) Bill proposal to more than 1,800 legislators this week in an effort to require gender neutrality in federal and state laws that regulate genital cutting.

As director of MGMbill.org’s Indiana state office in Indianapolis, Jeff Cowsert wants all boys to be able to grow up with their genitals left intact. “When I was eight years old, my religious friends told me about circumcision,” said Cowsert. “I was silently outraged, and for the remainder of my childhood I mourned the fact that I didn't have a complete body. I would not have chosen to be cut if given the choice, and I strongly feel that infant circumcision needs to be banned so that men can make their own choices about their own bodies when they are mature adults.”'

To cut or not to cut: why has male circumcision become a dilemma?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just as you begin to think that the dispute about including male circumcision as part of HIV/Aids prevention has ended, a sceptic “rocks the boat” and the debate appears to start all over again and; some people begin to wonder whether “to cut or not to cut”.

When the proponents of safe male circumcision for HIV/Aids prevention present their arguments, you actually begin to think that male circumcision is the way to go. Their arguments are based on scientific evidence from research studies known as randomised clinical trials. They say that such trials are the “gold standard” when it comes to issues of research evidence and, they go on to cite studies that show that inclusion of safe male circumcision in the array of HIV/Aids prevention strategies will result in a reduction of HIV/Aids infection.
...
Amidst this confusing situation, male citizens of this country whose foreskin and behaviour has been at the centre of the dispute, are expected to decide on whether “to cut or not to cut” despite the fact that they seem to have been left out of the debate. Neither the pro-male circumcision camp nor the sceptics are brandishing minutes of meetings or even research finding about post-male circumcision sexual behaviour (that cover the socio-economic diversity in this country) to support their arguments.

The dispute about surgical removal of the male prepuce and HIV/Aids is most likely to continue for a while. Whether there will ever be consensus about including male circumcision in HIV/Aids prevention, only time will tell. As to how much damage the sceptics have done to the male circumcision drive, no one can ascertain at the moment. One thing that you can be sure of is that some years to come, attributing any increase or decrease in HIV/Aids infection rates to safe male circumcision will be controversial.'

UK: Sheffield hospitals plan to charge for non-medical circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Terry Sanderson, President of the National Secular Society, commented: "This is yet another example of public money being used for religious purposes. There is absolutely no need for children to be subjected to such a procedure – in fact there are plenty of arguments why they shouldn't be. The idea that scarce NHS funding is being used for something that has only religious and no medical significance is scandalous.

"There is however a real danger that those seeking circumcisions will turn to practitioners without medical qualifications. We call on the Government to amend Child protection legislation to make it unlawful for anyone other than qualified medical staff to circumcise minors for any reason. This is just a first step, though. We believe that non-therapeutic circumcision should not be permitted until the boy is old enough to give informed consent.

"Non-therapeutic infant circumcision is a breach of children's rights and it's time legislators reconsidered the current carte blanche afforded to infant circumcision on the basis that the parents' freedom of religion is the only consideration. This approach has already been taken by a Cologne Court and is backed by reputable medical bodies including the Royal Dutch Medical Association."'

The Delhi rape is being used to demonise Indian men

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Almost as soon as it was announced that the still unnamed rape victim had died, Western observers rushed to condemn all of India. In The Times, Libby Purves skated on very thin ice when she decreed that "murderous, hyena-like male contempt is a norm [in India]". Echoing those Victorian ladies who visited faraway continents and were shocked by the sexual depravity of foreign menfolk, Purves claimed that in the subcontinent "sexual harassment and assault" are looked upon as a "male birthright", especially in Delhi, where there are "tens of thousands of newly urbanised [men], from villages still almost medieval". Other female columnists have used the Delhi rape case to riff about the time they were propositioned or felt up by men in India, as if unwanted sexual attention and the most horrific gang rape you could imagine are just different sides of the same coin of "macho culture"; as if there is not a profound difference between experiencing a come-on from an over-eager Indian male and suffering an extreme violent assault on a bus.

...

A handful of observers have challenged the sweeping demonisation of India and its people in the wake of the Delhi rape – but strikingly they have done so on the basis that we in the West are just as rapacious as the "hyena-like" men of the subcontinent. In the past, progressives would have critiqued the heaping of collective guilt on to foreign nations on the basis that it was inhumane and inaccurate; now they critique it on the basis that rape is not just "a cultural phenomenon in India", but is "endemic everywhere", with verbal or violent misogyny "happening all around us", including in civilised countries like Britain. In other words, it isn't just Indian men who are hyenas – all men are. This is one of the most shocking things about the Delhi rape case – the fact that so many observers aren't especially shocked by it, either because they expect animalistic Indian men to behave like this, or because they view all men, if not all of humanity itself, as capable of such despicable evil.'

Equal pay for second-rate tennis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The equal pay debate in tennis is just great.

The reason the debate is so entertaining is because there is one very strong point that sits on the tip of the tongue yet goes unmentioned.

That is, women's tennis is boring.

And maybe this point is avoided largely by the male population through fear of receiving a parliamentary lambasting about their crippling misogyny, sexism and chauvinism. But that just shouldn't be the case.

Women's tennis is boring. It's the bit in between the real deal.

It's the 6-1 6-1 steamrolling that only etches itself into the brains of tennis fans as the unfortunate stop-gap between Federer v. Nadal and Djokovic v. Murray.
...
I'm not trying to write a sexist rant, I'm trying to be thought provoking. I don't think the women's game shouldn't exist in its current form and I don't think it's altogether terrible though, there is no question then men deserve more money.'

EU gender equality rules 'could cost men £10k' in annuity income during retirement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Future male pensioners could lose £10,000 from their income over their retirement under new gender equality rules coming into force on Friday.

Under the EU Gender Directive, firms will no longer be able to use a pension holder's sex as a factor when calculating annuity offers.

Currently men will typically get a higher annual income when they buy an annuity than women because they have a lower life expectancy. Providers can offer them more on the assumption payments will end sooner than for women.'

Parents Furious After Boys Suspended For Using Fingers As Guns

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Story here. Excerpt:

'No one is debating the importance of keeping children safe. The question being asked is what's child's play and what's not?

Controversy at a Talbot County school after two six-year-old boys were suspended while playing cops and robbers during recess and using their fingers to make an imaginary gun.

"It's ridiculous," said parent Julia Merchant

This is the second time a Maryland child has been suspended for such play. Earlier this month, six-year-old Rodney Lynch was suspended from his Montgomery County school after pretending to fire an imaginary gun more than once.'

"Her boyfriend abandoned her"

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Story here. Look at how this is spun. "Her boyfriend abandoned her," thereby leaving her no option but to make porn movies. So, it was his fault? Ridiculous. Plenty of women, when they need money, go out and get jobs other than in porn/prostitution. Even more do so before needing money and *gasp*, a whole lot don't live off their boyfriends in the first place! Imagine that! Excerpt:

'A middle-school science teacher fired after students learned she had appeared in pornographic movies had hoped not just to get her job back, but to set a precedent for people looking to escape an embarrassing personal history.

A three-judge commission put a decisive stop to both, saying firmly and unanimously that Stacie Halas should not be in the classroom.
...
Halas, 32, was continually deceitful about her nine-month career in porn before she went to work at the school, the judges said.
...
Schwab has said Halas did not star in pornographic movies while teaching in any district. He said she took parts only during an eight-month period from 2005 to 2006 because of financial problems after her boyfriend abandoned her.'

"Darwin was Wrong about Dating"

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'... But in 2003, two behavioral psychologists, Michele G. Alexander and Terri D. Fisher, published the results of a study that used a “bogus pipeline” — a fake lie detector. When asked about actual sexual partners, rather than just theoretical desires, the participants who were not attached to the fake lie detector displayed typical gender differences. Men reported having had more sexual partners than women. But when participants believed that lies about their sexual history would be revealed by the fake lie detector, gender differences in reported sexual partners vanished. In fact, women reported slightly more sexual partners (a mean of 4.4) than did men (a mean of 4.0).
...
But the fact that some gender differences can be manipulated, if not eliminated, by controlling for cultural norms suggests that the explanatory power of evolution can’t sustain itself when applied to mating behavior. This wouldn’t be the first time we’ve pushed these theories too far. How many stereotypical racial and ethnic differences, once declared evolutionarily determined under the banner of science, have been revealed instead as vestiges of power dynamics from earlier societies?'

One in 25 youth attempt suicide: U.S. study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters Health) - About one in 25 U.S. teens has attempted suicide, according to a new national study, and one in eight has thought about it.
...
The results are based on in-person interviews of close to 6,500 teens in the U.S. and questionnaires filled out by their parents. Along with asking youth about their suicidal thinking, plans and attempts, interviewers also determined which teens fit the bill for a range of mental disorders.
...
According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the third leading cause of death for people between age 10 and 24, killing about 4,600 young people annually.

Although girls are more likely to attempt suicide - a pattern confirmed by Nock's study - boys have higher rates of death by suicide because they typically choose more deadly methods, such as guns.'

Teen girls beat woman for fun at school bus stop

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW WINDSOR — Three girls were charged with gang assault Tuesday morning after they allegedly attacked a mom as she put her young child on a school bus.

The girls — two 13-year-olds and a 12-year-old — called what they did "mobbing" or "popping" on someone, and told police they did it for fun and chose their victim at random.

...

According to town police, the three girls attacked the mom as her child was getting on the bus. They repeatedly punched and kicked her and pulled her by her hair.

The 34-year-old victim suffered head and internal injuries, and had cuts and bruises all over her body. Her condition could not be learned later Tuesday, and it was unclear whether she was taken to a hospital.

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The suspects, whose names were withheld by police because of their age, were charged with second-degree gang assault, a felony, and endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor.'

Japanese men increasingly avoid marriage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In Japan, the number of men and women choosing to marry later in life is on the increase and has reached a figure that can no longer be ignored. When it comes to the Japanese male demography, just why are so many choosing the single life? My Navi News asked 300 of its male readers the following question:

“Have you ever thought ‘Marriage isn’t for me’ or ‘I prefer the life of bachelorhood’?”

The results obtained were a little on the unexpected side:

Yes: 39.7%
No: 60.3%
...
The total percentage of men that replied “marriage isn’t for me” or “I prefer the life of bachelorhood” was a whopping 39.7%! This figure exceeds the percentage of female readers that replied “yes” to the same set of questions. When it comes to the single men out there, the heavy burden of providing not only financially but also emotionally for the family makes many think twice about marriage.'

Education in Canada: Boys need help

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'They found that at every level, boys' academic marks fell below where their test scores would predict. And they conclude that this discrepancy can be explained by non-cognitive factors - specifically by "how well a child was engaged in the classroom, how often the child externalized or internalized problems, how often the child lost control, and how well the child developed interpersonal skills."

In other words, the boys were being penalized, not because they lacked knowledge or understanding, but because of their behaviour. There seems to be evidence of this in Canada, too, as the Youth in Transition survey found that boys - both those who succeeded and those who didn't - were less likely than girls to be engaged in school, to enjoy the curriculum, or to get along with the teachers.

It all suggests that in our efforts to improve boys' academic performance, we need to consider not merely how boys learn, but how they behave. Good behaviour is necessary in school and beyond, but there are many different ways to encourage it. If we want to ensure boys get a fair shake, we must ensure we are doing all we can to make the academic experience something that appeals to both boys and girls, and that does so equally.'

India: Retracting marriage promise after consensual sex amounts to rape

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'If a man has consensual sex with a woman after promising to marry her but later retracts, it amounts to rape, the Delhi High Court has said.

Dismissing the anticipatory bail application of one Firoz Ahmed, who had sexual relations with a widow, Justice Kailash Gambhir held that retracting from a promise of marriage after consensual sex would tantamount to rape.

Ahmed was booked under IPC sections 376 (rape) and 506 (criminal intimidation) following a complaint lodged by the woman.

The judge agreed with the view of the trial judge, who had dismissed Ahmed's bail application, saying that the woman's consent was obtained under the pretext of marriage and that the intention of the accused from the beginning was not to marry her.

Justice Gambhir upheld prosecution's argument that Ahmed did not deserve bail as the offence fell under IPC section 375(4), which states that consent for sex obtained under a false pretext also amounts to rape.'

UK: Woman jailed for two years for false rape accusation leveled to hide infidelity

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An unfaithful wife has been jailed for two years - almost a decade after she cried rape just to hide a one-night stand from her husband.

Gaynor Cooke, 41, had told police she was violently attacked by a taxi driver to cover up her fling with him, and her former lover was due to stand trial next month.
No-one was arrested in 2003 because a forensic sample taken from her at the time failed to find a similar profile on the national DNA database.
...
But when in 2011 the man, who she claimed was a stranger, was detained for a minor offence his DNA threw up a match.

The man she slept with was charged with rape and faced trial at Nottingham Crown Court in February. However detectives received information that Cooke had lied to conceal her infidelity.

And when police went back to speak to the 41-year-old about the new evidence she told them: 'You've got me'.

Cooke, of Corby, Northamptonshire, wiped away tears as recorder Shaun Smith QC jailed her for two years.

The judge said her 'pack of lies' had 'for a short period of time destroyed an innocent life'.'

'Why Women Make Better Politicians Than Men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are wired in an intricate web. They can pay attention to everything at once, while the male becomes driven and fixated on one issue, unable to move on to the next until the one that occupies his attention has been roped, tied, and barbecued. They are able to pay attention to multiple stimuli and attend to all of them.

When a woman is hungry, she thinks about whether the kids have been fed, what she weighed on the scale that morning and the number of pounds she needs to lose, the doughnut that she feels guilty about eating two days ago, and other details that escape the male mind. When a man is hungry, he eats. This description of the male mind does not only apply to hunger, but applies to every issue in the personal and political life of the male politician. They have nobody to blame but themselves. By sacrificing their private life for a public one, they surrender their privacy and the personal aspects of family. They endeavor to hide their foibles from the public eye, and that is the point where they run into trouble. The press is the most legitimized stalker, and there are people who stand to make a lot of money and a few minutes of fame by revealing a politician's weaknesses.

This gets me back to the core of my message. Women make better politicians than men. They can pay attention to the details. They get more done in the driven world of politics by paying attention to those details. They typically don't dance around the issues that they were elected to address, but work behind the facade of daily press exposure in resolving the issues that are important to them.'

Sweden: "Skabbteatern" creates hit-list video

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Some of you might remember the infamous Swedish film clip where a group of Swedish feminists calling themselves S.C.U.M Sweden, produced and posted a video on Youtube depicting the point-blank shooting and murder of a man reading a newspaper. Read more about it here. Now another video have been posted on Youtube. This time they even threaten the swedish prime minister. This time it´s another radical left wing feminist group who call themselves “Skabbteatern” (Scabies theater) who are the producers. This new masterpiece is called “Du är en fitta, din fitta” (You are a cunt you cunt). They do love the C word, those feminists.

In this movie two women wearing ski masks are running around flaunting big guns. In the background you can hear a fateful female voice recite 14 names. The message is just as clear as it is threatening.
...
The film clip is well produced; clearly not the work of amateurs. How much money this theater group receives in state funding is yet not clear but I am sure those figures will emerge. The film is said to be a protest against what the group calls “The growing hatred of women.” This is the new mantra of Swedish feminists and mainstream Swedish media. Any criticism of feminism, however sane and justified, is being described as “hatred against women.”'

Police: Woman Beat Boyfriend Unconscious With 2-Week Old Baby Strapped To Her Chest

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SEATTLE (CBS Seattle) — A Seattle woman is accused of beating her child's father into unconsciousness while the newborn baby was strapped to her chest.

According to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, police say Sharee Seminole, 25, brutally beat her boyfriend following an argument on Jan. 6.

Seattle detectives told the court that Seminole, who weighs 270 pounds, threw her boyfriend down to the ground, repeatedly stomping him in the face, breaking his nose and leaving him unconscious, all while having her 2-week old baby strapped to her chest.'

Eliminating feminist teacher bias erases boys' falling grades, study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the 1970s, feminist critics regularly complained that the school system favored “male thinking.” Facts, dates, rote learning, and math skills that were seen as “too masculine” for girls. In the intervening decades, feminists have made huge strides throughout the Western world, and education – particularly in the training of teachers – has been transformed as a result.

That most government policy makers and academics accept this as an unqualified success has left bewilderment as to how the new, more “fair” teaching styles have resulted in poor outcomes for boys and ultimately for the men they must become.

...

The work of one American researcher may offer clues to the question of why and how. Professor Christopher Cornwell at the University of Georgia has found that a heavily feminist-driven education paradigm systematically favours girls and disadvantages boys from their first days in school.

Examining student test scores and grades of children in kindergarten through fifth grade, Cornwell found that boys in all racial categories are not being “commensurately graded by their teachers” in any subject “as their test scores would predict.”

The answer lies in the way teachers, who are statistically mostly women, evaluate students without reference to objective test scores. Boys are regularly graded well below their actual academic performance.

...

When the teachers checked the student’s data, “they found little or no difference in the grades of boys and girls in advanced-placement social-studies classes. But in standard classes the girls were doing a lot better.” The revelations, she said, were not well received. Scarsdale is a school that has thoroughly accepted the received wisdom that that girls are systematically deprived, and this belief has led their gender-equity committee to offer a special senior elective on gender equity that continues to preach the message.'

Is PTSD Contagious?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'BRANNAN VINES HAS NEVER BEEN to war. But she's got a warrior's skills: hyperawareness, hypervigilance, adrenaline-sharp quick-scanning for danger, for triggers. Super stimuli-sensitive. Skills on the battlefield, crazy-person behavior in a drug store, where she was recently standing behind a sweet old lady counting out change when she suddenly became so furious her ears literally started ringing. Being too cognizant of every sound—every coin dropping an echo—she explodes inwardly, fury flash-incinerating any normal tolerance for a fellow patron with a couple of dollars in quarters and dimes. Her nose starts running she's so pissed, and there she is standing in a CVS, snotty and deaf with rage, like some kind of maniac, because a tiny elderly woman needs an extra minute to pay for her dish soap or whatever.

...

Unlike PTSD, secondary traumatic stress doesn't have its own entry in the DSM, though the manual does take note of it, as do many peer-reviewed studies and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Symptoms start at depression and alienation, including the "compassion fatigue" suffered by social workers and trauma counselors. But some spouses and loved ones suffer symptoms that are, as one medical journal puts it, "almost identical to PTSD except that indirect exposure to the traumatic event through close contact with the primary victim of trauma" is the catalyst. Basically your spouse's behavior becomes the "T" in your own PTSD. If sympathy for Caleb is a little lacking, you can imagine what little understanding exists for Brannan.'

Woman Accused Of Using Her Breasts To Smother And Kill Boyfriend

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Story here. Make sure you check out the comment section because most people think this is funny. Excerpt:

'A Washington woman is accused of using her breasts to smother and kill her boyfriend after an altercation at their mobile home.

Donna Lange, a 51-year-old woman from Everett, Wash., is believed to have suffocated her boyfriend to death with her breasts on Saturday, Jan. 12, according to Seattle's KIRO 7 Eyewitness News. Deputies, called to the Airport Inn trailer park at 12:45 a.m. for a disturbance report, found medics performing CPR on Lange's 51-year-old alleged boyfriend, who was later pronounced dead at Swedish Hospital.

Kiro 7 reports that witnesses claims they saw Lange throw her boyfriend down in the back of the mobile home. She was later found by witnesses with her chest covering the victim's face. Police noted the size difference between Lange and her boyfriend -- she was 5-feet, 6-inches and 192 pounds, he was 5-feet, 7-inches and 175 pounds.'

Verizon Foundation Awards Grant To Alabama Non-Profit For Program Aimed At Domestic Violence Prevention

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 17, 2013 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- The Verizon Foundation presented a $20,000 grant to the One Place Family Justice Center last night to support an initiative aimed at engaging and empowering men to speak out against domestic violence.

A CALL TO MEN: The Next Generation of Manhood was founded in 2002. Its vision is to shift social norms that define manhood in our culture and create a world where women and girls are valued and safe. Although historically it has been almost entirely women at the forefront addressing this issue, A CALL TO MEN believes that preventing domestic and sexual violence is primarily the responsibility of men.

A CALL TO MEN has trained men and women in more than 3,000 organizations throughout the United States and abroad, including the National Football League, the United Nations and many more.'

UK: 'Women can have it all - but only if their man pulls his weight around the house'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women can have it all – but only if they are prepared to sacrifice some of their power in the home, psychologists believe.

Research suggests that if a woman runs her household without any help, she has less interest in scaling the career ladder.

But the reason for this is not quite what you might expect, such as being too tired.

According to experts, the satisfaction of being in charge of day-to-day domestic tasks leaves mothers with less of a thirst for success at work.

If she were indeed to 'have it all' – a phrase coined by the late Cosmopolitan magazine editor Helen Gurley Brown to mean women can have a family life, a love life and a career – she would need to prepared to carve up some of the home decisions with her spouse, a study suggests.

This would free up some of her career drive and enable work success.

Experts from the University of California explained: 'It appears being in charge of household decisions may bring some semblance of power to a woman's traditional role, to the point where women may have less of a desire to push against the obstacles to achieving additional power outside home.'

City of Seattle to sponsor women-only swims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In March, the city of Seattle will begin offering women-only swims at four city pools in order to serve women who cannot swim in a co-ed environment for cultural, personal or religious reasons.

For the past decade, private groups have rented the city's pools to offer single-sex swims, drawing mostly Muslim women and some Orthodox Jews, along with some who chose the swims for personal reasons ("Women-only swims draw crowds but face challenges," Real Change, June 29, 2011). The windows are covered during the swims, which are staffed by female lifeguards.

As grants and other funding for the swims began to dry up, demand for the swims continued to grow, and city officials wanted to find a way to sustain them. First, they had to change non-discrimination policies that made single-sex programs difficult to sustain.'

I Don’t Want My Preschooler to Be a ‘Gentleman’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'My 4-year-old son, Emmett, swallows a spoonful of cereal and asks me if I know what a gentleman is. Surprised, I tell him I have some idea; then I ask what the word means to him.

“A gentleman lets girls go first,” he says, explaining that every day at naptime all the girls go to the bathroom before the boys.

His explanation, along with the quiet solemnity with which he delivers it, is completely endearing and yet it makes my heart ache. This adorable little boy, who is only beginning to learn the ways of the world, just got his first lesson in sexism — and from a teacher who, I don’t doubt, believes she’s doing something wonderful for womankind.

She isn’t the only one.

Start to complain about your preschooler adopting gentlemanly behavior and you quickly discover how out of step you are with the rest of the world. Almost everyone I mention it to thinks it’s lovely and sweet. What’s the harm in teaching little boys to respect little girls?

...

But I don’t think it’s an overreaction to resent the fact that your son is being given an extra set of rules to follow simply because he’s a boy. His behavior, already constrained by a series of societal norms, now has additional restrictions. Worse than that, he’s actively being taught to treat girls differently, something I thought we all agreed to stop doing, like, three decades ago. That the concept of selective privilege has been introduced in preschool of all places — the inner sanctum of fair play, the high temple of taking turns — is mind-boggling to me. How can you preach the ethos of sharing at the dramatic play center and ignore it 20 feet away at the toilet?'

Accused Murderer Jodi Arias Makes A Killing On eBay

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Supporters of Jodi Arias, the woman accused of killing her former lover, are raising money for her by auctioning artwork she supposedly has created since her 2008 incarceration.

Since Jan. 10, seven colored-pencil drawings have sold on the online auction website eBay, raking in $1,019.98 in winning bids.

The 32-year-old aspiring artist and photographer is currently on trial in Mesa, Ariz., accused of shooting Travis Alexander in the face, stabbing him 27 times and slitting his throat in the shower of his Mesa apartment in June 2008. Prosecutors allege she killed Alexander in a fit of jealous rage. The defense contends Alexander was killed in self-defense. The prosecution rested its case Thursday. The defense begins presenting its case in two weeks.'

America's schools being feminized?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ANDREA TANTAROS, CO-HOST: You do it all the time.

I completely agree with you. There was a report, I think it was in 1990, that said that women were short changed, particularly young girls in school, so there was an overcompensation with little girls. Now you see little girls graduating disproportionately from college, they're getting higher test scores. Little boys are being diagnosed with the learning disorders, like ADD, more in boys.

So, I think it's the young boys -- you're right, Bob -- that are getting left behind. But just in society, it's being catered to women. Women are the ones who are buying products. The movies, we go from Charleston Heston to Seth Rogen. The whole culture is being feminized in my opinion.

BECKEL: What do you think?

GUILFOYLE: I totally agree. I see it in schools and I see it in Ronan's classes. Let boys be boys. They want to play rough, don't try to overmedicate them and turn them in to girls. They're boys. There are differences in genders, embrace them, celebrate them.'

Ex-Wife Puts Hit on Husband and Now Goes Free

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Story here. Canadian woman goes free after putting a hit on her husband. She makes uncorroborated accusations against the victim and the press buys her story without question. Excerpt:

'A battered wife from Nova Scotia who tried to hire a hit man to kill her husband says she was "relieved" when Canada's highest court stayed her case on Friday and is looking forward to putting the ordeal behind her.
Nicole Ryan says she hopes to move on with her life and reconnect with her daughter, whom she has not seen since her trial in 2009.
...
Earlier in the day, the Supreme Court of Canada overturned Ryan's acquittal but also stayed the case, meaning there will be no retrial and her long legal nightmare is over.

Ryan's lawyer, Joel Pink, said even though acquittal wasn't upheld, the defence's goals were still achieved.
...
The Nova Scotia Supreme Court had acquitted Ryan in 2009 on charges of counselling to commit murder after she claimed duress under the so-called battered woman's defence. That decision was then upheld by the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal, but prosecutors pursued the case all the way to the country's highest court.

The Supreme Court ruled Friday the defence's duress argument was incorrect, and therefore Ryan's earlier acquittal couldn't stand.
...
Madam Justice Bertha Wilson, at the time, said the "imminence" requirement makes sense in most cases, but special circumstances are at plan when it comes to abused women. Though Rust was walking away from Lavallee when she shot him, the years of abuse and expectation of violence that Lavallee had could be likened to the threat of an upraised knife or a pointed gun.'

Afghanistan Prison Torture Still Happening, UN Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan authorities are still torturing prisoners, such as hanging them by their wrists and beating them with cables, the United Nations said, a year after it first documented the abuse and won government promises of detention reform.

The latest report shows little progress in curbing abuse in Afghan prisons despite efforts by the U.N. and international military forces in Afghanistan. The report released Sunday also cites instances where Afghan authorities have tried to hide mistreatment from U.N. monitors.

The slow progress on prison reform has prompted NATO forces to once again stop many transfers of detainees to Afghan authorities out of concern that they would be tortured.

In multiple detention centers, Afghan authorities leave detainees hanging from the ceiling by their wrists, beat them with cables and wooden sticks, administer electric shocks, twist their genitals and threaten to shove bottles up their anuses or to kill them, the report said.'

UK: Women tortured retired bus conductor for ATM card PIN

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Kelly Louise Barnes, 32, and her partner Jodie Barnes, 31, killed Barry Reeve in a "brutal and callous" attack in his home, Norwich Crown Court heard.

They tortured the retired bus conductor, believing he had a secret stash of money before turning the volume on his television up to mask his screams, it was claimed.

They beat the 67-year-old and cut him with a knife at his home in Norwich in an attempt to make him disclose his PIN, the jury were told.

After the attack on February 9 last year the drug addict couple, both of both, Norwich, left the grandfather dying, prosecutors alleged.

They returned to his terraced house in the city's Corton Road, where Mr Reeve, who was known as Titch because of his small stature, is thought to have remained alive until at least the following morning.'

Jodie Foster 'to tell sons who their father is when they're 21'

Mastodon · 21 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The biological father of Jodie Foster's two sons, Charles, 14, and Kit, 12, has never been revealed. However, according to Reverend Beverly Bates, 75, her son Randy Stone was Jodie's best friend and treated them as his own children.

In an interview with MailOnline, Reverend Beverly stopped short of confirming Randy is the kids' father, while it's heavily rumoured that's the case.

Randy, a Hollywood producer who passed away in 2007, swore to keep the father's identity a secret, Beverly told the Mail Online.

"Randy told me that Jodie said she'll tell the boys who their father is when they're 21," Beverly said.'

New York: Governor Cuomo proposes changes to equal-pay provision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women working full time in this state earn 84 percent of what men earn according to the state Labor Department. Nationally, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, women in 2010 earned 77 cents for every $1 men earned in full time work. In 2011 the median full-time working woman made 81.6 percent of the wages of the median full-time working man.

The number of hours worked per week varied the statistic, though. Among men and women who work 40 hours per week, women earned 87 percent of what men earned.
...
Under the current law people who prove discrimination in wages can get back pay to make up the difference for what they would have earned if they were paid equally to their peers. This means a successful plaintiff in a wage discrimination case is entitled to 100 percent of the back wages due.

Cuomo proposed increasing that to 300 percent of back wages.
...

Other womens' groups, such as the right-leaning research institution Independent Women's Forum, take the position that the wage disparity is the result of choices women make in how many hours they work and what jobs they choose.

"Feminist groups disserve women by promoting the false idea that the U.S. workplace is overwhelmingly sexist. It encourages unnecessary meddling from the federal government, which could limit women's job opportunities and workplace flexibility, and discourages women from fully pursuing their ambitions," according to a publication by that organization on the wage gap. "Women are better off understanding that it's the decisions they make -not systematic sexism - that determine how much they earn."'

Also see: Urban Single Women Under 30 Earn More Than Their Male Cohorts

Boys on ADHD medication 'growing slower'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The research finds that more than three years on ADHD medication can stunt their development.

Dr Alison Poulton from the University of Sydney says boys with ADHD are shorter and thinner than their peers.

"If a child stays on medication for three years they are about three centimetres shorter than they would be otherwise," she said.

"The boys aged 12 to 14 were leaner and the boys aged 14 to 16 were not only slimmer but also slightly less tall.

"And when we looked at the growth rate, how fast they were growing in height, we found that the bigger the dose, the slower their growth rate.'

Teacher charged with having sex with student marries him, preventing his testimony

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Brunswick County teacher charged with having sex with a student pleaded guilty last month to a lesser charge after she married the victim, preventing the state from compelling him to testify against her, a prosecutor said this week.

Leah Gayle Shipman, 42, pleaded guilty Dec. 20 to misdemeanor resisting a public officer.

Shipman was a married Brunswick County Academy teacher when she was arrested in January 2009 on charges of sexual offense with a student, statutory rape and taking indecent liberties with a student. Shipman was immediately suspended from her job and her contract wasn't renewed.'

Man Imprisoned On False Accusations Acquitted Almost 20 Years Later

Matt · 22 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'EDMONTON - An Edmonton man who has already served “every minute” of an eight-year sentence for sexually assaulting his young stepson has now been acquitted.

In a decision released Monday, the Court of Appeal of Alberta acquitted the 47-year-old man because the boy later recanted and said his biological father forced him to lie during a 1994 custody dispute.

In a special commission hearing held last year, the boy, who was nine at the time and is now an adult, testified that allegations of sexual abuse and rape against his stepfather were completely false.
...
"When I was a kid and these allegations came up, I was threatened, and as a kid you do what your parents tell you to do,” the stepson testified before the special commission. “You are young, and you don’t know right from wrong. And when your parent threatens you, you basically just do what you’re told.”'

Mother sentenced for manslaughter in deaths of her four children

Matt · 23 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. She kills 4 children and gets... 7 to 15. Anyone care to speculate what she'd've gotten if her name had been "Bobby" and not "Bobbie"? Bet she walks after 5, parole for the next 10. Excerpt:

'A Rochester mom will spend 7 to 15 years behind bars for the deaths of her four children in a fire last February.

31-year-old Bobbie Kugler admitted she set a photo of her ex-boyfriend on fire and threw it on a dresser filled with combustible materials. She also admitted she was drunk and high at the time.

Seven children were inside her home when the fire started, three survived the fire. But four children, all Kugler's own children, Gage Reavey, Greg, Kandee and Kaiden Kugler were all killed.

The two boys that survived the fire had to jump from a window on the second floor to escape the fire. They showed the judge their physical scars. Judge Randall, as he spoke to Kugler, made mention that we will never be able to see the emotional scars.'

U.S. Department of State Launches First Empowering Women and Girls through Sports Program of 2013

Minuteman · 23 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Today, with the arrival of 12 young female basketball players and two coaches from Senegal, the U.S. Department of State launched its first Empowering Women and Girls Through Sports Initiative program of the year. This initiative engages women and girls from every region of the world, ranging from Brazil to Iraq to Liberia to Thailand to Venezuela, to name a few participating countries. Not only does this global effort include a host of countries, it also spans the spectrum of sports, including basketball, field hockey, soccer, softball, and track and field.

...

This initiative aims to increase the number of women and girls in sports and works to take the lessons of Title IX – the landmark legislation in the United States that afforded women equality and opportunity through sports – worldwide.'

John Cleese Forced To Sell ‘Monty Python’ Memorabilia To Fund Divorce

Matt · 23 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Monty Python cast member John Cleese is allegedly selling off a number of props and movie memorabilia in order to finance his pending divorce.

The comedian’s divorce has reportedly cost the man quite a bit of money, forcing him to part with a number of items he obtained over the course of his career. The Daily Mail reports that Cleese even embarked on the Alimony Tour which featured the actor doing stand-up in hopes of raising money for alimony payments.
...
The actor ended his marriage to psychotherapist Alyce Faye Eichelberger in 2008 after 16 years. A judge ordered Cleese to pay his ex-wife a grand total of £12.5 million as a result. This apparently doesn’t include the hefty alimony payments he’ll have to may [sic] for the next few years. The comedian will have to fork over £612,000 a year until 2016.

In addition to handing over their shared New York City apartment, John Cleese also had to part with his West London home.'

India’s first court only for women launched in Bengal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Malda (WB): For the first time in the country, a court having woman judges and staff to deal exclusively with atrocities against women was inaugurated today at Malda town in West Bengal.

The court would hear all cases of atrocities against women for delivering speedy justice, officials said.

Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court Justice Arun Mishra inaugurated the court on the birthday anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose whose Azad Hind Fauj (Indian National Army) had many women who fought along side men against the British.

The setting up of the court in Malda is significant as the district tops the list of women trafficking cases and atrocities against the fairer sex in the state.'

Panetta opens combat roles to women

Matt · 23 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior defense officials say Pentagon chief Leon Panetta is removing the military's ban on women serving in combat, opening hundreds of thousands of front-line positions and potentially elite commando jobs after more than a decade at war.

The groundbreaking move recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff overturns a 1994 rule banning women from being assigned to smaller ground combat units. Panetta's decision gives the military services until January 2016 to seek special exceptions if they believe any positions must remain closed to women.'

Women in combat: Will they have to register for the draft?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now that the Pentagon is lifting its ban on women in combat, does this mean that women could potentially be drafted, too?

And as a practical matter: When women turn 18, will they now need to register, as men do, so that they can be conscripted in the event of a World War III, or any military emergency where the US government decides it needs troops quickly?

It's a thorny question, raising what may be a difficult prospect societally. But the legal implications are obvious, analysts argue.

"The answer to that question is clearly yes," says Anne Coughlin, a law professor at the University of Virginia School of Law in Charlottesville. "The legal argument is clear: If it comes to that kind of wrenching emergency where we have to press young people into service, there is no legal justification for saying that men alone need to shoulder that burden."
...
Once the combat exclusion policy is lifted, "My belief is that if we open up combat arms to women, even on a voluntary basis, if there is a draft, we should be able to force women into those positions," says retired Col. Peter Mansoor, a professor of military history at the Ohio State University in Columbus and a former US Army brigade commander who served two tours in Iraq.'

More Than an "Equal Rights" Issue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amid all the predictable feminist cheering we will no doubt hear about the "barriers" in the military falling now that women can be assigned to fight in ground combat units, there should also be a place for some sober debate and consideration.

There have long been reasons that women have been precluded from such assignments -- reasons that have nothing to do with invidious sexism. Rather, they stem from the physical requirements of the job, and the imperative of keeping our soldiers safe.

...

When women work in close combat with men, if they struggle to meet the physical demands of their tasks, that doesn't just put them in danger -- it also endangers the men who serve alongside them. If the Obama administration determines that an "insufficient" number of women are serving in the newly-opened positions, will we see the kind of "gender norming" that has occurred elsewhere in the military with less-than-stellar results?

I stand second to no one in believing in gender equality. But equality doesn't always mean "sameness," especially when indulging a feminist obsession ends up needlessly endangering lives, and undermining the effectiveness of the US military.'

Women's lung cancer death rate almost the same as men's

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Article here. Excerpt:

'U.S. women who smoke today have a much greater risk of dying from lung cancer than they did decades ago, partly because they are starting younger and smoking more - that is, they are lighting up like men, new research shows.

Men who smoke have long had higher lung cancer death rates, but now women have caught up in their risk of dying from smoking-related illnesses. Lung cancer risk leveled off in the 1980s for men but is still rising for women, the study found.

"It's a massive failure in prevention," said one study leader, Dr. Michael Thun of the American Cancer Society. And it's likely to repeat itself in places like China and Indonesia where smoking is growing, he said. About 1.3 billion people worldwide smoke.
...
Smoking needs more attention as a health hazard, Dr. Steven A. Schroeder of the University of California, San Francisco, wrote in a commentary in the journal.

"More women die of lung cancer than of breast cancer. But there is no `race for the cure' for lung cancer, no brown ribbon" or high-profile advocacy groups for lung cancer, he wrote.'

The Boys Initiative Announces Appointment of Panel for Project on Adolescent Male Health

Matt · 24 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Jan. 23, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Today The Boys Initiative announced the appointment of David L. Bell, MD, MPH, Arthur Elster, MD, MJ, and Arik Marcell, MD, MPH to serve as founding members of the steering committee to guide its groundbreaking project Health Guidelines for Adolescent and Young Adult Males.

...

The Health Guidelines for Adolescent and Young Adult Males project is a collaborative endeavor to 1) identify promising clinical interventions, appropriate clinical settings and patient incentives for adolescent and young adult male health; 2) create clinical prevention guidelines for this population; 3) distribute and foster application of those guidelines in clinical practice; 4) foster relevant public and continuing medical education programs; and 5) promote public policies that will advance adoption of the guidelines in clinical practice.

The mission of The Boys Initiative is to shed light on declining achievement and wellbeing among boys and young men, to foster dialogue and debate about the issue, and to collaborate on solutions with those who are committed to the futures of our nation's youth. The organization's principal role is to serve as a hub for information exchange and action among the broad range of organizations whose work touches on boys and young men.'

Former teacher indicted over claims she had sex with four of her students

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former high school teacher in Texas has been indicted over accusations she had sex with four of her students.

According to a September 2011 search warrant, parents of a graduate and former student of Tonya Flink, 39, reported to police that their son was living with her at her apartment.

They told police that they believed the relationship began while their son was a senior at Haltom High School in Haltom City, which is near Fort Worth.

In the same month, investigators learned of other relationships, according to the warrant.

According to the report from police, the former student in question admitted that the relationship began when he would stay after school and Flink would help him with his grades. Flirting led to Flink "pushing herself onto him," according to police.'

Study confirms young Irish male suicide increase due to collapse in economy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Since March 2011, the Men's Health Forum in Ireland (MHFI - www.mhfi.org) has been working on an all-Ireland 'Young Men and Suicide Project' (YMSP). This cross-Border initiative was jointly funded by the Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland and the National Office for Suicide Prevention in the Republic of Ireland.

On Wednesday 23rd January 2013, the report on this project will be launched at noon at two separate short events which are being held in Belfast and Dublin. In Belfast, the report will be officially launched by Minister for Health, Edwin Poots MLA, while Minister of State Kathleen Lynch TD will launch it in Dublin.

Launching the report, Edwin Poots MLA will tell the audience that: "Despite my Department"s investment of over £32 million in suicide prevention since 2006, the suicide rate has not fallen. Around 300 people a year in Northern Ireland continue to die by suicide every year. Men aged from 18 to 54 who live in deprived areas face the greatest level of risk. In fact, males are three times as likely as females to die by suicide.'

Top Psychiatrist: Meds Behind School Massacres

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK – If lawmakers and authorities are truly concerned about stopping gun violence in schools, they need to take a close look at the prescription of psychotropic drugs for children and young people, says a leading psychiatrist.

In an exclusive in-person interview in New York City with WND, London-based Dr. David Healy* criticized pharmaceutical companies that have made billions of dollars marketing Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors, known as SSRIs.

Psychotropic drugs “prescribed for school children cause violent behavior,” Healy stated.
...
Healey cautioned that there is a very high correlation between mass shootings and use of the drugs.

“When roughly nine out of every 10 cases in these school shootings and mass shootings involve these drugs being prescribed, then at least a significant proportion of these cases were either caused by the drugs or the drugs made a significant contribution to the problem,” he said.'

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* Hyperlink added.

Men starving themselves to look like the pictures in magazines

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Bulimia, anorexia nervosa and other eating disorders, long thought to be serious problems for many women, are showing up among surprisingly large numbers of men, some of whom are starving themselves or exercising obsessively to look like the pictures in men's magazines.

Yet neither men themselves, nor most doctors, think of males as being at risk for these illnesses, experts say.

Community-based studies suggest one case in three of anorexia nervosa is a male, said Dr. Blake Woodside, director of the program for eating disorders at Toronto General Hospital. For bulimia, it is about one in four.
...
The stigma, isolation and confusion around suffering from what has long been perceived as a "girl's problem" can make men so reluctant to come forward that many arrive in treatment sicker than women. "For men there is still such a stigma attached to the idea of having an eating disorder and reaching out for help," said Joanna Anderson, clinical director at Sheena's Place in Toronto. "If you go for treatment and you're in a group with 10 or 12 women and you're the only man, it's very difficult to feel like you're not different."'

F&F: Fathers and Families Introduces 5 Family Law Bills in Massachusetts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers and Families has just introduced five family law bills in the 2013 Massachusetts session.

Representative Colleen Garry, D-Dracut, worked with Fathers and Families to submit legislation on presumption of shared parenting, military child custody, removals, parental involvement with childcare, and establishing paternity.
...
According to Representative Gary, ”As far as I am concerned, the most important people in a child’s life is their mother and father. A child should have as much access to them as possible as long as there is no abuse or detrimental effect on the child. Shared parenting is key in maintaining the connection to children by both of their parents.”'

SAVE: VAWA Introduced in Congress, Ignores Long-Standing Problems with the Law

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Violence Against Women Act reauthorization bills were introduced in the Senate and House on Tuesday.

The two bills are very similar to last year's version, except the new proposals remove a provision to increase the number of U visas, given to immigrant abuse victims who agree to cooperate with criminal justice officials; and include the SAFER Act, which provides for audits of untested rape kits.

SAVE supports measures to reduce the backlog of rape kits.

Unfortunately, the Senate and House bills, S. 47 and H.R. 11 ignore the well-documented problems with VAWA, which are outlined in SAVE's Mandate for Change: http://www.saveservices.org/mandate-for-change/

While Sen. Patrick Leahy, lead sponsor of the Senate bill, claims his bill will help "all victims of domestic and sexual violence," every one of the statistics and examples in his Statement highlight only female victims: http://www.leahy.senate.gov/press/leahy-crapo-reintroduce-bipartisan-bill-to-reauthorize-the-landmark-violence-against-women-act

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments will continue to work to reform the Violence Against Women Act so the law respects civil rights, assures accountability, supports partner reconciliation when it is safe, and helps all victims of domestic violence.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

All About the Draft

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While a draft is not likely, registration for the draft (for males) is a reality. Almost all male U.S. citizens, and male aliens living in the U.S., who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT REGISTERING:

The maximum penalty for failing to register with Selective Service is a $250,000 fine and up to five years in prison. Failure to register will cause ineligibility for a number of federal and state benefits including:

FEDERAL JOBS

A man must be registered to be eligible for jobs in the Executive Branch of the Federal government and the U.S. Postal Service. This applies only to men born after December 31, 1959.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Men who are not registered with Selective Service cannot obtain Federal student loans or grants. This includes Pell Grants, College Work Study, Guaranteed Student/Plus Loans, and National Direct Student Loans.'

Panetta admits he doesn't know "who the hell" controls the draft

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If the United States had previously allowed women to serve officially in military combat roles, including special operations forces, there might be fewer sexual assaults in the armed services, the Pentagon's top general told reporters Thursday.

...

Dempsey appeared to chafe when asked by a reporter about his personal opinions on whether women would affect combat readiness: "I graduated from West Point in 1974. It was an all-male institution. I went back to teach at West Point in 1984 and found the place far better than it was when I had been a cadet... I attributed a good amount of that to the fact that we opened up the academy to women."

...

Both men conceded that they didn't know if this move means that women will have to register for the draft with Selective Service, as young men are required to do. "That's not our operation," Panetta said, stumbling over his words, then adding, "I don't know who the hell controls Selective Service, to tell the truth."'

The Lonely Existence of Mel Feit, Men's Rights Advocate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'His name is Mel Feit and he's the founder of the National Center for Men, a men's rights group based in Coram, New York.

"Men's rights," may sound oxymoronic—and perverse, something akin to "white rights"—but to Mel and his band of brothers it's no joke. They believe men's equal rights are challenged by unfair child support obligations, a family law system that privileges mothers in child custody cases, the trivialization of female-on-male domestic violence, the cultural vilification of male sexuality, and social customs that impose an outdated (and crippling) expectation of masculinity on men.

The NCM has advanced its many causes through counseling services, helping men find family law experts, staging protests at women-only establishments, and using the media to trumpet their movement.

While "movement" might overstate the influence these groups have—they comprise only a handful of organizations—the idea of them nonetheless riles some feminists. Amanda Marcotte, author of It's a Jungle Out There: The Feminist Survival Guide to Politically Inhospitable Environments, offered these scorching words, which pretty much sum up feminism's response to these guys:

MRAs may have a handful of semi-accurate observations, but the fact that they blame feminists for men's problems and not patriarchy shows that they are not interested in real solutions. 'Men's rights,' a term that resembles 'white power' in its belligerence and pseudo-victimization, is a reactionary movement, and the propping up of a few pseudo-liberal leaders doesn't change that. There is already a movement for people of both genders who want to end stifling gender roles: It's called feminism.'

Women In Combat: A Draft, Military Weakness Next?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It may seem like a stretch to warn that drafting teenage girls is upon us, but consider what happened after President Carter, in the wake of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the Iranian hostage crisis, called for mandatory Selective Service registration for all young men.

As former Investor's Business Daily Washington bureau chief Brian Mitchell pointed out in his 1999 book "Women in the Military: Flirting With Disaster," the legislation Carter sent to Congress the next week "included young women on an equal basis with young men" in Selective Service, because according to Carter "there is no distinction possible ... that would allow me to exclude women from an obligation to register."

Fortunately, Congress — under Democratic control, no less — swiftly squashed the idea of forcing women to register for a potential wartime draft.

On cue, the ACLU and the radical National Organization for Women sued and in 1981, by a frighteningly slim 6-3 majority, the Supreme Court ruled against them, affirming that a men-only draft is not unconstitutional. But when President Obama gets a couple more high court appointments how long will that precedent survive?'

Push for Gender Balance on Boards Gains Steam

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ms. Reding is leading a campaign for legally binding measures to promote gender equality in the top ranks of the European business world. But she has run into vigorous opposition from some E.U. governments, including Britain's, that prefer that such measures be voluntary.

Ms. Reding had to abandon a proposal in November for legislation that called for punishing companies whose supervisory boards had fewer than 40 percent women. Ms. Reding then proposed that sanctions apply only in cases where companies do not have 40 percent of women on their supervisory boards and fail to enact selection procedures giving priority to a qualified female candidate.

Her appearance at Davos should give her another opportunity to make the case that her amended proposal, which must be approved by the European Parliament and by E.U. governments, should be adopted across Europe.'

Many Women Victims of 'Contraceptive Sabotage,' Experts Say

Minuteman · 25 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Obstetricians and gynecologists should screen women and teens for signs that their partner is sabotaging their birth control, forcing them to have unprotected sex or otherwise trying to control their reproductive choices, says a leading group of U.S. doctors.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) lays out guidelines for detecting sexual and reproductive "coercion" -- which it calls an under-recognized form of violence against women -- in the February issue of the journal Obstetrics & Gynecology.

"Most ob/gyns are probably unfamiliar with sexual and reproductive coercion as an entity and probably don't ask about it," said Dr. Eve Espey, chairwoman of the ACOG's Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women.

The abuse includes hiding or destroying a woman's birth control method of choice; poking holes in a condom or removing it during sex; coercing a woman to carry out or end a pregnancy against her will through violence or threats; and intentionally exposing her to a sexually transmitted disease.'

Rejected female applicant to men's college "disappointed" but fine with single-sex women's colleges

Matt · 25 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A teenage girl who hoped to gain admission to a tiny, all-male, Deep Springs College, has been denied. She has written an essay expounding on her disappointment for The Atlantic.

A legally-binding trust stipulates that the college must remain an all-male institution. The rejected female applicant doesn't like this. Oddly, however, she has no problem with all-female institutions rejecting men.
...
The fact of the matter is that young women face a lack of diversity in their higher education. Young men do not pine over all-women schools like Bryn Mawr or Scripps because there are reasonably similar co-educational programs. However, there is not a school like Deep Springs that is available to young women.'

UK: Suicide is a gender issue that can no longer be ignored

Matt · 25 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The latest statistics underline the message that Calm (the campaign against living miserably) has maintained for years; gender runs through UK suicide statistics like letters in a stick of rock. The highest suicide rate is among men aged 30-44, in men aged 45 to 59 suicide has increased significantly between 2007 and 2011, and in 2011 more men under 35 died from suicide in the UK than road accidents, murder and HIV/Aids combined. Even in the 60+ age group, men were three times more likely to take their lives than women.
...
Men, regardless of age group, often don't recognise when they are depressed. Depression in men is likely to be signalled by anger, so won't be recognised either by men themselves or by women as depression. Ironically, they may end up in jail rather than a GP's surgery. For a man to ask for help is seen as failure, because by convention men are supposed to be in control at all times.'

Previously-criticized Goldman Sachs now embraced by HuffPo

Matt · 25 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It'd be sort of funny if it weren't so incredibly transparent. But really, is it any surprise? I doubt we'd see such a big change of attitude if the Sachs "10,000 Women" initiative had been named "10,000 Promising Entrepreneur Types Regardless of Gender". But anyway.... Excerpt:

'Arianna Huffington and Lloyd Blankfein announced Thursday that Goldman Sachs and the Huffington Post will partner for a new initiative aimed at job creation, according to a piece coauthored by the pair in the Huffington Post.

...

"In 2008, Goldman Sachs made a $100 million investment through its 10,000 Women program. This initiative provides women-owned small-to-medium businesses in more than 20 countries with a business and management education, access to mentors, and links to capital. This year, the program will reach its initial goal by serving its 10,000th woman.

...

Today, our two organizations are joining forces. Together we will examine what entrepreneurs are doing to drive growth around the world and apply the lessons we have learned."

...

The new partnership signals a very fast about-face. The Huffington Post attacked Goldman Sachs two days ago for profiting from a global food crisis. A slideshow, titled “CEOs Who Look Like Villains,” accompanied the article. The first slide compared Arianna’s newest partner to Dr. Evil.

The Huffington Post attacked Blankfein earlier this month for receiving a 75 percent raise. The website also alleges that the CEO lied about the firm’s proprietary trading and called Blankfein a “Vampire Squid.”

It is unclear if Arianna will order a purge of her website.'

"I'll stay with you-- if you run for President..."

Matt · 25 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Blog entry here. Ahh, hypergamy, only without the hassle of a divorce. Well, she tried, anyway. Excerpt:

'Colorado governor John Hickenlooper, a Democrat, told the New York Times that his wife offered to stay married to him, if he was planning to run for president. The first couple of Colorado is currently separated.

Frank Bruni of the Times reports:

Recently I visited Colorado, whose governor, John Hickenlooper, is another prominent Democrat sometimes mentioned in connection with 2016. I met up with him just a few hours after his State of the State address. Its distinctions included this: when he thanked his wife, Helen Thorpe, for coming to hear it, he was reminding Coloradans that the two had separated midway through 2012, less than two years into his first term.
...
If he hadn't run for governor, I asked, would the marriage have survived? "It's conceivable," he said. Then he volunteered that when they discussed separating, she had told him: "If you want to run for president, I'm in. We'll stay married. I'll figure it out and I'll be fine."'

SAVE: Women Shortchanged by Violence Against Women Act

Matt · 25 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Following introduction of the Violence Against Women Act in Congress, SAVE, a leading victim-rights organization, is charging the bills fall short in addressing the causes of domestic violence, ignore abuse prone women, and in some cases place victims at greater risk of harm.

The bills were introduced Tuesday in the Senate (S. 47) by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and in the House of Representatives (H.R. 11) by Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI). The bills seek to enhance the criminal justice response to domestic violence through wider use of restraining orders, mandatory arrests, and mandatory prosecutions.'

Court sets aside two Casey Anthony convictions

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Florida appellate court on Friday set aside two of the four convictions Casey Anthony faced for lying to detectives during the investigation into her missing 2-year-old daughter.

Judges on the 5th District Court of Appeals agreed with Anthony's attorneys that two of the charges constituted double jeopardy, or being convicted more than once for the same crime.

"We cannot conclude that the Legislature intended to authorize separate punishment for each false statement made during a single interview," the judges said in their ruling.

...

The appeals judges ruled that the trial court was correct to allow Anthony's statements to detectives to be used during her murder trial. Anthony's attorneys had argued that she was in police custody at the time and hadn't been read her Miranda rights. They also had argued that Anthony should have been convicted of only a single count of lying because of the double jeopardy concern.'

Panetta: Women May Be Included in Future Draft

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Females may be included in the Selective Service and qualify for a potential draft should one be ordered by the president, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said.
The U.S. military's civilian leader lamented that he didn't know who ran the Selective Service, but whoever does will "have to exercise some judgment based on what we just did," Panetta said at a Pentagon press conference Thursday.
On Thursday, Panetta and Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, lifted the official ban on women serving in combat roles, removing gender barriers from jobs in the military.
...
Congress established the U.S. Selective Service as an independent federal agency in 1940, one year ahead of the start of World War II. Presidents had drafted men in previous wars, but this was the first time it was established in peace time. In America's history, the military has never drafted a woman or ordered her to register for the Selective Service.
...
The inclusion of women in combat roles means a new constitutional challenge to the men-only system could turn out differently, Campbell said. That or the Supreme Court could rule that Selective Service can remain in effect only if women are required to register.
...

A lawyer suing to overturn the law argued the female exemption made Selective Service discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional. The Supreme Court ruled otherwise, deciding that the exemption for women was not a violation of equal protections because women were barred by law from combat.

"The purpose of registration was to prepare for a draft of combat troops," the court stated. "Since women are excluded from combat, Congress concluded that they would not be needed in the event of a draft, and therefore decided not to register them."'

The Feminist Objection to Women in Combat

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'This week the Pentagon altered its policy prohibiting women from serving in combat roles in the US military. This has generally been seen as a win for feminism by feminists themselves. It's also been seen as a feminist victory by conservative folks like Heather Mac Donald at National Review, who declares with hyperbolic outrage that "the only reason to pursue [the policy of women in combat] is to placate feminism's insatiable and narcissistic drive for absolute official equality between the sexes."

I'm a feminist myself, and I certainly think that women should have equal access to jobs and career advancement inside the military as well as outside it. And, as the Jezebel article I linked above points out, women are already often in combat situations. Acknowledging this formally just means that they're able to get the same credit for risking their lives that men do.
...
The problem is, feminism has never just been about equality. Many feminists have written about the need for women to have the same opportunities as men. But many have also written about the need to criticize male patriarchal values and ideals. And one of the male patriarchal values and ideals that has been consistently criticized and questioned by feminists is war.'

In Waging War On Sexist Trolls, Feminists Echo The Victorian Ladies Who Campaigned Against Men's 'Coarse Jests'

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Article here.

'Again and again, the assumption is made that women - far more so than men or teenage boys - are not cut out for negotiating the often dark, offensive internet. And so they need protecting from it; websites that offend them must be closed, and trolls who troll them must be silenced. Perhaps misogyny-filtering software should be invented to make the web a safer place for women, like that software parents use to protect their children from seeing porn.

The truth is that the internet always has been, and will remain, a place with strange, perverted corners that are best avoided. Men, believe it or not, also know that every time we venture on to the web we're just a few clicks away from violent-minded porn, hateful racism, Holocaust denialism or, in some of our cases, long discussion threads calling us every name under the sun - but we don't freak out and go back to bed; we carry on surfing and chatting, knowing that the virtues of the internet outweigh its ills.'

False Rape Claim Leads to Shooting in Bartlett

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(Bartlett, TN) Rachel Courtney is in jail charged with attempted murder. Police say she ran out of her house with a gun and machete.

According to police documents, her lover, Robbi Fitch claimed a man raped her. He later showed up at their home and parked outside.

The documents say Courtney got in the car, pulled a gun and she and the man fought over it.

He won, and pistol-whipped her, before she choked him.

The 57-year old man told police he took Fitch to buy drugs and have sex. Fitch said he raped her, but police said text message showed otherwise. They had been sleeping together regularly for years.
...
The girl caught in the middle finally admitted she wasn't raped.

Rachel Courtney is charged with attempted first degree murder. Robbi Fitch is charged with making a false report.'

India: Jilted woman filed false gang rape case for marriage

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Story here. Excerpt:

'New Delhi: In a shocking incident, a girl withdrew her complaint against four accused that they had allegedly gang-raped her on gunpoint. The girl on Friday accepted that she had filed a false case against the accused.

The girl said, “I am taking my case back as I was not gang-raped. I tried to implicate them in false case because one of the accused duped me on the pretext of marrying me.”

The girl said that she developed a strong feeling for the boy and wanted to marry him. But when he refused to marry the girl she decided to take revenge by falsely implicating him in rape case.'

Debra Lafave, Ex-Teacher in Sex Case, Ordered Back on Probation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Debra Lafave, the former Tampa, Fla., middle school teacher and pin-up model who pleaded guilty in 2005 to having sex with a 14-year-old student, has been ordered back on probation.

A trial judge released Lafave from the remainder of her probation obligation before she served her full sentence of three years house arrest and seven years probation. However, an appellate court called the decision to release her early an “abuse of judicial power,” according to The Associated Press.

Today, responding to the appellate court ruling, Circuit Judge Lisa Campbell in Hillsborough County, Fla., reinstated LaFave’s probation, ordering the mother of twins to serve another four years and two months probation effective Dec. 19, 2012, to observe a curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., and to stay away from schools, according to AP and ABC News affiliate WFTS in Tampa, Fla.'

Barbara Kay: Nova Scotia hitman case reinforces gender bias of Canadian courts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The more I read, the more bizarre it got.

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled this week on a case where an allegation of spousal abuse – never substantiated – is the heart of a troubling story that has concluded in law, but has certainly not brought any sense of moral closure to those who track gender bias in the courts. Quite the opposite, in fact.

Here's the story. A Nova Scotian couple, Nicole Doucet Ryan and Michael Ryan, who have one daughter, separate in 2007. In March 2008, Nicole is arrested for trying to hire a hit man for $25,000 (her exchange of money with an undercover RCMP officer is all clearly recorded on video) to kill Michael. Nicole testifies at trial that Michael is an abusive control freak, who punches holes in walls, once put a gun to her head, and who exercised a "reign of terror" over the household. In other words Nicole puts up the "battered wife" defence, which is supposed to be applied in situations where the woman fears imminently for her life, i.e. "extreme duress," which was clearly not the case in Nicole's premeditated actions at a time when the couple was separated.'

Teens Arrested in Violent Subway Assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two teenage girls have been arrested in a violent subway assault on a 55-year-old man, punching him in the head in an attack that sent the victim to the hospital, police said.

According to police, the two teens were on a northbound 4 train departing Utica Avenue in Brooklyn at about 1 p.m. when they encountered a man and became aggressive with him, police said. The nature of the dispute wasn't immediately clear.

Police say the teenagers became violent and attacked the 55-year-old man, punching him in the face and head. Video of the incident showed the man eventually punching back in an attempt to defend himself.'

Is Jodi Arias the next Casey Anthony?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is Jodi Arias the next Casey Anthony? Two beautiful women, two terrible deaths and a lot of lies. We all thought the evidence was sky high to convict Casey but she went free. Could this happen again in the Jodi Arias trial?

Jane Velez-Mitchell analyzes the prosecution's case with a panel of legal experts.'

Ed.: In case you're unfamiliar with this case, read about it here and here.

Prosecution rests in high-profile Arizona murder case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors have rested their case in the high-profile trial of an Arizona woman accused of killing her boyfriend in 2008.

They called their last witness to the stand Thursday, a female friend of defendant Jodi Arias.

The woman testified that she had dinner with Arias 24 hours after Arias allegedly killed 30-year-old Travis Alexander in his suburban Phoenix home.

The 32-year-old Arias could become the fourth woman on Arizona's death row if she's convicted.'

"Train your sons like you train your dogs"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'And as a MOB - Mother of Boys - she has come to the conclusion that bringing up boys "is like dealing with dogs".

While males, or FOB (Fathers of Boys), may initially take offence at the analogy, her reasoning does, perhaps, make more than a little sense.

Evans, a mother of three boys aged seven, nine and 10, explains that 'boy pups' need feeding at least three times a day, a tree or a toilet to mark his territory, clear commands of no more than one syllable such as 'Stop!' or 'No!', love which may be shown in manic displays of tummy tickling, and most importantly, to go out to let off steam, twice a day, every day.
...
But Evans, like most MOBs, weathers the violent boy storms, and concludes she wouldn't have it any other way.

She points out that one of the many reasons why being a MOB is great is that boys' needs are simple: "Exercise, discipline, lunacy and love.

"Oh, and a never-ending supply of Scooby snacks."'

'Wrong on Women Warriors'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We have apparently arrived at the Golden Age, free from strife and the threat of foreign enemies. Little else can explain so gratuitous a decision as to place women in combat units. The downsides to such a policy are legion and obvious; the only reason to pursue it is to placate feminism's insatiable and narcissistic drive for absolute official equality between the sexes.

Any claim that our fighting forces are not reaching their maximum potential because females are not included is absurd. The number of women who are the equal to reasonably well-developed men in upper-body strength and who have the same stamina and endurance is vanishingly small. Because the number of women who will meet the military's already debased physical-fitness standard will not satisfy the feminists' demand for representation, the fitness standard will inevitably be lowered across the board or for women alone, as we have seen in civilian uniformed forces.

...

Feminists routinely deny Eros — except when it suits them to exploit their sexual power. Only someone deliberately blind to human reality could maintain that putting men and women in close quarters 24 hours a day will not produce a proliferation of sex, thus introducing all the irrational passions (and resulting favoritism) of physical attraction into an organization that should be exclusively devoted to the mission of combat preparedness. Reported "sexual assaults" will skyrocket, and of course it will only be the men who are at fault. Any consensual behavior leading up to the "assault" — getting in bed with your fellow grunt drunk and taking off your clothes, for example — will be ignored, since in the realm of sexual responsibility, women remain perpetual victims, at the mercy of all-powerful men. Expect a windfall to the gender-sensitivity-training industry, which will be called in both before and after the entry of women into combat units to eradicate endemic male sexism.'

Child Soldier's Tale Illustrates Mali's Dirty War

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'SEVARE, Mali (AP) — The boy sits with his knees tucked under his chest on the concrete floor of the police station here, his adolescent face a tableau of fear. He's still garbed in the knee-length tunic he was ordered to wear by the Islamic extremist who recruited him.

It's these same clothes, styled after those worn by the Prophet Muhammad in the 7th century, which gave him away when he tried to flee earlier this week. They have now become his prison garb.

Adama Drabo is 16, and his recruitment into the ranks of a group designated as a terrorist organization, followed by his violent interrogation at the hands of the Malian army, underscores the obstacles faced by France as it tries to wash its former West African colony clean of the al-Qaida-linked fighters occupying it.'

Topless activists pop in on elite Davos forum, protesting male economic domination

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DAVOS, Switzerland – Three women angry over sexism and male domination of the world economy ripped off their shirts and tried to force their way into a gathering of corporate elites in a Swiss resort.

Predictably, they failed. The ubiquitous and huge security force policing the World Economic Forum in Davos carried the women away, kicking and screaming.

The women, from Ukrainian feminist activist group Femen, scaled a fence and set off pink flares in the protest Saturday. Their chests were painted with "SOS Davos," as they sought to call attention to poverty of women around the world.'

EU Quota Rule for Women on Boards Is the Only Way, Reding Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'European rules on quotas for women on company boards are necessary because businesses aren't doing enough themselves, according to European Union Justice Commissioner Viviane Reding.

"I don't like to intervene very strongly, but I thought it was the only way," Reding said today in a panel discussion at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. "I tried to do it first with asking the companies to do it by themselves. What was the result? Nothing."

Reding set out draft legislation in November asking governments and the European Parliament to approve rules for a 40 percent quota to favor women over equally qualified men for supervisory board seats. She said today such legislation was needed as the population ages.

"What convinced me to go this way? We are an aging continent, not having enough new talent growing, and then 65 percent of our university graduates are female," she said. "We do have the talent, we do have the competence, and we don't make use of it in our societies. Sometimes you need political leadership in order to change the business world."'

Equal pay is anti-feminist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender equality is an admirable goal that is almost universally agreed upon in our nation. We want men and women to have the same rights and equal access to opportunities. That is uncontroversial. What is wrong, however, is seeing unequal results and categorically inferring unjust treatment. In other words, what looks, feels and smells like sexism may not actually be sexism.

We must first understand that seemingly organized, designed patterns may naturally arise from individual decisions that are not motivated by bigotry. For example, in seminar classes, the men and the women often sit on opposite sides of the table with no interlay. Is this evidence of a conscious decision to segregate due to sexism? No, of course not. If every member of the class prefers to sit next to at least one person of his or her own sex, then the pattern of complete segregation will occur organically. Thus, patterns of behavior that seem collectively organized can emerge from the aggregation of individual choices that stem from innocent motives.'

American Effort to Ban Circumcision of Minors Kicks into High Gear

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Genital integrity activists from across the country are demanding that lawmakers ban the practice of circumcising boys. Popularly known as “intactivists”, these children’s rights advocates submitted the Male Genital Mutilation (MGM) Bill proposal to more than 2,000 legislators this week in an effort to require gender neutrality in federal and state laws that regulate genital cutting.

As director of MGMbill.org’s Indiana state office in Indianapolis, Jeff Cowsert wants all boys to be able to grow up with their genitals left intact. “When I was eight years old, my religious friends told me about circumcision,” said Cowsert. “I was silently outraged, and for the remainder of my childhood I mourned the fact that I didn't have a complete body. I would not have chosen to be cut if given the choice, and I strongly feel that infant circumcision needs to be banned so that men can make their own choices about their own bodies when they are mature adults.”'

"Identity Thief" actress wallops co-star, feels no apologies necessary

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Story here. Seriously, what a nasty person. And of course, were the sexes reversed, not only would the plot not include him walloping her, but if it had, he would have apologized profusely. Instead, she taunts him about it with a "memento" reminding him of her assault. And of course, the story reports that the 'he' character shouldn't have even tried to fight back. I'd like to suggest a boycott of this film. Excerpt:

'With his family's financial future on the line, Sandy must track Diana down to bring her to justice and clear his name with the cops and his new boss. When he does find her -- boy, does she fight. So many punches were thrown by McCarthy during filming that she accidentally hit Bateman -- twice! -- and gave him a bloody nose.
...
Apparently the 42-year-old former Oscar nominee felt no need to apologize, and instead presented a funny present to Bateman after filming was complete. "All I got was a snapshot of a tissue cone up my nose that she took and then gave to me as a wrap gift," he said, adding, "So it wasn't an apology or anything like that – just a 'Look what I did! Isn't this a cute picture!'" McCarthy chimed in, "You look very cute in the picture with Kleenex stuffed up your nose."
...
In "Identity Thief," Bateman does hit back. But is it ever okay to rough house a woman? "She knows how to hit back. And if she's lippin' off, this is what happens. You know – you get thrown down to the hot pavement," the 44-year-old Golden Globe winner joked. McCarthy answered facetiously, "True. I learned my lesson," adding the disclaimer, "American children: asphalt's hard." She also felt the need to point out that she did, in fact, throw the first punch. Bateman's flimsy justification: "She started it."'

Casey Anthony Files for Bankruptcy

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'Casey Anthony, the Florida mother who was acquitted of killing her 2-year-old daughter Caylee in 2011, has filed for bankruptcy, The Associated Press reports.

Anthony filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in Tampa Friday, claiming about $1,000 in assets and $792,000 in debts, according to the AP. Many of the liabilities come from legal fees associated with her trial, as well as taxes and a $145,660 fee she was ordered to pay the Orange County Sheriff's office for misleading police during the investigation into Caylee's murder.

Anthony, who is unemployed and living in an undisclosed location due to threats she received after the verdict was handed down, is still listed as a defendant in a number of civil suits linked to the case.'

Former beauty queen reportedly takes plea deal in murder case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former beauty queen who was once married to the owner of a Kentucky Derby-winning thoroughbred has reportedly struck a deal with prosecutors who were preparing to try her for allegedly luring a man to his death nearly a decade ago.

The Seattle Times reports that Peggy Sue Thomas, 47, will spend four years in prison when she is sentenced next month on charges of first-degree rendering criminal assistance. Thomas, who was crowned Ms. Washington in 2000, had faced a first-degree murder charge in the death of Russel Douglas, who was found fatally shot two days after Christmas 2003.

Thomas, a former beautician, once worked at a salon owned by Douglas' wife, and allegedly plotted with her then-boyfriend, James Huden, to kill Douglas.'

Families try to prevent boys playing girls' sports

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'At the beginning of her freshman year at Upper St. Clair High School, Kallan Piconi had plenty of decisions to make. Which classes would she take? Which clubs would she join? Most importantly, which fall sport would she play?
...
On Sept. 11, Kallan's mother, Eden Piconi, arrived at her seat for the game at Peters Township, ready to watch her daughter compete. Quickly, Mrs. Piconi saw something in the action that jarred her: Running up and down the field with the girls was a boy wearing a kilt and a Peters jersey.

At first, Mrs. Piconi wanted answers. How was this allowed? But, as the season progressed, and Kallan was confronted with more boys, her mother couldn't deny the small thrill of watching her stop those young men from scoring goals.
...
While her daughter faded away from her first semester of high school, trapped in their two-story, red-brick home, Mrs. Piconi started on a mission. She called athletic directors, asking that original question: How were boys allowed to play on girls teams? How was this safe? Look at what happened to her Kallan.

"I just didn't want to let him score," Kallan said. "I didn't want to let him of all people get by me. I wanted to prove myself."'

Norway's female boardroom pioneer rejects quotas for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are still awaiting a gender revolution in Britain's boardrooms but Norway's corporate culture has undergone a radical change that has transformed the career of one woman in particular.

At one point Mai-Lill Ibsen held more than 185 Norwegian boardroom seats and was undisputed queen of the so called "golden skirts" – experienced executive women who found themselves in demand when Norway in 2006 passed a law requiring 40% of boardroom seats to go to women (or men in the rare case of a female-dominated directors' suite).

...

Nonetheless, Ibsen opposes the quota system as a way to get women into the highest echelons of business. "I've never seen the glass ceiling," she says, raising her arms against an imaginary barrier. "I'm against quotas. They are discriminatory in a way. I feel we [women] are so strong we don't need that.'

Public university plans event to help female students achieve orgasms

Matt · 29 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Can't make this stuff up. Wonder when they'll hold an event discussing ways to get guys off? All at taxpayer expense, no less! Excerpt:

'The University of Minnesota - Twin Cities (UMTC) is set to hold an event this spring designed to help its female undergraduate students achieve more and greater orgasms.

A promotional poster for the event says it is all about "sexuality and pleasure."
The university's official online description of the event entitled, "The Female Orgasm," describes it as open to both male and female students.

"Orgasm aficionados and beginners of all genders are welcome to come learn about everything from multiple orgasms to that mysterious G-spot," reads the description posted on the school's official events calendar.'

SAVE: Tell Your Senators: Say NO to S. 47 and YES to Real VAWA Reform

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Today we have an urgent request.

As we told you last week, S. 47, a Violence Against Women Act reauthorization bill has been introduced in the Senate. Unfortunately, S. 47 is very similar to last year's VAWA and ignores well-documented problems.

You'd think that with all of the controversy surrounding VAWA, the Senate would afford time for discussion and the possible addition of amendments. But this may not be the case! Word is that it may skip the Judicial Committee and go straight to the floor for a vote!

We believe that these VAWA Reform Principals are vital and urgently needed to create a comprehensive and effective VAWA: http://www.saveservices.org/pvra/vawa-reform-principles/

Our urgent request: Please call your Senators RIGHT NOW. Tell them, "Say NO to S. 47 and YES to Real VAWA Reform!"

Find your senators here: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

Let's show them what we're made of. Use those phones!

Thanks!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

'Women better than men at understanding technical jargon'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The small in-depth neurological study of 16 subjects, commissioned by the Geek Squad, could eradicate once and for all the popular misapprehension that men are more ‘geeky' than women and have a natural affinity with technology. Its results show that women are naturally more comfortable than men with high-tech terminology.

When confronted with tech jargon, the stress and frustration levels of the study's male participants increased considerably. Their negative reactions to terms such as 'OS' and 'vlogging' were 138% higher than those of their female counterparts.'

VAWA Needs a Serious Overhaul

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For starters, the programs operated under VAWA have never undergone scientifically rigorous evaluations to ensure that they are achieving their intended results.

Furthermore, because VAWA was initially established on the premise that violence is caused by institutionalized sexism and patriarchal beliefs, the law has allocated financial and legal resources primarily to female victims, while ignoring the complex nature of violence and its causes. Consequently, very little of VAWA's funds are used to address proven causes of violence, such as substance abuse, emotional and psychological disorders and marital instability. The National Research Council reported that many of VAWA's programs are "driven by ideology and stake holder interests rather than by plausible theories and scientific evidence of fact."'

Judge postpones Texas woman's execution

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Story here. I found the stats in the story to be interesting:

'Her execution would have been the first since a Virginia inmate, Teresa Lewis, became the 12th woman put to death since the U.S. Supreme Court in 1976 allowed capital punishment to resume. In that same time, 1,309 men have been executed.

McCarthy also would have been the first woman executed in Texas in more than eight years and the fourth overall in the state, which executes the most people in the nation — 492 prisoners since capital punishment resumed 30 years ago.

Federal Bureau of Justice Statistics compiled from 1980 through 2008 show women make up about 10 percent of homicide offenders nationwide. According to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, 3,146 people were on the nation's death rows as of last Oct. 1, and only 63 — 2 percent — were women.'

F&F: Fathers Going Their Own Way in Child Care

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"At-home dads aren't trying to be perfect moms, says a recent study in the Journal of Consumer Research. Instead, they take pride in letting their children take more risks on the playground, compared with their spouses. They tend to jettison daily routines in favor of spontaneous adventures with the kids. And many use technology or DIY skills to squeeze household budgets, or find shortcuts through projects and chores, says the study, based on interviews, observation of father-child outings and an analysis of thousands of pages of at-home dads' blogs and online commentary."'

F&F: 10 Myths About Shared Parenting Debunked

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The excellent Dr. Linda Nielsen has an article in the most recent edition of The Nebraska Lawyer, the house organ for that state's Bar Association (The Nebraska Lawyer, January/February, 2013). Put simply, Nielsen's article should be read by every family law judge and every state legislator in the nation. It addresses and lays to rest the most common claims made by those who seek to eliminate or marginalize fathers in the lives of their children post-divorce.

Entitled "Parenting Time and Shared Residential Custody: Ten Common Myths," Nielsen's article essentially says that the state of authoritative social science demands shared parenting. In addition to destroying the various myths, Nielsen cites readers to some of the social science supporting children's need for shared parenting.'

"A man's top 5 reasons to grow up and get married"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'4. You won't be such a pathetic sloth – Married people are more productive. Married men in particular, have higher employment rates, work longer hours and receive better wages. It's time to stop wading through puddles of your own filth as you reach for the hotpockets and have a dame whip you into shape. You're welcome.'

UK: The gender gap at universities: where are all the men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you're a male student on campus at Liverpool Hope, Bath Spa or Cumbria University, you may be feeling a little outnumbered. These are some of the 20 institutions where there are twice as many female fulltime undergraduates as there are male, according to Higher Education Statistics Authority (Hesa) data.

In 2010-11, there were more female (55%) than male fulltime undergraduates (45%) enrolled at university – a trend which shows no sign of shrinking. The latest statistics released by the University and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) revealed a 22,000 drop in the number of male students enrolling at university. This meant that last autumn women were a third more likely to start a degree than their male counterparts, despite the fact that there are actually more young men than women in the UK.'

Canada: Why Are Boys Doing Worse Than Girls?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There are lots of theories out there about why boys suddenly started doing worse than girls in school -- things like boys' active natures, television, lack of male role models, and so forth -- but none of them fully explains the gender gap, since these theories most precede boys' troubles.

However, there was one major change that took place at the exact same time that boys' problems started.

During the 70s, most Canadian public schools began using a new type of approach called child-centred learning. Unfortunately for the boys, child-centred learning works a lot better for girls than it does for boys.

In schools that use child-centred learning, the boys tend to struggle with learning -- especially when it comes to reading. For example, girls do 10-15 percentage points better than boys on Ontario's provincial reading and writing tests (girls also do a few percentage points better in math.)'

Female teacher who 'tried to flee to Mexico with 15-year-old lover' ordered to hand in her passport

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A teacher facing trial for having sex with a 15-year-old student is feared to have been planning to elope with him to Mexico.

Kathryn Murray, 29, was found with the teenager at her father's home despite a court order banning any contact.

The 29-year-old was ordered to surrender her passport when she appeared before a judge in Houston, Texas on Saturday.

Prosecutors fear she was on the verge of leaving the U.S. to start a new life in Mexico with the teenager.

Murray is due to go on trial later this year on four under-age sex charges and faces up to 20 years in jail.

She is accused of having sex with the boy at his home, in her classroom and a hotel. The middle school teacher was found with the boy, now aged 16, at the home she shares with her father in Houston.'

'Here’s the answer — don’t give men guns'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When we look at the acts of almost unspeakable gun violence making news and breaking hearts, it doesn’t take Rachel Maddow or Wayne LaPierre to target the fact that men are responsible. We don’t need to hit the archives for historical documentation. What we need to do is this: We need to stop selling guns to men.

Women will be able to buy and own guns but not be permitted to share them with our male counterparts.

Why? Because it’s clear that men don’t know how to handle weapons. Remember, even Dick Cheney shot his lawyer — by mistake. His wife, Lynne Cheney, might have killed a lot of artists’ hopes as head of the National Endowment for the Arts, but she never shot any real artists. Not that I know of.
...

Many gun-rights advocates cite a line attributed to George Washington — “They should have sufficient arms and ammunition to maintain a status of independence from any who might attempt to abuse them” — which would fit right in with the idea that women, in most danger of abuse, should be the ones in line for guns and ammo; next are kids, since child abuse is also widespread. Obviously the elderly and physically disabled should all be armed, and — to be fair — so should those in iffy neighborhoods. My friend Rose said the NRA will be issuing a gun to each infant born, as some groups do with books to promote literacy.'

It Matters to the Dead Men's Families

Mastodon · 29 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary the radical feminist whose theism dictated that men were only needed for sperm donations not only became involved with a man who represented everything feminists condemned, but she became the very thing feminists accuse stay-at-home mothers and conservative women of being, i.e., dependent on men for their advancement.
...
Hillary saying her job is to see that it doesn't happen again is specious and purposefully misleading. You cannot ensure something doesn't happen again without knowing what caused it the first time. Hillary doesn't want to address the causal factors of why Stevens, Smith, Doherty and Woods were murdered – because to do so would mean Obama would have to answer the question of why he permitted them to be murdered as he reportedly watched the live feed of their murders from drones recording the attack.'

Many Divorcees Are Sentenced To A Lifetime Of Alimony Payments

Matt · 30 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Sympathetically-written as it is, notice the tack it takes: Permanent alimony is bad because it negatively affects "the second wife". No mention of the patent unfairness/absurdity of permanent alimony in today's day and age. Excerpt:

'The permanent alimony trap can be especially maddening for someone like Jane Carter, 43, who is using a pseudonym so she can more freely discuss her husband's case, which will soon be hashed out in court. Her husband separated from his first wife in 2003 and was ordered by the courts to pay his ex-spouse $90,000 a year (not including child support).
...
Unless Carter wins the court's favor, there's seemingly no end in sight. In fact, she says her husband's ex-wife is now after her money. "I have a small nest egg for my 11-year-old son, and her lawyer is trying to find out how much I have for that nest egg because we're in the midst of a modification proceeding," says Carter.
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Many states have abandoned the practice of permanent alimony—or at least reformed the law—but it's still going strong in states such as New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, Connecticut, North Carolina, West Virginia, and Florida. Permanent alimony was created in the days when women didn't go to college and rarely had careers, instead tending to the kids and household. Then it was sorely needed. Now, opponents argue, those reasons for its being are long past.'

Military dad reunited with daughter put up for adoption without his consent

Matt · 30 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A South Carolina soldier has been reunited with his 22-month-old daughter after she was given up for adoption without his knowledge or consent when she was born.

Sgt. Terry Achane took tiny Teleah home after leaving a Provo, Utah, courtroom Friday where a judge gave him custody.

“I got my daughter back,” said 31-year-old Achane, according to The Salt Lake Tribune. “I’m very happy. It’s 22 months too long, but the wait was worth it.”'

Brazil: Wife Used Poison Vagina in Bid to Kill Husband

Mastodon · 30 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman filled up her vagina with poison in a bid to kill her husband, it is claimed.

She then invited him to perform a sex act on her during which he would ingest the deadly substance.

But in a move which probably speaks clearly of the start of their marriage, he refused to do so and was also suspicious of her motives.

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The wife could yet face charges by police in Sao Jose, Brazil, over the incident.

Local Police officer Walter Colacino Júnior said: "[It is] an investigation of attempted murder."'

Huggies Pro-Dad Commercial

charlie · 30 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

This ad shows dads doing what regular dads do with their kids, without attempting to make them look like idiots.

More housework, less sex for married men: study

Matt · 30 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Notice the article focuses on how much sex men are getting, as opposed to women-- as if how much of it they were getting wasn't as important, or correlated to the men-running-the-vacuum-cleaner issue the "study" is supposedly about. But in any case, I saw this and laughed. Let's assume the "study" has reached a valid conclusion. The article goes on to suggest that despite its finding, men should continue to do more traditionally female-role housework to make their wives happier. Isn't that nice. Nice. Reminds me of that book I mentioned in a previous post, "No More Mr. Nice Guy". "Nice guys" don't live happy lives. Getting "less sex" is just one of the ways they don't live happy lives. Excerpt:

'The road to hell is paved with good intentions, as they say: the more housework married men do, the less sex they have, according to a new study published Wednesday.

Husbands who spend more time doing traditionally female chores -- such as cooking, cleaning, and shopping -- reported having less sex than those who do more masculine tasks, said the study in the American Sociological Review.

...

"Couples in which men participate more in housework typically done by women report having sex less frequently. Similarly, couples in which men participate more in traditionally masculine tasks -- such as yard work, paying bills, and auto maintenance -- report higher sexual frequency."

His study, "Egalitarianism, Housework, and Sexual Frequency in Marriage," looks at straight married couples in the United States, and was based on data from the National Survey of Families and Households.'

NYPD Cop's Widow Says Husband Driven to Suicide by Boss' Sexual Advances

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Story here. Excerpt:

'JACKSON HEIGHTS — A married NYPD cop killed himself last year because his frisky female supervisor repeatedly pressured him to have sex or face a bad work schedule, a new lawsuit charges.

The widow of veteran officer Matthew Schindler is suing the police department and Sgt. Christine Hertzel, claiming his Feb. 13, 2012, suicide was brought on by sexual harassment at his job at the 115th Precinct.

The lawsuit, filed Jan. 22 in Queens Supreme Court, alleges a despondent Schindler, 39, shot himself with his service handgun on the way from work to his Long Island home after telling Hertzel to keep her hands off him.

It adds that he told Hertzel her unrelenting advances had left him depressed, but she refused to let up.'

"Super Bowl Sunday can mean spike in domestic disturbances"

Mastodon · 30 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'LA CROSSE, Wisconsin (WXOW)-- Superbowl Sunday is this weekend, and for the vast majority of people it's simply good entertainment and some fun often shared with friends.

The focus is different, however, for a local domestic violence shelter. They say they see an increase in domestic disturbances.

"We see more crisis line calls, somewhat, not a huge amount," said Ann Kappauf, the executive director of New Horizons Shelter. "Often times it's because there's the drinking involved. And although drinking does not cause a person to be abusive, it's almost like that liquid courage.'

See: Domestic violence myths help no one

Outrage over Boyfriend Trainer iPhone game

MikeJH · 31 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"Outraged smartphone users have criticised a game for encouraging young women to behave violently to their partners.

The 'Boyfriend Trainer' app has the users play the 'girlfriend' and asks them to advance through the game by attacking the 'boyfriend' when he misbehaves.

'Crack that whip and teach your guy a thing or two about being the Perfect Boyfriend!' it says. 'When scolding doesn't work, just zap him, whack him and train him to be your ideal man!'"

SAVE: Tell Your Representative: Say NO to H.R. 11 and YES to Real VAWA Reform

Matt · 31 January 2013 · Archived copy · Original

The Violence Against Women Act reauthorization bills introduced recently in the House and Senate ignore well-documented problems.

These VAWA Reform Principals are vital to the creation of an effective and comprehensive domestic violence bill: http://www.saveservices.org/pvra/vawa-reform-principles

Today we'd like you to call your Representative. Tell them, "Say NO to H.R. 11 and YES to Real VAWA Reform!"

Find your Representative by zip code here:

http://www.house.gov/

Please keep using those phones! Thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Mikulski's 'Paycheck Fairness Act' Would Allow Employees to Discuss Salaries

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LANHAM, Md. (CBSDC)- A 'Paycheck Fairness Act' introduced in Congress last week would require employers to show pay disparity is related to job-performance and prohibit employer retaliation for sharing salary information with coworkers.

Senator Barbara A. Mikulski and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, both Democrats, said their legislation is aimed at closing the pay gap between men and women and would also address loopholes in the 1963 Equal Pay Act.

Currently, the law allows employers to sue or otherwise punish employees for sharing their salary information and women still make just 77 cents on their male counterpart's dollar, according to Sen. Mikulski's office.'

How Menino Plans to Address the Wage Gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The mayor's plan is three pronged. He's creating a Women's Workforce Council (the first of its kind in the country, says Lusk), one that will represent the core industries in the city and that will make recommendations on policy and workplace proposals to help women in the workforce. He's helping with access to child care, offering $1 million in low interest loans to help "family-based early education providers invest in safe, quality child care environments." And he's creating a program for women business owners. "It will deal with the unique hurdles women business owners face, serving to better connect them to each other and to the city," says Lusk. "It's about understanding what their needs are."

For Menino, it's the subject of equity is "very personal issue," says Lusk. "As a grandfather, he wants to make sure he's providing the best working environment for his granddaughters." Cheers to that.'

Editorial: Women in combat creates case to abolish the draft

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'But while this news has been rightly exalted as further evidence of the slow, steady push toward equality for women in American society, we must now consider that women may now be compelled against their will – as well as with it – to serve and fight in the armed forces should the draft be instituted again in response to some future military conflict. Given the recent frequency of and future prospects for foreign embroilment's, the possibility that America's standing army may be insufficient to meet its needs is a real one, and the extra burden ought to be shared equally – or not at all. That is why, since fairness now demands that men and women both register for the draft if they are to carry out equal military roles, now is an opportune time to reconsider the necessity of having a draft at all. If the military can be made appealing enough as a career option for people of all identities and backgrounds, the draft would not be necessary. Much remains to be done – sexual harassment, suicide and mental health remain serious stumbling blocks for the military – but we can be encouraged that the work of making the military more inviting and appealing is moving well ahead.'

The Problem With Male Feminists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I was once at a party, in college, where upon hearing someone identify themselves as a male feminist, a woman replied “There are no Quislings in the gender wars!”

The moral of this story is that people have a lot of feelings when they are in liberal arts school. And that Quisling is a great term, and one which should really be used more often. But also, that is, perhaps, not quite entirely fair. At least, it’s not fair if you think that men and women are really just people trying to work together, and not actively trying to destroy one another. I like to think of the relationship between men and women as not quite comparable to the one between Mothra and Godzilla.

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When male feminists start lecturing me about how the world is not set up in women’s favor, they often do so with a sad puppy dog look on their faces. And it always makes me think two things. The first is “Stop talking about this with sad puppy dog eyes. The fact that women, say, are looked down on in many professions is a fact, but it is not terribly problematic for you. You have a penis. Your puppy dog face is trying to trick me into thinking that these are also your problems, but they are not. I am not tricked because I recognize that you have a penis. Our hearts do not beat as one on this.”'

Divorced parents should share custody 50/50

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Firstly, dads who perhaps don't have access to their children or who are spending a fortune in the courts trying to win access.

Secondly, mums, who wish dads were around, who say their ex-partners are shirking responsibilities and want nothing to do with their children.

Whichever case it is, the results are always heartbreaking. In both cases it's the children who are missing out. Understandably, this is an issue that causes anger, frustration and hurt.

Clearly there are a lot of people out there who are struggling to get decent contact with their kids. In my lifetime things have changed. When I was growing up in the 1970s, the thought of parents taking an equal share of childcare seemed absurd.'

Time to replace chivalry with respect for all

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Chivalry isn't dead quite yet. And frankly, the fast track to disappearing is better for everyone, men and women alike.

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The problem lies in the idea that women are special: the age-old concept that we are "the fairer sex." Some may suggest that the 21st century needs more gentlemen and that today's culture does not respect women, but today women are more equal to men than ever before in history.

The Federal Department of Education reported statistics in a 2006 New York Times article by Tamar Lewin showing that men are less likely than women to earn a bachelor's degree regardless of their socioeconomic status. According to U.S. Department of Labor statistics, women were the majority of workers in the financial industry, education and health services, as of 2010. In 2009, 29 percent of married women earned more than their husbands, compared with 18 percent in 1987. The ways of the world are changing.

On a 21st century date, men are expected to pay for dinner and watch their language in a woman's presence. Today, most people expect this routine and consider it normal; it is something that men do to be polite. But if two men go out for a friendly dinner together, should one offer to pay for both dinners to be polite? In the past, men did not pay for women out of politeness. Men paid for dinner because they were the only ones with money in the relationship. But that is not always the case in today's dating world.'

Australia: Eating disorders 'nearly as bad for men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The impact of eating disorders on men's health has been underestimated, say researchers.

Deborah Mitchison at the University of Western Sydney and colleagues report their findings online ahead of print in the International Journal of Eating Disorders.

"Researchers have thought eating disorders are the domain of women so a lot of the research has been biased towards women and not really recruited men," says Mitchison, a PhD candidate in the School of Medicine.
...
Overall, 28 per cent of women were affected by factors related to eating disorders whereas 18.5 per cent of men were affected.'

Wear Red campaign targets better women's heart health

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The American Heart Association wants everyone to see red Friday, but not because of anger.

Instead, the organization is encouraging people to wear red – whether it's clothing, jewelry or makeup – to support its 10th annual National Wear Red campaign, which is designed to improve women's heart health and to save lives.

"The message is what is important for people to hear. The message and research are what saves lives," said Michelle Alloway, division director for the American Heart Association Great Rivers Affiliate.

Since the campaign began, the association has accomplished much. Twenty percent fewer women are dying from heart disease. Twenty-three percent more women are aware that it's their No. 1 health threat. Gender specific results have been published to distinguish gender differences in symptoms and responses to medications as well as women-specific guidelines for prevention and treatment. The campaign also addresses legislation to help women fight the disease.'

See: Number of Heart Disease Deaths per 100,000 Population by Gender, 2009

U.S. Department of State: TechWomen Gather in Jordan To Collaborate, Code, and Connect

Minuteman · 1 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Fusing technology with efforts to empower women and girls, the U.S. Department of State announced today that participants of TechWomen will meet in Jordan from February 1-10 to collaborate and connect through workshops and visits with local organizations. An innovative public-private partnership, TechWomen pairs emerging women in technology from the Middle East and North Africa with American women mentors from the greater Silicon Valley area.

TechWomen, which was launched by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in 2011, has brought almost 80 women from the Middle East and North Africa and the United States together for month-long mentorships. The program builds on Secretary Clinton's vision of "smart power" -- embracing the full range of diplomatic tools, in this case technology, to empower women and girls and foster greater understanding worldwide. This year, TechWomen will include emerging women in the tech sector from Sub-Saharan African countries.

In addition to engaging local partners, the TechWomen delegation will also meet with members of the first class of TechGirls, which Secretary Clinton launched in 2012, to engage girls ages 15-17 from the Middle East and North Africa who have displayed strong interest in the technology sector. '

UK: Woman molests boys, judge lets her go because she was drunk (and female)

Mastodon · 1 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, MailOnline reported on the case of Amanda Wheeler - a 31 year-old from Cheltenham who was found guilty of sexually assaulting several young boys.

The mother-of-three got drunk at a party before kissing and groping a 12-year-old on a bench in November 2011.

She then performed a lap-dance and straddled a group of male children, before biting a 13-year-old boy on his neck and coercing him to perform a sex act on her.

She denied the charges, but was found guilty during a recent trial and faced several years in prison.

However, in the latest blow for British justice and men's rights, she walked free from Birmingham Crown Court with only a suspended prison term and a smirk on her face.

Why? Surely it can't be...Because she's a woman.'

'Every adult’s responsibility': Campaign calls for circumcision regulation following tragic Oldham baby death

Mastodon · 1 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Following the death of a baby in Oldham after a botched circumcision, an e-petition has sparked a controversial debate into the risks associated with the procedure.

Currently with 45 signatures, the petition is calls on the government to introduce the legal regulation of the circumcision of male babies and children.

The petition is not unique, with several other groups and campaigns developing against the practice in recent years.

One such drive was started by Glen Poole who runs Helping Men, a consultancy aiming to help tackle some of the inequalities men experience in health, education and the criminal justice system.'

'The Incredible Shrinking Man'

Mastodon · 1 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This past summer I visited a group of teenage boys at a summer camp and gave them some sobering news: If you follow the trend in society, you're going to end up being sloths and underachievers. And women are going to leave you in their vapor trails.

It's true, and it's unmistakable: Female is the new male.

Girls dominate boys in education, from elementary through graduate school. Women are taking over the workforce. Hundreds of formerly male-dominated careers are becoming feminized. More and more wives outearn their husbands. Fathers are fading away inside their own families, and rising illegitimate births and single-parenthood are pushing them out of the child-rearing picture altogether.

Boys and men are passively watching it happen. Many of them, rather than working to stay ahead of or even keep up with women, are responding by waging something of a sit-down strike. They're playing video games more than 2½ times as much as girls. They're living with their parents at double the rate of their female peers. They're dropping out of the labor pool in record numbers.

The result is effectively a reversal of a male-female dynamic that has existed for virtually all of human history.

Feminists may celebrate, but more and more people are recognizing that this trend has come with some steep costs we're only starting to see. Even women are frustrated with today's breed of spineless, ambitionless manboys. There is a genuine problem here.'

Tawana Brawley served with court order to pay man she accused of rape in 1987

Matt · 1 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Infamous hoaxster Tawana Brawley — whose outrageous rape lie 25 years ago inflamed racial tensions nationwide — yesterday was finally slapped with a court order to settle a hefty defamation case against her.

“For at least 25 years, she has been living a major lie,” said former Dutchess County prosecutor Steven Pagones, who was falsely accused of raping Brawley in 1987 and finally tracked her down, thanks to The Post.

“To me, this has always been about responsibility and accountability,” added the former ADA, who won the $190,000 defamation lawsuit against Brawley, 40, now a nurse in Virginia, more than a decade ago.'

F&F: Shared Parenting Legislation Submitted in Nebraska

Matt · 1 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There's a widespread belief that our family law system is biased and unfair to fathers. Almost everyone has heard at least one story about a good, involved father who, through no fault of his own, now sees his children only every-other-weekend — just two days every two weeks. Are these stories typical or outliers?

Voices for Children reports there were 3,465 Nebraska divorces involving children during 2010. The mother received custody in 2,156 cases (62.2%), the father received custody in 348 (10.0%) and joint custody was ordered in 876 (25.3%).

Other studies also suggest there is a strong pro-mother bias in family court, especially among older judges. According to a survey of judges in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, 36% of younger judges and 71% of older judges agreed that "mothers are the preferred custodian when children are under the age of 6," while none of the younger judges and only 1% of the older judges agreed that fathers are the preferred custodian. Another study found that 44% of judges in Maryland, Missouri, Texas, and Washington agreed that custody awards are made "based on the assumption that young children belong with their mothers," and only 33% of judges believed that courts give fair consideration to fathers.'

U.S. Department of State: Women's Entrepreneurship in the Americas (WEAmericas) Small Grants Launch

Minuteman · 2 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Melanne Verveer, Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs Roberta Jacobson, and Executive Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Walmart Leslie Dach will recognize the final awardees for $1.5 million in grants through the Women's Entrepreneurship in the Americas (WEAmericas) initiative during a ceremony on February 4, 2013, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the George C. Marshall Conference Center at the Department of State.

Following remarks, Ambassador Verveer will moderate an interactive panel discussion with three grantees and a Walmart representative on how key stakeholders can collaborate and leverage the grants, resources, and regional initiatives to further support the development of sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystems for women entrepreneurs in Latin America and the Caribbean.'

Military Suicides: One U.S. Veteran Dies Every 65 Minutes

Matt · 2 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Feb 1 (Reuters) - The most extensive study yet by the U.S. government on suicide among military veterans shows more veterans are killing themselves than previously thought, with 22 deaths a day - or one every 65 minutes, on average.

The study released on Friday by the Department of Veterans Affairs covered suicides from 1999 to 2010 and compared with a previous, less precise VA estimate that there were roughly 18 veteran deaths a day in the United States.

More than 69 percent of veteran suicides were among individuals aged 50 years or older, the VA reported.'

With women in mind, military takes revised look at fitness test

Mastodon · 2 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If anyone thought the military's decision to allow women into combat units would lead to exceptions for women when it came to fitness and physical strength, this is one service's “gender neutral” answer — or at least part of the answer.

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The Pentagon says it will not lower standards for women but is nonetheless reviewing the requirements for hundreds of what are called military occupational specialties to see if they actually match up with the demands of each job.

Some combat jobs that might open to women may require them to meet only specific requirements rather than a wide range of fitness standards.

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But even for the pull-ups, the Marines are still making some exceptions. To get a perfect grade, women will have to do only eight, compared with the 20 required for men.'

Huffington Post: Challenging Sexism and Violence in Super Bowl Commercials

mens_issues · 2 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Another one sided article about purported "sexism" (only against women, of course) in Super Bowl commercials. Typical feminist terms such as "objectify" are used once again. This nonsense is so tiresome. It's apparently a new topic, so here's a chance for MRA's to comment on it and present the other side of the story - the misandry against men common in TV ads. Excerpt:

'This Sunday, in cities and towns across the U.S., over 100 million people will gather in front of their TVs with friends and family to watch the Super Bowl. But the 49ers and Ravens aren't the only ones facing off that night. Advertisers will do anything to make sure their commercials are the most talked about on Monday morning, which means sex, violence, and a general disregard for the millions of kids watching with their families.

Despite the fact that nearly 50 percent of the viewers of the game are women, and 86 percent of the purchasing power in the U.S. is in the pockets of women, advertisers continue to objectify, hypersexualize, and trivialize many of the women who appear in Super Bowl commercials.'

"The Boys at the Back"

Matt · 3 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys score as well as or better than girls on most standardized tests, yet they are far less likely to get good grades, take advanced classes or attend college. Why? A study coming out this week in The Journal of Human Resources gives an important answer. Teachers of classes as early as kindergarten factor good behavior into grades — and girls, as a rule, comport themselves far better than boys.
...
No previous study, to my knowledge, has demonstrated that the well-known gender gap in school grades begins so early and is almost entirely attributable to differences in behavior. The researchers found that teachers rated boys as less proficient even when the boys did just as well as the girls on tests of reading, math and science. (The teachers did not know the test scores in advance.) If the teachers had not accounted for classroom behavior, the boys' grades, like the girls', would have matched their test scores.
...
As one critic told me recently, the classroom is no more rigged against boys than workplaces are rigged against lazy and unfocused workers. But unproductive workers are adults — not 5-year-olds. If boys are restless and unfocused, why not look for ways to help them do better? As a nation, can we afford not to?

A few decades ago, when we realized that girls languished behind boys in math and science, we mounted a concerted effort to give them more support, with significant success. Shouldn't we do the same for boys?'

Has Title IX Killed DePaul Men's Basketball?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Before you accuse me of being a sexist pig, might I remind you that I have a wife and a daughter. And on the surface, Title IX is a good law. It allows women access to sports (as well as other areas). But when it is clearly slanted due to an agenda, it defeats the purpose of the legislation. Look no further than current DePaul Blue Demons' athletic director Jean Lenti-Ponsetto. She clearly abuses DePaul's mens basketball team while giving the girls' teams at the school everything they want and need.
...
While the DePaul men's basketball team plays in an outdated Allstate Arena, the girls basketball team was built a new on-campus arena. The softball team was built a new stadium and the soccer teams (and this does apply to the men's team as well) has a new field. But I promise you that the field was built primarily for the girls. Practice times and access to facilities are actually slanted towards women's athletics.

So in essence, DePaul is actually committing reverse-discrimination. The men's basketball program is being discriminated against due to gender. While anyone with half-a-brain would realize that a strong and relevant men's basketball team will fund everything else DePaul wants to do athletically, DePaul's administration thinks Lenti-Ponsetto is the greatest thing since sliced bread. So much so that they recently extended her contract. When I've reached out to the school's president, he's pointed to the improvements of some of the lesser-revenue sports. Mrs. Lenti-Ponsetto has not responded to my correspondence (despite me being a men's season-ticket holder and booster). Throughout the athletic department, she's surrounded herself with her old cronies and yes people that reinforce how great of a job she's doing. And apparently it's working. No one will tell her that her agenda has ruined men's basketball.'

Snooki's Comments About Circumcision Are Way Out of Line

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Well, now we know more than we ever wanted to about Snooki's son's penis. In a word, baby Lorenzo's man parts are "awesome." According to his mom, anyway.

Oh Snooki, you know you're not supposed to talk about your son's circumcision, right? Hold up! Yes, we moms can debate the ol' foreskin snip 'til the cows come home.

When it's hypothetical, we aren't embarrassing our kids. We're caring moms who want to debate real issues of pain and suffering and possible effects foreskin removal can have on whether or not they'll contract certain diseases.'

Ed.: Wikipedia on Snooki.

Canada: Oprah faces protest for using wrinkle cream made with foreskin

Mastodon · 3 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Winfrey, who rose from poverty to own her own television network, will make her first appearance in Vancouver on Thursday before a sold-out crowd at Rogers Arena, with fans paying up to $350 a ticket for a chance to see the TV mega-host live.

But as the crowds pack into the stadium, Glen Callender, founder of the Canadian Foreskin Awareness Project, will be outside with his supporters protesting Winfrey's support of SkinMedica.

Callender says it’s hypocritical of Winfrey to speak out against female genital mutilation, while at the same time saying it’s all right to rub on a face cream made from foreskins from circumcised infant males.'

“Imagine how Oprah would respond if a skin cream for men went on the market that was made from parts of the genitalia of little girls,” Callender said. “That would be an outrage and rightly so.”
...
Callender describes the Foreskin Awareness Project as Canada's “feistiest pro-foreskin advocacy group” with the goal of “foreskin education and appreciation.”

“We’re not an anti-circumcision group,” he said. “What we are against is circumcision being forced on people without their consent.”'

Men should stand on the bus - for women, of course

GaryB · 4 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

This opinion piece is more of the same, really - a man whining that he feels guilty if he doesn't stand and offer his place to a woman on the bus. Excerpt:

'A gaggle of people are standing near the middle doors, and there are others standing in the passage. From my vantage, the closest person to me is a woman of about 30 to 35, in a smart work suit and wearing heels. She is texting someone.

I figure the shoes aren't too comfortable and wonder whether I should offer her my seat.

The same thought has apparently not occurred to my fellow males. They are lost in their laptops, phones and suchlike.

If this woman was nearer, I'd offer her my spot, but she is five rows away and I feel absurd beckoning her to my spot.'

Some interesting comments though - this one, I loved:

"...As a 26 year old i-banker it infuriates me no end when the girls get to go home by 10pm and the guys have to stay back to finish deals - and the kicker is - the females still get promoted quicker (so the bank can get on some b/s female preferable employment index) and cite a greater proportion of females in management for their annual reporting purposes.

females have it soooooooo much easier in the workplace. I am only happy to give up my seat if we all acknowledge that we ARE in fact, not equals (if we are equals - then there is no need to give up the seat)"

SAVE: Don't Delay, Call Your Senators Today

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The Senate vote on VAWA should be very soon.

The Senate is expected to vote on S. 47, a Violence Against Women Act reauthorization bill this week. Unfortunately, S. 47 ignores well-documented problems. VAWA Reform Principals are urgently needed to create a comprehensive and effective VAWA.

DO NOT DELAY!

Please call your Senators TODAY.

Tell them, "Say NO to S. 47 and YES to Real VAWA Reform!"

Call 202-224-3121 or find your senators here.

Keep calling!

Thanks!

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SAVE: Leading Scientists and Organizations Urge Reforming VAWA

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / February 5, 2013 – A group of scientists, victim advocates, and 15 leading organizations have endorsed a series of reforms to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), a law that is currently up for reauthorization in Congress. The endorsers include many of the acclaimed scientists who have elucidated the causes and dynamics of intimate partner violence.

The VAWA Reform Principles are endorsed by the Independent Women's Forum, National Coalition for Men, Washington Civil Rights Council, 60 Plus Association, Able Americans, and many others. The endorsing organizations collectively represent the interests of a majority of the American public.

The Reform Principles address a range of documented deficiencies with the nearly 20-year-old federal law, including the need for greater emphasis on programs to address substance abuse, marital instability, and emotional disorders. The principles suggest a greater emphasis on partner reconciliation when it is safe to do so.'

Malaysia: Men 'muscle' in on women-only parking bays

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PETALING JAYA - Parking bays at shopping malls demarcated for female drivers are being used by inconsiderate male drivers and shoppers.

Despite the "For Ladies Only" sign prominently displayed and the pillars painted in bright pink, the men are blatantly parking their vehicles at these bays, which are reserved for lone female drivers or women who are accompanied by their young ones.

Women with male companions cannot park at these bays.

A 15-minute survey by Sunday Star at one mall found that 14 of 20 cars entering the parking area had male drivers or men accompanying women drivers.

When security guards advised them to park elsewhere, the standard replies were: "It is only for a little while", "It is rarely used during office hours", and "I'm in a hurry, did not see the signboard".'

UK: 'Angry young men' lack optimism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A study of youth attitudes has raised concerns about young men in the "squeezed middle" who are deeply pessimistic about their future chances.

Among these young men - from families of skilled or semi-skilled workers - more than two-thirds never expect to own their own home, says a survey.

These disgruntled young men were more negative than their counterparts from poorer backgrounds.

"These people feel trapped," says Durham University's Tony Chapman.
...
Even at this early stage in their working lives, almost a quarter of these young men expect never to have a fulfilling job - a much more negative outlook than their female counterparts.

Almost a third of these young men say they "feel unhappy" when they think about their future - much more than women.

Prof Chapman describes these youngsters as coming from "respectable" families with "strong aspirations" - but now facing increasingly insecure job prospects.'

"Ten Things to End Rape Culture"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rape culture exists because we don't believe it does. From tacit acceptance of misogyny in everything from casual conversations with our peers to the media we consume, we accept the degradation of women and posit uncontrollable hyper-sexuality of men as the norm. But rape is endemic to our culture because there's no widely accepted cultural definition of what it actually is. As Nation contributor and co-editor of the anthology Yes Means Yes Jessica Valenti explains, “Rape is a standard result of a culture mired in misogyny, but for whatever reason—denial, self-preservation, sexism—Americans bend over backwards to make excuses for male violence.” But recent headline-grabbing instances of sexual assault, from Steubenville, Ohio, to Delhi, India, are prodding Americans to become self-aware about the role we play in propagating a culture that not only allows but justifies sexual violence against women. Activists Eesha Pandit, Jaclyn Friedman, filmmaker Nuala Cabral and The Nation’s Valenti believe that we can end rape culture. They’ve suggested the following "Ten Things" to end our collective tolerance for violence against women and create an environment that empowers both men and women to change the status quo.'

UK: Does 'Call The Midwife' Fail The Sexism Test... For Men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Call the Midwife is perfect Sunday evening telly fare - with its nostalgic look at poverty-stricken East London, the hardships and deprivations of the 1950s soothed by the tender administrations of the clear-skinned midwives and their elders, stroking the cheeks of young to old, smiling with good-humoured compassion and easing the passage of world entry while they're about it.

But, this dewey tableau has been pilloried this season around for giving men a hard time... when they're not serially bashing their wives, they're neglecting them in fire hazards of homes, marrying two sisters at a time (that was all a bit weird) or queueing up on the ship to take their turn with the captain's daughter.'

"Women Lose Interest in Career after Being in Power at Home"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Being in power at home reduces a woman's desire to achieve success at workplace, says a new study.

The study from University of California, Berkeley, however found that while women may lose interest and energy after taking care of home, men still pursued career goals even if they were managing home.

"It appears that being in charge of household decisions may bring a semblance of power to women's traditional role, to the point where women may have less desire to push against the obstacles to achieving additional power outside the home," said Serena Chen from UC Berkeley, a co-author of the study.

Even now, women are mostly in charge of managing home and taking care of the children. Researchers say that this arrangement has an impact on the woman's ability and desire to aspire for success at workplace.'

Why boys are falling behind and why we have to fix it

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Even addressing the issue of male academic underachievement can result in backlash from people incensed that society would bother caring about the disadvantages of men after spending decades and centuries ignoring the disadvantages of women. I understand that impulse, but as a person who cares deeply about her brothers, father, husband, and the possibility of raising decent men, should the opportunity arise, I have to care. Many others would no doubt feel the same if the problem were addressed with any frequency.

As Christina Hoff Sommers writes in the New York Times, “fairness today requires us to address the serious educational deficits of boys and young men. The rise of women, however long overdue, does not require the fall of men.”
...
*No, I’m not dismissing the concerns of gay men and women looking for mates, but the problem of educationally mismatched women and men is particularly problematic for heterosexual women.'

Boy suspended for imaginary weapon

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Story here. This is PCism run amuck--and likely the result of too many female teachers who took too many "Women's Studies" classes in college. Any show of aggression is to be suppressed. Excerpt:

'A 7-year-old Mary Blair Elementary School student says he's confused about getting in trouble for trying to save the world from evil, though Thompson School District officials contend that the boy broke one of the school's “absolutes.”

Parent Mandie Watkins said Mary Blair principal Valerie Lara-Black called her Friday afternoon to inform her that her second-grade son, Alex, had been suspended for throwing an imaginary grenade during recess on the playground.

Alex did not have anything in his hand at the time and made no threats toward other people, Watkins reportedly was told.

Watkins said Alex's story matched up with the principal's account: He threw the pretend grenade at an imaginary box that had something evil inside.

He was going to save the earth this way, and when he threw the grenade he pretended that the box exploded, in apparent success.'

Teenagers Abandon Dad When Test Shows They Aren't Related

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Oh, my heart hurts today. In a twist on the standard child custody cases that make the news, a dad named Richard Rodwell is making news for getting back the child support he'd paid to his wife plus damages totalling $40,000. It turns out Rodwell really never needed to pay because his kids weren't really his kids at all.

Rodwell's ex-wife, Helen, had been lying to him for years. Eventually a paternity test proved the teenaged kids each had different fathers. But while this one is marked in the win column for the rights of men, I don't see any winners here.

Yes, Richard Rodwell got back the $25,000 he paid in child support over four years and then some when he proved his kids weren't his kids. But what's $40,000 compared to the love of your kids?

This poor man spent 17 and 14 years respectively thinking he had a daughter and a son. Now he has neither as both of the kids have cut him off. Despite his expressed interest in remaining in the children's lives, he says Helen turned them against him.'

Mom Who Hired Hit on Husband Walks Free

Matt · 6 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The radical anti-father/pro-mother bias of Canada's courts was on full display last week for all to see. Here's Barbara Kay's predictably accurate take on the whole shameful thing (National Post, 1/24/13). The only remarkable attribute of the case is that it mostly played out, not in family courts, but in criminal ones.

Michael Ryan and Nicole Doucet Ryan were married and had a daughter who is now about 12. He ran their family farm in Nova Scotia and she was a school teacher. By his account, they were happy and their daughter was thriving. But Nicole had problems with her own family that were much litigated, including allegations by her sister Peggy that Nicole tried to run her down with her car and statements by her mother that Nicole was sick and would likely try again to kill or injure her sister. The ongoing grief caused by Nicole and her relationship with her birth family plunged her into a depression and caused conflict between her and Michael. In 2007, Michael filed for divorce.

...

Astonishingly, Nicole was acquitted by the trial judge. Apparently he/she bought the battered woman defense despite there being no evidence of abuse save Nicole's word for it and the fact that legally it couldn't have amounted to duress.

So the Crown appealed to an appellate court for the province of Nova Scotia and then to the Supreme Court of Canada. It was that last appeal that was decided last week. In it, the court acknowledged that the defense of duress had been improperly allowed by the trial judge and overturned Nicole's acquittal. But, in perhaps the most astonishing event in the entire sorry affair, the court stayed all further proceedings. That means that Nicole may not be retried, the people of Canada will not be permitted to punish a heinous wrongdoer, Michael Ryan will not be able to tell his story, the RCMP will not be able to tell theirs, Michael Ryan will forever be judged (as he has been by the press) a monster who abuses women and children and of course, a woman who attempted to have her husband murdered will walk free with no record of criminal wrongdoing.'

Absentee Fathers and the Newtown School Shooting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Though both sides in this dispute have something sensible to say, they've missed an elephant in the room either because of willful blindness to anything politically incorrect or because of a lack of real-world experience. I speak of the problems associated with divorce, family breakup, father absence, and the enormous burdens placed on a single mom who must rear a troubled male child alone.

Adam Lanza was not normal. He suffered from morbid shyness and an inability to connect with his student peers and anyone else—a cold, withdrawn, hollow shell of a person to his classmates, an Asperger's patient to professional psychologists. Even under the best of circumstances—with a loving, caring, two-parent family consisting of a husband and wife who complemented each other's strengths and worked together as a team—raising someone like Adam Lanza would be a real challenge.

...

In his book Fatherless America, David Blankenhorn writes that "across societies, married fatherhood is the single most reliable, and relied upon, prescription for socializing males. As marriage weakens, more and more men become isolated and estranged from their children and from the mother of their children. One result, in turn, is the spread of male violence." Though we can't ignore the other contributing factors to the Lanza massacre, this simple truth must be acknowledged in any honest assessment of the Newtown tragedy.'

Female prison guard charged over sex with cop killer

Minuteman · 6 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Gonzalez said she took a chance because she was "vulnerable and wanted to be in love" and has now revealed she is eight-months pregnant with Wilson's child.

Court papers allege the pair were in a relationship from March to August last year.

The relationship ended in August and Gonzalez became involved with another inmate.

The public servant has reportedly voiced concerns regarding what she will tell her child about how he was conceived.

"I know that for me as a parent, how am I going to explain this to this little boy? ... Mommy got wrapped up ... And then the opposite end is with a person who took lives. So how do you explain that?," Gonzalez said in a recorded conversation with the inmate she became involved with after Wilson.'

Cops bust 10-year-old for bringing toy gun to school

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 10-year-old Alexandria boy was arrested after police said he brought a toy handgun to school on Tuesday, a day after he showed it to others on a school bus. The boy, a fifth-grader at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School whose name is not being released, was charged as a juvenile with brandishing a weapon, police said.

He was also suspended from school, and Alexandria City Public Schools Superintendent Morton Sherman said further action is being considered, including expulsion.

On Monday, the boy showed the plastic gun to at least one other student during a bus ride home from the school. The 10-year-old did not point it at anyone or threaten to shoot it, but he neglected to mention that the weapon was fake, said Alexandria police spokeswoman Ashley Hildebrandt.'

Petition: Stop Discrimination Against Male Victims of Domestic Abuse

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Under regulations recently set forth by the Obama administration under the Affordable Care Act, all insurance plans are required to cover domestic abuse screening and counseling services as preventive care, meaning that insurance must pay in full with no copays or deductibles. However, these regulations apply exclusively to women, meaning that male victims that have endured the exact same thing may be expected to pay out of pocket for access to these services. A petition has been started on Change.org calling on the administration to revise these discriminatory regulations so that these services will be covered for all victims of domestic abuse, regardless of gender. It can be accessed here. I hope that you will consider signing and sharing it with any friends or family who you feel may be supportive.

AVfM: Fighting feminism – let's get political

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two months ago I wrote an article for AVfM titled, 'Fighting feminism – let's get practical'. It was a call to MRAs to start fighting the manifestations of feminism on an issue-by-issue basis:

http://www.avoiceformen.com/mens-rights/activism/fighting-feminism-lets-get-practical/
...
...What can you do when the democratic process fails, when politicians fail to adjust policies in line with compelling evidence? With the question framed in that way, the answer was blindingly obvious. You form a political party and fight marginal seats, winning enough votes so that some politicians lose their comfortable livelihoods. Then the main political parties may start to compete for men's votes, by promising to end anti-male legislation and initiatives.
...

Along with a number of supporters I'm currently engaged in registering that new political party, which I shall personally lead, and I can now exclusively reveal its name on AVfM:

Justice for Men and Boys
(and the women who love them)
...
It's time to go on the offensive, so I end with a plea to MRAs and anti-feminists around the world. Feminism is a highly undemocratic movement. If it's a scourge in your country, establish a party, and fight it at the ballot box.'

USAID - "International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting"

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'February 6th marks the tenth observance of the International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C), an internationally recognized day to foster awareness of the devastating effects of FGM/C and renew the call for the abandonment of this harmful traditional practice. FGM/C is a practice that ranges from nicking to total removal of the external female genitalia. Some 140 million women around the world have undergone this brutal procedure and three million girls are at risk every year.

This 10thanniversary, I'd like to take a look back over progress achieved in the past decade. Significant efforts have been made at the community, national, and international levels to address the issue of FGM/C. Studies have looked at the physical, emotional and mental impacts of FGM/C. ...
...
In December 2012, the 67th session of the United Nation's General Assembly passed a wide-reaching resolution urging States to condemn all harmful practices that affect women and girls, in particular Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting.'

UK: Should we ban domestic violence offenders from drinking alcohol?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Chief Constable of the new Scottish single police force has suggested that men who are convicted of domestic violence while drunk should be banned from drinking alcohol.

I wondered what Lib Dem Voice readers thought of this proposal. In England, Drinking Banning Orders have been around for 7 years but the guidance on their use suggests that they may not be appropriate if an individual is subject to domestic violence proceedings.

I'd be interested to see if anyone has any knowledge of how these orders work in practice, and whether they are effective in reducing offending. Are they too illiberal, or are they liberating for potential victims?'

SAVE: No Time to Spare, Show your Senators You Care

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The Senate is expected to vote on VAWA today. Let's use these last moments to express our views to our lawmakers.

http://www.saveservices.org/pvra/vawa-reform-principles

You can also find your senators here.

If you don't call, they'll never know what you want.

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F&F: Ending Permanent Alimony

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An end to permanent alimony certainly appears more plausible when it makes headlines in the Personal Finance section of U.S. News: Money. Geoff Williams, who has authored several articles about the finances of divorce, addresses how this is a holdover from a time when women were taken care of by their husbands.

In “Taking the ‘Permanent’ Out of Permanent Alimony” he states, “Permanent alimony was created in the days when women didn't go to college and rarely had careers, instead tending to the kids and household. Then it was sorely needed. Now, opponents argue, those reasons for its being are long past.”'

Nanny cam catches woman slapping infant

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A nanny hired by one Staten Island family ended up behind bars after the parents say they caught her abusing their infant.

Shocking video shows Mamura Nasirova, 52, repeatedly slapping a 5-month-old baby she was hired to take care of, police said.

Officials say Nasirova repeatedly hit the baby girl on her face and legs with an open hand and shook her, leaving the infant crying and red.

The video was recorded by a so-called "nanny cam" hidden inside a carbon monoxide detector inside the family's Staten Island home. When her parents saw what was going on, they ran home and called police.
...
When cops showed up to arrest Nasirova a week later, they say she refused to be handcuffed.

Nasirova is facing charges of endangering the welfare of a child and resisting arrest. She is due back in court Friday February 8.'

Man claims IRS agent coerced him into sex

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CBS) EUGENE, Ore. - An Oregon man is suing the U.S. Government and a female IRS agent he alleges pressured him into sex, by threatening a tax penalty.

Vincent Burroughs, of Fall Creek, Ore., says the harassing relationship began in August of 2011 when Dora Abrahamson, an agent with the Internal Revenue Service, called him and said he would be audited, CBS affiliate KVAL reports.

Burroughs says he didn't know Abrahamson, and that he hadn't met her before those calls - nor had he heard that he was being audited by the IRS.

"She was sending me texts that she wanted to come out, give me massages because she needed to help me relax," Burroughs said in a phone interview with KVAL News.
...
The lawsuit states: "She said that she could impose no penalty, or a 40% penalty, and that if he would give her what she wanted, she would give him what she needed."

As a result, Burroughs says he had sex with Abrahamson in his home that night.
In the lawsuit, he says he was "sexually harassed and intimidated."

The law firm representing Burroughs filed the suit with the U.S. District Court in Eugene on Jan. 25.'

Dads' Rights Rhetoric Enters Debate on Abortion Parental Notification Bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'True, one of the opponents of the bill, Democratic Sen. Karen Keiser, has been saying that girls are at risk of abuse if forced to tell parents about issues related to their sexuality. "There have been documented cases where young women have been abused, thrown out of the house and in rare cases actually killed," she reiterates to SW. But she says she's never put the blame specifically on dads.

"This is crazy," she says after hearing Backholm's rhetoric. "Young women have also been thrown out of the house by their mothers. It's not a gender issue."

Backholm's way of framing the argument might, however, be a clever way of tapping into the dads' rights movement, which has a host of grievances that spark ardent and bitter feelings, including the way fathers are treated in family court.'

'Bill offering custody to unwed fathers has downside'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill to give equal custody rights to unwed fathers may be built on good intentions, but the potential for negative unintended consequences is unacceptably high. There are better ways to pursue the goal.

Prime sponsor Sen. Rick Murphy describes the bill, SB 1202, as an effort to address inequity.

“Absentee mothers can come back into the picture after years of absence, disrupt their children from a stable home with their father, and still have all the legal rights and be presumed by law to be the best custodian of the child,” Republican Murphy said by e-mail.

Ironically, that is a mirror image of the scenario envisioned by opponents of this bill. They say it will enable fathers to disrupt the lives of children, including those for whom they previously expressed no interest.

What’s more, advocates for victims of domestic violence say giving a man custody rights based solely on paternity could provide an abusive man with powerful legal leverage after a woman has fled a violent situation.'

Tawana Brawley: 'victim'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tawana Brawley might finally have become a victim.

Not of former Dutchess County prosecutor Steve Pagones — whom she falsely accused of rape and who is now looking to collect on a defamation judgment he won against her. But of Al Sharpton and lawyers Alton Maddox and C. Vernon Mason, who used her for their own purposes and then left her hanging.

Brawley was a teen who told a lie, reportedly because she feared her abusive stepfather. But Sharpton, Maddox and Mason were adults. They ran with her story and made wild charges against Pagones and others, inflaming racial tensions for personal gain. Pagones, who lost his career and marriage over it, sued all four — and won.'

Journalist thrown off bus after paedophile accusation by woman

GaryB · 8 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

It's good to see that this stuff happens to high profile men too, and that it gets at least some attention. Quote:

'ABC News presenter Jeremy Fernandez has described the moment he was kicked off a Sydney bus after enduring verbal racial taunts earlier this morning.

After boarding a State Transit bus to drop his daughter off at preschool, Fernandez was the victim of racist abuse from a woman in her mid-30s with two young children of her own.

He said he endured 15 minutes of racial abuse - where the woman claimed she would drag Mr Fernandez off the bus if he didn't get off. But then it was the bus driver who eventually kicked Mr Fernandez off, claiming it was his fault for the altercation.'

'Betrayed': Male rape victims slam filmmakers over focus on women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two male rape survivors who appear in "The Invisible War," an Oscar-nominated documentary about military sexual assaults, are criticizing the movie's brief focus on male victims as an ironic snub — and, in a fiery diatribe, one of the film's characters says the director "should be ashamed and embarrassed."

"We're being abandoned by (director) Kirby Dick. The guys feel betrayed," said Michael Matthews, a 20-year Air Force veteran who, in the movie, tells of his 1973 gang rape by three other airmen. The publicity campaign hawking the film — and its Academy Award candidacy — includes a website that shows the faces of six female victims of military sexual assault, and no male survivors of that crime, as well as formal screenings to which only female victims have been asked to attend, Matthews said.
...
Navy veteran Brian Lewis — who was raped by a male, senior non-commissioned officer in 2000 and then discharged from the Navy shortly after reporting the attack — said he and Matthews are disturbed that the film's fleeting attention on male victims, both on screen and in promotional tactics, symbolizes the way male sex-assault survivors have been marginalized by society and by some lawmakers investigating the issue of rapes within the armed forces.'

Florida judge approves birth certificate listing three parents

Matt · 8 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(Reuters) - A Florida judge has approved the adoption of a 22-month-old baby girl that will list three people as parents on her birth certificate -- a married lesbian couple and a gay man.

The decision ends a two-year paternity fight between the couple and a friend of the women who donated his sperm to father the child but later sought a larger role in the girl's life.

The ruling means the child's birth certificate will include a biological father and both women as parents in an unusual arrangement approved recently by a Miami-Dade Circuit Court judge.

The women, Maria Italiano, 43, and Cher Filippazzo, 38, had made several unsuccessful attempts to become parents using fertility clinics.
...
Under the judge's decision, the two women will have sole parental rights, although Gerina will be allowed to visit the child. He will not be expected to provide child support.'

Male victims of violence also need support

Matt · 9 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here.

'We need to protect all victims of intimate-partner violence, regardless of gender [“A second chance to protect abused women,” Opinion, Feb. 4].

The most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report on intimate-partner violence found that each year more men (5.36 million) than women (4.74 million) are victims of intimate-partner physical violence (Tables 4.1, 4.2 of full report) and psychological violence (20.5 vs. 16.5 million). Yet here in King County, there are no services for male victims. When I called I was referred to a program for male batterers.

Too often, men are told the programs only serve women, are accused of being the batterer or are laughed at. In one survey by Denise Hines & Emily Douglas, men who phoned the police were arrested more often than the women against whom they sought protection.

The Washington Constitution provides equal protection regardless of gender. Domestic-violence programs have been found to violate equal protection in California and West Virginia. Renewal of the gender-polarizing Violence Against Women Act while ignoring the real needs of male victims perpetrates this discrimination.'

VAWA must be reformed for domestic violence rates to come down

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Neither the Democratic nor the Republican versions of the Violence Against Women Act survived the last Congress. Now Democrats, headed by Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy, vow immediate action on a new VAWA that does little to alter current flawed policies on domestic violence. The long hiatus in VAWA authorization represents a golden opportunity to get right what we've gotten wrong for so long.

VAWA's detriments are too numerous to deal with here, but surely if we're going to spend almost half a billion dollars to combat domestic violence, don't we want a law that actually decreases its incidence?

The sad fact is that, almost 20 years after its first passage, VAWA proponents can point to no evidence of its success at doing so. True, late last year former NOW president Kim Gandy claimed that a recent report by the Department of Justice "showed conclusively" that VAWA has reduced rates of domestic violence. In fact, it's done no such thing.'

NYT "mansplains" the parenting gap

Matt · 9 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'KJ Dell'Antonia, lead writer for the New York Times' Motherlode, wants to know why moms are so much more likely than dads to know all the nitty-gritty details of their children's lives.

And Bruce Feiler, another Times scribe, has the answer: It's because mean mommies won't relinquish control to their poor husbands! "The most significant predictor of dad involvement is the mom's willingness to give up control and allow the father to do things a slightly different way," Feiler writes.

...

Are we really going to blame so-called mean moms for the gender gap at home? To say nothing of a culture that presents sharing housework as emasculating (and, apparently, a boner-killer!) and asks CEOs and presidential hopefulsif it's "responsible" to take on demanding, full-time work so soon after having a child? And really, Bruce Feiler? You're comfortable giving men a pass on parenting because "When a mother criticizes her partner's child-care efforts, it causes him to lose confidence and withdraw?" That's the best you've got?'

The Female Orgasm, 50 Shades Of Grey, and Feminism's Schizophrenia

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The flawed feminist notion that women can have it all when it comes to an illustrious fulltime career and raising children can also be applied to the bedroom. Which is it, do you want to be respected between the sheets, or handcuffed to the bed post and whipped?

...

Agreed. However, are we justified in mourning the illusive female orgasm and the larger concern of female sexual neglect, if we as women instead express the opposite sentiment demonstrated by the “Fifty Shades of Grey” phenomenon that has swept the nation?

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Importantly, as women, we must ask ourselves who exactly is effectuating such standards of male sexual focus? More specifically, are we perhaps perpetuating the harmful standards, such as male dominance and female submission, that we rail against?

Unfortunately, the answers may not be pretty. For as women continue to idolize and fantasize about the demented and disgusting “relationship” embodied within “Fifty Shades of Grey,” we may come to realize that we are among the primary perpetuating culprits. And unfortunately the winners of this contradiction game are no winners at all.'

France: 'Unbalanced' woman vandalises famed painting

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Link here. Excerpt:

'The 28-year-old woman, who is being held by police, is accused of using a black marker to deface the masterpiece at a recently opened satellite branch of the Louvre in Lens, northern France.

Her motives were unclear but her scrawling of "AE911" had some wondering if she was suffering from delusions involving the 9/11 attacks.

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The woman would have faced up to seven years in prison and a 100,000 euro ($130,000) fine if found criminally responsible and convicted of defacing a cultural object.

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In December a Polish man was jailed for two years in Britain for defacing a mural by US artist Mark Rothko at London's Tate Modern gallery.'

'Teen Mom 2' season 4 preview teases domestic violence

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'"Teen Mom 2" returns Feb. 18 ... with a cauldron full of hot mess.

The preview for the fourth season opens with a shocking scene of domestic violence. What's most surprising is that the attacker is Kailyn Lowry, the "responsible" "Teen Mom" star, beating on her new boyfriend (now husband) Javi.

But Javi isn't Kailyn's only casualty. After complaining that her ex, Jo, "put his hands on" her, she punches her baby daddy in the face.

But wait, there's more! Jenelle, who like original "Teen Mom" Amber Portwood has been arrested for violent confrontations, is seen tossing a suitcase at who appears to be new BF Gary Head's face and shoving him. She in turn complains, "I have bruises all over my body."'

Zero Tolerance for Boys Means Zero Virtue for Men

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'Alex Evans is a seven-year-old second grader at Mary Blair Elementary School in Colorado. Recently, he was suspended for throwing an imaginary grenade while pretending to “rescue the world” from “pretend evil forces.”

Little Alex, it turns out, violated his school’s “absolutes” against fighting and weapons, “real or imaginary.”

So-called “zero tolerance” policies of the sort on display at Mary Blair have long been in place in public schools throughout the country. Alex’s mother said that she thought that they were “unrealistic” for kids her son’s age. She is right as far as she goes. The problem is that she doesn’t go nearly far enough.

Such policies are indeed unrealistic, yet they are unrealistic for people of all ages. Moreover, they aren’t just unrealistic. They are at once idiotic and outrageous: Rather than enable children to become responsible adults, zero tolerance policies threaten to retard this developmental process.

Boys are particularly harmed by it. Alex Evans is a case in point. Here is a seven-year-old child whose only infraction is that he possesses an imagination that is both lively and heroic. Think about it: He delights in envisioning himself as a self-sworn enemy of all that is evil, a world savior.'

Why Congress ought to ditch VAWA

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'Additionally, proponents of VAWA need to quit demonizing men as a whole. In fact, research shows that husbands — and marriage in general — offer the most protective safe haven for women and their children, compared to any other relationship. The Department of Justice estimates that “women are 62 times more likely to be assaulted by live-in boyfriends than they are by their husbands.” If liberal feminists behind VAWA really cared about the well-being of women, then they would be America’s biggest proponents of marriage between a man and woman.

There is a common consensus that VAWA isn’t effective. A recent national survey conducted by SAVE (Stop Abusive and Violent Environments), a non-profit victim-advocacy organization, shows 69.5 percent of respondents agree it’s time to reform VAWA in order to reduce waste and fraud within the system.'

Family Research Council: “Real abuse” is cost of VAWA to taxpayers

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'The socially conservative Family Research Council asked supporters to help it oppose the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act because, the group says, the “real abuse” is how much it will waste taxpayer dollars.

In an email alert on Monday, the FRC decried the VAWA (“which, ironically, is supported by the same administration that wants to put women in front-line combat!”) as an “abuse of taxpayer dollars” that “does more to promote a radical agenda than it does to help women.”

The email quoted conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly, who also opposes VAWA. “In its 17 years of operation,” Schlafly wrote on TownHall.com, VAWA “has done little or no good for real victims of domestic violence, while its funds have been used to fill feminist coffers and to lobby for feminist objectives and laws. Although every spending bill should be subject to rigorous auditing procedures in order to curb waste and fraud, VAWA has somehow ducked accountability for the [$660 million] a year it doles out to radical feminist organizations.”'

"Rating Men on Lulu Isn't Empowering. It's Creepy."

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'Last week, I put out a call for more hook-up apps that are actually designed by, and for, women. Social media pro Alexandra Chong answered my call. Enter Lulu, an app so female-friendly that it doesn't even require men to create their own profiles—women do that for them.

Lulu, Chong says, is "the first database of men, built by women, for women." It is "the smart girls' app for private recommendations and reviews on guys." It is "Yelp for boys." Cosmopolitan calls it "Sex and the City marries Facebook." As you might imagine, the combination is insufferable.
...
Here's how it actually goes down. When I logged on this morning, Lulu prompted me to rate an alphabetized list of my hundreds of male Facebook friends—including my married, middle-aged uncle. Lulu has prepared for this uncomfortable scenario by inviting women to assess men from the perspective of partners, exes, crushes, friends, or relatives. When I clicked the "relative" box, the app asked me to rate how hot I think my uncle is. It describes the highest point category this way: "When it comes to his looks, I wish we weren't related." Presumably, so I would be able to legally have sex with him. Gross.

Unfortunately, the creepiness of Lulu doesn't end at the bloodline. This app asks women to publicly sexualize (#KinkyInTheRightWays) and shame (#BabbyDaddy) the men in their lives without their consent. It's the textual equivalent of leaking your ex's naked pics to the Internet—it's not wrong because it's sexual, it's wrong because it's nonconsensual. ...'

Teacher Suspended After Pouring Pencil Shavings In Student's Mouth

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'Marquis Jay pulls out a pencil sharpener and shows the amount of shavings inside, "She poured the pencil shavings in my mouth."

The 8th grader at Boles Jr. High School in Arlington says it was a teacher who poured the pencil shavings in his mouth in January.

"I was sitting in class with my head tilted back and opening my mouth," says Jay. "Teacher came over and poured the pencil shavings in my mouth."

The 13-year-old says he immediately spit it out and was taken to the nurse's office where he washed out his mouth.

His mother Deidre Brown was called and she is still furious.
...
Friday morning, almost a month later, Brown says she was told the teacher was suspended. She says she wanted her fired.
...
Marquis says the teacher is back at school and has apologized, "She said sorry for what happened. She wasn't thinking right."'

New research suggests mixed-gender high schools perpetuate gender gap

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Article here. Nice to see an article on "the wage gap" that points out the obvious: major in English and *surprise*, you'll have a much harder time finding a job right out of college than someone who majored in a subject for which an employer can find a more immediate application. Excerpt:

'Two economics professors at the University of California, Davis have published a paper arguing that mixed-gender high schools are at least partially to blame for the persistent gender gap in the salaries of men and women.
...
The researchers found that the gender ratio of high school classmates considerably and consistently affected the choices students later made about their majors.
...
One obvious reason is that men and women — as groups — make substantially different choices when it comes to college majors. This phenomenon generally holds true throughout the developed world.

In the U.S., more women choose to major in humanities fields, such as English. Very nearly two-thirds of all humanities degrees go to women. Meanwhile, more men choose to major in engineering and the hard sciences. In engineering, for example, about 80 percent of recent grads are male.'

Poll: Most women believe they should not be forced into combat

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'The majority of American female voters support the idea of women serving in combat, but not being drafted, according to a national poll from Quinnipiac University released Thursday morning at the National Press Club.

Seventy-seven percent of female voters indicated that they favor the combat policy change, the poll showed.

When asked about the reinstatement of the draft, only 28 percent of American voters were in support. Despite widespread favor toward women in combat, only 48 percent of females supported women being drafted, while 59 percent of men supported the idea.
...
The data reveals that female voters may believe that women should be allowed to serve in open combat alongside men, but they should not be forced to do so through a draft.'

"To be happy, we must admit women and men aren't 'equal'"

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'Unless, of course, you're beholden to feminism. In that case, you'll believe the above is evidence of discrimination. You'll believe what feminists taught you to believe: that gender is a social construct.

Those of us with children know better. We know little girls love their dolls and boys just want to kick that ball. This doesn't mean men can't take care of babies or women can't play sports. It just means each gender has its own energy that flows in a specific direction. For God's sake, let it flow.'

Florida's 'Perfect Climate For Business' Logo Sparks Sexism Debate

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'A branding exercise that was designed to attract potential business people to Florida has become the focus of a sexism storm.

The new logo for the state's economic arm, Enterprise Florida, reads "Florida: The Perfect Climate For Business".

However the cartoon replaces the "i" in Florida with an orange tie, which critics suggest alienates female business entrepreneurs.

Responding to cries of sexism, the state has denied that there is any reason to view the graphic as contentious.

"The tie is iconic to mean business," Enterprise Florida's chief marketing officer Melissa Medley told NBC News. "It has nothing to do with gender roles. It's just a cartoon."

"We're going to move forward with this campaign," she added.'

'Some Arguments Just Don't Have Two Sides'

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'This dynamic is also seen when "men's rights advocates" push back strongly against equality for women over perceived threats to their own rights. These MRAs are the intellectual descendants of those who justified their arguments for male superiority with Bible quotes like Timothy 2:11-12: "A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet." Their complaints of misandry and "reverse sexism" mimic the cries of "reverse racism" following the days of racial emancipation. Just as those who want creationism taught in public schools have resorted to unscientific intelligent design arguments, the MRAs are trying to back-up their prejudicial claims with unscientific conclusion-first thinking.

Even though women's rights issues like equal pay and protection from domestic violence should not be topics up for debate, MRAs insist upon voicing their opinions on the issue--and too often the media and others listen. Since the foundation of their opinions is that of religiously sanctioned discrimination and blatant sexism, MRAs and their allies should be ignored like other fringe groups.'

A radio talk show for men and men's issues

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Most of you may already know about Tom Leykis. If not, he's a breath of fresh air for men and issues relating to men. His talk radio show is out of California and he has millions of daily listeners who call in with their questions, which makes for a very entertaining and informative show. Tom Leykis is the ultimate "man's man", and really is the "dad you never had". He offers priceless advice to all men, has a massive following, and has been at it for over 20 years. I've been listening since 2001.

His show is done over the Internet now where he has no restrictions and can talk about any topic and say anything without FCC oversight or penalty. It's very refreshing to listen daily and I find it very empowering and think all men should listen in, especially men considering marriage. He also has regular guests on the show, including a divorce lawyer who comes on to give out free legal advice and helps callers out with their situations.

Overall it's a "feel-good" show that will have you laughing while on the edge of your seat covering very serious situations facing men every day-- all topics are for men and about men, it's a show just for us.

His show can be found at http://www.blowmeuptom.com/ and while the show is recorded live every day, after it's done it's replayed non-stop until the next live show. So it's on 24/7 free. Just click on a player icon (Windows Media Player, etc.) and listen. You'll thank me later.

At Boys' Home, Seeking Graves, and the Reason

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MARIANNA, Fla. — Nobody is quite sure how many boys' bodies lie beneath the grounds of the notorious Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys, or which one is Thomas or Owen or Robert.

Nobody is quite sure how most of them died — the cause is often listed as "unknown" or "accident" — or why a great number were buried with such haste.

The scattered graves bear no markings: no names, no loving sentiment. The only hint of a cemetery are the white crosses that the state planted in the 1990s, belatedly and haphazardly.

From the time it opened in 1900, as the state's first home for wayward children, until it closed in 2011, as a residential center for high-risk youths, Dozier became synonymous with beatings, abuse, forced labor, neglect and, in some cases, death. It survived Congressional hearings, state hearings and state investigations. Each one turned the spotlight on horrific conditions, and little changed.'

Senate rejects Republican version of VAWA without LGBT protections

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'Leading up to the Senate vote on the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization, a version of the bill that stripped protections for LGBT women, undocumented immigrants and Native American women was defeated.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, introduced the scaled-back version of the bill, which failed by a vote of 34-65. Among the 34 Republicans to vote for the bill were Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Sen. Deb Fischer, R-Neb., the only female senator who is not a co-sponsoring the version of the VAWA that will likely be voted on on Monday.

The new protections for LGBT, immigrant and Native American women were a big reason why Republicans opposed the reauthorization bill in the last session of Congress. VAWA had been allowed to expire in September, 2011, and stalled several times over the course of 2012.'

High school offers all-girls robotics team

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'When it comes to high school robotics teams, all-girl groups like Needham High School's HackHers are a rare sight.

That's because female representation is lacking not only in robotics but also across all STEM—science, technology, engineering and math—subjects, said NHS math and computer science teacher Hans Batra, the robotics team's advisor and founder.

"The stigma of girls doing science is very huge," said Batra.

But the newly formed team, which has qualified for the state robotics championship tournament at Bridgewater on March 16, is helping pave the way for more female participation in computer science and engineering.

In addition to the state championship in March, the team also competes in the Mass FTC Qualifying Tournament on Feb. 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Lexington High School.

"This team proves that even in a male-dominated field everyone has the same potential," said NHS junior and HackHers member Liz Barrett.'

Math gender gap in US worst in world-- flipped completely for every other area, though

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'In order to achieve that balance, we'll have to address the less-talked-about gender gap in education, too. At 15, boys still outperform girls in math in most OECD countries, but girls read better than boys in every single one of them. In the U.S., the percentage gap between boys and girls' reading scores is about equivalent to the math gap, just with the genders flipped. And the stereotyping that marks the STEM field is at work in the humanities, too. The American Association of University Women has found that college students still “view science and math as male fields and humanities and art as female.” Girls have more positive feelings about reading than boys do. Fathers are less likely to read to their children than are mothers. The two most gender-lopsided academic disciplines in the U.S. are engineering and teaching. Men make up 42 percent of secondary school teachers, but just 18 percent of primary and middle school teachers and 2 percent of kindergarten teachers. U.S. schools don’t just need more women teaching math and science—they need more men teaching just about everything else.

Given the high demand for STEM workers in the world economy, it’s unsurprising that we’re not eager to push more boys into MFA programs. But there's plenty to be gained from encouraging all American students to pursue teaching, healthcare, and foreign languages—all subjects currently ruled by women. When we focus on correcting the imbalance in STEM, and ignore the gender divide in female-dominated subjects, we end up reinforcing stereotypes for both boys and girls. As long as reading is known as the girl thing, it will be harder to convince girls that math class is really the place for them.'

Police say teacher's assistant "had sex with" 14-YO boy 40 times

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 35-year-old paraeducator is accused of repeatedly raping a 14-year-old boy during a 10-month period who was friends with her son.

Katheryn L. Carmean, 35, was arrested in Seaford, Del. on Wednesday and charged with ten counts of third-degree rape, continuous sexual abuse of a child and endangering the welfare of a child, according to a press release from the Delaware State Police.

Delaware Online reports that Carmean was arrested at Seaford Middle School where she works as a paraeducator who assists children with disabilities. She has been suspended from her position.'

Petition: Expose the Hidden World of Male Victims of Domestic Violence

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Petition here. Excerpt:

'I am writing to you today to stand in the gap and make a plea for male victims of domestic violence. There has been legislation in place for many years to protect and help female victims of domestic violence, but there are no true resources for male victims.'

SAVE E-lert: Leahy's VAWA Will Place Victims in Harm's Way

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SAVE has just issued a report showing many of the programs funded under S. 47, the Violence Against Women Act, place victims at risk of continued abuse and even death. Restraining orders, mandatory arrest, and aggressive prosecution policies are all found to be increasing partner violence, according to the research summary.

The report can be viewed here:
http://www.saveservices.org/2013/02/the-violence-against-women-act-is-a-deadly-proposition

For example, VAWA funds the enforcement of restraining orders, but they are widely believed to be ineffective in curbing abuse. A review of homicide-suicides in North Carolina revealed the issuance of a restraining order was the most common trigger for such tragedies, present in 41% of such incidents.

The SAVE report terms the continued taxpayer funding of these harmful policies as "A triumph of ideology over science and common-sense."

Sounds crazy? Call your Senators today 1-866-220-0044. Tell them that S. 47 would be a deadly proposition for many.

Please act now....voting on S. 47 is expected to begin at 5pm ET on Monday!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Germany: Minister of Education resigns after plagiarism scandal

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How ironic: the Education Minister busted for cheating! You can't make this stuff up! So at the risk of being accused of schadenfreude, here it is. It's like the old joke about the atheist who became a priest. Anyway, there is this notion that females are less likely to cheat or be academically or generally dishonest than males. It's reports such as these that show such ideas for what they are: hogwash. Excerpt:

'BERLIN — For 32 years, the German education minister's 351-page dissertation sat on a shelf at Heinrich Heine University in Düsseldorf gathering dust while its author pursued a successful political career that carried her to the highest circles of the German government.

The academic work was a time bomb, however, and it exploded last year when an anonymous blogger published a catalog of passages suspected of having been lifted from other publications without proper attribution.

The university revoked the doctorate of the minister, Prof. Dr. Annette Schavan, on Tuesday (she retains the title pending appeal), and on Saturday she was forced to resign her cabinet post. It was the second time a minister had resigned from the government of Chancellor Angela Merkel over plagiarism in less than two years.'

When 'feminism' becomes sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although I suffer the cultural drawbacks of being born and raised as an Australian male (i.e. to be 'masculine'), I empathise with Kali Goldstone's frustrations at the disadvantageous treatment of women in many organisations, to the detriment of both (On Line Opinion February 11, 2013). It is unfortunate, however, that she often relies on and quotes poor science. Here are some more research-based findings.

There are observable differences in the respective structures of male and female brains in some areas (e.g. part of the hypothalamus) and in some brain activities (e.g. women's brains show a 28-day cycle of certain activities throughout their lives, not observed in men's brains). This makes sense because women have a biological cycle driven by this, evidenced after puberty and before menopause by cycles of fertility and menstruation. I don't doubt this difference in brain function is primarily biological in basis and unchangeable by experience.
...
Kali Goldstone's scathing comparison of how (some) men approach problem-solving in leadership or management roles with how (some) women approach it is as over-generalised and biased as the same misreporting of gender differences in performance that she understandably attacks. In my opinion, much of her article is as sexist, probably unconsciously so, as the straw arguments she attacks and the defensive rebuttals she will elicit, from men who are just as unconscious of how sexist they have been taught to be.'

Ways to Help Underachieving Boys Succeed in School

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'The way to deal with boys' underachievement in school is not through "boy friendly" policies like more recess, single-sex classrooms and male teachers but through strong academic climates and clear, consistent information about occupations and the educational pathways that lead to them.

After years of research for our forthcoming book, "The Rise of Women: The Growing Gender Gap in Education and What It Means for American Schools," Thomas A. DiPrete and I found that in schools where academic effort is expected and valued, boys compete for high grades and more often achieve them. Such schools reduce gender gaps and promote healthy, multifaceted gender identities for both boys and girls.

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Rather than remaking schools in ways that reinforce gender stereotypes, we need schools that set high expectations for student achievement and treat students as individuals.'

Australia: Gang of teenage girls attack couple at Sydney train station

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Video footage has been obtained by Nine News showing scenes of shocking violence at Sydney train stations.

CCTV cameras at Kings Cross, Cabramatta and Blacktown railway stations captured violent attacks which left victims seriously injured and security staff outnumbered.

At Blacktown station in Western Sydney a group of teenage girls were recorded attacking a couple, leaving the man unconscious and his partner with blood streaming down her face.'

University student got a C+ and now seeks $1.3 million

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A graduate of Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. has sued the school for $1.3 million because she is unhappy that she got a C+ in a class in 2009.

Megan Thode, 27, says the grade ruined her dream of becoming a licensed professional counselor, reports The Morning Call, an Allentown-based newspaper. Her civil suit alleges breach of contract and sexual discrimination. It contends that the grade was part of a broader attempt to force her to abandon the graduate degree she was pursuing.
...
Thode's lawyer, Richard J. Orloski, maintains that she deserved a higher grade. However, her professor, Amanda Carr, awarded her a big, fat zero for classroom participation. That zero brought her grade down.

Orloski has also alleged that Carr and Nicholas Ladany (who was the director of the degree program) conspired against Thode because she and three other students were critical when they were had to search for supplemental internships midway through a semester.

The suit also charges that the course professor treated Thode unfairly because of Thode's support for gay and lesbian causes — a claim Lehigh flatly disputes, according to The Morning Call.
...
Hamburg pointed out that Thode is the daughter of Lehigh finance professor Stephen Thode. One of the perks of that relationship was that she was able to enroll in the Lehigh graduate program tuition-free. The school provided her with a job as well. She also got to attend York College of Pennsylvania at no charge as an undergraduate thanks to her Lehigh connections, says The Call.
...
Lehigh's lawyers allege that Thode's behavior in class was not acceptable for someone seeking a master's degree in counseling. On at least one occasion, they said, she used profanity in class. Another time, she broke down crying.

Before filing her lawsuit, Thode filed complaints with the university over the C+ grade, showing up at meetings with her father, the finance professor. She sought a written apology from Carr, the course instructor, and a "plan for compensating me financially," notes The Morning Call.'

Judge orders prosecutors to pay defendant’s costs for pursuing ‘reprehensible’ child-support claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Falsely accused by his ex-wife, after a bitter divorce, of being behind in his child-support obligations by more than $3,500, Tony Schehtman was prosecuted for months and had his passport confiscated, restricting his business travel.

But last month he won a measure of vindication when a South Florida judge issued a scathing sanctions order. In addition to ordering Schehtman's ex-wife to pay him $7,645 in legal fees, Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Pedro Echarte also required prosecutors to do the same, calling the "pointless litigation," which proceeded for months after the defendant proved that he was not delinquent, "reprehensible" and "irresponsible," reports the Miami Herald.
...
"The state attorney deprived a law-abiding citizen of a fundamental liberty: his freedom of movement,” said Heller. “We will do what it takes to make sure this never happens again.'

UK: Benefit cheat gets a pay rise

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Britain's farcical benefits system was exposed yesterday after a cheating mother was told she can now claim twice as much rather than go to jail.

Joanne Gibbons, 23, fiddled £3,140 in income support while holding down two jobs, a court was told.

But after she was caught it was revealed the shop assistant mother-of-one was entitled to claim £130 a week – £64 a week more than the amount she was swindling the taxpayer.

During her court appearance even her lawyer admitted: “This case is extraordinary and perhaps an indictment of the benefits system.”

...

Matthew Sinclair, of the TaxPayers’ Alliance, said: “It beggars belief that somebody going to the lengths of making fraudulent claims would have actually received more in benefits had they been honest about their situation. It just goes to show that the current system is broken and doesn’t provide the right incentives for claimants to go back to work.

...

“Immediately after the fraud was found the income support stopped and her benefits were adjusted. Miss Gibbons was then entitled to make a claim for family tax credit and child benefits.

“She’s now receiving £130 per week – £64 more than she was fraudulently claiming in the first place.

“Her fraudulent behaviour was in effect saving the Government money. It is the most ridiculous mitigation I have ever had to bring before a court.”'

Same-Sex Education: Do Male Students Need a Male Teacher?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In last week's blog, I discussed my predominantly male class--a group of kids whose behavior I'd had tremendous difficulty managing last semester while team-teaching with a female special-education teacher. Now, with a male special-education teacher, the students' behavior was suddenly much improved. I considered that something Christina Hoff Sommers had suggested in her article--that boys needed more male teachers--might deserve some credence, despite the fact that I don't inherently like the idea: I believe that boys should be able to be educated by teachers of either gender, as long as that teacher is attuned to their learning needs.
...
... Thus, at the end of the day, the gender of the teacher cannot be the only factor that predicts the success of the students--although, sometimes, it really does help.'

Dads Weigh In On Why Boys Fall Behind

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Host Michel Martin continues the conversation about why boys fall behind in school. She speaks with a group of parents and experts: author Christina Hoff Sommers, New York University education professor Pedro Noguera, University of Virginia Dean Bob Pianta, and Glenn Ivey, father of five boys.'

Boys Are At The Back Of The Class

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Boys are lagging behind girls in school; on average, they get worse grades, take fewer advanced classes and are less likely to graduate. To find out why boys are taking a back seat in education, host Michel Martin speaks with Christina Hoff Sommers, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and author of 'The War Against Boys.'"

Obama Renews Call For Paycheck Fairness Act

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'In his State of the Union address last night, President Obama renewed his call for passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would make it harder for employers to rely on certain merit-based factors "other than sex" in setting employee pay. Two federal laws, the Equal Pay Act, and Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, already ban gender-based pay discrimination. Appealing to low-information voters who may not be aware of these laws, Obama declared, "I ask this Congress to declare that women should earn a living equal to their efforts, and finally pass the Paycheck Fairness Act this year." The administration's back-up document for this statement asserted that 'on average women generally make 23 cents on the dollar less than men.'" But that figure is misleading, because women generally aren't paid less for the same job, or working the same number of hours.

As The Washington Post's Glenn Kessler notes, government data shows women work fewer hours than men, which explains much of the apparent pay gap: "since women in general work fewer hours than men in a year, the statistics used by the White House may be less reliable for examining the key focus of the legislation — wage discrimination." I discuss some other unfounded claims made in support of the Paycheck Fairness Act at this link.'

Men's rights activists: Symantec branded us a 'hate group'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A men's issues website has cried foul after it was apparently classified as a "hate" site by Symantec.

Surfers visiting A Voice for Men (AVoiceForMen.com) were confronted by a message stating that it is a "known hate site" blocking from going any further by web-filtering technology in Symantec. A Voice for Men angrily denounced the move, which it ascribed to settings built into Symantec's Norton Internet Security software.

Paul Elam, publisher of A Voice for Men, fumed in an open letter to Symantec's senior management: "Your customers are given no supporting information or rationale for such a listing, and no immediate option to override the warning and proceed according to their own will; just the simple invective of being painted as a hate organisation."
...
Edwards then set up Norton DNS but that did not block the site either, and said: "[L]ooks like Symantec has updated its records".

The screenshot posted by avoiceformen.com makes it clear that it was Symantec's DNS system that was labelling its site as a "hate group", rather than the Norton Internet Security product blamed by the group.

Nonetheless the confusion is understandable and what's far more difficult is to fathom why Symantec can't account for how its technology classifies a named site, despite complaints from the party concerned, combined with two days of nagging from El Reg's security desk.'

Young Boys Face Serious Discrimination in Schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recent studies are revealing that young boys are being discriminated against in schools and being graded unfairly because of how their active nature is perceived by teachers.

It is no secret that boys tend to be very hyper active at a young age. While most girls are happy doing whatever task is handed to them, boys often can't focus unless they are given the opportunity to run around a bit and let out all that built up energy.

While their active nature is perfectly innocent, researchers believe teachers are discriminating against them unfairly.

The problem appears to be that teachers are interpreting being active as being "bad" and punishing young boys for not cooperating or behaving well in a classroom environment.'

SAVE: ‘Incendiary and Extreme:’ SAVE Deplores Vilification Campaign in Wake of Senate Approval of VAWA

Matt · 14 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / February 13, 2013 – Following yesterday’s Senate approval of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), advocates for prompt passage of the bill in the House of Representatives have launched a high-pressure campaign designed to portray Republicans as unsympathetic to the plight of domestic violence victims.

Within hours of Senate approval of the bill, a group called UltraViolet issued a statement announcing its strategy in bold-faced type: “If we can spread the word that House conservatives are blocking legislation to reduce domestic violence because ‘it’s not fair to men,’ we can create a political firestorm no politician will want to get caught up in.”

A press release from the National Organization for Women claims a “radical fringe” controls the Republican leadership and that majority leader Eric Cantor would continue his “shameful efforts” to delay passage of the bill. The N.O.W. statement includes an emotional claim about daily “burnings” of women.'

Former mayor embezzled millions, gambled away millions in spree

Matt · 15 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This is actually really quite a sad story. I hesitated to post it. But it's these marginal cases that really challenge thinking and standards (or possible double-standards). What do you all think, would she be getting the same soft-glove handling if she were a he? Or would it be all the same given her health problems/loss of her mate, which may well have contributed to her behavior. Both extreme grief and brain tumors can be causes of manic behavior, but are men less likely to be shown mercy with these as factors vs. women? What do you all think? Excerpt:

'LOS ANGELES — A former mayor of San Diego spent the last decade wagering more than a billion dollars at casinos across the country, eventually liquidating her savings, auctioning her belongings, selling off real estate, borrowing from friends and taking more than $2 million from a charity set up by her late husband, a fast-food tycoon.

The former mayor, Maureen O'Connor, 66, blamed an addiction to gambling aggravated by a brain tumor for the gargantuan spree. Her lawyers said that while she had made well over a billion dollars in bets at casinos in Las Vegas, Atlantic City and San Diego, her actual net losses were around $13 million.

Federal prosecutors said it was impossible to know precisely how much Ms. O'Connor had lost over those years, but she emerged with her fortune gone and her health shattered. She took out second and third mortgages on her La Jolla, Calif., home to pay for the gambling.
...

Under an agreement with federal prosecutors, she will receive treatment for gambling addiction and has two years repay the money to the foundation, as well as taxes owed to the government. Prosecutors cited her health as the main reason for the deal."Right now she is in a very poor financial state," said Eugene Iredale, her lawyer. He said, "This is a woman who has been through real trauma."'

Intact America Job Opening: Project Associate (Tarrytown, NY Office)

Minuteman · 15 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

' Intact America—a non-profit human rights organization dedicated to ending the practice of routine infant circumcision in the U.S.—seeks a dynamic, highly-motivated individual to fill a Project Associate position at our Tarrytown office in Westchester County, NY. Candidates must be committed to Intact America's mission—to protect all babies and children from circumcision and all other forms of medically unnecessary genital alteration, in the name of culture, religion, profit, or parental preference. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a team working on one of the leading human rights issue of the 21st century.

The Project Associate will be given an opportunity to build leadership skills, coordinate and implement projects, and contribute to vital, strategic initiatives throughout the organization. Primary responsibilities entail coordinating fundraising activities; developing communications with internal and external audiences; liaising with colleagues, vendors, volunteers, and staff; and devising and maintaining office systems, including data management and filing. The person filling this position will be an integral member of a small team responsible for the visibility and success of Intact America in working to end the systematic human rights abuse of baby boys.'

F&F: Young Marine Must Continue To Pay Child Support for a Child That Is Not His

Matt · 15 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Brandon Parsons is a young Marine who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. On January 22, 2013, San Diego Superior Court Judge Gregory Pollack ruled that Brandon Parsons will have to continue paying child support for another twelve years for another man's child.

His reason is that Brandon Parsons did not file his request for an order for DNA paternity testing of the child, Ashton Parsons, and the mother, Crystal Parsons, until two years after the child's birth. Because of this delay, Brandon will have to continue paying child support for another twelve years for another man's child.
...
The Court found Crystal Parsons' testimony to be totally untrustworthy. It called her actions in deliberately lying to Brandon about being the father of the child "despicable." In his written opinion, Judge Pollack states his views as follows: "The court denies the motions of Respondent Brandon Parsons to set aside Judgment and order blood testing to determine paternity. The motions are statutorily untimely under Family Code Section 2122, 7646,7541 and C.C.P. Section 473. The Paternity determination set forth within the 2009 martial dissolution judgment stipulated to by father, is res judicata and not subject to an equitable set aside."'

Former porn star accused of stabbing boyfriend to death

Mastodon · 15 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Ex-porn star Jennifer Marchant -- known on camera as Scarlett Rouge -- pleaded not guilty to murder on Monday after her boyfriend bled to death from a stab in the neck.

The 23-year-old woman, who has starred in at least six titles such as "Super Sized Rides 2" and "Hot Sexy Plumpers 27," is suspected of stabbing her boyfriend, Ralph Stone, last Wednesday with a kitchen knife during a domestic dispute, according to the New York Daily News.

Police responded to Marchant's New York apartment and found Stone, 24, bleeding from his neck. The father of Marchant's 2-year-old daughter was pronounced dead a short time later.

Marchant pleaded her innocence on Monday, claiming that she acted in self defense, according to WIVB.'

SAVE: VAWA Bullies

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Page here. Excerpt:

'Call your Representative today at 202-224-3121. Tell your Representative to say ‘No’ to the VAWA bullies….and say ‘Yes’ to real VAWA reform.

These are examples of the threats, falsehoods, and smears by the VAWA zealots:

- UltraViolet: This is what we’re up against.
- National Organization for Women: Press release
- Think Progress: 22 Republican men
- Interview with Brown University professor Tricia Rose
- Comments posted on senators’ Facebook pages'

Circumcision reduces sexual pleasure

MikeJH · 16 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men who are circumcised are in for some bad news - it puts them at a disadvantage in the bedroom, according to experts.

A study found those who've had their foreskin removed as children or adults experience less intense sexual pleasure and orgasm than their peers.'

UK: Politicians frightened to admit fathers are vital, says top family lawyer

MikeJH · 16 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Marriage is as important to the future of the nation as climate change and poverty, a senior family lawyer said yesterday.

Baroness Deech said the growing numbers of families without fathers was doing more harm to the next generation than other factors such as smoking, alcohol, poor diet and lack of exercise.

And she warned that a conspiracy of silence surrounded the issue because political leaders were afraid to say married families were better for children than cohabiting families or single parent families.'

Australia: "Gillard Government to act on Female Genital Mutilation in Australia"

Minuteman · 16 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'It is often performed on girls under the age of ten. It is a violation of the human rights of women and girls and there is no place for it here in Australia. Its occurrence in this country cannot be excused by culture.

The Gillard Government today announced it would immediately implement the following measures:

• Provide $500,000 in grants to fund organisations to run education and awareness activities and support change within communities, as we know public education and awareness is key to change.

• New research and data collection on female genital mutilation will be undertaken as a priority. This will help us build the evidence needed to support women and girls affected by female genital mutilation.

• Minister Plibersek will hold a national summit on this subject early next year, bringing together community, health, legal and policing experts to discuss how we can increase awareness and support and reduce incidence in Australia.

• The Attorney-General will review the current legal framework in Australia, and provide advice on whether any changes are required to ensure full protection against female genital mutilation, at home or abroad.
...
We do not know how widespread this practice is in Australia but we know there have been instances, and anecdotal evidence suggests these are not isolated.

One such procedure performed in this country is one too many. One girl taken overseas to have it done is one too many.'

Father says he's still paying child support for 3-year-old son who died 25 years ago

Matt · 16 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DETROIT (WXYZ) - Lional Campbell's son, Michael, passed away at the age of three from acute meningitis.

"It took a lot out of me," says Campbell who is from Detroit and now lives in Kentucky. And it's that distance that is making even more difficult for Campbell to wage a fight with Wayne County Friend of the Court over child support that Campbell says he is still paying for Michael.
...
For years, Campbell never questioned paying child support to Friend of the Court because he thought the money was for what he owed for an older son he fathered with Michael's mother.
...
Campbell reached out to 7 Action News and while a spokesperson for the Friend of the Court could not talk specifically about Campbell's case because of privacy issues, they did tell us that surcharges drastically raise the amounts owed by non-custodial parents.

One court official likened the surcharges, that ended several years ago, to "loan sharking".
...
Campbell plans on seeking another audit before filing his taxes for fear that any refund will be swallowed up by the Friend of the Court that continues to garnish his checks.

Court officials call the mistakes they believe were made on their part "regretful". And they believe the errors in Campbell's case are isolated.'

UK: Women-only lists for half of London seats that Labour has in its sights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Labour will have all-women shortlists in half its key London target seats at the next general election, shadow minister for London Sadiq Khan reveals today.

Giving his first interview in his new role as Labour's general election campaign chief for the capital, he pledged that six out of the 12 London targets will be fought by women, with men barred from the selection contests.

"It frankly beggars belief that in 2013 we still only have one in five parliamentarians who are women," he said. "Even in the Labour Party, the most progressive of all parties, we don't have enough women or ethnic minorities — and we need to address that."'

"Women inmates deserve better"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Where a person is incarcerated can make or break a family's ability to stay connected — something the 4,000 children of incarcerated mothers in this state know well. Visiting far-away prisons like Albion, the state's largest women's prison, located eight hours from Manhattan, has become even more difficult since state corrections eliminated its free community bus program in 2011.

Being close to home minimizes the trauma and stress of incarceration for both children and parents, and decreases the risk of an incarcerated parent losing touch with, and sometimes parental rights to, his or her children. Keeping family connections strong also makes prisons safer (by providing incentive for good behavior) and communities safer (by providing support for people to stay out of prison after they go home).'

Circumcision: Cycle of Betrayal, Signature's Desire and Dismissive Cognition

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Seventy-six percent of rapists were abused themselves as children. This is true with circumcision and its societal structure. Child abuse and other types of abuse are generational. Circumcision is a type of Munchausen by Proxy.

Passing on experienced trauma by doing the same to others is a Repetition Compulsion. The act is to fill a lacking in the perpetrator's own inner self-worth.

1. 1: The cycle begins with feeling of Betrayal, whether conscious or subconscious.
2. The victim tries to psychologically mediate by obtaining and exercising Power.
3. Performing a power-based action on another person is to affect Control over them.
4. This gives the perpetrator, whether an individual or a social force, a sense of assumed Authority. It also assumes a right to exercise influence over another person's life personally as well as those residing within the Social Body.
5. The active component is a Manipulation. Ritual manipulates objects.[4] Circumcision's object is the genitals.

Boy complains that Disney Cruise has no male characters

GaryB · 17 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

This is a really interesting story, currently popular on Reddit - and an MRI in my opinion. I just bet the girls on that cruise got ample time with princesses and various empowering females in one form or another. Good on this kid for complaining. Excerpt:

'IF AN eight-year-old kid is unsatisfied with a Disney Cruise Line experience, he has every right to complain. He's obliged to complain.

And this eight-year-old kid, Ethan, did just that, after he was robbed of the chance to see his heroes, or, "guys" he thinks "are cool" on the Disney Dream.

"I wish I could have met some princes like Aladdin or Eric, but there was no boy character on the ship," he wrote.

"I would also like to meet Jack Sparrow. It made me a little sad. I complained a lot. I'm not sure we'll go on another cruise again."'

Woman arrested on suspicion of domestic violence

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Story here.

'Officers were summoned at 1:19 a.m. Feb. 13 to an apartment in the 400 block of South Harold Street for a report of domestic violence. They met the victim outside, where he waited in an alley for police to arrive.

He told officers that Rebecca G. Thomas-Deal, 24, was upset at him because she thought he wasn't listening to her and the couple argued, according to the FBPD. Thomas-Deal allegedly started throwing household items at the victim, pushing him and hitting his face and chest. Officers reportedly found several scratches on the victim's face and chest.

Based on the evidence and visible injuries, officers arrested Thomas-Deal on suspicion of domestic violence, according to the FBPD. She was booked at the Fort Bragg Police Department and taken to the Mendocino County Jail, where her bail was set at $25,000.'

Dallas Mayor Wants 10,000 Men At Rally To End Domestic Violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings wants 10,000 men to join him March 23 at City Hall Plaza for a rally and campaign against domestic abuse. It's part of the mayor's efforts to change a culture of violence.

Mayor Mike Rawlings says for too long domestic violence was seen as a women's issue.

"Well, it ain't," Rawlings told the audience at a launch of his campaign against domestic violence. "It's a men's issue, and we have got to make that very clear."

Flanked by dozens of men, including former Dallas Cowboys Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith, the Mayor announced the March 23rd rally.

"I want fathers to bring their sons because this is undoubtedly a learned behavior," Rawlings said. "And we have an intergenerational teaching moment right here. We have a unique opportunity to change the mind set of the next generation in Dallas."'

Teacher's aide sentenced to probation for sexually assulating 15 year old boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'EL CAJON, Calif. - A female teacher's aide who had sex with a 15-year-old male student at a school for juvenile offenders was sentenced Thursday to probation and ordered to register as a sex offender.

Chrystina Delrosario, 25, pleaded guilty in December to two counts of having unlawful sex with a minor. She admitted she had sex with the boy in a classroom in late June at La Mesa's Reflections Central School, an educational program for juvenile offenders run by the San Diego County Office of Education on behalf of the county Probation Department.

Judge John Thompson suspended a 365-day jail term for Delrosario pending successful completion of her three-year probation.

The judge said he would "entertain" withdrawing the sex registration requirement after a year of probation and would also consider reducing the felony conviction to a misdemeanor after two years of successful probation.'

Woman bites off piece of boyfriend’s tongue after Valentine’s spat

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Elaine Cook and her boyfriend of 10 months went out last week for Valentine’s Day, returned to her apartment and got in a fight.

She asked him to leave. He wanted to end the argument. So he leaned in for a kiss.

That’s when prosecutors said she bit off a “large” piece of his tongue.

Now the 51-year-old Cook, of the 9400 block of Lockwood in Skokie, is charged with aggravated domestic battery.

She was arrested Friday, records show, and Cook County Judge Israel Desierto ordered her held Sunday in lieu of $100,000 bail.

Her boyfriend, meanwhile, said he has “a lot of mixed feelings.” He said he’s trying to heal after losing the right side of his tongue, and he asked not to be named.'

UK: Teenager spared jail after confessing she agreed to sex with man she accused of rape

MikeJH · 18 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A teenager who put a man through two months of torment by falsely accusing him of rape has been spared jail.

Sophie Hooper, 19, told police she had been forced to have sex against her will with a man she had only just met in the pub.

But two months later her conscience got the better of her and she wrote a letter to the police confessing she had lied about the allegations.'

"Why Gender Equality Stalled"

Matt · 19 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the next 30 years this emphasis on equalizing gender roles at home as well as at work produced a revolutionary transformation in Americans' attitudes. It was not instant. As late as 1977, two-thirds of Americans believed that it was "much better for everyone involved if the man is the achiever outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and family." By 1994, two-thirds of Americans rejected this notion.
...
Other feminists worried that the equation of feminism with an individual woman's choice to opt out of the work force undermined the movement's commitment to a larger vision of gender equity and justice. Joan Williams, the founding director of the Center for WorkLife Law at the University of California's Hastings College of the Law, argued that defining feminism as giving mothers the choice to stay home assumes that their partners have the responsibility to support them, and thus denies choice to fathers. The political theorist Lori Marso noted that emphasizing personal choice ignores the millions of women without a partner who can support them.

These are all important points. But they can sound pretty abstract to men and women who are stuck between a rock and a hard place when it comes to arranging their work and family lives. For more than two decades the demands and hours of work have been intensifying. Yet progress in adopting family-friendly work practices and social policies has proceeded at a glacial pace.

Today the main barriers to further progress toward gender equity no longer lie in people's personal attitudes and relationships. Instead, structural impediments prevent people from acting on their egalitarian values, forcing men and women into personal accommodations and rationalizations that do not reflect their preferences. The gender revolution is not in a stall. It has hit a wall.'

Warren Farrell to be interviewed on Reddit's "Ask Me Anything"

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From Warren Farrell:

Reddit's Ask Me Anything is doing a highlighted interview with me on Tuesday, February 19th at 10:00 AM Pacific (1:00 PM Eastern). I thought you might like to ask a question. I am writing this a few days ahead of time because, to do so, you would need to sign up for a Reddit account and familiarize yourself with how the Ask Me Anything (AMA) works. To submit a question, you may go to http://www.reddit.com/r/IAmA and locate my AMA on Tuesday at 10:00 AM Pacific (1:00 PM Eastern), click on it, and put a question in the comments/questions box.

Sex-with-boys mom back in trouble: porn

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who served time in state prison for having sex with two underage boys, including one who was dating her teenage daughter, is back in jail for allegedly violating her parole by possessing pornography, authorities said Tuesday.

Christine Shreeve Hubbs, 44, was arrested Friday night after state parole agents found pornography in a surprise compliance visit to her Hayward home, said Fred Bridgewater, state parole spokesman.

There was no indication that the pornography involved children, but Hubbs is not allowed to possess any pornography under the conditions of her parole, Bridgewater said.'

Clarence Page: Boys in the back of the class

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Obama's emphasis on "high quality" is important. Preschool intervention programs vary in quality. But, at their best, they help child to make the most of their early learning years at a time when their learning and study habits are formed.

One recent federal evaluation of Head Start, which is aimed at low-income preschoolers, found parents benefitted, too, by learning to use more appropriate discipline and spend more time reading to their children.

"Every dollar we invest in high-quality early education can save more than seven dollars later on," President Obama said, announcing his idea during his State of the Union Address.

And there's another potential benefit that the president didn't mention: Prekindergarten programs can help reverse a disturbing gender gap favoring girls in academic performance that, according to new studies, is showing up as early as kindergarten.'

John Duncan On VAWA: Most Men Can Handle Violence Better Than Most Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. John "Jimmy" Duncan Jr. (R-Tenn.) said he doesn't know if he will vote for a renewal of the Violence Against Women Act, a bill the congressman said has a nice name, and argued that men can handle violence better than women.

"Every bill is given a motherhood-and-apple-pie title," Duncan said, according to the Chattanooga Times Free Press. "But if you voted [based] on the title, you'd vote for every bill up here. If we'd all done that, the country would have crashed a long time ago."

"So this is another bill with a motherhood-and-apple-pie title," added Duncan, who voted for the reauthorization of VAWA in 2005.

But constituents would be mistaken to think that Duncan's uncertainty over whether he will support the reauthorization this year means he isn't concerned with the issue of violence against women. He said it's an especially big problem because women are not as well equipped as men to handle violence.

"Like most men, I'm more opposed to violence against women than even violence against men," Duncan said. "Because most men can handle it a little better than a lot of women can."'

Campus SaVE Act Depends On Reauthorization Of Violence Against Women Act

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Colleges could soon have new national standards for how they handle reported sexual assaults on their campuses, thanks to a provision in the latest re-authorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

The Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act was first introduced in 2010 by Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.), but now depends on the passage of the Senate version of VAWA, which has incorporated much of its language. It's the most significant reform of policy on how college sexual assaults are handled since the Jeanne Clery Act of 1990 and the Campus Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights of 1992.
...
The SaVE Act is not without critics. Most notably, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education has pushed against the establishment of a National Center for Campus Public Safety, citing concerns for individuals accused of assault. FIRE also has protested the low burden of proof that would be established by the bill, saying it removes safeguards for due process of the accused.'

"Men need to step up, have a voice in sexual consent war"

Mastodon · 19 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, the article “Consent a campus issue,” which ran in The Crimson White, has been receiving quite a bit of attention, mainly from people calling for the job of Jessica Vickery, the assistant director of health education and promotion at the Student Health Center.

Vickery’s “crime,” according to many comments online, was found in a quote stating that, “Some people think there are false accusations. There’s really no false accusations. If someone feels they didn’t give consent, then they didn’t give consent.”

Readers have attacked Vickery for her conservative take on consent and sex since this article ran, with users such as ZimbaZumba posting that, “Jessica Vickery should be removed from her position, her comments are appalling.”

Some, like user drunicusrex, even see males being victimized here, posting that, “This is truly frightening. I doubt I will ever send my son, or for that matter my daughter, to a school where such fantastic, outrageous, and blatantly anti-male beliefs are espoused.”

To these assertions, I say: Guys, get over yourselves.'

Hiring should favour male, minority teachers: Toronto school board

Sheldon · 19 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

This is an exciting and encouraging development in Canada. The Toronto District School Board, in a groundbreaking policy decision, has decided that due to the underrepresentation of men in the K-12 public education system, especially at the elementary level, they will favour hiring more male teachers to correct the imbalance. The school board is also favouring the hiring of certain racial minorities who are also underrepresented. A memo sent out by the school board to teachers and principals states, "The first round of TDSB interviews will be granted to teacher candidates that meet one or more of the following criteria in addition to being an outstanding teacher: Male, racial minority, French, Music, Aboriginal." Excerpt:

'A Toronto District School Board memo to staff that included gender and race among qualifications that could win a candidate an interview for a teaching position has outraged some female teachers.

The memo, which was received by principals and teachers and obtained by The Globe and Mail, says that the qualities that could get a candidate an interview include being male or from a racial minority.'

Male Positive Media: American Family Insurance ad

mens_issues · 20 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

American Family Insurance has a refreshingly male-positive ad about a father and son's quest to visit all the national parks in the United States. A link to the ad is here.

Mother charged for hiring strippers for son's birthday

Minuteman · 20 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A New York woman has been charged with child endangerment after she allegedly hired strippers to perform at her son's 16th birthday party.

Judy Viger, 33, threw a birthday party for her son at a bowling alley in November last year, CBS News reports.

She allegedly hired two strippers, who attended the party and performed lewd dances for five teenagers under 17.'

"Garbage man rescues dog from rubbish"

Minuteman · 20 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A starving puppy whimpering in pain after its owner tossed it away in the rubbish has been given a second chance at life after being rescued by a US garbage man.

Indiana man Michael Upchurch found the six-week-old dog, which has since been named Garby, as he collected rubbish last Wednesday morning.

"Once I took it up here and I dumped it in the truck it was just a terrible sound," Mr Upchurch told CBS.
...
Garby has since recovered and is now living with Mr Upchurch and his wife.

The woman accused of dumping Garby as well as two other puppies on the same day said she thought the animals had died of Parvo — a contagious virus that affects dogs.

A medical examination found the dog was not suffering from the virus, but was starving.

Police are investigating the case and the owner could face charges of neglect and animal cruelty.'

SAVE: Let's Celebrate our Progress

Matt · 20 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Start making plans now to join us this summer at our annual conference in Washington DC. The event will be held on June 21-22. And you are in for a treat!

We are tickled pink to announce that this year's keynote speakers are Erin Pizzey, founder of the international abuse shelter movement, and Kathy King, a former magistrate in Hamilton County, Ohio. I have no doubt they will tell it like it is.

You'll be shocked and inspired as Vladek Filler and Gordon Smith talk about their false allegation cases, and Sherry Warner Seefeld tells us about her son Caleb. And that's not all.

Visit the SAVE website for more presenters, the schedule, registration fees and lodging info. Visit eventbrite to register online.

I look forward to meeting you in person!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

The Emotional Consequences of Circumcision

Matt · 21 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The American Academy of Pediatrics announced in 2012 a change in its policy regarding infant male circumcision. Whereas previously they held “the procedure is not essential to the child’s current well-being,” now in their carefully worded statement they say “the benefits outweigh the risks.” This reversal comes at a time when circumcision rates are at their lowest point in years in the USA, and when many people around the world are taking a stand against the procedure.
...
Just because there remains no conscious memory of events before speech develops doesn’t mean they are “forgotten.” I can understand the general public may still believe that what cannot be remembered can’t cause lasting damage. But that a medical organization, representing 60,000 primary care pediatricians, has chosen not to consider longterm emotional damage is nothing less than criminal.

Additionally, the AAP gave no consideration to the emotional pain suffered by some men who are circumcised. These men are now coming forward in great numbers, outraged they were subjected to a procedure that violated their rights as an individual and, more importantly, compromised their sex lives. There can be no question that circumcision negatively impacts the sexual experience. Just this week, media outlets are widely reporting on a new medical study out of Belgium on this very subject.'

F&F: State Attorney General Goes to Court Opposing Equal Parenting Law

Matt · 21 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Like a lot of dads, Sanderson wants more and knows his kids need more. But unlike a lot of dads, he's not content to go hat in hand to the court to beg for a few more hours or days. He's done that plenty of course, but Sanderson doesn't stop there. For one thing, he lobbied the state legislature to change custody laws. That failed as it has in so many other states.

...

So Sanderson set his sights a little lower. He got enough people to sign a petition for a county-wide ballot initiative that was the same as the previous state-wide one. And, lo and behold, it passed in a landslide! Walsh County residents voted 66% to 34% in favor of equally shared parenting by fit parents. In due course, county commissioners voted 4 – 1 to add it to the county ordinances. In Walsh County, North Dakota, equally shared parenting had become law, thanks to the tireless work of Mitch Sanderson.

...

To no one's surprise, once the laws of Walsh County changed to require equal parenting, Mitch Sanderson went to court and asked the judge for such an order. My guess is he was the first there on Monday morning after the initiative became law. But, in an unprecedented move, the State of North Dakota, by and through its attorney general, intervened in Sanderson's custody case and filed a motion opposing Sanderson's request for equal parenting. Mind you, Sanderson's wife has done no such thing.'

F&F: Judge Slams Mother, State Attorney in False Child Support Case

Matt · 21 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Dade County, Florida judge has slammed the State Attorney's Office and the mother it represented for pursuing a father for child support when both the state's lawyer and the mother knew her allegations against him were false. Read about it here (Miami Herald, 2/7/13).

It's long been a scandal that state Attorneys General and other state level child support enforcement agencies represent custodial parents free of charge in child support cases while non-custodial parents, likely already strapped for cash, have to hire their own lawyers to represent them. As I've said before, the U.S. Office of Child Support Enforcement budgets some $5 billion a year to help custodial parents (overwhelmingly mothers) but a mere $10 million to help non-custodial parents (overwhelmingly fathers). But the inequality in child support matters hardly ends there.

...

One of the many problems is that those receiving child support have summary procedures at their disposal with which to enforce the obligations, but those who pay do not. If fathers want to seek a modification of a support order, they have to file an original pleading, pay the filing fee (often hundreds of dollars) and hire an attorney to navigate the legal system. Of course a dad seeking a modification likely does so because he's lost his job, become disabled or had some other mishap that's reduced his earnings. So states' refusal to establish the type of quick, simple procedures for modifications that they do for enforcement carries the distinct odor of gender bias.'

Florida: Alimony laws could be on the road to change

Matt · 21 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Tavares-based Florida Alimony Reform's efforts to change the state's alimony laws took a big leap forward in the Florida Legislature Thursday when the House Civil Justice Subcommittee voted 10-2 in favor of HB 231.

Sponsored by state Rep. Ritch Workman, R-Melbourne, HB 231 revises factors to be considered when awarding alimony, including how much and for how long.

Workman told fellow lawmakers that the state's alimony laws are "archaic" and that FAR's goal is to provide better guidelines for the courts to follow.'

FreeDomainRadio interview with Warren Farrell

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Recent interview available on YouTube here. The posting site is http://www.freedomainradio.com/.

Do Boys Face More Sexism Than Girls?

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Interview here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to education, are boys the new girls? Are they facing more discrimination than their female peers, just because they are sexually different? According to recent studies, boys score as well as or better than girls on most standardized tests, yet they are far less likely to get good grades, take advanced classes or attend college. We asked prominent gender warriors, Michael Kimmel and Christina Hoff Sommers, to hash this one through in HuffPost's latest "Let's Talk" feature.'

Topeka sperm donor mentioned in Senate hearing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of unusual allies gave presentations to a Senate health committee Wednesday, urging more regulation for assisted reproduction.

Researchers from Christian groups, as well as a prominent abortion-rights group, the National Organization for Women, said the United States has become a "Wild West" for "commercial surrogacy" that exploits and endangers women.

A host of ethical concerns surrounding fertility treatments were raised, including the case of a Topeka man who donated sperm to a lesbian couple.
...
William Marotta, the Topeka man embroiled in a legal battle with the state after answering a lesbian couple's online ad for a sperm donor, was mentioned, but Wednesday's presentations mostly focused on fertility treatments' effects on women.'

UK: No men allowed: The surge of the women-only club

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Women-only clubs and societies have sprung up in the capital, including private members' club Grace in Belgravia (where men are allowed on a Thursday night - but for dinner only), the Sorority Club in Holborn, KC'z Bar in Soho and beer-tasting club Dea Latis, showing a trend for places where professional women can socialise in exclusive spaces.

Many of these places are seen as 'safe areas', where women can go without being bothered or harassed by men.

Speaking to the Metro newspaper, KC Gates, owner of KC'z's, said: 'There's the stereotype where women say can't eat or be themselves in front of a man, whereas they can let loose with their girls, and that is exactly what they are doing at these venues.

'I know women who want a place to eat that's just for them, with female-only staff. Women who wear veils can come in and undress, and they don't have to hide.'"

Violence Against Women Act ignores reality

Matt · 22 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. The letter starts about halfway down the page. Excerpt:

'Beyond fraud, waste, duplication, non-accountability, false accusations and the denial of civil rights, the blatantly obvious problem with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is that women constitute only about half of the true victims of domestic violence. The other half is made up of men, and they receive absolutely zero protections and services from Sen. Patrick Leahy's (D-Vt.) VAWA reauthorization ("Senate passes VAWA reauthorization," Feb. 12).

...

Decades of consistently replicated social science research shows that domestic violence is initiated about equally by men and women; that slightly more women than men are physically harmed, but that men nonetheless represent more than 40 percent of the physically harmed victims; that the domestic violence initiation rates for women, and especially young women, have been rising; and that the domestic violence rates for bisexuals, gays and lesbians all are higher than for heterosexual couples.'

The Precious Self-Esteem Our Boys Need to Survive

Matt · 22 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What a great piece of writing addressing a very ordinary phenomenon in an extraordinary way. Any POV that allows men a more expansive view of themselves or of masculinity is a good one. Excerpt:

'To all the boys who may or may not be queer. The boys picked last in sports but first for the latest in fashion, entertaining, and tasteful decorating. The boys who couldn't catch a football but instead could clean a bathroom until it sparkles and offer serious, heartfelt care to a sick sibling.

I salute you.

I salute us. In this culture, our gifts go unrecognized or at worse, get criticized and mocked. I salute all the boys like me who were different. Yes, we are here to stay and more importantly will be leading the revolution when the time comes.

Did I mention the time is now?'

Florida Woman Arrested After Genital Kicking Spree

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Story here. Excerpt:

'When the Manatee County Sheriff's office got the call that a woman was standing on a street in broad daylight kicking strangers in the genitals, reports the Miami Herald, they sent an undoubtedly unlucky deputy to investigate.

When the deputy found a woman who matched the description of wearing red pants and braids, he called for her to come towards him. Instead the woman, now identified as Katina Jane Collins, ran for it. As the deputy gave chase, Collins allegedly stopped in her tracks and punched the officer in the face, knocking his sunglasses off. The deputy was able to get Collins on the ground and in handcuffs, despite her alleged attempts to scratch the deputy while he handcuffed her, the report said.'

F&F: President Obama Addresses Hyde Park Academy

Matt · 22 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. All well and good but talk is cheap. As long as he supports and propagates a social and legal system that actively discourages men even from having kids much less wanting to marry their mothers, things will only go from bad to worse in this department. It's actions that count, not words. And so far, all he's provided is words, with actions that go in the opposite direction. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama spoke before students and faculty of Hyde Park Academy, in the Woodlawn neighborhood of Chicago. Most assumed it would be another speech on gun violence.
...
"As the son of a single mom who gave everything she had to raise me, with the help of my grandparents, I turned out okay," he said, calling single moms "heroic" and worthy of praise.

But he added, "At the same time, I wish I'd had a father who was around and involved."
...
Young boys and young men, in particular, "don't see an example of fathers or grandfathers, uncles, who are in a position to support families, and be held up and respected," Obama continued. Yet the biggest factor in determining a child's success — and preventing a child from sliding into a life of crime — is having a "loving, supportive family," he said.'

Lawmaker Focuses on Military's Physical Standards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A veteran of the first Battle of Fallujah is pushing legislation aimed at trying to prevent the military from lowering physical standards to allow women to serve in more combat roles.

Rep. Duncan Hunter (R., Calif.), a member of the House Armed Services Committee who served as a Marine officer in Iraq and Afghanistan, is offering legislation designed to ensure that the military establishes a single physical standard for combat infantry jobs.

Senior department officials have repeatedly insisted that while standards could be reviewed to ensure they are appropriate, they will not be lowered and the combat prowess of the military will be strengthened, not weakened by allowing women to serve in combat roles.
...
It is unclear whether Mr. Hunter's legislation will become law. Even if adopted by the Republican majority in the House, the legislation will likely be greeted with skepticism in the Senate, where the Democratic majority has been supportive of Mr. Panetta's removal of the ban on women serving in combat roles.'

Three political sisters convicted of corruption

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Story here. Feminists used to insist that if there were more women in political positions, there'd be less corruption. They don't say this anymore. Now they just talk about it in general, abstract terms about it just "being better" for whatever reason (diversity of viewpoints, etc.). Point is, *anyone* can (and usually does) get corrupted before or during assuming any office of public trust. Excerpt:

'PITTSBURGH (AP) — The story has more irony than a Greek tragedy. Three sisters from a devoutly Catholic family have seen their personal and political careers ruined by a scandal that began with, of all things, a letter to some nuns.

Thursday's conviction of suspended Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Joan Orie Melvin along with her aide and sister, Janine Orie, on campaign corruption charges mean they might join a third sister — former state Sen. Jane Orie — in state prison. No sentencing date has been set.

The former senator was sentenced last year to 2½ to 10 years for using her state-paid staff to run her campaigns, though she was acquitted of having them campaign for Melvin, then a lower appellate court judge, who was running for the Supreme Court in 2003 and 2009. Joan Orie Melvin and Janine Orie were convicted in a spinoff investigation and found guilty of similarly misusing Melvin's former staff and the senator's.'

Prominent Jewish advocates against child circumcision

Matt · 23 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During the past few days I was asked about the existence of Jewish ‘intactivists’, of which there are actually quite a few, and I decided to put together a post that lists some of the most prominent. As someone who identifies as Jewish, I find this question particularly curious as well, although I’ll admit that Judaism has never played a significant role in my personal or family life. Let’s get started.'

Muslim intactivism

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Sometimes MRAs (those who support intactivism, anyway) or intactivists are branded as anti-Semitic or anti-Jewish for this reason. Well if this is true, I suppose we're also anti-Muslim and anti-medical-establishment, too. May as well say we're anti-everyone! But this is hogwash, nothing more than an attempt to place intactivists on the defensive and cast aspersions on our motivations. Our motivations are not anti-anything; they're pro-human rights. In any case, Islam has its intactivists, too. Just Google "Muslim intactivism" and you'll see Islam has its intactivists. One such page discussing it is here. Intactivists come from all backgrounds, religions, and sexes. No amount of red herring accusations will stop us. Excerpt:

'"In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful!"

That invocation itself is a good argument not to circumcise: what could be less compassionate or merciful than to hold a boy down and cut off his most intimate part?

Muslims are the largest single group in the world who circumcise boys. An Intactivist website would be lacking if it said nothing against this variety of the practice. Ideally, opposition to Islamic circumcison must begin within Islam itself. The problem is where to start and how to proceed, when it is so entrenched, and the Islamic Intactivist movement is so tiny.

The Qur'an does not mention circumcision.

The main reason given for Islamic circumcision is (ritual) cleanliness. Against this it is hard to argue, except to point out that there is no more reason for the male genitalia to be ritually unclean than the female.'

Man sues women-only gym over text messages

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The women-only Lucille Roberts health club cluelessly peppered Alex Shiyan with text messages about a sweetheart membership deal.

Just one problem — he's a man.

The Brooklyn resident became so fed up with the useless offer that he fired back at the fitness giant with a class-action lawsuit filed yesterday in Manhattan federal court.

"1 Day Sale @ Lucille Roberts. just $5 to register and $15 a month NO CONTRACT," read the message, according to the suit.

It also urged him to call the franchise operation's Irvington, NJ, branch, adding, "Ask for Jessica and get a free gift when you join today!"

...

Shiyan's proposed class-action complaint seeks damages of up to $2,000 "for each and every text" received by him and potentially "thousands" of others, along with a court order barring Lucille Roberts from sending out future unsolicited spam directly to people's smartphones.'

Kindergarten Teacher, School Nurse Held in Murder-for-Hire Plot

StayingFit · 23 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Especially nauseating is the fact that the teacher had an order of protection filed against the ex-husband. Just further proof that those things have been abused so much, they are now essentially meaningless. Excerpt:

'A Virginia elementary school teacher and a school nurse are facing charges in what police are calling a murder-for-hire plot.

Angela Nolen, a 47-year-old kindergarten teacher, was arrested Wednesday for allegedly plotting to hire a hit man to kill her ex-husband for $8,000. According to police, Nolen's friend 37-year-old Cathy Bennett, a school nurse, worked with Nolen to find a hit man.

According to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Nolen's plan unraveled when she gave a police officer, working under cover as a hit man, an up-front fee of $4,000 to kill her ex-husband, 63-year-old Paul Strickler.

Strickler, who is the father of Nolen's 7-year-old daughter, told the Roanoke Times he had been working on a deal to sell his house to Nolen.

"If I was dead, she would not have to give me the money," he told the Roanoke Times. "That scares the H-E-L-L out of me. I'm just so glad that the state police found out about this and uncovered it."'

Massachusetts Education Policy Mandates Allowing Boys in Girls' Restrooms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Malden, Massachusetts – The Massachusetts Commissioner of Education has released an outline of its new school policy regarding gender equality, mandating that boys be allowed to use girls restrooms and locker rooms — and vice versa — if they contend that they prefer to identify with the opposite gender.

The 11-page document, written by Mitchell Chester, is stated to be in response to a gender identity law that was passed last July in the state.

"This guidance is intended to help school and district administrators take steps to create a culture in which transgender and gender nonconforming students feel safe, supported, and fully included, and to meet each school's obligation to provide equal educational opportunities for all students, in compliance with G.L. c. 76, §5 and the state regulations," it states.'

Is it Time to Reconsider Our Approach Regarding Boys Education?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Twenty years ago, or so, as faculty meeting after faculty meeting focused on the needs of our school's girls and what we needed to for our girls, a faculty colleague pointed out that, as we assumed gender driven positions and definitions under the auspices of remedying something regarding girls education, our definitions and practices would affect boys.

He is the father of two boys. I'm now the father of one who can't be more physical and different from his sister in his approach to the world.

I can tell you from practice, that twenty-something years ago, yes, we did focus a bit much on girls; we sometimes over encouraged and allowed our girls to press boundaries more than our boys. Quite literally, the boys had to be nicer during class discussions.

We know that boys have been falling behind in terms of achievement — high school and college — for the past two decades, plus.

It seems that the chickens have come home to roost; the circle is complete. It's boys who now seem to suffer at the hands of particular treatments and educational approaches.'

Woman sent to jail for repeatedly telling daughter to commit suicide

Matt · 24 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Nunavut judge is asking why a mother convicted of repeatedly telling her daughter to kill herself was allowed continued contact with the girl as well as custody of her own infant son.

"The nature of this offence is simply beyond the comprehension of right-thinking people," wrote Justice Susan Cooper in her decision, which was released this week. "It is only through luck and the work of medical and mental health professionals that the daughter is alive today."

But a Nunavut official defended social workers, saying it's tough to keep people from seeing each other in small, isolated communities with tight kinships.'

French fathers climb cranes, demand right to see their children

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two fathers denied the right to see their children have climbed and occupied giant shipyard cranes in Nantes, France, and are demanding the review of their court decisions. One man has been camped out on the crane for two days.

Serge Charnay, 43, scaled one of the cranes on Friday morning. On the lower platform of the 40-meter-high structure Charnay unfurled a homemade banner with big block letters reading, “Benoît, two years without a dad.”

Charnay was not only denied custody of his son, but was also denied visiting rights two years ago after he was accused of kidnapping his child for taking him on a two-month vacation, instead of the one month allowed. Charnay also served a four-month prison term for the offense. He has demanded that the visitation prohibition be annulled.'

The Declaration of Frankfurt

Matt · 24 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Maybe you know it already, but if not: Prof. Dr. Günter Buchholz has recently initiated a so called ”Frankfurter Erklärung” (Declaration of Frankfurt). See here:

http://www.frankfurter-erklaerung.de/

This proclamation critisizes the oppression of men by women quota. It also clarifies some lies of feminists. The more supporters of the declaration (e.g., by signing up with your name), the more likely it will have an impact. The declaration is primarily relevant for the German speaking area. However, you may know several people for which this might be of interest. It is also possible to support this declaration if you are not German.”'

The Trial Lawyers' Full Employment Act

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hey guys, everyone in the Democratic party loves all women with a love that is pure as the driven snow, and none of them have ever done anything in the name of that deep, enduring love that could possibly have been motivated by lobbyists, corporate dollars, deep-pocketed donors, etc. No way could that ever happen.

At least, no way could that ever happen except in the case of the Violence Against Women Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act, both of which won't help women much but will make life way better for the wealthy trial lawyers who make it rain for the DNC and its candidates.'

Blaming Men Doesn’t Stop Domestic Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lately our communities have been bombarded with a United Nations (U.N.) claim that “One In Three Women On The Planet Will Be Raped Or Beaten In Her Lifetime.” The U.N. fails to cite any sources for this claim and the latest UN report, Prevention of violence against women and girls. The report of the Secretary-GeneralE/CN.6/2013/4 on violence against women provided by a UN media officer when asked for such does not make the “one in three” claim.

By extrapolation of this “lifetime” figure, Eve Ensler, founder of the Vagina Monologues, assumes that, worldwide, one billion women have been raped or beaten. Consequently, this year’s V-Day theme is "One Billion Rising."
...
To state that 1 billion women - one in three worldwide – will be beaten or raped in their lifetime (presumably by a man) is statistically quite incorrect. Why then make such an outlandish claim, if not to smear the character of men and boys as inherently violent and abusive?'

TV companies ageist and sexist, says Harriet Harman

Mastodon · 25 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Harriet Harman has written to leading broadcasters asking about the number of older women employed within their organisations, the Labour Party said on Sunday.

The move is part of the Commission on Older Women's work on females in the media and public life, which Harman chairs. The shadow deputy prime minister who doubles as shadow culture secretary said there needed to be "more change" especially in relation to "this combination of ageism and sexism" faced by older women.

Speaking on Sky News's Murnaghan programme, she said: "I think that there is a lack of recognition that actually women's value is not just during their reproductive years or just what they look like.'

Dallas mayor encourages rally for women against domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At a recent press conference, Rawlings said, “We want to make it known that any violent act toward a woman will not be tolerated by the men in the city … in the past this has been viewed as a women’s issue, but it ain’t. It’s our problem.”

It’s refreshing to see a male public official using his position to call attention to our society’s frustrating tendency to shift blame (and possible solution) from the perpetrators to the victims.

To that end, Rawlings has organized a rally for his new “Men Against Abuse” campaign, whose goal is to remove the aura of cultural acceptance around domestic violence. Rawlings expects at least 10,000 men to attend the rally in March.'

Female teacher gets no jail after having sex with a 15-year-old boy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A female teacher from West Orange, Erica DePalo admitted having sex with a 15-year-old male student, and was sentenced to probation with no jail time. Superintendent James O'Neill calls the leniency outrageous.

I'm working on a story about this, and want to know what people think. Would a male teacher having sex with a 15-year-old girl be treated differently? Is there a difference?

Prosecutors say the family was satisified with this sentence. Is that because they feel the boy was not damaged? Or maybe that he was traumatized and wanted to avoid testifying in court? Not clear yet.'

Sex crimes and teachers: Is sex bias at work?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was May of 2002 when teacher Pamela Diehl-Moore stood before a judge in Bergen County expecting to receive a prison term for having sex with a 13-year-old male student in her home.

She admitted the crime, and agreed to serve at least three years. But Judge Bruce Gaeta had a different idea. He threw out the plea and sentenced her to probation.

“I really don’t see the harm that was done here,” he said. “It’s just something between two people that clicked beyond the teacher-student relationship. ... Maybe it was a way for him, once this happened, to satisfy his sexual needs.”'

Argument: Is male circumcision harmful?

Mastodon · 25 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Richard Wamai and Ronald Goldman go head to head.

...
Richard

Why would so many human cultures, historically dominated by males, have for thousands of years removed a piece of skin that wraps around the end of the penis if doing so caused harm or impeded sexual enjoyment?

...
Ronald

...
Circumcision removes about a third of the erogenous tissue on the penile shaft, including several kinds of specialized nerves, resulting in thickening and progressive desensitization of exposed erogenous tissue. The adult foreskin is a double-layer movable sleeve of approximately 75 square centimetres. It protects the penile head, enhances sexual pleasure, and facilitates intercourse. Circumcised men are more likely to have erectile dysfunction, orgasm difficulties and premature ejaculation. Female partners have more problems with sexual function, fulfilment and painful intercourse. Conflicting studies on sexual effects of circumcision leave the burden of proof on those who advocate circumcision.

Dissatisfied men wish they had a choice and report anger, feelings of loss, sadness, sexual anxieties, and reduced emotional expression. Psychological factors affect every aspect. Circumcised men often have difficulty acknowledging the harm and generally accept information favouring circumcision.'

‘War on Women’ 2.0

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Welcome to the scorched-earth phase of the Democrats’ “war on women” campaign, and the beginning of a ruthless offensive to hold their Senate majority, and possibly to retake the House, in 2014.

Democrats have nearly perfected the following exercise in cynical electioneering: 1) introduce legislation; 2) title it something that appeals to the vast majority of Americans who have no interest in learning what is actually in the bill, e.g., the “Violence Against Women Act”; 3) make sure it is sufficiently noxious to the GOP that few Republicans will support it; 4) vote, and await headlines such as “[GOP Lawmaker] Votes No On Violence Against Women Act”; 5) clip and use headline in 30-second campaign ad; and 6) repeat.'

Yahoo! Work-at-Home Ban Won’t Affect New Mom Marissa Mayer

StayingFit · 25 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. It's good to be the CEO... Excerpt:

'Last week, Yahoo! CEO Marissa Mayer instituted a new company policy: As of June, employees may no longer work remotely from home...
...
Not that it’s a problem for Mayer, who personally paid to have a nursery installed next to her office. “I wonder what would happen if my wife brought our kids and nanny to work and set em up in the cube next door?,” a husband of an employee losing work-from-home privileges told Swisher. Another scolded, “When a working mother is standing behind this, you know we are a long way from a culture that will honor the thankless sacrifices that women too often make.”'

Nova Scotia hitman case reinforces gender bias of Canadian courts

Matt · 26 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The more I read, the more bizarre it got.

The Supreme Court of Canada [external] ruled this week on a case where an allegation of spousal abuse – never substantiated – is the heart of a troubling story that has concluded in law, but has certainly not brought any sense of moral closure to those who track gender bias in the courts. Quite the opposite, in fact.
...
Now both the Nova Scotia Appeal Court and the Supreme Court of Canada have ruled that the trial judge erred in acquitting Nicole "without question" of her testimony. In other words, they grant that what Nicole told the court about her husband was totally unsubstantiated, and therefore her acquittal has rightfully been overturned. But the stay of proceedings means she is off the hook for another trial. The reasoning was that she had been through enough already. "The abuse she suffered and the protracted nature of these proceeding(s) have taken an enormous toll on her," the judges wrote (with one dissent). "It is an exceptional situation that warrants an exceptional remedy."

"Abuse she suffered?" We don't know that. They're taking her word for it again. And what about what Michael Ryan has been through? His new life with a military woman in Ontario, with his daughter and a new baby, has been turned upside down. He has been branded a monster by the media. And he has never been granted his day in court at any of the three levels of justice. In a Youtube address, he denies every single allegation, adding a great deal of background about Nicole that paints a very different portrait from her own self-presentation. Isn't justice worth another trial to get at the truth?'

SAVE E-lert: Let's Watch the House Vote on VAWA

Matt · 26 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

A little birdie told us that the House is expected to vote on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) on Wednesday, Feb. 27 or Thursday, Feb. 28.

We hope you'll be able to watch. Live proceedings are available on http://www.house.gov/.

Look for "Watch HouseLive."

Then visit our Facebook page and share your observations. Or tweet your thoughts to @saveservicesorg.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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Don’t Call Him Mom, or an Imbecile

Matt · 27 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'THE hapless, bumbling father is a stock character in product marketing. He makes breakfast for dinner and is incapable of handling, or sometimes even noticing, a soggy diaper. He tries desperately to hide the crumb-strewn, dirt-streaked evidence of his poor parenting before the mother gets home.

This is an image that many fathers who attended the Dad 2.0 Summit — a meeting of so-called daddy bloggers and the marketers who want to reach them — have come to revile. They are proud to be involved in domestic life and do not want to serve as the comic foil to the supercompetent mother.

In the past, consumer-product marketers weren’t all that concerned with what fathers thought — women, after all, make the majority of purchasing decisions for households. But men are catching up: In 2012 men spent an average of $36.26 at the grocery store per trip, compared with $27.49 in 2004, according to data from Nielsen. Companies see an opportunity to reach a new demographic.'

Jeff Chafin Wins Unanimously at U.S. Supreme Court

Matt · 27 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Great news! Jeff Chafin won his case before the United States Supreme Court. He won unanimously; every single justice voted for him.

Remember Jeff Chafin? For a refresher on his case, go to my first post on him here (Fathers and Families, 11/3/11). Here's the Supreme Court's opinion.

Briefly, Chafin is a man of impeccable credentials. He's a Sergeant First Class in the U. S. Army, stationed at Redstone Armory in Alabama. His wife Lynne is a Scot and they have a daughter who's six now. The family moved to Alabama where Jeff was stationed, but life was not good. Lynne is a violent drunk. She attacked Jeff on numerous occasions, including once with a knife, and she was arrested many times on charges related to domestic violence and alcohol abuse. She attacked Jeff twice in the presence of their daughter Eris. She was well known to the police and eventually, her abusive behavior got the attention of immigration authorities. They noticed that she'd overstayed her 90-day visa by about a year and deported her to her native country.'

Alimony reform bills propose relief from lifelong payments

Matt · 27 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'CRESTVIEW — The days of a Florida ex-spouse potentially paying alimony even after death may end if reform bills working their way through the Legislature make it to the governor's desk.

"What we are talking about is trying to put fairness into the law," John Fromularo, Northwest Florida representative of Florida Alimony Reform, said while speaking to the Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce Government Issues Committee.

Alimony types include "bridge the gap," which helps the ex-spouse during a transition from being married to single; durational, from two years to the marriage's length; rehabilitative, paid until an ex-spouse is self-supporting; and permanent, Fromularo said.'

UK: Single Dads Society launched in Cricklewood

Matt · 27 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A father-of-three has set up a group for fellow dads to take part in activity sessions with their children.

Lee Emmanuel, 26, has launched the Single Dads Society which will meet every month in Cricklewood.

Mr Emmanuel, who is studying health and social care at the College of North West London, said: “There’s nothing for men to do in the area with their children. When you go to soft play there are always a lot of women there and no men and it can be off-putting.

“The society will be a chance for dads to network with one another, make new friends as well as engage with their kids, have fun and learn new skills.”'

Alimony troubles: Two sides escalate battle in NJ

Matt · 27 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For some ex-couples, the economy has made child support, alimony and other financial terms of divorce even harder to bear. And these fresh battles are adding urgency to an acrimonious debate over alimony reform in New Jersey.

Take Lynn Sebold, a 49-year-old mother of two teenage girls who earned six figures and owned a four-bedroom home in the Basking Ridge section of Bernards with her husband.

...

Sebold lost her well-paying sales job in 2011, and for the next 10 months she searched “diligently” for a job, she said. Last March she found one, but for almost half of what she had previously earned.

Although her income and expenses have been reduced, her alimony has not because “there is no bright-line rule” to measure whether her career change is a permanent or substantial change as allowed by New Jersey law, according to court documents. Discretion was up to the judge, H. Matthew Curry, who wrote in his January court order that Sebold had “not provided sufficient information to establish that her financial circumstance is not a temporary, ephemeral situation.”

Sebold’s experience illuminates two growing trends in New Jersey.

First, like more and more women, she ascended in the work force, became her household’s top earner and after divorce paid alimony to her ex-husband.

Second, Sebold is among the growing number of men and women who, for various reasons but mostly economic ones, are going back to court trying to have alimony payments reduced or terminated, according to matrimonial lawyers and court statistics.

These, along with other factors, have helped shape the current battle to reform alimony.'

'Civil and Human Rights Coalition Calls Republican VAWA Proposal “Nothing Less than Shameful”'

Matt · 27 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"The determination of the House Republican leadership to block an inclusive, bipartisan Violence Against Women Act in favor of a narrow partisan bill that fails to protect all victims of domestic violence is nothing less than shameful.

...

Even in today’s polarized political climate, we should at least be able to agree that when we send our daughters and sons to college, they should be protected from stalking, violence, date rape, and sexual assault; that one-third of tribal women who have been the victims of rape or domestic abuse should have equal access to justice no matter where the perpetrator lives; and that domestic violence is still violence regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. The House should stop holding victims hostage.

It’s time for the House to stop playing politics with victims’ lives and pass the Senate version of VAWA.”'

UNC responds to sexual assault allegations

Matt · 27 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The University of North Carolina has formally responded to allegations that an honor code violation was brought against a student as a form of retaliation for her speaking out about an alleged rape.
...
The university released its own statement after several media outlets (including Yahoo! News) reported that Landen Gambill—a sophomore who last spring reported being raped by a student she says is still on the school's Chapel Hill campus—was recently notified of the charge by the UNC Honor Court.

If found guilty, Gambill faces a range of sanctions, including probation, suspension or even expulsion.'

Ashley Judd’s biggest problem: Her history of bizarre comments

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If Judd decides to challenge Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell for his Senate seat next year, Republicans and their well-funded super PAC allies have warned that Kentuckians will see and hear these comments over and over again on television and the radio.

...

- On fathers giving daughters away at weddings: “To this day, a common vestige of male dominion over a woman’s reproductive status is her father ‘giving’ away her away to her husband at their wedding, and the ongoing practice of women giving up their last names in order to assume the name of their husband’s families, into which they have effectively been traded.”

...

- On men: “Throughout history, men have tried to control the means of reproduction, which means trying to control woman. This president is a modern day Attila the Hun.”

...

“If she runs, I think that it would be a catastrophe for a lot of downballot races in Kentucky,” Jimmy Cauley, a Democratic strategist in Kentucky, told Roll Call recently.'

Japan’s ‘Women Only’ Train Cars: Is it a Crime for Men to Ride?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women-only cars on Japan’s railways have existed in some form or other for more than 50 years, with “hana densha” (lit. “flower train”) carriages originally being introduced as a way of keeping female students safe from the advances of lecherous men during the peak hours. Now considered by many to be a vital part of many inner-city rail services, the train car closest to the driver’s cabin is often reserved for females only and is clearly marked both at boarding locations on the platform and inside the train itself.

Many unwitting foreign males have no doubt hopped on board these carriages during rush hours without realising it. Although foreigners usually escape relatively unscathed, when native Japanese men dare to cross that pink line and invade the sanctity of the josei senyou sharyou (women-only carriage), more often than not they are berated by the women on board until they alight or switch cars.'

Is It Inappropriate For A Nurse To Write On Facebook About Circumcision?

Mastodon · 28 February 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Oh hai, Internet. This post is not an invitation to rage forth in the epic battle about circumcision. I am merely posing a question to you: is it kinda inappropriate for a nurse to write about your kid's procedures on Facebook? A pediatric nurse in Spokane, Washington, wrote this on her Facebook page, which was apparently set to "public," and somebody screengrabbed this joke about performing her first circumcision on a baby boy. (The reason it came to my attention is because she is now being lambasted by anti-circumcision activists.)'

From Drone Strike Policy to Campus Rape Awareness Campaigns: Musings on Male Culpability in the 21st Century

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday, Feb. 19, two Nexus articles caught my eye. The first was titled “Campus, Community Groups Run Campaign Against Sexual Assault.” The second was a “Left Said” opinion piece on drone strikes. Although these two articles seem unrelated at first glance, a closer examination reveals a subtle and worrisome theme tying the two together.

In “Left Said,” Michael Dean wrote an article critical of American drone strikes in foreign countries. He criticized the racism implicit in our drone policy which allows the government to “reduce” the civilian death toll by writing off “combatants” as all young men killed by drones “who fit a certain phenotype” (i.e. who are Arabs).

But while Dean and others have pointed out the unwritten racism of such a policy, they fail to point out the written misandry. U.S. policy lists young men as combatants. Imagine, if you will, what would happen if it were to become known that U.S. policy called for killing women of military age. People would riot in the streets and drone strikes would be halted tomorrow.'

UK: Compulsive liar jailed after 11 false rape claims in decade

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Elizabeth Jones, 22, admitted she lied about the latest rape allegation because she “did not like” the man she accused of attacking her, Southampton Crown Court was told.

Her latest victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was arrested and questioned for nine hours before being released without charge.

After a judge jailed her for 16 months, it emerged today that she made her first complaint in 2004 aged just 13 before alleging other men had attacked her over the next nine years.

In 2009 she was given a ten month detention and training order for a similar offence.

Between 2005 and 2007 she had made eight other allegations, which police investigated, but she was never charged.'

U of Toronto's student union to consider men's issues group

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When protesters paraded into a University of Toronto lecture hall where Dr. Warren Farrell was hosting a Men's Issues Awareness event last December, Sarah Santhosh didn't see a peaceful protest: she saw "closemindedness" and "lots of hate."

The controversial lecture and its fiery opposition inspired Santhosh to create an official men's issues group at Ryerson, which she said is tentatively called the Ryerson Association for Equality. The group would offer a forum for students to broadly discuss men's issues such as dealing with mental health, male youth violence, misogyny, as well as gender disadvantages in education, the workplace and custody battles.'

Title IX for our boys: Column

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Stereotyped as "naughty," boys quickly learn that they are thought of as dumber and more trouble than girls. And that has consequences. "When boys aged seven to eight were told that they tend to do worse at school than girls, they scored more poorly in reading, writing and mathematics tests than those who were not primed for failure. And telling children aged six to nine before a test that both sexes were expected to do equally well improved the boys' performance." But the message that boys get is that they're not as smart.
...
The way boys are treated in K-12 also impacts how they do with regard to college. According to a recent study of male college enrollment, it's not academic performance, but discipline that holds boys back. "Controlling for these non-cognitive behavioral factors can explain virtually the entire female advantage in college attendance for the high school graduating class of 1992, after adjusting for family background, test scores and high school achievement." Boys are disciplined more because teachers -- overwhelmingly female -- find stereotypically male behavior objectionable. Girls are quieter, more orderly, and have better handwriting. The boys get disciplined more, suspended more and are turned off of education earlier.'

Texas mistaken paternity: Can DNA prove you are not the father?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine the pain of discovering you may not really be the father of a child you thought was yours and for whom you are legally the parent. In Texas, the law provides a way for such a man to learn the truth through the court system and set things right.

The Texas court proceeding is one for "mistaken paternity," sometimes called "paternity fraud." The only person with the right to bring a mistaken paternity action is a legal father who is questioning his parentage when no DNA testing was ever done. This law addresses the particular situation when a man mistakenly believes he is the father of a child because he relied on "misrepresentations," and thereafter either legally acknowledged paternity or was adjudicated to be the father.'

UK: Mother conned a Royal Marine serving in Afghanistan that he was the father of her baby for five years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A young mother who tricked a Royal Marine into believing that he was the father of her baby and paying out thousands of pounds in child maintenance has failed to get her prison sentence overturned.

The conned Marine treated the baby girl as his own daughter for five years before the mother's web of lies unraveled.

The mother even lied about the results of a paternity test when he sought reassurance that the baby was his.

She was jailed for six months at Newport Crown Court after admitting two counts of fraud last month.'

House GOP decision to move VAWA bill causes conservatives unease

Matt · 1 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A number of House conservatives are unhappy with the Republican leadership's decision to allow for the passage on Thursday of a Senate-passed reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

After spending weeks hashing out their own proposal, House GOP leaders abruptly switched course and decided to approve a process to hold a vote on the Senate bill if their own version failed to pass. The two measures contained significant overlap but differed on a contentious issue affecting tribal courts.'

UK: Justice for Men and Boys Party seeks input

Matt · 1 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Request discussed here. Excerpt:

'We're embarking upon a lengthy public consultation exercise, and the related document (link below) should be self-explanatory. It includes proposals in 18 areas including education, employment, paternity fraud and domestic abuse. We invite feedback on the proposals, and suggestions for other proposals we might include in our election manifesto for the 2015 general election.'

VAWA Bill Likely To Pass Congress This Week, Despite Violating First Amendment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Congress never lets the Constitution get in the way of passing a law with a catchy title. Thus, the Senate's version of the bill reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act will likely pass the House this week, even though UCLA law professor Eugene Volokh, a leading First Amendment scholar, earlier noted that provisions in it violate the First Amendment. (Legal scholars have criticized other provisions in the bill as violating Articles II and III of the Constitution, and for undermining due-process safeguards.) The House GOP had earlier objected to the Senate's version, citing various flaws in the bill, but under political pressure, some GOP members in swing districts have switched sides and endorsed the bill, which is backed by Democratic leaders and the White House.'

Identity Politics Über Alles

Matt · 1 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Egalitarianism falsely views an inequality of results to be proof of injustice. If women are not serving equally in Afghanistan, then a gender balance should correct “the problem.” But, perhaps, the problem is that any American is in Afghanistan. The addition of women would only result in a gender-balanced injustice.
...
Would NOW object to a situation in which 10 randomly chosen males were being executed by Nazis? Would they interrupt the proceedings to demand the “right” of women to become equal-opportunity victims? At best, equality under injustice reshuffles the identity of victims. Usually, it expands the scope of the injustice itself.
...
Identity politics divides society into distinct political classes that have antagonistic interests: blacks against whites, women against men, gays against heterosexuals. It focuses, not on the individual rights of the group members, but on the interests that all members allegedly share. Receiving the same treatment from government as other groups “enjoy” is high on the hierarchy of shared interests.

The endorsement of drafting women represents the triumph of identity politics over the respect for individual rights.'

Salon asks "Why are men so foolish?"

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This article is actually pretty interesting and discusses some new research on generalities around men's and women's styles regarding such things as risk-taking. But what's wrong with the article? The title. Why does it have to be categorically insulting the way it is? We already know the answer. Excerpt:

'Many recent findings in scientific research reveal gender differences - differences in when they choose to compete, differences in risk taking during competition, different responses to the stress of competition, and different strategies for dealing with that stress. Men are quicker to bond with teammates; women are more willing to befriend competitors. Women are less rattled by being ranked, especially when that ranking isn't near the top. Men are overconfident of their abilities, while women underattribute success to their own skills. Men get more competitive under time pressure, while women get less competitive under time pressure. Men rate their teammates and competitors lower in ability; women rate them higher.'

Childhood bullying can leave lifelong scars

Matt · 1 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WEDNESDAY, Feb. 20 (HealthDay News) -- Children who are bullied often carry the scars of their experience into adulthood and suffer from anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts, a new study indicates.

Even bullies themselves are at risk for psychological problems when they grow up, the researchers added. And children who have been both perpetrator and victim suffer the worst as adults.

"There has been a lot of research into how bullying affects children short-term. We followed kids into their early 20s to see if there was any kind of lasting effects of having been bullied," said study author William Copeland, an assistant clinical professor in the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

"We found kids that had been just bullied in childhood seemed to be at an elevated risk for a number of different anxiety disorders when they were adults," he said. "Kids that had been bullied and also bullied other kids seemed to be in the worst lot. They had thoughts of depression and hurting themselves when they were adults. They have the worst long-term outcomes."'

Dumbing down Dad: How media present husbands, fathers as useless

Matt · 1 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's not hard to find. If you watch TV, then you've most likely witnessed the portrayal of the modern-day husband and father as lazy, incompetent and stupid.
...
If expectations of men within a society aren't up to par, and the only role model young men have comes from Peter Griffin on "Family Guy," there may be room for worry. Along with the stereotype of men being violent, Gurian said he's also concerned about the system that minimizes the father's role in the home.

"They're kind of stupid and they're not needed," Gurian said regarding fathers in the media. "So the message to the young people is that males are not needed, or Dad is not needed. That's dangerous because it's going to set up guys who will not take care of their kids, and kids who will not respect or understand the males and women who will say, 'Ah, they're not needed anyway.'"'

IA: Stand with Intact America on May 4 in New Orleans at Annual ACOG Convention

Matt · 1 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Intact America will be sponsoring a sidewalk demonstration in New Orleans on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at the annual convention of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)—the largest assemblage of baby-cutters under one roof. During this one-day event, we will be protesting the role of obstetricians in perpetrating circumcision in American hospitals.

Will you join us? The more protesters, the merrier! We'll supply placards and handouts. Or bring your own posters if you are representing another intactivist organization. Want to wear an Intact America T-shirt to show your support? Visit our online store for shirts, baseball caps, hoodies, bumper stickers, car magnets, pins, and more.'

March 10 is "National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day"

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How they do it. From an Office of Womens Health mailing-list email:

'Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to announce our eighth observance of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, which falls on March 10th of every year. Since 2006, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health (OWH) has led local and national efforts to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS among women and girls and to encourage people to take action in the fight against HIV/AIDS. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), women make up 24 percent of HIV diagnoses among U.S. adults and adolescents, and black and Latina women are disproportionately affected. At some point in their lifetime, 1 in 32 black women and 1 in 106 Latina women will be diagnosed with HIV. As the Affordable Care Act (ACA) increases access to critical prevention services, including HIV testing and health insurance for the uninsured through the Health Insurance Marketplace, health outcomes for women and girls at risk for and living with HIV will undoubtedly improve.'

F&F: Call Center to Connect Low Income Veterans, Active Military with Legal Services

Matt · 1 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Ohio Military/Veterans Legal Assistance Project and Capital University Law School are partnering to make it easier for Central Ohio's low income veterans and active military personal to get legal assistance they might not otherwise be able to afford.

The Military/Veterans Legal Assistance Call Center at Capital University Law School opened this year as a partnership between the two organizations. The call center is providing referral information and brief legal advice and counseling when possible to low income veterans and active duty military personnel in Franklin, Delaware, Fairfield, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union counties.'

House passes VAWA after GOP version defeated

Matt · 2 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Washington (CNN) -- An expanded Violence Against Women Act won bipartisan approval on Thursday from the U.S. House after Republicans failed to pass their own proposal due to a party split on an issue important to women and minority groups.

The measure now goes to President Barack Obama, who said in a statement that it was "an important step towards making sure no one in America is forced to live in fear."

...

Thursday's votes reflected an emerging political reality in the GOP-led House, with a minority of Republicans joining Democrats to pass legislation that has broad public support, including from increasingly influential demographics such as Hispanic Americans.

By a vote of 166-257, the GOP version of the Violence Against Women Act failed to win a majority after almost 90 minutes of debate. The House then voted 286-138 to pass the Senate version, with 87 Republicans joining all 199 Democrats to provide majority support.'

Nice try, Camilla, but belittling your England rugby captain boyfriend Chris Robshaw is not very sporting

Matt · 3 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nice to see someone noticing this long-standing double-standard: Women airing dirty laundry publicly is given a pass while men doing the same is not. Anytime anyone in a couple does this kind of thing, it makes the entire couple look bad. After all, if you're with a person who does XYZ (insert some objectionable behavior here), then what does that say about you? Answer: You're the kind who "settles," and also doesn't keep private matters private. Really, it makes you look a lot worse than your mate. No one of either sex should be doing it. Excerpt:

'Camilla Kerslake is a gift to five of the Six Nations. The 24-year-old girlfriend of Chris Robshaw has taken the opportunity at this early point in the tournament to reveal that when he is not terrifying the opposition, England's rugby captain likes nothing more than a spot of hoovering. Possibly while wearing a onesie.
...
Of course, Kerslake is not the first woman to carry out a public castration of her other half in the mistaken belief that it will make their relationship appear to us more equal. Downplaying your insignificant other is a female trait that few men would dare to indulge in because it would probably lead to a pickaxe being lodged in their head. "Oh, you should see her at home. She just slobs around in a tracksuit while I rub her shoulders." And yet all over the Western world, women belittle their men.
...

... So we have Michelle Obama banging on about Barack at home, in an effort to connect with Everyman. "Does he pick up his socks?" she has said. "No, no, no he doesn't. He's not good, you know. He thinks he's neat, but he has people who help him, you know, and I'm like, it's not you who's neat, the people who pick up your socks, those are the neat people."
...
You might argue that women have endured men's put-downs for centuries. That may be true. But does it mean we must play them at their own pathetic games?'

Louisiana Man Accuses Ex-Girlfriend Of Stealing His Sperm

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A man claims a woman took his sperm without asking.

Layne Hardin of Louisiana has filed a lawsuit in Harris County, Tex. against a sperm donation clinic and his ex-girlfriend, Toby Devall, claiming that Obstetrical and Gynecological Associates' sperm bank failed to provide proper safeguards to keep Devall from stealing Hardin's baby-making material.

ABC News reports that Hardin and another now ex-girlfriend, Katherine LeBlanc, originally signed a contract in 2002 with Texas Andrology Services sperm bank that said only LeBlanc could have access to Hardin's freeze-dried specimen, according to the lawsuit.'

After False Report, Cornell Defends New Rules for Sexual Assaults

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent false report of attempted rape should not stoke fears about Cornell's new policy for handling sexual assault accusations, several high-ranking administrators have said in defense of their controversial decision to lower the burden of proof in these proceedings.

In Spring 2012, over the dire warnings and desperate pleas of many law professors and local attorneys, the University pushed through a series of changes to its sexual assault policy.

The new system, which is motivated in part by a contested directive from the U.S. Department of Education but also by a desire to reduce the number of campus rape cases, makes it far easier for students to be found guilty of sexual assault.
...
Under the new sexual assault system, accused students' attorneys cannot cross-examine the accusing party, defendants must only be found guilty on a "preponderance" — or 51 percent — of the evidence to face punishment, and students can no longer appeal decisions to a hearing board that includes students. The previous, higher standard for these cases was "clear and convincing evidence."

"False reports ... serve as a reminder of the dangers of Cornell's policy, and of the eternal need for procedural protections, no matter how well-intentioned the authorities are," Prof. Kevin Clermont, law, said. "The University should provide protection to the accused as a matter of fairness."'

UK: High Court Justice supports pre-conviction anonymity of accused in rape cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this week, MailOnline reported on Maura McGowan - the deputy High Court judge who recommended that men should be granted pre-conviction anonymity in rape trials.

In a rare example of common sense within British law, the leading figure said that men should have their identity protected unless they are convicted.

Quite frankly, I agree.

Only yesterday, MailOnline reported on the case of Sophie Hooper - a 19 year-old woman who maliciously accused an innocent man of rape.

The mother-of-one, who was photographed smirking outside Southampton Crown Court after avoiding a jail sentence, only admitted to fabricating the allegations two months into the police investigation.

Sadly, cases like these are increasingly common.'

Canada: Barbara Kay: The problem with Children's Aid Societies

Matt · 3 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A young friend of mine took her bruised toddler to the hospital as a precaution after a fall down some stairs. All was well, but she nervously joked, "I was afraid the doctor might call the CAS (Children's Aid Society)." This shocked me. Decades ago, I took my kids to the hospital on more than one similar occasion, but I never entertained such a misgiving.

My friend's fears are not unfounded. Had the doctor felt suspicious, she might have called the CAS, which would then make inquiries and checked the parents' records. In extreme situations, the CAS could theoretically seize the child, forcing the parents into costly litigation to get back access to their child.

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Canadian CAS workers intervene in about 200,000 kids' lives a year. And it isn't just the poor and marginalized who become CAS "clients." A few years ago, for example, an Ontario maid service worker felt an upscale client's house didn't meet her standard of house pride; shortly after, a CAS worker showed up.

...

In other cases, demonstrably maltreated children are inexplicably left with parents or foster parents known to be dangerous, and sometimes end up injured or even dead. In these latter cases, we read their horror stories with incredulity in Christie Blatchford's columns.'

Conservatives, liberals, media advocates rally behind man jailed for criticizing Indiana judge

Matt · 4 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A group of free-speech advocates is rallying behind an Indiana inmate serving two years for his online rants against a judge who took away his child-custody rights during a divorce case.
...
The group is led by University of California Los Angeles law professor Eugene Volokh and includes conservative lawyer James Bopp, a former executive director of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, the Indiana Association of Scholars, The Indianapolis Star and the James Madison Center for Free Speech.
...
In his rants, Brewington called the judge a “child abuser” and “corrupt” and accused him of unethical or illegal behavior.

He argued that Humphrey taking away his children amounted to child abuse.
...
Brewington's attorney Michael K. Sutherlin said his client may not have had “the rhetorical skill of Thomas Paine but like 18th-century pamphleteers, he used a popular forum of expression in his time (here, the Internet) to complain about unfair treatment by an oppressive system.”'

'Women are better in advertising': Sir Martin Sorrell

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Article here. Excerpt:

'He praised the fairer sex for being more organised as part of a defence for flexible working, while chiming into the discussion over the merits of working from home.

Sir Martin positioned himself "somewhere in the middle" of Yahoo! boss Marissa Mayer, whose edict to staff this week banning the practice sparked fiery debate, and Richard Branson, who branded her approach "perplexing and backwards".

"You want a bit of both. You need to have flexibility," said Sir Martin, who went on to applaud female workers' capabilities, in an interview with Reuters.

"Women are much better organisers of time in our industry than men. I would argue they're even better at doing their jobs than men in our industry generally."'

Wikipedia on Sir Martin, here.

Sacramento Woman Arrested For Assaulting JetBlue Flight Attendant

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Article here.

'A woman was arrested at the Sacramento International Airport for allegedly assaulting a crew member aboard a JetBlue flight on Saturday morning.

Sacramento County Sheriff's Department spokesperson Sgt. Jason Ramos said 37-year-old Yevelina Rakhuba of Sacramento had to be restrained on an inbound flight after an "episode" in which a crew member was assaulted and suffered minor injuries.

Rakhuba also broke a male flight attendant's wristwatch during the scuffle. She was cited an released for misdemeanor assault and battery charges.'

‘I’d have kicked Rudy’s ass,’ Christine Quinn boasts

Mastodon · 5 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Imagine the outrage if a male politician said something similar about a woman. Excerpt:

'When told it would have been hard for her to run against former Mayor Rudy Giuliani in the 1990s because she is a lesbian, mayoral candidate Christine Quinn sounded off like a prize fighter.

“I would’ve kicked his ass,” she said of a matchup with the former federal prosecutor and two-term mayor.

Quinn, the City Council speaker, was at a same-sex marriage forum at Fordham Law School Monday night when moderator Thane Rosenbaum said running against Giuliani would have been tough for Quinn in 1993 because homosexuality was not as accepted as it is today.

That’s when Quinn offered her clipped reply, which drew laughs from the audience.'

Montana ignoring rights of fathers by requiring husband's name on birth certificates

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I always thought that a birth certificate was the most important document you could have until finding out about Montana law “MCA 40-6-105,” which states, “If the mother was married at the time of conception or birth or between conception and birth, the name of the husband must be entered on the certificate as the father of the child.“

What if the husband left years earlier? What if the husband was incarcerated? What if the husband was out of country? What if the wife cheated? Etc.

Montana does not allow a DNA test to prove he is the biological father of his own child and have his name on the birth certificate, the state only accepts the statement from that absent husband. They take the word of a man, who by the way could say anything, over scientific DNA, but yet that same DNA can arrest, prosecute and convict someone of a crime. This violates all father’s rights.'

Hartland Father Wins Rights to Biological Daughter

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Hartland father who has been fighting for rights to his daughter, Maeleigh, won a big battle in court on Monday after a Genesse County judge acknowledged him as the biological father.

Daniel Quinn, who has been fighting for parental rights since 2008, was also granted immediate phone and computer contact by the judge, according to a story from WJRT abc12.com.

...

Quinn went to court but was told that because of a 1956 Michigan law, he had no rights to his daughter and could not be legally recognized as the parent. Instead, parental rights were given to the husband of Maeleigh's mother.'

Michael Jordan wants patrenity suit tossed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA -- Basketball hall of famer Michael Jordan asked a Georgia court on Monday to dismiss a paternity suit against him, calling it a "shameless, bad faith attempt to abuse the legal system."

Jordan's lawyer John Mayoue said in a document filed in Fulton County Superior Court that the six-time NBA champion is not the father of Pamela Y. Smith's 16-year-old son. The paternity of the teen was "conclusively established" in divorce filings between Smith and her ex-husband, Jordan's attorney wrote.
...
"Public records show that the paternity of the child was established in a prior case in this same court many years ago and that Michael Jordan is not the father. He also filed a counterclaim seeking sanctions for the false claims made against him. It is unfortunate that well-known figures are the target of these kind of claims. Michael Jordan will vigorously defend himself and his reputation."'

Colorado Mom Accused Of Having Sex With Son's Underage Friend

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Colorado mom is accused of seducing her son's underage friend at a sleepover and having sex with him on multiple occasions.

Wendy Crowell of Grand Junction heard charges against her on Thursday, including six felony counts of sexual assault on a child, according to KREX.

The relationship allegedly began in June, 2012. The victim was between the ages of 15 and 16 at the time, KREX reports.

An arrest affidavit claims that one night when the boy was sleeping over at Crowell's home, she told him "he could pretend to be 18 for a night," according to KKCO.'

Statement by HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on Women's History Month

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'March 1 marked the beginning of Women's History Month. This year's theme is as fitting as it is exciting: "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)."

The nation this year recognizes such extraordinary women as Patricia Era Bath (1942), whose invention of the Laserphaco Probe was an important milestone in the advent of laser cataract surgery; Rita R. Colwell (1934), the first woman director of the National Science Foundation; Susan A. Gerbi (1944), a molecular cell biologist whose research has potential significance in understanding the role of hormones in certain cancers; and Flossie Wong-Staal (1946), a virologist and molecular biologist whose work made it possible to develop HIV tests.

And I want to acknowledge the thousands of women who work throughout the Department making sure that groundbreaking biomedical research moves forward, that life-saving vaccines are getting to the public, that community health clinics are accessible to families who have nowhere else to go, that drugs are safe, that our seniors get the health care they need, and that our young children at risk get the Head Start support that is vital to their future success in school.'

U.S. Department of State - Women in Action: Mentoring the Next Generation of Global Women Leaders

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'The U.S. Department of State will bring 85 women and men from 57 countries to the United States March 4-22 for Women in Action, a special initiative of the International Visitor Leadership Program. This initiative will provide a forum for global leaders across sectors to discuss supporting the next generation of young women leaders.

Women in Action is part of the Department of State's efforts to promote women's social and economic development and full participation in civic and political life. ...
...
The participants are community activists, elected officials, academics, and representatives of organizations that are devoted to preparing women across the world for leadership roles. ...'

Utah lawmakers support idea of finding fault when determining alimony

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SALT LAKE CITY — State lawmakers edged closer Thursday to making Utah a state where fault is considered in setting alimony following a divorce.

"The court struggles with how much commentary to allow or not allow in these cases," Rep. Kay McIff, R-Richfield, told the House Judiciary Committee regarding his bill, HB338.

The committee voted to support the bill, which would amend state law to allow a court to consider fault when awarding alimony. It now heads to the full body of the House for further consideration.'

Man Not Father-Forced To Pay Child Support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Phoenix, Arizona (CNN) - This man in Phoenix says he's part of a growing issue.

He's being forced to pay support for a child that's been proven not to be his.

Ken Smith says DNA testing shows he's not the father of a six year old boy.

He has since cut off contact with the boy and says the child's mother has no idea who the father is.

But, because his name's on the birth certificate, Smith is on the financial hook.'

With parental rights voided, man not subject to child support payments

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'PARKERSBURG – A circuit judge has ruled a Wood County family law judge erred in ordering a Parkersburg man to support a child who's no longer his.

Judge J.D. Beane on Jan. 22 granted Larry Ryan's writ of prohibition against Judge Brian C. Dempster. In his writ, Ryan argued Dempster usurped his authority by making him pay child support for a daughter from whom the state severed his parental rights two years ago.

According to Ryan's petition, his ex-wife, Destiny, initiated divorce proceedings against him in 2010. The reasons for the divorce are not stated.

A year later, the state Department of Health and Human Resources initiated abuse and neglect proceedings against Ryan regarding the welfare of his daughter, Grace. Though it is unclear the specific reasons for DHHR's actions, the petition says Senior Status Cabell Circuit Judge John Cummings on March 29 terminated Ryan's parental rights.

No reason is given why Cummings was appointed to the case. Nevertheless, the petition states Cummings' order also relieved Ryan of his obligation to pay Destiny child support.'

Judge orders $1 a month in child support for the next 1000+ years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Colonial Heights man will no longer have to pay child support for a child that biologically isn't his and the judge worked out a unique deal for the $23,000 in back child support he currently owes.

Dwayne Parsons is off the hook for a child DNA tests show he didn't father. However, since Parsons signed the birth certificate, the judge is holding Parsons responsible for the promise he made 13 years ago.

In court, the judge explained that there are "certain aspects of the law that seems grossly unfair."

"Unfortunately the law is the law, my message to everybody is if you're unsure, about you being the father of the child, do not sign that birth certificate - that's a well lesson learned," said Parsons.'

AIDS.gov: "Using new media to reach women and girls"

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'National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWGHAAD) is on March 10th. The goal of this annual observance day is to encourage people across the country to take action to address HIV/AIDS and raise awareness of its impact on women and girls. This year's theme is "Share Knowledge. Take Action." Sharing stories, photos, and resources using new media are among the ways you can take action on this important day.
...
How is the HIV community using new media to reach women and girls?

Red Pump Project: For the fifth year in a row, the "Rock the Red Pump" campaign is encouraging bloggers to add the "Rock the Red Pump" widget on their blogs and to dedicate a blog post on March 10th to the topic of HIV among women and girls. The Red Pump Project also has a photo-sharing campaign where women can upload pictures on new media sites of themselves wearing their favorite pair of red shoes.'

Prosecutor Scrutinized For Intense Approach During Testimony

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Story here. Excerpt:

'He raised his voice and acted out scenarios in dramatic fashion. He snapped as she dodged questions, cutting her off mid-sentence. Arias held her own periodically, appearing to smugly toy with Martinez as she smirked and repeatedly answered yes or no questions with "sure" and "I guess."

The exchanges rattled the seasoned prosecutor as the case at times devolved into a showdown of wit and will. The judge had to admonish both to stop speaking over each other.

"I think I'm more focused on your posture and your tone and your anger so it's hard to process the questions," Arias told Martinez.

...

Some experts say the approach could undermine the prosecution's case, diverting attention from the brutal attack and putting the spotlight on him. Others compliment his tenacity as a no-nonsense tactic aimed at stumping Arias and getting her off script after having several years in jail to rehearse her testimony.

...

It's a prosecutor's dream case largely based on Arias' own actions and repeated lies. She dumped the gun in the desert, got rid of her bloody clothes, tried to clean the scene at Alexander's home and even left the victim a voicemail on his mobile phone within hours of killing him and dragging his body into the shower.

...

"And if the jury comes back with death, it won't be because of Juan Martinez. It will be in spite of him," said Phoenix defense attorney Mel McDonald, a former Maricopa County judge and federal prosecutor.

...

Alexander had been stabbed and slashed 27 times, had his throat slit and was shot in the forehead.

...

California criminal defense attorney Michael Cardoza, who has been following the case, said that while Martinez's approach may have turned off some jurors who see a fragile woman on the witness stand, regardless of the heinous nature of the killing, his toned-down style on his final day of questioning Arias on Thursday sealed the deal.

...

As she described her efforts to avoid suspicion, Arias buried her face in her hands and sobbed. Martinez continued to press her. He later turned to the judge and simply said "I don't have anything else," then unassumingly returned to his chair.'

President Clinton's Event Disrupted by Anti-Circumcision Activists

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'Surely, President Clinton was a little freaked out last night when in the middle of his event -- a Clinton Foundation Millennium Network talk in New York featuring the former president, Chelsea Clinton, and actor Ed Norton -- a whistle blew and a group of men stood up, held hands, and chanted, "Stop exploiting Africans; circumcision does not stop AIDS!"

The protesters were self-described "intactivists" -- those who believe that circumcision is actually a mutilation of the genitals.'

Proposed men’s group faces hostile policy

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'An effort to guard the empowerment of women’s voices on campus took form Monday when the Ryerson Students’ Union (RSU)* swiftly adopted a bold new policy rejecting the concept of misandry – the hatred or fear of men.

Neda Hamzavi, a faculty of community services representative on the RSU Board of Directors (BOD), watched her amendment to the RSU’s policy on women’s issues pass without any debate, discussion or dispute. This could cause conflict at a time when controversial men’s issues movements are on the rise at university campuses.
...
The amendment applies to a Women’s Issues clause that provides a strict mandate for which activities the RSU opposes. Outlined in the board’s agenda, the new policy rejects:

“4. Groups, Meetings or events [that] promote misogynist views towards women and ideologies that promote gender inequity, challenges women’s right to bodily autonomy, or justifies sexual assault 5. The concept of misandry as it ignores structural inequity that exist between men and women 6. Groups, meetings events or initiatives [that] negate the need to centre women’s voices in the struggle for gender equity.”'

See MANN article here.

German President Under Fire From Feminists Over Sexism Debate

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'The honeymoon is over for Germany's 11th federal president: after a relatively good start into his tenure, Joachim Gauck has now managed to draw the ire of Germany's feminists.

Gauck joined the sexism debate currently raging in his country by telling Der Spiegel news magazine: "Certainly much remains to be done but I cannot see widespread misbehavior of men against women in our country"

Sounds innocent enough but, Gauck also detected "virtue fury" (Tugendfuror) in that debate and at least some feminists are furious, indeed.'

India: Only men can be booked for rape

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'Bowing to pressure from women activists, the government has decided to restore the term rape in criminal law that states only men can be booked for committing the offence against women. It has also decided to lower the age of consent for sex from 18 to 16 years. These are fresh changes proposed by the Centre in its criminal laws (amendment) bill, which will replace the rape ordinance issued on February 3.
...
Explaining the reasons behind scrapping the comprehensive and gender-neutral definition of sexual assault, which would have covered abuse by the same sex as well as paedophilia, a senior government official said: "IPC section 377 already deals with crimes involving unnatural sex and related activity. Also, some of the concerns raised by women's organizations merited serious consideration and that is what has been done."

The government is also expected to propose enhanced jail terms for those found guilty of outraging the modesty of women and using obscene gestures or words against them.'

UK: Men are victims of domestic abuse too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CORONATION Street is currently exploring and raising the awareness of domestic violence through the character of Tyrone Dobbs who has been suffering at the hands of his new wife.

It is a shocking picture that is being painted in the popular soap but it acts to dispel the myth that only women can be victims of domestic violence.

For one Hucknall man, seeing the images of Kirsty physically and emotionally abuse her partner has brought back to the fore his own experiences.

But recently, the dad of two has decided to come out of the shadows and confront his past to tackle the prejudice and biased attitude that women are the only victims in domestic violence.'

The Violence Against Women Act reveals structural bias, political gains

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'Domestic violence is intolerable – and so are gender biased laws like the Violence Against Women Act; acts like this tell an incomplete story of domestic violence for political gain.

Proponents are so adamant for this legislation that legitimate objections for debate are always squandered to demagoguery. This is the first of a long list of issues this law hides under its thick framing effect that automatically produces an improper assumption: anyone who's against it must be pro-women's violence.
...
Due to this practice, many forget that significant amounts of domestic violence cases happen to both sexes as well as children. The same study that found that 1.3 million women were assaulted by their partner every year also found that 835,000 men fell victim to the same violence. Aggregate totals of more than 250 studies since the 1970s find that men and women nearly split partner violence rates halfway. One study in 2011 conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 40 percent of severe, physical domestic violence cases were against men.'

Domestic Violence vs. Parental Alienation: Who’s right and who’s wrong

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'Ever since the term “Parental Alienation” was defined by Richard Gardner in the 80's, and it began being used in child custody disputes, advocates for Domestic Violence and women’s groups and some family lawyers purport that Parental Alienation is junk science and is damaging to the family court cases.

Father’s rights groups on the other hand, advocate for its existence and claim that women are the majority of perpetrators.

Who is right, and who is wrong?
...
Undoubtedly, research shows that Parental Alienation is as real as Domestic Violence and both-women and men’s groups-are right to a certain extent; despite their arguments they are in fact saying the same thing only expressing it in different ways.

Courts wouldn’t hand an angry man a gun. Yet innocent children are taken from a loving parent and sent to an abuser on daily bases by our family courts, due to false accusations of Parental Alienation and Domestic Violence. Why is this happening in today’s society, where we have all sorts of technology and access to information on a variety of media sites?'

Mental Health Counselor Stripped of Domestic Violence Cases

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'Last January, we wrote about the anti-male bias many people perceive in family court. Part of the story dealt with a veteran mental health counselor named Douglas Bartholomew, who provided a damning court-ordered assessment of a man accused of abusing his wife--an assessment one judge said was the worst he had seen in his 22 years on the bench.

Thanks to a Department of Health action just made public, Bartholomew will no longer conduct such assessments in domestic violence cases, once a mainstay of his practice. The assessments are key to family court cases because they often determine whether someone (usually a man) accused of domestic violence can see his children and under what conditions. And as we we reported last year, allegations of abuse are common, and sometimes used strategically, in contentious divorce cases.'

Why Does Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer Anger Lefty Feminists So Much?

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'Why are feminists on the left so angered by women like Yahoo! CEO Marissa Mayer? Or Facebook's COO Sheryl Sandberg? What is it about these C-suite successes that make them the ire of Maureen Dowd or Joanne Bamberger?

Americans have been led to believe that the modern feminist movement is about freedom, equality under the law, and the right to make choices – an equation with many different variables and endless outcomes. But more and more traditional feminists today are angry when women fail to make the choices – or say the things – they think women should.'

The Pay Gap Is Not as Bad as You (and Sheryl Sandberg) Think

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'It's a galling and often cited statistic: women make 77 (or 81, or 82) cents to a man's dollar. President Obama campaigned on it last year, announcing in an ad that "women being paid 77 cents on the dollar for doing the same work as men isn't just unfair — it hurts families." Everyone from Lilly Ledbetter to Marlo Thomas has repeated it. And there it is on Page 6 of Sheryl Sandberg's book, Lean In:

...

If you control for things like college majors and occupations, the pay gap, or the discrepancy between men's and women's earnings that can be attributed to bias and discrimination, shrinks down to about one-third of its size. This is what the American Association of University Women determined when it surveyed male and female college graduates one year after graduation and found that, absent all explanatory variables, even including a graduate's GPA and how selective their school was and how long they were unemployed after graduation, the women made 93% of what the men were making. In other words, 93 cents to the man's dollar. Not 77 cents. Not 81 cents. Ninety-three cents.'

Quinnipiac and Title IX: Where It All Started

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'It all started back in the Spring of 2009. Quinnipiac University announced it was cutting men's golf, men's outdoor track and women's volleyball due to budget cuts.
...
This past Monday, Federal Court judges ruled that Quinnipiac University still has failed to show that it provides equal opportunity for the female athletes.
...
Quinnipiac has 13 women's varsity sports, including the women's volleyball team, acrobatics and tumbling, golf and rugby.

The men only have seven varsity sports.'

Paternity Fraud: Should DNA Tests Be Mandatory For Newborn Babies?

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'Ages ago, when I dated a guy in the Air Force, he told me it was mandatory that children with military parents be tested for correct paternity to receive benefits. I cringed, arguing that it was insulting and disrespectful and interfered with patient confidentiality and anyway, who would seriously lie about the paternity of a child?

That only happens on Maury, right?

Actually...it happens to more than 250,000 men a year in America. And, it happened to an old college friend of mine who just found out that the child he had given his name to, wasn't his.
...
And then, days, months or years later, you find out that that child does not share your genetic makeup. You find out that you were deceived. And if the duped father decides that he wants to leave whatever union created that child, he is still required to legally finance that child's life.'

Why Britain needs a pro-male party

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A few weeks ago a new British political party was established, Justice for Men & Boys (and the women who love them) I'm the party's leader - and we plan to change the face of British politics.

The interests of men and boys have been ever more assaulted in the UK for more than 30 years - a trend accelerating after Margaret Thatcher, a true meritocrat, resigned as prime minister in 1990.

Terrified of the prospect of alienating the ‘female vote', politicians have enacted legislation, and issued guidance for civil servants, which have been ever more influenced by militant feminist thinking. They have had no democratic mandate for doing so.'

What's Worse -- Glass Ceilings or Glass Cellars?

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'Benevolent sexism. Motherhood penalty. Dominant negotiation paradigm. These were some of the ideas discussed at a conference on gender and work hosted by Harvard Business School last week. According to the academic presenters, all three contribute to ongoing discrimination against women in the corporate world. And they have the research to prove it.

...

Recently, however, an HBR reader introduced me to three very different terms related to gender and work: Apex fallacy. Glass cellar. Feminine imperative. All of these, he argued, are contributing to a "war on men" in the workplace. This was an issue I'd asked about in my essay called "The Silent Sex" in the March issue of HBR. ...

...

In my years as journalist, I've heard stories about both traditional discrimination and the reverse; about women who have been passed over for promotions and those whose contribution to organizational diversity has helped them leapfrog more qualified men. I know the statistics on leadership: women are greatly underrepresented. But what's the view like today from the middle manager's office, the R&D lab, the IT service desk, the call center, the assembly line, the retail store floor, the college classroom? As the mother of both a boy and a girl, whose future do I have to worry about most?'

Will Ashley Judd be Kentucky's Obama?

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'... Celebrity is especially powerful with voters who don't pay attention to politics. Nowadays, people feel they know a celebrity but put little weight on policy and facts. A Country-Western family might rival even a Senate Minority Leader.

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Ashley Judd argued that lack of respect for women is an example of "gender violence" (around 4:07 PM). This is a common feminist scam. A vast spectrum of unrelated experiences are smelted together to create a false narrative of how horrible men are. Hype is seen as necessary to accomplish change. Judd argued that gender violence stretches across a wide spectrum.

...

Judd's speech gave voice to the male-bashing, Andrea Dworkin school of feminism. That is, only men are to blame. Judd believes sexual violence comes from "trauma bonding" in which female victims are dependent upon the men who abuse them. In fact, crime statistics reveal that women physically attack men more often in domestic violence. In the real world, violence is an inexcusable individual failure in which gender is irrelevant. But feminists want to sell violence as a socially-approved cultural construct of systematic patriarchal oppression. Ironically, liberalism's hostility to personal accountability and certain punishment creates the breeding ground for the violence they obsess about.

Judd argued (at 4:14 PM) that male conversations amongst men encourage rape and violence against women. (This author has been mysteriously excluded from those conservations.) A tearful student broke down crying (at 4:11 PM) with the logical result of feminist hysteria, asking "How do I keep going?" after being convinced that the entire culture is a giant conspiracy against her.

...

Judd has said some silly things. However, she is infinitely more skillful and persuasive in saying nutty things than Republicans are willing to admit. Like Obama, Judd can dish out liberal goofiness and make it sound fabulous. Therefore, she can do more than win one U.S. Senate seat. She can confuse and deceive gullible voters all across the country.'

SAVE: Thank Eric Holder for his Statement on VAWA's Inclusion

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It makes me happy to bring you good news.

The Violence Against Women Act that passed out of the House, and is expected to be signed into law by President Obama today, covers every victim. Yay!

In the words of Attorney General Eric Holder, "I applaud Congress for passing a bipartisan reauthorization that protects everyone - women and men, gay and straight, children and adults of all races, ethnicities, countries of origin, and tribal affiliations."

SAVE has documented widespread discriminatory practices against male, lesbian/gay, and immigrant victims of abuse. So, even though we didn't get everything we wanted in this reauthorization of VAWA, we are celebrating the inclusion of all victims.

Please join us in thanking Eric Holder for his bold statement on VAWA inclusion:

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Phone: 202-353-1555

Learn more. Then visit our Facebook page and share your thoughts. Or tweet @saveservicesorg.

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U.S. Department of State Press Release: "International Women's Day"

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'On March 8, the United States joins people around the globe in honoring women and celebrating their contributions toward building a more peaceful, just, and prosperous world. The State Department, which has been led by strong, smart, and remarkably capable diplomats from Madeleine Albright to Condoleezza Rice and my predecessor Hillary Rodham Clinton, stands as a lasting example of the powerful change that determined women can make and sustain on behalf of America in the modern world.

It is a great and too often untold global success story that so much of the political, economic, and social progress of the last few decades could never have been imaginable without the leadership and courage of strong women. ...
...
Yet, despite the significant gains women and girls have made, too many challenges and barriers remain. In far too many places, women continue to be excluded from the ballot box and political leadership, and from land ownership and credit markets. In far too many places, girls are still kept home from school or are forced into early marriage. Too many women are being silenced, abused, or subjected to violence simply because of their gender. ...'

Feminists say anti-violence law victimizes women

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'Some social conservatives, meanwhile, argue that VAWA and other domestic violence legislation are ideologically driven, presuming that patriarchy and sexism are the cause of domestic violence. That presupposition undermines various civil rights, including access to due process and equal treatment under the law.

For example, Stephen Baskerville, author of Taken Into Custody: The War Against Fathers, Marriage, and the Family, said mandatory arrest laws encourage women involved in divorce and custody disputes to level false allegations of abuse.

The police will come “to take her husband away, and [she need only] say, ‘I’m in fear,’” he said. The husband, meanwhile, faces possible prison time or weeks of classes on how to treat women. “Why do we need special laws [for domestic violence]?” he asked. “So we can bypass the due process laws.”

Ed Bartlett, president of SAVE, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, said he would support VAWA with changes, such as restoring “the presumption of innocence to the accused.” He also believes that VAWA needs to better define domestic violence, claiming, “because of expansive and vague definitions, minor incidents of partner conflict are being criminalized.”'

"The Dudes Doth Protest Too Much, Methinks"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But last Tuesday when anti-male-circumcision activists from a group called Intaction (you'd be forgiven for guessing they were called U.S. Uncut), interrupted President Clinton at a Clinton Foundation Millennium Network talk in New York, someone had to take umbrage with the outrage.

They were there, eight members strong, to protest Clinton's support for male circumcision in Africa to battle their very real AIDS crisis.

That's right, someone is trying to do something about the AIDS epidemic in Africa and there's a group unrelated to anyone dying of AIDS in Africa protesting one of the tactics. Not because those tactics don't work (there's a lot of evidence that they do), but because they personally don't like them.
...

But my main issue is: of all the things that one can chose as the evil they must devote their lives to stamping out … this is it? Not famine, war, disease, poverty, pollution, corruption, child abuse, slavery, exploited sex workers, exploited children, sweatshops, union busting, soda size-shrinking, forest razing, coal mining, whaling, shark finning, the prison industrial complex, the death penalty, illiteracy, female genital mutilation, AIDS in Africa, being Jamie Dimon, bullying, disenfranchisement, predatory lending, being Walmart, being Monsanto, being any subject of any documentary on Netflix, being Netflix, pornography, child pornography, United Airlines (I don't forget), censorship, racism, sexism, classism, high taxes, low taxes, handicap access and any land use issue within 10 miles of your home? Not one of those is more important than the extreme ick factor (because it's not supported by data) of a ubiquitous snip on your extremity?'

Towson U. cuts mens baseball, soccer teams

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'WASHINGTON - Towson University president announced Friday the school is eliminating its men's soccer and baseball teams at the end of the season for budget reasons.

The move to reconfigure the athletics program is an effort to achieve the school's three goals, university President Maravene Loeschke said in a news release. Those goals are long term financial stability, compliance with Federal Title IX requirements and the ability to stay competitive in NCAA Division I.

Loeschke is taking the recommendation of the university's athletics task force which ran an external review and asked for public input in how Towson should proceed. The university will be adding men's tennis.'

Fire alarm went off as MRA spoke at the U of Toronto - but the show went on

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'I was expecting the police officers, the provocative placards, and the rent-a-protesters with neon hair and black face coverings.

I was also expecting the fire alarm to go off—and it did—five minutes after Janice Fiamengo's lecture started in the nearly full George Ignatieff Theatre at the University of Toronto on Thursday evening.

After all, the last time a person spoke against academic feminism on campus, when Warren Farrell visited in November, approximately 100 protesters barred the doors. They wouldn't try that again, but I figured they'd try to shut things down, and fire alarms can be effective if, during the confusion, enough people give up and leave.

What I wasn't expecting was a full house 20 minutes later, after the fire department gave the all clear, or that the controversial University of Ottawa professor would make it all the way through her lecture What's wrong with women's studies? without an angry mob attempting to shout her down.

...

I don't know that Fiamengo made a sound academic case. What I do know is that she deserves respect for gathering evidence and calmly presenting it. She also offered advice all students should heed. "Educate yourselves so you can challenge [each other]," and, "do it will style, not hatred."

She's right on that. The freedom to debate unpopular ideas is something universities have a duty to protect. On Thursday night at the University of Toronto, that ideal was challenged but prevailed.'

'Can men be taught not to rape?'

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'As Maxwell, a rape survivor herself, told Salon on Friday, “I don’t think we need to be telling a rape survivor that statistics are not on your side. That’s insensitive.” But where she drew outrage was in her suggestion to Hannity that “I don’t think that we should be telling women anything. I think we should be telling men not to rape women and start the conversation there.” She told Hannity, “You’re talking about this as if it’s some faceless, nameless criminal, when a lot of times it’s someone you know and trust,” adding, “If you train men not to grow up to become rapists, you prevent rape.
...
... We need to remember, as a revealing Reddit thread last year proved, that a rapist can be your friend or your boyfriend or your co-worker. We need to acknowledge that a rapist can be your husband. That, as chilling as it is to admit, as Maxwell says, “Those kids in Steubenville were average guys.”
...
... We’re telling women to be afraid of the person in the bushes when it’s the person in your house. We need a reality check. We’re talking about the wrong things. We’re asking the wrong questions.”'

U.S. Department of State - "Advancing the Status of Women and Girls Around the World"

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'No country can get ahead if it leaves half of its people behind. This is why the United States believes gender equality is critical to our shared goals of prosperity, stability, and peace, and why investing in women and girls worldwide is critical to U.S. foreign policy. —Secretary of State John Kerry

Global stability, peace, and prosperity depend on protecting and advancing the rights of women and girls around the world. Research shows that progress in women's employment, health, and education can lead to greater economic growth and stronger societies. Evidence demonstrates that integrating women's perspectives into peace negotiations and security efforts helps prevent conflict and can lead to more durable peace agreements. When women and men are equally empowered as political and social actors, governments are more representative and effective.

The Department of State's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI) ensures that the rights of women and girls are fully integrated into the formulation and conduct of United States foreign policy. Working with the White House, USAID, the Department of Defense, and other agencies, as well as with civil society and the private sector, the Department of State has launched multiple and wide-ranging global initiatives to promote women's social and economic development, integrate women into peace and security building, address and prevent gender-based violence, and ensure women's full participation in civic and political life.'

F&F: End Paternity Fraud: Make DNA Tests Mandatory

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The GlobalGrind is taking a poll on paternity fraud. Vote now. Pass it along to all your friends and family. With enough votes, it may be helpful to legislation Fathers and Families is promoting to end paternity fraud.

According to the reporter, Christina Coleman, “It's like a jacked, human form of credit card scam. Paternity fraud. And it happens more often than you think. It is, essentially, a crime.”

Which is why Fathers and Families believes the only solution is widespread DNA testing at birth of children born out of wedlock to determine their true biological paternity.

According to the American Association of Blood Banks, 28% of paternity tests showed the man tested was not the father.'

Has Swedish feminism gone too far?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ann Helena Rudberg joined the feminist movement in the 1970s, to fight for women's rights because she saw her mother suffer violence at home. Today she argues women have equal rights and that feminist political parties are taking things too far.

Rudberg said: "It's a power struggle between men and women. And the effect of that is that on one side we have women and on the other side men. And this is not good for the children or for anyone."

At a school in Stockholm named 'Egalia', teaching gender equality is a priority. Boys and girls are encouraged not to be limited by stereotypical roles or games. And since last year, there is a new word in the Swedish dictionary: "hen", which is a neutral pronoun for "he" or "she". Not everyone agrees about that.

School director Lotta Rajalin said: "They think we are going to change girls to boys and boys to girls and that's of course not what we are doing. We like to give every human being the same rights, the same possibilities, the same responsibilities. And that is a question of democracy."'

Cupcakes With Army Soldiers Get Kid In Hot Water At School

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'A 9-year-old boy's birthday cupcakes sparked a school controversy that just keeps growing, with scores of people lining up against a school principal who found the cupcake's topping "inappropriate."

The boy was chided, and so were his parents, for cupcakes featuring little green Army men on the top.

Schall Elementary School principal Susan Wright called the parents at home and said the cupcakes were insensitive in the wake of the Sandy Hook school shooting. School staff pulled off the Army men before they were served.'

Why women’s studies needs an extreme makeover

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nothing says free speech like pulling the fire alarm. It was a quarter past seven last night when police emptied U of T’s George Ignatieff Theatre. Keynote speaker Dr. Janice Fiamengo, an English professor at the University of Ottawa, rolled her eyes and adjusted her blouse as the crowd poured out of the building and onto the sidewalk to mingle with the small throng of protesters—pretty girls with big placards and little patience. They wanted Dr. Fiamengo to take her message elsewhere. But firemen came and went, and the professor, once a radical feminist, proceeded to do what the University of Toronto Men’s Issues Awareness Society, and the Canadian Association for Equality invited her to do: denounce women’s studies.

The discipline has devolved into an “intellectually incoherent and dishonest” one, she argued, replacing a “callow set of slogans for real thought.” It’s man-hating, anti-Western, and fundamentally illiberal. “It champions a “kind of masculinity that isn’t very masculine at all,” and shuts down freedom of debate, hence the fire alarm.'

...

The women’s studies crowd looked constipated. Fiamengo’s arguments weren’t going down easy, this one—her best—in particular: women’s studies “can’t be about the pursuit of truth” because it has an “ideological base.” Its goal is to push the ideology that women are victims and men are perpetrators. Therefore, any evidence to the contrary, regardless of its veracity, is unwelcome. In other words, ideology censors truth. “If you believe you are righteous,” she said, “you don’t challenge other views.”'

Marginalized and on the defensive, university conservatives forced to grow tougher

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Toronto witnessed a case study Thursday night, when the Men's Issues Awareness Society invited Janice Fiamengo, a University of Ottawa literature professor and columnist for American right-wing blogs, to argue the case against feminism.

Having won many big battles of equality, academic feminism has now turned to the petty ones of moral superiority, and has become, she said, empty, incoherent, dishonest, defensive, illiberal and foolish.

"The suspiciousness of feminism was once its strength and is now its weakness," Prof. Fiamengo said.

Naturally for the modern academic climate, criticizing feminism raises serious security concerns, and the venue was changed at the last minute from a classroom to a theatre with doors that campus security could easily manage. Last time this group hosted a speaker, police were called to defend a classroom from student protesters.'

Pop-Tart ‘gun’ suspension: Seriously, folks?

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Story here. Even the WaPost is coming to realize the ridiculousness of today's "standards". They fall short of course of calling it what it is: a war on boys. Excerpt:

'A 7-year-old Anne Arundel County boy was suspended Friday for chewing his breakfast pastry into the shape of a gun and saying, “bang, bang”— an offense that the school described as a threat to other students, according to his family.
...
Welch said an assistant principal at Park Elementary School told him that his son pointed the pastry at a classmate. The boy maintains he pointed it at the ceiling, according to his father.
...
Look, Reality, this is too much. Leave this sort of grotesque parody to the Onion*, where it belongs. It is stories like this that have reduced the Onion to tweeting unspeakable things about 9-year-olds. That is not what anyone wants to happen. But you have left them no choice, continually encroaching on their territory like this. Please, stay out of it. They might at least have made it funny. This is just depressing.
...
It turned out that the Pop-Tart was menacing only for its shape, not for its contents. But give it time. At the rate things are turning absurd, that’s hardly a stretch.'

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*You've never heard of "The Onion"?? Well, you're missing out. Read it here. (Just be advised, some consider it NSFW, and indeed, some employers block it.)

Seattle police arrest woman suspected in workplace shooting

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman suspected of shooting and critically wounding a 65-year-old man inside a Seattle parks department building was arrested at her home Friday, hours after police say she fled the scene.

The shooting prompted the city to shut down all community centers and put nearby schools in north Seattle on high alert. The woman, a parks employee, had keys to city facilities, police Deputy Chief Nick Metz said.

Police initially characterized the shooting as workplace violence. A motive hasn't been determined.

Seattle police identified the woman as 46-year-old Carolyn Piksa. The Seattle Times reported that she works as an assistant coordinator for community centers and has been a Parks and Recreation Department employee since 1986.'

Gendered Laws: VAWA, IRCA and the Future of Immigration Reform

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During my research in the undocumented community, I have spoken to a few undocumented men who are victims of domestic abuse. One man, who I call Pablo, explained to me that he was uncomfortable in his living situations with his citizen partner because she "has the power to deport me." While the relationship was not physically abusive, he talked at length about how she was "possessive." At times, when they disagreed, she would turn have the Internet or the cable turned off until he would defer to her; because she was a citizen and he was not, the bills were in her name and he could do nothing. He feared that if she got angry enough she could call the police and have him deported for simply disagreeing with her. As this continued, he became "afraid to argue with her."

The popular perception that domestic violence is a women's issue dissuaded Pablo, and likely other men, from perceiving this as abuse, let alone reporting it. As a result, VAWA serves to further support this gendered stereotype of domestic violence. While its statutes protect men, its name genders the law. In this case the law depends on an assumption that women are victims of domestic violence, ignoring the needs of men and the intersection of gender and legal status power relations that may play out within mixed status families.

While legislators have sought to pay attention to gender, highlighting the needs of undocumented women and children in abusive situations, focusing on women oversimplifies the situation and leaves out vulnerable undocumented men. This effectively limits VAWA's potential reach, as men, like Pablo, do not realize that they can avail themselves of it.'

A "Declaration of Independence from Feminism"

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Declaration and discussion here. Excerpt:

'But when a long train of injuries, inequalities, discriminations, and violations of fundamental liberties, pursuing invariably the same outcome, evinces a design within the Feminist Establishment to render the common man into a second-class citizen, when the collateral damage caused to women and society is regarded as insubstantial in the pursuit of a narrow political agenda, when there exists a lack of substantial effort among its constituents to reform such an Establishment, it is the right of citizens, it is their duty, to reform or abolish it.
...
In addition, despite Feminism's pervasive claims of not being a hate movement, the cold hard truth is that the Feminist Establishment has created a vast array of victim-advocacy bureaucracies, including campus rape "crisis" centers, domestic violence shelters, lobbyist groups, Women's Studies departments, and various others, which all have a vested interest in spreading as much anti-male propaganda as possible to legitimize their funding, their ideology, and their own existance.
...
All concerned and fair-minded men and women are invited to sign this Declaration. If you do not have a YouTube account, email your name to mra.unite@gmail.com, and your signature will be posted here. Please circulate this Declaration to as many people as you know, whether by email, blog and forum posts, Facebook and MySpace, text messages, word-of-mouth, and any other means you may have.'

Available as .pdf here.

The Problem of Males on the Feminized Campus

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'Now the statistical moralists have a problem they are eager not to see: the perception that males are not doing well in the system of education. Allie Grasgreen in Inside Higher Education reviews a book published by the Russell Sage Foundation, certifying that women outpace men in college action in a ratio of 1.4 to 1. Grasgreen delineates the conclusion of the authors (Thomas diPrete and Claudia Buchmann) that there is inadequate gender integration in higher ed and that males are unrealistic about what they need do to become effective men. But there is also a cultural problem here: the now conventional anti-male attitude on campus. I know from my own teaching experience that the pervasiveness of this attitude, launched on the first day of class with a stark rape seminar, causes males, especially of blue-collar origin, to flee a community they quickly come to see as suffused with the gender-studies rebuke of men now built into college life.

A consistent failure of the school system is reflected in its failure to educate males and females equally effectively. If the problem category were race or religion it would be politically intolerable. But boys and men--no problem. Where, for example, is the White House Council on Boys and Men, still non-existent years after the nifty one on girls and women was proudly brandished? Presumably lost somewhere in electoral politics and some dingy acceptance of payback for that vaunted 5000 years of patriarchy. We can do better.'

Researcher seeks survey input from male DV victims

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Study home page here. Excerpt:

'The Men's Experiences with Partner Aggression Project is an ongoing research endeavor housed at Clark University that is funded by the National Institutes of Health.
...
Our goal is to better understand the experiences of men who are in relationships with women who use violence. Extensive research has shown that men are at risk for sustaining partner violence in their relationships, yet few studies have investigated their experiences, and there are few resources available to such men. This is an under-recognized problem in the United States, and by conducting this research, we hope to provide much needed information on these men, their relationships, and their needs.
...
... If you are interested in participating in this survey, please click on the Click Here to Participate link ...'

UK: Open up family court hearings, says senior judge

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'A senior judge has made an important ruling in favour of transparency in the family courts.

Mr Justice Mostyn lifted a ban on Christopher Booker, The Sunday Telegraph columnist, reporting on a case involving the future of children who are living with their mother.

The injunction barred Mr Booker from making any mention of the dispute, known as MvM and the London Borough of Sutton.

However, last week the High Court heard how the order prevented the reporting of proceedings that were “clearly in the public interest”.

In his ruling, Mr Justice Mostyn said he was lifting the injunction “because the emphasis should be on transparency” in the courts.'

Wage Gap Bake Sale at UNC Gender Week

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'After a decade of suffering paroxysms of indignation over campus conservatives' holding "affirmative-action bake sales" to illustrate the inherent unfairness of race-based admissions, it appears that liberals are adopting the concept as their own. At UNC–Chapel Hill's upcoming Gender Week (sponsored by the Women's Center, naturally), there will be a four-hour "Wage Gap Bake Sale." White women will be given a 23 percent discount on baked goods, since, according to feminist literature, they earn only 77 cents for every dollar earned by white males. Black women will accordingly be given a 36 percent discount; no mention was made of discounts offered to black males, Latinos, Latinas, or any other minority groups.

Of course, in their infinite myopia, the UNC feminists managed to get the concept wrong. Affirmative-action bake sales illustrate the unfairness to white males by charging them higher prices; the Wage Gap Bake Sale also charges white males a higher price — illustrating . . . the same unfairness to white males that affirmative-action bake sales show?'

21st century man: lost and anachronistic

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'Men, some say, are in trouble. They're stupid, they lack ambition, they're depressed, they're killing each other and they're increasingly alienated from their children. In popular culture, idiots and Peter Pans are celebrated, from the degenerate buffoonery of the The Hangover gang to Charlie Sheen's uber-douche bag on Two and A Half Men. While women have made incredible strides in the past 50 years, substantially reshaping the expectations of their gender, men have wallowed in their own cliches.

Males are increasingly becoming second-class citizens in education, with boys falling behind girls both in participation and literacy, while the gap between the genders in tertiary study completion is growing. In 2009 in Australia, 77 per cent of all suicides were males, while they also accounted for 71 per cent of murder victims. And according to a 2010 Family Court report based on almost 4000 cases, fathers were awarded the most time with their children in only 18 per cent of litigations; in instances when the parents came to an earlier agreement, that number fell to 9 per cent.'

New Zealand: 'Silenced' claim by men's rights lobby

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men's rights campaigners claim they've been silenced by a government select committee reviewing controversial planned changes to the Family Court.

Wellington psychologist Craig Jackson said he was told to cut part of his submission or he wouldn't be heard; another campaigner, Adam Cowie, appears to have been excluded entirely.

Jackson and Cowie are among 350 submitters on the bill, but Justice and Electoral Reform committee chairman Scott Simpson says he hasn't gagged anyone, but has to tread a careful line when discussing custody battles.'

Charlotte's percentage of male domestic violence victims rises

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Women make up the vast majority of domestic violence victims, but last year in Charlotte, one of four victims was a man. That number is higher than the national average.

A Charlotte man who did not want to use his name said he quietly tolerated a year of physical abuse at the hands of his wife.

"When you really care about a person you tend to overlook things, and that's not always in your best interest. In my case, it almost cost me my life," he said.

Nationally, only 15 percent of reported domestic-violence victims are men. But in Charlotte that number was 26 percent in 2012, a slight increase from 24 percent in 2009.'

Maine woman pleads guilty to DV charge gets no jail time while governor declares DV to be a "men's problem"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FARMINGTON – A local woman who police said created more than a seven-hour police standoff in December, pleaded guilty Monday to a domestic violence assault charge. The state dismissed a civil violation of creating a police standoff.

Justice Michaela Murphy issued a one-year deferred disposition to Rebekah J. Brown, 38. Brown was directed to return to Franklin County Superior Court in Farmington on March 14, 2014.
...
Police said that Brown assaulted another person with a shovel and struck her own arm with a hatchet before retreating to the house, where there was known to be a loaded firearm.'

Meanwhile, from Maine Governor LePage set to unveil domestic violence proposal:

'The gathering in the State House Hall of Flags was a public service event. However, the governor also foreshadowed some upcoming initiatives he says will strengthen the state's domestic violence laws.
...
The governor noted that the majority of abusers were men; therefore, he said, Maine's laws should be focused accordingly.

"We need to shift domestic violence from a women's problem to a men's problem," he said. "We need to speak up, stand up and man up against domestic violence."'

'Why should married women change their names? Let men change theirs'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Allow me to suggest an even stronger push: If it's important to you that your family all share a last name, make it the wife's. Yes, men, that means taking your wife's name. Or do what this guy did and invent a new name with your wife. And women, if the man you're set to marry extols the virtues of sharing a family name but won't consider taking yours? Perhaps ask yourself if you should be marrying someone who thinks your identity is fundamentally inferior to his own.

The suggestion that men change their names may sound unfair given everything I just wrote about the value of your name and identity, and the psychological impact of growing up in a world where your own name for yourself is impermanent. But men don't grow up with that sense of psychological impermanence. They don't grow up under the shadow of several thousand years of gender-based discrimination. So if you'd rather your family all shared a name, it actually makes much more sense to make it the woman's. Or we can embrace a modern vision of family where individuals form social and legal bonds out of love and loyalty, instead of defining family as a group coalesced under one male figurehead and a singular name.'

Under Proposed Bill, Students Who Form Finger In Shape Of Gun Would Not Be Suspended

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'Zero tolerance for zero tolerance. That's how one lawmaker feels about young children being suspended from school for forming their finger or food in the shape of a gun.

As Gigi Barnett explains, he has a bill designed to keep students in class if they're caught.

State Senator J.B. Jennings says he does not intend for this bill to be a part of the growing gun debate in Maryland, but he does say he wants it to bring some common sense discipline to state schools.
...
Back in January, 6-year-old Rodney Lynch received the same punishment for forming his fingers in the shape of a gun. Montgomery County school leaders sent Rodney home for two days.

"These kids are 6 or 7-years-old. They don't understand what they're doing," said Sen. J.B. Jennings.'

"Really, these Father Supremacists people are a bunch of batterers"

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Newsletter here. Excerpt, on p. 4:

'Q: What can this committee do to make our voices heard over the Fathers' Rights people?

Dr. Hannah: Use your political power. Some say our real power is people power. If there is any goal at all for this, it would be to amass more power. Through the people. Through uniting organizations and like-minded people. One thing that has hit me over and over again is how many stakeholders there are in this issue. How many subsets of people have a keen interest in how these cases go? Children's advocates, juvenile delinquency officers, probation officers, and the legal, psychology, sociology, and medical people. All those professionals interact with mothers and children. People are growing up being raised by abusers. This is a critical issue for our society. So if all we do is keep shoving this under the nose of people who should be working on this, it's probably a good thing. I think if more and more people get royally outraged, something will be done.

Q: What about the term "Fathers' Rights"?

Dr. Hannah: We're not against fathers. We are against Father Supremacy. Really, these Father Supremacists people are a bunch of batterers.'

Mo Therese Hannah, Ph. D., Associate Professor of Psychology: http://www.siena.edu/hannah/

Change.org: Ask UN to Recognize Parental Alienation As Violence And Abuse Against Children

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Petition here. Excerpt:

'Professionals in different disciplines identified and defined Parental Alienation as the pervasive practice of one divorcing parent against the other parent to destroy the relationship of the targeted parent with his or her children. This is usually done with the intent to gain financial benefits in court.

Since 1990, the year that The Convention on Rights of the Child entered into force, a more pernicious form of Parental Alienation has permeated global societies. In order to comply with the yearly resolutions suggested by NGOs to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, States and their governments initiated, developed and sustained a persecution against parents to separate them from their children. Those resolutions are accepted unquestiongly and never contested.

Children Protection agencies are heartlessly taking children away from their homes and their parents, grandparents and family under the most unreasonable and heinous excuses in order to give them away to foster homes and adoption places.'

New Ryerson Students' Union policy challenges new men’s issues group

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Article here. Excerpt:

'TORONTO (CUP) — An effort to guard the empowerment of women’s voices on campus took form on March 4 when the Ryerson Students’ Union (RSU) swiftly adopted a bold new policy rejecting the concept of misandry — the hatred or fear of men.

...

“We want to acknowledge that the additions that we added here are regarding the ideas of misandry and reverse-sexism, both of which are oppressive concepts that aim to delegitimize the equity work that women’s movements work to do.” Marwa Hamad, vice-president equity at the RSU, said the policy will preserve space for discussing misogyny and institutionalized gender imbalances.

...

The RSU’s three-pronged policy change could complicate the creation of a men’s issues group which applied for student-group status last week. Sarah Santhosh, a second-year biology student and the founder of the Ryerson Association for Equality, said she was shocked the RSU passed this motion two days before the executives’ meeting with the Student Groups Committee.

Santhosh insisted her group is not about being anti-feminist, but rather the right to discuss men’s issues on campus – including misandry.'

Dianne Feinstein, PTSD, and PMS: Should radical feminists own guns?

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'Feinstein even stated that military veterans should not be exempt from the gun ban because of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The Senator posits that all militar personnel suffer from PTSD making all fun owning veterans a risk.

...

Let's turn the tables and use language that Feinstein and other do-gooder liberals can actually understand. Replace "veteran men" with "feminist women." Now replace "PTSD" with "PMS."

Should we use the PMS, vs. PTSD as our qualifier, the gun ban should be extended to anybody suffering Pre-Menstrual Syndrome. After all, painting all women with a broad brush means that all women are too crazy, hysterical, and irrational to be allowed anywhere near a firearm.

See how ridiculous that sounds? But if we accept the PMS vs. PTSD argument, if the National Organization for Women had guns, one bad PMS episode could lead to a violent March on Washington that would result in dead men scattered around the city (as opposed to the normal weekly violence there).'

Preschool teacher arrested after allegedly drugging toddlers with sleep aid

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A California preschool teacher is facing felony charges after she allegedly drugged toddlers with a sleep aid.

KTVU reports 59-year-old Deborah Gratz was arrested on child endangerment charges after she was fired from her job at the Kiddie Academy preschool in Morgan Hill.

A witness told authorities they observed Gratz putting an unknown substance into the drinking cups of the children in her classroom, who range in ages 1 to 2.

Police say when administrators confronted Gratz, she admitted putting an over-the-counter sleeping aid "Sominex" into the kids' drinks. None of the children drank from the cups the day the incident was reported.'

Wanted: One Sperm Donor -- Must Be Financially Secure

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'I've heard variations of this from an inordinate number of women who are determined to find a husband to take care of them. For them, the guy's income is as important, often more important, than who he is. But falling in love with a guy's wallet isn't a good foundation for a happy marriage. It doesn't create the kind of intimacy that's key to a loving relationship. And parenting may not be as effective when the parents don't have the right glue between them.
...
I interviewed dozens of men for my book, All Men Are Jerks Until Proven Otherwise, which just came out in its 15th Anniversary edition. Many said sarcastically that they often feel they should bring a resume on a date because of the questions some women ask. Most don't want to just be somebody's meal ticket or to feel that who they are may not be nearly as important as their financial status. Yet many women continue to seek a financially secure guy to help them have the marriage and family they assume will make them happy.
...
I warned my friend that after she has the rush of getting married and spending her husband's money for a while, she might be sorry. When the baby keeps her up at night and she looks at the man in her bed without feeling the kind of love connection that keeps marriages solid -- the kind that money can't buy -- and she feels unfulfilled as a woman because of it, don't call him a jerk. She's the jerk for selling her life for cash. We only have one life and owe it to ourselves to make the most of it. The saying, "Money doesn't buy happiness" is so true. I've encountered too many women who are unhappily married to the man of their financial dreams.'

Millionaire's Wife Gets Prenup Thrown Out

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'In a rare move, a Brooklyn appellate court has decided that a prenuptial agreement between a Long Island woman and her millionaire husband will be thrown out, the New York Post first reported.

"It's virtually unheard of," Dennis D'Antonio, the attorney for Elizabeth Petrakis, told The Huffington Post. "To a large degree, this has upset the heretofore common thinking that prenups were not subject to challenge. ... Now there's precendent for vacating a prenup. It's a big deal."

...

D'Antonio explained to HuffPost that his client's husband is currently worth between $20 and $30 million. Peter Petrakis never made good on his promise about the prenup, and his failure to do so was enough to convince the courts that fraud had occurred, said D'Antonio.

"It's fraud where someone lies to you, or tricks you into doing something on the basis of a lie, that you wouldn't have otherwise done," D'Antonio said of the Petrakis prenup. "That was the grounds for challenging it."'

Meet the Man’s-Man Mayor Who’s Trying to End Domestic Abuse

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'You don’t need a Y chromosome to know Mike Rawlings is a man’s man. Before he became mayor of Dallas in 2011, he was the top executive at Pizza Hut and, before that, an athlete. He has a full of head of gray hair and a voice like Jeff Daniels. When he talks, he relies heavily on sports metaphors. None of this should make his anti-domestic-violence activism surprising, but it might make him the movement’s most refreshing new spokesman.

Last month, Rawlings firmly requested the presence of 10,000 Dallas men — Boy Scouts welcome, too — at City Hall on March 23, to show their solidarity for his just-announced Men Against Abuse campaign. “I decided to call out the men of Dallas,” Rawlings told the Cut. “I said, this is not a women’s issue, this is a men’s issue. Eighty-five, 90 percent of domestic violence is men on women.”'

Wife kills husband following argument over credit card

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Story here.

'Texas woman is facing charges after police say she ran over her husband at their home in Conroe, killing him.

Conroe police said the incident happened shortly after 7 p.m. on Saturday, when a 56-year-old Ruthie Cook-Scheer walked out of her home and got into her car to leave. Her husband, 66-year-old Frank Scheer, came out of the house and started talking to her.

Police said the couple was arguing about a credit card when Cook-Sheer backed up her car, ran over her husband, and pinned him underneath.

"She ran over to my house and started banging on my door, screaming 'Call 911, call 911,'" said neighbor Barbra Lawler. "Ruthie told me her husband Frank was underneath the car. It was so tragic.'

Woman who killed husband sentenced to 40 years in prison

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 47-year-old woman who can no longer walk or cut her own food because she has multiple sclerosis was sentenced Friday to 40 years in prison for murdering her husband in Butler in 2010 by shooting him six times.

An all-female Morris County jury on Jan. 31 found Amalia “Amy” Mirasola guilty of murdering her 43-year-old spouse, Carl Mirasola, in the master bedroom of their Roosevelt Avenue home in Butler on May 22, 2010. The jury rejected the woman’s claim that she fired in self-defense because her husband, who was having an extramarital affair, was raging that he would kill her.'

Prosecutors review evidence in false rape report at UC Santa Cruz

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Story here.

'SANTA CRUZ -- Santa Cruz County prosecutors Wednesday reviewed the 911 call of a woman who made a false rape report at UC Santa Cruz but have not decided whether to press charges against her.

"We will have a decision as soon as we get all the reports and tapes from UCSC," said District Attorney Bob Lee.

The 21-year-old woman, who authorities have not named and is not a UCSC student, said she was attacked Feb. 17.

On Feb. 28, UCSC Police Chief Nader Oweis said the woman admitted that she "fabricated" the report. The woman had bruises and described the fictitious attacker to an artist who produced a composite sketch.

If she is charged with filing a false police report, she could face 6 months in jail, counseling or restitution, prosecutors said.'

SAVE E-lert: Tell the NDAA to Remove their Biased NCPVAW Program

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Last week we reported that Attorney General Eric Holder said, "I applaud Congress for passing a bipartisan [VAWA] reauthorization that protects everyone - women and men, gay and straight, children and adults of all races, ethnicities, countries of origin, and tribal affiliations." While that is a great start, we have a long way to go before all victims are treated equally.

We also have a long way to go before persons accused of abuse are treated equally. Research shows, "males were consistently treated more severely at every stage of the prosecution process."

It's easy to see why this is happening. Take a look at the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) website, where you'll find their program, the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women (NCPVAW).

Yes, you read that right. Blatant gender discrimination!

ACFC: "Exposed: Mass Discrimination"

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In case you hadn't heard, ACFC has started releasing its newsletter again. You can sign up for it on their home page. Following is an excerpt from the current newsletter's headline item:

'Every once in awhile in the murky world of family law a light appears offering a glimmer of hope. On the flip side, Grandpa used to say: “Just make sure the light at the end of that tunnel isn’t a train.”

Divorced father and ACFC supporter, Terry Brennan, arrived recently bearing such a light. Part of the last few weeks have been spent reviewing whether Terry’s light is indeed a glimmer of hope or a train wreck in the making.

So what has Terry offered as a public service to the people of the great state of Massachusetts, and more importantly, why should anyone care? Very simply, Terry has spent the last six months quietly collecting data from officials around the state on the workings of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Courts. He has now assembled that data and released the first three volumes of what is likely an eight volume collection. The subject matter of the three volumes are; I) Guardian Ad Litems, 2) Perjury and 3) Inmates. (these are large files, may take time to download)'

Asking Roosh V: What legacy has feminism left for men?

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Interview here. Excerpt:

'Cotto: Today, divorce and infidelity rates are disturbingly high. Insofar as men are concerned, why do you think that this is the case?

Roosh: Divorce in America is a great deal for women. She gets half a man's assets and monthly payments that can be quite substantial if children are involved. The more money the man has, the more she gets paid. The ultimate humiliation for husbands is to pay alimony for a woman who then takes care of her "bad boy" lover in his former bed. If you take away incentive for a woman to remain a wife or to be loyal, she won't.

...

Cotto: Feminism is a tremendously controversial subject. From your standpoint, what legacy has it left for men?

Roosh: Weaker men. The whole point of feminism is to absolve women or all responsibility for their actions while shaming or criminalizing masculinity. Women act more masculine in their pursuit of power while men are becoming unsure of which behaviors they can safely exhibit, forcing them to take on more feminine traits. In the end you'll have an androgynous society where both sexes are unhappy because you've taken them far away from natural behavior that has existed among humans for hundreds of thousands of years.'

Who's "Roosh"? Wikipedia entry here.

O2/Symantec blocking MR sites

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Article here. Excerpt:

'By now most people are aware of the issue of men's rights website being wrongly blocked by Symantec and various mobile phone companies due to them somehow being flagged as "hate sites". I've done further investigations and can exclusively reveal the official response from these companies on this matter. There tends to be a bit of confusion about this issue and so firstly I'll attempt to explain what's going on and tackle some misconceptions.

Which sites are blocked?
I initially identified 48 sites blocked by Symantec/O2 and flagged as "hate sites". The list then grew to 58 as even more were identified. It's fair to say that a majority of key sites critical of feminism and supportive of men's rights are blocked. You can see the full list here.
...
There are currently two ways to check whether or not a site has been branded as a "hate site". Users have previously checked a site's status by enabling Norton's DNS service, but a much easier method is O2's url checker.'

One of the blocked sites is indeed MANN.

F&F: Shocking Data on Incarceration of Fathers: New Report Suggests Gender Bias

Matt · 14 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new report concludes that between 95% and 98.5% of all incarcerations in Massachusetts sentenced from the Massachusetts Probate and Family Courts from 2001 through 2011 have been men. Moreover, this percentage may be increasing, with an average of 94.5% from 2001 to 2008, and 96.2% from 2009 through 2011. It is likely that most of these incarcerations are for incomplete payment of child support.

Further analysis suggests that women who fail to pay all of their child support are incarcerated only one-eighth as often as men with similar violations. Several possible explanations of these results other than gender bias are unsupported by the data, strengthening the view that gender bias against fathers is a major factor in the family courts.
...
... The latest national data from the US Census Bureau shows that mothers are the custodial parents in 82% of cases, and fathers in only 18% (which may in itself reflect gender bias). (see Table below.) Even so, if incomplete payment of child support occurred in exact proportion to custodial status, then we would expect mothers to account for 18% of incarcerations, not 1.5% to 5%.'

Mother tries to sell kids using Facebook

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police in Sallisaw, Oklahoma said Misty VanHorn contacted a potential buyer via the social networking site.

They said the 22-year-old mother was looking to get $1,000 (£670) for her two-year-old, or $4,000 (£2,680) for the toddler and her 10-month-old baby.

"Just come to Sallisaw, it's only 30 minutes away and I'll give you all of her stuff and let y'all have her forever for $1,000," she allegedly wrote via Facebook.'

New Zealand: Few men take up teaching

Matt · 15 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Children are missing out on positive male role models because of a shortage of men wanting to become teachers.
...
She said there were some "wonderful" men coming through teaching college but it was hard to attract males at primary level.

A long-standing public perception of male teachers having "poor intentions" could be one reason, she said.
...
The Early Childhood Council (ECC) estimated that of the 1100 centres it represented, 2 per cent of staff were male, but Mrs Sellars said men were "just as good" at looking after young children as females.

"There has been a stigma around males about sexual abuse in the classroom but the truth is it's just as much females as well as males. I think that [perception] is changing a bit now though."'

On International Women's Day, a Feminist Imagines Her Victimhood

Matt · 15 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'International Women's Day is here. It could be a day to celebrate the many accomplishments of women, their advancement in western culture, their strength, wisdom and creativity. Maybe that will happen, but, if the past is prolog, International Women's Day will also be a day on which feminists make the event Women's Disinformation Day. Sadly, it's already happened, as this article makes clear.

To those who follow the many misrepresentations feminists make about the lot of women in the world, Dr. Lindy Edwards' piece in Australia's The Age should come as no surprise. Her thesis in a nutshell is that men get to do the lion's share of society's paid work because women are stuck with the unpaid work. So men earn more while women struggle and likely end up living in poverty at the end of their lives.

The picture Edwards paints is not a pretty one, which is something to celebrate on this IWD, since it bears little resemblance to reality.'

UK: Do men need a political party to defend their rights?

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Article here.

'Mike Buchanan is the founder of Justice for Men and Boys, a political party created to tackle the injustices that the modern man faces.

Mike told BBC Radio 2's Jeremy Vine that "men and boys need representation...and I'm not aware of a single area where women are disadvantaged relative to men." Laura Bates, of the Everyday Sexism Project, described the suggestion that men and boys are under represented as "laughable."'

Women: hitting your man is not cute; it's abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A glossy American couple fight over an alleged infidelity, and at one point the hunk involved says something unacceptable in a pique of anger.

Our heroine responds with a slap, right across the face, and the argument ends there.

We've seen Meg Ryan do it, Jennifer Aniston do it, and the most recent example of a whack across the chops I saw was in hipster-com Girls, where friends Elijah (Andrew Rannells) and Marnie (Allison Williams) trade insults over his sexuality before he calls her a bitch and she slaps him, hard.

...

In short, pop culture gives the impression it is cute, or empowering, or even sexy when women hit men. The scene reversed would carry a single connotation of misogyny and out-of-control male aggression, but here we are expected to laugh, or even to be turned on by these characters' resort to the grim shortcut of violence to deal with problems.

And young women are clearly taking note. It was revealed this week that one in seven women aged 15-22 in the US admits to hitting their partner, compared to just one in twenty men.'

Young Women More Likely To Admit Hitting A Partner

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Article here.

'Women are three times as likely to admit hitting a romantic partner, according to a study of young adults ages 15 to 22. In results released today, 14% of women said they'd struck a partner — compared with 5% of men.

But when the researchers, commissioned by the NO MORE anti-domestic violence campaign, asked young people why they'd lashed out, almost 60% of all respondents said their partner had hit them first. Given this, it's possible that young women are just more likely to admit to hitting a partner than men were. The study doesn't report the sexual orientation of the young people surveyed, so it's not clear if the women who reported hitting were exclusively hitting men — domestic violence can be an issue in lesbian relationships too, with one study finding that half of lesbian women experienced domestic violence at some point in their lives.

Regardless of who hits first, domestic disputes put women at greater risk of bodily injury; according to the National Crime Victimization Survey, women are 7 to 10 times more likely to be hurt by a partner than men are, no matter who initiates violence.'

Towson cuts baseball, so baseball team blacks out logo

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Towson University won't support its baseball program. For the team, the feeling is mutual.

On Mar. 8, during a hastily called conference with players from both teams, Towson president Maravene Loeschke announced that the school, following the recommendation of athletic director Mike Waddell, would be cutting both its baseball and men's soccer programs as a cost-saving measure.

In response, the baseball program – currently 8-7, 1-2 in Colonial Athletic Association play – has chosen to wear strips of black tape over the "Towson" logo on the front of its jerseys, a symbolic gesture meant to display its displeasure over the school's decision.

"We don't support Towson," catcher Zach Fisher told Baltimore's ABC affiliate (video above), "so we don't wear something that says Towson."'

Reform College Sexual Assault Policies to Protect Accused Students, Too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The consequences of unfair sexual misconduct procedures are monumental and life-altering. Students who are found guilty can be made into pariahs, kicked out of their residences, expelled from their colleges, and forced to explain marked transcripts to graduate institutions and employers for the rest of their lives. When these defendants have not committed any wrongdoing, such punishments are a travesty of justice. While The Huffington Post has done admirable work in highlighting the significant problem of inadequate university responses to claims of sexual violence, its coverage has failed to explore the issues of due process and procedural safeguards for accused students that reform must also address.'

New CCF Briefing Report: Why Men Lag Behind in Education - and Why “Boy-Friendly” Schools Aren’t the Fix

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What should schools do? The authors debunk the notion that boys’ underperformance in school is caused by a "feminized" learning environment that needs to be made more boy-friendly. Making curriculum, teachers, or classroom more "masculine" is not the answer, they show. In fact, boys do better in school in classrooms that have more girls and that emphasize extracurricular activities such as music and art as well as holding both girls and boys to high academic standards. But boys do need to learn how much today's economy rewards academic achievement rather than traditionally masculine blue-collar work.'

Towson president: Athletic cutbacks painful but necessary

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In terms of Title IX, it is imperative that our female athletes receive the level of support required by federal law. Unfortunately, providing equitable opportunity for female athletes is far too often ignored or deemed "something you can get around or solve later." Towson University will not take that position. Furthermore, Towson's historic practice to add a women's sports team every five years until substantial proportionality is achieved has not kept pace with the changing demographics of our undergraduate population. Therefore, Towson's approach to address Title IX requirements was the most viable, long-term method to achieve gender equity compliance with federal law.'

Police Escort Towson President as She Announces Decision to Cut Men’s Soccer and Baseball

Mastodon · 15 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Following in the footsteps of many other universities that have been struggling financially, Towson University president Maravene Loeschke announced on Friday morning that the school would no longer have a baseball or men’s soccer team. The decision came as a surprise to many athletes who were given only a mere hour’s notice of the speech to be given by Loeschke concerning the sports cuts.

The Baltimore Sun‘s description of the whole scene is rather outrageous. Apparently Loeschke was escorted by “several police officers” to the meeting with both teams, which lasted only a few minutes according to players present. And, as Loeschke left, an additional 10 officers proceeded to surround her.'

"The Hunt" explores false accusations against men perpetuated by presumed guilt

Matt · 16 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

IMDB entry here. Excerpt:

'A teacher lives a lonely life, all the while struggling over his son's custody. His life slowly gets better as he finds love and receives good news from his son, but his new luck is about to be brutally shattered by an innocent little lie.'

Trailer on YouTube here.

'Women Own 1% of World Property': A Feminist Myth That Won't Die

Matt · 16 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If you're a feminist you've probably seen this. You may have even repeated it: verbally, on your blog, on a flyer, on Twitter, in your book or an academic article. It goes something like this:

"While women represent half the global population and one-third of the labor force, they receive only one-tenth of the world income and own less than one percent of world property. They are also responsible for two-thirds of all working hours."

That's how it appeared in 1984, on page one, in Robin Morgan's introduction to the classic collection called Sisterhood Is Global: The International Women's Movement Anthology. That's more or less how it was tweeted by untold numbers of people a quarter-century later, on #IWD 2011 (a.k.a. International Women's Day). ...
...
There is no information on the indicators used or their sources, or what is meant by "some estimates." That is where the trail goes cold—the oldest source, completely unsourced.
...
So it's too simple to say the famous facts are wrong. The burden of proof is not on us (me) to show they are wrong, but rather to point out that they were never demonstrably true, so we shouldn't use them. (I'm not sure the truth will set you free, but I'm pretty sure this won't, either.)'

UK: Cash fears as male sex abuse cases rise

Matt · 16 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of men seeking help after being sexually abused has soared – and victims' groups fear the effects of the Jimmy Savile scandal will push the numbers even higher.

A counselling service for male victims of sexual assault said the number of men it helps has more than trebled in the last five years.

And Brighton-based Mankind said it expects more to come forward following the Savile revelations.

The organisation is one of only a handful of organisations helping male victims of sexual violence in Britain but it has been snubbed by the Government for support.'

Towson Soccer, Baseball Not Allowed To Question Elimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The coaches of the baseball and mens soccer teams at Towson University weren't allowed to ask questions Friday, as the school's president announced the elimination of those two programs.

In interviews with WBAL Radio, baseball coach Mike Gottlieb and soccer coach Frank Olszewski outlined how they weren't allowed to attend the players-only meeting with president Maravene Loeschke.

"I was never given any input. No one asked me if we could get by with less. I requested to speak with the president on two different occasions. One time I was denied. The second time, they did not get back to me," Gottlieb told WBAL. "She spoke with the kids Friday morning, and I was not allowed to be there and she would not entertain any questions from the kids. She's supposed to be a president for the students. I haven't seen that through this whole process."

...

In the meeting, Loeschke "said the programs would be dropped, added the players scholarships would be honored, took no questions from the players and then walked out," according to the WBAL story.'

"Where Have All the Feminist Men Gone?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Where have all the feminist men gone? Every gender studies course I took in college was made up of a diverse crowd of women. Almost every sexuality, race, and age group seemed to be represented, yet even at a small liberal arts school we were lucky if there were two men in the class. This continues to perplex me.

When I speak to my male friends about whether they consider themselves feminists many often say yes. Behind closed doors men will candidly speak about their pro-women opinions, their comfort with and attraction to women who are bossy or challenging, and how they abhor other men who seek to limit female power. But do these men blog, take classes, attend rallies, or otherwise make public their opinions when it comes to gender issues? Of course there are always exceptions, but my experience has typically been: no they do not. This makes me certain that there still remains a strong taboo against those who occupy male bodies voicing support for women and opinions on their complex experiences in this country.'

Jodi Arias' PTSD defense upsets some veterans

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PHOENIX -- Jodi Arias' psychologist diagnosed her with a form of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), to explain her memory problems.

Arias claims she shot her ex-lover, Travis Alexander, in self defense in 2008, but cannot remember stabbing him 27 times, slitting his throat, or dragging him into the shower.
...
Twitter and blogs are full of veterans who are suffering from PTSD, claiming Arias diagnosis is "nauseating" and "offensive."

"It's insulting if someone's using it as an excuse," Iraq War Veteran Steve Crowley told 3TV.'

Police: Menendez Accusers Paid To Make Claims Against Senator

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Three women were paid to falsely claim in videotaped interviews that they had sex for money with a U.S. senator in the Dominican Republic, a spokesman for the police said Monday.

The women, whose claims generated media attention in the United States, were hired by a Dominican attorney to make the videotaped statements, spokesman Maximo Baez told reporters. Two of the women received about $425 and the other was paid about $300, he said.

Authorities are seeking to interrogate the attorney, Melanio Figueroa, about the payments and have not determined his motive or whether he was in turn paid by someone else to set up the interviews, Baez said.'

Ex-school worker in relationship with boy, 15, plotted to kill husband, records show

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former security assistant at a Virginia school conspired with a 15-year-old student with whom she had a sexual relationship to kill her husband, police said Thursday.

Patience Justine Perez, 22, was charged in Norfolk on Tuesday in connection with the murder scheme.

Perez also faces multiple charges of taking indecent liberties with a child by a person in a custodial or supervisory relationship, and a charge of using a communications system to facilitate certain crimes against children.'

European MDs Accuse US Pro-Circumcision Doctors of Bias

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Thirty-eight physicians from Europe have written a paper alleging that “cultural bias” was behind the pro-circumcision stance of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The commentary, published on March 18 on the website of the U.S.-based Pediatric Journal, disputes a report which the American academy on children’s health published in August, which states that “benefits of newborn male circumcision outweigh the risks but the benefits are not great enough to recommend universal newborn circumcision.”

The European reply states that “seen from the outside, cultural bias reflecting the normality of non-therapeutic male circumcision in the United States seems obvious. The report’s conclusions are different from those reached by physicians in other parts of the Western world.”'

UK: Men are becoming 'disadvantaged group'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mary Curnock Cook, the head of the admissions service, Ucas, said she was “very worried” about the decline in the proportion of young men applying for places on degree courses.

The trend has significant implications for society because university graduates are expected to earn far more than workers without degrees, the Commons business select committee was warned.

Ms Curnock Cook intervened as it was disclosed that 14 universities had targets to recruit more men. The initiative is part of a drive to train more men as primary school teachers to provide role models for young boys.

So far this year 80,000 more women have applied to universities in the UK than men and the trend is likely to grow, according to Ucas figures.

Of the 558,898 candidates who applied to university by the January deadline this year, 319,752, or 57.2 per cent, were women. Some 239,146, or 42.8 per cent, were men.'

Cultural Bias in the AAP's 2012 Technical Report and Policy Statement on Male Circumcision

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Abstract here. Excerpt:

'Seen from the outside, cultural bias reflecting the normality of nontherapeutic male circumcision in the United States seems obvious, and the report's conclusions are different from those reached by physicians in other parts of the Western world, including Europe, Canada, and Australia. In this commentary, a different view is presented by non–US-based physicians and representatives of general medical associations and societies for pediatrics, pediatric surgery, and pediatric urology in Northern Europe. To these authors, only 1 of the arguments put forward by the American Academy of Pediatrics has some theoretical relevance in relation to infant male circumcision; namely, the possible protection against urinary tract infections in infant boys, which can easily be treated with antibiotics without tissue loss. The other claimed health benefits, including protection against HIV/AIDS, genital herpes, genital warts, and penile cancer, are questionable, weak, and likely to have little public health relevance in a Western context, and they do not represent compelling reasons for surgery before boys are old enough to decide for themselves.'

The Intactivist Movement Within Judaism Resource List

Matt · 20 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Compiled in 2011, but still very bookmark-able: The Intactivist Movement Within Judaism. Excerpt:

'The following resource list is an extension of the original items linked on the Judaism and Circumcision Resource Page. If you have an additional item to add, please contact us at DrMomma.org-at-gmail.com. We welcome guest authors and scholars with experiences or literature to share.

The past century has been marked by the declaration and protection of universal human rights, as well as a marked increase in the quality of life, both in the United States and worldwide. With these improvements, higher expectations regarding a child's right to bodily autonomy have become socially accepted and legally mandated. Many argue that because female children in the U.S. are protected by the 1996 law banning all forms of genital cutting, legally male children cannot be excluded from this same federal protection; the 14th Amendment to the Constitution would support this argument.'

CPAC 2013: All-Woman Panel Finds Obamacare "Sexist"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, CPAC featured a bold all-female panel to discuss the issues affecting women today. Blogger Crystal Wright lead the discussion and raised critically important topics like how hard it is to "come out of the closet" and the pervasiveness of "sexism" in America. I know what you're thinking. This is astounding. Could conservative and progressive women finally be speaking the same language? That would be accurate if anything they discussed had any basis in reality. Unfortunately, Republicans have a reputation to live up to, so it did not.
...
"Obamacare is sexist […] because it takes the guy off the hook [...] A guy who pressures a girl to get pregnant, all he has to do is say is oh that's not my fault, you should have been using Obama's free birth control."

She nailed it. Birth control totally empowers men, not women. Thanks to Obama, men are finally free to trick their lady-friends into having more babies because we all know that's what men want. Big score for the bros! Chest pumping further than the eye can see! We all know men were impatiently waiting for the day they could finally surprise-impregnate their girlfriends and then pregnant-shame them for not taking their free whore-pills. Typical-male-behavior.

What is reality's record on this? Where is the evidence of these behaviours and attitudes? What are these women even talking about?'

Progressive Rabbis On Creating A Jewish Covenant Without Circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many Rabbis are welcoming intact males into the Jewish community, and a growing number of Rabbis feel that surgical circumcision is no longer appropriate in the 21st century. Over 50 Rabbis, mohels and other Jewish leaders perform covenant ceremonies without surgical circumcision, and many more will do so upon request. These include Rabbis in the Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and many other branches of Judaism.

Hundreds of thousands of Jewish males around the world remain intact. Most Eastern European and South American Jews remain intact, and many Western European Jews have ceased circumcision, seeing it as a barbaric remnant of pre-civilized times. Both Reform Judaism and Humanistic Judaism welcome intact Jews.'

SAVE E-lert: NDAA Claims All DV Perps Should be Prosecuted--OK, Prove it

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Prosecutor bias is a serious problem. In January we sent the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) a letter*. We requested that they make their program, the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women (NCPVAW) gender neutral or gender inclusive, consistent with current research.

[*Ed.: I had trouble opening this .pdf using Firefox, but it worked fine for me in Internet Explorer. You may have different results. -- Matt]

They didn't do it. So last week we asked you to file complaints. You called and emailed; and for that we thank you. Unfortunately, our concerns have fallen on deaf ears.

NDAA has defended the NCPVAW program while reporting that it's almost entirely funded by grant awards given by the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). That almost sounds like an excuse to discriminate, doesn't it? Oh my.

Luckily they also stated, "We train prosecutors all over the country to prosecute ALL cases of domestic violence - on behalf of BOTH MALE AND FEMALE VICTIMS." Good thing, since the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)'s inclusiveness mandate includes the need for prosecutors to charge DV suspects regardless of sex....and to prosecute false accusers.

Study of men’s falling income cites single parents

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — The decline of two-parent households may be a significant reason for the divergent fortunes of male workers, whose earnings generally declined in recent decades, and female workers, whose earnings generally increased, a prominent labor economist argues in a new survey of existing research.

David H. Autor, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, says that the difference between men and women, at least in part, may have roots in childhood. Only 63 percent of children lived in a household with two parents in 2010, down from 82 percent in 1970. The single parents raising the rest of those children are predominantly female. And there is growing evidence that sons raised by single mothers “appear to fare particularly poorly,” Professor Autor wrote in an analysis for Third Way, a center-left policy research organization.

In this telling, the economic struggles of male workers are both a cause and an effect of the breakdown of traditional households. Men who are less successful are less attractive as partners, so women are choosing to raise children by themselves, producing sons who are less successful and attractive as partners.'

DNA testing clears Wyoming man of decades-old rape, lawyers say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Lawyers with the Utah-based Rocky Mountain Innocence Center say new DNA testing proves the innocence of a man who has served more than 23 years in prison on a Wyoming rape conviction.

Cheyenne lawyer Aaron J. Lyttle filed a request for a new trial for 63-year-old Andrew J. Johnson on Tuesday. Johnson, who has maintained his innocence, is serving a life sentence at the state prison in Rawlins on the 1989 conviction.

Lyttle stated that DNA testing proves Johnson didn't commit the crime. Lyttle says he expects that Johnson will receive a new trial.'

F&F: Do Some Massachusetts Probate and Family Court Judges Incarcerate Men at Excessive Rates? More Shocking Data

Matt · 21 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, we reported the data gathered by Fathers and Families member Terry Brennan on the number of men and women incarcerated from Massachusetts Probate and Family Courts for incomplete payment of child support. We found that 95% to 98.5% of those incarcerated in Massachusetts for this violation from 2001 through 2011 were men.

I then took Terry's data and compared it to national data on rates of child support payment. I found that mothers in arrears are incarcerated at lower rates even though they have higher rates of incomplete payment, pay a smaller percentage of their child support order, and have larger arrears than fathers. In fact, mothers with child support arrears in Massachusetts are incarcerated at approximately one-eighth of the rate that would be justified by their numbers if fathers and mothers in arrears were treated equally.'

Jodi Arias 'Murdering' Travis Alexander With Lies, Friend and Family Say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The family and friends of Travis Alexander said it was difficult to watch Jodi Arias testify for nearly a month and "murder him again" with what they said are lies about Alexander's behavior and character.

"Travis is not on trial. Jodi is on trial and she done everything to put him on trial," Chris Hughes, who was Alexander's best friend, told ABC News in an exclusive interview.

Hughes has been watching the trial mostly from his home in Utah while members of Alexander's family, including at least three of his seven brothers and sisters, have been in the front row of the courtroom almost every day.

Arias, 32, is accused of murdering Alexander by stabbing him 27 times, slitting his throat and shooting him in the head. She could face the death penalty if convicted.'

Former Titans Cheerleader Accused Of Sexually Assaulting 12-Year-Old Boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Titans cheerleader is accused of pulling a 12-year-old boys pants off and offering him oral sex. She denies the allegations.

Black Mountain News reports that Elizabeth Leigh Garner, 42, of Nashville was indicted last week on aggravated sexual battery and solicitation of a minor for child rape.

In February, the boy told police he was at his home when he went upstairs to use the bathroom. He said Garner, who had been drinking, followed him upstairs.

"He stated she was asking him if he had ever been with a woman," Murfreesboro Police Detective Tommy Roberts said in a report obtained by the Black Mountain News.

The boy said Garner then touched him "on the outside of his pants" and made "an attempt to take his shorts off" while offering to "perform oral sex on him."'

Women's STEM Careers A Matter Of Choice, Not Ability, Study Suggests

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Having skills suited for a variety of careers helps explain why few women pursue math and science jobs, new research finds.

A study by researchers at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Michigan revealed that women may be less likely to want careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) because they have more career choices, not because they have less ability.

"Our study shows that it's not lack of ability or differences in ability that orients females to pursue non-STEM careers, it's the greater likelihood that females with high math ability also have high verbal ability," said Ming-Te Wang, one of the study's co-authors and developmental psychologist at the University of Pittsburgh. "Because they're good at both, they can consider a wide range of occupations."'

Life term for women only 14 years, for men up to 28 years: Bombay High Court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mumbai: The Bombay High Court has ruled that women convicts serving life sentence in Maharashtra jails are required to spend only 14 years unlike male convicts, who have to be behind bars for a period ranging from 14 to 28 years depending on the nature of offence committed by them.

The ruling was delivered on March 15 by Justices Abhay Thipsay and P V Hardas, who were hearing a petition filed by Usha Upadhyay challenging the decision of the state government in respect of benefit of premature release to be given to her on the basis of guidelines framed by the Government.

"In our opinion, category 1 of 2010 guidelines, which is exclusively for women offenders, must cover all cases of women offenders and that they can be fitted only in that category.

Because of creation of a special category of women offenders the other categories which are of a general nature, classified on the basis of nature of offences, would not apply to women," the Judges held while interpreting the guidelines.'

UK: Jersey politician suggests States seats reserved for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Deputy Montfort Tadier said April's referendum is a great opportunity to encourage more women into government.

The referendum sets three questions over how the island's government is made up in future.

He said seats could be allocated as women only if islanders agreed to create larger political districts.

But Deputy Kristina Moore, first elected in 2011, said: "We have the same percentage of women as the UK, and thankfully our male colleagues treat us with much more respect than their counterparts."'

UK: Plight of women in jail tackled with new policy on sentencing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Courts will be encouraged to hand more community sentences to women offenders – backed by curfews, tagging and unpaid work – in an attempt to reduce the female prison population.

The move, combined with treatment programmes for women with alcohol and drug problems, is designed to reduce the number of families that are broken up when a mother is jailed.

In an interview with The Independent, the Justice Minister, Helen Grant said: “There are some women who are bad and a risk to the public and society and they need to go to prison. But there are other women who are in the system, low-risk women, who would benefit greatly from punitive, credible punishments in the community.”'

Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg's book tour: No boys allowed

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Story here. Excerpt:

Facebook (FB) Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg has been on a high-profile publicity tour for her new book. She's been interviewed by CBS news magazine "60 Minutes," ABC's "Nightline" and CNN, among others.
...
Did Sandberg and Knopf, publisher of her book "Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead," request or choose interviewers based on the sex of the interviewer? Maybe Sandberg is hoping to give the female journalists some advancement with a plum interview. Or did news organizations pander to Sandberg and Knopf by suggesting a woman do the interviewing? The assumption is that female journalists would be more sympathetic to Sandberg's message.'

Male DISD Students To Take Part In Domestic Violence Rally

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DALLAS (CBSDFW.COM) – Administrators with the Dallas Independent School District (DISD) say it won't just be "men" standing up against domestic violence at the Dallas Men Against Abuse rally happening this weekend.

According to school district officials, some 1,000 male students will join in the call to 'man up' and end domestic violence. A number of DISD students are featured in Dallas public service announcements. "I pledge to hold my male friends accountable for their violent actions," one teen declared in a video.'

Canada: Privately run shelter for male victims of domestic abuse forced to close its doors due to lack of funding

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A privately funded shelter for male victims of domestic abuse — believed to be the only refuge of its kind in the country — has closed.

Men's rights advocate Earl Silverman said he can't afford to keep the Men's Alternative Safe House (MASH) running.

Since it opened out of his house about three years ago, close to 20 men have passed through, he said. Among them was a "father with two children, a one-year-old girl and a nine-year-old boy and he was fleeing a violent, alcoholic wife."

Absent of federal or provincial funding, Mr. Silverman said he just can't keep up with the grocery, heat and other bills associated with running the shelter. He said he sold his home last week.'

Dallas Mayor Calls on Men to Fight Violence Against Women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The mayor of Dallas has unveiled a list of professional athletes and religious leaders who have signed on to help his campaign against domestic violence.

The campaign asks men to report abuse, help people who are being abused and volunteer with organizations that are helping.

The centerpiece of Mayor Mike Rawlings' campaign is the Men Against Abuse rally scheduled for Saturday at Dallas City Hall.
...
"We must stand together and that means, simply, not hitting women -- ever," Rawlings said.'

Meanwhile, Police: Woman kills husband, kids, self near Dallas:

'MESQUITE, TX -- A woman shot and killed her husband and two young adult children before killing herself in their suburban Dallas home, investigators said Thursday.

The bodies of Angelica Vazquez, 43, her husband and their two children were discovered four days after officers first responded to a 911 call reporting the sound of gunfire but found no reason to go into the family's Mesquite home, police spokesman Bill Hedgpeth said.'

Erin Pizzey: Let's Kick the Bigots Out

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It has been a hard year but very slowly I can see more and more people are beginning to realise that domestic violence is not and never has been a gender issue.

Also the gender war against men and boys has resulted in the collapse of family life and and created a hostile environment for relationships between the sexes.

Western governments played their part in refusing to see quite clearly that the state has usurped the role of fathers.

Men as fathers are being forcibly made redundant.

The new family is now ‘woman and their children.’

'Meaning of a man'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I recently read a magazine article that explored the problems modern men face, which, despite all the hoopla, aren't as serious as, say, the problems men faced during the Great Depression or World War II.

The headline asked, "What makes a real man anyway?" The writer suggested that things are going terribly wrong, so men need more therapy and medication. That's certainly original thinking. While some social critics blame the feminist movement for our disorientation, I have doubts about that theory. If anything, we're to blame for the problems women face.

Nevertheless, I'm worried about young men, because they don't seem to be motivated by anything but money, power, sex, and partying. There has to be more to a man's life than that. (OK, maybe iPhones, sports cars and video games instead.)'

Canada: Melfort mother gets 4 years for attempted murder of kids

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An unnamed mother, who pleaded guilty to attempting to kill her two young children in a murder-suicide, received a prison sentence in Melfort on Thursday.

Justice R.S. Smith handed down a sentence of four years in a penitentiary, less one year for time served in remand.
...
Defense counsel brought up the fact that after her arrest, the woman had gone through a psychiatric assessment that found her to be suffering from severe paranoia and depression.

The defense went on to suggest that at the time of the incident the mother was not in the proper state of mind due to her depression. She stated the mother had said she had suffered a lot from abuse from men and she wanted to save her children from that abuse.'

CNN: How do I raise a boy not to be a rapist?

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CNN hits bottom in the title* for this article by assuming that the default for boys is to grow up to be rapists. Excerpt:

'In the aftermath of the guilty verdict in Steubenville, Ohio, parents should be taking this opportunity to ask themselves this painful question. But what parent can even contemplate that a child they love could so callously disregard someone's basic human rights? At the same time, the media is filled with experts chastising parents for not being involved with their kids and wanting to be a friend instead of a parent.
...
We must talk to our kids as possible perpetrators and bystanders. And our advice about what to say has got to go beyond, "How would you feel if this happened to your mother or sister?" First, no one has any idea what the perpetrator's relationship is like with those women in his life, but it's not a huge leap to think he doesn't hold a great deal of respect for them. Second, these boys have dehumanized their victim. In that moment, they don't care.'

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* Ed. update: CNN has since changed the title of the article, possibly in response to reader reaction. Google "CNN How do I raise a boy not to be a rapist?" to see the many places this article has already been referred to by its original title.

SAVE: The DV Reform Door is Wide Open -- Join our Call Monday Evening

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The new VAWA Inclusion Mandate offers us countless opportunities to reform the domestic violence field - abuse shelters, criminal justice programs, information and training activities, and more.

Now we need to seize the moment - carpe diem! On Monday, SAVE will be unveiling our new Inclusive-VAWA Resource Center: http://www.saveservices.org/inclusive-vawa/resources

Whether you are an activist, a citizen-lobbyist, a blogger, or whatever, you can help make this happen.

Join us for a one-hour teleconference, Monday evening, 9pm ET, 8pm Central, 7pm Mountain, 6pm Pacific. To get dial-in information, send me a message at tstoddard-at-saveservices.org

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Justice For Men And Boys Party founder interview

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Latest interview with Mike Buchanan available on YouTube here. The channel page is here. The official blog is here. Excerpt:

'Welcome to the official blog of a new British political party. The party will seek to raise public consciousness about the many disadvantages and discriminations faced by men and boys in modern Britain.

An article published on a leading men's human rights website, 'A Voice for Men', reveals some of the thinking behind our decision to form a new party:

http://www.avoiceformen.com/feminism/government-tyranny/fighting-feminism-lets-get-political/
...
Thank you for your interest. We're working for a brighter future for men and boys, and the women who love them.'

Towson University President Agrees To Meet Gov., Comptroller

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a rare show of solidarity, Governor O'Malley and Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot have sent the Towson University President a message.

Both want Maravene Loeschke to come to Annapolis to explain how her school's baseball and soccer teams were eliminated. And, in the meantime, they are both refusing to vote on Towson University's planned construction of a building on the Harford Community College campus.

Loeschke confirmed to WBAL News that she is planning to meet with the two officials. She added that she was suprised by the request from the Governor and Comptroller.

Earlier this month, President Loeschke talked to a hastily called meeting of the men's baseball and soccer teams and told the players the sports were being eliminated. According to reports, she walked into the meeting with uniformed police officers, delivered the message and left without taking any questions.'

Husband Awarded $40K After DNA Tests Prove Children Aren't His

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Have you ever wondered if you were raising another man's child?

We sure hope not! This sounds like something you'd hear on a soap opera.

Unfortunately, that was the nagging question on Richard Rodwell's mind soon after his marriage to his wife Helen fell apart.

As their marriage began deteriorating, Helen would disappear from their home in Peterborough, England, for several days at a time without letting her family know where she was. And when she would return and he would ask where she had been, she would say, "It has nothing to do with you." This woman would never even leave a note or message letting her husband or children in on her whereabouts.'

Father's Rights In Divorce: Myths and Facts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In my practice as a divorce lawyer, the vast majority of the fathers whom I have represented want to remain actively involved as parents after their divorce has been settled. Very few want to sever ties with their children, even when they cannot stand the sight of their ex-wives.
...
From my perspective, the courts should not arbitrarily favor mothers over fathers. I believe firmly that the spouse who has served as the primary parental figure should remain in that role after the divorce has been finalized. And as such, they should receive a corresponding amount of the post-divorce estate. This is the case regardless of the gender of the primary conservator.
...
And now, for my fellow mothers who are reading this article:

I understand that we share a special bond with the children who grew within us for nine months before they met their fathers. However, when it comes to deciding their future, we truly need to focus on what is best for them (and which, at heart, is truly what is best for us). That could very well be having the father named as the primary conservator. You are no less of a mother to that child just because they now live with their father more than with you. In parenting, what matters most is the quality of the time that children receive from both of their parents.'

Deadbeat Parents? State-Mandated Child Support Hurts The Ones It's Supposed To Help

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Article here. Excerpt:

"No. 1 deadbeat parent pleads guilty to owing $1.2 million" reads the headline from the Associated Press. The article details a father fleeing first to Florida and then to Thailand, resulting in child-support arrears since 2002.

His name is Robert Sand and he sits in jail. Deported from the Philippines in November, he was sent to Los Angeles where he was arrested by federal marshals, and then extradited to New York where he has been held without bail since December. Next, this dad became front-page news. The AP article was careful to use the term "deadbeat parent," but my Facebook feed doesn't subscribe to such neutral speech. My page lit up with moms rallying in solidarity. The target? Deadbeat dads.
...
Are there toxic parents who neither love nor support their child? Sure. But forced money gained can't disguise that ugliness. A child who experiences a truly negative parent doesn't need money, they need healing. It's hard to heal a child's pain when the focus is on the toxic parent.

The twisted part? Some custodial parents revel in their ex's deadbeat demise. As if a declared deadbeat somehow justifies the suffering. A child doesn't want justification, a child wants smiles.

Children of divorce are holding up a sign: It's time for a new divorce. They are wanting a divorce process and solutions that address their needs -- that address their heart. They know that they can be loved, nurtured, and thrive through divorce.

When we assert that "It's best for the child," it's time we do it with a heart that perceives the consequences.

It's time we think anew.'

NFL dream delayed by false rape charge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Brian Banks may yet play in the NFL. But he knows it's a long shot after spending five years in prison on a rape charge for which he was later exonerated. Banks is now set on getting tryouts with pro football teams and has put the tragedy of his jail time behind him, even refusing to want punishment for the woman who falsely accused him. James Brown reports on a once promising high-school football prospect blindsided by injustice in a 60 Minutes story to be broadcast Sunday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. ET/PT.

Ten years ago, a high school make-out session turned into a nightmare for the football standout at Poly-Tech High School in Long Beach, Calif. The girl Banks was with, Wanetta Gibson, accused him of rape. Persuaded by questionable legal advice, he pleaded guilty to a crime he denied doing in a deal that avoided the possibility of a decades-long sentence. When he got out after nearly five years, he went on Facebook one day and had a shock: His accuser wanted to be "friends."'

Lawyer behind Menendez prostitution allegations recants, fabricates media conspiracy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The lawyer who represented three women who accused New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez of employing their services as prostitutes now says he made up the entire thing at the behest of multiple American media outlets.

Melanio Figueroa, who stands accused by Dominican National Police of paying women to fabricate stories about sleeping with Menendez for money, told Dominican investigators Thursday that news outlets are to blame for the plot.

Figueroa blamed four news outlets — CNN, The Daily Caller, Telemundo and Univision — for allegedly encouraging him to fabricate false accusations about Menendez. Pressed further by investigators, Figueroa alleged that a man employed by this news site named “Carlos” offered the lawyer $5,000 to invent the prostitution allegations, according to a Thursday evening television report by Univision.'

IA: Intactivist of the Month for March 2013

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of Intact America's greatest strengths is the diverse and supportive intactivist community. Our "Intactivist of the Month" series highlights some of the most ardent opponents of infant and childhood circumcision, whose tireless efforts will ensure a future where all babies are kept intact.
...
Richard Schwartzman, D.O., is a board-certified psychiatrist who maintains a private clinical practice in Solebury, Pennsylvania, between Philadelphia and New York City. In his practice, Dr. Schwartzman treats patients with the same mind-body approach and method developed by psychiatrist Wilhelm Reich (1897-1957). Dr. Schwartzman also has been training physicians and psychologists here and abroad for more than 25 years. He has authored numerous articles in the field, lectured extensively in the United States and in Europe, and is considered to be a leading training therapist. In addition to his private practice, he served from 1978-2000 as an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Hahnemann University. He is presently affiliated with the Institute of Orgonomic Science in Philadelphia. Dr. Schwartzman is also host of the popular blog Wilhelm Reich Today.'

IA Lauds Doctors from 17 Countries Over AAP Criticisms

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'TARRYTOWN, NY—The American Academy of Pediatrics should be reeling today from two independent blasts of criticism from doctors and medical ethicists saying the AAP's Task Force report last summer, which softened its opposition to routine neonatal male circumcision, is unsupported by scientific data or medical ethics.

Articles in the AAP's own journal Pediatrics, and in a special issue of the British Journal of Medical Ethics, took the AAP to task for its report issued in August 2012 that stopped short of recommending in favor of circumcision, but called for public and private medical insurance to cover the costs for an unnecessary and inherently risky surgery performed more than a million times a year in the United States.'

The European: His Body, His Choice

Matt · 24 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From 2012, but still very relevant. Excerpt:

'Recently, a German court ruled that the right of the child to physical integrity trumps the right of the parents to religious freedom. The court further stated that circumcision of a minor for non-medical reasons is a criminal offense. Circumcision should therefore be postponed until the boy can decide for himself.
...
As part of this worldwide trend, and following other professional organizations, the KNMG published a position paper in 2010 on the 'non-therapeutic circumcision of minors' (NTC). In it, the KNMG concluded that circumcision violates the child's right to autonomy and physical integrity. One of the main guideposts for the KNMG in this issue is the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). This declaration states that children should be protected 'against all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse.' It also calls upon governments to 'take measures to abolish traditional practices prejudicial to the health of children.' There is ample scientific proof that NTC is indeed prejudicial to the health of children. Around 25-50% of healthy skin is removed from the penis in circumcision. ...'

Norweigan Paint Manufacturer JOTUN Promoting New Paint With Sexism

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Via email:

Norweigan Paint Manufacturer JOTUN is promoting their new paint line "LADY Wonderwall" with a woman patting a man on the man's left buttock. Ad on YouTube here.

Imagine the cry from the feminists if it was a man patting a woman's buttock. Today it seems to be all right to make sexist commercials as long as it's a man being objectified. Company contact form is here.

Eight Reasons Why an Intact Penis Is Better Than a Cut Penis

Matt · 24 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Blog post here. From 2012, but good to read anytime. The video he made is in Hebrew so our readers who don't speak it (including myself) will be missing out. If anyone has a desire to translate his video commentary, please feel free to do so and post. Excerpt:

'Shalom. I'm Israeli, I'm Jewish and I'm an Intactivist, which means I strive to end male circumcision performed on infants and children in Israel and around the world. My journey to Intactivism began seven years ago when my son was born.

My wife and I had no doubts about circumcision. Although I hated it, and knew I was only doing it because it was a social dictate, I felt that putting my son through a surgical procedure to make his penis look "normal" was a must. The thought of not circumcising didn't even cross my mind.
...
... This triggered some reluctance, and the next thing I did was to look for recommendations on this doctor. I wanted to see what other parents were saying about him. Minutes into my research I accidentally came across websites which oppose circumcision. The first anti-circumcision text that caught my eye was the following paragraph from The Guide For The Perplexed by Moses Maimonides:

"As regards circumcision, I think that one of its objects is to limit sexual intercourse, and to weaken the organ of generation as far as possible, and thus cause man to be moderate. Some people believe that circumcision is to remove a defect in man's formation; but every one can easily reply: How can products of nature be deficient so as to require external completion, especially as the use of the foreskin to that organ is evident. This commandment has not been enjoined as a complement to a deficient physical creation, but as a means for perfecting man's moral shortcomings. The bodily injury caused to that organ is exactly that which is desired; it does not interrupt any vital function, nor does it destroy the power of generation. ...'

Keep Calm and Carry On Throwing Rocks at Boys?

Matt · 25 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two weeks ago, mainstream news and social media sites joined forces, convincing Amazon to remove adverts for T-shirts with wording such as 'Keep calm and rape a lot' and 'Keep calm and hit her'.

The sexist slogans were a result of a computer programme generating thousands of random phrases, the manufacturer claims. What cannot be written off as an accident, are the eight ads still on Amazon for “Boys are stupid, throw rocks at them” gear, 13 ads for a man-shaped knife block, two ads for an “ex-boyfriend punch bag”, and dozens more ads for T-shirts calling men “pigs”, “dogs”, “idiots”, and “animals”.

You may think comedy items targeting males or females are just a bit of harmless fun, but according to 2008 research by Professor Thomas Ford et al, of Western Carolina University, sexism is spread by the use of sexist humour in particular.

...

I contacted Amazon over a week ago ago by phone, and the call centre worker said she had escalated the complaint to management who will investigate the anti-male products on sale. Men's rights activist Glenn Sacks launched a high profile partially successful campaign 10 years ago to get the “Boys are stupid” range banned, so it is time to finish the job. It has taken a few days to get some violently misogynistic T-shirt ads removed, but 10 years and counting to get some well known violently misandric merchandise banned. You can contact Amazon here.'

Women on corporate boards better decision-makers than male directors: study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'TORONTO — Women who sit on corporate boards are more likely to “rock the boat” and be more open to new ideas than their male counterparts — skills that often translate into better decisions and financial success for the company, according to a new study.

The survey, recently published in the International Journal of Business Governance and Ethics, found that of the 624 board directors polled in Canada, women were more likely to use “co-operation, collaboration and consensus building” when dealing with complex decisions.

While male directors more often made decisions by using “rules, regulations and traditional ways of doing business.”'

Casey Anthony Supporters Send Her Cash, Gift Cards

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In her first public appearance since her murder acquittal in 2011, the unemployed Casey Anthony said that she lives "free off of the kindness of others," along with donations of cash and gift cards from strangers.

Even though she's been called the most hated woman in America, Anthony has a fervent group of supporters who use assumed names and brush off death threats in order to stand by her side.

"I think Casey made some mistakes and I think the picture that we see is a caricature of who she really is," a supporter who goes by Melissa told ABCNews.com. "I don't think we see the whole Casey in what has been presented. There's a hard road ahead of her, but she has a lot of support."'

Relatedly: Trustee asks judge to allow Casey's story to be sold. Excerpt:

'The trustee overseeing Casey Anthony's bankruptcy plans to sell the rights to her story, a new court filing states, and one person has already offered $10,000 — in the hopes of preventing her from profiting from it in the future.

In a new filing, Allan Watkins, an attorney for bankruptcy trustee Stephen L. Meininger, asks U.S. Bankruptcy Judge K. Rodney May for permission to sell "the exclusive worldwide rights in perpetuity to the commercialization of Anthony's life story" including her daughter's death and her high-profile murder trial.'

Follow "Male Positive Media" on Twitter

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I've decided to create a Male Positive Media account on Twitter, where I would post links to positive music and videos for men and boys. The account address is https://twitter.com/MalePositive

If I could get some followers on Twitter, that would be much appreciated. It would extend the influence of male positive media around the web and hopefully become popular.

"Why I am sueing the orthodox Rabbi Yehuda Teichtal for having a circumcision performed on his son"

Matt · 26 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I want to point out explicitly that I reject any ideology or action that is directed against a humane, tolerant, free and democratic value- and law-abiding society. I will refuse or quit any cooperation with persons or groups of whom I think would put a society based on democratic values, unconditional and at any time, in question.

In that spirit I also disapprove of any misuse of my efforts to further children's rights to bodily integrity by people that use the issue of circumcision to fuel their discriminating thoughts against minorities.
...
In the video published on the website of the Berlin Tagesspiegel one can see how Mr. Menachem Fleischmann takes a mouthful of wine, then leans down over baby Mendel Teichtal to suck blood from his bleeding penis.

In §1631d BGB the law states that parents may only consent to a foreskin amputation if it is to be performed according to the rules of medical science, with the degree of skill and learning commonly applied under all the circumstances in the community by the average prudent reputable member of the profession.

Taking a babies bleeding penis into one's mouth to suck blood out of it - a procedure called Metzitzah B'peh - can not be according to this rules.

Hence, in Germany parents can not legally consent to such a practice (a circumcision involving Metzitzah B'peh). The amputation of the foreskin was therefore illegal. This makes it an infliction of bodily harm (in this case additionally qualified as a dangerous one, since it was carried out with a knife).'

Student arrested on suspicion of filing false report tied to rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'FARGO – North Dakota State University campus police arrested a 20-year-old female student Tuesday evening on suspicion of falsely reporting a crime to law enforcement.

Mary Gullickson, who resides on campus, was arrested without incident at the campus police station, according to NDSU police Lt. Gregory Stone.

Stone said an investigation into a report of an abduction and sexual assault occurring on campus Sunday evening determined that no abduction or sexual assault took place.'

Student who fabricated UC Santa Cruz rape report charged with misdemeanor

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SANTA CRUZ -- A 20-year-old UC Santa Barbara student who admitted to making a false report of rape on the UC Santa Cruz campus in February has been charged by prosecutors.

Morgan Triplett, 20, faces a misdemeanor allegation of making a false report, Santa Cruz County assistant district attorney Johanna Schonfield said Thursday.

Triplett is expected to be arraigned next week and faces six months in jail, counseling or restitution if convicted, prosecutors said.
...
On Feb. 28, UCSC Police Chief Nader Oweis said the woman admitted to authorities that she "fabricated" the report.

"After an extensive investigation it became apparent that the majority of the information that Ms. Triplett gave the officers was not in fact true," Schonfield said Thursday.'

UK: Rape of teenage girl in cemetery a false allegation, say police

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Detectives investigating the rape of a teenage girl in a cemetery say it was a false allegation.

It had been reported the victim was walking from Market Street through Bury cemetery,south of Bury town centre, when she was attacked.

Police were told that on the afternoon of Thursday, March 7, a man grabbed hold of her and pulled her away from the footpath before raping her.

Officers have since confirmed that it was a false report, and no attack took place.'

India: Rape accused kills self after ‘victim’ admits false charges

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A man facing a rape trial committed suicide in Indore days after the complainant reportedly admitted that he had only tried to hold her hand after a fight over money.

Roopkishore, 53, was found dead in his home in Palasia locality on Sunday, four days after the woman, 33, admitted during trial that she had falsely charged him with rape to avoid repaying the money her husband owed him.

The woman, who is Roopkishore's tenant, had accused him of raping her on December 26. The police booked him under Section 376 of the IPC and arrested him.'

Editorial: Despite false sexual assault report, let’s seize opportunity to educate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yes, we can all rest easy knowing there isn’t a sexual predator on the loose in Auburn.

That should make anyone with children, college-aged or not, breathe a sigh of relief.

But when Auburn police determined that an alleged sexual assault reported near Auburn University’s campus did not, in fact, happen last week, we shouldn’t just close the book.

We need to seize the opportunity to continue to educate and raise awareness about sexual assault.'

Auburn police: Victim in alleged sexual assault filed false report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An alleged sexual assault reported near Auburn University campus last week did not occur, authorities announced Monday.

“We thoroughly investigated it and it didn’t happen,” said Auburn Police Capt. Tom Stofer, who declined to release the identity of the woman that filed the false report.

Stofer also said there will be no charges filed against the 20-year-old woman who was not an Auburn University student and at no time was she or any residents in the area of the alleged incident in any danger.'

Shelton Cops: Ansonia Woman Falsely Reported Sexual Assault

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Story here.

'An Ansonia resident filed a false report of sexual assault, Shelton police said.

Kathryn M. Jordan, 54, of Elaine Drive, is charged with second-degree falsely reporting an incident.

She made the report in July 2012, police said, and was arrested March 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Police Headquarters.

Jordan was released on a written promise to appear in Derby Superior Court on April 3.'

False rape claim hindered Elgin murder investigation, police say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Elgin police, investigating a 2-week-old murder, say they wasted valuable time and resources looking into a report of a nearby sexual assault that turned out to be false.

A Larkin High School senior who lives on the same block as murder victim Lisa Koziol-Ellis made the false report to cover up the fact she lost a dog she was watching, police said.

Katrina R. Sedlock, 18, of the 0-100 block of Garden Crescent Court, was charged with felony disorderly conduct and making a false crime report. She appeared Friday in the Elgin branch of Kane County bond court, police Cmdr. Glenn Theriault said.'

SAVE: District Attorney Group is Embarrassing Itself

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In early January, SAVE sent a letter to the National District Attorneys Association, asking the NDAA to make its National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women gender-neutral or gender-inclusive.

We thought the NDAA would respond quickly to our request, since the NDAA's own ethical standards say, "A criminal investigation should not begin or be continued if it is motivated in whole or part by the victim or perpetrator's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or political affiliation unless these factors are an element of a crime or relevant to the perpetrator's motive."

Nearly 3 months later, the NDAA has not changed the biased name of its Center, nor has it given a formal response.

Anti-Circumcision Protesters Cut Into Supreme Court Scene

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Story here. Excerpt:

'While most of the thousands of demonstrators lined up outside the U.S. Supreme Court today were there to show their opposition to the Defense of Marriage Act, a handful of people were getting snippy about a completely different issue.

Circumcision.

This week marks the 20th annual Demonstration Against Infant Circumcision, a yearly protest in which hundreds of "intactivists" descent upon Washington to clamor for an end to the practice of doctors removing newborn infant boys' foreskin, whether for religious purposes or because it's a standard practice in American medicine.

"Forcing children to participate in blood rituals is wrong," says Jonathan Conte, a San Francisco resident holding a large sign reading "Equal Justice" above a large, graphic photo of a newborn being circumcised. "Religion of one's parents is not a reason to abuse."

Noting that the federal government adopted legislation in 1996 banning vaginal circumcision, Conte wants to see a similar measure adopted that protects penises. While the removal of the foreskin is an ages-old custom in Judaism, Conte says that accounts for only a fraction of circumcisions performed in the United States, where it was adopted as a standard medical procedure for newborns in the mid-19th century.'

Sens. look to fix child support, revoked licenses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Easing the penalties on people who fail to pay child support would seem to be an odd strategy to use to alleviate child poverty.

But that's what was discussed at a West Virginia Senate committee on child poverty on Wednesday. And that discussion is likely to lead to legislation that will have bipartisan support.

The committee heard from Rev. Matthew Watts, a community leader from Charleston's West Side, who described a situation where a parent fails to pay child support, is sent to jail, loses any source of income he or she may have had and then the child has no hope of getting support.
...
Laird has proposed a bill providing amnesty to anyone whose license has been suspended for failing to pay a fine that is at least 10 years old. That bill will be considered by the Senate Transportation Committee on Friday.'

Jailed for Nonpayment of Child Support; But its Not His Child

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The feminists have ratcheted up the laws against men to such an outrageous level that paternity fraud is not just ignored, but routinely rubber stamped by the courts. Whether one agrees with the concept of child support or not, virtually everyone can agree that jailing men for child support over children who are not theirs is morally wrong. Men are routinely sent to jail for falling behind on paying child support, even though debtors' prisons in the U.S. were mostly eliminated in the mid-nineteenth century.

The family courts and laws are set up in such a way that makes it very easy for a mother to collect child support, and very difficult for a man to avoid it. If a couple was married, the default law is that the man will be required to pay child support for any child born while they were married. In order for a man who isn't the father to escape this outcome, he must obtain a paternity test and take a series of legal steps in court. Most states only allow a short window of time for a man to do this. If a man is not aware of the child, which he may not be if his wife or former wife doesn't notify him of the child right away, he loses all chance to fight the child support, and will be on the hook for hundreds of thousands of dollars for the next 18 years until the child becomes an adult.'

UK: GCSE exam shakeup could discriminate against girls, say teachers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Coalition plans to force teenagers to sit exams at the end of their courses, rather than throughout the year, could discriminate against girls, teachers have warned.

From 2015, there will be a return to end-of-course exams and less coursework in GCSE English, geography, history, maths and the sciences. Michael Gove, the education secretary, says the move will make the qualifications more rigorous.

But the reforms could reverse the lead girls have had over boys in most subjects for more than two decades, teachers said. Exams data shows girls have outperformed boys in GCSEs for 24 years.'

Firms owned by white women get half of Parkland's minority contracts

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Story here. Excerpt:

'White women's companies have received half of the $177 million that Parkland Memorial Hospital has awarded to minority- and women-owned businesses for the construction of a new public hospital.

Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price asked Parkland officials to provide the breakdown as he scrutinizes how Parkland and the new facility are being overseen.

"It's very interesting to me that in every area, white-women-owned businesses lead the pack," Price said at Tuesday's regular meeting of the Dallas County commissioners.'

The Athena Doctrine: What if Male Leaders Thought More Like Women?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With the spotlight currently shining on female leaders, like Marissa Mayer and Sheryl Sandberg, the timing couldn't be better for next month's release of the The Athena Doctrine. This groundbreaking new book, which features surveys from 64,000 people in 13 countries, presents an intriguing conclusion: Our world would be a better place if more men thought like women.

I had the chance to catch up with one of the authors, social strategist John Gerzema, to ask him a few questions about the book—and find out what his takeaways are for any business owner, regardless of gender.'

'Women are smarter than men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At an early point in their lives, women have developed a skill that lasts them their entire lifetime, and that is the ability to act/pretend as if they are on the same intellectual level with men, when women are actually superior to them. Men, not being comparatively bright, fall for this act and believe men and women are of equal intelligence. Men don't realize the intellectually inferior position they are in, and therefore women can use men's lack of understanding to their advantage in "outsmarting" men on various levels.'

Poll: 45 Percent Would Ban Shechitah in Britain

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'(JTA) -- About 45 percent of 1,900 Britons polled favored banning Jewish ritual slaughter and 38 percent said they favored banning nonmedical circumcision.
...
When asked about “male circumcision for religious reasons," 38 percent supported a ban, 35 percent opposed a ban and 27 percent were undecided, The Jewish Chronicle reported this week.

Among 18-24 year-olds, 41 percent would ban both nonmedical circumcision in underage boys and ritual slaughter of animals for food.'

Are women retirees really much poorer than men?

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'I’ve covered gender differences in financial issues for years. Periodically, studies come out that say women are worse at planning for retirement than men. They outlive men, on average, and tend to put away less for retirement, so they end up poorer. The studies are pumped out with a frightening degree of regularity by financial institutions and think tanks. But I’ve started to ask: Is it really true that women are worse off in retirement?
...
From the EBRI survey, I would gather that male retirees are slightly better off financially than females. The fact that men rely more on their own savings than on government programs proves they’ve done a better job of setting money aside. But the differences are slight, not oceanic.'

Is America A "Rape Culture"?

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'This claim, advanced by a cadre of feminist activists and bloggers, has been gaining mainstream currency—particularly in the wake of the nationally publicized Steubenville, Ohio rape case which exposed some very ugly attitudes and behaviors. While no one would deny that sexual violence is a grave problem, the crusade against “the rape culture” is a dubious cure: it distorts truth, fosters anger and divisiveness instead of respect and equality, and ultimately endangers justice for all.

There is, of course, some truth to the feminist argument that traditional sexual norms have often led to tolerance toward sexual coercion in certain situations (especially when the woman’s conduct is seen as “loose” or seductive). Even now, such sentiments are echoed in vile Internet comments bashing the 16-year-old Steubenville victim as a drunken slut—very much a minority view, but voiced frequently enough to be troubling.
...
Let us, by all means, confront ugly, sexist, victim-blaming attitudes when we see them. But this can be done without promoting sexist attitudes in feminist clothing: that a woman’s word automatically deserves more weight than a man’s; that all men bear responsibility for rape and “normal” men need to be taught not to rape; or that a woman who is inebriated but fully conscious is not responsible for her actions while an equally inebriated man is.

These ideological shibboleths will do little to help real victims of sexual violence, and may even hurt them by inviting an inevitable backlash.'

People stranded on drifting ice-- really a problem since some are women and children

Matt · 30 March 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. More from the it's-really-a-problem-if-it-includes-women-and-children dept. Excerpt:

'There are reports out of northern Europe that more than 500 people were adrift on two ice floes that broke away and began drifting away from the coast of Latvia.

Among the stranded were families with women and children but most of the stranded were ice fishermen.

Rescue operations were underway and many of the people had been rescued.'

F&F: More Alimony Reform: Valuation of Professional Practices in Divorce Proceedings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Massachusetts Medical Society has submitted an act relative to the valuation of professional practices in divorce proceedings, H1227. This legislation is applicable to all professional practices – medical, architectural, legal, financial services, and engineering.

Prior to 1997, the Massachusetts probate courts in divorce proceedings treated the value of a corporation as the price at which the property would change hands between a willing seller and a willing buyer, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell and both having relevant knowledge of relevant facts. This definition is referred to as the fair market valuation standard as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. This legislation would reinstate this definition for professional corporations, in particular when the professional is going to stay with the corporation and continue to provide services.'

White House Petition to Enforce 14th Amendment to Protect Infant Males Against Circumcision

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Petition here. Text:

'It is an absolute outrage that this country has outlawed medically unnecessary circumcision of minor females, yet has continued to to allow the procedure on infant males. The fourteenth amendment plainly states that all individuals are guaranteed equal protection under the law. There are countless males outraged at having been mutilated at the hands of doctors (These doctors took vows to first do no harm) with the consent of their parents (who are suppose to protect their children!). There are not enough benefits of circumcision to recommend it as routine practice. There are needless infant deaths every year due to complications. It is time to stand up as a nation and do away with an outdated trend that introduced to prevent masturbation!'

Jodi Arias' Domestic Violence Expert Says Email Proves Travis Alexander Was Abusive

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jodi Arias' defense team may have scored its first big win Thursday when a domestic violence expert testified about previously undisclosed emails from Travis Alexander's close friends that indicate he had a history of being abusive.

"They have basically advised Ms. Arias to move on from the relationship ... that Mr. Alexander has been abusive to women." psychotherapist Alyce LaViolette testified.
...
Prosecutor Juan Martinez objected to much of the defense expert's testimony, calling it was hearsay. However, the judge overruled the majority of the objections.

The jury could view LaViolette's testimony as crucial in determining whether there is merit to Arias' claim that she was a victim of domestic violence.'

Dallas: Men against domestic violence rally draws low numbers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LEWISVILLE — Unfavorable weather and insufficient advertising is being blamed for the low turn out to a rally planned in front of Lewisville City Hall.

Lewisville resident Robert Glen planned a Men Against Domestic Violence rally for March 23, but only four people showed up for the event.

“It was a total bust,” Glen said. “I know the weather wasn’t great, and I don’t think there was enough coverage to really get the rally going.”'

Relatedly:

Plano woman sentenced to eight years for stabbing ex in back Excerpt:

'PLANO — Julia Decatur-Schrader, 40, of Plano, was sentenced to eight years in prison Friday for stabbing her ex-husband in the back.
...
Decatur-Schrader's 13-year-old daughter testified she had seen her mother carrying a "crazy knife" earlier in the evening, and that she had threatened to stab her ex-husband. While Schrader was in his apartment complex courtyard with his brother, Decatur-Schrader entered the courtyard and secretly activated her cell phone microphone and placed the phone on one of the courtyard tables.

Decatur-Schrader then charged at Schrader and began beating him on his face and head, cutting his scalp with her hands. Witnesses on a nearby balcony testified Schrader did not fight back, but ducked and tried to cover his face. When the witnesses threatened to call the police, Decatur-Schrader stopped and started to walk away.'

Barbara Kay: Our male-victimizing myths live on

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Twenty years ago Earl Silverman of Calgary, fleeing his home to escape violence from his abusive wife, had no refuge to take shelter in. There were plenty of shelters for women victims of domestic abuse, but for men the only publicly funded services were for anger management.

The message was clear to Silverman: “As a victim, I was re-victimized by having these services telling me I wasn’t a victim, but I was a perpetrator.”

Three years ago, in his own home, Silverman opened the Men’s Alternative Safe House (MASH), which until last week held the distinction of being the only privately funded shelter for male victims of domestic abuse in Canada. Now, with no public funds to help, the maintenance and grocery bills associated with running his shelter have become too onerous for him to handle. Silverman has sold his home.'

Girls Get More Learning Time from Parents than Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Girls may struggle with self-esteem issues and gender equality in the workplace, but a new study suggests there is one area where they have a one-up on their male counterparts.

Conducted by two Canadian economics professors, this study is a follow-up on one that showed boys receive more parental time than girls because their fathers spend more time with them after about age five or six. However, the new study indicates that girls have the upper hand when it comes to teaching time from their parents.

According to the authors, preschool girls from Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom get more time with their parents when it comes to telling stories, reading, singing songs, drawing, and learning new words and letters. Even in households with fraternal boy-and-girl twins where parents were determined to treat both children fairly, this conclusion held true. In fact, number teaching seemed to be the only place where boys seemed to receive fair treatment.'

District Court finds boys' basketball haircut policy does not constitute discrimination or infringe student rights

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'Among other more technical legal findings, the Court found that the due process, equal protection, and discrimination claims could not survive on their merits. The Court reasoned that public schools may lawfully enact and enforce dress and grooming policies and may even impose a higher degree of regulation on students who participate in interscholastic sports than the general student body. The student's equal protection claim failed because the haircut policy applies only to male athletes who play basketball and not all male athletes, thereby eliminating any claims that male athletes were treated differently from female athletes. The Court stated that there was no evidence the school intentionally discriminated against the student because of his membership in the class of male athletes. Similarly, the student's Title IX gender discrimination claim failed because the haircut policy does not discriminate against the student because of his gender.'

N. Dakota: Another Walk-A-Mile-In-Her-Shoes Event

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'MOORHEAD – Last Sunday, 230 people registered for MSUM's third annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes." An estimated three-quarters of them were male college students.
...
The men clearly had fun trying on, showing off and hobbling around in the women's shoes, but the afternoon spectacle had a bigger purpose – to show that they, too, want to help prevent sexual violence.
...
"Being of the male gender, I have to assume responsibility on behalf of all men for the fact that we didn't seem to care that much. It took, for the most part, strong, determined women to say enough is enough, 35-40 years ago," says Diehl, who's been working in the field for 25 years.

He says the men he knows and works with are aware of and grateful for the work women have done to raise awareness and prevent violence against women, and they don't want to come across as trying to take over – they just want to add their voices and work on the problem together.

Although men, too, are victims of sexual assault, statistics from the RACC and local law enforcement continue to show that women still make up the majority.

"It seems clear that it's my gender who are the primary perpetrators of this violence, whether it's against men or women. It's also up to us to try to stop it as well as just make sure there are services available after it happens," Diehl says.'

Protesters decry infant circumcision

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'The people carrying signs Saturday in Pine Grove Park across from Port Huron Hospital were protesting cuts — but not to health care spending or state government.

Members of Intact Michigan were protesting infant circumcision.

“We believe that since girls are protected under the law from genital cutting, males also should be protected under the law from genital cutting until they’re old enough to decide,” said Kaitlyn Young, who organized the protest.

“We’re not against circumcision per se,” she said. “We’re against it being forced on infants.”'

As Qualified Men Dwindle, Military Looks For A Few Good Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When the Pentagon said earlier this year that it would open ground combat jobs to women, it was cast in terms of giving women equal opportunities in the workplace — the military workplace.

But the move has practical considerations, too. The military needs qualified people to fill its ranks, and it's increasingly harder to find them among men.

"It's fairly common knowledge that our population of military-age young men, who qualify for the military, is declining," Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey said in an interview with NPR just after the Pentagon announced that women no longer be excluded from ground combat jobs.

Too many potential male recruits have criminal records, drop out of high school or have drug problems. In addition, the rising obesity rate is also a factor.'

Who will fight for the rights of military fathers?

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'Here's a sad but true story. It starts with a young couple living in North Carolina, married two years, wife pregnant, husband in the Army Reserves.

He's deployed to Afghanistan for a year, and she moves to Maryland to live with her parents and newborn daughter. One year later, a week before the child's father comes home from Afghanistan, the wife texts her husband to say she's divorcing him — she claimed abandonment, even though they had kept in touch weekly — and then takes two thirds of the money they had saved.

...

The wife had a bachelor's degree and finally decided to get a job. So now they were making close to the same amount, she grossing $2,300 a month and he $2,600. She had the added expense of day care, at $860 a month, but she was still living for free with her parents.

But the court ordered the father to pay $967 a month in child support, which left him $1,200 a month in take home pay to live on. Plus, he can only see his daughter if he goes up to Maryland after the judge said he couldn't take her back to North Carolina for visits because the car ride would be too hard on an 18-month-old. The wife also asked for alimony but that has not been granted so far.'

Adria Richards and Donglegate - Right or Wrong?

Matt · 1 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Whilst at PyCon, a conference for developers, Adria Richards was seated ten rows back from the stage. A row behind her, two men were having a conversation where they referenced "forking repos" and "big dongles". Adria overheard and decided she did not like what she heard, since conversations of an offensive nature are not allowed in PyCon's guidelines. She decided to tweet to her 10,000+ twitter followers in the industry, instead of speaking to them directly as suggested in the guidelines. The events that followed would lead to both parties getting fired.

Following this tweet, she contacted PyCon publicly via twitter and both men were taken away and reprimanded. Adria then decided that she should write an article on her popular blog about it. In this blog she implied what the men had said was sexist and preventative of women entering the tech industry. She also said that she had been a hero as well as later tweeting she felt like Joan of Ark. She described the men as "ass clowns" and their comments as being something out of Lord of the Flies.

As a result of this, one of the men was fired from his job. Understandably perhaps, many people in the community did not agree with this decision and the story began to go viral. Her twitter was inundated and then it took a far more sinister tone, with misogynist men tweeting threats of rape and even a picture of a decapitated female corpse accompanied by "your next". Adria's company began to lose clients, its reputation and its brand equity. Adria was subsequently fired from her role. There has been much division in the media on who was right and who was wrong here, who overreacted and who did not. I aim to examine the facts in this article and try and determine the answers to these questions.'

Antifeminism Might Become Illegal in the Nordic Countries

Matt · 1 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Nordic Council has received recommendations from the expert panel to forbid antifeminist speech in the Nordic countries (Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Iceland and Norway).

The “Expert panel” was full of radical feminists and profeminist men.

The report is written in the Nordic languages (except Finnish) and some parts in English.

In the report antifeminist speech and right-wing extremist hate speech towards immigrants are treated as a part of the same movement.

MRM is labeled as part of right-wing extremism.'

20% of High School Aged Boys in US Diagnosed with ADHD

Matt · 2 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly one in five high school age boys in the United States and 11 percent of school-age children over all have received a medical diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, according to new data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

These rates reflect a marked rise over the last decade and could fuel growing concern among many doctors that the A.D.H.D. diagnosis and its medication are overused in American children.

...

“Those are astronomical numbers. I’m floored,” said Dr. William Graf, a pediatric neurologist in New Haven and a professor at the Yale School of Medicine. He added, “Mild symptoms are being diagnosed so readily, which goes well beyond the disorder and beyond the zone of ambiguity to pure enhancement of children who are otherwise healthy.”'

Australia: Woman pours superglue into man's eyes during argument

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Story here.

'The 64-year-old man and the 58-year-old woman became involved in a heated argument at a Sebastopol house on Sunday evening.

The woman allegedly tried to strangle the man before pouring superglue in his eyes and one ear, Senior Sergeant Paul Kinna said.

Sgt Kinna said the woman is also accused of trying to set fire to the man and striking him with her prosthetic leg.

The man was taken to Ballarat Base Hospital, before being transferred to Melbourne's Eye and Ear Hospital in a stable condition.

The woman has been charged with three offences, including one count of reckless conduct endangering life.'

The Glass Cellar

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Video here.

'We hear a lot about the "Glass Ceiling" that keeps women from top positions, but very little about the men who comprise 85% or more of the 25 most dangerous jobs.'

F&F: National Putative Father Registry: A Bad Idea Promoted by Adoption Lawyers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For readers who haven't seen pieces I've written on these scandalous inventions, putative father registries are entities designed to remove fathers from the process of adopting children. They're located in the bureaucracy of states, usually in the Department of Health, perhaps in the Bureau of Vital records. A registry is created by state law that requires every unmarried man who believes he may have fathered a child to file a form with the registry laying claim to any such child. If he does that and and a child was in fact conceived and the mother carries it to term and places the child for adoption, the father is entitled to notice of the adoption and an opportunity to assert his parental rights. Failure to file the form means the court is free to finalize the adoption without telling him.

So, if you're single man and you have sex with a woman, you need to file the requisite form with the state. On it you'll identify yourself and the woman and, depending on the state, the approximate birth date of the child.'

Divorce, Children, and Child Support: A Family Law Roundtable

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The 24 minute presentation answers many of the questions common to clients of these professionals with more than fifty years of combined experience in practice. The panel addresses worry and misunderstandings associated with managing the effects of divorce on children. In addition to discussions of legal issues involving child custody and child support during (and following) divorce, the presentation explores financial and psychological elements likely to affect parents and their children resulting from the separation.
...
The Family Law Roundtable: Child Support is the second video in a series of discussions on divorce, with two more roundtables to follow from this panel. See it here:

http://www.lowensteinbrown.com/child-support-roundtable.php

Read the full story at http://www.prweb.com/releases/2013/4/prweb10574159.htm

'Women (and Men) Face Big Hurdles in Training for Marine Infantry Units'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'QUANTICO, Va. — A group of Marine second lieutenants, all men, stood before the ropes on an obstacle course. They looked exhausted, though the day was far from done. One by one, they took their shots at scaling the line. One by one, most of them dropped short of the top. They were already three hours behind the front-runners in their class.

...

The 86-day Infantry Officer Course, which was started in 1977 by Vietnam combat veterans, is viewed with special reverence within the corps, the most infantry-centric of the armed services. Though its students tend to be top performers in basic officer training, more than one in five are dropped during the infantry course. Some are allowed to try again, but most find other jobs in the corps.

...

But for that to happen, he said, they will need to start preparing in college or high school, as many men do. He has begun urging the Naval Academy and reserve officer training programs to help potential female candidates strengthen their upper bodies, do more hiking carrying weight and study infantry history.'

Senate Committee Approves Father-Daughter Bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Senate Committee approved a bill that would allow school districts to have father-daughter dances and other gender-exclusive events, as long as comparable events for the opposite gender is offered.

The bill now heads to the Senate floor.

The bill, 2013-S 0012 – submitted by Cranston Sen. Hannah Gallo – would alter state gender discrimination laws, which Cranston school lawyers have said traditional father-daughter dances violate. A complaint from the mother of a Cranston girl triggered the review, prompting Cranston Supt. Judith Lundsten to cancel the district's dance.'

California Agriculture Teacher Given 5-Month Sentence, Had Sex With Underage Student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Merced, CA – Melody Carter-McCabe was arrested and retained on a $250,000 bail last summer for allegedly engaging in a relationship with one of her students. The 27-year-old carried on a yearlong sexual relationship with a 15-year-old beginning back in 2010. McCabe was the boy's mentor in the Future Farmers of America program.

The Livingston High School agriculture teacher initially faced up to 12 years in prison if convicted, as she had been charged with nine felony counts of unlawful sex with a minor.

However Monday, after McCabe pled no contest to the charges, a judge sentenced the former educator to five months in the Merced County jail. She is scheduled to report to the jail on Thursday to start her detainment and will be given credit for any time she's already served leading up to the sentencing. After release, McCabe will be under a five year felony probation but will not have to register as a sexual offender.'

Rhonda Eisenberg, ex-teacher, allowed to write former student whose child she bore

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In July, we told you about Greeley high school teacher Rhonda Eisenberg's arrest for sexual assault in a case involving what was at the time an underage student.

Eisenberg subsequently pleaded guilty in the matter, and she was sentenced yesterday. But the resolution of the case was complicated by two facts: The student fathered Eisenberg's child, and he's now legally an adult, who a judge will allow to exchange letters with the woman convicted of assaulting him. Photos, video, the original arrest affidavit and more below.

...

"She continues to work with teenage boys," the note added.

...

As expected, Eisenberg was given actual time behind bars -- ninety days' worth. She's also required to register as a sex offender and undergo four years of sex-offender intensive supervised probation -- and as reported by CBS4, she didn't gripe about the punishment when addressing the court.'

Evans woman charged with making false rape claim against deputy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Evans woman was charged Tuesday with falsely accusing a deputy of raping her during a weekend traffic stop.

Kelsey Alane Long, 23, was charged with making a false report of a crime, possession of a Schedule III drug, possession of a controlled substance, obstruction and several traffic charges. She is being held in the Columbia County Detention Center without bond, according to sheriff's Capt. Steve Morris.

Long told a deputy taking her complaint at Georgia Regents Medical Center early Sunday that a deputy raped her in the front yard of a Martinez home about 2:30 a.m. during a traffic stop. The deputy taking her complaint told Long that making a false report of a crime was a felony, but she wanted to file the report anyway, according to a sheriff's office incident report.'

Trinidad: Single dads feel discriminated against

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SINGLE fathers poured their hearts out on Saturday night in Chaguanas and appealed to judges and magistrates to appreciate that the rights of fathers and mothers were just as important as the rights of the child.

Members of the Single Fathers' Association of Trinidad and Tobago (SFATT) held a meeting on Saturday night at which single fathers gathered at the Central Regional Indoor Sports Arena, Chaguanas, to voice their frustration.

SFATT's president Rhondall Feeles told a group of single fathers who turned out for the meeting, that the court system was too "mother-centric" and they needed, as single fathers, to make their voices heard.'

From The Burning Bed to Jodi Arias: The Abuse Defense Gone Wrong

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Most crimes of domestic abuse and stalking are perpetrated by men, but just because the majority of victims are women, to deny that women can be controlling and abusive and stalk and kill the men they covet, is a travesty to what the last 35 years have taught us about the dynamics of abuse. To suggest that Jodi Arias was a victim of an abusive boyfriend flies in the face of everything we have learned about power, control and obsession in intimate partner and stalking crimes. Far worse, to remain blind to the evidence of stalking and premeditated homicide because of the genders of the perpetrators and/or victims, is to send us back 35 years to the years before the case of Francine Hughes and The Burning Bed brought the realities of domestic abuse out of the closet, and gave victims some help and hope, however limited it remains.
...
Just because a woman treats a man badly is no excuse for killing her. And just because a man treats a woman badly is no excuse for killing him. Travis Alexander may not have respected Jodi Arias outside the bedroom, and she may well have wanted more from their relationship than he was willing to offer her. But the only way to promote informed awareness of domestic abuse and intimate partner homicide is to recognize that sometimes the abusers are not men. Sometimes they're the victims.'

Nebraska: Legislators consider equal parenting bill

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'LINCOLN — Joe Trader became a father and an activist on the same day.

After his daughter was born in 2010, Trader's girlfriend announced she wanted to break up. Determined to play a role in his daughter's life, the Omaha man filed legal papers seeking custody.

An Iraq War veteran who held down two jobs while obtaining a business degree at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Trader argued for joint legal custody and equal parenting time. He got neither.

So he started a fathers' rights page on Facebook that has since obtained nearly 900 "likes." He also helped get roughly 150 people to show up at the Nebraska Legislature this year in support of two bills intended to make equal parenting time the majority, rather than the minority.'

Boys vs. girls: What's behind the college grad gender gap?

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'FORTUNE -- The facts are plain, if puzzling: Not only do women enter college at higher rates than men, but they're less likely to drop out once they get there. Female grads now account for about 60% of U.S. bachelor's degree holders.

Does that mean men are less studious or committed than women are?

Not necessarily. Instead, it seems the gender gap's roots are partly financial: Men are less willing to take on the heavy debt loads that are increasingly required to complete a college degree. When they reach the point of owing $12,500 in school loans, men "are more likely to be discouraged" than women -- and to decide it makes sense to leave school and start working full-time.'

The New ‘Gender Gap’

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'Why? The authors’ analysis zeroes in on the rise in single motherhood over the last generation or two. Their statistics show that while the sons of single mothers face a significantly increased risk of “high school dropout, criminality, and violence,” and thus “diminished chances of obtaining stable employment,” the impact of single motherhood on daughters isn’t all that severe. Autor and Wasserman suggest that a “vicious cycle” may be in the offing, with a lower rate of father-headed households today giving rise to a generation of underachieving men tomorrow, and consequently to even fewer father-headed households – resulting in an ever-widening disparity between the educational and professional attainments of American men and women. The authors make it clear, moreover, that the phenomena they describe aren’t distinctive to the U.S. but can be observed in many parts of the Western world.

...

What chance do this “report’s” recommendations have of being adopted? Well, keep in mind that this isn’t some obscure, marginal academic product. The “seminar” out of which it grew was sponsored in part by the Norwegian Ministry of Children, Equality, and Social Inclusion; several of the authors work for official government agencies; and the “report” itself was funded by the Nordic Council (which, in turn, is funded by all of the Nordic governments). This is, then, pretty much as close as you can come to an official government document. Far from making the case that feminism is embattled and vulnerable, it’s proof positive that feminist ideology has the Nordic political establishment by the cojones (as we say in Norway) – and that those who dare to take it on are, like the critics of Islam, marked for censorship.'

Ryerson Students' Union blocks men's issues group

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) takes issue with a men's issues club. If it were not so serious, it would be laughable. An organization that collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in mandatory levies from Ryerson students is afraid of three students—two of them women—starting a men's issues group.

Despite the constant rhetoric about diversity, equity and inclusion, the RSU cannot tolerate ideologies that run counter to its own. The irony of this patronizing attitude towards campus freedom is hard to miss. It's as if the spirit of closed-minded religious dogma has jumped into bed with modern political correctness to prevent blasphemy against RSU ideological orthodoxy.'

Baseball Bailout At Towson Still Needs Approval

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'The reinstatement of baseball at Towson University is not a done deal yet.

According to Towson University Governor O'Malley's supplemental budget now includes $300-thousand for the next two years to fund the baseball program with the agreement that the program become self sufficient by 2015. But that funding needs to be approved by the General Assembly.

President Marvene Loeschke several weeks ago eliminated baseball and men's soccer citing having to meet Title IX requirements and a lack of funding for the programs.

She tells WBAL's Bill Vanko that a lot of pieces have to come together before the baseball program can start up again. "This is not finished. It is just a very hopeful window out of which we can operate with a real possibility of a two year success," says Loeschke.

Two weeks ago funding for the University's planned building in Harford County was put on hold as a result of the outcry of the elimination of the sports programs.'

New research confirms men feeling ‘mother’s guilt' too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There are days when Daniel Gerecht’s eldest daughter Amelia, 2, tries to stop him from going to work. “Daddy stay home,” she’ll say. Or she takes his hand and leads him back to bed.

“I’ve had to pull away from that, and that’s absolutely killer,” said the 33-year-old high school teacher.

The delicate balancing act between working and parenting, and the ensuing guilt if the balancing act fails, is typically associated with women. But a new study released by the Pew Research Center confirms men are feeling “mother’s guilt” too.'

Women’s issues take immigration reform spotlight

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women immigrants find themselves subject to abuse and lack of rights with little recourse, according to testimony from experts and activists who are urging national lawmakers to prioritize women in any comprehensive reform plan.

The director for National Domestic Workers Alliance, Ai-jen Poo, told Congress that past immigration overhauls have focused solely on the economic needs of U.S. companies, to the detriment of the immigrants’ rights.

“Today women and children represent two-thirds of all immigrants in the United States,” Poo told the Senate Judiciary committee on Monday. “But, unfortunately, past rounds of immigration reform have excluded women’s experiences.”
...
Jeff Sessions, R-Alabama, pushed back on the urge to open the immigration system based on family needs. Sessions said that immigration decisions must always be in the national interest.

“Just because it’s painful _ you made a choice to come to America _ doesn’t necessarily mean, I think, that you get to bring your aging parents or your brother and sister,” Sessions said in committee.

Sessions argued that the United States must have a limit on immigration, and those admitted should be chosen based on criteria like education, achievement, and ability to contribute economically.'

'Many American White Men Worship Guns Because of Sexual Insecurity, Entitlement, and Profit'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You won't find anyone willing to dare say it much in the media, but a good percentage of the white men who oppose gun control of any sort – and who back measures that would even allow alleged terrorists and straw purchases for drug dealers to buy guns – are just afraid that without their guns, their phallic power will be reduced to size.

You can feel at least temporarily reassured when a long-barreled assault weapon compensates for just another average manhood; it's an irresistable testosterone high to the beleaguered white male.
...
We're talking about a dying patriarchy making a last stand with the ownership and brandishing of weapons that provide the semblance of ultimate power over life and death.'

National Geographic: Men closing life expectancy gap with women is "troubling"

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Article here. Apparently it's "troubling" when the life expectancy gap between men and women has been closing, according to this article. Excerpt:

'How long do you have? It depends on gender and geography. In the U.S., women live longer—81 years on average, 76 for men—but a recent study by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation reveals a troubling trend. Though men's life spans have increased by 4.6 years since 1989, women have gained only 2.7 years, perhaps because a larger percentage of women have lacked adequate treatment for high blood pressure and cholesterol. "This is a wake-up call," says study co-author Ali Mokdad.'

Woman Convicted Of Killing Ex-Husband With Boiling Water

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Story here.

'REDWOOD CITY, Calif. -- A Northern California woman is facing 16 years to life behind bars after being convicted of killing her ex-husband by dousing him with scalding water.

San Mateo County prosecutors say 41-year-old Jesusa Ursonal Tatad pleaded no contest to second-degree murder on Wednesday. She is scheduled to be sentenced May 17.

Tatad and her ex-husband, 36-year-old Ronnie Tatad, shared a Daly City apartment. Prosecutors say she pulled back the blankets while he slept on Nov. 26, 2011, and threw a pot of boiling water on him.

They say she was upset because she believed he was seeing another woman.

The San Mateo County Times reports (http://bit.ly/ZAlm2T) that Ronnie Tatad died about two weeks later of a blood infection connected to his burns.'

Barbara Kay: Fair play for divorced dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Supreme Court Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin has commissioned a report aimed at overhauling Canada's family-law system. Its recommendations, which will be officially released later this month, reportedly include strategies for streamlining the legal process, encouraging mediation and reducing litigation.

The report will note that the number of self-representing litigants in family-law cases has climbed to above 70%, largely due to the exorbitant cost of lawyers. That statistic suggests the economic hardship that fractious breakups impose, but not the heartbreaking human costs imposed on parents — especially fathers, who often find the deck stacked against them in court.'

Brian Banks Signs With Atlanta Falcons

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Brian Banks (pictured), the high school football prodigy whose career was derailed by false rape accusations, has finally succeeded in achieving his NFL dreams: the Atlanta Falcons have signed him to a contract.
...
While a student at Polytechnic High School in Long Beach, Calif., a female acquaintance accused Banks of sexual assault. He was charged with rape and kidnapping, agreeing to a plea deal that put him in prison for five years. The California Innocence Project, a law school program, helped exonerate him after the women recanted her claims in a staged video sting.'

Wikipedia on Brian Banks

What is Misogyny, and How to Recognize a Misogynist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Misogyny is systemic, organized and has fan websites. Misogyny is also – because of the very nature of its deep-seated, psychological hatred – a linking factor among the various top-of-the-FBI-mind hate groups and militias. That means that people who hate women may also exhibit authoritarian, violent and bigoted behavior towards minorities. And they are politically active – as opposed to lurking on the fringes of society prior to, say 2008. Here is a list of blogs and sites in the so-called "Manosphere," which sponsor and encourage misogyny (warning: do not link unless you have a strong stomach): Alcuin, Boycott American Women, The Counter Feminist, The False Rape Society, In Mala Fide, MarkyMark's Thoughts, Men's Activism*, Reddit: Men's Rights (there has been some pushback on Reddit Creepshots, so this area may have been taken down), RooshV, SAVE Services, The Spearhead, and A Voice for Men.'

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* Ed.: Hey, I think that's MANN they're talking about! :)

SAVE: The Inclusive-VAWA Resource Center is Your One-Stop Solution

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The passage of VAWA brought with it an Inclusion Mandate which bans discrimination on the basis of "race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability." Realizing this is new territory for many abuse shelters and domestic violence programs, SAVE has created the Inclusive-VAWA Resource Center to assist program administrators. The Resource Center includes fact sheets, an inclusion checklist, special reports, a summary of legal requirements, and more.

The Resource Center also includes a sample Resolution for lawmakers who want to assure that under-served populations have equal access to services. These populations include African-Americans, American Indians, Asian-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Immigrants, LGBT, Male Victims, and Persons with Disabilities. You can take a copy to your Representative and ask them to introduce the Resolution.

We're also offering a consulting service to help domestic violence and sexual assault programs and shelters implement the VAWA Inclusion Mandate. This service can include phone consultations, trainings, website updates, and development of brochures and training manuals.

Visit the Resource Center now: www.saveservices.org/inclusive-vawa/resources/

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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Susan Patton Told the Truth

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Oops, we forgot all about Women's History Month. To make amends to the fairer sex, today we introduce our readers to a feminist pioneer.
...
If that is sexist, then Mother Nature is sexist. (Or, if you prefer, God is sexist, or natural selection if you don't go in for anthropomorphism.) If you think it unjust that our social institutions tilt the sexual playing field even further to the advantage of high-status men and the detriment of everyone else, then your quarrel is with those who espouse the ideologies that have produced that result: feminism and sexual liberationism.'

Prom problems: Indiana plagued by high rate of dating violence

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Article here. Nice to see rates of violence against males is also being reported. Excerpt:

'In 2009 nearly 11 percent of female high school students reported being hit, slapped or physically hurt by their date, again higher than the U.S. average. In addition, 12 percent of high school males reported being victimized by the person they were dating.

According to a Cornell University study, young women who endured dating violence in their teen years are more likely to suffer depression, have suicidal thoughts and engage in binge drinking. Young men also are more likely to be suicidal, abuse drugs and engage in delinquent behaviors if they suffered teen dating violence.'

F&F: Does Harsh Child Support Enforcement Work?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The United States has spent large amounts of money and employed draconian tactics to collect child support for almost 25 years. Have these policies been effective? And at what price?

In the late 1980s, the federal government passed a law requiring each state to develop a formula that would dictate the amount of child support ordered in most cases. The formula, called the Child Support Guidelines, was supposed to be based on actual costs of raising children, although we know this has not been the case. The federal law also required each state to establish laws, policies, and procedures to maximize the number of cases in which a child support order was established, and to enforce child support collection.
...
These results show that from 1995 through 2009, intensive efforts to increase the collection of child support have had little effect. The data from 2009 shows that economic factors are more important in determining compliance than enforcement of child support orders. In other words, when fathers have the money, they mostly pay it. (Of course, this has been demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt in numerous careful studies).'

Hillary Clinton: The clock is turning back for women in America

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton explained to the Women in the World summit in New York today that the clock is turning back for women in America.

"As I look at all these young women that I am privileged to work with, or know through Chelsea, and its hard to imagine turning the clock on them," Clinton said. “But in places around America, large and small, the clock is turning back,” she said, noting that women in America live “shorter lives” than any other industrialized country.
...
Clinton called for "equal pay" for working women as well as paid family and medical leave benefits.

"[I]f America is going to lead the way we expect ourselves to lead, we need to empower women here at home to participate fully in our economy and our society," she said.'

SAVE: As Bogus Rape Claims Grow, SAVE Calls for Repeal of Federal Sex Assault Directive

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As Bogus Rape Claims Grow, SAVE Calls for Repeal of Federal Sex Assault Directive

WASHINGTON / April 4, 2013 – Exactly two years after the U.S. Department of Education (DED) issued its directive on campus sexual assault, the federal mandate continues to stoke controversy. SAVE reiterates its call for the federal agency to remove the policy, first issued on April 4, 2011, which it believes is unconstitutional.

Civil rights expert Wendy Kaminer has described the policy as a concession to an "authoritarian impulse." To date, 110 editorials have scored the DED mandate for imposing a preponderance-of-evidence standard, stripping the accused of the presumption of innocence, and allowing students to be expelled without the benefit of legal counsel: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/ded-directive/ded-editorials/

The directive has given rise to a growing number of false allegations of sexual assault, many say.

On February 15, 2013, Morgan Triplett, claimed she was raped in broad daylight on the campus of the University of California-Santa Cruz. In truth, she had placed an abuser-wanted advertisement on Craigslist, soliciting a person to "punch, kick, and bruise her in exchange for sex."

The Triplett case may have inspired a North Dakota woman to place a similar ad.

On March 24, Mary Kate Gullickson, a student at North Dakota State University, ran a solicitation on Craigslist seeking a man to abduct and assault her to satisfy a "rape fantasy." Four days later Gullickson pleaded guilty to providing false information to a police officer. In addition to supervised probation, she was ordered to pay restitution to cover the cost of investigating the bogus rape claim.

"The DED sex mandate is an example of political correctness run amok," notes SAVE spokesperson Sheryle Hutter. "Universities should be serve as a wellspring of democratic ideals, not the playground for totalitarian fantasies."

Thirteen organizations, including the American Association of University Professors, have called for repeal of the DED directive: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/complaints/

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is a victim-advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to domestic violence and sexual assault: www.saveservices.org

Religious circumcision ritual leaves 2 Brooklyn infants with herpes

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two Brooklyn infants have contracted herpes through a controversial religious circumcision ritual in the past three months, according to the city's Health Department.

The unidentified baby boys became sick after the centuries-old, ultra-Orthodox ritual associated with the bris known as metzizah b'peh.

Under the practice, the rabbi or mohel removes blood from the wound on the baby's penis with his mouth — a practice city Health Department officials have slammed, saying it carries "inherent risks" for babies.

The Bloomberg administration has moved to require mohels who perform the ritual to provide parents with a document informing them of the health risks involved. The parents must then sign a consent form.

But several influential religious Jewish organizations have sued, arguing the policy violates the First Amendment.

In January, a federal judge ruled against the group's initial legal maneuver to block the new city policy.

"As enacted, the regulation does no more than ensure that parents can make an informed decision whether to grant or deny such consent," said judge Nami Reice Buchwald.'

Local gym to kick men out, create 'women-only' workout environment

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Starting on April 8, a Taylor fitness club will be open exclusively for ladies while dozens of its male members will be shown the door.

“We are members here, we signed contracts and it’s just not right,” said member Jermaine Banks.

“They haven’t given us a valid explanation about the reason they are doing it,” said member Rey Balmaceda.

The gym will turn into an oasis for ladies,offering fitness and special programs unique to women’s needs. Another one of its gyms in South Bend, Indiana will also transform, according to owners.

Currently, male members alternate workout days with female members at the gym, which the men tell 7 Action News allows them to have access to the club three days a week.
...
Dozens of male members say the gym is discriminating against them based on their gender.

They will be fighting back with a protest on April 9.'

Title IX law scrutinized as universities cut teams

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The men who play baseball and soccer at Towson University, run track at the University of Delaware and wrestle, swim or golf at any number of other colleges all heard the same reason when their teams were cut: Title IX.

To meet the federal law's goal of providing equal opportunities for athletes of both genders, schools have eliminated men's teams to keep their overall rosters in line with the number of women playing sports. But a growing chorus is crying foul.

"People are really upset that they're dragging Title IX through the mud to cut sports teams," said Towson University graduate Scott Hargest. He was a member of the task force that recommended, over his dissenting vote, cutting men's baseball and soccer to resolve what administrators said were budgetary and Title IX compliance issues.

Rather, he and others say, colleges that want to shift money to major, revenue-generating sports use Title IX's requirements as cover for eliminating lower-profile men's teams. While the Towson baseball team may have been saved by a plan crafted last week by state officials, the dispute generated by the school's decision remains.'

Chelsea Clinton: Getting to the STEM of Gender Inequality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lost potential especially abounds in the asymmetrical landscape of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). In 2009, 57 percent of college students were women -- an explosion few could have imagined in 1970, when less than 27 percent of female high school graduates enrolled in college. And while we make up almost half of the American workforce, we hold less than 25 percent of STEM jobs.

Indeed, even as women have advanced in the humanities, social sciences and professional fields like law, progress in STEM subjects remains elusive. And in some areas, girls and women are even losing ground. In the mid-1980s, for example, women in the U.S. earned 36 percent of bachelor's degrees awarded in computer science, but that figure dropped to only 20 percent in 2006. Today, women also hold a disproportionately small share of the degrees in majors that strongly correlate to post-college STEM jobs such as math and engineering.'

Childless Men More Depressed Than Childless Women, Study Finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Even though there's often more social pressure on women to have kids, men may actually feel more depressed and lonely over not having children, according to the results of a small British survey.

The findings were presented at the annual meeting of the British Sociological Association in London Wednesday (April 3) by Robin Hadley, of the United Kingdom's Keele University, who polled 27 men and 81 women who didn't have kids.

About the same proportions of men and women said they wanted kids (59 percent of men and 63 percent of women). Among that group, half of the men said they experienced isolation because they weren't parents, while just over a quarter of women said the same.

Compared with women, these men also were more likely to feel jealous of other parents and sad, angry, and depressed over not having kids.
...
Whereas the focus of this study was childless adults who wanted kids, it's important to note that not all people without children are the same. There are those who choose to be childfree and those facing infertility, job demands or financial concerns.'

Obama declares ‘National Equal Pay Day’ as gesture on gender bias

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Obama issued a declaration of “National Equal Pay Day” for Thursday, in a gesture aimed at highlighting what he described as a disparity between men and women in the workforce.

In a statement issued Monday, Mr. Obama decried a statistic showing women comprise roughly half of America’s workforce but earn an average 23 percent less than men, The Daily Caller reported.
...
Deeper analysis has found that much of the pay disparity between men and women are due to factors other than bias. The Independent Women’s Forum, for instance, said the tenure and job description were often left out of the calculating process, and those two factors often explain the pay difference, The Daily Caller reported.'

Women With Skills Earn Equal Pay To Male Counterparts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So it seems natural that IT would be a leader in closing the gap in compensation between the sexes. And the latest salary survey from Dice, a career site for technology and engineering professionals, confirms and reaffirms a truth that has been constant in Dice analyses since 2009: With tech workers, the compensation gender gap has disappeared. Average salaries are equal for male and female tech pros, provided the comparison is between men and women with equal levels of experience and education and parallel job titles.

According to the 2013-2012 Dice salary survey, while men out-earned women overall by an average annual income of $95,929 to $87,527, the difference is driven by the fact that the two groups tend to hold different positions. Among the key findings of the survey was job title. It was reported that female IT workers were more prevalent in project manager positions, with males were more often employed as software engineers.

"When it comes to technology employment, it's a skills driven marketplace," said Tom Silver, senior vice president of Dice. "The ability to apply that know-how to a given problem remains the core of employment--why tech professionals get hired and how they are compensated."'

Blame Title IX for NCAA's Financial Woes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While not all men's sports are profitable on their own, virtually none of women's programs turn a stand-alone profit. At The Business of College Sports website, Kristi Dosh of ESPN notes that Title IX views college athletics not as a business but as a vehicle toward collegiate success. This view hampers discussions about the equitable treatment of student-athletes whose on-field and on-court success adds value to the school.

Dosh points out that Title IX was cited by the NCAA as a roadblock to monetary stipends for student-athletes. Even though men's football and basketball programs are much more likely to be profitable, there is no room under Title IX to pay the players of those particular sports. Schools would have to pay female athletes too despite the fact that they're already a drain on school budgets. Essentially, paying Louisville's Kevin Ware or the Rutgers kids would require the school to pay the women who play on those schools' teams.

A report compiled by Bloomberg looked at the 53 public schools in the six largest athletic conferences and found that women's programs lost over $109 million in total while men's programs earned $240 million. While men's coaches tend to earn more than women's coaches, women's teams get to go on the same road trips and play the same number of games and reap the same amenities as the men.'

Women’s Groups Fight To Know Everyone’s Pay To Battle Discrimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DETROIT (CBS Detroit) “How much do you think he makes?” That question could come out of dirty corners around the office water cooler and get out in the sunshine if Michigan women’s groups have their way.
...
Specifically, they’re asking for the passage of four bills, including a wage transparency act that would allow people to know the pay of everyone else in their workplace, which they believe would keep the boss honest about whether men are earning more than women doing the same job.'

Lessons from a Feminist Paradise on Equal Pay Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Generous parental leave policies and readily available part-time options have unintended consequences: instead of strengthening women's attachment to the workplace, they appear to weaken it. In addition to a 16-month leave, a Swedish parent has the right to work six hours a day (for a reduced salary) until his or her child is eight years old. Mothers are far more likely than fathers to take advantage of this law. But extended leaves and part-time employment are known to be harmful to careers — for both genders. And with women a second factor comes into play: most seem to enjoy the flex-time arrangement (once known as the "mommy track") and never find their way back to full-time or high-level employment. In sum: generous family-friendly policies do keep more women in the labor market, but they also tend to diminish their careers.
...
Swedish economists Magnus Henrekson and Mikael Stenkula addressed the following question in their 2009 study: why are there so few female top executives in the European egalitarian welfare states? Their answer: "Broad-based welfare-state policies impede women's representation in elite competitive positions."

It is tempting to declare the Swedish policies regressive and hail the American system as superior. But that would be shortsighted. The Swedes can certainly take a lesson from the United States and look for ways to clear a path for their high-octane female careerists. But most women are not committed careerists. When the Pew Research Center recently asked American parents to identify their "ideal" life arrangement, 47 percent of mothers said they would prefer to work part-time and 20 percent said they would prefer not to work at all. Fathers answered differently: 75 percent preferred full-time work. Some version of the Swedish system might work well for a majority of American parents, but the United States is unlikely to fully embrace the Swedish model. Still, we can learn from their experience.'

CREDO Mobile Celebrates Equal Pay Day with a Discount for Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In honor of Equal Pay Day, which marks the fact that women still make 77 cents on the dollar compared to men who do the same work, CREDO Mobile is offering a new deal– a 23% discount on voice plans to represent the 23 cents less on the dollar women earn compared to men.

“The politicians in Washington have had an opportunity to end the wage disparity, but have taken no action. We felt we should do something about it. If women get paid less than men, why should we charge them the same amount?” says political director Becky Bond.'

Widener's Harrisburg students' bake sale offers a lesson about equal pay

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At Tuesday's bake sale on Widener's Harrisburg Campus, there will be cupcakes, muffins, cookies and more. Each treat will be sold at two different prices.

For men, it's $1. For women, 75 cents.

Call that unfair and you'll be in for a lesson.

The bake sale is intended to draw attention to National Equal Pay Day – an event that reflects how far into the year women must work to match what men doing the same job earned in the previous year.'

Equal-Pay Day Debunked in Three Minutes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today is what feminist groups have dubbed “Equal-Pay Day,” their day to raise awareness of how women are regularly paid less than men for the same work. Women, they claim, have had to work this long into 2013 to make up for last year’s wage gap.

The problem for “Equal-Pay Day” fans is that the premise of this pseudo holiday is bogus.

Women actually aren’t paid 77 percent for doing the same job. Take three minutes to watch this video just released by the Independent Women’s Forum which explains the statistics behind the wage gap and tells women the good news that they aren’t doomed to be victims of the patriarchy: It’s the choices that we make that will primarily determine how much we earn.'

Hillary Clinton 2016: Pro-Woman Talk is All Pandering

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'Oh, is it April of 2013 already? I must have missed the banshee call that signals politicians to prepare for the 2016 presidential campaign. And how do we know the time for endless speculative punditry and partisan PR bonanzas — heralded by constant media coverage, all to decide who will be president 40 months from now — is nigh? Democratic dreamboat, former secretary of state, and all-around "I'm-In-It-To-Win-It" (version 2.0) go-getter Hilary Clinton delivered a fiery speech at the fourth Women in the World Summit in Washington D.C., wherein she coupled national security and women's rights.

Now, before the comments section is doused with Betty Friedan quotes, and lit with the match of Susan Patton-gate, I'd like to make clear that I am all for gender equality. I'm a woman, and a minority, and would very much appreciate, in my lifetime, to see countries all over the world change their cultural, social and legal attitudes toward women's rights.

But color me skeptical if Clinton's speech sounds like nothing but early voter-bloc pandering. Regarding "the fate of women and girls," Clinton said, "The extremists understand the stakes of this struggle. They know that when women are liberated, so are entire societies. We must understand this too. And not only understand it, but act on it."'

Reaction to Margaret Thatcher's passing proves feminism is about politics, not equality

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'IF you want proof that feminism is about politics, not equality, then take note of the way modern-day feminists have reacted to Margaret Thatcher's passing.

The same women who were sent into fits of righteous hysteria over Americans celebrating the death of Osama bin Laden were gleefully rejoicing in the death of a frail 87-year-old woman who history will acknowledge as Britain's greatest peacetime leader.

Thatcher should be celebrated by feminists as a trailblazer who succeeded against insurmountable odds to lead Great Britain from financial ruin to stability, prosperity and hope. Even now it is hard to fathom how a greengrocer's daughter overcame the "old boy network" to become leader of the Conservative Party and prime minister of a class-ridden nation. And she did it without ever making gender an issue. There were no quotas, no self-serving misogyny speeches, no victimhood statements; just a determination to get the job done.
...
Modern-day feminism is caught in a Leftist quagmire of irrelevance and superficiality. It is bereft of principles and preoccupied with semantics and trivialities. The irony of feminists, on the ABC's Q&A program, earnestly debating the politics of opening doors when the world learned of Thatcher's passing was not lost on many.'

Gov. O'Malley suggests Title IX taskforce

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Martin O'Malley suggested Towson University form a task force to study how better to deal with meeting Title IX rules on gender equity.

The governor, who proposed giving state money to save the university's baseball program, told a group of reporters Monday that all his questions about the decision to eliminate some men's sports had been answered.

But he suggested that perhaps the public would benefit from a task force.

"I think a lot of us have trouble with the idea that to create more sports opportunities for our daughters, we have have to eliminate opportunities for our sons," O'Malley said.'

No due process for college rape trials?

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'Student Caleb Warner was found guilty of sexual assault by a campus court at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in 2010 despite the facts established at the time by city police. Officers not only refused to charge him, but also alleged his accuser made a false report. Police issued a warrant for her arrest.

It took 18 months – during which Warner not only was banned from the UND campus, but also from all college campuses in the state – for the university to agree to reconsider the conviction and clear his record.

The Foundation For Individual Rights in Education, or FIRE, said, “Nobody should be surprised that [Warner] does not want to return to UND.”

“The university showed less than zero concern for disrupting his life and career and branding him a criminal based on an extremely low standard of evidence, and has shown zero inclination to be remorseful about what it has done,” the group said.

The Warner case also illustrates the extreme legal danger a student can face in a college court.'

Change.org: Ask UN to Recognize PAS As Violence And Abuse Against Children

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Petition here. Excerpt:

'Professionals in different disciplines identified and defined Parental Alienation as the pervasive practice of one divorcing parent against the other parent to destroy the relationship of the targeted parent with his or her children. This is usually done with the intent to gain financial benefits in court.

Since 1990, the year that The Convention on Rights of the Child entered into force, a more pernicious form of Parental Alienation has permeated global societies. In order to comply with the yearly resolutions suggested by NGOs to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, States and their governments initiated, developed and sustained a persecution against parents to separate them from their children. Those resolutions are accepted unquestiongly and never contested.
...
Children Protection agencies are heartlessly taking children away from their homes and their parents, grandparents and family under the most unreasonable and heinous excuses in order to give them away to foster homes and adoption places.

This absurd cruelty and brutality has to stop now!'

MSN Money: Is the Gender Pay Gap Real?

Matt · 10 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Glad to see a MSM source is facing down the Wage Gap Myth head-on. Excerpt:

'The correct answer, however, is B. The "77 cents to a man's dollar" argument is based on the average earnings of all women versus the average earnings of all men without regard for what they're doing for a living, how long they've been doing it, or any other factor that influences earnings. It's ridiculous.
...
If you're interested in understanding the gender gap, start with the Wikipedia page called "Male-female income disparity in the United States." It points to lots of studies, but don't expect a cut and dried, definitive answer because many studies conflict with one another.
...
Today you're going to see a lot of headlines and hear a lot of reporters claim women earn 77 cents for every dollar men make. While that might make for a great sound bite, the math is fuzzy and the comparison is silly.'

Foreskin Crusaders to protest against Oprah event

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Story here. Excerpt:

'OTTAWA — While an expected 14,000 people stream into Scotiabank Place on Wednesday night to hear Oprah Winfrey speak, they will be greeted by a group of protesting foreskin activists looking to take the media mogul to task.

This will take a bit of explaining.

The group, the Canadian Foreskin Awareness Project, or CAN-FAP, opposes the circumcision of baby boys. Oprah has become their target because, they say, she has endorsed an anti-aging skin product that was developed using skin cells harvested from a baby's foreskin.'

Gender Bias? Women-Only Gym Draws Protest In Taylor

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TAYLOR (WWJ) - Some Downriver men are furious after their gym made the switch to women-only.

A protest was held Tuesday morning outside the Taylor Fitness USA Supercenter that, until recently, was open to men and women on alternating days.

Demonstrators carried signs that read, “Fraud,” and “Gender bias.”
...
Donald Schoenberger told WWJ Newsradio 950′s Mike Campbell he nearly got arrested when he tried to enter the club on Pardee Road, near Southland Mall.

“[I'm a] Vietnam veteran 68, 69, 70 — and I won’t have this; I won’t tolerate it. I’ll go to jail, but I won’t have somebody that I fought for … I fought for her, too, and she laughed in my face,” he said.'

UK: Higher university tuition fees 'putting off working-class boys'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys are more likely to shun university as a result of the rise in tuition fees, according to new research.

In particular, the gender gap between working class boys and girls going to university is growing, the study, by the Independent Commission on Fees, shows.

Whilst overall acceptance rates among applicants from poorer homes have remained steady, the figures show 1,700 fewer boys from the 40 per cent of neighbourhoods with the lowest higher-education participation rates were accepted into university last year.

...

The findings follow a call by Universities minister David Willetts, in an interview with The Independent, for white working-class boys to be classified as a target for universities in the same way as ethnic-minority students.

The report, though, shows that the slump in applications from boys runs through all social strata - with 6.2 per cent fewer boys from the most advantaged areas applying than girls. Professor Alan Smithers, of the Centre for Education and Employment Studies at Buckingham University, said one reason could be growing interest amongst boys in seeking apprenticeships "as a direct route into employment".'

Alert Carolina sends notification about a false sexual assault report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Students received an Alert Carolina message Monday about a falsely reported sexual assault because the Department of Public Safety wanted to assuage heightened concerns about the issue.

Students and the campus community received an informational message in an email that said a non-UNC student had falsely filed a report about an alleged April 6 assault.

The email said an alert about the incident was not immediately sent to students because DPS didn't think there was a threat to campus.

...

Young said the email explained why an alert was filed about a false claim.

"Given the current campus raised levels of concern (about sexual assault), we wanted folks to see why we didn't issue the alert because no threat existed and the report was false," he said.'

F&F: NY Senate Proposes Creation of Financially Delinquent Parents' Most Wanted List

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New York State Assemblyman Alan Maisel has introduced Senate Bill 2704A, authorizing the creation of a financially delinquent parents most wanted list. If this passes, New York will join six other states with statewide online listings of parents delinquent in child support payments.

These states are: Delaware, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Washington. Of course, there are seventeen states where at least one county in the state publishes its own online list, including New York. The other sixteen states are: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wisconsin.
...
The listing for each parent will include the parent's name, physical description, last known address, and photograph if available. It will appear on the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance website and consist of up to 500 parents at one time.'

It’s a no-no for a man to admire a woman, but not the other way around?

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Article here.

'President Obama took his lumps, then issued the mea culpa, for calling California’s attorney general exactly what she is: good-looking.

Will Hillary Clinton follow his example? The sensitivity cops should stand on high alert.

In May 2010, the Daily News reported that then-Secretary of State Clinton, in public, heaped praise on then-Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner. “He always looks so good, you know? It’s maddening,” she said on Chinese TV, adding that he was “one of the best-looking guys in the administration.”

Nobody told Hillary that she had objectified the poor man. Nobody told her she was setting back the cause of handsome men in public life.

No apology was demanded. None was given. None was deserved, then or now.'

NCFM Sues Over Lack of Draft Registration for Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A group dedicated to eliminating what it says is unjust discrimination against men filed suit yesterday to end the federal government's practice of requiring men, but not women, to register for a possible future military draft.

The National Coalition for Men sued the U.S. Selective Service System in the U.S. District Court of Appeal for the Central District of California. It contends that limiting draft registration to males violates the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.

...

A challenge similar to the NCFM's was rejected in Rostker v. Goldberg (1981) 453 U.S. 57. The court there held that men and women were not similarly situated in the U.S. military because women were excluded from combat, therefore women did not have to register.

...

The NCFM, represented by Los Angeles attorney Marc Angelluci, who is vice president of the organization, contends that Rostker is no longer binding in light of then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's announcement in January that women would be eligible to serve in all roles within the military, including combat positions at every level, unless the Pentagon is persuaded to exclude specific positions.

...

Men who fail to register can also be denied eligibility for federal and state benefits including jobs, financial aid, citizenship, loans, and job training.

In a statement, NCFM urged the president and lawmakers "to end the institutional sex discrimination that requires only men to register for the draft."'

UAE: No-entry-for-men in kindergartens sparks debate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men will not be permitted access to nurseries in the emirates.

The statement from the Ministry of Social Affairs Child Department was published in the media yesterday.

It highlighted that exceptions will be made to the male staff, like gardeners, watchman and drivers, as these men did not “directly communicate with the children”.

According to the report, this will also impact the entry of male owners, claiming the school will incur a penalty if they found violating the rule.

The decision is set-up to ensure the safety of children and to limit their exposure to potential abusers.

Zahra Hamirani, chief education officer of The Blossom Nursery, confirms that the no-men rule is not new.
...
The reality in child abuse is not to simply teach "stranger danger" but for families to understand that it is often those close to us who may make our children targets. In addition, it is not only men who are abusers.”'

South Africa: 'Luring men to join war against Aids'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men usually receive criticism and blame for failing to co-operate in the fight against Aids and Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi has been at the forefront of such criticism.

On November 29, 2011 he said: “HIV/Aids is a gender-based disease that is spread by men and suffered by women.”

And on December 1 he said: “In this fight against Aids, men are very slippery. We are trying to find a way to capture them.”

These statements reflect growing frustration over men’s reluctance to be involved in Aids intervention programmes initiated by the government, like HIV testing and use of antiretroviral medicines.

However, we are not told why men are shunning such initiatives; neither are the men encouraged to participate.
...
We do not have a shortage of research on men and HIV/Aids. The problem is that they are driven by narrow activist agendas of feminist scholars. Researchers regard men chiefly as a “problem”. They view African notions of masculinity as inherently dangerous. This has had a great impact on types of intervention designed for men.'

Sexual assault case involving four female suspects a bizarre anomaly

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Article here. Excerpt:

They could be sex molls or sex maulers.

Definitely on the chubby side, though: described as around 190 to 200 pounds and five-foot-four.

Last seen teetering around in high heels and short black dresses — typical clubbing attire — their estimated age 30 to 36, so not cougars on the prowl.

A quartet of ladies, wanted in connection with the sexual assault of a 19-year-old male.

What the women are alleged to have done to this young man is unclear and won't be clarified unless, perhaps, the incident ever comes to trial. The victim has declined to be interviewed, in a Star request relayed by Toronto police.
...
Of course, one man's sexual assault is another man's sexual fantasy come true.

Around the assignment desk at this paper Monday, there were both chortles and priggish warnings not to play snide or mischievous with the slim facts as we know them. Mustn't be seen to make light of an alleged sexual crime simply because the victim is a male, which would be reverse sexism and a double standard — men's rights groups the first to pounce, no doubt — despite the obvious snickering quotient.
...
Sexual assault, you say? Lucky guy others say, nudge-nudge, a fivesome and didn't even have to pay for it.
...
Wanted: Bad girls in black minidresses and stilettos, approach with caution.'

UK: Men in their 30s are 20% more likely to be overweight than in previous generations

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Article here. I imagine the numbers are probably the same/similar here in the US if not also in other "First World" countries. Younger women aren't faring any better, perhaps worse. Sad, really. Excerpt:

'Today's adults are so unhealthy they are 15 years 'older' than their parents and grandparents at the same age, researchers say.

They are more likely to suffer from high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity than previous generations because of poor health, according to a study published in the European Journal of Preventive Cardiology.

Looking at 6,000 adults aged 20, 30, 40, 50 over a 25 year period, researchers found younger generations had poorer 'metabolic' health - a range of issues including blood pressure and weight.

The study revealed men in their 30s were 20 per cent more likely to be overweight than in previous generations, while women in their 20s are twice as likely to be obese than those 10 years ago.'

SAVE: Law Enforcement Must Stop Discrimination in Abuse Cases

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The Inclusion Mandate, a key provision of the recently passed Violence Against Women Act, bans discrimination on the basis of color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability.

The Centers for Disease Control has found that men and women engage in intimate partner abuse at nearly identical rates. But gender-biased predominant aggressor arrest policies often lead to the arrest of the man, even if the woman strikes the first blow.

We believe much of the problem lies with biased police training programs. For instance, one curriculum claims that "by and large, abusers are men and victims are women," a statement that stands in marked contrast to the Centers for Disease Control research.

To counter this misinformation and discrimination, SAVE offers evidence-based training programs for law enforcement.

If you haven't yet, visit SAVE's Inclusive-VAWA Resource Center: http://www.saveservices.org/inclusive-vawa/resources.

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Jodi Arias trial update: Cyber bullies and jailhouse tweeting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Jodi Arias trial update for Wednesday focuses on two bombshell defense witness statements and two explosive cyber dramas. Late in the day, expert witness Alyce La Violette said the defendant shot her victim, Travis Alexander, while in his closet. This contradicts everything the defendant said while on the witness stand. La Violette also admitted that the victim was "very afraid" of Arias shortly before Arias brutally killed him. ...
...
La Violette is another matter. She operates on a "dish it, but can't take it" level. Her supporters call public backlash "witness tampering" and "orchestrated" cyber bullying. Orchestrated action is unlikely because Twitter crowds form spontaneously and change focus very quickly. Many Twitter subscribers were La Violette's longtime fans before she testified.
...
Others have attacked La Violette's book at Amazon. She has hundreds of complaints and poor reviews. Many bad reviews came from women domestic violence victims who feel that La Violette's book is no longer a reliable source of information. Since Amazon Reviews is an open platform, anyone can post a good review for La Violette's book

Many perceive that La Violette’s testimony is based solely on her thought processes. They feel those thought processes are relentlessly biased toward portraying the female defendant as a helpless victim. Her thought processes are equally relentless in portraying Travis Alexander as domestic abuser and perpetrator of his brutal slaying. La Violette has no proof to support her thought processes."'

The State of Jewish Intactivism in the USA and Israel

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today's Judaism is ready to reject traditional circumcision and to move to non-violent symbolic rituals. The interpretation of Jewish law is constantly in a state of development, flux, and evolution, expanding as the realm of human rights expands. As Jews, we are regularly evolving our lives and practices to adjust to the constantly evolving moral arc of human rights. This is not to say that all Jews, including the Orthodox will suddenly abolish circumcision surgery, and move to a symbolic interpretation without a period of reflection and forethought. However, progress is being made.

...

At this time in history, aren't we ready to let go of traditions that no longer serve a constructive purpose in our lives, communities, and the lives of others? Aren't we ready to reform our rules to serve our highest ambitions, rights, morals and values instead? In most other areas Judaism has found the correct moral distinction between action and symbolism. Why not in this area as well?'

Why MRAs Are Celebrating the Brian Banks Case for the Wrong Reason

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At age 17, high school football player Brian Banks was wrongfully convicted of rape. He spent five years in prison but was exonerated in May 2012. Last week, Banks signed with the Atlanta Falcons, and the country rejoiced.

Not surprisingly, some men's rights activists are hailing this as a victory for their cause. They shouldn't be. They're right that Banks's exoneration, and his new career, are good news, but the Banks case is not an example of a victory for men everywhere (when, when will there finally be a victory for men?!). Rather, it's a rare instance of our justice system eventually doing right by the wrongfully convicted.

Cases like Banks's, in which a person is wrongfully convicted and later exonerated, are the exception, not the rule. While it's next to impossible to calculate the exact number of innocent people in prison, we know this: there are a lot. Some people are never exonerated. Those that are exonerated are left to fend for themselves after years in prison, and without any resources or support system. If men's rights activists are as incensed as they claim to be about our broken justice system, where is their anger at cases like the West Memphis Three, which left three innocent men in prison for decades? A search for "Brian Banks" on Reddit's "men's rights" subforum turns up a seemingly never-ending list of results. A search for "West Memphis" yields one result.'

Ohio Day Care Teacher Robin Mullins Arrested After Biting 5-Year-Old

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Ohio day care worker decided to teach a 5-year-old a lesson by giving him a ‘bite’ of his own medicine.

When 56-year-old Robin Mullins of Cincinnati found out about a 5-year-old at her day care that was biting other children, Mullins sat him down, then chomped on his arm in order to ‘teach him a lesson.'

Mullins’ plan of action, however, didn’t go over too well with the parents -- or police for that matter. Mullins was arrested and charged Thursday with assault after leaving a visible bite mark on the kid's arm, Colerain Police Officer Eric Renner wrote in court records.
...
The day care’s website explains that Mullins has worked with children of all ages for quite a few years, nine of which were at Northwest schools working with special needs and at-risk kids. Ironically, it also says Mullins has been trained in child abuse recognition and prevention.'

Father helpless to bring kidnapped sons home from Egypt

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly 12 years ago, Michael Shannon sent his two young sons to New York for what he thought what be a weekend visit with their mother.

It would be the last time he saw either one of them.

Nermeen Khalifa, the boys' mother and Shannon's ex-wife, took the children to her home country of Egypt, where U.S. citizens have almost no rights in custody battles.

"They were out of the country before we even knew they were gone," Shannon said. "I went to the apartment to pick them up. It was like it was ransacked."'

'Toxic Masculinity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's time for a serious intervention in masculinity. It's not enough to not be a rapist. You don't get a cookie or a Nobel Peace Prize for that. If we want to end the pandemic of rape, it's going to require an entire global movement of men who are willing to do the hard work required to unpack and interrogate the ideas of masculinity they were raised with, and to create and model new masculinities that don't enable misogyny. Masculinities built not on power over women, but on power with women.

This is going to take real work, which is why so many men resist it. It requires destabilizing your own identity, and giving up attitudes and behaviors from which you're used to deriving power, likely before you learn how to derive power from other, more just and productive places. There are real risks for men who challenge toxic masculinity, from social shaming to actual "don't be a fag" violence—punishments that won't ease until many, many men take the plunge. But there are great rewards to be had, too, beyond stopping rape. Toxic masculinity is damaging to men, too, positing them as stoic sex-and-violence machines with allergies to tenderness, playfulness, and vulnerability. A reinvented masculinity will surely give men more room to express and explore themselves without shame or fear. (It will also, not incidentally, reduce rape against men as well, because many rapes of men are committed by other men with the intention of "feminizing"—that is, humiliating through dominance—their victim.)'

Jodi Arias Selling Painting For $2,000 While On Trial For Murder

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More shocking than the fact that Jodi is being allowed to paint pictures a sell them from a jail cell is how much she's selling them for. "Hourless" is modestly priced at a whopping $2,000. Additionally, a portrait of Grace Kelly drawn by Jodi sold for $3,050 on eBay.

Jodi's definitely striking while the iron's hot — if she had waited for time to "run forward," she might've missed the opportunity to pull down such huge prices for her amateur sketches. So… good for her?'

Jodi Arias Jury Questions Show Skepticism About Domestic Violence Defense

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jurors in Jodi Arias' murder trial Thursday asked dozens of questions showing they're skeptical of a defense expert's diagnosis that Arias had been abused by the man she's accused of killing.

The jury's questions, put to domestic violence expert Alyce LaViolette, asked about LaViolette's assessment that Arias was a victim of domestic violence and whether LaViolette has affection for Arias. One juror wanted to know why LaViolette often looked at Arias in the courtroom and smiled.

"I have done that on occasion just to acknowledge her, but no other reason," said LaViolette, a psychologist. "I've actually tried to avoid looking at Ms. Arias."
...
Jurors wanted to know if a female could "abuse, batter or terrorize a man" to the point of killing him.

"Yes, women can be perpetrators," LaViolette said.'

Not always great "at the top"

Matt · 13 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. So you may think you're lacking ambition and that's bad? Maybe not so bad, really. Just be yourself. Apparently, it may come with an increased "low-stress dividend" that has a substantial payoff. Excerpt:

'Alpha males may look like they are in control but underneath they are stressed out, a study has found.

Researchers found that while they get the pick of the girls, the money and the power they pay a heavy price for their dominance.

Maintaining a lofty position in the social hierarchy causes your stress levels to rocket, it was discovered. Researchers believe that its so tough at the top because of the effort required to stay there and not the weight of responsibility.
...
The heightened stress levels remained even when the animals appeared to be calm. Professor Laurence Gesquiere said: "Baboons are not only genetically closely related to humans, but like humans they live in highly complex societies.

"An important insight from our study is that the top position in some animal – and possibly human – societies has unique costs and benefits associated with it, ones that may persist both when social orders experience some major perturbations as well as when they are stable."'

An explanation for the age-old word count difference

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This almost by way of humor, but at least those of you wondering if it's nature vs. nurture may be relieved somewhat to see nature seems to be a substantial contributor. Also note how mother mice go to tend their male pups first, possibly to quiet them down sooner since they're making the most noise. This may explain why human parents seem to give more attention to the female infants/toddlers: they may simply be "demanding" more attention due to greater vocalization than their male siblings. Excerpt:

'Women do really talk more than men, a study has concluded.

American researchers found females are the more talkative sex because of a special “language protein” in the brain.

The study, compiled by neuroscientists and psychologist from the University of Maryland, concluded that women talked more because they had more of the Foxp2 protein.

The research, published in the Journal of Neuroscience, found that higher levels were found among humans that were women but in rats they were males.

Their findings come after it was previously claimed that ladies speak about 20,000 words a day – more than 13,000 more than men.'

"The Hunt" reviewed

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Review here. Excerpt:

'The movie is called The Hunt or "hunt" and starring, among others, Mads Mikkelsen and Alexandra Rapaport. The film is partly based on the so-called "Bjugn case" that took place in Norway. Norwegian resort Bjugn outside Trondheim got it in the early 90's with the help of questionable interrogation methods presented testimony from children about a pedophile ring that engaged in satanic sexriter. Several men and women were arrested.
...
In the film, plays the distinguished actor Mads Mikkelsen, a man who is falsely accused of child sexual abuse. The name of the hunt will the witch hunt of the man who then unfolds. We all Swedish men who share this man's fate, of course, warmly welcomes this movie. But it does, however, is far from proved.
...
I spoke the other day with one of my contacts who told me facts hitherto unknown. Both for me and for the public. The source was one of the police investigators in Sweden who work to expose and prosecute pedophiles and disseminators of child pornography online. He told me that of all the accused and arrested (note not convicted but arrested) for having the ¨ somehow exposed children to sexual abuse or child pornography offenses, approximately 33 percent have taken their lives in two years. Including of course many fathers.'

'Men 2020'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Change for women over the last decade is in the books. Roles have transformed. Opportunities have exploded. And a future of choice and empowerment is locked in.

For men, that future is a lot less certain.

A time of female transformation has been a time of male accommodation. The adjustment to a massive transfer of power remains a work in progress and, judging by surveys and headlines, the progress is painfully uneven.

Where is the accommodation and adjustment taking the world of men? If the old model of masculinity has outlived its shelf life, what will the new one look like?
...
Like all Millennials, they are more accepting of difference, reflected in the generation's nearly 70 percent support for marriage equality. They grew up in the most diverse households in our history -- one in four was raised by a single parent. Large numbers of others grew up with working mothers and blended families following divorce.
...
Pew research says that the desire to marry among young women is rising -- with high importance increasing from 28 to 37 percent since 1997. For young men, it dropped from 35 to 29 percent. Theories abound. ...
...
According to one marketing study, Millennial men are less likely to get romance going in the first place. Men and women were asked if "men should be the ones to lead and initiate in romance." Almost 45 percent of women agreed. Only 33 percent of men did.

Another finding in the same study: Both men and women were asked to list their greatest fears. For women, being alone ranked second behind being sick. For men being alone near the bottom, just above being bored.'

Woman sued for settlement won over false rape accusation against football star

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LONG BEACH, Calif. — A woman who falsely accused a former high school football star of rape is being sued by the Long Beach Unified School District in hopes of recovering legal fees and a $750,000 settlement paid to her.

The district alleges Wanetta Gibson committed contractual fraud in a lawsuit filed last November, the Long Beach Press-Telegram reported Thursday.

Gibson was 15 when she accused Brian Banks of attacking her on their high school campus. He insisted the sexual contact with Gibson was consensual, but pleaded no contest to forcible rape on the advice of his lawyer and spent more than five years in prison.'

Domestic violence: 'As a man, it's very difficult to say I've been beaten up'

Mastodon · 13 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An inch under six foot tall, Dave, a gardener with a deep, gravelly voice is not most people's idea of a domestic violence victim. But he suffered two years of abuse at the hands of his girlfriend and was too embarrassed and loyal to report her to the police. He slept in his car for weeks before speaking to his local council, who found him a place at a men's refuge.

He struggles to keep it together when he recalls the day his girlfriend smashed a bottle of Jack Daniels across his head, leaving him bleeding on the pavement: a deep scar is still clearly visible on his forehead. But when the 45-year-old from Essex describes the relief of being believed by the authorities, he breaks down, his broad shoulders heaving beneath his rugby shirt.

"When help finally comes it's an emotional thing," he says, sitting on the sofa at a safe house in Berkshire where he is being helped to rebuild his life. "As a man, it's very difficult to say you've been beaten up. It seems like you're the big brute and she's the daffodil, but sometimes it's not like that."'

Equal Pay Day Prank By Swiss Bank Shows What It's Like To Be Paid 20 Percent Less

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Swiss bank found an effective way of demonstrating the frustrations of the gender pay gap to its male customers: men withdrawing cash from the bank's ATM received 20 percent less than the amount they'd asked for.

According to the women's organization Zürcher Frauenzentrale, Swiss women earn about 20% less than equally capable men in comparable positions. The "Equality At The ATM" commercial is intended to show men what financial discrimination feels like. The International Women's Media Foundation worked with Zürcher Frauenzentrale to translate the video into English from its original German.

After each withdrawal, customers received a receipt explaining the prank and assuring them that the missing 20 percent was still in their bank accounts.'

Pity the Men on Top

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly all institutional power for 20 years after the war was indeed wielded by the war generation (and eventually by younger men born during the Depression). Yet a vast majority of men possessed limited power that could vanish swiftly if they committed the ultimate sin of failing to bring home a paycheck.

It was often said, as the feminist movement found its voice in the early 1970s, that most wives were just one man away from poverty. It would have been just as valid to say that most men were just one job away from poverty.
...
The cost of that covenant to women — the suppression of worldly opportunity — has been thoroughly told. The cost to men — in terms of stress, time lost with the families they were trying so hard to support and lack of freedom to pursue personal interests — has not been nearly as well documented.
...
So it is difficult to understand why social commentators cannot muster up more empathy for the older generation of men, who had no backup if something went wrong at work.

I am as hooked as anyone else on the cocktails and clothes, the sexual drama and office politics of “Mad Men.” But I would like to see just one scene in which a man is gulping coffee at 4:30 on a February morning. Perhaps he is also scanning a book on the kitchen counter, because he knows he will be too tired to read by the time he gets home around 10 o’clock. This man warms up his car and heads for work, while his wife and children sleep soundly under the covers.'

Stikkel: Margaret Thatcher achieved success without extreme feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The successes of Margaret Thatcher, the former British prime minister who died last Monday, demonstrate that women's achievements do not require extreme feminism.

Feminism has two definitions. One, "the theory of the political, economic and social equality of the sexes" and two, "organized activity on behalf of women's rights and interests," according to Merriam-Webster.

Adherents to definition No.1 of feminism rejects laws that apply differently to people based on gender and societal preferences against women. These feminists are against sexism.

On the other hand, definition No. 2 of feminism calls for a new sexism that favors women. Extreme feminists actively organize to benefit women by virtue of their gender.
...
Suppose Freeman went back in time and convinced Thatcher to "lower the ladder" and make half of her cabinet women. This is the opposite of women's empowerment because it is an admission that women cannot attain something without preferential treatment.

Despite Freeman's assertions, Thatcher's success is a leap forward for women because it shows that women can be successful without anyone "lowering ladders" for them.'

Queens teacher had sex with students at school: report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Queens teacher who was arrested and fired for taking a 16-year-old student to a hot-sheets motel for a videotaped romp also violated two other boys — inside her school, says a shocking investigative report obtained by The Post.

Tara Driscoll, 35, a former English teacher at Law, Government and Community Service HS in Cambria Heights, pleaded guilty last June to having sex with the minor at the Capri Lynbrook Motor Inn, a 15-minute drive from the school.

But earlier, she brazenly had sex with two other students at the school, where her serial shenanigans were uncovered by girlfriends of the teacher's pets, the report by schools investigator Richard Condon charges.'

Want Boys to Succeed? Don’t Teach Them How to Be “Masculine”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is no secret that our nation is facing a crisis when it comes to boys’ education. Boys are lagging behind in almost every subject, and it doesn’t seem to be getting any better. According to NPR, boys are not only falling behind in school when it comes to the grades they receive, but also in their overall graduation rate and their participation in advanced placement classes. This also makes them less likely to pursue education after high school and, if they do, makes them less likely to be successful.

Recently, the attitude towards this growing national issue has been to create more boy-friendly classrooms, sometimes going as far as to create single-sex classrooms. The idea behind this solution is that, when boys are in classes with other boys, the teacher can target his or her activities to that audience, creating more hands-on and physically active assignments that will help boys learn.
...

The report details options for helping boys in school, and the most interesting of them all is the suggestion to start treating boys more like we treat girls. This means that we need to ditch our traditional notions of masculinity in school. We need to encourage boys to participate in more tradiationally female-dominated activities such as drama, music and art and strip these activities of the stereotype that they are not masculine. We also need to paint a clear picture of how academic success translates into financial success for boys like we do for girls.

These changes will definitely benefit boys, but will also benefit girls. There is already ample evidence that shows that girls’ and boys’ ability levels are not different, and that they don’t actually learn that differently. Furthermore, when we start rethinking our definition of masculinity, as educators and as a society as a whole, we will be headed towards a much better society for women and men.'

UK: ‘Men’s rights’ party to fight for Dewsbury and Mirfield seat

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Story here.

'A new political party which hopes to “change to face of British politics” is to fight for the Dewsbury and Mirfield seat at the next general election.

Justice For Men And Boys will challenge Simon Reevell and 29 other Conservative MPs for their seats in 2015.

The party was founded by its leader, Mike Buchanan, a former Conservative adviser who resigned from the Tories after leader David Cameron said he would use all-women shortlists to select candidates.

Labour has already announced that it will use an all-women shortlist to select its next candidate for Dewsbury and Mirfield.

Mr Buchanan said: “All the major parties have been institutionally anti-male for many years, and it is for this reason that we formed our party.”

Do Male Leaders Need to Think More Like Women?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The world is getting sick of male – or least “masculine” – leadership, according to a survey of 64,000 people in 13 countries that underpins the new book The Athena Doctrine: How Women (and the Men Who Think Like Them) Will Rule the World. As authors John Gerzema and Michael D’Antonio discovered, 66% of adults agreed that “the world would be a better place if men thought more like women” – including 63% of men worldwide and an astounding 79% of Japanese males. Yet men, of course, continue to dominate corporate leadership and power structures.

...

But just as 1980s fashion encouraged women to dress like men, replete with shoulder pads, today’s business environment often rewards masculine thinking. “In the corporate workplace, women are conditioned to think that the way they think isn’t valued as highly,” says Gerzema. “But it’s men that have got to adapt to a world that’s far more feminine, social, and collaborative. Feminine values are a form of innovation. If men start to champion the essential skills we saw the innovators [we interviewed] practice, it’ll drive profits and get better results.”'

Young women navigate through their probation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The purpose of the court-ordered program is to provide youth on probation with job-training skills and prepare them for reintegration into the community, said Charlie Johnson, program manager for the court program.

The project is designed to teach the young women skills and enhance their self-esteem and self-efficacy, learn how to work in a team environment, and improve their communication skills.

“We’re trying to build successful women, not really boats,” Mr. Johnson said.'

Oprah Targeted By Circumcision Protesters

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Article here.

'Apparently, the protesting group claims the Daytime Deity uses stem cells found in removed foreskin. Check out the below report from the Jewish Press while we figure out where we can immediately order this skincare line!

"How would Oprah respond if a skin cream for men hit the market that was made using cells from the genitalia of little girls? I think she would be absolutely disgusted and appalled, and rightly so. So it's crazy that she's doing the opposite," the group's founder Glen Callender told the Toronto Star. "We think it's extremely hypocritical and distasteful that Oprah Winfrey — who is herself a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and an outspoken opponent of female genital mutilation — at the same time uses and promotes a product that wouldn't exist if not for the forcible genital mutilation of boys."

As JoeMyGod points out, the skincare line's founder says the stem cells are used in foreskins that were removed 20 years ago.

Cancel our order, please.'

Antimisandry.com needs your support

IronJohn · 16 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Many of you are already familiar with AntiMisandry.com. For those who are not, it is one of our allies in the battle against feminism and in favor of Men's Rights. The site owner, Karl Matthews, is asking for donations to help keep the site running. He is suffering from some difficult circumstances at present and can't meet the financial requirements on his own to keep the site up. Please give as much as you are able! Request here.

Prostate cancer: Call to test men in their 40s

Matt · 17 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men should be offered a screening test for prostate cancer in their late 40s, researchers say.

The idea is controversial as prostate specific antigen (PSA) testing can be unreliable, throwing up false positive results that can cause undue worry and even treatment over something benign.

But the Swedish team say checking every man aged 45-49 would predict nearly half of all prostate cancer deaths.
...
Screening men at the age of 45-49, however, spotted nearly half (44%) of the cancers that went on to be deadly.

In the study, 1,369 of the men had prostate cancer, 241 had advanced disease and 162 died from it.

They say all men should be offered a PSA test in their mid-to-late 40s. Those with a high result would return for frequent screening and checks (and treatment if necessary), while those with normal results could wait until their early 50s for their next PSA test.'

Murdering Mom Gets 45 days

charlie · 17 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The female sentencing discount, as murdering mother pleads "no contest" and the prosecutor proposes a 45-day sentence for the murder of a child in 1957. Her son tells of being terrorized throughout his childhood. Excerpt:

'SHEBOYGAN, Wis. - A Wisconsin woman recently convicted of killing her daughter more than 50 years ago is an "evil monster" who deserves to die in prison, said her adult son, who claims he suffered years of horrific abuse at his mother's hands.

Ruby C. Klokow, 76, of Sheboygan, pleaded no contest in February to second-degree murder in the 1957 death of her 6-month-old daughter, Jeaneen. But as part of a plea agreement, prosecutors have agreed to recommend a sentence of 45 days in jail and 10 years' probation, citing her age and medical issues.
...
After a lengthy investigation, Ruby Klokow eventually conceded she may have roughly thrown the baby on the couch, causing her to bounce to the floor.
...
He also told police that his mother regularly beat him, and that she had choked him and broke his arm and nose. He also described his mother covering the head of his mentally challenged younger brother and striking the wailing boy's toes one by one with a hammer.
...
District attorney Joe DeCecco acknowledged that a 45-day sentence was light but said the plea agreement was in the best interest of the state. He said it would have been difficult to convince a jury that the grandmotherly woman before them was once a very angry young woman who didn't want to be a mother and who lied to police.

Besides Jeaneen and James, Klokow had another child, Scott, who died as a baby. His body was disinterred as police investigated but his death could not be considered suspicious, DeCecco said.'

Texas teacher claims she couldn’t have fondled black student because she’s racist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A teacher in Texas has invoked her own racism in a defense against charges that she fondled an African-American student in her first grade class at Northwest Preparatory Academy Charter School in Humble.

According to a criminal complaint obtained by the Houston Chronicle, the 7-year-old girl said that 61-year-old Esther Irene Stokes sent all of the other students out of the room on March 1 and then touched her “private part” on the outside of her clothes.

“The victim said that she was in the classroom alone with the teacher and that the teacher touched her on the outside of her clothes, on what she called her ‘private part,’ her vaginal area,” Humble Police Department Detective J. Blanchard explained on Tuesday.'

Fitness USA Members Protest New 'Women Only' Policy at Dearborn Location

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A local health club's switch to a "women only" policy has ruffled the feathers of some of its male members.

More than 50 men from Dearborn and surrounding communities organized a protest on Tuesday at the Dearborn Fitness USA, one of two Metro Detroit locations that have changed to workouts for women only.

"The company is in breach of its membership contract," Andrew Sluka of Lincoln Park said. "It's discrimination, plain and simple."

According to Sluka, members were notified on Dec. 3 that the Dearborn location would only allow women to use the facility's equipment. Prior to that, the club offered alternate days for male and female members.

"They gave us a two-week notice, and by law, a fitness club is supposed to give its members a 30 day notice if they change a policy," he said.

Fitness USA, which has three locations in Wayne County, announced a similar policy change at its Taylor location on April 8. Male members at both locations have since been told that they can use the company's Lincoln Park location to work out, but only on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.'

John Gerzema: How Women Will Rule the Future of Work

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why do you think that women will rule the future? What evidence can you share that proves that?

We don't think that women alone will rule the future. We think that women with certain leadership skills and traits and men who also possess them, stand a greater chance of success in an ever-more interconnected global economy. This is because the only way to succeed when everyone knows your business is to act in an empathetic, patient, humane, and scrupulously ethical way. Given that people the world over believe these qualities are "female" in a traditional sense, we use "like women" as a shorthand for what can be universal traits.

...

What are three things that men can learn from women about career management that will make them more successful?

If men can learn to be less defensive, more open to others, and more accepting of accountability they will adapt well to the new global economy. Top-down organizations may still work in some settings, but by and large we see a premium on collaboration, communication, and consultation. This is because everyone now has access to enormous amounts of information about your company, its competitors, and conditions in the marketplace. The worst thing you can do is try to manipulate or control perceptions. It's impossible and when you are found out the result is disastrous. Better to be transparent and play well with others so that when bad things happen you have a reservoir of good will to bank on.'

Title IX Almost Ruined My Son’s Life

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an op-ed in The Wall Street Journal today titled “A Mother, a Feminist, Aghast,” attorney Judith Grossman writes about her family's harrowing ordeal after her college-age son was accused of “nonconsensual sex” by an ex-girlfriend, several years after their relationship ended.

Grossman’s piece reads like a Kafka-esque nightmare: with no preliminary inquiry by the school into the accusations, Grossman says, the college's Title IX office operated under the assumption that “my son would not be afforded a presumption of innocence.” A campus tribunal—seemingly, with no particular background in the law or in evaluating legal evidence—would rule on the claim, with only half of the tribunal needing to decide that the alleged incident “more likely than not” occurred for punishment to be meted out. ...

Grossman, being a lawyer, was able to fight for her son’s constitutional rights (“Who knew that American college students are required to surrender the Bill of Rights at the campus gates?”), and the charges against him were ultimately dismissed. But she concludes that, in Title IX’s well-meaning zeal to guarantee equality between the sexes on university campuses, it has “obliterated the presumption of innocence that is so foundational to our traditions of justice.” Fighting for women’s rights is all well and good—Grossman is a self-identified feminist, after all—but this incident smacks of wreaking “the very injustices the movement itself has for so long sought to correct.”'

India: A ministry for men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the wake of the alleged suicide of an IT employee in Bangalore, Save Indian Family Foundation (SIFF) took up the cause of male suicides on Sunday when it held a candlelight vigil in the City demanding that the ‘draconian gender-biased’ dowry-related laws be rectified.

The NGO dedicated to men’s rights, distressed husbands and their families, alleges that over 60,000 men (twice the number of women) commit suicide each year due to fake allegations in 498A cases or due to harassment from their wives and relatives.

In a country that’s deemed absolutely the worst place in the world for women to live, the very notion of men claiming to be the real victims of the system, to put it kindly, beggars belief. Even more so when men’s rights groups anoint themselves ‘the martyrs of marriage,’ asserting that it is men that suffer most in dowry cases which they say are biased solely in favour of the fairer sex. This, at a time when NCRB data estimates that a bride is burned every 90 minutes in this country.

Still, while SIFF’s data interpretation is highly contentious. Their concerns, however, are very legit. Almost every member of the AP SIFF that congregates at Public Gardens every week is anticipating or already fighting a legal battle with their spouse. Each of them has a horror story to tell — of false accusations, nights spent in jail, mothers and sisters arrested, jobs lost, passports confiscated, police abuse, costly expenses, custody battles and lives put on hold, while trials prolong endlessly.'

"The rise of sexism and misogyny in a Facebook era"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A FACEBOOK page titled “Slut” has 581,845 likes. The term is used casually in teenage conversations both as a cutting insult and a term of endearment.

Slut-shaming is nothing new; since the days of Nathaniel Hawthorne and “The Scarlet Letter,” girls have been branded with titles because of their sexuality.

And while womens rights have come a long way since the 1850s, social media of the 21st century has morphed sexism and misogyny into a cruel and powerful beast.

Facebook and Twitter make objectifying women easy. A mere click of a button guarantees you a large audience. Teens who never make lewd comments to someone’s face create Facebook groups called “its (sic) not rape if u shout SURPRISE!!!” or “its (sic) not rape, it’s a snuggle struggle” which have almost 1,000 likes.'

Meanwhile:

https://www.facebook.com/mensuck

https://www.facebook.com/groups/227847323895178/

https://www.facebook.com/groups/256728294439966/

https://www.facebook.com/misandryunited

Report: Wife of former official charged with murder in Texas DA killing

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- The wife of a former justice of the peace in Texas is being held on murder charges in connection with the killings of Kaufman County District Attorney Michael McLelland and his wife, Cynthia, county officials announced Wednesday.

Kim Lene Williams, 46, is also charged with murder in the death of prosecutor Mark Hasse.

She is in jail, with bail set at $10 million. The Kaufman County jail website lists her as being booked about 3 a.m. Wednesday.

The McLellands were killed in March, and Hasse was killed in January.'

Update: She confessed. Reported here.

Colleges Must Promote Personal Responsibility, Not 'He-Said, She-Said' Trials

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The federal government has intervened in an apparent effort to raise the conviction rate in such campus sexual assault trials, using the gender equity provisions of Title IX. In 2011 the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) of the Department of Education advised colleges that they must use the “preponderance of evidence” standard of civil court proceedings, not the “beyond a reasonable doubt” standard of criminal trials. Within a year, almost all institutions, including UNC, had complied rather than risk the loss of federal funding.

The lower standard of proof will result in more convictions—of both guilty and innocent individuals. For some, perhaps, a few false positives are merely the collateral damage of outcomes that are more just in aggregate. But this is not a convincing argument in a society that values individual rights. The lower penalty for a conviction in a college court—a “rapist” label and career-shattering expulsion, rather than imprisonment—does not justify a lower standard of proof.'

SAVE: Our Annual Conference in June

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Our annual conference will be held in Washington DC on June 21-22. If you get your tickets before June 1 you can save $25 per ticket!

This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Progress!"

Our keynote speakers are Erin Pizzey, founder of the international abuse shelter movement, and Kathy King, a former magistrate in Ohio. We'll also hear from persons who have overcome being falsely accused, and more. Dinner Friday and lunch Saturday are included.

Visit the SAVE website for the schedule and info on local lodging:
http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp/annual-conference-2013/

Visit eventbrite to register online: http://celebratingourprogress.eventbrite.com/

There is nothing like meeting fellow advocates and activists in person. I hope to see you there!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Ken Burns brings 'Central Park Five' to light

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Since its release last spring, Burns and his co-producers, daughter Sarah Burns and her husband David McMahon, as well as the five men whose convictions in the case were vacated, have traveled the country talking about the film and the as-yet-unsettled $250 million civil suit they brought against the City of New York in 2003.

The film has "taken on a life of its own," says Sarah. "We did our festival run, we did our theatrical release and now we're leading up to our broadcast, but we're also getting so many requests from law schools, high schools, colleges, community organizations, and churches who feel like they have a constituency that needs to know this story."
...
One Latino and four African-American teenagers were arrested, confessed under duress and were convicted. The five served between seven and 13 years in prison. Their convictions were vacated after Matias Reyes, an imprisoned serial rapist, confessed in 2002, and DNA evidence linked him, and only him, to the crime.
...
Salaam says he has dealt with the anger and bitterness, but believes resolution of the lawsuit is necessary for the five men to truly get their lives back. "It's a run-on sentence," he says. "There needs to be a period placed at the end for there to be a true moving-on."'

Those unfamiliar with this case can read about it on Wikipedia here.

Salem-News: The Jewish Anti-Circumcision and Intactivist Movement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(TEL AVIV) - Today's Judaism is ready to reject traditional circumcision and to move to compassionate symbolic rituals. The interpretation of Jewish law is constantly in a state of development, flux, and evolution, expanding as the realm of human rights expands. As Jews, we are regularly evolving our lives and practices to adjust to the constantly evolving moral arc of human rights.

As a leading Intactivist, Eliyahu Ungar-Sargon has so invaluably explained, for most of today's Jews, moral and humanitarian behavior towards others is at the forefront of Judaism. These moral principles of Judaism are in direct conflict with the tradition of surgical circumcision. This is not to say that all Jews, including the Orthodox will suddenly abolish circumcision surgery, and move to a symbolic interpretation without a period of reflection and forethought. However, progress is being made.
...
Intactivism is a new form of human rights activism. Respectful intactivists criticize religious and historical excuses for circumcision without denigrating any group of people. We respect the peaceful elements of different belief systems while criticizing violent traditions and their history. Throughout the religious history of circumcision ethical issues have been widely acknowledged to some degree. Intelligent intactivists are respectful and effective when criticizing the history of circumcision surgery. Writings among Rabbis working to abolish circumcision in favor of a compassionate welcoming have roots that are over 200 years old within the Reform Jewish movement. Dr. Mark Reiss, a Jewish doctor and founder of a medical Intactivist group, maintains a list of almost 150 Rabbis in Israel, the USA, UK, and elsewhere who perform Jewish covenant rituals that respect the baby's full personal well-being. ...'

Woman goes on trial for allegedly severing estranged husband's penis

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Story here.

'(CBS/AP) SANTA ANA, Calif. - A California prosecutor says a jealous wife yelled "You deserve it" before severing her estranged husband's penis with a kitchen knife and throwing it in a garbage disposal.

The Orange County Register reports a jury heard opening statements Wednesday in the case of 50-year-old Catherine Kieu, who is accused of drugging her husband's tofu with sleeping pills and tying him to a bed before the attack.

Deputy District Attorney John Christl says audio of the July 11, 2011 incident was captured by a voice-activated recorder Kieu had hidden in the bedroom.

Deputy Public Defender Frank Bittar says Kieu's severely traumatic childhood in war-torn Vietnam, including rape by her older brother, caused mental illness that bars her from a mayhem or torture conviction.'

For those who don't recall, this was the subject of "The Talk" issue of not long ago. Video here.

We Went To a Men's Rights Lecture In Toronto (And Discovered That They're a Bunch of Losers)

Mastodon · 18 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In November of last year the University of Toronto hosted a lecture by Dr. Warren Farrell, a divisive figure who has been described simultaneously as a sage of the men's movement and a rape apologist. On the night of the lecture a group of students barred the doors of the lecture hall in protest while chanting, "No hate speech on campus." Police were called, the situation was brought under control, and the lecture went on as scheduled. Another lecture took place in March of this year, this time an overly critical look at feminist studies by Janice Fiamengo in which she described the discipline as "intellectually incoherent and dishonest." Again, protesters were on hand waving placards and this time a fire alarm was pulled but, once more, the event went on as scheduled. These controversial lectures were organized by a student group called the Canadian Association for Equality or CAFE for short. CAFE has come under fire from student groups and media who not only disagree with their actions and ideology, but have associated them with the extreme, vitriolic American men's rights website A Voice For Men. Where AVFM is upfront and open about its hatred for feminism and -ists, calling them "rape farmers," CAFE takes aim at feminism with misleading information and careful rhetoric, barely ever using the word "feminist" itself.

...

When I walked into the lecture I was under the impression that we in the media should not give attention to CAFE, AVFM, and men's rights activists or their ideas—since they're really dumb. However, actually going to one of their lectures, I saw the growing presence of CAFE as a real problem in Toronto, and the rest of Canada, that needs addressing. We should be able to openly discuss aggression in men, male sexuality, cultural expectations, justice issues, et al., but groups like AVFM, CAFE, and the speakers they schedule serve only to promote antifeminist ideas and hatred of women at a time when rape and sexual abuse against women is a pervasive, cultural problem that requires immediate addressing.'

Iron Maiden Drummer's Wife Charged with DV

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Rebecca McBrain, the wife of Iron Maiden drummer Nicko McBrain has been charged with domestic abuse after being arrested for an incident that happened at the couple's Florida home earlier this year.

BocaNewsNow.com reports that Rebecca attempted to stab someone with a decorative sword before throwing and hitting the victim with logs from a firepit in the couple's garden.

Although the victim is yet to be identified, the fact that Rebecca has been charged with domestic abuse indicates that the person was a resident of the home or a relative.

Rebecca was in court today (April 18) for sentencing and has a trial date set for May 3, 2013. The original incident is reported to have taken place on February 24 when Rebecca was released from Palm Beach County Jail on $3,000 bail.'

AIDS.gov: "Courage, strength, resilience: women fight AIDS"

Minuteman · 19 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'By Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to the President

...

On Monday, I attended the launch of EMPOWERED, Alicia Keys' new campaign with Greater than AIDS to reach and inform women about HIV/AIDS, at an event hosted by the Kaiser Family Foundation. This is the second event that Alicia Keys and I have attended at Kaiser within the last year, both focused on ending AIDS.

The women were thrilled to meet Alicia Keys, and Alicia, who was deeply moved by their stories, committed to add her powerful international voice to helping to end the epidemic here in the U.S. Alicia and I intended to lift up the women. But really, it was their strength, courage, resilience, good spirit, and humor that lifted us up.'

An open letter to men's rights activists

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'First, some background for any bystanders who need it: Men's rights activists (MRAs) have been growing in number for a while as a sort of counter-movement against feminism. Turns out that when women try to get uppity, people get upset. Undoing thousands of years of oppression? That doesn't sit well with MRAs.

But back to you, MRAs. I've seen you on the Internet, commenting on articles about feminist issues. "But what about the men?" is your rallying cry. I wouldn't be surprised if you comment on this article — prove me wrong, please.

Sometimes it's hard to even take you seriously. Just take a look at some article and video titles from the MRA website avoiceformen.com. "The Catalog of Anti-Male Shaming Tactics," "Rape Farming: The next generation," "What would female supremacy look like?" You even have a tag for "feminist lies." It's hard to be offended at times because it's so absurd.
Sadly, I have to take you seriously, because the MRA movement is harmful — to people of all genders.
...
... But whereas a male feminist is devoted to equality and recognizing how oppression of women hurts everyone in the long run, men's rights activists are devoted to whining.'

Malecare: Understanding the New Options for Men with Advanced Prostate Cancer – Treatments, Immunotherapy & Clinical Trials

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Malecare April Teleconference

"Understanding the New Options for Men with Advanced Prostate Cancer – Treatments, Immunotherapy & Clinical Trials"

1 - An overview of the new treatments now available for men with castrate resistant advanced prostate including a discussion of the sequencing and combining of these treatments.
2 - A discussion about immunotherapies and their role in current treatment.
3 - Q&A

The conference is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 6PM EDT

Simply dial in at 800-920-7487 or direct dial 404 920 1710, conference code 8534374

Please email your questions for the speakers, in advance, to info-at-malecare.org

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Deputy Chief, Laboratory of Tumor Immunology and Biology
Senior Investigator, Medical Oncology Branch
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Director, Advocacy and Advanced Stage Disease
Malecare Cancer Support

Germany: Merkel Concedes on Quotas for Women

Mastodon · 20 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'BERLIN — In a rare political setback for the world's most powerful woman, Chancellor Angela Merkel on Thursday found herself forced to give in to a rebellious bloc in her own party who insisted that Germany's leading companies be compelled to increase the number of women on their boards.

Ms. Merkel, Germany's first female chancellor, has long resisted the quota system for giving women board membership. It is an issue much debated throughout Europe, and adopted in countries from Norway to France but fiercely contested elsewhere — nowhere more so than in the Continent's most powerful economy.

Ms. Merkel, a 58-year-old trained physicist who is married but has no children, became chancellor in 2005. Despite filling nearly a third of her cabinet with women, she has never overtly campaigned for equality or focused on the uniqueness of her position. And she has repeatedly rejected calls, including from the European Union, to require companies to admit more women to the highest levels of management.'

Woman arrested 396 times, released repeatedly

Matt · 21 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Just ask yourself: If this were a man with this kind of history, would he ever even get to 396 arrests? Excerpt:

'Since 1978, Chicago Police alone have arrested Miles 396 times, mostly on the North Side — under at least 83 different aliases. Those arrests include 92 for theft, 65 for disorderly conduct, 59 for prostitution-related crimes and five for robbery or attempted robbery.
...
Miles is a master at working the system, says Rolon. She fakes seizures that mean costly hospital visits. She gets judges to delay her cases. And then she returns to the streets to be arrested again and again — so many times that she ranks in the top 1 percent for all current CPD arrestees.

To the relief of many, Miles, 51, is currently in prison in downstate Lincoln. Police arrested her last August, when — after a day of allegedly slapping, punching and generally harassing folks on a stretch of Broadway in Uptown — she is accused of chasing after Ald. James Cappleman (46th). That arrest landed her back in prison for a possible parole violation of a 2010 conviction for robbing a 75-year-old Bosnian immigrant at knifepoint.'

Kidnapping Mother Gets Favorable News Story

charlie · 21 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. In this story, a mother who has kidnapped a child and then uses the child to gain empathy gets favorable news coverage. Note that she had shared custody in the country where she and the child had lived with the father. But, rather than accept the judgement of the court, she chose to kidnap the child and attempt to gain sole custody through the use of accusations of abuse against the father. The reporter includes an interview with the child that is apparently supposed to make readers sympathetic to her cause. Shouldn't she be facing kidnapping charges rather than a sympathetic news story? Excerpt:

'Olivia, who turned 5 on Saturday, is at the center of a bitter international legal dispute between her two divorced parents.

Swedish courts have ruled that her mother, Mariah Talbot, abducted Olivia, taking her from Sweden to the United States without her father's permission. On April 9, U.S. District Judge Donovan Frank ordered Olivia promptly returned. Olivia's Swedish grandmother is expected to arrive in the Twin Cities this week and take the girl back to Sweden, where she was born and raised.

"I don't know if I will ever see her again," said her mother, tears in her eyes.

Olivia's father, who took his daughter to the Mall of America during a three-day visit to Minnesota this month, said in an e-mail to the Star Tribune that Olivia's family and friends are looking forward to her return.'

'Men's sex chromosome is doomed'

Mastodon · 21 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The poorly designed Y chromosome that makes men is degrading rapidly and will disappear, even if humans are still around.

...

"The X chromosome is all alone in the male, but in the female it has a friend so it can swap bits and repair itself. If the Y gets a hit it's a downward spiral."

The X has about 1000 genes left, too many relating to sex and intelligence, she says.

The smaller Y started with about 1700 genes but only has 45 left, and that's mostly "junk".

"It is a lovely example of what I call dumb design," she said.

"It is an evolutionary accident."

If humans don't become extinct, new sex-determining genes and chromosomes will evolve, maybe leading to the evolution of new hominid species.

This had happened in the Japanese spiny rat, which had survived the loss of its Y, she said.'

SAVE; National Crime Victims' Rights Week: SAVE Calls for End to Discriminatory Practices

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PRESS RELEASE

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WASHINGTON / April 22, 2013 – In recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is calling on lawmakers, state Attorney Generals, and prosecutors to move quickly to implement the VAWA Inclusion Mandate.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is being observed April 21-27. The Week's theme is "New Challenges, New Solutions."

Discriminatory practices have been documented against male (1), LGBT (2), and immigrant (3) victims of abuse. So the critical "new challenge" is to review and upgrade organizational policies, staffing patterns, and outreach efforts to end illegal exclusionary practices, the victim-rights coalition says.

The VAWA Inclusion Mandate requires recipients of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding to refrain from discriminatory practices on the basis of "race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability." The Inclusion Mandate also includes provisions specific to LGBT, male, and immigrant victims (4).

Feminism is an outdated movement, becoming a joke

Mastodon · 22 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Feminism is outdated. In the 21st century, feminists are finding more and more ways to play victim. Instead of promoting women's rights, they're just making us laugh.
...
Don't misunderstand me – I am pro-equal opportunity for both sexes in all capacities. However, I strongly disagree with the way many feminists go about things. They play victim to everything: men, the media, the workplace and even in education.

So when will the feminist movement be happy enough to back down and let the rest of us peacefully continue on with our lives?
...
The movement helped turn around women's lives and make everyone equal. However, in 2013, feminism has proven to be more controversial than beneficial. It has grown to stand for the exact opposite of what women in the 1800s had in mind.
...
It is an obsolete movement that most women nowadays abuse to gain power and attention.

Women need to help make feminism a serious topic again because without that help, feminism will continue to be exactly what it is today – an outdated joke.'

Ironically, High-heel event aims to bring awareness to sexual violence

Female Bounty Hunters Under Fire For Breaking Into Woman's Apartment Looking For Suspect

Matt · 23 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Again, remember feminist claims that female law enforcers were not just less likely but much less likely to color outside the lines? Excerpt:

'HAWTHORNE (CBSLA.com) — A group of Orange County female bounty hunters is under fire for breaking into a Hawthorne woman's apartment looking for a suspect.

Shavonna Sutton, 25, said the Lipstick Bounty Hunters burst through her home last Friday to apprehend fugitive Ricky Lewis.

...

Chris Alvarez, the bounty hunter who led the search for Lewis, said they tried several times to get Sutton to open the door.

Alvarez said Sutton refused, so they had a right to break-in.

"All she had to do is say, 'Look. He's not here.' We had reason to believe he's in there, and that's why we forced entry," said Alvarez.

Meantime, the bounty hunters were recently served a lawsuit from a man who claims they used excessive force during his attempted arrest.'

From HowStuffWorks.com:

'The bail bond contract gives bounty hunters the right to enter the home of a fugitive, but only after establishing without a doubt that the person lives there. They cannot enter the homes of friends or family members to look for the fugitive.'

SAVE: National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a Perfect Time to End Discriminatory Practices

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Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, April 21-27 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week. This week's theme is "New Challenges, New Solutions."

Unfortunately, discriminatory practices have been documented against male, LGBT, and immigrant victims of abuse. So we believe the critical "new challenge" is to review and update organizational policies, staffing patterns, and outreach efforts to end illegal exclusionary practices.

The VAWA Inclusion Mandate requires recipients of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding to refrain from discriminatory practices, and includes provisions specific to LGBT, male, and immigrant victims. The Mandate also applies to all criminal justice organizations that receive VAWA funding -- prosecutors, law enforcement, and the judiciary.

Attorney General Eric Holder has noted: "I applaud Congress for passing a bipartisan reauthorization that protects everyone - women and men, gay and straight, children and adults of all races, ethnicities, countries of origin, and tribal affiliations."

To support the Inclusion Mandate and to end discrimination, please contact Eric Holder, and politely ask him to implement the VAWA Inclusion Mandate as quickly as possible.

Contact Attorney General Eric Holder:
Phone: 202-514-2001
Email: AskDOJ-at-usdoj.gov

Thanks!

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Florida house passes bill overhauling alimony

Matt · 23 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'TALLAHASSEE -- Former spouses saddled with perpetual alimony payments, rejoice.

The Florida Legislature is here to help.

On Thursday, the House passed a contentious bill that would end permanent alimony payments, and enable the courts to modify some existing arrangements between ex-spouses. The proposal would also require judges to give divorced parents equal custody of their children, unless there were extraordinary circumstances.

Gov. Rick Scott has not indicated if he will sign the bill, which would not eliminate alimony but put limits on it. The bill passed the Senate by a 29-11 vote earlier this month.

But the governor is certain to hear from alimony payers and recipients, many of whom lent their pointed opinions and personal stories to one of the session's most emotional debates.'

Millionaire parent doesn't have to pay child support: appeals court

Matt · 23 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (Reuters) - A father who has custody of his child the majority of the year was not obligated to make support payments to the child's mother, despite the vast disparity in their incomes, a divided New York state appeals court ruled Thursday.

The Appellate Division, First Department, found that the Child Support Standards Act of 1989 precluded mother Mara Rubin from receiving child support payments from Anthony Della Salla, the father of her 9-year-old son.

Rubin has no income other than $5,000 a month in pendente lite child support payments from Della Salla, and an additional $1,000 in child support payments from the father of her daughter, the ruling said. Della Salla has roughly $20 million in assets, the ruling said.

The Child Support Standards Act sets out a uniform formula for determining child support payments. The law says that "the court shall order the non-custodial parent to pay" his or her share of that amount.'

"Days of Tempest" published

Matt · 23 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

On Amazon.com here. Description:

'PATERNITY FRAUD – 'THE CRIME ONLY A WOMAN CAN COMMIT'®™ is the true saga of who, what, when, where and why the fight for Paternity Fraud Victims and Men's Rights began.

One man, Liam Neale Magill, waged his eight-year war against all odds, within the Courtrooms of Australia. Together, in the company of his attorney, Vivien Mavropoulos and Cheryl King, Liam's Enduring Power of Attorney, they wrought a new classification for their Law of Deceit.

This landmark case, a major component of Australian Legal History, is currently being taught at Law Universities in Australia. The totality of the subject matter shook the annals of decree, leaving an indelible mark on society. With new avenues open, this precedent is giving hope to other Paternity Fraud Victims, who are following and continue Liam's fight to change those laws.'

Two Women Raise $3.5 Million For A Controversial, Girls-Only App That Objectifies Men

Mastodon · 23 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In London, two long-time friends Alison Schwartz and Alexandra Chong have an app that helps women anonymously gossip about men.

On Lulu, men aren't allowed in, and women can anonymously rate them without their consent. The men, who are all guys the women know via Facebook, are rated on a scale of one to ten. Their profiles are automatically pulled in when the women they know access Lulu. When rating a man, women are prompted to share how they know him (friend, ex-girlfriend, etc), then asked to check off all the good and bad qualities about the man that apply.
...
"We definitely feel this is about female empowerment and collective wisdom," Schwartz says. "We also feel boys are just the beginning. We'll win the trust of our girls here and then take them into other verticals."'

SAVE: 'Totalitarian Justice:' Criticisms of Campus Sex Assault Panels Intensify

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PRESS RELEASE

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'Totalitarian Justice:' Criticisms of Campus Sex Assault Panels Intensify

WASHINGTON / April 24, 2013 – Three articles sharply critical of the handling of sex assault cases by campus disciplinary committees were published this past week. The critiques suggest college administrators may need to re-evaluate whether the federally mandated sex assault panels are rendering a disservice to victims, to the accused, and to the principle of justice itself, according to Stop Abusive and Violent Environments.

Writing in the Wall Street Journal on April 16, Judith Grossman describes the experience of her son, a student at a New England liberal-arts college (1). The panel's hearing consisted of a "two-hour ordeal of unabated grilling" during which he was "expressly denied his request to be represented by counsel." Grossman, a lawyer and self-described feminist, charges the student courts have "obliterated the presumption of innocence that is so foundational to our traditions of justice."

The following day Harry Lewis, former Dean of Harvard College, and Jane Shaw, president of the John W. Pope Center for Higher Education, penned a critique of the University of North Carolina's adjudication of a recent rape case (2).

After the accuser criticized the student panel for exonerating the accused, the university then proceeded to charge her with engaging in "disruptive or intimidating" behavior. Lewis and Shaw allege the student was denied her First Amendment rights, and conclude sexual assault cases are "certainly beyond the capacity" of campus disciplinary courts.

Canada: What's holding back boys' school achievement? Blue-collar dads

Mastodon · 24 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While men still out earn women overall – with a pay gap of 32 per cent in Canada – the gap is reversed when it comes to education, with 55 per cent of women enrolling in undergraduate degrees. The numbers for postsecondary enrolment are similar in the United States. In The Rise of Women: The Growing Gender Gap in Education and What it Means for American Schools, sociologists Thomas DiPrete and Claudia Buchmann argue that the educational achievement gap is a result of differences in how men and women have responded to changes in the wider economy. Why? It partly comes down to fathers.

...

Let's talk about the role of the father. You find that a father who is present and who is educated has a big impact on boys' learning. And yet study after study has shown that a mother's education level is the key determinant of her children's achievement. Can we actually separate each parent's role?

It is difficult to isolate the roles of mothers and fathers because of education homogamy, well-educated people marry each other. We know that having a highly-educated father has an impact on boys. In the case of low-educated fathers, working in blue-collar jobs, we believe that part of the challenge is that boys who grow up with low-educated fathers believe that a college degree was not part of the success for dads. They have notions that to do well in school is for girls. It's an outmoded way of thinking ...when we have a great decline in the parts of the economy where men can do well in blue-collar work or unions.'

Germany: Quotas for women in German boardrooms voted down

Mastodon · 24 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'Germany's Parliament – the Bundestag – rejects quotas for women. Yesterday, the Chancellor Merkel's coalition has defeated, by a vote of 320 to 277, the opposition proposal aiming to indroduce a quota of 30 percent women starting in 2020. There will not be legally binding quotas for women in German boardrooms, but it keep on being a discretionary decision. At the end of 2012, according to the German DIW Economic Bulletin, only 4 percent of all seats on the executive boards and just under 13 percent on the supervisory boards of German companies were occupied by women. This is "alarming", considering that in other European Countries the percentage is significantly higher – in Norway, women hold 39 percent of management positions.'

MRAs and feminists arguing at U of T MRA event

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Video here.

Ed. Note: NSFW warning: The feminists in the video do a lot of swearing and name-calling using 4-letter words to describe and address the MRAs they are screaming at. Alas, you won't see a lot of what I'd call genuine communication here. But I wouldn't expect genuine communication efforts toward MRAs from feminists.

Female prison guards indicted for drug trafficking

Matt · 24 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Thirteen female corrections officers essentially handed over control of a Baltimore jail to gang leaders, prosecutors said. The officers were charged Tuesday in a federal racketeering indictment.

Sex, drugs and prisoners were all involved in this recent FBI sting. The Washington Post's Ann Marimow explains what was happening behind the prison walls.

The indictment described a jailhouse seemingly out of control. Four corrections officers became pregnant by one inmate. Two of them got tattoos of the inmate's first name, Tavon — one on her neck, the other on a wrist.'

"Women are in Weight Gain Denial"

Matt · 24 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Believe it or not, I'm not posting this to be snarky. I'll venture to speculate that many men have the same thing going on. There once was a time not long ago where people (at least here in the US) were a bit more health/weight-conscious. Call it the Jack LaLanne-Arnold Schwarzenegger Era. It lasted about 20 years, maybe 15. It was a time many people quit smoking, went to gyms or health clubs, and weighed themselves daily. Now, not so much, especially the daily weigh-in on the bathroom scale. At the least, that's always been a good habit. Being obese or significantly overweight isn't just a women's health issue but also a men's health issue. (Sadly, it's all too often a chidren's health issue as well.) Excerpt:

'There’s a dangerous epidemic sneaking up on women across the country, and it’s impact goes largely unnoticed.

A recent study conducted by researchers at the University of Texas found that women are gaining weight, sometimes rapidly, without noticing it at all.

Research showed that women, at an average age of 25, had put on up to 11 pounds over three years without realizing they had been getting heavier. This worries doctors because it indicates that national anti-obesity campaigns are failing and many women, in turn, are in danger of putting themselves at risk of cardiovascular disease and a number of other weight-related health issues.'

F&F: Email and Tweet Florida Governor for Alimony Reform and Shared Parenting

Matt · 24 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Florida Governor Rick Scott must sign SB718/HB231 no later than tomorrow, Thursday, April 25th. This legislation will eliminate permanent alimony in Florida and add that equal time sharing with a minor child by both parents is presumed to be in the best interest of the child. If signed, the legislation is to take effect July 1, 2013.

Email Governor Scott at rick.scott-at-eog.myflorida.com and ask him to sign SB718/HB231 for Florida's Children and Parents. Just sign your name to this email, add your contact informaion, and send. Or tweet him: @FLGovScott. Please sign SB718/HB231 for Florida's Children and Parents.'

Parental Alienation Awareness Day - April 25

Matt · 25 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

PAAO site here. Excerpt:

'Parental alienation (or Hostile Aggressive Parenting) is a group of behaviors that are damaging to children's mental and emotional well-being, and can interfere with a relationship of a child and either parent. These behaviors most often accompany high conflict marriages, separation or divorce.'

PAAD site here.

Petition to UN to recognize PAS here.

On the Decline of Male Repro Health

Matt · 25 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I signed up for a fertility test not because I'm trying to have a kid (please) but as a barometer of my maleness, in its most medieval, distilled sense. ... Every week there's a new think piece or cover story ripping holes in the trappings of traditional manhood.

...

... Around the world, male fertility is sharply declining. Birth defects afflicting the penis and testicles are on the rise. So is testicular cancer. Scientists expect that these problems will plague future generations even more than ours.

...

Since the 1990s endocrinologists have issued warnings on the future of male reproductive health—"penis and semen," in Moore's words. In 1992, Danish scientists published a meta-analysis of 61 studies on semen quality from around the world, concluding that the average sperm concentration had declined by nearly 50 percent over a 50-year period, from 113 million to 66 million sperm per milliliter. ...

...

In 2000, American researchers not only confirmed results from the original Danish semen quality study, they found sperm density in the United States and Europe to be falling at an even faster clip: by 1.5 to 3 percent per year. And last summer, an Israeli study noted a steady decline in semen quality at one local bank over the past 15 years. A full 38 percent of all sperm-donation applicants are now rejected, up from one-third prior to 2004. That year, the bank lowered its minimum sperm count for acceptance to widen its net for donors. Under those more stringent standards, 88 percent of contemporary samples would have been rejected.'

A related article from 2008 discussing the statistically-significant drop in male birth rates in increasingly more parts of the world is here, also discussing man-made chemicals as a possible culprit.

Sexual misconduct disciplinary process alienates accused

Mastodon · 25 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Peter, a 2011 graduate of the University, saw his life turned upside down when a woman he had dated filed a sexual assault complaint against him with the Department of Public Safety in fall 2008.
...
The woman, who was living with several of Peter's closest friends at the time she made the accusation, had been diagnosed with depression, anxiety and attention deficit disorder — all of which took a toll on their interactions, he said.

But Peter said he did not know she perceived any of their sexual encounters as assault until she filed the complaint, which did not cite a specific incident.
...
In 2011, the U.S. Departmet of Education released a statement, known as a "Dear Colleague" letter, calling on colleges and universities to use preponderance in determining guilt for sexual misconduct cases. The letter is related to federal Title IX codes, which are designed to preserve gender equity in higher education.

Universities that receive federal funding are required to enforce Title IX policies, but how they incorporate the standard of preponderance varies, Creeley said.'

Salon.com blames masculinity for marathon bombing

fibtastic · 25 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'"Large public acts of terrorism are very public displays of masculinity, making a statement in the biggest way possible," says Abby Ferber, a sociologist at the University of Colorado who has studied white supremacist groups and masculinity. In her work, she said, she often encountered a "vulnerability to their sense of masculinity whether it's their relationship with their father, their culture. And there are a limited number of ways in the culture to show your masculinity." In the absence of the traditional forms of masculinity — including financial or social power — "you're more likely to see extreme means. They're showing that they're real men, man enough to do something like this."

Once, Tamerlan's violence had been on a smaller scale — directed at that woman at the financial head of his table. Friends of Katherine's told NPR that Tamerlan flew into rages, calling her a slut and a prostitute and throwing things at her. He was arrested in 2009 on a domestic violence charge relating to a different woman. (Dzhokhar seems to have been more like those affable, slightly aimless boys who coast by on charm, with a "permanent stench of marijuana" in his room, according to the Globe.)'

Asking Suzanne Venker: Has feminism really liberated women?

Mastodon · 25 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Before feminism, men were viewed as respected providers and protectors of their families. Their masculinity was needed and revered. So was femininity. All of that changed with the sexual revolution, which taught women that they can (and should) have sex like a man: without getting attached. It also taught women that they should never depend on a man. So: men heard that message and subsequently lowered the bar on their own success.

Rather than accept their role in what has happened with men, feminists keep doing their damage. Consider these statements made by several high-profile feminists:

Author and journalist Natalie Angier begins an article in The New York Times by writing, “Women may not find this surprising, but one of the most persistent and frustrating problems in evolutionary biology is the male. Specifically… why doesn’t he just go away?”
...
In an article in The Atlantic entitled “Are Fathers Necessary?” author Pamela Paul wrote, “The bad news for Dad is that despite common perception, there’s nothing objectively essential about his contribution.”

That is feminism’s legacy.'

IA: American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists meeting next week

Matt · 25 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Please see the IA site at http://www.intactamerica.org/. IA plans to be present to spread the intactivist word:

'The annual convention of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists is meeting in New Orleans next week, and we will be there demonstrating and holding a press conference. Will you help us fund a mobile billboard and two ads in the local paper?'

"Fathers & Families" announces name change to "National Parents Organization"

Matt · 25 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I am proud to announce our new name, National Parents Organization.

By now, you have no doubt heard the news. Fathers and Families is now National Parents Organization. Your future emails will be coming from Parents@NationalParentsOrganization.org or NedHolstein@NationalParentsOrganization.org.

The change solidifies our role as the national voice for family law reform. All the work you have done with me to build Fathers and Families into National Parents Organization has prepared us to spread our movement into every state. And now the time is here to drive the movement to the next level.'

Understanding the needs of male sexual assault victims

Matt · 25 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Historically, those of us who are male survivors of sexual victimization are often an unrecognized, underserved and unmentioned population when the issue of sexual assault is discussed. Many of us do not even recognize or understand that we may have been victimized. Yet one in five males will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime, many of us before the age of 16.

The harmful impact of the sexual victimization of males is felt daily by all of us — in our families, communities and workplaces. It is often the unspoken, unrecognized and untreated issue when we are dealing with the problems of addiction, mental health, physical health, relationship issues, domestic violence, anger management, criminal behavior and many other issues that impact boys and men. Yet many male survivors do not know there are resources available to help them recover, nor do they feel safe talking about the impact sexual victimization has had on them.

I believe we all need to work harder to create a safe climate and culture for male sexual assault survivors. It is time for us to look at sexual assault and victimization as a gender-neutral issue. All survivors of sexual victimization are in need of quality services to assist them in their recovery regardless of their gender or age.'

MaleSurvivor.org

Matt · 26 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Good site for male survivors of sexual abuse: http://www.malesurvivor.org/

From the 'About Us' page:

'In October of 1988 the first professional Conference on Male Sexual Victimization was held in Minneapolis. This ground-breaking conference, organized by a few dedicated mental health providers, brought together professionals who wanted to better understand and treat adult male survivors of childhood sexual abuse. At that time, only limited information could be offered to those who participated. But those present had great enthusiasm and the clear recognition that the conference was a necessary and valuable resource, where professionals could share practical information and ask questions. And it was a safe place for some to acknowledge their own sexual victimization.'

Camden County Mother Facing Charges In Cancer Scheme

Mastodon · 26 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PENNSAUKEN, N.J., (CBS) – Police say 35-year-old Susan Stillwaggon is facing charges after she told friends, family, and even her own son, he was sick with cancer.

Police then say she accepted fundraising money from friends.

“The soccer team, the mothers’ were doing cupcake sales, they were selling bracelets, they were selling necklaces, they had a bingo night that they raised money,” said Pennsauken Police Lieutenant Michael Probasco.

The Pennsauken mother of four told the community through word of mouth and her Facebook page, that her elementary school age son had a type of lymphoma, according to police.

“It’s a lie,” said Lt. Probasco.'

NIH required Men to be circumcised to participate in now-cancelled HIV vaccine trials

Minuteman · 27 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, will stop administering injections in its HVTN 505 clinical trial of an investigational HIV vaccine regimen because an independent data and safety monitoring board (DSMB) found during a scheduled interim review that the vaccine regimen did not prevent HIV infection nor reduce viral load (the amount of HIV in the blood) among vaccine recipients who became infected with HIV.

The HVTN 505 study began in 2009 and was testing an investigational prime-boost vaccine regimen developed by NIAID's Vaccine Research Center. The Phase IIb study, conducted by the NIAID-funded HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN)External Web Site Policy, was designed to determine whether the vaccine regimen could prevent HIV infection and/or reduce the amount of virus in the blood of vaccine recipients who became infected with HIV.
...
As with all NIAID-sponsored HIV prevention trials, the HVTN 505 participants were offered extensive counseling on how to reduce their risk of becoming HIV-infected and provided free condoms. As an added precaution, study participants were required at time of enrollment to be circumcised and free of antibodies to Ad5. These precautions were taken in light of an HIV vaccine clinical trial, known as the Step Study, which found in 2007 an increased number of HIV infections among vaccine recipients, particularly those who were not circumcised and/or had Ad5 antibodies.'

Ontario schools to offer "gender studies"

Alphamale · 27 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

I implore readers in Ontario to take action against this. Excerpt:

'The five Western students figured that once the Minister of Education heard about their project, he'd surely see the light and introduce women's studies into the curriculum.

It was their first foray into activism. They had no idea what awaited them.

"We didn't even know what a deputy minister did," says Rawal, now a lawyer. "When we met him, he said 'Is this a course for girls?' "

Their story is a model case study for activists. The formula? Keep focused on one simple idea. Build bridges with everyone interested. Keep the message positive. Have fun along the way, with crochet parties and feminist read-ins on the lawn at Queen's Park. And grind, grind, grind.'

Ed. note: The submitter of this piece included further comments that were too long for the story box, so they are in the first comment.

Feminist group hurls water, insults at archbishop

Mastodon · 27 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Brussels, Belgium, Apr 24, 2013 / 04:13 pm (CNA/EWTN News).- Four semi-nude feminist protestors attacked Archbishop Andre-Joseph Leonard of Malinas-Brussels during a recent conference on freedom of expression.

The April 18 conference took place at the Free University of Brussels and was entitled, “Blasphemy – crime or freedom of expression.”

The four women, who belong to the radical group Femen, removed their shirts and used plastic bottles similar those used by pilgrims at Lourdes to throw water at the archbishop while shouting insults and making violent gestures.
...
The women painted their bodies with the phrases, “My body, my rules” and “God loves lesbians.” They also carried a sign which read, “Stop homophobia.”'

AVfM Special Edition: RIP Earl Silverman

Matt · 27 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Announcement here. Excerpt:

'... Saturday, April 27, we will be airing a special episode of AVFM Radio, commemorating the life and work of Earl Silverman, the man who founded and operated the only refuge for battered men in Canada. Mr. Silverman committed suicide after the shelter, which was completely ignored by the Canadian Government, fell into hard economic times.

While the circumstances and precise reasons for his decision are not known at this time, we do know that Earl had struggled for years to provide services to men who needed to escape violent relationships. He was first exposed to that violence when he was married to an abusive woman. He sought out help for that and found there was none. Against all odds and in spite of the fact that the Canadian government summarily rejected all of his requests for funding, he pushed ahead with plans and provided services to battered men out of his own pocket and with meager contributions from a largely uncaring society.'

Catherine Kieu, California Woman, Cut Off Man's Penis During 'Break From Reality': Lawyer

Mastodon · 27 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SANTA ANA, California — The defense attorney for a woman charged with severing the penis of her estranged husband said she "had a break from reality" the night of the attack.

"She's a shattered woman who tried to do the best she could," Frank Bittar, public defender for Catherine Kieu, said during closing arguments Thursday. But Bittar said Kieu's mental health woes increased and she broke, according to City News Service.

The jury received the case and is scheduled to begin deliberating Monday on charges of torture and aggravated mayhem for the July 11, 2011, incident when Kieu, 50, was accused of drugging her husband, cutting off his penis, and throwing in the garbage disposal.

Bittar said no one could condone what the victim went through. But he said Kieu had a childhood full of molestation and other trauma in war-torn Vietnam. He said that was compounded by her husband who constantly demanded sex in ways that put her in pain.'

UK: Are more married men than women suffering from domestic abuse?

Mastodon · 27 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"More married men (2.3 per cent) suffered from partner abuse last year than married women, according to the latest British Crime Survey." The Independent on Sunday, 14 April 2013.

This weekend the Independent on Sunday tells the story of Kieron, 37 from Norfolk. He was abused by his wife for three years before he finally mustered the courage to report the crime to the police. The tipping point arrived when he had to undergo heart surgery after she stabbed him in the chest.

In recent years the Crime Survey for England and Wales, has revealed that Kieron is just one of many men abused by their partners.
...
The problem may in fact be more widespread than these figures suggest. The 2010/11 British Crime Survey (page 88) has revealed that twice as many male victims (28%) than female victims (13%) do not tell anyone about the domestic abuse they are suffering, highlighting the level of under-reporting. Furthermore, only 10% of male victims contact the police compared to 29% of female victims.'

UK: Michelle Mills guilty of Edward Miller's murder in Scalford

Mastodon · 28 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Michelle Mills stabbed Edward Miller 24 times with such force that the handle of the knife broke away from the blade.

She told police her 20-year-old boyfriend had been violent to her but the trial heard she had attacked previous partners.

Mills, 31, who stabbed Mr Miller at their home in Scalford, Leicestershire, will be sentenced on Tuesday.

Det Insp Lee Hill said: "Michelle Mills is a violent, self-centred and manipulative woman who was happy to portray herself as the victim of domestic violence at the hands of a number of her partners, including Eddie Miller."'

"America has been feminized"

Mastodon · 29 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here.

'I get tired of the constant drumbeat by women about inequality. The so-called equal pay issue, for example, is bogus.

Most studies I've seen concluded it is a matter of time worked -- that men simply put more time into the work place and consequently earn more overall. In any case, many laws cover discrimination.

Regarding equality, men are now on the margin if not on the bench. Women control our interpersonal relationships, family life, child rearing, schools, churches, culture, arts and TV. America has been feminized.

About 60 percent of college admissions are now girls, while dropouts from high school are mostly boys. Most high school scholarships and awards seem to go to girls.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, women control around 60 percent of the nation's wealth -- now that's power. Let’s cast this mythical, disingenuous "inequality" aside.'

Local Voices: Gregory Linton: Boys need to be educated more effectively

Mastodon · 29 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics recently released a report titled “America’s Youth at 25,” which showed that among 23-year-olds, 165 women have earned college degrees for every 100 men.

Consequences of this disparity include higher unemployment, a higher crime rate, a lower birth rate and fewer skilled workers for the knowledge economy. What has caused this gender gap? Here are just a few of the many factors offered by analysts such as Leonard Sax, Richard Whitmire, Peg Tyre and Hanna Rosin.

One factor is a father who is absent or lacks a college degree. The lack of interest in education by boys often begins at home. According to the National Kids Count Program, 26 percent of children in the U.S. live in mother-only households. Although many single mothers have overcome obstacles to motivate their sons to earn a college degree, most boys respond better to the influence and example of a father.
...
Teacher training programs need to provide much more instruction in educational strategies designed for boys. Other countries report the same gender gap in education, but some, like Australia, are actively seeking remedies for it. The surest way to accomplish gains in our educational outcomes is to begin educating boys more effectively. Until we do, our boys will continue to be left behind, and our nation will continue to suffer the consequences.'

Australia: Boys died in shower as mum 'passed out'

Minuteman · 29 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'An exhausted Miranda Hebble put her two young sons in the shower and closed the bathroom door.

She fell asleep and woke up about 10 hours later to find water overflowing from the shower - and both boys dead.

The West Australian coroner is examining the deaths of Lochlan James Stevens, aged two, and Malachi Isaac Stevens, 10 months, who died in November 2008.

Ms Hebble, then aged 22, was caring for her sons alone in Perth while the boys' father Christopher Stevens, then aged 23, was working on a fly-in fly-out basis.

The couple have since separated.

Counsel assisting the inquest, Kate Ellson, said Ms Hebble had no history of mental illness or drug and alcohol abuse.

She was a quiet person and had been struggling with sleep because of Malachi's restlessness.'

Israeli Domestic Violence Conference to Focus on Battered Men

Matt · 29 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"No one would believe a big strong man was hit by his little wife," stated Professor Sarah Ben-David. However her research shows it happens more often then one might think.

A conference in Israel is focusing on battered men and Prof. Ben-David is one of the speakers at the two-day event which is entitled "Violence, Conflicts and Unity in Family Context: A Reappraisal of Therapeutic and Judicial Doctrines." The conference is being sponsored by the Department of Criminology at Ariel University on Monday and Tuesday April 29th - 30th.

Prof. Ben-David, a Tel Aviv native, serves at head of the department. In her over 30 years of experience in the field, she founded and headed three organizations that deal with domestic violence victims. These are Sha'al, a victims' assistance service founded in 1979, the El'am Sex Crime Prevention Association, and Keleth - Criminologists for Correctional Services.'

UK: Girl, 14, forced to become pregnant with donor sperm bought by mother

Matt · 29 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This is why I don't bother reading fiction. What's the point when reality is so bizarre? Excerpt:

'A mother forced her 14-year-old adopted daughter to inseminate herself with donor sperm to provide a baby for her after she was prevented from adopting any more children, it can be revealed.

The daughter, a virgin, is believed to have miscarried at 14, but went on to have a baby at 16 after regularly inseminating herself with sperm bought over the internet by her "domineering" mother because she was too scared to refuse.

Details of the shocking case have emerged in a previously secret court judgment, which can be reported today for the first time and which raises serious questions over loopholes in international adoptions and the regulation of the global traffic in gametes.'

Dem resolution warns climate change could push women to ‘transactional sex'

Mastodon · 29 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Several House Democrats are calling on Congress to recognize that climate change is hurting women more than men, and could even drive poor women to "transactional sex" for survival.

The resolution, from Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) and a dozen other Democrats, says the results of climate change include drought and reduced agricultural output. It says these changes can be particularly harmful for women.

"[F]ood insecure women with limited socioeconomic resources may be vulnerable to situations such as sex work, transactional sex, and early marriage that put them at risk for HIV, STIs, unplanned pregnancy, and poor reproductive health," it says.'

Catherine Kieu found guilty of severing estranged husband's penis

Mastodon · 29 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SANTA ANA, Calif. – A Southern California jury has convicted a woman who was accused of drugging her estranged husband before severing his penis and tossing it in the garbage disposal.

Jurors found Catherine Kieu guilty Monday of charges of torture and aggravated mayhem for the July 11, 2011, attack.

Sentencing was scheduled for June 28.

During trial, the 60-year-old victim testified that his penis could not be reattached and that he felt as though he had been murdered.

Deputy District Attorney John Christl told jurors that Kieu, 50, drugged the man's tofu with sleeping pills and screamed "You deserve it!" before attacking him with a 10-inch kitchen knife.

Kieu was jealous and angry about her husband's plans to divorce her because he was seeing his ex-girlfriend, the prosecution said.'

Barbara Kay: Male victims of domestic abuse continue to suffer in solitude

Matt · 29 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, on the eve of becoming homeless as his house passed into its new owner's hands, Earl Silverman of northeast Calgary hanged himself in his garage.

Silverman briefly hit the news a month ago, when he closed his Men's Alternate Safe House (MASH), the only privately funded shelter for male victims of domestic violence in Canada, for lack of funds. For three years, MASH had temporarily housed about 20 men and a few children.

As I wrote in a March 27 column, "This story did not light up the switchboards, metaphorically speaking, of the media and government ministries." The fact that men suffering from abuse now had exactly nowhere in Canada to turn for publicly funded shelter was the catalyst for a cavernous collective yawn — and exactly one letter to the Post editor, scolding men for their failure to become activists in their own behalf as women did.
...
It's an easy fix to honour Earl's last wish: Acknowledge the reality that men suffer from their intimate partners' violence almost as frequently as women do, and almost as consequentially. Offer funded shelter and counselling to both men and women who need it. And while we're at it, offer funded anger management to women who need it — there are many — as well as to men. We will then see male suicide rates go down. It's that simple. If we care.'

Relationship Contracts Growing In Popularity With Married And Unmarried Couples

Matt · 30 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mantus and Sullivan had their relationship provisions drawn up by their attorney as part of their prenuptial agreement.

“We’re seeing the evolution of so called ‘lifestyle clauses,’ which really answer the question, what do we want the marriage to be like? What types of activities are we going to be engaging in? Where are we going on vacation?” explained attorney Ann Margaret Carrozza.

Enforcement of the contracts is not guaranteed.

“If someone wants a sex schedule, two times a week, or three times a week, I can’t take that agreement into a courtroom and ask that it be enforced,” Carrozza explained.'

Barbara Kay co-hosting "Late-Night Counsell" on April 30

Matt · 30 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

News: Barbara Kay will be in Ottawa on Tuesday, April 30 from Montreal to co-host the show "Late-Night Counsell" with John Counsell at 9:04 PM (EST) on 580 CFRA radio.

The phone number in Ottawa is (613) 521-8255. (American callers use this number: 1-613-521-8255.) The TOLL-FREE Studio Line is: 1-800-580-CFRA (1-800-580-2372). Email Barbara in the studio with John Counsell's address: jcounsell-at-cfra.com and add the words "4 Barbara Kay" in the subject line. To help in the line-up of phone calls, please tell the engineer what country and city you are calling from.

Bias Against Male Babysitters

charlie · 30 April 2013 · Archived copy · Original

It seems that only women are allowed to write about sexism against men, as this writer notes the reaction of the public toward her choice to hire a male babysitter. Excerpt:

'I wasn't trying to be subversive when I hired a male babysitter this month. But it is apparently something that few parents would do.
...
Even our new sitter, whose mom I've known for years and a man whose caring and kindness aren't in question, came prepared for doubt. He showed up on his first day with a photocopy of his driver's license, one for me and one for the school where he would be picking up my younger son.
...
It's no wonder. At the kids' old preschool, the only male teacher confessed to me that he definitely felt a little more monitored and scrutinized because he was a guy.

The other teachers almost never let him take a child to the bathroom by himself. Parents often assumed he was another parent. "Because why would a man be working here in the classroom?" he told me.
...
Here is the real problem when we err on the side of statistics. By telling the millions of men that they cannot be trusted with children, we are reinforcing gender stereotypes at school, at home and at work.

If men can't take care of kids, women have to do it. And that's holding us back.

So tell me, would you hire a male babysitter?'

Men's Rights Movement Sees Resurgence Among Millennial Males

Matt · 1 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It would be easy to dismiss the campus event and protest as a small, noisy slice of gender activism, but what happened at U of T is illustrative of a growing men's rights movement driven by some male members of Generation Y (adults born after 1980, also known as Millennials) who are questioning their place in society and whether their rights are being violated. While their views on feminism and the extent of male oppression vary, all agree that we need to talk more openly about issues that affect boys and men.

...

Iain Dwyer, 28, remembers a poster in his high school that proclaimed: "Boys are stupid, throw rocks at them." He went to high school in the 1990s when messages about girl power were everywhere and gender equality was a given, said Dwyer, a spokesman for CAFE and one of the organizers of the Farrell lecture.

He says that as Millennial men like himself grew up, they realized that the world was not as equitable as they had been led to believe. Men and boys, they would find out, were suffering too.'

Yahoo's new baby leave policy is generous. Yours? Probably not so much

Mastodon · 1 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hey working moms and dads, just because Yahoo employees are getting more generous parental leave benefits doesn't mean you should expect those perks, too.

Under Yahoo's new policy, new moms who give birth are eligible for up to 16 weeks of paid maternity leave, with benefits. New dads can get up to eight weeks of paid paternity leave with benefits, according to Yahoo.

The new parents also get $500 to spend on housecleaning and other needs, according to the new policy made public Tuesday.
...
Matos's research shows that only 30 percent of U.S. employers offer paid or unpaid maternity leave that is greater than 12 weeks.

Matos also said that 58 percent of employers who provide maternity leave pay new moms for at least some of that time off. Only 14 percent of employers who provide paternity leave pay for some of the dads' time off, according to the Families and Work Institute data.'

AIDS.gov: Alicia Keys introduces new national "Empowered" campaign

Minuteman · 1 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'On April 15 in Washington, D.C, as she introduced EMPOWERED, her new campaign developed as part of the Greater Than AIDS initiative, recording artist Alicia Keys called on the women of America to use their power to help bring an end to AIDS.

“Women and girls have been affected by HIV since the start, but that impact has not been recognized,” Ms. Keys said. “And as the sisters, mothers, daughters, and caregivers, we are the backbones of families, communities, and entire societies. We will never see an AIDS-free generation without harnessing the power and strength of women.”

EMPOWERED is a new, national cross-platform HIV awareness campaign that includes TV, radio, and outdoor and print ads , in addition to digital content and social media. By joining with Greater Than AIDS, Alicia Keys is reaching women in the U.S. in everyday ways—on their computers, on their phones, at bus stops—to make everyday choices that can change the course of this epidemic.
...
Through dialogues about HIV, Alicia Keys CAN help to change the way America thinks about HIV/AIDS. We are EMPOWERED.'

Thai mum jailed for prostituting daughter

Matt · 1 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. And everyone's afraid of what dads'll do to their kids. Anyway, nothing surprises me anymore. Excerpt:

'A Thai prostitute who sold her daughter for sex for seven years, from the age of nine, has become the first person in Australia to be jailed for child trafficking.

In sentencing the 41-year-old woman to nine years' jail, Brisbane Supreme Court Justice David Boddice slammed her behaviour as the "horrendous" exploitation of an innocent child who was simply trying to please her mother.

"This behaviour was particularly shocking, despicable and reprehensible as it was undertaken by a parent for financial profit ... with no regard for common decency," he said.'

SAVE: ‘Point of Parody:’ Six More Editorials Slam Campus Sex Assault Panels

Matt · 1 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / May 1, 2013 – Campus sex assault committees at Swarthmore, Occidental, Brown, and Cornell found themselves at the center of satire and scrutiny this past week as six new editorials probed sex assault complaints at these institutions. SAVE calls on the Department of Education to respond to allegations of civil rights violations arising from a 2011 policy issued by its Office for Civil Rights.

One editorial, “Swarthmore, Occidental, and Their Kangaroo Courts,” documents how Swarthmore College mandates that the accused refrain from any outside discussion of the allegation, thus precluding assistance by a defense attorney. At Swarthmore, “an accused student can be punished even if no charges were filed against him,” thus reaching the “point of parody,” columnist KC Johnson asserts.
...
The six editorials, published during the week of April 21-27, 2013, are listed online (1). To date, over 120 editorials have criticized the DED mandate as an anathema to civil rights. Thirteen national organizations, including the American Association for University Professors, have called for repeal of the federal mandate (2).'

F&F: Disposable Dad

Matt · 1 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to Ned Holstein, MD, MS, Founder and Chair, National Parents Organization, parental alienation is very common. The majority of divorces involve some degree of alienation, where one of the parents makes an effort to cast the other in a bad light. “In most cases, it is mild or intermittent when, in their anger or frustration, they let something slip that they may later regret,” he says.
...
Jones discovered National Parents Organization while he was researching parental alienation on the Internet. When he began to notice that we were making “great progress” getting legislation passed to promote shared parenting (parenting by both parents) in other states, he contacted us to see if we were in the process of changing legislation in Utah.'

College’s husky dog logo promotes rape, says student

Mastodon · 1 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The new logo for the University of Connecticut’s sports teams is a terrifying husky dog that calls to mind images of sexual assault, says one student.

The new logo was unveiled last week, receiving mixed-to-negative reviews from UConn fans who preferred the older, cuter husky dog.

But one student went much further, criticizing the new, meaner logo for being a pro-rape symbol.

In an open letter to UC President Susan Herbst, self-described feminist student Carolyn Luby wrote that the redesigned team logo will intimidate women and empower rape culture.'

Real women don’t need 'feminism'

Mastodon · 1 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Real women don’t need “feminism.”

That’s according to “The Monstrous Regiment of Women,” a Colin Gunn award-winning documentary that undercuts any strength that might be attributed to the feminist worldview.

Notable women’s advocate Phyllis Schlafly of Eagle Forum explains it simply.

“The problem with feminism, I think the principal problem, is the cultivation of an attitude of victimization. Feminism tries to make women believe they are victims of an oppressive, male-dominated, patriarchal society. They wake up in the morning with a chip on their shoulder.”

The DVD soberly and maturely reveals the fallacies in that attitude.

“The Monstrous Regiment of Women” explains that feminists tell women not to submit to a husband, avoid having children, listen to their “inner voice” and chase a career.'

UA Men's Project redefines masculinity, aims to raise awareness of rape culture

Mastodon · 1 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Only one semester old, The Men's Project was developed through the Women's Resource Center by Krista Millay, the program director of the WRC. Millay said she has always wanted to offer a space for men to talk about masculinity and about being a guy at the UA.

...

The Men's Project is run as an internship program that requires ten hours a week from its interns in exchange for three academic credits per semester, Millay said. These hours consist of a team business meeting as well as a critical discussion of current issues within pop culture. The interns also participate in separate projects. In the spring semester, they participated in the planning of Take Back the Night and the development of the curriculum for "The MENS Workshop," a judicial sanction through the Dean of Student's Office.

...

As an undergraduate student, Karaman said he was involved in campus politics and often addressed issues relating to college rape culture and sexual violence. He said when he saw there was an opportunity for this kind of work to take place on the UA campus, he jumped at it.

...

"Our purpose is largely to show that there are men that are actively engaged in trying to change this rape culture," Karaman said. "I want programming to be made available that is proactive rather than reactive."'

Rape Culture: 3 Reasons Most Men Are to Blame For Misogyny

Mastodon · 1 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's men. We are the root of the problem and deserving of the blame.

Though I am sure there are those of us — that poor Ryan Reynolds or Ryan Gosling look-alike — who must dash between campus security lights when exiting the gym in his Under Armour tank top or endure the humiliation of answering why he chose to go out in skinny jeans to a club after being sexually violated by a gang of sorority sisters, those circumstances are quite … rare.

No, it's quite clear fellas that we are the problem. And the problem does not begin and end at rape, but extends to and permeates throughout the entire sphere of gender issues, from domestic violence to gender pay gaps. Misogyny exists because we, men, either push it or allow it.
...
No longer can we just brush off the actions of the offending fellow male as a purely individual, psychological one (based on the notion that he must just be inherently evil and thus nothing could be done on our end anyways), or rue that biology and history conspired to create, somehow independently of us, a patriarchal, misogynist society that is so prevalent it might be fated or so powerful it can't be changed. Men can't just say "well that's that," and dust off our hands and put them back on the video game controller while our daughters, wives, sisters, mothers, and friends continue to get raped, abused, persecuted, and repressed. Humanity cannot afford this type of attitude any longer.'

Police say 28-year-old undergrad threatened herself with rape in Facebook hoax

Mastodon · 1 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A student at the University of Wyoming has been charged with interference with a police investigation after she allegedly posted on an anonymous social media page that she would like to engage in angry sexual intercourse with someone named “Meg Lanker Simons.”

The University of Wyoming Police Department now says the posting was a hoax written by — wait for it — Meghan Lanker-Simons.

The kerfuffle began on April 24 when an anonymous posting was made to a Facebook page called UW Crushes. The page, which has since been removed from Facebook, was a forum for students to confess their desires for each other in secret. (Such pages are common on campuses all over the country.)
...
Lanker-Simons herself also chimed in, saying, “Actually, I want this to stay up. This is disgusting, misogynistic, and apparently something the admins of this page think is a perfectly acceptable sentiment.”
...
One rally organizer, Amy Pauli, alleged that some kind of menacing “rape culture” plagues the University of Wyoming campus.

“It’s not just about the page. It’s about the way rape culture becomes fostered among students,” Paul told KOWB.

Megan Selheim, who is employed by the University of Wyoming as a STOP Violence Coordinator, egged on the protesters.'

Florida: Alimony Reform and Shared Parenting Vetoed

charlie · 1 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Florida Governor Rick Scott has vetoed the alimony reform and shared parenting bill. It was passed by nearly 3/4 of the legislature, and there might be a chance to override his veto. An action plan will be posted shortly by the Florida reform activists. See http://www.floridaalimonyreform.com/ for more information.

The Risks of Failing to Make Court-Ordered Child Support Payments

Matt · 2 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. For "parents", read "fathers". Not saying "Don't have kids." Just saying: "Think hard about this decision. Real hard." Excerpt:

'Child support payments are often one of the more contested aspects of divorce proceedings, and parents can face severe penalties for failing to make court-ordered payments as scheduled.
...
Some of the most common penalties for nonpayment of child support include the following:

- Warrant issued for arrest, which may be criminal or civil
- Finding of contempt of court
- Fines, jail, or both
- Garnishment of wages, including unemployment and worker's compensation
- Denial of tax refunds
- Exclusion from receipt of certain government benefits
- Revocation of passport
- Suspension, revocation or denial of various licenses—professional, driver's, hunting/fishing/boating
- Having a lien placed on property to cover payment

IA heads to New Orleans

Matt · 2 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Intact America is sponsoring a sidewalk demonstration in New Orleans on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at the annual convention of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)—the largest assemblage of baby-cutters under one roof. During this one-day event, we will be protesting the role of obstetricians in perpetrating circumcision in American hospitals.

Will you join us? The more protesters, the better! We'll supply placards and handouts. Or bring your own posters if you are representing another intactivist organization. RSVP today on Facebook!

WHEN: Saturday, May 4, 2013
TIME: 8:30am–4:30pm
PRESS CONFERENCE: 11 a.m.
WHERE: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, by the Marriott parking lot on the corner of St. James Street and Convention Blvd. (see map at right)'

SAVE: Earl Silverman is Gone, but His Dream Lives On

Matt · 2 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

I am sorry to bring this sad news. The world has lost a dedicated domestic violence victim advocate. Earl Silverman, founder of the Men's Alternative Safe House (MASH) passed away on Friday, April 27.

Earl spent twenty years advocating for male victims. And for the last few years he used his own home in Calgary to shelter men. He did this, he said, because as a prior victim he experienced being turned away by abuse shelters that only take in women.

Earl Silverman simply wanted acknowledgement of male victims of domestic violence, an end to misinformation about DV, and funded abuse shelters for men. He never saw the completion of his dream. But that doesn't mean we never will.

If you live in Canada, consider donating to the Earl Silverman Center. If you live in the US, consider donating to SAVE, because inclusion is very high on our priority list.

Do you work in the domestic violence industry? Do you serve every victim equally, no matter their gender or sexuality? We want to help you accomplish that.

Please visit the
Inclusive-VAWA Resource Center: http://www.saveservices.org/inclusive-vawa/resources/

With a heavy heart,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Joe Biden: Women Don’t Report Rapes to Avoid Being ‘Raped Again by the System’

Mastodon · 2 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Vice President Joe Biden said Wednesday that the reason many women do not report rapes or domestic abuse is because they are afraid they will be “raped again by the system.”

“Why do you think women who get raped, so many don’t report it? They don’t want to get raped again by the system. They don’t want to be put through what they had to be put through,” he said at an event for the DC Volunteer Lawyers Project at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Biden’s remarks came at a benefit for the DC Volunteer Lawyers Project, an organization for which his daughter-in-law Kathleen Biden, wife to Hunter Biden, serves as vice president. Biden thanked attorneys for volunteering their time to help women who are in crisis as well expressed gratitude for those who helped reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act earlier this year.'

Jewish Men Discuss Circumcision - What do they think?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(TEL AVIV) - The practice of circumcision is something I've been aware of from a very young age. I grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and my family is Orthodox... Whether it's the Victorian-era doctors, bent on perpetuating their own sexual repression, or during the Maccabean Period where the Jewish priestly ruling class instituted the more severe form of brit milah that is practiced today, which includes brit peri'ah (complete foreskin ablation), we are made to suffer and cause our children to suffer in an endless cycle of trauma. It's high time we stop.
...
“I'm 37, and have been sitting on a mountain of grief and rage for 17 years, since I discovered what was stolen from me while reading a critique of circumcision in a hip, underground, alternative Jewish newspaper I found at a campus Hillel, of all places… In the Torah, God also commands us to stone people to death, burn animal sacrifices, and take slaves from neighboring nations. Jews have given up those unholy practices, why shouldn't we give this one up too? The majority of Swedish Jews are intact, and guess what? They're still Jewish! Judaism, whether a cultural, ethnic, or religious identity, does not require circumcision. Jewishness is solely defined by parental lineage or conversion, not by genital cutting. Today, there are Jewish baby welcoming ceremonies for all genders free from genital cutting…'

French Father on Hunger Strike In Sweden Demanding To See His Daughters

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From Ulf Andersson of PappaRättsGruppen, translated article here:

'ON March 14, 2013 FELL FROM THE JUDGMENT Hudiksvall DISTRICT COURT: THAT'S MOM TO BE ALONE CUSTODY OF MY FRENCH SWEDISH DAUGHTERS. ON HER EXPRESS REQUEST FURTHER RIGHTS MAY ONLY BE MADE IN SWEDEN. INCREDIBLE AND unacceptable,!

Not once during those three years of legal proceedings, my request for joint custody investigated. Why? In Stockholm had our 2 girls have been able to stay beside her mom and dad, but my suggestion is to move to Stockholm is not even mentioned in the District Court. To top it all banned my 6 and 8 year old French-Swedish girls to ever more come to France, as he is their country as much as Sweden.
...
This hunger strike is neither rashly or irresponsible. Neither of my official requests have been tried (the request to the family returns, requests for dialogue, request that the possibility of joint custody are investigated, request that social survey conducted by a neutral party, requests for similar social studies when the children are in France, appeal ...). This is the only way for me to get our situation known. I see no other way to break the deadlock and get the Joint custody about, as both of our children are entitled.'

Australia: Students at Melbourne university protest over 'sexist' cupcake promotion

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'The Student Association's Women's Department at Monash University sold the cupcakes as part of a campaign to highlight gender wage differences, charging $1 for men, 80c for women and 60c for transgender students.

A Facebook post calling the stall sexist has received nearly 1,500 likes and attracted more than 900 comments.

Tess Gian posted: "to the 'Women's' stand on Clayton campus selling cupcakes … that is not feminism. that's sexism. You want to demand equality? It goes both ways."

A Monash Student Association public affairs officer, who did not want to be named, said the stall aimed to "raise awareness of the gender pay gaps" that exist in the workplace. It was not sexist but "positive discrimination". reports News.com.au.'

Towson University baseball bailout assailed

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'As the debate over allocation of state funds to save Towson University sports teams continues, major players in the conversation couldn't help but draw comparisons to this university's experience with financial insecurity and athletic cuts, which didn't see the same state support.

Towson officials based their decision more on Title IX compliance than financial woes, they said. But critics of the decision called into question the fairness of the financial hand Gov. Martin O' Malley extended to the college while offering no such help to this university in 2012, when officials announced they were cutting 7 sports teams to in an attempt to shrink mounting debt. Others pointed out, however, that university President Wallace Loh didn't receive the same amount of backlash at the time, either.

Towson University President Maravene Loeschke received harsh criticism in March over her decision to cut the university's baseball and men's soccer programs and again in April for failing to show up at a meeting with the state's Board of Public Works to explain her decision. State Comptroller Peter Franchot called for her removal, saying she had misled the Towson athletes and "forfeited her claim on moral leadership."'

Female Marine Accused of Falsely Reporting Rape

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A female Marine who says she was raped by a Marine in her squadron after a night of drinking is being tried at Camp Pendleton by special court martial for adultery, making false statements and impeding an investigation, it was reported Tuesday.

The woman, whose identity was withheld, and her alleged rapist are both staff sergeants who were assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 39 at Camp Pendleton in March 2012, when they had sex in a hotel room after several hours of drinking, according to U-T San Diego.
...
"The command does take sexual assault with the utmost gravity, and has decided to pursue this route to ensure that the sexual assault response process remains effective and maintains integrity for victims," a 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing spokesman, 1st Lt. Tyler Balzer, told U-T San Diego.'

Single Motherhood Increases Dramatically For Certain Demographics, Census Bureau Reports

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'The rate of single motherhood, which has been steadily increasing since the 1940s, has skyrocketed in recent years, according to a report by the U.S. Census Bureau released on May 1st.

While the birth rate for single women has greatly increased across all demographics -- according to the report, which is based on data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, the birth rate for single mothers in 2007 was 80 percent higher than it was in 1980, and 20 percent of that increase happened between 2002 and 2007 -- the numbers are particularly high for recent mothers (mothers who gave birth in the previous 12 months) between age 20 and 24.

In 2011, 62 percent of women between ages 20 and 24 who had recently given birth were unmarried.

Among women ages 35 to 39, the percentage was considerably lower -- 17 percent of women who recently gave birth were unmarried -- but overall, 36 percent of the 4.1 million women who reported they had given birth in the past year were unmarried. That's up from 31 percent in 2005.'

Ireland: Justice chief warns against ‘positive discrimination’

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'There are no female High Court judges in Northern Ireland, while women are also significantly under represented at county court judge and QC level.

But Lord Chief Justice Sir Declan Morgan, in a rare appearance before Stormont’s Justice Committee, insisted that the principle of merit had to be applied.

...

He also revealed that a bid to attract two members of the public to join the group he established for the very purpose of helping to provide more clarity around sentences had an “embarrassing” outcome, as nobody applied to fill the posts.

...

In regard to the lack of women in top judicial posts, Sir Declan said he was determined to bring about a culture change within the profession to ensure that females were afforded opportunities and helped to reach their full potential.

But the senior judge said giving them preferential treatment in terms of appointments was not the way to do that.

“We cannot use positive discrimination,” he said.

“It would be unlawful for us to do it, and secondly we have to appoint on merit because the statute tells us we have to do that, now somebody could rewrite the statute and the rules could be different.”

The Lord Chief Justice said elements of positive discrimination were in operation in South Africa but warned that they had proved extremely contentious and resulted in dissuading many people from going for jobs.

“That’s the danger we must guard against,” he said.'

NCFM: April "Transitions" available on-line

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The most recent NCFM "Transitions" newsletter for April 2013 is on-line here.

Suicide Rates Rise Sharply in U.S. - Men commit at over three times the rate as women

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'Suicide rates among middle-aged Americans have risen sharply in the past decade, prompting concern that a generation of baby boomers who have faced years of economic worry and easy access to prescription painkillers may be particularly vulnerable to self-inflicted harm.

More people now die of suicide than in car accidents, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which published the findings in Friday's issue of its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. In 2010 there were 33,687 deaths from motor vehicle crashes and 38,364 suicides.

Suicide has typically been viewed as a problem of teenagers and the elderly, and the surge in suicide rates among middle-aged Americans is surprising.

From 1999 to 2010, the suicide rate among Americans ages 35 to 64 rose by nearly 30 percent, to 17.6 deaths per 100,000 people, up from 13.7. Although suicide rates are growing among both middle-aged men and women, far more men take their own lives. The suicide rate for middle-aged men was 27.3 deaths per 100,000, while for women it was 8.1 deaths per 100,000.'

‘War on women’ could loom large in 2016

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'Americans who grew weary of the “war on women” meme in the 2012 election may want to take a deep breath: The issue may loom even larger in 2016, an influential social critic told a Capitol Hill symposium.

The groundwork is already being laid for a resurgence of feminism in America, author and think-tank fellow Kay S. Hymowitz told the “War on Women: Myth or Reality” event, hosted by the Family in America, a quarterly publication of the Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society.
...
This is a “hard-line feminist approach” and it’s been a huge success, said Ms. Hymowitz, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, a domestic-policy think tank in New York City, and author of “Manning Up: How the Rise of Women Has Turned Men into Boys.”'

Becoming a Radical Feminist: On Male Violence, Cultural Femicide and Sisterhood

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'I have always been a feminist. It is a label I chose for myself as a teenager, back before girl power was invented and when New Kids on the Block were cool. My original feminism was about equality: women were equal to men and all we needed was the laws to force misogynists to stop being misogynists. The older I get, the more I believe that 'equality' is nothing more than a smokescreen to prevent the true liberation of women. ...
...
My feminism, both the definition and activism, has changed dramatically over the past 18 years. Now, I self-define as an anti-capitalist, pro-radical feminist as I believe that the source of women's oppression is male violence which is perpetuated by the structures of our capitalist economy. The Patriarchy may predate capitalism but we cannot destroy it without destroying capitalism too. I don't always feel a 'real feminist' or a 'good enough' feminist. All I know is that I am a feminist who truly believes that women have the power to liberate all women from male violence; that feminism is fundamentally about the power of sisterhood.

My feminist activism involves privileging women's voices over men's voices. I now only read books written by women. I try to get my main news from women's news sites and women journalists like Soraya Chemaly, Samira Ahmed, Bidisha, Helen Lewis, Bim Adewunmi, and Sarah Smith. I follow only women journalists on Twitter and Facebook. I support organisations which are placing women's experiences at the centre of public debate: Women Under Siege, The Everyday Sexism Project, and The Women's Room UK.'

Jewish Anti-Circumcision and Intactivist Ads in Israel

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'Photo 1: "In the natural state, the corona within the foreskin is protected as an internal organ, moist like the eye. In infancy, the foreskin is connected to the organ and protects it. An organ without the foreskin is exposed to infection. THE MOHEL PARES AND REMOVES AROUND 1/3 OF THE SKIN OF THE PENIS!" [Under the picture of the baby] "A majority of the circumcised require corrective surgery to widen the urethral opening under full anesthetic."

"RECOVERY FROM THE CIRCUMCISION WOUND IS SIMILAR IN SEVERITY AND RISKS TO RECOVERY FROM A THRID DEGREE BURN (ORGAN WITHOUT SKIN)."

"Following the removal of the foreskin, the psychology of sexual relations is changed. Sexual intercourse with a foreskin is gentler, more sensitive, and more satisfying."
...
"SOMEONE BORN TO A JEWISH MOTHER IS JEWISH WITH OR WITHOUT A FORESKIN."'

Family Law Reform Advocates Continue to Set Record Straight

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'TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 29, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Florida Legislature made history on April 18 with the passage of sweeping changes to the state's antiquated alimony laws.

"Opponents to alimony reform are making false claims and using scare tactics to manipulate public perception. Many, if not all of these claims, are coming from the leadership of the Family Section of the Florida Bar, by trying to protect and maintain their perpetual income stream through continued litigation," said Alan Frisher, President of Family Law Reform, Inc.

Myth: The bill doesn't allow a lot of room for judicial discretion.

Fact: The bill removes arbitrary and unbridled discretion by judges. Guidelines are incorporated to allow for consistency and predictability while still allowing for discretion in outlying cases.'

Teacher Has Sex With Student, Shows Up At Prom After-Party

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'Police in Freeport, Texas say a high school teacher's illicit relationship with a student was brought to light after the teacher showed up at an after-prom party with tattered clothing and no shoes.

Nikki Scherwitz, 25, has been charged with sexual assault of a child and improper relationship between educator and student, WREG reported. She has also quit her position as 10th-grade English teacher at Brazosport High School, KTRK reported. It was her first year on the job.

Investigators say Scherwitz had been involved with the 16-year-old for several weeks.'

Teacher Charged With Raping Male Student In New Mexico Classroom

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'A New Mexico high school teacher is accused of raping one of her male students in a classroom.

Jennifer Vigil, 31, was arrested on Tuesday after a student reported her for allegedly pressuring him into sex -- in her classroom -- at Pojoaque Valley High School in Santa Fe, according to the Albuquerque Journal.

Vigil maintains that the sex was consensual, but the student reportedly told police that the idea of sex with her was "disgusting." The unidentified minor took a picture of one sex act on his cellphone, and said that he only consented to sex because Vigil locked the doors and propositioned him, police said.

Vigil is suspected of having sex with the male horticulture student on two separate occasions. The teen reported that on the first occasion, he was turning in an assignment after school when Vigil said, "You're not leaving until I get something from you," KRQE reports. The student claims he refused her advances but then later agreed to a sexual act so that he could leave.'

Child support dispute ends with firebomb attack

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'A 32-year-old man is recovering from burns after an attack last week in Gadsden.

According to police, the man got into an argument with a 26-year-old woman about child support payments last Tuesday. The man told police that the woman threw a potato chip bag full of gasoline at him, then tried to light him on fire. The man was able to use a garden hose to put out the flames. Police said the investigation is ongoing, and no arrests have been made at this point.'

Woman seeks changes to family law process

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'Ms. MacDonald was delighted when Oshawa City council proclaimed Thursday, April 25, Parent Alienation Awareness Day. She's hoping to raise awareness about the need for reform to the Divorce Act, and the family law process.

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It was later in life, when she became involved with a man in the midst of a bitterly contested divorce, that she became aware of just how messy the process can be. She said she watched as the former husband and wife battled, often using their children to further their agendas.

The protracted battle resulted in police involvement, broken-hearted children, and sky-high legal bills, she said. Unable to reach agreement on the most fundamental aspects of child-rearing, they depended on the courts to resolve such matters.

...

"Our court system is so outdated and broken it actually facilitates this kind of situation," she said. "Healthy parents don't need to go to court to be told how to raise their children."

She wants to see legislative changes that would require divorcing couples to agree to equal, shared parenting arrangements, and attend mandatory mediation sessions to work issues through.'

An Epidemic of Prosecutorial Abuse?

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'Has prosecutorial abuse reached epidemic proportions in cases involving allegations of sexual assault or domestic violence? A new white paper put out by Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (S.A.V.E.) persuasively argues that we are dangerously close to exactly that state of affairs.

...

First, recall that the role played by district attorneys and their assistants in the judicial system is not the same as that of other attorneys. Because they wield the awesome power of the state, prosecutors are ethically bound to evaluate cases based on probable cause. If there's not enough evidence to win a conviction, a prosecutor is ethically required to refrain from bringing charges. That's because, once charged, the power of the state and the likely impecunious state of the defendant make it all too easy for the latter to end up in prison regardless of his guilt or innocence. So the American Bar Association's very first ethical rule for prosecutors requires them to refrain from charging a person without probable cause.

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Not so with allegations of sexual assault. In those cases, no corroboration is necessary; the say-so of the woman is enough to send a man to prison for life. So it's no surprise that one study found that a whopping 15% of convictions in sex cases were proven wrong by post-conviction DNA testing. And, as the SAVE paper accurately shows, that figure actually underestimates the true false conviction rate. That's because DNA evidence connects the accused to the complainant in cases of consensual as well as nonconsensual sex.'

Lies, Damn Lies, and Rape Statistics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Brown is in the midst of a pandemic. All across America, colleges are cesspools of forcible sex crimes, including rape, which make the college campus one of the most dangerous places for women. According to many activists and politicians, one in every four women will experience rape or attempted rape in their college career.
...
So why is no one talking about this widespread issue? One reason is that it is not widespread. The campus rape pandemic seems to be a theory based upon poor survey methodology and repeated lies.
...
When held up to such scrutiny, Koss's survey holds as much water as a sieve. If one looks at the actual numbers for sexual assault on college campuses, her results seem almost laughable.

Thanks to the Clery Act, universities in America make public all reported campus crimes. This allows anyone to look at every instance of reported crimes on the campus and, in particular, all incidents of sexual violence. I decided to take a look at the reported violent sexual crimes for Brown, and fortunately for women but perhaps disappointing for feminists, the result came nowhere near Koss's figures. For the past three years, the average number of reported forcible sex offenses (which range from groping of private parts to penetration) was 8.66. The number varied from as low as seven to as high as 10. With an estimated 3,141 female undergraduates, 0.28 percent are victims of reported sexual violence each year. This is inconsistent with the one in four statistic, but on par with the national average.'

Shanghai's only all-boys classes to double enrollment

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'The operator of Shanghai's first all-boys classes plans to expand enrollment for the new semester as one of its founders hailed the once-controversial program a success.

After eight months of operation, Shanghai No 8 High School gained approval from parents for the two boys-only classes and plans to double enrollment to 120 students for the semester starting in September.

The classes are a pilot program of the Huangpu district education bureau and East China Normal University, as they attempt to address the tendency of boys to be outperformed and overshadowed by girls in school.

On Wednesday, more than 200 parents and their children showed up at a consultation meeting for enrollment at the school, and they crowded into an auditorium. Many brought application materials and all kinds of certificates with the hope of getting their boys into the program.'

Anti-circumcision activists coming to NOLA want doctors to put down the knife

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'The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists meets in New Orleans starting this weekend and a group against circumcising baby boys is setting up a demonstration outside the Morial Convention Center.

Intact America wants the practice stopped in the U.S. and they're using a rolling billboard and protest Saturday to make that point in the CBD.

The ob-gyn group already says doctor's should not routinely recommend circumcision to parents, but protesters want to make their point to what they call "the largest assemblage of baby-cutters under one roof."

I asked local folks which side they're taking in this ongoing debate. "Well, my children had it done and I thought it was a good thing. And I think they can clean theirself better with it."

Others, mainly women, agreed that cleanliness was definitely an issue with uncircumcised males.

And the reaction most men had to Intact America's recommendation that the decision should be left up to the male to decide when he's an adult, "I think it would be rather painful," one man snorted. Other's made the observation that most men would never get circumcised as an adult given a choice, due to the above-referenced pain issue.'

Rule allowing boys to play on girls' teams challenged

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'A dispute around a decades-old law that allows boys to play on girls high school sports teams appears to be headed to court.

Attorneys representing the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association — which says it would like to see the law changed to make sure girls do not lose athletic opportunities and for safety reasons — and state Attorney General Kathleen Kane's office met Friday afternoon in Commonwealth Court.

"It looks like we are headed toward an evidentiary hearing of some sort," said Pittsburgh attorney Mary Grenen, following the status conference between the two sides. Grenen is a potential intervenor in the case on behalf of her daughter, a Fox Chapel field hockey player.'

The Decline of Males: A Matter of Public Policy

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'The question is one of the most important the country faces: “Why the decline of men?” It’s not only important because males make up almost half the population of the country, although surely that’s enough. The question begs an answer because to ask it is to force us to confront the realities of U.S. public policy since roughly the end of the War in Viet Nam. When we do that, certain themes appear each tied together by a single thread. That thread is a disregard for the well-being of boys and men. Put simply, the decline of men and boys is a matter – and a result - of public policy.

...

Autor touches on three public policies that have negatively impacted men and boys: free trade policies, zero tolerance and mandatory sentencing for criminal behavior, and single motherhood. He knows these things exist and limit men’s educational and economic options, but, with the exception of single motherhood, he somehow fails to grasp the fact that these are policies aimed directly at men.

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For example, in 1993, 84.4% of custodial parents were mothers; in 2009, it was 83.7% according to the U.S. Census Bureau. And much persuasive research shows that non-custodial parents of both sexes tend over time to become non-parents, either absent altogether or of limited authority to their children. That’s because the standard visitation order given such parents allows them access to their children between 13% and 20% of the time, i.e. not enough to maintain a true parent-child relationship. Plus, even that meager visitation is routinely denied or limited by the custodial mother and her violation of the court’s order is rarely punished in any way.

...

These three major public policy choices over the past forty years or so go a long way to explaining Autor’s question about why men and boys are behaving differently in this economy than are women and girls. Put simply, males have been the targets of those policies and it should come as no surprise that men are reeling from the one- two- three-punch.'

As Colleges are Feminized, Degrees Lose Value

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'One fact that is rarely mentioned in the US press is that in developed countries, the prevalence of college degree holders has little correlation with economic output. Russia, for example, has the highest percentage of college degree holders on earth, while Germany has far fewer than the OECD average.

...

If you take a look at a typical university classroom, it's pretty clear why this is happening. Colleges are becoming finishing schools that teach little more than politically correct etiquette to their mainly female students. They are also a form of welfare for career students, AKA professors, many of whom couldn't teach a job skill that didn't require begging for federal grants.

For those who attend Ivy League schools such as Harvard or Princeton the degree is probably still worth it, but these are effectively gated communities; middle and working class white boys not wanted (but they'll take their sisters if they are hot).

...

For a bright and competent but not exceptional young man a technical education is a perfectly good start in life. If he wants to finish a four-year degree later, it won't be very hard, and he can start making decent money early on. The same applies to young women, and an extra bonus for them is that without having some of the wrong-headed ideas shoved down their throats at universities they might be more satisfied with a normal life and make better, more practical decisions.

...

I suppose there's one thing to be said for a college education, and that is that it helps students acquire a well-rounded base of knowledge. However, I'm afraid that with the replacement of classical education with politically correct garbage that doesn't apply any longer. Maybe at some point in the future we can rebuild schools that teach wisdom and the classics, but the most urgent matter is helping our sons live productive lives rather than turning them loose in a world that prefers to take advantage of them, so for now it's probably best to counsel most of them to learn a trade before completing a four-year degree.'

Over 90% of Workplace Fatalities Are Males in Minnesota

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Why men earn more: the cost. From the Minnesota workplace safety report (.pdf) for 2010: Men accounted for 91 percent of fatally injured workers in 2010 and for 92 percent of the fatalities from 2003 through 2010. The percentage of men among fatally-injured workers remains at 92 percent for 2003 through 2010 even after excluding fatalities to farmers and ranchers, who accounted for 71 percent of fatalities to self-employed workers.

Athletes devastated after men's track and X-country programs are dropped

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'Coastal Carolina men's track and field coach Jeff Jacobs said his students were "absolutely devastated" when they heard the news that the program along with the men's cross country team will be dropped following the 2013-14 season. Jacobs offered details to the announcement that was released to the media on Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Title IX requires that the gender ratio of an institution's athletic programs reflect that of its student body. The total female/male student population at CCU is 54 percent female to 46 percent male. CCU introduced Women's Lacrosse as an NCAA sport in 2013, which added 25 female student-athletes and demonstrated a continual expansion of athletic opportunity for the underrepresented sex.
...
For total Title IX compliance, further steps were necessary. Approximately 50 student-athletes participate in the men's cross country/track and field programs annually. Discontinuation of the program will ultimately help Coastal reach full Title IX compliance.'

Michigan woman accused of faking rape now facing fraud charges

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'DETROIT – A Michigan woman whose alleged trail of lies led to the release of a man convicted of raping her was charged Monday with fraud after investigators said she tricked an insurance company and sympathetic supporters into believing she had cancer.

It was Sara Ylen's second criminal case in just a few days. The 38-year-old Lexington resident also is charged with filing a false report of rape in September.

Besides those cases, Ylen was involved in the prosecution of James Grissom, who was convicted of raping her in a parking lot, despite no physical evidence. A judge threw out the conviction after authorities learned she had made up sexual-assault allegations in California, information that wasn't available to the defense at the 2003 trial.'

'Sexism and the Single Murderess'

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'Knox and Arias aren't just women accused of murder. They're minxes accused of murder, sitting in their courtroom seats with scarlet letters emblazoned on their chests, no jury needed to pronounce them guilty of wantonness at the very least. For men, lust is a tripwire. For women, it's a noose.

I've heard quite a bit lately about David Petraeus's road to redemption. I've heard less about Paula Broadwell's. Yes, he's the more public figure, but the disparity also reflects the way their affair was often portrayed in the first place. He strayed; she preyed. He was weak; she was wily. He was the fly, she the spider.

Let's bring a few other recent news stories into this. Let's indulge in a few hypotheticals.'

Jodi Arias trial: Accused murderer raising money for domestic violence victims with 'Survivor' T-shirts while jury deliberates

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'While Arizona jurors mull her fate, accused murderer Jodi Arias is raising money for victims of domestic violence from behind bars.

Arias is selling T-shirts on her website, jodiarias.com, with proceeds going to the Long Beach Women's Shelter and the non-profit organization Reach Beyond Domestic Violence.
...
"Please join me in the efforts to support other survivors of domestic violence," Arias wrote Sunday in a Twitter account maintained by a friend.

Arias is accused of repeatedly stabbing former boyfriend Travis Alexander, slitting his throat and shooting him in the head in 2008 in Mesa, Ariz.'

Blogger Finds Jodi Arias Sympathetic Because She Only Murdered A MAN – Sexist or Stupid?

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'What will the people out there in cyberspace who thirst for her blood do if she's actually allowed to live? Or, Heaven forbid, if she's allowed to serve a less than lengthy prison sentence and eventually walk free. Won't the Universe implode?

Of course not. However, the latest buzz does seem to indicate that the hapless Arias may yet have a chance at life.

It is interesting and sad that this woman is, in the minds of most members of the public, already strapped to a gurney with a lethal needle in her arm–or whatever they use for execution in Arizona. It is ironic, ultimately unfathomable, and downright disgraceful that the sheer intensity of the hatred leveled at Arias exceeds the anger aimed at some of the past's most notorious rapists, child molesters, and serial killers–including but not limited to Dahmer, Gacy, Ridgeway, Rader, Ramirez, Berkowitz, Buono, and Bianchi. Of all these evil men, only John Wayne Gacy was executed. Jeffrey Dahmer was stabbed to death in prison. Good riddance. Ditto for Buono who died in prison of natural causes. The others are still enjoying the hospitality of the penal systems of their respective states–a great waste of taxpayers' money'

'Seeking Asian Female' Film Exposes Men With 'Yellow Fever'

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A politically correct article by ABCNews.com that assumes that men seeking Asian women have are showing "power, dominance and white privilege" and want a "submissive" wife. Gee, could there be other reasons? Excerpt:

'All her life Debbie Lum, a second-generation Chinese-American filmmaker, has been hounded by men with "yellow fever" -- usually, but not always, white men with a fetish for Asian women.
...
In her first feature-length film, "Seeking Asian Female," which airs tonight at 10 p.m. ET on PBS's "Independent Lens," Lum gets drawn into the complicated relationship of a 60-year-old white man and his 30-year-old mail-order bride.
...
"He was my favorite character -- he had no verbal filter," said Lum. "He was basically an open book and would say the things I suspected men were thinking but had the self-consciousness not to share. He gave me incredible insight into what men were thinking. About Asian women, but it was more than that, I was drawn to his complexity as a character.
...
Men who have fetishes for Asian women send an "underlying message about power, dominance and white privilege," said Saedi.'

SAVE E-lert: Who Doesn't Like a Party? Join Us as We Celebrate in June

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So, there might not be fireworks and noisemakers... But our June conference is sure to be a blast!

This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Progress!" Join us, so we can congratulate you on a job well done.

Learn about the history of the abuse shelter movement from the founder herself, Erin Pizzey. And hear insider information from Kathy King, a former magistrate in Ohio.

We'll also hear from persons who have been falsely accused. And we'll get helpful tips from advocates and attorneys.

Dinner Friday and lunch Saturday are included.

Visit the SAVE website for the schedule and info on local lodging: http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp/annual-conference-2013/. Visit eventbrite to register online: http://celebratingourprogress.eventbrite.com/

I'll see you there!

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Parents: Teacher forced son to lick drawing on desk

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TROY -- The parents of a Troy 5th grader were shocked when their son told them his teacher told him to lick his desk clean after he was caught drawing on it in February. Since then his parents said they've attempted to go through proper channels within the district to get the teacher reprimanded, but were unsuccessful.

"I said 'we can end all this by her going in front of the class with my son and apologizing for her actions' he [the principal] says' that would be a directive. I cannot give a directive and it wouldn't be sincere' and I said 'is that all you're going to do?' and he said 'well basically we've handled it, it's confidential'. Point blank," said George Spencer, the boy's father.

The Spencer's had their son transferred to another class, but say he is struggling with the transition, especially in math. The problems also worsened after they allege the teacher asked the students in his old class not to speak to their son. They said the principal stepped in and spoke to the class at the parent's request, but the parents wanted action taken against the teacher for the original incident.'

Danny Brown: Unsolicited Oral Sex On Rapper Was Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you're not tuned in to #raptwitter, you may have missed rapper Danny Brown's on-stage forced oral sex during a recent show in Minneapolis.

You may also have missed the news because no one, other than Brown's opening act and protege Kitty Pryde, is calling what happened forced oral sex, or what it really should be called — rape.

Vanessa Quilantan, a columnist at the Dallas Observer's DC9 At Night music blog has determined, even though she wasn't at the concert in Minneapolis, that there's no way that Danny Brown's on-stage sexual assault wasn't consensual, and her reasoning is exactly why men don't report their sexual assaults — because the media, police, and the people in their lives don't believe them.
...
Because he didn't ask for it. He didn't say yes. He didn't consent to having a fan jump out of the crowd, pull his penis from his pants, and begin performing oral sex. I live in Texas, and wondered exactly what the wording of the sexual assault statute was. Sure enough, Section 22.011 of the Texas Penal Code defines this exact act as forcible sexual assault:

§ 22.011. SEXUAL ASSAULT. (a) A person

commits an offense if the person:
...
(C) causes the sexual organ of another person, without that person's consent, to contact or penetrate the mouth, anus, or sexual organ of another person, including the actor.'

The other gender divide: where men are losing out

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's difficult to deny that women suffer more than men as a result of their gender, and highlighting the myriad ways in which this happens is one of the cornerstones of modern feminism – which is currently enjoying a revival in the UK and elsewhere.

But justice isn't a relative concept. If it were, we could suggest we should care less about racism against black people just because Asian people in this country are more likely to be victims of racially-motivated hate crime.

Obviously that's nonsense. But so might be ignoring issues that affect men more severely than women just because women, overall, have it worse.

Delving into the data reveals a surprising array of areas in which men might have the hardest time. Here's six worth thinking about:
...
The home has long been the focus of feminist analysis as a realm in which men are able to exert their power over women. That may be true, but the statistics on domestic abuse in marriages may well challenge your assumptions. 3.4% of married women reported a case of domestic abuse over the past year. The proportion of men? 3.4%.'

Sweden: Women suspected of child abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'KRISTIANSTAD. A 62-year-old lady from Kristianstad has been charged with two counts of assault. One time it was a four-year boy who fell victim to the lady's kind.

It was during the Valentine's Day earlier this year that the beating should have taken place.

In the middle of central Kristianstad, on Kanalgatan struck the 62-year-old woman the four-year boy several times in the head.

The boy was hurt after hit and he also got a blush on the cheek.

While battered woman is another woman who was with.'

SAVE: Ethics Board Issues Rebuke of Hancock Co. Prosecutor Mary Kellett

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / May 7, 2013 – A state ethics board has issued a report concluding Hancock County prosecutor Mary N. Kellett engaged in multiple counts of prosecutorial misconduct arising from a 2009 assault trial. The ethical violations include ignoring a court order, misleading members of a jury, evidence suppression, and indulging in “conduct unworthy of an attorney.”

The Board of Overseers of the Bar report petitions the Maine Supreme Judicial Board to impose “appropriate disciplinary sanction” on assistant district attorney Kellett.

The Board report, issued April 24, 2013, documents how Kellett engaged in a series of maneuvers designed to withhold exculpatory documents that would have demonstrated the innocence of Vladek Filler, charged in 2007 on five counts of spousal sexual assault.'

Male Teachers Get Longer Sentences For Sexually Abusing Students Than Female Teachers

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'A Star-Ledger investigation has found that male teachers receive harsher punishments than female teachers when they are convicted of crimes involving sexual relationships with students. Experts credit the disparity to societal perceptions that young girls must be protected and are much more vulnerable than their underage male counterparts.

The sample, which followed cases in New Jersey, found that 54 percent of male defendants went to prison, while only 44 percent of women did time after they were found to have conducted inappropriate sexual activities. The longest jail term for a male teacher was 10 years, compared with 7 for a female. Interestingly, that 7 year sentence was the result of a female coach having relations with a female player.

"There's a general societal disposition that does continue to treat women as the gentler sex, so typically the threshold for sending women to prison is higher," Martin Horn, director of the New York State Sentencing Commission and a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, told the Star-Ledger.'

Covenants without Circumcision in the Jewish Reform Movement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(TEL AVIV) - Many Rabbis are welcoming intact males into the Jewish community, and a growing number of Rabbis feel that surgical circumcision is no longer appropriate in the 21st century. In Europe, 200 years ago, influential Rabbis in the early Reform movement of Judaism began writing in private correspondences that Jews should abolish circumcision surgery. This movement first became well-popularized in the mid 70's when some of the first Rabbis and celebrans in American began doing them for Jewish parents and sons. Today, almost 200 Rabbis perform Jewish covenant rituals without surgical circumcision, and many more will do so upon request. These include Rabbis in the Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Renewal, Humanistic, and many other branches of Judaism. Keeping a Jewish son intact is no longer a marginal phenomenon. One list of these celebrants has gotten so large that Jewish parents, who choose not to circumcise their son, can find a Rabbi almost anywhere in the United States who will do a symbolic covenant ceremony. This list contains a number of Rabbis with intact grandchildren for whom they have held these kind welcoming ceremonies and blessings.

Groups of Jews who chose to keep their sons intact are starting up in the United States, Israel, and elsewhere. Both Reform Judaism and Humanistic Judaism formally welcome intact Jewish males. Many feel that if true Jewish morals were adhered to, circumcision surgery would be impossible.'

Exonerated Coach Dismissed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Hoffner was charged with possession of child pornography in August after school officials found videos of his naked children on his work-issued cellphone, which he had turned in to be repaired. A judge cleared him in November, ruling that the short videos of his children acting silly after a bath were not child porn and showed nothing illegal.

After the criminal case was dismissed, university officials removed Hoffner as head football coach, reassigned him to an administrative role, as assistant athletic director for facilities development, and suspended him for 20 days for an unspecified reason. He tried to fight his reassignment and suspension though his union, the Inter Faculty Organization, which represents faculty in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.
...
The MnSCU system has a policy prohibiting the use of university-issued cellphones or mobile devices for personal business.

On Friday, the judge ruled that the investigative file in his criminal case should remain sealed, citing his family's right to privacy. Some news organizations had sought access to the file. But Blue Earth County District Judge Krista Jass wrote that because she had already found insufficient evidence of any harm to the family, their right to privacy outweighed the rights of the media to see the material.'

Pro Football Player Suing Former Fiancee over 10-Carat Engagement Ring

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Buffalo Bills defensive end Mario Williams may be entering the second year of a six-year, $96 million contract, but right now, he's much more worried about $785,000.

According to The Buffalo News' Dan Herbeck, Williams has filed a lawsuit against his ex-fiancée, Erin Marzouki, in Houston's Harris County Court to obtain a 10-carat engagement ring he gave her in a proposal.

Williams alleges in his lawsuit that Marzouki never wanted to marry him and only used him for his money.
...
The lawsuit also alleges that there was an agreement in place that if the engagement were called off, she would return the ring. Marzouki reportedly called off the engagement in January after receiving the ring in February 2012.

From a legal standpoint, Texas is a no-fault state for gifts, which engagement rings falls under. That means the person giving the ring is legally allowed to ask for its return “on breach of the marriage engagement by the donee,” per Herbeck. Thus, Williams' lawyers noted that the Bills defensive end has a "right to recovery" in regards to the expensive piece of jewelry.'

High School Announces 100% College Placement of Boys

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'Boys' education is becoming a hot-button issue for modern education institutions in America as educators see disturbing trends. Across all demographics of ethnicity, socio-economic status, and age group, boys consistently underperform in school relative to girls. Overall, boys account for 90% of disciplinary referrals, 70% of failing grades, and they make up 44% of higher education attendees (male to female ratio in the US is 51:49). However, while the debate rages on for how to address the issue of educating and engaging young men more effectively, Grand River Academy seems to have the formula pretty well figured out.

Grand River Academy has been educating high school boys since 1831, emphasizing not only academics, but social development and an active lifestyle. For many struggling teenagers, Grand River has been a saving grace. It is common to hear that boys who enroll at GRA fared poorly in the public school system. Maybe they stopped caring about classes or had trouble paying attention. Maybe they were often in trouble with school administrators and staff. Maybe a student was on the brink of failing multiple classes. However, after starting at GRA, they become attentive, eager learners. Parents often tell stories of how frustrated they were that their brilliant sons just wouldn't put effort into their education, and even graduating high school seemed to be out of reach, let alone being accepted into college. However, after they started GRA classes, the problems disappeared. For this reason, some have referred to GRA as a "solution school" for boys' education.'

Jury finds Jodi Arias guilty of murder

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'(CNN) - After months of twists and turns in a dramatic trial rife with sex, lies and digital images, an Arizona jury Wednesday found Jodi Arias guilty of first-degree murder in the slaying of ex-boyfriend Travis Alexander.

Jurors will return to court Thursday for the aggravation phase of the trial -- an important step in the next key decision they face: determining whether Arias lives or dies.

"Now the odds, I think, shift somewhat in her favor, because it's a very different thing to sentence someone to die than to convict them," CNN senior legal analyst Jeffery Toobin said.

After the verdict was announced, Arias said that for her, the worst possible outcome in the case would be a life sentence.'

UK: Is 'lad culture' causing a surge in student feminist societies?

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'The feminist label still sits uncomfortably with some, particularly those who feel as if men are being demonised by feminists on campus. Katie, a third-year student at Cambridge University recalls a Reclaim the Night march last year, organised by the women's campaign at the university, where she was asked to hold a banner that read "Men beat eggs not women."

"I refused. It [the march] was meant to be about keeping everyone safe but it was turned into something rather different. A couple of my male friends came onto the march and were disgusted by it."

"I like that we have women's officers, they fight for good things, but they often fight in such a way that alienates those they seek to represent. Being a feminist should be something you can say with pride; I don't feel like it is a lot of the time."'

Uganda: Push to cut off foreskins winning as Thyolo youth lead in voluntary circumcision

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HYOLO (Mana) -- Over 3,400 youths in Thyolo have been circumcised and many more are still dropping in for Voluntary Male Medical Circumcision (VMMC).

Thyolo District Youth Officer, Doreen Mbendera, told the Malawi News Agency (Mana) that many youths have the strongest motivation of HIV prevention and are also encouraged by their culture to circumcise.

“Already, Thyolo is a circumcision district and many youths were encouraged by the messages which are being transmitted. Being a vibrant group that is sexually active, they were motivated by the benefits.

“And in some cases, some males openly said they went for circumcision after being motivated by girls who refused to date them. I believe girls can also help in motivating boys if they understand what they can benefit like issues relating to minimized risk of cervical cancer,” said Mbendera.

Mbendera said girls who are sexually active seem to have a sense of security if their partners are circumcised.'

Anna Louise Inn intends to operate as women-only facility

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'The owners of the Anna Louise Inn told federal officials several times in the past three years that they intend to run a women-only facility after renovating the inn with tax dollars, even though fair housing laws generally forbid excluding one gender.

At the same time, the owners did not publicly disclose that the inn might have to allow men for the first time in more than a century if they failed to get an exemption from fair housing laws.

Those findings, based on an Enquirer review of public records, come less than a month after Western & Southern Financial Group accused the city and the inn's owners of lying about the planned $13 million renovation of the historic property.'

UK: Will Quotas Help More Women Enter the Construction Industry?

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'I was interested, but not surprised, to read a recent report produced by CareerStructure.com into female employment within the construction sector. They found, for over half of the built environment professionals surveyed, that less than 10% of their team are currently female. This is yet another confirmation that the construction industry still has a long way to go before proving its credentials in equality.

The concern of the 400+ construction professionals surveyed is so great that more than half of them believe that a quota should be introduced to ensure that companies within the industry do employ a certain number of women in their workforce, never mind at board level. The use of quotas is backed by extensive research into gender imbalanced teams, which reinforce the importance of having a diverse work force of both men and women. In addition, where women are employed in the construction sector, they tend to have HR, Marketing, Admin and occasionally Finance roles.

Despite the concerns over the lack of women in construction, only 26% believed there was no barrier to entry for women seeking a career in the sector. Having worked in primarily male dominated sectors for most of my career, first as a research chemist and then entering construction, I personally have never regarded gender as a barrier to career progression and neither did Margaret Thatcher! In fact there have been many plusses to being female. Bright colours do make you stand out from the dark-suited crowd!'

UN chief wants better health of women, children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'United Nations: UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon Tuesday called for global efforts to improve the health of women and children.

Speaking at a meeting of the Every Woman Every Child movement here, Ban stressed the importance of mobilizing and intensifying action around the world to tackle the global challenge, reported Xinhua.
"In the 21st century, no institution can solve global challenges on its own," Ban said.

"There is no monopoly on good ideas. That is why I believe so deeply in partnerships -- strategic partnerships."

Working with leaders from governments, multilateral organizations, the private sector and civil society, the Every Woman Every Child movement, spearheaded by the secretary-general, aims to save the lives of 16 million women and children and improve the lives of millions more.'

Ireland: Campaign to highlight how verbal abuse hurts women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A campaign that aims to raise awareness of the insidious effect of verbal abuse on women.

'Killing Me Softly With His Words' was launched by domestic violence charity Sonas with the message that verbal abuse destroys lives.

"Words can and do wound," said charity chief executive Fiona Ryan who was joined by 2FM DJ Ruth Scott and fashion blogger Suzanne Jackson.

"The campaign shows how verbal abuse can be so psychologically and emotionally damaging that it can undermine a woman's self-belief, self-respect and self-image," she added.'

'A burgeoning men's rights movement in British universities? Lads, you cannot be serious'

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Article here. Excerpt:

It is official: men are an oppressed minority these days. Despite an entire human history's-worth of cultural dominance, in the few short generations since women got the vote, feminism has spoiled it for everyone, and women have full, unnatural dominance.

You don't believe me? Consider this: who dies more often in wars, men or women? Which sex has the shorter life expectancy? Who has to make all the alimony payments? And who, most of all, has to leave a sinking cruise ship in last place? If you answered 'men' (poor, browbeaten men) to all of these, you'd be right, though these examples only scratch the surface of the systemic inequities men are forced to face each and every day.

There's the pressure of having to pay for the bill on a date, more often than not, and that of having to conform to that terrible Hollywood stereotype of having, like, big pectoral muscles and things. Feminism has inculcated a crisis in masculinity.'

Can women teach men about fatherhood? Oprah and Iyanla seem to think so

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'Whenever I hear women say they do not need a man to help raise children, it makes me cringe and think what a selfish statement that is. You may not need a man, but your child does.

So Oprah may want to get some strong, positive male role models to participate this particular class on fatherhood, for try as we might, we women do not understand what it is to be male. It's like speaking to women and girls about empowerment, life choices, self-esteem, self-confidence, growing older, menopause, being all we can be as women—only to have men towering over us to teach us how to be our best selves.

They [sic] are things that a mother will never be able to teach her son, and there are things a dad will not be able to teach his daughters.'

NPO: Florida Governor Vetoes Shared Parenting

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'Of all the problems for children I have heard, I have never heard of one that stemmed from two fit parents spending too much time with their children. Last week, May 1st, 2013, Governor Rick Scott of Florida became the first governor to veto legislation (SB718/HB231) that would have provided children equal access to two fit parents. The Florida House passed the legislation in a bi-partisan vote of 85 to 31. The Florida Senate passed it 29-11.
...
The individual horrors for Florida's children will continue, as will the burden upon Florida's taxpayers. But, at least the Family Section of the Florida Bar — that is, the divorce attorneys — got what they wanted. I'll say it again, 85-31 and 29-11. With this vote, Governor Scott marked his opposition to two parents.'

SAVE E-lert: Let's Make Sure Mary N. Kellett Sees Justice

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In 2011, SAVE filed a 9-page ethics complaint with the Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar alleging numerous instances of prosecutor misconduct by Hancock County prosecutor Mary N. Kellett.

Now, the state ethics board has issued a report concluding that Kellett did, in fact, engage in multiple counts of prosecutorial misconduct arising from the 2009 assault trial of Vladel Filler.

The ethical violations include ignoring a court order, misleading members of a jury, evidence suppression, and indulging in "conduct unworthy of an attorney."

The report petitions the Maine Supreme Judicial Board to impose "appropriate disciplinary sanction" on assistant district attorney Kellett. We agree, and we bet you do too.

For Vladek, and for every person falsely accused, please call the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Tell them that you want to make sure that justice is done with Kellett.

Maine Supreme Judicial Court: (207) 822-4146

Let's do our part to restore prosecutor integrity.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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Symantec, O2 still censoring/defaming MHRA sites

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In case you weren't aware, Symantec and UK telecoms company O2 are currently still blocking men's human rights sites and labelling them as "hate sites". Previous reports of the cessation of such disgraceful behaviour were based on an erroneous article at The Register and the truth of the matter is that at no time were any of the sites in question unblocked.

It's not just A Voice for Men that is smeared in this way by these companies, even completely uncontroversial resources have been defamed too. Symantec believes that the equal Justice Foundation's dvmen.org site to be hateful, yet all they do is help male victims of domestic abuse. Sites wanting separated dads to have a relationship with their kids are also classed in this ridiculous way, and if you're dedicated to nothing more than drawing attention to the plight of male victims of rape and sexual abuse then even that's "hate" too.

Longevity is no barrier to Symantec denying your site traffic, with The National Coalition for Men subject to the hate smear. Nationality nor language offer much protection either, with UK, Canadian, Irish, Swiss, Portuguese, German sites suffering this most terrible mis-categorisation. In total I've discovered over 80 men's human rights sites which are being defamed and censored, this constitutes a substantial portion of our movement.'

Woman Gets Four Years for Killing Boyfriend

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Story here. A typical female murderer sentencing discount story. Four years for murdering her boyfriend. Excerpt:

'A St. Paul woman was sentenced Thursday to a little over four years in prison for running over and killing her boyfriend on the East Side of St. Paul in late January.
...
“This was a tragic accident,” Anderson said. “Mark was someone she was in love with.”

Anderson said the two were engaged. He argued that Garcia suffers from neurological damage and cognitive problems even while sober and that the night of Urang’s death those problems were compounded by alcohol.

The charges filed against Garcia gave a less forgiving picture of that night. According to the complaint, Urang was run down by Garcia as he was on the phone with 911 calling for help.

In the recording, Urang is heard describing the suspect as Garcia. An argument, a scuffle and the sound of Urang apparently being run over ends the call. He was struck about 10:45 p.m. in the 600 block of Wells Street near Payne Avenue. He suffered a skull fracture and massive hemorrhaging. and died the next day.'

Forced To Pay Even Though You're Not The Daddy

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'Over the years Bowdery had his drivers license stripped and once even found himself in handcuffs over child support payments for a child that's not his, "I would hate to see somebody else go through the same thing. I've been going through this, headaches."

A mound of paperwork shows a juvenile court judge ordered him to pay child support even before the birth.
...
Bowdery asked several judges during several hearings for a DNA test, but no judge ordered one.
...
In 2009 he took the child himself to get a DNA test and found the son he supported for years was not biologically his.

He took the documentation to court.

The judge wouldn't accept it, but ordered a DNA test done that showed the same results.

The probability of paternity was zero percent.
...
Juvenile Court magistrate Nancy Kessler agreed in October to dis-establish paternity, but only after she admonished him for taking it this far.

"The judge stated that, 'well I find it very distasteful that you're bastardizing the child," said Bowdery.
...

We asked a family lawyer what are the chances of Bowdery getting his money back.

Attorney Miles Mason said, "It is very unusual and very infrequent."

Mason says in a similar case, the Tennessee Supreme Court ruled a man in middle Tennessee could sue his ex-wife for fraud. He won a $100,000 judgement.

"There was a very large judgement awarded against the mother but I doubt they would be able to collect in most cases," said Mason.'

Intactivists Call on Obstetricians Meeting in New Orleans to Stop Circumcising Baby Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Intactivists are gathering in New Orleans this weekend to call upon members of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) to join the global medical community's movement away from neonatal male circumcision.

Intact America, the organization leading the demonstration and an 11 AM press conference on Saturday, May 4, placed an advertisement in the New Orleans Times-Picayune and hired a mobile billboard, urging those who see it to "Tell America's Obstetricians – No More Circumcision." The sign includes the message "His Body, His Rights" to underscore the organization's human rights concerns. Approximately 70 Intactivists are expected to participate in the demonstration, displaying banners, carrying placards, and handing out literature.'

Women’s health plays central role in renewed Obamacare pitch

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Obama plans to put the focus back on health care Friday afternoon, specifically in how his landmark legislation—the Affordable Care Act—helps women. He’ll deliver a speech surrounded by women and families who are already benefiting from the new law.

“This is already working, we did this health care bill because health care was 17 -18% of GDP and we could not afford to let that go on and we were not getting the best health care for the money we were spending,” Rep. Louise Slaughter, a New York Democrat, said on Jansing & Co.

The state of Colorado is already launching a two million dollar ad campaign in both print and on television to try and get people to sign up. The ads do not mention the phrase “Obamacare.” A narrator states, “When health care companies compete, there is only one winner: you.”

“Obviously you can’t do something this massive and go door-to-door explaining it to everyone,” Slaughter said.

The health care roll-out will be crucial on two fronts: for the success of the law and also for the 2014 midterm elections. Republicans plan to make health care an issue again. Next week House Republicans will take their 38th vote to roll the law back—but the first one, this year.'

False rape allegation - What You're Saying

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A man spent 10 years in prison on a false rape charge, a court has ruled. If these allegations are true, what should happen to the woman who filed the false charge? We asked Facebook users:

Ten years in the joint for her seems about right, then a lifetime of paying restitution back to the man for the money he lost while sitting in prison. That's a start, anyways.

—Joshua Bennett

She should have to pay the state for all the time he spent in prison that the tax payers had to pay.

—Harold Webb

She should do at least 10 years and have to go to Rape Survivor meetings and explain to them that she’s the reason it's so difficult to get rape convictions.

—Christine Page'

In Utah, a push for more women to graduate college

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Article here.

'SALT LAKE CITY — Utah education officials are calling for more women to graduate from college. They say that would close a gender gap that puts the state behind most others.

The Deseret News reports that (http://bit.ly/10rgnDA) education officials say college degrees mean better jobs, better family life and higher pay.

The push comes from the Utah Women and Education Initiative. That group says Utah has the third-largest wage gap in the nation. It released a January report finding Utah women receive 69 cents for every dollar paid to men.

More Utah women are earning college degrees in recent years, but not enough to close the gap.

The report says younger women buck the state trend, obtaining degrees at an equal or higher rate as their male classmates.'

Targeting men only is also sexual harassment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is a male employee complaining about behavior you would clearly see as sexual harassment if the employee were a woman? If so, do something about it.

Recent case: Jeffrey complained that a male supervisor was constantly making comments like “come and give me [oral sex]” and sometimes groped male employees’ groins. Management ignored the situation.

Jeffrey sued, alleging sexual harassment. He pointed out that female employees weren’t treated the same way.

The court said the case could proceed. The fact that the supervisor was allegedly grabbing men’s crotches but not women’s could support a sexually hostile work environment claim. (Barrows v. Seneca Foods, No. 12-970, 2nd Cir., 2013)'

Discrimination against men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recent Virgin airlines passenger, John McGirr claims Virgin airlines treated him like a sexual predator on a flight to Sydney.

He claims a flight attendant asked him to move saying he was not allowed to sit next to children because he was male.

According to Mr McGirr the flight attendant walked up the aisle and tried to find a female to swap seats with him.

"By that time, people had looked around and it was like I'd done something wrong, (I felt) defenceless. Usually I like to have a good argument and stand up for myself but I just sort of swallowed my pride and left," Mr McGirr said.'

Do no harm: Who should bear the costs of retired NFL players' medical bills?

Matt · 11 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After 24 knee operations, the National Football League's former Man of the Year leans heavily on a crutch. When Reggie Williams pulls up his pants leg, what's underneath looks like the trimmings from a butcher shop. His right leg is so ravaged that it's three inches shorter than his left. Worse, it's uninsured.
...
But now, Williams and his battered legs amount to a bill no one wants to pay. Since 2005 Williams, 58, has suffered a cascade of health problems he says stem from his 14-year football career, including multiple knee replacements and a bone infection, which he estimates have cost him hundreds of thousands of dollars out of pocket.
...
Critics say the NFL's medical benefits don't adequately address the full range of these problems. The NFL's health insurance lasts five years after retirement — players who lasted fewer than three seasons don't qualify for it at all — but the most serious health consequences of a football career often don't manifest for a decade or more.
...
"First and foremost, the NFL is in the hurt business," said Mel Owens, a former NFL player who is now a California attorney and represents Williams. "In workers' comp they will end up paying for the players' brains, hearts and livers, as well as orthopedic injuries, and it's expensive. But they don't want to pay at all."'

Disparity Between Child Support and Custody Enforcement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You'll read about it often -- the creative methods judges and other officials use to shame people who owe child support.

There is the man ordered not to procreate. The guy who must tell any female he meets that he owes child support. The dads forced to display signs proclaiming themselves "deadbeats."

Much is made of the offensive moniker "deadbeat dads" and the histrionic punishments doled out by zealous judges.

However, throughout my 20+ years with Cordell & Cordell advocating for fathers' rights, it is apparent the more pertinent story is the paucity of attention, much less innovation, given the reciprocal problem relating to primary custodians that defy court orders respecting the other parent's access and participation in children's lives.'

Boys, girls and fairness: The court can fix a rule that hurts female athletes

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'Boys will be boys and girls will be girls. But when girls and boys come out to play, it's the adults who make matters complicated. Commonwealth Court has a chance to correct a long-ago decision that contributed to an unusual problem.

It scarcely makes sense, but high school boys can play on girls' sports teams in Pennsylvania if the sport is offered only for girls. The best example is field hockey, a game that is popular for males in other countries but not in the United States.
...
Commonwealth Court needs to hold a hearing and see what is obvious: Rigid gender blindness should not mean putting girl athletes at risk and denying them the chance to play because boys are on the team. Let girls be girls.'

Canada: Merged CAW/CEP union puts gender quotas in constitution

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'The merged CAW/CEP superunion is taking the rare step of including a gender quota in its constitution, mandating that the number of women on the National Executive Board “is at least equal to the proportion of women among our membership.”

“We’ve had affirmative action polices, but this is the first time that it will be referenced specifically in a constitution,” said Peter Kennedy, the CAW’s national secretary-treasurer. “It’s the next logical step in the progression.”

“We know we are a male-dominated organization, and we thought it was important to have a positive action like that,” said Gaétan Ménard, the national secretary-treasurer of the CEP. “It’s easy to say just ‘We hope’ or ‘We’ll try.’ We said, no, we’re going to put it in the constitution.”

The new union will be Canada’s largest in the private sector, boasting 300,000 members including 86,000 women. There are 25 positions available on the Board, six that are full-time and 19 that are filled by rank-and-file leadership, including 11 industry positions and five regional chairs. Under the new rules, at least eight of the 25 spots must be filled by women.'

New Internet law provision in VAWA can crush individual freedoms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CUMBERLAND — The war to control the Internet began after Congress quietly passes a law allowing U.S. authorities to access foreign birth certificate repositories to identify worldwide Internet users.
...
All the details, that few Congressmen read, are in an unnoticed attachment in the recently passed Violence Against Women Act (S-47).

Section 808 regulates “marriage brokers” (similar to social referral or dating sites) that are prohibited from providing services to foreigners under 18. Foreign clients must submit their birth certificate information or government ID before communication with Americans can begin, and allows U.S. authorities access to this sensitive information, effectively creating an Snternet police force.

At first glance the stated purpose “to prevent marketing of underage children” by international marriage brokers seems reasonable. However, logic reveals that Section 808, an immigration provision, is pointless — an underage child cannot legally immigrate for the purpose of marriage. And why is it illegal for an 18-year-old American to say “Hello” to a 17-year-old Canadian?

The sinister term “marriage broker” is a spoof coined by special interests while crusading for the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act, the parent law of section 808. The legal definition of “marriage broker” is so broadly tailored that any online communication for social referral, friendship or dating could nefariously be regulated now, or in the future.
...
What would prevent other countries from retaliating by enacting laws requiring Americans to submit their birth certificates or other requirements prior to saying “hello” to their citizens?
...
Part of the blame falls on VAWA author and Senate Judiciary Chairman, Pat Leahy (D-VT) who approved the legislation as a pet project for the ideological gains of special interests.
...
Regardless, Congress has no right to place arbitrary restrictions on legitimate communication across the Web, a gross affront to human rights.'

SAVE E-lert: Will We Be Meeting in June? I Hope So

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Have you made plans yet to attend our annual conference, "Celebrating Our Progress!"? I hope so, because I want to meet as many of you in person as I can.

On Friday evening - June 21 - we'll learn about the history of the abuse shelter movement from the founder herself, Erin Pizzey. And On Saturday - June 22 - our keynote speaker will be Kathleen King, a former magistrate in Ohio.

We have other speakers lined up too (see the list here). And there will be an optional lobbying event on Capitol Hill earlier in the day on Friday.

Dinner Friday and lunch Saturday are included.

Visit the SAVE website for the schedule and info on local lodging: http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp/annual-conference-2013/. Visit eventbrite to register online: http://celebratingourprogress.eventbrite.com/

I sure hope to see you there!

P.S. Conference ticket prices go up June 1st! Get yours now!

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False reports outpace sex assaults in the military

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Article here. Excerpt:

'False complaints of sexual abuse in the military are rising at a faster rate than overall reports of sexual assault, a trend that could harm combat readiness, analysts say.

Virtually all media attention on a Pentagon report last week focused on an increase in service members' claims of sexual abuse in an anonymous survey, but unmentioned were statistics showing that a significant percentage of such actually investigated cases were baseless.

From 2009 to 2012, the number of sexual abuse reports rose from 3,244 to 3,374 — a 4 percent increase.
...
"Unsubstantiated accusations remain a significant problem, but the SAPRO is doing nothing about it," Mrs. Donnelly said. "I went through both volumes and found no evidence of concern about the significant 17 percent of 'unfounded accusations.' Something should be done to reduce the numbers of false accusations, the first step being an admission that the problem exists."'

Review: Debunking ‘feminist’ nonsense on YouTube

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For years, the misnamed feminist movement has been indoctrinating women with its at times outrageous propaganda. Now this is being exposed and refuted, and many of those engaged in the enterprise are women.

What was that David Webb said back in the 1970s? “Individual freedom is daily being eroded in this country...by feminist extremists who...wish to force their...repressive, authoritarian demands... on everyone else. Parliament has hitherto paid heed to these...dangerous factions out of all proportion to the numbers they represent or the soundness of their logic...”
...
Back to statistics. Last September this thoughtful analysis of contrived rape statistics was uploaded. Most interesting is the explanation of the genesis of the myth of (American) rape culture. We've seen this sort of nonsense in other contexts; in the late 1940s and early 1950s, Alfred Kinsey produced some amazing statistics about the alleged extent of sexual perversion and degeneracy in the United States that have been cited by those intent on changing both the criminal law and our sexual mores, including lowering the age of consent with all the implications that would have for the young and vulnerable. Kinsey's statistical nonsense was taken apart by Judith Reisman among others, but is still parroted by those who refuse to allow facts to stand in the way of ideology, however perverted that ideology may be.'

Navajo lawmaker presents bill to give fathers equal parenting rights

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'WINDOW ROCK — Council Delegate Jonathan Hale presented a bill that would give fathers on the Navajo Nation equal rights to gain custody of his children.

Currently, Hale said there is no law that allows or states equal parenting rights to the father and said he would like to see some changes in policy.

“There needs to be a policy developed that will consider giving full custody to the father,” he said in a press release from the Navajo Nation Speakers office.

He also explained, the current policy lets the mother determine when the father gets to see the children in custody battles.

“In custody situations, somebody needs to be checking with the mother, and making sure that the kids are seeing their father,” he said.

No further information was provided.'

Gender Neutral: Armed Forces Submit Plans To End 'Exclusion'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This week, all divisions of the U.S. armed forces are supposed to submit their plans for ending "combat exclusion," the rule that says women cannot serve in most combat positions. Host Rachel Martin speaks with NPR's Larry Abramson about the implications of the change.

...

This coming week, the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines are supposed to submit their plans for ending what's called the combat exclusion. This is the rule that says women cannot serve in most ground combat positions. The Pentagon announced plans to lift the ban earlier this year. The move comes as the military is under growing pressure to deal with an increasing number of sexual assault cases.'

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on National Women's Health Week

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Starting with Mother's Day, next week we celebrate National Women's Health Week. As a nation, we honor the women in our lives – our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, friends, and colleagues – by encouraging them to make their health a priority and to take steps to live healthier, happier lives.

Women are frequently the health care decision-makers in their families. We take time off from work to drive a parent to the doctor. We hold our children's hands while they get their vaccinations. We make the appointments for our spouses' checkups – and then make sure they actually go. We stretch and re-work our family budgets to pay the doctor's bills. And too often, we put our own health last.

But the truth is unless we take care of ourselves first, we cannot really take care of our families. That means we have to eat right, exercise, and get the care we need to stay healthy. Unfortunately, preventive care has not always been easily accessible or affordable for everyone, including young women.'

Department of State: "A Critical Tool Toward Creating an AIDS-free Generation"

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'On Mother's Day, we celebrate the many exceptional women in our lives and around the globe. Today, and every day, we are grateful for -- and indebted to -- the billions of mothers and other women who serve as the glue that keeps our families and communities together.

Unfortunately, in the fight against AIDS, women continue to bear a disproportionate burden. In many countries in sub-Saharan Africa, HIV remains the leading cause of death and disease for women of reproductive age, and in the region, 60 percent of those living with HIV are women. Despite these sobering statistics, countless women continue to prosper in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.

Whether a woman is a mother today, or a mother to be, her health is paramount -- both for her own productivity and quality of life, and that of the next generation.

...

One new and potentially revolutionary tool that has greatly simplified the approach to PMTCT *(prevention of mother-to-children transmission)*, is Option B+. Option B+ offers all pregnant or breastfeeding women living with HIV lifelong ART, rather than relying on laboratory testing to determine eligibility for treatment.

'50 Shades of Grey - Pedophilia Hiding In Plain Sight'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yes, 50 Shades is pornography. Like most pornography, the storyline is weak, the characters one-dimensional, while the sex itself graphic, detailed, but formulaic. The underlying theme to 50 Shades is something far more sinister and appalling though than your mere run-of-the-mill porn. It is pedophilia. It is child porn. Kiddie porn.
...
I didn't seek out 50 Shades of Grey. It was brought to my attention by a longtime friend who is also a clinical psychologist at a university. She's a bit older than me. She grew up in the counter culture era and did her fair share of experimentation of all kinds. So she's hardly a prude. What she today though is a mother and grandmother. And she's smart. One of the things that fascinates her is this age of cultural phenomena. How due to technology things now spread so quickly throughout society and become the next big thing at an increasingly rapid pace. She says sometimes this phenomena is pretty much harmless, and other times it can be very damaging to kids and or adults who begin to emulate something out of a need to belong to the "next big thing".
...
The problem for her, and it was a BIG PROBLEM, was that the narrator in the story, was in fact, an underage girl. My friend indicated, based on the use of language in the narration, that this girl was likely no more than 12 or 13 years of age. I made mention that the girl in the story was actually getting ready to graduate college. My friend, a woman with years of experience as a clinical psychologist, whose expertise I had personally witnessed a number of times over the years, shook her head and told me that she would not be able to convince me by simply talking about it. She said I should read the book myself, but do so with the eyes of somebody whose job it had been for many years to try and protect children. As someone who has seen over and over the signs of abuse, and the damages of abuse. Because there are always warning signs. I know that. How many times have I heard people horrified in saying "I can't believe I didn't see that" "How couldn't I have known?" Or even worse, "I knew something wasn't right but I didn't want to believe they were capable of doing something like that."
...

I got the book, I sat down, and I read it.
...
We are reading child pornography. Remove the false age of the girl, which has no basis in reality, and what we are actually reading is the abuse of a little girl.

The main character is described in pigtails, given words like "Holy Cow" "down there", "jeez" "double crap" she can't operate a computer (but is supposedly a college graduate), describes skipping and doing cartwheels, repeatedly says she is made to feel like a child, has her imaginary friend (inner goddess) feels shame, is spanked and slathered in BABY OIL, told what to say, what to eat, what to do, until finally and sadly so predictably, is physically beaten. (But she returns to him soon after, which is again, a very common theme of abuse, including pedophilia).
...
50 Shades of Grey made her weep. It made her sick. It made her think of the abuses of all of those kids by a demented, warped monster like Jerry Sandusky, who, just like the pedophilia of 50 Shades of Grey, was hiding in plain sight.'

Congresswoman: ‘Survival as a species dependent on women taking charge’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the lead up to the 2012 election, there was plenty of focus on the so called “war on women” that, in reality, existed only in the minds of Democratic campaign strategists and a complicit media, but is there a real “war” underway in America directed at members of the opposite sex?

According to Democratic U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, not only is such a conflict happening, but the very existence of the human race is dependent on the outcome.

At a campaign fundraiser earlier this month, Schakowsky openly advocated for women “taking charge,” according to CNS News.

While speaking at a Planned Parenthood Action Fund event on May 3, dubbed ”The Ultimate Women’s Power Lunch,” she said:

“Today I am asserting that humanity is at a crossroads on this small planet and that our survival as a species is dependent on women taking charge, taking the world in our own hands.”

Doesn’t get much clearer than that.'

Also, watch the vid here.

Wikipedia on Jan Schakowsky

It’s Raining Beta Men: Why Emasculation is a Curse, Not a Blessing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists contend that patriarchy and its “male enablers” enslave women through marriage and motherhood. They assert that men are sex-driven, lustful pigs keen on subduing women. As a result, feminists are determined to undermine them.

Here is proof:

1) A typical feminist believes men enslave women through marriage:

“Since marriage constitutes slavery for women, it is clear that the Women’s Movement must concentrate on attacking this institution. Freedom for women cannot be won without the abolition of marriage.” – Sheila Cronan, in Radical Feminism – “Marriage” (1970)

2) A typical feminist thinks men are rapists:

“Male sexual aggression is endemic, if any sex act against a person’s will were considered rape, the majority of men would be rapists.” – Marilyn French, The War Against Women, Ballantine Books, 1992, p. 193

3) A typical feminist wants to eradicate manliness:

“Only when manhood is dead–and it will perish when ravaged femininity no longer sustains it–only then will we know what it is to be free.” -Andrea Dworkin, Our Blood: Prophecies And Discourses On Sexual Politics

In order to successfully carry out their agenda, feminists want “new castrati males” to replace manly men.'

UK: Diane Abbott to turn Labour's attention to a 'crisis of masculinity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Diane Abbott has been thinking long and hard of late about how Labour responds to the family. She offers the next instalment of her ideas in a speech to think tank Demos on Thursday, and will argue that rapid social and economic change has caused a 'crisis of masculinity' in Britain which manifests itself. Coffee House has been offered a preview of that speech, which marks a significant shift in the way Labour talks about the family.

Abbott believes the Conservatives have occupied this debate for too long, and wants her party to make families and fathers a priority. As a single mother and a left-wing feminist, her intervention is an attempt to reclaim this territory.

She will say:

'Tomorrow, too many British men and boys will wake up isolated and misdirected by a boundless consumer outlook, economic instability and whirlwind social change.

'Tomorrow, too many British men and boys who need the space and support to talk about manhood, expectations and boundaries from an early age, at schools, with other boys, and with their parents will remain silent."

UK: Exclusive: Three in four believe those accused of sexual assaults should be granted anonymity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Three out of four people believe that people accused of rape and other sexual assaults should have their identities protected until they are convicted.

A ComRes survey for The Independent found strong public support for the controversial view expressed by Maura McGowan, chairman of the Bar Council, who argued that suspects in sex cases should enjoy the same right to anonymity as defendants. Some 76 per cent of people agree with the statement that “people accused of sexual assault should be given anonymity until they are proven guilty”, while 18 per cent disagree and six per cent don't know.

Perhaps surprisingly, there is little difference between the two sexes on the issue. Some 74 per cent of women support anonymity for such defendants, compared to 78 per cent of men. Liberal Democrat supporters (95 per cent) are more likely to back anonymity than Conservative (76 per cent) and Labour supporters (75 per cent). People in the top AB social group (80 per cent) are more likely to endorse anonymity than those in the bottom DE grade (67 per cent).'

Federal Government Mandates Unconstitutional Speech Codes at Colleges and Universities Nationwide

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a letter sent yesterday to the University of Montana that explicitly states that it is intended as "a blueprint for colleges and universities throughout the country," the Departments of Justice and Education have mandated a breathtakingly broad definition of sexual harassment that makes virtually every student in the United States a harasser while ignoring the First Amendment. The mandate applies to every college receiving federal funding—virtually every American institution of higher education nationwide, public or private.

The letter states that "sexual harassment should be more broadly defined as 'any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature'" including "verbal conduct" (that is, speech). It then explicitly states that allegedly harassing expression need not even be offensive to an "objectively reasonable person of the same gender in the same situation"—if the listener takes offense to sexually related speech for any reason, no matter how irrationally or unreasonably, the speaker may be punished.

...

Among the forms of expression now punishable on America's campuses by order of the federal government are:

- Any expression related to sexual topics that offends any person. This leaves a wide range of expressive activity—a campus performance of "The Vagina Monologues," a presentation on safe sex practices, a debate about sexual morality, a discussion of gay marriage, or a classroom lecture on Vladimir Nabokov's Lolita—subject to discipline.
- Any sexually themed joke overheard by any person who finds that joke offensive for any reason.
- Any request for dates or any flirtation that is not welcomed by the recipient of such a request or flirtation.'

From Lolita to Louis CK, Feds Ban Sex Speech on Campus

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'In practice, that covers just about any speech of a sexual nature, period. After all, in a nation as diverse as ours, there's no shortage of opinions about what kinds of sexual expression are "unwelcome." Hell, some folks even find Anne Frank's diary "pornographic."

Think about it. A socially conservative student is offended by a BDSM panel discussion during your college's "Sex Week." Under the new federal "blueprint," he's got a sexual harassment claim to file. Or perhaps a student doesn't like hearing about a planned "Slutwalk." That's another sexual harassment claim. How about rapper Tyga's lyrics? To some students at Harvard, they would count as sexual harassment. Or a crew team's joke t-shirts reading "Check Out Our Cox"? To a few at Tufts, that would be sexual harassment.
...
1. When everything is sexual harassment, real harassment gets marginalized.

As discussed above, if anybody on campus can file a sexual harassment claim any time they're offended by sex-related speech, just about anything will qualify as sexual harassment. This beyond-broad definition means that real instances of truly harassing conduct will be lost among the flood of complaints, as administrative resources and time are wasted investigating and responding to students who are merely offended or uncomfortable. That's a terrible outcome for those students who are actually suffering real sexual harassment.

2. When everybody is a harasser, administrators can punish students and faculty with unpopular views.

Chances are that sooner or later, just about everybody on campus will say something sexually-related that some listener finds unwelcome -- which makes just about everybody a harasser. And when everybody's guilty of harassment, university administrators will always have a ready reason to punish a student or faculty member for expressing a viewpoint they simply dislike or disagree with. Don't think students and faculty get unfairly punished for "harassment"? Alex Myers, charged with harassment last fall for writing a letter to a rival college's hockey coach for a journalism class assignment, would beg to differ. So would Professor Jammie Price, suspended for creating a "hostile environment" after criticizing her university's response to student-athlete sexual assault cases and showing a documentary critically examining the adult film industry in her sociology class. So much for academic freedom!'

Obama Administration scraps free speech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At Xavier University, a student who was found not guilty of sexual assault by a judge was nonetheless told by the university that he would be prohibited from participating in classes or extracurricular activities with his “victim.” Caleb Warner was banned from the campuses of the University of North Dakota for three years. When police investigated the case, they issued an arrest warrant for his accuser, charging her with making a false rape charge. Only after repeated interventions on Warner’s behalf by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) did the university finally admit that the charges were without foundation.

Having virtually obliterated procedural protections for those accused of serious offenses and crimes, the Obama administration has now added a new insult — a restriction on free speech itself. For two decades, universities have struggled with the question of “speech codes,” tempted by the left to enshrine political correctness at the expense of the First Amendment. Most campuses have resisted, but through the Obama administration, the censors have triumphed all at once and everywhere.
...
Obama promised fundamental transformation. This is part of it. Freedom of speech is sacrificed, and a new army of sexual harassment “specialists” will descend on America’s campuses to enforce the new dispensation.'

'Anger Over Scare Quotes'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Students at the State University of New York at Geneseo are lashing out at a professor for scheduling the lecture “Against ‘Sexual’ ‘Assault’ ‘Awareness’ ” (yes, with three sets of scare quotes) during the college's Sexual Assault Awareness Week. The professor himself, however, says students are jumping to conclusions without even knowing the contents of the talk.

News of the lecture drew outrage from students who say Theodore Everett, professor of philosophy, intentionally aimed to provoke. Sam White, a senior political science and international relations major, created a petition calling on SUNY Geneseo’s administration to reaffirm the institution’s dedication to sexual assault awareness and condemn Everett’s talk.'

...

The abstract of Everett's talk states "the sexual assault awareness movement counts too many borderline cases (for example, badgering somebody into letting you give them a kiss) as true sexual assault, when they are not really sexual and not really assault. This diverts attention away from the truly damaging core cases of rape and sexual assault that everybody cares about and toward borderline cases that no one believes are equally important, even though they also shouldn’t happen."'

German woman faces multiple murder counts over neo-Nazi group leadership activities

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Story here. Notice the tone of the article; seems to me they're almost soft-peddaling her. Much of the article is given to how "it's not really that bad," and she was raised by a single mother and had a hard life, etc. Really, would this be the tone if the defendant were male? Excerpt:

'The 38-year-old woman looks like a librarian or pharmacist. But when Beate Zschäpe faces the court in Munich on Monday, hers will be most-watched trial Germany has seen in decades.

For almost 14 years, the neo-Nazi group Nazionalsozialistischer Untergrund (NSU), allegedly led by Zschäpe, killed and maimed across Germany. Her trial may last for years, too. She’s accused of complicity in the murders of 9 foreigners and 1 police officer, several attempted murders, 2 bombings, and 15 robberies and is going on trial with 4 of her top lieutenants. Two other NSU leaders, Uwe Böhnhardt and Uwe Mundlos, committed suicide when police finally caught up with their group after a bank robbery 18 months ago.'

UK: Macho, macho men: Labour have no right to talk about the "crisis in masculinity"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When Diane Abbott asserts that Britain is facing a "crisis of masculinity," she is barking up the wrong trouser leg.

The Labour MP says that rapid economic change is perverting men and boys and encouraging homophobia, misogyny and machismo.

Is Diane really naive enough to suggest that recession is producing a generation of brutes? Will British manhood be restored to its former strong-shafted glory if we vote for Ed Miliband?

Diane's thesis is a load of tribal, Labour-promoting tosh. Modern men have their problems but they have less to do with rapid economic change and more to do with social shifts and technological advances.'

Australia: "Gillard Government Funds Fight Against Cancer"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'The Budget provides –

* $55.7 million to expand the Breastscreen Australia program to increase participation by women aged 70 to 74 ensuring more women are testing for breast cancer as they get older, because we know that early detection is the key to saving lives.

* $18.5 million for the Australian Prostate Cancer Research Centres Program - including funding of $5.5 million to the Australian Prostate Cancer Research Centre located at the Kinghorn Cancer Centre, Sydney, and continuing

funding to Centres at the Epworth Hospital, Melbourne ($6.2 million) and the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane ($6.2 million). This will mean improved testing, diagnosis and treatment for people with prostate cancer.

* $19.5 million over the next 4 years for the Breast Care Nurses Initiative to expand the number of Commonwealth funded McGrath Breast Care Nurses from 44 to 57. Since the inception of the Breast Care Nurses initiative, more than 11,073 women diagnosed with breast cancer and their families have been supported by a Commonwealth-funded McGrath breast care nurse.
...
* $36.5 million to enable the Victorian Cytology Service to continue its nationally recognised work in cervical cancer screening – including providing cervical screening services to around 300,000 women a year.'

"Leading Women For Shared Parenting"

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Organization site: http://www.lw4sp.org/

'WHAT'S THE PURPOSE?

"Women and men are made to complement each other, and more importantly, Children Need Both Parents. Millions of women, be they grandmothers, sisters, mothers, aunts and wives, have silently suffered the loss of children they love and care deeply about as a result of misguided laws and family court practices. It is our aim to change this system that each year unjustly removes millions of children from the arms of a loving parent. The first step is endorsing the statement below. The next step is inviting your friends and family members to do the same."'

SAVE: Obama Administration Faces a New First Amendment Crisis

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Last Thursday the US Dept. of Education (DED) and Dept. of Justice issued a joint decision that:

1. Expands the definition of sexual harassment on college campuses to include any sexually-related conduct that is "unwelcome"
2. Expands the definition of "conduct" to include "verbal conduct", i.e., speech
3. Removes the "reasonable person standard" and substitutes the "he hurt my feelings" standard

The effect of these changes is to mandate a speech code that severely abridges college students' First Amendment rights, in addition to the worrisome restrictions on due process protections for students accused of sexual misconduct.

Since the Dept. of Education issued its Sexual Assault Directive in April 2011, over 100 editorials critical of the policy have been published: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/ded-directive/ded-editorials/ And less than one week after the DED/DOJ announced their decision, 22 more editorials blasting the decision have come out – see listing below.

For more information on the DED Sexual Assault Directive, visit our website at: http://www.accusingu.org/

SAVE: Tell Eric Holder to End Misconduct by VAWA-funded Prosecutors

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On Tuesday, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) released the ground-breaking report, "Prosecutor Bias and Misconduct in Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Cases:" http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/Prosecutor-Bias-Misconduct-in-Domestic-Violence

The SAVE report reveals that prosecutors often engage in zealous practices that erode constitutional guarantees of due process of law and probable cause. It also shows that despite the fact that half of domestic violence is perpetrated by women, the vast majority of those arrested and charged are men. Such gender-biased charging policies are unconstitutional.

Section 101 of the Violence Against Women Act addresses STOP formula grants - STOP stands for Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors. One-quarter of the STOP funds go to support prosecutors.

Let's make sure that prosecutors who receive VAWA funding do their jobs fairly. Please contact Attorney General Eric Holder today:

- Email: askdoj-at-usdoj.gov
- Phone: 202-353-1555

Ask AG Holder, politely, to implement appropriate oversight procedures to assure VAWA grant recipients are not engaging in misconduct or gender bias in domestic violence cases.

Thanks so much!

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P.S. Want to do more? Tell your representative. Find them here: http://www.house.gov/

NPO: Arkansas Favors Joint Custody

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Arkansas enacted legislation, Act 1156, concerning child custody presumption in divorce cases. It specifies that in an action for divorce, an award of joint custody is favored in Arkansas.

Obviously, National Parents Organization would prefer a presumption of joint custody. But, this is a step. The legislation also stipulates that if one of the parents "demonstrates a pattern of willfully creating conflict," the court may change a joint custody order to a primary custody order and award that custody to the nondisruptive parent.

The act defines joint custody as, "the approximate and reasonable equal division of time with the child by both parents."'

How tackling the 'crisis of masculinity' creates a crisis for feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tackling men's issues in this way requires the women's sector to share the gender equality pie. It also means allowing for a greater diversity of viewpoints, which will ultimately challenge the dominance of feminist thinking in the gender equality sector.

Faced with this eventuality, it is inevitable that women's groups and feminist thinkers will resist attempts to target the problems that men and boys face and try to shift the focus back on to the problems that men and boys cause.

If the Labour party is to tackle Britain's "crisis of masculinity" it will need to face up to the crisis that tackling men's issues creates for feminism. The best way for Labour to do this is by remaining true to the values of its own equalities legislation that allows for men's and women's issues to be addressed in an equitable and proportionate way.
...
Cruddas got it right when he said we mustn't let negative perceptions about a minority of fathers shape policy for the majority. If the rest of the party – including Labour feminists – can apply that thinking to all men's issues, we may move a step closer to tackling the "crisis of masculinity".'

Video: Diane Abbott on masculinity and role of men in society

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Article here. Video summary:

'Male MPs show "every type of patriarchal behaviour" said the shadow public health minister as she spoke about her speech on men to the Demos think-tank.

Diane Abbott claimed society and the economy had changed in ways which challenged issues around masculinity.

She debated her speech and ideas - and whether there should be a minister for men - with Ian Collins from LBC, former Labour pollster Deborah Mattinson and Andrew Neil on the Daily Politics.'

'IRS Persecution Is A War On Women'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Forget “binders full of women” — the IRS’s persecution of hundreds of tea party groups is the real war on women. I co-founded the movement in my hometown of St. Louis and have travelled the country with various tea party groups and I’ve seen it first hand: the tea party movement was predominately led by women. It isn’t a slight to our men; in speech after speech I mentioned how the nation’s men have been neutralized in this fight by the left’s ridiculous identity politics and bunk sexism claims. I’ve opined more than once “My husband can’t hit a girl, but I can.” It’s the truth — and it’s why women raised up from around the country to lead the charge.

That’s why this IRS scandal is all the more stunning. If the left can claim that Romney’s “binders full of women” remark is indicative of a festering female hatred on the right, if they can claim that the demand for grown women to pay for their own preventative pregnancy sexual recreation pills is a sign that conservatives hate women, then the IRS going all Spanish Inquisition on groups of a female-led movement is the war of all wars on women.'

Is This The End of Alimony As We Know It?

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'For probably as long as it has existed, alimony has been a man vs. woman thing. Men get ordered to pay, women get alimony and men get bitter. But as women have become more economically powerful, the game has changed.

In 2012, a new law came into effect in Massachusetts that abolished permanent alimony and set up a formula for future payments. Some men there had been paying for decades to women to whom they'd only been married very briefly. While Massachusetts is the front runner, several states, especially Florida, are rethinking the way alimony is awarded.

Should men still have to pay alimony when women can now be educated and make (almost) as much as men? What about women who live with another guy but still take alimony? What do women who pay alimony think? And if we abolish alimony, how do older women without job skills get by?'

Rewrite of UNC-Chapel Hill sexual assault policy begins

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The new task force includes a cross-section of faculty, students and staff who regularly deal with sexual harassment and assault, including counselors and coordinators who handle rape prevention education, student complaints and investigations. There is a law enforcement representative and a university attorney, as well as a professor who does research on violence against women, a member of a feminist student group and the director of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer center on campus.
...
Already, differing opinions began to emerge Wednesday. Several members said there should be some recognition that women are disproportionately affected by sexual violence and that a “fair and balanced” standard may not work in a society where men and women are not always treated equally.'

Over 20 South African boys die in circumcision rituals: police

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Article here. Excerpt:

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - More than 20 South African boys have died over the past week during coming of age rituals, police said on Thursday, and they blamed botched circumcisions as the likely cause of death.

Northern Mpumalanga province's police department has opened 22 murder cases but no arrests have been made so far, spokesman Colonel Leonard Hlathi said.
...
Deaths are often caused by blood loss or infection when circumcisions are poorly performed by traditional practitioners.

Minister in the Presidency Collins Chabane this week called the recent deaths "regrettable".'

Fundraiser attendees give money to gang rape hoaxer Tawana Brawley

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'Tawana Brawley, who falsely accused six men of raping her 25 years ago, was celebrated at a fundraising event in New Jersey, officials said.

Attendees paid $50 for the Sunday event at Integrity Masonic Temple in Paterson, the New York Post reported.

While proceeds from the event went to fund a kids camp run by the Freedom Retreat for Children, some attendees also filled envelopes with cash for Brawley. It wasn't known how much she received.

When Brawley was 15, she was found in a trash bag in Dutchess County with slurs written on her body. She alleged she had been raped by six men, including former Dutchess County prosecutor Steven Pagones and a police officer. However, a grand jury found Brawley's accusations to be false.'

Bills in New Jersey Legislature could change alimony awards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Approval of this legislation would allow alimony payers to: modify their existing agreements; determine the recipients' alimony by preset formulas based entirely upon the length of the marriage, regardless of specifics such as disability of a spouse or child, ages of the parties, inheritance, attorney/judicial review and more; grant alimony for no longer than about half the number of years of the marriage; and eliminate the word "permanent" from any alimony award, with such support ending at the latest by the time the payer retires.
...
National Organization of Women (NOW) New Jersey president Jennifer Armiger said that NOW opposes this legislation as "it advances the interest of alimony payers — a majority of men and a small handful of women — who are seeking to overturn their alimony payments while disregarding the economic circumstances of the recipients."'

Repealing free speech - Political correctness races amok on campus

Matt · 17 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Justice Department put its contempt for the First Amendment on full display with its snooping on journalists at The Associated Press. It's a display of contempt for freedom of the press equaled only by the administration's disdain for freedom of speech, another of the essential First Amendment protections. The military has lately demonstrated a similar contempt for freedom of religious expression.

The Justice Department is making common cause with the Department of Education to renew the push for "speech codes" on campus. The sordid scheme was revealed in a letter of May 9 to President Royce Engstrom at the University of Montana, where the federal government proposes to limit free expression as a "blueprint for colleges and universities throughout the country."
...
The Constitution recognizes freedom of speech and of the press as necessary to sustain a free society. Americans should speak up against the administration's attack on the First Amendment — while they still can.'

Kia "Hotbots" ad glorifies female violence against men

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Seen this one? Nothing funny or cute about it. Kia is perhaps trying to dodge criticism by making the "woman" a robot. Sorry, that doesn't pass. Contact Kia here ("Sales and Products" seems the best choice; country is US and possibly also Canada, if indeed it's running in that market) and let them know you won't be considering buying one of their cars as long as they try to sell them with "humorous violence"-- and would they have dared produce such an ad with the characters' sexes reversed?

UK: Diane Abbott's confused attack on men

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Look into the eyes of many of the troubled and often unhealthy young men leaving school early," she said, "who are at one with anthems of hyper-masculinised music lyrics, and YouTube clips of bullying. Look into the eyes of many of the men sitting in the cubicles of bureaucratic English offices, with a disintegrating family life. Look into the eyes of men sitting in the plush offices of the top City firms, with little of note to show for it but a nice car and often shallow relationships. Do you see clear sense of pride?"

Um, how to answer that one? Talk about petitio principii. What about she looks into the eyes of the millions of sweet men and boys who have successful family lives, who are working hard and well at their jobs, and who are, on the whole, pretty happy?
...
To be fair, the confused meanderings of her speech encountered – as if by coincidence – a few important points. She was good on the "pornification" of British youth, for example. And the male reluctance to seek medical attention is something that would usefully be reversed.

On the whole, however, she was bent on destroying the male persona, pinning upon it the ills of society, and offering nothing of which men can be "proud". I'm not denying that some men struggle in Britain. But letting Diane Abbott loose on the topic is like introducing a bull to a china shop.

The most revealing sentence, of course, was this: "the Left must reclaim the debate about families". Well. If this is how they go about it, the Tories have little to fear.'

UK: From the Tories' "feckless dads" to the "crisis in masculinity": can Labour go father?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This week Labour staked its claim to be the country's most father-friendly political party.

Jon Cruddas, the party's policy co-ordinator, claimed that "the Conservatives have dominated debate about the family with their stereotype of a feckless underclass of absent fathers".

According to Cruddas, "the majority of men feel fathers are undervalued," but not for much longer, because "Labour will value the role of fathers".

...

But if Labour is to achieve its ambition of becoming "the daddy" of all political parties, then it needs to understand why it has historically had an uneasy relationship with dads.

According to critics on the right, we need look no further than the IPPR report "Family Way", co-authored by Harriet Harman in 1990, which said "it cannot be assumed that men are bound to be an asset to family life or that the presence of fathers in families is necessarily a means to social cohesion".

...

If Labour can take a lead by treating gender inequality as a game of two halves and acknowledge that the unequal treatment of fathers has been caused in part by its own policies – then maybe more men will start to believe that Labour could become a party that genuinely values fathers.'

'Keep boys out of girls' sports'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Participation is the objective of federal Title IX and other rules that have opened innumerable opportunities for girls and women in academics and sports.

Now, a growing movement in Pennsylvania threatens to turn that idea on its head by limiting girls' participation through a side door in the legal framework for high school girls' sports.

Only one in 27 girls competed in high school sports when Title IX was adopted in 1972; now two in five are on high school teams.

In 1975, the Commonwealth Court rejected a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association rule that had barred girls from practicing or competing against boys. Then, such competition often was the only means for girls to even attempt to compete in interscholastic sports, and the state's equal rights law, also passed in 1972, forbade gender-based discrimination.'

Barbara Boxer Sees Sexism In EPA Nominee Boycott By Republicans

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) questioned the Republican Party's commitment to women after Senate Republicans boycotted a vote for Gina McCarthy, the president's nominee to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, and showed no indication they'll show up for a rescheduled vote this week.

Boxer, chairwoman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, has scheduled a second committee vote on McCarthy for Thursday. "So far, they haven't suggested that they're going to be there, which is quite irritating," Boxer told reporters on Capitol Hill Tuesday afternoon. "She's probably the most qualified person ever nominated for the EPA. She's worked for four Republican governors. She's answered more than a thousand of their questions. And they've all voted for her before for other positions. It just makes no sense to me. This woman deserves a promotion.

"They say they're for womens' advancement," Boxer continued. "Here's a clear case where they ought to prove it."'

Ireland: Men’s place in society ignored in renewed media focus on suicide

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You might think from the sudden outbreak of discussion about suicide that the problem had recently become worse. In fact, our suicide problem has – in particular aspects – been deeply serious for two decades.

Our recorded suicide rate doubled, from about 6 per 100,000 between the early 1980s and the turn of the millennium. Despite a significant growth in population during the Celtic Tiger years, the number of annual suicides has actually fallen slightly since then.
In 2011, the year for which the most complete recent figures are available, there were 525 suicides. Ten years earlier, in 2001, 519 suicides were recorded. Since the population grew dramatically in the intervening decade, it is difficult to understand why there is now an impression that suicide has recently been exhibiting a dramatic increase.
...
Of these figures, more than four-fifths have consistently been accounted for by male suicides, and, of these, a grotesquely disproportionate number were young men. For years, the level of suicide among young Irish male adults has been close to the highest in Europe. The graph for female suicide has remained horizontal for decades.
...
There is no talk about what happens to men when their relationships break down, or what role Irish society and its institutions might be playing in that. There is no discussion of the possibility that suicide is, in many cases – far from the act of a disordered mind – a radically rational way of dealing with a particular understanding of reality.
...
But at least the Irish media has started to talk about the hippopotamus in the hallway. We have every reason to hope that the giraffes in the garret might come in for discussion in another decade or two.'

Go Red reminds us heart disease kills more women than all cancers combined

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Six hundred women gathered today for the Go Red for Women annual luncheon to put an end to the number one killer of women in America, heart disease! Did you know women have a much greater chance of dying from heart disease than all forms of cancer combined, according to the American Heart Association. Heart disease and stroke are the number one killers of women in this country. One in three women will be impacted by heart disease; you could be one of them.

It's a shocking number but much better than where we were 10 years ago before Go Red for Women was founded to educate women about this very real killer.

Today's event is a major fundraiser for the programs across our region to educate women and help fund events to get information to those at risk. More than $500,000 dollars was raised and another $12,000 on the "Pursonality Auction".'

"ADHD is a fictitious disease"

el cid · 17 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Apparently the "father" of ADHD admitted in the last year of his life that it was a "fictitious disease." And which sex is diagnosed with it most often? Boys, of course. Excerpt:

'That amounted to interference in the child's freedom and personal rights, because pharmacological agents induced behavioral changes but failed to educate the child on how to achieve these behavioral changes independently. The child was thus deprived of an essential learning experience to act autonomously and emphatically which "considerably curtails children's freedom and impairs their personality development", the NEK criticized.

"The alarmed critics of the Ritalin disaster are now getting support from an entirely different side. The German weekly Der Spiegel quoted in its cover story on 2 February 2012 the US American psychiatrist Leon Eisenberg, born in 1922 as the son of Russian Jewish immigrants, who was the "scientific father of ADHD" and who said at the age of 87, seven months before his death in his last interview: "ADHD is a prime example of a fictitious disease"

Since 1968, however, some 40 years, Leon Eisenberg's "disease" haunted the diagnostic and statistical manuals, first as "hyperkinetic reaction of childhood", now called "ADHD". The use of ADHD medications in Germany rose in only eighteen years from 34 kg (in 1993) to a record of no less than 1760 kg (in 2011) – which is a 51-fold increase in sales! In the United States every tenth boy among ten year-olds already swallows an ADHD medication on a daily basis. With an increasing tendency.'

The Unsafe Sex: Should The World Invest More In Men's Health?

mens_issues · 18 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On average, men aren't as healthy as women.

Men don't live as long, and they're more likely to engage in risky behaviors, like smoking and drinking.

But in the past decade, global health funding has focused heavily on women.

Programs and policies for men have been "notably absent," says Sarah Hawkes, from the University of London's Institute of Global Health.

She and a colleague published a commentary in The Lancet Friday calling for more gender equality in global health funding.

"If you look at the top 10 health problems around the world, they are much more common in men," she tells Shots. "But the current focus is predominatly on women's health."'

Crisis of masculinity? This is a golden age for men

Mastodon · 19 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Labour MP Diane Abbott claims British blokes are facing a “crisis of masculinity” she is barking up the wrong trouser leg.

The way Diane tells it, British men are a bunch of homophobic, women-hating, porn-addicted, Viagra-quaffing, Jack Daniels-slurping brutes.

This is not an accurate portrait of British men – it is a grotesque cartoon.

Abbott says British men are incapable of talking about their problems.

“It’s all become a bit like the film Fight Club,” she sighs. “The first rule of being a man in modern Britain is that you’re not allowed to talk about it.”'

South Africa: MEC in hot water for circumcision comments

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MPUMALANGA - The Mpumalanga Health MEC should be fired over her circumcision comments, according to the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union.

Candith Mashedo-Dlamini last week said tradition forbids her (as a woman) to get involved in the deaths of 23 young men who lost their lives at the start of the circumcision season in Mpumalanga.

Nehawu says the MEC's reluctance to take action amounts to a dereliction of duty.

It's the second organisation to condemn the MEC’s comments.

The Public Service Accountability Monitor on Friday lashed out at the lack of adequate safety measures at circumcision schools.

“This is a tradition... this is a tradition... so in other traditions whether there are deaths or what - but a woman can't come closer to that. But because there are police now, we're relying on the police so that they can give us reports," Mashedo-Dlamini said.'

‘Lives shattered’ by death of two girls: father

Matt · 19 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a video released by the court, Ms. Campione tosses a toy to the floor — a Winnie the Pooh stuffed animal Serena was filmed dancing with seconds before. Her tired face crumples as she sinks into a couch and unleashes a venomous tirade against her former husband just moments after she held her baby girls under water in the bathtub until they drowned.

“Leo, there, are you happy?” she spews at the camera. “Everything’s gone.… The idea that you could actually have my children — God believes me and God’s taking care of them now.”

Campione was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison, with no chance of parole for 25 years, for the murders of her two daughters, Serena, and Sophia, 19 months.'

Man-Hating Feminism More Than Just a Myth

Mastodon · 19 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Do you believe that all human beings are equal? Then you're a feminist!

Well, such was my naïve belief, until now. While disagreements between supporters of any movement or system of beliefs are unavoidable, I thought that at least human equality was one area in which feminists would unite. I saw the notion of a feminist as being anti-men as merely one of many unjustified stereotypes, such as being ugly, or unwomanly.

Recently, however, I realised that man-hating feminism was all too real. My first experience of this was on Twitter. An article in the Independent had revealed that many men experience lasting psychological trauma at the birth of their children. I was horrified by the experiences described. Unfortunately, certain feminists of twitter were not. One lamented: "They can't even let us have childbirth without fucking whining about what a hard time they have"; another declared that the traumatised men were "just squeamish", a reaction ominously similar to men in decades past who have labelled women as "hysterical". When I tried to explain that the article made the obviously correct assumption that childbirth is more traumatising for women, and simply reported undeniable trauma also experienced by certain men, I was accused of "trolling", and of not knowing "much about feminism". Finally, when I responded by saying that my words were due to a belief that "feminism at its heart should be about women being equal to men", I was met with the response, "it's a women's movement. Men do not get a say in it and they take opportunities to hijack and derail."'

UK: Ramsgate recreation ground sexual assault 'victim' cautioned

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Article here.

'A 19-year-old woman has been cautioned for wasting police time after making a false sexual assault claim.

The recreation ground in Boundary Road, Ramsgate, was cordoned off on Friday while officers investigated.

The woman reported she had been attacked by a man at the park at around 2am.

She was formally cautioned for wasting police time last night.

Kent Police thanked the public for their help following the initial appeal for information.'

Woman Charged with Domestic Violence After Scissors Attack

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Story here.

'Bonnie McConnell, 44, of Hampshire Drive, Nashua, was arrested May 16 just before 9 a.m., charged with one count of domestic violence second degree assault, a Class B Felony; and one count of domestic violence simple assault for an alleged scissor attack on a male victim.

Police responded to McConnell's Hampshire Drive home on May 16 after it was reported that she had allegedly used a pair of scissors to "recklessly injure" a man known to her.

A Class B Felony is punishable by up to seven years imprisonment, exclusive of fines. A Class A Misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year incarceration, exclusive of fines. McConnell was held at the Nashua Police Department on $3,500 cash or surety pending her upcoming arraignment at the 9th Circuit Court-Nashua District Division.'

Scotland: Violent men: A woman's right to know

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WOMEN would be able to seek information about the domestic violence history of new partners under plans to be proposed by senior police officers in Scotland.

The Association of Scottish Police Superintendents (Asps) is this week expected to back calls for the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme – known as Clare's Law – which is being piloted by four forces in England and Wales, and could be extended north of the Border.

The Association's annual conference is also likely to support the introduction of Domestic Abuse Protection Orders in Scotland, which would require men with a history of violence in the home to disclose previous convictions themselves.

And in a further extension of Clare's Law, some senior officers also want police to be able to share information about known abusers with potential victims, even though this may breach data protection laws.'

Australia: 'Get your heels on, boys'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WHEN it comes to footwear, men and women should be able to agree on at least one thing; nothing makes a statement like a set of high heels.

The humble heel will provide the basis for the Ipswich Women's Centre Against Domestic Violence (IWCADV) campaign to raise awareness of domestic, family and sexual violence in the city this afternoon.

The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes March will involve men and women donning high heels for a walk through the CBD, starting in d'Arcy Doyle Place at 5pm.

IWCADV community development worker Michelle Dang said the march aimed to make a strong statement against "gendered violence".'

Israel: TV Host: Feminism Felling Divorced Dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Avri Gilad, one of Israel's most popular TV personalities, has decried what he calls a "fad" of false accusations against divorced fathers.

"Every day I get e-mails from fathers whose natural right to see their children is denied them by social workers, courts, the police, and what not," Gilad wrote on his popular Facebook page, which is followed by more than 20,000 people. "They cry out and no one listens – sometimes they are even mocked.

"The feminist revolution, which I support wholeheartedly, is felling victims among my brothers, the divorced fathers. In the name of [fighting] thousands of years of discrimination, in the name of an injustice that was done in the past and is done in the present to millions of women in the world, by rapacious men who shame the male sex, the legal systems believe that it is okay to mow down good people, devoted fathers who divorced because they chose to, or because others chose so for them.'

Canada: "Women Less Likely to Get Trauma Center Care After Injury"

Minuteman · 20 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A new Canadian study has uncovered an apparent gender bias in the hospital setting, with women less likely than men to get trauma center care following a severe injury.

"Gender-based disparities in access to health care services in general have been recognized for some time, and evidence is emerging that these disparities extend to the treatment of severe injuries in trauma centers," study author Andrea Hill, a postdoctoral fellow at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and the University of Toronto, said in a news release.

...

The team's findings stem from an analysis involving nearly 99,000 adult patients throughout Canada. About a third were women, and all had sought hospital treatment following a severe injury.

Across all age groups, just less than half of the women received trauma center care, compared to more than 63 percent of men in the same situation.'

SAVE E-lert: This June, Meet the Women of DV Reform

Matt · 21 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

In case you haven't made plans yet to attend our June conference,"Celebrating Our Progress!" I thought I'd tell you about last year's event. We had captivating speakers, connections were made, friendships were started, and we all left feeling a little more empowered.

This year's conference is expected to be better than ever. We are excited to have two women as our keynote speakers.

June 21 - Optional lobbying. Speaker Erin Pizzey, founder of the abuse shelter movement. Complimentary dinner.

June 22 - Keynote speaker Kathleen King, former magistrate. Several more speakers. Complimentary lunch.

Visit the SAVE website for the schedule and info on lodging:
http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp/annual-conference-2013/

Visit eventbrite to register online: http://celebratingourprogress.eventbrite.com/

I hope to see you there,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

P.S. Conference ticket prices go up June 1st.

NOW President: Student Loan Debt -- It's Worse for Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How bad is the wage gap for women in the workplace?

For college graduates, it's so bad that it begins even before women begin their careers.

According to a study by AAUW, Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year After College Graduation:
...
AAUW's findings tell us that women are disproportionately likely to take out loans; among 2007-2008 graduates, 68 percent of women borrowed money for college compared to 63 percent of men.'

Sweden: Time to introduce gender taxes?

Mastodon · 21 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Would a gender tax designed so it would be about men paying higher taxes because of that there is still an unexplained pay gap of around seven per cent in favor of men.

But there are more reasons that makes an average of 4,500 kronor per month, the difference in income between men and women. It's about the choices we have to do and how these choices are valued. Still, women take out the majority of parental leave and working part-time to a greater extent and more unpaid home. It loses women in their wallets, for life. The injustice of it is necessary to talk about and take responsibility for.'

Student government nominee disqualified from "diversity" position for being straight, white, and male

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A student's bid to become associate vice president of diversity and inclusion at Northwestern University was derailed last Wednesday over accusations that his status as a white heterosexual male would make it impossible for him to perform the position's duties.

Piotrkowski reportedly attempted to appeal to the Student Senate on the grounds that he identifies as a religious minority and has a lesbian sister, but it was to no avail.

...

Ian Coley, a student on the Associate Student Government Diversity and Inclusion Committee, later said white heterosexual males are not qualified to hold the position of associate vice president of diversity and inclusion.

"This university is not ready, in any capacity, for a heterosexual white male to be in charge in any way of diversity and inclusion," said Coley, according to the Daily Northwestern.

"I don't know if any university is," he reportedly added.

However, Hayley Stevens, the outgoing associate vice president of diversity and inclusion told the Daily Northwestern she supported Piotrkowski's nomination, adding, "he was our best candidate."'

High-profile false rape threat fabricator also had gun menacing conviction

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Meg Lanker-Simons, an award winning liberal student activist and talk show host at the University of Wyoming (UW), walked into a radio station in 2005 and threatened her former boss with a Glock 44 .40 caliber handgun, according to court documents.

Lanker-Simons, whose Tumblr blog won a 2012 Think Progress award, made national news again last month when police accused her of fabricating a high-profile rape threat against herself prepared to look as if it came from a conservative.

According to the 2006 affidavit on the firing, she walked into the office of her former employer and pointed the gun at the man who decided to fire her, who reported he was in “fear for his life.”
...
Lanker-Simons “admitted to having (a) gun in (her) purse and pulling it out and waving it around (the) victim,” according to the affidavit.

She pled guilty and received six- years of probation. At the time, Lanker-Simons went by the name Meghan Michelena, according to the Laramie Boomerang.'

National Conference on male DV victims on Oct. 10, 2013

Matt · 21 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Conference info here. This is being put on by the Mankind Initiative.

Virginia Parents Outraged After Walmart Security Allegedly Suspected Father Of Kidnapping Biracial Daughters

Mastodon · 22 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Virginia couple was shocked to find a police officer in front of their home when they returned from running errands, but they were even more surprised by the reason for the cop's visit-- to question whether or not they were in fact their children's parents.

Joseph, a white man who didn't want his last name revealed, and his black wife Keana told Fox5DC that they were outraged after the policeman told them a security guard at their local Walmart had suspected Joseph of kidnapping his three young daughters.
...
According to Keana, she was told a customer was alarmed after seeing her husband and children.

"Well, the customer was concerned because they saw the children with your husband and he didn't think that they fit," Keana told the news station. "And I said, ‘What do you mean by they don't fit?’ And I was trying to get her to say it. And she says, ‘Well, they just don't match up.’"'

Ed. note: At first I thought this was more a racial prejudice issue, not necessarily an issue for MRA interest as such. But then I thought, "Would the same thing have happened if the mother was with the kids at the Walmart?" Women with children no matter what the ethnicities of the people involved are never questioned like this. Men with children? It's an immediate cause for suspicion.

The masculinity debate: no wonder men stay out of it

Mastodon · 22 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The past week has again highlighted the inexplicable absence of an intelligent discussion conducted by men about ourselves. It's followed a familiar pattern: a leading female commentator – Diane Abbott on this occasion – diagnoses male ailments and prescribes her cures. What comes back from the patient? Silence. Can there be any group that is subject to so much debate and accusation, and is so apparently powerful – yet remains so utterly speechless?

It reminds me of a stereotypical scene: a woman challenging a man on some personal or domestic issue; him sitting before her silently, absorbing, stonewalling and eventually walking away. It's a dissatisfying experience for both. She complains to her friends. He has no one to talk to. Somewhere here are clues to this bewildering male silence on the public stage about our own condition.
...
Why are we ridiculed when we talk about ourselves? Perhaps because men are assumed to be inherently powerful, with nothing to complain about. It's a mistake. We urgently require an updated theory of gender that acknowledges there are, and always have been, discrete areas of female power and male powerlessness, not simply female powerlessness. Patriarchy did not rule alone. There was also matriarchy – and there still is.

A revolution is taking place in masculinity, but much of it is below the radar and denied, even when well-documented. This transformation is about much more than "helping" women and addressing their complaints. If we want to hear about it, then we need democratic personal, private and domestic spaces where men feel comfortable to speak. That might generate a more open, less condemning public space. Until then, women will continue to find themselves shouting into the silence about issues that we need to confront together.'

S. Africa’s ANC Criticizes Circumcision Investigation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'South Africa’s ruling African National Congress criticized the slow pace of a police investigation into the death of 35 young men during traditional initiation ceremonies.

Twenty-nine boys and young men 13 years to 21 years old died in the eastern Mpumalanga province during this year’s rituals that involve circumcisions, police spokesman Colonel Leonard Hlati said in a phone interview today. Another six died in the northern Limpopo province, according to the ANC.

“While we are fully supportive of the practice of initiation, we believe it should not be a death sentence to so many young people,” the ANC said in an e-mailed statement today.

US ambassador to Zambia urging circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'UNITED States Ambassador to Zambia Mark Storella has urged traditional leaders in Zambia to help sensitise their subjects and other citizens on the importance of male circumcision.

Mr Storella said male circumcision was important in reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS.

He was speaking on Tuesday afternoon when his delegation, which included United States Ambassador to Zimbabwe Bruce Wharton, paid a courtesy call on Senior Chief Mukuni in Kazungula District in Southern Province.

“Your Royal Highness, we are trying to support male circumcision and we think it is important that traditional leaders actively participate in this campaign.

“So far, Chief Mumena of North-Western Province is a big advocate of male circumcision,” he said.'

Men are stupid, Samsung says

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Flatulent, dirty, couch-bound, unkempt, and unevolved: It's Samsung's new view of men.

A new ad for Samsung televisions portrays men as dirty slobs, just a half step up from cavemen -- and it has the more evolved members of the male species crying foul.

"That's probably one of the most vile adverts I've ever seen," wrote one outraged user on a Reddit forum dedicated to men's rights. "This isn't the normal IV drip of laughing at men; this is simply mainlining outright contempt."

"Are they trying to alienate their primary consumer base?" another person asked.'

Ad on YouTube here.

False Rape Report Not First For Syracuse Woman

Mastodon · 22 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Syracuse woman who reported a rape in mid-March by an Indiana State Police officer, had filed similar reports in 2002 and 2009 with Syracuse Police.

Jama K. Brown, 33, West Pickwick Drive, Syracuse, was arrested May 15 and charged with false informing claiming an Indiana State Police officer raped her. The name she provided to police was fictional.

Information began unfolding on March 18 when an officer from Indiana State Police Bremen Post contacted Sgt. Kathy Robbins with the Fort Wayne post, asking her to contact Brown. Brown told the trooper she had been the victim of a sexual assault by an officer, but did not wish to speak to anyone out of the Bremen post. The investigator was told Brown had also claimed she was stopped by a Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department deputy a few days after the alleged assault telling her to leave the state officer alone.'

A quarter of young girls with absent fathers 'grow into depressed teenagers'

Matt · 22 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Almost a quarter of girls whose fathers were absent during early childhood suffer depression as teenagers, a report says.

Some 23 per cent will show symptoms such as sadness or severe tiredness later in life if their parent leaves before they turn five, researchers found.

It makes them almost 50 per cent more likely to have future mental health problems than older girls, confirming previous studies that suggest pre-schoolers cope badly with break-ups because they are less likely to have a support network of friends and other family members.'

Melanie Phillips: The "Left" and family breakdown

Matt · 22 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'By the late Eighties, it was glaringly obvious that families were suffering a chronic crisis of identity and self-confidence.

There were more and more divorces and single parents — along with mounting evidence that family disintegration and the subsequent creation of step-families or households with no father figure at all did incalculable damage to children.

‘Too many children lack a consistent mother or father figure,’ researchers told me.

Poverty, the Left’s habitual excuse, could not be the culprit since middle-class children were also not receiving the parental attention they required.
...
From their research, they concluded that children in fractured families tend to suffer more ill-health, do less well at school, are more likely to be unemployed, more prone to criminal behaviour and to repeat as adults the same cycle of unstable parenting.

But instead of welcoming this analysis as identifying a real problem, the Left turned on the authors, branding them as evil Right-wingers for being ‘against single mothers’.
...
Having experienced how the absence of proper fathering could screw up a child for life, I believed I was doing no more than stating the obvious when I deplored the explosion of lone parenting, female-headed households and mass fatherlessness.

But, to my amazement, at The Guardian, I found that over this and many other issues, I was branded as reactionary, authoritarian and, of course, Right-wing.'

Israeli Intactivist Group Produces Hebrew Materials

Matt · 22 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(TEL AVIV) - One subject we cover frequently at Salem-News.com is the stark reality of circumcision of boys and girls. Our articles examine the physical and emotional implications, the modifications of laws regulating this practice, and the cultural changes and developments that are raising awareness in leaps and bounds.
...
Gonnen and Ben Shalem (The Israeli Association for the Abolition of Circumcision), two Israeli Intactivist groups, have produced stickers and postcards in Hebrew:'

SAVE E-lert: Tell Kia Motors to Stop Promoting Female Violence

Matt · 23 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Kia Motors seems to think they will sell more cars to women if their ads include a little female-on-male abuse. In the following ad they've made the woman a human-looking robot. We think it's offensive, whether she's a robot or not.

Please contact Kia Motors today. Use whichever link below is the most convenient.

Tell them you won't be buying any of their cars as long as they try to sell them with "humorous violence."

- Kia Motors: http://www.kia.com/
- Kia on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Kiamotorsworldwide
- Kia on Twitter: https://twitter.com/Kia

On behalf of every victim of violence, thank you.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

NPO: Review Continues of Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines

Matt · 23 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The public relations officer for the Massachusetts Trial Court informed us that the task force continues its work reviewing the child support guidelines.

Currently, Chief Justice Paula Carey is leading the review of the child support guidelines and serves on the Governor's Working Group on Child-Centered Family Laws. On July 16th, Chief Justice Paula Carey will take over as Chief Justice of the Trial Court for a five year term replacing Judge Robert Mulligan who plans to retire.

It is the Chief Justice of the Trial Court who has final approval for the work of the child support guidelines review task force, as well as the recommendations for openings within the trial court, including the vacancy of Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court created by Judge Paula Carey's promotion.'

UK: Men to blame for childless women?

Mastodon · 24 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, journalist Melissa Kite became the latest woman to publicly trash men in a sexist, undeserving rant - this time, by saying those exercising a human right not to become fathers were 'selfish'.

Just days after champagne socialist Diane Abbott claimed that modern masculinity is Viagra-chomping, whiskey-swigging homophobia - even for the millions of men who are gay, Kite jumped on the bandwagon with her own sweeping statements.

In a finger-pointing, foot-stamping article for MailOnline she said men 'do not always play fair in matters of fertility', adding that they 'increasingly behave with terrible selfishness when it comes to giving up their bachelor lifestyles'.

She then added that men who date women without immediately signing up for parenthood are committing some sort of 'fraud'.'

Kite's article is here.

Alice Walker's Daughter Slams Mom for Radical Feminist Ideology

Mastodon · 24 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rebecca Walker explained her family feud for The Mail Online, a personal essay blasting her mother's lifelong hatred of motherhood.

"The truth is that I very nearly missed out on becoming a mother - thanks to being brought up by a rabid feminist who thought motherhood was about the worst thing that could happen to a woman.

You see, my mum taught me that children enslave women. I grew up believing that children are millstones around your neck, and the idea that motherhood can make you blissfully happy is a complete fairytale ... Feminism has much to answer for denigrating men and encouraging women to seek independence whatever the cost to their families."'

Wikipedia on Alice Walker here.

Female county official arrested - but not charged - in domestic violence incident

Mastodon · 25 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The head of Multnomah County's health department was arrested on an accusation of domestic violence this week after she allegedly bit her husband, who had filed that day for divorce.

Lillian Shirley, 65, was taken into custody and later released. Her husband, Tom Davidson, declined to press charges, according to the Portland Police report.

Shirley has headed Multnomah County's health department since 1999 and has been involved as a board member in numerous health and community organizations in Portland and nationally. She previously served as executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission.'

Jodi Arias 'Survivor' shirt sickening says domestic violence victim

Mastodon · 25 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'PHOENIX - Jodi Arias' claims that she killed Travis Alexander in self-defense have set actual domestic violence victims back ten years, according to one abuse survivor.

“Travis was the victim of domestic violence,” said Leah Pettyjohn, a domestic violence survivor. “He ended up the ultimate victim when his ex-girlfriend murdered him.”

Pettyjohn escaped a dangerous relationship and now advocates for other victims. She does not believe that Arias, now a convicted murderer, was an abused woman.

“To stand there in court with a 'Survivor' shirt, it’s sickening,” Pettyjohn told ABC15.'

Police: Woman's domestic violence injuries were self-inflicted

Mastodon · 25 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A San Benito woman is facing new criminal charges after police learned she lied during a domestic disturbance and faked her injuries to get her boyfriend in trouble.

San Benito police arrested 25-year-old Evangelina Perez on a false report to a police officer charge last week.

Police officers were originally called to a domestic disturbance on Chapman Street back on April 16th.

Investigators arrested both Perez and her 47-year-old boyfriend Salvador Mercado, Jr. for the incident.

Perez claimed Mercado had scratched her while Mercado claimed Perez threatened to have drug cartel members kill him.'

Sexist Women Bosses

Mastodon · 25 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sari had been working in book publishing for a long time. And she was the first to admit: She preferred to work with women. In her experience, women were far superior to men as editors. They were better suited to collaborating with writers. They were more patient, more nurturing. “Women can coax far better material from writers than men,” Sari told me plainly. “It’s just a fact.” She believed it to her core.

Which is why by the time Sari ascended to the position of editorial director of a large publishing group, the majority of her hires were women. And in cases where she did hire a man, or perhaps inherited one, she admitted she was harder on him than she ever would be with her female employees, questioning his decisions or micromanaging him until she felt he’d adequately proven himself. “I have this feeling, this belief, that since male editors are often so arrogant, their own egos clash with the writer’s and prevent great material from happening,” she told me. “And I can’t have that happening with any of my projects. So I end up pushing and pushing and keeping constant tabs, jumping all over a guy for even the tiniest misstep. It’s exhausting, but that way, I can avoid one mistake from turning into many.”'

Unprecedented Domestic Violence Study Affirms Need to Recognize Male Victims

Mastodon · 25 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The most comprehensive review of the scholarly domestic violence research literature ever conducted concludes, among other things, that women perpetrate physical and emotional abuse, as well as engage in control behaviors, at comparable rates to men. The Partner Abuse State of Knowledge project, or PASK, whose final installment was just published in the journal Partner Abuse, is an unparalleled three-year research project, conducted by 42 scholars at 20 universities and research centers, and including information on 17 areas of domestic violence research.

“Over the years, research on partner abuse has become unnecessarily fragmented and politicized,” commented John Hamel, Editor-in-Chief of Partner Abuse and PASK Director. “The purpose of this project is to bring together, in a rigorously evidence-based, transparent and methodical manner, existing knowledge about partner abuse, with reliable, up-to-date research that can easily be accessed by anyone. PASK is grounded in the premises that everyone is entitled to their opinion, but not to their own facts; that these facts should be available to everyone, and that domestic violence intervention and policy ought to be based upon these facts rather than ideology and special interests.”'

USAID: "Women Deliver 2013"

Minuteman · 25 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'On May 28 – 30, leaders and advocates from 160 countries are gathering in Kuala Lumpur for Women Deliver 2013, one of the decades' largest conferences on girls' and women's health and rights. USAID is proud to be a sponsor of Women Deliver 2013. A number of our technical experts will present at the conference on the latest progress and challenges around family planning, maternal and child health, and other programming that addresses the needs of girls and women.'

"The Privileged Sex", English ed., published

Matt · 25 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Book here. From the intro:

'The outline of the book is as follows. Chapter 1 sets the stage by examining several central beliefs about the oppression of women at various times and places in history, and then exposing them for the myths they are. Chapter 2 deals with the different paths that lead toward, respectively, manhood and womanhood, and shows how both nature and society have conspired to make it much harder to become, and to be, a man than a woman. Chapter 3 investigates the privileges women have historically enjoyed, and continue to enjoy, with respect to work. Chapter 4 explains how, because women have traditionally done less and easier work than men, different societies at different times and places in history have sought to ensure women's economic welfare through support by men. Chapter 5 looks at women's position with respect to crime and the law, and shows how laws are often drafted and applied specifically to help women. Chapter 6 shows how women have been freed from participation in war, as well as looks into the attempts to protect them against its horrors. Chapter 7 deals with the results of women being granted their privileged position, including women's more comfortable existence, the greater attention paid to their welfare, and the longer lives they enjoy. Chapter 8 examines why women, in spite of their many privileges, continue to bemoan their lot. And finally, Chapter 9 presents my conclusions.'

Wikipedia's entry on the author is here. Interesting fellow, much of his writing is on military history.

Judge slashes sentence for Virginia teacher who slept with student, citing diagnosis of hypersexuality

Mastodon · 25 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Virginia high school teacher who slept with a student will only spent four months of her 11-year sentence behind bars after she was diagnosed with hypersexuality.

Kathleen Cawthorne, 33, will be freed more than a decade early after a judge ruled she could not control the sudden sexual urges that took over her body.

A court heard how the bipolar educator seduced a 17-year-old boy at William Campbell Combined School in Rustburg in March 2012.'

Minnesota Coach Fired Due to False Allegations

charlie · 26 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A Minnesota college football coach tells his story of being fired for allegations of child pornography, based on home videos of his own children. He has been totally exonerated by the courts and social services, yet he has still been fired by Minnesota State Mankato. Excerpt:

'IT TOOK FOUR hours in jail before Hoffner was told that the charges against him related to videos of his children on his cellphone. It took a night behind bars and then another day for police to allow him to watch those videos with his lawyer. A police officer sat in the room with them to provide supervision. The lawyer took notes. Hoffner tried to pretend the children on the screen were strangers, hoping it would help him critique the videos more harshly.

They watched in silence. The police officer fidgeted in his seat.

"That was it?" Hoffner said when the second video ended. "The only thing I saw was a bunch of happy kids."
...
Meanwhile, day by day, the prosecution's case against him was falling apart. Police seized and searched his laptop, cellphone and a home computer and found nothing -- no other images or videos that could be considered pornographic. A day care provider testified that the Hoffner children "have always exhibited appropriate social development" and "emotional competence." A certified sex therapist viewed the videos and said they consisted of "normal child's play." Blue Earth County Human Services conducted its own investigation and interviewed the Hoffner children, none of whom even remembered being videotaped naked.
...

On Nov. 30, a judge reviewed the evidence and ruled to dismiss Hoffner's case, concluding that the charges against him should never have been filed. "The videos under consideration here contain nude images of the defendant's minor children dancing and acting playful after a bath," the judge, Krista J. Jass, wrote in her decision. "That is all they contain."

Hanson, who had been asked by Hoffner's family and lawyer to drop the charges numerous times and always refused, said he disagreed with the judge's decision but would not appeal. Then he quickly defended his handling of the case. "No matter what the prosecutor does in a controversial case with a high-profile suspect, they will be criticized," he said before declining further comment about the case.
...
The university remained unmoved, citing the mysterious second investigation into Hoffner's conduct. It was unrelated to the initial charge of child pornography, officials said, but involved two "internal complaints" against Hoffner that the university refused to provide details about. (Despite these complaints, the school still employed Hoffner.)'

US Prof. Murray Strauss: Domestic Violence is Not One-Sided

Matt · 26 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Video interview at Israeli DV conference on YouTube here. Dr. Strauss' web site is here. Some from his Biographical Summary:

'Professor of Sociology and founder and Co-Director of the Family Research Laboratory, University of New Hampshire (since 1968).

Previously taught at the Univ of Minnesota, Cornell, Wisconsin, Washington State, U of Ceylon (Sri Lanka).

Visiting Professor: U. of Kentucky, U. Bombay (India), U. of York (England), Columbia Univ, U. of Leuven Belgium

EDUCATION: Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1956.

OFFICES IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES:
* President, Society For the Study of Social Problems (1989-90)
* President, Eastern Sociological Society (1991-92. and Vice President 1976-77)
* President, National Council on Family Relations (1972-3)
* Member of the Board of Directors/Governing Council:
American Association for the Advancement of Science (1971-73)
International Society For Research On Aggression, 1980-82, 2003-08
International Sociological Association, Deviance & Social Control Section, 1998-2003, 2004-08'

New Rutgers Athletic Director Accused Of Abuse

Mastodon · 26 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEWARK, N.J. — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie plans to speak with Rutgers officials about a report that the woman hired to clean up the university' scandal-scarred athletic program quit as Tennessee's women's volleyball coach 16 years ago after her players submitted a letter complaining she ruled through humiliation, fear and emotional abuse.

Christie spokesman Michael Drewniak says the governor is aware of the report about Julie Hermann in the Star-Ledger of Newark, but wants to get more details before commenting.
...
The Star-Ledger reported that Tennessee players wrote the mentality cruelty they suffered when Hermann was coach was unbearable, adding she called them "whores, alcoholics and learning disabled."

Hermann was hired to replace the ousted Tim Pernetti, who was let go after basketball coach Mike Rice was fired for abusive behavior.
...
"Their accounts depict a coach who thought nothing of demeaning them, who would ridicule and laugh at them over their weight and their performances, sometimes forcing players to do 100 sideline pushups during games, who punished them after losses by making them wear their workout clothes inside out in public or not allowing them to shower or eat, and who pitted them against one another, cutting down particular players with the whole team watching, and through gossip.'

UK: The Lose the Lads' Mags campaign demonstrates the power of modern feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This week marks the launch of the campaign Lose the Lads' Mags, spearheaded by feminist organisations UK Feminista and Object. Depending on who you believe, this is either an attempt to free employees and customers from "an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment" that could arise from exposure to sexist pornographic content - or, in the words of Loaded and FHM journalist Piers Hernu in a report by the BBC - "a deeply sinister and disturbing attempt by a group of fundamentalist, fanatical feminists...to bully supermarkets into removing lads' mags from the shelves".

As far as deeply sinister and disturbing acts by fundamentalist groups go, this one seems fairly civilised. The lawyers and campaigners behind Lose the Lads' Mags are unlikely to turn up, Spring Breakers-style, in pink balaclavas, toting pistols at the local Tesco Extra. Any facet of the Equality Act that may or may not be used against employers is unlikely to be found "disturbing" (unless you're a person regularly given to using that well-worn phrase, "IT'S POLITICAL CORRECTNESS GONE MAD!") And as for fundamentalism: while we're taking the dictionary definition of feminism as the advocacy of women's rights on the grounds of political, social, and economic equality to men, charges of 'fundamentalist' egalitarianism don't seem very threatening at all. Unless, of course, you're a sexist.'

Feminists vs. Facebook

Mastodon · 28 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Of course there is some real, gross misogyny on the Web. But how likely is it that a Facebook user would encounter such content on the site without actively looking for it? For the record, its existence was news to me after several years of Facebook activity. The now-removed pages were hardly popular: a Google cache shows that "Violently raping your friends, just for laughs" had a whopping 17 "likes"; "Kicking your girlfriend in the fanny because she won't make you a sandwich" had 34. (That's one fewer than the still-existing "Dumping your boyfriend via castration".) On the HuffPost Live panel, Friedman and co-campaigner Laura Bates talked about women being driven off Facebook by sexism, but the evidence is, once again, strictly anecdotal. Non-anecdotally, women were 57 percent of Facebook users last year. Friedman also claimed that Facebook staff is "overwhelmingly male"; actually, in 2011, it was about one-third female, the best among the major technology companies.
...
Now, the feminist protest coalition is pushing advertisers to drop Facebook unless the company takes appropriate action. ... The activists clearly don't want equal treatment for what could be considered gender-based hate speech against men, such as the Facebook page "Beating up your boyfriend to keep him in line" (which is still online and has over 16,000 "likes")—or a feminist "satire" exhorting the average man not to rape women, which has over a thousand Facebook shares.

People have every right to speak out against bigotry and bashing—and to ask moderated websites to reject noxious content. But letting ideologues dictate the boundaries of acceptable speech on a large area of the Internet is a very bad idea.'

SAVE E-lert: Need a Reason to Celebrate?

Matt · 28 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

As you make your summer plans, consider attending SAVE's annual conference in Washington, DC. on June 21 and 22.

Join us as we celebrate the progress we have made over the last year. For instance...

Think back to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) re-authorization. Do you remember the controversy? For the first time ever, there was real discussion about it's shortfalls.

Together, we did that. Our voices were heard. Now, that's something to celebrate! Attend the conference, learn what other progress we've made, and learn what we expect to celebrate next year.

Register: http://celebratingourprogress.eventbrite.com/
More info: http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp/annual-conference-2013/

Get your tickets today - Prices go up on Saturday!

See you soon,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

O2/Symantec now blocking 100 MR sites

Matt · 28 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Via email from the article author:

"Relatively new additions of particular note includes the likes of Daddyjustice.com, Fathers 4 Justice Quebec, dvmen.co.uk, and even UK men's political party Justice for Men and Boys (and the women who love them). Therefore we have not just censorship and defamation by O2/Symantec, but denial of help to abuse vicitms and interference in the democratic process too.
...
Earlier this month I identified a number of additional companies using the Rulesapce filter that causes men's human rights sites to be censored. Whilst some of these companies do at least only use it as an opt in option rather than something that has to be disable, the fact is that every single one regards criticism of feminist and human rights for men as "hate". Even libraries and schools are using the Rulespace filter, so this censorship of your site is now party government funded too!
...
Contacting O2 really does have an impact. Ten sites have already been unblocked, many due to my contact with O2, so please utilise as many means as possible for putting them under pressure. It's well worth emailing Ronan.Dunne-at-o2.com (O2's CEO) as you will at least get a rather interesting reply, the company is highly active on Twitter and will respond should you tweet you concerns to @O2. This is just as important as emailing due to the public nature of Twitter. Internet filtering is a growing phenomena, for example recently the UK government has promoted to filter public wi-fi spots and an increasing number of ISPs are introducing filters on the list, therefore any sites on the "hate" list can expect to see increasing numbers of people denied access to their work in future.'

Police knock down Bynes sex harassment claim

Mastodon · 29 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- New York police say they've found no evidence corroborating a claim by actress Amanda Bynes that she was sexually harassed after police were called to her apartment.

"A credible civilian witness who was with the officers throughout told investigators that none touched Ms. Bynes inappropriately or otherwise engaged in misconduct at any time," a NYPD Internal Affairs representative said.

The incident is the latest in a series of run-ins with the law for Bynes, who had a squeaky-clean image as a teen actress.

Officers were called Thursday to her building in Manhattan's theater district after her building manager reported the 27-year-old was smoking an "illegal substance" in the lobby, police said.'

Australia: Abuse cases deter men from becoming teachers

Mastodon · 29 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'HIGH-profile court cases involving allegations of male teachers committing indecent acts on children have created a steady decline in young men waiting to join the profession.

Last week a Mackay teacher was found not guilty of inappropriately touching an 11-year-old student.

Queensland Teachers Union president Kevin Bates said media attention on these cases meant young men considering becoming teachers were sometimes dissuaded.

"I don't see there's any way a young person couldn't but notice the public perception of men in teaching is one of doubts about the genuineness of the person's intentions," Mr Bates said.

"As a consequence I think there has been, over time, the effect of dissuading some men of choosing teaching as a career."

Mr Bates said over the past two decades, the percentage of female teachers had increased from about 70% to about 75%.'

China: Newborn baby boy survives after being flushed down toilet by mother

Minuteman · 29 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The mother of the newborn baby boy flushed down a toilet in China watched in secret as rescuers dramatically plucked him alive from a sewer pipe.

The 22-year-old woman is believed to have raised the initial alarm but only confessed to police after they searched her rented room and found toys and blood-stained toilet paper, the Chinese state news agency reported.

The two-day-old, 5lb boy has been temporarily named Baby 59 – the number of the incubator in which he lies with a fractured skull and severe bruising.
...
Police initially said they were treating the case of as possible attempted homicide, but it was not immediately clear whether the mother would face any criminal charges.

A police officer said she had hidden her pregnancy and claimed the baby fell into the lavatory after she unexpectedly gave birth. ‘The woman was on the scene during the entire rescue process ... and admitted she was the mother when we asked her.’

He said police were still investigating whether she had any ‘malicious intentions’ before deciding on charges.'

Under pressure, Facebook targets sexist hate speech

Mastodon · 29 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Under mounting pressure from activists and advertisers, Facebook is ramping up efforts to stamp out hate speech, particularly depictions of violence against women.
...
In Levine's post, Facebook promised to:

-- Update guidelines that its Community Standards team uses to identify hate speech, with help from legal experts and women's groups

-- Update training for team members who police hate speech

-- Increase accountability for Facebook users whose pages don't legally qualify as hate speech but who post content that is "cruel or insensitive"

-- Implement a policy that requires users who create pages with questionable content to publicly attach their personal account to them

-- Encourage groups already working on cyber-hate issues to include the women's coalition.'

Also on Facebook, among others: Dumping your boyfriend via castration

When Men Experience Sexism

Mastodon · 29 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Can men be victims of sexism?

An NPR Morning Edition report this week suggests strongly that the answer is "yes." As Jennifer Ludden reports, after divorce men can face burdensome alimony payments even in situations where their ex-wives are capable of working and earning a substantial income. Even in cases where temporary alimony makes sense—as when a spouse has quit a job to raise the children—it's hard to understand the need for lifetime alimony payments, given women's current levels of workforce participation. As one alimony-paying ex-husband says, "The theory behind this was fine back in the '50s, when everybody was a housewife and stayed home." But today, it looks like an antiquated perpetuation of retrograde gender roles—a perpetuation which, disproportionately, harms men.'

Do we really want Facebook to decide what qualifies as hate speech and what doesn't?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As my colleague Eliza Kern has reported, Facebook has apologized for the way it handled "hate speech" against women on the social network, after repeated complaints from advocacy groups alleging that it was turning a blind eye to what was clearly offensive behavior. This has been hailed by some as a victory, since Facebook has admitted that its policies around such content are weak. But even if its policies are improved, do we really want Facebook to be the one deciding what qualifies as hate speech and what doesn't?

...

The larger problem in making Facebook take this kind of content down, however, is that it forces the network to take an even more active role in determining which of the comments or photos or videos posted by its billion or so users deserve to be seen and which don't. In other words, it gives Facebook even more of a licence to practice what amounts to censorship — something the company routinely (and legitimately) gets criticized for doing.'

Family Awarded $1.5 Million For Botched Circumcision

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CHICAGO (CBS) — A North Shore family has won a lawsuit against a physician at Northwestern they say botched their son's circumcision.

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The family's lawyer Dan Kotin says in 2007, when the boy was 12 hours old, a doctor at Northwestern inadvertently amputated the tip of the boy's penis.

Kotin says the doctor missed at least three safety procedures that should've been followed.

And Kotin says the boy"…suffered the amputation of the top 40 percent of the head of his penis."

The attorney for the doctor says the procedure was performed correctly and what happened was one of the unfortunate complications of a circumcision.'

SAVE: Prosecutor Ethics the Focus of Media Campaign

Matt · 30 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, DC--(Marketwired - May 29, 2013) - Following admissions by a star witness that she lied during an Alabama homicide trial -- sending a man to death row -- the Center for Prosecutor Integrity (CPI) is launching a national media campaign. The media effort is designed to engage the public, prosecutors, and other stakeholders in a national conversation about the effectiveness of the criminal justice system and the problem of wrongful convictions.

In the Alabama trial, investigators offered to pay Alisha Booker $10,000 in return for her testimony against Montez Spradley, charged with killing a 58-year-old woman. But in a pre-trial hearing held earlier this month, Booker testified that her testimony was not truthful, that she tried to renege on the agreement before going to trial, and that investigators threatened to prosecutor her if she refused to testify.
...
The CPI media campaign, which begins this week, consists of radio interviews to be aired across the country. Print editorial coverage is anticipated, as well.
...
The CPI Facebook page is found here: https://www.facebook.com/CenterForProsecutorIntegrity. Any person with a Facebook account is welcome to post a comment.

Germany: Violence against men: "I hid the knife in the house"

Matt · 30 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Translated article here. Excerpt:

'Hamburg - first he thought the problems with his girlfriend he could overcome. So it wrote Jochen K. * in his diary after she hit him first with his fist in the face. He had held her and tried to calm down. But the attack in the hallway should not be the only one getting his girlfriend became violent in the coming years. You did not get the problem under control. Today K. have to say: "An insane hubris."

Nine years they were together, have a daughter. By the time his girlfriend had become more jealous. "A relationship is unbearable when one must constantly expect to be attacked with fists," says K. Also, a pair of therapy could not help.

...

Mr. K. is not an isolated case, his experiences are no exception. In a comprehensive health study by the Robert Koch Institute has nearly 6,000 German adults also asked about their experiences of violence. Thus, men use violence rather in the social space and in the workplace, women are more likely in the home. How honest and comprehensive information, respondents, can be hard to tell with such a sensitive issue. "The social desirability says: 'I have an intact family, I've never been a victim, I am also not violent,'" says Heike Hölling health scientist, one of the authors of the study.'

China: Mother of baby boy stuck in sewer pipe won't be charged

Minuteman · 30 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The fall of a newborn baby into a toilet pipe in China was accidental and his mother will not be prosecuted, local officials say, adding the boy is healthy.

The mother, 22 and unmarried, had kept her pregnancy secret and gave birth unexpectedly when she went to the lavatory on Saturday.

...

"Our investigations showed it was an accident," a local police officer who declined to be named told AFP, and confirmed the mother will not be prosecuted. She refused to give further details.

...

The head of the hospital, Wu Xinhong, said the infant was healthy and ready to be released.

"His condition is good but his relatives have not come to pick him up yet," he told AFP.

Police have said the mother was in serious condition due to complications from the delivery, while authorities were still looking for the baby's father.'

Rodeo Argument Ends With Wife Biting Man’s Genitals

StayingFit · 30 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ROUGH AND READY (CBS13) — A man whose wife bit him on the genitals after an argument after a rodeo says his only regret is calling 911 on her.

Anthony Hill is still healing and says he’s standing by his wife, Christina Salinas.

Hill said Sunday was supposed the be a fun night out at the Penn Valley Rodeo. He says the argument followed a series of stressful events in their lives, including the fact Salinas’ ex-husband now lives with them.

Hill wanted to leave early, she wanted to stay. When they got home, the argument continued. Salinas’ ex-husband tried to separate the two, and when both men went to hold her down, that’s when she allegedly bit his penis.'

‘Alice in Wonderland’ coercion (George Will)

StayingFit · 30 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Editorial here. Excerpt:

'Responding to what it considers the University of Montana’s defective handling of complaints about sexual assaults, OCR, in conjunction with the Justice Department, sent the university a letter intended as a “blueprint” for institutions nationwide when handling sexual harassment, too. The letter, sent on May 9, encourages (see below) adoption of speech codes — actually, censorship regimes — to punish students who:

Make “sexual or dirty jokes” that are “unwelcome.” Or disseminate “sexual rumors” (even if true) that are “unwelcome.” Or make “unwelcome” sexual invitations. Or engage in the “unwelcome” circulation or showing of “e-mails or Web sites of a sexual nature.” Or display or distribute “sexually explicit drawings, pictures, or written materials” that are “unwelcome.”
...
Like the IRS abuses of power, the OCR-DOJ initiative demonstrates how permeated this administration is with disagreeable people with dangerous intentions. So the administration is making conservatism’s case against the unlimited arrogance that is both a cause and a consequence of unlimited government.'

It's good news to see that people of national prominence are speaking out about this. I found this article printed in a rather liberal newspaper, which makes me hopeful that people of every political stripe are concerned about these issues.

Why Men Still Can't Have It All

StayingFit · 30 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Lately, the raging debate about issues of "work-life balance" has focused on whether or not women can "have it all." Entirely lost in this debate is the growing strain of work-life balance on men, who today are feeling the competing demands of work and home as much or more than women. And the truth is as shocking as it is obvious: No one can have it all. Any questions?
...
Allow me to paint another picture. One in which women are asked to make the same personal sacrifices as men past and present — too much time away from home, too many weekends at the computer, too much inconvenient travel — but then claim some special privilege in their hardship. One in which universal preschool and after-school programs would be a boon to all parents (and not, as Collins suggests, simply to women). In which men spend more time with their children, and are more involved with their home lives, than ever before. In which men work just as hard at their jobs, if not harder, than ever before. In which men now report higher rates of work-life stress than women do. In which men are tormented by the lyrics of "Cat's in the Cradle."'

This article is a very interesting response to the "women can/cannot have it all" debate that has been all over the media recently. It is a long article, and I don't agree with everything that the author has to say. But, he raises some good points and it's nice to see a male perspective on the subject, especially when he states the obvious: no one can have it all. Life is all about making choices, and living with the consequences of those choices.

Couple arrested on attempted murder charges

mens_issues · 30 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'DENVER – A man and a woman were arrested early Thursday on suspicion of trying to stab the woman's ex-husband to death.

Wheat Ridge Police responded at 12:53 a.m. to a house in the 3700 block of Vance Street in Wheat Ridge on reports of an assault. There they found a 41-year-old man suffering from multiple knife wounds to his face, neck and chest. He remains hospitalized following multiple surgeries.

Witnesses at the scene described seeing a gray car without a front bumper leaving the scene. Police eventually found the car and arrested 33-year-old James Bryant and 32-year-old Nicole Ferrara near the scene of the alleged crime. Both suspects are being held on charges of attempted first-degree murder.

It was determined that the victim is Ferrara's ex-husband.'

SAVE E-lert: Make Plans Now for False Allegations Awareness Month

Matt · 31 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

June is False Allegations Awareness Month, and this year's theme is "Hold False-Accusers Accountable." We have put together a list of activities to help you educate others on false allegations of abuse.

First, educate yourself with our hand-out "False Allegations by the Numbers." Then ask your local newspaper or radio station to cover the issue.

Use this logo for your Facebook profile or post it to other social media streams such as Twitter. For more ideas, visit our website.

Don't forget to post on our Facebook page for Falsely Accused, to let us know what activities you've done.

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Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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"You've Been Lied To": Violent Women Among Us

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Video report here. Simply tells the truth: women in domestic relationships assault men at the same rate as men assault women in the same relationships.

IA: ACOG 2013 Report Available

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Report here. Excerpt:

'On May 4, 2013, Intact America sponsored a sidewalk demonstration and press conference in New Orleans outside the annual convention of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). During this one-day event, we protested the role of obstetricians in perpetrating circumcision in American hospitals. Read the press release.

Our mobile billboard, which patrolled the streets of New Orleans (photos courtesy of James Loewen), was a huge success, sparking countless conversations with doctors, tourists, and local residents. Even the driver, Roger, helped forward the cause by handing out information and telling people about Intact America! Many thanks to James Loewen, who took the photo above as well as these of our billboard.'

NPO: DSM-5 Strengthens Child Health in the Aftermath of Divorce

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Family unity took a major step forward at the American Psychiatric Association's annual meeting in San Francisco on May 18-22, 2013, with the inclusion of language that describes the serious mental health problem of parental alienation. For the first time, mental health professionals in the U.S. will have officially recognized concepts to diagnose children who experience parental alienation, strengthening the case against parents who strive to alienate children during divorce.

"This is an important advance for the psychological health of children and families" said William Bernet, MD. Bernet is a leader of the Parental Alienation Study Group, the international task force that submitted the proposal to include parental alienation in DSM-5. Bernet, professor emeritus at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, said, "Including language that is specifically applicable to parental alienation empowers the mental health and legal communities to address this important problem more directly and with greater clarity. These revisions to DSM-5 will reduce the harm that parental alienation causes to families."'

ACFC: Illinois Right of First Refusal Legislation Goes to Governor

Matt · 31 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last Wednesday, May 22, the Illinois Senate passed HB2992 unanimously. The bill had previously passed the House, also by a unanimous vote. Now the bill goes to Governor Quinn for signature. Championed by Illinois Fathers member Richard Lee Thomas, the bill provides statutory authority for judges to incorporate right of first refusal provisions into child custody orders.

At ACFC one of the more common complaints we hear from parents is that their children are being placed in daycare or farmed out to other people when the ‘other’ parent is available and wants to care for the children. In these situations the overarching theme seems to be “Anyone but me.” It’s one of the more frustrating situations parents endure.'

The Biggest Myth About the Gender Wage Gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It might be the most famous statistic about female workers in the United States: Women earn "only 72 percent as much as their male counterparts."

It's also famously false.

A new survey from PayScale this morning finds that the wage gap nearly evaporates when you control for occupation and experience among the most common jobs, especially among less experienced workers. It is only as careers advance, they found, that men outpaced female earnings as they made their way toward the executive suite.

So, women aren't starting off behind their male counterparts, so much as they're choosing different jobs and losing ground later in their careers.'

UK: 'Lads' Mags' Double-Standard

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It would be supremely unfair of me to instantly dismiss these groups as whining idiots because in some areas, they do make a good point. As an earnest supporter of healthy body image, I can understand the concerns of some people about skinny bikini-clad women in the media not helping young girls to be comfortable in their own skin. But trying to outright ban lads' mags is not the answer. Many consider the women in these magazines to be attractive so why is it so bad for them to be able to buy magazines featuring photos of them?
...
The thing that irritates and unnerves me the most about this campaign however is that the people behind it and the equality lawyers supporting it are trying to take advantage of genuine equality and sexual harassment laws to further their own agenda. The laws that are in place to actually protect people from being abused and mistreated by real sexists are being misused to try and censor the media based on what a few dozen left wing feminists think. ...
...
But the biggest double standard about this is that these activists aren't getting all huffy about magazines that feature semi-naked men. If it's legal and socially and morally acceptable to publish a magazine like Men's Health that frequently features a shirtless man on the cover, then why is it such an abhorrence to have a magazine that has something like Lucy Pinder in a bikini on its cover? It shouldn't be. To have true equality in this field, it has to be all or nothing. Trying to ban lads' mags on the basis that they supposedly objectify women while ignoring magazines that do a similar thing with men is only widening the gender divide because it's suggesting that women should not be shown as objects of attraction in the media while men can be.'

Canadian Centre for Men and Families to Open in June

Matt · 31 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Screen Lounge, 20 College Street, Toronto

The Canadian Association for Equality has completed an amazing year advancing education on men's issues and growing awareness of critical problems facing boys, men and fathers.

We invite you to join Lionel Tiger and members of our Board of Directors on Wednesday, June 12th at Screen Lounge in downtown Toronto for this combined celebration and fundraising event for our new Campaign to Establish the Canadian Centre for Men and Families. This is a family event, and we strongly encourage participants to bring their kids.
...
Lionel Tiger is a Canadian-born, American-based anthropologist. He is the Charles Darwin Professor of Anthropology at Rutgers University, a consultant to the U.S. Department of Defense on the future of biotechnology, contributor to Psychology Today and The New York Times, and the author of Men in Groups, The Decline of Males, The Pursuit of Pleasure and The Manufacture of Evil: Ethics, Evolution, and the Industrial System.'

Male victims of domestic abuse: Beyond belief

Matt · 31 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, May 22, 2013 - According to the National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center, over 830,000 men are victims of domestic violence annually, about half the rate of women. This translates to one man subjected to domestic abuse every 37.8 seconds.

There are over 4,000 domestic violence programs in America but very few oriented to male victims. Such victims are abused in the same manner as women: physically, emotionally, verbal or financially. The abuse is similar between the sexes.

The Mayo Clinic claims predictable behaviors of abusers are the same as with a dominant male in a homosexual relationship as with the male partner in a heterosexual relationship. This is not to say women do not batter men, because they do.

...

Often a woman will claim the violence was mutual with her male partner, because women believe their male partner will be too embarrassed to admit to being abused. The same goes for homosexual relationships.

Abusers whether in a homosexual or a heterosexual relationship will often cast blame on the abused as their fault, then assert the victim acted in a way to draw the abuse.'

PASK is the gold standard for DV information

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's perhaps the most important event in the history of domestic violence research. Back in 2010, the senior editor of the journal Partner Abuse asked 42 researchers in the field of intimate partner abuse to conduct a thorough review of existing literature on the subject. All peer reviewed literature from 1990 to the present was examined and over 1,700 studies were included in the final analysis. The scientists divided their inquiry into 17 subject areas and assigned researchers to each. The resulting analyses were published by Partner Abuse between April, 2012 and April, 2013, and together comprise almost 2,700 pages of information including tables. The whole project is called the Partner Abuse State of Knowledge Project (PASK).
...
PASK should (and well may) prove to be the stake in the heart of what has for far too long been our public policy on intimate partner violence. Simply put, no one who speaks, writes or legislates on the subject should do so without first reading at least the 62-page Overview of Findings, and preferably the whole analysis. PASK is the state of the art on domestic violence.'

Wayward Sons: The Emerging Gender Gap in Labor Markets and Education

Matt · 31 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Report here. Excerpt:

'This paper, by two MIT economists, David Autor and Melanie Wasserman, presents the reader with two of the biggest and most important trends in recent decades. The first is the growing disparity between men and women in both educational attainment and economic well-being; the second is the change in family structure. The growing disparity between men and women is easy to overlook given the fact that at the very top of our society power and money is still overwhelmingly held by men. And yet, when we move to the realm of more ordinary people we see, in the words of Autor and Wasserman, "...a tectonic shift. Over the last three decades, the labor market trajectory of males in the U.S. has turned downward along four dimensions: skills acquisition; employment rates; occupational stature; and real wage levels."'

Canada: Student union brands men's rights groups as 'hateful' clubs that 'justify sexual assault'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is, apparently, an ominous threat to female autonomy growing on Canadian campuses, and it masquerades under the guise of "men's rights awareness." These deceptive collectives purport to offer support and resources to men in the community, but, according to the Canadian Federation of Students, they actually promote "misogynist, hateful views," and "justify sexual assault." Well, then.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), the union body representing over 500,000 students across the country, will consider this and other matters over the next week as part of its 63rd semi-annual nation general meeting. On the agenda roster is a motion to amend the "Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women on Campus" policy to account for the "increase in the presence" of men's groups on Canadian campuses.

According to the motion:

"The groups provide environments for sexism, patriarchy, and misogyny to manifest and be perpetuated on campus" and "promote misogynist, hateful views toward women and ideologies that promote gender equity, challenges women's bodily autonomy, justifies sexual assault, and decries feminism as violent."

"Messages from these groups claim to be of equality, but are in fact messages that are misogynist, sexist, cissexist, heterosexist, and homophobic responses to the challenge of cis-male privilege in society."

Needless to say, the description is fraught with a number of bold, unsubstantiated — and frankly, wrong — statements. But find me an official group poster that claims women's bodies are the rightful property of men, and I'll retract. In any case, despite the rhetoric-heavy description, the CFS motion stops short of actually recommending a ban to men's groups by name. Instead, it calls for official opposition to "campaigns, forums, groups, meetings or events whose purpose is to frighten, intimidate, and/or target women students on campus."'

'Having it all doesn't mean doing it all': Women's grad advice to women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This year's female graduates received specific advice from women who helped pave the way for them, including senior White House adviser Valerie Jarrett. On Friday, she urged the all-female grads of Wellesley College to remember those trailblazers by making sure they help each other as they cut their own paths to the top.

"You have choices because you stand on the shoulders of others who have given you the ability to choose," she said. "It is a rare privilege for all of you who are seated here today, so make sure you reach back and afford others that same opportunity."

She then reminded her audience of the warning issued by fellow Wellesley alum, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright: "There is a very special place in hell for women who do not help other women."
...
Jarrett, who also chairs the White House Council on Women and Girls, encouraged graduates to be resilient, but to pace themselves.
...
"We might be a tad bit better than men, but we're not superhuman," she said to laughs.'

Men Get Sick, Too

Mastodon · 31 May 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'MSNBC has women's shows and two shows whose hosts are gay and whose central issue is gay marriage, but no show dealing with the issues of American men. I was surprised to learn from Nichole Bowen of The Lady Warrior Project that most of those who are victims of sexual assault in the armed forces are men. Maybe I've been watching too much MSNBC, where the impression is created that all of the victims are women. They're not the only network where the issues of gays and women take priority over those affecting men. During the same Saturday I watched CNN's Fredricka Whitfield discuss the literacy rate among women living in Nepal.

Women have been very successful in using the media to promote their health and other issues. But men get sick too.'

June is Men's Health Month (at least here in the US)

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The US government actually has a web page for it this year! It can found at http://www.foh.hhs.gov/Calendar/june.html. Suppose it'll get nearly as much exposure as women's health months/weeks/years get? Will there be seminars at workplaces and little ribbons and 5K runs to go to? Hmmm... doubt it. Excerpt:

'Men face unique health challenges, and one of the most dangerous is their reluctance to seek health care. In fact, according to Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), men are 24 percent less likely than women to have seen a doctor in the past year.
...
Many of the major health risks that men face—such as colon cancer and heart disease—can actually be prevented and treated with earlier diagnosis. Screening tests can often find these diseases early, when they are easier to treat. For these reasons, it is crucial that men go against their tendency of avoiding health care and begin having regular checkups and screenings.
...
Men's Health Month is a chance for both men and women to increase their awareness of the potentially significant health problems that men face, as well as what steps they can take to prevent such problems. Taking care of yourself is part of being the best man you can be. There's nothing manly—or beneficial—about ignoring your health.'

I agree that too many men go too long between check-ups. That's true. But I note the tone of this page seems to be pretty much all about "it's all your own fault, guys". I think that's even more ironic given what government department the web page is associated with: "Federal Occupational Health". Given that men are the vast majority of persons killed and injured in the workplace, one might think this particular department would be calling attention to that fact right there on the front page. But I think that may fall into the category of "an inconvenient truth".

Husband says wife killed their son, then shot herself

mens_issues · 1 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'ROUTT COUNTY, Colo. — A woman shot and killed her 9-year-old son and then shot herself at a home near Steamboat Springs Wednesday, according to the woman's husband.

Deputies from the Routt County Sheriff's Office were called to a home on a report of an attempted suicide with multiple victims at 2:55 a.m.

Investigators say the resident of the home, Michael Kirlan met deputies and told them his son was dead inside the house, and his wife, Lisa Marie Lesyshen, 45, was upstairs with a gun.

They found the boy, 9-year-old Asher and then his mother. She was unconscious with a gunshot wound. Paramedics took her to the Yampa Valley Medical Center for treatment.

The boy was a third-grader at Soda Creek Elementary in Steamboat Springs according to Steamboat Today.'

Baby boys being used as guinea pigs in Cincincatti pain study

DanBollinger · 1 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

An unethical and outrageous circumcision study has been approved by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The study, which is being conducted at Good Samaritan Catholic hospital in Cincinnati on 200+ infant boys, is using these ridiculous criteria to determine which of two circumcision clamps is “better”:

1. the weight of blood soaked gauzes after the procedure;
2. neonatal pain score based on babies’ vital signs;
3. grimaces and facial expressions during the surgery.

Georganne Chapin, Executive Director of Intact America, together with leaders of several other intactivist organizations, have sent a letter opposing the study to the hospital's CEO and legal counsel, as well as the Archbishop of Cincinnati. Intact America is also preparing a petition to the NIH.

Read the study's description here.

What kind of person supports Jodi Arias?

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Article here.

'Even though Jodi Arias has been convicted of first-degree murder in the death of her ex-boyfriend, are there still people out there that support her?

Psychologist Cheryl Arutt said that type of person is “somebody who is looking for attention by association. There is a personality that wants to kind of piggyback on somebody else for either fame or notoriety.”

But attorney Mark Eiglarsh noted, “Every one of [those types of people] has the ability to serve on any potential jury. When you wonder how come there's no slam dunks in the justice system, it's because everyone is randomly called and can have their own as-crazy-as-they-want thought processes."

Since the jury could not come to a unanimous decision in the sentencing phase, a new penalty phase with a new jury has been scheduled for July 18.'

Jodi Arias Facebook support Page with over 2300 likes.

Woman charged with forging marriage certificate to claim dead racer's estate

Matt · 2 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Allison Lear, granddaughter of Learjet inventor William “Bill” Lear, lost her boyfriend in a violent car race crash near Virginia City in 2010.

Rather than mourning Alexander Djordjevic’s death with his family, she is alleged to have forged a marriage certificate listing him as her husband that was dated before the crash, Las Vegas police said.
...
On Saturday, Allison Lear, a Las Vegas Township constable’s deputy, was arrested on outstanding warrants at Hakkasan nightclub in the MGM Grand by Las Vegas police about 4:30 a.m., police booking reports indicate.
...
In court, Lear provided a marriage certificate dated June 21, 2010, stating that she and Djordjevic were wed. Minister Cory Matteucci of Boise, Idaho, supposedly performed the ceremony, and Shawn Miles was listed as a witness.
...
Matteucci never applied for or obtained a Temporary Marriage Service Application in Nevada, meaning that he would not be able to authorize any marriage in the state, police reports said.
...
Not only did Lear delay Djordjevic’s burial, but as his widow, she held on to his property, which included two cars, a 1991 Corvette Z and a 1994 Toyota Supra racing car, a gun collection and several other personal items.

The court documents showed that Djordjevic’s estate was valued between $100,000 and $200,000.'

"We fought for equality. So why do greedy wives still sponge off their ex-husbands?"

Matt · 2 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

From last month, but a good article just saying it like it is, here. Excerpt:

'Far from being an unlucky, isolated example, my friend is one of the growing number of men who find themselves losing everything through divorce.

Meanwhile, women, ever more, seem to be living by the principle of ‘don’t get mad, get everything’.

And often, they go on getting everything for years, long after time has been called on their marriage.

In these days of equal education, opportunities and access to professions, women are still humiliating themselves by expecting (and receiving) huge and continuing settlements when a marriage ends.

I consider myself a feminist, but I don’t see why today’s divorcing women should expect any kind of settlement at all.
...
Yet modern women are still positioning themselves as the weaker vessel having to be kept by a big strong man, whether married or divorced. We have fought for equality, and many battles have been won, but divorcing women are still making out they are pathetic little Fifties housewives unable to fend for themselves, before ruthlessly fleecing the men they once professed to love.

They should be utterly ashamed.

Depressingly, this year’s Rich List, for the first time, included a separate list for divorced women whose only source of vast wealth was that provided by their ex-husbands. The compilers of the list said that if you are an attractive woman, possibly your best guarantee of a huge income is to marry a super-rich man and then divorce him a few years later.'

"Actress Pia Zadora arrested over bedtime tiff"

StayingFit · 3 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

"LAS VEGAS (AP) — Singer-actress Pia Zadora was arrested at her Las Vegas home over the weekend following a rapidly escalating attempt to impose a bedtime on her teenage son.
...
Zadora's son was hanging out with her husband and his son when she asked him to turn in. When he protested, she sprayed him and his step-brother with a hose, according to her statement to police.

She then began scratching and punching her husband, Michael Jeffries, and his son as they tried to calm her down, according to the 16-year-old's statement to police.

He later called 911, but his mother attempted to wrestle the phone away from him, according to the report, injuring his ear in the process.

When he got through, the 16-year-old told the dispatcher that "his mother was going crazy and her hands were around his neck."

He said all three of his family members ultimately prevented him from going to answer the door when police arrived. This led to an hours-long stakeout of the house.'

Woman: Center of the Universe

Robber748 · 3 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

I think we all have a sense that the world does a lot of pandering to women, and very little to men. Society, businesses, charities, governments, women, and men all seem to put women up on a pedestal. But just how bad is it? I decided to do an informal survey. For one week I noted all examples of gender promotions, or exclusiveness, or pandering, both to men and women. I counted all examples that I saw referenced, whether or not the actual events occurred during the week.

I counted 125 instances of pandering to women. Most of these were from the news. I wasn't looking at Oxygen or Katie or Ms Magazine. If you think the count for pandering to men was a big gander egg, you'd be wrong. I actually found one instance, although I suppose one could argue that it was more about women than men: 125 to 1. How can women complain about anything when they receive so much more attention than men? How can men feel like anything other than second-class, inferior, or worth less than the afterbirth? (Actually, I did hear a story about placentas during the week, so men and placentas were tied for amount of media attention.)

A report was in the news during this week concerning sexual abuse in the military. Even though the report noted that most of the victims were men, only one of the 22 news segments on this issue mentioned this fact (an interview with Barbara Boxer on MSNBC's The Place for Politics.) There were two references to the victims as men and women on Meet the Press before other remarks focused on the female victims. All other news stories behaved as if women were the only victims. And a CBS Evening News segment actually said incorrectly that all of the victims were women.

While Prince Harry was in the country, there were a few news reports that contained young women and girls swooning over him. Even Gail King on CBS This Morning said "He looks good on a horse." When was the last time the media showed a male going gah-gah over a beautiful woman? That is disgusting and discouraged. But women can openly lust over men-- it is encouraged. I actually see this a lot with the current hunk getting squealing girls and women swooning over him on late night and daytime TV talk shows. Remember what happened to the Beatles? (Forgive me for using the word "hunk." It's another double standard. We can't refer to a woman as a "piece" but we can call a man a "hunk," even though the words mean the same thing.)

Speaking of double standards, Mandy Drury on CNBC often wears a very low neckline, exposing her breasts. During the week, I saw other women on TV doing this as well. Why is it that men are not allowed to be sexual at work, but women are? What a huge double-standard. And it is not just exposed breasts, but make-up, tight clothing, sheer clothing, lots of other exposed skin, etc. I have seen women on TV wearing skirts so short that they have to place there hand down there to cover up when they sit. (To see an example, go to http://www.cbs.com/shows/late_show/video/AJ7UrdlqI87GTU4_CrstBjqXNyhuqMcO/david-letterman-selena-gomez-on-justin-bieber/)

Angelina Jolie received a hunk of attention for her double mastectomy to prevent breast cancer. The media couldn't quit talking about it. When was the last time a men's issue got that much positive attention? Ever?

In another health issue, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is currently showing two different television ads highlighting gynecological cancers. I would think the CDC would highlight health problems of a more general nature. But if the CDC is going to focus on cancer, why would both ads be on women's cancers? After all, the number of cancer deaths are about ten percent higher in men than in women. Yet men do not rate even one ad.

Several of the items in the list below also spark another question. Why is it that women-only events are acceptable, but women will complain and kill any men-only activities?

(+x) --- indicates the number of other news stories on this subject during the week, or additional times a commercial aired.

- SciGirls television program on PBS.
- Book review on a local government cable channel of Her: A Memoir, a book concerning female twins.
- A discussion on First Ladies--Lucy Hayes on C-Span.
- During Ring of Fire radio program, Robert Kennedy, Jr commented that in Tribalism, women are suppressed, and made into slaves. Also during Ring of Fire, a spokeswoman from a woman's group was quoted. Again, also during Ring of Fire, a discussion of Plan B for teenage girls. (+1)
- Girlcode television program on MTV.
- Discussion of the double mastectomy by Angelina Jolie (+25).
  Segment on the local TV news on the
- Forsythe Breast Cancer Test (for women only).
- "Women couldn't contain themselves" during Prince Harry's visit to the U.S. (+2).
- Long Interview with the maker of the movie The Invisible War, concerning sexual abuse of women in the military (+22).
- NY Times: Obama defends ObamaCare as "particularly beneficial to women" (+1).
- NY Times: conflict over how women dress at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.
- Local women's shelter holds benefit auction and dinner.
- Local bike club sponsors "Belle On Wheels" for women---fashions and bicycling. Same bike club also sponsors two "Bicycle Maintenance for Women" classes the following week.
- "Victory Over Violence" Luncheon benefit for local domestic violence organization.
- Local senior center holds the benefit "Ladies Spring Tea"-- in Victorian dress.
- Local YWCA holds leadership breakfast to benefit homeless women.
- Local shoe store holds shoe drive to benefit YWCA's Back to Work Boutique.
- Relay For Life Boob Tour sponsors benefit auction and stand-up comedians against breast cancer.
- Local Tennis Club sponsors tournament to benefit Komen Foundation (breast cancer).
- Local Pilates Class benefits the YWCA.
- Benefit for Female Advocacy for Music Education.
- "Can Women Have It All?" panel on C-Span.
- A Moms Against Guns rally featured on local news (I guess dads don't care).
- During a panel on ABC's This Week, a commentator remarked that civilization is determined by how women are treated. Also on This Week, a discussion of how women juggle work and family.
  Again, also on This Week, a Congresswoman remarked that the House floor finally had a women's bathroom, but without a changing table.
- A discussion on The Chris Matthews Show of the risks of criticizing female political candidates.
- Interview of woman saved by Seal Team Six in Somalia on 60 Minutes-- a man was also rescued but barely mentioned (+2).
- NY Times: 2-page ad for donations for Hunter College Mother's Day Scholarship Fund for women.
- Today Show: billionaire inventor of Spanx, the first woman to join the Gates Foundation, pledged half of her fortune to help women.
- Women in Government radio ad concerning urinary incontinence in women.
- The Last Word: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg complained Roe v. Wade was physician-based, not woman-based.
- Women's Shelter poster at the local library.
- Mother 2 Mother poster (mentoring teenage mothers) also at local library.
- Go Red For Women radio ad concerning heart disease in women.

"Women and the Workplace" discussion with Eleanor Smeal on C-Span.

- CDC TV ad showing woman who had ovarian and uterine cancer-- "I got better" (+2).
- CDC TV ad on gynecological cancers (+2).
- "A Holistic View of Feminism" lecture on a local campus.
- CBS news: Syrian refugees selling their daughters into marriage to get money.
- Mandy Drury of CNBC exposes her breasts (+7).
- Women protest against Abercrombie & Fitch because they have no sizes bigger than 10 (+1).
- Kelly Ayotte ad-- only a Mom can strengthen our safety
- Good Morning America--classes for men to teach them how to blow out their wives' hair.
- Today Show--"Professionals" discuss whether men should use cosmetics (all three say no) (this is the one pander to men).
- Downtown sponsors "Ladies Night Out" where businesses offer specials and promotions to benefit local women's groups.
- Women in North Carolina dress in 60's outfits to protest regressive contraceptive policies.
- Today Show: medical tests women should consider.
- Local TV news carries segment on domestic violence against women.
- Local TV ad for Komen Race for the Cure (breast cancer).
- Today Show: segment on the Stiletto Network, for women in business.
- NPR: interview of author of Homeward Bound, book concerning women facing a new domesticity.
- Local college newspaper had an article on Lulu, a phone app for women that allows them to rate men.
- A run/walk for women is held at a nearby state park, proceeds benefit domestic violence organizations.
- Local college has Women’s Empowerment and Violence Education group
- Local woman named Volunteer of the Month for her work on human sex trafficking and its effects on women.
- Local college has Women of Color Empowerment Dinner

This list is just the blatant stuff. Much of the pandering to women is much more subtle. Most stock photos are of women. Leaf through advertising flyers, store catalogs, college catalogs, magazines, etc., and you'll find most of the pictures are of women and girls. View any magazine rack and you'll find women on almost all of the covers. News people seem to go out of their way to find women to interview or highlight. An example of this occurred during the 60 minutes TV show during this week. The segment focused on a class to help returning veterans. As far as I could tell, the class was made up of 3 women and 24 men. Two of the women were highlighted in the segment along with 3 of the men.

The media also seem to have a female victim du jour, usually a pretty white woman. The three kidnapped women in Cleveland served this purpose during this week. Certainly, these victims deserved much attention for the horribleness of the crimes against them. But male victims and not-so-attractive or non-white female victims also deserve attention, but rarely receive it. And the brothers of Ariel Castro did not deserve the negative attention they received-- the media are quick to find bad guys. The media also extensively interviewed Elizabeth Smart (see paragraph above).

The only time female criminals seem to receive any media attention, however, is when they are attractive. This explains the media circus around Jodi Arias. Then again, maybe the media just want to celebrate a woman who horribly murdered a man.

It's a Woman's World. Men are second-class members, on a good day.

SAVE: Last Call for Lobbying

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So, you're thinking about attending SAVE's 2013 conference on false allegations, "Celebrating our Progress," but you're just not sure? Did you know that conference attendees can request to join a SAVE team for a day of lobbying?

We'll be lobbying Congress on Friday, June 21. Then we'll head over to McPherson Square for dinner and a Skype call with Erin Pizzey, founder of the abuse shelter movement.

You can request to join a lobbying team, even if you've never lobbied before. There will be a mandatory orientation conference call June 12. And we'll meet Friday morning to go over last minute details.

Visit SAVE for more info: http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp/annual-conference-2013/
Register for the conference: http://celebratingourprogress.eventbrite.com/

Once you've registered, let me know by June 10th that you want to lobby: tstoddard-at-saveservices.org

I'm looking forward to this, are you?

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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The new F-word - Father

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Article here. Kathleen Parker makes an effort at defending dads and men. Could be stronger but she raises good points. But I always wonder: Are some women really so morally arrogant they believe they're only ones necessary to human existence? Excerpt:

'News that women increasingly are the leading or sole breadwinner in the American family has resurrected the perennial question: Why do we need men?
...
My argument that men should be saved is that, despite certain imperfections, men are fundamentally good and are sort of pleasant to have around. Most women still like to fall in love with them; all children want a father no matter how often we try to persuade ourselves otherwise. If we continue to impose low expectations and negative messaging on men and boys, future women won't have much to choose from.

We are nearly there.

The Pew Research Center recently found that four in 10 American households with children under age 18 include a mother who is either the primary breadwinner or the sole earner (quadruple the share in 1960). The latter category is largely owing to the surge in single-mother households.'

Inmate: Jodi Arias 'an amazing person'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former prosecutor Nancy Grace went to the Estrella Jail and spoke with six female inmates like the ones she once locked away. The women opened up about their fellow inmate, Jodi Arias.

...

“She likes to sing,” said Rosa Leon, a pregnant mother accused of first-degree aggravated assault.

“Yeah, she sings really good,” added accused murderer Stephanie Conley.

“She’s an amazing person,” Key said.

...

Nancy Grace: I know, but why did she have to stab Travis Alexander nine times in the back?

“She was angry,” Key said.

“Nobody knows the real story though. Nobody does. Only God and her and the man that’s dead,” said Dean.'

Baileys Women's Fiction Prize: Another Landmark in Literary Sexism

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Article here. There is a literature prize in the UK that is only open to women. In the UK more books are published by women than men. The highest earning writer in the UK is female. There is no separate literature competition for men. In the past the prize was sponsored by a mobile phone company. Some men have boycotted the phone company. The prize is now being sponsored by Diageo, the multi-national drinks company. I, for one, will avoid products of this company until men are allowed to enter the competition. They have many products!

'Monday marked another landmark day for sexism in literature. The prize formerly known as the Orange Prize for Fiction, which is currently without sponsorship, has picked up a new funding partner. From 2014 - 2016, the £30,000 award will be known as the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction.
...
Sadly, I see what she means. From a branding perspective, the match is a good one. Both the prize and the drink stand for similar values. Both tell us that women need special treatment - that we are not worthy of standing alongside our male counterparts in either our writing or our drinking.

What this union achieves is a triumph of sexism, exacerbating the perceived differences between men and women and pushing us further away from the state of equality some of us long to achieve.'

Jury's "female discount" standard applies clearly

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Well, IMHO, anyway. In fact it looks to me like both parties got off way too lightly. Still, the drunk female driver will likely walk with time served. The male one, probably 10 years. Meanwhile, a perfectly sober law-biding citizen is dead. Justice served here? Not in my opinion. Not by a long shot. Here is the story. Excerpt:

'A Monroe County Court jury on Tuesday held a Penfield man accountable for driving recklessly last summer and causing the death of 40-year-old Heather Boyum.
...
After 11 hours of deliberation that spanned two days, Scerbo's verdict was announced before a packed court room of Boyum's family, friends, lawyers and police officials. The news came about 21 hours after a different jury cleared Scerbo's ex-girlfriend Megan Merkel of second-degree manslaughter and second-degree vehicular manslaughter, both felonies, in connection with the same fatal crash.
...
Eric Boyum, Heather's husband, said he was disappointed by both verdicts. He said he appreciated that jurors found both Scerbo and Merkel guilty of some charges and blamed Scerbo for his wife's death, but "it just wasn't enough."
...
Scerbo and Merkel, 24, of Ontario, Wayne County, had both faced numerous charges in connection with the July 29 death of Boyum, a mother, wife, triathlete and teacher. Neither had a valid driver's license.

On Monday night, Merkel was cleared of the felony charges and was released from the Monroe County Jail. A jury convicted her of driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor, and two traffic infractions.'

NY Governor proffers Women's Equality Act

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Announcement here. Looks like the governor has drunk the Wage Gap Kool-Aid. No one ever bet wrong however pandering politically to women as a group. At least, not so far. I do wonder when there'll be a similar Act addressing such things as paternity fraud, protections for men against false accusations, equal rights around child custody, reproductive rights, etc.? Maybe he'll announce that next month? (ROTFL!) Well, New York men can dream, I suppose. Excerpt:

'Today, Governor Cuomo, joined by members of the Women's Equality Coalition, introduced legislation to end discrimination and inequality based on gender and to restore New York as a leader in women's rights.

This Women's Equality Act includes the following 10 points:

- Achieve Pay Equity
- Stop Sexual Harassment in All Workplaces
- Allow for the Recovery of Attorneys' Fees in Employment and Credit and Lending Case
- Strengthen Human Trafficking Laws
- Prohibit Employers from Denying Promotions or Hiring Based on Family Status
- Prevent Landlords from Denying Housing to Qualified Tenants Based on Source of Rent Funds
- Stop Housing Discrimination for Victims of Domestic Violence
- Stop Pregnancy Discrimination Once and For All
- Protect Victims of Domestic Violence by Strengthening Order-of-Protection Law
- Protect a Woman's Freedom of Choice'

"American Secret: The Circumcision Agenda": A film by Francelle Wax

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“American Secret” is a film about an outdated medical practice, but at core the film is an examination of how memes proliferate, how ideas spread, and how thought patterns take hold.

The film also explores questions we rarely ask ourselves, such as how we decide what we’re going to think about, what we’re going to reconsider, what we’re going to resist, and what we aren’t. The film’s overarching questions being: “How do we come to believe what we believe?” and “What role do reason and fact play in establishing or changing our beliefs?”

The feminist campus as antiwoman

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Article here. Excerpt:

'AS NEW college graduates across America — nearly 6 out of 10 of them female — collect their diplomas, this is a good time to ponder what today's university teaches young women, and men, about gender and society. Many generations of feminists fought for equal education, starting in an era when it was widely believed that higher learning for women was not just unnecessary but harmful. It is a battle that, by any standard, has been a brilliant success. But some feminist ideologues seem determined to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.
...
The academy is a place to discuss and explore ideas — which makes the intellectual corruption of campus feminism especially unfortunate. Unlike many conservatives, I believe there are still important ideas and issues to explore when it comes to gender equality, from work-family balance to attitudes toward sexuality to stereotyped media images. But for such discussion to be productive, it must be free of dogma, committed to fact, and open to different sides of complex issues. And it must be willing to recognize that not all gender-based biases disadvantage women, or are perpetuated by men.'

Young: Women aren't the only victims of hate speech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When I appeared on a Huffington Post Live Web TV panel in late May with two of the campaigners, Jaclyn Friedman of Women, Action and the Media, and Laura Bates of the Everyday Sexism Project, they asserted that women were being driven from Facebook by rampant misogyny. But evidence of this exodus is lacking: Last year, women made up 57 percent of Facebook users, same as three years earlier.
...
This shows that in mainstream American culture, abuse of women is universally -- and rightly -- abhorred. On the HuffPost Live panel, Friedman asserted that misogyny is our society's last acceptable form of hate speech. But that applies far more accurately to male-bashing. A Facebook page titled "Beating up your boyfriend to keep him in line" had more than 16,000 "likes," while the pages targeted by the activists (such as "Kicking your girlfriend in the fanny because she won't make you a sandwich") had at most a dozen or two.

The issue goes beyond Facebook. Earlier this year, the satirical website The Onion ran a fake interview in which rapper Chris Brown lamented the breakup of his relationship with singer Rihanna (whom he had previously assaulted) by expressing regret that he would not get to kill her. Many feminists took offense -- even though the piece was clearly meant to condemn abuse. The same issue of The Onion ran a parody in which Jenny Sanford, ex-wife of South Carolina's former Gov. Mark Sanford, praised lax gun laws with the clear implication that she intended to shoot her adulterous ex-husband. No outcry ensued.'

Barnicle: Women 'Better Balanced, Have Better Judgment' Than Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Looks like Mike Barnicle's not going to let anyone get to his PC-left when it comes to women.

On today's Morning Joe, Barnicle claimed that "a lot of men . . . fear the fact—and I think it's a fact—that women are better balanced than men. They have better judgment about things than a lot of men." Barnicle's comment during a discussion about the statement made yesterday by Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant that the decline in educational outcomes for children today is due to the entry of women into the workforce.

Could an expert of feminism and political correctness kindly enlighten us? Is it more PC to say that women and men are identical, or are sex-specific differences OK to acknowledge? If the latter, is there anything other than brute strength at which it would be safe for Barnicle to suggest that men might be better than women?'

Barbara Kay: Calling all male bashers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In alarmed response to emerging “men’s rights awareness” groups (MRA) on a number of Canadian campuses, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), a union body representing some 500,000 students, seeks to amend its “Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women on Campus” policy.

The CFS rejects any need of formal fellowship around specifically male issues, alleging MRA groups’ real purpose is to promote “misogynist, hateful views” and to “justify sexual assault.” Simon Fraser University’s recently inaugurated $30,000-funded men’s centre, for example, was demonized as a place to “celebrate hegemonic masculinity.”'

Video: Most Democratic Mayoral Candidates Are Against Snip-N-Suck Circumcision Consent Forms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this month, the candidates fighting to become the next mayor weighed in on the controversial circumcision consent form that requires parents to sign a waiver before their infant can undergo the "metzitzah b'peh" ritual—the circumcision practice in which a mohel sucks the blood from a freshly snipped foreskin. Most of them seemed to be for the basic consent forms (which only informs parents of potential risk—it doesn't prevent them from having the ritual performed if they want), but mayoral candidates tend to have a slippery way with words. And it seems most of the democratic candidates are now AGAINST the consent forms, as you can see in the video below.

Christine Quinn was the only candidate who was in favor of keeping the consent forms, although she did criticize the Bloomberg administration (and by extension, the Board Of Health) for how they handled introducing the forms, which seems like she's trying to have her cake and eat it too. As Failed Messiah noted, the other candidates all "hemmed and hawed" their answers, either saying firmly that they'd get rid of it (John Liu) or just being vague to appease the ultra-Orthodox Haredi in the audience.'

HuffPo: Stay-At-Home Fathers Don't Care for Children

Matt · 6 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If we're reading an article about heroic working moms "doing it all" both at work and at home, but still losing custody to fathers who apparently do nothing all day long, then it's a good bet we're reading the Huffington Post. And sure enough, we are here (Huffington Post, 6/1/13).

This time it's family attorney Lisa Helfend Meyer whose piece utterly misrepresents the known facts about child custody, who gets it and why. In the finest HuffPo tradition, 90% of her article is nothing but a series of unsupported assertions that would embarrass an 8th-grader. But Meyer's goal is to paint working mothers as, in some way, shorted by divorce courts. Of course nothing could be further from the truth, so I emailed Meyer to learn her sources. Er, no word on that as yet.'

Utah adoption law provision discriminates against men, attorney claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An attorney for an unmarried father asked the Utah Supreme Court on Monday to find unconstitutional a provision in the state's adoption law that requires unwed biological fathers to file a sworn affidavit in addition to initiating a court paternity action and registering a paternity notice with the state.

Scott B. Wiser, attorney for William E. Bolden, said the affidavit is duplicative, redundant and unnecessary, and discriminates against unmarried fathers since unmarried mothers are not required to provide similar assurances about how they will care for and support a child.'

"Would You Want a House Husband?"

Matt · 6 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Surprise! Many women aren't interested in supporting stay-at-home dads! Who'da thunk it?! Article here. Excerpt:

'But maybe career women don't want house husbands? A new study suggests that a significant minority of women don't want to work to support a man….

Vivia Chen on The Careerist cites a study from Salary.com that suggests women are not particularly willing to be sugar mamas:
...
...In fact, more than one-quarter of women (26 percent) said they flat-out refuse to even entertain the notion of working full-time while supporting a husband who stays home and takes care of the kids and house. That's compared to just 8 percent of men who said they would refuse the request of their spouse to stay at home.'

Men Face Higher Risk of Infections Related to Health Care

Minuteman · 6 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Women are less likely to develop infections related to receiving health care than men, according to a large new study.

After examining thousands of cases involving hospitalized patients, researchers found that women were at much lower risk for bloodstream infection and surgical-site infection than men. The study authors suggested that their findings could help health care providers reduce men's risk of these infections.

...

The study, recently published online in the Journal of General Internal Medicine, revealed that the odds of developing a community-associated bloodstream infection were 30 percent higher among men. Meanwhile, the researchers found a 60 percent higher risk among men for health care-associated bloodstream infections as well as for surgical-site infections.

Biological differences between men and women's skin may play a role in men's increased risk for infection.'

NPO: Illinois' 'Right of First Refusal' Unanimously Passes Both Houses

Matt · 6 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In an historic move, Illinois unanimously passed the 'Right of First Refusal' on May 22, 2013 (HB2992, 98th Session). Illinois becomes the first state to explicitly call for consideration of the 'Right of First Refusal' in a parenting plan or court order. It will be added as Section 602.3 to the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. The bill is currently on the Governor Pat Quinn's desk for his expected signature.

Currently, Massachusetts has similar legislation pending to Increasing Parental Involvement with Childcare, HB1343. Also, Indiana and Utah both have legislation which provides a similar opportunity, but does not explicitly call for such consideration.

'Right of First Refusal' is a guarantee that anytime a parent needs someone to watch the children, they must ask the other parent first. This gives a parent the opportunity to watch the children when the other parent has them.'

Majority of sexual assaults and rapes committed in military in 2011 were against men

Matt · 7 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Of the estimated 19,000 reported sexual assaults and rapes in the armed forces last year, the majority were actually committed against men.

Men are assaulted at a lower rate — 1% of servicemen reported being attacked by a comrade last year versus 4.4% of women — but that still translates to more than 10,000 cases compared with 9,000 attacks on female recruits and officers.
“This is the supersilent epidemic,” said Dr. Curt Dill, chief of emergency medicine at the Manhattan VA, who recently opened a safe haven for female vets to get help for military sexual trauma.
...
The media have mostly focused on sexual crimes against women, but Matthews said abuse in the military is “not a gender issue but a human rights issue.”
“It’s rampant and nobody knows about it,” he added. “Our government has to change the laws to make the perpetrators and commanders accountable.”'

False rape allegations affect police, the community and future victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

In the past year there have been at least three times where someone reported a rape or abduction in our area, which turned out to be false.
...
Sergeant Shawki Lacey is with the Susquehanna Township Police Department. He says falsely reporting a crime not only effects the person accused and the alleged victim, but it takes a toll on the community as well.

"It causes an uproar in the community, no one wants crime in their community, especially crimes of violence against persons," Sergeant Shawki Lacey, Susquehanna Township Police Department.

When someone reports a fake crime, that also takes police away from real crimes they could be investigating.'

UK: Woman, 31, falsely claimed two men broke into her house and raped her after selecting their profiles from Facebook

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who falsely accused two strangers of raping her in a bid to win back her boyfriend has escaped jail.

In an attempt to garner sympathy from her partner, Linsey Attridge, 31, claimed the two men broke into her house in Aberdeen and attacked her.

She even punched herself in the face and ripped her own clothing to make her story seem more credible.

Attridge then spent three days trawling social networking sites so she could hand over profiles of the men she claimed were responsible to police.

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The two men were detained, questioned and had to undergo forensic and medical examinations because of her claims.'

India: Police knowingly filing false rape cases, alleges Dalit activist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Police inactivity over “false cases of rape and assault” filed by a young woman against her mother and uncle came to the fore at the monthly Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe meeting held here on Sunday.

Speaking at the meeting held at the office of superintendent of police, S.P. Anand, a Dalit activist, said more than two months ago, a 22-year-old woman, belonging to an OBC (Other Backward Classes) community, filed cases at the Venoor Police Station against her mother Sunanda and her uncle Shamappa, who had, using force, disallowed her from having an affair with Manoj (45), a daily wage worker who has a wife and children in Kerala.
...
He alleged that even though the police knew the complaint was false, they filed a case, forcing the economically-backward family to seek bail. “They can’t afford the bond, and the court fees,” said the activist.'

As sexual harassment ‘blueprint’ restricts verbal conduct: Things Not To Say On Campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is at best, badly written, and at worst, as the campus-individual-rights organization FIRE suggests, a disturbing expansion of suggested campus speech restrictions.
...
Verbal conduct? Isn’t there another word for that? It’s on the tip of my tongue. Oh yes– “Speech.”

The “blueprint” also rejects the University’s “reasonable person” standard for sexual harassment, which makes things even more confusing.

Good news for English majors — the reading list just got a lot shorter. The list of books to which an unreasonable person might object because of their “verbal conduct” when it came to sex is — that’s pretty much the syllabus right there.'

Amherst President Weighs Fraternities In Tackling Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"It is possible that in any group of male students -- sports teams, fraternities or even all-male suites -- we will find exaggerated enactments of 'masculinity,'" the board wrote. "Unless every student recognizes and understands their own behavior, this phenomenon will perpetuate itself until a ‘herd mentality’ leads to offensive acts by the members of the association."

Lynn Phillips, a communication lecturer at the nearby University of Massachusetts-Amherst, said fraternities perpetuate "the notions of masculinity set out to make men feel like they have to conquer.”'

Myths about male childhood sexual assault survivors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many of us have accepted the myth that males cannot be victims of sexual assault. Even in our enlightened age, society still dictates that boys and men need to be tough, that to be considered "weak" is a disgrace and to have been let themselves be put in a powerless position is shameful. It is what boys are taught about being "real men "and boys are taught very young that they are expected to be able to protect themselves. The fact is men and boys can be victims of sexual assault. Research shows that 1 in 6 men have experienced unwanted or abusive sexual experiences before they reached age 18. Males, like females, experience lasting effects and emotional pain as a result of being victimized. Yet, male survivors of sexual abuse rarely receive the attention that females do. While we understand that any kind of victimization is traumatic and life changing, survivors of male childhood sexual abuse may face the greatest challenges. Boys often continue to blame themselves long into adulthood but the burden of being that "real man" often prevents them from seeking help.

Whether you agree with that definition of masculinity or not, we can all agree that boys are not men. They are children. They are weaker and more vulnerable than those who sexually abuse or exploit them, the perpetrators who use their greater size, strength and knowledge to manipulate or coerce boys into unwanted sexual experiences and staying silent. Usually this is done from a position of authority such as a coach, teacher, or religious leader or status such as an older cousin, admired athlete, or social leader. Perpetrators of child sexual abuse use whatever means are available to reduce resistance from young boys and teens such as attention, special privileges, money or other gifts, promises or bribes, even outright threats; whatever advantage can be taken to use a child for sexual purposes. Sexual abuse is never the child's fault.'

Australia: Request that MHIRC's funding be renewed

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Petition here. Excerpt:

'Men take their own lives at four times the rate of women (that's five men a day, on average). Accidents, cancer and heart disease all account for the majority of male deaths (http://www.menshealthweek.org.au/En/Pages/ee4d91/Why-Men-s-Health.aspx)

MHIRC focuses particularly on the health status of marginalised or disadvantaged males - this includes populations such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, unemployed men, separated men, incarcerated men, new dads and other males who may find themselves at risk of increased stress and therefore poorer health outcomes.'

Canada: Martinuk: Man-hating hits a new low on campuses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's been a steady rise in the number of stories and academic studies suggesting men need help. Boys are falling behind early in the education process and are far more likely to drop out of high school than girls. Far too many boys are being raised without fathers; and gay men are bullied.

Yet Canadian campuses focus on women's studies, where courses are geared to radicalizing women and making marriage, children and men into interlopers who exist only to prevent women from attaining their goals. But while women are indoctrinated in their all-encompassing rights, legitimate academic discussions that relate to the above issues are being unfairly silenced.

...

The problem is that the CFS and campus women's groups have provided no evidence to support their claims. Sadly, most so-called gains by women on campus have been won by making irrational claims of an environment of hate and using fear to sell the blatantly false notion that all men are misogynists and rapists.'

RaiseForWomen Charity Initiative Highlights Men's Roles In Empowering Women, Girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The HuffPost RaiseForWomen competition, which comes to a close on Thursday, has received notable support from one specific group -- the fellas.

Members of the initiative, which challenges women-centric nonprofits to raise funds and awareness, discussed on HuffPost Live how men can be champions of women's issues.
...
Warner shared specific initiatives, such as working with coaches to teach young male athletes that violence against women is not acceptable.'

Jose Canseco cleared of sex assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LAS VEGAS -- Police in Las Vegas won't seek criminal charges against former major league slugger Jose Canseco after an investigation of a woman's rape claim, a department spokesman said Friday.
...
Canseco, 48, who went public about the investigation May 22 with postings on Twitter, told The Associated Press that he was victimized by the allegation and he wants to sue his accuser.

"She alleged I drugged her and raped her," Canseco said in a telephone interview. "It was an outright lie. I proved it by taking two lie detector tests. I am the victim here."

Canseco drew intense criticism for posting the woman's name and workplace May 22. Some of the information was later removed, but Canseco told AP that he didn't regret posting it.

"If you have nothing to hide, why hide it?" he said.'

UK: Teacher spared jail for having sex with a pupil after she tells court she was abused when she was a teenager

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A teacher who admitted having sex with a pupil had been abused when she was a teenager, a court heard yesterday.

Eppie Sprung Dawson, 27, was targeted when she was aged between 13 and 18 by a man 29 years her senior, a sheriff was told.

Yesterday, Dawson was told she would escape a custodial sentence after earlier admitting having sex with the 17-year-old boy in the front seat of her car last December.

She will have to return to court to learn her fate next month, but a sheriff told her she had breached a position of trust, although she had not abused anyone.'

Why in 2013 are only teenaged girls immunized against HPV?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, Hollywood actor Michael Douglas announced that his battle with throat cancer was caused by oral sex - or more specifically, the HPV virus frequently contracted through oral sex.

The 68 year-old, who fought a six month battle with the disease from August 2010 until January 2011, initially blamed an indulgent lifestyle of cigarettes and alcohol.

...

However, in the same breath that Angelina Jolie has been lionised for her public honesty, Douglas has been criticised for it. Namely, because it may embarrass his wife, Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Yet, given the fact that Britain's men are living with a ticking HPV time-bomb - and, unlike girls, aren't immunised against it - her pride shouldn't even be a consideration.

Especially as they both have a son. A son who, like every boy in this country, will be ignored when it comes to HPV.'

Australia: Gender wars can't help the Labor cause any more than a quota PM

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While history will record that Julia Gillard was the nation's first female prime minister, it should also record that she was the first quota PM. Gillard will never escape how she came to her job. Labor's 40 per cent gender quota system put Gillard in parliament and her gender helped elevate her to the position of Prime Minister. Alas, her male backers could not have been more wrong to assume that gender would be an ace card with voters in a contest against Tony Abbott. Voters don't give a toss about gender. And when the PM plays the gender card, she reminds voters that merit took a back seat in her career trajectory.

In a neat twist of irony, one of her backers, Victorian senator David Feeney, finds himself in the middle of a vicious gender war over preselection for the Victorian seat of Batman. Likely to lose his Senate seat at the next election, Feeney wants the safe Labor seat vacated by Martin Ferguson. A woman wants it too. Feeney says he is a huge supporter of affirmative action but not in Batman. Ah, the hypocrisy and predictable identity politics as the gender wars kick off again.'

Ed. note: You may get a login challenge to see the entire article. To jump it, use Google to do a search on the first paragraph text and click the link for the first hit.

Please Read This about Boys (Politically Incorrect Warning!)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm a pretty "PC" ("politically correct") guy most of the time. And I don't mean that ironically–I really do think most of what is "PC" is right. But there are areas where I think our contemporary American perception of what is PC is off a bit. As anyone who has visited here often for a long time knows I happen to think the women's movement has achieved great things for women and girls but that the time has come for society to pay more attention to boys and young men (and older men's health). The pendulum has swung in some areas related to sex, gender and social change. In education and health especially girls and women have forged ahead so strongly in such a brief time that most Americans (especially in the media and in education and the health industries) have not caught up and show very little signs of caring for boys and men being left behind.
...
Just the other day I was driving in a major American city and saw a huge non-profit facility called "Girl Start." I have nothing against that. But where is "Boy Start?"

Whenever I talk like this someone accuses me of "backlash" (against the women's movement). Nonsense. I absolutely deny it. I am NOT arguing for LESS attention to girls and women; I am arguing for MORE attention to issues related to boys and young men–employment, education, health, mentoring, etc.'

Male Positive Media: Lowe's TV Spot: "Father's Day"

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Lowe's TV Spot: Father's Day

'Dad has been an architect, teacher, monster buster and more. Celebrate him this Father's Day. Find all you need at Lowe's.'

A good reason to choose Lowe's for hardware.

F4J USA to Hold Fathers' Day Rallies

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Announcement here. Excerpt:

'Our campaign for the reform and awareness of the abuse of many of our Children at the hands of the so called, "Child Protective Services" (CPS). The California State legislature has agreed to audit this agency.

Join us in our campaign for the reform of all Juvenile and Family courts around the nation. Our time is now! Join us in our 6th Annual **Nationwide*** Fatherless Day Rallies at all 50 United States Capitols on June 14, 2013. We are the feet in the street, we are the army of parents fighting for our children's rights.'

Man Mocked for Anguish Over Girlfriend's Abortion

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A common tale is the man who gets a girl pregnant, and then pressures her into having an abortion. For men just looking to screw around and avoid commitment at any cost, abortion is the perfect solution. Abortion allows them to use a woman and then leave her; have sex and still avoid any kind of consequences or responsibility for their actions.

But what about the other side of the coin? The man who grieves at the abortion of his child, who wants to step up and take responsibility and make a commitment, is not often mentioned in the abortion discussion.
...
With that in mind, let's check out this plea for advice, where a man wrote into a newspaper expressing his anguish and hurt over his girlfriend's decision to have an abortion.
...
Another pro-abortion blogger picked up on this plea for advice, though, and her response was slightly more offensive.

"Dear Anonymous,

Unlike you, I can think of something worse than aborting an unborn child: a woman who is unwilling to put her health and future at risk and commit to 18 years of parenthood with a near-stranger so that a grown-ass man doesn't ever have to feel confused or sad about a decision he will never have to make for himself.
..."
...
This reminds me of the upcoming book, "Men on Strike" by Dr. Helen Smith. It seems that men can't win. It's heartbreaking to see a man willing to take responsibility for his actions and be derided for doing so.'

A Joke of a Men's Studies Center

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But the real kicker (and what follows, unlike my first-paragraph attempt at whimsy, is no joke whatsoever) is the list of Advisory Board members. I'll quote the press release in full – and keep in mind, please, that this is a Center supposedly devoted to the study of men, not women: "Members of the Center's advisory board include Gloria Steinem, Martin Duberman, Jane Fonda, Eve Ensler, Carol Gilligan, James Gilligan, Frank Ochberg, Gov. Madeleine Kunin (Vermont), Catharine Stimpson and Hampden-Sydney College President Chris Howard."
...
Every single one of these women has evinced, over the course of her career (and most of these careers have been long ones indeed), a virtually undivided preoccupation with the study of women – not men, who appear in their work only marginally, and then almost exclusively as bullies, oppressors, impediments, encumbrances, annoyances, predators, and, at best, unnecessary appendages, the human equivalent of the vermiform appendix in the sense that they have no known useful function. (Steinem apparently wasn't the first person to say that "a woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle," but she repeated it enough to make people think she'd made it up herself.)
...
If Stony Brook's press release makes for especially depressing reading, it's because the subject of maleness is one that actually deserves serious and objective scholarly attention but in today's politicized, feminism-drenched, male-bashing academy has received next to none. ...'

Ed.: Stony Brook's press release is here.

Mom Killed Baby So Cops Wouldn't Take Him Away, Prosecutors Say

Matt · 9 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'COOK COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTHOUSE — Kimberlynn Bolanos told police that she killed her 5-month-old son to prevent police from taking him away because she smoked crack, prosecutors said.

Bolanos, 21, appeared in Cook County Criminal Court on Friday on charges she murdered Isaac Bolanos. She is charged with stabbing the boy to death in a Lincoln Square motel on May 30.

Assistant State's Attorney Bridget O'Brien said Isaac suffered 21 stab wounds in his head and eight in his chest, and his throat was slashed from ear to ear.'

DOJ web site stats uncorrected after three years

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite the fact that homicides were the fifth leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15-45 in 2008, and despite the fact that homicides include three other categories besides intimate partners, the Attorney General of the United States Eric Holder makes this false claim on the Department of Justice website: “Disturbingly, intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45.” He actually first made that false claim in a speech on August 3, 2009, when he said “Intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45. These statistics are shocking and completely unacceptable.”

In a USA Today op-ed back on February 4, 2011, my AEI colleague Christina Sommers pointed out that it would be shocking and completely unacceptable if it were true, but in fact, it absolutely is not true (see table above). Instead, it’s shocking and completely unacceptable for the attorney general of the United States to spread false statistics that aren’t even remotely close to being true or accurate. ... Disturbingly, a Google search of Holder’s quote "Intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45″ reveals that the false claim now appears on more than 9,000 websites.'

Robyn Urback on shocking anti-male hatred on the Simon Fraser University campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The student union at Simon Fraser University in B.C. has made the apparently contentious decision to finance the creation of a Men's Centre on campus. Motivated, surely, by deep-seated patriarchal values, the union approved a budget of $30,000 to launch the project — the exact same amount conferred on the university's Women's Centre, which was established back in 1974. The idea for the Men's Centre was proposed by fifth-year accounting student Keenan Midgley, who told SFU's student newspaper that he believes men, too, are entitled to safe space on campus.
...
Bravo, students. In your attempt to decry the proposed Men's Centre on all of its supposed merits, you have effectively demonstrated why such a space is so very necessary. At present, there is only one other Canadian campus with an official support centre for men — the Men's Resource Centre at the University of Manitoba. Judging by the crass sociology catch phrases in the aforementioned video, the consensus is that young men don't need community resources or support. That is a myth.'

The School-to-Prison Pipeline

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Article here. Excerpt:

'School officials across the country responded to a surge in juvenile crime during the 1980s and the Columbine High School shootings a decade later by tightening disciplinary policies and increasing the number of police patrolling public schools. One unfortunate result has been the creation of a repressive environment in which young people are suspended, expelled or even arrested over minor misbehaviors — like talking back or disrupting class — that would once have been handled by the principal.

The policies have not made schools safer. However, by criminalizing routine disciplinary problems, they have damaged the lives of many children by making them more likely to drop out and entangling them, sometimes permanently, in the criminal justice system. The policies are also discriminatory: black and Hispanic children are shipped off to court more frequently than white students who commit similar infractions.'

Woman Accuses Teacher Of Taping Her Son To Chair

Matt · 9 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A suburban San Antonio school district said it's reviewing training guidelines after a teacher allegedly duct taped an 8-year-old student to a chair – a year after another teacher was accused of ordering kindergartners to take turns hitting a classmate.

...

Last year, another teacher in the district was fired and indicted for allegedly encouraging 20 students to hit a 6-year-old student who was accused of being a bully.

...

Police are investigating the incident at Woodlake Elementary School. Linscomb said the Bexar County prosecutor's office would review the case once that investigation is complete.'

Pamela Anderson Commercial Sexist...To Men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The banned Pamela Anderson ad has everyone talking about the commercial for its sexist portrayal of women. But what about men?

As previously reported by The Inquisitr, the Pamela Anderson ad was banned in the United Kingdom due to its sexual explicit content.
...
... Sexism goes both ways. Yes, obviously, the portrayal of the two businesswomen was degrading. But is it not also degrading to men to disseminate the stereotype of the man as only being interested in sex and outward appearances?

... A quick google search shows that “women oversee 83 percent of direct consumer spending, own half of all public stock, and make up more than fifty percent of the talent pool.” 30 percent of businesses in the US are also owned by women. So it’s not like a man in any decent sized company would not be used to working with women on a regular basis without his hormones running wild.'

Please lodge anti-circumcision responses with the State Department (re: PEPFAR), Deadline 14 June 2013

Minuteman · 10 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

This is a response to the document "PEPFAR Program Expenditures" [Form Number: DS-4213, OMB Control Number: 1405-0208].

Due to a past lack of oversight by the CDC, the State Department is proposing to require recipients of PEPFAR funds to account for expenditures by program area. This response is in agreement with this requirement, also highlighting the lack of oversight and free-spending culture of the NIH at the time of sponsoring the circumcision trials in Africa (evidenced by the six OIG reports cited), the adverse affects of funding circumcision in Africa (coercion of men and boys to be circumcised, misdirection of scarce medical resources from higher priority health areas), and continuing problems within the CDC raising questions about the ability of the organisation to oversee recipients of federal funds (the more recent OIG report identifying problems in the management of the 'Vaccines for Children' program).

The deadline for submissions is 14 June 2013.

This submission can be made by anybody from any country around the world.

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Optionally, complete as many fields on the left-hand-side as you would like to. Click browse under '3. UPLOAD FILE(S)' to upload the saved document from your harddisk. Click 'Submit'.

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Response to “PEPFAR Program Expenditures” [Form Number: DS-4213, OMB Control Number: 1405-0208]

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to “PEPFAR Program Expenditures” [Form Number: DS-4213, OMB Control Number: 1405-0208]. This response document will briefly address concerns about the ethical, legal and methodological flaws with past research informing aspects of present PEPFAR program areas; concerns about adverse consequences of PEPFAR program areas; and concerns about the absence of oversight of the activities of PEPFAR funding recipients.

Ethical, Legal and Methodological Flaws with Past Research informing present PEPFAR Program Areas

In 2011 and 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General [OIG] published a series of audit reports revealing that throughout fiscal years 2000-2010, the National Institute of Allergy and Infections Diseases [NIAID], did not comply with the time and amount requirements specified in appropriations statutes, in awarding several federal contracts to commercial partners, committing the federal government to tens of millions of dollars of expenditure ahead of appropriation of funds from Congress (OIG 2011a; OIG 2011b; OIG 2011c; OIG 2011d; OIG 2012a; OIG 2012b). During this time, NIAID also funded and sponsored research conducted abroad, that would be unlikely to receive ethical approval to be conducted in the United States,

incorporating the excision of healthy tissue from subjects in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, specifically ClinicalTrials.gov registered trials NCT00059371 and NCT00425984 ['the African circumcision trials'] (NIH 2008; NIH 2007), the methodology, conclusions, ethics and legality of which have been questioned in the professional medical literature (Boyle & Hill 2011; Green et al 2010). Consent forms for the African circumcision trials failed to include then known information, from the professional medical literature, about the importance to mens' sexual health of the prepuce, frenulum, ridged-band and other tissues removed by circumcision (Taylor et al 1996), evidence for which has grown in the years since (Bronselaer et al 2013;Frisch et al 2011; Sorrells et al 2007). In the years following publication of the African circumcision trials, regulatory agencies under the aegis of the Department of Health and Human Services have moved to strengthen protections afforded human research subjects and to increase the rigor with which trials conducted abroad are assessed as a basis for seeking approval of new drugs and medical devices in the U.S. market (FDA 2012; OHRP 2011).

Adverse Consequences of PEPFAR Program Funding Areas

Despite the concerns identified above, the results of the African circumcision trials continue to be used to justify the en masse circumcision of men in Africa using PEPFAR funds and to justify the circumcision of boys and male infants - both in the United States and abroad - in the absence of clear and present immediate medical indications, and in the latter instance, with the tacit endorsement of U.S. government agencies in receipt of PEPFAR program funding (CDC 2011; Llewellyn 2012). In the wake of PEPFAR funding for mass circumcision programs in Africa, local media in the region have reported coercion of men and boys to be circumcised (AFP 2012; Chibaya 2013; Dube 2012; Langa 2012; Mhlanga 2012; Ngwega 2012; Onyango 2012; Towindo 2012) and misdirection of limited medical resources from other priority areas to male circumcision (AHN 2012; Gonzalez 2012).

Absence of Oversight

On the 15 June 2011, the OIG published a report critical of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [CDC's] failure to oversee recipients' use of PEPFAR funds, concluding that the "lack of required documentation demonstrates that CDC has not exercised proper stewardship over Federal PEPFAR funds because it did not consistently follow departmental and other Federal requirements in monitoring PEPFAR recipients" (OIG 2011e). Further investigations by the OIG have also revealed specific failures of the CDC to monitor recipients use of PEPFAR funds in Namibia and South Africa (OIG 2012c; OIG 2012d; OIG 2013) In 2012, the OIG also published a report identifying vulnerabilities in vaccine management in the CDC's domestic 'Vaccines for Children' program (OIG 2012e), suggesting the possibility that more systemic problems may exist within the agency, impacting it's ability to effectively oversee the activities of grantees in receipt of federal funds.

Conclusion

Valid concerns exist about the ethical, legal and methodological flaws with past research informing aspects of present PEPFAR program areas; adverse consequences of PEPFAR program areas; and the absence of oversight of the activities of PEPFAR funding recipients. It is therefore imperative that full and complete disclosure and oversight in the proposed information collection activity take precedence over the CDC's and PEPFAR funding recipients' professed concerns for increased regulatory and administrative 'burden'.

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NY governor continues promulgating wage gap myth

Matt · 10 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

The latest is here. Excerpt:

'Today marks the 50th anniversary of the signing of the federal Equal Pay Act – an occasion that both demonstrates the progress we have made to achieve pay equity and highlights the work that remains to be done to fulfill this mission.

Today in New York, women earn 84 percent of what their male counterparts earn. Over a lifetime, they will earn $500,000 less than men. In 2013, this is unacceptable, and one of the main points the Women's Equality Act that I have proposed works to overcome. It would require employers to base their pay decisions on qualifications and not gender. The legislation also protects an employee's right to share wage information with other employees without being retaliated against and increase damages to successful plaintiffs in pay equity discrimination cases.'

Time to let him know he has his facts wrong. Contact Gov. Cuomo at this page. As always, please be polite and specific. Feel free to include links to numerous debunkifying stories and studies, such as this one. Just Google "wage gap myth debunked", there are tons of them.

UK: Million Children Live In Fatherless Households

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) also says that the number of lone-parent families is increasing by 20,000 a year and will reach more than two million by the time of the 2015 general election.

The CSJ warned of a "tsunami" of family breakdown and accused Government of a "feeble" response to the problem and of turning a blind eye to its commitment to promote family stability.

Some of the poorest parts of the country are becoming "men deserts", the report found, because there are so few visible male role models for children.

Liverpool has one of the highest densities of fatherless households in the country, with eight of the top 20 areas within its boundaries, the report, Fractured Families: Why Stability Matters, found.'

Obama: 'Your Math Is Bad' If You Deny Gender Wage Gap

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Video here.

'President Barack Obama is calling attention to the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act that aimed to eliminate gender wage disparities, making the case for strengthening the law that President John F. Kennedy signed in 1963.'

Women have earned almost 10 million more college degrees than men since 1982

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MP: Just as a thought experiment – imagine the public reaction if the educational degree imbalances of 4.35 million bachelor's degrees and 9.7 million college degrees overall favored men, and not women? I don't think it would be an exaggeration to say that a college degree imbalance that large in favor of men would be considered a "national crisis." College degree disparities, when women are over-represented, never seem to be much of a concern. And with those enormous gender imbalances in higher education favoring women, do we really need hundreds of women's centers on college campuses all over the country, women's only study lounges, and female-only campus housing for STEM degrees?

Bottom Line: The reality is that the concern about gender imbalances and gender equity in higher education is very selective, imbalanced and inequitable – there is only concern when women are under-represented and never any concern when men are under-represented. There likely won't be any commencement addresses this year lamenting the huge gender disparities in college degrees over the last 30 years, which is now approaching 10 million on a cumulative basis. Instead, it would be much more likely that we'll hear about female under-representation in certain fields like engineering, physics and computer science. The selective concern about gender disparities continues.'

Is this legal? No men are allowed in MSU's Women's Lounge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There are very few places on MSU's campus that aren't open to everyone, but one of them is the Women's Lounge inside the [student] Union.

Tina Timm, an assistant professor in the College of Social Sciences, feels the lounge is outdated. "This will probably get me in trouble with my feminist friends but it doesn't make sense to me to have that in this day in age," Timm said. "If there was a lounge or study area specifically for men, I think there would be a lot of push back."

Patricia Lowrie, director of the Women's Resource Center, said the needs the lounge serves have changed with society. Getting rid of the private space would be equivalent to saying women's needs that are currently being served by the lounge are irrelevant, Lowrie said.
...
MP: According to the Title IX portion of the Education Amendments of 1972, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Wouldn't a women-only lounge that discriminates against men be in violation of Title IX? Or since Michigan State is required to provide gender equality for its athletic programs, wouldn't Title IX require that MSU provide equivalent space on its campus for a men-only lounge?'

Bridging the male education gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the ongoing discussion of how to boost the education and skill levels of the American workforce, one central issue is rarely addressed: the gap between male and female achievement. The reality is that the slowdown in U.S. educational gains is predominantly a male affair, and one that drags down the overall competitiveness of our workforce and workers' ability to land (or create) good jobs.

To get more Americans working and set economic growth back on track, we need to understand what's going on with men in education.

Despite rising college costs and the many other challenges facing America's schools, women have made extraordinary strides in education. They have overtaken men in high school and college completion in the last few decades, earning 58% of bachelor's degrees and 62% of postsecondary occupational certificates.'

SAVE: Most Americans Doubt Fairness of Criminal Justice System, Reveals Center for Prosecutor Integrity

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WASHINGTON / June 11, 2013 – A public opinion survey reveals a substantial majority of persons harbor doubts about the effectiveness of the American criminal justice system. The nationwide survey reveals a crisis of confidence in our nation's legal system, says the non-profit Center for Prosecutor Integrity.

The presumption of innocence is a bedrock principle of the American legal system. But two-thirds (66.8%) of the survey respondents believe the presumption of innocence is becoming lost in our nation's legal system.

Equal treatment is promised by the 14h Amendment to the Constitution. But three-quarters (74.8%) believe our legal system often does not follow the rule of 'equal treatment under the law.'

Prosecutors occupy a central role in the criminal justice system, but over two-fifths (42.8%) say prosecutor misconduct is widespread. Strong majorities of persons say most cases of prosecutor misconduct are kept hidden from the public (71.4%), and similar numbers say prosecutors who commit misconduct are almost never punished (73.5%).

A previous survey found one in 10 persons reported they had been falsely accused of domestic violence, sexual assault, or child abuse: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/survey/ False allegations undermine the rule of law, squander limited criminal justice resources, and weaken the credibility of victims, CPI believes.

"These stunning findings show the American criminal justice system has come off its moorings," notes CPI spokesman Phillip Holman. "Lawmakers must grapple with the fact that over-criminalization and lack of prosecutor accountability have weakened the very legitimacy of our legal system in the eyes of many."

The telephone interviews were conducted June 3-5, 2013. An average of 993 persons answered each of the survey questions. The sampling frame comes from voter registration records in 47 states; as such, the survey is not fully representative. More information about the survey findings and methods can be seen here: http://www.saveservices.org/prosecutors/survey/

The Center for Prosecutor Integrity, a project of S.A.V.E., is working to preserve the presumption of innocence, assure equal treatment under law, and bring an end to wrongful convictions: www.prosecutorintegrity.org

Woman reports on intactivist movie progress

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When you grow up with the reality that your ancestors were persecuted in just about every place in which they tried to settle, and found to be on the the wrong side of the law just a tad too often, you come to appreciate that cultural embrace and legal status are weak litmus tests for determining whether someone or something is good or ethical. ...
...
Today, I am working to complete my first documentary, “American Secret: The Circumcision Agenda.” The film explores why circumcision became so popular in the U.S., as well as the cultural and economic incentives that perpetuate its practice. ...
...
At first my mom was nervous about the prospect of any Jewish ritual becoming criminalized. My sister was kind of eye-rolly, and had a "circumcised men enjoy sex” and “this is not a pressing issue" attitude. To his credit, my dad pretty much agreed that circumcision is an antiquated blood ritual.
...
Francelle Wax, 32, has overseen production coordination on political media campaigns and for historical documentaries. She has traveled four continents and lived in London, Washington, DC, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, and Berkeley, California. "American Secret: The Circumcision Agenda" is her first film.'

Bridgeport woman charged in crushing death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BRIDGEPORT -- A city woman is accused of killing a former lover with her car.

Cherelle Baldwin, 21, of Ash Street in Bridgeport, was arrested Monday and charged with the murder of Jeffrey Brown, 24, and is being held on a $1 million bond.

In the early morning hours of May 18, Baldwin plowed into Brown with a red Pontiac G6, crushing him to death against a garage's cinder-block wall, police said. Brown died of blunt force trauma injuries.

"There was a significant impact when he was struck," said William Kaempffer, spokesman for the Bridgeport Police Department. "The vehicle pushed in the cinder-block wall more than 10 inches."'

Man Murdered With Stiletto Heel: Police

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Houston woman is being accused by authorities of stabbing a man to death with a stiletto heel in a high-rise condo.

KHOU-TV reports that 44-year-old Ana Lilia Trujillo is facing a murder charge.

Houston police investigators say officers responded to an assault in progress call at the condo just before 4 a.m. Sunday. At the scene, officers found Trujillo, who showed them the body of a 59-year-old man. He was found in a hallway between the entryway and the kitchen. Police say Trujillo was the only person in the condo when officers arrived.'

Australian Minister for Indigenous Health: "51 More Men's Sheds to Benefit from Grants"

Minuteman · 12 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon announced today that 51 more Men's Sheds in communities across Australia will receive funding to upgrade their facilities or buy new equipment and tools.
...
Across Australia, 51 Men's Sheds will share in $125,000 worth of funding to assist with the cost of upgrading facilities, purchasing tools and work equipment and improving disability access.
...
Under its National Male Health Policy, the Government funds the Australian Men's Shed Association to run the Shed Development Program, which includes $250,000 a year over three years to directly assist Men's Sheds, plus $125,000 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander shed activities.'

Hillary's State Department Irony

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Well as we know, Hillary Clinton is no longer the US Secretary of State. But recall that one of the imperatives of her administration of the State Dept. was to work to end the sexual exploitation of women and girls. Just one article here goes:

'Clinton says preventing the exploitation and marginalization of girls is no longer an afterthought but a core foreign policy objective of the United States, which is co-sponsoring a Security Council resolution on the issue next week.'

This is a good aim. But contrast this with this recent piece of news:

'WASHINGTON — A State Department whistleblower has accused high-ranking staff of a massive coverup — including keeping a lid on findings that members of then-Secretary Hillary Clinton's security detail and the Belgian ambassador solicited prostitutes.

A chief investigator for the agency's inspector general wrote a memo outlining eight cases that were derailed by senior officials, including one instance of interference by Clinton's chief of staff, Cheryl Mills.

Any mention of the cases was removed from an IG report about problems within the Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS), which provides protection and investigates crimes involving any State Department workers overseas.
...
* A DS agent was called off a case against US Ambassador to Belgium Howard Gutman over claims that he solicited prostitutes, including minors.'

So such is one prominent political feminist figure's actual commitment to "ending the sexual exploitation of women and girls." But assume for a moment none of the allegations are in fact true. Should the investigations have been summarily suppressed before any such conclusion could be drawn? And what if the allegation in particular that some amount of solicitation involved minors? Even if you believe an adult should be perfectly free to choose, without duress, to be a prostitute, few would make the case that even of his or her own free will, a minor should be allowed to be a prostitute, nor anyone be allowed under the law to buy their services.

Canada: "The Black Widow" Strikes Again

charlie · 12 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Named "The Black Widow" by the media, she gets off with another light sentence in what should have been attempted murder. Female charging and sentencing discount in full use here:. Excerpt:

'SYDNEY, Nova Scotia — A 78-year-old Canadian woman dubbed the "Black Widow" was sentenced Tuesday to 3 1/2 years in prison for drugging her newlywed husband.

The sentence for Melissa Ann Shepard, who pleaded Monday guilty to administering a noxious substance and failing to provide the necessities of life, will be reduced to two years and nine months because of time served in pretrial custody. Shepard was charged last year after Fred Weeks fell ill at a bed and breakfast while the couple was on a honeymoon.

An agreed statement of facts says Shepard slipped tranquilizers into the 76-year-old man's coffee and he was later taken to hospital. He survived.'

Whiff of misandry in the air after Gillard raises knotty issue

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday, she played the gender card at the "Women for Gillard" launch. It was taped by the PM's office and sequences made available to the media. We got what she wanted us to get. This is not a media angle; it is the PM's message.

One sequence was "I invite you to imagine it. A prime minister - a man in a blue tie - who goes on holidays to be replaced by a man in a blue tie. A treasurer, who delivers a budget wearing a blue tie, to be supported by a finance minister - another man in a blue tie. Women once again banished from the centre of Australia's political life.'

What is she talking about? Kevin Rudd or Tony Abbott, or is it just plain and simple misandry. Does she want an election between misogyny and misandry?'

"Playing the 'gender card'? As if Julia Gillard has a choice"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday Julia Gillard ignited a "gender war", today, menugate went some way to justify it.

In a progressive world, her gender should not be an issue – but we are a long way off that being an everyday reality. How far off is best illustrated by a photo doing the rounds taken of a menu at a Liberal fundraiser in March this year, which describes a Moroccan quail dish as: “Julia Gillard Kentucky fried quail – small breasts, huge thighs and a big red box Moroccan carrot salad and sumac yoghurt.”

...

Gillard warned the issue of abortion would become the "political plaything of men" if Tony Abbott became prime minister, and invited us to imagine him as a man with a blue tie who goes on holidays to be replaced by another man in a blue tie. It seemed an odd request, even for someone who made their international political mark with her much praised misogyny speech.'

Australia: "Boys shower deaths case: Depressed mums need more help"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE "terrible and very tragic" deaths of two boys who died after their mother left them unattended in a shower for 10 hours highlights the need for more support for mentally ill mothers, the West Australian coroner says.

Coroner Alastair Hope handed down an open finding today in an inquest into the deaths of Lochlan James Stevens, aged two, and Malachi Isaac Stevens, aged 10 months, in November 2008.

But he made no recommendations because there was a lack of evidence from the boys' mother, Miranda Hebble, who claimed to not remember details from the incident.

The inquest heard she left the boys in the shower while she fetched something and fell asleep or passed out for 10 hours.'

“Boys Will Be Boys” in the United States, But Not in Asia, Finds Study Led by Pitt Researcher

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PITTSBURGH—A new study led by a University of Pittsburgh researcher shows there is a gender gap when it comes to behavior and self-control in American children—one that does not appear to exist in children in Asia.

In the United States, according to the study, girls have higher levels of self-regulation than boys. In China, South Korea, and Taiwan, the study found no gender gap when researchers directly assessed the self-regulation of 3-to-6-year-olds. Self-regulation is defined as children’s ability to control their behavior and impulses, follow directions, and persist in completing a task. The results appear in the most recent issue of the journal Early Childhood Research Quarterly.

“These findings suggest that although we often expect girls to be more self-regulated than boys, this may not be the case for Asian children,” said Shannon Wanless, lead author of the study and assistant professor in the Department of Psychology in Education in Pitt’s School of Education.'

MBTA Police: Trio Of Women Threw Bleach, Robbed Man On Train

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BOSTON (CBS) – MBTA Police are searching for three young women who they say threw bleach in the eyes of a bus passenger after robbing him of his money.

The victim was returning home from work early Sunday morning, riding the #28 bus on Blue Hill Avenue through Roxbury, when it seems the trio sized him up.

Officials say one female slapped the man about the head, while one went to work to search him for money.

“One of the women puts her knee on top of his legs so he can’t get up and takes the money from his pockets,” MBTA Superintendent-in Chief Joseph O’Connor told WBZ-TV.

The third suspect tossed the bleach, contained in a water bottle, in his eyes using it as a “cheap weapon,” say police.'

Prosecutors: Mother, Caregiver Killed Autistic Teen To End His Suffering

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Story here. Excerpt:

'RIVER GROVE, Ill. (CBS) – Cook County prosecutors said a west suburban woman and family caregiver planned for at least a week to kill the mother's 14-year-old son, because they believed he wasn't getting sufficient care for his autism.

CBS 2's Mike Puccinelli reports Alex Spourdalakis was found dead from multiple stab wounds on Sunday in the River Grove apartment he shared with his mother and godmother. The two women were found nearby in a semi-conscious state.

His mother, 50-year-old Dorothy Spourdalakis, and his live-in caregiver and godmother, 44-year-old Jolanta Skrodzka, have been charged with first-degree murder. At a bond hearing at the Maywood courthouse on Wednesday, a judge ordered both women held without bail.'

NPO: Modern Fatherhood: No Longer Hapless Dad

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In her article, 5 Sweet Commercials That Really Get Modern Fatherhood, author Jeanne Sager says she became a champion for fathers after she became a mom. There is nothing like having to defend your husband to make you more aware of how American advertising makes men look like hapless dads. Speaking about her husband, Jeanne Sager said, “He’s a man who is every bit as involved in his daughter’s life as I am, and when companies insult him, they’re insulting our whole family dynamic.”

Perhaps these companies, or their advertising agencies read, Fathers’ “Maternal” Instinct Just as Reliable as a Mother’s. New research reveals that, “the amount of time a parent spends with his or her child, not the parent’s gender, has the greatest impact on whether the parent is able to identify the cry of a baby as his or her own.” It appears the long applauded maternal instinct has been “proven” through research focused solely on mothers or research that did not account for the amount of time each parent spent with the child.'

Don't Date Single Moms

MikeJH · 14 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Not so much a news story but some of the best advice I have heard on the Internet: Don't Date Single Moms

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Ed. note: "MGTOW" stands for "Men Going Their Own Way"

SAVE: Accusing U. Launches Radio Campaign to Protect Free Speech on Campus

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PRESS RELEASE

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WASHINGTON / June 14, 2013 – The non-profit Accusing U. is launching a nationwide radio campaign designed to highlight how the recent Obama Administration's sexual harassment mandate represents an unprecedented threat to free speech. The campaign will consist of radio interviews featuring Christina Hoff Sommers, well-known author, columnist, and resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

On May 9, the U.S. Department of Education and Department of Justice unveiled a new campus policy that classifies speech as a form of sexual harassment, enlarges its scope to include any speech that is deemed "unwelcome," and eliminates the reasonable person standard.

The policy applies to all faculty members and over 21 million undergraduate and graduate students at colleges receiving Department of Education funding.

The federal decision has proven to be controversial. Last week the Women's Committee of the American Association of University Professors released a letter expressing concerns about the policy: http://www.saveservices.org/falsely-accused/sex-assault/accusing-u/complaints/

To date, over 85 editorials have been written opposing the decision: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/ded-directive/ded-editorials/ Columnists believe the policy will effectively ban discussion on controversial topics such as AIDS prevention and gay rights, and may require removal of sex-themed classical works from English literature courses.

"The federal policy represents a radical assault on the First Amendment rights of faculty and students alike," explains Accusing U. spokesman Mike Thompson. "And what will happen if a student makes an unwelcome request for a date – will that be construed as sexual harassment?"

The May 9 policy comes on top of a divisive 2011 Dept. of Education mandate requiring colleges to use the weakest preponderance-of-evidence standard in handling allegations of sexual assault. The standard makes false allegations more likely, harming the credibility of victims.

Accusing U. -- www.accusingu.org -- is a project of Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, a victim-advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to domestic violence and sexual assault.

Eating disorders plague teenage boys, too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'High school boys in Los Angeles are twice as likely to induce vomiting or use laxatives to control their weight as the national average, with 5.2% of those surveyed saying they had recently done so, according to the most recent survey data gathered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Los Angeles Unified School District. They are also more likely to have used diet pills, powders or liquids than boys nationwide.

The numbers challenge old assumptions that boys are immune to a problem better known to afflict teenage girls. Girls still exceed boys in fasting to lose weight, but the latest data, from 2011, showed that Los Angeles boys were nearly as likely as girls to purge through vomiting or laxatives. They were also as likely as girls to use diet pills, powders or liquids without the advice of a doctor — 6.2% said they recently used such substances, compared with 6.1% of girls.

Some experts say boys are starting to face the pressures long placed on girls, as buff, bare men proliferate in pop culture. Boys today watch Channing Tatum strip as "Magic Mike" or weigh themselves against the muscular Dwayne Johnson. The nonstop chatter of Twitter and Facebook has amplified those messages, therapists say.'

Men 'to blame for the menopause'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Evolutionary geneticists from Canada's McMaster University say men's tendency to choose younger mates meant fertility became pointless for older women.

In PLOS Computational Biology, they say this eventually led to the menopause.

But a UK expert said that was the "wrong way round" and men chose younger women because older women were less fertile.

...

Previous theories had proposed a "grandmother effect". This suggests that women lose their fertility at an age where they might not live to see a child grow, and instead are available to care for younger women's children.

The menopause was therefore seen as the block to older women from continuing to reproduce.

I think it makes more sense to see the human male preference for younger females largely as an evolved response to the menopause”

But this latest theory suggests things work the other way around, and that it is the lack of reproduction that has given rise to menopause.'

Mr Abbott, don't let gender-obsessed, post-60s feminists distract you

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sure they are. But Emily's Listers, whence Gillard herself arose, and the Women for Gillard are not diverse.

These women are creatures of a particular vision of womanhood; womanhood made in the aggressive gender-obsessed feminism of the post-1960s.

They are stuck in that pointless combative oppositional attitude to men because they don't know what else to do in the face of failure, even though they know how passe it all is. They do not represent ordinary women, young or old, particularly the vast army of mothers who want pretty basic things from a government.

Gillard had a vision, we are told, and much of that vision was for women.

Well, it has not been the same vision the women who elected her had.'

If you get a login requirement, Google the first paragraph on the page and click the link over to the article on the web site.

"Fine, Would-Be Deadbeat Dads. Here's A Suggestion For You."

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But you know what? I'm sick of this argument, so I propose that feminists go ahead and embrace this "paper abortion" bullshit, even though, unlike real abortion, it's not about bodily autonomy. I believe men should be able to terminate the responsibilities of fatherhood if they meet the following conditions:

- He has to sign away all rights before the baby is born. He does not get his name on the birth certificate. The child's father will be registered as "unknown". If someone else—say his ex's new husband—wishes to adopt and coparent the child, he cannot interfere.
- The only exception to this is if the mother did not alert the father to the pregnancy beforehand. He should be able to provide witnesses to testify that he hadn't seen her in at least six months prior to the birth.

Michael Bolton: When Fathers Say 'No More' to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For two decades, The Michael Bolton Charities has been dedicated to responding to the needs of children and women at risk. It has been encouraging and inspiring to be joined in this effort by people who believe, as I do, that we must end the cycle of domestic violence and the lasting damage it inflicts on our families and our communities. Providing effective responses that offer real, life-changing opportunities is at the heart of our work, and our commitment has not wavered.

...

As fathers, we must fight to keep VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) fully funded and declare war on human trafficking in our country and everywhere it exists. We need to evolve in our perception and treatment of young women everywhere. It is important to say, free of ambiguity or hesitation, that violence and abuse, power and control, are never acceptable. That's precisely where dads come in. I am firmly convinced that we can cause a chain reaction of hope if our children hear directly from us precisely why healthy relationships must be a priority. Every day. Every night. In every way.'

Do Men Need More Rights on 'Forced Fatherhood'?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(NEWSER) – With Father's Day near comes a debate about "forced fatherhood." The phrase refers to guys who get turned into fathers against their will through unplanned pregnancies, explains Laurie Shrage in the New York Times. Men in this situation "have few choices," she writes. It's ultimately the woman's call on whether to have the baby, but her decision could saddle the man with years of child support even though he had no intention of becoming a dad. It's time we gave men more "reproductive autonomy" by providing them with more options, writes Shrage. For example, maybe he contributes only to the medical expenses related to the pregnancy and birth, and the couple goes their separate ways.'

Documentary: Does gold-digging impair women's joke-making ability?

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Tom Martin, who sparked a huge debate in 2012 by suing the London School of Economics for sexist anti-male teachings in its gender studies curriculum, has now turned his attention to documentary film-making, posting an advert calling for a range of paid researchers, presenters and crew, for a potentially controversial documentary to begin shooting in London this August, called "Laughing with Women" - involving a street experiment to investigate if gold-digging impairs women's joke-making abilities.

The job posting has already caught the attention of a comedy circuit website, criticizing the documentary's premise, well known atheist feminist blogger PZ Myers, also criticizing the project (the comments section is worth a read), a slew of tweets, nearly all of them criticizing the project, and now, a youtube video... criticizing the project.

You can follow the progress of "Laughing with Women" by subscribing to the sexismbusters channel on youtube and twitter.

Brooklyn teacher not going to jail after having sex with 16-year-old boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A female teacher at "Horndog High" admitted Thursday to bedding a 16-year-old boy at the school but will get no jail time.

She will, however, have to surrender her teaching license.

In a plea-bargain agreement, Erin Sayar, 37, will serve 10 years' probation for having sex with Kevin Eng, whom she tutored at Brooklyn's James Madison High School. The sex occurred in classrooms and Sayar's car.

"The complainant and his family are amenable to the offer," Assistant District Attorney Serena Horowitz said in Brooklyn Supreme Court. "They stated to me that they don't want to see the defendant spend time in jail."

The tattooed teacher carried on the tryst with Eng in December 2011 and was exposed when his girlfriend snooped in his Facebook account and found he wrote to Sayar, "I love you so much."'

Gender Makeup among Title IX Coordinators

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Eighty-three percent of Title IX coordinators are female, the National Association of Scholars found in a sample study.
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In short, the gender-equity enforcers seem to have gender-inequity problem when it comes to choosing staff members. Peter Wood explains why this could be a problem:

Considering that the overwhelming preponderance of sexual harassment allegations are directed by women at men, the disproportion of women to men in the positions charged with interpreting and enforcing the sexual harassment rules is a legitimate concern. Are male students who are accused of sexual harassment likely to receive fair-minded treatment in these offices? They already face a system of rules and definitions jerry-rigged by the Office of Civil Rights to deny them the presumption of innocence and to minimize due process guarantees.'

UK: Women much more likely to survive cancer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are far more likely to survive cancer than men are, research shows.

Nearly twice as many women as men are still alive at least ten years after being diagnosed.

This is largely because the most common form of cancer in women – breast cancer – is easier to treat than the most common form in men, prostate cancer.

Research by Macmillan Cancer Support shows that 260,000 women are still alive ten years after their cancer diagnosis, compared with 140,000 men.

The charity says this is partly because almost 80 per cent of the 50,000 women diagnosed annually with breast cancer can expect to live at least another decade.

In contrast, just over 65 per cent of the 41,000 men diagnosed with prostate cancer will survive for this length of time.'

UK: Tessa Jowell Accused Of Being Sexist Over 'Driven Women' Comment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tessa Jowell MP has been accused of being sexist after claiming women are "much more driven than men".

She was speaking on BBC Radio 5 about the representation of women in Parliament when she made the comments.

"I think by and large women are much more driven to work together and to work through an issue to a solution."

Host Stephen Nolan took issue with Jowell by asking "And men can't?" before Jowell responded: "Much less, much, much less."

Nolan came back. "There is no way as a man I would get away on this radio station with saying men drive things through better. These blanket statements that you are able to get away with, it is inherently sexist."

But Jowell rejected his claim. "No it's not," she said. "It's not sexist. It's making a statement about the different ways in which the male MPs tend to work and the women MPs tend to work.'

UK: Women 'fared better than men' in jobs since recession

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of women in employment since 2008 has increased by more than a quarter of a million, a 1.2pc net rise, while the number of men in work has dropped by 70,000, a 0.4pc net fall, a study of official labour market data has shown.

The analysis by The Jobs Economist, an employment consultancy which publishes the research today, claims the widespread assertion that women have been more adversely affected by austerity and job cuts than men is wrong.

Dr John Philpott, director of The Jobs Economist, said he can see no reason why the Government is focusing on trying to help get more women back to work when men appear to have been worst hit by job cuts.'

UK: Battle of the sexes over ‘radical feminism’ conference venue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE Town Hall was bombarded with complaints after a “radical feminism” conference was held at the council-owned Camden Centre.

Radfem – some members of which are accused of arguing that men should form 10 per cent of the population, according to men’s rights activists – have been barred from holding their annual get-together in Camden venues in recent years.

Last year, Conway Hall in Holborn cancelled the booking because Radfem refused to allow entry to transgender women.

This year the London Irish Centre in Camden Square cancelled because they didn’t have the “manpower” to deal with the complaints they were receiving.

Radfem applied to use the Camden Centre, and the event went ahead on Saturday and Sunday.

An open letter from Men’s Rights Activism to the Camden Centre’s events manager said Radfem had a “documented history of advocating harm to male infants, gendercide of half the human race. At what point did the Camden Centre conclude that this event, which excludes people on the grounds of sex, does not breach the UK Equality Act 2010? I do not consider myself an oppressor because I was born male, this is a denial of my humanity.”'

The Left's War on Father's Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

"We know the statistics," said President Barack Obama, "that children who grow up without a father are five times more likely to live in poverty and commit crime; nine times more likely to drop out of schools and 20 times more likely to end up in prison. They are more likely to have behavioral problems, or run away from home, or become teenage parents themselves."

The Journal of Research on Adolescence found that even after controlling for varying levels of household income, kids in father-absent homes are more likely to end up in jail. And kids that never had a father in the house are the most likely to wind up behind bars.

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Studies back up the link between the explosive growth in government welfare -- begun in the '60s -- and the increase of out-of-wedlock births.

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How do we know that the welfare state creates disincentives that hurt the people we are trying to help? They tell us. In 1985, the Los Angeles Times asked whether poor women "often" have children to get additional benefits. Most of the non-poor respondents said no. When the same question was asked of the poor, however, 64 percent said yes.

People, of course, need help. A humane society does not ignore those who cannot or even will not fend for themselves. But good faith does not substitute for sound policy. The welfare state is an assault on families.'

Australia: Tackling men's mental health issues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEWS ads are urging men to take the bull "by the balls" and take charge of their mental health.

It's part of a new multi-million dollar "Man Therapy" campaign funded by the federal government that's urging men to take action on depression and anxiety - and reminding them a real man looks out for his mates.

Mental Health Minister Mark Butler said the number of male deaths from suicide in 2011 were almost twice that of road deaths, making suicide the biggest killer of Australian males between 15 and 44.

Mr Butler said the tragedy was most men did not seek help for their underlying mental health issue.

The Man Therapy campaign being rolled out by Beyondblue hoped to change that and get through to men using humour.'

The Unspoken Stigma of Workplace Flexibility

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Assume for a moment that your employer let you decide when and where you worked — you might arrive early so you could leave in time to care for a child, or work part of the week from home. Or perhaps you want to reduce your hours for a while to care for an aging parent. How would you be perceived if you raised your hand for one of these options?

"Many times these policies are on the books, but informally everyone knows you are penalized for using them," said Joan C. Williams, founding director of the Center for Work-Life Law at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, referring to the array of flexible work arrangements some employers offer. "I invented the term 'flexibility stigma' to describe that phenomenon. Recent studies have found that it is alive and well, and it functions quite differently for women than it does for men."

For some women, it gives employers a reason to view them through the lens of motherhood, prompting the strongest form of gender discrimination. Mothers are seen as less competent and less committed to their work, she said, citing other studies. But more surprising is that men who seek work flexibility may be penalized more severely than women, because they're viewed as more feminine, deviating from their traditional role of fully committed breadwinners.

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"Not only have we put women on the mommy track, we put dad on the daddy track," said Kenneth Matos, an organizational psychologist and senior director of employment research and practice at the Families and Work Institute, a research group. "We tend to talk about what happens to women, but we don't talk about what happens to men and we wonder why women are stuck."

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Still, most workers still remain at the mercy of their managers. "It is not systematic and it is not reliable and for a lot of people, it depends on whether your supervisors are sympathetic," said Ariane Hegewisch, a study director at the Institute for Women's Policy Research. "But you have no guarantees."'

Pres. Obama: Reform child support laws to get more fathers "engaged"

charlie · 15 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Obama remarked that a better child support system would get fathers more involved?! Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama says there's no substitute for the love and support that fathers provide.

In his weekly Internet and radio address, Obama is wishing Americans a happy Father's Day. He laments that his own father wasn't around and says he's still working to be a better father.

Obama says being a dad isn't easy for anyone - gay, straight, grandparent or foster parent. He says he wants to encourage marriage and strong families by reforming child support laws to get more fathers engaged. He says businesses, faith groups and communities have a role to play.'

Former 6th grade teacher admits sex with boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former sixth-grade teacher and mother of two pleaded guilty to having sex with a student, Southern California authorities said Friday.

Malia Brooks, who taught at Garden Grove Elementary in Simi Valley, pleaded guilty Thursday to three counts of lewd conduct with a child under 14, said Ventura County Deputy District Attorney Erin Meister.

The judge indicated that Brooks will likely receive a six-year prison term when sentenced on August 23, Meister said. Bail was set at $2 million for the 32-year-old Brooks, who remains in custody.

"Malia Brooks has a mental illness. For 31 years, she was a law-abiding citizen," her attorney, Ron Bamieh, said. "Something had to occur for her to drastically change who she was. It's not like she is attracted to 12 year-old boys."'

UK: Whatever you do on Father's Day, don't buy into the fear of 'men deserts'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We live in an era of "men deserts", says the Centre for Social Justice. One day my children will look on me with worshipful eyes and say: "Mother, how did we survive the man drought of the early 21st century?" as if I'm some Mad Max of the spunkless years. This Sunday is Father's Day, the traditional time to pay tribute to any man you haven't driven screaming from your fanny ghetto after mating. But what to buy?

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The report criticises agencies that intervene in cases of domestic abuse for failing to recognise fathers as caregivers, on the grounds that "many perpetrators desire a more positive relationship with their children, and this can be a powerful motivator for change." Here, the CSJ is subordinating the safety of children to the potential self-improvement of abusers. Because this report, with its wobbly stats and its exaggerated claims, isn't actually about what's best for children: it's about the fear that some women and children might be perfectly OK without a masculine hand hanging over the household.'

Father's Day: Celebrating 'Good Enough' Fathers Is a Waste of Time

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Father's Day is the annual celebration of men's fertility. It is not a celebration of "good fathers" but, rather, any man who contributes sperm to create a child. We have arrived at a point in our culture where violent men are considered "good enough" fathers. We are in the midst of a crisis in masculinity where male violence is excused and normalised. The media writes stories of men, like Andrew Parsons, who brutally murder their partners but who are still classed as "good fathers". The losers in our culture are women and their children.
...
This Father's Day, we should examine the realities faced by women and children in our capitalist-patriarchal culture. Why do so many men assume that they should face no consequences for fathering a child? And, why does the government support the right of these men to fuck women with impunity whilst "slut-shaming" those women for having sex? Why are women the only ones who have to take responsibility for the consequences of having sex? Why does the government think it should punish some women for withholding contact from abusive men without punishing those same men for the abuse or their failure to pay maintenance? Why do men get to do whatever they want whenever they want with no legal or moral requirement for them to act like an adult?'

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius statement on National Men's Health Week and Father's Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, Jun 10, 2013 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- A father's love and full involvement in his children's lives is crucial to their health, well-being, and development.

Fathers influence the physical well-being of their children in a number of ways -- by being engaged in their lives, supporting a mother's health, or by ensuring that children get the preventive services, such as vaccinations and well-baby checkups, they need to stay healthy. Fathers make a difference.

Studies have shown a father's own health makes a difference to their children's health. Active toddlers, for example, are more likely to have fathers with a lower Body Mass Index than less active children.

National Men's Health Week, June 10-16, which concludes with Father's Day, is a good time to focus on how men can take care of their own physical and mental health for themselves and for the well-being of their families. That means eating right, being active, and getting health insurance to ensure their families' security and peace of mind.'

No winners in the 'war on boys'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This won't be popular with many people and will be viewed as reprehensible by those who profit from the continuing war on boys in public education, but the truth is that our cherished public educational institutions are growing more militantly anti-male with each passing generation.

This should be glaringly obvious to anyone familiar with the intellectual ailments now infecting an entire generation of boys. A full 80 percent of America's 3.7 million teachers are women. The numbers in elementary schools are even more slanted, with many schools reporting a 100 percent female faculty and administration.
...
Many elementary schools have part-time male faculty with men filling in most often as physical education or music teachers. You don't find a lot of guys at the elementary level, but when you do they are almost always exemplary teachers. They have to be, just to survive.
...
When did having a Y chromosome become a debilitating condition? No one in authority will admit it, but we are losing an entire generation of young men. The future for boys looks bleak.

Perhaps Thucydides was right. When self interest replaces rational thought, and fear drives out truth, there is no honor, only vengeance.'

What's Wrong With Sweden?

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Article here. Excerpt:

There's much more of interest in this book. About, for example, the inculcation of virulently anti-male attitudes at all levels of the Swedish educational system. ("Boys cry when they hear how bad they and their father are and men have always been.") About how the system rewards irresponsibility on the part of young unmarried mothers and the men who impregnate them. ("With a baby, a single parent sidesteps all waiting lines and the child may be the only means to an apartment for decades.") About a national self-hatred so fierce that "schools have asked pupils not to wear [Swedish flag] t-shirts or wave the yellow and blue flag as it could be interpreted as racist." About a country where adults admire and envy youth beyond all reason, and accordingly exhibit greater levels of hedonism and infantilism than their counterparts anywhere else on the planet. And about levels of anti-Semitism that made international headlines yet again just the other day, when Israel's Eurovision delegation was harassed and threatened on the streets of Malmö.

For an American reader, Sjunnesson's book about a supposedly free country where the media march in lockstep and where dissent can be dangerous carries a special resonance in the wake of revelations that the IRS has targeted conservative groups and the Justice Department has snooped on AP and Fox News journalists. To some observers, the depth of the Obama administration's hostility toward any hint of criticism in the media has been especially puzzling, given that most news media have in fact been absurdly supportive and protective of Obama throughout his presidency. But to a true socialist government, any dissent is intolerable. In Norway, where the domination of the news market by state-run TV channels and radio stations and by state-subsidized newspapers already give the government a very strong hand in shaping the media message about itself, officials have now gone a step further, proposing that the state award grants to fund journalistic projects of its own choosing -- an outrageous suggestion in a democratic country, but a no-brainer for those with a socialist mindset.'

The War On Boys and Anti-Gun Hysteria

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Forget the contrived “war on girls”, I’ve been saying there is a war on boys before it was cool. My impending, and always accurate, sense of doom began exactly ten years ago with the birth of my son. From the very first play date where all the moms repeated to their toddler sons, “Don’t hit. We don’t use our hands for hitting”. The “happy hands” philosophy later evolved into restricting their sons from playing with guns and toy weapons.
...
You know what else sets my teeth on edge? Reading about innocent little boys, 5 and 6 years old, being ostracized and suspended from school for doing what they are naturally wired to do. As far as I am concerned this blatant intolerance and reverse sexism is terrorizing our male children. It’s child abuse under the guise of political correctness. A perfect example of this terror can be found here, where a five year old is interrogated for two hours and becomes so frightened he wets his pants.

Simply put, any teacher or school administrator that doesn’t understand how little boys work doesn’t deserve to be working with children. Instead of admonishing children for chewing pop tarts in the shape of a gun, we fire every single teacher and principal who takes leaves of their damn senses. Lose your common sense, lose your job.'

Fathers' Day 2013

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Father's Day is always a bit ambivalently marked here at MANN, not unlike Veterans Day. The issue is that for some men, being a dad (like being a veteran) has turned out to be very fulfilling and a source of pride, satisfaction, etc. But for others, not so much.

So to all the dads out there, I can only say this: I hope this day for each of you is as good as it can be for whatever your personal situation is.

Ontario's Socialist Party leader cuts loose on FRA/MRAs to mark Fathers' Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It seems that there are those out there who would tell us that there is nothing to be happy about at all. Who would claim that fathers should be up in arms. Militant. Standing up for the apparently declining rights of men in the face of the onslaught of feminism and discrimination, by women, against men.

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These claims, as well as many others by the reactionary opponents of feminism, the Men's Rights "Movement" and a variety of other half-baked far right wing journalists or politicians, are truly easy to refute. Many of them I have already refuted right here on rabble. There is no truth to them at all and they do not withstand even the slightest serious scrutiny. They require a level of credulity and willful stupidity that is almost beneath contempt.

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There is no such thing as "sexism" against men in any legitimate sense of the term. It simply does not exist. For Sexism to have meaning as an idea, it has to be a systemic issue, and there is no systemic discrimination against men. The notion that sexism against men is possible is an invention of those opposed to feminism. "Misandry" is a lie.

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I think I would enjoy the day far more if the reality of women's oppression was broadly recognized by fathers and men generally and if I was not certain that so many men will spend Father's Day hating women including the mothers of their own children.'

Wikipedia on Michael Laxer.

Suspended 8th Grader Could Get Jail Time Over NRA T-Shirt

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In April Breitbart News reported that West Virginia 8th grader Jared Marcum was suspended for refusing to take off an NRA t-shirt he wore to school. And details now indicate the 8th grader could face a $500 fine and up to a year in jail for obstruction charges.

Fox News reports that on June 13 Marcum appeared before a judge "and was officially charged with obstructing an officer." Moreover, the judge has allowed "the prosecution to move forward" with its case against Marcum.

Logan City Police officer James Adkins says that Marcum refused to quit talking when asked to remove the shirt. The officer said this hindered his ability to do his job.

Marcum's father remains confident and stands by his son: "Me, I'm more of a fighter and so is Jared and eventually we're going to get through this. I don't think it should have ever gone this far."'

Hotels.com TV Spot 'Great Outdoors' mocks dad on Father's Day

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I just saw a typical "dumb dad" TV spot for Hotels.com in which a father arrives at a hotel in the woods with his wife and kids. The hotel that he chose from a brochure turns out to be in ruins, and he gets chased around by a bear. Meanwhile, mom is in the SUV with the kids and smugly dismisses dumb old dad before looking up a room on Hotels.com which turns out to be much better. What a wonderful tribute to dads on Father's Day. I certainly won't be looking up hotels on Hotels.com.

Remember the Wonder of Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This Sunday, one group of kids across the country will be giving their fathers ties, sports gear, homemade art, or some other tokens to express their appreciation on Father's Day. Unfortunately, there will be another group of kids for whom the holiday is a painful reminder that they don't have a relationship with their fathers.

Why do a growing portion of kids in America have no active father in their lives to celebrate this weekend?

According to Dr. Helen Smith in her new book, *Men on Strike: Why Men are Boycotting Marriage, Fatherhood, and the American Dream -- and Why it Matters*, one reason is that society is stacking the deck against men, causing many to go "on strike" from traditional responsibilities. These men aren't just lazy, but instead are making choices based on incentives.

Smith writes, "Most men are not acting irresponsibly because they are immature or because they want to harm women; they are acting rationally in response to the lack of incentives today's society offers them to be responsible fathers, husbands and providers."

Smith argues that feminism has gone too far, creating a feminized world of female privilege, where men no longer are treated as equals. She cites examples of men opting out of college, marriage, and fatherhood.

Much of the popular literature today on men focuses on the lack of men growing up. In *Manning Up: How the Rise of Women Has Turned Men into Boys*, Kay Hymowitz argues that a new period of extended adolescence has emerged in the 20s -- a "pre-adulthood" stage. An image of a 25-year-old guy in his parent's basement playing a video game quickly comes to mind.'

SAVE: Center for Prosecutor Integrity Activism: Monday, June 17 -- Assistant District Attorney Mary Kellett of Maine

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BACKGROUND: Maine Prosecutor Mary Kellett was found guilty in December of violating 7 different counts of prosecutor ethics: http://1.usa.gov/18QVdaY. Her case has now been sent to the Maine Supreme Court to decide her punishment.

But back on the farm, it's BUSINESS AS USUAL -- to this day, Kellett continues her usual prosecutorial duties in Ellsworth, Maine.

We don't allow corrupt cops to stay on the beat. Contact D.A. Carletta Bassano TODAY, tell her to REMOVE Mary Kellett from her duties until the final Supreme Court ruling.

Email: carletta.bassano-at-da7.org
Telephone: 207-667-4621

More info: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/intolerable-injustice/

US marriage rate at historic low

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Article here. No mention of the 600-lb. gorilla in the room-- predictably. Excerpt:

'The marriage rate is at its lowest point in more than a century, and the number of marriages across the USA fell more than 5% during the recession. But a new analysis projects that pent-up demand and the large population of marriage-eligible Millennials, ages 18-34, means more will be headed to the altar over the next two years.

Cultural changes about whether and when to marry, the fact that two-thirds of first marriages are preceded by cohabitation and the recession's financial fallout — including unemployment and underemployment — fueled the wedding decline. Projections from the private company Demographic Intelligence of Charlottesville, Va., says the signs are right for a temporary boost in weddings.

The company projects a 4% increase in the number of weddings since 2009, reaching 2.168 million this year; 2.189 million in 2014. Depending on the economic recovery, the report projects a continuing increase to 2.208 million in 2015.'

Florida man beaten, robbed, stripped naked on first date

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Florida man was beaten, robbed, forced to strip naked and abandoned on the side of a road Friday evening during a first date gone horribly wrong, according to police.

Authorities found nude, bloodied Shaun Paul Williams, 34, walking on the shoulder of State Road 100 in Bunnell, Fla., late Friday near a cow pasture where Williams said he was assaulted and mugged by his date and her two unidentified male companions earlier that evening, according to a Flagler County Sheriff's Office case report.

Williams told sheriff's deputies that he met the unidentified woman at a convenience store in Daytona Beach, Fla., two weeks ago. They struck up a friendship and later arranged to go out on June 14, according to the report.'

Gender war backfires as men ditch Australia PM

Matt · 18 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'AFP - Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard's attempt to marginalise the opposition by claiming it would change abortion rights and sideline women has backfired with a poll on Monday showing male voters are deserting her.

Gillard, the country's first female leader, last week reignited a simmering gender war by saying in a speech that government would be dominated by "men in blue ties" should opposition leader Tony Abbott assume office in September elections.

"It's a decision about whether, once again, we will banish women's voice from the core of our political life," said the embattled prime minister in the speech, desperate to shore up waning support.'

Texas supermarket marks Men's Health Month with free mammograms for women

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Story here. So, any wonder men get the impression their lives simply are not valued as much as women's? Seems like as good idea as this gender-specific, woman-only free test may be, at least during Men's Health Month, they might also want to offer free PSA tests, too. Or do something, anyway. Excerpt:

'AMARILLO, TEXAS -- Last Saturday, The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Amarillo's Breast Center For Excellence teamed up with United Supermarkets to offer free mammograms to women shoppers.

Through a Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas grant, uninsured women over the age of 40 are eligible for a free mammogram as long as they are Texas residents, have a valid photo ID, and can provide income verification or proof of assistance.'

I think contacting United Supermarkets and reminding them that they seem to have forgotten half the population with this freebie and during this particular month, no less, is warranted. Like many people, possibly they never even heard of Men's Health Month. Anyway, contact info is here. Apparently this mammogram-fest is to be held on June 18 in Canyon and on the 19th at their Washington Street location in Amarillo. So there's time to advise them of their omission and give them a chance to do something positive specifically for men's health-- like they're doing for women's. Please be polite; inform them June is Men's Health Month and indeed, that their male customers' money is as green as their females', so really, doesn't it make business sense in any case to play up to *everyone* rather than just half the consumer base?

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: "Man up"

Minuteman · 18 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Minority men face certain health challenges. Black men have a high risk of dying from heart disease. Latino men are diagnosed with AIDS three times as often as white men. But men can do things that can protect their health. Most health plans cover recommended preventive services like screenings at no cost under the health care law.

Dr. J. Nadine Gracia is HHS' deputy assistant secretary for minority health.

"Screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol and HIV, are some of the main tests that will let you know if you're still on the path toward great health."

Taking your health into your own hands also means eating right, being active, and talking about your health with your loved ones.'

SAVE: Uncertain Justice: The Presumption of Innocence is Being Lost, Most Say

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PRESS RELEASE

WASHINGTON / June 18, 2013 – A national opinion survey reveals a substantial majority of persons believes the presumption of innocence is fading from the American criminal justice system. Two-thirds – 67% -- of persons participating in a recent survey affirmatively answered the question, “Do you believe the presumption of innocence is being lost in our nation’s legal system?”

The finding comes from a broader probe of Americans’ views of the criminal justice system and the role of prosecutors in the system. The survey is sponsored by the non-profit, non-partisan Center for Prosecutor Integrity.

Worries about the loss of the presumption of innocence are more pronounced among lower income than higher income persons (69% vs. 64%); and among persons 50 years and older compared to younger respondents (69% vs. 60%). Republicans and Democrats have nearly identical rates of concern: 72% vs. 71%, respectively: http://www.saveservices.org/prosecutors/findings/

Legal scholars have expressed concerns that buttress the survey findings:

- Brigham Young Law School professor Shima Baradaran deplored the fact that the “presumption of innocence no longer protects defendants before trial.”

- International legal scholar Francois Quintard-Morenas concluded, “The words ‘accused’ and ‘convict’ are becoming increasingly synonymous.”

- University of Vermont constitutional law professor Cheryl Hanna has written, “Evidentiary standards for proving abuse have been so relaxed that any man who stands accused is considered guilty.”

Many factors explain the loss of the presumption, including the over-criminalization of minor offenses, removal of “criminal intent” requirements, weak ethical standards for prosecutors, Supreme Court decisions, and media coverage that glorifies convictions over findings of innocence.

“The presumption of innocence is a bedrock principle of Anglo-American law,” notes CPI spokesperson Sheryle Hutter. “Now we must come to terms with the disturbing fact that our legal system has lost its standing as an international paragon of justice.”

The telephone interviews were conducted June 3-5, 2013. An average of 993 persons answered each of the survey questions. The sampling frame comes from voter registration records in 47 states; as such, the survey is not fully representative.

More information about the survey findings and methods can be seen here: http://www.saveservices.org/prosecutors/survey/

The Center for Prosecutor Integrity, a project of Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, is working to preserve the presumption of innocence, assure equal treatment under law, and bring an end to wrongful convictions: www.prosecutorintegrity.org

UK: So Much for 'Father's Day' - in a Country Where Fatherhood is Dying Out

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Article here. Excerpt:

'By the end of his or her childhood, a British boy or girl is much more likely to have a TV set in the bedroom than a father at home.

Our 45-year national war against traditional family life has been so successful that almost 50% of 15-year-olds no longer live with both their parents. At the same time we have indulged our neglected and abandoned young with electronics, so that 79% of children aged between 5 and 16 have bedroom TVs.

And as we soppily mark ‘Father’s Day’ with cards, socks, sentimentality and meals out, we should remember that in almost all cases the absent parent is the father.

There is no doubt about the facts here. Let me list some of them. The cost of our wild, unprecedented national experiment in fatherlessness is now £49 billion each year, more than the defence budget. This figure, currently costing each taxpayer £1,541 per year, is rising all the time, and has gone up by almost a quarter since 2009.'

Indian actress' boyfriend arrested after she commits suicide - why?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Following the arrest of Suraj Pancholi on charges of abetting his girlfriend Jiah Khan's suicide, the Save Indian Family Foundation (SIFF), a non-funded non profit NGO fighting for men's rights, gender equality and family harmony, has lashed out at the “skewed" abetment to suicide law in India.

In a release, the foundation has argued that in no other country does such a law exist and wants the government to bring in checks and balances to prevent its misuse and points out the following discrepancies:

1. Suraj Pancholi did not point a gun at Jiah's head and force her to commit suicide. Breaking up with a girlfriend is not a crime. Reportedly, Suraj also tried to get Jiah to a psychiatrist after she attempted suicide eight months back. Why did Jiah's mother, Rabiya Khan, not take her to a psychiatrist then?

2. Wives and in-laws are hardly arrested when a husband commits suicide, but a husband and his family are sent to prison and presumed guilty until proven innocent when a girl kills herself.'

Wikipedia on Jiah Khan.

Woman who accused football player Brian Banks of rape ordered to pay $2.6M

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'LONG BEACH, Calif. - The Long Beach woman who falsely accused football player Brian Banks of rape has been ordered to pay $1.6 million in expenses incurred by the school district where the crime supposedly had occurred, plus $1 million in damages, according to a Long Beach Press-Telegram report.

Wanetta Gibson had been paid $750,000 by the Long Beach Unified School District to partly settle her claim that it helped cause the purported rape with poor security at Long Beach Poly High School, the Press-Telegram reported.

The woman did not appear in court to contest the district's lawsuit, and a judge ruled Friday that Gibson must repay her award, plus the district's court costs, plus $1 million in punitive damages for the false claim.'

US Marines reporting convictions for fraternization/adultery as sex assault crimes

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Video report here. Description:

'Several Marines who have been convicted of "fraternizing" or "adultery" say that the military's crackdown on sexual assault has led to a culture of reflexive punishment based on accusations without evidence.'

Hagel Plan Allows Women Into Navy SEALs

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'Military leaders are ready to begin tearing down the remaining walls that have prevented women from holding thousands of combat and special operations jobs near the front lines.

Under details of the plans obtained by The Associated Press, women could start training as Army Rangers by mid-2015 and as Navy SEALs a year later.

The military services have mapped out a schedule that also will include reviewing and possibly changing the physical and mental standards that men and women will have to meet in order to qualify for certain infantry, armor, commando and other front-line positions across the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. Under the plans to be introduced Tuesday, there would be one common standard for men and women for each job.'

Thanks, feminist movement, for making Father's Day better for dads

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'But the evidence tells us that these dudes should really calm down. The Pew study shows us the opposite of feminism killing the family unit and our social order. Feminism made the family stronger. The amount of time both parents spend with their kids is double what it was in 1965. So, while the primary takeaway of feminism is how the movement affected women's lives,the other side of it is the tripling of the time dads get to spend with their kids. It's an incredible transformation both for men and for their kids, a huge net benefit in human happiness.
...
This is the great gift of feminism to men: It took a sledgehammer to the must stultifying parts of patriarchy, including a vision of fatherhood in which dads were expected to be distant, stoic, removed creatures from their kids' lives. And we have now a new and better social model, one that encourages fathers to be equal parents, and nudges them towards spending more of their time doing something that is going to make them happier: spending time with their kids.'

S. Africa: False rape claim keeps dad jailed for 10 years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Durban - A Westville prisoner's fight for justice is due to end on Wednesday when he finally walks free, three years after his daughter admitted she had lied that he had raped her.

And his daughter, Pinky Dube, 18, will be at the prison gates waiting to welcome him.

"I am very happy my dad is finally being freed. I am really excited," she said on Monday.

It will be an emotional reunion as Cedric Shezi and his daughter have only seen each other twice since he was convicted of two counts of rape in 2005, receiving a life sentence.
...
He has always maintained his innocence and has twice attempted suicide.'

Michigan judge to hold key hearing in false rape case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman charged with making a false report of rape is facing an important court hearing in Port Huron.

Sara Ylen accused two men of sexual assault at her Lexington home last September, but authorities say an attack didn't happen.

A judge will decide today if there's enough evidence to send the case to trial in St. Clair County.

In a separate case, Ylen is charged with fraud in Sanilac County. She's accused of deceiving an insurance company and the public into believing she had cancer.

The public got to know Ylen in 2003 when she talked to the Port Huron newspaper about being a rape victim. But a man who spent nearly a decade in prison was released last year after doubt was raised about Ylen's credibility.'

UK: 26-year-old's rape claim shown false

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Story here.

'A WOMAN has been interviewed by police after admitting making a false allegation of rape.

The 26-year-old claimed she was leaving the ground-floor level of the Wellington Square shopping centre car park in Stockton-on-Tees last week when a man approached her from behind and sexually assaulted her.

Police launched a media appeal for information and arrested, and bailed, a 22-year-old man in connection with the incident. However, the woman then admitted she had made a false allegation.

The man has now been released with no further action to be taken.

Police have passed the file for the case on to the Crown Prosecution Service, who will decide whether to prosecute the woman.'

SAVE: Prosecutor Ethics and Misconduct to be Focus of Upcoming Conference

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Prosecutor Ethics and Misconduct to be Focus of Upcoming Conference
WASHINGTON / June 19, 2013 – An upcoming conference will highlight problems of prosecutorial misconduct and bias in the criminal justice system. The conference will be held Saturday, June 22 at 901 15th Street, NW in Washington DC. The conference is sponsored by the non-profit SAVE Center for Prosecutor Integrity.

The conference comes as bipartisan groups in the Senate and House of Representatives have begun to address the dual concerns of over-criminalization and over-prosecution. Several bills addressing the problems are expected to be introduced in upcoming weeks.

The conference schedule features victims of prosecutor misconduct, a former magistrate, and others. Presenters will be available for media interviews.

The conference is free to media representatives. The conference schedule is shown below. Other details can be seen here: http://www.saveservices.org/dvlp/annual-conference-2013/

NPO: Appoint a Child-Support Paying, Non-Custodial Parent as Chief Justice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Chief Justice Paula Carey will be appointing her successor, the next Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court. Carey will do so when she assumes her new duties as Chief Justice of the Trial Court. I submitted my letter with recommendations for characteristics for the new Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court, as requested by the Massachusetts Trial Court. Also, the Executive Committee of our Massachusetts Affiliate submitted a letter seeking a candidate who supports shared parenting.

Massachusetts has commendably demonstrated its commitment to diversity in its elected and appointed officials. In this spirit, Massachusetts has the opportunity once again to break new ground.'

Police: Ohio day-care operator drugged pancakes to make children sleep

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Story here. Excerpt:

(CNN) -- Getting children to take a nap can be hard. Getting them to eat pancakes is not nearly as difficult.

Police in Westerville, Ohio, say a 37-year-old mother operating a day care out of her home hit upon a plan -- she allegedly crushed medications that cause drowsiness and put them in the pancakes.

Tammy Eppley has been charged with six counts of child endangerment. Her first court date is July 12.

Eppley, who runs the Caterpillar Clubhouse, cared for six children -- including one of her own -- between the ages of 2 and 5, police said.
"This is mortifying. I'm a very private person and I'm very protective of my children and the children in my care," she said.
...
Investigators believe she used medications such as the allergy medicine Benadryl and supplements like melatonin to get the children to go to sleep, according to a statement from the Westerville Police.'

Woman accused of domestic violence after stabbing husband

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Story here.

'A Rochester woman is being accused of first-degree domestic violence after allegedly stabbing her husband in the shoulder during an argument Monday night, according to a Thurston County Sheriff's Office news release.

Deputies arrived to the 7700 block of 196th Lane Southwest at 9 p.m. to find a 42-year-old man being treated by medical personnel.

He told deputies he was wounded after falling on the bricks, but "evidence at the scene and the statements made by witnesses did not support this," the release said.

Further investigation showed the husband and wife were having an argument in the kitchen that resulted in the wife allegedly stabbing her husband in the right shoulder.

He was taken to Providence Centralia Hospital for treatment.'

In Rwanda, Circumcision Is All The Rage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Among young people, circumcision has actually become “fashionable.” Thanks to the Internet and television, they learned that in neighboring countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda, circumcision was often a tradition, and not only for Muslims. For these young people, circumcision has become a sign of cleanliness.

And for those who do not follow fashion, life can become complicated. “I decided to pay 50,000 Rwanda Francs ($80) to get circumcised. I couldn’t stand being insulted by other students anymore. They called me a good-for-nothing, a kafiri (‘uncircumcised’) or a bottleneck (referring to a non-circumcised male organ),” says François.

Three of his friends also admit they went through a similar experience. “Rwandese society still accepts uncircumcised men, but in some districts, they are sometimes frowned upon. And it’s even worse in high school, where they are discriminated against,” reveals Gaspard.

Among girls and women, circumcised men have also gained some prestige lately, in a country where the custom was not very common until now. Mrs Kanyange, a mother of three, thinks that despite its cost, circumcision has great advantages: “It ensures cleanliness, and the operation is also an esthetic one for men.”'

S. Africa: Boys rescued from illegal circumcision school

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Johannesburg - Two Eastern Cape boys who underwent an illegal circumcision were hospitalised on Sunday, the provincial health department said.

"A team of police and health officials responded to [a call from] one of the villages, Mkhantatho, and rescued two boys," spokesman Sizwe Kupelo said.

"The boys were suffering from dehydration and hallucinations."
...
Parents notified the department of 12 other boys, between the ages of 12 and 13, who had received illegal circumcisions in Sicambeni.'

MRAs: More Radical Misogyny?

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'Gender equality, now wouldn't that be a fine thing? Well that's what feminists for the past two centuries have been saying. Women across the world have been protesting, demonstrating, shouting and striking in the name of gender equality, but apparently we've been doing a rather bad job of it.

That is, if you agree with the views put forward by the Men's Rights Activists. The movement that first emerged in the 1960s has recently had a global resurgence and now enjoys a growing internet presence, too. When a University of Warwick Men's Rights group was recently established on Facebook, feminists and anti-sexists on campus instantly opposed the idea. So what exactly is the Men's Rights Activism movement, and what does is mean for gender equality in 2013?
...
Great, so Men's Rights Activists are working with feminists to address these issues for the betterment of society, right? Wrong. That is exactly what Men's Rights Activists (or MRAs) are not doing. In fact, the label "Men's Rights Activists" is about as far removed from the truth as it is possible to be. They'd be better off branding themselves "Feminist Baiters of the World" or "Misogynistic Pigs United" because at least then we'd have a clear idea of the mind-set of these activists.'

Are Men on Strike? Or Are We Being Fired?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm not on strike and I refuse to be fired so I guess that makes me Dagney Taggart, which is an odd way to open a review about a book that concerns men's rights.

If you haven't heard the story yet, I'm sure you've heard several like it. In this particular incident, while at school, a 13 year old boy intervened when one classmate pulled a knife on another. He tackled the aggressor, who already had his victim in a head lock, possibly saving the other boy from serious injury or worse. He showed quick thinking, resolve, courage, and demonstrated an ethical code that placed the life of another on a par with his own.

So of course, he was punished. He was called out of class, lectured, and sent home. His mother was told that "Sir John A. Macdonald junior high school does not 'condone heroics,' and that her son should have sought out a teacher instead." When she asked about the life of the other student, the school vice principle told her that it was "beside the point."
...
What does this have to do with a book on men and why they are on strike? Well it just goes to illustrate Dr. Helen Smith's point that men are not getting married, not becoming fathers, and not going to college, not because they are lazy, spoiled, or refuse to grow up, but because of things like what happened to the young man at Sir John A. Macdonald Junior High. She says that men are reacting rationally to a constant barrage of messages that all say the same thing, that men are nothing more than defective women and they need to be fixed.'

When Men Want to Talk About Abortion

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When tennis legend Jimmy Connors released his memoir last month, one revelation fixated the media: Connors' disclosure that nearly 40 years ago, his then-fiancée, fellow tennis great Chris Evert, had had an abortion. Reaction was swift and negative. Evert issued a short statement expressing extreme disappointment that her former partner had revealed such a "private matter. " Writing here, Jessica Luther criticized Connors, arguing that this "was not his story to tell."

Regardless of whether Connors violated the principles of ethical memoir, the story reveals how challenging it can be for men to speak openly about their own reactions to a partner's abortion. Connors seems to remain bitter over being excluded from the then 19-year-old Evert's decision-making process (In the book, he writes to Evert: "Well, thanks for letting me know. Since I don't have a say in the matter, I guess I am just here to help.") That bitterness reinforces the stereotype that score-settling is what lies behind most men's public disclosure of a partner's abortion.

Yet men have other reasons to talk about abortion besides a desire to shame an ex. In many cases, it's about acknowledging long-suppressed feelings of loss and guilt. That is certainly true in my case, and in the cases of many with whom I've worked in men's groups.'

We've made strides under Title IX, but the question remains: Is it equal?

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'There's no question that Title IX has been abused - see any of the hundreds of men's sports teams that have been disbanded as a result of the landmark law as examples. Title IX was supposed to provide opportunity to women, not take it away from men - but the way various federal agencies interpret Title IX, as a de facto quota system, has had a huge impact on men's sports, mainly at the collegiate level.

It's neither the fault of athletes nor educators that spectator interest level just isn't there for women's sports. An easy comparison is the NBA and its sister league, the WNBA. The male team that has the worst attendance still draws nearly twice as many fans as the WNBA's league average, which has dropped steadily since the women's game came into being in 1999.'

Obama Nominates Betsey Stevenson to Council of Economic Advisers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dr. Stevenson's diverse research touches both policy and daily life, and has been widely cited in the news media. While she has written prolifically on a number of subjects, Dr. Stevenson is perhaps best known for her work on the impact of public policy on labor markets, marriage and divorce, women and families, and happiness and well-being.
...
Furthermore, we cited her research when she found that girls' participation in sports led to increased college attendance and higher wages, as a result of Title IX, which bans sex discrimination against girls and boys in all programs at schools around the country.

Dr. Stevenson wrote of her findings, "Greater opportunities to play sports lead to greater female participation in previously male-dominated occupations, particularly high-skill occupations." She concluded that, "the experiment designed by Title IX proves that extracurricular activities like sports play an important role in creating the skills that make us so productive."'

Madison woman sentenced for killing son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Madison woman will spend the next 13 years in jail for killing her son in 2011.

A judge admonished Maria Castillo-Dominguez in court Monday for changing her story about her son's injuries too often.

Castillo-Dominguez was sentenced to 13 years in prison, and three years' probation, for the death of Luis Angel.

Castillo-Dominguez took her son to the hospital in June 2011 and said the child fell from a swing and hit his head.

She later told police she pushed the boy.

But doctors said his brain swelling and injuries were consistent with being thrown against a wall.

"You were frustrated and I have a good, great deal of sympathy for you," said Judge Julie Genovese in court Monday. "I know it must be very difficult to come to foreign country, you don't know the language, where you're work at minimum wage job. I believe you were victim of domestic violence."'

Lulu app helps women "rate" men

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'Had a shocker in the bedroom but keen to keep it under wraps? Had a date from hell but happy to forget?

Well, guys, the worst has come…in the form of a new app called Lulu.

Allowing women to anonymously and publicly rate former boyfriends, the app is banned for males and is taking the world by storm.

...

And to make matters worse for the male population, any romantic and sexual value ratings are linked to the man's Facebook account – allowing only women to access it.

With over 200,000 users as of April, the guy-bashing app allows women to add guys to the database, along with photos and hashtags of the male in question.

But with tags such as #smokeslikeachimney, is the app sexist?

"If there was a man's version of Lulu, women would absolutely not stand for it," said one review, describing the app degrading to both men and women.'

Facebook allowing profiles to be used by Lulu

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'Lulu's founder, Alexandra Chong, says that the service is simply the natural extension of women's longstanding desire to see if a guy is everything he's purporting to be. And while some may consider that a worthy goal, the site's methods should draw serious scrutiny from anyone remotely concerned with their digital privacy.

Men, whose Facebook profiles provide the foundational content for the site, are explicitly banned from the app. Furthermore, they are not notified when their information is captured, nor when their profiles are viewed, saved, or reviewed. In fact, the only way a man can have his information removed from the site is to email his Facebook profile name to privacy@onlulu.com or to download a separate app (conveniently also made by Lulu) and then deactivate his own profile.'

SAVE: Tell your Lawmakers to End Over-Prosecution

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Over-criminalization is a hot-topic in America. And for good reason. Last week we told you about the Center for Prosecutor Integrity's recent survey on the criminal justice system, where two-fifths (42.8%) of the respondents said they believe that prosecutor misconduct is widespread.

We learned that 71.4% believe most cases of prosecutor misconduct are kept hidden from the public. And 73.5% believe prosecutors who commit misconduct are almost never punished. Now it's time to do something about that.

Contact your state lawmakers* today, and ask that they put effort towards ending over-prosecution.

Thank you for joining our efforts to restore confidence in America's criminal justice system.

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*Ed.: Couple look-up sites:
http://thomas.loc.gov/home/state-legislatures.html
http://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/
Also recommend looking at: http://sunlightfoundation.com/tools/ to help you FTM. It always leads to some place interesting!

Suspension won’t be removed for five-year-old grilled over cap gun

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Story here. Excerpt:

'School officials in Calvert County, Maryland have denied a request to expunge the suspension of the kindergartener who brought a plastic cap gun on a school bus last month and then wet his pants during a subsequent interrogation.

The refusal came in the form of a letter dated Friday, reports The Washington Post. The letter stated that the five-year-old “did bring a cap gun in his book bag.” It also charged that some other children were frightened and told school officials that they couldn’t discern if the orange-tipped cowboy-style gun was real or fake.
...
School officials considered — and denied — the request to eradicate the punishment separately.

The boy’s mother (an otherwise unidentified teacher in Calvert County) expressed frustration that a seemingly serious offense for a look-alike gun will now be part of her son’s permanent record.'

All-female jury chosen for Zimmerman Trial

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'A jury of six women, five of them white and the other a minority, was picked Thursday to decide the second-degree murder trial of George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer who says he shot an unarmed black teenager, Trayvon Martin, in self-defense.

Prosecutors have said Zimmerman, 29, racially profiled the 17-year-old Martin as he walked back from a convenience store on Feb. 26, 2012, in the rain, wearing a dark hooded shirt. Zimmerman identifies himself as Hispanic.

The race and ethnicity of the minority chosen for the jury was not immediately available.'

Affirmative Action Has Helped White Women More Than Anyone

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'In the coming days, the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule in a potentially landmark case on the constitutionality of affirmative action. The original lawsuit was filed on behalf of Abigail Fisher, a woman who claims that she was denied admission to the University of Texas because she is white. But study after study shows that affirmative action helps white women as much or even more than it helps men and women of color. Ironically, Fisher is exactly the kind of person affirmative action helps the most in America today.
...
While people of color, individually and as groups, have been helped by affirmative action in the subsequent years, data and studies suggest women — white women in particular — have benefited disproportionately. According to one study, in 1995, 6 million women, the majority of whom were white, had jobs they wouldn't have otherwise held but for affirmative action.

Another study shows that women made greater gains in employment at companies that do business with the federal government, which are therefore subject to federal affirmative-action requirements, than in other companies — with female employment rising 15.2% at federal contractors but only 2.2% elsewhere. And the women working for federal-contractor companies also held higher positions and were paid better.'

Kidnap charge: Woman tried to claim Brooklyn Park baby as her own

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Story here. Woman kidnaps baby in order to hook her boyfriend, by claiming it is his. Excerpt:

'A 34-year-old St. Paul woman said she kidnapped her friend's 2-month-old son while everyone was asleep in the Brooklyn Park apartment because she wanted to convince her boyfriend that she gave birth to the baby and that he was the father, according to a charge filed Thursday.

Thalia T. Benson was charged in Hennepin County District Court with kidnapping Elijah Alonzo on Tuesday and remains jailed in lieu of $100,000 bail.

Police tracked Benson to her apartment in St. Paul, Elijah was recovered unharmed and Benson admitted to the kidnapping Christina Alonzo's son, according to the charge.'

Child Support: Man Says He Was An 'ATM Machine' After Divorce

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'That's the topic tackled in a recent HuffPost Live segment. Craig Daliessio, the author of "Sometimes Daddies Cry: What a Dad Really Feels About Divorce," shared his experience with the family court system in Nashville after divorce.

"I was paying $1,000 a month because I was a mortgage banker, very successful, and the company I worked for went under in 2008. It takes 11 months to get a modification. During the 11 months, you're rolling up the charge like a taxi meter. I ended up going to jail for 15 weekends because I couldn't pay it," he said. "It is so slanted. I paid $1,000 a month for five years, and I got to see my daughter for six days out of that month. I was basically an ATM machine as far as my ex wife was concerned. I had nothing to do with any of the decisions that were made."'

New Zealand: 11-yr-old fathers child with 36-yr-old woman

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'MELBOURNE: An 11-year-old boy in New Zealand has become a father after conceiving a child with the 36-year-old mother of a school friend.

The woman coerced the boy, from Auckland, into repeated sexual encounters over a period of time before becoming pregnant, the New Zealand Herald daily reported. The woman gave the boy beer to drink and then later took part in a sexual encounter with him, the report said. The sexual contact continued for a number of months after the initial encounter. The boy had turned 12 by the time the child was born.

The Child Youth and Family Services, which took a baby into care about two months ago, confirmed it was dealing with a case at the school and that it was before the courts.

The case has caused counsellors working in the area of child sexual abuse to highlight the lack of attention given to women as potential offenders. It has prompted justice minister Judith Collins to step in saying she will seek information on the law. "This case raises an important point. I will seek advice from officials on whether or not a law change is required."

And it has also highlighted disparity in the law of rape, which makes it impossible for a woman to be accused of the crime. Present legislation stipulates the crime of rape applies only when men force sex. In contrast, women who force an unwilling partner to have sex face charges of sexual violation. Both carry a maximum sentence of 20 years but only men can be charged with rape.'

"The Children Are Coming"

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'One reason I truly believe the Men's Human Rights Movement is going to continue to grow is that the children who grew up in the wake of all this family devastation are coming of age, and while some were crippled by it, others have thrived and have begun to speak out about what they've seen. Most of them are in their 20s and 30s now. Aimee here is still a teenager, but I think she's probably not going to be the first, or last, person of her generation who we hear from who deplores the sexist hateful narratives of the gender ideologues, and the corrupt family court system.

You can subscribe to her channel here.'

Aimee's latest video is here.

Jamaica leading project to address underachievement in boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(Jamaica Observer) JAMAICA is the lead country in a Caribbean project aimed at developing programmes and strategies to address educational underachievement in boys.

Dubbed: ‘Advancing the Education of Boys’, the initiative is being undertaken as a pilot in Jamaica and three other Caribbean countries through funding and expertise from the Commonwealth Secretariat. It is expected to last three years.

It is being executed locally by the Ministry of Education, through the Jamaica Teaching Council (JTC) and the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Education Programme Officer for the Commonwealth Secretariat Hipolina Josephs told JIS News that the initiative is in response to the need for support identified by member countries at a consultation in Jamaica a few years ago.'

"Stop Penalizing Boys for Not Being Able to Sit Still at School"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This year's end-of-year paper purge in my middle school office revealed a startling pattern in my teaching practices: I discipline boys far more often than I discipline girls. Flipping through the pink and yellow slips--my school's system for communicating errant behavior to students, advisors, and parents--I found that I gave out nearly twice as many of these warnings to boys than I did to girls, and of the slips I handed out to boys, all but one was for disruptive classroom behavior.

The most frustrating moments I have had this year stemmed from these battles over--and for--my male students' attention. This spring, as the grass greened up on the soccer fields and the New Hampshire air finally rose above freezing, the boys and I engaged in a pitched battle of wills over their intellectual and emotional engagement in my Latin and English classes, a battle we both lost in the end.

Something is rotten in the state of boys' education, and I can't help but suspect that the pattern I have seen in my classroom may have something to do with a collective failure to adequately educate boys. The statistics are grim. ...'

Florida baby sitter had sex with 11-year-old, cops say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Brevard County woman is accused of having sex with an 11-year-old boy she was baby sitting.

Megan Nicole Hayes, 21, of Rockledge was arrested on felony sexual battery charges on Thursday, according to court records.

Hayes admitted to police that she had sex with the child she was watching, the Cocoa Police Department said.

Her father told local television stations that his daughter has a low IQ and does not know right from wrong.

Her family declined to comment to the Sentinel.'

Sheriff’s wife charged with domestic violence assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LUBEC, Maine — Washington County Sheriff Donnie Smith was the victim of an alleged domestic violence assault Thursday evening that resulted in the arrest of his wife, according to Maine State Police.

Around 5:30 p.m., Lynne Kelsey-Smith called state police from the couple’s Lubec home, alleging that the sheriff had threatened her, according to Lt. Roderick Charette.

“She requested a police response to the residence,” he said. “She alleged that she had been threatened [by Smith], but when we got there and actually did the investigation, we arrested her for assaulting him.”

...

Kelsey-Smith was released on $1,000 unsecured bail early Friday morning. She is scheduled to appear in Machias District Court on July 1. Domestic violence assault is a Class D crime punishable by up to one year in prison and a $1,000 fine.'

Florida boy assaulted, stripped by girls-- no charges

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This video is from 1/13. There is no text and I can't find any news articles about the incident.

As court prepares affirmative-action decision, softer standards for men go unnoticed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Supreme Court is poised to release its opinion on an affirmative-action case that could forever change the way public colleges and universities consider race in admissions. But even if, as some predict, the justices issue a broad ruling slapping down the use of race in admissions, an open secret in higher education—that many colleges lower their admissions standards for male applicants—remains unchallenged and largely unremarked upon.

For years, the percentage of men enrolled in college has been declining, with women making up nearly 57 percent of all undergrads at four-year colleges last year, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. While schools are prohibited under the federal Title IX law from discriminating based on gender, some admissions officials have admitted in recent years that male applicants get a leg up from colleges hoping to avoid gender imbalances on campus.

...

Interestingly, none of these revelations prompted a wave of lawsuits, or even much outrage, from feminist organizations or other groups. It's even more surprising because the issue is probably more clear-cut, legally speaking, than race-based affirmative action.'

Utah: Lawmaker pushes registry to protect unwed dads' rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Utah lawmaker wants the state to stop waiting for Congress to act on a national putative father registry and move ahead with an electronic, confidential registry that unwed fathers, adoption agencies and attorneys — and potentially other states — could use to make and search paternity filings in adoption cases.

Sen. Luz Robles, D-Salt Lake, told members of the Health and Human Services Interim Committee on Wednesday the proposal is aimed at providing "equity and justice" to unwed fathers, particularly those from other states who want to be involved in a child's life but may not know where the mother plans to give birth and place the infant for adoption.

Some legal and adoption experts have advocated for a national putative father registry as the only way to protect unwed fathers' rights and interstate adoptions. Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., made several attempts at legislation to create such a registry by law but has so far been unsuccessfully gained little support for the idea. At least one group — Fathers & Families — opposes such registries on grounds they which it sees as designed to make it more difficult for fathers to assert rights; the onus, the group believes, should be on a birth mother and an adoption agency to identify and provide notice to unwed fathers about an adoption plan.'

US Senators Introduce Bill to Create National 'Responsible Father Registry'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A pair of U.S. Senators who co-chair the Congressional Coalition on Adoption have introduced a piece of legislation that would create a federal level "Responsible Father Registry."

Democratic Senator Mary L. Landrieu of Louisiana and Republican Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma introduced on Thursday the Protecting Adoption and Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Act of 2013.

In a statement, Sen. Landrieu argued that the proposed national registry would be valuable to fathers across the country. "By establishing a national registry, we can better ensure that any father has the chance to be involved in the life of a child he may have fathered," said Landrieu.
...
On the website PopVox.com, posters decried the proposed measure as an example of government overreach.

"…this sounds like more government intrusion & tracking. this goes way beyond the authority of the government. its hypocritical, that women who also abandon children & single dads are not included," posted "Anonymous1172260."

South Carolina has a similar regitsry, which is under the state's Department of Social Services. For a "putative" father, or a man who fathered a child with a woman who not his wife, there is no fee for registration and it does not get used to enforce payments for child support.'

UK: Children suffering from bias against men, says Captain Corelli author

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The author of Captain Corelli's Mandolin [link added] said it was time to stop deprecating fathers and to recognise they had an essential role in society, which single mothers simply cannot fulfil.

He said: "We've had enough of this image of fathers, in fact men in general, being perpetrated at all levels, as at best feckless and at worst violently abusive. There has been a relentless attack on the worth of men over the years which has been very damaging to their self-esteem."

...

Mr de Bernières said: "I'm lucky. I have equal custody with my former partner over our two children. But many other fathers suffer real plight. If your children have been heisted by your ex-wife and you can't see them while claims of abuse are investigated, or she is generally uncooperative and obstructive, you miss out on seeing them time after time.'

Are women more compassionate than men? What the science tells us

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Article here. Great piece on compassion from Stanford's Emma Seppala, PhD, whose work on PTSD and veterans was recently covered here. Tackling the question of whether women are more innately compassionate than men, Seppala outlines some of the scientific research on the topic before concluding:

'Rather than suggesting that [bonding and nurturing] tendencies might have made women more compassionate than men, I would argue that they would simply have altered the expression of compassion. While women's expression may have become one of nurturing and bonding, men's compassion was expressed through protecting and ensuring survival (hunting, warfare). Compassion just took on a different "look and feel" depending on our evolutionary needs for survival.

One reason we might think that women are more compassionate than men is that we think of compassion in only one way: nurturance, kindness, softness, gentleness, and emotional warmth. We think of compassion in mostly feminized terms. It may be that, in women, we are conditioned to think of compassion as involving caring and nurturing but that, in men, it takes on a fiercer more protective appearance. From my work with veterans and active-duty personnel, I have seen deep expressions of compassion that do not have nurturing and maternal features. Think of the many heroic acts that happen daily in which people throw themselves into dangerous situations to help others. These are fierce, courageous and even aggressive forms of compassion.'

Trial Court Issues New Child Support Guidelines Effective August 1st

Matt · 22 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Chief Justice of the Trial Court Robert A. Mulligan today announced the promulgation of revised Child Support Guidelines to be effective on August 1, 2013, based on a comprehensive review by the Child Support Guidelines Task Force he appointed in 2012. The Task Force that conducted the review, which is required every four years, was chaired by Probate and Family Court Chief Justice Paula M. Carey.

The Child Support Guidelines are used by Trial Court judges in setting temporary, permanent or final orders for current child support, in deciding whether to approve agreements for child support, and in deciding cases that are before the court to modify existing orders.

“The Task Force has worked diligently to develop guidelines that account for the economic realities facing families,” said Chief Justice Mulligan. “I greatly appreciate their commitment to ensuring the well-being of children across the state.”

“These guidelines provide Trial Court judges with tools to determine child support in a way that is transparent and economically sound,” said Chief Justice Carey, who also chaired the Task Force four years ago. “This Task Force has invested tremendous energy in analyzing the data and producing guidelines based on the current economic climate for families raising children in Massachusetts.”'

NPO: Dads Pay Heavier Price than Moms for Taking Flex Time

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the seemingly infinite complaints voiced by the anti-father crowd is that men spend too much time at paid work. It was one of Gideon Burrows gripes in his piece in the Huffington Post UK. According to them, fathers' working forces women into childcare which, presumably, they'd never do were it not for those selfish dads.

Needless to say, none of these shoot-from-the-hip commenters ever suggests that it might work the other way around – that if Mom would earn a little more, Dad wouldn't have to and he could spend more time with little Andy or Jenny. Nor do they acknowledge that female human beings, like females of every mammalian species, are hormonally bonded to their children. The idea that mothers might be staying home with the kids because one of the most powerful forces in nature encourages them to goes unmentioned. No, the anti-dad crowd is, well, anti-dad, and can be counted on to spin essentially anything to blame fathers.'

Man found by wife tied up and decapitated-- suicide suspected

Matt · 22 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

I can't make this stuff up. Tell me, in what bizarre, complicated way would one need to come up with to pull this off? Excerpt:

'Police say a woman who lives in the home found her husband dead in the garage.

His hands and feet were tied and the body had been decapitated.

Tulsa police told KRMG news the death was due to suicide.'

President Repeats False “Equal Pay” Statistic Claiming Women Earn 77 Percent of What Men Do

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Obama repeated a myth about equal pay and pay discrimination, as the economist Diana Furchtgott-Roth notes at RealClearMarkets:

Last week in the Rose Garden, at an event celebrating the Equal Pay Act, he once again repeated the myth that women earn 77 cents on a man’s dollar.
...
Nonsense. The 77 percent figure is bogus because it averages all full-time women, no matter what education and profession, with all full-time men. Even with such averaging, the latest Labor Department figures show that women working full-time make 81 percent of full-time men’s wages. For men and women who work 40 hours weekly, the ratio is 88 percent.
...
In any event, it’s just obvious that employers don’t pay women 23 percent less for the exact same work. If they did, employers could (and some would) crush their competitors just by hiring only women, who cost less to employ, to reap a huge cost advantage. But no major employer has ever done so. As one commenter notes, if this massive pay disparity actually existed, “why wouldn’t any company seeking to enhance its competitive position (i.e. all of them) simply hire only women? ...'

Sex, Lies and the War on Men

Matt · 22 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A massive twit-storm washed over your humble columnist yesterday, set off by our Wall Street Journal op-ed defending an Obama nominee and the rights of criminal defendants. To recap briefly: Sen. Claire McCaskill has placed a "permanent hold" on the nomination of Gen. Susan Helms to be vice commander of the Air Force Space Command. McCaskill is punishing Helms for having granted clemency to an officer under her command, Capt. Matthew Herrera, who was convicted of aggravated sexual assault.

We reviewed the facts and concluded that Helms was correct in holding that the prosecution case was so weak as to make the conviction unjust. (Herrera did not escape punishment: He pleaded guilty to an "indecent act" and was involuntarily discharged from the service.)
...
All this viciousness was in the service of denying that there is, as we wrote in yesterday's article, a "war on men." Well, imagine if a prominent feminist journalist wrote about the "war on women" and dozens of conservative male writers responded by subjecting her to similar verbal abuse. Would that not be prima facie evidence that she was on to something? If the answer is yes--and we'd say it is--then either the same is true in our case or the sexes aren't equal. (Select one or both of the above.)'

Going Galt: Why men are boycotting marriage, fatherhood and the American Dream

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Okay, in fairness, I'm the guy who wrote "The silent war on noncollege-educated white men." But most observers of this phenomenon have concluded that we just need to "man up." That is, until now. Dr. Helen Smith's new book, *Men on Strike* is decidedly different, inasmuch as she argues that if men are checking out of society, it's only because we are making rational decisions about changing incentives.

Let's take marriage, for example, where higher-educated women seem to be having a harder and harder time finding men worthy (or willing) to tie the knot. "[T]he incentives to marry have changed for men," explains Smith, "and they are no longer willing to risk so much more than in previous years to gain potentially less."
...
But if the benefits of marriage have declined for men, the downsides haven't. Men who marry can expect to pay disproportionately for a divorce, even if the wife cheats. And as Smith points out, sometimes men are on the hook for child support, even after DNA tests prove they aren't the father.

"[T]he new world order is a place where men are discriminated against, forced into a hostile environment in school and later in college, and held in contempt by society," she writes. "Maybe there is no incentive to grow up anymore," she continues. "It used to be that being a grown-up, responsible man was rewarded with respect, power and deference." Now, not so much. Making matters worse, men cannot voice frustration. "Men who complain are either wimps or misogynists or both," she writes.'

New U.S. Amb. to Belgium Announced After Accusations of Soliciting Underage Prostitutes

Matt · 23 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. (Review previous MANN item here.) Excerpt:

'This evening, the White House announced a new nominee to be the next U.S. ambassador to Belgium:

President Obama Announces More Key Administration Posts

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, President Obama announced his intent to nominate the following individuals to key Administration posts:

· Denise Bauer – Ambassador to Belgium, Department of State

The announcement comes only weeks after the current ambassador to Belgium, Howard Gutman, was accused of soliciting underage prostitutes. As the New York Post reported recently:

WASHINGTON — A State Department whistleblower has accused high-ranking staff of a massive coverup — including keeping a lid on findings that members of then-Secretary Hillary Clinton's security detail and the Belgian ambassador solicited prostitutes.

A chief investigator for the agency's inspector general wrote a memo outlining eight cases that were derailed by senior officials, including one instance of interference by Clinton's chief of staff, Cheryl Mills.'

Women charged with using antifreeze as poison to murder father, son

charlie · 23 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Note that two male relatives are killed in domestic murders, yet neither the headline nor the lead paragraph mentions that the victims are males. Excerpt:

'KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A Missouri woman and her daughter confessed to fatally poisoning two relatives with antifreeze and attempting to kill a third over a 14-month period, according to court documents.

Diane Staudte, 51, of Springfield, was charged Friday with two counts of first-degree murder, one count of first-degree assault and one count of armed criminal action. Her daughter, Rachel Staudte, 22, was charged with the same counts Saturday.

...

Diane Staudte initially told law enforcement that her husband, Mark Staudte, 61, hadn't been feeling well and suffered from seizures before his April 2012 death, the probable cause statement said. And she said her son, Shawn Staudte, 26, had been sick with flu-like symptoms before his death in September.

...

She told the detective that she killed her husband because she "hated him" and her son because he was "worse than a pest." She said she wanted to kill her daughter, Sarah, because the young woman "would not get a job and had student loans that had to be paid," the probable cause statement said.'

U.S. State Department: Pushing Forward Gender Driven Growth

Minuteman · 23 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Chief Economist Heidi Crebo-Rediker will deliver an address entitled “Pushing Forward Gender Driven Growth” on Monday, June 24, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the C. Fred Bergsten Conference Center at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, 1750 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036.

This event is open to the press but by invitation only to the general public.
...
In her address, Chief Economist Crebo-Rediker will highlight cutting edge work on the issue in both advanced and emerging economies. She will argue for the importance of elevating and mainstreaming this work through the efforts of the U.S. government, multilateral and other institutions.'

Woman charged in faith-healing death of baby son gets bail; judge denies release of husband

Matt · 23 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia faith-healing believer charged with murder after a second son died of pneumonia has been granted bail, but her husband must stay in jail.

Officials at the Philadelphia Industrial Correctional Center told The Associated Press on Saturday that Catherine Schaible can live in her parents' home under electronic monitoring once her $250,000 bail is posted.
...
They are charged with third-degree murder in the April pneumonia death of 8-month-old son Brandon. They had been convicted of involuntary manslaughter after their 2-year-old son, Kent, died of pneumonia in 2009. The couple's seven surviving children are in foster care.
...
Defense attorney Mythri Jayaraman argued that Catherine Schaible was less culpable because the couple's church taught that a wife must be "submissive to her husband." Pastor Nelson Clark and Assistant Pastor Ralph Myers of First Century Gospel Church testified that Herbert Schaible made decisions about the welfare of the couple's children.
...
Assistant District Attorney Joanne Pescatore argued against treating Catherine Schaible differently from her husband.

"She was that child's mother, and he was that child's father, and they both have equal responsibility for that child," she said.'

Sweden: greater unemployment rate amongst men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The difference between the male and female jobless rates in Sweden increased last year, with a higher number of men now unemployed, revealed figures from Eurostat.

There are currently 33,000 more unemployed males than females in Sweden; however, the situation across the rest of Europe does not mirror that of the Scandinavian country.
...
Furthermore, in Norway, where unemployment is also higher amongst males than females, women receive generous parental allowances and are given the opportunity to keep their jobs after pregnancy.'

'Men and Masculinity' New Course Next Fall at AFA

Mastodon · 23 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A professor from Virginia will spend the upcoming academic year teaching courses on gender at the Air Force Academy to combat sexual assaults.
...
Neither course is required of students. But so many have registered for the lone section of "Men and Masculinity" that the academy is considering adding another, said Col. Gary Packard, head of the academy's Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership.
...
"There's a lot of theory in the first part" of the class, he said. "The second part includes discussion of men's issues: work, mental health, physical health, relationships, sexuality, violence, and contemporary topics like the prison problem, pornography and prostitution."
As part of their coursework, Kilmartin will assign his students to journal about gender stereotypes they observe in their everyday lives.'

Military analyst: Women in front-line combat opens door for draft

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A military analyst says the plan to allow women in front-line combat units could subject them to a future draft, and Congress should start paying attention.

Women are currently exempt from the draft because they are not involved in direct ground combat, says Center for Military Readiness president Elaine Donnelly, citing a 1981 U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

"It is most unfortunate that Congress is allowing the Obama administration to lay the legal groundwork for selective service obligations to be imposed on unsuspecting civilian women on the same basis as men," says Donnelly. "This would include a future draft."'

Norway becomes first NATO country to draft women into military

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(Reuters) - Norway's parliament voted overwhelmingly on Friday to conscript women into its armed forces, becoming the first European and first NATO country to make military service compulsory for both genders.

"Rights and duties should be the same for all," said Labor lawmaker Laila Gustavsen, a supporter of the bill. "The armed forces need access to the best resources, regardless of gender, and right now mostly men are recruited."
...
Women already serve in the military, but do so of their own volition. They make up a tenth of the armed forces, according to the ministry of defense.

The change is not expected to force women to serve against their will but should help improve the gender balance.

All young people can be conscripted in theory, but since the end of the Cold War the Norwegian armed forces have become more selective in choosing conscripts as their needs have changed.

Those who do not want to serve can often find a reason, such as university studies, to avoid the draft.

"In theory, it is possible (women would have to serve against their will), just as it can happen to men," Gustavsen said.'

Are Military Women On the Front Lines Advancing Feminism?

Mastodon · 23 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent years, there has been a huge influx in the amount of women joining the United States military. According to a recent AP article, women now make up about 14% of the 1.4 million active U.S. military personnel and more than 280,000 women have been sent overseas in support of the wars. There are even talks of women becoming Army Rangers as soon as mid-2015 and women Navy SEALs shortly after. But what impact are these changes having on American military?

...

Allowing women on the front lines actually weakens our army. Leaders, both men and women, within the military are speaking out against these changes; unfortunately, we live in a world that cares more about being politically correct than doing the right thing.

...

In the name of sexual equality, we are willing to lower the requirements of being on the front lines of a war. This jeopardizes the lives of not only those women, but everyone else involved. If you are going to be on the front line, you need to have the physical strength to carry your partner off the battlefield and to safety.'

False Rape Report Caught By Doctor, Leading To Charges: Police

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PORT HURON, Mich. -- A Michigan woman accused of faking a sexual assault was ordered to stand trial on charges of making a false report of rape and tampering with evidence Tuesday after a doctor said her purported bruises faded after he wiped them with gauze.

Sara Ylen accused two men of sexual assault at her Lexington home last September, saying she was taking a nap when she was bound and raped. But authorities say the attack didn't happen.

Ylen is also accused of lying about having cancer in a separate case in Sanilac County. She's charged with fraud for allegedly tricking an insurance company and sympathetic supporters. A probable cause hearing is set for July 9.'

Adding two women's sports part of process

Mastodon · 23 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Title IX is leading Missouri State to enact changes that could take effect as soon as the fall of 2014: the addition of two women's sports.

MSU operates under "Prong One", known as "proportionality," to comply with Title IX. In other words, the school must carry the same proportion of male and female student-athletes as the proportion of full-time male and female students in the undergraduate student body.

Missouri State's 2012-13 undergraduate enrollment was 56.7 female. To comply with Title IX, MSU's proportion of female student-athletes must be within 1 percent in either direction of that number.

According to research from Missouri State, the school is about 2.5 percent away from where it needs to be, and is in the process of adding women's sports to come back in compliance.
...
In its five-page report, the task force did not recommend changing or dropping any of the school's 16 sports. NCAA rules require schools to offer six men's sports and eight women's sports. Missouri State currently sponsors six men's sports and 10 women's sports.'

Kenya: Men are becoming no more than sperm donors in our society

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I was listening to a debate in one of the morning breakfast shows in one of the FM radio stations this past week and wondered if really the boy child has a place left for him in this society. Women were calling and confessing how they would really wish their husbands were dead.

It reminded me of how hard it has become for male job seekers to get jobs this days be it from male or female employers something that was echoed by one of my lecturers at Egerton University. It is worrying that the society has focused more on the girl child and forgotten the boy child.
...
It should not be forgotten that the controversial Kiambu County cabinet nominees were rejected for being gender biased. Surprisingly, this time round it was not women who were discriminated against, it was men. Only two out of eight nominees were men.

We actually have a problem that needs to be addressed. We have forsaken the boy child and soon it might cause grievous harm to the society. Men might just start withdrawing from social scenes while others will cease to see the relevance of marriage if the trend continues. Women should stop taking men as sperm donors and value them as their husbands.'

US: Male workforce participation declines 9+% over 56 years

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the 1950s, nearly every man in his prime working years was in the labor force, a category that includes both those who are employed and those actively applying for jobs. The "participation rate" for men ages 25 to 54 stood at 97.7% in early 1956, but drifted downward to a post-war record low of 88.4% at the end of 2012. (It ticked up very slightly at the start of this year to 88.6%.)

So where have all the men workers gone?

Some went into prison. Others are on disability. And still others can't find jobs and have simply given up looking.

The trend is particularly pronounced among the less educated. As the job market shifted away from blue-collar positions that required only a high-school degree to more skilled labor, many men were left behind, labor analysts say. It's harder these days to find well-paying jobs in manufacturing, production and other fields traditionally dominated by men without college diplomas.

But college men are leaving, too. The participation rate of those older than 25 and holding at least bachelor's degree fell to 80.2% in May, down from 87.2% in May 1992.'

Women slam ‘unfair’ insurance ruling

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new survey shows that 78 per cent of women believe a recent European Union ruling against gender-based pricing for insurance policies is unfair.
...
Only 22 per cent of women questioned by MyVoucherCodes.co.uk agreed that the move was fair. By comparison, 74 per cent of men supported the ruling – which may result in lower insurance premiums for male customers.

Almost two thirds of women felt that men should pay higher premiums for car insurance, as data shows that they are more likely to be involved in accidents.

The European ruling comes into effect on 21st December 2012. Estimates from the Association of British Insurers (ABI) indicate that women under 25 could see a 25 per cent increase in motor insurance costs … while men could expect premiums to reduce by just 10 per cent.

Maggie Craig, ABI’s Acting Director General, said: “This gender ban is disappointing news for UK consumers and something the UK insurance industry has fought against for the last decade. The judgment ignores the fact that taking a person’s gender into account, where relevant to the risk, enables men and women alike to get a more accurate price for their insurance.”'

Australia: More children of single parents in poverty

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Next week single mother Angela Downey will mark her daughter's 12th birthday with a rare treat – a chocolate sponge cake with cream and strawberries. Just like the past four years, there won't be any presents.

Since being moved off the single parent payment onto the lesser Newstart allowance in 2009, Ms Downey said it has been all but impossible to support her three teenage children.

...

The latest Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey prepared by Melbourne University revealed the poverty rate for children living with a single parent has risen 15 per cent since 2001.'

Feminist Hate Site: "I HATE MEN -- 100,000 STRONG"

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One example here. Excerpt:

'Men are the reason why the world/society is so messed up. They are the default human being, and women are stuck with the label of some kind of new creature. Double standards are because of men. War is because of men. Insecure girls are because of men.

I'm only 19 years old and I already feel this deep hatred for men. Thankfully, I have never been raped or sexually abused. But have I feared for my life because of a man? Plenty of times. I can't walk down the street alone without fearing for my life, fearing a man will jump out of the shadows and rape/kill me. I hate that men think they own us, and that WE owe them something.'

Why She Drinks: Women and Alcohol Abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some social scientists link the rise in female alcohol consumption to the changing role of women in society. Rick Grucza, an epidemiologist at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis who studies alcohol-use disorders, correlates women's drinking to the rise in female college attendance. Others suggest that many women continue unhealthy postcollege drinking patterns in male-dominated industries such as finance and technology. Still others find a link among women who step away from their careers to be at home. "The baby's crying, they're not getting paid, they're bored and anxious—and feel guilty that they're bored and anxious," says Mary Ellen Barnes, a psychologist in Rolling Hills Estates, Calif., who treats many female heavy drinkers. Drinking several tall glasses of wine can make those feelings recede—at least for a few hours.'

Swedish Left Party moves to ban men urinating while standing

Matt · 24 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The local chapter of the Left Party, a socialist and feminist political party, in Sormland County Council, Sweden, is pushing to make standing while peeing illegal for men using the county council's public restrooms.

According to the Local, supporters of the proposal say sitting while urinating is more hygienic and promotes sanitary restroom habit for male users. It will help to eliminate the problem of puddles on the floor and spray stains on toilet seats. They also argue that urinating while sitting will help to promote male health because it allows men to empty their bladder more effectively. Sitting while urinating according to advocates will reduce prostate problems among men.'

In Debate Over Military Sexual Assault, Men Are Overlooked Victims

Matt · 24 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Good they wrote this. But notice the problem of sexual assaults in the military only got press and serious attention from the brass when it was revealed as a problem for female service personnel. "It's not a problem unless it affects women/girls" seems to hold as always. Excerpt:

'Sexual assault has emerged as one of the defining issues for the military this year. Reports of assaults are up, as are questions about whether commanders have taken the problem seriously. Bills to toughen penalties and prosecution have been introduced in Congress.

But in a debate that has focused largely on women, this fact is often overlooked: the majority of service members who are sexually assaulted each year are men.

In its latest report on sexual assault, the Pentagon estimated that 26,000 service members experienced unwanted sexual contact in 2012, up from 19,000 in 2010. Of those cases, the Pentagon says, 53 percent involved attacks on men, mostly by other men.
...

“Men don’t acknowledge being victims of sexual assault,” said Dr. Carol O’Brien, the chief of post-traumatic stress disorder programs at the Bay Pines Veterans Affairs Health Care System in Florida, which has a residential treatment program for sexually abused veterans. “Men tend to feel a great deal of shame, embarrassment and fear that others will respond negatively.”
...
“The best thing going on right now is that the women’s issue is coming to the fore and you see some mention about male rapes,” he said.

Many sexual assaults on men in the military seem to be a form of violent hazing or bullying, said Roger Canaff, a former New York State prosecutor who helped train prosecutors on the subject of military sexual assault for the Pentagon. “The acts seemed less sexually motivated than humiliation or torture-motivated,” he said.
...
“I think the attention to this issue is absolutely needed,” Lieutenant Cohen said. “But it’s a little bit late. We still have attacks, and we still have retaliation.”'

"Psychological Violence"

Matt · 24 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

From a reader in Italy, a video titled "Psychological Violence". Good piece, I'd say it's applicable to any relationship, really. But this vid emphasizes the phenom as it gets inflicted on men. More like it are necessary.

Affiliated sites:
http://facebook.com/paternita
http://fatherhood.paternita.info/

World Health Organisation: violence against women a "global health problem of epidemic proportions"

Minuteman · 25 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'20 JUNE 2013 | GENEVA - Physical or sexual violence is a public health problem that affects more than one third of all women globally, according to a new report released by WHO in partnership with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and the South African Medical Research Council.

The report, Global and regional estimates of violence against women: Prevalence and health effects of intimate partner violence and non-partner sexual violence, represents the first systematic study of global data on the prevalence of violence against women – both by partners and non-partners. Some 35% of all women will experience either intimate partner or non-partner violence. The study finds that intimate partner violence is the most common type of violence against women, affecting 30% of women worldwide.'

The Pentagon's Surrender to Feminism

Mastodon · 25 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"The Pentagon unveiled plans Tuesday for fully integrating women into front-line and special combat roles, including elite forces such as Army Rangers and Navy SEALs."

So ran the lead on the CNN story. And why are we doing this?

Did the young officers leading troops in battle in Afghanistan and Iraq, returning with casualties, say they needed women to enhance the fighting efficiency of their combat units and the survival rate of their soldiers?

Did men from the 101st and 82nd airborne, the Marines, the SEALs, and Delta Force petition the Joint Chiefs to put women alongside them in future engagements to make them an even superior force?

No. This decision to put women in combat represents a capitulation of the military brass, a surrender to the spirit of our age, the Pentagon's salute to feminist ideology.'

Leading expert on ‘maleness’ comes to Toronto to support ‘men’s centre’

Mastodon · 25 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A fundraising campaign to create a Canadian Centre for Men and Families kicks off Wednesday in Toronto with a lecture by a leading anthropologist of gender, in an effort to boost the political clout and intellectual credibility of men’s issues.

It is a controversial topic often associated with angry sexists. But Lionel Tiger, Charles Darwin Professor of Anthropology at Rutgers University in New Jersey — best known for coining the term “male bonding” — is neither angry nor sexist.'
...
For four decades, since the ascendance of feminism, society has “vilified” males, Prof. Tiger said, and “it has now got to the point where we see some real results,” such as large numbers of single mothers, and disproportionately female university campuses.'

S. Africa: Boy’s botched circumcision: health dept must pay R2.2m

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The money cannot change what had happened to her son.

This was the reaction of the mother of a 9-year-old boy who had suffered a botched circumcision at the Vryheid Hospital in KwaZulu-Natal after the provincial health department was ordered to pay R2.2 million to the family this week.

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On Tuesday, Judge Achmat Jappie of the Pietermaritzburg High Court ordered that the department pay the family R2.2 million within 14 days.

The mother said her son was finding it hard to deal with the incident and had “anger issues”.'

S. Africa: Five circumcision deaths in E Cape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Port Elizabeth - Five boys died and one has been castrated in the Eastern Cape after illegal circumcisions, the provincial health department said on Friday.

“The Eastern Cape department of health is extremely concerned about the increasing number of young boys dying in the bush,” said spokesman Sizwe Kupelo.

“Over the past four days five boys have died in the bush. An autopsy conducted on three of them indicated they suffered from gangrene which resulted in renal failure.”

A 15-year-old boy also had to be castrated.

Kupelo said the circumcisions had occurred at illegal schools in the Libode, Port St Johns, and Lusikisiki areas.'

Seattle-based tech-education firm offers women-only coding boot camp, real jobs

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'Employers are avoiding liberal arts majors like the plague. As the Wall Street Journal has noted, recent college grads with English, philosophy and history majors face unemployment rates just below 10 percent.

But, wait. There's more. Turns out, a person with a passable technical background can spend a few intensive, hands-on weeks in a boot camp learning how to write code. That person can then waltz directly into a well-paying gig in the tech industry.

Seattle-based Code Fellows, a company that specializes in computer-programming education, offers the boot camps in Ruby on Rails, an open-source web application framework.

Code Fellows is now rolling out a boot camp exclusively for women interested in breaking into the software industry.

The July 8 to August 23 female-only boot camp is intended to address the dearth – you may have noticed it — of women working in computer programming.'

Supreme Court says Native American child isn’t required to be given to father

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — A divided Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that federal law doesn’t require that a Native American girl be given back to her biological father, but also doesn’t clear her adoptive parents to immediately regain custody of the now 3-year-old child.

In a resolution that one justice said could compound “the anguish this case has caused,” the high court voted 5-4 to send the case back to courts in South Carolina to determine the final home for an adopted little girl named Veronica.

South Carolina courts originally said the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act — a federal law intended to keep Indian children from being taken from their homes and typically placed with non-Indian adoptive or foster parents — favored her living with her biological father, who took custody of her in 2011. But the South Carolina couple who raised her for the first 27 months of her life appealed that decision, and justices have ordered her case reconsidered.
...
Added Scalia in a separate dissent: “This father wants to raise his daughter, and the statute amply protects his right to do so. There is no reason in law or policy to dilute that protection.”'

Air Force Academy Adds Male Bashing Gender Theory “Male and Masculinity” Course

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I wrote a while back that Obama Inc. will not be satisfied until it transforms the military into the same warped culture of the left. And that includes the usual “Men are Evil” courses transplanted from Berkeley to the Air Force Academy.

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Courses on gender have nothing to do with preventing sexual assaults. To fight rape, you increase security and reporting. And you arrest rapists.

Fighting rape by teaching gender theory is like fighting armed robbery by teaching Communism.

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"His spring class will offer an opportunity to examine violence committed by males, a topic that is often overlooked because “people in dominate groups have the luxury of having their identity remain invisible,” Kilmartin said."

Translating that from libspeak, no one ever talks about male violence because of the patriarchy. No one. Ever. You never see it in movies or on the news.'

New Zealand: False rape claim to get lift home from strip show

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Masterton woman falsely claimed to have been raped because she wanted police to give her a ride home after watching a male strip show.

Helen Maree Bidlake, 25, was yesterday convicted of making a false statement and sentenced to 100 hours' community work when she was sentenced in Masterton District Court.

According to the police summary of facts, on April 17 Bidlake, who is unemployed, attended a male strip show in Greytown.

She did not want to pay for a taxi back to Masterton so rang 111 and said she had been raped by a male she had met at the show.'

UK: Female teacher 'had sex with pupil in her car'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An English teacher allegedly told a 16-year-old pupil 'I bet you won't be able to keep up with me' before having sex with him in her car.

Emma Ager, 34, from Wales, is also reported to have told the boy that he would be 'a legend' amongst his friends following their trysts.

The relationship came to light after the boy's mother found out her son was getting inappropriate phone calls and texts from Miss Ager and contacted his school – but at the time she had no idea that their contact had become sexual.

Miss Ager is now up before a disciplinary hearing accused of unacceptable professional conduct and falling short of the standard expected of a registered teacher.'

'Adam's Discontent'

Mastodon · 25 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. (If you get a login challenge, copy and paste the paragraph below into Google search and click the first search results hit.) Excerpt:

'The statistics that Ms. Smith proffers are impressively dismal. Male workforce participation has plummeted. In 1970, some 80% of working-age men were employed full-time, in contrast to the 66% employed full-time nowadays, Ms. Smith notes. Women today earn 58% of U.S. bachelor's degrees. This is partly because, as Christina Hoff Sommers wrote in her 2001 book, "The War Against Boys" (cited admiringly by Ms. Smith), the K-12 education system that feeds into college favors docile, conformist girls over aggressive, competitive boys. Colleges, as well, are riddled with feminist ideology, decimate their athletic programs in the name of Title IX and regard male students as likely rapists in their interactions with their female classmates.

Ms. Smith argues that men are simply reacting to a woman-centric culture that systemically belittles them as bumbling incompetents, denigrates their achievements and outright discriminates against them in such venues as family court. Mothers usually get custody of the children after a divorce, even if they have cheated on their husbands. Husbands sometimes end up forced to support children who aren't genetically theirs. For women, it's "my body, my choice," whereas men can be stuck writing child-support checks for 18 years even if the mother was a one-night stand who lied about using birth control. Ms. Smith blames not only feminists but passive "Uncle Tims," as she calls them, who go along with all this because, well, hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, especially if she is your wife or your boss or she decides to start a Sandra Fluke-inspired boycott of you or your company.'

DHS deadline requires child support from men who aren't biological dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'OKLAHOMA CITY – An Oklahoma man said he was almost obligated to pay thousands of dollars to support two children who, as it turned out, weren't even his.

Now his attorney is pushing for changes in DHS policies and state law.

Family law attorney Lawrence Goodwin admits he doesn't like deadbeat dads who avoid child support but he also doesn't like deceptive moms.

"I have the same disdain for people who mislead another human being and have them obligated to be a father of a child that they're not," Goodwin said.

...

"You have 60 days to come back and say 'I made a mistake. It's not my kid. I took a DNA test', or 'she told me the truth and it's not my child'," Goodwin said.

After that 60-day deadline, Okla. law states a man would have to prove he was deceived into thinking he was the biological father, by "fraud, duress or material mistake of fact"… within two years."'

Female EMT on-duty, in uniform faces no charges after ignoring pregnant woman's emergency leading to death

Matt · 25 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Brooklyn EMT who callously refused to help a dying pregnant woman because she was on her coffee break saw her official misconduct charge dropped today after EMS chief Abdo Nahmod — who initially supported the case against her — flip-flopped, leaving frustrated Brooklyn prosecutors no choice but to dismiss the case.

Melisa Jackson, 27, was in uniform and on-duty when she snuck away from her dispatcher job at FDNY headquarters in downtown Brooklyn in December 2009 to meet her EMT boyfriend in a nearby Au Bon Pain. But when pregnant Eutisha Rennix, 25, had a serious asthma attack, Jackson wouldn't even walk into the back room to look at her.

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Nahmod signed an affidavit in 2010 supporting the criminal complaint against Jackson. His affidavit said Jackson had violated a departmental rule — the "flag-down rule" — requiring that an on-duty EMT treat a defendant and notify dispatch if they are flagged down for help.

...

"Based on the reversal of position of Chief Nahmod, there is absolutely no possible way to sustain a criminal charge against Ms. Jackson," Richardson said in court.

"We're perplexed. We don't know why he changed his mind," a law-enforcement source said.

...

Outside court Jackson refused to apologize to the Rennix family or accept any responsibility — and said she would do the same thing again.'

"Young and Isolated"

Matt · 26 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Of interest generally, but the paragraph about 20-something men saying it's impossible to live up to the "male provider role" jumps out. This speaks I think to how the "equality" message has by no means been delivered to the Millenials-- except as it pertains to women being "equal" (or, "more equal", which is more accurate). Despite the bad job prospects generally for Millenials, Millenial women are on average doing quite a bit better professionally and economically than the men. So why aren't they asking themselves about living up to a "provider role" paradigm? Of course we know the answer to this question already. Excerpt:

'Young working-class men and women like Diana are trying to figure out what it means to be an adult in a world of disappearing jobs, soaring education costs and shrinking social support networks. Today, only 20 percent of men and women between 18 and 29 are married. ...
...
These are people bouncing from one temporary job to the next; dropping out of college because they can't figure out financial aid forms or fulfill their major requirements; relying on credit cards for medical emergencies; and avoiding romantic commitments because they can take care of only themselves. ...
...
I heard many people express feeling betrayed by the major institutions in their lives, whether colleges, the health care system, employers or the government.
...
Men often face a different challenge: the impossibility of living up to the male provider role. Brandon, who worked the night shift at a clothing store, described what he thought it would be like to be in a relationship with him: "No woman wants to sit on the couch all the time and watch TV and eat at Burger King. I can only take care of myself."'

Please lodge anti-circumcision replies with the Department of Health & Human Services (re: 2014 Viral Hep. Action Plan), Deadline 5 July 2013

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This is a response to the document "2014 Viral Hepatitis Action Plan" [FR Document Number: 2013-13332].

The deadline for submissions is 5 July 2013.

This submission can be made by anybody from any country around the world.

Instructions:

Download and save the document from the following link (Click 'Download'):

http://www.2shared.com/document/p89sEQZM/2014_Viral_Hepatitis_Action_Pl.html

Email the document to Corinna.Dan@hhs.gov with the subject heading "2014 Viral Hepatitis Action Plan".

In case anyone experiences problems with the above 2shared link, the full-text of the response document is below, which you can copy/paste into the text-editor or wordprocessor of your choice, save to your harddisk, and email to Corinna.Dan@hhs.gov

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Attention: 2014 Viral Hepatitis Action Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to the 2014 Viral Hepatitis Action Plan [FR Document Number: 2013-13332]. This response document will briefly address the special danger posed to newly circumcised baby boys from acquiring transfusion-transmitted hepatitis B virus [HBV] infection.

Transfusion-transmitted HBV infection

HBV remains a major risk of transfusion-transmitted infection due to the pre-seroconversion window period, infection with immunovariant viruses, and with occult carriage of HBV infection (Candotti & Allain 2009). Recipients of blood transfusions in the U.S continue to be at risk for HBV infection as a result of breakdowns in basic infection control and limitations in the laboratory screening of donated blood (HHS 2011). Blood transfusions were the fifth most common procedure received by children and infants in U.S hospitals for the year 2009, with approximately 109,400 transfusions being administered (AHRQ 2011). Prophylactic HBV vaccine was received by less than 1.33 million infants in the year 2009 (AHRQ 2011), out of approximately 4.13 million births for that year (CDC 2011a). Indviduals infected with transfusion-transmitted HBV can latter become carriers of the virus in the general community (HHS 2011). While over 95% of people infected as adults will spontaneously clear the HBV virus, this reduces to 30% in children, and 5% in infants (Bell & Nguyen 2009). Untreated, chronic hepatitis B acquired early in life results in cirrhosis, liver failure, or hepatocellular carcinoma in up to 40% of individuals (Weisberg et al 2007).

Circumcision and haemophilia A as special risk factors for acquiring transfusion-transmitted HBV infection

Circumcision of male minors, in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, is a controversial practice within the medical profession (KNMG 2010; Smith 2011). Despite this, more than 1.14 million circumcision procedures were performed on male infants in U.S. hospitals in the year 2009 (AHRQ 2011). One of the commonest complications of circumcision is excessive bleeding and rates as high as 35% have been quoted in

the literature (Mahomed et al 2009). Babies often present after several hours of continued bleeding and blood transfusion may be necessary (Qazi et al 2010).

A survey conducted by Ragni et al (2011) of current prophylaxis practices and bleeding characteristics of children with severe haemophilia A in U.S. haemophilia treatment centres [HTCs], found that among 226 newborns with severe haemophilia A in 62 HTCs, the median age at first bleed, excluding circumcision, was 7 months and that of the 113 [53.5%] newborns who underwent circumcision, 62 [54.9%] bled. Haemophilia A occurs among approximately 1 out of every 6,250 male births (CDC 2011b). Although lower than in the past, HBV infection remains a risk among those with haemophilia A who rely on blood products to counteract the disease (Steele et al 2009).

Thus, a higher proportion of boys are already at greater risk of acquiring transfusion-transmitted HBV infection relative to girls, and circumcision worsens that disadvantage.

Action Required

Genital integrity [non-circumcision] is most likely to produce the highest state of health and well-being and is the preferred medical option for newborn boys (KNMG 2010, Van Howe 2004).

Public health officials should act to suspend the performance of medically-unnecessary non-therapeutic circumcision of boys.

Hospital administrators must respond to this threat to all children and especially circumcised boys by limiting circumcisions to those for which there is a clear and present immediate medical indication.

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Aussie PM Gillard loses leadership ballot to Rudd

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard was ousted as Labor Party leader Wednesday by her predecessor, Kevin Rudd, in a vote of party lawmakers hoping to avoid a huge defeat in upcoming elections.

The ballot took place three years and two days after Gillard ousted Rudd in a similar internal government showdown to become the country's first female prime minister. Wednesday's vote makes Rudd leader of the party, but he is not yet prime minister and may not get the job if lawmakers abandon Labor's ruling coalition.'

Swedish finance minister open to boardroom quotas

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sweden's Finance Minister Anders Borg has indicated that a law requiring more women in the boardroom is becoming more likely, describing the continuing lack of gender balance in Swedish firms as a "significant problem".

"It is obvious that this is being solved at a very, very slow pace. I think that the arguments against the legislation are gradually eroding and that the reasons for considering legislation have strengthened," Borg said to the Dagens Nyheter daily.

Borg argued that improvements are "not even close" to what is acceptable and in relation to business leaders arguments against the need for legislation.

The finance minister's threat comes as the proportion of women in the boardroom in Swedish firms has in fact declined to 2010 levels - 26.4 percent - according to the GMI Ratings 2012 Women on Boards Survey.'

Updates on the O2/Symantec censorship issue

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An update from John Kimble:

I thought it was time to update people on the progress that we've made on the issue of O2/Symantec censoring and defaming men's human rights sites.

Firstly I want to thank everyone who had blogged about this issue, it's fantastic to see it discussed in so many different places and even in different languages. I thought this article on Trigger Alert was particularly good and Tom Golden has written a nice piece on AVoiceForMen, too. There's a even Youtube video helping bring the message to a wider audience which I thoroughly recommend viewing and also plenty of material over at Fathers for Life.

I've written several new articles further investigating the issue which are essential viewing, for example highlighting some extreme feminists sites that aren't blocked, how feminists get their sites unblocked, and how O2/Symantec even treat men's rights websites as more hateful than far right groups. I also contacted ISP Review who wrote a good article on the issue which led to Symantec blocking a radical feminist site.

"Can you give me back my foreskin?"

Matt · 26 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The case is this: if you are able to listen, dare listen, and you are willing to listen to what is clear and obvious: of course you do not need to cut your newborns to win Gods acceptance, a horrifying question emerges from the mists: does this mean that something is wrong in Judaism? The answer is, yes. Of course it is wrong to maintain a practice which involves that one – unnecessarily – cuts parts from small children's small bodies. Imagine if our neighbors – for religious reasons – had the habit of cutting their earlobes, the outer joint of their little finger or the nipples of their babies. Just like that, off with them. We would never allow that to happen. Nevertheless we accept something even worse: the cutting into and cutting off parts of children's private and intimate sexual organs.

The consequences are many and ramified but they may be difficult to see until the horror dawns on you. The foreskin tissue contains an enormous amount of receptors which makes it the most highly sensitive area of the entire male body. Several studies show how infants are highly sensitive, they feel pain, and research is constantly extended with more knowledge about how important the first months and years are for a baby's healthy development. Reports from circumcisions relate of children lapsing into traumatic shock during the procedure – being unable to make a sound. By some this is interpreted to mean that the mutilation does not inflict pain – in reality the opposite is true. Jewish mothers and fathers who have regretted the procedure tell how the special intimacy and (until then) unbreakable bond between child and parents is ripped even more violently apart than the way in which the foreskin is torn from the glans before it is cut off. The child loses the most important part in its relation with its parents: the trust that mother and father will always act in its best interest and defend it – also against religious practice.'

BTB: Our Covenant Is With Our Son

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is because of the Jewish value of education, the Jewish ability to adapt and to change, the Jewish thoughtfulness, and the Jewish desire to end suffering that my husband and I chose not to circumcise our son. There are many parts of the Torah that current Jewish traditions choose to ignore: Jews no longer practice polygamy, though it is mandated in Deuteronomy. We do not own slaves, though several Jewish texts detail how they should be governed. And we have agreed—as a religion and a people—that blood sacrifices have no place in modern Jewish life.
...
“It’s a boy,” my husband said quietly as he lifted the baby onto my chest. I didn’t believe him. I sobbed with joy at the tiny baby in my arms who looked up at me curiously and didn’t cry. We left his penis the perfect way it was when he was born. If our son chooses to make God’s covenant and become circumcised as an adult, circumcision will be his choice, his sacrifice, his personal covenant, as it was for Abraham. Our covenant is with our son: to protect him, cherish him, educate him, and ultimately let him make his own decisions about his body.'

McCain Demands Answers from DOJ over Campus Censorship "Blueprint"

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Article here. Excerpt;

'WASHINGTON, June 26, 2013—Arizona Senator John McCain sent a letter to the Department of Justice today challenging its recent settlement with the University of Montana. The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) has led national criticism of the May 9 settlement, which mandates a breathtakingly broad definition of sexual harassment and rejects the use of a "reasonable person" standard. The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Education (ED) proclaimed the joint settlement to be a "blueprint" for how colleges across the country must handle sexual misconduct allegations.

...

In today's letter, Senator McCain writes: "Without congressional authorization or even any formal agency rulemaking, Assistant Attorney General Thomas Perez and a group of lawyers in the DOJ's Civil Rights Division have single-handedly redefined the meaning of sexual harassment at all universities and colleges across the country that receive public funding."

...

Senator McCain also asks whether everyday expression protected by the First Amendment—including students joking or listening to music that contains sexual content, or a teacher assigning a work which includes sexual content—could now be grounds for filing a sexual harassment complaint. Senator McCain writes: "What safe harbors are available to students and teachers so that they can be assured that innocent behavior is not investigated and punished?"'

SAVE's collection of DED Editorials

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Listing here. Excerpt:

'Following is a listing of editorials and articles criticizing the Department of Education (DED) Sexual Assault Directive and sexual harassment speech code, and calling for the restoration of due process and free speech on campus:

2013:

1. KC Johnson: UNC and a Credulous Press – January 19
2. Pierce Harlan: The State of the Union for the Wrongly Accused is Bleak - January 21
3. Joseph Cohn: KC Johnson to Journalists: Stop Presuming Guilt – January 22
4. Amelia Evrigenis: Sexual Violence on Campus: College Lowers Standards of Proof - January 23
5. KC Johnson: Yale's Bizarre Sexual Misconduct Hearings – February 1
6. Community of the Wrongly Accused: American Association of University Professors Stands Up for the Rights of the Innocent in its New Report on Sexual Assault — February 14

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Ed. note: The list entries above are hyperlinked on the target page. I'm just too lazy to copy them over into the list when they are right there on SAVE's site. =)

Daughter of lesbian couple writes Fathers' Day should be eliminated

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Abby Bergman has an ax to grind. An LGBT activist “all her life,” according to her bio, the high school junior is also the daughter of a lesbian couple, and as a result … thinks we should chuck Father’s Day out the window.

Bergman just wrote a Father’s Day piece (read, an anti-Father’s Day piece) for the Huffington Post called “Celebrating Father’s Day With Two Moms,” in which she whined that the traditional holiday was not quite inclusive enough. Although nothing stopped her from honoring “all the typical ‘father things’ that my moms do for me every day,” Bergman still managed to gripe.
...
Her conclusion? Not that every child deserves both a father and mother – not at all. Bergman would rather see male-specific parent appreciation days – like Father’s Day – get scratched off the calendar. “I don't deny that we need a day to recognize our parents – maybe even more than one,” claimed Bergman, “But in our modern society shouldn't we be able to celebrate a holiday that includes everyone? Families come in all shapes and sizes.”

Dads don’t deserve a day specially dedicated to them, it seems. Bergman argued that we shouldn’t be “pressured by society (and Hallmark) to recognize a parent of a particular gender.” What would she prefer? Well, she would really like it “if we all use every day to thank and honor all of our parents.”

A world where nobody gets honored for anything special – just everybody gets honored everyday for everything? Sure, Abby, that sounds great. Of course, she didn’t actually ever mention getting rid of Mother’s Day – but maybe that wouldn’t fly so well with her “two moms.”'

Woman Runs Over Lover With SUV After Only Three Months Of Dating

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Demarco Dent (pictured) is lucky to be alive after Iyana Mentor (pictured below), his lover of only three months, allegedly tried to run him down with her SUV three times, succeeding on the last try. Why would she try and run the man down, you may ask? Because he couldn't spend time with her after getting off work, reports WSB-TV.

Mentor was arrested and is now facing charges of aggravated assault and hit-and-run.

The violent lover's spat began when Dent asked Mentor to drop him off at a specified location in Clayton County, Ga. As the couple drove on a highway, Dent, who had just gotten off work, alleges that Mentor became angry when he told her he could not spend any time with her because he was tired. Dent then alleges that Mentor did not take his news too kindly and began behaving irrationally, spewing profanities and driving recklessly.'

Male Domestic Abuse Victim: My Wife Tried To Stab Me

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Article and video here. Excerpt:

'Female victims are often the focus of initiatives against domestic abuse. But according to a 2010 report from the Centers for Disease Control, more than one in four men in the U.S. experience rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime, and one in seven men experience severe physical violence from an intimate partner. Justin Nutt, founder of Acts of Random Kindness and survivor of domestic abuse, shared his story recently on HuffPost Live.

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"It escalated to a point where the police were called when she tried to stab me, after we had been out and she had done things in a bar with a guy, and [then said] that was my fault," Nutt said. "It took two years before I could really say it wasn't that I didn't love her well enough or I didn't try hard enough. It was a long time before I was able to say, 'yeah I was abused.'"'

UK: Soldier tells how false rape claims ruined his life

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A SOLDIER arrested for a rape that never happened told how the allegation has ruined his life - as his accuser was jailed for eight months.

The young father's relationship fell apart amid whispering in his community after Philippa Costello claimed she had been attacked in April 2011.

He was arrested and held for 15 hours, had intimate samples taken, and had to wait two months before the investigation against him was dropped.

...

She did not confess until she was due to go on trial last month on a charge of doing an act tending or intended to pervert the course of justice.

Her barrister, Alun Jones, told the court yesterday: "She felt stuck in a track. When she found herself in that hole, she kept digging, and she regrets that."

Judge Michael Taylor told Costello: "It is a tragedy for you to be standing before me in court today . . . I regret to say a prison sentence is inevitable.

"Regrettably, offences like this are not uncommon and a clear message has got to be sent out by the courts that those who make such allegations leading to the arrest and detention of perfectly innocent people must be marked out by way of being punished."'

SAVE: Join Senator McCain in Demanding Answers from the DOJ over Campus Censorship

Matt · 28 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

On May 9 the federal government issued a decision that expands the definition of sexual harassment and removes free speech on campus. This has triggered 100 critical editorials.

On June 26 Arizona Senator John McCain sent a letter to the Department of Justice challenging its recent settlement with the University of Montana.

We fully support the senator's efforts, and we'd like to see more lawmakers follow suit. That's where you come in.

Urge your senators to join with Sen. McCain to restore free speech on college campuses. Call 1-866-220-0044.

Thank you for helping college students all across the country.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

UK: Stress, anxiety most common reasons for sick leave, affecting men at higher rates

Matt · 28 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Contrary to "conventional wisdom". Excerpt:

'Stress and anxiety are the leading causes of sickness in the UK's workforce, accounting for more than a third of doctors' notes to employers, research has shown.

A survey of tens of thousands of GPs' sick notes found that 35 per cent of illnesses were linked to stress, anxiety or depression.

In one doctors' surgery, more than half of employees' absentee sick notes were described as being down to 'mild to moderate mental health disorders'.

The figures come as additional research reveals that those who are concerned that stress might harm their health are twice as likely to suffer a heart attack than those who thought it had no effect.

The government's sick note scheme, renamed the fit note in April 2010, was designed to help employers back into work after a week of illness.'

The Majority of Military Sexual Assault Victims Are Men. Now Maybe We Can Fix This?

Matt · 28 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Here's how the debate over military sexual assault has unfolded thus far: Bold female leaders spoke out, smart male allies stood behind them, clueless conservative men started mansplaining the issue, and right-wing media went full misogynist. Because of this, it's easy to imagine that military sexual assault is mainly a problem of men versus (or attacking) women, but as James Dao in the New York Times explains, in fact, the majority of sexual assault in the military is male-on-male crime.

...

The fact that most military rape is male-on-male also shows how very wrong it is to suggest that the problem is that we let women serve to begin with. Even if you removed them all, that leaves nearly 14,000 rapes a year.

...

It would be nice if the dynamics of sexual assault could be understood and accepted even when women are the victims, but sadly, that's not the world we live in. Publicizing the percentage of victims that are men will help male victims understand that they're not alone, and it will help the public at large better realize why widespread sexual assault happens and why it's so critical to do a better job preventing and prosecuting it.'

Jeb Bush to give award to Hillary Clinton

Matt · 28 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. And in related news, the sun reportedly rose in the west this morning. The 1970s had "Hanoi Jane". The 2010s have "Benghazi Hillary". Excerpt:

'Jeb Bush will present Hillary Clinton with the 2013 Liberty Medal this fall in Philadelphia.

It could be an awkward encounter for the two, both of whom are mentioned as 2016 presidential nominees for their respective parties.

Bush, the former Republican governor of Florida, is chairman of the National Constitution Center, which is giving Clinton the award in honor of her career in public service and her advocacy efforts on behalf of women.

The former secretary of State is considered the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination in the next presidential election, but has made no political moves since leaving the Obama administration. Instead, she has focused on charity work through The Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation.'

"Message from Circumcised Young Man to History & Message to My Mother"

Matt · 28 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Recorded by an Egyptian man. Heartbreaking. But men who have been assaulted like this when younger must speak out; men so abused when babies have no conscious memories, but when victimized like this in adolescence-- they can speak out. And, I'm glad to see this evidence that indeed, this is becoming an issue in the Muslim parts of the world as well, not just the Judeo-Christian and more secularized areas. Video here. Transcript here. Excerpt:

'and one day when i was 10 years old my mother asked me to go out of home with her, when i asked her where we are going she said we are going for a short journey and we will be back home right away, i agreed to go out with my mother because i trust her and i feel safe with her, because i know she wouldn't hurt me and wouldn't expose me to danger for any reason.
...
the moment i lost my consciousness was the worst moment in my whole life, i felt that i had lost everything in my life. i lost safety, confidence in my mother who i was always knowing she would protect me from any danger and harm, and that she would risk her life to protect me. i felt intense rage, intense desire for revenge and i felt helplessness that i can't protect myself. i felt horrible pain, i felt i lost my virginity forever. i lost so much values in my life. i lost the value of loyalty, honesty, trust and love. moments before i lose my consciousness i prayed to God to make this moment the last moment in my life. i prayed that i don't wake up from the surgery except in my grave. i lost consciousness and when i woke up few hour
...

the price of raping and killing me was 75 pounds. since this day everything in my life changed to the worst. my relationship with God worsened because i felt God stopped protecting me the day i was in hospital. i stopped praying and i began to move away from Quran and mosques. i felt lonely and began to be introverted and moving away of people. at age of 11, i was once praying the afternoon prayer and i prayed to God to let me die. it was the first time in my life to pray to God to let me die. i was feeling unbearable intense pain in my genitals when i was entering the bathroom with the passing days i felt changes in my body as a result of the surgery and precisely in my genitals. it was changes that never happened to me before.'

Wife gets life for severing US man's penis

Minuteman · 29 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A US woman who cut off her husband's penis and threw it in a garage disposal has been sentenced to life in prison with possibility of parole.
...
Kieu, 50, can seek parole in seven years.

Prosecutors said Kieu drugged her husband's tofu with sleeping pills and screamed "You deserve it!" before attacking him with a kitchen knife.

She was convicted of torture and aggravated mayhem.

Her lawyer argued that she had mental health problems stemming from childhood molestation and sexual abuse by her husband.'

IA: Take action on TriHealth's circumcision instrument study

Matt · 29 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

The media is refusing to cover a study being conducted at a hospital in Cincinnati on 200+ infant boys. The researchers are testing which of two circumcision clamps (the Gomco vs. the Mogen) is "better," by measuring the weight of blood soaked gauzes after the procedure, and assessing babies' pain during the surgery by observing their vital signs and facial expressions. We are preparing a major campaign, but here are two things you can do right now:

- Follow @TriHealth on Twitter and post tweets telling them to stop their Gomco vs. Mogen circumcision study; use the hashtag #stoptrihealthstudy.
- Post on TriHealth's corporate Facebook page, demanding that they stop the Gomco vs. Mogen study.

See http://news.mensactivism.org/node/21540

WSJ: Do the Health Benefits of Neonatal Circumcision Outweigh the Risks?

Matt · 29 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision rates in the U.S. have been falling since the 1960s, when the vast majority of infant boys had their foreskins removed before leaving the hospital.

These days, approximately 57% of boys are circumcised in U.S. hospitals, with the procedure generally being more common among whites and less common among black and Hispanic populations, according to estimates. Other boys are circumcised in religious ceremonies shortly after birth.
...
Rather than admit a serious mistake, we ignore the harm and produce endless inflated medical claims to defend our bias. Some research shows that circumcision is favored more often by circumcised physicians. If they participate in pro-circumcision studies or committees, circumcision status could influence their work.

Watch a circumcision video and trust your feelings, instincts, common sense and nature. You will want to keep your baby safe from specious genital surgery and trauma.'

International Physicians Protest Against AAP's Policy on Infant Male Circumcision

Matt · 29 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(BERLIN) - Circumcision conflicts with children's rights and doctors' oath and can have serious long-term consequences, state an international group of 38 physicians from 16 European countries in Pediatrics today. They comment on the American Academy of Pediatrics' new policy on infant male circumcision.

There are no compelling health arguments in favor of circumcision, while it can have serious long-term urological, psychological and sexual consequences. And performing medically unwarranted circumcision of underage boys conflicts with good medical practice. Male infant circumcision conflicts with children's rights and the doctors' oath not to do harm. (Salem-News.com has a copy of the AAP report here.

...

Among the authors are presidents and representatives of several national medical associations and societies of pediatricians and pediatric surgeons. The Dutch Urology Association (NVU), Pediatric Association (NVK) and surgeons (NVvH) also signed as authors of the article. Already in 2010, all relevant medical associations adopted the identical viewpoint of the Royal Dutch Medical Association (KNMG)*.'

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* As of posting, this link is "broken". It leads to a page-not-found message on salem-news. I have informed them of the issue.

NPO: Massachusetts Decreases Child Support Guidelines

Matt · 29 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Effective August 1, 2013, Massachusetts will be following revised child support guidelines. The Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines Task Force of the Massachusetts Trial Court has just completed its work and released the new guidelines and its report.

This is only the second occasion, that we are aware of, where the Guidelines have been reduced.

As Ned Holstein wrote in his article Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines are Actively Harmful to the Wellbeing of Children, the 2009 high levels of support orders implicitly assume that more is better.

"Excessive child support orders are the result in part of an archaic way of thinking, namely, that the wellbeing of the child is solely bound up in the wellbeing of the custodial parent and her home. And that the circumstances of the non-custodial parent matter little or not at all to the wellbeing of the child."'

Australia: woman believed to have set man alight

Minuteman · 29 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A man has burns to 80 per cent of his body after a female intruder allegedly set him alight.

Emergency services went to a home in Bolwarra Heights at around 3.30am on Saturday, where they discovered the man with the burns.

Early inquiries suggest the 32-year-old was doused with flammable liquid and set alight by a female intruder, police said.'

N.C. County Commissioner Wants ‘Nonwhite Male’ As New County Manager

Mastodon · 29 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A North Carolina County Commissioner is sticking by her statement that the next person who is hired for a vacant county manager position should be a “nonwhite male.”

Kim Ratliff, a county commissioner in Mecklenburg County, N.C., made her comments following the departure of former county manager Harry Jones.

“Some residents may have taken it the wrong way,” Ratliff said. “But I said what I said.”
...
“I wasn’t saying for white men not to apply,” Ratliff said. “What I was saying was we had a white male county manager. We had a black male. It’s a given those two genders and races will apply. I’m saying to the ladies of every race — take a chance at it.”'

Does Title IX equality for females come at males' expense?

Mastodon · 29 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Since 1972, when Congress passed Title IX barring sex discrimination in school sports, the number of girls participating in sports in high school and college has skyrocketed. But as I reported a story this week about the National Women's Law Center filing a complaint against D.C. Public Schools for failing to provide high school girls equal opportunity in sports, I came across a long-running debate about Title IX:

...

"From 1981 to 2005, male athletes per school declined 6 percent, and men's teams per school dropped 17 percent. Meanwhile, female athletes per school rose 34 percent, and women's teams per school rose 34 percent. The total number of women's teams has exceeded the number of men's teams since 1995. Every male sport, with the exception of baseball, has decreased or remained static. Non-revenue sports such as wrestling, tennis, and gymnastics have been the hardest hit."

...

They point to a 2007 General Accounting Office report that found that while women's participation rates in college sports were increasing at a faster rate than men, the percentage of men playing sports still exceeded their share of enrollment, even as the numbers of women outstrip men on campus.'

India: Airline to stop hiring male flight attendants to "cut fuel costs"

Mastodon · 29 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Indian airline known for lower fares is reportedly instituting yet another way to keep costs low — ditch heavier male flight attendants in favor of an all-female crew that will be lighter to transport and therefore save fuel.

Times of India reported 40 percent of GoAir's 330 flight attendants being male. With women generally weighing 30 to 45 pounds less than males and it costing about 3 rupees ($0.05) per hour per extra pound to fly, the airline expects to save up to 30 million rupees (around $500 million) each year in fuel through the new hiring practice.
...
In addition to hoping for savings by reducing the weight of the flight crew, other cost-saving measures De Roni noted were reducing the size of inflight magazines, filling water tanks less and using only one engine during taxiing.'

Women accused of drugging men, stealing their valuables

Mastodon · 30 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Fort Lauderdale, Florida (CNN) -- South Florida authorities are asking for the public's help to find a group of "foxy thieves" they say are drugging men they pick up at high-end bars and stealing tens of thousands of dollars in cash, jewelry, guns and other valuables.

The Broward County Sheriff's Office released photos of the four suspects, all in their 20s, and have attained arrest warrants for them.

Investigators suspect there may be more women involved in the ring.

"They're attractive women that go into a bar and they have a scam and they work it again and again," said Dani Moschella, a spokeswoman for the sheriff's office.'

Healthy Newborn Dies Post Circumcision Hemorrhage

Minuteman · 30 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. This story was originally circulated as a public sharing on CraigsList, but flagged for removal by readers. Excerpt:

'• Jayvas was born naturally on November 15th 2008, a very healthy baby boy. He was full term.

• On 11-28-2008 he was circumcised by Dr. Beth Martin of Coeur d'Alene Pediatrics. While in the office he bled excessively. It took about fifteen minutes of constant pressure to the sight to get Jayvas to stop bleeding. He was sent home from the doctor's office with instruction to have his blood checked the following week as it was a Friday. Dr. Beth Martin thought he may have a bleeding disorder because of the excessive bleeding, but did not think it needed to be checked until the following week.

• When home and beginning to change his diaper, about an hour and half after leaving doctor's office, he was again bleeding.

• Jayvas was taken to Kootenai emergency room, where he saw Dr. Henry Amon Jr. When Jayvas arrived his diaper was full of blood. Dr. Amon examined Jayvas and said that it is normal for babies to bleed after they have been circumcised. He said there was nothing he could do - that Jayvas was not 'bleeding enough.'
...

• Jayvas arrived at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital on December 31st 2008. The doctors there said that Jayvas was very sick because of the loss of oxygen during the cardiac arrest. Jayvas was given a blood transfusion at sacred heart. Jayvas never replenished the blood he had lost from circumcision. He had a few tests done and it was confirmed that Jayvas was completely brain dead from the loss of oxygen during the cardiac arrest. Jayvas continued to go into cardiac arrest at Sacred Heart. The doctors said they would no longer perform CPR because of the damage that had been done from the initial cardiac arrest. Jayvas' body quit for the last time on January 1st 2009.
...
Source: Public sharing on 5.23.13 on CraigsList at: http://spokane.craigslist.org/vnn/3825460019.html

This little one's story was flagged by readers and removed from CraigsList on 6.20.13 It is shared here so that his suffering and loss are not in vain. Please, research thoroughly before your son's arrival.

Related reading and resources at Death From Circumcision.'

Children and Fathers - Modern Societies' POWs

Matt · 30 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Children and Fathers Affected by custody disputes, can in many Aspects be Regarded As Modern Societies POW s *).

The children are being kept hostages by Their mothers and the mothers are supported by the Social Services (Childrens Welfare Offices) and the Family Courts who have aided and legalized the kidnapping of the children, while the father's hand are tied with very limited legal options.

*) POW = Prisoner Of War

All of the Governments in the so called "developed countries" are keeping POWs, and These countries are praised for Following the Human Rights. These countries are waging a civil war against Their own population. This is something to think about in time for the next election. Do not forget That it's your politicians who are to blame for this.

As poor and underdeveloped as Brazil might seem, They are the only country in the world, whichhave criminalized Parental Alienation: First http://www.loc.gov/lawweb/servlet/lloc_news?disp3_l205402210_text
I salute Brazil for showing That They really care about The Best Interest of the Children - something other countries only talk about.'

Zimmerman jury made up entirely of women -- no one notices

Matt · 30 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Setting aside the question of the substance of the trial and indeed the article's main topic to point this out: The article doesn't even make a point of the jury composition. The jury is not only nearly all-white but entirely female. Really, would the media be silent on this kind of thing if the jury were made up of nearly all white males? No, they'd be screaming to high heaven. And as for gender, seriously-- again, let's say the deceased and the defendant were both female, too. The noise would be deafening. Instead, it's not even a whisper. Reminds me of this month: Men's Health Month. Tell me, where you work, did you even see a sign posted about it? Anyway, excerpt:

'But that divide epitomizes the trial itself, Mr. Deggans argues: “As each side on this murder trial tries to prove the other person had tendencies toward prejudice and violence that may have sparked the fight, how will jurors [five white women and one Hispanic woman] judge the difference between edgy culture and outright dysfunction?”
...
The big question hanging over the trial is whether it was an unarmed Martin who claimed his self-defense rights against an armed adult stranger following him in the dark, and whether Zimmerman waived his self-defense rights when he made the decision to pursue Trayvon after noting to a 911 dispatcher that “these [guys] always get away.”'

FBI files expose M Jackson's serial boy molestation-- and general indifference to it

Matt · 30 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Basically, as in other well-known cases of boy molestation, sexual abuse, and rape, the so-called "adults" involved, along with "the authorities", knew about it and... did nothing. Of course if these had been girls, it would have been stopped immediately. It's still, it seems, open season on boys. Excerpt:

'Michael Jackson paid $35 million in hush money to at least two dozen young boys he sexually abused over 15 years, it has been alleged.

Sunday People has published explosive ‘secret FBI files’ suggesting the King of Pop groomed and molested children from at least 1989, despite his insistence he was just spending time with them.

The damning files claim the deceased popstar was a 'pedophile' who watched porn while assaulting a boy, molested a famous child star, fondled a child’s genitals in his private cinema and groped another child whose mother wasn’t ‘bothered’ by it.

...

Australian-born Robson, a dancer and choreographer, recently launched a major lawsuit against the Jackson estate, saying he was regularly molested at Neverland in the 1990s.

Sunday People claims it has seen files confirming Robson’s claims.'

UK: There is a problem with boys and books - and all-female prize panels aren't helping

Mastodon · 30 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There is a problem with boys and books — they don't seem to want to read them as much as girls do. As a result, boys' average reading abilities are lagging behind that of girls by the equivalent of one year's schooling. I believe this difference in appeal is partly due to a bias towards female tastes in children's literature and in picture books in particular. Last year's All Party Parliamentary Boys Reading Commission Report notes that the gap between boys' and girls' reading ability is already evident at age 5, which suggests that the problem starts at picture book age.

Although there are plenty of men such as myself writing and illustrating picture books, the gatekeepers in the world of picture books are overwhelmingly female. It's predominately women publishers that select picture books for publication, women teachers that choose which books to read in nurseries and infant classrooms and women customers that purchase picture books for reading at home. Women aren't keeping men out of these gatekeeper roles, the imbalance is there because relatively few men are interested in occupying them, but as a consequence picture books tend to reflect female tastes more than male ones.'

Expelled Student Sues Vassar Claiming Another Student Made A False Rape Claim Against Him

Mastodon · 30 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Vassar College student, who was allegedly expelled after a fellow member of the rowing team accused him of rape, is now suing the school and claiming the accusation was false, Erin Calabrese and Bruce Golding of the New York Post reported.

Xiaolu “Peter” Yu claims he lost his virginity engaging in “clearly consensual sexual activity” with another student, Mary Claire Walker, in 2012. A year after the one-night stand, Walker accused him of rape.
...
The claim states that Walker put a condom on Yu and they had sex until his roommate showed up. It states that after that she “began to lament about her ex-boyfriend and stated that she was not ready to jump into ‘anything new.’”
...
Yu claims all students at the once female-only college in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., are “invariably found guilty” if they are accused of rape.'

Canada: Petition to implement shared parenting

Matt · 30 June 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. You need not live in Canada to sign. Excerpt:

'Women regardless of evidence are still treated as better parents due to gender bias, Father's are capable, dedicated and loving parents which studies have proven. Children deserve to be part of a collaborative shared parenting arrangement, not the rope in a tug of war in a system that preaches of their interest yet pits the parents against one another rather than enhances the roles of the two most important people in their lives.'

State Farm's "State of Unrest" ad appeals to cheating husband stereotype

Matt · 1 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Have to admit, this ad has comedic value. But not quite that much. And any chuckle you might get from it comes from an appeal to the skulking cheater husband stereotype. Would State Farm ever have even considered this script with the sexes reversed?

Contact form for State Farm is here. Twitter handle is @StateFarm if you prefer that or want to double-down on your complaint.

Circumcision From the Perspective of Protecting Children

Matt · 1 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I was so amazed by this text, so I went on to read every piece of information I could find about the part that was cut off from my penis. The more I read and understood the anatomy and functions of the foreskin, the more it became impossible to escape the painful and enraging realization that my body was violated, that my penis was damaged and diminished in its capacity to sense pleasure, and that I will never be able to experience and enjoy sex as nature intended it.

The amputation of the foreskin removes a highly erogenous tissue the size of an index card on a male adult. A man who is missing that covering tissue of the penile shaft, feels less pleasure, because he does not have the thousands of nerve endings that went with the tissue that was amputated. The foreskin serves as a protective sleeve that slides up and down the penile shaft, reduces friction and stimulates the specialized nerve endings and the head of the penis and so it makes for more comfortable and pleasurable sex for both partners.

I found reports showing that in Israel alone hundreds of baby boys are rushed every year to emergency rooms and operating rooms to treat complications following the amputation of the foreskin.'

Ed.: Same author as shown in video here.

Doris Kearns Gettysburg speech makes no mention of the men who died in battle

Mastodon · 1 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Sunday, a stunned audience sat in silence as Doris Kearns Goodwin turned the keynote address at the opening ceremony for the 150th anniverary of the Battle of Gettysburg into a political lecture focusing on women's and gay rights.

Missing from much of her keynote: Gettysburg.

Self-centered, insular, and oblivious to the occasion, the historian who was infamously caught plagiarizing merely recycled much of what she has said before about herself in previous speeches. And her rambling, self-promoting, and borderline inappropriate lecture touched upon nearly everything except for the heroic sacrifices made on that battlefield.'

...

After briefly--and in an obligatory manner--actually mentioning Gettysburg and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Kearns Goodwin could not stop herself from rehashing her civil rights stories.

...

Her speech just got worse from there. She continued to speak about the 1960s instead of the 1860s. And it was all stuff she has said before.

...

Clearly mistaking the Gettysburg 150 audience for the Aspen Ideas Festival crowd, Kearns Goodwin then lectured the audience on the "women's liberation movement" and spoke at length about Eleanor Roosevelt. She emphasized that World War II led to a "new birth of freedom" for women and reminded attendees, "Still, we await our first female president."

...

The closest she came to discussing the Battle of Gettysburg at length was when she mentioned "Stonewall." But instead of talking about how different Gettysburg could have been had the great Southern General Stonewall Jackson lived to aid Robert E. Lee, Kearns Goodwin instead spoke about the Stonewall gay riots that united the gay community, which she used to discuss how women's rights and civil rights and gay rights were all "human rights" while quoting Robert F. Kennedy's "ripples of hope" speech. She even compared "Stonewall" to "Selma," linking the gay rights movement the black civil rights movement.'

'Raising Boys to Become Men Who Aren't Dicks'

Mastodon · 2 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

The thing that worries me most about raising a boy — the thing I seriously give the most thought to — is how to make sure he doesn't end up being a dick.

That's not entirely fair to my four-year-old son, who is exuberant and sweet-natured and as selfish as all kids his age tend to be: "Dick" isn't the word that immediately comes to mind in my day-to-day dealings with him. (And his grandparents will, ahem, most assuredly object to my phrasing here.) But someday this boy is going to become an adolescent, and then he's going to be a man, and the temptation toward dickishness is going to be a powerful thing at some point.

...

In turn, that means looking at the odds and refusing to flinch from the idea that there's a good chance that your sweet boy might one day — against everything you hope for and teach him — become the kind of entitled man who feels to treat the woman in his life without respect, without love, without tenderness. Because the men who are beating their partners, assaulting them, murdering them? They were all somebody's son, once.

UK: Harriet Harman blasts "woeful" coverage of women's sports and “ridiculous” men-only clubs

Mastodon · 2 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women's sport is being held back by old-fashioned television coverage and “ridiculous” men-only sporting clubs, warned Harriet Harman.

She also slammed the inequality in funding for male and female sports and demanded equal prize money for men and women in sporting competitions.

The rallying cry from the Shadow Culture, Media and Sport Secretary came as British tennis hopeful Laura Robson tries to smash her way into the quarter-finals at Wimbledon today.

Ms Harman insisted that “woeful” broadcasting of female sports is holding back girls from doing sports at school and damaging the UK’s chances of producing the next generation of Olympic heroines, such as gold medallist Jessica Ennis.
...
Ms Harman also said it is time to end the antiquated loophole that allows men-only sports clubs, like Muirfield golf course.

She fumed: “We have clubs where women are only allowed in the company of a man. It is ridiculous and has absolutely no place in the 21st century.”'

UK: Women Must Be at the Heart of Our Efforts to Create Employment and Grow Our Economy

Mastodon · 2 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, Francis Maude and I hosted a networking event in Whitehall to encourage more senior women to take up roles on public boards, following a report published by the Cabinet Office. The report revealed that 37% of new public appointments made by Whitehall departments in 2012 to 2013 were women. This is the first year that the government has published its own statistics on the gender diversity of public appointments, and these figures are set against an aspiration that 50% of new public appointments be female by 2015.
...
One area where I am especially keen to see progress is in the sports sector. Both Sport England and many sporting Governing Bodies will be recruiting new board members in the next 18 months and our expectation is that by 2017, at least a quarter of board members on National Governing Bodies will be female.'

UK: Women 'fared better than men' in jobs since recession

Man of Kneel

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How did society reach the point where, a lawsuit filed this week alleged, a man working at the desk of Planet Fitness on Bay Shore, Long Island was too afraid of repercussions to enter the ladies' room to administer CPR to a dying woman? "He said he didn't know what to do and that he wasn't allowed to go into the ladies' bathroom," a witness said in an affidavit.

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In Illinois, 28-year-old Fitzroy Barnaby was convicted of "unlawful restraint of a minor," a sex crime, and placed on a sex-offender registry after he grabbed the arm of an 14-year-old girl to lecture her on not dashing into the street in front of a moving car, as she had just done. On a blog called Parent Dish, a reader said he stopped coaching girls soccer after an 8-year-old player told him, "I don't have to listen to you. I can get you in trouble just by telling people you touched me." In England, a man passing by 2-year-old Abigail Rae, who later drowned, declined to help guide her to safety because he feared being labeled a pervert.

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... Tired of being labeled defective women, wary of the financial traps of marriage and fatherhood, hammered by the disappearance of construction and manufacturing jobs, disgusted by the presumption that their sexuality is a scary disease, men are shrugging and turning away.

The rules of the game have tilted against men in every field this side of coal mining (black lung being one of the few male privileges the ladies are happy to cede). Family courts hold men financially liable even for children conceived by women who falsely claimed to be using birth control, while at colleges the presumption of innocence has been withdrawn from men accused of sexual misbehavior.

"Uncle Tims" — male feminist lapdogs eager to curry favor with their female and feminized masters — are everywhere, Smith notes. Yet one man quoted in the book reports dropping out of college after being accused of "maladjustment" and subjected to horrified looks when he said he might buy a gun someday. A video-gaming blogger notes of fellow enthusiasts, "It's bizarre how some of them are in their 20s, have graduated from good schools, and have simply zero interest in women."'

Australia: MP lashes 'anti-male' Child Support Agency in valedictory speech

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'ALBY Schultz has used his valedictory speech to urge the incoming government to hold a parliamentary inquiry into what he believes is an "endemic" anti-male culture at the Child Support Agency.

Mr Schultz, the member for the NSW seat of Hume to the ACT's north, was one of three Liberal MPs in the lower house to give their outgoing speeches yesterday along with South Australian MP Patrick Secker and NSW MP Joanna Gash.

...

In a damning swipe at the Child Support Agency, Mr Schultz accused it of denying men natural justice and of covering up male suicide rates. He said the culture of "gender bias" at the agency was endemic and should be exposed under the protection of a parliamentary inquiry.'

Where are the Boys?

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'Last week when I attended the graduation ceremonies for a local high school, ironically designated as a "National School of Excellence," I noted a distressing fact: the ceremony was dominated by females. In a significant omission, the male student body president, a senior, was not identified in the program, nor did he have a role in the ceremony. Instead, six senior girls were prominently listed in the program, marched in with the school dignitaries and participated in the ceremony.

The two faculty class sponsors were both female and all four student class officers were female. All the class officers had roles in the graduation ceremony with several handling more than one responsibility. The class president both welcomed everyone and had remarks. The class vice-president introduced the musical selections. The class secretary introduced the speakers and the treasurer introduced the platform guests. A girl - whose name appeared 5 times in the official program -- gave the major student address as the "representative class speaker" an opportunity traditionally granted to the student body president, but apparently not if a guy has that responsibility. Significantly, the principal was the only male participant in the ceremony.'

Jailed for nonpayment of child support for a child not his

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'The family courts and laws are set up in such a way that makes it very easy for a mother to collect child support, and very difficult for a man to avoid it. If a couple was married, the default law is that the man will be required to pay child support for any child born while they were married. In order for a man who isn't the father to escape this outcome, he must obtain a paternity test and take a series of legal steps in court. Most states only allow a short window of time for a man to do this. If a man is not aware of the child, which he may not be if his wife or former wife doesn't notify him of the child right away, he loses all chance to fight the child support, and will be on the hook for hundreds of thousands of dollars for the next 18 years until the child becomes an adult.

Courts routinely order these judgments even if the man is unaware what is going on. A March 2003 Urban Institute study commissioned by the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) found that "most noncustodial parents appear to be served by 'substitute' service, rather than personal service, which suggests that noncustodial parents may not know that they have been served."'

Remembering the firefighters killed in the Arizona blaze

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Presentation here. Caption:

'Nineteen firefighters died while fighting the Yarnell Hill fire, located northwest of Phoenix, Arizona, on Sunday, June 30. The fire started on Friday, June 28, and spread to more than 6,000 acres in two days. Learn more about the fallen firefighters.'

SAVE: Honor Independence Day by Demanding the Restoration of Freedom of Speech

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Last week we told you about Senator McCain challenging the recent DOJ Sexual Harassment settlement with the University of Montana. Thank you for urging your senators to join with Sen. McCain to restore free speech on campus. We appreciate every single call.

Today, let's take it one more step. Sen. McCain has asked the feds: "To what extent does the broad nature of the new and judicially untested 'unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature" standard, increase the risk of a wrongful conviction?'

DEMAND that the Dept. of Education's Asst. Secretary Seth Galanter answer Sen. McCain's question!

EMAIL him NOW: seth.galanter-at-ed.gov

Happy 4th of July!

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California teacher accused of having student's baby

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Story here. Excerpt:

'REDLANDS, CALIF. – A Southern California high school teacher was arrested on unlawful sex charges two weeks after she gave birth to a baby that was allegedly fathered by a student, Redlands police said Tuesday.

Laura Elizabeth Whitehurst, 28, was arrested Monday night for allegedly having unlawful sex with a 16-year-old, Redlands police spokesman Carl Baker. She was the boy's adviser.

Officials at Citrus Valley High School in Redlands contacted police on Monday, acting on a tip from the boy's mother.

The sexual relationship began last summer and continued for nearly a year, police said. The boy is now 17.'

Rx overdose deaths: Another "Now It's a Problem Because it Affects Women" story

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Article here. Drug overdose deaths are increasing at a faster rate for women than men. But men continue to die in larger numbers. Apparently, now is the time to take action because it's now a "women's issue." Excerpt:

'Prescription painkiller addiction has long been seen as mainly a man's problem, but a new analysis of federal data released Tuesday shows that in recent years the death rate has risen far faster among women.

Fatal overdoses from prescription pain pills increased fivefold among women from 1999 to 2010, the most recent year for which the federal government has final data. The rate among men tripled over the same period, according to the analysis, which was conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

More women die from drug overdoses than from cervical cancer or car accidents. Four times as many died over the last 10 years from drug overdoses than from homicides. And while the absolute number of overdose deaths is still higher for men, women are catching up.'

Sweden: Woman arrested for illegal circumcision of two young boys

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'Swedish police have arrested a 36-year-old woman in connection with the illegal circumcision of two young boys in the town of Eksjo, authorities said.

Police spokesman Goran Gunnarsson told the Swedish news agency TT that police received a call from someone who heard the boys screaming.
...
Charges against her include suspicion of aggravated assault since it is illegal to perform a circumcision in Sweden without supervision by a medical professional.'

New Zealand: Labour proposes 'women only' rule

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'Labour is poised to introduce new party rules to ensure half of its elected MPs are women by 2017 and would allow individual electorates to run "women only" candidate selections.

The proposed rule changes, to be decided at the party's annual conference in November, would force the party's list selection committee to ensure caucus would be 45 per cent woman in 2014 and 50 per cent by 2017.

In putting the list together the moderating committee would also have to take into account the electorate MPs that were likely to be elected, to ensure that balance.

A local electorate committee would be able to request that the NZ Council decide "only women may nominate for the position of Labour candidate for their electorate".'

US plans to give SA an extra $10m for male circumcision

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'THE US government has allocated an extra $10m for male circumcision in South Africa, highlighting the change it has made to funding programmes that are expected to have a long-term effect on the progression of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The additional money comes as the US is cutting back support to South Africa's HIV/AIDS programmes, moving money away from nongovernmental organisations that have provided services such as treatment, and shifting the funds to technical support.

The baseline funding from the US President's Emergency Programme for Aids Relief (Pepfar) for South Africa for fiscal year 2013 was $520m, of which $36m was for male circumcision. The new money brings total US support for male circumcision in South Africa to $46m this year.'

Podcast: The Ethics of Infant Male Circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In this talk (audio- MP3) , Brian D. Earp argues that the non-therapeutic circumcision of infant males is unethical, whether it is performed for reasons of obtaining possible future health benefits, for reasons of cultural transmission, or for reasons of perceived religious obligation. He begins with the premise that it should be considered morally impermissible to sever healthy, functional genital tissue from another person's body without first asking for, and then actually receiving, that person's informed consent—otherwise, this action would qualify as a criminal assault. He then raises a number of possible exceptions to this rule, to see whether they could reasonably serve to justify the practice of infant male circumcision in certain cases.

First, what if it could be established that the risk of contracting certain diseases might be diminished by removing a person's foreskin in infancy, as is often suggested in the United States? Second, what if circumcision could be shown to reduce the spread of AIDS in African populations with high transmission rates of HIV? Third, what if the infant's parents believed that they had a cultural or a religious obligation to remove the foreskin from his penis before he was old enough to give his consent?'

France studies gender equality overhaul

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Proposed measures include docking maternity leave from couples if fathers fail to take proper leave too, enabling courts to accelerate restraining orders, trials and compulsory "awareness-raising courses" for violent male partners. The law also envisages providing females considered under threat of violence with free emergency mobile phones to alert police.

Divorced men who fail to pay alimony could see the owed funds taken directly from their social benefits.

Companies that fail to respect gender equality could be excluded from public contract tenders, while sports federations will also face penalties for shunning equality. Fines on political parties failing to respect gender parity in legislative elections will be doubled. Currently only 26 per cent of French MPs are women.

The law also plans to create a special broadcast sexism watchdog, whose aim is to erase "degrading stereotypes" and ensure women are better represented across the board.
...
The law will also extend the definition of what constitutes "psychological violence" within a couple – a crime punishable by a three-year prison term - to include "behaviour and words" as well as "acts".'

Canada: Innocent by reason of gender

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this year, the Supreme Court of Canada stayed proceedings against Nicole Doucet, who sought to hire at least one hit-man to kill her then-husband, Mike Ryan. Eight of the nine Justices accepted the unproven contention that Doucet “was the victim of a violent, abusive and controlling husband,” and that “she believed that he would cause her and their daughter serious bodily harm or death and that she had no safe avenue of escape other than having him killed.”

In response, Dalhousie University law professor Archibald Kaiser is calling for a public inquiry to rectify what he is calling a “stain on the justice system.”

A stay of proceedings, he writes in the journal Criminal Reports, has no precedent “without an abuse of process or charter violation” — and neither element is present here. Professor Kaiser adds: “In [the case of Doucet-Ryan], the courts lost their vision of the nature of Canadian society and the function of the criminal law.”'

UK: Taxi driver uses phone app to expose false rape claim

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'A British taxi driver has used a voice recording app on his phone to prove a female passenger lied about him raping her at knife-point in his cab.

Astria Berwick was jailed for 16 months in Nottingham Crown Court yesterday after admitting to perverting the course of justice by wrongly accusing Mohammed Asif of rape on February 20, the Telegraph reports.

The court heard the CCTV in Mr Asif's car was broken on the day of the alleged attack so he switched on the app as a makeshift replacement.

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"I keep thinking, 'I just dropped her off, she was just a normal passenger, why has she done that?'," he said.'

UK: Aimee Nicholls versus the star chamber

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'A message to British Politicians, and the public regarding family law.

Hi there, my name is Aimee Nicholls, I'm 16 years old, and 11 years ago, my parents divorced. It doesn't matter why right now, that's history. But it is important that you know that it wasn't down to my dad. It wasn't something that he wanted, and he couldn't do anything about it. It's certainly not something that I wanted, but I also had no say. My dad is definitely the more natural parent out of my mum and dad, and I've always been closer to him. I do love my mom and dad both the same. But, if I could only live with one of them, it would be my dad, and it's been that way for 11 years. There was no reason for that not to happen. He hadn't harmed me in any way, and he didn't pose any risk, or threaten me. My dad shared my care before my parents split.

He and I were just never given that option. It wasn't even considered, ever. Despite what people want you to think, I've learned that family law is just set up that way. It works exactly how it was designed to work, to keep dads and their kids apart. It makes more money for everyone working in family law, and my situation is only partly resolved after 11 years of fighting. I now live with my dad, but it's not easy. The system doesn't like giving up, unless you're one of the few families it allows to be different to "prove" that it's fair. It clearly isn't fair.
...

The system is completely broken. Almost everyone working in the system has some vested interest in what's going on, and they're making it worse. If it's not money and work, its politics. I found that out when I uploaded videos to YouTube of me speaking about my case, and feminists attacked me at the age of 14, saying I was a whore and an actor, and a liar. These people are just pure evil, and I cant see a reason, or accept why this is all going on. These are the people that the government are listening to, not us [the real] victims. The whole secrecy thing, it just makes it a 100 times worse. I personally think that would be one of the main things that would resolve this. Family law, and the courts, and social services and CAFCASS all just have too much money, and they use it to put pressure on the government to continue doing what they do. Nobody else's voice gets heard. Politicians just need to stop this, and not in a few months, or two years, or a few weeks even. They need to do it now.'

Does Liberty and Justice for All Include Our Boys?

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'As our nation rounds the corner on another birthday and continues its long history of trying to figure out exactly what it means to be a nation of liberty and justice for all, it's a good time to look at an increasingly "lost" group in our culture: our sons.

First, some fast facts about our boys. According to New York Times bestselling author Michael Gurian:

- For every 100 girls suspended from elementary and secondary school, 250 boys are suspended.
- For every 100 girls diagnosed with a learning disorder, 276 boys are so diagnosed.
- For every 100 girls expelled from school, 355 boys are expelled.

...
In the 1960s and '70s, when we sensed that our girls were not keeping up with our boys in education, we rolled up our collective sleeves and did something about it, to the tune of Title IX and $100 million from the U.S. government. Backed by the women's movement, not only did we get our girls caught up, but by the 1980s, they sailed past our boys and have now left them in the dust. To this day, even though our girls are light years ahead of our boys, the storyline is still about how our girls are behind, facts to the contrary.

Richard Whitmire notes that boys are struggling in most Western countries. But here's his telling observation: What makes the United States unique is its relative indifference to the issue. Here, the U.S. Department of Education has yet to launch a single probe into the problem. Not one dollar from the U.S. government has been spent on getting our boys caught up. No national movement focuses on our boys (or our men).
...
Where will these men work? What women will want to marry them? Where will these men find significance and meaning in life? What will society do with an increasing number of undereducated men, or men who don't fit the profile for the emerging jobs of the 21st century?

If indeed we are a nation of liberty and justice for all, then it's time for us as a nation to invest in our boys on a national scale. To get them caught up in school. To call out the noble in them. To give them a vision of how they, along with their sisters, can change the world.'

Commit any felonies lately?

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Article here. Tangentially related to men's rights, admittedly, in that men are far more likely to be arrested and prosecuted on flimsy pretexts than women, much less on valid ones. Further to it, all I can say is fathers have been getting treated as criminals upon mere accusation and presumed guilty in courts as well as in public opinion now for decades. Seems the context of being presumed guilty and breadth of frivolous prosecution is now expanding. Once we start down the "slippery slope", it's hard to stop. Excerpt:

'The agents' excessive display of force is outrageously disproportionate to the offense they mistakenly thought they witnessed: an underage purchase of alcohol. But in a sense, Daly got off easy. A couple of weeks after her ordeal, a 61-year-old man in Tennessee was killed when the police executed a drug raid on the wrong house. A few weeks later, in another wrong-house raid, police officers killed a dog belonging to an Army veteran. These are not isolated incidents; for more information, visit the interactive map at www.cato.org/raidmap.

They are, however, part and parcel of two broader phenomena. One is the militarization of domestic law enforcement. In recent years, police departments have widely adopted military tactics, military equipment (armored personnel carriers, flash-bang grenades) — and, sometimes, the mindset of military conquerors rather than domestic peacekeepers.

The other phenomenon is the increasing degree to which civilians are subject to criminal prosecution for noncriminal acts, including exercising the constitutionally protected right to free speech.

Last week, A.J. Marin was arrested in Harrisburg, Pa., for writing in chalk on the sidewalk. Marin was participating in a health care demonstration outside Gov. Tom Corbett's residence when he wrote, "Governor Corbett has health insurance, we should too." Authorities charged Marin with writing "a derogatory remark about the governor on the sidewalk." The horror.
...
As The Wall Street Journal has reported, lawmakers in Washington have greatly eroded the notion of mens rea — the principle that you need criminal intent in order to commit a crime. Thanks to a proliferating number of obscure offenses, Americans now resemble the condemned souls in Jonathan Edwards' "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" — spared from perdition only by the temporary forbearance of those who sit in judgment.

"What once might have been considered simply a mistake," The Journal explains, is now "punishable by jail time." And as 20-year-old Elizabeth Daly has now learned, you can go to jail even when the person making the mistake wasn't you.'

Women in combat raises draft question

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'A national poll released June 19 by Florida-based CapitalSoup.com to mark the anniversary found that 59 percent of Americans are in favor of including women in a future draft. The poll, conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling and Research, found that support is strongest among Democrats, women and people ages 18 to 34.

It's not the first time Americans have voiced support for the change.

Back in 1992, about the time President Bill Clinton broached the subject, a survey of 1,500 adults found that 52 percent were in favor of women being drafted.

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In 1980, with Soviet forces descending on Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter reactivated registration for men in the event that a military draft would be needed. Challenged legally by several men, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the men-only law in 1981 on the basis that the military didn't allow women on the front lines.

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It would require an act of Congress to begin including women.

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He cited word that the House Armed Services Committee intended to include an amendment to its 2014 defense budget prohibiting Selective Service from registering or drafting women.

"It is difficult to see women being included absent a necessary military reason," Flahavan wrote in an email.'

A rare male-oriented unemployment charitable event

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men's Wearhouse announced today the launch of its sixth annual National Suit Drive with a goal to collect 150,000 gently used professional clothing items through July 31, to give unemployed men a chance to look their best as they re-enter the workforce. Each year, National Suit Drive, the nation's largest collection of business attire for men, encourages Americans to donate their gently used business wear to help give a fresh start to millions of disadvantaged workers still facing unemployment.

In its first five years, the Men's Wearhouse National Suit Drive collected more than half a million pieces of business attire, including 120,000 suits, which helped thousands of men confidently re-enter the workforce.'

Canada: Last 30 years bring gains for young working women; for men, not so much

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'OTTAWA - The last three decades have been generally good for younger Canadian women in the work force — or at least much better than their male counterparts — a new analysis suggests.

A Statistics Canada comparison of employment trends from 1981 to 2012 shows working women in the 25-34 age group have seen an across the board improvement in employment prospects over the three decades.

Young Canadian women have lower unemployment rates today than they did, more of them are employed full-time, and they are paid better in real inflation-adjusted dollars.'

No US men in the third round at Wimbledon since 1912: Title IX connection?

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'For the first time since 1912, the USA will not have a male representative in the third round of the men's singles at Wimbledon.

World No 1, Serbian Novak Djokovic made short work of dispatching the last American standing, Bobby Reynolds, under the Centre Court roof last night.

Any hopes of an American win now lie firmly in the women's draw, but with Serena Williams' performance this week, things are looking like she could compensate all on her own at the moment.'

Relatedly: Group blames Title IX for decline of college tennis

Flags Lowered To Honor The Brave 'Men and Women' Who Lost Their Lives In AZ Fire

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'ANNAPOLIS, Md. (WJZ)— Hundreds of firefighters are battling a deadly wildfire that is still burning out of control in Arizona. It killed 19 members of an elite fire crew as they battled the blaze Sunday.

Twenty-two others were injured.

In Maryland, Anne Arundel County Executive Laura Neuman directed all flags lowered to half mast to honor them.

“I want to honor the brave men and women who lost their lives or were injured battling the wildfire in Arizona,” said County Executive Neuman. “Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the fallen heroes and the Arizona community as they deal with this tragic loss.”'

The 19 dead AZ firefighters identified as "men and women"

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'The 19 firefighters killed in an Arizona wildfire over the weekend were all part of an elite unit of 20 frontline firefighters. All but one of the firefighters from the Granite Mountain Hotshots unit were killed in a blaze that spread quickly through the town of Yarnell.
...
These men truly are an elite group of firefighters as they trek through the woods to reach the fires unobtainable by road. They carrying 40 to 50 lbs of firefighting gear with them. The firefighters in this group sleep out on the front lines as they develop the lines and try to protect homes from the fire.

The 19 firefighters killed from in the Granite Mountain Hotshots were all young, brave and very dedicated men and women.'

Canada: False abuse claims are the new court weapon, retiring judge says

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'Allegations of child sexual abuse are being increasingly invented by mothers to stop fathers from seeing their children, says a retiring Family Court judge.

Justice David Collier, retiring from Parramatta Family Court at the end of the month after 14 years on the bench, sees unprecedented hostility infiltrating the Family Court, and a willingness by parents to use their children to damage one another.

”If a husband and wife really get down to it in this day and age, dirt flies,” Justice Collier said.

The worst are those mothers who direct false allegations of abuse against former partners.'

NPO: Success in Reforming Connecticut Alimony

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Article here. Excerpt:

'National Parents Organization of Connecticut is proud to announce that on June 25th Connecticut Governor Dannel Patrick Malloy signed into law HB6688 revising statutes relating to the award of alimony. It is effective October 1, 2013.

Working with Connecticut Alimony Reform, our new affiliate has begun to improve alimony statutes in Connecticut. HB6688 highlights the fact that alimony statutes are gender neutral in their application; makes the switch to gender inclusive language; and adds education and earning capacity to the list of factors for consideration. The law changes husband and wife to spouse. A sensible change in a same gender marriage state. It also provides for a study of the fairness and adequacy of state statutes relating to the award of alimony to be conducted by the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee.'

UK: Woman jailed for false rape claim

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'A WOMAN who undermined the criminal justice system by making a series of false rape allegations against former boyfriends has been jailed.

Leanne Black, 32, of Leadon Court, Thornhill, Cwmbran, repeatedly fabricated rape stories over an eight-year period, Newport Crown Court heard.

In one case, Black claimed she had been drugged and raped and in another kidnapped before being molested, the court heard yesterday.

Her partners would have been been jailed for up to five years if they had been found guilty of rape, the court was told.'

South Africa: Hospitals struggle with botched circumcisions, deaths of victims

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'LIBODE - The Eastern Cape is facing a crisis as the number of botched circumcision patients continues to escalate in the province.

Hospitals in the OR Tambo region report that they don't have enough beds to deal with the increasing demand for medical treatment once a traditional circumcision is botched.

St Barnabas Hospital is one of the hospitals battling with the situation. The facility has run out of space, forcing officials to reopen an old and dilapidated psychiatric ward which had been closed for renovations.

"Twenty-five patients are being accommodated here and more are being admitted every day," said Doctor Lonwabo Sibembe of St. Barnabas Hospital to eNCA.

Nurses at the hospital say they are stretched as they try to care for the initiates and attend to other patients as well.

In the past two months, at least 30 boys have died as a result of botched circumcisions.'

NZ: Laws: Labour's sexist suicide mission

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'OPINION: One of the great problems with being a white, middle-aged male in New Zealand is that you are never cool, never in vogue and never given a fair go. There is a now cultural acceptance that your ethnicity, generation and gender is responsible for all bad things.

And that the best way to redress your appalling crimes against humanity is to ensure that every other group gets employment, educational and social advantages that will never apply to you. So it is that we are a society of quotas - official and unofficial.

And that being Maori, being young, being a woman, being gay or being disabled actually has its privileges. This is to make up for the accepted fact that white heterosexual older men run the globe.

Such post-modern discrimination is justified on the basis that society is evening the odds. Which fails to recognise that most mainstream males are struggling to make a living, just like everybody else. In any contest between them and others, they are being programmed to lose.
...
If Labour wants to know why it is stuck in a polling wasteland, and John Key seems destined to repeat Helen Clark's three-term administration, this policy proposal explains all. Five years in Opposition has taught them absolutely nothing.

Such sexist suicide sends shudders through us all, even women. If Labour's logic is applied, professions they dominate - teaching, nursing, the media - will require reverse quotas. And let's ensure strict gender quotas for specialist undergraduate schools like law and medicine because women also dominate tertiary education these days.'

Euronews: Has Swedish feminism gone too far?

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Video here. Caption:

http://www.euronews.com/ In the gender equality stakes, Sweden is rated highly. But some Swedes feel it's being taken to extremes. It has the highest proportion of working women in the world and some two-thirds of university degrees are earned by women. New mothers and fathers both get generous parental leave.

Gender role neutrality initiatives, however, some feel are being exaggerated.

There's a politician who proposed that men should be required by law to urinate in a sitting position - partly because it leaves toilets cleaner and promotes prostate health, partly as an appeal for reason.

That politician, Viggo Hansen, told us: "When my son was in kindergarten, they tried to force him to pee standing up, when we had taught him to pee sitting down. When the school let him sit down to pee, there was no problem. I had read about a school in Norway that officially banned boys' stand-up peeing. Lots of people's reaction was that was taking away boys' right to be boys."

World Trade Center Health Program: Addition of Prostate Cancer to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions

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'Action

Notice of proposed rulemaking.

Summary

On May 2, 2013, the Administrator of the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program received a petition (Petition 002) requesting the addition of prostate cancer to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions (List) covered in the WTC Health Program. The Administrator has determined to publish a proposed rule adding malignant neoplasm of the prostate (prostate cancer) to the List in the WTC Health Program regulations.

Dates

Comments must be received by August 1, 2013.'

Soldier's suicide note goes viral; family demands better for veterans

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Article here. He asks in his note, basically, why doesn't the gov't seem to care much? He then answers by saying it's because the system is set up to dehumanize those in it anyway. Well, I think he was partly right. "The system" is set up to presume those going into it are men, and thus already dehumanized. And as for why there are no policy initiatives, the answer's obvious: the primary sufferers of such things as PTSD and suicide are men. If they were women, believe me, you'd see action. Excerpt:

'His note gives readers a clear understanding of what it's like to suffer from crippling depression and war-related psychosis. It also slams the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which he characterized as careless.

"My body has become nothing but a cage, a source of pain and constant problems. The illness I have has caused me pain that not even the strongest medicines could dull, and there is no cure," Somers wrote in his note.

"All day, every day a screaming agony in every nerve ending in my body. It is nothing short of torture. My mind is a wasteland, filled with visions of incredible horror, unceasing depression, and crippling anxiety."
...
He joined the Army for the same reasons many others do: he wanted to provide for his family. He and his wife had dreams of one day leaving Arizona, and moving to a cooler climate -- maybe Seattle.
...
"Is it any wonder then that the latest figures show 22 veterans killing themselves each day? That is more veterans than children killed at Sandy Hook, every single day," he wrote.

"Where are the huge policy initiatives? Why isn't the president standing with those families at the state of the union? Perhaps because we were not killed by a single lunatic, but rather by his own system of dehumanization, neglect, and indifference."'

Why I don't bother arguing/debating with feminists

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Occasionally MANN admins receive an email from someone saying they said something on a feminist web site that got them banned immediately, or flamed and put on moderation, and gee, why did that happen? The thing they said is usually simply a questioning of a presumption or an ask for more evidence, usually not something inherently offensive. But to feminists, any questioning of their ideas, presumptions, or evidence is. I was sent a link to this video for my own "amusement" but have decided to post it. It's a collage of what it looks like to actually try to have a debate or public encounter with feminists about men's rights issues. It's NSFW since there are a lot of curse words hurled around.

Debating/reasoning/arguing with feminists is an utterly futile cause. In my experience, the only feminist who stops being a feminist is one who realizes him/herself in a moment of epiphany just what has been going on here. So IMO, it's better to spend time and energy educating others than talking to a wall with no ears (and one that hurls obscenities back at you, to boot). But if you want to argue with them because you think it's constructive in some way for the movement or there's a chance you may be able to persuade one to see reason, then by all means; you got more optimism than me!

Sweden: What the English-speaking P.C. media don't want you to read about

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From Ulf Andersson in Sweden:

First of all, I want to apologize for the lousy automatic translations made by Google Translate - but there is no time to translate every article word for word.

Here are some things that have happened in Sweden lately, and the politically correct The Local (http://www.thelocal.se/) didn't write about them:

1. A 20-year-old woman from Växjö sexually abused her 5-year-old sister in front of a webcam. Sentence: Probation and punitive damages.

2. A 50-year-old woman had phone sex with a 12-year-old boy for a whole year.

3. A 34-year-old woman stabbed her husband to death after arguments about her shopping spree.

4. A 32-year-old woman killed her 3-year-old daughter with band-aids (patches) containing fentanyl - because the father wanted to have alternate residency for the daughter. The father alerted Social Services in January.

5. A well-known (notorious) Swedish Feminist, writer Unni Drougge, launched a death threat on Twitter against the Minister of Education, Liberal Party Leader Jan Björklund with "Can someone please shoot him?"

Erin Pizzey on British Feminism

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Video here. Title: "Feminism is a Terrorist Organization - Smash Cultural Marxism"

Woman caught hiring 'hit man' to kill husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MUSKEGON, MI – A former New Jersey woman thought she was hiring a hit man to kill her husband, because she said “it was easier than divorcing him.”

But the man she solicited to off her husband was actually an undercover police officer, according to a report by MLive.com.

In a video of her interaction with the “hit man” – released to MLive by the Muskegon County Prosecutor’s Office – Julia Charlene Merfeld, 21, explained why she wanted her husband dead.

“When I first decided to do this … it’s not that we weren’t getting along,” she says on the video. “But … terrible as it sounds, it was easier than divorcing him.

"You know, I didn’t have to worry about the judgment of my family, I didn’t have to worry about breaking his heart, all that stuff like this. It’s, like, how I got a clean getaway.”

Authorities said Merfeld told the fake hit man that he’d be paid $50,000 in installments from the proceeds of her husband’s $400,000 life insurance policy.'

Male Bashing in Marketing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I will admit that I may be a bit sensitive about this topic, but I honestly thought that as a society, we had moved past this. There was a time when it was fashionable for a brand to show bumbly, fumbly, dumbly men in their advertising and marketing. I guess it was a way to appeal to their female targets by giving them something they could relate to. I guess.
...
I've always believed that as marketers, we should be both reflective of pop culture and aspirational in our voice. I honestly don't think there are many women around who aspire to have men in their lives who are that disconnected. Quite the contrary: Showing men who are in the moment with their families I would think would be far more motivating. A turn on, really. For the men too. Men are every bit a part of the household as women are. They are cooking, cleaning, shopping and taking care of the kids. It's how our society runs now, just ask us!

So for me, and I believe the rest of the world, I would much rather show men as they really are and give them inspiration to do more. It makes the brand feel so much more connected as a result.'

Anna Benson Arrested After Allegedly Raiding Estranged Husband's Apartment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Baseball Wives star Anna Benson has made her way into the headlines once again.

According to TMZ, the 37-year-old Benson was arrested on Monday morning after an altercation with her estranged husband, former MLB pitcher Kris Benson.

Kris, who filed for a divorce from the former FHM model last year, reportedly told police that Anna showed up at his home in a rage on Sunday night after the court ordered her to vacate their marital home. According to Kris, she was armed with an "expandable metal baton" and a gun.

At one point, Anna pulled the handgun on Kris and demanded that he give her money, per the TMZ report. To top it all off, she was allegedly wearing a bulletproof vest during the incident.
...
Anna has been charged with four counts—two counts of felony aggravated assault with a weapon, one count of criminal trespass and one count of possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime.'

Fifth-grade teacher investigated for sexually molesting 10-year-old boy in her class

Mastodon · 9 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A fifth-grade teacher in a tiny town in Washington State is under investigation for allegedly sexually molesting a 10-year-old male student.

Police in Othello have been investigating Scootney Springs Elementary School teacher Lisa Davis, reports KHQ. In late May, another local teacher informed school officials that something fishy might be going on between Davis and the fifth-grader.

“Our investigation unveiled some criminal elements. Enough to charge her, we believe,” Othello police chief Alvia Dunnigan told the local NBC affiliate.
...
“She’s a really awesome teacher,” said the student who nominated Davis at the time, according to The Othello Outlook. “She has a lot of respect for everyone and she’s nice all the time.

“When I think of the word ‘teacher,’ I think of Lisa Davis,” gushed school district superintendent George Juarez.

The county prosecutor will now decide whether to file criminal charges. Police have recommended a charge of first-degree child molestation.'

Saint Joseph's University Sued for Bias by Accused Rapist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Saint Joseph's University, a private Catholic school in Philadelphia, was sued by a student suspended for an alleged rape over claims its sexual-assault policies virtually ensure that accused males will be found guilty.

The student, Brian Harris of Clifton Park, New York, is seeking more than $75,000 in damages in the complaint filed yesterday in federal court in Philadelphia accusing the school of negligence, defamation, intentional infliction of emotional distress and violations of Title IX, the law that bars sex discrimination at schools.

"SJU, in the manner in which it approaches the investigation, adjudication, and appeal of allegations of sexual misconduct and related claims made in connection to sexual misconduct, creates an environment in which a male accused is so fundamentally denied due process as to be virtually assured of a finding of guilt," Kenneth Dubrow, an attorney for Harris, said in the complaint.'

UK: Woman is jailed after five false rape allegations against ex-boyfriends

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who made a string of false rape allegations against five men in eight years was behind bars last night.

Leanne Black, 32, repeatedly cried rape with bogus sex assault reports to police after rowing or breaking up with her former partners.

In one case, Black claimed she had been drugged and raped. In another she told police a boyfriend kidnapped and molested her.

A court heard that her innocent partners would have faced up to five years in jail if they had been found guilty of such serious sexual allegations.

However, Black was herself jailed for two years, with a judge condemning her actions, telling her that genuine rape victims would be undermined by her lies.

...

‘We want victims to feel able to report the abuse they have suffered and we are working hard to dispel the myths and stereotypes that can be associated with these cases.

‘One such misplaced belief is that false allegations of rape and domestic violence are widespread. We know that is not the case.”

Cheating Women: Why Are Women Narrowing the Cheating Gap?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to cheating, men are still more likely to stray -- but women are catching up.

According to recent data from the National Opinion Research Center's General Social Survey, the number of women having affairs has increased 40 percent in the last two decades, and one in six married women now admit to having an affair. Meanwhile, the percentage of men who admitted to infidelity held constant at 21 percent.

Experts were quick to chime in with possible reasons for the rising numbers, including Pepper Schwartz, a University of Washington sociologist and HuffPost blogger.

“[Women] can afford the potential consequences of an affair, with higher incomes and more job prospects,” she explained to Bloomberg Businessweek. “They have more economic independence and may meet a better class of mate.”'

No abortions for women? Then no vasectomies for men, lawmakers say

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Article here.

'As members of Georgia's House of Representatives debate whether to prohibit abortions for women more than 20 weeks pregnant, House Democrats planned to introduce their own reproductive rights plan: No more vasectomies that leave "thousands of children ... deprived of birth."

Rep. Yasmin Neal, a Democrat from the Atlanta suburb of Jonesboro, planned to introduce a bill Wednesday that would prevent men from vasectomies unless needed to avert serious injury or death.

"If we legislate women's bodies, it's only fair that we legislate men's," said Neal, who said she wanted to introduce a bill that would generate emotion and conversation the way anti-abortion bills do. "There are too many problems in the state. Why are you under the skirts of women? I'm sure there are other places to be."'

Ed.: This story's from Feb. 2012, but I thought it was a good one to run since it points out the confusion in popular perception re repro. rights. I discuss it in the first comment.

SAVE E-lert: Join the Free Speech Countdown

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The feds only have until July 17 to answer Senator McCain's letter about the DOJ/Dept. of Ed. Sexual Harassment settlement; and we want to remind them every day that time is running out.

You can join our FREE SPEECH COUNTDOWN on two of our Facebook pages, Accusing U. and SAVE for Falsely Accused, where you'll find target email addresses and new questions to ask each day.

Today's post:

McCAIN QUESTION: How do you specifically define "unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature"?

http://1.usa.gov/19CVrj1

DEMAND that the Dept. of Education's Asst. Secretary Seth Galanter answer Sen. McCain's question.

Email: seth.galanter-at-ed.gov

If you decide not to join us on Facebook, please send a quick email to Seth right now. Thanks!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

NPO: Help Pass Special Act in Connecticut

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Article here. Excerpt:

'National Parents Organization of Connecticut Chapter would like to thank Governor Dannel Patrick Malloy his fast action on the alimony reform bill and remind him that the legislature also passed a bill to investigate the family court system. Bill 6685 (now Special Act 13-24) was passed by the legislature to create a task force to investigate the family courts.

The Special Act still requires the governor's signature to become law. Please email Governor Malloy to encourage him to sign this special act and let us know.'

Kindergarten Teacher Accused Of Incest, Rape Of Boy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Alabama kindergarten teacher was arrested July 3 on charges stemming from alleged inappropriate sexual conduct with a minor.

A Tuscaloosa County grand jury indicted Anessa Dawn Olive Ferguson on Friday. The 37-year-old mother of three is accused of rape, sodomy, sexual abuse and incest on a boy between the ages of 12 and 16, according to court documents obtained by WVUA.

Court documents described the incest charge as intercourse with "a victim who the defendant knew to be related, either by blood, adoption or marriage."

According to the Tuscaloosa News, an internal investigation of Ferguson was launched after abuse was reported by the victim's teacher.'

Sex crime charges dropped after former teacher marries victim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Sex charges against a former math teacher at a Vina, Ala., high school were dismissed after she married the student with whom she allegedly had a sexual relationship.

Kimberly Dawn Bynum was indicted on felony charges in 2011 for her alleged sexual relationship with a 17-year-old high school senior. Bynum's trial was postponed at least once before the teacher, who was 29 at the time of her arrest, married the student.

In a motion filed July 2 to dismiss the charges against Bynum, Franklin County District Attorney Joey Rushing stated that neither the alleged victim, nor his family, nor local law enforcement wanted the trial to go forward, according to ABC affiliate WAAY.

...

The age of consent is Alabama is 16, but laws prohibit educators from becoming sexually involved with students under the age of 19, according to the Franklin County Times.'

Single Women Buying Homes More Than Single Men, Report Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the National Association of Realtors' 2012 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, single women make up 18 percent of homeowners -- compared to 10 percent of single men. The report notes that single women have been buying homes at almost twice the rate of single men since the mid-1990s.

Despite the challenges that single lady potential homeowners face -- backlash from family and friends, for example -- women are increasingly making it work. It's also important to note that childless, single women are actually on track to outearn their male counterparts in many metro areas. This could allow greater numbers of women in this demographic to make major purchases, such as new property.'

'The Mask You Live In'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Compared to girls, research shows that boys in the U.S. are more likely to be diagnosed with a behavior disorder, prescribed stimulant medications, fail out of school, binge drink, commit a violent crime, and/or take their own lives.

Jennifer Siebel Newsom's new documentary film, The Mask You Live In, asks: As a society, how are we failing our boys?
...
The Mask You Live In documentary will examine how gender stereotypes are interconnected with race, class, and circumstance, and how kids are further influenced by the education system, sports culture, and mass media- video games and pornography in particular. The film also highlights the importance of placing emphasis on the social and emotional needs of boys through healthy family communication, alternative teaching strategies, conscious media consumption, positive role modeling and innovative mentorship programs.'

Boys To Men: Where The Trouble Is

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some thirty years ago educators and social science types, motivated in part by the women's movement but also by real gaps in achievement between boys and girls, began to recognize the need to address the particular educational and emotional needs of girls, and to fashion opportunities in the classroom and elsewhere that would allow girls to flourish. As the father of a teenage daughter I am grateful for this; my child has opportunities and accommodations that were not available to girls when I was a teenager, and that were undreamed of when my mother was her age.

But however real the disadvantages faced by girls in an earlier generation, I cannot be the only one to notice that the demographic that is really in trouble today, and that needs our attention, is boys and young men. This is not an original observation — as early as the 1990s some began talking about a "crisis" in the education of boys. There was push-back, I believe, from feminist quarters as well as some disputing the statistics about educational achievement; I'm no expert in education so I'd leave it to those who are to sort out these controversies.'

‘Don’t be that girl’ posters in Edmonton spark debate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'EDMONTON – Posters spreading a message that Edmonton police have been trying to fight for years with their “Don’t be that guy” campaign is generating mixed reviews, as well as a conversation in our city about sexual assault.

The Mens Rights Edmonton association is taking responsibility for the campaign. One of its members, who did not want to identify himself, says this poster campaign was intended to counter the “Don’t be that guy” campaign that he says made “rape into a gendered issue.”

“We don’t blame victims for anything, we’re simply looking for an accurate discourse on the subject.”
...
Robert says, “No place in that ad does it say rape is right. It is okay to slam men but when an ad like this is out it suddenly is pro rape? Once again it does not say rape is right so why read more into it?”

Reid writes, “Why are “don’t be that guy” posters acceptable if the opposite aren’t? They’re making a presumption that all men are potential rapists and should be viewed and educated as such. False rape accusations are a reality. This sign is factual and correct.”'

Canada: Report clears RCMP in case of wife who sought hit man

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A federal commission has found that the RCMP acted reasonably in dealing with a Nova Scotia woman who tried to hire a hit man to kill her husband.

The Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP released a report Wednesday morning that said the Mounties who dealt with Nicole Doucet had no evidence for claims that her husband, Michael Ryan, had abused her.

“It is my conclusion that the RCMP did not refuse to assist Ms. Doucet; on the contrary, RCMP members were responsive to the family’s conflicts,” commission chairman Ian McPhail said in a news release.

“I conclude that the RCMP acted reasonably in each of its dealings with Ms. Doucet and her family, and did not fail to protect her.”
...
Doucet, formerly Nicole Ryan, was charged in 2008 with counselling to commit the murder of her then-husband. She was acquitted, using the defence of duress, and the the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal upheld the decision.

The Crown appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada. In January, the court ruled that the defence of duress didn’t apply but said it would be unfair to subject Doucet to another trial.'

California Considers ‘Jason Patric’ Law to Boost Sperm Donors’ Rights as Fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As family law struggles to keep up with technology, California state legislature is considering a bill that would give fathers of children conceived using sperm donation greater legal standing. The bill was inspired by the public custody battle between actor Jason Patric and his ex-girlfriend, Danielle Schreiber.

To be clear, the proposed bill, H.B. 115, does not propose to make anonymous sperm donors the legal fathers of the children conceived through artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization (IVF). Men who donate sperm to fertility clinics would not be considered a child’s “natural parent” unless the couple agreed prior to conception in writing that the donor was to be considered the father.

Rather, it would give courts the ability to grant legal parental rights under broader conditions than presently allowed.'

Paternity-Leave Facebook Post Shows Dads May Not Have It All, Either

Matt · 12 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While working moms deal with the well-known tangle of exhaustion, guilt, criticism and debates about having it all, there's another species of parent that has its own complex issues: the working dad.

Specifically, those working dads who get and take paternity leave. All of their paternity leave.

It's a land mine–laden topic that doesn't get nearly enough attention. But on Sunday, Facebook employee Tom Stocky helped put it in the spotlight with a frank and enlightening personal essay on Facebook to his 136,026 followers. He soon made the post public and, as of Thursday afternoon, it had garnered 5,745 likes, 2,900 shares and around 100 thoughtful comments. And it's really worth a read.'

China: Mother stabs infant 90 times with scissors

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An eight-month-old boy is lucky to be alive after he was stabbed 90 times by his mother, mostly in the face, for biting her while she was breastfeeding.

Xiao Bao needed more than 100 stitches after the incident in Xuzhou, eastern China's Jiangsu Province.

The infant lives with his mother and two uncles, who make a living recycling rubbish. It was one of the uncles who discovered Xiao Bao lying in a pool of blood in the yard of their home and rushed him to hospital.

The child's mother later confessed that she stabbed the baby after he bit her during breastfeeding.

Neighbours have pleaded with the local government to take the baby away, but they have said that they will not.

Apparently, they said that there was no confirmation the mother was suffering from a mental illness and said, regardless, the baby still has two guardians in the form of his two uncles.
...
An analysis of mental health issues in four Chinese provinces, published in 2009 in the British medical journal The Lancet, estimated that 91 per cent of the 173million Chinese adults that were believed to suffer mental problems never receive professional help.'

'Woman: Reflections of a Divorced Man'

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Book on Amazon UK here. Description:

'I used to have sympathy for the men who would collect their children in the town centre every Saturday morning. They were easy to spot. The glowering looks they would throw at their ex-wives were hard to conceal. Maybe it was to give their children a treat, or maybe it was because they found it hard to cook, but you could see them in the fast food outlets by lunchtime. Little did I know then that I would one day become a McDonald's dad myself. Disbelief, anger, inadequacy, rejection, bitterness, shock, fear, and loneliness are but some of the emotions that divorce brings to the average man. This is my story of how I coped with life after the breakdown of my marriage. Join me in a satirical examination of today's modern "woman". This book also reveals why women stand talking for hours, what it means when they are not "happy", and of course the dreaded "speech". Along the way you will learn why you should purchase a tin helmet when you begin dating again, and why men should really not wash their underpants in the sink.'

Men -- the new second class citizens

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In November of last year, I wrote an article for Fox News called The War on Men (which I subsequently expanded to an eBook). To keep it pithy, in the piece I focused on one effect of this war: the lack of marriageable men. But there's so much more to it. The truth is, men have become second-class citizens.

The most obvious proof is male bashing in the media. It is rampant and irrefutable. From sit-coms and commercials that portray dad as an idiot to biased news reports about the state of American men, males are pounced on left and right. And that's just the beginning.

The war on men actually begins in grade school, where boys are at a distinct disadvantage. Not only are curriculums centered on girls', rather than boys,' interests, the emphasis in these grades is on sitting still at a desk.
...
When men become husbands and fathers, things get really bad. In family courts throughout America, men are routinely stripped of their rights and due process. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is easily used against them since its definition of violence is so broad that virtually any conflict between partners can be considered abuse.
...
Yet it is males who suffer in our society. From boyhood through adulthood, the White American Male must fight his way through a litany of taunts, assumptions and grievances about his very existence. His oppression is unlike anything American women have faced. Unlike women, however, men don't organize and form groups when they've been persecuted. They just bow out of the game.'

Sweden: Policewoman beats man with baton for no apparent reason

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Article here. The headline calls him a "drunk". Maybe he was intoxicated, but according to the video clip of the assault on him, he sure wasn't acting in a way requiring being beaten and attacked by a dog in order to be arrested. Point of this story is this: Anyone in an authority position can abuse it. Feminists' assertions over the years that women categorically don't or are much less likely than men to do so simply don't bear up to scrutiny, not just in this but in plenty of other cases. Excerpt:

'A video clip showing a Swedish policewoman repeatedly hitting a drunken man with a baton as her police dog appears to go berserk on the streets of Stockholm has shocked experts, while the prosecutor has opened a criminal probe.

"The only thing I can say is that this video gives cause to assume that the police officer has committed a crime," internal affairs prosecutor Mats Åhlund told the Dagens Nyheter (DN) newspaper after being shown a clip of the altercation that took place late on Thursday night.

"This has to investigated properly so we understand what happened before and after, but it's clear as day that there is reason to suspect that a crime took place."'

Sex on Campus: She Can Play That Game, Too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ask her why she hasn't had a relationship at Penn, and she won't complain about the death of courtship or men who won't commit. Instead, she'll talk about "cost-benefit" analyses and the "low risk and low investment costs" of hooking up.
...
It is by now pretty well understood that traditional dating in college has mostly gone the way of the landline, replaced by "hooking up" — an ambiguous term that can signify anything from making out to oral sex to intercourse — without the emotional entanglement of a relationship.

Until recently, those who studied the rise of hookup culture had generally assumed that it was driven by men, and that women were reluctant participants, more interested in romance than in casual sexual encounters. But there is an increasing realization that young women are propelling it, too.
...
Typical of elite universities today, Penn is filled with driven young women, many of whom aspire to be doctors, lawyers, politicians, bankers or corporate executives like Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg or Yahoo's Marissa Mayer. ...
...
These women said they saw building their résumés, not finding boyfriends (never mind husbands), as their main job at Penn.'

Military sexual assault trials complicated by POTUS's admonishment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — When President Obama proclaimed that those who commit sexual assault in the military should be “prosecuted, stripped of their positions, court-martialed, fired, dishonorably discharged,” it had an effect he did not intend: muddying legal cases across the country.

In at least a dozen sexual assault cases since the president’s remarks at the White House in May, judges and defense lawyers have said that Mr. Obama’s words as commander in chief amounted to “unlawful command influence,” tainting trials as a result. Military law experts said that those cases were only the beginning and that the president’s remarks were certain to complicate almost all prosecutions for sexual assault.'

'My step-by-step programme for curing men of sexism'

Mastodon · 14 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many men today think sexism is a perilous concept to get their heads around. Guys, it isn't.

Simply don't treat women as a lower human category to you and you're fine and dandy. Several famous men have messed up recently with woeful chauvinist blunderings. Let's examine where they went wrong.'

Women's college alumnae fight to keep it women-only

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some alumnae have not given up their fight to keep Wilson College a women's college.

A group of alumnae hope their actions will block or delay the college's decision to open the Chambersburg campus to male residential students in the fall of 2014. College-age men can commute this fall for the first time to classes at Wilson.

Alumnae are prepared to go to court to force the board of trustees to revisit its decision.
In the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office, they have challenged the change to the school's charter.

And through their attorney, they have sent the trustees a letter warning of a potential lawsuit.'

India: Insurance company creates women-only/mother-child-only policy

Mastodon · 15 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New Delhi, July 15 (TruthDive) : Insurance policy meant for unmarried or divorced women and girl children is to be launched by Reliance General Insurance on August 1. The policy is named Reliance Health Gain with a target to cover four lakh people in the first year.

Of the total insured sum, the proposer is a widow covering self or her children or only herself will get a 5 % discount. A single woman can also get the discount. If the policy cover includes a girl child, then a further 5% discount will be given. The discounts will be a maximum of 15%.'

'Yes, You're Sexist' Twitter Account Kicks Misogyny In The Balls

Mastodon · 15 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If you start a sentence with 'I'm not sexist, but...' you're probably sexist" is the message from the Yes, You're Sexist (@Yes_YoureSexist) Twitter account.

And HuffPost UK Lifestyle are inclined to agree.

Currently at 1,914 followers (and counting), Yes, You're Sexist clearly states that retweets are not endorsements.

So think of them more as the whistleblowers of misogyny.'

'Uh-Oh--Here Come Masculinity Studies'

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Europe considers forcing issue of quotas for women on boards

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Sex discrimination where there is none

Mastodon · 16 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Women's groups call on governor to veto 'father-daughter' dance bill

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SAVE: Unconscionable Decision in Kellett Case, Speak Out

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Yesterday, Asst. DA Mary Kellett appeared before Maine Supreme Court Justice Ellen Gorman, and admitted to violating rules of the Maine Bar when she prosecuted Vladek Filler on sexual assault charges.

Normally, we'd be thrilled to see this. But there's more. Justice Gorman is expected to announce her decision later this week, to suspend any punishment of Mary Kellett! Yes, you read that right!

We aren't buying the "she has suffered enough" line - we want her disbarred!

Let's speak out for Vladek, his children, and every other person Kellett has unethically put behind bars. Tell the Justice that KELLETT MUST BE DISBARRED.

Contact Justice Gorman TODAY c/o Matthew Pollack, Clerk of the Maine Supreme Court. Phone: (207) 822-4146.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Jonathan Kay: The dangerous expansion of ‘battered woman defence’ in Canadian law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“In the Doucet case, the claim of an ongoing pattern of spousal abuse was central to her defence,” says James Morton, a former president of the Ontario Bar Association. “So in theory, it should have been proven the way you would prove every other element, with solid evidence. But in reality, claims of past abuse typically are not proven with the same degree of rigour. It’s often merely asserted, and the person whom the allegation is made against has to disprove it. The burden of proof is effectively reversed.”

“It’s in family law cases where you see this a lot,” he adds. “As a practical matter, once the allegation is made by the woman — and it’s usually the woman, though not always — the burden is on the other side, the man, to disprove it. And how do you do that? How do you disprove something that happened months or years ago — stuff that was never complained about at the time?”

Grant Brown, a longtime men’s-rights activist, traces the roots of the Doucet decision to a bias against men that he believes is now encoded deep in the Canadian justice system.
...
“Nobody wanted to look as though they were not sympathetic toward women, and it became anathema for any politician or judge or police officer to question the [feminist point of view] in this area,” Mr. Brown says. “Whereas every other aspect of the criminal-justice system strives to eliminate false [accusations of guilt], when it comes to domestic violence, the reverse [has become] the case.”'

Dear Suzanne Venker, White Men Are Not 'Second-Class Citizens'

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Article here. Make sure you check out the picture of a woman stepping on a man's head with a high heel. Excerpt:

'White, American men are now second-class citizens.

That's the premise of an article Suzanne Venker posted on Fox News last week, a follow-up to her November 2012 piece about the "war on men." In this piece, Venker made a number of pretty astonishing claims about women, public policy and the state of gender equality.

Here are the three most confusing things she wrote:

1. Grade school curricula are based on girls' interests. Hmmm... We'd like to see some data on that, please.

2. "Men don't organize and form groups when they've been persecuted. They just bow out of the game." This claim also seems suspect. Men's rights groups are actually very visible on the Internet. Website A Voice For Men says that it works to "expose misandry on all levels in our culture," and there is also a popular Reddit forum dedicated to men's issues -- frequented by male and female Redditors alike. Whether or not their cause makes sense, these groups do exist -- and they make themselves heard.'

India: False rape cases, extortion and threat: How woman blackmail men with 'rape' law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New Delhi: While the police strive to ensure safety and security of women in the national capital, there seems to be some women who misuse the law for extorting money from people and then threaten them to implicate in ‘false’ rape cases.

One such incident surfaced in Pandav Nagar area of East Delhi where a 40-year-old woman, who is reportedly a complainant in 11 cases of rape, stalking and other sexual offences, was arrested on charges of extortion.

It is ironical that the man who filed the extortion complaint was earlier charged with raping the woman and had been sent to jail.
...
"The previous case under Sections of rape that the woman registered against Sushil was found to be false. On the directions of the court, a case of extortion based on Sushil's complaint was registered and the woman, arrested. She has been sent to 14 days judicial custody," Additional DCP (East) D K Gupta said.

The woman registered a case against Choudhary and three others including her husband Avtar Singh for allegedly raping, criminal intimidation and wrongful confinement inside the lawyer's chamber in Patiala House courts complex.'

UK: Teacher who sent 1,500 sex texts to teenage pupil in six weeks avoids jail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman teacher who inundated a teenage pupil with sex text messages and intimate pictures during a six-week affair has avoided jail.

Roseanna Langley, 24, sent the 16-year-old pictures of her naked and she was planning a tattoo bearing his name.

When the boy tried to cool their romance the science teacher – on the rebound after being dumped by her fiance – claimed she had miscarried his child, Exeter crown court heard.

The pair denied their affair when the head teacher at St James High School in Exeter called in police.

But officers found 1,500 sex texts from Langley on the boy's mobile and CCTV images showed the couple holding hands in a London hotel where they shared a double bed during a weekend away.

She was sacked by the school after she admitted having sex with the boy, who was not in her class.'

UK: Courses 'would be better than prison' for women

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Article here.

'The government is ignoring the needs of women offenders with its probation reforms, the Commons Justice Select Committee has said.

Kay, an ex-offender, who has been in prison once after being convicted on a drugs offence, told the Today programme's Justin Webb being in prison "knocks self confidence" and "self belief".

She said "courses and training" would be a much better way to help women who have offended.

Labour peer Baroness Corston, who suggested a number of reforms six years ago, said she was worried the "progress made by the previous government has not only stalled but is in danger of going into reverse".

She said the system now is "perfectly tailored for a man", and added the majority of the women in prison now "shouldn't be there because they are troubled rather than troublesome".'

A Boys' Camp to Redefine Gender

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Two takes on the same camp; from Slate:

A Boys' Camp to Redefine Gender

and from a religious-interest magazine:

Transgender Boy's Camp 'Unnatural,' Restrictive, Say Christian Leaders

Slate:
'Over the past three years, photographer Lindsay Morris has been documenting a four-day camp for gender nonconforming boys and their parents.
...
It is also a place for both parents and children to feel protected in an environment that encourages free expression.

“[The kids] don’t have to look over their shoulders, and they can let down their guard. Those are four days when none of that matters, and they are surrounded by family members who support them,” Morris said.'

CP:
'But Christian leaders disagree, saying the camp might even be forcing these children down an unnatural path.

"There is a risk of locking children into a life course, which, if they had been left to develop naturally, they would have outgrown," warned Peter Sprigg, senior fellow for Policy Studies at the Family Research Council in Washington D.C., in an interview with the Christian Post Tuesday.

Sprigg argued that teaching kids they have to identify with their "sexual orientation" or "sexual identity" could "lock" them in a phase. "You'll have children who are going through natural periods of confusion and experimentation with their sexuality and all of a sudden you have adults telling them, this means you're gay, you were born gay, you will never change," he said.'

The Rise of Single Fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A record 8% of households with minor children in the U.S. are headed by a single father, up from just over 1% in 1960, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of census records. The census bureau data shows the number of single father households increased from less than 300,000 in 1960 to more than 2.6 million in 2011.

To measure the increase in another way, single parent households headed by fathers now comprise almost one-quarter (24%) of all single parent households, compared to 14% in 1960.

There are some notable differences between single mothers and single fathers. Single fathers are more likely than single mothers to be living with a cohabiting partner (41% versus 16%). Single fathers, on average, have higher incomes than single mothers and are far less likely to be living at or below the poverty line—24% versus 43%. Single fathers are also somewhat less educated than single mothers, older and more likely to be white.

Compared with fathers who head households with two married parents, single dads are younger, less educated, less financially well-off and less likely to be white.'

Intactivism Spreads in Israel

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here is another sign that Intactivisim is gaining social acceptance, even in Israel. Gonnen Al Ha-Yeled (Protect the Child) and Ben Shalem (The Israeli Association for the Abolition of Circumcision), two Israeli Intactivist groups, have just produced stickers and ads in Hebrew. Eran Sadeh, the Jewish and Israeli founder of Protect the Child spoke at a Human Rights forum last year calling for laws protecting all children from the mutilation of circumcision.

Translation from Hebrew by Eliyahu Ungar-Sargon.'

Woman Sentenced To Life For Killing Fiance

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Story here. Excerpt:

'ALLENTOWN, Pa. — An eastern Pennsylvania woman sentenced to life in prison in the stabbing death of her fiance on their wedding day says she still loves him.

Thirty-two-year-old Na Cola Franklin was convicted of first-degree murder in the August death of 36-year-old Billy Brewster after an argument at their Whitehall Township apartment hours before the ceremony.
...
Defense attorney John Waldron has vowed an appeal. He argues Brewster came home drunk from an impromptu bachelor party and attacked Franklin.'

Emma Roberts arrested on domestic violence charges after fight with boyfriend

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Actress Emma Roberts *[link added]* was arrested last week on domestic violence charges in Canada.
...
TMZ reports that Roberts was arrested after someone called the cops to report a fight in the couple's Montreal hotel room.

Peters, 26, reportedly had a bloody nose and a bite mark when police arrived, so they arrested Roberts on the spot. They released her hours later because Peters elected not to press charges, according to MTV News.

In a joint statement, the two young actors reps addressed the incident.

"It was an unfortunate incident and misunderstanding. Ms. Roberts was released after questioning and the couple are working together to move past it," the reps told Us Weekly.'

Women's Center Presents Workshop for Men & Boys

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Announcement here. Excerpt:

'The Women's Center of Greater Danbury is pleased to announce a free, interactive workshop for males of all ages. Participants will learn strategies and techniques to address harmful behaviors that promote sexual and interpersonal violence against women and children. Two training sessions will be held in our 2nd floor Community Room at 8 West Street in Danbury on Monday, July 29th, 6:30-7:30 p.m., and Thursday, August 1st, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Men are far too often at a loss as to how they can play a positive role in stopping sexual violence. Standing by or remaining silent is not the answer. With an emphasis on prevention education, this workshop will encourage and help men to play a positive role in preventing sexual abuse, interpersonal violence and even bullying.

Through discussion, learning tasks and positive role-play scenarios, participants will be able to confront violence before it starts and build healthy relationships and a healthy community. Topics to be covered will include:

· Recognizing unhealthy aspects of masculinity

· Empathizing with others

· Supporting gender equality

· Replacing violent masculine attitudes and behaviors with behaviors and attitudes that respect the self and others.'

Actor: My son was stolen from me

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Video here. Caption:

'Actor Jason Patric and his former girlfriend are caught up in a heated custody dispute. CNN's Michaela Pereira reports.'

Issue reported previously on MANN here.

Florida woman accused of shoplifting threw her baby at deputy, officials say

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Article here.

'A Pensacola woman has been arrested after authorities say they tried to arrest her for shoplifting and she threw her baby at a deputy as she tried to escape.

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office said Ashley Taylor Wright tried to smuggle about $260 worth of clothing from a Dillard's dressing room.

Deputies approached her car in the parking lot Monday night and asked her to get out.

Authorities said the 23-year-old told the deputy, "You will have to shoot through the baby to get me."

She then allegedly ran from the car and threw the car seat with the baby inside at the deputy.

The infant was not injured. Two other young children were also in the car.

Wright faces several charges, including child abuse.'

Woman confesses to beastiality, threatens man with knife

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Convinced that a neighbor spoke to others about her having sex with a cat, an Oklahoma woman allegedly threatened the man with a knife, saying, “Do you wanna die?”

Oklahoma City cops arrested Kristina Michelle Brown following her bizarre confrontation Monday afternoon with 72-year-old Elmer Morrison. The 23-year-old Brown was charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon, a felony, and booked into jail, where she is being held in lieu of $5000 bail.

...

When police questioned Brown, she explained she was upset with Morrison “because of what he did to me.” When a cop asked what he did to her, she replied, “Because everyone knows.” She then said, “I had sex with my cat and everyone knows.”

A puzzled cop asked Brown (pictured above) what role Morrison had in the cat sex. She replied that her next-door neighbor had “no connection” to the act, saying that she was “just mad because everyone knows.”

Investigators reported that Brown said Morrison “does not know about what she did with the cat, she is just mad at him and wants him to die.”'

Canada: Men’s rights posters torn down

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some Saskatonians haven’t taken kindly to men’s right posters appearing around the city.

One intact poster, spotted Monday afternoon at 2nd Avenue and 21st Street, rhetorically asked readers whether they feared and hated African-Americans, Jews, gays, lesbians and women, with the response, “of course not, because you are a decent human being.”

It concludes, “You don’t fear and hate men, do you? Do you? Mens rights are human rights.”

Other posters are up on 20th St. around Avenues B to G.

But four others on Broadway — somewhat confusingly equating both feminism and patriarchy with “male disposability” — had been partially torn down and are almost unreadable.'

SAVE Deplores Plan to Give Free Pass to Crusading Prosecutor who Engaged in Unethical Practices for Six Years

Matt · 18 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / July 17, 2013 – Seven months after a state ethics panel determined Hancock Co. prosecutor Mary Kellett engaged in “inexcusable” misconduct, Justice Ellen Gorman has announced a plan that would seemingly excuse Kellett’s unethical behavior. On Monday, Gorman announced she intends to shelve a 30-day suspension on assistant district attorney Mary Kellett. As a result, no sanctions will be placed on the prosecutor who engaged in unethical practices over a period of 6 years, resulting in the wrongful conviction of an innocent man.

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments – SAVE — deplores the impending decision as an affront to every citizen of Maine who believes the criminal justice system should be “just.”

The facts of the case reveal accuser Ligia Filler often changed her story to suit the circumstances. The woman was a known child-abuser with profound mental health problems, as revealed by a police recording.'

NPO: Joint Legal Custody is Your Constitutional Right

Matt · 18 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine a right that for nearly a century U.S. courts (including the Supreme Court) have recognized as a constitutionally-protected “fundamental right” which “cannot be denied without violating those fundamental principles of liberty and justice which lie at the base of all our civil and political institutions.” Such a right “undeniably warrants deference, and, absent a powerful countervailing interest, protection”.

Surely such a right would be zealously protected by the courts. And if it were not, we should be outraged.

There is such a right. It receives little protection by our courts. And we should, indeed, be outraged!

Reading the language our courts invoke when discussing parental rights, one would expect those rights to receive vigilant protection from the courts. But, in fact, family law courts across the nation routinely infringe on parental rights with not even a semblance of due process required when restricting fundamental constitutional rights.'

'Yeah, I'm About To Compare Emma Roberts To Chris Brown'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The news of Emma Roberts' alleged domestic violence against her boyfriend Evan Peters dropped yesterday, so I'd say it's just about time for someone or a couple someones to start downplaying what really happened, right? Like a rep or something? Or a 'source close to the actress'? Do we have anybody like that who can underscore what a non-issue violence is in our society? Oh we do? Great. Here's what reps for the two actors had to say, in a released statement:

"It was an unfortunate incident and misunderstanding. Ms. Roberts was released after questioning and the couple are working together to move past it."

Oh good, as long as they're definitely gonna move past it. When something like this happens, the important thing is to work through it and keep the relationship chugging in the same direction, you know? The absolute worst thing would be to take genuine steps to address the boundaries that had broken down in their relationship. It's not like this has anything in common with assault, so let's just sweep it under the rug and forgive the parties involved, okay? And post-haste, just so we can avoid any inconvenient or awkward conversations about abuse or any other real issues.'

Emma Roberts and double-standards around female offenders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The media's reaction once again shows a troubling trend to hold men accountable for behavior that is transgressive but to tend towards the apologetic when a woman behaves in a similarly destructive way. Which is to imply a man must be willing to tolerate a woman beating him up whilst also implying the idea of equality in society is not something many female editors women necessarily seek when it does not suit their needs. A view that has been expressed in various comment threads throughout the web.
...
But when they are not good what happens then? And why is it the media not challenging behavior and actions that ought to trouble us? Are only women allowed to be victims of domestic violence. Is there a risk of disturbing the preferred line of what counts for bad behavior amongst gender that the media would rather not explore? If so why?'

SAVE: Mary Kellett: Maine Prosecutor Disciplined for Misconduct

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SAVE played a lead role in this prosecutorial misconduct case, which involved a crusading prosecutor who often charged persons on allegations of sexual assault, even when there was no probable cause.

Along with the Internal Revenue Service, prosecutors wield the awesome power of the state. For both groups, there are inadequate checks in place to assure they don't abuse that power.

We were disappointed that no meaningful sanctions were imposed on ADA Mary Kellett, yet this was a precedent-making case.

The AP account of the case is shown below. To see more in-depth media coverage, visit: http://bangordailynews.com/2013/07/15/news/hancock/hancock-county-prosecutor-admits-violating-bar-rules-in-sexual-assault-trial/

Popular women's magazine "Cosmopolitan" discusses DV against men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You rarely hear about the female-on-male flip side of domestic violence charges in news stories about everyday Americans, let alone perpetrated by a 22-year-old starlet, but Emma Roberts shocked everyone this morning when news surfaced that, on July 7th, she was taken into custody in Montreal following a fight with her boyfriend, American Horror Story's Evan Peters. According to USA Today, he was found with a bloody nose and bite marks from Roberts, and she had various bruisings.

...

According to a study done in 2000, the statistics of domestic abuse in America were 1.3 million women versus 835,000 men. A more recent study from 2011 ups the percentage: One in four men have experienced "rape, physical violence and/or stalking" by a partner, and one in seven have experienced "severe physical violence," like beaten with a fist or a blunt object. And a 32-nation study by the University of New Hampshire claims that girlfriends initiate violence equally often as boyfriends do in relationships.

So don't forget to pay mind: This does happen, and it needs just as much awareness and prevention as male-on-female domestic assault.'

Federal Campus Sexual Harassment Policy Draws Free Speech Concerns

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The federal government is facing pressure from civil-liberties advocates to back down from a policy meant to curb sexual harassment at colleges and universities -- just as sexual-assault survivors demanded in a protest this week that the Education Department do more to punish colleges that fail to address campus assaults.

A coalition of free-speech advocates, led by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), wrote an open letter to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and the Department of Justice Tuesday calling for officials to retract a "blueprint" for campus sexual harassment policies that critics claim would violate the First Amendment.

FIRE's coalition says a resolution released in May by the Departments of Education and Justice -- after an investigation of the University of Montana's prosecution of rape on campus -- expands the definition of sexual harassment to "any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature," including speech, which coalition members contend is unconstitutional.'

Also see: Free Speech Coalition Files Open Letter to U.S. Department of Justice and Education to Retract Sexual Harassment Settlement

Debate Rages Over Obama Definition of College Sexual Harassment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To hear the critics tell it, President Obama wants to restrict free speech at college, interfere with campus dating and “de-eroticize” university life. The reasons can be found in a single line of the May letter from the Departments of Justice and Education to the University of Montana, Missoula—a campus long plagued by sexual assaults and shoddy sexual harassment prevention efforts.
...
According to Lucy France, general counsel of the University of Montana, that means you can report that the annoying boy who sits next to you in class is being creepy, but that doesn't mean the school will do anything about it. “The revisions currently being added to university policy,” she says, “aim only to clarify the procedures for filing harassment-related grievances, to establish protocol for adequately investigating and responding to allegations, and to train the school community in identifying and addressing sex discrimination and violence.”'

Student recants claim she was sexual assaulted

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Bakersfield College student who claimed she was sexually assaulted twice by a man on campus last week has recanted, saying the sex was consensual.

At 1:09 p.m. Tuesday, BC reported the student's claim. But by 5 p.m. the college said Bakersfield police had determined that a crime had not been committed.

...

Amber Chiang, BC spokeswoman, said earlier Tuesday that the woman was attending summer school and had talked to a mental health professional on campus after the supposed attacks.

...

Bakersfield Police Department spokeswoman Michaela Beard said no charges will be filed against the woman.'

Woman said she made up camping assault story

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Story here.

'ELLENSBURG, Wash. — Kittitas County authorities say they will seek charges of false reporting against a woman who told deputies she was attacked by a stranger while was camping.

Sheriff's detectives have determined the Cle Elum woman made up the story about being attacked while camping at French Cabin Creek campgrounds early Monday, according to a news release issued by the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies said 25-year-old woman told them she had been assaulted by an unknown man while she was in her sleeping bag.

"The investigation took a turn when the detectives were unable to verify certain details or locate the witnesses the woman named. She also changed certain details when the detective attempted to clarify her story," according to the news release.

Deputies said that during an interview Wednesday afternoon, the woman acknowledged that she had made up the entire story to cover a relationship.'

Pelosi: ‘Our success as a nation really depends on our success of women’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a meeting with reporters on Capitol Hill, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) rolled out on Thursday what they called a campaign to economic issues important to women.

“Our success as a nation really depends on our success of women,” Pelosi said to reporters. “And this is something that has to be unleashed in a more important way than it has.”

The agenda, named “When Women Succeed, America Succeeds: An Economic Agenda for Women and Families” hones in on three key principles the four congresswomen — Pelosi, DeLauro, Rep. Donna Edwards (D-MD) and Rep. Doris Matsu (D-CA) — view as essential to women’s economic success: Equal pay for equal work, emphasis on the work-family balance, including paid sick leave, and adequate funding for child care.
...
“We want to have many more women in Congress,” Pelosi said. “I keep saying, if you reduce the role of money in politics and increase the level of civility, you’d have more women in Congress, and that would be a very wholesome thing for our society, in terms of successes we can have for women.”'

Arianna Huffington at the Biennial: Women will lead the revolution

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The event, sponsored by the Biennial of the Americas and The Women's Foundation of Colorado, was aimed at drawing attention to the changing role of women in a global economy.

Their general message: Guys, you need our help to get things back on track.

Louise Atkinson, president and CEO of The Women's Foundation, kicked off the event with a discussion of organization's “The Status of Girls and Women in Colorado” report.

The report, released in June, provides baseline data to help communities across the state more effectively address the needs and realities of girls and women here.

...

Sebelius highlighted how getting more women in government leadership positions is shifting the focus on where money is invested in women’s and girls’ health.

...

“This revolution is going to be led by women,” Huffington said. “Because the world as it is now has been designed by men. I’m sorry guys, but you’re going to be very grateful to us when we do this.”'

"Female" does not equal "fair"... or anything else

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Again, the seemingly unstoppable perception that women are either categorically more likely to see things "a certain way" or be "fairer" than men in some context(s) just doesn't want to die, despite whatever evidence is produced routinely in any direction. It's like saying men categorically make better bricklayers; really, even if 99% of all bricklayers are men, is it correct to assume that they categorically are better at it? But when the Feminist Hooey Machine gets grist it can't process, you can fairly smell the smoke miles away. Latest is here. BTW, Corey is the DA who brought the Murder 2nd charge against George Zimmerman, which is why there's been so much buzz/criticism around her recently. People are criticizing her for various reasons, sometimes opposing, but everyone seems to agree on this: criticizing her. Excerpt:

'Marissa Alexander, the Jacksonville, Fla., mother sentenced to 20 years in prison for firing what she says was a warning shot at her abusive husband, remains behind bars more than a year after a judge tossed her "Stand Your Ground" defense. But with George Zimmerman's acquittal Sunday on murder charges, her cause is picking up steam.

Rep. Corrine Brown, D-Fla., is among Alexander's most vocal supporters. She's also a fierce critic of State Attorney Angela Corey, the elected prosecutor who presided over both cases.

"I do know that she has shown absolutely no compassion," Brown told U.S. News. "Where was the common sense? I hate to say this, but you wouldn't expect this from a female."
...

In a 2012 interview with The Grio, Corey chided critics and the media for being, in her view, overeager to take Alexander's side. "A person's propensity for violence is only one factor that would have allowed her to use 'Stand Your Ground' at the moment when she fired," the prosecutor explained. "If that's what you're saying, she can walk into a room and just see him and shoot [based on past abuse]." Corey said there was no physical evidence of a confrontation before the gun fired.'

Malawi Targets Two Million Males to Go for Circumcision By 2016

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mangochi — Over 42,000 males in Malawi have undergone Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) since the campaign started last year, Malawi News Agency has learnt.

Speaking to Mana on Tuesday after a stakeholders meeting in Mangochi, Spokesperson in the Ministry of Health, Henry Chimbali said Malawi is expecting to have 2.1 million males who will have undergone Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) by 2016 noting that currently 42,000 males have already gone through the knife.

"Malawi as a country has 42,000 males circumcised already and it is expecting to have 2.1 million males voluntarily circumcised at the hospital by 2016 and that is encouraging," Chimbali said.
...
He however said it is encouraging to see many youths between the ages of 15 to 24 go for VMMC. He therefore encouraged men to go for VMMC which he said helps in reduction of HIV vulnerability rate by 60 percent.'

'Rolling Stone‘s Article On Dzhokhar Tsarnaev Makes It Clear Patriarchy Was At The Root Of His Problems'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It has been frustrating to watch people and businesses condemn Rolling Stone magazine — where, to be clear, I personally have no editorial affiliations — for putting the Boston bombing suspect, Dzhokhar “Jahar” Tsarnaev, on the cover of the latest issue. Many are upset that Tsarnaev is on the cover at all, as well as with the “rock star”-style photo the magazine used. And some who have read the article by journalist Janet Reitman complain that the way Jahar is profiled makes him out to be a “victim.”

I support Rolling Stone putting Tsarnaev on the cover and thought Reitman’s article was extremely well-written and thought-provoking. I came away from reading it with a greater understanding of how a 19-year-old Cambridge kid became a “monster.” To me, the patriarchy was clearly a problem in this family. To be clear, patriarchy doesn’t just mean when men are in positions of authority over women; it means when men, or one man, are in positions of authority over other men as well. It assumes that the people underneath that man will fall in line and not ask questions; it breeds a lack of agency and even, I would argue in Jahar’s case, weakness in a person. He was an immigrant from a maligned religion who slowly became radicalized by his severe older brother at the exact same time his troubled parents deserted him to move back to their homeland. I would not call him a “victim,” but I do believe it was a shitty, difficult situation for a teenager to handle, and those circumstances contributed to the vile crime he, allegedly, committed.'

Man lured by women to rooftop robbed, assaulted, and falls to his death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 50-year-old Brooklyn man who fell to his death from atop a four-story building was lured onto the roof by two women who had promised him sex, police sources said Thursday.

Instead of showing Robert Reichl a good time, the women led him into a trap shortly after midnight on Wednesday — and stole $2,000 in cash he had been carrying.

Three toughs were waiting on the roof of the building on Fourth Ave. near 47th St. in Sunset Park, the sources said, and at some point the men attacked Reichl.

One of them, Ruben Santiago, sprayed Reichl in the face with a chemical spray believed to be mace that caused the victim to reel back, lose his balance and fall off the rooftop, the source said.'

New Zealand: Male sex abuse numbers unknown

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'When most people think about the victims of sexual abuse they don't think of men. Do we have any idea of how many men in New Zealand are sexually abused?

We have no New Zealand statistics in relation to men and boys who are victims of sexual abuse or violence. Overseas stats suggest one in six boys will be sexually violated before their 16th birthday. Dr Tess Patterson at University of Otago has just recently started interviewing men we have been working with and hopefully next year we'll have New Zealand's first study.
...
There are many reasons males don't come forward, fear of being seen as weak or gay and the huge myth that if you are a male and have been sexually abused, you will go on to abuse. This is not said of female victims. For males to come forward we need to have safe places and more resources.

Are there other cultures that deal with sexual abuse better than our own?

In a word NO. This is a world-wide problem and denial seems to be the norm.'

‘Father-daughter dance’ bill becomes law

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'PROVIDENCE — Governor Chafee has decided to let a bill allowing “father-daughter dances” — and other gender-specific school events — become law without his signature, despite calls from more than a dozen women’s groups for a veto.

The legislation, introduced by Sen. Hanna M. Gallo, D-Cranston, in the wake of last year’s uproar over a father-daughter dance in that city, would permit “father-daughter” or “mother-son” events as long as “reasonable comparable activities” are provided for students of the opposite sex.

Last year, the Cranston school superintendent reinforced a ban against gender-limited events after the Rhode Island Affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union filed a complaint on behalf of a single mother of a fourth grader at the Stadium Elementary School.'

Feminism in the west -- a war fought and won but whose veterans don't realize it?

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'But with every war, comes the eventual peace and agreement of new terms. The very real fight for feminism, as it manifested in the Western world, demanded actionable and specific goals: the right to vote, to be elected, to work, divorce, and own property. There are many inspiring female activists around the world today, fighting the oppressive and archaic theocratic regimes which seek to keep them shackled, veiled, and repressed as property to their husbands. Exposure to this hellscape of inequality in the developing world has caused an interesting schism in modern feminism, where many Western women feel an apex of accomplishment has been achieved, and have become divided on whether they even identify as a “feminist.”

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Though some social conflicts continue for generations, there are others that have clearly passed the threshold of their greatest victories. You’d be hard pressed, for instance, to find a pro-slavery plantation owner, an anti-suffrage male voter, or a loyal colonialist eager to be under the yolk of the British Empire. Unions once fought for decent wages, holidays, health care, and an end to child labor or terrible work conditions. Now they are more often seen as complacent protection rackets that hinder progress in the workplace. Instead of only championing a legacy of old conflicts, we should look to the future and recognize the issues we are about to collectively face: environmental decay, food shortages, technological class systems, wealth disparity, etc. Otherwise, we will continue to be broken into, and separated by, the labels and distinctions that diminish our sense of common humanity.

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Perhaps there will never be an "end" to feminism. As long as any woman is suffering some form of inequality or injustice in society, she will always be able to frame it as a gender issue, the same way connotations of racism, classism, nationalism, and political ideology will always be labels we smear onto our conflicts to address questions in our society regarding why some of us have more, and others have less.

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Gender roles are constantly being reassessed and discussed in America. Is a long working career a preferred male responsibility? In our overpopulated world, can women live fulfilled and joyful lives eschewing traditional maternal roles? Can stay-at-home fathers be perfect substitutes for a nurturing mother? The more diverse stories we’re exposed to, the more we learn that anything is possible, and nothing is "standard." Individuals should pick the life path that suits them, and the people they want to be with. And as long as they don’t harm anyone else, a society that claims to champion freedom should do nothing other than get out of their way.'

DV: A Society Biased Against Males?

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'While the majority of domestic violence victims are women, male-oriented abuse occurs more often than many think. Naturally, men are stronger than women but that does not necessarily make it easier for them to have their way all the time.

According to a 2010 National Survey by the Centres for Disease Control and U.S Department of Justice, in the last 12 months, more men have been victims of intimate-partner physical violence than women.

The survey also indicates that men were also more often victims of psychological aggression. It is not also impossible that gender-biased individuals have overtime managed to sway society into believing that there are more female victims of domestic violence than men. Yet, men are being ignored and threatened by a double-edged sword; they are victimized by partners who also complain about being abused.

Also, an abused man faces a shortage of resources, skepticism from Police and other major legal obstacles, especially when it comes to gaining custody of his children from an abusive mother. Could it be natural or was it designed by men themselves?'

New law firm helps dads navigate divorce, custody issues

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'In recent years, family court proceedings like divorces and custody disputes have grown increasingly complicated and nuanced, as gender roles shift at work and at home.

Cordell & Cordell, a national firm that expanded to Birmingham in May, focuses primarily on helping men navigate cases in family court.

The firm's attorneys provide information and counsel men as they deal with divorce and child custody issues because men have been at a disadvantage when it comes to domestic litigation, according to a news release.

Joseph Cordell, who founded the firm with his wife Yvonne, said there has been progress for men in family court, but "it's far from a level playing field."

Often, men are perceived in a certain light by judges, social workers and others involved in making decisions about a family, he said.

"The stakes are the highest that they'll ever be for these people," Cordell said. "Everything in this world that's of most importance to these two parties is on the table in this contest."

Certain tactics are used and allegations made - such as domestic abuse - that men must overcome, Cordell said.'

Police: Woman Lied About Rape

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'A woman who police say lied about being raped by a masked intruder had actually slashed her body and choked herself with a dog collar in an effort to create "convincing" injuries, according to an affidavit for her arrest.

The woman, Kelly M. Wilson, 29, of 611 Thrall Ave. was arrested July 3 and charged with second-degree falsely reporting an incident, second-degree making a false statement, and misuse of the 911 emergency system. She is free on $50,000 bond and is scheduled to be arraigned in Enfield Superior Court on July 16.'

Cops: Woman lied on 911 call, claimed boyfriend tossed her out of moving car

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'A 43-year-old Monmouth County woman was arrested after police said she called 9-1-1 and lied about being assaulted by her boyfriend, according to a report on NJHerald.com.

Laurie Vandeusen of Manalapan called 9-1-1 at about 2:40 a.m. Friday and told the dispatcher that her boyfriend had punched and kicked her, causing her to fall out of a moving car, the report said.

When Hackettstown police arrived at Route 604 and Bilsby Road, Vandeusen was alone and gave them a different name. An investigation revealed that she had $7,000 in outstanding warrants out of several towns in Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth counties.

Police charged her with falsely calling 9-1-1, obstructing and hindering. She was sent to the Warren County jail after she couldn't post $1,000 bail.'

IA: Tell the ACLU: Stop defending forced circumcision

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'In 2011, the ACLUNC* argued that the San Francisco Male Genital Mutilation Bill, a ballot initiative to restrict non-therapeutic circumcision to consenting adults, violated the parental right to subject boys to ritual circumcision in order to satisfy the religious beliefs of some parents. The ACLUNC lent its support in a lawsuit against the city of San Francisco to have the initiative (which received the support of over 12,000 San Francisco voters) removed from the ballot thus squelching democracy by denying voters their voice.

Later that year, the ACLUNC endorsed AB 768, a state law which prohibits any city in California from protecting boys from forced, non-therapeutic circumcision.

In response to outrage from the community over these actions of the ACLUNC, a representative from ACLU National defended the actions of its Northern California affiliate.'

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* Ed.: Link to contact info. added.

Former cop sues woman over alleged false rape accusation

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'A former Chicago Police sergeant whose rape conviction was overturned in 2011 has filed a lawsuit against the woman who accused him.

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The woman had sued the city in federal court and received a $1.5 million dollar legal settlement, the Sun-Times reported at the time of the 2011 Illinois Appellate Court decision that overturned Herman's conviction.

According to the suit, Herman had consensual sex with the woman in her apartment on March 9, 2004.

She later accused Herman of kidnapping her, driving to her apartment and forcing her to have sex with him at gunpoint, the Sun-Times reported.

Herman is claiming that the woman's accusations and the resulting prosecution caused him to lose his job, damaged his reputation and caused him to serve four years in prison.

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The three-count suit charges the woman with malicious prosecution, abuse of process and defamation and asks for more than $100,000 in damages.'

Marine Barracks or College Dorm: Senate Bill Raises False Alarm Over Where Women Are Most Likely to Be Raped

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'Let's be candid about the role that drinking plays in many sexual assault cases, both on campus and on base. When men and women drink heavily, judgment (if not vision) blurs. Women, who may be more intoxicated than their male counterparts if they have been matching drink-for-drink throughout the night, may allow themselves to fall into unsafe circumstances. Men, who may become more aggressive and less sensitive to social cues as they over-imbibe, may push sexual contact when consent from their partners is ambiguous at best.

Both sexes need to take responsibility. Young men need to be reminded that drunkenness vitiates consent. Young women need to acknowledge that staying (at least more) sober keeps them safer from certain types of crimes.

The alcohol-fueled "date rape" that accounts for the majority of college and military sexual assaults is a serious crime. At the same time, if sex was never consensual if any alcohol was involved, a lot of people wouldn't have consensual sex until somewhere around their second year of marriage. We don't help anyone by treating these cases as though they are always and exactly identical to forcible rape by a stranger. We also don't help address the problem of sexual assault in the armed forces by treating it as though what happens between men and women in the military is that different than what happens between men and women in college or elsewhere.'

Title IX, budget cuts claimed Michigan State men's lacrosse, men's gymnastics more than a decade ago

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'More than a decade later, the dismissal of two men's sports programs at Michigan State still stings to those involved.

Men's lacrosse and men's gymnastics were the last two sports programs cut at MSU — both deemed a necessity for the school to get compliant federal Title IX regulations. Lacrosse was cut following the 1996 season, while gymnastics followed in 2001.

"It's a heartbreaker," said former MSU men's gymnastics coach George Szypula, who coached the team from its beginning in 1947 to 1988. "Title IX has been good for the ladies to a point and it's helped them, but it's been hurting the men's programs. We've dropped a lot of men's college programs in wrestling, gymnastics, swimming just to comply with Title IX."'

The next general in the war on men's pay

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'Having skewered Republicans in 2012 with accusations of a conservative "War on Women," President Obama is marching ahead to expand government's reach, particularly in the name of protecting women and promoting "gender pay equity."

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OPM is the government's chief human resource agency, and as such, can be a powerful weapon in laying the groundwork for greater government oversight over compensation practices. Men struggling economically should take note: They may be among the collateral damage of government's campaign to build a more "equitable" economy.

The OPM's primary responsibility is to oversee the compensation system for the 2.7 million member federal civilian workforce. Currently, however, the OPM is also developing a government-wide strategy for advancing "pay equity," a task Archuleta will take over if confirmed.

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Ms. Archuleta who was the chief of staff at the Department of Labor from 2009-11 should be familiar with this type of analysis, and the studies that show that, at a minimum, the 77-cents-on-the-dollar is a gross exaggeration of sexism's role in impacting women's earnings.

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This isn't about rooting out discrimination. No, the purpose is simply to make the statistics work so that the average working women earns the same as the average working man, regardless of whether differences in pay were based on legitimate factors.

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It's easy to imagine how this "guidance" will quickly spill into the broader economy, first as a condition to be eligible for any government contract and then as outright regulations and mandates.

The end result won't simply be higher pay for women and lower pay for men. The real outcome will be a less flexible, less dynamic workplace as government moves further into regimenting the compensation practices of American employers.'

Ireland: Upcoming debate to address "feminized" workplaces

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'I have been asked to preside over a debate in Galway on whether feminism has now definitively triumphed: the event is some time away, but I am sure it will be spirited and lively.

Yet current studies on the victory of feminism are tending to put the conquest in ambivalent terms: is this, as Hanna Rosin asks in a best-selling and influential American study, 'The End of Men: And the Rise of Women'? The author paints a concerning, even alarming, picture of the trends in western (and some eastern) societies. Women are advancing on all fronts, and men, in general, are retreating. Not only retreating, but failing, underachieving, becoming redundant and "useless".

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Everywhere (except Africa) women are becoming better-educated, and overtaking men at university level. In 2012, for the first time ever, there were more college-educated women than men, among Americans aged 30 to 44.

The same pattern is evident in Europe, Australia, Latin America, the Caribbean, Central Asia and even the Arab states. In Bahrain and Qatar, women now make up nearly 70pc of college graduates. Even in Saudi Arabia, more than half of undergraduates and PhDs are female.

Women in their 20s, in the US, are now out-earning men, and if they remain childless they will continue to keep parity with male incomes. Nearly a third of Brazilian women now make more money than their husbands.

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Hanna Rosin notes the increased prevalence of entire neighbourhoods that are now "matriarchies" – where single mothers raise families alone. More than a third of mothers in the US are the family breadwinners, and it's not problem-free.

Out-of-wedlock births are "the new norm", and will soon become, in many western societies, the majority practice. Male wages have been stagnant since 2009 and few average men can now step into the role of sole family provider.

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From the Forbes rich list, to the top CEOs and most powerful political figures, the "alpha" male remains as successful among homo sapiens as he is among the silver-backed apes. Is this really a triumph – average men labelled as "losers", while a few alpha-males are still in control? If it is a triumph it is surely a mixed one, and maybe even a Pyrrhic victory.'

A scientist's view: equality, feminism and men's rights

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'Recently scientist Laura Waters wrote a piece explaining “why I’m an equalist and not a feminist.” Molecular biologist and feminist Andrew Holding responds.

The world is against men. This week a man was turned away from Legoland for not having a child, apparently to protect the families and children that visit. Men are not allowed to sit next to unaccompanied children on planes because apparently they’re all paedophiles-in-waiting. I’ve had my own experience of someone alerting the whole of John Lewis that my daughter was abandoned, because she wasn’t near someone who looked like a mother. Then there’s the old issue that only 8% of children in single parent families are with their fathers. Perhaps all this contributes to high suicide rates in young men. So we need equality not feminism? I don’t agree.
...
So what about single fathers, young men committing suicide, or suggestions that every man is some kind of Schroedinger’s paedophile? The answer to these problems is more feminism.

Feminism fights patriarchy. It’s this system that is responsible for the fallacy that women need to be mothers in place of men; a lie that can cost fathers their children and women their lives. It places unreasonable expectations on young men, leaving them ill-equipped for the modern world and leading to an epidemic of mental health issues. It runs the entire country, and those that gain from it would prefer that women don’t stand together for their rights because they have so much to lose.'

Congress Considers Proposals To Lift Young Men From Poverty, But Outlook Is Grim

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'In the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House, lawmakers are considering bills that could help lift hundreds of thousands Americans out of poverty. The two bills, both designed to expand eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit, have the potential to bring relief to over 300,000 Americans, according to a study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

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“Many of the nation’s most serious social problems are caused by poor young males. They are the demographic group most likely to drop out of school, commit crimes, perpetrate violence on others, including their girlfriends, and desert their children,” Haskins said. “[These] problems are especially serious among young black males, and that the causes for blacks form a tangled web that includes lingering effects of generations of slavery and racial oppression, high levels of school dropout, current discrimination in the job market, astounding rates of arrest and imprisonment, and, ironically, being reared in fatherless families.

“The strands in this complex web of causality can be thought of in two categories: the ones over which young men have control and the ones over which they don’t. If young men could be helped to overcome their inherent disadvantages, and follow a few simple rules of behavior, they could greatly improve their own well-being and that of the women and children who are closest to them. Here are the rules: Graduate from high school, don’t commit a crime, get a job and work hard, get married, and have children,” Haskins continued.'

malecodependence.com

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Just came across this site: http://malecodependence.com/

I think it might be a good resource for men struggling to find ways to deal with disempowering relationships of all kinds, etc. Off-linked was this article: Weak men who try to please and from that, by the same author on her web site: It's Time Men Stand Up and Say "No!". She pretty much lays it out good. Excerpt:

'The feminist movement has upset the apple cart for men. Women have blamed men for all the problems and accepted none of the responsibility. Years ago, women were the victims. Now it's turned around, and men are.
...
Men are damned if the do and damned if they don't. They're accused of trying to get the upper hand if they pay for dinner, and of being cheap when they don't. They're chauvinists if they open doors and inconsiderate if they don't. They're macho if they don't show feelings and wimps if they do.

Men haven't gained as much as they've lost. They're expected to do half the housework but not require their wives to bring in half the income. They no longer get the nurturing they had in traditional relationships, but are often still expected to carry the responsibility.

And men's personal rights over home and family have always suffered. Women may have had trouble gaining the right to abortion. But men never get included in the decision as to whether they have to support another child or not.

Many women secretly get pregnant. Some men spend years paying for a sexual mistake some woman used against them to force marriage.
...

Women have copped an attitude that they can take care of themselves. Yet, most women will admit that they'd still like to be taken care of. They send a double message: "Take care of me, but don't control me because I'll hate you for it." They want men to stay tough enough to provide them with someone to lean on. And when a man doesn't "act like a man," they ridicule him about his masculinity until he feels obligated to get back in his role.

The fact is, women don't want the responsibility that comes with control. Women are asking men to give up their control but keep up their responsibility. How fair is that?

It's time for men to say "No!"'

Australia: Chief Commissioner Ken Lay says more men need to stand up against domestic violence

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'CHIEF Commissioner Ken Lay has put violent men who attack their wives and partners on notice: you will be vilified by the community.

Declaring family violence one of the most significant law-and-order problems in Victoria, Mr Lay said men of all socio-economic backgrounds had to face up to the consequences of their crimes.

"I know of some very high-profile people, some very well-respected people that bash their wives," he said.

"Some men are very good at hiding their violence from those outside the home."'

Luring a teenage boy into her web

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'How readers respond to Alissa Nutting's new novel will largely depend on how they feel about reading detailed descriptions of sex between a 26-year-old middle-school teacher and the 14-year-old boys she craves. Some readers will praise the story as an uncompromising look at a remorseless sexual deviant. Others will dismiss it as a distasteful act of provocateurship. Either way, the controversy will presumably move some copies.
...
Nutting's narrator, Celeste Price, may be a sociopath, but she's an undeniably pretty, buxom blonde. The wife of a good-natured but doltish cop, Celeste has taken a job as an eighth-grade English teacher to get closer to boys "at the very last link of androgyny that puberty would permit." Like Humbert Humbert, she must choose her victim carefully: He has to be just a little shy, unlikely to brag and not too supervised at home. Like Humbert, she eventually has to submit to sex with a repulsive parent to ensure continued access. Like Humbert, she's eventually free of that pesky parent without having to resort to a weapon herself.'

"Women still earn about 77 cents for every dollar a man earns for working the same job"

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'Democratic gubernatorial nominee Terry McAuliffe is pledging to increase penalties against Virginia employees who discriminate against women in terms of pay.

"The gender wage gap is real, and women still earn about 77 cents for every dollar a man earns for working the same job," McAuliffe says in a video on his his campaign website.

McAuliffe, in his statement, became the latest in a growing list of Democrats to mischaracterize an actual figure on the gender wage gap released by the U.S. Census Bureau. Other notables include President Barack Obama and former President Jimmy Carter.

McAuliffe is wrong to say that the 77-cent figure describes the actual pay difference between men and women "working the same job."

The 77-cent figure compares the median pay of all full time, year-round male and female workers, regardless of occupation.

Many experts say some of the gap is likely caused by discrimination, but most of it is due to career choices.'

"Why Men Need Women"

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Ahh, the NY Times does it again, with another hit piece on men, this time from a Wharton School professor. Really, the Times has become so predictable and so self-destructive to its own subscription base. Tell me, if women seem to be so much better at so many things than men, then why is the current executive editor of the Times driving it headlong into the ground at break-neck speed? Alienating fully half your subscriber base repeatedly by trashing them simply makes bad business sense, but you'd think she'd've figured that out by now. Excerpt:

'New evidence reveals a surprising answer. The mere presence of female family members — even infants — can be enough to nudge men in the generous direction.

In a provocative new study, the researchers Michael Dahl, Cristian Dezso and David Gaddis Ross examined generosity and what inspires it in wealthy men. Rather than looking at large-scale charitable giving, they looked at why some male chief executives paid their employees more generously than others. The researchers tracked the wages that male chief executives at more than 10,000 Danish companies paid their employees over the course of a decade.
...
It’s often said that behind every great man stands a great woman. In light of the profound influence that women can have on men’s generosity, it might be more accurate to say that in front of every great man walks a great woman. If we’re wise, we’ll follow her lead.'

India: A woman activist who fights for men's rights

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'She is an activist with a difference.

Dr Indu Subhash of Lucknow took Bareilly by storm on Sunday as she rooted for the rights of men in the country and advocated formation of a National Men's Commission.

Her fight against "gender-biased laws" drew massive response from the people here, including women, who volunteered to take up the cause at their level.

"All laws are gender-biased and spoiling the lives of men. There are a number of men who commit suicide as laws, which should ideally be building families, are becoming the reason for their breakdown," said Subhash, a Ph D in women's studies, addressing a gathering held at Novelty Crossing.

"All laws are meant for protection of women, who are misusing them to harass men. For example, in the case of separation due to 'irretrievable breakdown of marriage', women are entitled to get half the share in her husband's parental property. Is this right?" she asked.
...
Subhash, currently serving as a principal in a college in Sultanpur, started her fight in 2007 when her brother became a victim of one such law.

"My sister-in-law lost her mental stability after the death of her son and committed suicide. But, my brother-in-laws blamed our family for the murder and lodged an FIR under the dowry act. My whole family was tortured and put behind bars for nothing," recalled Subhash.'

Anne-Marie Slaughter: 'I think we need a men's movement'

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'Anne-Marie Slaughter strides backstage after her latest TED talk, fast-talking and hungry – she hasn't had time for breakfast yet, and it's well past midday. A little over a year ago, Slaughter was a highly respected but relatively anonymous academic. Her life changed last June, when her article for The Atlantic, Why Women Still Can't Have It All, became the most read in the magazine's history. Almost 220,000 people shared it on Facebook.

The speech she has just given, entitled Real Equality, considers what it would take for those twin pillars of human life – caregiving and breadwinning, as she terms them – to be given equal value, and for men and women to reach proper parity, at work and at home. The article and subsequent talk followed her decision to leave her job as the first female director of policy planning at the US state department, after a two-year stint working under Hillary Clinton. She left after concluding that "juggling high-level government work with the needs of two teenage boys was not possible".

...

But that's not to say men aren't concerned about these issues. In 2008, 60% of American men reported feeling a conflict between their work and family life. "I really think we need a men's movement," says Slaughter, "and you're starting to see it. Guys are starting to speak up for themselves about masculinity, about care-giving. You know, women are hypocrites this way, because we would go crazy if men treated us in the workforce the way we typically treat them at home – if a guy in the workforce assumed he was more competent than you are, and told you what to do – but that's the way most women treat men in the household."'

SAVE E-lert: Tell DA Carletta Bassano It's Not Back to 'Business as Usual'

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Last week we told you the disappointing news about Asst. District Attorney Mary Kellett in Maine. After violating numerous ethical rules for six years, Kellett is getting off with a gentle love-tap on the wrist with a fluffy feather.

While we can't do anything to change this decision, we can make sure that Kellett's boss DA Carletta Bassano knows we are still watching.

This week, politely email Bassano and urge her to bring an end to the pattern of unethical conduct in her office. Ask her to assure the prosecutors in her office:

1. Bring an end to gender bias in charging decisions
2. Assure they have probable cause before charging anyone with sexual assault - a mere allegation does not constitute probable cause!

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On behalf of the many victims of ADA Mary Kellett, thank you,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

'Feminists Just Want to Fight'

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'In the pink corner, we have the rowdy mob of angry feminists. Prepared to fight everything in the interests of 'female first'. They are addicted to protest, being put in the pink corner for starters.
...
Meanwhile the pink corner are up and shadow boxing. The Everyday Sexism Project encourages women to record casual experiences of misogyny with the aim of showing sexism does exist and is a valid problem to discuss.

Yet this bias in favour of the pink corner seems to be widespread. Women have so many things exclusively for their own gender: Women's Hour, a Women's Book Prize; the Top 100 Business Women, the Top 100 Powerful Women, Business Woman of the Year, the list goes on and on.
...
The pink corner need to stop looking for a fight. Perhaps it is time for the pink corner to recognise if they want to be told they are special they need to find someone to love.'

Everywhere and nowhere: on masculinity and breaking the rules

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'It's commonplace in our culture — and cultures around the world — to simply accept the fact that most crimes are perpetrated by men; we call them "attackers," "assailants," "suspects" and "accused" (and mayors and senators and chiefs of staff ...) and talk about their deeds and their punishments, but the thing that binds them together — their masculinity — remains invisible because it's excluded from public discourse.

Feminism quite rightly identifies the ways in which men hold a disproportionate amount of power in the world, be it financial, professional, corporate, political, religious or familial. However, men also make up about 95 per cent of Canada's prison population. Men account for 97 per cent of Canadian workplace deaths. About 70 per cent of Canadian homicide victims are male. Men are about two-and-a-half times more likely to die in a car accident than women, and 82 per cent of impaired driving charges are laid against men.

What is going on? Why are there so many more men than women located in places of physical risk? The silence that surrounds this reality is reflected in men themselves, whose reluctance to admit weakness and vulnerability has dire health consequences: higher rates of disease, earlier deaths and three times the suicide rate of women.
...
Almost two years ago now I was in the kitchen, absently listening to the radio, while my six-year-old son ate his breakfast a few feet away. A reporter was relaying the story of a Toronto man who beat a family of baby raccoons with a shovel, and was later led away in handcuffs. I didn't realize my son was listening too until he asked, "Mummy why is it always the boys who are going to jail?" My six-year-old son could ask the question. Why can't we?'

UNICEF Report: Millions of girls still face FGM risk -- no mention of boys

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Article here. Of course, FGM must be stopped. However, so must MGM. This is a great opportunity to let UNICEF know you support the end of genital mutilation of children-- children of BOTH sexes. Contact UNICEF here (Subject: Child rights), and their Facebook page is here, where they accept posts. Excerpt:

'(CNN) - The largest report yet into the extent of female genital mutilation, or cutting, has shed new light onto a practice that affects tens of millions of women and girls worldwide, U.N children's agency UNICEF said.

There is some positive news in the new UNICEF report, with data on trends revealing that the practice is becoming less common in more than half of the 29 countries where it is concentrated.

But some 30 million girls remain at risk of being cut in the next decade unless efforts to eliminate the practice make more headway.

More than 125 million girls and women alive today have undergone some form of female genital mutilation in 29 countries across Africa and the Middle East, according to the report, "Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: A statistical overview and exploration of the dynamics of change."'

Knowing when enough is enough

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Not unrelated to the topic of this MANN post, see this story and watch the video. Speaks for itself. Far too many men routinely put up with this kind of behavior. It's one thing to get angry with your mate and have some kind of argument. It's another thing entirely to act like this. Good for him that he's finally said "Enough". Excerpt:

'"After dealing with her drinking problems ("she is on probation for a DUI"), trying to patch things up through marriage counseling ("she showed up 10 minutes late and left"), and suffering in silence while she repeatedly tried "to convince all of her friends that I was always yelling and cussing," Jim decided to call it a day," the website notes.

Further, Jim reportedly later clarified about the circumstances surrounding the tantrum and whether he promised to take her to the lake previously.

"Didn't promise anything at all. In fact, I had worked 60 hours that week and told her all week that [S]aturday was my day to get stuff done around the house," he wrote. "But as usual she threw a fit about it. She has broken doors off the jambs at our house…That was the last day I lived in our house. I have moved out and filed a restraining order against her."'

Cornelia Pillard nominated to DC Circuit Court of Appeals

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I was amazed (though I shouldn't have been) to learn of Pillard's pet legal theory — that abstinence-only sex education is unconstitutional. Pillard wants federal judges to require "egalitarian sex education." What does that mean?

"Egalitarian sex education should recognize the realities of sex-based subordination and harm even while it strongly counters sex-based stereotypes and double standards. It should acknowledge and oppose male-on-female aggression and the larger system of gender hierarchy that such aggression exemplifies and sustains. It should also, however, recognize that boys and men, too, are frequently harmed by sexual aggression, and that girls and women can be the moving force behind irresponsible or otherwise harmful sex. And it should always–especially as applied to young people—express hope that old patterns will change."
...
Pillard is also a pro-abortion extremist. The right to an abortion, she argues, is necessary to help to "free[] women from historically routine conscription into maternity." She also contends that men and women who oppose government mandates on employers to provide insurance coverage for contraception "reinforce[] broader patterns of discrimination against women as a class of presumptive breeders."'

Wikipedia on Cornelia Pillard

The gender gap on college campuses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The dominance of female students at U.S. colleges these days is hardly a secret, but the extent of it sometimes is staggering.

An acquaintance who teaches honors seminars at Colorado State University recently told me, for example, that "last year, of 21 in my seminar, there were four boys. The year before, there were three.

"So not only do more women graduate," explained English professor David Milofsky, "but the best students tend to be women" as well.

...

Now maybe this development is purely positive, with no discernible downside. That seems to be President Barack Obama's view. In an op-ed last month celebrating the 40th anniversary of Title IX, which banned gender discrimination in education, the president wrote, "In fact, more women as a whole now graduate from college than men. This is a great accomplishment — not just for one sport or one college or even just for women but for America. And this is what Title IX is all about. ... We have come so far. But there's so much farther we can go. There are always more barriers we can break and more progress we can make."'

Kathleen Parker commentary: Let's encourage men to behave better, not women to be worse

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Article here. Excerpt:

Redemption is in the air, we keep hearing. Americans don't care about a person's sex life because, well, they have one, too, and, hey, we all have weeds in our garden.
...
Our available data on the double standard is limited in part because fewer women than men are in public office. But also, in the main, women don't behave as men do. The male libido is simply greater, which accounts for both the Sistine Chapel and Attila the Hun.

Popular culture seems determined to change this timeless truth by encouraging girls to be more like boys, and vice versa. The stakes are clear: If girls can be portrayed as just as bad as boys, then males have no obligation to mitigate their natural dominant, exploitive inclinations.

There has been some measureable success in this regard. Recent reports indicate that college-age girls are increasingly promoting casual sex these days. Even so, no woman in public office thus far has texted her Very Own Self to strangers, as Anthony Weiner did.
...
There is never, ever "only" sex, especially for women, who are, indeed, different than men. We can argue otherwise until all the little dissertations cry " oui, oui, oui" all the way home. But the fact that the double standard persists in the human psyche, not to mention nature, demonstrates this unfair truth. This is why we have laws to level the playing field.

Perhaps the next step in this evolutionary process is not to make women more like men to neutralize the double standard but to place more women in public office, the better to demonstrate the behaviors necessary to maintaining a civil society.'

Men and Women are the Same — Except when Women are Better

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why are some men generous while others are stingy? An interesting article titled "Why Men Need Women" in the New York Times recently claims the presence of females make males more generous.
...
Presumably, this is an interesting, feel-good article that makes us all happy that there are males and females who complement each other by playing their specific gender roles. But wait just one second.

Liberals tell us all the time that – as in a recent BuzzFeed article — that men and women are the same. This recent New York Times article, for example, claims, "Whether a family has one parent or two, and whether those parents are of opposite sexes or the same, doesn't matter." An NPR piece claims we're finally experiencing the "end of gender."
...
So, which is it, liberals? Are men and women the same? Or, as the New York Times article claims, are they so different that women's mere presence increase levels of generosity in men?
...
Of course, normal people know the answer to this question. There are differences between men and women – we work together in complementary ways as irreplaceable partners. There's something deeply negative about breaking up the male/female alliance – whether through divorce, death, or a society pretending away obvious distinctions.

But there's a problem when the Left shoves nonsensical ideology down people's throats.

They just can't keep their story straight. The left says gender doesn't matter, except when it does. And it only matters when women are better than men. (Can you imagine the outrage that would ensue over a New York Times article called "Why Women Need Men?") We've been told countless times that "a woman needs a man as much as a fish needs a bicycle."

But snarky analogies aside, it's ironic that the self-described "reality-based community" embraces only those realities it finds comforting. Turns out, for all the Left's elitism, they're more like the rest of us than they might like to realize. After all, isn't one of the central challenges of the human condition learning to see past your own prejudices to embrace uncomfortable truths?

But in the world of the New York Times, uncomfortable truths are for others to ponder. They've got it all figured out.

Girls rule.'

"National Poll Finds Overwhelming Support for Economic Proposals That Aid Women"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"When women succeed, America succeeds."

That was the message last week from Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who, with her House colleagues, is promoting legislation to achieve pay equity for women, make child care more affordable and encourage a better work-family balance for women.

And now a new national poll by the Women's Voices Women Vote Action Fund shows overwhelming support for measures to aid the nation's working women.

The poll, sponsored by the Women's Voices Women Vote Action Fund and conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research and Democracy Corps, found that:

- 90 percent of American voters favor policies that would help women get equal pay for equal work, and that would raise wages for women and families
- 87 percent favor expanding access to scholarships so women can train for the jobs of the future
- 75 percent support expanding access to affordable childcare for working moms
- 72 percent support expanding paid family, maternity, and sick leave for working families

The poll results confirm that the vast majority of voters -- men and women -- support common-sense approaches to raise pay, benefits and opportunities for working women. Now that women are the primary breadwinners in a record 40 percent of U.S. households, helping working women is ultimately about helping American families.'

Campaign encourages ‘healthy masculinity’ in the Oil Patch

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WATFORD CITY, N.D. – A national campaign will debut in Watford City next week to encourage men in the Oil Patch to take a stand against domestic violence.

A town hall meeting called Healthy Masculinity and the Patch is set for 10 a.m. July 31 in Watford City, one of six events planned around the country by the Healthy Masculinity Action Project.

The campaign aims to prevent sexual assault and violence by engaging men as allies and encouraging men and women to discuss stereotypical gender roles, said Jennifer Weisgerber, one of the event’s coordinators.'

"Time to get tough! Save America's masculinity"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys want to be heroes. They intrinsically want to save the girl and the world.

My intention is not to offend the new breed of women who resist heroic chivalry, but I am unapologetic in my belief that boys should be trained to be men who want to provide for and defend women. Teach them to be the knight in shining armor who fights to save the princess. There is a sense of pride and self-worth that only comes from providing for and taking care of a woman. Don't steal this amazing feeling away from a boy who wants to be some girl's hero.

I completely agree that women should have equal rights, but I still also believe that men should still be expected to provide for, serve, protect and defend their princess. It's crazy that this behavior offends some people. Not raising boys to become men who are encouraged and expected to behave this way robs them of their natural desire to be heroes. Boys should not be scared to display heroic and chivalrous behavior because someone may be offended. It's OK for boys to be boys and girls to be girls.

Encourage boys to serve, respect, protect and provide for the women (mothers, sisters, wives, grandmas, aunts, girlfriends) in their lives. Give them the opportunity to develop their inner hero early. This country needs manly heroes who unapologetically respect, serve, provide for and defend their women.'

Higher Education: Brainwashing 101

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"For all we hear about faculty ideological or political bias," wrote Shibley, "campus administrators are often worse when it comes to brainwashing students." A radical feminist agenda has permeated the culture of colleges and universities, large and small, in the East and West, and in the heartland of America. In the fall of 2010, Hamilton College in New York required all male freshman students to attend a "She Fears You" presentation to make them aware of the "rape culture" of which they were allegedly a part and of the need to change their "rape supportive" beliefs and attitudes.

"Did Hamilton warn incoming female students of the campus 'rape culture' before it took their tuition?" wrote Shibley. "I doubt it. But publicity did force administrators to make the seminar optional — just minutes before it started."'

Rabbinical group aims to standardize circumcision in Europe and defend the practice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A European rabbinical group has created a union of mohalim, or ritual circumcisers, in an effort to standardize ritual circumcision and combat attempts to ban it.

Based on the model of Britain's Initiation Society, the Union of Mohalim in Europe seeks to "unite approved mohalim across Europe under a single banner, ensuring that all communities can be assured of the high level of training and regulation," according to a statement released Wednesday by the Conference of European Rabbis.
...
In December 2012, German lawmakers passed a law that guarantees parents the right to circumcise boys for religious reasons. The vote followed a court ruling in Cologne that defined ritual circumcision as causing "bodily harm." The ruling led to partial bans on circumcision in Germany, Austria and Switzerland and intensified the heated debate over the issue in Scandinavian countries and beyond.'

Kenya: Men to get cash, food prizes for circumcision

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Kenya National Male Circumcision task force and players in the Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision have launched a pilot study to lure men within 24-49 years to circumcision. The initiative is aimed at circumcising male adults.

The awareness will start at greater Nyando before being rolled out to other parts of the region. The initiative will also provide food incentives, cash and shopping vouchers to families of those willing to be circumcised to entice more men to be circumcised.

Project director Kawango Agot said researchers will map out the village and provide volunteers with consent form that is upgraded to voucher or cash after they avail themselves for circumcision.'

New Jersey governor unveils college scholarships in construction fields exclusively for women and minorities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women and minorities who want to work in construction-related fields will be eligible for $2,000 in tuition assistance at New Jersey's county colleges under a new scholarship program launched today.

Gov. Chris Christie unveiled the Governor's Industry Vocations Scholarship for Women and Minorities program at an event on the campus green at Burlington County Community College in Mount Laurel. The scholarships — known as NJ-GIVS — will allow students to enroll in non-degree certificate programs at the state's 19 county colleges.

...

The scholarships represent the first time state financial aid is being offered to New Jersey students in certificate programs that do not lead to a degree. Women and minorities are being targeted for the money because they are historically underrepresented in the construction industry, state officials said.

NJ-GIVS will be funded with money the New Jersey's Schools Development Authority must set aside from all of its school district construction contracts.'

UK: Free training offered to draw women into construction sector

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And another one here. Excerpt:

'An employment programme in Lambeth is aiming to tackle the lack of women in construction by offering a dedicated course to help kick start new careers in the industry.

Women make up just 10% of the construction workforce with just 1% in manual professions, despite the industry being one of the biggest and most important in the UK.

Now Live Train is offering a free programme, starting with a trade taster day on the 23 July, for potential candidates to try their hand at a number of construction trades including carpentry, tiling, bricklaying, plumbing and plastering.'

Foreskins and profit

Matt · 25 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Why this intense push to circumcize as many men as possible anywhere men can be convinced/bribed/forced into allowing this to be done to them? Read about it here. As always, follow the money. Excerpt:

'In an article for The Tyee, Dr. Paul Tinari estimated that a single male foreskin can be worth upwards of $100,000. He argued that men who are circumcised have a right to the revenue made off the resale of their foreskins (just as someone who sells their hair for wigs would, for example).

But that's not the only issue in the debate over how people use and profit from foreskins. Many people are challenging the ethics and medical necessity of male circumcision, which means that any use of the foreskins after that is also in question. Then there's the fact that foreskins aren't just being sold for the medical flesh trade; rather, they're joining a few other body parts being sold in the service of vanity. And if the ethics of using human body parts, skin and stem cells for medical research and treatments are contentious, the ethics of using them for vanity's sake is a whole other conundrum.'

SAVE: For Unethical Maine Prosecutor, Did the Punishment Fit the Offense?

Matt · 25 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / July 24, 2013 – Following announcement of the imposition of light sanctions on prosecutor Mary Kellett, the Center for Prosecutor Integrity is asking whether the punishment was sufficient, considering the severity of the offense.

Last week, Maine Supreme Court Justice Ellen Gorman announced that ADA Mary Kellett would have her license suspended for 30 days, but then stayed the suspension on the condition that Kellett complete six hours of continuing legal education.

Gorman's decision followed the decision of a Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar panel which found Kellett had violated seven rules of professional conduct. Following an in-depth investigation, the three-member panel termed Kellett's conduct in a sexual assault case to be "inexcusable" and recommended suspension of her license. The panel found Kellett had concealed exculpatory evidence and misled the jury in her closing arguments.'

North Carolina law: "Assault On a Female"

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Story here. Bizarre enough: a crazy guy breaks into a woman's home and offers to give her a backrub. In no way am I defending his scary, bonkers behavior. What I am doing is pointing out that N. Carolina actually has a separate law called "Assault On A Female". When the law was brought before the NC Court of Appeals in 1979, the judges upheld it, saying it didn't violate the Equal Protection Clause. Feminists decry sexism enshrined in law, but only if it goes against women. Where are their objections to laws going the other way? Excerpt:

'In reaching this conclusion, we do not find it necessary to rely upon the numerous works documenting and attempting to quantify various social factors and which tend to establish that men, particularly in conjugal settings, assault women more frequently and more violently than women assault men, while women more frequently submit to such violence. We base our decision instead upon the demonstrable and observable fact that the average adult male is taller, heavier and possesses greater body strength than the average female. We take judicial notice of these physiological facts, and think that the General Assembly was also entitled to take note of the differing physical sizes and strengths of the sexes. Having noted such facts, the General Assembly could reasonably conclude that assaults and batteries without deadly weapons by physically larger and stronger males are likely to cause greater physical injury and risk of death than similar assaults by females. Having so concluded, the General Assembly could choose to provide greater punishment for these offenses, which it found created greater danger to life and limb, without violating the Fourteenth Amendment.'

Boys Are Slighted When It Comes To 'Teaching Time'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If there are fewer than 50% females in physics, that is a call to action, argues virtually ... everyone in academia. We need greater outreach for girls, we need to change classes to appeal to them, we need to fund campaigns to convince women who are inclined to be doctors and help people to instead work in a lab, we are told.
...
Lost in the culture war are young boys. Young boys in school have no policy makers fighting over them. Christina Hoff Sommers wrote a book on the topic, "The War On Boys", which made the case that we spend so much time and money trying to help females that we are neglecting young men. The implicit belief is they will somehow make it anyway.
...
That culture war on males has been successful - now it has even invaded the home environment. Shankar Vedantam, writing at NPR, discusses the paper Boy-Girl Differences in Parental Time Investments: Evidence from Three Countries by Michael Baker and Kevin Milligan. They say that, as children age, parents are now spending more 'teaching time' with girls than boys - and boys are suffering due to that gender bias against them. It's vaguely sexist to insist girls need something super-special to succeed in math - Larry Summers got fired from Harvard for saying that girls might need more help in math. Yet it is evidence of the old truism that stereotypes and favoritism are okay as long as it's positive.'

UK: Boys Wear Skirts To School To Protest Dress Code

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When Whitchurch High School in Cardiff, Wales, banned male students from wearing shorts despite sweltering summer temperatures, a group of teenage boys took matters into their own wardrobes and, rather than staging a sit-in, they did one better:

A skirt-on.

According to The Mirror, a group of 17 Year-10 students donned the typically feminine outfits in protest of the school's draconian dress code.

"Girls can wear skirts, so I don't see why we can't wear shorts. It's a reasonable protest," said Tyrone Evelyn, 15, a spokesman for the group. "It's just appropriate for the weather -- we don't want to be hot and bothered."'

NPO: Historic Change in New Hampshire Child Support Guidelines

Matt · 25 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Effective July 1, 2013, for the first time in New Hampshire's history, the child support percentage will vary depending upon how much the parents earn. Under the new Child Support Guidelines, the more the parents earn, the lower the percentage of their monthly income they will pay for child support. Child support paid will be based on the percent of combined net income devoted to child support and the number of children in the same household for which child support is paid.

This change is the result of a 2009 economic analysis prepared by the University of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Child Support Services.

The analysis determined that as income increases, the proportion of income spent on supporting a child decreases. As a result, the guidelines were changed to decrease in the percentage of child support to be paid as the combined net income for the parties increase.'

Kansas sperm donor asks for judgment without trial

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Topeka man being pursued for child support by the state after he donated sperm to a lesbian couple is asking a judge to rule in his favor before a trial.

An attorney for William Marotta filed a motion this week in Shawnee County District Court asking for the summary judgment for his client, contending that the Kansas Department for Children and Families is asking the court to do “what no court has ever done” in concluding that a sperm donor is a father when neither the donor nor the biological mother is seeking that result.

The state contends that Marotta must pay child support because he is the father of a girl born to a lesbian couple in 2009. Marotta argues that he and the couple signed a contract waiving his parental rights and responsibilities.

The state filed a motion in May seeking a summary judgment in its favor. Timothy Keck, a co-counsel for the state, contended in that motion that the contract between Marotta and the couple was invalid because they didn’t follow a Kansas law that requires a licensed physician to perform the artificial insemination in cases involving sperm donors.'

KFC's "Hot Shots" face-slapping ad needs MRA attention

siddhartha1947 · 25 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

KFC has a new ad with a woman slapping a man. Not amusing. If it were the other way around it would have been gone the next day after it aired. We must contact networks with programming that shows men being assaulted to make our feelings known.

KFC Contact Info:

KFC Corporate
1900 Colonel Sanders Ln
Louisville, KY 40213
(502) 874-8300

Contact form: here.

Note KFC is owned by Yum! Brands. Their investor contact info page is here.

Recent research exposes "uncomfortable evidence" challenging preconceptions about male/female sex drive differences

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As they enrolled in the study, Chivers' subjects identified themselves as straight or lesbian. They were shown images of sex between men and women, women and women, men and men, and a pair of bonobos (a species of ape). The subjects, straight and lesbian, were turned on right away by all of it, including the copulating apes. While they watched, they also held a keypad on which they rated their own feelings of arousal. So Chivers had physiological and self-reported scores. They hardly matched at all. Chivers' objective numbers, tracking what's technically called vaginal pulse amplitude, soared no matter who was on screen and regardless of what they were doing, to each other, to themselves. The keypad contradicted the plethysmograph entirely. The self-reports announced indifference to the bonobos. But that was only for starters. When the films were of women touching themselves or enmeshed with each other, the straight subjects said they were a lot less excited than their genitals declared. During the segments of gay male sex, the ratings of heterosexual women were even more muted.
...
In the end, recent science and women's stories left me with pointed lessons: that women's desire – its inherent range and innate power – is an underestimated and constrained force, even in our times. That, despite the notions our culture continues to imbue, this force is not, for the most part, sparked or sustained by emotional intimacy and safety. And that one of our most comforting assumptions – soothing perhaps above all to men, but clung to by both sexes – that female eros is much better made for monogamy than the male libido, is scarcely more than a fairytale.'

HuffPost takes on "Men: The New Second Class Citizens"

Matt · 26 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. A lot of commentary from Warren Farrell. Caption:

'Suzanne Venker's op-ed for Fox News argues men are becoming second class citizens as a result of a biased education system, the man-bashing media, and female advancement. Could the emphasis on equalization has in fact created a male crisis?'

Phillipines: Anti-domestic violence act is not husband-bashing, hate men law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MANILA, Philippines—The Supreme Court has affirmed the constitutionality of the country's Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act, as it threw out a petition labelling it as a "husband-bashing" and "hate men" law.

In a 37-page decision released Friday, the high court, through Associate Justice Estela Perlas-Bernabe, dismissed petition filed by a certain Jesus Garcia, who said that the law, Republic Act 9262 otherwise, violated the equal protection and due process clause of the Constitution.

Garcia went to the Supreme Court after the Court of Appeals affirmed the Temporary Protection Order issued by the Bacolod City Regional Trial Court in favor of his wife.

...

In his petition, Garcia insisted that he should be appraised of the case filed against him. He also expressed fear of being stripped of family, property, money, children, job, future employment and reputation.

The high court, however said it is merely a "product of an overactive imagination."

The Supreme Court further said that Garcia failed to show concrete evidence and convincing arguments that would warrant the declaration of the Anti-VAWC law as unconstitutional.

"Courts must assume that the legislature is ever conscious of the borders and edges of its plenary powers, and passed laws with full knowledge of the facts and for the purpose of promoting what is right and advancing the welfare of the majority," the high court said.'

Woman who reported false rape at UCSC sentenced to three years probation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'SANTA CRUZ -- A 20-year-old woman who filed a false rape report at UC Santa Cruz was sentenced Thursday to three years probation with limits on Internet access.

Morgan Triplett did not appear in court Thursday when Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge John Gallagher imposed the sentence. Triplett's public defender Jack Lamar entered a no contest plea on her behalf.

She was sentenced to three years probation, 60 days in jail, 200 hours of community service and 60 hours of mental health counseling, Gallagher ruled. She also was banned from using the Internet to facilitate criminal activity for the length of her probation and ordered to write a letter of apology to UC Santa Cruz.'

Charge against woman over false rape claim dismissed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A judge has dismissed a felony charge against a woman accused of falsely reporting that she was raped by a former boyfriend.

Judge G. Todd Baugh has granted a defense motion to dismiss a charge of fabricating evidence filed against Christina Nadine Nelson.

The judge said in an order issued Tuesday that evidence clearly showed Nelson lied when she reported the rape to police and hospital staff, but the prosecution's reliance on a report from a sexual assault examination is misplaced.
...
A review of Nelson's medical records showed she made four other similar reports in recent years.'

Plea agreement slated in 2012 false rape case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A St. George resident charged with falsely reporting she was raped on a jogging trail and later falsely obtaining public funds for therapeutic services is scheduled to enter a possible plea agreement with prosecutors.

Sarah Elizabeth Rutz, 26, told police she was sexually assaulted by a stranger on the path that crosses below street level near the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Dixie Drive on May 2, 2012. During a followup hospital visit, officers collected suspect DNA evidence from Rutz that did not match her husband's, and began a months-long investigation based on the information Rutz provided, including a sketch artist's drawing.
...
In September, investigators alleged Rutz had not been raped, contrary to her reports. They charged her with a felony count of filing a fraudulent crime victim reparations claim and three misdemeanor counts of false information to law enforcement.'

Sweden: Female cop suspected of assaulting Swedish drunk

Matt · 26 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the attack, which occurred in central Stockholm and was caught on camera, the woman is seen hitting a drunken man fourteen times with her baton while her dog snaps at him and bites him. She continually tells the man to "lie down", which he ignores, trying instead to fend off the dog and the woman.

Eventually he lies down bleeding while the police officers pacifies the dog and calls for an ambulance.

The policewoman, who is currently on holiday, will be reassigned when she returns to work, according to DN.

The man who is beaten in the video is also suspected of assault, making illegal threats, causing damages, and drug crimes. He was never detained during the incident, which occurred on a Friday night in mid-July.'

Murder charges dropped against widow in Georgia day care killing case

Matt · 27 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) -- A Georgia judge signed off Friday on the prosecution's request to drop all murder charges against Andrea Sneiderman, whom authorities have said conspired with her boss to have her husband killed.

Prosecutors said the murder charges against Sneiderman were "unjust and unethical" because they weren't positive they could prove them.

Before the decision, Sneiderman was facing malice murder, felony murder and aggravated assault charges related to the death of her husband, Rusty. All three were dismissed.

Prosecutors will continue to pursue four counts of perjury, seven counts of making false statements to law enforcement officials and one count of hindering the apprehension of a criminal.
...
If convicted of the lesser charges, Sneiderman could still face a sizable prison sentence. One conviction of perjury carries a possible sentence of five to 10 years under Georgia law.
...
Hemy Neuman, the gunman who also was Andrea Sneiderman's boss and alleged lover, is serving life in prison for the slaying. A jury found him guilty but mentally ill in March 2012.'

What it looks like when men stop doing what men do

Matt · 27 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

I saw this recent article on Detroit. Not unrelated to this MANN post, in my comment I pointed out that when men can't, won't, or are unable to maintain civilization, you get fairly predictable dire results. In these danger zones that parts of Detroit have turned into, if men in Detroit decided to reclaim them and establish law and order, they'd be functioning again at least as safe places to live. It's expected that men would fulfill that role; notice some continue to try, underpaid and badly-equipped police and firefighters (men, of course) are still trying to keep civilization going. But where are the women stepping up to assume such roles, who gain so much from the civilized state? Not to be found. Creating and maintaining civilization is a responsibility that remains collectively on men's shoulders, yet so many of its benefits are heavily channeled to women. Excerpt:

'The latest trend? When a person is murdered, he is thrown into an abandoned house, and it is set on fire. There are tens of thousands to choose from.

I know of an 11-year-old boy who was shot, the bullet going clean through his arm. The cops stuffed him in the back of a squad car and rushed him to the hospital. That’s how we do it. There was no ambulance available. About two-thirds of the city’s fleet is broken on an average day.

I know a cop who drives around in a squad car with holes in the floorboards. There is no computer, no air-conditioning, the odometer reading 147,000 miles. His bulletproof vest has expired. His pay has been cut 10 percent.

I knew a firefighter who died in a fire, but not from the fire. He died when the roof of an abandoned house collapsed on him and his brethren could not find him because his homing alarm was broken and did not sound. He suffocated. ...

So come visit Detroit, my fellow Americans. Come take a look at your future. Come give the tires a kick. And if you want your money back, come strip copper pipes and wiring from the abandoned buildings — if you can find any copper. Chances are, someone beat you to it.'

'Where's Valerie Solanas When You Need Her? What It Really Means To Man-Hate In 2013'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The best part about all of this anti-misandry nonsense is that misandry isn't real! There is no such thing as an inveterate systematic hatred of men and there never has been. Misandry exists only as an exaggerated Internet joke and as a way in which women who have been directly or indirectly hurt by men to express their frustration and anger.
...
I am not saying man-hating or declaring yourself as a misandrist is definitively radical since hating men has been and is not abnormal--rather the opposite. To viscerally despise those who indirectly oppress you is nothing new, for women and other minorities. Misandry is only a result and reaction to the invariable hatred of women that has existed for centuries.

If someone is a misandrist, it is not so much a sign of rebellion as it is a condition one has developed out of pure exhaustion with being treated like invaluable piece of meat whose only purpose is to serve as a fuckable or nonfuckable body.'

Ed.: Wikipedia on Valerie Solanas.

The Fed Chairmanship: And just what does gender have to do with it?

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Article here. At a time when policy missteps at the Fed (not like even qualified Fed chairmen can't make mistakes) will have serious consequences not just for the US but the world, the very last thing that needs to happen is to have *any* irrelevant factors in the decision of who'll be the next Fed chairman be introduced. Well as even feminists have been saying for decades, what's gender got to do with someone's qualifications? But maybe for *today's* feminists, it does. Can the rest of us afford this myopia? Excerpt:

'President Obama's choice of a replacement for the Federal Reserve chairman, Ben S. Bernanke, is coming down to a battle between the California girls and the Rubin boys.
...
The choice of a Fed chair is perhaps the single most important economic policy decision that Mr. Obama will make in his second term. Mr. Bernanke's successor must lead the Fed's fractious policy-making committee in deciding how much longer and how much harder it should push to stimulate growth and seek to drive down the unemployment rate.
...
But the choice also is roiling Washington because it is reviving longstanding and sensitive questions about the insularity of the Obama White House and the dearth of women in its top economic policy positions. Even as three different women have served as secretary of state under various presidents and growing numbers have taken other high-ranking government jobs, there has been little diversity among Mr. Obama's top economic advisers.

"Are we moving forward? It's hard to see it," said Ms. Romer, herself a late addition to Mr. Obama's original economic team, chosen partly because the president wanted a woman.'

Maine’s workplace fatalities for 2011 jump 30 percent from previous year

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The danger of being killed while on the job increased in Maine in 2011 compared to the prior year, according to a new report by the Maine Department of Labor.
...
By industry, the “transportation and material moving” sector accounted for seven fatalities (27 percent of the total). “Farming, fishing and forestry” and “construction and extraction” occupations each had four fatalities (31 percent), while “service occupations” had three fatalities (12 percent), according to the report. Eight fatalities were recorded within a broad range of occupational categories.
...
Bourque also said it’s important to remember that the amount of workplace deaths aren’t just numbers.

“It’s tragic,” he said. “People don’t go to work and expect not to make it home, and when they don’t, it’s an incredible tragedy for our society, their families and their workplaces. Every single one of them, in our mind, is preventable. We all need to do more to prevent them.”'

One Safe Place working to end domestic violence against men and women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the United States, 15 percent of domestic violence reports are against men. However, the CDC says in a conflicting survey it was much higher, 40 percent in fact.

Many men who suffer domestic violence don't say anything because of the stigma attached and the lack of resources available. One safe place is working to change that. With the recent rise of domestic violence in Shasta County, the center is hoping to reach out to everyone affected by abuse.

"Men are abused also, and that's why the Shasta Women's refuge and Justice Center recently changed their name to One Safe Place," said One Safe Place Director of Client Services Michael Burke.

Since the recent name change, Burke says more men have come in for help.

"It's not just about women and families it's about men and people in dating violence, about any type of family violence or sexual assault that happens in our community," said Burke.'

Pentagon considering affirmative action in combat

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Senior military personnel are considering giving women different military training than men, The Washington Times reports.

The effort was proposed by Massachusetts Democrat Rep. Niki Tsongas at a recent House Armed Services Committee hearing because so far, she says training systems do not “maximize the success of women.”

Though the armed services have promised that combat standards will be the same regardless of gender, senior officers are considering initially separate training systems.

Army Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg, serving as deputy chief of staff for personnel, considers separate training programs to be more about considering all soldiers as individuals, citing a need to explore how the training process works.'

India: ‘Rape count up on false cases’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A spurt in false cases has earned Delhi notoriety as the country's 'rape capital', a court here observed while acquitting a 75-year-old man of the charge of sexually assaulting his maid. The court said things have come to such a pass after the Nirbhaya gang rape in December that the mere statement of a woman about rape is taken as gospel truth, the accused arrested and chargesheeted.

"This led to an unprecedented surge in filing of false rape cases... It is these false cases which play havoc with the crime statistics, leading to the labeling of Delhi as a rape capital," additional sessions judge Virender Bhat said while acquitting Bhopal Sharma.

The court observed that as acquittals in such cases are hardly ever reported, the falsely implicated persons lose their honour, dignity and status in society, and while these cannot be restored, "these victims" can be compensated so that they can start life afresh.

It also noted that "it is a matter of intense regret that even the frail, sick and aged persons are not spared the false allegation of rape".'

secondclasscitizen.org

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MANN received a note from the owner of http://www.secondclasscitizen.org/ letting us know it existed. It addresses divorce and custody issues for fathers. In addition, the site operator hosts another site (http://www.redonkulas.com/) taking on various matters using humorous videos-- humor that nonetheless gets the point across. Consider it NSFW, however, and as the site says, prepare to be offended. Speaking of which, one is hosted here on YouTube doing a matter-of-fact cost analysis of hiring the services of an "escort" weekly vs. the costs associated with being married, then divorced after 7 years and having had two kids.

Ruthlessly analytical and practical. But in today's "modern world", the typical man can't afford to be sentimental when this kind of money's at risk.

The Circumcision Wars: What's a Parent to Do?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The deadlock began around week 20 of my pregnancy, when my mom casually asked about when and where our son would be circumcised. I presumptuously told her we weren't going to do that. Then I saw the surprised look on my husbands face.
...
To begin working our way towards agreement, we consulted the professionals. Our pediatrician was impossible to read and exasperatingly diplomatic. Either decision would be fine, she assured us. We also learned that the American Association of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends circumcision, but not enough to assert that it should be a routine procedure.

In fact, we got the impression from the AAP's website that it was actually trying to talk us out of its position. According to the AAP, circumcision only "slightly lowers" the risk of urinary tract infections for baby boys, which are already "not common," and while the procedure does prevent penile cancer, they note that that form of cancer is "very rare," which I read as "not worth worrying about." They also present a lot of cons to consider, such as pain and a belief that the procedure can affect sexual pleasure later in life.'

Zambia: US commits $11.4m to support circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has committed US$11.4 million to support the Government's national Voluntary Male Medical Circumcision, programme in a bid to reduce HIV infections.

American Ambassador to Zambia Mark Storella said this during the launch of the VMMC programme in chief Nondo's area in Mbala last Thursday.

Mr Storella said men have an extraordinary opportunity through circumcision to reduce the risk of HIV infection by about 60 percent, making circumcision a pillar of HIV prevention.'

S. Africa: Botched Circumcisions Claim 60 Lives in the Eastern Cape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision season usually starts from May and continues until around the end of the mid-year school holidays in July depending on the area. This is a difficult time for the young boys who go to initiation schools hoping to come out as men. It's a particularly challenging time for hospitals in the Eastern Cape where the old ritual of circumcision is vigilantly observed. Most of the participants in initiation ceremonies in the Eastern Cape are Xhosa males.

With the Xhosa people of South Africa, circumcision is part of a series of rituals that are performed to facilitate the transition from childhood to manhood. This is a deeply personal and meaningful process that former President Nelson Mandela also took part in. For generations, boys have looked forward to initiation rituals and returning back to their families as healthy and wiser men. However, things do not turn out this way for many young boys in the Eastern Cape and other areas where the tradition is still practiced.

Botched circumcisions often result in permanently damaged private organs and sometimes, even death. Since May, no less than 60 boys and men have died in the Eastern Cape. Half of those passed away after attending initiation schools in the last six weeks. The Holy Cross Hospital is the closest hospital to a few of the initiation schools in the Eastern Cape. According to media reports, the hospital has a high admission rate for injured initiates.'

Letter: Gender quotas patently unfair

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'MALE candidate awarded job instead of better-qualified female candidate': if this headline appeared in your newspaper, it would justifiably stir up a torrent of criticism, letters and comments denigrating the relevant institution and signalling disapproval at the blatant sexism and unfairness of the appointment.

But it would be the lack of logic that would ultimately indict the awarding body: if one candidate is stronger than the other, then surely the job should be awarded to the former.

The principle that emerges from this example is that the sex of the strongest candidate should be irrelevant. Most people would agree that this is correct.'

For men, “leaning out” just isn’t an option

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Article here. Excerpt:

While Sheryl Sandberg and the pro-women movement encourage women to “lean in,” what’s never discussed is the relentless pressure men feel to not “lean out.”

I came across an article recently that talked about the damaging effects men face from a lifetime of being told to “Be a man. Stop being such a fag.” and “Grow a pair” that made me think about how we assume there’s no downside to the expectations of leadership. In order to be considered masculine, as all “real” men are supposed to be, we’re expected to be the alpha dog, to take charge, and, when necessary, to fight. For men with families, there’s an expectation to be the breadwinner, and they live with the pressure of being the last, and sometimes the only, line of defense between their children sleeping in a warm bed or sleeping in the streets. If the cupboards are bare, and the rent isn’t paid, it is ultimately their responsibility.

Just as it’s difficult for men to understand the challenges women face, I don’t expect most of the women reading this to fully understand the pressures of being a man. It’s one of those seemingly slight societal differences that can’t really be explained and yet feels enormous to the person suffering through it. In fact, many men don’t really grasp the extent of the stress they feel since they’ve never known anything else. ...'

Men's only overflow tent raises questions among homeless--despite there being no problem housing women

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Article here. Exception:

'A men's only overflow tent at the homeless shelter on Record Street has some women wondering what their options are.

Sandy Isham with Volunteers of America says, "Historically the need is at least three times larger for men than it is for women."

As Reno's homeless population grows the need for shelter increases. To help prevent people from sleeping on the street, Isham says they have put up an overflow tent, but there's a catch, it's only for men, "There are more men amongst the chronically homeless population, but that's just what we are seeing down here at our campus."
...
Isham says, "If there are no beds available they can sit up at a table in our very nice day area in an air conditioned room that is also safe, because it's staffed 24 hours a day."

Some women don't think this option is very accommodating mainly because there are no beds, but Isham says the number of homeless men is much greater than women and so far only one woman has taken advantage of the room.'

UK: Sex assault allegation was false, police say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'AN allegation of a sexual assault in an Astley Bridge alleyway was false, police have said.

The incident was said to have happened in an alleyway between two shops in Blackburn Road on Sunday.

It was reported at about 3pm on Sunday and was said to have happened the previous night.

The alley was cordoned off from 3pm yesterday and was under police guard from an officer in a van.

Police said they have now investigated the report and discovered it was not true.
...
It is understood that police are not planning to take any action against the woman because her complaint was not said to be malicious.'

IA: Action needed to stop Cincinnati foreskin removal device "study"

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(Please see related MANN items here and here)

HELP US STOP THE CINCINNATI STUDY

For the last several weeks, we've been writing and calling TriHealth Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, where 200+ babies are being circumcised in a study to determine which circumcision clamp, the Gomco or the Mogen, is "better." How are they determining this? According to the study, by looking at which clamp results in fewer blood-soaked bandages, and by looking at expressions of pain on babies' faces.

We believe this study is a heinous violation of medical ethics and human rights, and we're furious that no one at the hospital has bothered to respond.

They're tuning us out, just like they're tuning out the screams of the babies being cruelly subjected to an unconscionable medical experiment—all in service to the shareholders of a medical instrument manufacturer seeking to profit from bad science in order to sell more circumcision tools.

We need to step up the pressure on this hospital, and we need your help:

Canada: "A Voice for Men's Canadian rape apologist campaign: Hate speech hits our streets"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The American hate site, A Voice for Men (AVfM), is bringing its toxic message of misogyny and rape apologism to the streets of Canadian cities through a propaganda campaign centred around a grotesque and entirely false narrative that states that it is now men who are the victims of systemic violence and injustice in our country and that demonizes feminism and feminists. They further aim to directly undermine strategies to combat sexual violence against not only women and girls, but also, in fact, against men and boys by denying the gendered reality of the perpetrators of sexual violence of all kinds (regardless of the gender of the victim), who are overwhelmingly male.

The campaign is a set of total lies from start to finish. It is completely analogous to other hate movements historically whose goal is to turn reality entirely on its head, as with Nazis who blamed Jews for Germany's ills or, as happens regularly today, with North American white supremacists who project their own history of violence and brutality upon racialized and marginalized communities and who claim "reverse racism" when people stand up for their rights.'

How not to battle sexual assault in the military

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On June 4, the Senate Armed Services Committee conducted a hearing, during which members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff looked defensive and unpersuasive. Their high-ranking judge advocates general explained why Congress should not remove from military commanders decisions about courts-martial or career-ending nonjudicial punishments for sexual assault and other serious offenses.

...

Mrs. Gillibrand emphasizes women's fear of filing complaints when abusers are in their own chain of command. However, assigning cases to prosecutors elsewhere would not guarantee confidentiality or result in automatic prosecutions or convictions in cases lacking convincing evidence. Instead, cases of sexual assault could be politicized by activists who want to assign "victim" status based on accusations alone, replacing the presumption of innocence with a presumption of guilt.

...

Excluding commanders from disciplinary decisions in serious cases would not reduce incidents of sexual misconduct or add anything to the many options that persons suffering abuse already have. Military prosecutors frequently pursue cases that civilian authorities would ignore. What the legislation could do is shift power to Pentagon feminists and pressure groups who demand their version of "justice" no matter what the evidence shows.

...

Informed military women and legal experts have expressed concern that sensationalized estimates of sexual assault, extrapolated from anonymous surveys, could encourage measures that would make matters worse. In truth, the military is doing a better job on sexual misconduct than civilian colleges and universities.'

Marines Share Frank Views with Hagel on Women in Combat

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – The 15 sergeants, lieutenants and captains at the Marine Corps infantry school sat at the conference table with Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to debate changes to the American way of war – in particular, the Pentagon's new decision to integrate women into front-line combat positions.

One first sergeant objected strongly, saying that if women could add anything of value to combat infantry units, they would have been handed those missions long ago.

One staff sergeant worried that the Marine Corps' high standards would have to be lowered if women were assigned to combat. Other Marines in the group agreed, warning that women would not be accepted by their male counterparts living in spartan wartime conditions, or that family lives would suffer, especially for those female Marines hoping to have children.

One lieutenant, however, disagreed with anyone who argued that now is not the right time to start bringing women into combat roles, and several noted that the American armed forces often had led the rest of society, for example, in integrating minorities.

All 15 were forthright, even bold, in expressing their views on a contentious issue with the secretary of defense.

And all 15 of the Marines were women.'

A nation that sends its daughters off to war

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The debate about sending women into combat raises larger questions. Both sides avoid them, but they are perhaps the most important ones. What kind of society sends its women into ground combat? Do we want to be that kind of society? Is sending our daughters, wives, and mothers into combat good for women, for men, or for children? To a certain kind of feminist it is repugnant to ask these questions. We don't ask if we should send men into combat, so we shouldn't ask if we should send women. People who have blinded themselves to the profound and wonderful differences between the sexes are not open to a discussion about the consequences of those differences, and perhaps there is nothing more to say to them. But those people should not set the terms of the public debate. The American people need to stop pretending that sending women into combat involves questions no deeper than how far they can carry a seventy-pound rucksack.'

Selective Service update long overdue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A spot currently running on the radio in Connecticut reminds young men they are required by law to register for the draft when they're 18 and warns them of the consequences if they don't.

If you don't register, you won't get a government job or get into a government training program and you won't be eligible for a federally funded student loan.

Unmentioned is the threat of being imprisoned for up to five years or fined up to a rather impressive $250,000, for failing to sign up for what amounts to no more than a waiting list or database in the event the draft is ever revived. No one's been prosecuted under the law since 1986.

Also note the message refers to men 18 and older; women don't have to register even though they are now equal members of the military.
...
But equal treatment includes the right to be drafted and if Congress fails to act with some speed, the courts will surely be asked to intervene. In 1981, the Supreme Court found the exclusion of women from the draft was justified because they were also excluded from combat, so the result of a new challenge is pretty predictable.'

Nursing home wins award for domestic violence awareness video

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Faulkner State Community College's nursing division brought home an international first place award for its video “Shattered,” which seeks to raise awareness about the dangers and prevalence domestic violence.

Members of the nursing division traveled to San Francisco, Calif. to accept the award and perform their original script live at the 2013 Human Patient Simulator Network (HPSN) conference. The video was created using the iStan human simulator, a lifelike tool that helps nursing students practice a variety of tasks.

In the video, which was filmed in front of an audience at the college, a man is shown stabbing his wife. She calls 911, and nursing students work to save her life (in the hospital scene, the woman is actually the iStan human simulator).'

"Shattered" by Faulkner State Community College Division on YouTube here.

Kenya: Woman kills husband over plans to marry a second wife

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Residents of Matisi Estate in Kitale were thrown into mourning when an 18-year-old woman allegedly stabbed her husband to death to protest his plans to marry a second wife.

The woman is said to have quarrel led with her husband on Saturday night opposing the second marriage.

A neighbour, who alerted residents, said that on Sunday morning a fight ensued before the woman picked a kitchen knife and stabbed her husband.

The neighbour said the woman had complained that her husband had secretly brought into their home and slept with another woman while she was away.

Kitale OCPD Kimani Mitugo said the woman was in custody and will be arraigned in court today.'

Stabbing suspect turns self in, claims self-defense

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Trotwood woman wanted in the stabbing death of a man in Moraine on Sunday turned herself in to authorities Wednesday.

Her attorney said she is a victim of domestic violence and acted in self defense. Dayton attorney John H. Rion said his client did not come forward initially because she feared being bullied by police.

Moraine detectives say 39-year-old Chantell Spears stabbed Delshaun Jones, 32, during a dispute outside of 3605 Charlotte Mill Drive Sunday morning. They said Jones, who has a child with Spears, was visiting a female at that address when he was attacked around 5:30 a.m. Jones was rushed to Kettering Medical Center where he died.'

Police: Woman Lied About Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SUFFIELD — A woman who police say lied about being raped by a masked intruder had actually slashed her body and choked herself with a dog collar in an effort to create "convincing" injuries, according to an affidavit for her arrest.

The woman, Kelly M. Wilson, 29, of 611 Thrall Ave. was arrested July 3 and charged with second-degree falsely reporting an incident, second-degree making a false statement, and misuse of the 911 emergency system. She is free on $50,000 bond and is scheduled to be arraigned in Enfield Superior Court on July 16.

The incident occurred on April 14 when Wilson called police and reported that a man had attacked her in her home, according to the affidavit.'

UK: Twin boys reveal sexual abuse by "respectable debutante" and her friends

Matt · 31 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Cradling a twin in each arm, the photo of Jill Dudley tells a deceptive story. A former debutante and distant relative of post-war British prime minister Clement Attlee, she appears the epitome of a contented Sixties upper middle-class housewife and mother.

Other photographs of her identical twins Alex and Marcus confirm the impression of a seemingly idyllic, innocent childhood growing up in a beautiful Elizabethan home in Sussex.

...

But hard though it is to believe, their seemingly loving mother was nothing of the sort. Monstrously, she was sexually abusing her little boys.

Today, Alex and Marcus Lewis - now 49 - are still coming to terms with this dark secret, which was for so long buried within the heart of their family.

...

'It would be easy to label her as mentally ill or a monster, but it's not that simple. You could put any label on her and it wouldn't be enough.'

To look at the twins, you would never imagine they could have been the victims of such horrors.

Or that, even more distressingly, their mother occasionally 'passed them around' male friends in London, who also abused them.'

Also see related article here.

Jewish Intactivism – A Male Human Rights Movement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The last 100 years have been marked by the declaration and protection of universal human rights, and a marked increase in the quality of life, both in America and worldwide. With these improvements, higher expectations regarding a child's right to bodily autonomy have become socially accepted and legally mandated. Many argue that since female children in the U.S. are protected by a 1996 law banning female circumcision, this law should be expanded to include the protection of male children as well. The groups Jews Against Circumcision, Jews for the Rights of the Child and the Israeli Organization Against Genital Mutilation have all endorsed laws that would outlaw child circumcision.

There are an increasing number of Jews who are vocal in questioning both the ethics and the legality of circumcision surgery. Jews in the Reform movement have already been advocating for an end to circumcision during the past 170 years. Influential Jews including radio personality Howard Stern and filmmaker Eli Ungar-Sargon also called for laws against circumcision. What follows is a collection of statements from Jews who question the ethics and legality of forced infant circumcision.'

UK: Woman jailed for "sex with" 14-YO boy

Matt · 31 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. There was so much disgusting stuff just in the story's headline I had to cut it down to just what you see of it above. Excerpt:

'A woman who took a 14-year-old boy to a hotel for sex and got him high on cannabis has been jailed for more than two years.

Natalie Williams, of Darlington, was told by a judge yesterday she had preyed upon the teenager and failed to appreciate why what she had done was so wrong.

The 22-year-old used a bank card he had stolen from his family to pay for the overnight hotel stay and drugs, and regularly withdrew money on it.

Teesside Crown Court heard that after she was arrested, she deliberately got pregnant with a new boyfriend - thought to be an attempt to stay out of prison.

But Judge Simon Bourne-Arton, QC, told her that would not dissuade him from locking her up - because a man who preyed on a young girl would face jail.

He said: 'The law sets out to protect those that are under the age of consent, whether they are boys or girls, from those who would take advantage of their youth.'

NPO: Parenting Coordination Short Lived in Pennsylvania

Matt · 31 July 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Pennsylvania just eliminated the Parenting Coordinator role that it began five years ago. According to The Legal Intelligencer, its demise is related to a couple of high profile cases.

Pennsylvania was one of eleven states with legislation governing parenting coordinators. The other ten states that still have legislated parenting coordinator programs are: Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Massachusetts, and Texas. As with other areas of family law, the laws and regulations vary by state.'

SAVE: False Accuser Ligia Filler: Why Hasn't She Been Charged with Perjury?

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If you've been following our efforts regarding Asst. DA Mary Kellet in Maine, you know that the case started with a false allegation of abuse. Ligia Filler had falsely accused her husband Vladek Filler of abusing her and their children.

In reviewing the Filler case, the court found:

December 3, 2009 - Responding to Ligia's allegation that Vladek had molested their children, the Ellsworth District Court concluded the accusation was "false and known to be false. She [Ligia Filler] has shown a capacity to manufacture claims." (Determination of Ellsworth District Court. Findings at Page 4, Paragraph 1.)

Not only was Ligia a known liar, but Vladek had a serious back problem at the time of the alleged incident, Ligia refused a rape kit examination, and she had no injuries to support her claim.

While we are not happy about Kellet's so-called punishment, it's time to turn our attention to the accuser. People who lie about abuse, like Ligia, rob true victims of their credibility.

Please contact DA Carletta Bassano and politely ask why she hasn't charged Ligia with perjury.

Carletta M. Bassano, District Attorney
Phone: 207-667-4621
E-mail: carletta.bassano-at-da7.org

On behalf of all true victims, thank you for taking action.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

No to ‘modesty bags’ for lads’ mags

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Article here. Excerpt:

It’s more than a little confusing. One minute feminists are taking to the streets in their hundreds, on so-called slutwalks, to defend their right to be scantily clad. The next they are insisting that lads’ mags’ covers, featuring, er, scantily clad women, should be covered up in pre-sealed ‘modesty bags’ when sold in supermarkets.

Predictably, the first supermarket to cave in to the anti-lads’ mags campaign has been the holier-than-thou Co-op, which yesterday declared that titles such as Zoo and FHM had six weeks to start concealing their products in burqa-style black plastic. In the meantime, the Co-op has already put these ‘lewd’ magazines in hard-to-reach positions, and concealed them with opaque shelving.

But surely this is a violation of press freedom, an attempt to dictate the content of particular publications? ‘Think of the children’, feminists respond. Apparently, the nation’s young are being damaged by the presence of lads’ mags ‘next to the sweets at children’s eye-level’.

Yet, as the Telegraph’s Toby Young has pointed out, even the UK government’s official report into the ‘sexualisation and commercialisation of childhood’, published in 2011, found little evidence of lads’ mags harming children (although it did recommend bagging-up the mags anyway, on the spurious grounds that ‘insufficient evidence to prove conclusively there is harm to children does not mean that no harm exists’).'

Teacher indicted for kindergarten's bully revenge

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Judson school district kindergarten teacher accused of rallying students to line up and hit a disruptive schoolmate could now end up behind bars following her indictment Tuesday for official oppression.

Cynthia Ambrose, 43, was an 11-year veteran at Salinas Elementary in May when authorities said a less experienced kindergarten teacher sought advice for disciplining a 6-year-old student accused of bullying other children. Ambrose's solution, the colleague later told the school district's police department, was to have other students bully the alleged bully.

Official oppression — a charge often applied to police officers who abuse their positions — is a Class A misdemeanor carrying a maximum sentence of a year in jail.

At least seven children struck the targeted student as Ambrose encouraged them, saying “Hit him harder,” and “Teach him why bullying is bad,” authorities alleged.'

Esquire Magazine: "A Jew Against Circumcision"

Matt · 1 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What particularly galls me is the mealy-mouthed dishonesty practiced by the American Academy of Pediatrics, which oh-so-carefully crawls a tightrope spun of silken shite:

"New scientific evidence shows the health benefits of newborn male circumcision outweigh the risks of the procedure, but the benefits are not great enough to recommend routine circumcision for all newborn boys."

The procedure? Ritual genital mutilation. Yes, I have a son, and when he was born, I hired a mohel to cut him. What a dolt I was. An ignorant fundamentalist, nothing more. My wife, born and raised Catholic, had to quash the urge to seize the boy and vanish into the woods behind our house before the mohel began. I wish she had.'

The broken dialogue on men’s rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEVER MIND the “war on women:” According to growing numbers of bloggers, activists, and authors — some of them women — it’s males in modern Western society who are under siege and whose rights need defending. Is this the next frontier for gender justice, or a woman-hating backlash? Men’s advocacy raises important and worthy issues that often draw unfair ridicule. Unfortunately, it is also prone to toxic rhetoric that subverts its valid points and alienates potential supporters.

To many, the very notion of “men’s issues” or men’s rights seems laughable. But consider: If women were dying in 90 percent of workplace fatalities and three out of four suicides, would we not see such numbers as troubling—and as legitimate women’s issues? Yet, reversed, the disparities go unnoticed.

Unlike racial profiling of minorities, the disproportionate targeting of males by law enforcement gets no attention (women account for more than a third of illegal drug use but fewer than 15 percent of arrests). And, while men are often presumed dangerous to children, actual female molesters tend to get lenient treatment.'

Raised to hate men: Now what?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'My mother's brand of feminism went from wanting equal rights to wanting to smash the patriarchy, which she defined for my brother and me as "men's historical oppression of women, which they continue to do today." No man could escape complicity, not even little boys, she said. Suddenly, men were the root of all of women's problems and since they had all the power, we had to fight them.

Men were always wrong. Men were aggressors; men were rapists; men were stupid; men were obsessed with their penises; men were responsible for forcing my mother into a heterosexual marriage and motherhood. Mary Daly and Andrea Dworkin had become her prophets. She never once said that "patriarchy" wasn't synonymous with "men." She used the terms interchangeably. She told us we'd been forced on her by the patriarchy and, given the choice, she would not have had us.

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My mom started encouraging me to "find a nice girl to fool around with." She told me any woman who had sex with men wasn't a feminist. She told me all heterosexual sex was rape "by definition." When I asked her if she meant I was a product of rape, she told me I was "letting myself get raped" every time I had sex with my boyfriend.

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Misandry as an ironic or non-ironic Feminist pose might be cathartic for a while, but it has nothing to do with achieving equality. And espousing outright hatred and contempt for all men to your children is not a feminist act. It's tantamount to child abuse.'

"Girls commit dating violence as often as boys, studies show"

StayingFit · 1 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Girls are the perpetrators of some form of dating violence nearly as often as boys, surprising new studies show.

More girls – 43 percent – than boys – 28 percent – reported committing an act of physical dating violence, said researchers who are presenting their findings beginning Wednesday at the American Psychological Association's annual meeting. Slightly more boys – 23 percent – than girls – 18 percent – reported perpetrating at least one act of sexual violence.

For her study, Dorothy Espelage, professor of educational psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and her colleagues conducted a longitudinal study among 625 students starting in grades 5, 6, and 7, and followed them over a period of four years. Researchers interviewed the students at intervals over that time.'

News anchorwoman arrested on suspicion of domestic violence

Mastodon · 2 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Television news anchor Adrienne Alvarez was arrested early Thursday morning on suspicion of domestic violence, officials said.

Alvarez, 28, allegedly was involved in a fight with her husband at about midnight on the 100 block of Desert Garden Drive in Santa Teresa, Doña Ana County Sheriff's officials said.

She was arrested on suspicion of battery against a member of a household, officials said.

She was booked into the Doña Ana County Detention Center. She was released on a $1,000 bond later that day.'

'Mens' rights' activist loses court case that called nightclub's $350 vodka a human rights violation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One lawyer's quixotic fight for men's equality suffered yet another legal setback when a judge ruled his human rights were not violated by a Chelsea nightclub that made him buy a $350 bottle of vodka to get in.

Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Alexander Hunter wrote this week that Roy Den Hollander was not the victim of age and gender discrimination in 2010 when a bouncer at Amnesia nightclub told the 66-year-old to pay up, while letting a young lady in for free at the same time.

"They all pull the same thing: 'These guys got gray hair, let's charge them some money,'" said the crusading barrister. "They're doing the same thing they did in the Deep South back in the 1950s. Having to buy a $350 bottle of watered down vodka – that's the 'sitting in the back of the bus' for us!"

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He also sued several Manhattan hot spots including the Copacabana for organizing "ladies' nights" drink specials. The suit was thrown out by federal appeals court in 2010.

He also sued – twice – to halt federal funding of Columbia University's feminist studies program, arguing that feminism constitutes a "modern-day religion." Both were thrown out, most recently by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals last month.'

Women-Only ‘Coworking’ Facility Opens Third Location

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hera Hub, a shared workspace community of several hundred like-minded entrepreneurial women, announces the launch of the third ‘coworking’ space in Carlsbad at 5205 Avenida Encinas. The other two locations are in Sorrento and Mission Valley.

The 4,000-square-foot facility offers a large conference room, several private meeting rooms, and a large, shared workspace.

“We had significant demand for a North County location, with over 170 people on the interest list,” said Felena Hanson, Hera Hub founder. “Memberships will go fast, as we’ll cap at 120. Five days after our July 15th soft launch, we’re already one-third full.”

Hera Hub was founded on the idea that women running small businesses often also have to juggle family life, and therefore feel an affinity with other women in the same situation. Hera Hub provides a supportive environment where women feel they can easily help one another move their business forward. Hera Hub supports its members with networking opportunities, free access to business experts, weekly workshop topics, intensive business education and mentoring programs.'

Science on the Maine coast – for girls only

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Article here. Excerpt:

'FREEPORT – Tucked away on the sprawling land of Wolfe's Neck Farm in Freeport is the Coastal Studies For Girls, a science and leadership school for girls dedicated to experiential learning.

While not quite hidden in plain sight, the school, which leases 8 acres of land from Wolfe's Neck Farm, occupies a unique place in the tri-town area. Entering its fourth year, Coastal Studies for Girls is a semester-long science and leadership school for 10th-grade girls. The school brings girls from around the country to the coast of Maine for 16 weeks during either the fall or spring term of their sophomore year of high school, enabling them to immerse themselves in a challenging and rewarding experience while living in a beautiful coastal landscape that serves as a natural laboratory, according to information provided by the school.'

Jury convicts woman of making false rape report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ROCKLAND, Maine — A Knox County jury convicted a 30-year-old Rockland woman Thursday of making a false report to police about being sexually assaulted by a former boyfriend.

Octavia Faustini was convicted of two criminal charges — filing a false report and unsworn falsification.

Justice Jeffrey Hjelm said that sentencing likely would be held during the last week of August. Both offenses are Class D crimes, punishable by a maximum of 364 days in jail.

Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey Baroody said he has not yet come up with a recommendation for a sentence.

The jury deliberated for two hours Thursday afternoon in Knox County Superior Court.'

Lawyer blasts teacher's sentence: 'They are boys and she is a woman'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Redlands high school teacher convicted of having sex with three of her students got off easy because she is a woman, an attorney for one of the victims said.

Laura Elizabeth Whitehurst, 28, pleaded guilty to engaging in sex acts with three boys and was sentenced to one year in jail this week. She had a baby with one of the boys this summer.

She admitted guilt to four counts of unlawful sexual intercourse and two of oral copulation of a person under 18.

"This is a very short sentence for such crimes," said attorney Heather Cullen, whose firm represents the family of the boy who fathered a child with Whitehurst. "It's shocking anyone would face so little time for abusing minors. This is definitely being treated differently because they are boys and she is a woman."

She described the sentence as "a slap in the face to the victims."'

Eyewitness Records Santa Ana Officer Shoot, Kill Unarmed Homeless Man

Matt · 2 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'SANTA ANA (CBSLA.com) — An eyewitness recorded cellphone video of a Santa Ana police officer shoot and kill an unarmed 22-year-old homeless man at a shopping center earlier this week.

The witness, who wished to remain unidentified, was standing in the parking lot of the Harbor Place Shopping Center on South Harbor Boulevard around 3 p.m. Tuesday when he said he filmed a confrontation in front of Jugo's La Tropicana between an officer, later identified as a 13-year veteran, and victim Hans Kevin Arellano.

"She exited her patrol car, gun drawn, and asked the gentlemen to get on the ground. The gentlemen didn't get on the ground, he was still inside the restaurant. She asked again. The man then exited the restaurant, and as he was exiting the restaurant, he said, 'What are you gonna do, b—-?' About a second later, she shot him in the chest," he said.'

UK: Boy starved, beaten, poisoned to death by mother and her boyfriend

Matt · 3 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A couple who battered the woman's four-year-old son and left him to die in a locked, unheated box room have been convicted of murder.

The woman and her partner starved Daniel Pelka for months and force-fed him salt during a campaign of physical abuse. A serious case review will now try to establish why a number of opportunities to save the boy's life were missed by authorities, who were convinced by his killers that he was suffering from a rare eating disorder.

Fourteen months before he died in March last year, Daniel became the focus of a police inquiry after his arm was broken. But the file was closed when his killers convinced officers that he hurt himself when he jumped from a sofa at their home in Coventry.'

Don't Be That Feminist

Matt · 3 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Attending the opera in Ottawa a few months ago, I had the kind of experience that once galvanized women to speak out against the sexist put-downs that passed for humor in an earlier era. This time, however, the putative humor was at the expense of men.

“Please silence anything in your possession that may be annoying to those around you,” said our host, an affable radio personality with Canada’s public broadcaster, “That includes cell phones, other electronic devices, your husband …” An approving chuckle ran through the crowd.
...
So unquestioned is the anti-male animus of our time that the only pain considered worthy of attention or collective action is women’s pain.

The pervasiveness of feminist ideas about female innocence was vividly on display a few weeks ago in Edmonton, Alberta, when two rival poster campaigns garnered media attention. "Don’t Be That Guy," an anti-rape campaign by a coalition of women’s groups in conjunction with the RCMP (the Royal Canadian Mounted Police), met with general approval in the mainstream media while outrage greeted “Don’t Be That Girl,” an anti-false-charge campaign by Men’s Rights Edmonton (which one reporter snidely dismissed as a “so-called men’s rights organization”). The difference in the posters’ reception tells us a good deal about the enormous social power of the woman as victim theme in Canada today.
...

As a sexual assault prevention strategy, the posters’ efficacy is dubious—would a hardened rapist reform after seeing them? It seems unlikely—but they are undoubtedly effective in libeling all men as potential abusers despite the fact that the vast majority of men (94-95% according to feminist statistics) bear no blame for sexual assault.'

NFL cheerleader arrested for assault after misrepresenting attack to police

StayingFit · 3 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Megan Welter, the Iraq war vet turned pro-football cheerleader whose inspiring story went viral this week has been arrested on assault charges in Scottsdale, Arizona.
...
Here's what's been reported so far: Welter placed a 911 call to the Scottsdale police at 3am on July 20, explaining that she'd been in a physical altercation with her boyfriend, Ryan, and that they'd both been drinking to celebrate her birthday. "My boyfriend became abusive…He smashed my head into tile," Welter, sounding out of breath and intoxicated, told the emergency operator in the recording of the 911 call, obtained and provided to Yahoo! Shine by RightThisMinute. She added that he had also put her in a "choke hold," and that "He knows how to fight, he's a professional fighter, he's been trained in wrestling."

When police arrived at Welter's house, they interviewed her boyfriend—not identified by the Scottsdale Police Department, which blurred out his face in a video of that exchange, obtained by RightThisMinute. That's when he told police that Welter had actually assaulted him, and that he had recorded the fight on his phone.
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That video recording, quickly making its way around the web, is grainy and has action that's hard to see, but includes a wobbly-looking Welter pushing and pulling him and screaming, "Who is she?" and demanding her boyfriend's phone as he repeatedly tells her to stop and go inside.'

Report: Woman strikes boyfriend with machete

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Story here. Excerpt:

'EATONTOWN — A woman reportedly struck her boyfriend in the back of the neck with a machete during a domestic dispute and then fled, police said Friday.

Eatontown Police Sgt. Troy Fowlkes told the Asbury Park Press that the man was taken to Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch with superficial injuries.

Police did not identify either person involved.
...
The woman faces charges of aggravated assault, possession of an unlawful weapon for an unlawful purpose and domestic charges, Fowlkes said.'

You're never too old to "break bad"

Matt · 3 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Point is not to "pick on an old lady". (Well, she WAS selling Hydrocodone illegally, so really, what's the issue with just reporting it?) It's to show you're not only never too old to break bad, and yet even a woman can do so. Excerpt:

'Meet Pearl Jones.

The 85-year-old Tennessee woman was arrested Tuesday for felony drug distribution and maintaining a dwelling where drugs were being peddled.

While most of her octogenarian peers are enjoying their golden years, Jones was allegedly selling Hydrocodone, the powerful painkiller, from her home, according to a Kingsport Police Department report.

A search of Jones's home turned up "narcotics in addition to evidence" corroborating a police probe "into Jones selling narcotics from this residence."'

Ex-teacher who "had sex with" 16-year-old gets 10 years' probation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The tattooed Brooklyn ex-teacher who pleaded guilty to sleeping with a 16-year-old football player was sentenced to 10 years probation today.

Erin Sayar, 37, also had to give up her teaching license and register as a Level 1 sex offender.

Sayar was ordered not to have any contact with the teen she pleaded guilty to having oral sex and intercourse with eight times in her office and SUV, while also plying him with pot.

“Do not send anyone to him on your behalf, and there is not to be any electronic communication,” Brooklyn Supreme Court judge Elizabeth Foley told a thin, frail-looking Sayar in court.'

'A Man's Feminism'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm married to a man who wants that, sure, but his objections to gender inequality go further: Jeremy wants a world where men get the same opportunities as women. Where men are not held to a standard of masculinity, where they hold equal sway in the home and in child-rearing.

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Then, of course, along came Jeremy. While he would consider himself a feminist, and believes in gender equality, he began pointing out to me the unfairness that sometimes comes with being a modern man. While women have the right to demand not to be seen in a certain way simply because of their gender, men should be able to do so too. Sometimes we would get into philosophical discussions about gender equality that would make me think from his perspective; other times it was Jeremy's own desires, so different from what I expected a standard husband to want, that showed me that women aren't the only ones handed unfair expectations.

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Suddenly, the excuse "because I'm a woman" didn't hold the power it used to. If you want equality, Jeremy's determined attitude taught me, it has to go both ways. Paternity leave should be just as equally available as maternity. The husband should get a say in decorating the apartment, picking out wedding pictures, all the things I thought I would hold natural dominion over as the wife. Sure, I cook, but he cleans. He does the laundry.

Being married to someone like Jeremy has not only affected how our marriage works, but has also made me more open to the notion of reverse sexism in larger society. When I read an article about how being a stay-at-home dad can be so difficult, I no longer roll my eyes and think, "Whatever, it's way harder being a woman." Instead, I give the theory some weight. Feminism is a necessary movement, but paying attention to gender equality — equality that goes both ways — is just as important.'

Pay-up time for Brawley: '87 rape-hoaxer finally shells out for slander

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Twenty-five years after accusing an innocent man of rape, Tawana Brawley is finally paying for her lies.

Last week, 10 checks totaling $3,764.61 were delivered to ex-prosecutor Steven Pagones — the first payments Brawley has made since a court determined in 1998 that she defamed him with her vicious hoax.

A Virginia court this year ordered the money garnisheed from six months of Brawley's wages as a nurse there.

She still owes Pagones $431,000 in damages. And she remains defiantly unapologetic.'

change.org petition against KFC commercial

Matt · 5 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Excerpt:

'In their recent “Hot Shot Bites” commercial, which can be viewed in full at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRH9NBcd33k, Kentucky Fried Chicken depicts an act of domestic violence committed against a man by a woman. The man gives his girlfriend a taste of KFC’s product and asks her how she likes it. She responds by slapping him across the face, as the narrator says that the chicken is so spicy that it’s like a slap to the face. While KFC intends for this to be comical, we at Fathers and Families New York believe that depictions of domestic violence should never be a laughing matter. If the genders were reversed, no one would be laughing, and it should be no different here.'

SAVE reports KFC contacted-- they're not pulling the "Hot Shots" ad

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From SAVE:

Kentucky Fried Chicken has decided to use violence to sell their new Hot Shot Bites product. Their ad (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRH9NBcd33k) shows a woman trying the snack, then slapping a man across the face.

Others have complained to the company, but KFC's reply leaves much to be desired. We're told that one of KFC's attorneys said that he thought 'the smack in the commercial was a metaphor with the smack of the flavor.' When asked if he'd find it acceptable if the roles were reversed, he remained silent. Then he stated that the commercial will continue to air.

Are we going to take this lying down? Heck no!

Contact KFC!

Phone: (502) 874-8300
Email: johncywinski-at-yumyum.com
Change.org Petition (started by F&F New York):
http://www.change.org/petitions/kentucky-fried-chicken-stop-making-light-of-domestic-violence
On behalf of all victims of abuse, thank you,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Ed.: Made this item stick to the top of page 1 and will keep it here until Monday, Aug. 12. KFC needs to get the message.

Women paying alimony-- quick, update those arcane, evil alimony laws

Matt · 6 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Ah, yes. As predictable as the sun in the east every morning. Indeed, time to update alimony laws--they need to be updated out the window, really. But instead you can be pretty sure how they'll get "updated"; it'll look like this: men still pay it, women don't. Excerpt:

'"The laws definitely need to be changed. They aren't working anymore," said Michau, 67, who feels she was penalized in court for working and saving for decades while she says her ex-husband quickly exhausted his retirement savings.

To press for reform, Michau joined a new group, Florida Women for Alimony Reform, who are among those trying once again to present Gov. Rick Scott with a bill they say would modernize the state's archaic alimony statutes.

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"There are second wives, fiancés, girlfriends, mothers, sisters, and, of course, female alimony payers who are all negatively impacted by the current laws," said Israel, who teaches math at Broward College.

It's becoming more of an issue for some South Florida women. One study showed younger women outearning their male single counterparts and another touted South Florida women as among the national leaders in closing the wage gap.

In fact, women in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties earn closer to what men take home in their paychecks than do women in most U.S. metro areas, the National Partnership for Women & Families found earlier this year. Only Los Angeles and Las Vegas have a narrower wage divide than South Florida of the 50 metro areas studied, reported the Washington-based nonpartisan group that advocates for equal pay.

"We are seeing more women breadwinners and women out-earning men," said Lori Barkus, a family law attorney in Weston.

Some end up in divorce court and have to pay alimony, she said.'

Michael Jordan's faux "baby mama" fined $10k

Matt · 6 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Michael Jordan stayed winning when he was on the basketball court, and it has carried over to the court room, too. A judge has ordered the woman that falsely accused Air Jordan of fathering her now 17-year old struggle rapper son about $10,000, the cost of the NBA legend's legal bills.

Pamela Smith's paternity case was dismissed, leaving many to a speculate a financial settlement was made. However, it looks like she was looking for a payday, which has now backfired.

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The judge called Pamela's bogus claim one big publicity stunt, pointing out she hired a publicist before even getting a lawyer … and then dragged Michael through the mud.

The judge ordered Pamela to pay Jordan's legal bills — $9,704.13. Actually, it sounds like she got off cheap.'

Alex Rodriguez and the disappearing dad he mourns

Matt · 6 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The singular event in the life of Alex Rodriguez is not his imminent suspension, or the career home run record that now will never happen.

The event that makes him so remote, so rudderless, took place when he was 9, when his father disappeared. This is not pop psychology to explain a man who blundered into the airplane propeller of adult reality. This is his own theory.

Back when he was a young major leaguer, Rodriguez would occasionally explain himself in terms of his missing father. His mother was strong and smart, and remains so to this day, but he expressed bewilderment that a father could just take off.'

ACFC: Equally Shared Parenting Legislation Being Enacted Nationally

Matt · 6 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'2013 may well be remembered as the year the tide changed decisively in favor of Equally Shared Parenting in the United States. In the month of April two states, Arkansas and Florida, have both passed legislation mandating equal and substantially equal parenting time as the preferred outcome for children experiencing their parents' divorce. In Arkansas the legislation has already been signed by the governor and is law.

Act 1156 has been signed by Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe. Language of the act calls for courts to favor joint legal custody. The Act goes further to define joint legal custody as meaning "approximate and reasonable equal division of time with the child by both parents." The act further states the court may order this arrangement at its discretion, it is not necessary that the parents be in agreement about joint legal custody for it to happen. Additionally the law states that a parent who creates conflict or attempts to disrupt a joint custody arrangement may lose custody to the non-disruptive parent. This is great news for children and parents, particularly fathers in Arkansas, as they will no longer have to 'fight it out' in court to remain a full parent to their children.'

Boys in American cities coerced into gang membership: where's the UN?

Matt · 7 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The gun-toting teen shot by police over the weekend grew up in a gang-infested neighborhood in the Morrisania section of the Bronx where law-abiding families live in constant fear. Even if young boys try to avoid trouble, it comes looking for them.

At first glance, everything looks calm and ordinary in this community. But under the surface, the threat for boys as young as 9 or 10 from gangs and criminal crews pressuring them to join is constant.

One boy, whose identity Fox 5 is protecting, said they have no choice but to join a gang. He said he tries to stay busy and off the streets at night when the gangs are out and hunting for new members. He said most boys don't choose to join a gang, but if they don't, they and their families suffer consequences. He said gangs have ransacked the apartments of reluctant recruits.'

SAFE Announces New Project Initiatives And Website Launch

Matt · 7 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Stop Abuse for Everyone™ ("SAFE") is a gender inclusive domestic violence information and education 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1999. The mission of SAFE is to provide information and education to support and assist all victims of family abuse. SAFE has been endorsed by The National Crime Prevention Council, "Dear Abby" and recognized by the White House as a "National Point of Light."

A key mission of SAFE is to act as an information source for all victims and concerned friends and relatives to locate non-discriminatory help. Our new and improved website: www.stopabuseforeveryone.org now provides a state-by-state guide.

The new website has state-of- the- art functions and hosts a new forum area for survivors of intimate partner and family violence to share their stories and get help from others with similar experiences. SAFE is also now on Facebook and Twitter.'

Double standard: Pentagon hints at changes to allow more women in ground combat

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Public statements from the Pentagon since it removed the ban on direct ground combat jobs for women signal that the armed services plan to change their physical standards to ensure integration of the sexes, analysts say.

A review of news conferences and congressional testimony shows that the top brass repeatedly use the word “validate” — not necessarily “retain” — when talking about ongoing studies of tasks to qualify for infantry, armored and special operations jobs.

In other words, some physical standards would be lowered for men and women on the argument that certain tasks are outdated or irrelevant.
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“It will begin as an ‘experiment,’ and meanwhile there will be a whittling away of standards — gender-norming — regarding what is required to graduate from certain schools, such as Army Rangers,” Mr. Maginnis said. “The administration and its ideological radical feminist soul mates are willing to accept less effectiveness at the point of the spear in order to put women into every last military occupational specialty.”'

Utah Job Corps centers reach out to more female students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Utah's two Job Corps centers announced a campaign Tuesday to recruit a record number of new female students. After a four-month national enrollment freeze that ended in April, the program has 213 openings available to income-qualified prospective students.

The freeze prevented the program from adding new students, explained Issa Arnita, director of corporate communications for Centerville-based Management & Training Corp. — which manages and operates 18 Job Corps centers in 15 states.

Job Corps is a free, federal career training program developed and administered by the U.S. Department of Labor to meet educational and career technical training needs of economically disadvantaged youths. Participants must be between the ages of 16 and 24.

Students live on campus and receive training in a career path of their choice, including health occupations, computer technology, automotive, carpentry, welding, electrical and plumbing. They can also earn a high school diploma or GED certificate.'

Treatment center for military women needs men to up numbers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An in-patient hospital program for female active military or veterans with emotional disorders or addiction has been expanded to include men.

Despite an aggressive marketing campaign to attract them, a shortage of women has led administrators at Lady of Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County to open the Living Springs behavioral program to active-duty males or veterans.

Alexander J. Hatala, Lourdes Health System president and CEO, said the newly opened program has been modified to treat men and women in the 21-bed Willingboro unit. The first male was admitted last week.

“When we originally designed Living Springs, our intention was to create a comfortable, safe environment where servicewomen or the female family members of servicemen could relate to each other during the recovery process,” Hatala said.'

'When Male Unemployment Rises, Domestic Violence Rates Fall'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The results showed that the 3.7 percentage point increase in male unemployment during the time caused a decline in the incidence of domestic abuse by 12 percent. Meanwhile, the 3 percentage point increase in female unemployment increased domestic violence by 10 percent. The correlation held for all kinds of abuse, but it was stronger for physical violence.

Though it's not proven, the theory that Jonathan Wadsworth, a University of London economist and study co-author, suggested to explain the phenomenon is that when male unemployment in an area is high, more men -- having either lost their jobs or fearing job loss -- are likely to try to stick with their partners in order to ensure some semblance of income stability. And to keep their partners from leaving them, those that have abusive tendencies are more likely to abstain from violent behavior. Meanwhile, when female unemployment is high, women might similarly be less likely to leave men who are predisposed to abuse, and so reports of domestic violence would rise.'

"Chocolate's Child Slaves" (should read "Male Child Slaves")

redwoodwriter · 8 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. While it it laudable that child slavery related to the production of chocolate is coming to the world's attention more openly, it is notable that the story is billed as "child slaves." The fact is -- if one looks at the videos -- that all the children are male. Yet, nowhere does the story say anything about male child slavery. The gender card seems too hot a button these days... perhaps, if it were to be mentioned openly, feminists would derail the good work that's being done? The fact is that many adult males are financial slaves too, but nobody is talking about that, are they? Another taboo topic? Excerpt:

'Everyone loves chocolate. But for thousands of people, chocolate is the reason for their enslavement.

The chocolate bar you snack on likely starts at a plant in a West African cocoa plantation, and often the people who harvest it are children. Many are slaves to a system that produces something almost all of us consume and enjoy.

The CNN Freedom Project sent correspondent David McKenzie into the heart of the Ivory Coast - the world’s largest cocoa producer - to investigate what's happening to children working in the fields.

His work has resulted in a shocking, eye-opening documentary showing that despite all the promises the global chocolate industry made a decade ago, much of the trade remains unchanged. There are still child slaves harvesting cocoa, even though some have never even tasted chocolate and some don't even know what the word "chocolate" means.'

NPO: Groundbreaking Alimony Legislation in Colorado

Matt · 8 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For the first time, Colorado has a clear formula for the calculation of alimony. The new legislation, House Bill 13-1058, goes into effect January of 2014. Governor John Hickenlooper signed it on May 10, 2013.

The alimony legislation, referred to as the Maintenance Act, defines the state's new guidelines for the determination of spousal maintenance. Maintenance is the amount of court ordered spousal support paid by the higher earning spouse to the lower earning spouse each month for a specified period of time following a divorce or legal separation.

The formula states that the amount of maintenance is equal to forty percent of the higher income party's monthly adjusted gross income less fifty percent of the lower income party's monthly adjusted gross income. There are some exceptions, and there is a cap, but this is the first time that Colorado has had a formula.'

Gloria Steinem to receive Presidential Medals of Freedom

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Article here. Oh boy, so predictable. Other women are mentioned who "broke barriers" by entering "male dominated" fields. Gosh, us men are just such a bunch of horrid oppressors toward women. Hey, any mention of, say, Warren Farrell or Glenn Sacks, etc.? Excerpt:

'This year marks the 50th anniversary of the highest civilian honor, which was first presented by President John F. Kennedy and has been given to 500 individuals from diverse corners of the country.
...
Gloria Steinem

Gloria Steinem is a renowned writer and activist for women's equality. She was a leader in the women's liberation movement, co-founded Ms. magazine, and helped launch a wide variety of groups and publications dedicated to advancing civil rights. Ms. Steinem has received dozens of awards over the course of her career, and remains an active voice for women's rights.'

Circumcision from the Perspective of Protecting Children

Matt · 9 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'Thirty-six years later my son was born. Two days before his planned circumcision, while searching online for recommendations on the doctor-mohel we chose, I stumbled upon the following paragraph from The Guide for the Perplexed by Maimonides, the great Jewish philosopher:

“As regards circumcision, I think that one of its objects is to limit sexual intercourse, and to weaken the organ of generation as far as possible, and thus cause man to be moderate. Some people believe that circumcision is to remove a defect in man’s formation; but every one can easily reply: How can products of nature be deficient so as to require external completion, especially as the use of the foreskin to that organ is evident. The bodily injury caused to that organ is exactly that which is desired; This is, as I believe, the best reason for the commandment concerning circumcision.”

I was shocked. I realized that the Jewish motivation for circumcision was diminishing sexual pleasure, the same motivation as the one behind female genital cutting.

I was so amazed by this text, so I went on to read every piece of information I could find about the part that was cut off from my penis. The more I read and understood the anatomy and functions of the foreskin, the more it became impossible to escape the painful and enraging realization that my body was violated, that my penis was damaged and diminished in its capacity to sense pleasure, and that I will never be able to experience and enjoy sex as nature intended it.'

What are Bris Shalom and Brit B'lee Milah?

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'More and more Jewish parents in America and Israel are avoiding circumcision. Instead, they are holding alternative ceremonies sometimes called Bris Shalom or Brit B'lee Milah (covenant without cutting) ceremonies. Many Jews throughout Europe and the former Soviet Union have stopped circumcising over 100 years ago. Already over 100 Rabbis are performing alternative covenant ceremonies that omit the violent circumcision. These are gaining popularity both in the United States and worldwide.
...
Jewish parents can find a Rabbi, or Cantor to lead a Bris without cutting via Dr. Mark Reiss' Brit Shalom Celebrants List. Many parents are finding that their regular Rabbi or Cantor are happy to do so as well, even if they are not on this list.

"We did not circumcise my son. Instead, we created a beautiful, gentle welcoming ceremony to celebrate his entry into the Jewish people and the world community. Instead of a bris milah, there was a bris blee milah - a covenant without circumcision. We reinterpreted the notion of covenant to mean the commitment that we, his parents made, publicly, to bring him up with love, respect, openness, and gentleness. ...'

Our fresh masculinity – why it's problematic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We live in an age of rigidly defined gender roles. And, as Harry Noad so ably pointed out, one of those archetypes has been more pervasive than any other: that of the alpha male. Not the intellectually-refined, considerate, sophisticated gentleman – but the 'hulking troglodyte of old'; the tough, physically dominant patriarch.
So far, so good. Well – so far, so true. Hegemonic masculinity is indeed 'lad culture' writ large, and for most people it's not particularly appealing. The problem, however, runs far deeper than this. The problem is not that we dislike the consequences of our own idealism. The problem is that to hold ideals about gender roles at all is destined to cause trouble at every turn.
...
Perhaps the point is that we should stop obliging people to fit at all. It's the 21st century – we don't need to strive towards making our sons better men, nor our daughters better women. We need to strive towards helping people understand themselves, whatever their gender. We all have the wonderful freedom to aim at whichever virtues we choose, and that is something of which we – as people – ought to be proud.'

Brutal assault resulting in circumcision turns man into anti-circ activist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2006, Paul Tinari was granted $12,000 by the government of British Columbia to have foreskin restoration surgery. When he was eight years old and boarded at a church-run school in Montreal, Paul was forcefully held down on a desk and circumcised, because a priest had reason to believe Paul had—God forbid—masturbated. Paul is Métis, and his story is another seriously disturbing instance of church abuse in the era of residential schools. Paul claims the practice was routine and could have happened to thousands of young First Nations boys trapped in the system—though that is impossible to confirm, especially given the Canadian government's lack of transparency regarding the residential schools issue. We talked to Paul over the phone about what he went through, why it may have occurred, and his outspoken opinions in support of the anti-circumcision movement.
...
So as a result of this I had very serious infections for many, many weeks and months afterwards. Matter of fact, I had a chronic infection for the rest of my life until I had corrective surgery. He took so much skin off that I wasn't able to have an erection without great pain.'

Online abuse is not limited by gender

Mastodon · 10 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Twitter's public apology to women who have been subjected to online abuse is another significant victory for those campaigning against online misogyny. It follows in the wake of the successful #FBrape campaign that persuaded advertisers to suspend their marketing activities on Facebook until it made a commitment to tackle "gender-based hate".
...
Second, there is the issue of how we tackle violence and abuse full stop. Anyone following the debate about gender hate-speech on social media in recent months could be forgiven for thinking that online abuse is always perpetrated by men and suffered by women. And yet a survey by the website Knowthenet in 2011 found that 19-year-old males were most at risk from cyberbullying among teenagers, with 85% saying they had been victims, while figures from the World Health Organisation reveal that men account for 81% of violent deaths globally every year.

In reality, men and women of all backgrounds are vulnerable to online abuse and it can come from the unlikeliest of places. Last week, the men's lifestyle magazine GQ published some of the violent threats tweeted at them by One Direction fans for making singer Harry Styles apparently look like a "man whore" in a recent cover shoot. Much like the offensive tweets directed at feminist campaigners, the online abuse of GQ's staff included death threats and threats of sexual violence, with calls for all the men who work for the magazine to be castrated.'

UK: False rape claimer jailed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Cathy Richardson, 26, from Viking Court in Shoebury, Essex, told officers she had been sexually assaulted several times over two months in 2012 by a man she knew.

A man was arrested on suspicion of rape but was later released without charge after a series of interviews.

Richardson was jailed for 12 months at Basildon Crown Court after admitting perverting the course of justice.
...
He said the outcome of the prosecution of Richardson should send out "a very clear message" to anyone who deliberately lied to police.

"The actions of Cathy Richardson in this case led to an innocent man being arrested, having to spend time in a custody cell and undergoing an intrusive and personal medical examination," he said.'

Pregnant woman charged with criminal domestic violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A pregnant woman is accused of firing a gun at her ex-boyfriend.

Renada Shantrice Irby, 32, of 346 W. Chatelain Dr. in Spartanburg, has been charged by the Greer Police Department with criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature and second-degree assault and battery.

An officer responded to a reported altercation around 2 a.m. Thursday. A man said Irby followed him and his current girlfriend to the Spinx gas station at 1599 S. Highway 101 where there was an argument.
...
The female victim said Irby threatened to shoot her, while the male victim said Irby pointed a .22-caliber handgun at them, according to incident reports.

They claimed they heard gunfire before Irby drove away, a report states.

Two other people said they witnessed the incident.'

U.S. Dept. of State: African Women's Entrepreneurship Program Participants Gather at AGOA Forum

Minuteman · 10 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The African Women's Entrepreneurship Program (AWEP) is a U.S. Department of State initiative that was launched in 2010 alongside the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) ministerial forum in Zambia. ...

August 10-11, AWEP's Ethiopia Chapter will host a forum prior to the 2013 AGOA Forum's ministerial program held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. One hundred AWEP women entrepreneurs from across the continent will participate in the forum, themed "Queen of Sheba: The Entrepreneur." U.S. Congressional delegates, private sector practitioners and senior U.S. and African officials will also participate.

This year's forum will focus on best practices for trading under AGOA, access to finance for women, business development, regional initiatives empowering women entrepreneurs, and use of social media to build a successful business.
...
On the evening of August 11, AWEP will participate with the Corporate Council on Africa's U.S.-Africa Business Center and the Intel Corporation to host a Business-to-Business (B2B) Networking Event. This event provides an opportunity for AWEP entrepreneurs to network with U.S. companies and investors from various sectors such as manufacturing, services, technology, and fashion and textiles to build upon the connections the women made during their AWEP exchange to the United States. ...'

Ireland: Birth cert move 'won't give dads new rights'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW laws that will demand unmarried fathers' names are included on their child's birth certificate will do little to protect their legal rights, campaigners have claimed.

Government plans, approved today, will ensure for the first time that both parents' names must be registered.

But Eamonn Quinn, of campaign group Unmarried and Separated Parents of Ireland, said the move does not go far enough because they fail to guarantee an unmarried man guardianship or access rights.

"Getting the name on the birth certificate doesn't give a father automatic rights," Mr Quinn said.'

Australia: Men out of work as job market weakens

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A rising number of male voters appears to be giving up the struggle to find work as the job market weakens, creating a soft underbelly in Labor's traditional support base.

As Labor pitches itself as the best-placed party to manage a deteriorating economy, official figures showed the male participation rate plunged last month to its lowest level in almost nine years.

Experts say lower participation is a strong sign workers are becoming discouraged as employers scrap hiring plans and shed staff.

The falling proportion of active men helped soften upward pressure on the nation's jobless rate – which held steady at 5.7 per cent in July.'

Dating Service Pays Out $900k for Anti-Male Discrimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The company offered high-end matchmaking services to professionals too busy to find a date — but in its efforts to provide discriminating companionship to its clients, the It's Just Lunch dating service ended up discriminating against its own employees.

It's Just Lunch agreed to pay out $900,000 to settle an EEOC lawsuit that alleged that the company refused to hire men for jobs as dating directors or inside sales representatives.

Most of the cash will go toward compensating men who applied for the jobs in question between 2007 and 2013 but were not considered for hire. Part of the money is also going to Lynda Twist, the former human resources director, who says she was fired after she spoke up against the company's hiring practices.'

'I deliberately conceived our four children with other men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Josephine (not real name) grew up knowing that being handsome or beautiful gave one more opportunities in life. She hence silently vowed not to be married to a man she was not sure would give her beautiful children.
...
I planned to start off by marrying only a handsome man to father my children. But there was no prince charming showing interest in me for the long haul, only those who did not meet my expectations, in terms of looks. In the absence of that prince, and the mounting pressure from peers and family, I settled for someone I liked in many attributes, but not looks. I inwardly vowed that he would never father my children.
...
All the four children bear their “father’s” name, and are loved by their “paternal family” who have got no hint that they are not their children. None of the children knows who their biological father is, and neither of their real fathers have known about or seen them. As for the looks, I got what I wanted as my children are really beautiful. The girl is so beautiful that she was nicknamed princess.'

David Brooks Wonders Why Men Can't Find Jobs: Comedy Ensues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Brooks' point piece turns out to be a popular column topic among conservative writers: Why aren't people working? The twist in this one is that it's a gender-based thesis. Brooks got hold of some stats showing that men are having more trouble recovering the jobs lost in the recent recession than women. He cites a Floyd Norris column from this weekend, "Gender Gaps Appear as Employment Recovers From Recession," which provides all the relevant numbers.

...

Remember that scene in American Psycho where Christian Bale stabs Reg E. Cathey's homeless "Al" character? The part where he's like, "Get a job, Al – you've got a negative attitude, that's what's holding you back!" Fellas, Mssrs. Brooks and Voight, that was satire. About the last thing the millions of broke Americans out there need is someone like you telling them their problem is that they need a more positive attitude. Actually their problem is much more simple: not enough jobs. Really, that's pretty much it. It's not a mystery.'

change.org: Our fallen hero Andrew Ashcraft: get the family Andrew's benefit package that they were promised

Matt · 10 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Excerpt:

'In addition to this tragedy, the city of Prescott has officially denied paying out his benefits claiming he was not full time. This is not accurate at all. He had been working his scheduled 40 hour weeks, he had obtained their goals required of full time status and had been given a raise above that of a seasonal employee. Because of that, his employee file had been forwarded onto the city managers' office with the endorsement of his supervisors. Unfortunately, they too perished in that fire and cannot confirm this. The delay in the process is the primary reason for their not approving his status. Nonetheless, he was verbally assured of his status, he was working his required schedule as a full time employee, being paid as a full time employee therefore is due full time benefits.'

"Divorce Bank" - Redonkulas.com

Matt · 10 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Caption:

'Published on Aug 9, 2013

Expanding on the math from the infamous "H.O.E. vs. E.X.-W.I.F.E.", Popp further explains why avoiding marriage is better for your bank roll as well as your sanity.

http://www.Redonkulas.com

A co-production of LightcraftEntertainment.com'

Mississippi now requires umbilical cord blood from some teen moms for paternity test

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Story here. Excerpt:

'JACKSON, Miss. — If a girl younger than 16 gives birth and won't name the father, a new Mississippi law — likely the first of its kind in the country — says authorities must collect umbilical cord blood and run DNA tests to prove paternity as a step toward prosecuting statutory rape cases.

Supporters say the law is intended to chip away at Mississippi's teen pregnancy rate, which has long been one of the highest in the nation. But critics say that though the procedure is painless, it invades the medical privacy of the mother, father and baby. And questions abound: At roughly $1,000 a pop, who will pay for the DNA tests in the country's poorest state? Even after test results arrive, can prosecutors compel a potential father to submit his own DNA and possibly implicate himself in a crime? How long will the state keep the DNA on file?
...
But Bear Atwood, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi, said it's an invasion of privacy to collect cord blood without consent of the mother, father and baby. She also said that an underage girl who doesn't want to reveal the identity of her baby's father might skip prenatal care: "Will she decide not to have the baby in a hospital where she can have a safe, happy, healthy delivery?"'

Planned US legislation will not exclude women from draft registration requirement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Congress is moving forward with its “war on women” by failing to pursue an exemption for them from the draft, according to an analyst whose work focuses on the military and the readiness of the services to defend the nation.

“During the House Armed Services Committee’s markup on the National Defense Authorization bill for 2014, committee members would not even consider legislation to preserve young women’s exemption from Selective Service registration and a possible future draft,” according to the Center for Military Readiness, which is run by Elaine Donnelly.

For now, a lawsuit demanding that women be included in any future draft has been dismissed. But critics say direct and specific exemptions need to be established now for women.

The idea is that treating women as equal to men means allowing them to join combat units, which the Obama administration has been advocating.'

Online misogyny - politicians and journalists talk hypocritical rubbish

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many of the pundits, “journalists”, politicians and opinion makers discussing online misogyny - the argument du jour for the British media and the political and chattering classes - are demonstrating the worst sort of hypocrisy and gender prejudice.

Misogyny is of course unacceptable in any form and when it comes packaged in threats of violence and violent abuse it is illegal and should be prosecuted under existing law.

Misogyny should not, however, be seen as an excuse for the sort of casual misandry that is a contributory factor and is allowed to go unchecked and un-commented on in so many different publishing arenas - especially on BBC platforms (TV, web, radio and print).

Nothing is so guaranteed to get a journalist, broadcaster or politician to speak without engaging his or her brain as two or more people gathered together exchanging platitudes about how awful life is for women and how men, ALL men, are responsible.

Don’t take my word for it. This coming week count the number of times you hear men, masculinity and fatherhood disparaged in ways that if the targets were women, femininity and motherhood would draw tsunamis of condemnation.'

Children's museum puts on girls-only programming class

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are rarely found in the tech and entrepreneurial worlds. (See "It's a Guy Thing," 7/5/13.) This is a problem with a complicated answer. But if you have a daughter between 9 and 13, you can do your part. Sign her up for the "Girls Only SCRATCH Class" at the Madison Children's Museum this fall.

SCRATCH is a programming language for beginners. Why girls only? Because experience shows that computer classes and clubs for K-12 kids are dominated by boys. This nine-week class, led by computer science students from UW-Madison, wants to crack the door open for girls.'

Cherokee Indian girl's father faces arrest in adoption dispute

Matt · 11 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The biological father of a 3-year-old Cherokee Indian girl faces arrest in a custody dispute that reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

Dusten Brown, who is a Cherokee and is currently training with the National Guard in Iowa, had been ordered to turn over his daughter, Veronica, to a South Carolina adoptive couple who had initially raised the girl.

An arrest warrant has been issued on a charge of custodial interference because has failed to do so.'

Regarding this topic:

Native News Network: Soldier Dusten Brown in the Fight of His Life – To Keep His Daughter Veronica
Wikipedia: Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl. Excerpt:

'Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl, 570 U.S. ___ (2013), is a decision of the United States Supreme Court that holds that several sections of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) do not apply to Native American (Indian) biological fathers who were not custodians of an Indian child. The court held that involuntary termination procedures required by the ICWA did not apply when the child had never lived with the father and that therefore active remedial requirements were also not required. Preferred placement in the act did not apply when no other party had formally sought to adopt the child.'

UK: Government ignores male victims says TV lawyer

Matt · 11 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'TV lawyer Marilyn Stowe has slammed the government's Ministry of Justice (MoJ) for ignoring the plight of male victims of domestic violence.

According to Stowe, a family law practitioner and resident legal expert on ITV's This Morning, The MoJ's online guidance on legal aid for victims of domestic violence excludes men, saying:

"To get legal aid you must be able to give your solicitor some evidence that you have been a victim of domestic violence by your partner or husband."

Writing about the issue on her blog, Stowe said:

"Domestic violence against men does exist more frequently than many people imagine, and it certainly should not be casually disregarded in this way. If the government feels that it is appropriate to hang 'women only' signs out on a website about practical help for victims, where are men in need supposed to turn?'

"Men's rights attracts angry young men"

Matt · 11 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Yes, angry indeed. Feminist anger is called justified. MRA anger is called abusive-- or worse. Read the comments on the article site. Excerpt:

'Warren Farrell, a prominent gender activist councillor, and author of The Myth of Male Power, is not surprised that young men today are angry. “In our society, the sound of men complaining is like nails on a chalkboard,” he says. But their angst, he says, stems from larger feelings of powerlessness. Farrell, 69, is considered the grandfather of the men’s rights movement. He has been writing about boys and men since the 1980s, but only recently have his books begun to do well commercially. In light of this new success, he admits that he is cautiously optimistic about where the men’s rights movement is headed. He drew a sold-out crow—and protests—when he spoke at the University of Toronto last November.

James McCarthy, a 21-year-old student at the University of Toronto, says he was shocked to see so many people protesting the event and labelling it as a hate group. McCarthy says that, while he has never faced any discrimination because he is a man, he does believe that women are unfairly privileged due to the expectation of chivalry and receiving privileges over men because men are sexually attracted to them. “Feminists often claim that chivalry is a product of the patriarchy that they are trying to change, but I doubt that many are interested in challenging the status quo.”'

UK: 'Masculinity crisis' leads to family murder, according to new study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A team of criminologists at Birmingham City University has published the first study into the grim phenomenon of "family annihilation", when fathers murder their own children. Academics studied 59 men who, between 1980 and 2012, had murdered their children – and sometimes their spouses – during a single killing event, with most cases coming in the later half of the study.

Attempting to understand what precipitated "family annihilators", they looked for patterns such as the methods used, victim characteristics, possible motivation, offender age, occupation and location of murders.
...
Professor David Wilson, who led the team of criminologists, said the increasing instances of the crime were a reflection of "masculinity in crisis". He said: "Some men are unable to come to terms with different and developing notions of the institution of the family, where women increasingly play a much more dynamic role than they had in the past."'

UK: 'The demonisation of lads mags isn't about equality or respect'

Mastodon · 12 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For the past few months Britain's feminist community have taken affront with men's magazines.

According to their Lose The Lads Mags campaign, publications such as Nuts, Loaded and Zoo objectify women while green-lighting domestic violence in a nation of misogynistic men.

In a bid to have these titles banned, activists are using equality legislation to scare retailers into submission, arguing they'll face legal action if they disobey their orders.
...
Despite the fact we live in a post-sexual revolution society, where people can enjoy the human body without shame, here we have women taking a moral standpoint on men's free choice as adults.

Yes people, it may be 2013, but we've swapped the repression of women for the repression of men.
...
Apparently, female sexuality is sacred and not up for discussion - especially by men. After all, that would be patriarchal oppression.

Yet, in a blatant example of hypocrisy and double-standards, here we have women telling men how and when they should consume their own sexual pleasures.'

'10 rules for managing your penis'

Mastodon · 12 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

"Article" here. Excerpt:

'2) Do not neglect your penis. I am talking hygiene. Women are subjected to pharmacy aisles full of fresheners, wipes and sprays that encourage us to believe that without them our genital area is just a smelly, slimy mess, but there is no equivalent for men. Surely there is a gap in the market for products to encourage men to stay boxfresh under their boxers. And if they must encase themselves so prominently in Lycra and skinny jeans in this weather … something has to be done. Urgently.

...

5) Do not ever put your penis into someone who does not want this. Do not ever fool yourself that they really do. Even if they are drunk. Or you are married to them. This is rape. It is not difficult to know the difference between someone who is consenting to penetration and someone who isn't. There is never any excuse. Ever.

...

10) Do not mistake your penis for your brain. The silly idea that men possess wicked willies and can't help acting on impulse is surely rather insulting? If Freud is right and all women suffer from penis envy then all I can say is if I had one I would love, cherish it and put it only where desired. Is that so much to ask?'

Young: Making Fed appointment about gender is truly sexist

Mastodon · 12 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Another week, another gender war -- this time, with the Federal Reserve as the battlefield.

At the center is economist Janet Yellen, vice chairwoman of the Fed's Board of Governors and a top pick to take over its leadership. Yellen would be the first woman to head the powerful institution that sets U.S. monetary policy. Some claim there is a devious campaign to discredit her because she's a woman; others, that her backers are playing the gender card to boost her chances. Compounding the controversy, Yellen's rival for the position, former Treasury Secretary and Harvard president Lawrence Summers, is not just a man but a man who has been accused of sexism.

Perhaps the real sexism here was injecting gender into the debate in the first place, rather than focusing on merits and issues.
...
Whichever candidate gets the job, those who dislike the choice will no doubt see it as gender pandering -- either to an old boys' network or to feminist pressure groups. Like most gender wars, this one is likely to have no winners, only losers.'

Girls with autism (but not boys) get special training

bronxman · 12 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. We spend millions to retain girls in engineering, but not a dime to retain boys in reading. And now comes the salt in the wound. This program is to retain autistic girls in engineering. But it is boys who are mostly the victims of autism. So, here are the priorities:

1. Girls
2. Girls with autism
3. Boys (last)

Excerpt:

'Until last week, Courtney Thompson had never really thought about how M&Ms are made. But then she watched an experiment by scientists from IBM who used the candy to illustrate ideas behind quality-control testing.

And now, the 16-year-old from Apple Valley thinks project management is “pretty cool.”

“Do you know which kind of M&M has the fewest defects?” she asked. “It’s yellow. But I like the brown ones.”'

UK: Taking the ‘he’ out of higher education

Mastodon · 12 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Upon co-founding Girton College for female students at Cambridge University in 1869, Davies expressed her intention for it to be ‘a college like a man’s’. What she meant by this was that the same subjects should be taught, in the same way, and to the same academic standard, as in the male colleges. She had previously suggested that the best girls’ schools ‘are precisely those in which the masculine subjects have been introduced’ (mathematics, Latin and Greek), and she carried this view into higher education, insisting that for women to have anything other than equal access to the same knowledge as men would result in their education being forever considered inferior.

How things have changed. Today, many feminist academics working in social science or humanities departments in British universities no longer campaign for female students to have equal access to the same knowledge as men; instead, they argue that the very notion of ‘a body of knowledge’ is oppressive, patriarchal and elitist, representing only the concerns of those who are ‘pale, male and stale’. They seek to replace the dominance of one hegemonic, patriarchal body of knowledge with the recognition that there are multiple bodies of knowledge, each one constructed according to the life experiences of traditionally subordinate groupings, with women (and feminism) to the fore. These other bodies of knowledge are to be afforded equal value with more traditional notions of academic knowledge.

So, where once women battled to be allowed into lectures and fought to sit exams, today many feminists in the academy argue that traditional teaching methods employed by universities are representative of an historic, white, middle-class, patriarchal hegemony and as such need to be ‘disrupted’, as they alienate non-traditional students. Lecturing is considered representative of a male tendency to preach and profess – and, in so doing, to silence the audience. Apparently, seminars also represent a male desire for competitive one-upmanship, where confrontational arguments win out over seemingly more constructive attempts at intellectual compromise. The assumption of these feminists is that female, working-class, and black and minority-ethnic students will feel out of place in such an educational environment. Instead, many feminists argue for ‘learner-centred’ practice that promotes cooperation rather than competition, with personal reflection or peer assessment replacing examinations.
...
The early campaigners for women’s right to attend university assumed female students were just as capable of academic independence and rationality as their male counterparts, and as such deserved equal access to the same research and scholarship. Now, however, many feminists promote the idea that there is no body of knowledge worth learning. Higher education is merely about students engaged in personal projects of transformation and recognising their own privileges and limitations as they share experiences.'

'Men Need Daughters More Than They Need Sons'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the first things every one said to me when they found out I was pregnant with my son (my second) was this: "Your husband must be thrilled!" This was soon followed by: "Every man needs a son" and a host of other cliched responses to a male-bearing pregnancy that started to make my skin crawl by the end. Why is it that my husband -- a man who was madly in love with our little girl -- "needed" a son so badly?

It turns out? He didn't. In fact, new research revealed by the New York Times last weekend reveals that daughters (not sons) actually make men better. Daughters make them more generous, more likely to think of others first, and generally more sharing. It's not really that surprising.'

U.S. Spending $653K to 'Reduce Tobacco Use' Among Brazilian Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Institutes of Health is funding a program to convince female “light-smokers” in Brazil to kick their bad habit, at a cost to American taxpayers of $653,190.

“There is a great need for the development of gender-relevant tobacco control efforts,” the description of the study on the NIH website reads. “We have established community and institutional capacity to promote gender-relevant tobacco control efforts among women in a tobacco producing states in Brazil.”

Scientists are hoping their research will allow them to design a culturally- and gender-specific “intervention” convincing Brazilian women not to light up.'

UK: Woman jailed after falsely claiming taxi driver had raped her

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 42-year-old woman who falsely accused a taxi driver of raping when she didn't have enough money to pay for her fare has been jailed for 20 months.

Angela England made the allegation when her partner Jacqueline Scott left her in the car to get money from a cash machine, but did not return.

Her claim that she was driven to a nearby school and raped was disproved by CCTV footage and the taxi's tracking device.

Mold Crown Court heard the driver was later arrested in front of his colleagues while waiting in a taxi rank with other drivers.

He was forced to strip naked at a North Wales police station for an intimate and 'embarrassing' examination.

Richard English, defending, said he was an 'entirely innocent' party who was the victim of Ms England's anger towards her partner.'

Ireland: Carol Hunt: 'Lock up men to keep women safe at night'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is all very well and good. But first we must ask the reason why women need special "places of safety"; why women have to have protection, "patrols", extra surveillance in areas that they frequent, and constant monitoring of their movements? The reason, to be blunt, is because of men. Yet time and again the focus is on "protecting" the woman – this can range from the well-meaning "safety areas" suggested by Robert Doyle, to a complete denial of a woman's right to self-autonomy – rather than preventing the male from acting in a violent manner.
...
What if we began with the fact that most rapes and violent crimes (excepting domestic violence, a whole other chapter) are carried out by men at night. Surely it would only make sense that a curfew be imposed preventing men from walking the streets after dark?

But, say the women who like to have a night out with their husbands or partners, that discriminates against us also. When they are with us our men are good, well-behaved, non-violent blokes. Well, in that case, I propose that men only be allowed to leave the home after dark in the company of a female relative. And I think I'm being very lenient here. I mean, look at all the countries where women are not allowed to leave the home during daylight hours unless they are with a male relative – and it's not as if they are the aggressive gender.'

Australia: mother busted for sexting 14-year-old boys, gets community service

Minuteman · 13 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The mother of three pleaded guilty in the Brisbane Magistrates Court on Tuesday to six charges of using electronic communications to expose a child under 16 to indecent material.

The woman from Brisbane's south can't be named to protect her victims' identities.
...
Ms Yousufzai said under the law an adult who commits an offence of a sexual nature against a child under 16 must serve a term of imprisonment unless in exceptional circumstances.

She said the Crown wasn't seeking a prison sentence but a conviction should be recorded.

"This offending is just as serious as if the defendant was a male doing this to 13-year-old girls," she said.

Defence barrister Stephen Zillman tendered a psychiatrist's report which stated the woman had been psychotic at the time of the offences.

She had been suffering from a breakdown from significant stresses in her marriage and home life and been looking to boost her self image, he said.

Magistrate Elizabeth Hall said it was "a most unusual situation" and she was persuaded that the woman had been suffering a psychiatric condition.'

'What is a Jewish Brit Shalom (Covenant Without Cutting)?'

Matt · 13 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Increasingly, Jewish parents in America, Canada and Israel are skipping circumcision.

Instead, they are holding alternative ceremonies sometimes called Bris Shalom or Brit B'lee Milah (covenant without cutting). Many Jews throughout Europe and the former Soviet Union stopped circumcising over 100 years ago. Already well over 100 Rabbis are performing alternative covenant ceremonies that omit the surgical circumcision. These are gaining popularity both in America and worldwide.

Circumcision is Needless Violence

As 21st century Jews, we are always working to adjust our lives and actions to the constantly expanding moral arc of human rights. A greater number of American, Canadian, Israeli, and Jews worldwide are beginning to question milah (the surgical circumcision) aspect of the bris. Is it wishful thinking to hope that Judaism in today's age moves to a symbolic interpretation of circumcision, as it has already done for other violent commandments from the Torah? Jewish law is constantly evolving to expand human rights and ethical treatment of others. Jewish law regularly reinterprets violent decrees in metaphorical and symbolic ways, so as to avoid harming others. Increasingly forward thinking Jews are adopting peaceful covenant ceremonies that abolish the surgical circumcision in favor of a loving welcoming instead.'

Woman gets 34 years in brutal murder of Purple Heart veteran

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Story here. Excerpt:

The Washington state woman called a “danger to society” was sentenced to 34 years in prison for plotting to kill a 70-year-old Navy veteran – a two-time Purple Heart recipient – because she wanted to steal his valuable coin collection.

Brenda Nicholas was the “mastermind” behind the December 2011 stabbing death of Francis “Patrick” Fleming and carried out the murder with extreme brutality, according to deputy prosecutor Carla Carlstrom, the Seattle Times reported.

“The motive behind this murder was solely greed,” Carlstrom told Superior Court Judge Theresa Doyle during Nicholas’ sentencing for the death of Fleming , who was killed inside his unit at the Four Freedoms senior apartments in Seattle’s Bitter Lake neighborhood.'

Teacher charged with "having sex" with 5 teen boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A female teacher at Corona's Centennial High School is facing charges of having sex with five teenage boys over the last year.

Summer Michelle Hansen, 31, a special-education teacher, was charged Tuesday with 16 felony counts involving sex acts with five boys under the age of 18, none of whom were students she taught.

Riverside prosecutors allege that from May 2012 to May 2013, Hansen committed sexual acts with the boys — who were as young as 16 — in her classroom, in a campus utility room, in her vehicle parked near a boy's home and at the home of another teen.
...
Parents and friends have rallied around Hansen, who has taught at Centennial for nearly five years, and questioned the motives of the accusers.'

Barbara Kay: KFC's 'hot shot bites' ad campaign leaves me cold

Matt · 14 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the commercial, a young man of somewhat nerdy appearance (medium height, a bit flabby, glasses) is holding out a cartoon of KFC hot shot bites to a very pretty young woman, who takes and eats one. Her eyes widen in amazement. The young man asks, "How's it taste?" Instead of answering, the young woman bitch-slaps him and walks away. The baffled man is seen rubbing his face, while a voiceover says the hot shot bite is "like a slap to the face." Ha ha.

But it isn't just a slap to the face, is it? It's a female slap to a male face. No business in the West would ever show a man slapping a woman in jest. We would be horrified if they did, and rightly so. Domestic violence is not something to be mocked or encouraged. But it is all the time in our culture.
...
The marketers who exploit hot sauce for its comic potential hit the sweet spot, the point of inflection where a joke could become offensive but doesn't. So far I haven't seen one bottle called "Beat your Gal Black and Blue Hot Sauce." In trying to expand its target market, KFC screwed up big time.
...
Both men and women who think violence directed at anyone is not appropriate fodder for humour should send that message to KFC. And if KFC is a socially responsible company, they will withdraw the commercial from circulation.'

NPO: Texas Increases Maximum Child Support Allowed

Matt · 14 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, the Texas legislature amended the Texas Family Code section 154.215 to increase the monthly “cap” on net income used to calculate child support. This change means that, after September 1, 2013, more net resources will be applied to calculate child support, which can increase the monthly amount paid or received.

Texas calculates child support by using an obligor’s “net resources.” This number is found by taking a parent’s gross income and deducting for federal taxes, social security, Medicare, health insurance costs for the child(ren), union dues, and state income tax, if applicable. A percentage is then applied to the net resources.'

Feminism doesn’t extend to finances

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the paper, 84 per cent of men and 58 per cent of women reported that men pay for most expenses, even after dating for a while. While more than 57 per cent of women claimed they offered to help pay, 39 per cent confessed they hoped men would reject their offers to pay, and 44 per cent of women were bothered when men expected women to help pay.

Nearly two-thirds of the men believed that women should contribute to dating expenses, and many nearly half of the men said they would stop dating a woman who never pays.

Ah, feminism; It’s great to see how women whip it out when it comes to job and pay equality, but when it comes time to forking over some cash to contribute to dinner, suddenly that old feminism thing just slips the mind.

In a way it’s understandable. Honestly, who doesn’t like a free meal? But it’s downright sexist to expect a man to pay for dating expenses. Funny how some women don’t mind sexism as long as it benefits them.'

SAVE: Turning Up the Heat on Kentucky Fried Chicken

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Last week we told you about Kentucky Fried Chicken's Hot Shot Bites TV ad that shows a woman slapping a man across the face. Not only is KFC telling concerned consumers that the slap is "humor," they've also ignored our very polite letter asking them to remove the ads because they promote domestic violence.

So, let's turn up the heat on KFC!

- Call: 800-225-5532, extension 1, 1, then 4
- Email: johncywinski-at-yumyum.com
- Sign the petition: http://www.change.org/petitions/kentucky-fried-chicken-stop-making-light-of-domestic-violence

Want to turn the heat up to HIGH? Here's the plan:

Download this flyer, visit your local KFC restaurant, and share the flyer and your concerns with the manager. Ask the manager to contact the corporate office on your behalf. Then, take a photo of the restaurant. Send it with details (location, manager's response, etc.) to tstoddard-at-saveservices.org. We'll post it here: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/kfc/

Thank you,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Why straight men are boycotting marriage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It may come as a surprise to you, but according to Dr Helen Smith's new book, Men on Strike: Why Men are Boycotting Marriage, Fatherhood and the American Dream – And Why it Matters, men are being oppressed by women who portray them as "buffoons, deadbeats and potential perverts" in a backlash against masculinity.

This tome is not an elaborate satire. Smith is a men's rights advocate who believes that men are "opting out" of marriage and fatherhood, and it's all feminism's fault. There are few incentives for them to get married (why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free… and without the cow nagging you to take the rubbish out) and, since their reproductive rights are being increasingly curtailed (ahem) with paternity fraud cases (which Smith seems to think are as prevalent as babies themselves), they feel less inclined to have children.
...
Unsurprisingly, her message has struck a chord with the men she's talking about. "Living in a feminist utopia is very painful and expensive for most men who enter into the marriage racket" said one fan of her book.'

'Hurting women should be a hate crime'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Most states include gender in the list of protected class categories, which makes the fact that the bluest of the blue states is so out of line on something as basic as women's equal protection of the laws seem especially odd. Similarly perplexing is the silence of groups that should be making noise. Where is the National Organization for Women, and anti-violence groups like Jane Doe? Isn't it their job to speak out when government officials devalue women's lives by refusing to redress gender-based violence fairly?
...
It's time for Patrick, Coakley, the district attorneys and all the police chiefs to come together and demand that the Legislature add gender to Massachusetts' hate crimes statute. With gender as a category, women's lives will be better protected and cops and prosecutors will have access to more funding, which means law enforcement efforts will be more effective.'

Orlando woman accused of shooting, injuring boyfriend

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Orlando woman was charged with attempted murder after police said she shot her boyfriend of ten years in the leg during a domestic disturbance early Wednesday, officials said.

Tara Michelle Lloyd, 35, told police her boyfriend had attacked her but police officers determined she was the aggressor in the conflict, according to an arrest affidavit.

Lloyd met police in the driveway of her home at 13 North Hillside Avenue about 3:07 a.m., saying she put the gun, a Taurus .38 caliber revolver, in the kitchen drawer after shooting the 42-year-old male victim, the report said.

When she called 911, dispatchers heard Lloyd say the shooting "was on purpose" and overheard the victim's voice on the call saying, "I can't believe you shot me."

Officers observed "no visible marks" on Lloyd or her clothing and she did not appear disheveled as if there had been a physical altercation, the report said.'

The "crisis" of manhood

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A comment piece on this website this week about a so-called "Crisis of manhood" unintentionly highlighted the paradox of so many women: they say they want men to be more communicative and emotional - yet their dating history shows they're morbidly attracted to men who are neither, otherwise all the men they've loved wouldn't "have trouble sharing their feelings".*

This strikes me as one of the great contradictions of modern sexual dynamics - men are increasingly altering their "traditional" masculine behaviour to suit the tastes of women, who publicly claim to want blokes who are sensitive and thoughtful, yet are privately repelled (or become disenchanted) by the soul-searching and vulnerability this manifests.

Men are just as prone to this cognitive dissonance, pronouncing their desire for articulate, intelligent, strong, independent women and then sleeping with gals whose appearance or youth trumps all other concerns.

The difference between men and women is the majority of blokes accept this. Sure, they might stereotypically complain about their partner's nagging and moodiness, but you don't read too many pieces by male writers exhorting women to change "traditional" feminine behaviour.
...
Loneliness, anxiety, and pain are human staples; however, the almost universal Western acceptance of the mantra we're all meant to be "confident, resilient, happy and optimistic" has led us to point where half the industrialised world is medicated because they're not confident, resilient, happy or optimistic.

What would be novel is to hear from articulate men IF they believe there is a "crisis in manhood" and what they think should be done.

To them.

Then again, men don't talk about this stuff, do we?'

Germany's declining population and the 600-pound gorilla

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Article here. The NYT once again runs an article on the declining population of someplace and talks almost exclusively in terms of decisions about reproduction that women are making and why. They don't even mention the other half of the human race necessary to procreate and what decisions they may be making about having babies--and why. As long as the 600-pound gorilla gets ignored, it'll just stay there, keeping the babies away. Excerpt:

'There is perhaps nowhere better than the German countryside to see the dawning impact of Europe's plunge in fertility rates over the decades, a problem that has frightening implications for the economy and the psyche of the Continent. In some areas, there are now abundant overgrown yards, boarded-up windows and concerns about sewage systems too empty to work properly. The work force is rapidly graying, and assembly lines are being redesigned to minimize bending and lifting.
...
Germany, however, an island of prosperity, is spending heavily to find ways out of the doom-and-gloom predictions, and it would seem ideally placed to show the Continent the way. So far, though, even while spending $265 billion a year on family subsidies, Germany has proved only how hard it can be. That is in part because the solution lies in remaking values, customs and attitudes in a country that has a troubled history with accepting immigrants and where working women with children are still tagged with the label "raven mothers," implying neglectfulness.

If Germany is to avoid a major labor shortage, experts say, it will have to find ways to keep older workers in their jobs, after decades of pushing them toward early retirement, and it will have to attract immigrants and make them feel welcome enough to make a life here. It will also need to get more women into the work force while at the same time encouraging them to have more children, a difficult change for a country that has long glorified stay-at-home mothers.
...
Raising fertility levels in Germany has not proved easy. Critics say the country has accomplished very little in throwing money at families in a system of benefits and tax breaks that includes allowances for children and stay-at-home mothers, and a tax break for married couples.
...
Demographers say that a far better investment would be to support women juggling motherhood and careers by expanding day care and after-school programs. They say recent data show that growth in fertility is more likely to come from them.

"If you look closely at the numbers, what you see is the higher the gender equality, the higher the birthrate," said Reiner Klingholz of the Berlin Institute for Population and Development.'

Court Clerk Fired For Helping Free Wrongly Convicted Man

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Story here. Excerpt:

'After working 34 years as a court clerk in Kansas City, Sharon Snyder was fired in June for giving Robert Nelson a public document that showed him how to properly seek DNA tests, a move that eventually led to his release from prison three decades after being wrongfully convicted of rape.

Despite being punished for helping Nelson, Snyder told MSNBC's "All In With Chris Hayes" on Wednesday she would do it all over again.

"Oh yes, I would do it again," Snyder said in her first national television interview with Nelson. "I am so happy that he got exonerated on this charge, and felt that would happen or he wouldn't have filed that motion to start out with."'

"Leftover women" in China? Seriously?

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I almost fell out of my chair when I saw this item. OK, for literally DECADES we've heard about there being "too many males" (as if there's some kind of natural maximum for genderal headcount in a population) in China due to "selective abortion" but far worse, infanticide based on the baby's sex. 100% agreed, no one ought to be killing infants, period, for any reason that isn't nearly incomprehensible. In any case, now China's got a "problem" with "leftover women". And why? Read the story. I'll finish by simply suggesting to one Miss Lucy Wang quoted at the end of the article that indeed, there *is* something wrong with her-- and a lot of other people in China, too, men and women both, and it's this: You're looking at "love" feminine-hypergamously, as far too many women (and men) do. As long as your idea of a "suitable mate" includes a man who can pay for you, is taller than you, more successful/educated than you, etc., but also insist women should strive to excel beyond men in every way possible--well, you're playing a game known as Catch-22, a game you are irrevocably doomed to lose. Excerpt:

'At 31, the baby-faced office worker from Shanghai is under enormous pressure from family and friends to get married. But the right man is hard to find, she says, a big issue for urban, educated and well-paid Chinese women in a society where the husband's social status is traditionally above the wife's.
...
"Chinese people often think males should be higher in a relationship in every sense, including height, age, education and salary," Ni Lin, who hosts a popular match-making television show in Shanghai, told Reuters.
...

In Beijing, more than a third of women in their late 20s and 30s are looking for husbands, according to the dating website Jiayuan.com. Media reports say there may be as many as 500,000 "leftover women" in the capital.

There are plenty of men to go round among China's nearly 1.4 billion people but social status can conspire against single professional woman once again.

China's population is more tilted towards men than in many countries due to the government's one-child policy and a cultural preference for boys. The latest census in 2011 showed there were twice as many single men born in the 1970s as women of the same age.

But unlike "leftover women", these "shengnan" or "leftover men" often live in lower-tier cities and do not make much money.'

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

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September's just two weeks away, and it's Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, at least here in the US. The ACS's page on it is here. Will employers put up signs in lobbies and hallways like they do for Breast Cancer Awareness Month/Week/etc.? Excerpt:

'There is no better time than September, during Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, for men to talk with their health care providers about this disease so that they can make informed decisions about maintaining their prostate health. Although prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men, when detected early it also boasts some of the highest survival rates.

This year approximately 217,730 men will learn they have prostate cancer and more than 32,050 men will die from the disease. African-American men are disproportionately affected by prostate cancer, having higher rates of prostate cancer diagnosis and death than men of all other racial or ethnic groups in the United States. Almost one third of prostate cancer cases are found in men during their prime years at work.

Today, 1 man in 6 will get prostate cancer during his lifetime, but only 1 man in 34 will die of this disease. More than 2 million men in the United States who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point are still alive today. When detected during these earliest stages the 5-year survival rate is close to 100%.'

"Orange Is the New Black" author pleas for special considerations for female inmates

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Article here. Even when women do get sent to prison, the call rises for "special considerations". Has the thought even occurred to her that the thing she's complaining about affects male prisoners routinely and meh, no one seems to care much? My guess is no. Don't do the crime if you can't do the time. Excerpt:

'Because I know the prison so well, I was disturbed to learn that it was quietly planning to relocate most of its inmates.

Starting this month, the federal Bureau of Prisons will transfer the more than 1,000 women incarcerated in the main facility at Danbury to other prisons across the country to convert it to a men's prison (the small satellite camp immediately adjacent, where I served my time, will still incarcerate approximately 210 women). The bureau says the plan will ease overcrowding in its men's prisons.

This added geographic separation may as well be a second sentence for these women, who already have to make it through prison with limited visits from family, and for their children, who still need and want their moms. A mother's incarceration has a devastating effect on her family, and experts say that maintaining contact with a parent in prison is critical to a child's well-being. One in 28 children has a parent in prison today, and Danbury houses the mothers of at least 700 children.
...
There is an alternative to moving prisoners far from their families. This past spring, an ambitious new program, JusticeHome, was started by the Women's Prison Association in New York City, on whose board I serve. It aims to do the opposite of what the bureau plans: It will allow some women who plead guilty to felonies to remain in their homes with their children. ...'

Army colonel: Physical strength not the end-all, be-all of combat service

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Army officer writing in a prestigious journal says the services should not overemphasize physical strength when deciding whether a woman qualifies for direct ground combat.

Col. Ellen Haring, on the staff of the U.S. Army War College, says commanders need to downplay obstacle courses and judge a service member's ability to stay calm and think quickly.
...
"Perhaps it is time to take a hard look at what really makes a competent combat soldier and not rely on traditional notions of masculine brawn that celebrate strength over other qualities," Col. Haring says in the current issue of Armed Forces Journal.

She cites World War II hero Audie Murphy and North Vietnamese insurgents as examples of small people who came up big on the battlefield.
...
Col. Haring, who had sued the Pentagon over its old exclusion policy, said that Murphy perhaps could not have passed the Marine Corps' infantry officer qualification course.'

Thomas Donnelly: The Military Epidemics That Aren't

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The recent debate about sexual assault in the military also reflects the notion that there is something fundamentally diseased about the institution itself. The New York Times has editorialized on "the military's entrenched culture of sexual violence." Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D., N.Y.) demands that the country replace the military chain of command with civilian legal processes in cases of sexual harassment and assault because the military is inadequate to deal with crimes of "dominance and violence and power." Ms. Gillibrand has been joined in her legislative effort by two leading libertarian Senate Republicans, Rand Paul and Ted Cruz.

Yet the numbers bandied about to show an epidemic of sexual violence in the U.S. military are questionable. In May, Capt. Lindsay Rodman, a judge advocate stationed at U.S. Marine Headquarters in Arlington, Va., reported on this page, for example, that the number of military sexual assaults frequently cited in Congress and elsewhere are based on a badly distorted interpretation of a Defense Department survey. In recent months the American public has often heard that 26,000 service members were sexually assaulted last year. But that statistic comes from an unscientific poll and refers to "unwanted sexual contact," including touching the buttocks or even attempted touching.

Moreover, as Gail Heriot, a law professor at the University of San Diego and a member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, wrote recently in the Weekly Standard, "there is no evidence that the military has a higher rate of sexual assault than, say, colleges and universities. Indeed, what paltry evidence there is suggests the opposite."'

Woman admits to false rape claim

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Story here.

'It didn’t take the Rexburg Police Department long to find that a 20-year-old woman’s rape complaint was actually a consensual encounter.

An investigation revealed that the woman had consensual sex, but had an attack of conscience and told roommates it was rape.

She contacted the Rexburg Police Department, which then investigated the claim. After interviews of the woman and roommates, it was revealed that she wasn’t truthful to the roommates, said Capt. Randy Lewis.

Lewis said this is not an uncommon occurrence in Rexburg.

“We run into that all the time,” he said.

The woman won’t face any charges for making any false claims, and police consider the matter closed.'

South Africa: Boy, 4, Dies From Circumcision at ‘Slaughterhouse’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A four-year-old boy in South Africa has died after being circumcised in a medical centre his father has described as a "slaughterhouse".

Gugulethu Mokalapa was taken off life support a week after the procedure. He was declared brain dead by two surgeons in a hospital in Germiston, east of Johannesburg.

The boy's father Reggie Mokalapa, 39, was told by doctors at the Medicross Germiston that the circumcision would take less than two hours, reports South Africa's Independent Online.

...

Five days after the circumcision, tests showed Gugulethu's brain was not responding and he was declared brain dead the following day. A second doctor confirmed his condition a week after the procedure.

The family then decided to take him off life support. Mokalapa said: "We are always advised to circumcise our children young, and we did this so that he'd be okay in future. Unfortunately, we took him to a slaughterhouse.'

Prison officials cancel planned relocation

Matt · 16 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. All it took was an op-ed in the NYT, and bingo, the relocation was stopped. Yet male prisoners relocated routinely away from convenient travel distances for family members are... just not that important. Excerpt:

'The author of the prison memoir "Orange Is the New Black" is relieved that federal prison officials have halted plans to move 1,000 female inmates from Connecticut to a prison far from their families in Alabama, but questions the "rationale" for wanting to send the women far from their homes in the first place.
...
Kerman wrote a New York Times op-ed earlier this week criticizing the Board of Prisons plans to transfer the female prisoners incarcerated at the Danbury facility to Alabama.

It is important, she told ABCNews.com, that incarcerated women stay close to their homes and families.
...
"It's possible that no one speaks up for these women … It's hard for me to define the rationale of the BOP. I think they should comment on that. It would be important," Kerman said.
...
"It makes such a difference, she said. "The things you are working through when serving a sentence -- a lot of guilt and shame, and a lot of consideration of what put you in, and a loss of confidence in what you can or cannot achieve in this world … Connection to folks that are pulling for you, on your side, your team, is really powerful to reinforce that you are going to be able to move forward in your life," she said.'

Meteorologist Sues KABC-TV Alleging Ageism, Sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A veteran meteorologists has filed a discrimination lawsuit against KABC-TV, alleging the Los Angeles TV station did not consider him for a position because it wanted to hire a young, attractive woman for the job.

According to a lawsuit Kyle Hunter filed Wednesday, Aug. 14, in Los Angeles Superior Court, Hunter applied for the job of weekend meteorologist in June 2011, but was never interviewed for the job. He alleges "multiple qualified persons age 40 and over" applied for the position, but they were also not interviewed.

The suit describes Hunter as a meteorologist with 25 years of experience, with both a bachelor's and master's degree in meteorology, and a third bachelor's degree in political science with an emphasis on earth and space sciences from UCLA. It says he worked as a broadcaster in Los Angeles and San Diego.'

How Obama's Pick for Fed Chair Became Obama's Sexism Test

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'The "race" for the next Federal Reserve chair has, in a way, turned into a test of the White House's openness to women. It's the second time that's happened this year. Though Obama won the women's vote, and Democrats campaigned against a Republican "war on women," by January the president was facing criticism his cabinet was getting too white and too male. A widely-circulated photo showed the Oval Office packed with 10 male advisers, with only the leg of a single female aide visible. For the last few weeks, the same kind of controversy has been brewing over who will be the next Fed chair.

Among people who talk about these things, the field's been narrowed down to two candidates: former Treasury Secretary and National Economic Council chairman Larry Summers and current Fed vice chairwoman Janet Yellen. Yellen would be the first woman to lead the Fed, if President Obama decides to pick her. A lot of people think he should.

The case for Yellen: Economists, according to two new polls, think she's the best choice for the job. A comprehensive Wall Street Journal study showed that of 14 Fed policy makers, Yellen made the most accurate financial predictions between 2009 and 2012. The case against Yellen: an assortment of sexist cliches. Summers wouldn't be a bad choice, necessarily. But the fact that he's gotten in trouble for sexist comments in the past doesn't help.'

Battle of the Sexes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women make only 77 cents per each dollar made by males. Outrageous! Sex discrimination!

So say advocates of government-enforced “equality.”

But they are wrong. Women today are rarely victims of salary discrimination.

If they were, market competition would punish bosses who discriminate. A company that hired women who were “underpaid” by other companies would have a cost advantage, allowing them to lower prices, and they’d quickly take business away from the “sexist” competition. Since those female workers provide the same value for less, entrepreneurs who hired only women would get rich!

Warren Farrell, author of “Why Men Earn More,” dug deeper into reasons why women are paid less and found that it’s women who make discriminating choices. Women are more likely to choose a well-rounded life than their workaholic male peers.'

Actor testifies on behalf of paternity-rights bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill sparked by a custody dispute involving "The Lost Boys" actor Jason Patric that would allow certain sperm donors to seek paternity rights in court is on hold after a legislative hearing Tuesday.

Patric testified before state lawmakers about his court battle to gain custody of his 3-year-old son, Gus. A judge deemed him a sperm donor rather than a parent during a custody dispute over the boy.

Patric and his ex-girlfriend, Danielle Schreiber, conceived the boy through artificial insemination. They disagree on the role Patric was to play in the child's life.

State Sen. Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, is carrying SB115, which would allow a man whose sperm was used to conceive a child through artificial insemination to ask a court for parental rights if he can show a certain level of involvement in the child's life.
...
Opponents including the state's chapter of the National Organization for Women, Planned Parenthood, the Academy of California Adoption Lawyers have raised concerns about whether single mothers or same-sex couples who use sperm donors could be negatively affected by the legislation.'

Jennifer Capriati Trial In Stalking, Battery Case Involving Ex-Boyfriend

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Article here.

'A Dec. 17 trial date has been set in Palm Beach County for former tennis star Jennifer Capriati in a stalking and battery case involving her ex-boyfriend.

The 37-year-old Capriati is accused of punching Ivan Brannan while he worked out at a gym on Valentine's Day. Authorities also say Capriati stalked Brannan for months earlier. The charges are misdemeanors.

Capriati's attorney calls the accusations false. The trial date was set at a hearing Friday that Capriati did not attend.

Capriati is a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame who began her professional career at age 13. She won a gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and later won the French and Australian opens. She was arrested for shoplifting and marijuana possession in the 1990s.'

Canada: Controversial men’s rights group fundraising for a Centre for Men and Families

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Adam McPhee is a man. In his eyes, that puts him at a great disadvantage.

“Women have the ‘Walk a Mile in Her Shoes’ campaign,” says the 32-year-old. “But I don’t see a campaign for women to walk around in steel-toed boots. Men have hard shoes, too.”

McPhee is one of a small but swelling group who believe men have become the new underclass. He hopes to open a mancave that will serve as a refuge for his downtrodden brethren. The Canadian Association for Equality, a men’s rights group of which he is a board member, has launched a campaign to establish the first “Centre for Men and Families” in Toronto.

But some gender equity advocates oppose the opening of the venue, fearing it will help CAFE propagate what they view as a misogynist and anti-feminist agenda.

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“There’s currently no central place for things like helping fathers in family court,” says Michael Cavanaugh, the association’s communications director. “We also have issues with boys falling behind in school. A majority of homeless people are men. Men are more likely to commit suicide.”'

MSN: 'Here are 10 reasons why cats are better than men'

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Video here. Lead-in:

'Coming on the heels of that animal/human empathy study, we're going to take what probably isn't a wild leap of faith and say that most of you, when confronted with a choice between your significant other (or the opposite sex in general) or your pet, would probably pick the pet. And while we're equal-opportunity pet owners, the dog=dude/cat=lady cliche exists for a reason. Enter this video. With reasons like "Cats mature as they get older" and "You can legally neuter a cat," it's probably not going to do any favors for diplomatic relations between men and women, but it will probably give you a laugh. And cause you to come up with a few reasons of your own.'

Michele Elliott, et al., interviewed by ManWomanMyth regarding female pedophiles

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Video here. Wikipedia on Michele Elliott here.

Understanding The College Gender Gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Most of the public universities don't attempt to manipulate admissions by gender, and if they tried, that would likely engender legal actions. At the University of California, for example, a large portion of the admissions is based on statistics: GPA and standardized test scores. At UCLA, the most selective of the UCs over the last several years, there were far more female applicants, yet it accepted the same percentage of both genders. The recent freshman class contained 800 more females than males.

On the other hand, if you're female and planning to apply to an engineering school, you have the advantage. While MIT accepted a mere 7% of its male applicants, 15% of its female applicants gained acceptance. At Harvey Mudd, the Claremont engineering/liberal arts college, 48% of female applicants gained admission while only 17% of the male applicants did. Should you glance over the admissions of other engineering colleges and programs, variances in admissions among the genders will likely favor the female applicant.'

"But all men must know they benefit from sexism"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What we don't say is: of course not all men hate women. But culture hates women, so men who grow up in a sexist culture have a tendency to do and say sexist things, often without meaning to. We aren't judging you for who you are but that doesn't mean we're not asking you to change your behaviour. What you feel about women in your heart is of less immediate importance than how you treat them on a daily basis.

You can be the gentlest, sweetest man in the world yet still benefit from sexism. That's how oppression works. Thousands of otherwise decent people are persuaded to go along with an unfair system because it's less hassle that way. The appropriate response when somebody demands a change in that unfair system is to listen, rather than turning away or yelling, as a child might, that it's not your fault. And it isn't your fault. I'm sure you're lovely. That doesn't mean you don't have a responsibility to do something about it.'

The latest international false rape allegations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'That supposedly rarest of crimes, a false allegation of rape, is back in the news as a woman in Wales is given a 20 month sentence.

There have been so many of these worldwide of late that we can but scratch the surface. We begin with the UK.

In May last year, Angela England accused a taxi driver of rape. Last week she was given a 20 month sentence at Mold Crown Court, where earlier this year paedophile Mark Bridger was given a life sentence for the murder of April Jones. Fortunately for the victim, his vehicle was fitted with a tracking device which quickly established the truth, although according to the BBC, the allegation was enough to cause him the inconvenience and at times public humiliation any man accused of rape suffers.'

Men don heels for domestic violence awareness

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Ryan Kuhn abandoned his red patent leather pumps just halfway into the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event in downtown Hanover Friday evening.

More than 100 men participating in the walk to support victims of domestic abuse staggered down the street together. The pain was too much, Kuhn said, slipping into a more comfortable pair of flip-flops. Anyway, he said, his figured his floral dress would get the point across.'

Daughter: I lied and sent my dad to prison for rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Chaneya Kelly is on a mission: she wants the world to know about a horrible lie she says she told almost 16 years ago – a lie that cost a man his freedom.

“I'm 24 years old and I made this mistake when I was nine years old,” Chaneya told NBC News, “but it's never too late to try and right your wrong. “

Chaneya says that in 1997, she falsely accused a man of raping her. That man – who has always maintained his innocence -- is Daryl Kelly, Chaneya’s father.

“All I think is, ‘One day the truth will set me free,’” said Kelly, from Green Haven Correctional Facility in upstate New York. “All I have to do is hold on.”

...

Her mother, Charade, also submitted an affidavit to the court, swearing she threatened to beat Chaneya unless she said her father raped her.

The prosecutor argued that the recantation looked coerced, and the same judge who oversaw his original trial a year earlier agreed. He refused to vacate Kelly's conviction.'

...

Today, Chaneya’s mom Charade says she’s been drug-free for many years. In a recent interview with NBC News, Charade confirmed that she threatened her daughter with a beating, and said she can’t remember why she was so determined to make Chaneya say she had been molested. She blames the incident on a drug binge. “I [had been] gone for three days. And I was really deep in the grip of my addiction.” When asked why she would threaten her daughter if she didn’t lie, Charade said, “I have no idea, I really don’t.”'

Einstein’s Theory of Relationships

Matt · 19 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'FULL TEXT: Berlin, July 7. – Dr. Albert Einstein, the famous scientist, made an amazing discovery relative to America on his trip which he recently explained to a sympathetic-looking Hollander as follows:

“The excessive enthusiasm for me in America appears to be typically American. And if I grasp it correctly the reason is that the people in America are as colossally bored, very much more than is the case with us. After all, there is so little for them there!” he exclaimed.

Dr. Einstein said this with vibrant sympathy. He continued:

“New York, Boston, Chicago and other cities have their theatres and concerts, but for the rest? There are cities with 1,000,000 inhabitants. Despite which what poverty, intellectual poverty! The people are, therefore, glad when something is given them with which they can play and over which they can enthuse. And that they do, then, with monstrous intensity.

“Above all things there are the women who, as a literal fact, dominate the entire life in America. The men take an interest in absolutely nothing at all. They work and work, the like of which I have never seen anywhere yet. For the rest they are the toy dogs of the women, who spend the money in a most unmeasurable, illimitable way and wrap themselves in a fog of extravagance. They do everything which is the vogue and now quite by chance they have thrown themselves on the Einstein fashion.'

The readers' editor on... offence caused by a satirical piece on 'penis management'

Mastodon · 19 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A column by Suzanne Moore – listing "10 rules for good penis management" – attracted 37 complaints. The bulk of the complaints followed themes within the column to which individuals objected, rather than any simple matter of taste, which is what I would have expected.

Broadly the complaints fell into three groups: that the column was discriminatory against men (all complaints from men), homophobic and made jokes about rape. Only five of the complaints were from women. One reader wrote: "My first complaint concerns the outrageous rampant misandry in the article. Many of the activities Ms Moore is complaining about in the article could apply equally to women. However, she is deliberately 'trolling' against men in this article. I cannot envisage the Guardian publishing an article '10 Rules for Managing your Vagina' written in a similar vein. Such an article would rightly be seen as contumelious and shameful.'

Dept. of State: "Women Leaders from Pacific Participate in U.S. Program on Climate Change"

Minuteman · 19 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'From August 18 – 28, 2013, twelve women climate leaders from across the Pacific region will visit Washington, D.C., Pensacola, Florida, and Honolulu, Hawaii to meet with policymakers, scientists, and innovators to share their experiences and to learn about U.S. efforts to combat climate change. This exchange, a joint initiative of the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues and Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, advances the Rarotonga Partnership for the Advancement of Pacific Island Women and broader U.S. efforts to support the critical role of women around the world in combating climate change. It also builds on a 2012 International Visitors Leadership Program of women climate leaders.
...
Representing the Cook Islands, Fiji, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu, these climate leaders will share practical skills and ideas learned with counterparts upon returning home.'

Bizarre: Condom ad indulges in plenty of boys-bashing-fathers'-groins imagery to deter men from becoming dads

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Story here. Excerpt:

'From the opening shot of the scorched sausages (subtle) to the closing shot of the man who just wants to listen to music but ends up hitting a note beyond the castrati range, the ad tells one message: Children are little menaces whose every move jeopardizes mens' manhood.

Kids, you see, are nothing but burdens. Little terrorists. Monsters of the mid-section.

The ad actually works against itself, though. The men in it are family men who apparently wanted kids. Hint: They have more than one kid. They're barbecuing or they're getting home from work or getting on the computer. The life they have and enjoy is enjoyable in large part because they have kids. What father hasn't come home from the office, seen a mess of kids and toys scattered around the driveway and yard, and both hated and loved the sight at the same time? Yeah, it's a mess, but the mess shows that your kid is having a good time with other kids who are having a good time. That's what neighborhood life is about. It's why we build schools and parks and pools and have soccer and baseball leagues everywhere.'

If you can't get the vid to play in the story linked above, it's on YouTube here.

'Bigorexia' Could Come With Serious Side Effects

Matt · 19 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK (CBSNewYork) — It has often been perceived that women are constantly fixated on their diets. Now, a growing number of men have become obsessed with "bulking up."

The new trend has been called "bigorexia" and it could come with some serious health consequences.
...
As many as 45-percent of men have fallen victim to bigorexia or muscle dysmorphia, according to Dr. Michele Kerulis the director of sports & health psychology at the Adler School of Professional Psychology.

"I can remember as young as 13 or 14, looking at some of these muscle magazines, and I was conditioned to think that's what a man looked like. Big shoulders, big legs, just big muscles with veins everywhere," Moretti said.

The emotional impact can be devastating.

"We see psychological abnormalities, including irritability, angry outbursts, which sometimes people would call 'roid rage.' We see depression sometimes, mania," Dr. Kerulis said.'

"Gynocentrism and its origins"

Matt · 20 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

MANN admins received a note from the creator of this site: http://gynocentrism.com/. I started reading but admit haven't finished the current home page essay "Christine de Pizan: the first gender warrior" by one Diana Davison. But so far, it looks pretty interesting, though I confess I don't have her background in the source material myself to make an informed opinion. Still, I hope others might and comment. Excerpt:

'A long time ago (15th century) in a land not too far away (France) a protofeminist named Christine de Pizan initiated a public debate later named La Querelle de la Rose. Simone de Beauvoir honours Pizan as the first woman to “take up her pen in defence of her sex”[1] but Christine was not fighting for new rights, she was strictly defending the chivalry-based gynocentric culture that she saw crumbling away before her eyes.

Though some feminists deny Christine’s status as a member of the gang, she did seem to have set the standard for how women change the public narrative; lies, elitism, deception and manipulation of history bordering on fraud.

Like all feminists who followed in her footprints, she set a Machiavellian example. The end justifies the means and, while you re-write “herstory”, make sure to claim you are meek and helpless the whole time.'

The "About" page for the site is here.

MALECARE Teleconference: "Understanding the New Tests For Prostate Cancer"

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U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services- "Care Counts: Women, Families and the Affordable Care Act Challenge Contest"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Women are often at the center of healthy and resilient families; they make approximately 80% of all family health care decisions and are more likely to be the primary caregivers for children and elderly parents. To help make women aware of the important benefits available to them and their families through the Affordable Care Act, HHS is initiating this Challenge.
...
This Challenge calls for the creation of an innovative, educational Tool that informs women about enrollment in their State's Marketplace as well as key provisions of the Affordable Care Act designed specifically to improve their health and that of their families. Sponsored by the Office of Women's Health at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health, in collaboration with the Coordinating Committee on Women's Health, the Challenge aims to reach all women, but particularly those in medically underserved communities.'

NIH Funding Opportunity: "Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'This initiative seeks applications from applicants that propose to stimulate and expand research in the health of minority men. Specifically, this initiative is intended to: 1) enhance our understanding of the numerous factors (e.g., sociodemographic, community, societal, personal) influencing the health promoting behaviors of racial and ethnic minority males and their subpopulations across the life cycle, and 2) encourage applications focusing on the development and testing of culturally and linguistically appropriate health-promoting interventions designed to reduce health disparities among racially and ethnically diverse males and their subpopulations age 21 and older.
...
It is well documented that males experience approximately a five-year shorter life expectancy when compared with females. During the 20th century, life expectancy at birth increased from 48 to 74 years for males and from 51 to 79 years for females. Increases in life expectancy are, in part, attributed to improvements in lifestyle, nutrition, housing, hygiene and medical care. The disparities in life expectancy are more pronounced among men of color and economically disadvantaged males. For example, the life expectancy of European American males and African American males are 74.6 and 67.7 years respectively.

In 2005, the National Center for Health Statistics reported the leading causes of death in males as heart disease, cancer (lung and prostate), accidents, unintentional injuries, stroke, lung disease, diabetes, pneumonia, influenza, suicide, chronic liver disease, and Alzheimer's disease. Mortality rates from these causes of death are higher for minority males because their diseases are at a more advanced stage at diagnosis and are often complicated by co-existing conditions.
...
Males are more likely than females to experience death from unintentional injury. Minority males are more at risk to die from such injuries when compared with their White counterparts. For example, in 2004 the death rate for unintentional injuries is 51.6 per 1000,000 deaths (year) for white males. The death rate for unintentional injuries is 51.6 per 100,000 deaths for White males. This compares with 72.5 deaths per 100,000 for American Indian/Alaska Native males followed by 55.6 per 100,000 deaths for African American males and 44.7 per 100,000 deaths for Hispanic males. The disparities in health are often more pronounced among underserved and uninsured racial and ethnic minority males who often delay in seeking clinical care. There are ample data highlighting that uninsured individuals experience greater declines in health status and die prematurely from a variety of illnesses when compared to those with continuous health care coverage. This is particularly important given that racial and ethnic minority populations are disproportionately represented among the uninsured. For example, in 2005, 23% of African American males were uninsured followed by 30.7% of Hispanic males. This compares with 11.2% White males. These and other health disparities noted among minority males require greater elucidation and intervention.'

Woman arrested for drunken driving, domestic violence with 8 children in the car

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A grandmother was arrested for drunken driving Saturday after a family argument at a local park.

Police were called by a man Saturday saying his wife and members of her family had assaulted him at Kern Park following an argument during a family reunion.

The wife, Retha Mae McCoy, allegedly began hitting her husband during the argument and members of her family joined in, kicking and punching him. Their eight grandchildren, aged 1 through 16, were in the car, and when the oldest one attempted to help her grandfather, she was hit in the face.

When police arrived, they smelled alcohol on McCoy's breath and found her blood alcohol content was .09. She was arrested for her 2nd OWI and Battery - Domestic Violence-related. If she is convicted of both crimes, she could face up to one year and three months in prison.'

School Has Become Too Hostile to Boys

Matt · 21 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As school begins in the coming weeks, parents of boys should ask themselves a question: Is my son really welcome? A flurry of incidents last spring suggests that the answer is no. In May, Christopher Marshall, age 7, was suspended from his Virginia school for picking up a pencil and using it to “shoot” a “bad guy” — his friend, who was also suspended. A few months earlier, Josh Welch, also 7, was sent home from his Maryland school for nibbling off the corners of a strawberry Pop-Tart to shape it into a gun. At about the same time, Colorado’s Alex Evans, age 7, was suspended for throwing an imaginary hand grenade at “bad guys” in order to “save the world.”

In all these cases, school officials found the children to be in violation of the school’s zero-tolerance policies for firearms, which is clearly a ludicrous application of the rule. But common sense isn’t the only thing at stake here. In the name of zero tolerance, our schools are becoming hostile environments for young boys.'

'Ze Germans Aren't Coming'

Matt · 21 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Which leaves France. France has a legitimately great fertility rate: 2.08—which is within spitting distance of the replacement rate. But is French fertility driven by its daycare centers? Not so much. Separate out the fertility rates of native-born Frenchwomen from the foreign-born population and you see a tremendous divide. Native-born French women have a TFR around 1.7. Foreign-born French women are much higher, probably north of 2.8. (Finding hard numbers here is difficult because it is taboo in France to make such demographic distinctions. Which means that in order for French demographers to get the same numbers our Census Bureau puts out every year, they have to hand-count (and sort) birth records. For a good discussion of all of this, see Christopher Caldwell's definitive Reflections on the Revolution in Europe.)

What the gulf between native- and foreign-born French fertility suggests is that daycare centers and gender equality have only helped France so much—about as much, actually, as they've helped Scandinavia. What really gives France its demographic boost has been immigration which, in the French experience, has also been a source of many problems.
...
But anyone who looks at demographic decline and says, "Hey, just give us nationalized daycare and the problem takes care of itself" is either uninformed, or trying to sell you something.
...
Twenty-three percent of German men—that's not a typo, 23 percent—said that "zero" was the ideal family size. There probably aren't public policy solutions to a cultural worldview like that.'

'This summer’s hottest teachers who allegedly got busy with students'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Daily Caller was prepared to take a well-deserved respite from reporting on the national epidemic of teacher-student sex romps because — surely — the number of cases would slow down during the dog days of summer. Right?

That plan turned out to be ridiculously naïve. The last couple months have been a banner time for teachers landing in legal trouble for banging their students. Lust knows no academic year, apparently.'

SAVE E-lert: Don't Let KFC Chicken-out on Domestic Violence

Matt · 21 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) is still running a TV ad that shows a woman slapping a man across the face. We can't imagine them running an ad like this with the genders reversed. Can you?

This gender biased ad has triggered an international outcry. Persons from 28 countries have signed a petition condemning the KFC ads for promoting "dangerous stereotypes." Facebook comments say KFC is "sexist."

A major research compilation shows female-perpetrated partner violence is more widespread than male-perpetrated violence - 28.3% vs. 21.6%: http://domesticviolenceresearch.org/

Sign the petition here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/kentucky-fried-chicken-stop-making-light-of-domestic-violence

Want to visit KFC stores to share your concern?

Download this flyer, visit your local KFC restaurant, and share the flyer and speak with the manager. Ask them to contact the corporate office on your behalf. Then, take a photo of the restaurant. Send it with details (location, manager's response, etc.) to tstoddard-at-saveservices.org

Photos: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/kfc/photos/

Thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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"10 Things Bad Bosses Say": Subtle misandry? You decide

Matt · 22 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. To be fair, looks like it was first run in US News. However, they chose to re-run it, and I'm guessing the stock photo is Yahoo!'s idea: big mean old man raging at two helpless females. But it isn't just the photo that has my wicked, suspicious mind alerted to this cunning and subtle misandry. :) Note item #6: seems specifically targeted at male bosses. Well I can say I've had female supervisors say inappropriate things to me and fellow male employees; if this list-maker wanted the list to be gender-neutral, she could have worded item #6 a bit differently to cover both male and female bosses who cross this sort of line. But that'd be a bit too fair, wouldn't it? Excerpt:

'6. "That dress really flatters your figure." Commenting on employees' physical appearance -- particularly their bodies -- is a good way to make people uncomfortable (few people want to feel that their boss is assessing their attractiveness), as well as invite harassment complaints down the road.'

A Voice for Male Students - a new website promoting educational equity for men and boys

TCM · 22 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

See the introduction post here. Excerpt:

'As stated in the mission and values page, the first mission of this site is to raise awareness of the structural and cultural inequities men and boys – and in particular male students – face at all levels in our education system, and promote advocacy and activism in their behalf. Those issues, as you may see in the Summary of Issues page (which features an extensive degree of research), are broken down into three main categories:

1. Educational Attainment & Well-Being
2. Academic Culture – Misandry & Conformism
3. Rights & Protections'

CDC - 2013-08-21 CDC NCHS - Trends in Circumcision for Male Newborns in U.S. Hospitals: 1979–2010

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Across the 32-year period from 1979 through 2010, the national rate of newborn circumcision declined 10% overall, from 64.5% to 58.3% (Table and Figure 1). During this time, the overall percentage of newborns circumcised during their birth hospitalization was highest in 1981 at 64.9%, and lowest in 2007 at 55.4%.

However, rates fluctuated during this period, generally declining during the 1980s, rising in the 1990s, and declining again in the early years of the 21st century. These changes occurred during a period of changing guidance on routine newborn circumcision. For example, American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) task force reports during the 1970s (1,2) stated there was no medical indication for routine circumcision of the newborn; AAP revised its position in 1989 (3), stating there were potential medical benefits to newborn circumcision; and then in 1999 (4), an AAP policy statement said that, despite potential medical benefits of newborn male circumcision, there was insufficient evidence to recommend routine circumcision of newborns.'

Oh feminism, what happened to you?

Mastodon · 22 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many modern-day feminists engage in man-bashing rather than making dignified demands for equality, as the feminists of the early twentieth century did. So Robin Morgan unashamedly admits, 'I feel that man-hating is an honourable and viable political act'. The view many modern feminists seek to spread, in the words of Marilyn French, is that 'all men are rapists and that's all they are'. A Feminist Dictionary goes so far as to define 'male' as 'a degeneration and deformity of the female'. This is an effort to make men seem inferior, not to elevate the position of women. It starkly contrasts with the goal of feminists of old, which was to make women be viewed as equal, not superior, to men.
...
Feminism used to view women as self-sufficient rather than requiring the protection of the state

If recent debates are anything to go by, feminism now seems to be about protecting the delicate, sensitive, victimised female of the human species. For example, we apparently need to be protected from pictures of topless women in the Sun, lest these images destroy our self-esteem. Feminism perpetuates the view that women are fragile – in the words of Andrea Dworkin, 'to be rapeable, a position that is social, not biological, defines what a woman is'. In contrast, the feminists of the early twentieth century were keen to show that they needed little help and could fend for themselves, just like any man. Indeed, as early as 1847, Charlotte Brontë wrote: 'Women feel just as men feel; they need exercise for their faculties, and a field for their efforts, as much as their brothers do; they suffer from too rigid a restraint, too absolute a stagnation, precisely as men would suffer."

Canada: Jailed for Nonpayment of Child Support - But it's Not His Child

Matt · 23 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The feminists have ratcheted up the laws against men to such an outrageous level that paternity fraud is not just ignored, but routinely rubber stamped by the courts. Whether one agrees with the concept of child support or not, virtually everyone can agree that jailing men for child support over children who are not theirs is morally wrong. Men are routinely sent to jail for falling behind on paying child support, even though debtors' prisons in the U.S. were mostly eliminated in the mid-nineteenth century.

The family courts and laws are set up in such a way that makes it very easy for a mother to collect child support, and very difficult for a man to avoid it. If a couple was married, the default law is that the man will be required to pay child support for any child born while they were married. In order for a man who isn't the father to escape this outcome, he must obtain a paternity test and take a series of legal steps in court. Most states only allow a short window of time for a man to do this. If a man is not aware of the child, which he may not be if his wife or former wife doesn't notify him of the child right away, he loses all chance to fight the child support, and will be on the hook for hundreds of thousands of dollars for the next 18 years until the child becomes an adult.'

Americans Are Learning to Love the Foreskin

Matt · 23 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Foreskin is in — and circumcision has been in decline for some 30 years, a new study from an arm of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention finds.

Americans today aren't as anti-foreskin as they were when Ronald Reagan was president: 58.3 percent of American baby boys in 2010 were circumcised compared to 64.5 percent in 1979. So while that's a high number compared to, say, Canada, where only 30 percent of boys are circumcised, there is increasing evidence that American parents are generally comfortable not tinkering with their sons' manhoods (even if, since 2007, there's been a slight upward trend in American parents making sure their baby boys are cut).

The numbers come from a 30-year study published this month by the National Center for Health Statistics, a branch of the CDC. The numbers indicate that the circumcision rate in the U.S. is close to the lowest it's ever been (the nadir for circumcision was in 2007).'

'Drop in Circumcision Rate Is Bad News for Baby Boys'

Mastodon · 23 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to newly released data from the National Center for Health Statistics, circumcision rates for newborn boys have dropped by six percentage points over the past three decades. Annual hospital discharge data of between 7,000 and 12,000 baby boys was examined, and interestingly enough, the biggest dip in circumcisions occurred in western states in the U.S. as opposed to other areas of the country.

...

First and foremost, we knew we wanted it done for hygiene reasons. It's so much harder to keep that area clean if the procedure isn't performed -- and we believed it would leave him more prone to infection if he was not circumcised.

...

Lastly, we worried about how being uncircumcised might affect his sex life down the road. What kind of parents would we have been to put a damper on things in that department? We feared that it wouldn't be as pleasurable for him, or that it might be a turn off for a lot of women, which could be pretty humiliating. (I know I'd want to hop out of bed and run if I saw all that extra skin staring back at me.)'

False Rape Claim Leads To 2 Months Jail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Hampton, Virginia woman who falsely accused a man of raping her -- landing him in prison for four years -- will spend two months in jail.

Elizabeth Paige Coast, 26, will be allowed to serve her sentence on weekends. She came forward in 2012, saying that she lied about Johnathan C. Montgomery raping her. He spent four years in prison over the false claim, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reports.

Coast told a judge Monday that when she was caught by her mother looking at pornography on the internet, she said she had been sexually assaulted, blamed her neighbor. The lie snowballed from there, she said.
...
During Montgomery's case, Coast testified that he molested her in 2000 when he was 14 and she was 10. Montgomery was convicted and sentenced to more than seven years in prison, according to the Washington Post.
...
Despite a lack of evidence in the trial, the judge took Coast's word over Montgomery's and sentenced the innocent man.
...
The consequences for sending an innocent man to prison for four years include paying $90,000 in restitution along with her jail sentence.'

Feminism: How it affects you, your divorce and your children

Mastodon · 24 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I've played this scratchy old record for you before, and I shall play it again. It never ceases to amaze me how MEN still don't get it, and continue repeating the same actions with the same result: FAILURE!!

Feminism and its evil twin sister political correctness, are an ideology that is firmly entrenched in every country today, including South Africa. You will not see its face because it's very cleverly disguised, camouflaged and presented as normal and socially acceptable. Until you dig deeper.
...
Read, research and analyze feminism and men's rights, Google is your best friend, our time will come. It is impossible that such an illogical, bigoted and hateful movement such as feminism will last forever, eventually men will revolt. It has already started. This horror that is perpetuated on us transcends all races, religion, class and creed divisions, put your differences at the door and stand united or suffer defeat.

Lastly, after all that has happened to me, I do not hate women. I have a great mother, a young daughter and many supportive females in my family. They themselves are victims of feminist ideology that finally awoke to what is being done to their sons, brothers, fathers, nephews and all the men they love.

They woke up and are pissed off. And so am I. And so should YOU.'

Women Should Pay More for Health Care

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Obama Administration is about to spend $684 million on a public relations and enrollment campaign to convince young, uninsured Americans to buy government-approved ObamaCare plans. In order to be successful, they need to convince young men in particular to enroll, but ObamaCare requires insurers to charge men the same for their premiums as women in 2014.

This attempt at fairness is anything but. If fairness were really the guiding principle it would be quite simple: Women would pay more for health insurance because women consume more health care.
...
People are uncomfortable in acknowledging sex differences in health care costs, but they should recognize that those same differences crop up in in other markets, too. It's not discussed as frequently, but sometimes men are the ones paying more for certain purchases, like car insurance. Would it be fair to charge women more for it just to give men a discount?'

Thousands of Men Warned About Faulty PSA Tests

Minuteman · 24 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here.

'Thousands of men in central Pennsylvania have been told that their blood tests for prostate cancer may have been inaccurate.

Pinnacle Health of Harrisburg sent letters to 7,500 men to alert them that a faulty chemical in their prostate-specific antigen (PSA) tests led to results showing higher levels of PSA than were actually present, ABC News reported.

Significantly elevated PSA levels may be a sign of prostate cancer and often lead to prostate biopsies. The faulty tests were used at Pinnacle from May 2012 to June 26, 2013.

It's likely that the Pinnacle Health patients are just the tip of the iceberg, because all lots of the "IMMULITE" PSA tests were recalled June 27 by Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics. The company shipped the faulty tests to labs from February 2012 through May 2013, ABC News reported.'

Ed. note: Item is about halfway down the page as of this writing.

Sex Ed Teacher Indicted On Charges Of Raping 14-Year-Old Student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'WORCESTER (CBS) — Worcester County Prosecutors say they have strong forensic evidence including pictures and texts in their case charging a female sex ed teacher in Fitchburg with raping a 14-year-old male student on multiple occasions.

Rachelle Gendron, 27, was visibly shaken as she was arraigned on five counts of rape aggravated by age difference and a charge of enticement of a child under 16 years.

In court, the prosecutors told the judge they have text messages and pictures of Gendron exposing herself on the victim's and her cell phones, including photos showing Gendron "in various states of undress" with her breast exposed.'

UK: GCSE results 2013: girls stretch to record lead over boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Government was told to commission a large-scale study into the underachievement of boys after GCSE results showed that girls were increasingly likely to secure top grades.

According to figures, some 24.8 per cent of exams sat by girls were graded A* or A, compared with just 17.6 per cent of those taken by boys.

The gulf – 7.2 percentage points – was larger than at any other time since the introduction of GCSEs in the late 80s.

Data also showed that 72.3 per cent of exams sat by girls were graded C or better, compared with just 63.7 per cent of boys' test papers.

This was the biggest disparity in a decade.'

False report leads to woman's arrest on domestic violence charge, police say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Paw Paw-area woman was arrested on charges of false report of a felony and domestic violence early Friday after police say she attempted to attack her boyfriend with a knife.

Alejandra Aguilar, 22, was arrested following an investigation that started when police were told she was the victim of an assault but she later admitted she lied to deputies, according to a news release from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office.

Police were called to the 45000 block of Paw Paw Road in Paw Paw Township on a report of "an unknown disturbance with an out of control intoxicated female," the news release said.'

First cut is the deepest

Matt · 24 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As a society, we're mostly in denial about the fact that a large proportion of guys walking around today were traumatized shortly after birth by circumcision, performed in the hospital where they were born. In Canada, the medical profession didn't come out against circumcision until 1975. Despite official disapproval, babies are still circumcised for irrational reasons like "so he'll look like Daddy." There may be a tendency to joke this subject away, precisely because it is so painful, but unfortunately we now know thanks to recent anatomical research that removing babies' foreskins is not all that different from removing an eyelid or lip. All these structures contain sensitive nerve endings and a mucosal membrane for lubrication. The foreskin contains most of the specialized nerve endings needed for full sexual pleasure. Removing it is the equivalent, gals, of removing your clit. It's still often done without anaesthetic, even though the way the foreskin is attached to the penis in babies is similar to the way fingernails are attached to the nail bed.
...
Besides being unethical, since it removes healthy tissue without the informed consent of the patient, circumcision also has no demonstrated health benefits. It's kept going, say activists, by denial and our society's deep-seated anxiety about sex.

Fortunately, rates are dropping rapidly in Canada, though they're still at 60 per cent in the U.S. In the meantime, we have to come to terms with this poor decision made by our elders. It's important to realize that post-traumatic stress from the operation can linger into adulthood, exacerbating rage, fear, depression, low self-esteem or shame. And if you're a male who has trouble being sexually intimate or is chronically angry with women, this could be what ails you.'

Marine Corps to open infantry training to enlisted women

Matt · 25 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Marine Corps will allow enlisted women to participate in basic infantry training beginning this fall as part of ongoing research to determine what additional ground combat jobs may open to female personnel.

New female enlisted Marines will volunteer for spots in the service's Infantry Training Battalion, mirroring a related effort allowing new female lieutenants to enroll in the Corps' Infantry Officer Course, according to an official planning document obtained by Marine Corps Times. Titled "Assignment of Women in Combat Units," the document is dated Aug. 16.

"Female Marines will have the opportunity to go through the same infantry training course as their male counterparts," the document states. However, as with the research involving female officers, "female enlisted Marines who successfully complete infantry training as part of this research process will not be assigned infantry as a military occupational specialty and will not be assigned to infantry units."

It's unclear whether any enlisted women have volunteered yet. Marine Corps officials were not immediately available to discuss the plan.
...
The Corps' research is expected to last years, and Marine officials have said no women will join infantry units before 2015. Even then, the services will be allowed to ask for exceptions that, if granted by the Pentagon, could keep some jobs closed to women.'

Domestic violence advocate arrested in family fight

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Story here. Excerpt:

'BRIDGEPORT -- A law and order state representative from Fairfield was ordered to turn over her gun Monday following her arrest on charges of assaulting her younger sister.

State Rep. Brenda Kupchick, who has supported tougher treatment for domestic violence defendants, had nothing to say following her arraignment in the Golden Hill Street courthouse on third-degree assault and disorderly conduct charges.

...

As uncomfortable as Kupchick seemed in the courtroom, many of the court staff seemed equally uncomfortable to have her there because of her support on the same laws she is now accused of breaking. For the last half a dozen years she has worked closely with the regional Center for Women and Families, which counsels victims of domestic abuse.

Standing before Superior Court Judge John Cronan, Kupchick admitted she recently got a gun and has a temporary permit for it. The judge ordered her to turn it over to police.

Cronan also ordered Kupchick to stay away from her sister, 42-year-old Lisa Fabrizi, who was charged with disorderly conduct in the incident.

...

Police sources quoted Kupchick family friends as saying Kupchick, a second term Republican legislator representing the 132nd District and her sister had recently been having contentious relationship possibly regarding a third person. No other details were available.'

Jail Becomes Home for Husband Stuck With Lifetime Alimony

Mastodon · 26 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ari Schochet has grown so accustomed to being sent to jail for missing alimony payments that he goes into a routine.

Before his family-court hearing, Schochet, 41, sticks on a nicotine patch to cope with jailhouse smoking bans, sends an “Ari Off the Grid” e-mail to friends and family, and scrawls key phone numbers in permanent ink on his forearm.

Schochet, who said he worked as a portfolio manager at Citadel Investment Group Inc. and Fortress Investment Group LLC (FIG) and once earned $1 million a year, has been jailed for missing court-ordered payments at least eight times in the past two years as he coped with the end of his 17-year marriage.

The reason he ran afoul of the law was simple. He was out of work for most of that time, a victim of a weak economy, and he ran through his savings trying to pay his wife alimony and child support that totaled almost $100,000 a year.'

CDOT using talking urinal cakes in drunk driving campaign

mens_issues · 26 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Your tax dollars at work - targeting men only.

'DENVER - The Colorado Department of Transportation is targeting men in its latest drunk driving campaign.

The Heat Is On campaign is launching radio, bus and billboard advertising, as well as in-bar advertising such as coasters, posters and a new tool for CDOT, the Interactive Urinal Communicator.

The IUCs feature a 15-second audio message encouraging male bar patrons to not drive and instead look to other alternatives, such as public transit, 1800taxicab.com or Uber.

Males, ages 21-34, have a higher propensity for dying in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes, according to CDOT.'

Japan Airlines enhances Hawaii flights with new menu, women-only area

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Japan Airlines is introducing new features and services on its flights to Honolulu, including a women-only area on the plane for applying make-up, or breast-feeding, as well as in-flight meals designed by celebrity chefs and Hawaii's Kuaaina Sandwich Shop.

Japan Airlines said Monday that it will continue to seek ways to bring passengers unique and refreshing onboard experiences through more delectable meal choices.

The first installment of the in-flight meal changes will be available starting Sept. 1, on flights from Japan to Honolulu. Meals designed by chef Chikara Yamada will be available from the airline's JAL Bedd Sky Auberge restaurant on business class flights from Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka to Honolulu. In the economy class on flights on the same routes, in-flight meals have been designed by Chef Kazuhide Nose of Ore-no French and Chef Yoshihiro Yamaura of Ore-no Italian.'

Bethenny Frankel Takes to Twitter and Bashes All Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Bethenny Frankel *[link added]* has developed a huge grudge against men; she recently filed for divorce in December of last year from her husband, Jason Hoppy, but he wasn't the first husband to feel the divorce drama. She divorced her first husband, Peter Sussman, back in 1997.

Bethenny has been making a lot of offensive comments towards men lately; her most popular one, which she tweeted out this morning, said, "It is National Dog Day. I'd like to dedicate it to Cookie & all of the other men, ahem, I mean dogs, out there." Cookie so happens to be the name of my dog so I thank her on that regard but to just call all men dogs is not only sexist but plain ignorant. Has she taken the divorce from Jason Hoppy that bad?
...
Some of her fans have even wondered if her talk show is only going to be about "male bashing," because her show is primarily targeted towards a female audience, as its main priorities are placed upon women's issue. Either way, it is no excuse for Bethenny to be as sexist as she has been. Even as a joke it seems quite tasteless.'

Grommet CEO to Obama: Make VCs fund women, or lose tax benefit

Mastodon · 27 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Here's a bold idea to make venture funding equal for man and woman.

End the carried interest tax loophole for any venture firm that doesn't fund the same amount in women-owned businesses as men-owned.

If you're thinking 'Whoa,' then you know how many millions of dollars could be at stake for investors forced to pay taxes on venture capital returns at the normal rate (instead of the much lower capital gains rate.)

But the idea is compelling considering the argument of the woman who dreamt it up and pitched it to President Barack Obama in a blog post yesterday.'

Prison Summer Camp Lets Kids Reconnect With Dads

StayingFit · 27 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Well, because kids need to know their parents, no matter where they are. Just because a father was not a good citizen doesn't mean that he shouldn't have a relationship with his child, or that his child shouldn't have a relationship with him. His child didn't do anything. One of the things that always troubles me is that, you know, we don't ask these questions about the value of children going to visit their mothers in prison. You know, even though only 7 percent of the people in prison are women, that, in sheer numbers, there's more programs for mothers in prison than there are for fathers. And it's like we value the role of mothers above the role of fathers.'

Expelled Basketball Player Suing University Claiming Wrongful Expulsion

Mastodon · 27 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Xavier University basketball player sued the school, alleging it damaged his reputation by expelling him for what he says was a false sexual assault accusation.

Dez Wells' federal lawsuit also names the private Jesuit Catholic school's president as a defendant. Father Michael Graham said in a statement Wednesday that the university denies the allegations and will defend its decision to expel Wells.

Xavier kicked Wells out a year ago in the aftermath of a female student's accusation that he sexually assaulted her in July 2012. A Hamilton County grand jury declined to indict Wells after hearing evidence in the case. Prosecutor Joe Deters later publicly questioned the school's expulsion and urged Xavier to "revisit" the situation.

At the time, Xavier said Wells was expelled for a "serious violation" of the code of student conduct, and that a board consisting of faculty, students and administrators made the decision following standard procedures for U.S. universities.'

Trial reveals secret life of ‘Nazi bride’ behind Germany’s ‘kebab killings’

Matt · 28 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'To her neighbours in the quiet German town of Zwickau, she was the “friendly, sociable and generous” young woman who liked to drop by for a glass of prosecco. To her comrades on the German far Right, she was a smart, assertive and violent member of their secret terrorist militia.

Revealed in a Munich court, the hidden life of Beate Zschaepe, a mousy, bespectacled 38-year-old with the looks of a librarian, has given Germany a chilling insight into its neo-Nazi movement.

In the biggest home-grown terrorist scandal since the days of the Baader-Meinhof gang in the 1970s, her group is accused of carrying out ten murders, two bombings and 15 bank robberies during a 13-year campaign.

Worse still, Germany’s police and spy agencies thought the killings, dubbed the “kebab murders” because they targeted mainly Turkish immigrants, were part of a feud within the Turkish mafia.'

Israel: Child Support Ruling is ‘Very Good News for Divorced Fathers’

Matt · 28 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Tel Aviv judge has ruled that a father from Rehovot does not need to pay child support – setting a precedent that could change child support arrangements for many divorced parents.

Judge Yoram Shaked ruled that the father in question does not need to pay support because he shares custody of his children with his ex-wife, and because she has a higher income and more disposable income than he does. Were the father to pay support, he would need to pay only 300 shekels a month, Shaked found – a finding that led him to decide to waive the obligation to pay altogether.

Attorney Aviv Harel explained the significant of the verdict. “Until today, most judges set minimum child support payments for Jewish fathers that stood at 1,350 shekels per month per child or more,” he said.
...
Judges usually rule that fathers who share equal custody of their children with the children’s mother must pay 75% of the cost of raising the children, Harel said, while fathers who do not have custody at all must pay 100% support.'

What happens when one parent poisons a child against the other parent

Matt · 28 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Parental alienation is a controversial topic and still the subject of much debate in both the legal and medical communities. Some psychologists view the condition to be similar to Stockholm's Syndrome, commonly known as brainwashing, in which captives become sympathetic with their captors in their innate drive to survive.
...
The psychological underpinnings of "alienators" are complex and confusing. Craig Childress, a leading authority on PA who practices in Pasadena, says parents who use brainwashing tactics on their children to fulfill their own selfish need to harm or denigrate an ex-spouse most often fit the profile of a person with Narcissistic Personality Disorder or Borderline Personality Disorder. People diagnosed with personality disorders are difficult to treat, and oftentimes will never even be diagnosed.
...
The outcome of such mind games pushes the child to cut the targeted parent out of their life, and the unthinkable occurs: The child's relationship with either mother or father comes to an end.
...
He said parental alienation "is not a child custody issue, but a child protection issue. Psychopathology is induced in the child to meet the parents' (or step-parent's) emotional needs. It's a very destructive parent/child relationship."

Social services will not intervene even if a diagnosis of PA is made. "If you get a clinical diagnosis it should happen, but it doesn't," he said.'

A male-positive comic, especially for stay-at-home dads

Kratch · 28 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

A positive message for men. Excerpt:

'On his cartoon blog Zen Pencils, Gavin Aung Than turns inspirational quotes into comic strips. For his newest strip, he illustrated a quote from Bill Watterson's 1990 speech at Kenyon College in the style of Calvin and Hobbes, which Than considers "the greatest comic strip of all time." The comic strip below "is basically the story of my life," Than writes, "except I'm a stay-at-home-dad to two dogs." You can read more at Zen Pencils, where this comic originally appeared. It is reprinted here with his permission.'

Tell Good Samaritan Hospital to stop experimenting on newborn boys

DanBollinger · 28 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

At Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, more than 200 babies are being circumcised in a study to determine which circumcision clamp, the Gomco or the Mogen, is "better." How are they determining this? By looking at which clamp results in fewer **blood-soaked bandages**, and by looking at **expressions of pain on babies' faces!**

This "research" is a heinous violation of medical ethics and human rights. Babies are being cruelly subjected to an unconscionable medical experiment—all in service to the shareholders of a medical instrument company seeking to profit from bad science to sell more circumcision tools.

On October 3, 2013, Intact America will be hosting a press conference and demonstration outside Good Samaritan Hospital, and present the hospital signed by concerned people like you. Our goal is to collect 10,000 signatures, and with your help, we can do it! **Please add your signature and pass this on.** These "researchers" need to know that conducting pain and bleeding experiments on babies is cruel, unscientific, and WRONG!

Woman charged with homicide after dumping newborn in toilet

Matt · 28 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A heartless Pennsylvania woman gave birth in a bar bathroom, and then left the helpless infant to die in a toilet while she watched pro wrestling and smoked a cigarette, authorities said.

Amanda Catherine Hein, 26, was held without bail yesterday after being charged with one count of criminal homicide stemming from the Aug. 18 tragedy.

A late-night cleaning crew found the infant's body in a toilet tank at Starters Pub in Bethlehem, about 30 miles north of Philadelphia.

"I cannot get inside this lady's head," Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli said of Hein's potential motive.'

County To Offer Home STD Tests -- for women only

Matt · 28 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Unreal. Like only women get STDs. Want to reduce STD spread? 1. Encourage *everyone* to find out if they have any STDs and 2. Educate people on how to avoid spreading them and most importantly on how not to get them. But no. That's too simple and besides, it would seem only females get STDs! Excerpt:

'SACRAMENTO (CBS13) – Sacramento County's health department will begin distributing a take-home STD test for women that won't cost users a penny.

The city has one of the highest rates of STDs in the state, and it keeps going up every year. Now a new online program will hopefully get more people to get tested.

"We definitely need all the help we can get," said Sacramento County Public Health Officer Dr. Olivia Kasirye.

The division of public health says STDs are spreading like wildfire in Sacramento, with chlamydia and gonorrhea considered an epidemic.
...
Men will still have to visit a doctor to be tested since the tests are only designed for women.'

Family Sues University's Coaches After Son's Death

Matt · 28 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'GERMANTOWN, Md. (WJZ) — A Frostburg University football player died during the 2011 preseason. Now his family is blaming what they call the "utter incompetence" of the coaching staff. They have filed a lawsuit against the coaches, the NCAA and the helmet manufacturer.

Derek Sheely's family says their son was participating in a dangerous drill when he collapsed on the sidelines and never regained consciousness.
...
It was on the football field where the 22-year-old collapsed. According to a lawsuit, Sheely was bleeding from the head and told his coach he didn't feel right. Witnesses say the coach told him, "Stop your bitching and moaning and quit acting like a [expletive] and get back out there." Sheely fell unconscious moments later and never woke up.
...
Derek Sheely's family has started a foundation in his name to help raise awareness about the danger of concussions.

The Maryland State Department of Education has recommended limiting football hitting drills to two practices per week.'

SAVE E-lert: KFC Removes Offensive Ad, But Has Yet to Apologize

Matt · 29 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

We are happy to report that Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) has stopped using their offensive and gender-biased Hot Shot Bites ad, the video that shows a woman slapping a man across the face.

The commercials are no longer running on TV, and when you try to watch the online version you get a 'restricted access' message. It looks to us like KFC might be a little bit embarrassed about their poor choice of advertising.

We want to thank each and every one of you who made phone calls, sent emails, signed the petition, visited KFC restaurants, and commented on the KFC Facebook page. You rock!

But, our work is not done. We believe that KFC needs to apologize. We think they should acknowledge their mistake, and make a good-will effort on behalf of domestic violence victims.

Please take a moment and make one more phone call, or send one more email to KFC. Ask them to apologize and to make a donation to any organization working for ALL victims of domestic violence. Of course, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments - SAVE - comes to mind.

Email: johncywinski-at-yumyum.com
Call: 800-225-5532, extension 1, 1, then 4

Thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Australia: Female teacher pleads guilty to "having sex" with 15-year-old boy

Minuteman · 29 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'After more than 20 years in the profession, a "huge need to feel love" caused a teacher to turn to a teenage student for sex.

The 51-year-old known only as EP sobbed as she told Sydney's District Court on Thursday why she began having sex with the 15-year-old boy.

Following the breakdown of an unhappy marriage in 2006, the woman said she became depressed and suicidal.

"I felt that the last eight years of my marriage that my husband didn't love who I was and just liked me being around as a housewife," she told her sentence hearing.

...

In a victim impact statement read to court, the now 20-year-old man said the experience with his former teacher continued to affect him.

"When I was 15 she made me feel excited and powerful but as I matured I felt ashamed, angry, guilty and confused."'

"Is One Stingy Man Dating Every Woman In America?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Randye Hoder has a great piece for Slate on the persistence of gender norms in who pays for dinner that included this amusing factoid: "The study, which surveyed more than 17,000 unmarried heterosexual men and women, found that 84 percent of men and 58 percent of women said men pay for most dating expenses, even after the relationship has been cooking for a while."

Apparently a handful of stingy men are dating a disproportionately large share of American women, thus reconciling the apparent mismatch in those numbers. Either that or someone is misremembering. OK, realistically the misremembering is more likely. But the math does work. You can imagine a handful of attractive, charming men who go out with a lot of women who them dump them swiftly when it becomes apparent that they refuse to pay for dates.'

Arizona: Domestic violence charge doesn’t require physical contact

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A person wrongfully strikes a stranger and is charged with assault. Another person wrongfully strikes someone with whom he has an intimate or close relationship. While the basic act is the same, the person in the second incident is charged with domestic violence assault, and the situation is more serious and may require greater attention in order to protect the victim and change the behavior of the offender. The Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence defines domestic violence as “a pattern of coercive control that one person exercises over another.” When the coercive control is also a crime, our laws treat the incident very seriously.
...
Besides a relationship, there must be an underlying crime. Most criminal offenses qualify as domestic violence, i.e., disorderly conduct, assault, threatening and intimidating, stalking, criminal damage, criminal trespass, harassment, and animal cruelty. Theft is about the only common offense which cannot be charged as domestic violence. Defendants arrested for a domestic violence often complain, “I didn’t hurt anyone,” but physical contact is not required for an incident to be charged as domestic violence.'

Judge declines ruling on mixed-gender sports issue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The increasing number of boys playing on girls' high school teams has altered the competitive balance of some sports, according to recent court filings by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

But this week, a Commonwealth Court judge declined to modify a 38-year-old injunction that barred the PIAA from engaging in gender discrimination.

Instead, Judge B. Kevin Brobson said if the PIAA wanted to ban boys from participating in girls' sports and vice versa, it should establish such a policy.

"Only then, if that policy is challenged in a court of law, may its constitutionality be evaluated," Brobson wrote.'

New Zealand: Gender gap grows in region's schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Girls have been academically outperforming boys for years and the growing achievement disparity is an "elephant in the room" which should be causing concern, some principals say.
...
The 10 per cent disparity in level 3 achievement nationally stretches to 27 per cent in co-educational secondary schools in the Nelson region.
...
Mr Ching said Waimea had introduced programmes to address the achievement gap and improve boys' attitudes, including a junior boys' literacy programme - with senior male students volunteering as tutors.
...
Mr Ching said the big issue in the 1980s was proving that "girls can do anything", and noone had thought twice about promoting that ideal. Now boys were the ones lagging behind.

"If we want to make a change we have to look at opportunities that will promote the performance of boys, without disadvantaging girls in any way," he said.'

More awareness needed to address college male culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Men's Project is an internship and educational outreach program at the UA that aims to address issues specific to college men. Started last spring by the Women's Resource Center Program Director, Krista Millay, and two undergraduate student interns, it seeks to become a resource for those who are generally ignored in diversity-oriented college programming: men.

Although college males are not a traditionally marginalized group, Alex Karaman, a graduate assistant for the Women's Resource Center who specifically oversees The Men's Project, explains why this group is important.

"On one hand, men are afforded many advantages in our society, from higher pay to greater presence in political offices," he said. "On the other hand, when discussing identity-based programming, men can be left out of the equation. Research focuses heavily on traditionally marginalized university communities: young women, students of color, low-income students, and international students."

College male culture is a set of pressures that college men face that stem from typically masculine norms and stereotypes. These pressures lead to a number of behavioral consequences ranging from binge drinking, risk-taking and homophobia to aggression and violence.'

Teen's science camp in Westwood helps girls expand their horizons

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women represented 27 percent of workers in science and engineering jobs in 2010, according to the National Science Foundation. And while women are either equally represented or surpass men in obtaining undergraduate or advanced degrees in the social or biosciences, women still lag behind men in the physical sciences and mathematics. In computer science and engineering, women represent less than 30 percent of those seeking degrees, according to the foundation.

In Westwood, the genders are more balanced in a STEM course at the eighth-grade level, where it is one of a group of required electives. Now, the high school is working to increase girls' participation in those courses at advanced levels, and Adelyn Perez, an applied technology teacher at the high school, said she has seen more girls sign up, possibly because the courses increasingly are oriented around design and problem-solving.
...
Having Herzing act as a role model in the sciences and introducing the girls to STEM fields at a young age could help to steer them toward taking advanced classes — like computer-aided design, electricity and electronics, or fabrication and design — at the high school level, Perez said.'

NPO: Attend the Connecticut Child Support Guidelines Hearings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'National Parents Organization of Connecticut is seeking volunteers to respond to Connecticut's Department of Social Services proposed amendments to the child support guidelines. We need volunteers to attend the hearings and help get other members to attend the hearings.
...
The Connecticut Executive Committee is writing National Parents Organization of Connecticut's formal response representing our views and recommendations. It will be posted on the website when it is competed.

From our experience in Massachusetts, we have learned that attendance is important.'

Virginia's new attorney-general's family law stance won him support of fathers' rights movement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two weeks after he was sworn in as Virginia attorney general, Ken Cuccinelli II went to court one last time as a private-practice lawyer.

Fellow lawyers viewed the appearance at the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court in January 2010 as unusual because attorneys general almost never handle private cases. At the time, Cuccinelli's deputy told The Washington Post that the case involved "some sensitive issues and some child witnesses, and the client wanted some sensitivity, and he wanted Ken Cuccinelli, so he finished out that matter."

Cuccinelli's office didn't say so then, but the client was Ron M. Grignol Jr., a former House of Delegates candidate embroiled in a custody dispute with his ex-wife.

Grignol is also the former leader of Fathers for Virginia, which seeks to "empower divorced fathers as equal partners in parenting," and of a second group that contends that men are frequently victimized by false allegations of domestic abuse. Grignol did not respond to requests for comment about the groups, which some women's rights organizations have accused of distorting the facts about domestic violence.'

Virginia's new attorney-general criticized for fathers' rights ties

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cuccinelli is not specifically, openly pro-fathers' rights (and to be clear, the No. 1 "fathers' rights" issue is wanting to pay less child support). His support for their agenda is honestly more about his opposition to legal divorce, something else he doesn't talk about much anymore.

"If you are sued for divorce in Virginia, there's virtually nothing you can do to stop it," Cuccinelli said in 2008 to the Family Foundation, a socially conservative Richmond-based advocacy group. "This law has everything to do with the breakdown of the family. The state says marriage is so unimportant that if you just separate for a few months, you can basically nullify the marriage. What we're trying to do is essentially repeal no-fault divorce when there are children involved."

As a state senator in 2005, Cuccinelli offered a bill that would have made it so parents initiating a no-fault divorce could have that action counted against them "when deciding custody and visitation." The measure never came to a vote, but Cuccinelli won praise from Stephen Baskerville, then-president of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children, for fighting against the no-fault divorce "epidemic."'

China: Woman who gouged out eyes of Chinese boy sought

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police in northern China launched a massive search Wednesday for a woman accused of gouging out the eyes of a 6-year-old boy.

Authorities in the city of Linfen in Shanxi province offered a 100,000 yuan ($16,000) reward for the woman's capture.

Police did not say if they had identified a suspect, and the boy said only that the woman spoke with an accent from outside the area. State media said the boy was recovering in a hospital, but had lost his sight permanently following the brutal ordeal Saturday.

...

State media previously had raised the possibility that the boy's corneas were taken for sale because of a donor shortage in China.

A news report on a provincial TV channel showed the boy writhing in pain on a hospital trolley, with bandages around his head, and his parents, both farmers, crying.'

Men After Divorce Are More Likely To Live In Single-Person Households

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to new Census data, more American men are living alone than ever before -- and the rising divorce rate could be to blame.

The Census data shows that the number of men between the ages of 15 and 64 who are the head of a one-person household has risen considerably since 1970. In 1970, 23 percent of men who fell within the 15-64 age range lived in a one-person household, compared to 34 percent who do today.
...
However, there was no increase in the number of women living in single person households, or men over the age of 65 who are the heads of single-person households. The Census report indicates that this could be because children are more likely to live with their mothers after a divorce, leaving more fathers living completely alone post-split.'

Outraged Montanans move to oust judge who jailed rapist for 30 days

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Montana residents are fuming and on a campaign to oust a state judge who ruled that a teacher who raped a 14-year-old girl — who subsequently killed herself — deserves only 30 days behind bars.

What made the sentence more shocking to many was District Judge Todd Baugh's remarks in court: He said that even though the girl, Cherice "Cherry" Morales, was decades younger than her attacker, Stacey Dean Rambold, 54, and obviously troubled, taped police interviews showed she was "as much in control of the situation" as Rambold. The judge also said the girl was "older than her chronological age."
...
Meanwhile, Montanans have been sending protesters to his courthouse in Billings. The Montana National Organization for Women also has asked the state to step in and force a longer jail sentence for Rambold.'

Female Teacher Molests 13 Year Old Student, No Jail Time

No jail time for Washington Union teacher who admits to sex with student

Female teacher gets no jail after having sex with a 15-year-old boy

Female teacher avoids jail after sex with student

Brooklyn teacher not going to jail after having sex with 16-year-old boy

Elementary School Teacher Accused Of Sex With 2 Students In North Carolina

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An elementary school teacher at a North Carolina K-12 school has been accused of having sexual relationships with two different students over a four-year period.

Amy Tilley Bower, 45, was arrested and charged Wednesday with two counts of sexual activity with a student and two counts of indecent liberties with a child, according to the Watauga County Sheriff's Office.

Police received a report concerning the 5th-grade teacher's inappropriate conduct in late July.

According to WBTV, the report alleged that Bower was involved in sexual relationships with minor male students from 1998 to 2000 and 2004 to 2006.

According to WSOC, both students were 15 years old when the alleged relationships began.'

Woman pleads to giving false report in rape case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Burlington woman pleaded guilty last week to felony obstruction of justice, falsely reporting that a man raped her sister.

Patricia Suzzane May, 38, of Kimesville Road, Burlington, was charged with sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance on March 9. She was also charged with making a false statement to investigators, that the man she sold drugs to had raped her sister.

May was later indicted on a felony obstruction of justice charge.

In exchange for the plea, the remaining charges were dismissed. Superior Court Judge Elaine Bushfan issued a four- to 14-month sentence as a level-one offender and placed her on 24 months' probation. May was ordered to complete a seven-day split, active sentence in the Alamance County Jail and have no contact with the victim in the case.'

Police: NYC woman offered undercover officer $60,000 stamp collection to kill her husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NEW YORK – New York City police say they've arrested a woman after she offered an undercover officer a $60,000 stamp collection to kill her husband.

Police say Elena Adams was arrested Thursday and charged with conspiracy and criminal solicitation. They say the 57-year-old met with an undercover officer inside a car in the Sheepshead Bay neighborhood of Brooklyn to discuss the murder-for-hire plot.

Police say Adams told the officer her husband should be struck by a hit-and-run driver on Sunday as he crossed a street after lunch. They say Adams gave the investigator a picture of her husband, the stamp collection and jewelry.'

Percent of depressed men comparable to women: study

Minuteman · 30 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The proportion of men who experience symptoms of depression may be similar to the proportion of women with depression when doctors look for non-traditional symptoms, according to a new study.

Researchers found that one third of both men and women met the criteria for a depression diagnosis when traditional and alternative symptoms - such as aggression and sleep problems - were taken into account.

"You end up getting very similar rates of depression," Lisa Martin, the study's lead author from the University of Michigan in Dearborn, told Reuters Health.

About 16 percent of Americans currently meet the criteria for depression, Martin and her colleagues write in JAMA Psychiatry. Previous research has found women are about twice as likely as men to be diagnosed with the condition.'

Chinese city to charge men caught aiming poorly in public restrooms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Chinese netizens are aghast after the government of Shenzhen, China issued a decree, saying it will charge men who use their public toilets but can't aim their shoot well inside the urinal.

The decree, which will fine public toilet users 100 yuan ($16), will take effect on September.

But the thing is, officials did not specify just how much spilled urine exactly pass for a description of "uncouth use of a public toilet."

As expected, Chinese netizens immediately took to Sina Weibo to lash out over the incredible regulation.

"Who will supervise such behavior? It will be illegal to install cameras of men urinating in toilets," user Liuyanguangguang said.'

'Single Guys Might Be As Dirty As We Thought'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Brace yourselves, ladies: You're about to be shocked by the opposite sex. Seriously. We've always known that men can be, ahem, slightly less clean than we are, but we had no idea the level that 20-something dudes could stoop to. If you thought your guy friends (or lovers) had outgrown their frat-bro days of dirty dishes and even dirtier laundry, we almost hate to show you this survey from a U.K. mattress company. It turns out that young single men only change their sheets an average of once every three months.

And, the news only gets worse from there. The average man admitted to only owning one set of sheets (compared to three sets for women), and the study found that within couples, 81% of the sheet washing was done by the woman. The results also pointed to an age correlation — the worst cleanliness faux pas were committed by men between the ages of 18 to 35, while guys, ages 35 to 50, seemed to clean up their act a bit.'

College Rape Hysteria

bronxman · 30 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. [Ed.: bronxman's comments submitted with this item appear as the first comment since they were too long to post with the item.] Excerpt:

'A student at Swarthmore College who accused it of being lax in its pursuit of allegations of sexual misconduct says the Pennsylvania college is retaliating against her by denying her a job as a dormitory resident adviser, The New York Times reports. But college officials deny any retaliation. They say they cannot employ the student, Mia Ferguson, because she refuses to tell authorities the name of the victim of an alleged rape.

Ms. Ferguson, who joined other students in filing two complaints with the U.S. Education Department this year over Swarthmore's handling of sexual-misconduct cases, was accepted for the resident adviser's position this past spring. The alleged rape occurred three years ago.

Swarthmore officials say they learned of the rape accusation only last week, after Ms. Ferguson brought it up during training for resident advisers. Under federal laws and guidelines and the college's own policies, they say, Swarthmore must vigorously pursue all accusations of sexual misconduct. Those guidelines and policies, they say, also require employees—including paid resident advisers like Ms. Ferguson—to report any information they have about such accusations.'

Colleges offer credit to students who enter ‘feminist thinking’ into Wikipedia

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fifteen universities worldwide — including Yale University, Brown University, and Pennsylvania State University — will offer college credit to students who “write feminist thinking” into Wikipedia.

The program, “Storming Wikipedia,” will be part of the Dialogues on Feminism and Technology online course developed by FemTechNet, an organization of feminist educators and scholars.

Approximately 300 students are currently registered for the course, Alexandra Juhasz, professor of media studies at California's Pitzer College and one of the course facilitators, told Campus Reform Thursday.

“A woman's point of view or feminist point of view is not yet expressed in relationship to women in technology in Wikipedia,” she said. “We hope that people engage in this project in respect to other themes as well.”'

UK: 'Quota for women the only way to achieve equality' on radio

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The broadcasters welcomed a promise from Tony Hall, the BBC's Director General, that by the end of 2014 the corporation would aim to have a women presenting 50 per cent of breakfast shows on local radio.

Describing the plan as a "quota", she said that it represented a move toward "fairness" that would never be achieved without a directive from above.

Writing for telegraph.co.uk, Miss Arnold said sexism still exists in radio and if the new plans mean that women are given a job over men it may "redress the balance of the last 2000 years".

Local radio is seen as an important training ground for the national media, and flagship programmes including BBC Radio 4's Today programme have long been criticised for being too male.'

Shelter Helps Out Male Victims of Domestic Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CORPUS CHRISTI -- The Women's Shelter of South Texas helps more than 3,000 victims of domestic violence each year. Most of them are women. But the shelter also has services for men.

So far, they've seen 22 men this year, but, the likelihood is, there are a lot more out there, suffering in silence.

Men are less likely to be victims of domestic violence, but when they are, they're also less likely to report it. That's a problem, since domestic violence against anyone can turn deadly in an instant.

"Its embarrassing you know to say I got beat up by a girl," domestic violence victim Terry Samuels told us.

But he is sharing his story of abuse tonight, hoping another deadly case of domestic violence doesn't happen simply because a man is too embarrassed to report it.

One example came just a few weeks ago on August 10th, when police say 24-year-old Freddy Ayala died from violently during a fight with his pregnant girlfriend.

She ran him over in the parking lot of a bar on Leopard.'

Woman who stabbed victim at least 15 times charged with murder

Matt · 31 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Gates woman has been accused of fatally stabbing a 60-year-old city man at least 15 times Thursday afternoon.

Amber I. Favasuli, 28, of Bambi Lane was charged with second-degree murder in connection with the death of Leonard Johnson, according to City Court documents. She pleaded not guilty in City Court Friday morning.

The slaying occurred about 2:20 p.m. Thursday inside an apartment at 1835 St. Paul St. and Norton streets, according to Rochester police. Sgt. Elena Correia said police found the man, who had wounds all over his body, inside an apartment in a complex at St. Paul Street, just south of Route 104.'

The unintended consequences of laws addressing sex between teachers and students

Matt · 31 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Takes on the teacher-student sexual relations issue to suggest that gee, as long as it's consensual, it isn't that bad. Makes no mention of the double-standards around male vs. female teachers coloring outside the lines or the uneven power relationship issue, which she seems to minimize. Still, it's an alternate viewpoint. Excerpt:

'As protesters decry the leniency of Rambold's sentence — he will spend 30 days in prison after pleading guilty to raping 14-year-old Cherice Morales, who committed suicide at age 16 — I find myself troubled for the opposite reason. I don't believe that all sexual conduct between underage students and teachers should necessarily be classified as rape, and I believe that absent extenuating circumstances, consensual sexual activity between teachers and students should not be criminalized. While I am not defending Judge G. Todd Baugh's comments about Morales being "as much in control of the situation" — for which he has appropriately apologized — tarring and feathering him for attempting to articulate the context that informed his sentence will not advance this much-needed dialogue.
...
I've been a 14-year-old girl, and so have all of my female friends. When it comes to having sex on the brain, teenage boys got nothin' on us. When I was growing up in the 1960s and '70s, the sexual boundaries between teachers and students were much fuzzier. Throughout high school, college and law school, I knew students who had sexual relations with teachers. To the best of my knowledge, these situations were all consensual in every honest meaning of the word, even if society would like to embrace the fantasy that a high school student can't consent to sex. Although some feelings probably got bruised, no one I knew was horribly damaged and certainly no one died.'

Presidential Proclamation--National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, 2013

Matt · 31 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Proclamation here. Excerpt:

'Among American men, prostate cancer is both the second most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second-leading cause of cancer deaths. Although prostate cancer incidence and mortality rates have declined over the past two decades, in 2013 alone, an estimated 239,000 men in the United States will be diagnosed with the illness, and almost 30,000 men will die from this disease. During National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, we remember those lost to prostate cancer, offer our support to patients and their families, and highlight our commitment to better prevention, detection, and treatment methods.

...

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. I encourage all citizens, government agencies, private businesses, non-profit organizations, and other groups to join in activities that will increase awareness and prevention of prostate cancer.'

The most dangerous jobs in America-- all "male-dominated" but predictably, feminists don't mind

Matt · 31 August 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Review here. Yes, you'll find all these jobs are stereotypically "male-dominated", dirty, dangerous, and some pay relatively little for the risks involved, yet despite the "male-dominated" nature of them, you'll *never* catch feminists insisting there needs to be an affirmative action program to get more women into these jobs.

Woman arrested in husband's beating death

mens_issues · 1 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'LAKEWOOD, Colo. - Lakewood police have arrested the 73-year-old wife of an 83-year-old man who was severely beaten in his home and later died.

Police said they responded to a call of a domestic dispute in on W. Warren Drive and S. Moore Court just before 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Upon arrival, they found Carol Weigum outside the house and found her husband, Wallace "Wally" Weigum inside the house. He was rushed to a local hospital where he died later that afternoon.'

Brian Banks doesn't make Atlanta Falcons cut

bronxman · 1 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Brian Banks was falsely accused of rape. But now he has failed to secure a permanent spot on an NFL team due to lost years of training while in jail. I think men should go to such websites and post their support for Brian as a statement of compassion. We men do not bond well and this could be an opportunity to show some compassion. Maybe even find a way to email him directly. Excerpt:

'The NFL dreams of Brian Banks, who was exonerated last year after being wrongfully convicted of rape, were cut short when he failed to earn a spot on the Atlanta Falcons' 53-man roster, according to the football team's website.

Banks got the ax on Friday along with 10 other players, the Atlanta Falcons reported. The 28-year-old rookie linebacker had been signed to the team as a free agent in April, and had said playing in the pre-season was "one of the best moments of my life."

Banks said on Thursday that he had been "fully consumed trying to make this team," but that it was difficult given "all the years that I missed out on football."'

Florida to exhume bodies buried at Dozier Boys' School

Matt · 1 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Marianna, Florida (CNN) - This weekend, Florida will begin digging into its tragic past as anthropologists start unearthing what they believe are the remains of dozens of children buried on the grounds of a former reform school.

The exhumations at the Dozier School for Boys -- which closed in 2011 -- are the culmination of years of controversy surrounding the reform school and a mythology that has taken on a life of its own.

Rightly or wrongly, the Florida Panhandle town of Marianna -- just west of Tallahassee -- has become synonymous with the school and its dark past.

Some of those who were once sent to Dozier -- now senior citizens -- have come forward with stories of abuse at the school, including alleged beatings, torture, sexual abuse, killings and the disappearance of students, during the 1940s, '50s and '60s.'

Women selling positive pregnancy tests - to trick boyfriends into marrying

GaryB · 2 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

This story appeared today. Excerpt:

'WANT to know how to get your boyfriend to propose to you? Buying a positive pregnancy test for $20 may be the answer.

In what may be a troubling new trend, dailydot.com reports pregnant women across America are selling used pregnancy tests online with the sales pitch unmarried women can use the tests to trick their boyfriends into marriage.

A number of women across the country have offered positive pregnancy tests for sale - supply numbers, endless - on the site Craigslist.

One expectant mother in New York State is selling used testing sticks for $25 each, saying she's been asked so many times, she had decided to start charging and "I don't care what you use them for, not my business".

Another mother has a more direct sales hook: 'Wanna get your boyfriend to finally pop the question? Play a trick on mom, dad or one of your friends?"'

Men beware, and don't believe a positive test.

As for the author, the word 'troubling' is used but otherwise this entire article is just riding the wave of 'oh look what some clever women are doing!'. And of course, if men were selling positive cancer tests to scare/trick their girlfriends into marrying them, no problem, right?

PIAA ordered to re-evaluate allowing boys to play on girls' teams

Mastodon · 2 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly two years ago, a concerned mother and father from Fox Chapel decided they'd had enough of boys playing on girls high-school field hockey teams.

Mary and Jim Grenen had watched as their daughter, Allison, and her Fox Chapel High teammates competed against boys who were bigger, faster and stronger. And the Grenens, as attorneys who work out of a high-rise in downtown Pittsburgh, felt they had the proper credentials to emerge as instruments of change.

Tuesday, their work in joining hands with the PIAA [Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association] to bring their case in front of the Commonwealth Court in Harrisburg paid off.

Judge B. Kevin Brobson issued an opinion that freed the PIAA -- which had been handcuffed by a decades-old injunction -- to examine writing a new policy or bylaw that would bar boys from playing on girls teams.'

Norway: Harsh sentence for false rape claim

Mastodon · 2 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Norwegian woman has been sentenced to a year and a half in prison after she admitted to falsely claiming to have been raped.

But Rudolf Christoffersen, the prosecutor in the case, said it was important for the courts to deal stiffly with such false accusations.

"If it had not been for a thorough police investigation, this case could have had grave consequences for the man who was unjustly accused of rape," he said. "In cases of sexual abuse cases, it is of the greatest importance that the police can give credence to the information submitted."'

Lawmaker seeks return of the draft before Syria vote

Mastodon · 2 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) said Sunday that before the United States takes additional steps toward military action in Syria, the country should reinstate the draft.

“I truly believe we should have a national draft act before the Congress acts,” Rangel said on “Weekends with Alex Witt” on MSNBC.

Rangel has long been a proponent of reinstating the draft so that every socioeconomic group is required to fight when military actions are undertaken. He has introduced several bills over the years to bring back conscription. In addition to reintroducing the National Universal Service Act in February, Rangel also proposed the All American Selective Service Act, which would require women in the 18-25 age demographic to join men of that age in registering with the Selective Service.'

UK: 'Spiderman' arrested in Bournemouth after Fathers 4 Justice protest

Matt · 2 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A man has been arrested after dressing up as Spiderman and protesting above a busy Bournemouth road.

The protest in aid of Fathers 4 Justice took place on A338 Wessex Way flyover at the Cooper Dean roundabout this afternoon (Saturday).

Dorset Police closed the road to southbound traffic after a man, dresses as Spiderman was standing on the wrong side of the barrier, carrying a banner stating "4 fathers there is no justice."'

Boys Have Higher Death Rates From Many Causes, Study Shows

Minuteman · 3 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Males may be the more vulnerable sex when it comes dying young -- not just from accidents, but from a range of causes, a new study finds.

Looking at a decade's worth of data on U.S. children and teenagers, researchers found that boys had higher death rates than girls from 17 of 19 broad causes.

Those included not only accidents -- in which boys' greater risk-taking can come into play -- but also cancer and diseases of the heart, lungs and nervous system.

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Figuring out why boys have higher death rates could also aid in the wider understanding of different diseases, Feudtner noted. "It could help everyone if we understand the factors at work," he said.'

The Gender Wage Gap Lie

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How many times have you heard that “women are paid 77 cents on the dollar for doing the same work as men”? Barack Obama said it during his last campaign. Women’s groups say it every April 9, which is Equal Pay Day. In preparation for Labor Day, a group protesting outside Macy’s this week repeated it, too, holding up signs and sending out press releases saying “women make $.77 to every dollar men make on the job.” I’ve heard the line enough times that I feel the need to set the record straight: It’s not true.

The official Bureau of Labor Department statistics show that the median earnings of full-time female workers is 77 percent of the median earnings of full-time male workers. But that is very different than “77 cents on the dollar for doing the same work as men.” The latter gives the impression that a man and a woman standing next to each other doing the same job for the same number of hours get paid different salaries. That’s not at all the case. “Full time” officially means 35 hours, but men work more hours than women. That’s the first problem: We could be comparing men working 40 hours to women working 35.'

UK: "Why Is Women's Health Still a Joke?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"I am the director of Wellbeing of Women and consider myself privileged to be working for a fantastic charity that prioritises women's health.

My own feeling is that female wellbeing is still vastly under resourced, and often our more personal health issues are considered taboo or somehow trivial. Many women are slow to take the time to go to their doctor and poorly informed about the possible causes leading to delayed diagnosis and treatment.'

'Ken Cuccinelli’s Involvement With Hardline Misogynists'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Washington Post has a story up about the gross depths of Ken Cuccinelli’s fucked up, misogynist worldview. It’s not just his dogged attempts to shut down legal abortion single-handedly in the state, but now it’s been revealed that he has ties to the “fathers’ rights” movement, a group of men whose political goals all point back to the single purpose of making it harder for women to rid themselves of controlling and often abusive men. They fight protections for victims of domestic violence, educate each other on novel ways to sue your ex-wife so that you can stay in her life and make it miserable, demand stricter divorce laws so a woman can’t leave you just because she wants to, and push to reform child support laws so that it becomes more expensive and therefore more difficult for women to leave bad marriages. How well they conceal what they’re up to varies a lot—some of them are remarkably good at portraying themselves as humble fathers who simply want to be a part of their children’s lives, and whose ability to use said children to control and punish their ex-wives is simply a coincidence—but what’s interesting is that Ken Cuccinelli’s buddy, Ron Grignol, doesn’t do a very good job at hiding his stripes at all.
...
While most men who identify as “men’s rights activists” are blowhards who concentrate their “activism” to bitching online about how women aren’t submissive enough or don’t give them the sex they deserve, fathers rights activists actually do things like lobbying that have political influence. Almost all of them are bitter divorced men, and a lot of them have ugly custody battles with their ex-wives that they’re on the losing end of because judges find credible evidence to believe they were batterers. Evidence which is invariably dismissed as women spouting hysterical lies, because bitches, amirite?'

Please lodge anti-circumcision comments with the U.S. Office of Human Research Protections, Deadline 9 Sep. 2013

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Link here. The Department of Health & Human Services Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) is accepting written comments about "Matters Related to the Protection of Human Subjects and Research Studying Standard of Care Interventions" via Regulations.gov until 9 September 2013, presenting an opportunity for readers from the U.S. to express some of their concerns about the Good Samaritan hospital Gomco v. Mogen trial and similar circumcision "studies". Excerpt:

'The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing a public meeting to seek public input and comment on how certain provisions of the HHS requirements related to the protection of human subjects should be applied to research studying one or more interventions which are used as standard of care treatment in the non-research context. HHS specifically is requesting input regarding how an institutional review board (IRB) should assess the risks of research involving randomization to one or more treatments within the standard of care for particular interventions, and what reasonably foreseeable risks of the research should be disclosed to research subjects in the informed consent process. ...'

SAVE E-lert: Ben Pershing and his WaPo Whopper

Matt · 4 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Washington Post reporter Ben Pershing is so passionate about politics he was blinded by someone's political pandering, inadvertently sharing misinformation with WP readers. Yeah, maybe that's what happened. We're calling his article a WaPo Whopper!

Pershing criticizes a Virginia gubernatorial candidate because he was one of three state attorneys general who did not sign a letter urging federal lawmakers to reauthorize a particular version of the Violence Against Women Act. He didn't inform his readers that leading women's groups such as the Independent Women's Forum, Concerned Women for America, and the Mommy Lobby also strongly opposed that version of VAWA.

On the statistic of one million false allegations of domestic violence each year, Pershing writes, "Women's rights groups and other critics strongly dispute that false claims are so widespread." He links to a fact sheet that states "allegations [of domestic violence] are substantiated in 63 to 74 percent of cases" of divorce.

In the United States, 260,000 to 370,000 unsubstantiated allegations occur during a divorce each year. False allegations are also made in non-divorce contexts such as among dating couples, married couples, co-cohabiting couples, and post-divorce couples. So the source that Pershing claims to "strongly dispute" the one million figure in fact partially confirms the statistic.

Please politely ask Ben Pershing to correct his misinformation:

Email: ben.pershing-at-washpost.com
Phone: WP Metro department, 202-334-7300

Thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Bizarre Circumcision Stories: Where's the Journalism?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Then of course, the recent birth of royal baby George across the pond generated a lot of news. The Huffington Post ran a piece speculating about the royals' imminent decision, and titled it "The Royal Snip."

Snip? Snip is scissors opening up a pesky package of salted peanuts. Snip is a hair trim. Snip is hardly the word for circumcision, which removes not only the sexually sensitive foreskin tissue, but the entire epithelial lining, leaving the glans of the penis completely exposed.

Moving along one continent to the south, we have the stranger-than-fiction situation in Africa, where certain progressive communities are working hard to eradicate female genital cutting. Not such a rosy picture for males. Almost every day, throughout Africa's so-called "circumcision season," which runs in the summer months, thousands of young boys and men are left sick, mutilated or dying from their rite-of-passage circumcisions. The tragedy taking place in Africa was recently reported in the Wall Street Journal.
...
Often, mainstream journalists don't even question the premise that mass circumcision is the best option in combating HIV. If it were the best, then why does the U.S., with the highest proportion of circumcised males in the developed world, have more HIV cases per capita than any other developed nation?'

IA: Let's go to Cincinnati and stop this awful study

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From an IA newsletter:

Thank you for signing our letter demanding that Good Samaritan Hospital stop its outrageous baby-cutting study!

In just a few weeks, Intact America will travel to Cincinnati to deliver that letter in person, because, even now, none of the researchers or hospital administrators—nor the Cincinnati Archdiocese—has bothered to respond to our many letters and phone calls.

We have to make it clear that this heinous experiment on innocent babies will NOT go unheeded, and it will NOT go unchallenged!

I know you're as incensed by this study as I am, and I need you to take the next step. Can I count on your financial support to help make our presence in Cincinnati as powerful as possible?

Here's what we have planned for October 3:

- PRESS CONFERENCE: I will be speaking, along with other prominent intactivists, at a national press conference right outside Good Samaritan's main entrance.
- DEMONSTRATION: People from around the country will be traveling to Cincinnati to march peacefully with us outside the hospital, demanding that this study be shut down.
- MOBILE BILLBOARD: We need to reach as many Cincinnati-area residents as possible with the harsh reality of what's happening right in their backyard, and the most effective way to do that is with a mobile billboard. We're working on the design right now, but we need your support in order to make it a reality.

This hospital needs to know that conducting pain and bleeding experiments on babies is cruel, unscientific, and WRONG. Please make a tax-deductible donation today, so together we can put a stop to this madness.

With gratitude for all you do,

Georganne Chapin
Executive Director, Intact America
www.intactamerica.org

Baby Veronica to stay with biological dad for now, court rules

Matt · 4 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Oklahoma Supreme Court has ruled that Baby Veronica, the 3-year-old girl at the center of a years-long custody dispute, should temporarily remain with her biological father in Oklahoma instead of being returned to her adoptive parents in South Carolina.
...
It was not immediately clear Tuesday why the court made the emergency ruling or for how long Veronica would remain with her biological father, Dusten Brown.

The dispute began in 2009 when Brown signed paperwork relinquishing his parental rights. Scheduled to deploy to Iraq at the time, Brown says he believed his signature gave full rights to Veronica's mother, Christy Maldonado.
...
At the heart of Veronica's case is the Indian Child Welfare Act, established in 1978 in response to high rates of Native American children being adopted by non-Native families. A South Carolina family court awarded custody of the girl to Brown, a member of the Cherokee Nation, under the Indian Child Welfare Act. A family court in the same state later ruled that custody be awarded to the Capobiancos and ordered Brown to hand Veronica over. Brown refused.

The U.S. Supreme Court said in June that provisions of the act, which would favor Brown, didn't apply in the case.'

Hofstra Law Review tackles NCP rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The topic is also timely. Non-custodial parents are in the news as never before. Frustrated parents are seen scaling the walls of Buckingham Palace and other monuments, dressed as superheroes. They stare out angry and stone-faced from the front cover of The New York Times Sunday Magazine. Their grievances against a family law they see as stacked against them are splashed across billboards and newspaper advertisements. And they are said to be coming soon to a theater near you: Miramax recently bought the movie rights to the life story of the founder of Fathers 4 Justice, the British group responsible for much of the surging media attention.

It is easy to dismiss the antics of some of these activists as loopy or, in some darker cases, just plain depraved. Fathers 4 Justice, for instance, temporarily disbanded in January 2006 after an “extremist splinter group” was accused of plotting to kidnap British Prime Minister Tony Blair’s five-year-old son, Leo, to dramatize their feelings of parental powerlessness. But, beyond the stunts and costumes, it is clear that the sense of injury expressed by these activists resonates with a broader circle of non-custodial parents. Because non-custodial parents are overwhelmingly men, the clash over custody is often seen as a front in the so-called “gender wars.” Certainly, it is true that the cause of non- custodial parents is championed most visibly by a newly energized Fathers’ Rights movement, and that a distressing share of the internet polemics on the topic crackles with misogynistic invective. The gender implications of the topic are real, but the issue is not solely about the rights of fathers. There are smaller numbers of women, too—both non-custodial mothers and the new partners of non-custodial fathers—who are agitating for greater empowerment of non-custodial parents.
...

Significantly, the push for non-custodial parents’ rights is doing much more than generating headlines; it has already spurred significant changes to family law in some states and, indeed, around the world. The movement’s influence can be seen in laws affecting custody, visitation, child support, and paternity, not only in the United States but also in Australia, Canada, and Europe. Non-custodial parents have gained new rights to enforce visitation, limit their support obligations based on additional time caring for the child, and even to “disestablish” their parental status (and obligations) altogether based on DNA proof of non- paternity later in the child’s life.'

'Abuse of Power'

Matt · 5 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'... I have a good relationship with my ex and trust him to pay his child support directly to me. As it stands now, he pays a fee to the collection agency and 5 percent of the actual support payments are kept by the court trustee. The entire process slows down the payment and takes money away from my children.'

State pushes counties to collect more child support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'State officials are challenging county child support agencies to spike their collection rates, setting ambitious goals in hopes of improving children's lives and keeping Ohio competitive in seeking financial incentives from the federal government.

The state is pushing all 88 counties to increase collection rates 10 percent by 2015. The state's average collection rate currently sits at 67.3 percent.

...

Last year, the state launched an initiative to increase dollar collections to keep Ohio competitive in receiving performance-based incentives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Ohio, the seventh largest state, is sixth in child support caseload and fourth in collection, said Jeff Aldridge, deputy director for the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services.

...

Reaching the goal of a statewide 70 percent collection rate is important to counties across the state that have seen staff reductions at their child support enforcement agencies. Pater's office has seen a one-third reduction of staff since 2005 because the agency hasn't been able to afford to hire anyone new. If Ohio can score more federal funding, it means more investigators to take up child support cases in offices across the state.'

The importance of dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Much is said about the relationship between mums and daughters, dads and sons. But little is said about the vital relationship between mothers and sons, fathers and daughters.
...
Sadly, not enough dads realise the impact they have on their daughters' lives. One study found only 30 per cent of fathers believed that active involvement in their daughter's life was vital to her health and well being.

This is despite recent findings that the dad's influence is as great, and sometimes greater, than the mother's.

Dads, as has been well documented, impact girls' interactions with men later in life.

"In my years of psychology practice, I've met very few women who did not unconsciously or consciously pick a romantic partner based on the characteristics of her father," says clinical psychologist Jennifer Kromberg.

Dads also affect their daughters self esteem, independence and stress levels.
...
I am acutely aware that not all dads are like this and there are plenty of women (and men) who have been without a father or at least without a worthy one.

But one thing we should never do is underestimate the importance of dads.'

Ireland: At-home dads: Cooking, cleaning, *and* repairs around the house

Matt · 5 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nice to see such an article but for at-home dads. Excerpt:

'Think dad's taxi and his handyman services don't cost a thing?

Think again, because stay-at-home dads could be worth up to €45,000 a year.

That's right. All those lifts to the cinema and kickabouts in the park add up if you were to pay someone else to do it.

According to a survey by Caledonian Life, there are over 10,000 fathers staying in the family home while their wives or girlfriends are out working.
...
• Having a mechanic on hand to fix up the house could cost you the guts €55 a week, hammering the family's fortunes by €2,860 a year.'

"We have to help guide you along"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The pleasure of these ads comes from indulging in a little reverse sexism.

Finally, after all these years of men ogling women and parsing them into body bits, we get to have our turn! The ads even commit the same crimes as all lady product ads — showing the gain without the pain. (We see the man shaving his chest into Greek statue smoothness, but we don't see the three-days-later shot with the little bristles. And already the ads have induced complaints of misandry: “The underlying message is that men are slobs, men are grotesque, men have hairy backs, and they need women to civilize them,” Scott A. Lukas, an anthropology professor and head of the Gender Ads Project told The Post. Point won.

Except that, somehow, these Gillette ads feel harmless and funny. No one really thinks that Kate and Hannah and Genesis are doing these men any damage. Why? Because the vibe they tap into is not really “last days of Rome, women rule the world,” but “first days of moving in together, girlfriend throws out my La-Z-Boy.” The ad takes for granted a truth that is sometimes overlooked: that men welcome their partners' small interventions, the way we steer them through the endless set of never-done tasks that constitute women's work. My husband even says, “Men like it when women tell them what to wear, because we don't know.”

Telling your man to shave, in other words, is not so far off from telling him that dishes left by the side of the sink eventually have to make their way under the water, etc. Listen to the outtake from the commercial, where Kate, Hannah and Genesis discuss what they were up to. “We have to help guide you along,” Kate says. Not much threat there.'

Italy: 'Women MPs do a better job than men' - Letta

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Laura Boldrini, Cecile Kyenge and Emma Bonino are among those doing “far better than men”, Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta said during an interview with television channel Russian 24 ahead of the G20 summit, which gets underway in St Petersburg on Thursday.

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“I wanted my government to have the largest number of women in Italian history”, he said.

He added that this objective has been won, with “women doing a great job.”'

Tennis pro: "Women should play five sets"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Andy Murray insists he is ready to go five sets when he takes on the in-form Stanislas Wawrinka in their US Open quarter-final on Thursday - but believes there is no reason why women should not play the same if they are to earn equal prize money at grand slams.

Defending champion Murray had to come from a set behind to defeat Denis Istomin in his last 16 match at Flushing Meadows, and now faces the confident ninth seed Wawrinka - who took Novak Djokovic to five sets in a five hour epic at the Australian Open in January.
...
Speaking to the New York Times, Murray stated either the men should drop to three sets or women should play over five in order to justify equal pay.

"It isn't about it being inferior. As I see them, they're two different sports," Murray told the New York Times. "It's not like the 100 metres at the Olympics, not because they're not running the same speed as the men.

"It's just because we play five sets. I'm not saying the men work harder than the women, but, if you have to train to play five sets, it's a longer distance. It's like someone training to be a 400m runner and someone training to be a 600m runner.'

Gender Gap Traced Back

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recent research has suggested various ways in which girls outperform boys in high school, making them more likely to go to college: stronger desire to get good grades, better social skills, greater validation from academic performance. But a new study suggests gender sorting -- a boy's or girl's decision to attend one school or another – could have its own effect on the college enrollment gap.

In a study of public school systems in Florida, researchers found that what high school a student attends is "strongly associated" with college enrollment; girls are attending high schools that have higher rates of college-going than one would expect based on the students' test scores – and boys, vice versa.

...

"Either girls are choosing to attend high schools that are going to advantage them by making them more likely to go to college, or girls are simply attracted to high schools whose students have higher college-going rates -- even if the school does not cause this outcome -- while boys are attracted to other features of high schools," such as facilities or the characteristics of the school's students, said Mark C. Long, co-author of the paper published in Educational Researcher and associate professor of public affairs at the University of Washington.

...

"Thus, increasing opportunities for choice may facilitate higher amounts of gender sorting (just as they might increase sorting by race and class) in future years," the paper says. "If continued monitoring suggests an increase in gender sorting, and further research suggests harmful consequences to such sorting, then school systems may want to consider gender balance in their school assignment policies."'

Michael Wolff: Fed battle is all about gender

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The public bake-off between the economists Lawrence Summers and Janet Yellen for the job of chairman of the Federal Reserve has boiled down, practically speaking, to discriminatory hiring practices

Janet Yellen's stand-out credential is that she is a woman.

Larry Summers' main drawback — or, certainly, among his most conspicuous characteristics — is that he is not.

You would have to be a naïf or dissembler of remarkable proportions not to see every argument for or against these candidates — and you might read each of these arguments as forms of letters of recommendation by their various sponsors — as reducible to a gender debate.'

Women bear more than their share of military sacrifice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The women's movement has struggled for equality for years, but when it comes to one aspect of serving in the military, women have, unfortunately, achieved more than their share.

A RAND Corp. study found predictable results when it tracked the marital status of more than 460,000 U.S. service members between 1999 and 2008. With each passing month that a spouse was away at war, the chance of divorce increased.

Especially vulnerable were couples who married before the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, who didn't expect long deployments to be part of the equation.'

Israel: Acting bank governor says sexism may be behind PM snub

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Acting Bank of Israel Governor Karnit Flug said her gender may have something to do with Prime Minister Netanyahu's decision to overlook her for the top post at the central bank.

In an interview published in Yedioth Ahronoth Wednesday, asked if she thought there was sexism involved in Netanyahu's disinclination to select her for the job — when previous governor Stanley Fischer recommended her, and two intended appointees withdrew — Flug answered: "Maybe… Until then I had never come across the so-called 'glass ceiling' in my professional career. I've always known that women carry a heavier burden than men because of the two-fold job of being a mother and a career woman, but I believed that it is in our power to combine and balance the two responsibilities… Only in the last two months, when I realized the intensity of the resistance against my appointment to governor of the bank, did the thought occur to me that maybe my disqualification was connected — also — to my being a woman."'

Prosecutors to appeal judge's dismissal of felony charge for false rape report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors plan to appeal a state judge's dismissal of a felony charge against a Billings woman with a history of making false rape reports.
...
District Judge G. Todd Baugh dismissed a felony charge of fabricating evidence against Christina Nadine Nelson in late July, saying that while the evidence clearly showed Nelson lied when she reported her former boyfriend raped her, the prosecution's decision to charge her with fabricating evidence was "a stretch at best."
...
Baugh also gave Nelson permission to travel to Germany on Aug. 2, despite protests from prosecutors who noted she had made seven false rape or assault claims against three men between 2009 and 2012.

Nelson was charged in December 2012 for reporting that her former boyfriend raped her as she left work one day.

Nelson was brought to Billings Clinic later that evening after telling her husband about the alleged rape and after the couple had unprotected sex.
...
Court documents indicate Nelson falsely reported her high school prom date raped her in 2009 and that another man raped her in 2009. The second man transferred to another college after receiving threats, prosecutors said.
...
Baugh is under fire after sentencing a former high school teacher to 30 days in prison for violating the terms of a deferred prosecution agreement in a statutory rape case involving a student. Baugh apologized for commenting that the victim was "older than her chronological age" and was as in much control of the months-long relationship with her teacher as he was.'

Woman to Hartford PD: I burned him alive

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Story here.

'Hartford police arrested a woman who they said admitted to them that she tried to kill her boyfriend by setting him on fire.

Police were called to 116 South St., after getting a 911 call from a woman saying she burned her boyfriend to death and she would be waiting for police outside the home.

Officers arrived at the home and were met by the woman, identified as 47-year-old Julia Rivera, who told them, "Arrest me. I did it. I burned him alive."

Rivera was handcuffed and placed into the police cruiser while officers ran into the home to look for the victim. However, police said, the victim was able to run from the home.

The victim was located at 18 South St., and was suffering from second-degree burns over 70 percent of his body. He was brought to Bridgeport Hospital's Burn Unit and is listed in critical condition.

Rivera complained of chest pains and was brought to Hartford Hospital.

She was charged with assault, reckless endangerment, criminal violation of a protective order and disorderly conduct.'

Colleges offer credit to inject feminism into Wikipedia

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fifteen universities including some Ivy League schools are offering college credit to students who will inject feminist thinking into the popular website Wikipedia -- something critics are calling an eye-opening case of campus bias.

...

The program is called “Storming Wikipedia,” and was set up by a group called FemTechNet as part of its Dialogues on Feminism and Technology online course, according to CampusReform.org. Approximately 300 students are currently registered for the course, and schools like Yale University, Brown University and Pennsylvania State University are participating.

Anne Balsamo, dean of the School of Media Studies at the New School in New York, says the program is meant to revise a bias seen on the massive online encyclopedia, where many pages are "skewed now toward male participation."

...

How the feminist thinking they were seeking would appear was anyone’s guess.

“In 1857, Alexander Graham Bell invented the telegram -- a woman would have done it first but she was stuck in the kitchen,” Timpf joked. But the goals of the program are serious, she noted.

“They’re more concerned with making it politically correct than factually correct,” she told Fox News. “This is the opposite of what [students] should be taught.”'

Preview for short film on male DV victims

Matt · 6 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Preview here. The full short film will be available on October 1st, 2013 on Distrify.com. You can find Shame on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/ShameMEStudios and on Twitter: @shamemovie

NPO: Reforming Judicial Influence through Temporary Orders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When parents separate, one of the first questions anyone asks is, â€œWhat happens with the kids?â€ Current law in most states gives judges practically carte blanche authority to issue temporary orders that place children primarily or wholly in the care of just one parent. One situation that is all-too-common is that one parent gets custody of the children, and the other is ordered â€œvisitationâ€ every other weekend.

For a child that has previously been with both parents every day, removing one of those parents and offering her or him a mere four to six days out of the month must be very traumatic. However, this trauma is not considered when making such orders, and the right of both parents to care for and provide for the child is rarely upheld in family court.'

Whitehouse.gov: "Addressing the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence against Women and Girls, and Gender-Related Health Disparities"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Today we are proud to announce the release of the report by the President's Working Group on the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence against Women and Girls, and Gender-Related Health Disparities. We have had the honor of serving as co-chairs of the interagency Federal Working Group since March 2012, when President Obama issued a Presidential Memorandum to address two overlapping challenges to the health and wellbeing of communities across the United States: the effects of HIV/AIDS, and the alarming rate at which women and girls experience violence.

More than 1 in 3 women in the United States has experienced rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in her lifetime; of these women, 69% report experiencing intimate partner violence at age 25 or younger, and 22% experience IPV for the first time as girls between the ages of 11 and 17 years. Furthermore, approximately 280,000 women in the United States were living with HIV in 2009, with an estimated 15% unaware of their status. Women account for 20% of new HIV infections in the United States, with over three-quarters of these new infections occurring among black and Latina women.

By themselves, these statistics represent a compelling call to action, but the particular prevalence of intimate partner violence among women living with HIV further reinforces the need to address the intersection of HIV/AIDS and violence against women and girls: 56% of women living with HIV, compared to the national prevalence of 36%, have experienced violence by an intimate partner.
...

The release of this report comes at a particularly exciting time for women's health, with open enrollment into the health insurance marketplace beginning October 1 under the Affordable Care Act. Built into the report are action steps to improve screening rates for both intimate partner violence and HIV for women; already as a result of the Affordable Care Act, new health plans provide coverage with no cost sharing for these services. Each of the report's action steps will help meet the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and are synergistic with the Administration's additional efforts to promote health and wellness among women and girls.'

Ex-deputy cleared in sexual contact complaint

mens_issues · 7 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Montezuma County sheriff's deputy accused of inappropriately touching a female suspect has been cleared of any wrongdoing after an investigation.

The Cortez Journal reports that prosecutors and the sheriff's office both conducted an investigation and determined no charges were warranted against former deputy Darrin Harper.

A 52-year-old woman had alleged in a January complaint that Harper had fondled her during a traffic stop in 2012. But the woman later told investigators during an interview that she has a mental illness and sometimes makes up things "that did not happen."

The woman had been arrested on suspicion of driving on the influence of drugs on the night in question, but the charges were later dismissed.

The investigation into the complaint also included listening to recorded jail phone calls, talking with the alleged victim’s husband, and interviewing several officers present at the scene on the night in question, but no evidence was found to corroborate the complaint.'

Sexism in the Great Outdoors

Robber748 · 7 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Mountaineers is an outdoors club headquartered in Seattle devoted to hiking, climbing, skiing, kayaking, etc. (Go to www.mountaineers.org for more information.) For the most part, it is a great group, with countless people volunteering their time and expertise to help people enjoy the outdoors. I was a member for 27 years.

However, the last few years, the Mountaineers had sponsored Women's Wellness Weekends for women only. I was aware of other women-only events as well. I did not know of any men-only activities. The group has an official policy against sexual discrimination. I assumed that if I pointed out this sexism to the club's leadership, that they would stop these Women's Weekends immediately. This did not happen. Instead, they justified the Women's Weekends with the strange and convenient argument that the club caters to specific groups if people volunteer to organize activities for these groups. (Would they allow a Caucasian-only activity?) They also encouraged me to organize men-only activities.

OK, fine. I guess the club is not sexist. Men-only activities are also acceptable. It is just that no one had organized one yet.

But, not fine. I did not believe for a second that men-only activities would be allowed. I believed the management was pulling a fast one on me, and were hoping I would accept this explanation and just go away. However, I called their bluff and organized an online men-only Mountaineers March Madness Bracket Contest for the men's NCAA basketball tournament. (This is not an outdoor activity but the Mountaineers sponsors many events that are not outdoor-type activities. For example, activities during Women's Wellness Weekends have included aerobics, yoga, massage, Zumba, nutritional workshops, wine tastings, and belly dancing.) The Bracket Contest quickly received complaints for being men-only, and the leadership cancelled it. They also denied that they had given me permission to organize this men-only event. It is odd that my complaint about women-only Women's Weekends resulted in their justification, but a complaint about my men-only Bracket Contest resulted in immediate cancellation. The leadership then justified women-only activities with the misandrist implication that women were not safe if men were present. But the reason given for the cancellation of the Bracket Contest was that only outdoor-type activities could be single-sex. (I guess belly dancing is an outdoor activity.)

Again, what a strange and convenient argument! I wondered if the Mountaineer management had any concept of hypocrisy. I also wondered if they were aware that the coverup is worse than the crime. They were looking mighty silly.

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I guess the leadership realized just how silly they looked, so they came up with a more rigorous justification for denying men-only activities. New policies placed many new preconditions on any single-sex activity. It would be very difficult for any men-only activity to meet these new preconditions. But it would be very difficult for any women-only activity as well. I doubt that Women's Weekends or any other of the women-only activities could satisfy or had satisfied these preconditions. (The organizer of the Women's Weekends confirmed that she did not have to meet these preconditons.) Yet, none of the women-only activities were halted. These new preconditions only seemed to apply to me and men-only activities. Just how silly could the Mountaineer leadership look?

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I was accused by several Mountaineers of being petty. But who was really being petty here? The "amount" of women-only activities, if it is possible to measure this, must have been 50 or maybe 100 times larger than my men-only Bracket Contest. Yet the women-only activities went on for years without complaints from men, while the puny, little Bracket Contest received complaints from women immediately. Who was really being petty here? And so hypocritical?

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As we have all heard before, the coverup is worse than the crime. Certainly, allowing women-only activities while denying men-only activities was bad enough, but the degree to which the leadership tried to block me and continue the sexism was much worse---the obfuscation, the strange justifications, the strange new policies, and the stonewalling were deplorable. I have quit the Mountaineers, and I will not rejoin until the sexism stops and the current leadership has been replaced.
...
I tried to come up with other possibilities to explain this sexism, and they all seemed to be related to this fear of women's anger: political correctness, chivalry, and even men's dread of sleeping on the couch. All of this fear of women's anger has led to much sexism against men, making men second-class members of the Mountaineers, of the home, and of society. And women have had no problem in taking advantage of this situation. It is time for the so-called "macho" gender to get some guts and confront this sexism. And it would also be nice if women did the right thing and actually followed their own rhetoric and worked toward gender equality.'

IA: It's not too late to tell Good Samaritan to STOP experimenting on babies

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By now you've heard about the awful baby-cutting study underway at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. In just a few weeks, Intact America will travel to that hospital to deliver a letter signed by concerned citizens like you, demanding that this outrageous study be stopped.

Can we count on you to sign our letter and speak up for these innocent babies, who are being strapped down and assaulted for the sole purpose of seeing which of two clamps causes more blood loss and pain?

We've gathered just over 3,000 signatures so far, so we still have a long way to go, and we can't do it without your help. If you've already signed, thank you...and please forward this email to your friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues and ask them to sign it too!

Here's why we think this action is critical:

This is happening right in our backyard. That's right, American doctors are experimenting on the genitals of non-consenting minors.

After the atrocities of World War II, the Nuremberg Code was developed to prevent exactly these kinds of medical abuses: "The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential; The experiment should be so conducted as to avoid all unnecessary physical and mental suffering and injury; The degree of risk to be taken should never exceed that determined by the humanitarian importance of the problem to be solved by the experiment...." It's extremely clear that the Good Samaritan circumcision study violates all of these rules.

You can't cruelly subject minors to an unconscionable medical experiment—all in service to the shareholders of a medical instrument manufacturer seeking to profit from bad science in order to sell more circumcision clamps—and call it "science."
This hospital needs to know that conducting pain and bleeding experiments on babies is cruel, unscientific, and WRONG. Please sign our letter today, so we can put a stop to this madness.

Georganne Chapin
Executive Director, Intact America
www.intactamerica.org

Letter: Circumcision should be outlawed

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'Regarding the Aug. 31 Observer story “High hopes for victims of female genital mutilation“: This story reminded once again of the sad realization that there is no hope at all in the world for the many more victims of male genital mutilation. Male circumcision advocates might say there is no comparison since male circumcision, if done properly, neither robs adult men of sexual pleasure nor poses a significant health risk. But I say that arguing that removal of the prepuce does no significant harm is not an argument at all. Nor is the apology that it has a long and noble cultural heritage that places it above disrepute. That’s rubbish.
...
Female genital mutilation (FGM) is terrible and easily conjures more outrage than male genital mutilation. But the depravity of it means that people can’t see the forest for the trees. Outlawing genital mutilation means outlawing all of it, and anti-FGM workers would only gain credibility if they come out equally against male genital mutilation as well. Meanwhile, doctors, nurses, teachers, counselors, rabbis and parents involved in lining up young boys as sacrifices should themselves all be lined up for long prison sentences.'

New York City mayoral candidate proposes all-female science-based schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New York should open competitive middle schools for girls who are interested in science and math as a way to close a gender gap that has tipped the balance in the city's top tech high schools heavily toward boys.

Broached by Council Speaker Christine Quinn in the heat of the mayoral campaign, the next mayor, whoever that might be, should follow through on her idea to open five all-female science, technology, engineering and mathematics (or STEM) middle schools, one in each borough, to help draw interested young women to the jobs of tomorrow.

Boys now outnumber girls by three-to-one at the city's high-school tech programs, even as jobs in the field are expected to grow about twice as quickly as other positions. Boys also claim about three of five seats at the city's most competitive public high schools that determine admission exclusively by testing, including Stuyvesant and Bronx Science.'

Two days after acquittal, Fort Collins 'End Rape Culture' group takes to streets

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'Two days after jurors acquitted a former Fort Collins bar worker of rape, activists are planning to spread rape awareness Friday night in Old Town.

The walk is organized through Facebook page “End RAPE Culture (Fort Collins)” and asks people to print off fliers featuring mug shots of two men accused of raping two teenaged adults last December. One of the men, Bojan Vuckovic, 25, was acquitted of rape at trial Wednesday but remains in jail after conviction on two misdemeanors of serving alcohol to minors.

People plan to meet at 9 p.m. in front of the Fort Collins Museum of Art and begin walking through Old Town at 10 p.m., handing out fliers and waving “thought-provoking signs,” according to Brandi Palmer, who invited people to join through social media.
...
The flier on the group’s Facebook page shows the mugs of Vuckovic and Dennis Hanson, 30, with the words: “Ladies, if you see these men, RUN AWAY! DANGER alert!”'

The struggle to help boys learn

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'After all these years, we are still stuck. We still can't agree on where to start. The feminist approach wants to blame boys for many problems in school. Boys are noisy, they play up, annoy teachers and stop good kids from learning. Any time we draw attention to boys' difficulties in school, these people raise objections. Which boys do we mean? Are we imagining that all boys are the same? Why aren't we focusing on girls? Are we misogynistic? Don't men have all the advantages anyway? This approach I call "put up a straw man and then knock him down". It's often favoured by people who want to preserve the status quo. Meanwhile, the arch-male approach wants to champion boys at all costs and blame feminism for all men's ills. It sounds a bit like "Now in my day..." Neither of these approaches will get us far.

Look at some facts about boys from various parts of the world. First, in the UK, boys are excluded from schools three times more often than girls. Afro-Caribbean boys are the group most excluded. Second, American boys are drawn into football because they want to be masculine at all cost; but we hear that US football players are at great risk of high blood pressure and suffer horrific rates of concussion. Third, a conference at Montego Bay, Jamaica heard a few years ago about boys leaving school far too early. And this was happening right around the Caribbean. Fourth, boys in the UK are reported as having a manic desire for a body with a 'six-pack' and big muscles. And boys I speak to in Australia complain that what they hear too often is "sit down, shut up, write this down". Everywhere we look, boys are squashed into a narrow idea of what it means to be male. And that doesn't have much to do with school as they know it.'

Harvard Business School Case Study: Gender Equity

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'But in 2010, Drew Gilpin Faust, Harvard's first female president, appointed a new dean who pledged to do far more than his predecessors to remake gender relations at the business school. He and his team tried to change how students spoke, studied and socialized. The administrators installed stenographers in the classroom to guard against biased grading, provided private coaching — for some, after every class — for untenured female professors, and even departed from the hallowed case-study method.

The dean's ambitions extended far beyond campus, to what Dr. Faust called in an interview an "obligation to articulate values." The school saw itself as the standard-bearer for American business. Turning around its record on women, the new administrators assured themselves, could have an untold impact at other business schools, at companies populated by Harvard alumni and in the Fortune 500, where only 21 chief executives are women. The institution would become a laboratory for studying how women speak in group settings, the links between romantic relationships and professional status, and the use of everyday measurement tools to reduce bias.
...
Plenty of women had taken Ruback and Yudkoff's classes on acquiring and running businesses, including Upton, who had delivered the crackerjack finance presentation. She counted 30 to 40 classmates planning search funds, all men except for a no-nonsense engineer named Jennifer Braus. The professors eventually decided to finance and advise Braus, hoping other Harvard women would follow. "Nothing succeeds like success," Ruback said.

Upton decided to take a far lower-risk job managing a wealthy family's investments in Pittsburgh, where her fiance; lived. "You can either be a frontier charger or have an easier, happier life," she said.'

Woman/Boy Relationships in Pop Culture: No Big Deal

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Portrayals of relationships between older women and younger men have showed up in pop culture time and again, from The Graduate to American Pie. But it seems like more have been cropping up lately. Alissa Nutting's novel Tampa, published in July, is about a 26-year-old woman who builds her entire life as a teacher around her attraction to 14-year-old boys. The Lifeguard, which opened in theaters last weekend, stars Kristen Bell as a 29-year-old who returns to her hometown and has an affair with a teenager. And this week sees the theatrical release of Adore, starring Robin Wright and Naomi Watts as two best friends who fall for each other's 18-year-old sons, and A Teacher, the story of a young woman's undoing as her relationship with one of her high-school students comes to an end.

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The differing attitudes towards woman/boy relationships versus man/girl ones was, until recently, codified by the government. It wasn't until the year 2000 that all 50 states had gender-neutral statutory rape laws. Until then, laws tended to punish the woman participant less harshly or not at all, even if she was the perpetrator. According to Carolyn E. Cocca, the author of Jailbait: The Politics of Statutory Rape Laws in the United States, the role of women sex offenders is routinely downplayed. In a 2002 article in which she reviews the language used to describe statutory rapists Mary Kay LeTourneau, Stephen Simmons, and Sean O'Neill, Cocca found that:

"…while much of the discourse still categorizes statutory rape with a male victim as abuse, the "older woman" perpetrator is more often described as a manipulative or mentally ill seductress while the "older man" perpetrator is usually likened to an abusive predator.

[…] Such language maintains the boundaries of traditional gender roles: the older woman is constructed as an almost sympathetic aberration of her gender who tries to obtain love by seducing a young male, while the older man is seen simply as a sexual aggressor and is therefore more universally excoriated for his behavior."'

When dismay is a front-runner

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'Some are so eager to be inaugurated in 2017 that the 2016 campaign has begun 28 months before the 1.4 percent of Americans who live in Iowa and New Hampshire express themselves. It is, therefore, not too soon to get a head start on being dismayed. Consider two probable candidates.

Hillary Clinton comes among us trailing clouds of incense, so some acolytes will call it ill-mannered, even misogynistic to ask: What exactly is it about the condition of the world, and about America's relations with other nations, that recommends the former secretary of state for an even more elevated office?
...
That contemporary feminism is thin gruel is apparent in the fact that it has found its incarnation in a woman who married her way to the upper reaches of American politics. Still, the world's oldest political party might not allow a contest to mar the reverent awarding to her of its next nomination.'

New center for masculine studies under fire

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'"Keep in mind, please, that this is a Center supposedly devoted to the study of men, not women," said Bruce Bawer in his article "A Joke of a Men's Studies Center," published in Front Page Magazine. "Can you imagine a university press release in this day and age announcing the establishment of a new Women's Studies Center and including more men's names than women's? Me neither."

It is not the emergence of men's studies that Bawer, a Stony Brook alumnus and author of "The Victims' Revolution: The Rise of Identity Studies and the Closing of the Liberal Mind", argues against, despite what his book title may say. Rather, it is the "unbalanced" advisory board that he and Newsday columnist Cathy Young see as a problem for men's studies, rather than an asset.

"The study of men and masculinities' as conceptualized by Kimmel and his like-minded colleagues is, at bottom, an academic vehicle for a political attack on 'white male privilege'," said Young. "This is undoubtedly the brand of 'men's studies' that Stony Brook's new Center will promote."

"[Men's studies] is about fostering and nurturing serious research within the context of gender studies," Kimmel said in response to criticisms aimed at the center. "To my mind, these critiques by the MRAs are inevitable. They spend a lot of time trolling the internet and yelling at people. That's not serious research."

Using highly recognizable feminists as advisors was key to banishing misconceptions of what the new center is meant for. Others, however, contend that such actions belie the true academic nature of male gender studies.

A petition started by an anonymous dissenter circulated forums and messageboards, with posters urging members to sign. "No womens' [sic] programs of any kind permit male dominance of any type on their advisory boards, nor do they select men with a track record of antagonism toward and mockery of women and womens' issues," it said.'

Study Confirms Women’s Suspicions: Men Are Afraid Of Their Success

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'A new study published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology is giving credence to what successful, single women have been saying for decades: men are intimidated by their female partners’ achievements.

The study, “Gender Differences in Implicit Self-Esteem Following a Romantic Partner’s Success or Failure,” was co-authored by University of Florida psychology professor Kate A. Ratliff and University of Virginia psychology professor Shigehiro Oishi.

While intended to collect data regarding how those in heterosexual relationships view one another’s success, Ratliff and Oishi discovered that men’s self-worth — or self-esteem — disproportionately suffered when they perceived their female partners to be successful.'

'Men – listen up, it's time we stopped apologizing for being who we are...'

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'The increasing regularity with which men are handbagged by feminist campaigners who constantly, endlessly, ubiquitously bang on about how they don't have a voice has become so prevalent that it's now laughable rather than annoying – although if the correspondence I receive from readers is anything to go by, male and female alike, they don't like being ballyragged by a bunch of birds with an agenda.
...
We've seen this ill-informed and badly articulated misandry with the numerous declarations that men are losing respect for women and are now becoming porn obsessed moral degenerates who, according to one recent commentator in these pages: "look at videos of women being half murdered."
...
Here's an idea, a crazy one that might cause hot flushes and gasps of consternation – being a woman does not make you special. It does not confer on you an automatic wisdom beyond your chromosomatic rivals.'

60-year-old woman arrested on suspicion of domestic violence

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'A 60-year-old woman was arrested Sunday morning after she allegedly grabbed a man by the throat and tried to throw him out an open window, the Napa County Sheriff's Office said.

Deputies were called just before 8 a.m. Sunday to the 3000 block of Cuttings Wharf Road on report of domestic violence, authorities said. On arrival, the alleged victim told police Leila Rhea Armstrong, of Napa, had grabbed him by the throat and tried to push him out a first-floor window.

The man successfully pushed Armstrong off him before she threw him out the window, the sheriff's office said.

Armstrong, who was allegedly drunk when deputies arrived at the home, was arrested on suspicion of domestic violence and booked into the Napa jail, authorities said.'

Mother charged in fatal stabbing of teen son

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'A 31-year-old woman has been charged with murder in the stabbing death of her teenage son over the weekend, police said.

Robin Erwin, 31, is charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of her son Diontae Erwin, 17, Sauk Village Police said.

Police found Diontae in the 1700 block of 223rd Street about 12:15 p.m. Saturday, according to police. The boy was taken to Franciscan Saint Margaret Health in Dyer, Ind., where he was pronounced dead at 12:41 p.m.'

UK: The Fatherless Generation

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'I believe when a father is missing from a family an invisible screen of safety is removed, and all sorts of insecurities and problems are then allowed to enter. Will this apply to all single lone women raising children? No, but the above statistics do not lie.

Britain, with its plight of the fatherless represents how the spirit of the country feels as a whole. There is emptiness, that there is no genuine loving strength surrounding you. Looking out for you. It is a spiritual dilemma as well as a physical one. People sense it, but don't know what it is.

Fathers need to be reunited and encouraged to be with their children as much as possible. Men need to be reinstated to their importance within society and in the family, which I believe has been overlooked at the expense of promoting the equality of women over the course of 50 years.

The British male now often lives in secret servitude and fear to his wife who confidently knows without any doubt she ultimately has the winning upper hand with the custody of children should relationships not go how they wish.'

"Female Astronauts Said To Face Discrimination Over NASA's Space Radiation Concerns"

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'Female astronauts have fewer opportunities to fly in space than men partially because of strict lifetime radiation exposure restrictions, astronauts say.

Both male and female astronauts are not allowed to accumulate a radiation dose that would increase their lifetime risk of developing fatal cancer by more than 3 percent. A six-month mission on the International Space Station exposes astronauts to about 40 times the average yearly dose of background radiation that a person would receive living on Earth, NASA spokesman William Jeffs said in an email.

While the level of risk allowed for both men and women in space is the same, women have a lower threshold for space radiation exposure than men, according to physiological models used by NASA.
...
NASA follows radiation exposure recommendations established by the National Council of Radiation Protection and Measurements. The exposure limits for women are about 20 percent lower compared to men "largely due to additional cancer risk for woman from breast, ovarian, and uterine cancers," Jeffs told SPACE.com.'

Just how bad it can get-- child visitation case stretches 14 years in UK

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'In A (A Child) [2013] EWCA Civ 1104, the Court of Appeal has allowed a father's appeal against a contact order in respect of his daughter, restricting him to sending her emails and presents at Christmas and on her birthday. The father's application for contact / residence will now be reheard.

As McFarlane LJ explained in the lead judgment:

"The case concerns a girl, M, born on 26th October 1999 and therefore now fast approaching her fourteenth birthday. M's mother ["the mother"] is now aged 48 years and her father ["the father"] is aged 60. M's parents separated in May 2001 when M was only some 21 months old and the first application for contact was made by the father five months later in October 2001. The litigation concerning M between the parents has continued, almost without interruption, for the ensuing twelve years. Since 2006 alone there have been no fewer than eighty-two court orders. At least seven judges have been involved in the case at one stage or another and over ten CAFCASS officers have played a part, initially as report writers and, latterly, as M's children's guardian. More recently M has been represented by NYAS. Several local authority social workers have also been involved at various stages of the case. HHJ Goldsack considered that these basic statistics provided the 'best evidence that there has been systemic failure in this case'."'

Text of judgment here.

Divorce Settlement Agreements – The Devil is in the Lack of Details

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'To get divorced in Virginia, all issues must be resolved regarding the marital estate. The most cost effective way of resolving all issues is by reaching an agreement with your spouse. However, failing to carefully consider the details will leave you spending tens of thousands of dollars later as you battle over missed details or ambiguity.

Areas in which parties often fail to include sufficient details to have a functioning long-term agreement include, how to modify child support, children's' extra-curricular activities and who pays for them, how to make the decision about college when the parties agree to split the costs, unreimbursed medical expenses for out of network medical care, information required to exchange when the children are out of town or out of state, and the method for resolving disagreements when they inevitably arise.'

Attorney uses controversial ad to warn men about child support

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'Local attorney Mark Davis is taking a cynical approach to what he says is a growing problem in the state of Texas.

Davis created an advertisement that is targeted toward women. It asks them how they would like to make thousands of dollars by staying at home, and instructs them how to do so by following simple steps.

1) Get pregnant and have a baby.
2) Once the baby is born, get rid of the father.
3) Get child support money by using a state-appointed, free attorney to sue the father.
4) Spend the money on trips without the child.
5) Spend the money on drinking, expensive restaurants, and clubs.

"Guess what? That's all legal in Texas," Davis said.'

Wife accused of pushing husband off cliff

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'(CNN) -- A woman in Montana is accused of pushing her husband off a cliff after an argument. The pair had been married for just more than a week.

Jordan Linn Graham made an initial appearance in court Monday to face a charge of second-degree murder. If convicted, she faces life in prison.

According to a criminal complaint, Graham recently told a friend she was having second thoughts about marrying Cody L. Johnson. CNN affiliate KECI reported the couple had been married for just more than a week.
...
Graham told police that her husband grabbed her by the arm. She turned and removed it.

"Graham stated she could have just walked away, but due to her anger, she pushed Johnson with both hands in the back and as a result, he fell face first off the cliff," the complaint read.'

"Smaller Testicles, Bigger Parenting Role, Study Suggests"

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'Are men with smaller testicles more involved dads? Could be, say the authors of a new study.

Anthropologists from Emory University in Atlanta wanted to try to better understand why some men are more actively engaged in child rearing than others, said study lead author James Rilling.

"We know children with involved fathers -- at least in modern western societies -- have better developmental outcomes socially, psychologically, and educationally. Yet, some men choose not to be involved," he said.

So the study authors decided to investigate whether anatomy or brain function explained the variation in parenting styles.
...
The findings, Rilling said, suggest that "men with smaller testes and lower testosterone levels were more involved in care-giving. The men with smaller testes volume also had a stronger neural response -- the fMRI showed more activity in the ventral tegmental area, a reward center of the brain -- when the men viewed images of their children."
...
"They've assumed a few things and I'm not sure they have the science to back it up," he said.

"You can't correlate testes size to hormones. Testes size -- barring an injury -- is very much stable. Testosterone level is not," Alukal said. He noted that testosterone levels are "hugely variable" depending on the time of day and other factors.'

SAVE E-lert: Washington Post Falls for Abuse Myths

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Last May, the Washington Post (WaPo) ran an editorial in support of the Battered Mothers Custody Conference (BMCC). You'd think they would have done a little research on the group before publishing that one-sided, gender-biased piece.

The 2005 Public Broadcasting System (PBS) documentary, "Breaking the Silence" was based on claims made at a BMCC. Thousands of viewers complained, and an investigation was done. PBS Ombudsman Ken Bode then stated, "I found the program to be so totally unbalanced as to fall outside the boundaries of PBS editorial standards on fairness and balance."

The May column claims that victimized mothers, "are bankrupted and punished for fighting for their children." But there was no mention of victimized fathers. While the WaPo editorial was being written, Vladek Filler was trying to protect himself and his children from his abusive wife: "All I wanted to do was to save my children and move them to a healthy environment. Instead, I found myself fighting the entire legal system for my life and for my children's lives."

The Washington Post owes it to its readers, and to society as a whole to tell the truth, the entire truth. Please contact WaPo's Reader Representative Doug Feaver and insist that the Washington Post write a new editorial on the subject, one that is balanced, fair, and accurate.

Contact: Doug Feaver - readers-at-washpost.com

Thank you, on behalf of every child at risk,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Boys will be boys – whether you like it or not

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'As we merrily skip along the road to economic servitude, war in the Middle East and demographic suicide at home, at least some people – really, really stupid people, may I add – have won a battle in the ongoing Culture Wars that brings social engineering to a whole new level of sinister stupidity.
...
You may want your children to grow up blissfully free of societal expectations defined along a narrow, gender construct that perpetuates a traditionally reductive and patriarchal pedagogical narrative (hey look! I just learned to speak like a feminist! It's not that hard – just stop using your brain!). But here's the thing – there's a good chance your kids don't think like you do, and there's an even better chance that you're going to end up feeling very foolish indeed when you see nature take its course.

Because as long as we remember that the phrase 'by and large' is crucial, we will, by and large, see boys gravitating towards loud, noisy shiny things that they can break and, by and large, girls will tend to gravitate towards more passive, traditional expressions of femininity.'

The Anti-Male Craziness at Yale

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'What is "nonconsensual sex"? Rape, right? Not at Yale, where the term can be applied to a variety of acts generally accepted as minor offenses or non-offenses in the real world. Since 2010 Yale has become the national center of efforts to whittle away the due process rights of students accused of sexual assault in campus hearings. Those efforts, undertaken to appease "activists" who want more males convicted in campus proceedings, have included Orwellian word games to expand the definition of rape. One of the first signs that this was happening came in 2011, when Yale concluded that causing someone to worry could come under the heading of sexual assault. In a footnote in a lengthy 2012 report on this new process, issued by deputy provost Stephanie Spangler, Yale conceded that the university uses "a more expansive definition of sexual assault than is commonly understood." Indeed, claiming that a "worry" constitutes sexual assault is expansive indeed.

The national norm for campus sexual hearings is bad enough (no right to an attorney for accused students, determination of guilt by a very low 50.01 threshold--slightly more likely than unlikely that the alleged offense occurred). But Yale made these procedures worse, allowing accusers to file "informal" complaints that deny accused students the right to cross-examine their accuser, be represented by counsel, or even present evidence of innocence, all in the name of allowing an accuser to retain maximum control over the process. As Yale guidelines say, "the goal is to achieve a resolution that is desired by the [accuser]." Generally, we do not have processes in which the goal is to benefit the accuser, and this procedure is designed to give the accuser choice of and control over the process.'

UK: Exactly when will men get pre-conviction anonymity in rape trials?

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'After two years of allegations and a gruesome eight-day trial, Coronation Street actor Michael Le Vell was finally exonerated from some of the worst crimes imaginable yesterday.

The jury at Manchester Crown Court took just five hours to clear the 48-year-old of twelve sex offences against a young girl, including five of rape.

The father-of-two had been left ‘fighting for his life’ in both a legal circus and a media scrum.

In his willingness to co-operate, he revealed his private self for public scrutiny: a ‘troubled man’ who chain-smoked, drank up to 12 pints a night, had a string of one-night stands and an affair with a younger woman while his wife had cancer treatment.

Like thousands of men all over the world, Le Vell’s life has already been destroyed by a system which considers men’s innocence a bonus - not a baseline. And it has to end.'

Misandry and aggression against men is real

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the past few decades, ‘gender violence’ has been defined as violence by men against women. Women’s violence against the male gender has been considered to be either non-existent, or the fault of men, or has been trivialised and justified in a variety of ways.

This interpretation further implies that women’s aggression is a reaction to men’s actions towards them, blaming the victim for his plight.

There are many factors contributing to this, but the most relevant and most important is the radical feminist philosophy which holds that the sexes are adversarially poised; that all forms of violence are derived from the power men have over women; and that men are a class of aggressors, from which arise individuals with greater or lesser aggressive capacity.
...
Hatred of men (misandry) and female aggression against males is a hard and indisputable reality, and it is no different from hatred of women (misogyny) and men’s aggression against females.

The question is no longer whether or not female aggression exists but to the sustenance of this privileged position of female in the context of the current and past social realities.'

Wrongly convicted men freed from prison

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'Tuesday was a day to remember for two Chicago men who were released from prison after the Cook County State's Attorney's office dropped charges against them. The state's attorney herself admitted it was time to right these legal wrongs.

58-year-old Carl Chatman was behind bars for 11 years accused of raping a woman in the Daley Center back in 2002. The facts of that case against him just didn't add up and today, Chatman left the Dixon Correctional Center after more than a decade.

"God answered my dream today," he said.'

Malecare Sept. 2013 Teleconference

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Malecare.org: "Understanding the New Tests For Prostate Cancer"
Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 6PM EDT

1- An overview of the new tests becoming available for men regarding prostate cancer
2- A discussion about these new tests and their role in current treatment choices.
3- Q&A
Dial in at 1.800.868.1837 or direct dial 1.404.920.6440
conference code 537349# (don't forget to press #)

Questions to be covered include:
1. How do researchers use genetics to better understand prostate cancer?
Background/overview on genetics and genetic studies in common disease.
2. How is one's risk of prostate cancer currently predicted?
Prediction of prostate cancer - emphasis on utility of family history
3. Can genetics be used to improve prostate cancer prediction?
iCOGs study, genetic correction of PSA values
4. How does genomic analysis of tumor inform treatment? (briefly)
Genetic sequencing of tumors; Biomarker-based (non-DNA) diagnostics

(Dr. Moul, originally scheduled as a speaker, will be rescheduled for early 2014.)

Speakers:

1. Daniel Lieber, PhD, is a graduate of Harvard University's Systems Biology PhD program. He worked in Vamsi Mootha's laboratory, where his thesis was entitled: "Computational and Experimental Approaches for Evaluating the Genetic Basis of Mitochondrial Disorders." He was selected for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship in 2010. He graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University with an AB in Molecular Biology and a certificate in Finance. He is a member of the American Society of Human Genetics and a student member of the American Academy of Neurology.

2. Steve Hershman, PhD, MS, MSE, is a graduate of the Systems Biology PhD program at Harvard University. His thesis, "Personal Genomics and Mitochondrial Disease", describes efforts to identify causal genetic lesions in patients with mitochondrial disease and the development of web-based tools to explore genetic data. His research has been published in the journals Science Translational Medicine, Cell Metabolism and Nucleic Acids Research. Previously Steve earned a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry summa cum laudeand Masters' degrees in Chemistry and Computer & Information Sciences from the University of Pennsylvania.

3. Joel Nowak, MSW, MS
Director, Advocacy and Advanced Stage Disease
Malecare Cancer Support

School Principal On Leave Following Gun, Drug Arrest

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The principal of Lee Elementary School in Paradise Hills was placed on leave following her weekend arrest on suspicion of possessing illegal drugs and a stolen gun, authorities reported today.

Rachel Yolanda Escobedo, 45, was arrested in the Rolando Park area on Saturday, according to San Diego police.
...
The patrolman spotted an open vodka bottle inside the vehicle and a small amount of what turned out to be marijuana in an ashtray, the lieutenant said.

After getting permission to search the car from Escobedo, who was in the driver's seat, the officer allegedly found a loaded .22-caliber pistol in the trunk, along with about two dozen prescription pills that appeared to be hydrocodone and four small baggies containing a white crystalline powder, Mayer said.

The apparent drugs were submitted for lab testing to positively identify them, he said, adding that a computer check showed that the handgun had been reported stolen.'

Former Teacher And Convicted Sex Offender Moves In With Former Student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Scottish teacher whose affair with an underage student led to her being placed on a sex offenders registry has moved the student into the home she previously shared with her husband.

Earlier this year, Eppie Sprung Dawson, 27, a teacher at St Joseph's College in Dumfries, Scotland, was caught having sex with Matthew Robinson, a 17-year-old student.

The incident, which occurred after a high school dance at Christmastime, cost Dawson her job and marriage.

She narrowly avoided a prison sentence but was ordered to register as a sex offender, according to the Daily Record.

It must have been an affair to remember because Robinson, now 18, recently moved in with Dawson, after getting into an argument with his parents over an unwillingness to clean his room, according to his mother, Sheree Robinson.'

Woman Pointing Gun At Child's Head Photo Sparks Outrage, International Search

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An image of woman, apparently, pointing a gun at a toddler's head has gone viral, sparking outrage -- and questions.

Is the gun real? Is it a prank? And, most importantly, who is she?

Hoping to answer those questions -- and ascertain whether the pictured child is in danger -- an anti-domestic violence blog is widely publicizing the image.

"I was sent this picture today by a friend who was very distressed to see it on her page," an entry at No Longer Victims notes. "It apparently was posted to see if anybody could find the girl and if they cared well we do care and we have to find this baby as this scares the hell out of me."'

NPO: Wisconsin Court Upholds ‘Visitation’ Without Child Support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, the Wisconsin state Court of Appeals reversed a trial court's order. In the case of Belva Bowden vs. Amy Korslin, the result is that the court stopped child support payments from Bowden to Korslin, ordered Korslin to return payments she had already received, and upheld Bowden’s regular visitation with the child who is now a teenager.

Their daughter was born in 1998 while the women were in a long-term committed relationship. The couple split in 2006. They had agreed to share expenses of raising their daughter and to equal placement, but in 2008, Korslin sought to restrict their daughter’s time with Bowden. The Wood County judged had ruled that Bowden could have visitation — every other weekend and one weeknight every other week and during some holidays, but the judge would not grant 50% placement. In addition to this the judge ordered her to pay 17% of her gross income in child support to Korslin.

Both women appealed due to visitation time allowed and child support assessed. Apparently Wisconsin family law does not provide for a non-parent to pay child support to a parent, nor does it provide for placement with a non-parent. ...'

Police seek woman who filed false rape report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Port Wentworth Police want your help after a woman's false report of rape costs thousands of dollars in manpower and leaves a scar in the community.

Police are actively looking for the woman who filed that claim.

They say it's not just about the wasted manpower, that false rape claims trivialize the true victims of that crime.

The crime report happened in March.

Port Wentworth Police responded to a 911 call of rape at a home on south coastal highway.

There was a scene. The female caller said the perpetrator had just fled. But the dogs couldn't find a scent.'

Person who reported rape arrested for filing false report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Benton Police have arrested a woman for filing a false rape report.

According to Lt. Kevin Russell, Kristin Johnson, 24, was charged with filing a false police report after she told officers that a man had broken into her home and raped her shortly before 3:30 p.m. Aug. 19.

Russell said through extensive investigation, officers learned that Johnson was lying and arrested her on Sept. 10.

This is an on-going investigation and additional charges could be possible.'

Yale Releases Scenarios Illustrating Examples of Sexual Misconduct

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This story has been mentioned before on MANN, but now it is discussed in the Chronicle of Higher Education. Feel free to post your thoughts on Yale's absurd policy. Excerpt:

'Yale University has released a series of hypothetical scenarios illustrating what it considers to be sexual misconduct, along with accompanying descriptions of penalties that could be imposed on those who engage in such misconduct. Peter Salovey, Yale's president, asked the institution to develop the scenarios last month, after critics raised concerns about the university's latest report on reported cases of sexual misconduct. Some critics denounced the report's use of the term "nonconsensual sex," saying that the phrase was a way to avoid the word "rape." Others said penalties described in that report were too light. Tom Conroy, a Yale spokesman, said the scenarios were not based on actual cases of misconduct that had been investigated by the university.
...
Read more at: www.nhregister.com'

In regaining jobs, women doing better than men

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Article here. Excerpt:

The slowly recovering U.S. job market has helped women rebound faster than men: They've now regained all the jobs they lost to the Great Recession. Men are still 2.1 million jobs short.

And the gender gap is expected to persist until the job market is much healthier.
...
Lower-wage industries, like retail, education, restaurants and hotels, have been hiring the fastest. Women are predominant in those areas. Men, by contrast, dominate sectors like construction and manufacturing, which have yet to recover millions of jobs lost in the recession.
...
Even though women's employment has recovered faster than men's, there are still more men with jobs than women. And more men than women have found work since the recession ended. Yet men still haven't recovered all their losses because the cuts were so deep in sectors such as manufacturing and construction.'

Scotland Tonight: Can women-only shortlists redress inequality?

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'The by-election will take place next month and campaigners say electing a woman would be a fitting response to the manner of Walker's departure following his conviction for domestic abuse.

The idea of all-party shortlists in Dunfermline has support from political bloggers Susan Dalgety and Kate Higgins, who have supported the idea from opposite sides of the political divide.

Others say the move would amount to positive discrimination and exclude potentially good candidates because they are male. Scotland Tonight asked Kate Higgins why she backed the idea.'

Biden slams ‘Neanderthal’ GOP’s record on women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to the Violence Against Women Act, House Republicans behaved as if they were living in the Stone Age, according to Joe Biden.
...
Biden characterized skeptics of reauthorization as “this sort of Neanderthal crowd,” according to a pool report.

The Republican-led House renewed the act in February after it was in legislative limbo for a year following its expiration in September 2011. It passed with a 286 to 138 vote, with a majority of GOPers voting against it. All Democrats and 87 Republican lawmakers voted in favor for it.'

'How We Fail Our Boys'

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'Half a century after The Second Sex, Title IX, and The Feminine Mystique, have we reached a point where women have certain advantages over men? Earlier this summer, Helen Smith's book Men on Strike tackled this subject with vigor, if not with rigor (the authors main sources were commenters on her blog, arguably a self-selecting group of Men's Rights Activists —MRAs, as they call themselves—or sympathizers). Her main argument is that the power dynamic has shifted so much that it's now women, not men, who control America. Men, therefore, have been reduced to impotent slobs, relegated to the basement or cuckolded and divorced while continuing to pay child support for a kid who isn't theirs, or failing out of college through no fault of their own, or being falsely accused of rape by foolish women.
...
Wiseman strikes the perfect note in arguing for forging families and societies where we give boys "a language for talking about their worries and experiences like we do with girls." This means paying attention to everything from your son's "first Halloween costume with a six-pack sewn into it" to the way his friends call each other "gay" when they really mean stupid, immature, or weak.

Boys, Wiseman told me in an interview, "want strong friendships, and they want to be able to navigate bad things that happen: there are betrayals, there are rejections, there are huge disappointments, and boys don't know how to talk about it, and they don't even think, in some ways, they have the right to talk about it. Because of that, they get to a place where they just push it down." It's time to start helping with this navigation, so that boys can grow up to be emotionally healthy men—and so that they don't later blame their problems on feminism.'

White House: Ending Violence Against Women: 19 Years of Progress

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'Today marks the 19th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). As the original author and champion of VAWA, Vice President Biden brought national attention to what had too-long been a hidden problem. Then-Senator Biden held the first hearing on violence against women in the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1990 and introduced the first version of the Act that same year. After five years of hearings exposing the extent of rape, battering and stalking, the Act finally passed Congress and was signed into law by President Clinton on September 13, 1994.

The initial VAWA legislation focused on changing law enforcement practices, improving the criminal justice system, and increasing access to shelters and services for victims. VAWA strengthened the federal criminal code, creating interstate crimes of domestic violence and doubling penalties for repeat sex offenders. And, VAWA sparked the passage of hundreds of laws at the state level to protect victims and hold offenders accountable. Since 1994, VAWA has sent billions of dollars to states and local communities to develop a coordinated response to domestic violence, dating violence sexual assault, and stalking.'

Circumcision Opponents To Protest This Weekend

Matt · 14 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'September 12, 2013 9:26 PM

ROYAL OAK (WWJ) – A local hospital facing some opposition to a somewhat standard cultural practice. A demonstration against circumcision is being held this Saturday at noon outside of Beaumont Children's Hospital.

Norm Cohen is the director of a group called No Circ Michigan. He says his parents had him circumcised and he resents it. He says circumcision is not healthcare.

"It's not normal to be cutting off normal parts of a child's body. It violates children and their rights. Every part of our body has a function, so when doctors push this as healthcare, it's really a pretense that's done simply for profit and for old-fashioned ideas that do not hold up," he says.'

Meet Tom Martin, Britain's most hated male rights activist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism is an old topic, like polytheism and why it's bad to kick cats. It's concepts are widely understood and mostly accepted – men have after all, for the most part of human history, generally been total cock-Nazis to women. Yet opposing these arguments are male right's activists, men that claim male discrimination is as rife and unacknowledged as herpes in the 70s. They claim much of society is anti-male, snubbing men's issues and focusing on a crude view of women as victims and men as wrongdoers.

Tom Martin made headlines back in 2011 when he attempted to sue London School of Economics for gender bias. Since then he has established himself as a leading male rights activist with a large following. A lot of people don't like him.'

UK: Man who took his date's phone after she refused to pay for half the drinks is cleared of theft

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An IT worker accused of snatching a woman's mobile phone on their first date to 'teach her a lesson' when she refused to pay half of the drinks bill was cleared of theft today.

Kishore Nimmala, 32, was said to be furious after Fakhara Sultana told him she had no cash during a romantic rendezvous at the Ruby Blue Bar in Leicester Square.
...
But a jury cleared Nimmala of theft after deliberating for just 53 minutes following a three-day trial.

Nimmala said he took Ms Sultana's phone thinking she would give him £25, but insisted he never intended to keep the device.'

Abusive babysitter revealed by dog's behavior

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A South Carolina couple is thanking their dog for saving their 7-month-old from an abusive babysitter.

Benjamin and Hope Jordan, of Charleston, hired 22-year-old Alexis Khan to care for their son, Finn, last year.
...
Suspecting that their pet might be on to something, the Jordans placed an iPhone under the couch to record what happened when Khan and their son were alone.

The recording revealed the babysitter swearing and slapping the infant as the child's cries changed "from a distress cry to a pain cry."

Khan pleaded guilty to assault and battery Monday and was sentenced to one to three years in prison. She will also never be allowed to work with children again.'

"Mommy Dearest" obituary pulled from web site

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Marianne Theresa Johnson-Reddick, born January 4, 1935, died last month, to the relief and comfort of the children whom she spent a lifetime (in their words) "torturing in every way possible." Those children, now grown, marked her passing by submitting the most chilling obituary you will ever read to her local newspaper, the Reno Gazette-Journal. While it appears to have been scrubbed from the paper's website, here's the full text, as it appeared online earlier today:

"Marianne Theresa Johnson-Reddick born Jan 4, 1935 and died alone on Aug. 30, 2013. She is survived by her 6 of 8 children whom she spent her lifetime torturing in every way possible. While she neglected and abused her small children, she refused to allow anyone else to care or show compassion towards them. When they became adults she stalked and tortured anyone they dared to love. Everyone she met, adult or child was tortured by her cruelty and exposure to violence, criminal activity, vulgarity, and hatred of the gentle or kind human spirit.
..."'

"Deadbeat Dad Dilemma"

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Video here. Author/producer does the math on "dead-beatedness".

Newlywed accused of pushing husband off cliff is freed ahead of trial

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A judge on Thursday ordered a Montana woman who allegedly killed her new husband by pushing him off a cliff to be released from jail and placed in her parents' custody pending trial, legal documents show.

Jordan Graham, 22, was arrested on Monday on a federal charge of second-degree murder stemming from the July 7 death of her husband of eight days.

Authorities allege Graham lied and tried to cover up the crime before confessing she shoved Cody Johnson, 25, of Kalispell, Mont., over a cliff at Glacier National Park during an argument and after expressing doubts about the marriage, according to court records.'

'Men Taking Up Too Much Space On The Train'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We've probably all ended up sitting next to that guy on the train. You know, the man who insists on resting his elbow basically on your body, or takes up one-and-a-half seats in order to keep his legs spread or stands unnecessarily close to you even when the car is mostly empty.

That's why the "Men Taking Up Too Much Space On The Subway" Tumblr is so great. It shows photographs of what the curator calls "a classic among public assertions of privilege" -- men taking up much more space than their size calls for.

Of course, the men photographed in this Tumblr aren't doing anything malicious, but it's an interesting visual representation of the way that men feel totally empowered to take up a lot of public space -- and women often do not.'

How to Make School Better for Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I recently appeared on MSNBC's The Cycle to discuss the new edition of my book The War Against Boys. The four hosts were having none of it. A war on boys? They countered with the wage gap and the prominence of men across the professions. One of them concluded, "I don't think the patriarchy is under any threat."

The MSNBC skeptics are hardly alone in dismissing the plight of boys and young men. Even those who acknowledge that boys are losing in school argue that they're winning in life. But the facts are otherwise. American boys across the ability spectrum are struggling in the nation's schools, with teachers and administrators failing to engage their specific interests and needs. This neglect has ominous implications not only for the boy's social and intellectual development but for the national economy, as policy analysts are just beginning to calculate.
...
In the U.S., a powerful network of women's groups works ceaselessly to protect and promote what it sees as female interest. But there is no counterpart working for boys—they are on their own. This contrasts dramatically with constructive, problem-solving approach of education leaders and government officials in Great Britain, Canada, and Australia. The British have their parliamentary "toolkit of effective practices" for educating boys—while Americans have the National Women's Law Center's Tools of the Trade: Using the Law to Address Sex Segregation in High School Career and Technical Education.'

Court dismisses Nebraska man's false rape lawsuit

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Wymore man falsely accused of rape will appeal the dismissal of his lawsuit against Gage County and several of its deputies, his lawyer said Friday.

Elliot Hawkins, 50, sued the county and law enforcement officials over his 2011 arrest, accusing officials of negligence and saying they violated his due process rights by conducting a reckless investigation and intentionally ignoring leads that would have exonerated him. The lawsuit sought an unspecified amount for lost earnings capacity, damage to his reputation and emotional distress, among other things.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Cheryl Zwart granted the county's motion for summary judgment, saying the defendants have immunity from liability.

Hawkins' arrest came after Jennifer Valenta, 28, of Wilber told authorities she was raped by four men, including Hawkins. Investigators later determined her injuries from the alleged attack were self-inflicted, and she admitted to fabricating the rape. She pleaded no contest to evidence tampering, false reporting and attempted prostitution and was sentenced earlier this year to 32 to 60 months in prison.'

Men falling under unfair suspicion

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I AM so glad I wasn't born a man.

This has got nothing to do with facial hair or the fact that woman can have babies while men can't.

It's that women don't automatically get branded as a pedophile or a sexual predator based purely on their sex.

I was doing a story last week on a single dad offering his help for free to other single women.

On the surface, it seemed like an honest gesture of goodwill.

I don't know the man and I can't pretend to know his intentions.

But what disturbed me was a phone call I had from another woman who had called the police about him.

This man had approached her with an offer for help and, from what I can tell, had also suggested they might end up going on a date.

The woman was concerned he was looking to take advantage of vulnerable women.

The reason? "Nothing is for free in this world."

The fact that a man can't offer his help to a woman without being assumed to have an ulterior motive makes me feel tired and angry.

What is wrong with the world that so many of us assume the worst?'

Nigeria: "The Feminisation of Boys"

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'Many people are asking silent crisis is consuming the future of our male children. Fathers are spending more time away from their families either toiling at work, lounging with their buddies at the club after a hard day's work, or generally involved in one thing or another that takes them away from home. They have surrendered the nurturing and upbringing of their children, especially boys, to women – their mothers, aunties, female house helps and nannies. Absentee fatherhood is taking an awful toll on our boys. Children need the presence of strong male role models as psychological, spiritual and moral anchors. This is the essence of the divinely ordained role of males as family heads.

The chronic absence of fathers leaves a yawning vacuum in the lives of these children. This is generally damaging for both boys and girls. It is a fact that girls receive emotional stability from the relationship with their fathers. Many girls deprived of fatherly affection, years later are still searching for that emotional succor from other males in abusive and sometimes, clingy or promiscuous relationships. But girls can at least compensate through proximity to their mothers from whom they receive valuable mentorship in the event of an absent father. Through the unique relationship they share, mothers can pass on wisdom and feminine graces to their daughters.

However, boys suffer grievously from the plague of absentee fatherhood. First, the absence of their fathers denies them the calming and steadying influence of a close male authority figure. The process of relational bonding between father and son, a crucial aspect of forming the male character, is disappearing. Boys are not being mentored, disciplined or coached by their fathers. Fathers are increasingly fathers in name only. Their fatherhood is a biological fact but exerts little or no moral impact on the children.'

Personal Responsibility is not a “War on Women”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the last couple years, especially during the 2012 general election, I have become more and more aggravated with the Left’s use of the term “War on Women.” The United States has been one of the best countries to live in since we declared our independence. While we have had our ups and downs concerning equal rights, we have come a long way and are still far ahead of the rest of the world.
...
Those who say there is a “War on Women” seem to ignore the fact that women have a brain and are not just sexual creatures that cannot make choices for themselves. They also seem to believe that it is the government’s responsibility to take care of women. They ignore the simple fact that women can take responsibility for their actions. After all, isn’t that a right that we have been fighting for all along: personal responsibility, rather than having others be responsible for us?'

Domestic violence reality check for the 'manosphere'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence is a crime in which, overwhelmingly, the victims are women and the perpetrators are men. A recent 11-year summary of domestic violence trends in Victoria by the Department of Justice found that nearly 80 per cent of victims were female and over 90 per cent of perpetrators were male.

Yet lately it seems that there has been a subtle shift in community perception. Whenever the topic of domestic violence is raised in the media, talkback radio, online comments and letters to the editor are suddenly flooded with demands that we acknowledge that men, too, are victims. According to a VicHealth report, one fifth of the community now believes that men and women are equal perpetrators of violence in the home.

The 'battered husband' claim has flourished within the online space known as the 'manosphere' where aggressive men's rights groups blame women, and more specifically feminism, for everything from high unemployment rates and shorter male lifespans, to false rape allegations and poor family court outcomes. The time has come, they say, to knock women off their pedestal.'

No parental rights for man after mom married

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A northern Michigan man's bid to establish parental rights to a 2-year-old boy was shot down by the state appeals court in a decision that rested on the marital status of the mother when the child was born.

It's another case where a man has no automatic right to paternity in Michigan if a child is born to a woman while she's married to another man. The law has changed since John Sprenger filed a lawsuit in 2011, but the new version hasn't helped him, either.

...

The appeals court viewed the case under an old version of Michigan's paternity law. While the case was pending, the law was changed in 2012 to give men a better chance at establishing fatherhood.

...

"Justice fails when the truth is made subservient to procedural rules," his attorney, Eric Phelps, said.'

Queen Latifah Doesn’t Want a Show about Paternity Tests

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As David Letterman interviewed Queen Latifah about her new talk show the actress revealed that she had no desire to delve into the realm of paternity testing. That could be due to the controversial nature of the court system when it comes to determining the rights and responsibilities of a father.

In cases of paternity fraud, the mentality of the courts seem to be skewed. If a man is able to prove that he is not the father of a child of a woman with whom he had relations with, the court can still come after him for financial payments of past due amounts. Laws regarding paternity are archaic and unjust in many forms. Although each state is different, it seems that men are usually the target. It could be a difficult battle to wipe the slate clean if a man is proven he is not the father of a child. How does the court feel justified in victimizing a man in such a manner?
...
As long as the father contests paternity prior to the child being born, a man stands a better chance to clear his name and financial responsibilities. It is the man’s trust in the word of the woman that can cause immense amount of emotional and financial distress later on. As close to 30-percent of paternity cases show the man to not be the biological father. Laws are being changed frequently, but a man could still be on the hook to pay for a child that is not his.'

Women's rights not enough

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Jan. 13, 2012, an Italian cruise ship (the Costa Concordia) partially sank off the coast of Tuscany. There were 4,252 people on board. Thirty people died and 64 people were injured.

However, the big story about this event was when the captain of the ship, Francesco Schettino — and much of his crew — abandoned the ship without much thought to the women and children on board.

In other words, it was not a Titanic-type situation where the women and children were offered the lifeboats first.

It was every person for themselves and yet there were documented complaints from women on board that the men fended for themselves without thought to the women or children first.

Is it the man's responsibility to think of the women and children first or have times changed in the wake of feminism?

I can't claim to know the answer to that question. After all, it's a pretty big question, and I'm not a pro on gender issues.
...
Women should have rights but so should men and neither one should be at an advantage or taken for granted.

The laws of this country are for men and women and justice is a right of both genders.'

Tell Change.org to add a Men's Rights section

Matt · 15 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Great idea! A petition to a petition site! Excerpt:

'Change.org offers a Women's Rights section, but has no Men's Rights section. We find this appalling. How can a site that regularly promotes petitions about equality ignore half the population?

Men suffer much discrimination in today's world.

Fathers in family court are not treated equally to mothers. Approximately 75-80% of cases end up with mothers getting sole custody, even when the fathers were the stay-at-home parent and they asked for equal custody.

Men are routinely called perpetrators of domestic violence, even though half of all DV is mutual, and the rest is evenly divided between men and women. This discrimination starts at the top (AG Holder) and trickles all the way down to neighborhood abuse shelters. Men abused by women are often arrested instead of given support.'

"A present father"

Matt · 16 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Very nice video here. From the text shown on video:

'a present face
the ability to express feelings
being father already..
choose for others
compare with the past, and challenge yourself
walk the road together (fare un tratto di strada assieme)
be the example
smile
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What About Our Boys?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'KATHRYN JEAN LOPEZ: What's the war on boys?

CHRISTINA HOFF SOMMERS: It's more like a war of attrition. No one wakes up in the morning thinking, "What horrible thing can I do to boys today?" But boys and young men have been massively neglected. Women in the U.S. today earn 62 percent of associate's degrees, 57 percent of bachelor's degrees, 60 percent of master's degrees, and 52 percent of doctorates. When an education-policy analyst looked at current trends in higher education he quipped, only half in jest, "The last male will graduate from college in 2068."
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LOPEZ: This has been a theme of yours for a while. Has it gotten better or worse?

SOMMERS: Simon & Schuster asked me to update and revise the 2000 edition of The War Against Boys precisely because the plight of boys is worsening. A recent working paper from the National Bureau of Economic Research documents a remarkable trend among high-achieving students: In the 1980s, nearly the same number of top male and female high-school students said they planned to pursue a postgraduate degree. By the 2000s, 27 percent of girls expressed that ambition, compared with 16 percent of boys. But it's the declining social and educational prospects of working-class and poor white, Latino, and African-American young men that is most dismaying. A 2011 Brookings Institution study describes how millions of poorly educated young men have been "unhitched from the engine of growth." As the United States moves toward a knowledge-based economy, school achievement has become the cornerstone of lifelong success. Young women are adapting; young men are not.'

Summers drops bid to head the Fed

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'WASHINGTON — Facing strident opposition from women's groups and fellow Democrats, Obama administration economic confidante Lawrence H. Summers removed his name from consideration to the head the Federal Reserve, the White House said late Sunday.

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Until Sunday, he appeared to have support from the one person who mattered most, Obama. That support cost Obama politically, as women's groups, especially the National Organization for Women, were furious that he appeared ready to pass over an accomplished woman, current Fed Vice Chairman Janet Yellen.

"On absolute facts and merits, she is better than any of the men," Terry O'Neill, president of the National Organization for Women, told McClatchy just days before Summers withdrew. "For the president to pass her by is exactly what women's organizations have been struggling against for decades. How dare he hold himself up as a proponent of women's rights then slam a glass ceiling on Janet Yellen's head?"'

Title IX candidate calls for system balance

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Howard Kallem believes that UNC must build a response system for sexual harassment charges.

Kallem, a candidate for the University's Title IX position and the chief regional attorney for the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education, spoke at a public forum Friday about his platform for the position.

"I think it's important to have a procedure in place to give the accused the opportunity to state their case," Kallem said.

A forum with a third candidate was planned to be held this Wednesday, but it was cancelled after the candidate withdrew.

Kallem said it is essential to maintain neutrality when investigating any case, and no judgment should be made until the truth is revealed.'

Consent officially defined in sexual misconduct policy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The revised policy, which combines the pre-existing sexual assault and harassment policies, defines consent as a “knowing, voluntary and affirmatively communicated willingness to participate in a particular sexual activity or behavior.”

It goes on to clarify that consent must be given while the consenting party has the “ability and capacity to exercise free will and make a rational, reasonable judgment,” which officials said means consent cannot be given while one party is highly intoxicated.

“Students are going to have to engage in direct conversation with sexual partners for every act,” said Resident Life Associate Director Steve Petkas, who serves as the interim Title IX director. “Past sexual encounters or one set of sexual behaviors does not imply acceptance going forward. They have to communicate — and frankly, that’s what adults do.”'

Military affairs beat: Study ties the time in combat to divorce risk

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Article here. Excerpt:

'From the Keen-Sense-of-the-Obvious Department: The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have been hard on military marriages. The risk of divorce rises in direct relation to the length of time troops have spent deployed to combat zones, according to a new Rand Corp. study.

The results should come as no surprise, but the specifics of the study are interesting. Deployments most negatively affect women in the military. They face a greater chance of divorce than men. The study did not look at why.

Among couples married before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, those who experienced 12-month deployments to war zones were 28 percent more likely to become divorced within three years of marriage as compared with peers who experienced similar deployment before the wars began.'

Sweden: Government to sponsor misandry at $688,000

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'Against this background, the Government has decided to grant a request from the Swedish Women's Lobby for financial support for the implementation of a Nordic Conference on Women, Nordic Forum Malmö 2014 new actions on women's rights. The conference takes place in Malmo 24:15 June 2014. The government grants a subsidy for 2012 of up to 1 000 000, for 2013 more than 2 500 000 and in 2014 more than 6.5 million crowns.

Nordic Forum is a joint initiative of the Nordic women's movement for the realization of the document adopted by the UN in 1995 at the World Congress on Women's Rights in Beijing. The conference is planned include lectures, seminars and workshops aimed at a wide audience, such as women's organizations, politicians, government agencies, the public and other interested organizations.'

Swedish bloggers have commented here and here.

Air Force Academy hires feminist ideologue to teach course on gender

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A controversial professor who critics say is a feminist ideologue is instructing cadets at the United States Air Force Academy this year on gender issues as the military attempts to curb sexual assault.

Dr. Chris Kilmartin, a psychology professor at the University of Mary Washington, has described violence as “a men’s issue,” called abuse by men “the single most serious health problem for women in the United States,” and said the sexes are not “opposite.” Critics say he has embellished statistics to support his teachings.

...

Christina Hoff Sommers, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) and former philosophy professor, said in an email that Kilmartin’s focus on the purported violent attributes of men is misplaced.

“[Healthy young men] assert their masculinity in ways that require physical and intellectual skills and self-discipline. In American society, the overwhelming majority of healthy, normal young men don’t batter, rape, or terrorize women; they respect them and treat them as friends,” she said.

“Kilmartin appears to have overlooked the critical distinction between healthy and aberrational masculinity. He takes aberration as the norm. That is why it is so troubling that the United States Military is drawing so heavily on his expertise. He is an expert in gender ideology—not masculinity,” she said.

...

“Combating sexual assault and sexual harassment within the ranks is our number one priority,” Gen. Ray Odierno, Army chief of staff, told the Senate Armed Services Committee in June.

However, critics have questioned the reliability of the surveys and noted that sexual assault rates in the military have declined over time.

University of San Diego law professor Gail Heriot, in a statement she provided for inclusion in a U.S. Commission on Civil Rights report, said rates of unwanted sexual contact “dropped dramatically” in 2010, by 35 percent for women and 50 percent for men.

...

“Men’s violence is the single most serious health problem for women in the United States. It causes more harm than accidents, muggings, and cancer combined,” Kilmartin wrote in NOMAS.

“For women aged 15-44, an estimated 50% of emergency room visits are the result of violence at the hands of their husbands, boyfriends, ex-husbands, or ex-boyfriends.”'

Allstate's gender-baiting ad

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Ad here. Wouldn't be the first time Allstate had "gender issues". Search MANN for "Allstate" to see. Contact info is here.

SAVE: Prosecutor Misconduct is Widespread, Extends to Highest Levels, CPI Report Reveals

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / September 18, 2013 – A report released today concludes prosecutor misconduct is widespread and ingrained in our nation's criminal justice system. Only rarely does prosecutor misconduct result in the imposition of sanctions. The report, issued by the non-partisan Center for Prosecutor Integrity, calls for fundamental reform of the oversight policies for the nation's 30,000 prosecutors.

And according to a recent Center for Prosecutor Integrity survey, 43% of persons nationwide believe prosecutorial misconduct is widespread: http://www.saveservices.org/prosecutors/survey/

Prosecutor misconduct takes many forms, including charging a suspect with more crimes than warranted, concealing evidence, coercing witnesses, and making misleading statements to the jury.'

Male suicides rose after 2008 financial crash

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The 2008 financial crisis that devastated many Western economies also reaped a heavy toll in suicides among men, a study published on Tuesday suggests.

Health researchers analyzed data for suicides among people aged over 15 in 54 countries, comparing rates before and after the crash.

In 2009, there were 4,884 more suicides compared with the normal trend, they said.

Suicide numbers in 2009 were 4.2 percent higher in 27 European countries and 6.4 percent higher in 18 countries in the Caribbean and Latin America.

The benchmark is the suicide trend for 2000-2007, extrapolated to 2009.'

Canada: Men's Rights Edmonton not backing off

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A group that sparked controversy after putting up posters that blasted false accusations of rape in Edmonton has turned its focus on Lise Gotell, the chair of women's and gender studies at the University of Alberta.

Men's Rights Edmonton have put up posters on the campus that show Gotell's face with the caption, "Theft isn't black. Bank fraud isn't Jewish. And rape isn't male.

"Just because you're paid to demonize men doesn't mean rape is gendered. Don't be that bigot," it adds.
...
In July, the group targeted the "Don't Be That Guy" campaign on sex assault awareness with a poster that was titled, "Don't Be That Girl."

"Just because you regret a one night stand doesn't mean it wasn't consensual," it read.

The group denied advocating or apologizing for rape at the time, saying that both rape and false accusations of rape are "abhorrent means of manipulation and power."

Men's Rights Edmonton also launched a Calgary chapter this month and wrote about "exciting times ahead of us."'

Mother who microwaved baby wants *fourth* trial

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Story here.

'An Ohio woman convicted of killing her baby daughter in a microwave oven wants a fourth trial because of errors made in her last trial, her lawyer said.

China Arnold, 33, was convicted three times of killing her 28-day-old daughter, Paris Talley -- in February 2008, September 2008 and May 2011.

She was sentenced to the death penalty on her first conviction and to life in prison on the subsequent two convictions.

Tuesday attorney Christopher Thompson requested a fourth trial in Ohio's Second District Court of Appeals because he said five errors were made in her case, the Dayton Daily News reported. He requested a trial without the chance of the death penalty.'

Christina Hoff Sommers on public schools and the ‘war against boys’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2000, Christina Hoff Sommers published The War Against Boys: How Misguided Feminism is Harming Our Young Men. Hoff Sommers was already known as a critic of late-20th-century feminism; her much-lauded and much-disparaged 1994 book Who Stole Feminism? had provoked charges that she was anti-women. In August, Hoff Sommers, now a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, updated and reissued her bestseller on boys with a new subtitle: How Misguided Policies Are Harming Our Young Men. Hoff Sommers makes the case that boys and girls are fundamentally different—and that ignoring the difference, in an effort to protect girls, amounts to a “war against boys.”
...
Q: The obvious counterpoint is that so many more men are CEOs of Fortune 500 companies and top politicians. How can we explain that top-tier divide?

A: Critics of my work say: well, even if boys are failing at school, eventually they win in life. But the fact is that men tend to show up at the extremes of success and failure. And failure is far more common. There is a small coterie of men who prevail in the high echelons of industry, politics and academia. But millions of young men are poorly educated and disengaged from the workforce. In any case, I argue that ignoring the educational needs of men is not the way to help women.'

The Fair Child Support Act

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An original essay submitted by a reader:

The Fair Child Support Act

Due to the ongoing discrepancies in county/state child support laws taking place across the United States, and the inability to bring fairness to the parents (which, are often primarily fathers) ordered to pay support thru the system, there is a great need for several changes to be implemented. Agree or not, the often biased decisions taking place throughout this system continue to be a major factor in the breakdown of the father-mother-child(ren) relationship. Being someone who was a former teen mother myself at one point, I offer a view many females and the child support system fails to consider. Too often, courts almost always side with a mother when the issue of support arises regardless of mitigating factors due to the fact no one speaks up for fathers' rights.

One major area for addressing unfair practices in child support cases is the immediate need to impose changes to laws that make the death of a child whom support is being paid a reason to eliminate the ongoing order. Nothing in life is as final as death and no parent should be expected to continue to pay past or ongoing support to a mother (or custodial parent) for a child who is not even alive anymore to benefit from it. This practice accounts to nothing more than being one of the most cruel and unjust forms of punishment designed by county/state/federal governments throughout America today. It is tragic enough that the parent of a deceased child will have to endure a lifetime of grief over the loss of their child, but to be forced by law to continue to pay a support order for that child is immoral and beyond reproach.

Another issue involving child support that is in need of change is that a DNA test of both parents and the child should be MANDATORY in every case to rule out any doubt of parentage towards the child(ren). Once positive DNA results are confirmed there should be decisions set forth that would be equally-fair to BOTH parents. If it is determined (through DNA) the child is the alleged father's, the agreements should be that no one is over- burdened so much that they cannot live on their own paycheck (if they are employed). If the paying parent has another child(ren)/family, the situation upon the paying parent should not be made to feel compounded. Having a child is a 50/50 situation. In addition, if a child dies and the parent receiving/awarded support has the child cremated before a DNA test was ever conducted this should be immediate grounds to end a child support order and forfeit any arrears or ongoing support payments.

If a child has not, or is not, living with either of the parents and instead someone else (i.e., grandparent(s), uncle, aunt, older sibling or friend(s), and this guardian takes on the responsibility of allowing the child to live with them, then the biological parents have no right to challenge each other for child support because the biological parent(s) turned over their responsibility to others. Why should mothers who gave birth to a child(ren), yet practically pushed their responsibility off on their parent(s), other relative or friend be permitted to collect child support payments for a child they did not raise?

Lastly, a father who has attempted to bring closure to his child support situation and move forward with his life by offering to pay a one-time cash lump sum settlement to the mother(s) of his child(ren), but is dealing with a mother(s) who refuses to cooperate and accept it (in hopes of holding out for a greater amount) should be able to have the county/state child support system encourage or mandate her to accept it. Most fathers are not being informed by child support offices that they can seek for the mother(s) of their child to sign an "Agreed Entry and a Stipulated Order," which waives any/all arrears and future payments. This critical stipulation would help countless child support paying fathers to get their lives back on track instead of forcing them into a life of poverty; unnecessary job losses due to bad credit reports and opportunity-crushing letters/phone calls to their employers by child support offices; driver's license suspensions; questionable "debtors jail or prison terms;" convictions for nonsupport, and other unnecessary hindrances. Although I was blessed to be raised in a household that included a wonderful supportive father, as a young mother I was taught properly by my own mother and grandmother not to

depend upon a man for anything. I understood the benefits in sacrificing in order to help provide for my daughter instead of pressing her father for child support. The relationship between a father-mother-child is priceless. No amount of expected money is worth jeopardizing that by causing decades of hardship to a child's first image of a man.

NPO: Lower Your Massachusetts Child Support Payments

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You may seek a modification in your existing Massachusetts child support order if it is inconsistent with the new 2013 Guidelines. Presumably, this will apply to all or almost all existing child support orders given the overall reductions that have been made.

Consider seeking a modification if any of the following factors may impact your child support.

1. Support guidelines were reduced, resulting in an average 11% decrease for one-child families and a 6% decrease for two child families.

2. A new formula was established for calculating support where parenting time is higher than the norm.

3. The court must now consider “availability of employment at the attributed income level.”

4. Orders for education costs for adult dependent children are not presumptive.'

"Conscription, Is It Slavery?"

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Came across this essay on conscription. Read the comments, good exchanges. (There are other essays on the site dealing with other topics that aren't MR-related; some may find them of interest, others not.) Excerpt:

'The one form of indentured servitude still legal for non-convicts in the United States is military service. When you join the military, you have fewer rights and freedoms left than did “indentured servants” in the Americas three centuries ago:

- You have masters whose orders you must follow without question.
- You are not allowed to “quit” until your contracted term ends (if then), unless your appeal to your masters and they agree, which is unlikely.
- They command labor from you, while you’re paid a token sum and given a minimal standard of food and shelter.
- You may well be doing it on the promise of training that can become a career once you are freed of the obligation.

So far, this describes an indentured servant in the Colonies in 1700, or a US soldier.

But unlike other indentured servants, as an American soldier you’re not allowed to sue your masters, not even after you leave.
...
But the difference between an indentured servant and a slave is simply that one chooses (if only through his actions) to be an indentured servant, and signs a contract agreeing to its conditions and to when it will end, as with volunteer soldiers, while a slave is taken by force and kept until his masters choose to release him.'

Groups launch new initiative for women’s equality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At a symposium here House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., influential Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., top Obama White House advisor Valerie Jarrett, speakers from the Service Employees and other allies declared the start of a grass-roots national campaign to enact the "Fair Shot: A Plan For Women And Families To Get Ahead."

That campaign, said Center for American Progress executive director Neera Tamden, recognizes the only way to move issues through a gridlocked Congress is to shove lawmakers with mobilized popular support. The Center was the sponsor of the Sept. 18 rollout of Fair Shot.

Pelosi, the keynote speaker, had unveiled a Democratic women's economic agenda last month, with support of the Coalition of Labor Union Women, among others. Both that agenda and the new Fair Shot campaign go far beyond concentration on reproductive rights to embrace pay equity, good jobs and a just economy.
...
The resolution pledged unions to "continue the fight to raise the minimum wage and close the wage gap," along with greater job training and educational opportunities for women - especially in sectors, such as construction, which are traditionally male - and "to make wage and benefit standards more transparent."'

"How Circumcision Broke the Internet"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There are facts about circumcision—but you won't find them easily on the Internet. Parents looking for straightforward evidence about benefits and risks are less likely to stumble across the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention than Intact America, which confronts viewers with a screaming, bloodied infant and demands that hospitals "stop experimenting on baby boys." Just a quick Google search away lies the Circumcision Complex, a website that speculates that circumcision leads to Oedipus and castration complexes, to say nothing of the practice's alleged brutal physiological harms. If you do locate the rare rational and informed circumcision article, you'll be assaulted by a vitriolic mob of commenters accusing the author of encouraging "genital mutilation."
...
Like most fringe groups, the anti-circumcision faction is almost comically bizarre, peddling fabricated facts, self-pity, and paranoia. The intactivists also obsess about sex to an alarming degree. Still, some of their tactics are shrewd. The first rule of anti-circumcision activism, for instance, is to never, ever say circumcision: The movement prefers propaganda-style terms like male genital cutting and genital mutilation, the latter meant to invoke the odious practice of female genital mutilation. (Intactivists like to claim the two are equivalent, an utter falsity that is demeaning to victims of FGM.)'

'Circumcising Your Son Is Nobody's Business But YOURS'

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Article here. Excerpt:

These days dropping the word "circumcision" on the Internet is like yelling "fire" in a crowded theater. People. Go. NUTS.

The thing I don't understand? Why? Why are people so concerned about what other people have done with their son's foreskin?

I'll admit I do not have a son. I did not circumcise. Although I can't say whether I would have. The ironic thing is, although we did not know the gender of our baby-to-be, I never really thought about whether or not we'd snip his little manhood.'

Why is the gender wage gap stuck?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women in full-time, year-round jobs still make 77 cents for every dollar men make, said the U.S. Census Bureau this week — a zero percent change since 2002.

Full-time male workers brought in median annual earnings of $49,398 in 2012, compared with $37,791 for females. That's almost an $11,500 difference in yearly median wages.

So why has the gap remained unchanged (with the exception of one cent fluctuations in 2003 and 2007) for 11 years?

Discrimination plays a role, yes, but "analysts caution that the annual earnings comparison is a crude measure of a complex reality," says Brenda Cronin in The Wall Street Journal.'

FDA - "Considering Women's Needs in Developing Medical Devices: Here's 'HoW'"

Minuteman · 21 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Women differ from men in anatomy, physiology, risk factors and disease symptoms. They are also likely to use more medical devices over the course of their lives than men do.

That is why FDA is actively trying to learn more about how medical devices uniquely affect women, and how women can be better served by them.
...
One specific activity highlighted in the report was a workshop sponsored earlier this summer by the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) to formally launch a new program designed to more closely look at medical device use and the health of women (HoW).
...
Nearly 200 representatives from industry, academia, health care, federal agencies, patient and advocacy groups, gathered to discuss the issues related to medical devices and health in women and to brainstorm about effective strategies to address clinical research needs in this population.

This work builds on a December 2011 draft guidance, also highlighted in this month's 907 report.'

Australia: Father's warnings unheeded in child's death case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Aftab Khan was giving evidence at the trial of Amanda Hutton, who denies manslaughter over the death of her son Hamzah Khan in December 2009.

The youngster's body was found by police nearly two years later.

During a day of harrowing testimony at Bradford Crown Court, jurors heard how police visited Hutton's house nine times before Hamzah's death.

They were also read a transcript of an interview Mr Khan gave to police after he was arrested for hitting Hutton in 2008.

He told officers his son was undernourished and neglected and threatened to contact social services, warning: "Believe me, I'm going to get in touch ... because it's gone so far now."

He also described how Hutton refused to let him take Hamzah to see a doctor, despite telling her "time and time again" he was not well.'

Men Sentenced To Longer Prison Terms Than Women For Same Crimes, Study Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you're a convicted criminal, the best thing you can have going for you might be your gender.

A new study by Sonja Starr, an assistant law professor at the University of Michigan, found that men are given much higher sentences than women convicted of the same crimes in federal court.

The study found that men receive sentences that are 63 percent higher, on average, than their female counterparts.

Starr also found that females arrested for a crime are also significantly more likely to avoid charges and convictions entirely, and twice as likely to avoid incarceration if convicted.'

Dr. Sommers on MSNBC About Boys' Education

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Video here. Excerpt:

'You notice that the host starts off with a kind of snide condescension as well as a parroting of Feminist ideology. They point of course to the wage gap, that men make up most of the CEOs, and so forth. That is code for the true believers among them for "let's join in and laugh." Now of course, men are the majority sex at the top of society – i.e., they have the best jobs, they are most of those in congress, the judiciary, and so forth – but that is not the whole picture.'

Canada: MR Edmonton members confront poster-snatchers

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Video here. Good on them! I think they followed the poster-snatchers for just long enough to see that they would not engage in conversation, then broke off following them. Much longer would have been fruitless and make them look bad.

UK: Spending cuts hit women worse, says report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Economists are calling on the government to produce a "Plan F" to tackle the disproportionate burden being placed on women by spending cuts. Female-friendly tax and welfare policies are desperately needed to redress the balance, say experts from the independent Women's Budget Group (WBG), who have produced a report looking at the impact of austerity policies on different types of family groups in England.

It finds that women, particularly single parents and single pensioners, have lost much more than men from cuts to benefits and public services imposed by the government since it came to power in May 2010.'

Losing Men

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Article here. Exccerpt:

'In 2010, more than 38,000 people killed themselves in the United States – and over 30,000 of them were men, Helen Smith, a forensic psychologist, points out in her book Men on Strike.

“How many of these men had decided to kill themselves because they could no longer see their children, had a broken relationship, or were involved in a bitter divorce?” she asks. “Ironically, even when you look at the suicide statistics, most concern seems to be about women who kill themselves. Apparently, our society cares so little about men that those who kill themselves are hardly news.”

It’s the problem of a culture that often treats men as if there is something inherently wrong with masculinity, with what makes them different from women — and looks to feminize them. Men who are less interested in marriage and responsibility are only being rational in that context, Smith argues. In the wake of the Navy Yard shootings on Monday, Smith talks about violent video games, and men in America, with National Review Online’s Kathryn Jean Lopez.'

Doctors say HPV vaccine important for men and women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It may be a vaccine patients passed up but could have gotten because it can prevent cancer. It's the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. Illinois ranks almost last in girls who are getting the vaccine and doctors said that could be a mistake because it prevents certain types of cancers in both men and women.
...
Because HPV cancers are showing up in the mouth, throat and anal areas. Cancers that are in both men and women.

"We're picking up more of those cancers unfortunately because we're seeing a lot more of oral and anal intercourse," Campbell said.

"It's all about protection," Diericx said.

And it's also about prevention, getting vaccinated before someone is sexually active.'

From Aug. 2012:
The 8 Preventive Health Services that Women Start Getting Free Today

Excerpt:

'Starting today, about 47 million American women will have access to free preventive health services as part of a new provision in President Obama's Affordable Care Act. Comprehensive preventive care coverage will now be provided for insured women enrolling in new health care plans or renewing their existing policies on or after Aug. 1, 2012.
...

- HPV DNA testing: Women who are 30 or older will now have access to high-risk human papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing every three years, regardless of Pap smear results. Early screening, detection and treatment have been shown to help reduce the prevalence of cervical cancer.'

Security checks: Why are military (looking) men and women exempt?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Thirdly, women generally get through without any checks at all.

I fail to understand the attitude towards women in Pakistan. Either, they get acid thrown onto their faces, and their heads blown away, or they are treated as the 'mothers and sisters of the nation' – pushed to the front of every queue and allowed unchecked through security barriers.

Well, I have no wish to be either mother or sister to some of the characters around, and I take exception to the presumption that I, as a woman, am incapable of transporting/detonating a bomb. I am not an idiot, ET's profile photograph not withstanding.

Rich Man, Poor Woman?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Slate's feminist blog, "XX Factor," Amanda Hess delivers the news that "mothers are now the primary breadwinners in four out of ten American households." But she doesn't think that's good news, and not because in the other 6 out of 10 households women are still the bread losers. Rather, it's because the poverty rate is higher among women than among men--or, as Hess puts it, "the gender shift in these families hasn't necessarily translated to increased economic agency"--that's feminist jargon for power--"for women and children."

...

But all of the sex disparities Hess cites can be at least partly explained by female advantages--biological, cultural and legal--over men.

...

The answer to this mystery can be found in the Social Security Actuarial Life Table, which charts, by sex and at every age from 0 to 119, the probability of dying in the next year, the average remaining life expectancy, and the number (out of 100,000) who are still alive at that age ...

...

It is certainly true that the rise of the single-parent family has been bad for women. But that isn't because women are at a disadvantage to men; it's because single mothers are at a disadvantage to married ones. Marriage functions in large part as a means of inducing men to put their productive capacity in the service of women and children. Feminism and the sexual revolution have helped break down marriage by attenuating both the inducement for men to marry and the necessity for women to do so. We don't have an answer to this complicated and vexing problem, but we're quite sure it's not more feminism.'

'Hiccup Girl' found guilty of murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) - A Florida woman whose nonstop hiccups vaulted her into the public spotlight, only to be ensnared later in a man's death, was found guilty Friday of first-degree murder.

Jennifer Mee, 22, wept after the verdict was read in a Florida court, sometimes holding her head in her hands. She sobbed some more as she was led out of the room for a jail cell.

Pinellas County Judge Nancy Moate Ley sentenced her to life in prison without parole and informed her she had 30 days to appeal.

Mee was 19 when she was arrested in October 2010. Police said she met Shannon Griffin on a social networking site, then lured him to a vacant home days later.
...
Mee led Griffin around to the back, where two men -- Laron Raiford and Lamont Newton -- were armed and waiting, authorities said. Griffin died after being shot multiple times with a .38-caliber revolver.

All three suspects were arrested hours after Griffin's body was found. And all three were charged with first-degree murder, even Mee, although police indicated she didn't pull the trigger. Mee, Raiford and Newton had all been living together, according to police.'

Counselor Lied to Cover Up Affair With Suspect: Police

Mastodon · 21 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'State police say a woman who does court-ordered counseling with central Pennsylvania domestic violence suspects falsely claimed one such client sexually assaulted her to cover up her affair with the man.

WJAC-TV says 50-year-old Cindy Brumbaugh *[link added]*, of Howard, has been charged with filing a false police report. Troopers in Bellefonte say the woman claimed she was assaulted by a Centre County court client after her husband found out she was in a car crash with the client last month. In reality, police say the woman was covering her tracks because she had spent the night in a motel with the client.'

Father Shot By Police After Nasty Custody Battle: “I Can’t Take What My Son’s Mother Is Putting Me Through”

Matt · 22 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A North Carolina father gave up on life after a nasty custody battle with his son’s mother, according to friends. Derek Walker, 26, was shot and killed by police during a standoff after he lost custody of his kids.

Durham police were called to Walker’s home on Monday after reports of a distraught man brandishing a gun, according to local affiliate WNCN. Police attempted to negotiate with the man for about an hour before he turned his gun on police, causing them to fire at him.

According to police, Walker was suicidal and crying at times during his conversations with police.
...
“He was a father who had been dealing with a nasty custody battle within the court system,” friend Truitt O’Neal said. “He was extremely and emotionally drained.”'

"spokes"

Matt · 22 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. No spoken words in the script; none required. The message can't be lost on anyone no matter where in the world they live-- if they know what happens here in the west in our infamous "famy court" system, that is.

Ted Turner returns for further anti-male gaffing

Matt · 23 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Latest Ted Turner guffaw (and a repeat!) here. He can take some comfort knowing Biden is much worse, but with a history of generating this much babbling foolishness, one must take comfort where he can find it. :) Excerpt:

'Media mogul Ted Turner reiterated an absolutely absurd idea Sunday.

Appearing at the International Women's Earth and Climate Summit in New York City, Turner proposed “men be barred from political office. They could do everything else, be president of universities, business leaders, but they just couldn’t serve in any elected position for 100 years” (video follows with transcript and commentary):
...
TED TURNER: Well, I came up with the idea at least 20 years ago that we needed more women in politics. It would take a different turn. And I suggested that men be barred from political office. They could do everything else, be president of universities, business leaders, but they just couldn’t serve in any elected position for 100 years. [Laughter and applause]
...
I guess Turner was unaware that the House of Representatives led by Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) didn’t pass a budget for the fiscal years of 2010 or 2011.

Last I checked she is a woman.

For the record, this is not the first time Turner has made such a comment in public. He did so in 2003 and again in 2006.

At least he's consistently foolish.'

Teacher claims bawdy texts to 12-year-old boy were ‘sexual therapy,’ jury balks

Mastodon · 23 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Thanks to legendary grade-school teacher Mary Kay ~~Letourneau~~ Fualaau, Washington state will have an eternal place of prominence in the pantheon of teacher-student sex romps. However, Florida is probably ground zero for this persistent national epidemic.

The latest Floridian to get busted and convicted for molesting a student is Ethel Anderson, a former teacher at Mango Elementary school in the suburban haven of Seffner, Fla.—about 15 miles from Tampa.

On Wednesday, a jury found Anderson guilty of nine sex-crime charges for molesting a student who was 12 years old at the time.
...
“Ethel said she was planning on leaving her husband because he wasn’t a good dad and he didn’t communicate,” he explained.'

Going too far to define nonconsensual sex

Mastodon · 24 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

In the spring, an Obama administration initiative directing colleges and universities to toughen their policies on student sexual misconduct raised concerns among civil libertarians about unreasonably intrusive regulations. Now, reports from one of the nation's top universities confirm that these concerns were justified.

Yale, which promised a crackdown on campus sexual offenses under pressure from a federal civil rights investigation in 2011, is now policing "non-consensual sex" defined in a way that trivializes sexual violence, infantilizes women and men, and intrudes into private lives.
...
By these standards, many of us -- male or female, straight or gay -- have been both perpetrators and victims of "nonconsensual sex" more than once. The truth is that many people, both women and men, are put off by spontaneity-destroying checks for agreement. Many people have sex when they feel ambivalent. As long as there is no coercion and everyone is free to say no or to stop, these messy issues are for adults (even young adults) to work out between each other without intervention by the authorities. What happened to keeping the government -- or government-guided university administrators -- out of the bedroom?'

Yes, Patriarchy Is Dead; the Feminists Prove It

Mastodon · 24 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender-based biases are not a one-way street. If women are still stigmatized more for sleeping around, men are stigmatized more for not having enough sex -- even by some feminists whose choice insult for sexist men is to imply sexual deprivation. Women may experience more disapproval for delegating child care; men, for failing to be providers. We can endlessly debate whether these norms are rooted in nature or culture and whether they are valuable or harmful (or some mix of both). The fact remains that such double standards are not only perpetuated by men and women alike but, in this day and age, at least as likely to be favorable to women as to men.

It's really not that hard to find instances in which men are judged more harshly than women. Last May, after Arizona woman Jodi Arias was convicted in the brutal murder of her ex-boyfriend, jurors deadlocked on the death sentence because some saw mitigation in her alleged mental and verbal abuse by her victim -- despite evidence that Arias was a habitual stalker. Around the same time, when novelist James Lasdun published a book about his nightmarish experience of being cyber-stalked by a former creative writing student whose romantic overtures he had rejected, a review in The New Yorker chided him for failing to admit his attraction to the woman and his role in leading her on. Reverse the genders in either case, and there would be howls of outrage about "victim-blaming." (Both incidents are also reminders that women aren't the only victims of abuse and violence from the opposite sex.)'

Mayoral candidate denies claim about circumcision stance

Mastodon · 24 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Although he stood next to speakers claiming the opposite, Bill de Blasio *[link added]* insists his position has not changed on the city's controversial regulation of a ritual circumcision practice.

At a gigantic get-out-the vote rally in Williamsburg's Hasidic community last night, where leaders vowed to deliver 10,000 votes for his front-running mayoral campaign, two community leaders declared that Mr. de Blasio was set to eliminate the consent forms required for metzitzah b'peh, a practice involving a mohel sucking blood from the wound, which the city's health department says can spread disease.

According to video of the event posted Sunday night, one leader said Mr. de Blasio was "the first one in politics to come to our defense on the issue of metzitzah b'peh. And he's the only candidate that recommitted himself now to guarantee that we as Orthodox Jews can practice [it] without compromise."'

City Council Bill Would Prevent Regulation Of Circumcision

Mastodon · 24 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Citing freedom of religion, Councilman David Greenfield has introduced legislation prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Board of Health from taking any formal action against the controversial practice of metzitzah b'peh.

The legislation, introduced at the Sept. 12 City Council meeting, has since been referred to the Health Committee for hearings. It addresses the Board of Health's requirement last year that mohelim obtain written consent from parents before performing the oral suction practice, which has been linked to dangerous infection.

"This is one of the most outrageous examples of government intruding into the ability of residents to freely practice their religion without restrictions based on questionable findings," said Greenfield, a Democrat, in his remarks, which were forwarded to the press.'

"Women Vets May Need More Access to Breast Cancer Services"

Minuteman · 24 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Women are the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. veteran population, making breast cancer screening a crucial public health issue for the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

As the agency has worked to expand mammogram screening, the need for other diagnostic tests and treatments has also grown, and a new study that looked at how well women's follow-up needs have been met suggests that more resources are likely required.

From 2003 to 2009, the use of VHA outpatient care nationwide by women grew by 47 percent, and demand is expected to increase even more as thousands of women veterans return from Iraq and Afghanistan.
...
The program expansion is a step in the right direction, said Dr. Julie Gralow, a professor of medical oncology at the University of Washington School of Medicine and director of breast medical oncology at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance.
...
"The message for military women, and all women, is that we need to advocate for ourselves regarding our health," she said. A diagnosis of breast cancer, she said, is rarely an emergency needing immediate treatment.'

NOW assails White House “sexism” on treatment of Yellen

Mastodon · 24 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a Tuesday interview with Salon, National Organization of Women President Terri O’Neill blasted the White House’s approach to choosing a replacement for Federal Reserve Chair Ben Bernanke. “The signals I’m seeing from the White House is that his advisors – and he tends to agree with them – that they are still looking for someone other than Janet Yellen,” O’Neill told Salon. “And to me that’s just pure sexist.” NOW endorsed Obama for president last July.

“I mean, there’s only two differences between Janet Yellen and all those men,” said O’Neill. “Number one, she’s more qualified than all of them are. And number two, she’s a woman. And so looking for somebody other than Janet Yellen, I don’t know how you classify that as anything but sexist.”
...
While “there is no question that Barack Obama is a friend to women in the policies that he supports,” O’Neill said that “when even he has trouble picking the best qualified person who happens to be a woman, I think that is a startling reminder that even our friends who are men are so used to being in control that so far putting a woman in that position just doesn’t compute for them.” She said the episode reinforced the need to elect more female politicians, including a female president.'

Kidnapped boy reunited with dad 13 years after abduction

Mastodon · 24 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Missouri sheriff's detectives busted a grandma accused of kidnapping her grandson 13 years ago.

Sandy Hatte, 60, snatched the baby boy in Florida while his father was at work, authorities said.

That was in 2000 and detectives say Hatte has been on the run ever since.

...

Relatives had hired a private investigator to track the wiley grandmother, but she stayed a step ahead until the school official thought something seemed odd.

Detective Eric Menconi said the father and son seemed to get along well, despite being separated for almost all of the boy's life.

"It was a good reunion," Menconi said. "You could tell within the first three minutes they hit it off pretty well. Since then I've been on the phone with the dad and from what I'm understanding it's going very well. He's adjusting."

Hatte remains in the Livingston County Jail on a charge of child abduction. Her bail is $250,000.'

State senator seeks termination of rapists' parental rights (convicted or not)

Mastodon · 24 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'INDIANAPOLIS | A Hoosier woman giving birth following a rape could face a lifetime of further attacks in court if the rapist-father tries to assert parental rights because of the way Indiana law is structured.

Indiana is among 31 states lacking specific laws barring rapists from claiming child custody and visitation options available to fathers.
...
Charbonneau said most rapes are not reported to police, and if a victim gives birth to the child, she shouldn't have to spend the next 21 years "looking over her shoulder wondering if the rapist is going to claim his rights."

Under his 2012 plan, such a victim would have to show a judge by clear and convincing evidence that the child was conceived by rape for the judge to terminate the parental rights of the rapist.

That's a lower standard than "beyond a reasonable doubt" required for a criminal conviction, but Charbonneau believes it would speed the termination process and save women from potential ongoing legal harassment by the men who raped them.'

Video: Boys Suspended [for entire year] for Playing with Toy Guns at Home

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Story here. Summary:

'A school In Virginia Beach is attempting to extend its policies into student's homes. Two 7th graders were suspended for playing with toy guns on their own property. A school committee voted to suspend one of the students, Khalid Caraballo, for an entire year.'

'Feminist: War on Women' Is a Sham

Mastodon · 24 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There is no "war on women" as the Democratic Party has argued, said liberal columnist Kirsten Powers, in a debate about "Mad Women" and "the battle of the sexes." While the other liberal panelist disagreed, the conservatives argued that there is an under-reported "war on men."

"I will concede there is no war on women as presented by the Democratic Party," Powers, a columnist for the Daily Beast and a contributor for Fox News, admitted, at a Washington, D.C. event hosted by the Independent Women's Forum and National Review. Groups like Planned Parenthood are "abortion rights groups, not women's groups," she said.'

...
About Kirsten Powers here.

Support Rallies to "Men's Centre" Lecture After University Mandates Students Pay High Security Fee

Mastodon · 25 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'The Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE) received overwhelming financial support after their affiliate group, the University of Toronto Men's Issues Awareness Society, was mandated by the University of Toronto administration to pay $964 for campus police or have their Friday event cancelled. At previous events rioters committed illegal acts including pulling fire alarms and blocking exit doors.

"The Miles Groth 'Men's Centre' lecture will proceed, thanks to support from the men and women who donated," said Malcolm Johnston, CAFE Spokesperson. "Rewarding law-breaking rioters by cancelling events will only lead to increased censorship and make U of T a more dangerous place."'

Half of Canadian universities fail at free speech: report

Mastodon · 25 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Universities are supposed to be safe places to debate controversial ideas but school administrators and students leaders would sometimes prefer instead to enforce their own points of view, even if it means silencing others.
...
One can bet where the Calgary-based Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms would stand. They want controversial speech protected. According to their 2013 Campus Freedom Index, released Tuesday, 23 of the 45 universities graded this year have failed to stop censorship. Each administration and student union was assigned two A to F letter grades, one based on policies and the other on practices. Their conclusion: “Our country’s institutions of higher education have failed in their promise to uphold the sanctity of free speech in its most cherished and necessary form: the discussion of controversial ideas, frank and spirited debate, and the pursuit of truth.”

Make what you will of that conclusion, the index offers a good summary of the tension on campus.
...
A newcomer to the free speech debate is “men’s issues” after the University of Toronto Students’ Union and the Ryerson Students’ Union both outlawed men’s issues awareness clubs this year. The UTSU claimed such groups “harass women.” The RSU called one a “hate group.” The University of Toronto’s administration, however, was the only one to receive an “A” for its policies, which helped maintain relative calm when a men’s issues group hosted an anti-feminist lecture.'

Tennessee: Obamacare will triple men's premiums, double women's

Mastodon · 25 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The White House on Wednesday released a report on the costs of Obamacare for most Americans, heralding its interpretation that 95 percent of the nation will be able to buy health insurance premiums below “earlier projections.”

But note the words “earlier projections.” That doesn’t mean that the insurance Americans will have to buy, or be fined, under Obamacare will be cheaper than what they pay today, before Obamacare kicks in.

We know this because at the same time the White House was releasing its broad study, Tennessee Sen. Lamar Alexander released his analysis of the report's portion on his state. He found that Obamacare will cost far more than what many of his constituents are paying today, some by as much as 190 percent.

From his release:

— Today, a 27-year-old man in Memphis can buy a plan for as low as $41 a month. On the exchange, the lowest state average is $119 a month — a 190 percent increase.

— Today, a 27-year-old woman in Nashville can also buy a plan for as low as $58 a month. On the exchange, the lowest-priced plan in Nashville is $114 a month — a 97 percent increase. Even with a tax subsidy, that plan is $104 a month, almost twice what she could pay today.'

Related: Double Down: Obamacare Will Increase Avg. Individual-Market Insurance Premiums By 99% For Men, 62% For Women

Clinton Global Initiative Panel: We Don't Need Any More Male Leaders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'That appeared to be the theme of former President Bill Clinton's opening discussion for the Clinton Global Initiative's 2013 Annual Meeting. The 42nd president of the United States moderated a discussion in which participants took several opportunities to bash widespread male authority and drop not-so-subtle hints that his wife should run for the White House in 2016.

Facebook's Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg was the first to lament the way in which males tend to dominate culture, while commending Hillary Clinton's effort to curb it.
...
Considering Sandberg's own success, I'm surprised she is so quick to criticize our country's "male dominated" culture and suggest that women have an insurmountable climb when trying to rise through the ranks. ...
...
The real discrimination against women perhaps occurred when President Clinton suggested the only times women have been able to rise to power is in the midst of crises.
...
Clinton mentioned the purges in China also led to gender change in certain occupation groups. So, according to his wisdom, the "opportunities" women need are disasters. As a young woman, I reject the notion that my gender can only rise to power when a natural disaster strikes or a war breaks out. How is this kind of discussion empowering?

Instead of challenging what the female panelists were saying about their sex, the male panelists Mo Ibrahim of the Mo Ibrahim Foundatin, and U2's Bono nodded right along. Kharami even added,

"It's a universal problem, it's not just us. Even here, this country is still waiting for its first female president."

Lagarde had the last word.

"70-80 percent of consumption is effectively decided by women. Women can actually change the world."

I guess our Founding Fathers were just symbols of power-hungry patriarchy.'

Cepeda: Learning environments are tough on boys these days

Mastodon · 25 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's been a windfall week for boys, those too-oft overlooked stakeholders in American education.

First I found "Boys Have Deep Emotional Lives," an article in The Atlantic about "mean girls" expert Rosalind Wiseman's latest book, "Masterminds and Wingmen: Helping Our Boys Cope with Schoolyard Power, Locker-Room Tests, Girlfriends, and the New Rules of Boy World."

...

For the mom of two very young men — ages 12 and 14-but-thinks-he's-going-on-21 — this was a jackpot on a topic I agonize over every day: What will become of my boys? And one that seems to usually be far off anyone's radar because, as the cliché goes, it's already a man's world so what's there to worry about?

Believe me, there's plenty to fret over. Though numerous male writers have tackled this subject, maybe with women increasingly speaking out about the difficulties that young men face it can start being a serious topic of discussion.

...

Plus, so many boys just hate school. Mine certainly do, and so do their peers -- and I sort of don't blame them. If I had to toil for my grades in the communicate-your-feelings-in-therapy-speak environment of today's "everybody's special" K-8 zeitgeist, I wouldn't like school either.'

University receives grant to increase numbers of women in math and science

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Article here. Excerpt:

'UVU* has been selected to receive a grant to increase female performance and participation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) fields as part of a statewide initiative.

Susan Thackeray, director of Career and Technical Education, is a Utah leader in promoting gender equality in STEM. Her determination led to the reception of the grant.

The grant includes a 3-year funded research project to analyze why women at UVU are not as involved in STEM as men.
...
Last year 392 men pursued degrees in a STEM, compared to 305 women. More than 230 of those women were accounted for in a health related program.

Students and faculty are urged to support women who are interested in studying STEM subjects in all phases of life.'

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*Utah Valley University

Many doctors performing circumcisions are poorly trained for procedure: report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The mere mention of the word circumcision is enough to make some men cringe, and a new study suggests they might have more reason to flinch than they thought.

Many of the doctors who perform the procedure are generalists and poorly trained for the task, possibly explaining the steady stream of complications seen in emergency wards, some with life-long consequences, conclude researchers in Hamilton, Ont.

Given that there is relatively little medical reason to perform circumcisions, it is important at least that physicians know what they are doing to prevent slip-ups, the Hamilton physicians' newly published study says.'

OWH conference: "President's Working Group Recommendations on the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence against Women/Girls and Gender-Related Health Disparities"

Minuteman · 26 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

From a mailing list email:

'Putting Women and Girls First: President's Working Group Recommendations on the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence against Women/Girls and Gender-Related Health Disparities

Thursday, October 10, 2013
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. ET
Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Great Hall
200 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20201

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, please join us for a panel discussion to highlight the release of the President's Working Group Report on the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence Against Women and Girls, and Gender-related Health Disparities.

Featured speakers include:

1. Ms. Lynn Rosenthal, White House Advisor on Violence Against Women
2. Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of the Office on National AIDS Policy
3. Dr. Gina Brown, Office of AIDS Research, National Institutes of Health

Exhibits will be open at 12:30 p.m. for your review.

To register, send the information below to babette.couser@hhs.gov by close-of-business on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.
(all fields required)

1. First Name
2. Last Name
3. Organizational Affiliation
4. Phone Number
5. Email Address

NPO: Father Awarded $40.25 million Judgment Against Former Wife

Matt · 26 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In August of 2013, the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts awarded Massachusetts father Colin Bower $40,250,000 on his claims against his former wife, Mirvat El-Nady. Ms. El-Nady fled to Cairo, Egypt, in August of 2009, taking their children with her without his consent and in violation of a Massachusetts court order granting sole custody to Bower. The case underscores that courts recognize — and punish — parental actions aimed at depriving children of meaningful bonds with both of their parents.

Considering the amount to award the father in damages, the court stated that “While Bower’s economic damages are a matter of simple calculation, his and his children’s hedonic damages are not. The court is in the impossible position of having to place a dollar value on something that is intangible and invaluable — “the wrongful taking of children from parents with custodial rights, an experience which evokes deep-seated, time-honored, and broad societal concerns regarding the health and development of both the children and the parents wrongfully deprived of the right to share in and guide the passage of their offspring from childhood to adulthood with all of the joy and pleasure that journey usually affords a custodial parent.” ...'

SAVE: In Wake of New Orleans Prosecutor Scandal, CPI Calls for Strong Oversight Measures

Matt · 26 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / September 25, 2013 – Following last week's revelations of "grotesque prosecutorial misconduct" in a New Orleans police shooting case, the Center for Prosecutor Integrity (CPI) is releasing a new report that calls for strong oversight measures designed to assure ethical prosecutor conduct and stop wrongful convictions.

The report, Roadmap for Prosecutor Reform, lays out 20 reforms designed to enhance the accountability of local, state, and federal prosecutors. The reforms are intended to correct prosecutor abuses in such areas as over-charging of suspects, concealing evidence, and coercing witnesses.

The report is intended for lawmakers, legal oversight boards, and other stakeholders in the criminal justice system. Roadmap for Prosecutor Reform is available here: http://www.prosecutorintegrity.org/wp-content/uploads/RoadmapProsecutorReform.pdf'

IA: Protest in Cincinnatti planned over experimentation on infant boys

Matt · 26 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Next week, I will be in Cincinnati to stand outside Good Samaritan Hospital and demand that its researchers stop its circumcision clamp study.

We have to make it clear that this heinous experiment on innocent babies will NOT go unheeded, and it will NOT go unchallenged!

Here's what we have planned for October 3:

- SIDEWALK PROTEST: People from around the country will be traveling to Cincinnati to march peacefully with us outside the hospital, demanding that this study be shut down.
- MOBILE BILLBOARD: We need to reach as many Cincinnati-area residents as possible with the harsh reality of what's happening right in their backyard, and the most effective way to do that is with a mobile billboard.
- PRESS CONFERENCE: I will be speaking, along with other prominent intactivists, at a national press conference outside the hospital.

This hospital needs to know that conducting pain and bleeding experiments on babies is cruel, unscientific, and WRONG.

Please make a tax-deductible donation today, so together we can put a stop to this madness.

Thank you so much,

Georganne Chapin
Executive Director, Intact America
www.intactamerica.org/

8 Reasons Straight Men Don't Want To Get Married

Matt · 26 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

This article is from June, but worth posting, as the information in it is still current. Excerpt:

'In the course of researching my new book, Men On Strike: Why Men Are Boycotting Marriage, Fatherhood, and the American Dream - And Why It Matters, I talked with men all over America about why they're avoiding marriage. It turns out that the problem isn't that men are immature, or lazy. Instead, they're responding rationally to the incentives in today's society.
...
[Ed.: Following is the basic list without author's further comments]
1. You'll lose respect.
2. You'll lose out on sex.
3. You'll lose friends.
4. You'll lose space.
5. You could lose your kids, and your money. And they may not even be your kids.
6. You'll lose in court.
7. You'll lose your freedom.
8. Single life is better than ever.'

Book: "Divorced fathers and their families: Legal, economic, and emotional dilemmas"

Matt · 26 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Review here. Excerpt:

'Divorced Fathers and Their Families presents a needed corrective to a long-neglected topic without trivializing the problems and needs of divorced mothers and children or downplaying the realities of divorce. In much of the book, divorced men's narratives reveal their roles in their children's lives, the emotional turmoil when those roles are disrupted, and their frustrations when the legal system assumes the worst about them. ...'

Amazon.com page here.

D.I.V.O.R.C.E. spells disaster for too many dads going through the big break-up

Matt · 26 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ever conscious to keep my column even-handed, this week I want to speak out on behalf of men, and this week's topic is inspired by a dear male friend of mine currently going through a divorce, coping with the typical issues of having to pay maintenance to a soon-to-be-ex-wife, as well as child support payments.

Lots of men are in the same boat. His story is just one of many, but actually hearing it from a man's side, did get me thinking.

Over the years, we as women have fought hard to be equal to men, yet so many ex-wives are still sponging off previous husbands, their excuse being they want to maintain the same standard of life they had when married.

Well if it was that good why not just stay married then?

Meanwhile the poor men responsible for paying for their ex-wives' continued standard of living are often left struggling to make their own ends meet, and they are certainly not being afforded the same lifestyle they were used to while married.'

2013 SAT report released-- brace yourselves

bronxman · 26 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

The aggregate SAT scores report for 2013 has been released.

Boys outperform girls in math.
Girls outperform boys in reading.

Brace youselves for the pending flood of articles on how this news (girls doing poorly in math) is a disaster and how we must find ways to make the boys do worse -- oops! sorry, I mean -- help the girls do better.

Naturally no one will give a rat's ass about the problem boys have in reading. We only care about the girls.

SAVE E-lert: Roadmap for Prosecutor Reform

Matt · 26 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

The Center for Prosecutor Integrity (CPI) is releasing a new report that calls for strong oversight measures designed to assure ethical prosecutor conduct and stop wrongful convictions.: Roadmap for Prosecutor Reform.

Lawmakers, legal oversight boards, and other stakeholders should take note of this important report, which includes 20 reforms designed to enhance the accountability of local, state, and federal prosecutors.

Roadmap for Prosecutor Reform is available here:
http://www.prosecutorintegrity.org/wp-content/uploads/RoadmapProsecutorReform.pdf

An Epidemic of Prosecutor Misconduct, is available here:
http://www.prosecutorintegrity.org/wp-content/uploads/EpidemicofProsecutorMisconduct.pdf

Visit the Center for Prosecutor Integrity for more information on criminal justice reform.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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"Move over, abortion — men’s issues are the new taboo topics on campus"

Mastodon · 26 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But new to the Campus Freedom Index this year, however, is the topic of men’s issues awareness — a subject that wets the felt-tip markers of the perpetually outraged upon mere mention. The movement is a relatively recent phenomenon on Canadian campuses, where men’s rights speakers and groups are usually met with protests, attempts at censorship and placards about how “Men’s Rights is Misogyny.” In other words: pure failure fodder for the Campus Freedom Index.

The examples are well chronicled. At the University of Toronto, last November, protesters tried to shut down a speech by Warren Farrell, author of The Myth of Male Power and other books on men’s and women’s issues. Farrell was able to deliver his address despite the rally, though campus security and Toronto Police were called to the scene. The University of Toronto Student Union later issued a release expressing its disdain for “hate speech,” and denied club certification to the “Men’s Issues Awareness Society” the following month for its alleged violation of the Ontario Human Rights Code.'

Men’s rights speaker claims anti-date-rape talks discourage men from higher education

Mastodon · 26 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The next speaker in an ongoing lecture series on men’s issues will be talking about why some young men are disengaged with college and university—something he blames, in part, on the anti-date-rape talks given to freshmen.

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“Some of the content of these seminars, which are now very common in colleges and universities, set these boys coming in, set them up as being potentially dangerous, and potentially harmful, particularly to women on campus,” he said.

“There are, for example, date-rape seminars that are de rigueur for nearly all first-year student programs.”

Groth questioned whether the date-rape talks are “overkill” and “whether in fact it might not be wiser to talk about this in a broader way, let’s say for example, courtesy between boys and girls on campus, regardless of who’s behaving, males or females.”

A second reason for young men feeling unwelcome is that some courses appear to better reflect young women’s university lives, he said.'

State senators host lunch forum on women's health in the workplace

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A discussion on women's health in the workplace, with a focus on the challenges of rheumatoid arthritis, will be held at noon today at the state Capitol.

State Sens. Sandy Pappas and Kathy Sheran will lead the event, "Women's Health in the Workplace: Chronic Disease & Aging," from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 118 at the Capitol.

The discussion will look at the impact of arthritis on work and social life, family relationships and other aspects of daily life.'

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http://www.cdc.gov/arthritis/data_statistics/arthritis_related_stats.htm#3:

'25.9% of women and 18.3% men report doctor-diagnosed arthritis.'

http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cfoi.pdf, p. 11:

	Fatal Injuries	
Gender	Number	Percent
Men	4,045	92
Women	338	8

Will men's centres be coming to Canadian universities?

Mastodon · 27 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

harticle here. Excerpt:

'An American professor specializing in studying the psychology of boys and men, masculinity and manhood is making the case for creating men's centres on campus.

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Advocates on both sides of the border are seeking to fill what they view as a void at schools and within communities -- programs dedicated to studying, serving and supporting male interests and needs.

"Essentially, we feel there's no space for men specifically to discuss their issues from a men's point of view; so we're hoping to get something started that will hopefully be a catalyst for maybe some more male-oriented programs running," said CAFE spokesman Adam McPhee, who also serves as food programs liaison for the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation.'

Mandatory Title IX training delays lodge openings

Mastodon · 27 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Five fraternity lodges opened last Friday night, a later opening date than in previous years. The reason for the late opening date is 90 percent of each fraternity had to attend Title IX training for them to have guests at their lodges.
...
The fraternities will be enforcing stricter registration at their lodges this year to keep track of all the guests, said Will Cook, president of KA. The Title IX training is “meant to make sure the guests and brothers are safe and avoid any misunderstandings about sexual intent, hazing, bullying, etc.” Cook said.
...
“All in all, I think that the message that Title IX training conveys should not be targeted to one group of men for the sole reason of affiliation,” Southall said. “If the safety of our Westhampton College classmates is the priority, then training should be available for all men.”'

Woman accused of stabbing herself and her child, then blaming man

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Story here. This is an incident that occurred on a greenbelt trail in the Denver suburb of Wheat Ridge about a month ago. It was reported as a man stabbing a woman and her toddler child, and there was a manhunt for the man. I almost didn't see this follow up to this story in which it turned out that the woman allegedly stabbed herself and her child and blamed the man. This was during the major flooding in Colorado that week, so this new story slipped under my radar until now. Excerpt:

'The investigation into last month's Wheat Ridge Greenbelt-area double-stabbing took a bizarre twist last week after police arrested the woman who was once thought to be a victim in the case – no accused of trying to pin the attack of her and her child on a man who she claims raped her years ago.

Stephany Harwood, 21, of Lakewood was arrested last week, and was being held at the Jefferson County jail on a felony charge of child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury. She was given a $100,000 bond.

Police believe that Harwood was the one who stabbed herself and her toddler son on a walking trail on Aug. 22. Harwood then allegedly concocted a story to try to place the blame on Marvin Gean Wilson – a man with a lengthy criminal history and whom Harwood claims she has known since she was a girl.'

Today in Washington: Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand unveils plan to help women in the workplace

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Washington -- U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand today plans to make what she calls a major policy speech in which she will unveil a five-point package aimed at helping middle-class women in the workplace.

Gillibrand, D-N.Y., will outline her plan for the economic security of women beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Center for American Progress, a progressive think tank based in Washington, D.C., with strong ties to the White House. New York's junior senator has been outspoken in the past about equal pay for women.

The Center for American Progress issued a report this week titled, "The State of Women in America." The report noted that despite advances in the workplace, women are paid 77 cents for every dollar a man is paid.'

Bloomberg agency combats domestic violence with warning ads for women in subways, bus system

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A city agency created by Mayor Bloomberg to combat domestic violence plans to paper subways and the bus system with dire warnings to women who may not realize they're being abused.

"Broken, threatened, put-down, scared," the stark ads ask against the backdrop of a woman crying. "If you feel any of these in your relationship, that's abuse."

The ads from the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, which will start appearing in subways and on bus shelters Thursday, are part of a campaign called "That's Abuse" that aims to encourage women in abusive relationships to seek help before the situation becomes violent.'

Michael Le Vell's acquittal is no reason to give rape defendants anonymity

Mastodon · 27 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Every time a celebrity is acquitted of rape allegations, a pernicious media campaign clamours for anonymity for defendants to stop women and children from wrecking vulnerable men's lives. Most recently, we saw this after the Michael Le Vell trial.

Women Against Rape (WAR) and Lisa Avalos began to work on collaborative research in 2012 to compare how women accused of lying are treated in the US and the UK. Despite different legal systems, the findings shine a light on the UK, with poor investigations being found to be the central obstacle to justice.

In both countries, false reports are extremely rare. The chief crown prosecutor for London, Alison Saunders, says that "studies have indicated that only 2% of all reported rapes are false, which is slightly less than false reporting in all other crimes". Their incidence is dwarfed by the prevalence of unpunished sexual violence. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in the US claims that only 3% of all rapists serve prison terms for their crimes.

...

But the prosecution of women for alleged false reports strengthens the myth that women frequently lie about being raped and discourages victims from coming forward. It diverts law enforcement away from thoroughly investigating rape and lets rapists loose on the public. It is not in the public interest, and must be stopped.'

Supermodel defends herself against violent feminists

Mastodon · 28 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'When two half-naked female protesters from the radical anarchist organization "Femen" disrupted Paris Fashion Week on Thursday by invading the catwalk with slogans painted on their bare chests, an 18-year old supermodel punched one of them squarely in the nose.

Hollie-May Saker, an 18-year old supermodel whom many say may be the next Kate Moss, saw the screaming protesters just as she was about to go on stage.

According to the Daily Mail, a woman from the "radical feminist group" grabbed Saker's arm and tried to lift up her skirt, at which point the model punched her on the nose. She then "continued her run" on the catwalk "as if nothing had happened."'

Woman accused of trying to hire hit man to kill son's father, report says

Matt · 29 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Police say they arrested a College Station woman Wednesday after she paid someone she thought was a hit man to kill the father of her 7-year-old son, according to CBS affiliate KBTX.

Nicolette Beard, 33, allegedly agreed to pay an undercover officer $4,000 to kill 30-year-old Anthony Drymalla III.

KBTX reports College Station police got a tip about the case when one of Beard's friends told them about the woman's plan.

The motive behind the murder-for-hire plot was a custody battle between the parents, according to police.'

"Circumcision breaches human rights of the child"

Matt · 29 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"To circumcise a child without medical reasons and without the child's consent, runs contrary... to the child's human rights and the fundamental principles of medical ethics," they write in a debate article in the Dagens Nyheter daily on Saturday.

The ombudsman Fredrik Malmberg, together with representatives from the Swedish Society of Medicine (SLS), the Swedish Society of Health Professionals (Vårdförbundet), the Swedish Paediatric Society (BLF) and the Swedish Association of Pediatric Surgeons (SLF), argues that Swedish law requires that the child's will be taken into account wherever possible.

Circumcision is a procedure which is typically carried out at a very young age and it is this issue of consent which is paramount, they argue.

"We consider circumcision of boys without the child's consent to be in contravention of article 12 of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) which gives children the right to have an opinion in matters which concern them."'

Daughter kills mother and brother, dad kills daughter

Matt · 30 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Good grief. Excerpt:

'Though the investigation of Friday's shootings continues, authorities said it appears Josephine and Jeffrey Ruckinger planned to murder her family at their rural central Pennsylvania home — but it remains unclear what exactly led to the deadly confrontation.

"They parked at the bottom of a long driveway, and walked up, heavily armed," said Cambria County District Attorney Kelly Callihan.

...

Police say Roberta, 64, answered the door, and cried out something like "Oh my God, they have guns!" before her daughter shot her at point-blank range. John Jr. then may have attempted to arm himself with a gun, but Jeffrey Ruckinger shot him multiple times in the chest, killing him, police said.

The elder Frew, 67, grabbed a .22 revolver and came out from the bedroom to find the daughter he didn't initially recognize pointing the shotgun at him. Frew fired once, hitting her in the head, then turned and exchanged fire with Jeffrey Ruckinger, killing him. He then called police.'

12-YO boy suspended for bringing 2-inch novelty keychain shaped like gun to school

Mastodon · 30 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 12-year-old boy was suspended from a Rhode Island middle school after a gun keychain — just bigger than the size of a quarter — dropped out of his backpack during class.

Joseph Lyssikatos said a classmate scooped the novelty pistol from the ground and began showing it to other students at Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School in Coventry when a teacher confiscated it on Thursday.
...
Lyssikatos was suspended for three days and banned from a class field trip to Salem at the end of the month.'

Kenya: Push for male circumcision in Nyanza fails to reduce infections

Mastodon · 30 September 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'KENYA:The prevalence of HIV and Aids rose in Nyanza and Central provinces, according to the Kenya Aids Indicative Survey released by the Health Cabinet Secretary James Macharia on Tuesday.

But Central's 3.8 per cent prevalence increase from the previous 3.6 per cent is a mere fraction of Nyanza's 15.1 per cent up from 2007's 14.9 per cent.

Nyanza's prevalence is big enough to double the national average prevalence.

And it has happened in spite of an aggressive campaign to have male circumcision as a strategy to reduce new infections in the region.

According to the KAIS 2012 survey, male circumcision among men aged 15-64 years in Nyanza increased by 18 per cent.

According to Macharia, this represents a new 600,000 males from Nyanza joining the community of the circumcised.

"Circumcision was a taboo in this part of the country then, but today it's the norm," said Macharia, who claimed this development has helped reduce new infections.

But his remarks are a contrast to what the statistics show.
...
But the Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision Programme Manager at the National Aids Control Council, Dr Athanasius Ochieng', is quick to allay the fears.

"The 2001 and 2013 figures are statistically the same and is proof that male circumcision has actually stabilised prevalence by preventing new infections," says Dr Ochieng.

He notes that a research conducted in Kisumu County three years ago showed that circumcised males had less exposure to risky behaviour.'

Voices of Reason About the Gender Wars

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The talk itself was powerful, definitive, supremely logical – and also suitably provocative. Noting, for example, the obsession of feminism with male-on-female violence, Fiamengo pointed out that there are, in fact, “more male than female victims of violence,” that women in lesbian relationships are just about as likely to be the victims of domestic violence as women married to men, and that husbands are physically abused by their wives almost as frequently as wives are physically abused by their husbands. Fiamengo also cannily observed that while “children under the age of twelve are far more likely to be killed by their mothers than by anyone else,” there would surely be a massive feminist outcry “if the media focused relentlessly on mother violence against children” and if there were, say, regularly organized marches and a “ribbon campaign” expressing concern about the innocent victims of such murders.

Last weekend saw another CAFE lecture at the University of Toronto. Either because CAFE provided extra security this time, or because protest fatigue had finally set in, the rioters stayed away. The speaker, whom I profiled here a few months ago, was Miles Groth, editor of New Male Studies and professor at New York’s Wagner College. In his Toronto talk, Groth issued a call for universities to establish Men’s Centers to balance out their ubiquitous Women’s Centers. His argument: thanks largely to “an often noxious and even toxic sociocultural and educational environment” for boys and young men – which is, needless to say, largely the product of man-hating feminism – young males are today undergoing something that fully deserves to be described as a crisis.'

Mother Allegedly Kills Children To Prevent Father From Getting Custody

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Marilyn Edge, 42 (pictured above), of Scottsdale, Arizona was charged Monday with two counts of murder with special circumstances in the deaths of her two children, daughter Faith, 9, and son Jaelen, 13, after she poisoned them in a California hotel room to prevent turning custody over to their father in Georgia, reports the CBS Atlanta.

After a long, contentious custody battle, a Georgia judge awarded Mark Edge custody of the two children (pictured below) and Marilyn Edge was ordered to pay child support.

Instead of taking the children to their father in Cobb County, Georgia, Mrs. Edge allegedly poisoned them in a Santa Ana, California hotel room before crashing her car into an electrical box outside a Home Depot in Costa Mesa, California.'

The Current Job Market Is Shockingly Bad For 20-Something Men

Mastodon · 1 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Great Recession was disastrous across all worker demographics, but it was especially bad for men in their 20s.
...
"For men, this is kind of a wake up call," says Anthony Carnevale, director of the Georgetown CEW. "The prospects are declining and what prospects there are aren't going to last. It's taking a while for the blue-collar economy to melt down, but it's melting."

In the last decade, the share of men ages 26 to 30 employed full-time fell from 80% in 2000 to 65% in 2012, the study finds. Over the same period, the proportion of women employed full-time in that age bracket also declined, but only from 56% to 50% — a drop of six percentage points as opposed to men's 15:'

Man Shielded Daughter as Rock Slide Killed Him

bronxman · 1 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. With all the news on bad fathers, we should all note this news story. A father sacrifices his life to save his daughter. Excerpt:

'A 13-year-old girl, the lone survivor of a rock slide that killed five people in Colorado, said her father used his body as a shield to protect her when the rocks came crashing down, according to police.
...
"I heard a scream next to me. I saw a hand sticking out underneath the boulder," Tolsma said of Gracie. "The true hero is her dad. She said her dad jumped on her to protect her at the last moment when the rocks were coming down. I think he saved her life."

Gracie's father, a high school football coach, her mother and a sister died, sources told ABC News. The other victims and their identities have not been officially released.'

Equal Rights for Fathers?

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Article here. Excerpt:

Fathers have begun resisting the tactics of private adoption agencies, which broker incentives to women for giving up their children at birth. The rights of birth mothers, wealthy potential adoptive parents, natural fathers, and the profits of the adoption industry are at odds. As members of a democracy, as human beings, it is time for us to understand what is at stake in these on-going heart wrenching dramas.

If—as a society, as a country—we believe in equal rights and equal laws for men and women, and if we believe in the legal right for a woman to relinquish her rights to her unborn or newly born child to the potential adoptive parents of her choosing; to have those potential adoptive parents present at the birth of her child; and to allow those potential adoptive parents to leave the hospital with that child without any notification to the putative father, nor any need for him to legally provide his consent nor to formally and voluntarily give up his rights to the child, then we must, under the idea of equal laws for men and women, also believe that a putative father has the right to relinquish his rights to his unborn or newly born child to the potential adoptive parents of his choosing; to have those potential adoptive parents present at the birth of his child; and to allow those potential adoptive parents to leave the hospital with that child without any notification to the mother, nor any need for her to legally provide her consent, nor to formally and voluntarily give up her rights to the child. Think about it. Fair is fair. Equality under the law is what we believe in, is it not?'

Boys could be spiked from New York high school girls' volleyball team

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two boys playing on a girls' volleyball team at a New York high school could see their playing time spiked when league officials consider modifying a rule that allows them to play with the fairer sex.

Seniors Andrew Lafortezza and Jason Elbaum both played for the co-ed volleyball club last season at Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua. But due to budgetary constraints, the Quakers were unable to field a boys' team this year, prompting the teens to seek a spot on the girls' squad, which they earned after receiving approval from league officials in August.
...
"I'm very concerned with the fact that we have two boys playing on a girls' team," Zayas said. "I'm concerned there's a significant adverse effect on other teams."'

Boy suspended after using finger as pretend gun

Matt · 1 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Bonnie Bennett said her son, Jordan, was suspended Friday at Harmony Community School in Osceola County after playing cops and robbers with another student.

“There was nothing in his hand. He used his thumb and index finger,” said Bennett. “It was a game. He made no threatening advances or threats to harm anyone. No words were said.”

Bennett said she would have been satisfied with some form of punishment but is worried now that since he's been suspended, her son will be seen as a violent child.

“They took a child that has never been in trouble before and went to the extreme,” said Bennett. “A child that has no history of violence is now classified as a violent offender.”'

"Shame" now available

Matt · 1 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Preview here. The full short film is available at Distrify.com. You can find "Shame" on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/ShameMEStudios and on Twitter: @shamemovie

IA: Signatures still needed

Matt · 1 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

From Intact America:

ONLY TWO DAYS LEFT AND WE STILL NEED SIGNATURES!

You've been hearing a lot about our campaign to stop the researchers at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati from continuing an outrageous circumcision study *[link added]*, and now we're down to the wire. Our peaceful protest outside the hospital is planned for Thursday, which means we have one more day to get as many signatures as we can.

If you haven't yet signed our letter, please sign it right away. If you've already signed it, thank you! Please take the next step and spread the word by emailing your friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors, telling them about our campaign and asking them to sign our letter. You can also help us make an impact in Cincinnati by pledging your financial support for this campaign.

When a human rights violation of this magnitude takes place right in our backyard, it really does take a village to rise up and demand justice. Together let's tell this hospital that circumcision is NOT acceptable; that there's no such thing as a "better" clamp designed to amputate perfectly healthy, important tissue; and that experiments on human subjects who cannot consent is a heinous violation of bioethics and human rights law.

Tanzania: Woman wants new constitution to protect men against gender violence

Mastodon · 1 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two out of five gender based violence (GBV) victims are men, hence the need to have a clause that protects them in the new Constitution like it does to women.

The proposal was made recently at a meeting to review Tanzania's constitution held in Rombo district organised by a non governmental organisation called AJIMARO.

A participant, Anjela Mwapachu, said most men in Tanzania are victims of domestic violence.

However, she continued to say, they hide the truth since there is no article in the Constitution that gives them their rights as men.

Mwapachu said now, it is the right time for male to claim for their rights to be identified in the new Constitution.'

‘Men have to step up’ in fight against domestic violence, LePage says

Mastodon · 2 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'To win the battle against domestic violence, Gov. Paul LePage says men need to stop seeing the problem as a women’s issue and take action to stop abuse.

“We can have all the strict laws in the world, but we have to make [domestic violence] socially unacceptable,” LePage said during a ceremony Wednesday morning in his Cabinet Room at the State House.

“We, the men, have to help to eliminate abuse,” Lepage continued. “We are 80 percent of the perpetrators, and we have to find a way to stop people from doing this, and we can’t expect women to fight this battle alone.”

The morning ceremony marked the proclamation of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, during which the Blaine House, Maine’s governor’s residence, will be illuminated in purple — the color associated with the cause.

The governor also announced that he will provide $10,000 from his contingency fund to help pay for the completion of the Maine Murder Victims’ Memorial in Augusta. Ground was broken Sunday on the memorial, a project by Maine’s chapter of Parents of Murdered Children.'

"Why Girls and Science Don’t Mix"

Mastodon · 2 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Equality Police are unhappy. It seems that despite their best efforts women still aren't entering the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) as men are. You may not care about this — but you should. Because when the Equality Police become unhappy, we get bad policy such as the leftist desire to apply Title IX dictates to STEM, which would effectively eliminate opportunities for men in those fields.

Bringing this to mind is a recent study from The University of Texas at Austin’s College of Education. You can imagine its conclusions. Women aren’t rejecting STEM because they lack math and science skills, but because of “cultural expectations,” “gender stereotypes” and “social structures.” My, I guess we must completely upend society because our cultural-social-gender-expectation-structure thingamajig is thoroughly discombobulated.
...
After pointing out that even in 2011 Norway, virtually all nurses are women and most every engineer is a man, comedian-turned-documentarian Harald Eia interviewed various “experts” about the phenomenon. He then learned of research indicating a strong biological basis for sex-specific job preference. Dr. Trond Diseth of Norway’s National Hospital explained that from the age of nine months, boys gravitate toward “masculine” toys while girls choose “feminine” ones. ...
...
Yet why are women in less egalitarian nations nonetheless more likely to pursue STEM? Lippa explained what’s obvious, saying, “In the gender-egalitarian countries like Norway, you really are free to follow your inclinations.... In a poor country, you’re probably worried about just getting a job. And if computers are going to get you that job — in India, for example — you’ll go for it.” For sure, there aren’t many opportunities for “gender” researchers in the land of sati and saris.'

Feminists in Canada Want to Change ‘Sexist’ National Anthem

Mastodon · 2 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It looks like political correctness goes beyond our borders. A group of notable feminists from our northern neighbor are demanding a change to their country’s national anthem with the goal of making it more 'gender neutral.'

The Globe and Mail reports:

At issue is the line: “True patriot love in all thy sons command.” According to Restore Our Anthem, a group that includes writer Margaret Atwood and former prime minister Kim Campbell, these lyrics are exclusionary of women, and do not reflect the original intent of Robert Stanley Weir, who wrote the English words for O Canada in 1908.

The controversial lyric in question was added in 1913 for unknown reasons. But, the ‘Restore Our Anthem” group insists the change has sexist roots. Now, on the 100th anniversary of the original anthem, the feminists are starting a campaign to restore the language.

So, because of two words, feminists are attempting to hijack the Canadian national anthem. This kind of political correctness is all too common in our own country, where one year a textbook review process revealed schools had changed the term ‘Founding Fathers’ to ‘Founding Framers,’ seemingly to make it sound less male-dominant.'

USA Today: Are men's centers essential for college campuses?

Mastodon · 2 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Currently, more women than men attend college and that isn't expected to change any time soon: According to the National Center for Education Statistics, female enrollment is expected to increase by 16% from 2011 to 2021 while male enrollment is only projected to increase by around 7%.

Miles Groth, a psychology professor at Wagner College, spoke on Sept. 27 at the University of Toronto on the need for men's centers at colleges in Canada. He feels men's centers are needed to help male students feel welcome in the face of changing college demographics. He thinks U.S. colleges should be addressing the same issue.
...
"I often ask students to write about their experience of overt and covert gender discrimination against males in academic environments, and they routinely describe instances of public humiliation and systemic indifference," writes Dennis Gouws, an English professor at Springfield College, in an e-mail.'

UK: Nurse who killed baby after circumcising him with scissors is banned from nursing

Mastodon · 2 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A nurse who let a three-and-a-half week baby bleed to death after carrying out a circumcision using just scissors, forceps and olive oil has been banned from practising in the UK.

Grace Adeleye, 67, performed the dangerous African treatment known as a 'clamp and cut' on Goodluck Caubergs for a fee of £100 at the baby's home in Chadderton, Greater Manchester.

A Nursing and Midwifery Council panel heard that Adeleye carried out the circumcision at around 5pm on April 16 2010 and that Goodluck was still bleeding at 7am the following morning.

Adeleye had reassured the baby's parents, whom she had been put in touch with by a mutual friend, that the bleeding was slowing.

But Goodluck was eventually taken to the Royal Oldham Hospital later that morning where he died shortly after arrival.
...
Adeleye had previously received a 21-month jail term suspended for two years at Manchester Crown Court and quickly announced she would be retiring from nursing.

The court heard the nurse had performed thousands of similar procedures with each one costing £100 as she operated from a mobile clinic.'

Council of Europe ‘worried’ about circumcision

Mastodon · 2 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) has released a resolution focused on the “violations of the physical integrity of children,” including the circumcision of young boys for religious causes, which remains a controversial issue in European societies.

The resolution calls for the European states to “promote further awareness in their societies of the potential risks of some of these procedures,” which the assembly lists as the circumcision of boys, early childhood interventions in the case of intersexual children and the coercion of children into piercings, tattoos or plastic surgery.

The assembly said that though such practices are projected as beneficial to children, they often fail to be so.

The resolution further states that member states should “clearly define the medical, sanitary and other conditions to be ensured for practices such as the non-medically justified circumcision of young boys” and adopt legal provision that would prevent the carrying out of certain operations before a child is old enough to consent.'

OSHA focuses on female construction workers

Mastodon · 2 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many people think of construction as a typically male occupation. But did you know that as of 2010, there are about 800,000 women working in the construction industry? That amounts to approximately 9 percent of the industry workforce.

While the hazards involved in construction work are well known, female construction workers face unique challenges. To increase awareness of these issues, OSHA has signed an alliance with the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC). The alliance, which lasts 2 years, will develop targeted training resources and other informational materials to help construction employers ensure the safety of their female employees.
...
OSHA has additional information about women in construction on a webpage created specifically for the alliance. Check it out at https://www.osha.gov/doc/topics/women/index.html.'

Factual Missteps Are Slowing National Campaign to End Partner Abuse, SAVE Says

Matt · 3 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

WASHINGTON / October 1, 2013 – Victim-advocacy group Stop Abusive and Violent Environments warns that factual errors and misrepresentations in public education efforts sponsored by domestic violence organizations may represent an obstacle in the on-going effort to rid the nation of domestic violence. SAVE issues the alert in conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which is observed in October each year.

The Partner Abuse State of Knowledge (PASK) project, a summary of over 1,700 domestic violence research studies, concludes that mutual abuse among partners is commonplace, and men and women engage in partner aggression at similar rates: http://domesticviolenceresearch.org/

Despite the PASK findings, SAVE notes some domestic violence organizations continue to ignore the problem of mutual abuse and minimize female-initiated aggression: www.saveservices.org/camp/truth/. Some groups maintain that domestic violence is an expression of patriarchal power, a stance that ignores the plight of thousands of women caught in abusive same-sex relationships.'

SAVE E-lert: DV Awareness: Trick or Truth?

Matt · 3 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

During DV Awareness Month, we'll be taking a look at the accuracy of VAWA-funded groups' DV Fact Sheets.

The Partner Abuse State of Knowledge shows that men and women engage in partner aggression at similar rates. But many DV groups still use unreliable studies and inaccurate statistics, creating the impression that almost all partner abuse is men abusing women.

We believe the way to start, if we are to end discrimination against male victims, is by telling the truth. We're looking at DV Fact Sheets, asking 10 specific questions, and giving grades for accuracy.

Want to get involved? Visit the Truth Team Campaign: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/truth/

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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European group to vote on whether to call circumcision ‘human rights violation’

Matt · 3 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'(JTA) — Amid calls to ban the ritual circumcision of boys in Scandinavia, the Council of Europe is slated to vote on whether to define the practice as a “clear human rights violation.”

The definition is included in a report on circumcision and female genital mutilation that was submitted recently to a vote by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, an international organization whose resolutions are nonbinding. The vote is scheduled for Tuesday.

“Circumcision applied to young boys clearly is a human rights violation against children,” reads the report, which was brought before the assembly for approval by Marlene Rupprecht, a lawmaker from Germany and rapporteur for the council’s Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development.'

Swiss Vote to Maintain 165-Year-Old Military Draft

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Swiss voters rejected a third proposal in two decades to end the draft in a referendum, opting to keep the military tradition which critics say costs an annual 4 billion francs ($4.4 billion) in lost work days.

The initiative to replace Switzerland's 165-year-old militia service with volunteers was supported by just 26.8 percent of voters today, Swiss television channel SRF said on its website. About 73.2 percent voted against the proposal. A poll by gfs.bern signaled that outcome as probable.

...

Young men must complete 300 days in the army, or opt for civilian community service on ethical grounds, which lasts about 150 days longer. Women are able to join the armed forces on a voluntary basis.

Neighboring Germany, Italy and France have all abolished the draft, as has the U.S. Austrian voters rejected an abolition in a nationwide referendum earlier this year.'

9-Year-Old Boy Suspended For Bringing Toy To School That Apparently Looks Like A Gun

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 9-year-old boy in Michigan has been suspended indefinitely for bringing a toy that looks like a gun to school.

Gage, a student at the Creative Montessori Academy in Southgate, reportedly brought the toy to school, showed it to his friends before class, and pointed it at a friend while saying “bang, bang.”

Gage’s parents allege that the toy didn’t even resemble a firearm, but it was merely a spinning top that he brought to school to show his friends. Also, the other students involved say that Gage never actually said “bang, bang,” and that the teacher who reported the incident was wrong.

The parents say that their son suffers from epilepsy, and that he needs to be in school in order fully comprehend reading and writing. They say the indefinite suspension is not conducive to Gage’s education and continued progression.'

Teacher Who Had Sex With Students Marries Victim And Gets Probation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former computer technology teacher at a Haltom City, Texas, high school who had multiple sexual encounters with several students was sentenced to four years' probation Monday.

Tonya Flink, 40, pleaded guilty to two counts of improper relationship between an educator and a student. She is now married to one of her victims, prosecutors announced Monday.

“This was an unusual case in that one victim married the defendant and was not cooperative,” Tarrant County Assistant District Attorney Robert Foran wrote in an email to the Star-Telegram Monday. “The second victim is in agreement with the outcome. After taking into consideration all of the facts and circumstances of both cases, we felt this was an appropriate resolution.”

Documents obtained by the newspaper said Flink had a sexual relationship with at least four of her students at Haltom High School during the 2010 - 2011 school year. Two of the students refused to cooperate with authorities, but one victim told investigators that Flink said she liked "young Hispanic kids," and also said that she loved him.'

Rape Hysteria Culture

bronxman · 3 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Boston College is moving to discipline a student who allegedly wrote anonymously on Facebook that he had raped three women while at BC, before later turning himself in to university police and administrators to tell them the online post was a hoax.
...
Chebator said BC officials were alerted to the post shortly after it appeared. Administrators and the Boston College Police Department launched an investigation.

Later that evening, “a student came forward on his own to BCPD and admitted that the entire post was a hoax,” Chebator’s email said. “The student appeared quite remorseful; nevertheless, this matter will continue to be investigated and the student will be referred to the student conduct system for resolution of this matter.”'

Boys, Girls, and Math

bronxman · 3 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

This is a very fun short film (and in support of boys).

Healthy Masculinity Summit Discusses Rape and Abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The rally to end domestic and sexual violence has been going on each year in Fargo for 23 years. But, Tuesday night's event brought a new message.

"The vast majority of men in the community don't condone sexual violence, but sometimes they've never been asked to the table, they don't know what they can do to help the problems," Greg Diehl, Executive Director with the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center said.

The convention center at Fargo's Hilton Garden Inn was buzzing with conversation. But, they weren't the typical discussion you might overhear at a dinner table. In fact, they weren't topics you'd often hear from men at all. According to a study by the AVON Foundation, only 17-percent of men talk about rape and abuse with friends.

"We wanted to focus more specifically on bringing more men to the table," Diehl said of the Healthy Masculinity Summit going on around him. "Men bring a different attitude, a different sense of how they see the issue. And, it's important, I think, for men and women be looking together at these issues."'

NPO: Lawyer Admits: It's About the Money

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a recent article in The Connecticut Law Tribune president-elect of the Connecticut Bar Association Mark Dubois, Esq. began, “I read somewhere that some lawyers are suggesting that the courts or the legislature develop standard guidelines for alimony. The idea seems to be that there is too much variation from judge to judge, region to region and the public would be better served with a more predictable and uniform system. We had better be careful with this; we might put ourselves out of business.”

Dubois continues, “We can see this phenomenon at work in our own profession. Trying to make the civil justice process less confusing and more open to self-represented parties, the court system developed a robust catalogue of "do-it-yourself" forms and guidelines. Things became routinized, and guidelines and standards were established for most cases. A skills-based system was replaced with a rules-based one.

"Now, instead of hiring lawyers to do simple divorces, litigants can watch a YouTube video and do it themselves. A skilled profession has been replaced with a do-it-yourself, rule-based, system. And many lawyers are out of business. If we replace a skills-based alimony system with a rules-based one, the market for legal services will shrink even more. ...'

NY mom who killed 3 kids wants cut of their estate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Leatrice Brewer drowned her three young children in 2008 believing she was saving them from the deadly effects of voodoo. Afterward she tried to commit suicide twice, but failed.

Now the 33-year-old suburban New York woman who was found not guilty because of mental disease or defect in the deaths of her children, ages 1, 5 and 6, wants a portion of the children's $350,000 estate. Her attorneys say she shouldn't be subject to laws that bar convicts from profiting from their crimes.

Nassau County Surrogate's Court Judge Edward McCarty ruled Thursday that Brewer be taken from an upstate psychiatric facility to testify about her request next month.

Although the case would establish a precedent in New York if Brewer succeeds, she's not expected to see any money because of a $1.2 million lien against her for psychiatric counseling and other services she has received since her arrest, attorneys said.'

Miriam Carey's death was necessary and justified

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is currently quite an uproar over the shooting death of Miriam Carey -- the woman who tried to plow through the White House with her car. Capitol police -- who were working without pay thanks to the republican-caused government shutdown -- had no choice but to gun the madwoman down. It was an act of patriotic duty for these officers who were doing their job for nothing while a lone woman posed a threat to several people, including the POTUS and her own child who was in the car with her.

The woman's mother has taken to the media to share that she was suffering from Postpartum depression at the time of the incident that injured at least one Capitol Police officer -- as if that is any reason to try to justify her dangerous behavior. This may not be a popular opinion, but if this woman was known to be suffering from PPD, who's idea was it to let her drive around with her child without supervision? She threatened the President, his staff, the public and her own child -- and therefore threatened pretty much everyone in the U.S. by her behavior.'

Miriam Carey 'Had A Temper' And A History Of Mental Health Problems

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Police have identified the woman who was shot and killed Thursday during a car chase that locked down Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Miriam Carey was a 34-year-old dental hygienist who lived in Stamford, Conn.

A subsequent employer, Dr. Barry J. Weiss, noted that she had trouble getting along with with other employees, however, which may have contributed to her getting fired in August 2012.
....
Carey reportedly suffered from postpartum depression after the birth of her daughter, her mother, Idella, told ABC News. Idella said: "A few months later, she got sick. She was depressed. ... She was hospitalized."

Her boyfriend contacted police in December saying he feared for the safety of their infant child, law enforcement sources told CNN.
...
She had her 1-year-old daughter in the car with her during the pursuit.

Carey's relatives in Brooklyn, N.Y. are reportedly refusing to speak with investigators, CNN reported.'

Second Grade Boy Suspended Over Trick Pen

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Although few would classify a novelty pen as a dangerous object, the toy earned one 7-year-old a suspension as a “weapons offender.” The parents are now suing the school in federal court.

The boy, named only as G.B., brought the trick pen onto his school bus in Harrisburg, Pa., and showed it to a fellow classmate. The bus driver then confiscated the toy and reported the 7-year-old to school officials.

According to G.B.’s parents, the pen is "similar to a 'clown' type buzzer that one would hold in the palm of one's hand to emit a small buzz when shaking hands," and that the whole incident "arose from his simple act of taking a toy onto a school bus — a toy that neither threatened nor caused harm to any person or property."

The parents are suing Hershey Elementary School, the principal, the acting superintendent and some members of the Derry Township School Board.'

Ed.: Similar tale of War-On-Boys-ness recently reported here.

Fear the finger gun: Political correctness ensures little boys never grow into alpha males

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Do you remember a time where a game of “cops and robbers” during school recess was treated as innocently as it was meant to be? If you are elementary school student Jordan Bennett, you don’t. Bennett was suspended from school for a day after playing that ‘deadly’ game in the school yard, which included the 8-year old forming his hand into the shape of a gun. The boy’s mother is fighting the suspension, but the damage has already been done.

In Virginia, two teenage boys were suspended for a year after playing with airsoft guns on their own property. A “concerned” neighbor called the police and successfully got these two kids on a long-term suspension (the neighbor must be proud of his or her stand against “gun violence”) after being charged with the possession, handling and use of a firearm. The charge was later changed to reflect the obvious, that these boys were not in possession of a firearm, but an airsoft gun. Their one year suspensions remain in effect, and their records will forever reflect the crime of, well, being kids.

A 15-year old boy faces weapons charges after he was playing with an airsoft gun near an apartment complex of one of his friends. Again, a “concerned neighbor” called the police and reported the dangerous kids to authorities. So concerned were the police that, after the initial investigation on the night of the incident, the police gave the airsoft gun back to the boy, supposedly ending the incident. Unfortunately, police returned to the boy’s home three weeks later because, according to the boy’s mother, police told her that someone “above the officer” wanted charges pressed against the boy.'

"Domestic violence reality check for the 'manosphere'"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence is a crime in which, overwhelmingly, the victims are women and the perpetrators are men. A recent 11-year summary of domestic violence trends in Victoria by the Department of Justice found that nearly 80 per cent of victims were female and over 90 per cent of perpetrators were male.

Yet lately it seems that there has been a subtle shift in community perception. Whenever the topic of domestic violence is raised in the media, talkback radio, online comments and letters to the editor are suddenly flooded with demands that we acknowledge that men, too, are victims. According to a VicHealth report, one fifth of the community now believes that men and women are equal perpetrators of violence in the home.
...
The misrepresentation of domestic violence as gender-neutral is dangerous for a number of reasons. Firstly, this 'what about men?' campaign wastes precious air time and column space that Blay believes would be better spent 'having real conversations about family violence — examining the figures, exposing the myths and getting the stories out from behind closed doors'. Secondly, it raises suspicion about all domestic violence claims by suggesting that women routinely exaggerate or invent abuse.

But finally, and perhaps most dangerously of all, the claims of men's rights groups downplay the amount and impact of domestic violence on women. By characterising violence as mutual or a two-way street, they trivialise the ongoing, severe and sometimes fatal nature of domestic violence.'

European Anti-Circumcision Resolution: Brit Same as Female Mutilation

Matt · 5 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A resolution that calls male ritual circumcision a “violation of the physical integrity of children” was passed overwhelmingly by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

The council, a pan-European intergovernmental organization, debated and passed the resolution on Tuesday based on a report by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development led by German rapporteur Marlene Rupperecht. The resolution passed by a vote of 78 in favor and 13 against, with 15 abstentions.

The resolution calls on states to “clearly define the medical, sanitary and other conditions to be ensured for practices such as the non-medically justified circumcision of young boys.”

It also calls on member states to “initiate a public debate, including intercultural and interreligious dialogue, aimed at reaching a large consensus on the rights of children to protection against violations of their physical integrity according to human rights standards” and to “adopt specific legal provisions to ensure that certain operations and practices will not be carried out before a child is old enough to be consulted.”'

Latest female candidates in Marine Combat Endurance Test do not complete it

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Four more women took on the Marine Corps Infantry Officer Course on Thursday and washed out, the latest chapter in the service's ongoing research into which roles women should be able to fill in combat.

The women failed the school's introductory Combat Endurance Test, a grueling exam designed to assess physical strength, stamina and the ability to make decisions while exhausted. They were recruited on a voluntary basis to attempt IOC at Quantico, Va.

All told, 81 male and female Marines began the initial endurance test yesterday at Quantico. Sixty-five men passed; 12 male Marines and four female Marines did not, said Capt. Maureen Krebs, a Marine spokeswoman at the Pentagon.

Women began reporting to IOC on a voluntary basis last year. Counting the latest class, 10 women have attempted IOC, and none has passed. Nine failed to make it through the combat endurance test. The tenth passed the initial test last fall but was dropped a little more than a week into training due to stress fractures in her foot, Marine officials said. Two women were among the last class of 79 Marines who attempted it in July; both failed the CET.'

Daycare worker arrested on two counts of rape of infants

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Story here. Can you imagine a more disgusting, reprehensible crime short of mass-murder/genocide? Anyway, note that the story uses "having sex with", right at the start. "Having sex" implies mutual consent. Infants can't give consent to anything. Also, note the suspect is charged with a second rape count after yet a second victim was identified. Also looks like birds of a feather flock: her registered sex offender bf was also charged with something after he was nabbed with one of her laptops at his apartment. Will there be a he-made-her-do-it defense? Guess we'll see. Excerpt:

'Police say they have video of Heather Koon, 25, having sex with a baby. The video was found on Koon's laptop.
...
"They tried to act like it was a simple assault. A few hours later they called us back again and asked us to keep it discrete," said the dad.
...
Police arrested Koon after checking up on her boyfriend, James Osborne. Osborne is listed on Lorain County's sex offender website as living at another address. Police arrested him and confiscated a laptop found in the apartment. A police report shows it belonged to Koon and contained a video file of her "engaging in sexual conduct with an unknown infant".
...
Koon faces two counts of rape after police identified a second victim.'

MRAs maligned as ‘sexists’ fight to have movement recognized on campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At the latest battle in the emerging campus war over men’s rights, as a man in a pink keffiyeh, with a pink hammer and sickle on his chest, shouted slogans through a pink megaphone at a group of men’s rights activists who marched on the Ontario legislature to denounce the oppressive effects of feminism, it was tempting to invoke Henry Kissinger’s quip about the Iran-Iraq War: “It’s a pity they both can’t lose.”

Neither side made an articulate case through their mutual loathing. One men’s rights speaker called for armed resistance, and one male feminist counter-protester evidently did not grasp the difference between “suffering” and “suffrage.”

And yet, as a series of hotly protested campus lectures in recent months has illustrated, there are real constituencies behind these extremist combatants. An ideological divide is opening up, on Canadian campuses especially, over the question of organized activism for men’s issues.

After years of campus discord over abortion, Zionism and white privilege, this new war is taking shape over the claim that men suffer systematic oppression comparable to the social inequalities that gave rise to feminism.'

Why Women Get More From Social Security

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the following video, Dan Caplinger, the Fool's director of investment planning, discusses the center's look at women and Social Security in an effort to explain the center's findings. Dan notes the center's findings that women on average have lower lifetime earnings than men, allowing women to benefit from Social Security's progressive formula for calculating benefits. Moreover, Dan observes that women have longer life expectancies, thereby receiving payments for a longer period of time. He talks about how Metlife (NYSE: MET) , Prudential (NYSE: PRU) , Genworth Financial (NYSE: GNW) , and other annuity providers typically have different payouts for men and women, but Social Security pays the same amount regardless of gender. Finally, Dan discusses the impact of survivors' and spousal benefits on the total amount that women get from Social Security.'

Good Men

bronxman · 8 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

I like this site a lot. It fills me with energy. But sometimes, when I read too much about how so many women despise men, I get down. I found this. It helps to know that there are women out there who do like men. Excerpt:

'This is a list of things that I love about men. Pure and simple. No talk of feminism or slut shaming or gender depictions in the media or rape culture here—just an unadulterated tribute to men, a panegyric, a compilation of reasons to be thankful for the male species, in ways both big and small, superficial and profound, personal and professional. They are in no particular order, the creation of my stream of consciousness. I could have gone on for hours, but it's my hope that you, readers, will add to this list, to show that we appreciate and adore men and what they bring to our lives and the world. (We can return to the heavier debates tomorrow.) For now, let's have a Kumbaya moment. Leave your reasons in the comments section, and let's see what we can come up with together!'

Girls and Engineering

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As a member of the American Society of Engineering Education, I get emails about this topic. Each news feed contains information on progarms for ONLY girls. Each time, I go there and post my displeasure. It would be great if others could do the same. Here are the two for today:

Edison Partners with Local Girl Scouts

'Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio, whose reach extends over Riverside to San Bernardino counties, received a generous grant from Southern California Edison to help fund the “Imagine Your STEM Future” project. The programs are targeted at high school-aged girls and aim to encourage increased interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics careers.'

Natalie Portman Launches STEM Contest for Teenage Girls

'Actress NATALIE PORTMAN has launched a contest for teenage girls who are interested in science, technology, engineering and math.

The Oscar winner's own love of science prompted her to sign on to her role as astrophysicist Jane Foster in Marvel's Thor: The Dark World, and now she wants to encourage other young women to become involved in the field through the comic giant's Ultimate Mentor Adventure.'

The Film "The Heat"

Dantheman123 · 8 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

I recently discovered and saw a new film that came out called "The Heat" which came out in August 2013. It stars Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy.

I have never seen so much sexist anti-male hatred in a film before. I nearly stopped watching it after about 20 minutes as it really just took it to the extreme.

You have McCarthy's character calling out that she wanted to "rupture" the man's balls she was chasing, and an interrogation that resulted in her character pointing a gun at the perp's genitalia and threatening to shoot him. In the final scene you see Sandra Bullock come sliding into a room and shooting a man in his genitalia when there was no reason to do so.

It made me so angry that this film had even been made; they have never made a film where people go around shooting women in the breasts or in the vagina, as it would be looked down upon as just crude and disrespectful. Yet in this film, they took every opportunity they had to attack men and their genitalia.

Apparently the film was written by a feminist who clearly had a chip on her shoulder but I am seriously disappointed that this got made. What's more worrying is that people don't seem to be picking up on the huge feminist undertones of the movie and instead are just congratulating it on its comedic value.

I am quite active on the imdb.com boards trying to highlight the sexist nature of the film. I have already seen off several feminists that have come along to defend the film's approach. If you haven't seen the film I wouldn't recommend buying it or in any way, shape, or form giving money to the feminists who created it. But I thought I would let you guys know just in case you hadn't heard about it. Not sure if any of you are members on the imdb.com board but feel free to comment.

Here is a link to the board: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2404463/board/threads/

Here is a link to one of the bigger threads on the subject of sexist content: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2404463/board/thread/216509836

Hong Kong: Girl beats boyfriend in public for suspected cheating

GaryB · 8 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

This story appeared today out of China. Excerpt:

'A CHINESE woman was arrested after she forced her boyfriend to kneel in a Hong Kong street while she slapped him for allegedly cheating on her.

The South China Morning Post reports the incident, which was captured on video, shows the woman, whose name is Cheng, accusing her boyfriend Chui of bringing another woman back to his flat.

"Listen to me first before beating me!" he pleads, before adding: "I told her not to come!"

Cheng however grabs his hair and continues to slap him across the face.

An eyewitness called the police and the girl was arrested.'

Great to see the right response from those around him, at least.

Landmark Title IX legislation creates new inequities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Under Title IX, colleges and universities are required to provide the same amount of athletic opportunities or roster positions to both genders. This is only fair, right? Not quite.

And ironically, men's athletics are on the receiving end of the unjustness.

Most schools have more women's sports than men's sports because they need to create more roster spots to keep up with the upwards of one hundred football roster spots that men fill. There is no women's sport equivalent to football in terms of sheer number of players on a team.

Because of this, there are three significant consequences at most colleges: 1. women's rosters on similar team sports tend to be larger than men's; 2. there are fewer men's sports programs; and 3. men's sports programs are the first to be cut in order to keep the number of athletes "equal" between men and women.'

How America’s Boys Become Psychological Dropouts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'America is failing our boys. Today’s boys have lower aspirations for higher education than girls. While the disparity in interest in earning a degree appears when men and women are in their 20s, the problem may start as early as the fifth grade -- where more boys than girls become psychological dropouts.

Psychological dropouts are students who lose involvement in and enthusiasm for school. The number of psychological dropouts grows as students climb the K-12 ladder. At Gallup, we first discovered this through our Gallup Student Poll, an online measure of student opinions and characteristics associated with success and happiness. Two in 10 elementary school students who participated in the 2012 poll are not engaged or are actively disengaged with school. By middle school, it rises to about four in 10 students. And by high school, nearly six in 10 students are less than engaged.'

National Conference on male victims of domestic abuse on 10 October, 2013

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"National Conference on male victims of domestic abuse on 10 October, 2013"

Information links here. Excerpt:

'Reference
http://www.dads-r-us.se/2013/05/22/national-conference-on-male-victims-of-domestic-abuse-10-october-2013/

Booking Form
http://www.mankind.org.uk/conference.html'

Murder trial underway for woman charged with murdering, dismembering, burning husband

Matt · 9 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Witness testimony continues Wednesday in the trial of the Stanley woman charged with second-degree murder in the death of her husband, Adam Chase, in June 2012.

Opening statements were given this morning in Ontario County Court in the trial of Rose M. Chase, of 2215 Mott Road. Rose was indicted in February on the charges of second-degree murder, tampering with physical evidence and endangering the welfare of a child.

The indictment alleges that Rose “intentionally caused the death of Adam Chase” on or about June 14, 2012. It further alleges that Rose transported Mr. Chase’s body from their residence to 4675 Hagerty Road in Potter, Yates County, and concealed it there before ultimately burning the body at that location.'

Foreskin 419 – The Heaviest Assault On African Men's Sexual Life Since Colonial Times Remains Uncovered

Matt · 9 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Zimbabwe's circumcision rates had been as low as 10 % until 2009, when a government campaign vowed for the circumcision of at least 1.2 million men.[3] From 1997 to 2007 the HIV-infection rates dropped from 29% to 16% of the population,[4] but the winning team of awareness campaigns was changed in favour of circumcision. This campaign no longer alters the minds of men and women but male genitals. Authoritarian systems don't want their populace to think, but to obey with their bodies. Similar campaigns are running in Uganda and Swaziland. Discrimination of uncircumcised men has been reported in the course of those campaigns. Uncircumcised Ugandan men were threatened by mobs who blamed them for infecting women. At the same time circumcision rates dropped heavily in Western countries, where individuals have free access to information about circumcision.
...
Therefore, common sense dismisses the claim, that circumcision would decrease the risk of contracting sexual diseases. Anyone can easily compare infection rates in different countries and find not a single hint at any beneficial effect of circumcision. Just the opposite: the HIV-rates in the USA (0.6%) with a majority of circumcised men are six times higher than in Norway (0.1%) with only a small minority of circumcised men.[5] If other factors dominate the infection rates in such a massive way, it is irresponsible to promote the amputation of the foreskin as a cure for HIV.'

Australia: Angry circumcised men create online forums to restore 'stolen' manhood

Matt · 9 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Notice right from the title, the objections of men involutarily genitally mutilated are both inaccurately characterized and dismissed. Excerpt:

'Many men, who were circumcised at an early age or have to undergo the procedure later in life for health reasons, have formed online communities to discuss methods of 'foreskin restoration'.

Many men said they have experienced emotional difficulties and feel angry and resentful about the surgery and are looking to find methods of reversing it, News.com.au reported.

According to the Kernel online magazine, users are gathering together on forums such as foreskin-restoration.net and circumstitions.com.'

NPO: Changing Child Support Guidelines: One State at a Time

Matt · 9 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Will Connecticut policy makers listen to testimony supporting shared parenting?

Tuesday, October 15 is your last opportunity to join near unanimous grass-roots support for important changes to Child Support Guidelines in Connecticut.Â People from all walks of life support the effort to have Connecticut change their Guidelines to recognize that both parents share in the financial decision making authority for their children.

On August 1, 2013, Massachusetts changed their Guidelines to actively encourage shared parenting and clarified that up to age 23 family courts have discretion in ordering child support and/or college contribution.Â National Parents Organization and our members succeeded in making these changes through our presentations at the child support hearings and our well written and researched testimony.'

"Men's rights activists miss the point"

Mastodon · 9 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At my freshmen orientation, one memory stands out particularly clearly among the blur of a campus tour, class registration and endlessly awkward get-to-know-each-other activities. What I clearly remember is sitting down in a lecture hall to hear a presentation about the dangers of sexual assault on campus. The presenter shared the horrifying statistic that approximately one in four college women experience rape or an attempted rape. The guy sitting next to me took this moment to lean over and whisper his first words to me:

“Wow, I guess it sucks to be you!”

I sat there, relatively shocked that he made contact with me at all, but unsurprised by the statement itself. Yes, I thought, it does suck to be me.
...
I get that it’s probably hard to see the truth when it doesn’t look good. “I’m not a rapist, so stop telling me that everyone with my gender is,” right? I imagine this is how the internal dialogue of men who are upset about a rape prevention course might sound.

Unfortunately, that isn’t the way things work. Someone is raping all of these women, and most of the rapists are men. Yes, it may be difficult to hear, but it’s much harder to experience it in real life. Education on the prevalence and dangers of sexual assault is meant to prevent students—male or female—from perpetrating this violence or being victimized by it. Yes, men may be presented as “potentially dangerous,” but that’s because they are statistically more likely to actually be dangerous. We all have the potential to be dangerous without proper education.'

International Day of the Girl Child: Focus on Education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Well, you may be thinking, there's no problem here. In the U.S. all girls have access to education, and girls even outnumber boys now in high school graduation rates and college enrollment. True enough. And there's no disputing that girls born in the U.S. have won the lottery of life compared to girls in poor and war-torn countries.

But despite our prosperity and universal education, we still have work to do. Girls are lagging far behind in science, math, and technology enrollment. It's a gender gap our country can't afford, and some innovative programs at lower levels are trying to overcome it early.

Two programs doing just that are Coastal Studies for Girls, which introduces junior high girls to marine science, and Girls Who Code which works to educate and inspire high school girls to go into computer science. Both are nurturing the female technology leaders of tomorrow.'

IA: Thanks to you, people in Cincinnati - and the country - are listening

Matt · 10 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Last week, we made a difference. Last week, more than fifty people gathered outside Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio to protest its circumcision clamp study... and people heard us.

- We know people heard us because they shouted their support—and, in some cases, their anger.
- We know people heard us because two different TV stations showed up to cover our press conference.
- We know people heard us because a hospital employee blogged about how our protest made circumcision a "major topic of conversation" among hospital staff.
- We know people heard us because the hospital released a statement in response to us.

Please take a moment to read my report from our protest—a protest which could not have happened without the support of thousands of intactivists like you. More than 6,400 people signed our letter (if you haven't signed it yet, it's not too late to add your name because we plan to send a second set later this year). And together we raised more than $10,000, with every penny going to our presence in Cincinnati.

Is Masculine Behavior in Boys Being Misdiagnosed as Autistic?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The article raises a rather interesting question. We've talked before about an educational system biased against boys. What if the spike in autism diagnoses is really that same discomfort with masculine behavior?

I've seen boys being routinely misdiagnosed as ADD and medicated for it just for being well… boys. But as problematic as randomly tossing Ritalin at inquisitive boys is... this is even more serious.
...
The issue here isn't communications. It's an incompatible style of communications. And we're seeing more and more of this in educational environments where the paradigm is shifting away from logical thinking and toward ostentatious shows of empathy.
...
But in our Brave New World, we may be just medicating masculinity.

> In our extroverted culture, where being a "team player" and a "people person" are seen as linchpins of normalcy, the notion that a brainy, introverted boy might legitimately prefer the world of ideas over the world of people is hard for most people to accept.

We're developing a hive culture with a premium on conformity, on constantly 'checking in' and receiving the pings that say everyone is on the same page.'

UK: Second National Conference on Male Victims

Matt · 11 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today is a very important day for all victims of domestic violence. Today marks the coming of age of the male domestic violence sector in the UK says Glen Poole of equality4men.

The MARS Conference Centre in Slough may seem like an unlikely place for a revolution brothers (and sisters), but that's where dozens of men and women will be gathering today for the Second National Conference on Male Victims of domestic abuse, hosted by the charity The ManKind Initiative.

For those unfamiliar with the politics of the domestic violence sector let's give you a bit of background. There is a global movement working to tackle the problem of domestic violence from a feminist perspective that is held together by the United Nations, the European Union and the public and charity sector at a national and local level.'

Man Falsely Accused of Rape by Sharpton: Advertisers Must Drop Support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Steven Pagones is a former Assistant District Attorney in the State of New York. He became the victim of Al Sharpton's defamatory smear campaign to label him a rapist of 15-year-old black girl Tawana Brawley in 1987. Now he speaks out at Truth Revolt. To help stop advertiser support for Sharpton, sign our petition:

In November of 1987, 15-year-old African-American girl Tawana Brawley went missing. When she was found, it is alleged that she began telling people that she had been approached, kidnapped, raped, sodomized, and her body scrawled on with human feces by individuals whom she supposedly described as resembling white police officers. Law enforcement officials began working with her, but she soon enlisted the efforts of attorneys Alton Maddox, Vernon Mason, and a then-obscure supposed civil rights leader named Al Sharpton.
...
I'm not looking for, nor do I expect an apology from someone like Al Sharpton. Rather, what I hope to see -- and what I hope the networks and advertisers would push for -- would be for Sharpton to admit that he now knows that Steve Pagones and the other individuals he lied about had nothing to do with whatever happened to Brawley. In my opinion, until Sharpton comes clean about the things that he's done in the past -- until he's able to confront his demons and set the record straight -- he'll never gain the legitimacy he's hoping to gain. He'll always have that history, no matter how much the media try to rehabilitate him. He'll always have to live with the Tawana Brawley story, with the damage that he caused to race relations. That's going to be his legacy.'

Boy, 15, kills himself after 'facing expulsion and being put on sex offender registry' for streaking

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A popular 15-year-old student has committed suicide after he reportedly faced expulsion and could have been placed on the sex offenders' register simply for streaking at a high school football game.

Christian Adamek, from Huntsville, Alabama, hanged himself on October 2, a week after he was arrested for running naked across the Sparkman High football field during a game.

The teenager died two days later from his injuries and on Wednesday, friends and family gathered at a memorial service as they struggled to comprehend the beloved student's death.
...
In Alabama, indecent exposure is linked to the state's sex offender laws, meaning that he could have found himself on the sex offenders register due to the streaking.

Campbell added that that the incident was not just a prank and needed to be treated seriously.

Sparkman High administrators even recommended that Adamek face a hearing in the Madison County court system to determine if formal charges would be filed, WHNT reported.'

"What Kind of Person Goes to a Men's Rights Rally?"

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'Most attendees seemed motivated by a concern for the well-being of men, or a fear of women rooted in their own personal traumas. A surprising number of men at the rally came forward as victims of domestic violence. These men felt stung by misandry—they talked reasonably about the weakness of men's support networks and the lack of sympathy that they experienced following abuse. Almost everyone at the rally expressed concern for things like the high suicide rate among males, boys falling behind in school, and a systemic bias against fathers in custody battles. Then again, some statistics used by the activists to bolster these issues were hard to swallow: "In 50 years the last bachelor's degree will be issued to a male in this culture," said Paul Elam of the organization A Voice for Men.
...
A few feminists in the counter-protest suggested that the current wave of feminism seeks to dismantle patriarchy and gender roles, to the mutual benefit of both men and women—and that it looks to address many of the same problems that MRAs have identified. But the biggest problem that these MRAs face is that nobody is actually trying to talk with them—unless you count online flame wars. Their movement could be shrunk to only a small, hate-filled contingent if these men were engaged through support groups, therapy, compassion, and education. Instead of having an actual dialogue, the feminist protesters mostly just yelled insults, the MRAs returned the favor, and everyone became more firmly entrenched in their polarized ideological camps.

It was all very stupid.'

French officials advise president to nominate 'only women'' in Pantheon

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'Experts from France's Center for National Monuments (CMN) yesterday handed President Francois Hollande a report recommending he nominate illustrious women only for burial in the nation's Pantheon. Currently, the report pointed out, there is no gender equality in the national mausoleum containing the remains of distinguished French citizens, designed by Neoclassical architect Jacques-Gabriel Soufflot in the mid-1700s.

Of the 70 or so distinguished French citizens buried there - including Voltaire and Rousseau, Hugo and Zola, Dumas and Jean Jaures - just two are women: Nobel prize-winning scientist Marie Curie, who is buried next to her husband Pierre, and 19th-century scientist Sophie Berthelot, who is only there on "conjugal virtue": she died just hours before her scientist and politician husband Marcellin, and the two had asked never to be parted.

For CMN Director Philippe Belaval, next to be recognized should be 20th century women who "having demonstrated great personal courage in one or both world wars, have been able to extract from often painful experiences that at times included tortures and deportations, a renewed commitment to the causes of peace, education, and social justice." "The women we suggest we should render homage to, embody universal battles that are not exclusively feminist ones," Belaval added, making it clear that bravery and commitment to democracy are the essential qualities being sought.'

UK: Blackburn teen’s prison hell on false rape charge

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A TEENAGER has spoken of his nine-month hell in jail awaiting trial after being accused of rape and kidnap.

Daniel Rakestraw was freed on Tuesday after being cleared by a jury of tying a 16-year-old girl to his bed and attacking her.

The jury took just 30 minutes to clear him of four charges of rape, one of kidnap and another of imprisonment.

The 19-year-old, from Revidge Road, Blackburn, said he was abused by other prisoners and put in isolation for his own safety during his stay in HM Prison Preston.

He had been told no bail hostel could be found for him.

He said: “It was horrible. I wasn’t treated like I was innocent, I was treated like any other prisoner.'

Five Creative Ways That Students Are Fighting Rape Culture On College Campuses

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'3. Getting men involved in the “Vagina Monologues” to talk about healthy sexual relationships.

Eve Ensler’s Vagina Monologues, a play that explores women’s sexuality and emphasizes sexual assault prevention, is typically performed by all-female casts on college campuses. This year, Connecticut College decided to get men involved, too. They’re hoping to spark a broader conversation about men’s relationships to women’s bodies, healthy sexual experiences, and ending rape. A group of over 80 men on campus discuss those topics in a video, which campus activists plan to release at the end of October.

4. Printing reminders not to rape on coasters distributed to local bars and restaurants.
...
During the campus’ Redzone campaign — the “Redzone” refers to the first six weeks of the fall semester, when college students are statistically more likely to be the victims of sexual violence — the group printed reminders on coasters to encourage people to avoid assault. Local bars and restaurants used the coasters during the Redzone weeks. The reminders subvert the common message that victims should protect themselves from rape by avoiding drinking too much alcohol, and instead tell potential perpetrators that they shouldn’t assault anyone in the first place:'

"Rape culture unacceptable at Texas State"

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Article originally posted here. But, looks like the editors thought it was too rad even for today's college climate. Reading it here from the Google cache, I'd say that's true. Seems the author just plain despises heterosexual men, despite what he says, especially if they're in a college fraternity. I'll simply point out that fraternity characters as a whole are comprised of an aggregate of their members' characters, just as with sororities or any other student group. It seems the author, who I bet has never been in a fraternity, is doing a lot of generalizing. Excerpt:

'The rape culture existent on college campuses and in society as a whole is something I refuse to engage in. Nor will I participate in objectifying women as a commodity for heterosexual men to use, abuse and excuse as they wish. Objectification leads to dehumanization, which in turn leads to sexual violence being normalized since women are seen as objects instead of humans deserving of respect. This is rape culture.

The students at this campus, specifically the men—oh, excuse me, I meant boys—definitely have some growing up to do. Self-evaluation is key. The golden rule says one should do unto others as they would want done unto themselves. It is called empathy, and students should practice it on a regular basis. Frat bros who regularly objectify women and toe the lines of consent should especially consider the part they play in rape culture.

It is a well-known “secret” that fraternity culture seems to contribute greatly to the perpetuation of rape culture. The philanthropy within these organizations is commendable—I am not knocking that. However, the men who are part of these groups often solidify their position and express their masculinity through homophobia and tales of sexual exploits. This kind of environment contributes to the rape culture in more than a few ways.'

Woman lures ex-boyfriend's brother to death — and her dad helps hide the body

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'A young woman allegedly stripped to lure her ex-boyfriend's brother into her bedroom so her new flame could stab him to death, slit his throat and decapitate him, Chicago prosecutors said Sunday.

Daisy Gutierrez, 19, got her father, Salvador Gutierrez, 56, to help hide the mutilated body in his back yard, according to investigators.

She dismembered the body and tossed the parts into plastic bags that she buried in holes dug by her dad, police said. Daisy Gutierrez and her boyfriend reportedly fled to New Jersey the next day.'

U.S. State Department: "International Day of the Girl"

Minuteman · 12 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'When many of the world's 850 million girls go to sleep tonight, they will dream about futures that sadly –tragically–are nearly impossible for them to achieve.

In too many countries, the promise of the next generation of girls is at risk. In too many communities, the contributions of girls are not valued, their well-being is not protected, and their aspirations are not taken seriously.

As the father of two daughters, I know that is unacceptable. ...
...
Thanks to a number of global partnerships and programs led by the State Department, like TechGirls and NeXXt Scholars – and great USAID programs like Safe Schools – we have made important progress. Today, more and more girls are enrolling in school in Afghanistan, and fewer and fewer girls are victims of female genital mutilation in Africa. But our work is far from over.'

UK: Only girls allowed for new car course to get women up to speed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WOMEN in the county have been getting to grips with a traditionally male pastime by rooting around under car bonnets.

A girls-only car maintenance course proved a big hit when it came to Gloucester.
...
"We had the chance to change the brake fluid and the course involved hands-on demonstrations, which made it easier to learn.

"The assistant taught us what to do if we ever broke down, which thankfully has not happened to me."

The lady drivers also learned how to change a tyre.

Samantha said the women-only idea was a winner, and that with the attendees being all female, she felt they had a greater opportunity to learn.

"It was nice to have just women at the course because men can sometimes take over," she said.

"My partner usually looks after the car and its maintenance, but this has improved my confidence."'

Will it take another world war to get more women into engineering?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'By the time a child blows out the candles on their fourth birthday cake, they have already decided which jobs are for men and which are for women. Boys are fire fighters or builders, girls are nurses or teachers.

Tragically, children's books and TV programmes, as well as many parents and school teachers, inadvertently reinforce these socially constructed identities due to their own lack of understanding and preconceptions.

Alarmingly a miniscule six per cent of practicing engineers in the UK are women, according to the Women's Engineering Society.

This is the lowest number in Europe. In comparison Sweden, a country more famed for its flat pack furniture than its rich engineering heritage, has four times more female engineers than us.
...
Industry, academia and the government have made constant efforts to challenge preconceptions about what people continue to believe to be a male and "dirty" discipline. However, we should be desperate to educate parents and teachers about the value and impact of this profession, as well as, drastically change all information and knowledge that young children get from the moment they are born.'

"Men dither while women lead in the world"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This important leader handles the debt crisis with grace, navigating expertly between austerity and growth. The leader's opponents grumble, more out of jealousy than genuine opposition, and loyal supporters hail the leader as a hero. The leader's popularity soars; re-election is not in question. Meanwhile, unemployment is at an all-time low, and the leader's nation is looking like its own island of prosperity, a beacon to a suffering continent.

For President Barack Obama, this is a daydream. For German Chancellor Angela Merkel, this is life. Funny how the most admired leader of the Western world right now, the clearest example we have of consistent success during trying times, is a woman.

...

This has not been a shining week for the patriarchy. The men in suits dither, posture, plan negotiation sessions and then cancel them, and employ copious military metaphors -- "wage battle," "refuse to surrender" -- to no effect. Increasingly they become associated in the minds of the American people with verbs normally used to describe toddlers, such as "tantrum" or "throw a fit."

Competence, meanwhile belongs to the women, particularly in the usually macho world of global finance. Over in Europe, Merkel was re-elected on the basis of her deft handling of the eurozone crisis, and in the United States, monetary policy was entrusted to Yellen. Making the victory extra sweet for women, she was chosen instead of Lawrence Summers, who will forever be remembered for saying women aren't that good at math.'

Not Our Jobs: Emotional Responsibility and Sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's a pretty leveling quote of Germaine Greer's: "Women have no idea how much men hate them." It's the kind of quote that not only knocks you ass-backwards but continues to unfurl in front of you, because the volume it speaks is only really matched by the layers in which it's applicable.

It puts to scope the intrinsic nature in which men have pathologically policed nearly, if not every, level of their interaction and communication with women. I am not even talking about violence toward women and the horrifying way this manifests in our daily news cycles because at that level, yes, we get it, you fucking hate us. Otherwise why go to such lengths as to physically wipe us out -- it's loud and clear, buddy. I'm talking about the instances of subtle, psychological manipulation that have the capacity to cause someone to constantly question their mode of thought, feeling, and the way in which this relates to the entire scope of every day life. So, a pretty big thing.
...
Long are we told that when things go awry in relationships the default blame shifts to women. Not even on the appalling, actually sociopathic level of victim blaming, but in subtle ways that are easy to miss if you're not hyper aware. And face it when "hyper aware" has become your default it just makes you realize even that is not enough. I had a boyfriend who cheated on me and much later, after the relationship ended and the emotional trash had been taken out, I got into a conversation in which the gist was "women make bad decisions" and relied very heavily on me not being able to foresee that this would happen to me being the framework of that logic.
...
Moreover, why is there a nagging, inherent guilt on my part in the back of my head present at the onset of speaking up and the urge to smooth things over, to crack a joke or make light when the reality of it is we are so busy doing all this other shit that we don't have time to be the sole proprietors of our relationships with you.'

SAVE: Scary! NNEDV Flunks the Truth Test

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Last week we announced that during DV Awareness Month our Truth Team is taking a look at the accuracy of VAWA-funded groups' Fact Sheets. This week we're giving you the results of our first review.

Even though hundreds of peer-reviewed studies show that men and women engage in partner aggression at similar rates, the National Network to End Domestic Violence never mentions this fact in their "Fact Sheet." There are many other factual errors, as well.

We wonder how the NNEDV can remain so unaware, when the news features horrifying stories of women dismembering their ex-husbands, and cases like Jodi Arias who fatally stabbed her boyfriend nearly 30 times.

We believe that your hard-earned tax dollars should be paying for accuracy. Contact the NNEDV and ask them to update their Fact Sheet.

Contact NNEDV:

- 202-543-5566
- communications-at-nnedv.org

Thanks!

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Study: Circumcision Does Not Prevent Sexually-Transmitted Infections

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Article here.

'Researchers performing a clinical study on over 800 African American men found that circumcision does not prevent STIs (sexually transmitted infections). The most important factor was the number of sexual partners.

Researchers say their results throw into question commonly held beliefs about the connection between circumcision and STIs, which they say are largely based on extrapolations from studies performed on men in Africa. These African studies and their policy implications, which includes the recent reversal of the American Academy of Pediatrics' circumcision policy statement, were widely criticized by a consortium of doctors and human rights organizations.

The latest American study was performed by urologists from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, the University of Illinois, Chicago, and Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. Researchers will be presenting their study next week during the Annual Meeting of the Annual Society for Reproductive Medicine, held conjointly with the International Federation of Fertility Societies. The annual meeting began earlier this afternoon in Boston and will continue through to next Friday, October 18th.

Researchers did not test for HIV in this study. They did not respond to our email inquiries.'

"Quota system failing to bridge Norway's corporate gender gap"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While Norway's election handed power to a coalition led by women, Scandinavia's richest economy is reserving its top corporate jobs and biggest pay checks for men.
...
While research is unclear on why more women have made it into the Norwegian public sector versus corporations, Clemet said women are reluctant to go into the private sector because those jobs aren't amenable to family life.

"Women are choosing this more than they are hitting a glass ceiling," she said. Women prefer jobs with flexible routines and the option for part-time work, something the public sector can offer, she said.

About 43 percent of women in Norway work part-time, compared to 13 percent of men, according to Statistics Norway.'

Social worker jailed after admitting to sex with juvenile delinquents

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A social worker who admits to having sex with three teenage boys being held at the Butler County Juvenile Rehabilitation Center will spend the next 90 days in jail, a sentence that delighted her defense team.

34-year-old Amber Marie Harris of Fairfield cried throughout much of her time in court Tuesday morning. She pleaded guilty over the summer to two counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor and one count of sexual battery, a story FOX19 broke in August. At the time of the crimes, in 2011, Harris was a part-time "youth leader." She had sex with the boys while they were on "home passes," according to the facility's director, Rob Clevenger. A member of Harris' defense team tells FOX19 at least one of the boys had sex with Harris at her home.
...
But defense attorney Mark Krumbein of Cincinnati told Judge Pater that there are mitigating circumstances to consider. Harris claims she was in an abusive marriage at the time. Krumbein compared her situation to someone suffering from battered wife syndrome. He said she's been diagnosed with major depressive disorder and is addicted to drugs. He urged the judge to send her into drug treatment and only send her to county jail --- not state prison --- if he felt he had to incarcerate her at all.
...
Then, in a stream-of-consciousness monologue that went on for several minutes, Judge Pater went over the pros and cons of treating Harris differently than a man who'd had sex with teenage girls.
...
In the end, he sentenced Harris to 90 days in the county jail and ordered her to complete drug treatment. ...'

Vicky Pryce: most women in prison because of men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The economist served two months in prison after her defence that she was coerced by her husband Chris Huhne to take his speeding points failed.

Ms Pryce was first sent to Holloway Prison before she was transferred to an open prison and said she came across a lot of women who had “taken the rap for what others had done” and felt prison was not the best place for them.

Ms Pryce, 61, wrote a book - Prisonomics - about her experience of her incarceration and subsequent two months on tag at her home in London.

She told the Mail on Sunday: “What really did it was talking to the women in Holloway and realising they were there mostly because of some thing their husbands, brothers, fathers, had done.'

Experts: Number of women in Maine prisons has grown sixfold since 2002

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PORTLAND, Maine — The number of women held in the Maine state prison system has grown nearly sixfold since 2002, a stark increase that experts say is sparking new conversations about the best way to rehabilitate female criminals.

...

And with each woman costing, by some estimates, nearly twice as much as a man to hold in prison, there's a significant financial incentive to adopting programs and services geared toward keeping the women's recidivism rate down, she said.

...

Whatever the legal drivers for the change, King and others who attended the conference on Tuesday said corrections officials must think differently about how they deal with incarcerated women compared to their male counterparts.

"Their pathways into the system are very different than men's pathways into the system," King said.

Piper Kerman, author of the bestselling memoir "Orange is the New Black" about her 13 months in a Connecticut prison, said a majority of women in prison have histories of trauma or being abused.'

"This whingeing jailbird's worst crime is blaming men for every female crook"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You probably thought you'd seen the last of Vicky Pryce, didn't you? When she had finally finished dragging her ghastly cheat of an ex-husband through an unedifying airing of their dirty laundry, all the signs were that she, as well as former Cabinet minister Chris Huhne, was finished.

Not only was she jailed for perverting the course of justice but the Queen personally intervened to strip her of the title of Companion of the Order of the Bath.

...

But no. Vicky, you see, doesn't actually do shame. Vicky does headlines. And if nobody else is going to write them for her then, dammit, she'll write them herself.

Which is why Vicky has put pen to paper and written a whole book about her prison experiences, designed to cash in - oh, sorry: designed to demonstrate the value of courage in the face of adversity.

...

So here she is in Holloway where, funnily enough, she discovers that this is in fact a commonplace travesty of justice and that women who break the law because their husbands 'made them' should be treated as the innocent victims they surely are.

Sub-text: especially, naturally, Vicky Pryce.'

Oklahoma's 'mean' laws to blame for high female incarceration rate, sociologist says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Oklahoma has “mean” laws, provides little help to addicts and the mentally ill and is full of tough-on-crime politicians who are not concerned with rehabilitating criminals, an OU sociologist said Wednesday during a forum on female incarceration.

In recent years, Oklahoma has held the distinction as the state that locks up women at the highest rate in the nation.

Susan Sharp, a University of Oklahoma sociology professor who has been studying the state's high rate of female incarceration since the 1990s, was highly critical of Oklahoma's drug laws, calling them “mean” and overly punitive. She said the state's tough-on-crime sentencing guidelines are to blame for nearly all of the women serving lengthy terms in state prison.

Sharp said women usually end up in prison due to three factors: Coming from a poverty-stricken background, being in relationships with men who engage in criminal behavior and suffering from a long history of abuse.'

A Response to Feminism

Dantheman123 · 13 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

I was surprised to find recently an article on the hugely sexist online paper "The Huffington Post" which pretty much nailed it in terms of responding to Feminism. It was written by a woman as well which made it that much more satisfying to see. Excerpt:

'I am not a feminist. I cannot support a movement that asks for special treatment rather than equal treatment, and I do not understand why anyone would. If feminism is about equality, then why not just be an egalitarian? If feminism does so much for the female sex, then why do six out of seven women reject the term "feminist" altogether?
...
If men and women have equal rights when it comes to freedom of speech, property, education, employment, voting and healthcare, then what more are UK feminists going to achieve by holding up a whiteboard or boycotting Twitter for a day? In order to restore feminism to its once powerful, transformative status, it needs to be extended to countries that are still decades behind the Western world in terms of women's liberation. Then, perhaps, I too could call myself a feminist.'

With the paper being so biased normally I wouldn't have thought they would have let it ride but they did have a look at this. One of the best articles I have seen in a long time and really very refreshing.

"Biblical Feminism and the Dirty Male Myth"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a thoughtful reaction* to the Vanity Fair article “Friends Without Benefits,”** Adi Robertson writes:

“If we were actually interested in looking at how boys are “taught” to expect sex, we might consider asking a few of them. But instead, we treat them like mute forces of nature, incapable of empathy when given access to sexting. We assume that men exploiting women is inevitable the moment we let girls onto the internet or out of the house.”

... What the author did not fully address is the misandry inherent in any discussion relating to teenagers and anything remotely associated with sex. Ironically, I hadn’t ever heard the term “misandry” until I began researching modern feminism. “The hatred or dislike of boys or men” is quite common in the feminist world, often expressed through a series of Steinem-esque stereotypes that define the male sex as inherently oppressive of women and sexually perverse.

“I feel like I’m a rapist,” one male college student once told me. “I go into my film theory class and suddenly I’m just some perverted white guy who wants to have sex with anyone and is going to attack them to get it. I feel disgusting.” His wasn’t the only liberal arts experience laced with misadronisitic notions. I faced my own battles with feminist professors who taught quack phallocentric theories about (white) men controlling money, dominating their wives, and forging an aggressively abusive path through life.'

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Harvard Business Review Blog recognizes male overwork and diversity

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Interesting article on the HBR blog that recognizes that men overwork (and earn more) and that millennial men may be rejecting the program. Excerpt:

'While the media, consumed with the idea of “mommy wars” and “queen bees,” has largely missed the tug of war that has emerged among men, sociologists have been busy uncovering the change. Statements like that of the Silicon Valley engineer who expressed resentment at his manager’s demands by saying, “[he] doesn’t have two kids and a wife, he has people that live in his house, that’s basically what he has,” as reported by Marianne Cooper, are increasingly common among younger men. “It’s akin to winning a pie-eating contest where the prize is more pie,” observed a law firm associate, rejecting law firm partnership as a goal.
...
What’s intriguing is that many younger men won’t play the game. Kellogg studied four Boston hospitals’ response to a new accreditation requirement that surgical residents be limited to 80 hours a week, down from the traditional 120-hour schedule.

Women supported the new 80-hour rule—no surprise—but so did many Millennial men. Kellogg found three main groups of such men:'

'Why being a woman makes me a better police detective'

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'I am a senior police officer and I see myself first and foremost as a policing professional who happens to be a woman. On the other hand, as a citizen, a wife, a mother, a daughter and a friend, I see clearly that I am a proud woman who happens to be an experienced, well-trained and skilled police officer. As always, it is a matter of balance – a skill that most women develop as a matter of routine.

But does maintaining that balance affect the way I do my job? Am I a better police officer for being a woman? Others may have a view on that, but for me, the honest answer to both questions is yes.

During my service I have developed a leadership style based on empathy, encouragement and compassion. I try to listen, to lead by example, to work hard to gain the professional respect of my colleagues – men and women. But in policing terms I make it very clear that I command. None of these is an exclusively female attribute, but they all contribute to a style which I believe is based on my gender.'

Libertarian Billionaires Paying For Daycare Won't Bridge The Science Gender Gap

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'Women have long out-paced men in academia, yet they remain underrepresented in certain areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (commonly referred to as the STEM fields). Since STEM graduates not only have more job opportunities, but also higher paying jobs, many see boosting women's participation in these disciplines as a key to reaching gender equality. There has been no dearth of public and private efforts to try to "solve" the problem. And the latest to get in the game is libertarian billionaire David Koch, who last week pledged $20 million to MIT to build a top-of-the-line childcare facility in an effort to attract and retain more women in the STEM fields.

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In other words, attracting talented women to MIT hasn't been the challenge; what they study when they get there is. And fancy childcare won't impact that determination.

What Mr. Koch overlooks is that men and women are different. They have different strengths, preferences, and aptitudes. And it's revealed at even the highest levels of academic and professional success. Building a luxury childcare facility may attract some women who were considering where to pursue their graduate research or accept a faculty position; but more likely it will just be an added perk to women and men already at the university.

This is not to suggest that women can't pursue math or science – plenty do. But Mr. Koch has fallen for the line that "if only we had better childcare" we could achieve parity in the sciences, and then women and men would be equal. But Mr. Koch should recognize, as he does when it comes to other policy areas like tax law and government regulation, that the Left's definition of equality mistakenly focuses on outcomes rather than opportunities.'

A review of "Shame"

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"Shame" is a film short, coming in at under 10 minutes. It portays a young man ("Lance") living at home with his parents, just returning with scratches on his neck after a date with his abusive girlfriend. The script is demonstrative and seemingly meant to portray the uneasy ambivalence Lance and his father both feel about Lance's situation. Lance's mother, on the other hand, is at her wit's end and ready to confront the girlfriend. She calls the police and when they arrive, they take a report and instruct Lance to seek an arrest warrant and order of protection the next day.

This film short is meant to send a message: that yes, men are DV victims. And, it points out that it is most often men who are slowest to acknowledge their own or other men's troubles with being a DV victim. Just before the credits, it shows a citation of a CDC report on DV that states that 53% of DV victims in the study were male.

The producers are to be commended for taking the time and trouble to make this film. It aims to get a message out and make a point that sorely needs making. Hopefully with further such and other efforts, the truth will out.

Reader's film review: "Sexmission"

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I just returned from an engineering conference in Poland. While there, the subject of feminism came up. The guys told me about an extremely popular movie that was made in Poland in 1985. It values men and the role they play. I thought I'd share the plot of a movie called "Sexmission". See if you can rent it where you are. (I now live in Norway so it will be a few weeks before they send me a copy with English subtitles.)

Two men, Albert and Maks, are chosen to be cryogenically hibernated as part of a test. However, something goes very wrong and they are left frozen for many more years than they were supposed to. They wake up in a post-apocalyptic underground totalitarian world inhabited entirely by women, and find themselves defending the very fact that they're men.

In the future, it seems, all of history has been re-written to only star female heroes. Cain did not kill his brother Abel; rather, men invented murder and Cain killed his sister, Abel. Einstein was actually a woman, and men have since been done away with entirely. The women decide that the only option is to turn both men into women through surgical intervention.

But is everything as it seems, and are men really useless, like the new society claims? Eventually, Albert and Maks turn the world back on the right track.

The ensuing adventure is part sci-fi sex comedy, part harsh criticism of Eastern European Communism. The film is still well-loved in Poland.

Wasserman Schultz: All-Women Team ‘Would Get This Done in a Few Hours’

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'Women would do a better job than men of solving the current government stalemate, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.) said on Monday -- because "a woman doesn't want to ruin the person on the other side of the aisle or the table."

"If we put all the women, Republican and Democrat, in the House together, the consensus from all of us is that we would get this done in a few hours," Wasserman Schultz -- the head of the Democratic National Committee -- told MSNBC's "Morning Joe."
...
Women are not less ideological, but they're "less dug in," she said, after she was asked why only four women signed an August 21 letter to House Speaker John Boehner, urging him to "affirmatively de-fund the implementation and enforcement of Obamacare" in any continuing resolution.'

Five important things that unwed fathers need to know

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'Unwed dads usually face tremendous challenges when trying to assert their rights as fathers. Historically, dads have tried (usually in vain) to navigate the family law system themselves, without any real knowledge as to how to do so successfully. Although there is no substitute for competent legal counsel, hopefully the list below will help dads better understand what they should and should not do when tackling legal issues concerning their children.

The following list contains five important things that unwed fathers need to know:

1. Signing the birth certificate for your child does NOT mean that you have asserted your rights as a father. Only a court can adjudicate (confirm) paternity. Without a court order, the father of the child does not legally have any rights to the child (although there is still an obligation to support the child). Dad needs to file an action to establish paternity in order to have the court recognize him as the child's father and confirm his rights related to that relationship.'

Florida man initially denied mammogram because of gender

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'Donald Mudd didn’t even know that men could get breast cancer. Mudd told FOX station WFTX in Fort Myers, Fla. that he had a painful lump on his right breast that developed into the size of a golf ball. His physician told him that there was a mass and he needed a mammogram.

That was the beginning of a disappointing ordeal as Mudd, who doesn’t have insurance, contacted a hospital that advertised free mammograms during October for ‘Breast Cancer Awareness Month.’

...

Mudd said that he tried again with six other organizations, but was rebuffed each time.

“I was a little bit in shock to even find out that men could have breast cancer, and then I find out that because of my gender those programs are not available to men,” Mudd said.

However, reporter Christy Dimond was able to find some help for Mudd from the Susan G. Komen foundation. Mudd was set up with an appointment at a volunteer clinic that gets grant money to provide screening for uninsured patients, regardless of gender.

The American Cancer Society states that about 2,240 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed for men on a yearly basis and that 410 men will die annually due to breast cancer.'

NY State official publicly says that yes, gay people and straight men can be DV victims

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'In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, New York State officials are urging people to wear purple on Wednesday, October 16.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo made the declaration and encouraged New Yorkers to participate in the annual Shine the Light on Domestic Violence campaign on Wednesday.
...
“Domestic violence is an equal opportunity problem. It cuts across all socioeconomic strata. There is no one that is immune from it, it can happen to men who are abused by their female partners, it happens in same-sex relationships, so we know that it is as widespread as the kinds of relationships that exist,” said Wright.'

Men as likely as women to suffer spousal abuse: Swedish study

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'In two related studies, researchers surveyed 1,400 Swedes about domestic violence and found that 8 to 11 percent of men reported being victims of physical violence at the hands of their spouse in the past year.

The corresponding figure for women was 8 percent.

"We were surprised by the results," professor Gunilla Krantz, who led the research, said in a statement.

"Both men and women use the kind of violence that can harm the other person. The concept that women use violence only in self-defense is not true – women are capable of using it aggressively as well."

The respondents mentioned behaviour ranging from punching, kicking and pushing to strangleholds and threats at gunpoint.

The study also revealed, however, that between 8 and 11 percent of male victims reported that they had also been perpetrators of violence and Krantz added that the results should be interpreted "with caution".

"We do not know in detail what led women to use violence in aggression," she explained.'

Sweden: New archbishop declares support for circumcision

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'Congratulations Sweden and the Swedish Church, our new archbishop Antje Jackelén is genital mutilation of young boys!

It now has new archbishop of the diocese of Lund is one of the women bishops and priests in the Swedish Church, who wrote an article that was published by the DN 6/22 in 2012.

In debate article then writes Antje Jackelén and her colleagues that "We must show respect for the right to be different."

And this right to be different mean Antje Jackelén & Co. that you should be okay with underage boys and male children of the tender age of eight days mutilated in the name of their religion.

For there is a man who writes:

Male circumcision is a religious practice that WHO recommends that health promotion. The demands on the prohibition set out in Sweden made it, however, as malicious and in conflict with the CRC. Is it to that of us mainly practiced for religious reasons? Religion has become more visible in the world, for better or worse. Therefore, knowledge and responsiveness from government agencies and state. A state can no longer only to emphasize a religious belief. It can be as little as one-sided negative to religion as some secularist commentators demands. It requires discernment. It is in our opinion misleading to put the child's rights against parents, or religion of human rights. In both cases it is about trade-offs between the different elements of human rights.'

SAVE E-lert: FWV Fact Sheet Places Victims at Risk

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Our Truth Team is still checking Fact Sheets for DV Awareness Month. This week we have the results of our second review. Unfortunately, the Futures Without Violence Fact Sheet is lacking, so we had to give them an F.

What's disturbing about Fact Sheets that don't mention the prevalence of mutual abuse, like the one on FWV's website, is that they are putting more victims at risk.

More than half (58%) of all domestic violence is mutual, and a Centers for Disease Control survey found that injury was more than twice as likely in these cases. In other words, when domestic violence escalates, that's when most injuries occur.

Please contact FWV and ask them to update their Fact Sheet with current, accurate, and complete data.

Contact Futures Without Violence today:

• (415) 678-5500
• info-at-futureswithoutviolence.org

On behalf of everyone affected by domestic violence, thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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All male students in school punished for bomb hoax; girl made similar hoax last year

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So given the current trends, it would come as no surprise to me that in the event of a bomb threat hoax on the part of a singular student, administrators – acting in loco parentis (and sometimes just loco) - might employ restrictive measures on student freedoms. And given a pervasive institutional culture of gynocentrism and misandry, it is also unsurprising that they would profile and discriminate against male students in the process.

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"In the wake of a bomb hoax discovered in a restroom in a boy's locker room at Bonners Ferry High School Thursday, school district administrators will close the campus for all male students beginning Monday. This means that all male high school students will not be able to leave campus from the start of the school day until the final bell unless formally signed out by a parent or guardian."

...

Beyond the functional limitations this imposes on male students, the key problem with the adoption of this policy is the very concept itself that it is acceptable to punish male students collectively for the actions of one. This is the same kind of reasoning that higher education administrators use whenever they acquiesce to reducing the rights of college men accused of sexual misconduct.

...

What superintendent Dick Conley and Co. may have forgotten is that there were also two bomb threats by women in the same city just one year prior. As The Spokesman Review reports, one of them involves a 48 year-old woman who called in a phony bomb threat to the Bonner County Administration Building on the eve of the 2012 general election. And more strikingly, the next one – as the news group KHQ Local reports - was done by a high school girl in a manner very similar to this recent case, and at the exact same school:

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In addition, there was another bomb threat made by a woman ten years ago to Rocky Mountain Academy and Boulder Creek Academy in Boundary County, the same county Bonners Ferry High School resides in. In other words, bomb threats and hoaxes are not a uniquely male phenomenon. Indeed, it is not even a distinctively male phenomenon in Boundary County.

And yet, here we are – forcing all male students to walk on eggshells under a cloud of suspicion and collective condemnation for the actions of a singular boy. Just as Feminists in higher education have long preached that "all male students are potential rapists," Bonner's Ferry now declares that all male students are potential terrorists.'

I emailed the superintendent who made this decision, the state Title IX Coordinator, the principal, and the board of trustees. You may see my email note and the addresses of the recipients here.

UK: A mother opens up about the false rape claims that killed her son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The tears flowed as Mike Morgan phoned his mum, between sobs insisting: “Mum, I didn’t do it.”

Accused of rape, the outgoing showman who loved the bright lights and kudos of being manager of one of Liverpool’s top gay bars, crumbled and cried as he turned to the person he trusted most.

And though the claims were unfounded and allegations not pursued, his loving mum Linda has revealed how the ordeal effectively killed him.

“Mikey couldn’t live with it,” she says.

“He knew he was innocent but he didn’t want to carry on believing people could even think he was capable of such a horrendous crime.”

His health deteriorated and, on February 13, this year, Mike Morgan passed away in his sleep – as he had predicted he would just two weeks before.'

Sweden: Female cop prosecuted for baton attack

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Swedish female police officer, accused of beating a drunken man and setting her dog on him, is being prosecuted for assault after the incident was captured on film.

The woman, who denies the charge, was filmed lashing out at the man using her baton an estimated 14 times. Her police dog also got involved and pounced on the man who later fell to his knees and yelled "are you totally stupid or what?" at the officer.

"I have made the decision (to prosecute) because I objectively think we have the foundations for a conviction for either assault or professional misconduct," said prosecutor Mats Åhlund to newspaper Dagens Nyheter.'

Commission on Child Custody Decision Making created in Maryland

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'The Commission will study all aspects of child custody decision-making in Maryland, including the principles governing it, and current practice and processes. The study will encompass how to make child custody orders and modifications fairer, more uniform, and equitable; reduce litigation in child custody proceedings; promote and ensure children's continued relationships with both parents; and maximize involvement of both parents in a child's life. Further, the Commission will consider how the Court may mitigate adverse effects of child custody litigation, as well as the advantages, disadvantages, and impact on children of joint physical custody. In addition, the Commission is to evaluate the governing statutes in other states, and consider whether Maryland law needs a statute specific to child custody decisions.

Other issues related to child custody to be considered by the Commission include: whether gender discrimination exists in custody decisions, and if so, how to address it; the role of case management systems; training programs currently available to judges; how domestic violence proceedings and interventions affect custody determinations; and whether language can be standardized for custody determinations. Finally, the Commission is to gather quantitative data on total number and disposition of contested custody cases, and the availability of pro bono legal resources to petitioners and respondents.'

You have the money? You pay alimony

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'Florida's alimony system, like the Florida auto accident system, is based on a "no-fault system." It doesn't matter who ran the red light or who betrayed the marriage. The one who has the money pays.

In divorce, in the vast majority of cases, there is usually one party who is more "at fault" than the other. It is not uncommon for one of the spouses to be involved in extramarital affairs, involved with drugs or alcohol, or be engaged in other aberrant behavior that is destructive to the marriage.
...
However, none of this behavior has any bearing on the final alimony award. When alimony laws were written decades ago, the stay-at-home spouse did not have the opportunity to develop marketable business skills that would allow him or her to re-enter the workforce.'

More vasectomies during recession

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'The financial crisis of 2008 and lingering economic woes are having an impact on men's reproductive decisions, new research suggests.

"With the current recession, it's pushing more guys to get a vasectomy done," said study author Dr Anand Shridharani, a men's reproductive and sexual health specialist at Erlanger Health System, in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Many urologists reported in 2009 that they were fielding more requests for vasectomies, suspecting the downturn in the economy as a reason and Shridharani's team attempted to find numbers to back up the reported trend.
...
"Comparing the number of vasectomies performed per year from 2005 to 2008 versus 2009 to 2012, the difference [an increase] is statistically significant," he said.

"The suspected reason is that having an unexpected child would increase the cost of living," he noted.

"People are having children older, and older people are more in tune with what children cost," Shridharani suggested.'

Relatedly: 1 000 vasectomies to be done in 1 day

S. Africa: "Haemophilia the cause of circumcision deaths?"

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Article here. No, the reason for circumcision deaths is that you are doing something really nasty to an innocent and helpless victim that induces bleeding, and worse yet, you are getting it "wrong" in the process-- sort of like forcing a person to have a kidney removed and then failing to manage the bleeding so that he or she dies. Yes, they may have had haemophilia, but was that the actual cause of their death? No. It was that you started cutting at their flesh ignorant of the particular risks and worse still, without their consent. Excerpt:

'Reports of deaths during traditional initiation rites often hit the headlines in South Africa, and there is always a devastating sense of young lives lost too soon. Yet, partly because these centuries-old practices are swathed in mystery, insight into the reasons for the loss of life following ritual circumcision is often limited and not fully understood.

Poor surgical practices in non-sterile conditions are often blamed, but there may be another factor, which needs to be considered. The hereditary bleeding disorder, haemophilia, may indeed be a reason for the deaths in some of these rituals.

The Igazi Foundation, based in Port Elizabeth and working throughout the Eastern Cape, has identified haemophilia as a definite risk factor in traditional circumcisions, especially since they take place in remote areas far from hospitals and clinics. The foundation had a dedicated haemophilia project, which was also aimed at reducing the risk of excessive bleeding amongst initiates.'

Robert Redford: Women, young people must save U.S. from men 'behaving stupidly'

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'Robert Redford says bigotry, fear of change and a determination to personally destroy President Barack Obama have paralyzed the U.S. government.

Women and young people are the answer to fixing the gridlock that has partially shut down Washington, the actor told CNN on Tuesday.

"Give them the reins," Redford said. "I think they can do better than we have."
...
Women must save the country "because a lot of men that were in control were behaving stupidly," Redford said. "I mean, sometimes you say: 'Can we actually be this dumbed down, or am I actually hearing what I'm hearing from some of these people? Are they really, is that really happening?' It's sad."'

'Women Are the Only Adults Left in Washington'

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'At one of the darkest moments of the government shutdown, with markets dipping and both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue hurling icy recriminations, Maine Republican Susan Collins went to the Senate floor to do two things that none of her colleagues had yet attempted. She refrained from partisan blame and proposed a plan to end the crisis. “I ask my Democratic and Republican colleagues to come together,” Collins said on Oct. 8. “We can do it. We can legislate responsibly and in good faith.”'

Another women-only job event

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'A women-only job and resource fair will be held 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Glenville Recreation Center.

Cleveland Councilman Kevin Conwell, one of the sponsors of the Mothers & Families Together Resource Fair, said organizers believed it is important to have an event focused on women.

"Three-quarters of the households in the area I represent are headed by females," he said of his East Side ward that includes the Glenville neighborhood. "In order to be successful, women need resources and opportunity."

A sentence from the flier makes clear the target group for the event: "The Mothers & Families Together Fair will offer resources to help empower women facing economic challenges, women in recovery from addiction and those who are in need of extra support to turn their lives in a more positive direction."'

UK: White boys 'the problem' for Britain's schools, says Government aide

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'Britain cannot expect to flourish economically unless there is a concerted effort to halt academic failure by white boys as they are the “dominant racial group”, a senior Government education adviser has warned.

Dr Tim Leunig, an economic historian and aide to the schools minister David Laws, said that for boys at least “being white” had become “the problem” in schools.
He argued that from an economic point of view it matters “more” to target underachievement among white pupils than others.
...
And he added that the education system could be described as “institutionally sexist” by failing to ensure boys and girls are making similar levels of progress.

His comments, reported by the TES, come after official figures show that white boys from deprived backgrounds are now the worst performing ethnic group in reading tests for six years olds.'

Editorial: Title IX discriminates against men as well as women

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'In the 1960s and 1970s, our nation established several guidelines by which we were to construct a more fair society. Being a time of extreme civil rights activism, this era was contained more strides toward equality than any other.

...

The problem with this is that now, Title IX is backfiring, as male athletes are made unable to participate in particular sports. For example, Iowa State's baseball team, which had existed as early as 1892, played its last season in 2001. As the beloved American pastime, it was a shame to see baseball go. It is more of a shame that capable baseball players are no longer funded and supported by the university, due to "budget cuts" that were a result of equalizing men's and women's sports at Iowa State.

...

Forty years down the road from Title IX's original implementation, we need to step back and consider adjusting the rules established by this legislation in university athletics.

Title IX's purpose is noble, but when it gets in the way of equality for men or women, it is time to recalibrate our need for it.'

'Women Make Better Doctors Than Men'

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'At least that's what a recent study of diabetic patients found. But the boys shouldn't pack up their doctor kits yet.

In a new report released by the University of Montreal, investigators found that women outperformed men on certain metrics of patient care.
...
"Women had significantly higher scores in terms of compliance with practice guidelines," said Martel in a statement that accompanied the release of the study. "They were more likely than men to prescribe recommended medications and to plan required examinations."

Why? It's possible the female doctors were simply more willing to devote more time to their patients The men tended to cycle their patients though quickly—as evidenced by fact that the male doctors performed, on average, 1,000 more basic treatment procedures per year than the women. But that seeming efficiency may be self-defeating: the investigators worry that the quicker the turnover in any one doctor's office, the likelier a patient is to return to have questions answered or treatment details explained that weren't addressed in the initial appointment.'

Hepatitis B Mutation Explains Higher Cancer Rates in Men

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'A team of researchers has identified a novel mutation in the hepatitis B virus (HBV) in Korea that appears only in men and could help explain why HBV-infected men are roughly five times more likely than HBV-infected women to develop liver cancer. Although some women do progress to cirrhosis and liver cancer, the mutation is absent in HBV in women. The research is published ahead of print in the Journal of Clinical Microbiology.

"This is the first mutation found that can explain the gender disparity in incidence of hepatocellular carcinoma," says Bum-Joon Kim of Seoul National University, Korea, an author on the study.
...
HBV infection is a global health problem, with 350 million chronic carriers of the virus, a number that is roughly equivalent to the combined populations of the US and Canada. The prevalence of infection ranges from less than half a percent in the United States to around 10 percent in Asia, to as high as 15 percent in parts of Africa. Major means of transmission include injection drug abuse, unprotected sex, and transmission via childbirth. Worldwide mortality is about 600,000 annually, according to the World Health Organization. In the US, despite the availability of a vaccine, an estimated 3,000 die annually from hepatocellular cancer or chronic liver disease caused by hepatitis B.'

Circumcision and human rights

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'Tanya Gold articulates well the existence of contemporary antisemitism (A ban on male circumcision would be antisemitic. How could it not be?, 12 October). But I think she's wrong in describing the Council of Europe as antisemitic for including ritual male circumcision in its examples of violations of children's rights.

I write as a male Jew circumcised at birth in 1958 as part of ritual. I would rather not have been. Yes, male circumcision isn't as extreme a practice as female genital mutilation. However, I know from personal experience that it results in such problems as desensitised sexual feeling, frequent soreness and occasional bleeding. I believe that this irreversible action is at heart an assault on a child, incapable of giving meaningful consent. I attach no blame to my parents' generation, who would have made the decision in the aftermath of the Holocaust, and who would have experienced a society more overtly hostile to them. But I find it depressing that contemporary Jews wish to continue the practice.
...
The Council used language that was reasonable and balanced, and I would support a legal prohibition to ritual circumcision. If such a move is expressed in language or images that are antisemitic, then we fight them on those grounds. But that's not the case here.'

Autistic boy draws a cartoon bomb, school officials suspend him

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'An autistic boy at Hillcrest Middle School in Greenville, S.C. was suspended for drawing a cartoonish bomb and showing his friends, reports MSN Now on Oct. 16. Rhett Parham, much like other young boys, enjoys the classic video game Bomber Man and drew a picture of an old style kettle bomb with a fuse. His innocent drawing ignited some real controversy however after older boys at the school blew him in.
...
“They actually reiterated to me they knew he was non-violent,” said Parham. “They knew he was not actually having a bomb, creating or making a bomb. But that they could not go without making an example of him and without having some type of action because they were worried about their perception. Perception is actually the word he used. He, a school official, said ‘Perception is reality, Rhett, and the parents will perceive maybe you have a bomb or you’re violent.”"'

Woman arrested in shooting of husband, granddaughter

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'Calaveras County sheriff's detectives have arrested a Burson woman after a shooting Wednesday night left her husband dead and her granddaughter critically wounded. A 5-month-old baby found at the scene was unhurt.

Charity Ford, 56, faces charges of murder, attempted murder and child cruelty, authorities said in a news release. Deputies identified the granddaughter as Britney McGhee, 20. They did not identify the male victim by name, pending notification of his biological relatives, authorities said. But they said the 52-year-old was Charity Ford's husband, and McGhee's stepgrandfather.
...
Deputies also found a 5-month-old boy in the house. Authorities said the baby is McGhee's son. All four shared the home.'

Teacher fired for allegedly giving minors alcohol, condoms

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Story here. Excerpt:

'MIAMI (WSVN) -- A South Florida teacher has been fired after she is accused of providing students with alcohol and condoms.

The Miami-Dade School Board terminated Isabel Diaz Almaraz on Wednesday for acting inappropriately with students. "On behalf of the Superintendent, I am requesting that the board enter final order terminating Isabel Diaz Almaraz' employment with the school board," said assistant school board attorney Heather Ward.

Almaraz was a full-time dance teacher at South Miami High School. The district first began to investigate Almaraz because of several complaints from parents.

In the spring of 2012, the district said Almaraz provided students with a hotel suite for an after-prom party. The hotel suite was $1,000 and was paid for with her PayPal account.'

Mom of girl charged in Florida bullying suicide arrested on child abuse charges

Mastodon · 18 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The mother of one of the two girls facing charges over the suicide of a bullied 12-year-old Florida girl was jailed Friday on child abuse charges in a case authorities say is unrelated to the felony case against her daughter.

Vivian Lee Vosburg, 30, of Lakeland was being held without bond in the Polk County Jail on two counts of child abuse with bodily harm and four counts of child neglect, the sheriff's office said.
...
According to the affidavit, Vosburg told investigators Thursday that she was the woman in the video and acknowledged punching one of the boys in the face and the other in the back of the head and shoulders. She said she knew she shouldn't have hit them, according to the affidavit.
...
"This clearly indicates to us that this appears to be a normal way of life," Judd said at a news conference. "They're laughing and cussing and throwing the F-bomb around, then they're posting that conduct for all to see."

Of Vosburg's daughter, he said: "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree."'

NIH funded study: "Male Circumcision and Use of Foreskin Tissues for HIV Prevention in Uganda"

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'Medical male circumcision (MMC) reduces HIV acquisition in men, and viral STIs in men and women. However, uptake of MMC in many African countries is less than expected and has disproportionately been among younger, lower risk men. There is an urgent need for implementation science incorporating qualitative/quantitative mixed methods research to increase the demand for MMC, particularly among higher risk men; to increase the efficiency of MMC services using MC devices, task shifting/sharing and mobile MMC camps; and to conduct population-level monitoring of coverage and impact. At the basic science level, foreskins collected during MC provide unique access to genital mucosa for study of the virologic, immunologic and host genetic factors associated with vulnerability to or protection from HIV, with implications for HIV prevention. The Rakai Health Sciences Program (RHSP) and Makerere University School of Public Health (MakSPH) in Uganda have collaborated with Johns Hopkins University (JHU) for over 20 years. We conducted two trials of MMC, post-trial surveillance, evaluation of MMC services, and assessment of MMC procedures, including new MMC devices. We have also collaborated on immunologic and virologic studies of foreskin tissues and the genital microbiome. The collaboration has trained over 50 degree and non-degree students via Fogarty International Center (FIC) awards.'

Feminists Ignore Biology, Dissident Feminist Camille Paglia Argues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Self-described "dissident feminist" Camille Paglia recently took feminists and women's studies programs to task for failing to acknowledge biological gender differences. She also criticized the American education system for failing to recognize the unique needs of boys and girls, and suggested there could be a conservative backlash against the cultural message that gender is socially, rather than biologically, constructed.
...
In her opening remarks, available here, Paglia accuses women's studies programs at universities of being too insular and closed-minded, and feminists of being ignorant of gender differences and hostile to stay-at-home mothering and the educational needs of boys.

"I do believe that gender roles are malleable and dynamically shaped by culture," she said. "However, the frequency with which gender roles return to a polarized norm, as well as the startling similarity of gender roles in societies separated by vast distances of time and space, does suggest that there is something fundamentally constant in gender that is based in concrete facts.'

UK: Now three in five doctors aged under 30 are women: Fears for care standards as junior doctors fall pregnant

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'Three out of five young doctors on hospital wards and in GP surgeries are women.

They made up 61 per cent of doctors under 30 last year and 46 per cent of those aged 30 to 50.

Figures show men remain dominant in the oldest age group, with women comprising less than a third of doctors over 50.

But the numbers suggest the medical takeover by women is slowing.

In 2012, 55 per cent of medical students were female, compared with 61 per cent in 2003 and 57 per cent in 2007.

Overall, almost half of GPs are women, or some 46 per cent, according to the General Medical Council.

Previous reports have found hospitals are facing staff shortages as a result of junior doctors becoming pregnant as soon as they receive their first secure job.'

Malaysia: 'Female teacher wooed boy, 15, with Eat, Pray, Love ... and SEX'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SHE provided a shoulder to cry on following a mishap on a school trip. He was a teenager with a crush.

Yet this was no innocent young couple in love.

The 32-year-old married teacher has pleaded guilty over her affair with a 15-year-old boy.

The mother of two had sex with him at her flat after wooing him with gifts, including a copy of the novel Eat, Pray, Love.

She then continued the illicit relationship for more than a month until his parents found out.

Neither of them can be named.'

31-YO Posed As Teen To Have Sex With 14-Year-Old, Kept Victim Locked In House

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'A 31-year-old Florida woman is accused of posing as a teenager in order to have sex with a 14-year-old boy.

Naomi Dixon is charged with two counts of lewd and lascivious battery involving a sex act with a child, according to the Daytona Beach News-Journal. The victim told Volusia County sheriff's investigators that he met Dixon at a party in early September. Dixon allegedly claimed she was 17 years old, and the victim said he was 14.

After the two met, they had sex at her Deltona home eight times and stayed together regularly, the victim said. According to a sheriff's report, the victim had a hard time leaving Dixon's home. On several occasions when he tried to go home, she became upset, locked the door and even choked him.

The victim claimed the woman carved his first initial onto her arm with a pocket knife. He told his parents about the relationship on Sept. 25 after growing tired of the woman trying to keep him at her house.'

Patty Murray: Congress Wouldn't Be Such A Mess If Women Were In Charge

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'If women ruled the country, the government wouldn't be on the brink of shutting down or defaulting on its debt, according to Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.).

Murray spoke to a largely female audience on Wednesday, at an event that was part of The Atlantic's Women of Washington series.

She decried Republican legislation that would shut down the government unless Obamacare is defunded. "The rational thing to do," Murray said, "if there were a group of women in charge, is that we would keep the government running for the next several weeks, and we would say [on] the debt ceiling [that] we're going to pay our bills, and now let's do what we need to do, and sit down and solve our budget problems."
...
Murray isn't the only female senator who believes Congress may be less dysfunctional if there were more women.

When asked about regulatory reform legislation at Fortune magazine's "Most Powerful Women" dinner in April 2010, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) said, "well, I actually think that if we had all women [in the Senate], we would solve the problem."

Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), who was sitting in the front row at the event, enthusiastically clapped in response.'

'Congress should be ashamed of its economic violence against women'

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'Violence isn't always physical.

I've said this recently in a work context, though I can't remember the exact circumstances. My full-time job is in social justice research, and violence comes up frequently. It could be about hate crimes, homicides in under-resourced communities as a byproduct of the economic violence imposed on these communities, or a number of other things.

I thought of violence last week when I heard a story on NPR about the government shutdown's effect on low-income women and children. Funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, known as WIC, is so low in some states that money could run out in a week. Hearing a woman on the radio talk about her need to feed her children as the prices of basic nutritional food items like fruit, eggs, oatmeal, milk and baby formula keep increasing made me think about how ironic it is that the shutdown started Oct. 1, the first day of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I shared the story on Facebook, pointed out the date and added my own commentary: "Denying food to women and children is an act of violence against women. Congress should be ashamed."'

'No, women wouldn't have solved the shutdown sooner!'

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'But, according to recent reports from CNN, MSNBC and the New York Times, Congress could have gotten things up and running again sooner if women had been calling the shots.
...
As Ann Friedman noted recently, there is some data to support the idea that women in leadership positions are less impulsive, less corruptible and more willing to compromise than their male colleagues and counterparts. But researchers suggest that may be because, with so few represented in the seats of power, women in leadership positions feel they have to succeed because they have more to prove. And for all that Collins and Cantwell may have done to facilitate the deal that was eventually reached, there were other women, like Republican House members Michele Bachmann and Marsha Blackburn, working just as hard to maintain the deadlock.

So while it may feel good to read Hanna Rosin declare that, ”Perhaps this will be remembered as the week when everything shifted, when we realized that leaving groups of men in charge of global decisions and of facing down terrorists is not a good idea, and we’d better calmly hand the reins over to the women,” it’s still a flawed argument.

There is also something uncomfortable, even unfeminist about relying on reductive stereotypes about women to argue why more should be in power. Borrowing again from Friedman, while women’s alleged penchants for empathy and compromise are currently being used to advocate for greater influence in the public and political spheres, the same arguments are employed just as often to marginalize women and keep them at home – whether or not they want to be there.
...
If that means cleaning up some political messes, all the better. But increasing the number of women in Congress also means that more will soon be making their own messes, too.'

'The war on voting is a war on women'

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'The assault on voting rights is a naked attempt to suppress the votes of minorities, students, the elderly, and the poor. But don't be fooled. This War on Voting is an essential part of the War on Women.

Nowhere is that clearer than in the recent wave of efforts to disenfranchise voters through strict voter identification laws, limits on early voting, and elimination of same-day voter registration across the country. And since the Supreme Court's vicious undercutting of the Voting Rights Act last June in Shelby County v. Holder, we are facing even more of an onslaught.

...

What is not commonly known, however, is that women are among those most affected by voter ID laws. In one survey, 66% of women voters had an ID that reflected their current name, according to the Brennan Center. The other 34% of women would have to present both a birth certificate and proof of marriage, divorce, or name change in order to vote, a task that is particularly onerous for elderly women and costly for poor women who may have to pay to access these records.'

State report cards: Eugene-Springfield girls continue to outdo boys

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'Girls' academic juggernaut isn't losing steam.

Female students in Eugene-Springfield metro area schools continue to outperform their male peers in nearly every academic category, new state report cards show.

Girls in the Bethel, Eugene and Springfield school districts were more likely to graduate from high school, have lower dropout rates and outperform male students in state math, reading and writing tests.

Some national research has pointed to the way girls are socialized to explain their greater likelihood of academic success, while other research says school systems are structured in ways that end up favoring female students. For example, some studies suggest that girls tend to do better in cooperative environments where they are asked to sit still and listen, compared to boys who may feel pressured by their peers to be more outgoing and competitive.

A University of Michigan study found that the number of boys who said they don't like school increased by 71 percent since 1980.'

Marta Mossburg, columnist: Despite ‘new rules,’ boyhood is not a mental illness

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'All the employees of school districts on a witch hunt to expel and otherwise permanently punish young boys for shooting toy guns or forming their fists into the shape of a gun need to read “Back to Normal.”

The purpose of psychologist Enrico Gnaulati’s 2013 book is to argue how ordinary childhood behavior is often misdiagnosed as ADD, ADHD, depression and autism — frequently with life-long, disturbing consequences.

But along the way he raises the taboo question of whether we “label boys as mentally unstable, behaviorally unmanageable, academically underachieving, in need of special-education services, or displaying behavior warranting school suspension just because their behavior deviates noticeably from that of the average girl?”
...
And it should give school administrators perspective on how best to handle unruly boys and channel their energy without condemning their nature.

At the very least, we don’t need any more boys suspended for chewing a Pop-Tart into a gun.'

Wife Of Former NY Mets Pitcher Faces Up To 20 Years For Alleged Crimes

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'In January of 1996, Michael Jr. was hanging out with Anna and her then boyfriend, Paul Dejongh, when the teen was shot to death. The story was so sensational it ended up a reenactment on America's Most Wanted .

"Her words were, from all I've been told, 'get rid of him,' and that's no different than if you got these gangsters. When they use term, 'get rid of him,' we all know what it means," said Michael.

Anna was charged with murder but jumped bail and fled with her boyfriend. After a five month manhunt, she was apprehended in Oregon.

"I think Anna is as guilty as the person who pulled the trigger," said Romaine.

Paul Dejongh was also captured and pled guilty to second degree murder. All charges against Anna were dropped, for lack of evidence.

"If Anna was innocent, then why did she flee? Why did she stay away so long? She's guilty as sin, and yes, indeed, and she got away with murder," said Michael.

Now, 17 years later, the Evans' are not surprised to find Anna Benson shackled in court and charged with a violent crime.

"I think that her husband was extremely lucky," commented Michael.'

New formula results in higher alimony

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'Based on an example Plog offered — a husband making $200,000 a year and his wife earning $50,000 — under the new formula, the husband's 40 percent per month would be $6,667, and 50 percent of the wife's income would be $2,083 per month, so the result under the formula would mean the wife receives about $4,583 per month.

Under the old system, he said, if the wife's expenses exceed her income by $1,500 a month, a court might order monthly maintenance of $1,500 to $2,000 to help meet her reasonable needs.

"If uniformly applied, the (new guidelines) will promote settlements," Plog said, "but the problem is that the payer will have a gun to the head."
...
The Women's Lobby made the bill a priority legislative issue, arguing that it would promote settlement and successful mediation, reduce litigation, and prevent women and families from falling into poverty. In 2011, single women with children had a median income of $26,705, the lowest of all family types in Colorado, compared with $42,075 for single men with children.

The bill was passed in April and signed into law by Gov. John Hickenlooper in May.'

MoveOn.org Petition to ABC News

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A new petition exists on MoveOn.org, complaining of bias by ABC News. Statement:

'We are offended by 20/20's repeatedly offensive reporting of men as violent, as aggressors, as 'deadbeats' and as the oppressors of women. We are boycotting the television show until they start to present the facts as they are. Men want to be with their children. We suffer most of domestic violence. There are nearly no systems to support us. We are underrepresented in research, in mental health services, in education, and in families.'

Broken families, broken Britain

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'The Chief Inspector of Schools, Sir Michael Wilshaw, has ranged widely in apportioning blame for the abuse or neglect of children in Britain. Those at the receiving end of his tongue-lashing included 20 local authorities, with the city of Birmingham in particular singled out as ‘one of the worst places to grow up in the developed world’.

But Sir Michael was clear about the root cause of children’s problems today: hollowed out and fragmented families, where the relationship between mother and father has broken down or never existed in the first place.

He said (£) the problems exposed in child abuse scandals were being deepened by an apparent national obsession with ‘pussyfooting around’ and ‘making excuses’ for bad parents. At the root of wider social problems lay the alienation of many children from their natural father.

‘These children lack more than money: they lack parents who take responsibility for seeing them raised well. It is this poverty of accountability which costs them.'

Real family-law reform must start with shared parenting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'No one in government can use ignorance as an excuse for tolerating Canada's dysfunctional legal system: Several recent reports have laid the problem bare.

Last April, the federal government released a special-committee report, "Meaningful Change for Family Justice: Beyond Wise Words," which stated: "Canadians do not have adequate access to family justice." In August, the Canadian Bar Association released its 50-page "Envisioning Equal Justice" report, describing access to justice as "abysmal."

Now we have a new report, "Access to Justice: a Roadmap for Change," the outcome of a project initiated in 2008 by Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin. The roadmap envisages better dispute-resolution options, more legal-aid funding, plus triage toward appropriate services and other tools for efficiency to help deliver speedier, more tailored service.

We know that family law accounts for 35% of all civil cases; that four of 10 Ontario family law disputes remain unresolved after three years; and that about 50% of family-law litigants represent themselves in court. And yet the Family Justice Working Group's Report admits, "We lack an empirical understanding of what happens to family cases after they enter the justice system …. how many cases settle, when or why they settle, or after what cost and on what basis they resolve."'

Following Our Hearts: A Father's Brit Shalom Journey

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'My wife, Amari, was seven months pregnant and we were at our midwife appointment. At this point we knew we would be having a boy. Near the end of our visit, the midwife asked us what we were planning to do about circumcision.

Amari and I are both Jewish and we had discussed it a couple of times before. My take was: “We're Jewish. My grandparents are Holocaust survivors. Our boy is getting circumcised." However, Amari was against the procedure, although she was willing to do it if it meant that much to me.

I had never attended a bris. The thought of cutting off a baby's foreskin made me queasy. That’s when it hit me: How in the world was I going to witness my own son going through it? I put that thought aside, figuring I'd deal with it when it happened.

That brings us back to our midwife appointment. My answer to the midwife was, “We're Jewish so we need to have a bris. I have no idea how I'll be in the same room, the thought disgusts me however….” That’s when the midwife said something that changed everything. She said, "You know, there are alternatives. There are ways to honor your religion without cutting off your son's foreskin." REALLY!?'

Jews Against Circumcision: How a New Jewish Generation Views Genital Autonomy and Human Rights

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'There are a growing number of Jews who are becoming increasingly vocal in questioning both the ethics and the legality of circumcision. Jews in the Reform Judaism movement have already been advocating for an end to ritual circumcision during the past 180 years. What follows is a collection of statements from Jews who question the ethics and legality of child circumcision.

Jewish Americans Support Outlawing Child Circumcision
"I am a Jewish mother against circumcision and in support of passing Bill 1777. For years I was a certified childbirth educator and now a journalist and filmmaker. I continue to educate people that childbirth is a natural event rather than one filled with unnecessary drugs and other medical intervention, and circumcision is an unnatural event. These are two clear-cut examples of interfering with nature."

- Katherine Mora, Jewish Mother
Testimony before the Massachusetts Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

“The human right to body integrity would, in this instance, override their religious right.…non-fundamentalist Jews, who constitute a very large number of Reform, Conservative, and even some Orthodox Jews, believe that human ethics are an essential element in the Jewish tradition. …there is a Jewish tradition practiced by virtually all Jewish parents today that is morally wrong. This should give pause to any non-fundamentalist religious Jew, and it is a black eye for the liberal movements that they have not taken this issue more seriously. Perhaps a law prohibiting circumcision is just what these Jews need to start a serious discussion about the problem of brit milah.”

- Eli Ungar-Sargon, Outlawing Circumcision: Good for the Jews?, Forward, the Jewish Daily, May 20, 2011“'

Women Embrace Shared Parenting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Have you heard about the new organization, Leading Women for Shared Parenting or LW4SP? This is a group of prominent women who recognize that absent issues of abuse, neglect or abandonment, government policy and laws must be structured in such a way as to maximize the opportunity of all parents to contribute to the social, emotional, intellectual, physical, moral and spiritual development of their children.

According to Pew Research on the Huffington Post, there is yet another data point to add to the changing portrait of American parents: the number of single fathers has risen ninefold since demographers began measuring it more than 50 years ago.'

WaPo Commentary: Questioning circumcision isn't anti-Semitic

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'Earlier this month the Council of Europe agreed on a nonbinding resolution in support of "children's right to physical integrity." The purpose was to reinforce the protection of children's rights, oppose violence against children, and promote children's participation in significant decisions that affect them. Forced genital cutting of male and female children was mentioned among examples of violations.

...

Days later, Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, along with traditional Jewish groups, denounced the resolution. The ministry statement said the resolution "fosters hate and racist trends," denied that circumcision causes any harm, and strongly objected to any comparison between cutting of male and female genitals.

Others called the resolution anti-Semitic, a violation of religious freedom, and a "thinly disguised attack" on European Jews. This predictable reaction calls for a response.

...

Here are some relevant facts.

* Jewish circumcision is not mandatory; it is a choice. Some Jews in North America, South America, Europe, and Israel do not circumcise their sons.

* Circumcision is a topic of debate in the Jewish community and has been questioned historically and in various Jewish publications in recent years.

* In actual practice, most Jews circumcise because of cultural conformity, not religious reasons.

...

It is possible to question the actions of a person or group without being categorically opposed to the person or group. Are those who question an American government policy anti-American? Questioning an action that one believes to be harmful is more likely to be motivated by good will than ill will.

Jewish authorities avoid the resolution's central issue. They do not claim that children do not have a right to physical integrity, nor do they claim that circumcision is not a violation of physical integrity. Jewish authorities tacitly admit they have no direct response. Their verbal attacks on the resolution appear to be intended to intimidate critics.'

Women Battle Online Anti-Women Hate From the 'Manosphere'

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'Deep in the underbelly of the Internet is a hidden corner known as the "Manosphere"— a collection of websites, Facebook pages and chat rooms where men vent their rage and spew anti-women rhetoric.

Protected by the anonymity of the Internet, men feel free to post hateful and violent comments. Posts such as "I really wouldn't mind shooting a [expletive] dead in the face, they are evil, all of them," and "Women are the natural enemies of men" are commonplace on sites like "A Voice for Men," a Manosphere blog run by Paul Elam.
...
But experts like Mark Potok, from the Southern Poverty Law Center, believe this rhetoric is problematic. "The Manosphere is an underworld of so-called men's rights groups and individuals on the Internet, which is just fraught with really hard-line anti-woman misogyny," Potok told "20/20."'

NPO: Could Shared Parenting Become the Presumption in Maryland?

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'Governor Martin O'Malley has convened a Maryland Commission on Child Custody Decision Making. Maybe this is an indication that our Maryland government thinks there is a problem? We sure hope so.

The Commission is the result of HB687 passed during the 2013 legislative session. As part of the Commission's work it is holding public hearings around the state. Please attend one of the Public Hearings and bring your ideas on how to make shared parenting the norm in Maryland.

National Parents Organization of Maryland worked to pass this legislation to begin the process of bringing shared parenting to Maryland. Maryland need not lag behind other states. Please let us know if you will be attending one of these hearings.'

'A Feminist's Dream Date'

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Video here.

"This is what a date would be like if men treated women with absolute equality..."

Tanning gene linked to increased risk of testicular cancer

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'A gene important in skin tanning has been linked to higher risk for testicular cancer in white men, according to a study led by scientists from the U.S. National Institutes of Health and the University of Oxford in England. Nearly 80 percent of white men carry a variant form of this gene, which increased risk of testicular cancer up to threefold in the study.

The research appeared online October 10, 2013 in the journal Cell, and is the result of an integrated analysis of big data supported by laboratory research. The team suspected that variations in a gene pathway controlled by the tumor suppressor gene p53 could have both positive and negative effects on human health.
...
“White males with a single nucleotide variation in KITLG, called the G allele, have the highest odds of having testicular cancer. In fact, the twofold to threefold increased risk is one of the highest and most significant among all cancer GWAS conducted within the past few years,” said Bond. “The high frequency of this allele in light skin individuals may explain why testicular cancer is so much more frequent in people of European descent than those of African descent.”

Bond said although the G allele increases testicular cancer risk, it may explain why testicular tumors are often easily cured with chemotherapy. “Most other tumors have a mutant p53, but in these testicular cell tumors, the p53 is functioning properly, and the drugs used for testicular cancer appear to work in concert with p53’s tumor suppression function to kill the cancer cells.”'

Young: Mean girls test biases about women

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'The appalling story of the suicide of a 12-year-old Florida girl who had endured months of vicious online and in-person harassment, and the arrest last week of two of her alleged tormentors -- ages 12 and 14 -- raises tough questions about bullying, the role of social media in children's lives, and adult responsibility. But the tragedy also reminds us of a basic truth often overlooked in our age of feminist consciousness: human cruelty knows no gender.

The bullies who hounded Rebecca Ann Sedwick -- taunting her and picking fights at school, then continuing the persecution by cellphone and telling her to kill herself -- were all girls, more than a dozen. The ringleader, according to the authorities, was the 14-year-old now facing charges of aggravated stalking. She is reported to have started her vendetta because her boyfriend had once dated Rebecca, and to have not only bullied the victim herself, but also terrorized other girls into shunning her. Shortly before her arrest, authorities say, the girl posted a Facebook message saying, in crude terms, that she didn't care about Rebecca's suicide. (Police say the girl has denied posting the message, saying her account was hacked.)
...
Some feminists argue that girl-on-girl bullying is the result of internalized misogyny, of a patriarchal culture that pits girls and women against each other. But what about boys who abuse and bully other boys? Or, for that matter, girls who bully boys? Two years ago in another Florida town, three 14-year-old girls assaulted an 11-year-old boy in public, stripping him naked while he struggled and screamed; one girl filmed the "prank" and posted the video on YouTube. (The boy's mother chose not to file charges.)'

'The angry ladies of Jezebel'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I don't want to write a standard review of The Book of Jezebel: An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Lady Things. It's the new book by the editors of the feminist website Jezebel, and simply saying that it's a very angry book — as well as being very funny in parts — isn't enough. Because when you say feminists are angry, they respond that you are a "Frat Bro" or a right-winger, and the conversation stops. And a deeper analysis of feminist apoplexy is important because the rage of the Jezebels is indicative of a serious cultural problem that is potentially fatal for the United States, which has become a very, very angry country.

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I bring up Bly because when reading The Book of Jezebel you are confronted not just with humor and a high level of intelligence, but deep, deep rage. Not anger — rage. It goes much deeper than politics, although in modern America politics is where this rage find its expression. Thus the malevolence towards "dead white males" and the liberal obsession with feelings and personal grievance. The bogus "war on women" is really nothing but liberal women acting out against bad fathers. The frightening thing about this rage is that it is insatiable even as it demands resolution through politics. Before the 1960s and the disintegration of the family, a political revolutionary would map out his plan for correcting the flaws he saw in the political system. Today's radicals speak in tones that are more personal. Their opponents are not just wrong, or obstacles to get past to attain better living conditions — they are evil, they are guilty, and they are personally culpable for screwing our lives up. Politics can't cure this wound.

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The writers at Jezebel are angry women. Their pain is beyond the reach of politics to solve. To be fair, there are many funny entries in The Book of Jezebel, like the one for Hipster: "Identifier claimed by no one but freely subjected on any person more Navajo-printed, leather-jacketed, asymmetrically-hairstyled, unshowered, ironically racist, Pitchfork-reading, warehouse-dwelling, amateur-mandolin-playing, or neon than you." But the jokes can't mask the rage. This is why that even as America has progressed and the treatment of women has vastly improved, the anger of the feminists has grown more acute. Nothing short of a matriarchal utopia will suffice. It's easier than admitting what really ails you.'

Nordic Ombudspersons Will Seek a Ban on Non-Therapeutic Male Circumcision

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'(OSLO) - At a meeting held 30 September 2013 in Oslo, the children's ombudspersons from the five Nordic countries (Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, and Iceland), and the children's spokesperson from Greenland, in addition to representatives of associations of Nordic paediatricians and pediatric surgeons, have agreed to work with their respective national governments to achieve a ban on non-therapeutic circumcision of underage boys.
...
Circumcision without a medical indication on a person unable to provide informed consent conflicts with basic principles of medical ethics, particularly because the operation is irreversible, painful and may cause serious complications. There are no health-related reasons to circumcise young boys in the Nordic countries. Arguments that may argue in favour of circumcision in adult men are of little relevance to children in the Nordic area. Boys can make up their own minds about the operation when they get old enough to provide informed consent.'

False tales of rape deter the true victims from speaking

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Article here. Excerpt:

'RAPE and sexual abuse remain two of society's greatest shames. False allegations like those reported in today's Oxford Mail do nothing to help society tackle such sick crimes.

Fortunately, we have come a long way from an infamous BBC documentary broadcast 30 years ago which showed a grossly unsympathetic interrogation of a rape complainant by Thames Valley Police officers.

The force says it is committed to helping women make complaints and bringing as many cases as possible to court to send out a real deterrent and message to victims that justice will be sought.

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Firstly, it plays into a dangerous myth that a large number of rape claims are false, a myth that plagues complainants with self-doubt that their ordeal was somehow their "fault". Secondly, it risks deterring women who are prepared to speak out because – no matter how sure they are of their case – they fear they will not be believed by police or jurors.

Those considering making a false claim must think of the impact their lies will have, not just for themselves and who they accuse, but on society as a whole.'

Women are too quick to put men down and should embrace chivalry, says Jilly Cooper

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'Her novels are perhaps too racy to be considered as portraying a traditional view of romance.

But Jilly Cooper says modern women should be more willing to embrace the virtues of old-fashioned chivalry.

The best-selling author criticised women for being too quick to ‘put men down’ with a constant bashing that has left them ‘brow-beaten’.

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She said it was a shame that modern couples rushed to have children out of wedlock. ‘Nobody seems to mention the word love any more. They just talk about having sex and women are having babies and not bothering to have husbands any more,’ she said.

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Mrs Cooper has never shied away from taking a traditional view of relationships. In 1969 she wrote How To Stay Married, which controversially advised women to turn a blind eye to a husband’s infidelity.

In the 1990s she discovered that her husband Leo had enjoyed a six-year affair.

Their marriage survived and Mrs Cooper now cares for Leo, 79, who was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease more than a decade ago, at their home in Gloucestershire.'

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jilly_Cooper

Scotland: Male abuse victims marginalised

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'My recent review of more than 400 academic, policy and practitioner texts on domestic abuse experienced by trans, bi, gay and heterosexual men established that there are significant barriers facing male victims who seek help. For example, a significant proportion of men in mixed-sex relationships do not want their abusive partner arrested and prosecuted and their care for the interests of their children is such that they do not want to risk their children's relationship with their mother being undermined by inappropriate state action whether by police, courts or social workers. There is also evidence that men in same-sex relationships may be reluctant to report the abuse they experience for fear of a lack of understanding towards themselves but also a fear of how homophobia might affect the treatment of their abusive partner.

The biggest problem, however, is what researchers call the "public story" of domestic abuse, that is that in the political, policy and academic debate domestic abuse is constructed as "violence against women" by male partners. This has been shown to have a significant negative impact on those in same-sex relationships to the point where victims of significant domestic abuse cannot even acknowledge to themselves that what is happening to them is abuse, let alone be confident in seeking help because their relationship, by definition, does not include a male perpetrator and female victim. This is all the more true for men who experience domestic abuse in mixed-sex relationships; the toxic effect of sexism and hegemonic forms of masculinity makes their help-seeking all the more difficult.'

Natalie Portman: Hitting Chris Hemsworth In 'Thor' Was For 'Womankind'

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'Natalie Portman says hitting Chris Hemsworth was "one small slap for womankind."

The actress, who reprises her role as Jane Foster in "Thor: The Dark World," gives the superhero a smack in the Marvel sequel.

At a promotional event on Saturday, Portman said that she channeled all her single girlfriends: "You hear all these stories about guys and it's just good to get a nice on-screen slap like 'you didn't call me back.'"

The intention may have been payback but, according to Hemsworth, the result was less so.'

Jobs Report Shows Progress For Women On Key Measure

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'While the September jobs report released Tuesday was largely disappointing, it contained some good news for women, who saw the largest gain in public sector jobs in over three years.

Women gained 48,000 jobs in the public sector, reversing a trend that has made it harder for them to recover from the recession. It was the largest single-month gain for women since May 2010, according to an analysis by the National Women's Law Center, and put them far ahead of men, who lost 26,000 public sector jobs in September.

Since June 2009, women have gained 2.5 million private sector jobs, but lost 380,000 public sector jobs, while men gained 3.8 million private sector jobs over the same period and lost only 325,000 public sector jobs. Women's public sector losses have canceled out 14.8 percent of their private sector gains, while that figure is only 8.4 percent for men.

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Overall, the percentage of unemployed adult women ticked slightly down in September from 6.3 percent in August to 6.2 percent in September. The overall unemployment rate for people over the age of 16 is 7.2 percent.

"Now policymakers have a chance to craft a budget that ends sequestration, invests in job creation, and protects programs women and their families depend on," Robbins said. "Millions of hard-working women and families are counting on them.”'

Related: She’s Got the Job: Unemployment Rate for Women Falls

The Coca-Cola Company to Fund Annual Scholarship for the Women's Foodservice Forum Executive Leadership Program

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'The Women's Foodservice Forum (WFF) announced today a new scholarship sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company for high potential women in the food service industry. The annual Chris Lowe Scholars Award provides a $15,000 grant to an outstanding woman in the food service industry. The grant will cover attendance and accommodations to the WFF Executive Leadership Program.

The Coca-Cola scholarship honors Chris Lowe who recently retired from The Coca-Cola Company following a 23-year career that included serving nearly a decade as president of National Food Service and On-Premise for Coca-Cola Refreshments.

"Chris Lowe is a remarkable champion for women's leadership and development," said Kathleen Ciaramello, president, National Food Service & On-Premise, Coca-Cola Refreshments. "Through the Chris Lowe executive leadership scholarship we are honoring his legacy in a way that will continue to support the mission of WFF and Coca-Cola to advance women's leadership."'

What if pay gap is just a myth?

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'Every year during the fall season, the most misleading, emotion packed headline in the U.S.A. reappears just like the 40 Atlantic salmon that return annually to the Connecticut River. "Women are paid 77 percent of what men make." Sub context: Pay discrimination reigns throughout the workforce. We must pass the Equal Pay Act.

Now this belief that women are paid less for equal work is one of the Ten Commandments of the progressive world. You cannot be a progressive if you do not believe in this mantra.

But is this mantra true?

The source of this annual headline is the Pay Gap report prepared by the Association of American University Women. Now I won't get into that perhaps the AAUW might be a wee bit biased in their conclusions.

So let's get into the nitty-gritty of the report, shall we? What exactly is being compared?'

Verizon Donates $100,000 to North Carolina Domestic Violence Programs

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'Verizon announces more than $100,000 in grants to domestic violence prevention efforts across North Carolina. The funds will support programs that educate youth and men about healthy relationships and domestic violence with a goal of stopping the cycle of abuse.

Attorney General Roy Cooper reports(i)a 15 percent increase in North Carolina domestic violence deaths in 2012. During October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), victim care agencies across the state work to drive home the need for change.

"We absolutely recognize that interpersonal violence is a major issue in our society and recognize the importance of training young men to be a part of the solution. We are thrilled to partner with Verizon to address this critical issue through the Healthy Men Project, a multi-level campus intervention that aims to promote healthy masculinity and recruit men for involvement in UNC-Chapel Hill's violence prevention efforts," said Winston B. Smith vice chancellor of student affairs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.'

Woman Who Burned Son's Penis Among Other Torture Acts Gets Up To 30 Years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A New Hampshire woman has been sentenced to nine to 30 years after pleading guilty in the torture of her 18-year-old son.

Christine Gelineau, a 53-year-old from Concord, reached an agreement with prosecutors Thursday, pleading guilty to first-degree assault and witness tampering, CBS Connecticut reported.

The teen, who is now 19, has two other alleged abusers he has yet to face. In court, he spoke to his now "ex-mother."

"Dear ex-Mother," he began, reading from a statement as his abuser sat sobbing nearby in an orange prison jumpsuit, the Concord Monitor reported. "What you did to me is unforgivable. You beat me, starved me, almost chopped my penis off, threw my clothes away, wouldn't let me bathe. You almost killed me by having me take three [antidepressants] and two muscle-relaxers."

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Daniel Tyler Cantrell, 20, and the victim's 29-year-old cousin, Amy Nason, are also charged with torturing the man.

Among the beatings and burning, the victim was also pressured to drink urine, eat worms, dish soap, and feces, according to court records. Cantrell is also accused of breaking the man's ankle and putting a lit cigarette out on his neck.

Authorities were first alerted to the abuse in April when a 12-year-old girl, staying with the daughter of Nason, alerted officials at the Division of Children, Youth and Families after seeing the abuse.'

SAVE: Tell Gov. LePage to Stop His Scary Misrepresentations of DV

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Maine governor Paul LePage is passionate about ending domestic violence. We share his desire to stop abuse, but we want him to acknowledge male victims and female abusers. We want him to tell the truth.

In a recent news article LePage repeated the long-debunked "[Men] are 80 percent of the perpetrators" factoid.

The governor has stated that he experienced domestic violence as a child at the hands of his father, so maybe that's why he has fallen for "bad stats" that paint men as monsters and ignore female perpetrators. We have compassion for him. But he's an elected official now, and he should be offering accurate information, not pushing a political agenda.

Hundreds of studies have shown that both genders commit domestic violence in similar numbers. Intimate partner abuse is not a gender crime. Both men and women are capable of hurting each other. And both can be victims.

Please contact Gov. LePage and ask him to give a revised statement about domestic violence immediately.

Contact Governor LePage:

- 207-287-3531
- http://www.maine.gov/governor/lepage/citizen_services/ideas-suggestions.shtml

On behalf of everyone hurt by domestic violence, thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Defying Male Suicide Logic

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'Suicide is the number one killer of young men in the UK, with 4552 male suicides in 2011, 75% of all suicides. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) data also shows that male suicide rates are climbing among older men who are aged 45 to 59-years-old. With such striking figures, I do wonder why male suicide is not seen as the public health emergency that it actually is.

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The logic of our response to male suicide is difficult to untangle. Perhaps this is because the scandal has been going on for so many years that we tend to look away from what is an unsettling reality. It is not newsworthy. There is also our shameful history of past criminalisation of suicide, and like other issues linked to mental health, suicide is still very much stigmatised. Not to mention the traditional British "stiff upper lip" approach to male distress, which is only slowly being challenged in recent times. Then there is the old slight of hand: "but men use more violent means to kill themselves," as if this could explain it all away. So we end up downplaying the enormous differences that exist between men and women when it comes to the topic of suicide.'

UK: Boys 'much more likely to be labelled with special needs'

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'Official figures show that almost one million boys in English state schools had some form of learning difficulty, behavioural problem or speech and language impairment last year compared with just 511,570 girls.

In all, almost a quarter of boys aged five to 19 had some form of difficulty that prevented them playing a full part in lessons, while just 13.7 per cent of girls were diagnosed.

It follows the release of data showing that boys are much less likely to pass primary school tests in the three-Rs or go on to gain good GCSE grades.

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Chris McGovern, a former head teacher and chairman of the Campaign for Real Education, said: “The number of children with special needs has grown incredibly over the last 20 years and it often comes down to poor training and teachers who cannot control children. Classifying children as having special needs is too often a ready excuse.

“There are some children with SEN – for example those on the autistic spectrum – who have genuine needs that must be addressed, but these are in a minority.”'

The fickle face of feminism: Women are fine with sexism... as long as it benefits them, says new study

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"While wolf whistling and pay inequality might rankle, it seems that not all sexist behaviour is seen as a bad thing, according to a new study.

'Benevolent sexism', where women are treated as helpless entities in need of protection, is seen in a positive light by many - particularly those women with a strong sense of entitlement.

The results appeared in a study conducted by researchers at the University of Auckland and titled The Allure of Sexism: Psychological Entitlement Fosters Women's Endorsement of Benevolent Sexism Over Time.
...
Benevolent sexism, meanwhile, is the term used to describe the actions of those men and women who believe females depend on their male partners for everything from money to guidance and find it difficult to exist independently.
...
'[We wanted to see] whether or not benevolent sexism is attractive to women because of its promises of benefits to individual women under the conditions of being cared for and provided for by a man within an intimate relationship.'
...
The study, which spoke to 2,700 women and 1,600 New Zealand men, found that women with a greater sense of entitlement - in other words, those that feel they have a 'right' to the best things in life - were more likely to agree with statements such as 'Women should be cherished and protected by men.'

'Even though both men and women have these kind of "entitled" tendencies to be reward-oriented and status-focused — the "cherish and protect" attitudes of benevolent sexism seem to take advantage of these qualities in women only,' added Hammond.

'This is an example of how benevolent sexism is an insidious set of ideas which appear to exploit "niceness" to encourage women to hold more sexist beliefs.'"

UK: False rape claimaint is jailed for 14 months

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'AN EASTER Ross woman who cheated on her boyfriend then cried rape after having sex with a man she met in a pub was jailed for 14 months at Tain Sheriff Court.

Sentencing Charlene Seel, Sheriff Jamie Gilchrist said she used the man for sex then stigmatised him when she falsely accused him of raping her.

Seel (22), of Kirkside, Alness had earlier pleaded guilty to falsely claiming to have been raped by the man on November 26 or 27, in 2011 at an address in Invergordon.

But in court Sheriff Gilchrist said the social work reports caused him concern because although Seel had pleaded guilty, what was contained in the reports amounted to a plea of not guilty and she had shown no remorse.

Seel's solicitor Alison Foggo said the Sheriff must ignore the terms of the report.'

Woman arrested for making false rape claim

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'Authorities at the University of Northern Iowa said an alleged sexual assault reported at the ROTH dorm in September never happened.

Officers with UNI's police department began their investigation after a female student told them she had been attacked by two men in her room around 2:30 a.m. Sept. 15.

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According to court records, in September Richmann told officers that two men followed her into her room, robbed her and sexually assaulted her. UNI put out a campus-wide alert with a description of the suspects.

Investigators were able to identify the men suspected in the incident, and they told officers there had been consensual sexual activity, court records state. Richmann later gave a statement admitting the sex was consensual, records state.'

'Don’t Shift the Focus From Men'

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'If the goal is to reduce or eliminate rape, getting men to stop raping would seem the logical solution. But this would involve an honest conversation about our devotion to a warped and toxic vision of masculinity, sex and power that would completely uproot the current social order. It’s easier to just tell women to stop drinking.

Our unwillingness to confront men lets this behavior, born of a sense of entitlement and misplaced ideas of what constitutes power, go unchecked. If we stopped blaming binge drinking (or short skirts, or too-high heels, etc.) we could concentrate on having men not just understand that “no means no,” and that all forms of sexual contact require consent, but also learn to reject that force, domination and coercion are natural markers of masculinity and manhood. Until we reckon with those concepts, women will continue being expected to prevent their own rapes.'

UK: Oxford University imposes quotas for women on basketball teams

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Oxford University will penalise basketball teams playing in an inter-college league unless they have at least one woman in.

The college basketball league introduced the gender quota in a bid to get more young women playing the sport.

But team captains say they struggle to recruit female students and that the new rules - which award one point for a win with an all-male team but three points for a win by a mixed team - are unfair.
...
League coordinator Zoe Fannon, who imposed the quota, said the move was necessary to because many women at the university “didn’t know how to go about” taking up basketball.'

Woman charged in nine alleged poisonings, including one-day-old baby

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'KITCHENER, Ont. - An Ontario woman accused of poisoning two young kids in her care has now been charged in the alleged poisonings of six babies and toddlers, including a newborn, as well as an adult.

Police said Friday the new charges come as a result of their investigation into the woman, who ran a home daycare in Kitchener, Ont., from 2009 to 2011.

With the new charges, she is now accused in the alleged poisonings of eight children and a 32-year-old adult, all residents of Kitchener, or Guelph, Ont.

Police allege a suspect gave them an over-the-counter eye care product containing Tetrahydrozoline that if ingested can cause abnormal drowsiness, low blood pressure, respiratory problems and decreased heart rates, especially in young children.
...
Detectives discovered that another child who had been under the woman's care in July 2010 had similar symptoms, and recovered after a few days in hospital, according to police.

Police have said the daycare did not have a name and it's not known how many children Allen cared for during the three years it operated.'

The Rape 'Epidemic' Doesn't Actually Exist

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'A group of 100 protesters – including many topless women – recently marched the streets of Athens, Ohio chanting, "Blame the system, not the victim" and "Two, four, six, eight, stop the violence, stop the rape." Organized by an Ohio University student organization called "f*ckrapeculture," the protest was designed to bring attention to what the founders believe is a toxic culture of sexism and sexual violence infecting their campus.

F*ckrapeculture cofounder Claire Chadwick explained to the campus newspaper, "The name of our organization and the statements that we've made are loud. But it's because we need to be heard." But saying something loudly does not make it true or just.

... However, as universities reexamine their sexual assault policies, administrators should be wary of the demands of these "rape culture" activists. Not only is their movement built on a foundation of dubious statistics and a distorted view of masculinity, but it has already led to policies that have proved devastating to those who have been falsely accused.
...
Unfortunately, Warner is not alone in his grievances. Across the country, students accused of sexual assault are regularly tried before inadequate and unjust campus judiciaries. At most schools, cases of sexual misconduct are decided by a committee of as few as three students, faculty members or administrators. At Swarthmore College, volunteers are now being solicited via email to serve on the Sexual Assault and Harassment Hearing Panel. Such a panel is far more likely to yield gender violence activists than impartial fact finders. In a court of law, we rely on procedural safeguards to ensure unbiased jury selection and due process. But on the college campus, these safeguards have vanished.
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Sexual assault is a horrific offense, and institutions must do all they can to protect victims. It is admirable that activists like Chadwick are trying to fight it. However, a false accusation of rape can also have devastating, life-altering consequences. Universities have an obligation to protect the rights of all students – both victims of sexual assault and the accused. They must stop responding to questionable statistics and abstract claims about a rape culture and instead focus on ensuring basic fairness for all students.

Meanwhile, advocates for due process, rules of evidence, basic justice and true gender equality need to speak louder than the "f*ckrapeculture" alarmists.'

Circumcision isn’t necessary

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'To be or not to be? Circumcised that is. Unfortunately for men, when this question arises, we are too young to have any input.

Circumcision is a surgical procedure that removes the foreskin covering the head of the penis. It’s a practice that has been around for thousands of years dating back to 2400 BC Egypt. In our day, many parents have their sons circumcised within their first few months of life due to culture, religion or personal preferences.

But how much research and consideration is actually being done by parents before they mutilate their newborn boys? Is circumcision really necessary? From my perspective, not enough and NO it’s NOT.
...
In fact it is now the norm in the U.S. to keep boys intact. Circumcision rates have fallen well below 40 percent. Although the popularity of circumcision is different in geographic areas, more than 60 percent of all male babies born in the U.S. will leave the hospital intact as opposed to most medically advanced countries in which 75 percent of the men are not circumcised.

The truth is there is NO connection between circumcision and better health. In fact, removing the foreskin may create immediate health risks. The foreskin is a vital and functioning part of the human body, since it protects the head of the penis from injury and provides moisture and lubrication. Circumcision has actually been proven to diminish sexual pleasure later in life.

Circumcision is only recommended for older boys and men to treat the inability to retract the foreskin (Phimosis), or in males who have penis infections.
...
Think about it: we don’t circumcise our dogs, our cats or any of our pets. We may neuter or spay them but never circumcise. So why do we circumcise our children?'

The myth of ‘Everyday Sexism’

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'Sexism in the workplace is rife, according to a new study commissioned by employment law firm Slater & Gordon. Sixty per cent of women, the report suggests, have had a male colleague behave ‘inappropriately’ towards them. Now, putting aside the obvious point that an employment law firm may have a vested interest in unearthing potential new cases, the report hardly stands up to scrutiny. Do the 1,036 women who participated in the survey represent a cross-section of society or is the data based on self-selection? Are there any editorial processes or judicial procedures in place to decide what does and does not constitute sexism, or is it merely a case of ‘it is if she says it is’? And then there’s the issue of context. In the report, incidents of harassment includes everything from having a colleague putting their hands up a woman’s skirt, to touching their legs or thighs and placing their hand in the small of a woman’s back. Surely there is a difference between your boss randomly groping your breasts and that over-familiar male colleague slapping your thigh after they have told a dirty joke?
...
The big questions of feminism used to be about tangible, practical things: should women have the right to vote, to the contraceptive pill, to equal pay? Now, the ‘big’ questions are introspective, self-absorbed questions mired simply in identity politics, and based on small, perceived instances of sexist abuse. This new trend not only degrades the gains of feminism but women themselves. The concept underpinning both the Slater & Gordon report and the Everyday Sexism Project is that all women are the default victims of male dominance. The implication is that men act, while women are acted upon. We are told that we’re afraid, oppressed, we are kept down and persecuted and there is nothing we can do on our own to get out from under this enormous, nebulous burden of fear and misogyny that is endemic within the workplace, and Western society in general.'

'Tough Guise 2': The Ongoing Crisis of Violent Masculinity

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'In 1999 Jackson Katz headlined a documentary that powerfully revealed the mask of masculinity, a pretense of stoicism and readiness for violence that many men feel compelled to put on, at least part of the time. The film, Tough Guise: Violence, Manhood, and American Culture, became a staple in classes on gender across the country.

Last week marked the release of Tough Guise 2 and SocImages was given the honor of debuting an exclusive clip from the new film. In the segment below, Katz explains that men aren't naturally violent but, instead, often learn how to be so. Focusing on socialization, however, threatens to make invisible the socialization agents. In other words, Katz argues, men don't just learn to be more violent than they otherwise would be—they are actively taught.

He begins with the fact that the video game and film industries both take money from companies that make firearms to feature their products. The U.S. military then uses the video game Call of Duty for recruitment and training. It's no use arguing whether the media, the military, or the gun industry are responsible for rates of violence, he observes, since they're in cahoots. These extreme examples intersect with the everyday, mundane lessons about the importance of being "real men" that boys and men receive from the media and their peers, parents, coaches, and more.'

DVD: Tough Guise 2

'The Tough Guise Scam'

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'Jackson Katz believes that there is a national crisis in masculinity because young men believe a man should be tough, strong, independent and respected. The US Government is paying him to educate Marines.
...
Surely Katz has studied some history. This makes his claim that the modern media is responsible for these very old ideas about manliness even more dissonant. Blaming the modern media for male violence is like holding Martha Stewart accountable for the habits of all women who enjoy cooking and decorating.
...
When Katz decided to blame the modern media for these “narrow”definitions of manhood that box men in…ancient Roman, Greek, Norse, Celtic, Japanese, Chinese, Mongolian, Aztec and Native American mythologies that portrayed men in the same way must have slipped his mind.

It would make more sense for Katz to blame the ancient media.

If anything, violent stories probably shape violent acts and give form and outlet to the polymorphous violence of masculinity. They direct violence and give it a certain style, but the idea that a society without violent stories about men (will this demand book-burning, and revisionist history, too?) will become a society without male violence is specious and utopian nonsense. The fact that state-subsidized organizations pay Katz to peddle this idiocy is a travesty.'

Woman arrested in third domestic assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Covelo woman remains in custody after being arrested for domestic violence three times in 17 days. The latest arrest occurred on Oct. 14 when she was arrested after her boyfriend told deputies she hit him in the head with a beer bottle.

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When deputies questioned the cohabitant, they noted he had a 3 inch lump on the back of his head. The victim told deputies McFadin hit him with a beer bottle. He told deputies they were not arguing at the time and he had no idea what had angered her enough to hit him in the head. He said McFadin also hit him with a garden hose and threw a rock at a female witness. The victim refused further medical attention.

McFadin was booked on domestic assault on Oct. 3 and Sept. 27.

In the Sept. 27 incident she was suspected of striking her boyfriend in the back with a board. At the time of this incident the victim told deputies he and McFadin were arguing when she hit him with the board.

Deputies noted during this incident the victim appeared to be severely intoxicated and McFadin appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance.'

Woman caught seeking hit-man to kill estranged husband before next custody hearing

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'A Texas woman was busted plotting to kill the father of her 7-year-old son after she brought the child to meet an undercover cop posing as a hitman and put a down payment on the hit.

Nicolette Beard, 33, was cuffed after she met the undercover officer in a College Station parking lot on Wednesday and gave him $800 of the $4,000 she promised to pay to have her child's father, Anthony Drymalla, 30, killed, police told the Houston Chronicle.

The two met after a friend of Beard's alerted cops to the scheme, police said.

Beard brought her son to the meetup, but let a friend bring the boy into a store as she discussed the murder-for-hire plot with the supposed contract killer.
...
She told the officer that she wanted it to look like an accident and prefered if Drymalla's wife were injured or killed in the rubout. But she needed him dead within a couple of days, police said.

"They're in an ongoing custody battle," College Station Assistant Chief Brandy Norris told WTLV-TV. "And, according to the person who reported it to us, she wanted something done before they went to court (on Friday)."'

Report on high-profile rape accusation concludes the claim was a lie

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jamie Leigh Jones, a young employee for defense contractor KBR in Iraq, captured our national attention when, in 2007, she claimed to have been gang raped by her colleagues and then locked into a shipping container by KBR officials intent on keeping her from going public. Jones' accusations touched on already hovering concerns about powerful defense contractors and the general atmosphere of brutality that stemmed from the war. It felt symbolic of everything that had been going wrong in Iraq. Sen. Al Franken used the case to force the Defense Department to refuse contracts with corporations that mandate arbitration for sexual assault claims instead of allowing employees to sue.

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Turns out, it may all have been a lie. Jones lost her lawsuit against KBR, and now Washington Monthly has just published an impressive investigative piece by Mother Jones reporter Stephanie Mencimer, who has concluded that, based on the evidence presented in court, Jones probably made it all up. The extensive injuries Jones claimed to have suffered, including torn pectoral muscles and damage to her breast implants, weren't in the medical reports taken by the Army doctor who examined her after the alleged rape, nor did Jones mention those injuries to her doctor at home. Jones did have to get her breast implants fixed, but the evidence at trial suggests it was for unrelated reasons. Under questioning, Jones denied ever having claimed to have been gang-raped, even though her extensive media appearances say otherwise. (The kidnapping claim was tossed from the get-go because Jones didn't mention it when she initially filed a report with the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission about her supposed ill treatment at KBR.) One juror, Paul Oldenburgh, told Mencimer that the jury wanted to believe Jones—that he personally came to the trial with bad opinions of KBR—but that the evidence suggests that Jones had consensual sex with one colleague that night and that's it.

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Mencimer seems annoyed that Jones' fake case led to real legislation protecting the rights of rape accusers, and that politicians who voted against that legislation were, in her words, "vilified." But the law that resulted from the situation, which forces these cases out of corporate arbitration and into court, is still good legislation. After all, without the jury trial, we may have never known the truth of what happened to Jamie Leigh Jones. Score one for those who demanded that trial in the first place, even if it had a surprising outcome.'

Nothing Liberating About Being Wasted

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Alcohol is the No. 1 date-rape drug. That's not victim-blaming, or anti-women (let the record show a large portion of male victims have been drinking at the time of their sexual assaults too). It's simply a fact. The vast majority of campus rapes happen when the rapist, the victim or both are drunk.

And so alcohol education is essential for students of every gender.

Even when willing partners are sober, communication about sex can be fuzzy. We don't sit down and make a Venn diagram of what we want and don't want. Once heavy drinking enters the picture, all nuance disappears. Smashed people converse without any give and take and precious little listening, shouting toward each other as if on separate mountaintops in a heavy fog.
...
Binge drinking, whether we're male, female, straight, gay or one of many shades of gray, dulls our senses and slows reaction times, making it harder to identify our comfort zones until we're frightfully outside of them.'

'Awesome Alternative to Campus Feminism Celebrates Ninth Anniversary'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When looking at their course syllabi, young conservative women often find assignments that encourage them to challenge gender roles and unabashedly criticize the opposite sex. When searching for clubs to join on campus, they may find similar options — a host of feminist groups spewing a “women rule the world/men are the enemy” message. One organization, however, is continuing to provide female students with a conservative alternative.

For almost a decade now, the Network of Enlightened Women has been working to ignite a conversation on feminism and conservatism on college campuses which challenges the often misguided messages of college feminist groups. NeW celebrates its ninth anniversary this month.'

Do Some Docs Have Vested Interest in Prescribing Radiation for Prostate Cancer?

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Patients with prostate cancer may be encouraged to get radiation therapy by urologists who own the equipment, new research suggests.

According to study author Jean Mitchell, a professor of economics at Georgetown University, the use of expensive radiation treatments has increased substantially in practices that own the equipment.
...
Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society, said urologists make only about $1,100 for surgery to remove the prostate, and watchful waiting involves only the limited cost of office visits and imaging.

Radiation treatment, however, can cost between $31,000 and $40,000, depending on where in the country patients are treated, Mitchell said.

"This is really showing that financial incentives really influence physician behavior," she said. "Patients have to wonder, 'Am I getting the treatment because it's really the best, or am I getting the treatment because my urologist is making money off of it?'" Mitchell said.
...
D'Amico advises patients to ask if the medical evidence for their case supports radiation or surgery.

"The correct answer is either yes or no. If there is a choice, the patient should be told that the medical evidence is inconclusive. That's what they need to hear, because that's the truth. Most of the time, there is a choice," he said. "If they say the medical evidence in your case says it should be radiation, then the patient has to wonder whether or not [they're] getting it straight."

Moreover, D'Amico said patients should get a second opinion.

One critic of the study, Dr. Deepak Kapoor, president of the Large Urology Group Practice Association, said the study represents a political agenda and that doctors aren't pushing radiation therapy when they own the equipment.

He said the study misrepresents the actual data, and there is no real increase in the use of radiation therapy in practices that own their own equipment. In his view, the study is an attempt to persuade lawmakers to make radiation therapy for prostate cancer the sole province of radiation oncologists, which is why the association representing radiation oncologists funded the study.

But study author Mitchell painted a different picture.

"The urologists have tried to paint this as a turf battle, but in my view this is not their scope of practice," Mitchell said. "I know some urologists who are making $1 million a year, and $700,000 of it comes from their ancillary services -- radiation, pathology and imaging. Only $300,000 comes from what they were trained to do. And people wonder why health care is so expensive. This is one of the reasons. Everybody responds to financial incentives. Why should physicians be different? They're not."'

Mother accused of ripping 6-YO son's scrotum

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'Jennifer Marie Vargas is being charged with assault with serious bodily injury after admitting to getting angry and pulling her 6-year-old son by his privates and ripping his scrotum.

According to the affidavit, she then cleaned the wound with alcohol and tried to fix it with super glue. She then allegedly ordered him to go to bed.

When the boy's father returned home, he saw the blood and took the boy to San Antonio Military Medical Center where he underwent surgery.

Vargas could face 10 years in prison if convicted.

She's due in court on Monday.'

Making sense of college enrollment decline

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Bureau of the Census recently released a report indicating college enrollment dropped by about a half million students from 2011 to 2012. In fact, the press release from the Census Bureau said enrollment “plunged” from one year earlier.

Most people are well aware of the correlation between educational attainment and earnings: in general, the higher the education level, the higher the income. Future prosperity, both as individuals and as a society, is tied to improving education levels (particularly for states that are lagging, such as Texas).

So, is the drop in college enrollment something we should be worried about? I don’t think so, and here’s why.

First of all, the drop (which was actually about 467,000 nationwide) isn’t huge compared to total enrollment. With just more than 19.9 million people now in college, the decline was about 2.3 percent from 2011 — not exactly a plunge! Even so, downward is generally considered the wrong direction, so we took a closer look at the underlying changes revealed in the detailed tables.
...
Looking at changes by gender, male students declined by 530,000, while females increased by 61,000. As noted, older part-time male student enrollment fell sharply. White, non-Hispanic male enrollment dropped by 657,000. Enrollment for male part-time students who were working full time fell 302,000. No matter how you slice or dice it, male students comprised the bulk of the overall drop. One particularly bright note for females is the large gain in enrollment among Hispanics, which rose by 375,000 (an increase of almost 25 percent).'

Husband defends teacher in domestic violence case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Gaston County elementary school teacher faces an assault charge related to a domestic violence incident that occurred Monday.

Sharon Denise Putnam left fingernail marks on her husband, Adam, after the two had an argument over a cellphone video, according to a warrant affidavit signed by Stanley Police Officer J.L. Abernathy.

...

Putnam said he had to “barricade himself in the bathroom,” but that his wife started kicking and shoving trying to get to him, according to the warrant. “Once the suspect got into the bathroom, she tore the victim’s pants to get the phone out and throw it into the toilet,” Abernathy wrote in the warrant affidavit. The officer noted he could see fingernail marks and scratches on Adam Putnam’s upper arm.

Adam Putnam said he showed up at his wife’s first court appearance and defended her again on Wednesday. “She’s the most genuine, sensitive person you’ll ever meet in your life,” Putnam said.

...

Adam Putnam said he asked police that night not to arrest her, but that the officer said he had to take her in because he could visibly see the scratch marks and bruises on his body.

The Putnam’s 12-year-old son also told police that he videotaped his mother attacking his dad, but that his mother deleted the video off his cellphone, according to a warrant affidavit.'

Request for guidance about forming a men's rights group

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I am a professor of mechanical engineering. And I have found out that many of the students where I teach are about to commence action on Movember.

I point out that I no longer teach in the U.S. - I left my tenured position there and took up a tenured position in Europe. My wife decided this as she is from this particular country. After seeing the complex contradictions of Valentine's day in the US, where men are expected to buy gifts and attend the Vagina Monologues, SHE - I was blind to men's rights issues at the time (but SHE is the one who has clued me in) - resolved that she did not want our son growing up in a country that did not respect its men. So we moved. And it is great here, but even this country is becoming slightly feminized.

I would like to talk with these men at the first Movember meeting and suggest they extend their activity into monthly meetings on Men’s Rights issues. There are no such groups here.

But I have no idea what form such a meeting will take. I do not think it is wise for it to degenerate into misogyny. Nor do I think it wise for it to become a group therapy session.

I am sort of thinking that it would be meetings to discuss male perception and events that suggest misandry, perhaps a discussion each month on good men, perhaps invited speakers. So I am wondering if anyone has put together a cluster of agendas for such meetings. How would one run such meetings? Please post your ideas in the Comments section to this item.

Thanks!

Religious freedom vs bodily integrity: another round of the foreskin wars

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Council of Europe's resolution earlier this month to prohibit the circumcision of infant boys for religious reasons has ignited another round to the "foreskin wars". This time it's about the rights of religious freedom and autonomy versus the right of individuals to retain "physical integrity". As usual, different groups are shouting that my human rights are more important than yours.
...
Meanwhile, bioethicists and lawyers will continue to disagree about therapeutic and non-therapeutic values because there is an inescapable tension in how we think about harm, autonomy, and competing claims for rights. What are the rights of children, including psychological well-being associated with "belonging"? Do we necessarily favour physical integrity over respect for cultural difference?

One conclusion is that we need to be wary about easy answers in relation to human flourishing, diversity and the "right to health".'

Data regarding circumcision's adverse effects suppressed

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MANN admins received the following from a reader and M.D. involved in the study of the practice and effects of circumcision:

The recent publication of an extraordinary association between country-level rates of circumcision with their respective country-level rates of autism (r=0.98, p<0.000005) [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23656698] explains the recent observation of less than expected rate of autism prevalence in Spain where an equal male to female autism prevalence was also observed (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23746744) as Spain (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16177149) and Hispanics in the U.S. have the lowest circumcision rates (2% in Spain) while Hispanics in U.S. also have a less than expected autism prevalence (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20019320).

Furthermore, recent reports from Israel and Kenya/Uganda indicate lack of effectiveness of circumcision in reducing heterosexual HIV/AIDS transmission: Coutinho in Uganda has pointed out based on rising HIV/AIDS rates the lack of effectiveness of circumcision in reducing female to male HIV transmission based on both failure to achieve the 60% relative risk reduction of the published studies with the expected absolute risk reduction being only 0.8-1.8% at best (http://www.independent.co.ug/news/news-analysis/6402-experts-divided-over-hiv-strategy) and the reported increased risk of male to female HIV transmission posed by circumcised males in Uganda (Wawer: http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60998-3/abstract) as heterosexually transmitted HIV infection rates significantly rise in Israel (http://www.haaretz.com/news/national/new-cases-of-hiv-in-israel-hit-record-high-in-2012.premium-1.528780) and circumcision fails to reduce HIV rates in Kenya (http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/?articleID=2000093293&story_title=push-for-male-circumcision-in-nyanza-fails-to-reduce-infections).

These results have led the United States Preventative Services Task Force to recommend “treatment as prevention” using antiretrovirals for HIV/AIDS prevention, not circumcision (http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/uspshivi.htm) in the U.S.

Parents need to be afforded fully informed consent to act in the best interest of their children. Unfortunately when there is suppression/omission of circumcision adverse event data, fully informed consent cannot be given. (http://www.examiner.com/article/circumcision-adverse-event-data-missing-from-study-suppression-alleged)

The epidemiological studies to address whether circumcision is a risk factor for Autism Spectrum Disorders and Chronic Pelvic Pain and its serious comorbidities (including erectile dysfunction, increased lifetime risk of cardiovascular and neuropsychiatric diseases) [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16104910 ; http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1464-410X.2005.05684.x/abstract] are straightforward, if not omitted/suppressed by NIH due to conflicts of interests. Ongoing professional/institutional competing public health-economic interests exist, and circumcision will stay touted as the recommended low cost HIV/AIDS “preventative” (http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2012/12/05/1209017110), as long as circumcision adverse event data/lack of HIV/AIDS effectiveness data are suppressed/ignored.

Jewish Family in Canada Opts for a Brit Shalom

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just as I was feeling defeated, I found a website that lists over 100 rabbis and celebrants who perform brit shalom, an alternative to brit milah. (Brit shalom contains the symbolic elements of the covenant ceremony, but without circumcision.) At the time, there was only one rabbi listed for all of British Columbia… but he just so happened to be in my city, Vancouver! I later discovered his name had been added about three weeks before I'd found it. I believe this was the universe rewarding us for following our hearts.
...
Instead of circumcising our son, Amari and I decided that each member of our immediate family would bless a part of Kai with olive oil. I blessed his bicep and explained it was so he would have the strength to stay true to his beliefs, to who he was. My wife blessed his heart, wishing him to be full of love for everything and everyone. Each member of our family had an opportunity.
...
Kai is now five months old and Amari and I couldn't be happier with our decision to keep him intact. We encourage everyone to do their research into the harms of circumcision and follow their hearts in protecting their newborns. You can never go wrong doing that.'

Fighting sexism with cross-stitch: The rise of misandry crafts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Of course, there is a flip side. There are women who unapologetically hate men. Scrolling through Instagram the other day, I noticed an author whose work I admire wearing a misandry t-shirt. She suggested it should be a “staff uniform” for her magazine. When I asked her via email if the t-shirt was ironic, she wrote back saying, “To me, there’s nothing ironic about misandry. I really do hate men. A lot.”

For most of the women who embrace the idea of misandry, though, it seems generally more complicated, or maybe just a play on words. One of the Etsy artists I spoke to said there was no other reason she created her misandry craft than because a “friend asked me to make her a custom one. After I posted a photo of it online, I started to get a lot of orders for them.” Even the Misandry-Mermaid Tumblr tagline states, “This feminist Tumblr strives towards intersectionality and inclusivity.” Yet this thoughtful and inclusive mission statement is written under a photo of a mermaid that reads, “Forever bathing in your male tears.”

The hardest part for me in accepting misandry is that it’s just not that simple. I have met and dealt with really, really shitty men in my life. But I have had really good guys who helped me through my divorce, who have lifted me out of dark places, and who have listened to me process some of the darkest fears about myself. Perhaps I need to buy misandry t-shirts for those men—that way they can reclaim the word without irony, and finally feel free.'

UK: Young mother jailed for making two false rape claims within hours

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A young mother has been jailed after she made two different false reports of rape within hours after drunkenly sleeping with her friend's partner.

The man only proved his innocence because he filmed the sexual encounter on his mobile phone and the footage showed she was a willing and active participant.

Ashleigh Loder, 25, wasted at least 100 hours of police time and subjected the man, who has not been named, to police questioning after inventing the two attacks in Bideford, North Devon.
...
A friend of the man's partner, Loder admitted she fabricated a story fearing the consequences of sleeping with him.

She spread her claims about him around Bideford and he was forced to stay inside, becoming a recluse for two weeks to avoid reprisals, Exeter Crown Court was told.
...
Greg Richardson, defending, said: 'Her life was a complete dream and she convinced herself she had been raped. Who knows what was going on in her mind but she believed something within her had said no.

'She says the situation she got into was rock bottom. She wishes to apologise sincerely to the man.'"

Men can suffer from domestic violence, too

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'According to a recent national study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, one in seven men has been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner. Men are also victims of verbal, emotional, psychological, sexual and financial abuse. One in 33 men have experienced sexual assault and one in 19 men have been stalked. All of these forms of violence are devastating and can be debilitating, causing depression, guilt, shame, humiliation and anxiety.

Male victims face numerous barriers when attempting to report abuse. They are often not believed, mocked, and devalued for the abuse. Attitudes in our society that say men should be strong and tough limit a male survivor's ability to seek and receive help and often results in experiences of further shame and re-victimization.'

Ed. note: It's dumb, but the site makes you click a button under the first paragraph in answer to a "survey question". You need only click one answer button and the rest of the letter's text appears. You do not have to answer all the questions it says that follow the first.

'How Men Conned Feminists Into Abortion'

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'Feminists have been telling men to keep out of the abortion debate for decades. Female body parts, the activists say, give them the sole right to address the issue.

“Stand down if you don’t have ovaries,” a Florida state representative told her male colleagues in 2010 as lawmakers debated a bill requiring ultrasound examinations before abortions.

But talk like that is at odds with recent history, contends Brian Fisher in his recent book “Abortion: The Ultimate Exploitation of Women.”

Abortion is “more about men and their agendas than it is about women and their agendas,” asserts Fisher, co-founder and president of Online for Life, which uses Internet technology to protect women and children from abortion.'

‘Thor: The Dark World’ Makes A Joke Out Of Domestic Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“You hear all these stories about guys and it’s just good to get a nice on-screen slap like ‘you didn’t call me back.,’ ” Portman said.

On set, the Thor slap ended up being something of a joke, Hemsworth said.

”It just got really funny and ridiculous you know. It’s like in high school when you’re not meant to laugh,” he said.

But the issue would likely not go over well with domestic violence groups working to de-stigmatize violence against men. This year, a few films have been produced highlighting domestic violence against men and the unspoken stigma that comes with it.

“Gradually, more and more drama is being produced dealing with male victims of domestic violence by women which has been swept under the carpet for many years,” wrote the blog Save Our Society about the new movie, Flawless, that deals with female domestic violence. “This has perpetuated the feminist-inspired myth that all women are gentle creatures who wouldn’t hurt a fly and that all men are violent brutes.”

As these critics point out, if Thor: The Dark World would depict the male actor slapping a woman, it would likely be seen very differently, and certainly not as a joke.'

‘Man up’ to being a victim

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'The push to empower women could be prompting violence against men.

“You have women who have found their voice and were encouraged to do so, which is a good thing. But are the women in the next generation taking it too far?” questioned Charlane Cluett, Muskoka Parry Sound Community Mental Health Service operations manager.

...

“Do they understand the difference between assertiveness and conflict resolution and negotiation versus aggression and threat? I don’t know that we’ve done as good a job as we could in teaching the differences there,” she said. “I wonder if there’s an over-compensation and now we’ve left the men out.”

...

“I think there’s a huge deficit in men’s groups, where men can go and talk,” he said. “With both male and female, it’s important to realize what abuse really is.”

...

Eby said another obstacle is fear of displacement, since men often have nowhere to go.

“That’s one of the areas that men are at a disadvantage because currently they have to leave Muskoka and go to Simcoe County,” he said. “There is a group that is seeking to establish a shelter in Muskoka, but to my knowledge that hasn’t happened yet.”

Theresa McFadyen, Muskoka Victim Services SupportLink co-ordinator, said fear of losing their children also holds men back.

“It’s an automatic assumption that the female is going to get the kids,” she said. “They tell me they don’t want to lose their kids, so they don’t report.”'

'The silenced minority'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Because October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I'd like to address the strain of domestic abuse people are the least aware of: abuse directed at men.

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A study by the Centers for Disease Control indicates more men than women were victims of intimate partner physical violence and more than 40 percent of severe physical violence victims were men in 2010.

The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey reported that in 2011, an estimated 5,365,000 men and 4,741,000 women were victims of intimate partner physical violence.

...

These statistics aren't commonly known. Women are the stereotypical victims of domestic violence, so it can be difficult for a man to share his story. Male victims who seek help often report that hotline workers say they only help women, imply the men must be the instigators, ridicule men or refer them to batterers' programs. Police, meanwhile, are reluctant to take action against a woman who is accused of abusing her partner.

Even when men attempt to seek help, there are few places for them to go. England and Wales are home to approximately 7,500 battered women's shelters. There are only 60 for men. In the U.S., the same phenomenon is observable, and many shelters have age limits that deny sanctuary to boys older than 13.

Despite all of this, when a man brings up the issue of male victims, there is an expectation that he would be pejoratively labeled as a men's rights activist. Domestic violence, however, isn't a sexually restrictive or gender-restrictive term. Although it's most commonly associated with women, the number of male victims is substantial.'

What Schools Can Do to Help Boys Succeed

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'Being a boy can be a serious liability in today's classroom. As a group, boys are noisy, rowdy and hard to manage. Many are messy, disorganized and won't sit still. Young male rambunctiousness, according to a recent study, leads teachers to underestimate their intellectual and academic abilities. "Girl behavior is the gold standard in schools," says psychologist Michael Thompson. "Boys are treated like defective girls."

These "defective girls" are not faring well academically. Compared with girls, boys earn lower grades, win fewer honors and are less likely to go to college. One education expert has quipped that, if current trends continue, the last male will graduate from college in 2068. In today's knowledge-based economy, success in the classroom has never been more crucial to a young person's life prospects. Women are adapting; men are not.

Some may say, "Too bad for the boys." The ability to regulate one's impulses, sit still and pay attention are building blocks of success in school and in life. As one critic told me, the classroom is no more rigged against boys than workplaces are rigged against lazy or unfocused workers. That is absurd: unproductive workers are adults — not 5- and 6-year-old children who depend on us to learn how to become adults. If boys are restive and unfocused, we must look for ways to help them do better.'

Countries that care about men

bronxman · 28 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

This article speaks for itself - a country that is concerned about the health of men. Excerpt:

'At first blush, the mascot's name is rather endearing: Mr. Balls.

But for those who might find that descriptive title offensive, the scrotum-shaped character also answers to "Senhor Testiculo" in Brazil, where he is a spokes-thing for a group that is seeking to raise awareness of testicular cancer research.

...

You've got to admire Mr. Balls' bravery to let it all hang out. The character's eyes have a kind of bedroom quality, and, thanks to the positive response to Sponge Bob's dental occlusion, Mr. Balls' buck teeth are almost fashionable.

Hundreds of men die from testicular cancer every year, so the effort behind Mr. Balls is no laughing matter. The American Cancer Society said recently that occurrences of testicular cancer are increasing, both domestically and elsewhere.'

Heartwarming YouTube Video Protests Adoption of Veronica Brown

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A YouTube video is protesting the "illegal and unethical adoption of Veronica Brown," a member of the Cherokee Nation. In the background, father-daughter team Jorge and Alexa Narvaez sing a cover of 4 Non Blondes' "What's Going On." The pair, who became a YouTube sensation starting in 2010 with their cover of Edward Sharpe and The Magnetic Zero's "Home," when Alexa was 6, gave permission for their video to be used with the photo compilation of Veronica hugging and laughing with her dad.

Hearing the musical collaboration between a loving father and his vibrant daughter amplifies the hard reality that Veronica Brown will miss out on this kind of incredible bond with her biological father, who lives in Oklahoma near the Cherokee reservation, while being raised by an adoptive couple in South Carolina.'

Background: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adoptive_Couple_v._Baby_Girl

"Study of Male Birth Defect Lets Pesticides Off the Hook -- for Now"

Minuteman · 29 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Only a weak link exists between pesticide exposure and a common birth defect in baby boys, according to a new study.

Researchers examined the association between hundreds of chemicals used in commercial pesticides and a birth defect called hypospadias, in which the urethral opening on the penis is on the underside rather than on the tip.
...
In the study, researchers compared data from 690 male infants born with hypospadias and nearly 2,200 male infants who did not have the birth defect. The infants were born in California's Central Valley, which has one of the highest rates of pesticide use in the nation, according to the study. The mothers of the children lived fairly close to where pesticides were used.

The researchers found that 15 chemicals used in pesticides had possible associations with hypospadias, but they said further research is needed, according to the study, which was published online Oct. 28 in the journal Pediatrics.'

Gender discrimination: two wrongs don’t make a right

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many feminists think misandry isn’t real. Not even my spellcheck thinks misandry is real. But it has become painfully obvious to me, as I pay closer attention to today’s social issues, that it is.
...
I find it incredibly hypocritical that women wishing for equality in the world think it is okay to perpetuate negative stereotypes of men. I’m here to tell you, it doesn’t help. Discrimination can’t be used to fight discrimination; this makes us look petty at best and snowballs the issue at worst.
...
Just like misogyny, prejudice against men has become such an ingrained part of our culture that we often don’t even recognize it. I was taught from a very young age that “boys only want one thing.” It made me terrified of them. They became “the other”: people to be extremely wary of. I still struggle with this idea to this day. Clearly this notion has been damaging to me, but it has also been hurtful to the men in my life who’ve deserved more of a chance than I’ve allowed myself to give them.'

Are Girls More Likely to Outperform Boys in American Schools?

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'With the rise of feminism in the late 20th century, many institutions in America are catering toward women and making it difficult for young boys to flourish. Our culture has placed high value on sensitivity and on being relational, and the standard of "model behavior" in grade schools is that of a well-mannered, quiet little girl.

Educators in primary school classrooms are typically female, and they often apply a universal standard for "good behavior" to their students. Traditional American pupils are expected to sit still for hours on end, to keep silent unless asking a question, and to keep on-task. Young boys - who are typically full of energy, like rough-and-tumble play, and like to work with their hands rather than sit still in a desk, are being disciplined for their behavior.'

Outreach focuses on dads to help end domestic violence

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'The community outreach event was part of a movement to make men frontline fighters in the war to end violence against women. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the P.E.A.C.E. Initiative partnered with Edgewood, whose board of trustees committed to the issue by signing a resolution against domestic violence. The message was that men and boys have options for expressing who they are. Those present also recited a pledge of nonviolence within the family.

“We want them to know they can lift their voice and make their presence felt without aggression and violence,” P.E.A.C.E. Initiative executive director Patricia Castillo said. “Three-quarters of the men in our community are doing the right thing. They're being good papis (dads). They're doing sacred, hard, good work. We want to say, 'Thank you,' but we also want to spread that message.”'

Is anyone saying women messed up Healthcare.gov and men must save it?

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I would love to link to an article making similar commentary to that which we saw after the U.S. government narrowly avoided defaulting on its debts, but I'm afraid that I can't. At that time, there was commentary from Robert Redford, Kathleen Parker, the Huffington Post, and many others, all telling us that we had women to thank for saving us from a fiscal disaster caused by men. And, of course, this meant that we needed more women in positions of power.

Now, Healthcare.gov is a mess, and the rollout of Obamacare has been a debacle. The two people most responsible for this epic IT failure are Kathleen Sebelius and Marilyn Tavenner. But, has anyone put out the word that we need "men to save us from the disaster that women have caused"?

Oh, heck no! That would just be sexist, wouldn't it?

Kathleen Sebelius: 'Men often do need maternity care'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'During Wednesday's congressional testimony, a heated exchange occurred between Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-NC) and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius over one of the still-unexploded controversies in the ObamaCare law: the fact that ObamaCare's so-called "robust" coverage is in reality your government forcing you to pay for coverage that includes expensive services millions will never need. Ellmers called Sebelius out specifically for forcing men to buy maternity coverage.
...
Sebelius: The individual policies cover families. Men often do need maternity care for their spouses and for their families, yes.

Ellmers: A single make *[sic, should read "male"]*, aged 32, does need maternity coverage. To the best of your knowledge, has a man ever delivered a baby?'

Woman wearing 'abusive wife' costume arrested for beating up boyfriend dressed as 'abused husband'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman wearing an ‘abusive wife’ costume was arrested for beating up her boyfriend in Detroit, Michigan, on Saturday night.

Cristina Crespo, 26, and her unnamed boyfriend were participating in a Halloween pub crawl when they were spotted by police outside the Mojave Cantina at around 9pm.

Patrol officers stopped to check on Crespo, who was clearly intoxicated and lying on the sidewalk.
...
The officer then tracked down Crespo's boyfriend, who was dressed up as an ‘abused husband’ which entailed a stream of fake blood running from his nose.

The boyfriend confirmed to the officer that the couple had a designated driver, and he agreed to collect their things and leave.

As the officer exited the cantina, he heard shouting and went to investigate.

He found Crespo ‘screaming and repeatedly hitting the boyfriend with her purse’ and tried to intervene, but Crespo ‘continued to be loud and belligerent and was detained.’

‘It’s ironic that she went out dressed up as an abuser and that’s what she ended up as,’ said Sarvello.'

Jury: No charges in Ohio University Rape Case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Athens County Grand Jury declined to issue an indictment in an alleged rape case, which had gained national attention after it was filmed by passers-by at Ohio University.

The videos show a man apparently giving a woman oral sex during the Oct. 12 homecoming celebration. The woman was leaning against a wall at Chase Bank, 2 S. Court St, in clear view of the passing crowds.

No person involved in the incident is facing charges – not the man for the rape, the woman for false accusations, nor the bystanders for videotaping.

Prosecutor Keller Blackburn said the video showed the woman smiling during the incident. It also showed the man asking if he should stop and the woman telling him to continue.

The man and the woman went to the man's apartment after the incident, Blackburn reported. They stayed there for three hours before he walked her home.

Blackburn said both people were surprised when they saw the video online.

The woman reported the incident to Athens police as rape. She told investigators she had no memory of what she had seen circulating on Instagram.'

Zimbabwe: Circumcision helps stem cancer: Khupe

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MDC-T DEPUTY leader Thokozani Khupe has backed calls for men to consider circumcision to help curb new cervical cancer infections in the country.

Cervical cancer is caused by a sexually transmitted human papilloma virus (HPV).

Khupe told Southern Eye that men need to seriously consider circumcision to not only prevent the spread of the HPV that causes cancer, but to help reduce new HIV infections.

“I am saying men should look at these issues seriously to save lives.

Khupe said statistics show that 1 200 women die annually from cervical cancer that affects a further 1 800 women in Zimbabwe.

“This is the reason why I am calling on men to undergo circumcision.'

English Teacher Allegedly Had Sex With 15-Year-Old Student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An English teacher at a reputable Utah high school is accused of having sex with at least one of her students.

Brianne Altice, 34, was arrested at her home Monday on two felony counts of unlawful sex with a minor, after a victim tipped Kaysville police off about their alleged months-long sexual relationship.

According to the Deseret News, the boy could accurately describe tattoos on Altice's body, and confirmed the layout of her South Weber home, where investigators allege the two had sex at least five times between January 2012 to October 2013.'

Canada: Feminist haunted house has severed penises and 'ball-busting' room

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TORONTO – This haunted house warns of "severed" male genitalia while encouraging women to flash theirs.

Billed as art, you are paying for it.

"Don't trip over the severed penises," says one sign inside the guided tour of Toronto's own "lesbian haunted house."

There is also a mock "ball-busting room."

...

Allyson Mitchell, the artist behind A Lesbian Feminist Haunted House, has received thousands in government grants.

Acknowledgment is posted on the outside of Killjoy Kastle's rented location that funding was provided by the Toronto Arts Council, Ontario Arts Council (OAC) and Canadian Council for the Arts. The artist undertook her work in collaboration with the Art Gallery of York University (AGYU).

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"It's kind of funny that creator Allyson Mitchell will be very discriminating in terms of who she'll let into her adorable lesbian feminist haunted house but she sure doesn't discriminate when it comes to scarfing down tax dollars," commented Sun News Network's David Menzies, who broke this story.

"Imagine a man putting up a haunted house with baskets of breasts or severed vaginas? The outcry over the perceived misogyny would be off the charts. But apparently, misandry is not only tolerated but publicly funded."

It is outrageous this province has difficultly funding life-saving cancer medication for a woman with a brain tumour but has money to throw around for this.'

Middle school 'Boobies' bracelet battle makes news

Matt · 31 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Sounds like a headline from The Onion, but a lot are like that these days. Anyway, imagine if kids in a school were wearing "Nuts" bracelets and the school tried to nix it. Would there be a concerted push-back or a collective agreement that indeed, such was positively lewd? Well, we'll probably never know since the likelihood of school kids taking up the cause of testicular or prostate cancer research is pretty slim. After all-- men just ain't as important. Excerpt:

'EASTON, PA. — A free-speech case involving a Pennsylvania middle school principal, Breast Cancer Awareness Day and a pair of rubber "I (heart) Boobies!" bracelets may be headed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Easton, Pa., school board late Tuesday voted to challenge a federal court's decision saying the bracelets aren't lewd material.

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The case started in 2010 when two girls, then ages 12 and 13, challenged the school's ban on the bracelets, which are designed to promote breast cancer awareness among young people. The students, Brianna Hawk and Kayla Martinez, said they merely hoped to foster knowledge of the disease at their middle school. They filed suit when they were suspended for defying the ban on Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

Kimmy McAtee, a spokeswoman for the nonprofit Keep A Breast Foundation of California, which distributed the bracelets, said the items are "a great conversation starter and ... that the school should have created a conversation about breast health vs. banning them."'

'I was ambushed by the Twitterati feminists who in actual fact hate women'

Mastodon · 31 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Some 100 years after Emily Wilding Davison threw herself under a horse in the name of equality, isn't it perverse that those who would wish to subjugate me are the firebrand feminists who pit sister against sister, denying my view credence? How ironic, I thought, as I scrolled through my Twitter feed, that those who claim to champion women want to bully me for saying I don't believe in a cause they have bastardised.

As a university-educated woman who combines a fulfilling career as a journalist and broadcaster with my role as a homemaker for my husband and four children, I have better things to do than spend my days mirthlessly lamenting the lot of women, which is what most feminists seem to do.

Indeed, what the sour Lefty Twitterati won't admit is that all the great battles on which feminism was founded have been won - including political representation, and equality in education, the workplace and other areas of public life.

What's left is an ugly vacuum occupied by those who will only let you join the sisterhood if you agree to pander to a petty hunt for signs of oppression. Look no further than the campaign by The Women's Room, who railed against the Bank of England for the lack of women on our bank notes, citing this as evidence of discrimination.

Spectacularly pointless, surely? An emancipated, financially independent woman couldn't care less whether Jane Austen is emblazoned on a tenner. I don't: I just care that I'm being paid enough of them.
...
Today's feminists appear to be living behind a smoke screen of their own construction, blind to the reality of female achievement in the 21st century, when girls outperform boys at GCSE and in further education. Around 20 per cent more girls make it to university than boys.

Today's so-called sisters also refuse to accept that women are wired differently to men - that many see becoming a mother as the crowning achievement of their lives. Who can argue with the female executive who, after delivering her newborn, decides to give up the office and stay at home? I think today's glass ceiling is largely self-imposed, perhaps the result of many deciding to leave full-time employment to put family life first.'

Women, Men, and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

bronxman · 31 October 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis) is on the rise. Some more suspicious people feel it is a code word for laziness for it often strikes people when they are confronted with the severtity of their work. It strikes women to men in a ratio of 6 to 1. First, I cannot help but think that if this "struck" men, we would be laughing stocks. Second, despite the fact that there are now seven national centers for women's diseases and none for men, that funding will be taken from men's disease research to research this. Finally, I cannot help but wonder if the suspicions are true: that some women in the traditionally male disciplines, just cannot hack it (not all, mind you, but some). For that is the news we would certainly here if the genders were reversed. Excerpt:

'Jennifer Brea kept getting slammed by recurring illness as she was working on her doctorate in political science at Harvard University. But the extent of her declining health didn't hit her until last year, when she went to a restaurant and said her brain was so foggy she couldn't even read the menu.

Today, at 31, she is on medical leave from Harvard, disabled by myalgic encephalomyelitis, or ME -- "the most prevalent and devastating disease your doctor has never heard of," she said. Her illness is better known as chronic fatigue syndrome in the United States, a name Brea said does a disservice to the severity of her symptoms.

"I can't drive. I can't leave my house unattended, and I'm in a wheelchair," said Brea, who lives with her husband in Princeton, N.J. "Even sitting in a wheelchair is taxing for me. It is pretty much impossible for me to do what I was doing before."'

Are Men Really the Bad Guys Holding Women Back?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After investing as much as $250,000 in tuition, why would fathers watch proudly as their daughters graduate from college, and then expect them only to work for a year or two before exiting the workforce to raise a family?

Why would these same fathers feel that their daughters are not entitled, through hard work and accomplishment, to an equal opportunity of building a lucrative and rewarding career?

Why would the vast majority of husbands who have experienced economic downturns -- those who have suffered their own job loss or watched others struggle with unemployment -- discourage wives who want to work and believe that only one income is a wise long-term financial strategy?

Where are the men who feel that any company is justified to pay a young daughter less than her male counterpart for an entry-level job?

Which men think it's OK for their well-qualified wives to be passed over for a promotion or a raise because she's not one of the guys?

No, I don't think the vast majority of men are willingly standing in the way of women in the work world. I do think, as Marche says so insightfully: "Today, men and women are not facing off on a battleground so much as stuck together in a maze of contradictions."

In that maze of contradictions, I believe women are held back by the misperception that they are not welcomed or valued by male colleagues (read Sylvia Ann Hewlett's new book to see how so many successful women have male sponsors) -- and by the universal lack of understanding about gender differences, complementary work styles and diversity. Women share in the responsibility to collectively move their gender ahead-there can't be a wholesale blaming of men for sputters and stalls.'

Kenya: Join in the war against female circumcision, men told

Minuteman · 1 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Men have been asked to join in the fight against female genital mutilation (FGM) to eliminate the vice in communities still practising it.

Abdi Omar of the Kenya Pastoralist Network for Children noted that children continue to suffer as a result of FGM and early marriage.

“Since almost all pastoral communities practise FGM, the government must prioritise its elimination to advance children’s rights to education, health and development,” said Mr Omar.

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“It can be arrested if men say they are not going to marry circumcised girls anymore,” he said, adding that only 34 per cent of children in arid north- eastern areas are in school.'

IA: Good Samaritan protest's impact

Matt · 1 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

From Intact America:

Earlier this month, more than fifty intactivists gathered outside Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio to protest its circumcision clamp study... and boy did we make an impact!

- We know we made an impact because passers-by shouted their support—and, in some cases, their anger.
- We know we made an impact because two TV stations showed up to cover our press conference, and the Yellow Springs News, from a nearby town, published my op-ed piece.
- We know we made an impact because a hospital employee blogged about how our protest made circumcision a "major topic of conversation" among hospital staff.
- We know we made an impact because the hospital released a statement responding to our presence.
- We know we made an impact because all over Cincinnati, people saw our mobile billboard; it was “the talk of the town.”

If you haven’t already, please read my report from our protest—a protest which could not have happened without the support of thousands of intactivists like you. More than 6,400 people signed our letter (if you haven't signed it yet, it's not too late to add your name because we plan to send a second set later this year). And together we raised more than $10,000, with every penny going to our presence in Cincinnati.

Social change starts with one person saying out loud, "This is wrong." Look how long it took women to get the vote, how many decades it took for the Civil Rights movement to take hold. It takes time and effort and sacrifice. And together, between television coverage and social media, Intact America reached more than a hundred thousand people with our message!

With gratitude and respect,

Georganne Chapin
Executive Director, Intact America

Malecare seeks support for research

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From http://www.malecare.org/:

"What Went Wrong: Eliminating Mistakes in Diagnosis and Treatment of Prostate Cancer" is a cancer research project sponsored by Malecare and led by John's Hopkins researcher Channing Paller. We only need $4,120 to complete our funding!

In 1988, about 20% of men with prostate cancer had metastatic disease on first presentation; today fewer than 4% first present with advanced disease.

Yet more than 9,000 men still present with metastatic prostate cancer every year, and black men are far more likely than whites to be among them. We believe that for all of these men, something truly did go wrong and that determining the reasons why requires stringent and diligent surveillance, examination, analysis, and response. If we can find the reasons, we may be able to help ALL prostate cancer patients.

This study looks at black and white men first diagnosed with advanced disease. We analyze the care leading up to their late diagnoses. The aim is to identify modifiable factors that may have contributed to missed or late diagnoses. What went wrong for each man individually? What patterns can we observe across the group?

Please help complete funding by clicking on: SUPPORT NOW!

This is important research. We are so very close to completing our funding and starting the project, so, please help out with as much support as you can. Please feel encouraged to email any questions or comments to me, Darryl Mitteldorf, directly at: darryl-at-malecare.org

"The Hunt" wins the Nordic Council Film Prize

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Danish director Thomas Vinterberg has become the first filmmaker to win the Nordic Council's Film Prize twice after The Hunt (Jagten) collected the $64,000 (DKK 350,000) award at a gala ceremony in Oslo's Opera House.
...
The jury commented: "Through the allegory of The Hunt, Vinterberg's film explores how the individual can be persecuted even in a well-meaning and well-functioning society, when it suddenly turns on one of its own.

"This remarkable story is carried by Mads Mikkelsen's powerful performance, the striking score and haunting and beautiful imagery."
...
The Hunt tells the story of a teacher (Mikkelsen) in a small provincial town whose life is turned upside-down after a young girl accuses him of abuse.'

Trailer on YouTube here.

To cut or not to cut: More parents are saying no to circumcision

Matt · 1 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite health benefits, routine circumcision in newborn males is on the decline in the U.S.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 79 percent of American men report being circumcised. Many parents of boys are opting out of the age-old tradition despite a recent study from the University of Illinois-Chicago that found a link between male circumcision and a decreased risk of HIV contraction.

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Van Note and her fiancé, Grant Hammond, are part of a new generation of parents who don't see a circumcision as a necessity; a movement helped along by educational programs put forth by the many 'pro-intact' advocacy groups currently popping up around the country.

"I guess it's kind of funny to have to advocate for people to be allowed to keep body parts they're born with, but that's what we do," said Georganne Chapin, the executive director of Intact America, an organization dedicated to ending the practice of routine circumcision in the United States.

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"Even if I believed these studies, they don't justify removing healthy, normal tissue from baby boys – Little babies are not having sex. Little babies are not at risk for sexually transmitted diseases like HIV. This should be a man's choice to have that surgery on himself."

...

"We don't go removing other body parts from babies to reduce their risk of diseases," said Chapin. "We could reduce the risk of skin cancer by removing people's noses and giving them a prosthesis, we could reduce dental problems by removing people's teeth and giving them false teeth – We don't do that. It's unethical. I'm not impressed by any medical claim that serves as a way of justifying an abhorrent unethical practice."

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"If you're worried about STDs you should just teach your kid safe sex, don't just cut his penis skin off!"'

Man suing company over sexual harassment by female supervisor

Matt · 2 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CARIBOU, Maine — A Caribou man has filed suit against a Moses Lake, Wash. company that operates a plant in Easton, claiming he was sexually harassed by a female supervisor and then subjected to retaliation by co-workers when he complained about it.

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Among other acts, Bouchard claims in court documents that the woman rubbed his chest with her hands, put her hands under his shirt, rubbed her chest on his back, whispered unwanted vulgar comments into his ear, propositioned him and openly talked about her sex life with him.

...

Bouchard refused to report the conduct to the facility supervisor out of fear that the woman would retaliate against him, so his girlfriend called the facility supervisor and reported it on his behalf in October 2011. An investigation was launched, and several co-workers confirmed the harassment took place, according to court documents.

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In December 2011, Bouchard filed a charge of discrimination with the Maine Human Rights Commission alleging sexual harassment and retaliation.

...

He was issued a right to sue letter by the Maine Human Rights Commission in August 2012. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission retained dual jurisdiction of the complaint in 2011, and they issued a right to sue letter in October 2012.

Bouchard is seeking compensatory damages, back pay, punitive damages, attorney's fees and any further relief deemed proper by the court.'

Founder of influential economic and financial analysis firm says drop in male enrollment is not a big deal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There will always be those who say the decline in male college enrollment is “not a big deal.” It is especially unfortunate when the president and founder of an economic and financial analysis firm who is regularly cited by the mainstream media says it.

According to his website, Dr. Ray Perryman is the founder of Perryman Group (an “economic and financial analysis firm”), is “cited by major media as ‘a world-class scholar,’ is ‘the most quoted man in Texas,’” and is a senior research fellow at the Institute of the University of Texas. He has also authored thousands of academic articles, trade articles, and presentations collectively.

He has written an article titled “Making sense of college enrollment decline” wherein he argues that the drop in male college enrollment isn’t really that bad. This article has been cited by numerous online media outlets. He parses recently published numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau and provides us with a framework to interpret them. There are some statements in his article which are illuminating, and others which warrant further scrutiny.'

Philip Paris wth 'Men Cry Alone'

Matt · 2 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The entire month of October's broadcasting has been focused on the topic of Domestic/Relationship Violence and we are continuing this with a look into the deep silence of our society on the topic of MALE VICTIMS IN RELATIONSHIP/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Please join with Trish as she speaks with Author/Researcher Philip Paris about excellently written book, 'Men Cry Alone'. How is when a man has grown up being abused and then goes into a releationship/marriage which then becomes abusive? What about the situation where they have been together forever, suddenly his sweet wife is becoming violent because of her illness, Dimentia? How about the man whose wife has taken complete control of his world & his finances, but he cannot reach out in society, where is he to go, who will help him, who will listen to him, what about his children?????'

"Movember" Is Here

Matt · 2 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Read about "Movember" at http://us.movember.com/ and at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Movember. And, I'd like to say mea culpa for not giving the heads-up on Movember in time for readers to participate by securing sponsors, etc. But it's still just the start of November; if you are inclined, you can always grow your 'stache and when asked why, talk about "Movember". Excerpt from their Vision, Values, and Goals page:

"**Campaign Strategy & Goals:**
We will get men to grow moustaches and the community to support them by creating an innovative, fun and engaging annual Movember campaign that results in:

- Funds for men's health program investment
- Conversations about men's health that lead to:
  - Greater awareness and understanding of the health risks men face
  - Men taking action to remain well
  - When men are sick they know what to do and take action

Program Goals:
Living with and Beyond Cancer
Men living with prostate or testicular cancer have the care needed to be physically and mentally well.

Staying Mentally Healthy, Living with and Beyond Mental Illness

- Men are mentally healthy and take action to remain well
- When men experience mental illness they take action early
- Men are not treated differently when they experience a mental illness

Men's Health Research
We will fund innovative research that builds powerful, collaborative teams that accelerate:

- Improved clinical tests and treatments for prostate and testicular cancer
- Improved physical and mental health outcomes for men"

National Parents Organization Helps Found International Shared Parenting Organization

Matt · 2 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last July, National Parents Organization agreed to serve as a founding member of “Two Homes: The International Platform on Shared Parenting.” This is an umbrella organization with representatives from fourteen countries in Europe and North America. Of these, National Parents Organization may be the only component group with a major grassroots presence. The other organizations consist primarily of child development experts, social scientists, psychologists and lawyers who wish to promote better lives for children through shared parenting after separation or divorce of the parents. Our Founder and Chairman of the Board, Ned Holstein, M.D., M.S., was asked to serve on the Scientific Committee of the new umbrella organization.'

NPR News: "How One Kenyan Tribe Produces The World's Best Runners"

Minuteman · 2 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The Initiation Ceremony

Manners soon learned that they were practicing for an initiation ceremony, a rite of passage that is all about enduring pain.

Elly Kipgogei, 19, remembers going through the ceremony at age 15.

First, he says, he had to crawl mostly naked through a tunnel of African stinging nettles. Then he was beaten on the bony part of the ankle, then his knuckles were squeezed together, and then the formic acid from the stinging nettle was wiped onto his genitals.

But all that was just warm-up; early one morning he was circumcised, with a sharp stick.

During this whole process — the crawling, the beatings and the cutting — Kipgogei was obliged to be absolutely stoical, unflinching.

...

Manners says that this enormous social pressure placed on your ability to endure pain is actually great training for a sport like running where "pushing through pain" is so fundamental to success.

"Circumcision," he says, "teaches kids to withstand pressure and tolerate pain."

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Modernization Of The Kalenjin

After Kipgogei was circumcised, he wasn't allowed to go home. He was taken to a hut on the outskirts of the village to heal from the operation and he was told, whenever you leave this hut, you are not allowed to walk.

"So you're supposed to run and it's very fast. So you're running very swift, having the pain," he said.

Before the circumcision, Kipgogei was never a runner. Afterward, when he was done with initiation and back in high school, he decided to give it a try.

...

But Kipgogei is part of a new Kalenjin generation that's challenging old ways of doing things. He says when he has kids, his sons will be circumcised pain-free in a hospital. His daughters won't go through any such procedure at all.'

'Why is it always a white guy? The roots of modern, violent rage'

bronxman · 2 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The LAX shooter, once again, is reported to be a white male. Here's why they're always first to violence. Excerpt:

'Yes, Stack and Sherrill were insane, but they were also familiar. They didn't start out mad. No, they were driven crazy by the sense that the world had spun so far off its axis that there was no hope of righting it. Underneath that sense of victimhood, that sense that the corporations and the government were coconspirators in perpetrating the great fleecing of the American common man, lay a defining despair in making things right. And under that despair lay their tragic flaw, a deep and abiding faith in America, in its institutions and its ideals. Like Willy Loman, perhaps the quintessential true believer in the ideology of self-made American masculinity, they believed that if they worked hard and lived right, they, too, could share in the American Dream. When it is revealed that no matter what you do, no matter how hard you work, that dreams are for Disneyland, then they morph into a tragic American Everymen, defeated by circumstances instead of rising above them.
...
Generations of men had staked their claim for manhood on being good family providers, reliable breadwinners. It has been the defining feature of American manhood since the early nineteenth century. ...
...
Let's be clear: just as we cannot understand rampage school shootings by focusing on the fact that they are always committed by boys, neither can we understand these cases simply by recognizing that they're all men. Surely, too, recognizing that they're all men doesn't mean that all men are likely to become deranged mass murderers. Neither, however, can we explain it simply by the easy American access to guns or chalk it up to yet another deranged killer, the standard fare on CSI-like television.

But we can't ignore it, either. There is no one single explanation. What is required is that we look inside the economic and social shifts inside America's workplaces and the broader patterns of class in America. Just as we needed to profile the school shooters and their schools, we also need to profile these guys gone postal and the places where they made their living. We need to ask some questions about the changing conditions of work in America, the political economy in which these men became deranged enough to go postal.'

India's Notorious Section 498A

RohanGupta · 2 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

India's amendments to its Criminal Procedure Code are now effective. They may ameliorate some of the harshest aspects of India's infamous Section 498A. The newly- enacted provisions take away the powers of the police to arrest in cases of alleged offenses which carry a maximum sentence up to seven years of imprisonment. Such offenses include Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code in 1983.

That section makes it criminal for a husband and his relatives to subject a married woman to cruelty is which is likely to drive a woman to commit suicide or cause grave physical or mental injury to her, and harassment with a view to coercing her or any of her relatives to meet any unlawful demands of property.

The problems with the law were the result of a "perfect storm" that was entirely unanticipated when the law was introduced to protect woman in 1983. The elements of the storm included:

- Extremely vague statutory language.

- A separate law that prohibited the provision or acceptance of a dowry.

...

The result has been that when a marriage breaks up the woman is often able to get her husband and many of his family members arrested by simply filing a claim of cruelty and persuading the local police to arrest the so-called wrongdoers. This is much more effective than initiating an ordinary case for divorce.

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The chairperson of one of India's State Commissions for Women has asserted that, "Many women are using 498A of the IPC (anti-dowry law) to terrorize their husbands and his families." She called it a "cruel and wicked design to blackmail husbands and in-laws."'

The language of misandry in academia: a collection of quotes by faculty members, students, and administrators

TCM · 2 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

New mega-post at A Voice for Male Students featuring a warehouse of misandrist quotes by faculty members, students, and administrators. This should be a useful resource for those new to men's issues in academia as well as a helpful "go-to" resource among advocates. Example:

"I'm really tired of people suggesting that you're somehow un-American if you don't respect the presumption of innocence, because you know what that sounds like to a victim? Presumption you're a liar."

- Wendy Murphy, adjunct professor of law and sex-assault victim advocate, commenting on the Duke lacrosse false rape case

Cop Tricked Teen With Autism Into Buying Pot, Lawsuit Claims

Kris · 2 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This recent article is making national headlines, however the incident happened December of 2012. Soon afterwards, the parents wrote a blog post that shed more light on how things went down the day their son was arrested. Excerpt:

'According to the Snodgrasses, a police officer pretended to be their son's friend, which pleased them because he has trouble making friends. When the couple suggested inviting this new friend home, the friend "would always have an excuse, saying he couldn't or he was grounded," Catherine Snodgrass said. The parents said they later learned the "friend" was Deputy Daniel Zipperstein of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, who was posing as a student named Daniel Briggs for several months at their son's school.

Zipperstein hounded their son to sell him marijuana or his prescription medication, the parents said they later learned.

The teen couldn't access his prescription medication because his parents keep it locked. After more than three weeks of pestering, the teen bought a half-joint from a homeless man and gave it to the officer, who had given him $20 weeks earlier, according to the Snodgrasses. The teen did this once more before refusing to continue, prompting the deputy to end the supposed friendship, the parents said.

The couple said their son was arrested soon after that. He was taken to the police station and was not allowed to see his parents until his court date two days later, the parents said.'

Dress Ad Gets it Wrong

Dantheman123 · 3 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

I was recently exposed to a video produced for a Turkish clothes company that openly attacks men. The video doesn't contain any dialogue but shows a woman attacking and beating up a man just because he tore her dress. The video shows men in a bad light and seems to encourage domestic violence as well as being incredibly sexist. The company seem to have uploaded the video to several locations, two being:

1. http://vitaminl.tv/video/599?ref=ft

2. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIm-F0BjcOA

Feel free to leave comments on each as there have already been a number of comments like "chill it's just a joke," and "we have been taking sh-t for years now it's time for you to take some".

The second link is quite important as they have linked directly to it from their website, meaning any comments left on that YouTube video will be seen by a lot of people on the way to their site. Currently there are not many comments on the YT video so anything posted that is negative will sit at the top.

Ed. Note: This ad is not probably SFW for most people since the scenario around the man ripping the woman's dress open is based on them engaging in a passionate pre-intercourse make-out session. An ad like this is not likely to be seen in many places but indeed, different countries have different standards.

U.S. Institute of Peace: ‘Masculinity’ to Blame for Violence, Terrorism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Speakers at a symposium hosted by a taxpayer-funded institute this week said some aspects of masculinity contribute to mass violence and criticized the United States for spending more on counterterrorism operations than sexual assault prevention efforts.

The “Men, Peace, and Security Symposium: Agents of Change,” held at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP) on Monday and Tuesday, “aim[ed] to better understand how the ascribed norms of men and masculine identities contribute to, and may even help mitigate, violent conflict and post-conflict,” according to USIP’s website
...
Experts say the views of feminists like Kilmartin have begun to creep into federal institutions. Christina Hoff Sommers, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and a former philosophy professor, wrote in an op-ed last year for the Washington Post that a study released at the time by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) “suggest[ed] that rates of sexual violence in the United States are comparable to those in the war-stricken Congo.”

Sommers said the CDC study, which estimated that 1.3 million women were raped and an additional 12.6 million women and men were victims of sexual violence in the U.S. in 2010, relied on telephone surveys with low response rates and ambiguous questions for the interviewees. By comparison, the Bureau of Justice Statistics’ National Crime Victimization Survey reported 188,380 rapes and sexual assaults on females and males in 2010.
...
Other experts contacted by the Washington Free Beacon expressed alarm at Kilmartin’s juxtaposition of sexual violence with terrorist acts at an event sponsored by taxpayer-supported groups.

“His absurd comparison of this problem to terrorist violence against victims like the ones ruthlessly killed on 9/11 should not be taken seriously,” said Elaine Donnelly, president of the Center for Military Readiness and a former member of the 1992 Presidential Commission on the Assignment of Women in the Armed Forces, in an email.
...
While recent anonymous surveys have purportedly shown a rise in sexual assault incidents in the military, experts say a more detailed analysis indicates that rates have actually declined over time.

Not everyone at the conference agreed with the assessments of Kilmartin and other speakers.

Sunil Desai, a retired Marine who served for more than 20 years, said in an interview that there are fundamental flaws with the argument that masculinity is often behind violence, which he called “an easy target to blame.” Desai is the president and treasurer of the Bindi Project, a group that advocates for the health of girls and women in India.

“[Sexual assault perpetrators] represent the minority of the total population,” he told the Free Beacon. “If you assume that masculinity is the problem, that doesn’t explain the vast majority of the remainder of the male population that’s masculine, that isn’t doing this.”
...
“If you tell someone that violence and the ability to conduct violence is inherently bad, and then send them off to do it, and expect them to come back and reintegrate and be mentally stable?” he said. “It’s not possible.”'

'America's Angry White Men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'And, like Beale, a lot of the current crop of the outraged are a lot of white men. Not all of them, of course. There are plenty of angry men of color and plenty of angry white women. Just look at those Tea Party rallies! But as a political movement, as the rank and file of America's fulminators -- whether the Tea Party or organizations on the extreme right wing, or the guys, always guys, who open fire on their classmates at school or their co-workers and colleagues at work, or the men, almost always men, who beat and murder those they claim to love, or the young men, always young men, who walk into movie theaters of places of worship with guns blazing -- well it's pretty hard to deny that they're virtually all white men. (And let us be clear: just because virtually all these cases are middle- and lower-middle class white men, does not for a nanosecond mean that all white men are crazed killers or white supremacists. All members of the Mafia may be Italian, but not all Italians are members of the Mafia.)

Yet deny it we do, often by assuming that these outbursts are motivated by anything at all -- mental illness, access to guns, video games, whatever -- other than gender. We'd notice, of course, if it were poor black girls pulling the triggers in school shootings, or women who walked into their workplaces with semi-automatic guns firing, or all Asians or Jews or Latinos who were shooting up our movie theaters and political rallies. But white men? Must be some other factor.

It seems so obvious, and yet so startling to see middle-class white American men, arguably the most privileged human beings on the planet (excluding, of course, hereditary aristocracies and the upper classes) fuming with such self-righteous outrage. (The comedian Louis CK gets this sense of privilege: "I'm a white man," he says, "How many advantages can one persona have?"
...
What unites them, I came to understand, was a sentiment I called "aggrieved entitlement." Raised to believe that this was "their" country, simply by being born white and male, they were entitled to a good job by which they could support a family as sole breadwinners, and to deference at home from adoring wives and obedient children. And not only do their kids and their wives have ideas of their own; not only is the competition for those jobs increasingly ferocious; they've also been slammed by predatory lenders, corporate moguls, Wall Street short-sellers betting against their own companies and manipulated by cynical elites into believing that their adversaries were not the ones downsizing, outsourcing and cutting their jobs, but those assorted others -- women, immigrants, gays, black people -- who were asserting their claims for a piece of the pie. The middle class white American man expected to be more Don Draper, all self-made , in control, and upwardly mobile. Instead he's more like William Foster, another fictional character who's fallen off the cliff into that dark abyss of despair, violence and madness.

Today's Angry White Men look backward, nostalgically at the world they have lost. Some organize politically to restore "their" country; some descend into madness; others lash out violently at a host of scapegoats. Theirs is a fight to restore, to reclaim more than just what they feel entitled to socially or economically -- it's also to restore their sense of manhood, to reclaim that sense of dominance and power to which they also feel entitled. They don't get mad, they want to get even -- but with whom?'

Schools Are Hostile to Boys

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Article here. Excerpt

'In my Saturday Eagle Forum talk program, I recently interviewed one of our country's leading authors and scholars, Christina Hoff Sommers. She is a courageous woman who has the nerve to expose some of the feminist nonsense that has permeated public schools. She poses a question that parents should ask, Is my son really welcome in school? The honest answer is No. Public schools have become hostile territory to boys.

Here are several recent examples. Christopher Marshall, age 7, was suspended from a Virginia school for picking up a pencil and using it to pretend to "shoot" a "bad guy." Josh Welch, also age 7, was sent home from his Maryland school for eating off the corners of a Pop-Tart to shape it like a gun. Colorado's Alex Evans, also age 7, was suspended for throwing an imaginary hand grenade at imaginary "bad guys." These kids were guilty of nothing more than being ordinary 7-year-old boys. Yet, in all these cases, school officials found them in violation of the school's zero tolerance policies for firearms. The punishment of these kids was clearly a ludicrous application of the rule against guns. In the name of Zero Tolerance, elementary schools are becoming hostile environments for young boys.'

'Extreme feminists must be tamed'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hardcore feminists routinely fight against anything with even the slightest suggestion of sexism. Even noble causes are often vilified because of a misplaced belief that they may demean women. Because of this one-track mindset and obstinate pride, extreme feminists cannot conceive both the direct and indirect consequences of their actions.
...
The ultimate goal of feminism should be to push for equality of women in society. Unfortunately, this simple idea has been warped into a war cry by the insecure and selfish, committed to benefiting their own egotistical desires rather than the true needs of women.

While I believe feminism is a positive idea for women in general, extreme feminists must stop outsourcing the blame for their own problems to men and society.

In reality, many of the feminists of today are out of touch with the original and true feminist ideals. They are women and men who cannot internally resolve their problems, so they cast the blame onto men and society, attacking anything they find the slightest bit offensive in a sad attempt to find temporary solace. Their actions and beliefs do not contribute in any way to creating real equality for women in society.'

The Lance Armstrong Solution -- Stop Paying Male Athletes Millions and They'll Stop Cheating

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Article here. Excerpt:

Dare your best friend to eat a bucket of maggots. Then offer that same friend a million dollars to eat the same bucket of maggots and listen for that delightful capitalist crunch.

Humans are weak. And they become especially weak once you start shoving millions into their eager, money-grubbing fingers. Thankfully, most humans don't have to worry about making bad moral decisions after being offered a cool mill, because most of us are poor. Or -- relative to a baseball player netting $50 million a year -- poorish.

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One pervasive argument for why women's sports aren't popular (and therefore less likely to have money thrown at them) is that the demand just isn't there. Women don't play or watch sports on the same level as men.

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Everyone may lie. But everyone doesn't perform secret blood transfusions on a bus to get that annual $30 mill.

Reexamine why we play sports in the first place and turn off the millions flowing to professional athletes. And watch the bloodsuckers start to fall away.'

UK: Man Burned To Death After False Pedophilia Accusations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An innocent man in the United Kingdom was burned to death after being wrongly accused of pedophilia.

According to the Bristol Post, Bijan Ebrahimi, an Iranian man who lived in Bristol, England, was murdered in July after rumors began swirling in his community that he had been taking indecent photographs of children.

The Telegraph reports that Ebrahimi, who was an avid gardener, had indeed taken photos of local youths. However, it is now believed that these youths had been harassing Ebrahimi by damaging his flowers, and that he may have been collecting the photos as evidence to present to the police.

With emotions running high, a crowd of residents chanted "pedo, pedo" as Ebrahimi was led away for questioning, The Telegraph reports.

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Police say that upon investigation, Ebrahimi, who is said to have had a physical disability, was found innocent of all charges and was released.

"We can categorically state he had not taken any indecent images and that nothing of concern had been found on his computer," a police spokesman said, according to The Telegraph.

On July 14, Ebrahimi was reportedly beaten unconscious by a 24-year-old local resident named Lee James. The young man, with the help of Stephen Norley, also 24, then set Ebrahimi on fire after dousing him with alcohol.'

Men Banned: Why Female Workers Choose Women-Only Workspaces

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The flexible workspace industry is reacting to women's needs and their aspirations to run businesses by offering women-only workspaces. As a female small business owner, I find this concept interesting. My initial thought was, "Why exclude men and therefore potential business opportunities?"

"Working in a female-only environment doesn't mean those workers don't conduct business with men outside of their office – and many women-only workspaces allow businessmen into the workplace for meetings," she pointed out.

"These spaces are important. They are answering a need, and providing additional support for female business owners who, for their own reasons, don't wish to work in a mixed environment. The flexible workspace sector is well-placed to facilitate specific needs, and the surge in women-only workspaces is one example of how precisely and timely the industry can react. These spaces provide a comfortable setting for female members to work happily and productively, allowing them to progress their businesses and benefit the community, by providing products, services or creating jobs. This represents an enormous opportunity for economical growth both on a local and national scale."'

Bad teaching causes girls to fail at school, not male classmates

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Belinda Parmar wrote this week that all-girls schools are good for young women because they remove the pressure to conform to gender stereotypes and the sexism that she believes is rife in co-educational secondaries. I have to disagree.

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And yet the mixed-sex sports lessons, sex education classes and all those other subjects didn't just deposit us rudely on the other side of our A-levels, they helped us to form opinions about the world, recognise differences and grow into well-rounded people.

Because actually, while some of the results in my school were poor, this was probably down to lack of career advice and bad teaching, not because I sat next to rowdy boys in my chemistry class. I'd say poor teaching was the reason that I didn't get enthused about IT and tech, not that I felt as if I couldn't compete.

...

To assume that children are born with a gendered view of the world, and that the answer is to separate them and teach them in single-sex schools, is defeatist. Yes, society today may have a problem with stereotyping and discrimination, but the next generation must be given the chance to prove those who went before them wrong. If we provide them with the tools to examine the world fairly, they will.'

Estonia: National Strategy Aims to Increase Share of Male Teachers to 25%

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Article here. Excerpt:

One of the goals of the Ministry of Education's newly-drafted lifelong learning strategy for 2014-2020 is to increase the share of young teachers and male teachers, uudised.err.ee reported.

In 2012, 85.7 percent of teachers were women, in one example of the traditional gender gap that appears to be more strongly entrenched in Estonia compared with its neighbors in the region.

The target seven years from now is a 75-25 percent split.

Teachers under 30 currently make up 10.3 percent of staff and the goal is for this to rise, modestly, to 12.5 percent.'

Woman runs over boyfriend 3 times for refusing a McDonald's run

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Story here.

'Police in Tennessee say a woman ran over her boyfriend three times after he refused to go to McDonald's with her.

Crystal Greer Brooks, 33, of Kingsport was apparently upset that her boyfriend wanted to eat at a different restaurant, police told the Kingsport Times-News.

Officers were called to West Carters Valley Road shortly after midnight last Wednesday.

They found Brooks' boyfriend with abrasions to his arms and back.

His clothing "appeared torn, consistent with being dragged on the pavement," the Times-News reported.

He told police Brooks forced him over to the side of the road, then got in his pickup truck and ran him over -- three times.

Brooks has been charged with aggravated assault.'

South Africa: "Circumscribing Circumcision"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Over 80,000 boys went to initiation schools in 2012, up from 30,000 in 2008, said Lechesa Tsenoli, traditional affairs minister, in Parliament this year.

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Often no anaesthetic is used. The surgeon's hands are often unwashed and ungloved. After the cut, the initiate's foreskin is usually buried or tied to his blanket. Herbs and leaves are applied to the wound, which is then bandaged, sometimes so tightly that oxygen is cut off and an infection develops. A traditional attendant dresses the wounds, sometimes reusing the bandages on other boys.

A period of seclusion follows, lasting up to two months. For a week, the initiates cannot leave the camp or eat meat. Their fluid intake is limited and often they only survive on maize meal. The first week after circumcision may be marked by hunger, dehydration and seclusion. If an initiate falls ill, traditional doctors and nurses will treat him before he is taken to hospital.

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About 30% of the world's men are circumcised, according to a 2007 World Health Organisation report. Research shows that circumcision can reduce the risk of HIV infection by 48% to 60%, according to the report. This is crucial in South Africa where, according to the latest Statistics South Africa figures, 10% of the country's population is HIV positive.

Religious cultures such as Judaism and sects of Islam circumcise boys with few complications, largely because trained practitioners perform the procedure at infancy rather than adolescence, which helps with healing. But in South Africa this tradition has recently been marred by deaths, mutilations and amputations.

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Penalties for performing a circumcision without meeting provincial guidelines include a fine of 10,000 rand (about $1,000) in the Eastern Cape and ten years imprisonment. There are also news reports of schools kidnapping boys, but often it is later found that the young men decided to attend without telling their parents.

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The national health department said it would launch a new plan in October, ahead of the December initiation season. The new plan (still not revealed before going to press) will likely promote the practice of medical circumcision, which would place professional doctors and nurses at the initiation sites.'

Girl Who Was 'Proud' Of Brutal Killing Pleads Guilty

Matt · 5 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'MEADVILLE, Pa. -- Nichole "Jade" Olmstead bragged about the torture and murder of 20-year-old Brandy Stevens-Rosine, an Ohio college student who was beaten and buried alive in a shallow grave in rural Pennsylvania.

Those and other details were released on Halloween, following a surprise decision by 20-year-old Olmstead, who had been fighting a homicide charge, to plead guilty to first-degree murder.

"Olmstead had a journal," Crawford County District Attorney Francis Schultz told The Huffington Post on Monday. "She talked about the fact that using a shovel [to hit Stevens-Rosine in the head] was perfect -- that she could see [Stevens-Rosine's] skull and brains mixed in the dirt."
...
In changing her plea, Olmstead admitted her role in the 2012 slaying of Stevens-Rosine. She also expressed remorse for her crime.

"[I am] truly and deeply sorry for what happened. Brandy did not deserve what happened to her," Olmstead said in court.

Crawford County Court of Common Pleas Judge Mark Stevens, no relation to the murder victim, sentenced Olmstead, without delay, to life in prison without parole.'

Tom Martin seeks volunteer crew for documentary exposing women's sexist humour

Matt · 5 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Details here. Excerpt:

'Could women be as funny as men? Researcher/presenter, marketer, editor and film crew wanted for a two day shoot as part of this controversial zero budget feature-length documentary investigating the differences between women's and men's joke-making styles, motivations, and abilities.

In early January, we will be filming this two day street experiment in central London, interviewing male and female passers by to see how sexist their improvised one liners are when joking about the other sex, and to see just how funny they are too. We expect to find that women's jokes about men are three to five times more hostile and sexist than men's jokes about women, and less funny too.'

Ed: The Tom Martin seeking a film crew is the same Tom Martin as discussed here.

SAVE E-lert: Be on the Lookout for Half-Truths that Injure and Kill

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SAVE applauds the efforts of organizations that are working to reduce domestic violence. No one should be abused by their intimate partner, and certainly, no one should lose their life this way.

Even though the rates of DV have been going down, men and women are still being victimized. And each year, over 1,000 of these people die.

One way that we can reduce domestic violence is with information. What better way is there to protect people, than to teach them how to avoid abuse?

Sadly, most DV websites are lacking. None of the Fact Sheets we reviewed mentioned these three risk factors:

1. Injury was more than twice as likely when the violence was mutual — 28.4% — compared to unidirectional violence — 11.6%.
2. Female initiation of partner violence is the leading reason for the woman becoming a victim of subsequent injury.
3. Persons who are separated face a risk of partner violence that is 50 times higher the rate of married individuals.

This week, look up your state's Domestic Violence Coalition. You can find it here:
http://www.ncadv.org/resources/StateCoalitionList.php

See if they list these risk factors. If not, give them a call or shoot them an email. Let them know that they could be protecting even more people if they update their website.

On behalf of every victim, thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Is Male Circumcision a Form of Genital Mutilation?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the children's ombudsmen of the Nordic countries, male circumcision is a form of genital mutilation and they're fighting to ban the practice. Representatives from Denmark, Sweden, Iceland, Finland, Norway, and Greenland all recently met in Norway with doctors and surgeons who agreed on one thing: the fight for the right to keep foreskin.

In a campaign, which launched in September, they concluded that the procedure is in conflict with the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, which says, "Children should have the right to express their own views and be protected from traditional rituals which may be harmful to their health."

In other words, the boys should wait until they're old enough to decide for themselves. This all began when a 16-year-old Icelandic boy asked if his parents had the right to circumcise him when he was a baby. The matter was brought to the attention of Iceland's children's ombudsman, Margaret Maria Sigurðardottir.
...
"The leading health professionals here in Iceland, who also signed the Nordic statement, believe that circumcision without medical indication, of a person who is unable to provide consent violates fundamental medical-ethical principles," Margaret told me over the phone. "They have therefore refused to perform such procedures."'

War On Boys Continues in Arizona School

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An idiot headmaster has threatened an 8-year-old boy with expulsion for drawing Halloween costumes that depict weapons.

A couple pulled their sons out of Scottsdale Country Day School last week because they said the headmaster threatened to expel their 8-year-old for drawing “highly disturbing” pictures.

“In this situation, it’s actually the principal of the school who bullied the parents – so much that we couldn’t even be safe in that environment,” said Jeff, whose last name we’re omitting to protect the identities of his children.

The three images in question depict a soldier, a ninja and a Star Wars character - possibilities for the 8-year-old’s Halloween costume.

Drawing Boba Fett obviously means the kid is highly disturbed and a total threat to everyone around him. Drawing a picture of an American soldier is worthy of the academic death penalty.'

The Dawn of Male Equality in Europe

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Oct. 29, 2013 — A fumbling men's movement is dawning in Europe, there is a widespread concern about boys' academic performance in school, and child custody and breakups are controversial issues.

"It was surprising to see that the discussion concerning boys' role as academic losers in school was found in all the countries covered by this study," says Elli Scambor who is one of the near forty scholars who have participated in the EU report The role of men in gender equality.

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"And the school as a feminized institution was identified as the main problem."

Although research shows that more boys than girls drop out of school and that their academic performance is slightly poorer than the girls', it also shows that class and migration background is as important as gender when one tries to explain these differences.

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However, this is the first time that men's situation has been summarized on such a wide basis, especially in terms of work, family, care and health. The fact that this has been put on the agenda in Europe is both new and important.

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However, the researchers found signs of dawning male movements in all the 31 countries which have been examined; England and Sweden are in the lead, each having 24 male organizations.

"Many of them focus on child custody after breakups, on boys as losers in the education system and on the influence of feminism on men," says Scambor.'

Make fatherhood a man’s choice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite all of this and in complete keeping with my deep-seated feminism, I believe that making fatherhood optional—as motherhood is—and revamping the child support system to stop requiring financial support from noncustodial parents (usually men) who want to opt out early is good for women, men, and the kids in question. In addition, we should further our support of women who choose to opt out of motherhood via abortion or adoption as well. It’s time to make parenthood a true choice, on every level.

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However, in the meantime, we should not use problems of access to and affordability of abortion as a reason that men must pay child support (i.e., that women can’t access abortion so they have to have and raise children and men therefore shouldn’t get off the “hook “either). Those women can utilize adoption. It has always confused me that those who are in favor of holding men financially responsible for a child that results from a pregnancy do not attempt to hold men legally responsible for sharing the cost of abortion with a woman who decides to terminate her pregnancy. I think men have a right to opt out of both, but if one argues that men are responsible for the outcome of a pregnancy they created, and abortion is the outcome, why don’t we pursue men for abortion costs? Especially when, according to the National Network of Abortion Funds, more than 200,000 women a year in the U.S seek assistance with paying for their abortions. The Network also points out that 4,000 women a year in the U.S. are denied abortions because they pass the legal gestational limit while trying to raise the funds. Why do we put men on the “hook” for children but not on the “hook” for abortions?'

UW student's 'rape culture' letter draws outrage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'David Hookstead appears to be at the top of his game.

And his game is ticking people off.

Hookstead, a UW junior who studies political science, is the author of "'Rape culture' does not exist," a letter to the editor published in the Badger Herald Monday. By noon Tuesday the piece had drawn 467 comments — the vast majority of them hostile to Hookstead's views, but a significant number in support.

In essence, Hookstead argues, rape has been blown way out of proportion because women are prone to false accusations.'

Amherst College warns students that alumni are probably rapists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At Amherst College, where students gripe that there isn't enough communism leftist discourse, a residence hall coordinator warned students to be on the lookout for "unwanted sexual advances" by randy alumni returning to campus over homecoming weekend.

The staffer who sent the email is Dominick Usher, reports Newsweek. Usher sent the memo about potential alumni rapists to dormitory counselors, asking them to "share with all of your residents about how best to have a safe and fun homecoming weekend."

The rationale for the missive seems to have been the belief that male Amherst alums aren't able to have sexual relationships or, in fact, score with the ladies beyond the confines of the elite, private, $57,970-a-year school.

"A lot of alums come back for Homecoming pretty jaded with the bar scene and blind dating of the real world and are eager to take advantage of what they now perceive to be an 'easy' hook-up scene back at Amherst," Usher's email counsels. "Also, many alums tend to be pretty drunk all weekend long. Alert your residents to this unfortunate combination and keep an eye on your friends, your residents, and yourself."'

The Hyped Campus Rape That Wasn't

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If a satirist had set out to write a scathing parody of the campus crusade against rape, he could not have come up with anything more bizarre, or more ridiculous, than the real-life comedy-drama that unfolded last month at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

The scandal started, like many scandals do these days, in the social media. On Saturday, October 12, amidst the school's Homecoming Weekend festivities, photos and a video of two young people engaged in a public sex act near the campus--the man on his knees performing oral sex on the woman while she leaned against a plate-glass window, half-sitting on its ledge--showed up online and promptly spread on Twitter.

... OU senior Allie Erwin lamented to 10-TV, "Our first instinct as a community was not to intervene and help this woman, but to post it on social media, and make a mockery of probably the most traumatic experience of her life."
...
Meanwhile, the photos and videos--initially taken down after the rape complaint--resurfaced. They appeared to show a fully consensual encounter; the woman was seen smiling, flipping back her hair, at one point putting her hand on the back of the man's head, and even posing for the camera with a grin on her face. Witnesses confirmed that, while both participants were clearly drunk, the "victim" was not incapacitated and "seemed like she was enjoying it"; she also left with the man afterwards, walking unassisted. (While none of the onlookers thought the sex was non-consensual, at least one or two of them berated the man as a "slut" and physically assaulted him after he stood up, bloodying his face--an ironic detail considering feminist complaints that women are stigmatized for sexually "loose" behavior while men are not.)
...
The university is still considering whether to take disciplinary action against one or both of the students. (One may safely assume that charges against the woman for filing a false police report is not one of the options on the table.) Meanwhile, a follow-up "campus conversation" on sexism, sexual assault, and alcohol is scheduled for November 18. Since the proposed topics include "double standards," it would be interesting to invite the discussants to consider the following scenario:

An intoxicated woman performs oral sex on an equally intoxicated man in public view. Some female passers-by outraged by the woman's loose conduct berate her as a slut and beat her up before she leaves the scene in the man's company. Which of the two would be seen as the victim deserving of public support?'

Study: Eating Disorders In Male Teens Are More Common

Matt · 7 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ATLANTA (CBS ATLANTA) – Eating disorders in male teenagers are more common than previously thought.

A new study by researchers at Boston Children's Hospital has found that roughly 18 percent of teen males have extreme concerns about their weight and physique, raising their risk to start engaging in risky behaviors.

Researchers warn that eating disorders with males may not be noticed during doctor's visits because their desires are different than females in terms of physiques.

"Clinicians may not be aware that some of their male patients are so preoccupied with their weight and shape that they are using unhealthy methods to achieve the physique they desire," study author Alison Field, an associate professor of pediatrics and epidemiology at Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, said in a statement.'

NPO: Alabama Supreme Court Ends “Right” to College Life

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While everyone was fretting over the Federal shutdown, the Alabama Supreme Court took the unexpected, but absolutely correct action, of overturning Bayliss v. Bayliss. The Bayliss precedent has been used by courts to provide post-minority support for college. It has become an expected right for the "college life" for Alabama children.

Now, with Bayliss overturned, the choice to provide monies for college is the choice of divorced parents. These parents, just as with the children of non-divorced parents, may add conditions that may be met by their children in order to provide college costs.

It is the first lesson in responsibility for many children to seek funds through scholarships, grants, parents, grandparents, and "God forbid" work. Now all children, whether or not their parents are together, may learn this lesson.'

NPO: Family Courts' Anti-Father Practices Produce Single Fathers By Choice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For decades we've had "single mothers by choice." Now fathers are making the same one. This article on the subject of men opting for fatherhood without a partner is long, thoughtful and informative (The Guardian, 11/1/13). It's also, to my mind, less judgmental than it ought to be.
...
But the many reasons single parenthood isn't a good idea for children when women do it all apply to men as well. One big reason is money. Two parents can earn more than one and the lack of money alone creates a host of problems for single parents and their kids. ...
...
In short, the children of single fathers will be exempt from none of the slings and arrows that those of single mothers try, often unsuccessfully, to withstand. So the smart money says their outcomes won't be any better.
...
However, one factor portends an ever-greater movement in the direction of single fathers adopting kids.

"What I find with single men, is one of two things," [U.S. lawyer and surrogacy expert Melissa] Brisman says. "Either they have been very successful in their careers and built businesses and they've not had time to meet anyone. Or they've had a very bad divorce and are afraid to get married and have their businesses threatened, or their custody threatened, and they would just prefer to go it alone. They know with surrogacy they won't have these issues." Brisman is convinced that the tendency of family courts to award custody to the mother is a key driver in the rise of heterosexual single fathers.
...
Given the cold, hard facts of family courts, it's all too easy to see why a man who wants a child would opt to forego marriage and adopt a baby out of foster care or from a foreign country. Family court is a minefield for fathers. Why set foot there if you don't have to?'

Is Alimony Offensive to Today's Modern Woman or Modern Man?

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'Reasons Why Alimony May Be Considered Offensive:

1. An alimony obligation that forces one party to significantly financially downsize his/her lifestyle, while the alimony-receiving former spouse continues to live at the same standard of living as had been enjoyed during the marriage is inequitable and offensive to the alimony-paying spouse 2. Paying alimony to an ex-spouse, who is cohabiting with someone else 3. Agreeing to lump sum alimony, and watching your ex remarry shortly 4. Alimony quashes the motivation to work and become self-sufficient 5. Alimony encourages a "victim" mentality, which is insulting when the recipient is educated and capable of working.'

Three Reasons Divorce Is Harder On Men Than Women

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'It turns out that in the age-old battle of the sexes, men seem to be having a more difficult time coping with the dissolution of a marriage. According to a recent study from the Journal of Men's Health, divorced men are more susceptible to heart disease, high blood pressure, and strokes than married men are — in addition to being 39 percent more likely to commit suicide and engage in risky behavior.

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They Lose Their Sense Of Identity "My key breakthrough was realizing that I was defining myself with respect to my marriage," said Denbaum. Even with multiple degrees and a successful career, he found himself lost in the process of his divorce. "I made the marriage the be all and end all, and when I saw that crumbling, I felt like my identity was crumbling."

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Their Paternal Instinct Is Challenged "For me, family has always been important," says Denbaum. "I grew up in a happy family, and I never doubted for a minute that I would get married and raise one of my own. I think just as there are maternal instincts in women, there is a paternal instinct in men." He describes part of this paternal instinct as a longing to belong with the status quo, and to be a provider.

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They Don't Allow Themselves To Grieve Properly "Bottling up feelings with no outlet leads men to experience feelings of depression," said Denbaum. "As someone with no biological predisposition, I definitely think that the breakup of my marriage brought me to experience physiological problems like high blood pressure and mental ones like my battle with depression at the time."'

Boy, 13, suspended from school for carrying purse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 13-year-old Kansas eighth-grader says he was suspended from school on Wednesday because he refused to take off his Vera Bradley purse.

His furious mother says it is discrimination because girls are allowed to have purses with no repercussions.
...
Skylar is a student at Anderson County Senior-Junior School. He said he has been carrying the colorful fabric Vera Bradley bag over his shoulder for some time with no issues.

"It expresses myself and I think everyone else can wear it, so I wear it as well," Skylar told KCTV5's Dave Jordan.
...
She said she reviewed the student handbook but did not see a mention to bags or purses. She questions the suspension and the timing.

"Skylar has been going to school since August with that same Vera Bradley bag on, hasn't taken it off. What is the problem?" she asked.

She said she supports her son and his choices. She said if he wants to carry a Vera Bradley purse or any other type of bag that he should be able to do so without being punished.
...
"I've seen girls wear short shorts. Why don't they get kicked out? But then he gets kicked out for a purse? That doesn't make sense. It's not right," Haight said.

Willis said she was told that the suspension wouldn't be lifted until Skylar stops wearing the purse, which he says he won't do.'

Swedish cinemas launch feminist movie rating

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You expect movie ratings to tell you whether a film contains nudity, sex, profanity or violence. Now movie theaters in equality-minded Sweden are introducing a new rating to highlight gender bias, or rather the absence of it.

To get an "A" rating, a movie must pass the so-called Bechdel test, which means it must have at least two named female characters who talk to each other about something other than a man.

"The entire 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy, all 'Star Wars' movies, 'The Social Network,' 'Pulp Fiction' and all but one of the 'Harry Potter' movies fail this test," said Ellen Tejle, the director of Bio Rio, an art-house movie theater in Stockholm's trendy Sodermalm district.
...
The state-funded Swedish Film Institute supports the initiative, which is starting to catch on. Scandinavian cable TV channel Viasat Film says it will start using the ratings in its film reviews and has scheduled an "A" rated "Super Sunday" on Nov. 17, when it will show only films that pass the test, such as "The Hunger Games," "The Iron Lady" and "Savages."
...
For some, though, Sweden's focus on gender equality has gone too far.

"If they want different kind of movies they should produce some themselves and not just point fingers at other people," said Tanja Bergkvist, a physicist who writes a blog about Sweden's "gender madness."'

War on Women, 2014 Edition

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The disastrous Obamacare rollout has Democrats on the defensive, and looking for any excuse to change the subject. They will almost certainly look to reengage one of their favorite diversions: the “war on women.”
...
As an example, Ellmers noted that a single, 32-year-old male would not have much use for maternity coverage, yet would be required to purchase a policy that includes it under Obamacare. “To the best of your knowledge has a man ever delivered a baby?” she asked Sebelius, who conceded that she didn’t “think so.”
...
Women, of course, will be wooed at every turn. Expect Senate majority leader Harry Reid to hold another vote on the so-called Paycheck Fairness Act, which would make it easier for people to sue their employers for gender discrimination and eliminate caps on punitive-damage claims in class-action discrimination lawsuits. Democrats have a penchant for giving friendly names to bills they know Republicans will oppose, and then attacking GOP lawmakers for “opposing equal pay for women,” or “supporting workplace discrimination.” And if Republicans point out, as Ellmers did, that Obamacare unfairly forces people — young men in particular — to buy insurance plans they don’t want or need at a higher cost, they will inevitably be attacked for waging a war on women’s health care. ...
...
Democrats have certainly had some success propagating the “war on women” theme and putting Republicans on the defensive. Their ability to do so may be undermined by the ongoing disaster that is Obamacare. But that won’t stop them from trying.'

UW-Madison student paper editor reaches to explain "rape culture" letter decision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You have to try to imagine the criticism the editor (Katherine Krueger) must have heard. She goes on at such great length. On the blog yesterday, we talked about the letter, here. The newspaper is The Badger Herald, at the University of Wisconsin—Madison.

...

So Hookstead is not only a denialist; his denialism is proof of the existence of the culture. There should be a name for the culture where there are articles of faith so strong that if you say X is not true, you are viewed as reinforcing the proposition that X is true.

...

Krueger condemns her fellow student in language so strong that I had to go back and reread his letter to try to figure out what was so inflammatory. Krueger calls it "morally repugnant, patriarchal... offensive... the embodiment of rape culture... horrifically misguided... repellent... reprehensible... hateful... infuriating... ugly."

Isn't that a little over-the-top? Is no one allowed anymore to muse about the location of the line between bad sex and the crime of rape? Must one become a social pariah for questioning whether the activities of some criminals means their crime is our culture?'

Are Boys Falling Behind?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Missing from this Advanced Placement English class at Williamston High School are the boys. Just three in Jean Eddington-Shipman's class this semester.

"When I first started teaching AP 27 years ago, it was a much better balance," Eddington-Shipman said.

Not anymore.

Girls are very consistently at the head of the class.

Last year, 80 percent of the top graduates from East Lansing, Everett, Mason, Owosso, and Sexton high schools were girls, according to the Great Grads published in the Lansing State Journal. At Williamston High School, it was two-thirds.

I've never had a graduating class where there were more boys that were top graduates than girls," said Williamston Principal Jeffrey Thoenes, who's spent nine years as a high school principal both in mid-Michigan and in Mt. Pleasant.'

Mother claims doctor disfigured son after 'botched' circumcision

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Article here.

'Circumcision for newborn boys is considered one of the most common medical procedures in the world. But one Memphis mother says her son was mutilated during the common surgery.

Maggie Rhodes turned to the Action News Five Investigators to warn other parents about her experience.

"When he was in the room, he was screaming like life and death like, like there wasn't no tomorrow," she said. "When she pulled back the cloth, like the thing was like gone."

Rhodes' son will need reconstruction work to correct what she considers a botched procedure. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics 1 in 500 newborn boys experience significant acute complications as a result of circumcision.'

Should Miami Movie Theaters Adopt a Feminist Rating System?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hollywood, like most other industries in the U.S., has a woman problem. The ratio of male to female characters in films is two to one, making it twice as difficult for lady actors to land a role as their male counterparts. When women do snag a little screen time, they're often required to strip down for exploitative sex scenes -- far more often than is required of men. And often, that's their only function in the film; women characters are rarely shown talking to each other about anything other than men, relationships, or sex.

...

I can hear you already, men's rights activists: Why does this even matter? Shouldn't I be allowed to watch a testosterone-fueled festival of tits and ass if I want to? Isn't this rule just encroaching on the free speech rights of filmbros worldwide? Why do you women want to ruin everything, gawd?

But guess what: The Bechdel test isn't preventing these movies from being made. It's been around for nearly three decades, remember? Has barely made a scratch. That's unlikely to change if it's more broadly advertised in the theaters where audiences choose and watch their films. In fact, all you Gavin McInnes types can use Bechdel ratings to your advantage, too. Looking for a movie with strong female characters? Go see the A-rated Hunger Games. Looking for the exact opposite of that, because you're a sad, angry man who hates women? Last Vegas is still there for you, dude.

It's sad that we live in a society that still treats women like accessories to the more important and interesting stories of men. And the movie theater, a place that's supposed to offer an escape from the frustrations of reality, so often fails to give women a break from that mindset. Feminist movie ratings aren't the whole solution, of course. But it's a start.'

Israeli Rabbinical Court Forcing Divorcée to Circumcise Son

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'A rabbinical court in Netanya this week forced a divorced woman to facilitate the performance of a Jewish circumcision for her son, Behadrei Haredim reported.

During the divorce process, which Israeli Jews contest in rabbinical court, the husband requested that the regional rabbinical court in Netanya, about 20 miles north of Tel Aviv, to compel his wife to give their son a legal circumcision. The court accepted his request.

The woman argued that the rabbinical court does not have jurisdiction over her son, and may not decide on what constitutes a dangerous medical procedure for him, especially since the boy is not a party to the divorce procedure.

She argued that the authority to decide on this matter belongs exclusively in family court.'

Dad ‘unfit parent for refusing son McDonald’s’

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Attorney David Schorr slapped a court-appointed shrink with a defamation lawsuit for telling the judge deciding a custody battle with his estranged wife that he was an unfit parent — for refusing to take his son to the fast food joint for dinner.

“You’d think it was sexual molestation,” Schorr, 43, told The Post Thursday. “I am just floored by it.”

Schorr says in his Manhattan Supreme Court suit that E. 97th Street psychiatrist Marilyn Schiller filed a report saying he was “wholly incapable of taking care of his son” and should be denied his weekend visitation over the greasy burger ban.
...
“I wish I had taken him to McDonalds, but you get nervous about rewarding bad behavior. I was concerned. I think it was a 1950s equivalent of sending your child to bed without dinner. That’s maybe the worst thing you can say about it,” he said.

Adding insult to injury, he said: “My wife immediately took him to McDonalds.”

Upon reflection, Schorr said he should have remembered that mother knows best.
...
"Even my mother, the strictest mother in the world, said, ‘Why didn’t you just take him to McDonalds? What were you thinking? You know that this is a divorce situation.’”'

UK: Woman who cried wolf about rape may have to face her victim in court

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A man falsely accused of rape could be called to give evidence against his accuser in court before she is sentenced for her myriad of lies.

Natasha Foster told police she had suffered a serious sexual assault in November 2011.

But as the investigation into her claims got under way, the 23-year-old, from Ballymena, Co Antrim, admitted she had lied about the attack.

She was subsequently charged with perverting the course of justice for knowingly making a false statement to police. She pleaded guilty to the offence in September.

...

Judge Desmond Marrinan said the man wrongly accused by Foster may be called to give evidence against his accuser prior to her sentencing.

No facts have yet been outlined in court regarding the case.

...

In January this year shamed Dromore woman Belinda Potts Sneddon received a suspended jail term for falsely claiming to police she had been raped by a stranger in a local park.

It emerged that Potts Sneddon (22) was so embarrassed about having sex in bushes with an older man she made up the rape story.

She only admitted her lies after being challenged by her mother, who told police her daughter invented the claims.

The Dromore woman was given a five-month jail sentence suspended for two years and fined £1,000 for wasting police time.

Earlier this year a Crown Prosecution Service report found rape victims were being punished because of "damaging myths" about false rape allegations.

The report estimated that around two false rape allegations are made every month in the UK.'

'Boys will be boys:' Rob Ford and toxic masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Violent temper. Refusal to admit wrongdoing. Penchant for expressing every feeling as anger. Penchant for expressing anger through physical intimidation. Homophobia and transphobia. Impulsive, risky behaviour with no consideration of potential consequences. Obsession with the competitive parts of politics (campaigning) and disdain for the collaborative parts. "Boys will be boys" brand excuses for egregious behaviour.
...
This isn't the first time I've thought about Rob Ford's embodiment of the socially constructed norms that shape and constrain our culture's understanding of what it means to Be A Man. I thought about it a lot after the Mayor violently confronted journalist Daniel Dale on the property adjacent to his home, fist cocked and charging at full speed.
...
People who called Daniel Dale a wuss on Twitter for being afraid of a much-larger man approaching him violently? Enablers. People who said Ford's "murder rant" was just the kind of murderously violent speech we all engage in when we're a little angry? Enablers.

But then, when it comes to the replication of gender norms, most of us are enablers.

Toxic masculinity is not "men being awful;" rather, it is people of all genders holding, performing and perpetuating rigid ideas of who we are allowed to be. Rob Ford, in particular, has spent a lifetime striving to perform what a Rich, Powerful White Man should be (a whole other level of toxicity beyond the merely masculine). His pursuit of idealized masculinity seems unmistakably modelled after that of his simultaneous bully and protector brother, who has often been framed by the media as "the smart one" and seems to have always been perceived as more competent, more likeable, more of A Man.
...
If we want more gender diversity in politics, we need to understand that a) a good politician can come equipped with a wide variety of character traits, not all of them about cutthroat aggression and cold calculation, and b) there is immense diversity within genders and no trait is "naturally" masculine or feminine -- we choose to understand and value traits in these binary ways, and if we want to, we can choose to change that.'

Where do all the angry white men come from?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is an article about angry white men and their galloping sense of aggrieved entitlement. It is at least partly inspired by feminist theory and analysis of structural racial supremacy. Before I've finished my third sentence, I've probably already contributed to a minor epidemic of hypertension among a certain section of Comment is free readers. I can anticipate the comments, the hit-blogs and the hate-mail already: by even mentioning white men, I am the real racist. I am the real sexist. Why doesn't the Guardian take a pop at the angry brown men over here or the angry black women over there instead?

In my defence, the provocation is not entirely mine. A new book is published this week under the blunt title Angry White Men. Its author, Michael Kimmel, is not unaccustomed to stirring up strong responses. As a liberal sociology professor and perhaps the world's most prominent male feminist, he has dedicated a career to poking the hornets' nest of traditional masculinity. He once wrote that the penis should carry a sticker saying: "Warning: operating this instrument can be dangerous to yours and others' health."

His latest work strokes a broad, acerbic brush over the white supremacists of the Mason-Dixon line, the NRA and Tea Party stalwarts of the Bible Belt, the men's rights activists of cyberspace and the high school spree shooters of parental nightmares. The common feature, he argues, is their shared belief that certain degrees of status, privilege and social advantage, perceived to be their natural or god-given rights, have been snatched away by sudden social change. The resulting anger is targeted not at a globalised neoliberal economic system that has declared ordinary people expendable – irrespective of their race, class or gender – but immigration, civil rights and feminism. In a sense Kimmel is describing the irrational emotional fallout of the economic gender revolution detailed in books like Stiffed and The End of Men.'

Man seeks state constitutional amendment requiring 50% of state legislators be female

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If a Hot Springs man has his way, the Montana Legislature would be evenly divided by gender in the future, with 50 percent men and 50 percent women in each chamber.

John Marshall this week submitted a proposed constitutional amendment for the 2014 ballot to require both houses of the Montana Legislature to be 50 percent men and 50 percent women.

The current Legislature has 108 male and 42 female members. Women make up 28 percent of the total in both chambers.

Marshall submitted his proposal to Secretary of State Linda McCulloch's office on Tuesday. It now goes to Attorney General Tim Fox's office for legal review and the Montana Legislative Services Division for language review.

If it passes legal muster, Marshall can begin gathering signatures. He will need more than 48,000 signatures of registered voters to qualify for the ballot, plus meet some district signature requirements.

"Let's be the first state in the nation to set quotas by gender," he said in a phone interview. "We'll catch the attention of the nation. It will benefit the state economically, socially and culturally in the future."
...
Rep. Pat Ingraham, R-Thompson Falls, opposed the proposal.

"You need willing hearts that are willing and able to do it (serve in the Legislature)," she said. "You can't legislate that heart. You have to have that heart and commitment. I just don't think mandating those things is a wise decision."'

'Americans Prefer Male Bosses (Fun Fact: Women Are Better Managers)'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Even though the evidence is piling up that women tend to be better managers, a larger share of Americans continue to say they'd rather be managed by men, according to a new Gallup poll.

The poll, published Monday, found than one-third of Americans say they'd prefer a male boss, while about 23 percent say they'd prefer a female manager. (Among Republicans, that gap is even larger, with 40 percent preferring a male boss, and only 16 percent a female one.)

The preference for men may be explained in part by the fact that workers are less likely to encounter female managers; 54 percent of workers have a male boss, while just 30 percent say they work for a woman, according to Gallup.

That's a problem, especially since women tend to be better at the management styles that get the most out of workers.'

Conference to help female veterans launch businesses

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Years ago, Nell Merlino started the “Take Your Daughter to Work” movement.

Now, she’s focused on all those girls who grew up, served their country, and are now interested in business; female veterans like Angela Cody-Rouget.

“Her business is called 'Major Mom,'" Merlino explained. "She and her four kids moved 19 times in 19 years. She now has a business helping people move and organize their homes.”

Major Mom has become a hit. But the founder acknowledged in this promotional video she had to learn how to think like a businesswoman.

“Some of the how-to-do-it in the civilian world is not apparent, and that is what I am learning to do here," she said.'

Edmonton Men Speak Against Men's Right Group

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Video and article here. Excerpt:

'Men in Edmonton are responding to a controversial men's rights group, making it clear that the "misogynistic" movement isn't a voice for them.

In a video titled 'A Voice For Men Is Not A Voice For Me,' a few Edmonton men are taking their voice back, saying the group isn't an accurate representation of the beliefs of all men; and that they're concerned about the effect the movement may have on Edmonton.

"The idea that they represent all of men's rights is complete fallacy," says Barret Weber, sociologist and instructor at the University of Alberta, in the video.

"This is a voice against fear-mongering politics that shame and oppress the voices of survivors of sexual assault," says another participant.'

Russia: Feminist Corruption, and its Contribution to Sexism and Reverse-Sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The recent two controversial cases about the decision of the European Commission to propose the 40% quota for women on company boards by 2020 and about the call by some female tennis players to ask men to lower their level of play from 5 sets to 3 (for gender equality) reveals how far the contemporary campaign for gender equality has gone to the extreme and contributed not only to the perpetuation of "old" sexism against women but also to the creation of "new" sexism against men (or what I called "reverse sexism" in my previous publications), with both oppressive and suppressive impacts on society in the longer term.
...
And the second reason is that the feminists like to blame their failures on men, that is, on "social" and "cultural" factors for male overachievement, but "such factors have not been found to have an effect...that lasts to adulthood" on a permanent basis (BNN 79). This then means that whenever women do not do well in certain areas (like leadership, mathematics, martial arts, construction works, elite commandos, etc.), they do not focus on their own "self-responsibility," quickly use men as the "punching bag," and then go on to beg society for "entitlement" (or "preferential treatment"). But when women do better than men in other areas (like nursing, social counseling, child care, etc.), they take all the credit for their successes. If any man disagrees with them, the feminists would automatically label him as "sexist" without bothering to defend it in a rational debate. And when a man presents scientific evidences to back up his argument, these feminists would simply dismiss them as "socially constructed" while immediately accepting their feminist (often polemic) version of so-called evidences as "true" without any critical question asked.
...
What separates humans from animals is that the former can come up with new ideas (ideals) to create a whole new world, but all too often in history, in the name of these ideals, both society and culture end up being so messed up to the point that the promised new world becomes so oppressive and suppressive instead, to the indignation of the posterity in future history.

Does anyone still remember "the Cultural Revolution" for equality in China during the 1960s and 1970s, when men and women even dressed alike, to the point that this chapter of Chinese history is now known as "the lost generation"? When ideology goes to the extreme and denies all relevant facts or evidences (as "socially constructed"), people and society will suffer in the longer term -- as reality can only be ignored or dismissed for so long, before it will return with a vengeance in the future.'

Stockholm Cinema begins to rate "gender equality" in films

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CBC Radio personality Jian Ghomeshi interviews Ellen Tejle, director of the Cinema Rio in Stockholm, Sweden about their plans to introduce a "Gender Equality" rating system for movies.

The scoring system was devised in 1985 by cartoonist Allison Bechdel in her comic strip "Dykes to Watch Out For".

Ghomeshi discusses what Ms Tejle about hopes to achieve with the plan - and speaks to a film critic who feels it is a misleading and ineffective way to raise awareness about gender equity.

An 18:23 min interview segment included.

ACL injuries most common in football, girls' soccer

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Among high school athletes, football players and female soccer players are most likely to injure their anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), a new study finds.

Those injuries often require surgery and months of rehab, and can put young athletes at risk for arthritis years down the road.

...

The report confirms earlier findings that among boys and girls playing the same sport, girls have a higher risk of ACL injury. That could be due to differences in their build, muscle development or hormones.

But researchers said it's important to focus on ACL injury prevention for boys, too - especially because a high rate of injuries is seen among young football players.'

Norway may ban non-medical circumcision of boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Norway's Health Ministry is considering a proposal on regulating the circumcision of boys. Some political parties are calling on a complete ban of the practice on minors, a possibility that would affect Jewish and Muslim communities.

Two years ago, the ministry was tasked with reviewing circumcision and how it should be practiced in Norway. It is yet to finalize its stance, but intends to submit its legislative proposal before Easter next year, Health Minister Bent Hoie told Aftenposten, Norway's largest newspaper.

The issue was brought to public attention after the resent call by Norway Children's Ombudswoman Anne Lindboe to ban circumcision of boys before age 16, unless the procedure is warranted by medical needs.

"This is not due to any lack of understanding of minorities or religious traditions, but because the procedure is irreversible, painful and risky," she argued.
...
"As a modern society, we should work to eliminate practices that expose children and people to unnecessary suffering," said Labor's Ruth Mari Grung, who is a member of the parliamentary Committee on Health and Care Services.

A ban is also supported by the Center Party, which has 10 seats in the parliament.'

NPO: New York Promoting Disneyland Dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It appears David Schorr is going to have his parenting time diminished for refusing to be a Disneyland Dad.

His son, with gratitude to a court-appointed psychiatrist and Mom, has learned how to get his way, how to play his parents against each other, and that he is in charge.

On his Tuesday dinner night with his four-year old son, his son threw a tantrum to manipulate Dad into taking him to McDonald's. Dad held firm and told his son that they would eat a healthy dinner at the neighborhood cafe, or not eat.

Schorr's son taught him a lesson by refusing to eat. Mom and the family courts are using this incidence to trample Dad and diminish his parenting time. First by Mom taking their son to McDonald's when he was returned to her. Second, by the court-appointed psychiatrist, Marilyn Schiller, deeming Schorr, "wholly incapable of taking care of his son." With this, Schorr's meager parenting time may be cut by the New York family courts.'

SAVE E-lert: Tell U of Texas' Title IX Coordinator That Fear Mongering Doesn't Stop Rape

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When it comes to advocating for abuse victims, we believe in telling the truth. But there are others who that think there is absolutely nothing wrong with making outrageous claims to advance an agenda.

One of those people is Jennifer Hammat, Title IX coordinator for the University of Texas.

While being interviewed for The Daily Texan, Hammat made the statement, "We should be seeing 12,500 cases a year," while discussing unreported sexual assaults of students.

Seriously, Jennifer? 250-300 rapes or sexual assaults per week, just on your campus? PARENTS, GET YOUR KIDS OFF THE UT CAMPUS!!!

Ms. Hammat is exaggerating, of course. Her campus doesn't have 15% of all of the rapes and sexual assaults in the country. But that lie was for a good cause, right?

Tell Jennifer Hammat, "Fear Mongering Doesn't Stop Rape" Here's her email address: j.hammat-at-austin.utexas.edu

Jennifer Hammat needs to issue a new statement, one with the real facts and figures about sexual assault and rape on the UT campus.

Thank you!

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Jury Acquits Air Force Officer Accused of Groping

ThomasI · 14 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Well the big case this summer is over and it was a non-case. The officer did not grope the woman. But when you read it, make sure to be calm before reading this one shocking sentence: "What else would cause such a reaction?" from the woman, Steele asked the jury. Excerpt:

'An Air Force officer who once led the branch's sexual assault response team was acquitted Wednesday of allegations that he groped a woman outside a Virginia bar.

A seven-member jury deliberated about an hour after hearing closing arguments in the misdemeanor assault case against Lt. Col. Jeffrey Krusinski, 42, of Arlington. His arrest fueled a national furor over sexual abuse in the military and whether top brass take the issue seriously.

A 23-year-old woman testified that Krusinski grabbed her backside on May 5 outside the Crystal City bar.

Defense lawyers argued that there were inconsistencies in her story. In particular, the defense honed in on the woman's testimony admitting she punched Krusinski a few times in the face in retaliation. Numerous other witnesses, though, described seeing her hit him countless times.'

UK: UCAS chief warns over 'worrying' university gender gap

Broadsword · 14 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

The head of UCAS warns that men risk being turned into an under-represented group on university campuses because of the gulf in applications between the sexes.

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By 2025, the gulf in access between men and women will actually be more pronounced than that seen between deprived and wealthy students.

Mrs Curnock Cook said the “very worrying difference between application rates for men and women” should now be treated as an “important widening participation issue” in its own right.

“Women are a third more likely to apply for higher education,” she said. “In fact, our report last year showed we've got to the stage where more women are entering higher education than men are applying and the gap is getting wider.”

Research by UCAS showed that some 30 per cent of 18-year-old men applied to university straight from school or college in 2012, while 24.6 per cent were admitted.

For women, 40 per cent applied and 32.5 per cent were given places.'

Middle-Aged Men Suffer Mentally In The New Economy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lost in the flurry of press coverage of ObamaCare's intended expansion of mental health care coverage is the reality that suicide-prevention programs typically focus on the elderly, teenagers and young adults, historically the most suicide-prone populations. These programs haven't adapted to realities of the new economy. This means tailoring prevention efforts to resonate with middle-aged Americans, particularly men, who are conditioned to equate their self-worth with their jobs and stifle outward signs of vulnerability.
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... Men ages 35 to 64 commit suicide at a rate of 27.3 per 100,000, compared to a rate of 8.1 among women. And the annual economic cost of suicides is some $34 billion, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.'

UK: Vince Cable says UK economy hampered by lack of female engineers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Vince Cable has warned that Britain's lack of female engineers is causing "enormous problems", as a government review calls for concerted action to address the dearth of women in the profession.

In a review published on Monday as part of Tomorrow's Engineers week, the government's chief scientific adviser for business, Prof John Perkins, makes 22 recommendations to boost Britain's engineering industry, including new vocational qualifications, stronger links between industry and education, and more help for professionals returning to the industry after a career break.

The lack of female engineers across disciplines from computer science to chemistry is a focus of the review. The UK has the lowest percentage of female engineering professionals in Europe, at less than 10%, while Latvia, Bulgaria and Cyprus lead the continent with nearly 30%.'

Women-only 'pink taxis' introduced in Melbourne

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A taxi company in Australia plans to introduce "pink taxis' which will be driven by women and only available to female passengers, saying women feel less safe with male drivers.

The company behind the scheme, Taxi Link, said it was concerned a the series of night-time sexual assaults and believed some women felt uncomfortable in taxis, which are predominantly driven by men. The scheme will allow women to request a female driver when booking a cab.
"From a safety point of view, I think women feel more at ease with women," the company's director, Harry Katsiabanis, told The Herald Sun.

"We are trying to create a more comfortable environment, an environment that will be more readily used than the current one."
...
"I think women are more caring and I think that they've got a more gentle demeanour than most men, so I think they'll cope well [with] the stress and pressures of traffic in Melbourne," he said.

A Melbourne veterinary nurse, Brook Trott, 18, said she would be more comfortable catching one of the pink taxis.

"I would feel more safe if I was to get in a taxi with another girl, as a driver or just a passenger," she told The Age.'

'Hunting Osama bin Laden was women's work'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Navy SEALs may have killed Osama bin Laden, but women led them to their prey.

Women made up the majority of analysts – at one point all the analysts -- in “Alec Station,” the unit charged with finding Bin Laden, managed the ramp-up at the CIA's Counter Terrorism Center after 9-11, and participated in the interrogation, and the waterboarding, of al Qaeda suspects. They were critical to the first capture of a major al Qaeda target, Abu Zubaydah; helped find and kill Abu Musab al Zarqawi, the leader of al Qaeda in Iraq; ran "black sites," the secret CIA prisons used to interrogate terror suspects; and in the case of two senior analysts, died in an attack by al Qaeda on a CIA compound in Afghanistan.

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Some of Moore’s male colleagues are more effusive. In a speech this January, former CIA Director Michael Hayden said an "incredible band of sisters” led the search for Osama. Michael Scheuer, who ran “Alec Station,” told Newsweek last year that, “If I could have put out a sign on the door that said ‘No men need apply,’ I would have done it.”

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Whatever the intangibles, even two years before 9-11, all the staffers in "Alec Station" except Scheuer were female. After 9-11, women were involved in setting up the earliest "black sites,” and participated in the controversial interrogations themselves. Officials told NBC News that both Zubaydah and ”KSM” -- Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the 9-11 mastermind -- were interrogated by women, sometimes with the aid of "enhanced interrogation techniques," including waterboarding, the simulated drowning technique since outlawed.

A former CIA official told NBC News that he thought women might have been especially effective at interrogating terror suspects because of the combination of surprise and shame. Jihadis were stunned that women, whom they saw as inferior, had been chosen to question them.'

What really happened to boys?

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'Four years ago, psychologist Leonard Sax (MD, PhD) wrote a well-received book titled “Boys Adrift.” The doctor tried to answer the question, why have so many young males fallen into passivity and indifference?

Dr. Sax had heard more and more parents complain that their boys stayed indoors most of the time, spent hours on video games, and in general seemed to lack the confidence and esprit de corps that had characterized boys throughout history.

“Something scary is happening to boys today,” Sax concluded. “From kindergarten to college, American boys are, on average, less resilient and less ambitious than they were a mere twenty years ago. The gender gap in college attendance and graduation rates has widened dramatically.”

The book’s full title is, “Boys Adrift: The Five Factors Driving the Growing Epidemic of Unmotivated Boys and Underachieving Young Men.” Sax lists the five factors right on the cover: “video games, teaching methods, prescription drugs, environmental toxins, devaluation of masculinity.'

Calgary DV Month Kickoff continues to ignore male victims

fathers4fairness · 15 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While the campaign refers to all individuals who are victimized, talk of domestic abuse still focuses on adult female victims. That trend is slowly changing as the government, aid agencies and society begin to recognize other victims.

The least discussed group, says men's rights activists, is men. It is a politically charged topic as adult males are also seen as the main perpetrators of abuse. Toronto social worker Adam McPhee says that doesn't mean male victims can be ignored.

McPhee is employed at a Toronto AIDS counselling centre and an emergency drop-in shelter. He is also a spokesperson for the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE).

CAFE says its mandate is universal equality, but that it is focused on male well-being at a time when men are suffering from disproportionate rates of suicide, poor educational performance and legal bias.

CAFE has also been accused of being a hate group. Protestors forced it to call off a presentation at the University of Toronto in November 2012.

"We're having our discussion kind of squashed and being told that any discussion of men's issues is kind of misogynistic and, by its nature, it's got to be in opposition to women," says McPhee. He says he wants society to talk about abuse regardless of gender.'

Preterm Boys Face Worse Odds Than Girls, Study Says

Minuteman · 16 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Boys are 14 percent more likely than girls to be born prematurely, and preterm boys have a greater risk of disability and death than preterm girls, new research finds.

These disabilities range from learning problems, blindness or deafness, to motor problems such as cerebral palsy, according to the authors of six studies published in the journal Pediatric Research in advance of World Prematurity Day on Nov. 17.

"Baby boys have a higher likelihood of infections, jaundice, birth complications and congenital conditions, but the biggest risk for baby boys is due to preterm birth," research team leader Dr. Joy Lawn, a professor and neonatologist and epidemiologist at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine in England, said in a journal news release.

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However, the study authors pointed out, preterm girls are more likely than boys to die in the first month of life in some countries where girls receive less nutrition and medical care than boys.'

'What About the Boys?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'About five years ago, Peg Tyre, a long-time education journalist, wrote a book called The Trouble With Boys which discussed why boys were not being served well in today's public schools. Christina Hoff Sommers wrote a similar book, entitled The War on Boys: How Misguided Feminism is Harming Our Young Men. Other books have been written on the topic as well. About a year ago the Westchester County Psychological Association had Ms. Tyre give a presentation, along with David Greene, a retired Scarsdale High School teacher, regarding what they have observed as the education system has changed throughout the years. Much of what they said stuck with me, and has influenced my work with youngsters.'

Women-only parking at the University of Fraser Valley-- what if it were whites-only?

TCM · 16 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Fraser Valley *[link added]* has a problem. Not with violence, since records show that UFV is a rather safe campus. No, the problem is in deciding who, in those brief and isolated punctuations of time when violence occurs, should be safe from violence. Should UFV adopt an approach that does not exclude its students on the basis of sex, race, and so forth? Or should it adopt the position that some groups are more worthy of safety than others?

They have chosen the latter. According to an interview by local radio station Star FM:
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Leonard says security patrols the campuses in Abbotsford and Chilliwack 24/7 and you can call them to walk you to your vehicle. He also says at the Abbotsford campus the lots closest to the main doors of building A are reserved for women only in the evening.

Director of Security Brian Leonard's email address is brian.leonard-at-ufv.ca. Please direct your dissent toward him.
...
A quick trip to the parking page on the university's website (which I have screenshotted in case they take it down) shows the same same diamond-shaped red and yellow signs, and explicitly states that it has a section for women-only parking:
...
I don't care what anyone's rationalization is for the University of Fraser Valley's treatment of its male students. It's unacceptably sexist, regardless as to who is doing it. If their argument is that women deserve special treatment because men are more likely to engage in street crime, would they also accept the rationalization that whites are deserving of special treatment since most recorded gang activity is by persons of color?
...
In further research at UFV, I noted that the ratio of men to women on the UFV campus is 36% male and 64% female, according to a university publication:
...
I'm curious as to whether UFV has ever engaged in a public discussion of the issue of male educational attainment. Admittedly, I have not been able to find any evidence of this. And it would defy all logic for UFV to assert that it must actively discriminate against male students despite violence not being a big problem, while totally ignoring the issue of male educational underachievement – which is a big problem.
...
This isn't the first time we have seen something like this. Last year, after a woman reported she had been raped at the University of Waterloo, the school declared that female students have priority for rides on the university bus system. It later turned out that the rape accusation was false.

We are setting a dangerous precedent in our educational institutions. We need to continue to call out these universities and, in no uncertain terms, publicly declare that what they are doing is unacceptable.'

Broken homes, broken boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When I started following the research on child well-being about two decades ago, the focus was almost always girls' problems — their low self-esteem, lax ambitions, eating disorders and, most alarming, high rates of teen pregnancy. Now, though, with teen births down more than 50% from their 1991 peak and girls dominating classrooms and graduation ceremonies, boys and men are increasingly the ones under examination. Their high school grades and college attendance rates have remained stalled for decades. Among poor and working-class boys, the chances of climbing out of the low-end labor market — and of becoming reliable husbands and fathers — are looking worse and worse.

This spring, MIT economist David Autor and coauthor Melanie Wasserman suggested a reason for this: the growing number of fatherless homes. Boys and young men weren't behaving rationally, they suggested, because their family situations had left them without the necessary attitudes and skills to adapt to changing social and economic conditions. Anyone interested in the plight of poor and working-class men — and, more broadly, mobility and the American dream — should hope this research, and the considerable biological and psychological evidence behind it, become part of the public debate.'

Feminism: Ideology or Interest Group?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The American Thinker's always interesting Clarice Feldman has taken two separate incidents to draw our attention to what Feldman calls "the pernicious effects" of feminism today.

The two incidents are…

"…the skewed married women versus single women vote in Virginia and the increasing pressure put on the military to prosecute meritless charges of sexual assault. In both cases, ordinary men and women and the country as a whole are the victims of upper-class women's drive to power through mendacious claims megaphoned by a credulous, biased press."
...
... Because feminists are so politically powerful, Feldman says, the military is bowing to their demands and allowing unwarranted sexual assault criminal prosecutions to go forward. Let me stop to say that any man who assaults a woman deserves the utmost punishment. But it is also crucial if we are to be a just society that we don't punish men who don't deserve it to meet the demands of a feminist lobby.
...
We obviously want--need--to know if there's a rise in sexual assaults in the military. But we also must recognize that, because the issue has been so politicized, it is going to be difficult to get the real numbers.

What Feldman's column reminded me of was something that I thought a when I attended a conference in September at the Center for American Progress, the think tank with Obama ties. Feminism is no longer an ideal: it is the basis of an interest group.'

International Men's Day: Time to highlight male role models

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Article here. Excerpt:

'International Men's Day (IMD) is an annual event celebrated on November 19.

Inaugurated in 1999 in Trinidad and Tobago, International Men's Day is celebrated in over 60 countries, including Spain.

Its objectives include focusing on men's and boys' health, improving gender relations, promoting gender equality and highlighting positive male role models.

It is an occasion to highlight discrimination against males and to celebrate their achievements and contributions, in particular to community, family, marriage, and childcare.

The theme for 2013 is ‘Keeping Men and Boys safe’.

Celebrations for International Men’s Day have become intertwined with others for Movember. This is an annual, month-long event involving growing moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of prostate cancer and other male cancer.

Movember aims to increase early cancer detection, diagnosis and effective treatments, and ultimately reduce the number of preventable deaths.'

NCFM's International Men's Day event

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Come enjoy a great Game of Pool, a Beer and some Pizza For only $10.00 .. Ladies and Men all Welcome... RSVP Carolyn at carolynbell.fes-at-gmail.com which will help us know how best to do the event but it's not required. We'd like to see you.

For More Info: https://www.facebook.com/events/683487181675896/

Social services supervisor and husband arrested over abuse of fostered children

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Union County, N.C. — Authorities arrested a Union County Department of Social Services worker and a Monroe man Friday night after an 11-year-old boy was found handcuffed to the front porch of a home with a dead chicken tied around his neck, investigators said.

WBTV of Charlotte reported a deputy was answering an animal services complaint next door to the home on Austin Road, south of Monroe, when he saw a child secured to the front porch at the ankle, by what appeared to be a pair of handcuffs.

The child also had a dead chicken hanging around his neck, and appeared to be shivering, the deputy said.

Moments later, 57-year-old Dorian Lee Harper appeared on the porch along with another child who released several large dogs onto the officer.
...
Larson was a supervisor with Union County Department of Social Services.

Officials told WBTV that while Larson was not present at the time the children were discovered, she is accused of being complicit in the ongoing mistreatment of the children. She and Harper had adopted four of the children, and were serving as foster parents of the 11-year-old, who was found on the porch.

Harper and Lawson were being held in the Union County jail Friday. Both were scheduled to be in court Monday.

Harper and Larson were charged with intentional child abuse, inflicting serious injury, false imprisonment and cruelty to animals, according to authorities.

The children are now in the custody of an undisclosed Social Services agency outside of Union County.'

New Zealand: Teacher disciplined for sexual misconduct with student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Teachers' Council's complaints assessment committee charged the teacher with serious misconduct over an inappropriate relationship with a Year 13 student from the unnamed school.

The New Zealand Teacher's Disciplinary Tribunal's agreed statement of facts detailed that after recently separating from her husband, the teacher invited the student to live with her, knowing that he was to be a pupil at the school she taught at.

The teacher also communicated with the students in an inappropriate manner by discussing personal matters with them and making statements to the effect of "oh I love you and care about you and I'll see you after school", the decision said.

She hugged and kissed him and once suggested a threesome with him and another boy while they were in her bedroom.
...
The tribunal said she had in effect, been suspended from teaching from May 2010, in excess of three years.

The suspension of her practising certificate ended on October 30 this year.

Conditions have been imposed on her practising certificate, including a mandatory supervision and guidance programme at any school or education institution which employs her in the future.'

NPO: Join in the Suit Against New Jersey Family Courts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the next few weeks, Clark Legal Services will be filing suit against New Jersey asking for an injunction to prevent New Jersey from taking custody away from a parent without a prompt and full hearing — which is what is required by the United States Constitution. A "full" hearing means the right to present evidence, cross examine accusers and be represented by counsel if one chooses. The federal courts have not said precisely how soon is "prompt," but essentially it means a soon as possible and certainly a matter of days, not weeks or months.

New Jersey is not giving parents a prompt and full hearing when stripping one parent of custody and awarding custody to another. We currently have one plaintiff who was deprived of custody for over a year without a full hearing. He will be filing suit on behalf of himself and all similarly situated New Jersey parents. We would like to add additional plaintiffs to the suit and have asked National Parents Organization to reach out to its members to join in this suit.'

N. Ireland: Domestic violence against men at highest level on record

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence against men in Northern Ireland has increased by more than 40% in nine years – and that's just reported incidents.

PSNI figures reveal that the figure reached a record of 2,525 male victims in 2012/13, up 259 cases on the year before.

Police started recording the statistics nine years ago.

They also show that in one year alone (2011/12) the level of reported incidents jumped 25% (from 1,833 to 2,266).

But this may be only a fraction of the true figure due to the reluctance of many men to come forward because of embarrassment and shame – a scenario the police and support groups hope will change.

Northern Ireland's first crisis centre for male abuse victims, Men's Aid NI, was opened earlier this year.'

India: Demand now for 'Ministry of Men's Welfare'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kolkata: With a large number of men falling victim to "gender-biased laws", an organisation fighting for "male rights" demanded here Sunday that a "Ministry of Men's Welfare" be set up to look into long neglected issues that affect them.

Quoting National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, men's rights organisation Hridaya said a large number of men were falling victim to "legal terrorism" perpetrated through "anti-male and anti-family laws", and demanded that gender-biased laws be made gender-neutral.

"Section 498 A of the Indian Penal Code (husband or relative of husband subjecting woman to cruelty) and the Domestic Violence Act are being widely misused, and men are now facing legal terrorism. Going by the NCRB data, in 2012, after theft and hurt, the most number of cases were filed under 498 A," Hridaya secretary Amit Gupta said at an event organised to raise awareness about International Men's Day to be celebrated world over Nov 19.'

Local View: More evidence Nebraska's domestic violence policies need revision

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Op-ed here. Excerpt:

'Last summer, we wrote that Nebraska's domestic violence policies need revision, primarily because they are based on inaccurate information. Since then, two new studies have been published that confirm the need for our domestic violence policies to be revised. These studies also describe a worrying new trend in domestic violence.

Before we discuss these new studies, let's summarize what the research shows about domestic violence:

* Women and men commit domestic violence at comparable rates.

* Men and women are victimized by domestic violence at comparable rates.

* Half of all domestic violence is mutual.

* When domestic violence is not mutual, female-only and male-only domestic violence occur at comparable rates.'

"'Men's rights' are a big whinge"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Pop quiz: What's the opposite of "misogyny"? If you said "misandry", you're not only wrong but also a bit of a negative ninny for thinking the opposite of hating one gender is hating another.

Misandry is its male counterpart, but the opposite of misogyny is actually "philogyny", which the dictionary defines as a "love or liking for women". But don't feel bad if you've never even heard the word before, because the dictionary also describes its usage as "rare".

I'm not sure if it means anything that so few people have a need for this word in their vocabulary, but it feels tempting to draw a parallel with the regressive evolution of eyeless cave fish. Said Charles Darwin: "I attribute their loss wholly to disuse."

There's certainly a shortage of philogyny within Men's Rights Activism, a loose and alarmingly large group of angry straight men who seem determined to talk their way out of ever getting laid again. Turning reality on its head, they claim men are oppressed by women in a matriarchal society and feminists, their arch-enemies, are all misandrists on a mission to strip men of their last remaining rights, the poor things.
...
Now let's draw another cheeky parallel. If the men's rights activists trick of wailing about misandry while completely ignoring their own misogyny doesn't sound strangely familiar, simply substitute "racism" for misogyny and "reverse racism" for misandry, and it's easy to see that disgruntled whites are playing exactly the same little word game.

Like misandry, so-called reverse racism is a classic red herring fallacy and a concept that exists more in the imaginations of narrow-minded bigots than in the real world.

Find someone who's constantly moaning about reverse racism and you won't have to look far to find someone who has never complained about actual racism – you know, that racism that made the world hate South Africa.

And, like men's rights activists, their anger is purely based on the fear that their ill-gotten privileges are being prised from their grubby paws. So slowly, in fact, that I have to wonder what all the fuss is about.'

PT Standards in Question for Women in Combat

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Marine Corps may have to change its physical standards in order to put females in positions to one day lead infantry platoons in combat.

Both the Marine Corps and the Army continue to wrestle with the mandate that former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta issued in January, directing the U.S. military to open hundreds of combat-arms jobs that have been closed to female servicemembers.

So far, the Marines have been out ahead.

The service has opened up infantry training to female officers and enlisted Marines as part of an effort to gather data on how females and males compare when performing infantry and other combat-arms-related skills, and how those findings relate to current male and female physical fitness standards.
The effort is scheduled to run until fall of 2014, but the results so far have drawn attention.
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So far, the results have not been promising. Nine of the 10 females that volunteered out of The Basic Course failed to make it through the first day of IOC. The remaining female volunteer dropped because of an injury from the course a week later.

The Marine Corps will continue to allow female Marines to go through IOC and ITB until the research phase ends next fall. From there, the data will be compiled into a recommendation to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on how the Corps intends to open up certain combat-arms jobs to women by Jan. 1, 2016.
...
"And we will kind of see … if a Marine gets a 300 on the PFT and CFT; how well they do on the MOS tasks. So we are looking at that to see … whether or not these physical standards are applicable to these MOSs.

"Depending on what the data says, and what it shows, it will decide whether or not any of the standards for the MOSs need to change."

It's unclear if the Marine Corps will decide to require males and females to perform the same PFT standards, but officials said that the service has no plans to lower the physical requirements of Marine infantry training.

"Those physically-demanding tasks are performance-based standards that all Marines in that MOS must be able to perform," Krebs said. "So whether you are male or whether you are female, that's the standard and that is what we are going to hold it to."'

Canada: Study looks at partner input on abortion decision

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A Canadian academic study looked at the influences and feelings of couples who decided on an abortion. A summary is here at "Understanding the pregnancy decision-making process among couples seeking induced abortion". Perhaps not surprisingly, men had little say in the decision and reported they were not as happy with the discussions that took place. (70.4% of Men vs. 96.6% of Women were "happy with discussions".) Abstract excerpt:

'Objective: The role of partners in the abortion experience is complex and poorly understood. We sought to examine how women and their partners navigate the pregnancy decision-making process.
...
Results: One half of women had decided on abortion before informing their partner of the pregnancy. Of those who were undecided at the time of disclosure, all sought their partner's advice. Most participants (84%) were happy with the amount of discussion that took place with their partners, although one fifth of women and nearly one third of men could have discussed it more. More women than men were happy with the discussions that took place (96.6% vs. 70.4%). Two thirds of respondents viewed the decision to have an abortion as being made by both partners, one quarter viewed the decision as being mostly the woman's choice, and 5% viewed the decision as being mostly the male partner's choice.

Conclusion: Although making the choice to have an abortion rests with the woman, her partner may play a role in the decision-making process, particularly when the woman is undecided. For many couples presenting for abortion, the decision is seen as being made jointly by both partners. Further research may identify opportunities to foster greater partner support throughout a woman's abortion experience.'

UK: I'll treat attacks on women as a hate crime, says new London prosecutor

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A major campaign to reduce violence against women and bring more rapists and abusers to justice was announced today.

In an exclusive interview given on her first day as Director of Public Prosecutions, Alison Saunders told the Standard that attacks on women and other hate crimes were a "blight on society" that affected all sections of the community.

She said she was determined to use her five-year term leading the Crown Prosecution Service to ensure that more suspects were brought to court to face justice. The pledge by Ms Saunders, who added that prosecutors could "do more" to raise the conviction rate for rape, came as she revealed key aims.'

"Sex war - France's new revolution"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Sex, politics and morality: Put the three together, and you are sure to end up with a steaming tub of trouble.

This is what is happening in France, where plans to curb the sex industry by criminalising the clients of prostitutes have caused an almighty row.

Feminists and Socialist ministers are punching it out with libertines, sex workers fear the change will make their lives more dangerous and some experts wonder whether the law will be workable.

A bill due to come before Parliament at the end of this month will make those paying for sex liable to a fine of 1500 ($2440) and double that if they are caught again.

Courts will also have the power to order those convicted to attend a "prostitution awareness programme", similar to programmes on alcohol abuse for drunk drivers.'

The feminist campaign to make weaklings of America's warriors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism is trying to yank the U.S. military in two directions at once. While claiming that women have no problem meeting the rigorous standards of the SEALs or infantry, advocates of opening these branches to women argue that female members of the military must be protected from the male sexual predators that, we are assured, are widely represented in the military. However, they can't have it both ways. Are women "hear me roar" Amazons, or are they fragile flowers who must be protected from "sexual harassment," encouraged to level the charge at the drop of the hat?

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Let me be clear: There is absolutely no excuse for sexual assault. Period. There is no excuse for a superior who pressures a subordinate for sexual favors. Period. The data cited by the Pentagon creating widespread panic within the military are rendered suspect for two reasons. The first problem is methodological: The numbers — some 26,000 active-duty service members out of a population of 1.4 million claim to have been sexually assaulted in 2012 — are based on an anonymous survey. This number far exceeds reported cases of sexual assault.

The second and more significant problem is that the survey uses the term "sexual assault" in a way so broad as to render it nearly meaningless. Indeed, much of what is now covered by the Pentagon's sexual-assault rubric represents the de facto criminalization of normal relations between the sexes of the sort that come about when young males and females are thrown into proximity.

...

If feminists were really concerned about merely opening the infantry and special operations forces to women, they would stress the ability of women to meet the high physical and mental standards necessary to survive in the demanding environment of close-in ground combat. Instead, they have focused on the alleged vulnerability of women to male (though not female) sexual predators, illustrating that military culture is their real target.

...

If the United States insists on opening infantry and special operations forces to women, the focus should be on upholding high standards, no matter the outcome. Instead, those who want to open these heretofore restricted military specialties to women insist on stigmatizing males as sexual predators and women as childlike victims whose only protection is to charge sexual assault. The result will be a less effective military, rent by dissension.'

UK: All-female company except for all-male management defends its hiring practices

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Article here. Excerpt

'A company widely criticised for seeming to have an all female workforce - with the exception of an all male senior management team - has defended its hiring practices.

Cellular Solutions, who describe themselves as the "leading communications provider to south-east England", were at the centre of a gender row this week.

Some 31 employees illustrated on the 'Meet The Staff' page of their website were all young, seemingly attractive women - whereas their four strong senior management team were all men.'

Relatedly: UK threatens firms with gender quotas as women's appointments fall

Novelist Doris Lessing has died

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Doris Lessing has died. From a 2001 article:

'The novelist Doris Lessing yesterday claimed that men were the new silent victims in the sex war, "continually demeaned and insulted" by women without a whimper of protest.

Lessing, who became a feminist icon with the books The Grass is Singing and The Golden Notebook, said a "lazy and insidious" culture had taken hold within feminism that revelled in flailing men.

Young boys were being weighed down with guilt about the crimes of their sex, she told the Edinburgh book festival, while energy which could be used to get proper child care was being dissipated in the pointless humiliation of men.

"I find myself increasingly shocked at the unthinking and automatic rubbishing of men which is now so part of our culture that it is hardly even noticed," the 81-year-old Persian-born writer said yesterday.'

The Munk Debates: Men's obsolescence confirmed

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The Munk Debate report on the gleefully asked "Are men obsolete?" question, debated by four women exclusively, is here. The result was, of course, foregone. These kinds of male-bashing events have been held for years on college campuses. Never be the least surprised at the "conclusion".

Canada: One-size-fits-all education system isn't working for boys

fathers4fairness · 18 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'No parent would deny there are differences between their sons and daughters, so educator Michael Reist wonders why Ontario insists on an educational model that has traditionally treated them as if they learned the same way.

The bestselling author was visiting Windsor Monday to conduct a seminar for the Greater Essex County District School Board on just how significant those learning differences can be and how to stop male students falling further behind in academics.

Do schools better suit girls?

"It's a huge generalization, but I think it is true," Reist said. "To treat everyone the same is to treat them unfairly sometimes."

Reist, who favours all-boys' or all-girls' schools, said the solution is to acknowledge those differences and veer away from what he calls "the one-size-fits-all approach."
...
Boys account for 80 per cent of dropouts, 90 per cent of disciplinary problems, two-thirds of students deemed to have learning disabilities, 90 per cent of those with behavioural disabilities, 80 per cent of those with ADD/ADHD and are four times as likely to commit suicide as girls.

The misreading of what Reist calls normal boy behavior results in boys being labelled immature or learning disabled and creates a willingness to medicate boys unnecessarily.'

'The feminist principles behind International Men's Day'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Do men face discrimination? I don't mean gay men or black men or poor, uneducated men or even short men. Or, come to think of it, the many judged "typical boys" every day, but just men? All men.
...
In the past year a website has been set up explaining what an international men's day should do in the UK. The campaign's objectives include promoting male role models, celebrating the contribution that men make, highlighting discrimination against men and the inequalities that men and boys face and thus improving gender relations and gender equality.

When these objectives are set against political power, they make no sense. Men at the top of politics, business and the media are male role models, whatever you think of them individually.
...
This dominance can mean a belittling of men at home and an uneasiness, often unverbalised, about their presence in the playground, for example. This same attitude starts with boys, who quickly learn that it's never OK to cry and nurturing is a bit "girly". I'm all for changing attitudes like this but there's already a movement that supports dads in the playground and in the kitchen. That movement is called feminism.
...
Yet renewed interest in International Men's Day has made me think of the many things that could change to make men and women more equal in all spheres of our daily lives. This doesn't belittle the deep injustice many women suffer around the world or the casual everyday sexism that defeats them at every hurdle. If anything, pointing out the discrimination against men simply underlines how much worse it is for women.

Happy International Men's Day.'

'International Men's Day is a touch ironic, isn't it chaps?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'My first thought when I heard that there was an International Men's Day was to sigh and roll my eyes. It was only a matter of time. The reaction when people from an oppressed group set up an event or day to celebrate the achievements that have been made despite this, and to inspire people to continue to tackle inequality then this is the result.

...

The theme for this year's International Men's Day is 'Keeping Men and Boys Safe' focusing on five key challenges:

1. Keeping Men And Boys Safe By Tackling Male Suicide
2. Keeping Boys Safe So They Can Become Tomorrow's Role Models
3. Tackling Our Tolerance Of Violence Against Men And Boys
4. Boosting Men's Life Expectancy By Keeping Men And Boys Safe From Avoidable Illness And Death
5. Keeping Men And Boys Safe By Promoting Fathers And Male Role Models.

I am not against any of these at all. In fact, I think that this is a great idea. I have a son and I want him to be safe. But I do believe that the reasons surrounding these problems that are being highlighted are due to the patriarchal society that we live in.

...

... I look forward to seeing men marching through the streets demanding that their pay packets be reduced to match ours and that they be allowed to have their pay reduced and stopped when they have a child.

Then I would be happy to march alongside them yelling at the top of my voice: "Free at last! Free at last! God almighty, we're free at last!"'

Neither side is innocent of gender bias

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The men's rights movement, which has gained new visibility in recent years thanks to the Internet, is often viewed as a lunatic fringe of women haters. Unfortunately, quite a few websites in the so-called "manosphere" do their best, or worst, to earn this reputation. But feminists (of both sexes) who rightly criticize misogynistic men's rights activists tend to either dismiss men's issues altogether or argue that the best remedy for male-specific problems is feminism itself -- since it challenges all sexism.

In theory, that may be true; quite a few feminists, including Betty Friedan in "The Feminine Mystique" 50 years ago, have argued that men should be freed from gender-role pressures. In practice, however, the women's movement has been mostly unsympathetic or hostile to claims of anti-male sexism (except on a few issues such as parental leave, where benefits for men directly benefit women).

Thus, women's groups, including the National Organization for Women, have opposed expanding the rights of divorced fathers, despite evidence that in this area, men tend to get the short end of the stick. When efforts to combat domestic violence have led to more arrests of female perpetrators, the typical feminist response has been to claim that battered women are getting arrested for defending themselves and to demand action to reduce arrests of women. Reports on gender bias in schools sponsored by groups such as the American Association of University Women have downplayed alarming trends of boys lagging behind in most areas of academic achievement.
...
No less important, while feminists denounce misogyny on the Internet, few have challenged anti-male hate speech from feminist blogs -- sometimes defended as a response to oppression.

Discussions of gender issues often degenerate into "who's the victim" oppression Olympics. The reality is that both women and men face some gender-specific barriers and biases. These problems are usually connected (when fathers are relegated to second-class parenthood, women face more pressure to be perfect parents). Perhaps what we need is not more feminism or more men's-rights activism, but a gender-equality movement that promotes fairness for both sexes.'

"Blokes already dominate the other 364 days of the year - but women should support International Men's Day"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ladies, gather round. We have a problem.

The problem is men. They are in crisis. Dreadful things are afoot for them, and they need our help.

Despite 6,000 years of patriarchy, despite the fact a mere 6.2 per cent of countries have a woman in charge, despite being boss of all major world religions, most businesses and all our current wars, men are not happy.
...
Anyway, men have started a campaign for some long-overdue recognition. It's called International Men's Day and it happens every November 19.

Now, I know there may be some among the sisterhood who'd complain they've already got the other 364 days a year. And they'd have a point.
...
We should support anything which might, one day, lead men who father children and shirk responsibility to shoulder half the moral and financial burden of their own behaviour.

We should throw ourselves behind a day that might prompt men into speaking out about rape, and perhaps taking a day off from it.

If it grows and is a success then maybe in the future International Men's Day will be the one day a year when males campaign against sex trafficking, slut-shaming, domestic abuse and religious persecution, as well as their prostates, educational attainment and car insurance premiums.
...
So, men, knock yourselves out. Have your day, do your best, overcome what you can. I'll cheer you on, in fact I'll even make you a packed lunch and help you with your placards.

While you're off dealing with that, we women will just get on with everything else.

Don't hurry back.'

'Women-Only' Mentality Can Lead to Segregation Rather Than Equality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender inequality exists, so it's understandable that women are joining forces to empower one another. But when does it go from being supportive to morphing into a "women-only" coterie that isolates female workers from their male counterparts? We want equality, ladies, not a sorority.

Women have made huge strides over the decades. "In the United States and a number of other countries, women now actually surpass men in educational achievement," according to a post on Harvard's blog, and recent studies show that women are also giving men a run for their money in the business world. Kudos to females who didn't take "no" for an answer and who fought for an education -- because it worked! How about all those mothers who are defying the odds and successfully returning to the workforce post-baby, juggling a family and a career?

Thankfully, women aren't just sitting around complaining about injustices; they're turning it into fuel for their fire to achieve their goals. However, females seem to be setting themselves back in their efforts by promoting segregation instead of equality between genders. Just look at all of the sites, organizations, and blogs in existence today that are for women and women only.
...
Women-only offerings can be beneficial as stepping-stones for women to ease back into the working world and possibly establish a support system, but as far as a long-term solution, we hesitate to say it's a viable (or wise) option for women seeking gender equality once and for all.

In order to successfully close the gender gap, women must ditch the "girls rule, boys drool" mentality and start joining forces with their female and male counterparts. This is not to say that women should unsubscribe to all of their women-only clubs, but they should be careful not to convince each other that depriving themselves and their careers of male influence, on any degree, is healthy for anyone. Women will always turn to each other for support, but let's not fool ourselves into thinking that one gender can survive without the other -- and that goes for all aspects of life.'

Interview: Dr. Helen Smith ('Men On Strike' author) With Andrea Tantaros (Oct 11, 2013)

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Video here.

'American society has become anti-male. Men are sensing the backlash and are consciously and unconsciously going "on strike." They are dropping out of college, leaving the workforce and avoiding marriage and fatherhood at alarming rates. The trend is so pronounced that a number of books have been written about this "man-child" phenomenon, concluding that men have taken a vacation from responsibility simply because they can. But why should men participate in a system that seems to be increasingly stacked against them?'

Do we really need an International Men's Day?

mens_issues · 20 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A fairly well balanced article on International Men's Day. Excerpt:

'So do we really need an international day for men? In a world where us chaps are still running politics, business, religion, media and sport, it seems only fair that the ladies have had their own international day for over a century, but for the men to muscle in with a day of their own day, well, it's not very gentlemanly, is it?

And yet all is not well in the state of "Man Land".

We know that men in the UK are still dying four years sooner than women, on average; that 12 men each day take their own lives; that 90% of rough sleepers are men; that 95% of the prison population is male; that seven out of ten murder victims are male; that girls are outperforming boys at every stage of education; that women are a third more likely to go to university than men; that young men account for 70% of long-term youth unemployment; that male graduates are 50% more likely to be unemployed; that men in their twenties are earning less than their female peers; that 96% of people who die at work are male and that men accounted for 84% of suicides linked to the recession.

If women and girls were experiencing any one of those problems at the rate that men and boys are, it would be grounds for an international day in its own right - so why are we so indifferent to the various problems that are more likely to impact the male half of the population?
...
This year the day has inspired people around the country to hold events which include a special meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Fatherhood in Westminster; a public debate about men and violence in Preston and the Guardian journalist Ally Fogg raising money for male victims of sexual abuse by staying silent for the day - a move that has delighted both his fans and critics in equal measure.

If you don't normally talk about "men's issues", then today is the perfect opportunity to stick this article under the nose of every man you know and ask him what he thinks. Do it now, before your one-track mind wanders elsewhere, because despite what the cynics might tell you, not every day is International Men's Day.'

Like FGM, cut foreskins should be a feminist issue

Matt · 20 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Finally, maybe an issue most MRAs and at least some feminists can agree on. Excerpt:

'But both FGC and MGC, where the erogenous foreskin is removed, can cause serious physical, mental and sexual harm. In 2011, 11 boys under the age of one were treated in Birmingham for life threatening hemorrhage, shock or sepsis relating to circumcision. In the US it's estimated that 100 boys die as a result of circumcisions every year. MGC is also far more common globally: 13m boys to 2m girls annually.

...

But this isn't a harm competition. It's about how FGC, often referred to as female genital mutilation because it's widely seen as a violation of women's rights and a form of oppression and sexual control, is easily accepted when that girl is a boy.

FGC has been banned in the UK since 1985 (despite no convictions) and since 2003, it has been illegal to carry out the procedure on British nationals abroad.

But, as bioethicist Dena Davis put it: "When one begins to question the normative status of the male newborn alteration in the West, and when one thinks of female alteration as including even a hygienically administered "nick," one begins to see that these two practices, dramatically separated in the public imagination, actually have significant areas of overlap."

Although FGC is practised because of religious beliefs and seen as an important part of cultural identity (imparting a sense of pride, a coming of age or a feeling of community membership), aversion to it overrides concerns about protecting these religious or cultural freedoms – a view also held by some community leaders.

But when it comes to Male Genital Cutting (MGC) it's neither explicitly illegal nor compulsorily regulated. Instead it's perceived as a relatively innocuous procedure, a "routine neonatal circumcision", or brit milah for Jews and khitan for Muslims.

...

Along with the serious harm that both FGC and MGC can cause, both occur without the consent of the child, and irreversibly violate the child's human right to physical integrity. In so doing, FGC and MGC both prioritise the cultural or religious beliefs of parents over their child's right to self-determination and an open future.

...

Given these overlaps, why have the two been treated differently? Alongside the difference in harm and misperceptions about the contrasting settings and ages at which the procedures take place, the double standard stems from two further factors: sexism and ethnocentrism.

Male bodies are constructed as resistant to harm or even in need of being tested by painful ordeals, whereas female bodies are seen as highly vulnerable and in need of protection. In other words, vulnerability is gendered. And little girls are more readily seen as victims than little boys.

...

It's time to re-examine our gender and cultural assumptions about genital cutting, and take a non-discriminatory, intellectually consistent approach. We either accept that the loss of some individual rights of both boys and girls is the price of societal diversity – an approach rooted in a respect for pluralism and multiculturalism – or we respect the rights of all children, both girls and boys, equally.

The first means rethinking opposition to FGC, and perhaps even re-allowing it on the basis of parents' religious beliefs or cultural preferences. But this would be unconscionable. The better thing would be to recognise that little boys have the same rights as little girls to bodily integrity (as recently recognised in the Netherlands), an open future and freedom from harm – in spite of their parents' views.

...

Rather than criticising the Council of Europe's motion, we should celebrate it as a move towards greater child protection and gender equality.'

USAID: "Twitter Expert Hour on Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision in Observance of International Men's Day"

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From a USAID.gov mailing-list email:

'Today, November 19, 2013, we gather as a global health community to commemorate International Men's Day and to discuss this year's theme, "Keeping Men and Boys Safe." On the road to an AIDS-free generation, we are keeping men and boys safe by addressing gender norms, recognizing the disproportionate impact that HIV has on men who have sex with men (MSM) and other key populations, and supporting voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) as an important strategy in preventing HIV. Check out today's IMPACT blog, Men for Others: Keeping Men Safe as They Battle Against HIV, penned by Robert Ferris, Technical Leadership & Research Division Chief in USAID's Office of HIV/AIDS.

Stay informed and participate in the conversation!

• Join us today at 11 a.m. for a Twitter expert hour on VMMC with Emmanuel Njeuhmeli, Senior Biomedical Advisor in USAID's Office of HIV/AIDS and co-chair of the PEPFAR Male Circumcision Technical Working Group. Tweet your #VMMC questions @USAIDGH using #GHhour.

• Read about Lesotho's VMMC program in Demand Grows for Male Circumcision in Lesotho and take a look at this photo essay recounting a treacherous leg of Tanzania's winter VMMC campaign. USAID's flagship Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP) supports Jhpiego to implement these VMMC programs in collaboration with the ministries of health and with funding from PEPFAR.

• Learn how to strengthen gender-based violence programming for key populations in AIDSTAR-Two's recently launched Review of Training and Programming Resources on Gender-based Violence against Key Populations, supported by PEPFAR through USAID.

• Find out more about integrating gender strategies into programs targeting key populations in AIDSTAR-One's technical brief on Integrating Gender into Programs with Most-at-Risk Populations and related case studies, supported by PEPFAR through USAID.

• Keep an eye out for a special supplement of the Journal of the International AIDS Society titled "The Epidemiology of HIV and Prevention Needs of Men Who Have Sex with Men in Africa," highlighting work by the USAID-supported Research 2 Prevention project, led by Johns Hopkins University. The supplement will be launched on World AIDS Day, with a webinar on December 2 and a satellite session at the International Conference on AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa (ICASA) on December 7.

• Check out our website for more information on USAID's work in male circumcision, key populations (including MSM), gender, and more!'

U.S. State Department - "wPOWER: Promoting Women's Critical Role in Clean Energy Solutions to Climate Change"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'In honor of “Gender Day” at the annual United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP-19), the United States is highlighting its actions to harness the potential of women and women’s networks to increase the use of clean energy technologies, which in turn helps reduce climate change. The Department of State launched the Partnership on Women’s Entrepreneurship in Renewables (“wPOWER”) in January 2013. wPOWER aims to empower more than 8,000 women clean energy entrepreneurs across East Africa, Nigeria and India who will deliver clean energy access to more than 3.5 million people over the next three years.
...
Globally, more than 1.3 billion people lack access to electricity, and at least 2.7 billion people lack access to clean cookstoves and fuels. While not the primary source of climate pollution, inefficient lighting and cooking contribute to climate change and the degradation of natural resources. In off-grid communities, women are the primary users of clean technologies like solar lamps and clean cookstoves and are at the forefront of adopting the use of new technologies. wPOWER is working to unlock this largely untapped potential of women and women's groups to help fill the “last mile” gap in the supply chain to reach areas lacking energy access.'

Is Kmart's 'Show Your Joe' Ad Funny or Offensive?

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If this had been a video of women shaking their labias to make a sale, there would be outrage. Boycott Kmart. Story here. Excerpt:

'From the retailer that brought " Big Gas" and " Ship Your Pants" to the advertising lexicon comes what will surely not be the last controversial ad of the holiday season, a new Kmart ad showing hunks in boxers strutting their stuff to "Jingle Bells."
The ad, which made its debut this week, begins innocently enough, showing six men dressed in tuxedo jackets playing "Jingle Bells" with hand bells behind a table.

The six hunks then ditch the hand bells, come out from behind the table and continue to play "Jingle Bells," this time with their hips.
...
"The commercial I saw last night with the men in tuxes ringing their … was disgusting and in poor taste. I couldn't believe this was allowed on air!! I won't be shopping at K Mart this Christmas," Jerry Carr wrote.

Other Facebook users, particularly women, thanked the company for ringing some holiday joy, literally, into their lives.

"Thank you! from the ladies in my office. I think we all are interested in getting joe boxers for the special guy in our lives now," Regina Barwick wrote.
...
Do you think Kmart's "Show Your Joe" ad is funny or too much? Tell us in the comments.'

Father outraged by his arrest for picking his children up from school

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CROSSVILLE (WATE) - A Cumberland County father didn't want to wait in a long line of traffic to pick his kids up from school. That led to a series of encounters last week at South Cumberland Elementary, and now the dad's facing charges.
...
"I'm going to call some help down here and we're going to take you up to the jail right now. I'm not putting up with this today. You're being childish and it's uncalled for," Sheriff Deputy and School Resource Officer Avery Aytes said in the YouTube video.

The video goes on to show the dad arguing with the school security officer over state law, then the dad winds up in handcuffs.

"I'm not raising my voice, I'm not confrontational, I want my kids," Jim Howe said in the YouTube video.
Howe says, because of a new policy that started last week, the only way parents can get their children after 2 p.m. is to wait in a line of cars until everyone is released at 2:35. He says not only is this time consuming, it's illegal.
...
"You don't need a reason as a parent to go get your children. They are our children," Howe said.'

Germany: New coalition likely to require boards to be 30% female to list on the DAX in 2016

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender quotas might not have a sterling reputation, but Germany thinks they're the answer to its male-dominated corporations. According to a new agreement between the parties negotiating to form Germany's next governing coalition, supervisory boards for companies registered on the German stock exchange will need to be at least 30 percent female starting in 2016.

This idea has been around for some time. In 2011, the 30 companies of the DAX index avoided binding quotas and instead pledged voluntarily to increase the proportion of women in management positions. France, Norway, Belgium, Iceland, Italy, the Netherlands, and Spain have already instituted government-mandated quotas on public companies, though some will only take effect several years from now.

From the U.S., where women held only 16.1 percent of board seats by last count, it's an intriguing experiment to watch for several reasons. Government-directed quotas are potentially unconstitutional, and even private companies seeking to set quotas have been told affirmative action plans need to meet pretty strict requirements to survive an equal protection or Civil Rights Act-based challenge. But many of the folks following women’s lack of progress on Wall Street would like to see the U.S. be, well, a little more Teutonic.'

Canada: Men's Issues Movement To Get Toronto Home

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The men's issues movement is about to get a Canadian home.

The Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE) announced Monday that it has raised enough money to open the first Canadian Centre for Men and Families in Toronto.

CAFE describes itself as an organization committed to "achieving equality for all Canadians, regardless of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, family status, race, ethnicity, creed, age or disability."

It is involved in organizing men's groups and lectures at a number of Canadian universities. Some of those lectures have prompted protests and earlier this year Ryerson's student union blocked the creation of a CAFE-sponsored men's issues club on the grounds that it sounded like a hate group.
...
A spokesman told the National Post that CAFE is hoping to open the centre in a rented office somewhere on Toronto's subway lines and that it will provide legal advice on custody and divorce, as well as physical and mental-health therapy. The group raised $50,000 in donations to open the centre and has now hopes to reach $75,000 by the end of November.

The fundraising campaign is being conducted in honour of Earl Silverman, a men's issues activist and owner of Canada's only shelter for male victims of domestic abuse, who killed himself in April.'

"The Munk Debate goes on: Both sexes won this time"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ms. Paglia was having none of it. She reminded Ms. Rosin and the female supremacists that their busy Alpha-female lives are made possible by an invisible army of men – “men who do the dirty, dangerous work of building roads, pouring concrete, laying bricks, tarring roofs, hanging electric wires, excavating natural gas and sewage lines, cutting and clearing trees, and bulldozing the landscape for housing developments.” Ms. Paglia described the modern economy, with its vast system of production and distribution, as a sublime “male epic.” Women have joined it – but men built it. “Surely,” said the fiery Ms. Paglia, “modern women are strong enough now to give credit where credit is due!” And she reminded women that without strong men as models to either embrace or reject, women will never attain a distinctive sense of themselves as women.
...
Caitlin Moran, British writer and humorist, began by warning that her feminism was strident, Marxist, and “fueled by cocktails.” But she turned out to be a down-to earth humanist, reminding everyone that calling men obsolete was no better than the bad old sexist days when women were said to be irrelevant. We are in this together, said Ms. Moran: if one sex fails, the other staggers. All of the speakers acknowledged that working class men’s fortunes have fallen and that boys are having serious difficulties in schools. But, Ms. Moran insisted, that does not mean we should celebrate their travails, but rather that we should do everything possible to improve their prospects. She shocked and delighted the audience with her concluding remark: “The question of the evening is: Are Men Obsolete? My conclusion is: No! I won’t let you be – you fuckers!”

Imagine four brilliant, accomplished, funny women discussing the politics of gender outside the dreary, angry, “rape-culture” obsessed framework of contemporary feminism. That happened this past Friday night at the Munk Debate, and both sexes came out ahead in the encounter.'

Maureen Dowd: "Men have not only stopped evolving – they're devolving"

Mastodon · 20 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Are men necessary?

No.

And I can prove it in eight words: Rob Ford. Ted Cruz. Dick Cheney. Anthony Weiner.

For centuries, it was widely thought that women were biologically unsuited to hold leadership positions.

Power was best wielded by men, theorists felt, because men were impersonal, unemotional, forthright and reasonable.

...

But the tables have finally turned. Men have not only stopped evolving. They're devolving.

Now it is unstable male temperament that is causing alarm. Male politicians are engaging in sneaky, catty, weepy, ditzy, shrewish behaviour that is anything but reasonable and impersonal.

Women are affected by lunar tides only once a month, after all. Men have raging hormones every day, as we noticed when Dick Cheney rampaged around the globe like Godzilla.'

Office of Women's Health - Free Women's Mental Health Publications

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From an OWH mailing-list email sent on 19 Nov 2013:

'Now is your opportunity to order the remaining copies of the Office on Women's Health's consumer mental health publication, Women's Mental Health: What It Means To You. This 22-page booklet can help you talk to women about mental health — it addresses stigma, discusses mental health throughout the lifespan, offers information about signs and symptoms, and provides advice on prevention and coping mechanisms.

We are looking for organizations that can order bulk quantities — for FREE — and disseminate this important resource to women. To order the booklet, call the OWH Helpline at 1-800-994-9662 or use our online order form.

For more updates on important women's health issues, visit the new Office on Women's Health blog. It's a place where you can learn about and comment on topics that matter to you. Be the first to know when we publish a new entry — subscribe for email updates.'

SAVE E-lert: End VAWA-Funded Educational Malpractice

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When the Violence Against Women Act was reauthorized, we were happy to see educational programs included. Which is why we are so disappointed in the results of our Truth Team campaign.

Of the six Domestic Violence organizations whose Fact Sheets we checked, all six got the grade "F."

In fact, the "education" offered by these organizations is so lacking, they are committing FRAUD, or EDUCATIONAL MALPRACTICE!

See why: Leaving out key risk factors puts people's lives in danger.

Contact your Representatives in Washington today.

Tell them to end the fraud. Tell them to, "END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATIONAL MALPRACTICE"

Here's the Capitol Hill switchboard: 800-965-4701

Thank you for standing up for TRUTH!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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"I’m sorry for circumsizing you"

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'Chances are that when you read this, most of your friends and peers are circumcised, you’ve never had a problem with it, and you’re perfectly happy (G-d willing.) But on the off chance that you feel wronged or violated in any way, there’s something I have to tell you. (And no more jokes for this part.)

I’m sorry.

I’m sorry that I let my religious upbringing override my mommy instinct. I’m sorry that I didn’t give you a choice. I wanted to make sure you feel like you belong instead of feeling different the way I did growing up.
...
... Because if I had fully embraced my true belief system earlier, I would have fought tooth and nail to leave you intact. To let you decide if you want to follow in some of your male ancestors’ footsteps, whatever the reason. Every part of you was perfect when you were born, and every part of you still is. I just wish I hadn’t decided to remove part of you without your consent.

Your bris was a beautiful and moving ceremony, and I’m glad we had it. But if I could talk to the pre-bris me struggling with this decision, I’d remind myself how often I tell mothers to ignore others and listen to their inner voice.

I’d remind myself that we (and many other Jewish families) don’t keep kosher, or strictly observe Sabbath. That we pick and choose from biblical directives based on myriad factors. So why choose to continue this one?

I have no good answer. Only the real one: this is how we’ve always done it. Which is a phrase that always made me shudder when I was in my squadron’s Safety department.'

Australia: Teaching has become feminised and boys lose out

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'I always laughed at the joke - "Why do men die before women? Because they can" - until I read the latest report from the Council for Australian Governments titled Tracking equity: Comparing out-comes for women and girls across Australia.

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Based on the results for the 2009 Programme for International Student Assessment of 15-year-olds the average difference between girls and boys in literacy is 37 points, representing one full year of schooling.

In the 2011 PIRLS test girls also do better than boys in reading both internationally and in Australia by 17 points. The advantage girls have over boys is also reflected in Australia's national literacy tests at years 3, 5, 7 and 9 where girls always outperform boys.

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Since the late '60s and early '70s, mainly due to the rise of feminism and the fact that there are so few male primary school teachers, the way teachers teach and the way classrooms are structured have been feminised.

Teachers no longer stand at the front of the room and children are expected to direct their own learning in open, mixed ability classrooms. As a result, boys are easily distracted, become behavioural problems and soon fall behind.

The fact that a lot of learning adopts an open-ended, inquiry approach where teachers become guides by the side and facilitate instead of directing what should happen also works against boys' preferred learning styles.

Boys need clear direction, explicit goals, timely feedback and an orderly classroom environment where they know what they have to do and what constitutes pass and fail.

Boys also need to be taught to respect authority and to have teachers prepared to enforce a disciplined environment where there are consequences for misbehaviour.'

UK: Embarrassed boys shun basics as they avoid writing

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'One in three boys at primary school today believe Pink Floyd's Number One hit "We Don't Need No Education" should be rewritten to read "We Don't Need No Spelling and Grammar".

They think the basics are superfluous now spellcheckers have been invented, according to research out today. A similar number say they would never or rarely write anything outside of a lesson.

The study, by the National Literacy Trust, also reveals that one in five say they would be "embarrassed" if any of their friends found them writing out of school.

The boys' lack of enthusiasm for writing contrasts starkly with girls - one out of three of whom say they write out of class every day.'

UK: Man appears on ITV's "This Morning" after false rape allegations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A BIDEFORD man has appeared on ITV's This Morning speaking of the trauma he went through after falling victim to false rape allegations.
...
Last month, 25-year-old Loder appeared at Exeter Crown Court where she was jailed for two false allegations of rape.

Loder originally said she had been raped in an alley way in Bideford by two strangers, but after police failed to find any forensic evidence she changed her story and said she had been raped by Fran Syvret in her own home.

But her story fell apart after Mr Syvret showed police photos and a video on his phone which proved Loder had willingly had sex with him.

However, Loder had already spread her lies around Bideford, and Fran and his ex-partner at the time Jane, began to receive a torrent of threats.'

Australia: "Women only job ads: unfair or proactive step?"

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'Most people want to earn the big bucks, and for a lot of people working at the mines is a good way to make that happen.

It's pretty hard to get a job in the mines though, especially at the moment, so how would you feel if you opened the paper and saw an ad for women-only truck driving jobs?

One company has made news headlines because its now allowed to do just that and advertise 50 women only positions.'

Obama gives radical feminist Gloria Steinem medal of freedom

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'Presenting feminist radical Gloria Steinem with the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Wednesday, President Obama said that Steinem “changed how women thought about themselves.” He also labeled her a “game-changer,” a “disrupter,” and a “champion noticer.” Obama stated, “She’s alert to all the ways, large and small, that women had been and, in some cases, continue to be treated unfairly just because they’re women… because of her work, across America and around the world, more women are afforded the respect and opportunities that they deserve.”

Obama did not mention Steinem’s disdain for heterosexual relationships (Steinem infamously remarked that “a woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle”), marriage and childbearing (“you become a semi-non-person when you get married”), her love for abortion (on her own abortion: “I knew it was the first time I had taken responsibility for my own life”), her advocacy for confusing gender boundaries for children (“We’ve begun to raise daughters like sons…but few have the courage to raise our sons more like daughters”), and sexual promiscuity (“A liberated woman is one who has sex before marriage and a job after”).'

South African women reportedly punch alleged female rapist

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'An angry mother and her friend both punched a woman who they said had just admitted having sex with a 15-year-old boy, a jury has been told.

The mother said her teenage son, who previously denied having sexual contact with Kylie Fiona Henry, burst into tears when she again asked him whether anything had happened between them.

“He said, `yes, she forced me’,” the mother told the South Australian District Court on Wednesday.

Henry, 40, a former primary school canteen manager of Ingle Farm in Adelaide, has pleaded not guilty to rape and to an alternative charge of unlawfully having sexual intercourse with a person under 17 in 2011.

The Crown has alleged Henry forced herself on the boy when she moved from the couch to the floor where he had been lying while watching TV in her lounge room.'

When Everything In Me Said to Circumcise: A Jewish Father Wrestles with Tradition

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Article here. Excerpt;

'I always thought that if I had a son I would not circumcise him. I felt the need to challenge this Jewish tradition. It felt like quite a brutal decision to take on behalf of my newborn son, for a covenant that I did not believe in. (I am secular but very culturally identified.) But when I found out that we were going to have a baby boy, the sudden emotional desire to have him circumcised was immediate and very strong.

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So now I faced what felt like a huge decision, the idea of not circumcising my son. Jude, who is also Jewish, was clear it was something she did not want. For her, cutting off any part of her son's anatomy for an ancient ritual meant nothing. So why did it all change for me, the moment I found out I was having a baby boy?

It was a very personal and emotional response. I felt by not circumcising my son, I was effectively cutting off (pardon the pun) his connection with a 5000-year-old cultural history. For thousands of years Jews have performed this ritual as the first and important means of identifying with our tribe/community. So as a self-identifying Jew, the idea of not doing this for my son created a lot of anxiety and confusion in me.

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I researched the medical pros and cons. There seemed to be no health benefit enough to justify circumcision. The one strong argument I found is about the transmission of STDs among heterosexuals, including HIV, being lower in circumcised males. This might be a good argument for circumcision in a country that has an AIDS epidemic in its heterosexual population, but in the West today we do not face such a situation. And sensible safe sex education and practice has worked well as a preventative measure against sexually transmitted disease.

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It is argued that by cutting off the foreskin, the head of the penis becomes calloused and is less porous, and this is the reason HIV is less likely to be transferred. This logically leads to the idea of the head of the penis being less sensitive, and I came across testimonials of men in their twenties who chose to get circumcised. After doing so they found that their sex lives had drastically changed, with far less sensitivity. A great analogy that I read is that it is like listening to a Mozart concerto without the violin section. It is still beautiful, and if you never hear it with the violins you will never know the difference. I thought about this, and the idea of denying my son the full enjoyment of sex was something I did not feel comfortable doing, of deciding for him.

Anyway we made a decision. It kind of happened gradually. After Lev was born, he had complications with breathing and the very usual jaundice, and had to spend six days in Hospital. The fear we felt in those days made us feel there was no way we wanted to cause any more distress for the little man. So I said, let's not circumcise and leave it for a while and see how we feel. And today, nine months on from his birth, I feel very happy with our decision.

...

I really do hope that in the future other Jewish families will decide not to circumcise. I would love for there to be a community of Jews that are not circumcised, partly so that Lev does not feel like he is the only one, and as I think it would make for a more pluralistic community.

I make no judgements on any parent that decides to circumcise. I feel it is a decision for each family to make. It does not feel to me like mutilation. But I really hope that every Jewish family (and non-Jewish family for whom circumcision is an option) spends time looking into the arguments for and against—as no decision is better than an informed one.'

Anti-Circumcision Activists Picket Home of Leading Pediatrician

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'Members of the anti-circumcision activist group INTACTION picketed outside the home of Susan Blank, M.D., chairperson of the American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Circumcision.

The Intaction picketers are demanding the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Task Force retract it's recently released report (Pediatrics Vol 130 No 3 Sept 2012 "Circumcision Policy Statement") that promotes infant circumcision. Thirty-seven physicians from prestigious medical societies in seventeen European countries recently authored a strong rebuke of the AAP 2012 Circumcision Policy Statement. ...

The European medical groups' response to the AAP report (Pediatrics 2012-2896 March 18,2013) states, "Seen from the outside, cultural bias reflecting the normality of non-therapeutic male circumcision in the United States seems obvious, and the report's conclusions are different from those reached by physicians in other parts of the Western world, including Europe, Canada, and Australia. There is growing consensus among physicians, including those in the United States, that physicians should discourage parents from circumcising their healthy infant boys because non-therapeutic circumcision of underage boys in Western societies has no compelling health benefits, causes post-operative pain, can have serious long-term consequences, constitutes a violation of the United Nations' Declaration of the Rights of the Child, and conflicts with the Hippocratic Oath: First, do no harm."'

Men struggling to regain jobs lost to recession

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'Here's a national story with especially strong (and troubling) relevance for folks living in Central Florida.

CNNMoney points out that men, who lost about 6 million jobs during the recession, have gotten only about 70 percent of them back. Women have fared much better.

You can probably guess the industries where most of these missing jobs are from: Construction and manufacturing.

Construction was battered worse than any other industry during the recession. CNNMoney says it accounted for almost 25 percent of all job losses.

It certainly got slapped around here in Central Florida. Construction employment was cut in half, plunging from 92,000 in 2006 to 45,000 in 2011. It's crept its way back to about 47,000 today.

The chief economist for Associated General Contractors calls them the "1 million missing men."'

Ireland: Politician quits race over gender quotas

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Pat Hussey, the mayor of Tralee, said Fine Gael's "ridiculous" gender quotas could lead to many situations where "you could have a fantastic candidate overlooked for someone who doesn't know anything at all about politics".

He said he was in favour of increasing female representation in politics but "they have families and if they want to be politicians they'll have to pay exorbitant money into creches* — it's all wrong".

Mr Hussey, Jim Finucane, Pat McCarthy, Mairead Fernane, and Grace O'Donnell put their names forward for the Tralee Electoral Area convention on Friday.

It was announced at the meeting that the gender quota directive would be implemented, meaning at least one of the three candidates going forward would have to be female.

Mr Hussey subsequently withdrew his name because he strongly disagrees with the gender quota directive.'

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* More commonly-known in the US as "daycare facilities".

New EU law would allow government to dissolve companies over gender quotas

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'An amendment that would allow governments to dissolve companies that do not adhere to a gender quota system of 40% in senior positions has been passed by the European Parliament today.

Another amendment passed will mean that the under-represented gender in the European Union will be given preferential treatment in the recruitment, selection and appointment of non-executive directors.

All 21 of UKIP's amendments were rejected by the European Parliament. These included provisions such as an opt-out for member states and stopping any possible sanctions on companies.

UKIP Deputy Leader Paul Nuttall said: "This legislation is barmy and confirms once more that Euro-fanatics have very little economic sense about them.

"These people seem determined to bring about tokenistic positive discrimination which may lead to businesses that don't comply being shut down across Europe.'

Domestic violence incident sends man to hospital

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'Juneau Police are looking for a 36-year old woman who allegedly stabbed a boyfriend early on Monday morning. The incident happened in a travel trailer on Sherwood Lane in front of at least two witnesses. The woman was apparently upset about the end of a domestic relationship and immediately left the scene after the stabbing.

Juneau Police Lieutenant Dave Campbell says they've recovered the knife, but they're not publically identifying the woman since she has not been arrested or charged yet.

The 46-year old Juneau man went to the hospital for treatment of a 1 1/2 inch stab wound to his left forearm. The injury was not considered to be life threatening.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the case.'

India: Kids of single moms may not need father’s name on government forms

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Children of single mothers will not be required to mention the name of the father in government forms in Maharashtra, once the women's policy is approved by the state. Ujjwal Uke, principal secretary of Women and Child Development Department said the draft policy says that in government forms, children of single mothers will have the option of mentioning the name of father or mother or both.

"There was a whole debate on children of single women, and earlier also people used to say that one should allow the mother's name to be put, that is, it could be the father or the mother. But somehow I have realised that in the government, the compliance they did was that they used to write both father's name and mother's name. That was not solving the problem. So I have put in a specific point in the women's policy, saying that in all government forms, you have either father's name or mother's name or both. Any of the three alternatives will be acceptable," said Uke, during an Idea Exchange with The Indian Express. "So, a single women having a child, need not mention the father's name. This is specially true for commercial sex workers also. Also, today we are in the 21st century and there are many single women who may not like to reveal the name of the child's father," he added.'

Westminster College Alumni Give $1 Million For Single Mother Scholarship & Athletics

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'Westminster College announces a generous $1 million gift from Ann and Anthony (Tony) Merritt to establish the Tony and Ann Merritt Single Mother Scholarship Fund, the Merritt Athletic Excellence Fund and the Merritt Endowed Athletic Fund.

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Throughout his career, Merritt truly believed that educating women and mothers provided benefits for everyone in the family. “Tony wanted to help single moms achieve their dream of an education because he believed that helping the mother positively impacts the children,” said Ann Merritt. “Additionally, we also wanted to provide a gift that would help Westminster grow its sports programs to a level of excellence that mirrors its academic programs.”

Hard evidence: what sort of people are absent fathers?

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'Since the 1970s, family life in the UK has changed dramatically. Increases in relationship breakdown, remarriage and repartnering have seen us move away from the traditional, two-parent nuclear family and towards more diverse forms of family life.

As a consequence, there are more children living apart from a parent than ever before. ONS figures show that the number of single parent families has increased from 8% in 1971 to 26% in 2011. It is estimated that up to 97% of single parents are mothers, which means that a large number of fathers are non-resident.

Non-resident fathers are frequently described in negative terms, just last week the Conservative MP David Davis fell back on the old adage of “feckless fathers”. However very little is known about non-resident fathers. They are a difficult group to research as no data is systemically collected about them.

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Non-resident fathers emerge as a more disadvantaged group than resident fathers. They are less likely to be in work, have educational qualifications and be a home owner. For example 25% of non-resident fathers have no qualifications and 17% are unemployed, compared with 17% and 7% of resident fathers, respectively.

Other research has shown that non-resident fathers have poorer physical and emotional well-being compared with resident fathers and men who don’t have children.

...

The figures show that non-resident fathers are usually still very much a part of their children’s lives but that factors such as economic circumstances can have an impact on the extent of their contact. While the overall figures on contact are positive, more research is needed to unpick the reasons why some fathers are not in contact with their children and whether policy changes could be made to improve the situation.'

UK: MP tells ministers: "Put feckless fathers in chains"

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'The Monmouth MP, who chairs Westminster's Welsh affairs committee, spoke of his experience meeting some of the losers from the policy for a recent BBC Wales programme.

Today, he told the House of Commons: "I think it's absolutely outrageous that so many young men in our society feel they can go out, get women pregnant, allow them to have children, make them bring them up by themselves often on benefits and then just disappear.

"It is utterly shocking and I hope that the ministers will take note of this and get hold of some of these feckless fathers, drag them off, make them work, put them in chains if necessary, make them work and make them pay back to society for the cost of bringing up the children they chose to bring into this world."

Mr Davies who met two unemployed 17-year-olds in social housing said government ministers were being far too generous in some cases. "Why should the state be paying for two people to set up in frankly a teenage lovenest? When I was 17 years old, if I wanted to see my girlfriend at the age of 17, I'd go and see her on a park bench in Newport. Why is the government paying for them to have a flat all by themselves at all, never-mind whether it's one-bedroom or two-bedroom?'

NPO: Justice Department ‘Reforming’ Family Courts

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'On Tuesday, November 12, the U.S. Department of Justice announced the selection of four family courts to participate in the “Family Court Enhancement Project.” The purpose of the Family Court Enhancement Project is to alter family court practice and procedures when domestic violence and/or child abuse is alleged in child custody proceedings. The courts are located in Illinois, Oregon, Minnesota and Delaware.

The Family Court Enhancement Project is a joint project of the Office on Violence against Women, which is part of the Department of Justice; the Battered Women’s Justice Project; the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and the National Institute for Justice. In the words of the press release issued on Tuesday, the Family Court Enhancement Project “is designed to determine what family court procedures, practices and structures related to custody and visitation can help keep victims of domestic violence and their children safe from further violence and trauma.”'

'Intactivists' take to the streets in Providence

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'"The destruction to the male genitals is absolute," says Brother K. "Total. You're left with a fraction of what God and nature intended. It's appalling."

It's Sunday morning on Hope Street in Providence and cars are whizzing by. Some honk their horns in solidarity; others carry passengers clearly confused as to the necessity of a demonstration against circumcision featuring men in white jumpsuits with large red bloodstains on their crotches

"This is meant to shock the conscience of Americans," says Brother K, referring to his attire and accompanying signs like, "CIRCUMCISION HORROR BLOODSTAINED MEN." He pauses frequently to pose for passing cars. "They don't understand that a man is carrying around a bloody wound for the rest of his life. It doesn't repair. It doesn't self heal. It's as devastating as if they've done the same thing to a woman and removed her entire clitoral hood."'

"Feminism doesn’t demand the end of masculinity"

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'One of my first thoughts when I started liberal arts college was: Where are all the dudes? In high school, they whistled at me in the hall. They blasted Jay-Z from their cars. They wore tank tops to showcase their biceps.

On campus I felt like I had fallen down a rabbit hole and ended up in no man’s land: guys wore tie-dye onesies, had shaggy hair and preferred to smoke pot rather than funnel beer. Most disappointing was that they didn’t seem at all interested in my pink spandex jumpsuit and high ponytail. No, Toto, I wasn’t in a Freddie Prinze Jr. movie anymore.

My university was where masculinity went to die.

In high school, this species of men was easy to ignore. Like experimental cells, they were confined to the petri dishes of drama clubs and debate teams, a clear mutation of manliness.
...
Just look at our school system for a taste of modern society’s values. North America regards the trades — the bread and butter of traditional masculinity — as the ugly duckling of education. If you’re not into textbooks, lab coats or blazers you’re considered less than worthy.
...
Though I’ve ditched the pink jumpsuit and high ponytail, I still appreciate dudeness. Especially when the masculine desire to “provide” results in a cooked meal after a long day at work. As a feminist, I’m totally cool with a man who can fix my sink, especially when I can sit in the other room and write.'

Do women really have it better in Sweden?

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'Oh, to be in Sweden, a feminist paradise on Earth! Gender equality is baked into the nation's DNA. Swedish women have advantages we can only only dream of – free universal child care, for example. Mothers and fathers get 480 (!) days of parental leave. An extensive welfare system makes it easy to balance work and family life.
...
The result is that nearly 80 per cent of Swedish mothers are in the work force. (In the United States and Canada, it's about 73 per cent.) Women also make up 45 per cent of Sweden's parliament, the Riksdag.
...
Sweden and the other Nordic nations always seem to lead the rankings of the world's best countries for women. (Canada is lucky to crack the top 20.) So they're an ideal laboratory for finding out what women really want. What choices will women make when the playing field is as level as social policy can make it?

I'm afraid the answers will disappoint a lot of people. That includes Sheryl Sandberg, the famous author of Lean In, who wrote, "A truly equal world would be one where women ran half our countries and companies, and men ran half our homes."

The trouble is that the world's most liberated women aren't leaning in – in fact, many are leaning back. They work fewer hours and make less money than men, just as Canadian women do. In fact, Swedish women are much more likely to have part-time jobs and far less likely to hold top managerial positions or be CEOs. On top of that, Scandinavian labour markets are the most gender-segregated in the developed world.

Women do make up 25 per cent of Swedish corporate boards, but only because of quotas. The greatest concentration of senior managers, CEOs and other highly paid power women isn't in Scandinavia. It's here in North America, where working women's lives are much tougher.

It turns out that all these family-friendly policies have an unintended impact on the gender gap, as Kay Hymowitz and many others have noted. By making it easy for women to drop out of the work force and work shorter hours, they make it harder for women to progress in their careers. Swedish men have these options too, but they don't take them. So women don't advance as far as men. And they are also considered less desirable by corporate employers who need people on the job 24/7.

In any event, only a small proportion of Nordic women choose to work as managers and professionals. Most choose lower-paid, highly gender-segregated work. As Alison Wolf has written in her excellent book The XX Factor, Scandinavian countries "hold the record for gender segregation because they have gone the furthest in outsourcing traditional female activities and turning unpaid home-based 'caring' into formal employment."

Despite vigorous efforts to stamp out gender stereotyping, most Swedish girls would still rather be daycare workers and nurses when they grow up. And boys would rather be welders and truck drivers. And that's not all. To the extreme chagrin of social engineers throughout Scandinavia, mothers still take the bulk of parental leave. Most men take parental leave only when a certain part of it is designated for fathers only.'

Woman behind bars over false rape claim

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'Natasha Foster, from the Ballymoney Road in the Co Antrim town, was said by her defence to be "a woman scorned" when she appeared before Antrim Crown Court on Friday.

Her lawyer Michael Smith told Judge Desmond Marrinan that the false accusation had been made out of "anger and revenge".

He explained that Foster had desperately wanted to get back with a former lover and had consensual sex with him.

But he later texted her saying that he was not interested in getting back into a relationship.

The lawyer told the court: "After he sent the text, she was distraught and hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

He further revealed that Foster later went to her doctor and admitted that she was a "compulsive liar" and that she was prescribed medication.'

'What’s Up With... No men’s soccer team?'

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'So what’s up with there being no men’s soccer team at Clackamas?

Part of the issue stems from a limited budget. A small community college is not able to afford as many large athletic programs as larger colleges or universities. The bigger problem to get around is an issue of legality. Clackamas Community College cannot add a men’s soccer team because of Title IX restrictions.
...
“We added women’s soccer 10 or 11 years ago to get us back into [Title IX] compliance,” said Jim Martineau, CCC Athletic Director. “Currently our split of six female sports and five male sports keeps us at the compliance we need.”
Currently the female sports offered at Clackamas are soccer, volleyball and softball while wrestling and baseball are offered for the men. Basketball, cross country and track and field are offered to both genders. Adding a men’s soccer team alone would upset the balance and require CCC athletics to expand female athletics as well to stay in compliance.'

'PC Cops – Who's Sick Of 'Em?'

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'It never stops.

Next week you're tin-pot, politically correct police force are running yet ANOTHER 'Domestic Abuse' drive.

The papers will be full of it.

And as usual – it's all balls.

They'll call it 'cyber-stalking' – (they think that's a new and convincing angle) – and you'll hear thickasabrick Pirate FM presenters lisping words copied from Devon and Cornwall police press releases, probably with a thirty second segment with some magically un-named woman about her 'Hell' being 'stalked online' by some fairy tale chauvinist psycho.

Wait for buzzwords like 'Facebook' 'abuse' 'bullying' bla bla bla bla bla.

Of course the truth is – the anonymous 'victim' is straight out of central casting supplied by some state handout dependent 'domestic abuse' agency you're paying for.

She'll also most likely be a regular feature on some scumbag 'family lawyers' books, and the 'cyber-stalking' is likely to have consisted of some shat on furious father trying to see his own kid.'

U.S. State Dept.: "The Global Gender-Based Violence Threat"

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'Testimony
Catherine M. Russell
Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues
Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission
Washington, DC
November 20, 2013

Good afternoon,

I am honored to be here with all of you to discuss the critical importance of preventing and responding to gender-based violence globally. I would like to express my appreciation to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission for your commitment to promote and defend international human rights, including women's rights.

It is fitting that we gather now to discuss these issues, as Monday marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the first of the 16 Days Campaign Against Gender Violence, which concludes on Human Rights Day, December 10. My job as Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's issues is to promote the principle that advancing the status of women and girls is essential to achieving America's diplomatic goals – that peace, security, prosperity, economic growth cannot be achieved without the full and equal participation of women, and that men and boys are important partners in this effort.

Violence against women and girls is a global epidemic. It crosses every social and economic class, ethnicity, race, religion, and education level, and transcends international borders. It takes the form of early and forced marriages, sexual violence, and traditional harmful practices, among others. Violence occurs both inside and outside the home, and often increases with instability.

For example, we see heightened levels of gender-based violence in conflict and post-conflict settings, in refugee and displaced persons camps, and following natural disasters. The use of rape as a tactic of war is yet another egregious form of gender-based violence that disproportionately affects women and girls. Worldwide, an estimated one in three women will be physically or sexually abused in her lifetime, and one in five will experience rape or attempted rape. This is unacceptable.'

U.S. State Dept.: "Ambassador Catherine Russell leads Panel Discussion Commemorating International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women"

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'On November 25, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Catherine Russell will host a panel discussion marking the 14th annual International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, which launches the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. This year's discussion will address intimate partner violence and linkages between the domestic and international contexts, with a focus on marginalized and indigenous women. Tina Tchen, Executive Director for the Council on Women and Girls, will provide opening remarks.

Other invited panelists include Bea Hanson, Acting Director of the United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women; Layli Miller-Muro, Executive Director of Tahirih Justice Center; Nivia Monica Da Silva, Public Prosecutor, Coordinator of the Center for the Promotion of Gender and Racial Equality in Minas Gerais, Brazil; and Juana Majel Dixon, Co-Chair of the National Congress of American Indians Task Force on Violence Against Women.

The event is open to the press and will be held in the Marshall Center at the Department of State located at the 21st Street entrance, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.'

Crystal Mangum found guilty of 2nd-degree murder

Matt · 23 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'DURHAM — A jury found Crystal Mangum guilty of second-degree murder Friday for stabbing and killing her boyfriend, Reginald Daye, in 2011.

After Superior Court Judge Paul Ridgeway sentenced Mangum to 14 years and two months to 18 years in prison, deputies immediately led her handcuffed out of the courtroom.

Mangum's attorney, Daniel Meir, said she will appeal.

The case was unusual because, unlike most murder cases, the jury heard the victim's side of the story.

Mangum, 35, stabbed Daye on April 3, 2011, and an investigator spoke with him twice before he died April 13, 2011.

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Mangum took the stand in her own defense and said it was Daye who attacked her with knives by throwing them at her. She stabbed him, she said, after he dragged her out of the bathroom by the hair, straddled her and began strangling her.

Photos of the apartment showed kitchen steak knives scattered throughout the apartment. Blood drops were on the carpet in the hallway where Daye said she stabbed him, but not in the master bedroom where Mangum said she stabbed him.

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Former Durham City Councilwoman Jackie Wagstaff, one of Mangum's supporters, said she believed Mangum was being punished because of who she was and her name recognition.

In 2006, Mangum accused three Duke lacrosse players of raping her at a party. The charges were later dismissed after the evidence did not back up Mangum's story. Her accusations tore apart the Duke lacrosse program and resulted in the disbarment of District Attorney Mike Nifong.

Assistant District Attorney Charlene Franks, who prosecuted the murder case, said it was never about Crystal Mangum, the Duke lacrosse accuser.

"It was about Reggie Daye and what happened in April 2011," she said.'

Circumcision: an unnecessary, brutal practice for those who can't consent

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Here's this little bundle ... First let's find a sharp stone or knife and start hacking at the genitalia," begins journalist Christopher Hitchens, setting up a scenario that about 58 percent of male infants born in the United States went through in 2010. "Because, as it turns out," Hitchens continues, "the design isn't that great, and in a crucial feature, too."

He concludes, "No morally decent person would do this if it wasn't for superstition."

Infant male circumcision is a practice not often questioned by new parents. It's either divinely warranted or it's just something that people do. But witnessing a ceremony like this should cause outrage in any morally normal person.

Reputable studies by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control have shown that there is evidence of circumcision preventing the contraction of sexually transmitted diseases such as HPV and HIV. This is reasonable, considering there is a 44 percent lower rate of HIV infection among circumcised men.

"But doesn't that contradict your point?" you might ask.

I would answer: no. My point isn't that male circumcision is always morally wrong, but that it's a sinister practice to inflict on non-consenting infants.

These studies are likely as significant as they sound, but we can rest assured that a child is not at risk for STDs in his infancy or in childhood. A procedure that is unnecessary, painful, traumatic and even life-threatening should never be inflicted on a child until he is able to consent to the operation himself.'

Baltimore jail officers accused in scheme

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Story here. So, females are "less corruptible" than males? That used to be a feminist claim, and still is among some of them, if not also among people generally. Despite evidence to the contrary, denial and cognitive dissonance always seem to win out where this prejudice is concerned. Excerpt:

'"Correctional officers were in bed with BGF inmates," said U.S. Attorney Rod Rosenstein.

Rosenstein seemed to mean that literally and figuratively, court documents show. According to one indictment, alleged gang member Tavon White had a sexual relationship with four jail guards while he was incarcerated.

He impregnated all four of them and they all helped him smuggle items in prison, according to the indictment.

One of the guards had "Tavon" tattooed on her wrist, the indictment said.

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Correctional officers were allegedly "bribed" to smuggle in drugs, cell phones and other prohibited objects, which they hid underneath their clothes, "inside body cavities," even in sandwiches.

...

"Court documents allege the BGF members recruited correctional officers through personal and often sexual relationships, as well as bribes, and that some officers traded sex for money," the U.S. Attorney's office said in its news release.

The end result was what Rosenstein's office called a "criminal organization" operating inside jails "enabling (participants) to make large amounts of money through drug trafficking, robbery, assault, extortion, bribery, witness retaliation, money laundering and obstruction of justice."

The investigation first came to light in April with the announcement of the first round of arrests. In all, 44 people have been indicted on federal charges. Twenty seven of them are Baltimore correctional officers, CNN affiliate WJZ reported.'

Gynecologists Run Afoul of Panel When Patient Is Male

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********** UPDATE **********

Petition to ABOG here. Feel free to spread it far and wide.

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Article here. Contact info for taking action is in the first comment. I have also made this item "sticky" so it stays the top-listed story until Tues. Nov. 26. Newer stories will still appear below it. Excerpt:

'But in September, the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology insisted that its members treat only women, with few exceptions, and identified the procedure in which Dr. Stier has expertise as one that gynecologists are not allowed to perform on men. Doctors cannot ignore such directives from a specialty board, because most need certification to keep their jobs.

Now Dr. Stier's studies are in limbo, her research colleagues are irate, and her male patients are distraught. Other gynecologists who had translated their skills to help male patients are in similar straits.

And researchers about to start a major clinical trial that is aimed at preventing anal cancer, with $5.6 million from the National Cancer Institute, say the board's decision will keep some of the best qualified, most highly skilled doctors in the United States from treating male patients in the study. The director of the planned study and Dr. Stier have asked the gynecology board to reconsider its position.
...
"We haven't heard of any compelling reason to change anything," said Dr. Kenneth L. Noller, the board's director of evaluation. He said there were plenty of other doctors available to provide the HPV-related procedures that some gynecologists had been performing on men.

Dr. Larry C. Gilstrap, the group's executive director, said the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology was specifically designed to treat problems of the female reproductive tract and was "restricted to taking care of women." Of the 24 medical specialties recognized in the United States, he said, it is the only one that is gender-specific, and it has been that way since 1935.
...
The board had always regarded the treatment of women as its mission, Dr. Gilstrap said, but felt a particular need to emphasize it now because the specialty's image was being tarnished by members who had strayed into moneymaking sidelines, like testosterone therapy for men, and liposuction and other cosmetic procedures for both women and men.
...
On Sept. 12, the board posted on its website a stringent and newly explicit definition of obstetrician-gynecologists, limiting the proportion of time they could spend on nongynecologic procedures and noting that, with few exceptions, members must not treat men. The notice specifically prohibited gynecologists from performing an examination called anoscopy on men.
...
Anoscopy involves using a tube and a light to examine the anal canal, which is about 1.5 inches long. ... Cancers usually require surgery, but doctors can burn off precancers in hopes of preventing cancer.

A similar approach led to a tremendous decline in cervical cancer in the United States, and doctors hope to accomplish the same for anal cancer. About 7,000 new cases of anal cancer, and 880 deaths, are expected in 2013 in the United States; the incidence has been increasing by 2.2 percent a year for the last 10 years.
...
If the trial shows that cancers can be prevented, it could change the standard of care, Dr. Douglas R. Lowy, a

deputy director of the Center for Cancer Research at the National Cancer Institute, said in an interview.

Doctors planning to participate in the trial have had extensive training in high-resolution anoscopy. People with various types of medical training can learn the procedure, but experts say that gynecologists are the quickest to master it because of their experience in screening women.
...
Dr. Stier had been treating men for more than 10 years, and expected to enroll about 100 in the study. Now, she will be able to enroll only women. She is the only person with the special training at her hospital, so now another hospital will have to sign up more men.

But what really worries her is what will become of the men she has been treating. ... “My main issue here is that I don’t think my patients are going to get the follow-up that they need, and I think they’re going to be lost to care, and we take care of a very vulnerable patient population,” Dr. Stier said.

Dr. Einstein had also been treating some male patients and had planned to enroll men in the new trial. Like Dr. Stier, he was blindsided by the gynecology board’s notice.

He said only three doctors at his hospital had special training in high-resolution anoscopy, and that was nowhere near enough. Now two of those doctors, including himself, have to stop treating men.

“I think we’ll see significant setbacks,” Dr. Einstein said.'

Has Radical Feminism Achieved A Deceptive Victory?

Mastodon · 24 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'American men are fed up and angry — and rightfully so.

Sick of being constantly portrayed as rapists, abusers, bumbling idiots, irresponsible losers, deadbeat dads (if they're absent), immature fatherly buffoons (if they're present) or overall "bad guys" by the mainstream media and Hollywood, many men have reached a tipping point.

Tired of being mistreated by a family court system that either forces financially-crippling child support obligations upon non-custodial fathers or — worse still — forces many men to pay child support for children they later discover are not even biologically their own, men have had it.

More and more, men are not getting married like they used to due to the prohibitive cost of divorce. Nor are they attending college at the same rate as women, because some just don't want to deal with the hostile environment of feminist political correctness that could ruin their lives. In short, men have had all they can take of this decades-long backlash against them. They are voluntarily "going Galt," like in Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged, and taking a vacation from responsibility.

Why? Because they can.

In the battle for women's rights, has radical feminism achieved a Pyrrhic victory?
...
Let's face facts. From an early age, too many young girls are now raised and taught to view boys and men with suspicion at best or outright disdain and dread at worst. This radical feminist, anti-male indoctrination has seeped into our school system. And it infests higher education, where freshman men may be force-fed "chick lit" such as A Handmaid's Tale or performances of The Vagina Monologues. Or they may find their academic careers ruined by accusations of sexual harassment or rape, regardless of evidence or whether the accuser purposely lied (such as what happened in the infamous Duke University rape scandal).

Radical feminism also worms its way into the legal system with the help of people Dr. Smith calls "Uncle Tims" — men looking to get on women's good side. Examples of anti-male bias have damaged countless divorce, paternity and child support cases.
...
Some men are breaking down and breaking out — unwilling to hold in their feelings or to abide by the "new normal" imposed on their gender by radical feminist doctrine.
...
Men On Strike is the ultimate survival guide for 21st century American men in an uber-feminized society.'

This stereotype turn-about not fair play

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Wrestling dollars from consumers is the main purpose of advertising. And now, during Christmas gift-buying season, this is more apparent than ever. Some ads are brilliant. Others stretch the limits of good taste.

In 2005, clothing designer Marithé Francois Girbaud created a billboard that played off Leonardo da Vinci's iconic Christian-inspired painting The Last Supper. The ad featured a female Jesus Christ, female diners and a lone half-naked man with his underwear and the top of his buttocks showing. The company received almost immediate backlash against the ad from those who questioned what jeans had to do with the twisted religious imagery portrayed.

The company's primary defence was that women can only achieve equality with men if they sacrifice their femininity. The ad was meant to create a new perception of femininity by "presenting men, instead of women, in a position of fragility."
...
It's disappointing to still see the continual and objectionable sexualization of women in ads, but it's equally disappointing to see the frequent and distasteful dummyfication (yes, I made up that word) of men. Men are too often portrayed as sexual predators, crude blockheads or complete buffoons easily manipulated and incapable of doing anything without the assistance of their female partners. And the masses seem to think this is OK.
...
What this suggests is that it's not women who are coming up with these male-bashing ads. It's the men themselves, possibly in an attempt to cash in on a perceived increase in women's buying power by, to use Girbaud's words, "presenting men in a position of fragility."

Is this what women really want? I don't. And I know other women who are also tired of advertising that presents their partners, brothers, fathers and sons as biologically flawed, unmotivated, abusive, slow-witted numbskulls and commitment-phobic family-destroyers unable to be responsible, loving, hands-on dads.

Not all men are like this and it's repugnant when advertising implies they are.'

Barbara Kay: ‘Be it resolved we live in a misandric society’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One thing feminists cannot complain about with a straight face is a lack of respectful public attention for women’s issues. Last week the prestigious Munk Debates mounted an event around “the end of men.” Four well-known women writers debated the resolution, “Be it resolved that men are obsolete.”

Can you imagine a public debate on whether Muslims, natives, or even sharks and polar bears are worthy of continued existence? No. Only men are accorded that dubious honour. Although by most accounts – certainly those I talked to who attended – it wasn’t even entertaining. Montreal radio talk show host Supriya Dwivedi tweeted, “I was [at the Munk debate] and was speechless at how ridiculous it was.”
...
Women, because the organizers thought it had to be all women pundits, because even brainy women are too fragile intellectually to duke it out in a real debate with respected masculinist participants like Harvard University professor Harvey Mansfield, author of the 2006 Manliness or male-rights activist Warren Farrell?

Or men, because it was clear that victory for the feminist side was a foregone conclusion (as indeed happened), and that male-bashing as an evening’s entertainment is not only permissible, but the kind of performance theatre our chattering classes will pay good money to see?

I can’t think of a better topic for discussion at, say, a men’s centre. Moreover, if the Munk debate committee would like to arrange a debate around the proposition, “Be it resolved we live in a misandric society,” I am available.'

US Marine Corps postpones pullups for women, cites potential risks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Female Marines will now have more time to prepare for the pullup requirement to pass the Physical Fitness Test.

The Corps announced Friday that Phase 1 of the change requiring female Marines to complete pullups as part of the Physical Fitness Test, in which women were given the option of doing pullups or the flexed-arm hang, “will continue into calendar year 2014.” Service officials want to further evaluate and validate the assumption that pullups are an appropriate metric for assessing upper-body strength in all Marines, said Lt. Col. Neil Murphy, a Marine spokesman at the Pentagon.
...
Murphy said the Corps wants to ensure that female Marines are set up for success in combat and overall fitness. The assessments it’s conducting are a collaborative effort between Headquarters, Training and Education Command, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, and Manpower and Reserve Affairs, he added.'

Woman who blamed husband for mailing ricin to Obama gets plea deal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Texas actress accused of mailing ricin-laced letters to President Barack Obama and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has reached a plea deal with federal prosecutors, according to federal court documents.

Shannon Guess Richardson, 36, whose acting career included minor television roles, had attempted to blame her husband for sending the letters in May that tested positive for the presence of ricin, according to prosecutors.

Notice of the plea deal was filed on Thursday in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Richardson's attorney, Tonda Curry, could not be immediately reached to detail the terms of the plea agreement.

Richardson was arrested in June and a federal grand jury accused her in a three-count indictment of mailing the letters to Obama, Bloomberg and Mark Glaze, the director of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a group founded by Bloomberg that lobbies for stricter gun laws.'

Australia: "Degrees of separation: more women enrolling at universities"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2002, of the 151,550 Australian students who graduated from university, 56 per cent were women. By 2012, graduation numbers had increased to nearly 195,000, of whom 60 per cent were female, a ratio likely to be higher again this year.

Although women have often opted for courses such as nursing and teaching, their numerical superiority has invaded the previously typical male domains, extending from the undergraduate through all postgraduate levels. Women now outnumber men from bachelor degrees to the top doctoral peaks, and they are also in the majority in seven of the 10 main subject areas, the exceptions being architecture, engineering and information technology.
...
Yet despite their preponderance, the federal government still classes "women in non-traditional areas" as an equity group deserving of ongoing efforts to boost their enrollments in the few fields where they are not already in the majority. The gender divide, now firmly established in higher education, starts in school, where girls do better in their tests, do not drop out to the same extent as boys, and apply for university in greater numbers.

Last year the Labor government lifted the limits on how many students each university could enroll, which may have encouraged more girls to apply, including those whose ATAR scores may not have been high enough to gain entry previously, and this is shifting enrollments even more to the females.'

VAWA Goes Global

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Will fourth time be the charm for a piece of legislation seeking to eradicate violence against the estimated one-third of women suffering from abuse worldwide?

On Thursday, the International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA) is set to be reintroduced to the House by Rep. Jan Schakowsky, a Democrat representing Illinois's 9th district. Since being introduced by Senator Joe Biden in 2007, the act has been through numerous reintroductions in four different Congresses, but advocates hope this year will be the one it makes it into the books.

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Under I-VAWA, both the ambassadorship and the State Department office would become permanent, and the act would implement Obama's strategy in five at-need countries—factors which are paramount, Soler says. Gender-based programs would also be implemented in the U.S. foreign assistance programs. The key components of the legislation, according to Soler, target local organizations on the ground dealing with gender-based violence, and engage men and boys to do their part in ending violence. "It's not all about, 'Let's find bad folks and do something about it after something bad has happened,'" she says. The proven positive domino effect of investing in girls and women would make other U.S. foreign policy goals, like fostering economic and civil society development, easier, Soler says.

...

Problems plagued the domestic Violence Against Women Act after the House allowed it to expire earlier this year. But Finch says "their reputation suffered in how long it took them to act" after the the mounted pressure for Congress to finally re-approve the legislation. "We would look to that and say: the people of the United States care deeply against violence against women and any delay in passing this bill is very unwarranted."'

'Ruined a man's life? Six months my sweet'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A West Country woman lied to the police that a friend raped her - then spread gossip through his small town that left him and his family facing death threats.

Single mother of two Ashleigh Loder, 25, was convicted of perverting the course of justice, a crime which carries a sentence of up to seven years, for falsely accusing Fran Syvret.

But misandrist Judge Phillip Wassall, nicknamed ‘Blubber’ because of his weight, and the fact that he was who was once mocked publicly after crying during a court case in Truro , gave her just six months – of which she is likely to serve half.

Victim Fran found himself facing ruin, and suffered victimisation from gullible locals, when Loder lied he raped her.'

Woman Jumps For High Location, Man Tries To Catch Her

redwoodwriter · 25 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. "White Knight" taken to an extreme. Excerpt:

'A woman jumped from the third deck at the O. co Coliseum after Sunday's Oakland Raiders game, injuring herself and a man who tried to catch her, an Alameda County sheriff's office spokesman said.

The woman went into section 301, an area that is closed off to the public, and moved to jump off the edge around 4:30 p.m., just after the game's end, Sgt. J.D. Nelson said.

People on the second deck concourse level below tried to persuade her not to jump, Nelson said.

"She jumped anyhow, and one guy tried to catch her," Nelson said.'

What Politicians Don't Say About the Military's Sexual Assault 'Epidemic'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When I joined the U.S. military in January 2011, a family member asked me: “Aren’t you worried about being raped?” And she wasn’t the only one. Many people cautioned me that I would be entering an institution synonymous with machismo, authoritarianism, and violence.

What I found instead was very different: professionalism, respect, and a strong presence of women in the highest ranks. I also found the most transparent, aggressive, and in-your-face Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program I had ever witnessed.
...
So even if the preponderance of evidence fails to support a conviction for rape or sexual assault, an accused soldier may still be discharged from the military and punished for a related offense like failure to obey an order (92), cruelty toward and maltreatment of a subordinate (93), unbecoming conduct (133), fraternization (134), or providing alcohol to a minor (134).

If service members fail to obtain justice through the regular process, which is largely at the discretion of their Commanding Officers (COs), there already is a way for them to circumvent the CO and file a complaint of wrongs against the CO under UCMJ Article 138.

That is why I have been surprised to hear U.S. Senators imply that service members currently have no recourse outside their CO and that a new, parallel organizational structure is needed.

Our sexual assault awareness training has articulated a highly victim-friendly standard for defining sexual assault. It has stressed affirmative consent, i.e., that for sexual activity NOT to be defined as sexual assault, consent must be freely and affirmatively communicated between both partners at every step during sexual activity, and both partners must be physically and mentally able to give consent. Any ambiguity, we’ve been taught, could harm the accused more than the accuser. Silence, or the absence of a “no,” does not imply consent. A drunk or drugged partner is automatically assumed to be non-consenting.
...
So perhaps, instead of being a punching bag on Capitol Hill, the military should be studied as a model for sexual assault awareness, prevention, and response policy, especially among young people aged 18 to 24. And perhaps that model should be exported to the nation’s college campuses, where sexual assault is equally prevalent but far more hidden; where sexual assault policies and practices are outdated; and where the fear of litigation or falling rankings makes university administrations reluctant to expel offenders and eager to brush the problem under the carpet.'

'We must enlist men and boys in the fight to end violence against women'

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Article here. Excerpt:

"It may seem foolish to be optimistic on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The World Health Organisation affirms that one in three women will experience violence from a male partner. A recent UN study in a half-dozen Asian countries finds that one in four men have raped.

Our optimism stems from an extraordinary change across the globe: more and more men are finally joining women to say all forms of violence against women must end. Even more critically, men around the world are saying we must play a key role in creating a future without violence against women.

Men have joined women in India, Africa and the Middle East to protest highly publicised crimes against women; in Europe and the Americas, they increasingly speak out. Together with women, we are calling on governments to take action and uphold the laws. The news from the UK that Clare's law will now cover all of England and Wales is one example of a victory in this fight. We hope there will be many more of this kind.
...
To create a lasting end to men's violence against women, it's time to move from small-scale programming by hard-working NGOs to large-scale efforts across our societies, in our schools and workplaces, transforming our families, and creating the future that women, our children and, indeed, men truly deserve.'

Urgent Petition: Don't Export Discrimination Against Male and LGBT Victims

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From a NPO email:

A member of Congress has introduced a bill called the International Violence Against Women Act that would provide foreign aid for domestic violence programs only for women abused by men. It would ignore and marginalize men abused by women as well as LGBT victims. We have started a new petition calling on members of Congress to vote against the bill and hope you'll take a moment to sign it.

Thank you for your support.

Queens doctor targeted over circumcisions

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An organization advocating against circumcision of baby boys targeted a Queens doctor in its latest demonstration.

A group of about 18 protesters marched in front of the Forest Hills Gardens home of Dr. Susan Blank and along Union Turnpike, according to Anthony Losquadro, founder and executive director of the Brooklyn-based Intaction.

Blank is chairwoman of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Task Force on Circumcision, which last year updated its policy on the procedure to say that research indicates it is associated with some health benefits.

Intaction, which argues that circumcision is akin to female genital mutilation, wants the AAP to retract the policy. They believe the decision of whether to be circumcised should be left up to men when they are adults.

He said anti-circumcision activists have sent thousands of letters and e-mails to the academy, but have received no response, so they took the next step by protesting.'

USAID: "16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence"

Minuteman · 25 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

From an USAID mailing-list email:

'Beginning on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (November 25) and ending on International Human Rights Day (December 10), USAID joins the global community in observance of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence.

The U.S. Government has increased awareness of gender-based violence and made the prevention and response to it a priority in foreign policy and development assistance programming. In August 2012, USAID joined other government agencies to launch the first-ever U.S. Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence Globally [PDF, 1.8MB]. President Obama signed an accompanying Executive Order, which directed all relevant agencies to implement the strategy and created an interagency working group.

USAID is committed to working in collaboration with other U.S. Government agencies, non-governmental organizations, faith-based communities, private sector companies and women and men around the world to eliminate gender-based violence. Such violence significantly hinders the ability of individuals to fully participate in and contribute to their communities and families economically, politically and socially. During these 16 days, let us reflect and act collectively to end gender-based violence.

Learn more:

Visit USAID's 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence webpage.
Check out the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence blog series on the USAID IMPACT blog.
Join the conversation with USAID for Global Health on Twitter using #16Days.'

'No, child support can’t be a choice'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mention the words “child support” on Twitter, and you’re likely to set off a bitter discussion. Men complain about a system that unfairly enriches women at the expense of men, while women complain about a system that fails to serve their needs as single mothers. Recently, Salon reprinted an essay by Anna March that attempted to make the feminist case that mandatory child support laws – which March termed “forced fatherhood” – are inherently unfair to men.

As others have pointed out, feminist arguments in support of male reproductive rights aren’t new. March approvingly cites Laurie Shrage’s June New York Times Op-Ed, in which Shrage claims that a man in the United States who accidentally conceives a child with a woman has fewer rights than women, particularly if he does not wish to raise the child with her. March seeks to balance the scales by doing away with mandatory child support and making it easier for men to opt out of providing financial support for a child they do not want.

The attack on the 'Nurturing Knight'

Mastodon · 25 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the ways International Mens Day was celebrated, on Tuesday 19 November 2013, was by holding a Men and Fathers' Strategic Roundtable at Parliament House, Canberra. During the lunchbreak Carolyn Managh from M&C Saatchi released The Modern [Aussie] Man Whitepaper to Australia. The White Paper was the result of eight months of one-on-one interviews with 140 men Australia-wide, aged primarily between 27 to 55 years. The report is 68 pages long but let me give you a few highlights.
...
Reports on the release were featured in the Financial Review and in NineMSN in a relatively positive way. One feminist writer wrote a great article in the Women's Agenda in anticipation of the white paper release but radical feminist writers in, the Sydney Morning Herald, theDaily Life and the Chifley blog site tore into the Modern [Aussie] Man whitepaper making mince meat of Australian men in the process. The misrepresentations and attacks on the whitepaper findings prove that the concept 'all men are bastards' is still alive and well in some sections of Australia's media.

What has really surprised me is the vigour of the attack on The Modern Aussie Man from some of our Feminist friends in the academic and media world. You see every time they attack this white paper they are actually attacking modern Aussie men and the heartfelt aspirations of the average Aussie man. One of those aspirations as shown by the white paper is gender equality. How quaint?
...
It seems that equality is only skin deep for those who express their hate for manhood so voraciously. Their hypocrisy can be seen by all, as famous Australian feminist Germaine Greer was wont to say, "Testosterone is a poison."'

U.S. State Dept.: "International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and 16 Days of Activism"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Press Statement
John Kerry
Secretary of State
Washington, DC
November 25, 2013
...
This fight is deeply personal to me. As a prosecutor, I saw firsthand the ravages of violence against women. As a proud father of two daughters, and as a husband to a strong woman who has invested so much of her public passion towards improving the lives of women, I know the difference it makes when women and girls have the opportunity to pursue their full potential and live free of violence. By contrast, gender-based violence not only undermines human rights, but poses significant obstacles to public health, economic and social development, and long lasting peace. It ruptures families. It breeds poverty and instability, and it can prevent women and girls, and their entire communities, from realizing their full potential.

We know we have much work to do. Despite all the collective international outrage, gender-based violence continues with impunity, and on a harrowing scale. Gender-based violence remains an epidemic of global proportions that cuts across every social and economic class, ethnicity, race, religion, and education level. In fact, nearly one-third of women worldwide have experienced some form of physical or sexual violence. That is an unacceptable statistic and must be a wake-up call.

The United States has made addressing gender-based violence a priority domestically and abroad. As evidenced by the first U.S. Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence Globally, the first National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, and new commitments to prevent and respond to gender-based violence starting at the onset of humanitarian emergencies, we are working comprehensively to improve prevention, protection, and prosecution measures to address this global scourge.'

Ready for Hillary? Really?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nancy Fraser's key point applies now with the gearing up for the US presidential election in 2016. Feminism is mobilized by Hillary Clinton's supporters to sell her presidential bid, but the key point is this: Would a Clinton presidency improve the lot of women in the United States and abroad, and would Clinton be a progressive president?

...

Equality between men and women should lead to the emergence of many women leaders and an increased presence of women in politics. It should therefore lead to an increase in the number of women candidates at all levels of political representation. The fact that a woman is in a position to run for president is thus positive. Does it mean that voting should be restricted to a gender issue? Clinton already has done what George W. Bush and his daddy had done before: amassed money to build a war chest to crush opposition during the primaries. This is also the way Romney eliminated his Republican rivals. In other words, the Money Power sides with a candidate who then outspends and therefore outlasts all others.

In the past, when Clinton talked about a vast "right-wing conspiracy," she and her husband had a lot of enemies on the right who are still around today. Yet the Clintons have made many friends among the 1% and are supported by plutocrats who hardly differ from the fat cats in the Republican camp. In what way could she transform American politics when she already has shown her willingness to play by the rules of plutocracy? Her gender is neither here nor there.

Famous women in politics like Thatcher, Gandhi and Meir were tough and ruthless. Some feminists, usually differential feminists, argue that in a man's world women have to play by men's rules to get ahead. Maybe so. Yet this also implies that electing a woman president would not change these rules unless there were social movements to agitate for such a change.

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Hillary Clinton constantly has moved toward the center of US politics. And when the center migrated rightward, she migrated with it. She might be more electable now - not because she is a woman, but rather because she is a friend of the Money Power and willing to compromise on the issues that matter to it. Feminism in this context is just a gimmick to attract some voters who place gender above any other issue. Respecting the rules of the Money Power during a campaign means toeing the line of oligarchy while in power. Neither men nor women benefit from this. Clinton and her neoliberal allies are hijacking feminism and the rhetoric of diversity.'

'Even Madder Men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The characters populating Michael Kimmel's new book, "Angry White Men," are familiar types: Rush Limbaugh's dittoheads, neo-Nazis, wife beaters, rampaging shooters and the divorced rageaholics of the men's rights movement. Crowded together under one banner, they make for a scary and unpleasant lot: full of fury and blaming everyone but themselves for their problems. Mostly, they blame women: ex-wives, would-be girlfriends, the phantom black women who stole their jobs. The editor of a men's rights website proclaims, "The real question here is not whether these women deserve the business end of a right hook, they obviously do, and some of them deserve one hard enough to leave them in an unconscious, innocuous pile on the ground."

Kimmel, a sociologist at Stony Brook University in New York, is unusually adventurous for an academic. As he did in his last book, "Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men," here, he ventures into unfamiliar territory and finds himself engaged in the kinds of conversations he is unlikely to have at department meetings. At a gun show in Shippensburg, Pa., Kimmel passes time with a guy he calls "Rick," who mans the K.K.K. table and says what you would imagine such a person would say about the black man in the White House. At a batterer's intervention group, Kimmel gets into the action, prodding one man who had hit his wife by asking, "Well, why didn't you just pick up a knife and stab" her?

...

Outside a more elite audience, Kimmel's diagnosis of aggrieved entitlement will be, I imagine, a tough sell. The men he's writing about have gone through several recessions and 40 years of economic shifts. They live in a world where, as one man tells him, you'll never find a job as a plumber but you might find one as a Walmart hostess. Beyond that, families around them are falling apart. Among men like them, without a college degree, divorce rates are high and fewer people get married; for women with only a high school degree, for example, nearly 60 percent of births occur outside marriage, rendering fatherhood a relic of the past. These men may have once run with the wind at their backs, but the air has been dead still for a long time.

...

But in the short term, class inequalities loom larger than gender or race. You won't easily convince Rick or the other men in the book that, due to the long arc of male privilege over the course of world history, he owes something to the likes of Barack Obama or Sheryl Sandberg, or to a sociology professor who lives in New York.'

Celebrating the marginalization of fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In what started as a pleasant dream, this poet vanquished words like “duodenum” with ease.

At 30 seconds, however, a six-letter word really gets him going.
...
and I hope that one day
I can grow up to be as great a father
as she was for me
you did not ask me spell deadbeat sir...
but if you want dead beat here it is:
f-a-t-h-e-r, d-a-d, d-a-d-d-y, p-o-p
p-o-p-s, if you want the slang
you asked me to spell father
and father is,
always has been
and always will be spelled
m-o-t-h-e-r'

Canada: "Growth in the prison population appears to be policy, not crime driven"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New figures show the number of visible minorities in Canadian prisons has increased by 75 per cent in the past decade, while the number and proportion of inmates who are Caucasian has declined significantly.

As well, Canada's prison population is now at its highest level ever, even though the crime rate has been decreasing over the past two decades. Ten years ago, the number of inmates in federal prisons was close to 12,000. It's now more than 15,000.

These are just some of the statistics expected to be examined Tuesday, when the annual report of Correctional Investigator of Canada Howard Sapers is tabled in Parliament. His report is widely expected to be a scathing indictment of federal correctional policy.

"You cannot reasonably claim to have a just society with incarceration rates like these," Sapers said Sunday in a speech he gave at a church in Toronto.

Sapers gave his audience a litany of grim figures. He pointed out that close to a quarter of all inmates are aboriginal even thought they make up only four per cent of the population. The rate of incarceration of aboriginal women increased by 80 per cent in the past decade.'

Israel: Rabbinical court fines woman $140/day for not circumcising son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Rabbinical Court in Jerusalem rejected an appeal Monday by a Netanya woman fined NIS 500 ($140) per day for refusing to circumcise her son, as is required by Jewish law (halacha).

The penalty was initially levied by a rabbinical court in Netanya earlier this year at the request of the woman's estranged husband who has demanded that the circumcision take place. The two are reportedly undergoing divorce proceedings, and the court stated that it believes her refusal was part of some ploy to save her marriage.

The woman's lawyer claimed that the rabbinical court had no authority to order the woman to circumcise her son, who is now a year old.

"I've been exposed to a lot of material regarding circumcision and I have decided not to circumcise my son," the woman, who has not been identified, told Channel 2 News Monday evening.

"I have no right to cut his organ and mutilate him. And the court has no right to force me to do so," she went on, vowing that she would not pay the fine, which has so far reached NIS 2,500. "I don't have the means; I'm not working," she said.

The woman intends to take the case to the Supreme Court, according to the report.

The court also addressed the current anti-circumcision sentiments around the world — specifically in Europe where some countries have pushed forth a ban on the Jewish (and Muslim) practice — and expressed concerns about the precedent this incident could set should an Israeli Jewish woman be allowed to forgo the custom.'

Great Britain's Deserts of Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Britain, then: Lawrence of Arabia remakes the desert battlefield.

Britain, now? It's raining "men deserts."

"The Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) reports that an increasing number of British children are growing up with hardly any male influence," the Call Me Stormy Weblog notes. "In some areas, the problem has reached such high levels that they have been tabbed 'men deserts,' according to the report," which aired on Britain's Sky News channel:

[EMBEDDED VIDEO]

Theodore Dalrymple and Peter Hitchens, call your office, as your writings over a decade ago on the collapse of British culture are yet again confirmed. Though am I the only one who cringes whenever the word "desert" is referenced outside of the aforementioned Lawrence of Arabia or other uses that involve large quantities of sand?'

UK: 'Women make better board members'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Female directors are better for their companies and shareholders because they are less likely to engage in overpriced takeovers or empire-building, a study suggests.

Firms with more women on their corporate boards will pay less on average for their acquisitions because they take a more prudent approach to business deals.
...
For every female board member companies also attempted 7.6 per cent fewer takeover bids, they reported in a new paper to be published in the Journal of Corporate Finance.

The results suggest that women demand higher promised returns on their investment when evaluating business deals and are less likely to sanction rash bids, researchers found.'

Do women really make men better?

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'The December issue of the Atlantic features a grand roundup of studies on "How Women Change Men." The results presented will probably not explode your brain with wonder. Most of the studies basically confirm that our interactions with specific people shape our beliefs about the categories - ethnic, gender, etc. - those people belong to.

So men with lots of female colleagues tend to pick up more housework at home, likely because they view women as equal partners rather than Windex-powered service robots. Men with daughters subscribe less frequently to traditional gender roles and disagree more often with the statement, "A woman's place is in the home." (Yet men with sisters are more attracted to the old norms, perhaps because they've used macho/feminine orthodoxy in the past to differentiate themselves from their siblings.)
...
But what about how having sons might affect the business practices of female CEOs? Might being observed by a guy make a woman run faster, take greater risks or donate more money? Information about whether, for instance, girls speak up less in co-ed classrooms is out there, but it doesn't get nearly as much play in the press - and the framing is almost always "this is how women react to their own awareness of a man's presence."

So what does this mean? Is it somehow troubling that we rarely encounter studies that use ladies as experimental subjects, and guys as inputs? Or should we embrace our status as independent variables (which sounds exciting, like a mix between a Beyonce song and a spy mission)? Does our independent variable-ness speak to our girl power, or to ongoing male power? Someone should do a study.'

Kathleen Hanna Balmes Sexism For Girl-On-Girl Bullying

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'When it comes to the culture that encourages girl-on-girl bullying, punk-rock legend and feminist activist Kathleen Hanna* doesn't mince words. "It's always about taking the scraps off of the man's table. It's like we're just eating off the floor," said Hanna, former frontwoman of Bikini Kill and Le Tigre and current frontwoman of The Julie Ruin.

In a Nov. 25 interview on HuffPost Live, Hanna explained exactly why sexism is so damaging -- not just to women, but to men as well. She told host Ricky Camilleri:

"Sexism hurts everyone. It hurts men in the fact that a lot of men are put in this position where the only way they know how to bond with each other is through racism or sexism or homophobia. And they don't know how to actually have real friendships. And I think that can be similar with women. The only way that they know how to bond with each other is through this viscousness towards other women and towards other groups of people that are different than themselves."'

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*http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kathleen_Hanna

Bride spoke of killing parents before pushing husband off cliff: prosecutors

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(Reuters) - A Montana bride accused of killing her new husband by pushing him off a cliff at Glacier National Park had spoken of killing her mother and stepfather in the weeks before her June wedding, federal prosecutors said in legal documents.

U.S. prosecutors say 22-year-old Jordan Graham was unhappy in her new marriage and deliberately shoved her husband of eight days off a rock ledge during an argument while hiking a steep trail on July 7.

She was indicted last month on charges of first- and second-degree murder in the death of Cody Johnson, 25. Her attorneys have said his death was an accident.

Prosecutors, in filings in U.S. District Court in Missoula, said they plan to produce evidence at next month's trial that Graham made statements about killing her mother and stepfather about five weeks before Johnson plunged to his death.'

Woman mistakes daughter for boyfriend and kills her

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'A Winter Haven, Fla., mom is accused of shooting and killing her daughter while the girl held her 4-month-old daughter in her arms.

The Orlando Sentinel reports that Adele Bing, 52, told police she shot her daughter in a case of mistaken identity and that authorities should lock her up "for good" according to an arrest report.

Ruby Bing went to her mom's house on Monday night. Adele Bing told authorities her 26-year-old daughter was banging and kicking her door. Bing thought the person at the door was her boyfriend, whom she had just had a fight with. Bing armed herself with a .22 caliber gun, opened the door and shot her daughter in the chest, authorities said.'

CNN Op-Ed Says College Men Need Text-Message Proof They Didn't Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'College men should have their sexual partners send them a text message before they get down to business to avoid a false rape charge, according to Roxanne Jones, a former vice president at ESPN.

Jones offered this bit of advice in an op-ed published by CNN Tuesday, in which she focuses on combating "stupid girls" and discloses that she gave her son 300 condoms when he went off to college.

Jones writes:

"Never have sex with a girl unless she's sent you a text that proves the sexual relationship is consensual beforehand. And it's a good idea to even follow up any sexual encounter with a tasteful text message saying how you both enjoyed being with one another -- even if you never plan on hooking up again.

Crazy, I know, but I've actually been encouraging my son and his friends to use sexting -- minus the lewd photos -- to protect themselves from being wrongly accused of rape. Because just as damning text messages and Facebook posts helped convict the high-schoolers in Steubenville of rape, technology can also be used to prove innocence."

Movember declared ‘sexist, racist, transphobic’ at Canada’s sorry imitation of Harvard

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'The health and education editor of the student newspaper at one of Canada’s most prestigious universities has advised the world that Movember — the month-long pledge by men to grow hair above the upper lip to support men’s health awareness — is “sexist, racist, transphobic, and misinformed.”

In his 1,120-word essay in The McGill Daily, Ralph Haddad calls “the idea of suggesting that men show solidarity with each other by growing moustaches” to raise awareness about prostate cancer and other issues “completely absurd.”
...
The English and cultural studies major argues that Movember “implies an archaic view of gender that implies that only a male/female gender binary exists, and that you aren’t really a man if you don’t necessarily identify with that binary.”

He asks: “How are people who do not identify with that binary and have a prostate supposed to partake in this cause?”

Haddad claims Movember is also racist because black males are “twice as likely to develop” prostate cancer than white males yet most people celebrating Movember are white. Somehow, this is apparently racist.'

Duke Rape Accuser Got 160 TV News Stories on Accusation, 3 on Murder Conviction

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'When Crystal Mangum falsely accused several Duke lacrosse players of rape in 2006, there were 160 television news stories in the first five days after the players were arrested, but in 2013, when Mangum was convicted of murder and sentenced to 14 years in prison, there were only 3 television news stories, a difference in coverage of 5,233%.
...
Although the rape claims by Mangum were totally false, she was not charged with a crime.
...
Those 160 television news outlets included ABC's World News Tonight, Nightline, Good Morning America, the CBS Evening News, the Today show, NBC Nightly News, CNN Live, Fox News, MSNBC's Scarborough Country and Countdown, and myriad other TV news programs.'

Will France fine the john or punish the prostitute?

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'When it comes to sexual matters, the French tend to be much more liberal and close-lipped than their American peers. Here, it is largely considered a private concern.

But lately, sex has taken center stage of French public debate, splashed across editorials and magazine covers and featured on television news programs, as French lawmakers this week debate whether to penalize clients who pay for prostitutes.

A wide range of critics disagree with the plan, from Medecins du Monde (Doctors of the World), which says that penalizing the client will only push prostitution further "underground," to a group of influential writers and other personalities who balk at the government legislating what they do in the bedroom.
...
"For the first time in history we are tackling prostitution on the right side of the problem, which is the client," says Anne-Cecile Mailfert, the spokesperson for Osez Le Feminisme, or "Dare to be a Feminist."
...
Prostitution itself is not illegal in France – although various aspects of it are, such as pimping or soliciting underage women. The new law would add an extra punishment that places the burden on clients, fining them some $2,000 for their acts, a sum that would double if they are caught again. It would also give aid to vulnerable women, particularly foreigners who are trafficked into France and have no papers. The government counts between 20,000 and 40,000 prostitutes in France.

Maud Olivier, the socialist lawmaker who co-wrote the bill, told the French daily Le Monde that the point is to make clients aware that they are participating in the sexual exploitation of prostituted persons, which does not respect the fundamental human rights of France.
...
And well-known feminist Elisabeth Badinter argues in Le Monde that "the state has no place legislating on individual sexual activity." She went on to say that the bill itself is incoherent and unjust, since France authorizes women to prostitute themselves but prohibits men from using them.'

By law, Swedish men are 2nd class citizens

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'On December 20, on AVfM Radio Program, a caller said that men and women are treated more equally in Europe and mentioned Sweden and Switzerland as the prominent examples.

Although I am sure that it was not the caller's intention to spread disinformation, at least as far as Sweden is concerned, I beg to differ on that statement big time.

As a Swedish speaker and a connoisseur of the misandric matriarchal society of the gender utopia called Sweden, I took the liberty to look through the Swedish laws and translate some of them in order to make the readers get an idea of how it is to be a man in Sweden.

The rule of law implies that every citizen is subject to the law, in contrast to the idea that the ruler is above the law, like by divine grace or right (like in Denmark, Spain, etc.). So, in theory, it should not matter whether you are a king .., because, at the end of the day, if you break the law you are still being held accountable.
...
But in reality, men are discriminated against in Sweden since the laws are written. They are not even pretending otherwise.

Let's analyze some of the Swedish laws.'

Former Titans Cheerleader Receives No Jail Time For Sexually Assaulting a 12-year-old boy

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Story here.

'A former NFL cheerleader accused of sexually assaulting a 12-year-old boy in his Murfreesboro home received probation Monday as part of pleading no contest to a reduced charge of felony reckless endangerment.

Elizabeth Leigh Garner, 42, who cheered for the Tennessee Titans in 2005, 2006 and 2008, received 18 months probation and a $500 fine when she appeared in court in October.

She was originally charged on March 14 with aggravated sexual battery and solicitation of a minor for rape of a child, according to her arrest report.

As a condition of Gardner's probation, she is required to attend Narcotics Anonymous or Alcoholics Anonymous twice a week, have no contact with the victim and his family, and submit to drug testing.'

Husbands in the UK 'must admit they watch porn' to their wives, UK Prime Minister David Cameron says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Husbands who secretly watch Internet porn will have to confess to their wives when new family filters come in, UK Prime Minister David Cameron says.

From next year people will have to opt in if they want their Internet service provider to allow them access to pornography at home.

Asked by BBC Radio what that would mean for those who may access such content without their partner knowing, Mr Cameron said they were "going to have to have a discussion" about their surfing habits.

President Barack Obama is closely watching Britain's moves to block abusive images from being seen, and to track down those responsible for making them.'

"Why women still need husbands"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In time, “never depend on a man” turned into the full-blown belief that men are superfluous. In 2010 Jennifer Aniston claimed women needn’t “fiddle with a man” to have a child.

This may strike you as an isolated case of stupidity, but Aniston’s willingness to put it out there speaks volumes about modern cultural attitudes. No actress would have said such a thing in the 70s, 80s, or even early 90s.

Fortunately, most women come to the realization that they do, in fact, need a man—at least if they want a family.
...
This is the conclusion to which most women have come. Research shows that what women want more than anything else is not to work full-time and year-round but to live balanced lives.

How will they do it? That’s the number-one conversation among women today.

... The answer is obvious.

Lean on your husband.
...
I know what you’re going to say. Where are these husbands on whom women can depend? And you’re right: there are fewer men these days who seem eager to be primary breadwinners.

But ask yourself why, and I bet you know the answer.'

The Knockout Game -- NYT/NPR Say No Big Deal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The "knockout game" -- and the media underreporting of it -- combines the breakdown of the family with the media's condescending determination to serve as a public relations bureau for blacks. The "game" is a dare in which a young man -- all the perps appear to be male people of color, mostly blacks -- tries to literally knock out an innocent bystander with one blow. Both National Public Radio and The New York Times say these reports of the "knockout game" being widespread are overblown and do not represent a trend. Really?
...
So why is this happening? Look to the family.

As then-presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama told a mostly black congregation: "Children who grow up without a father are five times more likely to live in poverty and commit crime; nine times more likely to drop out of schools and 20 times more likely to end up in prison. They are more likely to have behavioral problems or run away from home or become teenage parents themselves. And the foundations of our community are weaker because of it." In 1960, only 5 percent of children were born into single-parent households. Today it's 40 percent, with nearly 75 percent of black children born to single mothers.

"Dear Father, Dear Son," my latest book, is about the importance of fathers -- even gruff, tough ones like my Marine dad who was raised in Jim Crow South -- in instilling the values of right and wrong, and of empathy for others. Kids from homes with good values don't go around knocking people out.'

About the article's author: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Larry_Elder

Happy Thanksgiving (this year, maybe "Thanksgivukkah")

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A very happy Thanksgiving to MANN readers and their friends and family! Especially, thoughts go out to parents (these are of course mostly fathers) who can't be with their kids today for whatever reasons, be they court-related or not.

Some of the low-down on how this came to be a national holiday in the US is found here. Be prepared to have a few long-held beliefs tossed out.

Also, in case you didn't know, today is the very rare convergence of T-giving and Hannukkah, hence "Thanksgivukkah". Extra Hannukkah gelt for those good kids who finish their turkey, maybe? :)

One in 500 Newborn Boys Experience Acute Complications From Circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Doctors in America are usually circumcised or married to men who are circumcised. They have little experience with normal, intact, healthy penises. They also are often ill informed about the risks of the procedure.

“What did they do to you?” a Scandinavian woman asked an American man while they were making love. She was upset that part of his penis had been amputated. Taking off the foreskin deprives the penis of both length and width. The foreskin protects the glans of the penis, keeping it moist and sensitive. A circumcised penis has a head that has hardened (“keratinized” is the medical word for this). She couldn’t believe it when her American lover told her that circumcision was considered normal in the United States.

...

So it is no wonder that Maggie Rhode, an African American mom from Memphis, Tennessee, thought she was bringing her 3-month-old son in for a safe operation in August. The circumcision at Christ Community Health Center, the doctors told her, would take only 20 minutes.

Instead it lasted three hours. Not only did the doctors botch the circumcision, they handed Rhode her son, who was screaming in pain, without telling her that anything had gone wrong.

“After I went home and I discovered that my son’s penis was not there, I immediately froze, like, oh my God,” Rhode, who is speaking publicly about what happened to Baby Ashton, told My Fox Memphis. Ashton went to the doctor with healthy genitalia, now he has a partial penis. He urinates through a hole in his penis and screams in agony, his mom said.

Complications from circumcision, though rarely this extreme, are more common than parents realize.

One in 500 boys will experience acute complications from circumcision, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, and that is probably a conservative estimate.

...

An infant in Sacramento, California, Brayden Tyler Frazier, died after complications from a circumcision in March 2013.

The year before another infant died after contracting herpes from a Rabbi who sucked on his penis as part of a religious rite.

My friend’s son’s penis has adhesions due to a botched circumcision. They irritate him and cause ongoing bleeding. Five years old, he cries when he gets an erection.

I found out a close family member suffered a circumcision complication that has embarrassed him his entire life.

“[C]omplications of circumcision do represent a significant percentage of cases seen by pediatric urologists,” reports this article in the Scientific World Journal. “Often they require surgical correction that results in a significant cost to the health care system.”'

Tech firms now hiring more women than men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the last 12 months, the tech industry added 60,000 jobs, and 36,000 -- or 60% -- of those positions went to women, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Usually, men make up 70% to 80% of the new hires, but according to the BLS, the tide seems to have turned in the last year.

"Overall, it's a surprise to see there's a sudden increase, and obviously, it's too soon to know if a few months is a trend," said Shravan Goli, president of Dice.com. "There's been so much awareness building and activity from companies to pursue diversity, plus you've got the Sheryl Sandbergs and Marissa Mayers of the world -- I think all of that is starting to result in increased awareness and an attraction toward technology roles for women more than ever before."'

Men’s overtime hours are keeping the gender pay gap alive

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One reason men make more money than women is because they work so much overtime.

The gender gap in pay persists due to the fact that men are more likely than women to work 50 hours-plus a week, found a recent study (pdf) published by the American Sociological Review. The extra hours—known as “overwork”—result, on average, in an extra 6% in hourly wages across all occupations. This difference has exacerbated the gender pay gap by around 10%, the study claims.

In 2000, 19% of men worked 50 hours or more per week, compared to 7% of women. The researchers suggested that women are less likely both to enter a job that demands overworking and to stay in it. And despite moves toward equality, women still tend to be more responsible than men for housework and childcare—hours that hardly count on the job but make them plenty overworked, too.'

Also see this article.

European Parliament Backs Quotas for Women in Non-Executive Board Seats

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Listed companies in the European Union must work toward a 40 percent quota for women in non-executive board positions by the year 2020, according to legislation approved by European Parliament last week.
...
According to parliament's figures, only 17.6 percent of non-executive board member seats are held by women in 2013. Under the new rule, listed companies must take effective and binding steps to ensure equal access to non-executive board positions. While qualifications and merit remain the primary criteria, preference must go to the woman candidate when candidates of equal qualifications are presented.'

Sheriff's department may change hiring tests to increase diversity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Brown County Sheriff's Department may tweak its hiring process in hopes of attracting more women and minority officers.

...

The agency's assessment could prompt changes to the physical agility test. Dozens of female applicants have failed the test due to a lack of upper-body strength, Sanborn said.

...

Madson is aware some women have trouble passing physical agility tests, and said NWTC offers all academy students a course on fitness and will help them prepare for tests, which can include climbing a 5-foot wall.'

It cuts both ways: A Jew argues for child rights over religious circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So, who's right? Those who say censuring circumcision is a manifestation of anti-Semitism, or those who say it's a necessary step in child protection?

I think the latter are right, but I also understand why some think it's anti-Semitic: Circumcision is a profoundly meaningful Jewish practice imbued with great cultural value. Consequently, attempts to limit it have sometimes been part of broader efforts to suppress Jewish practice. ...
...
Understandably, this has left its imprint on Jews' collective memory. It makes sense that the journalist Tanya Gold asked whether the recent motion is "an attempt to achieve with paper what other methods could not – the removal of Jews from Europe?"

These are grave concerns. But do they stand up to scrutiny? It seems ethnocentric given that two thirds of the world's circumcised males are actually Muslims and only 0.8 percent are Jewish. ...

Rather than prejudice against religion, I think it makes more sense to interpret criticism of circumcision as the consistent application of human rights to both boys and girls. ...

It's true that censuring circumcision could curtail the expression of an until-now definitional Jewish practice. But the right to manifest one's religion is not absolute – it is limited by the harm caused to others. In 2011, 11 boys under the age of one were treated for life-threatening hemorrhage, shock or sepsis relating to circumcision in Birmingham Children's Hospital in the United Kingdom. In the United States, it's estimated that 100 boys die as a result of circumcisions every year. Can religion per se justify this?

Supporters of circumcision also say it's an ancient, meaningful practice. But neither longevity nor meaning is usually accepted as sufficient moral justification to override individual rights. As one Orthodox Jewish father, Elie Jesner, puts it, "Mankind has been doing horrendous things for thousands of years: slavery, capital punishment, condemning homosexuals, oppressing women. That is not a club of actions I want to be part of."

From a Jewish perspective, there are other issues. First, circumcision does not confer Jewish status. As Shaye Cohen, professor of Hebrew literature and philosophy at Harvard University, explains, "Male and female offspring of a Jewish mother are Jewish by birth under Jewish law; the male offspring are Jewish by birth even if they are left uncircumcised." Second, biblical circumcision was not as extensive as today's variant, which is actually an innovation of rabbis in the Hellenic period trying to stop Jewish men from restoring their foreskins. Evidently, definitional Jewish practices can and have evolved.'

Professor demands ‘rape culture’ investigation over satirical article

Mastodon · 30 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks is demanding an independent investigation about two complaints she filed alleging sexual harassment by the school’s student newspaper.

The first article appeared in The Sun Star, the campus rag, on April 1, 2013. The April Fool’s Day piece heralded the construction of the “Kameel Toi Henderson Building,” which is “a new building in the shape of a vagina.”

The satirical piece suggested that the building would be a tribute to “UAF’s 59 percent female demographic.” “Courses such as Home Economics, House Cleaning 101 and the Perils of Feminism will be offered each semester.”

...

School officials also concluded that the article did not create a hostile environment on campus and does “not meet the definition of sexual harassment.” They further noted that the piece is protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The Sun Star journalist who wrote the April Fool’s piece, Lakeidra Chavis, noted that her goal was to poke fun at the number of buildings at UAF shaped at least vaguely like penises.

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Lakeidra Chavis is a female, according to her Facebook page.

A few days after filing her complaint about the April Fool’s Day piece, Anahita filed a second complaint. This one alleged “hate speech” and another hostile environment in a different Sun Star article about the UAF Confessions Facebook page.

Chavis noted that the newspaper did nothing illegal when it published screenshots of the Facebook page and reported on what was in it.

“It was a public Facebook page,” she said.

School officials again concluded that the newspaper did nothing wrong.

In at least one of the complaints, Anahita bizarrely charged that The Sun Star had violated Title IX, a federal law intended to thwart sex discrimination in schools. School officials determined that Title IX doesn’t apply to school newspaper articles.

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The Poynter Institute notes that Anahita has some history of trouble with the student newspaper. In 2010, for example, the gender studies professor dispatched the manager of UAF’s women’s center to the offices of the paper after a photographer took pictures at a panel discussion in defiance of a request for privacy.

Anahita refuses to comment on the fracas she has created.'

Facebook: "Recovering Feminist Support Network"

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A MANN reader alerted us to this Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Recovering-Feminist-Support-Network/465210383598375

To make it easier to share around, this is the TinyURL re-direct link for the site page:

http://tinyurl.com/RecovFemSupptNetOnFbook

'Preferred' pronouns gain traction at US colleges

Matt · 30 November 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The weekly meetings of Mouthing Off!, a group for students at Mills College in Oakland, Calif., who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, always start the same way. Members take turns going around the room saying their names and the personal pronouns they want others to use when referring to them — she, he or something else.

It's an exercise that might seem superfluous given that Mills, a small and leafy liberal arts school historically referred to as the Vassar of the West, only admits women as undergraduates. Yet increasingly, the "shes" and "hers" that dominate the introductions are keeping third-person company with "they," "ze" and other neutral alternatives meant to convey a more generous notion of gender.

"Because I go to an all-women's college, a lot of people are like, 'If you don't identify as a woman, how did you get in?'" said sophomore Skylar Crownover, 19, who is president of Mouthing Off! and prefers to be mentioned as a singular they, but also answers to he. "I just tell them the application asks you to mark your sex and I did. It didn't ask me for my gender."

On high school and college campuses and in certain political and social media circles, the growing visibility of a small, but semantically committed cadre of young people who, like Crownover, self-identify as "genderqueer" — neither male nor female but an androgynous hybrid or rejection of both — is challenging anew the limits of Western comprehension and the English language.'

Interview Q/A document

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About a month ago, MANN was contacted by a college student requesting responses to a number of questions pertaining to the MR movement. Having written the reply and sending it back last month, I decided today to upload it to FileDropper and make it available for general review. Feel free to use some or part of it any way you see fit, if you think it worthwhile. In addition, if you think there is anything in it worth discussing, refuting, etc., please post in the comments. I like feedback, whether it be agreement or disagreement; I always learn something from it whether I concur or not. The document is here. Be sure to click the grey "Download This File" graphic under the "URL:" and "Embed:" boxes. (Clicking the green "DOWNLOAD" button will take you to another site that tries to get you to download some sponsored trialware.) You then have to type in the prove-you're-human characters, click "Download Now", and the file download box will appear. The questions include:

1. What are the focal topics of MensActivism?
2. Do you feel women do not have equal rights/are discriminated against in any way (in modern-day American society)?
3. Do you feel men do not have equal rights/are discriminated against in any way (in modern-day American society)?
4. What are your thoughts on feminism?
5. What laws exist that are discriminatory to men?
6. What is your perspective on the wage gap?
7. In what instances have you witnessed gender discrimination of either or both genders?
8. Do you believe that the double standards held by modern society should be removed? If yes, please explain which double standards.
9. Have you been a victim of gender discrimination? If so, may I ask about the details of this incident?
10. Which conflicts between feminism and the men's movement are avoidable, and which are bound to happen. Is there a way for them to coexist?
11. Since a lot of discrimination is not visible unless you're looking for it, how do you know where to look?
12. Do you feel male victims of domestic violence in the US are discriminated against because they are male?
13. Do you feel men and boys are targeted by perpetrators as victims of domestic violence or political violence because of their gender?
14. Do you consider men or women “privileged” in any way in regards to their gender?
15. In what ways can people work to end gender discrimination?

Canada: Soldier suicides raise concerns about mental-health services in the military

fathers4fairness · 1 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'OTTAWA — The government's ability to help soldiers with mental illness came under scrutiny for a second day after three Canadian Forces members apparently committed suicide this week.

Opposition parties targeted the Conservative government in question period Friday over whether it's doing enough to help struggling current and former soldiers.

NDP veterans affairs critic Peter Stoffer said he hopes the investigations into the deaths — launched as part of regular procedure — would be completed soon.

It can take up to five years to complete an investigation, although the military says results are often released after a year.

"That's far too long. They should be able to work with these families very, very quickly to determine what happened and what can be done to prevent these in the future," Stoffer said.
...
Military ombudsman Pierre Daigle is taking a fifth look at the issue — this time focusing on reservists — following up on a series of critical reports dating back to 2002.

The ombudsman's office noted the government made improvements and investments into the services it offers, but is still falling short.

Among the systematic problems are front-line mental-health workers struggling with too much work under difficult conditions.

Military statistics gathered between 1995 and 2009 show that every five years, about 50 active personnel commit suicide — a lower rate than the general population. Those numbers don't include reservists.

The suicide rate among veterans is 1 1/2 times that of the general population, according to Statistics Canada.'

Database of scholarships for men now open

TCM · 1 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Database here. Excerpt:

'Welcome to the database of college and university scholarships for men. It has been added under the “Help & Protection” menu above.

Although this database is incomplete, it is the most comprehensive and transparent list of such scholarships you will find anywhere. In light of this, I hope you’ll forgive the rather simple structure of the database for the present. As this site receives periodic upgrades, so too will this database.'

Gloria Steinem Represents the Worst of Modern Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How does Steinem represent modern feminism's worst features? Let me count the ways.

Dogmatic denial of sex differences.

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In 1997, interviewed for John Stossel's ABC News special, "Boys and Girls Are Different: Men, Women and the Sex Difference," Steinem derided scientific research on sex differences in brain functioning as "anti-American crazy thinking." She also suggested that upper-body strength tests requiring firefighters to lift heavy loads were sexist. What about situations when firefighters have to carry injured or unconscious people out of burning buildings? Steinem insisted, with a straight face, that it was better to drag them, since "there's less smoke down there." ...

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Fixation on male villainy.

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In her 1992 book, Revolution from Within: A Book of Self-Esteem, Steinem writes, "The most dangerous situation for a woman is not an unknown man in the street, or even the enemy in wartime, but a husband or lover in the isolation of their own home." She has also touted the long-discredited notion of a long prehistoric period of peaceful, benevolent, egalitarian "gynocentric" societies later displaced by violent, oppressive male rule.

Junk scholarship.

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Thus, in a 1993 speech at Salem State College, Steinem rehashed not only the matriarchy theory but the myth that the witch-hunts in Europe were an effort to exterminate still-existing pagan religion and killed as many as nine million women. She also spun a fanciful "revisionist" history of Joan of Arc as a pagan worshipper who led French armies to victory but was executed as a witch once the war was won because she had grown too powerful.

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Misinformation. Steinem's dissemination of faux facts is not limited to distant history. In Revolution from Within, she asserts that 150,000 women and girls in the United States die from anorexia every year -- multiplying the actual number by about 1,000. ...

...

The victimhood cult. In Steinem's case, the fixation on the sexual victimization of women and girls has led the activist into some strange places, such as the active promotion of "recovered memories" of sexual abuse. ...

...

Contempt for freedom of speech. Steinem was largely responsible for the women's movement's embrace of the divisive anti-pornography crusade; but her pro-censorship streak also extends to political expression. ...

...

Knee-jerk partisanship. Steinem's solidarity with women stops at the party line. In 1993, she flew to Texas to campaign against then-Senate candidate Kay Bailey Hutchison, a moderate pro-choice Republican, and slammed her as "a female impersonator." ...'

Boys take to reading - when it's on an iPad

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Technology is helping to boost the appeal of reading for young boys, and they're getting smarter because of it, new research has found.

Primary school-aged boys with little interest in reading are finding that using iPads and netbooks in the classroom adds a touch of competition and fun.

Massey University researcher Jenny Poskitt studied two year 4 classes and two year 5 and 6 classes in Palmerston North this year to measure pupils' reading comprehension when using technology.

She said boys aged 10 and 11 made gains in their reading ability of six times the nationally expected average when using the devices.'

'The good, the bad, and the jelly'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I feel exceedingly intimidated stepping onto the tintack-strewn floor that is feminist debate in Cambridge today. This is not due to the complex nature of feminist issues, although that does of course raise a few challenges, but rather because of the hostility and anger which now surrounds them. Nevertheless, the perception of the CUSU Women's Campaign amongst students raises important questions which need to be addressed. Barefoot, I will attempt to wander through.

With a new wave of feminism breaking across some of the most important social and political topics of the moment, the Women's Campaign should be more popular than it has been for a long time. Despite this, when questioning some undergraduates for their thoughts on it, I was presented with a catalogue of looks of either total indifference or outright disdain.
...
Although very much a feminist, I feel incredibly conflicted when it comes to the Women's Campaign in Cambridge. I am only too ready to herald it as a super-power of Good through which we can fight forces of Evil and secure gender equality. In reality, I am often left dispirited and isolated by it.
...
This brings me to the exclusion of men from the Women's Campaign. It is indeed important for women's campaigns to be run by women, but this must not involve an 'us and them' attitude towards the opposite sex when what we are ultimately striving for is gender equality. Banning men from attending the CUSU campaign's bi-weekly meetings surely creates a monologue where there should be a dialogue.

On the Campaign's Facebook page, in a side list of posting rules, it is written: "0. [So important it is before point one.] THIS IS A WOMEN'S SPACE. Respect women's experience, respect women's lived experience, respect women's voices. Men are welcome to read and to listen, but if you decide to engage please keep your male privilege in check."'

Male contraceptive pill 'a step closer'

Matt · 2 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A male contraceptive pill has been the holy grail of fertility scientists, but one that has proved frustratingly elusive.

Compared with developing a female pill, designing a male version is a far more difficult process. Most approaches have relied on hormonal targets or rendering sperm dysfunctional. One major problem is ensuring that every one of the millions of sperm cells produced by a man is stopped from carrying out its job of fertilising the female egg, because it takes only one sperm to produce a baby.

...

The mice appeared normal and did not suffer any side-effects that would make such a treatment unthinkable for humans. They were also able to father normal offspring, after having sperm extracted from their testes and injected into female eggs.

Adrenoceptor-blocking drugs are already in widespread use as treatments for benign prostate hyperplasia (BPH) – non-cancerous prostate enlargement – and high blood pressure, the researchers pointed out.

"Development of only a suitable P2X1-purinoceptor antagonist [blocker] is required before this pharmacological strategy for male contraception can be trialled," they added.'

A woman's right to move

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Article here. The story involves a pregnant woman who moved to New York from California and asked a New York judge to grant her sole custody of the child. The judge refused and sent the matter back to California, where custody of the child was given to the father. The woman who wrote the article claims this is taking fathers' rights "way too far, to the point of dangerousness." Excerpt:

'Here's one I haven't heard before: A woman gets pregnant in California by a famous athlete she is casually dating, decides to go to college in New York — tuition paid by the GI Bill — and after she moves there, before the baby is born, gets blasted by a New York judge for "her appropriation of the child while in utero," which the judge calls "irresponsible" and "reprehensible."

I understand that fathers have rights, and I'm all for that. But this ruling took those rights way too far, to the point of dangerousness. It treated a fetus as a child, for purposes of a custody battle. And in doing so, it threatened to limit the rights of a pregnant woman to move and travel.

A New York appeals court has already overturned the ridiculous initial judicial order in this fight between Sara McKenna, 27, a former Marine and firefighter now attending Columbia University, and Bode Miller, 36, an Olympic skier. But the case isn't over, and it's the latest fascinating entry in a series of legal challenges by fathers to traditional assumptions about parental rights and child custody. The old legal problem for single mothers was deadbeat dads. The new one is fathers who are so eager to assert themselves that they run roughshod over women's rights. As the adults clash, sometimes it even becomes hard to consider the child at the center.'

The Problem With Gender Quotas

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly every day, an article pops up on Twitter stating, “We need more women to become [fill in the blank].” From engineers to CEOs, writers to philosophers, women are told there is such-and-such a position they must fill in order to bring balance to the galaxy. To further this goal, Germany has created a new plan:
...
To put it simply: these articles argue that there are no differences between men and women as such. They believe men and women only differentiate on an individual basis. But if this is true, one shouldn’t need gender quotas to help promote a “missing” element.

Now, if women are truly being discriminated against, then this is a problem. If women were failing the bar exam because of a discriminatory system, or if a company refused to hire women CEO’s simply because of their gender, it would be a serious problem. But this seems better remedied on a case-by-case basis than through a statewide quota.

Germany is a democratic country. If women aren’t vying for certain company positions, might it be because some don’t actually want those positions? According to Katrin Bennhold, that’s the problem: in a 2011 New York Times story, she said gender stereotypes (specifically, “the mother myth”) perpetuated throughout Germany’s history have deceived the female populace. She quotes Angelika Dammann, the “first and only female board member at software giant SAP”: “We are still very far from a situation where it’s as normal for women as for men to want both a career and family—even among young women. When you have children, you’re expected to stay home for a significant period; otherwise you are considered a bad mother.”'

Australia: Which jobs are becoming women-only?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you are a man at a senior level in marketing, public relations or human resources, hang onto your job like grim death. You may not get another one.

These jobs are fast becoming women-only.

Companies that have blithely operated as a boy's club at senior levels are coming under intense pressure to promote some women – but rather than doing the hard work to change blokey cultures, they are using a "quick and dirty" approach.
By hiring only women into the top roles in the traditionally female-dominated areas of marketing, HR and PR, they make an immediate impact on their gender balance performances.

You can understand why they are doing it, and achieving gender equity is complex and difficult stuff, but this approach is not helpful for a number of reasons.'

Australia: Clinical Research Fellowship - Testosterone for the Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, Adelaide Uni

Minuteman · 3 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'We seek a registered medical practitioner interested in acquiring or further developing clinical research skills. An opportunity exists to enrol for a higher degree and/or obtain clinical experience in a relevant specialty.

In this role you will participate in the screening, enrolment and supervision of participants in the NHMRC funded "Trial of Testosterone for the Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in at Risk Men (T4DM)". This trial will determine whether testosterone treatment, in addition to a lifestyle modification program, prevents progression of pre-diabetes to diabetes in overweight or obese men over the age of 50 years and with relatively low testosterone levels.

You will work in collaboration with other personnel involved in this trial, including the Clinical Trial Coordinator, and Chief Investigators.

Position Requirements

You should have:

A Medical degree;
Registration with the Medical Board of Australia.'

Petition: Don't Export Discrimination Against Male and LGBT Victims of Domestic Violence

DGAgainstDV · 3 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here.

Domestic violence is a problem throughout the world. A bill known as the International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA) has been introduced in Congress to combat domestic violence in other countries. But the bill is deeply flawed because it assumes that all abuse is male-on-female and ignores both men abused by women and LGBT victims. If the bill were to pass, large classes of victims would be silenced and denied access to services.

The Partner Abuse State of Knowledge Project (PASK) has looked at domestic violence in 85 countries around the world and that found men and women were equally likely to be abuse perpetrators in most cases. PASK also found that LGBT couples were at increased risk of domestic violence.

In order to stop domestic violence, it is crucial that our approach be based on sound science, not politically correct ideology. I-VAWA ignores the results of scientific research and the existence of large classes of victims. Please join us in calling on members of Congress to vote 'No' on the International Violence Against Women Act.

The hardwired difference between male and female brains could explain why men are 'better at map reading'

Matt · 3 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A pioneering study has shown for the first time that the brains of men and women are wired up differently which could explain some of the stereotypical differences in male and female behaviour, scientists have said.

Researchers found that many of the connections in a typical male brain run between the front and the back of the same side of the brain, whereas in women the connections are more likely to run from side to side between the left and right hemispheres of the brain.

This difference in the way the nerve connections in the brain are “hardwired” occurs during adolescence when many of the secondary sexual characteristics such as facial hair in men and breasts in women develop under the influence of sex hormones, the study found.

The researchers believe the physical differences between the two sexes in the way the brain is hardwired could play an important role in understanding why men are in general better at spatial tasks involving muscle control while women are better at verbal tasks involving memory and intuition.'

SAVE E-lert: Help Us Keep the Reform Train Moving

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Today is #Giving Tuesday, a day when persons donate to the causes they find worthy. We hope SAVE is on your list. Let's take a look at our recent accomplishments.

SAVE had some successful campaigns this year. After we visited KFC restaurants complaining about their Hot Shot Bite commercial, they were so embarrassed they removed the video from their own website.

After we asked that Asst. DA Mary Kellett be investigated for her handling of Vladek Filler's case in Maine, she was found guilty of prosecutor misconduct.

This year SAVE established the Center for Prosecutor Integrity. We hired four law student interns, and have established the first ever registry of prosecutor misconduct.

In June, we had our annual conference in Washington, DC on false allegations. The reviews were fabulous. We keep awareness up on false allgations and other issues with press releases and radio interviews.

One of our volunteers started a petition opposing the International Violence Against Women Act. You can sign it here.

We still have a long way to go. (See the mention of I-VAWA above.) Please consider donating to SAVE, so we can keep this Reform Train moving.

You can donate HERE.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Female CEO: White males aren't 'protected class' and therefore can't be harassed

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"New Day Midday looks at a female CEO that says white men can't be harassed." Video here. If you're using a non-Flash-supporting device, you can see the video on YouTube here. Also see this article. Excerpt:

'The female CEO of Archie Comics accused by five employees of being sexually inappropriate said she can't possibly be guilty of harassment, since the people lodging complaints against her are all white men.

Nancy Silberkleit's lawyer argues that a gender discrimination lawsuit filed against her earlier this year by a group of employees should be thrown out because white males aren't members of "a protected class," the New York Daily News reported.

The lawyers for the plaintiffs, who include Archie president Mike Pellerito and editor-in-chief Victor Gorelick, claim Miss Silberkleit used the word "penis" arbitrarily and frequently, often shouting it at business meetings.

"[T]he word 'penis' became somewhat of a campaign slogan and her preferred method of referring to employees in lieu of their names," their filing says, the Daily News reported.

The plaintiffs also claim Miss Silberkleit stalked employees and their families. They seek $32.5 million in damages and a court order keeping her two miles away from the office.'

Make fatherhood a man's choice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite all of this and in complete keeping with my deep-seated feminism, I believe that making fatherhood optional—as motherhood is—and revamping the child support system to stop requiring financial support from noncustodial parents (usually men) who want to opt out early is good for women, men, and the kids in question. In addition, we should further our support of women who choose to opt out of motherhood via abortion or adoption as well. It's time to make parenthood a true choice, on every level.

...

Additionally, lack of access to abortion doesn't mean we should be unfair to men. We need to stand by women's reproductive freedom, no matter what choice a woman makes. And a woman who wants a child needs to be prepared to support that child even if the biological father is not willing. I don't believe that we will ever have true reproductive autonomy until men are offered the option, as women are, to opt out. We will never have full reproductive autonomy if we continue to put an asterisk next to "my body, my choice" and add the footnote "but if I decide to have a baby, pal, you have to pay."'

Mom sues judge over 3-year custody battle

Matt · 4 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Less a story specific to MR but certainly tangentially relevant. Justice delayed is justice denied, and plenty of NCPs (almost all dads) know this from experience. The divorce/child custody mill is just far too easy for the wrong kind of people to exploit. Excerpt:

'A Manhattan mom is fed up with all the delays in her three-year child-custody battle — so she's suing the judge.

Public-relations exec Maggie Rhee Karn claims in her $10 million federal lawsuit that Manhattan Family Court Referee Marva Burnett has been stringing out the case for more than three years, costing the mom more than $200,000 in legal fees while allowing her ex-husband to control major decisions about their 9-year-old's schooling and religion.

...

Kenneth was given temporary custody after a court-appointed attorney for the child expressed concern to the judge that Maggie would relocate to a third apartment, according to a partial transcript.

"This is the worst case I've ever seen," said Lask, a veteran family-law attorney.

A Westchester dad fighting for custody of his 2-year-old son sued Burnett this past March, claiming she left a motion pending for 474 days.

Maggie has been in court 40-plus times since 2009, when she filed for full custody and her husband countersued to have his daughter half of the time.

...

"This case has never been about the best interest of my child, but appears to be a financial profit to everyone Referee Burnett appoints," Maggie wrote in a letter last February to Administrative Judge Edwina Richardson-Mendelson.

Kenneth's attorney, Cheryl Solomon, told The Post that Maggie is partly to blame. Solomon noted that the mother has switched counsel twice and filed appeals that have slowed down the process.'

NPO: Are the Connecticut Alimony Laws Constitutional?

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Article here:

'That is the issue raised by four plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging Connecticut alimony laws. In a suit entitled John Doe et al vs. Dannel P. Malloy filed in the United States District court for the district of Connecticut, the plaintiffs seek a Declaratory Judgment that the alimony laws violate the due process requirements of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and further seek an injunction against the enforcement of the laws.

As the lawsuit points out, nowhere in the statute is the purpose of alimony set forth. Without a purpose the application of the alimony laws becomes unpredictable, both in amount and length of the award, bordering on arbitrary and capricious.

The 38-page complaint recites the various historical and statutory basis for alimony. It points out that in today's equality based society, the award of alimony may be a historical anachronism, dating back to a time when women were excluded from the workplace, and generally expected to be stay-at-home mothers.'

Cops: Woman Shoots Husband in Drive-By

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WARREN COUNTY, Miss. - Sheriff Martin Pace said a man took a bullet to the abdomen on Monday during a drive-by shooting. The trigger man was not a member of any gang, but rather, the man's estranged wife. 58-year-old Mary Lou Neeley is accused of driving by the house of her husband, Billy Neeley, on Deer Circle on Monday. The latter was reportedly in the driveway working on his car when Mary Lou drove by and shot her husband in the stomach, according to Pace.

The wounded man was able to call 911 and give authorities a description of the car and his estranged wife, whom he identified as the shooter.

"She pulled up to the residence where he was working on his vehicle. It's believed that at this time she actually fired the shots from within her vehicle. He was struck at least once in the abdomen," Pace said.'

Woman who faked cancer stands trial for false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman accused of faking cancer is standing trial for falsely claiming she was raped by two men.

Sara Ylen, 38, of Lexington, Michigan, has admitted using make-up to make it look like she had been attacked.

James Johnson, a retired detective sergeant for the Sanilac County Sheriff Department, gave evidence yesterday at St Clair County Court, in Michigan, and said he had never heard a victim provide so much detail when he interviewed her after the alleged assault.
...
James Grissom, who spent 10 years in jail after being convicted of raping Ylen in 2003, was also present in court yesterday.

Grissom was released in November 2012 after new evidence showed Ylen had made other accusations of rape.
...
She also faces fraud charges in Sanilac County following an investigation by Michigan State Police who investigated Ylen's cancer claims in May 2012 and discovered none of the doctors she listed had diagnosed her with cancer.

Her trial related to fake cancer claims begins on February 4.

The trial related to false rape claims continues today.'

UK: Schoolboy, 16, found dead after false rape rumour circulates

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Tom Acton, 16, died in hospital three days after being found in a critical condition in his bedroom having self harmed with a blade just days before he was due to testify at the trial of one of his tormentors.

The rumour began circulating in the local area and on Facebook and resulted in mobs of angry youths targeting him in the street and turning up at the family's front door saying they wanted to kill him and "get rid of the vermin."

Tom, from Poynton, Cheshire went to live with his grandmother temporarily but after he returned was beaten up and grabbed by a teenager who shouted at him: "Apparently you strapped someone to a tree and raped them and took pictures. You are dead."

...

He described the bullying campaign mounted by one of Greenwood's friends saying: "He started rumours that I'd raped girls. It boils down to the fact that I got on better with girls and he didn't like it.

"There were rumours that I had tied a girl to a tree, raped her and took pictures. As you can imagine I can no longer walk down the street as everyone calls me a rapist.'

Laws should reflect domestic violence against men

Mastodon · 4 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'Democrat Assemblyman Reed Gusciora shows his socialist, tyrannical big government tendencies. His sponsoring of legislation for a domestic violence registry is typical of tyrants acting for the “best interests” of the people, despite U.S. Supreme Court rulings that “the state owes no duty to protect residents from each other.”

His domestic violence registry to protect women is a farce and a fraud. More than 40 percent of domestic violence occurs against men, but the state Legislature is run by radical feminists, who criminally extort all taxpayers’ monies to fund their suspect domestic abuse programs. This is discrimination, Equal Protection violations, and taxpayer fraud.

In many divorce cases, men are falsely arrested and removed from their homes and children on false domestic violence because judges and police claim they have to “err on the side of caution” — and don’t want to see their names in the newspapers if something goes wrong. But, how many women go to jail for perjury for making false domestic abuse claims? Zero.'

Relatedly, also see this letter.

Topless Feminist Mob Attacks Cathedral In Argentina

Mastodon · 5 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mob of pro-abortion feminists attacked a Catholic cathedral in San Juan, Argentina, assaulting the men who stood in front of it praying, and finally burning an effigy of Pope Francis.

Citing Argentinian news sources, LifeSite News reported that video footage had been taken of a mob of angry women, many of them topless, harassing the men who stood in front of the cathedral to protect it, reciting prayers. The men did not retaliate as the women drew Hitler mustaches on their faces with marker, spray painted their faces, clothes and crotch areas, and sexually harassed them.
...
Police were not on hand at the time. They reportedly told media they couldn't intervene because the protesters were women.

The incident took place on Nov. 24, Argentina's National Women's Encounter, held annually to bring together Argentinean feminists. It is sponsored by the Department of Culture as a social interest event.'

Also see stories here and here *[NSFW due to pics of topless women]*.

Femen members urinate on Ukraine leader's photo in Paris

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Topless women from the Femen feminist movement* *[NSFW]* on Sunday urinated on photos of Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych in Paris to condemn a crackdown on protesters angry about his rejection of a key EU deal.

Five women from the group gathered in front of the Ukrainian embassy in the morning, bared their breasts and then took off their knickers to defile the photographs they placed on the sidewalk.

The slogan "Yanukovych piss off!" was painted on their torsos. They then left and there were no arrests.

The protest came after policemen armed with truncheons broke up a 1,000-strong protest in Kiev on Saturday calling for Yanukovych's resignation after he suspended work on a trade and partnership agreement with the European Union that had been years in the making.
...
Femen is a Ukrainian group whose members have drawn attention worldwide with nude stunts targeting a range of political and religious figures, including Italy's Silvio Berlusconi and Putin.'

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* Link added. Note there are a few NSFW pics on the home page showing topless women with various messages painted on them.

Woman charged in alleged rapist's death

Matt · 5 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Caption:

'Charged with a felony murder count, Norma Patricia Esparza says she played no part in the killing of her alleged rapist.'

A story dated Nov. 23, 2013 also discusses the case. Excerpt:

'She was charged with one felony count of special circumstances murder, which carries a lifetime sentence without the possibility of parole. Her ex-boyfriend, Gianni Anthony Van and two others, Shannon Gries and Diane Tran, have also been charged. They have all pleaded not guilty.
...
Esparza claims she met Ramirez at a Santa Ana nightclub in March 1995 and the next morning he asked her to breakfast along with her sister and a school friend. After he drove her and her friend back to school, she says Ramirez raped her in her dorm room. Esparza, who was 20 at the time, didn't report the rape to authorities.
...
When she later told Van about the rape, he was "enraged." Van took her back to the nightclub to look for Ramirez. "[Van was] insisting, yelling, telling me that I had to point out the rapist," she testified.

Van, Gries, and Kody Tran (who died in a shootout with police last year), planned to beat Ramirez up and took him to a transmission shop owned by Tran while Esparza and Gries's then-girlfriend, Julie Ann Rojas, went to a bar and waited for an hour, according to Esparaza.

Esparza said that she later saw Ramirez tied and hanging from the ceiling in the shop.
...
Esparza married Van later that year, but she says she did it because she feared for her life and was told that if she married him she couldn't be forced to testify against him.
...
But after learning of their divorce in 2004, Santa Ana police pursued an arrest warrant, the San Luis Obispo Tribune reports.
...
But rape victims right groups believe Esparza is being punished for a crime she did not commit. "We are astonished that Norma Patricia, a rape victim, is now being treated as a criminal," reads a petition on change.org, which is seeking to have the charges against her dismissed. "In continuing to pursue her you are sending a troubling message to other rape victims who already have a sense that they will not receive justice within the legal system."'

Canada: Alberta school boys to get HPV-fighting vaccine fall 2014

fathers4fairness · 6 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'While Grade 5 girls in Alberta have had the option of recieving the HPV-fighting vaccine Gardasil since 2008 in school-wide immunization programs, boys will be included in Sept 2014.

Boys from Grades 5 to 9 will receive the vaccine in September — 32,000 Grade 5 students and 15,000 Grade 9 boys.

Gardasil, a vaccine touting protection against four strains of human papilloma virus — including two which account for 70% of cervical cancer — was approved in 2006.

At the time, it was given the green light for females ages nine to 26.

“Research suggests that immunizing both boys and girls against HPV will mean better protection for everyone,” said Dr. Joan Robinson, infectious diseases pediatrician with the University of Alberta.
...
In 2006 when the shot was approved, critics questioned why the vaccine was pushed through without long-term studies.'

Also see this article and this article.

Lexington woman guilty of reporting false rape, tampering with evidence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It took a jury less than 30 minutes to decide Sara Ylen is guilty of filing a false felony report and tampering with evidence.

The 38-year-old Lexington woman told police two men broke into her Lexington home and sexually assaulted her Sept. 18, 2012.

Witnesses testified to prior acts of false accusations of sexual assault by Ylen, as well as bruises that appeared to be made out of makeup.

James Grissom served nearly 10 years in prison after being convicted in 2003 of raping Ylen in a Meijer parking lot in 2001.'

Brazilian sues over women-only rating app

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An online app that allows women to rate men anonymously has caused an outcry in Brazil, leaving one man so offended that he is suing the creators.

Lulu, a women-only app, was launched a fortnight ago and has already overtaken Facebook and the instant messaging service Whatsapp as the most downloaded app in Brazil.

Using Facebook to access men's profiles, it allows women to rate them on character, appearance and sexual performance using fixed hashtags.

There were one million ratings made in the first week alone.'

Hillary Clinton, Sheryl Sandberg on Why Empowering Women Boosts Families, Economy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sandberg, who is on the board of The Walt Disney Co., ABC's parent company, presented Clinton with the "Champion of Peace Award." Matching the evening's theme of Stronger Women, Stronger Nations, Clinton emphasized the impact of advancing the rights of women and girls around the world.

"You cannot have real peace and security if you marginalize and exclude women," said Clinton. "You cannot have decent, just societies if you abuse women. You cannot move on a path to democracy and open economies if you isolate and marginalize half the population. For some that was self-evident, others have had their eyes opened over the past 20 years."

WfWI's message to help women help themselves and their communities dovetails with Sandberg's own nonprofit movement, "LeanIn.org," which promotes women and girl in leadership. "When you give money to men, they spend it on whiskey and themselves…when you give to women, they spend it on their children," said Sandberg at the gala. "If women and girls everywhere were treated as equal to men in rights, dignity and opportunity, we would see political and economic progress everywhere," she added.'

Rally to urge men to help stop domestic violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Gainesville-area men will be asked on Saturday to join efforts to eradicate domestic violence at a rally that also launches a group called M.O.B., or Men on Board Against Domestic Violence.
...
"If (most) domestic violence victims are women, that means the men are the perpetrators, so how do we stop this," Hickmon said. "We need men speaking men's language to talk about domestic violence."

Duncan said he is involved with M.O.B. because he knows there are a lot of young men who have been raised without fathers in the home and who have witnessed domestic violence and domestic abuse.

"As a result, they have patterned their behavior after that, and when they enter into relationships with young women, they don't know how to respect a woman and they resort to the behavior they are familiar with to resolve issues," Duncan said.

Duncan said some men need to be taught how to respect and honor women because they have never been taught to do so. He has a program called Innovative Dads at his church that teaches men how to love, respect and honor women.'

UK: Why are so many men becoming victims of domestic violence?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MIchelle Mills was as impeccably groomed as she was well mannered. Her nails were neatly manicured; her blonde hair sleek. Her gentle nature and diminutive, 4 ft 11 in stature seemed perfectly suited to her career as a children's nursery worker.

But Michelle's pleasant demeanour masked an altogether more disturbing personality. Behind closed doors she was a volatile character, prone to irrational behaviour and violent outbursts, as her boyfriend Edward Miller would discover.

Michelle subjected Edward to an onslaught of abuse. He was scratched, punched and screamed at until one morning Michelle, brandishing a kitchen knife, stabbed him to death in the living room of their picturesque cottage in the pretty village of Scalford, Leicestershire.

The attack was so ferocious that that the knife blade broke away from the handle. In April, Michelle was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.'

Man With Serious Dislike of Circumcision May Have the Worst Custom License Plate in Arizona

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Here's a guy who's not ashamed to let everyone know how he feels about penises.

This truck with the "NOCIRCM" license plate was spotted this morning in Phoenix, along the Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway.

Adding to it all, the vanity license is on the "It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Child" plate.

And the guy driving had four anti-circumcision bumper stickers on his truck, featuring phrases such as, "Circumcision: A Cruel Ripoff."

(He was also driving about 60 miles per hour in the center lane of a 65 mph zone; what the hell, man?)

There's nothing wrong with having an opinion on circumcision, but there's a wonderful saying out there about some opinions being best kept to yourself.'

Temple University To Cut Baseball After 2014 Season

Mastodon · 7 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Citing costs and Title IX compliance, Temple *[link added]* announced Friday that it will cut seven sports—including baseball—after the 2013-14 academic year.

Five men's sports (baseball, crew, gymnastics, outdoor track & field and indoor track & field) plus two women's sports (softball and rowing) will be eliminated, bringing the school's total from 24 to 17 varsity sports. The decision is a result of a seven-month analysis of Temple's athletics situation.

"Temple does not have the resources to equip, staff and provide a positive competitive experience for 24 varsity sports," Temple vice president and director of athletics Kevin Clark said in a release. "We need to have the right-sized program to create a sustainable model for Temple University Athletics moving forward."

Team co-captain Matt Hockenberry, a senior righthander, tweeted after hearing the news, "I'm physically and emotionally shattered. Thanks for the support everyone."'

Also see:

Temple University Baseball Players Who Made it to the Major Leagues

Longtime Temple rowing coach stunned by news of cuts

Immigration activists team with women's movement in push for rights

Mastodon · 7 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Immigrant rights and feminist organizations are coming together in an attempt to reframe immigration as a women's issue, which they hope will redefine the fight over changing the nation's immigration laws.

So far, the groups have sought to influence immigration legislation in the Senate, undertaken large-scale demonstrations and united national women's groups.

And even as chances of an immigration overhaul have faded in recent weeks, their efforts have mobilized women across the country.

"When you ask people what images they think of when they think of immigration reform, (it's) often men, scary looking, scaling the border walls," said Pramila Jayapal, co-chair of We Belong Together, a national immigration campaign that focuses on women. "The idea that it's really women and children that are the majority of immigrants to the United States is completely lost."

...

According to advocates, more than a quarter of employment visas go to women as the primary holders, because the system prioritizes male-dominated industries such as technology; in addition, more visas are available for workers with higher skills and education, which many women cannot get in their countries of origin.

This means the majority of immigrant women rely on the family-based visa system and thus are disproportionately represented in the backlog of 4.3 million immigrants awaiting such visas.'

Former college student loses her gender bias lawsuit

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge in Eugene ruled Thursday that Monica Emeldi hadn't provided enough evidence that sex discrimination and retaliation caused faculty to quit working with her, The Register-Guard reported.

The five-year case attracted national attention because the gender discrimination law known as Title IX was used in an academics case rather than athletics.

At the beginning of the lawsuit, a trial judge ruled Emeldi was not entitled to a trial, but an appeals court and then the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that she was.

A jury was seated Monday and heard Emeldi's case Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, Judge Michael McShane ruled against her.
...
She said she complained in a 2007 memorandum and in a meeting about discrimination in the UO College of Education. There weren't enough high-ranking female professors, she contended, and her adviser seemed to favor male students.

The university asserted that professor Robert Horner didn't get Emeldi's memo and didn't hear about her complaints against him before he resigned as her adviser. Without an adviser, she couldn't finish her doctoral degree.

The reason for his resignation was academic differences with Emeldi, and not retaliation, according to the university's filings.'

UK: Can group therapy cure domestic violence?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mark Coulter, the manager of the programme, Strength to Change, describes the 87-point checklist that greets perpetrators at every meeting as "like looking in a mirror".

It details psychological abuse (threaten affairs, dictate what clothes she wears), financial abuse (make her beg for money), intimidation (threaten to hurt the children in front of her, destroy possessions she loves) and sexual abuse (force her to have sex with someone else, rape).

...

On the whole, we as a society concentrate on simply cleaning up the mess. The absence of men from the debate – and the solution – probably betrays the collective attitude we have towards domestic violence. As Coulter explains: "There is often a cynicism about the capacity of men to change – are they just pulling the wool over everybody's eyes? At a more fundamental level, there's also the reaction: why should we offer services to these animals?

"I think, morally, we have a duty to provide services and challenge the culture that accepts men's violence," he adds. "And we need many more early-intervention programmes. This is not to minimise or take away from the need for women's services. It's not an either/or, it's a both/and."

Coulter believes our attitudes to masculinity mean "men are set up to fail". "Even basic stuff around not expressing your emotions, not being able to be vulnerable. By the age of three or four, generally we learn: boys don't cry, it's embarrassing, it's weak, it's shameful. That doesn't make for a healthy man. That doesn't make for a healthy community. That certainly doesn't make for a healthy relationship. That's why two or three women a week die from domestic violence. What society does is it accepts it, it colludes with men's violence. If two to three women were dying a week because of flu, we would be talking about an epidemic or a pandemic."'

Male victims of domestic violence still under-reported

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While most people are aware of the abuse some women face in domestic violence situations, perhaps not as well known is that men also experience this form of abuse.

Since Portage la Prairie's Real Men Live Abuse Free committee put up their banner at City Hall, the Portage Family Abuse Prevention Centre (PFAPC) has received a few calls from men asking where they can go in situations of partner abuse.

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Although the PFAPC will offer resources and can facilitate aid to men facing domestic and family abuse, currently, there are no specialized centres for those men to go to in Portage. Schrader said the PFAPC will direct men to organizations in larger urban centres.

One of the organizations abused men can go to in Winnipeg is the Men's Resource Centre (MRC).

...

According to the 1999 Statistics Canada General Social Survey (GSS), almost equal proportions of men and women (seven per cent and eight per cent respectively) had been the victims of intimate partner physical and psychological abuse (18 per cent and 19 per cent respectively). The study also found that while men underreport the abuse they have sustained and inflicted, women underreport perpetrating abuse as their age and education increase.'

UK: Melanie Sykes arrested after assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Melanie Sykes[1] has been arrested and cautioned by police after assaulting her husband, Jack Cockings.

The 43-year-old TV presenter was taken to a police station following the incident at their North London apartment, but she was later released.

Earlier this year we were shocked when news broke that 22-year-old actress, Emma Roberts[2], was also arrested for domestic violence. The star was turned over to police in Vancouver on 7 July after a fight with boyfriend Evan Peters turned nasty.

...
According to men's rights campaign group Parity, male victims of assault are ignored by police, have fewer refuges to flee too and often have to watch their attacker go free.

Campaigner John Mays, revealed, "Male victims are almost invisible to the authorities such as the police, who rarely can be prevailed upon to take the man's side. Their plight is largely overlooked by the media, in official reports and in government policy, for example in the provision of refuge places – 7,500 for females in England and Wales but only 60 for men."'

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[1] http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melanie_Sykes
[2] http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emma_Roberts

Finland: Swimming hall rejects 3-year old boy: Not allowed during ladies-only sessions

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The ladies-only swimming sessions have been available for one year at the Rantakylä swimming hall in Joensuu. Only women work at the facility during the two-hour swimming sessions on Saturday mornings.

"It's related to migrant integration and has received a positive reception. About 50 – 70 customers attend the sessions every week, and that's about half of our total visitor numbers," explained Pentti Ryhänen, Joensuu city facility manager.

However the popular swimming session has also caused some bewilderment. Some believe that the city should not segregate swimming times based on gender. One local mother was taken aback by the strict enforcement of the segregation rule when she tried to take her toddler son to the swimming class.

"I thought it would not be a problem because he's such a small boy. However when we got to the ticket kiosk they asked whether the child was a boy or a girl and they turned us away. Naturally I was upset," the mother said.

Facility manager Pentti Ryhänen said however that there has been little negative feedback over the single-sex swimming session. He noted that that it should be clear that boys are not allowed, even if they are very young.

"Parents are free to attend other sessions with their sons," he pointed out.'

10-Year-Old Boy Suspended From School For Imaginary Bow And Arrow

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Johnny Jones, 10, was reportedly suspended from South Eastern Middle School in Fawn Grove, Pa. for "shooting" an imaginary arrow at a classmate.

The Rutherford Institute, which is defending Jones, claims the fifth grader was told he violated the school's zero tolerance policy on weapons when he drew back the strings of an imaginary bow and "shot" an imaginary arrow at a buddy.

That's when an unidentified girl in the class told the teacher, who referred the incident to the principal, claiming that "firearms" had been involved.

Jones was allegedly suspended for one day and threatened with expulsion for "making a threat" to another student using a "replica or representation of a firearm."'

From the "a girl would never do that" files

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Video here. Caption:

'A disturbing video showing a teenager being punched and kicked in the face goes viral after it was posted online.'

It speaks volumes that some people have actually found this video "entertaining". Would they have done so if the assailant had been male? The take on this is hinging on race, but I rather think gender has more to do with it. While the assailant was female, the victim was also female, so only *some* viewers have found it "entertaining". Had the victim been male, I think *many* viewers would have thought it was "just ROTFL funny!" Yeah, ha ha. Right up there with the ol' groin kick.

In doubt: 40,000 convictions, thanks to police chemist's unbelievable fraud

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Annie Dookhan, a chemist for the Massachusetts police, was sentenced to three to five years in prison after committing a fraud so extensive that her crimes call into question the validity of over 40,000 convictions.

Dookhan worked in a laboratory examining evidence in drug cases. She wa a go-to analyst for law enforcement and prosecutors, thanks to her rapid turnaround time and penchant for delivering much-needed drug evidence to score convictions.

Her record, however, was based on countless criminal fabrications. She falsified numerous reports, cut corners, forged signatures, inflated her credentials, lied about whether she was actually testing the lab samples she received and even tampered with evidence, according to NPR.

...

After pleading guilty to 27 counts of evidence tampering and falsifying reports, Dookhan was recently sentenced to three to five years in prison. Her lawyer had asked for a lesser sentence, given that Dookhan is the primary caretaker for her seven-year-old son, who is disabled.

The sentence, while not insignificant, seemed too forgiving to some commentators, who noted that Dookhan's criminal practices helped the government convict and sentence potentially innocent men and women to hundreds of years in prison.'

Judge sentenced to 28 years for selling kids into prison

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Story here. The original sentencing was in 2011. It was appealed and upheld earler this year. So while this item is a bit dated, it's too significant not to run. It aptly points out that the rights if males are off-handedly sold away for profit, even if they aren't even adults yet. If male children can't see their rights protected in the legal system, who thinks male adults can expect any better?

'(Black News) Mark Ciavarella Jr, a 61-year old former judge in Pennsylvania, has been sentenced to nearly 30 years in prison for literally selling young juveniles for cash. He was convicted of accepting money in exchange for incarcerating thousands of adults and children into a prison facility owned by a developer who was paying him under the table. The kickbacks amounted to more than $1 million.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has overturned some 4,000 convictions issued by him between 2003 and 2008, claiming he violated the constitutional rights of the juveniles – including the right to legal counsel and the right to intelligently enter a plea. Some of the juveniles he sentenced were as young as 10-years old.

Ciavarella was convicted of 12 counts, including racketeering, money laundering, mail fraud and tax evasion. He was also ordered to repay $1.2 million in restitution.

His “kids for cash” program has revealed that corruption is indeed within the prison system, mostly driven by the growth in private prisons seeking profits by any means necessary.'

Avon Foundation willfully ignores male victims in latest DV awareness campaign

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From SAVE via Men's E-News 12/5/13, item here:

Here's how the Avon Foundation explains its one-sided DV message: "The Avon Foundation for Women recognizes that both women and men can be domestic violence victims. For ease of communicating the signs to our .....social media audience -- which is 93% women -- the campaign positions the woman as the victim. This choice is in no way intended to indicate that abuse is limited to women."*

Do you agree? Tell Christine Jaworsky, (212) 282-5519
christine.jaworsky-at-avonfoundation.org

If you find that the listed number has been deactivated or the email address returns an error showing it no longer exists or is full, you can always contact Avon via the website here, which also lists its main tel. number. Either calling or emailing, please be polite and stick to the facts around the topic. State your case and no more. Don't expect anyone to whom you get through to agree with you or concede any points. It's enough to let Avon know they're being called on their willfull omissions of fact. They may not change the current campaign but objections to the exclusion of male victims this time may positively affect their next campaign. Also, you can take to Twitter to mention the omission of male victims from the campaign's consideration. Avon's main Twitter account seems to be @AvonInsider and the hashtag it's using for this campaign is #SeeTheSigns

*See their campaign brochure here.

Related: Avon Foundation Launches Campaign to Help People #SeeTheSigns of Domestic Violence During 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

Canada: Woman Convicted of 7th hostage-taking - committed during trial of 5th and 6th

fathers4fairness · 9 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Serena Nicotine used pop cans, pens as weapons in prison hostage-takings.

...

On Friday, when the 31-year-old Nicotine pleaded guilty to her sixth and seventh hostage-takings.

Creagh handed Nicotine a 10-year sentence to run concurrent with the life term she is already serving. She also cautioned the Parole Board of Canada to "exercise their greatest care and concern for the risk (Nicotine) would pose to the Canadian public if she was ever to be released."

According to agreed facts of the case, Nicotine took fellow inmate Debbie Miller for nearly four hours on May 22, while both were both being held in cells at Edmonton's downtown Law Courts Building on May 22.

...

At the time, Nicotine was at the courthouse to appear on charges stemming from a Feb. 21 hostage taking at the Edmonton Institution for Women.

In that incident, Nicotine grabbed inmate Sonya McLeod in a reverse chokehold and held the exposed sharp edges of the woman's glasses to her neck.

As sheriffs tried to convince Nicotine to release McLeod, she repeatedly threatened to "cut her jug."

...

Court heard Nicotine has been convicted of five previous hostage-takings while behind bars, including three in Saskatchewan between 2000 and 2001, one in B.C. in 2010 and one in the Edmonton prison in 2004 where she held a piece of broken glass to the neck of a fellow convict.

...

Defence lawyer George Isshak described Nicotine as "creative and cunning" and called her a "troubled person" with "serious mental health issues."'

Canada: Bill C-560 - An Act to amend the Divorce Act (equal parenting)

fathers4fairness · 9 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Canadian Member of Parliament Maurice Vellacott has once again introduced a bill that would establish a presumption of equal parenting in child custody cases nationwide. Here's his press release on the bill.

Mr. Maurice Vellacott (Saskatoon—Wanuskewin, CPC) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-560, An Act to amend the Divorce Act (equal parenting) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am quite honoured in these few moments to be introducing a private member's bill which would direct the courts in regard to divorce to make equal shared parenting the presumptive arrangement in the best interest of the child except in proven cases of abuse or neglect.

Fifteen years ago, a joint House-Senate committee presented to Parliament a report entitled: "For the Sake of the Children". That report urged Parliament to amend the Divorce Act to make equal shared parenting the normative determination by courts dealing with situations of divorce involving children.'

The bill's introduction is here. The bill's text is here. It is also possible to follow all related debate and legislative developments here.

Madison, Wisconsin asst. city attorney: "I don't know any man who wants to just snuggle"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Wisconsin's ultra-liberal capital city is a place where just about anything goes, from street parties to naked bike rides. But city officials say a business is pushing even Madison's boundaries by offering, of all things, hugs.

For $60, customers at the Snuggle House can spend an hour hugging, cuddling and spooning with professional snugglers.

Snugglers contend touching helps relieve stress. But Madison officials suspect the business is a front for prostitution and, if it's not, fear snuggling could lead to sexual assault. Not buying the message that the business is all warm and fuzzy, police have talked openly about conducting a sting operation at the business, and city attorneys are drafting a new ordinance to regulate snuggling.

"There's no way that (sexual assault) will not happen," assistant city attorney Jennifer Zilavy said. "No offense to men, but I don't know any man who wants to just snuggle."

Snuggle House owner Matthew Hurtado hasn't responded to multiple requests for an interview. His attorney, Tim Casper, said in an interview last month the business is legitimate and Hurtado has put precautions in place to protect clients and employees from each other.
...
Police in Rochester, N.Y., said they've had no complaints about The Snuggery, which offers overnight cuddle sessions. Be The Love You Are in Boulder, Colo., offers cuddles with "Snuggle Stars." Cuddle Therapy in San Francisco offers packages that "focus directly with your current needs around connection, intimacy and touch," according to its website. Police in San Francisco and Boulder didn't respond to The AP's inquires about those businesses.'

Closing Canada's tech gender gap, one line of code at a time

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this fall, the seventh annual Global Gender Gap Report — an index of states that have best addressed gender inequality — ranked Canada 20, behind countries such as South Africa, Nicaragua and Cuba. Wage inequality and political empowerment for women were particular sore points, with Canada ranking 35 and 41, respectively.

To those areas of concern should be added another: entrepreneurship. The "entrepreneurship gap" between women and men in Canada is nothing short of "striking," according to a report from TD Bank showing Canadian women are only about half as likely as men to start their own business. This is despite the fact they make up half of the workforce and more than half of post-secondary students.
...
Or you can blame it on the obstacles to building a culture of entrepreneurialism among women: A recent Global Entrepreneurship Monitor report, found more than half of women doubt their abilities to start a business (despite that "women are rated higher in 12 of the 16 competencies that go into outstanding leadership," according to a 2012 Harvard Business Review study.)

Or there's the "old boys' club" argument: In the startup world, it's impossible to connect with the right mentors, advisors and investors without a strong network. If women are unable to tap into that male-dominated ecosystem, then they're at a marked disadvantage.

But closer to home, I see a slightly different issue in play. I'd like to think HootSuite, for instance, is anything but a stodgy old boys' club. As a social media company, the heart of our business is building relationships. Our employees are by and large young, progressive and open-minded.
...
HootSuite also hosts monthly meetups of Ladies Learning Code, a Toronto-based initiative that has introduced more than 4,000 women and girls to programming and technical skills since 2011. Approximately one Saturday a month in our office, a dozen mentors and about 40 attendees spend eight hours working together. Importantly, it's not just code: Mentors introduce themselves, share their personal stories and offer insight on how women can thrive in a male-dominated industry.

Creating supportive environments to learn computer science skills is a start. But truly narrowing the gender gap in the startup community comes down in large part to how we teach children. Providing better computer science education in public schools and encouraging girls to participate, is perhaps the only way to rewrite the stereotypes and break open the old boys' club.

To that end, Ladies Learning Code recently introduced Girls Learning Code, camps and workshops aimed at 8- to 13- and 13- to 17-year-old girls. With a focus on teamwork, creativity and technology, the program hopes to help girls see tech as a medium for self-expression and a means of changing the world, noted Emma Nemtin, marketing director for tech company Hubba and one of the organization's mentors, in a recent post for my company's blog.'

Guante - “Ten Responses to the Phrase ‘Man Up’ “

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Video here. Caption:

'"We teach boys how to wear the skin of a man, but we also teach them how to raise that skin like a flag and draw blood for it."

Two-time National Poetry Slam champion Guante, performing at Madame in Minneapolis.'

Judge Orders Colorado Cake Maker To Serve Gay Couples (now how about women's gyms?)

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Story here. So if a bakery has to make wedding cakes for gay couples (i.e., they can't discriminate even in a private transaction based on sexual orientation), then tell me, how is it gyms, bars, hotels, etc., can discriminate based on gender? If "being gay" isn't a choice but an indelible characteristic of a person, isn't also a person's sex? Would we today expect a gay person to deny their sexuality to avoid "offending" others' sensibilities? Obviously, based on this ruling, no. So why does the law still support gender discrimination in situations arguably more significant in an ongoing sense, like access to hotel rooms, gyms, etc.? I am sure the baker had the same argument today's feminists who support single-sex facilities and women-only goodies do: gay couples can always go to another bakery, while feminists say men can always go to a different gym. Excerpt:

'DENVER (AP/CBS4) – A baker who refused to make a wedding cake for a same-sex ceremony must serve gay couples despite his religious beliefs or face fines, a judge said Friday.

The order from administrative law judge Robert N. Spencer said Masterpiece Cakeshop in suburban Denver discriminated against a couple “because of their sexual orientation by refusing to sell them a wedding cake for their same-sex marriage.”

The order says the cake-maker must “cease and desist from discriminating” against gay couples. Although the judge did not impose fines in this case, the business will face penalties if it continues to turn away gay couples who want to buy cakes.

...

“At first blush, it may seem reasonable that a private business should be able to refuse service to anyone it chooses,” Judge Spencer said in his written order. “This view, however, fails to take into account the cost to society and the hurt caused to persons who are denied service simply because of who they are.”

...

“But treating gay people differently because of who they are is discrimination, plain and simple,” she said.'

6-year-old boy suspended for kissing a girl on the cheek

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The suspension of a 6-year-old boy for kissing a girl at school is raising questions about whether the peck should be considered sexual harassment.

The boy's mother said officials at Lincoln School of Science and Technology in Canon City, a southern Colorado city of 16,000, are over-reacting. Jennifer Saunders said her son was suspended once before for kissing the girl and had other disciplinary problems, and she was surprised to find out that he would be forced out of school again for several days.

First grader Hunter Yelton told KRDO-TV (http://tinyurl.com/lyhxh7l) that he has a crush on a girl at school and she likes him back.

"It was during class, yeah. We were doing reading group, and I leaned over and kissed her on the hand. That's what happened," he said.

Saunders said she saw nothing wrong with her son's display of affection. She said she punished him for other problems in school, including rough-housing. She was shocked when the school's principal brought up the term "sexual harassment" during a meeting.'

Hotels set aside floors for women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Book a room on the 11th floor of the Hamilton Crowne Plaza here, and you'll get special bath salts and body products, a magnifying mirror, nail polish, nail files and a curling iron.

In other words, you'll get pretty much anything you need to pamper yourself.

They're not exactly the types of amenities that men would go for, but that's the point.

The Hamilton Crowne Plaza is one of a small, but growing number of hotels offering floors dedicated to female travelers. These hotels are particularly trying to appeal to female business travelers, who are moving up the career ladder and hitting the road more often.

"Women are more influenced by their surroundings, and therefore, the ways in which hotels can accommodate them become important," says Judi Brownell, professor of organizational communication at the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration. "My research identified three things that are important to women business travelers and that influence their decision regarding where to stay: safety; empowerment; and pampering."

Hotels are responding by setting aside floors with special key access and amenities that women typically prefer.'

Barbara Kay: Yet more family law gender injustice

fathers4fairness · 10 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A year ago 19-year old Preston King was a light-hearted young Southern California man in love with his high school sweetheart. Her pregnancy changed their lives dramatically.

As the birth date approached, King was shocked to learn that the mother planned to give the baby up for adoption, whether or not he agreed to it. The adoptive couple had already been selected by the mother, and King was invited by an adoption agency – via text message – to meet them. King immediately petitioned the Orange County courthouse for paternity testing, and in the weeks leading to the birth, went to court several times to claim his paternal rights.

In spite of his best efforts, though, King was not allowed to sign a declaration affirming his fatherhood and was denied the right to paternal mention on the birth certificate. After King spent a mere 15 minutes alone with his baby, born September 7, the infant went home with his adoptive parents.
...
Observers of the family law system in Canada will be reminded of the quite similar 2007 case of Hendricks vs Swan in Saskatchewan. Saskatoon dad Adam Hendricks was in the same position as King. He was a willing father, whose girlfriend unilaterally adopted their baby out to well-off strangers.

What do these two cases tell us about the prevailing culture as filtered through the family law system? That mothers count in a child's life and fathers don't.

As the Hendricks and King cases make clear, our misandric family law systems routinely assign more importance to mothers over fathers. Yet decades of research unequivocally prove that children want to love and be loved equally by both their parents. These travesties of gender injustice must end. Equal parenting is equal gender justice.'

Story - http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2520039/The-baby-Veronica-Father-fights-reunited-son-secretly-adoption-mother-consent.html

Israeli mother pleads for help over court-ordered circumcision

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Her request for help is here. Excerpt:

'"Help! I'm asking for the help of the public! I am a mother to a baby. The Rabbinical Court is forcing me to cut my year old son against my will (circumcise him) while subjecting me to heavy financial sanctions daily!

After my exposure to the information regarding circumcision, I refuse to mutilate my baby. I don't have the right and I do not agree! He was born whole and he will stay whole! His integrity is his full right! The Religious Court has no right to do that! No one in the whole world is authorized to force me to mutilate my son, to cut his penis!

What kind of a state is this?! What is this? Where do we live? Could the Religious Court force upon me anything during the divorce? In particular, religious oppression, unnecessary cutting of the penis of a helpless baby? A non-reversible surgical operation! A foreskin does not renew itself!
...
I am pleading for help! I love my son very much! I do not want to hurt him! Please pass this message on to anyone possible so it won't be a precedent for future divorce cases in the Rabbinical Court which authorizes itself to force religious oppression upon a nonreligious divorcing person! Why does the religious court take advantage of its monopoly on marriage?! It's a degrading abuse of power, used for religious oppression! Religion has to be voluntary from the heart, not by force and financial penalties!'

Related MANN item here.

"Men spend their money on whiskey"

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At a recent dinner for Hillary Clinton, Sheryl Sandberg said the following:

“When you give money to men, they spend it on whiskey and themselves…when you give to women, they spend it on their children."

See here.

So I wrote the following to leanin.org:

To: info@leanin.org
Cc: partners@leanin.org

'“When you give money to men, they spend it on whiskey and themselves…when you give to women, they spend it on their children,” said Sandberg at the gala.'

Is she really that nasty?

And then I received this response:

From: Andrea Saul

Hi Thomas,

Thanks for pointing this out — she was quoting an old saying from the World Bank (she didn't say it was true) and the context wasn't included. I've asked ABC to correct it.

Best regards,

Andrea

So I followed up with:

But she did not deny it, right? I think her nasty message is quite clear. And you work for her? Tell her to say it about her own dad-- or Nelson Mandela, or the guy who owns Facebook and employs her, OK?

So, you have Andrea's email. Let her know what you think about men "spending money on whiskey."

New study finds young women closing pay gap with men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Young American women are increasingly likely to receive pay nearly equal to their male counterparts, with earnings at 93 percent of men, a new study finds. Still, those women remain as pessimistic as their mothers and grandmothers regarding gender equality.

A report for release Wednesday by the Pew Research Center paints a mixed picture.

While women under 32 now have higher rates of college completion than men that age, the analysis of census and labor data shows their hourly earnings will slip further behind by the women's mid-30s, if the experience of the past three decades is a guide.

That widening gap is due in part to the many women who take time off or reduce their hours to start families. Other factors cited in the report are gender stereotyping, discrimination, weaker professional networks and women's hesitancy to aggressively push for raises and promotions, which together may account for 20 percent to 40 percent of the pay gap.
...
The near-equal pay for young women is being driven in large part by their educational gains. Some 38 percent of women ages 25-32 now hold bachelor's degrees, compared to 31 percent of young men. As a result, 49 percent of employed workers with at least a bachelor's degree last year were women, up from 36 percent in 1980. That means more women in higher-skilled, higher-paying positions.'

Canada: Father's diet before conception may play role in health of offspring

fathers4fairness · 11 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's well-known that what a mother eats before and during pregnancy can affect fetal development, but research now suggests that a father's diet prior to conception may also play a critical role in a newborn's health.
...
But the way that a father's diet can influence the health and development of offspring has received little attention, said Sarah Kimmins, a specialist in reproductive biology at McGill University who led a study looking at the effects of paternal folate levels.
...
In a study of mice published in the journal Nature Communications, researchers found that a low-folate diet in males was linked to an increased rate of birth defects among their pups, compared to the rate among pups whose fathers were fed a folate-sufficient diet.

"When we looked at the offspring, when we looked at the fetuses, we were really quite shocked that we saw the birth defects," Kimmins said Tuesday from Montreal.

The birth anomalies, which occurred across the litters sired by folate-deficient mice, included spinal malformations, cranio-facial defects such as a shortened jaw, underdeveloped digits and club feet.'

"4 Reasons Women Are More Responsible Entrepreneurs Than Men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women entrepreneurs tend to treat their employees better and give back to their communities, said Joy Anderson, President and Founder of Criterion Institute, which helps shape emerging financial markets and movements.
...
In general, women entrepreneurs are more altruistic and empathetic. Combined with their rising success, it's likely that small- and mid-sized company social responsibility efforts will increase and take on new forms,d which may well change the way we all think about business responsibility.'

'Women Make Science More Creative'

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Article here. Excerpt;

'Female scientists are more receptive of abstract artworks than their male counterparts, suggesting that they are likely to be open to a more ‘anarchic, creative and radical’ approach to science, according to new research released today.

How Scientists Look At Art’, a study conducted by University of Reading and commissioned by Bayer to mark its 150th anniversary, suggests that women may bring added creativity and a more challenging approach to science, adding weight to the ongoing, global drive to encourage more women to enter the profession.'

Canada: Professor says killing can be justified in Domestic Abuse cases

fathers4fairness · 11 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Battered women are morally entitled to kill their abusive partners, even those who are passed out or asleep, says a respected University of Ottawa law professor.

Prof. Elizabeth Sheehy raises the provocative idea in her new book, eight years in the making, called Defending Battered Women on Trial. It will be published Dec. 15 by UBC Press.

"Why should women live in anticipatory dread and hypervigilence?" she writes in the book's concluding chapter. Would it not be just, Sheehy asks, "to shift the risk of death to those men whose aggressions have created such dehumanizing fear in their female partners?"
...
Sheehy likened women in abusive relationships to prisoners of war. "We would never say of a prisoner of war that it's not just that she or he kill their captor to escape. It is just to kill to escape that kind of enslavement."

Sheehy's book, which is written for a general audience, is built around the trials of 11 battered women, 10 of whom killed their partners. She draws heavily on trial transcripts to examine the evidence and the legal strategies of the defence lawyers.
...
To select those 11 trials, Sheehy studied 91 cases of battered women who killed their partners between 1990, when the Supreme Court of Canada recognized "battered women syndrome" as a legal defence, and 2005.'

Man who says rape confession beaten out of him freed after 30 years

fathers4fairness · 11 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt;

'CHICAGO — A man who says Chicago police tortured him until he confessed to a rape he didn't commit was expected to walk out of an Illinois prison Wednesday after 30 years behind bars.

Stanley Wrice's release from the Pontiac Correctional Center comes after Cook County Judge Richard Walsh overturned Wrice's conviction Tuesday, saying officers lied about how they treated him.

The ruling was just the latest development in one of the darkest chapters of Chicago Police Department history, in which officers working under former Lt. Jon Burge were accused of torturing suspects into false confessions and torturing witnesses into falsely implicating people in crimes.
...
With his release, Wrice will join a number of men who in recent years have been released from prison because they were tortured into confessing at the hands of Burge's men. Dozens of men — almost all of them black — have claimed that, starting in the 1970s, Burge and his officers beat or shocked them into confessing to crimes ranging from armed robbery to murder.'

Florida Circumcision Costs Skyrocket After State Stops Funding Procedure At Infancy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'This has to hurt: more and more older boys are getting circumcised in Florida.

After Florida terminated Medicaid funding for infant circumcision, circumcision costs to the state have skyrocketed to more than double previous levels.
...
Florida is among 18 states that ceased Medicaid funding for infant circumcision after a 1999 report by the American Academy of Pediatrics declared the procedure may not be medically necessary.

Now, Medicaid coverage is available in Florida only for older males for whom the procedure is deemed medically imperative, such as those who have suffered repeated infections.

But the procedure is far more cost-effective on babies, according to Dr. Islam. “The benefits are that the child does not have to undergo general anesthesia, there is much less cost to public monies, it’s safer for the kids to get it done and that’s the right age, as well,” Islam said in a statement.'

The 2014 Icelandic Presidency: focus on masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Iceland takes over the Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers from next year, during which time the Council will focus on labour market issues, men and masculinity as well as ways of removing border obstacles between the Nordic countries.

The June 2014 conference on masculinity and the study of masculinity in the Nordic region should also be interesting. Two renowned masculinity and gender researches will deliver the conference keynote speeches; the Australian Professor Raewyn Connell from the University of Sydney and the American Professor Michael Kimmel from the State University of New York.'

Wikipedia on Raewyn Connell and also on Michael Kimmel.

UK: Father with no rights: Mother stops him seeing daughter for 12 years, despite 82 court orders

Matt · 12 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A father yesterday spoke of his anguish over an extraordinary £100,000 12-year court battle for the right to see his daughter.

The man, described as ‘irreproachable’ by a senior judge, has endured years of legal fighting with his ex-partner, who has refused to allow contact between him and their 14-year-old daughter.

Incredibly, the family courts have made 82 orders that he be allowed to see the girl, known only as M. But none was enforced by a system which senior judges agreed had ‘failed the whole family’.

‘My relationship with my daughter is slipping away,’ the man said. ‘Her childhood is disappearing.’

The Court of Appeal three months ago ordered that the case be resolved, saying the teenager’s childhood had been ‘irredeemably marred’ by years of litigation.'

'Free Hunter Yelton'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hunter Yelton of Cañon City, Colo., is accused of sexual harassment. Hunter Yelton is 6 years old and in the first grade. "He has a crush on a girl at school, who likes him back," reports Colorado Springs' KRDO-TV. "It may sound innocent enough," the station intones. But in Barack Obama's America, even a small boy can become a sexual suspect.

...

In April 2011 Russlynn Ali, then assistant education secretary for civil rights, issued a directive in which she threatened to withhold federal money from any educational institution that failed to take a hard enough line against sexual misconduct to ensure "that all students feel safe in their school." The directive's preamble declared: "The sexual harassment of students, including sexual violence, interferes with students' right to receive an education free from discrimination and, in the case of sexual violence, is a crime."

...

As amusing as the story of Hunter Yelton is, however, it is an example of a dire and widespread problem. "Sexual harassment" rules are ostensibly sex-neutral, but in practice they are used primarily to police male behavior. Feminists like Hanna Rosin note with triumph that girls and women do better in school than their male counterparts. One reason is that normal female behavior is seldom stigmatized or punished in the name of "civil rights."

And while college "justice" is often downright oppressive, the excesses of contemporary feminism know no age limits. As the story of Hunter Yelton demonstrates, the war on men is also a war on little boys.'

Hunter Yelton Petition: Call the school and request them to revert their decision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'His action was 100% innocent. He is 6 year old kid, what else you want to know. The way school over reacted was that necessary, is that a mature decision, this is what we expect from schools & there teachers. Do we see the true values of carring, love and compassion that teachers should have.'

Please, think and decide. Your action and support will help.

Six-year-old's sexual harassment claim dropped: 'Why we should take elementary school harassment seriously'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Hunter Yelton, the six-year-old boy who's being portrayed as a "hopeless romantic" and "young Casanova" after his recent school suspension, will no longer have the offense of sexual harassment on his permanent record. Following negative press surrounding his two-day suspension from Lincoln School of Science and Technology in Colorado, the school reduced the offense on Hunter's permanent record from "sexual harassment" to "misconduct" Thursday. Hunter's seemingly innocuous crime? Kissing one of his classmates on the hand.

Jade Masters-Ownbey, the mother of the young girl Hunter kissed, felt his original punishment was appropriate. After all, this wasn't the first time Hunter had been reprimanded for violating his school's sexual harassment policy: he apparently had a history of pursuing this same girl, and had previously kissed her on the cheek. But Hunter's mother, Jennifer Saunders, thought the school's punishment was too harsh.

"This is taking it to an extreme that doesn't need to be met with a six-year-old. Now my son is asking questions. 'What is sex mommy?' That should not ever be said, sex. Not in a sentence with a six-year-old," Saunders said. Well, there's your first clue as to why this kid might be acting out. Clearly, he's curious about sex, and his mom would rather not talk about it.'

Man cleared, woman arrested in kidnapping, sexual assault case for false allegations

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Story here.

'WINDSOR, Colo. - A Fort Collins woman who told police that a former co-worker drugged and kidnapped her from a Windsor parking lot in November now faces charges of lying to police.

Katherine Bennett, 20, accused Dustin Toth of luring her to a Safeway parking lot by saying he needed a friend to talk to about his upcoming deployment.

Bennett said when she got in Toth's car, Toth pulled a knife and threatened her.

However, the Coloradoan reports that Toth has been cleared of all charges and Bennett was arrested on a charge of attempting to influence a public official.

Bennett's arrest affidavit highlights says she changed her story many times and made claims that police later found to be untrue.'

Colorado girl's mom applauds suspension of 6-year old boy who kissed her daughter

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DENVER, CO -- The mother of a girl involved in the case of a 6-year-old Colorado boy suspended for giving a classmate unwanted kisses says the school did the right thing.

The girl's mother, Jade Masters-Ownbey, told the Canon City Daily Record on Wednesday that the school district did a "great job" protecting her daughter from repeated harassment from the boy.
...
The boy's mother, Jennifer Saunders, insists the punishment was too harsh.

"He is 6 years old, and that is absolutely ridiculous for him to have 'sexual harassment' on his record, even it is (only on the district's) record," she said.'

Denver drops Aron Ralston case; girlfriend pleads not guilty

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A judge dismissed charges Monday against adventurer Aron Ralston, who was jailed after a domestic dispute in Denver.

"In an evaluation of the case, we determined there was no likelihood of conviction," said Melissa Drazen-Smith, assistant director of prosecution for the Denver city attorney's office.

Prosecutors are proceeding with similar charges against Ralston's girlfriend, Vita Shannon, who was arrested with him late Saturday at her home in Denver."

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"Ralston told police that Shannon hit him twice in the back of the head with her fists during an argument. Shannon told police Ralston shoved her on the shoulder as he left her home, according to the reports. Police noted that the couple's infant daughter was present during the fight.

In April 2003, Ralston was descending a slot canyon when a boulder he was climbing on dislodged, crushing and trapping his right hand against the canyon wall. After five days, he broke his arm and amputated the limb.'

Worst Cartoon: "Study: Women's Brains Are Different Than Men's"

charlie · 13 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Sorry, this is the only online image that I was able to find. It was published across the nation today and the the Mankato Free Press. You'll know which cartoon when you see it.

UK: Parental child abductions from UK 'double in a decade' - 70% of abductions are by mother

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of parental child abduction cases has more than doubled in the last decade, new figures from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) suggest.

The FCO and charity Reunite say almost two children a day on average are taken out of the UK against a court order or without the consent of one parent.

There were 272 new parental child abduction and international custody cases in 2003-04, and 580 in 2012-13.

The FCO has released what is calls a "hard-hitting" film on the subject.

The film, Caught in the Middle, has been published on YouTube as part of a pre-Christmas awareness campaign to encourage parents to consider the "lasting damage" such abductions can do to children and families.

Reunite said it had already dealt with 447 new cases, involving a total of 616 children, in 2013 - with noticeable spikes after the Christmas and summer holidays.
...
The most common Hague Convention countries for parental abductions from the UK in 2012/13 were the USA (32), Poland (29) and the Irish Republic (28), while the top non-Hague countries were Pakistan (35), Thailand (17) and India (16).

The FCO said that - "contrary to popular opinion" - about 70% of abducting parents were mothers.'

NPO: Nebraska Limits State Bar Lobbying

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Nebraska Supreme Court prohibits Nebraska State Bar Association from using mandatory dues for anything other than regulation of the legal profession. Thus it may not use mandatory dues for lobbying. Regulation of the profession is defined as:

- admitting qualified applicants to membership in the Bar Association,
- maintaining the records of membership,
- enforcing the ethical rules governing the Bar Association's members,
- regulating the mandate of continuing legal education,
- maintaining records of trust fund requirements for lawyers, and
- pursuing those who engage in the unauthorized practice of law.

The move to limit the Nebraska State Bar Association's ability to use dues for lobbying started with Senator Scott Lautenbaugh, Esq., who sued the Nebraska State Bar Association in federal court last October alleging violations of the United States Constitution and federal civil rights laws. Mr. Lautenbaugh believes, because he is required to be a member of the State Bar Association, the use of his dues for political and ideological purposes constitutes government-compelled speech and violates his First and Fourteenth Amendment rights. The lawsuit sought to have the Nebraska State Bar Association's lobbying and dues procedures declared unconstitutional.'

U.S. State Dept. - "Looking Ahead: Opportunities & Challenges for Women's Political Participation in 2014"

Minuteman · 13 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Catherine M. Russell
Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues
National Democratic Institute (NDI) Offices
...
Let me commend specifically the important work that you are doing in the hard places. To IRI, thank you for the work you have done with your Women's Democracy Network — to build the capacity of Syrian women in negotiation, leadership, advocacy, and other skills at this critical time for their country.

To NDI, thank you for the work you are doing in Afghanistan to help Afghan women be competitive in the upcoming elections -- through women's campaign schools, one-on-one consultations with women candidates and developing policy working groups.

My job as Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's issues is to promote the status of women and girls as a critical element of our diplomatic efforts. We believe that peace, security, prosperity, and economic growth cannot be achieved without the full participation of women, and that men and boys are important partners in this effort.
...
I've also just returned from a trip to Japan, where the current government is working to increase the percentage of women in leadership roles across society from single digits to 30 percent. There seems to be a growing recognition that the only way to ensure Japan's emergence from its decades long recession is to ensure that women are finally given the tools to participate in the political, economic and social spheres.'

Tell Hunter Yelton It’s a Man’s World

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I agree with James Taranto that there is a war on men and it starts early, as he points out, as a war on boys. Christina Hoff Sommers has much to say about the topic from an educational standpoint in her revised edition of The War on Boys. Our schools keep boys confined, take away recess, and have adopted a feminized approach to schools to the point where it is mainly for those who conform, sit still, and like to follow rules.

Psychologically, I wonder what the culture is telling little six-year-old boys like Hunter Yelton when they accuse him of sexual harassment for kissing a girl. This used to be normal. Now, the PC police have taught him that girls are dangerous, that he is some type of pervert and that as a male, he is always suspect. This is a very bad lesson to learn. As boys grow up, more will opt out and decide not to get involved when women are present. I write about this opting out in my book Men on Strike and it takes the form of men not wanting to marry as often, go to college where they are seen as some type of rapist, or even stop to help a child for fear of being charged as a pervert.'

From weight loss to fundraising, 'ironic effects' can sabotage our best-laid plans

Matt · 13 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Not a direct MR matter but clearly relevant. A major challenge to MR is getting the word out and getting people, especially men, aware of these issues. This article points out how often the direct approach to any cause is often paradoxically counterproductive to advancing it. If nothing else, it's food for thought, and MRAs may find it useful. Excerpt:

'Awareness campaigns get forgotten by the people who need them most

"Motivated forgetting" is an especially galling species of ironic effect: when a message makes you feel vulnerable – for example, by reminding you of the ways in which your gender or ethnicity places you at a disadvantage – you're more likely to find ways, conscious or otherwise, to forget it, in order to retain a sense of self-control. In a study to be published in the Journal of Consumer Research, marketing experts found that students who were reminded of their university's poor performance were less likely to remember an advertisement offering a discount at the campus bookshop. "Consider an advertisement for breast cancer prevention," the researchers write. "If the ad makes … women’s vulnerability to the disease" salient in their minds, they could "feel threatened and exhibit defensive responses, such as decreased ad memory."

In short: if you're trying to change behaviour or beliefs – your own, or other people's – don't assume that the most direct, vigorous or effortful route is necessarily the most effective one. The human mind is much, much more perverse and annoying than that.'

State University Employee On Leave For Running Phone Sex Business at Work, Soft Core Videos

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Story here. If she were a he, he'd be fired immediately. And, why is there no mention of sexual harassment? Talking sexy even outside of earshot of anyone who cares, regardless of whether they object, is notoriously defined in campus "speech codes" as sexual harassment, punishable by dismissal. So what's the delay here? Excerpt:

'A veteran University of Colorado Denver administrator is under investigation and has been placed on paid administrative leave for apparently operating a phone sex business at the same time she has been getting paid by the university.
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The prospect that the CU administrator has been engaging in paid phone sex at the same time she is being paid to work by taxpayers has administrators concerned.
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According to the woman's daughter-in-law, there is good reason to be concerned.

"She does it while she is working at CU Denver," said Blair Cooper, the administrator's daughter-in-law.

Blair Cooper told CBS4 "she is taking calls at work. I've been in her office and she's said, 'Oh, let me be right back I have a phone call.' She takes them very discreetly, shuts her door takes phone sex calls on CU of Denver's pay."'

'My Son Is Mentally Ill', So Listen Up

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Article here. Finally, a MSM article about boys and severe mental illness that isn't the typical lock-'em-up fare. Check out the stats re the number of boys in jail with mental health problems. Not only do men often get prisons while women get psychiatric commitments for the same offenses, but it looks like states also prefer to jail mentally ill boys instead of treat them. Excerpt:

'As the camera rolls, Stephanie calls psychiatric hospitals near her home in San Antonio. Repeatedly she is turned down. Nothing can be done for her son, she is told, unless "he is a danger to himself or others." It is December 2009, and Daniel's hallucinations last more than two hours.
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Daniel is 14 now, and his mother no longer needs to convince doctors that he is mentally ill. He suffers from bipolar disorder with psychosis. In the past four years, he has been hospitalized more than 20 times.

But a diagnosis merely marks a beginning. Raising a child with mental illness is "a roller-coaster ride through hell," Stephanie says. She is engaged in an epic battle on multiple fronts.

What if Daniel has an outburst in public and is misunderstood? What if he succumbs to the voices? How can she help Daniel find joy?

And what about the rest of her family? They need her, too.
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The only time mental illness dominates the national conversation is when something goes tragically wrong. But the dialogue doesn't last. It gets buried under arguments about gun control, video game violence and unheeded signs of trouble -- until there's yet another mass shooting.
...
She plays a video of Daniel enduring an episode of psychosis from May 1 of this year. His legs and arms shake while he sits on a picnic table in the backyard. He places his head between his knees. Then, he stands and paces. He swats the air. His head darts back and forth, as if trying to shake the demons he sees and hears.

"This doesn't happen all the time," she says. "It happens when he has something really stressful going on at school or he has a cycle. Sometimes, the cycle comes every two months; sometimes they're more frequent. I'm happy when they're gone for five months, but that hasn't happened for a while."

Stephanie's voice trembles. Some of the cadets cry. "You guys are my psychotherapists," she tells them. "Not a lot of people want to sit and hear you talk about mental illness."'

Topless FEMEN protesters storm German football TV show

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Story here.* Excerpt:

'Two topless women stormed the stage of a German talk show on Wednesday in protest against the conditions of workers in Qatar who are building facilities for the 2022 World Cup.

The FEMEN activists ran onto the stage of a live football debate during a show hosted by Markus Lanz .

Footballs dripping with blood were painted around the edges of the protesters' breasts. One of the women had also painted "Blut und Spiele" (Blood and games) on her body, while the other had "don't play with human rights" written in English across her stomach.

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Bodyguards tried to remove the women but talkshow host Markus Lanz intervened, telling the security staff to leave them.

Lanz interviewed one of the male demonstrators who said they were protesting against the "slavery" of workers in Qatar. Following the discussion the presenter urged FIFA to put pressue on Qatar to improve working conditions.'

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*"Sort-of NSFW": Err on the side of caution re watching the embedded video excerpt from the show while at work. The protesters, while their breasts were painted, were clearly naked from the waist up. Anyone with a chip on his/her shoulder who may happen to see you watch this video and see the video itself could get you into trouble with HR if they so desire.

Rob Okun: Masculinity question still missing post Newtown

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As we arrive at the gut-wrenching first anniversary of Newtown Saturday, I teeter back and forth between sadness and anger. Sadness that 20 6- and 7-year-olds were murdered — along with a half-dozen Sandy Hook Elementary School educators — and anger that public officials and most of the media still largely ignore the missing component in the Connecticut tragedy: the gender of the shooter.

Don't get me wrong. It's urgent we implement gun control legislation and increase mental health services. Some states, including Colorado and Connecticut, have passed new gun laws, doing an end run around the National Rifle Association and their minions in Congress. And kudos to Vice president Joe Biden for shepherding $100 million in additional money for mental wellness programs. Still, like a two-legged stool, those efforts can't stand up to this type of violence if we don't add a third leg: male socialization.

Take this simple quiz. Don't worry; you're sure to get 100 since — spoiler alert — the answer isn't "woman." In the year since Adam Lanza began his rampage by murdering his mother, was it a man or a woman who killed innocent people at the Washington Navy Shipyard, the Boston Marathon, Santa Monica College, homes in Hialeah, Fla., Manchester, Ill., and Fernley, Nev.; a barbershop in New York's Mohawk Valley; and Los Angeles International Airport? Get it?

...

In the 1990s I facilitated batterers' groups working with lonely, isolated men who had been abusive to their spouses. While none was as mentally unstable as the mass shooters, all were products of the same male socialization.

Today no one may be shrugging, dismissively saying, "Boys will be boys" to explain away aberrant male behavior. Still, when "boys" kill their mothers, children, strangers — committing suicide by mass murder — isn't it time we took the crisis in masculinity seriously? If we care about the parents of Sandy Hook the answer to this quiz question must be yes.'

Reaching out to male rape victim

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Article here. Here's commentary on a subject rarely discussed: the sexual assault of boys. The specific case involves a 13-year-old boy who was sodomized in a hazing incident. Many in the town tried to cover it up. The men who wrote the article were also victims of sexual assault. Excerpt:

'The sodomy hazing of a 13-year-old boy from Norwood is indeed indefensible. The boy and his family have run from Norwood as, by all accounts, the town and the school turned on him and his family. Fingers are pointing and debate is rightly raging on issues of hazing, rape and bullying.

Such debate is welcome, but we would like to step back for one minute and pause on behalf of the boy and his family.

We have no idea where that boy or his family are right now, but we reach out to them with great care, concern and optimism. We imagine he is bewildered and may not have the vocabulary to even begin to explain what happened in Norwood, or what is happening now. Tears may be falling or, conversely, he and his family may be too numb to actually shed tears. We understand the family's sense of abandonment and isolation. We worry they are feeling guilty for speaking out, as their courageous actions have led to their expulsion from the town they loved. Justice looks to be elusive.

We want the boy to know that he is the hero of this sad tale. He spoke up and out, and we admire him immensely for the strength he has shown. We do not know his mom and dad but we gather, from what we have read, that he might have special parents who will be essential to his healing, as he will be to theirs.

We reach out to the boy and his family as a group of proud men who, like you, have suffered the trauma of childhood sexual abuse. Our experiences are different, but we were all seriously traumatized by our experiences and the subsequent abandonment we felt as we tried to speak out. And we all have found unique and liberating paths to healing, as we believe he will.
...
We, and millions of other men and women who have walked similar paths, stand humbly with this boy, holding him deeply in our hearts. We admire him, and just want to plant a seed of hope with him that there is a path through this, and we believe he will find his, as we have found ours.'

UK: 4-YO boy has same IQ as Einstein

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A four-year-old boy has stunned psychologists—after intelligence tests revealed him to have the same IQ as Einstein.

Sherwyn Sarabi has tested off the scale for intelligence—scoring an IQ of 160—the highest mark on the test.

It's the same score that experts believe scientist Einstein had, as well as being identical to that of Bill Gates and Stephen Hawking.

Sherwyn from Barnsley, Yorks, started school two years early and became a member of Mensa at the age of three.

He spoke his first words aged just 10 months and has been amazing his parents, teachers and doctors ever since.'

Related story: Boy genius diagnosed with autism has IQ higher than Einstein. Excerpt:

'As a child, doctors told Jacob Barnett's parents that their autistic son would probably never know how to tie his shoes.

But experts say the 14-year-old Indiana prodigy has an IQ higher than Einstein's and is on the road to winning a Nobel Prize. He's given TedX talks and is working toward a master's degree in quantum physics.

The key, according to mom Kristine Barnett, was letting Jacob be himself — by helping him study the world with wide-eyed wonder instead of focusing on a list of things he couldn't do.

Diagnosed with moderate to severe autism at the age of 2, Jacob spent years in the clutches of a special education system that didn't understand what he needed. His teachers at school would try to dissuade Kristine from hoping to teach Jacob any more than the most basic skills.'

Take that, Albert! =)

Student suspended for a year for hugging teacher

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Story here. Remember: It's OK for female teachers to "have sex with" underage male students. However if one of those students hugs a teacher, it's curtains. Excerpt:

'A Duluth High School senior has been suspended for one year and won't graduate on time for hugging a teacher last month.

Sam McNair, 17, was suspended last week when a school hearing officer found he violated the Gwinnett County Public Schools' rules on sexual harassment.

"Something so innocent can be perceived as something totally opposite," said McNair.

A video of the hug, captured by a surveillance camera, shows McNair enter a room, place his arms around the back and front of the teacher and tuck his head behind her neck.

According to a discipline report, the teacher alleged McNair's cheeks and lips touched the back of her neck and cheek.

McNair denied he kissed his teacher or sexually harassed her.

McNair said he regularly hugs his teachers and has never been disciplined for it in the past.

According to the discipline report, the teacher alleged she warned McNair that hugs were inappropriate but he disputes that.'

"Censuring circumcision in Europe is about child protection, not anti-Semitism"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'(TEL AVIV) - Circumcision without consent violates a person's right to bodily integrity, a cornerstone of post-Holocaust human rights law.

Two years ago, in response to an article I wrote questioning circumcision, the British historian Geoffrey Alderman dedicated his column to my character assassination, describing me as "a leading anti-Jewish Jew of the younger generation." Though I appreciated the attention, I was disappointed – why not "the" leading anti-Jewish Jew? It would have brought my parents such nachas.

Still, I was luckier than the Council of Europe: After it passed a motion declaring the circumcision of young boys for religious reasons "a violation of the physical integrity of children," Israel's Foreign Ministry accused it of fostering "hate and racist trends in Europe." With accusations flying, the Council's special rapporteur, Marlene Rupprecht, countered that the "vote does not intend to stigmatize any religious community or its practices," but to reach "a wide consensus on the rights of children."

...

Rather than prejudice against religion, I think it makes more sense to interpret criticism of circumcision as the consistent application of human rights to both boys and girls. This is clear in the special rapporteur's Explanatory Memorandum. Concern about the genital cutting of children is best understood within thecontext of Europe's, especially Germany's, focus on human rights and medical ethics following the atrocities of the Holocaust.

Hard though it may be to hear, irreversibly removing a healthy body part – in this case, part of a boy's genitals – without consent, violates a person's right to bodily integrity, a cornerstone of post-Holocaust human rights law. It also undermines that child's right to an open future, since a boy who has been circumcised must live forever with his parents' choice.'

"Inside the British university where Muslims were segregated by sex"

Matt · 15 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. When the shoe's on the other foot, suddenly, it's bad. Meanwhile, is anyone in the MSM or on campuses protesting women-only events, spaces, etc.? Not that I've seen. Excerpt:

"With women obliged to sit yards behind chairs reserved exclusively for men, the photograph above shows the shocking reality of gender segregation at a British university.

It was taken earlier this year at a training course at Leicester University organised by its Islamic Society. The course was entitled Call Of Duty and it featured a guest speaker from a hardline Islamic group.

Rupert Sutton of campaign group Student Rights, which monitors campus extremism, said: ‘The obvious discrimination in this picture is what segregated seating can mean in practice – women pushed to the back of the hall, while men are given the best seats to see and hear the speaker.’"

Woman charged in stabbing death of husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 30-year-old woman was booked Saturday on second-degree murder charges in the death of her husband, who was found stabbed to death Friday in the couple's Laurel home.

About 10:30 a.m. Friday, police were called to 8388 Frostwood Road, in Laurel, where they found Johnnie Sutton III, 38, suffering from multiple stab wounds, Anne Arundel County police said. Sutton was pronounced dead at the scene.'

The trouble with men: ‘We’re constantly competing, and we all lose’

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Article here. Excerpt:

“Now that we’re men,” sing Spongebob Squarepants and his friend Patrick in a well-known animated movie, “we’re tough enough to save the day.”

In the real world, however – or at least, our bit of the western industrialised world – it’s becoming clear that while men may be tough, they’re also having a tough time. Rates of male graduation and employment are plummeting as fast as statistics for imprisonment, aggression and suicide are rocketing.

Can art play a part in changing this distressing pattern? The American actor, poet and activist Carlos Andrés Gómez is convinced that it can. Gómez has been described as Keats meets Bob Marley meets Tupac Shakur. He co-starred with Denzel Washington in the Spike Lee movie Inside Man, played a gay paramedic in ER and appeared in an episode of Friends.'

Dove for Men commercial shows man getting slapped

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Dove for Men has an ad about the harsh conditions a man's face experiences, ending with "and four deserved slaps". Rather odd for a company trying to include men as their customers. The ad can be seen here.*

As with the KFC ad, violence against men such as this isn't deserved or funny.

You can contact Dove at http://www.dove.us/Contact-Us/.

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*A woman's hand is seen slapping the man's face twice at the 00:15 mark in the ad.

UK: Harriet Harman and Patricia Hewitt linked to 1970s pro-pedophile lobby group

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Article here. When I saw the headline, I thought, "No way, this is jumping the shark." But then I started reading. Excerpt:

'But it doesn't take long for any right-minded person who flicks through The Magpie — dispatched quarterly in plain brown envelopes to up to 1,000 members — to realise that behind its matter-of-fact tone and appearance, something is terribly, terribly, amiss.

For the initials PIE stand for Paedophile Information Exchange. This turns out to be the name of a far-Left lobby group which spent much of the Seventies and early Eighties publicly calling for the legalisation of child sex — and the age of consent to be lowered to four.

...

Dig beneath the surface of this ugly scandal, however, and you will soon discover that Lord Rees — who died in 2006 — is a long way from being the only prominent Labourite whose good name may be tarnished by it.

For it also raises tricky questions for three of the most senior Labour figures of recent times: deputy leader Harriet Harman, former Health Secretary Patricia Hewitt, and shadow housing minister Jack Dromey, a former party treasurer and Harman's husband.

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'The PIE somehow managed to convince feminists and the gay rights lobby that they had shared values and that we all belonged in the same club,' recalls one feminist writer whose magazine was lobbied for support by the PIE after the Exchange won NCCL affiliation.

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Two years later, in 1978, Harriet Harman, then a newly qualified solicitor, became the NCCL's legal officer. She promptly wrote its official response to Parliament's Protection of Children Bill, which sought to ban child pornography.

Her letter claimed that such a law would 'increase censorship', and argued that a pornographic picture of a naked child should not be considered indecent unless it could be proven that the subject had suffered.

'Our amendment [to the proposed law] places the onus of proof on the prosecution to show that the child was actually harmed,' she wrote.

Such statements, from officials in what was (and is) a respected human rights organisation, may go some way towards explaining how the Labour-run Home Office of the era might have allowed public grants to be directed towards the PIE.

The NCCL presided over by Harman, Hewitt, Hodge and Dromey had, after all, helped foster an environment where woolly liberalism trumped child protection.

To many on the Left, promoting the 'rights' of paedophiles came to be regarded as a legitimate act of political subversion.'

The women behind the throne in North Korea's 'empire of horror'

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Article here. By no means do I suggest the regime leaders of N. Korea have merely been puppets of controlling mothers, wives, aunts, etc., any more than I'd suggest the Nazi leaders were being controlled by the infamous "women of the Third Reich". I am however pointing out that regimes of any kind, be they murderous dictatorships or relatively benign republics, require the active participation of everyone at or near the top-- regardless of sex. The impression that evil gov'ts are purely a consequence of the machinations of evil men isn't true. Evil women are also necessary. Excerpt:

'In the scant collection of carefully-staged photos that emerge from North Korea, Jang Song-thaek was everywhere.

At the funeral of Kim Jong-il, marching directly behind Kim Jong-un, the newly anointed Dear Leader; on an escalator, visiting a shopping centre to glorify the triumph of the regime; dressed in the uniform of a full general whispering words of wisdom into the ear of the world's youngest head of state.

Now Jang, Mr Kim's uncle and one of North Korea's most powerful men, has been erased.

The reclusive communist state confirmed his execution on Thursday. The 30-year-old Mr Kim, it appeared, was demonstrating in no uncertain terms who really ran the show.

But another tantalising suggestion is crystallising. Was Jang's death by firing squad a sign that the real power behind the throne lies with the two women in Mr Kim's life?

"The final decision on Jang Song-thaek was made by Kim Jong-un and Jang's wife, Kim Kyung-hui," said Lee Yun-keol, the head of the North Korea Strategic Information Service Centre, based in Seoul. "Jang was chosen as a prey by his wife and nephew to maintain the Kim dynasty regime."'

Female student charged with sexual assault for kissing male police officer

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News.com.au is reporting this story from Italy. Excerpt:

'AN ITALIAN student is facing sexual assault charges for kissing a riot police officer in the middle of a protest.

Nina de Chiffre, 20, was demonstrating against the construction of a rail link in northern Italy when she came face to face with riot police. She decided to get a bit intimate with one of the officers, kissing and licking his helmet visor.

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Then the Italian police union filed a complaint with a court in Turin, accusing Ms de Chiffre of sexual assault, La Repubblica reports.

"We have accused the protester of sexual violence and insulting a public official," said the union's general secretary, Franco Maccari.

"If the policeman had kissed her, World War III would have broken out," he said. "Or what if I had patted her on the behind? She would have been outraged. So if she does that to a man on duty, should it be tolerated?

"A kiss is a positive thing," he said. "But in this context, between these two people, it was just disrespect."

That sounds a bit cynical, but Ms de Chiffre's own words seem to back up Mr Maccari's argument. "No peace message," she wrote on Facebook. "I would hang all these disgusting pigs upside down."'

Let's see what happens - hopefully she'll keep on admitting this wasn't a harmless kiss and for once, a woman will be held as responsible as a man would be.

'It’s a Man’s World, And It Always Will Be'

Mastodon · 16 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If men are obsolete, then women will soon be extinct—unless we rush down that ominous Brave New World path where females will clone themselves by parthenogenesis, as famously do Komodo dragons, hammerhead sharks, and pit vipers.

A peevish, grudging rancor against men has been one of the most unpalatable and unjust features of second- and third-wave feminism. Men’s faults, failings and foibles have been seized on and magnified into gruesome bills of indictment. Ideologue professors at our leading universities indoctrinate impressionable undergraduates with carelessly fact-free theories alleging that gender is an arbitrary, oppressive fiction with no basis in biology.

Is it any wonder that so many high-achieving young women, despite all the happy talk about their academic success, find themselves in the early stages of their careers in chronic uncertainty or anxiety about their prospects for an emotionally fulfilled private life? When an educated culture routinely denigrates masculinity and manhood, then women will be perpetually stuck with boys, who have no incentive to mature or to honor their commitments. And without strong men as models to either embrace or (for dissident lesbians) to resist, women will never attain a centered and profound sense of themselves as women.
...
After the next inevitable apocalypse, men will be desperately needed again! Oh, sure, there will be the odd gun-toting Amazonian survivalist gal, who can rustle game out of the bush and feed her flock, but most women and children will be expecting men to scrounge for food and water and to defend the home turf. Indeed, men are absolutely indispensable right now, invisible as it is to most feminists, who seem blind to the infrastructure that makes their own work lives possible. It is overwhelmingly men who do the dirty, dangerous work of building roads, pouring concrete, laying bricks, tarring roofs, hanging electric wires, excavating natural gas and sewage lines, cutting and clearing trees, and bulldozing the landscape for housing developments. It is men who heft and weld the giant steel beams that frame our office buildings, and it is men who do the hair-raising work of insetting and sealing the finely tempered plate-glass windows of skyscrapers 50 stories tall.

Every day along the Delaware River in Philadelphia, one can watch the passage of vast oil tankers and towering cargo ships arriving from all over the world. These stately colossi are loaded, steered, and off-loaded by men. The modern economy, with its vast production and distribution network, is a male epic, in which women have found a productive role—but women were not its author. Surely, modern women are strong enough now to give credit where credit is due!'

College Men Accused of Sexual Assault Say Their Rights Violated

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Across the U.S., female students have filed federal complaints that claim campus sexual-assault investigators lack training, fail to adequately probe incidents and treat the attackers with too much leniency.

Now, college men accused of sexual assault are protesting the same system. Taking a page from the women's complaints, men are citing violations under Title IX, the anti-gender discrimination law that women have used to demand equality in sports programming and education for 40 years.

Men are claiming the investigations are biased in favor of their accusers, who are most often women. Campus sexual-assault investigations represent a parallel criminal-justice system run by school officials without legal training in which evidence and the burden of proof are scant and punishments harsh, said Robert Shibley, senior vice president of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.
...
In the past two years, men either disciplined or expelled have filed discrimination cases against Xavier University in Cincinnati; Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York; Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts; Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia; and College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.
...
Young men in college face a growing risk of being accused, said Nicole Colby Longton, an attorney who sued Holy Cross on behalf of a student accused of sexually assaulting a woman on campus.

"One sexual encounter that involves alcohol, and the next thing you know you're accused and expelled and branded for life," Colby said in a phone interview. "Schools are going to push kids to have signed waivers before they have intercourse."'

UK: Turkish football team bans men from attending game

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Story here.

'Turkish club Fenerbahce this week took the unusual step of banning all adult MALES from their Sukru Saracoglu stadium.

The Super Liga leaders refused to allow men in for one match after they came under fire for swearing in what is one of Europe's most hostile arenas.

However, the absence of testosterone from the stands didn't affect the home side.

Roared on by women and children, they ran out comfortable 4-0 winners against Akhisar Belediye on Friday.

And curiously, this isn't the first time they have gone down such a route. Back in 2011, Fener hosted Manisaspor and handed free tickets to women and children after the Turkish FA banned men following a pre-season match against Shakhtar Donetsk.'

Were Vassar hoax bias perps also involved in a false rape prosecution?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The two former Vassar College students who were expelled for creating hoax bias incidents and then filing false reports about them were also actively involved with the college's Sexual Assault and Violence Prevention committee, which currently faces a lawsuit for prosecuting a wrongful rape conviction.

The Daily Caller first reported that Genesis Hernandez, a transgendered student and vice president of the student government, had been named as one of two perpetrators in a string of hoax bias incidents on campus. The perpetrators wrote hateful messages on students' doors — including "Hey Tranny. Know Your Place" — and then filed false reports to the Bias Incident Response Team, of which Hernandez was the only student member. (RELATED: Shocking discovery in hoax bias incident at Vassar College)

Watchdog Wire recently reported that Henandez's partner in crime was her girlfriend, Imani Wong. Both were expelled, and could not be reached for comment because their university email addresses are no longer active.
...
Despite Yu's request to have a student sit on the adjudicating panel, his guilt was determined solely by three members of the faculty — a significant fact, given that Walker's father is a professor at the college.

As an adjudicative body at a private university, the IVP is not required to follow typical criminal court proceedings. It denied Yu the use of an attorney, prevented him from cross-examining Walker and utilized a "preponderance of evidence" standard rather than a "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard.

Yu has filed suit against Vassar for discriminating against men, breach of contract and intentional infliction of emotional distress.'

UConn Student Accused Of Making False Rape Complaint Has Charges Dropped

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Article here. Excerpt:

'VERNON — A University of Connecticut student accused of falsely claiming she was raped had her charges dismissed Wednesday in Superior Court in Rockville.

Isabella Himmel of Chicago was arrested in September 2012 and charged with second-degree falsely reporting an incident, second-degree making a false statement and second-degree breach of peace.

She was accepted into a diversionary program a year ago; the program required her to write a letter of apology to UConn's police chief, make a $500 charitable donation and do community service. If she completed the program successfully, she was told, the charges would be dropped.

"I was pleased today that the court did dismiss the charges against my client," her lawyer, Richard Brown, said Wednesday. "At no time did she make any admissions of any wrongdoing in the matter."
...
The university issued an emergency announcement to more than 30,000 students, faculty members and other staff warning that police were investigating a report of an aggravated sex assault.'

"Crimes Against Women Grossly Underestimated, Report Says"

Minuteman · 17 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Violence committed against women by men is vastly under-reported in many countries, a large new study finds.

Researchers analyzed data from more than 93,600 women in 24 countries who survived sexual or physical violence, often called gender-based violence. Only 7 percent of the survivors reported the incidents to legal, medical or social support services, and only 37 percent informed family, friends or neighbors.

In 20 of the 24 countries, the majority of women told no one at all, according to the study published online Dec. 12 in the American Journal of Epidemiology.

Based on their findings, the researchers concluded that reports of gender-based violence to officials may underestimate the number of actual cases by 11 to 128 times.'

Are men really that competitive?

ThomasI · 17 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Someone posted about how men should not compete so much with each other. However, I think men do know how to have fun and not compete. But the media only presents men one way.

I'd like to share a video of how some men learn compete AND have fun at the same time. (Why is it that I fully expect men to come up with stuff like this?) It is just a minute and thirty seconds, but reveals just one facet of good competition between men.

'womenshealth.gov' suddenly off-line

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Just reporting... a few weeks ago, someone posted a link to a website called womenshealth.gov. I noticed there was no menshealth.gov. I got *FEROCIOIUS AND FOCUSED*.

I e-mailed all my representatives, "harassed" the Facebook page 'Democrats Abroad', e-mailed news agencies and even the White House, and e-mailed the NIH, the CDC, and other sites.

I would like to report that the web site womenshealth.gov has been non-responsive for four days now. No idea why. There is still no menshealth.gov. But I am forced to wonder what happened.

I am grateful to have met men like those I have found here. I just wanted to report this news to encourage all of you to fight the good fight. Our time is here.

Masculinity will not be feminized.

Richard Dawkins on 'Feminism invading science'

ThomasI · 17 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Just thought you might be interested in this speech excerpt (video) of Richard Dawkins.

Wikipedia on Dawkins here.

High-Ranking Women's Affairs Diplomat Allegedly Paid Nanny Only $3/Hour

Mastodon · 17 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A high-ranking Indian diplomat and women's rights activist is being accused of visa fraud and paying her children's nanny only $3.31 an hour for five months.

Devyani Khobragade, a 39-year-old mother of two, is the Deputy Consul General at the Indian Consulate in Manhattan. She's in charge of Political, Economic, Commercial and Women's Affairs, according to NDTV.

Yet from June until November of this year, Khobragade allegedly paid her family caretaker less than half of New York's $7.25 minimum wage. She's also been accused of encouraging the nanny — Indian native Sangeeta Richard — to lie on her U.S. visa application, saying she'd be making $4,500 a month rather than a measly $537.
...
They argue that her $4,000 per month salary makes it difficult to pay anything more for childcare. While Khobragade's alleged actions were totally illegal, her representation does make an interesting point about how far $4,000 goes in NYC. And for a three-person family nonetheless. The average monthly rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Manhattan is $3,923, leaving little room for food and transportation, much less an expensive babysitter.'

Teach our children well - about kissing in first grade

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There was a lot of press last week about the 6-year-old first-grade boy who was suspended for a day from school for kissing a girl on the cheek and later on the hand after he had been told to stop kissing her. The media coverage takes the view that the administrative discipline in this case was too severe for the conduct, that boys are just being boys, and that talking about sexual harassment at that age is inappropriate and/or harmful to the children. Most of us probably would agree that both the words used and actions taken by schools in these situations need to be age-appropriate. At the same time, the idea that the underlying dynamics should be ignored, or seen as cute or natural, do all of us a great disservice.

It is precisely during these formative early years of childhood, indeed by kindergarten, that children are able to learn, and need to be taught, about respecting the boundaries of others - whether it be about toys, play areas or bodies. Additionally, these early years are critical to what girls and boys learn about sex roles and how to relate to the opposite sex.

It is not innocent play to the girl whose body is touched against her will by a boy, and then learns from either the inaction of, or trivializing by, administrators that she has no recourse and must put up with it. This can and often does create a sense of shame, fear and vulnerability in these girls that establishes a pattern for life.'

Santa's Reindeer

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It is the current vogue to claim Santa's reindeer are really all female since male reindeer drop the antlers in December. This is an urban hoax. Henceforth, I concede nothing to feminism. Excerpt:

'Analysis: Well, look. If we're really going to let science be our guide in this matter, the first thing we have to admit is that reindeer don't fly, let alone haul a jolly fat elf around in an airborne sleigh. And if we start down that slippery slope, there's only one conclusion we can possibly reach: Santa Claus doesn't exist. That way lies madness.

But there's a loophole.

...

The experts go on to explain that some younger bulls, depending upon hereditary and environmental factors, may keep their antlers well into spring — even as late as April.

So it is plausible to suppose that if, for the sake of argument, there were a Santa Claus, and if, for the sake of argument, he did circumnavigate the globe in a reindeer-powered sleigh every December 25th, then at least some of those reindeer — including one in particular with a shiny, red nose — could be males.

Chalk one up for tradition, if just barely.'

'Community Rewards Healthy Masculinity'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Thursday evening, December 12, 2013, Chad Borgen hoisted the first Healthy Man Beard Competition Trophy, donated by U.P. Laser Engraving, as the Copper Country Grand Champion.

The event was hosted to help bring awareness to the staggering extent and impact of violence against women, and to focus community attention on the transformative roles that men play in stopping this violence. According to the World Health Organization, one in three women (35.6 percent) experience sexual or physical violence worldwide, much of which occurs from their intimate partner. It is important to remember that most men are not violent; however, if this global epidemic is to ever be reduced or eliminated, it will require men to model and demonstrate healthy masculinity by stepping up, actively engaging issues of violence, and deeming it unacceptable in our society. It is not enough just to be a healthy man; earning this distinction requires courage and strength of character to stand up for others.'

In the U.K., Male Teachers Are Teaching Schoolboys the Art of Wooing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the Telegraph, schoolboys in parts of England have no positive male mentors and watch too much porn, and therefore, have no idea how to court a lady. To address the problem, school administrators have begun to implement a curriculum that sounds like a Dickensian version of Hitch meets Rodger Dodger.

"Young men have a skewed view of what a relationship is like because of the easy access to pornography. It's about improving self-esteem and helping them to grow up to be decent men," one administrator told the Telegraph.
...
But wait, who has mentored these mentors! Is a female teacher going to weigh in? This could all be a little blind-leading-the-blind here, if these schools aren't careful. Among those life skills already deemed crucial for the curriculum, we'd like to add the following: how to plan a date without a million texts back and forth, the proper time to play Sade during the seduction process, why you should wear deodorant, why calling your mom eight times a day is not a sexy quality, etc.'

Prisoner's sister seeks signatures for petition to allow him to see dying daughter

Matt · 19 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Excerpt:

'My name is Jasmin Iglesia, sister of inmate #18498280 Junior Manuel Iglesias located at Wilaccy County Texas, Facility #278580, 1800 Industrial Drive, Raymondville, TX 78580. I launched this campaign on the behalf of my two nieces who need their dad during this family emergency. My brother Junior Manuel Iglesias has been held in Texas for over 5 years, 1,938 miles away from his daughters and family. He has yet to receive any visitation due to the distance and his families struggle because of their separation.

On Tuesday, November 19th, 2013 at approximately 9am his youngest daughter Yasmelin Iglesias, 16, was hit and ran over by a speeding van. Yasmelin received severe and critical injuries to her liver, brain, and lungs. She is now in ICU at a Nassau County hospital in New York. Every day since then has been a fighting struggle for her to stay with us, our prayers are the only thing we have to hold us up. Her father Junior, is in extreme emotional disbelief and pain, all he wants is the chance to hold is daughter's hand at this time.

Our family has tried to contact Willacy County Correctional Institution but have yet to make progress in moving forward with his Emergency Furlough. We ask that you help us approve his application and allow him to see his daughter during this fragile time. ...

My niece Yasmelin is unresponsive, but we feel as if her dad was to whisper in her ear she will come home to us. Their connection and love for one another is one that few have ever seen. We ask that you find it in your hearts to allow a father and a daughter to be together for what might be the final time.'

UK: Father climbs shopping centre in protest

Matt · 19 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Originally, this story was found here. But now mysteriously, it has vanished! It is not even in the Google cache indexed to the published URL. However it looks like it was snagged by at least one scrapers before it was pulled. Part of it can still be seen here. Bots and scrapers: The web's #1 defense against post-facto imposed- and self-censorship alike!

'A TUNBRIDGE Wells dad caused a stir this afternoon when he appeared on the top of a shopping centre.

Father-of-one Marcus Riley, of Rusthall, was protesting for the right to see his one-year-old daughter, Lacie.

Dressed as Father Christmas and waving a 'Fathers for Justice' banner, he scaled Royal Victoria Place's multi-storey carpark at 11:50 this morning.

At midday, he appeared on the roof at the entrance opposite coffee shop Pret A Manger.

During his demonstration, a woman stood in the road...'

SAVE E-lert: The Blithe Dishonesty of the Avon Foundation for Women

Matt · 20 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

To reduce domestic violence, we need to tell the truth about domestic violence.

Unfortunately, some Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)-funded DV organizations don't share this opinion. Or they are clueless.

One example is Avon Foundation. They claim that 85% of DV victims are female, even though the CDC National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey found that more men are victims of physical partner abuse than women.

The time has come to end the misinformation.

We have been polite long enough. Starting next year, when we see a lie, we'll call it a lie.

Help us expose the liars. Please make a tax-deductible donation HERE.

On behalf of the truth, thank you.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Please lodge anti-circumcision replies with the U.S. State Dept re PEPFAR -- deadline is 23 December 2013

Minuteman · 20 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

This is a response to the document "Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals: PEPFAR Program Expenditures" [Form Number: DS-4213, OMB Control Number: 1405-0208].

Due to a past lack of oversight by the CDC, the State Department is proposing to require recipients of PEPFAR funds to account for expenditures by program area. This response is in agreement with this requirement, also highlighting the lack of oversight and free-spending culture of the NIH at the time of sponsoring the circumcision trials in Africa, the adverse affects of funding circumcision in Africa (coercion of men and boys to be circumcised, misdirection of scarce medical resources from higher priority health areas), and continuing problems within the CDC raising questions about the capability of the organisation to oversee the activities of grantees inrecipients of federal funds.

The deadline for submissions is 23 December 2013.

This submission can be made by anybody from any country around the world.

Instructions:

Download and save the document from the following link (Click 'Download'):

http://www.2shared.com/document/xwCdzmSf/OMB_1405-0208_rev3.html

Go to the following regulations.gov submission page:

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Click 'Choose files' to upload the saved document from your harddisk. Optionally, fill in the name fields. Click 'Continue'. On the preview screen click the checkbox next to 'I read and understand the statement above'. Click 'Submit'.

In case anyone experiences problems with the above 2shared link, the full-text of the response document is below, which you can copy/paste into the wordprocessor of your choice and upload to regulations.gov:

Response to “PEPFAR Program Expenditures” [Form Number: DS-4213, OMB Control Number: 1405-0208]

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to “PEPFAR Program Expenditures” [Form Number: DS-4213, OMB Control Number: 1405-0208]. This response document will briefly address concerns about the ethical, legal and methodological flaws with past research informing aspects of present PEPFAR program areas; concerns about adverse consequences of PEPFAR program areas; and concerns about the absence of oversight of the activities of PEPFAR funding recipients.

Ethical, Legal and Methodological Flaws with Past Research informing present PEPFAR Program Areas

In 2011 and 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General [OIG] published a series of audit reports revealing that throughout fiscal years 2000-2010, the National Institute of Allergy and Infections Diseases [NIAID], did not comply with the time and amount requirements specified in appropriations statutes, in awarding several federal contracts to commercial partners, committing the federal government to tens of millions of dollars of expenditure ahead of appropriation of funds from Congress (OIG 2011a; OIG 2011b; OIG 2011c; OIG 2011d; OIG 2012a; OIG 2012b). During this time, NIAID also funded and sponsored research conducted abroad, that would be unlikely to receive ethical approval to be conducted in the United States, incorporating the excision of healthy tissue from subjects in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical

indication, specifically ClinicalTrials.gov registered trials NCT00059371 and NCT00425984 ['the African circumcision trials'] (NIH 2008; NIH 2007), the methodology, conclusions, ethics and legality of which have been questioned in the professional medical literature (Boyle & Hill 2011; Green et al 2010). In the years following publication of the African circumcision trials, regulatory agencies under the aegis of the Department of Health and Human Services have moved to strengthen protections afforded human research subjects and to increase the rigor with which trials conducted abroad are assessed as a basis for seeking approval of new drugs and medical devices in the U.S. market (FDA 2012; OHRP 2011), although concerns continue to be raised about the capability of National Institutes of Health [NIH] Data and Safety Monitoring Boards to ensure the safety of study subjects and validity and integrity of the data for clinical trials (OIG 2013a).

Adverse Consequences of PEPFAR Program Funding Areas

Despite the concerns identified above, the results of the African circumcision trials continue to be used to justify the en masse circumcision of men in Africa using PEPFAR funds and to justify the circumcision of boys and male infants - both in the United States and abroad - in the absence of clear and present immediate medical indications, and in the latter instance, with the tacit endorsement of U.S. government agencies in receipt of PEPFAR program funding (CDC 2011; Llewellyn 2012). In the wake of PEPFAR funding for mass circumcision programs in Africa, human rights organisations and local media in the region have reported coercion of men and boys to be circumcised (AFP 2012; Ahlberg & Njoroge 2013; Aluru 2013; Amnesty International 2013; Chibaya 2013a; Chibaya 2013b; Chirombo 2013; Dube 2012; Echwala 2013; Handable 2013; Hatyoka 2013; Langa 2012; Layoo 2013; Mbanje 2013; Mhlanga 2012; News24 2013; Ngwega 2012; Okwii 2013; Onyango 2012; Otieno 2013; Towindo 2012) and misdirection of limited medical resources from other priority areas to male circumcision (AHN 2012; Gonzalez 2012; ZimEye 2013).

Absence of Oversight

On the 15 June 2011, the OIG published a report critical of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [CDC's] failure to oversee recipientss use of PEPFAR funds, concluding that the “lack of required documentation demonstrates that CDC has not exercised proper stewardship over Federal PEPFAR funds because it did not consistently follow departmental and other Federal requirements in monitoring PEPFAR recipients” (OIG 2011e). Further investigations by the OIG have also revealed specific failures of the CDC to monitor recipients use of PEPFAR funds in Namibia (OIG 2013c; OIG 2013d) and South Africa (OIG 2013b; OIG 2013e; OIG 2013f; OIG 2013g). In 2013, the OIG also published a report critical of the CDC's failure to oversee use of PEPFAR funds by the Vietnam Administration for HIV/AIDS Control (OIG 2013h), suggesting the possibility that more systemic problems may exist within the CDC, impacting the agency's ability to effectively oversee the activities of grantees in receipt of federal funds, and that this is not specific to difficulty with oversight of grantees in the African region.

Conclusion

Valid concerns exist about the ethical, legal and methodological flaws with past research informing aspects of present PEPFAR program areas; adverse consequences of PEPFAR program areas; and the absence of oversight of the activities of PEPFAR funding recipients. It is therefore imperative that full and complete disclosure and oversight in the proposed information collection activity take precedence over the CDC's and PEPFAR funding recipients' professed concerns for increased regulatory and administrative 'burden'.

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'Serial kissers: what you need to know about babies'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'People are up in arms that an adorable 6-year-old boy was suspended for sexual harassment after kissing a little girl he liked on the hand during reading group.

They say officials at Lincoln School of Science and Technology in Cañon City, Colorado took the discipline of first-grader Hunter Yelton too far even though the youngster admits his guilt.

...

As a society, we must fight nature at all costs and combat should begin before hand-kissing offenders reach the ripe old age of 6.

You've got to start these things young — like just out of the womb young.

Babies are the most dangerous serial kissers on the planet.

Stopping babies from kissing or showing any public or private affection is the only way we can live free of Hunter's brand of sexual harassment.

Nothing and no one is safe from these precious beasts.'

'Mary Poppins', just for sharing

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Every now and then, I turn back to childhood and view a specific sequence of a specific movie: "Mary Poppins". Most people think it is about a magic lady.
Others think it is about women gaining suffrage (the wife in the story). But I have always felt the story comes to an emotional peak in this one sequence.

Sometimes men must learn what values most: their own families. Society expects and demands of men so much and many of my brothers let their lives pass them by. In this sequence, two men share the important lesson of life.

With that in mind, watch the sequence, note the return of the theme song "Spoonful of Sugar" and the recitative section without the accompaniment. Most of all, just watch the face of the father; the acting is perfection.

NPO: What Does Newtown Teach Us About Fatherhood? Last Year's Lesson Re-Learned

Matt · 21 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last year December, Ned Holstein wrote about the Newtown tragedy and Adam Lanza. With the continuing discussion and anniversary, we are running his article again. His points about fatherhood and family law reform remain pertinent to the discussion.

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After our tears dry for the twenty little darlings and seven others who were mowed down by Adam Lanza, we begin to ask “Why?”

There is always a dominant narrative to explain the unthinkable. Now it is mostly about the absence of effective gun controls, or about mental illness. Or, we hear about the effects of violence on television and video games.

We don’t hear about the effects of fatherlessness, especially on young men. We don’t hear that the most reliable predictor of crime is neither poverty nor race but growing up fatherless. We don’t hear that a large majority of violent criminals were fatherless. We don’t even hear that young male elephants go on violent rampages unless they are kept in line by the old bulls. ...'

Math and science scores in highly feminist-influenced countries

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This article shows the countries that score the hightest in math and science. Notice that so few -- hardly any -- are steeped in feminism. These are countries that value their men. Meanwhile, in the US, Sweden, Norway and so on, where they are no longer teaching rigorous math, where they are no longer teaching physics, where they are asking boys to study knitting, where they are devaluing the male gender... technology scores are dropping. I wonder if there is a connection? Countries that devalue men are fast losing their competitive edge. Excerpt:

'TOKYO -- The OECD's latest international student assessment shows that Asia continues to have some of the highest scoring students in the world when it comes to reading, mathematics and science.

Students in Shanghai topped all three rankings, while those in Hong Kong and Singapore ranked either second or third in each of the three categories, according to results of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's 2012 Program for International Student Assessment, which was released Tuesday.'

Washington Post's 'Fact Checker' takes Eric Holder to task

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From SAVE:

We've found the domestic violence industry is riddled with a nearly endless assortment of half-truths, misleading claims, and outright falsehoods. See http://www.saveservices.org/camp/truth/

On Dec. 18, the Washington Post's Fact Checker Glenn Kessler reported that this claim by AG Eric Holder can now be consigned to the dustbin of "damned lies:"

“Disturbingly, intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African American women ages 15 to 45.”

In 2014, SAVE will be working to expose many more of these "noble lies."

Barbara Kay: Battered women should not get away with statutory murder

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a just-published book, Defending Battered Women on Trial, University of Ottawa law professor Elizabeth Sheehy argues that chronically battered women should have a “statutory escape hatch” if they kill their male abusers pre-emptively rather than “live in anticipatory dread and hypervigilance.”

That is, battered women should be allowed to get away with statutory murder — killing their abuser not in spontaneous self-defence during a crisis, say, but premeditatedly killing the man in his sleep, an action that would incur a murder charge for anyone else. A number of sympathetic Canadian courts have already exonerated such women de facto. Sheehy would like the practice to be entrenched de jure.

Sheehy not only approves of battered women taking matters into their own hands, she believes we should be “grateful” to them for ensuring they never harm any woman again. To those who argue that battered women should leave their abusers rather than kill them, Sheehy claims the women have no recourse, as full shelters often turn them away and police don’t take their complaints seriously. Many observers query such assertions, but if true, the answer is to improve services, not declare open season on men.'

‘Sexism’ charges prove bogus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is Harvard Law School — that liberal Utopia and bastion of political correctness — sexist?

A group of feminist students and alumni thinks so.

In a short film available online, a group calling itself the “Shatter the Ceiling” coalition claims that Harvard Law’s competitive climate is “hostile to women.”

“Hostile?” Maybe. But sexist or hostile to women, in particular? Please.

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When I was at HLS in the early 1990s, enormous classes and campus political polarization contributed to a feeling of alienation among male and female students alike. Students were intellectually challenged, but unhappy.

Then came Dean Elena Kagan (now on the U.S. Supreme Court), and much of what made Harvard Law so miserable began to change.

Kagan reduced class size, modernized the curriculum, and dramatically upgraded the infrastructure. Most important, she personally hosted numerous community-building events and made scholars and students of all political perspectives feel welcome. Students were happier.

But although Kagan did much to improve morale, she did not sacrifice rigor. HLS remains a grind. It probably always will be.

Enter “Shatter the Ceiling” and its charges that HLS oppresses women.'

Pakistan: Yes, men face gender discrimination too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With feministic values seeping into the core of our society, unconstitutional ‘family only’ areas, no recognition of domestic violence against men and reserved seats for women in the assemblies, Pakistan seems to be a feminist’s dream.

Out of the total 269 elected National Assembly seats, only eight are occupied by women. Yet, 68 women sit in the assembly, thanks to the 60 seats reserved for women. The oft-cited reason for this quota is to ensure that the assemblies, both national and provincial, represent the actual population of the country.

... A 2006 study by the University of Florida, one of the first to include psychological abuse in their findings, revealed that “women are more likely than men to stalk, attack and psychologically abuse their partners”. While this may not entirely be true in Pakistan, where an overwhelming majority of domestic violence victims are indeed women, it is not uncommon for men in the country to suffer from domestic violence too.

Despite this, the recent Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Bill passed in Sindh focuses only on women, failing to discuss, let alone deter, domestic violence against men.

‘Family only’ signs are common throughout the country, especially in shops, restaurants and parks. These signs are often interpreted as ‘accompanied by women’. While a group of men will be denied access to such places, a group of women will not be treated in a similar manner.

Gender discrimination is fast becoming the norm in Pakistan and if not checked, accepted sexism might soon become expected sexism. Discrimination is not the answer to inequality, it is the cause. Empower women and give them equality and respect but sexism in all shapes and forms is wrong, whether it targets men or women.'

European Central Bank fails to attract enough female applicants to fill own quota

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The European Central Bank is struggling to attract enough women to meet its self-imposed quotas for female staff in the first round of a hiring spree as it prepares to take on supervision of the continent's largest banks next year.

The central bank has so far confirmed Daniele Nouy, previously in charge of France's prudential supervisor, as the head of its Single Supervisory Mechanism.

But applications from women in the first round of hiring have fallen short of the ECB's own targets for other senior and middle management positions, according to an official familiar with the hiring process, who did not specify by how much. Around 100 jobs have so far been advertised and have closed to new applications.'

Circumcision Failure Leads To Lawsuit: Botched Bris Caused 'Catastrophic' Injury

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Pennsylvania rabbi has been sued by the parents of the baby boy he circumcised on April 28 in a botched ceremony that caused a "catastrophic and life-changing injury," reports Trib Total Media. Rabbi Mordechai Rosenberg, an Orthodox mohel, or ritual circumciser, acted "with a total disregard" for the child, alleges the civil lawsuit brought by parents identified only by their initials, in order to protect the identity of their son.

Attorney Neil Rosen called the accident "unimaginable" but declined to elaborate on the nature of the injury. However, the baby was rushed to a Children's Hospital for "emergency reconstructive surgery and leech therapy," according to the lawsuit. Clinical pharmacist Carrie Sorenson told Trib Total Media that "leeches help a body accept reattached parts by promoting blood flow and tissue regeneration." The infant required several follow-up visits to the hospital.'

Some UNLV faculty women say campus is stuck in 'Mad Men' days

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women and minorities have been overlooked and underpromoted by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, according to a letter written by eight faculty members who call for the return of former UNLV president Carol Harter as acting president because of her willingness to address these issues.
...
The letter noted Harter's "demonstrated commitment to forwarding the interests of women and other groups on campus whom we strongly believe have been largely overlooked in recent years, despite their increasing prominence in our student body and the larger community we serve."

Fifty-five percent of UNLV's students are women and 47 percent are minorities.

The letter stated that while the university has been designated a Minority-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education, it has no ethnic studies department and the Afro-American Studies Program has been placed on hold. Though the majority of students are women, the women's studies department lost departmental status in 2011 and two of four faculty positions were eliminated.

"As or more importantly," the letter states, "the university has arguably lost rather than gained ground when it comes to hiring, retaining, and promoting faculty and administrators from traditionally under-represented groups and to achieving parity in pay when it comes to staff and faculty."'

Colorado school board member stands by castration remarks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A member of a rural Colorado school board isn't backing down from her comments at a recent meeting suggesting that transgendered boys should be castrated if they want to use the girls' restroom.

"I'm taking a stand," Delta School District 50J board member Kathy Svenson is reported as saying by the Denver Post. "It will not happen here without a change in plumbing."

Colorado made headlines several months ago when the state Civil Rights Division ruled that students could use the restroom for whichever gender they identified with. The ruling was in the case of a 6-year-old who was born a male but who identifies as female.

The Post reported that Svenson doesn't believe in homosexuality or people who are transgender, saying they're just confused. She told the Western Slope Watchdog website that she is more interested in protecting girls than in accommodating transgender students.'

Should false rape accusers be sued?

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Eighty years -- that's about how long it took the state of Alabama to posthumously pardon the last three of nine men who were falsely accused and wrongly convicted of raping two white women on a train. They infamously were called the Scottsboro Boys, because the nine black men were just 12- to 19-years-old when they were arrested in 1931.

It turned out that the women, Ruby Bates and Victoria Price, had lied to police about the rapes. At one of the trials, Bates recanted her testimony, saying she had made it all up. Still, the all-white jury convicted the boys, one after another.

Forty-three years later, a similar story: This time it was Delbert Tibbs, who died recently of cancer. Tibbs spent nearly three years in prison in Florida after he was convicted in 1974 of a rape and murder that he had nothing to do with, according to the Florida Supreme Court.

Ancient history, you say? We've moved past those shameful days of unequal justice, you insist. Think again.

In 2012, according to the FBI, nearly 87,000 "forcible rapes" were reported. That's down 7% from the number of rapes reported in 2008. Law enforcement agencies estimate that the number of false rape accusations ranges from 2% to 8% annually, or between 2,000 and 7,000 cases each year.
...
It seems more men who insist they have been falsely accused of rape are trying a new tactic: suing their accusers in civil court, mostly for defamation. They are seeking to repair their ruined lives, save their careers and clear their names. Make no mistake, I could never defend men who rape and believe even harsher penalties are needed for rapists. But I can understand why some men are opting to fight back. And I even agree with this strategy in some cases.

TechCrunch founder Michael Arrington is fighting back. Arrington is suing his ex-girlfriend, Jennifer Allen, after she accused him in 2012 on Facebook and Twitter posts of physically abusing her and raping one of her friends (who later denied this). The case is pending.'

Woman who made false rape claim receives probation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Counseling requirements were included in the sentence a Mattoon woman received after she admitted making a false claim of being raped in Douglas County in October.

The counseling evaluation was one of the terms of the two-year probation sentence that Kimberly M. Binnion received for pleading guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct.

Binnion, 32, first claimed she was raped by a man after she picked him up while he was hitchhiking in a rural location between Mattoon and Arcola on Oct. 12, according to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

During the following week, the sheriff's office announced that investigation didn't support the her claims and she then admitted that she made the false report. Binnion was then charged with disorderly conduct, a felony offense, for allegedly making the false report of the crime.

With the terms of her probation, Binnion will have to undergo an evaluation to determine if counseling is necessary and follow the evaluation's recommendation. The sentence also included about two months in jail with day-for-day reductions possible.'

U of Maryland: Conduct evidence standard to remain

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'For most conduct code violations, the burden of proof falls to the plaintiff, who must offer “clear and convincing” proof of guilt. Sexual misconduct cases require a preponderance of the evidence for action, meaning “it is more likely than not that the incident occurred,” according to the committee.

The preponderance of evidence standard was introduced in 2011, after the federal Education Department’s Office of Civil Rights circulated a “Dear Colleague” letter asking universities receiving federal funds to do so. The 19-page letter said the human consequences of sexual assaults and their tendency to be “vastly under-reported” meant such cases should be treated differently.

“It was basically a federal mandate,” said Andrea Goodwin, director of the Office of Student Conduct. “You do it, or you risk losing federal funding.”

...

Rutgers University, Indiana University, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Michigan, Goodwin found, use preponderance standards for cases of sexual violence and violence against women and another standard for other infractions. More than half of the schools in the conference use a preponderance standard for all cases.'

An Education in College Justice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Both were underclassmen at Alabama's Auburn University when a common acquaintance introduced them. "We instantly became attached at the hip and did everything together," she recalled six months later. "I rather quickly moved into his place. . . . Everything was great until pretty much June 29."

That night, an intimate encounter in Mr. Strange's bed went wrong. She called police, who detained him for questioning. She said she had awakened to find him forcing himself on her; he said the sexual activity was consensual and initiated by her. There was no dispute as to the physical acts involved.
...
But the relationship soon disintegrated. Phone records show their communications ended in mid-August. In early September he was arrested again after she told police that two days earlier he had confronted her in a public place and struck her. He flatly denied it, saying he was 15 miles away at the time. This time she did press charges, for misdemeanor simple assault as well as for felony forcible sodomy in the June 29 incident.

Mr. Strange was cleared on both counts. On Feb. 3, 2012, a grand jury handed up a "no bill" indictment on the sodomy charge, meaning the evidence was insufficient to establish probable cause for prosecution. On May 24, when the simple-assault case went to trial, the accuser didn't show up. "I don't have a witness to go forward with, your honor," said city attorney Michael Short. Case dismissed.

So Mr. Strange got his day in court and was treated fairly. But he had already been punished for the unproven crimes. Auburn expelled him after a campus tribunal found him "responsible" for committing the catchall offense of "sexual assault and/or sexual harassment." A letter from Melvin Owens, head of the campus police, explained that expulsion is a life sentence. If Mr. Strange ever sets foot on Auburn property, he will be "arrested for Criminal Trespass Third," Mr. Owens warned.'

Alan Turing Pardoned: Man's Inhumanity To Other Men

redwoodwriter · 24 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Since when do women chemically castrate lesbians? Why are men so cruel to other men, especially those who don't fall into line with the traditional husband-supporting-a-woman arrangement? Excerpt:

'Dr Turing, who played a pivotal role in breaking the Enigma code, arguably shortening the war by at least two years, was chemically castrated following his conviction in 1952.

His conviction for "gross indecency" led to the removal of his security clearance and meant he was no longer able to work for Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) where he had continued to work following his service at Bletchley Park during the war.

Dr Turing, who died aged 41 in 1954 and is often described as the father of modern computing, has been granted a pardon - effective from today - under the Royal Prerogative of Mercy by the Queen following a request from Justice Secretary Chris Grayling.

He said: "Dr Alan Turing was an exceptional man with a brilliant mind. His brilliance was put into practice at Bletchley Park during the Second World War where he was pivotal to breaking the Enigma code, helping to end the war and save thousands of lives.
...
Iain Stewart, Conservative MP for Milton Keynes South, who was involved in the campaign to secure a royal pardon, said it was a "just reward for a man who was stripped of his honour, his work and the loyalty he showed his nation".'

Thirty circumcision deaths so far in Eastern Cape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Eastern Cape government has called an emergency meeting after 30 initiates were killed in the summer initiation season so far.

Eastern Cape government revealed on Monday that 30 initiates died in the province since the start of the summer initiation season.

Now the provincial government is calling on the police and the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) to prioritise the cases that have to do with the abuse and deaths of initiates at initiation schools.

On Monday, MECs of several departments – including those for local government, health, safety and liaison, social development, provincial police and members of Eastern Cape's house of traditional leaders – held an urgent meeting to discuss how to deal with the death of initiates in initiations schools in the province.'

Botched circumcision allegations against Quebec doctor grow

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Montreal doctor accused of botching more than 30 infant circumcisions is facing another complaint about his medical conduct.

The investigative unit with Quebec's Collège des Médecins has already filed a complaint against the family doctor, documenting 31 cases in which boys who underwent circumcisions performed by Dr. Raymond Rezaie required corrective surgery.

The dates of the cases in that complaint range from July 2010 to October 2013. The matter is now before before the college's disciplinary council.'

Young Israeli Woman Puts Forward A Circumcision Without Surgeon Solution To Curb The Flow Of AIDS In Africa

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The ongoing problem of the AIDS epidemic, which these days are centralized mostly around the African continent, is one that is of concern to millions.
While considerable strides have been made in finding a medical solution for at least curtailing the spread of AIDS, Tzameret Fuerst and her co-founders at Circ MedTech have followed an initiative instituted by the World Health Organization two years ago.

An initiative that recommended that if circumcision of males could be carried out inexpensively and effectively it would dramatically reduce the risk of being affected by the HIV/AIDS virus.

From that point onwards considerable research resources at Circ MedTech were extended to finding an inexpensive but highly effective device that would allow the male circumcision process to be carried out without the usual extensive loss of blood that typically occurs in such a situation.

The result of their research led to the development of PrePex, a simple medical device that allows male circumcision to be performed without a knife or a scalpel, or the need for any form of local anesthetic or for a physician to be present during the procedure.'

Bill Gates and the science of global health

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Bill Gates makes big – $1.4-billion to date – donations to the Global Fund, the worldwide effort to combat and eradicate the triple scourge of HIV-AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. Results have been remarkable. The Global Fund, operating in more than 140 countries, has 6.1 million people on antiretroviraltherapy for AIDS, has treated 11.2 million people for TB, and distributed 360 million insecticide-treated nets to protect families against malaria. But it's about far more than money and numbers.

...

"HIV is our toughest because we still have a lot of people who got HIV in the past who will progress to needing treatment. In the case of HIV a lot of the money goes to increase the number of people on treatment which avoids deaths. A fair bit of the money goes to HIV prevention, like scaling up circumcision and that will bring the numbers down. You know, we do have behavioural change … where we need to convince people not to do risky things, convince them to use condoms."'

Woman Tried to Frame Hubby in Horrendous Scheme Involving Child Porn

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman in Pennsylvania who tried to frame her husband after she put explicit images of children on a computer has been arrested for the shocking crime.

State police arrested 42-year-old Meri Jane Woods, of Cherry Hill Township, while charging the western Pennsylvania woman with uploading explicit images involving children and also other material considered child pornography on a computer in an attempt to frame her estranged husband.

Records available online did not list and attorney for Woods and there was not a listed home phone number either.

Troopers from Indiana, Pa. say she started the investigation when she came to their barracks on Aug. 14 to report her husband sexually abused children and put images of same on their home computer, as reported by AP.

Police investigated and determined the images were put on the computer Aug. 11 but that Woods' husband left the residence July 23.

Woods is facing several charges including a felony count of sexual abuse of children related to the possession of child pornography as well as 40 counts of lying about alleged abuse incidents involving her husband.

This is not the only recent attempt of a wife trying to frame her estranged husband. A woman in Iowa was recently arrested and charged with trying to frame her husband with a gun.'

Female [athlete] participant numbers grow as Pennsylvania [school] officials wrestle with change

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Melissa Mertz, Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association associate executive director, said the courts determined in 1975 that the PIAA could not prohibit girls from participating in boys sports or boys from participating in girls sports. Also, Title IX from 1972 states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance," which includes athletic programs.

However, in early September, Commonwealth Court Judge Kevin Brobson ruled the PIAA can adopt a policy that bans boys from girls' teams, essentially reversing the 40-year ruling that allowed boys to compete against girls under the Pennsylvania Equal Rights Amendment.

Mertz said a survey of PIAA membership showed strong support of limiting boys on girls teams, but there has not been much discussion in limiting girls on boys teams.'

Female Integration into Combat Roles Could Harm National Security

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Article here. Excerpt:

'However, critics of the initiative say it comes with social and health costs that are counterproductive. And they say they are deeply skeptical of claims by military leaders that standards will not be altered.

“The Pentagon and the White House see this as being about equal opportunity—it’s not about that,” said retired Army Lt. Col. Robert Maginnis, author of the book Deadly Consequences: How Cowards Are Pushing Women into Combat, in an interview. “What kind of nation pushes its young women into direct ground combat? A nation that is willing to compromise security even more and a nation that will not survive in the long term.”
...
“If we do decide that a particular standard is so high that a woman couldn’t make it, the burden is now on the service to come back and explain to the secretary, why is it that high?” Dempsey said in January. “Does it really have to be that high?”
...
“The use of the term ‘gender-neutral physical standards’ raises questions depending on how it is defined,” the memo said. “A plain reading of the term suggests that men and women would be required to meet the same physical standards in order to be similarly assigned.”

“However, in the past, the services have used this and similar terms to suggest that men and women must exert the same amount of energy in a particular task, regardless of the work that is actually accomplished by either.”

A report released last month by the Center for Military Readiness (CMR) notes that the Marine Corps’ implementation plan for women in combat includes similar criteria. Scores for men and women on the Physical Fitness Test (PFT) and Combat Fitness Test (CFT) were “gender-normed” in 2009 in order to “account for physiological differences between genders,” according to footnotes in the plan.

For example, women receive higher scores on the CFT “Maneuver Under Fire” event—previously pass-fail—for completing it in the same time as men. A male trainee would earn the minimum of 60 points for completing it in 3 minutes and 58 seconds, while a female would earn 88 points for completing it in the same time.

As a result, a male would fail the CFT by accruing 189 points or less on three “gender-normed” exercises, while a woman with the same performances would earn a total of 247 points and qualify for the second-highest rating class.

“It is a way—whether deliberate or not—it is a way to give credit to women at a different rate than men,” said Elaine Donnelly, CMR president and former member of the Presidential Commission on the Assignment of Women in the Armed Forces, in an interview. “The problem is there is no ‘gender-norming’ on the battlefield. There is no ‘gender-norming’ when someone is in a burning vehicle.”
...
Maginnis added that female soldiers typically get promoted at equal or faster rates than men and are proficient in many positions. He is concerned about the small percentage in actual combat scenarios, he said.

“I’m only talking about the ‘tip of the spear,’ the people that are actually doing the killing,” he said. “If you are going to compromise those who are actually doing the jobs for political correctness, you could care less about the security of this country.”'

The Case for Female SEALs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So if the barrier to integrating women into the infantry isn't a physical one then what is it?

It's cultural. And that's why the infantry may not be the best place to start in military gender integration. Instead, as counterintuitive as it might sound, the military should begin with its Special Operations Forces: elite units such as the Green Berets and SEALs. Although not the obvious move, starting here would likely make for a smoother transition over all.

The infantry, our nation's foot soldiers, exist in a hyper-masculine culture, awash with 19-year old riflemen, "grunts" as they call themselves. For what the infantry does—combat at close quarters—that type of hyper-masculinity works. It creates an unshakable determination to accomplish the mission and to protect your friends. When fighting house-to-house in Fallujah, or valley-to-valley in Kunar Province, technology counts for very little. Culture counts for everything. That doesn't mean it can't be altered to accept women, but it will be different. Not better, not worse, but different.

So how do you responsibly alter the culture so women are accepted and the force remains effective?
...
If the military were to integrate elite formations such as the SEALs, Marine Special Operations and Army Special Forces, a few highly capable women in those communities would provide cultural proof that females can hang with "the toughest of the tough."

Instead of being dropped into the less nuanced and hyper-masculine infantry culture, these women would prove their mettle operating in a more liberal and flexible special operations culture—and one with more cachet when it comes to convincing infantrymen of their tactical prowess. Once their contributions have been made and seen, some 19-year-old grunt in the 2d Marine Division will have a hard time rationalizing how he's tougher than a female Captain whose seen active service as a Team Leader with 7th Special Forces Group.'

Merry Christmas from MANN

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For those who mark this day, MANN says "Merry Christmas!". And for those who don't, have a great day anyway!

If you are apart from loved ones, especially all you dads (and a few moms, too) out there separated from kids or your families in general due to divorce, work, or military service, an extra helping of good vibes your way.

Prof Urges White Male Students to Commit Suicide During Class

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"If you are a white male, you don't deserve to live. You are a cancer, you're a disease, white 'males have never contributed anything positive to the world! They only murder, exploit and oppress non-whites! At least a white woman can have sex with a black man and make a brown baby but what can a white male do? He's good for nothing. Slavery, genocides against aboriginal peoples and massive land confiscation, the inquisition, the holocaust, white males are all to blame! You maintain your white male privilege only by oppressing, discriminating against and enslaving others!" Professor Noel Ignatiev *[link added]*, a tenured professor at Massachusetts College loudly proclaimed to his class last Monday, his final teaching day before retirement.
...
Ivan Fernando: All whites, or just white males should commit suicide?

Prof. Ignatiev: Obviously, all whites need to be destroyed, but why not start with white males? They are behind most of history's greatest atrocities. Besides, some of the brothers like to bang white women. Eventually white women can breed out, but my feeling is that if you are a white male, you should kill yourself now. If you are a thoughtful person, with a social consciousness who considers himself white, you will consider suicide. It's the right thing to do. Let me read you an e-mail that I received today from a xenophobic white-supremacist.'

University Student Defends "White Male Lynching Art Project"

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Article here.

'An African American art student at Sacramento State University, Christina Edwards, is defending her art project, which features two white males dangling from a tree with nooses around their necks.

"The purpose of this performance was to bring to light social injustices and the issue of inequality that impact me and my community as a whole," Edwards said. The student used real men in her project, which divided opinions among fellow students.'

Councilwoman's comments on sexism stir up opinions in Hamilton

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Hamilton councilwoman's comments about sexism at Tuesday's meeting have some politicians explaining, and one resident calling for her resignation.

While voting in favor of a salary ordinance that included a raise for newly elected Mayor Kelly Yaede, Councilwoman Ileana Schirmer said individuals who opposed the increase may be chauvinists because the mayor is a woman.

"When the previous mayor was there, Councilman Meara voted to give that mayor a raise, and then all that junk happened, and they rescinded it, rightfully so. If you go to the council meeting, you can see a pattern; everything the mayor proposes, Councilman Meara goes against," Schirmer said Wednesday.
...
The councilman said he is not opposed to pay increase ordinances, but that he didn't vote for this one because Yaede is newly elected and it is not during the budget process.

"She did it in the week before Christmas when no one is paying attention. For Bencivengo's, we did this in March, during the budget process," Meara said.

Former Councilman Vincent Capodanno, who was not in attendance for the comments but heard about them at a later date, is calling for Schirmer to either apologize or resign.

"She needs to apologize to the men of this town. It's a disturbing remark from someone who is supposed to respect all genders and all races. If that was me calling someone a feminist for questioning a male's pay increase, I would hear all about it," Capodanno said.'

French firms warned of fines for not complying with gender equality laws

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The French government has warned 500 companies they face fines for failing to comply with gender equality laws.

Women's rights minister Najat Vallaud-Belkacem said the firms had been given an ultimatum to comply with anti-discrimination legislation dating back several years, but were still dragging their heels.

She said five companies were already being fined "penalties of several million euros for each month … until they bring themselves in line with the law".

"It is no longer a virtual sword of Damocles hanging over the heads of enterprises, but a real one. Suddenly the companies are sending us their professional equality plans. More than 4,000 have done so since January," Vallaud-Belkacem told Europe 1 television.

"But to be efficient, it [the legislation] has to be dissuasive and above all plausible," the minister, who has said that fining businesses who break the law is a "last resort".

French companies employing more than 50 people have been required to move towards equality in both seniority and salary since 2010, but many paid lip-service to the principle. However, in January 2012, financial penalties were introduced for non-compliance – legislation that allows the government to fine companies up to 1% of their total wage bill.

The gap between men's and women's salaries in private companies in France is estimated at 27%.'

Complaint alleges gender bias in U. Iowa track job

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'Qualified male candidates were repeatedly passed over for an assistant job in the University of Iowa track program after the athletic department quietly mandated that a woman be hired, a discrimination complaint alleges.

Track and field director Larry Wieczorek joked during the hiring process that then-assistant Mike Scott should consider having a sex change operation to improve his prospects, according to a complaint filed by Scott with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission.

In their quest to hire a woman, administrators rejected a committee's recommendation to offer the job to a highly qualified male candidate and twice rewrote the position description to try to attract female candidates, Scott alleges. After three postings spanning more than one year, the university hired Molly Jones for the position in September.'

Woman stabs fiance over wedding color scheme

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'A Richland County deputies say a 34-year-old woman stabbed her fiance on Christmas Day after they argued over what colors should be used in their wedding.

Investigators say the man was trying to leave a home near Blythewood after the argument when Krysta James attacked him around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Deputies say the man was stabbed in the upper body, but his injuries weren't life threatening.

James is charged with criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature. She remains in jail on a $10,000 bond and it isn't known if she has an attorney.'

Wage gap between men and women almost closed for Millennials

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'Although the main reason the gap has closed is because women are earning more (they have risen by 25 percent over the last three decades), men are also bringing home less.

"This is a big part of the story," Parker says.

From 1980 to 2012, the median hourly wage for men has dropped 4 percent. For younger men, the drop has been 20 percent.

And it is even worse for young men without a college degree, Parker says.

"Young women are more likely to be enrolled in college," Parker says. "They are more likely to be getting bachelor's degrees. They're more likely to be getting many different types of graduate degrees."'

'Men Accused of Campus Rape Claim Title IX Violation, Really?'

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'Nicole Colby Longton, an attorney who represented a student who sued Holy Cross for being accused of sexually assaulting a woman on campus, told Bloomberg News that young men face a “growing risk of being accused” on college campuses.

“One sexual encounter that involves alcohol, and the next thing you know you’re accused and expelled and branded for life,” she said. “Schools are going to push kids to have signed waivers before they have intercourse.”
...
Rape poses a real threat to women on college campuses, and even if these young men are innocent, their claims reveal a desire to maintain a status quo that makes it easy for men to perpetrate crimes and difficult for women to report them. It’s one thing to protest that you were wrongly accused. It’s another to suggest that universities are making it too easy for victims to report crimes and seek justice.'

Female Marines still not required to do pull-ups while males are

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'Females in the Marine Corps currently are not required to do even a single pull-up, and a deadline mandating that by Jan. 1, 2014, they be able to do at least 3 pull-ups as part of their training has been delayed for at least a year, the Corps quietly announced on social media.

Unlike their female counterparts, male Marines have long been required to do at least 3 pullups as part of the Physical Fitness Test (PFT). That's the minimum requirement for males.

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Currently, “women aren’t able to make the minimum standard of three pull-ups,” Marine spokesman Capt. Eric Flanagan told CNSNews.com. Fifty-five percent of female recruits tested at the end of boot camp were unable to do three pull-ups (1 percent of male recruits also failed).

Marine officers told NPR off-the-record that, given the three-pull-ups rule, they were afraid of losing “not only new recruits, but also current female Marines who can’t pass the test.”'

Former Minneapolis mayoral candidate beaten by teen girls during robbery

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'Mark Andrew, 63, was at a Starbucks inside the mall at around 7 p.m. Thursday when a man grabbed his phone off his table and ran off.

When Andrew went after him, he was tackled by two teenage girls – aged 18 and 17 — one of which began beating him with a billy club. During the attack, they told Andrew, “We’re going to kill you,” police say.

Andrew was left with a large gash on his head that required nine stitches. He has since been released from the hospital.
...
The two women who attacked Andrew were arrested and are in custody. The 18-year-old was identified as Letajia Shapree Cutler-Cain, of Brooklyn Park. She is pictured above and is being held pending felony charges of aiding and abetting aggravated robbery.

Police are still searching for the male suspect.'

Camille Paglia: A Feminist Defense of Masculine Virtues

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'What you're seeing is how a civilization commits suicide," says Camille Paglia. This self-described "notorious Amazon feminist" isn't telling anyone to Lean In or asking Why Women Still Can't Have It All. No, her indictment may be as surprising as it is wide-ranging: The military is out of fashion, Americans undervalue manual labor, schools neuter male students, opinion makers deny the biological differences between men and women, and sexiness is dead. And that's just 20 minutes of our three-hour conversation.

When Ms. Paglia, now 66, burst onto the national stage in 1990 with the publishing of "Sexual Personae," she immediately established herself as a feminist who was the scourge of the movement's establishment, a heretic to its orthodoxy. Pick up the 700-page tome, subtitled "Art and Decadence From Nefertiti to Emily Dickinson, " and it's easy to see why. "If civilization had been left in female hands," she wrote, "we would still be living in grass huts."
...
For all of Ms. Paglia's barbs about the women's movement, it seems clear that feminism—at least of the equal-opportunity variety—has triumphed in its basic goals. There is surely a lack of women in the C-Suite and Congress, but you'd be hard-pressed to find a man who would admit that he believes women are less capable. To save feminism as a political movement from irrelevance, Ms. Paglia says, the women's movement should return to its roots. That means abandoning the "nanny state" mentality that led to politically correct speech codes and college disciplinary committees that have come to replace courts. The movement can win converts, she says, but it needs to become a big tent, one "open to stay-at-home moms" and "not just the career woman."'

Boys get cancer, too

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'So far in Canada, P.E.I. is the only province offering free vaccines for boys, with Alberta planning to follow suit in the fall.

Would such a vaccination program be expensive? Yes it would, but there are far greater costs at stake — we're talking about preventing human suffering and, in come cases, death.

This province vaccinates girls, which is important, since HPV causes cervical cancer. But it can also cause genital warts, and anal, penile and throat cancers in boys.

...

The Department of Health told The Telegram recently: "The high uptake of the HPV vaccine among girls has protected approximately 50 per cent of the population, which significantly lowers the possibility of contracting and transmitting the virus between sexes."

That's an awfully narrow view of the world.

What about males who have sex with males? What about males who travel and have sex with females who have not been vaccinated? Our young men are hardly living in a bubble; they can move about, after all.

The policy of vaccinating only girls discriminates against boys on a couple of levels — one, by suggesting that only girls deserve this measure of protection and two, by ignoring the fact that HPV can be transmitted between men.'

Is circumcision a right?

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'For the past two months, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) has been vilified as “anti-Semitic,” “anti-religious” and “insane” and has been accused of promoting “hate and racist trends in Europe ” for adopting, by overwhelming majority, a resolution on children’s right to physical integrity. As the head of the committee that unanimously approved the draft texts in June — after two parliamentary hearings and several committee discussions — I have been saddened by this reaction, much of which has been characterized by bad faith or ignorance about what we said. So I want to set the record straight.

...

The assembly has been criticized for including the circumcision of young boys for religious reasons in a list of violations of the physical integrity of children. Our resolution noted that “supporters of the procedures tend to present [it] as beneficial to the children themselves, despite clear evidence to the contrary.” This list also included female genital mutilation, early childhood medical interventions in the case of intersex children, and the submission to or coercion of children into piercings, tattoos or plastic surgery. All of these interventions permanently alter a child’s body in some form or another, only to very different degrees.

...

It is a basic tenet of human rights law that one right may well conflict with another. The classic case is the right to privacy vs. the right to free speech. Regarding the circumcision of young boys for religious reasons, children’s right to physical integrity conflicts with parents’ right to freedom of religion. As many of its resolutions show, the assembly has been a strong supporter of religious rights. But in this case, when considering the relative weight of the human rights in question, the assembly gave precedence to the rights of children.

...

There is not, and cannot be, a “right” to circumcise young boys. Children are not mini-beings with mini-human rights. By contrast, in an accompanying recommendation, our assembly invited European governments to consider making “children’s right to physical integrity” a continent-wide standard.

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Religious practices deserve the most profound respect — but not when they result in irreversible harm to children.'

Fathers suffer under old domestic violence laws

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'In the 1980s, laws were put into place nationwide to protect women and children from abusive relationships. However, now the laws that once were instituted for the purpose of protecting women and children from abuse have morphed into a giant loophole to allow fraud and gross abuse of power. These laws made no provisions for men or fathers who have been victimized by domestic violence. Domestic violence against men has been largely ignored and has radically increased. Case in point, the murder of Travis Alexander by his ex-girlfriend, Jodi Arias. This "loophole" has allowed vindictive women to use protective orders as a means to falsely report their child/ren's fathers accusing them of some form of domestic violence and/or falsely report allegations of sexual abuse.

Everyday there are good fathers who work hard and sacrifice for their children, yet they are experiencing one of the most tragic and heartbreaking injustices of our time. The mother's hatred for the child's father is far more powerful than the love for their children. This hatred is spiraling out of control in our family courts and thousands of men in our state and hundreds of thousands nationwide are being brought up against false allegations of abuse and losing their children. Family courts are overburdened and women are hell-bent on making sure the fathers of their children never have a relationship with their kids. This in itself is child abuse of the most tragic form. Even more tragically, the court system is helping this to happen and soon we will be a nation of fatherless children.'

Texas father reunited with 2-year-old son placed for adoption in Utah this summer

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'When Samuel Gerome Dye got the news, he says he went crazy with joy: He ran, he danced, he screamed, he sang in the street.

And then Dye made a beeline for Utah, driving nonstop from Dallas through a blizzard in New Mexico and arriving last Friday to retrieve his 2-year-old son, whom a judge in Utah's 4th District Court decided last week had been improperly placed for adoption here in July.

On Saturday, Dye and his son Samir traveled home together, putting miles and a nightmare behind them.'

Please lodge anti-circumcision replies with the FDA (Re: foreskin fibroblasts in medical products) - deadline is 3 Jan., 2014

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This is a response to the document "Human Tissue Intended for Transplantation" [OMB control number 0910-0302, Docket ID FDA-2013-N-0797-0003].

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Response to "Human Tissue Intended for Transplantation" [OMB control number 0910-0302, Docket ID FDA-2013-N-0797-0003]

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to "Human Tissue Intended for Transplantation" [OMB control number 0910-0302, Docket ID FDA-2013-N-0797-0003]. This response document will briefly address the ethical and safety concerns associated with utilitising foreskin-derived ingredients in medical and cosmetic products.

Ethical and safety concerns associated with utilitising foreskin-derived ingredients in medical and cosmetic products

Circumcision of male minors, in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, is a controversial practice within the medical profession (KNMG 2010; Smith 2011; Svoboda & Van Howe 2013). Despite this, more than 1.14 million circumcision procedures were performed on male infants in U.S. hospitals in the year 2010 (AHRQ 2013). Foreskins excised from minors in the absence of a clear and present immediate medical indication, almost invariably present in a normal healthy state, and as such their excision and preservation contributes little to the study of the pathology of disease.

Products derived from foreskins excised en masse from minors in the absence of clear and present immediate medical indications, are frequently utilised in the commercial medical product, and more especially cosmetics industries (Advanced Healing 2011; Ballantyne 2009; Business Standard 2013; LifeCell 2012; Organogenesis 2011; Pitman 2008; SkinMedica 2011). As observed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Human Research Protections, "Changing technology in the field of genomics has dramatically increased the amount and nature of information about individuals that can be obtained from their DNA" (OHRP 2011). Valid concerns therefore exist for the future privacy of children whose healthy tissues are likely to be acquired by commercial interests in the cosmetic and medical product industries - and may be retained indefinitely - due to presently unforeseeable technological advances in the field of genomics.

Doubts exist about the appropriateness of utilising products derived from foreskin and other healthy tissue excised from minors, in the cosmetic and medical product industries, on the basis of exculpatory consent forms signed by parents and legal guardians of minors, and whether it is appropriate for parents and legal guardians to give explicit consent for these purposes.

The provision of information to parents on circumcision consent forms about the storage, transfer, processing, sale or any other use of excised healthy foreskins is unstudied. However, a survey conducted by Schaefer et al (2011) of consent forms from U.S. in vitro fertilization clinics and the provision of information to egg donors of the potential for embryonic research using donated eggs, concluded that “egg donors in the United States, including some who may have a moral objection to research and stem cell research, are not being informed that embryos created with their donated eggs may in fact be used for these purposes”, suggesting the possibility that incomplete information is also being provided to parents about the use of foreskin and other healthy tissue excised from minors. Similarly, information about the original source of human skins cells used in cosmetic and medical products, has been ominously absent from the websites of some manufacturers who utilise foreskin-derived ingredients in their products (LifeCell 2012; SkinMedica 2011).

Cellulitis and osteomyelitis have been reported as complications in several studies drawn from the clinical literature for FDA regulated skin-substitute products incorporating foreskin-derived ingredients (AHRQ 2012). Further, as observed by Dr Ron Moy, a dermatologist at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, foreskin cells can potentially carry viruses, and although foreskin fibroblasts may be screened for contamination, there is "no test that's perfect" (Ballantyne 2009).

Action Required

Future regulatory and policy decisions must address the ethical issues concerning the privacy of children whose healthy tissues are likely to be acquired by commercial interests in the cosmetic and medical product industries [due to presently unforeseeable technological advances in the field of genomics]; the extent to which parents and legal guardians can give consent for the use of foreskin and other healthy tissue excised from minors in the in the cosmetic and medical product industries; and the provision of information to parents and guardians in exculpatory consent forms. In the interim, safety concerns associated with utilitising foreskin-derived ingredients in medical and cosmetic products, mandate that full and complete disclosure in the proposed information collection activity take precedence over manufacturers professed concerns for increased regulatory and administrative 'burden'.

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Parents sue mohel after accidental penile amputation of infant

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'A local rabbi is being sued after allegedly botching a bris, the traditional Jewish circumcision ritual, and severing a newborn boy's penis.

The incident detailed in the lawsuit happened at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill within the last year.

The Jewish circumcision ceremony was performed by Pittsburgh Rabbi Mordechai Rosenberg – who is also a mohel.

Sometime during the bris, according to the lawsuit, Rosenberg severed the baby boy's penis.

The baby was rushed to Children's Hospital, where doctors performed emergency microsurgery.

"If your finger, your thumb was cut off and was put back on, that is pretty exciting," said renowned UPMC plastic surgeon Dr. Joe Losee.

Dr. Losee was not involved in the boy's treatment and he can't talk specifics.

But our sources say it took eight hours. The baby needed six blood transfusions and was hospitalized for nearly two months. Sources describe the reattachment procedure as successful.
...
Rabbi Rosenberg told KDKA "I am trained in this." He also called the case a "tragic accident" and a "horrible situation." But also said he continues to perform circumcisions.

Sources close to the case say, while the baby is recovering, there's no way to know if he'll make a complete recovery. The incident happened about eight months ago.'

Woman beats and stabs man with ceramic squirrel for not bringing beer from store

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'South Carolina authorities say a 44-year-old woman angry at a man for returning home without beer on Christmas beat and stabbed him with a ceramic squirrel.

The Charleston County Sheriff's office says in a report that deputies found a man covered with blood when they arrived at Helen Williams' North Charleston home early Wednesday. She told investigators the man fell and cut himself, but couldn't explain why her hands and clothes were also bloody.

Deputies say the man said Williams was so angry when he returned without beer because stores were closed on Christmas Eve that she grabbed a ceramic squirrel, beat him in the head, then stabbed him in the shoulder and chest.

Williams was in jail Friday and charged with criminal domestic violence. It wasn't known if she had a lawyer.'

"Bridging the Gender Gap: Encouraging Girls in STEM Starts at Home"

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'The 21st century has been defined by rapid innovation in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields -- a trend showing no signs of slowing down. In 2011, women surpassed men in attaining bachelor's and advanced degrees for the first time, according to the U.S. Census. Despite these developments, a gender gap persists in the STEM workforce and is only getting wider. In computer science, only 18 percent of American college majors are women, a number that has been declining over the last 30 years (National Center for Women & Information Technology, 2012). When it comes to university professors, just 17 percent of tenure-track faculty in mathematics are female, and a paltry 11 percent in engineering (National Science Foundation, 2008). Even with vast differences in the pursuit of STEM careers, it is notable that standardized measures of math performance show no meaningful differences between males and females from elementary school through college.
...
If we know that by kindergarten, boys and girls have different attitudes toward math, where did these ideas come from? With my colleagues Catherine Sandhofer and Christia Brown, I conducted an analysis of everyday speech between mothers and their preschool-aged children (toddlers, with an average age of 22 months). The findings were surprising. Even at this young age, mothers spoke to boys two to three times as often about numbers and quantities compared to girls. For example, phrases such as "he has two eyes" or "How many feet do you have?" appeared nearly three times more in mother-son conversations than mother-daughter ones. In line with previous work on gender socialization, the greater confidence that boys show by early elementary school might be influenced by early experiences at home with their parents.'

Closing the College Gender Gap

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'If you have been following education hot button issues for any length of time, you've likely read about the nationwide push to better encourage girls in areas like science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The thought is that by showing young women that these topics are just as appropriate for them as their male peers, more women will find lasting careers in these traditionally male-dominated fields.

I'm all for more women in the STEM workplace but with all this focus in one area, are educators neglecting an even larger gender gap issue?

Nationally, over 57 percent of college attendees are female when public and private school stats are combined. Females have been consistently edging ahead of their male classmates since the late 1970s when the percentages flip-flopped. Aside from all-female schools, there are others that have marked disproportionate numbers. Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena has nearly 96 percent females in attendance, and the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis has over 93 percent. At Indiana University Northwest, located just outside Gary, 67 percent of the student population is female.'

Wife Charged After Attempting To Blind Husband With Bleach In His Eye Drops

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'A woman in Canton admitted to police that she replaced the liquid in bottle of eye drops with bleach, knowing that her husband would use the drops.

He didn't suffer permanent injury, but his 35-year-old wife is facing domestic violence charges due to the incident which happened on October 12.

The couple apparently have ongoing domestic issues and it fairly certain this will not ease the road to wedded bliss.

Police also confirm that the woman admitted to placing an ad on Craigslist to pay someone to assault her husband.'

Female suicide bomber kills at least 16 at Russian train station

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'VOLGOGRAD, Russia (Reuters) - A suicide bomber set off a blast in the entrance hall of a Russian train station on Sunday, investigators said, killing at least 16 people in the second deadly attack within three days as the country prepares to host the Winter Olympics.

Authorities said the attacker detonated a shrapnel-filled bomb in front of a metal detector just inside the main entrance of the station in Volgograd, a busy hub north of the violence-plagued North Caucasus region on Russia's southern fringe.

Islamist militants in the North Caucasus have carried out a long string of attacks since President Vladimir Putin came to power in 2000. They now confront him with his biggest security challenge, threatening to disrupt the Olympics that start in the Black Sea resort of Sochi in 40 days.

Footage shown on TV captured the moment of the blast, as a massive orange fireball filled the hall of the stately, colonnaded station and clouds of grey smoke poured out of shattered windows.
...
The federal Investigative Committee and other officials initially said a female suicide bomber had blown herself up after a police officer started to approach her near the metal detector because she looked suspicious.
...
It said authorities had identified her as a resident of Dagestan, the province adjacent to Chechnya and now the center of a long-running Islamist insurgency, and the widow of two militants who were both killed by Russian security forces.
...
Interfax cited law enforcement sources as saying authorities believed the attacker was a man who brought a bomb into the station with a rucksack. Some bombs carried by female suicide bombers have been set off remotely by male accomplices.

So-called 'black widows', seeking to avenge fallen husbands, were involved in a deadly Moscow theatre siege in 2002 and have been behind several bombings including twin suicide attacks that killed 40 on the Moscow subway in 2010.

"We can expect more such attacks," said Alexei Filatov, deputy head of the veterans' association of the elite Alfa anti-terrorism unit.'

Bills aim to ease adoption process in Ohio

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Article here. Excerpt:

'State lawmakers in both chambers are considering a plan to make the adoption process quicker and less expensive for adoptive parents, a goal anti-abortion advocates outlined earlier this year, but some involved in the process say the plan is unnecessary.

A pair of bills in the House and Senate would increase the state adoption tax credit to $10,000 from $1,500, shorten the time line for finalizing an adoption and give birth parents notice of their rights early in the process to help prevent birth parents from claiming children after the child has been placed with an adoptive family.
...
Both bills shorten the amount of time before an adoption is finalized to 60 days from one year and reduce the time a birth father has to register with the state and preserve his right to consent to the adoption to seven days from 30 days.

Sen. Shannon Jones, R-Springboro, said she introduced the Senate version after many discussions with adoption advocates. Jones said the one-time $10,000 tax credit is a small sum compared to the state fostering children at about $25,000 per child per year.
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The Senate bill also requires birth mothers to send notice to the presumed father before birth, and the father must then register in a state database called the Putative Father Registry to receive future information about the adoption.

Smith, who attempted to register himself in the little-known database as an interested law school student, said seven days after birth is not enough time for a birth parent to hire a lawyer and get advice for how to proceed. About 60,000 unwed mothers give birth each year in Ohio, but only 538 men registered with the state from 2011 to September 2013.

“They want to make it easier to trip up fathers,” Smith said.'

"I cut my ex out of our daughter's life: Now I'm glad he fought tooth and nail to see her"

Matt · 30 December 2013 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm so lucky to have a mummy and daddy,' she said, hugging me. As I cuddled her back, I felt a terrible stab of guilt in my stomach.

For Ruby nearly didn't have a daddy. For the first two-and-a-half years of her life, I did everything I could to scupper her relationship with her father.

In a fit of selfish pique, I attempted to come between them and deny them the right to love each other.

It was the most spiteful thing I've ever done.

Thank God her father, James, fought me all the way and dragged us through the hell of solicitors, legal bills and finally to the Family Court, where he won access to his little girl — access that was his by right.

He never gave up. Such is the testament of his love for Ruby. And for that, I will never be able to thank him enough.'

Woman Busted For Attacking Live-In Boyfriend When He Refused To "Cuddle" In Bed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Florida woman was arrested early Saturday for battering her live-in boyfriend after he refused to “cuddle” with her when they went to bed, police report.
...
The couple subsequently quarreled, a deputy reported, “over Henry refusing to ‘cuddle’ with Shavonna when they went to bed.” The argument “turned physical when Shavonna grabbed Henry by the shirt, causing it to tear.” Price then attempted to leave the couple’s Bradenton residence to “prevent any further argument and Shavonna didn’t want him to leave.”
...
Rumph, pictured above, was charged with misdemeanor domestic battery and booked into the county jail, from which she was released Sunday.'

How feminists and feminism has destroyed masculine and feminine roles

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I regret not getting married when I was young. More specifically, I wish I had focused on the marriage factor, asking myself what I wanted more: a career or a family.

Unlike my mother's generation where gender roles were uniquely defined and respected in America, the 1960s feminist movement and the offspring of liberalism has led to the death of masculinity in America today.

Gender roles have eroded to non-existence.

Starting in elementary school, teachers are drowning boys in "sensitivity," turning men into little 'sissies'. "They are making a toxic environment for boys. Primary education does everything in its power to turn boys into neuters," asserts anti-feminist Camille Paglia in a recent interview.

She is absolutely correct. These same little boys grow into adults who suppress their manhood to live in a politically correct prison with "no models of manhood," adds Paglia.'

Ed. note: Kris, a new year's present for you. :)

Playing high school sports may be tied to older men's good health

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Playing varsity sports in high school appears to be an important link to health after age 70, according to a new study by Swiss and U.S. researchers.

Researchers examined the backgrounds, behaviours and personalities of a group of men over 70 who had previously passed a strenuous physical exam more than 50 years earlier when they were screened for military duty in the U.S.

Though the study is limited in variety — for example, the subjects are all men from the U.S. and from a narrow social and ethnic group — it marks what researchers say is the first long-term study of childhood exercise and its correlation to health over a long period of time.

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In total, 712 Second World War veterans, averaging age 78, participated in the study. They had answered the survey back in 2000 but the data was not analyzed until 2012.

At the time the men were screened for military duty, 47 per cent of the U.S. population had been precluded due to malnutrition, physical problems or illiteracy. Those who did make it into the service were considered the cream of the crop, so to speak.

...

Researchers discovered a strong correlation between those who played high school sports and were non-smokers, and their good health later in life.

The study urges "school-based organized sports ... be preserved because they contribute to later physical activity levels" and better health.

They concluded that "relatively vigorous exercise and physical education classes could be promoted across grade levels [and] they need not concentrate on competition but rather on enjoyment."'

BBC Newsnight takes viewers inside Femen boot camp

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Video report here. (Ed. note: NSFW, since it shows Femen members topless.) Description:

'The Paris-based sextremist group Femen says it's against the sexualization and objectification of women.

But to achieve this goal, its members go topless in front of the cameras and shout political slogans decrying organized religion, political tyranny, homophobia, and sexism.

So have Femen members become sex objects even though they so vehemently declare that they're opposed to patriarchy?

This is one of the questions explored in a BBC Newsnight documentary, which takes viewers inside a Femen boot camp.

Check it out by watching the video above. It's one of the more thought-provoking examinations of Femen that you'll find on the Internet.'

Dad files $130M lawsuit after son in Utah is given up for adoption

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A dad whose newborn son was given up for adoption by the birth mother — without his knowledge — is seeking $130 million in a lawsuit testing the boundaries of a biological father's rights in Utah.

The adoption of Jake Strickland's son just after he was born Dec. 29, 2010, was illegal and done "through gross misdirection and … clandestine conduct," claims the suit filed Friday in the U.S. District Court of Utah.

Strickland alleges the mother, Whitney Pettersson, conspired with the adoptive parents, the adoption agency and attorneys to give up the boy — named "Baby Jack" in the suit — without allowing him to seek custody.

The complaint also strikes at Utah's parenting laws, accusing them of being "pro-adoption and anti-birth father."'

Why aren't men speaking up on gender issues?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mary Curnock Cook, the head of the university admissions service, Ucas, appeared to back Willetts, saying she was “very worried about the gap between males and females” and “beginning to look at men as looking more like the disadvantaged group”.

And it’s not just the world of education where men and boys are being attributed with minority status. The news that men are more likely to die from eight of the world’s top 10 most burdensome diseases was greeted by Dr Sarah Hawkes at the Institute of Global Health as more evidence that men are being ignored. According to Hawkes:

“When it comes to health, contrary to what most people would expect, men actually suffer at least equally and usually more from gender norms and gender behaviours than women do and have less access to the means to mitigate those norms.”

Meanwhile, Jane Powell, CEO of the UK’s only national male suicide prevention charity, CALM, told BBC Radio 4’s today programme that the Department for Health was failing to target suicide prevention work at men, because unlike other special interest groups, “we don’t really see men as needing help in anyway or as being vulnerable”.

Even the high-profile divorce lawyer Marilyn Stowe spoke up on behalf of men this year when she slammed the Ministry of Justice for excluding men from its legal aid guidance to victims of domestic violence.'

Unbelievably lenient sentence for cop who conducted illegal bodily-intrusive searches of black male suspects

Matt · 2 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Need I say what would have happened if he had done this to female suspects of any ethnicity? Excerpt:

'The end of 2013 brought a measure of closure to a long-running Milwaukee police scandal, though some say the officer — and his cohorts — who repeatedly and illegally shoved his fingers up black male suspects' anal cavities got off with a light sentence considering the flagrant nature of his abuses.

The ringleader was identified as officer Michael Vagnini, a white man who routinely targeted black males as young as fifteen for sadistic — and blatantly illegal — anal searches.

One victim said that another officer put a gun to his head while Vagnini administered a choke hold, touched his scrotum and fingered his anus. Another man was probed so violently that he bled.

Wisconsin law clearly prohibits police officers from administering cavity searches. Only medical professionals may do so, and only when authorized by a warrant.

But lack of a warrant or a medical degree did not stop Vagnini from sticking his fingers inside a 15-year-old boy's anus and touching his genitals during a traffic stop in December of 2011.'

Women Accused Of Using Stun Guns On Sacramento Shoppers During Robberies

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Sacramento Police are trying to track down a group of women who they say are targeting shoppers and robbing them with stun guns.

Three unsuspecting women were attacked in two days—one in the Walmart parking lot on Truxel Road in Natomas, and two others at shopping centers on Florin Road.

Investigators say the attacks happen in shopping center parking lots as women walk to their cars.

In the first incident, police say a woman used a stun gun to knock an elderly woman to the ground and take her purse.

Not even an hour later, a female suspect assaulted a victim with a stun gun multiple times at a shopping center off of Florin Road.

Then, police say three teenaged girls used a stun gun to rob a woman in a Rite Aid parking lot off of Florin Road.'

Growing Number of Jews to End Religious Circumcisions

Matt · 2 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A KD investigation has sought strong reactions from many Jews to end religious circumcision ceremony. KDKA reported that an eight-year-old boy's penis was severed during a religious circumcision ceremony at a local synagogue.

The incident has led to growing concerns among Jews over the legitimacy of the ceremony that has severe risks. The boy was severely hurt during the ceremony after which he was taken to the hospital where he had to spend two months. Doctors performed microsurgery for eight hours on him to attach his dismembered penis. As many as six blood transfusions were also performed on the little boy.

Dr. Mark Weiss is also among growing number of Jewish leaders who firmly believe that circumcision should not be performed because of the complications it has.

He said, "There's no question. There is death from circumcision every year. And in the African countries, where medicine is much more primitive, the death rate is much higher".

Greg Hartley with Intact America said that children should not be deprived of their fundamental rights of keeping healthy body parts.'

NPO: Divorce Corp. - Powerful Cinematic Indictment of the Family Courts

Matt · 2 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Divorce Corp. (view trailor), the groundbreaking expose of the US Family Law System, premieres in theaters on January 10, 2014. It is possibly the documentary about your struggles that you have wanted to share with family and friends. Dr. Drew Pinsky, the host of “Dr. Drew” on HLN, narrates with interviews with fifty-four family law experts and people who share their stories.

The documentary opens in fifteen cities in: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Texas, and Washington. If you live in or near one of the cities Divorce Corp. premieres, you can help shine a bright light on the appalling waste seen daily in family courts by seeing and promoting the movie. National Parents Organization recommends all members print and wear our label when you go to Divorce Corp. Print on stock, too, and hand out to promote National Parents Organization.

Ned Holstein, MD, MS, Founder and Chair believes, "This film has the potential to accelerate the family court reform movement. This is an opportunity for people of good faith to unite to save our children from the ravages of a morally corrupt system.We need to rally around this opportunity to tell the story so many of us know all too well.'

Chinese doctor admits selling patients' newborns

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Chinese doctor has admitted in court that she stole babies from the hospital where she worked and sold them to human traffickers, state media and a court said.

Zhang Shuxia, a locally respected and soon-to-retire obstetrician, stood trial on Monday in northern Shaanxi province's Fuping county, according to online postings from the court.

Zhang told parents their newborns had congenital problems and persuaded them to "sign and give the babies up," the court postings said. Calls to the Weinan Intermediate People's Court and the local Communist Party propaganda department went unanswered.

The case exposed the operations of a baby trafficking ring that operated across several provinces centering on Zhang, who delivered babies at the Fuping County Maternal and Child Hospital.'

Marines delay female fitness plan after half fail

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than half of female Marines in boot camp can't do three pullups, the minimum standard that was supposed to take effect with the new year, prompting the Marine Corps to delay the requirement, part of the process of equalizing physical standards to integrate women into combat jobs.

The delay rekindled sharp debate in the military on the question of whether women have the physical strength for some military jobs, as service branches move toward opening thousands of combat roles to them in 2016.
...
The decision to suspend the scheduled pull-up requirement "is a clear indication" that plans to move women into direct ground combat fighting teams will not work, said Elaine Donnelly, president of the conservative Center for Military Readiness and a critic of allowing women into infantry jobs.

"When officials claim that men and women are being trained the same, they are referring to bare minimums, not maximum qualifications that most men can meet but women cannot," Donnelly wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "Awarding gender-normed scores so that women can succeed lowers standards for all. Women will suffer more injuries and resentment they do not deserve, and men will be less prepared for the demands of direct ground combat."
...
Military testing for physical skill and stamina has changed over the decades with needs of the armed forces. Officials say the first recorded history of Marine Corps physical fitness tests, for example, was 1908 when President Theodore Roosevelt ordered that staff officers must ride horseback 90 miles and line officers walk 50 miles over a three-day period to pass. A test started in 1956 included chinups, pushups, broad jump, 50-yard duck waddle and running.

The first test for women was started in 1969: A 120-yard shuttle run, vertical jump, knee pushups, 600-yard run/walk and situps.'

The war against boys rages on

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Submitted with this link to the Daily Caller, but the full article is here. Excerpt:

'Lost in all the noise about helping girls achieve their potential is a growing body of evidence that boys are in trouble. It's the real "gender gap." Consider this: A recent study by two MIT economists found that men, not women, are less likely to graduate from high school and finish college. As a result, the study said, "over the last three decades, the labor market trajectory of males in the U.S. has turned downward along four dimensions: skills acquisition, employment rates, occupational stature and real wage levels."

The authors say the declining economic value of men and the rise in women's achievement contributes to the breakdown of the American family by making marriage less valuable. Then, with more out-of-wedlock births and single-parent households headed by women, the lack of a male role model hurts boys in particular, both economically and academically.

This isn't a new finding: Multiple studies over the past 40 years have shown that boys suffer more than girls from divorce because they tend to externalize their reactions and act in ways that make them more likely to cause trouble at school or get arrested. Simply put: Boys need fathers to learn how to become men. And too many of them don't have one.

The social cost of this is not just the obvious burden from spiraling welfare and prison populations -- a 2008 study estimated that family fragmentation cost taxpayers more than $112 billion a year -- but in the lost potential as well.'

In Stockholm, a Proposal to Make Snow Plowing Priorities Better for Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In Stockholm, the depths of winter can stretch out over nearly half the calendar year. Last winter, the first reported snowfall came on October 25, and the last sighting wasn't until April 20.

With six months of potential snow, the task of keeping the city's commuters moving and working can be a real challenge for local government. At the moment, Stockholm uses a relatively standard snow-clearing strategy that differs little from what other harsh-winter cities have chosen to do. They focus their plows first on major thoroughfares, then on downtown areas close to major workplaces and construction sites, and finally move on to smaller roads, neighborhoods, and schools.

But some in Stockholm's city government have begun to suspect that these longstanding strategies may not best serve all of the city's residents. By focusing on city-center workplaces and construction sites, the Green Party's Daniel Helldén suggests, the city is implicitly ignoring the places that "vulnerable groups," including women and families, frequent most often. His solution? Something he's calling "gender-equal plowing."
...
The concept of this realignment is being sold as a sort of feminist proposal, but also as good overall public policy. "You have to look at how a modern city functions today. There are completely different transportation patterns around," Helldén told the Svenska Dagbladet (translation from Sveriges Radio). The changes, which would also include an emphasis on transit hubs and bike lanes, might make even more sense in a city where, as of 2006, less than half of the region's commuters drove a private car (and that proportion has since shrunk considerably)...'

Malaysia: Six-year-old boy accused of raping his cousin, aged five, while playing 'mummy and daddy game'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Malaysian boy aged six has been accused of raping his five-year-old cousin in a case believed to be the one of the first of its kind in the world.

Doctors discovered she had been sexually penetrated after a medical check-up - and despite initial scepticism a consultant urologist at the Kuala Lumpur Hospital said it was possible for a child that young to have an erection.

The extraordinary case came to light after the children's grandmother found them naked and playing 'mothers and fathers' at the family home in the town of Pendang, Kedah - a rural area covered with paddy fields
...
The doctor who examined the girl and found a minor tear in the hymen alerted the Malacca Action Group for Parents in Education.

Chairman Mak Chee Hin said: 'It is shocking that young children are capable of such acts.
...
This case, he added, could have happened due to exposure to pornographic materials.

'It could be due to witnessing an adult performing an intimate act or watching pornographic videos, said the urologist.

“Even if the child had an erection, it would have only lasted for a while and not to the extent of penetration.'

"Why Are Liberal Men Unhappy?"

Mastodon · 6 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last weekend AEI's Arthur Brooks published an interesting piece on happiness in the New York Times' Sunday Review. ...
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"For many years, researchers found that women were happier than men, although recent studies contend that the gap has narrowed or may even have been reversed. Political junkies might be interested to learn that conservative women are particularly blissful: about 40 percent say they are very happy. That makes them slightly happier than conservative men and significantly happier than liberal women. The unhappiest of all are liberal men; only about a fifth consider themselves very happy."
...
A core component of modern leftism is its comprehensive attack (and accompanying redefinition) of masculinity. This attack poisons how men experience their own nature, relationships, and purpose.
...
Next, the liberal male often spends his relational life walking on eggshells, dating women and living in cultures that are constantly calling out any kind of behavior subjectively perceived as "male" or oppressive. So if a man gets angry at a woman, he's just "mansplaining." A man who asks for fidelity is "slut-shaming." Assertions of will are subject to "privilege checks." To enter the world of academia, for example, is to enter a world of social rules and customs that are impossibly complex because propriety is always dictated by the subjective feelings of the most traditionally powerless person in the room. The language of equality is a mere mask for a new hierarchy that explicitly seeks to place the male (especially the white male) at the bottom.'

Children (boys) murdered and coerced into military roles in the Central African Republic

Matt · 6 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The article refers to them gender-neutrally as "children" when in fact it's boys they are talking about. Would CNN be talking about them as "children" if they were girls? Excerpt:

'Escalating violence in the Central African Republic is posing a threat to children, with at least two beheaded and thousands recruited as soldiers, the United Nations said.

The United Nations says it verified the deaths of 16 children since violence broke out in the capital of Bangui on December 5. Dozens of others have been injured.

"We are witnessing unprecedented levels of violence against children. More and more children are being recruited into armed groups, and they are also being directly targeted in atrocious revenge attacks," said Souleymane Diabate, UNICEF representative in the nation.'

Let's Talk About Circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Strange. According to Jewish law, a Jew is someone born to a Jewish mother and, according to a more progressive approach, anyone who sees himself as belonging to the Jewish people. There were periods and communities in Jewish history in which circumcision was not practiced – from the days of ancient Egypt up to the Communist bloc. Moses was opposed to circumcision and didn't circumcise his son, and the Children of Israel crossed the Jordan into Canaan uncircumcised.

Circumcision does not determine that a person is Jewish, and non-circumcision does not determine that a person is not Jewish. So to come and claim that the preservation of Jewish identity rises and falls with the cutting of the sexual organs of infants? That this is the most basic symbol that guarantees the survival of Jewish society? That this is the strongest tie connecting the Jewish people to itself and its God? More than faith? More than the Torah and the Ten Commandments? More than the State of Israel and the Land of Israel?

In light of such groundless claims, both religious and nonreligious Jews should start asking themselves questions.'

Why Should Fluid Sexuality Be Women-Only?

Matt · 6 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'By now, there's an established celebrity "coming out" narrative. You sit down with a morning talk-show host or write a blog post saying that you're in love with someone who shares your gender. Your true fans profess their continued devotion, LGBT rights groups and opinion writers applaud you, and while you'll get some hate mail, most people are relieved to finally have you "figured out" — especially if your sexuality has been the subject of tabloid speculation.

This doesn't quite apply, however, when you reveal you're dating a man but insist you're still attracted to women. "Of course I still fancy girls," said British diver Tom Daley last week. "But, I mean, right now I'm dating a guy and I couldn't be happier." There were some standard-issue homophobic reactions (which Buzzfeed and HuffPost obligingly collected), but Daley also elicited a more specific sort of disapproval from certain fans — biphobia, the Advocate called it. These were the people who assumed Daley was gay but unable to fully admit it, or unwilling to relinquish the privileges of being straight. ...
...
When coming out as not-totally-heterosexual, the rules are different for men and women. Perhaps this is because we've had plenty of cultural cues — like chart-topping hit songs about girls kissing girls — and academic research to acclimate us to the idea of women's fluid sexuality.
...
Securing broad public approval for concrete rights like gay marriage is one thing, but ending pervasive cultural homophobia is quite a bit trickier. And sometimes those goals can seem at odds. It's hard to fight for the right to be openly gay — to argue that homosexuality is not a phase or a choice — while simultaneously acknowledging the people whose experiences defy easy categorization. But as gay rights slowly become mainstream, there's more room for not just women, but men, to proudly claim their undefinable sexual histories....'

Gender equality? A double standard for women in the military

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last year military leadership lifted the ban on women in combat positions like the infantry and special operations without a clear pathway to successful integration. Physical standards and equality remain a primary issue of contention.

For decades, women and men have had ‘equal but different’ physical standards. The military recognized that men and women have different physical qualities which led to the generation of a separate physical grading scale. Correspondingly, women were also prohibited from the majority of combat roles including special operations, infantry, and other ground roles that required a higher level of physical performance. Now that women are able to pursue these combat arms-type positions within the military, the physical demand of the mission must be addressed.
...
Whenever compromise occurs in the ‘name of equality’ it only further perpetuates female stereotypes that women have spent years combating in the military. Military leaders must stand firm on equality and not buckle to the pressures of meeting a female quota at the expense of creating double standards of equality. We want the best and most qualified defending our freedoms and way of life. It doesn’t matter if they are pretty, ugly, male, female, tall, or short, as long as they are the best physically, mentally, and emotionally to accomplish the mission of defending our nation.
...
The bottom line is there must be a common standard. If you qualify for that standard, male or female, then you are eligible for that position. If you don’t meet the standard, you are ineligible. It is as simple as that. Specific military occupational specialties demand that the best candidates for the job, and only those should be eligible to occupy that position.'

"We need legislation to get more women into top jobs"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At a recent conference on gender equality, senior women agonised about whether quotas were a good or a bad thing.

But in private discussions later on, the overwhelming view was that quotas were needed because progress in gender equality remains very poor. This is not only in business but the public sector, politics and all other walks of life. The legal profession was singled out for special criticism, though there are same honourable exceptions among law firms.
...
Much more needs to be done. Initiatives such as the 30% club – chairs of organisations committed to achieving female board participation of at least 30% – are laudable and could make a difference. But overall progress in Britain is very slow. Foot-dragging in the UK is encouraging the European Commission's push to legislate in this area. EU directives would not be needed if national legislators took the need for fair treatment of women seriously.
...
One could dispute the way causality works – perhaps the companies that are already doing better are more relaxed about the risk on letting women loose on their boards. But more women makes economic and business sense.

The Moralistic Fallacy

Mastodon · 7 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'City Journal's Kay Hymowitz weighed in over the holidays with a response to our Dec. 16 column, in which we faulted the premise of her earlier article titled "Boy Trouble." She maintains that the main body of the article (which we described as "informative and important") is responsive to our criticism:

...

That said, Hymowitz's hypothesis that family breakdown causes "boy troubles" is an entirely plausible one. But there's still a problem with it: That framing makes the argument circular. Recall that she posed the question as (among other things) why "poor and working-class boys" fail to become "reliable husbands and fathers." She ends up concluding that the cause of fatherlessness is . . . fatherlessness.

... But identifying a causal cycle begs the question if the question is about the ultimate cause. If your child is sophisticated enough to ask how human beings came into existence, he won't be satisfied if you answer by explaining where babies come from.

...

The 2011 figures (which exclude Hispanics) were 29.1% for whites and 72.3% for blacks--a more than eightfold increase for whites and more than threefold for blacks. A cycle of fatherlessness operating over two to three generations cannot be sufficient to explain such an enormous rise.

So what does? In our view, a dramatic change in incentives owing to two major social changes that were just getting under way when Moynihan wrote.

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That brings us back to the moralistic fallacy for which we faulted Hymowitz in our column last month. Completely absent from her analysis of why boys fail to grow up into "reliable husbands and fathers" is the crucial factor of female choice. If young women are less apt to marry because they are focused on education and career, and more willing to engage in sexual relationships unaccompanied by marriage or the expectation thereof, the incentives for young men are dramatically different.

...

Nonetheless, the vast majority of children who are growing up without fathers are doing so in large part because of their mothers' choices. In our column last month, we half-facetiously raised "the converse lament that young females are insufficiently interested in 'becoming reliable wives and mothers.' " Let us now raise it half-seriously. It is trivially true that an unmarried woman who bears a child is not a reliable wife. If Hymowitz is correct about the baneful effects of fatherlessness on boys, such a woman also is not a reliable mother, at least to her sons.'

The End of Men? Not Again!

Mastodon · 7 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'...This is not to say that Hanna Rosin is completely wrong. I think we are witnessing social changes in the economy that mean an end or change to certain kinds of masculinity.
...
The historical oddity period was the mythic age of roughly 1945-1975 when it was possible to have a good middle class life doing manual and largely unskilled labor. The reasons for whether this period was a historical oddity or not can fit a million books but there was a time when it seemed possible for a young man to graduate high school (or maybe not), walk down to the nearest factory (any of them), and get hired at a decent wage.
...
This is where Hanna Rosin's End of Men thesis makes sense and we should have sincere policy discussions. ...
...
There are real policy issues and problems in Hanna Rosin's thesis but I think they have more to do with socio-economics than gender and masculinity. ...
...
There is a real policy problem in getting more men to be the first in their families to attend college and/or care about academics but it cannot be solved by arguing that men are obsolete and that we are at The End of Men.'

UK: Nurse jailed for ‘despicable’ false rape claim against her grandad

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Gordon Ritchie’s life was left in tatters after scheming Natalie Mortimer lied to police, claiming he had subjected her to sexual abuse when she was a child.

But her mother, Susan Simpson, began to have doubts about the story and Mortimer, 25, eventually admitted that the allegations were false.

Mortimer had previously been told that she and her younger sibling would be entitled to a share of inheritance money from Mr Ritchie.

But she believed that she would get all the cash if her grandfather was sent to prison. Mortimer admitted wasting 175 hours of police time – at a cost to taxpayers of more than £3,000 – when she appeared at Aberdeen Sheriff Court.

Jailing her yesterday, Sheriff Graeme Buchanan said she had committed a “truly evil” crime.'

Former teacher charged with criminal sex acts with minor while still a teacher

Matt · 7 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Monroe #1 BOCES employee is facing charges after sheriff's deputies say she engaged in criminal sex acts with a 15-year-old student.

Rachel Santora, 31, of Brighton, is charged with second-degree criminal sex act and endangering the welfare of child.

Sheriff's deputies say Santora engaged in criminal sex acts with a 15-year-old male student last summer while she was employed as a teacher at the Rush-Henrietta School District. Sheriff's deputies say the incidents occurred at Santora's home on Brooklawn Drive residence where she was tutoring the student.

Santora is currently employed with Monroe #1 BOCES. She was sent to the Monroe County Jail in lieu of $20,000 cash bail.'

Woman accused of having sex with underage boys

Mastodon · 8 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'JAMESTOWN, N.D. – A 26-year-old woman faces criminal charges after allegedly having sex with a series of boys ages 14 to 17 she met by using a smartphone app.

Trisha Lynn Bliss of Jamestown pleaded not guilty in Stutsman County District Court on Thursday to two counts of gross sexual imposition, a Class AA felony. She also was charged Friday in Stutsman County with an additional charge of corruption of a minor, a Class C felony.

...

She also told Gross she had sex with another juvenile boy the month before. Police say she claimed the boy told her he was 18, but after sex he told her he was in middle school.

Bliss told the detective she was in special education beginning in seventh grade and was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. But she also told police she isn't stupid, knows it was wrong to have sex with minors and regrets it.

One of the boys, who is 17, told police he had sex with Bliss eight times. A 14-year-old boy told Gross he had sex with Bliss twice, the first time after drinking vodka with Bliss at her home after school. Both times, he allegedly told police, he didn't want to but was pressured by Bliss.

Bliss, who was released from jail on her own recognizance, is set for her next court date on Jan. 15.'

Competitiveness and Overconfidence Help Explain Why Men Earn More Than Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The gender wage gap in the United States is one of the biggest problems in the workplace. Despite the fact that women comprise nearly half of the labor force, they earn significantly less than their male counterparts, making about 80 cents for every dollar earned by men. That's true even when you control for demographic differences, such as the income and education of people's parents, and is consistent among high-ability people.
...
But women's earnings are lower even within majors, according to the paper, because men are twice as likely as women to overestimate their true ability level, and twice as likely to pick a competitive compensation scheme. Those factors explain between 17 percent and 19 percent of the gap in earnings expectations within majors.
...
The findings are based on high ability students from an elite university, who likely have a good chance of getting to the top of their professions, and "provide a possible explanation for the glass ceiling phenomenon," according to the authors.'

Woman charged with criminal domestic violence, child neglect

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Woodruff woman is accused of leaving her husband on the side of the road and later abandoning her daughter and nephew in her car Monday.

Spartanburg County Sheriff's deputies charged Krystal Kay Cannon, 25, of 542 Green St., with criminal domestic violence and child neglect.

According to an incident report, Cannon's husband called 911 after she left him on the side of the road at Interstate 26 and Highway 221 around 3:30 p.m.

He told deputies he pulled the car over and Cannon scratched his face, pulled his hair and got into the driver's seat and drove away after he got out of the car, according to the report.

Their 3-year-old daughter and mentally disabled nephew were still sitting in the back seat of the vehicle.'

Novelist's Ex In Bizarre Handgun Threat Arrest

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A domestic dispute over space aliens escalated Saturday morning when a lingerie-clad New Mexico woman allegedly pointed a silver handgun at her boyfriend, a weapon she retrieved from her vagina, where it had been placed while the accused was performing a sex act, police allege.

To make matters more strange, the arrested woman is the most recent ex-wife of Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Cormac McCarthy, author of “The Road” and “No Country for Old Men.”

As detailed in a probable cause statement, Jennifer McCarthy, a 48-year-old artist, argued about space aliens with her 53-year-old beau, whose name was redacted from the document released by the Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Office. When questioned by deputies, McCarthy reportedly acknowledged that she “did have a gun at the time” the couple was yelling at each other.

...

After removing the gun from her vagina, McCarthy pointed it at her boyfriend’s head, investigators charge. Fearing that he could get shot, the man grabbed the weapon from McCarthy and put it in the toilet.'

Men Are 'On Strike' Throughout The U.S.: What Are The Causes?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I haven't seen my copy of Men On Strike for several weeks. I kept careful watch on the book until I finished interviewing her, but after that it disappeared into the Bowyer-Family-Book-Sharing Vortex from which it has not yet emerged. That's because it is an easy read about a topic which is interesting in both a social science theory way, and in a figuring out how to get by in the current world kind of way.

Men on Strike is pretty much what the title says it is, a book about how many men have decided not to participate in certain areas of life, most notably in school, family, and increasingly in work. What separates the work of Helen Smith, a psychologist who deals with men like the ones she writes about in her book, is the lack of scoldiness that you might find in the similar work of say Kay Hymowitz' Manning Up. For Smith, the men are in large part acting rationally. They're more John Galt than they are Peter Pan. The book could as well have been titled Andros Shrugged, if ancient Greek titles sold books.

...

"Boys and young men are no less rational, or capable of adapting to incentives, than girls and young women are. They are, in fact, adapting very well to the incentives for female power and independence–which inevitably also serve as disincentives to male reliability and self-sacrifice."'

Israel: Fathers' Activist Suing Haaretz over 'Defamation' by Feminist MK

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Israeli fathers' rights activist, Sharon Ben-Haim, is taking legal action against left-wing newspaper Haaretz for publishing what he claims are defamatory statements made by MK Orly Levy-Abekasis (Likud-Beytenu) in a recent Knesset session, against another prominent men's rights activist, Amir Shipperman.

The Knesset session was a stormy one, in which feminist MKs fought tooth and nail against a fellow feminist, MK Gila Gamliel (Likud-Beytenu), and fathers' activists, regarding initiatives to cancel the Tender Years' Doctrine that grants divorcing mothers automatic preference in child custody disputes.

According to the letter sent by Ben-Haim to Haaretz, MK Levy-Abekasis said during the public session, which was aired live on the Knesset Channel, that Shipperman had sent her an email containing a picture of a gun, and that she was frightened by this. Haaretz's reporter published an article stating that MK Levy-Abekasis is “frightened” because she received an email from a father with a picture of a gun, and that MK Aliza Lavie (Yesh Atid), who co-chaired the session with Levy-Abekasis, was also scared because she saw a picture of herself in a bikini on the internet.'

Also see a related story: MK Tells Fellow Feminists: Equality Costs -- Dep. Min. Gila Gamliel was shocked to find feminist MKs oppose equality when it comes to custody in divorce.

There's Something Absolutely Wrong With What We Do To Boys Before They Grow Into Men

Matt · 9 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Intro text;

'"Be a man" is something we've all heard at one time or another, even a few of the women reading this right now. Being a "man" in that sense means something completely different to me (and maybe you, too) than what that phrase implies.

I can't even begin to describe the toll that the concept of masculinity has taken on my life. And it's felt everywhere. It's time we make changes, starting from within ourselves.'

"Greater Health Spending Helps Men More Than Women, Study Finds"

Minuteman · 9 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Increased health spending in developed countries tends to benefit men more than women, a new study finds.

Researchers analyzed data from 27 developed nations to determine the efficiency of health care spending, and found that men had greater gains in life expectancy than women in nearly every country.

"We were surprised to find a large gender gap in spending efficiency throughout the industrialized countries of the world," study author Douglas Barthold, a doctoral candidate in the economics department at McGill University in Montreal, said in a university news release. "The average life expectancy of women rose from 75.5 to 79.8 between 1991 and 2007, while that of men rose from 72.5 to 77.1."
...
It's not clear why increased health spending has benefited men more than women in most of the countries included in the study, the investigators said. They called for further research into the issue.'

Bridget Anne Kelly Is First Casualty Of ‘Bridgegate’

StayingFit · 9 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Bridget Anne Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff to NJ Governor Chris Christie, orchestrated severe traffic problems on the George Washington Bridge in order to punish a mayor who did not endorse Christie for re-election. Giving further evidence, if such was needed, that women in leadership positions can be just as vindictive as men. Remember this the next time that someone tells you that the world would be different if only women held more power. Excerpt:

'Bridget Anne Kelly is being fired by Gov. Chris Christie in the scandal now being termed “Bridgegate”.

N.J. Governor Christie says he was misled by staff, and he was firing Deputy Chief of Staff Kelly “because she lied to me.”

On Thursday, he apologized to his constituents, saying he was “embarrassed and humiliated” by his staff, and he had no idea his aides may have closed highway lanes to exact political retribution.

Kelly is in the center of a widening scandal that is a potential threat to Christie’s second term, and his presidential aspirations for 2016. Documents are alleged to show that she arranged traffic jams to punish the mayor, who didn’t support Christie’s re-election.'

SAVE: Warning! False Domestic Violence Information

Matt · 10 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Recently, Washington Post's Fact Checker reported that U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder's claim that "intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45" was so outrageous it could qualify for their notorious "Four Pinocchios" rating.

The misinformation doesn't end there. Over the last few months, we have reviewed the Fact Sheets of seven leading domestic violence organizations for accuracy and completeness. They have all failed.

We also looked at the Findings in the recently introduced International Violence Against Women Act. Of the 16 findings, only 3 could be verified to be truthful. The rest were one-sided, misleading, or false.

Sheryle Hutter of Colorado said it best when she said, "Victims of partner abuse are not served when domestic violence groups knowingly disseminate one-sided and false information. Lawmakers should assure that anti-abuse programs are based on reason and science, not a biased gender ideology."

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Miriam Pollock on circumcision

Matt · 10 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here (.pdf file), p. 7 of the file. Excerpt:

'Growing up Jewish, I assumed that circumcision was not only harmless, but also essential and beneficial. Only after I had witnessed a few of these events, did these lifelong assumptions and beliefs become shaky. More than anything, it was the raw terror, shrieking pain and inconsolable cries of the babies struggling against the hands of a loving relative restraining their otherwise flailing limbs for this "sacred" event, which shattered my equanimity about the holiness and necessity of circumcision.

But it would be many years, nearly a decade, before I would dare to explore the long-term consequences of the anatomical, physiological, psychological and sexual damage that circumcision invariably affects. These revelations were unveiled at the Second International Symposium on Circumcision, which I attended in 1991 in San Francisco. From that point forward I began to write, determined to expose circumcision, both religious and medical, for the scandalous human rights violation it inflicts and fraudulent religious obligation it is purported to be.

It is more obvious than ever that circumcision has nothing to do with protecting our innocent male babies, nor of elevating their spirituality, nor securing their tribal membership. Ablating, crushing and cutting the foreskin of helpless newborns constitutes nothing less than sexual torture. The true function of circumcision is to deny and decrease the sexual sensitivity, aliveness and control that men have over their sexuality, break the maternal infant bond by traumatizing the newborn, tame a newly birthed mother's instinctual passion to protect her baby at all costs, and mark the baby as a member of the male community. This primitive rite, be it religious or secular, has no place in a humane society, nor in a religion or culture, such as Judaism, that emphatically values the protection of the helpless, the pursuit of justice, and reverence for life.'

SAVE: In Wake of NY Times Editorial, CPI Unveils Registry of Prosecutorial Misconduct

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / January 8, 2014 – Today the non-profit Center for Prosecutor Integrity (CPI) announces the launching of the new Registry of Prosecutorial Misconduct. The unveiling comes three days after a New York Times' editorial charged ethical violations by prosecutors have become "rampant" across the nation: http://nyti.ms/1hu7K7V

The Registry is the first publicly available national online database to catalog judicial or legal disciplinary committee findings of prosecutorial misconduct. The Registry of Prosecutorial Misconduct will allow lawmakers, researchers, legal organizations, criminal justice reform groups, and others to identify common types of misconduct, assess trends, and compare jurisdictions.

The database includes over 15 fields such as Crime, State, Prosecutor Name, Trial Year, Misconduct Type, and Sanction Type. The Finding field features the opinion or determination by a disciplinary body or by a trial, appellate, or supreme court.'

Canada: Female cops charged with DUI

fathers4fairness · 10 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A city cop with eight years of service has been charged with impaired driving while off-duty.
...
Const. Kelly Fradley has been charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and impaired operation of a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content over 80 mg%.
...
Fradley isn't the only Edmonton police officer to face such a charge.

In 2010, Sgt. Cheryl Wallin was charged with impaired driving and operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level over the legal limit.
...
Wallin was suspended without pay to the tune of $4,000 and granted an absolute discharge, thus ending up with no criminal record.'

Feminist Film: Violence Caused by (Surprise!) Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite skinny jeans, mocha latte and Chris Hayes, U.S. males still haven't been adequately feminized. The tragic result: continued bloodshed in American society.

That's the gist of a new documentary called "The Mask You Live In," by feminist filmmaker Jennifer Siebel Newsom. The focus of "The Mask" is the male population's place in and relationship to American culture. Predictably, judging from the trailer and the film's enthusiastic reception in left-leaning media, traditional masculinity is a leading cause of murder and mayhem.
...
The film also sites Michael Kimmel, left-wing author of "Angry White Men," the latest in a long line of "scholarly" works that seeks to explain why white guys tend to be conservatives and why they're prone to the kind of bigotry and violence they rarely end up actually being guilty of.'

School cafeteria worker charged with raping friend’s 15-year-old son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A married mother of four who works at a Massachusetts middle school cafeteria has been charged with raping a teen.

Janelle Foley, 36, allegedly repeatedly had sex with her friend's 15-year-old son during the winter vacation.

She's also under investigation for allegedly having sex with a second victim, who is understood to be a juvenile relative of hers.

The food service staffer, who works at Chapman Middle School in Weymouth, was arrested at her home on Wednesday night.

...

But Foley's attorney, William Sullivan, argued that the lifelong Weymouth resident, who has four children between 7 and 15 years old, was not a flight risk.

He also said Foley had substance abuse and depression issues that could have resulted in the "lapse in judgment."

The judge ordered that Foley be held on $5,000 cash bail with GPS monitoring and that she must undergo mental health counseling.'

NPO: Parent to Parent Launches: Discuss Divorce Corp

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Article here. Excerpt:

'National Parents Organization is proud to announce our launching of Parent to Parent, where Parents of all types, and other family members, can go to discuss issues and seek resources. In the discussion groups you can expect to find other Parents, and other family members, that have gone through the same situation or know others that have. This is a safe, friendly resource to parents, from other parents, from other family members, that is monitored and promoted by National Parents Organization.

Our first major topic is Divorce Corp. See the movie. Wear your National Parents Organization label to the showing. Post your review to Parent to Parent.

Divorce Corp., the groundbreaking expose of the US Family Law System, premieres in theaters, January 10, 2014. It is the documentary about family law that you have been seeking.'

Cocoon of Dishonesty: SAVE Warns Lawmakers about False Information from Domestic Violence Groups

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / January 6, 2014 – A leading victim-advocacy organization is advising lawmakers to be wary of claims made by domestic violence groups seeking to enact new laws. Stop Abusive and Violent Environments – SAVE — is issuing the warning after the Washington Post's Fact Checker reported that a claim made by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder turned out to be based on a false statement made by a leading domestic violence researcher.

In 2009, Holder made the startling claim that "intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45." Holder's statement was taken word-for-word from a 2003 study published by Jacquelyn Campbell, a well-known researcher at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.

But Campbell's statement turned out to be wrong, leading the Washington Post to say the claim could qualify for its notorious "Four Pinocchios" rating: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker/wp/2013/12/18/holders-2009-claim-that-intimate-partner-homicide-is-the-leading-cause-of-death-for-african-american-women/'

Jewish Psychologist to Debate Circumcision in Europe

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ronald Goldman, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Circumcision Resource Center, a nonprofit educational organization in Boston, has been invited by the Council of Europe to participate in an interdisciplinary dialogue about circumcision at a meeting in France on January 28.

There is a growing European debate about circumcision. In October the Council of Europe, an organization of 47 member States, overwhelmingly passed a non-binding resolution that called circumcision, among other procedures, a violation of the physical integrity of children according to established human rights standards. Circumcision is uncommon in Europe except among Jews and Muslims.

As the only non-European invited to this meeting, Dr. Goldman said, “I look forward to contributing to the effort to raise awareness about circumcision in Europe in light of its physical, sexual, and psychological harm.” He is the author of Circumcision: The Hidden Trauma and Questioning Circumcision: A Jewish Perspective.'

UK: One in three mothers say father should not have say in children's upbringing post-divorce

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One in three separated mothers think their children's fathers should have no say in their upbringing, according to a report yesterday.

It found that 32 per cent of separated mothers thought that they alone had the right to make decisions about their children's future.

The high proportion found by a survey implies that more than one in 10 of all the families in the country include mothers who do not want the fathers of their children to have a say over the future of their children.

The findings were revealed in a survey carried out for the counselling group Relate.'

Author seeking interviewees for book on men's and fathers' issues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Professor Kenedy of York University in Toronto, Canada has been researching the fathers' rights, mens' rights, and shared parenting movement since 1990. He has written a book, academic articles, and presented various academic papers (see references below) on these social movements. He is working on a new book about the global fathers' rights, men's rights, and shared parenting movements and is interested in interviewing fathers, mothers, grandparents, adult children, and others who have been through separations and divorces. He would especially like to interview those who have been through the family law system and discuss the impact it had on them such as mental health, physical health, or other issues/consequences.
...
He will be in San Diego from Feb 16-18, 2014 and in Los Angeles from Feb 19-24, 2014. If you are interested in being interviewed for his book please e-mail him at rkenedy-at-yorku.ca.'

Canada: West End Fitness World closes women's-only space

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gyms and weight rooms haven't always been the most welcoming, comfortable place for women.

But over the last 30 years, health clubs worldwide introduced women's-only section to cater to their expanding clientele and induce new members to adopt a healthier lifestyle that included weights and treadmills.

But now a West End Fitness World is eliminating the section used exclusively by women to accommodate the neighbourhood's gay, male demographic and because clients have complained the gym should be completely co-ed.
...
In an angry rant she posted Wednesday on her blog Tank's Travels, Tankard said Fitness World was deceiving the female members who'd bought passes in order to use the women's-only section.
...
"Lots of women don't want to work out in the company of men, their sweat and their grunting," she wrote. "Sorry guys, you're not always the best workout partners."

Colleen Kirk, a spokeswoman for Fitness World, said the gym is responding to requests from what it considers the changing needs of its clients.

"That part of the women's-only location is not used a lot and our members have come to us and said, 'We want more space that is gender-neutral.'"

She said the dozen other Fitness World locations, including Kitsilano, have dedicated women's sections and there are no plans to eliminate them.
...
In 2005, a Burnaby man took the private gym Just Ladies Fitness to the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal after staff refused to sell him a membership.

He lost his case. Not only was he not prevented from working out at other affordable fitness centres near his home, but the ruling also determined women should have the option to exercise "free of the male gaze" or otherwise might not exercise at all.'

Rabbis to court: Uncircumcised boy will suffer 'serious psychological damage’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The legal adviser to the rabbinical court submitted Thursday its ruling on the appeal by a mother who is opposed to having her son circumcised. “On the altar of the petitioner’s right to freedom of religion, she is suggesting that she will ignore the irreversible psychological damage that is liable to be caused to the child due to his being an exception in the society of the children around him...'

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Bill Limits How Much Child Support Divorced Fathers Must Pay

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A father's rights group is backing a bill that would place a limit on how much money a divorced father would have to pay in child support.

The limit on child support would prevent courts from calculating a parent's monthly payments on any income above $150,000.

Steve Blake of the group Dads of Wisconsin says the original purpose of child support laws was to make sure that kids don't end up on welfare – that "they're not on the dole and they're still being fed, clothed, housed healthy, [and] go to school."

"Beyond that, redistributing wealth from one parent to another is not really a state function," says Blake.

But Blake says he's less concerned with the financial issues in the bill than he is about another provision in the bill, one that would require judges to make it a priority to allow each parent equal time when placement decisions are made.

"It's not so important how much money you spend on a kid as it how much time you spend with a kid," says Blake. "That's what we're looking for – dads who want to be able to be a parent on an equal basis to the mother."'

Boy describes being locked up, starved by father and his girlfriend

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Just a few minutes before he arrived in court Wednesday for the trial of a woman accused of starving him nearly to death, the state laid out evidence against her. A Titusville investigator held up the tiny Spiderman pajamas he was wearing when he was found — boys size 8. Prosecutors showed photos of how he looked at the time. Intense light blue eyes. Gaunt cheeks. Skeletal ribs.
...
He spoke softly as he recounted his time with Sharon Glass, who faces multiple felony charges, including aggravated child abuse. Police said she and Michael Marshall were caregivers for the boy and other children. Marshall is in jail awaiting trial on similar charges.

On the stand, the boy gave short answers to the prosecutor's questions. He first met Glass in 2009, when he was in the third grade. She was dating Marshall, his father. Soon, they were living together. Soon, he called her "mom."

Soon, he started getting in trouble.

The first time he recalled in court was when Glass accused him of stealing an iPod. He testified he didn't take it. He was later accused when other things went missing. He was punished for taking fruit off a tree and for stealing food.
...
The most serious punishment came in the house on Barna Avenue.

"I was constantly locked up," he told prosecutors.

When he was put in his room, the boy would escape. When he did, Glass told Marshall she'd leave him if he didn't lock the boy up.
...
On Christmas 2011, he was let out of the bathroom to watch other children open gifts. He was put back in the bathroom and given a stocking full of coal.'

"How Can We Help Men? By Helping Women"

Mastodon · 12 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'THIS week Maria Shriver brings together a star-studded cast of celebrities, from Hillary Rodham Clinton to Beyoncé, to call attention to the economic plight of American women and demand that women's needs be put "at the center of policy making.

But is this really the time to focus on women? For nearly four decades, feminists have decried "the feminization of poverty." However, since the 1980s there has been a defeminization of poverty, as a growing proportion of men have fallen on hard times. In recent years men have experienced especially significant losses in income and job security.

Although women are still more likely to be poor than men, on average women's income and labor-force participation have been rising since the 1970s. By contrast, between 1970 and 2010 the median earnings of men fell by 19 percent, and those of men with just a high school diploma by a stunning 41 percent. And while women have regained all the jobs they lost during the recession, men have regained just 75 percent.

Since about 1980 the percentage of men and women in middle-skill jobs has declined. But for women, nearly all of that decline was because of increased representation in higher-skill jobs. Women's employment in low-skill jobs increased by just 1 percent. By contrast, for men, half the decline in middle-skill jobs was a result of increases in low-skill jobs.

The most urgent issue facing working Americans today is not the glass ceiling. It is the sinking floor. So wouldn't it make more sense to focus on gender-neutral economic policies?

...

Today, however, becoming a "never-never" employee is increasingly a gender-neutral fate. Millions of men face working conditions that traditionally characterized women's lives: low wages, minimal benefits, part-time or temporary jobs, and periods of joblessness. Poverty is becoming defeminized because the working conditions of many men are becoming more feminized.

Whether they realize it or not, men now have a direct stake in policies that advance gender equity. Most of the wage gap between women and men is no longer a result of blatant male favoritism in pay and promotion. Much of it stems from general wage inequality in society at large.

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Another source of the gender pay gap is the lack of reliable, affordable child care, which forces many mothers to stay home or work part time even when they need and want full-time work.

Prioritizing child care would not just be a boon for mothers but for millions of fathers as well. The highest proportion of stay-at-home moms is found among women married to men in the bottom 25 percent of the country's income distribution. Most of these women cannot afford to work because of the high cost of child care, even though their partners and children would benefit from the increased income.

...

Putting women's traditional needs at the center of social planning is not reverse sexism. It's the best way to reverse the increasing economic vulnerability of men and women alike.

Given the increasing insecurity of many American men, they have good reason to back feminist policies. And if those policies alienate some women in the upper echelons, then maybe feminism isn't for every woman, and doesn't need to be.'

Father pays outstanding child support due to terms modification he was never informed of and still gets jail time

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Clifford Hall says he's more than happy to pay child support for his 11-year-old son.
...
But Hall says when the amount of child support was modified no one told him.
...
When Hall and his ex were in Judge Lisa Millard's court last November he owed nothing.

"Opposing counsel testified twice that he's all paid up," says Elam.

But the attorney representing the child's mother wanted Hall to pay her three grand in attorney fees and Judge Millard agreed.

Court documents also reveal Hall wasn't following the court's scheduled times to pick his son up for visitation.

Another modification Hall says he knew nothing about.
...
"This entire situation is shocking to me," says community activist Quanell X. "I've never seen one like this."

Quanell X wants the state's judicial board to investigate.
...
Judge Millard tells Fox 26 after she found Hall in contempt he walked out of the courtroom which she says is a big no no.

Judge Millard says Hall's attorney could have filed a motion for reconsideration which would have given her an opportunity to hear from both sides again and reevaluate the situation.

Hall's attorney is now working on an appeal.

Hall says in a few days he will turn himself in to the jail.'

Also see:

1. Father sentenced to 6 months in jail for paying too much child support
2. Snopes.com has commentary on this story here.
3. There is a change.org petition currently active seeking the judge's removal from the bench.

USAID.gov: "Masculinity and Violence in Conflict"

Minuteman · 12 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Posted by Daniel Sheehy, Office of the Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, USAID on Monday, December 9th 2013

...

Why does masculinity devolve into madness in the face of violence? Why is it that we time and time again see a marked increase in the horrific misdeeds committed by men toward women when conflict arises? Throughout history, including up to this very day, a consequence of large-scale violence and war is a significant increase in the rate of gender-based violence that women experience in the form of rape and specific targeting by combatants. During widespread conflict, the breakdown of society and normalization of violence that extends from war into broader society is a commonly used explanation for rampant gender-based violence. Hypermasculinity, a term used to describe an increase in aggressive and misogynistic masculine traits, is also used in explaining why gender-based violence is practically treated as a given component of war. Even after a conflict has been politically resolved, the impact that widespread violence and societal conflict has on the people that experience it and live through it is profound, traumatizing, and proves difficult to overcome.

...

We need to help, but how? How do we recover from war and the cycle of violence that it fuels? How do we help women who experience violence during war, for that matter? Trauma from violence exposes everybody to the after-effects of war, but providing support through empowering and providing social services to both men and women can help with moving away from a violent society and contribute toward peacebuilding and maintaining stability. Politically empowering women and other marginalized populations, spreading awareness of the specific kinds of violence women experience while holding those responsible accountable for their crimes, and bringing women to the negotiation table needs to happen if we hope to distance ourselves from the ugliness of history. We also need to focus on a positive form of masculinity to contribute toward a peaceful and prosperous society, and move away from the hypermasculinity that pushes men and boys towards violence during times of conflict and disaster. While we have a long way to go, these steps will help us move towards gender equality and a more prosperous society.'

War on sex or just colleges gone crazy?

el cid · 12 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Another story on lowered college standards for finding male students guilty of sexual harassment. Excerpt:

'What allowed Adler to extract herself from this absurd charge of sexual harassment was her status as a faculty member with the shields of tenure and academic freedom to protect her. Ponder for a moment, though, that, without those formidable defenses, she might have ended up like many college students today who find themselves thrown under the bus by their University's Offices of Sexual Harassment with no due process and no chance for redress.

Take for example Joshua Strange at Auburn University who in 2011 was accused by a girlfriend of forcing himself upon her. However, the alleged incident had occurred after they had been dating for several months and she didn't make a formal accusation until after their acrimonious breakup months later. Strange was fully cleared through the legal system -- the accuser never even showed up in court. Even so, Auburn kicked him out of the university and will arrest him for setting foot on campus again.

How did that happen? Like CU, Auburn conducts "trials" of sexual harassment in secret without rules, procedures, nor accountability. However, in an audio recording of the Strange trial obtained by the Wall Street Journal, the lack of fair treatment and due process was frighteningly apparent. Standards of proof were arbitrarily changed and then summarily ignored. Strange's lawyers were forbidden to speak, much less question the accuser. No qualified legal experts were involved -- the committee was chaired by a librarian and included students, a staffer from the College of Liberal Arts and a fisheries professor. Strange got crushed.

There's a reason for this absurd level of paranoia about sexual harassment at American colleges. In April 2011, the Assistant Education Secretary for Civil Rights in the Obama administration, Russlynn Ali, threatened to withhold federal money from educational institutions that failed to take a hard line against sexual misconduct so that "all students feel safe in their school." Losing federal money is a death sentence to most universities, so they can't let that happen. Instead, it's much safer, not to mention easier, to find a student or faculty member guilty of sexual harassment regardless of the truth. Welcome to this new reality, Adler and Strange.

Make no mistake, sexual harassment happens and, when it does, people should be held accountable for their bad behavior. But, setting the bar so low that "unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature" gets people kicked out of college is a formula for unfairly ruining peoples' lives. And, that is exactly what is happening in American higher education today.'

New report says millions of women at risk of falling into poverty, economic ruin

el cid · 12 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Another sad story about how women have it bad and we need to do more to empower and help women. Men, not so much. Excerpt:

'Although in recent decades women have made historic advances in nearly all areas of American public life, a staggering number of women across the country are still teetering on the verge of poverty and economic disaster, a new report released Sunday shows.
...
And yet despite the discouraging signs of economic gender inequality, "The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink" features a wide range of potential remedies — from prospective policy initiatives to community programs. The authors of the report say that turning away from historical injustices and embracing a more equitable future will boost the U.S. economy.

One such recommendation that Shriver highlighted on Meet the Press on Sunday was for women to think of themselves “as providers, not being provided for.

”Many women who responded to the poll said they wished they had stayed in school longer and Shriver said fathers and husbands need to reinforce the mindset that women can set themselves up to be breadwinners.
...
"Leave out the women, and you don't have a full and robust economy. Lead with the women, and you do," Shriver wrote in the report. "It's that simple, and Americans know it."
...
"I have always believed that women are not victims," Clinton wrote. "We are agents of change, we are drivers of progress, and we are makers of peace. All we need is a fighting chance."
...
Shriver said that since women make up 54 percent of voters, “women are at the center of our country,” and Democrats and Republicans need to work together “to modernize our relationships to women.”“When women do well, men do well and the nation does well,” Shriver said.'

Australia: Men's course about health, not anti-feminism: UniSA

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE University of South Australia says its new course on male health has nothing to do with so-called extreme anti-feminist views, and contradicts claims in The Advertiser newspaper that two US-based men's rights advocates are involved in the course.

A spokeswoman for the university said a suite of male studies courses potentially involving both US advocates had been proposed by university staff in 2012, but had been rejected by the university in September that year following an academic review.

“Any future courses would need to go through the same formal approval process, in accordance with university policy, that involves consideration of academic merit and quality, and community benefit and viability,” the spokeswoman said in a statement to the HES.

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The $1800 online certificate course in 'male health and male health promotion' is aimed at health and allied health professionals.

“Contrary to its description in some media reports, the certificate is framed for people already working in the health and allied health sectors, and has been developed by and will be taught by University of South Australia staff only,” UniSA said.'

'Masculinity Is More Than a Mask'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Are school shooters and mass murderers born out of an aggressive emphasis on masculinity in our society? The trailer for filmmaker and feminist activist Jennifer Siebel Newsom's new documentary, "The Mask You Live In," would have us think so.

The recently released trailer has attracted 1 million views on YouTube. It argues that American boys are captive to a rigid and harmful social code of masculinity. From the earliest age, they are told to "Be a Man!" "Don't Cry!" "Stop with the emotion!" and "Man up!" This "guy code" suppresses their humanity, excites their drive for dominance, and renders many of them dangerous. The trailer features adolescent men describing their isolation, despair, and thoughts of suicide, artfully interspersed with terrifying images of school shooters and mass murderers.

I admire Newsom for using her considerable talent to advocate for boys. But I worry that she is less concerned with helping boys than with re-engineering their masculinity according to specifications from some out-of-date gender studies textbook. The trailer is suffused with "males-are-toxic" ideology but shows little appreciation for how boys' nature can be distinctively good. "The Mask You Live In" is scheduled to be released later this year. Let's hope there is still time for edits.'

'Set to Explode: On masculinity and death'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'My best friend died at twenty years old. He, like so many males, was set to explode; a bomb of manhood with a wick as short as impulse. He was taught only one game: breaking boundaries. In the end he broke his own. Game over.

Masculinity is killing us all. In men's endless drive to prove themselves as real men, they must break boundaries as a matter of course. "Don't do that" is simply an invitation. Each inhibition crossed is a further affirmation of manhood. There's a reason why a certain major firearm company's main marketing ploy revolves around convincing men that, without these guns, their "manhood cards" will be revoked. Like bombs, men don't simply hurt themselves when they explode, but also whoever happens to be nearby. That's the point.

Power is addictive. The more men taste it, the more they grasp for it and the more they cling to it. But masculinity kills them just as surely. Beneath the toxic exterior of ego, men need what all humans do: communion. There is no communion in violation. After all that can be violated is, what remains?

Yet, some men are different. Some men want back the empathy that was long ago stolen from them by the cult of masculinity.
...
My best friend died from manhood, as so many others do. Some die from abiding by it, but more die from it being used like a weapon against them (and too often, this is no metaphor). My friend ran his course of a fast and dangerous life, hurting others, but killing himself. There are many more like him out there, hurting and hurting just to try to feel alive. Those who could, rarely tell them to stop. Those who could, rarely show them another way.
...
Ours is a culture of violation. Women, children, other cultures, and other species pay for the exploits of the dominators. Men—like my old friend—serve simply as masculinity's foot soldiers. They may think they are benefiting as individuals, but in the end, they are slaves to a force that kills their empathy, kills their loved ones, and eventually, kills them.'

University of South Australia distances itself from males studies proposals

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Article here. Excerpt:

The University of South Australia has distanced itself from a proposal for a series of male studies courses, some of which were to be taught by hardline anti-feminist advocates.

The university has approved one of four proposed graduate courses, a certificate in male health and health promotion, which will begin online next month.

But an original proposal by one of the university's academics outlined three further certificates, including a course called "males and sexism", which named lecturers who have been published on radical men's rights websites.
...
But National Union of Students president Deanna Taylor said it was concerning that the academic who founded the course, Associate Professor Gary Misan, was linked to the controversial Americans.

"It's a slippery slope once you open the door to people with these views and give them a platform … it's not long before proposals like the ones that were rejected actually get approved," she said.'

Schools in Houston, Texas provide opportunities for men to read with kids

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Men from varied backgrounds and ages volunteer one hour a month to do something that at first took them out of their comfort zone – entertaining a roomful of youngsters at Elrod Elementary School by reading books aloud. Part of a program called “Real Men Read,” the eight men are among 300 who read to kids in the second, fifth and seventh grades in selected schools in Houston Independent School District.

As skeptical as I am of the phrase “real men” given its frequent abuse by those more interested in controlling men than helping them, Real Men Read is a good initiative. Also, they are deliberately turning a gendered phrase on its head. Due to various reasons, reading has become seen as something “feminine,” something “real men” don’t do. They are flipping the script to tell the world that they do.
...
These HISD staff members would have to work very hard to accommodate over 44 schools and 9,000 students in this program. I encourage you to send a word of thanks to Liz Philippi and Linda Bellard for their great work. Here is their contact information:'

[See actual article for contact info.]

Maria Shriver to Meet With Obama on Tuesday

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Story here.

'The White House says Maria Shriver on Tuesday will present President Barack Obama with a copy of her report on the economic status of women.

The report, "A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink," tells the story of the financial insecurity of America's families through the eyes of women. It finds that one-third of women are living near the brink of poverty despite making up half the U.S. workforce and two-thirds of the primary or co-breadwinners in their families.

Obama has been pressing Republicans to agree to extend unemployment insurance as he prepares to highlight income inequality in his State of the Union address on Jan. 28.

Shriver is a niece of President John F. Kennedy. She also is the wife of former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.'

'The war on men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Guys, we need to stop being ashamed of being men. Virtually every behavior that is natural to a man is now being criticized and we are made to feel ashamed about being our gender. Perhaps if we spent more time uplifting men instead of trying to annihilate masculinity, we'd have better men.

I recently posted this comment on a social network site. Not a huge fan of Men's Health Magazine, but this ain't bad advice: "You can't be a topnotch man unless you're deeply grateful. For what? Glad you asked. For the gift of your gender. For those muscles in your back. For those neurons in your brain. For your mirth. Your lust. Your courage. For your possibilities. A man in full appreciates the twist of fate that made him so strong, so cunning, so stalwart, so alert, so sexually skilled, so fully equipped, so good to go. Live the appreciation, by using it all."

The point was that men should have an attitude of gratefulness. Is there anything wrong with a man being grateful? Hardly—I'd say it's one of the foundations of authentic masculinity. Men were almost embarrassingly silent regarding the post, but a number of women responded with snarky comments like, "so humble" or "vain," or "very prideful."

Really? Are we so threatened by passionate, proud masculinity that we (as a culture) are programmed to immediately take steps to keep it squashed down. After all, if we can keep men ashamed of themselves, we can keep them docile. And docile men are easy to control. We've raised a generation of docile sons and we now call them slackers. If I had posted a note encouraging women to be proud of how they were created I'd have been lauded as an enlightened and highly intelligent human being.'

Canada: University students debate women-only gym times

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'An initiative by the Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) pushing for women-only hours at one of the two on-campus athletic facilities has some students worked up about working out.

In a Facebook post last month, the RSU laid out its case for women-only workout slots. They wrote that many women feel uncomfortable exercising in the co-ed space for reasons ranging from Muslim women who will not remove their head scarves in front of men to women who the RSU argued have to endure "societal standards of beauty."

The campaign prompted anger online. "I've never even stepped foot in the Ryerson gym, but this still pisses me off. What's next, women only library hours?" wrote one commentator on Facebook.

"We all pay the same amount... so we should all have the same opportunities to use it and all be given the same amount of available time," wrote another on the social news website Reddit.

It's not an entirely new idea. There is already women-only gym time at the University of Toronto, York University, Memorial University and at Ryerson's campus pool. Ryerson already offers women a small private gym space restricted to a single studio that is sometimes booked out for other uses. The RSU would like to see a totally women-only space for regular time slots in one of two gyms.'

Sheryl Sandberg To Re-Release Lean In For Graduates So Men Can Lean In

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Facebook COO told USA Today: "I never imagined in a billion years (the book) would spark this amount of conversation ... The energy around college campuses is exciting -- it gives us hope for the future." Sandberg will visit many of the 200 schools in 17 countries with on-campus "Lean In" discussion circles to promote the second edition of the book, which features six additional chapters, including advice for "how millennial men can lean in." Welcome, fellas.

Sandberg's original book sparked a national conversation about whether workplace feminism is a luxury of the upper-middle class -- and we're thrilled she is now addressing the message to a demographic that can get a headstart engaging in a dialogue on these issues.'

UK: Labour NEC: No women-only Aberdeen North shortlist

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'The decision by the party's UK national executive committee (NEC) means Labour MSP Richard Baker, who is reported to have expressed an interest in Aberdeen North, will be free to seek selection in the constituency as a potential MP.

Scotland on Sunday revealed this week that North East MSP Baker, a director of anti-independence campaign Better Together, was considering leaving Holyrood for Westminster.

A meeting of Labour's NEC in London today said that Aberdeen North, where sitting MP Frank Doran is retiring at the 2015 General Election, would be open to male and female candidates.
...
However, Labour is expected to select its candidate to fight the election in the constituency before the summer.

Labour's NEC decided to make five of seven Westminster candidate selections all-women shortlists, including Glenrothes where the sitting MP Lindsay Roy is standing down next year.

Party members will have to select their candidates from all-women shortlists in Blackburn - the seat represented by former foreign secretary Jack Straw, who is retiring.

Labour will also select a candidate from an-women shortlist in Dulwich and West Norwood, which is represented by former cabinet minister Dame Tessa Jowell.'

Maria Shriver book gives Obama new prop for ‘War on Women’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama has set aside time Tuesday to personally endorse a new feminist agenda backed by noted Democratic policy experts Beyoncé, Jada Pinkett Smith, LeBron James and Eva Longoria.

They’re listed as contributors to the 391-page apocalyptic-sounding report entitled “A Woman’s Nation Pushes Back from the Brink,” drafted by lead author Maria Shriver, a member of the Kennedy clan and ex-wife of former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Shriver’s progressive analysis and government-centered recommendations aren't nearly as important as the document’s ability for Democrats to boost women’s turnout in the 2014 election.

...

“The ‘War on Women’ is just about the only tool in the Democratic arsenal for 2014,” IWF director of cultural programs Charlotte Hays told TheDC, because the crash of Obamacare and Obama’s lousy economy has done so much damage to women, men and families.

...

The report calls for government to become a caregiver for women, by providing employer-paid leave for women, paid sick days for minimum-wage workers, uniform pay for men and women in similar jobs, and free child-care so that fatherless mothers can work minimum-wage jobs at $7.25 per hour instead of taking care of their children.

The report offers only a marginal role for men and boys, no support for marriage, and little or no role for the independent family that can birth and raise new Americans with minimal government participation.

The report begins by dismissing men; “In August 2012, my marriage ended suddenly after 25 years. It was a shock, but also a relief, because my husband had been angry for years. After he left, it was amazing how there was peace in our house again,” says the opening anecdote, which is followed by repeated demands that society be organized around the needs of women.

...

Later the report cites a survey of mothers and kids, but not fathers. it even recommends to female readers that they tip waitresses. It says nothing about tipping waiters.

...

Boys must be taught their place, Beyoncé insists. “We have to teach our boys the rules of equality and respect… and we have to teach our girls that they can reach as high as humanly possible,” says the very wealthy and successful female singer, who seems unaware that more women graduate from college than men.

“Women are more than 50 percent of the population and more than 50 percent of voters. We must demand that we all receive 100 percent of the opportunities,” says Beyoncé, who can sing better than 99.9999 percent of the population.'

Change.org petition: Drop charges against transgender teen defending herself

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Petition here. Really, if this had been a case of a female-to-male transgendered person being attacked by three boys, or if the attackers in this case were boys and not girls, does anyone imagine for a moment the DA would not be on them like white on rice? I sure don't. At the very least, defending oneself from street-thugs regardless of said thugs' gender is no offense -- unless of course said thugs are female and you have a penis, regardless of how you are dressed. Is to too much though to ask the question: "Why the hell are the attackers *not* being prosecuted?" Or is that just too radical an idea? Excerpt:

'My sister, Jewlyes Gutierrez, is a 16 year old teenager, who identifies as a transgender female. Her gender identity has caused her to be a victim of taunting, harassment, and bullying by her peers. On November 13, 2013, Jewlyes defended herself against three girls who were tormenting and then physically attacked her. This was captured on video and you can see Jewlyes trying to run away. The students involved were suspended but to our disbelief, District Attorney Daniel Cabral then filed charges against Jewlyes for battery - she's the only one charged.

Jewlyes should not be charged criminally. Rather, this altercation should be the responsibility of the school district, who should take proper action and implement the necessary resources to prevent incidents like these from happening again.

One of the girls who attacked Jewlyes had repeated bullied her - even spitting gum in her face. Jewlyes sought help from the assistant principal in fear of her physical safety but the issue was not properly addressed, no necessary action was taken by the administration. The bullying continued.
...
Violence towards transgender and queer youth is a serious problem. Recently in Oakland, CA, a transgender teen was lit on fire. What message is the District Attorney's Office sending when they prosecute a transgender teen who school officials labeled as the victim in this incident?'

Circumcision, cultural bias, and the question of consent

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Article here. Excerpt:

'...Small children -- let alone infants -- have no capacity to consent to the surgical removal of sound body parts. Secondly, there is no compelling medical need to cut off healthy genital tissue. The cutting of male or female genitals is a socially constructed practice often linked to group identity or religious doctrine.
...
Many Americans think of male circumcision as an issue of hygiene. Yet, this is not the case. The vast majority of men throughout human history have kept their intact penises clean without any extraordinary effort. Many Americans think that the foreskin, which is removed in a circumcision surgery, is useless skin. This is also untrue. It seems that with the acceptance of the routine cutting of infant penises, we also have cut the function of the foreskin from our consciousness. In an intact adult male, the foreskin is the most sensitive and erogenous 12-15 square inches of his body and it contains 10,000-20,000 fine touch nerve endings. It is not useless skin.
...
One can learn a great deal about cultural bias when comparing the traditions of male and female genital cutting.

Imagine an infant girl placed onto a cold, hospital table specifically designed to restrain her small body. She is naked. Her flailing arms and legs are strapped down. A medical professional places a sharp tool to the girl's genitals and prepares to cut off her labia or clitoris. The practice is said to keep her vulva clean and reduce the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. The tissue is cut. The infant girl's face contorts with pain. Blood. Shrill screams pierce the room. She is given sugar water in an attempt to pacify. Later, parents are provided careful instructions as to how to care for the wound. They are told their daughter won't remember the event. They are told that no harm was done. Following the procedure, hospitals sell the discarded tissue for profit commercially. Imagine that this occurs every 30 seconds in America.

Now, imagine that the baby is a boy.'

Nigeria begins arresting homosexuals (i.e., male ones) after anti-homosexuality law passed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nigerian authorities today began arresting gay men after legislation was quietly approved criminalising homosexuality and imposing prison terms up to 14 years for breaking the new law.

Several gay couples were taken into custody in the country's majority-Muslim north, and rights groups feared that others would be targeted across the West African country.

Goodluck Jonathan, Nigeria's president, signed the Same Sex Marriage Prohibition Act into law on January 7, but there was no public report of the new law until journalists obtained a copy of the act on Monday.

It prohibits homosexuals from even meeting in groups of two or more, bans marriage or civil unions between people of the same sex, and criminalises gay clubs and events.

Reuben Abati, the presidential spokesman, said Nigerians were happy with the new law. It makes Nigeria the 38th African nation to enact legislation persecuting gay people.'

Everything you need to know about Japan's population crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'he Japanese now have one of the lowest fertility rates in the world, and at the same time, one of the highest longevity rates. As a result, the population is dropping rapidly, and becoming increasingly weighted toward older people. After peaking seven years ago, at 128 million, Japan's population has been falling — and is on a path to decline by about a million people a year. By 2060, the government estimates, there will be just 87 million people in Japan; nearly half of them will be over 65. Without a dramatic change in either the birthrate or its restrictive immigration policies, Japan simply won't have enough workers to support its retirees, and will enter a demographic death spiral. Yet the babies aren't coming.

...

There are both cultural and economic barriers. In Japanese tradition, marriage was more about duty than romantic love. Arranged marriages were the norm well into the 1970s, and even into the 1990s most marriages were facilitated by "go-betweens," often the grooms' bosses. Left to their own devices, Japanese men aren't sure how to find wives — and many are shying away from the hunt, because they simply can't afford it. Wages have stagnated since the 1990s, while housing prices have shot up. A young Japanese man has good reason to believe that his standard of living would drop immensely if he had to house and support a wife and children — especially considering that his wife likely wouldn't be working.

...

In Japan, marriage usually ends a woman's working career, even though most women are well educated. Once they have a child, women face strong social pressure to quit their jobs and assume very traditional roles, serving both the husband and the child. Mothers who want to keep working are stigmatized and usually find that employers won't hire them. Child care is scarce and expensive, while Japan's brutal work culture often demands that employees work more than 50 hours a week. Japanese husbands aren't much help either — they spend an average of one hour a day helping with the children and household chores, compared with three hours for husbands in the U.S. and Western Europe. "You end up being a housewife with no independent income," bank worker Eri Tomita told The Observer. "It's not an option for women like me."

...

For years, Takeshi hid from the world, playing video games all night and sleeping all day, eating from a tray his mother left outside his room. He was a hikikomori, one of an estimated 1 million Japanese teens and young men who have become shut-ins, with virtually no human contact beyond their parents. Some of the hikikomori first withdraw because of some social embarrassment — bad grades, or a romantic rejection. The longer they drop out, the more shame they feel in a society where one's status and reputation are paramount and hard to change. Parents, and especially mothers, often enable the withdrawal. "In Japan, mothers and sons often have a symbiotic, codependent relationship," says psychiatrist Tamaki Saito, who first identified the disorder in the 1990s. Takeshi re-entered society after four years, thanks to a government program that sends female outreach counselors known as "rental sisters" to coax the hikikomori out of the house. But that program doesn't always work. As one shut-in of 15 years said, "I missed my chance."'

Teen Boys Who Think They're Skinny May Be at Higher Risk for Depression

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Teen boys who think they're too skinny are at increased risk for depression, and they're more likely to be bullied and use steroids, two new studies suggest.
...
Teen boys who believed they were overweight but were actually a healthy weight were also more likely to be depressed than those who believed they were of average weight. However, they were not as likely to be depressed as those who believed they were very underweight, the study found.

In the second study, researchers analyzed data from a 2009 survey of more than 8,000 boys in grades nine through 12 across the United States. The study found that those who believed themselves to be underweight were more likely to have depression than those who were average weight or overweight.

Boys who believed they were underweight were more likely to be victims of bullying and more likely to use steroids, according to the second study, which was published online recently in the journal Psychology of Men & Masculinity.
...
"These studies highlight the often underreported issue of distorted body image among adolescent boys," Aaron Blashill, who led both studies, said in a journal news release.

"Teenage girls tend to internalize and strive for a thin appearance, whereas teenage boys tend to emphasize a more muscular body type," said Blashill, a staff psychologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and a faculty member at Harvard Medical School. "We found that some of these boys who feel they are unable to achieve that often unattainable image are suffering and may be taking drastic measures."

Blashill said doctors treating depressed teen boys -- particularly those who believe they are underweight or bullied -- should be aware of the possibility of steroid use.'

All Of the 74,000 Job Gains in December Went to Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The news: December 2013 was the month the economy decided to say hello, ladies.

Oh, and fellas? Apparently the economy wouldn't hire you if you were the last man ... in the economy. According to new data from the the Bureau of Labor Statistics, every single one of the paltry 74,000 jobs created in December went to women.

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Women gained a net 75,000 jobs in December, while men lost 1,000 net jobs. And even though women haven't been the sole beneficiaries of job growth in a single month since December 2007, they claimed 56% of all new jobs over the past 12 months.

Men also fared far worse during the recession, thanks in large part to their concentration in male-heavy industries like construction, manufacturing, and chopping down trees using only your teeth. Meanwhile, women are concentrated in recession-safe industries like health care and government.

Girl power? Ladies, you're not really gonna like this part. The report isn't necessarily great news for women, either. Most of the jobs created weren't good ones.

Just 15,000 of the positions that went to women were in the professional and business services sectors, which tend to be higher-paying positions. But 39,000 were in retail, and 18,000 were in leisure and hospitality. If you've ever worked in either industry, you probably didn't enjoy the low pay, long hours, and dealing with customers, and it's not likely the women filling many of those positions will either.

Meanwhile, the 74,000 jobs created are far short of the 196,000 jobs Wall Street expected. It was a sour month for the economy, and many economists say that the official 6.7% unemployment rate is actually underestimating how many people are seeking work.'

For some, the 'war on women' never ends

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton, who just wrapped up a four-year stint as secretary of state after eight years as a U.S. senator, reportedly will write in a new book that "the clock is turning back" for women in America.

It's a striking, if unsurprising, statement from the presumptive Democratic nominee for president who, by the way, is a woman. Things seem to be going well for Clinton, despite her gender.

Clinton's proclamation is nothing unusual, though. If you get your news from liberal women seeking elective office, you might never know the extent of academic and professional gains women have made in the past 40 years.

Women have attended college in greater numbers than men since the late 1970s, and 60 percent of students at private universities today are female. In graduate school, women outnumber men, according to the American Enterprise Institute. Almost 60 percent of all master's degrees awarded in the United States in 2012 went to women. Pay equity for millennial women stands at 93 percent, and that gap is narrowing, fortunately, according research data.

But the "war on women" never gets old with female Democratic politicians, including Clinton, who is gearing up for another White House run. The clock must always be turning back because the "war" pays perpetual political dividends, so long as it is never won.
...
At the same time, dissatisfaction among women continues to grow, paradoxically, according to the highly regarded University of Chicago General Social Survey, which has been keeping a happiness index for women since 1972. The better women have done professionally over the past 41 years in which the survey has been done, the unhappier they have reported being.
...
I'm all for equal rights for women. I'm just saying that in any other industry, we'd call this a scam.'

"Want Better Hedge Fund Returns? Try One Led by a Woman"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the world of hedge funds, a relative few have a woman at the helm. And yet, these funds may be the standouts from the bunch, a new report argues.

In the years since the financial crisis, hedge funds managed by women performed better than a broader index that reflects the performance of the industry, according to a report released on Wednesday by the professional services firm Rothstein Kass. The report seeks to show that this “alpha” – superior returns, in Wall Street speak – is no mere fluke.

“There is meaningful alpha to be gained from investing in women-owned and -managed funds,” Meredith Jones, a director at Rothstein Kass who wrote the report, said in an interview. “There appear to be both behavioral and biological factors that impact women’s ability to manage money and make them consistent.”'

Letter: "Radical response to Kristof column"

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Letter here.

'Re: “A birth-control suggestion,” by Carol Kelly, Friday Letters.

Carol Kelly’s letter attacking columnist Nicholas Kristof is as off the rails as any recent letter to the DMN.

Use of terms such as “typical man” and “irresponsible, unloving man-father” and suggesting “snip-snip of the male reproductive organs” can only be described as extreme misandry (male hatred).

While I rarely agree with Mr. Kristof, he does have a proven track record of bringing issues such as human trafficking and social injustice to light. His suggestion was that birth control be more readily available to avoid unwanted Third World births, which often lead to human trafficking. Hardly radical.'

Ref.: "A birth-control suggestion"

Maria Shriver's Rehash of Feminist Whines

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Article here. Excerpt:

'IN her nearly 400-page feminist screed about the plight of women in America, “A Woman’s Nation Pushes Back from the Brink,” Maria Shriver and the Center for American Progress have fired the first volley in the pivotal campaign of 2014 that will determine whether the President’s leftist agenda will proceed forward unimpeded or whether the Constitution and common sense will prevail. It is no small matter that the document also propels Hillary Clinton’s goals forward and seeks to revive a moribund feminist movement’s struggle for relevance. Served with a dollop of celebrity and a high-powered roll-out — including President Obama promoting the report with Shriver at the White House — the skill of the marketing effort greatly exceeds the heft of the report. It is long on glamour and glitz and short on substance and scholarly depth.
...
... The publication seems designed to mobilize the single-women voters essential for the Left’s future. It is, bottom-line, a political document, an ideologically slanted report that sees the world purely through a feminist lens. The degree of its bias can be measured by the fact that it glosses over two of the most serious issues of the day — the rise of female-headed households that predictably are dependent upon taxpayer largess (the report calls this “the adverse economic impact of motherhood”) and their father-absent children who predictably are at risk of a wide range of undesirable outcomes that threaten the nation’s schools and streets. It is a marvel the way the report dances around the fact that single motherhood is so often a pathway to poverty and that the poverty rate of children living in mother-only families is five times that of children in married-couple families. Promoting feminist myths is a lot easier than addressing real problems.

Feminists are obviously hoping to revive the dying embers of feminism and ignite a new generation who are, at best, apathetic to the claims of oppression and lack of opportunity for women. Sadly, the essays exacerbate rather than help resolve the growing divides between men and women (caused, in large measure, by feminist rhetoric and attitudes toward men) as well as the societal divides stemming from bad economic policies that have dramatically decreased the male labor force participation while precipitously increasing food stamp and disability payments.'

Upcoming Documentary Sparks Debate: Is Masculinity Bad for Boys?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"The Mask You Live In," a new documentary that will be released this year, explores the many difficulties boys are having in American society today. One scholar, though, is concerned that its critique of masculinity will go too far.

"We've constructed an idea of masculinity in the United States that doesn't give young boys a way to feel secure in their masculinity, so we make them go prove it all the time," Dr. Michael Kimmel, a sociologist and educator, says in the trailer, which has nearly 1.5 million views at press time.

The film is made by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, who made "Miss Representation," which looked at how the media represents, or misrepresents, women. In a July interview with The Huffington Post, Newsom explains that it was during the making of that film, while she was pregnant with her son, that she began thinking about the difficulties that boys face.

"At the time I was pregnant with my son, Hunter, and increasingly sensitive to the extremes of masculinity that would be imposed on my own son," she said.
...
Christina Hoff Sommers, a resident scholar for the American Enterprise Institute and author of The War Against Boys (2001), watched the trailer and voiced some concerns that "The Mask You Live In" (intentionally sounds like "masculine") may be missing the real problem.

"I admire Newsom for using her considerable talent to advocate for boys," Sommers wrote Monday for TIME. "But I worry that she is less concerned with helping boys than with re-engineering their masculinity, according to specifications from some out-of-date gender-studies textbook. The trailer is suffused with males-are-toxic ideology, but shows little appreciation for how boys' nature can be distinctively good."

For that op-ed, Sommers has five suggestions for Newsom as she makes her final edits for the film. One of those suggestions is to "appreciate the difference between healthy and pathological masculinity."'

UK: There Is A Danger This Feminism Thing Is Getting A Bit 'Ludicrous', Warns Lord Hurd

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is a "ludicrous" obsession with ensuring there is equal representation of men and woman in parliament and other areas of public life, a former Conservative cabinet minister has said.

Lord Hurd, who served as home secretary and foreign secretary under Margaret Thatcher and Sir John Major, also said if voters did not like having a "good looking chap from a public school" as prime minister they would stop choosing them.

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During a discussion on the lack of high profile female political leaders, Lord Hurd said Thatcher had always been "impatient" with the focus on her as the first women prime minister.

"She was the prime minister because she was the best person available regardless of gender, that was her firm belief," Lord Hurd said.

He added: "I think, therefore, the danger of feminism, the danger of constantly putting near the top of agenda that there ought to be more women and more women in this and that sphere of our life, is that you balance over and you become slightly ludicrous."

The Conservative peer also said all-women shortlists for parliamentary constituencies were "deeply undemocratic and will fail".

He noted that selection panels, the party members who pick the candidates, were "not just largely men, but women who choose men".'

Canada: OSC to require companies to outline efforts to add more women to boards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Ontario Securities Commission has proposed a new rule that would require companies to report annually on their policies to add more women to their boards and executive ranks.

The new rules unveiled Thursday will also require companies to report on their term limits for directors, which would bring Canada in line with many other countries that have also required companies to disclose whether they have term limits for their boards. Proponents argue term limits help ensure there is more board turnover so new directors -- including women -- can be added to the mix.

Companies are also being asked to report on whether they have voluntarily adopted targets for women on their boards or in executive roles.

The new rules follow a “comply or explain” model that the OSC indicated last year it favours for its gender diversity standards. Such a model does not require companies to add women to their boards or adopt a diversity policy, but requires them to explain why they have opted not to comply with the recommendation.'

UK: Female serial killer trial: Dennehy admitted stabbing three men in the heart

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A man from Peterborough accused of helping serial killer Joanna Dennehy had warned she may murder one of her victims, a court has heard.

Dennehy, 31, has admitted stabbing three men in the heart and dumping their bodies in ditches in Cambridgeshire.

Two men, Gary Stretch and Leslie Layton, are accused of helping her dispose of the bodies and cover up the killings.

Giving evidence at Cambridge Crown Court, Carla White, who lived in the same house as Stretch, said Dennehy had seemed "rude and arrogant".

She said people had been intimidated by the killer - also known as Star because of her facial tattoos - and described how she had once grabbed her around the throat for no reason.

Ms White recalled a conversation with Stretch in the days leading up to Good Friday, when Dennehy's final victim, Kevin Lee, was killed.'

Will Male Circumcision be Banned in 2014?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As momentum continues to build against male circumcision, intactivists from around the USA have flooded Congress and 10 state legislatures with proposed legislation to ban genital cutting of boys. If enacted, the Male Genital Mutilation (MGM) Bill would amend existing female genital mutilation laws by making them gender neutral.

Asa Rubin, director of MGMbill.org's Massachusetts state office in Brookline, feels that all boys need to be protected from what is increasingly being referred to as genital mutilation. "It is simply immoral to surgically remove any healthy, natural, normally functioning tissue from a human being without their consent," said Rubin. "The fact that the law only forbids such barbarism for females is discriminatory and downright unconstitutional. Genital integrity is a human right that should apply equally to both sexes."

A young mother from central Vermont has also joined the grassroots intactivist movement. “I have been against circumcision since researching it six years ago when my first son was born,” said Amanda Fortier, who serves as MGMbill.org’s state office director in the city of Barre. “I try to educate everyone I know about the harm circumcision causes and that especially includes lawmakers, because they are in a position to stop it from happening. It should be obvious that healthy baby boys don’t need surgical correction. The foreskin performs important functions, just like our eyelids and earlobes.”'

United We Stand – Divided We Fall

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Article here. Agreed; the idea of a truly united MRA-FRA movement may be the only concept that truly scares the hell out of feminists, since that is the only thing that is likely able to stop them.

'I´ve been thinking about how many years the Fathers´ Rights Movement have lost because of territorial pissing between different groups - all claiming to have the universal solution to the problem.

It´s misguided nationalism to believe that children and fathers are only affected by the court system in custody cases in one´s own country. And calling other father groups ”copycats” doesn´t help much either – does it?

Some father groups have received a lot of media coverage. But the situation hasn´t really changed that drastically to the better for the majority of the children and their fathers, neither nationally nor globally.

If some kind of a Global Father Alliance would be formed, we would actually have a chance of making a real change. All right, if the world is too big to take on at once, let´s start with Europe.

Just imagine what an impact the national father groups would have in their parliaments if they were to be represented by a lobby group in the European Parliament.

Read it and weep, and next time you say that custody cases are a structural problem created by society (which is true), think about what the father groups around the world could have achieved if they were united.'

Mother abused twin children over homework, police say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Titusville woman was arrested on aggravated child abuse charges for allegedly abusing her fraternal twin children, arrest documents show.

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Police say Victoria Williams, 26, hit her 7-year-old boy and girl in the head with a belt and slammed their heads onto a table because they didn't get a homework problem correct.

Williams posted bond and was released from jail Tuesday and Local 6 went by her Titusville apartment Wednesday but all she said was, "No questions."

According to the arrest report, the boy had abrasions and contusions on his face and head. Police say when they asked him what happened, he said he was holding a pencil when his mother pushed his head against the table.

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According to the arrest report, the father of the twins called police when he noticed his kids had "injuries consistent with excessive corporal punishment."

Police tell Local 6 the 7-year-olds didn't go to school Friday because of the swelling on their faces. However, they were told by Williams not to tell anyone about how they sustained the injuries, if anyone asked.'

Woman strangled newborn son, tossed him in trash: police

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Texas woman arrested on suspicion of killing her newborn son and dumping him in the trash told detectives she "strangled the baby and watched him die," according to an arrest affidavit released by San Antonio police on Wednesday.

The body of the infant, likely less than a week old, was found stuffed in a duffel bag on the intake conveyor belt of a Waste Management recycling center in San Antonio two days before Christmas.

Nidia Alvarado, 25, was taken into custody on Tuesday night without incident at her home and charged with capital murder, which carries the possibility of the death penalty, police said.

"It's believed that the suspect gave birth to that baby boy, and shortly thereafter murdered him by strangulation," police Sergeant Javier Salazar told reporters.
...
Under Texas law, a child under 60 days can be left in the care of an official employee at designated safe places, such as hospitals, fire houses or police stations.

A person who drops off an unharmed infant will not be prosecuted for neglect or abandonment under the "Baby Moses Law," named for the biblical figure. The law is aimed at providing desperate parents with a responsible alternative and protects them from criminal prosecution.'

NPO: Virginia Bill Would Increase Excessive Child-Support Obligations by Ignoring Economic Realities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The bill, HB 933 introduced in Virginia's House of Delegates would increase the state's child-support schedule, would further increase child-support obligations that are already excessive for many (but not all) non-custodial parents. The "bill is a recommendation of the Child Support Guidelines Review Panel," whose proposed child-support increase ignores basic economic realities and overestimates the cost of raising children. It also appears to double-count expenses and make non-custodial parents pay custodial parents for costs that custodial parents have indirectly been reimbursed for by federal and state tax codes. It would force some low-income parents to pay what they cannot possibly pay, and substantially increase high-income parents' obligations based on a misreading of Virginia child-support history and a likely failure to consider tax increases recently imposed on upper-income households.

(Before I proceed any further, I should note that I have no conflict of interest here: I am not divorced, and do not owe, pay or receive child support, and am raising my daughter with my wife, to whom I remain happily married. And although I am a lawyer, I don't practice family law in Virginia. So I will not be affected by the proposed child-support increase.)'

"The Hunt" nominated for an Oscar

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Auto-translated article here.

'I've blogged about this movie before, and here is a quote from the post:

I can start by saying that the film hardly had a sportkepa of a chance of being produced in Sweden. For who would even try to apply for grants and funding for a film about a man who works at the kindergarten and who innocently gets singled out as a pedophile??

If the movie had been about to catch and convict the perverted bastard to life for the sexual abuse so the film had guaranteed to become produced in Sweden, but now it's about the witch trials that Lucas is exposed, and as I said the part has not really come to Sweden than. Taking hold of the false allegations of sexual abuse that men accused are notified, prosecuted and convicted for.

I am happy to Swedish media writes about the nomination and I hope they continue to write about the movie, because although it has been reviewed and you have not highlighted the film. It can be said that due to the film's theme.'

Original article here.

Are We Lazy in Our Approach to Educating Boys?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When we're walking home after school, I often hear stories about how the boys in our daughters' classroom misbehaved in this way or that way. I've read a lot about how classrooms are geared towards girls, who are more likely to sit quietly for long periods of time doing detailed work. I've wondered how this focus on girls has affected the boys in their school. The article below answers many of my questions, and gives me a lot to think about as we enter a new year. I hope it inspires you to reconsider how we educate our kids -- both boys and girls.
...
A recent study from researchers at the University of Georgia, which followed 10,000 students as they moved from kindergarten to eighth grade, indicates that though boys scored well on tests, indicating mastery of material, girls got better grades. Researchers account for higher scores in girls because they comported themselves better than boys while in the classroom.

“I think that, by now, most academics have accepted that boys and girls have fundamentally different learning needs; girls are better at sitting still and listening, whereas boys learn better via kinesthetic learning, which involves more physical activity,” says Dixon, who has more than three decades experience as a teacher and is a parent of boys, and is the author of “Helping Boys Learn: Six Secrets for Your Son’s Success in School,” (HelpingBoysLearn.com). He also has a teacher’s edition titled “Helping Boys Learn: Six Secrets for Teaching Boys in the Classroom.”

“There are many other studies, however, showing boys underperforming in school; now, it’s a matter of what we’re going to do about it.”'

Woman gets prison for false rape report on heels of no-contest plea for fraud

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A judge sentenced a "tormented and disturbed" Michigan woman to at least five years in prison Friday for falsely accusing two men of rape, a punishment that came just days after she pleaded no contest to a cancer scam in a separate case that also challenged her credibility.

St. Clair County Judge Daniel Kelly exceeded the guidelines, saying it would be a "travesty of justice" to sentence Sara Ylen to less.

In December, Ylen, 38, was convicted of making up a story about two men attacking her at her Lexington home, 80 miles northeast of Detroit. The jury also convicted her of tampering with evidence by using makeup to create what looked like bruises.

Ylen's integrity has been shattered after years of being considered a sympathetic figure in eastern Michigan.

She accepted thousands of dollars from supporters and was treated by a hospice service for two years after claiming to have end-stage cervical cancer that had spread throughout her body. But state police found no evidence confirming a cancer diagnosis, and Ylen on Monday pleaded no contest to fraud in Sanilac County.'

UK: Vince Cable calls on leading companies to appoint more women as directors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The business secretary, Vince Cable, has called on Britain's biggest companies to increase the number of women on their boards this year.

In a letter to the chairmen of the top 350 listed companies, Cable urged them each to appoint an extra female director in 2014 and to let two senior female managers serve as non-executive directors at another company.

The letter, written jointly with Lord Davies, who champions women on boards, also called on chairmen to publish targets for female representation at board and senior management level and to say how they would achieve them.

In 2011, Davies, the former trade minister and boss of Standard Chartered bank, set FTSE 100 companies the goal of increasing female board membership to 25% by 2015, from 12.5% at the time. The next biggest 250 companies were also encouraged to employ more female directors.'

How Can We Help Women? By Helping Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In her thoughtful op-ed in the New York Times, family historian Stephanie Coontz answered the question "How can we help men?" with a ringing endorsement of gender equality: "By helping women," she answered.

I'd like to suggest the converse is equally true. How can we help women? By helping men.

Women's progress towards equality is incontestable; it seems obvious that we are, today, more gender equal than we have ever been in our history (I hasten to point out that we are not "there" yet, that we have not fully achieved gender equality, just that we are closer than we have ever been.) But progress towards greater equality has slowed: Women have pushed the glass ceiling higher on the corporate ladder, but all that leaning in has not crashed through to the board room. Girls and women compose half of all students in our law, medical and business schools, and have made enormous strides in STEM courses, yet working mothers are doing more housework and child care than they did 30 years ago. Every day, we read stories of sexual assault -- in our schools, homes, at parties and in our military.

...

In reality, much of the cause of the "boy crisis" in education lies with the definition of masculinity held by the boys themselves -- the notion that academic disengagement is proof of masculinity. Helping boys to engage academically requires that we recognize different learning styles along an array of measures -- which in turn leads to recognizing diverse aptitudes and competencies, enabling everyone, girls and boys, to better achieve to their potential.'

Cops: Mom kills 2 kids in exorcism try

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Story here. Excerpt:

'(CNN) - A second Maryland woman has been charged with murder in connection with the Friday stabbing deaths of two children during an exorcism attempt, authorities said.

Two children died of multiple stab wounds and two others are hospitalized with undisclosed injuries, police said.

Monifa Denise Sanford, 21, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted first-degree murder, Montgomery County Police said.

Earlier, authorities announced that the children's mother, Zakieya L. Avery, 28, also faces the same charges. Police said Saturday that Avery stabbed two of her children to death and wounded two others while attempting an exorcism.'

Canada: Foreskin advocate speaks at University

Matt · 20 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It's a rare thing to meet an activist who manages to remain persuasive and credible when naked from the waist down.

Judging by the audience's reaction to children's rights activist Glen Callender's presentation at UBC *[University of British Columbia]* on Friday, he pulled it off.

The talk, hosted by UBC Freethinkers in the Buchanan building, was part of a larger effort founded by Callender, the Canadian Foreskin Awareness Project, or CAN-FAP. Its purpose is to advocate for the right of male, female and intersex children to grow up with intact genitals.
...
CAN-FAP's primary objective is the legal protection of a child's right to choose whether or not to be circumcised. Callender said that female circumcision is particularly harmful because one can't cut off as much of a boy's genitals without restricting his ability to reproduce later in life.

"We use the term 'female genital mutilation' to talk about what people do to girls," Callender said. "Circumcision is what we do to our children with their best interests in mind. Mutilation is what other people do to their children with bad intentions." Callender thinks this is a double standard — a claim not without its critics.
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"There is a 2000-year body of Jewish writing and a 200-year body of medical writing that openly acknowledges that a primary purpose of infant circumcision is to permanently damage the penis so the boy, and the man he becomes, will never be able to fully enjoy sex," said Callender.'

Australia: "More Help For Blue Mountains Women After Fires"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Women in the Blue Mountains will have better access to drug and alcohol treatment programs as a result of additional funding being provided by the Australian Government.

Assistant Minister for Health, Senator Fiona Nash, said today the Government would provide immediate additional funding to the Blue Mountains Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service, to help it to meet increased demand.

“The recent devastating bushfires have impacted heavily on many Blue Mountains people,” Senator Nash said.

Member for Macquarie Louise Markus MP welcomed the additional funding.'

Australia: "Females in Financial Planning Evening – you're invited!"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Do you think about ways of improving the quality of life for yourself and everyone around you?

If you answered yes, then maybe you should consider a career in financial planning.

We recognise that women are known for their strong interpersonal skills, empathy for others and passion for performance, and these are the traits of successful financial planners.

If you want to find out more about this rewarding career, then come along to one of our special 'Females in Financial Planning' evenings being held across the country.'

Single Teen Mom? Texas' Wendy Davis Lied About Life Story

Matt · 20 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Well at least it's more entertaining than the whole "born in a log cabin" routine. But it does show that feminists' insistence that female pols make categorically "better" political leaders because they're less likely to lie, be corrupted, etc., is hogwash. Excerpt:

'Wendy Davis, the Texas state senator whose filibuster for abortion rights made her a Democratic superstar and launched her campaign for governor, has admitted to the Dallas Morning News that she lied about key events in her life, including her first divorce. Davis may even have lied under oath, testifying in a federal lawsuit over redistricting that "I got divorced by the time I was 19 years old," when in fact she was divorced at age 21.

Other missing details have included: her second husband paid her way through law school and she divorced him the day after the last payment was made; her ex-husband accused her in initial court filings of adultery, and was awarded custody of their two daughters; and she first ran for city council in Fort Worth as a Republican.

"My language should be tighter," she said, admitting her campaign biography has been less than truthful.

It is not clear whether the article in the Dallas Morning News, by senior political writer Wayne Slater, is meant to be an exposé or a defense, presenting embarrassing details in the best light possible to present an overall picture of competence. One unidentified source, who said that Davis is "going to figure out a way to spin herself in a way that grabs at the heart strings," is also quoted as saying that "she'd be a good governor."'

Woman conceived with anonymous donor sperm discusses importance of children knowing both biological parents

fathers4fairness · 21 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Alanna Newman was conceived via sperm from an anonymous donor and now as an adult she wants to share her opinions and observations on the importance of biological fathers. In particular, she feels it is wrong to deliberately deny a child their relationship with a biological parent. Her web sites:

http://www.AlanaNewman.com/
http://www.anonymousus.org/

'Wendy Davis, unmasked'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is not exactly a surprise that the latest feminist political icon, Texas state Senator Wendy Davis, turns out to be a phony and an exploiter. Davis, you may recall, rocketed to progressive superstardom by conducting an ultimately futile filibuster on a bill tightening health regulations on abortions after 20 weeks of gestation when the life of the mother is not in peril. The fact that Davis is an attractive blond and speaks fairly well in public was enough to gladden the heart of the pro-abortion faction, eager to find a champion who can be packaged as an inspiring profile in courage. She has already raised $12 million for her campaign for governor, tapping into the victimology cult among wealthy feminist women.
...
Single mother Wendy enrolled in a community college, and then won a scholarship to Texas Christian University, and married Jeff Davis, a man 13 years older than she and a successful lawyer. He paid her tuition at TCU, and then supported her at Harvard Law School, and raised their two daughters, who remained in Ft. Worth with him, while she immersed herself in the world of high powered elites in Cambridge.

Now here comes the really, really unsavory part:

> Over time, the Davises' marriage was strained. In November 2003, Wendy Davis moved out.
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> Jeff Davis said that was right around the time the final payment on their Harvard Law School loan was due. "It was ironic," he said. "I made the last payment, and it was the next day she left."

Nice! Dump the kids on hubby, get him to pay for her education, and then dump him as soon as the last bill is paid. She's a user, and exploiter of men.

But it gets worse:

> In his initial divorce filing, Jeff Davis said the marriage had failed, citing adultery on her part and conflicts that the couple could not overcome. The final court decree makes no mention of infidelity, granting the divorce solely "on the ground of insupportability."
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> Amber was 21 and in college. Dru was in ninth grade. Jeff Davis was awarded parental custody. Wendy Davis was ordered to pay $1,200 a month in child support.

Wendy is a piece of work. And those who know her well are on to that:

> A former colleague and political supporter who worked closely with Davis when she was on the council said the body's work was very time-consuming.
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> "Wendy is tremendously ambitious," he said, speaking only on condition of anonymity in order to give what he called an honest assessment. "She's not going to let family or raising children or anything else get in her way."

On the downside, we have seen another feminist phony, Elizabeth Warren, get herself elected to the United States Senate, so we can't rule out Wendy as a rising force. But Texas ain't Massachusetts. My guess is that Wendy's campaign will crash and burn. But there will be ample time for us to have fun poking holes in her story.'

Wendy Davis's Defenders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Following revelations that Wendy Davis fudged some of the details of her personal background and life story — a centerpiece of her long-shot gubernatorial campaign — the Left is rallying to her defense.

Predictably, rather than address the actual discrepancies in Davis's "rags to riches" narrative, her liberal supporters have devoted most of their energy to blasting her critics as sexist foot-soldiers in the Republican party's "war on women."

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A ThinkProgress blogger charged that the attacks on Davis were drawn from a "classic sexist playbook," and seemed to find hidden malice in Morning News reporter Wayne Slater's innocuous statement that, owing to the admitted discrepancies in Davis's personal narrative, "Some will question how much of her success was her own doing, and how bad her circumstances were to start." The left-wing blogger argues that such questions are clearly absurd, citing as evidence the fact that Davis herself insists that such questions are, in fact, "absurd."'

Feminist writers such as Jessica Valenti went after the Morning News for "trying to paint Wendy Davis a bad mother & gold-digger," and presumably for quoting Davis's second husband, Jeff Davis, who noted that their relationship ended almost immediately after he made the final payment on her Harvard Law School loan. "It was ironic," he said. "I made the last payment, and it was the next day she left." "Give me a [f***ing] break," Valenti rebutted. She later wrote that she "look[s] forward to the day a male politician is criticized for having a spouse that supported his career."

Woman confronts female teacher who abused her in middle school

mens_issues · 22 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who says a female teacher from middle school sexually abused her for years decided to confront the teacher -- and post video of the exchange on YouTube.

Within hours, the educator resigned from her job at another school in California. Police launched an investigation. And the former student, who once felt powerless, now says she feels vindicated knowing the ex-teacher is no longer working with children.

...

"I am 28 years old and have been waiting years to get up enough courage to report a teacher for sexually abusing me for years," Jamie's caption on her YouTube video states.

"When I finally got up enough courage to report her, I found out that the statute of limitations was up and she will never have to pay for the things that she did to me."

So she decided to expose the teacher on the Internet.

"I decided I'm going to call her to get some answers from her," Jamie said to a camera in her home.

After the woman identified as the teacher picked up the phone, Jamie asked, "So what happens when a student comes in and says that they're having (a) sexual relationship with a teacher?"

"I would involve law enforcement," the woman said.

"So how is that any different from what you did" years ago, Jamie said.

"It's not," the woman replied.

"Do you realize that you brainwashed me, and you manipulated me, and that what you did was wrong?" Jamie asked.

"Yes. And I regret it," the woman responded.'

Australia: Woman who claimed abduction bid charged

Minuteman · 22 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A woman who claimed she narrowly escaped being abducted by a group of men in a red hatchback in Sydney's southwest has been charged with making it all up.

The 29-year-old, named only as Ada, appeared in television news reports last week after claiming a man grabbed her on Railway Street in Liverpool and tried to drag her to the car.

She said that when she started shouting and screaming, the man let go and fled in the car.

The woman said no one came to her aid, though there were lots of people around, and she questioned whether she would ever feel safe.

Her complaint sparked a police investigation and an appeal for witnesses to the alleged abduction.'

SAVE: Tell the DOJ to Stop the Racist Stereotypes

Matt · 23 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Three years ago Attorney General Eric Holder let loose with this humdinger: "intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45."

For nearly three years persons have been calling for a correction, including Christina Hoff Sommers, Mark Perry, and the Washington Post Fact Checker Glenn Kessler: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/stereotypes/

On January 17, changes were made to the DOJ website. But instead of removing the inaccurate information, they just added this to the bottom of the page:

'PLEASE NOTE: These remarks, as originally delivered in 2009, cited a statistic naming intimate partner homicide as the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45. This statistic was drawn from a range of reputable sources, including a 2003 study by the National Institute of Justice. However, recent figures indicate other causes of death-including cancer and heart disease-outrank intimate partner homicide for this age group.'

But this "clarification" actually implies the claim was once true: "This statistic was drawn from a range of reputable sources"!

Tell the Department of Justice to stop its portrayal of Black men as abusers!

- Email: askdoj-at-usdoj.gov
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Open letter from Jewish intactivist to Chief Rabbi of Denmark

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'It is important to understand that for many Jews this pact, this covenant of blood, is so strongly rooted in their minds that it is perceived as being the central pillar of Judaism. For some, circumcision is practically equal to being human and certain interpretations of scripture actually state that a boy is a real human being only after circumcision has taken place, because boys are born imperfect and with uncontrollable sexual impulses. Thus, circumcision is considered a correction commanded by the Lord himself, a fleshly and symbolic ”opening toward God” undertaken with surgical instruments. In some Jewish circles the ritual is considered of such importance that dead men with intact foreskin are circumcised before burial. I’ll allow this to speak for itself.

...To speak as I do here: straight and directly into Judaic assumptions, immediately prompts the inner Jewish gatekeeper to exclaim: ”Nothing is wrong with Judaism, how dare you!”. One could take this at face value and just walk away. However, there are people (myself for instance) who disagree with this claim. Now the question is: can we have a conversation during which objections to circumcision may be seriously considered without any of the fierce attacks usually triggered by the mere sound of the word on the person presenting them? Is it possible together to explore whether some aspects of Judaism could possibly be flawed? To an open, interested, exploring and truth seeking person there can hardly be any harm in that.
...
The case is this: if you are able to listen, dare listen, and you are willing to listen to what is clear and obvious: of course you do not need to cut your newborns to win Gods acceptance, a horrifying question emerges from the mists: does this mean that something is wrong in Judaism? The answer is, yes. Of course it is wrong to maintain a practice which involves that one – unnecessarily – cuts parts from small children’s small bodies. Imagine if our neighbors – for religious reasons – had the habit of cutting their earlobes, the outer joint of their little finger or the nipples of their babies. Just like that, off with them. We would never allow that to happen. Nevertheless we accept something even worse: the cutting into and cutting off parts of children’s private and intimate sexual organs.

The consequences are many and ramified but they may be difficult to see until the horror dawns on you. The foreskin tissue contains an enormous amount of receptors which makes it the most highly sensitive area of the entire male body. Several studies show how infants are highly sensitive, they feel pain, and research is constantly extended with more knowledge about how important the first months and years are for a baby’s healthy development. Reports from circumcisions relate of children lapsing into traumatic shock during the procedure – being unable to make a sound. By some this is interpreted to mean that the mutilation does not inflict pain – in reality the opposite is true. Jewish mothers and fathers who have regretted the procedure tell how the special intimacy and (until then) unbreakable bond between child and parents is ripped even more violently apart than the way in which the foreskin is torn from the glans before it is cut off. The child loses the most important part in its relation with its parents: the trust that mother and father will always act in its best interest and defend it – also against religious practice.'

Obama implements Task Force on Protecting Students from Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Obama and Vice President Joe Biden met with top Cabinet members on the heels of the publication of a new report showing one in five college women, or 22 million, have been victims of sexual violence. The president then signed a new memorandum that established the White House Task Force on Protecting Students from Sexual Assault.
...
According to the report, “Rape and Sexual Assault: A Renewed Call to Action,” almost half of the women survivors were raped before the age of 18. More than a third of those who were raped as minors were also assaulted as adults, the analysis found.

Most women victims know their perpetrators, who are 98% men, according to the report.

“Freedom from sexual assault is a basic human right. No man has a right to raise a hand to a woman for any reason, for any reason, other than self-defense,” Biden said prior to Obama’s remarks.

But men are also victims. More than one-quarter of men survivors were raped before they were 10 years old. And 1 in 71 men, or about 1.6 million, have been victims of sexual violence during their lives.

Additionally, 93% of men survivors also report their assailants are of the same gender.'

New White House sexual assault task force could result in conviction quotas

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The report also declares that the criminal justice response to sexual assault is too often inadequate and lays out a goal of increasing arrest, prosecution and conviction rates without any specific targets. The report blames police bias and a lack of training to investigate and prosecute sex crimes for low arrest rates and says the federal government should promote training and help police increase testing of DNA evidence collected from victims.

The report mentions the wave of sexual assault in the military - Obama last month gave the Pentagon a year to better prevent and respond to the crime within its ranks or face further reforms. White House officials say they want to set the example by turning around the sexual assault epidemic in the military.

Obama is bringing Attorney General Eric Holder, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, Education Secretary Arnie Duncan and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sibelius to the Oval Office on Wednesday to press them to work on the problem. Then he plans to join an ongoing meeting of his Council on Women and Girls attended by more Cabinet members in the East Room, where he is to sign the memorandum creating the task force. Vice President Joe Biden, who wrote the Violence Against Women Act and has led other efforts to reduce sexual assault, also plans to attend.'

Median male worker hasn't seen a raise in 30 years

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For all the advances since the era of teased-out rocker hair, one thing hasn't changed for America's average working man: the amount of bacon he brings home.

So says Rana Foroohar, a CNN global economic analyst and Time magazine assistant managing editor (who, by the way, snagged the first interview with new Federal Reserve chair Janet Yellen). Appearing on CNN's The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer, Foroohar brought up the point during a general discussion about the country's economic woes.

...

His 2012 study found real earnings of median males actually dropped by 19 percent since 1970, he found. "This means that the median man in 2010 earned as much as the median man did in 1964 — nearly a half century ago."

The reasons for the trend are complex, Greenstone told us. Yes, there have been sweeping changes in technology, machinery and trade over the last 30 or 40 years that have had some effect. More striking, he said, is that educational attainment among men, which used to climb with each generation, has dropped off.

"The decline in working is concentrated among the men who have lower levels of education," Greenstone said. "It's not concentrated among the college-grad guy who is married to a super successful woman."

...

Foroohar said, "the median male worker in this country has not seen a raise, inflation-adjusted, for 30 years, basically."

Federal data for 1982-2012 shows a slight increase, though the numbers show the real value of median male earnings have been in the range of $46,840-$51,670 for about 40 years. We found another point of view that says the real median income has declined significantly once men without jobs are factored in. We also found a broader definition of income that changes the dynamic.

Still, Foroohar clearly has a point. We rate her claim Mostly True.'

11-year-old boy suspended over Miami Heat haircut

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Story here.

'11-year-old Danny Valdes is a huge Miami Heat fan. He loves the two-time defending NBA champions so much that he recently had their logo and the Miami skyline shaved into his head by his stepfather, who owns a barbershop. Unfortunately, his new cut didn't fly with school officials, and a counselor shaved Valdes' head with a pair of clippers before returning him to class.

According to NBC Miami, school officials believed the haircut to be distracting and gang-related.

"While the school counselor followed the wishes of the student and instructions of the student's stepfather that were provided over the phone in the presence of several witnesses, the district acknowledges the action taken by personnel were not appropriate," the school district said in a statement. NBC also reports that Valdes' mother is transferring him to another school'

Texas cops handcuff man after he gave change to homeless person

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Story here. Excerpt:

'You may want to think twice next time you consider giving a homeless person some change, if one Texas man's experience is any indication.

Houston resident Greg Snider claims he was arrested and held for more than an hour after local police mistakenly targeted him as a criminal, all for giving a homeless man a few quarters.

Snider said he had pulled into a local parking lot in order to make a phone call when a homeless man came up to him and asked for some spare cash. Snider claims he gave the man 75 cents and left to continue on his way.
...
Prosecution of the drug war has come under scrutiny lately as more Americans question the overall effects of police behavior. In two particularly disturbing cases, New Mexico men were pulled over and suspected of carrying drugs in their anal cavities. The men were then taken to hospitals outside of police jurisdiction where doctors performed invasive medical procedures that failed to turn up any drugs.

One man, David Eckert, was subjected to multiple enemas and rectal finger examinations. This week, he was awarded $1.6 million as the city and county involved settled their portions of the lawsuit.'

Australia: Anger after circumcision rite ends with three boys airlifted to hospital

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Story here. Excerpt:

There is still anger in a remote Northern Territory community after three teenage boys had to be medically evacuated following an Indigenous initiation ceremony which went horribly wrong.

The boys were part of a group of about 20 who were circumcised two days before Christmas near the small Gulf of Carpentaria town of Borroloola, 700 kilometres east of Darwin.

They were so badly cut during the procedure that they had to be taken to Darwin for urgent treatment.

Local ambulance driver William Miller arrived at the ceremony to find his 17-year-old grandson Bryce severely injured.

"I took one look at him and he was sitting in a pool of blood ... and that really hurt me, that did," he said.
...
The Northern Territory Government says it is aware of the case, and so far its investigators have found the injuries do not constitute child abuse.

The NT Child Abuse Taskforce received two notifications about the incident, leading to an investigation by two police officers and the Department of Children and Families.

But their enquiries found that the children had not been harmed as defined by the Care and Protection of Children Act.
...
The circumcision ceremony dates back thousands of years and is common practice in traditional and remote communities across northern Australia.

Elders say the ceremony is a critical cultural step where boys become men.

The elders who supervised the circumcision said the injuries were likely caused by a visiting family member who is still learning the ritual.
...
Bryce Miller has recovered from his injuries and says he has no regrets participating in this initiation into manhood.

His grandfather William, on the other hand, says no other family members will ever take part again.

Others in the community, including Garrawa man Gadrian Hoosen, say the ceremony will continue.

"[There's] no point talking about our ceremony because that's not going to stop us from carrying that culture," he said.

"We're going to carry it on."'

Judge rules Kansas sperm donor must pay child support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A man who provided sperm to a lesbian couple in response to an online ad is the father of a child born to one of the women and must pay child support, a Kansas judge ruled Wednesday.

Topeka resident William Marotta had argued that he had waived his parental rights and didn't intend to be a father. Shawnee County District Court Judge Mary Mattivi rejected that claim, saying the parties didn't involve a licensed physician in the artificial insemination process and thus Marotta didn't qualify as a sperm donor, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported.

"In this case, quite simply, the parties failed to perform to statutory requirement of the Kansas Parentage Act in not enlisting a licensed physician at some point in the artificial insemination process, and the parties' self-designation of (Marotta) as a sperm donor is insufficient to relieve (Marotta) of parental right and responsibilities to the child," Mattivi wrote.

The Kansas Department for Children and Families filed the case in October 2012 seeking to have Marotta declared the father of a child born to Jennifer Schreiner in 2009. The state was seeking to have Marotta declared the child's father so he can be held responsible for about $6,000 in public assistance the state provided, as well as future child support.'

Barbara Kay: State supports mothers who want the child, but not the costs

fathers4fairness · 24 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2009 lesbian Jennifer Schreiner bore a baby girl with the aid of sperm from a certain William Marotta. In 2012 the Kansas Department for Children and Families sought to have Marotta declared the father of the child. Not, you understand, for reasons having to do with actual fatherhood – I mean, fatherhood in the sense of acting as a parent – but fatherhood in the "ATM" sense of the word, which is the way social service agencies and, all too often, courts view men when issues of child support come up.

Marotta feels that since his arrangement with Schreiner never envisaged him being involved in the child's life, and since he had signed a contract waiving his parental rights at the time of donorship, he should not have to pay child support. And so say all reasonable people. But, according to the court, since a licensed physician was not involved in the artificial insemination process, Marotta is more than a sperm donor. Perhaps legally. But to call him a "father" is surely a stretch for any fair-minded observer.

This was a bad decision. The court has hooked their fish on a technicality. The judge has shown his disdain for the spirit of the arrangement between the two parties, which is what courts should be adjudicating. Schreiner exploited Marotta in order to have a child for whom no real father was ever intended. That was their contract, and that was the contract that should have been assessed.

The state will exploit any angle to ensure that somebody else – almost invariably the father if they can get hold of him – pays the child support.
...
But what the decision does serve to illustrate is how cynically and mercilessly social and legal institutions view men. The state encourages single motherhood in all kinds of ways, because the state (see under Obama's campaign gyndroid, Julia) believes a woman can bring up a child as effectively alone as with a father in the picture, and that – in the teeth of overwhelming evidence to the contrary – children suffer no special harm growing up fatherless.

So the state has no problem with lesbians having children via a syringe. What it does have a problem with is paying for that child to be raised if she can't or won't. The state will exploit any angle to ensure that somebody else – almost invariably the father if they can get hold of him – pays the child support. The state does not care if the man never intended to be a father, as in this case, or if he was tricked into being a father ("of course I took my pill today"), or if he has been denied the right to actually father his own child (about 90% of litigated custody battles end with children in the sole custody of the mother), or if he is denied court-ordered access to his children (mothers who deny access are virtually never punished). He must still pay for that child to be raised by someone other than himself.

As for Ms Schreiner, here is an illustration of a sense of entitlement writ breathtakingly large. Where did she get the idea that she had the right to a child, but not the responsibility to raise it herself or with a partner? Why, from the cultural air she breathes, that's where.'

"Fox News Wages War On Feminism, Guest Calls ‘Wussification’ Of Men Threat To National Security"

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Report here. He seems to have annoyed *someone* anyway. :) Excerpt:

'In what might be the most offensive Fox broadcast yet, the “news” channel recently aired a segment entitled the “Wussification of Men.”

Throughout the excruciating three minute clip, author of “American Boomerang” (don’t buy this book) Nick Adams accuses feminism of creating a breed of “angry women” (oh no he didn’t) and “feminine men,” which has apparently endangered not just our perfect American lifestyles (which I’m assuming refers to 1919, the year before women won the right to vote), but also our national security.
...
In his book, Adams unintelligently equates “just being a male” with watching football on Sundays and “shooting some guns,” then later accuses society of deeming this type of “masculinity” as “a very dangerous thing.” No, we just think shooting guns is a very dangerous thing. And that you’re stupid.'

NPO: The Value of Shared Parenting and How Mothers and the Courts Thwart It

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Article here. Provides a summary of recent research on how father-daughter relationships are damaged by the current divorce system. It also shows the value of shared parenting. Excerpt:

'This summary of research compiled by the excellent Dr. Linda Nielsen is a must read. No family court judge should be allowed to be a judge, no family lawyer should be allowed to practice family law and no elected officeholder should be allowed to vote on family legislation without reading it and being able to demonstrate a thorough knowledge of its contents

...

In a nutshell, up-to-date research shows that during marriage, but particularly during and after divorce, the legal system and mothers' anti-father bias leads to a drastic breakdown in father-daughter relationships. That breakdown leaves fathers emotionally shattered and daughters struggling long into adulthood and often unsuccessfully to establish stable, trusting romantic relationships with men. Read the first eight pages of Nielsen's summary of the scientific literature, and a clear picture emerges of a system that could well be called a "perfect storm" of social dysfunction. There's a kind of evil genius at work that alienates children from their fathers and results in daughters growing up to be suspicious of men and fathers; they go on to have children themselves, get divorced and repeat the cycle. Meanwhile, girls growing up without fathers (or those insufficiently involved in their lives) demonstrate all the usual anti-social behaviors we've come to know go hand in hand with fatherlessness.

So, in the United States, 80% of the children of divorce spend only 10% - 15% of their time with their fathers, a fact that happens to have been borne out by the recent data out of Nebraska I've reported on. Some 25% spend none at all.'

Why Do Some Falsely Claim to Be Victims?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Morales story has strong parallels to the case of a Michigan woman, Sara Ylen. Ylen falsely accused an innocent man of sexually assaulting her in 2003, and he spent nearly a decade in prison before his conviction was overturned. Ylen had gone so far as to use makeup to add fake bruises on her body, as evidence of her claims. Ylen also said that she had cancer, though police who investigated her claims discovered that her doctors had never even diagnosed her with cancer. Ylen is currently on trial for lying about her sexual assault.

While the public may associate lying and deception with common criminals and petty crime, many people who make false reports have professional status, including high-profile careers and doctorate degrees.

New York City meteorologist Heidi Jones reported to police on Dec. 1, 2011, that a man had stalked and sexually assaulted her twice, once while she jogged in Central Park. Police investigated the matter thoroughly and even arrested a suspect before determining that her story was a lie.
...
When these false reports are eventually exposed, it's not uncommon for the alleged victim's supporters to justify the hoax by saying that it was done for a greater good, and that it doesn't matter whether the specific incident actually happened, because it represents many undoubtedly true and valid similar events. Police who diligently spend dozens or hundreds of hours — not to mention thousands of taxpayer dollars — on a lie understandably do not feel the same way. And, of course, the time and effort spent on false victims is time that could have been devoted to helping real victims or real crimes.'

Bias clouds campus assault solutions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Of course a woman's intoxication is not license for assault. But the very serious crimes of rape and sexual assault should not be lumped together with what may be regrets about doing something stupid under the influence, a common experience for young people of both sexes.

At many schools, training for administrators, faculty, and students involved in the handling of sexual assault complaints often amounts to indoctrination in the politically correct version of gender bias. In 2011, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education publicized Stanford University's reading materials for student jurors, which warned that acting "logical and persuasive" in one's defense was typical of an abuser and that one should be "very, very cautious" in accepting a man's claim of innocence since "the great majority of allegations" are truthful.

In recent years, the Obama administration has pressured colleges to take a tougher stance on alleged sexual offenses — notably, to lower the standard of proof for sexual assault complaints from "clear and convincing evidence" to a "preponderance of the evidence" (which means the believable evidence tips slightly in the claimant's favor). The government's new campaign is likely to exacerbate the biases against the accused.

The prevalence of reckless, alcohol-fueled sex on many college campuses is certainly cause for concern. But the answer is to promote responsible behavior for both sexes — not label all such encounters as sexual assault, placing the entire burden on men while encouraging women to see themselves as victims.'

False abduction and sexual assault claimant sentenced to probation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Clarke University student who told police she was abducted from campus and sexually assaulted was sentenced to probation Thursday for making the story up.

Robin A. Levitski, 19, of Warren, Ill., received a deferred judgment after pleading guilty to filing a false report. Dubuque District Court Judge Robert Richter sentenced her to one year of probation and fined her $315 plus court costs.'

12-YO reports rape attempt to avoid saying she missed school bus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 12-year-old Streator girl could face punishment after making a false report Wednesday of an attempted sexual assault.

The girl reported Wednesday about 3 p.m. that she was approached by a white male as she was walking home from school near North Wasson Street. She said the man pulled down her pants and she ran several blocks to get away.

Streator police reported the girl and her mother came to the police station Thursday morning to confess the report was made up by the girl, for fear of getting in trouble for missing the school bus.'

Twisting Sexual Assault Statistics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is estimated that one in five women on college campuses has been sexually assaulted during their time there — one in five," President Obama said on Wednesday. The occasion for this lecture: He was announcing the creation of a White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.

...

But is it accurate? While estimates in this range have been reported since the '80s, the report released in conjunction with the president's creation of the task force cites a pair of more recent studies for the figure. One of them, "The Campus Sexual Assault Study," prepared for the National Institute of Justice in 2007, found that 19 percent of women reported "experiencing completed or attempted sexual assault since entering college." The number who experienced a completed sexual assault was 13.7 percent; 4.7 percent of respondents experienced "physically forced" assaults (3.7 percent of these physically forced assaults were rapes). Eleven percent of women were assaulted while incapacitated by alcohol or drugs.

...

To understand how this works, consider another study to which the president's report points, finding that 20 percent of women are raped in their lifetimes. In its definition of rape, the CDC's "National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence" survey includes sex that occurred when the victim was drunk or high, regardless of whether she was incapacitated or unable to give consent. Participants were asked to respond to the question: "When you were drunk, high, drugged, or passed out and unable to give consent, how many people ever had vaginal sex with you?" A woman could list instances of consensual sex she had while intoxicated that she did not consider to be rape — that were in fact not rape — and the researchers would nonetheless classify her as a rape victim.

...

Then again, to justify the sweeping federal response that the president has ordered to address the problem, he probably needs a bit of hyperbole.'

SAVE: "White House Report Downplays False Allegations of Rape, Artificially Inflates the Numbers, SAVE Asserts"

Matt · 25 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / January 24, 2014 – A leading victim-advocacy group is charging the recent White House report, Rape and Sexual Assault: A Renewed Call to Action, ignores the growing problem of false allegations and relies on inflated rape statistics. Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) calls on the Obama Administration to fulfill its promise of policymaking based on science, not ideological persuasion.

Three peer-reviewed studies have found the rate of false accusations of rape ranges from 41% to 60%. A recent study of prisoners convicted on sexual assault charges found 15% of the cases lacked a DNA match to the victim.
...
More worrisome is the fact that nearly half of the “rape” victims were involved in what the report terms “alcohol/drug facilitated completed penetration.” This broad category encompasses consensual intercourse following a carefree New Year’s Eve celebration, and could even apply to a newly married couple consummating their vows. With such broad definitions, most American adults could become classified as a “rapist” or “rape victim,” SAVE worries.
...
Knowing that half of the cases in the CDC report do not meet any common-sense definition of rape, and about half of all rape allegations turn out to be false, the actual incidence of rape is closer to 5%, not 20%.'

Circumcision divide between Denmark and Israel

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the Israeli media, readers have repeatedly been told that the widely-held European stance against ritual circumcision is rooted partly in anti-Semitism, and partly in fear of an expanding Muslim population in Europe. Such anti-religious rhetoric is unjustified. The vast majority of Europe's opponents of ritual circumcision are religiously tolerant, but consider cutting off an important part of a non-consenting, healthy child's genitals to be contrary to modern ethics. This view was clearly expressed in September 2013 in a common statement of the ombudsmen and spokespersons for children in Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Greenland and Denmark. To most Europeans circumcision is an ethically problematic ritual that is intrinsically harmful to children: every child has the right to protection of his or her bodily integrity and the right to explore and enjoy his or her undiminished sexual capacity later in life.

...

Although religious proponents of circumcision often claim otherwise, the growing European opposition to ritual circumcision of boys is by no means a movement against Judaism, Islam or religiosity in general. It reflects instead an increasing awareness that children are humans, and that all humans have inalienable rights from day one, a view that is supported by a growing number of Jews in Israel, the US and elsewhere around the world. As pointed out in a recent article by Jewish scientist and blogger Rebecca Steinfeld, under Jewish law a boy with a Jewish mother is a Jew, whether he is circumcised or not: circumcision does not confer Jewish status.'

NPO: "2013: A Good Year for Dads in Ads"

Matt · 25 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Once again, Zach Rosenberg provides THE analysis of how advertisers treat Dads. According to Rosenberg, 2013 was a pretty good year. 121 of the 140 commercials that he watched and analyzed fall into the neutral-to-good categories for treatment of dads.

Of course it helps that Kimberly-Clark — for Huggies — and Clorox spoke with dad bloggers. They listened; they learned. Oscar Meyer listened to dad tweets, then apparently ignored. The standout is Unilever's Dove Men + Care with an ad campaign featuring the Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade and the positive contributions of fathers. On the other hand, Procter & Gamble continues to give moms all the credit for our Olympic Athletes. You can enjoy this throughout the winter games.'

Editorial: The war on young boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Obama Administration, through Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and U S. Attorney general Eric Holder, have issued new guidelines designed to end or at least restrict "zero tolerance" disciplinary policies in schools.
...
About every month some story surfaces in "The Week" or "Reason" magazines, detailing how some young child is tossed out of school for a minor offense. A kindergartener kisses a girl on the hand and gets disciplined for sex abuse. A plastic two-inch ultra-small toy gun in the paws of a stuffed bear gets the owning student punished. And so on.

Why have schools gone this way? Well, parents and administrators overreact and codes are drawn up that allow no wiggle room. It's like mandatory sentencing in courts. It mostly works, but not always. It used to be, a generation ago, that the teacher's word was law. Now, one of the staples, in many school districts, is the appeal of discipline to the school board. The board had better be "lawyered up" and better have a written policy covering the transgression.

But the Obama administration policy is designed to stop what they call the "school-to-prison" pipeline. The immediate target was to show concern about the high numbers of African-American students who get expelled. In Chicago, for example, African-American students make up 80 percent of all expulsions. That seems both incredible and unfair.
...
Moreover, race is not the real key here. Gender is the key.

That's gender as in fathers and gender as in sons. Watch "Raising Cain."

In schools today, boys constitute two-thirds of "special education." A boy is five times as likely to be diagnosed as "hyperactive." A boy is 30 percent more likely to flunk out of school.

The Fatherhood Coalition says that a fatherless boy is 10 times more likely to wind up in the juvenile justice system. Ouch. And what happens when these boys with no men at home get into the public schools system? They enter an environment where 91 percent of the teachers are women. They only men they may see are often the janitors and the gym teachers.'

White House Faking Rape Statistics?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Obama's latest attempt to shine brightly before America's college students may be losing some of its luster.

A victim-advocacy group is crying foul over the administration's latest crisis in need of intervention, claiming the White House's new campaign to combat sexual assault on campus is touting trumped up statistics for "ideological" reasons.

But an organization called Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, or SAVE, is warning the statistics – notably that one in every five women experiences rape or attempted rape in their lifetime, often on college campuses – are artificially inflated and actually do more harm than good.

"SAVE calls on the Obama Administration to fulfill its promise of policymaking based on science, not ideological persuasion," the organization asserts. "No woman should have to fear rape, [but] inflating the numbers only invites ridicule and doubt."

SAVE notes Jarrett's numbers are based on Center for Disease Control, or CDC, studies that have been widely criticized.

The CDC, for example, claimed that in 1.3 million American women were raped in 2010, with an additional 12.6 million women and men victimized by sexual violence, but the Bureau of Justice Statistics reports only 188,380 rapes and sexual assaults for the same year.

Why the discrepancy?

There appears to be a significant problem in defining what does and doesn't constitute "sexual assault."
...
Even by multiplying the number of victims by 10 (in order to factor in the common notion that 90 percent of such assaults go unreported) and accounting for a single woman to spend five years at the university, Hermann calculated only somewhere between 1 in 130 and 1 in 925 Pitt students would experience sexual assault.

SAVE, which advocates both for victims of sexual assaults and for victims of false sexual-assault charges, also noted the government's statistics fail to take into account the frequency of false accusations in rape cases.'

Suit: Utah adoption laws permit ‘legalized fraud and kidnapping’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Twelve biological fathers whose children were placed for adoption in Utah without their knowledge or consent have filed a federal lawsuit against the state, alleging Utah laws permit "legalized fraud and kidnapping."

The fathers, represented by West Jordan attorney Wes Hutchins, allege that despite knowing about the "gross adoption infirmities" of Utah’s laws, two former attorneys general "did nothing for more than a decade to correct the fraud and deception" that led to their children being placed with adoptive families in Utah.

What happened to their sons and daughters was essentially "kidnapping and highly unethical and disruptive placement into adoptive homes without the knowledge or consent of their biological fathers," the lawsuit states.

Utah’s laws have created a "confusing labyrinth of virtually incomprehensible legal mandates and nearly impossible deadlines" that amount to unconstitutional violations of the rights of unwed fathers, it states.'

Australia: DHS wants teen returned to mum who held him down while circumcised by witchdoctor

Minuteman · 26 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'THE Department of Human Services is trying to force a 14-year-old boy who was pinned down by his mother while he was forcibly circumcised by an international witchdoctor to return to live with her.

The teen remained conscious throughout the procedure.

The boy has told authorities he was one of 13 young boys across Melbourne to experience similar backyard procedures by the visiting witchdoctor on Boxing Day, in line with his mother's South Pacific culture.
...
The move is being opposed by the boy's father, who made a complaint to police after learning about the procedure.
...
Victorian Opposition spokeswoman for children Jenny Mikakos called on the State Government to explain if this had happened before and if it could happen again.

"How can the department allow this invasive procedure to occur when one parent and the child himself are vehemently against it?" Ms Mikakos said.

Australasian Institute for Genital Autonomy chairman Paul Mason called for moves to ban circumcision.
...
"In this country we've outlawed female circumcision, but for some reason it's still OK to circumcise a boy. I can't see why it's better to cut a boy than to cut a girl. There's no logic."'

Jerusalem Post: "Circumcision – defending the indefensible"

Matt · 26 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. To be clear: This article is *not* an op-ed by The Jerusalem Post; it just appears in it. Excerpt:

'I am a Jewish filmmaker and I have been invited by the Council of Europe to its Parliamentary Assembly next week. By screening my television documentary It's a Boy! for European parliamentarians I aim to help shore up their commitment to protection of children's right to physical integrity – a key step toward ending ritual circumcision of boys. Yet there is a struggle underway.
...
Parents like me know from our remorse that it was wrong to make such an irreversible, painful and dangerous decision for our children. We owed our children protection, and we owe it to our communities not to be silenced when we have erred as parents.

But the fear of being cast out from our tribes remains an intense pressure. Fear cows individuals who wish to dissent publicly. Fear cows parents who want to reject circumcision. That's why boys from all backgrounds need the protection of the rule of law – secular law – wherever they may live. The necessity for this now in Israel is obvious.

To deprive children of Jewish and Muslim descent in any country of full legal protection because of their lineage amounts to a most perverse kind of prejudice against those children.

As for any attempt by real anti-Semites to latch onto this issue, that would be denounced publicly.

But then real anti-Semites are not usually the people keen to protect Jewish children from harm, and real anti-Semites would probably like nothing better than continuance of a practice that stokes anti-Jewish feelings and for generation after generation inflicts suffering on Jewish boys.'

"I Look Down On Young Women With Husbands And Kids And I'm Not Sorry"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Every time I hear someone say that feminism is about validating every choice a woman makes I have to fight back vomit.

Do people really think that a stay at home mom is really on equal footing with a woman who works and takes care of herself? There's no way those two things are the same. It's hard for me to believe it's not just verbally placating these people so they don't get in trouble with the mommy bloggers.

Having kids and getting married are considered life milestones. We have baby showers and wedding parties as if it's a huge accomplishment and cause for celebration to be able to get knocked up or find someone to walk down the aisle with. These aren't accomplishments, they are actually super easy tasks, literally anyone can do them. They are the most common thing, ever, in the history of the world. They are, by definition, average. And here's the thing, why on earth are we settling for average?
...
You will never have the time, energy, freedom or mobility to be exceptional if you have a husband and kids.

I hear women talk about how "hard" it is to raise kids and manage a household all the time. I never hear men talk about this. It's because women secretly like to talk about how hard managing a household is so they don't have to explain their lack of real accomplishments. Men don't care to "manage a household." They aren't conditioned to think stupid things like that are "important."

Women will be equal with men when we stop demanding that it be considered equally important to do housework and real work. They are not equal. Doing laundry will never be as important as being a doctor or an engineer or building a business. This word play is holding us back.'

UK: Student who falsely claimed rape has jail-sentence appeal rejected

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A student whose false rape claims resulted in one of the Thames Valley Police force's most expensive investigations has been told by top judges she deserved to be sent to prison.

The former Reading University student, who cannot be identified, cried rape after some friends found her looking dishevelled when returning from a night out.

Although the 21-year-old, originally from Birmingham, did not point the finger directly at anyone, the thorough police investigation which followed her claim led to a man being arrested and held overnight until he proved he was elsewhere at the time of the alleged rape.
...
Last Thursday she challenged her jail term, with her lawyers arguing it should be suspended in light of her troubled history and evidence which had recently surfaced.

But her appeal was dismissed by top judges, who said that, barring "exceptional circumstances", anyone committing an offence involving a false allegation of rape must go to prison as their lies undermined justice, wasted police time and risked innocent people being prosecuted.'

Rand Paul: "If There Was A War On Women, I Think They Won"

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Video and transcript here. Excerpt:

'SEN. RAND PAUL: Well, you know, I think we have a lot of debates in Washington that get dumbed down and are used for political purposes. This whole sort of war on women thing, I'm scratching my head because if there was a war on women, I think they won. You know, the women in my family are incredibly successful.

I have a niece at Cornell vet school, and 85% of the young people there are women. In law school, 60% are women; in med school, 55%. My younger sister's an ob-gyn with six kids and doing great. You know, I don't see so much that women are downtrodden; I see women rising up and doing great things. And, in fact, I worry about our young men sometimes because I think the women really are out-competing the men in our world.'

India: NGOs demand separate ministry, panel to protect men's rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kolkata: A forum of NGOs working for men's rights has demanded that the party forming government after the Lok Sabha polls create a separate ministry and a national commission for the protection of men's rights in the wake of "misuse" of dowry laws and registration of "false" sexual harassment cases.

The National Coalition for Men (NCM), a coalition of about 50 organisations fighting for men's rights, has released a 10-point charter of demands to be considered by political parties for the Lok Sabha election.

NCM said they wanted to highlight the increasing rate of "innocent married and unmarried men" falling prey to "gender biased" laws.

Besides a ministry and a commission for men, the NCM's charter, named 'Men-I-Festo', included converting 'gender biased laws' to gender neutral ones, forming a task force to probe suicide by married men and a helpline number for men in distress, NCM president Amit Gupta told a news agency.'

Do sexual assaults on campuses require a federal response?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Be wary of the claim that one in five students has been sexually assaulted or raped at some point in their college careers. In an era of declining violent crime rates, the statistic is remarkably resilient.

The U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics reports a sharp drop in total rapes and sexual assaults nationwide — down 38.7 percent between 2008 and 2009, which are the most recent years for which data are readily available. Yet the White House stubbornly repeats the one-in-five claim, a number that has circulated since at least 2000.

As my Manhattan Institute colleague Heather Mac Donald noted in 2011 — the last time the White House touted the campus rape issue — there were 36.8 rapes per 100,000 residents of Detroit, a city with one of the worst violent crime rates in America. That's a rate of 0.037 percent.

"If 18-year-old girls were in fact walking into such a grotesque maelstrom of sexual violence when they first picked up their dormitory room key," Mac Donald observed, "parents and students alike would have demanded a radical restructuring of college life years ago." Obviously, that hasn't happened.
...
What's really happening here? The latest White House report offers a hint, noting how sexual assaults are "fueled by drinking and drug use." The supposed epidemic of sexual violence on college and university campuses is really an epidemic of binge drinking, drug abuse and pervasive hookups.

Changing the "rape culture" really requires cracking down on the party culture that permeates too many colleges today. But don't expect administrators to reimpose the old "in loco parentis" system that went out 40 years ago. Instead expect more demands for greater funding, and endless cries to "take back the night."'

UK: Anne-Marie Slaughter's plan to close the 'gender gap' will take us right back to where we started from

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Slaughter believes that the best way to reduce the disparity between men and women is to encourage the greatest number of women to reach the highest positions of influence. She believes that to make this a reality more men must stay at home. "It is far, far easier to be at the top of a major organisation if you have a primary or full-time caregiver at home," she wrote.

Slaughter wanted to conduct a poll at Davos to find out how many participants had a life partner who is either at home full time or works outside the house but is the primary caregiver. "If the numbers are, say, 80 per cent or higher," she wrote, "then future Forum gender equality polls should assume that women will only achieve parity with breadwinning men when men achieve parity with care-giving women."

Slaughter recognises the importance of the primary caregiver. But her argument is not advanced in order to find a way of balancing being a mother with being a worker – the real problem woman face today. The Princeton professor is, instead, trying to find a way of balancing family and career in order to have the best career possible. That is a very worrying, masculine approach. Perhaps when the world is eventually ruled by women, men will then press for equality – and we will be right back where we started from.'

Ed. note: Anne-Marie Slaughter is not to be confused with Louise Slaughter, the Congressional representative (House) from upstate New York.

Ritual Circumcision Ban Recommended In Sweden And Denmark By Medical Associations

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'Medical associations in Sweden and Denmark have strongly recommended a ban on the non-medical circumcision of boys, reports the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The Sweden Medical Association, which counts 85% of the country's physicians as members, recommended setting twelve as the minimum age for the procedure and requiring a boy's consent in a resolution which was unanimously passed by the ethics council, reported the Svenska Dagbladet.

The Danish College of General Practitioners, a group with 3,000 members, made a statement that ritual circumcision of boys was tantamount to abuse and mutilation, according to Danish newspaper BT. They polled their readers and found that 87% were in favor of a ban on non-medical circumcision.'

Graphic circumcision website irks critics

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'Chilling images of deformed penises on a website slamming botched traditional circumcisions in South Africa have raised the ire of cultural commentators who called on Monday for the site to be shut down.

Dutch doctor Dingeman Rijken set up the webpage www.ulwaluko.co.za after scores of boys and young men died last year when the initiation ceremony into manhood went wrong. But critics say it betrays their culture and should have been handled differently.

“That website must be shut down with immediate effect,” said Nkululeko Nxesi from the local Community Development Foundation of South Africa (Codefsa).
...
By mid-2013, more than 50 boys and young men had died from infection, exhaustion and dehydration during the weeks-long initiation ceremony in the bush, while over 300 were taken to hospital, according to official figures. Graphic images show severely disfigured, infected or amputated genitals on the website, named for the Xhosa word for initiation into manhood, which Rijken encountered while working in the rural Eastern Cape province.

“If you see so many boys dying, at some point you have to talk about it. Why do we sustain a ritual that slaughters boys in their prime or... scars many others for life?” Rijken told the local Daily Dispatch newspaper.'

Religious circumcisions not subject to Pennsylvania oversight

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than half of male newborns in America are circumcised before they leave the hospital. As with any medical procedure, if it results in injury, the medical professional involved could face discipline by licensing authorities in Pennsylvania and other states.

No comparable state oversight, however, governs the same procedure when it's conducted by a religious practitioner with no medical license. And that, says a Pittsburgh lawyer suing over a catastrophic injury suffered by a newborn in April 2013, needs to change.

The lawsuit, pending in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, is seeking damages from Rabbi Mordechai Rosenberg for alleged negligence and inflicting of emotional distress on the boys' parents, who witnessed what the lawsuit called a "gruesome and torturous event." Rabbi Rosenberg has since 1990 worked as a mohel, the traditional term for one who performs circumcisions as part the traditional Jewish rite of passage.

"I think that mohels or any non-medically trained individual who is going to do a circumcision should be regulated by the state in terms of their competence, their education, their technique, their sterility, everything you do during a circumcision," said attorney Neil R. Rosen, representing the injured boy's parents.'

Criminal Law and the Moral Panic on Campus Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the Obama Administration steps up the federal effort against an alleged epidemic of campus rape, some states are contemplating measures of their own. A recent Newsweek story on a bill pending in the California State Assembly, discussed by K.C. Johnson on Minding the Campus, raises a number of troubling issues: among them, potential spillover from the campus crusade into the criminal justice system and actual spillover from the radical feminist blogosphere into the mainstream media.

he legislation, AB 1433, introduced on January 6 by Southern California Assemblyman Mike Gatto, requires colleges and universities to promptly bring to local law enforcement all campus reports of violent crimes (homicide, rape, robbery or aggravated assault) and hate crimes--unless the complainant requests anonymity. Federal law--the 1990 Clery Act, named after Jeanne Clery, a 19-year-old Lehigh University (Pennsylvania) student who was raped and murdered in her dorm in 1986--already requires colleges to record all crimes reported to campus authorities in a public log and in an annual security report, and to disclose them to the U.S. Department of Education.
...
The problematic nature of the bill is compounded by the fact that, due to input from campus activists whom Newsweek describes as "sexual assault survivors," accusers will be allowed to decide whether their charges should be reported to the police or not. (The alleged survivors told Gatto, and Newsweek, that they would not have gone to the campus authorities if they knew they would have to deal with actual law enforcement as well.) Not only does this leave the universities' "shadow justice system" entirely intact, it also underscores the extent to which feminist activism is pushing to make sexual assault or rape a subjectively defined offense.

As K.C. Johnson notes, the Newsweek article describes this situation entirely from the accusers perspective, uncritically repeating a Department of Justice report claiming that "college women are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted than the rest of the population" and "95% of rapes on campus will never be reported." But, actually, it's worse than that: the article by Katie J.M. Baker also cherry-picks the evidence from that report.
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If this looks like deliberate bias rather than sloppy one-sidedness, perhaps that's because it is. Several Twitter users have brought attention to the fact that Baker came over to Newsweek from Jezebel.com, a leading website in the radical feminist blogosphere. A look at her past work for Newsweek reveals that she began to write for the magazine last October; her debut was an essay responding to Emily Yoffe's much-debated article on Slate.com arguing that advising college women to avoid heavy drinking should be a part of sexual assault prevention. The tenor of Baker's riposte can be gleaned from its title: "No. 1 Surefire Rape Prevention Tip For Ladies: Don't Exist."'

Daddy Track: The Case for Paternity Leave

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'Paternity leave has also begun to enter the corporate and cultural mainstream. According to a study by the Boston College Center for Work and Family, which surveyed men in a number of Fortune 500 companies, most new fathers now take at least some time off after the birth of a baby, though few depart the workplace for more than two weeks. In England, Prince William took two weeks' leave from his job as a military search-and-rescue helicopter pilot when his son, George, was born. Even Major League Baseball has formalized paternity leave—albeit three days' worth—for players, partnering with Dove's line for men in a pro-fatherhood campaign called Big League Dads.

...

The genius of paternity leave is that it shapes domestic and parenting habits as they are forming. While most mothers in the United States now work, many women still see their careers suffer after they became parents, in part because they end up shouldering the bulk of the domestic load—a phenomenon the sociologist Arlie Hochschild has dubbed the "second shift." A 2007 study found that 60 percent of professional women who stopped working reported that they were largely motivated by their husbands' unavailability to share housework and child-care duties. Paternity leave is a chance to intervene at what one study called "a crucial time of renegotiation": those early, sleep-deprived weeks of diaper changes and midnight feedings, during which couples fall into patterns that turn out to be surprisingly permanent.

...

The brilliance of "daddy days," as this solution came to be known, is that, rather than feeling stigmatized for taking time off from their jobs, many men now feel stigmatized if they don't. The economist Ankita Patnaik, who has studied Quebec's implementation of such a policy, told me that "families felt they were wasting something" if the father didn't take leave. In 2006, Quebec increased the financial benefits for paid leave and offered five weeks that could be taken only by fathers. "That's what really made a difference," Patnaik told me. "Now dads might feel bad for not taking leave—your baby loses this time with parents." Since then, the percentage of Quebecois fathers taking paternity leave has skyrocketed, from about 10 percent in 2001 to more than 80 percent in 2010.

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In another sign of how paternity leave can narrow the gap between working mothers and fathers, more than one man I spoke with had made a decision long familiar to mothers who find themselves trapped in the office after bedtime too many nights. Upon the birth of his first child, Lance Somerfeld planned to take paternity leave from his teaching job at a big elementary school in the Bronx. He looked forward to being home, and his wife's career was going well. As they thought about the future, they reckoned that child-care costs would eat up most of his after-tax salary, so he decided to extend his leave indefinitely. When Somerfeld informed the school that he would not be returning, at least not anytime soon, his principal went on the PA system and announced, "Mr. Somerfeld will be leaving us next year to become a modern man!"'

Bill could let men sever child support with DNA test results

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'A female lawmaker from Port Orchard says men in Washington are being unfairly forced to pay child support for children who aren't theirs, and the state should let them escape that burden.

A measure introduced by state Sen. Jan Angel, R-Port Orchard, would allow a man to challenge his status as a child's legal parent in court if genetic tests prove he is not the father.

Current law in Washington generally only gives fathers four years to challenge a child's parentage, and assumes a man is the father if he was married to the child's mother close to the child's birth date.

Angel's bill would let a man try to sever his legal ties to a child at any time within two years of learning he is not the child's biological father — whether the child's age is 5 or 15.

If a man's request to sever paternity were granted by a judge, he would no longer have to pay child support for the child, even if he previously acknowledged himself to be the parent or was married to the mother at the time of the child's birth.

...

Some committee members questioned the wisdom of letting parents bow out of parenthood at any point in a child's life. Sen. Adam Kline, D-Seattle, said that if a 7-year-old child has grown up calling someone Dad, it could be damaging to the child if that person simply disappears. A man can be a child's "psychological parent" even if he and the child are not biologically related, Kline said.

"Have you considered the difference this makes to the child as opposed to the difference this makes to the father?" Kline asked Angel.'

Obama Goes Full Feminist: ‘Time To Do Away With Workplace Policies That Belong In A ‘Mad Men’ Episode’

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'President Obama let his feminist flag fly during his State of the Union address on Tuesday night. Citing pay disparity and paid leave policy, he argued — to loud applaude — that women are still unequal in the United States, and that there are policies that can change that:

> Today, women make up about half our workforce. But they still make 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. That is wrong, and in 2014, it’s an embarrassment. A woman deserves equal pay for equal work. She deserves to have a baby without sacrificing her job. A mother deserves a day off to care for a sick child or sick parent without running into hardship – and you know what, a father does, too. It’s time to do away with workplace policies that belong in a “Mad Men” episode. Let’s work together – Congress, the White House, and businesses from Wall Street to Main Street – to give every woman the opportunity she deserves. Because I believe when women succeed, America succeeds.

Democrats' ‘Paycheck Fairness Act’ will set women back decades

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an editorial coined by New Hampshire Senator Sylvia Larson (D-Concord) today, she makes the already disproven claim that there is a ‘wage gap’ between men and women in the workforce. Larson is so hell bent on believing the studies that have been proven false, she’s willing to hurt women in the workforce by passing an unnecessary bill. The wage gap that Larson speaks of is a myth. In the past, women indeed were paid less than men but it has been proven over and over again that women earn the same or more than men if all things are equal (experience, education, time on the job etc.). What Larson’s ill-conceived bill (the same bill that failed in Washington D.C. previously with a Democrat controlled Senate) will do is set women back decades despite the great strides they have made since entering the workforce.

How will the Paycheck Fairness Act hurt Granite State women? Simple, it will put employers in a position of either paying women less than they negotiate for when seeking a new job or it will take away women’s flexibility in negotiating for a lower salary for more flexible hours. ...
...

- If a man is currently working at a job and a woman applies for the same job but is smart and negotiates for a higher salary than the man is currently making, the employer is not going to offer her what she wants (and/or deserves), they are going to have to pay her the lower salary that the man is making. Why? If the man finds out she’s making more than him for the same job (despite the fact she was simply a better negotiator) the man can turn around and sue the employer for discrimination!
- If a woman applies for a job and decides she wants more flexible hours in order to spend more time with her family, the employer will not be able to allow her that flexibility because if the woman finds out the man is making more money, she can sue the employer for discrimination!
- If a man and woman are making equal pay for doing the same job but the woman goes above and beyond, the employer will not be able to give her a bigger raise because if the man finds out, he can sue for discrimination!

Tom Martin video on Youtube at risk of being taken down

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tom Martin, a student at the London School of Economics, filmed a series of interviews with other students, addressing his lawsuit against the school, for teaching a sexist, bigoted ideology. One of those students, who participated in the interview knowing it would be uploaded is now trying to censor this video by having it taken down from Youtube (on Tom Martin's channel, this is a mirror).

While this is annoying, it also suggests that the student has matured, and now recognizes their own point of view, as expressed during the interview, is in fact ignorant and bigoted. Unfortunately, they're still evidently immature enough to believe censorship is a good path to pursue to cover up their bigotry.'

Canada: Calgary woman who left three of her infants in a dumpster, killing two, sentenced to 18 months jail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Meredith Borowiec has given birth to four children.

The first was born in a panic and left in a dumpster next to her Calgary home. A second baby a year later was similarly discarded; neither body was ever found.

Her third child was born in October, 2010. Borowiec, again, hid the child in the trash. But this time, the infant was rescued after its cries were overheard by a man named Ian Turnbull — Borowiec's long-time boyfriend and the baby's father. He had been unaware of her pregnancy.

On Wednesday, Borowiec was sentenced to 18 months in jail. The judge condemned her actions, but resisted a prosecution recommendation that she be sentenced to as many as 12 years.

"This is a terrible case," Judge Peter McIntyre told Borowiec. "You've shocked the community and you've shamed yourself. I have to remind myself to be dispassionate about this case."'

Canada: Supposed teen ringleader of Ottawa prostitution ring found guilty on 30 of 33 charges

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Ottawa girl has been found guilty of 30 of 33 charges against her in connection with a prostitution ring involving teenaged girls.

Court heard the girl, identified as the ringleader of the group, used physical violence and verbal threats to force other teenaged girls into prostitution.

She pleaded not guilty in April 2012 to the 33 charges including assault, human trafficking, robbery and making and distributing child pornography.

A sentencing date has yet to be set and the Crown says it will seek an adult sentence.

Two other teens accused in the case pleaded guilty to several charges in September in a surprise about-face after having pleaded not guilty earlier last year.

The three girls, whose identities are protected under a publication ban were arrested in June 2012 in the Ottawa area.'

Star Tribune Calls for Action on Women's Issues

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Article here. The Minneapolis Star Tribune never fails when it comes to parroting issues brought forward by women's lobbying groups. No exception here. Missing of course are any issues faced by men in the workplace, such as the fact that 90% of workplace fatalities are males, or a decent explanation of the so-called "wage gap." Excerpt:

'After nearly three dark years, the lights are back on at the Office on the Economic Status of Women in the Minnesota State Office Building. It's co-convening the first Minnesota Women's Economic Security Summit in a long while Thursday in St. Paul, and several hundred participants are expected.

Among the presenters will be House Speaker Paul Thissen, armed with an ambitious package of 17 bills comprising the Minnesota Women's Economic Security Act of 2014. The speaker's personal stamp on a set of initiatives is rare, and should serve to raise the package's visibility and chances for enactment.

These are hopeful signs for working Minnesotans — of both genders — and for the children and elders who depend on them. Economic fairness and opportunity for the female half of the population should be a priority in every legislative session. When women climb economically, unimpeded by outdated thinking about roles and responsibilities, the whole state benefits.

But state leaders' willingness to address Minnesota's persistent gender gap in wages, educational attainment, housing, poverty and more has waxed and waned through the years. The 38-year-old Office on the Economic Status of Women — a terrific source of data, research and nonpartisan guidance to legislators — was left in limbo from mid-2011 until a few weeks ago, when former lobbyist and public policy specialist Barbara Battiste took the office's solo staff job.'

Why Masculinity Is More Than a Mask

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I admire Newsom for using her considerable talent to advocate for boys. But I worry that she is less concerned with helping boys than with re-engineering their masculinity according to specifications from some out-of-date gender-studies textbook. The trailer is suffused with males-are-toxic ideology but shows little appreciation for how boys' nature can be distinctively good. The Mask You Live In is scheduled to be released later this year. Let's hope there is still time for edits.

Here are a few suggestions:
1. Recognize that masculinity is more than a "mask"
The title and content of the film suggest that masculinity is a cultural creation. That is only marginally true. A lot of typical boy behavior, such as rough-and-tumble play, risk taking and fascination with gadgets rather than dolls, appears to have a basis in biology. ... A recent study on sex differences by researchers from the University of Turin, in Italy, and the University of Manchester, in England, confirms what most of us see with our eyes: with some exceptions, women tend to be more sensitive, esthetic, sentimental, intuitive and tender-minded, while men tend to be more utilitarian, objective, unsentimental and tough-minded. We do not yet fully understand the biological underpinnings of these universal tendencies, but that is no reason to deny they exist.
...
The Australians are now developing male-specific mental-health protocols. A 2012 Australian study, for example, found that large majorities of young men associate the term mental health with insanity and straightjackets. Mental fitness seems to go over better with men. The Australians recently launched a mental-fitness app for guys. The focus is on acquiring "skills," developing "strengths" and achieving "self-mastery." But doesn't that reinforce traditional narratives of masculinity? It certainly does — that's the point, and the key to its promise.

The energy, competitiveness and corporal daring of normal males are responsible for much good in the world. No one denies that boys' aggressive and risk-taking tendencies must be socialized and channeled toward constructive ends. But the de–Tom Sawyering of the American boy should not be anyone's agenda. I am sure it is not Newsom's. Yet her film in progress suggests otherwise.'

NPO: Give Washington Children Their Real Father: Pass SB5997

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, Brandon Jones, Chair, Executive Committee, National Parents Organization of Washington testified in front of the Washington Senate Committee on Law & Justice in support of SB 5997, an act relating to authorizing the termination of all legal responsibilities of a nonparent if genetic testing shows by clear and convincing evidence that a man is not the genetic father of a child. Senator Jan Angel is sponsoring the legislation on behalf of Washington's children and National Parents Organization of Washington.

Help our Washington affiliate pass this important legislation for children and fathers in Washington. On the Washington State website you may support this legislation, whether or not you live in Washington. Your message will be sent to every state legislator.

Use this opportunity to commend Senator Jan Angel for giving Washington children access to their actual paternal fathers and extended Families and providing them an accurate Family medical history when the genetic paternal fathers are known, thus allowing physicians to better treat acute illnesses and prevent or prepare for genetic illnesses and conditions.'

Boy who died in fire while saving family members buried with firefighter's honors

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Local firefighters have adopted as one of their own a 9-year-old boy who died saving six relatives from a fire that destroyed his grandfather's upstate New York home.

A stream of cars and fire vehicles made its way Wednesday to St. John of Rochester Catholic Church for a funeral service for Tyler Doohan. The boy died trying to rescue his grandfather, who also died, along with another relative.

Tyler's mother, Crystal Vrooman, said her son was a "sweet boy" whose sense of humor made everyone smile.

"I wish you were here for me to hold you one more time," Vrooman said, choking back tears. "Rest in peace my beautiful angel. You're a hero, baby. You made me the proudest mother I could be."'

From: Is masculine culture toxic for boys?

'A popular trailer for a new documentary by filmmaker Jennifer Siebel Newsom portrays boys as isolated, violent and depressed. According to the film, boys are driven to violent and destructive behavior by societal pressure to conform to a rigid code of masculinity. In this video, Christina Hoff Sommers responds to Newsom’s documentary and offers a defense of healthy masculinity.

Rather than seeking to reengineer their masculinity, Sommers argues that we should appreciate boys’ distinctive traits and encourage them to channel their maleness towards constructive ends.'

Psychologist: Colleges foster environments ‘actively hostile’ toward men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The college environment is “actively hostile towards men,” psychologist and author Dr. Helen Smith explained in a Tuesday interview with Forbes.

Smith has authored the book “Men on Strike: Why Men Are Boycotting Marriage, Fatherhood, and The American Dream — And Why It Matters,” and discussed the effect that overreaching feminism has on men with reporter Jerry Bowyer.

Bower stated that groups who see themselves as oppressed since the 19th century have blazed past a goal of equality to exact “comeuppance” on their oppressors, and American men bear the brunt of this attack. Smith agreed, recalling how she was taken aback by the modern feminist movement’s animosity toward men.

"I thought feminism was supposed to be about equality,” Smith said. I was somewhat of a feminist, or I was very much a feminist when I was younger, because I had this idea — naively — that it was about equality, that we wanted to see men and women as equals. Instead, women today want special privileges and no responsibilities or very little, and they want men to have the responsibilities but none of the privilege. As you point out, there’s the problem.”'

Australia: Rape charge dropped as "new evidence" introduced

fathers4fairness · 30 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Ben Kooy, 34, was arrested last Wednesday and charged with dragging a 17-year-old girl off a train around 1pm and into a toilet block where he allegedly sexually assaulted her.

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The Kellyville man was initially refused bail and spent four nights in custody but police found fresh evidence at the weekend and released him ahead of an appearance at Burwood Local Court on Wednesday.

The matter was adjourned for three weeks on Wednesday morning but later in the day the charge of sexual intercourse without consent was dismissed and an AVO* for the victim was withdrawn.

Mr Kooy's legal aid solicitor, Patricia Lyden, said fresh evidence “changed the situation dramatically”. It is understood new footage discredited the girl’s story.

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It is not clear if the girl will be charged with making false representations to police.

Friends said she gave several different stories of her ordeal. She told friends that she was on her way to her boyfriend’s house or on her way to college where she studies a business degree.'

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*AVO: Apprehended Violence Order: "In the Australian State of New South Wales, a court may grant an apprehended violence order (AVO) to a person who fears violence, harassment, abuse, or stalking.[6] A court may issue an AVO if it believes, on the balance of probabilities, that a person has reasonable grounds to fear personal violence, harassing conduct, molestation, intimidation, or stalking. A defendant's non-compliance with the order may result in the imposition of a fine, imprisonment, or both."

Boy-shaming "sex education" planned for UK schools

TCM · 31 January 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We need to be careful when we start singling out only one group of people based on their genetic code and demanding that they “respect” another entire group of people. The reasoning is quite simple: it’s mindlessly discriminatory. It also has the potential to turn into a condescending shamefest.

1. Not everyone in one group needs to be taught to respect others because they already do.
2. If we single out only one group to respect other groups, no one is teaching the others to respect that group.
3. Not every individual in any birthgroup is entitled to respect.

Of course, no one should disrespect someone based solely upon their being men, or women, or white, or black, and so forth. But teaching such values doesn’t mean we have to single out any of those groups, either.'

UK: False rape allegation led man to assault innocent bystander

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Story here. Excerpt:

'AN innocent man was attacked because his clothes matched the description a woman had made-up about her alleged rapist.

Johnathan Smith's ex-girlfriend told him she had been raped and gave a description of her supposed attacker of the man's clothes.

Smith then attacked a man he saw in the same clothes but she admitted she had made up the allegation.

Smith left her house around 1am on January 12, went onto Carmarthen Road and Smith, from Penrhiw Road, in Morriston, saw his victim with two friends waiting at a bus stop.

As he approached, his friends ran away, leaving the victim alone and he then also ran off, but Smith used a pedal bike to chase after him.

Smith caught him and punched him, leaving him with a bloody nose.

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"The defendant needs to understand that any decision he makes will have a reaction to other people and he must take into account their feelings and thoughts before he makes a decision to stand his ground or and try deal with matters outside the lawful way," he said.

Chairman of the bench, Phil Llewellyn said: "Whatever the reason you had to be out at that time of the morning and to carry out the assault that you did, you didn't think about it".

He was given a 12 month community order and told to complete 100 hours of unpaid work.

He was also told to pay £200 compensation to the victim.'

The importance of credibility in domestic violence cases

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It has been in all the recent news--New Jersey Assemblyman Reed Gusciora (D-Mercer) has announced a bill that would create a publicly accessible registry containing all the names of individuals who have been found to have committed an act of domestic violence. Gusciora believes that a public registry would reduce the number of instances of domestic violence by repeat offenders. The registry would be similar in nature to the sex offender registry established under Megan's Law.
...
But while not diminishing the seriousness of the issue, false accusations do happen. False accusations of domestic violence can be used as revenge, as a weapon in divorces, child custody, support and visitation battles. The consequences can be devastating, ruining a life, being evicted from one's home, losing custody, heavy fines, attorney's fees, and in some cases, jail. In many cases, the question of whether domestic violence has actually occurred comes down to he said/she said, and that frequently hinges on the credibility of the accused and the accuser. ...'

Ed. note: This is an item written and released by a law firm in New Jersey, so the authors likely have a business interest in the topic. While that may be the case, it doesn't mean what they are saying isn't true. And as for what lawyer one chooses to hire for whatever reason, it's up to them. Just wanted to make it clear this item is here due to its content, not because of who wrote it or any reason other than its relevance to men's rights and the crucial but often ignored presumption of innocence that all people facing charges in a US criminal court are supposed to have.

UK: Women are now a third more likely than men to opt to go to university

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men will soon become the most disadvantaged group in the country when it comes to going to university, the head of UCAS predicts today.

Figures show that the gap between applications from women and men is rising sharply - while that between rich and poor students is narrowing.

The 15 January deadline for applications for university this autumn showed over 87,000 more women than men had applied, increasing the gap by 7,000 compared to January 2013. Women are now a third more likely than men to opt to go to university.

Meanwhile, applications from would-be students in disadvantaged areas are rising - with those from poorer families twice as likely to apply as a decade ago.

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Professor Smithers put forward three main reasons why the number of applications from girls is soaring:

- their GCSE and A-level results are better.
- teacher and nurse training, which largely attract females, now takes place in universities.
- boys may be more attracted to apprenticeships and jobs, rather than incur debts from the £9,000 a year fees regime.

“Apprentices is a possible explanation,” he said. “Certainly men have tended to be in the majority when it comes to vocational qualifications.

“It could be that more men are attracted to entering employment. Some of the subjects men are attracted to, like engineering, are the ones that are struggling to fill places.”

‘Toaster Pastry Gun Freedom Act’ bill revived in Florida

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Florida state lawmakers are proposing what has been called the “Toaster Pastry Gun Freedom Act” in an effort to protect schoolchildren from harsh punishment for fashioning their fingers or food objects into toy guns, the Orlando Sentinel reports.

The Florida proposal asserts that “simulating a firearm or weapon while playing or wearing certain clothing or accessories is not grounds for disciplinary action or referral to the criminal justice or juvenile justice system.”

Among the actions that the Florida law aims to protect is “Brandishing a partially consumed pastry or other food item to simulate a firearm or weapon.”'

Contrast: School rules against Md. second-grader suspended for gun-shaped Pop-Tart

Baby Infected With Herpes After Metzitza B'peh Circumcision Rite

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A baby boy has been infected with neonatal herpes following a Jewish ritual circumcision in New York — the third such infection in two years tied to a controversial rite that involves the direct application of the ritual circumciser's mouth to the baby's genitals to suction blood from the wound.

The baby was treated for a genital rash five days after he was circumcised, according to a January 28 health alert issued by New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. He is still undergoing treatment and his current condition is unclear.

The department attributed the rash to the controversial circumcision technique, known as metzitzah b'peh, or MBP, which some ultra-Orthodox mohels, or ritual circumcisers, say is an essential component of the ancient religious ritual.

Fourteen babies have contracted herpes following MBP since 2000, according to New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Two of those babies died and two more suffered brain damage.

In this case, the baby's rash spread despite being treated with cream. He was later admitted to a hospital, the department said.

Because of the risks of MBP, New York City instituted a consent form in January 2012. Mohels were directed to ask parents to sign the form, which spells out the risks of MBP before it is performed.

A department of health spokeswoman declined to say whether a consent form was signed in this latest case. "We are currently investigating the case and won't discuss its details," the spokeswoman said.'

UK: Boy, six, suspended from school for four days after he was found to have a packet of Mini Cheddars in his lunchbox

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Article here. Excerpt:

"A six-year-old boy who went to school with a bag of Mini Cheddars in his packed lunch has been suspended for four days after teachers said it contravened its healthy eating policy.

Riley Pearson, from Colnbrook, near Slough, was excluded from Colnbrook C of E Primary School after teachers discovered the snack and called in his parents.
After a meeting with headmaster Jeremy Meek, they were sent a letter telling them Riley would be excluded from Wednesday until Monday because he had been 'continuously breaking school rules'.
...
His mother, who lives with his father, airport worker Tom Pearson, said the 3ft 9ins tall schoolboy who weighs 3st 2lbs, eats home-cooked meals and plenty of fruit and vegetables at home.

Miss Mardle said: 'I would understand the exclusion if he was constantly throwing tables around or bullying other children, but it is just ridiculous for a packet of Mini Cheddars.
...
'We cannot talk about individual circumstances, but there is one family who are not prepared to support the policy.

'We are in discussions with them about how we move it forward. We have excluded [the pupil] for four days due to lack of support for the policy.

'It is to avoid putting the children in a difficult situation. If the policy is not being abided by, then that potentially harms that pupil.'"

Calgary court ruling on mom who dumped her babies means open season on unwanted infants

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Article here. Well-know Canadian journalist Barbara Kay's scathing criticism is aimed at Calgary Judge Peter McIntyre, who did not take the Crown prosecution's advice of 12 years and instead awarded only 18 months for murdering her two newborn children and attempting to murder a third. Excerpt:

'Cultural observer Joseph Epstein wrote a wonderful satirical column in the Wall Street Journal a few weeks about the “Good Intentions Paving Company,” a riff on the old cliché, “The road to hell is paved with good intentions.”

The Good Intentions Paving Company does not confine its activities to the U.S. In fact, it had one of its representatives in Calgary this week, Judge Peter McIntyre, handing a sentence of 18 months in prison and three years’ probation to Meredith Borowiec, who admitted to throwing three newborn babies, successively over several years, into dumpsters immediately after birth. (Two died, the third was rescued alive).

“This is a terrible case,” Judge McIntyre told Borowiec. “You’ve shocked the community and you’ve shamed yourself. I have to remind myself to be dispassionate about this case.” The judge then proceeded to be anything but dispassionate – dispassion would have had him accepting the prosecution’s demand for at least eight more years in prison on top of 18 months served in custody – as he reflexively adopted a compassionate default attitude to Borowiec’s case that should have been jettisoned decades ago.
...
But the judge bought Borowiec’s story. He said: “All three offences were committed while your mind was disturbed while giving birth.” If this decision stands, it’s open season on unwanted infants. Let’s hope this precedent is overturned on appeal by a court that doesn’t set its moral compass according to the Good Intentions Paving Company handbook.'

Registered nurse accused of attempted murder 'for injecting feces into husband's IV

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Arizona woman has been charged with attempted murder after police say she injected fecal matter into her hospitalized husband's IV line.

Rosemary Vogel, of Sun Lakes, was arrested Thursday after a nurse caught the 65-year-old handling her husband's IV line, which was found to contain a brown substance, police said.

A hospital lab test identified the matter in the IV line as feces, and a trace amount of the same brown substance also was found in the needle of an otherwise empty syringe found in Vogel's purse, according to police.

When it was searched in the hospital, Vogel's pocketbook contained a total of three syringes, including two with a clear liquid, police said.'

Military's Progress on Women in Combat Criticized

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A year after the Pentagon opened combat jobs to female servicemembers, plans for integrating women into these jobs remain problematic, women's advocates said this week.

The Marine Corps and the Army, which have the largest number of military occupational specialties still closed to women, have, according to critics, unclear and inconsistent approaches to integrating women fully into the forces by January 2016, the deadline set by former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta.

The Marines have made little progress in integrating women into jobs they already qualify for, and the purpose of a proposed physical screening test is questionable since it focuses on strength-based measures and not skills actually needed for the work, according to Greg Jacob, a former Marine and policy director of the Service Women's Action Network.

...

The critics, which included veterans and members from the ACLU, National Women's Law Center and Women's Research & Education Institute, have called for more transparency into the research and progress the military has made.

The Army has yet to open 100,000 positions in 14 specialties and the Marines still have to open 70,000 positions in 32 specialties, said Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who has spearheaded efforts highlighting issues females face in the military.

...

"We need to be able to hold them accountable for preventing the best-qualified individuals from competing for these positions," Gillibrand said. "Integrating women into combat strengthens our country both morally and militarily."'

SAVE: Tell President Obama: Stop Politicizing the Rape Issue

Matt · 1 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

A few days ago President Obama announced the creation of a White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault. During this announcement, he offered this piece of misinformation: "It is estimated that one in five women on college campuses has been sexually assaulted during their time there."

That statistic comes in part from the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence study.

There is a very serious problem with the way this study's questions are worded. Example: "When you were drunk, high, drugged, or passed out and unable to give consent, how many people ever had vaginal sex with you?" Someone who purposely gets drunk with their partner and willingly participates in a sexual encounter is counted as a rape victim!

To learn more, see Katherine Connell's National Review article.

We believe that policies on sexual assault and rape should be based on accurate facts, not fear-inducing hyperbole.

Ask President Obama to stop politicizing the rape issue.

- Phone: 202-456-1111
- Email: http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/submit-questions-and-comments

Thank you,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Military tests sabbaticals to keep women in ranks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Navy Cmdr. Valerie Overstreet wanted to start a family, but her job as a Navy pilot and the fact that she and her husband, a naval officer, were stationed in different parts of the country made it complicated.

So she decided to take advantage of a fledgling Navy program that allowed her to take a year off and return to duty without risking her career.

Three years later, she has a 2-year-old daughter and a 9-month-old son, she's back at work at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, and her promotion to captain has been confirmed.

For Overstreet, the year off gave her time to have her daughter and get started on her master's degree, and it allowed the Navy to keep an officer it considers promising without requiring her to sacrifice her family life.

Across the military services, leaders are experimenting with sabbatical programs that give valued officers and enlisted troops the incentive to stay in the service.'

Fiancee Accused in 2-Year-Old’s Death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who was engaged to the father of a toddler found unconscious at her North Texas home earlier this month has been arrested in connection with the 2-year-old's death.

On Tuesday afternoon, Plano police arrested 25-year-old Melinda Lynn Muniz. Muniz is charged with capital murder in the death of Lillian Grace Ford.

Plano police said Muniz is the fiancee of Ford's biological father and lived at the home where the toddler was found unconscious.

...

The affidavit states that the girl's father unlocked the apartment door and officers found Muniz face down on the floor of the apartment with her mouth duct taped. She claimed she had been sexually assaulted by an unknown man.

Police officers found Ford unconscious in the bedroom, her mouth had also been duct taped. She was taken to Children's Medical Center in Dallas for treatment and three days later, on Jan. 12, she was pronounced legally dead.

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According to the warrant affidavit, investigators found several inconsistencies in Muniz's recollection of the events on the day of Ford's death and lab results showed she was never sexually assaulted.

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The affidavit states that investigators traced Muniz's activities that day including a trip to a Dollar Tree store and obtained surveillance video from the store showing Muniz purchased duct tape similar to the tape found covering her mouth and Ford's mouth. According to the affidavit, Grace Ford was with Muniz at the store while the duct tape was being purchased. According to the affidavit, "This purchase was made 40 minutes before Muniz made the phone call to Ford in which Muniz claimed that she was attacked."

Muniz is being held in the Collin County Jail on $1 million bond.'

Teen pleads guilty to murdering friend, sentenced to life in prison ("with mercy")

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A West Virginia teenager who confessed to stabbing her best friend to death stood silently in court as she was sentenced to life in prison, refusing to apologize to the family she tore apart.

Sheila Eddy, 18, pleaded guilty to luring her classmate and one-time best friend Skylar Neese into the woods and stabbing her to death on Friday, but declined to say anything else to those inside the Morgantown courthouse, including the victim's father, David Neese.

The grief-stricken father said it was "unacceptable" that Eddy refused to address the court or say she was sorry for the July 2012 murder.
...
Skylar's aunt, Carol Michaud, also addressed the court, calling Eddy "evil," the Observer-Reporter said. "She came and acted as if she knew nothing… She stayed with us and comforted us and swore she had no idea what was going on," Michaud said, according to the paper.

Judge Russell Clawges sentenced Eddy to "life with mercy" for pleading guilty to first-degree murder, meaning Eddy will be eligible for parole after serving 15 years behind bars, and the orange jumpsuit-clad Eddy — wearing glasses and her hair in a ponytail — was escorted out of the courtroom by two court guards.
...
Eddy and Neese had been friends since grade school, Monongalia County Prosecutor Marcia Ashdown told the court on Friday, but in the weeks preceding the murder, Eddy and Shoaf kept their distance from the unwitting victim.

The prosecutor said that after a countdown, the two girls stabbed Neese with kitchen knives and "stood over her until her last breath," then failed to bury their friend — instead covering her with branches — and left her.'

Veterans group says military suicide rate is 'out of control'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rieckhoff: The suicide rate is out of control. We're losing roughly 22 veterans per day to suicide. On my way over here today, I got another note from a military family that is struggling with a suicidal veteran. We are losing more people now to suicide than to combat.
...
Gillibrand: We are going to focus our next hearing on how many of these suicides are sexual assault-related. How many are caused by rape and sexual trauma that goes unreported because of the stigma and the fear of retaliation.'

Knox judge says he suffered over guilty verdict

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Story here. Short version: Guilty->the convicts appeal->convictions overturned->prosecutor appeals->high court overturns the overturning and orders new trial->guilty. Net result: male convict was in Austria when this latest conviction was announced and voluntarily returned to Italy to surrender to the Italian authorities. Female convict is in the US and states she has no intention of surrendering to the Italian authorities here (e.g.: the embassy in D.C. or nearest consulate) for extradition to Italy. And there you have it. Whether the US will arrest and extradite her, I dunno. Personally, I don't know how they couldn't, but she's a photogenic young (white) woman who's "been through so much already, the poor dear...", so who knows. Excerpt:

'The judge who presided over Amanda Knox's second murder conviction says he suffered over the verdict, but that he and the jury reached agreement that she was guilty in the death of British student Meredith Kercher.
...
Nenci, another judge and six lay jurors reinstated the guilty verdicts on Thursday against Knox and Sollecito that were first handed down in 2009, sentencing Knox to 28 ½ years and Sollecito to 25 for the murder. An appeals court had acquitted the pair in 2011 and ordered them freed from prison, but Italy's supreme court threw out the acquittals and ordered a third trial, in Florence.

Lawyers for both Knox and Sollecito have said they would appeal, saying there was no proof that the two had committed the crime. Knox has said she will never willingly return to Italy to serve any sentence if the verdict is upheld.
...
A third person, Rudy Guede, was convicted in a separate trial and is serving a 16-year sentence.
...
Sollecito had attended the morning session of Thursday's court hearing but then drove to Italy's northern frontier with Austria and Slovenia. While the judges and jury deliberated, he and his girlfriend visited Austria, but came back to Italy to spend the night.

In an interview with U.S. broadcaster NBC News on Friday, Sollecito said he wasn't trying to flee Italy by going to Austria. He said he had been planning to take a trip outside Italy if acquitted, but turned back as soon as he learned he had been convicted.

"I didn't want to flee, or to get away because I actually went back," he said.

He said he checked into the first hotel once back in Italy because he was tired. Police found him there Friday morning, and confiscated his passport and ID papers, as mandated by the court, but then set him free.'

Forgiveness, no jail for woman who struck, killed girls in leaf pile

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The woman who killed two Forest Grove girls when she hit them with an SUV in October was sentenced to 3 years probation and 250 hours of community service in a courtroom packed with the victims' emotional friends and family Friday morning.

Cinthya Garcia-Cisneros, 19, was found guilty Jan. 15 on two counts of failure to perform the duties of a driver. She will be released from the Washington County Jail within 48 hours and taken into federal custody on an immigration hold. Her lawyer, Courtney Carter, said Garcia-Cisneros is in "grave danger of being deported."
...
Garcia-Cisneros testified that she heard about the deaths later and panicked. She confessed when police showed up at her door the next day.

"You made a choice not to come back and that greatly impacted how I got to say goodbye to my daughters. You were one block away, and I'm sure, scared," Dieter-Robinson said to her.
...
Her boyfriend, 18-year-old Mario Echeverria, was sentenced to 13 months in prison for hindering prosecution after the crash. Instead of going to police, investigators said he took the SUV to a car wash to destroy evidence.'

Betty Friedan's second-wave hypocrisy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The stereotypes upon which Friedan based her claim revels in the kind of ignorance common among upper middle class white women who could afford to be bored at home. Women composed over 1/3 of the workforce in 1960; contrary to Friedan's audience, 19 million women were active in the labor force in 1964. When commenting on why black women by and large never read Friedan's book, Michelle Bernard observed that most black women "…believed that Friedan's work spoke only to a privileged class of white women who had nothing better to do than whine about how difficult life was as a stay at home mother."

It becomes obvious reading The Feminine Mystique that Friedan never intended to market to an audience of working women who would've appreciated the technological innovations entering the home. Friedan loaded her book with (now disputed) academic citations that would only have been recognizable by her fellow Smith College graduates and their educated, upper-class compatriots. This nomeklatura-style intellectualism comes as no surprise when Friedan's communist past and Marxist agenda is taken into account:

"…under her maiden name, Betty Goldstein, she was a political activist and professional propagandist for the Communist left for a quarter of a century before the publication of "The Feminist Mystique" launched the modern women's movement.'

Woman accused of killing, dismembering adult son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A suburban Detroit woman was being held in connection with the death of her adult son, whose dismembered remains were found dumped in trash bags along the sides of roads, police said.

The names of the 59-year-old woman and the 32-year-old victim were not released, but St. Clair Shores police Sgt. Jay Cohoe told the Times Herald of Port Huron that they were mother and son.

The Associated Press couldn't reach Cohoe for comment Saturday.

The woman, who lives in St. Clair Shores just east of Detroit, faces murder and dismemberment charges. She hasn't been officially charged. Police said prosecutors in Macomb County are expected to review a warrant with the charges Monday.'

Welcome To "Girlington": Helen Smith On How College Is Becoming A Hostile Working Environment For Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently I sat down with psychologist Dr. Smith across a Skype connection (one set up by her tech-savvy husband, Glenn Reynolds, who also writes a popular blog) for a delightful conversation about her new book Men On Strike. The first half of the interview certainly generated a strong reaction (just look at the comments section), but I think the second half found below is even more provocative.

Listen to the whole thing here.

...

... but I think that actually what's happening is that not only is the [college] commodity much less desirable to men but I think that the environment itself is actively hostile towards men. So I think you've got two things going on there: you've got a commodity college which isn't to men as important as it used to be, and there are other things that men are finding to do; and at the same time I think that the discrimination against men in these diversity-field, women-dominated schools is also acting as a kind of barrier to men. A lot of men don't want to put up with it and a lot of people think, "Of course that's not really happening," but people have no idea what men face in our colleges today. For example, they can go into a college today and be charged with any type of sexual harassment or sexual abuse and there doesn't have to be really proof shown that they've done something.'

Minnesota: Women's Economic Security Act of 2014 unveiled at Women's Economic Security Summit

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'...The Women's Economic Security Act aims to address a range of these economic barriers by:

- Closing the gender pay gap, requiring private businesses that contract with the state to report on pay equity within their workforce.
- Increasing income for working women and their families by increasing the minimum wage to $9.50.
- Expanding access to high-quality, affordable childcare.
- Expanding family and sick leave for working families, including paid sick and safe leave and expanding unpaid leave under the Minnesota Parental Leave Act.
- Enhance protections for victims of domestic violence.
- Encouraging women in non-traditional, high-wage jobs and support growth for women-owned small businesses.'

Femen protesters besiege bishop in Spain

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Five topless protesters swooped on Cardinal Antonio Maria Rouco Varela as he got out of a car to attend an evening mass at a church in central Madrid.

They hurled red-stained knickers at the cardinal, who they say is one of the forces behind the conservative government's planned abortion reform.

Clerics and worshippers rushed out of the church to fend off the protesters, who fled before the police were called, an AFP photographer at the scene said.'

UK: Male earnings 'hardest hit' after the financial crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men have seen their earnings hit the hardest in the pay squeeze after the financial crisis – but still earn 20 per cent more than women, according to new analysis.

The average male worker has seen his pay fall by 9 per cent in today's prices - from highs of £14.24 an hour in 2009 to £12.97 in 2013, research by think tank Resolution shows.

Female pay has fallen less steeply, declining by 6 per cent over the same period, from £11.03 in 2009 to £10.33 an hour today.

"Male pay has fallen faster from a higher starting point," Matthew Whittaker, senior economist at Resolution, told the Sunday Times.'

Domestic violence Super Sunday myth

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This weekend, it's likely you will hear or read someone stating a commonly accepted "fact" that more incidents of domestic violence are reported on Super Bowl Sunday than on any other day of the year. It will be stated with great authority and you'll likely think, "How awful."

But that's a myth, and one that needs clearing up because it puts the focus in the wrong place. Reports of domestic violence do increase as January turns into February, but for other reasons.

Credit card bills for holiday purchases are arriving, just as heating costs are increasing due to colder weather. Bills are a stressor in any household and in a family facing violence they also become a reason for the abuser to exert the control that's at the heart of domestic violence.'

Hair stylists taught "to spot domestic violence"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ryan told the Elizabeth Grady students that because of the personal nature of their work, beauticians are in a unique position to spot signs of violence that many people wouldn't notice, including bumps or scars on the scalp, missing or damaged hair, red marks or bruising on the neck, as well as missed appointments, nervousness or anxiety. They were advised to be supportive and nonjudgmental and to gently refer the woman to brochures or cards in the salon containing information about local groups that can help.'

I need feminism because women shouldn't be punished like men for their crimes

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Item here. Another way of saying it: "I need feminism because women shouldn't be punished like men for their crimes."

Image URL: http://i.imgur.com/JC4W1Ei.jpg

Wikipedia is ‘very masculine,’ so feminists pledge to fix it

Matt · 4 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminist groups at more than a dozen universities are planning to participate in another mass “edit Wikipedia day,” because the free, volunteer encyclopedia website is obviously horribly sexist.

Sarah Stierch, a Wikipedia contributor and researcher for the Wikimedia Foundation, said the problem isn’t just that most Wikipedia user are male. The layout of the website is itself “very masculine,” she said.

“It’s aesthetically very masculine in its design,” said Stierch in a statement to The Daily Dot, also noting that, “The average Wikipedia editor is a well-educated white male. Well-educated white males have been writing history and the story of the world since ancient times.”'

U.S. State Dept.: "TechWomen Delegation in Rwanda To Expand Network of African Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Fields"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Fusing technology with efforts to empower women and girls, the U.S. Department of State announced today that a delegation of 30 U.S. TechWomen mentors is meeting in Rwanda February 2-7 to collaborate and connect through workshops and visits with local organizations. An innovative public-private partnership, TechWomen pairs emerging women leaders in technology from the Middle East and Africa with American women mentors from the greater Silicon Valley area.
...
The U.S. TechWomen mentors traveling to Rwanda represent 23 companies in Silicon Valley and the Greater San Francisco Bay Area including: Blackberry, Calix, Citrix, Cisco, EMC, Ericsson, Fairrer Samani Group Ventures, Families Without Borders, Genentech, Intel Corp., Juniper Networks, Katy Dickinson Consulting, Law Offices of Patricia Bovan, NestGSV, Nisum Technologies, Salesforce.com, Santa Clara University, Sf.citi, Shakour Marketing, Sun Run, Symantec, and Twitter.'

Is There a Cyber War on Women?

Matt · 4 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, freelance journalist Amanda Hess, in a lengthy feature in Pacific Standard, declared that women are not welcome on the Internet. After describing her own frightening experience of online stalking, Hess lists other ugly incidents and cites statistics and studies arguing that women on the Internet—journalists, bloggers, and general users—are routinely terrorized solely because of their sex. New York Times conservative columnist Ross Douthat called the article “a candidate for the most troubling magazine essay of 2014.”

...

As evidence of the perils of being a woman online, Hess states that, “of the 3,787 people who reported harassment incidents from 2000 to 2012 to the volunteer organization Working to Halt Online Abuse, 72.5 percent were female.” This is an average of 288 women per year and these numbers hardly indicate an epidemic. Moreover, only a minority of the reports involved threats of violence (20 percent on average, and as few as seven percent in 2011-2012).

It’s important to note that men make up a nontrivial percentage of the victims of online harassment. Some of the disparity is likely due to self-selection; men who are harassed may be less inclined to complain than women. When American Internet users in a random survey by the Pew Research Center last year were asked if they had ever been stalked or harassed online, 13 percent of the women said yes—but so did 11 percent of the men. This is a surprisingly small gap within the poll’s margin of error.

Hess’s article does not include these statistics, but cites another finding from the same study: “A Pew survey reported that five percent of women who used the Internet said ‘something happened online’ that led them into ‘physical danger.’” For men that figure was three percent. Again, a gender gap so trivial it wasn’t even mentioned in the Pew report on the survey, which gave a combined figure of four percent for both sexes.

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Just as the victims of cyber-warfare are not always female, the offenders are not always male. On average, about a third of the reports of online harassment to Working to Halt Online Abuse identify the aggressor as female (with the perpetrator’s gender unknown in another one-fifth of the incidents).'

Canada: Mother asks judge to jail babysitter who molested daughter

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Story here. Only by careful reading will it be clear the babysitter was female. These lines show it: "She had pleaded not guilty and said the girl invented the story." and "...said the babysitter “broke a strong bond between a mother and daughter.”" Makes sense as it was a female babysitter. Excerpt:

'The mother of a young girl sexually assaulted by her babysitter told an Ottawa court Monday that the assault has condemned her daughter to a life of struggle.

The 27-year-old babysitter was convicted of the 2009 assault in October and will be sentenced next month.

According to evidence, the babysitter performed oral sex on the girl, who was five years old at the time of the offence.

She had pleaded not guilty and said the girl invented the story.

Justice Catherine Kehoe rejected the babysitter’s version of events, which she said was “full of inconsistencies that were unexplained and made no sense. It is obvious (the babysitter) had lied so often that she could not keep track of what she had said. I find that (the babysitter) will lie when it suits her to get herself out of trouble.”'

Sadly:

'The child, now 10, is in the care of the Children’s Aid Society in what her mother describes as an “open adoption.”

Her mother told the court she is allowed to see her twice a year.'

Intact News: Jewish Intactivists Increasingly Vocal in Israel

Matt · 5 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Intactivism—the movement to end circumcision—continues to win social acceptance worldwide, including in the Jewish state of Israel. Jews in the holy land are increasingly open to questioning circumcision, much more so than in the United States. In recent years, Jewish Intactivists have published articles and essays in some of Israel's largest papers including Haaretz (Israel's largest and most influential daily paper), 927mag, and the Jerusalem Post. A variety of active Intactivist groups such as Gonnen (Protect the Child), The Israeli Organization Against Genital Mutilation/Intact Son, and Kahal (a community group for parents of intact sons) have sprung up. The leaders of Kahal say that thousands of Israeli Jews are choosing to keep their sons intact.

We are Israeli Jews who are proud of our heritage and religion, and who see a need to make adjustments to protect the well-being of our sons. Judaism is a religion of constant evolution and ethical advancement. Early in Judaism animal sacrifice was abandoned, and Rabbis chose to abolish capital punishment. Many Jews and Israelis recognize that it is time that circumcision shift into a symbolic ritual such as the well-popularized Brit Shalom. Over 100 Rabbis are willing to do a Bris ceremony without circumcision, and this includes some Rabbis in Israel.'

Documentary crew call: Are women less funny, and more sexist, than men?

Matt · 5 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Request for crew here.

'Contract type: Temporary

Controversial documentary feature film, Laughing with Women, seeks all crew - including researcher/presenters, camera-owner/operators and marketers - for the next phase of shooting - a four day experiment, to be filmed on the streets of central London, to measure which sex is the funnier, and which sex uses more sexist jokes about the other.

From similar pre-research, we expect to find that women's jokes are slightly less funny than men's, and massively more sexist - women typically calling men "pigs", "pervs", "weirdos", "idiots" or "helper dogs".

- just a joke?

Is sexist prejudice spread by laughter in particular?

Our findings will be edited into a short film, and used as part of a kickstarter campaign to raise further funds for future filmed experiments, to discover if people who laugh at sexist jokes then go on to physically discriminate against the joked about sex or not.

Is it possible to make really funny jokes about the other sex without being really sexist?

This project has already caused widespread controversy, and is not for the faint-hearted. If you have a genuine interest in and are truly motivated by gender equality work, and comedy, then consider applying.

Shooting dates: 5th and 6th April, and 12th and 13th April, 2014.

Please send your show-reels and CVs, along with a short paragraph or two explaining why you are interested in this subject - and precisely what you think you can offer.

Meanwhile, please follow @sexismbusters on twitter and youtube for all the latest.'

Going uncut: It’s humane and European

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I don’t have brothers or sons, and I certainly don’t have a penis, so I recognize that I may not be the world’s foremost authority on circumcision. But I’d like to make an air-tight argument for the uncut penis, which the vast majority of men in the world possess.

Michael Fassbender in Shame.

Wait, I’m serious. Fassbender was born in Germany, where the circumcision rate is less than 10 percent, and over 60 percent of parents equate the procedure with genital mutilation. Efforts to ban non-medically necessary circumcision have gained traction in Germany, Denmark, England and even California, though advocates for parental and religious rights have managed to keep them at bay. Still, circumcision rates are down in the U.S., and the tide is turning. Like the death penalty, universal healthcare and the metric system, this is yet another issue where our country is the slowest to leave the dark ages.

Adult circumcised men tend to take arguments against circumcision very personally, simply because it implies that what their parents did to them was unnecessary and even wrong. I can understand this. But the discussion of this archaic and very brutal procedure should not be about adult men.
...
I get the problems that arise with interfering with someone’s religious beliefs, but at some point, children deserve to be protected from harm. Oregon has been a leader in convicting parents who cause injury and death to their children by rejecting modern medicine because of religious beliefs, and is this issue really that far off?

Circumcision is extremely painful. Trust me, if you find a video of it online, don’t watch. Sure, your baby probably won’t be traumatized for life, but over half of circumcisions are performed without anesthesia as the foreskin is separated from the glans and then crushed. Why would you do this to a baby with no decent reason?'

There is no ‘rape culture’ at British universities

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Before the First World War, those who wanted to scare bright women away from universities described an ‘infidel’ environment that would leave female students ‘barren’ and destined only for a life of ‘spinsterhood’. ...
...
A recent Guardian blog describes university as a ‘toxic environment’ for women, dominated by an ‘insidious rape culture’; a ‘world of sexual assault, objectification and harassment’. Reports of vulnerable young women having to run the gauntlet of a university campus rife with ‘rape culture’ abound in both the UK and America.

But there’s one big difference from a century ago: today’s panics over rape ‘epidemics’ are not promoted by Victorian fathers but by female students. Being a feminist on campus in 2014 seems to mean calling for university managers to intervene in intimate relationships and to curtail free speech in the name of protecting delicate women from sexual threats.

Let’s be absolutely clear: there is no epidemic of rape in universities. Very few articles cite any statistics to support the assertion that rape is prevalent on campus. Those that do rely on national crime statistics; recently released data suggests that in the UK in the year 2012-13 there were, on average, 22 recorded incidents of rape per 100,000 members of the adult population. This would equate to just over four recorded rapes at a typical university. This is obviously four too many, but it is hardly testament to any sort of widespread ‘rape culture’. Rape Crisis, a UK charity that supports women and girls who have suffered from sexual violence, claims that in 90 per cent of rape cases women know their attackers, and that 52 per cent of women suffering serious sexual violence were attacked by their partners. The validity of applying such national statistics to a student population, which is generally young and living away from old networks of family and friends, needs to be questioned.'

“Boys don’t cry” stereotypes harm masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

“Man up” is a phrase some men, and even some women, have heard in their lifetime.
The Baylor Lariat sat down with Dr. Mark Morman, director of graduate studies, who researches male/male friendships to identify how masculinity affects men and women.
...
Q: How are boys forced to prove their masculinity in today’s society?

A: The obvious is control your emotions, don’t be seen as emotional, don’t be seen as open, vulnerable, keep it under control. Again, I think it goes back to the activities and jobs we pursue as men as a way to reinforce and identity with those kind of masculine things. I’m doing a study of firefighters right now, and 98 percent of firefighters in America are men. So, “I want to show my manhood, there’s an occupation that will prove it to everyone.” What’s more manly then these firefighter guys that go into burning buildings and save people and rescue and do CPR and it’s an incredibly manly, masculine sort of job. That’s how people are forced, or I would say allowed.'

Heart Awareness Month: For Women Only?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If that wasn't enough celebration jammed into the shortest month of the year, February is also American Heart Month. Twenty-eight days or so designated in 1964 by President Johnson's signed decree to commemorate the organ that tirelessly pumps every red-blooded American's American red blood. On top of that, someone recently decided that was too general, and now this is also "Women's Heart Awareness Month." Females from sea to shining sea are urged to be aware of their heart.

Guys… We're on our own. Of the 700,000 or so deaths each year in this country attributed to heart disease, two-thirds of them are men. And yet women's hearts get all the awareness. Guys have hearts. Their hearts need awareness, too. I'm aware of my heart, acutely aware… Every twinge, every cramp or pain. I feel my pulse six, seven times a day.

Maybe they figure guys have other organs we'd rather be aware of. I hate to think it's because guys're considered expendable… Work thirty, forty years if you're not laid off. Then keel over in a heap at our desk, unaware of your heart the whole time. Thank you, next! Slide him over; we need the chair.'

Students film feminist porno in Columbia University library

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Columbia University and Barnard College students filmed a feminist pornographic film in Columbia's Butler Library to fight what they see as “gender tension” at the school.

The NSFW film, titled "Initiatiøn," was filmed as a feminist statement exploring "the rituals of American Ivy League secret societies, to the point of hysteria, highlighting our culture's perception of female desire,” according to an article published on Gawker.

It begins with a group of girls sitting around a library table taking their shirts off. As the film progresses, the girls engage in activities including kissing, rubbing eggs on their bodies and twerking around chicken carcass.

One of the film’s creators, Columbia art and history major Coco Young, told the IvyGate blog that the library itself represented sexism at the school because only male author’s names are on the facade of the building.
...
“I haven’t made a video for Purple in a while,” Sciortino’s blog post introducing the film stated.

“If you’re in the mood for a #throwback, the most recent was a blow-job instruction video that I made with Sandy Kim last May.”'

Christina Hoff-Sommers: No, Women Don’t Make Less Money Than Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s the bogus statistic that won’t die, and the President deployed it during the State of the Union — but women do not make 77 cents to every dollar a man earns.

President Obama repeated the spurious gender wage gap statistic in his State of the Union address. “Today,” he said, “women make up about half our workforce. But they still make 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. That is wrong, and in 2014, it’s an embarrassment.”

What is wrong and embarrassing is the President of the United States reciting a massively discredited factoid. The 23-cent gender pay gap is simply the difference between the average earnings of all men and women working full-time. It does not account for differences in occupations, positions, education, job tenure, or hours worked per week. When all these relevant factors are taken into consideration, the wage gap narrows to about five cents. And no one knows if the five cents is a result of discrimination or some other subtle, hard-to-measure difference between male and female workers. In its fact-checking column on the State of the Union, the Washington Post included the president’s mention of the wage gap in its list of dubious claims. “There is clearly a wage gap, but differences in the life choices of men and women… make it difficult to make simple comparisons.”'

Barbara Kay: Ryerson drags men's issues group through the wringer

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Article here.

UPDATE: Ryerson administration has confirmed that the university will be absorbing the cost of the additional security for the February 6 CAFÉ event. According to a staffer who communicated with this newspaper on Monday afternoon, after this article had been published, Ryerson president Sheldon Levy now has decided that the cost was a barrier to freedom of expression.

Excerpt:

'It's happening again. Yet another Canadian university is making life extremely difficult for a group that brings awareness of men's issues to institutions of higher learning.

The Canadian Association for Equality (CAFÉ) organized a talk to be held at Toronto's Ryerson University Thursday, Feb. 6, entitled "Are Men Obsolete? Feminism, Free Speech and the Censorship of Mens Issues," to be delivered by Karen Straughan, famous as the YouTube sensation GirlWritesWhat. ...

The event will go ahead, but at a high cost to the group. On January 31, representatives of CAFÉ were called to a meeting by the Ryerson University Office of the Vice Provost Students and campus security, who informed them that if the event was to go forward, CAFÉ must pay $1,600 in security fees (+HST) and change the lecture's venue from the advertised Mattamy Athletic Centre to the less central G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education.

This is outrageous. The demand for a security fee, which most groups cannot afford to pay, is almost invariably a transparent strategy to force the group to withdraw their event. It is the university's obligation to ensure the security of bona fide speakers – and this one certainly is; Straughan's talk, like all CAFÉ talks, will be a responsible, thoughtful dissertation on an objective situation, and the opposite of incendiary – and to impose such a hardship on a group in anticipation of irresponsible and bigoted behavior by intolerant activists is to blame and punish the victim.'

The Feminist Mystique

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism is not an idea or a collection of ideas but a collection of appetites wriggling queasily together like a bag of snakes. Feminism has nothing to do with the proposition that women should be considered whole and complete members of the body politic, though it has enjoyed great success marketing itself that way. (Virginia I. Postrel recently denounced me as a “creep” for suggesting that the substance of feminism, if indeed there is any, differs rather radically from its advertising campaigns.) A useful definition is this: “Feminism is the words ‘I Want!’ in the mouths of three or more women, provided they’re the right kind of women.” Feminism must therefore accommodate wildly incompatible propositions — e.g., (1) Women unquestionably belong alongside men in Marine units fighting pitched battles in Tora Bora but (2) really should not be expected to be able to perform three chin-ups. Or: (1) Women at Columbia are empowered by pornography but (2) women at Wellesley are victimized by a statue of a man sleepwalking in his Shenanigans. And then there is Fluke’s Law: (1) Women are responsible moral agents with full sexual and economic autonomy who (2) must be given an allowance, like children, when it comes to contraceptives.

Feminism began as a simple grievance, mutated into a kind of conspiracy theory (with “patriarchy” filling in for the Jews/Freemasons/Illuminati/Bohemian Grove/reptilian shape-shifters/the fiendish plot of Dr. Fu Manchu/etc.), spent the 1980s in grad school congealing into a ridiculous jargon, and with the booming economy of the 1990s was once again reinvented, this time as a career path.'

UK: Wife cried rape to keep years-long affair secret a month after wedding

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Story here. Further anecdotal evidence of how widespread and facile false accusations are in the West - yet nothing is done to the malfactors. Excerpt:

'A cheating wife who cried rape in a bid to keep a six-year affair secret from her husband just a month after their wedding has avoided jail.

Unfaithful Jessica Gore, 32, had only been married to partner Darren, 41, for four weeks when she arrived home later than expected last September.

The newly-wed mother-of-two claimed she had been attacked by a stranger as she walked home from babysitting for a friend.

Her worried husband immediately told her to contact police and report the crime.'

Members of Congress push for sexual assault reform on campuses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The letter lays out various requests. “We urge (the Department of Education) to be more transparent about its own investigations and enforcement actions against colleges and universities regarding campus sexual harassment and sexual assault,” wrote Maloney and Speier in the letter. They urge the Department to push for a centralized database of all universities’ records. As of today, they argue, students and their families have a difficult time accessing information on a school’s safety, including the campus history of Title IX-related compliance issues, sexual assault incidents, statistics and policies.

The representatives also seek to require schools to conduct surveys and exit interviews regarding campus safety. These surveys could provide a more accurate picture of the scope of sexual assault on campuses, giving students a better idea of how safe their school is.

In addition, the Congressional letter requests that Title IX be expanded to include protections for transgender students and address issues of same-sex violence on campuses. It cites a study by the American Association of University Women, claiming that over 70 percent of LGBT students are confronted with some form of sexual harassment while in college.'

The War On Women And The War On The Family

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Democratic Party has found what seems to be a winning formula in both state and national elections – a “War on Women” being waged by the Republicans.

The “War on Women” is based on the premise that women are oppressed if they do not 1) have access to free birth control, 2) have unlimited access to abortion, 3) receive “equal pay for equal work” based on credentials rather than performance, and 4) have the support of the state if they have a child out of wedlock.

On closer examination, however, this “War on Women” turns out to be something very different. It is a feminist-and-Democratic-Party-led “War on the Family” that is threatening the very foundations of American society.'

India: Only women cops to probe rape cases in Haryana

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Haryana Police declared on Thursday all cases of sexual violence will from now be investigated by woman cops.

The decision, the police said, was taken on the basis of recommendations by the Centre for sensitive and effective policing after Nirbhaya's gang-rape in New Delhi.

Haryana reported 927 rape cases in 2013 while the numbers were 686 in 2012 and 733 in 2011.

Implementing this move is, however, likely to be difficult as women form a small percentage of the total strength of the police force in Haryana. In Gurgaon, for instance, where the ratio of women cops to men is almost 1:10, the order from DGP S N Vashisht led to a reshuffle across the ranks.'

Response: I am not a feminist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In Tuesday's piece "Feminist? You better believe it," a number of claims were made that I don't agree with.
...
I feel that your postulations against the male population are not only wrong, but also sad. They assume the worst in society, for both men and women. And they assume that feminism is the only solution to the make the world a better place.

But feminism is an inexhaustible ideology that will forever see women as the victims, and men as our tyrants; there will never be a sufficient outcome.

As Barbara Kay said in the best anti-feminism essay every written, "scapegoating an entire group to explain the unachieved goals of its own members … always ends in grievance."

Men don't walk around searching for promiscuously dressed women to take advantage of. Rape is not a mainstream thought for the common man.

I wish you wouldn't define a gender based on an act performed by sick individuals, both men and women.'

For Policies That Are Fair to Both Men and Women

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Letter here.

Re "How Can We Help Men? By Helping Women" (Sunday Review, Jan. 12):

'Stephanie Coontz proposes a number of excellent ideas to make our society friendlier to women and rightly recognizes that addressing these issues would likely benefit men as well. We would do well to seriously consider putting her ideas into practice. But there is no reason this should be to the exclusion of directly addressing issues faced by men.

The Great Recession has left many more men than women out of work, and with men being substantially less likely than women to pursue higher education, this gap is expected to persist for the foreseeable future.

The fact that most Fortune 500 executives and members of Congress are men does not in any way negate the fact that the majority of the unemployed and the homeless are also men, especially when so many of our politicians are more interested in fighting over which party is waging a "war on women" than in creating jobs for their brothers who are in need.

We will not solve these problems by "putting women first" and naively expecting that things will work out for men. Instead of ignoring the interests of half the population, we should give adequate attention to the needs of both men and women and work to craft policies that are fair to everyone.'

Problems of boys, men show no sign of improving

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 1980, just 12 percent of boys said they did not like school very much at all, according to a study by the Institute of Social Research at the University of Michigan. By 1991, the percentage of boys who disliked school doubled, zooming to 24 percent.

Schools come down hard on boys who are often rambunctious, messy, disorganized, and enjoy activity and competitive games. Yet many schools are cutting back on recess and are eliminating games that boys enjoy. “Since the 1990s, many schools have done away with games like dodgeball, red rover, and tag,” finds researcher Christina Hoff Sommers. Some schools even label “tug of war” as “tug of peace.”

As I listened at the restaurant to the guy who dropped out of college, I wondered if his reason for leaving college had a lot to do with boredom and low academic skills. The problems of boys become problems for girls, who find it hard to meet mates who match their educational backgrounds. His girlfriend sure didn’t look happy.'

Scientific American blogger mocks men mutilated

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Ask yourself would this "humor" be posted on Scientific American's blog if the victims had been women with their vaginas cut out? Then why is it "funny" when the victims are men? Please post your thoughts on the blog. Excerpt:

'This is one of the ones for the IgNobels that really is only funny because, well, it's about penises. Getting eaten by ducks sometimes. But otherwise, it's actually quite a serious subject, and the paper itself has important implications for surgery in…delicate areas.

It turns out, during the 1970s, Thailand had an epidemic. Not an epidemic of cholera or polio or something (though it may have had those, too). No, this was an epidemic of revenge. A particular type of revenge, by women on their philandering husbands.

This type of revenge stemmed from (or so the authors' hypothesize), the Thai concept of a "cool heart," to suppress anger and avoid confrontation. This apparently work pretty well some of the time, but has its limits, when wives, confronted with cheating spouses, come up while they are sleeping…and cut off their penises.'

Over 10 Million Men of Prime Working Age Are Unemployed in the US and Experts Think It's Causing Declining Marriage Rates

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than 10 million men, or one out of every six in the 25 to 54 age bracket, are unemployed in the United States, and only about one third of them say they are actively seeking jobs. Experts believe this dire condition could also be causing declining marriage rates.

"Some of them are looking for jobs. Two-thirds say they aren't. Some are supported by families or friends; men without jobs are far less likely to be married than men with jobs. About 2 million of these prime-age men are on Social Security Disability Insurance," said David Wessel, director of the Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy at the Brookings Institution in a report Thursday.

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"The costs of having so many prime age men on the sidelines of the economy can be measured in lost wages, the rising tab for government benefits, foreclosures and bankruptcies. But the costs go beyond dollars and cents. As my Brookings colleague Ron Haskins has noted, the decline in the share of men who are working might be one reason behind the fall in marriage rates. Men without jobs don't make very attractive mates," said Wessel.

He pointed out that a big portion of unemployed men are unskilled with lower levels of education, but said a better economy with higher wages being paid for low-skilled jobs could entice men to get off the couch.'

The UK Economy Needs More Women Scientists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'British MPs have just made public an extensive report into the status of women in scientific careers, and it's full of well-considered insights. First up: it recognises that women are really, actually, needed in STEM fields.

When discussing the role of women in science and what we can do to improve the ridiculous gender gap in senior science positions (the word used in the report is "astonishing"), people often act as if helping women into the field is somehow doing them a favour. But giving women the same opportunities as men to advance in scientific careers isn't just good for equality; it's necessary if we're to meet the country's demand for scientists and engineers, and reap the resulting economic benefits.

...

The MPs then looked at why women are so poorly represented in STEM jobs, and their conclusions were obviously made up of many different points. It's worth reading the full report if you're interested, but their key observation was the "leaky pipeline" effect. While girls are successfully encouraged to get into science, they're not making it to the top levels. On average, only 17 percent of professors across STEM fields are female.

The reasons for this are multiple, but one obvious one is systematic discrimination. We've seen study after study on gender bias in the scientific community—from rates of publication, to funding, to job opportunities—and the report thankfully doesn't pussyfoot around the issue. Scientists both male and female, it explains, are susceptible to gender bias just like anyone else.

In fact, it even suggests that their bias is only made worse because scientists tend to see themselves as objective, which prevents them from recognising and accepting that they might subconsciously discriminate against women. "Scientists are susceptible to the same unconscious gender biases as the rest of the population and it is unfortunate that some are unwilling to accept this simply because their professional research requires them to be objective," the committee writes.

Maternity leave is another big issue, and one that is by no means exclusive to the scientific community. The scientific career ladder doesn't allow much for breaks to be taken, and as women almost always take more leave than men to care for children (indeed, the report found they're often encouraged to as paternity leave is restricted), they're left having to try to fit having a family around unsuitable working patterns. One female academic described it as "an unpleasant choice: risk not having children or risk having to restart my career in my mid-thirties."

...

The MPs also suggested more flexible working hours, better career advice, and greater support for those returning from career breaks. While many will probably see these measures (which are only suggestions for now) as "concessions" to women, the female scientists looking to progress up the career ladder don't need to be thankful. They're the ones fighting against a biased system, pushing research beyond its current boundaries—and contributing to an economy that needs them.'

Teen who fathered his teacher's baby sues school district over negligence after his molester is released from jail six months early

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A California teen who fathered a baby with his high school teacher has filed a civil lawsuit against the convicted child molester and the school district where she worked.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday on behalf of the now 18-year-old student alleges that the Redlands Unified School District and Citrus Valley High School were negligent and complicit in the victim's abuse at the hands of 29-year-old Laura Whitehurst.

'Children in California, children in Redlands should not be a sex toy for their teacher,' said one of the boy's attorneys, John Manly.
...
Faced with a 29-year prison sentence, the former AP English teacher pleaded guilty to four counts of unlawful sex with a minor and two counts of oral copulation with a minor in exchange for the dismissal of the other charges against her.

Whitehurst was sentenced to a year in prison in August, but was released last month after serving only six months.

She will remain on probation for five years and must register as a sex offender for life. The plea deal also mandates that Whitehurst undergo counselling.

The 29-year-old former educator gave birth last June to a daughter fathered by her student, who shares custody with her.

In the 40-page lawsuit unveiled this week, the attorneys for the victim, named John BB Doe in the complaint, claim that Whitehurst's superiors had reason to believe that the woman was sexually abusing her students, but failed to alert their families and police, Courthouse News Service reported.

The suit also alleges that Whitehurst's colleague, soccer coach Sarah Seevers, knew about her illicit affair with the 16-year-old but kept mum.'

If men and women work the same amount of hours, what is so unfair?

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'Yet, says Senior, women are still cranky about this because they believe men don't do their share of the household tasks. She makes no mention of the idea that women should pick up more paid hours to compensate, or to allow their husbands to work less. Nope, it's just about hubby working more so that the wife feels better.

How about instead, women say, "Gee, honey look at this! We're both working equally hard!"?

Senior notes that women's work is difficult because it requires multitasking. We have to do things that have to be done now. "Complicating matters,"she writes, "mothers assume a disproportionate number of time-sensitive domestic tasks, whether it's getting their toddlers dressed for school or their 12-year-olds off to swim practice."

But I think some of this time pressure is overdone. Getting a toddler dressed is a pain in the neck, but no toddler ever died from going to pre-school in pajama pants or mismatched socks. In fact, my 5-year-old is wearing mismatched socks today, as he does 90 percent of the time. His kindergarten teacher hasn't commented. In fact, I doubt she notices because she has 23 other kindergarten children to worry about.
...
If it's making me too stressed out, the solution isn't to dump more stress on my husband (who probably puts in 50-60 hours of paid work per week). It's for me to realize that keeping score and trying to categorize tasks is adding to the stress instead of alleviating it.

I think commentary like Senior's can contribute to what may be a false perception of unfairness on the part of some women. Worse, they could conclude that the answer is to make things more unfair for men. Everyone is working. Let's just be nice to each other.'

Norway: Push to change circumcision laws

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'Centre Party (Senterpartiet, Sp) politician Jenny Klinge wants to ban circumcision in Norway, or bring the penalty for a boy's circumcision-related death in line with laws governing female genital mutilation. Health minister Bent Høie criticized Klinge for comparing the two practices on Wednesday, and said while laws are being developed to regulate male circumcision it won't be outlawed.

"It can not be such that when a boy dies, then it's not punished at all, while if a girl dies it's punishable by up to 10 years," said Klinge, reported Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK). She wants the act of removing part of the male foreskin banned in Norway, like female circumcision is.

"But if the government doesn't have enough guts to forbid that, and would rather regulate the practice, then they must go into the legislation and criminal law to find out how they can give the same legal protection to boys in the event of injury or death," said Klinge. She was also concerned male circumcision is still lawful even when practiced outside the health system.

...

When the former government first released proposals for regulation in 2011, several heavyweight medical bodies including the medical, nursing and children's associations, human ethics groups, men's resource centres and the Oslo University medical faculty supported banning male circumcision.'

Wikipedia on Jenny Klinge here.

D.R. Congo film and publication board rules that website has right to publish circumcision photos

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'The FPB ruled that the website, ulwaluko.co.za, run by Dutch doctor, Dingeman Rijken was a "bona fide scientific publication with great educative value," the City Press newspaper said.

The FPB stipulated that the website -- which shows photographs of the penises of initiates who are suffering from deformities, wounds, infections and amputations after undergoing botched traditional circumcisions -- must place an age restriction warning that its contents are only suitable for those over the age of 13.

The Community Development Foundation of SA initially lodged the complaint, suggesting the images were pornographic and that they broke doctor and patient confidentiality.

However, Rijken said he had obtained informed consent for each photograph.'

No exceptions in German proposal for boards' gender quotas, says minister

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'German listed companies will be granted no exceptions to a 30 per cent women's quota for supervisory boards by 2016, said Manuela Schwesig, the minister responsible for drafting the legislation.

Schwesig, 39, a Social Democrat and the youngest member of Chancellor Angela Merkel's third-term cabinet, dismissed industry pleas for exemptions in fields that are a traditional preserve of men, such as metalworking or engineering.

"It's an argument often advanced that certain sectors don't have enough women available to fill the supervisory-board posts," Schwesig said last week. "I don't buy it."'

Babies Born, Raised Behind Bars May Keep Mothers From Returning to Prison

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'After serving nine months in prison for stealing, Jacqueline McDougall's future was on the line. A parole board would decide whether she would be locked up for an additional three years.

But her fate was not the only one hanging in the balance. If denied parole, McDougall's young son Max, who grew up behind bars with her, would be sent home if he became too old.

"Nightline" spent a year following McDougall and Max at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for Women in Bedford Hills, N.Y. They are part of the small, but growing number of inmates raising their babies behind bars.

The vast majority of the 2000 or so inmates who give birth in American prisons are separated from their babies shortly after birth. Bedford is one of the handful of women's prisons that allow some incarcerated moms to keep their newborns with them, in some cases until the babies are 18 months old.'

‘Believe The Victim’? Maybe — But Protect The Rights Of The Accused, Too

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'“Nearly one in five women have been raped in her lifetime,” according to the White House Council on Women and Girls. Is that a fact? Or is it allegation or an estimate based on self-reporting surveys?

Interestingly, the White House asserts that the same number of women, one in five, “has been sexually assaulted while in college.” Is that a fact? Not exactly: It’s a statistic derived from “a web-based survey of undergraduates,” which means that one in five women has reported suffering a sexual assault. Maybe their reports are absolutely, unassailably accurate. Maybe not.

I wouldn’t be surprised to learn that one in five women has been sexually assaulted on campus or “in her lifetime,” and I shouldn’t be surprised that the administration, with its dismal record on civil liberty, is oblivious to the difference between allegations, estimates and facts. Still it’s a little shocking to read a White House report that effectively assumes all accusations or reports of rape are true, and all of the accused are guilty.

These assumptions are implicit in the language of the report: “Despite the prevalence of rape and sexual assault,” (“apparent prevalence,” I’d have written) “many offenders are neither arrested nor prosecuted.” Then how can we be sure they were offenders? All we can say with certainty is “many alleged offenders are neither arrested nor prosecuted.” In fact, since only 36 percent of sexual assaults are reported to the police (according to a National Crime Victimization Survey) and since reporting rates on campus are described as “very low,” we can’t even talk about “alleged offenders,” while so many remain unidentified.
...
Considering its record, the administration seems unlikely to consider this essential perspective on justice in devising its promised recommendations on sexual violence on college campuses. The White House has reached out to anti-violence activists, who are understandably pleased with the latest initiative: Michelle Obama’s chief of staff and executive director of the White House Council on Women and Girls reportedly called a student activist when the council’s report was released to congratulate and thank her for her work. Civil libertarians concerned with the rights of the accused don’t need to be stroked (and shouldn’t wait by the phone), but they do need to be consulted and had better demand to be heard. Justice isn’t a zero sum game.'

SAVE: Innocence Summit 2014

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We hope to see you at our June conference.

We're sure you'll enjoy keynote speakers Jim and Nancy Petro. Jim, former attorney general of Ohio and Nancy are authors of False Justice: Eight Myths that Convict the Innocent.

Back by popular demand, Gordon Smith. You can expect a riveting presentation by Gordon, who was falsely accused, wrongfully arrested, and recently exonerated.

We also have U.S. Senate candidate Erick Bennett. Erick, victim of a falsely allegation, founded the Maine Equal Rights Center to raise awareness on the loss of our Constitutional rights and liberties,

More speakers: http://www.prosecutorintegrity.org/schedule/

Register today for early bird pricing.

See you in June!

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One family's Brit Shalom

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'Just as I was feeling defeated, I found a website that lists over 100 rabbis and celebrants who perform brit shalom, an alternative to brit milah. (Brit shalom contains the symbolic elements of the covenant ceremony, but without circumcision.) At the time, there was only one rabbi listed for all of British Columbia… but he just so happened to be in my city, Vancouver! I later discovered his name had been added about three weeks before I'd found it. I believe this was the universe rewarding us for following our hearts.

I connected with Rabbi David Mivasair in such a deep, meaningful way. I grew up going to Jewish school, attending synagogue--and yet I had never met a rabbi whose words inspired me the way his did. If I wasn't convinced before that we had made the right decision, I was now.

After meeting with the rabbi three or four times, it came time for the ceremony. On the eighth day of my son Kai's life, we had a ceremony across the street from our house, right by the Pacific ocean. We had our good friend playing guitar while we all sang in Hebrew. Rabbi Mivasair explained to everyone the meaning behind what we were doing in an eloquent and meaningful way.'

NPO: Ohio House Moves to Limit Birth-Parents' Rights

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'By a 77-14 vote, the Ohio House passed a bill (HB 307) designed to ease adoptions in Ohio. Unfortunately, HB 307 not only doesn't adequately protect the rights of birth parents, it significantly curtails the rights that birth parents currently have in Ohio.

Children deserve loving parents and adoption is often the best option. But children deserve first to be raised by their biological parents if those parents are fit and willing. Streamlining the process for adopting newborns is not necessary to ensure that all newborns who are put up for adoption find good homes. There is already more demand than supply for healthy newborn adoptees. And streamlining the adoption process in ways that curtail the rights of biological parents to raise their children is wrong. HB 307 is a flawed bill.

There are a number of changes that HB 307 will make if it were passed by the Ohio Senate and signed by the Governor in its present form.'

Update on the Jewish Intactivist Movement in Israel

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'Kahal, a community group for Israeli parents with intact sons is active and counts thousands of Israeli Jews among it's members.

Intactivism—the movement to end circumcision—continues to win social acceptance worldwide, including in the Jewish state of Israel. Jews in the holy land are increasingly open to questioning circumcision, much more so than in the United States. In recent years, Jewish Intactivists have published articles and essays in some of Israel's largest papers including Haaretz (Israel's largest and most influential daily paper), 927mag, and the Jerusalem Post. A variety of active Intactivist groups such as Gonnen (Protect the Child), The Israeli Organization Against Genital Mutilation/Intact Son, and Kahal (a community group for parents of intact sons) have sprung up. The leaders of Kahal say that thousands of Israeli Jews are choosing to keep their sons intact.

We are Jews who are proud of our heritage and religion, and who see a need to make adjustments to protect the well-being of babies. Judaism is a religion of constant evolution and ethical advancement. Early in Judaism animal sacrifice was abandoned, and Rabbis chose to abolish capital punishment. Many Jews and Israelis recognize that it is time that circumcision shift into a symbolic ritual such as the well-popularized Brit Shalom. Over 100 Rabbis are willing to do a Bris ceremony without circumcision, and this includes some Rabbis in Israel.'

Filmmaker premieres work about violence of fatherless sons

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'Kenneth Braswell shot his documentary, "Spit'in Anger," an examination of the violence spawned by fatherless sons, with inexpensive equipment and a shoestring budget.

He buttonholed experts on adolescent anger during breaks at conferences he attended around the country. He poured his own painful life experiences into the project.
...
Braswell will premiere the one-hour independent film Thursday at Spectrum 8 Theatres, followed by a question-and-answer period. He hopes to generate a constructive conversation about a contentious topic in the African-American community: that absent fathers are exacting a terrible toll on black youngsters, whose deep sorrow causes them to act out in destructive ways.

"I'm not being critical of black men as much as urging accountability and trying to get them to recognize a problem, to step up and to tell their story as a way of being able to release the pain and begin to forgive and to heal," he said.

There is a confessional tone to the film, in addition to the testimony of experts. Braswell said he has learned from the anger he felt over the abandonment of his own father. He was raised in Brooklyn by a single mother and managed to break the cycle by acknowledging and repairing his own lack of involvement with his daughter after a split with her mother.'

Hey! Fathers are nurturing parents, too

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'Maybe I'm misremembering, but I don't think so. I still recall the spew of misandry and the cold, machine-like chewing out I received from family court judges who had little if any use for divorced dads. Mine was a mild dressing-down by comparison. As a trustee for my children's estate I was only reprimanded with a black glare and a coarse word or two for not filling out my guardianship papers properly, or for daring to (gasp!) question a judge's faultless insight.
This went on for 10 years, my annual accounting sandwiched between heated child custodial battles and sad fathers pleading for time with their children. There was always a sense of utter powerlessness in the courtroom, a creepy sense of resigned doom that came from the judge's sharp-edged, vitriolic comments. Like the other men, I was just another untrustworthy dad who needed to be taken down a few notches.

I always left the courthouse feeling torn apart, as though I had just tussled with a school of sharks.

Here's the problem: There is a distinct pro-mother bias in our family law system. Fathers have little if any rights. They are blindsided by the courts on a daily basis. It's a cruel and painful cycle that deters many good would-be fathers from ever trying.

It's 2014 and men are still considered to be unqualified and unfit to care for their children. They are the acceptable casualties of divorce, the collateral damage. It's falsely believed that when a man loses a child, his life doesn't change at all. Not one bit. Dads are discriminated against in custody decisions across the nation. It even carries over into their jobs. Corporate America frowns upon fathers taking paternity leave./

Guidelines urge women to monitor stroke risks more closely than men

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'Women of all ages should pay more attention to the risk of stroke than the average man, watching their blood pressure carefully before they think about taking birth-control pills or getting pregnant, according to a new set of prevention guidelines released Thursday.

Women are also more likely to have risk factors associated with stroke, such as migraines, depression, diabetes and the abnormal heart rhythm known as atrial fibrillation.

The guidelines from the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association were the first such recommendations aimed at preventing strokes in women. Stroke is the fourth-leading cause of death for all Americans and a leading cause of disability. It’s the third-leading cause of death for women, after heart disease and cancer.'

Australia: Security guard smashes car window to free baby

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Link here. Excerpt:

'A shopping centre security guard has been hailed as a 'hero' after smashing the window of a car to rescue a baby locked inside during scorching heat.
...
Onlookers called police who arrived and spoke with a woman who claimed full responsibility for locking the baby in the car.

Police said the woman had taken the baby out because the boy's mother was at home ill.

The boy was taken to Lyell McEwin Hospital for a check-up but was unharmed.

No charges have been laid against the woman.'

Female Marine: Military Sex Assault Issue 'Exaggerated'

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'Marine Corps Officer Captain Lindsay Rodman is a lawyer for the Pentagon and questions their "2012 Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Media" survey saying it is replete with "bad math," according to a Navy Times story.

Capt. Rodman, a Harvard-educated lawyer, penned an op-ed for The Wall Street Journal in 2013 questioning the Pentagon's survey. In her piece, Capt. Rodman said she received an email request to take the online survey, as did most of the other females in her office, but curiously, none of the males did. She said the exact number of male and female respondents to the survey can't be known, but what is known is that only one out of five responded at all.

Even though the Pentagon's official report has the term "sexual assault" in its title, Capt. Rodman said the survey used the wording "unwanted sexual contact" -- which could include touching or attempted touching. She admits that either is wrong, but as a lawyer, she says those things would not fall under the Uniform Code of Military Justice's definition of sexual assault.'

Proposed California legislation details new campus sexual assault standards

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'Highlighting the need for a culture change, Sen. Kevin de León and Legislative Women's Caucus chairwoman and vice chairwoman, Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal and Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, announced Senate Bill 967, which will require California colleges and universities to address campus sexual violence by requiring them to adopt consistent victim-centered sexual assault response policies and protocols that follow best practices and professional standards.

Sarah Yang, co-founder and president of the Women's Health Initiative at UC Davis, said: "In some cases, students do not even know what campus resources exist or where to turn for help. Student activists, like me, can help change the culture on campus, but the schools, themselves, must support student survivors."
...
SB 967 Legislative Proposal

» Require California colleges and universities, as part of their policy regarding campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, to include all of the following:

— An affirmative consent standard in the determination of whether consent was given by a complainant.
— Prohibition on an accused perpetrator using self-intoxication or recklessness as a defense. It would also not be a defense if the accused failed to take reasonable steps to ascertain consent.
— An explicit provision that an individual is unable to give consent for sexual activity if the individual is asleep or unconscious; incapacitated due to drugs and/or alcohol; or unable to communicate due to a mental and/or physical condition.
— A preponderance of the evidence standard in the determination of disciplinary action.'

UK: Woman who made false rape allegation is fined £90 (US$147)

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'A woman who cried rape has been handed a fixed penalty notice for wasting police time.

She had claimed two men had grabbed her and dragged into a house in Moss Side in broad daylight before being sexually attacked.

It prompted a huge police investigation and patrols were increased in the area.

But police have now confirmed the incident she described at a house on Adscombe Street on May 14 last year never happened.

The three men who were arrested on suspicion of rape have now been released without charge.

And the woman who had made the allegation has been handed a fixed penalty notice for wasting police time.'

Opinion: Combat integration: Not bad, not good enough

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'The physical standards portion of the Army's approach is just one part of the deliberate effort to expand women's participation in the Army. The second component of the Army's process is a gender integration study of "institutional and cultural factors" and seems to be composed of a series of surveys being administered to service members. This is where the Army's approach becomes even less clear. In October, all infantrymen were asked to complete an online survey regarding their "thoughts" on the possibility of opening the infantry to women. The survey asked infantrymen to agree or disagree with such statements as:

- Female soldiers expect special consideration for "female problems."
- Fraternization is unavoidable when a unit includes both male and female soldiers.
- My unit's ability to coordinate effectively to accomplish our goals will decrease with the integration of female infantry soldiers.
- I believe that some female soldiers in my unit have or would use pregnancy to avoid deploying.
- In your opinion, will most female soldiers be able to perform the following tasks associated with the 11B MOS? (while wearing a minimum of 75 pounds of uniform and individual equipment) Engage targets with a .50-caliber M2 machine gun. Lift 153 pounds and carry 10 meters.'

Women pay a steep price for their more flexible work schedules

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'One big reason women make less than men is because they tend to demand more flexible schedules. And new economic research shows that if more workplaces adopted a more team-oriented, job-sharing approach—like physicians in a group practice—the cost of flexible work would dissipate and the premium for long hours would too.

"That's how physicians have been able to not be 24/7, not be on call all the time, to have lives of their own," says Claudia Goldin, a Harvard professor of economics. Her new paper, A Grand Gender Convergence: Its Last Chapter (pdf), is to be published soon in the American Economic Review, and explores the reasons behind pay differential between genders even as women have caught up with men in education, experience, and other measures.
...
She asks: Why should someone who works 80 hours a week be worth more than two people who work 40 hours a week?

"It isn't quote a women's issue," says Goldin in an interview with Quartz. The pay disparity shows up equally when male MBAs need reduced schedules or time off for personal or family needs.'

Why women can’t sleep peacefully

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'London - It seems the stresses and strains of the day do not end upon going to bed – if you’re female, that is.

A study has revealed that while women spend longer under the covers than men, they actually get less sleep.

And researchers suggest that the problems of juggling work and family life may by why they are left tossing and turning.

...

Dr Neil Stanley, a sleep expert, said women may be more willing than men to sacrifice sleep for their other half.

“There’s the idea that the man is the breadwinner, he’s the one who fought woolly mammoths and all that sort of thing, and therefore his sleep needs to be preserved and a woman will forgo sleep for him.

“A woman will let a man snore away noisily, whereas a man will instantly wake a woman if she dares to make any noise.

“Women are also more prone to worry about all kinds of things – from whether they’ve got the kids’ clothes ready, to ‘will he still love me tomorrow’.”'

Chairwoman of UK's biggest developer advocates mothers should have 6 year break

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'The only FTSE 100 woman chairman has urged employers to allow women to take up to six years off to focus on raising their families. She says retaining the best staff is cheaper than training new recruits.

“Employers have to learn to accommodate you through the mid-life piece,” Dame Alison Carnwath, the chairwoman of the Land Securities property group said in an interview with the Financial Times.

“If you want to spend, say, six years having children and getting them off to school before you come back and do full-time work, [companies] have to look upon it as not wanting to lose somebody.”'

Sexual harassment: Punjab edu min bars male teachers in girls' school

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'Chandigarh, Feb 6: Its strange, but true. The Punjab government has ordered that no male teachers would will teach in government girls' school. In fact, all of them have been shifted to different other schools in the district, much to the anger of the teachers' union.

After this move, Punjab would be the first in India to have no male teachers in girls' school.
...
Students and teachers both condemn the move saying that the state government is humiliating the male teachers with the order, implying that all men are rapists.

One of the members said "why should all men be generalized as perverts. These children are like our own kids. This decision of the government of shifting male staff is not a practical solution to solve the problem. If any school has faced such problem then the guilty should be punished or he should be shifted".'

High school teacher admits to classroom sex with two students

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'Another American teacher-student sex romp is making worldwide headlines.

This time, the educator is Meredith Powell, a 24-year-old math teacher at Lincoln High School in Tacoma, Wash.

Powell stands accused of engaging in oral sex and other sexual acts behind the locked door of her classroom with two different male students, reports local CBS affiliate KIRO-TV.

The students were either 15 or 16 year of age.

Police say she also sent at least one racy Snapchat photo of herself lounging in the bathtub to a third underage male student.'

French far-right group rallies against FEMEN

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'Hundreds of demonstrators organized by a far-right group protested in Paris on Saturday demanding the dissolution of FEMEN. They called for the feminist organization, which is headquartered in the French capital, to "go back to Ukraine."

The General Alliance Against Racism and for the Respect of French and Christian Identity (AGRIF) says FEMEN provokes the Christian community in France, Ruptly news agency reported.
...
In December, FEMEN staged an action at Madeleine Church in Paris, holding pieces of meat in each hand, representing the fetus of Jesus.

The controversial feminist organization says it is "fighting patriarchy in its three manifestations - sexual exploitation of women, dictatorship and religion." It is mostly known for staging topless protests as well as other provocative moves like burning Islamist flags.'

Topless Femen member allegedly tosses Molotov cocktail at Russian embassy in Berlin

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Story here. Warning: NSFW due to nudity in video. Excerpt:

'Russian president Vladimir Putin has long been a target of Femen, the militant feminist group whose members remove their tops to protest against patriarchy and organized religion, and for LGBT rights.

Three members doffed their shirts in front of the Russian embassy in Berlin to reveal the slogan "Gulag Games" on their backs.

One of them left a lit torch on the sidewalk and threw a bottle at it.

She has been arrested, allegedly for "throwing a Molotov cocktail at the Russian embassy".'

Please lodge anti-circumcision comments with the CDC (Re: Surgical Site Infections) - Deadline 28 February 2014

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is accepting public comments on the Draft Guideline for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infections until 28 February 2014, presenting an opportunity for opponents of circumcision in the U.S. to archive practical arguments against continuation of the practice in the Federal Register.

The online comment box is limited to 5000 characters, but you can upload larger documents.

Doctors Opposing Circumcision (DOC) produced an excellent document about the risk to newly circumcised boys from Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus, here (scroll down to 'Statements'), which unfortunately hasn't been updated since 2008, but is still better than nothing.

We have some threads over at F-R.net tagged MRSA and hospital infections, which might be good starting point for readers interested in updating the DOC statement, or researching and drafting their own submission from scratch.

Meretricious Meets Meddlesome

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'Typical of all such churnings of the advocacy-government complex, the school-discipline and sexual-assault initiatives are drearily familiar, representing longstanding bureaucratic obsessions. But Obama's announcement of his overstuffed sexual-assault task force for once did contain something new and noteworthy: a brief invocation of the chivalric ideal. Before examining that break from tradition, it's worth reviewing the boilerplate that preceded it.

The materials accompanying the new sexual-assault task force recycle the usual feminist claims about campus rape: an "estimated 1 in 5 women is sexually assaulted at college," proclaims a White House press release. Such an assault rate would represent a crime wave unprecedented in civilized history. By comparison, the 2012 rape rate in New Orleans and its immediately surrounding parishes was .0234 percent; the rate for all violent crimes in New Orleans in 2012 was .48 percent. According to the White House Council on Women and Girls, "survivors" of this alleged campus sexual-assault epidemic "often" experience a life of depression, chronic pain, diabetes, anxiety, eating disorders, and post-traumatic stress disorder.'

Midshipman's lawyers say academy superintendent was pressured in assault case

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'Attorneys for a Naval Academy midshipman accused of sexually assaulting a classmate argued Monday that the academy's superintendent was pressured to prosecute the case — one of several claims the legal team is making in an effort to have the case dismissed.

Midshipman Joshua Tate is awaiting trial on charges of aggravated sexual assault and making false statements, stemming from an alleged assault at an April 2012 off-campus party.

The case has gained national attention, and at a motions hearing in military court at the Washington Navy Yard, Tate's attorneys said academy Superintendent Vice Adm. Michael H. Miller was influenced by military and political pressure when he made the decision to prosecute the midshipman.

Jason Ehrenberg, a civilian attorney for Tate, cited updates Miller sent to his superiors on the case, comments made by President Barack Obama at graduation in 2013 regarding sexual assault in the military, and letters from Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski to top military leaders urging more action on such cases. In one of her letters, Mikulski asked how academy superintendents are hired and fired.
...
"Sure, outside pressure exists in this case … but that goes with the territory," said Lt. Cmdr. Phil Hamon, a Navy attorney. Miller "simply made a tough call, and that is what commanders are paid to do."

In addition to saying Miller was unduly pressured, Tate's team is asking military judge Col. Daniel Daugherty to dismiss the case because, they say, Tate was selectively prosecuted while others who drank or lied about the party had lesser punishments. They also contend that there's insufficient evidence and a lack of specificity in the charges.'

In our opinion: Saving American men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What is happening to young men?

The question may take you by surprise. Indeed, few things have been as under-reported as the way a rising generation of American men is failing in every important measurement, from obtaining a higher education to establishing a foothold in the labor market and taking responsibility for the children they father.

In his recent State of the Union Address, President Barack Obama spent a bit of time decrying a well-worn statistic that reportedly shows women in America earning 77 cents for every dollar earned by a man. This, he said, “is an embarrassment.”

But while it is true that women ought to be paid equally for the same work as men, the real embarrassment may be that the 77-cent figure is misleading.

If you account for differences in education levels and the choices people make to pursue lower-paying professions, the wage gap closes to about 91 cents on the dollar. But if you look closer, the gap may not only disappear, it may exist in the other direction. A number of factors indicate trends will put males, not females, in danger in the workforce of the future.'

Girls' High is a living monument to gender discrimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Philadelphia High School for Girls -- with its 1,100-plus spaces reserved for academically talented young women -- stands as a living monument to institutional sex discrimination. While former Superintendent Arlene Ackerman repeatedly professed her commitment to "ending inequity" in Philadelphia's public schools, she, incongruously, turned a blind eye to the manifest inequity of the District's operating a special admission, academically superior high school for girls without an equivalent school for boys. In its continued operation of Girls' High, the District is promoting a gender-based double standard of educational opportunity.

Moreover, in denying male students equal educational opportunity, the District egregiously violates federal and state anti-discrimination laws. These include Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Equal Protection Clause of the federal constitution and, more significantly, the Pennsylvania Equal Rights Amendment, which has been the law of the Commonwealth for more than four decades. That amendment provides that "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because of the sex of the individual." As has been observed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania:
...
That no other school district in Pennsylvania has a special all-boys or all-girls high school like Philadelphia High School for Girls, without a corresponding, equivalent school for students of the other sex is not surprising. Such asymmetry in educational opportunity is clearly unlawful. As indicated above, the Equal Rights Amendment of the Pennsylvania Constitution flatly prohibits discrimination "because of the sex of the individual" and will not countenance special benefits being conferred by a school district, or by any other governmental entity, based on gender.'

Students collect signatures to save BU Wrestling

Mastodon · 11 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Members of the Boston University community collected over 1,000 signatures for a petition to defend BU's wrestling program in a Save BU Wrestling cross-campus campaign Friday.

Since BU Athletics officials announced that the wrestling program would be cut after its 2013-14 season, BU students, alumni and supporters of the program across the country have banded together to protest the decision. The "Save BU Wrestling" Facebook page now has over 7,000 members.

"[The decision] has had a devastating impact on our current students, their families, but also 50 years of [wrestling program] alumni. It's been extremely difficult to deal with," said BU coach Carl Adams. "If you pick one program out of 24 and you single that one program out [to be cut], you need to have a really, really good reason."
...
"They [the administration] say that wrestling does not fit the strategic direction for the future of the athletic department at BU," said wrestling team member Brad Lewis, a College of Arts and Sciences senior. "That's a very political kind of response that they're giving because it doesn't actually say anything or give anyone any real reasons."

Alumni have been investigating the decision since April and believe that the program is being cut to meet Title IX requirements, Lewis said.'

Utah's first shelter for male domestic violence victims under way

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A male client of Your Community Connection recalls realizing his marriage was over.

That decision came after he was beaten with a pipe in front of his young son.

The middle-aged man said the most difficult part was turning to police and then to YCC for help because he was embarrassed for many reasons, including that he had allowed the situation to escalate.

Last week, YCC announced it is nearly two-thirds of the way to its goal of raising $1.5 million to add a separate wing, creating the state's first designated space as a domestic violence shelter for men.

"It is important that we get the message out that NO ONE should be abused," said Julee Smith, executive director of YCC. "I think those men that have asked for help are courageous. They know that something is wrong and needs to change."'

Arizona lawmaker seeks state law against FGM, dismisses MGM as a "cleanliness" issue

Minuteman · 11 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Calling the practice a “war on women,” a female legislator wants to make what’s been called “female circumcision” a state crime.

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Her legislation would make a felon [sic] of anyone who not only performs the procedure on a girl younger than 18 but also anyone who tries to take a girl out of Arizona to have that done. SB 1342 would carry a presumptive prison term of seven years for a first offense and nearly 16 years for someone with two or more prior felony convictions.

And the measure, set for debate today before the Senate Judiciary Committee, includes a mandatory fine of at least $25,000.

...

Burges said any comparison of the practice with more routine male circumcision, a practice mandated under Jewish law, is invalid.

“That usually is for cleanliness issues,” she said. “This is not.”

A 1996 federal law already makes the practice illegal when performed in the United States. But it took until last year for Congress to include a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act to make it a crime to take a girl to another country to have the procedure done.

Nearly two dozen other states already have such laws.'

The Feminist Has Two Faces

Matt · 11 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Given that zero allegations have been brought against Justice Thomas in his 23-year tenure on the Supreme Court and positive endorsements from his female staff, including Laura Ingraham, I think the Senate deeming Hill's testimony "inconclusive" was the appropriate decision. The released phone records indicating Anita Hill had, in fact, called Thomas several times after departing the EEOC raises the biggest doubt for her side of the story.

On March 14 of this year, nearly 23-years after the hearings, and 33-years after the alleged offense, the Tinseltown feminist elite will release a new documentary called Anita that will undoubtedly present Anita Hill as an unrequited saint, sacrificed before an altar of male dominance. The film's trailer and poster accompanied by the tagline "Speaking Truth to Power" confirms that speculation. ...
...
By attempting to downplay the film's obvious mission of discrediting the only black conservative Justice to ever serve on the Supreme Court, the feminist left has billed this "documentary" as an exposé on the hardships women face when bringing sexual harassment charges to light, as stated by Eboni Williams on Fox's Megyn Kelly last Thursday.

There is cause for skepticism. After all, these are the same women who howl at the moon over invisible "glass ceilings" of male hegemony and then proceed to railroad Sarah Palin and Michelle Bachmann in their run for higher office. Anita stems from their two-faced modus operandi - seeking to consolidate power for the feminist elite by libeling their (right-wing) male counterparts as "sexist" for defending and applauding men like Clarence Thomas. "Raise awareness for sexual harassment" usually means "raise awareness for sexual harassment by conservatives."
...
The feminist Tinseltown elite will never commit such boorish treatment of women to celluloid. Just as long as the above men in question willingly inculcate the masses into voting on such meaningless, empty-headed slogans like "equal pay for equal work," "78 cents for every dollar," and "reproductive rights." This, of course, being the same feminist elite who felt not the slightest queasiness giving Oscar accolades to known sexual predators Roman Polanski and Woody Allen.

The feminists' about-face portrayal as moral crusaders against patriarchal oppression while caring nothing for a woman's sanctity and much for cementing totalitarian rule reminds me of an illustration by C. Allan Gilbert called All is Vanity, in which, the viewer's eyes immediately discern a drawing of a beautiful young woman admiring herself in the mirror before the viewer realizes the artist's visual trickery at work as the woman fades into the haunting, ghostly image of a hollowed skull... The face of modern feminism.'

Woman caught by boy's mother in son's bedroom jumps naked from window

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Arizona woman jumped from the second-floor bedroom of a 15-year-old boy after his mother caught her cavorting naked with the teen last month, investigators report.

Keri Gonzalez, 34, broke her ankle when she crashed to the ground outside the residence in Marana, a town 30 miles northwest of Tucson.

...

After gathering her clothes, Gonzalez exited via the window. The boy's mother spotted Gonzalez "limping as she walked down the street away from the home," deputies noted.

After fleeing the home, Gonzalez later returned to report to the boy's mother that she had broken her ankle. The teen's mother recognized Gonzalez as a "family acquaintance" whom she had previously caught "flirting" with her son.

...

During a January 25 police interview, Gonzalez, who had a cast on her ankle, provided a deputy with "information which helped to verify what the mother and victim had said occurred." She was later arrested for sexual misconduct with a minor and providing false information to police, and booked in to the county jail, where the above mug shot was taken.'

Drunkenness and Double Standards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education notes, at some campuses the accuser's having had one drink is sufficient to establish the defendant's guilt:

Stanford's definition of consent to sex imposes a concept that is foreign to most people's idea of adult consent and inconsistent with California state law. Stanford policy states that sexual assault occurs "when a person is incapable of giving consent. A person is legally incapable of giving consent . . . if intoxicated by drugs and/or alcohol." In other words, any sexual activity while intoxicated to any degree constitutes sexual assault. This is true even if the activity was explicitly agreed to by a person capable of making rational, reasoned decisions, and even if the partners are in an ongoing relationship or marriage.

In theory that means, as FIRE notes, that "if both parties are intoxicated during sex, they are both technically guilty of sexually assaulting each other." In practice it means that women, but not men, are absolved of responsibility by virtue of having consumed alcohol.

That is self-evidently unjust, yet it turns out to be a matter of high principle for many feminists. Last fall Slate's Emily Yoffe, the mother of a college-age daughter, was the target of a Two Minutes Hate for a post titled "College Women: Stop Getting Drunk," even though she offered the same advice to college men: "If I had a son, I would tell him that it's in his self-interest not to be the drunken frat boy who finds himself accused of raping a drunken classmate."'

Wall Street Journal Writer James Taranto's Rape Column Draws Outrage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Wall Street Journal columnist James Taranto is under fire after his latest piece about rape on college campuses.

In a column on Monday entitled "Drunkenness and Double Standards," Taranto suggested the female college students are as guilty as their aggressors if they are sexually assaulted while intoxicated.

"If two drunk drivers are in a collision, one doesn't determine fault on the basis of demographic details such as each driver's sex," Taranto argued. "But when two drunken college students 'collide,' the male one is almost always presumed to be at fault. His diminished capacity owing to alcohol is not a mitigating factor, but her diminished capacity is an aggravating factor for him."'

‘I Don’t Need Feminism’ Signs

Mastodon · 12 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'We might be unsure if there’s a real war on women occurring today, but there is definitely some fighting over the ill-understood “feminism.”

Although many feminists have come out on the defensive about the inclusivity of the word/movement/whatever you want to call it, other women (let alone men) remain unconvinced.

So much so that young women have recently taken to various social media channels to declare: “I don’t need feminism.” The reasons are numerous, including:

“Because I believe in equality not entitlements and supremacy”

“Because I don’t think being a woman is a disadvantage”

“Because I respect men. I refuse to demonize them and blame them for my problems”

Maybe it’s the feminist in me, but I just don’t see any of these admonitions as something that would or should exclude a female from adopting the feminist title.

Third-wave feminism would likely applaud these individuals’s efforts in establishing their own personal beliefs, outside of any pre-determined system.

So we’ve coming to a point where being anti-feminist is actually feminist? My head hurts.'

Woman Goes On Bloody Rampage After Boyfriend Refuses To Have Sex

Matt · 13 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Arizona woman went on a naked rampage early Monday after her live-in boyfriend refused to have sex with her, police report.

Ashley Marie Prenovost, 24, was already intoxicated when her beau returned to the Glendale residence the couple shares with their four-month-old daughter. Prenovost, according to a court filing, “wanted to have sex with him and got naked.”

When her boyfriend declined to have sex, Prenovost became enraged, according to police. She allegedly punched two holes in a bedroom wall, and “punched a picture hanging on the wall in the hallway, causing glass to break and causing injuries to both of suspect’s hands.”
...
Pictured in the above mug shot, Prenovost was arrested on a variety of charges, including assault, disorderly conduct, and criminal damage. She was also hit with several child abuse counts since, during her tirade, she raced around the home with her baby in her arms. At one point, the child’s head struck a bedroom dresser.

Prenovost was freed from custody yesterday. She is scheduled for a February 24 court appearance.

Why, yes, this has happened before, before, before, before, and before.'

Notice: MANN Site Maintenance This Weekend

Matt · 13 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

The MANN site may be intermittently available over this coming weekend due to platform maintenance. If at some point you see "Site Unavailable" messages or even DNS "Host Not Found"-type errors, don't sweat it. Just a typical day in cyberspace during a significant maintenance job. We should be done by some time on Sunday.

Also, new story submissions will not be posted after 5:00 PM Eastern Time (US) on Friday Feb. 14 (tomorrow). The expected resumption time for new posts is Sun. Feb. 16 at 3:00 PM ET. If anything about this changes, I'll post updates. I'll also post when it's known the site is fully stable.

NPO: Shared Parenting Introduced in South Carolina

Matt · 14 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a bold move, National Parents Organization of South Carolina introduces National Parents Organization shared parenting model legislation. South Carolina is the latest state to join National Parents Organization. It is also the first state to take our recently developed model shared parenting legislation and work with a legislator to introduce some of the language and ideas. While it stops short of a presumption of shared parenting, it does introduce shared parenting to South Carolina family law and provide it as an additional option.

Senator Katrina Frye Shealy (R-23), the only woman in the South Carolina senate, is the lead sponsor for S. 905, Child Custody Orders. She is joined by Senators Ross Turner (R-8), Shane R. Martin (R-13), and Lee Bright (R-12). The bill is now in the Judiciary Committee.

If you are a South Carolina member, now is the time to join our South Carolina Affiliate and Chair Joe Carter. Please contact him to learn how you can educate your legislator about why your children and every child in South Carolina needs shared parenting.'

Student group decides saying "yes" to sex isn't enough

Mastodon · 14 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the hazards of youthful idealism is that one can easily verge over into naive self-righteousness. So I should have been prepared for the latest project of StudentsNS, a collection of Nova Scotia university student associations, around sexual consent.

But this new initiative is so overflowing with gormless self-congratulation that even I was stunned.

Embarrassed by the national attention gained during last year's Saint Mary's frosh debacle, where students eagerly indulged in a chant making light of sex without consent, advocacy group StudentsNS has determined that its position on consenting to sex will be so clear and unambiguous, they have inadvertently jettisoned all sense of logic. From now on, according to their new site morethanyes.ca it is no longer enough for a sexual partner to agree to sex. Even clear consent is not enough. No, from now on the standard is—I can still scarcely believe it—enthusiasm. In a jaw-dropping graphic on its homepage, the campaign proudly asserts that "Sex without enthusiastic consent is not sex at all. It is sexual assault or rape.'

UK: 'Evil' serial killer sorry she didn't kill more

Minuteman · 15 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A twisted UK serial killer has smiled and laughed in court saying she is "not sorry" for stabbing three men to death.

Joanna Dennehy, who has been dubbed "evil" by the English press, reportedly grinned her way through a pre-sentencing hearing at Cambridge Crown Court on Friday.

The 31-year-old broke into laughter as prosecutors revealed a photo of one of her victims, John Chapman, lying on a bed with five stab wounds, the Mirror reports.

Dennehy has admitted to murdering three men in Petersborough and dumping their bodies in ditches during a 12-day spree last March.'

Suicide on the rise for young U.S veterans

fathers4fairness · 15 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The January 2014 Suicide Data Update has been released by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the news is not good. Suicides are up in two groups of veterans who utilized the VA health system: young males (ages 18-24) and women. The rate of female veterans' suicides has climbed 31.2 percent for VA users. Does that not pierce your heart?

There are pockets of positive news. Taken in an overall trend, the rate of suicide among male veterans aged 35-64 who utilize VA hospital programs has decreased by 30 percent, and is down 16 percent for all ages. (The overall rate among those who don't use the VA for help has increased by 60 percent.)

One thing is clear based on the figures for all male veterans: Getting help at the VA does work. If you've had thoughts of suicide, call this hotline number 1-800-273-8255 and press 1. Or send a text message to 38255. If you have access to a computer, go to veteranscrisisline.net and you can chat online. ...'

Nine Articles

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1. UK: Universities struggling to cope with 'lad culture'
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3. Nicki Minaj apologizes for using Malcolm X, racial slur in cover art
4. The (Silent) War On Men
5. What would life be like if women really did rule the world?
6. NOW Demands Wall Street Journal Fire Columnist James Taranto for Promoting 'Rape Culture'
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9. There’s no excuse for anti-feminism

Hillary Clinton Found Murderer of 14-Year-Old Boy Very “Charismatic”

Mastodon · 16 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From the Blair papers: “May 15 – HC enthralled by S. Afr. investiture; discussed characters there like Arafat, Aristide, how charismati Winnie is.”

How charismatic was Winnie Mandela *[link added]*? Someone ought to ask Stompie Moeketsi.

'Stompie Seipei was killed on Winnie Madikizela-Mandela’s instructions to prevent the Mandela “crisis committee” discovering how badly the Mandela United Football Club had assaulted four youths they had abducted from the Soweto Methodist Manse, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission heard on Wednesday.

Former club “coach” Jerry Richardson testified that Madikizela-Mandela decided to kill Seipei to cover up what had happened.

The Mandela crisis committee, made up of church, community and ANC leaders, was formed to secure the release of four boys, including Seipei, who were abducted from Methodist minister Paul Verryn’s manse in late December 1988.

“I slaughterd him (Seipei) like a goat,” Richardson said, as Seipei’s mother, Joyce, left the hearing hall in tears.

Richardson said he abducted Seipei on Madikizela-Mandela’s instructions after Verryn was falsely accused of sodomising the boys.'

MANN Maintenance Complete

Matt · 16 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

We're done! I'll get to posting new submissions shortly. Thanks for your patience.

Petition: Support Mother Who Resists Court Order to Circumcise Son

Matt · 17 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Text:

'The Jewish Circumcision Resource Center represents Jews around the world who question circumcision and choose not to circumcise their sons.

An Israeli religious court has fined a woman for refusing to circumcise her infant son. The matter is part of an ongoing divorce case. In Israel, religious courts have authority over various family matters like marriage, divorce, and child welfare. Circumcision is viewed as a requirement among religious Jews. Israel has struggled for generations to reconcile its religious and secular traditions.

The woman has said that she does not wish to harm her son. Circumcision has been shown to result in physical, sexual, and psychological harm.

As the caretaker and mother, she has the right to forgo circumcision like thousands of other Israeli parents. No civil law requires circumcision in Israel. When parents disagree, as in this instance, the default position is to let the child decide about circumcision when he is older.

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She appealed the case to the Israeli Supreme Court, a civil court, which issued a temporary injunction (restraining order), freezing the rabbinical court's decree. The father's response was due in the Supreme Court on January 2, 2014.

We urge you to sign this petition to ask the Israeli Supreme Court to issue its final ruling in favor of this mother's right to protect her son.

For more information about circumcision, see Jewish Circumcision Resource Center and Circumcision Resource Center.'

JWeekly: Choosing not to circumcise — last frontier of Jewish inclusion?

Matt · 17 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'How can synagogues make their members — and prospective members — feel more welcome?

Some synagogues send a message of inclusion, stating on their websites that they welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Jews, Jews of color, disabled Jews and interfaith families. But there's one Jewish minority that's rarely, if ever, mentioned: the growing number of Jewish parents who choose not to circumcise their newborn sons.

Although circumcision is but one ritual choice, it would be easy for a family to get the idea that congregational Judaism expects — or demands — circumcision. Even the most liberal synagogues don't say on their websites that keeping one's baby boy intact (not circumcised) is a valid option.
...
Reiss is the originator of Brit Shalom Celebrants, a Web page that lists more than 150 rabbis, cantors and lay leaders who openly perform brit shalom ceremonies (http://www.tinyurl.com/britshalom). The officiants operate on a fee-for-service basis.

Not all rabbis who do brit shalom ceremonies want to be openly associated with it. Although the page makes it clear that many of the listed officiants also do traditional circumcisions, the page is perceived by some as an "anti-circumcision" list.

If noncircumcising families are welcome in Jewish congregational life — indeed, if rabbis are already performing alternative ceremonies when asked — why not let parents know this? I invite congregations everywhere to adopt the win-win policy of openly welcoming brit shalom families.'

Police charge Calgary teacher with sexual assault

Matt · 17 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'CALGARY – A teacher with the Calgary Catholic School District is facing a number of serious charges related to the alleged sexual assault of a 16-year-old boy.

The 30-year-old woman is accused of carrying on a sexual relationship with the boy, who is a former student at the school where she teaches.

Police say a member of the public alerted officers after he spotted what he believed to be 'suspicious activity' in a vehicle in northwest Calgary.

...

Jennifer Mason is charged with sexual assault, invitation to sexual touching, sexual exploitation and sexual interference.

To protect the identity of the victim, details about the school have not been released, but police say parents have been notified.'

Accused Craigslist Killer Admits To Slaying 22 People As Part Of Satanic Cult

Matt · 17 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Pennsylvania woman charged along with her newlywed husband in the murder of a man they met through Craigslist admitted to the slaying in a jailhouse interview with a newspaper and said she has killed more than 20 others across the country, claims police said they are investigating.

In an interview with the Daily Item in Sunbury, Pa., 19-year-old Miranda Barbour said she wants to plead guilty to killing Troy LeFerrara in November. She also said in the interview that she has killed at least 22 other people from Alaska to North Carolina in the last six years as part of her involvement in a satanic cult."I feel it is time to get all of this out. I don't care if people believe me. I just want to get it out," Barbour told the newspaper for a story published Saturday night (http://bit.ly/1gN81z3).
...
She said in the interview that she doesn't want to get out of jail and that she would kill again if she were released.

Miranda Barbour offered little detail on the murders she claimed to have participated in in Alaska, Texas, North Carolina and California. She claims she joined a satanic cult in Alaska when she was 13 before moving to North Carolina. Online records for the woman that the newspaper identified as Barbour's mother show her as having lived in both Alaska and North Carolina.'

False allegations of rape and the law

Mastodon · 17 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Letters here. Excerpt:

'I strongly disagree with the suggestion that William Roache and Dave Lee Travis have been properly brought to trial (Comment, 14 February). Keir Starmer is betraying whatever legal education he received by his partisan views. Limitation periods under the law of England and Wales are laid out by the Limitation Act 1980, and are the periods of time during which an individual can bring a private (civil) claim, or else lose the right to bring it. The reasoning behind this, which has its origins in Roman law, is that firstly someone with a good cause of action should pursue it with reasonable diligence; secondly that a defendant might have lost evidence to disprove a stale claim; and thirdly that long-dormant claims have more "cruelty than justice" in them (Halsbury's Laws of England, 4th edition). So English law says that it is contrary to "public policy" for people to be perpetually exposed to litigation for allegedly wrongful acts. As time passes, witnesses' memories may fade, or become distorted, and documentary evidence available to do justice to the case is less likely to be available, or in certain cases even exist. It is recognised this may prevent justice being done, and for a great many years it has been accepted that it is in the public interest that claims become barred by statute after a certain period of time has elapsed – usually six years.
...
• Keir Starmer's response to the acquittal of Dave Lee Travis is simply inadequate. False allegations of sexual offences cause both the innocent victim and their family untold and lasting hurt, emotional, financial and physical. Worse, every false allegation contributes to discrediting women who have suffered real attacks. The police and the Crown Prosecution Service must reconsider their actions in the interests of all women who have been assaulted, subjects of false allegations and all their families.'

Florida woman faked rape after skipping work: authorities

Mastodon · 17 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

A Florida woman wasn't raped after all — she just didn't want to get in trouble for missing work, authorities said.

Alexandra Westover, 21, of Boca Raton, had reported a frightening, broad-daylight attack to the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office.

The tale, which authorities now say is fake, was full of details.

She told detectives she had a flat tire about 9 a.m. on Tuesday and pulled over in the side of the Florida Turnpike.
...
Crime fighters launched a full-scale search for the phantom rapist, wasting more than 100 man hours before Westover finally admitted the hoax, according to a sheriff's office statement.
...
A deputy followed up and Westover admitted she lied because she didn't want to get in trouble for skipping work at her great-uncle's house, the paper reported.

Westover didn't respond to phone calls from the Daily News.

She was arrested on Thursday on a charge of falsely reporting a crime and a misdemeanor perjury count.

She was released Friday on her own recognizance, according to jail records.

Female high school teacher accused of "having sex" with male student

Minuteman · 18 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Meghan Eagan, a 25-year-old physical education teacher at Crosby High School in Connecticut, was charged with four counts of sexual assault after turning herself into police on Saturday afternoon, reports WFSB News.

She allegedly had sexual contact with the student four times between December and January at her home close to the school.

None of the alleged sexual contact took place on school grounds.

Police would not reveal how old the student is.

Eagan posted US$100,000 ($110,800) bail and is due back in court on February 25.'

UK: Policewomen get £35k over big guns

Minuteman · 18 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Two British policewomen have won sex discrimination payouts after their handguns were deemed to be too big for their hands.

Victoria Wheatley and Rachael Giles had both asked for smaller guns because their department-issued Glock 17s were too big for them to reach the triggers.

The officers, described as "petite" at an employment tribunal, both received a £35,000 ($64,500) payout but it is expected this will be appealed.

They also argued a wooden barricade where officers were expected to rest their guns was built too high for them, and that their heads and legs were too small for their protective gear.
...
Both women worked for the Civil Nuclear Constabulary, which is responsible for protecting atomic power plants across the United Kingdom.'

Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students): An excellent program promoting father involvement/male rolemodels in school

TCM · 18 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) is a national program promoting father involvement and positive male role-models in elementary schools. It is sponsored by the National Center for Fathering and has been active since 1999. According to their official website there are over 3,793 active Watch DOGS programs in 46 states as of the date of this posting.

This is an excellent program for those who are interested in getting involved at the local level. If promoting positive role-models and connecting with children is your passion, I encourage you to either join a nearby group, or create one.

Some key resources:

- You may find a nearby group to volunteer at here at Volunteer Spot.
- Official training for the program is available free via conference call here.
- Here is a downloadable handout listing the benefits, goals, nature, and public recognition of the program.
- For more information, email the program at watchdogs@fathers.com. A program director can be contacted at 1-888-540-DOGS (3647).'

Whitehouse.gov: "Progress Made on the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence against Women and Girls, and Gender-Related Health Disparities"

Minuteman · 19 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Today, the Office of the Vice President, the White House Council on Women and Girls, and the White House Office of National AIDS Policy welcomed community leaders and Federal colleagues to celebrate progress to date by the President's Working Group on the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence against Women and Girls, and Gender-Related Health Disparities. It is timely that we gather at the White House during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. As the President proclaimed, girls and young women ages 16 to 24 are at the highest risk for dating violence, and this February, "we renew our commitment to preventing abuse, supporting survivors, holding offenders accountable, and building a culture of respect." The recommendations for action in the White House Working Group report, Addressing the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence against Women and Girls, and Gender-Related Health Disparities, build on this commitment.

...

We are working to improve health and wellness for women by screening for both intimate partner violence(IPV) and HIV. Key Federal agencies are working with large clinical providers to inform physicians, nurse practitioners, and community health care providers about screening recommendations for HIV and IPV. Partnering agencies include the HHS Office on Women's Health, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the Administration for Children and Families' Family Violence Prevention and Services Program.

...

The workgroup is also addressing certain contributing factors that increase the risk of violence for women and girls living with HIV. The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, supported by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, will host online trainings this Spring for domestic violence service providers. The training will focus on the health implications of sexual decision-making in relation to IPV and HIV/AIDS'

On philosophy and sexual harassment

el cid · 20 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. It concerns a report recently issued by the American Philosophical Association that male professors at the University of Colorado Philosophy Department engaged in widespread sexual harassment. The first story concerns the response by female staff members, who say the report may hurt innocent male graduate students from their department. The second is an opinion piece arguing that the reported facts are too vague to reach any definite conclusions. Both articles touch on a common feminist principle: if one man is guilty, all men are guilty. Excerpt:

'Six women with ties to the department released a joint statement Tuesday that describes the negative impact the report's release has had on male philosophy faculty members and graduate students.

"We are all distressed that the report may damage the reputations of male colleagues who are completely innocent of sexual misconduct," the statement's authors wrote. "It could also harm the prospects of our male graduate students currently on the market."'

An opinion article here. Excerpt:

'It is hard to know just what to make of the contretemps over the University of Colorado Philosophy Department that broke a couple of weeks ago. But from the publicly available information (and I have no other), there should be serious misgivings about the narrative. The determination of what occurred in the Philosophy Department deserves more transparency that it received, and it is possible that the sweeping characterizations of the department are unfair and unjust, and some of the remedies disproportionate. And I say this of a department faculty whose political outlook mostly differs from mine.'

The War On Men: 10 Ways Masculinity is Under Attack

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are facing a full frontal assault on their rights, health and culture like never before. The war on masculinity has never been so brutal – but it's not a war being waged by women. The attack is coming directly from the top, as the establishment desperately attempts to emasculate and disempower men in order to force women to be more dependent on the state, thereby enabling more power to be centralized and aiding the growth of big government.

Here are ten ways in which the state has declared war on men and masculinity:

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8) The Legal System Discriminates Against Men

In both divorce and child custody proceedings, it is widely acknowledged that courts heavily favor women and discriminate against men. Men are routinely hit with onerous alimony payments even if women are capable of working and earning a good paycheck. Men only receive custody of their children in around 10 per cent of divorce cases in the United States. The ironic thing about this system is that it has primarily been instituted by other men, emphasizing again how the war on men is being waged not by women, but by the primarily male-dominated establishment itself.'

Teacher Arrested For Forcing Child To Clean Dirty Urinal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Broward County charter school teacher is facing battery charges after she allegedly forced a 10-year-old student to clean a dirty urinal that she thought the student clogged, according to the Coral Springs Police Department.

Jennifer Forshey, who teaches third grade at Broward Community Charter School West, according to the school's website, is accused of battery on a child by exposing the child to urine.

According to the arrest report, Forshey accused a 10-year-old boy of clogging the drain in a urinal in the boys bathroom on day last week. Police say she ordered the boy to use his hands to remove the paper towels filled with urine from unknown students.

"Victims hands were saturated in what smelled like urine from the urinal and the paper towel that was in the urinal," the police report reads.'

Military Women Get Helping Hand In Transition to Civilian Life

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Article here. Excerpt:

'From hair and makeup to resumes, today military women got a great big help from the National Charity League.

"Sometimes translating those military skills to civilian can be a little confusing and we have all kinds of people here to help with that transition process," states Julie Ballard, President of the Hills of Austin Chapter, Charity League.

Local employers were on hand to help women transitioning out of the military hone in on their work skills.

Along with several businesses they received assistance on writing resumes and how to network in today's tech savvy world.

The women were also given hair and makeup tips and a chance to pick some new work wear.'

Activists include immigration in ‘war on women’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A coalition of advocacy groups wants to make the next front in the “war on women” all about immigration reform.

The new strategy, unveiled Wednesday, is yet another tactic from pro-reform groups to pressure House Republicans to pass immigration reform this year — and punish them if they don’t. And the activists believe that focusing on the influence of female voters could crack the Capitol Hill stalemate on immigration reform.
...
The women’s strategy is threefold: A series of protests and fasts involving more than 5,000 women nationwide timed to International Women’s Day on March 8; mobilizing female voters to the polls in the midterm elections; and building a base of female activists among immigrant and nonimmigrant women alike.'

Student Senate fights to eliminate Title IX and non-revenue sports fee

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Story here. Excerpt:

University of Kansas students are required to pay the semesterly $25 student fee to offset travel expenses for women's and non-revenue sports. Students pay between $1.2 and $1.3 million annually to the athletic department fund through the current fee.

The Senate's responsibility to help finance Title IX, a federal law, was a main question of senators. Tetwiler pointed to the Senate's earlier decision to forgo funding a federally required accessibility ramp at Strong Hall. The Senate questioned if students should pay for the University to meet government standards.

"Our opinion is that that's not a responsibility of student fees," Tetwiler said.

The committee recommended two different options to a separate Student Senate Fee Review Committee: That the student fee be eliminated entirely, or that the fee be lowered from $25 a semester to $20.'

The Vetting of Hillary Already Labeled ‘Sexist’ in the Media

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was bound to happen sooner rather than later. MSNBC host Mika Brzezinski issued on Monday what might be the most full-throated attack on Hillary Clinton’s opponents yet over what she considered their appeals to misogyny and sexism.

Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) recently embarked on a campaign designed to make Democrats think twice about labeling Republican opposition to late-term abortions and contraception coverage mandates as offensives in the “War on Women.” Paul noted that the party attacking the GOP also lionizes a man who engaged in sexual activity with a subordinate in the workplace. The mere mention of this incontrovertible fact has worked Clinton’s supporters up into a fury.
...
“There’s a gender element here,” said University of Texas professor Victoria DeFrancesco Soto. “If a guy has a list of people he’s not too keen on, no big deal, but if a woman does, then that is a big deal and it becomes juicy.”

To discuss Clinton like she was any other politician, and not just a female politician, is now defined as sexist. DeFrancesco Soto’s critique would be poignant if she could point to an instance where a male politician maintaining an “enemies list” was dismissed as commonplace. But exacting political retribution against ideological opponents has never been shrugged off as just something boys are wont to do.'

Innocent Man Gets 25 Years, Corrupt Prosecutor 10 Days

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Story here. Excerpt:

Ten days in jail—not prison, only jail—for engineering the wrongful murder conviction of an innocent man who languished in prison nearly 25 years is the state of Texas' idea of justice. That was the sentence handed down on former Williamson County, Texas, district attorney Ken Anderson, who will also surrender his law license and perform 500 hours of community service to settle allegations that he hid favorable evidence from Michael Morton, who was convicted of killing his wife in 1987.

Anderson avoided felony charges of tampering with evidence and pleaded only to contempt of court for lying to the judge during a pre-trial hearing by affirming that he no exculpatory evidence to hand over to Morton's attorneys. In fact, Anderson had a transcript of a police interview with the victim's mother, who said that the Mortons' 3-year-old son had witnessed the killing, described the attacker as a monster and said that Michael Morton was not there at the time, and a police report that neighbors had seen suspicious behavior by an unknown driver of a green van who had parked and walked into the woods behind the Morton house several times before the crime.'

Scienctific American does it again: "Are Men the Weaker Sex?"

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Here another female writer for Scientific American divulges her "scientific" proof that men are "inferior". Her conclusion? "While not forgoing the push for fairness and equality, it seems wise to accept the scientific reality of male weaknesses." Excerpt:

'We can, thankfully, remove one threat to the future existence of the human male from our worry list: The male Y chromosome, after dwindling from its original robust size over millions of years, apparently has halted its disappearing act.

But don't start cheering yet. Contrary to cultural assumptions that boys are stronger and sturdier, basic biological weaknesses are built into the male of our species. These frailties leave them more vulnerable than girls to life's hazards, including environmental pollutants such as insecticides, lead and plasticizers that target their brains or hormones. Several studies suggest that boys are harmed in some ways by these chemical exposures that girls are not. It's man's fate, so to speak.

First of all, human males are disappearing. Mother Nature has always acknowledged and compensated for the fragility and loss of boys by arranging for more of them: 106 male births to 100 female newborns over the course of human history. (Humans are not unique in this setup: Male piglets, as an example, are conceived in greater proportion to compensate for being more likely than female piglets to die before birth.) But in recent decades, from the United States to Japan, from Canada to northern Europe, wherever researchers have looked, the rate of male newborns has declined. Examining U. S. records of births for the years between 1970 and 1990, they found 1.7 fewer boys per 1,000 than in decades and centuries past; Japan's loss in the same decades was 3.7 boys.'

SAVE: Campus ‘Rape Culture’ Crusade: Fueled by Emotion and Myth

Matt · 22 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Wellesley College in Massachusetts has become embroiled in controversy over a statue – an artistic rendition of a sleep-walking man clad in his underwear (shown on the right). Hundreds of frightened students have signed a petition demanding removal of the sculpture because they say it conjures up fears of sexual assault.
...
The Wellesley incident is one of many across the nation where accusations of “rape culture” are having the effect of stripping due process protections from the accused. In California, a bill has been introduced that would require both partners to affirmatively consent before having sex. One Dartmouth administrator went so far as to ask, “Why could we not expel a student based [solely] on an allegation?”

Much of the frenzy can be traced to a White House Council on Women and Girls report that claims one in five women are raped sometime in their lives. But this factoid doesn’t stand up to scrutiny.
...
Crime rates for rape, robbery, and assault have fallen dramatically in the past two decades. Still, sexual assault is a problem on our campuses.

But inflating the numbers, inducing a state of near-panic, and ignoring the problem of false allegations only serves to waste scarce criminal justice resources and harm the credibility of real victims.'

SAVE E-lert: Dartmouth U. Administrator Flirts with Soviet-Style Justice for Sex Allegations

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Things are getting a little crazy on college campuses these days. The "rape culture" mantra has taken hold, and people are doing and saying ridiculous things in the name of helping victims.

We want to reduce rape and sexual assault, too. But we also want to make sure that the accused are considered "innocent until proven guilty."

Dartmouth College administrator Amanda Childress, speaking about alleged sex offenses on campus, said: "Why could we not expel a student based on an allegation?"

And Dartmouth is defending the comment!

A spokesman said, "[S]he was not suggesting policy, but was asking a question-a provocative one-meant to generate dialogue around complex issues for which answers are necessary to continue to strengthen and promote fair and equitable processes at all colleges and universities,"

It's time to end the hysteria. This is not the time or place to be provocative.

Please contact Dartmouth president Philip J. Hanlon. Demand that the president affirm Dartmouth's commitment to due process and the presumption of innocence:

- Email: President's.Office-at-Dartmouth.edu
- Phone: 603-646-2223
- Fax: 603 646-2266

Thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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www.saveservices.org

Harvard Feminist Says Academic Freedom Should Be Abolished

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Harvard University feminist student writing in the campus newspaper The Crimson recently posited this:

“If our university community opposes racism, sexism, and heterosexism, why should we put up with research that counters our goals simply in the name of “academic freedom”?

The column was titled "The Doctrine of Academic Freedom – Let’s Give Up On Academic Freedom in Favor of Justice.”

Its author, senior Sandra Y.L. Korn, a joint history of science and studies of women, gender and sexuality major, called for the end of academic freedom and in its place “a more rigorous standard: one of ‘academic justice.’”

“When an academic community observes research promoting or justifying oppression, it should ensure that this research does not continue,” she wrote. “The power to enforce academic justice comes from students, faculty, and workers organizing together to make our universities look as we want them to do.”'

Prominent nursing professor accused of fabricating DV stats

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jacquelyn C. Campbell, a professor in the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, is accused of fabricating "key statements [about domestic violence] and then representing the statements as findings of a government survey." On January 14, the victim-advocacy organization Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) filed a formal complaint with the Office of Research Integrity of the Department of Health and Human Services. SAVE wants the unit to "investigate these allegations of research misconduct by Dr. Campbell and colleagues, and take appropriate corrective action." (As of January 31, the complaint has been rejected and the rejection is being appealed.)

In two highly respected journals, Campbell and various colleagues claimed that "the leading cause of death in the United States among African American women aged 15 to 45 years" was homicide. In the American Journal of Public Health Vol. 93, No. 7, 2003, page 1089, the deaths were described as "femicide, the homicide of women." In the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Journal 2003, page 18, the deaths were ascribed to "intimate partner violence" or domestic violence homicide.

Attorney General Eric Holder repeated the domestic violence version of the statistic in a 2009 speech; he stated, "Disturbingly, intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45." The statistic was posted in at least two places at the Department of Justice (DOJ) website. The conservative feminist Christina Hoff Sommers took exception. In USA Today (Feb. 4, 2011), she wrote, "That's a horrifying statistic, and it would be a shocking reflection of the black family, and American society generally, if it were true. But it isn't true."

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Where did Holder get such a dramatically inaccurate statistic? Kessler fast forwarded to the 2003 studies in which Campbell was the principal researcher. The American Journal of Public Health study was published earliest, and it referred to "femicide" as the leading cause of death for African-American women aged 15 to 45. The later NIJ study stated "intimate partner violence" was "the leading cause of death." The 1998 BJS study was cited as a source in both cases but, as Kessler commented, "these facts cannot be found in the original BJS report."

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Mike Perry is not surprised at the DOJ's failure to make a genuine correction. Perry is an economics professor at the Flint campus of the University of Michigan and a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). The Washington Post fact checking occurred only because Perry pursued that avenue as a last resort. In an AEI article (Dec. 5, 2013), Perry stated that the false data was "being extensively quoted by universities, journalists, in books and YouTube videos, and by the American Bar Association." Perry called the DOJ failure especially disturbing in light of Obama's 2009 declaration, "Under my administration, the days of science taking a back seat to ideology are over... To undermine scientific integrity is to undermine our democracy."

Christina Hoff Sommers is also unsurprised. For years, Sommers has been battling bad data produced by politically correct feminism. She is perhaps best known for constantly correcting statistics which exclude men and boys or inaccurately represent them.

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As Sommers notes, PC feminism approaches males as perpetrators and women as their victims. The data frowns on this interpretation. The CDC's 2010 Summary Report of the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey reported the rates at which men and women had been victims of physical violence during the preceding year. The rate of male victimization was 6.5 percent; the rate of female victimization was 6.3 percent.

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Research misconduct includes the fabrication or falsification of research or in the reporting of research results. The

SAVE complaint alleges that Campbell and her colleagues “made up key statements, presented them as the results of a prior Bureau of Justice Statistics survey, and then reported them in two journal articles. In the American Journal of Public Health report, the fabricated claim appears in the first sentence of the article and sets the tone for the remainder of the discussion.”

Intentional falsification is a key aspect of research misconduct. But outright fabrication can be difficult to prove because it requires a judgment about the researcher’s inner motives. In the presence of Campbell's silence, such a judgment must be based on the preponderance of evidence. The evidence includes: the lack of correction to debunked statistics; the absence of supporting data in the BJS report she cited; and, Kessler's observation that “[l]ogically, Holder’s statement does not make much sense.” Kessler continued, “Intimate-partner homicide is the leading cause of death? At the very least, intimate-partner homicide is a subset of all homicides, so one can easily see that a broader category of murder would be even higher. And, then, what about diseases?”
...
Another reason that academics have falsified data is to gain more grants and academic respectability or power.

Whether intentionality can be proven in regard to the black “femicide” claim may be irrelevant in the end. SAVE clearly wants to shine a bright light on bad data upon which government policies and programs are based. The complaint and the appeal could accomplish this in and of itself. The respect for truth in domestic violence research will depend on the same factor that allowed falsehood to flourish: the media. Will the truth have the same media appeal as sensationalized falsehoods? Will cancer as a leading cause of death be reported with the same breathlessness as domestic-violence homicide? It remains to be seen. Perhaps the media can be shamed into valuing the truth.'

Shine the light on university's Office of Discrimination and Harassment

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Article here. This piece is critical of Colorado University's Office of Discrimination and Harassment for its lack of transparency and for lowering the standard of proof for sexual assault cases from "reasonable doubt" to "preponderance of evidence." Similar policies are found at other universities, primarily at the Obama administration's request. In my view, these policies institutionalize a "hostile environment" for men. Excerpt:

'We Coloradans love transparency in our public institutions. Take our sunshine laws — two members of any Colorado government body can't have coffee together to discuss the affairs of state without breaking the law. We wanna watch if they're gonna to talk about us. Boulderites' demand for a clear view into public decision making was obvious during the recent fuss over the 50-year contract to manage U.S. 36. Even though the negotiation was conducted within the law, we wanted to see it and have someone explain to us why it was such a good idea. Good for us. We expect our public institutions to be accountable to those of us they are supposed to be serving.

That is, of course, unless it involves charges of sexual harassment or discrimination at public universities. Then, public officials can make decisions that ruin peoples' lives with little or no accountability. Somehow, this part of American society, including our very own University of Colorado, has decided that, in this case, slanted justice behind closed doors is okay.

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How and why have universities decided to treat harassment and discrimination charges so differently from what we all expect of American judicial institutions? One problem seems to be the desire of colleges to shield people who make accusations of sexual misbehavior. In most cases, this means shielding a woman accusing a man of sexual harassment from having to face her accuser, though Adler demonstrated that this is not a one-way street.

For example, the Guidelines for CU's Office of Discrimination and Harassment states the following:

"In CU-Boulder's process, the complainant and respondent will not be permitted to directly question each other and are not required to be present together at any point."

It's hard to see any justice system as fair when the accused cannot ask questions of the accuser — a simple concept enshrined in the Magna Carta that has since been a bedrock of our sense of justice. However, many universities, including ours, somehow see it differently.'

Woman suspected of fraud kills 4 in eviction dispute

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This woman shot and killed 4 people at an Indian tribe headquarters last week after she and her son were evicted from the reservation. Warning: her mug shot is scary. Excerpt:

'CEDARVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Practically everyone in this tiny town in the high desert of northeastern California's Surprise Valley knew Cherie Lash Rhoades.

A leader of the Cedarville Rancheria, she worked in the tribe's gas station and convenience store and wore brightly colored tank tops that showed off her tattoos.

But it is tough to find anyone with a kind word to say about her.

"She bullied her way through life," said Sandra Parriott, a lifelong resident of Cedarville and owner of two downtown markets. "But I would never think she would start blowing people away in a meeting."

Police arrested Rhoades on suspicion that she did just that Thursday in Alturas, leaving four dead and two wounded in a gun and knife attack at a meeting on whether to evict Rhoades from one of the nine little houses on the rancheria.

Eviction from tribal housing is among the most serious punishments for American Indians. Though police have said they are still working on a motive, a nephew who lived with her, Jacob Penn, said she snapped under the pressure of her brother trying to evict her. The brother, Rurik Davis, who lived down the street on the Rancheria, had apparently taken over as tribal chairman and was among the dead.

Investigators had been looking into whether Rhoades took federal grant money meant for the rancheria she once led, a person familiar with the tribe's situation told The Associated Press. The person spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Alturas Police Chief Ken Barnes said they were looking into whether the embezzlement allegations spurred the tribe's efforts to evict Rhoades but they had not established any definitive motive.'

Femen eyes U.S. branch as relevance fades

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Ukraine-born leader of the radical feminist organization Femen, famous for its topless protests around the world, is planning to open an American branch. Inna Shevchenko's announcement comes as the group's reception in France, where the Femen leader sought and received political asylum in 2013, has cooled considerably.

Shevchenko and eight fellow Femenites were called before a Paris tribunal Wednesday on charges of damaging bells and religious articles at the Notre Dame Cathedral last year to mark the resignation of Pope Benoit XVI; the trial will formally begin on July 9. Another Femen activist will go on trial March 14 for simulating abortion in the famed Eglise de la Madeleine. The pending trials mark the end to a brief period of adulation, which saw France welcome Femen's move from its headquarters in Kiev to Paris. Fascination with the charismatic Shevchenko extended even to the country's national stamp – the Femen leader played the muse for the newest depiction of France's cultural symbolic Marianne, which was approved by President Francois Hollande. Now, conservative lawmakers are calling for Femen to be labeled a sect (and thereby illegal).
...
Shevchenko has shrugged off Femen's recent bad press, noting, "We are not a rock band. We're a bunch of angry women." But with Pussy Riot still making waves two years after its infamous "punk prayer" – minus the questions of credibility and relevance plaguing Femen – Shevchenko's feminist group would be well served to take a cue from Russia's most notorious "rock band."'

Gillibrand pushes STEM education for girls, minorities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand met with student robotics enthusiasts at John F. Kennedy High School in Plainview Monday, touting two initiatives to boost interest and participation in science, technology, engineering and math, particularly among girls and minorities.

Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) said it would take "a long time" to close the gap between boys and girls in those fields of study, but that it could be narrowed by providing female students and minorities with hands-on learning experiences. She is lobbying for passage of two pieces of legislation that would promote science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, education, which she introduced last year.

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Matthew Coleman, 17 and a senior, said he's glad to see the number of girls rise in recent years. "When I was a freshman, there were two female members of our club," said Coleman, the club's president.

When his team competed against other schools, some had all-girl teams or at least 50 percent female membership. POBOTS beefed up its recruitment and has benefited greatly from the addition of young women, he said.

"It seems like a different way of thinking and a different dynamic in the room," he said. "When we are brainstorming and coming up with ideas . . . it's significantly better. There's a different mindset."'

Canada: Parents starve 15-YO son to death in their home

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Video here. 15-year-old Alex Redita was found starved to death in a home he shared with his parents and 7 siblings. The boy suffered from diabetes and the family immigrated from Romania a number of years ago but moved from Calgary to Surrey, BC two years ago. While in Calgary the parents were found guilty of child neglect and Alex was transferred into foster care. The parents have been charged with 1st degree murder. A sad, sad case with many points of failure.

How Anti-Poverty Programs Marginalize Fathers

charlie · 25 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is story on how welfare programs marginalize fathers. Major media is just starting discover the unintended consequences of government payments. Excerpt:

'U.S. government programs designed to help such families, however, haven't evolved with the population. Based on decades-old stereotypes that single mothers are raising children alone and single dads are "deadbeats," the majority of United States anti-poverty programs almost exclusively serve women and children, said Jacquelyn Boggess, co-director of the Center for Family Policy and Practice, a Wisconsin-based think tank that focuses on supporting low-income parents. The welfare system, as a result, can become a muddled mess of rearranging rather than relieving poverty. Single, non-custodial fathers bear the brunt. But dads don't suffer alone. Because the poor pull together to support one another, everyone absorbs the pinch.

"It's like seven people in bed together, sharing a very small blanket," Boggess said. "If you move the blanket over to cover up one person who's chilly, someone else is going to get cold."
...
Historically, funding for both government and nonprofit programs to help men has been scarce, said Joy Moses, a senior policy analyst at the Center for American Progress. A recent survey from the Center for Family Policy and Practice shows the top two ways that nonprofit service providers connect with men is through parole and child support enforcement programs. "As a low-income man, you almost have to get in trouble to get help," Moses said.
...
Many noncustodial fathers in his situation aren't so lucky. More aggressive child support enforcement was a key component of welfare reform in the 1990s, said Boggess, of the family-policy center. Because the welfare system was designed to act as a sort of "surrogate husband" to single mothers, the government looked to fathers as a way to get people off the dole, she said.

Now, men across the country owe $111 billion in unpaid child support, according to the Office of Child Support Enforcement. Many have racked up debts in the tens of thousands, Boggess said. But most, like Frandy, make less than $10,000 a year. "These men can't pay," she said.

Even if a man can come up with the cash, it may not benefit his children, said Kristin Harknett, a sociologist at the University of Pennsylvania. If a woman receives government cash assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, any money her children's father contributes is earmarked to pay back the government.

In some ways, child-support enforcement is actually having a negative effect on children, Harknett said. Mothers often keep fathers from spending time with their children to encourage them to pay up. Many fathers go underground to avoid doing jail time for falling into arrears. Often, as in Frandy's case, other impoverished family members pick up the bill. "Basically we give money to one poor person, and then we find the nearest poor person connected to that child and ask for it back," Harknett said.'

The War on Men's Wages

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A market economy is absolutely the worst system in the world — except for all the rest. This isn't just a play on Winston Churchill's quip about democracy, it's also true. Pity that we have to rely on those vice-ridden, flighty creatures called human beings to make decisions about what products and services we'll enjoy. The only thing worse is having those decisions made by the subset of human beings called bureaucrats or politicians.

"Study: Hollywood execs have own 'war on women,' choking off major roles, salary from women," reads the headline at Washington Examiner. At issue is a new report by the Women's Media Center (WMC) — arch-feminista Gloria Steinem's group — showing that in terms of warm-body count and amount of cold cash, women lag behind men in all corners of media and entertainment. We're to find these data troubling and, as Time magazine wrote in a headline, "depressing." In perhaps some comic relief, Time followed that note with the subtitle, "Jennifer Lawrence makes $11 million less than Adam Sandler." Yeah, hey, pass the Prozac.

I don't know, is it depressing that men do more dangerous jobs and suffer vastly more work-related injuries and deaths? Is it depressing that the whole workaday world, so unjustly dominated by men, was created by them in the first place? Is every difference among demographics that doesn't happen to benefit "victim" groups to be thought depressing?

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But complaints about intersex wage gaps have always been nonsense. Consider the oft-cited statistic that women make 77 cents on a man's dollar. This has nothing to do with unjust discrimination. Rather, women choose less lucrative fields (e.g., the social sciences as opposed to harder ones), statistics show that "full-time" men work more hours than "full-time" women, and women are more likely than men to decline promotions and choose flexibility over income when seeking employment. In fact, as the documentary The Gender Equality Paradox points out, the sexes choose more stereotypical jobs in highly egalitarian nations such as Norway than in more patriarchal countries such as India. Why? Because people in rich nations have the luxury of following their hearts — and men's and women's hearts lead to very different places.

Unfortunately, peddling wage-gap lies will instigate social engineering in the area of the sexes' pay. We're already seeing this in certain hard sciences, where entry-level women command more than their male counterparts because employers fear costly discrimination lawsuits. The problem with this is that if you give women greater pay, then men are going to be paid less to compensate. This means it will be more difficult for men to provide for their wives and children as sole breadwinners. So wage-gap propaganda isn't just a war on the market, but also on the nuclear family.

Of course, though, if like feminist Simone de Beauvoir, you believe that a woman "should not have that choice ... to stay at home to raise her children ... because if there is such a choice, too many women will make that one," this is exactly what you want.

So much for the pro-choice Left.'

Hillary Clinton: Men also responsible for women's rights

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Article here.

'Hillary Rodham Clinton says that men are also responsible for advancing rights and opportunities for women around the world.

The former secretary of state says "it's not a women's issue" but, in her words, "a responsibility that we all share."

On Tuesday, Clinton presided over Georgetown University's annual Hillary Rodham Clinton Awards for Advancing Women in Peace and Security. She says it's not a mistake but a message that all three winners are men.

Clinton is contemplating a run for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016.

The former first lady says that everyone suffers when women are marginalized and that everyone benefits when women and girls have a chance to participate fully alongside men and boys in all facets of life, including politics.'

Boy Suspended From School For Voluntarily Turning In Toy Gun To School Security

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An 11-year-old boy, Caden Cook, was suspended from school for voluntarily turning in a non-firing plastic toy gun to school personnel.

Fredrick Funston Elementary School in Chicago instituted a random pat-down screening procedure as part of its security at the beginning of the school year, reports The Rutherford Institute, which has come to Cook's defense in the matter.

All students are physically separated from their bags and randomly chosen for pat-downs before going through metal detectors. Bags are also searched at random.

Caden Cook, a sixth-grader, had forgotten he held a plastic toy gun he had played with the previous night in his sweater pocket while waiting in line at school security. He alerted school security personnel, explained he accidentally brought the toy gun to school and relinquished it to security.

Cook was doing the right thing, but the school did not see it that way.

School officials allegedly subjected Cook to intimidation tactics, interrogation, accusations of lying, and threats. His mother was not present, nor had she been informed of the incident. When she did arrive, she was allegedly berated and criticized for allowing her son to play with toy guns, reports The Examiner.

"This case speaks volumes about what's wrong with our public schools and public officials: Rather than school officials showing they are capable of exercising good judgment, distinguishing between what is and is not a true threat, and preserving safety while steering clear of a lockdown mindset better suited to a prison environment, they instead opted to exhibit poor judgment, embrace heavy-handed tactics, and treat a toy gun like a dangerous weapon," said John W. Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute *[link added]*. "In the process, school officials sent a strong, chilling message to this child and his classmates that they have no rights in the American police state."'

UK: Mum loses custody to father: Judge attacks her 'permissive parenting' style

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Article here. The article opens in the typical nymphotropic way, but then you get into more of the nuts and bolts of the decision. It sounds like at least in view of the PAS the judge says the mom has been inflicting on her kids and her complacency around looking after them, it's certainly the right thing to do. Mom does sound depressed though, and so it's not something to be discarded from consideration; still, if indeed it's all supposed to be about the 'best interests of the child', then there has to be a line drawn someplace. However you'll see judges be a lot faster to draw that line in front of a dad than a mom. Excerpt:

'A mother said to have harmed her two sons by ‘permissive parenting’ has been stripped of the right to bring them up.

The brothers, 11 and 14, will now live with their father so they will be given ‘the guidance and boundaries appropriate for teenage boys’.

A judge made the order after hearing that the boys, who lived with their mother after their parents’ break-up, were staying up late, missing school, late for classes and neglecting their homework.

The mother spent much of the day in bed while her sons were left to play computer games, Judge Laura Harris heard. She said the mother was ‘complacent about the educational issues and minimised concerns about lateness, homework and general progress’.
...
She was awarded custody in 2002, and in 2004 a court ruled that the children should live with their mother while having weekend contact with their father.

In 2012, the father asked a court for custody after repeatedly complaining that he had been denied contact with them. Judge Harris said the father ‘has, in my view, demonstrated far better insight into the needs of his boys’.

‘He is much more in favour of structure, boundaries and discipline, and I can understand why the boys might baulk at that.’

Judge Harris said the mother had manipulated the boys into hostility towards their 43-year-old father and that her hatred of him was ‘almost pathological’.

‘So preoccupied is she with her own sense of grievance that she completely overlooks the effect of her behaviour on her children. In my judgment, she has prioritised her own needs and feelings at the expense of the needs of her children.”

NPO: Follow the Research... to Shared Parenting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"A broad consensus of accomplished researchers and practitioners agree that, in normal circumstances, the evidence supports shared residential arrangements for children under 4 years of age whose parents live apart from each other."

It is rare that you have a single article that reports the consensus of such a large group of social scientists. The article, Social Science and Parenting Plans for Young Children: A Consensus Report, focuses on living arrangements for young children (under 4 years of age). The focus is on young children not because the research shows something different for older children but because opponents of shared residential arrangements have focused their attention on these cases, arguing that it is vital for the children to develop a strong bond with one parent and that requires a sole-custody/visitation living arrangement.

Richard A. Warshak, PhD, a prominent American clinical and research psychologist and author, prepared the draft of this consensus document. He is best known for his work on divorce, child custody, and parental alienation. The 110 endorsers are an international group of highly accomplished researchers and practitioners, including prominent representatives from the fields of early child development, clinical and forensic psychology, psychiatry, sociology, social work, and counseling.'

Letourneau: I wouldn’t want my daughters dating their teacher

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Story here. Well of course not. But for her, that isn't the question. It's more like would she be the teacher who is "dating" the student? We already know the answer to that and so does her husband: the boy she started "having sex with" when he was only 12. Excerpt:

'It’s been more than 13 years since former Seattle schoolteacher Mary Kay Letourneau made international headlines when it was revealed that she was having a sexual relationship with her 12-year-old student Vili Fualaau — a relationship that netted her a seven-year prison sentence for child rape.

Today she’s 48-year-old Mary Fualaau: married to that former student, raising two daughters, and she recently greeted her first grandchild, a girl. And she has a word of advice for her daughters: “Wait.”

“You want your children to wait,” Letourneau told TODAY’s Meredith Vieira in an exclusive interview Friday. “You want them to be productive adults, to get an education first, and experience all sorts of actual fun.” And that’s especially true if those children are girls, she said (hers are 12 and 13).

It’s not that Letourneau, who was a married mother of four when she became pregnant in 1997 with the child of Vili Fualaau, who had by then turned 13, believes it’s appropriate for underage boys to be sexually active. “In an ideal world, nobody would say that’s OK,” she said.'

Modern War Wounds Can Devastate Vets' Sexual, Emotional Health

Minuteman · 26 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The tools of war have changed. With the increased use of powerful explosive devices, men and women patrolling on foot in bomb-laced areas of combat are increasingly suffering traumatic injuries to the groin and genitals, experts say.

Those injuries can pose complex long-term sexual and psychological challenges.

It is hard to even imagine having your genitals crushed, burned or ripped off in a blast by a makeshift bomb, said Dr. Chris Gonzalez, the lead author of a new review article published recently in The Journal of Men's Health. "For some, it's even worse than losing a limb," he said.

The impact of so-called "improvised explosive devices" (IEDs) is different from gun fire encountered in earlier combat, explained Gonzalez, who is a professor of urology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, in Chicago.

"The energy comes from the ground up, so the first thing that gets hit is in the perineal [groin] area," he said.'

UK: Britain's male suicide rate is a national tragedy

fathers4fairness · 26 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 1981, 2,466 women in the UK took their own lives. Three decades later, thanks to improvements in psychiatric and emergency care medicine, to a range of suicide prevention barriers and policies and, perhaps, to gradual social, political and personal empowerment, the number in 2012 had almost halved to 1,391.

In 1981, 4,129 men in the UK took their own lives. Three decades later, despite improvements in psychiatric and emergency care medicine, a range of suicide prevention barriers and policies and, arguably, some degree of social, political and personal empowerment, the number in 2012 had risen to 4,590.

The latest suicide statistics from the ONS show the greatest gender gulf since records began. The suicide rate for men is now three and a half times that of women. Breaking down the statistics, the most worrying trend is a rise in the rate among men aged 40-44. It is striking too that whereas 30 years ago the risks for men were greatest in London and the south-east and lowest in the north, the picture has now entirely reversed. This tallies with research by Samaritans, who have found that men at the bottom of the socioeconomic pile are at greatest risk. Clare Wyllie, its head of policy and research, was quoted as saying: "They will grow up expecting by the time they reach mid-life they'll have a wife who will look after them and a job for life in a male industry. In reality they may find that they reach middle age in a very different position. Society has this masculine ideal that people are expecting to live up to. Lots of that has to do with being a breadwinner. When men don't live up to that it can be quite devastating for them."'

The Atlantic: Why Dads Matter

fathers4fairness · 26 February 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. [Ed.: Submitter's comments placed in first comment for story.] Excerpt:

'Jordan Ott was the third of his mother's six children, born over the course of four marriages.

By age 8, he'd had two step-dads; his brothers and sisters had more or fewer based on birth order. Each child also had different numbers of siblings, depending on whether their own dads fathered other children. Ott has one full sister, four half-siblings and at one point had three step-siblings "that I know of," he said. His own father has mostly lived far away.

His story is not uncommon today. More than half of babies of mothers under 30 are born to unmarried parents. The divorce rate among those who do marry exceeds 40 percent, according to the 2012 State of Our Unions report.

These statistics play out most often in the form of absent fathers—or the arrival and departure of serial father figures involved in romantic relationships with a child's mother. (Moms still usually retain custody in a breakup or divorce.) Twenty-four million American children—one in three—are growing up in homes without their biological fathers, the 2011 Census says. Children in father-absent homes, it notes, are almost four times more likely to be poor.
...
Most children weather family turmoil and wind up OK, said Cherlin, who coined the term "family churn" to describe what happens to families as couples split, often moving dad out of the home and a new man in. A study in the Journal of Marriage and Family said children in such homes experience an average of more than 5.25 partnership transitions. That's tough for kids who are used to having their own fathers within reach.

"Dad also helps with impulse control and memory and enhances a child's ability to respond effectively to new or ambiguous situations, for boys and girls," said Warren Farrell, author of Father and Child Reunion. Children who are close to their fathers tend to achieve more academically, while kids with absent fathers are more likely to drop out. Fathers are the biggest factor in preventing drug use, Farrell said.'

Masculinity Under Fire: ‘Real’ Men are Disappearing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The most insidious attacks are not happening to men though, they are being executed on boys. Little boys are energetic, rambunctious, enthusiastic and easily the root word for “boisterous.” Little boys and little girls, despite all of the populist arguments to the contrary, are not the same. A typical toddler girl, if separated from her mommy by a baby gate, will eventually sit down and cry if her mommy does not pay her attention. A typical toddler boy however, while he too might cry, will also attempt to break down the gate or scale it. The relative advantage of either approach is worth debating, but it is the difference which needs to be addressed.

In school, much of the modern American curriculum is geared towards the strengths of girls. Math class involves a lot of word problems these days, while science classes lean heavily on written reports. But it gets worse; should little boys today have the impertinence to act like little boys of yesterday, they are almost immediately put on drugs. Recess, a wonderful tool for allowing children to burn off the excess fidgeting energy of their youth, has all but disappeared from public schools. Juxtapose those heavy doses of Ritalin for little boys, against a teaching environment which encourages little girls to “be empowered.” Whatever that means.'

Groups prepared to fight for the life of baseball, other sports as Air Force considers cuts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The future of America's national pastime is apparently in serious jeopardy at Air Force.

Budget cuts are expected to come down as early as March 4, and The Gazette has confirmed that sports may be eliminated. With baseball high on that list, a group of former players are doing all they can to proactively prevent it.
...
"We are experiencing unprecedented budget challenges over the next several years and have to make some very difficult decisions."

Title IX will be a factor when determining cuts. Since the academy's gender breakdown is roughly 80 percent male, male athletes must be offered about 75 to 85 percent of the intercollegiate athletic opportunities. So if baseball is cut, a corresponding women's team would likely have to go as well.

This may end up saving some men's sports, which flips the original impact of the law as many schools around the nation had to cut men's sports like wrestling and baseball to even out opportunities between genders.'

Democrats resurrect War on Women messaging

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At the upcoming Working Families summit at the White House and in speeches around the country, Obama will expand the economic argument focused on women to stress workplace protections, expanded pregnancy leave and strengthening leave policies to allow for care of sick children. The DCCC and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee are preparing to mount efforts focused on pay equity as the centerpiece of a larger economic argument targeting women.

...

The logic is simple: Democrats tend to win elections when more women vote, and women tend not to vote as much in midterm years. Those numbers are even higher, in both respects, among unmarried women, who also tend to respond the most strongly to the economic appeal. With Democrats trying to hold onto the Senate, make gains in the House and win several key governor's races, they need women showing up at the polls and voting for them in numbers that defy those trends.

...

Of course, the president's aides are aware of the politics, too: This is a proven, persuasive argument for them, and the messaging heading into the midterms isn't a mistake. They eagerly point out that the section of his State of the Union built around the line, "I believe when women succeed, America succeeds," received the most sustained applause of his whole speech and acknowledge that he's not ad-libbing every time he's included a mention of what his agenda means for women in nearly every speech since.'

Hollywood couple causes uproar with photos from son's circumcision ceremony

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Jason Biggs and wife Jenny Mollen may have enjoyed sharing joyous photos from their son's circumcision ceremony, but it seemed to anger fans.

"Today was not a good day to be Sid's penis," Mollen captioned a photo on Instagram of her kissing her newborn's head as dad stands by smiling. "#babybiggs #circumcision"

The first-time parents were immediately criticized for their lighthearted approach to the situation.

"He has to live with a mutilated penis because his parents are ignorant," one critic with the handle "Ianbrayamia" wrote in response to their photo.

Another, named "Floppymagma," wrote, "Wasn't a good day for poor Sid either! Poor baby. It's amazing that a country so advanced in so many ways is still so backdated."'

Wikipedia on Biggs and Mollen, here and here.

State of Arizona Senate approves bill banning female circumcision

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Story here.

'The Arizona Senate has approved a bill outlawing female genital mutilation that's known as female circumcision.

The Senate unanimously approved the bill on Monday. The bill bars genital mutilation on girls under 18 and would make a first-time violation and conviction punishable by five to 14 years in prison and a minimum $25,000 fine.

Bill sponsor Republican Sen. Judy Burges of Sun City West says female genital mutilation is a problem that's beginning to appear in the United States.

The bill will now go the House of Representatives.'

Survey Says 54% of American Women Prefer Circumcised Penis

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Article and video here. (NSFW: The recorded discussion among the women is explicit.) Excerpt:

'Pro-circumcision groups got a boost with the results of a survey made by AdamAndEve.com on female preference in terms of having the foreskin of their male partners cut or not.

The study found 54 per cent of American women favoured a circumcised penis, 33 per cent don't have any preference, 3 per cent opted for an uncircumcised dick and 10 per cent did not reply.

The survey has 1,000 adult female American respondents from age 18 and above.

Explaining the results of the study, Dr Kat Van Kirk, resident sexpert of AdamAndEve.com - vendor of adult products - said, quoted by Digital Times, "Circumcision is largely a cultural choice. With circumcision prevalent in the U.S. (as well as the Muslim world, Africa and Israel), many American women have never been exposed to an uncircumcised penis."'

"Men's Rights" Activists Are Trying to Redefine the Meaning of Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'They claim that rape statistics are overinflated, that female-on-male sexual assaults are ignored or sneered at, and—above all—that false rape reports are a far larger problem than we acknowledge. And they're taking action. In Canada this past summer, a men's rights group plastered the city of Edmonton with posters aimed at young women. "Just because you regret a one-night stand doesn't mean it wasn't consensual," the posters read. This fall, members of a MRM website took online vigilante justice against an Ohio University student they believed was falsely crying rape. (It turned out she was the wrong woman altogether.) The Occidental incident has sparked other, similar actions—this month, MRM websites called for a mass spamming of Dartmouth's anonymous online sexual assault reporting form.

To dismiss the MRM as merely misogynist and extreme would be to ignore the fact that their beliefs are shared by a troublingly large percentage of the American population. And while the MRM's rhetoric is ugly and often sophistic, they have identified a number of issues—consent, victim-blaming, and legal standards of proof—that have too often been presented in black and white terms, when the reality is much more complicated.'

Report Says Few Army Women Want Combat Jobs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Only a small fraction of Army women say they'd like to move into one of the newly opening combat jobs, but those few who do say they want a job that takes them right into the heart of battle, according to preliminary results from a survey of the service's nearly 170,000 women.

That survey and others across the Army, publicly disclosed for the first time to The Associated Press, also revealed that soldiers of both genders are nervous about women entering combat jobs but say they are determined to do it fairly. Men are worried about losing their jobs to women; women are worried they will be seen as getting jobs because of their gender and not their qualifications. Both are emphatic that the Army must not lower standards to accommodate women.

Less than 8 percent of Army women who responded to the survey said they wanted a combat job. Of those, an overwhelming number said they'd like to be a Night Stalker - a member of the elite special operations helicopter crews who perhaps are best known for flying the Navy SEALS into Osama bin Laden's compound in 2011.
...
Army officials also polled men and women on their concerns about the integration. And they asked senior female leaders to say whether they would have chosen combat jobs if they'd been given that chance 10 or 20 years ago.

All agreed the physical standards for the jobs should remain the same.

"The men don't want to lower the standards because they see that as a perceived risk to their team," David Brinkley, deputy chief of staff for operations at the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, told the AP. "The women don't want to lower the standards because they want the men to know they're just as able as they are to do the same task."'

"For women only: Get free screenings, hear renowned cardiologist at heart health forum at Staten Island University Hospital"

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Announcement here. Excerpt:

'Plenty of poetry and song have been dedicated to a woman's heart, but a little science is needed, too, because her heart is also at the center of the number one cause of death for women.

According to the American Heart and Stroke Association, heart disease, disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases (CVD) are the No. 1 cause of death in American women, claiming over 400,000 lives each year, or nearly one death each minute.

In 2009, one in 30 female deaths was from breast cancer, but one in three was from cardiovascular disease.

Staten Island University Hospital will help women "Give Your Heart a Hand" at its women's heart health forum Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Regina McGinn MD Education Center. The event will provide the opportunity for a number of important screenings and the chance to hear a nationally known cardiologist and author.
...
Screenings will include blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, and body mass index (BMI).

Women taking advantage of the screenings will receive EKG, echocardiograms and ankle pulse ultrasounds if one of their screenings show they are at risk for heart attack or cardiac disease.

Nicotine patches will be available for free and activities will include stress reduction techniques. Healthy refreshments and raffles and prizes will also be part of the festive and informative night.'

UK: Family courts: women and children first

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For years family lawyers have known it to be true: men get a raw deal when they divorce in this country. And by this country, I mean England and Wales rather than the UK as a whole. Scotland has a very different approach to money in divorce and women rarely get the joint lives order (aka ‘meal ticket for life’) that we still see here.

And the prejudice against men is not confined to finance. More important, perhaps, is the way in which there is still no level playing field when it comes to deciding whether children should have their primary homes with their mothers or fathers.

‘There is no evidence of bias in the courts in favour of one parent,’ according to Baroness Butler-Sloss, ex-president of the Family Division, speaking during the committee stage of the Children and Families Bill in October. And apparently, the NSPCC, the Justice Select Committee and the children’s minister all agree with her. Who knew? Certainly none of my family lawyer colleagues. Where are these courts? Not in this jurisdiction. Maybe the baroness and her friends were muddling us up with, say, France or Sweden, where the field is considerably more level.

...

I base this observation on years of dealing with the family courts, almost exclusively in London, and witnessing countless examples of courts treating women and men in entirely different ways. I have acted for several fathers, for example, who have unarguably been the primary carers of their children but have seen their contribution undervalued almost as a matter of course, with the court deciding the children should live with their mothers after divorce. And when it comes to spending time with their children, the message is clear: women and children first.'

Utah Supreme Court reverses decision about father's rights in adoption case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Supreme Court of Utah ruled Tuesday that a district court judge should not have dismissed a biological father's challenge to the Utah Adoption Act.

Christopher Carlton, of Pennsylvania, filed the suit in his quest to find his daughter, now 3 years old, after the baby's mother told Carlton the child was a boy and had died shortly after birth, according to court documents.

The mother, Shalonda Brown, later revealed she had put the baby up for adoption, and Carlton tracked the case to the Adoption Center of Choice in Orem.

In early 2011, Carlton began challenging the constitutionality of the Utah Adoption Act, which prevents him from contesting the adoption because he hadn't acceptably established parental rights.

Judge Steve Hansen of Provo's 4th District Court ruled in favor of the Adoption Center of Choice in November 2011, dismissing all of Carlton's claims.
...
Tuesday's decision called the lower court's reasoning circular and erroneous because it dismissed Carlton's claims based on the very law he argued was unconstitutional. The decision also ruled that Carlton should have been allowed to file an amended petition naming the baby's adoptive parents in the case, adding that until they have been named in the case, a court can't decide whether to grant Carlton custody.

Hansen was also incorrect in dismissing Carlton's claim that the adoption center intentionally inflicted emotional distress, according to the ruling.

However, the court upheld the 4th District Court's decision to dismiss Carlton's claims against the adoption center and Brown claiming fraud, tortious interference with parental rights, pattern of unlawful activity, civil conspiracy and negligent infliction of emotional distress.'

Also covering this development: Army veteran closer to winning custody of child his ex-girlfriend secretly gave up for adoption

Australia: Women filmed abusing man on Gold Coast bus

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Link here. Excerpt:

'A 13-year-old girl has filmed two women racially and physically abusing a male passenger on a Gold Coast bus.

The mobile phone vision, filmed by a girl only known as Rebecca, shows the women hurling abuse at the man before assaulting a fellow passenger.

The teenager filming can be heard frantically pleading with someone on the bus to stop the women as the man tries to retaliate.

Ms Little also defended the bus driver for not stepping in to break up the feud.

"The girls also attacked the driver. Then they were standing right next to him while they were arguing with the Aboriginal man, Paul, so the driver couldn't get out of his seat," she said.

Ms Little said the video fails to show the moment the man continued to "hit" the two women even as they were getting off the bus.

"That was when the other passenger jumped up and just pushed them off," she said.

Queensland Police have confirmed that they have located Paul, who is well known in the area, and say he sustained "bruising to his arms" in the attack.'

My Brother's Keeper: A New White House Initiative to Empower Boys and Young Men of Color

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Today, from the East Room of the White House, President Obama will launch a new effort aimed at empowering boys and young men of color, a segment of our society which too often faces disproportionate challenges and obstacles to success. These obstacles are found in our schools, our communities, our criminal justice system, our families, and even in the minds of our young people themselves. The president is committed to build a broad coalition of backers to help break down barriers, clear pathways to opportunity, and reverse troubling trends which show too many of our boys and young men of color slipping through the cracks in our society.

To launch the "My Brother's Keeper" initiative, the president will be joined by local and national leaders in philanthropy, business, government, faith communities, and media. The challenges facing boys and young men of color are broad and multidimensional, and so must be the team we bring to the table to begin fostering solutions.'

Don’t make boys ashamed of their masculine side

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two weeks ago I wrote an article about the brilliant new film “The Mask You Live In,” a documentary about the pressures boys face growing up.

After my article was published, a reader wrote in with some thought-provoking points. Here is an excerpt from their email: “How about we allow boys to be boys and not emasculate them? By nature, they are rough and tumble, loud, and sometimes will push boundaries. Unfortunately, they receive labels like behavior disorder, ADD, ADHD and so on because most teachers are women and feel intimidated by their actions.”

The reader makes some interesting observations that bear examination. In creating a society that is more empathetic and gender-neutral, it’s crucial that we still allow children to express traits typically associated with masculinity. There is nothing wrong with characteristics such as boisterousness and a love for exploration, but it’s important that we realize that these aren’t just “male” qualities. And, just as boys require the freedom to express their emotions, girls need the freedom to express their wild side — including allowing them to be loud and rough-and-tumble just as we allow boys to be.'

Fear boys falling behind nothing new

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Growing gender enrolment [sic] gaps at universities and poor male test scores in reading and writing have a lot of commentators saying boys are being left behind in schools and workplaces increasingly shaped for women to succeed.

These concerns are nothing new according to University of Windsor education professor Christopher Greig. His recently published book, Ontario Boys: Masculinity and the Idea of Boyhood in Postwar Ontario, 1945—1960, argues that concerns about boyhood identity have been big issues in the past.
...
“Any time you have significant economic and societal changes you see gender roles can become threatened and you see that now also,” Greig said. “Today men continue to see women take on roles (men) used to dominate and succeed in fields they were not around in before, especially at universities.”
...
Greig says he hopes his book will help readers look at the bigger picture of how gender roles play a role in performance by boys at school and elsewhere.

“I hope readers will learn that the concerns we have for boys today are not new,” he said. “Rather than blame schools or parents, we should have a deeper conversation about gender roles and how they influence how boys are raised.”'

Head to Head: Third-wave feminism requires inequality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The problem today is that instead of fighting for equality, third-wave feminists seem to be fighting for superiority. This group of women cannot accept the fact that females are genetically different than males, that they pursue different careers and lead different lives. They aren't satisfied with women being able to vote, run for public office, go to college, work in their desired field, etc. Instead, feminists want women to get the jobs over men, get paid more than men, be accepted into colleges over men and more. That's not equality, that's dominance and a complete abuse of affirmative action. It should not be gender that decides things for a person. It should be personal drive, grades, achievement and capability.
...
There is no doubt that, at times, men get picked over women because of their sex. But there are also times that women are picked over men. Not every job gets the same pay. A teacher does not make the same as an engineer; an engineer does not make the same as a nurse. Are we supposed to close the pay gap and have everyone paid the same? Sure, if you want socialism.

Life isn't fair, but having women try to dominate does not make it fair either. People should not be hired based on meeting standards the government has laid out because of gender or race. People should be hired based on the quality of work that they perform.

Equality is a good thing, but when women start demanding to be chosen for a job over a man simply because of her gender, she is no longer being treated with equality; she is being acknowledged solely because of her gender, and that is detrimental to women's long-fought fight for equal treatment.'

SAVE: Abuse Myths: Numerous, Pervasive, and By Design

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Article here. Excerpt:

'*"Intimate partner violence is the leading cause of death for African-American women aged 15-45."* – Attorney General Eric Holder, Oct. 19, 2009

A.G. Holder's statement turned out to be wrong. So wrong, in fact that the Washington Post's Fact-Checker said the claim qualified for his notorious Four-Pinocchio rating: http://wapo.st/19Gxb1x

Holder's faux pas illustrates how even high government officials can be fooled by zealous advocates who dole out incredulous factoids.
These factoids are numerous, pervasive, and made by design:

Numerous

Have you noticed all the jaw-dropping abuse claims are out there?

- The Super Bowl is the biggest sex trafficking event in the United States
- 95% of domestic violence victims are female
- One in four college women has been a victim of sexual assault

One report examined 50 different domestic violence claims – and every one of them turned out to be false. That's a lot of misinformation! http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/RADARreport-50-DV-Myths.pdf'

Oklahoma father dies in police encounter after mother slaps daughter

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Story here. A woman gets into an argument with her daughter and slaps her. The police show up and immediately confront the woman's husband, and somehow it leads to him dead on the ground. Imagine if the sexes had been totally reversed: Man gets into argument with son and slaps him. Police show up and confront the man's wife, and she is dead on the ground a few minutes later. That'd be weird, but this? How weird does it feel? If your intellectual reaction is that it's outrageous but emotionally it's... well, meh... then that's the degree to which you've been conditioned to accept male disposability and anti-male injustice. And tell me, we still live in a "patriarchy"? Excerpt:

'It was supposed to be a fun family outing to the movies, but Nair Rodriguez's 19-year-old daughter got under her skin. They fought, she said, and she slapped her daughter.

Moments later, police arrived on a domestic dispute call at the Moore, Oklahoma, theater and did not confront Nair Rodriguez but rather her husband, Luis. They took him down, and after the encounter on February 15, he was dead.

Cell phone video taken by Nair Rodriguez and released this week shows the final minutes of the takedown.

Nair Rodriguez accuses officers of brutality. Police say they were following protocol and used no undue force, although three officers have been suspended with pay.'

SAVE: "The Truth: Cure for Rape-Culture Hysteria"

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Like we mentioned last week, things are getting a little crazy when it comes to rape prevention.

From female students being afraid the statue of a man in underwear might come to life and sexually assault them, to a college administrator suggesting we hang every student who is accused of rape, just because he's been accused. Okay, I may have exaggerated about the hanging.

We want to stop rape hysteria because we don't think it's helping one bit. In fact, it's making it more difficult to promote evidence-based solutions. One way to end the hysteria is with facts. So here you go:

FACT: Each year, similar percentages of men and women (Men: 5.3%; Women: 5.6%) experience sexual violence other than rape.

That shows me that sexual assault is not a "gender crime."

FACT: The number of rapes of females has fallen dramatically in the United States, from 402,000 in 1995 to 143,300 in 2010.

That shows me that while radical anti-rape activists are screaming about a rape epidemic, the opposite is actually true. We have been successful at reducing rape.

You can find seven more facts in our handout: "Nine Key Facts About Sexual Violence and Rape"

Please take a look, and feel to print it. Arm yourselves with accurate facts to counter the hysteria you come across.

ACTION: Pick one fact, and post it online today, with the fact-sheet URL:
http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Nine-Facts-About-Sexual-Violence-and-Rape1.pdf

Thank you!

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Study: ‘Global Warming Will Cause 180,000 More Rapes by 2099’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How to prevent crime? 'Rein in the greenhouse gas emissions that are causing global warming in the first place.'

Controversial new research predicts that over the coming century, rising temperatures will result in more violent crime...'Police have long operated with the understanding that 'the summer is more dangerous than the winter,' explains Roman. 'To the extent that climate change causes people to be out and interacting more, there will be more crime.'

'Global warming isn't just going to melt the Arctic and flood our cities—it's also going to make Americans more likely to kill each other. That's the conclusion of a controversial new study that uses historic crime and temperature data to show that hotter weather leads to more murders, more rapes, more robberies, more assaults, and more property crimes. "Looking at the past, we see a strong relationship between temperature and crime," says study author Matthew Ranson, an economist with policy consulting firm Abt Associates. "We think that is likely to continue in the future."

Climate Depot Response:

If warm weather cases more rape, why the significant 'drop; in US rape rate since the 1970s cooling scare?

UK: Female serial killer becomes first woman told by judge to die in jail

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Story here. Hey, welcome to the club. Male convicts not only get mandatory life sentences/death sentences for less (sometimes, a lot less, depending on the country) but people regularly state that they hope such men "rot to death," are raped/murdered while in jail, etc. So a mandatory life sentence handed out without further comment for a sadistic serial-murdering sociopath qualifies, IMO, as better treatment than is typical. Men so sentenced for similar (or lesser) acts are often also denounced by the judge at sentencing with all manner of more-polite ways to render the phrase "mass-murdering subhuman scumbag". And well-deserved. Just also well-deserved for female ones, too. Excerpt:

'Joanne Dennehy has become the first woman ordered to die behind bars by a judge, who told the murderer of three men she was "a cruel, calculating, selfish and manipulative serial killer".

Mr Justice Spencer decided on Friday that Dennehy's crimes were so exceptionally serious, that he became the first judge to sentence a woman to serve a whole-life term *[link added]*, following a dramatic hearing at the Old Bailey in central London.

But during the hearing Dennehy smiled and chatted to some of the three accomplices sat in the dock with her who were also sentenced.

The judge revealed the 31-year-old had told a psychiatrist that she killed "to see if I was as cold as I thought I was. Then it got moreish and I got a taste for it".

The mother of two was driven by a "sadistic lust" for blood, stabbing three men she knew to death within 10 days in Peterborough last March, before travelling to Hereford where she knifed two men at random in broad daylight within nine minutes of one another as they walked their dogs.'

Teenage girls sentenced to life, 30 years for murder of "friend"

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Story here.

'A West Virginia teenager has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for her role in her friend's death.

Seventeen-year-old Rachel Shoaf apologized before being sentenced Wednesday in Monongalia County Circuit Court. She pleaded guilty last May to second-degree murder in the July 2012 death of 16-year-old Skylar Neese.

Media outlets report that Judge Russell Clawges ordered Shoaf to serve her sentence in a state prison. She'll remain in a juvenile facility until her 18th birthday.

Co-defendant Shelia Eddy* was sentenced Jan. 24 to life in prison with the possibility of parole for first-degree murder.

Neese was lured from her home, stabbed to death and her body left in the woods. Prosecutors never divulged a motive. Shoaf told police the girls no longer wanted to be friends with Neese.'

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* Eddy was 18 at the time of the murder. Shoaf dodged life by less than a year's worth of hanging out and doing whatever it is murderous teenage girls do to pass their time until reaching 18. Ahh, the justice system. Well at least they got some serious time for the serious crime. Guess we'll see how long they actually remain behind bars. Would they have gotten these sentences if their "friend" had had a penis? Probably not.

City's YMCA and police dept. start girls-only swim class

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Special considerations have to be made to address modesty concerns so that the Muslim girls can swim and not reveal too much of themselves.

During the hourlong swim practice, all other swimmers are cleared out of the pool. The men's locker room is locked. Female life guards are brought in. The pool, which is on the building's third floor, has no windows so they don't have to worry about prying eyes from outside.

St. Paul Police Chief Tom Smith had discussions with Britts to let the Y know that, through the department's connections with the Somali-American community, they had learned that such a group was needed.
...
"We have to have privacy," said Ubah Ali, Dhamuke's mother.

For years, Ali said she has been trying to find a place where her daughter could swim, but nothing seemed to work. Not knowing how to swim is a safety risk, especially in the state of 10,000 lakes, Ali said.

Hani Hussein, who volunteers at the Al-Ihsan Islamic Center in St. Paul, said she looked into reserving public pools for girls, but it was too expensive.
...
Other metro YMCAs have water safety programs, but they don't specifically cater to the needs of Somali girls. However, Britts recalled that a YMCA in north Minneapolis did have a Somali girls swim group about a decade ago.

Funding for the group comes from two metrowide water safety grants from Hawkins Inc. and Abbey's Hope Charitable Foundation. The police department helps provide transportation for the girls to the YMCA.'

Barbara Kay: Rape culture and the delusions of the feminist mind

fathers4fairness · 2 March 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The fact is that “rape culture” is a form of popular mania like so many others before it. It does not exist. Or if it does, nobody has yet brought forward evidence of it. What we have seen is ideology attached to a great deal of personal narrative regarding unwanted or regretted sex. Some of those narratives have been compelling, but unsupported by evidence. Some have been compelling and found to be false allegations. Many of the narratives are based in recollection hazed over by alcoholic smog. And most of them would not stand up for two minutes in a criminal court of law.

Many observers have become more, not less skeptical with the mounting hysteria. One such observer has done something useful to validate our skepticism. Chad Hermann, a writer and management communication professor at Carnegie Mellon University’s Tepper School of Business, has published an article in communityvoices.post-gazette.com assessing both the claims and the actual statistical evidence for rape culture, in which he illuminates some glaring contradictions.

Hermann set the typical projected figure of 20-25% of women as victims of forced sex against the reported sexual assault offenses over three years at Pittsburgh’s three largest residential universities: the University of Pittsburgh (UP), Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) and Duquesne University (DU). In 2009: At UP, with 14,800 female students, four sexual assaults were reported. At CMU, with about 3,900 female students, six sexual assaults were reported (a three-year high). At DU, with 5,700 females, three were reported.

But wait: We “know” (we don’t really) that 90% of rapes go unreported! Okay, Hermann adjusts the numbers to reflect that, giving UP 40 assaults, CMU 60 and DU 30. Are we at one-in-four yet? Hardly. We’re at one-in-185 (average of the three). That was in 2009. Over three years, 2007-9, women’s chances of being sexually assaulted average out for the reported cases to one in 1,877. If you factor in the 90% allegedly unreported, you get a maximum of only one in 188.

So relax ladies. Although there should never be sexual assaults on any woman on campus, there is no need to panic. Moreover, it is fair comment to observe that those women students who do not drink to excess, who are prudent about the kind of parties they attend, and who are selective about their sexual partners in general will doubtless reduce their odds much further, down to statistically nugatory levels.'

Canada: Girls top boys in literacy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Girls are better than boys -- in literacy, at least. And the gender gap keeps getting wider.

Males have been doing worse compared to their female classmates when taking the Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) during the last five years -- from 6.6% below the girls in 2009 to 9% last year, according to this year's Fraser Institute Secondary School Report Card.

"That's a fair increase -- almost 50% increase from where it was before," said the Fraser Institute's Peter Cowley.

Meanwhile, the Grade 9 math gender gap favoured boys at 45% of schools across the province. The sexes performed evenly at 32.4% of schools.
...
Education research analyst Terri Thompson said girls seem to be doing better in all academic areas except math. The reading gap between boys and girls has been a long-standing issue for the past few decades.

"One of the reasons why girls are starting to do better in science is because literacy is becoming more embedded in the curriculum across the board," she said. "Narrative fiction is what girls tend to enjoy, whereas boys often don't enjoy that as much," she added. "But they have a wide range of material they often do enjoy, but are often not represented in schools -- like non-fiction and some graphic novels."'

Sweden: Children of older men at greater risk of mental illness

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Article here. Or perhaps it is equally due to older mothers - or the increased incidence of diagnosing psychiatric illnesses. Excerpt:

'Children born to fathers over the age of 45 are at greater risk of developing psychiatric problems and more likely to struggle at school, according to the findings of a large-scale study.

The research found that children with older fathers were more often diagnosed with disorders such as autism, psychosis, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. They also reported more drug abuse and suicide attempts.

"We were shocked when we saw the comparisons," said Brian D'Onofrio, the first author of the study at Indiana University in the US. But he added that it was impossible to be sure that older age was to blame for the problems.

Researchers at Indiana University and the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm studied medical and educational records of more than 2.6 million babies born to 1.4 million men. The group amounted to nearly 90% of births in Sweden from 1973 and 2001.
...
Ryan Edwards, who studies the economics of health and ageing at the City University of New York, said the study revealed "some evidence that paternal age may worsen children's psychiatric, behavioral and educational outcomes."

But he warned that the results hinged on the scientists' comparisons between siblings. "In that setting, it is difficult to separate the overlapping effects of paternal age, children's age, and birth order in a convincing way," he said.

Jennifer Roff, also at the City University of New York, had similar reservations. "I'm not saying that there is no possible genetic role for paternal age. I simply think that this could be confounded with other environmental factors like birth order. The extent of the problem will vary. I can imagine that for things like cognitive scores, this could be a larger problem than for things like schizophrenia."'

US: Mandatory domestic violence arrests raise death rate 400%

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A shocking illustration of unintended consequences -- the long-term analysis of 1200 domestic violence cases in Milwaukee marks the greatest challenge yet to the “mandatory arrest” policies that were adopted across North America and Britain in the 1980s. Those policies, for domestic assault without serious injury, came after years of police minimizing domestic violence as a private family matter, and are broadly supported as key to reducing harm.
...
Based on an experiment in Milwaukee, it shows a four-fold increase in early death for victims who were employed at the time of the violence, with an even stronger effect among African-Americans. The findings are to be presented jointly in the U.S. and at a policing conference in the U.K.

“It remains to be seen whether democracies can accept these facts as they are, rather than as we might wish them to be,” writes Lawrence W. Sherman, a criminologist at Cambridge University, in an article co-authored with Edward Flynn, Milwaukee’s chief of police.
...
“It should be a warning to Canada, where there’s never been this kind of experiment,” Prof. Sherman said, but added neither the Canadian government nor police “have shown any interest in using rigorous testing methods to develop evidence about the effects of police decisions, or to compare the effects of two possible ways of dealing with a policing situation.”'

"Women Still Left Out of Medical Research: Report"

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'Two decades after the passage of a landmark law mandating that women be represented in government-funded medical research, a new report reveals that the world of science is still ignoring women's unique health issues far more than it should.

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While women are now more routinely included in clinical trials and an entire field of women's health has emerged beyond reproductive health, "there are still enormous gaps in the scientific process as it relates to women," said Johnson, who is executive director of The Connors Center for Women's Health at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

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However, Gordon said, a lot of researchers don't want to do studies on women of childbearing age due to their monthly hormonal fluctuations, for example.

"When you're doing animal studies, you want to make things as standardized as possible," she explained. "If you add in gender, how do you standardize, especially considering the hormone issues," but that doesn't excuse the disparity, Gordon noted.

Gordon said pregnancy and safety to unborn children are concerns, too. "Again, I'm not excusing it or saying it's an appropriate reason, but it is a concern investigators have," she pointed out.

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Women need to drive the conversation, said Dr. Eve Higginbotham, vice dean for diversity and inclusion at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia.

"We still have a lot of bias embedded in academic medicine, and certainly it comes down to the people actually doing the studies," said Higginbotham. "Women are still struggling to get to the highest levels of academic medicine. In many cases, women are not the primary drivers in many of these studies."

Higginbotham noted that the highest levels of academia in medical schools are still slim on women -- women only represent 5 percent of medical professors in the United States.'

Suicide in the military: Army-NIH funded study points to risk and protective factors

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Link here. Excerpt:

'The largest study of mental health risk and resilience ever conducted among U.S. military personnel today released its first findings related to suicide attempts and deaths in a series of three JAMA Psychiatry articles. Findings from The Army Study to Assess Risk and Resilience in Servicemembers (Army STARRS) include: the rise in suicide deaths from 2004 to 2009 occurred not only in currently and previously deployed soldiers, but also among soldiers never deployed; nearly half of soldiers who reported suicide attempts indicated their first attempt was prior to enlistment; and soldiers reported higher rates of certain mental disorders than civilians, including attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), intermittent explosive disorder (recurrent episodes of extreme anger or violence), and substance use disorder.

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The articles reflect different strategies to evaluate information on suicide risk and potentially protective factors. An article by lead author Michael Schoenbaum of NIMH examined the suicide and accident death rates in relation to basic socio-demographic and Army experience factors in the 975,057 regular Army soldiers who served between Jan. 1, 2004 and Dec. 31, 2009. This study found that the suicide rates increased during this time period, even among those who had never deployed, and also found that being deployed increased suicide risk for women more than it did for men. However, suicide risk still remained lower for deployed women than for deployed men.

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Although the root causes for the rise in Army suicides still remain unknown, these three studies point to risk factors, which may help identify potential protective factors, focus existing prevention programs, and foster the development of novel efforts to reduce suicide and suicidal thoughts and actions among service members at higher risk.'

NY Times: Democrats Try Wooing Ones Who Got Away: White Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is a challenge that runs throughout the nation's industrial heartland, in farm states and across the South, after a half-century of economic, demographic and cultural shifts that have reshaped the electorate. Even in places like Michigan, where it has been decades since union membership lists readily predicted Democratic votes, many in the party pay so little attention to white working-class men that it suggests they have effectively given up on converting them.

...

No Democratic presidential candidate has won a majority of white men since Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964. Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama all prevailed with support of the so-called rising electorate of women, especially single women, and minorities. But fewer of those voters typically participate in midterm elections, making the votes of white men more potent and the struggle of Democrats for 2014 clear.

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Democrats generally win the votes of fewer than four in 10 white men. But they win eight of 10 minority voters and a majority of women, who have been a majority of the national electorate since 1984, while white men have shrunk to a third, and are still shrinking.

...

Some white men have proved to be within reach: single men, college students and graduates with advanced degrees, the nonreligious, and gay men. But working-class married men remain hardest to win over and, unless they are in unions, get the least attention — to the dismay of some partisans.

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Democrats' gloom about white men was eased temporarily by Mr. Obama's 2008 election when he won 41 percent of white male voters — the first time a Democrat exceeded 40 percent since Mr. Carter in 1976. But their support for his re-election fell to 35 percent, roughly what Democrats have gotten since they lost to Richard Nixon.'

Boy suspended for pointing finger "like a gun"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A central Ohio principal says she suspended a 10-year-old boy from school for three days for pretending his finger was a gun and pointing it at another student's head.

The boy's father says it's the adults who are acting childish for suspending the boy from Devonshire Alternative Elementary School in Columbus last week.

The fifth-grader said he was "just playing around." But district spokesman Jeff Warner told The Columbus Dispatch (HTTP://BIT.LY/1JO1RL7*) that Devonshire Principal Patricia Price has warned students about pretend gun play numerous times this year, and everyone should know the rules by now. He said warnings have been included in three newsletters sent home with kids.

Warner says the boy put his finger to the side of the other student's head and pretended to shoot "kind of execution style."

"The kids were told, `If you don't stop doing this type of stuff, there would be consequences,'" Warner said. "It's just been escalating."'

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*Ed.: The shortcut link as cited in the original article is not re-directing correctly. The source article of reference for the shortcut link is:
http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/03/04/boy-who-used-finger-like-gun-suspended.html

How Colleges Could Get Rid of Fraternities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fraternities offer their members opportunities for community service, friendship, and leadership. They also create environments that seem to breed hazing, binge drinking, and sexual assault. Universities have struggled to harness fraternities' power for good and diminish their capability for evil, but so far little has worked. So what can universities do to stem the flow of fatalities, injuries, and sexual assaults at fraternities? Instead of threatening fraternities with everything from limited rush week activities to double secret probation, some think the solution is to end the reign of fraternities on American campuses altogether. Last month, Bloomberg's editors called for college administrations to abolish fraternities. Caitlin Flanagan called for the "shuttering" of fraternities in a 2011 Wall Street Journal piece. Other writers have penned similar pieces.

These articles take for granted that Greek life can be dethroned, but the reality is more complicated. It would take more than angsty editorials to push fraternities off of the American college campus. Fraternities and universities share a centuries-long history, a student body eager to find the collegiate promise land of keg-fueled parties, and a relationship that is, in many ways, mutually beneficial. If deaths, binge drinking, and sexual assault haven't been enough to bring them down, what would have to happen to dismantle fraternities? Here are some possible scenarios:'

Somaliland leaders want female genitals to be cut

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Article here. Rightfully, we read this article, and think it's incomprehensible, especially as it says the girls who had it done to them think it was good for them. Sound familiar? Switch the genders and most people in western countries would be "meh..." about it. Religion's no excuse when it comes to FGM, right? So why is it when it comes to MGM? Excerpt:

'The 30 Somali teenagers - both boys and girls - all agreed: Female genital mutilation is harmful and the practice should be abandoned. But what they really meant, they revealed moments later, is that girls should have their genitalia cut - just not sewn shut.

"It's our tradition and if the girls are not subjected to suna(cutting) she will not be accepted for marriage," said Asthma Ibrahim Jabril, 17.

The students, who are part of an afterschool club in Somaliland which the U.N. children's agency helps fund, discuss issues like child labor, early marriage, and female genital mutilation in a classroom with several large hearts scrawled along the walls.

...

All 15 girls sitting opposite the boys at Sheik Nuur Primary school have undergone suna_the removal of the clitoris and the labia minora. They all said it was the right thing to do.

Female genital mutilation comes in many different forms. The other form known by the Somali teens is sewing the vagina shut until marriage. Everyone agreed that this should be ended.

...

Female genital mutilation can cause severe bleeding and problems with urination, cysts, infections, infertility and complications with childbirth, including an increased risk of newborn death. More than 125 million girls and women alive today have been cut in 29 African and Middle Eastern countries, the World Health Organization says.

In Somalia, the cultural expectation for girls to undergo genital mutilation comes down to sex and marriage. Men expect to marry a virgin. If a girl has not undergone female genital mutilation, she is considered unclean.'

SAVE: Affirmative Consent: Exercise in Parody

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey found that each year, nearly identical percentages of men and women experience sexual violence other than rape (men: 5.3%; women: 5.6%). And rapes have plummeted to their lowest levels in decades—see graph on the right. Still, campus extremists insist our society is permeated with what they call “rape-culture.”

Their solution? Affirmative Consent, which the U.S. Department of Education describes as persons’ “affirmative, unambiguous, and voluntary agreement” for any sexual encounter.

Advocates like to brandish the slogan, “Consent is Sexy.” In reality, Affirmative Consent is the latest example of government bureaucrats and university administrators trying to micro-manage the most intimate details of citizens’ lives.'

BBC: Psychological abuse 'should be a made crime'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Psychological abuse should be made a crime in England and Wales in order to save more victims of domestic violence, campaigners have said.

The groups, including Women's Aid, say current legislation focuses too much on specific incidents, such as an assault.

They say the law fails to take into account power and control, which are the essence of domestic abuse.

The Home Office said it would carefully consider the idea after a police review of domestic abuse was completed.

Women's Aid, the Sara Charlton Charitable Foundation and stalking advice service Paladin have urged the government to criminalise "coercive control", patterns of abusive behaviour and causing psychological harm, in order to make it easier to prove long-running abuse.'

UK official: All-women shortlists could be allowed in FTSE 100 companies

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Business Secretary Vince Cable has backed recommendations which could see headhunters draft women-only shortlists for board-level posts, eliminating men entirely from the recruitment process.

All-women shortlists are not currently used in the private sector because they are fraught with legal difficulties and leave companies open to sex discrimination claims from men left out of the hiring process.

But Mr Cable has asked the UK's equality body, the Equalities and Human Rights Commission, to create guidance for headhunters on when and how women-only shortlists could be used in accordance with the law, free from the threat of litigation.

A source close to the Department for Business said the Government had not ruled out the possibility of changing the law to make all-women shortlists legal "without grey areas".

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Employment experts said that all-women shortlists are unlawful unless companies can demonstrate in a court of law that there are no men of equal merit for the job - which they point out would be largely impossible.

Meanwhile, a former FTSE 100 chairman, who preferred to remain nameless, said: "Is this really going to work anyway? At the end of the day, women won't be appointed on merit – making their appointments tokenistic – and it actually sets women up for failure.'

Swedish firm defends 'ladies only' job ad

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Malmö start-up Brisk.io, which creates tools for sales organizations, recently advertised two positions within their company. The firm has been on the lookout for a blogger/marketing position and an outbound sales junior role, and stated in the job listings that they had a preference for female candidates.

"The position is in Malmö (Sweden) and you are fluent in English and are proficient with the technical tools. Preferably you are a woman. Yes, we are biased to hiring women for all positions," stated the advert.

At present, Brisk.io employs one woman in its 10-strong workforce. Co-founder and CEO Hampus Jakobsson told The Local that the lack of females in the office had been the motivation for the biased job posting.

"The idea behind the advert was a collective one. I wouldn't say that it is a policy but a philosophy as we want to create a non-homogeneous work environment," said Jakobsson.
...
"When an employer wants to hire a specific person for a job they need to state that preference in the advert. In this instance it could be that the company is mainly made up of men and they want it to be more gender balanced," a spokesman said.

"However, an employer cannot discriminate on grounds on ethnicity or race as that would illegal."'

"Women’s Jobs Are More Stressful And Less Flexible Than Men’s"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 27 developed countries, women’s jobs are not just lower paid than men’s, but they also offer less flexibility and fewer advancement opportunities while inducing more stress, according to a new study from SAGE and the British Sociological Association.

The researchers, Professor Haya Stier of Tel Aviv University and Professor Meir Yaish of the University of Haifa, looked at survey data from 8,500 working men and 9,000 women in a wide swath of countries, including the United States. They found that on a scale of one to five, men’s answers were 8 percent more positive than women’s when it came to their income and their opportunities for promotion.

Men were also much more likely to report flexibility and independence: they scored 15 percent higher when it came to whether their employers decide start and end times, how their schedule is organized, and whether they can take time off, and they scored 2 percent higher in terms of how independently they can work, their ability to improve their skills, and how interesting their work is. Meanwhile, they scored 5 percent lower than women when it came to stress levels. They also report more job security.'

Female candidate for city council office mails out 'women are more honorable and ethical' fliers to voters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A candidate for the Santa Fe City Council has mailed a flier urging voters to support her in a race against two men, because, she says, women make better public servants.

Mary Bonney, an art gallery owner on trendy Canyon Road and a candidate for District 2 in the state capital, cites five reasons to vote for women, including: They are “more responsive to constituents,” “more focused on cooperation” and “have proven to be more honorable and ethical.”
...
The flier also quotes Margaret Thatcher, who said, “If you want something said ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman.”

When asked if the flier may alienate men in her district, Bonney said, “It certainly wasn’t meant to intend to offend men, for sure.”

But if a man sent out a flier saying men are more responsive to constituents, more focused on cooperation and are more honorable and ethical, wouldn’t that risk the ire of women voters?

“I don’t agree it’s sexist,” Bonney told New Mexico Watchdog. “I don’t agree with it, but I don’t think it would be seen as sexist. I think you’re reading way too much into this, into the gender part of it.”

On the front of the flier, Bonney attacks opponents Rad Acton and Joe Maestas, labeling them as “Bad Boys.”
...
Update 3/5: Bonney ended up finishing fourth in a field of five candidates.'

Mother drives carload of children into ocean

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Link here. Excerpt:

'The amateur vision shows a group of men rushing over to the black vehicles as it slowly edges further out into the ocean with a family inside.

Using the car's boot and doors to access the stricken children the men pluck the kids to safety as their 31-year-old mother walks away from the vehicle in a daze.

Mr Tesseneer said the impromptu heroes thought their work was done when one of the children told them there was still someone trapped in the car.

"The kids are like, 'No there's a baby. There's a baby,'" Mr Tesseneer said.

"She (the mother) wouldn't say a word. She didn't tell us nothing about a baby."
...
Their mother was taken to a local hospital for a psychiatric assessment.

She has refused to speak to police investigating the incident.'

"World’s biggest-ever survey on violence against women"

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The European Union's Agency on Fundamental Rights has conducted interviews of approximately 42,000 women and concluded at 1/3 of European women are victims of violence.

A BBC News story on the survey here. The survey's main report is here.

Perhaps most importantly, the actual content of the survey is here. From this, it appears that if a woman has ever had an "offensive comment" posted about her on the Internet, or she has ever felt that her partner was suspicious about her sexual fidelity she may have been considered a victim of violence for purposes of this survey.

SAVE E-lert: Ask DED Sec'y Duncan: "Do You Abide by Affirmative Consent Mandates?"

Matt · 6 March 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Here we go with more craziness around preventing sexual assault on campus.

The Dept. of Education (DED) wants college students to follow Affirmative Consent requirements, which they describe as persons' "affirmative, unambiguous, and voluntary agreement" for any sexual encounter.

And, lawmakers in California claim that Affirmative Consent mandates that both partners give their explicit, verbal consent on a repeated basis throughout the process of having sex.

Now you can't ask, "Do you want me now?" to be sexy, you have to ask and get an answer, over and over again. And if anti-rape policies keep getting crazier, you better get it on audio tape, with a date and time stamp.

Let's ask DED Secy. Arne Duncan if his lovemaking sessions include this type of ongoing verbal exchange. Ask him, "The last time you had sex, did you follow Affirmative Consent requirements?"

Here's Arne Duncan's email: arne.duncan-at-ed.gov

And here's the info on Affirmative Consent. Check it out: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/affirmative-consent/

Thank you!

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Podcast: Should men be exempt from paying child support?

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Podcast here. In brief, a discussion between two men who believe men should be exempt from paying child support because men have no reproductive rights.

China: "Wife cuts off husband's penis, again"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'The Bobbitting started when a man, identified as Han Mou, asked his wife for a divorce, EChinacities.com reports.

The wife, named Zhang, believed her husband was seeking a divorce because he was in a relationship with at least one other woman.

Seeking to put an end to his suspected extra-marital rendezvous Zhang drugged him with sleeping pills, cut off his penis and flushed it down the toilet.

She was arrested but later bailed and continued to live with her genitally challenged husband and their children.
...
With his newly reclaimed manhood Mr Han set out on the quest for a new wife once again, expecting Zhang would be jailed, leaving him to raise his children alone.

Unimpressed with her husband's antics Zhang dusted off her sleeping pills and drugged a glass of his milk.

Mr Han later woke up in agony and screamed that his wife had cut off "everything".

Zhang called an ambulance and police to give herself up.

Castration has been referred to as Bobbitting in popular culture since 1993 when John Wayne Bobbitt's wife Lorena cut off his penis while he slept.'

Title IX gives women opportunities at men's expense

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Are men's rights being taken away when women are granted more? In most situations, such as equal pay and equal treatment in the workforce, the answer is no. The case of Title IX, however, is more complicated. Title IX sets criteria for universities to ensure that "sex discrimination [is banned] in educational institutions receiving federal funds." The legislation has many benefits. For example, it prevents women from being harassed, abused or treated differently in an academic setting. When it comes to athletic opportunities, however, a lot of men are losing out. Because Title IX requires equal funding for both men's and women's teams, many universities have cut men's programs, claiming they are unable to raise the budget for women's sports without cutting from men's. Is this necessarily the truth? No, because there are several other options available. Women in sports are gaining more opportunities while men are losing out for no clear or real reason.'

Student-teacher sex: Are more female teachers being charged?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Mobile math teacher is convicted of having sex with a teenager. A fifth-grade teacher is implicated in Pell City. A foreign language teacher is charged in Tuscaloosa. A Sheffield Junior High School teacher, in a car, having sex, with a 15-year-old.

All of the accused are women. In fact, about one-third of the cases of possibly inappropriate relationships investigated by Alabama education officials in 2013 involved women.

"It may not be happening more, but now there's more punishment," said Josh Klapow, a clinical psychologist and associate professor at UAB's School of Public Health. "We don't know those incidents that aren't being caught and aren't being reported."'

Sweden: Greens propose Women's Day as holiday

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sweden's Green party have proposed turning the annual International Women's Day (IWD) into a public holiday and said that gender equality has gone backwards under the current government.

In an op-ed published in Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet on IWD the party's spokesperson Gustav Fridolin said it should become a red day on the calendar. The editorial was co-signed by Green party politicians Åsa Romson and Gunvor G Ericsson.

"Sweden continues to be an unequal country. On the boards of listed companies it is still more common to be called Johan than to be a woman. We still have not, unlike all the other Nordic countries, had a woman as the head of government," wrote the Green party members in the op-ed.
...
The Greens also made calls for changes to the justice and education systems and for Sweden to be an example for equality in the world.
...
For the Green Party's proposal to become a reality an existing public holiday would have to be scrapped from the calendar and become a regular work day. The party declined to suggest which day should be removed and replaced with International Women's Day.

"This probably means that one of the existing public holidays would become a working day," they wrote in the concluding paragraph.'

Swedish man ruled legal father of unwanted twins

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An older Swedish couple with one child decided to seek help conceiving another, but were forced abroad as embryo donations - where both the egg and the sperm come from third parties - are not legal in Sweden. The man, however, claimed he was clear about wanting just one child, partly because he and his wife are both in their fifties, and the couple ticked a box stating so on the consent form.

The first attempt did not work, but the wife travelled abroad again for a second try, this time leaving her husband at home. At the clinic, she amended the consent form to allow the staff to implant two embryos at once. She did not tell her husband. The second attempt failed too, but the woman persisted, again travelling abroad for a third procedure. Yet no matter her desire for another child, the news that she was expecting twins would cost her her husband.

"They were so at odds over this that they agreed to no longer live together," the 56-year-old's lawyer Ulf Bjermer told The Local on Thursday. "She said in court that she acted against her husband's wishes, but said that she so desperately wanted a child."

While there could be legal implications to her lying on the consent form, Bjermer was quick to point out that the ex-husband did not take her to court for any criminal offence. Rather, he simply wanted the court to recognize that he had consented to one child only, and that he therefore legally should not be considered the father to both children.

The district court disagreed. It ruled that the man was both twins' legal father.

"If you look past the family law aspects, this case is important when it comes to the content and the actual meaning of giving consent," said Bjermer, whose client has instructed him to appeal the verdict.'

Tammy Bruce: War on boys an attempt to create fearful populace

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Story here. Excerpt:

We asked her, "So many times we hear about 'the war on boys'--of a boy fashioning his hand or breakfast pastry into the shape of gun, then being suspended. What are we to think of this?"

Bruce responded:
Look, there is a culture through the left that wants to emasculate the nation as a whole. It's through the military, of course, you see Obama trying to do that, as well. We see it through what's happening in education. Political correctness itself was meant to end the notion that we could have direct conversations, that we could be ambitious, that we could be our own people.

Men are seen, of course, by the feminist movement and by the left who are led by the same individuals as those with the feminist-movement mentality. And they see the best way to emasculate the nation--certainly to cut it off at its knees--is to start with the children. And the biggest threat there are little boys.

If you can change the mentality of little boys, train them from an early age to not be who they are--and that's, of course, what the left's general attitude is for everyone in this country... Ironically, I think the most difficult people to train in that way are little boys.'

Wikipedia on Tammy Bruce here. Note she used to be the head of LA's NOW chapter and after clashing with their national leadership, went her own way. I've noticed that happens a lot with them.

Cheap shot: Cops say Wisconsin woman offered $1,000, sex to kill fiance

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Wisconsin woman offered a hitman $1,000 — and sex — to kill her fiance, cops say.

Jessica Strom, 33, of Wausau, was arraigned Monday on a charge of conspiracy to commit to first-degree homicide.

Late last month she hatched her plan to kill her beau, John Schellpfeffer, according to court documents posted to The Smoking Gun.

Strom allegedly met with an acquaintance who she knew through Northcentral Technical College on Feb. 26, telling him she had a “business proposal.”

“Would you ever kill anybody?” she asked, according to documents.

Cops said the friend, whose name was redacted from court papers, replied he could never do that.
...
“Don’t tell anyone about this,” she allegedly said. “I don’t want to have to kill you too.”

That’s when the acquaintance decided to alert cops.

Cops said it never became clear why Strom wanted Schellpfeffer dead, only saying her fiance was “a really bad person who has done bad things.” She said she’d plotted the murder for two years, according to cops.
...
He could simply “blow his brains out and walk out,” Strom said, according to police.

The next time they met the informant asked for $50,000 to do the job — but then was talked down to $1,000, according to documents.

“It’s better than nothing, I guess,” the informant said.

“And some sex!” Strom said, according to papers. After the murder she allegedly pledged to meet with the informant and “pay you and f--- you and whatever.”

She is being on $250,000 bond and faces up to 60 years behind bars.'

Civil Rights Lawsuit Alleges Deputies Burned Man's Genitals With Taser

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Story here. I do not think for a moment that if this is true, any given police officer of either sex would have treated a female this way -- not that a police officer ought to be treating anyone this way no matter what. Excerpt:

'A Southern California man is accusing Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies in a federal civil rights lawsuit of attacking him and using a Taser on his genitals while his mother watched.

Daniel Johnson, 26, filed the lawsuit in January against the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department after deputies allegedly threw him to the ground and attacked him for asking if he could pick up his father's cigarette to avoid a fine.

Johnson was cooking dinner at his mother's Altadena home on Dec. 26, 2012, when a man knocked on the door to tell Johnson his father was being ticketed outside for putting out a cigarette on the ground, according to the filed complaint.

he complaint describes Johnson's father as a 58-year-old disabled man who walks with a cane and often drops things because of nerve damage in his hands.

LA Sheriff's "Deputy Abdulfattah," as named in the complaint, explained to Johnson he was giving his father a $1,000 ticket and community service for littering.

Johnson offered to pick the cigarette up from the ground, when Abdulfattah told Johnson, "I can write you a ticket too if you want," according to the complaint.
...
Russell, according to the complaint, allegedly put Johnson in a "full nelson hold" with his arms under Johnson's armpits and hand behind Johnson's head.

At the same time Russell then allegedly took Johnson to the ground, Abdulfattah allegedly hit Johnson's father in the face, according to the complaint.

While Johnson was held to the ground by Russell, Abdulfattah used a Taser on Johnson's genitals multiple times, the complaint stated.

"He was definitely point blank," Johnson said. "He was right above me as he Tased me, so there's no mistake that he was trying to Tase me in my genitalia."

His mother said the deputy stared at her while she screamed.

"He's looking directly at me every time he pulls that trigger, and at one point my son says, 'Mom, I'm OK," Johnson's mother, Rose Gonzales, told NBC4. "So at that point, I realize this guy is doing this because I am reacting."

Johnson could "smell his flesh burning from the tases" and was screaming in pain, according to the complaint.

Johnson told NBC4 he begged the deputies to stop and repeatedly told them he was not resisting. He was eventually arrested for battery on a police officer, though he maintains in the complaint he never engaged in any physical contact with the deputies.

Abdulfattah allegedly told Johnson to "shut up" when Johnson said his father needed his inhaler, the complaint stated.

LA County Sheriff's Department officials would not comment on the case except to describe one of the deputies in question as "the best deputy in the division."

Johnson, a graduate of University of California, Berkeley with no criminal history, said the battery charges were never filed and the case was dropped. He said he just hopes audio recordings or video exist of the confrontation.'

Mandatory arrest in domestic violence call-outs causes early death in victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New research from a major 'randomised' arrest experiment 23 years ago finds that domestic violence victims whose partners were arrested on misdemeanor charges – mostly without causing injury – were 64% more likely to have died early, compared to victims whose partners were warned but not removed by police.

Among African-American victims, arrest increased early mortality by a staggering 98% – as opposed to white victims, whose mortality was increased from arrest by just 9%. The research also found that employed victims suffered the worst effects of their partners' arrests. Employed black victims with arrested partners suffered a death rate over four times higher than those whose partner received a warning at the scene. No such link was found in white victims.

The study's authors say that causes are currently unknown but such health impacts are consistent with chronic stress that could have been amplified by partner arrest. They call for a "robust review" of US and UK mandatory arrest policies in domestic violence cases.

"It remains to be seen whether democracies can accept these facts as they are, rather than as we might wish them to be," said Professor Lawrence Sherman from Cambridge University's Institute of Criminology, who authored the study with his colleague Heather M. Harris from University of Maryland.'

NPO: Let's Debate — Determining Custody

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some people argue that determining custody is fairly simple — in their view, that parent who provided the primary care during the marriage should be awarded primary custody subsequent to divorce.

This argument recently surfaced in response to National Parents Organization's founder and chair Ned Holstein's interview on National Public Radio. An Indiana attorney who Blogs for Babble, a website sponsored by Disney wrote this:

"In Indiana, the judges will look at a series of factors in determining which parent should be the primary custodian of the children. What it basically boils down to is which parent has been acting as the primary custodian of the children? Which parent has been changing the kids' diapers? Which parent helps the kids with their schoolwork? Which parent gets up in the morning and gets the kids off to school? Which parent spends the most time with the kids? Which parent does the kids' laundry?"

Did you get that judges? The primary caregiver gets the primary custody. Done. Next case...

Now I'm not sure what century this guy is living in... but in this century women work outside of the home and men take care of children. Now what? He continues:

"When the father has been the parent who has been changing the diapers and helping the kids with their schoolwork, the court will award dad custody without hesitation."'

Police: Mother Assaulted Girl, 3, For Microwaving Cellphone

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Story here.

'A mother was arrested this week, on charges that she assaulted her 3-year-old daughter after the child destroyed her cellphone by cooking it in the microwave oven.

Police sources told CBS 2 that Krystle Reyes, 28, was arrested at her apartment on West 49th Street in Hell's Kitchen at 5 p.m. Thursday, after neighbors called 911 to report a commotion.

When officers arrived, they found the girl in the bathtub with a cut below her right eye, as well as bruises on her back, right arm, left ear and neck, sources said.

Reyes told police she grabbed the girl by the arm, placed her in the tub and smacked her, sources said.

The child was hospitalized and the city Administration for Children's Services was notified, sources said.

Reyes was charged with assault of a child less than 7 years old and reckless endangerment, police said.'

Nearly half of women in Massachusetts experience some kind of sexual violence?

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It's White Ribbon Day on Beacon Hill. 22News spoke with lawmakers, men and boys throughout Massachusetts about their vow to end violence towards women.

One in seven women in Massachusetts has experienced rape in their lifetime. Now, men from Beacon Hill and around the state pledge to lower that statistic.

"I take the pledge because I said the women in my life deserve better. They deserve to be safe. If I can feel safe, they should be able to feel safe," said University of Massachusetts Amherst student, Scott Greene.

The issue hits close to home; nearly half of all women in Massachusetts have experienced some type of sexual violence other than rape. The White Ribbon Day Campaign hopes to change that statistic by urging men and boys to take a stand and help end violence towards women.'

UK: CBI: universities should set 'diversity targets' to get more women into science

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Universities should be required to set “diversity targets” to recruit more women into traditional subjects to address a gender divide at the heart of the education system, according to Britain’s biggest business group.

A major report from the Confederation of British Industry will call for drastic measures to boost the number of girls studying disciplines such as physics and maths to a high standard.

The study – to be released this week – will say that all school sixth-forms, colleges and universities should draw up recruitment targets designed to create a more balanced intake on A-level and degree courses.

Girls currently outperform boys at A-level and are more likely to go to university and graduate with a good degree.

But the CBI claim that too many are being shunted onto traditionally “feminine” subjects such as the arts and insist changes are needed to reverse long-standing gender stereotypes among teachers, pupils and parents.'

Women of Congress Promote STEM Education, Careers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"All I could visualize, to be perfectly honest, was being a teacher, a social worker and a secretary," said Rep. Susan A. Davis, D-Calif.
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The congresswomen joined leaders from businesses, nonprofits and global corporations for a luncheon Wednesday hosted by the nonpartisan Million Women Mentors. The almost 150 people in attendance dined together to celebrate MWM's efforts to promote mentoring young women in STEM fields.
...
To bridge the gender gap and bolster the U.S. labor force, female leaders say young girls need to see STEM careers as an option through mentorships and exciting hands-on education.

"When you give a girl a chance to build a robot when she's 5 or build a rocket when she's 10, she will have the inspiration and the know-how to become interested in those fields and see her future in those fields," said Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.
...
The representatives praised their fellow women, saying they can bring different skills to STEM careers compared with their male counterparts. "Women work twice as hard," said Rep. Grace F. Napolitano, D-Calif. And Rep. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., an Iraq War veteran, elicited applause from the audience when she said, "If you need someone who can multitask in an aircraft . . . you need a woman to do that."'

Australia: MP Sharman Stone says party needs mandatory female quotas

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Victorian Liberal backbencher Sharman Stone has suggested her colleagues should look to Labor for ideas about how to get more women into politics.

"I'm beginning to think very seriously that really, the Liberal Party, we have to do more," Dr Stone told AM.

The Labor Party has long had a quota system in place, although it is yet to achieve its target of getting women into 40 per cent of its seats.

The Liberal Party is opposed to the Labor model of quotas, arguing candidates should be preselected on merit rather than gender.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott has been criticised for the make-up of his cabinet because it includes only one woman, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop.

Dr Stone, speaking ahead of today's International Women's Day celebrations, said she was very disappointed to see her Liberal colleagues recently dump Mary Wooldridge from the safe Victorian state seat of Kew.

She said the Liberal Party needed to do more to ensure women are preselected in winnable seats.'

Los Angeles marathon's "gender challenge" bonus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amane Gobena of Ethiopia won the women's race and Gebo Burka of Ethiopia won the men's race in the 29th Asics L.A. Marathon.

Gobena, 31, won in 2 hours 27 minutes 37 seconds, collecting $25,000 for the victory.

Burka, 26, clocked a 2:10:37 to win a marathon for the first time. He also won $25,000.

Gobena won $50,000 for winning the gender "challenge." The women were given a 17:41 head start and Gobena finished 41 seconds ahead of Burka.

Joshua George won the men's wheelchair race in 1:33:11.

Tigist Tufa of Ethiopia was second in 2:28:04 and Lauren Kleppin of the United States was third in 2:28:48 in the women's race.'

Wake up to the cold, hard facts of rising worldwide misogyny

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Increasingly, sexism, if not downright misogyny, is so endemic in society that many of us barely register it. But when we do – when a report like the EU one wakes us up to the hard, cold facts – we have to be very, very careful how we phrase our outrage. God forbid we may upset people. Or be called muck-raking cranks. Some people are very sensitive, we may hurt their feelings (they may sue!), so we have to be very clear and say, "not all men, only some men hate women", and only the "odd man" is actually a "real" misogynist. And of course, we understand and acknowledge that "men suffer from domestic violence too". And of course, we should be talking about women who are violent to their partners as well.

Pretty soon, we're apologising for saying that we live in a sexist world (we do) which overwhelmingly benefits the male sex (it does) and that we're concerned about the level of violence directed against women (we are). Soon after that, we're agreeing that yes, men certainly do terrible things to women, but women can be just as bad, if not worse, and before you know it, the discussion is no longer about endemic societal misogyny and violence against women but about the dubious effects of feminism, and whether militant 'feminazis' are destroying society as we know it.

I noticed this in many of the comments about articles on the EU report: "Why is this report only about one gender?" "Surely men suffer more violence than women?" (Eh, not at the hands of women.) "Why does female violence go almost unreported?"

And of course, most blokes are lovely guys; they are our fathers, brothers, husbands, partners and sons. And it's not their fault that the world is a horribly sexist place with such terrible levels of violence perpetuated by one gender on another. But that doesn't mean they can ignore it. It doesn't mean they have no responsibility to act. Individually, most men do not hate women. But as a group? Look at the facts. Men have dominated and controlled women for centuries.'

Barbara Kay: ‘Rape culture’ fanatics don’t know what a culture is

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Article here. Excerpt:

In today’s National Post, there is a very thoughtful and serious discussion of whether the phenomena of “rape culture” even exists. It will no doubt receive the usual stream of invective — accusations of trivializing rape, denying that sexual assaults occur, implying that women who drank too much deserved to be raped. Hardly real criticisms in any intellectual sense, but they will come.

These critics — that seems almost too kind a descriptor for them, but alas — don’t seem to understand that a denial of rape culture is not a denial that rape exists or an expression of indifference to the pain it causes its victims. The world is imperfect. Bad or disturbed people commit crimes, including rape; good, well-adjusted people don’t. My heart breaks for children killed by their guardians, and in a perfect world none ever would be, but even 100 children dead at the hands of their parents does not make Canada a child-killing culture, or anyone who’d say so a child-murder denier.

...

Here, where women are socially and legally equal to men, official sympathy for rape victims at every institutional level has created a climate so overwhelmingly sympathetic to female victims of sexual abuse that the emerging cultural danger is injustice to falsely alleged perpetrators. We are gripped by a baseless, but pandemic, moral panic in which significant collateral damage is beginning to pile up.

Moral panic fuelled by ideology and righteous indignation quickly corrodes the critical faculties and blinds even otherwise intelligent people to objective facts. The numbers on campus rape don’t even come close to the famous “one in four” [women on campus are victims of rape or attempted rape], even taking into consideration unreported rates (i.e. multiplying reported rapes by 10, or even 100).

Where did that figure come from anyway? From bowdlerized research.

It began in1982, when Mary Koss, then a professor of psychology at Kent State University in Ohio, published an article on rape in which she expressed the orthodox — and remarkably misandric – feminist theory that “rape represents an extreme behavior but one that is on a continuum with normal male behavior within the culture.”'

NPO: Gilbert Tso's Case: For States, Child Support Is All About The Money From Uncle Sam

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Would you like to know just how dogged states are when it comes to collecting child support? Gilbert Tso's story offers a good illustration of exactly that. In his case, an Illinois court that plainly has no jurisdiction of the case went ahead and issued a child support order anyway, plus hefty arrearages just so, if it collects anything from Tso, it can chalk it up as another "success" and get paid by the federal government's Office of Child Support Enforcement. Maybe the Illinois court is onto something. After all, if a court doesn't have to have jurisdiction of a case to issue a support order, why not issue more of them? Why not pick fathers in Alaska, Maine, Florida, or anywhere else? Hey, you might get lucky, and every time you do, Uncle Sam sends the state more money.

It's not like states haven't been in that racket before. It doesn't happen as much anymore, but it used to be that, when states wanted to "establish paternity" for a child, they would simply give notice to any man with a name the same as - or similar to — that of the man named by the mother as the father of her child. So, if she named John Smith or Jose Rodriguez, the state could send out a letter announcing to the man that he'd been named as father. Of course if they sent the letter to the wrong man, he'd likely take the attitude that he'd never heard of the mother, much less had sex with her, so the court hearing didn't apply to him. Then, when he didn't show up for the hearing, he'd be adjudicated the father and a support order would be issued against him. When he protested he'd be told, "You had your opportunity to contest the matter but failed to do so. The matter is now res judicata. Pay up. For the next 18 years." Meanwhile, the actual dad — the one with half the responsibility for bringing the child into the world, the one whose DNA the child carries, the one who might want to know about and care for his son or daughter — would never be the wiser and neither would the child.

That system of tagging any man who was stupid enough to believe the child support system wanted only actual fathers to pay support for children who were actually theirs so infuriated one California judge that he risked his job by simply refusing to go along with what was plainly a scam.'

Mother arrested in stabbing deaths of 3 children

Matt · 11 March 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. So tell me Col. Italiano, what would have had to have been the case for the girls' mother to justify stabbing them all to death? Excerpt:

'Authorities in the northern Italian city of Lecco say they have arrested a mother who confessed to stabbing to death her three young daughters.
...
Italiano said the parents had just separated, the father had departed Saturday for Albania, and the mother had no job. Italiano said, "There were economic difficulties, but not serious enough to justify this."'

Norway: Mother allegedly drowns baby following lover's online instructions

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Norwegian woman pleaded not guilty to murdering her 22-month-old daughter Monday at the opening of a trial where she is accused of drowning the child while following live online instructions.

The woman's British lover, accused of giving instructions for the murder via an online video service, also pleaded his innocence in Oslo District Court.

Yasmin Chaudhry, 28, and Ammaz Omer Qureshi, 35, are accused of drowning the woman's daughter from another relationship by plunging her head into a bucket of water in October 2010.
...
The man, who was in London at the time, allegedly told the woman to "discipline" the child and issued instructions which led to Chaudhry plunging the child's head under water until she lost conciousness.

Chaudhry then called emergency services and reported the incident as an accident. The child died in hospital the following day.

On Monday she pleaded not guilty to first degree murder but admitted to assaulting the child. Her lover denied any involvement in the crime.

In addition to the murder, the duo are accused of "regularly" torturing the girl over a six-month period -- the mother allegedly received online instructions from Qureshi who also witnessed some of the abuse via the Internet.

During the assault the child was forced to swallow a spoon of chili powder, was gagged with adhesive tape, given cold showers and was slapped around the face.'

University of Quebec study contradicts conventional wisdom re women's co-operativeness

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Contrary to claims from feminist groups pressing for greater numbers of women on corporate boards, article here. Excerpt:

'They may lack the competitive streak of their male colleagues but women are loath to work together.

A study found two women are less likely to co-operate than two men when one is more powerful than the other.

Similarly, two females of different rank are less likely to work together than a man and a woman.

The finding contradicts the widely held belief that women's nurturing nature makes it natural for them to help each other out, while men are too competitive to have time for each other.

Researchers said that men may be wired to put their differences aside in order to form alliances. Women, however, are most comfortable with people who are on the same level as them.

Richard Wrangham, of the University of Quebec at Montreal, said: 'The question we wanted to examine was: Do men or women co-operate better with members of their own sex?

'The conventional wisdom is that women co-operate more easily but when you look at how armies or sports teams function, there is evidence that men are better at co-operating in some ways."

"Second wife" stops children's contact with ill/failing dad

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Story here. Children are being denied contact with famous father who is quite ill in hospital with Parkinson's Disease by step-mom Jean. However the "Dad" in this case is formerly well-known radio personality Casey Kasem who hosted a weekly national program called "American Top 40" until he retired in 2009. The now-adult children simply wish to see their father before it is too late and are lobbying for legislation that would allow this to happen. For more information go to http://www.kasemcaresfoundation.org/. Excerpt:

'But the courtroom stirred and the spectators sat forward when Case No. BP145805 was called, and no fewer than six attorneys lined up before the judge in the matter of Julie Kasem et. al., petitioner, v. Jean Kasem, respondent, in respect to a "conservatorship of person" -- that absent person being 81-year-old Casey Kasem, the radio legend. For decades, Kasem counted down the weekly hit singles on American Top 40 and its spinoffs, exhorting his listeners to "Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars." Several generations of kids also knew him as the voice of the teenage Shaggy on the Scooby-Doo series. He had taped his last broadcast in 2009, then quietly retired.

The courtroom spectators were primed to witness the latest legal skirmish in a tabloid melodrama that had erupted three months earlier and just kept getting more lurid and sad. On Oct. 1, Kerri Kasem, 41, the entertainer's eldest daughter from his first marriage, along with Casey's 78-year-old brother, Mouner Kasem, and many longtime friends, held a protest outside the Holmby Hills estate where Kasem lives with his second wife of 33 years, actress Jean Kasem, best known for her TV role as the harebrained bombshell Loretta Tortelli on Cheers. Casey met Jean in 1980 when he was 47 and she was 24; today, she is perhaps better remembered for her eye-popping outfits -- often involving headbands, turbans and tiaras -- she liked to wear to galas and awards shows.'

‘Tweet of the year!’ If we can’t call girls ‘bossy,’ can we stop calling little boys this?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'`Assertive little girls are leaders to be celebrated. Assertive little boys are rapists to be medicate`
...
Yep, as Twitchy reported, this is happening: A#BanBossy language-policing campaign launched by Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg.

We wonder if they will accept this compromise?

`If we're going to stop labeling little girls "bossy", can we stop labeling little boys with finger guns "psychotic latent mass murderers"?`
...
That tweet was retweeted 500 times and counting. It does say it all, doesn’t it?'

The 7 Most Ridiculous Things About The New Ban Bossy Campaign

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Article here. Excerpt:

'High-achieving women such as Beyonce and Condoleeza Rice have joined Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg's new campaign to ban the word "bossy." No, really. They want to ban the word "bossy."

'2) Girls are strong. Stop overprotecting them.

It completely conflicts with the "Lean-In" message to treat girls like they're dainty little flowers who change their entire personalities if someone utters a not-even-that-mean word in their general direction. If you want women to take over companies and give up their wombs until they're approaching 40 to do so, you have to toughen them up, not cater to their slightest hurt feelings. Seriously.

3) 'Bossy' isn't even gender-specific.
True story. My 4-year-old came home from school on the day of the BanBossy campaign launch to tell me that a little girl told a little boy in the class that he was being bossy by not letting them play with the toy he was using. I think that the entire crew will survive this horrible slight and that they might even grow up to be functioning members of society. But the idea that "bossy" is something only girls hear is just not in any way matched by my experience. Or my daughter's.
...
6) Making people feel bad for using adjectives is pretty bossy. So wait, all the cool and beautiful girls who are super-popular and wealthy got together and decided that not only were they not going to use a word but that no one else could either? No, that's not bossy at all, is it.

7) Not everyone's a leader and it's time to stop shaming people who aren't.

This is perhaps the most important point. The BanBossy site says:

Together we can encourage girls to lead. Pledge to Ban Bossy.

This biases the idea that the only way to be a leader is to order people around or be super assertive. In fact, there are all sorts of ways of being human and even of being a leader. And the idea that girls aren't fully actualized unless they're acting the way boys used to act before we medicated them away from it is not nearly as female-affirming as it sounds.'

Campus Censorship Is Not Above Debate

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'The criticism of the debate's all-male panel from feminist-leaning students is almost not worth addressing, especially as the full panel was still clearly 'to be confirmed'. Nonetheless, it is worth pointing out that the debate is primarily about free speech and censorship. The priority is to have a balanced 'pro-ban vs anti-ban' line-up, rather than a 'male vs female' or 'feminist vs anti-feminist' one. People should be treated as absolute equals; there's no room for 'token' panelists in a grown-up debate.

However, given that a campaign to ban the Sun and the Daily Star from Nottingham's campus shops is currently under way, under the banner of the feminist No More Page 3 campaign group, I accept that an all-male panel, or one which excluded feminists altogether, would be unbalanced and ineffective. But this is precisely why I have been in contact with female and feminist speakers from the outset. A few feminist speakers, willing to argue that banning Page 3 is an essential step to gender equality and put me in my place for daring to suggest it is 'censorship', would be welcome. Unfortunately, those I have invited to speak have been too concerned about the wording of the title of the debate and the motivations of other associated groups to participate.'
...
In response to my invitation, a prominent member of the national No More Page 3 campaign commented that 'No More Page 3 would be unlikely to host or sponsor a debate about Page 3'; instead they would have preferred a 'seminar'. It's quite clear what a 'seminar' would entail. If I had wanted to stage a one-sided sermon or a call-to-arms rally I would have organised one. Instead, my intention is to host a balanced dialogue where the side making the most convincing case will come out on top.

The unwillingness of some students at Nottingham even to acknowledge that there are two sides to the campus censorship debate proves that this is a debate that needs to be had.'

School turning students into outcasts

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'Former Chief Judge of New York State Judith S. Kaye always makes necessary sense, as she did when she recently wrote this in the opinion pages of The New York Times:

“As universal pre-K and the Common Core standards dominate the headlines, we cannot overlook a third subject that deserves top billing: keeping children in school and out of courts” (Letters, The New York Times, Feb. 22).

Kaye was writing in response to an op-ed that had run in the Times last month. In it, Robert K. Ross and Kenneth H. Zimmerman, the respective heads of the California Endowment and the United States programs for the Open Society Foundations, wrote: “Large numbers of students are kicked out, typically for nonviolent offenses, and suspensions have become the go-to response for even minor misbehavior, like carrying a plastic water gun to elementary school ...

...

At South Eastern Middle School in Fawn Grove, Pa., 10-year-old “fifth-grader Johnny Jones asked his teacher for a pencil during class. Jones walked to the front of the classroom to retrieve the pencil, and during his walk back to his seat, a classmate and friend of Johnny’s held his folder like an imaginary gun and ‘shot’ at Johnny.

“Johnny playfully used his hands to draw the bowstrings on a completely imaginary ‘bow’ and ‘shot’ an arrow back.

...

The school’s code of conduct required Principal John Horton to “contact the appropriate police department, complete an incident report to file with the school superintendent and begin the process of mandatory expulsion immediately.”

Added Rutherford senior staff attorney Douglas R. McKusick in a Dec. 4, 2013, letter to South Eastern School District Superintendent Rona Kaufmann: “Johnny’s rights were trampled without the due consideration. He was immediately threatened with expulsion, and thereafter summarily suspended without adequate justification ....”'

SAVE E-lert: Hidden Victims: Men Who Are Forced to Penetrate

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Rape and sexual assault are hot topics in the media. While campus hysteria and false facts abound, we'd like to take this opportunity to educate.

Most advocacy focuses on female victims, women who have been raped by men. Occasionally we see male victims mentioned, men raped by other men.

Today we'd like you to consider men who have been "forced to penetrate," men who have been raped by women.

As you can see, when you add these cases, men and women are victims of rape in very similar numbers:

- Female victim data shown here.
- Male victim data shown here.

Visit Male Survivor to learn more about male victimization. Then you too can help us counter misinformation and gender biased articles.

On behalf of every male victim, thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

UK: Only 1.7% of British men under 25 are married

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Young married men have almost disappeared in England and Wales, figures revealed yesterday.

There are now fewer than 58,000 married men under 25, official figures show.

The proportion of men who marry young has collapsed to 1.7 per cent, marking a profound change in family life since the 1950s.

About 135,000 young women marry annually, figures from the 2011 census, just released by the Office for National Statistics, reveal.

Most of them have found men who have reached their late twenties or older.

In the 1950s, three-quarters of women and half of all men were married by their mid-twenties.

These days one in three men in their twenties is still with their parents and the average age at which a young person leaves their childhood home is 26.
...
Average ages at which people marry are now at just under 30 for women and over 30 for men.

Millions of women have decided to delay marriage to pursue higher education and careers. Many then find themselves facing the need to pay a mortgage and the difficulty of forming a stable relationship with a man on which to build a family.
...
For men, the pressure to marry a girlfriend, and the threat of a shotgun marriage if she became pregnant, evaporated decades ago. Few feel any need to marry, even if children come along.

The census figures show that 57,191 men under the age of 25 were married in the spring of 2011 when the census was taken, and 134,605 women.'

Montana ballot measure urging equal number of men, women in Legislature passes first test

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'A ballot measure in Montana that would require an equal number of men and women to serve in the state Legislature is a step closer to getting on the November ballot.

A petition for the measure was approved last Tuesday by the Montana secretary of state's office. The measure would force the Montana Legislature to reconstruct its gender makeup in a 50/50 split. Currently, women now hold 41 of the 150 seats in the Legislature.

The measure is still several steps away from ever becoming law. But even if it did, the text of the initiative doesn't exactly make clear how such a drastic overhaul of the Legislature would be carried out. The text says the Legislature "shall be composed of fifty percent men and fifty percent women," and that the transition would not take effect until "on or before the second general legislative election held after the next redistricting."

And that's if the measure even gets on the ballot, and is approved. For the measure to be on the November ballot, the petition’s sponsor John Marshall and supporters must gather signatures from 10 percent of the total number of qualified voters in Montana, including 10 percent of the voters in each of the 40 legislative house districts.

In total, that comes out to 48,349 signatures due by June 20 if Montana residents wish to vote on the measure in November.'

College feminist professor shows again that "free speech" is only for those who agree with feminists

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A department of feminist studies professor has been accused of going berserk after coming across a campus prolife demonstration that used extremely graphic displays, leading a small mob of students to chant “tear down the sign” before grabbing one of the signs, storming off with it, then allegedly engaging in an altercation with a 16-year-old prolife protestor who had followed the educator to retrieve it.

Much of the scuffle was recorded on a smartphone by the 16-year-old, Thrin Short. The yet-to-be-released video is now in the custody of Santa Barbara law enforcement officials, who are investigating the March 4 incident.

The professor at the heart of the controversy is Mireille Miller-Young, an associate professor whose area of emphasis is black cultural studies, pornography and sex work, according to her faculty webpage. She could not be reached for comment Tuesday by The College Fix.

The confrontation took place at the coastal, public university’s “free speech” area, a heavily traversed part of the quad.
...
When asked why the young prolife protestors didn’t just write the sign off when the professor walked off with it, Garza said they had every right to get back their property, and that it was the professor who acted inappropriately. She added it’s shocking a women’s studies professor would act in such a way to a young girl.'

Teen Jailed 13 Days Over A Pocketknife

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A high school senior in Ohio is facing felony charges after officials at the technical school he was attending for firefighter training searched his vehicle and found a pocketknife. The young man's future and his dreams of serving the public are now in jeopardy.

"If I am convicted of a felony, I'm never going to be a police officer. I'm never going to be a fireman. I'm never going to be in the military," Jordan Wiser told The Huffington Post. "I won't even be able to be a janitor. I'm 18 years old, and this is going to ruin my entire life."

Wiser was enrolled at the Ashtabula County Technical and Career Campus (A-Tech) in Jefferson, Ohio, a small village located about 60 miles northeast of Cleveland. Wiser told HuffPost he was taking A-Tech's Firefighter 2 and EMT courses.

...

"The principal said he had reason to believe I had weapons in my vehicle and needed to search it," Wiser said. "He made me empty out all my pockets, and the vice principal grabbed me and patted me down very forcibly. It was somewhat awkward. Then they took my car keys. I told them what was in my car and said, 'Don't be alarmed.'"

Wiser said he did not give school officials permission to search his vehicle, and there was no warrant to perform the search. School administrators, he said, cited the school handbook as their warrant. He claims they also denied his request to call an attorney.

Inside Wiser's vehicle, officials found an assortment of items, including the folding blade pocketknife, a stun gun and two Airsoft guns. Airsoft is a sport in which participants eliminate opponents by hitting them with spherical non-metallic pellets, launched from the Airsoft guns.

Wiser said the Airsoft guns were in his trunk because he had plans to participate in the sport after school. The stun gun, a nonlethal device capable of incapacitating a person by administering electric shock, was for self-defense, he said. The pocketknife was, according to the teen, part of his EMT kit.

"I didn't think anything of the Airsoft guns," Wiser said. "Our school is a technical school, and I was planning on meeting with my Airsoft team after school. My stun gun was locked in the glove box, and the knife was in my EMT medical vest. I bought it at K-Mart and have it as part of my first responder kit for cutting seatbelts."

Wiser was ultimately arrested and jailed for illegal conveyance of a weapon onto a school ground, a Class 5 felony.'

UK: Mother spreads false claims that teacher sexually assaulted her young daughter

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An angry mother launched a hate campaign against a primary school headteacher by spreading false rumours that he had sexually abused her daughter, a court heard.

Teresa Hughes, 39, sent a hand-written letter to teacher Phil Jackson before bombarding Lyppard Grange Primary School in Worcester with phone calls.

Hughes then met another parent outside Tesco and pretended Mr Jackson had been suspended for touching her nine-year-old daughter Gabriella.

She also left a rambling message on the school's answerphone, claiming staff were trying to get Gabriella to leave.

Hughes, who lives in Worcester, admitted one charge of harassment when she appeared before magistrates in the town on Monday.

Prosecutor Leslie Ashton told the court the 'malicious unfounded allegations' caused Mr Jackson so much stress that he likened it to being diagnosed with cancer.

The court heard how Hughes started a smear campaign following an altercation in the school playground on June 11 last year.'

UK: Premier League star who was cleared of gang rape hits out at women who he claims target wealthy footballers

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A Premier League footballer cleared of gang rape allegations has lashed out at women he sees as targeting wealthy footballers as cash cows.

French international Loic Remy, who plays for Newcastle United, says wannabe WAGs go after players like him for their cash - however they can get it.

'These girls are vicious and greedy,' he told The Sun's Rachel Dale, in his first public comments on his ordeal since he was first arrested nine months ago.

Twenty-seven-year-old Remy was one of three men last year accused of the champagne-fuelled gang rape of a 34-year-old woman at his rented flat in Fulham, West London.

He denied the allegation, and last month the Metropolitan Police finally said there would be no further action taken against him.

He admitted he should have been smarter, but said: 'When you're a footballer, single and want to have fun, you can have any girl you want.

'Before it was not like that. I see things that make me afraid. I see these girls - what they can do.'"

Teen girls 'bullied' apparent autistic boy, authorities say

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Story here. This is a case of an alleged sexual assault, kidnapping, and attempted murder, not bullying. Excerpt:

'Two teenage girls in southern Maryland bullied an apparently autistic 16-year-old boy into performing sexual acts and crashing through pond ice in episodes they captured on cellphone video, authorities said Wednesday.

The girls, ages 17 and 15, threatened the teen with a knife, kicked him in the groin and dragged him around by his hair, said St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Cara Grumbels. They coerced him into walking on a partially frozen pond and then refused to help him out of the frigid water, she said.

Grumbles said the boy got out himself, but the prank could have turned deadly.

"You're dealing with somebody who doesn't have the mental capacity of you and I," she said. "Somebody like that could go into a kiddie pool and may not be able to get themselves out. That's what's really kind of disturbing to us, among the other allegations in this case. The whole thing's just very disturbing."

She said investigators haven't found any of the video online.

The 17-year-old, Lauren A. Bush, of Mechanicsville, was charged as an adult Tuesday with first- and second-degree assault, false imprisonment and solicitation for child pornography. She was released on her own recognizance.

The 15-year-old was charged as a juvenile with the same offenses and referred to the state Department of Juvenile Services. The sheriff's office didn't release her name.

Grumbles said both girls acknowledged they committed the offenses. A call to Bush's home wasn't returned. No defense attorney was listed in court records.'

Baby's Death Leads Police To 14 Kids Hidden In Daycare Basement

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A South Carolina woman who allegedly operated an unlicensed daycare out of her home faces multiple charges after a child under her care died. But investigators say that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Pamela Clark Wood, 49, was arrested March 6. Police began investigating Wood last month after Greenville County Sheriff's deputies received a call about an unresponsive 3-month-old baby girl, who later died.

When police went to the house to check on the baby Feb. 21, they allegedly discovered Wood's teenage daughter hiding in a room with 14 children. Authorities also said they found a child left unsupervised around the house, along with hazards, such as cleaning chemicals and alcoholic beverages, left unsecured.

Deputies said they found two toddlers left by themselves in a room with a loaded revolver within reach.

Although Wood has not been charged in the child's death, she faces charges of child neglect, violation of day care licensing and obstructing justice, according to WYFF.
...
This isn't the first time Wood has gotten in trouble for having too many children in her care. According to WSPA, Wood was cited for the same infraction about six years ago.'

A Man Shows Us A Day In The Life Of An Abusive Relationship

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Video here. Caption:

'It might be surprising to some of you to see who the victim is at the end of this video, but unfortunately, too many out there will find it familiar.

If you need support, please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233 or the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women at (888) 743-5754.'

The Nightmare of the Male Police Officer Involved as a Victim of Domestic Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'About the Author: Robert D. Cubby is a retired police captain having served 38 years in the Jersey City Police Department. Most of his career was in the patrol division. He worked every district in the police department. He spent two years in the property unit and 8 1/2 years in Emergency Services Unit (SWAT). ...
...
We are so attuned and accustomed to the male being the perpetrator that the response is almost rote and automatic on every domestic violence call. Including that of a police officer being the perpetrator. Jennifer Ammons in "Batterers with Badges: Officer Involved Domestic Violence" [file] cited that 22%-41% or 2-4 times the general population are the sad statistics of police involved domestic violence. This was backed by Alex Restin in "Batterer in Blue" [page] that cited 41% of the 385 male officers surveyed stated that they had a violent confrontation with their domestic partner in a domestic dispute.

It was curious that no female officers were surveyed. The results would have been enlightening. For example Gary Bathel in "Domestic Violence- Career Terminator" [page] found that "just like their male counter parts, female soldiers and female cops are significantly more likely to be charged with domestic violence against a husband or boyfriend." In a study done in Arizona (Men's Rights Group of Arizona-Discrimination in Domestic Violence Cases. Abused Men Lose, Violent Women Win-Hub Pages [page]) numerous studies were cited that all concluded that 36% of all domestic violence cases victims are male. One contributor stated that the probability of a male victim could be as high as 50%.

Studies done by the CDC cited in "Men: The Overlooked Victims of Domestic Violence" [page] indicated that 40% of victims of domestic violence are male. Men are more likely to be the victims of attacks with a deadly weapon at the rate of 63%.

So we know the statistics and yet when police respond to domestic violence incidents they focus on the male almost automatically. When it's a police officer involved, then a weapon enters into the discussion and its possible role, although legal, that may have played out in this scenario. The normal course of action where in fact the perpetrator was a police officer follows the general guidelines set forth. The officer is placed under arrest, his/her weapon seized and turned over to the prosecutor. Necessary aid to the victim and paperwork made out. The hard feelings between the responding police officers and the perpetrator officer smoothed out as he/she knows they are just doing their job.

But what if the scenario shifted 180 degrees and the wife or girlfriend was the perpetrator and the officer was the victim? We know she gets arrested and charged. But there is a weapon involved and an officer was involved in a domestic violence incident. The Guidelines are very clear, but unfair to the victim officer. The guidelines mandate that although the officer was the victim of the domestic violence, if the responding officers reasonably believe that the weapon poses a risk, that weapon is to be seized. We have a victim police officer now further victimized by a law that doesn't take certain criteria into consideration. A police officer cannot be a police officer without a gun. Consequently they must be either suspended from duty as they cannot serve or put on modified duty, awaiting the 45 days for the prosecutor to review whether he/she should have his/her weapon returned.

...Taking all this into consideration, is it any wonder that male police officers who are victims of domestic violence are hesitant to report such incidents. Failure to report doesn't make it go away. It only emboldens the abuser to escalate the abuse and attacks. This has been well documented in domestic violence studies. Or it escalates to the point that the male officer has to defend himself and then, inevitably, becomes the perpetrator falling into the statistical abyss of males blamed for every domestic violence incident.

Training for police has to take into consideration all aspects of a domestic violence situation. Officers cannot automatically assume that the male is the cause and that the removal of the male would balance the scales of justice. Our laws are based on " …and justice for all." Males clearly are not getting the justice deserved in many cases and male police officers are among the most underserved. The law at present is still so skewed against the male that it's no wonder that the male is arrested. There is the Violence Against Women Act but where is the Violence Against Men Act?'

Ed: The links in brackets, as in "[file]" and "[page]", were added. The post's cited source article does *not* include these link citations. They were added for the reader's convenience.

'War on Women'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At the time, fire departments had dropped strength tests to avoid being accused of sex discrimination. When I told Steinem that one of my interviewees complained that instead of being carried during a fire, now she would be dragged downstairs, with her head hitting each stair, Steinem retorted, "It's better to drag them out ... there's less smoke down there."

Such mindless egalitarianism appeals to politicians, so governments push more of it. President Barack Obama and his supporters brag that Obamacare forces health insurance companies to sell men and women health insurance for the exact same price. On my TV show this week, Democratic activist Jehmu Greene asks indignantly, "Do you want to live in a country where you charge women more than men?"

Well, yes, I do. Insurance should account for costs. Women go to doctors much more often. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say, even if you exclude pregnancy visits, women are 33 percent more likely to visit a doctor. Insurance companies used to reflect that in prices. That isn't bigotry -- it's just math.

Insurance companies still charge men more for car and life insurance. A survey of car insurance companies found that the cheapest policy for a woman cost 39 percent less than for a man. A 60-year-old woman pays 20 percent less than a man for a 10-year life insurance policy. Seventy-year-old women pay half as much as men.

That's just math, too, because most women live longer than men and, despite the "woman-driver" stereotype, we men get into more car accidents.

I don't hear activists complaining about men paying too much. The "victim" propaganda works only when women pay more.'

Obama to focus on economic issues facing women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Obama kicked off a new effort on Wednesday to highlight economic issues facing women, a key voting bloc whose turnout will be crucial to Democrats chances in the November mid-term elections.
...
The White House Council of Economic Advisers also released a report on Wednesday noting that, while women have made gains in the workforce and education attainment, a gender wage gap persists. On average, full-time, year-round female workers earn 77 cents for every dollar earned by their male counterparts, the report notes.

The gap continues even as women are more likely to be more educated than their male peers. In 2013, 25- to 34-year-old women were 21% more likely than men of the same age to be college graduates.'

Unemployment Rate up for Men and College Grads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. unemployment rate edged up to 6.7 percent in February as men struggled to find work, according to the Labor Department report issued Friday.

More than 160,000 men joined the ranks of the unemployed. That increase raised their unemployment rate to 6.4 percent from 6.2 percent.

Particularly hard hit were African-American men. Their rate climbed to 12.9 percent last month from 12 percent in January. It did so because more African-American men began searching unsuccessfully for work last month.

African-American women fared much better: 109,000 of them found jobs.'

For men, the future doesn't look too good

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you're an American man you're more likely to be unemployed than your female counterparts. Today more than 4.3 million Americans are considered "long-term unemployed" — out of work for more than 27 weeks. Fifty-six percent of them are men. The Great Recession emasculated generations of men, displacing many of them from the labor force and undermining their financial security. The effects may be felt for decades.

But does that mean the end of men and the rise of women, as author Hanna Rosin has suggested? Not quite. Male unemployment hasn't come at the expense of women's success; it reflects deeper structural changes felt by everyone. Technology and globalization has rendered many better-paying jobs, traditionally held by men, obsolete. Both men and women have the potential to thrive, but in order for that to happen we need policy that complements the modern labor market — rather than hold it back.
...
Rosin believes this wage gap is because of persistent discrimination. But even if we eliminated all gender discrimination, women would still be paid less than men. The wage difference is largely due to the fact that women tend to work in lower-paid industries and occupations, like home health aides or nursing. Taking time off or working part-time, which women often do to care for their families, cripples income and earning potential. Even if all the male construction workers became health aides, men would still be paid more because they are more likely to remain in the job market without any breaks to employment. It's hard to argue that women are overtaking men or that they ever will.
...
Both men and women can succeed as the economy changes. What's happened to men during the recession highlights a worrying trend, but it does not mean men will be marginalized. It should be a call to action to improve training and enact policy that promotes a dynamic, fluid labor market.'

School district works to reduce gender imbalance in gifted math classes

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Story here. Excerpt:

'With a gender imbalance showing in its gifted math classes, Deerfield Public Schools District 109 board members discussed ideas to reverse the disparity Monday at their regularly scheduled meeting.

“I was surprised,” Superintendent Michael Lubelfeld said. “We don’t like it and we want to fix it.”

”There are 120 more boys in TAP [the gifted math program] than girls,” board member Scott Kluge said. “In some schools it’s 10 to 1.”

The gifted program is for select third- through eighth-graders, and ratios vary between the four elementary and two middle schools in the district, according to Director of Learning and Assessment Services Amy Rubin.

“It’s three to one in some schools and two to one in others,” Rubin said.'

UK: Police report man's penis cut off by group of men on suspicion he had sex with one of their girlfriends

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A gypsy gang chopped off a man's genitals after they discovered he had slept with one of their girlfriends, it has been reported.

Police brought a busy dual carriageway to a standstill today to hunt for a penis after he was discovered severely injured at the side of the A-road.

The 40-year-old was discovered in a distressed state on the side of the A66 dual carriageway in Middlesbrough this morning, Cleveland Police have confirmed. It has been reported that the man was seen searching in undergrowth.

A member of staff at Asda close to where the incident happened said he heard the man had suffered the horrendous injury to his groin.
...
A 22-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of assault in relation to the incident was held in police custody this afternoon, where he was being questioned by officers and was bailed pending further enquiries.'

Video: UC Santa Barbara Professor Assaults Young Pro-Life Activist

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Video here. Caption:

'On March 4, 2014, UC Santa Barbara professor of Feminist Studies, Mireille Miller-Young, attacked Thrin Short, a young pro-life activist who was trained by Survivors. Miller stole Short's sign, and encouraged a group of students to violence, inciting an angry mob. Miller then took the sign into an elevator, where she repeatedly pushed, and even pulled Short, who was attempting to hold the elevator doors open until police arrived. Read the full story here: http://www.survivors.la/confrontation-with-ucsb-professor'

Background: College feminist professor shows again that "free speech" is only for those who agree with feminists

Three Utah bills to change rights of biological fathers in adoption cases encounter pushback

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Loopholes in Utah's adoption law have been making it possible for pregnant women to head to the state and put children up for adoption, without consent of the biological fathers. Now three bills have been introduced during the current session in the state legislature to change things, but there's pushback.

"The policy of this state is to encourage marriage," said state Representative Merrill Nelson, during a recent house committee meeting.

He was objecting to proposed legislation to share information between states about fathers who are searching for their offspring. "Our job is to look after the rights of the child primarily, what is best for the child and it's not to look after the rights of the reckless, unwed father who fathered the child," Nelson added.
...
Donna Pope, owner of Heart to Heart Adoptions, co-signed the letter. She claims only a small percentage of fathers who truly want to be involved are actually left in the dark.

"We don't want to change the law for the small population and devastatingly affect the other population of women that are affected by it," says Pope.

She worries abused woman who do not want the fathers contacted would opt for abortions instead. Currently, women can say they have been abused and get out of notifying the dads, but SB 246 would require documented abuse.'

'Who belongs in the delivery room?'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Should a father be allowed in the delivery room for the birth of his child, over the mother's objections? A New Jersey judge said no last November, in a ruling that was released in writing earlier this week. "Any interest a father has before the child's birth is subordinate to the mother's interest," Judge Sohail Mohammed wrote. That has to be the right call. At the same time, I can understand why fathers' rights groups see the ruling as discrimination: It privileges motherhood over fatherhood.

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The same logic of biology convinced me that a New York judge was wrong last year when she barred Sara McKenna, a former Marine and firefighter, from moving from California to New York, because she wanted to go to Columbia University, when she was seven months pregnant. The father of McKenna's child was the Olympic skier Bode Miller, and he tried to block her from moving across the country by asserting his paternal rights before his child was born. An appeals court quickly reversed that order. Again, fathers just cannot have rights over fetuses that interfere with a woman's freedom of choice and movement in this way. Once the child is born, the law can accord equal rights to fathers and mothers. Before birth, it just cannot.

I recognize the pathos and irony here in turning fathers away. To resolve the dispute between Plotnick and DeLuccia, Mohammed turned to New Jersey's parentage act, which he pointed out was designed "to help families deal with the problems posed by fathers who seek to avoid paying child support." In other words, deadbeat dads. Steven Plotnick has been anything but that, and with any luck his child's life — and maybe DeLuccia's, too — will be the better for it. But the impulse to want what's best for his child could have led Plotnick to give DeLuccia her space rather than (figuratively) pounding on her delivery room door. As Mohammed pointed out, New Jersey and federal law also protect DeLuccia's privacy rights as a patient. And he rightly notes that dealing with Plotnick's uninvited presence could "add to an already stressful situation" in a way that "could endanger both the mother and the fetus." Surely Plotnick would agree that the baby's health is paramount here.

...

Plotnick's lawyer now says that her client "never asked to be in the delivery room, only to be able to see the baby at the hospital as soon as possible after the birth," according to the Newark Star-Ledger. If that's all Plotnick had asked for in court, I'd sympathize. Though then it would be hard to see what he had to sue over, since DeLuccia said she would put him on the visitor's list. Maybe he thought he couldn't get that concession without the suit. Or maybe he just got carried away in a tide of paternal desires. But being a good father when your child is still in utero means thinking about his or her mother's well-being, too. When men can have babies, then they can decide who comes into the delivery room. Until then, the limits of biology limit their rights.'

Is Sheryl Sandberg's 'Ban Bossy' Campaign Bad for Boys?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After days of discussing, researching, arguing, reading and thinking about Sheryl Sandberg's 'Ban Bossy' campaign I have to admit, I'm exhausted. And confused, because the one question that keeps popping into my head is: what about the boys?

Oh no. I'm not actually going to defend men here, am I? After all, men are responsible for building a society that is inherently biased against women. They set that glass ceiling in place. Most men don't even bother to join conversations about gender equality. They don't need our help, or our sympathy.
...
Despite these numbers, a nagging worry persists in my mind, especially as I see campaigns like Sandberg's. The privilege once associated with being born male seems to be dissipating. Manufacturing jobs have moved abroad. Traditional blue-collar jobs are disappearing. The days of men forgoing college and still earning a comfortable living for their families are over.
...
What do men (and boys) have?

Not much. No support groups, no Dads Night Out. No church, synagogue, mosque, country club or community institution like the ones that once provided men with some sort of a social life. No whiling away the hours on Facebook. Heck, we barely let our fellas watch a Sunday football game or enjoy a round of golf. Being a guy today seems lonely, difficult and confusing.

Perhaps I shouldn't care that men are being displaced. Perhaps it's good for them to know what it feels like to be the underdog. Or the forgotten. But where, I wonder, will that ultimately lead us? To more boys on Adderall? To more isolated, unhappy young men on the news after another mass shooting? As I see the many obstacles males are facing, my greatest concern is that girls and women rising will lead, almost by default, to boys and men flailing.

I'm incredibly proud of the progress we ladies are making. And I know we still have a long way to go before we achieve true equality or can simply ride a bus without fear of rape or worse. But my trepidation over the future persists. Whatever progress girls and women make, we can't leave boys and men behind. A great society is one in which everyone succeeds, regardless of whether we're male or female.'

Charges unlikely for Houston dad accused of shooting daughter's boyfriend, prosecutor says

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Story here. The only reason why this boy is dead is because the daughter lied to her father by claiming she didn't know him. Excerpt:

'The Houston father who police say fatally shot a 17-year-old boy who was inside his daughter's bedroom early Thursday morning will likely not be charged, an area prosecutor told MyFoxHouston.com.
...
The investigation into the shooting is ongoing, and a grand jury will ultimately decide if charges are appropriate. But so far it appears the father, who was only identified as a 55-year-old in reports, was awaken by one of his other children at about 2:20 a.m. He was told someone was in his 16-year-old daughter's bedroom and he grabbed his gun.

He reportedly found the teen in bed with his daughter and confronted him. His daughter apparently told him she did not know the boy.

The father said he told the teen not to move, but reportedly saw the teen reach for something, at which point police say the father opened fire. The teen did not have a gun. His daughter later confessed that she snuck her boyfriend, 17, into the house, the report said.'

UK: "No, men are not all potential paedophiles"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Red-faced and rendered speechless, I hurried away. Minutes later, I became enraged by what had just happened. I'd basically been accused of being some kind of sweet-bag-rattling nonce, drooling through the fence with a blacked out van parked round the corner. It seemingly hadn't occured to any of those observers that I did simply want to see my own son; their instinct was to view me as a sex offender.

I don't think this is an isolated incident either. Many dads I know think twice before using family changing rooms or viewing areas at swimming pools, before going to play groups, or even, like me, before waving to their own child through the school fence.

One local swimming pool backs onto its reception area, and if anyone (any men, no doubt) are seen "behaving inappropriately", i.e. looking at children (their own or anyone else's), the receptionist presses a button which immediately blacks out the glass.

"Sorry son, I didn't see you do your first ever backstroke width because the pool staff suspected I might be another Gary Glitter."

A dad friend of mine told me recently that he was asked by a mum to stop taking photos of his son in a playground, because her daughter was on the next swing. She told him she felt it "wasn't appropriate".

He, like me, was consumed by an unfounded shame, as if the default position is "guilty until proven innocent".

The unsavoury truth is that these days we cannot escape paedophilia – or, more to the point, the fear of paedophilia. The wall-to-wall media coverage of child abuse scandals ensures that this fear-fuelled fire never goes out.
...
Official figures show that a mere 21 per cent of students who wanted to become teachers – around 4,100 – who were accepted into primary school training courses last September were men.

Why is this? Research by Nottingham Trent and Bedfordshire universities found the workforce was still skewed dramatically towards women as a result of deeply ingrained gender stereotypes, combined with fears that men will be falsely labelled as paedophiles.

This unfounded and tragic paranoia is having a real effect at ground level. During my search for a primary school place for Sonny last year, I was struck by a profound absence of male teachers. I spoke with nine head teachers in my area of south London, and all of them said they had a torrid time recruiting men. When they had them, they thankfully defended them as precious commodities.

Heads know youngsters benefit from positive male role models in the classroom, yet men are afraid to step up for fear of being labelled a child molester.
...
It used to be fashionable among women at the more toxic end of the feminist spectrum to label all men as potential rapists. Now, it seems, we are all being labelled potential paedophiles. It's time men stood up and said that such labels are completely unacceptable.'

Australia: Position Vacant - Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship in Men's Health, Adelaide University

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Link here. Excerpt:

'The Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health (FFCMH) was established with the vision to enable men to live longer, healthier and happier lives. The FFCMH's mission is to pursue innovative research programs, significantly improve health services, deliver evidence-based training programs, and disseminate the latest health information and education resources.

The FFCMH is seeking an Early Career Post-Doctoral Research Fellow with a PhD in a relevant field that has application in the setting of men's health. Research Experience with a men's health focus is desirable but not essential. You must be highly motivated and have a track record of presentations and publications that demonstrate research capabilities and have a commitment to research excellence.
...
Closing date: Friday 28 March 2014'

Debunking the so-called gender wage-gap by example

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It's ironic that the so-called gender wage gap is greatest in wealthier places like Beverly Hills and much less in poor places such as Indian reservations.

Women earn $.64 on the dollar compared to men in Beverly Hills. For the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, it's $.90. So men earning more than women says nothing of how the money is spent or who benefits from it.

An even more extreme case is Buffalo County, SD, which has the lowest per capita income in the U.S. Women there earn $1.05 to the dollar compared to men. This county is made up mostly the Crow Creek Indian Reservation, and is largely a matriarchy. Many houses lack kitchens and indoor plumbing.

In contrast, Rancho Santa Fe is a wealthy enclave in San Diego County. Women there earn $.58 to the dollar for men. Rancho Santa Fe has the second highest per capita income in the U.S. and the typical house costs over $2 million. The women living there can hardly be described as suffering from the so-called wage gap.

So, high gender wage gap here vs. women earning more here.

Where are women better off? And where are they more likely to be a victim of violence? Where are children - or men for that matter - better off?

Of course, these examples are anecdotes from the extremes of wealth and poverty in the United States and correlation doesn't imply causation, but it is likely related to something else. In these cases, the wealthy enclaves are an example of the success of free markets and property rights, while the impoverished Indian reservations an example of historic injustice compounded by a lack of property rights. A more comprehensive study would result in a graph of locations in the United States comparing the "gender wage gap" to per capita income. There would likely be a lot of scatter in such a graph, but it would be interesting to see what the overall correlation is, and the causes of the correlation would probably be complex and nuanced. But it would likely refute the feminist assertion that women are oppressed by the so-called wage gap that they keep touting.

Steve Van Valkenburg

Salon blames the victims who were attacked by a feminist professor

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ignoring the trolls – it's not just good advice online. It's indispensable in real life too. You see, this should have been a slam dunk. Instead, we have a tale in which radical anti-choice protesters wind up being depicted in the media as good guys.

It begins with a group with the ridiculously named Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust, a Christian group that claims that "Any person born after January 22, 1973 is a survivor of the American abortion holocaust." On the other side is Dr. Mireille Miller-Young, a feminist studies professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara, whose research "explores race, gender and sexuality in visual culture and sex industries in the United States." It's a story in which the self-described holocaust survivors – who do not attend the school — reportedly did not notify the university that they were coming to the campus to stage a demonstration in a "designated as a free-speech zone," which would have provided some measure of warning to the students. In an editorial in the Daily Nexus last week, student Delyla Mayers coherently argued against the group's confrontational use of "overwhelmingly bloody and gory pictures," and failure to "give students the right to choose to partake in such events, stripping individuals from their choice to practice self-care in topics as deep as abortion." And it's a narrative in which the African-American feminist professor now winds up cast in the role of bully.

Accounts vary as to what exactly happened when the Christian group descended on UCSB earlier this month, but according to 21-year-old Joan Short, she and her 16-year-old sister Thrin were displaying three large signs and handing out literature when Dr. Mireille Miller-Young approached them, and a heated exchange ensued. Miller-Young allegedly then led a group of students in a chant of "Tear down the sign! Tear down the sign!" before taking one of the banners away from the girls and walking away. What follows in the video the "Survivors" group has released shows the professor and two other females walking into a building with a very large sign that appears to depict a bloody fetus. When the girls call her a thief, she yells back, "I may be a thief but you're a terrorist." They follow her, and at one point Miller-Young seems to say, "Try and stop us." In the blurred, confused scuttlebutt that follows, one of the girls says, "Don't touch me. Hey! Don't touch me!" as Miller-Young seems to push her. And while the girls rather dramatically insist, "She just assaulted me," Miller-Young does clearly push one of their feet out of the elevator. The sign was later found destroyed, and the girls released photos of scratches allegedly left by Miller-Young on Thrin's arm. Well, thanks, Dr. Mireille Miller-Young, because now these two sisters, who might otherwise have been just a campus nuisance, have overnight become national right-wing heroines.'

Judge rules mothers can keep fathers out of delivery rooms, need not inform of birth

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A New Jersey court decision makes it clear, it may take two to tango but not to give birth.

“It’s well established under federal and state law that there is a privacy right when a woman’s in labor.”

Rutgers professor and family law expert Sally Goldfarb says a Passaic County judge made the right call last November in his decision, which was published this week, when he sided with pregnant woman that her ex-fiancee had no legal right to be in the delivery room.

“What this man was seeking to do was really interfere with the woman’s ability to exercise her own choices about giving birth in privacy and that to me falls outside of the rights that a father is legitimately entitled to.”

In the decision, believed to be the first of its kind, the father was also told he didn’t have a right to know when the baby was born.

Jeff Golden of Fathers & Children’s Equality says, “It’s a sad day for fathers, and for father’s and men’s rights.”

Jeff Golden worries this sort of ruling paves the way for some fathers to be nothing more than visitors and pay checks to their own children.

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Ashley Silva of Camden says, “Obviously, she’s delivering the baby [but] the father is also a part of the baby’s life, so I feel like he should be there, too.”

Lauren Martinez of Camden says, “If she wants her mom there or a coach or whoever that’s fine, but the man should at least be notified. I feel like that’s a right that a man should have.”

CBS 3’s Cleve Bryan spoke to the lawyer for the father in this case who says the two parents worked out an acceptable arraignment and so there will not be an appeal.'

Female TSA officers say pat-down duty leads to workplace discrimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Female TSA officers are in such high demand to conduct pat-downs that they get pigeonholed as checkpoint workers and miss out on chances for other experience that would earn them promotions, a top member of Congress said Tuesday.

Female officers are required to pat down women travelers and also are preferred for pat-downs for children, which means that they end up conducting more than half of the pat-downs, even though they are just a third of the TSA workforce, said Rep. Nita Lowey, the top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee.

“The result is that female TSOs are not getting the experience at other stations to be considered for promotion,” Ms. Lowey told Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson.

Mr. Johnson said the conundrum was news to him, but said he didn’t doubt it was possible.

He said he doesn’t want to see a situation where men are patting down women at security checkpoints, so given the makeup of the officer corps, women probably do end up getting stuck at the pat-down stations.'

Rape case against general unravels as evidence of false accusations emerge

Matt · 16 March 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Reported by the NY Times, no less! Excerpt:

'The most important sexual assault prosecution in the military came apart on Monday. But cracks had appeared two months earlier in the same North Carolina military courtroom.

During a Jan. 7 pretrial hearing, the sole witness to accuse Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair of forced sex — charges that could imprison him for life — took the stand at Fort Bragg to explain how she had only recently found an old iPhone that contained evidence of their three-year affair.

What might have seemed an innocuous discovery was, to General Sinclair's civilian lawyers, a major opportunity: The witness, a 34-year-old captain, had kept text and other communications with General Sinclair on her computer and on another cellphone, some of which bolstered their contention that the relationship was consensual. They suspected this newly discovered phone contained similar messages.

As the lead defense lawyer, Richard L. Scheff, a former federal prosecutor, questioned the captain, she told a precise, detailed and unequivocal story about when and where she found the phone, and what she did with it.
Photo

But according to a forensic expert hired by the defense, her story was not true — the phone had been charged and restarted two weeks earlier than she had claimed. The military's own experts reached a similar conclusion later.
...
This week, Colonel Pohl stopped the court-martial, sent the jury home and offered General Sinclair another chance to try to hammer out a plea agreement, presumably on lesser charges. The military, in its pursuit of General Sinclair, seemed overly concerned about politics and its public image, he suggested.

The breakdown of the prosecution's case was unquestionably a black eye for the Army at a time when it has been trying to fend off criticism on Capitol Hill that it is unable to clamp down on sexual assault, which statistics show has risen steadily in recent years. General Sinclair's court-martial took on special significance because he is possibly the first general to face sexual assault charges, and because his accuser was herself a promising junior officer.'

NPO: Act Now to Bring Shared Parenting to New York State

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With a tidal wave of shared parenting legislation sweeping the nation, New York has a golden opportunity to dramatically improve the outcomes of millions of children in the state by passing shared parenting legislation. Senate Bills 949 and 5316 would establish “a presumption of shared parenting of minor children in matrimonial proceedings.” The Bills are now in the Children and Families committee, and they need your help now to move to a floor vote.

Call and email members of the Children and Families Committee listed below. Use National Parents Organization Shared Parenting Talking Points and Make Shared Parenting the Norm. Tell our legislators why shared parenting is in the best interest of your children and every child in New York State.

In the Assembly, a similar Bill, A6457, is in the Judiciary Committee. There is a very real possibility that the bills will not make it out of committee without the voices of concerned constituents who want this bill passed.'

SAVE: Commentators Ridicule Campus Sex Bill, SAVE Says It Will Harm Victims

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / March 11, 2014 – Editorial writers are criticizing Senate Bill 967 for removing due process protections and encouraging false allegations. Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, a victim advocacy group, says the bill's broad definitions would serve to dissipate scarce resources and make it harder for victims to be believed.

SB 967 would require students contemplating any form of "sexual activity" to express their prior consent through "clear, unambiguous actions." SB 967 also encourages partners to reaffirm consent on a continuing basis throughout the sex act.

National columnist Cathy Young reveals the notion of mandating verbal consent to sex has been "widely ridiculed as political correctness gone mad." "With the California bill, we now have a state legislature effectively mandating how people—at least college students—should behave during sex," Young notes. "Whatever happened to getting the government out of the bedroom?"
http://www.mindingthecampus.com/originals/2014/02/want_to_have_sex_sign_this_con.html

Civil rights expert KC Johnson believes SB 967 embodies a clear "hostility to due process" by mandating the "preponderance-of-evidence threshold in branding a student a rapist."
http://www.mindingthecampus.com/forum/2014/02/a_deceptive_california_bill_on.html'

California Seeks to Redefine Consensual Campus Sex as Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How does classifying most consensual sex as rape help rape victims?

As a lawyer who has handled rape and sexual harassment cases, I can't imagine how. But this radical result is what some want to happen in California.

In endorsing a bill in the California legislature that would require "affirmative consent" before sex can occur on campus, the editorial boards of the Sacramento and Fresno Bee and the Daily Californian advocated that sex be treated as "sexual assault" unless the participants discuss it "out loud" before sex, and "demonstrate they obtained verbal 'affirmative consent' before engaging in sexual activity."

Never mind that consent to most sex is non-verbal, and that rape has historically been understood to be an act against someone's will, rather than simply a non-violent act that they did not consent to in advance. Perhaps in response to the bill, the University of California, on February 25, adopted a policy requiring affirmative consent not just to sex, but to every form of "physical sexual activity" engaged in.'

College facing trial for branding innocent student 'rapist'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge has ruled that a series of claims by a student-athlete against his school will go to trial after he was branded a rapist during a campus hearing even though a local prosecutor who investigated said the case should be dropped.

A ruling from U.S. District Judge Arthur Spiegel rejected the request by Xavier University to toss the entire case. It ordered a trial on claims by Dezmine Wells regarding breach of contract, intentional infliction of emotional distress, libel through injury to his personal reputation, his profession reputation and with malice, negligence and discrimination.

The school released only a statement on the dispute.

“We’re pleased that the court dismissed a number of the claims at this point,” the university said. “The court’s decision was based solely on the facts as alleged by Mr. Wells and his lawyers in their amended complaint, as is required by court rules at this early stage in the litigation. After the actual facts are disclosed to the court, we are confident that the result will vindicate Xavier.”

Catherine Sevcenko, an attorney, commented on the website of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education that Wells was expelled for sexual assault “in spite of the local prosecutor’s public statements that the evidence did not support the accuser’s allegations.”

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WND has reported several times on the federal campaign to have campus disciplinary boards determine guilt based on a preponderance of the evidence, which is far lower that the “beyond a reasonable doubt” in America’s criminal justice system.

...

FIRE said the Department of Education was trying to expand its reach by “addressing issues relating to campus discipline which cannot fairly be categorized as campus safety and reporting requirements.”

FIRE said early drafts of the law had language that would have required the “preponderance” standard, but that language intentionally was removed by Congress.

The draft rules, however, proposed by the bureaucracy, “circumvent congressional intent by including a provision that states, ‘an institution’s disciplinary proceedings are prompt, fair, and impartial if the proceedings … comply with guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights.’”

“In other words,” said FIRE, “the draft regulations would effectively codify use of the preponderance of the evidence standard in campus hearings, despite such a requirement having been considered and rejected by Congress.”'

Woman allegedly laced husband's steroids with antifreeze

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Smyrna woman has been charged with murder after police say she admitted lacing her husband's steroid injections with antifreeze.

State police say 44-year-old Jamie Baker was arrested on Thursday and charged with first-degree murder in the death of her husband, 42-year-old James Baker.

James Baker died in September. An autopsy revealed he had a chemical found in antifreeze in his system, and his death was ruled homicide by poisoning.

...

Police searched the home again on Thursday, and police say Jamie Baker told officers that she had used a hypodermic syringe to extract antifreeze from a bottle and then injected it into her husband's bottles of steroids.'

False allegations concern those who advocate for domestic violence victims

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It wasn't easy for the man whose job it generally is to prove that a criminal defendant abused his accuser to say.

"Her credibility, with respect to both dockers, was irrevocably compromised by falsely reporting three incidents in the City of Rome and providing at least one false written statement to the Rome Police Department," said prosecutor Joshua Bauer.

Instead of prosecuting the case against correction officer and accused abuser Craig Lockwood, the district attorney's office would up asking two judges to drop all the charges after victim Savannah Loce Lockwood admitted she made it up. And while the final charge against Lockwood was dropped Monday, the damage is still done, and some fear it will hurt the system.

...

Not only did Craig Lockwood not harm his estranged wife, his attorney says she assaulted him.

"She did stab him," said George Massoud, Lockwood's attorney. "She stabbed him in the shoulder."

But Massoud says because Loce Lockwood she cried foul first, what she allegedly did faded into the background.

"Generally speaking, in the criminal justice system, they don't take what they call cross complaints," said Massoud. "So the first one to file the complaint is the first one that gets heard."'

University hosted workshop to teach men how to give girlfriends orgasms -- no reciprocation mentioned

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rutgers University is hosting a female orgasm workshop so extensive it promises to have something for “orgasm aficionados and beginners of all genders,” Campus Reform has learned.
...
Tuesday’s workshop will be taught by “sex educators” Marshall Miller and Maggie Keenan-Bolger, and is sponsored by Student Residence Life and the Busch Campus Dean.

The event invitation did not bar students under the age of 18 from attending.

Rutgers is a public university that receives federal and state tax dollars. The university did not respond to a request for comment from Campus Reform in time for publication.'

Pit bull versus boy: Common sense goes to the dogs

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Mickey the pit bull stares at me from behind the bars of his cage at Maricopa County's Animal Care and Control quarantine unit on south 27th Avenue.

Death row for dogs.
...
He glances at me and turns away, unable to stop quivering, not unusual for a dog unfamiliar with people. He spent much of his time chained in a yard. He is not trained or neutered. He was underfed.
...
You'd feel sorry for Mickey if you didn't know he had attacked and disfigured a 4-year-old boy.

You'd feel sorry for him until you found out that people from Arizona and all over the world seem to be more concerned for Mickey than for little Kevin Vicente, who required 5 ½ hours of surgery to stitch the gashes in his face and to mend his broken eye socket, detached tear ducts and a fractured jaw.'

Young: The 'Ban Bossy' campaign misfires

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But is there any evidence that American girls in this day and age are fragile flowers whose confidence can be destroyed by a discouraging word? According to BanBossy.com, "girls are twice as likely as boys to worry that leadership roles will make them seem 'bossy' " -- a factoid based on a 2008 report from the Girl Scout Research Institute, "Change It Up!"

But while the report is based on a solid study -- a survey of about 2,500 girls and 1,500 boys -- this particular finding is less than impressive. It is based on a subgroup of 360 children who said they weren't interested in being leaders, and who were asked about the reasons for this disinterest. "I do not want to seem bossy" was mentioned by 29 percent of the girls but only 13 percent of the boys. However, in the entire survey pool, girls were just as likely as boys to say that they wanted to be leaders and to agree that "I think of myself as a leader." They were also equally likely to describe themselves as "confident," "talented," and "strong."

Moreover, the girls in the survey were more likely than boys to report actual leadership experience. Thus, 31 percent of girls compared to 26 percent of boys said they had been the leader of a team for a school project; 13 percent of girls but 10 percent of boys had run for a class or school office. This is consistent with a vast amount of recent data showing that girls are outpacing boys on all sorts of academic and social measures.'

Teen's Mom Demands Criminal Charges After Fatal Bedroom Shooting

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The mother of a 17-year-old Texas boy is demanding criminal charges be brought against a father who fatally shot her son. The incident occurred last week when the father, who hasn't been identified publicly, was alerted by his four-year-old son that there was someone in his 16-year-old daughter's bedroom.

The man grabbed his gun and entered his daughter's bedroom, where an argument ensued and his daughter reportedly denied knowing Johran McCormick. Police said the man shot McCormick in the head, claiming the teen was reaching for something.

Police said the girl later admitted to sneaking McCormick into the house.'

Canada: Bench-Slap - Ontario Judge creates a mess of case with "independent" research

fathers4fairness · 18 March 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Print story here, plus Sun News discussion of case here (video).

'Prosecutors are appealing a not guilty verdict in a case of domestic sexual assault after the investigating officer reported that the Ottawa trial judge created an online dating profile to research the alleged victim.

In an affidavit filed in court, Const. Erin Lehman detailed how Ontario Superior Court Justice Timothy Ray allegedly invited her to his private chambers after his ruling on Dec. 18, 2013, to discuss her investigation.

Ray allegedly said he created a profile on match.com, posing as a 25-year-old gay man. He suggested that the defence "would have been able to hang the victim with all the available information," according to the affidavit.

The alleged victim testified behind a screen during the trial, which shielded her from seeing others in the courtroom but allowed others, including the accused, to see her.

...

At some point Justice Ray stated that he was not sure if he was supposed to be talking to me like this but that his decision had already been made and was heard," Lehman wrote.

Ray found the accused not guilty of sexual assault, forcible confinement and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, but found him guilty of assault. The accused cannot be named in order to protect the identity of the alleged victim.

Lehman reported her conversation to the Crown after leaving the judge's chambers.

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"This is a case where very serious issues have been raised; issues that go to the heart of trial fairness," the ruling detailed.

The Court of Appeal ruled that the credibility of the complainant had been an issue at trial.

"The reported conversation between the trial judge and the investigating officer touches upon the complaint's credibility in a significant way," the ruling detailed.

None of the claims made by Lehman in the affidavit have been proven.

The case is scheduled to return to court on March 19.'

[Ed: definition of term *"Bench-slap"*]

China: A father's love

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The story comes to us from rural China: Fengyi township, Yibin county, Sichuan province, about 2,000 miles to the west of Shanghai. Everyday, 40 year old Yu Xukang gets up at 5am. He prepares a lunch for his son to eat at school. Then he helps his son walk to school, about 7km away over a rugged mountain road. His son, Xiao Qiang is 12 years old but he cannot walk to school. He is physically disabled from an unidentified disease: only 90cm tall, with twisted arms and legs and a hunched back. The nearest schools did not have the facilities to accept him. His father explains:
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There are no buses, no public transport to make the journey. Thus, Xiao must walk. But Xiao can't walk. That's where Dad comes in. Everyday, Yu puts his son into a specially constructed basket and straps him onto his back. Then Dad (only 1.5m tall himself!) carries his son 7 km to school. Then Dad walks 7km back home to work on a farm for the day. And in the afternoon he does the same thing in reverse. 7km walk to pick up his son. 7km walk home with his son on his back. A 28km day! Over the last 6 months he estimates that he has walked more than 2,500 km.

Because of the unidentified disease, the son could not start school until he was 12. Further, his father and mother separated when he was three years old (the reports do not specify in what circumstances). But all of these hardships do not seem to have limited his academic ability according to his proud father:

"My son with his disabilities is not in a position to walk on his own and it also means that he can't ride a bike. Despite being 12 he's just 90 cm tall. But I am proud of the fact that he is already top of his class and I know he will achieve great things. My dream is that he will go to college."'

UCSB Police Department Releases Feminist Professor Incident Report

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'The UC Santa Barbara Police Department has released its official report on the confrontation between Professor Mireille Miller-Young and a group of anti-abortion activists during which Miller-Young stole one of the activists' signs, tussled with a teen girl trying to get it back, and then destroyed the sign with the help of her students.

In the report, Miller-Young, who is pregnant, said she was "triggered" by the graphic images of aborted fetuses on the large posters and said she felt the demonstrators didn't have a right to be on the university's campus, because their messages were upsetting to her and students. When asked by police if there had been a struggle between her and the activists when she took the poster, Miller-Young responded, "I'm stronger, so I was able to take the poster."
...
In the report, Miller-Young also stated she'd be willing to pay for the cost of the sign but would "hate it." She said she was "mainly" responsible for its destruction in her office — which she called a "safe space" — because she was the only one with scissors at the time. Miller-Young admitted to authorities that she probably shouldn't have taken the poster but said she did the "right thing" because she believed the group was violating university policy and infringing on her rights. She likened her actions to that of a "conscientious objector."'

Ireland: Judges are ‘breaching human rights of fathers’

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'Irish judges are breaching human rights laws by forcing separated fathers on state benefits to make punishing child-maintenance payments, a parental rights advocacy group has claimed.

A chaotic ‘free-for-all’ in Ireland’s family courts has resulted in many fathers being forced below the poverty line while being denied proper access to their children, according to Eamonn Quinn of the Unmarried and Separated Parents of Ireland.

“The European Court of Human Rights has issued guidelines on what constitutes a minimum standard of living. A separated father on welfare is already at that level, yet an Irish judge will consistently force him to make exorbitant payments to the mother yet rarely, if ever, the other way round where he is the principal carer.

“If the mother has left the family home and is in desertion of the children, she is not made pay the same amount as a man.”'

Student expelled from university after making false rape report

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'The woman who faked a campus assault is no longer a student at Lindenwood University.

School officials say 21-year-old Joanna Newberry of Des Peres was dismissed after she made the false claim.

Newberry is facing misdemeanor charges of making a false report.

She told police she was attacked in a library restroom on March 7th, but fought off her attacker and was able to get away.
...
Five days later, Newberry admitted she made up the story, but didn't say why.'

Australia: Teenager charged with making false statement which resulted in a man arrested and denied bail

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'A TEENAGE girl who claimed a man dragged her into a toilet at Strathfield railway station and raped her, has been charged with making a false statement to police.

The 17-year-old girl told police an older man she met on the train forced her into the toilet block, where he sexually assaulted her for almost 30-minutes.

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Later that day on January 22, a 34-year-old man was arrested and charged with sexual assault. He was refused bail.

But a few days later, police said fresh information was obtained, and the charges against the man were formally withdrawn in court.'

Following an investigation, police yesterday charged the 17-year-old girl with making a false statement.'

Foreskin activists want Bill Gates to cut circumcision funding

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'Bill Gates is the most highly anticipated speaker at the TED Talks in Vancouver on Tuesday – but the Microsoft founder's philanthropic work is being protested by “pro-foreskin” activists.

The Canadian Foreskin Awareness Project has criticized a program funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which it said granted more than $160 million for 14 African countries' HIV/AIDS prevention programs encouraging male circumcision.

“Circumcision does not prevent HIV,” group founder Glen Callender said. “Bill Gates means well, there certainly are things he's doing that I fully support, but I do not agree that circumcision is a valid or reasonable approach for 21st-century AIDS prevention.”

He argued circumcision can create scar tissue and remove many sensory nerves in the penis.'

Barbara Kay: After a divorce, equal parenting rights should be the norm

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Article published in the National Post and on her personal website. Excerpt:

'In 1999, an exhaustively researched Joint House-Senate committee report, entitled “For the Sake of the Children,” offered recommendations whose spirit is encapsulated in Bill C-560, which will move to second reading in Parliament on March 25.

...

The present adversarial system for high-conflict cases, whereby one parent (usually the mother) “wins” primary residence for the children, has produced injustice, heartbreak and financial ruin on a massive scale. That the family-law system is in serious need of fundamental reform is not in dispute, with report after report demanding action. The new model would replace the concepts of “custody” and “access” with “parenting responsibilities” and “parenting time” applicable to both parents.

Under the current Divorce Act (1985), judges have paid lip service to vague concepts such as the “best interests” of the child. But many have ignored persuasive evidence showing that the single most important “interest” of children is to continue to love and to be loved by both their parents. Relationships cannot flourish without significant time in each other’s presence.

Opposition to ESP arises mainly from two sources: family-law lawyers who are by far the greatest financial stakeholders in the adversarial system, and ideologues. The lawyers insist that a vague test is best, leaving the matter for endless litigation; and ideologues either claim outright that mothers are indispensable to children’s happiness, fathers inessential; or accuse fathers of demanding ESP merely to reduce their financial obligations (which, in practice, won’t happen).

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Regarding the current primary parent/secondary parent model, Ludmer asks, “Why do this to children who are used to seeing both of their parents every day?” An excellent question. For while there is ample evidence that being marginalized from a parent harms children, there is no credible evidence that minimal time with a parent is good for them.

Bill C-560 is an intelligently designed bill that is just, balanced and respectful of today’s gender-convergent parenting realities. It has the strong support of Canadians and Parliament should enact it.'

The Neglected Suicide Epidemic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last May, citing the “substantial” rise in suicide among the middle-aged, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention described suicide as “an increasing public health concern.” That realization has begun to spread: in the same month, Newsweek ran a cover article called “The Suicide Epidemic,” noting that, around the world, self-harm takes “more lives than war, murder, and natural disasters combined.” In America, these numbers—which many experts believe are lower than the actual figures, owing to under-reporting—cannot simply be attributed to the toll of a long recession, or increasing gun ownership: clinical depression is also on the rise. Suicide rates declined in the nineteen-nineties, but since 1999 more Americans have killed themselves each year than in the one before.

Alan Berman, the executive director of the American Association of Suicidology and the president of the International Association of Suicide Prevention, has said that in the developed world ninety per cent of those who attempt suicide suffer from psychological ailments. “We have effective treatments for most of these,” Berman said last year. “But the tragedy is, people die from temporary feelings of helplessness—things we can help with.”...
...
Styron wrote, “Depression’s saving grace (perhaps its only one) is that the illness seems to be self-limiting: Time is the real healer.” If you need someone to talk to, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, at 1-800-273-8255, which will connect you to a counsellor at a nearby crisis center.'

Related: Men’s Suicide Rate is 3 Times That of Women

10 Ways True Feminism is Under Attack

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism is a top down social movement controlled by the political class which is exploited to promote cultural marxism, confuse gender roles, denigrate men and mislead women – all while completely ignoring genuine women's rights issues. Here are ten ways in which true feminism is under attack.

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Mainstream feminism serves to deflect attention away from countries where genuine women's rights abuses and atrocities against women are taking place, by advancing meaningless causes that have nothing to do with women's rights and everything to do with social engineering. A recent example is the "ban bossy" campaign, which is being funded by some of the largest western banks, oil companies and PR firms on the planet.

While celebrity feminists such as Beyonce were recruited as part of lucrative public relations campaign to ban a word, the Iraqi parliament was preparing to pass a new law that would legalize rape, prohibit women leaving home without the permission of their husband, and legalize marriage for 9-year-old girls. There was no multi-million dollar feminist media blitz to bring light to this desperate situation, nor did Beyonce appear in any PSAs to put pressure on the government of Saudi Arabia over their characterization of female drivers as potential terrorists.

By misdirecting money and attention into causes that only serve to restrict free speech, establishment feminism sidelines real women's rights issues.

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Fearing being labeled racist, politically correct left-wing feminists will rarely if ever campaign against some of the most egregious human rights abuses committed against women in the Muslim world. This again underscores the fact that mainstream feminism is not what it purports to be.

While there are innumerable examples of women being persecuted in the Muslim world, from their characterization as terrorists simply for driving in Saudi Arabia, to genital mutilation in African countries, to stonings in places like Afghanistan, establishment feminists are too busy pursuing inane and offbeat causes such as Wikipedia being too "masculine" in order to focus on actual examples of oppression.

While western feminists continue to contrive pointless arguments about "sexism" in western culture that are almost half a century out of date, the feminist movement is virtually AWOL when it comes to voicing fierce criticism of Muslim societies whose treatment of women is at least 200 years behind acceptable modern standards.

"It is a curious fact that our courageous feminists leaders, women who attack mild-mannered American men at the slightest sign of sexism, often grow oddly silent when confronted with the more fundamental abuse of women in Muslim societies," writes Charlotte Hays, noting how feminists attack people who speak out against FGM (female genital mutilation) by scorning them at "culturally insensitive".'

MSNBC’s Mika Brzezinski Falsely Claims That ‘Women Get Paid 77 Cents’ of What Men Make

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'“Morning Joe” co-host Mika Brzezinski is an unapologetic liberal so it should come as no surprise that she would spew liberal talking points on a regular basis. Unfortunately, Ms. Brzezinski has taken it upon herself to repeat the liberal myth that women get paid less than men.

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As noted in The Daily Beast, certainly no conservative publication, “The 23-cent gender pay gap is simply the difference between the average earnings of all men and women working full-time. It does not account for differences in occupations, positions, education, job tenure, or hours worked per week. When all these relevant factors are taken into consideration, the wage gap narrows to about five cents.”

The St. Louis Federal Reserve expanded on this point and argued that:

Women are likely to work fewer hours than men, which would make a gap in weekly earnings between the two groups substantial even if their hourly wages are the same. For this reason, most economic studies of a gender gap, including all of the studies reviewed in this article, use hourly wages instead of weekly earnings as a measure. Second, many other factors (such as education and labor force attachment) could affect wages. Research suggests that the actual gender wage gap (when female workers are compared with male workers who have similar characteristics) is much lower than the raw wage gap.'

Female college student attacked and beaten by five other girls in dorm room

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Florida Memorial University student Kameron Moore spent a night in the emergency room after she says at least five girls jumped her in a dorm room.

“They was cheering on the couch. Saying ‘get her! Get her! Get her!” said Moore.

Moore, a freshman, said it started when she returned from spring break.
...
She complained and a dorm supervisor worked things out between her and her roommate—at least Moore thought they had until Monday night.
...
“One of the girls, they sent me a text message like come to they room,” Moore said. “And when I went to the room and they open the door and threw something in my face where I couldn’t see. And I tried to wipe my eyes so I could see and one of the girls starting hitting on me.”

Moore says she was launched into a refrigerator, held down, and fists flew. All the while, Moore says someone was filming it all.

“They was like don’t try me. This is what you get when you try someone,” Moore said.

A student told CBS4 off camera the video appeared briefly on Instagram.'

UK: Labour's family policy needs to move beyond just supporting mothers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For years, the backbone of Labour's family policy has been to support mothers in their role as parents and to support them into work, in order to lift families out of poverty: a mix of parenting support programmes for mums and childcare. These are vital and always will be, but we have reached the limit of this approach. It is expensive and the money has run out. Jon Cruddas and Labour's Policy Review are looking at expanding this approach by looking for other resources in children's lives – the social capital that is potentially available to children, such as fathers, grandparents, extended family and community.

Much research has been undertaken that shows the well-being and resilience of children is strongly linked to their stock of social capital: well connected children do better. They are surrounded by constantly available support in order to deal with both immediate difficulties and as they step into the worlds of work and of parenting.'

Women Shy Away From STEM Majors for Other Reasons Than Just Difficulty of Degrees

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'The Washington Post's Catherine Rampell published an article in their Opinions section on Mar. 10 telling every woman to "Stop trying to be straight-A students."

Her reasoning was not so that women do not intimidate their future husbands, but because they "might be limiting your earning and learning potential."

Rampell talked about studies done that found the likelihood a woman would major in an STEM major decreased as her grade fell. So women who received a B in Econ 101, the class used in her examples, were about 50 percent as likely as women who received A's to continues with economics as their major.

Rampell said research suggests women may value high grades more than men do, which entices them toward majors where the grading curves are more lenient. Apparently many more women enter college with a STEM major than graduate with a degree in these fields.'

Life's 'kissing sailor' photo: sexual harassment or unadulterated joy?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Glenn McDuffie, the man believed to be the “kissing sailor” of Times Square captured in Life magazine’s pages in 1945, died this month. But not before the feminist establishment successfully transformed the hapless McDuffie from an exuberant symbol of America’s joy and relief at Japan’s surrender and the ending of World War II into a malevolent symbol of that current feminist bugaboo: “rape culture.”

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That was then. Now, we have this from the “pursuit of gender equality” website Crates and Ribbons:

“It seems pretty clear, then, that what George had committed would be considered sexual assault by modern standards…. The fact that this much-loved photo is a depiction of sexual assault, rather than passion, is an uncomfortable truth, and to call it out as such might make one seem to be a priggish wet blanket. After all, this sailor has risked his life for his country. Surely his relief and excitement at the end of the war is justified? Surely these are unique circumstances? The answer to the first question is yes. He is perfectly entitled to be ecstatic. He is perfectly entitled to celebrate. However, this entitlement does not extend to his impinging on someone else’s bodily autonomy.

“The unwillingness to recognize a problem here is not surprising, considering the rape culture in which we live.”

Fortunately, the statute of limitations for a sexual-assault prosecution had run out by the time Glenn McDuffie died.

...

We really do live in a different age from the one in which young men, even teenage boys, eagerly and bravely helped bring their country to victory and in which young women were proud to be kissed by them — and people all over America, young and old, viewed an image of such a kiss as an expression of unadulterated joy.'

College gender gap increases HIV?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Franklin notes that the gender imbalance affects the social climate on college campuses. “The men can do whatever they want,” she says. “So, many women don’t date anybody on campus because you don’t know if he’s talking to Jill, Bill or Phil.”

Research supports her concern. A study of gender imbalance at HBCUs in the journal AIDS Care, in 2006, found that “primary consequences of this gender ratio imbalance were men having multiple female sexual partners during the same time period and women complying with men’s condom use preferences.” The study urged HIV preventive intervention programs at HBCUs to reduce women’s risk of infection.
...
Taylor commends the efforts to increase male enrollment and retention, but he says more is needed at the national level. The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans joined the Morehouse Research Institute in February to sponsor the Black Male Summit, which focused on education reform. Taylor is calling for national sponsorship of a program such as Five-Fifths to specifically address Black male retention and graduation. Studies are showing a male-female disparity in Hispanic college enrollment, so Hispanic-serving institutions are also taking steps to counter the imbalance. The latest Census Bureau information states that Hispanics make up 19 percent of all college students ages 18-24, up from 12 percent in 2008. Still, in 2009, Latinas earned 61 percent of all bachelor’s degrees earned by Hispanics.'

Outlawing 99% of Sex Encounters: SAVE Urges Lawmakers to Consider the Likely Effects of SB 967

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / March 18, 2014 –Senate Bill 967, which would impose an “affirmative consent” standard on California colleges, will serve to outlaw 99% of campus sex acts. SAVE, a national victim-advocacy organization, invites lawmakers to consider the unintended effects of enacting such a sweeping bill.

SB 967 would institute a stringent—and possibly impractical—standard on all sexual activities, not just sexual intercourse. SAVE notes that SB 967 lacks key definitions about what types of “words or clear, unambiguous actions” would represent legally effective consent, or the how often the parties must “continue to consent to sexual activity.”

The broad scope and definitional uncertainties surrounding SB 967 are likely to have five undesirable consequences:'

SAVE E-lert: Busting the Rape-Culture Myth

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It seems that more and more college campuses are experiencing an outbreak of a new and very dangerous virus. This virus causes fear and anxiety among female students. And it causes fear, anxiety, and depression among male students.

This virus is called "the Rape-Culture Myth."

Radical anti-rape activists are claiming that rape has increased to epidemic status.

In reality, the opposite is true. This chart (right side of page, half-way down entitled "Female Rape Victimization Rate 1993-2010") from the Dept. of Justice shows a steady decline in female rape victimization.

We believe that rape is a serious crime. Victims, both men and women, need and deserve support.

We also believe that hysteria over any subject is more harmful than helpful. And that includes rape.

Good laws are based on accurate facts. Please use this information to help us further educating the public and lawmakers about sexual assault.

Learn more here: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/rape-crusade

Thank you!

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The Pentagon has issued a flawed report on sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Citing a non-scientific survey of sexual assault in the military, the Pentagon issued a flawed report, which claimed that 26,000 service members were sexually assaulted last year. Panicked prosecutors and military leaders have responded by initiating some of the most preposterous prosecutions we have seen since the tide of false sex abuse allegations on college campuses reached its height a decade ago.

Promoting the panic in Congress, Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York demanded that the military chain of command be replaced with civilian legal processes in cases of sexual harassment and assault. Claiming that the military leadership is unable to deal with issues of “violence and power,” Ms. Gillibrand sent a powerful message to military leaders that convictions are necessary — and the “good soldier” defense is dead.

Although the Gillibrand bill has been stymied, the panic persists. Most recently caught up in its effects is Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair. Facing life in prison if he had been convicted, Gen. Sinclair had been charged with sexual assault, sodomy, having public sex and abusing his government credit card in pursuit of a three-year sexual affair with the same female officer who accused him of sexual assault.

In a military courtroom at Fort Bragg, N.C., last week, the accuser tearfully testified that she continued to have sex with the general for two years after she says he threatened to kill her. Gen. Sinclair maintained that the accuser was angry because he refused to leave his wife. Her private journal confirmed this. In an attempt to avoid the life sentence that is a real possibility in any moral panic, Gen. Sinclair pleaded guilty to adultery and lesser charges.
...
Politics always plays the pivotal role in any moral panic. Exaggerated claims by advocates like Ms. Gillibrand and her date-rape industry supporters are coupled with incendiary headlines in the media. Promoting the panic, the New York Times editorialized that the sexual assaults are the result of the “military’s entrenched culture of sexual violence.”
...
It is likely that this moral panic will continue to grow as the sexual assault-industry will help to create an unending supply of female victims in the military. There will always be soldiers behaving badly — but instead of receiving the message of strength and independence that the military has always promised, women in the military will be reminded of their fragility and vulnerability.'

It’s Time to End ‘Rape Culture’ Hysteria

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Article here. Excerpt:

“Rape is as American as apple pie,” says blogger Jessica Valenti. She and her sisters-in-arms describe our society as a “rape culture” where violence against women is so normal, it’s almost invisible. Films, magazines, fashion, books, music, humor, even Barbie — according to the activists — cooperate in conveying the message that women are there to be used, abused, and exploited. Recently, rape culture theory has migrated from the lonely corners of the feminist blogosphere into the mainstream. In January, the White House asserted that we need to combat campus rape by “[changing] a culture of passivity and tolerance in this country, which too often allows this type of violence to persist.”

Tolerance for rape? Rape is a horrific crime and rapists are despised. We have strict laws that Americans want to see enforced. Though rape is certainly a serious problem, there’s no evidence that it’s considered a cultural norm. Twenty-first century America does not have a rape culture; what we have is an out-of-control lobby leading the public and our educational and political leaders down the wrong path. Rape culture theory is doing little to help victims, but its power to poison the minds of young women and lead to hostile environments for innocent males is immense.'

"Improving Economic Opportunity for Women and Working Families"

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'Speaking at Valencia College, where more than half of the students (56 percent) are women, the President explained that women face "particular challenges" in our economy:

"Women make up about half of our workforce. ... In fact, for more than two decades, women have earned over half of the higher education degrees awarded in this country. So that means soon, for the first time, America's highly educated workforce will be made up of more women than men.

But the thing is, our economy hasn't caught up to that reality yet. So we've got too many women who work hard to support themselves and their families, including the 20 percent of women enrolled in college who are trying to raise kids while earning a degree, and they're facing unfair choices or outdated workplace policies that are holding them back. That has to change — because it holds all of us back."

President Obama made clear that we need "a women's economic agenda that grows our economy for everybody," and that starts with ensuring that America's women get equal pay for equal work. On average, women today earn just 77 cents for every dollar that a man earns. "And that's wrong," the President said. "This isn't 1958, it's 2014."'

Obama: 'If men were having babies, we'd have different policies'

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'President Obama urged women at Valencia Community College in Orlando, Fla., to tell Congress to pass the Equal Paycheck Act, furthering the myth that women make 77 cents to the dollar that men make and claiming that “if men were having babies, we'd have different policies.”

We probably would. There’d probably be a “war on men” pushing false statistics that men are paid less for women, without taking into account life choices.
...
Women are not earning just 77 cents to the dollar that men earn; that gap virtually disappears when degree and occupation are factored in. But Obama won’t make that distinction.
...
And notice how he said women would earn less “over the course of their career than a man at the same educational level”? Think about that for a moment. What he said is that it’s not fair for a woman with a bachelor’s degree to not earn the same as a man with a bachelor’s degree.

But that is completely fair. A woman with a bachelor’s in sociology doesn’t make as much as a man with a bachelor’s in economics because the jobs aren’t equal. If we paid people based on education level than having a doctorate in physical education (a gym teacher) would deserve as much money as a biochemist. The two are not equal.

As soon as Obama stops telling women they are victims, real problems can be fixed.'

Gallup: Being female is Hillary Clinton's most appealing qualification

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'Americans say the best or most positive thing about a possible Hillary Clinton presidency -- if she were to run and be elected in 2016 -- would be her serving as the first female president in the nation's history. Other positives mentioned by at least 5% of Americans are her experience, that she would bring about change from the previous two administrations, that she would adhere to a Democratic agenda, and that she would be the best choice.
...
These results are from a Gallup survey conducted March 15-16, which asked a nationally representative sample of Americans to say what would be the best and the worst things about a possible Clinton presidency, if she were to be elected in 2016.

A little less than half of Americans did not give a substantive answer in response to the positive question, and about the same percentage didn't give a substantive answer to the negative question. This is in large part because the majority of Republicans have no specific thoughts about the best thing about a Clinton presidency, and a majority of Democrats do not have specific responses to the question about the worst aspects of a Clinton presidency.'

Feminist professor charged in confrontation with pro-life teen

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A feminist studies professor at a California state university is facing criminal charges after a videotaped run-in with a teenage pro-life demonstrator in which she snatched an anti-abortion sign and appeared to get physical with the girl.

University of California at Santa Barbara Associate Professor Mireille Miller-Young was charged with one misdemeanor count each of theft, battery and vandalism in the March 4 incident, Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce Dudley announced Friday. The charges came days after 16-year-old Thrin Short and her parents met with prosecutors.

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Miller-Young did not immediately respond to a call seeking comment. In the report filed by campus police, she claimed she had a "moral right" to act in the manner she did.

...

“The university is aware of the incident and it is being reviewed by the appropriate offices,” UCSB spokesman George Foulsham wrote to FoxNews.com earlier this month. “It is university policy not to discuss personnel matters.”'

Are women fit enough to fight in combat?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was a little over a year ago (January of 2013) that former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Joint Chief of Staff Chairman General Martin Dempsey ordered that combat-arm roles will be opened to women in all areas of service. Even Senator John McCain (R-Ariz) supported the 2013-policy reversal that excluded women from front line positions and elite command jobs (put in place in 1994). Women, which make up 15% of the armed forces, have found themselves in reality combat more and more over the past decade. Moving forward women will now be potential candidates for more than 230,000 jobs in Army and Marine infantry.

President Obama reminded the nation that “valor knows no gender,” which was a poignant statement considering that 150 American military women have died recently in Iraq and Afghanistan (out of 6598 total fatalities) and another 1000 have been wounded, just in the past two years. This new policy is parallel to America’s manifesto - committed to equality and standards of fairness. Applying it to US Military is a progressive and noble evolution. But if I am being honest, the concern is whether physical fitness standards and testing will be lowered to accommodate the variances between men and women, to allow women to pass and qualify.
...
Women are still receiving significantly higher scores for physical tests that would be considered low or failing for men. So I have to ask again, is scaling helping or hurting our female soldiers become prepared? Or, are the training programs not designed well enough to develop the level of physical performance needed? Or, is the physical testing score a less important portion of a soldier’s overall skill sets? Are women equally performing in areas also critical to combat, intellectual resilience, pressure thinking, firearms skills, engineering aptitude and leadership?

I realized I might have asked more questions than I answered. I am clearly on the side of equality. But equality cannot just be ordained. When I think about the performance increases of women in the sport of MMA, a multi-discipline study, triathletes, a multi-discipline study and cross-fit competitors, a multi-discipline, it makes me realize that women are as trainable as men.'

UK: Why do we worry that few girls take physics, but not that boys make up just 29% of English A-level students?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A few years ago, I walked into a university to find several posters of my face. That was disconcerting enough. But it was advertising a graduate scheme for a science teacher – and I am a citizenship teacher. I made inquiries, and was told a focus group had suggested a female teacher was needed for the campaign to "break stereotypes" about scientists. The organiser quipped: "I think your being blonde was a bonus."
...
Like the university tutors who thought sticking a blonde woman on a science poster would somehow resolve gender disparities, Truss's main solution to the science gap appears to be gutsy role-modelling. In a recent speech to Google, Truss said: "It's up to all of us to encourage girls and say, you are just as good as the boys, you can do it."

But why are girls the ones constantly pathologised? This narrative makes out that girls are afraid to study the big scary sciences: but another way of thinking about it is that boys are the odd ones – crowding as they do into just a few subjects. They take up 60% or more of places in just five subjects, and two of these – maths and physics – are particularly dominated by boys, with the subjects accounting for one in five of all A-level examinations taken by boys.
...
Looked at in this way, the question we need to answer is less "Why do so few girls choose physics?" and more "Why do so many boys only choose physics and maths-related subjects?" After all, if they spread themselves out across all other subjects, girls would no longer be regularly outnumbered in physics.

Sadly, few politicians question gender disparities in other subjects. The schools minister has referred on several occasions to the fact that 40% of students who take maths A-level are female. She is at pains to point out how disastrous this is. Yet male participation rates in psychology, sociology, and religious studies are regularly well below 40% and no one bats an eyelid. One might argue that these are not "core" subjects. But boys only make up 29% of English A-level students – why isn't that deemed a "problem"? Apparently only girls deserve that label.'

This Half-Marathon Runner Instagrammed One 'Hot' Guy For Every Mile Of The Race

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Story here. As we all know a man would have been vilified if he did something similar. Excerpt:

'Kelly Roberts needed a way to stay entertained while running the 13.1-mile New York Half-Marathon. Her solution? Every mile, she took a selfie with a hot runner in the background.

“I didn't really train for this race because of the crazy winter we had, so live Instagraming was kind of a way to take my mind off the race,” the 24-year-old Brooklyn resident told the Daily News. “And finding cuties/making myself laugh is the best distraction from the cold and exhaustion.”

She posted each photo to Instagram, adding the tag #hottguysofthenychalf. There's some "eye candy" at mile 12, a guy with "dat headband" at mile 4, and an older gentleman with "short shorts" at mile 8. Take a look at the hilarious series below.'

Why Circumcise Perfectly Healthy Penises?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A randomized control trial shows that circumcision in adult males can dramatically reduce HIV infection rates, and all my friends who opted for circumcising their baby boys are holding up the dozens of national news accounts of this saying to me, “See?! See?!” Like I just condemned my son to die of AIDS because I let him keep his foreskin.

Meanwhile, the subset of those friends who are Jewish keep hinting I might be anti-Semitic for suggesting that the Jewish ritual of neonatal male circumcision probably ought to end. Oy!

First things first: To state the obvious, circumcision doesn’t prevent HIV infection. A circumcised penis may be less effective at transmitting HIV, but it can still manage it. Anyone who thinks they are protecting their son from HIV by preemptive circumcision probably should also consider castration, since that significantly lowers the libido, and heaven knows libido is a serious risk factor for sexually transmitted diseases. Or you might just consider good sex education.

No one seriously thinks HIV risk is the reason to circumcise infants. This is just latched on to by folks who are looking for a reason to justify a pre-existing desire to circumcise perfectly healthy baby boys. Oliver Wendell Holmes pointed out that judges tend to know how they want to rule, and then they go on to figure out how to justify the ruling. Routine neonatal male circumcision seems to be a lot like that. People want to do it, and they fish around for a good reason.'

Why are men's sperm rates falling?

Matt · 22 March 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Some good info if you can read around the BS. The author actually suggests "girl power" as a possible cause. Ridiculous. And I doubt anyone regardless of sex would be tossing in humor if the topic was women having issues with "low egg count" or premature entry into menopause. Excerpt:

'Men's sperm production is decreasing rapidly and the scientific community is struggling to find an explanation, writes Dr Phil Hammond

Up to a fifth of young men have a low sperm count, defined as fewer than 20 million sperm per millilitre of semen. Quite why you need so many sperm to fertilize one egg remains a mystery, but a low sperm count or poor sperm quality is the main cause of infertility in about 20pc of couples with fertility problems in the UK, and is an ‘additional factor’ in a further 25pc of cases. So what’s going on?

The much publicised decline of man has been on the cards since 1992, when seminal Danish research found that the number of sperm in each millilitre of semen has halved since the World War Two, while abnormal sperm (double-headers, big-headers, double-tailers and slow-coaches) is on the rise. ...
...
There does at least appear to be some circumstantial evidence to support what's known as 'the oestrogen hypothesis'. This holds that some of the 5,000 or so chemicals that inhabit our food, fertilizers and industrial cleaners are not dissimilar to the female sex hormone oestrogen - only they hang round a lot longer and at levels up to a thousand times higher than normal. This may have adverse effects on oestrogen-sensitive areas of the body (the reproductive tracts, breast, womb and possibly the developing foetus), which may possibly contribute to infertility and testicular cancer in men, breast and womb cancer in women and fetal abnormalities.'

Utah Foundation hopes to grow economy through (female) graduates

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With 20 percent of Utah's enrolled college students not graduating, Utah sits below the national average of college completion. This is especially true for women, according to Susan Madsen, professor at Utah Valley University and founder of the Utah Women in Education Initiative.

While Utah women obtain 10 percent more associate degrees than men, they receive 6 percent fewer bachelor's degrees, Madsen said.

A survey by the initiative concluded that Utah women have solid aspirations to attend college, but much lower aspirations to graduate. Nearly all women who didn't attend college or who dropped out said they truly believed they would get degrees "sometime."

Madsen hopes the Utah Women in Education Initiative will help women understand the accessibility of higher education, and the far-reaching benefits it can bring.

"It's about helping these women get confidence and know that they can be successful in helping take care of their families," she said. "But also that education can help them step into the communities and make a difference in our schools, in our communities, in our churches and for the state of Utah."'

Women accused of starving three children nearly to death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Three starving children -- including one who was chained to the floor to prevent her from getting food -- were found last month in the squalid home of a Northern California couple, authorities said.

All three -- two boys and a girl -- were taken into protective custody, and one was hospitalized, Monterey County Sheriff Scott Miller said Friday.

Authorities discovered them in the Salinas, Calif., home on March 14 after two of the young people missed appointments, according to several published reports.

"It was a particularly heinous case," Miller told the Monterey Herald. The children had "hardly eaten for months."

The girl, who appeared to have suffered the most extreme abuse, was chained to the floor to prevent her from getting any food, they said.

"It seems that the little girl was the major target of this abuse," Miller continued, adding that she looked "like a concentration camp victim."

The girl was in the hospital for about five days, he said, and seemed "traumatized."

There was evidence that she was may have been put in the closet as well as that she was sometimes shackled at the ankle and at other times by a collar around her neck, Miller said.

Eraca Dwan Craig, 31, and Christian Jessica Deana, 44, were both arrested at the scene on suspicion of felony child cruelty, false imprisonment and other charges.

The women, who are domestic partners, do not appear to have criminal records in Monterey County. They were both arraigned in Monterey County Court on Tuesday and are scheduled for a preliminary hearing on March 28.'

On a Mission to Save the World's Foreskins From Bill Gates

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Story here. Excerpt:

'"Bill Gates: Foreskin Enemy #1." This was the slogan on one of the picket signs outside TED at the Vancouver Convention Centre Tuesday night, where inside Gates and his wife, Melinda, were discussing their foundation's efforts to combat communicable diseases in developing countries. The demonstrators were there to protest the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's funding of voluntary male circumcision programs in Sub-Saharan Africa, designed to reduce the transmission of HIV. The campaigners believe the programs do little to cut infection rates.

"Circumcision doesn't work, and what's happening with Bill and Melinda Gates now is that they are mutilating literally millions of men and boys, and it's not going to help," says Glen Callender, founder of the Canadian Foreskin Awareness Project (aka CAN-FAP). "Bill Gates is directly responsible for more unnecessary circumcisions than any other single individual on the planet. He is behind the destruction of more foreskins than any other individual. That is why he's foreskin enemy number one."

The World Health Organization maintains that there is "compelling evidence that male circumcision reduces the risk of heterosexually acquired HIV infection in men by approximately 60 percent," research that underpins the Gates' plans. Callender, however, says the studies that informed the research were not well-executed. This is an opinion shared by some within the scientific community who posit that circumcision programs can increase the risk of transmission by taking "resources away from more effective, less expensive, less invasive alternatives." Though the Gates group does advocate for a multipronged approach to fight HIV infection, Callender believes the circumcision programs are a product of Bill Gates' cultural ignorance.'

Teacher Resigns After Being Accused Of Sex With Student In Classroom

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An 11th grade English teacher resigned last week after she was accused of having sexual relations with a student at a Pennsylvania high school.

Emily Nesbit, 31, was charged with institutional sex assault, a third-degree felony, on Friday. Police said Nesbit admitted meeting an 18-year-old male student for sex in a classroom after hours at Cumberland Valley High School in Mechanicsburg.

Nesbit is charged based on her position as a teacher, without regard to the age of the student. If convicted she could face up to seven years in prison, prosecutors told ABC 27 News.'

Disgusting Ad Jokes About Incest, Child Abuse

Matt · 23 March 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Reverse the sexes, change a little dialogue, and you have an international boycott of the company on your hands. As it is now, their sales have probably gone up. Excerpt:

'The ad's title, "Can You Sock Me?" telegraphs the premise of a young boy asking the question to his mother, who eagerly obliges in this double-entendre drivel. (Watch it, above.)

And that's not even the latest shlock from the European sock company, which appears to have a legitimate Facebook page packed with negative comments. The company's new ad (below) features a young man killing his hospitalized grandpa so he can take his socks.

The majority of YouTubers, both English- and French-speaking, expressed disgust with the "Can You Sock Me?" bit. "Someone looked at this and thought it was a good idea. Think about that for a moment," one wrote. Another penned, "Fock you, Burlington. Child molestation jokes aren't a good way to sell your crap."'

UR guys march in solidarity — and heels

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Sevi Poblete strode proudly across the University of Rochester campus wearing 3-inch, black leather high-heeled boots that, for him, represented all women who suffered from sexual assault or abuse.

In honor of his friends and other victims of sexual violence, Poblete chanted: "Stop, Ask, Clarify!" as he led dozens Saturday to "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes," an event sponsored by Rochester's Survivor Empowerment Group (SEGway) and the University Health Services Health Promotion Office.

The internationally recognized campaign encourages men to literally walk one mile in women's high-heeled shoes, to bring awareness to sexual assault and violence.

"(Wearing the heels) makes it more meaningful and sets an example for other people who want to participate in future events" Poblete said. "For me it was more about the message."'

Alan Cumming's fight against circumcision

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Alan Cumming *[link added]* wants to tell you about his penis. He wants it to be a shining example to the world. In a candid interview with Drew Grant this week in the New York Observer, the 49-year-old Scottish actor reveals his strong opinions on "Girls," naughty cellphone pictures, and, most controversially, circumcision. Or as he puts it, "genital mutilation."

"There's a double-standard, which is that we condemn the people who cut off girls' clitorises, but when it happens to boys," Cumming says. "I mean, it is the most sensitive part of their bodies, it has loads of nerve endings, and it can go horribly wrong. I'm speaking out against it … I'm just so suspicious of the medical industry, which just flings pills at people to ensure everyone is reliant on things. 'Here are some pills, Mommy. Take them, and we'll take your baby away and hack its thing off, and then we'll bill you for that too.'"

This isn't the first time Cumming has spoken strongly about the practice. Two years ago, he posted on his blog a piece he said the Wall Street Journal commissioned and then pulled, a story in which he proudly declared, "I, unlike the vast majority of American males, have not been genitally mutilated. I have a foreskin. I am intact." After describing his own penis in pretty frank detail, Cumming went on to explain his affiliations with the organizations Intact America and Norm-UK, and declare, "When I say that we have stopped most of the other barbaric practices described in the Bible so why are we so keen to continue this one, nobody really wants to listen."'

Woman Allegedly Lures Child Into Sex, Gives Him STD

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Arizona woman accused of convincing a boy she was a teenager and giving him a sexually transmitted disease may have had sex with other minors, police said.

Anna Areola-Hernandez, 23, was arrested Thursday and faces charges including sexual conduct with a minor, child molestation, unlawful age misrepresentation, and an adult posing as a minor for sexual conduct, according to AZ Family.

Court documents show that Areola-Hernandez had a six-month relationship with a 13-year-old boy she first met at a Phoenix mall. She allegedly told the teen that she was 15-years-old, and had sex with the child several times.

In February, the child's mother contacted the police after finding out Areola-Hernandez has lied about her age, and had allegedly given her son an STD.

In a call set up by officers, Areola-Hernandez allegedly told the boy's mother that she was pregnant, though police have yet to confirm if this is true.
...
Police said the suspect admitted that she had "friended" at least 20 kids online while posing as a teenager, and confessed to having sex with two children.

Court documents said Areola-Hernandez showed no remorse when talking about the allegations, and admitted to preferring younger boys, according to My Fox Phoenix.
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Areola-Hernandez is being held without bail.'

UK: Woman Sentenced To Two Years For Having 'Sex' With 8-Year-Old 50 Times

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'A 21-year-old woman was sentenced to two years in prison for having forced sexual intercourse with an 8-year-old boy 50 times.

Loren Morris, who was 16 when the abuse started five years ago, was given the sentence on Tuesday, a month after she was convicted at trial at Worcester Crown Court in England. The abuse lasted two years and came to light after the child was heard bragging about the encounters at school.

The Daily Mail reports that Judge Robert Juckes QC gave Morris a more lenient sentence because she stopped sexually assaulting the boy after she realized it was "wrong."

"I take into account what has been said to me and the fact that you stopped the activity yourself," Juckes said in open court. "You realized it was wrong rather than being caught and forced to stop."

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The Mirror reports that Morris, who "grinned broadly" as she headed to court with a cigarette between her lips, was convicted on three counts of sexual intercourse with a child under 16.

Morris is also barred from having any contact with a child without the parents' permission and forced to register as a sex offender for 10 years.'

Affidavit: Teacher had sexual encounter with student at a Waffle House

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A judge granted bond, set at $50,000 in cash, to a former teacher charged with having sex with several students. The judge set bond for Lori Quigley for all three counts she faces.

Police arrested Quigley a week ago at her Georgia home. She resigned from her math teaching job about a week before her arrest.

An arrest affidavit shows investigators claimed Quigley had a sexual encounter in her classroom with two students at the school in September and October of 2012. A third encounter with one of the two students, according to investigators, took place at a Waffle House in Georgia this past January.

Judge David L. Cavender ruled Quigley must have no contact (in person, by phone, by email or social media) with students or former students of the county school system other than family members. She has to stay in the county where she lives and cannot leave the state of Georgia without prior approval of the court.'

Mel Gibson considering legal fight to gain more custody of daughter from ex

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Mel Gibson is reported to be considering another legal battle with his ex Oksana Grigorieva.

The 58-year-old is alleged to be seeking more custody of his four-year-old daughter Lucia that he shares with the Russian pianist, who he pays $20,000 a month in child support to.

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An insider told the website: 'Oksana is terrified that Mel is going to go to court and ask Judge Scott Gordon to give him sole custody of their daughter, Lucia, because of a recent incident.

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A report by TMZ claims that Grigorieva recently filed legal documents claiming she can only afford to pay $372 per month towards debts listed at $438,000.

The hard-up Russian pianist is in dire financial straits, with her position made much worse a fortnight ago when a judge ruled the Lethal Weapon star did not have to pay the $375,000 remaining on their settlement after she breached a confidentiality clause.

According to TMZ she is asking the court to clear the balance of her debts after five years, despite the fact she will have only stumped up $22,320, just five per cent of what she owes.

This amounts to just over one installment of the $20,000 she receives in child support from the Braveheart star to care for their four-year-old daughter Lucia.

Oksana filed for bankruptcy less than four years after knocking back a reported $15m child custody settlement offer from the megarich actor, who is worth an estimated $425m.

Previous legal documents filed showed she is claiming she is so broke she has just $10 in cash to her name, and has $48,000 in assets and $438,000 in debts.

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During her bitter custody battle with the Mad Max actor she sacked more than 40 lawyers.

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Oksana is still receiving $20,000 a month in child support for Lucia, while her former flame Timothy Dalton pays her $2,500 a month for their son Alexander.'

New Zealand: Men failing in a woman's world

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Article here. Excerpt:

A masculist crusader says feminism has come at the cost of men.

The comments were sparked by new research showing New Zealand blokes get a "raw deal" in education, health and wellbeing.

Men are more likely to fail at school, ditch university, end up in prison and commit suicide than women, according to the AUT study.

Meanwhile, females are racing ahead in education, commanding flexible working conditions and have longer life expectancy.

Self-described masculist Kerry Bevin said the women's rights movement went too far and men are paying the price in the "feminist aftermath".

"It's way out of kilter and the boys are suffering," he said. "You've now got men who are primary breadwinners but doing work at home and sports on the weekends. These guys are the true soldiers and don't get enough recognition."

Step Forward for Male Student's Title IX Lawsuit

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Article here.

'After a few male students accused of sexual assault sued their institutions under Title IX, alleging that they were discriminated against on the basis of gender in campus disciplinary hearings, experts suggested they faced an uphill battle in proving that to be the case.

But one of the more closely watched cases, that of the Xavier University basketball player Dezmine Wells, has survived the institution's motion to dismiss. A federal district court said Wells's allegations under Title IX were adequate to allow the case to proceed to the discovery phase, the Title IX Blog reports. The complaint recounts Xavier officials rushing to judgment, failing to train staff who heard Wells's case, and denying Wells legal counsel and witnesses. Wells was expelled from Xavier and now plays basketball at the University of Maryland at College Park.

Meanwhile, more students are filing similar lawsuits under the very same law that women turn to for protection from assault.'

Canada: Alison Redford's Resignation Partially Due To Sexism?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The departure of Alberta's first female premier this week, in the face of mounting public and party pressure, has reignited a familiar question: Did sexism play a role in her demise?

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The Progressive Conservative premier made mistakes, McLellan said, but her caucus and voters — both male and female — had unfair expectations of her as a female leader.

"There seems to be some standard that somehow it's OK for men in public life to act a certain way. But if women do that, that makes them not nice ladies," she said.

...

Former Saskatchewan NDP premier Lorne Calvert said it may be telling that Redford isn't the only female premier to leave office recently.

Kathy Dunderdale, the Tory premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, resigned in January amid questions about her leadership and sliding approval ratings.

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Before those departures, Canada made history by having six female provincial and territorial leaders. Three remain: Christy Clark in British Columbia, Kathleen Wynne in Ontario and Pauline Marois in Quebec.

Calvert would like to see more women in politics, but concedes they face more challenges on the job.

"I don't want to be sexist here, but in some ways the very nature of our legislative process — combative — has not been traditionally a role some women are comfortable in. And yet good governance will tell you that that's not all that effective anymore."

...

The Alberta Tories have forced out their last four leaders. Before Redford, they turfed Ed Stelmach and Ralph Klein.

"Gender is part of it," said Blakeman. "But so is character and management choices and political ideology and a really, really, really old party that's been here a long, long time."'

Belgium bans a wide range of sexist speech

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Penalization of Sexism

For the purposes of this Act, the concept of sexism will be understood to mean any gesture or act that, in the circumstances of Article 444 of the Penal Code,* is evidently intended to express contempt for a person because of his gender, or that regards them as inferior, or reduces them to their sexual dimension, and which has the effect of violating someone's dignity.

Anyone found guilty of [such conduct] will be punished with a prison sentence of one month to one year, and a fine …, or one of these penalties alone….

* The relevant part of Article 444 Belgian Penal Code refers to the following circumstances/contexts in which the speech/conduct is required to take place:

"Either in public meetings or places;

Or in the presence of several people, in a place that is not public but accessible to a number of people who are entitled to meet or visit there;

Or in any place in the presence of the offended person and in front of witnesses;

Or through documents, printed or otherwise, illustrations or symbols that have been displayed, distributed, sold, offered for sale, or publicly exhibited;

Or finally by documents that have not been made public but which have been sent or communicated to several people."

...

Vrielink reports that the law will indeed cover not just face-to-face insults, but also things said about people in print or in other forms of mass communications. Thus, I infer, it would be a crime to publish newspaper articles or blog posts that say a politician, journalist, criminal, or whoever else is inferior because of his or her gender, or intentionally show contempt for the person because of his or her gender, or "reduce them to their sexual dimension," and which has the effect of violating someone's dignity.

Moreover, this might apply not just to statements about particular people, but also to statements about men or women generally — e.g., that men or women are biologically (or even just as a matter of current cultural reality) inferior to the other sex in some ways — or about particular subgroups of men or women.

...

Soon, it could be a criminal matter to call someone a 'sexist' in Belgium. Even if someone may in fact be one. Why, you ask? Because the country's political majority is determined to enact a new law. In what is believed to be the first legislation of its type, anywhere, the concept of sexism will be rendered punishable.

A logical side effect of making sexism illegal is that the simple act of accusing someone of being sexist, may amount to criminal defamation. Under Belgian law, as in many other legal systems, it is an offense to accuse someone of having committed crimes that they were not actually convicted for. Law is often a double-edged sword.

In addition to this, the bill is superfluous and it poses major risks to free speech.'

NPO: Hold Guardians Ad Litem Accountable

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Connecticut Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers recently acknowledged in The Hartford Courant, there should be established guidelines for appointing guardians ad litem; there must be a mechanism for holding guardians ad litem accountable, including a method to limit their fees or remove them for failing to complete their required tasks in accordance with their orders of appointment; Guardians ad litem should be subject to a published code of conduct.

Connecticut legal pundit, Norm Pattis, has been joined by many members of the bar and the general public in criticizing the Chief Justice. She refuses to acknowledge that the system is broken.
...
My children have suffered at the hands of the Connecticut family court system; so I understand why people are quick to attack Chief Justice Rogers for her statement that the system is “not broken. ” If the system is actually designed to harm our children, we will be justified in condemning the head of that system. To interpret Chief Justice Rogers’ statement in this manner is wholly unfair.

I write to support the Chief Justice because I have served as a chief presiding judge and understand the limitations imposed by the Judicial Code of Conduct. I have presided over more than one thousand family related cases in nearly fifteen years of trial service in a foreign jurisdiction; and I have faced heat when I have publicly criticized obvious shortcomings in the judicial system.'

Australian Broadcasting Corporation (taxpayer-subsidised public broadcaster): "Women in Broadcast Technology Scholarship"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'* Scholarship Opportunity for 4 Weeks Work
*$37,715 - $44,460 p.a. + Generous Super
* Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Darwin, Hobart, Adelaide

A scholarship is offered in each state and territory every year for Australian women studying at TAFE or equivalent level, courses in electronics technology, electrical engineering, communications engineering, computer systems/shared technology or similar.

Successful applicants will receive four weeks paid work in the Technology Division of the ABC, plus a $1,000 educational book allowance.'

If Feminists Like Women, Why Are They Constantly Trying To Change Us?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I like being a woman. I have never felt even remotely bad about being a female member of the species. Chalk it up to an adolescence miraculously devoid of the unrelenting glare of women's magazines, a fantastic relationship with my supportive parents, or being born in the good ol' United States of America, but I've always known that being a girl is pretty awesome.

And the only time it even occurs to me to feel bad about my sex is when feminists start telling me I'm doing everything wrong.

The most recent feminist triumph had nothing to do with advocating for the right of women to drive in Saudi Arabia or for the right to life of unborn children killed simply for the crime of being girls or any other such problem. It was a campaign organized by high-achieving and popular women such as Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg to, um, "ban" everyone else from using the word bossy. I already listed seven of the problems with this campaign (e.g. girls don't need over-protection, victims of unduly assertive people need a word to use to combat bad behavior, not everyone's a leader and it's time to stop shaming people who aren't.)

But one major problem with the campaign is that it has taken a word that wasn't gender specific and made it into one. So in the name of feminism, we have forever joined the term "bossy" with "girl-trait" in everyone's minds. What are you going to do for an encore, feminism?

In response to the campaign, Elle magazine came up with an even better idea: "While We're Banning Stuff, Let's Ban Sorry":

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But I'm a proud issuer of apologies, when the time calls for it. And feminists can shove it up their freaking pie hole (not sorry!) if they have a problem with this. It's called being courteous. And I wish more people would get over themselves and freely apologize when they're inconveniencing someone. The problem with this world is not that we don't have enough people apologizing for lack of courtesy.

Here's the thing, though. Every time feminists come up with some campaign, isn't it weird that it devalues female traits and identifies masculine measures as the ideal?'

43-YO socialite and grandmother gets 14 years in prison for possession and distribution of massive child porn cache

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Story here. Excerpt:

'She lived in a 4,000-square foot, $1.4 million home and drove a bright green Camaro with vanity plates that read "MY SYN," but prosecutors said grandmother Erika Perdue's opulent lifestyle wasn't her darkest vice.

Perdue, who pleaded guilty to charges of trading and shipping child porn last year, was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison on Monday.

“I lost two granddaughters to this,” Perdue said in court Monday, according to the Dallas Morning News.

According to court records, the 43-year-old Dallas socialite downloaded and traded child pornography every day for 13 years while her successful lawyer husband was at work.

The Dallas Morning News reports that the activity only stopped once federal agents raided her home and arrested her in April 2012, finding more than 4,000 illicit images on her computer.

Following the raid, agents told WFAA that the images were extremely graphic, and included depictions of toddlers being raped by men and women.

The judge who issued the sentence said he was reluctant to reduce it from 20 years, but prosecutors said they'd agreed to it because the convicted woman suffers from “some pretty severe mental health” problems.
...
Once she was apprehended, Perdue cooperated with authorities, handing over her screen name, "Classybitch," which led to two additional child porn convictions, the Dallas News reports.

According to WFAA, Perdue's Facebook page, which appears to have been deactivated, reflected a coquettish persona complete with sultry photos.

Perdue's husband was not named in the criminal complaint against his wife.'

Petition: Homeless men in Japan being "recruited" to clean up waste near Fukushima plant

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Petition here. Would they dare try to do this to homeless women? Never. Instead, there'd be a nation-wide effort to find them places to live and get them medical and psychiatric care. Excerpt:

'Private labor contractors in Japan are "recruiting" homeless men and men to work in the disaster area of the destroyed Fukushima nuclear power plant, taking advantage of their desperation to pay them less than minimum wage and with no proof that their health is being protected.

In a devil's bargain between organized crime bosses and the nation's top construction firms, laborers are exploited by these contractors as they take in state funds for the cleanup, giving them miniscule cuts for the dangerous untrained work and then subtracting more for food and lodging.

We call on the government of Japan to investigate this shady practice, ensuring these workers are properly protected from the radiation and being well-compensated for the dangerous work. Don't let these companies keep preying on the homeless to expose them to radiation — write the Japanese government now!'

Canada: Equal shared parenting - best for parents, best for children

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Editorial in National Post today (Equal Parenting Bill C560 is being debated for Second Reading today March 25 in Parliament). Excerpt:

'In recent days, the National Post has brought forward two sides of the current debate on Bill C-560, An Act to amend the Divorce Act (equal parenting), set for second reading in the House of Commons today.

Although the two articles, by Barbara Kay ("After a divorce, equal parenting rights should be the norm," March 19) and Tasha Kheiriddin ("Equal shared parenting laws don't put kids first," March 20) appear at first glance to present diametrically opposed positions, each expresses valid concerns in regard to the importance of maintaining parent-child relationships, ensuring continuity and stability in children's lives, and containing parental conflict. The question is whether any one legal formula can be crafted to take on board all of these concerns.

The problem with Canada's current "best interests of the child" approach, as codified in the Divorce Act, is that it relies on a discretionary method of determining children's interests, in which judges have unfettered latitude in an area of child development and family dynamics in which they have little or no expertise. Thus, their subjective judgments about children's needs and interests are variable, inconsistent and unpredictable.
...
Shared parenting is, not surprisingly, also the stated preference of parents and children themselves. Research from jurisdictions that have implemented a shared parenting presumption, including Sweden, Belgium and Australia, are highly encouraging.

The current adversarial system in family law is unsustainable. It is our responsibility to set aside polarized positions and work collaboratively toward supporting children and families during difficult times of family transition.'

Barbara Kay: A bump in radical feminism's control of the gender agenda

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The CBC's Jian Ghomeshi is the most amiable, open-minded guy in the world, with a good sense of humour to boot. The perfect radio host. His weekly show, Q, frequently provides proof of his willingness to explore both sides of a gamut of issues in the classic liberal tradition.

Unfortunately, amongst doctrinaire feminists, amiability, intellectual curiosity and even (especially?) a sense of humour don't cut it when their pet theories fall into Q's crosshairs. Ghomeshi had the temerity on Monday to host a debate about the veracity of "rape culture," between Lise Gotell, chair of Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Alberta, and conservative researcher Heather Macdonald of the Manhattan Institute.

A storm of indignation erupted, describing Macdonald as a "rape apologist" for expressing the perfectly sensible view that if girls did not "drink [themselves] blotto" at parties, the entire phenomenon called rape culture would virtually disappear. She is not wrong, but it is politically incorrect to "blame the victim." No, the only correct view is that "Drinking doesn't cause rape, it's the decision of rapists that cause rape," in Ms Gotell's words.
...
The rape culture meme always harks back to bad methodology, linguistic legerdemain and moral-high-ground entitlement. In the spring of 1993, nine women, art students at the University of Maryland distributed posters and fliers around campus, naming dozens of male students with the heading: "Notice: These men are potential rapists." The women had chosen the names at random from the university directory as part of an art project. How did they get away with such irresponsibility? If you have to ask, you don't know your feminist history.'

Binge drinking women are Britain's litmus test

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Put the phrase "binge drinking Britain" into Google and you will find one over-riding image in use. Young women in tiny skirts and towering heels are shown in the final stages of drunkenness, stumbling down a high street or collapsed on the ground. Nor is the search engine alone in depicting UK's alcohol culture this way. Women, young and old, are invariably used as illustrations of the problems of binge drinking today.

Last year North Yorkshire's newly elected police commissioner Julia Mulligan said women's binge drinking was a real problem in the area, which leaves them "vulnerable to exploitation" while last month the Daily Mail asked: "Why do some of our brightest young girls want to drink themselves into oblivion?"

But what about our brightest young boys? Are they so brilliant at controlling their alcohol intake? The answer is certainly no but somehow no one seems to care if they get legless or incapable.
...
Gin Lane (1751) *[link added]*, William Hogarth's painted depiction of London's descent into the gin craze, when cheap alcohol flooded the market, is typical. At the centre of this image of decay a woman lets her child fall from her arms – presumably to its death - as she sits insensible and uncaring. Although Hogarth also shows men descending into debauchery and violence, it is this lost woman that forms his central motif. In the 18th century, gin became known as mother's ruin - not father's. Segue to the modern times, and the exhibition uses a 2008 photograph - of three girls stumbling down a street, drinks in hand - that has appeared in just about every UK newspaper. Two hundred years later, attitudes have changed not a jot. But why?

One answer is provided by David Geiringer, an associate history tutor at Sussex University, who argues that societies have traditionally gauged their own morality by the behaviour of their women. And despite the various waves of feminism since the 20th century, the concept that female morality needs to be protected has been hard to shake. Women are the litmus test: men may over-do things, but the moment that women do so, it becomes clear society has degenerated. This has been seen time and time again: during the gin craze, laudanum drinking during the Victorian era, when cocktail-drinking flapper girls ignited vicious pearl-clutching during the twenties, and now binge drinking must be a serious problem in Britain because girls are doing it.

It is easy, sloppy thinking. Certainly, shaming girls on a boozy night out will not fix Britain's troubles with excess indulgence of alcohol. Education, eradication of poverty, and the minimum unit alcohol pricing are the proper routes. Attacking women for drinking is just as wrong as it for right wing newspapers to pick on women for wanting careers or for not staying at home to raise children. It's simple, brutal propaganda.'

Book: "The Law And Economics Of Child Support Payments"

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This book entitled "The Law And Economics Of Child Support Payments" was published in 2004 and addresses the problems with the NCP-pays-CP system in the US, as well as most if not all other countries in the world that have a legal system with the power to adjudicate child custody conflicts.

It is very expensive for a book of most kinds these days, but I thought I would make people aware of its existence, as I was by a MANN reader via email. Such a book would probably make a very good addition to a library of many kinds: college, public, etc. Book description:

'The delinquent payment of child support by non-custodial to custodial parents is a major problem throughout the United States. To many observers, the problem is one of 'deadbeat dads' - men who simply will not make the required payments. The solution has been to enforce payment by the imposition of increasingly stringent civil and criminal penalties. Despite these efforts, the percentage of single mothers receiving child support has changed very little over the past twenty-five years. The Law and Economics of Child Support Payments investigates why this is, and approaches the payment of child support as an economic problem. To understand the issues involved, leading lawyers and economists examine various facets of the child support system from a law and economics perspective. They consider the incentives faced by both custodial and non-custodial parents, and search for policy actions that are more incentive-compatible for all participants. The assumptions underlying current child support guidelines are discussed, as are the ways in which child support payments affect family structure, teenage delinquency and income disparities between parents. This comprehensive, provocative volume will be of considerable interest to policymakers, lawyers and parent advocacy groups, as well as to students of this timely issue.'

"Judge Joe Brown" arrested for contempt after outburst in court custody trial

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Story here. Doesn't surprise me, or, the reason, anyway. But I am surprised that a member of the bench would behave as reported (even if he held no court appointment or elected judgeship at this particular time), since he must have known full well the only response a judge can render and keep authority in the courtroom is to find the disorderly party in contempt. But he is known for his personal mission of "promoting manhood and protecting womanhood" (See 4th paragraph of the article). This is a chivalrous idea that he apparently has taken a pledge (to whom??) to uphold, and like other modern-day (and not-so-modern-day) men who have been conned into this kind of idea, he has just paid for it. A man his age really ought to know better by now. Excerpt:

'The star of the television show “Judge Joe Brown” has been arrested and charged with five counts of contempt of court in Tennessee, court officials in Memphis said Monday.

Shelby County Juvenile Court officials said the 66-year-old Brown was sentenced to five days in jail after causing an outburst Monday in a child support hearing. Brown is running in the Democratic primary for Shelby County district attorney general.
...
The former TV judge was representing a woman who had been brought in on a warrant in a child support case, Michael said. Brown, he said, was yelling and repeatedly challenging Horne’s authority and even addressing his comments to a crowd of people inside the courtroom.'

Wikipedia on Judge Brown here. Note he has already been released -- less than a day behind bars.

New York state raiding indigent legal funds for money to make up shortfalls

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Story here. The vast majority of homeless people are men. I doubt New York would even consider doing this kind of thing if they were mostly women instead. Excerpt:

'As counties like Monroe struggle to cover the cost of legal defense for the poor, state lawmakers have been raiding tens of millions of dollars from a fund designated for that very purpose.

Over the past six years, the state's elected officials have yanked close to $50 million from a fund designated for indigent legal services.

While the "sweeps," as they are called, have not had immediate impact on a fund designated for indigent defense, those lost millions may be needed in future years as counties across New York try to provide constitutionally sound legal services for the poor. And the practice speaks to a larger issue, advocates for indigent defense services say: A continued unwillingness by state officials to confront a patchwork system of indigent legal aid.

"There isn't a logic to sweeping funds from there if your interest is to have a fund that will improve the quality of public defense," said Jonathan Gradess, who heads the New York State Defenders Association, which works to improve indigent defense.

For decades, public defense services in New York have battled to reach constitutionally mandated levels. Public defense offices are weighted with tremendous caseloads, and counties struggle to cover the costs.

In February, state Office of Indigent Legal Services director William Leahy, addressing Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposed budget, denounced the continuing sweeps of money from indigent legal funds. The sweeps could total more than $56 million since 2008, he said.'

SAVE E-lert: Ask Congress to Oppose the DED Affirmative Consent Mandate

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The U.S. Dept. of Education has proposed that college students who engage in sex will have to follow Affirmative Consent requirements...or they will be considered *rapists*!

That lead to a bill in California that would mandate students give their consent on *a repeated basis* before and throughout the sex act...or they will be considered *rapists*!

A college in Ohio adopted Affirmative Consent in the 1990's prompting national ridicule. The idea was even lampooned on Saturday Night Live.

Yet...it's baaaaack: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/affirmative-consent

Ask your elected officials to Oppose the Dept. of Ed. Affirmative Consent Mandate...before everyone on campus is considered rapists!

- Capitol Switchboard: (202) 224-3121
- Find your Lawmakers: http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml

Thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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NPO: Woozles: Their Role in Custody Law Reform, Parenting Plans and Family Court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What's a woozle? And what role does it play in child custody decisions and custody law reform? If you remember Winnie the Pooh, he and his friends become obsessed with the idea that they are being stalked by a frightening beast they called a woozle. In fact, they are being deceived by their own footprints as they walk around in circles. In social science a woozle is a belief or a claim based on inaccurate, partial, or flawed data — data that have been repeatedly misrepresented, misinterpreted or "woozled" in ways that end up influencing public opinion, individuals' decision making, and public policy.

This paper illustrates the woozling process that has contributed to the creation of a powerful and damaging child custody woozle: After parents' separate, infants and toddlers who spend even one night a week in their father's care are more irritable, distressed, inattentive, vigilant and anxious with their mothers, and physically stressed. In short, up until the age of four children should live exclusively, or nearly exclusively, with their mothers. The one study that has frequently been proffered as evidence that overnighting has a "deleterious impact" on infants and toddlers is an Australian study commissioned by the attorney general's office (McIntosh, Smyth, Kelelar & Wells, 2010, Post separation parenting plans: Outcomes for infants and children).'

India: Court denies alimony to woman, says she's capable of working

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Story here. Breakthrough! For India, anyway. Wonder when the U.S. is going to have one like this? Excerpt:

'A woman has been denied alimony by a Delhi court which observed that she was capable of working as she used to do before marriage and so was not dependent upon her husband for survival.

"The couple does not have any child and therefore the woman was as independent as the man to work and maintain herself," Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Anuradha Shukla Bhardwaj said, dismissing the appeal of the woman, a resident of Delhi, who had challenged the order of a magisterial court which had also denied her relief on similar grounds.

The court rejected the woman's plea relying on judgements of the Delhi High Court in which it had held that when husband and wife have equal educational qualifications, both must take care of themselves.

"In view of the judgements the High Court of Delhi where it has been held that wherever the wife is capable to work and had been working, she shall not be considered dependent upon the husband for her survival. There is no apparent error in the order of trial court," the sessions court said.'

City set to mark Parental Alienation Prevention Week

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With April being Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, Chelsea Mayor Earl Niven has proclaimed April 20-26 as Parental Alienation Prevention Week and April 25 as Parental Alienation Awareness Day.

Niven issued the proclamation during the Chelsea City Council's regular meeting March 18 as Kenneth Paschal, director of government affairs for the Alabama Family Rights Association, looked While addressing the council, Paschal said "alienation is the worse form of child abuse" and awareness is the first step toward change.

"Child Abuse and Prevention and Awareness Month is a time to emphasize that our children are innocent and deserve the leadership of the adults around them to ensure their health, wellness and safety," Paschal said.

According to the Parental Alienation Awareness Organization, parental alienation deprives children to be loved by and showing love for both of their parents and extended family. Parental alienation can occur in intact families, but is mostly seen in separated and divorced families.'

Wikipedia on Chelsea, AL: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chelsea,_Alabama

Physical force gets expansive meaning in SCOTUS interpretation of domestic-violence gun ban

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Supreme Court has held that offensive touching can qualify as a “misdemeanor crime of domestic violence” that disqualifies the perpetrator from owning a gun.

The court ruled (PDF) in the case of James Alvin Castleman, who pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor offense of intentionally or knowingly causing bodily injury to the mother of his child. Though the court was unanimous in holding that Castleman’s conviction disqualified him from possessing a gun under federal law, a debate emerged over the meaning of domestic violence.

One the one side was Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who wrote the opinion for the court, and on the other was Justice Antonin Scalia, who was among three concurring justices. Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. wrote the second concurrence, joined by Justice Clarence Thomas.
...
In his concurrence, Scalia agreed that Castleman’s conviction disqualified him from owning a gun, but he took issue with Sotomayor’s “inventive, nonviolent definition” of physical force.
...
The court ignores accepted definitions of domestic violence, Scalia said, opting instead to cite expansive definitions in an amicus brief by the National Network to End Domestic Violence and publications issued by the Justice Department’s Office on Violence Against Women. As an example of the broad definition, Scalia cited amici's description of domestic violence as acts that humiliate, isolate, frighten and blame; excessive monitoring of a woman's behavior; repeated accusations of infidelity; and controlling contact with others.

“The offerings of the Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women are equally capacious and (to put it mildly) unconventional,” Scalia said. Its publications describe domestic violence as a pattern of abusive behavior used to maintain control over another, undermining a partner's sense of self-worth, name-calling, and damaging a partner's relationship with children, he said.

“Of course," Scalia said, "these private organizations and the Department of Justice’s (nonprosecuting) Office are entitled to define 'domestic violence’ any way they want for their own purposes—purposes that can include (quite literally) giving all domestic behavior harmful to women a bad name. (What is more abhorrent than violence against women?) But when they (and the court) impose their all-embracing definition on the rest of us, they not only distort the law, they impoverish the language. When everything is domestic violence, nothing is.”'

Gender gap exists within campus colleges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While the College of Engineering has the largest gender gap with its enrollment being 87 percent male, it is not the only college on campus where one gender holds the majority. The College of Nursing is 85 percent female, leaving males as the minority.

“I want to work in the emergency department because I know that every day will be exciting and different and really challenge me as a nurse,” said senior nursing student Jake Kloster. “I had a lot of female friends in high school so it’s not that different. Occasionally I feel a little left out when they start discussing dresses or Pinterest, but it’s not a big deal.”

With the nursing and engineering colleges having the largest gaps, all of the colleges on campus have a gap of at least 28 percent except for the College of Arts and Sciences, University College and the Graduate School.
...
Making an approach to attract the younger female interest, the College of Engineering is holding a camp for eighth grade girls. Girls: Engineering, Mathematics and Science [GEMS] will provide sessions on robotics, forensics and bridges to help give girls an idea of what engineering would be like. Female engineers and engineering students will help put on the camp which will be held Saturday, March 29.

“Our challenge isn’t being a female phobic college,” Reid said. “Our challenge is getting females to understand there are really cool things you can do as an engineer.”'

For Title IX, don't cut men's sports, add women's

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sadly, we don't have men's cross country or track and field here at Missouri State, and one of the primary causes of this, or so I have been told on multiple occasions, is because of Title IX.
...
Because Title IX stipulates that educational institutions must have equal opportunity for male and female students to participate in athletics, this frequently results in men's varsity sports teams being cut in order to fund women's sports.

Now I know you're probably thinking, "But hey, Spencer, are you saying that women shouldn't have this equality and that men's sports are more important?"

The answer is 100 percent no. I'm not saying that at all.

Women absolutely deserve every opportunity to play the sports that they want to play. In fact, according to the Title IX information website, "Schools are providing 1.3 million fewer chances for girls to play sports in high school as compared to boys," and that simply isn't right.
...
I do. Because of Title IX stipulations surrounding athletics, many universities have cut a considerable number of men's sports programs or have simply not funded them in the first place. One prime example would be the two men's crew teams (rowing), swimming, tennis and fencing.

If educational institutions simply offered an equal representation of women's sports to begin with, as it should be, then multiple universities wouldn't have to cut men's varsity teams in order to fund female ventures. If we, as a generation, want this to become a reality, the first step is for both sexes to treat the other with the utmost dignity and respect by default, not through legal requirements forcing each to do so.'

Feminist comedian: I want to castrate every conservative Christian male

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday, Laura Levites, the liberal comedian who recently said she wanted to "rip out" Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodger's uterus*, proved yet again that liberalism is an ideology of hate and rage when she went on another profanity-laced Twitter rant saying she would "personally like to castrate" every male conservative Christian.

"I would personally like to castrate every Male Conservative Christian so that they have NO reproductive rights," she said, using the hashtag "#HobbyLobby."

...
In another tweet, Levites said she would pay for Hobby Lobby's David Green to be castrated.

She went so far as to advocate violence on Green, proclaiming she would purchase a saw from Home Depot to cut off Green's male organ so she can "shove it up his a**."'

Also see: Feminist comedian Laura Levites tells pro-life teen she should be murdered

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* http://www.examiner.com/article/feminist-comedian-i-want-to-rip-out-gop-rep-cathy-mcmorris-rodgers-uterus

Bureaucrat smears 16-year-old abortion protester battered by UCSB prof

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a campus-wide email, a big-shot official at the University of California, Santa Barbara has reacted to an associate professor's on-campus assault of a teenage anti-abortion protester by — wait for it — blaming the 16-year-old girl.

National Review obtained the full text of the all-campus email sent on Wednesday by Michael D. Young, UCSB's vice chancellor for student affairs.

Late last week, the district attorney in Santa Barbara, Calif. formally filed misdemeanor charges of theft, battery and vandalism against the professor, Mireille Miller-Young. (RELATED: Charges for prof who claimed 'MORAL RIGHT' to censor, batter 16-year-old abortion foe)

...

Young then adds that the authors of the Bill of Rights "got it right when designing the First Amendment" but he can't help observing that these authors were "all white men of privilege, some even slave owners."

Young also implies that people who protest abortion in free-speech zones have an "agenda" "wrapped in intolerance and extremism."

Anti-abortion protesters, he writes, are "outsiders coming into our midst to provoke us, to taunt us and attempt to turn us against one another." He adds: "If we take the bait, if we adopt negative tactics and engage in name calling, confrontation, provocation, and offensive behavior, then they win and our community loses."

Young's dispatch closes by urging students, faculty and administrators to "contact the Office of Student Life immediately" "if you feel harassed or think you are being subjected to offensive speech or material as an involuntary audience."'

Dick Morris: Hillary uses gender to win

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Throughout her political career, Hillary Clinton has used her gender and the still novel concept of a woman running for president to cloak her advances and shield her from losses. It is never about her. Her own merits, qualifications, defects, failures or shortcomings are never the issue. The question is always: How are we to treat women in politics?

Now that she is on the verge of running again for president, a Gallup poll shows that about one Clinton voter in five cites her gender as the leading reason to vote for her. Coming in second, mentioned by only half as many respondents, were her qualifications.

Clinton's use of her gender as cover was evident when she conceded her battle for the Democratic Party's nomination in 2008. Her line was that her candidacy had made "18 million cracks in the hardest and highest glass ceiling," despite the prize of the presidency eluding her. It was not Barack Obama who beat her, nor her own limitations. She was defeated by the "glass ceiling," and her campaign was a common effort of all feminists to crack it.'

Also see: Note to Hillary Clinton: If you run, stress gender

College sports for men: Title IX, revisited

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Article here. Male sports teams have been cut from colleges due to Title IX. Football is the reason; so much money is spent on it. And to ensure balance, male sports teams are cut first: lacrosse, swimming, gymnastics, and so on. So now it seems football players at college can unionize: they are employees. Very good. So now we must revisit all the teams that were cut for men and re-do all the statistics and NOT account for the money spent on football "employees." After all, they are workers, not part of the college athletic experience. Time to cut some of the female teams now to let the men play again. Excerpt:

'In a potentially game-changing moment for college athletics, the Chicago district of the National Labor Relations Board ruled on Wednesday that Northwestern football players qualify as employees of the university and can unionize.

NLRB regional director Peter Sung Ohr cited the players' time commitment to their sport and the fact that their scholarships were tied directly to their performance on the field as reasons for granting them union rights.

Ohr wrote in his ruling that the players "fall squarely within the [National Labor Relations] Act's broad definition of 'employee' when one considers the common law definition of 'employee.'"

Ohr ruled that the players can hold a vote on whether they want to be represented by the College Athletes Players Association, which brought the case to the NLRB along with former Wildcats quarterback Kain Colter and the United Steelworkers union.'

Newlywed gets 30 years in husband murder case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Montana woman was sentenced Thursday to 30 years in prison for killing her husband of eight days by pushing him from a cliff in Glacier National Park while they argued about her second thoughts about the marriage.

U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy sentenced Jordan Graham, 22, who had pleaded guilty to second-degree murder just before closing arguments during her December trial.

Prosecutors argued Graham was having second thoughts about her recent marriage to 25-year-old Cody Johnson when she lured him to a steep cliff in Glacier Park on July 7 and pushed him over.

Graham had faced a maximum sentence of life in prison at Thursday's hearing in Missoula. Prosecutors dropped a first-degree murder charge and a count of making a false statement to authorities.'

University ‘apologizes’ for feminism prof’s alleged attack on teenage pro-lifer

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The California school that employs a professor accused of attacking a teen-aged pro-life demonstrator has issued an apology…sort of.

In a long-winded 1,000-word letter that reads more like a diatribe than a mea culpa, University of California at Santa Barbara Vice Chancellor Michael Young eventually conceded that women’s studies professor Mireille Miller-Young should not have snatched a pro-life sign from 16-year-old Thrin Short, giving backhanded praise to the framers of the Constitution.

“Our Founding Fathers - all white men of privilege, some even slave owners - got it right when designing the First Amendment of the Constitution,” Young wrote in an open memo to the student body.

The price of freedom of speech, Young was enlightened enough to acknowledge, is that students, staff and faculty must tolerate "outside groups and individuals coming here to promote an ideology, to promulgate particular beliefs (at times extreme beliefs), or simply to create discord that furthers a certain personal agenda."

"Some passionately believe in their causes, while others peddle hate and intolerance with less-than-noble aims," Young added, mentioning "evangelical types."
...
Miller-Young was charged last Friday by the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office with misdemeanor counts of theft, battery and vandalism.

It’s unknown if Miller-Young will face any punishment from the school, but in a statement sent to FoxNews.com earlier this month, UCSB spokesman George Foulsham said that, “The university is aware of the incident and it is being reviewed by the appropriate offices.”'

Jimmy Carter's wage gap myth citation goes unchallenged during MSNBC ‘Morning Joe’ appearance

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Jimmy Carter must watch a lot of MSNBC because he did an excellent job pushing their liberal talking points. The Georgia Democrat appeared on the March 23rd “Morning Joe” to promote his latest book and subsequently repeated MSNBC’s liberal agenda.

Appearing on Monday, Carter falsely claimed that “Women get about 23% less pay for men for the same job" an incorrect statistic that MSNBC has been peddling across the network as of late.

Carter then doubled down on his comments and argued that “Of the Fortune 500 companies, only 25 of them have women as executive officers and they get about 42% less pay than men and so forth. So in the United States, it's very bad.” Unfortunately, no one on the “Morning Joe” set, including Joe Scarborough bothered to correct the former president’s lie that women get paid 23 percent less than men.

MSNBC’s willingness to agree with Carter should come as no surprise given that Mika Brzezinski took to the airwaves last week to push that same lie. On March 18, Brzezinski bemoaned that “of course women get paid 77 cents for every dollar men earn for the same exact job so it's something that needs to be rectified obviously.”
...
This statistic has been refuted numerous times, yet MSNBC, and now President Carter, refuse to acknowledge that they are hyping a bogus statistic to claim women get paid 23 percent less than men. MSNBC’s attempts to portray conservatives as engaging in a “war on women” has now stretched into promoting false statistics to scare their viewers into thinking women are being paid less than men.'

The Drugging of the American Boy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'By the time they reach high school, nearly 20 percent of all American boys will be diagnosed with ADHD. Millions of those boys will be prescribed a powerful stimulant to "normalize" them. A great many of those boys will suffer serious side effects from those drugs. The shocking truth is that many of those diagnoses are wrong, and that most of those boys are being drugged for no good reason—simply for being boys. It's time we recognize this as a crisis.

If you have a son, you have a one-in-seven chance that he has been diagnosed with ADHD. If you have a son who has been diagnosed, it's more than likely that he has been prescribed a stimulant—the most famous brand names are Ritalin and Adderall; newer ones include Vyvanse and Concerta—to deal with the symptoms of that psychiatric condition.

The Drug Enforcement Administration classifies stimulants as Schedule II drugs, defined as having a "high potential for abuse" and "with use potentially leading to severe psychological or physical dependence." (According to a University of Michigan study, Adderall is the most abused brand-name drug among high school seniors.) In addition to stimulants like Ritalin, Adderall, Vyvanse, and Concerta, Schedule II drugs include cocaine, methamphetamine, Demerol, and OxyContin.
...
"We are pathologizing boyhood," says Ned Hallo-well, a psychiatrist who has been diagnosed with ADHD himself and has cowritten two books about it, Driven to Distraction and Delivered from Distraction. "God bless the women's movement—we needed it—but what's happened is, particularly in schools where most of the teachers are women, there's been a general girlification of elementary school, where any kind of disruptive behavior is sinful. What I call the 'moral diagnosis' gets made: You're bad. Now go get a doctor and get on medication so you'll be good. And that's a real perversion of what ought to happen. Most boys are naturally more restless than most girls, and I would say that's good. But schools want these little goody-goodies who sit still and do what they're told—these robots—and that's just not who boys are."'

Canada: Students vote to uphold free expression for men's issues group

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Student councillors at Queen's University's Alma Mater Society (AMS) voted last week to respect the right of its members to have equal access to AMS services regardless of their political views.

Queen's University's Men's Issues Awareness Society (MIAS) is a registered student group and will be hosting a discussion on March 27 on campus, titled "What's Equality Got To Do With it? Men's Issues and Feminism's Double Standards." The event will include a presentation by University of Ottawa professor and author Dr. Janice Fiamengo who will discuss men's issues.

On March 19, Queen's student and AMS member-at-large *[Redacted by Request]* of the un-registered student group "Opposition to the Misrepresentation of Men's Issues and Feminism at Queen's University" emailed members of AMS assembly to inform them that the group would be proposing a motion at the March 20 Assembly to de-ratify MIAS "because of the manner in which its members have chosen to publicly undermine feminism and anti-rape culture discourse on campus".'

Wikipedia on Queen's University here.

Teacher recorded threatening to punch boy in the face

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'A Connecticut teacher is on leave and under investigation after she was allegedly caught on tape threatening and belittling one of her eighth grade students.

“I’m going to punch him right in the face and break that glass in his eye,” Marylou Addona was allegedly caught on a recording saying, according to the school district.

...

“I can’t stand the crybaby,” Addona allegedly said.

“I heard you had an attitude today too. Is that true? What’s your name anyway,” Addona allegedly said.

...

“Blake,” the student replied.

“Blake. What kind of name is Blake? Irish, Italian, French, what are you? White? You think you’re cool with that name Blake, huh,” Addona allegedly answered.'

Jury Awards Man Over $500K In ‘Motorboat’ Sexual Harassment Suit Against Female Boss

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'A Galveston County jury has awarded more than half-million dollars in damages and back-pay to a former deputy constable who was allegedly sexually harassed by former boss and Precinct 7 Constable Pam Matranga in 2011.

Former Texas deputy constable James P. Gist, 55, was awarded $567,000 by a jury due to sexual harassment claims that range from unwanted lap dances to forced “motorboats,” in which she allegedly placed her shirt over his head and held his face against her breasts, KPRC-TV reports.

Gist alleges that his then-boss, Matranga, had been sexually harassing him for months, including instances of “grabbing her breasts, and saying, ‘Here, hold these,’” Gist told KPRC-TV. Gist accused Matranga of repeated sexually suggestive comments and acts that he said caused him “humiliation” and “embarrassing” moments he’d never experienced in his nearly 30-year law enforcement career.
...
In testimony that was “rife with sexual content,” Matranga admitted that she had joked with Gist about him attending “chunky chick night” at a local strip club, the Houston Chronicle reports.

Gist alleged that Matranga repeatedly offered him oral sex at work, causing him to place a hidden camera on his desk to catch her in the act. However, Matranga reportedly found the video, deleted it, and then reported Gist to the District Attorney for wiretapping.
Gist said that she demoted him from sergeant to deputy and later forced him to resign.

“What they are investigating him for isn’t a crime because it’s perfectly legal for one party to record a conversation between two parties,” Gist’s attorney Thomas Nixon told KPRC.

In a statement, Matranga denied the allegations.

“I never sexually harassed anyone. I would never intentionally hurt anyone. I have never tampered with evidence in my whole nineteen years with the county,” she said.
Matranga said the verdict was unfair, and that Gist filed the lawsuit because she had refused to give him a promotion.

“It was a circus for the last two years,” she told the Chronicle of the lawsuit, which was filed just days before the 2012 election in which she was defeated after eight years as constable. “It was a horrible, horrible time. Mr. Gist said he would make my life a living hell, and that’s what he did.”

But the jury unanimously sided with Gist, and his attorney, Anthony Griffin, said the jury would not absolve Matranga simply because of her gender.

“They rejected this whole notion that you get away with it because you are a female,” Griffin told the Chronicle. Nixon said the jury awarded his client $200,000 more than he originally had sought.'

"Why the Men's Rights Movement Is Garbage"

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'I need to take a moment here to talk about the Men's Rights Movement, because there seems to be some confusion. Actually, there seems to be a whole lot of confusion.

Over the past little while, I've had a number of people challenge me on calling out men's rights activists (hereafter referred to as MRAs). "But men are oppressed too," people say. "Feminism is sexist, and it teaches men that masculinity is wrong." "Straight, white men aren't allowed to be proud of themselves anymore." "If you believe in equality, then you should want men to have the same type of activism as women." "Everyone is entitled to their opinion."

First of all, yes, everyone is entitled to their opinion. But let's not pretend that all opinions are created equal -- some are based on fact, and some are total bullshit. Like, I could tell you that I believe that vaccines cause autism, and that would be my opinion, but it would also be demonstrably untrue. So let's not pretend that all opinions should be given the same consideration, because we both know better than that.
...
MRAs believe that feminists are to blame for basically everything that's wrong with their lives. The Men's Rights Movement is a reactionary movement created specifically to counter feminism, and most (if not all) of their time and resources go towards silencing and marginalizing women.
...
Instead, they are crying about feminism, pooh-poohing the idea of patriarchy and generally making the world a sadder, scarier, less safe place to live in. In fact, I would argue that their stupid antics are actually a detriment to the causes that they claim to espouse, because they're creating an association between actual real issues that men face and their disgusting buffoonery. So good job, MRAs. Way to screw vulnerable men over in your quest to prove that feminism is evil. I hope you're all really proud of yourselves.
...
p.s. If you actually think that straight white men aren't encouraged to be "proud" of themselves you need to check your privilege a million times over and then check it some more because seriously.'

Should feminism be taught in primary schools?

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'In Feminism Is For Everybody, first published in 2000, bell hooks argues that “future feminist movement must necessarily think of feminist education as significant in the lives of everyone”:

Despite the economic gains of individual feminist women, many women who have amassed wealth or accepted the contribution of wealthy males, who are our allies in struggle, we have created no schools founded on feminist principles for girls and boys, for women and men. By failing to create a mass-based educational movement to teach everyone about feminism we allow mainstream patriarchal mass media to remain the primary place where folks learn about feminism, and most of what they learn is negative.'

Men's rights group slams city's free self-defense classes for girls as discriminatory

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'A men's rights group is accusing a California city of violating civil rights laws because the city is offering free self-defense classes that are only open to women and girls.

The Glendale News-Press reported Thursday that Harry M. Crouch, the president of the National Coalition of Men, sent a letter to the city of Glendale, the city's Commission on the Status of Women and the company leading the classes demanding men and boys be allowed to attend the classes as well.

Crouch writes that by offering the classes to only women the parties involved are violating the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

"It is especially troubling that the City, its Commission on the Status of Women, and Shield Self Defense would deny men and boys access to their self-defense classes in April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month," Crouch said. "Why the City, its Commission on the Status of Women, and Shield Self Defense do not want men and boys to be just as prepared as women and girls to defend themselves against sexual assault is outrageous."
...
"It always astounds me that some of our governmental agencies who are charged with protecting us from violations of law simply acquiesce to things like this," he said.

City officials told the paper they are in the process of researching the matter, and that federal law could possibly permit women's only self-defense classes. The officials said they are now investigating state law on the issue, and may consider reviewing the class structure if necessary.'

Jimmy Carter declares college campuses one of worst places in America for sexual abuse of women

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'The World Health Organization reports one in three women around the world will experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter calls abuse of women the most serious human rights issue facing the world today. In an interview with VOA, and in his new book *A Call to Action*, he outlines the seriousness of the abuse — both globally and in the United States. Human rights organizations and activists hope his attention to the issue will give them a boost in fighting the problem.

Former President Carter learned about these abuses through the global work of the Atlanta-based Carter Center, where abuse of women was the focus of a 2013 human rights conference.

"The most serious problem is murder of baby girls by their parents. And the abortion of the girl fetus if the parents find out she's going to be female," Carter said.

"We've been dealing with 79 different countries, and as I've been in those foreign countries, and also throughout the United States, I've seen the tangible examples of how horribly women and girls are treated, much worse than anyone knows," he added.
...
"One of the worst places in America for sexual abuse or rape is on the great university campuses," he said. "On university campuses, about one out of four women are sexually assaulted while she is in college. About four percent, one in 25, ever reports a rape when it's committed."'

Canada: Two teen girls take turns beating up younger school boy

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'MONTREAL - The two teenage girls who posted to Facebook a video of themselves pummelling a young man will face criminal charges.

The video of the attack in the Montreal suburb of Beloeil, Que. generated thousands of Facebook hits this week.

The video shows a girl walking up to the smaller boy behind a shopping mall.

She says: "You said that on the telephone?" to which the boy replies: "When did I say that?"

The girl shoves the boy, spits on him, pushes him to the ground and starts punching him while another girl, who is filming the attack, giggles and laughs.

The boy says "I didn't say anything" and gets up. The girl switches places with her female friend and keeps filming while the second girl punches the boy. The girls then switch places again.

The girl who films the beating can be heard telling her friend: "Bust him in the mouth! I want to see him bleeding."

The boy doesn't defend himself and begs the pair to stop.
...
"The teens were interviewed all day and were finally summoned to appear in the youth court," said Tremblay.

The girls were to be arraigned Friday for assault and instigation to commit a crime.
...
One of the defendants showed no remorse on her Facebook page.

"He deserved it, he called me a bitch. You don't know the whole story," read the post."'

Yellen: Women made America’s economy great

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'Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said Tuesday that America’s economic progress over the past century has been fueled in large part by the advent of women in the workforce.

Yellen is the first female to lead the central bank in its 100-year history, and her speech marked one of the few times over her four-decade career that she has directly addressed the status of women in the workplace. She spoke at a celebration in honor of Women's History Month on Capitol Hill hosted by House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. Guests included Christine Lagarde, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, and California Rep. Maxine Waters.

“It is no coincidence that America’s great success in the past century came as women steadily increased their participation in every aspect of society,” Yellen said, according to prepared copy of her statement.

The growing number of women in the labor force, particularly after 1970, contributed to the growing wealth enjoyed by American households. Women accounted for about 47 percent of the labor force in 2012, but full-time working females still only make about 77 cents for every dollar men make. Yellen also acknowledged the glass ceiling many women face in government, business and academia -- even in her own field of economics.
...
A recent paper by Harvard professor Claudia Goldin, the first female to earn tenure in its economics department, found that the current gender wage gap is the result of inflexible workplaces. Goldin’s research found that pay differences could be considerably reduce, or even eliminated, if companies did not reward employees for worked longer hours or during certain times of the day -- practices that particularly harm working women with children.

“These are also positions for which considerable work hours leads to a higher chance of obtaining the reward, and it is often the case that hours alone get rewarded,” Goldin wrote in her paper. “Persistence in these positions and continuous time on the job probably matters far more to one’s success than a desire and ability to compete.”'

Undergrad degree attainment at age 27: 32% women, 24% men

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'At 27 years of age, 28 percent of individuals had received their bachelor's degree while 38 percent had attended some college or received an associate's degree. Eighteen percent of 27 year-olds had a high school diploma and no further schooling, and 7 percent had earned a General Educational Development(GED) credential and no further schooling.

Women were more likely than men to have received a bachelor's degree. Thirty-two percent of women had earned a bachelor's degree, compared with 24 percent of men. In total, 70 percent of women had either attended some college or received a bachelor's degree, compared to 61 percent of men. In addition to being more likely to attend college, women were more likely to have finished their college degree. Of the 70 percent of women who started college, 46 percent completed their bachelor's degree by age 27. In comparison, of the 61 percent of men who started college, 39 percent had completed their bachelor's degree.

At age 27, there was a large difference in educational attainment among racial and ethnic groups. Non-Hispanic blacks and Hispanics were more likely than whites not to have obtained a high school diploma. In comparison, whites were more than twice as likely as blacks or Hispanics to have received their bachelor's degree by this age. Thirty-three percent of whites had received their bachelor's degree at age 27, compared with 15 percent of blacks or Hispanics. Among those who had attended college, whites were more likely than blacks or Hispanics to have received a bachelor's degree. Just over one-quarter of blacks and Hispanics who had attended college had received a bachelor's degree by age 27, compared to nearly one-half of whites.

...

Employment differences by education began early in workers' careers. From ages 18 to 22, high school dropouts were employed 51 percent of weeks, and out of the labor force 36 percent of weeks. In comparison, high school graduates worked 68 percent of weeks from ages 18 to 22, and were out of the labor force for 23 percent of weeks. This pattern persisted at later ages. From ages 23 to 26, high school dropouts worked 57 percent of weeks and were out of the labor force for 32 percent of weeks, compared to high school graduates, who worked 74 percent of weeks and were out of the labor force 19 percent of weeks. The labor force participation of college graduates underwent the greatest change. For college graduates, the percent of weeks worked rose from 66 percent at ages 18 to 22, to 85 percent at ages 23 to 26. These individuals spent 31 percent of weeks out of the labor force from ages 18 to 22, but only 12 percent of weeks out of the labor force from ages 23 to 26, less than all other educational attainment categories.'

Are boys being left behind in push for girl power?

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'Google the phrase “girl power” and you’ll read about empowerment, confidence and strengthening relationships.

Search “boy power” and you’re likely to find information about a recliner, a superhero comic or hip-hop radio show.

More parents are looking for ways to raise emotionally strong boys. Some say boys are forgotten in the push for girl power.

“I think we need to keep things balanced,” said Rachel Gillen, a Fargo mother of two daughters and one son. “As long as we’re emphasizing girls being able to do anything, which is a great thing to emphasize, I think we do need to remember that the boys need to hear the same thing about themselves.”'

Zimbabwe: 'Male Circumcision Gone Sexy'

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'It is arguably the only game in town these days, if the hype about male circumcision is anything to go by. It has involved Government, celebrities, media and money. Stars such as musician Jah Prayzah, Suluman Chimbetu, Albert Nyathi, Winky D, Fungisai Zvakavapano-Mashavave, among others, have been roped in to sell the concept while footballer Hardlife Zvirekwi also went under the knife recently.

They are keen to make the idea of going under the knife sexy.

"Circumcision, like any operation, is painful but the pain is bearable. I was circumcised on a Monday and on Thursday the same week I presented at my shows as usual," says Jah Prayzah.

"I got circumcised because it is good for me by preventing sexually transmitted diseases and for my wife because it reduces her chances of contracting cervical cancer."

Zvirekwi said: "Having been informed through the media and other celebrities like Winky D, male circumcision is a good thing to prevent cervical cancer and HIV."'

A Twitter Hashtag Probably Doesn't Prove Feminists Want to Kill All Men

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'The Twitter hashtag #killallmen, which started trending last May, has finally reached conspiracy theorist Alex Jones. His site, InfoWars, ran a story Monday about how "feminists have misappropriated the women's rights movement into an excuse for hating men." This taps into men's rights activists' beliefs that misandry exists and feminists actually wish to be violent towards men.

...

Not all feminists employ the hashtag, and some say it only serves to feed the MRA trolls. They're right. MRAs will never get the joke, because they think women commit widespread, systemic injustices against men in the same way that men do against women. A bloodthirsty feminist murdering a guy for asking her for her phone number sounds about right to these guys.'

If you're wondering what's wrong with men, here it is

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'Get it in gear, fellas.

Milliennial women are doing a nice job of getting their careers started. New figures released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics show 32% of women at the age of 27 have a bachelor's degree. Another 38% have spent some time in college — including women still in school — bringing the total portion of 27-year-old women with college experience to 70%.

Guys must be stuck in front of the Xbox, because their numbers are lower in every category. Just 24% of 27-year-old men have a bachelor's degree. Another 37% have some college education, bringing the total to 61% — nine percentage points lower than women at the same age.

You might think men catch up a bit later in life, as they finally mature. Sorry, no. Women now earn 60% of the master's degrees conferred by universities, and 52% of the doctorates. Those gaps are projected to widen during the next 10 years. Women have been outperforming men in education for more than a decade, a trend only expected to intensify.

...

College-educated men seem to be doing just fine, with a 3.6% unemployment rate and many of the top positions at America's best firms. And in some skilled trades dominated by men, such as welding, plumbing and high-tech manufacturing, there are even reports of jobs that can't be filled for lack of qualified workers.

Still, men suffered more than women during the recession, largely because they're overrepresented in two lower-skilled professions that got clobbered the most: manufacturing and construction. Women are more prevalent in industries that are recession-resistant — and tend to require more training in the first place — such as education and healthcare.

With the economy now recovering, women are poised to gain more than men, widening the breach that opened during the recession. Men account for 57% of the people over 20 who've been out of work for 27 weeks or more — the so-called long-term unemployed — even though they're just 53% of the labor force. The education deficit could increasingly leave men on the economic sidelines, since lower-skilled jobs are the ones taking the longest to return. Many are probably gone for good, replaced by robots or cheaper overseas workers. Education has become so important, in our knowledge-based economy, that some experts now say we should consider making college mandatory, just as high school has been in most states for nearly 100 years.'

Woman accused of making false rape claim

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'A woman now faces charges after deputies say she admitted to making a false rape claim.

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office tells us they received a report of a rape Wednesday on Poplar Grove road in Kingsport.

Deputies say when they arrived Amanda Rowland told them someone came into her home while she was taking a shower and raped her.
...
During the investigation detectives traced the text messages back to Amanda Rowland and she admitted the report was false.

Amanda Rowland is charged with Filing a Felony False Report and Tampering With/Fabricating Evidence.'

America: Healing the ‘Invisible Wound’

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'Lt. Col. (Ret.) Dar Place was two feet away when his friend and fellow soldier took his own life during the Gulf War. Two decades later, like so many other veterans, Place is still haunted by the plague of suicide in the military.

“I personally saw my driver after Desert Storm in his tank put a gun underneath his mouth and pull the trigger, while I was no further away from him than I am from you right now,” Place told the Washington Free Beacon at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Thursday. He was one of the dozens of activists with Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) who planted thousands of flags to honor veterans who had killed themselves.

By noon, 1,892 American flags graced the Mall, representing the number of veterans who have taken their life this year alone since January 1st—an average of 22 per day.
...
The number of suicides among active-duty military personnel eclipsed the number of casualties in the War on Terror in 2012. The number of young veterans taking their own life has increased dramatically since 2009, and a record 349 active-duty service members committed suicide last year.

IAVA honored veterans from all wars who have died from suicide on Thursday. One of the groups’ allies in Congress is Sen. John Walsh (D., Mont.), the first Iraq war combat veteran to serve in the Senate.'

'Stiletto Stabbing' Trial Opens With Charge of 25 Hits to Face

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'The Texas woman who allegedly stabbed her boyfriend with her stiletto heel at least 25 times was defending herself from yet another instance of abuse at the hands of the man she is accused of murdering, her attorney said at her trial's opening arguments today.

Ana Trujillo, 45, is on trial in the death of her on-again, off-again boyfriend, Dr. Alf Stefan Andersson.

The prosecution today told jurors of the couple's contentious relationship in which Trujillo had a history of being angry with Andersson

Prosecutors have alleged that the Houston woman stabbed her already injured boyfriend to death last year by sitting on him and striking him in the face at least 25 times with her stiletto heel.
...
Trujillo, a mother of two who's out on bail, has pleaded not guilty. She was acting in self-defense, her attorney, Jack Carroll, said.

"Stefan Andersson grabbed her, they started wrestling, he got on top of her and she couldn't breathe," Carroll said before the trial started. "He got her in a hold."
...
"This is not an easy case for the prosecution," Abrams said, "which seems to have already conceded that there was some sort of argument that led up to the killing."

If convicted, Trujillo could face anywhere from 5 years to life in prison.'

Mother Jones: "Global Warming will cause 180,000 more rapes in USA by 2099"

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You can't make this stuff up. Excerpt:

'Global warming isn't just going to melt the Arctic and flood our cities—it's also going to make Americans more likely to kill each other.

That's the conclusion of a controversial new study that uses historic crime and temperature data to show that hotter weather leads to more murders, more rapes, more robberies, more assaults, and more property crimes.

"Looking at the past, we see a strong relationship between temperature and crime," says study author Matthew Ranson, an economist with the policy consulting firm Abt Associates. "We think that is likely to continue in the future."

Just how much more crime can we expect? Using the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's warming projections, Ranson calculated that from 2010 to 2099, climate change will "cause" an additional "22,000 murders, 180,000 cases of rape, 1.2 million aggravated assaults, 2.3 million simple assaults, 260,000 robberies, 1.3 million burglaries, 2.2 million cases of larceny, and 580,000 cases of vehicle theft" in the United States.'

Chuck Lorre: Men's 'Blooddrenched Reign Is Over' Because Of Birth Control Pill

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'TV sitcom king Chuck Lorre *[link added]* has a message for men everywhere. He wants them to know that their "tribal blooddrenched reign is over" because women now have access to the birth control pill.

This message was delivered to America on the "vanity card" that appeared at the end of the March 31 episode of his Anna Faris sitcom vehicle, Mom on CBS.

A "vanity card" is a message Lorre places at the end of each episode of his various sitcoms, a practice he has indulged since the 1990s. Some are meant to be humorous quips, but most are filled with Lorre's personal political commentary and meant to decry the actions and ideas of those he opposes.

At the end of Mom, Lorre wanted to express his prosaic Hollywood hate for men, his celebration that their "reign" was over, and his 100 percent support of women and their access to contraception.

"That is why male-dominated religions and social institutions are so filled with rage right now. They know, at least subconsciously, that the jig is up. Their tribal blooddrenched reign is over. We are witnessing the death throws of the testosterone epoch," he wrote.

Lorre ended his card lamenting that it may take a thousand years to end the influence of those evil male human beings and for women to rule all they see, but he was going to get a jump on it all by giving a donation to the radical women's advocacy group NOW.'

New report outlines sexual coercion by girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Campaigns targeting young women to warn and protect them against unwanted sexual encounters are prevalent, and often a hot topic for parents raising girls. As these campaigns educate teens and young adults about sexual aggressors, boys and men are most often framed as the perpetrators.

However, a report published last week in the journal “Psychology of Men & Masculinity” sheds light on the pressures that young men also face when it comes to sexual relationships. According to the report, 43 percent of high school boys and college-aged men reported having an unwanted sexual experiences, with females as the lead perpetrators in sexual coercion.

These findings could open the door for parents of boys to talk with their sons about unwanted sexual advances, as well as outline what does count as aggressive sexual coercion, which studies have shown can lead to risky sexual behavior, unhealthy perspectives on romantic relationships, and even substance abuse.'

SAVE: April Fool's Hoax: Affirmative Consent will Harm, Not Help Victims of Sexual Assault, SAVE Says

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PRESS RELEASE

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WASHINGTON / April 1, 2014 – SAVE, a victim-advocacy organization, is charging the "affirmative consent" policy being proposed by the U.S. Department of Education, and being considered by legislators in several states around the country, will not help victims. Instead, the unproven policy is likely to end up harming rape victims, SAVE says.

Recently the Department of Education (DED) proposed a new regulation mandating "affirmative, unambiguous, and voluntary" consent between college students desiring to engage in sexual relations: http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2012/vawa-2draftregs.doc

"Affirmative consent" means both parties would need to give their explicit, verbal consent at every step in the process of engaging in sex, according to a bill recently introduced in California: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140SB967

SAVE urgently requests policymakers to consider the reality of a serial rapist in search of a victim:

First, there is no plausible reason to suppose that a legal requirement for "affirmative, unambiguous, and voluntary" consent would in way thwart the assailant.

Next, affirmative consent policies would dramatically expand definitions of sexual assault, resulting in many more persons demanding services. So rape victims will find it more difficult to get help.

Third, affirmative consent polices do not require sexual assault cases to be reported to law enforcement authorities. As a result the rapist could be expelled from college, but not face time behind bars. SAVE believes mere expulsion from college to be a woefully inadequate punishment for rape.

The existence of "affirmative consent" policies are also likely to lull students into a false sense of security, leaving them less likely to take protective measures such as locking doors or walking in pairs at night.

"Affirmative consent is good example of what happens when a criminal justice issue is turned into an ideological crusade," notes SAVE spokesperson Sheryle Hutter. "Real victims deserve real protections, not an April Fool's joke."

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments—SAVE—is a victim-advocacy organization working for evidence-based solutions to domestic violence and sexual assault: www.saveservices.org

Louisiana state senate approves bill granting immediate divorce with punitive damages to accused without charge

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'Senate Bill 291 would allow victims of domestic violence to be awarded exemplary, also called punitive, damages. Under current Louisiana law, punitive damages -- meant to punish and deter the offender -- are awarded only in drunk driving cases that result in an injury and in statutory rape cases.

The damages recipient would have to prove the actions of the perpetrator represented "a wanton and reckless disregard for the rights and safety of a family or household member" and also resulted in "serious" physical injury and/or "severe" mental injury.

Senate Bill 292 would allow a court to grant an immediate divorce if one spouse has physically or sexually abused the spouse seeking the divorce or a spouse's child, or if the spouse seeking the divorce is granted a protective order against the other spouse due to abuse.
...
The bill would also allow victims of domestic violence to be awarded spousal support greater than one-third the amount of the perpetrator's net worth. Neither bill would require the abuser to have been previously formally charged with domestic violence to grant the awards or divorces.

The debate: There was no debate on either bill.

The vote: Both bills were passed 39-0.

Next step: Head to House committee.'

Today’s letters: Lamenting the loss of intellectual freedom on campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Friday, I attended a lecture by professor Janice Fiamengo at the University of Ottawa. Her lecture was a critique of modern feminist ideology, it’s foundations, exaggerations, distortions and misandry. It was a perfect example of what Barbara Kay is talking about.

It may have seemed controversial to some, but the floor was to be open to all questions after the event. Before we even started, a plethora of ideological feminist fascists decided that it was their right to shut down freedom of speech. Campus security gave us another room, but a few of them again had to be removed. Although Ms. Fiamengo completed most of her lecture, the event ended early because one of the protesters pulled the fire alarm. These people were shown every consideration and invited to participate. The lecture was well researched and thoughtfully presented. They chose to remain ignorant. They knew nothing about the subject.

I am an alumni of the UofO and I am totally ashamed and disgusted by what it has become. There exists no freedom of discourse at the institution. I say shame on you Alan Rock and Michaëlle Jean. Shame on you for allowing what was once a fine university to become a cesspool of myths and intellectual fraud. I congratulate Ms. Fiamengo for her amazing courage in the face of such hateful vitriol.
Alan Fournier, Wakefield, Que.'

Michigan State University: Women admitted sexual assault never happened

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Story here.

'A reported sexual assault at Michigan State University never happened. Campus police tell wilx.com the woman who claimed two men attacked her at the corner of Beal Street and West Circle Drive on March 23 has admitted she made it up.

They aren't saying why she did it or if she'll be charged with filing a false report.'

Pre-K Suspension Data Prompt Focus on Intervention

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New data showing that thousands of children—including a disproportionate number of boys and black children—are suspended from school before reaching kindergarten have researchers and policymakers asking tough questions about pre-K discipline, and highlighting programs that help keep challenging children in preschool.

The notion that preschool pupils even face suspension surprised some, including U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, who called the data "mind-boggling" at a press event March 21 where he rolled out comprehensive U.S. Department of Education data on a broad range of P-12 indicators, including discipline.

The Civil Rights Data Collection for the 2011-12 school year shows that more than 8,000 public preschoolers were suspended at least once, with black children and boys bearing the brunt of the discipline. Black youngsters make up about a fifth of all preschool pupils but close to half the children suspended more than once. Boys of all races represent 54 percent of the preschoolers included in the report but more than 80 percent of those suspended more than once.'

For Some In Bergen County Longterm Unemployment May Mean Long Term Jail

el cid · 2 April 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This story shows very clearly that child support enforcement is not about finding rich guys with offshore bank accounts who refuse to meet their obligations. It's more like modern slavery. Excerpt:

'Back in December over 90,000 people in New Jersey saw an end to their unemployment with the expiration of federal emergency benefits. This was the highest share of any state. Another 89,000 New Jersey residents are also set to lose their benefits during the first six months of 2014 as 63 weeks of unemployment is shrinking to 26 according to a report published by the House of Representatives' Ways and Means Committee.

For the Bergen County Jail this means big business.

In Bergen County being unemployed may get you thrown in jail. Bergen County residents *[Ed.: read "residents" and all subsequent similar references as "divorced dads", and it will be far more accurate]* who are jobless and have fallen behind on child support or alimony payments face indefinite incarceration in the Bergen County Jail's "Work Release" program.

Brought before a judge every two weeks unemployed parents incarcerated in the "work release" program are required to report their efforts in finding a job. Being unemployed in Superior Court in Bergen County is considered to be by choice and puts you in contempt of court.

For the long term unemployed this may mean a long term in jail.

Parents incarcerated in the Bergen County Jail's "work release" are required to pay the County of Bergen $ 10.00 per day for "room and board" - $50 per week. For some an additional $70 per week is due to the County for a GPS tracking bracelet.

Kevin Macfie, a Bergen County father, has been incarcerated over 400 days since he was arrested for child support arrears in January 2013. Macfie spent another 344 days incarcerated between December 2011 and November 2012. Macfie has only been a free man for 55 days in the past two years and during part of that time he was the subject of an arrest warrant which is automatically issued when two support payments are missed.

Macfie was being held in the Bergen County Jail for over a year with the court demanding he pay $7,500 to be released. Recently his "condition of release" was reduced to $1,000 which Macfie does not have. "It might as well be $10,000" Macfie told the Bergen Dispatch. If he could find employment Macfie would need to save the $1,000 plus pay his weekly support amount of $284 plus the work release fees before being released.

"I have not seen my son in years" Macfie told the Bergen Dispatch "I don't expect to ever get out of here. I lost my car, my apartment and all of my belongings. I wouldn't know what to do if I did get out."'

Women's Wages Are Rising: Why Are So Many Families Getting Poorer?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The good news, trumpeted in Women's Work, the latest report from the Pew Economic Mobility Project, is that dramatic increases in women's labor-force participation have boosted the "financial security and mobility" of millions of families across America since 1970. The bad news is that growing economic opportunities for women have not translated into more family income for poor and working-class families at the lower end of the income ladder. That's surprising, because up and down the income ladder, women have been bringing home more bacon since the 1970s, as the figure below illustrates.

...

One reason that lower-income families are losing economic ground is that gains in women's income have been offset by declines in marriage among the poor and working class. As the figure below indicates, more than half of these families are headed by just one parent—typically a single mother. Lacking the income of two parents, or the income of a father, these single-parent families are much less likely to reap the benefits of increases in income that have accrued to today's working women. This is one reason why single-mother families are much more likely to be struggling to make ends meet. Indeed, one recent estimate found that the median income for married families in 2012 was about $81,000, compared to about $25,000 for single mothers.

...

Declines in men's income for this group also help explain why working-class and poor mothers are not getting and staying married as much as their upscale peers. Because they tend to pair off with men who are similarly situated economically as they are, working-class and poor women are less likely to see the men in their lives as marriageable or worth sticking with. Indeed, the research tells us that men's income remains a strong predictor of marrying and steering clear of divorce court. So, men's money still matters when it comes to forming and sustaining today's marriages and, unfortunately, the eroding economic standing of lower-income men means that they are less likely to be deemed worthy of marriage.

...

Finally, despite all the talk about women as the incipient "richer sex" about to lead the way to a thoroughgoing revolution in gender roles, the fact of the matter is that the gender revolution in married families has largely stalled out since the 1990s. As the graph below indicates, maternal labor-force participation basically came to a halt in the last decade and a half—for married (and single) mothers. This means that a large minority of families, including many lower-income families, do not stand to gain economically from the increases in women's work documented in this new Pew report.'

Lesbian-Only Cemetery Being Inaugurated in Berlin

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Is this an April Fools joke? Excerpt:

'A new burial area for lesbians only is being inaugurated this weekend in a two-century-old cemetery in the German capital.

A 400-square-meter (4,300-square-foot) area of the Lutheran Georgen Parochial cemetery, established in 1814 in central Berlin, will be reserved as a graveyard for up to 80 lesbians, said Usah Zachau, a spokeswoman for the Safia association, a national group primarily for elderly lesbians.

The association said it had created a burial area to be inaugurated Sunday, as a space "where life and death connect, distinctive forms of cemetery culture can develop and where the lesbian community can live together in the afterlife.

...

A spokesman for the Berlin Lutheran church said the agreement with the women's group comes as part of the church's efforts to "revitalize its cemetery grounds by cooperating with other groups."

"We are also in an ongoing discussion with Muslim groups to see whether they can have their own plots on our cemeteries," said Volker Jastrzembski.

The Lesbian and Gay Association of Berlin welcomed the creation of the cemetery.

"It increases the diversity of opportunities and is a nice opportunity for those lesbian women who want to be buried among other lesbians," said spokesman Joerg Steinert.'

Report: U. Penn Women's Lacrosse Team Wrecked Bar, Exposed Female Genitals to 'Adulation' of Party

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Story here. Excerpt:

'According to *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, Casey Neff, the manager of Fado Irish Pub, reportedly "sent an email to The Daily Pennsylvanian, women's lacrosse coach Karin Brower Corbett and Penn's Athletic Department, among others, claiming that a group of 50 people under the lacrosse team's reservation did considerable damage to his business.

In the email, the bar owner complained that the team members intentionally broke facilities such as a light fixture which caused a "broken glass hazard." The students also allegedly stole a bottle of liquor from the bar and attempted to steal a six-pack of beer. Neff claimed that the lacrosse players also smoked marijuana in the bathroom and exposed a young woman's genitals to the "adulation of the rest of the party." They also allegedly tipped less than 4 percent on the $1,300 tab.

...

Neff reportedly does not plan to file a police report and, according to him, groups affiliated with U. Penn's Wharton School have been even worse and "have already been banned from making reservations at Fado, due to incidents such as students using cocaine in the bathrooms, having sex in the janitor's closet and urinating on the bar."'

Hillary Clinton on Higher Ed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'When turning to the United States, she argued that American society "needs to reorient our social expectations and the signals we send" about the value associated with different kinds of degrees.

She said that it is time to "redefine higher education" so that more see the value of non-bachelor's-degree programs. "Just because a job requires certain technical skills and not a bachelor's degree" should not lead to a devaluing of those jobs or the relevant training, she said.

...

As she frequently does in her public appearances, Clinton spoke of the importance of providing full educational opportunities to women all over the world. But while she noted considerable progress in the United States in the availability of educational opportunities for women, she drew attention to inequities. She noted that women make up a majority of undergraduates, but only a small minority of those majoring in computer science.'

Circumcision should be seen 'in the same light as childhood vaccination': study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fewer infants in the United States are being circumcised than in previous decades, yet the benefits of the procedure far outweighs the risks, an Australian-American study has concluded.

The findings, reported Wednesday in the prestigious Mayo Clinic Proceedings, found that while the number of circumcised American men aged 14-59 rose slightly between 2005 and 2010 -- from 79 to 80.5 per cent -- the current rate at which infants are being circumcised has fallen by six per cent over the last four decades.
...
And the decrease has the study's authors arguing that nowadays people should look at infant circumcision "in the same light as childhood vaccination" -- in large part due to the health benefits they say the procedure offers.

More specifically, the study found that the benefits of circumcision outweighed risks by at least 100 to 1. The authors say that half of uncircumcised males will contract an adverse medical condition in their lifetime caused by their foreskin. Uncircumcised men also have a greater chance at contracting genital ulcer disease, penile cancer and a number of STDs, the study shows.

The U.S.-based Center for Disease Control says that carcinogenic subtypes of human papillomavirus (HPV) -- which are believed to cause cervical cancers, 90 per cent of anal cancers, and 40 per cent of cancers of the penis, vulva, and vagina -- have also been associated with uncircumcised men.
...
The Canadian Paediatric Society, which outlined its position in 1996, says that "the overall evidence of the benefits and harms of circumcision is so evenly balanced that (the CPS) does not support recommending circumcision as a routine procedure for newborns."

And the CPS policy appears to reflect circumcision rates in Canada. A February 2013 study in the medical journal Canadian Family Physician put the circumcision rate in Canada at 32 per cent.'

Drop in circumcision rates prompts call for Medicaid coverage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Data suggesting that circumcision rates in neonates have declined in recent years have prompted a renewed call for universal Medicaid coverage for the procedure and inclusion of circumcision as part of public health policy, according to a report published online in the April 2 issue of Mayo Clinic Proceedings.

A review examining trends in U.S. male circumcision rates and the impact of the 2012 American Academy of Pediatrics policy has found that the overall rate of circumcision in the United States declined from 83% in 1960-1969 to 77% by 2010.
...
They concluded that, over the course of a lifetime, around one in two uncircumcised men would require treatment for some medical condition associated with retention of the foreskin.

"It would be unethical for medical practitioners not to recommend circumcision for a baby boy," Dr. Morris said in an interview. "That's what the AAP says, and it recommends that parents be educated about the benefits and also the risks early in the pregnancy so they've got plenty of time to make up their minds should they have a baby boy."'

"Declare War on Feminism: The Body, Sex & Rape"

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Video on YouTube here. Absolute must-see. Send it to everyone you know. :)

India: Two men acquitted of rape after complainant cannot substantiate charges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A city sessions court has acquitted two youths after it was found that they were wrongly framed in a rape case after the relationship went sour between a college-going girl and her boyfriend. The court observed that false rape allegation can cause distress and humiliation to accused.

While exonerating a tuition class teacher, Lokesh Sharma, and his friend Pankaj Chavda, the court noted: "A woman who is subjected to physical exploitation and rape in particular dies a thousand deaths every day. However, here in this case, the victim unfortunately has become a puppet in the hands of her parents and relatives. To separate her from accused No 2 (Chavda), the parents and relatives of the victim rightly could not find a better way out than to level charges so grave."

Expressing sympathy with the youths who suffered due to the grave charges, additional sessions judge U T Desai said: "Normally, it is the state of turmoil for the victim in such cases. In this case, however, it seems like it has been for the accused persons. Rape causes greatest distress and humiliation to the victim, but at the same time, a false allegation of rape can cause equal distress, humiliation and damage to the accused person as well."
...
When the court did not get satisfactory evidence that could substantiate the girl's accusations, the judge observed that her version was devoid of elements of honesty and truth. "This is one more story where it seems that love has gone sour between the victim and accused No 2 (Chavda)," the court concluded.'

Canada: Anti-rape poster parody draws fire

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Story here. Excerpt:

'One week before Sexual Assault Awareness Month begins in Nova Scotia, a controversy is brewing over one group's allegations that Halifax Regional Municipality promotes hatred of men by painting them all as potential rapists in its Don't Be That Guy poster campaign.

"Halifax is breaking Canadian and international law by discriminating according to gender with its hateful one-sided poster campaign and then threaten (sic) legal actions to silence dissenters," a posting on the Men's Rights Halifax website *[link added]* said Wednesday.

...

Meanwhile, Chief Jean-Michel Blais of Halifax Regional Police confirmed Wednesday that the force has contacted the municipality's legal department over the unauthorized use of the force's logo in the men's rights group's recent Don't Be That Girl poster campaign.'

Woman cites self defense when stabbing her boyfriend 25 times with a stiletto heal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Ana Trujillo is on trial in Texas for the murder of her on and off again Swedish boyfriend, 59-year-old University of Houston Professor Alf Stefan Andersson.

Trujillo is accused of killing her boyfriend by stabbing him at least 25 times in the face with the heel of her stiletto but her lawyers argue that she acted in self-defence.

During the second day of the murder trial on Tuesday, prosecutor John Jordan sat on a mannequin to demonstrate how Trujillo allegedly killed her boyfriend, who witnesses described as a kind man with a drinking problem.

A blood-covered blue stiletto claimed to be the murder weapon was also shown in court.
...
But Trujillo's lawyer John Carroll said she was defending herself.

He argued that Mr Andersson was a violent drunk who attacked his partner on the night she tried to leave him last June.'

S. Africa: Public comments regarding recent circumcision deaths being accepted

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Link here. Excerpt:

'LIMPOPO INITIATION SCHOOLS BILL, 2014

In terms of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Limpopo Legislature, the Limpopo Initiation Schools Bill, 2014 is hereby advertised for public comments.

Any person or organization wishing to comment on the said document may do so in writing, on or before 10/04/2014, with:

The Head of Department
Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs

Email: mngomezulup-at-coghsta.limpopo.gov.za

Wikipedia on Limpopo here.

Also see: Initiates death toll rises to 33 as six more die in Limpopo

'She says many surgeons were unskilled to conduct the circumcisions. “The traditional surgeons that performed that duty are the people that never attended our training that was staged on April, 27 around KwaMhlanga. So, we were prepared to train everybody and to teach them to take that process, but some of them attended and others couldn't attend.”'

Female Campus Reform reporter bullied at 'inclusive' feminist conference for being 'conservative'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Campus Reform's Katherine Timpf attended the National Young Feminist Leadership Conference (NYFLC) — an event which promised to be about “inclusivity” and welcoming everyone — only to be told that "conservative" women were not welcome.

Timpf attempted to ask students’ their opinions on feminism, but conference organizers made an announcement advising participants not to talk to Campus Reform because it was a “conservative” outlet.

The organizers also followed Timpf around the conference to interrupt her conversations with students to tell them the same thing.
...
“You guys aren’t wanted here,” a participant told the reporter after the warning.

“I thought this was supposed to be an inclusive thing, why am I being excluded because of where I work?” Timpf asked another organizer after another interruption.
...
Its “safe space policy” promised the event would be “structured around inclusivity … with a focus on representing various perspectives,” according to the event’s official website.

“We will not tolerate, allow, or encourage behavior which makes folks feel uncomfortable, threatened, or demoralized,” the policy continued.'

Canada: No room for usual excuses of women in this twisted child murder

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Sad and twisted account here. Excerpt:

'HAMILTON, Ontario - Evidence in the second-degree murder trial of a Fort Erie, Ont., woman accused of murdering her daughter wrapped up Thursday with the continued testimony of a psychologist.

Jurors are expected to begin deliberations in early next week in the case against Roseanne Whalen, 25, who is accused of killing two-year-old Marissa on July 29, 2011, in Fort Erie.

Closing addresses by assistant Crown attorney Timothy Hill and Whalen's lawyer, Geoffrey Hadfield, are scheduled for Monday.

Marissa's remains were discovered in the fall of 2011 on Six Nations territory in Ohsweken.

Twenty witnesses testified in the trial, including Rainbow Hill, Whalen's ex-girlfriend who is currently serving time for her role in Marissa's death.

The jury heard the couple was living in Fort Erie when Marissa suffered a fatal injury while in the bathroom with Hill.

Hill's stepfather called 911 but cancelled the call. Paramedics responded anyway but were told one of Hill's children -- not Marissa -- had been choking and the emergency had passed.

Marissa was buried in a makeshift grave later that night by Whalen, Hill and Hill's sister, Amanda Dipota, in a remote wooded area.'

Mother killed son, 4, because she thought he was gay

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Link here. Excerpt:

'A young mother from the US has been found guilty of beating her four-year-old son to death because she thought he was gay.

Zachary Dutro-Boggess died on August 16, 2012 after being beaten so severely his intestines tore.

After finding the toddler collapsed at the homeless shelter where the family had been staying, his mother, Jessica Dutro, 25, rang police.

Little Zachary was rushed to hospital where doctors diagnosed him with blunt-force trauma to the abdomen.

The injuries were so severe that they caused the little boy's bowels to tear.

Two days later he was taken off the ventilator and died.

In a Facebook message to her boyfriend, Brian Canady, 24, Dutro said the boy was going to be gay and it made her angry.

"He walks and talks like it. Ugh," she wrote.
...
Canady, who also participated in the beatings, managed to escape the murder charges by agreeing to testify against Dutro.

Dutro and Canady are still waiting to be sentenced.'

NPO: Push Shared Parenting Legislation in Illinois

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I keep getting asked, “What is going on in Illinois?” My answer, “A lot.” But I am sure most people really mean to know what is going on with our Shared Parenting Bill - HB5425. National Parents Organization wrote about it here.

A quick recap, HB5425: (1) recognizes that the involvement of each parent for equal time and not less than 35% of residential parenting time per week is presumptively in the children's best; (2) presumes parents to be fit; (3) requires parents to come up with a parenting plan within 90 days; if not, then the judge has 60 additional days and should award equal time unless it is not in the child’s best interest, then a minimum of 35% parenting time should be awarded to each fit parent; and (4) requires clear and convincing evidence to impose any restriction on parenting time.

What to do? Email Representative Kelly Burke (kburke-at-kellyburkerep36.org). Ask her not to bow to the threats of the Illinois Bar Association and to implement the recommendations of the Illinois Family Law Study Committee regarding custody and visitation.'

Pennsylvania mom says ‘crazy voices’ drove her to drown children

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Pennsylvania woman claimed “crazy voices” told her to sit on her two children in a bathtub — drowning her 3-year-old son and leaving his 6-year-old brother critically injured, police said.
...
Schlemmer was arrested after she called 911 on Tuesday to report that she dragged the two unconscious boys — Luke, 3, and Daniel, 6 — out of the tub.

The deranged woman allegedly told Allegheny County investigators that she told the children to take off their pajamas and get into the bathtub after she put her 7-year-old son, who was not named, on a school bus about 8:40 a.m., court papers show.

“Schlemmer said after the boys got into the tub, she got into the tub ‘fully clothed’ and ‘crazy voices’ were telling her to push the boys into the water,” read a criminal complaint. “Schlemmer explained that at one point she [was] sitting on top of the boys while they were under the water in the tub.”

The woman told detectives that she “thought she could be a better mother” to her oldest son “if the other two boys weren’t around,” according to the court documents.

She also believed the to boys “would be better off in heaven.”
...
She allegedly tried to hide her wet clothes in a trash bag before paramedics responded to the scene.'

India: MRAs ask parties to state positions on men's issues

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Even as pressure mounts on political leaders for addressing women's issues more efficiently, men's rights activists too have decided to put forth their demands in front of the parties. Four issues these organizations have been fighting since long have been put up as questions to major politicians, asking for their response on any suitable medium.

The demands/queries are related to domestic violence against men, shared parenting, gender-neutral rape laws and men's welfare in general. NGO Save Indian Family Foundation (SIFF), one of the NGOs working for men, has sought replies from several leaders including Narendra Modi, Arvind Kejriwal, Jayalalitha, Mulayam Singh Yadav and Sharad Pawar. The leaders can respond using social networking platforms or media too. Apparently, Yadav has already shown allegiance to these organizations.

"Based on answers these leaders give, we will decide which party to vote for in this election. Supporting Congress and CPI/CPIM is completely ruled out as they have violated human rights of many innocent men," said Bangalore-based Anil Kumar, founder of SIFF. Kumar said his statement is based on the results of a survey among associated NGOs wherein all members indicated a dislike for Congress.'

The Hegemonic Misandry Continues: ADHD

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cultural progressives often talk about something called “hegemonic masculinity.” By this progressives and feminists mean the standards we use to determine what an ideal man is in a particular culture. Michael Kimmel and Amy Aronson, in The Gendered Society Reader, describe American hegemonic masculinity this way:

"In an important sense there is only one complete unblushing male in America: a young, married, white, urban, northern, heterosexual, Protestant, father, of college education, fully employed, of good complexion, weight, and height, and a recent record in sports . . . Any male who fails to qualify in any one of these ways is likely to view himself–during moments at least–as unworthy, incomplete and inferior."

With this definition, progressives and feminists are on what seems to be a campaign to “dismantle” any sense of “American” masculinity. Additionally, part of the mission is to redefine all of America’s problems in terms of what males, especially white males, have done to ruin society. As many have argued before, the first step in solving social ills is to pathologize boyhood and numb it into oblivion.'

How to help boys? Panel touches on ADHD, reading instruction, rigid rules

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Article here. Excerpt:

At national, state and local levels, experts resoundingly agree: Boys are falling behind in education.

The statistics add shock value. Nationally, 70 percent of D's and F's on report cards are earned by boys. Three out of four children diagnosed with learning disabilities are boys, and boys account for 90 percent of school discipline problems. While graduation rates are on the rise in Florida, boys trail girls in every racial group.

"The concept of a one-size-fits-all education is an outdated idea, and today we see that," said Joyce Swarzman, headmaster at the Independent Day School-Corbett Campus in Tampa and one of the experts featured last week at the Pinellas Education Foundation's fourth annual education symposium.'

Teaching Our Boys to Face the Competitive Landscape of Today's World

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week someone asked me a thought-provoking question about the dwindling engagement of young men in our educational system: did I believe that there is a correlation between the rise of women's access to education and the alarming increase in drop-out rates amongst young men versus young women today? [1]

My initial reaction was as you might expect: moderately incensed. After waiting centuries for access to the "hallowed halls of education," girls are now being blamed for the boys running away? I caught myself however, mid-outrage, as the word "competition" popped to mind. At first I thought, "Well maybe the boys just can't compete with the girls?" Then my more mature self kicked in, and I had to wonder if today's schools are in fact simply more "competitive" for all students. If so, in what ways might such changes be particularly impactful for boys?
...
In considering these added competitive burdens we have placed upon our girls and not our boys, is it possible that, in fact, it is our boys we have been failing all along?

What's changed? There is little doubt that the measurements of success today are less quantitative and more qualitative then ever before. Our students must be able to think in order to succeed; they must be able to test and evaluate assumptions; and most importantly, they must know how to fail, learn from those failures and try again, and again. These pathways to success require far more resilience, similar to that which has been required of our girls. We need students who are okay knowing that there may not be a right answer and there may not be a winner. And this is the opposite of what we traditionally taught our boys as young children: we have not inculcated them with resilience and flexibility. We have not coached them in selfless collaboration, nor given them the words or tools necessary to develop emotional IQ, without which their sense of empathy and foundation of character will fail them. In this new paradigm, a dependence on a "right answer" and a sense of entitled productivity in the world will no longer guide them to success. On the other hand, our girls could not have survived without meeting these requirements. No wonder our boys are checking out on us.'

UK (Wales): Labour could use women-only shortlists for council elections

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Story here. Excerpt:

Welsh Labour says it wants half its candidates for winnable seats to be women at the 2017 council elections.

The aspiration could mean the introduction of all-women shortlists to select candidates in some places.

The party stressed it would not impose an all-women shortlist where a sitting male councillor wanted to stand again.

Labour members voted unanimously to aim to achieve the 50% target at the party's Welsh conference in Llandudno last weekend.

Labour said it was wrong to say male candidates would be deselected because there is no preferential treatment for sitting councillors when choosing local election candidates.

Before assembly and general elections, party members are asked whether they want to nominate the sitting AM or MP again.'

False rape claim prompts elementary school lock down

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Story here. Excerpt:

'COOKEVILLE — What turned out to be a false claim from a woman saying she had been raped, tied up and left lying in a ditch prompted the lock down of an area elementary school Thursday afternoon.

Police responded to the 1200 block of West Broad Street around 1:20 p.m. Thursday after a woman called in stating “that she had been raped and was lying in a ditch,” according to a report by Sgt. Jeff Johnson.

A woman was located, partially clothed, stating that “a male subject dressed in full camouflage with a black mask over his face had pulled her down the embankment, over a five-foot fence and raped her,” the report states.
...
Detectives investigating the incident determined that the woman’s story “did not appear to be possible due to her physical condition,” the police report states. The woman, police say, suffers from mental illness and they ultimately determined that the rape did not occur and that there was no further threat to the community.

She was taken to the hospital for evaluation.'

UK: Law student falsely reported rape 11 times putting her boyfriend in jail for 30 days to avoid exams

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A trainee barrister falsely accused her boyfriend of raping her 11 times in an attempt to get out of taking her law exams, a court heard.

Rhiannon Brooker, 30, alleged Paul Fensome had repeatedly assaulted her, leading to the 46-year-old being arrested, charged and held in custody for 30 days.

But detectives could not find any evidence he had carried out the attacks. It emerged that Brooker had used the allegations as ‘extenuating circumstances’ in a failed attempt to dodge her bar exams, a jury was told.

She is accused of making 11 false claims of rape and nine of assault, two of which alleged false imprisonment.

Prosecutor David Bartlett told Bristol Crown Court: ‘One of the reasons for her false allegations was that she was living an active social life and not doing the work required to pass.’

Ireland: Prison for woman after false rape claim over spurned advance

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Belfast Crown Court heard that Lisha Tait cried rape after being given the “cold shoulder” in a Belfast nightclub by a man she had a previous liaison with.

The 22-year-old, from Laurel Lodge in the Flush Gardens area of Lisburn, pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice.

The charge relates to making a false report and two false written statements to police on dates between July 6 and August 15, 2013 claiming she had been raped.

Crown prosecutor Simon Jenkins said the series of events began in the early hours of July 7 when police received a call from the Ambulance Service in relation to a distressed woman who claimed she had been raped outside the Odyssey complex in Belfast.

After making the claim, Tait was taken to the Sexual Assault Referral Centre in Antrim, where she was examined.'

SAVE E-lert: Major Victory: DED Backs Off Affirmative Consent

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In a MAJOR VICTORY for us, the Dept. Of Education has backed off their Affirmative Consent proposal.

The proposal (partners would be expected to give their explicit consent to sex every step along the way) is silly, yet potentially dangerous. We asked you to oppose it, and you did. Thank you.

Together, we made a difference. On April 2, the DED released its new proposal, and guess what is missing! That's right: Affirmative Consent.

Congratulations!

But we're not done yet.

Even though the committee didn't recommend including the "Dear Colleague" letter's preponderance of evidence standard as part of the rule, it's still a concern. Please ask DED Secretary Arne Duncan to replace the "preponderance of evidence" standard (51%) with "clear and convincing" (70-80%) level of proof.

Email Arne Duncan: arne.duncan-at-ed.gov

Thanks!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

P.S. If you live in California, contact your lawmakers to oppose SB 967. It's an Affirmative Consent bill!

Brazil: Jilted doctor who paid gang to chop off fiance's penis jailed for six years

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A jilted doctor who paid a gang to chop off her fiance's penis has been jailed for six years, it has been reported.

Brazilian Myriam Priscilla Castro, 34, ordered the gruesome attack after her boyfriend, Wendel Souza, ended their relationship three days before their wedding.

Ms Castro, a respected doctor from a wealthy family in Juiz de Fora, southeast Brazil, is also believed to have paid for Mr Souza's house to be burned down and his car wrecked.

A court heard how three men, who claimed they were carrying out Ms Castro's orders, snatched Mr Souza the week after the planned wedding and used a knife to slice off his manhood.

Ms Castro's 76-year-old father is also accused of helping his daughter find and contract the men, who were all ex-convicts.'

Class action lawsuit against manufacturer of beauty products containing foreskin fibroblast-derived ingredients

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'Consumers have filed a proposed class-action lawsuit against Allergan Inc. (NYSE: AGN) and its pharmaceutical company subsidiary, SkinMedica, claiming that the companies have misbranded and unlawfully marketed Tissue Nutrient Solution (TNS), a skin-care product line containing human growth factors obtained from human foreskin tissue which could increase the risk of cancer and pose other health risks, according to the complaint.

The lawsuit, filed by consumer-rights law firm Hagens Berman in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, claims that for at least the past four years, SkinMedica has failed to disclose significant safety concerns associated with TNS products while marketing the products without appropriate government approval, proper labeling, or adequate safety studies.

According to the firm's investigation, SkinMedica's TNS products, which have been sold nationally through doctors' offices and retailers, contain a proprietary mix of "human growth factors" derived from human foreskin tissue. Human growth factors are intended to mobilize, stimulate, or otherwise alter the production of cells, including the ability to initiate cell division, which could stimulate growth of cancerous tumor cells, according to the complaint.
...
The lawsuit is a proposed class action based upon California's consumer protection laws, and seeks to represent a class of all persons in the U.S. who purchased SkinMedica's TNS products during the last four years.
...
Concerned consumers are encouraged to contact Hagens Berman by emailing SkinMedica-at-hbsslaw.com or calling 206-623-7292.'

Nivea Stress Protect ad (Australia) is demeaning to men

mens_issues · 5 April 2014 · Archived copy · Original

This Nivea Stress Protect ad being aired in Australia is demeaning to men.

I posted the following over there under "Male Positive Media":

"This is definitely not male positive media; it's demeaning and sexist toward men, as many other commenters have already pointed out. I'm going to post this over at Mensactivism.org so men know not to buy Nivea products, unless and until this ad is removed and Nivea starts to produce more positive media depictions of men."

Many other commenters at YouTube have had similar comments and Nivea's public relations YouTube account has been posting platitudes already, but at least they've noticed.

Thailand: Ten years of burnings/beheadings is only now a problem since a few recent victims were female

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'The recent burning and beheading of female victims in Thailand's southern Muslim provinces marks a renewed campaign of terror by insurgent groups, according to a Human Rights Watch statement released today.

At least three Thai Buddhist women have been killed and mutilated by insurgents since February, according to HRW.

"Southern insurgents are killing Buddhist women and spreading terror by beheading and burning their bodies," Brad Adams, Asia director at HRW, said in the statement.
...
Male victims have been decapitated numerous times in the past, but this marked the first case in the past 10 years when a female victim was beheaded, said Sunai.
...
At least 5,488 people have been killed in the southern border provinces since the conflict intensified in January 2004.'

"Obama Admits Waging War On Men"

BendStraps · 6 April 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While the U.S. Supreme Court weighs the constitutionality of the Obamacare contraception mandate, the real goal of the provision appears to have very little to do with providing affordable birth control.

After combing through Obama administration documents in the Federal Register, National Center for Public Policy Research Chairwoman Amy Ridenour said the administration's official justification for the policy is very different than the reasons often stated publicly.

"While the president went out in the East Room and gave a speech saying that the purpose of the HHS mandate is to help lower-income women afford birth control, in the HHS documents themselves, they talk about something else entirely and that is that the purpose of the mandate is to reduce economic and social disparities between men and women," Ridenour said.

"This is an official legal document. They do not talk about the need to help lower-income people afford birth control. They do not say things like birth control may only be $9 a month, but if you make $9 an hour that's a lot of money. No, what they talk about over and over and over again is gender disparity. It sounds like a women's studies class," she said.

...

Ridenour said the proof of the mandate as a wedge issue between the genders can be seen in the fact that women's contraception services are fully covered, from contraceptives to abortion-inducing drugs to sterilization methods such as tubal ligation. However, the mandate provides no coverage whatsoever for men when it comes to condoms or even vasectomies.

She also said the low-income argument falls apart in light of what the mandate does and doesn't do.

"A billionaire woman would be covered, and a very, very poor man would not be covered. Income has absolutely nothing to do with this. Gender and, frankly, feminism has everything to do with it," Ridenour said.'

Feminism in grade school

Mastodon · 7 April 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'You gotta get ‘em while they’re young.

A rumbling is beginning among feminists to try to get their ideology put to use in the classroom. In an article on Pandagon, the liberal blog that gave rise to Ezra Klein, a feminist mom calling herself “Glosswitch” brought up the issue:

“When I think of the blind faith in gender that surrounds [her son], I’m not feeling so comfortable. It’s not just that the stereotypes are limiting on an individual basis. They are everywhere and they embed, ever so gradually, the sense that is natural for women and girls to be decorative, whereas men and boys are the active ones. This isn’t what I want my son to learn at school, a place that should be opening his mind, not closing it.”

Her outrage began because her son learned a song called “Jesus is my superhero,” which featured verses about how Jesus was better than Superman, Spiderman, Batman, etc. Glosswitch became upset when the only woman mentioned in the song was Barbie.
...
I can imagine it now: Little girls taught that when they grow up they'll be paid 77 cents to the dollar their male counterparts earn, taught that abortion can solve all their problems, taught that free birth control is a right and that anyone who says otherwise is a misogynist and waging a “war on women.”

Teach them to be victims before they ever have a chance to see otherwise. Oh, and then watch Democrats continue to promise that government will fix everything if only they’re put in charge.'

Onondaga Nation men march against domestic violence, child abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Onondaga Nation Territory -- Onondaga Nation men marched to the Onondaga Nation School this morning to take a stand against domestic violence and child abuse.

The goal of the walk was to show the children of the Onondaga Nation that these men will not commit, condone or stay silent about abuse against women or children.

"We want the children to know that they can trust these men and that they will listen and believe them," said Nicky Calf Robe, the leader of the Onondaga Nation Alliance to End Abuse.'

UK: Girl's rape claim found to be false

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police appealed for the public's help to find her attacker after she said a man raped her on Saturday afternoon.

But after interviewing the girl, officers now say "no offence was found to have taken place".

Det Ch Insp Rebecca Mears said the girl had been spoken to by officers and regretted making the claim.

She added: "It is essential that victims of rape feel confident that police will support and encourage them to come forward and report the crime.

"In this instance, the girl making the false report has been spoken to by officers and understands and regrets the gravity of what she has done.

"Due to the circumstances of this particular case, the matter will not be taken any further."'

Student Suspended, Given Psych Eval For 'Twirling Pencil' Like A Gun

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Story here.

'Thirteen-year-old Ethan Chaplin, who attends school in Vernon, New Jersey, was suspended for two days and will undergo a psychological evaluation after another student complained that he was "twirling a pencil" like a gun.

According to News 12 New Jersey, Chaplin said he was "just twisting around a pencil with a pen cap on it when a student behind him yelled, 'He's making gun motions, send him to juvie.'"

Chaplin told officials he had repeatedly been bullied by the student who complained and that the complaint about the pencil was just an extension of that. But the school suspended him anyway, "pending the outcome of a psychological evaluation."

Vernon Schools Superintendent Charles Maranzano indicated that "school policy and the law requires [sic] him to investigate when anyone in school feels uncomfortable or threatened by another student." He said, "We never know what's percolating in the minds of children. And when they demonstrate behaviors that raise red flags, we must do our duty."'

Men Have More Trouble Facing Sex Harassment in Military Than Women: Survey

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'Although sexual harassment is damaging for both men and women in the military, new research finds that military men have more trouble coping with it.

Men who experience threatening sexual harassment might become more distressed and have more problems with work performance than women subjected to similar treatment, according to the study, which was published online in the March issue of the Journal of Occupational Health Psychology.

"The surprise was that men were more upset and debilitated after experiencing frightening sexual harassment than women," study lead author Isis Settles, of Michigan State University, said in a journal news release.

"Men may be less likely to think they'll be sexually harassed, so it's a particularly strong violation of their expectations and that could result in stronger negative reactions," Settles said. "Another possibility is that men feel less able to cope with their sexual harassment than women, who know it's a possibility and therefore are perhaps more emotionally prepared."'

As Obama Spotlights Gender Gap in Wages, His Own Payroll Draws Scrutiny

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jay Carney, the president's press secretary, said the statistics for White House staff members reflect the fact that women fill more lower-level positions than men. But he said that women and men in the same positions at the White House are paid the same, and that many of the women hold senior positions.

"Men and women in equivalent roles here earn equivalent salaries," Mr. Carney said. "Some of the most senior positions in the White House are filled by women, including national security adviser, homeland security adviser, White House counsel, communications director, senior adviser, deputy chief of staff."

He said that the 88-cent statistic was misleading because it aggregates the salaries of White House staff members at all levels, including the lowest levels, where women outnumber men.'

Are women being denied equal pay? Or not?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tuesday is "Equal Pay Day." Meaning that it's time again to unleash the hounds to flush out all those misogynists who are keeping women in chains.

Women's paychecks don't equal men's because a vast male cabal is populating human relations departments across the land making sure that women's paychecks always and everywhere are smaller.

At least that's the idea that you might get from everyone who rolls out, as they will today, the oft-repeated canard that women "are paid 77 cents on the dollar for doing the same work as men."

It's not true, according to PolitiFact.com, which noted that a 2012 campaign ad for President Barack Obama repeated the deception when it said, "The son of a single mom, proud father of two daughters, President Obama knows that women being paid 77 cents on the dollar for doing the same work as men isn't just unfair, it hurts families."

Obama played a variation on the same tune when he said in his State of the Union address, "You know, today, women make up about half our workforce, but they still make 77 cents for every dollar a man earns." In this, he left out "for the same work as men," but the statistic remains simplistic and deceptive.'

Is The Gender Wage Gap A Myth?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men were almost twice as likely as women to work more than 40 hours a week, and women almost twice as likely to work only 35 to 39 hours per week. Once that is taken into consideration, the pay gap begins to shrink. Women who worked a 40-hour week earned 88% of male earnings. Then there is the issue of marriage and children. The BLS reports that single women who have never married earned 96% of men's earnings in 2012….

Education also matters. Even within groups with the same educational attainment, women often choose fields of study, such as sociology, liberal arts or psychology, that pay less in the labor market…

Risk is another factor. Nearly all the most dangerous occupations, such as loggers or iron workers, are majority male and 92% of work-related deaths in 2012 were to men…. Also: Males are more likely to pursue occupations where compensation is risky from year to year, such as law and finance. Research shows that average pay in such jobs is higher to compensate for that risk.'

Also see:

- Paycheck Fairness fraud
- House Democratic women take on White House economist who said wage gap isn't caused by discrimination

Pro-life teen called 'domestic terrorist' in petition supporting professor of feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dueling petitions involving a pro-life teen and a professor charged with attacking her are circulating at the University of California at Santa Barbara, and the student body is backing the teacher.

Students at the University of California at Santa Barbara are circulating the petitions, one in support of feminism Prof. Mireille Miller-Young, and another backing Thrin Short, the 16-year-old pro-lifer whose March 4 demonstration was allegedly broken up by Miller-Young. The one backing the professor, who has been charged with battery and vandalism, has more than 2,000 signatures, while the one in support of Short has 150, according to The College Fix.'

CBS Destroys White House Rhetoric on Gender Pay Gap; NBC and ABC Ignore

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday's CBS This Morning, White House correspondent Major Garrett completely dismantled President Obama's left-wing talking points on the supposed gender pay gap of women making 77 cents on the dollar compared to men, reporting: "The White House is getting...roughed up by hits own pay equity rhetoric." [*Listen to the audio or watch the video after the jump*]

Garrett used the administration's hypocrisy on the issue to fact check the false claims: "An analysis of White House salaries, which nobody here disputes, shows that the median income of female staffers is 88% of that of male staffers....Now, the White House said it's gender pay gap is tied to job experience, education, and hours worked, among other factors. This matters because those explanations, according to the Labor Department, explain a good deal of the gender pay gap nationally."
...
Landing the final blow to the liberal pet issue, Garrett observed: "When the factors that the White House used to defend its gender pay gap are used nationally, the Labor Department says the difference in median wages between men and women shrinks to about 5 cents to 7 cents on the dollar."

Garrett wrapped up his report by noting that the President would be signing two executive orders on Tuesday regarding equal pay among federal contract workers, "a small subset of the labor market." He dismissed the move as having little impact: "This is largely an information tool, economists doubt it will dramatically change pay for federal contract workers."'

Democrats’ campaign of distortion shouldn’t be rewarded

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'If that’s not enough, there is the phony war on women based on misleading statistics, which ignore that the infamous “77 cents on the dollar” claim about women’s wage gap is not the result of a “war on women.” Kessler explained (“Weekly wages is more of an apples-to-apples comparison, but as mentioned, it does not include as many income categories, The gap is even smaller when you look at hourly wages — it is 86 cents vs. 100 . . . but then not every wage earner is paid on an hourly basis, so that statistic excludes salaried workers. But, under this metric for people with a college degree, there is virtually no pay gap at all.”)

To be specific, “The [Bureau of Labor Standards] reports that single women who have never married earned 96% of men’s earnings in 2012,” two conservative economists relate. (The Post’s Wonkblog comes up with 91 percent.) Job selection, risk taking (“Nearly all the most dangerous occupations, such as loggers or iron workers, are majority male and 92% of work-related deaths in 2012 were to men. Dangerous jobs tend to pay higher salaries to attract workers”), the choice to work part-time and factors other than discrimination explain the differences:
...
The recognition that wage inequality is driven by women’s choices has led to the entire “lean in” campaign, which would be a cruel hoax if women’s choices didn’t matter and the system was inherently biased against women with the same hours, education and career choices as men. But in the political realm the left’s thirst for sowing resentment and convincing women they are victims of fellow Americans is unquenchable.'

Our attitude to violence against men is out of date

MikeJH · 9 April 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men commit more violent crime than women, by a mile. Around 85-90% of convicted murderers are men, a majority of the reported domestic abusers and pretty much all of those committing sexual attacks. However – and this is the part that gets overlooked – almost twice as many men than women are the victims of violence. While as a society we rightly give lots of attention to protecting women against violence, from warnings about predatory cab drivers to reports on women's refuges, from the understanding that it's wrong to hit a woman to walking women home, very little seems to be being done to protect men, or to dissuade anyone from the idea that it's also wrong to hit a man. Is male life cheaper?

In discussions of domestic violence, it is often noted with alarm that women are killed at a rate of two per week, by usually male partners or ex-partners. But domestic violence is not exclusively male on female: the ONS statistics for 2011-12 show that while 1.2 million women experienced domestic violence, so too did 800,000 men. A 1994 University of Iowa paper by veteran criminal lawyer Alan Dershowitz reported that over 40% of US spousal murders are perpetrated by women (as I write this, police have arrested the ex-girlfriend of British milionaire Andrew Bush, whose body was discovered at his Spanish villa earlier this month).

...

Outside the home, your chances of being attacked or killed are much higher if you're a man. Men make up over two-thirds of murder victims, 68%. Therefore, of the 540 currently known UK murder victims from 2011/12, whether inside or without the house, 367 were male, and 173 were female. This means that the UK murder rate of men is more than one per day.

...

If we can start to understand that the ultimate distillation of male-on-male violence – male suicide – has causes that can be understood, and that some them are rooted in society's perpetuation of ideas of what men are, we can perhaps begin to imagine that other facets of male violence – perpetration and victimhood – might similarly be understood as cultural constructs that can be dismantled, rather than as forces of nature. When it comes to male violence, focussing the attention exclusively on women is not merely to misunderstand the problem, but to miss the opportunity to start fixing the problem. No-one will be gladder to put a stop to male violence than men.'

Obama's persistent '77-cent' claim on the wage gap gets a new Pinocchio rating from WaPo

charlie · 9 April 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'*"Today, the average full-time working woman earns just 77 cents for every dollar a man earns…in 2014, that's an embarrassment. It is wrong."*

–President Obama, remarks on equal pay for equal work, April 8, 2014

In 2012, during another election season, The Fact Checker took a deep dive in the statistics behind this factoid and found it wanting. We awarded the president only a Pinoochio, largely because he is citing Census Bureau data, but have wondered since then if we were too generous.

We also called out the president when he used this fact in the 2013 State of the Union address. And in the 2014 State of the Union address. And yet he keeps using it. So now it's time for a reassessment.
...
Few experts dispute that there is a wage gap, but differences in the life choices of men and women — such as women tending to leave the workforce when they have children — make it difficult to make simple comparisons.

Obama is using a figure (annual wages, from the Census Bureau) that makes the disparity appear the greatest—23 cents. But the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the gap is 19 cents when looking at weekly wages. The gap is even smaller when you look at hourly wages — it is 14 cents — but then not every wage earner is paid on an hourly basis, so that statistic excludes salaried workers.
...
June O'Neill, a former director of the Congressional Budget Office who has been a critic of the 77-cent statistic, has noted that the wage gap is affected by a number of factors, including that the average woman has less work experience than the average man and that more of the weeks worked by women are part-time rather than full-time. Women also tend to leave the work force for periods in order to raise children, seek jobs that may have more flexible hours but lower pay and choose careers that tend to have lower pay.

Indeed, BLS data show that women who do not get married have virtually no wage gap; they earn 96 cents for every dollar a man makes.'

Six-year-old child left brain dead from mom’s drowning attempt dies

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The second child a Pittsburgh woman allegedly drowned because "crazy voices" led her to kill her children has died.

Daniel Schlemmer, 6, was confirmed dead Saturday - just four days after he and his younger brother Luke, 3, were drowned in a hot tub near Pittsburgh by their 40-year-old mother Laurel Michelle Schlemmer, the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office said.

Daniel had been brain dead since Tuesday before succumbing to the horrific action of his mother. He had been on life support at a Pittsburgh hospital.

Laurel told police "crazy voices" told her to drown her children in a bathtub Tuesday after her third son left for school at her McCandless Pa. home.

...

She called 911 but gave the dispatcher several different versions of events of what happened.

She first said she found her sons unconscious after they had been playing in the bathtub, reports the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.'

China: Evil mum whipped six-year-old for not doing his homework and police do nothing

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Story here. Excerpt:

'This is the shocking punishment dished out to a six-year-old boy by his mother - for not doing his homework.

Whipped with a wire coat-hanger 's [sic] injuries were so brutal his own nursery teacher reported his mother to police.

However, police in China decided the scars left on the schoolboy's thighs should not result in his mother being charged because they were "not so bad as they look".

The teacher at the school in southern China's Jiangmen city in southern Guandong province spotted the whiplash injuries as the youngster changed for a sports lesson.
...
But police sent to investigate ruled the injuries - sustained as the boy was steel-chained to his bed to stop him running out to play - looked worse than they were.

A police spokesman said: "The boy's mother and father were unhappy about his performance at school and he was a naughty boy who often failed to do his homework. He needed to be taught a lesson.
...
The youngster was taken to hospital, but as the bruises and red welts reduced he was sent back to his parents a few hours later.'

China: Mom cuts three of son's fingers off after quarrel with husband

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Story here.

'A Shanghai woman, angry with her husband following a quarrel, took out her frustration on her son, chopping off three of his left hand fingers. The incident happened on Wednesday, when the couple began quarreling over some family issues, police said yesterday. The wife got angry and pulled her 8-year-old son over, cutting off three of his fingers with a kitchen knife. The boy was rushed to hospital while the woman has been detained by police.'

Senator Erupts on Equal Pay Issue: 'I Get Volcanic,' 'Angry'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) wants us to know she's mad - angry, outraged, even - that her Senate colleagues didn't pass her Paycheck Fairness Act today. The bill failed to gain cloture by a vote of 53 to 44.

"I'll tell you what I'm tired of hearing," she yelled, "that somehow or other we're too emotional when we talk."
...
"You know what I'm tired of hearing? That somehow or other we're too emotional when we talk. Well I am emotional. I am so emotional about this. I tell you that if we don't pass this bill, I'm gonna press on. It bring tears to my eyes, to know how women are working so hard and are getting paid less. It makes me emotional to hear that. Then when I hear all of these phony reasons, some are mean and some are meaningless. I do get emotional.

"I get angry. I get outraged. I get volcanic."

Before getting so angry, Senator Mikulski might want to take a look at a law that requires employers to not discriminate on the basis of sex. It's called the Equal Pay Act - and it was passed in 1963.'

April 10 - Equal Work Day

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http://www.work-equality.org/

'According to the latest statistics from the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), men in the United States worked for pay for an average of 308 minutes per day in 2013, as compared with 242 minutes per day for women. That's the equivalent of 1,874 hours per year for men versus 1,472 hours for women. Based on these numbers, Equal Work Day will fall on April 10, 2014 in the US. Similar results can be found in Canada and many other nations.

Certainly this is not the complete story. These same statistics show that women spend more time on unpaid work*, reporting that they do more housework and spend more time on childcare than men do. There will be plenty of women viewing this page who work 50, 60 hours a week or more, as well as men who work fewer hours than their partners.

Over the past 30 years, a picture has been painted by the media in the US of a sexist workplace that deprives women of the opportunity to compete fairly in the job market. Certainly there was a time when this was true. But is it still true? Some arguments and statistics around pay equality avoid significant aspects of the choices that men and women make voluntarily. This is an important subject to study further - but no one statistic or sound bite can adequately cover the subject.'

Democrats' revolting equal-pay demagoguery

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here's a radical notion: It is simultaneously possible to believe that women are entitled to equal pay and to not support the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Not that you'd know it from the rhetoric President Obama and fellow Democrat are happily flinging at Republicans who dare to oppose the measure.

"I don't know why you would resist the idea that women should be paid the same as men and then deny that that's not always happening out there," Obama said Tuesday. "If Republicans in Congress… want to show that they do care about women being paid the same as men, then show me…They can join us, in this, the 21st century and vote yes on the Paycheck Fairness Act."
...
Before you start checking the byline at the top of this piece and emailing the editor that there's been a terrible mistake, let me be clear: I support ensuring that women receive equal pay for equal work — I have a bit of a vested stake in that issue myself. Unequal pay remains a problem, although not at the women-earn-77-cents-on-the-dollar level of Democrats' sloganeering. Most relevantly, I'd vote for the Paycheck Fairness Act in the unlikely event that someone elected me to Congress.

But the level of hyperbole — actually, of demagoguery — that Democrats have engaged in here is revolting. It's entirely understandable, of course: The Senate is up for grabs. Women account for a majority of voters. They tend to favor Democrats. To the extent that women — and in particular, single women — can be motivated to turn out in a midterm election, waving the bloody shirt of unequal pay is smart politics.

Fairness is another matter. Since President John F. Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act in 1963, it has been illegal for employers to pay women less than men for the same work. Of course, that wasn't the end of the legislative story. As the case of Lilly Ledbetter demonstrated, numerous tweaks and improvements to the law have been required along the way. Ledbetter, for example, was stymied by the fact that — in part because of company policy banning the sharing of salary information — she did not know she was being paid less than male counterparts; by the time she realized and filed suit, according to the Supreme Court, the statute of limitations was up. Congress fixed that situation for future plaintiffs, which seems like a matter of simple logic and equity.'

Ed. note: Wikipedia on Ruth Marcus here. No one can accuse her of party lockstep, anyway!

Paycheck Pander All About Trial Lawyers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Senate Democrats are following up on the White House "Equal Pay Day" dog and pony show yesterday with another push designed to highlight their supposed concern for the plight of female workers. The Paycheck Fairness Act that was put to a vote today had no more chance of passage than it did when it was last introduced before the 2012 election. But as it did that previous time, Democrats are hoping that it will serve to feed their fake "war on women" theme that has helped them gain an advantage with female voters while also helping to distract voters from the president's second term blues and discontent about the implementation of ObamaCare.

Republicans who underestimate the potential impact of this strategy are making a mistake but GOP senators are right not to take the bait. As tempting as it might have been to let this legislation pass in order to undermine the Democrats' blatantly political motivations, they were right to hold the line on the bill. Just as "Equal Pay Day" attempts to hype an issue based on misleading statistics, the Paycheck Fairness Act does nothing to address the problem of gender discrimination. Even worse, though it is easily understood as a ploy to solidify female support for President Obama's party, it is even more of a pander toward one of the mainstays of the Democratic Party: the trial lawyers. The law is geared not so much to address inequality as to make it easy to sue businesses for discrimination without proof. While it's an open question as to whether these maneuvers may save the Democrats in the midterm elections, allowing this bill to pass would result in a windfall for trial lawyers.'

Kristol Battles Mika (Video): ‘War on Women’ Not in the Top 20 Problems in U.S.

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'In the wake of the Paycheck Fairness Act’s defeat in the U.S. Senate yesterday, Morning Joe co-host Mika Brzezinski and Weekly Standard editor Bill Kristol battled over the necessity of the legislative changes, as Brzezinski said the law on the books prohibiting pay discrimination was “broken every day.”

“If you look at the actual statistics, and control for education and hours worked, women have about 97% of the salaries of men, and younger women in their twenties and thirties have slightly higher salaries than men,” Kristol said. “Actually, the real problem if you actually talk to a serious economist about our workforce, the people who are really doing badly, and it’s a terrible thing, are young men. Especially young, less-educated men, working class men in their twenties and thirties. Globalization hasn’t helped them in the types of jobs that are produced.”

“So the notion that the ‘war on women’ or pay discrimination against women is in the top twenty problems in the United States is frankly ridiculous,” Kristol continued. “I say this as someone who is a big fan of women.”

“The fact that it’s illegal to discriminate means nothing for women in the workplace who are paid less than their male counterparts,” Brzezinski said. “The numbers out there, from the testimonials I’ve gotten from people, in the aftermath of writing my book about this, are that the numbers are far worse. They’re Lilly Ledbetter’s numbers. Women are getting paid half of what their counterparts make. You know why? Because companies can do that, because that law can be broken, and nobody knows about it.”

“Wasn’t the first law that President Obama signed was the Lilly Ledbetter Act?” Kristol replied. “Didn’t they deal with this when they had a Democratic Congress? Wasn’t it supposed to solve that? So why suddenly in 2014 when the Obama administration was floundering, when they’re desperately trying to appeal to their base, they go back to this decision. They passed the legislation they thought was necessary in 2009 and 2010. I’d like to see someone explain exactly what has changed that requires additional legislation.”'

It's an election year, so here comes the 'War on Women'

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It's an election year and guess what that means? Apparently, it is time for the White House, Democrats and the media to pretend there is a thing called a "War on Women."

You may remember this as the tired trope that says Republicans have a problem with women, want to control your bodies and make you have babies against your will, they want you barefoot, pregnant and stupid. Alas, this isn't the only front of this fabricated fight. This week's fabricated outrage liberals are valiantly working to overcome today? Gender income-inequality.

That's right, it's a fun story involving female reproductive organs, unfairness AND evil business owners!

Can anyone explain that 77 percent number?

Facts aren't needed here, let's just pretend this is actually a thing that should be taken seriously for a second. Are we pretending that the evil greedy monstrous corporations, that liberals are also busy whining about buying elections, would be willing to pass up a massive labor pool that would cut their cost by 23 percent? If they could hire all women at a significant savings for the same work from people with the same education and experience.

Feminists tried in 2012 and guess what they found? It is completely fake.
...
The President is offering up a few token executive orders, much like his minimum wage order that contractors who serve the government will pay workers more. These orders won't do much, mostly because they aren't needed, but they will generate headlines which is the real goal.
...
Electoral politics and lack of respect for the cognitive thinking skills of American women.
...
YOU are the one's this stuff works on. Polling indicates this completely untrue narrative that has been created out of thin airs and debunked many times WORKS. Democrats are convinced that if they tell you that you are getting screwed over at work you will vote for them in large numbers.

If this is you, what does that say about you? Not much.

It says that you are a victim that needs to be saved by the white knight of big government.

What does it say about what they think of you? Even less.'

Democrats' desperate war-on-women-baiting

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It's an election year, which means the Democrats' crass politicization of important women's issues is gearing up once more.

Don't be fooled by President Obama's new push for pay equity. It sounds good, but it is nothing more than a political ploy to distract from the ever-conspicuous cloud of bad mojo following Democrats around as they brace for the 2014 midterm elections.

In the past few election cycles, a the left has done a masterful job of courting women by creating lines of division between Republicans and Democrats where they don't actually exist.

Back in 2008, the ploy was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. Republicans support fair pay for equal work, of course, but nevermind that. Democrats decided to debate — and put Republicans on the spot regarding — a bill that did not actually solve pay inequity. Instead, it merely lengthened the statute of limitations for filing an equal-pay lawsuit. The law has since been criticized for being nothing more than a windfall for trial lawyers.

In 2012, the left resurrected the Violence Against Women Act — to direct hundreds of millions of dollars toward stopping something that is already illegal in all 50 states and punishable by law. No Republican supports violence against women, naturally, but many rightly questioned whether reauthorization was wise, considering that VAWA's success in reducing domestic violence since its passage in 1994 has been negligible, the latest version even included protections for men, and the tweaks to the bill seemed primarily positioned to once again line the pockets of trial lawyers.

Here we go again. In 2014, Democrats are at it once more, introducing symbolic bills that don't solve women's problems, all to paint a ridiculously unfair caricature that the Republicans are waging a war on women.'

Former Teacher Kelly Burgess Avoids Prison After Admitting To Sex With Student

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'A former drama teacher who admitted to having sex with a 16-year-old student will not see any jail time for the offense.

Kelly Burgess, 26, of Newport, England was given a seven month suspended sentence after she pleaded guilty to four sexual offenses of breach of trust - engaging in a sexual act with a child, according to the BBC.

"The relationship, albeit conducted as if between equals, was not a relationship between equals," Judge Euan Ambrose said in Bristol Crown Court this week. "You were older, you were his teacher and you should at all times have known better."

The Bristol Post reports the illegal relationship lasted seven months and took place between January and August of last year.

Burgess and the victim exchanged 1,200 texts, some explicit, and she saved three naked pictures of the victim that he sent her, the court heard.
...
Burgess, who was fired from her job, must register as a sex offender for 10 years and is prohibited from contact with children.

The Telegraph's Cristina Odone contends that the sentence would have been more harsh if "Kelly Burgess had been a Keith Burgess."'

SAVE E-lert: "Rape Culture" is a Fraud, Prove it to Yourself

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"Rape Culture" is a fraud. The commonly used quote, "One in five college women will be a victim of rape or sexual assault," is a lie. Since we bust lies with the truth, we will show you how to counter this one with a simple math equation. Start with your local college and its Clery Act report. You can use Google, or any search engine to find this information. In this example I'm using Stanford. Find the number of "Forcible Sex Offenses" for one year. Include the incidents in student residences, on campus, non-campus, and on public property. Include forcible rape, forcible fondling, and other forcible offences. I'm using 2012, so the total in this example is 26. Since we know that only about 10% of these incidents are reported, we'll multiply this number by ten, so now we have the number 260. Now, let's compare that to the number of female students at Stanford that year. *(We know that male students are also victims of rape and sexual assault, but to simplify this experiment, we are only counting women.)*

Include female undergraduates and graduates, part-time and full-time. In this case, the number is 7,989. Divide the number of victims by the number of female students. In this case we get .0325. Now, move the decimal point over two spaces to the right, and you get the percentage of female students who were victims of a forcible sex offence at Stanford in 2012: 3.25. Three percent, even three and a quarter percent is nowhere close to the 20% fraud. Now, please find this information on your local college, and share it far and wide.

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P.S. If you live in the Los Angeles area, please contact California Senator Kevin De León and share your to opposition to SB 967, the CA Affirmative Consent bill! Call (213) 483-9300 or email: http://sd22.senate.ca.gov/contact/email.

"Men With Eating Disorders Often Ignore Symptoms"

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'The widely held belief that only women experience eating disorders delays men with these conditions from getting treatment, a new British study says.

"Men with eating disorders are underdiagnosed, undertreated and under-researched," write a team led by Ulla Raisanen at the University of Oxford.

Eating disorders include anorexia, bulimia and binge eating.
...
"Our findings suggest that men may experience particular problems in recognizing that they may have an eating disorder as a result of the continuing cultural construction of eating disorders as uniquely or predominantly a female problem," they added.

This belief is also widespread among medical professionals, according to the researchers.'

School bus bully gets a taste of her own medicine

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'A cell phone video shows a bullied boy taking a whooping from a girl on a school bus before he unexpectedly fights back — and then just as surprisingly performs an act of compassion.
...
The boy tries to cover his face, but the pummeling continues — until he snaps.
It was unclear where and when the incident happened.

“Uh oh,” says one of the passengers as the boy scrambles to his feet to fight back and puts an end to the bullying immediately.

After turning the tables on his shaken attacker he asks her, “You O.K.?”'

Sorority Allegedly Forced Men To Eat Dog Treats And Wear Women's Undies

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'University of Connecticut officials have suspended a sorority as they investigate allegations that its members forced men to drink booze, eat dog treats, paint their bodies, wear women's underwear and take alcohol shots off each other's bodies.

UConn suspended the Delta Zeta sorority on Wednesday. School officials say they are investigating hazing at an off-campus apartment complex on March 7. The men involved were with a school fraternity.
...
Another UConn sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity were suspended in March and remain under investigation because of hazing allegations.'

The Equal-Pay Canard

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'The factoid that women earn only 77 cents of every dollar earned by men is the focal point of a feminist cargo cult. It has its own movement and its own quasi-holiday, the so-called Equal Pay Day, marking how far into a new year women supposedly have to work to match what men made the prior year.

The figure is presumed to clinch any debate over the continued existence of massive discrimination against women in the work force. And so the factoid has predictably featured heavily in the latest push by Democrats on the alleged “war on women.”

What is clear is that the wage gap is largely an artifact of the fact that women devote more time to caring for children than do men. Harvard economist Claudia Goldin points out that the earnings of women without children are almost equal to those of comparable men. Feminists are mistaking a byproduct of the laudable desire of mothers to spend time with their kids for a depredation of The Man.

When asked in an MSNBC interview about the reliability of the pay-gap number, White House economist Betsey Stevenson confessed: “I agree that the 77 cents on the dollar is not all due to discrimination. No one is trying to say that it is. But you have to point to some number in order for people to understand the facts.”

There you have it: For people to understand the facts, you have to give them an easily misunderstood statistic, usually without necessary context and spun in the most inflammatory fashion possible. Enter President Barack Obama. He wrings every bit of dishonesty he can out of the number.
...
No matter. Hillary Clinton, whose prospective presidential campaign will be predicated on every feminist cliché her supporters can muster, tweeted on Equal Pay Day, “20 years ago, women made 72 cents on the dollar to men. Today it’s still just 77 cents. More work to do.”'

Canada: Protestors shut down professor's men's rights talk

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'There's been a lot of talk about "rape culture" on university campuses lately, but a group of protestors recently booed and silenced an "anti-feminist" University of Ottawa professor who wanted to talk about the issue.

Janice Fiamengo, who teaches in the English literature department, tried to give a public lecture on men's issues, equality and rape culture at the university on March 28. But as shown in an hourlong Youtube video, she was repeatedly interrupted by a group of about 30 students shouting and blasting horns.

Representatives from the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE), which organized the talk, tried to quell the crowd, but they eventually called security. The talk was moved to another room, but somebody pulled the fire alarm, which effectively shut it down.

Fiamengo, a self-proclaimed radical feminist-turned-anti-feminist, said she advocates for equality.

"Feminism is now seen as a kind of proxy for women, so to question any tenets of feminism is seen as attacking women," she said. "I think it's become a totalitarian ideology that isn't really interested in equality at all."'

UK: CPS defends decision to bring assault and rape charges against Nigel Evans

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'The director of public prosecutions has defended the decision to bring sex assault and rape charges against Tory MP Nigel Evans by saying it would do the same again, despite a warning from its former director Lord Macdonald that it must not "lose perspective" over high-profile cases involving historic allegations.

The CPS is under pressure after a string of unsuccessful cases involving sexual assault and rape allegations against public figures, including Evans, Bill Roache and Michael Le Vell.

...

The Tory MP for Ribble Valley was found not guilty of all nine counts on Thursday following a five-week trial at Preston crown court, where he was accused of abusing his power to attack young Commons workers between 2003 and March last year.

However, Alison Saunders, the CPS director of public prosecutions, said there had been enough evidence against Evans to bring it before a court for a jury to decide.

...

Former prisons minister Blunt also demanded a fresh look at whether defendants in sexual offence cases should be given anonymity up to the point of charge, although sources close to Chris Grayling, the justice secretary, said there were no plans to legislate on this issue.

Blunt told Sky News: "There are no winners in this process, only victims; and that's why I do think the CPS should examine their procedures and the way this prosecution was conducted because the whole process hasn't helped anybody and the verdict has not come as the slightest surprise to me."

Asked if he believed the CPS had been over-zealous, he replied: "Yes, I'm afraid I do. If you look at how the case was constructed against Nigel, a lot of the complainants, well, they weren't complainants, they did not regard themselves as victims and they didn't actually want to be in court. So, this, to a degree, was quite an artificial prosecution."

Regardless of the outcome, the case has shone a spotlight on the hard-drinking culture of Westminster and brought allegations that the Conservative party could have avoided police involvement if it had taken complaints of inappropriate behaviour against Evans more seriously.

During the case, Evans admitted making inappropriate drunken passes but strongly denied any criminal behaviour and said he had consensual sex with one of the complainants.'

The next feminist outrage: Dry-cleaning bills

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'"First there was abortion-on-demand, then there was the supposed wage gap, then birth control without a co-pay, then the word “bossy” and now? Dry-cleaning bills.

Expect the cost of dry cleaning to be the next feminist outrage, President Obama said so in his Equal Pay Day remarks Tuesday.

“We’ll talk about dry cleaners next, right,” Obama said. “Because I know that – I don’t know why it costs more for Michelle’s blouse than my shirt.”

Expect equal dry-cleaning costs to be the next “right” that women deserve. Forget that it's more difficult to dry clean women's blouses - they usually use more delicate fabric and patterns - women deserve equal pricing!"
...
Because paying more for dry cleaning is oppression.'

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand: U.S. universities "havens for rape and sexual assault."

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'ALBANY, N.Y. (CBSNewYork/AP) – After taking on sexual assault cases in the military, New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is launching a new effort to fight sexual assaults on college campuses.

Gillibrand and Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri released a joint bipartisan letter Friday to the leadership of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, asking for money to investigate and enforce sexual assault laws at colleges and universities.

...

“America’s colleges and universities are the best in the world. But it is simply unacceptable that they become havens for rape and sexual assault,” said Gillibrand. “It is time to take this crisis head on and end the scourge of sexual assault on our college campuses, hold offenders accountable, and keep our students safe.”'

University's "Sex Week" features orgasm workshop and a film about a man “born with a micropenis"

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Article here. [Warning: Graphics/text on page NSFW in most typical environments.] Excerpt:

'Northwestern University is sponsoring an event for female students who are “having trouble masturbating.”

“Vulvas too confusing? Having trouble masturbating? Wanna please your consenting female-bodied friend?” asks the “Cum*tactics” event description posted on a college website.

The workshop will be taught by Early2Bed, a “feminist sex shop” in Chicago.

It is not clear why Northwestern was concerned about the ability of its female students to masturbate.

The event is part of Northwestern’s Sex Week, which will also feature events on BDSM and a screening of “Unhung Hero,” a film about a man “born with a micropenis ... on a fact-finding mission … as he confronts the stigma of having a small dick.”'

UK: Female bogus circumcision nurse who almost killed baby boy jailed

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'A bogus nurse who carried out a circumcision on a baby boy and almost killed him has been jailed.

Taiwo Shittu, 55, of Atwood House, Dulwich, pleaded guilty to grievous bodily harm in relation to the incident which took place on November 23 last year.

Woolwich Crown Court heard the parents of the two month old boy arranged for Shittu, who they named as Ms Alhaja, to perform the procedure at their home in Plumstead and paid her £100.

But the baby boy was brought into the A&E department of The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich by his parents concerned with the amount of blood he was losing.

Doctors examined the child and deemed his condition to be life threatening.
...
An investigation was launched shortly afterwards by specialist detective from the Sexual Offences, Exploitation and Child Abuse Command launched an investigation.
...
She was sentenced to 30 weeks imprisonment.
...
"This was a medical procedure which, like any other, carries a risk. She failed to properly manage it and because of this caused the baby a serious and permanent injury."'

UK: The Everyday Sexism campaign risks making all sexual advances 'misogynist'

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'The campaign against everyday sexism has shown that a deeply unpleasant vein of misogyny still runs through our society. But in highlighting the antisocial, misguided behaviour of some unreconstructed individuals, it is important to be aware that such behaviour is not representative of most men's attitudes. More worryingly, from the perspective of a progressive sexual politics there is a danger that the campaign is promulgating a view that any direct sexual advance is tantamount to harassment. If directly propositioning somebody for sex is automatically condemned as misogynist, as the campaign appears to assert, then the movement risks being highly counterproductive to the feminist cause and playing into the hands of the sexually repressive, patriarchal ideology that feminism strives to counter.

Most of the behaviour reported to Laura Bates's Everyday Sexism project does indeed sound reprehensible, but by lumping together sexual assaults and genuinely threatening behaviour with casual propositions, the campaign risks conflating deplorable and even criminal acts with sexually liberated expression. More to the point, there is a risk of comparing offensive and clumsy sexual remarks with respectful, courteous sexual advances.

Feminists quite rightly espouse that both women and men should have the right to pursue sexual pleasure purely for its own sake, outside of a monogamous relationship, and independent of the patriarchal strictures of consumer capitalism. As such, there is nothing inherently sexist, or threatening or harassing, about making a direct, unambiguous sexual advance to another person. We are conditioned to find such propositions taboo because an expression of straightforward, unencumbered desire transgresses prevailing ideology.
...
We can all agree that aggressive, lewd behaviour is deplorable. But what lies behind some of the crude and boorish conduct catalogued by the Everyday Sexism project is repressed sexuality. It is only by becoming more sexually liberated that those energies might come to be expressed in a respectful way. To promote the outright condemnation of any and all direct sexual propositions would be a disastrously regressive step for the feminist movement. It is a clear indication of how much ground the left has ceded in recent decades that any of this needs restating at all. Whatever happened to the sexual revolution?'

Warren Farrell talks gender roles at Princeton University

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'The potential for reversal of traditional male-female roles is enormous, and unexpected.

That was the message on gender roles from activist and author Warren Farrell, who spoke to Princeton University students at the American Whig-Cliosophic Society, a literary and debating club, on campus Thursday night. Farrell, considered to be one of the most important male feminists in recent history, suggested that while much progress has been made on the women's side of the role reversal, less has been done to expand options for men, and men have suffered for it.

"No one has created a sense of purpose for men who are not academically oriented, or career-minded," Farrell said.

Farrell suggested that an increased focus on fatherhood can fill this void, but that such a focus has to this point been neglected by movements for gender equality.
...
According to Farrell, increased regard for fatherhood as the focus of a man's life has benefits for men, but also for their children, and especially their sons.

He described differences he has observed in typical parenting styles and the benefits of the presence of a father's style.

"Guys who take care of children full time, those children do extremely well," said Farrell.

Farrell considers this change in ideas surrounding male purpose and fatherhood important right now, suggesting that there is a "boy crisis" occurring.'

Woman Gets Life in Prison for Killing Boyfriend With Stiletto

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Story here. She had claimed she was repeatedly abused by previous boyfriends while witnesses claimed she became abusive when drinking. Our laws are designed to protect women from violence, which means we often protect women who commit violence. That might be the case here. So, too, the boyfriend didn't fight back; perhaps he'd learned that there's never a reason to hit a woman. At any rate, the jury didn't buy her story and neither did the prosecutors. Excerpt:

'A Houston woman was sentenced to life in prison Friday for fatally stabbing her boyfriend with the 5 1/2-inch stiletto heel of her shoe, striking him at least 25 times in the face and head.

Ana Trujillo was convicted of murder Tuesday by the same jury for killing 59-year-old Alf Stefan Andersson during an argument last June at his Houston condominium. Defense attorneys argued that Trujillo, 45, was defending herself from an attack by Andersson, who was a University of Houston professor and researcher.
...
During closing arguments in the trial's punishment phase, prosecutor John Jordan asked jurors for the maximum sentence: life in prison. Jordan said Trujillo not only violently killed Andersson but tried to ruin his character during the trial by falsely claiming he had abused her.

"Send the message that in our community, when you beat a man to death for no reason, when you come into a courtroom and you slaughter his good name ... that we in Texas are going to hold you accountable," Jordan said.
...
"The fact she took a stiletto to his face 25 times and then paraded around town like she's the victim, that's insulting," prosecutor Sarah Mickelson said during closing arguments.

Trujillo also testified she had been repeatedly abused by men and sexually assaulted and that Andersson was a heavy drinker who would get angry with her.

Witnesses presented by prosecutors in the punishment phase detailed Trujillo's criminal history or firsthand experiences in which she became violent toward them when she drank. Trujillo was arrested twice for drunk driving. She had been drinking the night of Andersson's death but her blood alcohol level was not tested, according to testimony.'

Romania: Woman who raped and stabbed man repeatedly and claimed victimhood gets a suspended sentence

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'A sex-crazed Angelina Jolie lookalike forced a cabbie into having sex with her twice - before brutally stabbing him when he couldn't manage a third time.

Luminita Perijoc, 31, reportedly pounced on Nicolae Stan, 35, after he delivered wine to her apartment in Tulcea, eastern Romania, in 2012.

Grabbing him and dragging him inside, she forced him to undress by threatening him with a 4-inch blade.

At knife point, he had intercourse with her and then performed oral sex.

But, when he couldn't perform a third time, she stabbed him six times before he managed to escape, lock himself in a bedroom and call the cops.

Officers arrived and rushed Stan to hospital.

Perijoc, who reportedly styles herself on the "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" star, was arrested and initially tried to claim she was the victim.

But a court found her guilty and handed her a four year suspended sentence - after she claimed she'd been on strong medication at the time of the attack.

Married dad-of-three Stan said that, while Perijoc had been essentially been let off, he had been given a "life sentence" because of the teasing he'd endured.

"It is terrible. I am now a local celebrity, everyone is talking about me," the Mirror reports him as saying.'

Nigel Evans: Sex trial Tory tells how Coronation Street's Bill Roache saved him from suicide

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'Acquitted sex trial Tory Nigel Evans last night told how he could not have survived his court ordeal without the help of his star friends.

The former Commons Deputy Speaker, who was cleared of all charges, admitted he thought of suicide more than once as his world collapsed around him.

But, in a frank and emotional exclusive interview with the Sunday Mirror, he revealed pals like Corrie actor Bill Roache and former Street star Vicky Entwistle pulled him through what he calls “the darkest time of my life”.

And Nigel told how Bill, 81 – also cleared of a string of sex offences earlier this year – sent him a text he will always treasure just hours after his acquittal on Thursday.

It read: “Just heard. Well done. And quite right too. The champagne will flow, xx.”

The 56-year-old MP told of his relief at being cleared of rape, five sexual assaults, one attempted sexual assault and two indecent assaults. And he talked of his excitement at the prospect of returning to Parliament – but ruled out a return to his role as Deputy Speaker.

Nigel admitted: “Without my friends being there for me and giving me hope I would have been a broken man.

“There were very, very dark moments. At times things were bleak and I did think about taking my own life. But then you get the strength from people believing in you and giving you the support you need.'

UK: Nigel Evans calls for review of anonymity rules in sexual assault cases

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'The Former Commons Deputy Speaker Nigel Evans is to launch a campaign to shake-up anonymity rules in sexual assault cases to protect the reputations of celebrities facing false charges against them.

Mr Evans was last week cleared of carrying out a series of attacks, including rape, on young men following a five-week trial at Preston Crown Court.

In his first interview since being acquitted Mr Evans called for a review of anonymity rules that allowed his seven male accusers to keep their identities secret while he has been reduced to personal and financial ruin.

He also said there should be time limits imposed on historical sexual abuse cases and an end to the “bundling” of smaller charges together with more serious allegations to make a stronger case.'

"Feminism can prevent suicide"

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'Recently, news headlines have been riddled with reports of male students committing suicide at one college or another. Suicide among young males is an ever-growing epidemic, but there is a viable solution. Feminism can theoretically decrease the suicide rates of teenage males.
...
Feminism strives to abolish gender-based stereotypes. Through a change in the idea of what it is to “be a man,” male teenagers trying to find their identity will not be so discouraged to seek out help and express their emotions to someone. They will not feel so much intense pressure to “be a man” and tough it out on their own.

However, men are not innocent bystanders in this battle against stereotypical masculinity, but act as the very roadblocks preventing a solution. Many men are the primary opponents of feminism, believing that women already possess equal rights both socially and legally. They view feminism as a movement to give women power over men, a fundamentally misguided belief. Though they do not realize it, feminism is not the problem, but the solution. These men are standing in their own way.

Please don’t mistake this article as suggesting that it is only important to discuss feminism when pertaining to its benefits for men. Don’t mistake this as an insinuation that men are woman-haters and consequently the sole cause of their own hardships. Many factors are beyond the control of both men and women. It is simply important to understand how feminism does not only benefit women, but men as well, in order to reduce the stigma surrounding it. Feminism eliminates archaic stereotypes and hence liberates both men and women from the struggles these stereotypes promote. Everyone needs and deserves the right to have a good cry, and no one should be considered any less “manly” or any more “womanly” because of it.'

Eurovision Song Contest features dad-as-abuser entry

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'Link to video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzfRDZmuFUI

”Kállay-Saunders will represent Hungary at the 2014 Eurovision Song Contest in Copenhagen with the song Running”

This Hungarian American schmuck will spread his misandric propaganda, singing ”DADDY, WHY, WHY, WHY?”, all over Europe at the Eurovision Song Contest *[link added]* in København (Copenhagen) - if he will get the votes to be in the final on Saturday May 10th, 2014. The video features an angry and violent man portraying ”Daddy”.

When idiots buy the popular feminist notion that all men are animals, violators, women beaters, child abusers and child molesters - society is in deep sh*t. Child abuse is a serious violation, commonly perpetrated by women because they win in custody battles, our children are being ”taken care of” by women in the kinder garden and are being taught by female teachers.

But society turns a blind eye, like they always do. It´s much easier to blame men for everything than to address the problem properly and try to find a solution or at least some way of reducing the problem.'

Related: Hungarian American Misandric Eurovision Contestant Signed By Swedish Record Label

NPO: Parental Alienation: Understanding It — Strategies to Fight It

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Article here. Excerpt:

'View Michelle's complete presentation given at a Utah Membership meeting: Parental Alienation: Understanding It — Strategies to Fight It.

We have wasted years caught in a distraction of controversy about whether or not parental alienation is a syndrome, or whether it exists at all. It is interesting how although there is a large body of research validating its existence, along with thousands of adults who attest to having suffered through it as children, and other parents who are currently traumatized, watching helplessly as their relationships with their children are being destroyed, there is still resistance and ignorance about what parental alienation really is and what to do about it. What is parental alienation? It is a pathological family interaction pattern which unjustifiably requires children to align with one parent against a formerly loved parent, putting the children in a destructive loyalty bind. It is usually within the context of a high conflict divorce that parental alienation occurs. It is a horrific form of child abuse.

"Because it is anti-instinctual to hate and reject a parent, the child must develop an elaborate delusional system consisting of spurious, frivolous, and absurd rationalizations to justify the hatred and rejection. Eventually, the child comes to believe all the absurdity. The double-bind situation of being unable to have, love, and to be loved by both parents can lead to psychosis. Remaining with hatred and anger is not healthy under any circumstances, let alone for a parent.'

Student to return to campus after dismissal in sexual assault case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Michigan State University sophomore dismissed after an internal judicial board found he'd had sex with a fellow student while she was incapacitated will be allowed to return to campus pending a hearing on the case in Ingham County Circuit Court.

The man is identified in court documents only by his student identification number.

The case stems from an incident that occurred at an off-campus party in August. The woman told a university investigator that the man had been flirtatious, "asked her how many times she had sex and told her he has had sex seven times," according to a report included in court filings. MSU judicial board proceedings are not public.
...
The man doesn't deny that they had sex, but said it was consensual and that he hadn't put drugs in her drink. He met with investigators in September but later, through an attorney, declined to participate in the university investigation. He gave the university the results of a successful polygraph.

In a hearing Monday afternoon in front of Circuit Judge Clinton Canady III, attorney George Brookover argued that MSU had denied his client due process by not allowing him or an attorney to directly question the woman who accused him or cross-examine witnesses.
...
University associate general counsel Michael Kiley talked about that investigation, as well, but in the process of noting that the university is required under Title IX "to enforce an environment that doesn't foster harassment."

That enforcement differs from the criminal courts, which require proof beyond a reasonable doubt. The federal government expects universities to use a preponderance of the evidence standard in their internal investigation, basically deciding whether it's more likely than not that something occurred.

MSU's investigator wrote that the man accused "knew or should reasonably have known" that the woman was incapacitated because he had been the one giving her alcohol.'

Police: Woman gave birth to, killed 6 infants in 10-year span

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 39-year-old woman was arrested Saturday after seven bodies of dead infants were discovered in a Pleasant Grove home, and officials said they believe that, over a 10-year period, she gave birth to six of the children then killed them.

Pleasant Grove Police responded to the home at 530 E. 200 North after residents who were cleaning out a garage found what they believed to be a dead infant in a container.

Capt. Michael Roberts, Pleasant Grove PD, said the residents found “a suspicious package with a pungent smell, and they opened the package partially and found what they believed to be a deceased infant in the box and they called police.”

When they arrived, police found the infant to be at full term, according to a press release from the Pleasant Grove Police Department.

Roberts said a search warrant was obtained and “subsequently six more bodies of infants were found in separate containers, cardboard boxes.”

According to the press release, “During the course of the investigation information was obtained that; over a 10 year period a 39 year old female gave birth to the infants and then killed them.”'

Depression risks increase for young dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Becoming a dad can be emotionally tough for any guy, but especially for young, first-time fathers. A new study finds that the first five years of parenthood - key attachment and bonding years for a child - may be the riskiest for young dads when it comes to developing depression.

Symptoms of depression increased on average by 68% over the first five years of fatherhood for men who were around 25 years old when they became fathers and lived with their children, according to the study published online today in the journal Pediatrics.

"There's been a significant body of literature describing the effect of mother's depression on child development, and the health care system has tried to rise to the challenge of identifying mothers with depression," says Craig Garfield, an associate professor in pediatrics and medical social sciences at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and lead author of the study. "Fathers have not been on the radar screen until recently. Now we know that ... right around the time of the birth is an important time to try and capture and screen those dads."'

UK: Man-on-a-leash "project" elicits various reactions

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Story here.

Man on a leash in Farringdon, London: Mystery of ‘walkies’ solved
http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/man-on-a-leash-in-farringdon-london-mystery-of-walkies-solved-9261062.html

Comment by Ulf
I can´t see where the joke in this is - I simply don´t understand what´s so funny about this. To me this could very well be some kind of a feminist art project, like the Menstruation Exhibit in Gothenburg
https://twitter.com/IntiChavezPerez/status/446735844150640640/photo/1

Can you imagine the public rage if it was a woman on a leash being walked by a man?

The Big Lie of a “Rape Culture”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, and it will be used to promote a big lie — namely, that we live in a “rape culture.”

The term “rape culture” was coined by politically correct (PC) feminists in the 1970s. It refers to attitudes, beliefs, and values that allegedly normalize sexual violence against women and encourage the act of rape by men. America is called a “rape culture” because sexual violence is deemed to be so pervasive that all women live in constant danger from all men. The violence or threat of it occurs on a continuum running from sexual glances to physical rape. The fact that so many people are unaware of the rape culture surrounding them only points to its omnipresence; that is, the rape culture is supposed to be as common as air and taken as much for granted.

The solution proposed by PC feminists is to change the fundamentals of society, especially with regard to gender, sexuality, and power. Institutions such as law, religion, and the educational system must be deconstructed and reconstructed in order to remove the alleged danger and discrimination that is inherent in being a woman today. Of course, this deconstruction and reconstruction requires extensive action by the state. For instance, PC feminists are trying to use the dubious legal doctrine of “affirmative consent” to increase the regulation of sex on post-secondary campuses.

The idea that America is a rape culture is a particularly vicious big lie, because it brands all men as rapists or rape facilitators. This lie has been successful despite reality. The rate of actual rape is declining. The crime is severely punished, and even an accusation can ruin lives; men who rape are reviled; the social messages on rape delivered regularly to young men are the opposite of encouragement.'

Britain's 'Boys' Club Of Sexist Culture' Blasted By UN's Rashida Manjoo

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'The UN's spokeswoman on violence against women has blasted the "pervasive" and "routine" sexist culture in the UK.

Rashida Manjoo said there is a "boys' club sexist culture" in Britain that influences perceptions of women and girls in the country possibly leading to bullying and harassment.

Following a 16 day visit to Britain, Manjoo also warned Government cutbacks have hit violence against women services and confirmed reports she was blocked from entering controversial immigration detention centre for women, Yarl's Wood.
...
In an initial report on violence against women, the South African human rights expert said legal and policy responses focused on harmful practices, such as early and forced marriages but ignored the harms coming from a "a sexist culture that exists in the country".

She added: "Have I seen this level of sexist culture in other countries? It hasn't been so in-your-face in other countries.'

Confirmed: “Men’s Rights Activism” Is For Misogynists Without God

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“Men’s rights”, a code word for opposition to women’s rights (usually women’s right to be free of violence, to be autonomous in their sexual and relationship decision-making, and to be treated as equals in education and labor), is a popular topic on Reddit, and recently the forums dedicated to it decided to survey their members to get a demographic picture of them. Stephanie Zvan has a summary. Most of it is unsurprising. As with most reactionaries, MRAs refuse outright to admit that they simply oppose equality and come up with half-witted, belabored rationales for why positions and beliefs that functionally serve as opposition to equality are somehow not anti-equality. With MRAs, they insist that women’s gains towards equality are instead women’s gains towards dominance, allowing them to treat every move towards equality as an infringement on their rights. The survey reflected that, with most MRAs arguing that women are the dominant sex, socially and legally, in American society. No big surprise there, nor is there any shock that they are nearly all—98%—white. (Probably 99%, since the “other” category, I suspect, was white people who snootily declare they don’t see race.) They were all conservative, too, with 84% identifying as “strong conservative” and another 11% identifying as “independent”, which is, like “libertarian”, a code word for a strong conservative who thinks of himself as an iconoclast. (Another 2% were just plain “conservative”, bringing the likely number of conservatives to 97%.) No surprises there.

However, there’s a couple of things that stand out. This big one is that, unlike most other men who fit their profile—white, conservative, misogynist, paranoid—the MRAs of Reddit were not drawn to the Christian right, even though that’s the most obvious place for such young men to find community (including women that are amendable to being married to misogynists) and a place to channel their misogyny that is more politically powerful than a bunch of dudes ranting on Reddit. On the contrary, 94% of them defined themselves as having no religion. 94%, folks. That’s more than any other group outside of an atheist conference that I can think of.'

Feminism is holding back medical research

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the quest for women's equality, the rhetoric has come to be interpreted as literal truth: Women are no different than men and they should not be treated any different.

This is false and it could literally kill you.

The differences between men and women are becoming an elephant in the room in the medical community and few people are willing to talk about it. But the facts are clear; our bodies are vastly different and treating us the same could hold back medical research.
For example, men's organs are softer than women's, much less firm and do not hold shape as well. Women have more stem cells than men and the cells are different, reported "60 Minutes" in a Feb. 9 segment.

The differences do not stop there. They may explain why women have a much higher rate of Alzheimer's disease, breast cancer and osteoporosis, or why men have a much higher rate of prostate cancer, color blindness and heart disease. Masculinity may be why autism rates are four times higher in men.

The most important difference may be in the way medicine affects each sex differently. Treatments for some types of diseases are considered a one-size-fits-all treatment; few doctors have even considered that our biological differences could affect who lives and who dies.

The reason doctors do not research these differences as much as they should is because of feminism, said Dr. Doris Taylor, the director of the Center for Cardiovascular Repair at the University of Minnesota, to "60 Minutes."

The call for equality was taken far too literally.

If doctors attempt to present research with "sex differences" in their abstract, nobody would allow them to display their findings because it is too politically incorrect, Taylor told "60 Minutes."'

Australia: Outrage after PM "bullies" female journalist by challenging her to back up accusations

Minuteman · 16 April 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The female journalist asked the PM if he trusted the state government, which she said had been "proven to be corrupt".

Abbott reacted angrily to the question, lecturing the woman who asked it and suggesting she "withdraw".

"That is an entirely unjustified smear," Mr Abbott said.

"Let me not mince my words madam. An entirely unjustified smear. Frankly I think you should withdraw that and apologise because there is no evidence whatsoever."

In an odd reversal of roles the PM then challenged the reporter to produce evidence to support her claim.

Journalist Stephen Mayne questioned the PM's aggressive response on Twitter.

"What on earth is Tony Abbott doing going the knuckle like that against a female reporter in Western Sydney? Stop morally lecturing the media," he wrote.
...
"Abbott's bullying of a woman journalist - "Madam" - is par for the course. What an oaf he is," Mr Carlton posted.'

The Many Ways in Which The New Book About the Duke Lacrosse Case is Wrong

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The most striking thing about William D. Cohan's revisionist, guilt-implying new book on the Duke lacrosse rape fraud is what's not in it.

The best-selling, highly successful author's 621-page The Price of Silence: The Duke Lacrosse Scandal, the Power of the Elite, and the Corruption of Our Great Universities adds not a single piece of significant new evidence to that which convinced then–North Carolina attorney general Roy Cooper and virtually all other serious analysts by mid-2007 that the lacrosse players were innocent of any sexual assault on anyone.

Unless, that is, one sees as new evidence Cohan's own stunningly credulous interviews with three far-from-credible participants in the drama who themselves add no significant new evidence beyond their counterfactual personal opinions.

They are Mike Nifong, the disbarred prosecutor and convicted liar; Crystal Mangum, the mentally unbalanced rape complainant and (now) convicted murderer, who has dramatically changed her story more than a dozen times; and Robert Steel, the former Duke chairman and Goldman Sachs vice chairman, who helped lead the university's notorious rush to judgment against its own lacrosse players.

Cohan is not deterred by the fact that Nifong admitted and Steel said, quite unequivocally, both in April 2007, that the lacrosse players were innocent of committing any crimes during the March 13–14, 2006 spring break party at their captains' house, where Mangum and Kim Roberts were hired to strip. Nifong said on July 26, 2007 that "there is no credible evidence" that any of the three indicted lacrosse players committed any crime involving Mangum. Steel said on April 11, 2007 that Cooper's exoneration of them that day "explicitly and unequivocally establishes [their] innocence." Nifong has since all but retracted his admission and Steel has waffled on his.'

Robyn Urback: If this is the new women's movement, it's no wonder girls don't want to call themselves 'feminists'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Professor Janice Fiamengo had planned to speak on men's issues and rape culture as part of a talk organized by the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE). The lecture, called "What's Equality Got To Do With It? Men's Issues and Feminism's Double Standards," was intended to dispel the notion of rape culture, according to Fiamengo, as well as discuss issues such as suicide by young men and custody rights after divorce. But some student activists decided Fiamengo's lecture was not appropriate, so they took it upon themselves to shut it down.

The entire display is chronicled in a 50-minute YouTube video that shows protesters booing, yelling and blowing a vuvuzela throughout Fiamengo's attempted address. The lecture organizer tried to reason with protesters, but it didn't work. Campus security tried to intervene, with little success. Finally, the event moved to another room, but shortly after, the fire alarm went off.

According to the student newspaper the Fulcrum, a group that calls itself the Revolutionary Student Movement (RSM) was behind the protest.

> We feel that these ideas have no place on our campus and refuse to legitimize them by allowing them space to organize," a representative for the RSM wrote in an email to the paper. "As was demonstrated, campus security will not protect our community from events that are harmful to men, women, and trans people in the community, so we decided to stand up for what we feel is right."

Hold on — ideas have no place on campus? Surely, they can't be serious.'

Is the university gender gap a barrier to free expression?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At the University of Bristol the stagnating number of female academics in multiple degree subjects has become an increasingly important and concerning issue. Over 65.4% of Bristol students, according to my March 2014 survey, perceived a noticeable imbalance of female to male lecturers. I agree. My research led me towards an obvious concern for Bristol students: gender inequality of academia in all subjects.

With The Independent reporting that 63.9% of female undergraduates are leaving universities with “good” degrees, a lack of visibility of female academics at the University of Bristol — especially in the more scientific faculties — is in stark contrast to the number of undergraduates in the same subjects. More and more articles are appearing asking “Where are the men?” seeking to discover why the gender gap of undergraduates is weighted in women’s favour, but few have even commented on the fact that women are still struggling for visibility as academics. Women are avoiding the academic world and important questions must be asked about whether this is evidence of institutional laziness on the part of universities.
...
Without an equal amount of female lecturers and tutors, female students are hindered in their progression through academic ladder. We need female lecturers teaching at an undergraduate level on an equal basis with men otherwise young women will continue to find the idea of achieving equal academic freedom with men in their subject simply unachievable. It’s a cyclical system: a minority of women teach, a minority of women become academics. Freedom of expression in academia involves an equal standing at all levels, and if we’re teaching equality at undergraduate level we need to clear the career path of gender obstacles for women from the grassroots up.

It’s obviously a more complex topic than can be covered in my brief assessment but the debate needs to be breached, universities need to answer questions about their hiring process and work together to close any forms of gender imbalance that still exist in higher education – including the wage gap. The statistics referred to above appear to support the conclusion that women are still experiencing sexism, especially when applying for jobs in STEM departments.

Universities would be well advised to address the issue swiftly so that the gender balance of academic, at the very least, reflects the gender balance of their undergraduates. Research support gender equality, so why aren’t universities?'

UK Parliament: "#TellParliament Forum: Violence against women and girls"

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Link here. Is it even appropriate for the parliament to solicit public input through privately run online forums, by sponsored sites with their own agendas? Excerpt:

'Netmums is hosting an online forum for people to post their experiences of gender-based violence and opinions on how this subject is broached with their children.

...

Chair's comments

Dr Hywel Francis MP, Chair of the Committee said:

"We would like to thank Netmums for hosting us on this forum and hope that you will use this opportunity to inform our inquiry.

We are conducting an inquiry into violence against women and girls in the UK and are interested to hear from any individuals who may have experiences of any kind of gender-related violence, including non-physical forms, as well as parents' experiences and opinions on how this subject is broached with their children."'

NPO: California Affiliate Observes Parental Alienation Awareness Day with Jason Patric

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As part of its support for National Parental Alienation Day, National Parents Organization is joining Jason Patric, founder of Stand Up for Gus, for a press conference at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 25 on the south lawn of the Los Angeles City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Michelle Glogovac, Chair of National Parents Organization's California Executive Committee, will be joined by other members of our California Executive Committee at this event, which is intended to increase awareness of the impact parental alienation has on children and parents.

According to Glogovac, "National Parents Organization of California is working hard at legal and legislative reform to ensure that shared parenting becomes the norm and not the exception. Jason has been present in Gus' life for three years, parenting him and participating in the role of father, but that came to an abrupt halt when the mother filed for a restraining order and had a judge deny Jason's parental rights to Gus, as well as Gus' right to spend time with his father. This was a one-sided decision that not only Jason has to live with, but Gus is living with as well."'

Zac Efron Shirt Rip at MTV Movie Awards Was All Good Fun - Provided You're Female, of Course

Matt · 17 April 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I vigorously reject all accusations of shameless self-promotion. :). Seriously, one of IBT's editors asked me to write about this recent made-for-TV stunt from a "body objectification" POV, so I did. Excerpt:

'The MTV Movie Awards included an event that has had the web buzzing ever since it exploded onto our screens. Winner of the MTV Best Shirtless Performance award, Zach Efron had promised that if he won it, he would remove his shirt. As he began to do so, Rita Ora ran up behind him and tore his shirt wide open. The audience thought it was hilarious, and so, apparently, did Zach.
...
Despite the obviously-staged nature of this stunt, the reader may want to consider this: Had Rita been the one undressing and Zach the one to run up behind her and tear her shirt off, what would have been the popular reaction to it? Would there be so much glee, or would there be general condemnation from people who do - and do not - consider themselves feminists? Far lesser events have elicited protests outside a studio's headquarters.
...
We've not yet even touched on how men's bodies are objectified to the point of disposability in dangerous occupations such as construction, emergency services work, and military service, nor even how the recent uptick in anabolic steroid use among teenaged and pre-teen boys that signals an unhealthy early preoccupation with their physiques. Since the vast majority of ordinary workplace, EMS, and military injuries and fatalities are suffered by men, should not society's efforts to make males aware of their "non-object" status be considerably more pronounced?
...
Feminists state that girls and women should be encouraged to think their value does not come from what they look like and how best they can please a man, but is more a matter to be decided for oneself. I am pretty sure this belief is held in general by most people in the western world, including the typical men's rights activist.

I simply add that a similar statement applies to men and boys: Our value does not come from our appearance (and particularly also, our "utility"), nor our ability to please a woman. It is up to each of us to decide it.'

Site Maint Notice: Content Management Patch Was Just Installed

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I did some housekeeping tonight and had to take the site off-line for a couple hours. It had some trouble coming back to life but after a few tweaks, it was back. If anyone notices or thinks they notice something "misbehaving", don't hesitate to send me an email at admin-at-mensactivism.org and I'll look into it. But at the moment, it seems to be doing just fine. (Knock on wood...)

Oh yeah, and for those of you who mark it: Happy Easter! Thoughts go out in particular for parents of both sexes (but as MRAs know, the vast majority of such are dads) and their kids who have been shafted by the "family court" system into not having the opportunity to be with their kids this year. Keep the faith, guys.

Roseanne Barr: "Neuter boys at birth"

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Report here. Excerpt:

'Ah yes. The eternal question. Subsequent readings of today's "Deep Thoughts with Roseanne" haven't really brought us any closer to an answer:

"Males must cease sex"

"Neuter boys at birth"

"Store sperm til employed"'

So … does any of that make sense? To anybody?

Yeah, we didn't think so.'

Scotland: Women-only Cabinet event to debate independence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The event, which will bring together women from organisations across the country, takes place on June 9, which also marks 100 days to go until the historic vote.

It comes as Scottish ministers Angela Constance and Shona Robison become full Scottish Cabinet members, joining Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and Culture Secretary Fiona Hyslop.

The event will look at issues such as gender equality, female representation on boards, the improvement of childcare and employment law, and issues of the economy and social justice.

...

“We are expanding child care to 600 hours from August this year for all three and four-year-olds and the most vulnerable two-year-olds. Scottish female employment rate is now the highest of any UK nation, and the inactivity rate is the lowest. The Scottish Government also wants to see women make up at least 40% of public and private boards in Scotland.

“However, there is still much work to do and I am clear that the Scottish Government must continue to lead by example.'

“Shut Up culture” takes on dissent over campus “rape culture”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The spark was a column in The Cornell Daily Sun by student Julius Kairey, which we featured at College Insurrection. That column, titled The Truth About “Rape Culture” took issue with the statistics behind claims of an epidemic of sexual assault, and the related rush to strip the accused of due process rights:

> I would be less concerned about the exaggerated statistics about “rape culture,” and thus less inclined to criticize it, if it were not causing concrete harm to students. But the belief that rape must be prevented by “any means necessary” has been used to justify the elimination of key protections for students accused of rape in campus judicial systems. Some want the claims of the alleged victims of rape to be accepted as true, and not scrutinized in a fair legal proceeding. Just two years ago, Cornell stripped those accused of sexual offenses of the right to retain an attorney in University proceedings and the right to cross-examine their accusers. A student accused of a sexual offense at Cornell is now not able to directly ask the person who is making a potentially life-ruining accusation a single question about the incident. This is an inexcusable erasure of the fundamental right to confront one’s accuser, a right that has existed for all of our country’s history. Such rights are not superfluous. They protect us against arbitrary action by those who hold the levers of power.
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> To make matters worse, the University has dropped the standard of proof in sexual assault cases from “clear and convincing evidence” to “preponderance of the evidence.” This means that a Cornell student accused of a violent offense that is sexual in nature will not have the legal safeguards given to others whose alleged offenses were non-sexual. With the punishment being so severe and so much on the line for the accused, how can we accept such a low standard of proof?
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> Given that this university has a tremendous power to punish students, we have an obligation to make sure that the innocent do not get hurt….

...
The response to Kairey’s column was fairly predictable, as we noted at College Insurrection. A group of Cornell students castigated The Daily Sun for running the column, and accused Kairey of fomenting further sexual assaults, The Danger of Rape Culture Denial:

> We disagree with the decision to publish “The Truth About ‘Rape Culture,’” by Julius Kairey ’15. Kairey blatantly disrespected a sensitive subject by reducing and delegitimizing the scarring experiences of survivors. This newspaper erred in publishing this article and should now also take responsibility for the harmful, triggering effects that articles like these cause. We hope that in the future, the Cornell Daily Sun makes a conscious effort to ensure that their columnists treat subjects like sexual assault with respect. We call for an apology from Kairey and the Cornell Daily Sun…..
>
> Rape culture describes the systematic denial of justice for victims of sexual assault: The deck is always stacked against the survivor, and the ignorant defend this status quo. Those, like Kairey, who have the power to create change by advocating for survivors instead choose to ignore their voices, erase their rights and refuse to hold perpetrators accountable….

Read the whole thing.

It nicely fits with what Steyn called the “shut up” culture on campuses.'

Thomas Sowell: ‘War on women’ a statistical fraud

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The “war on women” political slogan is in fact a war against common sense.

It is a statistical fraud when Barack Obama and other politicians say that women earn only 77 percent of what men earn — and that this is because of discrimination.

It would certainly be discrimination if women were doing the same work as men, for the same number of hours, with the same amount of training and experience, as well as other things being the same. But study after study, over the past several decades, has shown repeatedly that those things are not the same.
Constantly repeating the “77 percent” statistic does not make them the same. It simply takes advantage of many people’s ignorance — something that Barack Obama has been very good at doing on many other issues.
...
More than 90 percent of the people who are killed on the job are men. There is no point pretending that there are no differences between what women do and what men do in the workplace, or that these differences don’t affect income.

During my research on male-female differences for my book “Economic Facts and Fallacies,” I was amazed to learn that young male doctors earned much higher incomes than young female doctors. But it wasn’t so amazing after I discovered that young male doctors worked over 500 hours more per year than young female doctors.'

Is it sexist to talk about Hillary Clinton's age?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Like Mitt Romney and John McCain, Hillary Clinton will (probably) run for president in 2016 as a grandparent. This seemingly unremarkable fact has triggered a spasm of media self-analysis: is Clinton the victim of a sexist double standard?

It's a question that has been -- and will be -- asked often.

We keep asking, because we refuse to see the plain answer. Hillary Clinton is not the victim of a double standard. She is the beneficiary of a double standard.

Consider the grandmother question. If elected in 2016, Hillary Clinton will be the second oldest president in U.S. history, after Ronald Reagan. At age 69, will she be too old? That was a question people felt free to discuss when John McCain ran for president.

CNN.com reported on June 15, 2008:

"Listen to some Democrats, and you'll think the 71-year-old Arizona senator is a man lost in a perpetual fog. He is 'confused' and has 'lost his bearings' or is 'out of touch.'" The "lost his bearings" innuendo was used by candidate Barack Obama himself, in a May 2008 interview with Wolf Blitzer.
...
In other words: as between Hillary Clinton on the one hand, and John McCain or Bob Dole on the other, the same standard is a double standard.

The same method applies to the discussion of Hillary Clinton's marriage. The Clinton camp's view seems to be: When it's helpful to Hillary, her marriage is urgently relevant; when that marriage might be politically harmful, it's sexist and insulting to mention it.

When Hillary Clinton sought the Democratic nomination in 2008, she argued that her tenure as first lady ought to qualify as a bona fide job credential. She told National Public Radio in March of that year:

"I represented our government and our country in more than 80 countries, and I know that people are nitpicking and that's fair -- it's in a campaign. But compare my experience, even after the nitpicking, with Sen. (Barack) Obama's. I mean, let's look at this objectively here, and I think my experience is much more preparatory for the job that awaits."

Yet when Republican likely candidate Rand Paul suggested that Hillary Clinton ought to be held to account for some of the scandals of her husband's administration, Team Clinton went into outrage mode. The influential columnist David Corn (Mother Jones/MSNBC) chuckled, "Paul's waving of the Monica flag has been dismissed by pundits on the right and left as odd and irrelevant. ..."
...
Hillary Clinton asks two things of us. On the one hand, she wants to be judged exactly as we'd judge a similarly accomplished man in politics. On the other hand, she wants us always to remember that the hopes of all womankind are fixed on whether she personally gets the job she wants. ...'

Judge erupts: 'I hope you die in prison'

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Video here.

'(ABC15) JACKSON, Mich. - If a judge could throw the book at a woman, he managed to do so Wednesday.

Not physically, but certainly by his stinging words. The Michigan judge had a lot of words for 31-year-old Camia Gamet, the woman convicted of killing her boyfriend Marcel Hill in March. Gamet claimed it was self defense and showed no remorse in court.

A first-degree murder conviction by law meant she would get life behind bars. Still, while family members spoke, she would only roll her eyes and laugh, but Jackson County Circuit Court Judge John McBain would have none of it.
"You're gonna shut your mouth or I'm going to have some duct tape put on it," said McBain.

A jury convicted Gamet for stabbing and beating to death Hill. Her lawyer argued she acted in self defense, because she claimed she killed an unknown attacker in a dark room. The judge wasn't buying that and called it the worst cold blooded murder he's ever seen.

The prosecutor argued Gamet's actions were premeditated and deliberate. She stabbed Hill 11 times and had a history of violence against him.

"I hope you die in prison," McBain said.

Hill told police in March of 2013 she hit him in the head with a hammer.

Family members say justice was served and they hope a lesson was learned about how abuse can come in all forms no matter the gender.'

Amanda Marcotte: Senior sexually harassed Miss America by asking her to prom

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Report here. Excerpt:

'Despite being warned by school officials not to, senior Patrick Farves used a visit by Miss America Nina Davuluri to Central York High School to ask her to the prom. Sure, it might have been awkward, but was it sexual harassment? Amanda Marcotte — at one time John Edwards' blogmaster — says yes."

Amanda Marcotte: "I really wish people would stop acting like it's cute when teenage boys sexually harass older women."
...
Vincent's Verstandsk: Still the question is unanswered. How is this Sexual Harassment? This is awkward, yes, harassment, no.

Amanda Marcotte: Pestering someone with unwanted sexual requests for the purpose of making them uncomfortable is harassment.'

Related: Miss America Asks School Not to Punish Boy Who Asked Her to Prom

Traditional Masculinity: How It Can Hurt Everybody

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier in the month of April, the National Latin@ Network (NLN) -- the national institute on gender-based violence in the Latin@ community and a project of Casa de Esperanza -- released the national Te Invito Campaign, an effort to engage Latino men and boys in the fight to eradicate violence against women. The campaign includes public service announcements that any organization can customize for local purposes as well as a toolkit that helps men and boys explore questions of gender-based violence. In light of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, these tools can be particularly helpful. Below, Juan Carlos Areán, National Director of the NLN, discusses traditional masculinity, traditional concepts of what men "can/should" and "cannot/should not" do. Are men taught to hurt others and themselves? And how can male socialization play a role in gender-based violence?'

Why did we give up talking about what makes men tick?

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'United Nations special rapporteur Rashida Manjoo, a South African human rights expert, has landed herself with the twin charges of relativism and hyperbole for claiming that the British "boys' club culture" is more sexist and pervasive than many others. But if she had said the same thing 20 years ago, a small chorus of men would not only have agreed with her, they would have earnestly promised to do better. The early 1990s was a heyday of curiosity about masculinity and what makes males tick – and no one was more intrigued than the men themselves, at least the minority trying gently to nudge aside their macho chauvinist alter ego to find the egalitarian him inside.
...
Davina James-Hanman, director of Against Violence and Abuse (AVA), is a tutor at the national police college and a former adviser on domestic violence to the Department of Health. If anyone asks her why some men, reared in violence, go on to beat their loved ones and some don't, she has an answer. What makes a difference is that a boy has a teacher, aunt or adult who gives love and attention outside the violent home.

What matters is a clear and coherent story, so when the police arrive, they don't instruct a man at war in his own home to kiss and make up; instead, they take him away as the instigator of behaviour that is clearly wrong. That ambivalence about how a real man is expected to behave (demonstrated not least by some women) is still alive and well.'

Deputy Says She Snatched Two Cellphones and Detained Former Marine After He Got ‘Aggressive’ — But the Video Tells a Different Story

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A North Carolina deputy with the Onslow County Sheriff’s Office was caught on video confiscating two different cellphones and detaining a former U.S. Marine after she claims he got “aggressive.” Her claims are now being called into question after video of the incident surfaced online.

The deputy, identified as Natalie Barber by Photography Is Not a Crime, was responding to a dog-related dispute between Carlos Jaramillo and a neighbor on Saturday.

Barber is seen on video asking Jaramillo for identification for the police report, an order he complies with by giving her his government-issued Veterans Affairs card. When she demanded he give her his driver’s license instead, he refused and claimed he wasn’t operating a motor vehicle.

...

When Jaramillo’s son started recording the officer detaining his dad with another phone, she confiscated that cellphone as well.

“I’m snatching everyone’s phone and I will take everyone in!” Barber screams.

Jaramillo’s son, who claims the officer hurt his hand, then got yet another phone to record the incident, but this time stayed inside their home’s screen door.

After Jaramillo was placed in the back of Barber’s squad car, another officer arrived on the scene and smoothed the situation over. The man was ultimately released and not charged with a crime.

In her official police report, Barber claimed that she only confiscated the phones and detained Jaramillo after he got “angry” and was “being aggressive.”

Jaramillo reportedly complained to Barber’s supervisors about the incident but was told the officer acted properly because she feared for her safety.'

Can the Gender Gap Be Solved?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The gender gap debate has taken some surprising turns in recent days. Conservative critics have argued for years that the reason women make only 77 cents for every dollar earned by men is that they work fewer work hours and in lower paid occupations, not because of rampant sexism at the office or factory. Once it came to light that President Obama and several Democratic senators presided over sizable gaps in their own offices, this criticism of the 77 cent meme gained some new followers, including reliably left-leaning Ruth Marcus who went so far as to accuse the administration of “demagoguery.”
...
Get rid of gender stereotyping, inflexible workplaces, bastards on the couch, and mom-shaming, and we will have a society where, as Sheryl Sandberg has put it, “half our homes are run by men and half our institutions are run by women.”

In the conservative view, it’s the natural differences between men and women which lead them to make many of the life choices they do, differences that could probably not be resolved by anything less than mandatory universal hormone injections.'

Salon: For white working-class women, it makes sense to stay single mothers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lily had grown up in a rural town, more than an hour from Kansas City, Mo. She was four months pregnant and not feeling well, and she was in tears. She was also not married, but that's not what was upsetting her. The car that she needed to get to her two jobs in the city had broken down, and she had no other way to get to work. We asked whether her boyfriend, Carl, could help her. Lily frowned. She had recently broken up with Carl, she explained, because "I can support myself. I always have. I can support myself and our kid. I just can't support myself, the kid, and him."

...

A generation ago her decision would have seemed narrow, misguided, and difficult to understand. But now we have to conclude that it makes a lot of sense. Although it defies logic, socioeconomic, cultural, and economic changes have brought white working-class women like Lily to the point where going it alone can be the wiser choice. And the final irony: The same changes that have made marriages more equitable and successful among elite couples have made it less likely that marriage will look attractive to Lily.

When Lily looks around at the available men, they don't offer what she is looking. Lily, just like better-off men and women, believes that marriage means an unqualified commitment to the other spouse. When you marry someone, you support him in hard times. You stick with him when he disappoints you. You visit him if he ends up in jail. And you encourage him to become an important part of your children's lives. It's just that Lily doesn't believe that Carl is worth that commitment. Nor does she believe that she will meet someone who will meet her standards anytime soon, and the statistics back her up.

The economy has changed. A higher percentage of men today than 50 years ago have trouble finding steady employment, securing raises and promotions, or remaining sober and productive. Blue-collar men like Carl have lost ground while more highly educated men have gained. The unemployment rate for all men ages 20–24 is almost 13 percent, and those with only a high school education are more than twice as likely to be unemployed as those with a college degree. Moreover, many of the jobs that are available have become less reliable than they were for Carl's dad. They don't pay as well, last as long, or offer promotions or training. Carl has quit more than one job because he got fed up with his boss. More recently, he was laid off because construction work dried up during a particularly cold spell during the winter. After the layoff, he hung around with his friends, drinking and playing video games. Lily finally had enough when she found out that Carl had run up several hundred dollars in expenses on her credit card. Lily knows she will never be able to depend on him and, particularly now that she has a child, she doesn't believe she can afford the risk. It is not surprising that marriage rates for men in the bottom quartile of earnings have fallen dramatically, from 86 percent in 1970 to 50 percent today.'

The Truth About “Rape Culture”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We hear a lot about “rape culture” on college campuses nowadays. The basic idea behind the concept is that there is a widespread tolerance of rape at Cornell and other universities, largely because society teaches men to disregard the importance of the consent of women in sexual encounters. To those who believe in “rape culture,” rape is not the result of a few bad actors, but is tolerated, even encouraged, in our college culture. Few people seem willing to challenge this narrative for fear of being called insensitive to the suffering of those who have experienced sexual violence.

But a respect for the truth requires that the following question be asked: Is rape so widespread on campuses as to be an epidemic? The oft-cited figure that one-in-four women will been sexually assaulted at least once over the course of her time at college is of dubious accuracy. In fact, more reliable statistics from the Bureau of Justice Statistics show that one-in-forty women will be raped over four years of college. Even these lower statistics indicate that there is still much work to be done in reducing sexual violence on campus, and all decent people share the goal of a campus free of sexual violence. But the truth is that the overwhelming majority of people on this and other campuses do not condone or engage in rape.
...
Our paramount goal must be to protect both the innocent and the accused; we must do both. When we do, the Cornell community can have greater confidence that justice is being done for all parties. Our campus would be safer for everyone if the rhetoric of “rape culture” were replaced with an open-minded and inclusive conversation about these matters.'

"How Feminism Betrayed Women"

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The latest from YouTube contributor "BraveTheWorld" is here. Her channel is found here.

UK: Father receives £86,000 after social worker falsely accused him of abusing his daughter

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A father was arrested and banned from seeing his daughter after a social worker falsely accused him of abusing the little girl.

Jonathan Coupland, 53, was handcuffed in front of his neighbours, thrown in a cell and interrogated for ten hours after Suzi Smith claimed she saw him sexually assaulting his daughter Jessica, then six.

The social worker is said to have made the allegation in a fit of pique after the single father criticised the way she was handling a custody battle with his former partner.

Mrs Smith, 53, later retracted her claims and Mr Coupland has been paid £86,000 damages by her employer, the Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service (Cafcass).

The public body - accountable to Justice Secretary Chris Grayling and funded by his department - has sacked Mrs Smith and apologised to Mr Coupland.

But furious about his ordeal, the father-of-one has taken the matter to court, pushing for Mrs Smith to be prosecuted for misconduct in a public office.

He is also taking action against the police for false arrest and false imprisonment.'

One in thirteen kids in US now on psychiatric medications with boys at almost twice the rate of girls

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'A report released earlier this month suggests that prescription drugs for emotional or behavioral problems may be unevenly prescribed to children in the U.S., with gender, age, race, and family income possibly playing a role in the issue. The National Center for Health Statistics finds that 7.5 percent — or one in every 13 kids overall — between the ages of 6 and 17 had been prescribed and were taking pills for emotional or behavioral difficulties during the statistical period studied (six months in 2011-2012). The authors of the report did not identify the diagnoses of the children taking medication, yet LaJeana Howie, a statistical research scientist and one of the authors of the report, told MSN that 81 percent of the children had received a diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) at some point in their lives. The report also neglected to estimate prescriptions written versus use of drugs.

Yet a higher percentage of boys (9.7 percent) used psych meds compared with girls (5.2 percent) during that period. Age mattered more for the girls, less for the boys. For instance, 6.3 percent of girls between 12 and 17 were on medication, while only four percent of those under the age of 11 also swallowed a daily pill. While the statistics for boys also showed the highest percentage of use among those older than 12, the differences between older and younger boys was not as extreme when compared to the girls. About 10.2 percent of boys older than 12 had been prescribed and used psych meds compared with 9.2 percent among those younger than 11.'

Repairing infrastructure can fix the economy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Larry Summers, former secretary of the Treasury for President Clinton and the director of the National Economic Council for President Obama, has written a great article arguing for a substantial expansion of public infrastructure investment across the US in a bid to boost the economy:

The American economy is not performing to the satisfaction of the American people…

The single most important step the US government can take to reverse these discouraging trends is to mount a concerted, large-scale program directed at renewing our national infrastructure. At a time of unprecedented low interest rates and long-term unemployment, such a program is good economics but, more fundamentally, it is common sense.
...
As an economic strategy, infrastructure investment also promotes fairness. The group in our society that has suffered most heavily from all of the structural change of the last generation is men with limited education. These men disproportionately work in construction, the core of infrastructure… Moreover, it is the majority of Americans, not the super-fortunate minority, who primarily benefit from improving public schools or airports or reducing potholes…'

Police program for middle school boys aims stop domestic violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Can teaching middle school boys a lesson help fight domestic violence?

The Portland Police Bureau hopes so.

The Bureau has started sending police staff into a couple middle schools through a pilot program called BoyStrength.

The staffers spend a couple hours a week teaching sixth-grade boys to choose compassion over violence.

PPB Capt. Derek Rodrigues said the program has a focus on learning to treat women well.

“I just see a lot of men that don’t handle themselves with self-respect. They feel that anger is the only way that they can get across their feelings,” Rodrigues said.'

Study on Y chromosome's history suggests sex-specific health treatments in future

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'A detailed genetic analysis of the Y chromosomes of a wide range of mammalian species, including humans, shows that far from continuing to wither away unremittingly, it has remained remarkably stable for at least the past 25 million years.

The research also found that the few remaining genes on the Y chromosome include some that perform vital regulatory control of other genes that are active throughout a man's body - making each of his cells distinctly and subtly different from those of a woman.

This would suggest that medical treatments should in future be tailored more towards a patient's gender, and that doctors may have more reason to treat men and women differently according to their sex, said Professor David Page, director of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"There is a clear need to move beyond a unisex model of biomedical research, which means we need to move beyond a unisex model of our understanding and treatment of disease," said Professor Page, who led one of the research teams.'

Former CBS anchor loses job and faces charges after defending himself against wife's attack

charlie · 25 April 2014 · Archived copy · Original

At first reading this story seems to a satire from "The Onion." But it's true. He has blood running down his face in his booking photograph and has sent photos of his previous bruises to his wife's parents. Yet he is charged and convicted of domestic abuse. The upside down world of domestic abuse in the USA. Excerpt:

'Rob Morrison, the former New York City CBS anchorman forced to quit his $300,000 a year job after he was arrested for choking his wife walked away from court on Thursday with all charges dropped.

Morrison, who is still married to former CBS MoneyWatch anchor Ashley Morrison was allowed to withdraw his previous guilty plea for the assault after completing a domestic violence program.
...
Morrison was joined in court briefly by his wife of 11-years, who left him last year after he was accused of strangling her in a drunken argument in the early hours of the morning.
...
'My behavior was reprehensible,' he said according to the Stamford Advocate.
...
According to Darien police, Morrison had acted violently towards his wife that evening and ended up choking her with both hands.
...
Arresting officer, Patrick Clohessy said that Morrison, 'threatened that if he was released from police custody, he would kill his wife,' according to note taken down after the arrest and filed in court as evidence.
...
A source who spoke to the Stamford Advocate said that the dispute began after they got into a fight over Facebook picture updates.

The source claimed that Morrison said he wife hit him and that he sent pictures of his wounds to her parents to show them and to get them to calm down his wife.

Ashley Morrison was not arrested nor charged with any crime after the disturbance.

However, Morrison's mugshot released by the Darien Police Department did show a cut and blood on his nose bridge and a bruise on his jaw.
...
Friends of the couple have told the news service that Morrison is making amends and is carefully following his court-mandated therapy, although he 'has a lot of work to do'.'

Basketball star settles lawsuit against college over false rape allegation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Xavier University basketball player who was expelled over what he says was a false rape allegation has settled his lawsuit against the Cincinnati school over its handling of the case.

Federal Judge John Arthur dismissed Dez Wells' lawsuit, which had claimed that Xavier and its president used him as a scapegoat to demonstrate an aggressive response to sexual assault allegations in the wake of two unrelated federal investigations.

Arthur said both sides had resolved the conflict, but that the case could be reopened by either side within two months if the agreement is not fulfilled. Terms of the settlement were not released in court records.
...
Xavier kicked Wells out of school in 2012 in the aftermath of a student's accusation that he raped her.

Wells said he had consensual sex with the student following a game of "Truth or Dare," during which he said the woman took off most of her clothes, kissed him, and gave him a lap dance.

Court records say that a hospital examination showed no trauma on the woman's body, and she later told police that she didn't want to press charges. A Hamilton County grand jury declined to indict Wells after hearing evidence.

Before the investigation was over, Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters expressed his doubts about the alleged rape to Xavier President Father Michael Graham and urged him to hold off on any discipline until the investigation was finished, according to court records.
...
Wells' lawsuit, filed in August, included 11 claims against the university and Graham, including sex discrimination, intentional infliction of emotional distress, libel for injury to his reputation and negligence.'

Woman arrested on suspicion of murder after three ‘ill’ children are found dead in London

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'A mother of three severely disabled young children is suspected of smothering them to death.

Tania Clarence, 42, was last night described as a devoted mother who ‘doted on her children’.

She was arrested after police discovered the lifeless bodies of three-year-olds Ben and Max and four-year-old Olivia at the family’s £2million home in south-west London.

Friends said all three children suffered the degenerative condition spinal muscular atrophy – sometimes described as ‘floppy baby syndrome’ – and received specialist care around the clock.

Their father, investment banker Gary Clarence, 43, had travelled to the couple’s native South Africa with their eldest daughter Taya – who was not disabled – to celebrate her eighth birthday.'

NPO: Missing the Alienation

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'Why do mental health professionals and attorneys who evaluate or work with alienated children frequently mistake alienation for estrangement?

The main reason is that cases of parental alienation are counterintuitive. That is, the brain is hardwired to misinterpret and misunderstand the family dynamics in these situations. That leads to a number of common cognitive errors (thinking errors) that, in turn, lead to serious errors in professional reasoning and decision-making. In other words, the brain is tricked by alienation cases just as it is tricked by an optical illusion. Consequently, many professionals, including mental health professionals and attorneys, get these cases backwards. Often, the targeted parent is unfairly criticized for having allegedly contributed to his or her rejection, and the alienating parent is either absolved or believed to have made only a minor contribution. Thus, unless the professional has an in-depth understanding of alienation and estrangement, cases of severe alienation are frequently mistaken for estrangement.

This phenomenon has been described in some detail by Steven Miller, M.D., a physician who studies clinical reasoning and clinical decision-making. For an excellent summary, readers might wish to refer to a chapter that Dr. Miller wrote entitled, “Clinical Reasoning and Decision-Making in Cases of Child Alignment: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Issues,” in the book, Working with Alienated Children and Families, edited by Amy J. L. Baker, Ph.D. and Richard Sauber, Ph.D. ...'

Anything you'd like to ask Dr. Warren Farrell of Father & Child Reunion?

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Via general email announcement from Warren Farrell:

I'd like to invite you or your members to join me on an official Reddit IAMA (Ask Me Anything) this Tuesday, April 29 at 10 am Pacific time/ 1 pm EST.

Between the research I did for Father and Child Reunion, and the research I'm doing now on The Boy Crisis, I've come to see that the "father wound" that will be experienced among our children is akin to the "money wound" my dad experienced after the depression.

My expert witness work is making it apparent to me that courts have a money-generating system that blinds them to the presumption of equally-shared parenting. That you already know. But some of your members may wish to know about the three other parameters that are needed for children raised in non-intact families to nevertheless do well.

I hope you'll use your questions to make sure this Reddit gives plenty of attention to our children's needs for dads who care enough to fight for them.

Warren Farrell, Ph.D.

NPO: Child Support Protest Under Way in Florida

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's a two-person protest underway in Highlands County, Florida. The two aren't terribly articulate, but they know what they're talking about; the points they make are some of the most trenchant on the subject of their protest, which is child support. These two know whereof they speak because they've been abused by the system, so they're passing out fliers on the steps of the courthouse trying to recruit supporters to their cause. Read about it here (Highlands Today, 4/11/14).

Why do I write about a two-person protest? I do so because I consider the pair emblematic of what's going on all across this country and the English-speaking world. The family law system has become so wrong-headed, so abusive, so anti-father and child, that people are "mad as hell and not going to take it anymore." The two, Edwin Padilla and Patricia Austin aren't going to change the world, but they've experienced the injustice of family court and they're standing up against it. Hey, Rosa Parks didn't change the world either, but she sure helped. I've been researching and writing about family law issues for 16 years and I've never seen this type of momentum in the direction of the rights of fathers and children. Padilla and Austin, to their credit, are part of that movement.

Padilla owes over $56,000 in back child support to an ex in New Jersey. But it's how that huge sum came into being that he's bringing attention to.'

Middle School Teacher Accused Of Giving Lap Dance To Student In Front Of Class

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Story here. Excerpt:

'HOUSTON (CBS Houston) — A middle school teacher reportedly admits that she gave a student a birthday lap dance in front of the entire class.

KHOU-TV reports that 42-year-old Felicia Smith gave the lap dance to a 15-year-old boy inside a Stovall Middle School classroom on Feb. 26.

According to court documents, Smith stopped the teenage boy from going to his next class and the entire class told him to sit down in a chair placed in the front of the room.

The Houston Chronicle reports Smith then gave the boy a “full-contact lap dance” and the boy told authorities she touched him all over his body, including placing her head between his legs.

At the end of the four-minute long lap dance, Smith reportedly told the boy, “I love you, baby. Happy birthday.”
...
Smith has been charged with improper relationship with a student and had her bail set at $30,000.'

Mom locks 6-year-old in dog cage

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Video report here.

'A Georgia mom and her girlfriend locked a 6-year-old child in a dog cage, poured syrup over him and covered him in cat litter, according to authorities.'

Denmark: Bella Sky must allow men in its women-only hotel rooms

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Story here. Excerpt:

'If you're a single woman looking for a hotel room with free hair straighteners, yoga mats and no interruptions from unwelcome male guests, go somewhere else other than Denmark.

Easter High Court found Bella Sky Comwell Hotel guilty of gender discrimination and of violating the Equality Act on Friday, after the four-star hotel reserved 20 rooms on the 17th floor for women only.

The court's ruling means that the hotel from now on, starting tomorrow, must allow men to book into the rooms designed exclusively for women.

"The case is a trivial matter and it should never have been conducted," Allan Agerholm, the head of Bella Sky, told Berlingske.

"We never discriminated against anyone. It's too bad that we can't aim our products at a certain target group simply because of some rigid interpretation of the Danish Equality Act. It's sad and borderline ridiculous."'

UK: Women in STEM ‘sole focus’ of gender imbalance debat

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men should be encouraged into female-dominated subjects such as nursing, teaching and social work, just as science and engineering is promoted to women, the head of Ucas has argued.

Mary Curnock Cook pointed out that although women were outnumbered in subjects such as computer science, the gender discrepancy was actually greater in nursing, for example.

“We hear all these things about [getting] more women into science, and women doing physics, and computers and so on,” she told the annual conference of the Association of University Administrators in Manchester on 15 April.

But she asked: “Why don’t we hear more about getting men into nursing and education and social work where, after all, there’s a very ready supply of a very large volume of jobs?”

In all types of engineering, it would take just over 15,000 extra female students to balance out the current male dominance of the subject, she said. But in subjects allied to medicine, which includes nursing, the number of extra men needed was close to 30,000, she said.

Yet action over gender imbalances at university was “about women who are disadvantaged compared with men”, she said. “Why wouldn’t you set out to make it more socially acceptable for young men to go into nursing and teaching?” she asked.'

Shame keeps some men from reporting domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LAS VEGAS -- Domestic violence is not only a serious crime against women, it also affects a lot of men. According to the Department of Justice, more than 800,000 men in the U.S. become victims every year, but most don't report it due to shame.

One local man decided to break his silence, after years of alleged abuse. He wants to help other men come forward and get support.

Cornell McCrary says he endured more than four years of physical and verbal abuse from a woman he thought he wanted to marry. Today, that woman is behind bars and McCrary hopes she stays there for a long time.'

Scientists Create Take-Home Fertility Test For Men

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'ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) -- Two former Sandia National Laboratories scientists have come up with what they say is a take-home fertility test for men, the Albuquerque Journal reported (HTTP://BIT.LY/1FEFU8I) Friday.

Researchers Greg Sommer and Ulrich Schaff have created a portable test kit for gauging a man's sperm quality that could be available to consumers as early as 2015.

"It allows men to test and track their fertility from the comfort and privacy of their own homes," Sommer said. "It's a portable, easy-to-use diagnostic system with the accuracy of a clinical lab test."'

California mom tells police she stabbed infant son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'LIVERMORE, Calif. (AP) — A young mother believed to be suffering from depression admitted to investigators that she stabbed her 7-month-old son to death in a Northern California park, police said Sunday.

Ashley Newton, 23, of San Jose was arrested Saturday on suspicion of murder, the East Bay Regional Parks District Police Department said in a statement.

Investigators continue to interview her family and friends in an attempt to make sense of the alleged crime.

"This is an extremely shocking case for us," said Chief Timothy Anderson of the park's police department.

The motive remains unclear, but Anderson said that Newton had a history of depression and appeared to have self-inflicted knife wounds on her wrist.

Police were called at 10:30 a.m. Saturday on reports of a damaged Honda sedan in the Del Valle Regional Park east of San Francisco. They found the car abandoned with the engine running and an empty child's seat.'

Men Who Work Full-Time Earn Less Than 40 Years Ago

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The real median income of American men who work full-time, year-round peaked forty years ago in 1973, according to data published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In 1973, median earnings for men who worked full-time, year-round were $51,670 in inflation-adjusted 2012 dollars. The median earnings of men who work full-time year-round have never been that high again.

In 2012, the latest year for which the Census Bureau has published an estimate, the real median earnings of men who worked full-time, year-round was $49,398. That was $2,272—or about 4.4 percent—below the peak median earnings of $51,670 in 1973.

In 1960, the earliest year for which the Census Bureau has published this data, the median earnings for men who worked full-time, year-round were $36,420 in 2012 dollars. Between 1960 and 1973 that increased $15,250—or about 41.9 percent.'

The Dirty Bird: Unsheathing mysteries of the American circumcision debate

Matt · 29 April 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dicks come in all shapes, sizes and colors, and sometimes have the last name Cheney. Sometimes they're circumcised and other times they're not. While we're very familiar with the range of dicks first mentioned in American culture, uncircumcised penises, which have an intact foreskin, are less familiar to us Americans. This is the result of the simple fact that many people with penises in the United States are circumcised at birth. Although the exact number has been changing over time, since the 1970s more than 50 percent of all people with penises had the procedure performed after birth. While those numbers are going down, the low over the last few decades, 2007, was still as high as 55 percent.

... In Latin America and Europe, most people with penises are uncut. Other cultural or religious practices can shape rates of male circumcision. In some cultures, circumcision is performed on boys when they reach puberty as an initiation rite, while for others it's a symbolic practice. In Judaism, circumcision is performed shortly after birth and is a symbol of the Jewish community's covenant with God. It's also a common practice in Muslim communities.

We in the good ol' U.S. of A do it a whole lot too. For Americans it's the consequence of the medical community's belief that circumcision has health benefits. For quite some time, the belief has been circumcision has health benefits—it's more hygienic and it helps to lower the risk of coming into contact with STIs because of the increased amount of mucous membrane on the foreskin—that outweigh the risks. This feeling has changed over time. The medical community has a tendency to change its mind, and since the 1970s, it has regularly shifted between the opinions that circumcision is worth it or not worth it—leading to rising and lowering rates.

As of now though, more parents are choosing to leave the foreskin intact and not circumcise their children. This might be because of a cultural shift. A lot more people are taking sexual pleasure into consideration as a part of overall sexual health. The foreskin keeps the glans of the penis (or the head) moist and many people report increased pleasure; however, that's wicked hard to quantify. Not too many people get cut on a whim just to report the difference in sexual pleasure.
...
A lot of people may be a little taken aback after seeing an uncut dick for the first time. But it shouldn't be something to turn us off. While we may have a preference one way or another, a dick is a dick and whether cut or uncut, we should embrace it if that's what we're into.'

Judge Won't Stop Jason Patric from Using Son's Name for Advocacy Purposes

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On Monday, Jason Patric prevailed in what is likely a first-of-its-kind legal dispute. The actor's ex-girlfriend Danielle Schreiber demanded a restraining order that would have prevented Patric from using their son's name for "Stand Up for Gus," an advocacy outfit that raises awareness of parental alienation. But a Los Angeles judge decided that to stop Patric from doing things like tweeting Gus' name would be a prior restraint under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

How the issue got to such a ruling is a twofold story.

First, Patric and Schreiber have been fighting over custody of their four-year-old son, who was born through artificial insemination. Thanks to California law, which grants the mother full custody unless there is a written agreement establishing parental rights before conception, a judge has denied The Lost Boys star access to his son. So as the custody battle heads to an appeals court next month, Gus can be considered in some respects a legal stranger to his father.'

A Link Between Fidgety Boys and a Sputtering Economy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The behavior gap between rich and poor children, starting at very early ages, is now a well-known piece of social science. Entering kindergarten, high-income children not only know more words and can read better than poorer children but they also have longer attention spans, better-controlled tempers and more sensitivity to other children.

All of which makes the comparisons between boys and girls in the same categories fairly striking: The gap in behavioral skills between young girls and boys is even bigger than the gap between rich and poor.

By kindergarten, girls are substantially more attentive, better behaved, more sensitive, more persistent, more flexible and more independent than boys, according to a new paper from Third Way, a Washington research group. The gap grows over the course of elementary school and feeds into academic gaps between the sexes. By eighth grade, 48 percent of girls receive a mix of A's and B's or better. Only 31 percent of boys do.

And in an economy that rewards knowledge, the academic struggles of boys turn into economic struggles. Men's wages are stagnating. Men are much more likely to be idle — neither working, looking for work nor caring for family — than they once were and much more likely to be idle than women.

We reported last week that the United States had lost its once-enormous global lead in middle-class pay, based on international income surveys over the last three decades. After-tax median income in Canada appears to have been higher last year than the same measure in this country. The poor in Canada and much of western Europe earn more than the poor here.

These depressing trends have many causes, but the social struggles of men and boys are an important one. If the United States is going to build a better-functioning economy than the one we've had over the last 15 years, we're going to have to solve our boy problems.'

White House Report On Sexual Assault Gets Major Facts Wrong, Threatens Freedom

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'A White House task force's report made some startling errors about campus sexual assault rates, and proposed recommendations that endanger students' constitutional rights, according to civil libertarians.

The report, which was authored by the White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault, leads with the bizarre and wholly false claim that 1 in 5 women are sexually assaulted while at college. The statistic, originally reported in a Centers for Disease Control report several years ago, is at odds with most other data relating to violent crimes, and has been repeatedly debunked by criminologists.
...
Of course, the task force seems keen to eliminate the meager protections for falsely accused students altogether. One of its more dangerous proposals would empower universities to choose a single administrator to investigate the case, adjudicate it and choose a suitable punishment. There would no trial and no recognition of due process rights at all. The report heaps mountains of praise on institutions that already use such a model.
...
"By lowering the bar for finding guilt, expanding the definition of harassment beyond recognition, eliminating precious due process protections, and entrusting unqualified campus employees to safeguard the vitally important interests of all involved, we are creating a system that is impossible for colleges to fairly administer, and one that will be even less fair, reliable, and accurate than before," wrote Lukianoff.

Petition: Wendy Williams: Apologize for Promoting Contraceptive Fraud

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Recently, talk show host Wendy Williams used her program to encourage a woman to stop taking her birth control pills without telling her husband in order to trick him into getting her pregnant. Fathers and Families New York has started a petition at https://www.change.org/petitions/wendy-williams-apologize-for-promoting-contraceptive-fraud calling for Williams to recant her statements, apologize, and condemn contraceptive fraud. We hope you'll all consider signing. Thank you very much for your support.

Ed.: Also see: Wendy Williams Gives Some Really Unfortunate Relationship Advice

NPO: Help Canada Pass Shared Parenting Legislation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With our founder and chair, Ned Holstein, MD, MS, being a founding member of the International Council on Shared Parenting, National Parents Organization is promoting shared parenting internationally. This includes promoting the work our Canadian neighbors are doing to pass Bill C-560, a private members Bill to amend Canada's federal Divorce Act to introduce a rebuttable presumption of equal shared parenting.

In response to the debate in the Canadian media and in the Canadian Parliament to date, our Canadian colleagues have collaborated on a document which focusses on the substantive issues and which dispels the rhetoric of opponents. The document, called: "Myths and Facts Concerning Bill C-560" also addresses universal concerns, with well-crafted responses, to shared parenting.

Ned Holstein serves on the Board of Directors and the Scientific Committee of the new umbrella organization, International Council on Shared Parenting. Knowing the importance of passing shared parenting legislation in other countries to our own work in the United States, National Parents Organization is asking our members to encourage members of the Canadian Parliament to pass Bill C-560 for the children of Canada. Knowing the importance of passing shared parenting legislation in other countries to our own work in the United States, National Parents Organization is asking our members to encourage members of the Canadian Parliament to pass Bill C-560 for the children of Canada. ...'

SAVE E-lert: Tell Congress to Get it Right When Addressing Campus Sexual Assault

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The 2011 U.S. Dept. of Education (DED) policy mandating that colleges revamp their procedures for adjudicating allegations of sexual assault does not require rape cases to be referred to local law enforcement officials for investigation and prosecution. We believe this is a serious oversight that needs correction.

In addition, some say the DED policy has gone too far in revoking fundamental due process protections. Just last week Brett Sokolow, director of the Association of Title IX Administrators, warned university administrators: "In the last two weeks, I've worked on five cases all involving drunken hook-ups on college campuses. In each case, the male accused of sexual misconduct was found responsible. In each case, I thought the college got it completely wrong."

Some lawmakers are using the Campus Sexual Assault Survey (CSAS) as proof of an "epidemic" of campus sexual assault, claiming that one-in-five female students will be sexually assaulted or raped during their time on campus. The CSAS has serious conceptual and methodological problems and cannot be regarded as a valid scientific study, nor can its findings be viewed as useful for purposes of policy-making.

Please contact Congress today.

- Call (202) 224-4451 and ask Sen. Gillibrand to stop citing the Campus Sexual Assault Survey (CSAS) as "proof" that one in five college women are victims of SA.
- Encourage your senators to ask Sen. Gillibrand to stick-to-the-facts when discussing sexual assault. And share your other concerns about the DED policy. Call: (202) 224-3121 or email: https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

On behalf of every victim, every falsely accused student, and everyone who now walks their campus in fear, thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

UK: Save the male! Britain's crisis of masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week saw another victory in the battle for equal pay. Workers in Swansea are now looking forward to receiving around £750,000 in back pay after the university that employs them decided to close the gender pay gap. Vive la révolution!

The only unusual thing about this case was that the workers in question were men, not women. The male cleaners, plumbers and carpenters at the University of Wales, Trinity St David, had discovered that they earned around £4,000 less than female colleagues.

The idea of women having a rotten deal has become so firmly entrenched in British public life that we have become blind to the problem emerging for the boys. For years now, girls have done better at GCSEs, and this is often treated as a great sign of progress. But if equality means parity of the sexes, then what's to celebrate about girls doing better?'

City to add free self-defense classes for boys, men only

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'Rather than get rid of free self-defense classes offered by a city commission for women and girls that puts the city on shaky legal grounds, the City Council this week unanimously voted to offer similar classes for men and boys.

Most of the council members voted reluctantly for the alternative classes, which were prompted after a nonprofit called the National Coalition for Men argued in a letter sent to city officials in March that gender-exclusive self-defense classes violate equal-protection clauses of the constitution.

“If we have to provide a second class, I’m all for it,” said Councilman Frank Quintero. “But all in all, I think this National Coalition for Men is a joke quite frankly.”
...
However, Harry Crouch, president of San Diego-based National Coalition for Men, has said men are prone to violent attacks, too, and could also benefit from free self-defense classes. Offering the training for one gender and not the other violates state and federal laws, according to the nonprofit, which aims to protect legal rights for both genders.

The coalition also sent a letter last week to the California Attorney General, the Los Angeles city attorney and council members as well as a host of other public officials in regards to several women-and-girls-only free self-defense classes scheduled to take place in May in the San Fernando Valley.'

Fox News host: ‘Feminism is to blame’ when boys do poorly in school

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'Fox New host Andrea Tantaros on Wednesday asserted that “feminism is to blame” for the recent news that boys were not performing well in school.

Earlier this week, The New York Times reported that the Washington research group Third Way had found a growing gender gap between girls and boys in school. The report noted that only 31 percent of eighth grade boys received a mix of As and Bs, compared with 48 percent of girls.

Third Way linked boys’ poor performance to stagnation in wages for male workers, while median inflation-adjusted female earnings have increased by 35 percent in the last 25 years.

On the Fox News show Outnumbered — where four female hosts “outnumber” one male guest host — host Sandra Smith pointed to the fact that most teachers were female as a possible reason that boys could be falling behind.

“The boys, they don’t have male teachers often times,” she said.

“A lot of feminism is to blame for this,” Tantaros added. “Right? Because they are saying, ‘Listen, girls are falling behind, they’ve been overlooked.’ So, all the focus has been on girls.”'

Guidelines to curb campus sexual assaults raise concerns for accused

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'The White House on Tuesday announced detailed guidance for colleges on how to deal with sexual assaults, winning praise from advocates of victims and some higher education officials, but renewing concerns from others about protections for the rights of the accused.

Victims of sexual assault on campus and their advocates have become increasingly vocal in demanding tougher action, more protection and better reporting since the Obama administration first called attention to the issue in a 2011 letter putting administrations on notice that changes were necessary.

But college administrators and lawyers who advise them warn that the circumstances of such assaults are often murky, involving too much alcohol, uncertain recollection and no impartial witnesses. Some school officials are wary that the pendulum not swing so far that students accused of assaults are denied a fair hearing.
...
College officials, under pressure from the federal government to respond more aggressively to reports of assaults, have worried that the intense focus on victims could impinge on the rights of the accused.

"The kinds of incidents that we see are not always clear-cut," said Ada Meloy, general counsel of the American Council on Education, a Washington group that represents colleges. "We must be helpful to the victim but also have to be fair to both the accuser and the accused."

Mark Hathaway, a Los Angeles attorney representing several students accused of sexual assault, said he remained concerned that those accused in campus cases are not given the rights to an attorney, to remain silent and to confront witnesses against them.

"Greater education about the problem is always useful and helpful to prevent sexual assault," he said. "But at the same time, we cannot forget the rights constitutionally afforded each of us. You shouldn't have to give up those rights just because you go to a college that receives federal funding."'

Traumatic Brain Injury Common Among Homeless Men

Minuteman · 1 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'WEDNESDAY, April 30, 2014 (HealthDay News) -- Brain injuries are common among homeless men and most of those injuries occur before they lose their homes, a small study found.

Canadian researchers looked at 111 homeless men, aged 27 to 81, in Toronto and found that 45 percent of them had suffered a traumatic brain injury at some point in their lives.

Seventy percent of those brain injuries occurred when the men were children or teens, and 87 percent occurred before the men became homeless, the investigators found.

Overall, assaults caused 60 percent of the brain injuries among the men in the study, followed by sports and recreation (44 percent), and traffic crashes and falls (42 percent), according to the study published April 25 in the journal CMAJ Open.'

Why Men Cannot Trust Feminist Academics who Write on Men

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Article here.

'I read with interest (and quite frankly, disgust) an interview with Michael Kimmel, author of books such as Guyland and Angry White Men over at Just Four Guys blog. It made me realize why men should not trust Uncle Tim's like Kimmel. Here is a summary of where academics like Kimmel stand:

PROF. KIMMEL: The United States has never been more gender equal. We've never been more sexually equal. We've never been more racially equal. Sure, on each front, we have a long way to go for full equality. There is still lots of discrimination against women, LGBT people, and people of color. But we have never been more equal. And we will be more equal tomorrow than we are today. And I'm happy to report that we are not going to go forward into the past. Women are not going to have some V8 moment in which they say "Oh, yeah, this equality stuff sucks, I hate voting, and driving, and serving on juries, and having a job, and having my own bank account, and having orgasms." Let's go back the way it used to be on Mad Men.

So the question for men, in my view, is simple: we can be dragged kicking and screaming into that more equal future, or we can walk courageously into that future, knowing that our lives, as men, will, be better for it, that the more equal we are, the better our relationships with our friends, our wives and partners, our children will be. Gender equality is not a zero-sum game; it's a win-win. I support gender equality not only because it's right and fair and just and patriotically American – which it is – but because I also know it is in my interests to do so.

No, Kimmel, men have real issues right now that you have not addressed. Campuses accusing them unfairly of rape without due process, fathers being torn from kids due to abusive family courts, men forced to pay for children that are not their own and boys growing up without male role models. You talk about how teens like Trayvon Martin etc. need our help from the Men's rights movement. Bullshit. Men like Chris Mackney need and deserve our help. I will be there to help them, will you? Somehow, I doubt it.'

Is It True That 20% of Women Will Be Victims of Sexual Assault in Their Lifetime?

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Video here.

'Christina Hoff Summers debunks a powerful piece of popular disinformation in the new installment of her video series from the American Enterprise Institute.
...
The Factual Feminist video blog, hosted by Christina Hoff Sommers, covers all subjects related to feminist philosophies and practices. Christina and her #FactFem colleagues use a data-driven approach to the basic tenets of feminism and related topics.'

When Wives Get Sick, Risk of Divorce Rises, Study Says

mens_issues · 1 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Some misandrist woman named Kathy J. Bell left a very bigoted comment underneath the article, if anyone cares to respond. It's a masterpiece of ignorance and anti-male hostility. Excerpt:

'The risk of divorce rises for older married couples when the wife — but not the husband — becomes seriously ill, according to a new study.

Researchers examined how marriages are affected by the onset of four serious illnesses: cancer, heart disease, lung disease and stroke. Overall, they found that 31 percent of marriages ended in divorce during the period of the study. In 15 percent of cases, the wife in the couple had become sick.

The finding means that "if women become ill, they are more likely to get divorced," said study researcher Amelia Karraker, of the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research. The incidence of new chronic illnesses increased over time as well, with more husbands than wives developing serious health problems.'

When College Sexual Assault Panels Fall Short, And When They Help

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"There is a level of absurdity in making universities handle serious sexual violence cases," Lisak says. "We wouldn't ask universities, of course, to handle a homicide. We don't even ask them to handle serious aggravated assaults."

...

In many ways, colleges have less power than law enforcement. They can't subpoena evidence or witnesses, for example.

In other ways, colleges have a lot more leeway. For example, while prosecutors routinely drop criminal cases that would be hard to prove "beyond a reasonable doubt," campuses have a lower bar. They need only a "preponderance of the evidence," which means that an offense was more likely than not to have occurred.

Also, in the courts, the onus is on the accuser to prove a crime, but campuses can put the burden on the accused to prove they actually had sexual consent.'

Police: Report of sexual assault on campus is untrue

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'University police have determined that the report of a sexual assault at the Garland Avenue parking garage was untrue.

At 10 p.m. Sunday, University police received a report of a sexual assault in the Garland Avenue parking garage. The communication led to an investigation and an alert to the campus community.

After a consultation with the prosecuting attorney, University of Arkansas police arrested Julia Garcia, 18, on a charge of filing a false police report.

Police said Garcia told authorities she was attacked from behind and forced against a rail between the first and second-level stairwell. Police said Garcia claimed the assailant was 6 feet tall and wore a black stocking cap, dark shirt and dark pants.

“UAPD will always take reports of criminal activity seriously and will apply all available resources to solve the crime and apprehend those responsible,” said Capt. Gary Crain, UAPD spokesman. “It is very rare that a person makes a false report to the police, but this report has been determined to be untrue. The circumstances reported to police never happened.”'

One in five women in college sexually assaulted: the source of this statistic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This statistic is derived from a 2007 study, The Campus Sexual Assault Study, which was conducted for the Justice Department's National Institute of Justice. The researchers, led by Christopher Krebs of RTI International, also surveyed men, but the statistic cited by the administration focuses on women so we will look carefully at that part of the study.

In the Winter of 2006, researchers used a Web-based survey to interview undergraduates at two large public universities, one in the Midwest and one in the South. A total of 5,446 undergraduate women, between the ages of 18-25, participated as part of a random sample. The survey was anonymous and took about 15 minutes to complete. (Participants received a $10 Amazon.com certificate for participating.)

So, first of all, it's important to remember that this is a single survey, based on the experiences of students at two universities. As the researchers acknowledged, these results clearly can be generalized to those two large four-year universities, but not necessarily elsewhere. Moreover, the response rate was relatively low:

"Another limitation of the CSA study, inherent with Web-based survey, is that the response rates were relatively low. Although the response rates were not lower than what most Web-based surveys achieve, they are lower than what we typically achieve using a different mode of data collection (e.g. face-to-face interviewing)."

The survey found that 1,073 women, or 19 percent, said that they experienced attempted or completed sexual assault since entering college. The actual breakdown was that 12.6 percent experienced attempted sexual assault and 13.7 percent experienced actual sexual assault. (There was some overlap.)'

Due Process, Clarity Suffer As Feds Tackle Campus Sexual Assault

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'On Tuesday, the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault unveiled its first report. Created after a record number of complaints filed by students against universities about their handling of sexual assault on campus, including complaints against Harvard and Tufts, the task force made recommendations to colleges on how they can better prevent and address sexual harassment and assault. Unfortunately, students' rights to due process and fundamental fairness have been lost in the shuffle.

One of the first questions many people ask on this issue is, "Why are colleges holding rape trials anyway?" Good question. They do so because they are required to under Title IX, the 1972 federal law banning sex discrimination in educational programs. But don't bother looking at the text of Title IX, which makes no mention of rape hearings at all. The requirement instead comes from mountains of federal regulations and piecemeal statutes that hold colleges to standards that are nearly impossible to meet or even comprehend.

Tufts is currently finding this out the hard way. The university came to a voluntary agreement with the Boston office of the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR, the agency tasked with enforcing the statute) on April 17 over how to remedy past Title IX problems. But just days later, the Washington OCR office told Tufts that its new policies also failed to comply with Title IX.

That's when Tufts did something unprecedented — it withdrew from the voluntary agreement and issued statements loudly condemning OCR's move. Tufts issued a statement saying that OCR's new finding "has no basis in law," while President Anthony Monaco said he was willing to sign a new agreement only on the condition that OCR "is very clear about what we have to improve."'

Sexual assault on campus falsely reported

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Geneseo campus has given a lot of attention to sexual assault in past weeks, with both national Sexual Assault Awareness Week and the report of a sexual assault taking place on campus. University Police posted an update to its investigation of the alleged assault on Monday April 28.

The update read: “The University Police Department conducted a thorough investigation of the reported assault, and according to Interim Chief of University Police Tom Kilcullen, after speaking with alleged victim, UPD was able to determine that no sexual assault occurred.”

This information comes after UPD has made several steps to increase safety in the area where the alleged assault took place.

“When the incident was reported, we needed to be responsive to the community,” Kilcullen said in a phone interview.

“We did that in a number of ways: By stepping up visibility in the place where the incident occurred, we had officers who would interview those in the area who may have additional knowledge, and additional patrols in parking lots where students travel by foot and to reassure the community as best we can,” he added.'

Second-Grader Says School Put Him In Handcuffs For Misbehaving

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A second-grader said a school security guard put him in handcuffs because he was misbehaving.

“Some of the kids were messing with me,” Kalyb Primm Wiley told KSHB-TV.

Kalyb told the station that kids were teasing and taunting him but nothing got physical. A teacher was unable to calm him down and he was taken to the principal’s office by a school security guard.

“We were halfway down the hall, he put handcuffs on and twisted my wrists a little,” Kalyb added.

“I don’t think any 7-year-old should be put in handcuffs unless he was armed with a weapon, or violent,” Kalyb’s mother, Tomesha Primm, told KSHB.'

Ending a relationship is now rape

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So here is the report on which Obama based the new rules.

Go to page 42. In the top of the middle column, sexual "coercion" is defined as "sexual violence". Now go to the table on the top of page 43. I will quote from the footnote on "sexual coercion":

'[3]Sexual Coercion: Pressured in a non-physical way (includes, for example, threatening to end the relationship, using influence or authority).'

So if a man ends a relationship due to lack of sex, that is a sexually violent act. Welcome to 1984.

Title IX violation

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As I understand, unless this school supports a program to help boys in reading, or allows boys to enter this summer camp, then they are in violation of Title IX. It does not matter if it supported by a private grant; it is happening on the campus.

Change.org: Petitioning Secretary-General of UN: Ask United Nations to Recognize Parental Alienation As Violence And Abuse Against Children

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Petition here. Excerpt:

'Due to Parental Alienation, all over the world there are millions of children displaced from their parents, grandparents and family.

There are numerous publications of studies, research and parents' narratives detailing the dire consequences of PARENTAL ALIENATION to children, targeted parents and society. The mental and psychological injuries inflicted on children and parents tend to be irreversible and last for years or even a lifetime.
...
We the undersigned are requesting the Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to urgently add PARENTAL ALIENATION to the Agenda of the 63th session of the Commission on the Right of the Child to:

1. Recognize PARENTAL ALIENATION as violence and abuse against children
2. Enforce Article 18. "...both parents have common responsibilities for the upbringing and development of the child."
3. Eliminate ambiguities from the Convention by clearly and without any doubt state that the relationship between parents and children is The Best Interest of the Child.

In order to prohibit, prevent and protect children from abuse, violence and PARENTAL ALIENATION perpetrated by unscrupulous alienating parents, judicial systems, welfare and child protection agencies, the example of Brazil should be followed by United Nations and all countries of the world.'

Pregnant Chicago Woman Allegedly Kills Boyfriend Over Failure to Buy Gift

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A trip to the mall ended in a deadly dispute when a pregnant woman fatally stabbed her boyfriend after he bought gifts for everyone, except her, police say, according to the Daily News.

Police say Miata Phalen, 24, fatally stabbed the father of her unborn child, Larry Martin, 28, on April at the apartment they shared. She is seven months pregnant, the report says.

“This is what you get for messing with me,” the woman allegedly said while standing over her lover’s bleeding body, the Daily News reports.

The incident began after the woman spiraled into a rage when Martin reportedly bought gifts for his 8-year-old son Lavelle and Martin’s 25-year-old cousin, the report says. She began chastising Martin, calling him “selfish,” Glen Runk, an assistant State's Attorney, told the Chicago Tribune.
...
She reportedly greeted him at the door with a knife when he finally made it home and allegedly stabbed him in front of his son, the News says.

“His last words was to me,” Lavelle told the Sun-Times. “He said, ‘I’m gonna die, but I love you.’”'

Alicia Silverstone nixes circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Count actress Alicia Silverstone among those Jews advocating against circumcision.

In her new book, “The Kind Mama: A Simple Guide to Supercharged Fertility, a Radiant Pregnancy, a Sweeter Birth, and a Healthier, More Beautiful Beginning,” the celebrity explains her personal decision not to circumcise her son, Bear, according to the website Beyond the Bris: News and Views on Jewish Circumcision.

“I was raised Jewish, so the second my parents found out that they had a male grandchild, they wanted to know when we’d be having a bris (the Jewish circumcision ceremony traditionally performed 8 days after a baby is born),” Silverstone writes. “When I said we weren’t having one, my dad got a bit worked up. But my thinking was: If little boys were supposed to have their penises ‘fixed,’ did that mean we were saying that God made the body imperfect?”

...

Silverstone grew up in a traditional Jewish household, the website explains. Candles were lit on Friday nights, she attended Hebrew school and has fond memories of her bat mitzvah. As an adult, her ties to Judaism remain strong.

“Judaism turned me into who I am today, and I definitely feel I live a very spiritual life. I got that from my parents,” she has said.

Silverstone has a blog, entitled The Kind Life, and another book on healthy eating.'

Wikipedia on Alicia Silverstone here.

Former pro football player and sports commentator cleared of DV charges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Keyshawn [Johnson] just issued a statement saying ... "I am pleased that law enforcement acted quickly and that this matter has been fairly resolved."

"The quick decision results from the fact that I should not have been arrested because no crime was committed. I did not and would not touch, grab or strike a woman -- any woman."

"Though Jennifer and I are both pleased that this matter is over, we very much resent the fact that I was ever arrested in the first place. I apologize to my friends, family, fans and colleagues for this matter."
...
Law enforcement sources tell us ... the L.A. County District Attorney has rejected the case ... after cops determined the arrest was an overreaction by someone who was speaking on the phone with Keyshawn's baby mama.

TMZ broke the story ... Keyshawn was arrested last month for allegedly wrestling a cell phone out of the woman's hand ... slightly injuring her hand in the process. We're told an argument had erupted when Keyshawn saw his GF reading texts from someone as they were speaking.

We're told it was all triggered by the person on the phone who heard the argument between Keyshawn and his baby mama that ended with him throwing the phone to the ground and breaking it. The person who was on the phone heard the argument, became alarmed and called 911.

As for his baby mama's injury -- authorities now say she sustained a very small scratch on her finger while trying to hold on to the phone and it amounted to nothing.

Law enforcement sources say when L.A. County Sheriff's deputies arrived ... both Keyshawn and his baby mama were surprised and no one wanted to pursue charges. Nonetheless Keyshawn was arrested.'

Wikipedia on Keyshawn Johnson here.

Minnesota Public Radio won't allow dissenting comments on campus "Rape Culture"

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I've been trying to get MPR (Minnesota Public Radio) to allow comments that are counter to their decidedly feminist bias. In a recent story two "experts" were interviewed on the "campus rape culture." Both "experts" were advocates for the idea of "rape culture". The was no balance from civil rights advocates or others, who see this issue as an Obama administration political ploy. I've now been banned from commenting on any MPR story. I've asked for an explanation, but have gotten no response. Excerpt:

'The federal government last week named 55 colleges under investigation for suspected failure to deal adequately with sexual assault.

Reports of campus rapes are up significantly, but it's unclear whether those higher numbers represent more crimes or simply a greater willingness to report them. Research cited by the White House shows that 1 college woman in 5 experiences sexual assault, but that only about 12 percent of survivors file a report.'

New Zealand: Women-only swimming plan sparks controversy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Hamilton public swimming pool is considering "women only" sessions to try to encourage more into the water.

The controversial move by Hamilton's Gallagher Aquatic Centre is seen as "separatist" by some, but women's groups say it's a great idea.

The aquatic centre is planning to shut its door to men to give women a few hours a week on their own.

"I think it's great because after I've had so many kids I'm a bit body-conscious. Actually having a women's-only session would be really good," ONE woman swimmer in the pool told ONE News.

Hamilton City Council say the move is all about water safety and encouraging more women to swim.

"It's important for us that we provide those opportunities for women who otherwise would probably feel intimidated at coming into a public swimming pool," says Mathew Bayliss, the council's swimming and recreation manager.'

Boy accused of sexually harassing teacher

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Virginia Beach middle schooler was suspended for sexually harassing his teacher, but the boy and his mother claim the school has twisted an innocent compliment into something “sick.”

For months 10 On Your Side has reported on controversial discipline cases inside the Virginia Beach City Public School System – and this is one of them. It’s all about a compliment the school system claims went too far, and a student’s family who claims the school system went too far.

“I said, ‘you look nice today, Ms. ******.’ That’s all I said, and I said it just like that,” said a 7th grader, who met with WAVY.com, along with his mother, at a Virginia Beach park.

Both the mother and son do not want to identify themselves, and WAVY.com will not identify the teacher by name. We will mention that the teacher refused to comment on this case. We got that denial through the school system’s administrative office.'

Woman Wanted for False Rape Report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Medford police are looking for a woman who filed a false rape report in April that led to a mistaken arrest.

Officials said the woman falsely identified herself as Amanda Rodriguez before accusing a Medford resident of sexually assaulting her. The report led to an investigation and an arrest in the case.

After taking a man into custody, detectives continued looking into her story and discovered that she had lied about who she was and what happened.'

The White House's Report on Campus Sexual Assault Relies on the Lowest Common Denominator

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last year, a University of North Carolina student who remained anonymous for safety reasons spoke to the campus newspaper, The Daily Tar Heel, about feeling victimized by the school's response to a sexual assault report—the handling of which is now the target of a federal civil rights investigation.

But there's a twist: the student is a man who says he was wrongly accused.
...
The administration's effort, which made headlines last week with a report by the White House task force on campus sexual assault and new Department of Education guidelines, has an indisputably noble goal. Unfortunately, it is marred by flaws, including alarmist statistics, fuzzy definitions and a polarizing ideology of presumed guilt.

One of the foundations of this crusade is the staggering claim that one in five female students are sexually assaulted while in college. This figure comes from the 2005-2007 Campus Sexual Assault Study, which, as Washington Post Fact Checker Glenn Kessler has noted, was conducted at just two schools, with a fairly low response rate. Moreover, the survey's data for "drug- and/or alcohol-enabled sexual assault" (about 70% of the incidents in the study) lump together unconsciousness or incapacitation with intoxication that may cloud one's judgment and affect consent. Notably, despite widespread sexual assault awareness programs, two-thirds of the college women whom the study counted as victims of drug- or alcohol-enabled rape did not think they were raped, and few felt they had suffered psychological harm.'

Sex: The New War On Men

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'It cannot have escaped anyone's notice that on May Day (May 1, 2014), and within hours of one another, the nation and the media have been bombarded with more than a half dozen exquisitely choreographed and coordinated reports demanding action based on claims of skyrocketing sexual assaults occurring on campus and on the battlefield.

But are these claims plausible? I argue not.

Singly, or in combination, all of these claims suffer from one or more of the following five fatal flaws.

1. Sexual allegations made by females are not taken as allegations but rather as "settled fact." These claims do not even consider the possibility that women might lie about any manner of things sexual and there is no statistical correction for false sexual allegations.

2. Women commit sexual assaults on men but female sexual perpetrators only rarely are prosecuted and male reports of abuse by female sexual predators only rarely are believed.

3. In order to "cook" the rapidly rising numbers needed for political effect, the Obama Administration has demanded that all investigations lower the standard of proof required for conviction or expulsion from "clear and convincing" evidence to a "preponderance" of evidence, which basically is a coin toss.'

Victimizing The Accused? Obama's Campus Sexual Assault Guidelines Raise Concerns

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'"Not Alone," the White House entitled its task force report on campus sexual assaults. "Believe the Victim," the report might as well have been called. It reflects a presumption of guilt in sexual assault cases that practically obliterates the due process rights of the accused. Students leveling accusations of assault are automatically described as "survivors" or "victims" (not alleged victims or complaining witnesses), implying that their accusations are true.

When you categorically presume the good faith, infallible memories and entirely objective perspectives of self-identified victims, you dispense with the need for cumbersome judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings and an adversary model of justice. Thus the task force effectively prohibits cross-examination of complaining witnesses: "The parties should not be allowed to cross-examine each other," the report advises, denying the fundamental right to confront your accuser.

Alleged victims are supposed to be protected from "hurtful questioning." The impulse to protect actual victims from the ordeal of a cross-examination by their attackers is laudable. But by barring cross-examination, you also protect students who are mistaken or lying, and you victimize (even traumatize) students being falsely accused.'

More on the White House claim that 1 in 5 women are sexually assaulted while in college

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'There are 22,329 female students at UM-Madison, and if 1 in 5 was sexually assaulted over four years, there would have to be 4,465 sexual assaults during that time period. Since there were only 137 sexual assaults reported at UW from 2009 to 2012, that would mean there would have to have been 4,328 unreported sexual assaults (3 every day) to get to the “1 in 5″ claim over four years. That would also mean that only 3.1% of sexual assaults get reported, a level far below the 12% reporting claim made by the White House. It would also mean that there were more than 32 unreported sexual assaults for every one reported at UW, which seems pretty unbelievable. So either the White House claim of “1 in 5″ is way too high, or its claim that only 12% of assaults get reported is way too high. Either way, at least one of the claims is false.

While even one sexual assault is too many and unacceptable, shouldn’t it also be unacceptable for the White House to spread false, exaggerated and misleading data about campus sexual assaults?'

Call to circumcise ignores the evidence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The argument for widespread circumcision relies on the proposition that we face a public health crisis to which genital surgery is the only answer. The most prominent exponent of this view, Emeritus Professor Brian Morris, has described circumcision as "a biomedical imperative for the 21st century," and is never wanting pulpits from which to preach his gloomy message. As the American biologist P.Z. Myers points out, in a reply to to his latest offensive, there is nothing much new here; he has been peddling this sort of stuff for over a decade.

But whatever disease-related problems Africa faces, such as HIV – for which adult (not child) circumcision has been proposed – there is no evidence that any developed nation is threatened with any such crisis. Apart from its air of unreality, such "ten minutes to midnight" scare-mongering ignores the principles of risk management. This requires that a full assessment of consequence, likelihood, mitigation strategies and risk tolerance be undertaken before it is possible to reach any conclusions about the degree of risk inherent in taking or not taking certain actions. Individuals have different levels of risk tolerance, and they have the right to develop their own strategies for handling health risks, and striking the appropriate balance between dangers and pleasures. The health industry is not entitled to pre-empt their options.

Circumcision advocates perform a subtle logical slide. They present a mass of data and claim that it is proof that parents should circumcise their baby boys. In fact, even if their data were valid, it is merely evidence that an adult male should consider getting himself circumcised. A few cautious males might make this choice, but since most men are understandably reluctant to sacrifice a sexually significant part of their own penis, the strategy of the circumcision lobby has been not to persuade men to circumcise themselves, but to pressure parents to circumcise their children. The problem here is that if an adult male would not elect such an operation for himself, it is ethically wrong to force it on somebody else merely because he lacks the power to resist.'

Young mother ‘killed her baby to save her sex life’: German woman, 20, ‘cut son’s throat 30 minutes after he was born before going to a disco’

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'A young mother killed her baby by slitting his throat only 30 minutes after giving birth because she feared the child would interfere with her sex life, a court heard.

Nadine Koenig, 20, from Regensburg in the German state of Bavaria, smothered her newborn son before killing him with a Stanley knife. Then she went out to a disco, judges were told.

Prosecutor Ulrike Klein said the child was a responsibility she could not handle. ‘You couldn’t bear the thought of your far-reaching sexual and social contacts being jeopardised by this baby,’ she added.'

Grant Brown's book on family law in Canada has finally been published

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Via email:

Dr. Grant Brown's book on family law in Canada has finally been published.

You can get it as a free e-book, compliments of the CCF, at http://theccf.ca/publications/familylawbook/

Reviews of Ideology And Dysfunction In Family Law – How Courts Disenfranchise Fathers:

Dr. Paul Millar, Nipissing University:

> Read this book! Meticulously researched and thorough, yet easy to read for the lay person, Oxford educated philosopher, professor and lawyer Grant Brown has created a tour de force exposition of family law in Canada today. There is no more compelling argument for Canadian family law reform than this book. Ideology and Dysfunction in Family Law is a soon-to-be classic and a must-read for anyone interested in families or family law in Canada.

Barbara Kay, National Post columnist and author:

> There is no dearth of material on the bias against fathers in western family courts. As a journalist focused on culture and ideology in Canada's social institutions, I have read many books and articles on this subject. Ideology and Dysfunction in Family Law: How Courts Disenfranchise Fathers is in my experience unique in its referential breadth and depth. This book unites impeccable legal scholarship, moral philosophy and evidence-based cultural analysis with stylistic precision and elegance. Grant Brown puts forward arguments never heard in family court: parents' inherent rights; children's real best interests (not what the courts usually say they are); the unconstitutionality of the Child Support Guidelines; and, in general the irreconcilability of the law with the first principles of justice. More than a superb reference book for journalists and policy makers, not to mention all educated readers with an interest in judicial fairness, Brown's book should be on the obligatory reading list of every law school in Canada.

Dr. Chris Sarlo, Nipissing University:

> Grant Brown's well-written and well-researched book should be required reading for anyone involved in the divorce industry. It is an blunt and comprehensive assessment of the badly flawed, gender biased system that routinely removes children from the lives of divorced dads and renders them, at best, as "visitors" in their child's life and, at worst, as "wallets" for their ex-spouses. Brown is at his best using incisive logic and well-crafted illustrations to easily refute the arguments of defenders of the status quo. He fearlessly takes on many in his own profession who serve to perpetuate the system that denies divorced fathers basic rights of parenthood. This is an especially honest and courageous book that should be a catalyst for long overdue changes in the way we approach divorce and parenting. Implicit in Brown's analysis of the serious flaws in the existing (anti-father) system is that unless there is fundamental change to establish an equal parenting system, there is a real risk that prospective fathers (especially the financially successful) will be reluctant to marry and have children.

UK: Female Teachers Marking Down Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For decades we've listened to teachers and 'academics' shedding crocodile tears as they bemoan the terrible 'failure' of the boys in their classes falling behind girls.

Now a five year University study has shown why.

Those same teachers are just deliberately marking boys down – even when they do better in tests and exams than their female counterparts.

A five-year research project, funded by the Departments of Education and Justice in Northern Ireland, found "systemic flaws" in teaching techniques led to teachers discriminating overtly against male students.

The shocking survey blows the lid on how since the 1970s, when feminist critics complained that the school system favored "male thinking," grades have been decided not by performance and knowledge, but on a teachers whim.

Feminists condemned intelligence and knowledge as 'too masculine'. And they argued successfully that pupils should be marked on 'emotional intelligence' (a phrase which means nothing, and so is entirely subjective), and social skills (which means being nice).

Facts, dates, rote learning, and maths skills went out of the window and "fair" teaching styles were introduced in which no matter what a pupils test results, what the teacher thought of them held sway.

As a result mainly female teachers have been expressing low views of their boys students and favouring girls.'

Malaysia Will Ban Men From Waterfall, Creating Women-Only Attraction

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Men, if you want to see a stunning Malaysian waterfall, you better get there quickly.

The as-yet-to-be-determined waterfall is located at Tasik Kenyir, an artificial lake in the Northeast Malaysian state of Terengganu. Making the waterfall a spot for ladies only is part of a nearly $92 million development project, the Daily Mail reports.

Not only will the designated waterfall allow only female visitors, but boats transporting women to the waterfall and security guards at the site will all be female as well.

The single-sex area is being created as a request from female tourists in West Asia, spokesman Datuk Seri Ahmad said.'

UK: Ten-year-old boy launches men-only charity cycle in Worcester

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'A BOY was so disappointed he was not allowed to run the women's only Race for Life *[link added]* last year that he has started his own charity event for men.

Ten-year-old Ethan Muller will launch the first Ethan's 10k Male Only Charity Cycle Challenge event on Saturday, May 10, to raise cash for Help for Heroes *[link added]*.

The Martley Primary School child was not allowed to enter the Cancer Research UK yearly event at Worcester Racecourse with his mum and sister but felt he wanted to help in a way.

He said: "The challenge is only for boys because girls can only do Race for Life and I really wanted to do it.
...
His mum, Tina Muller, said her son was desperate to do an event after being refused onto Race for Life.

She said: "I am proud of the fact that he decided that it was unfair to do Race for Life for only girls. He was desperate to do it and kept asking me if we can do something for only boys, and he came up with the idea himself and the charity.
...
For more information, or to register for Ethan's 10k Male Only Charity Cycle Challenge event, visit ethanscharitychallenge.org, or to sponsor Ethan, visit justgiving.com/Ethans-Charity-Challenge.'

Baby Mamas In Tag-Team Taser Assault Of Daddy

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MAY 7--A South Carolina man was pummeled and tased yesterday afternoon by his “baby’s mama” and his “other baby’s mama,” who teamed up to ambush and assault the father of their children since he “has a new girlfriend,” cops report.

According to a Spartanburg Police Department report, Rodrick Tucker, 21, told officers that Tabitha Martin, 23, invited him to her apartment Tuesday. Tucker, who described Martin as his “baby’s mama,” added that when he arrived at the residence, Martin invited him into the bedroom.

Tucker told police that “once he was lying on the bed” in Martin’s apartment, Courtney Littlejohn--his “other baby’s mama”--entered the bedroom. Tucker, who was likely expecting an afternoon delight, quickly became the target of a tag-team attack.

The women, Tucker told police, yanked him off the bed and began “repeatedly punching him in the face and head.” After escaping the bedroom, Tucker said he was “again knocked to the floor.” He added that Littlejohn, 23, “sat on top of him, not allowing him to get up.”

Martin (left) and Littlejohn are pictured above.

Tucker said that “both females began to tase him several times with a stun-gun.” After again freeing himself from the pair’s clutches, Tucker said that he “picked up his baby, thinking the ladies would stop attacking him” while he was holding the small human shield.

That was a miscalculation on Tucker’s part.

The women, he said, “continued to swing at him until he finally gave the baby to Ms. Martin,” police reported. Tucker, who fled the home after handing over the baby, told cops that he believed Martin and Littlejohn “were mad at him because he has a new girlfriend.”'

Woman Gets Probation For Sex Abuse Of Best Friend's Teen Son

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'A woman who sexually abused her best friend's teenage son for two years was sentenced to five years probation on Thursday.

Karen Carstens, 43, was convicted of sexual abuse of a child on Wednesday. KHOU reports that the abuse began in 2007, when Carstens volunteered to babysit her best friend's 13-year-old son while the other woman was in the hospital.

According to court documents, what initially started as touching eventually progressed to oral sex, which the victim said that Cartstens performed on him at least four times, including once in his family's living room.

In May 2009, while the boy's mother was again hospitalized, the victim and Carstens had sex on a couch, after which the boy cried because he was afraid of impregnating the woman.'

Why Did Kidnapping Girls, but Not Burning Boys Alive, Wake Media Up to Boko Haram?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On February 25, between 40 and 59 children were killed by the fundamentalist militant group. Early that morning, Boko Haram terrorists attacked a boarding school and shot many of children, aged 11 to 18, while they slept. Some of the students were gunned down as they attempted to flee. Others had their throats slit. In some buildings, Boko Haram militants locked the doors and set the building alight. The occupants were burned alive.

All of the victims were boys. Reports indicated that the young girls the militants encountered were spared. According to the BBC, the militants told the girls to flee, get married, and shun the western education to which they were privy.

Beyond wire reports and a handful of segments on globally-focused outlets like NPR, this atrocity went unremarked upon in the popular news media.
...
But the events of the last month have demonstrated that none of these explanations were accurate. Apparently, the press simply needed the right reason to cover this terrorist group and their brutal tactics. But an even more disturbing question needs to be asked now: why did the press spring to action when young women were kidnapped, but were virtually unmoved when it was young boys who were being slaughtered and burned alive?'

How do we help boys close the academic gender gap?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sit still. Read quietly to yourself. Stop fidgeting. Such warnings are often directed at boys, but you may as well be asking them to do advanced calculus.

Girls are more attentive, more organized and perform better socially and academically, according to recent research published by the Third Way, a centrist policy institute. And the gap between girls and boys exceeds that of any other two groups.

“The social and behavioral skills gap between boys and girls is considerably larger than the gap between children from poor families and middle class families or the gap between black and white children,” the study reads.

Some attribute the growing divide to a learning environment structured to favor girls.

“Girls have become the gold standard,” Michael Thompson, author of “It’s a Boy!” and “Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys,” told NewsHour. “We, as parents, have decided that we need earlier reading scores. Then we’ve made kindergarten the new first grade. There is more emphasis on learning earlier and earlier. Boys just aren’t programmed like that — that’s obvious from a physical and psychological standpoint.”'

One in Five? The White House's Questionable Sexual Assault Data

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Article here. Excerpt:

In January, the White House announced the creation of a White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault. On April 29, that task force came out with its first report, Not Alone, which is intended to “help schools live up to their obligation to protect students from sexual violence.” There is no doubt that sexual violence on campus is a serious problem that requires action. But it must be addressed in a way that also protects the rights of students being accused of these very serious offenses. Unfortunately, the Task Force Report will almost certainly worsen the already critical due process crisis on our college campuses.

Like so many discussions of campus sexual assault, the Task Force Report leads off with the shocking statement that “one in five women is sexually assaulted in college.” This figure has become an article of faith among those calling for greater government intervention into colleges’ handling of sexual assault claims: President Obama cited it when he announced the creation of the task force back in January, and the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights cited it in the April 4, 2011 “Dear Colleague” letter requiring colleges to use a “preponderance of the evidence” (more likely than not) standard when adjudicating claims of sexual harassment or sexual violence.

But this figure, which comes from the 2007 Campus Sexual Assault (CSA) Study, is hardly undisputed.'

"Hello Stranger ... Want To Have Sex?"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Controversy has once again hit the campus of UNC-Wilmington. This time it's not my fault. The controversy is actually the fault of a student. His crime is simple: He decided to behave like a feminist behaves every day on campuses all across America. Unfortunately for him, he chose to do so without the proper genitalia and without the approval of the UNCW Women's Resource Center.

I was introduced to the controversy shortly after a student of mine finished taking her final exam of the semester. After she had left my 2 pm exam, she came into my 3:30 class and, as discreetly as possible, told me that a male student had just walked up to her and asked if she wanted to have sex with him. It took me a few minutes to figure out that she wasn't joking. So I asked her to give me more information as we walked out into the hall to look for the offending student.

Apparently, the young man had been working his way through the building asking every female student he saw if she would like to have sex with him. ...
...
Fortunately, the visibly shaken student found a concerned psychology professor who went downstairs with her, found the male student, and told him to knock it off. The propositioning student became incensed and told the professor he needed to get over his hang-ups about sex. The student's argument was pretty simple: Asking someone to have sex is no different than asking them to engage in any other recreational activity such as playing basketball.
...
But what crime did the desperately horny student commit? Did he sexually harass these women in a traditional sense? No, this was a case of creating a hostile environment in the workplace. Had he done this in a bar, rather than on campus, there would be no controversy. In other words, the venue made a difference.

Of course, there is another important variable to consider. If he were a female student, his conduct would have been seen in a very different light. In order to assess the possible role that gender played in the incident, please consider the following:

-Every year when they put on The Vagina Monologues, UNCW feminists send out an email that begins with the line "Greetings vagina lovers." ...

-Feminists at the UNCW Women's Center once advertised The Vagina Monologues with a large sign saying "p***ies unite." ...

-Feminists at the UNCW Women's Center sold "p***y pops" made out of candy and shaped to resemble female genitalia. ...

-Feminists at the UNCW Women's Center have set up tables showing people how to put condoms on cucumbers. ...

-Feminists at the UNCW Women's Center posted pictures of nude women- some of them under-aged - in the lobby of Randall Library as part of an "art" exhibit.
...
All of these incidents are a reflection of a consistent philosophy promoted by feminists here at UNCW. That philosophy is made up of two core principles: 1) Women have a right to act as vulgar as they want in public because the rules of ordinary decency and civility don't apply to them. ...'

University of Cincinnati student suing school after hearing over rape allegations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A University of Cincinnati student accused of raping a woman and attempting to rape another is suing the school and its assistant dean for ignoring evidence that he says absolved him, according to court documents.
...
According to Peloe's lawsuit, surveillance video obtained by police shows the two women "were not intoxicated and led Peloe to their room."

The suit also states text messages obtained in the investigation called "significant portions of the students' stories into question."

"For example, although the students claimed to be passed out, they still sent a number of text messages," the lawsuit states. "In addition, later messages joked about the case."

Peloe said another female student was in the room when the alleged rape took place, but that student did not witness anything illegal.

Rape kits were submitted to a crime lab for analysis.

Peloe's lawsuit states "on information and belief," the results of the rape kits are consistent with the version of events provided by Peloe.

Peloe also claims UC has refused to provide him with the results despite repeated requests and a "clear duty to produce the information under Ohio's Public Records Laws."
...
Peloe also claims UC has attempted to "limit his ability to prepare for the hearings" by giving him less than three days to obtain documents and other evidence.
...
Two Administrative Review Committee (ARC) hearings were held on May 2. During these hearings, Peloe said the council treated him unfairly.'

"The ARC hearings were nothing more than kangaroo courts," the lawsuit states. "Shortly after the start of the ARC hearing, it was apparent (the committee) had reached a conclusion and was biased against Peloe."'

U.S. State Dept.: "International Exchange Connects Women Entrepreneurs in the Americas"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Twelve women entrepreneurs, and women leaders of organizations that support entrepreneurs, from Latin America will visit the United States on the Women's Entrepreneurship in the Americas (WEAmericas) International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) from May 5-23. During their stay, the participants will explore the vital role of women-owned small and medium enterprises as catalysts of economic development. They will also strengthen their skill through site visits, training sessions, and workshops on topics that include leadership development and growing successful businesses. President Obama announced the WeAmericas initiative at the Summit of the Americas in April 2012.

The participants are all successful business owners or work with organizations that promote women's leadership in business.'

Lawsuit: University unfairly kicked student out over sexual assault allegation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former University of Michigan student is suing the school, claiming an investigation into a sexual misconduct report that resulted in his suspension violated his constitutional rights.

Twenty-one-year-old Drew Sterrett, of New York, filed lawsuits in both federal and Washtenaw County courts in late April that say the university committed numerous violations while looking into a sexual encounter that occurred between Sterrett and an unnamed female student at Mosher-Jordan Hall in March 2012.

Sterrett was never criminally charged and the woman didn't report any misconduct until August 2012. The lawsuit alleges the sex was consensual and the woman only reported it as misconduct after her mother found a diary chronicling the times she had sex.

Sterrett's attorney, civil rights lawyer Deborah Gordon, said this incident and others like the Brendan Gibbons sexual misconduct case are examples of why universities shouldn't investigate crimes like sexual assaults.

"I think they don't know what they're doing," she said Tuesday night in a phone interview. "I think if they're going to take it upon themselves to investigate (the crimes), they need a heck of a lot more training."

The university said it plans to fight the lawsuit.'

NPO: Connecticut's Legislature Votes Unanimously to Reform the Family Court System

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Friday, April 25, 2014, both houses of Connecticut's legislature unanimously approved a bill that restricts judges in family court matters. Parent who have been unfairly denied access to their children, given restricted access and bankrupted by the court turned out in large numbers to testify in favor of the legislation. The legislation points towards fundamental changes in Connecticut's family court system.

The bill passed on April 25 deals with technical issues associated with the court appointed Guardians Ad Litem (GALs):

1. Poor training. GALs require only 30 hours of training. No law degree, no study of child behavior, no other experience with children.
2. No accountability. As a practical matter, parents paying the bills could not fire the GAL! And, GALs have immunity from law suits.
3. Some GAL's had few meetings with children and refused to meet with those intimately involved with the children's lives.
4. Excessive pay. Hourly rates were reported in the $200-$850 range and some total billings were in excess of $20,000 per year. Parents can be jailed for failure to pay GALs.'

Report: Death of boy, 5, ruled homicide; mom target of probe

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Story here. Excerpt:

'CHESTNUT RIDGE, N.Y. - The January death of a 5-year-old Rockland County, N.Y. boy has been ruled a homicide and his mother is under investigation, sources tell CBS New York's radio affiliate WCBS 880.

Garnett Spears, of Chestnut Ridge, died Jan. 23 at Westchester Medical Center. Before his death, sources tell the station, doctors found the boy had suspiciously high levels of sodium in his system.

...

Lucian Chalfen, a spokesperson for the Westchester District Attorney's Office, told CBS News' Crimesider on Tuesday that the Westchester Medical Examiner ruled Garnett's death a homicide about a month ago.

At this point, Chalfen said, the death remains under investigation by the D.A.'s office, Westchester County Police and the Ramapo Police Department.

Chalfen told Crimesider that he anticipates "a shoe will drop" in the case in the next month or so.

...

When the child was hospitalized just prior to his death, Lacey Spears phoned a friend and asked her to get rid of one of the bags she used to feed Garnett through a tube in his abdomen, according to the paper. Police later obtained the bag and discovered a high concentration of sodium inside, sources reportedly told the paper.

Neither the medical examiner's office nor the two police departments on the case would comment.'

"Boko Haram also murder boys. Where's the 'selfie' protest for them?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The kidnapping of the 276 Christian schoolgirls by Islamic terror group Boko Haram is an atrocity, but it is not the first atrocity they have committed. It is just the first one to trip the West's interest switch. A girl's right to an education has become an important pillar in western ideology, and an important pawn in the battle against radical Islam. It is why Malala has seen herself elevated to an almost saint-like position.

The recent kidnappings have enraged western sensibilities, because they desecrate hallowed ideas about female equality. The West has responded in the only way it knows how: a self-righteous selfie protest using the hashtag 'Bring Back Our Girls'. Michelle Obama, Cara Delevingne, Jessica Biel and Anne Hathaway have all involved themselves in it. On a more pragmatic front, Britain announced this week that it would send in a small team of Whitehall experts (the subtext being that they are members of our intelligence services and Special Forces). In a toss-up between a selfie and the SAS, I know who I'd back to 'bring back our girls'.

But Boko Haram – whose name means 'western education is sinful' – does not distinguish between the education of girls and boys. In February, the group attacked another Christian school. After boarding up every exit, its men seized 59 boys and gunned them down or cut their throats with machetes. Some buildings were sealed up and set alight. The girls were ordered to go home, abandon their 'wicked' schooling and seek husbands.

Where was the selfie protest then? Or does a savage affront to male education matter less than a savage affront to female education? The answer should clearly be no. For equality to count, both boys and girls need to feel safe in school. By focusing only on the girls – 'Our Girls' – we forget the boys who are also in danger.'

Laura Ingraham: Hillary Clinton and Nigeria

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'CLINTON: The seizure of these young women by this radical extremist group, Boko Haram, is abominable, it's criminal, it's an act of terrorism.

INGRAHAM: Well, that's a change. As the "Daily Beast" reported today quote, "The State Department under Hillary Clinton fought hard against placing Boko Haram on its official list of foreign terrorist organizations.

Terror experts are now saying that that decision may have hurt our ability to confront this vicious terror outfit which has been brutalizing Christians and others for years. This past February, the group burned 59 young boys to death in northeastern Nigeria. No loud calls to intervene then. But now suddenly political elites want U.S. action.'

Netherlands: One way to fix the gender gap in academia – only hire women

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'If you want more women in your organisation, advertise jobs that are designated for women only. That's what Delft University of Technology did.
...
To increase the number of women on their faculty, Delft decided in 2011 to hire the ten best women researchers they could find. Applicants could be at any stage of their careers and in any field of research covered by the university. These new employees received favourable conditions to push their research projects forward.

Crucially, the program was open only to women. Needless to say, there were legal challenges on the grounds of gender discrimination. But, as the rector of the university, Karel Luyben, described in a recent speech, he was able to convince the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights that it was essential to have more women faculty members and that more gentle measures had not succeeded.

The university won the case in December 2012. Ultimately, the university was able to move ahead with its plans and is currently conducting hirings for a second cohort for the fellowship.
...
And this is the funny thing about the Delft experience. The university leadership identified a need – more women in faculty. They developed a plan – only hire women. And it worked: they succeeded at hiring ten excellent new colleagues. But along the way, 30 men applied, too.

In addition to presenting a real-world example of quotas, the Delft fellowship offers an amusing example of gender-based differences in self-promotion – sometimes men lean in so far they fall on their faces.'

UK: Woman jailed for false claim after man's rape arrest

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'A judge told 20-year-old Jennifer Capes that "for real victims of these cases the chances of getting a conviction are worse when other people, such as you, commit offences of this kind"

A woman from Thorpe Green who falsely accused a man she met on the internet of raping her has been jailed for nine months.

Guildford Crown Court was told last Friday (May 2) that Jennifer Capes, 20, of Luddington Avenue, had admitted perverting the court of justice after making the claims on June 8 2012.
...
Richard Bentwood, defending, described the case as "tragic" for both the complainant and Capes, who has a six-week old daughter.

He said problems during his client's "formative years" had led her to be diagnosed with acute stress disorder and went on to suggest that the judge should consider a suspended sentence.

Judge Neil Stewart said: “For real victims of these cases the chances of getting a conviction are worse when other people, such as you, commit offences of this kind.”

He gave a sentence of 12 months, reduced from two years to take into account Capes’ mental state, which was further reduced to nine months due to her guilty plea.'

When Boko Haram Killed Young Boys, Not Even A Hashtag

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'This has been going on for years. Granted Twitter's only been around for almost eight, but sometimes it takes a sensational number and the right gender to have the world consider something important enough to be outraged about.

"At least 59 children have been killed in Nigeria after Islamist gunmen opened fire at a boarding school before burning it to the ground, officials say. Members of the Boko Haram group targeted secondary school students as they slept in a dormitory, police say.
...
The police chief said all the victims in Monday's attack were boys, and the school's 24 buildings, including staff quarters, had been completely destroyed by fire."

That incident happened in late February but barely a peep from the media or any of our political or entertainment class. No hashtag for any of the killings last year…

"...

Presumed Boko Haram gunmen shot dead seven secondary school students and two teachers in Damaturu in June.

Scores have been killed this month, including in the north-eastern town of Benisheik in Borno state, where at least 142 people were slaughtered by presumed Boko Haram fighters who came disguised as soldiers, set up checkpoints and fired on motorists and bystanders."

Ironic how the Nigerian government once claimed to have "decimated" this Islamic group and how that declaration also was proven inaccurate. It's also sad that when young women were abducted in a number too big to blow off, the war-on-women became more than just a bumper sticker slogan.

"Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski is leading a group of women who on Tuesday called for tougher international sanctions against an organization that kidnapped more than 200 girls in Nigeria last month. The Maryland Democrat along with Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, organized a letter Tuesday to President Obama, urging him to advocate for tougher international sanctions against Islamic terror group Boko Haram, which has claimed responsibility for the kidnappings. The bipartisan letter was signed by all 20 women senators."

That should surely make Boko Haram think twice before incurring more outrage from the West as they've really done it now and pissed off United States female senators and inspired a "Dear young women of Chibok, Nigeria, It's me, Melissa" segment.

Maybe had the young victims of Boko Haram received this "awareness" back them, the couple hundred young girls who've earned our all-important hashtags might still be home today.'

MSNBC Producer: Dems Hope GOP Reignites ‘War on Women’ by Grilling Hillary on Benghazi

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'At a fundraiser on Thursday night, President Barack Obama chided Democratic voters for their “congenital defect” of turning out in presidential years but often staying home during midterm election cycles. In a segment on MSNBC in which the guests pondered ways to enthuse Democrats ahead of November, MSNBC producer Dafna Linzer suggested that Democrats are hoping Republicans call former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to testify on Benghazi and reignite the “war on women.”

“So, you want to know how you fire up the Democratic base? Here you go,” Linzer began. “You fundraise off Benghazi. That’s a great idea. As soon as the Republicans start doing that, that fires up the Democratic base.”

She added that it would be beneficial for Democrats if Republicans on the Benghazi select committee subpoenaed Clinton. “I would just love to see a table of Republican men question the Secretary of State all over again.”

“More war on women as a strategy to fire up the Democratic base,” Linzer concluded.'

SAVE E-lert: Tell the White House Their Sexual Assault Numbers are Way Off

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President Obama and V.P. Biden have started a new initiative called "Not Alone" to support victims of campus sexual assault. You can see it here: https://www.notalone.gov/

While we applaud efforts to serve victims, we have a problem with the exaggerated statistics used to kick-off this initiative. Sounding a lot like"rape-culture" promoters, the Pres. and V.P. claim that 1-in-5 women will be victims of rape or sexual assault during their time in college.

Think about that...ONE IN FIVE. Who would send their daughter to college if this were true?

Like we explained in our April 10th e-lert, "Rape Culture" is a Fraud, Prove it to Yourself," about 3% of female students are victims, far from the 20% claim. If you haven't yet, do the math yourself: http://www.saveservices.org/2014/04/e-lert-rape-culture-is-a-fraud-prove-it-to-yourself

Please tell the White House their sexual assault numbers are way off!

Phone: 202-456-1111
Email: http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/submit-questions-and-comments
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On behalf of every victim, every falsely accused student, and everyone who walks their campus in fear, thank you!

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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Editorial: Women’s history museum or monument to feminist fashion?

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'A proposal to put a National Women’s History Museum on the National Mall is gaining steam on Capitol Hill. It’s a scheme that advances because few congressmen have the courage to say no lest they be called sexist, misogynist or maybe even treasonous. Who else would be against an institution to recognize the contributions of women to American history?
...
Mrs. Bachmann, in a speech to the House, cited the left-wing bias in an online exhibit on the museum’s website, in favor of liberal women and feminists, including “a glowing review” of Margaret Sanger, the enthusiastically racist and eugenicist *[link added]* founder of Planned Parenthood. “They leave out the pro-life views of the early suffragettes.” We don’t want to think how such a museum would depict modern conservative women, if indeed they depict them at all.

Mrs. Bachmann observed that there are already 20 women’s museums in the United States, including one affiliated with the Smithsonian Museum, and another next to the U.S. Capitol. “So why would we be building another?” she asks.

Good question. Over the past 15 years, a foundation set up to raise money to build the museum, estimated to cost $400 million, has failed to raise much money beyond paying for more letters to ask for more money.

If the feminists want to build a monument to themselves, they’re entitled. But they must do it with their own money.'

Rape and the College Brand

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Article here. Excerpt:

'IN last week's column, I wrote about the connection between college social life and socioeconomic stratification, and the way the party scene at many universities, oriented toward heavy drinking and hooking up, creates distinctive challenges for working-class students, whether they're attracted to its thrills or alienated by its excesses.
...
But the modern university's primary loyalty is not really to liberalism or political correctness or any kind of ideological design: It's to the school's brand, status and bottom line. And when something goes badly wrong, or predators run loose — as tends to happen in a world where teens and early-twentysomethings are barely supervised and held to no standard higher than consent — the mask of kindness and community slips, and the face revealed beneath is often bloodless, corporate and intent on self-protection.

I glimpsed this face, and saw it reflected in my friends' eyes, at various moments of crisis during my own four years in higher education; I doubt that anything has changed for the better in the 12 years since. This seems to be what the anti-rape activists — victims, friends, sympathizers — are reacting against so strongly: the realization that an institution that seemed to make one set of promises had other priorities all along.

That the activists' moral outrage is justified does not mean, again, that their prescriptions are correct. Their fatal conceit in many cases is the idea that by sweeping away misogyny they can resolve the internal contradictions of social liberalism, and usher in a world where everyone can be libertines together, and a hard-drinking, sexually permissive culture can be experienced identically by male and female, rich and middle class and poor.

This is a utopian, ahistorical vision, and its pursuit is fraught with peril: like many revolutionaries, today's campus activists might well end up toppling a corrupt order only to install a kind of police state in its stead.

But the regime they're rebelling against still deserves — richly — to eventually be overthrown.'

It’s time to stand up for men’s rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Frankly, I have no idea if the repulsive physical attack was politically motivated or not and neither does the victim nor CAFE. The greater point, however, is that groups like CAFE are tired of contemporary feminism marginalizing and libelling men.

Are they correct? I didn’t think so until a few years ago I was asked to write a men’s column for another daily newspaper.

What I encountered was evidence of a campaign to discredit men and a legal and sociological campaign to remove their rights as husbands and partners and, in particular, fathers.

I’m very lucky to be in a happy marriage with a wonderful wife and with four great kids. I have never been a victim.

As soon as I wrote this column, however, I was inundated with stories of men, good men, who had lost their homes, their savings, their freedom, their children, after false and malicious complaints.

The anecdotes had similar themes. A married couple with children. The marriage falls apart, nobody’s fault in particular. She gets a lawyer, and suddenly alleges that she’s been abused — it’s not true, but it means he has to leave the home, has hardly any rights, can’t see the kids.

They divorce, he has to pay a lot of money in support even though she’s already with another man and doing very well financially. He now lives in a basement apartment.

He’s allowed to see the kids every second weekend, one night a week. But often she says they’re not well or she’s just not there when he goes to pick the children up. After repeated pleas he shouts, bangs on the door. She calls the police, he’s arrested, convicted, put on probation and humiliated.

Or how about the couple who argue and hit each other, or she hits him and he does nothing.

The cops come and only he is arrested. Don’t expect sympathy or fairness from the police and judges — this is political law now and they are terrified of finding against a woman accuser.'

UK historian criticizes effort to select popular documentary series host by gender

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'Leading British historian and writer David Starkey has slammed the idea that the BBC should appoint a female host for the remake of the hit documentary 'Civilisation'. Starkey called the moves "preposterous" as they have been based on a quota notion, rather than who would be best suited to do the job.

Starkey hit out at the idea in the Sunday Times, claiming "...just because someone is a woman they will have something interesting to say is preposterous".

A campaign by female celebrities has called for Prof. Mary Beard to host the show, and feminist activists and celebrities have backed the idea that "would ensure [Civilisation] won't just be about history but also herstory".
...
"Feminism has got its knickers in a terrible twist. Are feminists claiming that women can compete on every level with men in every sphere — or are they now putting this different argument, which is that women bring different qualities to bear?"

"You can't keep shifting between these two arguments, which are mutually contradictory. It's a terrible muddle."'

A Bizarre Report on Campus Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As "rape culture" activism heats up, reporters are demonstrating a startling credulity on the subject. One case in point is the Chronicle of Higher Education's recent investigation of Title IX complaints from 2003 to 2013. The piece, entitled "Promise Unfulfilled?," illustrates the faulty assumptions driving many journalists who cover campus sexual assault.

The nearly 3000-word article, by Jonah Newman and Libby Sanders, advances the following thesis: the fact that only 10 percent of Office of Civil Rights complaints filed in the past decade led to settlements is evidence of "a process that...can be fraught with confusion and conflicting expectations, and often brings unsatisfying outcomes." It makes that argument, however, in an unusual fashion.

First, and most obvious, the article never mentions--not even once(!)--the OCR's 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter which demanded that colleges lower the threshold for convicting accused rapists , even as the piece addresses the years both before and after the OCR unilaterally, and dramatically, reinterpreted federal law. This oversight is particularly baffling given that many Title IX accusers wish to force adoption of new policies that increase the likelihood of colleges branding some of their students rapists. A pre-2011 complaint (when the OCR still respected due process on sexual matters) would obviously yield a different outcome than a filing made after 2011 filing, the period in which the agency has all but declared war on due process.
...
If, however, colleges need to "step up their response to rape," perhaps the more appropriate question might be one left unasked by Newman and Sanders. None of the accusers in their article appear to have filed a complaint with the police. Is there something wrong with college culture that is discouraging victims of violent crime to seek support from law enforcement? Perhaps colleges should address this issue first.'

Don't forget that Boko Haram targets boys as well as girls

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'Picture the following scene, if you will, horrible though it is. A group of young schoolboys are asleep in their dormitory when the doors are quietly locked and the building set alight. Most are burned alive, while those who manage to escape have their throats slit by the Islamic extremists waiting outside. What's more, it's the third such attack in eight months.

Dreadful stuff, eh? The world should do something about it. Raise awareness. Another version of the BringBackOurGirls campaign for the Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram, perhaps. Only in this case, of course, there are no boys to bring back, only charred, bloodied corpses.

This is just one of the many grim stories of Boko Haram's campaign of mayhem in Nigeria, where I'm currently reporting on the case of the missing schoolgirls. As I type, Michelle Obama is on the television in the hotel lobby, borrowing her hubby's slot on the president's weekly address to galvanise the world into action.

She says it's "unconscionable" that a terrorist group like Boko Haram should kidnap innocent schoolgirls simply because it disapproves of them getting an eduction. I couldn't agree more. But while this case has rightly become a cause celebre for schoolgirls' rights in Nigeria, it should be remembered that their male counterparts are having a rough time at the hands of Boko Haram too.
...
So why is it, then, that it is the girls' suffering, rather than the boys', that is finally bringing Boko Haram's mayhem to world attention? Plenty of media-analysis stuff has already been written on this, and I don't have much more to add.
...
Indeed, if you ever have a loved one abducted yourself – and I hope to God you don't – the first thing the authorities will tell you is that a kidnappers' target isn't just the hostage. It's also you.

In other words, had these schoolgirls simply been killed outright, the world might not be coming to Nigeria's aid in the way it is now. And had these schoolgirls been schoolboys, we probably wouldn't be talking about it in the first place.'

All 20 female US senators write letter to Obama over Nigerian girls' kidnapping but don't mention murder of thousands of boys

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'All 20 U.S. senators who are women sent a letter to President Barack Obama on Tuesday condemning Boko Haram, the Islamist organization that abducted some 300 schoolgirls in Chibok, Nigeria, last month. The senators called on the administration to impose further international sanctions against the militant group.

“We are outraged and horrified that these young women have been kidnapped, sold into slavery, had their education curtailed, and may even have been forced into marriages,” wrote Sens. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine), who led the senatorial effort.

“Education is a basic right for boys and girls who deserve an equal opportunity to pursue their education without fear of violence or retribution -- no matter where they live," the letter stated. "The Senate women stand united in condemning this reprehensible crime and are firm in our resolve that it will not be tolerated. We will not stand by and allow the Nigerian people to continue to be terrorized by Boko Haram and will continue to lead the effort to impose tough economic sanctions against this group.”'

West Virginia colleges schooled on ending campus ‘rape culture’

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'With a national push for better Title IX compliance and more and more schools facing consequences for mishandling sexual-harassment cases on campus, officials from West Virginia’s colleges came together for the first time last week to learn how to protect students from harm — and themselves from lawsuits.

Amy Niedzalkoski, an attorney who works for the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights and specializes in Title IX — a law that forbids gender discrimination at schools that receive federal funding — spoke to dozens of state college representatives in Fairmont last week in light of recent high-profile cases at schools across the country that have been scrutinized for turning a blind eye to a “rape culture” on campus.

The Office for Civil Rights is in charge of investigating any potential mishandling of a school’s own investigation and has the right to terminate federal funding at that school if there’s evidence of a Title IX violation.

As part of the White House’s “Not Alone” campaign, ongoing federal investigations of possible Title IX violations are public for the first time, as of last week. Two of West Virginia’s colleges, Bethany and the School of Osteopathic Medicine, are on the list.'

Michigan teacher suspended for taunting boy stuck in chair

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'A Michigan school district has withdrawn its efforts to fire a teacher over a video showing a student stuck in a classroom chair and instead is suspending her for a year.

The Goodrich Area Schools board was to meet in closed session Thursday evening to consider the settlement with Nicole McVey.

The video was recorded in November at Oaktree Elementary School and released to a TV station in February. On it, the boy is shown with his head and arms stuck in an opening in the back of the chair.

McVey and Principal Michael Ellis taunted the fifth-grader, who has Asperger's syndrome, according to Patrick Greenfelder, a lawyer for the boy's family.

Ellis has since resigned. McVey had been fighting the district's efforts to fire her.

According to Greenfelder, McVey can be heard questioning the boy about how he got stuck before asking, "Do you want to get Tasered?"

The boy is told that a maintenance crew is on the way to help, and Greenfelder has said Ellis is heard saying it's really "not an emergency in their book."

McVey apologized to the boy's parents in a letter obtained by The Associated Press. The AP is not identifying the boy or his parents.'

Stepmom attacks boy on Clarksville school bus

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'A school bus driver is no longer driving students and a stepmother is facing assault charges after a seven-year-old child was attacked on a Clarksville school bus that was headed to St. Bethlehem Elementary School.

The incident happened April 25, but News 2 was unable to obtain video of the incident until Wednesday.

According to school officials, two students were involved in an altercation before boarding the bus. One of the children is the daughter of Kela Hand's partner.

The little girl ran home and told Hand that one of the kids on the bus hit her.

Hand, 22, then boarded the school bus. Video from inside the bus shows Hand yelling at students.

"You touch my baby?" She can be heard asking. "Who was it?"

Then the little girl points out a seven-year-old boy.

"You touch my baby again I will f*%! your little a%! up," she is heard telling the little boy.

After nearly five minutes, Hand leaves the bus.

The school resource officer later charged Hand with one count of disorderly conduct and two counts of assault.'

Teacher allegedly makes young boy punch another in the face

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Sumner County Elementary School teacher has been suspended because of allegations she encouraged two young boys to fight.

Brandie Dobson is still trying to figure out exactly what happened to her 8-year-old son last week, after the Watt Hardison Elementary 2nd grader got into a fight with one of his friends.

The scuffle happened on the school bus, and Dobson admitted her son was a part of the fight.

"The little boy had pushed him and hit his brother and cousin. So he hit him back," she said.

But the next day, she said one of their teachers decided the fight wasn't over. Dobson said the teacher allegedly took her son, his brother and the other little boy into an empty classroom, and with another teacher present, had them finish.'

Rapper Jay Z assaulted by Solange Knowles in elevator

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'Jay Z was ferociously assaulted by Beyonce's sister Solange ... who was wildly kicking and swinging at him inside an elevator ... and the attack was captured on surveillance video ... obtained by TMZ.

According to our sources, it all went down at a Met Gala after party last week at the Standard Hotel in NYC. In the video ... Jay Z, Beyonce and Solange step into the elevator ... and then Solange goes crazy, screaming at Jay before unleashing a violent attack.

A large man -- who appears to be a bodyguard -- attempts to hold Solange back, but she manages to connect at least 3 times. At one point Solange throws a kick and Jay grabs her foot, but never attempts to strike her. Beyonce stands by without getting physically involved.'

Wikipedia on Jay Z here. Solange Knowles is the sister of Jay Z's wife, the singer/actress Beyoncé.

Swedish feminist party tipped for first EU Parliament seat

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Story here.

'The Feminist Initiative (FI), a Swedish party, may win its first seat in the European Parliament, according to the latest opinion polls published in the national press.

FI is currently polling at 4.3% of votes in Sweden, just above the 4% threshold required to win one of the country's 20 seats in the parliament. In 2009, the party got 2.2% of votes.

"This is an incredible development when the party got less than 1% of the votes in the last general election," said Drude Dahlerup, a professor of political science with a focus on gender at Stockholm University. The party doesn't have loyal voters but its approval ratings are lifted by its charismatic party leader Gudrun Schyman, Dahlerup told TV-station SVT.

But she added some voters might be disappointed when they realise that Schyman is not on the party's list of candidates for the election.

The feminist party, founded in 2006, has staged controversial political "happenings" in the past, like in July 2010 when it burned 100,000 Swedish crowns (€11,089) in protest against the gender pay gap. Schyman also attracted attention in 2004 when she proposed to introduce what the media dubbed as a "man tax" to collectively punish males for violence against women.

Schyman is a former leader of the Left Party in Sweden, suggesting the FI is most likely to join the European United Left–Nordic Green Left parliamentary group if it wins a seat.'

Australia: Taxpayers billed $800,000 for feminist guru Deborah May to teach politicians to be fair

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'A FEMINIST guru is being paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to teach Federal public servants to be fairer to women in the workplace — and she's offered a session to Tony Abbott.

Work coach Deborah May, who provides awareness training in unrecognised bias, has been hired by the Commonwealth's most senior and male-dominated departments, including Prime Minister and Cabinet, Treasury and Finance.

Taxpayers have forked out more than $800,000 in the past five years for Ms May's lectures, with Treasury regularly booking sessions. In their latest contract, which ends next month, beancounters will pay Ms May almost $150,000 for training.'

Does Michelle Obama care more about girls than boys?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dear Potus and Flotus...

Now that the President's prerogative of addressing the American people and the wider world in his weekly talk has been usurped by his wife, I was wondering if I, too, might have a crack? If one unelected individual who represents nobody but herself can air her views, why not anybody?

Like Michelle - like everybody in the developed world - I am horrified by Boko Haram's kidnapping of almost 300 girls in north-east Nigeria and their grotesque, theatrical threat to sell the girls into slavery. I am of the same mind as Kofi Annan in hoping that this moment might mark the turning point in the world's attitude and conduct towards Boko Haram (though let's wish for better results with Boko Haram than we have seen so far with the Taliban). But, after that point, my views diverge from the First Lady's sentiments.

In the first place, Michelle, you seem not entirely to understand the true meaning of the words "Boko Haram". It may be presumptuous to be correcting a person on this question who can pick up the phone and ask anybody in the State Department, the counter-terrorism agencies or the US Embassy in Lagos but, so far as I know, Boko Haram does not mean "no education for girls". It means "western education is sinful".

That slogan does not apply only to one gender. And the religious primitives whom it inspires have previously enforced it with abominable violence upon boys.'

Overreaching on Campus Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jezebel's Erin Gloria Ryan recently declared, "Being terrible about rape appears as endemic to American high education as barfing on the quad." Ryan had just heard the news that 55 American universities are facing federal Title IX investigations for possibly mishandling cases of sexual misconduct. Jezebel seems to think that the Department of Education (DOE) investigations are evidence of a sexual-assault epidemic and insidious "rape culture" plaguing our college campuses.

Actually, the investigations show no such thing. The DOE has made it clear that a college's investigation "in no way indicates at this stage that the college or university is violating or has violated the law." What the investigations actually reveal is just the beginning of the messy results of three years of federal overreach into campus rape policies.

Through a series of heavy-handed executive actions, the Obama administration has effectively required universities to serve as investigators and jurors for felony offenses. By doing so, they have placed universities in an impossible position, created costly bureaucracy, trampled students' due-process rights, and empowered a cadre of hypersensitive, trigger-happy gender warriors on campuses.'

Costello: Accused? Guilty As Charged

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Article here (full article as .pdf here). Excerpt:

'Washington State University and the University of Idaho don't have a sexual assault problem so much as they have a problem with totalitarian feminism. This problem afflicts all higher education in the Era of Obama.

Both universities were cited as among 55 in a U.S. Department of Justice investigation of colleges that supposedly do too little to purge their campuses of sexual predators. It's all part of a crusade by the totalitarians to portray colleges as seething cauldrons of sexual predation that justify suspension of standard rules of evidence and burdens of proof. The investigations have nothing to do with the frequency of sexual assault and everything to do with punishing universities that exhibit excessive reluctance to trample the rights of the accused.

To placate the totalitarians, the Obama regime has tortured Title IX regulations and suspended due process on college campuses. According to the Obama regime's concept of jurisprudence, it requires little more than an accusation of sexual assault for a man to be found guilty.

This is one of those cases when a less-gullible news media could have saved everyone a lot of trouble. Obama warned us that this was coming back in January. The media are only just now taking a look at the justification for Obama's assault on the fundamentals of justice and are finding it wanting.

The Washington Post examined the surveys that the Obama regime cited and found them seriously flawed and obviously exaggerated. The Obama regime claims that one in five coeds will suffers sexual assault during her four years as an undergrad. But to reach that factoid, they had to torture the definition of sexual assault.
...
Let's recall who these totalitarians are. In 1993, these same man-hating feminists convinced television networks to broadcast pleas to brutish men asking that they refrain from wife beating during the Super Bowl. The totalitarian feminists fabricated domestic violence data and claimed that wife beatings escalate during the game. The networks didn't question the evidence and were made fools of as a consequence. These same totalitarians falsified a fable about the phrase "rule of thumb." They claimed that it was once settled law that a man could beat his wife with a stick, provided it was no thicker than his thumb. The press fell for that lie too.

So why would anyone take the word of proven liars regarding the prevalence of sexual assault on college campuses?

Ideally, WSU, UI and the other 53 colleges under investigation would tell Obama to go pound sand. But that's highly unlikely. The totalitarians are demanding sacrifices. And Obama clearly intends to quench their bloodlust.'

Casey Kasem’s daughter rips stepmom: ‘Give us our dad back’

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'The daughter of missing longtime radio host Casey Kasem made a public plea to her stepmother Tuesday, telling Fox News’ Greta Van Susteren she will not contest any claim to her father’s estate if Jean Kasem would “give us our dad back.”

A judge on Monday ordered an investigation into the whereabouts of Kasem after an attorney for the ailing radio personality's wife said the former "Top 40" host had been removed from Los Angeles without his children's knowledge. Kasem, 82, suffers from Lewy Body disease, according to a rep for his family, can no longer speak and has been in various medical facilities chosen by his wife.

Kasem's children have complained that they have been unable to see their father in accordance with an agreement with their stepmother. Daughter Kerri Kasem had sought a temporary conservatorship and was appointed her father's temporary caretaker on Monday. Her attorney, Troy Martin, said the family believes the entertainer has been taken to an Indian reservation in Washington state.'

Scotland: Call for equal rights for unmarried fathers - if they are deemed "fit parents"

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'The petition calls for the Scottish government to review the laws that govern parental rights and child access, and their implementation, to ensure unmarried fathers have guaranteed rights to be a part of the lives of their children if they are deemed fit parents.

Margaret Park read out a statement on behalf of her son Ron Park, the petitioner, calling for every effort to be made to name both parents on a birth certificate to allow access to both parents.

Mr Park, who is trying to get access to his baby, wants family courts to enforce paternity testing "in extreme cases" and when in the interest of the child.

The statement said: "Unmarried fathers have no right or legal right until court awarded, as such the child cannot see them".

It went on to say "mothers and fathers have to be considered equal in terms of rights and accountability and responsibility, giving the precedence one over the other is an outdated notion, a child needs both and, if that is at all possible and that is in the child's best interests, this is what we should be striving for every single one".
...
Mr Park's petition states: "As the law stands any unmarried man, regardless of whether he is deemed a fit parent by Social Work or courts, can be refused access to his children on a whim with no reason or explanation.

"Courts cannot force a DNA test to be carried out and as such there is no guarantee that a man can prove he is a child's father, which then means he cannot be awarded access to his children and/or PRRs.

"It's obvious the laws in place are to protect children, and this core value should not change, but an amendment should be added to ensure that men have a right to prove parentage of a child definitively so as they can then be involved in their child's life."'

Wisconsin’s Feminist Biology Fellowship To Thwart Gender-Biased Science

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'The taxpayer-funded University of Wisconsin–Madison is now offering a pioneering postdoctoral fellowship in feminist biology.

“The program is the first in the nation — and probably the world,” said Janet Hyde, a women’s studies and psychology professor who is also the director of Wisconsin-Madison’s Center for Research on Gender & Women.

The feminist biology postdoctoral fellowship will focus on gender-related research and attempt to educate young research scientists on the perils of gender bias.

According to Hyde, feminist biology is necessary because biology remains rife with research biases and patriarchal points of view which have prevented women from excelling in the field.'

The White House War on Men

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'Sexual harassment has been a fraught political issue in the United States for decades. It goes in and out of focus. Right now it is very much in focus, largely as the result of a new report from the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault. The report, Not Alone, was produced at breakneck speed after President Obama established the Task Force on January 22. That suggests, among other things, that the Task Force members didn't waste much time on research: They knew what they wanted to say before they convened.
Not Alone is causing some controversy, mainly because of some very broad and surely misleading declarations. But before taking those up, let's glance back at an idea that has had several previous moments of celebrity.

In the beginning was Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which brought forward the idea that some work environments could be "abusive." While the law lists sex — along with race, color, national origin, and religion — as a category on the basis of which employers are forbidden to discriminate, no one at the time seemed to be thinking that much about bosses saying sexual things to workers or coming on to them. The Supreme Court first gave legal life to that idea in 1986, when it held that sexual harassment was a form of workplace discrimination.

In 1992, the Court extended this to schools. And in 1993, it said employers could be sued for sexual harassment even by workers who had suffered no "psychological injury."
...
Higher education was no stranger to the topic. Even before sexual harassment started evolving as a legal doctrine off campus, it was aggressively taking shape as a set of speech codes at the nation's colleges and universities. My organization, the National Association of Scholars, weighed in with a warning in 1993 that the sexual-harassment doctrine appeared to be, in some key respects, at odds with academic freedom. Even back then, college administrators were making expansive claims, including, "Sexual harassment can be as blatant as a rape or as subtle as a look. Harassment . . . often consists of a callous insensitivity to the experience of women."

Definitions this broad lent themselves to being used as bludgeons. Careers were ruined on the basis of unsubstantiated allegations.
...
The next big chapter in sexual-harassment rules came last year, when the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and the Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Education began issuing rules that dramatically lowered the standard of evidence needed in adjudicating campus allegations of sexual harassment. Under the new rules, a "preponderance of evidence" was sufficient to find someone guilty. That meant that in cases where the evidence split nearly down the middle as to who was telling the truth, with just a slight edge for the accuser, the college could and should assume the accused is guilty.

Technically, the balance could be the merest fraction in favor of the accuser: 50.00001 percent would do the trick. But, of course, in practice the approximations meant nothing. The rules are effectively a mandate to assume guilt absent overwhelming evidence of innocence, and as the rules get applied, we've seen cases where even dramatic exculpatory evidence has been ignored.

The new White House report, Not Alone, follows the earlier lowering of standards of evidence with a demand for — what else? — further lowering. The report begins with the dramatic and much-disputed declaration that "one in five women is sexually assaulted in college." This factoid derives from an extrapolation of a survey that asked women, among other things, whether anyone had ever "attempted" to force a kiss on them, or whether they had ever had a sexual experience while drunk. Researchers retrofitted the "yes" answers to the category of "sexual assault." That doesn't mean the number is necessarily wrong or off the scale, but it deserves to be approached with skeptical care. The FBI's Uniform Crime Statistics, which no doubt undercounts the instances of assault, puts the figure at one in 40.

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It took our civilization a few thousand years to achieve a separation of powers that unmixed the authority of the police to investigate from the authority of prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, and jurors and to put the presumption of innocence and the right to face one's accusers at the center of the proceedings. It has taken the higher-education establishment and the White House Task Force just a few months to figure out that all that fuss was unnecessary. One enlightened administrator can do the whole job.'

MSNBC Host: Male U.S. Officials Slow to Respond to Nigeria Because It Involved Girls

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'MSNBC's Andrea Michell openly wondered whether male officials in the United States were slow to respond to the kidnappings in Nigeria because it involved school girls Wednesday afternoon.

"It really calls into question whether the men in charge of our government frankly would have been responding more quickly despite Goodluck Jonathan, the president of Nigeria's opposition, whether they would have been responding more rapidly if it had been schoolgirls, if it hadn't been some other premise," Mitchell said.

A surprised Sen. Diane Feinstein (D., Calif.) replied "you mean if it had involved school boys? No – "

A flustered and stumbling Mitchell quickly attempted to clarify the premise of her question.

"Or some other military, I guess some other cause. Because it just seems that it took forever to mobilize the U.S. government even against the opposition of the Nigerian government," she said.'

SAVE E-lert: Call out Sen. Boxer for Boko Haram Hypocrisy

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While introducing the International Violence Against Women Act (S. 2307) last week, Senator Barbara Boxer highlighted recent violence by Boko Haram. Boxer said: "The recent kidnapping of more than 200 Nigerian school girls underscores the horrific violence that too many women and girls across the globe face every day."

So, we are asking: "WHAT ABOUT THE BOYS?"

Islamist militants from the group Boko Haram attacked a school in February. After allowing the girls to leave, they gunned down the boys. Some buildings were sealed up and set on fire, burning the boys to death. Those who were able to escape had their throats slashed.

According to the World Health Organization, men are twice as likely as women to die of violence-related causes. Violence against men and boys is no less horrific than violence against women and girls.

Please tell Sen. Barbara Boxer that you don't appreciate her Boko Haram Hypocrisy!

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On behalf of those boys and the people who love them, thank you.

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The Female Sociopath

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'Unlike these women, the functional sociopath isn't "dismissible" as a slave to her emotions. She is not outwardly violent. Patently remorseless, clear-eyed and calculating, she is chameleonic in the extreme, donning one feigned feeling after another (interest, concern, sympathy, simpering insecurity, confidence, arrogance, lust, even love) to get what she wants.

And why should she feel bad about it?

For M.E. Thomas, author of Confessions of A Sociopath, such affective maneuvers are tantamount to "fulfilling an exchange." "You might call it seduction," she suggests, but really "it's called arbitrage and it happens on Wall Street (and a lot of other places) every day." Whatever you choose to call it, its appeal is undeniable when linked to the professional and personal advancement of women. "In general, the women in my life seemed like they were never acting, always being acted upon," Thomas laments. Sociopathy's silver lining was that it gave her a way to combat that injustice, in the boardroom of the corporate law firm she worked for in Los Angeles, but also in the bedroom, where she marveled at how her emotional detachment let her commandeer her lovers' hearts and minds. Somewhere along the way, pathology became recoded as practice — a set of rules for how to manage the self and others.

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And so we lean in to the cultural logic of the female sociopath, for she is the apotheosis of the cool girl power that go-getter "feminists" have peddled to frustrated women over the last half-decade. The female sociopath doesn't want to upend systems of gender inequality, that vast and irreducible constellation of institutions and beliefs that lead successful women like Gillian Flynn to decree that certain women, who feel or behave in certain ways, are "dismissible." The female sociopath wants to dominate these systems from within, as the most streamlined product of a world in which well-intentioned people blithely invoke words like arbitrage, leverage, capital, and currency to appraise how successfully we inhabit our bodies, our selves. One could easily imagine the female sociopath devouring books with titles like Bo$$ Bitch, Nice Girls Don't Get the Corner Office, The Confidence Gap, and Play Like a Man, Win Like a Woman to hone her craft — to learn how to have it all. From atop the corporate ladder, she can applaud her liberation from the whole messy business of feeling as a step forward for women, when it's really a step back.

The result is a self-defeating spectacle of feminism that finds a kindred spirit in Rosamund Pike on the cover of W, erasing her own perfect face to reveal that what lies beneath might be nothing. Like Gone Girl's Amy Dunne, who confesses that she "has never really felt like a person, but a product" — plastic, fungible, ready to be consumed by anyone, at any time — the female sociopath is a product of a broken promise made to women, by women. She is a product poised to disappear into the immense darkness from which she came.'

Rape Culture is a ‘Panic Where Paranoia, Censorship, and False Accusations Flourish’

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'On January 27, 2010, University of North Dakota officials charged undergraduate Caleb Warner with sexually assaulting a fellow student. He insisted the encounter was consensual, but was found guilty by a campus tribunal and thereupon expelled and banned from campus.

A few months later, Warner received surprising news. The local police had determined not only that Warner was innocent, but that the alleged victim had deliberately falsified her charges. She was charged with lying to police for filing a false report, and fled the state.

Cases like Warner’s are proliferating. Here is a partial list of young men who have recently filed lawsuits against their schools for what appear to be gross mistreatment in campus sexual assault tribunals: Drew Sterrett—University of Michigan, “John Doe”—Swarthmore, Anthony Villar—Philadelphia University,Peter Yu—Vassar, Andre Henry—Delaware State, Dez Wells—Xavier, and Zackary Hunt—Denison. Presumed guilty is the new legal principle where sex is concerned.
...
Once again, conspiracy feminists are at the forefront of this movement. Just as feminist psychologists persuaded children that they had been abused, so women’s activists have persuaded many young women that what they might have dismissed as a foolish drunken hookup was actually a felony rape. “Believe the children,” said the ritual abuse experts during the day care scare. “Believe the survivors,” say today’s rape culturalists. To not believe an alleged victim is to risk being called a rape apologist.

Some will say that these moral panics, while overblown, do call attention to serious problems. This is deeply mistaken. The hysteria around daycare abuse and campus rape shed no light: rather they confuse and discredit genuine cases of abuse and violence. Molestation and rape are horrific crimes that warrant serious attention and vigorous response. Panics breed chaos and mob justice. They claim innocent victims, undermine social trust, and teach us to doubt the evidence of our own experience.

E.M. Forster said it best in A Passage to India, referring to a panic among “good citizens” following a highly dubious accusation of rape: “Pity, wrath, and heroism filled them, but the power of putting two and two together was annihilated.”'

UK: Woman who made false rape claim warned of jail

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'A woman who falsely claimed she was raped has been warned by a judge that she could face jail.

June Plunkett, 40, whose address was given as Angus Street, Antrim, started two police investigations after she cut herself with a blade before crying rape, Antrim Crown Court was told.

A judge said false allegations about any crime was serious.

But he said a false rape claim put at risk the credibility of women who had actually been raped.

Earlier in court proceedings, a prosecution lawyer said that on 9 September 2006, Plunkett had claimed she was walking along Styles Way, Antrim, when she was attacked from behind by an armed man who forced her to the ground.

He used a blade to slash her across the chest and abdomen before raping her, she claimed.

The lawyer said that in a video-taped police interview, officers noticed there were inconsistencies in her story.

He said no-one had been made amenable in 2006 and there was a second police investigation in 2011.

At this stage, a conclusion was reached that Plunkett's wounds were, or could have been self-inflicted and that the rape had not happened.'

Modern feminism has got it wrong about men

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'Earlier this year I was asked to present at a feminist society event in one of the UK's largest and most prestigious universities. I espoused the view that I must be really lucky, because if recent feminist musings in the press and online are to be believed, misogyny is absolutely rife, yet I have very rarely encountered it.
...
At the end of the session, one of the Society's senior members said: "It's great that you don't think there's any misogyny in your world, but I think if you talked to these men for long enough you'd find there were some pretty sinister ideas about women buried somewhere beneath the surface."

In that moment, I suddenly realised why so many aspects of the modern feminist movement in Britain irritate me so much. Don't misunderstand, I'd consider myself a feminist and I'm all for structural changes which ensure equal treatment of the sexes - the types that are working to ensure we have an equal number of female MPs and laws to prevent female genital mutilation, for example. But cultural "feminist" changes, the types that insist lads mags, Page 3 and wolf-whistling are automatically offensive and should therefore be scrapped from the public consciousness, I have always struggled to comprehend. For, at their crux is the notion that men are either genetically or socially conditioned to be evil. This explains why relatively harmless acts - an admiring glance, a whistle, a propensity for lads mags - are imbued with such weighty significance, often lazily labelled as "rapey".
...
The Everyday Sexism movement is a fantastic idea - an opportunity for an open debate on the ways in which genders mindlessly form prejudices against each other. So why have its followers largely excluded men from the conversation? "You can't be sexist towards men!" was a university student's response to this question at another debate I attended (she was studying feminism, by the way). Which is a bit like saying black people can't be racist.

In Britain in 2014, girls are entitled to the same education as boys, they can then go on to get any job they want and be paid the same as a man. Not only is this not true for millions of women throughout the world, it wasn't true for our foremothers. I'd much rather say to young women, "these rights were hard won. Go and make the most of them" than "no wonder you can't fulfil your potential! Men whistle at you and there are boobies in the newspaper, you poor helpless little things".

Today's feminism teaches British women to see themselves as victims and victims cannot exist without a villain, in this instance – men. In order for this thesis to have any kind of logic, feminists have made sweeping, inaccurate judgments about an entire demographic, based on nothing more than their gender. Ironically, the exact practice they claim to be fighting.

Gender equality requires co-operation on all sides. As a humanist, I'd like to see today's feminists give men a bit more credit - they might just be surprised.'

Hillary Clinton, Jill Abramson and the victim syndrome

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It is a rare person who, upon being fired or losing an election, cheerily concedes, “I sooo deserved that!” In more than 20 years of labor and employment practice dealing with hundreds of terminated employees, I observed only a few who acknowledged that they deserved to be fired. In theory, many people will say, “I’m my own worst critic,” but in reality, terminated employees overwhelmingly cite unfairness, discrimination, or supervisory error or incompetence when they are banished from the workplace. Failed candidates will claim “lack of money” (hmm, why don’t people want to give them money?), a “bad political climate,” negative ads and a slew of factors. Concession speeches rarely begin, “My opponent was a much better choice than I was.”

This is why there is a cottage industry in personal coaches, consultants and workplace psychologists. Whether it is David Gregory or Jill Abramson, the most ambitious, highly compensated, publicly recognized and obsessively focused on their career (a New York Times tattoo, really?) are often the least inclined toward self-reflection. What is obvious to their bosses, co-workers and audiences (e.g. lackluster interviewer, boss from hell) is impossible for some to accept. Critics may chuckle that an executive editor practiced in zealously investigating other peoples’ foibles is gobsmacked when the tables are turned, but it’s not just liberal journalists convinced that their employer is their “religion” who find it hard to come to terms with their public failings.

If your whole life has been singularly focused on attaining political power and you’ve sacrificed privacy, money, relationships and more to attain it while enduring nonstop scrutiny, it’s natural, upon facing intrusive questions and defeat, to assume that you are the victim of sexism or a vast conspiracy. It’s even more likely that you will fall into the victimization trap when so many cohorts are insisting that you are a victim. And yes, this brings us to Hillary Clinton.'

"NIH Calls for Gender Equality in Lab Research"

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'Scientists must do a better job of including female animals in their lab research, the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) warned Wednesday.

In a commentary published in the journal Nature, the NIH said it is telling researchers they must include male and female animals, and female cell lines, to tease out gender differences in their experiments.

NIH officials added that sex balance of study designs will be weighed in the grant approval process, unless the subject of the research is gender-specific, the New York Times reported.
...
Women now make up more than 50 percent of the subjects in clinical research funded by the NIH, but women are still underrepresented in clinical trials carried out by drug companies and medical device manufacturers, the Times reported.
...
The new policies will be launched in October, but they are likely to face resistance from the scientific community because of fears about increased costs and more time-consuming methodologies, the newspaper reported.'

A Win for an Accused Male at St. Joe's

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'A federal judge has permitted a second denial-of-due process suit against a university to proceed. First it was Xavier--after which the university quickly settled with Dez Wells. Now it's St. Joe's, where district court judge Felipe Restrepo (an Obama appointee) has issued a ruling that narrowed the lawsuit filed by Brian Harris, but has allowed the case to proceed.

The Harris case is one of a number with depressingly similar facts: a student is accused of sexual assault by an accuser who either doesn't go to the police or who authorities deem non-credible. The college nonetheless proceeded forth, seemingly cutting corners along the way, and branded the student a rapist despite what appeared to be sketchy evidence.

Restrepo allowed Harris to continue with his case on three grounds, the most significant of which flows form a Pennsylvania law holding that "'[a]ny person who purchases or leases goods or services primarily for personal, family or household purposes and thereby suffers any ascertainable loss of money or property' as a result of the seller's deceptive or unlawful actions." Based on Restrepo's ruling, Harris will now have the opportunity to subpoena the university's records regarding how it "investigated" his case. (Restrepo also dismissed St. Joe's claims that the university's investigation should be deemed "quasi-judicial" and therefore immune from a civil suit.) The ruling permitted Harris' defamation claims against St. Joe's and against his accuser, Lindsay Horst, to proceed. And finally, over St. Joe's objections, Restrepo accepted an amicus brief from FIRE.

That said, Restrepo dismissed two of Harris' claims, regarding breach of contract and Title IX violation (though the judge did grant permission to amend the complaint within 20 days). And the manner in which Restrepo ruled provides a reminder of why courts shouldn't cling to the old, pre-2011 reality, and recognize that in an environment in which colleges are strongly pressured to carry out rigged criminal investigations and judicial inquiries, some type of oversight from a real judge is necessary.

Regarding the breach of contract claim, Restrepo conceded that the student handbook is a contract. (This issue varies from district to district; in the Duke case, Judge James Beaty held that Duke had no legal obligation to enforce its student or faculty handbook.) But he held that Harris had not been specific enough in outlining which portions of the handbook St. Joe's violated, and urged Harris to specify in an amended complaint. That said, Restrepo cast strong doubt as to whether Harris could successfully amend this portion of the complaint, given that St. Joe's handbook holds that "subsequent reviewers shall not determine anew whether there was a Community Standards violation" and "the decision made on appeal [by the Vice President for Student Life/Associate Provost ('VPSL')] will be final."'

Lift The Skirt Campaign: Boys In France Join The Fight Against Sexism By Wearing Skirts

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'We all know children are the future, and schools in France are using a somewhat unusual way to change attitudes towards sexism in the country.

Education chiefs in the city of Nantes, western France, have caused a stir by inviting male pupils to take a stand against sexism and inequality by wearing skirts to school today (16 May).

We don't know what's more impressive: the fact that this was the brainwave of the boys themselves, or that they'd like to be part of the fight for equality for women.

Considering this is HuffPost UK's month of Men, we couldn't be prouder.

Schoolboys at 27 lycées in the city have been given the option of ditching their trousers for the day and replacing them with a skirt as part of a movement called 'Lift the Skirt' (Ce que soulève la jupe).

For boys who prefer not to take up the option of flashing their legs in front of classmates, they can wear a sticker supporting the event, which reads “I am fighting against sexism, are you?”'

Kindergarten Teacher Suspended for Physically Abusing Student

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'In Riverdale, a town in northwestern Ohio, a teacher was captured on video abusing a kindergartner who was returning from the bathroom. She pinned him to the wall, took his face in her hands, and lifted him up by his shirt so that his head snapped back and hit the wall.

Anthony and Autumn Nelson's six-year-old son Ian was walking back from the bathroom last Wednesday when his teacher, Barb Williams, caught on a surveillance camera, accosted him.

Anthony Nelson, who told WTKR that Ian had a bruise on the back of his head, said: "We thought it was just a little incident that happened, and that's what the school made it out to sound like. And then all of a sudden we get this video today and this is just outrageous."'

Mona Charen: Who created the rape culture?

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'Some of my conservative/libertarian sisters have pointed out that the statistics on sexual assault are wildly inflated. Christina Hoff Sommers notes that the “one in five women are victims of rape” statistic that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention popularized is wildly at odds with Department of Justice crime victimization surveys, and is based on poorly worded questions and unrepresentative samples. Heather Mac Donald asks whether we are to believe that 20 percent of college women are rape victims when only 0.05 percent of Detroit residents report being raped.

...

The “rape culture” advocates think they’ve found the problem: We haven’t “taught men not to rape.” Zerlina Maxwell, writing in Time magazine, argues that we live in a rape culture that blames the victim.

...

Of course the culture must teach men not to rape. Western culture has been doing so for thousands of years. But rape is also notoriously difficult to prove — especially if the victim shows no bruises. The false accusation of rape is almost as serious as the crime itself. Serious, non-ideological people recognize that this most intimate crime can be an excruciating legal thicket.

...

The current climate has encouraged the worst instincts among some young men and without doubt confused many others. Some may find themselves accused of sexual assault when they got mixed signals. Others are predators who pick off easy prey in a world without guardrails. Women have been brainwashed into thinking that this sexual sewer is empowering.

Mail your thank-you notes to the left.'

Gloria Allred: The Battle Over Sexual Assault is the ‘Civil Rights Movement of Our Time’

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'The battle to end sexual assault on college campuses is one of the most important civil rights movements of our time. It is a movement for change. It is exciting and inspiring to see young women stand up and say “we know that we have rights, and we intend to assert them.”
...
Victims should consult a lawyer with expertise in handling this type of case, so that they may learn their legal options including their right to be compensated by the college for the college’s failure to protect them and for violating their legal rights under Title IX. With knowledge of their legal rights, victims can then make an informed decision as to whether or not they wish to assert their rights. Where appropriate, victims can also file a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education.'

Wikipedia on Allred here.

Some Rules About Consent Are ‘Unfair to Male Students’

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'The Vice-President recently spoke out on campus sexual assault, reminding us that “No means No.” And he’s right; if a woman says no, and a man doesn’t respect that, it’s rape.

But I’ve represented a number of male students accused of sexual assault on campus, and I haven’t yet seen a case of the kind Joe Biden is talking about.

The cases that are prosecuted by schools tend to be much more ambiguous. And a lot of that has to do with how schools view alcohol and consent.

...

Everyone knows that drunk college kids have sex. But when a student is found guilty of sexual assault by a school and gets suspended or expelled, he has a mark on his transcript identifying him as a rapist – sometimes for life. That’s stiff punishment for something that almost everyone on campus does.

The only real advantage of the “drunk sex = rape” rule is that it’s easy to enforce. Colleges risk sanction by the Department of Education if they don’t take action in favor of women who report sexual assault. So by having a rule that essentially lets them kick out any male student who is the subject of a complaint, schools are conveniently insulated from liability. But this is deeply and systematically unfair to male students.

When my daughter goes to college, I want that school to do everything in its power to protect her from sexual assault. When my son goes to college, I want him not to risk his future whenever he has sex after a party. And, based on the cases I’ve seen, I’m more concerned for my son than my daughter.'

Student News Site Fires Staff Writer After He Appears on ‘Rapists on Campus’ List

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A student news site at Columbia University is receiving attention and some criticism for reportedly removing a writer from its staff after his name surfaced on a much-publicized list of “Rapists on Campus.”

The list has appeared in various forms over the past week in random Columbia restrooms and classrooms — most often scrawled as graffiti or printed as a “rape list flyer” — spurring rampant speculation and increasing media coverage. It features the names of a small number of individuals labeled as “Rapists on Campus” or “Sexual Assault Violators on Campus.” The anonymous inscribing and dispensing of the list is being described as an act of desperation and defiance in line with growing student frustration over the university’s perceived passive or demeaning response to sexual violence on campus.
...
Yet, Bwog’s sexual assault coverage ground to a halt last week when editors found themselves with a gigantic conflict of interest connected to the “Rapists on Campus” list. What was the conflict? According to Slate, “One of the names on the list was a Bwog staff writer.” Yowza.

How did the site react? There is legalese involved in Bwog’s own rendering of what went down, but basically they fired the staff writer. The site released a statement yesterday signed by four top editors and the publisher. It carries the tagline “clearly our lawyer looked over this.”'

Opinion: Obama Administration’s Sexual-Assault Tribunals Are Hysterical Witch Hunts Against Men

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'Parroting over 20 years worth of feminist propagandizing, the White House claims nearly 20 percent of female college undergraduates are sexually assaulted during their college years. To put that number in perspective: Detroit residents have been fleeing the city for years due to its infamous violent crime. And what constitutes an American urban crime wave? In 2012, Detroit’s combined rate for all four violent felonies that make up the FBI’s violent-crime index — murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault — was 2 percent. The rape rate was 0.05 percent. And yet, despite an alleged campus sexual-assault rate that is 400 times greater than Detroit’s, female applicants are beating down the doors of selective colleges in record numbers.

Harvard this year received over 34,000 applications, about half from females, for a freshman class of about 1,600; every other elite college was similarly swamped with female applicants. According to the White House Council on Women and Girls, “survivors” of the alleged campus sexual-assault epidemic “often” experience a lifetime of physical and mental infirmity that includes depression and post-traumatic stress syndrome. How could highly educated baby-boomer mothers, who have spent their maternal years fending off phantom risks to their children from pesticides and vaccines, suddenly send their daughters off to a crime scene of such magnitude, unmatched even in the most brutal African tribal wars? What happened to the Sisterhood? Shouldn’t it be warning its members and forming alternative structures for educating females? Instead, every year, millions of girls walk into this alleged maelstrom of violence like innocent lambs to slaughter. Even more puzzling, every year those same girls graduate from that cauldron of predation in ever more disproportionate numbers, and go on to lead highly lucrative careers.'

Students attack speaker for saying sex assault allegations are complicated

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of Portland State University (PSU) students disrupted a panel on anarchy to protest a speaker they accused of “targeting survivors” of sexual assault.

Kristian Williams, an anarchist author whose career has focused on fighting against the state and police brutality, was supposed to be one of three speakers on a panel titled “Informants: Types, Cases and Warning Signs.”

But the event erupted into chaos — as seen in a video posted on YouTube — as any efforts by a panelist or moderator to speak were thwarted by chants including “We will not be silenced in the face of your violence,” and “Fuck you, pig.”
...
Williams’s controversial writing, “The Politics of Denunciation,” states that factions of feminism have made questions about sexual assault “off limits” because it has become widely accepted that the answer is always “whatever the survivor says it is.”

“Under this theory, the survivor, and the survivor alone, has the right to make demands … one obvious implication is that all allegations are treated as fact. And often, specific allegations are not even necessary” it reads. “It may be enough to characterize someone’s behavior … as ‘sexist,’ ‘misogynist,’ ‘patriarchal, ‘silencing,’ ‘triggering,’ unsafe,’ or ‘abusive.’”

When those present were told that the police would be coming to deal with the situation, the panelists left because they believed that a police presence would have put both them and the protesters in danger.'

Civil rights complaint filed against university after students dropped from basketball team after sexual misconduct allegation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Former Eugene City Councilor Kevin Hornbuckle has filed a civil rights complaint on behalf of three University of Oregon students who were kicked off the basketball team in the wake of sexual misconduct allegations.

Hornbuckle said he submitted his Title IX complaint against the UO on Monday through the website of the Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education . Hornbuckle said he filed the civil rights complaint without the players' knowledge. He said the issue is wider and affects all UO students.

"The basic problem is that rape accusations are effectively forever," Hornbuckle said Tuesday. "And the University of Oregon as well as the media have gravely harmed these three players, probably for the rest of their lives."

In failing to defend the three players, and by "publicly impugning their character and morals," the UO administration "participated in generating a climate of hysteria," Hornbuckle wrote in his complaint.
...
Hornbuckle accused the UO and its athletic department of violating the players' right to privacy and their right of assembly by condemning the sexual encounters of the three ballplayers and a female student.

"This complaint is on behalf of all students at the University of Oregon who expected the president and every other administrator to keep their prying noses out of their sex lives," Hornbuckle said.

"You would find in the sociological literature of young adult sex, reams of evidence of all kinds of exotic sexual activity at that age. It's part of being human and being young," he said.

The complaint highlights the bind the UO finds itself in: take action against the players and be accused of caving in to political correctness, or take no action and be accused of condoning a campus culture of rape.'

"Straight White Guys Are Terrible"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to straight white men, the unfounded and irrational “we’re bad people” theme is of a piece with news that Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government (“HKS”) will soon have a required course for incoming students called “Checking Your Privilege 101.” While the specific content of the class hasn’t yet been determined, the basic idea is clear: If you come from an inherently powerful group in the United States, which is defined as being a straight white man, you have inherent (and unfair) advantages in life and although you’ll try hard you’ll never really understand anybody else. And you should feel really really bad about that.

Therefore, Mr. Ordinary White Guy, you should look at the world though filters such as “critical race theory, feminist critique, and revisionist history” which are designed to guide to you more correct thinking about people not like you. And everyone who isn’t a straight white man should treat you with great skepticism because you are the vessel for political original sin. In short, Mr. Ordinary White Guy, you must be badgered, scolded, and punished — although we certainly won’t admit that that’s what we’re doing nor let you proclaim your innocence.

And what Ordinary White Guy (other, perhaps, than me) will dare to ask the question: If you think I don’t understand you, why should I assume the reverse is not equally true, or perhaps even more true since you’re willing to make baseless assumptions about a person you’ve never met? The Achilles’ heel of the anti-privilege movement is their insulting necessity to avoid treating people as individuals.'

Teacher gave flunking student 98% after having sex with him multiple times: cops

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'An Oklahoma high school teacher gave one of her failing students a top A-grade after they started having sex, police said.

Kalyn Thompson, 25, allegedly gave the Kellyville High School teen a 98% result in his English test — just months after he'd been struggling to pass the exams at all.

Cops claim the duo started talking outside class in December and had their first sexual encounter in March, shortly after the student turned 18.

They then had sex at least twice — once at a nearby lake and a second time at a hotel in Tulsa, investigators believe.

Thompson reportedly resigned mid-April after realizing that an internal investigation into her alleged activities had been launched.
...
Thompson was charged with second-degree rape and was held at Creek County Jail before being bailed out on $35,000 bond.'

"The Real Reason You're Circumcised"

insdel2005 · 18 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

A funny and informative video about circumcision, its history, the harm done by the practice, and the illogical reason we still circumcise men today.

NPO: Make Shared Parenting Happen NOW in Massachusetts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is a great shared parenting bill that Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick says he “enthusiastically supports.” But he has not submitted it to the Legislature as his bill. It was developed by the Governor’s Working Group, which included our founder and chair Ned Holstein, MD, MS.

NOW is the time for the Governor to send the legislation to the Legislature that HIS Working Group produced as HIS bill. This is the only way Governor Patrick’s legislation will become law this year in Massachusetts.

Everyone can call the Governor’s office. Call Governor Deval Patrick's office - Rosemary Powers, Deputy Chief of Staff for Government Affairs; 617.725.4090. Ask her to have the Governor sponsor the child custody bill prepared by HIS Working Group and send it to the Legislature as HIS bill. Report your results to me.

According to Holstein, “Governor Patrick, who initiated the development of the proposed new custody statute, has publicly stated, “I enthusiastically support it.” However, the legislation requires the Governor to do more. He must actively push his bill for this vision to become reality.”'

Durham City and Former Duke Lacrosse Players Settle False Rape Case

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'The city of Durham and former Duke Lacrosse players have settled a lawsuit with regard to a false rape allegation.

David Evans, Colin Finnerty and Reade Seligmann - 2005-06 Duke men's lacrosse players - were accused of rape charges in 2006. The players were accused of sexually assaulting stripper Crystal Mangum at a team party.

The charges filed against the players led to the cancellation of the 2006 season and firing of coach Mike Pressler.

However, in 2007, state Attorney General Roy Cooper dropped the charges against the players as they were found innocent. Cooper and team concluded that details of Mangum's story did not coincide with evidence presented to police and prosecutors.

In a 2007 lawsuit, the players claimed that police conspired with former District Attorney Mike Nifong to slap false charges against them. But the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2012 dismissed the lawsuit. Then the players filed a malicious-prosecution case against the two Durham Police Department detectives who'd handled the case, Herald Sun reports.'

Circumcision is a form of mutilation

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'IT SEEMS it is winter again, which is okay if you are the member (of the Upper Jukskei Fly-fishing Collective), because at least he has a pair of boots in which to fish and absolutely no intention of sacrificing any part of his anatomy to gain entry into a cohort of his peers.

Each winter, many South African boys withdraw from society to undergo hardship in a ritualised test of manhood, including circumcision. Many boys will be horribly injured when their prepuces are crudely hacked off in unsanitary conditions. Many will die.

Circumcision of men and boys, in the opinion of the member, is genital mutilation no different from the widely condemned practice of genital mutilation of women and girls. Tradition or no tradition, religious or otherwise, in either sex it is cruel, atavistic and primitive. Other than in the relatively rare event of the medical condition paraphimosis and a number of infections, there is no reason to perform circumcision other than to establish dominance.

The same goes for the practice of adult male medical circumcision (MMC) under the ruse of preventing HIV transmission from women to men, except here medical men act as a class to force into submission uninformed men in what the Department of Health describes as low-income areas.'

U.S. Will Spend $24.5M to Circumcise Men in Swaziland

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'(CNSNews.com) – The United States Agency for International Development is planning to spend $24.5 million to circumcise an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 male infants and males aged 10 to 49 in the kingdom of Swaziland by 2018.

The Kingdom of Swaziland has the highest rates of HIV in the world, accounting for 31 percent HIV prevalence among adults, the grant said.

“While the data suggest that the rate of new infections is stabilizing, HIV and AIDS remain the most important health burden and impediment to socio-economic development for Swaziland,” the grant said. “As a result, there is an urgent need to scale up the HIV prevention response in Swaziland.”'

Lawmakers want to prevent campus assaults

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON — College officials often aren't clear about how they must report cases of campus rape and sexual violence, and victims often feel they don't have the support they need to hold assailants accountable, Sen. Claire McCaskill said Monday following a Capitol Hill roundtable.

The discussion focused on the Clery Act, which requires colleges and universities to disclose campus crime statistics. Some of the participants who met with McCaskill and Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., said that schools report the crimes differently and many don't provide the training needed to investigate the attacks.
...
A former sex crimes prosecutor in Kansas City, the Missouri Democrat said the changes to the legislation that she and Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., are working on will include a requirement that schools annually conduct anonymous surveys to learn more about sexual assault cases on their campuses.

The surveys are needed because current law does not provide good data, McCaskill said. While some schools have complained about the costs of conducting the survey, "many universities are going to be reluctant to shirk away from the responsibility of finding out exactly what the problem is on their campuses," she said.

The legislation also will set penalties for violations of the crime-reporting law and mishandling of cases under civil rights legislation. The penalty is loss of all federal financial aid money, but it's so extreme that it never has been imposed.

McCaskill said lawmakers were considering fines based on a school's size, as well as rewards for good training programs and reporting, such as special consideration on grant applications.

She said she also wanted to include a requirement that schools use the "preponderance of the evidence" standard in grievance procedures that involve sexual misconduct. That standard requires that it is more likely than not that sexual harassment or violence occurred, according to guidelines from the Department of Education.'

Also see: Senate Warning on Sexual Assault

Feminist Studies Professor Charged With Assaulting Pro-Lifers Faces Huge Legal Bill

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It looks like the pro-choice Feminist Studies professor who assaulted a pro-life teen on the campus of UC Santa Barbara is looking for financial assistance due to “growing legal fees”

In March, the Santa Barbara District Attorney filed charges of grand theft, battery, and vandalism against Professor Mireille Miller-Young for violence she committed against young pro-life activists who held a peaceful outreach on the UC Santa Barbara campus on March 4th.

Stephanie Gilmore, Ph.D. who describes herself as the editor for the Committee on LGBT History and a member of the editorial collective for the academic journal Feminist Studies has posted this plea for help on behalf of the pro-choice professor, “Dr. Mireille Miller-Young is facing increasingly high legal fees as a result of her activism in response to antichoice demonstrators. Of course, the legal system will determine the outcome of her case. But if you are [milleryoung]inclined to help with the fees she will have to pay — to her attorney and possibly to restitution — please donate here. All money raised will go directly to Mireille.“

The notice has since been removed but not before the group on facebook Fire Mierille Miller Young saved a copy.'

Why One Scholar Thinks There's a 'War on Boys' in America's Public Schools

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'Forget the "war on women." American Enterprise Institute scholar Christina Hoff Sommers says that there's a "war on boys" unfolding in America's public school classrooms.

"Being a normal boy is a serious liability in today's classroom," Sommers said in a short video lesson* for Prager University, a conservative video series. "Increasingly, our schools have little patience for what only a few decades ago would have been described as boyishness."

Sommers says it's past time to make elementary schools more friendly to boys, and she has four ways to do that: turn boys into readers; inspire their imagination; get rid of zero-tolerance policies; and bring recess back.

She noted that boys score lower than girls on reading measures and says they need adventurous content tailored to their interests. She heralded the importance of inspiring the male imagination — something that can be done by embracing the themes they care about.'

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*The video can be seen on YouTube here.

Drunk mother pleads guilty to dropping 1-month-old baby out of stroller -- makes 'funny' faces during mugshot

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Story here.

'A mother who was so drunk as she walked with her 1-month-old baby that she caused the infant to fall out of a stroller near a busy street plead guilty Monday, according to Humble police.

Sandra Grohman, 29, plead guilty to endangering a child and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

A concerned citizen called authorities on April 22, 2014 to report that the mother, who appeared to be intoxicated, was pushing a stroller in the 1200 block of S. Houston Ave. about five feet away from a busy roadway. The witness said the mother had fallen over, causing the baby to fall out of the stroller.
When officers arrived, they determined Grohman was intoxicated. They had the baby checked out by EMS at the scene.

Her baby was released to Children's Protective Services.'

Attacks on Politically Incorrect 'Sexual Politics' Professor Rouse Fierce Defenders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As an Obama Administration report on "sexual assault" provokes anger at injustices against falsely accused men, eminent historians, political philosophers, constitutional scholars and nine hundred others are condemning attacks on a professor who drew attention to a related larger crisis which threatens Western society.

Professor Stephen Baskerville was furiously attacked by feminists and gender activists after his September lecture "Politicizing Potiphar's Wife: The New Ideology" mentioned unconstitutional procedures which empower females who falsely accuse males of rape or "harassment."

Baskerville's work is part of rising international outrage that includes prominent women warning that decades of feminist propaganda has resulted in men being routinely denied basic legal rights and due process, and often their lives are ruined by illegal imprisonment, impoverishment and loss of their children.

Several organizations circulated a petition affirming the findings of Baskerville, former Fulbright Scholar, Senior Fellow at the Inter-American Institute and Professor of Government at Patrick Henry College. Translated into several languages, it gathered support on three continents.'

Between the Lines: Bad Cop

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Passions have been running high on the issue of sexual assault on college campuses, with women telling wrenching stories, universities being accused of failing victims, and the federal government seeking ways to force schools to do better. It seems like an unimpeachable cause. But, like many moral crusades, this one relies on too many uncritically accepted claims, often embraces blind zealotry, and has the potential to hurt innocent people without necessarily aiding those it seeks to help.

As proof of the catastrophic scope of the problem, we are told that one in five college women will be sexually assaulted by the time they graduate. But this figure comes from surveys in which the questions used to measure alcohol- or drug-facilitated sexual assault are worded so broadly as to lump together incapacitation and impairment, and in which most women classified as victims of rape do not believe they were raped and do not report the incident because they don't think it's serious enough to report.

Much-publicized personal narratives of sexual assault are likewise plagued by fuzzy definitions, ranging from violent rape to intoxicated sex in which the woman feels she was too drunk to properly consent. A recent letter in The Harvard Crimson from an anonymous student who failed in her quest for redress illustrates these gray areas. The letter describes a drunken encounter in which the woman never said she wanted to stop, only telling the male student to "stop kissing [her] aggressively," and "obeyed" when he asked her to satisfy him. When the account was posted on Slate, the liberal online publication, even many commenters usually sympathetic to rape accusers felt the man's behavior sounded boorish but not criminal.

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But no matter how tough colleges may get on sexual assault, real victims are also ill-served by having such offenses treated as college disciplinary violations rather than crimes. Emma Sulkowicz, who is suing Columbia University after what she says was a badly botched rape investigation, describes a terrifying, painful, violent attack. If true, the answer is not to kick the perpetrator out of school and leave him free to seek victims elsewhere; it is to put him in jail. Yet Sulkowicz never went to the police, apparently believing the university process would be more victim-friendly.

Victims of sexual assault should be encouraged to report these crimes to law enforcement and document the evidence. While colleges certainly have a role in ensuring student safety, they should not be playing cop or judges—or set themselves up as a morals police regulating non-criminal sexual behavior.'

Why is it only women who see sexism everywhere?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The other day a male friend met me for dinner looking pale about the gills and generally discombobulated. It transpired that, during his Tube journey, he'd been what can only be described as 'set upon' by a group of inebriated women who were on a hen night. As they shrieked an ear-splitting version of Beyonce's 'Who Run the World (Girls!)', two of them proceeded to sit on his lap, pinning him to his seat, while a third performed an involuntary (on his part) lap-dance. Luckily, they disembarked a few stops later (still screeching and flinging their arms around random male passers-by) otherwise my friend would have been trapped in his seat all the way to zone six. He couldn't make himself heard over the impromptu karaoke and didn't feel he could push them off for fear of appearing aggressive. So, he simply laughed along uncomfortably, praying the entire humiliating episode would, at some stage, come to a conclusion.

Now, answer me honestly - as you read the above (totally true) anecdote, did it even occur to you to consider that the womens' actions were motivated by sexism? Did you assume that they were wild, unreasonable misandrists, hell bent on humiliating my friend because they view all men as nothing more than an object to be used for their pleasure? I suspect not. I suspect you thought they were probably just drunk and behaving like utter morons (as we all have, on occasion).

We're not typically programmed to interpret the things that happen to men in a gendered way. To name a few examples, suicide is the biggest killer of young men under 21 in the UK and nearly 90 percent of British vagrants are male, yet I've never heard either mental health funding or homelessness referred to as an issue of sex-bias, as they undoubtedly would be if these statistics applied to women.'

Do men really understand what sexism is?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The air around us has recently been so thick with accusations of racism and sexism that it's sometimes been a struggle to get a gulp of unpolluted air.

One day, Richard Scudamore and David Dein of the FA are diving into serious, career-threatening hot water for exchanging and forwarding lewd, unsavoury emails. The previous moment, an obscure presenter on BBC local radio was getting sacked for haplessly playing an 80 year-old record that mentioned the N-word. Then Nigel Farage is roasted alive for unguardedly admitting that he'd be more nervous if a group of Romanian men moved into the house next door than if a German family took up residence.

The writer of Dr Who had to be defended by one of the series' female actors against accusations of sexism in his work while the singer Pharrell Willams had to issue grovelling statements declaring his undying love for women after being hauled over the feminist coals for committing some "unacceptable" (as they say) solecism on record.
...
If any man could draw up a comprehensive, infallible guide to navigating this treacherous territory, we would certainly erect a statute to his everlasting memory.

There is a Twitter account dedicated to exploring and enumerating precisely the distinctions and differences between the acceptably erotic and the intolerably sexist.

It's called @sexyisntsexist. It is, of course, under the control of a woman.'

Safety of Our Students: SAVE Calls on Congress to Fix Broken System of Campus Rape Panels

Matt · 23 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / May 21, 2014 – Based on growing complaints by victims and accused students, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is calling on Congress to fix the current system of campus disciplinary committees. A 2011 federal policy mandated that these panels adjudicate claims of campus sexual assault. Over 350 editorials to date have sharply criticized the boards both for shortchanging victims and violating the rights of the accused: www.accusingu.org

SAVE is proposing enactment of a new law entitled “SOS: Safety of Our Students.” The law would require that all allegations of campus criminal sexual assault be referred to local criminal justice authorities for investigation and adjudication. The full text of the bill can be seen here: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/campus-rape-courts

In 2011 the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights issued a “Dear Colleague” letter that shifted responsibility for campus rape cases to the committees that handle cheating and plagiarism cases. These panels lack legal authority to subpoena witnesses, conduct in-depth investigations, or impose criminal sanctions.

On May 1, 2014 the Department of Education announced it was launching investigations of 55 universities for “possible violations of federal law over the handling of sexual violence and harassment complaints.” The probe underscores federal concerns over the turmoil and confusion that the current system is now experiencing.'

SAVE E-lert: Tell Congress I-VAWA Disregards Most Victims of Violence

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As we mentioned last week, the International Violence Against Women Act (S. 2307) has reared its ugly head. I-VAWA would support five types of violence-reduction programs:

1. Programs to "change social norms"
2. Educational opportunities for women and girls
3. Expanded access to economic opportunities by "increasing distribution, credit, property, and inheritance rights for women and girls."
4. Development and enforcement of civil and criminal legal and judicial sanctions, protections, trainings, and capacity.
5. Enhancement of health sector capacity

We have to ask, what about men and boys?

Studies from 85 countries show men and women are equally likely to engage in partner aggression. And, according to the World Health Organization, men are twice as likely as women to die of violence-related causes.

Please ask your lawmakers to reject I-VAWA because it disregards most victims of violence.

Capitol Switchboard: (202) 224-3121
Contact: http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml

On behalf of all victims of violence, thank you.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Mom Guilty of Killing Kids While Husband Deployed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Apologizing profusely, Julie Schenecker wept Thursday night as she told a judge she believes the two children she shot to death "are in no pain and they are alive and enjoying everything and anything heaven has to offer, Jesus protecting them and keeping them safe until we get there."

Schenecker had just been convicted of two counts of first-degree murder in the Jan. 27, 2011, slayings of her children, Calyx, 16, and Beau, 13. Jurors took less than three hours to reach their verdict, rejecting defense arguments that Schenecker was insane at the time she shot her children.

Following Schenecker's emotional statement, Circuit Judge Emmet Lamar Battles, saying the case was "almost too much for most to comprehend," sentenced her to the mandatory sentence of two life terms without parole.

Schenecker's former husband, Parker Schenecker, told reporters afterward that the verdict "gives my family a sense of relief."

The retired Army colonel, who was on deployment in the Middle East when his children were murdered, thanked the Tampa community for its support in the past three years.'

Boy punished for drawing handgun during assignment

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Article here.

'He looked up at the clouds and saw a handgun.

A Colorado second grader was disciplined after he drew a picture of a handgun during an assignment where students look up to the clouds and draw what they see.

Kody Smith, 8, went outside May 14, looked up to the sky and saw a big fluffy handgun, KKTV.com reported. When he showed the drawing to his teacher at Talbott Elementary in Widefield, which is southeast of Colorado Springs, he was reprimanded.

The school reportedly filed a behavior report that said Smith's behavior was disruptive to the school. The school district told the station that the report will not remain on Smith's record and its response was "in line with routine procedures focused on school safety. But the boy's parents say he was wrongfully punished.

"He was doing exactly what he was told to do for the assignment,' Angel Rivers, the boy's mom, told the station.'

UK professor refuses to join presumed-guilty condemnation of accused student union president

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Article here. Excerpt:

A C Grayling *[link added]* has criticised a boycott of the Oxford Union after the president was reinstalled despite being investigated by police over rape allegations, saying he is “innocent until proven guilty”.

The Professor of Philosophy said the president, who was arrested by police earlier this month on suspicion of rape and attempted rape of two undergraduates, should not be subject to “the kangaroo court of opinion”.

He criticised the boycott by Interpol Secretary General Ronald Noble, David Mepham, UK Director of Human Rights Watch and Julie Meyer, the American entrepreneur and judge on the BBC’s Dragon’s Den.

The renowned philosopher, who is master of New College of the Humanities, an independent undergraduate college in London, urged speakers to “take seriously that fundamental principle of the rule of law and the rights of individuals"

...

“Asking people to convict and punish someone before due process of law has taken its course is a bad direction to go in, and with great respect I urge you to reflect on that.”

He added: “You may of course know things about what lies behind the allegations in this current case, suggesting that there is real fire below the smoke - but even this would lie in the terrain of report and accusation until the matter has come to court.”

...

The Union President, Ben Sullivan, a 21-year-old student at Christ Church College, was arrested by police on May 7 on suspicion of rape and attempted rape of two undergraduates. He was released on bail until June 18 and denies the allegations.'

At Columbia, suit alleges sexual assault investigation discriminated against male student

Matt · 24 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. (Originally submitted by MANN reader 'Mastodon', but a technical problem during an update required the original post to be deleted.) Excerpt:

'Amid a backdrop of intense activism, a male Columbia student is retaliating in federal court against an internal disciplinary conviction of sexual assault.

The student, who is only identified as John Doe in the suit filed Monday, alleges that Columbia administrators sought to make an example out of his case, that his rights under Title IX were violated and that administrators succumbed to external pressures from student activists in determining his guilt. He was allegedly suspended for up to a year and a half as a result.

According to a copy of the complaint, the plaintiff and a female student identified as Jane Doe belonged to the same group of friends and met the night of the alleged incident in a study lounge. They allegedly spent hours chatting and studying, after which the subject of hooking up was brought up.'

Ed. Update: A copy of the suit complaint can be downloaded from MANN here (.pdf file, over 19 MB in size). The names of students involved in the investigation or mentioned in the narrative have been redacted, as well as information likely to cause them to be identified by others. However, no amount of redaction in today's tech-savvy age can be perfect. Nonetheless, this is a public document, and while anyone can get ahold of a copy of it, the names of people tangentially involved in the case but do not hold a staff position at Columbia or whose names, if mentioned, would tend to make it much easier to identify either John or Jane Doe, have been redacted in this copy.

F&F New York to Congress: Don't export discrimination against male and LGBT DV victims

Matt · 25 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Petition started by F&F New York here. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence is a problem throughout the world. A bill known as the International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA) has been introduced in Congress to combat domestic violence in other countries. But the bill is deeply flawed because it assumes that all abuse is male-on-female and ignores both men abused by women and LGBT victims. If the bill were to pass, large classes of victims would be silenced and denied access to services.

The Partner Abuse State of Knowledge Project (PASK) has looked at domestic violence in 85 countries around the world and that found men and women were equally likely to be abuse perpetrators in most cases (1). PASK also found that LGBT couples were at increased risk of domestic violence (2).

In order to stop domestic violence, it is crucial that our approach be based on sound science, not politically correct ideology. I-VAWA ignores the results of scientific research and the existence of large classes of victims. Please join us in calling on members of Congress to vote 'No' on the International Violence Against Women Act.'

Penn State president says universities face ‘very challenging environment’ when handling sexual assault reports

anthony · 25 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Penn State President Eric Barron sees a problem with the balancing act universities face when it comes to handling reports of sexual assault.

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At some institutions, honor courts — university panels that could include individuals who lack training — are asked to make punitive rulings, Barron said. He noted that sometimes those decisions have severe consequences.

“They (students) can be suspended because of a group of people not necessarily trained to evaluate these things is going to say, ‘I believe him over her, or I believe her over him,’ ” he said. “And that’s sufficient to cause a suspension or removal from the university.”

Barron predicted that universities will begin advising students who are involved in the process to hire an attorney.

“My bet is what we’ll see is every student going forward in the process will have a lawyer, because the consequences are great,” he said. “The consequences are great for the institution and the consequences are great for the individual.”

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“What we do know is we have 55 universities and a lot more that are sitting out there ... struggling to figure out how to manage a problem that all of us can’t stand,” Barron said. “The notion of sexual assault is unacceptable.”'

Drew University Student Sues College, Classmates for False Rape Allegations and Male Bias

Matt · 26 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Drew University *[link added]* student has filed a lawsuit against the school and two of his classmates, claiming his "entire academic career has been ruined" due to false rape allegations and the institution's apparent bias against men in sexual assault investigations.

A male student who is a junior at the Madison school has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court against two classmates for falsely accusing him of sexual assault and against the university for Title IX violations and for not following its own policies during the investigation.

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According to the lawsuit, the plaintiff and one of the defendants had consensual sex in his dorm room on the morning of Sept. 24, 2013. The plaintiff and the female student knew each other since their freshman year, according to the complaint.

The female student and her former boyfriend then notified Drew University's Public Safety department the night of the incident that the sexual encounter between the plaintiff and the woman was non-consensual, according to the complaint.

The lawsuit claims the female student told her ex-boyfriend the encounter with the plaintiff was non-consensual out of fear he would not get back together with her.

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A Drew resident assistant informed the plaintiff on Sept. 25, 2013 he was banned pending the resolution of the complaint from all campus buildings except for the cafeteria and the buildings where he had classes, according to the lawsuit. The plaintiff was also ordered to have no contact with the female student or her former boyfriend.

The lawsuit claims the female student violated her no-contact order and called the plaintiff to apologize for "ruining his life." The lawsuit alleges the university did not reprimand the female student for contacting the plaintiff and did not investigate his claims she filed a false sexual assault complaint against him.

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Drew resumed its investigation in late November and concluded its fact-finding procedure without interviewing the friend who was asked to lie for the female student, according to the lawsuit.

A private investigator interviewed the friend, who said the female student initially told her the sex was consensual and later told her to lie about their conversation, according to the lawsuit.

About a week after this information was relayed to the university, the plaintiff received an email on Dec. 17, 2013 informing him he was "not responsible" for the allegations made by the two students, according to the lawsuit.

According to the lawsuit, the university failed to complete its fact-finding procedure within 15 days, banned the plaintiff from most campus buildings "without cause to do so" for nearly three months and did not investigate claims the plaintiff made against the two students who filed the sexual assault complaint.

As a result, "male respondents in sexual misconduct cases at Defendant Drew are discriminated against solely on the basis of sex. They are invariably subjected to discipline without the benefit of due process," according to the lawsuit.

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The plaintiff has been "forced to attend counseling," his grades have dipped and his "entire academic career is ruined and, without a college education, his overall economic future is completely compromised," according to the lawsuit.

The plaintiff is seeking damages to be determined at a civil trial in addition to attorney fees and other costs.'

Five intactivist celebrities

Matt · 26 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here:

'It's a controversial decision to make for your child, and a lot of parents feel strongly about it—one way or another. No, it's not vaccines, it's circumcision—and The Stir rounds up 10 celebrities who are against it. A sampling:

- Alicia Silverstone: In her new book (which has all sorts of... interesting advice), she explains, "If little boys were supposed to have their penises 'fixed,' did that mean we were saying that God made the body imperfect? He made all this incredible stuff, and then he just happened to make the penis wrong?"
- Howard Stern: He once said circumcision is based on a bunch of "myths" and "nonsense," adding, "If you're born that way, it seems to me it's a mutilation to cut it off."
- Russell Brand: "We don't do it in England," he once explained. "It's just more like, people don't worry about it. They just, they just let it go, that sort of thing. ... It's a bit unfair, isn't it, to do that to babies?"
- Ben Affleck: He told Jon Stewart in 2006, "I hate circumcisions! Get enough in me, and I'll tell you how much I hate them!" He has a (presumably uncircumcised) son.
- Roseanne Barr: She once tweeted that the practice "is a barbaric & backward cult mind control technique that produces ill effects in adults."

Click for the complete list, especially if you want to know which British royals are said to be uncircumcised...

Alicia Silverstone on why she didn't circumcise her son

Matt · 26 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One day, I was wondering out loud to Christopher whether we should circumcise our baby if we had a boy. My instinct was that it just didn't feel right, while Christopher was more curious about whether not circumcising would mean our kid would feel different. We both decided to give it some thought and maybe let the universe speak its piece. One day, Christopher was out running errands, and in a shop he came across a group of cute girls. Risking looking like a total perv, he asked if any of them had had sex with a guy who was uncut. "Yeah," one said. "And how was it?" "Best sex of my life." Score one for no circumcision.

Then we were at a pediatrician meet-and-greet, and the doctor spoke about how unhealthy he felt circumcision was - that it made the penis shorter, that it was more painful, and that it was basically deemed unnecessary in the medical community. Hmm.

After that, I was hanging out with a friend and her son at the pool, and I noticed he wasn't circumcised. "Is that an undone penis?" I asked. "Yeah," she said. So I asked, "Has it ever been an issue that his penis was different than his dad's?" "His penis wouldn't match his dad's anyway!" she said. "His dad's is so much bigger and has hair all over it. And by the time they do look more alike, they're not going to be side-by-side comparing." Good point.

Then Bear was born. I was raised Jewish, so the second my parents found out they had a male grandchild, they wanted to know when we'd be having a bris (the circumcision ceremony traditionally performed 8 days after a baby boy is born). When I said we weren't having one, my dad got a bit worked up. He couldn't understand why not - I mean, it's what our people have been doing for a really long time. Then he started listing reasons for doing it, like uncircumcised penises were hard to keep clean and can get infected, and that it doesn't hurt the baby - although I'm pretty sure most babies scream and cry at their bris. But my thinking was: If little boys were supposed to have their penises 'fixed,' did that mean we were saying that God made the body imperfect? He made all this incredible stuff, and then he just happened to make the penis wrong?

When Christopher, Bear and I were over at our friend's house hanging out in the pool, I started talking about my dad's not-so-happy reaction about Bear not being cut. And I told them about my dad's concern that Bear wouldn't fit in; that he worried about other kids giving Bear a hard time because he looked different. As if on cue, the four other moms there lifted their naked little babies out of the pool - not one was circumcised.'

Video shows laughter at female-on-male violence

Minuteman · 27 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'When a man attacks a woman in public people defend her but when the tables are turned, people simply laugh.

That's the disturbing finding of a public experiment conducted in a London park filmed for an advertisement about domestic violence against men.

The video, created by DareLondon for the Mankind Initiative, shows how shocked and angry onlookers quickly intervene when the male actor fakes a violent assault on his 'girlfriend' – also an actor.

But when they change roles the public's reaction – caught on three hidden cameras – is entirely different.

Onlookers can be seen laughing as the woman physically abuses and belittles her partner in full view of dozens of people.
...
Australian Bureau of Statistics figures from December show 33.3 percent of people abused by their current partner are men.

Greg Andresen, senior researcher with male domestic abuse support group One-In-Three, said the video highlights two assumptions male abuse victims face: that they are probably at fault and that they should "man up" and take it.'

Swaziland hosts conference on violence against (girl) children

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Link here. Excerpt:

'THE Kingdom of Swaziland will host an international conference to end violence against children, in partnership with UNICEF and Together for Girls Partnership.

This was announced by Deputy Prime Minister Senator Paul Dlamini during a press conference at his offices yesterday. The event is set to start tomorrow until Friday.

The conference has been supported by the US Government (PEPFAR) under the theme: “From Research to Action: advancing prevention and response to violence against children.”

The DPM stated that the conference would bring together participants from Asia, Caribbean and African countries.

This conference comes at a time when the African continent as well as the whole world is calling for the return of over 200 Nigerians girls, who were kidnapped by a group of rebels called Boko Haram over a month ago.'

Foreskin Man Disrupts Mass Circumcision in the Philippines

Matt · 29 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'The world's most controversial superhero has returned to battle male circumcision, and this time the enemy is in Southeast Asia. Foreskin Man's latest adventure leads him to a hideout in the Philippines, where a group of bloodthirsty nurses are plotting a mass circumcision in an abandoned Manila slaughterhouse.

The tale begins when the Museum of Genital Integrity's chief sculptress Malaya Luansing suddenly takes off to visit her family in the Philippines, putting her highly anticipated Filipino circumcision exhibit on indefinite hold. The trip was supposed to help Malaya clear her head, but Manila has become much more treacherous since her last visit. Will Foreskin Man be able to help if the situation spirals out of control?

"Foreskin Man #6: Operation Tuli" is written by Matthew Hess, who is president of MGMbill.org. The title of the story is based on the seasonal circumcision project of the same name that is cosponsored by the Philippines Department of Health and other government agencies. Three different artists were commissioned to draw, color, and letter the comic, which includes gruesome scenes depicting a fictitious male circumcision clinic in Manila.

"Operation Tuli is state sponsored assault against children," said Hess. "It's an annual tradition where boys as young as five years old are forcefully taken by their parents to government funded facilities to have their genitals mutilated en masse. Promoters of this practice claim that tuli turns boys into men, but in reality, all it does is steal their innocence and leave them disfigured for life."'

Student sues university after being expelled over allegations of sexual misconduct

Mastodon · 29 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Inside a Durham courtroom last week, a Duke University student, dressed in a crisp suit and tie, shifted uncomfortably in the witness stand. For a day and a half, 23-year-old Lewis McLeod had faced sharp questioning by a Duke lawyer alleging him of sexual misconduct with an 18-year-old freshman last fall at the Sigma Nu fraternity house.

Last month, three days before final exams, Duke expelled McLeod, a senior who was on the Dean's List, under what the university is calling a new sexual misconduct practice. (However, university administrators, foreseeing a potential lawsuit, permitted him to take his final exams.) He is the first Duke student to be expelled for sexual misconduct in recent history. Because of his expulsion, he cannot get his degree, and without a degree, he cannot accept a job offer from a Wall Street investment firm, where he is to begin in July.

However, McLeod has never been charged with, or convicted of, sexual misconduct in a traditional court. Durham police declined to pursue criminal charges against McLeod, who says the sexual encounter with the freshman was consensual, and that she was coherent that night. He alleges Duke's disciplinary panel gave him an unfair hearing. Earlier this month McLeod won a temporary restraining order prohibiting Duke from following through with the expulsion.

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The difficulty of defining incapacitation and consent was underscored last week when Dean Wasilolek took the stand. Rachel B. Hitch, a Raleigh attorney representing McLeod, asked Wasiolek what would happen if two students got drunk to the point of incapacity, and then had sex.

"They have raped each other and are subject to explusion?" Hitch asked.

"Assuming it is a male and female, it is the responsibility in the case of the male to gain consent before proceeding with sex," said Wasiolek.'

Controversial Men's Rights Conference Sparks Backlash

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A men's rights group that purports to address "the bigotry that is routinely practiced against men and boys in this culture" will hold its first major event this month, even as protesters are fighting for the conference to be cancelled.

A Voice for Men, a site started as a personal blog in 2008 by Paul Elam, is organizing the International Conference on Men's Issues for late June at a Hilton DoubleTree hotel in Detroit. More than a dozen speakers will address topics ranging from paternity fraud to circumcision to disparities in graduation rates.

"The problem we see is a culture that still puts women first in so many ways, and men come in last," Elam, who is based in Houston, told The Huffington Post. "Whether people want to acknowledge it or not, if you look at the numbers, men come in last every time."

A Voice for Men is one of the most visible and active among many men's rights activism (MRA) sites, video channels and forums for people (including some women) who are involved in the movement. The group asserts that men are oppressed in American society and aims to push back against feminism. Some have criticized MRA for packaging misogyny as promoting equal rights for men. The Southern Poverty Law Center, a civil rights organization, has described men's rights sites as "thick with misogynistic attacks" and "dedicated to savaging feminists in particular and women, very typically American women, in general."'

A War On Boys In American Schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In classrooms across America, being a male is an educational liability.

Literature and popular culture provide a pretty good illustration of the idyllic American boyhood throughout the decades. They also provide a pretty good overview of the type of mischief and restlessness that can be expected from many male children at certain ages.
...
Unfortunately, boys being shuffled through the many politically correct bureaucracies that exist in American education, and society at large, today might not be able to relate to a Dennis the Menace or Tom Sawyer by the time they reach adulthood.

Here's Why:

[Embedded video in story]'

Kenya: More boys dropping out of school than girls

Minuteman · 29 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'NAIROBI, KENYA: A new report paints a grim picture of the Free Primary Education (FPE) with increased dropout rates and a rising proportion of boys' marginalisation in education.
...
The report says the majority of these are boys and warns over the rising neglect of the boy child.
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But the new concern is the increasing marginalisation of the boy child even as the girl child continues to get rising support.
...
Prof Kaimenyi termed the findings on boy child marginalisation "worrying". "Our boys are getting more shy and inferior because the girls are getting more attention yet the Education Act requires all children to be treated equally and enrolled in school," said the CS while launching the report at a Nairobi hotel.
...
Among these counties, Taita -Taveta had the highest rate of drop outs at 17 per cent. Most of the cases were reported in Class Eight. "Literature review points at the robust campaign focusing on girl child education which as a result pay minimal or no attention to boys," notes the report. The report also blames the mining industry and ranches, which it says lure boys to work as miners and herdsboys respectively.'

Petition to Classify the Men's Rights Movement as a terrorist group

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There is a petition to the White House to classify the Men's Rights Movement as a terrorist group. The petition is slanderous and horribly wrong regarding the Men's Rights Movement and MRAs. It goes on to state that the mass murders committed by Marc Lepine and Elliot Rodger were inspired by MRAs and puts the suicide of Tom Ball in the same category as well (yet again, horribly wrong). This petition is so appalling that it's almost beyond words, and does a terrible disservice to the Men's Rights Movement which has sought fair treatment of men and boys. Here is the text of the petition:

"We petition the Obama administration to:

Classify the Men's Rights Movement as a terrorist group

The Men's Rights Movement (MRM) is a misogynistic movement that advocates violence against women and girls.

Multiple members of the MRM--self identified Men's Rights Activists (MRAs)--have committed atrocities and mass murders. Marc Lepine killed 17 women on a university campus in the "Montreal Massacre". Tom Ball firebombed a courthouse and wrote a manifesto encouraging others to bomb government buildings that is posted on major MRM websites like avoiceformen.com. Elliot Rodger, an active MRA, shot and killed at least 7 young women and injured many other people at random. Rodger is being celebrated as a martyr and hero by the movement, which will likely cause other MRAs to emulate his crimes.

This is what the MRM does and action must be taken against them to protect women and girls."

"Mainstreaming misogyny: Canada's new charitable hate movement, CAFE"

Mastodon · 30 May 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'*Update, May 29: According to Artscape, the "E-Day" concert organized by CAFE described below has been cancelled. Many corporate sponsors previously secured had withdrawn their support following the publication of this article and Artscape pulled the venue once they were made aware of the nature of the event.*

The Canadian wing of the North American Men's Rights Movement, the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE), has, rather improbably, been granted charitable status in Canada; meaning both that Revenue Canada felt that what CAFE is advocating for is, at least in some sense, in the "public interest" and is also not overtly political.
...
CAFE is advocating for the idea that men, as much as women, face systemic oppression and systemic obstacles and are as equally (if not more greatly) disadvantaged as a result of the expectations placed on men and as a result of the alleged "triumph" of the feminist movement. They claim that rape culture does not exist and that false rape allegations are at least as great a problem as rape itself, they deny the gendered nature of rape and they claim that men are discriminated against by the family courts in custody disputes.

Now, of course, all of this is ludicrous. Several commentators in different forums have exposed how absurd their doctrine is. How it erases actual oppression suffered by men, everyday oppression centred around race, class and sexual orientation, and how it replaces these real oppressions with a false narrative of men being disadvantaged because they are men.'

Canada: Concert organized by men’s rights group cancelled

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A concert organized by a men’s rights group on the Toronto Islands this weekend has been cancelled by the venue’s manager, which felt that the event would become too political.

The Canadian Association for Equality planned the festival at Artscape Gibraltar Point to mark what it was calling E-Day, a day to promote men’s parental rights in partnership and marriage breakdowns. Specifically, the day was supposed to support Bill C-560, which calls for an amendment to Canada’s Divorce Act that would instruct judges to apply shared parenting unless there is proven neglect or abuse.

Artscape, a creative non-profit organization, cancelled the event after a flurry of e-mails and Facebook posts indicated that attendees might get political, which goes against the organization’s policy, said its communications director, Liz Kohn.

“The premise of the event as it was given to us was a fair and equitable event that was family-friendly and a lovely music festival,” she said. “It has since turned political and we anticipated that there could be health and safety concerns as well.”'

NPO: Victories in Hawaii

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This year National Parents Organization of Hawaii introduced several bills related to addressing abuses of the Child Support Enforcement Agency. We also introduced legislation HB2163 titled “Parental Parity” that would ensure equal time for both parents unless the court determined that it was not in the best interest of the child.

Two of the bills didn’t move, however, 3 of the bills moved through the house and senate with opposition from the Family Court Judges and the Child Support Enforcement Agency. The Joint Custody Bill language was weakened from Equal Time to “Shall consider frequent continuing and meaningful contact.” The change still moves the court toward more equitable time. We won’t know, however, how the court will implement the moderate change in the statute.'

1 in 6 American Men Between Ages 25-54 Are Not Working

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Article here.

'"There are currently 61.1 million American men in their prime working years, age 25–54. A staggering 1 in 8 such men are not in the labor force at all, meaning they are neither working nor looking for work. This is an all-time high dating back to when records were first kept in 1955. An additional 2.9 million men are in the labor force but not employed (i.e., they would work if they could find a job). A total of 10.2 million individuals in this cohort, therefore, are not holding jobs in the U.S. economy today. There are also nearly 3 million more men in this age group not working today than there were before the recession began," the Republicans on the Senate Budget Committee claim.

"Although defenders of the current economy attribute shrinking labor force participation to the increasing pace of retirement of the Baby Boomer generation, these new statistics above confirm a trend that Barron's recently diagnosed: 'The ratio of those over 55 in the workforce actually ticked up'—in other words, older Americans are being forced to return to work in a poor economy to make ends meet while many younger Americans simply aren't working at all. In short, there is an unprecedented supply of working-age Americans who do not hold jobs."'

Hillary Clinton: "I'm the Real Victim of Benghazi"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton may not be much at administering the State Department, but she's certainly a pro when it comes to expressing outrage at her own persecution. For the woman who is supposedly the world's most powerful feminist, her sense of victimhood remains surprisingly strong. That's never been more true than in her new book, Hard Choices, which points out that she – not the four men who died in Benghazi, Libya, on the night of September 11, 2012 – is the victim.

The Clinton camp reportedly leaked the 34-page Benghazi chapter of Hillary's latest tome to favored outlet Politico. The portions quoted by Politico demonstrate an offputting self-pity and a false righteous indignation utterly at odds with Clinton's actions as Secretary of State.

According to Politico, Clinton writes, "Those who exploit this tragedy over and over as a political tool minimize the sacrifice of those who served our country." Of course, the sacrifice of those who served our country wouldn't have been necessary if Clinton had done her basic duty in protecting diplomatic facilities overseas. And when it comes to politicizing Benghazi, it was the Obama administration that repeatedly lied for weeks to the American people about the source of the attacks to continue portraying President Obama as tough on terror during election season.
...
Questions that Hillary does not answer, of course. Questions like: Where were you? Why did you reject security? Why do you continue to insist that a YouTube video was to blame for the terrorist attacks?

Hillary has reportedly hired former National Security Council spokesman Tommy Vietor to spin Benghazi. This is the same man who explained on national television that he didn't know how talking points on Benghazi were manipulated, since "dude, this was like two years ago." His dismissive tone is perfect for Hillary's upcoming 2016 campaign, given her own dismissal of the State Department spin after the Benghazi attacks: "What difference, at this point, does it make?"

And indeed, it makes no difference what Hillary writes. Her indignation is a substitute for her lack of record. Emotion substitutes for decency. "As Secretary I was the one ultimately responsible for my people's safety, and I never felt that responsibility more deeply than I did that day," Hillary writes. But of course, that's a lie. She never felt responsibility – which is why she sees herself as the real victim of Benghazi.'

Well I Never! Feminists Demand Special Treatment from Seth MacFarlane

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With Democrats and the media gearing up to elect Hillary Clinton president, the obvious gameplan is to prep the battlefield by creating a cult of personality around women. If you are in any way paying attention, our cultural and media overseers seem to have coordinated a campaign where America is required to celebrate women simply because they don't sport a penis.

Women are awesome, just cuz.

It is certainly not about equality anymore. Women are now promoted as The Master Race. Everything is better with women. America would run better with women. The left-wing Politico, one of the biggest voices in DC media, has already started a creepy "Women Rule!" campaign. The Washington Post has its just-as creepy "She the People" feature.
...
But this thin-skinned, hysterical Well-I-Nevering from feminists is so lacking in self-awareness these women can't even see that they have become the living embodiment of a female stereotype that has been the target of ridicule for a century. They're the Church Lady, Margaret Dumont, and every woman John Wayne has taken down a peg all rolled into one.

Left-wing feminists think they’re ready to rule the world when they're too thin-skinned to even take a good-natured joke. Somewhere Margaret Thatcher is praying for us all.'

Student Pleads Not Guilty To Faking Campus Sex Assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The University of Arkansas student accused of faking a sexual assault report pleaded not guilty Friday in Washington County.

Julia Garcia pleaded not guilty to filing a false police report and received a trial date of July 30 in Judge Mark Lindsay's courtroom, according to the Washington County Prosecutor's Office.

The suspect was arrested April 30 on suspicion of filing a false police report. She was released from the Washington County Detention Center without bond the same day, according to the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

The woman told police April 27 she was sexually assaulted in the Garland Avenue parking garage on the University of Arkansas campus. Officers immediately began searching for her alleged assailant, a 6-foot-tall man with a muscular build, according to the University of Arkansas Police Department.

Investigators used the video of the Garland Avenue parking garage from April 27 to determine Garcia's report about being sexually assaulted there was false, according to a preliminary report released by UAPD.

After detectives approached Garcia about the video evidence, she recanted parts of her sexual assault report and admitted she lied about some aspects of the statement she gave police, according to the preliminary report.'

California SB 967: Sexual Assault on College Campuses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A proposed new law making its way through the California State Legislature would re-define the term "consensual sex" on California college campuses.

Recent statistics show one out of every five women on any college campus in California will be a victim of some form of sexual assault.

Senate Bill 967 would establish new rules for how public and private colleges deal with sexual assaults on campus.

The main difference from current practice is that responses must be victim centered and adopts the affirmative consent standard that means yes only means yes if its said out loud.

"Doesn't make a difference is you are a large campus, small independent college campus, public or private, you have to have a sense of uniformity", says Democrat State Senator and SB 967 co-author Kevin De Leon, "we have to have victim-centered oriented programs and policies so that that the victims are not re-victimized again."

SB 967 would make it harder for perpetrators to brush assaults off as alcohol fueled encounters and make it easier for victims to report sexual assault because their confidentiality would be protected.'

Bill text here.

Men in heels take to downtown Flint streets to end domestic violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Dennis Spears balanced precariously in his shiny green high heels.

Clad in a full-length green dress, he was determined to complete his walk.

But Spears wasn't a runway model, or looking to accentuate the figure of his legs.

The military veteran was working, along with about 100 other men in attendance, to shatter gender stereotypes and raise awareness for domestic violence.

"I've seen abuse," Spears said. "These women and children need help. This gets attention. If you can get enough guys together in heels for this, you're going to draw attention."

Spears and his friend Tim Graham, maintenance supervisor at the YWCA, both wore full dresses in hopes of drawing increased donations at this year's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event, hosted by the Flint Young Women's Christian Association in downtown Flint, Friday, May 30.'

"It's about the women and awareness, but having fun like this brings a lot of attention," Graham said. "I know people that have been in those situations, and they hid it. Others need to be aware, and know what's going on."'

Mansplaining or Male Muting: Two Sides of the Same Coin

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'However, there is another practice we are not currently discussing which also perpetuates inequality between men and women, and it is the opposite of 'mansplaining'; it is glossing over, it is keeping mum, it is censoring, it is male muting. It is when men do not correct women when they are wrong, whereas they would another man. It is when men do not call out women when they are bluffing or bullsh*ting something, whereas they would a man, without a second thought. It feels just as humiliating and just as degrading. A mansplainer assumes a woman knows less than he does. A male muter assumes a woman knows less than he does and thus feels no need to explain. Whereas the assumption for a mansplainer lies in a responsibility to explain something to the poor woman who just can't understand it, a male muter stays quiet because the poor woman probably won't understand it. It's nothing for her to worry her pretty little head about. Just as mainsplaining is subconscious, so too is male muting. It is not a conscious decision to stay quiet whereas one would not with a male, but occurs as a conditioned response.

Early sociolinguistic studies on interruptions have shown a greater tendency of men to interrupt in conversations with women than in same-sex conversations. Mansplaining is a conversation killer. Either I am frustrated and annoyed because I have someone explain to me concepts that I studied that they know little or close to nothing about, or I am bored because I have to listen to someone wax on about a topic I already understand. However, when I am not called out on being wrong, that is when by *[sic]* confidence is shaken. That is when I begin to doubt myself. That is as much of a paternalistic act for me as mansplaining is; it's simply another side to the same coin. It creates self doubt. It fosters a paranoia inside me that is threefold -- that what I am saying is incorrect, that the man who is listening to me knows it is incorrect and that he chooses simply to stay quiet. This creates feelings of incompetence and inequality. Though it may seem women benefit in this scenario, we lose out. It is frustrating to be appeased. Whereas I see in same-sex conversations partners who correct one another, challenge each other and disagree with the other, too often I see appeasement in conversations between men and women. I want to hear empowered exchanges between equals. I want discussions. I want to seize opportunities for growth. I want to participate in debates. I want to go point by point into discussing issues. I cannot do that if I am simply being appeased. I want equality.'

Can ethics coexist with masculinity?

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'According to recent studies conducted by American researchers, men have lower principles of right and wrong compared to the fairer sex. Their research showed that men are very likely to compromise on their principles, resort to tactics that are ethically questionable, and tell bigger lies more often. Also, they have no qualms to compromise moral ethics in a bid to assert dominance to prove and defend their masculinity.

So, why do men have a fickle relationship with morality? Renowned Chennai-based psychologist Mini Rao explains, “Men are defined by their masculinity. And they take it way too seriously. ‘Be a man about it’ is a phrase that says it all. Their egos are far more fragile than women and they constantly need to prove they are right because it’s deeply etched in their minds that they can never be wrong.”

She points out that even when it comes to something as minor as asking for directions, however lost they are, men will not condescend to ask anybody for directions. In her view, society has conditioned men to be this way since time immemorial. Of course, there are exceptional men who are sensible and stand by their ethical values at all times.'

Mother Accused Of Hammer Attack On Third Grade Girl In Oakland School Restroom

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'An act of retribution may have provoked a woman to brutally attack a third grader inside an Oakland elementary school bathroom, police say.

Students at Oakland's Lafayette school knew something was wrong when they saw officers arrive at school Friday morning. They arrived to arrest Haseemah Diame, a parent and volunteer at the school.

Police say Diame walked onto the campus during recess armed with a hammer and pulled a 9-year-old girl aside.

"She was able to lure this other girl away from the play yard during recess into an adjacent bathroom there by the school. Once in the bathroom the adult proceeded to assault the girl with a hammer," said school spokesman Troy Flint.

The attack was serious enough to draw blood.

"It's very horrible because I wouldn't want that happening to my kid," said Antoniette Badio, a parent at the school.

A teacher and security guard found the girl injured in the bathroom with Diame and called police. Officials say the girl may have paid the price for a feud between her family and Diame's.

The child was hospitalized with serious injuries, but is expected to recover. Diame is expected to face charges for assault with a deadly weapon.'

"I don't need a man, but..."

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Please watch this from a woman. It has logical arguments and good cause-and-effect analysis. Caption: "Why is it that feminists say they need so little and yet demand so much?"

Australia: Male teachers fear accusations of sex offences

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'MARK COLVIN: There are claims that young men are turning away from teaching for fear of being falsely accused of child sex offences. The education union says it's been told that would-be male teachers are more reluctant to join the profession because of publicity over sex abuse in schools.

It follows the highly publicised Debelle inquiry which investigated the mishandling of a sex abuse inquiry at an Adelaide school. Meanwhile, male teacher numbers are continuing to fall.

Caroline Winter reports.

CAROLINE WINTER: The continual decline in male teachers in schools has been a serious issue nationally for some years. But the South Australian education union believes that trend has been exacerbated by false accusations of child sex offences.

David Smith is president of the SA branch.

DAVID SMITH: A number of young men have, or many of any age for that matter, have been put off, they've told us, by the potential litigation that there might be should there be some sort of vexatious, unfounded accusation against them.

CAROLINE WINTER: Education Department figures show that at June 2013, 56 South Australian schools didn't have a male teacher. The majority of those were primary schools and in country locations.'

California ‘Affirmative Consent’ Bill Puts Colleges in Untenable Position

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'Colleges are in an increasingly untenable position when it comes to the sexual autonomy of their students, and the house of cards is going to come crashing down sooner or later.

Last week, the California State Senate approved SB 967, a bill that would require colleges receiving state-funded student aid to use an “affirmative consent” standard in their sexual assault policies. According to a report by the Associated Press:

"Their policies must include an affirmative consent standard, which is defined as “an affirmative, unambiguous and conscious decision” by each party to engage in sexual activity. It also requires consent to be ongoing throughout a sexual activity."

So on the one hand, colleges and universities are being asked to closely monitor how students conduct their sex lives, sometimes to the point of ensuring not only that consent was present, but also that it was “affirmative and unambiguous” throughout the entire encounter. As the editorial board of the Los Angeles Times pointed out, “It seems extremely difficult and extraordinarily intrusive to micromanage sex so closely as to tell young people what steps they must take in the privacy of their own dorm rooms.”
...
There is no question that colleges and universities have made a hash of handling claims of student sexual misconduct in ways that harm both the accused and the alleged victims. But requiring colleges to get more involved in micromanaging students’ sex lives by requiring them to assess not only the presence but also the quality of consent to a sexual encounter, and then to adjudicate those claims under the lowest evidentiary standard, is not the way to remedy this problem.'

Men's rights conference in Detroit raises security concerns

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'A controversial men's rights group is holding its first conference in Detroit, and its host hotel wants organizers to hire police officers as security because of death threats.

The Houston-based group A Voice for Men is hosting its International Conference on Men's Issues June 27 and 28 at the Hilton Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby on West Lafayette. Speakers will address what they say is prejudice against men, "antifeminism" and corruption of family courts.

More than 2,000 people have signed an online petition seeking to cancel the conference, and the hotel last week informed A Voice for Men that it needed to hire extra security.

"We have received numerous calls and threats and are concerned for the safety and well-being of our employees, our guests and your attendees," hotel officials wrote in a letter dated Thursday to Paul Elam, A Voice for Men's founder and publisher.

"The threats have escalated to include death threats, physical violence against our staff and and other guests as well as damage to the property."'

What Happens When You Challenge ‘Rape Culture’ Orthodoxy

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'My recent article "Crying Rape: Is there really a rape epidemic? Probably not" generated a vicious reaction from left-leaning media and activists. In addition to being remarkably broad and at times dishonest, the tactics indicated that significant segments of the Left are not content to shout back at conservatives. They want to shout us down, to limit the honest discussion allowed regarding sexual violence.

As I stated in the article, I believe rape is a heinous, hideous crime and that a date-rape perpetrator “deserves the worst the law and life can throw at him.”

Now with that in mind, consider how David Brock’s Media Matters spun the story.

“National Review Online Claims Women Are Just ‘Being Taught To Believe They Were Raped’“

The headline writer’s addition of the word “just” indicates that I claimed no rapes occur. But Salon went one better by claiming that I pretend rape “doesn’t exist.”'

12-YO girls stab "friend" 19 times in brutal murder attempt

Matt · 4 June 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Choose your friends wisely, especially if they're total psychopaths. Story here, just in case you missed it. Keep your barf-bucket handy. Excerpt:

'WAUKESHA, Wis. (WLS) -- Police say two 12-year-old girls lured a friend into some woods in southeastern Wisconsin where one of them held her down as the other stabbed her 19 times.

The 12-year-old victim survived the attack on Saturday in Waukesha and police say her condition is stable.

On Saturday morning, a bicyclist discovered the 12-year-old girl who had been stabbed multiple times trying to make her way out of a wooded area in Waukesha. She had been lured there by two middle school classmates after a sleepover the night before. They were going to play games, Waukesha's police chief says, but the real intent was to kill.

"Once there, one suspect held down the victim while the other suspect stabbed the victim 19 times in the arms, legs and torso. Many of the stab wounds hit major organs, but incredibly and thankfully, the victim survived this brutal assault," said Chief Russell Jack, Waukesha Police Dept.

The two young girls said to be responsible were later spotted and taken into custody by sheriff's deputies. They appeared in court Monday afternoon, and were charged with first degree attempted homicide. Because they are juveniles, their names and faces were not revealed. Under Wisconsin law they could be charged as adults.'

Men’s rights group raises $25,000 to protect them from feminists

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'Men’s rights activists have raised $25,000 to provide additional security for an upcoming conference because, “We’ve had ongoing problems with the feminist establishment, which is a multibillion-dollar hate industry, for years,” according to men’s rights blogger Dean Esmay.

The money will be used to hire seven off-duty police officers to provide security for the event. The hotel hosting the conference in Detroit, Michigan sent a letter to organizers requesting the additional security and expressed concerns about the safety of its employees and guests related to threats of violence. Police were contacted about the conference, but a spokesperson said they had not received “any word about threats.”

The letter does not say from whom the threats came, but the men’s rights activists behind the conference are pretty sure they are from feminists. Because they like to blame feminists for pretty much everything. As Abby Ohlheiser at the Wire points out, A Voice For Men’s homepage currently links to a petition to ”class feminism as a terrorist group.”
...
It’s going to be bananas. Here is the bananas video they made about their bananas conference:

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Global human rights advocates condemn 'war on women' first-world problems

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'Abortion-on-demand, free birth control, the word “bossy” — these are things American so-called feminists regard as the civil rights movement of our time. But if you step back from the world of outrage, get some perspective and see what women in other parts of the world face, you’ll see that those issues are more like first-world problems.

Manda Zand Ervin, an Iranian political refugee who founded the Alliance of Iranian Women, said she was “ashamed” of what women in America complain about when there are such greater risks to women in other countries.

“I mean, when I sit here and watch television and a bunch of women are screaming and yelling in front of the Supreme Court for free birth control pills - $9 a month - I feel ashamed,” Zand Ervin told the Washington Examiner. “I'm so embarrassed.”'

'Divergent' Actress Shailene Woodley Makes Hollywood Freak Out by Disowning Feminism

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'Shailene Woodley, who starred in the recent film "Divergent," managed to take over from Kirsten Dunst as the Hollywood feminism freak-out target of the hour, after Time magazine asked her if she considered herself to be a feminist:

"No because I love men, and I think the idea of ‘raise women to power, take the men away from the power’ is never going to work out because you need balance. With myself, I’m very in touch with my masculine side. And I’m 50 percent feminine and 50 percent masculine, same as I think a lot of us are. And I think that is important to note. And also I think that if men went down and women rose to power, that wouldn’t work either. We have to have a fine balance.

My biggest thing is really sisterhood more than feminism. I don’t know how we as women expect men to respect us because we don’t even seem to respect each other. There’s so much jealousy, so much comparison and envy. And “This girl did this to me and that girl did that to me.” And it’s just so silly and heartbreaking in a way."

Woodley's equation of feminism with man-hating, and her thoughts about the "balance of power" between the sexes, inspired such hysterical rants as Ms. Magazine portraying her as the poster child for ignorance, and calling for more aggressive feminist indoctrination of captive public-school children:'

UK: False rape claim girl given caution for wasting police time

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'A 15-year-old girl has been given a caution for wasting police time after falsely claiming she was raped.

Police launched an investigation following an allegation of a sexual assault on a teenager in the Greenmoor Road/Aviemore Close area of Nuneaton on May 12.

Today Warwickshire police said officers had established that it was a false report.

Detective Sergeant Bob Jamieson said: “The girl who made the report did so because of some personal issues in her life, for which she is now receiving appropriate support from relevant agencies.

“However, because of the amount of police time and resources spent on investigating this matter, she has also been punished by way of a youth caution for the offence of wasting police time."'

"Boy 'wore teacher down in effort to have sex with her'"

Minuteman · 5 June 2014 · Archived copy · Original

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'A former teacher says a 16-year-old student wore her down in his pursuit to have sex with her before she agreed to intercourse, a US court has been told.

Brianne Land Altice has been charged with three counts of first degree felony rape and one count of first degree felony forcible sodomy after being accused of having sexual relationship with a male student at Davis High School in Utah, the Salt Lake City Tribune reports.

Altice's lawyer, Edward Brass, asked for all charges to be dismissed in a submission to the 2nd District Court, stating in court papers that the student was the aggressor in the relationship and his "ultimate goal" was to have sex with the 34-year-old English teacher.

"She repeatedly refused and declined his advances until he ultimately broke down her resistance," Mr Brass wrote.

"… the state failed to establish probable cause to believe that the intercourse that occurred was without consent."

After hearing a counter argument from the Davis County deputy attorney, who argued teachers inherently have influence on their students, Judge Thomas Kay denied the motion to dismiss the charges.'

California State Bill Demands Verbal or Written Consent for Sex on College Campuses

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'A newly amended bill from a California lawmaker would require college students to stop in the heat of passion and establish verbal or written consent before having sex anywhere on campus, reports L.A. Weekly.

SB 967, amended last week by state Sen. Kevin de Leon (D-Los Angeles), would mandate that college students obtain "an affirmative, unambiguous, and conscious decision by each participant to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity."

...

According to the language of the bill, "consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual encounter, and can be revoked at any time. The existence of a dating relationship between the persons involved, or the fact of past sexual relations between them, should never by itself be assumed to be an indicator of consent."

Despite the bill's noble intentions, not everyone is sold on the proposed legislation.

In an article for LegalInsurrection.com, attorney Hans Bader argues the language of the proposed law could make ordinary people out to be sexual criminals.

"Since most people have engaged in sex without verbal consent, supporters of the bill are effectively redefining most people, and most happily-married couples, as rapists," he said.'

#YesAllNormal: Standing up for the Average Man

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'The #YesAllWomen hashtag, as summarized here, displays a feminist view of men as being obvious threats to women citing 1 in 6 women being assaulted each year. This statistic is used to assert that 1 in 6 men must therefore be rapists, despite statistical acknowledgement to the contrary. Yet another statistic of 10% is used to state: “Not all Men? Imagine a bowl of M&M’s. 10% are poison. Go ahead and grab a handful. Not all M&M’s are poison!” Feminists tweeted that “Every single woman you know has been sexually harassed” and “Imagine how exhausted I am dealing with sexism and misogyny. Every. Single. Day.” A guide to “Rape Culture” details the many ways women face sexism from cruel, entitled men. For example when holding a conversation with a woman: “If you pursue a conversation when she’s tried to cut it off, you send a message. It is that your desire to speak trumps her right to be left alone.” It argues “Rape culture is telling girls and women to be careful about what you wear, how you wear it, how you carry yourself, where you walk, when you walk there, with whom you walk, whom you trust…” The overall theme is clear: “We refuse to accept that nice guys rape, and they do it often.”
...
The honest tragedy is that true victims get buried under piles of theory and opportunistic assault and the most vulnerable group in our society pays the price for it. Despite the mocking or the outrage from liberals over the idea that white men can be victims, the reality is that this group is singularly defenseless against all accusations against them. They are unable to reason against racism towards them because they are shut down with “check your privilege.” They cannot defend themselves against even the most absurd accusation of sexism or misogyny. At every turn they are dismissed and demeaned with arrogant declarations that their arguments are invalid by default. White men experience actual discrimination based solely on their race and their gender.

Forgetting race, men in general simply do not deserve any of this. Regular men marry the women they love, raise children, and work long hours to support their families. Single fathers make up 8% of our population without any acknowledgment. Anti-gun advocates take away men’s ability to protect their families. Progressive welfare systems and liberal feminism tax men’s paychecks and require child support. Certainly middle- class and poor white men have no familiarity with any form of “privilege” their skin color provides them.'

Judge Blocks Duke From Expelling Student Accused of Rape

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'This could be controversial: A North Carolina judge has blocked the expulsion of a male Duke University student accused of raping a fellow student. The ruling comes as Education Department efforts to micromanage campus sex crime policies have produced passionate debate over the role and responsibilities of colleges in handling rape and sexual assault claims.

In this case the accused student, Duke senior Lewis McLeod, claims the university expelled him without due process after he was accused of raping a female freshman. Superior Court Judge W. Osmond Smith III found McLeod "demonstrated a likelihood of success" concerning contentions that the school "breached, violated, or otherwise deprived the plaintiff of material rights related to the misconduct allegations against him" and granted a preliminary injunction against the expulsion.
...
Duke considers sexual conduct to be "without consent" if an individual is "incapacitated due to alcohol or other drugs." But it also notes that "being intoxicated does not diminish one's responsibility to obtain consent," which is a bit of a puzzling standard. "The perspective of a reasonable person will be the basis for determining whether one should have known about the impact of the use of alcohol or drugs on another's ability to give consent," the student disciplinary code offers.

Reports: Boko Haram village raids kill hundreds of men and boys in Nigeria

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'Hundreds of people were killed in raids by Boko Haram Islamic militants in northeast Nigeria's Borno state, on the border with Cameroon, with some sources putting the death toll at 400 to 500.
...
The attackers, who posed as soldiers, told residents they had come to protect them from Boko Haram and asked them to assemble. They singled out men and boys and opened fire on them, Biye said.

A local leader in Attagara village, who fled to nearby Madagali town in neighboring Adamawa state, said the death toll was staggering.

"The death is unimaginable. We have lost between 400 and 500 people in the attacks in which men and male children were not spared," said the local leader, who asked not to be named for security reasons.'

Boy, 7, may be expelled after telling teacher he accidentally brought toy gun to school

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'The parents of a 7-year-old western Pennsylvania boy say he was suspended from school -- and could be expelled -- after telling a teacher Tuesday that he accidentally brought a toy gun to school.

Chris Simak and Jennifer Mathabell say their son, Darin Simak, was suspended from Martin School in New Kensington, Pa.

Mathabell says the boy left his regular book bag at a friend's house, so she packed him another one, not realizing the toy was in it. The boy's parents say Darin immediately gave it to a teacher because he knew it was against the rules.

"He found the toy gun on the outside pocket," Simak told The Valley New Dispatch. "He took it straight to the teacher and said that he wasn't allowed to have it."

He said his son "did the right thing, and we're trying to teach him the right way, and now they're teaching him the wrong way."

The boy faces an expulsion hearing Friday.'

Feds Clear Hanover College Of Retaliation In Sexual Assault Case

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'The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights closed a Title IX investigation of Hanover College last month having found insufficient information to confirm the Indiana school retaliated against a reported sexual assault victim.

A student claimed in a federal complaint that the private college, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, had mishandled her sexual assault report, ignored subsequent harassment from her alleged assailant, and subjected her to retaliation when the accused student filed harassment charges against her. In a letter to the complainant, identified in previous articles only by her first name, Samantha, the college had told her it considered her "not responsible" for harassment but did find her "behavior to be contrary to the principals [sic]" of the college.

The agency notified the college and Samantha it was closing the investigation in a May 20 letter, writing the "College's reasons for its actions with regard to [Samantha's] fall 2013 allegations of retaliatory harassment were not a pretext for retaliation."

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In that letter, obtained by The Huffington Post, Hanover Associate Director of Residence Life Tracy Dubs said Samantha's attempts to have the accused punished for a "wide variety of alleged offenses, whether through campus security, the campus conduct review process, his fraternity, the court system, or the Department of Education, do appear to be a type of harassment." But because the college's student handbook does not identify those behaviors as harassment, Dubs said, Samantha cannot be held responsible.

"OCR should be firmly instructing colleges that, if they get a complaint against a woman who has reported a rape by her accuser, they must use some screening mechanism to make sure the assailant cannot re-victimize her by misusing the college's complaint process," Mormile-Wolper said.

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Mormile-Wolper appears to be indirectly referencing a similar case at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Student Landen Gambill began speaking publicly about the university's handling of her report of sexual assault by a former boyfriend. Although Gambill never publicly identified him, the accused filed harassment charges against her, which UNC initially allowed to go forward before the proceedings were called off after backlash.

OCR is currently investigating UNC for alleged retaliation in that case.'

Ireland: Room for women in politics means ‘unseating men’

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'Former Progressive Democrats minister of state for foreign affairs Liz O’Donnell has said making space for women in politics will mean “unseating” male politicians.

Addressing a National Women’s Council of Ireland conference in Dublin, Ms O’Donnell complimented the Government on introducing a quota law which will halve State funding to parties unless 30 per cent of general election candidates are women.

“Like it or not, making space for women in politics means unseating men. Women tend to do better in smaller parties where there’s space, but if a woman has to undo a man’s position then that’s when it gets tricky – and that’s why it hasn’t happened,” she said.

Ms O’Donnell said she thought the quota law would be a “game-changer”.

She said feminism was needed more than ever, and the debate about abortion legislation last year was “merely a rerun” of debates in previous years.

“If feminism was stronger and completely centred as a part of political ideology in Ireland we would not be dragging ourselves through this tortuous conversation and dialogue about the rights of women in pregnancy,” she said.

Journalist Una Mullally said Ireland had yet to deal sufficiently with the historical abuse of women and their children in religious and State-sponsored institutions.'

Lawsuit: Professor Brands College Student Rapist Because He Got Good Grades, Played Sports And Was ‘From A Good Family’

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'According to a now-expelled male student who has filed a Title IX lawsuit against Occidental College, a sociology professor at the Los Angeles liberal arts school believes she knows exactly how to spot a rapist.

This fall, a pseudonymous female student accused the pseudonymous student, John Doe, of rape.

Doe claims the professor, Danielle Dirks, indicated that he “fit the profile of other rapists on campus in that he had a high GPA in high school, was his class valedictorian, was on [a sports] team, and was ‘from a good family,’” reports the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), a civil rights organization.

Under pressure from the federal Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights to respond to allegations of campus sexual assault (and a lawsuit filed by Gloria Allred), Occidental officials kicked Doe out of school after finding him “responsible” for raping the female student despite a series of text messages that seem to indicate her sexual enthusiasm.

...

Both students were freshmen. Both were intoxicated.

In the days after the sexual encounter, the female student sought counseling from Occidental employees. Among those employees was Dirks, the professor who, Doe said, believes she knows how to spot a rapist based on his background.

Police investigated the incident, interviewing the students and various witnesses. On Nov. 5, local district attorney Alison A.W. Meyers chose not to prosecute. According to FIRE, she wrote: “Witnesses were interviewed and agreed that the victim and suspect were both drunk, however, that they were both willing participants exercising bad judgment.”

Meyers noted that it would have been reasonable for Doe to conclude that the female freshman wanted to have sex because “even though she was intoxicated, she could still exercise reasonable judgment.”

At that point, police and the district attorney were done with the case, Occidental wasn’t satisfied, though. The school hired a local lawyer, Marilou Mirkovich, as an “external adjudicator” to rule on the case.

There was a hearing. During that hearing, Doe had no ability to conduct cross examination — the bedrock of the fact-finding process in any real American courtroom.

Also, the standard of proof in the hearing was a “preponderance of evidence,” which basically means just a 50.01 percent certainty. (By comparison, the much higher standard of proof in any actual criminal case involving a charge of rape is “beyond reasonable doubt.”)

Bizarrely, Mirkovich ruled that Doe’s accuser was “engaged in conduct and made statements that would indicate she consented to sexual intercourse.” However, Occidental’s handpicked adjudicator said, the female student was “incapacitated” so she couldn’t give meaningful consent.'

George F. Will: Campuses victims of their own progressivism

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'The administration's crucial and contradictory statistics are validated the usual way, by official repetition; Joe Biden has been heard from. The statistics are: One in five women is sexually assaulted while in college, and only 12 percent of assaults are reported. Simple arithmetic demonstrates that if the 12 percent reporting rate is correct, the 20 percent assault rate is preposterous. Mark Perry of the American Enterprise Institute notes, for example, that in the four years 2009-12 there were 98 reported sexual assaults at Ohio State. That would be 12 percent of 817 total out of a female student population of approximately 28,000, for a sexual assault rate of approximately 2.9 percent — too high but nowhere near 20 percent.

Department of Education lawyers disregard pesky arithmetic and elementary due process. Threatening to withdraw federal funding, DOE mandates adoption of a minimal "preponderance of the evidence" standard when adjudicating sexual assault charges between males and the female "survivors" — note the language of prejudgment. Combine this with capacious definitions of sexual assault that can include not only forcible sexual penetration but also nonconsensual touching. Then add the doctrine that the consent of a female who has been drinking might not protect a male from being found guilty of rape. Then comes costly litigation against institutions that have denied due process to males they accuse of what society considers serious felonies.

Now academia is unhappy about DOE's plan for government to rate every institution's educational product. But the professors need not worry. A DOE official says this assessment will be easy: "It's like rating a blender." Education, gadgets — what's the difference?

Meanwhile, the newest campus idea for preventing victimizations — an idea certain to multiply claims of them — is "trigger warnings." They would be placed on assigned readings or announced before lectures. Otherwise, traumas could be triggered in students whose tender sensibilities would be lacerated by unexpected encounters with racism, sexism, violence (dammit, Hamlet, put down that sword!) or any other facet of reality that might violate a student's entitlement to serenity. This entitlement has already bred campus speech codes that punish unpopular speech. Now the codes are begetting the soft censorship of trigger warnings to swaddle students in a "safe," "supportive," "unthreatening" environment, intellectual comfort for the intellectually dormant.'

UK: Law graduate found guilty of falsely accusing former boyfriend of rape

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'A law graduate faces jail after being found guilty of falsely accusing her former boyfriend of a series of rapes and assaults as an excuse for doing poorly in her barrister training.

The allegations made by Rhiannon Brooker meant Paul Fensome was arrested, charged and held in prison for 37 days.

Following an 11-week trial, the jury of 10 men and two women at Bristol crown court on Thursday found Brooker, who has an eight-month-old child, guilty of perverting the course of justice. She was given bail but could be jailed when she is sentenced later this month.

The campaign group Women Against Rape (War), which has supported Brooker, 30, claimed the police and Crown Prosecution Service put more resources into such cases than into investigating violent crimes including rape.

A War spokesperson said the prosecution of Brooker was "completely disproportionate", adding: "Time and again we see police resources diverted from rape and put into prosecuting women instead."
...
The jury heard that Brooker, who was living in south Gloucestershire, told fellow students she had been assaulted and raped. She also claimed Fensome had punched her in the ribs when she was pregnant, causing her to lose the baby.

She finally went to the police and made allegations against Fensome. But alibis, evidence from Fensome's phone and his work shift patterns undermined or disproved her accounts. Some of her injuries were judged to have been self-inflicted and the police discontinued their investigations into Fensome and turned their attention on Brooker.'

Supreme Court of Montana reinstates charges against woman accused of false rape claims

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'The Montana Supreme Court has ordered the reinstatement of charges against a Billings woman who is accused of repeatedly making false rape claims.

Prosecutors believe Christina Nadine Nelson, 23, made several false rape or assault claims between 2009 and 2012.

In addition, there is an arrest warrant issued for Nelson's arrest out of Flathead County in connection to one of the false claims.
...
Billings detectives learned that a total of five medical rape exams were conducted on Nelson and she made two reports of assault between 2009 and 2012.

"Christina had a motive or pattern of accusing young men that she had dated of raping her and assaulting her when no such rape or assault had occurred," prosecutors state in court documents.

It is unknown if Nelson is in Billings or if she has returned to Germany, where she was born.

After Baugh dismissed the case, Nelson was allowed to travel out of the country.'

Bangor (Maine) murder case shows men can be victims of domestic violence

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There may be no way for us to know exactly what was going on in the lives of Richard and Roxanne Jeskey during the days that led up to his brutal murder inside the couple's Ohio Street apartment three years ago.
...
Roxanne Jeskey recently was found guilty of her husband's murder, with a judge dismissing the notion she was legally "insane" at the time. She awaits sentencing.

Shortly after the judge deemed her guilty, I received an email questioning where the domestic violence crowd was before, during and after the trial.

The suggestion being that because this was a case of a woman killing a male partner, the 'DV' professionals in the state were not terribly interested.

There was no indication of prior abuse to Roxanne Jeskey by her husband. The judge rejected any suggestion of self-defense as a motive for the murder.

Statistically it will be logged as a domestic violence homicide.

So where were they?

It turns out they were paying attention. They were watching and having discussions, but there were a number of unknown variables, including Roxanne Jeskey's mental capacity, according to Julia Colpitts, executive director of the Maine Coalition To End Domestic Violence.

Prior to the homicide, it would appear there was no contact regarding the couple with any domestic violence resource center and there was no evidence leading up to the trial about a pattern of domestic violence in the household.'

The World Cup causes domestic violence? It's a myth

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'North Kent Women's Aid has decided to get into the spirit of the 2014 World Cup by setting up a clinic for victims of domestic violence during the tournament. Reports about the clinic cited a 2013 study published by the University of Lancashire that claimed the risk of domestic abuse rose by 26 per cent when England won or drew a match, and by 38 per cent when they lost. One police officer, quoted in the research, said 'the World Cup appears a reason for many to party, however delight and expectation can turn into despair and conflict with the kick of a ball'.

Academic research into football and domestic violence is superfluous when you consider officialdom's unflinching attitude to the public during the World Cup. Senior bobbies need no convincing that international football competitions are nothing more than an excuse for men to get bladdered and beat their wives. In 2012, there was widespread panic that the Euro 2012 tournament would lead to a surge in domestic violence, with police forces up and down the country commencing poster campaigns complete with alarmist slogans like 'Winning strike – when is kick off in your house? Give your temper the red card.' There was no spike in domestic violence during Euro 2012. In fact, 2012 represented a historic low for domestic violence, with reports of domestic violence having fallen by 18 per cent since 2005.'

Domestic violence registry: Could it help stop the hurt?

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'The recent murders of four family members in Petersburg has one Virginian man fighting for state lawmakers to create a domestic violence registry, similar to the sexual predator registry.

Marlow Jones created an online petition that proposes a person with two protective orders filed against him or her within one year would have to register as a “domestic violence offender,” just like a violent sexual offender has to register for a minimum of five years.

LINK: Jones’ online petition

“It’s a win-win situation for everybody,” Jones told WAVY.com. “You and I can use it for our daughters, our daughters can use it when they date.”

However, some attorneys question whether a registry is constitutional, including Portsmouth’s Richard Davis.

“I don’t think it is legal. I mean, you have to be tried, you have to be convicted, you have to be charged before you can get some sort of sentence like that, and that is a sentence,” Davis said.

Davis points to issues with the sex offender registry, cases, for instance, where an 18-year-old dating a 16-year-old is blacklisted for life.

“That’s probably worse than jail, being on the registry for years and years and years, and you can’t do much of anything about it,” he said.

Women at a local domestic violence shelter voiced concern that it could victimize their clients again. If a woman fights back, or even if she doesn’t, her abuser can take a protective order against her, too.'

"Activists Hijacking Feminism to Attack Israel at Women's Studies Association Meeting"

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'The next National Women's Studies Association annual meeting will take place in San Juan, Puerto Rico on November 13-16, 2014 and is aptly named "Feminist Transgressions." Indeed, the conference itself is "transgressive" in that it minimizes the cause of women to focus, yet again, on the cause of Palestine, aka the destruction of Israel.

This is only the latest, among many other examples, of the way in which Women's Studies—an idea which I pioneered so long ago--has been Stalinized and Palestinianized. I wonder whether the forces of evil will try to pass a resolution in favor of boycott, divestment, and sanctions—not against Sudan, Somalia, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iran, North Korea, or Russia—but against Israel only.

The Association's line-up of professorial and celebrity talent is 100% politically correct; the speakers are mainly African-American, African-Hispanic, and African/Asian Caribbean. While I may not agree with some of their views, e.g. the pro-sex "work" agenda which is being presented at this conference, I recognize that these speakers--my old friend bell hooks, Ana-Maurine Lara, Ana Irma Lassen, and Kamala Kempadoo--are all genuinely feminist.

However, not so the Plenary session speakers. The Plenary is titled: "The Imperial Politics of Nation-States: U.S., Israel, and Palestine." The speakers are Brandeis graduate Angela Davis, the well-known (former) communist, former associate of the Black Panther Party, and recipient of the Lenin Peace Prize. In 1970, Davis purchased the firearms that Jonathan Jackson, the brother of the imprisoned George Jackson, used in the kidnapping of a judge, prosecutor, jurors, and two or three African-American prisoners in open court. A police shoot-out ensued which led to the death of the judge and of three African-American men. Davis made the FBI Most Wanted List, was jailed, tried, and found innocent by an all-white jury. Support for her was tremendous. She visited Cuba and found it an anti-racist paradise, she visited Soviet Russia to receive the Lenin Peace Prize, and she ran for vice-president of the American Communist Party.
...
In 2002, a lifetime ago, a feminist conference on women, war, and peace in Palestine-Israel featured a keynote speaker which fully equaled Dworkin's metaphoric hyperbole. Ruchama Marton, an Israeli Jewish psychiatrist, likened Israelis to "batterers" in a marriage. Guess who is the "battered wife"? None other than the Palestinians.

Are the Israelis and Palestinians married? Is the feminist view of marriage that it is like the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? When one says this, one is both misusing hard-won feminist knowledge and rendering the specifics of both Israeli and Arab Palestinian suffering invisible. Such an inflammatory and vulgar misuse of ideas is worthy of Joseph Goebbels, not of supposedly independent-minded feminists.

This is indeed the problem. Like so many other academics, feminists are no longer independent-minded. They have also become the spawn of Edward Said's thinking about post-colonialism and Palestinian nationalism. Worse yet, they are also, along with all the rest of the herd, die-hard Lacanians and post modernists, and one cannot understand a word that they write—except when they are clearly, cravenly, attacking Israel and Zionism.'

About the article's author: Phyllis Chesler

BTB: Jewish Voices Against Circumcision — In Their Own Words

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'ewish feelings about circumcision—for and against—are complex. The following quotes, all of them by Jewish people and all of them real, demonstrate the diversity of thought when it comes to questioning the ancient ritual. If you are Jewish and would like to add your quote, send Beyond the Bris a note and we'll include your statement in a future posting.

Lisa says:

I believe that G-d instituted circumcision as a way of setting His people apart, but given how many other cultures and religions have adopted this practice, it is no longer a means of setting apart. Like many other commandments once practiced by Jews (that have now been set aside) there is now no more compelling religious or cultural reason to do so. I have a now-adult son for whom we had a “brit shalom” (no cutting) when he was eight days old.... This doesn’t make him any less Jewish or any less observant. He is a respected young man at shul, involved in many different areas and loved by all. I do not regret my decision at all to let him make his own choice, and it is my hope that other Jewish parents will also consider a brit shalom as a viable alternative to brit milah.

Jim says:

The importance that people attach to this act [circumcision] is almost laughable. Of all the behaviors we aspire to (charity, grace, forgiveness, kindness, industriousness) the amount of time spent thinking about foreskin just baffles me. We need to be good people and observant Jews. If this involves circumcision, fine. But what is peoples' hang up with this mitzvah? Out of the 613, there are about 612 I’d rate higher in importance.'

A Galvanizing Event for Shared Parenting: Ned Holstein Represents National Parents Organization on Newswise Live

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'On Wednesday, June 4, National Parents Organization founder and Chairman Ned Holstein, MD, MS, participated with other shared parenting luminaries in a panel discussion sponsored by Newswise Live, a program that seeks to educate journalists on the important issues of the day. The panel consisted of Dr. Holstein; Warren Farrell, PhD, longtime supporter of the rights of men, fathers and boys and author of numerous books including Father and Child Reunion; Canadian family lawyer Georgialee Lang; and actor Jason Patric who recently won Round One of his two-year battle to play a real part in the life of his son, Gus.

The takeaway from the presentations of all panel members and the answers to reporters' questions was that equal parenting and equal parenting supporters are on the right side of history. Dr. Holstein cited a long-term shift in the direction of equal parenting both in courts and legislatures, and in the popular imagination.

Lang, who has practiced family law in British Columbia for 25-years, reported that she's seen sea-change in the awareness of parents and judges of the value of fathers to children. She cautioned though that even judges who might be inclined to issue orders for greater shared parenting and more equal parenting time for fathers and mothers often find themselves hamstrung by legal precedent. Those judges, of course, are required to act within the parameters of the law, both statutory and judge-made. The simple fact is that much precedent, both in Canada and in some states of the United States, oppose equal parenting outright. Much as judges may want to, they can't issue orders that contradict existing law. If they do, their orders will be reversed by a court of appeals. But slowly, precedents supporting shared parenting are being established, Lang said.

So the point Lang made most vigorously was that laws have to be changed and doing so takes political will. It's a point that was made on the National Parents Organization blog site just last week in the wake of the defeat of Maurice Vellacott's equal parenting bill by the Canadian House of Commons.'

Topless feminist stabs wax Putin in France

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Femen at it again! Story here. Bat-$hit crazy, but thoroughly entertaining. (Re Viewing-At-Work: Two pics, not exposing the "visually sensitive" parts of the protester's upper body, but she is still topless. So use your discretion.) Excerpt:

'A topless member of the radical protest group Femen used a metal chisel to stab and bash in the face of Putin's statue in a famed Paris wax museum on Thursday.

The activist, who had 'Kill Putin' written on her bare chest, reportedly screamed "Putin is a dictator" while destroying the figure at the Grevin Wax Museum, French daily Le Parisien reported.

Police arrested the activist shortly after the attack, which happened near statues of US President Barack Obama and recently abdicated Spanish King Juan Carlos, both of which escaped without a scratch.'

Woman arrested on rape charges held on 50K bond

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'A 30-year old Sioux Falls woman has been charged with rape, sexual contact with a child, and sexual exploitation of a minor after her boyfriend discovered her naked in their apartment Wednesday night with at least three boys between age 7 and 10.

Sioux Falls police spokesman Sam Clemens said Anne Elizabeth Doubler's boyfriend returned home with the couple's 4-year-old son and caught her with the boys. The incident took place in their apartment in the 600 block of North Lewis Avenue.
...
The boyfriend told police that Doubler admitted to having sexual contact with the boys, Clemens said. He then called police as the other boys scattered, he said.

Police later interviewed the boys, who confirmed that they had had sexual contact with Double, Clemens said.
...
Police are still working to identify all potential victims and find out how long it may have been going on.

"This is something we don't see very often," Clemens said. "When we're talking about multiple victims, especially at one time, that's unusual."

Doubler could spend the rest of her life in prison, if convicted of five counts each of first-degree rape, sexual contact with a child under 16 and sexual exploitation of a minor.'

Father’s suicide becomes rallying cry for fairness in court

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'An excerpt from THIS article by Glenn Sacks:

"Thirty-five years ago today, Lillian White gave birth to her youngest son. Yesterday, she knelt down and kissed his coffin at his graveside.

Darrin White committed suicide two weeks ago in Prince George, B.C., after a judge ordered him to pay his estranged wife twice his take-home pay in child support and alimony each month.

In death he has become a poignant symbol of family courts gone awry, of a divorce system run by people with closed minds, hard hearts and deaf ears.

Across the country last evening, activists held candlelight vigils in memory of men such as Darrin. During his funeral Mass, Father Leo Fernandes of St. Augustine’s Roman Catholic Church urged Darrin’s friends to continue the struggle to which he succumbed.

Like those who completed Puccini’s last opera after his death, Father Fernandes said people close to Darrin should ask themselves: “What are you going to do about it? Hopefully, there is more. It is up to you, his friends, to accomplish what he was unable to. If his dream was to challenge the scales of justice in our country, then so be it. Do it for his sake.”

Darrin wasn’t a complicated man. He liked taking nature walks and enjoyed cycling. He read books about the outdoors and loved animals. He was a certified locomotive engineer who earned his living driving trains first for Canadian National, then the British Columbia railway.

When his marriage fell apart in January, Darrin found himself in a situation shared by many men. While he had worked long hours doing what society told him a father was supposed to do — bringing home the bacon — his devotion became a strike against him.

In a country that still treats children as prizes to be “won” in divorce court rather than as human beings entitled to close contact with both of their parents, the fact that Darrin had not spent as much time with his children as his homemaker wife was deemed sufficient reason to award her sole custody.
...
Researchers have known for decades that divorce is much harder on men than it is on women. We know that men who undergo marital breakdown experience significantly higher rates of suicide, mental illness, physical health problems and accidents than do women. Yet we remain indifferent to their anguish."

Read the rest HERE: http://www.glennsacks.com/darrin_whites_story.htm'

June is Men's Health Month

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Indeed it is. What, no one told you? No signs at work? No mass emails from H/R announcing events, research fund-raising Bingo tourneys, etc.? No ribbons to wear? Just like last year! Anyway, here's the site: http://www.menshealthmonth.org/

UK: No wonder young men have a problem with self-esteem

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'The emotional needs of young women have (quite rightly) been discussed at length by experts, journalists and politicians over the past five years. Yet what those who present low self-esteem and body insecurity as "feminist" issues fail to grasp is that their male counterparts are struggling just as much, they are simply less able to articulate their needs. After all, generations of social conditioning tells us that men don't "do" feelings.

I walk into a classroom of today's teenage boys and I see a large majority overstimulated by 24 hour internet access, jittery from the sheer pace of their lives, sometimes apathetic towards a society from which they feel utterly disenfranchised, occasionally asserting a kind of laddish, vaguely misogynistic aggression in an attempt to carve some sort of identity for themselves.

Great swathes of their generation have fathers who are absent, either physically or emotionally, and have probably spent their school years being taught by women. In the absence of male role models, many have turned to social media and online pornography to learn about life's fundamentals. If they have any doubts about their personal and social rejection, they need only refer to our press, which has taken to harping on relentlessly about how men are the enemy in the name of female empowerment.

As someone who regularly attends meetings at Parliament to discuss ways in which the Government can help young people navigate the toxic culture we have created for them, I often find myself wanting to scream when it is assumed we are only there to discuss the vulnerabilities of a female demographic. Make no mistake, a beauty and fitness industry which has relentlessly pursued the male market over the past decade, coupled with the increasingly visual nature of a society which communicates almost exclusively via the net, has taken its toll on young men.

Having said that, the ways in which this vulnerability manifests itself is completely different. Teenage girls tend to be self-analytical and eager to communicate. They know what their issues are and how they have arisen and they want a practical solution. It is much, much harder to approach any kind of pastoral issue with a teenage boy. Ask them to explain how they feel and they'll usually shrug. Given time, patience and reassurances that their feelings are valued and important, the blood will begin to pour forth from the proverbial stone.'

"The Toxic Appeal of the Men's Rights Movement"

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Remember those ads on TV years ago: "Read TIME... and un-der-staaaand!". I have a different motto for them these days: "Read TIME and *BLOW CHOW*!!" :) Article here. Excerpt:

'*A growing movement driven by misogyny and resentment is pulling in frustrated men struggling with changing definitions of masculinity. A men's fitness columnist on why they should walk away.*

Imagine a kid who got a cone with three scoops of ice cream in it. Good flavors, too. Like peanut-butter chocolate, plus a scoop of cookie dough. In a waffle cone. And then this child whines about the lack of chocolate sprinkles on top.

Welcome to the men's rights movement.

Wait, what? Men's rights? That's a thing? Yes, it's a thing, and while there are certain legitimate aspects to men's rights activism, or MRA, it's overwhelmingly a toxic slew of misogyny. This world of resentment and hate speech has been brought to light in recent days as we learned about the vitriolic forum posts and videos left behind by Elliot Rodger, the 22 year-old accused of killing six people in Santa Barbara last week. But it's hard to comprehend from Roger's delusional rants how potent the movement's message can be for ordinary men.

MRAs believe the traditionally oppressed groups have somehow seized control and taken away their white male privilege. They tap into fear and insecurity and turn it into blame and rage. Often the leaders of these groups are men who feel as though they got screwed in a divorce. They quote all sorts of statistics about child custody and unfair alimony payments, because in their minds, the single mother who has to choose between feeding the kids or paying the rent is a myth. They believe passionately in their own victimhood and their creed goes something like this: Women are trying to keep us down, usurp all our power, taking away what it means to be a man.'

Protesters threaten violence and death against International Men's Issues Conference

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let this article be proof of the nature and character of many of the people who oppose progress for Men's Human Rights. And let this issue be a rallying point for those who truly oppose violence and advocate social justice.

The first First International Conference on Men's Issues is scheduled to be held on June 26-28 in Detroit, Michigan. It is scheduled to be a great event. Never before has such a diverse a group of people met to engage in an exchange of ideas from a perspective of compassion for men and boys.

This event will unite academics and advocates from diverse backgrounds and across the political spectrum. Included among them is Dr. Warren Farrell, three-time board member of the National Organization for Women-New York, Senator Anne Cools (the first black female senator to be elected to Canada's upper house), Erin Pizzey (the founder of the first-ever battered women's shelter), and many more.

Unfortunately, this is apparently too much for those who oppose the idea of a men's human rights movement. Organization against the conference for a planned protest on June 7 appeared on Facebook, where threats of violence were made by anti-MHRA commenters were allowed to remain but comments by men's advocates requesting an open dialog were repeatedly deleted. In the characteristic Orwellian nature of those who oppose men's issues, the administration of the group rationalized this by claiming that they need to "make a safe space."
...
This is not the first time that this sort of thing has happened. When Karen Straughan was due to speak at Ryerson University the administration fined the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE, the group sponsoring her) a $1600 "security fee" due to the history of violence and criminal behavior on the part of Feminists and their allies at their previous protests of academic events.

Some may be discouraged by the violent tendencies of these people. I would heart. These people are putting their values (or lack thereof) on display for the world to see. They are not organizing to attend the event, listen to what is being said, and ask incisive questions. On the contrary, the only thing they are interested in is shutting down the event. They are destroying their credibility before the world.

Suzanne McCarley, one of the editors at A Voice for Men, had this to say on Facebook:

"This is their desperation. They know they are losing control of the narrative on gender issues, and blatant violence is all they have left. We are witnessing the the beginning of the end of a fascist social movement. This is feminism's Wiley Coyote moment, just before it falls crashing down from the sky. Frantic flailing is to be expected."'

"Women are having fewer kids, and demographers don't know why"

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'U.S. fertility is not recovering from the financial crisis — and demographers aren't sure why.

The fertility rate fell to a record low 62.9 births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 in 2013, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

The total number of births, at 3.96 million, inched up by a mere 4,000 from 2012, the first increase since the financial crisis. But the total fertility rate, or TFR, the average number of children a woman would have during her child-bearing years, fell to just 1.86, the lowest rate in 27 years. TFR is considered the best metric of fertility. A TFR of 2.1 represents a stable population, with children replacing parents as they die off.'

More college men are fighting back against sexual misconduct cases

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'Peter Yu, Drew Sterrett and Lewis McLeod were headed toward bright futures at prestigious colleges and universities when each got involved in one-night sexual encounters.

All three young men claimed the encounters were consensual — but the women asserted otherwise. In each case, campus officials found the men responsible for sexual assault and expelled or suspended them.

But all three are pushing back, suing the schools on charges that their rights to a fair hearing were violated.

As universities and colleges launch intensified efforts against sexual misconduct, more cases are shifting from campuses to courtrooms.'

Suspension Isn't Enough

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'Duke is one of a few schools with a tough new policy: If a student is found culpable for sexual misconduct, expulsion is the presumptive punishment. Most schools haven't gone that far. Universities want to support victims, but they don't want to freeze out the perpetrators. They get blamed both for not taking alleged victims seriously, and for not doing enough to protect the rights of the accused. A finding of culpability with a lenient sanction is one way to split the difference. But it's an uneasy compromise that causes its own set of problems, as a case that unfolded this spring at Stanford shows.
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Stanford law professor Michele Dauber, who helped design the ARP as the faculty chair of Stanford's Board of Judicial Affairs, told me that many more students are making complaints than did so under the old system. That's true nationally as well since the DoE letter clarifying the standard. Dauber thinks preponderance of the evidence is sufficient. "Reviewers are very careful and want to do the right thing," she said. "No one thinks, 'this guy is 51 percent responsible, so let's throw him out of college.'"

But the preponderance standard is controversial, because it's a relatively low threshold. Stanford used to use "beyond a reasonable doubt," the standard for criminal conviction. Other schools used "clear and convincing," which meant that adjudicators had to find that the sexual assault or harassment was "highly probable or reasonably certain." Combined with procedural changes, like eliminating direct cross-examination, the lower burden of proof raises fears that male students will be falsely accused and railroaded by inept university panels, which, after all, are not made up of legal professionals. "They're trying to set up a much lower-quality shadow justice system on campus," said Robert Shibley, senior vice president of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, in an excellent piece by Michelle Goldberg in the Nation.'

Exclusive: Brown University Student Speaks Out On What It's Like To Be Accused Of Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"We were friends."

Over the course of a nearly two-hour conversation, Daniel Kopin returns to this point again and again. Ten months after an evening that irrevocably changed two young people's lives, Kopin, a 21-year-old former Brown University student, still sounds genuinely shaken as he recounts his reaction to an August 8 email that confronted him with a stark accusation: "Dan, you raped me."

...

"I was in shock—total disbelief," Kopin says, growing visibly agitated as he recalls reading the email. "I couldn't—I mean, I called my mom. Being accused—something must be wrong, something must be off. That was my initial thought. But it became clear, as I looked over my facts, the text messages I had—as I racked my memory—it became clear that this was not true. What she was saying was not true."

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One irony of this particular story is that Kopin and Sclove share a common background of progressive activism—an interest that helped form a bond between them after both transferred to Brown in January 2013 (Kopin from NYU, Sclove from Tufts). Kopin, the younger of two sons of physician parents, attended the Rashi School, a Boston-area Jewish school that has a strong social justice orientation; both at home and at school, he was raised in an environment where "believing the victim" in a sexual assault case is a widely shared principle. Today, he speaks earnestly of his gratitude for the support he has received from friends who are "who are a part of this feminist community that I'd like to consider myself a part of."

A mild-mannered young man with a self-effacing smile and a preppy manner, Kopin sometimes sounds as if he still doesn't quite believe all of this is real. "I don't why this is happening," he says, more than once. "I don't understand." He says that, after the night of the alleged assault on August 2, he had no inkling that anything was wrong until receiving Sclove's email several days later.

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In many ways, the current system of campus trials—in which claims of sexual assault are investigated by gender equity bureaucrats with no background in criminal justice and judged by professors, students, deans, and campus activists, with no clear rules of evidence or protections for the participants—does a grave disservice to both the wrongly accused and to victims who are misleadingly promised a friendlier alternative to law enforcement channels. On at least one point, Sen. Gillibrand is right: if Daniel Kopin is a violent rapist and near-strangler, he should be doing time in prison, not getting suspended or even expelled (the toughest disciplinary sanctions still leave a rapist free to find other victims off-campus). If he is innocent, he has been effectively branded a criminal without any of the safeguards normally accorded to criminal defendants. In the end, nobody wins.'

Bill pushes into college sex lives to help rape victims

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'California lawmakers want to take the burden of preventing rape off victims by requiring that college students looking to hook up prove they had agreed to have sex.

The "affirmed consent" standard - already in place at many universities - could be required at all publicly funded California colleges and universities under a proposed state law being considered by the Legislature.

The move comes as women's groups - joined by President Obama - have expressed outrage at the lax way college officials across the country have responded to reports of rape on their campuses.

But some say that requiring each partner to explicitly agree to have sex goes too far into people's bedrooms and unfairly limits due process rights of the accused.

"The only thing this does is decrease the number of men on campus," said Professor Gordon Finley of Florida International University, a critic of affirmative consent policies. "How do you prove affirmative consent? It's inherently impossible to prove. It's so far removed from everyone's sex lives."'

Britain’s Crisis of Masculinity

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'It’s not looking good for the British male. The push for the parity of the sexes has left males far behind their female counterparts in pretty much everything, explains the Spectator’s Isabel Hardman.

Early in life, boys lag behind girls in every one of Britain’s official early learning goals such as listening, concentration, understanding, reading, writing, technology, mobility and dexterity.

Seven-year-old boys are 7 percent less likely to meet reading standards compared to 7-year-old girls. With age, that gap widens—8 percent by age 11, and 12 percent by age 13. While 66 percent of females pass high school with a grade of C or higher, only 56 percent of males do. This naturally leads to more women applying for college than men.

However, men do lead in something; they account for 77 percent of all suicides in the United Kingdom. Since 1981, the female suicide rate decreased by 50 percent while that of males decreased by only 8 percent.
...
As Trumpet columnist Joel Hilliker wrote in “The Incredible Shrinking Man” in March 2013, it is incredible how the male is shrinking from his role as a strong, exemplary brother, father, provider, protector and helper of society. He wrote:

"The result is effectively a reversal of a male-female dynamic that has existed for virtually all of human history.

Feminists may celebrate, but more and more people are recognizing that this trend has come with some steep costs we’re only starting to see. Even women are frustrated with today’s breed of spineless, ambitionless manboys. There is a genuine problem here."'

Teacher suspended for allegedly grabbing kindergartner; video leaves mom in tears

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'An Ohio kindergarten teacher is suspended after a video shows her allegedly grabbing and shaking a 6-year-old boy.

Through tears, the boy's mother called for the educator's firing.

In a surveillance video from Riverdale Schools in Mt. Blanchard, Ian Nelson, 6, can be seen walking alone to the school bathroom. When he comes out, his teacher, Barb Williams, appears to pick him up and push him against the wall before grabbing his face and his shirt. She then picks him up again, and his neck appears to snap backward.'

"In defense of manhood"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I have — tired — of the constant attacks on men these days.

From the "rape culture," to bumbling depictions of men on television, to the constant drumbeat that manly and masculine behavior is somehow antisocial, to the overmedication of primarily young boys in school, misandry is rampant in our current culture.

And all the while the administration and the media bleat about misogyny and the "Republican War on Women™.

Is misogyny real? Certainly.

But so is misandry. So is this idea that somehow traditional ideas of manliness and "the man thing" is the source of all trouble.

So forthwith is a defense of manhood, starting with a description of what a man truly is.'

"Lulu Just Transformed From A Dating App Into A Cyberbullying App"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's all agree—just for the sake of argument—that men are a lesser, subspecies of human, possessing below-average abilities in nearly all areas of life unrelated to bench-pressing or competitive eating. Agreed? OK, great.

The outsized recognition given their inferior intelligence has led them to believe, foolishly, that they are in fact the superior sex: more rational, better at explaining things, cleverer, and in possession of inherently correct opinions. It's delightful, somewhat twisted amusement to watch them confronted with a little peek or window into their true position in the world; to cut down a man's ego is like watching a dog try to open a door, or kicking up the dirt of an anthill and watching the ants scurry about, disoriented and scared.

That vague male fear is what made the app Lulu seem fun at first. Men were not allowed to use the app; if they tried to log on (which the app does through Facebook), they'd be coldly denied. Lulu was an app for women, and it allowed them to rate their male Facebook friends based on a variety of personality traits, physical feats, and sex skills, all, ostensibly, in service of warning fellow women about prospective dates' red flags, and cheering on the good guys. Lulu was like writing "For a good time, call …" on the ladies' room wall. It felt like wink-y, good old-fashioned misandry; while not especially effective in righting institutional and cultural wrongs, it let us saddle dudes with weird little negs like "OnlyWearsFratTanks" and cackle about it with each other. It was funny and seemingly lighthearted.

Today, that fun ended. The latest update to the app will now allow men to see an overview of their rating, the number of women who have rated him, and a summary of the hashtags used to describe him. The update may have been intended to improve transparency, but instead it shifts what seemed like harmless, insider fun to more overt cyberbullying.
...
Gone from the "male-friendly" version is that private, girl-gossip feel; what remains is merely a lazy and passive way to shame, hurt, or exact revenge on people who can log in and see it. An app that allows you to see what your Facebook friends are anonymously saying about you is not a force for good, or misandry. It's just mean.

UPDATE

A previous update to Lulu made it so that guys can't be reviewed unless they have signed up for the app. They can also delete their profile.'

Students question ‘affirmative consent’ bill designed to combat sexual assaults

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A pair of friends at Cal State Long Beach said the bill seemed well-intentioned, but questioned how practical it is when it comes to ensuring consent throughout sex with their partners.

“I feel like their hearts are in the right place, but the implementation is a little too excessive,” said Henry Mu, a 24-year-old biology major. “Are there guidelines? Are we supposed to check every five minutes?”

The remark drew laughter from his friend and fellow 49er, Sue Tang.

“If you were to do that, it would definitely kill the vibe,” said Tang, 27.

Lowenthal said affirmative consent means an individual “must say ‘yes,’” and “if an individual says nothing, that doesn’t imply consent.”
...
Critics of SB 967 say the “one-in-five” women statistic is dubious, and is used by legislators and universities to create a climate of fear on campus that ignores the rights of the accused.

Samantha Harris, director of policy research at the Philadelphia-based nonprofit Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, said the statistic comes from a 2007 federally funded Campus Sexual Assault Study using broad definitions of sexual violence to inflate the prevalence of the problem.

“Depending on their answers, they were classified as victims, regardless of whether they had identified themselves as victims,” Harris said. “If somebody replied as having sex when drunk then they would be classified as a victim. Sexual assault on campus is a serious issue, but you have to get those numbers right.”
...
Other critics of SB 967 say the proposed law is too vague and doesn’t represent consensual sexual interaction in the real world.

“To me, this bill turns most people into sexual assaulters,” said Hans Bader, senior attorney for the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit Competitive Enterprise Institute.'

Campus sexual assault law welcome response to a longtime wrong: Editorial

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'These solutions will come about by changes both in campus culture and its tolerance for the various kinds of date rape, acquaintance rape and other permutations of the problem, and in the enforcement of both regulations and the law. Most clearly, the best and most lasting solution would come from a recognition by young men, whether in fraternal groups or on their own, that there is essentially no difference between intentionally getting young women extremely drunk en masse at house parties and then taking advantage of them, and rape of any other kind. Laughing such practices off as a grand tradition and noting it was always thus in the groves of academe and in the frat houses located therein is no excuse whatsoever. It's organized criminal activity, and it can't be tolerated any longer.
...
The bill, SB 967, at its core states a compassionate human truth: "lack of protest or resistance does not mean consent, nor does silence," and says that it's the responsibility of the person initiating sex to ensure the other person consents, at every step of the way.

Critics will attack the bill as another manifestation of the nanny state, and say that it attempts to legislate romance. But looking at the actual text of the law rather than reacting from ingrained political bias may help here. In order to receive state funding, public and private colleges in California would have to maintain such a code aimed at stopping sexual assault. Important criteria contained in civilized countries' larger rape laws are included, such as: "The existence of a dating relationship between the persons involved, or the fact of past sexual relations between them, should never by itself be assumed to be an indicator of consent." It's hard to argue with that.

That sometimes the "he said, she said" nature of such encounters will arise is not a valid argument against the law. You could say the same thing against any rape legislation. Where it gets tricky is already coming into play on California campuses, where some young men haven't been allowed any say after being accused. Kangaroo courts will cause such laws' repeal. But casual college rape has been tolerated for too long, and we welcome this attempt to right that wrong.'

South Africa: Sexual abuse of boys on rise

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Little was said during Child Protection Week, which came to an end at the weekend, about the increase in the sexual abuse of boys.

"There is certainly less concern being publicly expressed. There is almost an assumption that boys are less harmed by sexual abuse," Childline manager Joan van Niekerk said.

"We come across some professionals who believe that boys cannot be sexually abused. We have increasing evidence that the sexual abuse of boys is as frequent as that of girls," she said.

University of KwaZulu-Natal education professor Deevia Bhana said that the abuse of boys was not sufficiently recognised or adequately dealt with compared to the sexual abuse of girls.

She said the under-reporting of the abuse of boys was attributable to silence, stigma and shame.
...
"Gender roles and expectations for boys differ from those for girls. Boys at an early age are inducted into rituals of manhood that require acceptance of pain and suppression of emotions. This prevents easy disclosure of the abuse," Bhana said.'

Please sign counter-petition to one on Change.org against AVfM's upcoming men's conferenence

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By email:

A petition has been launched on Change.org urging that the First International Conference on Men's Issues be canceled via appeal to the conference venue's management. We have launched a counter-petition. If you could please sign and urge others to do so it would be appreciated. While petitions like this may seem not to matter, the local media in Detroit is taking it seriously, so a counter-petition seems like it will be helpful. Excerpt:

'To the City of Detroit and the World,

The Men's Human Rights Movement is a peaceful humanist civil rights movement, dedicated to compassion for men and boys. It is growing quickly due to support from people of every race, creed, color, gender, orientation, and ethnicity.

It has been subjected to vicious attacks by those who wish to silence people from talking about suicide, homelessness, education, poverty, domestic violence, sexual assault, and compassion for men who suffer from many of these problems at higher rates than most people realize--and who wish to do it free from vested outside interests and ideologies.

We are men and women, black and white, gay and straight, and we want to peacefully gather and talk.

Our global community is prepared to meet for the first time in a historic conference to take place in Detroit this June 26th-28th. The conference has been planned for nearly a year, and features many qualified and dynamic speakers from around the world.'

Woman filmed attacking man and falsely claimed to police that she was assaulted

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Link here.

'A man in the US has captured the moment he was attacked by a fellow beach-goer for using drone to photograph a public beach.

The man, who is a keen drone hobbyist, was flying his quadracopter on the Connecticut shoreline when he was approached by Andrea Mears, 23.

Mears is shown knocking over the man and telling him to "stop, stop" while on the phone to the police.

"This guy is taking pictures and trying to upload them from a camera," Mears can be heard saying.

As the man attempts to pack up his belongings, Mears strikes, pushing him to the ground and ripping his shirt.

The man can be heard yelling, "You're assaulting me," before Mears calls him a "pervert" and grabbing at his hair.

The man managed to capture the entire incident on his iPhone.

When police finally arrived Mears told them that she had been assaulted, but after showing officers the video from his iPhone, the man was let go and Mears ended up being arrested for assault and breach of peace.'

Campuses must distinguish between assault and youthful bad judgment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I really didn't want to write another column that hinges on the notion of a war between the genders.

But our front-page story Sunday — on legal challenges by students punished for campus sexual assaults — raises such provocative questions, I just couldn't help myself.

University officials around the country are ratcheting up efforts to protect female students by reining in sexual misconduct. But as Times reporter Teresa Watanabe explained, that campaign is raising concern about the rights of the accused.

...

We do our children no favors by making sexual stupidity a capital offense. It doesn't educate men or rescue women; it just turns naive and awkward college students into perpetrators and victims.'

Zambia: 20 children die of malnutrition in Chipata as circumcision campaign presses on

Minuteman · 11 June 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'TWENTY children have died in Chipata due poor nutrition in the first quarter of this year, Chipata General Hospital acting superintendent Daniel Makawa has said.

Dr Makawa said 133 children were admitted in the first quarter but only 11 were successfully treated for poor nutrition.

...

On male circumcision, Dr Makawa said 1,165 males ranging from one year to over 50 years were circumcised at the Hospital during the first quarter of the year.

He said more youths aged between 15-24 years preferring to do their circumcision at the hospital.'

Politico: George Will Is An Old White Guy, So He Never Should Have Written About Campus 'Rape'

Mastodon · 11 June 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists are demanding Washington Post columnist George Will be fired for a Sunday column on campus sexual assaults. Politico media reporter Hadas Gold wrote “the reception from progressives went about as well as expected when an older, white, male conservative columnist writes about college sexual assaults.”

So an old white guy can’t write about the excesses of liberalism? Free speech for everyone, except the race-and-gender-privileged? Gold repeated herself a few sentences down: “Will's own identity — older, white, male and conservative — made him especially prone to liberal criticism on the subject of sexual assault.” Her piece was loaded up with angry lefties.

...

Here’s how Will began his column (and the outrage):

"Colleges and universities are being educated by Washington and are finding the experience excruciating. They are learning that when they say campus victimizations are ubiquitous (“micro-aggressions,” often not discernible to the untutored eye, are everywhere), and that when they make victimhood a coveted status that confers privileges, victims proliferate."

Gold utterly missed what this conservative would have raised in response: where were the feminists when the victims of sexual assault and harassment were victimized by Bill Clinton? Weren’t the liberal journalists the first to spread the insensitive theme that the Clinton “bimbos” sought privilege for themselves, and the conservative media’s thirst for bimbo stories caused the bimbos to proliferate?

...

Will certainly did not say “schools shouldn’t be addressing sexual assault,” and his example suggested that consent is a very fluid concept in college relationships, given “the ambiguities of the hookup culture, this cocktail of hormones, alcohol and the faux sophistication of today’s prolonged adolescence of especially privileged young adults.”

According to Politico and the progressives, millennials can not be mocked if you're old and white and male.'

Wealthy men drugged by NYC strippers, authorities say

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It's a tawdry tale of New York City strippers on the prowl for vulnerable men with money, drinks spiked with illegal synthetic drugs and runaway credit card charges at topless clubs.

Some of the men say they have little or no memory of any of it. But investigators filled in the blanks for them on Wednesday by announcing the arrests of four women — all described as professional strippers — and a club manager on charges including grand larceny, assault and forgery.

The four were accused of teaming up to rip off a combined $200,000 from a New Jersey doctor, a banker, a hedge fund executive and a real estate attorney in a credit card scam during the last four months of 2013.
...
According to authorities, the scheme began with the women going on "fishing" expeditions at bars in midtown Manhattan and on Long Island to lure in victims. On follow-up dates, they secretly dosed the victim's drinks with the stimulant methylone, commonly known as "molly," or the tranquilizer ketamine.

The dazed and confused victims were driven to Scores and the RoadHouse in Queens, where their credit cards were swiped and unauthorized charges recorded, some as high as $50,000. The clubs paid the women a fee, but the establishments were not facing criminal charges, authorities said.

The men reported waking up in their cars or in hotel rooms, wondering how they got there. Those who tried to dispute the strip club bills received texts from the strippers threatening to go public with their transgressions, authorities said.'

Conference Educates on Bullying/Domestic Violence Prevention

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Wildwood Convention Center was the site of the “Bullying/Domestic Violence Prevention Conference” sponsored by the Cape May County Prosecutor’s Office. Ed Rodgers welcomed visitors and made sure they were headed in the right direction. The event itself began at 8:30 a.m. and wrapped up about 3 p.m. The event was paid for by drug forfeiture money.

The goal of the conference was to make progress in preventing both bullying and domestic violence. The theme, according to Cape May County Prosecutor Robert Taylor, was ‘Creating Safe School Environments and Safe Communities.’

Taylor referenced some disturbing statistics. One in four women have been targets of domestic violence; 60 percent of boys who were bullies in grade school go on to commit a crime as adults; 40 percent commit three crimes by age 24.
...
One gentleman who asked to be identified by his first name only, David, said he found the conference informative but wished that there had been more discussion about the rights of fathers. “Sometimes I think the men get a raw deal. I think the system views men as automatically in the wrong. But nobody should be a bully.”'

Domestic Violence: Men Are Victims Too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence is something that is mostly commonly found among women. Stories of physical, mental, and emotional abuse can be seen on many sites across the internet and sometimes in the news. However, this is not an occurrence that only affects women. Men are victims of domestic violence too. Male domestic violence is not often heard of, but that should not suggest that it does not occur. In fact, men have it just as rough, if not worse, than women do. A wide range of skepticism is met when reports are received from men stating that they are being abused. It is a broad misconception that men cannot be abused because they can 'handle themselves.' Another misconception is that women are frail beings thus not being able to hurt the male at all.

According to one statistic, men make up about 40 percent of all domestic violence cases. In one of many studies, statistics shows that 64 percent of domestic violence calls made by men to hotlines were turned away with statements saying that the hotline only assisted women. Some of the hotlines that were contacted for this reason often referred men to male domestic violence hotlines. Most reports filed by men for domestic violence are often met with disbelief, ridicule, and sometimes laughter. Speaking with law enforcement about the incident does not make matters any easier for the victim because of these issues.

Another reason of domestic violence cases, in which men are victims, go unreported is that some women would more than likely make it seem as they are the victims. Physically, men are known to be typically stronger than most women. However, many men today were brought up with the teachings that they should never hit females. This is yet another reason many male domestic violence victims have such a hard time coming forward. If a woman tells police that she was hit by a man, even if the story is false, an arrest is instantly made. This means that the system is more against men than it is women. It also suggests that women receives more assistance and support for domestic violence than men.'

#YesAllWomen: Facts the media didn't tell you

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Video on YouTube here.

"The Factual Feminist video blog, hosted by Christina Hoff Sommers, covers all subjects related to feminist philosophies and practices. Christina and her #FactFem colleagues use a data-driven approach to the basic tenets of feminism and related topics."

Men's rights group cancels conference in downtown Detroit, plans for alternate venue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A controversial conference on men's rights that was to be held at a downtown Detroit hotel has been canceled.

The Hilton Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby on W. Lafayette will no longer be hosting the A Voice for Men's International Conference on Men's Issues, which was to be held June 27-28.

"We have scheduled another venue and will make an announcement on the site this evening," group founder Paul Elam said in an email Wednesday.'

Petition to Fire George Will Launched By Wife of White House Media Director

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, George Will wrote a column about how progressive politics have fomented "rape culture" on college campuses. The column was not well received by some, or even, as a great many of the histrionic responses would indicate, well understood. I received the following press release yesterday, headlined: "87,000 Call on The Washington Post to Address Sexism, Fire George Will." A group called UltraViolet was touting the success of an online petition they'd whipped up over the controversy. From the release:

“The past week has seen the Washington Post devolve to violent and shameful rhetoric that normalizes rape and violence against women. In the face of a national epidemic of sexual violence, The Washington Post should take a stand against rape-- starting by firing George Will, said Nita Chaudhary, co-founder of UltraViolet. “From mocking survivors to misleading the public on demands for college sexual assault reform and blaming women for violence against them-- the Post has left the realm of honest debate and entered the realm of hate-speech and dog whistles.”

Let's be clear, absolutely nothing about Will's column rises to the level of "hate speech" and the bit about dog whistles is absurd. The more relevant question is: Who is UltraViolet co-founder Nita Chaudhary? In 2004, she was the Democratic National Committee's first director of online. And she is the former campaign director at MoveOn.Org. While with MoveOn.org, Chaudhary aggressively defended the organization's infamous "General Petraeus is likely to become General Betray Us" ad. (And no, the irony of revisiting how MoveOn.org was wrong about the surge in Iraq as we're currently making plans to evacuate the Baghdad embassy is not lost on me.)'

Focus on campus assault gray areas, not red or blue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'No, conservative commentator George Will should not be fired because, when writing about campus sexual assault, he declared that colleges are learning when they “make victimhood a coveted status that confers privileges, victims proliferate.”

He’s an opinion writer, which means he has the right to express an opinion, even one that’s offensive to women, especially to some feminists now lobbying to get his column dropped.
...
But Will’s questioning of statistics and how best to deal with campus sexual assault are not outrageous. It’s easy to cast it that way because, just like Benghazi and Bowe Bergdahl, the matter of sexual relations between our college-age children breaks down along ideological lines. In this case, a blast of tweets from the left quickly stirs an off-with-his-head frenzy.

Ever since the White House released a report aimed at exposing the problem of sexual assault on campuses, this topic has become yet another excuse for partisan braying.

As lawyer and social critic Wendy Kaminer wrote recently for WBUR’s Cognoscenti website, “The right has its own politically correct mandate to oppose any Obama administration civil rights initiative. The left labors under a pop feminist mandate to reflexively believe self-identified victims of sexual assault.”

While I don’t think the left’s “mandate” is quite as superficial and knee-jerk as Kaminer describes, the larger point of where this all leads is worth considering: If everyone looks at the problem through a political prism, how can anyone objectively weigh the pros and cons of solutions? That’s what bogs down Washington.'

'False rape' cases soar in Delhi as number of acquittals hits 78 per cent

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Rape is sinister, but perhaps equally sinister is the use of false rape charges as a tool to extort vulnerable men.

The number of cases of rape has seen an alarming increase in the Capital after the December 16 gang-rape incident, with two such cases being reported daily on an average.

However, "frivolous rape cases" have also seen a phenomenal rise, with accusations being used when relations go sour, or to settle scores.

Data from Delhi Police show 616 rape and 1,336 molestation cases were registered between January 1 and April 30.

This is a 36 per cent rise in rape cases against the 450 cases registered in the same period of last year.

Though there is an increase in the number of rape cases, the percentage of the "accused" being acquitted has shot up considerably too.

"In 2013, 1,559 rape and 3,347 molestation cases were registered as compared to 680 rape and 653 incidents of molestation in 2012. However, the acquittal rate in rape cases was 46 per cent in 2012, while it shot up to 78 per cent in 2013.
...
In a recent case, three domestic helps from Jharkhand had registered rape cases against their employers to extort money from them.

The racket was exposed as one individual was common in the complaints filed by the three in all the separate cases, which raised suspicion.

They complainants later confessed that the charges were fabricated before a city court, which directed the police to probe the matter.'

SAVE E-lert: Proliferation of Lawsuits Against Colleges

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Since 2011, when the U.S. Department of Education issued its notorious "Dear Colleague Letter," we have worked with federal lawmakers, attorneys representing wrongfully accused students, their parents, and concerned groups to address this egregious assault on due process rights.

SAVE has established a website that catalogs the hundreds of editorials criticizing the Dear Colleague Letter: http://www.accusingu.org/

And this week, we released the first-ever compilation of lawsuits against colleges and universities filed by wrongfully expelled
students: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Campus-Sexual-Assault-Lawsuits1.pdf

We are updating accusingu.org on a regular basis, so check back often.

On behalf of all victims, and all who are falsely accused, thank you.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

AVfM International Conference on Men's Issues Change-of-Venue Information

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Announcement here. Excerpt:

'The disingenuous and quite insane backlash against the International Conference on Men's Issues has produced some interesting results. First, the onslaught of yellow journalism from places like Daily Kos and the Huffington Post has been unprecedented, even for those two myth-factories.

The other thing it has produced is a hell of a lot more interest in the conference, and more ticket sales. So much so, as a matter of fact, that we have opted to move to a venue that will seat more people and provide more security than was available previously.

While we apologize for any inconvenience that the move is going to cause, it is nonetheless a positive move for the conference. Because seating capacity was misrepresented to us at the previous venue, we were forced to plan for an overflow room where we would pipe in live events to a monitor at reduced ticket prices.

With the change of venue we will be able to accommodate all attendees in the same space at the same time.'

More dads demand equal custody rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One reason for the interest in fathers getting their due, suggests Alan Boudreau, who teaches at Northern Illinois University's College of Law in DeKalb, Ill., is that many of today's lawyers and judges come from homes where divorce played out.

"They were children of divorce at a time when the presumption was very much (that) the mother would stay in the marital home and have pretty much full-time custody of the kids, and the father would have visitation and maybe some overnights," Boudreau says. "I think those kids — when divorcing — want a different experience for their kids than they had."
The recession accelerated this trend, he says.

"You've seen more households that had two working parents, and if a parent was out of work, it happened to be the father, and he was therefore taking over more of the parenting duties," Boudreau says. "This has changed, in many ways, men's relationships to their children, and that has been reflected in some of the growth of firms catering to men and fathers' rights."'

Dad in South Africa seeks repatriation of daughter taken to France

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A dad in South Africa, Michael Job, has started an international campaign to help him persuade the French authorities to cooperate with South Africa in the extradition of his daughter whom his estranged wife took to France on vacation with the agreement that she would return with their daughter to South Africa. Currently, she has failed to return to South Africa or arrange for their daughter's return to South Africa. See the following sites for details:

http://petitelili9may2012.blogspot.fr/

https://www.facebook.com/PapadelapetiteLili9May2012

http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/help-me-get-my-daughter-back-2

Men Stage ‘Fatherless Day’ Protest Against Family Court

Matt · 15 June 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'This Father’s Day, there are some Dad’s who don’t want a new tie or a cold beer, but simply a chance to be a parent.

Call it ‘Occupy Family Court’ or ‘Fatherless Day.’ There was a protest Friday afternoon on the west steps of the State Capitol against a family court system they say automatically rules in favor of mom during a divorce, without giving dad a chance.

“From a biased family law system and the pain that father’s go through, many fathers have to go through Father’s Day without actually seeing their own children,” said Fred Hayward.

Divorce is messy and the impact on the kids can be permanent, and the father’s protesting Friday said if the custody is shared equally the damage can be minimized.

“Typically the father has to pay child support and never sees his kids except every other weekend and the children suffer,” said Jeremy LeRoux.'

Countdown to Kickstarter for First-Ever Book on Celebrating Brit Shalom

Matt · 15 June 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today I have some big news that I am excited to share. I've recently been working on a project with my dear friend Lisa Braver Moss. We've been putting together a book for families who want to hold a brit shalom ceremony for their newborn sons.

If you aren't familiar—brit shalom is an alternative to brit milah. The baby is given a Hebrew name and welcomed into the Jewish community without circumcision. By all indicators, brit shalom is becoming evermore popular. For example, Dr. Mark Reiss's Brit Shalom Providers List now boasts nearly 200 officiants—more than 100 of whom are bona fide rabbis.

Lisa and I decided it was time for a book about brit shalom, one that families and officiants could turn to for advice and inspiration. The book will include a choice of ceremonies, original songs, information about brit shalom and tips for hosting a service.

On June 17—that's one week from today—we'll be launching a 45-day Kickstarter campaign to officially announce our book, Celebrating Brit Shalom, and to raise needed funding so we can bring this book to the public.'

One Parent Can Make a Difference

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers' Day has meant many different things to me over the years. I've spent the day in the company of my children and I've also spent it alone. But whether we're together or apart, I am no less their father and they no less my children. Â This I can be sure of.

On a shelf in my bedroom I keep on display all of the little gifts and cards my younger daughter has worked so hard to make for me since she was first able. Origami cranes, a clay turtle with its baby piggy-back and a figure fashioned from Scotch tape and Snapple caps are just a few of these. They are precious and irreplaceable, as is she along with her sister and brother.

Our children have never been my soldiers or my spies - or sounding boards for my anger and frustration despite court appearances and divorce proceedings that have dragged on for over fourteen years. Instead I chose to love them unconditionally in the only way I know, which, difficult as it was at times, meant using restraint so they could develop their own views and opinions.

Revamping the court system, educating our lawmakers both in the senate and the assembly regarding the virtues of shared parenting, and writing meaningful legislation are vitally important goals, but there is so much more. We can talk about change, lobby for reform and campaign for children's rights, but the real revolution comes from within. One parent can make a difference in the life of one child by putting the needs of that child first. It's that simple. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many.'

IA: Intactivist of the Month: Brian Leaf

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Article here. Excerpt:

'JUNE 2014: Author and educator Brian Leaf is the director of The New Leaf Learning Center, a holistic tutoring center in Massachusetts. As an advocate of "conscious parenting," he's become known for his ability to blend research and humor, as evidenced in his most recent book, The Misadventures of a Parenting Yogi: Cloth Diapers, Cosleeping, and My (Sometimes Successful) Quest for Conscious Parenting—which includes an entire chapter on circumcision. Earlier this month, his essay "Why I Didn't Choose Circumcision" (excerpted from his book) was featured in the Parents section of The Huffington Post.

In his chapter titled "The Myth of Smegma," Brian tackles the issue of circumcision head-on (so to speak). "In the 1800s," he writes, "germ theory was gaining attention and people believed circumcision could fight the ultimate germ demon, smegma. Sounds like a Batman villain... Smegma is actually found in most animal genitalia and serves, in fact, to clean and lubricate the genitals. The word smegma itself is Greek for soap. Where the hell was Freud for all this? What would he have said about these wealthy white doctors all happily enjoying their foreskins while recommending that new babies lose theirs? Circumcision was the new snake oil."

Ultimately, Brian and his wife decided not to circumcise their son. He explains: "People ask me, 'What will you tell your son when he asks why his penis is different from yours?' I don't understand this concern. Why must his penis match mine? Our hair color is different. We have different noses and his teeth are better than mine. Should he get braces and a retainer to mimic my overbite?"'

George Will responds to senators on his sexual assault column

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'*Editor's note: On Thursday, U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.) and Robert Casey (D-Pa.) sent a letter to Post columnist George Will objecting to his column published online last Friday about sexual assault on college campuses. Today, Will sent the senators a response. Here is an excerpt:*

Dear Senators Blumenthal, Feinstein, Baldwin and Casey:

I have received your letter of June 12, and I am puzzled. You say my statistics "fly in the face of everything we know about this issue." You do not mention which statistics, but those I used come from the Obama administration, and from simple arithmetic involving publicly available reports on campus sexual assaults.

The administration asserts that only 12 percent of college sexual assaults are reported. Note well: I did not question this statistic. Rather, I used it.

I cited one of the calculations based on it that Mark Perry of the American Enterprise Institute has performed {link}. So, I think your complaint is with the conclusion that arithmetic dictates, based on the administration's statistic. The inescapable conclusion is that another administration statistic that one in five women is sexually assaulted while in college is insupportable and might call for tempering your rhetoric about "the scourge of sexual assault."'

Will's complete letter is here.

Texas Men's Rights Group Sparks Controversy

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'A Houston-based men's rights group has come under heavy criticism for attempting to host a conference on men's issues later this month in Detroit. Conference organizers claim that they were required by Double Tree hotel, where the conference is being held, to purchase 2 million dollars in insurance and around the clock police presence. According to organizers, this is the hotel's way to protect the hotel and its guests from alleged threats that were made against the event.

The conference is being hosted by A Voice for Men, a social activism group that claims to "promote the dissemination of information that will expose misandry and gender-centrism on all levels in our culture." They openly advocate for men's rights and advocate against existing bias in the family law system.

A Voice for Men officials told Breitbart Texas that after receiving threats against the hotel and its guests, Double Tree management sent them a letter requiring them to spend roughly $25,000 on extra security for the event.
...
While it is unclear whether the threats made the group are real, there is undoubtedly a lot of controversy surrounding the event. A petition created to demand that the Double Tree Hilton cancel the conference has garnered over 3,500 signatures. In the comment section of the petition, signators compared the group to the KKK, Nazis, and Terrorists. Some of the comments even hint at using force to disrupt the event.

"Doubletree, do yourself a favor and cancel the Men's Rights Conference. If not, we will shut it down for you, with all the attendant negative publicity you will receive for sponsoring a conference for men who advocate beating, raping and murdering women," reads a comment made by a signator.'

"MRA's (men's rights activists) are a dangerous hate group that needs to be destroyed," reads another.'

Female students shouldn't play the victim card

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'There was a time when university finals were an opportunity for students to show off how much they'd learnt about a particular subject during their time in higher education. Not anymore. Students at the University of Oxford are using this exam season to show off their awareness of sexual violence on campus through pinning a white ribbon to the academic gowns they have to wear during their exams. The inevitable pictures of students donning ribbon-adorned gowns are being enthusiastically 'liked' and retweeted online.

This comes on the back of a campaign organised by the students' union at Oxford called It Happens Here that calls on Oxford students to share their experiences of sexual violence. The campaign follows the arrest of the Oxford students' union president on an allegation of rape. Can it be true that Oxford's dreamy spires and quiet courtyards are hiding an epidemic of misogyny, abuse and rape?

As I've argued before on spiked, there is no evidence to suggest an explosion in sexual violence at British universities. Instead, the current talk of a university 'rape culture' is merely the product of female students being encouraged to interpret the messy, uncomfortable and perhaps regrettable processes that are involved in negotiating relationships and sex through the prism of rape. The introduction of compulsory lessons in how to ensure sexual consent at many universities will only exacerbate this trend.
...
The proliferation of white ribbons also reveals the narcissism at the heart of feminism today. Ribbons, wristbands and online selfies, the most visible forms of modern feminist campaigning, only act as a public display of the wearer's emotionally correct credentials. Everything, from the Isla Vista killings in America to the Boko Haram kidnappings in Nigeria, gets turned into an opportunity for feminists to dwell on how they, too, have suffered at the hands of men.

When some of the best and brightest female students in the world are choosing to turn exam time into a statement of their own victimhood, it is time for feminism to ask some serious questions of itself.'

University Says Science is Sexist, Launches Feminist Biology Doctorate Program

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'Suggesting science research is too male dominated, this fall the University of Wisconsin-Madison will roll out a post-doctorate “feminist biology” program to counter the alleged sexism and get out from under “male, white, straight” viewpoints, organizers say.

The program will be under the school’s Department of Gender and Women’s Studies, rather than the biology department, as it strives to “uncover and reverse gender bias in biology,” the university states on its website.

Janet Hyde, director of the campus Center for Research on Gender & Women, said feminist biology “is raising new questions and suggesting novel solutions,” and described the new doctorate program as “the first in the nation – and probably the world.”
...
“Women are hardly ignored in biology. In fact, they have far surpassed men in earning biology degrees,” Sommers said.

She described the ways in which feminists have blown so-called sexist scientific discoveries out of proportion in the past, such as feminist scholar Catharine MacKinnon who argued that “the male scientific approach was similar to that of a rapist who would take joy in violating Mother Nature and penetrating her secrets.”

“Make no mistake,” Sommers said, “this new program is not about getting more women into the field. It’s about promoting women with the right worldview.”

She added: “Memo to the women at the University of Wisconsin… we need good biologists, not agenda-driven politicized scientists.”'

Feminism Is Directly Responsible For The Rise of Men's Right's Groups

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'The recent rise of men's right's activist groups is due to two primary reasons. 1) Men are responding to some of the double standards and biases introduced in some feminist philosophy. 2) Men have realized the need to increase advocacy and awareness of issues primarily affecting the male gender just as feminism has done the same for the female gender.

Unfortunately, the rise of men's advocacy groups has been met with an onslaught of bashing, shaming and name-calling from feminist groups. Accusing men's rights organizations as anti-equality, sexist, misogynist organizations that seek to devalue and discredit the feminist movement in order to maintain the patriarchy. This couldn't be further from the actual aims and goals of men's rights groups. On both sides, knee jerk reactionaries and radicals have taken combative stances that have devolved most conversations between men's rights and feminist groups into simple-minded, irrational and illogical debates diluting into name-calling that don't get any real talking done.

Some segments of feminism and feminist philosophy have taken an unfair and one-sided approach against men's rights groups. This is completely counterintuitive to the actual conversations that should be taking place because it marginalizes these men's groups which is inherently hypocritical and it is ironic that a self-proclaimed feminist would act in such a manner. It only takes a small presence of mind to realize that by marginalizing and side-lining men's rights groups, one is working against equality rather than for it and as such these people are fighting against their own cause. Men must be included as much women in the conversation for equality.'

Shocker: Yes, we need fathers, and no, this is not single-mother or gay-parent bashing

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'Co-hosts of ABC talk show “The View” jumped all over guest co-host Terry Crews on Friday, when he said that there are some things only a father can teach his children.

Well, with the exception of Sherri Shepherd, that is. Whoopi Goldberg and Jenny McCarthy both tried to shut down his argument for fathers, saying a single mother can give her children anything a father can.

I hate to say it, but one of our glaring faults as women is we do not always listen, for we are too busy hearing what we want to hear to quickly go for the jugular.

We say we want men to open up, tell us how they feel, but most times what we really want is for our men to agree with us -- or, as comedian/actor Bill Cosby put it, we don’t want to hear what men think, we want to hear what we think in a deeper voice.

The women were so busy being defensive, they missed Crews’ point. Yes, I get the fierce passion of single women who do it all, only to be told by some that their children won’t turn out right because they don’t have a man in the home or, as conservatives label it, have a “traditional family.”
...
There is a day to recognize the invaluable contributions made by all mothers—single, married or in relationships—and that is Mother’s Day.

Let fathers have their day and stop telling them they are irrelevant.

By the way: A very Happy Father’s Day to all the fathers co-parenting in marriages, apart, in same-sex relationships or doing it on their own.'

UK: Fathers 4 Justice launches campaign to get JK Rowling to abandon charity

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Fathers 4 Justice has called on JK Rowling to renege on her presidency of single parent charity Gingerbread, claiming that it supports the separation of four million children from their fathers.

With the campaign launched on the eve of Father's Day, the activist group made a plea to the Harry Potter author on its Facebook page stating: "In the fantasy novels, Harry Potter lost his parents. Now, thanks to organisations like Gingerbread and their president, JK Rowling, nearly four million children in the UK have lost their fathers in real life."

It comes as two members of the group scale Exeter Cathedral in protest at the family courts, which it says are "evil."

JK Rowling has backed Gingerbread since 2000, a campaigning charity that says it provides advice and support for single parent families, as well as lobbying the government for law reform. She became president in 2007.'

Scientists: If we lower math requirements, maybe we'll have more lady scientists

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To have more women in SMET, we should lower the standards. The article's title says it all. Mind-boggling. Excerpt:

'One of the world's most prestigious science publications, Nature, is out with a new op-ed arguing that top-notch PhD programs should lower their math requirements to admit more women.

Only 26 percent of women score above a 700 on the GRE's Quantitative section, excluding them from the nation's elite STEM grad programs.

"In simple terms, the GRE is a better indicator of sex and skin color than of ability and ultimate success," argue professors Casey Miller and Keivan Stassun [PDF].

As an alternative, the University of South Florida prioritized more soft skills in the application process, including measures of motivation and "service to community," resulting in higher graduation rates (81 percent) and significantly more underrepresented groups.'

Should Guilt and Innocence Matter On Campus?

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'California politicians are aiming to entrench and expand an Obama-administration policy that has questionable implications for the rights of the accused.

Senate Bill 967 *[link added]* would require California universities whose students are receiving financial assistance to change their sexual-misconduct policies. Colleges would be required to follow a standard of “affirmative consent” from students engaging in sexual activities and follow a “preponderance of evidence” standard for disciplinary measures.

The bill, co-sponsored by California state senators Kevin De León (D., Los Angeles) and Hannah-Beth Jackson (D., Santa Barbara), is in part a reaction to the newly established White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault, which encourages universities to take action against sexual misconduct. The bill passed the California senate by a resounding 27-to-4 vote May 29. It will be heard by the assembly judiciary committee Tuesday.

Supporters claim that its measures are needed to “flip” a status quo that makes it too difficult for victims to come forward, but critics allege that two provisions undermine the rights of the accused.'

You won't believe new campus rules on 'rape'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A student is suing Occidental College in Los Angeles for expelling him after a female student allegedly sent text messages indicating she had wanted to have sex, arranged for a rendezvous, then one week later accused him of sexual assault.

The case is the latest to follow the Obama administration's new effort to crack down on campus rape.

The plaintiff, who filed anonymously as John Doe, said the female student texted him asking if he had a condom, informed a friend she was "goingtohave 'sex" (sic) and coordinated a route to his dorm.

Police investigated and decided not to prosecute, but the male student was expelled, because of "pressure from the federal government to take action on sexual assault," according to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, which is working on the case.

Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney Alison Meyers found that witnesses "agreed that the victim and suspect were both drunk" but were "willing participants exercising bad judgment."

The college, nevertheless, which had faced a multi-plaintiff lawsuit from attorney Gloria Allred before the "Doe" case arose, found the student "responsible" for sexual assault.'

Daddy Issues: 20 Women Who Supported The #EndFathersDay Trend

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'Twitter enables every user to exercise their Freedom of speech First Amendment rights. Which, is fine, unless pure and utter stupidity is being conveyed through 140-characters.

What started as a supreme troll bait experiment became the battery that fueled the movement of a select few of acid-blooded feminists. According to The Daily Dot, 4chan had been banding together for months to pull of the elaborate hoax of #EndFathersDay which involved a reported 40,000 fake Twitter accounts.

True-blue feminists and sane individuals denounced the movement but alas, a handful of women who thought they were self-created got caught breathing fire and choking on the smoke when the joke was on them.

Check out some of the anti-male bashing in the gallery below to make you more thankful for this current Father's Day. We're all for everyone having a worthwhile opinion but sometimes, just nah.'

India: Woman Arrested for Falsely Accusing Men of Rape

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Story here.

'A woman who had accused three men of gang raping her, has been arrested and sent to jail for allegedly giving false and fabricated information to police in the case, police said today.

The 27-year-old woman was arrested yesterday and sent to jail, police said.

The woman had earlier alleged that she was abducted in a car and gang raped by three men here, three days ago, they said.

Police had later registered a case and started investigation, during which the case was found to be false and fabricated by the woman and her two relatives.

A case has been registered against the woman and her two relatives under various sections of the IPC including alleged criminal conspiracy to indulge in extortion, police said, adding the two accused were absconding.'

The Feminist Leader Who Became a Men's Rights Activist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Karen DeCrow, the feminist attorney and author who served as president of the National Organization for Women from 1974 to 1977, died of melanoma last Friday at 76. Although her passing was widely noted in the media, most the obituaries and tributes overlooked the more unorthodox aspects of her work. A lifelong champion of women's rights, DeCrow was nonetheless skeptical about many key aspects of latter-day feminism, including its focus on sexual violence and male abuse of women. She was also, for much of her career, a men's-rights activist.

DeCrow raised eyebrows in 1981 when she served as defense counsel to Frank Serpico, the former New York detective and whistleblower, in a paternity suit. Serpico claimed the plaintiff had used him as a "sperm bank" and lied about being on the Pill while knowingly trying to conceive, and asserted that he had a constitutional right not to become a parent against his will. (The family-court judge, a woman, ruled in Serpico's favor, but he lost on appeal.)

DeCrow, by then a lawyer in private practice in Syracuse, New York, endorsed Serpico's argument on feminist grounds. "Just as the Supreme Court has said that women have the right to choose whether or not to be parents, men should also have that right," she told The New York Times, calling this "the only logical feminist position to take."

Quite a few feminists disagreed. Marjory D. Fields, then co-chair of Governor Mario Cuomo's Task Force On Domestic Violence and later a family-court judge, described the defense tactics in the case as "almost a classic antiwoman presentation: that women seduce and entrap men with their feminine wiles." DeCrow was unfazed. In a 1982 letter to the Times, she wrote that since men have no legal power to either veto or compel an abortion, it is only just that they shouldn't have to pay for a woman's unilateral decision to bring the pregnancy to term: "Or, put another way, autonomous women making independent decisions about their lives should not expect men to finance their choice."'

"The case for raising feminist boys"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It has never been clearer that American society is in desperate need of a generation of feminist men. Not men who will take over the women's rights cause and "mansplain" what feminists are doing wrong but true allies who will hold other men accountable and are committed to gender equality and the eradication of misogynistic violence.

According to the World Health Organization, 30 percent of women who have been in a relationship report having experienced a form of physical or sexual violence by their partner. The United Nations has found that intimate partner violence accounts for 40 to 70 percent of murdered women in the United States. One in four U.S. college women reports surviving rape or attempted rape since her 14th birthday. Just two weeks ago, Elliot Rodger went on a killing spree in Isla Vista, California — a devastating culmination of his hatred of women.

It's not just about violence. The gender wage gap persists, and women's contributions are often devalued. According to the Institute for Women's Policy Research, in 2012 full-time female workers made only 77 cents for every dollar earned by men. Women, on average, earn less than men in nearly every single occupation. Though women outnumber men in college by 10 percent and hold almost 52 percent of all professional jobs, they fall significantly behind in leadership positions.'

New Zealand: Glenn report released: Shift burden of proof on those accused of domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sir Owen Glenn's independent inquiry into family violence suggests shifting the burden of proof in "domestic" cases so that alleged perpetrators are considered guilty unless they can prove they are innocent.

The first report from the $2 million inquiry, issued today, has found "overwhelming agreement" among the 500 people who gave evidence that New Zealand's current court system is "dysfunctional and broken".

"The court system structure and processes, and the people working within it, revictimise and retraumatise victims," it says.

The first report, called "The People's Report", does not make specific recommendations, which are expected in a final report by the end of this year.

But it offers "ideas for change" from those who gave evidence, including "a major review of the court system". Ideas include:

• "Revisit the burden of proof so that it lies with perpetrators not victims."'

Targeted mass-murders of men by Islamists receiving scant attention

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Article here. This modern-day human rights crisis is getting some media attention, but not a lot. It's easy to understand why: the victims are all men. In this particular story, sometimes the victims are referred to as men, but usually as "people". Had all these victims been women, the word "woman" assuredly would have been used. But as for the murderers, they are consistently called "gunmen". Shouldn't they be called "gunpeople", as the victims, all men, are typically referred to genderlessly as well? But it isn't that simple. So of course, I have more to say. First comment if you care to read. Excerpt:

"Somali militants who murdered 48 people in a Kenyan village as they watched the World Cup went door to door asking residents if they were Muslim or spoke Somali - and shot them dead if either answer was 'no', witnesses revealed today.

The attack on the coastal village of Mpeketoni, about 30-miles southwest of the tourist centre of Lamu, came at the end of a weekend of bloodshed that has exposed the world to the shocking depravity of terrorists, apparently emboldened by each other's acts.

Witnesses told how about 30 gunmen - believed to be members of Somali terror group al-Shabaab - arrived in the town in minibuses at 8pm yesterday before bursting into residents homes, shooting dead any man they thought was not Muslim.

'They came to our house at around 8pm and asked us in Swahili whether we were Muslims,' said Anne Gathigi. 'My husband told them we were Christians and they shot him in the head and chest.'"

No boys allowed: New club aims to get girls excited about math, science

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sorry, boys: This club is for girls only.

The newest program at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium is focused on getting girls excited about math and science. To that end, no boys are allowed and it's run almost entirely by women – mentors who can show the girls they, too, can excel in those fields.

"Young girls for some reason don't see themselves as scientists," said Kate Arrizza, chief operating officer at the science center and the club's director. "We have to get them young and erase that stereotype."

Called Girls Excelling in Math and Science – GEMS, for short – it's one of more than 40 chapters across the U.S. and the first of its kind in the area. The free, after-school club is open to third- through eighth-grade girls throughout Palm Beach County and beyond, with a capacity of about 80. The first of the monthly sessions is July 29.'

Should separated fathers not have their children to stay?

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'There are so many different types of family – from close knit, to extended, even polygamists – and so many different practical and emotional reasons why a family may break up, that it is very difficult to lay down hard rules when it comes to parenting.

So it's not surprising that many fathers are upset this week after reading that psychologist Penelope Leach thinks no father, whatever the circumstances, should be allowed to host his own child overnight if a marriage breaks down and he has left the family home. Leach is said to have suggested that taking a child away from the mother for even one night before the age of four can damage their emotional development.

But this is a gross over-simplification. We need to have much more insight into why couples are living separately before we judge where a child is safest and happiest. Did the marriage break down through sexual violence or because of a new partner? A woman could be genuinely fearful of her child going to spend the night at the home of his or her father – if he is known to be violent or controlling. And even where this is not the case, some men may not have much confidence and insist on imposing "tough" male values on their children.'

Washington throws the book at 'campus rape culture'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For people my age, the freedom to get drunk or high and then have sex with someone was a right guaranteed by the sexual revolution of the Sixties.

A great number of my friends (both genders) vigorously exercised that right, knowing it was not something our parents or their parents were especially free to do, particularly the women.

...

The Obama government in fact insists upon that more stringent approach, telling educatorsin a special White House report to use a "more likely than not" test to decide whether sexual assault or harassment has occurred.

That is a much looser measure than the previous standard of "clear and convincing," and certainly far more likely to produce a guilty verdict than the "beyond a reasonable doubt" test applied in a criminal courtroom.

...

Further, the White House now recommends that schools should adjudicate cases without allowing any cross-examination of testimony.

Presumably, the government has decided that the need to avoid further traumatizing victims trumps an accused's right to question the accuser.

The intent behind all this is laudable. I say that as the father of a daughter who just graduated from university.

But what the universities are doing is also frightening, and I say that as the father of a son who is going into his senior year.

...

Not only are universities all over America substituting their administrators for police and courts, they are attempting, with the best of intentions, to parse and regulate human behaviour down to the least gesture and syllable.'

Men’s rights activist group relocates conference, but opposition follows

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Following plenty of ruckus, men’s rights activist group A Voice for Men announced their first international conference would be moved from its initial location to a venue about 14 miles away at The Veterans of Foreign Wars outpost in St. Clair Shores.

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However, conference organizer Dean Esmay tells the Metro Times that the conference required a larger facility, and that about 300 people had signed up so far, while Doubletree would only allow 275 attendees. He adds that some of the $32,000 raised will still be used for security, but the rest will be used to help pay for next year’s conference. Donors who want their money back can contact AVFM, according to Esmay.

The conference is planned to run the same schedule, and there will be a press conference at the VFW outpost June 26. Esmay says the likes of The Washington Post and Time are expected to be present.

...

AVFM is also prompting conference attendees to stay in local hotels in the nearby Roseville area and offering a shuttle to and from the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, but has asked attendees not to disclose their exact location for fear of drawing more media attention. Esmay says he is expecting subsequent protests at the new venue, and that he would be “surprised if there was nothing.” Esmay refused to comment on the purported threats.'

Heather Mallick's misandry

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'Prostitution laws are one rare issue where I've essentially no opinion. I have never even thought of visiting a prostitute, let alone amassed the knowledge or committed the time to adequately consider this complex issue. In general, though, I think that such activities debase sexual relations—the proper preserve of committed, emotionally-invested couples—whatever this might imply for its legality. So I'm not here to discuss the bill, but rather to point out Mallick's heartless characterization of men, which undergirds her belief in punishing johns but not prostitutes: "[It] promotes gender equality," she writes, "and shifts a legal burden from exploited women directly onto the pathetic men who buy sex."
...
"[The bill's] online reactions were almost entirely from men . . . one letter writer saying the law should cater to men without access to "mainstream sexual outlets" like spouses or friends.
...
The "need" to buy women is not a "law of nature," as he wrote, presumably with a straight face. Me? Arrested? The overall level of male entitlement was striking."

Call me sensitive, but I detect a seething hostility here, which reflects Mallick's modus operandi of blaming men first, for everything. It is ridiculous to say that prostitution simply amounts to "buying women", as if prostitutes had no agency and could place no limits on what occurs in the transaction. But the conclusion drawn from her prejudice is actually less concerning than the prejudice itself.'

Wikipedia on Heather Mallick here.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch dumps George Will for speaking uncomfortably about campus victimhood

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'Some privileges are permissible topics for discussion on campus and in the media.

For example, White Privilege is the obsession of some faculty and students.

George Will pointed out that there is another privilege on campuses — false or contrived claims of victim status. Will did not argue that real victims, be it of actual racism or sexual assault, share some special privilege, but rather, that there are people who contrive or encourage others to falsely create victimhood where none exists.

We see it in theories such as microaggression, where in the absence of proof of actual racism, critical race theorists find racism in routine everyday interactions where the participants do not even realize they are being “racist,” much less have any racist intent.
...
We also see it in the lowering of the standards of proof and definitions of what constitutes sexual assault.

I think everyone agrees that sexual assault as used in the criminal law deserves condemnation and punishment. But colleges, under pressure from the Justice Department and supposedly feminist groups, have started using definitions of sexual assault that can reach absurd results.'

Superior Court judge rejects request from Brown football players accused of sexual assault to seal court file

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'A Superior Court judge rejected a request from two Brown University football players accused of sexual assault to seal a court file related to the allegations.

Superior Court Judge Luis Matos declined to seal the record because, he said, much of the information, namely a Providence police report about the allegations, is publicly available by other means.

“The court doesn’t really see how it’s going to accomplish anything,” Matos said.

Under state Supreme Court precedent, court records should be sealed only when the request is narrowly tailored or if protecting the file is the only reasonable alternative, Matos said. The football players’ request had not met those standards, but the judge invited their lawyer, John R. Grasso, to more closely tailor his request about exactly what information he wished to protect.

“However, I do understand the defendants’ concern” about never having an opportunity to respond to the allegations, Matos said.
...
Matos granted that restraining order ex parte, meaning that he heard only from the woman.

On May 19, the football players filed a counter action accusing her of making “false and defamatory statements” about them “in reckless disregard of the truth… .”

Grasso, who represents one of the men — he had argued on behalf of both of them Wednesday — moved to question the PC woman under oath. Her lawyer, Thomas G. Briody, objected.

“I didn’t want to expose my client to two aggressive defense lawyers” before a grand jury investigation might be getting under way, Briody said.'

Sign here before we go beyond kissing

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'But if this becomes law, the ramifications might not be so funny. The bill essentially turns all sexual behavior into a potential sexual-assault unless there is a clear, affirmative series of “stop and consent” moments. (It seems to have been penned by someone with only a textbook understanding of how such relationships usually unfold.)

There’s a big difference between a romantic tryst that lacks the requisite affirmative approvals (and perhaps later results in remorse and recrimination) and an assault where one person proceeds against the other person’s will.
...
The right law, Manly adds, would halt state funds to any colleges that systemically covered up such abuses, but he doesn’t think legislators have the courage to take on powerful lobbies. The state has still not enacted a law making it easier to remove sexual predators from K-12 schools two years after a horrific case in a Los Angeles elementary school. And that’s a more clear-cut matter than this one.

So, instead of confronting the problem directly, critics say the Legislature is advancing a bill that blurs the distinction between an assault and consensual sex and is likely to lead to more confusion and allegations about some decidely intimate moments. This bill may be hypocritical, but that may be the least of its problems.'

Letter: George Will column made essential point

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Article here. Excerpt:

'TO THE EDITOR:

In a “quick hit,” The Daily Tar Heel asserts that George Will said “being a victim of sexual assault is a coveted status,” calling this the sexist rant of a crazy old man.

Actually Will said that “when they make victimhood a coveted status that confers privileges, victims proliferate.” He was criticizing the claimed epidemic of campus rapes and the absurd claim that “one in five women is sexually assaulted while in college.”

He also deplored the low standard of proof now required — “preponderance of the evidence” rather than “beyond a reasonable doubt.”'

(Mis)reading George Will

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Columnist George Will wrote a column recently that has attracted a tremendous amount of ire, including calls that the Washington Post fire him. The St. Louis Dispatch has now announced that it's replacing Will with Michael Gerson. The announcement reads in part: "The change has been under consideration for several months, but a column published June 5, in which Mr. Will suggested that sexual assault victims on college campuses enjoy a privileged status, made the decision easier. The column was offensive and inaccurate; we apologize for publishing it."

Putting aside for the moment any other concerns that critics may have with Will's column, the latter allegation, that he specifically suggested that sexual assault victims on college campuses enjoy a privileged status, is false.
...
So Will is making two points here. First, that university culture encourages students to perceive themselves as victims, and those that can credibly claim victimhood are sometimes given higher status. I don't think that's reasonably debatable, as it's exactly what the apparently common trope, "check your privilege" is about; students seen as "privileged" by dint of skin color, sex, wealth, etc., should shut up and let the more authentic and wise voices of members of societies' victim classes proliferate. And the general rule is, if you subsidize something, you get more of it, and there's no reason to think this wouldn't include self-perceptions of victimhood or self-identification as a victim. It's notable that a recent well-circulated column by a Princeton student taking exception to the "check your privilege" meme took pains to note that the author himself is the grandchild of Holocaust survivors, the quintessential victims.'

Feminism and Its Discontents

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism is in control of America's colleges and universities, where its principles at least are held as dogmas unquestioned and unopposed. Yet in what should be a paradise with those principles at work, women speak of a "rape culture" that sounds like the patriarchal hell we thought we'd left behind. One woman at Harvard (my place of work), an apparent victim of sexual assault, writing anonymously but very publicly in an open letter to the student newspaper that gained everyone's attention, felt obliged to call herself "hopeless, powerless, betrayed and worthless." In reaction, the university, already on alert, has sprung into action and created several new committees to consider what to do. The federal government is at hand to help provide what it describes as "significant guidance" to universities in this sort of situation, in which a single act of sexual assault can engender a "hostile environment."
...
The hook-up culture denounced by conservatives is the very same rape culture denounced by feminists. Who wants it? Most college women do not; they ignore hookups and lament the loss of dating. Many men will not turn down the offer of an available woman, but what they really want is a girlfriend. The predatory males are a small minority among men who are the main beneficiaries of the feminist norm. It's not the fault of men that women want to join them in excess rather than calm them down, for men too are victims of the rape culture. Nor is it the fault of women. Women are so far from wanting hook-ups that they must drink themselves into drunken consent—in order to overcome their natural modesty, one might suggest. Not having a sociable drink but getting blind drunk is today's preliminary to sex. Beautifully romantic, isn't it? The anonymous Harvard woman by getting drunk was unfortunately helping to pressure herself into consenting to a very bad experience. But she is right that the pressure comes with the encouragement of the culture. And the culture comes from the dogmas of feminism that made this mess for women and men too.'

Billboard With University's Fight Song Covered Up After Words Called Sexist

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'The University of Missouri recently covered up a large sports advertisement that paid homage to its fight song after a progressive female Democrat politician complained it was sexist and condoned a culture of violence against women.

Earlier this month, the school displayed a large trailer with the message "Every True Son Goes to Mizzou" plastered on its side, along with its tiger mascot and the message: "For Tickets Call 1-800-Cat-Paws."

Some on the Columbia campus didn't think twice about it, others were offended.

But the loudest protestation came from Missouri State Rep. Stacey Newman (D-St. Louis County), a feminist politician who founded Progress Women to highlight the "war on women."

Newman told the university and the local press that the billboard was sexist, especially given the number of female athletes currently enrolled at the school, and also suggested it condoned a culture of violence, citing the recent killing spree near UC Santa Barbara.'

Judge Orders Deployed US Sailor To Attend Custody Hearing Or Lose Daughter, Face Arrest

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'A U.S. Navy sailor from Washington State is currently serving on a submarine thousands of miles away in the Pacific Ocean, but a judge has ordered him into an impossible custody scenario: Appear in a Michigan courtroom Monday or risk losing custody of his 6-year-old daughter.

Navy submariner Matthew Hindes was given permanent custody of his daughter Kaylee in 2010, after she was reportedly removed from the home of his ex-wife, Angela, by child protective services. But now a judge has ordered him to appear in court Monday, or risk losing his daughter to his ex-wife in addition to a bench warrant being issued for his arrest, ABC News reports.

Hindes' lawyers argue he should be protected by the Service Members Civil Relief Act, which states courts in custody cases may "grant a stay of proceedings for a minimum period of 90 days to defendants serving their country."

But the Michigan judge hearing the case, circuit court judge Margaret Noe, disagrees, stating: "If the child is not in the care and custody of the father, the child should be in the care and custody of the mother."

The judge reiterated that regardless of Hindes' assignment under the Pacific Ocean, he will appear in court or face contempt of court.'

Australia: Female senator about to retire from comfortable and secure political career describes her party's Prime Minister and male colleagues as sexist

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Link here. Excerpt:

'RETIRING Liberal senator Sue Boyce has described Prime Minister Tony Abbott as “a sexist” and says the coalition has been “dog whistling” with its asylum seeker policies. Speaking on her departure from federal parliament at the end of the month, Senator Boyce has told Fairfax Media she thinks Julia Gillard's famous misogyny speech was “powerful” and within context, “brilliant”.

However, she says Mr Abbott would have better been described by Ms Gillard as a subtle sexist, one of many in federal politics. Senator Boyce did however concede that Mr Abbott, during her time in Canberra, had been more willing to listen to the views of women than many of her male colleagues.

Some of the coalition's older MPs still “yearned for the life when proper mothers stayed home and looked after the children and proper fathers who had their slippers handed to them”, Fairfax quoted her as saying.'

Why anonymity for men accused of rape is imperative

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Oxford University students are considered some of the most privileged people in the country.

But the sexist, irrational witch-hunt suffered by Ben Sullivan, the college's Union President, shows that even those destined for greatness aren't above a legal system that currently hates men.

After five weeks of public humiliation, finger-pointing and gender bias – both on campus and in the media – police confirmed that he won't face a single charge over two unfounded rape allegations.

Not one. Nothing. Nadda.

But, like countless men all over the world – including Paul Weller, Amy Winehouse's ex-boyfriend Reg Traviss, Nigel Evans MP, William Roache and Craig Charles – Sullivan's life has already been affected by a system that considers men's innocence a bonus, not a baseline.

What a joke.

In a damning example of everyday sexism, Sarah Pine, President for Women at Oxford University Student Union, spearheaded a character assassination against the innocent 21 year-old, before the accusations against him had time to be considered.

...

Currently, the law means young men like me – like you – are sitting ducks when it comes to such vile allegations. Even innocence doesn't defend us from being named and shamed by a compulsive liar, a fantasist or a vengeful lover.

This needs to change. After all, if it can happen to celebrities and Oxford University students, the rest of us mere mortals are already doomed.'

Need further evidence of the silliness of a gender-segregated society?

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'Sometimes, a woman just feels more comfortable if she is surrounded by women at certain vulnerable times. Even if her husband is with her.

Now for the first time ever, a new emergency medical service for women only, by women only, has begun ambulance service in the Boro Park neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York.

The neighborhood is home to a high concentration of Chassidic Jewish families, where most women do not feel comfortable being treated by men in the ambulances, even Jewish ones.

And up to now, the Jewish Hatzoloh emergency medical service has refused to allow women to serve on its crews, even under really awkward circumstances when pregnant women are in labor or actually about to give birth. Many women have complained about that situation for years. Qualified Jewish religious female emergency medical technicians (EMTs) have offered to work on Hatzoloh ambulances as well, but all have been turned away.

Finally, someone has done something about it.'

Female Soccer Star Arrested on DV Charges

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'National soccer icon Hope Solo *[link added]* was arrested early Saturday morning for allegedly assaulting her sister and nephew at her Seattle home, police told TIME.

Solo, 32, was hosting a large party when she attacked her sister and nephew shortly before 1 a.m., leaving visible injuries on both of them, police said. Her nephew is a teenager and her sister is in her forties.

Solo is being held without bail at the South Correctional Entity Regional Jail under the name Hope Amelia Stevens on charges of fourth-degree assault. Her first court appearance is set for Monday morning.

The star American goalkeeper won two Olympic gold medals playing for the U.S. Women's National Team. She currently plays for the National Women's Soccer League's Seattle Reign FC.'

Pro-arrest policy blurs the lines in domestic violence

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'While the traditional image of domestic violence is a man beating a woman, a review of arrest records shows that many women are being charged in connection with violence against their husbands or boyfriends.

At the Gainesville Police Department in recent years, arrests of women on domestic battery or assault charges have sometimes outpaced the arrests of men. In 2010, for instance, 38 women were arrested compared with 29 men. In 2012, 35 women were arrested and 33 men.

Meanwhile, more than 27 percent of those arrested by all law enforcement agencies in the county on domestic violence charges have been women over the past three years.

Why are so many women now being arrested?

Are women becoming more violent? Are police more willing to arrest women than they were in the past? Are men more willing to report domestic violence? Are abused women fighting back? Are men who abuse women calling police to claim that they were the victims in a game of one-upmanship?

Law enforcement, attorneys, victim advocates and counselors say all of the above play a role.'

UK: "Janet Hughes: Do we like white, working class boys?"

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'Hugs, not thugs

When David Cameron suggested that as a nation we needed to hug a hoodie he had forgotten Rule Number One.

Rule Number One in this country is that we don't like white, working class boys. From what they say to what they wear, it's all wrong. Understanding that universal truth is as much about being British as eating fish and chips.

While some nations shrug their shoulders at the testosterone--fuelled antics of young men or even put them on pedestals, in Britain they are regarded as thick, violent, drunken, lazy, racist, sexist yobs.

So why is everybody getting upset this week about a Commons report that shows WWBs and girls are under-performing at school?

What difference does it make if just 32 per cent of under-privileged white British children achieve five good GCSEs compared with 42 per cent of poor black Caribbean children and 61 per cent of disadvantaged Indian children? It's not as if there's a glut of jobs out there waiting to be filled.

Michael Gove says he wants to know why, but does he really? The unpalatable truth is that the rest of us don't like them and have a vested interest in making sure they don't do well.

In primary school they are taught by middle-class young women who expect naughty boys to look and act like Just William and want scamps with scraped knees, not scalped young oafs who can't sit still with a nice line in cheeky, chappie backchat.

By the time these WWBs grow into shuffling, mumbling secondary school pupils with all the charm of Roland Rat, they are too far along the road to nowhere to do a U-turn. Teachers understandably concentrate on the well-behaved good kids who are going to help those league table results.'

UK: President of Oxford Union tells the utterly horrific story of his year-long nightmare

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'It was the instant the police officer stretched out his hand and seized the belt from Ben Sullivan's jeans, apologetically telling him he wasn't allowed to wear it, that the reality of just what was unfolding began to register.

Moments before, groggy and disorientated, the 21-year-old Oxford student had been woken by a rap on his bedroom door. Expecting to find one of his flatmates on the threshold, he yelled for them to come in. Instead, filling the doorway were two uniformed officers and a plain-clothed detective from Thames Valley Police.

'It was surreal, scary and a bit stunning,' Ben says, reliving that moment on May 7. 'I recall glimpsing the clock and noting the time – I don't know why. It was 6.50am.'

Calmly, the officers told him he was being arrested. An allegation of rape and one of attempted rape had been made against him, and he was being taken to Oxford's Abingdon Road station to be formally questioned.

It was as Ben, President of the Oxford Union, the university's 191-year-old debating society, hastily pulled on a pair of jeans and a sweater that one officer told him he couldn't wear the belt. 'A suicide risk,' Ben explains with a wry smile. 'It seemed like something from a cop show, a television drama. But it was scary. It was happening. It was real.

'I had a total sense of disbelief and that pit-of-the-stomach anxiety when you can't believe what is going on.'
...
'Seeing my reputation trashed has been sobering and painful,' he reveals. 'My whole life has been rifled through and examined. It has been utterly draining.'

Yet Ben, serious-minded and with the clear potential to enter politics if he wished, is determined that something positive should come out of his situation. He is seeking a change in the law which would grant anonymity to those accused of crime before charges are laid. Forcefully, he says: 'These were deeply poisonous allegations. When I was arrested the police had only spoken to the complainants.'

In the babble of publicity following Ben's arrest, many students stood by him, while others sought to force his resignation as Union President.

A campaign, organised by Sarah Pine, President for Women at the Oxford University Student Union, and a cabal of outraged students also contacted at least 30 of the Oxford Union's forthcoming speakers, urging them to boycott the debates unless Ben resigned. Intriguingly, they were urged to support the call for Ben to stand down in what they described as a 'push for equality'.

Some did. Luminaries such as Nobel Peace Prize winner Tawakkol Karman, Interpol secretary-general Robert Nobel, David Mepham, the UK director of Human Rights Watch, and Julie Meyer, the American entrepreneur from the BBC's Dragons' Den, are all believed to have pulled out. Professor A.C. Grayling, however, refused to join the boycott, saying Ben had been subjected to a 'kangaroo court of opinion'.
...
Although Ben has had girlfriends since the incident more than a year ago, he is currently single. Painfully, still sees the women who accused him of rape in Oxford.

'Yes, I have to see my accusers on campus. I just walk the other way. And no, I'm not currently dating. Right now I have a term off coming up and will return to Oxford next January. Then I will be concentrating on my finals and the future."

Introduction of coeducation at all-female college angers alumnae

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'No men allowed.

That's the message women's colleges across the country send to college applicants -- and alumnae want to keep it that way.

"Every high school graduate, female and male, should have the option of attending a single-sex college if he or she wishes," Gretchen Van Ness, a representative of Wilson College Women said.

Wilson College, a private liberal arts college located in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, has been an all-women's institution since it was founded over 140 years ago.

But that changed last fall when the administration admitted its first undergraduate male students, sparking debate between the school's leadership and alumnae.

"In abandoning Wilson College's core mission as a women's college and morphing it into a coeducational institution without approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, we believe (Wilson College) President Barbara Mistick and the Board of Trustees have failed generations of alumnae and future students who would benefit from a Wilson education," Van Ness said.'

Brazile: Asking about Hillary's wealth is sexist, or something

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'The most amazing part of this argument isn't the Pavlovian resort to identity-card victimization, although that's certainly amazing enough. It's the total amnesia about how Democrats spent their 2012 summer vacation and the abject hypocrisy that follows that causes the jaw to drop. I missed this part of the Washington Post story on Democratic panic over Hillary Clinton's continuing faceplants over her wealth, but David Frum pointed it out on Twitter (via Twitchy):

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Here's Brazile *[link added]* throwing the sexism card:

> Strategist Donna Brazile, a Clinton supporter, said scrutiny of Clinton's speaking fees smacks of sexism.
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> "I hope Hillary never apologizes for trying to earn a living," Brazile said. "She's no different than [former secretary of state] Colin Powell, no different than [former Florida governor] Jeb Bush, no different than anybody else who's left public office and looked for ways to make an income. . . . What is wrong with a woman having the same earning potential as any man?"

Ahem. Brazile and her fellow Democrats spent all summer in 2012 attacking Mitt Romney's wealth and the business he created, even while Barack Obama kept a former Bain exec as an advisor. Harry Reid accused Romney of tax evasion for a decade, allegations which proved utterly false, in an attempt to pressure Romney into releasing his income tax records for Democrats to attack — which they did, incessantly. Romney, who never pretended to be a middle-class guy "struggling" to pay his bills, got repeatedly painted as a prep-school elitist who couldn't possibly understand the experience of middle America on the basis and origin of his wealth.'

White House Summit on Working Families ignores fathers

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'President Barack Obama delivered a rousing speech in favor of progressive family policies Monday, declaring that paid family leave and affordable childcare “are not frills, these are basic needs.”

Speaking to a rapturous crowd at the first-ever White House Summit on Working Families Monday afternoon, Obama noted that “too often these issues are thought of as women’s issues, which I guess means you can kind of scoot them aside a little bit. “ But, he said, “Anything that makes life harder for women, makes life harder for families, and makes life harder for children.”

Obama added, “This is about you too, men.” He conceded that there is a double standard for men’s participation in parenting, where men get cheered for attending parent-teacher conferences while women’s professional commitment gets questioned for doing the same.

He also pointed out that the United States is the only developed country without mandated paid maternity leave.

Obama will sign a presidential memorandum directing federal agencies to expand flexibility policies, call on Congress to pass the languishing Pregnant Workers Fairness Act to expand workplace accommodations, and direct Labor Secretary Thomas Perez to allocate $25 million towards childcare for people who want to attend job training programs.
...
Women – and in particular women of color and unmarried women – are an important constituency for Democrats, in this fall’s midterms and beyond. Obama nodded to this, even as he said that the motivation for the summit was his personal commitment to the issues.

“Somebody asked, well, it’s well known that women are more likely to vote for Democrats,” Obama said. “To which I said, ‘Women are smarter.’”'

Rage Against the Outrage Machine

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'The scene is familiar to every soccer fan: An aggressive defender slightly bumps a striker, who reacts as if struck by a taser's barb. His arms flail. His legs crumple beneath him. He writhes on the turf, grabbing at indeterminate pain. And then, once the ref either does or does not call a penalty, he pops up, unharmed as ever, and plays on.

The Internet too often resembles that scene. Every week, a fraught subject is broached, usually imperfectly. Perhaps a wrongheaded or offensive claim is made. Plenty of thoughtful people offer smart, plausible rebuttals. But they're overshadowed by distortionists with practiced performances of exaggerated outrage. The object isn't a fair debate—it's to get the other guy ejected.

Last week, George Will was the focus of the umbrage-takers. His June 6 column, "Colleges become the victims of progressivism," isn't without flaws. The worst of them may deserve a yellow card for a careless, overaggressive tackling maneuver. But only by misrepresenting Will's argument can his least responsible critics insist that, after four decades and thousands of columns in the Washington Post, he ought to be fired from his twice-weekly perch for these 753 words.

The column is about higher education. Universities are learning "that when they say campus victimizations are ubiquitous ('micro-aggressions,' often not discernible to the untutored eye, are everywhere), and that when they make victimhood a coveted status that confers privileges, victims proliferate," Will argues. "And academia's progressivism has rendered it intellectually defenseless now that progressivism's achievement, the regulatory state, has decided it is academia's turn to be broken to government's saddle."'

YOU are a rapist; yes YOU!

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'Cathy Young has an excellent column in Reason.com about a bill in California that would require universities in that state to use an “affirmative consent” standard for evaluating sexual assault complaints in the campus disciplinary system for complaints involving students. Two obvious questions arise: (1) Why just on campus? If this is a good idea, why not make it part the tort system? If that’s too drastic, let’s start, with say, members of the California legislature. For internal disciplinary purposes, their sexual activity should be governed by the same standard they want to impose on students. What plausible grounds could they have for rejecting application of a standard they would impose on students to themselves? (2) If we’re limiting things to campus, why just students? Why should students be judged under this standard, but not faculty and administrators? It’s hardly unheard of for professors, administrators, and even law school deans to engage in sexual relationships of dubious morality. The answer is that it’s not a good idea, and it’s a product of the current moral panic over the hookup culture.

But at least the affirmative consent standard leaves room for a defense that the complainant provided appropriate non-verbal cues that signified consent. By contrast, the Office on Violence against Women, a U.S. Justice Department subsidiary, informs us on its home page that “sexual assault is any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the *explicit consent* of the recipient.” This is not, in fact, the legal standard in any jurisdiction in the United States, and it’s not because it’s completely absurd. The vast, vast majority of “sexual contact or behavior” is initiated with only *implicit consent.* [UPDATE: There is one type of sexual relationship that, as I understand it, involves primarily explicit consent--the relationship between a prostitute and her (or his) clients, with exact sexual services to be provided determined by explicit agreement in advance.] The DOJ website definition makes almost every adult in the U.S. (men AND women)–and that likely includes you, dear reader–a perpetrator of sexual assault. Just leaning over to give your date (or your spouse) a kiss without asking first and receiving a yes comes within stated definition of sexual assault, regardless of how many times you’ve done it before without objection.'

Vasectomy Requirement Part of Virginia Man's Plea Deal

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'A Virginia man who has fathered children with several women has agreed to get a vasectomy to reduce his prison term by up to five years in a child endangerment case that has evoked the country's dark history of forced sterilization.

None of the charges against Jessie Lee Herald, 27, involved a sexual offense. Shenandoah County assistant prosecutor Ilona White said her chief motive in making the extraordinarily unusual offer was keeping Herald from fathering more than the seven children he has by at least six women.

"He needs to be able to support the children he already has when he gets out," she said, adding that Herald and the state both benefit from the deal, first reported by the Northern Virginia Daily.'

Chelsea Clinton pushes for more girls in math and science careers

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'Chelsea Clinton on Monday said more must be done to encourage gender diversity in high-tech jobs, including finding role models for young girls who want to break into traditionally male-dominated math and science careers.

"There are fewer girls who are aspirational in the math and science fields in the United States than there were 20 years ago," Clinton said during a panel discussion Monday at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. "We have significantly fewer women graduating with computer science degrees.

"We have significantly fewer women graduating with mechanical engineering degrees than we did in the mid and late 1980s," Clinton said. "We're really losing ground in this area, which is why we have such a frenetic focus."'

Title IX: How a Good Law Went Terribly Wrong

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Article here. [Ed. note: The embedded links in this post are modified from how they are in the referenced story as it currently exists. It appears as if the Time web site folks made a mistake with these links; when clicked in the cited page, they send the browser over to Time's on-line Outlook web access portal, undoubtedly not something they wanted to have done. I have sent them an email making them aware of this fact. As for the embedded hyperlinks below, they have been corrected from the originals to point to their intended places.] Excerpt:

'A weary wrestling coach once lamented that his sport had survived the Fall of Rome, only to be vanquished by Title IX. How did an honorable equity law turn into a scorched-earth campaign against men's sports? This week is the 42nd anniversary of this famous piece of federal legislation so it's an ideal time to consider what went wrong and how to set it right.

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Title IX applies to all areas of education but is best known for its influence on sports. Women's athletics have flourished in recent decades, and Title IX deserves some of the cheers. But something went wrong in the law's implementation. The original law *[see ed. note below full item view]* was about equality of opportunity and indeed forbade quotas or reverse discrimination schemes. But over the years, government officials, college administrators and jurists — spurred on by groups like the National Women's Law Center and the Women's Sports Foundation — transformed a fair-minded equity law into just such a quota-driven regime, with destructive results.

Women's groups strongly object to the "q" word. "Title IX does not in any way require quotas," says the National Women's Law Center. "It simply requires that schools allocate participation opportunities non-discriminatorily." That can mean many things, but in the hands of bureaucrats and advocates, this diffuse requirement somehow came to mean that women are entitled to "statistical proportionality." That is to say, if a college's student body is 60% female, then 60% of the athletes should be female — even if far fewer women than men are interested in playing sports at that college.

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Schools have cut back on male teams and created new women's teams, not because of demand but because they fear federal investigations. Since football is a money-generating male sport with large rosters, Title IX quotas have all but decimated smaller less lucrative sports such as men's swimming, diving, gymnastics and wrestling. More than 450 wrestling teams vanished since 1972, with only 328 remaining.'

Ed. note: Re the original law reference, the URL has a space in it. That is because the server path on which the document exists has a space in it. This is by today's standards considered a very big no-no, however this document has probably been at this location on PSU's server since 2002 when people cared less about such things. So if using Firefox, you may have trouble getting the .pdf to download. However, Internet Explorer is a bit more forgiving, so if things are not working for you to see this document using Firefox, try IE.

Boys, Dads, and Schools

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'Why is there no uproar about boys falling behind all other groups? It could be because it doesn't fit the media-favored and feminist-promoted falsehood that girls are at a disadvantage in what they call a "patriarchal" society. The college completion report explores the complex reasons for the gaps as well as what we can do to improve the outcome for young men. One reason identified by the authors is the absence of a father in the home. While evidence shows little girls can escape some of the negative effects of growing up with only a mother, the same situation is devastating for boys.

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In a New York Times article, "A Link Between Fidgety Boys and a Sputtering Economy," the author states: "Girls who grow up with only one parent — typically a mother — fare almost as well on average as girls with two parents. Boys don't." In the same article, Elaine Kamarck, a former Clinton administration official, states: "We know we've got a crisis, and the crisis is with boys." (New York Times, 4-29-14)

A Wall Street Journal opinion article, "Ignoring an Inequality Culprit: Single-Parent Families," bravely addresses a sensitive issue. The authors write that "Roughly a third of American children live apart from their fathers." They continue, "From economist Susan Mayer's 1997 book What Money Can't Buy to Charles Murray's Coming Apart in 2012, clear-eyed studies of the modern family affirm the conventional wisdom that two parents work better than one." (Wall Street Journal, 4-20-14) This lack of fathers in the home is of particular consequence for young men who need male role models, discipline, and mentoring.

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Psychologist Michael Thompson says one problem is that in school boys are treated like "defective girls." He says, "Girl behavior is the gold standard in schools." (Time Magazine, 10-28-13) Thompson is co-author of Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys.

Christina Hoff Sommers, author of The War Against Boys, holds schools responsible for some of the problems boys encounter. Today's teachers and school administrators are aghast at what captures the imagination of boys: wars, pirates, weapons, and monsters are forbidden from schools. If a boy speaks about or draws pictures of any of the above he could end with an arrest record; at the very least his parents will be called in for a conference and he will be shamed.

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Boys are bundles of energy that are forced to sit in chairs for hours on end at many schools. An environment where they can move around and choose some of their own activities is more natural for most boys and many girls. Montessori schools are particularly suitable for many young males because, although the work must be done, children have some control over their learning choices and the day is not spent at a desk.

The plight of young males is relevant to the nation not only because boys are getting lost in the education shuffle. "In an economy that rewards knowledge, the academic struggles of boys turn into economic struggles. Men's wages are stagnating. . . . Median inflation-adjusted female earnings are up almost 35% [over the past 25 years], census data show — while male earnings, incredibly, haven't risen at all." (New York Times, 4-29-14)'

"The Movement Undermines Victims of Domestic Violence"

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'A social movement that promotes equal rights for men who want to parent their children is essentially feminist. But the current fathers' rights movement is not.

I could simply point to the fathers' rights fringe groups, with their misogynist rants and close ties to the men's rights movement, to make the case that the movement is not only anti-feminist but anti-women.

But even the more moderate groups within the fathers' rights movement engage in a backlash against feminism when they attempt to discredit the experiences of female victims of intimate partner violence and roll back legal protections for all victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Self-proclaimed fathers' rights activists minimize the well-documented prevalence and severity of domestic violence against women, accusing domestic violence advocates of promoting false allegations that alienate children from their parents.

Many fathers' rights activists argue that women perpetuate as much, if not more, violence against intimate partners and that most domestic violence is mutual, ignoring or discounting all research to the contrary. They accuse programs that serve battered women of discrimination on the basis of sex, even to the point of bringing (unsuccessful) lawsuits against them on equal protection claims.'

Feminist Fathers' Day 2014: #feministfathersday

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'A call to make this Father's Day a Feminist Fathers' Day and for dads, papas, bapas and all parents along the masculine gender spectrum to embrace feminism and resist misogyny in our families and society.

In the wake of the Santa Barbara mass shooting and the misogynistic and racist manifesto the killer left behind, women all over the world launched a Twitter-based rebellion that put misogyny and sexism front and center. Far too many men have responded, "but not all men act that way," using the hashtag #notallmen. At best, that such a defense is even needed proves that there is a very real, unavoidable problem; at worst, it sounds as though they are saying, "don't blame me."

Rad Dad Magazine believes patriarchal violence in society is epidemic and takes place in a vast culture of misogyny, male entitlement and male privilege. Against the reactionary cry "not all men," we say, "all men need to actively challenge misogyny and cultivate feminism in their lives, families, communities and society."

Rad Dad Magazine recognizes that fighting patriarchy requires more than believing that, individually, we are not like "those other men" - because privilege doesn't work that way. We can't be silent about it or pretend we don't have it. In the pages of Rad Dad, we embrace feminist struggle against patriarchy as key to creating healthy families. We offer stories of people struggling to be better men, to be better community members, to be better people.'

Is it anti-feminist to watch the World Cup?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This puts me in a quandary. Men's football is loved in Britain simply because the players are men, and men like watching other men play football, and what men like to do and like to watch is, de facto, culturally important. Even the fact the men's World Cup is not explicitly stated to be a men's competition erases women – I predict there will be little fuss made of the Women's World Cup in Canada next year. So do we women sideline ourselves by boycotting the games or do we take up space and holler along because it is fun and exciting? You could argue that the Fifa World Cup is also ageist and disablist (footballers are doomed to retire as soon as their wisdom teeth fully descend and disabled people are tacitly excluded – let's not forget that a former England coach was even sacked for his dodgy views) and there is a difference in football's relationship with women.

British men's football is so deeply sexist that even the boss of the Premier League engages in email conversations where women are referred to as "gash". Male footballers are boys' role models, yet have been openly violent towards us.'

Satirical skit satirizes proposed California rules for campus sex

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's set the stage. As the politically correct, faux-Marxist college campus environment continues to deteriorate, average American families—and students—are beginning to seriously question just what they're getting in return for enslaving themselves to increasingly inflated tuition bills.

It's a big problem for college men in particular. In addition to having to maintain and increase both grade point averages and personal alcohol tolerance in a competitive environment, they also are required to behave like celibate monks when it comes to interacting with the opposite sex.

That's because all college men, particularly those of the Caucasian persuasion, are viewed by college administrators and professional campus feminists as feral, potential rapists.'

The video on YouTube is here.

Palo civil suit ‘seems like a stretch’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The defamation lawsuit former Iowa State University basketball player Bubu Palo has filed against the woman who accused him of sexual assault two years ago will be difficult to win, risks introducing new criminal evidence against him and, should he prevail, could discourage others from reporting rapes to police, according to legal experts and a leading Iowa victims’ advocate.

In May 2012, Palo and his friend Spencer Cruise were accused of raping the alleged victim after agreeing to give her a ride home from a Campustown bar and instead taking her to Cruise’s father’s house, where the two men allegedly assaulted her. Palo and Cruise were subsequently charged with second-degree sex abuse, a class B felony punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

The Ames Tribune does not publish the names of alleged victims of sexual assault.

The cases against Palo and Cruise were dismissed in January 2013, before going to trial, based on a forensic analysis of a blouse the alleged victim wore the night of the incident that determined it had been torn after the alleged assault, contrary to statements she had made under oath.

...

“I think that there are valid public policy reasons that a judge might want to look very carefully at such a case and make sure that there’s really good evidence to support (the defamation claim), because otherwise it is going to be very harassing of sexual assault victims,” Dauber said.

Barnhill agreed, citing widespread societal misconceptions, contrary to statistical evidence, that false rape reports are common and that sexual assault perpetrators are most often strangers to their victims.

Lawsuits against alleged victims, she said, are “really unfortunate.”

“I think it can discourage reporting. It’s a terrible precedent, and I think that there are a very small number of false reports.”'

The Surprising Truth About Women and Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The arrest of an Olympic gold medalist on charges of domestic violence would normally be an occasion for a soul-searching conversation about machismo in sports, toxic masculinity and violence against women. But not when the alleged offender is a woman: 32-year-old Hope Solo, goalkeeper of the U.S. women's soccer team, who is facing charges of assaulting her sister and 17-year-old nephew in a drunken, violent outburst. While the outcome of the case is far from clear, this is an occasion for conversation about a rarely acknowledged fact: family violence is not necessarily a gender issue, and women—like singer Beyoncé Knowles' sister Solange, who attacked her brother-in-law, the rapper Jay Z, in a notorious recent incident caught on video—are not always its innocent victims."
...
For the most part, feminists' reactions to reports of female violence toward men have ranged from dismissal to outright hostility. Straus chronicles a troubling history of attempts to suppress research on the subject, including intimidation of heretical scholars of both sexes and tendentious interpretation of the data to portray women's violence as defensive. In the early 1990s, when laws mandating arrest in domestic violence resulted in a spike of dual arrests and arrests of women, battered women's advocates complained that the laws were "backfiring on victims," claiming that women were being punished for lashing back at their abusers. Several years ago in Maryland, the director and several staffers of a local domestic violence crisis center walked out of a meeting in protest of the showing of a news segment about male victims of family violence. Women who have written about female violence, such as Patricia Pearson, author of the 1997 book When She Was Bad: Violent Women and the Myth of Innocence, have often been accused of colluding with an anti-female backlash.'

Mexico passes law against PAS

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On May 9th, 2014 the Government of Mexico joined Brazil in creating legislation on parental alienation. It is immediately included in their Civil Code. Possible penalties include immediate loss of child custody, restriction on visitation and even provisions for jail term.

This is apparently the text in Spanish, an unofficial translation into English follows. (If any member can help with a better translation, please post it. I got very confused - and concerned - at one time while struggling with translation, until I realised that the Spanish for 'father' is the same word as for 'parent'.)'

NPO: It’s All About the Kids on Connor’s Corner Podcast

Matt · 26 June 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'National Parents Organization member Mike Connors has developed a following on TalkShoe for his regular podcast, Connor’s Corner. Using his success in this medium, Mike is hosting several podcasts about National Parents Organization’s issues and work. Mike is volunteering his expertise to promote National Parents Organization and to engage new members.

To kick it off, Mike invited me to speak with him about National Parents Organization’s key successes and our work on shared parenting and parental equality within family law. Our discussion is an overview of where National Parents Organization is in its goals; how I got involved; and where we are heading. Of course, my time with National Parents Organization has been marked with drastic change.

With founder and chair Ned Holstein, MD, MS, determined to develop a name and brand that communicates our mission, vision, and core principles, I identified two members with the professional credentials to lead us in the naming and branding of National Parents Organization. Dan Enthoven and Tim Gelling provided their expertise pro bono.'

Sweden: FGM discovered to be on rise

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Story here. Makes my skin crawl to read about these kinds of horrid things happening. I just wish people in general reacted with the same degree of disgust when boys are mutilated as when girls are. I wonder why people don't get it that if it can be done to boys, it can be done to girls, too -- once the principle is accepted, the specific follows. Those seeking to end FGM will I hope soon realize that taking up equally the end of MGM will not only expand their circle of allies in the cause and access to resources, but also the goal is more likely to be met sooner than not. Excerpt:

'School health services in the small Swedish city of Norrköping have found 60 cases of female genital mutilation (FGM) among schoolgirls since March, with evidence of mutilation found in all 30 girls in one class, 28 of the most severe form.

In Sweden, where the EU's Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) says that FGM "is considered to be a serious problem," the law enables genital examination of children to be carried out without parents' consent.

FGM has been a crime in Sweden since 1982 and can be punished by up to four years in prison, increased to 10 years if judged to be an aggravated offence.

According to EIGE, concerns about FGM became widespread in Sweden in the early and mid-1990s with the influx of Somali migrants: "The first national action taken in the field…was initiated after alarming testimonies from the healthcare sector indicating the existence of FGM among many — if not all — women that originated from FGM-practising countries."'

Professor: Epidemic of Campus Sexual Assault at UMich... Has Been Shrinking For a Decade

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Over at the American Enterprise Institute's blog, AEI scholar and professor of economics Mark Perry crunches the numbers on instances of sexual assault at the main University of Michigan campus (Perry teaches at the sister campus in Flint).

His determination? Sexual assault at U-M has declined notably and in line with national statistics, casting doubt on the left's characterization of the problem as an "epidemic." From the blog:
...
"The chart above shows the annual number of sexual assaults at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor from their annual crimes reports, like this most recent one. It should be noted that the UM crime reports include sexual assaults that took place: a) on-campus, b) off campus (including out of state) and c) on public property. Further, it includes sexual assaults reported to: a) the University of Michigan Campus Police Department, b) other police departments and c) non-police organizations like the UM Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center. Therefore, it’s a pretty comprehensive report that covers off-campus sexual assaults andassaults not reported to campus police, but to another police department or to a university office or official – in contrast to some universities that apparently only report sexual assaults on campus and only to the campus police.

As the chart above shows, the number of “campus” sexual assaults at UM has been trending downward for the last decade, and in 2012 (most recent year available) the number of sexual assaults (34) was about half the numbers in 2004 (64), 2005 (65) and 2006 (65).'"

Police Report In Hope Solo Domestic Violence Case Details Unruly Scene

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ESPN reported the ugly scene from the police report. Statements given to police by the USA soccer goalkeeper's 17-year-old nephew reveal that Solo arrived at her half-sister's house upset that her husband, former NFL tight end Jerramy Stevens, had refused to take her to the airport for a flight.

Solo was inebriated and became even more upset when she thought her nephew had insulted her. Things calmed down for a bit until her nephew's interest in acting was mentioned. The nephew said you need to have an "athletic state of mind" to be an actor, to which Solo responded he was "too fat and overweight and crazy to ever be an athlete," according to the police report.

Solo's nephew called her an expletive, and the argument escalated from there. Solo ended up charging and punching her nephew, according to the police report, and her half-sister eventually became involved. The report states that Solo's nephew broke a broom over her head to attempt to prevent her from assaulting his mother, and when that didn't work, he pointed a broken BB gun at her and told her to leave.

When police arrived, Solo's nephew was bleeding from one ear, and his nose and jaw were red. Solo's half-sister had a swollen left cheek. No injuries were reported on Solo.'

When Women Attack: The Hope Solo Double Standard

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the World Cup dominates headlines around the globe, soccer star Hope Solo has found herself in the news but not for reasons she or her fans probably hoped. Solo was arrested for allegedly assaulting two relatives. Solo becomes yet another high-profile woman accused of assault. Security footage reportedly capturing rapper Jay-Z on the receiving end of an attempted assault by his wife Beyonce's younger sister, Solange, in an elevator became one of the biggest stories of the year.

Yet the footage didn't inspire any serious discussion of inter-family violence. Instead it resulted in a lot of speculation—and jokes. *Saturday Night Live* produced one of its most inspired, and funniest, sketches in recent memory on the incident. But if the genders were reversed, would anyone be laughing?

"I think we do not take female abusers as serious as males," Dr. Michelle Golland, a clinical psychologist told me. Golland, who has seen female abusers in her practice, added, "This is evidenced by the fact they are less likely to be charged with violent crimes. If they are charged, females will not serve as much time as males. We see this across the board, whether child abuse, sexual abuse, teacher/student abuse, or any type of assault."'

Why Do We Hate Young Men So Much?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Our treatment of young men needs to be questioned. Should we accept it's open season on them? Should we accept using them as a punchbag for an emotional battering? Should we expect them to soak up the pressure and absorb everything we throw at them? If you think we should, why are so many young men not living happy lives as well adjusted individuals ready to cope with loving relationships and fatherhood?

We've all tried and failed loads of times. More often than not the process has made us better people. The thought of being jeered in the street, accused of being bad at our jobs, being a bad person who doesn't care and we should quit our jobs would destroy us all, wouldn't it?

...

Paul Bristow, from the Mental Health Foundation, supports the view that there's something going wrong with men.

"We urgently need to know more about why being male is itself a risk factor in suicide and to do more to help men, especially young men, seek assistance rather than suffer in silence," he has said.'

Woman Wanted After Bacon Grease Assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'PITTSBURGH (KDKA) — Police in Lawrence County are searching for a woman who allegedly threw hot bacon grease on her boyfriend after an argument.

Police say the scene played out on the front porch of a house on South Mill Street in New Castle. It was just after 10 p.m. last Thursday.

Authorities identify the couple involved as 37-year-old Shawntay Thomas and her 49-year-old boyfriend, Jasper Williams III.

“Him and his girlfriend were at the house and got into a verbal dispute,” said Chief Robert Salem, of New Castle Police. “During the argument, he went outside and sat on the porch; his girlfriend came outside and threw bacon grease on him.”'

Pro-foreskin movement coming to Saskatoon

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Story here. Excerpt:

'His group, Foreskin Pride, will march in the Saskatoon Pride parade on Saturday, and intends to protest in front of a circumcision clinic on Monday.

“Part of what I’m trying to do, as one of the more seasoned activists in the movement in Canada, is come to communities where the support is only really online, they don’t have the experience of doing street protests.”

Callender said he first became aware of circumcision when he was about eight years old, was “horrified” by the thought, and became active in the genital autonomy movement in 2010.

...

He started Foreskin Pride in 2012, as a subgroup of the gay pride movement. His group mirrors the core principles of pride — human rights, sexual freedom and sexual self-determination, he said.

“Canadian men will not have real sexual freedom as long as other people have arbitrary editing rights over our genitalia when we’re too young to defend ourselves.”

The groups started in Victoria and Vancouver in 2012, then spread to nine cities in 2013, and plan to hit at least 17 cities this year in Canada and the U.S. On June 29, contingents will take part in Pride parades in Toronto, Manhattan, Chicago and San Francisco.

“It’s certainly catching on, because people do understand genital mutilation of children is a serious human rights issue,” Callender said.'

Teen "Porn Diva" Out Of Jail, Back On Twitter

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Story here. She and two others molest three minor girls and she actually invokes God as her defender, hoping it doesn't affect her future that much. As a female, she'll probably get a much-lesser term in prison than any male caught doing similar. But really, there's stupid, then there's her level of stupid. But if she is predicting she'll only get probation, she may be right. Her male co-offenders will undoubtedly be much less fortunate. Excerpt:

'JUNE 23--The Miami teenager who bills herself as a “porn diva” and posts explicit photos to her social media accounts bonded out of jail Friday on underage sex charges and immediately returned to Twitter to declare, “i hope this doesn't interfere with my dreams but only time will tell.”

Bianca Byndloss, 19, was arrested last week along with two male codefendants for allegedly participating in a May 25 sex party with three female victims aged 12, 13, and 14.
...
According to police, Byndloss brought the girls to the Miami home of Christian Hernandez, 19. While at the residence, Byndloss, Hernandez, and Bryan Yanes, 18, “engaged in sexual acts” with the three victims.

Videos of the illicit activity were discovered on cell phones owned by the various participants. Cops began investigating the incident after learning that clips from the sex party were placed online.
...
Byndloss, Hernandez, and Yanes are each facing multiple felony charges of lewd and lascivious battery on a child and promoting sexual performance by a child.

After being released from the Miami-Dade jail, Byndloss posted a series of Twitter messages Saturday that appeared to reference her criminal case, which could result in stiff prison sentences for the three accused.

“God knows im humble. I'm loving and caring fun leads to trouble just live and learn,” wrote Byndloss, who also declared, “I love my career i hope this doesn't interfere with my dreams but only time will tell. #blessup for me peeps much love!!!!!!!”'

Girl stabs mother to death and makes a false rape claim as well

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A horrible story about a girl who stabbed her mother to death and even made a false rape claim. Excerpt:

'ARAPAHOE COUNTY, Colo. - After finding probable cause that a 19-year woman, who stabbed her mother 151 times, committed first-degree murder, an Arapahoe County judge on Thursday accepted the teenager's plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

As a result, Isabella Guzman will not go to prison, but instead will be sent to the State Hospital in Pueblo for treatment.

When asked why prosecutors asked the judge to accept the plea, 18th Judicial District Attorney George Brauchler said, "Look, the job of the district attorney is to pursue justice. And at first blush, when you look at this case, you see a horrific and violent murder by a daughter towards her mother. I've never seen a person with that many stab wounds. She stabbed her over 150 times. So you want that person to be held accountable."
...
After the killing, police say Guzman fled the home. She went to a woman's restroom at a nearby H Mart, washed her hair in the sink and changed her clothes. They say she told employees that she had been raped in Denver and asked them not to call police, because they would send her back home and she was in fear of her father.

When police tracked Guzman down the next day, she told them they had the wrong person. She said she was Samantha Gonzales from Cincinnati, Ohio. Police held up her ID card, but the teen said, "It looks like me, but it's not."'

UK: Study finds women more controlling than men towards partners

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Article here. So much for patriarchy theory. Excerpt:

'Convention has it that women are the gentler sex.

But when it comes to relationships they are more likely than men to be controlling and aggressive, a study claims.

Increasing numbers of women can now be classed as ‘intimate terrorists’, meaning that they are verbally and physically violent towards a partner.

Psychologists at the University of Cumbria questioned 1,104 young men and women using a scale of behaviour which ranged from shouting and insulting to pushing, beating and using weapons.

They discovered that women were ‘significantly’ more likely to be verbally and physically aggressive to men than vice versa.

They concluded that violence was linked to controlling behaviour such as checking up on partners and persuading them not to see certain friends.
...
Study leader Dr Elizabeth Bates said: ‘The stereotypical popular view is still one of dominant control by men. That does occur but research over the last ten to 15 years has highlighted the fact that women are controlling and aggressive in relationships too.’

She said scientists may have to think again about the reasons for male violence against women, which previous studies said arose from ‘patriarchal values’ in which men are motivated to seek to control women’s behaviour, using violence if necessary.
...
Dr Bates, who presented her findings at the annual meeting of the forensic division of the British Psychological Society, in Glasgow, said: ‘It wasn’t just pushing and shoving. Some people were circling the boxes for things like beating up, kicking, and threatening to use a weapon.’

She added men may be starting to report the issue more often. ‘A contributing factor could be that in the past women have talked about it more,’ she said. ‘The feminist movement made violence towards women something we talk about.

‘Now there is more support for men and more of them are feeling comfortable coming forward.’

The analysis showed that, while women tended to be more physically aggressive towards their partners, men were more likely to show violence towards members of the same sex, including friends.'

Female cop accused of instigating fights between daughter and others

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Philadelphia cop who allegedly pushed her own children to fight other kids - and who, on at least one occasion, allegedly jumped in a fight to punch a 14-year-old girl - was arrested yesterday on numerous assault and child endangerment charges, according to the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.

Officer Tamika Gross' propensity for fighting has twice been detailed by the Daily News, once in 2009 when she got into a street fight with another woman while she was on duty and once in 2013, when she allegedly brought her 16-year-old suspended daughter back to Lincoln High School to fight a 14-year-old girl over a boy.

In the latter instance, which prosecutors said was caught on cell phone video, Gross is accused of jumping into the fight when her daughter started losing and punching her daughter's rival in the eye - twice.'

NPO: How to Change a Child Support Order

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently Vicki Turetsky, Commissioner, Office of Child Support Enforcement, issued a Dear Colleague Letter (below), announcing the release of its guide: *Changing a Child Support Order*. National Parents Organization is reproducing her letter below with links to resources provided. It is a thorough guide to changing child support orders with information for every state. There is a particular emphasis on those who are or have been incarcerated. It is a good place for every parent to start who is paying or receiving child support.

In addition to this, National Parents Organization continues to expand its Information Resources on our website. Within this section are: Forms and Documents and Frequently Asked Questions. In Forms and Documents you will find links to the forms used in every state for divorce, alimony, and child custody. In the Frequently Asked Questions, we have begun to post and answer many of the questions our family law attorneys tell us they answer most often. Within this is information on shared parenting that parents may use in their cases and that our volunteers may use in their lobbying in their state.'

UK: Separated mothers must not get away with 'Catherine Tate justice' and ignore dads' rights, says Appeal Court judge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Separated mothers must no longer get away with ‘Catherine Tate justice’ that prevents fathers from seeing their children, a senior judge said.

No mother should be able to ignore court orders, stop a father ever meeting his children, and then tell him ‘Am I bothered?’, Appeal Court judge Lord Justice McFarlane *[link added]* said.

He said that radical fathers’ groups were right to complain that men were often wrongly shut out of their children’s lives.

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The warning from Sir Andrew McFarlane, one of the country’s most experienced family judges, follows a series of reforms earlier this year designed to speed up cases which decide on how separated parents will share the care of their children.

It follows years of failure to enforce orders giving fathers contact with their children. In around 4,000 cases a year fathers go back to court repeatedly to try to get access to their children because mothers defy the courts.

Judges have rarely fined or imprisoned intransigent mothers because most believe that to punish the mother would harm the children.

At one point the last Labour government considered, and then dropped, the idea of making disobedient mothers wear electronic tags.

Sir Andrew said in a speech that he hoped the reforms introduced this spring will compel more mothers to stick to the rules.'

Study: Judges with daughters are more likely to rule in favor of women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For better or worse, personal relationships may account for why judges sometimes reach decisions at odds with their political views.

Researchers set out to test the effect of one relationship on judicial decisions: father and daughter. They found that judges who have daughters are more likely to rule in favor of women's rights than those who don't.

Maya Sen, a political scientist at the University of Rochester, and Adam Glynn, a government professor at Harvard, looked at 990 cases involving gender issues such as pregnancy discrimination. They evaluated 2,674 votes cast by 244 appeals court judges and found having at least one daughter increased the likelihood a judge ruled in favor of women's rights in a gender-related case by 7 percent.

The difference is most pronounced with judges who have one child. If that child is a daughter, researchers found a 16 percent increase in the proportion of cases decided in favor of women's rights. They found no added impact from having additional daughters.

Having a daughter made a bigger difference with conservative judges. Having a daughter had a more pronounced effect on judges appointed by Republican presidents, with an average 7 percent increase in the proportion of cases decided "in a feminist direction," compared with a 4 percent increase for judges appointed by a Democratic president — judges whose decisions were already more likely to be left-leaning.'

Woman Captured in Connection With Wife's Death

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'After nearly 20 days on the lam, a woman has been arrested in connection with the killing of her wife, who was found dead in a San Carlos apartment earlier this month.

Tiffany Nowden-Vale, 39, was booked into the Las Colinas Detention Facility Tuesday night on a first-degree murder charge, San Diego police confirmed.

U.S. Marshals found Nowden-Vale at a home on Market Street after searching for her for the past three weeks – since her wife was found dead. Police have considered Nowden-Vale a person of interest-turned-suspect in the case.

On June 5, at around 6 p.m., Nowden-Vale's wife, Russina Vale, 38, was found dead inside an apartment unit at the Villa De Flores complex in the 7700 block of Mission Gorge Road.

Investigators said Vale had suffered stab wounds to her upper body and was not able to survive her injuries.'

Men’s rights conference takes aim at feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At what was billed as the first annual international conference on men’s issues, feminists were ruining everything.

“I call it the evil empire,” Erin Pizzey, the British founder of one of the first domestic violence shelters and a staunch anti-feminist, said Friday, borrowing Ronald Reagan’s description of the Soviet Union. “We need to go after them. We cannot allow this to continue. And if we don’t stop it, I don’t see a future for marriage, for love, or for anything.”

“We need to name names,” Pizzey said, “and first on my list is Hillary Clinton.” One of the few overtly partisan moments at the conference, it drew loud cheers and applause from the attendees.

...

Men’s rights activists have a long list of grievances. They say fathers have to navigate a family court system that unfairly privileges mothers in divorce, and that boys are falling behind in education. They worry about high unemployment among men and the fact that men are more likely to commit suicide. They argue that domestic and sexual violence against men is underplayed by the media, and that men are unfairly stereotyped as violent sexual predators. These are all fruits of a society where women are valued and protected, while men are not.

Many of the more than 100 attendees at the conference spoke of being prevented from seeing their children, or struggling financially in the aftermath of a divorce.

But those issues got short shrift from most of the speakers on the first full day of the conference Friday, hosted by A Voice For Men, an online hub for men’s rights activists founded by Paul Elam. What animated most of the speakers at the conference was feminism and how it needed to be defeated.

Although generally understood as an ideology of equal rights for women, at the conference such feminists were called “equity feminists,” discussed the way Democrats might refer to “sane conservatives” or Republicans to “good liberals.” In other words, a largely fictional exception whose purpose is merely to define the whole as extreme. Feminists, for many of the speakers, were the enemy.

Feminist activists had protested the original venue for the conference, the DoubleTree Hilton in Detroit, in early June. A Voice for Men said that they had moved the conference to the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in St. Clair Shores, saying that they had sold so many tickets the Hilton could no longer accommodate them. A spokesperson for Hilton said that “there were some obligations in their contract that they were unable to adhere to.”

“The protest really came out of the fact that what they say is not about men’s issues, it’s about violence against women, it’s about blaming feminism for issues that feminists in a lot of cases actually work [on],” said Amanda Levitt, a feminist activist and postgraduate student at Wayne State University who was involved with the protest. Levitt posted online an open letter from her and her fellow activists Wednesday, saying that “due to concerns for physical safety we have decided the best way to oppose the conference that is now going on in St. Clair Shores is to keep our distance.”

...

Most of the speakers on the first full day of the conference were women, a fact Palmatier noted proudly. ”I am the third presenter to speak at the first annual international men’s human rights conference, and that would be the third woman presenter,” Palmatier said to applause. “My aren’t we an interesting group of misogynists. I hate to tell you guys, but I think we might be doing it wrong.”'

Canada: CAFE excluded from Toronto Pride parade

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A controversial men's rights group has seen its permit to march in the Pride parade revoked just days before the event after a behind-the-scenes campaign to get them removed.

The Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE), which bills itself as a "men's issues" organization, learned earlier this week that they would not be allowed to march in Sunday's parade because some people felt their work went against the values of the 10-day LGBTQ celebration. CAFE marched in the parade last year.

Pride executive director Kevin Beaulieu was vague on Friday about the reasons for CAFE's exclusion.

"There has been some concern expressed about the activities and purpose of CAFE and whether they actually match the intent they express," he said. Asked to be more specific, Beaulieu replied, "I'm really not going to go into that."

CAFE has faced criticism for its association with anti-feminist websites like A Voice for Men and for apparently misrepresenting itself to the Canada Revenue Agency in its successful charity-status application last year. In that case, CAFE listed women's groups as potential members of panel discussions who denied having been approached by the organization.'

1 in 5: Debating the Most Controversial Sexual Assault Statistic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A conservative women's group is trying to debunk the claim that one in five women is a victim of sexual assault in college.

The startling one-in-five statistic has become a rallying cry for campus judicial reform and entered the public lexicon through widespread dissemination by the media and the Obama Administration. Obama created a White House task force on campus sexual assault earlier this year, and Congress is currently considering proposals to combat sexual violence on campus.

At a Senate hearing Thursday, the one-in-five statistic was invoked in opening statements. Catherine Lhamon, assistant secretary of education for civil rights, said that "sexual violence is pervasive" on many college campuses and James Moore, compliance manager in the Clery Act Compliance Division of the Education Department, said we are experiencing a "crisis of sexual assault" on campus. (The Clery Act, passed in 1990, requires colleges and universities to publish annual reports on security and crime statistics, as well as publish information about sexual assault policies and programs.)

But the Independent Women's Forum, based in Washington, D.C., hosted a panel Thursday for about 100 people at The Fund for American Studies that questioned the validity of one-in-five figure.

"I do not believe that the one in five statistic is trustworthy," said Christina Hoff Sommers, self-titled "factual feminist" and resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. "Inflated statistics lead to ineffective policies. Worse than that, they can breed panic and overreaction, and that's what I think we have right now. I believe that the rape culture movement is fueled by exaggerated claims of victimization."'

Be Inspired with Raquel: Male bashing doesn't make women leaders better

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, I was a keynote speaker at an event promoting women leaders. There were about 200 women in attendance, and maybe 15 to 20 men. A woman who took to the stage before I spoke had a PhD, and the expectation of her topic was high. She was very accredited but she didn't have the ability to observe the men in the audience nor respect them. Observing the male participants was logical to me for obvious reasons, especially seeing that a few of them were program sponsors, which this woman knew along with the entire audience.

During her spiel, she put women on a pedestal and downplayed men as if they were not a part of the equation. She made men the primary target of several offensive jokes. It was a clear case of male-bashing. She pitted women against men and capitalized on some of their so-called inadequacies. It was not a gutsy move. It was a stupid move.

It was stupid because she lowered the value of women leaders. It was stupid because leadership is an inclusive agenda. Men are just as much a part of it as women. We need men to assist us on the journey. I can't count how many former male supervisors helped me become a better leader through training and coaching techniques. Often, men contributed to my career quicker than some women.
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When women bash men it hurts everyone. It changes how we view men. That distorted view bleeds over into how we see and treat our brothers, husbands, sons and fathers. Our image is tainted with negativity and hypocrisy.

Ms. PhD may have left a sour taste with me, but what about the other 200 women in the room? Maybe some bought into her downplay of men. Maybe some of them believed her and took that negative imagery back home or to the office. Will that belief influence how they see their male manager or subordinates? Yes. In one way or another, something shifts in us after we buy into a dehumanizing comment or action.'

"It Happened to Me: I Went On A Date With An MRA, And He Assaulted Me When I Wouldn't Have Sex With Him"

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'Like you, I've had many dating missteps. From the guy who laughed at me because I'd never played "Grand Theft Auto," to the guy who pinched my cheeks and kept calling me Babyface, to the guy who knocked over a bottle of red wine on the white sundress that I'd bought specifically for the date (RIP white sundress).

I thought that I'd experienced the full gauntlet until I found myself on a date with a Men's Rights Activist. MRAs, as they're known throughout the blogosphere, have one unifying thread: a deeply ingrained disdain for women. Some want to punish women, others want women to solely pursue domestic interests like cooking -- sewing and the like -- while others just want to bang and discard as many women as possible.

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The date went well. Some smiles, some flirty touches –- your standard, mildly nervous, I-think-I-might-be-attracted-to-you kind of first date. He repeatedly made mention of his dislike of "females who played games." To which I repeatedly, albeit naively, responded that it was a real date and not a game. At one point, he described himself as a "red pill."

At the time, I was unfamiliar with the vernacular. After he said it, I went to the bathroom and Googled it. I came up with hits for The Red Pill sub Reddit and read a few posts. I found out that "red pill" is MRA-speak for men who have seen the truth of devious female ways. The phrase is taken from "The Matrix" films. You know, take the blue pill or take the red pill. Stay in happy oblivion or see "the truth."

I realize this isn't ironclad evidence of his MRA status, but I have never heard that "red pill" terminology used elsewhere. You can read a summary of the woman-hating movement here.

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Nearing my car, I heard him call out, "That's it?" I felt a forceful grab on my arm as my body jerked backward. I tried to free myself from his grasp to no avail. "I drove two hours for you. My. Cock. Is. Hard. What are you going to do about it?" Heart race. Vision blur. Head pound. Run. As I again tried to pull away, he gripped tighter, leaving nail marks in my arm.

He tried repeatedly to get me into his car. With his free hand he tried to lift my shirt, to fondle something. He said that I was untrained. He said that I owed him for the drive. A drive, mind you, that he suggested and made willingly. He kept pleading that I wasn't giving him a chance to prove himself. Really, he was misunderstood, he only thought I was hot and wanted to live in the moment. Why did I have to be so cold? Why couldn't I live in the moment too? He begged to "experience me."'

College students fight sexual assault accusations

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'Following a rise in reports of sexual assaults at colleges, a growing number of alleged assailants — including some at area schools — are pushing back, saying they have been falsely accused amid the heightened awareness sweeping the nation's campuses.

The suspected assailants —who have been put on probation at the schools, suspended, or expelled — are appealing the disciplinary rulings and filing lawsuits asserting that college administrators unfairly rushed to judgment in their cases. They say the decisions have damaged their reputation, disrupted their education, and in some cases cost them thousands of dollars in lost tuition, legal expenses, and other costs.

Some accused students have also claimed campus officials violated Title IX, the very federal gender-discrimination law that many alleged victims have cited in federal complaints to argue that administrators did not take their allegations seriously or failed to mete out adequate punishment.

In one recent case at Brandeis University, a student found responsible by the school for sexually assaulting and harassing a classmate — his ex-boyfriend — has hired a lawyer and has appealed the ruling. He says he also plans to file a Title IX complaint against the school.

Accused students at Brown University, the University of Michigan, Occidental College, Xavier University, Swarthmore College, and Delaware State University are also fighting back, according to media reports and advocates following the cases.'

Woman Sprayed Weed Killer In Child's Face

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 60-year-old California woman who has been involved in a series of "neighborhood disputes" is jailed on three felony charges after allegedly spraying a "poisonous weed killer" in the face and eyes of a seven-year-old who lives in the same condominium complex.

Julie Rodenhuis was arrested Wednesday evening after cops were dispatched to the development to investigate a reported assault on a child.

According to police in Grover Beach, a coastal community 90 miles north of Santa Barbara, Rodenhuis sprayed the pesticide on the child, who was immediately treated by family members. The victim was subsequently treated by emergency service personnel at the scene and then transported to a local hospital, from which the child was later released.

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Seen in the above mug shot, Rodenhuis was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, battery with serious injury, and child endangerment. Rodenhuis was booked into the San Luis Obispo County jail, where she is being held in lieu of $100,000 bond.'

Mother accused of trying to suffocate baby in hospital

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An 18-year-old mother was arrested on suspicion of trying to suffocate her baby in an Orlando hospital room.

Brenna Elise Winter, of St. Cloud, was arrested on charges of attempted first-degree murder, battery by strangulation and aggravated child abuse.
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According to authorities, an alarm was triggered in the hospital because of the child's condition, and a video monitoring system in the room showed Winter beside her baby with her hands inside the crib. Nurses checked on the baby, but hours later the child had to be revived when the alarm again sounded, court documents stated.

Investigators said Winter admitted to trying to suffocate her daughter because Winter wanted attention. She also said she once placed her finger down her daughter's throat, scratching the girl's mouth.'

Brit Shalom Families—Where's the Controversy

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'As a Jewish woman who opposes circumcision, I often get this kind of conversational preempt from friends and family. It's an occupational hazard of writing about such a highly-charged topic: people seem to think I'm looking for a fight.

In truth, I'm exhausted by the litany of pros and cons. Circumcision causes pain (just look at this list of benefits!). Foreskin tissue is erogenous (circumcision is more hygienic!). It's unethical to make this decision for an infant (parents have to make decisions about their children's health all the time!). And on and on -- a veritable Wimbleton of volleys back and forth, each of which is but a few Google clicks away from support or refutation.

How I'd love for us to change the conversation so that instead of arguing points, we focus on the Jewish families who struggle to navigate their way through this complex issue.

Clearly, families who say yes to circumcision will have support from the community. But what happens to those who decide to keep their sons "intact" (i.e., not to circumcise them)?

One would think these nonconformists might be shunned for turning their backs on a practice so deeply ingrained in the Jewish psyche. But evidence suggests that such families are accepted in, and integrated into, Jewish settings. Indeed, as I reported in a recent article in j. weekly, Reform rabbis say these families are welcome in their synagogues, preschools and bar mitzvah classes.
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Like it or not, in the contemporary American landscape, identification as Jewish has become optional. Families need a reason to turn toward Judaism. We should be sending a clear message of inclusion to all families, regardless of their sons' circumcision status.

That's why I think the laudable efforts that Jewish institutions are currently making to reach out to Jewish minorities should be augmented to include outreach to brit shalom families.

Let's stop arguing the pros and cons of circumcision. Let's start welcoming brit shalom families as we're welcoming all other Jewish minorities.

Really, where's the controversy?'

"5 Things We Must Teach Young Boys About Rape, Right Now"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'George Will has added to the litany of facepalm-worthy statements by men about rape, implying that, due to university policies, victim status is “privileged” and “coveted.” In his June 6 column—which has gotten him fired from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch—he recounts a story from Swarthmore College in which a woman experienced date rape. The woman had been “hooking up” with a guy but then decided to just be platonic friends, a decision she thought was mutual. One night he fell asleep in her bed and she put on her pajamas and climbed in as well, thinking nothing of it. However, he began to pull off her clothes. She said no, but he persisted and she relented and let him do his thing. Six weeks later she filed rape charges.

Will seems to offer this case as an ambiguous scenario in which the woman is partly to blame for a) hooking up with the guy in the past and b) saying no only once. If we actually think this scenario is ambiguous—as apparently many young men do—then we need better sex education for boys.
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That males might not clearly see certain behavior as rape when in fact it is is obviously worth emphasizing. Yet people tend to respond better overall to positive persuasion rather than alarmism. Rather than teaching boys that they are all teetering on the edge of violence, emphasizing the benefits of romantic and sexual relationships founded on open communication, honesty and mutual respect may provide more positive outcomes.'

Why It's Imperative to Teach Empathy to Boys

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'Why is empathy important? First, empathy breeds courage. In a recent study of nearly 900 youth, ages 11-13, Nicola Abbott and Lindsey Cameron's, psychology researchers at University of Kent, found that participants with higher levels of empathy were more likely to engage in "assertive bystander behavior." In other words, they were willing to stand up to a bully on behalf of someone outside their peer group. This kind of courage can be life changing for a victim of bullying and prevent the damaging effects of social isolation and exclusion that often lead to anxiety and depression.

Empathy also yields happiness. People with empathy have stronger interpersonal connections and are more eager to collaborate, effectively negotiate, demonstrate compassion, and offer support. They're team players, and employers recognize this. So important has this skill become that a research team in England, after engaging in a six-month review of its schools, submitted a report that placed empathy in the top three of important outcomes for its students. Similarly, employers, when asked to compile a list of the "20 People Skills You Need to Succeed at Work," placed it fifth.

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What Parents Can Do

Play with dolls. Parents will find that boys can be just as interested as girls in playing with dolls. Just watch little boys when they interact with an infant: they want to pat the baby's head and see the little toes, and their faces show distress when that baby starts to cry. Recognizing the importance of young children's interactions with babies for building social skills, organizations like Roots of Empathy do just that. They bring babies into elementary school classrooms as part of their empathy building, evidence-based programs. Don't have a baby at hand? Dolls allow young children to simulate dressing, feeding, calming and caring for babies – particularly if adults participate and model this care. For parents of boys, it's worth a trip to the pink aisles to find one.

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Empathy, "an understanding that other people have feelings, and that those feelings count," is a learned behavior. For boys, as for girls, that learning begins in infancy. As University of Wisconsin's Carolyn Zahn-Waxler aptly notes, "There is no gene for empathy." Parents play a key role in nurturing empathy, from explaining others' feelings to encouraging prosocial behaviors with friends and siblings. Playroom toys and forms of play are equally important. Given all the benefits associated with empathy for success in life and work, it seems like now, more than ever, we need to mind the gap.'

Mary Walsh helping women teach men to help at home

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Video and article here. Excerpt:

'Mary Walsh *[link added]* is helping women help men learn how to help with household chores.

The 62-year-old veteran of Canadian television and films is playing Rose O'Brien in The House Trainer — a series of instructional videos available in the Apple App Store.

As Rose, Walsh teaches men how to rinse the bathroom sink, load the dishwasher and change the toilet paper roll.

Users can build a custom training program and email it, via the app, from Rose O'Brien to friends and family that need to be house-trained.

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It begs the question: Why does the toilet seat have to be left in the down position?

"It has to be down because if it isn't down, in the middle of the night your very thin trophy wife will fall through and you'll lose her," Walsh replied.

"I feel that is the natural way that the toilet wants to be. I think the toilet wants the seat down."

Walsh said women have put up with lazy men since time immemorial for no other reason than to keep society going.

"There would be no people on the Earth. There would just be cockroaches and snakes," she opined. "It's all biologically necessary for us to put up with all of this in order that we have children and the Earth goes on.

"I think at some point the women will just really get tired of that and say 'I don't care, let the snakes and the cockroaches take over. I'm just not doing another dish.'"'

"Powerful Verizon Commercial Casts Spotlight on Gender Roles"

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Video here. Caption:

'Verizon's "Inspire Her Mind" ad is part of a campaign to introduce more girls to the STEM fields.'

A kinder, gentler turn to the gender wars?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Are we coming to a truce in the gender wars? Or just opening a second front? Or, perhaps, actually starting to talk to each other?

Those are the questions I was asking myself as I attended the First International Conference on Men's Issues in Detroit last weekend. And, to be honest, I'm still not sure. But it's certainly true that the discussion is expanding, and I'm enough of a believer in discussion and engagement to think that's a good thing.

The first thing that struck me about the conference — both the speakers and the attendees — was how diverse the crowd was. (Full disclosure: I was there as a tag-along spouse while my wife spoke about her gender relations book, Men on Strike.) There were plenty of women there, which I suppose should be no surprise, as there are plenty of men at conferences on women's issues. There's even a women's group called The Honey Badger Brigade that supports men's rights.

There were also a lot of African-Americans — or, in the case of Canadian Sen. Anne Cools, African-Canadians. But it turns out, as we heard from speakers like Fred Jones, the victims of the gender war are disproportionately black, because black men are more likely to be jailed for failure to pay child support, or on charges of domestic violence.

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But although the specifics were interesting, the thing that struck me most about the gathering was the palpable lack of gender tension. Men and women at this conference seemed to be on the same page, and the same team, in a way that seems almost surprising in these gender-divided times. Maybe that's because gender-talk, long a female domain, is also now about men. As another speaker at the conference, Warren Farrell, said, women can't hear what men don't say. So it's good that men are speaking up. As Farrell concluded in a Friday night dinner speech, the goal is "not a men's movement, not a women's movement, but a gender liberation movement."

With men and women both talking and listening, it gave me some hope that perhaps we'll see something new, and better, in the politics of gender. Will this spirit be able to overcome the politicized divisiveness that marks today's gender discussion? If enough men and women of good will come together, it just might.'

California ‘Affirmative Consent’ Sex Bill Imposes Low Legal Standard For Guilt

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'The alleged “rape culture” in America, and especially sexual assault on American college campuses, has stubbornly remained a hot topic in politics and the media this year.

The latest example is SB-967, sponsored by California Democratic state Sens. Kevin De Leon and Hannah-Beth Jackson and Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal. It would require “affirmative consent” – explicitly verbal or written – for sex involving a college student in California.

The bill, which passed the Senate 27-9 in May and the Assembly Higher Education Committee 11-1 on Tuesday, would require California colleges receiving state funds for student financial aid to “adopt consistent victim-centered sexual assault policies and protocols.”

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Critics have said the bill could make any sexual activity a potential assault by definition, and that it wouldn’t stop assaulters from lying about getting consent from their sexual partners.

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The bill follows federal investigations of 55 schools accused of unsatisfactorily addressing sexual assaults involving students. The Obama administration has proposed stricter guidelines under the Clery Act, which requires federally funded universities to report each year on all crimes, including sexual assault, connected with the schools.'

Oxford Union 'rape victim knew her claim was false'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the students who accused the president of the prestigious Oxford Union of rape appears to have admitted almost a year earlier that their relationship was consensual, The Telegraph can reveal.

Ben Sullivan, 21, was arrested on suspicion of rape and attempted rape in May after two undergraduate students accused him of forcing himself on them after nights out in January and April last year.

Last week, Mr Sullivan was cleared of the charges and it can now be revealed that evidence passed to the police appears to show one of the victims knew their allegations were false.

In one online conversation seen by The Telegraph, one of the students appears to have told Mr Sullivan directly that she knew their affair was consensual, and pledged to help dispel rumors that he raped her.

The dialogue, which was included in the investigation along with further evidence, suggests the existence of a plot cooked up to undermine his tenure as Oxford Union president.'

Barbara Kay: At Pride Toronto, militant feminist dogma trumped rights

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'According to its own policy, Pride Toronto doesn't permit cancellations after June 21 — thereby ensuring that groups have an opportunity to respond to complaints lodged against them. CAFÉ, which has charity status (giving them more legal standing than most of the other participating groups), took part last year without incident and had two months ago successfully registered to walk this year, their name appearing in official Pride literature.

CAFÉ was given no substantive reason for the rejection, just a note from the Pride organizers: "It has come to our attention that the work of your organization may contravene the spirit of the mission, vision, and values of Pride Toronto and WorldPride." And that was it. Their right to march was withdrawn. At a stroke, CAFÉ was lumped in with pedophilia-promoting groups such as Men Loving Boys Loving Men, the only other type of group I could find to have been spurned by Pride as inconsistent with its mission.
...
Although CAFÉ's broad mandate is freedom of speech, much of its activity has focused on raising awareness of men's issues — including those that affect, say, the right of gay men (and all men) to have equal parenting rights under Canadian law. But feminists regard any such advocacy as a threat to their dogma. And so feminist activism, occasionally aggressive, has attended almost every men's rights speaker sponsored by CAFÉ on Canadian university campuses. (I was one such speaker two years ago.) It therefore isn't much of a stretch to infer that CAFÉ was booted from Pride because of the complaints of militant feminists.

For those who follow Pride politics, a certain irony leaps out here. The Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association marches, even though affiliated with some gay-alliance-unfriendly Catholic schools. More controversially, Pride defends the presence of the anti-Zionist group Queers Against Israel Apartheid, perceived as an outright hate group by many Jews, not to mention by many non-Jews, who can see that QuAIA's mandate has nothing to do with Pride's objectives (and in fact makes a mockery of them in focusing negative attention on the only gay-friendly nation in the Middle East).
...
The feminist revolution began as a fight for equity reform in law, education and career opportunity. Those objectives were quickly achieved. But as in all revolutions, justice is never enough for the true believers; for them, the revolution is never over until all dissent from their dogmas is squashed.

And so the purges begin. In this case, the Detroit attempt gave strength to the counter-movement. But in Toronto, CAFÉ was sent to the guillotine, while feminists' knitting needles flashed in the hot summer sun.'

Woman Posed As Doctor, Gave Men Physical Exams

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Story here. I have an explanation for her behavior: She's a sick creepazoid who got off on molesting men, specifically truckers. She has a perv thing for truckers. But wait, that can't be it. She's female. There has to be some other explanation, one that clearly shows her to be an innocent victim, because as we all know, women *never* do this kind of thing. Ever. Unless a man's behind it. An evil, awful man. Yep. Excerpt:

'JUNE 30--A Pennsylvania woman masqueraded as a medical doctor and performed physicals on at least two male patients in her home, according to police.

Investigators allege that Joann Elizabeth Wingate, 56, marketed her services to truckers who needed to have updated physicals so as to maintain their commercial driver's license. Wingate, pictured below, this month examined a driver from California who spotted a sign she posted at a truck wash.

Wingate, a Cumberland County resident, was arrested Saturday on felony forgery, fraud, and identity theft charges. She is being held in lieu of $10,000 bail.
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Court records do not offer a motive for Wingate playing doctor, the details of which were first reported by The Patriot-News.

Pennsylvania Department of State records show that Wingate has held two separate chiropractic licenses, one of which is described as "inactive" in online records. Her second license was suspended late last year, due to "advertising violations" related to her performing Pennsylvania Department of Transportation physicals in a county about 120 miles from her residence.

During a search of Wingate's home, police seized "numerous items related to someone that conducts physical exams and also urine analysis" and "a large quantity of medical documents and forms related to DOT physicals." Cops also found numerous "signs and brochures for advertising DOT physicals and Drug Testing with phone number (717) 45-TRUCK."'

The FIRE launches national litigation effort against campus speech codes

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Almost daily we report here and at College Insurrection on the almost insane application of campus speech codes, frequently utilized disproportionately against non-politically correct (i.e. conservative) students and groups.

Speech codes are closely related to other forms of campus oppression, like the stripping of due process rights for men accused under vague and overly-broad definitions of sexual assault and subjected to kangaroo courts.

It all part of enforcing compliance with a dominant campus ideology (almost always progressive and radical feminist).

Our friends at The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) have led the fight against speech codes for years, and today they announced a major litigation effort:

"This morning, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) coordinated the filing of lawsuits against Ohio University, Chicago State University, Iowa State University, and Citrus College (Calif.). The filings launch FIRE's new Stand Up For Speech Litigation Project, a national effort to eliminate unconstitutional speech codes through targeted First Amendment lawsuits. The project and lawsuits were announced today at a press conference at the National Press Club."'

Men’s rights activists discuss how society has done them wrong

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A rather biased article has been published in the Washington Post about the Men's Issues Conference in Detroit by Monica Hesse:

'The feminists hadn’t shown up yet, but they could, at any moment, with their protest signs and screaming. The threat of them was an infuriating and exhilarating specter throughout the weekend, a symbol of the oppression facing the men’s rights activists who had gathered to meet for their inaugural conference.

Early Friday before the opening session, a wispy trail of men — mostly white, college-through-retirement-age — waited for the doors to open outside of this Veterans of Foreign Wars outpost in suburban Detroit. One man talked about his ex-wife. A lot of guys talked about their ex-wives. Ex-wives and ex-girlfriends were often cited as the catalysts to these men’s realizations that the world had become a hostile and dangerous place for males. Such realizations are what activists sometimes call “red pill moments,” and although attendees coalesced around different issues — paternity fraud, circumcision, false rape allegations — the binding theme was that almost everyone here had experienced a version of a red pill moment."

War on Watters: Alpha-females have cops remove Jesse from NOW conference

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'It started when the mild-mannered journalist tried to get press credentials months in advance to cover the event and was repeatedly ignored.

As any good reporter would, he showed up at the Hyatt anyway and asked the attendees about the so-called “war on women” they are fighting diligently against.

When word got around that Watters *[link added]* was asking questions like,”have you ever been hurt by the war on women?” or, “have you ever burned your bra?,” the alpha-females of the group took charge and called the police. He was promptly removed, but not before being called a “sexist,” of course.

After some fun chatter with the friendly officers who escorted him out, Watters was informed by a stern police woman that the Hyatt hotel demanded he not return and said he would be arrested if he did.

“I feel very discriminated against,” he said.'

'Affirmative Consent': The Sex Police on the Defensive

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Efforts to legislate "affirmative consent" as the standard for college disciplinary proceedings on sexual assault, which I discussed in my last column, continue to advance. The California bill requiring colleges and universities to adopt such a standard to qualify for state student aid, S.B. 967, was overwhelmingly approved by the State Assembly's Committee on Higher Education on June 24. And now, reports legal expert Hans Bader, similar measures may be coming on a federal level. Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO), who leads the congressional crusade against campus rape, apparently supports a definition of sexual assault that includes any sexual activity without "explicit consent"; so does the federal Office on Violence Against Women.

While the bill has been criticized the political spectrum as an intrusive and bizarre attempt to micromanage sexuality, its defenders are mobilizing as well. They claim that "affirmative consent" is meant simply to ensure that all sex is wanted sex and that its critics are either rape-loving misogynists or misguided folks confused about what this standard actually means.

So, how convincing are those defenses?

A rather strongly worded diatribe against "rape apologists"—and, specifically, yours truly—comes from firebrand feminist blogger Amanda Marcotte on RawStory.com. According to Marcotte, I am a "professional female misogynist" who thinks that women "exist in a state of consent all the time" unless they explicitly say "no." Of course, what I actually wrote was that consent is usually given through nonverbal cues—often, especially in first-time sex, in a gradual buildup of physical contact. A woman who gives an affectionate hug in the context of a non-sexual relationship is certainly not consenting to having her breasts groped (and such an act would indeed amount to sexual assault). On the other hand, fondling a woman's breasts after an interlude of passionate kissing and touching is a normal progression of intimacy, and it's commonly accepted that it's up to the woman to object if she'd rather not move on to that level. Obviously, the same applies if the recipient of sexual touching is a man.'

"MRAs Aren't Just Terrorizing Women — They're Hurting Men, Too"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The very first International Conference on Men's Issues happened over the weekend, in the unlikely surroundings of a VFW Lodge in Detroit. The thought of a bunch of men's rights activists converging to swap stories of how good women have it these days isn't one that fills anyone with joy (unless they've been on the Reddit red pills for a while), and I'm loath to give it any more publicity — but fuck it, the event has already happened, and it provided a pretty good snapshot of where the MRA movement, such as it is, is at in 2014. And, perhaps most frustratingly, its very existence basically precluded any sensible discussions of the issues it professed to address. Good job, everyone.

It's easy to write off MRAs as lunatics — any group who can call feminism "a multibillion-dollar hate industry" isn't exactly asking to be taken seriously, especially since I'm writing this on a day when the Supreme Court just decided that a corporation's right to believe in whatever bullshit it likes is more important than a woman's right to insurance-subsidized birth control. If you want proof that the world is still biased very much in favor of men, have a read through Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dissent on the Hobby Lobby case, and then meditate on this for a bit:

There are many things to dislike about r/RedPill types. Many, many things. But here's the issue: quite apart from their hatefulness, they do their "cause" — such as it is — absolutely no good at all. As with extremists in many other areas, they hijack and polarize a discussion that is worth having.

Clearly, on balance, you're inevitably better off being a man in this world than a woman. Quite how much so varies depending on just where you are — there are openly patriarchal societies like Saudi Arabia, where the extent of women's oppression is extreme and unapologetic. But even right here in the good ol' US of A, it's a whole lot better to be the average man than the average woman, just like you're better off being white than a person of color, and heterosexual and cisgender than anywhere on the LBGT spectrum, and so on. The world we live in is one in which being a straight white man is pretty great; being anything else is pretty fucked. So has it ever been.'

In South Africa, old custom becomes health crisis

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The young South African thought he was going to the hills to become a man. He came back with a horrifying injury that made him an outcast.

In 2012, Asanda lost his penis to gangrene in a botched circumcision ritual performed by a traditional surgeon wielding the same spear on more than a dozen initiates. He was an unusual case among thousands of men hospitalized after such ceremonies in past years because he broke a code of secrecy about the tradition and spoke out in protest. For that, he endured public humiliation and even a severe beating a few months ago.

"People would just stare at me, as if I were not a man," 25-year-old Asanda told The Associated Press. He did not want his family name published for fear of a bigger backlash from his community.
...
Septic shock causes many fatalities. The problem is most severe in the Eastern Cape province, where nearly 500 young men have died in circumcision rituals since 2006, including 83 last year, according to the provincial health department.

Officials further north in Mpumalanga province reported 31 deaths in 2013. Twenty-three people, including doctors and traditional surgeons, face charges including negligent killing for the Mpumalanga deaths, South Africa's National Prosecuting Authority announced Tuesday.'

Tone down the talk of 'war'

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'Ilyse Hogue, the president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, blasted the ruling as "a direct attack on women and our fundamental rights" from "five male justices." Others hailed the ruling as a resounding win for freedom of conscience. What's largely missing from the debate is the voices of feminists who believe it's dangerous to tie women's freedoms to government-mandated benefits.

It's unclear how broad the ruling's effects will be. The case applies to a specific type of business: corporations with a limited number of shareholders such as Hobby Lobby, the crafts store chain. The court's majority has held that, since religiously affiliated nonprofits such as schools and charities are partially exempt from the contraceptive-coverage mandate (which they believe would force them to pay for abortion-inducing drugs and devices), family-owned businesses are entitled to the same exemption.

Framing the issue as a "war on women" is misguided and polarizing. The fact that the court's three female justices dissented, along with Justice Stephen Breyer, is a function of ideology rather than gender. It is also worth noting that Justice Anthony Kennedy, who provided the swing vote in the case, is a strong supporter of women's rights and reproductive rights. And there are many women who believe the birth-control mandate infringes on religious liberty - among them Hobby Lobby cofounder Barbara Green. To suggest that those who share this view are woman-oppressing Neanderthals if male, and dupes of the patriarchy if female, is hardly conducive to civilized discourse.

Few people dispute that birth control is an essential benefit for most reproductive-age women. But does this mean that women are entitled to coverage that offers contraception at no out-of-pocket cost? No employer is claiming a faith-based right to forbid female employees to use birth control, only the right not to subsidize the use. While the mandate's supporters claim singling out birth control for denial of coverage is sex discrimination, it is worth noting that federal law does not require any contraceptive coverage for men.'

Domestic Violence Against Men: Women More Likely To Be 'Intimate Terrorists' With Controlling Behavior In Relationships

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Relationships can be an emotional rollercoaster. Throughout the ride, men and women can be everything from loving and nurturing, to sometimes verbally and even physically abusive during fights. While aggression in heterosexual relationships is believed to stem from men, a recent study presented on June 25 at a symposium on intimate partner violence (IPV) at the British Psychological Society's Division of Forensic Psychology annual conference in Glasgow, found women are more likely to be “intimate terrorists,” or physically aggressive to their partners than men.

Michael P. Johnson, an American sociologist coined the term “intimate terrorism,” or batterers or abusers, in the 1990s to define an extreme form of controlling relationship behavior involving threats, intimidation, and violence. Men were almost always responsible for these heinous acts. This belief is further supported by statistics highlighting nearly three in 10 women (29 percent), and one in 10 men (10 percent) in the U.S. have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by a partner, affecting some form of their functioning, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.'

Elisabeth Hasselbeck Accuses Feminists Of Waging War On Men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the bizarro world of the right wing, those who are waging a relentless war on women's reproductive rights claim that there is a war on men being waged by feminists who are trying to emasculate American men. As the echo chamber for this alternate reality, Fox News' anathema lists now include feminists who have the audacity to question the patriarchy so beloved by the Fox enabled right wing who actually believe that women who don't know their place are hurting America! Fox & Friends has engaged in feminist bashing meme as well as promoting the dark and angry world of men's rights. On Monday, they established, as Fox Fact, that there is a war on men because nasty feminists accused a men's right's conference, which called for the defeat of feminism, of fostering hate speech. Funny, Fox & Friends fully supports free speech for Christians; feminists, not so much!

In bashing feminism, Fox & Friends has hosted a woman who claims to have been bullied by feminists, anti-feminist Suzanne Venker, and the infamous "Princeton Mom" who advises women to forget about getting a degree and focus on getting a husband. IN May, "Dr" Keith Ablow pushed misogynistic men's rights talking points. On Monday, Elisabeth Hasselbeck *[link added]* was able to advance the meme of intolerant feminists while promoting men's rights. Her piece was teased by Steve Doocy who, earlier, reported that "feminists are up in arms calling a men's conference a hate group even though it included all races and sexes." He asked "so who are the ones being intolerant?" The Cavuto marked chyron framed the propaganda message, "War on Men."'

SAVE: Four-fold Increase in Lawsuits Following New Federal Sexual Assault Policy: Report

Matt · 5 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / July 1, 2014 – A new SAVE report reveals a sharp increase in the number of lawsuits filed by students alleging they were wrongfully expelled on allegations of sexual assault. Following implementation of a 2011 Department of Education sexual assault policy, the number of lawsuits rose four-fold, the report shows.

From 2008 to 2010, only four lawsuits were filed against universities. But from 2012 to 2014, eighteen cases are known to have been filed, representing a four-fold increase. Nearly all charge the university failed to comply with fundamental due process requirements in adjudicating the claim.

The report is believed to be the most comprehensive listing of campus sex lawsuits ever compiled: www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Campus-Sexual-Assault-Lawsuits.pdf

The controversial Department of Education mandate requires all allegations of sexual assault to be heard by campus disciplinary panels. The policy also removes a number of due process protections. Over 170 editorials sharply critical of the panels have been published this year: www.accusingu.org.

Israel: Landmark Victory! Circumcision Not Matter for Rabbinical Courts, Israel's High Court Rules

Matt · 5 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Truly fantastic news! David does a number on Goliath in this one! Article here.

'Today Israel's High Court of Justice issued an unprecedented ruling—rabbinical courts in that country no longer have the authority to determine whether boys will be circumcised should divorcing parents disagree on the matter.

The 6-1 vote in favor of stripping the rabbinical court's power, means the disputed circumcision of a child is no longer a divorce issue. To the extent that such issues arise, they will now be handled in family court and will be subject to a best-interests-of-the-child test.

The matter came to the High Court of Justice after a rabbinical court ordered a then one-year-old boy to be circumcised as part of a divorce proceeding. His mother, pictured above, is opposed to circumcision due to the pain of the procedure and it's potential for complications.

Following today's ruling the mother stated: "Social pressure is no reason to force cutting my son's body as nature, the universe naturally created him."

This case has implications far beyond circumcision. It means that rabbinical courts in Israel have lost a degree of power; however, the decision comes as no surprise to lawyers there. Last December Carmel Shalev, an Israeli ethicist and human rights lawyer, told Beyond the Bris that the High Court of Justice would likely rule that the rabbinical court didn't have the authority to force anyone to perform a circumcision.'

University offers female students extra credit for not shaving their armpits

Matt · 5 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

LMAO! Hardly a MR issue/topic, but it's a slow day and we're due for some comedy relief. If nothing else, this article shows the degree to which things like WST have become laughable. Hey, can an EE earn credit toward his degree as an EE for expanding his "engineering horizons" by taking a one-day clay pottery workshop, too? Excerpt:

'Female Arizona State University students can receive extra credit for defying social norms and refusing to shave for 10 weeks during the semester.

Women and Gender Studies Professor Breanne Fahs, encourages her female students to cease shaving their underarms and legs during the semester and document their experiences in a journal.
...
Men are also allowed to receive extra credit, as long as they shave their bodies from the neck down.

Fahs says the experiment illustrates social issues with gender roles, particularly with the male participants.

“One guy did his shaving with a buck knife,” Fahs said. “Male students tend to adopt the attitude of, ‘I’m a man; I can do what I want.”'

France: Mom Kills Kindergarten Teacher In Class

Matt · 7 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'PARIS (AP) -- The mother of a pupil at a French pre-school stabbed a teacher to death in front of her class Friday, the last day of the school year, authorities said.

The education minister said the mother apparently had "serious psychiatric problems," and pledged support for teachers in the face of angry or violent parents. Police said the mother was taken into custody.

Deadly attacks in a school are extremely rare in France, and the stabbing in front of a class of 5- and 6-year-olds raised concern at the highest levels. French President Francois Hollande expressed outrage at the attack at the Edouard Herriot school in Albi in southern France.

Education Minister Benoit Hamon traveled immediately to the school, and told reporters that the mother of a pupil "committed this abominable act in a class against a remarkable teacher." A police official said the mother stabbed the teacher with a knife soon after school started Friday morning.'

Campus-assault crackdown provoking expensive backlash

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Obama administration has been trying to crack down on campus sexual assaults by lowering the standard of evidence needed by university and college panels to convict suspects, but the policy change has provoked a backlash as accused students fight back with lawsuits.

Instead of “beyond a reasonable doubt,” as practiced in criminal courts, the new standard is “preponderance of evidence,” meaning it’s more likely than not that an assault occurred.

The policy change has resulted in more convictions and is starting to get expensive.

Really expensive.

While only four such lawsuits were filed against universities from 2008 to 2010, between 2012 and 2014 there were 18 cases, representing a four-fold increase, according to a report by Stop Abusive and Violent Environments that is touted as the “most comprehensive listing of campus sex lawsuits ever.”

“Nearly all charge the university failed to comply with fundamental due process requirements in adjudicating the claim,” the organization said.

And the financial tab?

At least $36 million.

The surge came immediately after the 2011 change in the Department of Education’s sexual assault policy to the “preponderance of evidence” standard.'

Boys Will Be Boys: America's Campus Rape Policy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An even more troubling manifestation of rape culture is the current backlash against the anti-rape movement that has led a handful of male students to sue universities with the claim that they were falsely accused of sexual assault. Are false accusations wrong? Yes, of course. However, in these cases these men were found guilty of the act after full investigative proceedings; and of course the in these "frivolous" lawsuits the men attempt to make the claim that the sexual encounter was consensual. They make this claim while displaying their true lack of understanding of what compromises consensual sex, which includes not knowing that an intoxicated "yes" or an intoxicated failure to "say no" is NOT consensual sex. All this, while according to the FBI, only 8% of rape reports are considered to be unfounded.

...

In order to ensure that criminal charges are brought against those who commit acts of sexual violence, the power of the colleges' internal judiciary boards and administrators will have to be reduced. The current bureaucratic structures that allow schools to investigate claims of on-campus rape, without informing law enforcement that an actual crime has occurred, in the same manner that they will handle a violation of school policies, such as truancy, will have to be dismantled or reformed. Still, the Federal and local government will have to begin reforming the process of how rape in-take victims are treated by law enforcement. Not only are there issues with patriarchy (especially victim blaming/shaming), but then one has to consider how these institutions have historically mistreated and alienated certain groups in society, particularly women of color, immigrants, and members of the LGBTQ community. This historic precedent makesit difficult for these students to approach law enforcement. Law enforcement should be tasked with finding solutions to overcome this barrier, as well as finding ways to expedite investigation of rape claims, which do not leave students vulnerable to attack and retaliation, or even more of an interruption to their academic life.

...

Focusing on prosecution is not enough, because it is only reactionary*. The goal should simply be - rape prevention. Again, we must be willing to call-out (not write multiple page of reports devoid of this critical terminology) and address the patriarchal rape culture that encourages sexual violence, and acts as an aid to rapists/would-be-rapists, by making their actions protected and tolerated. It is rape culture that helps to find excuses for their behavior, where Boys Will Be Boys, and girls should dress and act accordingly, if they do not want to be raped. Rape culture with its victim blaming and excuses for men's violence (and its glorification), seen in war, sports, action movies, along with its objectification of female bodies, makes it difficult to prosecute rapists. Often, it is the victim who is first put on trial.'

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* Ugh, sorry to be so word-cop-y, but I see reactionary misused all the time like this, and not only among such authors as this feminist. I can deal with "begs the question" having morphed into something it was never intended to mean since it's more a phrase than a word and I can see how people would see its new meaning making sense, but "reactionary" has little to do semantically with reactive, which is what this author means, and has a well-defined meaning that IMHO ought to stay that way since there are few other words that can quite take its place; some come close, but as a general-use term for the phenomenon it describes, there are none better. Yours truly, The Church Lady =)

California: State representative promises legislative response to campus sexual violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Consequences for assailants are "not significant or harsh enough to act as a deterrent," [Das] Williams *[link added]* said, and light penalties are undermining students' trust in their schools to handle cases of sexual violence.

Community colleges should also be able to expel students from the entire system, like UC or CSU, he added, so that they can't just transfer to another campus.

Punishment has been the biggest point of contention surrounding campus sexual violence. While victims have pushed for stronger responses from universities, a growing opposition has countered that expelling students could ruin the rest of their lives.

Williams acknowledged that this last proposal could be controversial, but said it provides an opportunity for justice that victims do not always get.

"Rape is a very difficult thing to prosecute," he said. With their lower "preponderance of evidence" standards, "there is a real role that schools can play that law enforcement can't" in these incidents.'

'Toxic Femininity'

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Came across this piece in my travels and thought it could use some attention. I like how the author takes the time to identify the phenomenon of "toxic femininity" in its many forms. After all, if feminists have been so good at the ways masculinity can be toxic (and in fact I agree; for some men, their idea of 'masculinity' is toxic to them and others), then why isn't anyone doing the same for women? Can there be no toxicity in women's pursuit of or general ideations around femininity? Heck, yeah! Excerpt:

'Toxic femininity is not a personal trait of individuals. It is an aspect of a gender role, and since gender roles are a matrix of customs, expectations and policing, they are social rather than individual. That is what it means to say gender is constructed, if always on a pretty fixed base of biological sex for the huge majority of us, and this is where the construction takes place. (Gender identities are different; they inhere in individuals.)

I have drawn up a preliminary list of types and aspects of toxic femininity. They come from things I have picked up in the femmisphere in posts and comments, from things I have seen in the men's side of the gendersphere and some come from personal experience. I wanted to list and name them so that people can use this in their own discussions and would have something to refer back to. The list is preliminary and suggestions on additions are gratefully accepted.
...
Damseling is the female end of White Knighting – one cannot exist without the other. It is a celebration of helplessness and dependence on someone else's protection. This is really nothing other than a feudal relationship. Depending on someone else for protection is a form of vassalage.

Examples include -

Victim Cred – For the most part we have a moral structure that stigmatizes victimizers and tries to validate victims. It doesn't always play out that way in practice, but even in practice if a victim brings a complaint against the person who victimized him – oops, there's counter-example right there – but anyway, for the most part the reaction from the rest of us will not be to stigmatize the crime victim as a loser, but rather the perpetrator. This feature of our moral code works against the operation of the law of the jungle, and it makes our type of society possible. So far so good. But of course it has a down side. It grants victims a moral claim, a form of moral superiority over those they identify as having wronged them, and this can incentivize victimology, the weaponization of victimhood.
...
Gynonormativity is not in of itself a bad thing. There are situations where what is generally considered a female way of doing something is the appropriate way, regardless of who is doing it. Teaching young children – primary grades surely, but even the older elementary grades sometimes – is one obvious example. Some kinds of anthropological fieldwork obviously call for gynonormative approaches. In other areas it's neutral. In some it's not suitable.

These are examples of bad gynonormativity:

The Golden Uterus: GU is a distortion of the motherhood role into a tool for subjugating others to the mother's will. It can even be used as a form of power to use in a rape. James Landrith recounts how his (pregnant!) rapist used her unborn child as a human shield against him to keep him from defending himself.

The Moral Guardian – The Moral Guardian is now almost exclusively a female role, (Although until recently you saw men doing it to. It still exists in communities on the Religious Right.)
...
Female Approval: "Man up!" "Get a pair!"The Real Man discourse and the whole concept of what makes a man a good man usually come down to one thing: How useful is he to women. That's the measure of how good and masculine a man is.The measure of what made a woman a good women used to be the mirror image of this. Thank

God feminism eroded that away to nothing. Now it's time to do the same with this.

...

The Flag-Waving Civilian Hyper-Patriot: Never served a day in her life, but she is ready to hound any man in sight to "man up" and go lay down his life for her. This chicken hawk is a real moral guardian of patriotic values. See also White Feather Society.

- "Boys will Be Boys" – Listen around and you will see how general the meme is that men are eternal boys and that women are long-suffering adults picking up after them. It comes out in teachers saying that girls mature faster than boys – by the gender-biased standards of teachers. It comes out in 20-something women presuming to lecture men their age on manners and mature behavior. It comes out in TV commercials and programming showing men as helpless, clumsy and incapable, but always with some superior woman coming to the rescue, or more often just looking on clucking her tongue.'

UK: Teach boys how to be feminists to stop culture of abuse towards girls, says Labour

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Schoolboys need to have lessons in feminism to help teach them out to treat women, Labour claims.

Compulsory sex education classes should be held in all schools to tackle the rise of sexist abuse fuelled by internet porn, Yvette Cooper said.

The shadow home secretary warned a culture is spreading in schools where girls are subject to verbal abuse and have their shirts undone and skirts lifted by boys who do not respect them.

Schools, colleges and universities are to be consulted on changes in rules – or the law – which are needed to tackle the problem.

Labour warns too many boys believe abuse is ‘normal’ and it is fuelling a culture of violence against women and girls.
...
She recalled one teacher describing how teenage girls face vile verbal abuse on a daily basis.

Girls are 'heckled if they dare to speak in class, their shirts forcibly undone, their skirts lifted and held by groups of boys'.

She added: 'It would be easy and, let’s be honest, more comfortable, to dismiss this as a one off. Or the inevitable, temporary, rite of teenage passage.

'After all, we all remember that hormonal mix of over-excited boys, irritated girls, and clumsy flirting that gets a bit out of hand.

'Sadly it’s rather more than that; it’s certainly not temporary, and the evidence shows it’s getting worse.'"

UK: Labour to end ‘culture of defeatism’ over rape convictions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Police would lose the power to unilaterally “drop” rape investigations, even if they think there is insufficient evidence to proceed, under Labour plans to revolutionise the way sexual crimes are handled.

At present there is no obligation for police to refer cases to the prosecutors before a decision is made to drop a case. But under proposals to be put forward by the shadow Attorney General Emily Thornberry on Monday, officers would have to get the agreement of the Crown Prosecution Service to end an investigation.

Ms Thornberry will say that she hopes the plan would end the culture of rape and sexual violence being an “optional” crime to investigate and help end a “culture of defeatism” where the authorities believe there will never be a large number of rape convictions because it is “too difficult” to prosecute.

Ms Thornberry will make the announcement at Labour’s Women’s Safety Conference, which will also be addressed by the shadow Home Secretary Yvette Cooper. In an article for The Independent, Ms Cooper says Labour would also introduce compulsory sex- and relationship-education and turn the next generation of boys into “feminist” men.'

Post-recession jobs numbers are better for women than for men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The nation has snapped back to its pre-recession self in terms of total employment, according to job numbers released last week.

Now there's about 138,780,000 jobs filled in the country, the number the United States had when the recession began back in December 2007.

But a curious thing has happened: Men now fill fewer positions than they did before the recession.

To put it another way, although men still occupy more jobs than women overall, today women make up a larger portion of the workforce than they did before the economic downturn. At the start of the recession men held 3.2 million more jobs than women, but that gap has narrowed with men holding 1.6 million more jobs than women.
...
The jobs traditionally occupied by women simply weren't hurt as much by the economy as the jobs typically occupied by men, according to Hartmann.

"One of the sectors that's very strong for women is health care — for women it was part of the reason why their unemployment never fell as much as men, there was always something going on good for them. Health care and private education," she said.'

New Zealand: David Cunliffe: I'm sorry for being a man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Labour leader David Cunliffe's *[link added]* apology for being a man is "insulting" because not all men are abusive, Prime Minister John Key says.

"It's a pretty silly comment from David Cunliffe," Key said.

"The problem isn't being a man, the problem is if you're an abusive man, and I think it's a bit insulting to imply that all men are abusive.

"A small group are and they need to change their behaviour and be held to account.

"Is he really sincere about that statement? Tomorrow afternoon is he going to go down to the local rugby club and say 'I'm sorry for being a man'? I don't think so."

Cunliffe made the apology at a Women's Refuge symposium today, where he also pledged to invest an extra $60 million into family violence services.

He spoke of the "bullshit, deep-seated sexism" still prevalent in New Zealand.

"It needs to stop," he said.

"I don't often say it - I'm sorry for being a man," Cunliffe said, "because family and sexual violence is overwhelmingly perpetrated by men."'

Women's Refuge hails Cunliffe's apology "gutsy"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'David Cunliffe's apology for being a man has been described as "gutsy" by the head of Women's Refuge.

Women's Refuge Chief Executive Heather Henare said Cunliffe's comments were ones she had been waiting to hear.

"That was pretty gutsy and I think that it's unfortunate that that part of his speech was picked up in such a negative way," she said.

The Labour leader addressed a family violence conference in Auckland in conjunction with an announcement that his party would put forward a $60 million plan to tackle domestic violence.

"I'm sorry for being a man right now because family and sexual violence perpetrated overwhelmingly by men," Cunliffe said.

...

Henare welcomed Cunliffe's apology and said Labour seems to understand the gendered nature of violence.

"We house at least 209 women a night in this country and so we need a government that's going to stand up and address that," she said.'

University group says survey underestimates colleges' attempts to deal with sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many colleges and universities are "failing to comply with the law and best practices in how they handle sexual violence among students," according to Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., who Wednesday released a survey of colleges and universities.

But the American Council on Education, which represents more than 1,700 colleges and university presidents, was "greatly disappointed" in a survey that was not balanced and draws unwarranted conclusions, the organization's general counsel, Ada Meloy, said.
...
Her survey also found that more than 20 percent of universities provide no training in sexual assault for faculty and staff, and that more than 30 percent do not do so for students, McCaskill said.
...
But Ada Meloy, general counsel for the college group, said that McCaskill's interpretation of her own numbers do not give enough credit to colleges and universities that are not automatically equipped to handle often "incredibly difficult cases," involving "word-on-word" cases that often stem from too much drinking. The survey "treats the rights of the accused as an afterthought, which colleges and universities clearly cannot do," Meloy said. It also ignores "how hard colleges and universities are working to address a serious and complex societal issue," she said.'

Police Granted Warrant To See A 17-Year-Old's Erection In Sexting Case

mens_issues · 9 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

A really bizarre and disturbing story about the criminalization of male sexuality. Excerpt:

'UPDATE

Following intense national scrutiny and criticism, police in Manassas will no longer pursue efforts to take photos of Simms' erection. The warrant calling for the explicit photos will be allowed to expire.

...

A 17-year-old from Manassas City, Va., who is facing felony charges in a sexting case might be forced to show police his erection, his lawyer told the Washington Post.

Simms is facing two felony charges for manufacturing and distributing child pornography after he and his then-girlfriend, who was 15 at the time, exchanged explicit pictures and videos.

The girl, whose mother filed the complaint, has not been charged, said Jessica Harbeson Foster, the boy's lawyer.

...

"He said they took him to a room and took pictures of his genitalia," Bigley said. "I asked if they're allowed to do that, and [Trey] said, 'I tried to refuse,'" which he did, he didn't want to do it. They told him if he did not they would do it by force."

Carlos Flores Laboy, who was appointed Simms' guardian ad litem, said he sees the warrant as "effectively child abuse."'

‘Preponderance’ Evidence Standard Assailed For Accused Sexual Assaulters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'That New York Times editorial justifying a lower standard of evidence for students accused of sexual assault is getting strong pushback from a group that advocates for accused students.

Judith Grossman, a lawyer and co-founder of Families Advocating for Campus Equality, wrote in a letter to the editor of the Times:

> Far from a mere expulsion, those wrongfully accused yet caught in up in the campus tribunal process face life-altering devastation that places their education, careers and emotional stability in great jeopardy.
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> And while “preponderance” does apply in civil litigation as the standard of proof, that same litigation also affords both parties the right to discovery, the rules of evidence, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses who are under oath, the right to a jury and the assurance of the experience of a presiding jurist, protections all missing in campus proceedings. …
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> Why should the Constitution be surrendered at the campus gates? And why, in an effort to protect alleged victims, should the solution be to create another class of victims?

Is the Campus Rape Crisis Overblown?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The finding that one in five women are sexually assaulted in college is as widely known as it is startling. Countless media reports repeat and recycle the alarming statistic, and it headlined the initial report introduced by Vice President Biden from the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Campus Assault.

But how trustworthy is that figure of one in five? An earlier poll found it was more like 1 in 40, but should it matter whether the real number is closer to the high or low end of the scale?

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“If sexual intimacy under the influence is by definition assault, sexual relations down through the ages would be classified as an assault,” says Sommers, a former professor of philosophy who has made a name for herself as an outspoken critic of contemporary feminism. “What might be dismissed as a foolish drunken hookup is now a felony rape.”'

Feminist goes ballistic on pro-lifers, launches typical abusive tirade

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Video here. On July 9, 2014, Created Equal's team downtown was met with verbal and physical abuse by one passerby. Please pray for this young woman.

Israel: MK Blasts 'Disgusting Incitement' against Divorced Dads

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In a sharply-worded parliamentary question to Justice Minister Tzipi Livni (Hatnua), Likud-Beytenu MK Moshe Feiglin is demanding some answers regarding a highly controversial advertisement campaign that he says appears to encourage “gender warfare.”

The campaign encourages divorced mothers to make use of a new “fast track” for child support debts in the Hotzaa Lapoal, Israel's Collection Agency, which enforces judgements regarding debts. Long lobbied for by genderist women's groups, the fast track's employees will save mothers who are owed child support much of the hassle that accompanies the collection of money that is owed them.

The campaign depicts divorced mothers dressed in military camouflage fatigues, as a way of driving home the message that they are "fighting a war" for their children by making use of the fast track.

"These days, your ministry produced a delusional and disgusting campaign of incitement,” wrote Feiglin in the parliamentary question. “In this campaign, the father is depicted in his child's eyes as the person responsible for the fact that his mother cannot buy cereal, a shirt or a ballet lesson for the child, and the mother is supposed to wear combat fatigues and fight his father as if he were a national enemy.

"With terrible insensitivity, your ministry mixes up truly harsh cases of fathers who shirk their responsibility, with the majority of cases, involving normative fathers, who certainly seek their children's welfare, but who have been pushed into a state of inability to pay – by your ministry's policies, among other things.”'

Megyn Kelly: Nancy Pelosi ‘guilty’ of sexism

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Fox News host Megyn Kelly is charging House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) with being “guilty” of sexism after her comments on the Supreme Court’s Hobby Lobby ruling.
...
“We should be afraid of this court, that five guys are determining which contraceptions are legal or not,” Pelosi said Thursday. “It’s not her boss’ business.”

Kelly went after Pelosi’s remarks, saying “Nancy Pelosi either doesn’t know what she’s talking about, or she’s intentionally misleading you,” and called the gendered attack an “attempt to stoke resentment.”

“First of all, the gender of the justices in the Hobby Lobby majority is totally irrelevant,” Kelly said, pointing out that the justices who ruled in the majority for Roe v. Wade were also men. “Does Ms. Pelosi think those justices were ill-equipped to fairly decide that case? Or is it only when a judge disagrees with Ms. Pelosi that his gender is an issue.”

She added, “If Speaker John Boehner made a similar comment about the female Supreme Court justices, Nancy Pelosi would be crying sexism — and that’s what she is guilty of here.”'

UK: Don’t tell schoolboys to call themselves feminists

Mastodon · 12 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the Independent this week, Yvette Cooper suggested that British boys should grow up as ‘confident feminists’. They need to have lessons in feminism to help them learn how to treat women, she argued.

A quick lesson for the Shadow Home Secretary: school shouldn’t be a place where you indoctrinate pupils to believe a particular ideology. And feminism, for all its admirable achievements in the 20th century, is an ideology. Let’s not forget that.

...

British schools already teach children about many of the prevailing ideologies that have shaped their short lives. But look and learn Yvette: you teach kids about the Nazis; you don’t dictate to them not to become little fascists. You don’t sit them down and tell them totalitarianism is wrong; you suggest they read Brave New World and Animal Farm – then ask them what they make of it. Same goes for feminism. Sylvia Plath and Virginia Woolf give good lessons – add their works to the curriculum. Show schoolboys feminism (and schoolgirls, for that matter), but don’t expect them to identify as feminists.'

NPO: Why Temporary Custody Orders Are a Big Deal

Matt · 12 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Ohio National Parents Organization member recently wrote to me to let me know what responses he'd received from the Ohio legislators he'd written to. He was writing to advocate for a presumption of true shared parenting during temporary orders. "True shared parenting" means joint legal decision-making authority (legal custody) and substantially equal parenting time (physical custody). One of our esteemed legislators blew the issue off, informing this man that (as the man reported to me), "temporary orders are simply temporary, and that they are not the final orders that the magistrate can rule to set what is in the best interest of the child."

Well, of course, temporary orders are temporary. Hard to argue with that. But it's a terrible mistake to conclude that they don't matter much. They are vitally important.

In 1999, I published my "Parental Rights and Due Process," which argued that doctrine explicitly endorsed by the U.S. Supreme Court implied that parents had a fundamental constitutional right to shared parenting. In that paper, I focused on shared parenting during temporary orders because those orders are based on almost no evidence; they provide almost nothing in the way of substantive due process. I anticipated that some people would say: "What's the big deal? They're only temporary orders."'

To Cut or Not to Cut: Finding Alternatives to Circumcision

Matt · 13 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'When my nephew Eli was born, there was no way on earth he was going to be circumcised. His father is not only not Jewish, but British, from a culture where circumcision is rare. And his mother—my sister-in-law Ellen, a Jew who grew up Reform in the Milwaukee suburbs—wasn't thrilled about the notion of brit milah anyway.

"It was never important to me," she told me. "To me, circumcision is paranormal hoo-ha. I don't believe in God, so why would I chop off part of my child for something I don't even believe? It's like sacrificing a goat or something. I'm not going to kill a goat."

It's not the only part of Judaism she has negative feelings about. ("High Holiday services felt hypocritical, like a fashion show where no one was paying attention," she told me. "I didn't go to the sleepaway camp all the other Jewish kids went to; they all had this bonding thing and I felt excluded from it.") I've often told Ellen how regretful I am that Jewishness to her symbolizes patriarchy and repression. I wish she'd had the exposure to feminist Judaism, to questioning and intellectual debate and full-throated communal birkat-hamazon-singing that I grew up with.'

BTB: Bris Without Cutting Officiant List Tops 200

Matt · 13 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The movement to name newborn Jewish boys without the surgery of circumcision has reached a milestone—200 celebrants (officiants) are available to perform the ceremony. More than 120 of these are rabbis.

Called brit shalom (Hebrew for covenant of peace), this alternative naming ceremony may correspond in most ways with traditional brit milah, except that there is no cutting of the baby.

"They're especially happy ceremonies, for that reason," says Mark Reiss, M.D.

For 14 years, Dr. Reiss, of San Francisco, has been recruiting celebrants of brit shalom for his web page. He estimates that 300-500 boys are welcomed into their U.S. Jewish communities with brit shalom ceremonies every year. Most U.S. states, several Canadian provinces, and other countries are represented on the list. Twelve of the celebrants are in Israel.'

Faculty reactions to rape hysteria

ThomasI · 13 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

I suggest posting this not so much for the article, but for the comments that follow the article. The Chronicle of Higher Education is one of the more respected journals on the state of affairs in academia. Even female faculty are getting disgusted by this hysteria and its impact on both men and women. Excerpt:

'More than 40 percent of colleges have not conducted a single sexual-assault investigation in the past five years, according to the results of a national survey released on Wednesday by Sen. Claire McCaskill. The on-the-ground details of campus sexual assault and the capacity of officials there to respond to it should serve as a "wake-up call" for colleges, said Ms. McCaskill, a Missouri Democrat who recently held three roundtable discussions on the issue.

The survey results come as colleges are confronting their legal responsibilities to investigate and resolve reports of sexual violence, under pressure from activists and the White House. The Education Department is now investigating more than 60 colleges for possible mishandling of alleged sexual misconduct. Campus sexual assault was also the subject of a recent Senate hearing and proposed regulations.'

Men's Wearhouse National Suit Drive aims to help low income men find employment

mens_issues · 13 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Men's Wearhouse has a National Suit Drive underway intended to help low income men find employment. More information can be found here. Excerpt:

'You can help the National Suit Drive by donating a gently used suit to the Men's Wearhouse, or by following @menswearhouse on Twitter or tweeting #giveasuit (they will donate $1 each time). You can also follow @MensWearhouse on Instagram and they will also make a donation.'

Female Yahoo! exec accused of sexual harassment by female employee

Matt · 13 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The lawsuit filed by engineer Nan Shi says that her boss, mobile exec Maria Zhang, forced her into sex and then punished her with lousy performance reviews when Shi put a stop to it, reports the San Jose Mercury News.

When Shi reported it to Yahoo, the company put her on unpaid leave and eventually fired her, according to the lawsuit. It names Yahoo as a defendant, reports Reuters.
...
Both women joined Yahoo last year when it acquired a company founded by Zhang. Shi, a native of China, says Zhang ordered her to move into Yahoo housing in Sunnyvale, Calif., and soon moved in with her.

Yahoo is sticking by Zhang and says it will "fight vigorously to clear her name."'

FB group "Women Against Feminism"

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Group page at https://www.facebook.com/WomenAgainstFeminism, Tumblr feed at http://womenagainstfeminism.tumblr.com/. The 'About' section simply reads: "Women's voices against modern feminism and its toxic culture. Not an MRA page, sorry!"

Not an MRA page? Doesn't have to be. :) Just knowing that today's women are increasingly seeing modern feminism for what it is feels good.

Conor Oberst's Name Cleared; Rape Accuser Admits She Lied

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The woman who accused Conor Oberst *[link added]* of raping her when she was 16 years old has offered a public apology today for her claims. This news comes just a week after the false rumors that the Upside Down Mountain singer had been dropped by his label, Nonesuch, in response to the allegations. A note from a representative for Oberst says that Joanie Faircloth has issued an official statement admitting that she lied in a post on the xoJane comments section, blaming the accusation on a "difficult period in [her] life," when she was trying to deal with the illness of her son. The SPIN cover star filed a libel suit against Faircloth, and as of last week she had yet to appear in court. The full text of the statement from Oberst's representative, including Faircloth's apology, is below.
...
In February Mr. Oberst filed a libel complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York asserting that the only relationship between the two parties was one of artist and fan; Ms. Faircloth had no physical contact with Mr. Oberst at the Durham, NC show she claimed was the location of the alleged sexual assault."'

UK: Men live in fear of teenage girls flirting with them

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There was a predictable feminist backflash on Twitter yesterday when Tatler magazine published flirting advice for 13-year-old girls to cynically deploy on unwitting middle-aged men.

These “utterly irresponsible” and even “borderline criminal” teen tips encouraged pubescent girls to “flirt with friend’s dads” in return for life’s essentials, such as “swanky” holidays to St Tropez, or invites to “country weekends”.

Naturally, these bizarre, almost otherworldly, “social seduction techniques” were universally decried as “potentially dangerous” for young women.

But, tellingly, absolutely nobody spoke up about what it might mean for the men on the receiving end.

Sadly, we live in an age where the rabid, paedophilic paranoia surrounding Operation Yewtree stalks our land in a way that's reminiscent of how McCarthyism hunted out reds under the beds in 1950s Cold War USA.'

Why does everyone feel so sorry for men accused of being predators?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Everyone is always pretty concerned that men accused of sexual misconduct will have their lives ruined, but it looks like these guys aren't just avoiding the many consequences of those accusations – they're actually flourishing!

Why is it – in a culture purporting to take allegations of sexual assault and harassment seriously – that victims suffer more social punishment than their accused attackers?
...
Given all this, it seems odd that we continue to worry about the reputations of men who are accused of sexual wrong-doings.

Until we shame attackers with the same contempt that so many people reserve for women who come forward – until we shift the disdain from victim to perpetrator – rape, sexual assault and harassment will continue to run rampant and predators will continue to attack. Because why wouldn't they?'

Woman gets ten years for "having sex with" 12-YO boy

Matt · 15 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 36-year-old woman who had sex with a 12-year old-boy has been jailed for 10 years.

Joy Leaann McCall, from Ocala, Florida, had sex three times with the young boy who was the same age as her own children.

She was given 10 years in prison for each charge of lewd or lascivious battery on a child between 12 and 15 but told the sentence would run concurrently.

McCall pleaded guilty to the second degree felony charges and was given a 134 day credit for time already spent in jail.

The court heard that the 12-year-old, who has not been named, told police that he received Facebook messages from the woman.

He said the messages 'continued to get more heated' and he later received photos of her posing in underwear.'

New group forms to fight false accusations on campus

ThomasI · 15 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fargo, ND - Families Advocating for Campus Equality (FACE) *[link added]*, a newly formed not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring fairness and due process for all parties involved in allegations of sexual misconduct on college campuses, was officially launched today, it was announced by Sherry Warner Seefeld, president and one of the organization's co-founders.

Organized by three mothers from around the nation whose college-student sons each suffered the ordeal of false accusation and subsequent entrapment in a web of injustice, FACE will, through education and dialogue, work to raise awareness of the challenges presented under current university hearing procedures while actively seeking, in the interest of justice, to bring about effective change in the ways campuses respond to sexual assaults.'

UK: Giff Gaff censors MRM sites

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Article here. Excerpt:

"'Giff Gaff' – which claims to be run 'by you', but is actually a loss-leading front for O2 – bars access to any site that criticises the extreme political dogma of misandric feminism.

The big mobile provider, which is popular with young customers because it's so cheap and easily available, has 'false-flagged' at least ten sites that campaign for gender equality

They've censored at least one democratic political party's site, a popular You Tube Channel contributed to by pioneering equity feminist Erin Pizzey, and any number of open discussion forums offering factual rebuttals of the nonsense statistics churned out by lying misandrist feminists to back up their bigoted ideology."

Femen protesters arrested at the Tour de France in London

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Story here. NSFW due to pics with above-waist nudity. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, Femen took their topless fight for “total victory over patriarchy” to the Tour de France as it zoomed through London. I was told that the group would be in Westminster at 3 PM. Uncertain what bicycles have to do with the oppression of women, I went to check it out.

As it happens, it probably had very little to do with the tour. This was just a public arena guaranteed to be packed with people. But when I got to the statue it wasn’t all that busy. No more busy than, say, Oxford Street, or a particularly busy deli during lunch hour.
...
“You’re hurting me!” screamed an activist. Maybe she was. But the cops appeared to be treating them calmly and gently—if anything, with a vague air of boredom. The photos turned out like a fantasy sorority pillow fight from a bro movie, only with a frisson of police brutality. But being there IRL, it all felt fairly prosaic.'

Related: Paris prosecutors seek fines against Femen over Notre Dame protest:

'Prosecutors in Paris have asked for nine members of Femen to be fined 1,500 euros each for damaging a bell in Notre Dame cathedral.

The trial is the first in France against the feminist group, following their protest in February last year against former Pope Benedict and homophobia.

Three security guards also face charges of using violence against the women.'

UK: David Cameron 'open' to all-women shortlists on eve of reshuffle

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Article here. Excerpt:

'David Cameron is open to the idea of the eventual introduction of all-women shortlists on a voluntary basis, senior Tory sources have said, amid fears that the party could fail to boost its number of female MPs at next year's general election.

On the eve of his final planned reshuffle before the election, in which the prime minister is expected to promote a number of women, the controversial issue of all-women shortlists returns to the agenda as a cross-party group raises the prospect of "prescriptive quotas".
...
Cameron hopes that promoting women to important posts at all ranks of his government will show that the Tory party is modernising. But there are fears that the party is falling behind in the selection of women candidates in parliamentary seats.

Amid concerns that Labour and the Liberal Democrats are selecting more women for safe seats, Cameron has put the Conservatives' chairman, Grant Shapps, "on the case" to get more female candidates into winnable seats.'

"Only women should negotiate state budget"

Mastodon · 15 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Having covered North Carolina legislatures since the 1970s, I have come to the conclusion that budget negotiations could be resolved much more quickly with one simple solution.

No one should be allowed to participate in the budget negotiations unless they are wearing makeup and heels. That is, men should be barred from budget negotiations and replaced by women.

I come to this conclusion after following the House-Senate budget negotiations last week in which the Senate walked out and in which there were threats made to stay until Christmas.
...
An agreement would be reached in no time, and the legislature would go home. But that would deprive the guys of days and maybe weeks of more posturing, jaw flapping and chest bumping.'

Comment: More women in Cabinet will reduce men's group think failings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2008, Tory leader David Cameron pledged to give a third of ministerial places to women by the end of his first parliament. Back then, 2015 must have seemed like a long way off. But here we are, 50 months into his 60 month fixed-term tenure and that target is a long way from being met. Before this shake-up, women make up just a fifth of the total ministerial list and a paltry 14% of those in Cabinet.
...
However, despite the importance of this short-term improvement, it is crucial that all parties continue to scrutinise and take firm action to improve the status of women in their own ranks, and to challenge and address the wider culture in both Westminster and the media that puts women off entering, and staying in the profession.

A report published on Monday by the APPG on Women in Parliament once again highlights the many hurdles women face when entering elected office – from discrimination at the selection process (where a survey of 144 sitting and former MPs found a whopping 67% faced discrimination during their selection process) to un-family friendly sitting hours and the deeply sexist culture that continues to pervade the Westminster bubble.'

White House meets with activists calling for gender equity in My Brother's Keeper

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Top White House officials had an hour-long meeting with a group of scholars and activists calling for the inclusion of girls of color in President Obama's signature racial justice program known as My Brother's Keeper. The meeting included the Rev. Al Sharpton, who has championed MBK, and top activists and academics who signed a letter criticizing the initiative for focusing on boys and young men of color without a corollary for girls of color.
...
Announced in February, MBK is a $200 million dollar public-private partnership, that will direct resources and attention to boys of color, who statistically have high incarceration and drop-out rates. The White House released a 60-page task force detailing some of the barriers and difficulties young men of color often face. Obama first announced his intention to address the social problems of young men of color in the wake of the verdict in the Trayvon Martin case, which sparked anger among many, particularly African Americans.'

Malecare seeks survey input from prostate cancer patients

Matt · 16 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/livingwithprostatecancer

If you are living with prostate cancer, please do the survey. Every bit helps to uncover improved ways to predict, treat, and hopefully one day find a safe and reliable non-invasive cure for it. Malecare's web site is at http://www.malecare.org/

Feminism and decline of the society

Kaka81k · 17 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I found this article that speaks volumes. I am not a Muslim but this certainly explains how the west has not only been loosing its people but also the dominance it once had over the world when men were in charge and the society was stable. Look at all the feminized nations (western Europe, Scandinavia, etc). The moment Russia screams they start scrambling and looking for the USA. Sadly, in the coming years, the USA could be in a similar situation. The rise of BRICS is a big event happening today. Excerpt:

'If the projections of the United Nations are to be believed, the West is dying a slow death.

In 2000, Europe had a population of 727 304 000. In 2015, it will have shrunk to 704 506 000. By 2020, it will be 694 877 000. In 2000, 13.8% of the population was aged between 15-24, yet by 2020, it will be just 10.2%. Meanwhile, the percentage of the population over 60 will rise from 20.3% to 26.4%. A similar trend is occurring in America, with the UN predicting the percentage of people 15-24 falling from 13.5% to 12.6%, buoyed only by immigration. Similarly the percentage of people over 60 will jump from 16.2% to 23.0% in just 20 years.
...
Andrea Dworkin, author of Pornography: Men possessing Women, claimed that marriage was nothing more than a refined form of rape:

"Marriage as an institution developed from rape as a practice. Rape, originally defined as abduction, became marriage by capture. Marriage meant the taking was to extend in time, to be not only use of but possession of, or ownership."

Writing in WOMEN: A Journal of Liberation, in Fall, 1969, Linda Gordon elucidated clearly the object of the feminist struggle and the reasons:

"The nuclear family must be destroyed, and people must find better ways of living together. ... Whatever its ultimate meaning, the break-up of families now is an objectively revolutionary process. ... "Families have supported oppression by separating people into small, isolated units, unable to join together to fight for common interests. ...

Families make possible the super-exploitation of women by training them to look upon their work outside the home as peripheral to their 'true' role. ... No woman should have to deny herself any opportunities because of her special responsibilities to her children. ... Families will be finally destroyed only when a revolutionary social and economic organization permits people's needs for love and security to be met in ways that do not impose divisions of labor, or any external roles, at all."'

UK: Mother jailed for falsely claiming boyfriend had raped her 14 times

Mastodon · 18 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother has been jailed for four years after falsely claiming her boyfriend had raped her 14 times in a bid for revenge after their baby was taken into care.

Former Tesco worker Heather Gibson, 29, of Grimsby, Lincolnshire, was told by a judge that her actions had made it more difficult for real victims of rape to be believed in court.

Her former partner Gavin Plaistowe, 30, was held in police custody for 35 hours after she accused him of 12 rapes. Mr Plaistowe waited a month for police to investigate and find he was innocent.
...
Mr Plaistowe could have been jailed for 20 years if the allegations had been true.

But Gibson later confessed to a friend she blamed Mr Plaistowe for losing her child into care because she had made a complaint about him dropping the baby. Social Services took the baby into care for lack of parenting skills.

Gibson, a former grammar school pupil, sought revenge with the false claims to the police. But when she was charged with perverting the course of justice, she forged a string of letters.'

"The Problem With Masculinity"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We've short-changed our boys and men by defining masculinity in such a way as to constrict the complex essence of their humanity.

Carl Jung believed that everybody came into the world with both masculine and feminine qualities. Men are the physical embodiment of the masculine, yet they all have the feminine archetype within them, known as the anima. And women are the physical embodiment of the feminine, yet they have the masculine archetype within them, called the animus. With these two forces at play within us, we all have the potential to be happy, balanced, and whole in our time on Earth.

Criticizing masculinity doesn't mean pitting males against females. Masculinity is not exclusive to men. Weall carry its qualities.

Moreover, masculinity is not the problem in and of itself. Masculinity -- usually associated with competition, logic, rational thinking, boldness, action and strength -- is only a problem when it's operating in excess.

And the excessive masculine bravado in our culture will only get worse -- until we quit shaming the feminine.'

"5 Things Women Entrepreneurs Can Teach Men"

Mastodon · 18 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'5. They have a higher purpose or cause.

Women are often much deeper thinkers than men and tend to care more about spiritual matters. Women go to places of worship more often and are more involved in giving back to others than men. There are varying theories on why this is so, one is that women are naturally more spiritual than men because their role in life is constantly changing, causing them to reevaluate their lives on a regular basis.

In other words, women are always self-monitoring and pondering life. Because women tend to care more about a higher purpose in life and they give more to various causes, it only makes sense that this attribute would stay with a women when she becomes an entrepreneur, making her a great leader.'

Great discounts - for women, only

GaryB · 21 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Received an email for this site this morning, which read as follows:

'Kerri-Anne Kennerley is today launching a new consumer movement to build the buying power of Australian women. Australian women now manage 72% of household budgets and are the primary breadwinner in 24% of homes.

The SwitchedOn Women consumer movement, the first of its kind, aims to attract 25,000 members and incentivise businesses to:

Offer discounts to women on essential products such as energy, groceries and petrol, and release more products and services specifically targeted at women, such as customised health insurance.

As the movement grows, we intend to expand into other products, services and industries.'

As usual: Benefits apply, but only if you're a woman.

University admitting women into STEM under different standards

ThomasI · 21 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

There is much talk about the amazing performance of female students at Harvey Mudd: 54% of the BA degrees in engineering when to women. The success of Harvey Mudd is making it all the papers.

What they are not saying is that the admission standards have become sexist against men. They accept women with lower grades.

~14.4% of all male applicants are accepted.
~38% of all female applicants are accepted.

If this were reversed, the feminists would howl. Instead, we have social engineering that is biased against men. Just read the comments and listen to the rationalizations.

Waiting for the first class action suit!

The “Affirmative Consent” Trap

Mastodon · 22 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An epidemic of sexual assault is supposedly raging on college campuses. Surveys and studies repeat the same frightening statistics: either one-in-four or one-in-five college women have been the victims of a sexual assault. Yet at a June hearing of the California State Assembly Higher Education and Joint Legislative Audit committees, chairman Das Williams couldn’t understand why the number of students disciplined for sexual misconduct was so low. A University of California at Berkeley administrator, for example, reported just 10 suspensions or expulsions out of 43 cases involving non-consensual sex over the last six years. How could that possibly be?
...
Williams is promising a slate of bills early next year that would mandate training for all university employees to respond to, and intervene to prevent, sexual assault, and, more significantly, to beef up punishments for alleged assailants. “Rape is a very difficult thing to prosecute,” he told the Sacramento Bee. Because most college disciplinary boards already use the lower “preponderance of evidence” standard—as opposed to the more rigorous “reasonable doubt” standard that criminal courts apply—“there is a real role that schools can play that law enforcement can’t.”
...
Neither the legislature nor the state auditor seems to challenge the claim, unchanged and virtually unquestioned for nearly 30 years, that either one-in-four or one-in-five college students is a victim of sexual assault. As Heather Mac Donald has pointed out, if that figure is correct, “campus rape represents a crime wave of unprecedented proportions.” But it’s almost certainly not accurate. “No crime, much less one as serious as rape, has a victimization rate remotely approaching 20 or 25 percent, even over many years,” Mac Donald observes. Consider the one-in-four or one-in-five figure in light of the number of sexual assaults reported in the nation’s most crime-ridden cities. Mac Donald notes, for example, that the rape rate in New Orleans was .0234 percent in 2012.'

SAVE: Survey: Should Police or Colleges Investigate Sexual Assault Allegations?

Matt · 23 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Commentator and television personality Greta Van Susteren is running a survey on Campus Sexual Assault.

Q: Should colleges handle rape allegations or immediately turn over the allegations to the police / prosecutors to investigate?

The choices are:

1. Send all allegations to police / prosecutor

2. Colleges should first review the allegation

Not sure how to vote?

Hint: Over 200 editorials have criticized campus sex panels: www.accusingu.org

Please visit Greta's website HERE and vote today.

On behalf of all victims, and all who have been falsely accused, thank you.

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Nationwide UK Road Blockade For Justice on the London M25

Matt · 23 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

From a MANN reader:

Lots of action this week! Activists all over the UK are stepping up for our Children's Rights. Please do your part, and share this information with others. We are living the evolution to the revolution for our Children's Rights! Information here. Excerpt:

'We have a week of protests scot uk in London 19th to 26th july https://www.facebook.com/events/158705407658385/

The 70 year old who is walking for justice Sid hingerty walking from Glasgow to Brussels. and grandparents parachute jumps. https://www.facebook.com/groups/217227415144741/

July 25th conference in London's Holloways road at the resource for London centre 9 to 5pm. https://www.facebook.com/events/439559902831182/

The London M25 motorway blockade delayed from February will show the uk justice system the uk social services the uk legal advisors that uk parents and families will not be lied in public about or even in the closed family courts.

Mums Dads Grandparents and Children marching for justice.'

Canada: "Jilted teen lover goes berserk north of Montreal: Cops"

fathers4fairness · 24 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'JOLIETTE, QUE. — An 18-year-old woman didn't take too well to being dumped by her boyfriend Saturday, police say.

Within minutes, the broken-hearted young woman allegedly tried to torch his car, using old newspapers as kindling.
...
She continued her rampage the following day, Sgt. Gino Pare of the provincial police said.

"She went into the victim's shed to steal his scooter before abandoning it a few hundred metres away," he said.

She then called her ex and threatened him, Pare said.

When she showed up at his home Tuesday evening, he called 911.
...
They handcuffed her and put her in the back of a cruiser, where police say she smashed the car's rear windows with her feet.'

UK: Women-only shortlists for top city jobs ruled out by equalities body

Mastodon · 24 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Vince Cable's attempt to use positive discrimination to get more women into the boardrooms of major companies has been thwarted by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission (EHRC), which has ruled out the use of all-female shortlists.

The business secretary had asked the equalities body to advise him on the legality of excluding men when trying to fill top City jobs as part of an effort to improve the gender balance in boardrooms.

Laura Carstensen, an EHRC commissioner, has issued new guidance which makes clear that using women-only shortlists is unlawful under equality law.

"It constitutes unlawful sex discrimination to select a person for a role because of their gender. The law does not permit positive discrimination when making an appointment or a promotion," the guidance said.'

Australia: 'I won't be scripted': Jacqui Lambie defends comments about her ideal man

Mastodon · 24 July 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Palmer United's Jacqui Lambie has declared she "won't be scripted" and that being a senator will not change her in the wake of controversy over comments she made about her ideal man.

Senator Lambie said on Wednesday that despite criticism that her comments were inappropriate and demeaning, she would not be like other politicians.

On Tuesday, Senator Lambie appeared on a Hobart breakfast program where she was asked about her ideal man.

The PUP Senator for Tasmania replied: "They must have heaps of cash and they've got to have a package between their legs".

She also asked a caller into the show who said he was willing to go on a date with her if he was "well hung".

Senator Lambie defended her comments on Wednesday telling Fairfax Radio: "I'm just a normal, average Australian. That's what I am and whether I've got Senator in front or my name or not, that's not going to change."

The comments were quickly circulated online and Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commissioner Robin Banks said they should be take [sic] seriously.'

"Jacqui Lambie, sexism and the problem with men"

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'Which brings us to Jacqui Lambie and the storm of outrage over the "sexist double standard" that her preference for "well-hung" men apparently embodies. Appearing as a guest on Hobart's Heart 107.3FM, the newly elected senator was asked what she looks for in a romantic partner.

"They must have heaps of cash and they have got to have a package between their legs – let's be honest. And I don't need them to speak ... the perfect man."

Later, Senator Lambie reportedly asked a 22-year-old caller – who'd phoned in as a prospective suitor – if he was "well-hung".

"Like a donkey," the lad replied.

That the conversation was crass and inappropriate is not in question. Public representatives are elected to represent and speculation about their bedroom activities is of no importance to anybody.

But the fallout from this particular incident has provided remarkable insight into the way public perception of inequality has shifted to incorporate the (false) binary of two equal and opposing forces.

Painted as a gross example of sexism, Senator Lambie has reported that her office staff have been subjected to abusive phone calls and missives.
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Making a crass joke about dick size is hardly a "double standard" when you consider the thousands of years women have had to contend with having their bodies commodified and subject to ownership while their minds and influence have been studiously kept out of the upper echelons of power.

This is what the new backlash looks like. Instead of ridiculing critics of sexism as they once did, the beneficiaries of power have begun to claim an equal and opposite degree of oppression for themselves.'

UK: 'False rape claim has ruined my life' says grandad

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'The 52-year-old, who the Post has chosen not to name, was impassive as a jury of five men and eight women returned a unanimous not guilty verdict on Friday.

But when he left the court room the relieved man was embraced by family members and friends who had supported him throughout his traumatic ordeal.

He told the Post: "It has ruined my life for the past two-and-a-half-years. I couldn't eat, I couldn't sleep, I was frightened to go out the house on my own.

"The trial itself was the worst time of my life. When the verdict came through I just heard the word 'not' and it was just pure relief. My lawyer had told me just to sit still and don't react but I was jumping for joy inside. Now I just want to be left alone to get on with my life and feel safe in my own home."

Advocate Paul Brown, representing the Faifley man, urged the jurors to acquit because he said the Crown's case was "riddled with inconsistencies" and that his client was the victim of what he described as a "witch-hunt mentality".'

Stop Fem-Splaining: What ‘Women Against Feminism’ Gets Right

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'Consider assertions that men as a group must be taught “not to rape,” or that to accord the presumption of innocence to a man accused of sexual violence against a woman or girl is to be complicit in “rape culture.” Consider that last year, when an Ohio University student made a rape complaint after getting caught on video engaging in a drunken public sex act, she was championed by campus activists and at least one prominent feminist blogger — but a grand jury declined to hand down charges after reviewing the video of the incident and evidence that both students were inebriated.

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Sure, some Women Against Feminism claims are caricatures based on fringe views — for instance, that feminism mandates hairy armpits, or that feminists regard all heterosexual intercourse as rape. On the other hand, the charge that feminism stereotypes men as predators while reducing women to helpless victims certainly doesn’t apply to all feminists — but it’s a reasonably fair description of a large, influential, highly visible segment of modern feminism.'

New Zealand's rape culture myth

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'I have several arts degrees. That makes me a liberal wanker. But above all else, as a sociologist, I seek understanding without fear or favour.

With that in mind, I am troubled by the use of this term "rape culture" that New Zealand is said to uphold. It seems that every second person among the privileged middle classes, and therefore many of my friends, are throwing it around as if it's a fact. It's entering the Kiwi lexicon.

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We do not celebrate rape in art nor is it a custom or social behaviour of our society. Actually, we sanction strongly against it. New Zealand most certainly does not uphold a rape culture. It's a misnomer that has taken on a life of its own.

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This is why many men got upset with David Cunliffe apologising for being a man or why some turn around an argument about male violence and point out violence perpetuated by women. It's because the vast majority of men are not violent toward women, sexual or otherwise.

I have sympathy with this position of frustration; innocent people don't like to be labelled. It's akin to generalising that women are caregivers (though the vast majority of primary caregivers are female) because it's sexist, perhaps offensive. Although not as offensive as saying that New Zealand's men uphold a culture of rape.'

The Many Fabricated Enemies of Feminists

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'Hey, whatever works. At one point, it was considered reasonable that we take criminal allegations with a grain of salt, at least until definitive evidence could corroborate the competing claims one way or the other; it's just a minor principle that, uh, forms the backbone of our judicial framework, no big deal. If you advocate for such a reasonable position in either the civil or juridical spheres these days, be prepared to have a boiling horde of feminists attempt to "shut you down."

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And yet it's not only a reactive intransigence that defines modern feminism: the movement also takes a proactive approach at insulating itself from any ideologies that may taint the minds of its followers. A while back, Katherine Timpf of Campus Reform showed up at the National Young Feminist Leadership Conference to do some reporting. The response from the assembled feminists was not simply to "shut her down," but rather to pretend she didn't exist in the first place. Timpf was part of "a group that's conservative," according to one attendant, which meant she was a bad person, of course. "You guys aren't wanted here," someone else told Timpf. "You should know," a person told one of Timpf's interviewees, "if you're doing this interview, that they're a conservative organization." Another organizer openly "warned" an attendee of Timpf's dreaded political leanings. After all, why not? It could be disastrous if the burgeoning feminist generation were exposed to, you know, alternative viewpoints.'

India: Action against rape: Police to maintain dossier on male teachers in Raichur

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'Raichur: Beware male teachers! Your every activity, both inside the class rooms and outside, is being watched by the vigilant eyes of the police.

The recent spurt in sexual harassment and rape cases all over the state, especially in schools and colleges, has prompted the Raichur police prepare a dossier on all male teachers in the district.

Besides initiating a number of measures to curb sexual harassment cases, Raichur Superintendent of Police M.N. Nagaraj has directed the Deputy Director of Public Instruction to furnish a list of all male teachers working under his jurisdiction in the district.

Mr Nagaraj said that they already have a list of people from all over the country who are involved in various offences, including gambling and sexual harassment. “If we enter the names of people along with their father’s name and place of birth in the computer, we get details of cases registered against them. If we find such teachers in the list, we can keep track of them and take precautionary measures,” he said.'

Wallace Baine: A man explains 'mansplaining'

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'Mansplaining is a habit — maybe even a vice — that I've engaged in for years, talking with those closest to me using little packets of conversational density that can sound long-winded and lecture-y to anyone on the receiving end. I've always figured it was the journalist in me, that talking in AP inverted-pyramid was a charming occupational hazard. And besides, I'm just so goll-durned smart, it would selfish not to share that brilliance, right?

Turns out it's a guy thing, and people who live with guys are getting kind of tired of it. Once the term entered the cultural mainstream, I vowed to my wife that I was going to cut back on the mansplaining. I've said exactly nine words to her since June, five of them "OK."

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Women, however, are not the only ones who have to put up with toxic mansplaining. Younger men and teenagers get it from older men all the time. In the new coming-of-age film "Boyhood," young Mason is getting chewed on constantly from stepdads and male teachers. I had the chance to interview Ellar Coltrane, the young actor playing Mason, and he said one of the few things he had in common with the character he played on screen was the experience of often having to tolerate some resentment-fueled when-I-was-your-age harangue from an older male authority figure.

Still, it's wives, girlfriends, daughters, dates and female subordinates on the job who are most often downwind to mansplaining, which by definition is freighted with the unspoken assumption, "I know more than you do."

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OK, any given man may indeed know more than any given woman. But the opposite is true about half the time. Mansplaining is a vestige of a past when men did know more than women due solely to the privilege of education and experience, a privilege imposed by men.

So, have pity on the mansplainer. His is the merely the voice of a patriarchal world eclipsed by a new one ... wait, did that sound mansplainy?

Besides, it's probably the best strategy to just let the mansplainer dig his own grave (rhetorically speaking only). There is a cognitive phenomenon called the Illusion of Explanatory Depth, which reveals that we humans actually know a lot less than we think we do. We may assume we know, for example, how a toilet works or how Social Security is funded. But when asked to explain those things, we often get a few steps in before we realize that our knowledge is general, vague and based on sketchy assumptions — allow me to pause here to Google how a toilet works. Thus the mansplainer only needs to hear himself talk for a few minutes before he comes to the conclusion that he doesn't know what he claims to know. Then comes the humility that leads to a determination to listen, read, absorb and reflect more.

Oh, wait. We're talking about men here.

Yeah, never mind.'

Does feminism need men?

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'Today's feminist rhetoric seems to have shifted from a focus on self-empowerment to a few-good-men mentality. Men are not only not the enemy; they're our last, best hope. According to Sheryl Sandberg's "Lean In," "the single most important career decision that a woman makes is whether she will have a life partner and who that partner is." Last year Xerox CEO Ursula Burns advised ambitious women to "Marry someone 20 years older." And according to at least one feminist nonprofit, "Men ... have a critical role to play in creating inclusive workplaces … Without the avid support of men, who are arguably the most powerful group of stakeholders in most large corporations, significant progress toward ending gender disparities is unlikely."

Women who aspire to positions of power are today advised to marry well, not advocate for themselves too forcefully and garner the support of powerful men. This isn't bad advice: Having a partner does make it easier to devote yourself to work; you are likelier to advance as a woman or minority if you're not seen as a pushy whiner, and currying favor with men in power probably helps more than it hurts (unless you're perceived as sleeping your way to the top). But relying on a man for money and power, whether he's your husband or a senior executive at your company, is not a bold feminist act. It may or may not leave individual women stronger, but it leaves women as a group weaker.'

“Women Against Feminism” – the unfortunate product of the intimidating and hostile side of modern day feminism

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'Writing in the Guardian, feminist blogger Jessica Valenti scorned the anti-feminist movement, calling their actions “a betrayal”. I agree that there has been a betrayal here but this betrayal has been on the side of the feminist movement. The intimidating and hostile nature of certain factions of the modern day feminist movement, including their support of misandry and unwillingness to engage in open debate, is pushing women away from feminism towards communities such as Women Against Feminism.

Contrary to what the members of Women Against Feminism appear to have been told by the unwelcoming misandry-pushing feminists they have encountered online or in their schools and colleges, feminism is and always has been about equality. The problem is that, in the words of feminist writer and Vagenda blogger Grace Chapman, “The crucial argument ‘you’re a feminist if you believe in equality between the sexes’ just isn’t being heard clearly enough amid the noise”.

The experiences of the members of Women Against Feminism paints a picture of feminism as a bullying and aggressive force that you can disagree with at your peril. They have experienced feminism as an isolating clique who dictatorially enforce one radical party line on matters feminist and political and who brand those who disagree with them as bullies and traitors. Unfortunately, this too has been my experience of feminism at university.

The Edinburgh University Feminists state on their website that they are a group who are both dedicated to “acknowledging our diverse opinions” and “respectful of everyone’s right to participate”. In the last year, however, I have witnessed members of the FemSoc committee being forcibly expelled and branded “disgusting” for daring to voice a diverse opinion. I have seen men who self-identify as feminists being branded rapists online because they dare to publically disagree with FemSoc members on political matters. This society, which claims to be inclusive, has a president who publically supports misandry and shows a strong online aversion for anyone who is – in her words – “a fucking liberal” and not a radical left-wing activist. With leaders like this in charge feminism is being sold as an aggressive, socialist anti-male movement and understandably moderate women don’t want to be involved.

In order to stop the exponential rise in anti-feminist attitudes amongst women the feminist community must become more open and welcoming. Those who bully moderates and reject the goal of equality in favour of misandry should be recognised as the zealous fundamentalists they are instead of being portrayed as the voice of modern day feminism.'

Whoopi Goldberg Defends Stephen A. Smith - " If You Hit a Man Don’t Be Surprised if He Hits Back "

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'ESPN host Stephen A. Smith apologized today for his comments about domestic violence, but he also found a defender today in Whoopi Goldberg, who went off on The View today agreeing with the point he was making. Goldberg said that if a woman hits a man and then he hits back, she shouldn’t be surprised by it.

Smith had said late last week that women should not to anything to “provoke” men into striking them. Goldberg agreed with this point and cried, “If you hit somebody, you cannot be sure you are not going to get hit back!”

Jenny McCarthy and guest co-host Sunny Hostin pushed back against Goldberg’s argument, with Hostin telling Goldberg she’s blaming the victim. Goldberg insisted she wasn’t, saying no one should hit anyone, period. However:

“If you make the choice as a woman who’s four foot three and you decide to hit a guy who’s six feet tall and you’re the last thing he wants to deal with that day and he hits you back, you cannot be surprised!”'

The Truth Behind that 1-in-5 College Women are Raped Statistic

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'The oft-cited statistic that “one in five women is sexually assaulted by the end of her college career” has become a battle cry for those pushing for strict and severe sexual assault campus policies.

The statistic that 20 percent of all coeds will be sexually assaulted or raped before they leave college was taken from a 2007 study conducted by the Justice Department, and it paints a truly horrifying picture.

The problem is, the statistic is flimsy and unsubstantiated at best – and maliciously manipulated as a means to an end at worst.

The study was a web-based survey of 5,446 undergraduate women at two large public universities. Yes, the survey pulled from all of two universities, both of them large public schools.

To hear Vice President Joe Biden and others promulgate this statistic, one would think that it applies equally to all colleges across the land, regardless of size, geographic location, or any other factor. Indeed, many scholars have pointed out that the statistic suggests America’s campuses have a higher violent crime rate than urban cities across the nation.

Clearly the study does not represent the experience of every woman at every college or university in the nation.

Yet it was the basis for sweeping new federal mandates that allow campus leaders to prioritize sexual assault claims above students’ civil liberties and due process rights, and lowers the bar for finding guilt in such matters.

Adding to the hysteria, feminists eager for reform and patriarchal retribution have taken this data and run widely with it. A particularly disturbing outgrowth has been a “Schools of Shame Map.”'

What will UCSB do to professor? Dean's letter may be a clue

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'A university professor accused of assaulting a pro-lifer on campus and stealing pro-life materials has pleaded no contest.

But the question remains, what will the university do?

Last March, two sisters were overseeing a pro-life display at the University of California-Santa Barbara when a professor assaulted one of the girls and instructed students to carry off the pro-life signs.

The pro-lifers videotaped the encounter with feminist Professor Mireille Miller-Young, showing the professor grinning as the upset teens followed her through the campus as two other students hauled away the signs.

"I may be a thief but you're a terrorist," the professor tells one of the pro-lifers on the recorded video (warning: foul language.)

One of the pro-lifers was seemingly shoved by Miller-Young as she tried to enter an elevator to retrieve the signs.

Attorney Dana Cody of Life Legal Defense Foundation says Miller-Young, who is still employed at the school, pleaded no contest to grand theft, vandalism and battery.

Her sentencing is set for August 14.'

Inside the world of 'deadbeat dads': In and out of jail, unable or unwilling to pay

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'Kevin Macfie owes more than $60,000 in child support, and he's spent most of the past three years at the Bergen County Jail as authorities have tried to get him to pay up.

His 871 nights and weekends behind bars have cost taxpayers more than $87,000.

During that time, he's paid less than $15,000 in child support, much of it garnisheed from unemployment benefits, which have long since run out. Homeless, jobless and struggling with alcoholism, there's little sign he will ever pay what he owes.

Macfie has had plenty of company in jail. Last year, more than 1,800 men and women were incarcerated or sentenced to home confinement with ankle bracelets in Bergen and Passaic counties for failing to pay child support. They and thousands of others statewide cycle in and out of a court system whose mission is to get money from people who claim they just don't have any.

It's an obscure world, known mostly to the probation officers, jail deputies, divorce attorneys and family court judges who must wade through the tales of broken blue- and white-collar lives and the many excuses the parents offer for why they aren't providing for their kids.

Across the state, authorities currently have 33,000 active arrest warrants for parents behind on their payments. Some parents are regularly picked up and jailed for weeks or months at a stretch, as they try the patience of judges as well as ex-spouses with their stories of woe. In Bergen County, the jail has a special 65-bed bunkhouse for fathers behind on payments.'

Feds' hands in Selective Service an omen?

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'It's also interesting to consider that despite all the requirements that the armed forces provide more equal opportunities for women soldiers, there continues to be no requirement that women register with Selective Service.

Equal rights would suggest that if the draft were reintroduced, women would be subject to being drafted and forced to serve in whatever capacity the military might dictate, meaning fewer men would be forced to serve.

This seems especially at odds with the Obama administration's effort, announced in January 2013, to end rules that exclude female service members from direct ground combat.

No operation is mistake free and it's understandable that federal agencies that deal with huge numbers are going to make the make mistakes that involve lots of people — but this seems just one more example of why so many are fearful when putting government in charge of more of our lives.'

Canada: Woman lied to bank about being in abusive relationship, scammed $70Gs

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'A woman in Alberta lied about domestic violence to bilk an Ontario woman out of $70,000, police said.

Mounties were alerted to a woman who went to TD and Scotiabank in the Spruce Grove and Stony Plain area, just west of Edmonton, with a forged identification of a woman in Ontario.

Cpl. Colette Zazulak says the suspect was very manipulative at the bank, telling employees she was fleeing an abusive relationship and all she had was her social insurance number.

The suspect somehow got hold of the victim's social insurance number and used it to get a photo ID.

Once the fraudster got into the victim's bank accounts, she used her line of credit and made fraudulent purchases.'

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Hears Testimony on Sexual Harassment, First Amendment

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'The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, a bipartisan, independent agency responsible for investigating civil rights issues, held a briefing on Friday to discuss the effects of recent federal guidance on Title IX sexual harassment law in schools, and whether that guidance might come in conflict with the First Amendment.

The hearing centered around the 2013 “Montana agreement,” a resolution reached between federal agencies and the University of Montana at Missoula after the university and local law enforcement were found to have failed to adequately address allegations of sexual assault and harassment. Failure to protect students from sexual violence and harassment is a violation of Title IX, a statute that protects students from gender-based discrimination, and violating Title IX puts schools in jeopardy of losing federal funding.

Some witnesses at the hearing were concerned that this “blueprint” broadened the definition of “sexual harassment” in a way that could infringe on free speech rights. Greg Lukianoff of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education and Ada Meloy of the American Council on Education testified that the Montana agreement defined sexual harassment as “any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature,” including “verbal conduct.” This definition, they claimed, is an alarmingly broad standard that could allow student discussion of gender roles or Lolita to be considered harassment.'

California campus sexual assault proposal provides an advocate for the alleged victim but not the accused

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'Sen. Barbara Boxer and Rep. Susan Davis, both California Democrats, on Wednesday proposed new legislation to address campus sexual assault, just hours after a broader bipartisan package on the same topic was unveiled.
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"Wherever a conflict exists between the university's interest and the victim's interest," a one-pager on the bill explains, "the advocate must side with the victim."

The advocate would be available to guide victims of sexual assault through reporting the assault; counseling; administrative procedures; medical, health and academic accommodations; and legal processes of the institution or local law enforcement. The advocate would be required to attend any university adjudications on the assault on behalf of the victim, if the victim requests. The advocate also would be required to "maintain the privacy and confidentiality of the victim.'

UK: Cut the crap about the gender pay gap

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'Where would we be without the gender pay gap? With girls outperforming boys at school, outnumbering male students at university, and women experiencing no more practical hindrances than men to achieving anything they want in life, feminists have been forced to shift their attention to the more nebulous cultural sphere in order to prove that women remain victims of a patriarchal conspiracy. Often played out in the messy virtual world, feminism has been reduced to a question of lifestyle choice and personal identity, with the supporters of the Twitter hashtag #YesAllWomen hysterically pitched against those in the #WomenAgainstFeminism camp. So, apparent evidence that women really are disadvantaged in a way that can be counted and measured, through the pay gap, is greeted with an almost audible sigh of relief.
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But the above suggests that, for all the shrinkage of the pay gap, it is still the case that women are hard done by in comparison with men. Certainly, these headline-grabbing statistics about a smaller but still existing pay gap are used by politicians and campaigners in their handwringing over the plight of women and girls today. However, what is less well known is that such statistics are arrived at by conflating the earnings of women of all ages, all occupations, and those in part-time and full-time work. The reality is that for people aged under 40 and working full-time, the gender pay gap is around zero; since 2009 women aged 22 to 29 have actually earned more than men. Furthermore, evidence shows that as the pay gap falls first for younger people, this smaller differential sticks with each generational cohort as they age. So, if current trends continue, the pay gap should be a thing of the past in the space of some 20 years.

This generational effect is rarely noted in glossy campaigns and petitions, such as Mind the Gap; instead, the 20 per cent pay gap is reported unquestioningly. However, not only does this figure take no account of age – it also ignores the type of work undertaken. Wages vary considerably according to job, and for many reasons women have not always chosen to go into the highest paying careers. All the evidence suggests that this is beginning to change – as the number of female graduates increases, so does the number of women entering well-paid professions. Gender pay-gaps do of course exist within professions, but again much of this is down to more women choosing to become nurses rather than doctors, or remaining as classroom teachers rather than moving into school management. While it’s fair to ask why women make these kinds of choices, it is not surprising women are paid less for doing a different job.'

The Feds Say Pennsylvania's Pushup Test for State Troopers is Sexist

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'The federal government is suing Pennsylvania over a physical fitness test it argues unfairly and unnecessarily disadvantages women who apply to be state troopers.

Applicants to the Pennsylvania State Police Academy must pass a Physical Readiness Test that requires, among other things, jumping 14 inches in the air; running 1.5 miles in 17 minutes and 48 seconds; and performing 13 pushups. The Police Department maintains that each aspect of the test measures a skill necessary for the job: It says (PDF) pushups, for example, reflect on an applicant's aptitude for "tasks including use of force, lifting, carrying, and pushing."

In a lawsuit (PDF) filed on Tuesday in federal court in Pennsylvania, the Department of Justice argues that the test—along with its previous version—is "not job-related for the entry-level trooper position" and "not consistent with business necessity." The agency contends that alternatives are available that would accomplish the police department's legitimate goals with less discriminatory impact.'

6 questions for the sponsors of the new campus sexual assault bill

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'1. What protections will be in place to make sure the annually reported statistics won't lead to more convictions based on political correctness?
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2. How will the student surveys solve the problem, instead of being used for political purposes?
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3. Who will have more authority, the colleges or local law enforcement?
...
4. Will there be "support services" for the accused?

The bill will establish "university support for survivors of sexual violence." Nowhere does it mention any kind of support services for those accused.

The "confidential advisers" designated to assist accusers will "perform a victim-centered, trauma-informed (forensic) interview" with the accuser. They will also inform the accuser of what they can do next, whether that be notifying campus officials or local police. The advisers may also assist accusers in reporting the incident.

Nowhere does the bill mention any services for the accused (note: accused means innocent until proven guilty). Will there be someone on campus providing them with information on what they can do to provide for their own defense? Will they be informed of their rights, and will those rights be under the law (due process) or under campus rules? Will they have the right to legal counsel in disciplinary proceedings?
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5. Who will pay for campus personnel training?
...
6. Will the government detail a "uniform campus-wide process" for dealing with claims of sexual assault?
...
Will this bill do anything for the accused by way of allowing them to defend themselves? Will the accused be able to obtain counsel or cross-examine the accuser? Why doesn't this bill ensure all campuses allow the same defense procedures for the accused?

TL;DR: This bill institutionalizes bias against the accused in a "guilty until proven innocent" mentality, but doesn't provide the accused any recourse to defend themselves.'

Experts React to the Campus Sex Assault Bills

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'However, the bills still contain plenty that would trouble civil libertarians. KC Johnson of Minding the Campus raises some questions about the CASA's presumption that accusers are truthful:

"Subsection 4 of the law enforcement section of the bill, however, contains a deeply troubling provision, requiring colleges to develop “a method of sharing [with law enforcement] information about specific crimes, when directed by the victim [emphasis added].” First, at the point in the case covered by this subsection, there is no “victim”—there’s an accuser and an accused student. McCaskill’s word choice suggests that she and her colleagues believe that an accuser is automatically a “victim,” thereby abandoning the presumption of innocence for the accused. Second, the provision gives the “victim” authority over whether or not to share information with law enforcement. It’s hard to imagine any accuser would “direct” her college to share information with police about the “specific crime” of filing a false report, if the college uncovered evidence that the accuser lied."'

Victimizing The Accused? Obama's Campus Sexual Assault Guidelines Raise Concerns

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"Not Alone," the White House entitled its task force report on campus sexual assaults. "Believe the Victim," the report might as well have been called. It reflects a presumption of guilt in sexual assault cases that practically obliterates the due process rights of the accused. Students leveling accusations of assault are automatically described as "survivors" or "victims" (not alleged victims or complaining witnesses), implying that their accusations are true.

When you categorically presume the good faith, infallible memories and entirely objective perspectives of self-identified victims, you dispense with the need for cumbersome judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings and an adversary model of justice. Thus the task force effectively prohibits cross-examination of complaining witnesses: "The parties should not be allowed to cross-examine each other," the report advises, denying the fundamental right to confront your accuser.'

Student who claims he was wrongfully accused of rape suing university

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'A University of Cincinnati student is suing the school after he was kicked out of school after he says he was wrongfully accused of raping two female students.

Ethan Peloe said he was wrongfully accused of raping two girls, and despite never being indicted by a grand jury, he was still kicked out of school.

According to the lawsuit, the student said the university never game him a chance to defend himself during several university held hearings.

On the other hand, several accommodations were given to the women who made the accusations, including class makeups, but no help was offered to Peloe, the suit says.

Peloe said in his suit that evidence, including text messages, was not used during the hearing, and despite requesting UC officers come to the hearings, they did not come.'

Bill to address fake campus-rape epidemic goes too far

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'The White House stated in a January 2014 report, Rape and Sexual Assault: A Renewed Call to Action, that one in five women has been sexually assaulted while in college, an assertion repeated by Gillibrand during the press conference.

But this figure does not match data from the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics , released in October 2013, which show rape/sexual assault rates of 1.3 per 1,000 people in 2012, both reported and unreported rapes. It assumes a crisis where none exists, and interferes in university affairs for no cause.

University of Michigan professor Mark Perry has effectively debunked the CDC number using actual number of reported sexual assaults on college campuses combined with the White House's underreporting percentage. He concludes that 3% to 5% of women will be sexually assaulted at college —too high, but not 20%.
...
Then, some questions are ambiguous. For example, the survey asks, "When you were drunk, high, drugged, or passed out and unable to consent, how many people have had vaginal sex with you?" To a typical respondent, it is not clear whether the condition of "unable to consent" applies to "drunk, high, drugged," or if "unable to consent" is a separate condition. Respondents who had consensual sex while drunk but were able to consent (not exactly an uncommon act on campuses these days) may answer affirmatively, leading the surveyor to wrongfully count this as an instance of rape.

Nevertheless, the survey is a catalyst for potentially harmful bipartisan legislation.

Under the bill, academic institutions would have to require all students to complete a uniform survey on sexual violence, with results being published online. But college students are busy and do not like to take surveys. How many college kids are going to take such a survey seriously? How will the university check the data?'

Campus Justice Coalition Seeks to Restore Fairness in Campus Sex Cases

Matt · 4 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / July 30, 2014 – Representatives of sexual assault victims, the accused, and universities have come together to establish the Campus Justice Coalition. The Coalition will seek to achieve legislative change to assure the proper handling of sexual assault cases on college campuses.

Campus sex committees have been criticized for being poorly trained, under-resourced, and lacking the legal authority to impose meaningful sanctions. Rape is a crime, but the campus boards possess legal authority to only expel, not imprison the perpetrator.

The current system was established by a 2011 Department of Education regulation which shifted the resolution process to campus disciplinary panels, and eliminated a number of due process safeguards. Under current policies, neither the identified victim or the accused person are allowed to be represented by an attorney.

Following imposition of the federal mandate, numerous complaints and lawsuits have been filed by victims, and by men claiming they were wrongfully expelled:
http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Campus-Sexual-Assault-Lawsuits.pdf'

SAVE E-lert: Introducing the Campus Justice Coalition

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The addition of the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (Campus SaVE) Act to last year's Violence Against Women Act increased awareness of the campus sexual assault issue, and it brought new regulations from the Department of Education.

Unfortunately, campus radicals have now exploited this effort, claiming that "one in five college women are victims of sexual assault" and insisting that "we live in a rape culture." They want to remove fundamental due process protections!

If that's not bad enough, Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO) is going to introduce a new bill that we believe will further erode due process protections of students accused of sexual assault.

So this week, SAVE is announcing the establishment of the Campus Justice Coalition, which will focus on legislative reforms to restore due process and fairness to the sexual assault adjudicatory process: www.saveservices.org/camp/campus-justice-coalition.

The CJC will consist of representatives of university associations, attorneys, media representatives, parents of the wrongly accused, and other concerned citizens.

Can you help with this effort? We need to raise $5,000 for media and promotion, including radio interviews, press releases, and Facebook, and we'd like to host a few DC lobbying events with CJC members.

Please make a tax deductible donation: www.saveservices.org/contribute. Every gift, big or small, is greatly appreciated!

Thank you,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Rite is ancient, but wrong

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is in response to Rabbi Tirzah Firestone and Rabbi Marc Soloway, who wrote a lettter to the editor to support Brit Milah and circumcision on behalf of Haver, Boulder's Rabbinic Fellowship.

Yes, rabbis are the gatekeepers and, as such, feel obliged to defend and promote ritual circumcision. However, many committed and affiliated Jews, who now understand the profound and serious pain inflicted on the newborn, the short and long term effects of foreskin removal, are no longer willing to justify this medical, sexual and ethical assault on our baby boys and are choosing to welcome their male babies with a brit shalom, a covenantal ceremony without cutting.

The real reason for circumcision can be found in Maimonides, the great 12th century Jewish physician, Talmudic scholar, and philosopher who stated:

"The fact that circumcision weakens the faculty of sexual excitement and sometimes perhaps diminishes the pleasure is indubitable. For if at birth this member has been made to bleed and has had its covering taken away from it, it must indubitably be weakened. The Sages, may their memory be blessed, have explicitly stated: It is hard for a woman with whom an uncircumcised man has had sexual intercourse to separate from him (Genesis Rabbah LXXX). In my opinion this is the strongest of reasons for circumcision."'

SAVE Announces Opposition to Campus Accountability and Safety Act

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / August 5, 2014 – Today Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is announcing its opposition to the Campus Accountability and Safety Act. The CASA bill was introduced last week by Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri.

By limiting the involvement of the criminal justice system, the bill would make it harder for thorough investigations to be completed, fair trials to be conducted, and appropriate sanctions to be imposed. The bill impairs the deployment of criminal justice resources in three ways:

1. The Act would not require campus rapes to be reported to law enforcement, thus thwarting the ability of trained investigators to collect evidence.

2. Campus security programs do not possess the legal authority to search FBI DNA and fingerprint databases. A match can prevent a future rape, and allow a previous crime to be solved, as well.

3. The law would preclude the local prosecutor's office from filing charges unless and until the victim gave permission.

Over 200 editorials have criticized the existing system of campus disciplinary committees for failing to appropriately respond to victims' needs and conducting shoddy investigations: www.accusingu.org. Even if the accused is found guilty, the most severe punishment is expulsion, a sanction that is woefully inadequate, most say.'

SAVE E-lert: Sen. Rubio Says No Support for Falsely Accused

Matt · 6 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

The Campus Accountability and Safety Act (CASA) was introduced last week by Sen. Claire McCaskill. See SAVE's Summary and Analysis.

CASA calls on colleges to "advise the victim of both the victim's rights and the institution's responsibilities regarding orders of protection, no contact orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by the institution or a criminal, civil, or tribal court."

Ashe Schow of the Washington Examiner asked the bill's sponsors:

- Will there be "support services" for the accused?
- Will there be someone on campus providing them with information on what they can do to provide for their own defense?
- Will they be informed of their rights, and will those rights be under the law (due process) or under campus rules?

Alex Conant, spokesman for co-sponsor Sen. Marco Rubio replied: "This bill does not address this issue."

Please contact Sen. Rubio and tell him that CASA needs to address this issue:

- 202-224-3041
- http://1.usa.gov/1dVyG00

Thank you,

Teri Stoddard, Program Director
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Michelle Obama: 'Women Are Smarter Than Men'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'First Lady Michelle Obama shared some thoughts about women versus men during a conversation with former First Lady Laura Bush at the U.S Africa Leaders Summit in Washington D.C.

Obama explained that as First Lady it was important to remember to use the position to highlight their personal interests.

“We can’t waste this spotlight, it is temporary and life is short and change is needed and women are smarter than men. And the men can’t complain because you’re outnumbered today,” she said as the audience laughed. '

Chuck Grassley's spokeswoman responds to questions on campus sexual assault bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Examiner: Will there be “support services” for the accused?

Will there be someone on campus providing them with information on what they can do to provide for their own defense? Will they be informed of their rights, and will those rights be under the law (due process) or under campus rules?

Gerber: There have been recommendations made to change or codify college disciplinary proceedings in ways that would have implications for due process rights, but this bill does not contain mandates about how colleges should conduct their internal disciplinary proceedings.

In developing the bill, Sen. Grassley and others prevailed in the view that the focus should be on sexual assault as a crime rather than a college disciplinary matter.'

The Repeal of Due Process on Campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Senator Claire McCaskill, Democrat of Missouri, and seven co-sponsors have introduced a truly appalling bill in the Senate. It could have been written, and perhaps basically was, by the most rabidly misandrist feminists. (Misandrist is the little-used antonym of misogynist. It deserves wider circulation.)

It is intended to stop the supposed “epidemic” of sexual assault on American college campuses, requiring colleges to handle accusations of such assaults in certain ways. But it gives away its bias by consistently calling accusers in campus sexual assault cases “victims,” while the accused are just called the accused. That, of course, begs the question as to whether there actually was a sexual assault in the first place.

Any sexual violence of any kind is unacceptable. But when it comes to much of what falls under the purview of this bill, categorizing some conduct is not so easy. Was it a sexual assault or nothing more than a clumsy, unwelcome pass? Was it a morning-after regret? Because many campus sexual assault accusations turn out to be he said/she said cases, false accusations face little downside risk.

...

Feminists claim that many cases of sexual assault go unreported. No doubt that’s true. The usual statistics for campus sexual assault are that while 20 percent of women are assaulted in their college years, only 12 percent of those assaults are reported. But as Mark Perry of the American Enterprise Institute points out, those two numbers cannot be both correct. In the years 2009-2012, there were 98 reported sexual assaults at Ohio State University. If that’s 12 percent of the total number of assaults, then the total number would be 817. But there are 28,000 female students at Ohio State, and 817 is 2.9 percent of 28,000, not 20 percent. (When George Will used this example, the *Saint Louis Post-Dispatch* was so outraged at his use of entirely correct sixth-grade math to demolish a feminist argument that it dropped his column.)'

Man jailed 10 months on false rape accusation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Gastonia man was falsely accused of tying up and raping a woman three times, a prosecutor said Tuesday. Justin Michael Gowan spent nearly a year in jail awaiting trial on charges of rape, kidnapping, assault by strangulation and assault with a deadly weapon.

...

False accusation: Bogle commended Stockwell on researching the case and questioning the allegations. He said Gowan's accuser had made similar claims about other men in the past.

"She has a history of creating a crisis and utilizing it as a mechanism for change," he said.

Social workers have since taken the woman's children, and Gowan's child is living in Georgia with his mother, Bogle said.'

Ex-Da Band Member Arrested For Domestic Violence Charges

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TMZ reports that the ex-Da Band singer was arrested on domestic violence charges following a fight with her husband Tony on July 21. The married couple was reportedly brawling outside of the house while she was allegedly drunk around 3:45am and now, she's landed a spot in jail for the next 93 days.

This isn't the first time Stokes ruffled feathers with the law. She stabbed her husband in 2009 and was sentenced to three years probation in a plea deal.'

Domestic-violence law shields accused abusers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Beacon Hill lawmakers are supposed to approve public-safety laws protecting the state's citizens -- not laws making it easier for suspected criminals to evade exposure.

Yet early Friday morning, in the 11th-hour rush to end the two-year legislative session, lawmakers held their noses and passed a domestic-violence law that shields the identities of accused abusers. Once Gov. Deval Patrick signs the law, the names of suspected abusers won't be made public on police arrest logs as is now the practice.

While most lawmakers said they opposed eliminating the public's right to know, they didn't want to gut a bill toughening penalties against repeat offenders.

Sadly, the consequences of this bill, filed sneakily in a joint House-Senate conference committee by state Rep. Alice Peisch, D-Wellesley, will likely diminish news coverage of this most important issue. Women, without the strength of public support behind them, will be more inclined to stay in the shadows and accept their abusive relationships.'

Brian Banks, Football Player Falsely Accused Of Rape, Working On A Documentary

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Most of us remember Brian Banks, the football player who was falsely accused of rape at 16 and spent five years in prison. And even when he was released, he had to register as a sex offender and had trouble finding work.

After his exoneration, at 26, Banks decided to release a documentary describing what his life had been like for the past ten years. And he started a Kickstarter to help raise funds for the project. He ended up earning $47,000.

After two years the film is not complete because it grew far beyond Banks' own expectations. He shared that initially he thought it would be a small project but as more and more people learned about his story, they wanted to help him. First he was trying out for NFL teams, eventually joining the Atlanta Falcons for training camp. He would go on to play in four games during last year's NFL season.

And in the meantime, Banks has been touring the country speaking at schools, organizations and events across the country and meeting with politicians and lawmakers bringing awareness to wrongful convictions.'

Former university student sues over expulsion in sex assault case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former University of Massachusetts Amherst student who said he was expelled last fall over allegations he sexually assaulted a female student is suing the school, saying administrators unfairly and mistakenly found him responsible and discriminated against him because he is a man.
...
During a night of drinking, playing card games, and dancing with friends, the two students became friendly and flirted, and she later invited him to her room to have sex, the lawsuit said. They had consensual sex and the female student at no point showed signs of intoxication, according to the suit.

The next day, the female student could not remember what had happened, according to the lawsuit. At her roommate's urging, the female student went to the campus health center for an evaluation. The following day, she filed a complaint with the dean of students' office.

In her written complaint, she never called what happened harassment, assault, or rape, according to the lawsuit.

Three days later, the university told the male student he was under investigation for threatening behavior, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and violating community living standards, the lawsuit said.

He was immediately ordered to move off campus and was barred from the premises except to attend classes, the lawsuit said.

Two months later, the university held a disciplinary hearing, the lawsuit said. But the male student had not been given copies of case documents beforehand, key pieces of evidence were not presented during the hearing, the male student was repeatedly interrupted, and questions he had were ignored, the suit said.

Two days later, the student was told that he had been found "responsible" for three violations: "sexual harassment, sexual misconduct and community living standards," and he would be expelled.

The student's appeal was denied.'

"Michelle Obama told a joke about men they didn't find funny. That's hilarious"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When I saw that Michelle Obama joked at the US-Africa Leaders Summit this week that “women are smarter than men”, I prepared myself for backlash. And – what do you know? – Politico wrote that the First Lady had “engaged in a battle of the sexes”, anti-feminist author and Fox News contributor Suzanne Venker called it a “sexist and elitist display”, and the headline at Business Standard read “Michelle Obama claims women are smarter than men”. As if it were a serious assertion rather than a joking aside!

...

But when the First Lady made the quip – at an event with former first lady Laura Bush, while addressing the spouses of African leaders – it wasn’t a humorless dig at men. It was a light-hearted moment of girl-power on the outskirts of a conference for heads of state that is incredibly male-dominated.

Actually, I wish she’d said it with the intention of mocking men – with all that political, economic and social power they’ve cornered by marginalizing women, I think they can take a light ribbing. (I’d prefer a total overthrow of the patriarchy, but I’ve always had champagne tastes.)

Besides, laughter is the best medicine, especially when it’s a guffaw redirected right in the face of sexists.'

Boy suspended after bringing Nerf gun to school

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Georgia boy ended up with a suspension after he brought a toy to school as part of an assignment that his teacher handed out.

Ramsey McDonald's teacher asked fourth graders at Miller Elementary School to bring in their most beloved toys so that they could talk about them.

The youngster told his dad that he was going to bring in his iPad and some other toys.
...
"They told me my son brought a weapon to school and they asked me if I was aware," McDonald told WMAZ. "I asked them what it was and they said it was a plastic Nerf gun."

The boy ended up with a three-day in-school suspension for bringing the toy to class.'

Sexism, Only This Time About Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'From terrorism to natural disasters, the standard reporting on casualties is often like this by Morning Edition host Steve Inskeep:

"First, we go to Gaza," recited Inskeep. "The health ministry there says more than 500 people have been killed – many of them women and children."

Why, Larry Kalikow of Warrington, Penn, wrote, were women's lives being singled out?

"Are NPR reporters specially trained to promote such flagrant sexism?" he asked. "When will NPR and its news journalists and reporters finally accept the egalitarian principle that all human lives are equally precious, and that the loss of men's lives is no less tragic than the loss of women's lives?"'

Addressing college issue intelligently

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you believe statistics mouthed by your president, and if you still define rape as it has been traditionally defined -- sexual intercourse without consent, usually using force -- our universities have become some of the most dangerous places in the world.

The argument of the White House and a multitude of others, you see, is that the male students are raping an astonishing 20 percent of the female students. In an online article, Heather Mac Donald, a fellow at the Manhattan Institute, cannot help facetiously wondering how mothers can bear to "send their daughters off to a crime scene of such magnitude, unmatched even in the most brutal African tribal wars."

Well, the alarmists explain, it is an epidemic, and yes, it is: an epidemic of hyperbole, of redefining terms to mean something they have not previously meant, of ultra-casual "hook-up" sex, of rampant campus drunkenness and, when you inspect some of its supposed solutions, of a government out of control.
...
There's an alternative that's the opposite of dodging the issue, and that's to rely instead on expert police officers, well-trained prosecutors, experienced judges and just legal traditions. Imperfect, yes, but why not turn to the real thing instead of something foolishly fabricated?
...
Universities do have obligations here. As a way to get at issues law enforcement will not address, they need stricter campus rules like those that really did work once upon a time. It wouldn't hurt, either, to tell a hyperventilating government that campuses are not the most dangerous hangouts in America.'

NPO: Grants Match Child Support Funds for College Savings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kansas Department for Children and Families announced the creation of the Child Support Savings Initiative. It will encourage parents who owe child support to pay into education savings accounts for their children.

For every dollar put into an account, the state will reduce the parent's debt obligation by $2. Kansas welfare officials said they will use more than $600,000 in grants from two foundations to launch it: W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Texas is the only other state, which National Parents Organization knows of, that has anything at all like this. In Texas, the Child Support for College, CS4C, is a pilot program of the Texas Office of the Attorney General and other partners aimed at linking child support customers to financial coaching institutions. The goal is to promote parent savings for their child's future college education; but, Texas does not provide the match as is being tested in Kansas.'

Over 200 Jewish Leaders Offer ‘Brit Shalom’ Ceremony for Intact Jewish Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The movement to welcome newborn Jewish boys into Jewish life without the surgery of circumcision has reached a milestone—over 200 officiants are now available to perform the peaceful welcoming ceremony. Over 120 of these are rabbis. Many of these officiants are members of the Reform, Humanistic, Renewal, and Reconstructionist Jewish movements. Not all of the officiants on the list are opposed to circumcision, but some are. Several Rabbis on the list have intact grandsons, some have intact adopted sons.

Called brit shalom (Hebrew for covenant of peace), this alternative naming ceremony corresponds with traditional brit milah welcoming ceremony, except that there is no cutting of the baby.

“They’re especially happy ceremonies, for that reason,” says Mark Reiss, M.D.'

HuffPost interviews intactivist

Matt · 9 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'HuffPost Live tackled the controversial subject of circumcision this week, speaking with a panelist who was not only vehemently opposed to the practice but felt that it created additional struggles for him as a gay man.

"I believe that I'm de-sensitized," Brian Levitt, who was circumcised as an infant, said. "Most intact men don't understand how it works ... being a gay man, I have [an] intimate understanding [of male anatomy, which is] something that straight men don't get."'

"Family Court Inc.": A Disturbing and Shocking new White Paper Exposé and Report

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From the author/publisher:

We are pleased to announce a new tell all book about Family Court that is long overdue.

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"ESPN Suspends Host for Domestic Abuse Story"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The sports network has suspended host Max Kellerman after he admitted Monday on ESPN-LA Radio show Mason & Ireland that he hit his then-girlfriend, Erin, several years ago. Max and Erin have now been married for 20 years.

"Max Kellerman will return to ESPNLA Radio and SportsNation on Thursday," ESPN said in a statement released to The Hollywood Reporter.

Max explained in the story that he and Erin were at a college party and were drunk at the time. Max said that Erin slapped him, and so he slapped her back.'

Campus-rape bill comes under heavy fire

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A congressional bill aimed at curbing sexual assault on America's college and university campuses actually would make the problem worse, contends the anti-violence group Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, or SAVE.

The Campus Accountability and Safety Act sponsored by Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., includes provisions for counselors for sexual assault victims, anonymity for those who report sexual assaults and increased standards for campus security and safety officers.

Her office declined to respond to WND questions, but in a statement previously released by her press office, she said women on college campuses are in danger of sexual assault.
...
But SAVE President Everett Bartlett said one of the major consequences of the bill will be to remove some of the U.S. Constitution's protections for the accused.

"The bill as it reads is biased in favor of the accuser and biased against the accused. It will make it difficult to protect a young man from false accusations," Bartlett said.

"There are due process protections that are supposed to kick in [under current law] and because the bill removes much of the local law enforcement from the picture, it will be easier for the accuser to make accusations with no proof," Bartlett said.'

"Yes, I blame the victim: on women's double standards"

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Article here.

Back when our culture (mostly mothers) taught little boys to be respectful of little girls, in the hope that they would grow up to be respectful men, females existed relatively safely. Now that the culture is in the toilet and feminists and homosexual activists have targeted normal men for destruction, you take your chances.

From my perspective, if you are a woman who physically attacks a man (who is likely larger and stronger), you deserve what you get. If a man is self-restrained (because of Mom's teachings or some residual of an American culture that no longer exists), you might get away with a verbal comeback or even a walk-away. He may, however, knock the heck out of you.

If you are one of those women who have bought into the absurd feminist notion that women are no different from men, yet men must treat you differently when it comes to physical defense, then you are delusional.'

College men challenge 'guilty until proven innocent' standard for sex assault cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kevin Parisi is 5 feet, 5 inches tall and barely weighs 120 pounds.

He's hunched over and walking with a cane after back surgery earlier this year. He suffers from severe anxiety and digestive disorders, along with extreme allergies and panic attacks.

But in his junior year at Drew University in Madison, N.J., Parisi was accused of forcing a fellow student — one who is now a professional athlete — to have sex with him.

He was kicked off campus and placed under investigation. Three months went by before he was found "not responsible" in a campus disciplinary proceeding. Local police never filed charges against him.

Being accused, however, was enough to cause his world to collapse. Now he is suing Drew for assuming he was guilty from the outset and treating him as such until it was determined he was innocent.

He is also suing his accuser and her boyfriend at the time, claiming they concocted the false allegation to preserve their relationship. The Washington Examiner has chosen not to publish their names.

Parisi is one of at least 30 men who are striking back against campus rules on sexual assault that deny them due process by assuming their guilt. Their ranks have quadrupled since 2011.'

‘Rape culture’ leads to manhunts on campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Moms and dads, be afraid for your sons. All across America, men are getting snared in what feminist activists and leftists call a “rape culture” that supposedly exists on college campuses.

In April, the Obama administration released a report concluding that nearly 1 in 5 women attending institutions of higher education become victims of unwanted sex acts. Legislation has been proposed in the Senate to tackle this “epidemic.”

Never mind that one of the sources of the 1-in-5 statistic was a 2007 online survey in which some respondents, who were rewarded with $10 gift certificates, equated drunken hookups and men’s attempts at stealing kisses as examples of sexual assault, according to Christina Hoff Sommers, resident scholar at the right-leaning American Enterprise Institute. She spoke out against the nonsensical notion that huge numbers of women are being sexually assaulted on campuses at a June panel conducted in Washington by the Independent Women’s Forum, a conservative think tank.

“I think this is a war on men that started a long time ago in gender studies classes and in women’s advocacy groups eager to believe that men are toxic," Hoff Sommers told me. She believes that a more reliable statistic was contained in a 2003 report by the US Bureau of Justice Statistics, which found that 1 in 40 college and university students are sexually assaulted. Still too many? Yes. But that does not excuse what happened to Ethan Peloe.'

Are women making the men's rights movement a force to be reckoned with?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Blake looks at the views and biographies of a half-dozen women who are vigorously defending men against feminist extremism.

"It may seem counterintuitive that women would be helping drive the conversation about a movement that's fighting anti-male discrimination and campaigning fiercely against feminism," Blake reports.

Interestingly enough, two of these women — Karen Straughan and Janet "Judgybitch" Bloomfield — are Canadians who shred feminist cliches with acidic logic and humor. Both attained public notice via YouTube.
...
Schow shines much-needed light on the injustice of dispensing with the presumption of innocence, while Blake does the same by highlighting six heretofore obscure but intellectually courageous women.

That's what journalism does at its best — bring into clearer view previously unseen people and forgotten ideas that make us think in new ways about old issues.'

"If I Were A Boy" Circumcision Awareness Campaign Goes Viral

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Article here-. Excerpt:

'Las Veags, NV – A couple of days ago, Cynthia Maloney came across the ALS Association's popular "Ice Bucket Challenge." ALS stands for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease) in which patients lose all motor function as the disease progresses. "Ice Bucket Challenge" participants record and share videos of themselves dumping buckets filled with ice water on their heads, including the hashtag #icebucketchallenge, to raise awareness of ALS.

Maloney thought that it would be great if the genital autonomy movement came up with something similar to get the word out about children's rights to bodily autonomy – to protect male, female and intersex children from genital cutting.

Two days later she woke up and read an article about a women's campaign advocating against sex discrimination and for bodily autonomy. The article included a photo of a young woman holding a sign reading, "#IF I WERE A BOY – I'd be able to make choices about my own body."

Maloney jumped out of bed, hastily scribbled out a sign, grabbed her roommate and headed outside in her pajamas to have her photo taken.

She posted her photo to a number of intactivist Facebook groups and pages and received a suggestion to start a Facebook page of her own.

Soon Maloney was hastily inviting everyone on her friends list and hundreds agreed to add their pictures. "Since then it just took on a life of it's own," she says. As of today there are nearly 100 individual submissions.'

Canada: Protesters fail to shut down men's issues lecture, celebrate anyway

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Story here. Excerpt:

'This was their march on Tiananmen Square.

A group of protesters — from the so-called Revolutionary Student Movement, the Proletarian Feminist Front and the Proletarian Revolutionary Action Committee — confronted a couple of speakers at the University of Toronto last week. Unhappy with the topic of the event ("Men's Issues Go Global") or the host of the event (University of Toronto Men's Issues Awareness Society), protesters decided to interrupt the event by hollering slogans, clapping their hands and singing.

Campus security was called in to mitigate the disruption, and the event was moved to another location on campus. The protesters ostensibly then went home, or possibly convened elsewhere to celebrate their insurrection. Either way, the lecture continued.'

Professor: ‘Illegals at border have more rights than college students accused of rape’

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Article here. Exverpt:

'Those who illegally cross into the United States have more rights than a college student accused of rape, according to a George Washington University (GWU) law professor.

John Banzhaf, a public interest law professor at GWU, is calling attention to disparity within America’s judicial system after finding “dozens” of cases in which colleges forgo due process when handling students accused of sexual assault while those crossing into the United States illegally are still granted an impartial hearing.
...
Banzhaf, who helped get all charges dropped against three Duke lacrosse players in a highly contested and bitter case, claims that he first spotted what he calls a “trend” of students successfully suing their universities for improperly finding them guilty of date rape.

“With date rape, [college judiciary committees] particularly try to find out what exactly happened in that room,” Banzhaf told Campus Reform. “The need seems to be much greater [for that] in the case of date rape for protection.”

Banzhaf claims that colleges have abandoned that “very high standard of proof, particularly in cases of date rape,” despite the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that the Constitution requires due process protections.

“Rape is a crime and colleges shouldn’t be involved at all,” he said. “There are more and more individual cases where students are found guilty and suffered consequences are winning these cases [when they sue their school.]”'

Robin Williams in a group facing higher risk of suicide: Older white men with depression

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you tried to create a profile of someone at high risk of committing suicide, one likely example would look like this: A middle-aged or older white male toward the end of a successful career, who suffers from a serious medical problem as well as chronic depression and substance abuse, who recently completed treatment for either or both of those psychological conditions and who is going through a difficult period, personally or professionally.

In short, that person would look a lot like Robin Williams, the 63-year-old actor and comedian who, authorities said Tuesday, hanged himself with a belt in the bedroom of his San Francisco Bay area home a day earlier.

While certainly not the only group susceptible to suicide — 39,518 people took their own lives in 2011 — older white males with that cluster of characteristics have been on psychologists' radar at least since federal statistics released last year showed an alarming spike in their suicide rate between 1999 and 2010. The suicide rate for white men increased by nearly 40 percent, to 34.2 per 100,000 people.'

Devil's in the details of Campus Accountability and Safety Act

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Campus Accountability and Safety Act (CASA), S. 2692, seeks to change how publicly funded universities investigate allegations of sexual assault. CASA and its House version, H.R. 5354, are currently in front of congressional committees. S. 2692 in particular has been widely hailed as a rare display of bipartisan support. Why, then, does the congressional watchdog GovTrack.us give CASA only a 1 percent chance of being enacted?

The act contains some alarming provisions.

On Aug. 7, Hans Bader, a senior attorney at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, reported on one. CASA regulates how universities must approach sexual assault, including producing an annual survey of students' experiences, which will be published online. The penalties for non-compliance are massive: an initial penalty of up to 1 percent of the institution's operating budget and a potential $150,000 fine for each additional violation or misrepresentation — $150,000 per month if surveys are not completed to the standard required. Bader observed, "that [initial offense] would be a whopping $42 million for Harvard alone, since its budget is $4.2 billion."'

Woman who filed OHP rape lawsuit was charged previously with making a false rape report

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Story here.

'The woman who filed a federal lawsuit alleging that an Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper raped her last month is wanted in another county on an allegation that she falsely reported a rape in 2009.

The woman, identified in the lawsuit only by her initials, is linked through public records to that Cherokee County charge as well as to an outstanding arrest warrant in Oklahoma County on charges of second-degree burglary and knowingly concealing stolen property.

Gary James, an attorney for Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Eric Roberts and the Oklahoma State Highway Troopers Association, said the allegations of rape "are unequivocally untrue."'

Ironic Misandry: Why Feminists Pretending to Hate Men Isn't Funny

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'If you've stumbled into certain feminist corners of the Internet lately, you may have noticed the word misandry cropping up. No, not by men's rights activists whining that feminists hate men (or at least, not just by them). By feminists. Who think it's funny to use it ironically.

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But the irony is all too often lost, despite recent arguments that the right kind of guys are in on the joke and love it. But the anecdotal evidence of that is not convincing, and those friends of women who like to use the word misandry might are likely to be a self-selecting group. Last year, a 2013 HuffPost/YouGov poll found that only 23 percent of women and 16 percent of men consider themselves to be feminists. Of that 16 percent, surely even fewer would find jokes about misandry funny.

...

But inherent in this word "misandry" is hatred. And inherent in phrases like "ban men" and "male tears" are cruelty and violence. If a man wore a tee shirt that said "misogynist," even if he were a dyed-in-the-wool feminist, wearing it tongue-in-cheek, it would not be funny. It would be misguided.'

"Self-Indulgent and Delusional"

Matt · 14 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'In a society, culture, and system as complex as ours it is absolutely ridiculous to assume that all of the victimization occurs to women and that all of the advantage comes to men. Yet those are the assumptions. Men have plenty to complain about and women have significant powers. It has always been this way, but after 40 years of omnipresent feminism, today's imbalance is greater than ever. I suppose this is because of strong remnants of chivalry. Men must be strong and never complain. Men must always protect and help women. This is a sexist attitude that women, including feminist women, have encouraged and demanded instead of placing where it belongs, in the dustbin of history.

Women have tremendous power in society today. This often results in talk of their superiority. At the same time and often concerning the same topics, women complain constantly about victimization, even when men and other groups are victimized more. I suppose this constant focus on women's victimization is a result of their hyper-narcissism---they are constantly focusing on themselves. But it results in women chauvinistically gaining even more power and attention. This hyper-narcissism also leads to much hypocrisy---women think they deserve to operate under different rules than men.'

NPO: We Need Your Help: Simple Ways to Make Big Impact for Our Cause

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As a membership-driven organization, National Parents Organization realizes every individual offers tremendous potential for advancing our mission and increasing awareness of the impact family courts are having on our modern families.

In fact, our greatest ability to make an impact and reform our family court system can be realized simply through the strength in our numbers. Simply joining National Parents Organization, which is free and easy to do online, will give us a louder voice as we advocate collectively for change in communities across the nation.'

University's "John Doe" files suit against same after rush to judgment

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Received a copy of this lawsuit filing from "John Doe"'s attorney. I redacted dates and places on campus as well as the names of students mentioned. Faculty/staff, however, don't get the same treatment. After all, being part of a kangaroo court is something adults with a few years into the title should know enough to avoid.

'Slavery,' pregnancy drove California professor to accost teen pro-lifer, say defenders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Supporters of Mireille Miller-Young cite the "cultural legacy of slavery" and even the effects of pregnancy to explain why the feminist studies professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara would accost a teenager spreading a pro-life message on campus.

The pregnant 38-year-old who pleaded no contest to misdemeanor counts of theft, vandalism and battery after stealing and destroying an anti-abortion poster and injuring a a16-year-old activist, says she's sorry for some of her actions and hopes to "makes amends through community service."

An associate professor whose course work, which includes pornography and sex work, has gained her the nickname the "porn professor," Ms. Miller-Young was set to appear for sentencing today (August 14) before Judge Brian Hill in Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

...

Joan Short said any punishment that doesn't include some sort of broader apology to students, not just for stealing the poster but also for the physical nature of the confrontation, does not go far enough.

"Before, some of the things she was saying was, 'I had a right to do this. I set a good example for my students. I was showing them how to protect themselves,' " Joan said.

"I think she should publicly say to her students, 'I acted completely inappropriately.' "'

No Boys Allowed — Hotels With Women-Only Floors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women now make up nearly half of all business travelers in the United States and abroad, and most of them are solo travelers. So it's no surprise that in recent years, more hotels have been clamoring to offer services catering to women's needs and preferences.

While some road warriors applaud the extra touches — from smaller slippers and padded hangers to entire floors set aside for female guests (complete with female staff) — there are others who take offense to the notion of women receiving different treatment. Especially when it comes to the mildly patronizing touches of floral décor or the latest issue of Cosmopolitan, and adding yet another surcharge. Some might also argue that prohibiting men from certain rooms or services is flat-out discriminatory or that it might open the door for other forms of separate treatment — after all, men-only floors would generate a lot of controversy.
...
The 812-room Bella Sky Comwell in Copenhagen opened in 2011 with its 17th floor dedicated to female guests. The Bella Donna floor, as it's called, is outfitted with champagne and smoothies in the minibar, ionic hair dryers, nail files, and skin care samples in the bathroom. However, the hotel lost a lawsuit in April charging that the women-only floor was discriminatory toward men. The 20 women-centric rooms in this convention center hotel are still available, but men are now permitted to book the rooms as well (although hardly any do).'

Robin Williams Story: All About Mental Illness Only

redwoodwriter · 17 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the most depressing aspects of Robin Williams's suicide is that he had all the access, all the best care. Money was not an object. But even with all that, he killed himself. "Robin Williams could pay in cash for anything he needed. Even with that, depression can be a fatal illness," [Dr.] John Herman said.
...
Ronan reflected on the sad passing of Robin Williams as he lamented the sorry state of mental health care for those who are not rich and famous.

"Our country's health," Larry Ronan said, "will never be whole until we insist that mental health be seen along with physical health as fundamental to our overall well-being, and funded as such."'

UK: Woman with 17 prior assault convictions remains unjailed after 18th

fathers4fairness · 17 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'With blood spattered over his injured face, this is Ronnie Lee on his way to hospital minutes after being glassed in an unprovoked attack by a woman.

Lucky not to lose an eye, the 24-year-old telesales company director needed four stitches following the assault.

But despite his injuries, his assailant, estate agent Yasmin Thomas, 21, walked free from court this week with a suspended sentence – despite notching up her 18th conviction for assault.

...

Yesterday Mr Lee said he was disgusted at the leniency of the sentence, which includes an anger management course.

He said: ‘If it was the other way around and I did that to her, I would be going straight to jail.

‘What happens next time if she does something and it’s life threatening? She could end up killing someone.

‘She’s got 18 convictions already. She’s a danger to herself and others around her.

...

‘Yasmin picked it up and tapped me on the shoulder and gave it to me. I was surprised and handed it back to Richard.

‘She then said “Aren’t you gonna say thank you then?” I was confused and didn’t say anything. She threw a drink on my face first and then smashed the glass on my left eye socket.’

Mr Lee suffered a deep cut close to the eye and other smaller cuts to his face.'

UK: 500,000 troubled families cost taxpayers £30bn/yr

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Cameron set to announce extension to scheme to help them study unveiled scale of the problem.

Half a million problem families currently costing taxpayers £30billion a year 120,000 families each on average responsible for one police call out a month Prime Minister David Cameron to announce assistance scheme extension

Half a million problem families are costing taxpayers more than £30billion a year, according to a major study which reveals for the first time the true extent of the rise of Britain's underclass.

Hundreds of thousands of households are causing a serious drain on public resources with 'off the barometer' dysfunctional behaviour, according to a Government initiative set up in the wake of the 2011 riots.
...
'The reality is that in the past the family just hasn't been central to the way government thinks,' he will say in a speech.

'So you get a whole load of policy decisions which take no account of the family and sometimes make these things worse – whether it's the benefits system incentivising couples to live apart or penalising those who go out to work, or excessive bureaucracy preventing loving couples from adopting children.

'Put simply it means every single domestic policy that government comes up with will be examined for its impact on the family.'"

UK: Sheilas' Wheels unveils PinkZones concept – roads for women only

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The insurer Sheilas' Wheels in the UK wants women-only roads, called "PinkZones". Apparently male drivers in the UK are creating an unsafe environment for female drivers. I question their statistics as to who is creating the unsafe environment in the UK overall. It says nothing of the extra number of miles (or kilometers) that men drive, who causes the accidents, or how men may be more likely to be convicted of an offense in a biased court system.

SAVE: NY Times Flops in Attempt to Rig the Campus Sexual Assault Debate

Matt · 19 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Tuesday the New York Times' Room for Debate section featured editorials designed to address the question, "Doing Enough to Prevent Rape on Campus?": http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2014/08/12/doing-enough-to-prevent-rape-on-campus

If we define "debate" as an intellectually honest attempt to represent all the major perspectives on the issue, the NYT Room for Debate fell short.

Of the six columnists, five represented the points of view of the Professional Victim Advocates who want to embellish on the current approach of campus disciplinary committees passing judgment on messy 'he-said, she-said' allegations of sexual assault.

The "opposing" view came from a lone editorial by Samantha Harris from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education who insisted, Law Enforcement Must Take the Lead: http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2014/08/12/doing-enough-to-prevent-rape-on-campus/law-enforcement-must-take-the-lead-in-campus-sexual-assault-cases

On Wednesday, the bias was highlighted by KC Johnson, who deplored the "Times' almost wholly one-sided coverage" of the campus sexual assault issue: http://www.mindingthecampus.com/2014/08/the-times-one-sided-debate-on-sex-hearings/#more-11938

The NYT readers weren't fooled, either.'

Race, class, and gender as factors in the Ferguson killing

Matt · 19 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

I had a MANN reader inquire via email how MANN felt about current events in Ferguson, Missouri here in the US. He asked about the shooting of unarmed men v. that of unarmed women by police and how police killing unarmed men was much more likely than police killing unarmed women. MANN, being a web site and one with no official editorial positions, cannot collectively render a traditional op-ed on the topic. But yours truly can. :) So with a few supporting additional comments added to the reply I sent the reader a couple days ago, here's my response:

Thanks for asking your question. Details may vary for different reasons around the world, but it's true police of both sexes are a lot more likely to fire on unarmed men than unarmed women.

It's a function of the perceived value of men's lives and the degree the shooter thinks he/she will be held accountable. The second factor is what is likely to tip the scale more one way vs. another when taking social factors into account. For example, unarmed men of lower socioeconomic status are more likely to be shot under the same circumstances as men of higher such status (assuming the shooter is drawing this conclusion based on the victim's appearance, clothing, or other info or assumptions), since such men are less likely to have relatives capable of hiring lawyers who can press the issue with the authorities.

In different places in the world, the actual or perceived ethnicity of the victim can and does play a factor (as many believe is the case in Ferguson, though what the shooter was thinking or what he thinks of black people generally/prejudicially hasn't been discussed in the media, since the officer probably won't speak to the press). In India and elsewhere, unarmed ethnic Dalit men (so-called "Untouchables" - ugh, what a terrible way to stigmatize your fellow humans!) are much more likely to be shot by police than "higher caste" men. In some European countries, Roma (a.k.a. "Gypsy" - a word I despise, but is used non-diminutively by most people unfamiliar with the politics around it), the same goes if the Roma man is identified as such by his language, clothing style, etc.

But the one consistent factor the world over is the victim's sex: almost always male. So yes, you're right to make the point you do.

Divorced from Reality on Child Support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Article originally appeared in the Newark Star-Ledger - September 6, 2002.
...
In highly publicized raids, federal agents have hauled in 69 "deadbeat dads" from 29 states over the past few weeks, and are still hunting for 33 more. The Bush administration boasts that it is sending a message to deadbeats. However, the high-living deadbeat dad who stiffs his kids is largely a mythical creature.

Arizona State University researcher Sanford Braver, who over an eight year period conducted the largest federally funded study of divorced dads ever done, found that unemployment was the largest factor behind nonpayment of child support, and noted that his findings were "consistent with virtually all past studies on the topic."

According to a US Government Accounting Office survey of custodial mothers who were not receiving the support they were owed, two-thirds of the mothers themselves admitted that their children's fathers do not pay their child support because they are financially unable to do so.

Most "deadbeat dads" are actually "dead broke," either because they have low-wage jobs, are unemployed, or are deep in arrears on unrealistic and crushing child support obligations. According to Bruce Walker, the Oklahoma District Attorney who ran the state's child-support enforcement program for three years and jailed hundreds of fathers for nonpayment, these men are "seldom the mythical monsters described by politicians."

"Many times I prosecuted impoverished men," he notes. "I prosecuted one deadbeat dad who had been hospitalized for malnutrition and another who lived in the bed of a pickup truck."

Other "deadbeat dads" are victims of child support enforcement agency errors, which studies have shown account for as much as a third of all alleged arrearages in some states and counties. These errors occur in part because the federal government funds the states' enforcement efforts based on how much money in child support they collect, thus strongly encouraging states to grab and hold every dollar they can, even if it is collected in error.'

Robin Williams' $30M alimony to ex-wives contributed to his death

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Did alimony kill Robin Williams?

At least in part it sure did. Paying out over $30 million to ex-wives who were allowed to attach themselves to Williams' bank account like comatose patients on feeding tubes would be enough to make Gandhi angry and depressed.

While states are finally, gradually catching up to the modern age in terms of alimony (now they call it "maintenance" — as in "high maintenance") the practice of men paying women because they once were married is not just primitive but, yes, sexist.

Yeah, go ahead, call me anti-feminist, call me whatever you want, but the truth is alimony (which is different from child support and fair distribution of assets acquired during the marriage) doesn't mean the non-working spouse is entitled to live as high as the Kardashians. It's that concept that is fundamentally anti-feminist.'

Are Child Custody Laws That Treat Parental Gatekeeping Like Child Abuse Long Overdue?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When you first read or hear the words "parental gatekeeping", what do you think about? You may have an image of a parent standing in front of a locked gate, arms crossed with a child on the other side and the other parent trying to get through.

Hold that image.

Parental gatekeeping is not an everyday word intact or separated families use but it has a very real impact and import on child custody cases.

Gatekeeping is simply the act of facilitating or restricting the relationship with a parent and a child. I have found the "facilitative" aspect of it (and the concept of facilitative gatekeeping) a bit of an oxymoron. After all, to facilitate generally means reasonable communication, open access gates and no real need to be a "keeper."

Restrictive parental gatekeeping is just as it sounds. Placing limitations, often through actions, to restrict communication or access to a child. Restrictive gatekeeping can be for the child's protection (often in physical abuse, serious neglect or substance abuse cases) or unreasonable, in an attempt to harm the parent-child relationship. The latter often festers into parental alienation.

Now we come to the question and it's not an easy one. Should a restrictive gatekeeper who is not gatekeeping due to abuse, serious neglect, or real concerns about alcohol or drug abuse but rather to intentionally harm the parent-child relationship be treated just like a parent who has been found to have committed serious, physical child abuse and have custody taken away from him or her? Along with that, is a state like California and others that don't have specific family codes punishing this type of gatekeeping behind on this necessary legislation?'

"Why Great Husbands Are Being Abandoned"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I am currently dealing with several of these great husbands. They are, across the board, respectful, quality, caring, devoted, cherishing, authentic, and supportive guys whose wives have left them for a different kind of man. These once-beloved men make a living, love their kids, help with chores, support aging parents, and support their mate's desires and interests. They believe they've done everything right. They are devastated, confused, disoriented, and heartsick. In a tragic way, they startlingly resemble the disheartened women of the past who were left behind by men who "just wanted something new."

You may think that these women are ruthless and inconsiderate. Those I know are far from that. More often, they still love their husbands as much as they ever did, but in a different way. They tell me how wonderful their men are and how much they respect them. They just don't want to be married to them anymore. Perhaps it would be even more honest to say that they don't want to be yoked to anyone any more. At least in the traditional ways they once embraced as ideal. They feel compassion for their prior mates, but liberated in their new-found right to create a different way of feeling in relationships. In short, they want to live their lives with the privileges men once had.
...
The women I have treated who have left their husbands for more "masculine" men believed that their new relationships would be able to both excite and nurture them. Sadly, that has not always happened. The veritable saint with balls is as elusive as ever. When things haven't worked out as they thought they would, several of the women I am now working with are re-thinking their decisions, wondering if they left too soon, or for the wrong reasons. They want to reconcile with the men they have left behind. Their husbands are torn between the understandable desire to reject them and still wanting them back. Ironically, because these have nurtured the feminine side of their natures, they are also able to forgive in a way few men have been able to do in the past. But because they have no interest in returning to the "bad boy" mentality their competitors brandished, they are faced with a challenge most men have never had to confront. How do they hold on to their vulnerability and capacity to nurture, and blend it with the strength and power required of a self-respecting leader of men? None of my reuniting couples ever want to lose each other again. They've left the old ways behind and know that going back to what was will not work anymore. They intensely want to create a new kind of connection that blends the beauty of traditional roles with the freedom to move between them, and to blend the best of the past with an as-yet-unwritten future. It must be a parallel path. Both men and women must separately find their own balance between their need for independence and their desire for ongoing commitment. As integrated individuals in their own right, they would then have the capacity to create a relationship that is more than the exchange or sum of the parts. Committed partners who are willing to fight for that innovative solution will find the way.'

Ectogenesis: Will Artificial Wombs Help Men Fight the Child Custody War?

Matt · 19 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It so pains me to quote myself as follows (LOL, yeah, right, you guys believe *that*...):

'For a woman, having children without including their father in the equation post-conception has several routes. Artificial insemination is one, but the less expensive routes can still be pursued: have sex with a man/men "casually" and tell them they needn't use condoms because she's using birth control and STDs aren't a concern based on her last visit to the doctor. A less astute man may believe her and become a father without ever knowing it. For financing, she can file for "public assistance", or pursue a child support order, assuming she is ready to tell the father that he is one.

Men have no such options. If a woman with a child is married to the father, there's always no-fault divorce and the high likelihood she'll get custody (with child support) and possibly alimony, either indefinitely or at least for some time. Wilful paternity fraud is possible, especially in places where men have no right to a paternity test or if actual paternity becomes irrelevant after some time period. Several options for her, but not for him.

So unsurprisingly, ectogenesis appeals to men seeking a safer path to parenthood. But before concluding this, consider a few things.

An artificial uterus is a device, not a right. As long as women can still do to men what has been described above and men's recourse is either limited or non-existent, men's rights in this area remain unchanged. Ectogenesis does not provide men the right to a "paper abortion", a legal right to renounce parental rights (such as they are) and obligations (a lot of those) within a given time after a man is named the father by the mother or the state, as does women's option to abort. Not much changes for men, rights-wise, with ectogenesis.'

India: Committee to study bogus cases filed by women against men

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This is a step being taken in India in an attempt to give justice to falsely-accused men.

'Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar today said in the Assembly that a committee comprising women legislators Alina Saldanha (state environment minister) and Jeniffer Monserratte (Congress MLA) and women police officers would be formed to study the issue of bogus cases filed by women against men.

The issue was raised by former Chief Minister Digambar Kamat, who pointed out a case where a boy was falsely accused of molestation by a girl.

"The boy was not even allowed to make a phone call to his family. He had just dashed the girl by accident in a bus. The girl called up police and when he got down at Panaji bus stand, he was arrested," Kamat said.

Parrikar said that in a few cases women were found to have used the existing laws in this way. "Ninety per cent of the cases (of sexual assault against men) are genuine, but in some cases, the man may have been trapped," he said.'

Men punished in sexual misconduct cases on colleges campuses are fighting back

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men punished for sexual misconduct in the wave of cases sweeping college campuses are fighting back against what they call unfair student disciplinary systems and publicity that threatens to shatter their reputations.

The current and former college students describe themselves as victims of false accusations amid a national campaign — led by the White House — to stamp out sexual violence on campuses. While the federal push to increase awareness of sexual assault is aimed at keeping students safe and holding the nation's colleges and universities accountable, some of the accused say the pressure on their schools has led to an unfair tipping of the scales against them.

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Debate over campus sex assault has exploded as college students and officials nationwide confront questions about what constitutes consent for sex and what behavior fuels a culture that tolerates or trivializes rape. The issues play out in an arena of young people living on their own for the first time and learning to make choices when alcohol and drugs are often in the mix. When details of disputed sexual encounters are injected into that debate, especially those that identify the accused, the situation intensifies. Individual reputations can be torched.'

Anger management and community service for feminist professor who attacked pro-life students

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Mireille Miller-Young, a professor of feminist studies at the University of California Santa Barbara, has been sentenced for attacking pro-life students and stealing a large sign they made for a peaceful protest on campus.

After Miller-Young and three students grabbed the sign, two pro-lifers, Joan and Thrin Short, turned on their cellphone camera and followed the group while calling the police to report the sign stolen.
...
Miller-Young was convicted of battery, grand theft and vandalism in July, and was sentenced on Saturday to 10 hours of anger management, 108 hours of community service, three years probation and fined nearly $500, according to Christian News Wire.'

Sexual-Assault Report: Yale Uses ‘Hearsay,’ ‘Scarlet Letter’ Against Accused

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Johnson noted several irregularities in an essay for Minding the Campus, a Manhattan Institute project.

The informal process was used in seven assault cases this past semester, and zero in the previous report, Johnson said. He called it a “Scarlet Letter” approach in which an accused student’s inability to present evidence makes it “almost impossible” to avoid “being branded a rapist,” but the penalties are more limited, Johnson said.

One of the two accused students found “not culpable” – meaning Yale judged it “more likely than not he was the subject of a false allegation” – was still punished, Johnson noted.

The one-way no-contact order means that “if the two happen to enroll in the same course, the accused student would need to drop the class; or if the two happened to be assigned to the same dorm, the accused student would have to move,” Johnson said.

“In the several years” of the Yale reports, “there never has been any indication that Yale has punished even one student for filing a false claim of sexual assault,” Johnson said.

Yale also appears to have an “extraordinarily broad” definition of sexual assault, as shown by a lighter punishment – a one-year suspension – given to one student found guilty, Johnson said. The punishment “strongly suggests that his actual offense was not ‘sexual assault’” and yet the finding will likely prevent him from getting “any job that involves a background check that would access his college transcript.”

Even worse for another student was Yale expelling him after his accuser went to an administrator but declined to file a formal complaint, Johnson said: Yale continued the case, relying on the “hearsay” of the administrator to the Title IX coordinator.'

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and the cost of sexual assault on college campuses

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., one of the co-sponsors of a Senate bill targeting campus sexual assault, tweeted out an article Tuesday that defended her bill, writing that she agreed with the author that the cost of campus sexual assaults outweighs any cost included in implementing the bill.

...

What Zhang misses is the fact that since CASA only focuses on accusers, the probability that colleges and universities will see more lawsuits from accused students will outweigh the cost of the bill and possibly even the penalty for noncompliance. Already there are more than 30 young men across the country suing their universities for what they claim was a denial of due process, and if CASA passes, putting more pressure on universities to convict, that number could increase dramatically.

Zhang also tries to shame the U.S. by comparing the debunked “1-in-5 women will be sexually assaulted during their time in college” statistic to the global problem of violence against women. Except that 20 percent of college women have not been victims of sexual violence, so Zhang, and other CASA supporters, are trying to make the U.S. look as hostile toward women as countries like Saudi Arabia, where women aren’t even allowed to drive, or Pakistan, where "honor killings" are prevalent.

For her part, Gillibrand still has not answered questions about the lack of due process guarantees in CASA. Her spokesman, Glenn Kaplan, did reach out to the Washington Examiner to discuss the bill, but wouldn’t answer the questions provided to him as other senators’ offices had done.'

UK: Labour MP questions use of women-only shortlists and discovers consequences of dissent from feminist line

fathers4fairness · 24 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's been a bad week for me and my husband, Austin Mitchell, the Labour MP for Grimsby. He's been bullied and abused by his colleagues in his own party for daring to discuss the future of all-women shortlists.

'Sexist and misogynistic,' said Lucy Powell, Shadow Children's Minister. 'It's the old, cloth-eared, macho politics,' growled Labour aristocrat Dame Tessa Jowell. And Hull East Labour MP Karl Turner joined the ladies, describing his neighbour and colleague as 'self-serving, chauvinistic, antiquated'.

Austin has been battered all over the media since his article in last week's Mail on Sunday where he gave his views on selecting many Labour candidates for next year's Election from all-women shortlists (AWS). Shadow Attorney General Emily Thornberry MP weighed in with 'suspect his wife Linda is not amused either, is she?'.

You're right, Emily. I'm not.

I have, for as long as I can remember, been a feminist. And I have, from their inception before the 1997 Election, been an enthusiastic supporter of AWS. Of the 120 women who became MPs in 1997, 101 were Labour. They changed the face of Westminster for ever. I was so thrilled I wrote a book, Westminster Women.

However, there have been some disturbing trends of late: seats where only one or two women applied, seats fixed in advance for favoured daughters. AWS should not become the 'old boy network' in a skirt. Most concerning of all, it appears to have become untouchable. Any suggestion of change or modification is howled down and treated with derision.'

NPO: Our Gift for Shared Parenting

Matt · 25 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Each year, we give $5,000 to an organization we consider most worthy. This year, we have selected National Parents Organization and we intend to become regular contributors.

Since 2009, we have worked with six young men who have aged out of foster care. They refer to us as their grandparents. They are all now 26-years old. Over the years, we have seen them struggle to have joint custody or even visitation rights.

The women have often accused them of spousal abuse. Often, the women have hurt themselves to show the police “what he did to me.” The police and the courts always believe the women. One young man, whom we’ll call Roger, had his bail set at $100,000. We hired a lawyer, who had the bail reduced to $10,000 because the woman was a felon. Had we not hired this lawyer, the young man would still be in prison.'

Family Law Reform Conference planned for November 2014

Matt · 25 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Announcement here. Excerpt:

'The conference opens at 9:00 am, Nov 15th and concludes at 4:30 pm Nov 16th.

- Child Support – Who Benefits?
- The Constitutional rights of Parents
- Do Our Family Laws Reconcile With Modern Social Trends?
- The Impact of Domestic Violence and Parental Alienation on Custody
- Mediation vs. Litigation for Family Law Matters
- Are Family Courts the New Mafia?

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Location is Alexandria, VA.

Nonprofit supports rights of those accused of campus sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sherry Warner Seefeld spent nearly three months worrying that her son would end up in the state penitentiary.

“I saw not just his career and future damaged, but more importantly, his emotional and psychological health destroyed,” said the Fargo mother and sociology teacher. “I hurt for Caleb so much.”

In January 2010, Caleb Warner was accused of sexually assaulting another University of North Dakota student. While he was never charged with a crime, the next month Warner was kicked out of UND after a Student Relations Committee found him in violation of criminal sexual assault laws and “conducting himself in a manner that significantly endangers the health or safety of members of the university community.”
...
She and two other mothers who say their sons were falsely accused of sexual misconduct recently formed a national nonprofit organization called Families Advocating for Campus Equality to provide a support system for other families going through what they experienced and to bring awareness to what they call a “lack of fair and balanced safeguards within campus hearings.”
...
Two and a half months after Warner received the letter from UND’s Student Relations Committee stating that he was being suspended from the university and banned from campus and university activities for three years, Warner’s accuser, Jessica Murray, was charged with making a false report to law enforcement and a warrant was issued for her arrest, according to court documents.

Warner was never charged. There is still a warrant out for the arrest of Murray, who was living in California when the court documents were filed in May 2010.
...
In the meantime, Warner’s future was derailed, his mother said. He lost a job he loved — helping coach high school wrestling — and he was forced to quit another job because he couldn’t set foot on campus.
...
She said while her son can go back to UND, he never will, and he’s not sure whether he’ll ever go back to college.

He also said he doesn’t ever want to get married or have children, Warner Seefeld said.

“It’s hard for him to trust again,” she said.

He cannot talk about what happened without it affecting him for months, she said.

“It crushed his spirit in ways that are unimaginable,” Warner Seefeld said. “He sobbed on the floor for hours.”'

When ‘Yes Means Yes': Assembly Passes Campus Sexual-Assault Bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'California is on the brink of becoming the first state to define when “yes means yes” while investigating sexual assaults on college campuses.

A bill doing so, SB967, passed the Assembly on a 52-16 vote Monday as states and universities across the U.S. are under pressure to change how they handle rape allegations. It now heads back to the Senate for what is expected to be a final vote on amendments.

The bill by state Sen. Kevin De Leon, D-Los Angeles, changes the definition of consent for campuses investigating sexual assault cases by requiring “an affirmative, unambiguous and conscious decision” by each party to engage in sexual activity. That marks a shift from the popular sexual-assault prevention refrain, “no means no.”
...
“This bill goes so far past what is acceptable for government to regulate,” said Assemblywoman Kristin Olsen, R-Modesto, a former vice president of marketing at California State University, Stanislaus. “It will just become another one of the many laws in California that always lead to litigation.”
...
“Frequently these cases involve two individuals, both of whom maybe were under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and it can be very tricky to ascertain whether consent was obtained,” Meloy told The Associated Press earlier this month.

SB967 also requires colleges and universities to adopt “victim-centered” sexual-assault response policies and implement comprehensive programs to prevent assault.'

Neighborhood put under lockdown for hours due to false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Deputies said an Orange County woman's fake 911 call forced an entire neighborhood into lockdown on Thursday.

For nearly two hours, the Normandy Shores subdivision, on Silver Star Road, appeared to be under siege.

The fuss broke out after a woman called 911 and claimed she was being raped.

A resident, who did not want to be identified, said deputies thought he was the rapist.

"They drew the guns and told me to get down," he said. "Put the handcuffs on me real tight. I fit the description because I has in a white tank top and I (am) black with dreads."

Turns out the man wasn't the suspect, because the whole rape claim was a hoax.

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Deputies have not released the woman's name.

The man who claimed deputies wrongly held him at gunpoint said he plans to file a complaint with internal affairs.'

Fact Sheet: Obama Administration Record for Women and Girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent decades, women's participation in the workforce has transformed the American economy. Today, nearly half of all primary breadwinners are women, and since 1970, women's labor has contributed $13,000 to the median family income and expanded the economy by $2 trillion dollars. Young women today are also more likely than young men to graduate college, and just as likely to earn advanced degrees. Yet, despite these gains, women still earn just 77 cents for every dollar men earn, and women of color earn even less making it more difficult to provide for their families and secure the promise of the American dream. Women also experience unacceptably high levels of violence, from domestic abuse to sexual assault, and gender disparities persist in health care access and workplace policies.
...
Improving the Juvenile Justice System's Response to Girls: The number of girls arrested has grown by 50 percent since 1980; and Native American girls are four times more likely, and African American girls are three times more likely, to be incarcerated than white girls. To help address this disparity, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) supported multiple projects to better meet the needs of girls in the juvenile justice system. Projects include an effort to improve services for system-involved girls and develop gender-responsive, trauma-informed policies and practices, as well as a study to better understand the impact of juvenile justice system involvement on adolescent maturation, trajectories of delinquency, and young adult adjustment among females. OJJDP will also evaluate the Young Women Leaders Program, a one-on-one and group-based mentoring program to prevent delinquency and related outcomes in at-risk girls.'

Student accused of filing false assault report

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A USC Upstate student is accused of falsely reporting she was the victim of an assault and attempted robbery Tuesday night.

Kendall Ashley Settlemyre, 22, of 226 Samara St, Spartanburg, is charged with filing a false police report of a felony violation. While being interviewed for a follow-up investigation, she confessed to lying about the incident as a result of having an argument with her roommate, said Lt. Kevin Bobo of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.
...
Deputies were concerned about her original accounts since five officers were at the complex at the time of the alleged incident for a call concerning a loud party, Bobo said in a statement. Follow-up interviews cast even more doubt on Settlemyre's accounts, deputies said.

Settlemyre was arrested and charged Thursday afternoon. She was taken to the Spartanburg County jail for booking.'

It Was a Wild and Crazy Summer of Criminalizing Campus Sex

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Students returning to class this fall, consider yourselves warned: This was the summer that federal regulators, state lawmakers, and college administrators got together for a threesome—incidentally criminalizing campus sex in the process.

...

Colleges are definitely responding to the pressure. Consider Occidental College, which pursued a rape case against a male student for having drunken sex with a female student. Investigators determined that the encounter was consensual, but administrators pursued sanctions anyway, insisting that the female student's consent was invalidated because she had been drinking. The argument makes no sense—if all drunken sex constitutes rape, then both the accused and the accuser are equally guilty. Nevertheless, the male student was expelled.

...

Caroline Kitchens, a senior research associate at the American Enterprise Institute who frequently writes about the travesty of campus sexual assault trials, told Reason that colleges, at the federal government's insistence, are codifying "a sexual double standard whereby all men are presumed rapists."

"In an effort to address sexual assault, college campuses are on the verge of entering into an Orwellian nightmare in which all sexual encounters are policed and students accused of misconduct are guilty until proven innocent," she said.

...

Whether FACE and other civil libertarian groups can turn the tide remains to be seen. But for now, the summer when the government criminalized campus sex is likely to give way to an autumn when everyone will sue everyone else over what happens behind the closed doors of college dorm rooms.'

The Long Rebound for Darrell Williams

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Article here. Excerpt:

'His dream survives even now, even after everything that has happened, even after all the indignities he has endured. In the dream, he rises in his graduation gown, cloaked in the black and orange of the school he loves. An announcer intones the names, his voice reverberating in a packed auditorium. One after another, the graduates clutch the dean's hand and grasp their diplomas. On this day, Darrell Williams is just another student, a little taller than most, but just another face in a sea of thousands. He moves the tassel from one side of his mortarboard to the other. And he smiles his big smile. The nightmare is over. His honor is restored. He is free.

It is true he is no longer a felon, no longer a convicted sex offender. No longer is he required to register with police anywhere he calls home. No longer is he restricted from hanging out in a public park. No longer is he forced to take a test to measure his chances for recidivism—that is, for again committing the kind of sexual assault he has insisted from day one he never committed in the first place.'

Brazilian town populated only by women say men are allowed - if they abide by the rules

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Noiva do Cordeiro in south east Brazil is home to 600 women, mainly aged between 20 and 35.

While some are married, their husbands are forced to work away from home and can only return on weekends.

Sons are sent away at the age of 18, and no other men are allowed to live full-time in the town, which is located in a remote valley.

The settlement dates back to the 1890s, when a young woman and her family were excommunicated from the Catholic church after she was accused of adultery when she left a man she had been forced to marry.

Slowly, more single women and mother-only families joined the community, and several attempts by men to interfere with their way of life only strengthened their desire to live in a strictly female environment.
...
"We'd like to get to know men who would leave their own lives and come to be a part of ours.

"But first they need to agree to do what we say and live according to our rules."
...
"There are lots of things that women do better than men. Our town is prettier, more organised, and far more harmonious than if men were in charge.'

India: Companies hire only women if female talent quits

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Making up for the loss of a woman talent with another woman hire is the new mantra at corporate India which is going all out to improve upon its gender diversity ratio at the workplace.

Sodexo India, Fluor, an engineering, procurement and construction maintenance firm, and Pitney Bowes, a global technology company, follow such a practice of replacing a woman employee with another woman employee.

Gender ratios are currently skewed towards male employees even in some of the most progressive organizations today. There appears to be a sense of urgency with which companies are adopting new practices to improve their gender ratios.

"We have come up with a new practice of replacing a woman with a woman. If we lose out on a woman employee, we will ensure that she is replaced by another woman employee so that we maintain our gender diversity. We will, however, not compromise on quality," said Rohini Anand, senior VP & global chief diversity officer for Sodexo.'

Joe Biden cries out in horror at brutal oppression of his granddaughters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"I will not rest until my granddaughters have every single right my son & my grandsons have." - Joe Biden

It is 2014. The chairman of the Federal Reserve — one of the most powerful people in the world — is a woman. So are the Chief Executive Officers of IBM, General Motors, Yahoo, Hewlett-Packard, and Lockheed Martin. The president of Harvard University is a woman, as is the president of Intel. There are currently 3 women on the U.S. Supreme Court,20 in the U.S. Senate, and 79 in the U.S. House. The next President of the United States could well be a woman.

Despite all this, Vice President Joe Biden says his granddaughters have fewer rights than his sons and grandsons. Just look at the photo, above. There they are. Looking up longingly at … something.

Freedom. Equality. To Biden's granddaughters and millions of other oppressed American women, those are just hollow phrases. Because, subjugation.

Sure, to the outsider it may look as though Biden's jet-setting granddaughters are among the most privileged people on the planet. But that's just a mirage, a farce. The cruel reality is far, far different. Truly, it's a wonder these two subjugated girls can even stand up considering the heavy burden of the oppression they face day in and day out. No wonder the granddaughter on the right is leaning up against the railing behind her.'

Is 'unbecoming' becoming a sexist word? Warren Tolman apologizes after calling opponent Maura Healey unbecoming during debate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Democratic attorney general candidate Warren Tolman apologized on Wednesday if anyone was offended by his use of the word "unbecoming" to describe his opponent Maura Healey's criticism of his private sector record, as female Healey supporters blasted the comment as "sexist."
...
Tolman used the word during a Boston Globe Opinion debate Tuesday as Healey criticized him for not being forthcoming about his registration as a federal lobbyist while working as an attorney at Holland & Knight.

The episode conjured memories of a 2002 debate when former candidate for governor Mitt Romney drew the ire of prominent women like Teresa Heinz Kerry and Hillary Clinton for describing then Treasurer Shannon O'Brien's attacks on his abortion position as "unbecoming."

"If anyone listened to the debate or watched the debate they know that was not my intention, but I'm always sorry if something I say offends someone," Tolman told the News Service on Wednesday. "The point I was trying to make is that she continues to make accusations that are just not backed up by the facts and she knows it."'

"Men Suck at Being Sick"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'And I'm going on record to say that it's not just my husband. I'm prepared to throw a large majority of men under the bus here, although not Clint Eastwood or my grandfather. So there are of course exceptions.

But according to women everywhere, men just can't handle the pain. They wheeze and whine, they moan and complain, they need fretting over and fussing, while the wives nurse the baby while standing up, cooking dinner and overseeing homework, all with a 103 temperature, a broken leg and three broken arms. Yeah, three.

It makes me rethink some of the turns of phrase I randomly use without thinking like, "Take it like a man," or "man up." How did these become part of the vernacular? I think "Take it like woman" is more appropriate, and from now on I'm telling my boys to "Mom up," because if there's something we know how to do, it's suffer.'

CDC seeking comments: Specifications for Medical Examinations of Coal Miners

Minuteman · 29 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'With this action, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in accordance with a final rule recently published by the Department of Labor's Mine Safety andHealth Administration (MSHA), is amending its regulations to establish standards for the approval of facilities that conduct spirometry examinations and to require that all coal mine operators submit a plan for the provision of spirometry and X-ray examinations to all surface and underground coal miners.

...

All mining work generates fine particles of dust in the air. Coal miners who inhale excessive dust are known to develop a group of diseases of the lungs and airways, including silicosis, and Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis (CWP), and the chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, including chronic bronchitis and emphysema. (1) To address such threats to the U.S. coal mining workforce, the Coal Mine Health and Safety Act was enacted in 1969 (Pub. L. 91-173) and amended by the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-164, 30 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) (Mine Act). The statutes included an enforceable 2 milligrams per cubic meter limit on respirable dust exposure during underground coal mine work (30 U.S.C. 842(b)(2)). (2) The science available at that time indicated that enforcement of this limit would greatly reduce the development of CWP, but could not ensure that all miners would be protected from developing disabling or lethal disease.'

College Administrators Need Refresher Course in Due Process Under the Law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is more than college football on the minds of university administrators and students as the fall semester begins. Many large and small universities are finding themselves acting as judge and jury to consider allegations of sexual misconduct. The rush to judgment, in which there is a presumption of guilt upon the accused, ignores the judicial tradition of due process and innocent until proven guilty, is due in part to a bill before the U.S. Congress and a White House task force charged with investigating ways to prevent campus sexual assaults. These actions are focusing national attention on an issue academia would prefer to keep within the confines of their ivy covered walls.
...
Joining the fray, and stirring the proverbial tempest in a teapot, is Senator Claire McCaskill (D-Missouri) who recently introduced the Campus Accountability and Safety Act (CASA), which even victim of assaults organizations view as one-sided and denying due process to the accused. CASA would limit the right of law enforcement officials to investigate sexual assault allegations, unless and until the accuser agrees. This means campus disciplinary panels can control the destiny of the accused, even when they lack the qualifications to make a fair judgment. At one college, The Director of Food Services was drafted from the campus cafeteria to determine whether an occasion of drunken sex between two students rose to the level of rape.'

Spain: Mayor's warning to men re false accusations bring resignation demands

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Hundreds of people have hung bras around Valladolid's city hall in a protest to demand the resignation of the Spanish city's mayor after he warned men to be wary of false accusations of sexual assault.

Monday's protest came days after mayor Francisco Javier León de la Riva told a Spanish radio station that rape allegations should be carefully scrutinised. "Sometimes it's the other way around. Imagine you get into an elevator and there is a girl who is out to get you. She enters with you, tear off her bra or skirt and flees, shouting that you have tried to assault her," he said. "Beware of this kind of thing."

The mayor, from the conservative People's party, said women bear some of the responsibility in avoiding assault. Noting that "you can't have a police officer in every park," he said "at six in the morning a young woman should be careful of where she goes."'

Also see here about Femen's egg-throwing contrubution to the protest.

Make A Sex Tape To Protect Yourself From Rape Allegations In California

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Article here. Excerpt:

'California's so-called "yes means yes" legislation, which returned to the state Senate for a vote on Assembly amendments, would require college students to get "affirmative" and ongoing consent during sexual encounters.

How exactly a person can prove such consent following a sexual-assault allegation is anyone's guess, including a bill co-sponsor's. One expert's plausible suggestion: Make a sex tape every time.

Brooklyn College history professor K.C. Johnson, co-author of a book on the Duke lacrosse rape case, told the Washington Examiner that "recording the entire sexual encounter" from start to finish may be the only foolproof solution:

Of course, Johnson noted, "such a recording could in and of itself violate criminal law and college policies."

As for ensuring that consent is "ongoing," Johnson said "California students would be wise to interpret the measure as stringently as possible — that is, there must be consent for every single stage of the activity."

And Johnson believes that consent would have to be verbal, since colleges and universities could claim the accused "misinterpreted a non-verbal cue."'

Canada: Former teacher's sex with 15-YO student gets her 20 months in jail

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Story here. Why didn't she get 10 years? Excerpt:

'Tania Pontbriand, a married former physical education teacher who had an affair with a 15-year-old student, has been sentenced to 20 months in prison.

She was handed an 18-month sentence for two counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, and 20 months for sexual assault.

Pontbriand was sentenced by Judge Valmont Beaulieu in a Gatineau, Quebec courtroom on Friday morning.

The 15-year-old told police that he and Pontbriand had slept together over 200 times from 2002 to 2004.

Pontbriand, 43, began the relationship with the boy when she was 32 and he was 15.

She abruptly broke up with him in 2004 and he kept their affair secret until he told his mother in 2007.
...
The maximum sentence she could have received is 10 years in jail.'

Police shootings and the "men connection"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is the most most heinous thing I've learned in my two years compiling Fatal Encounters. You know who dies in the most population-dense areas? Black men. You know who dies in the least population dense areas? Mentally ill men. It's not to say there aren't dangerous and desperate criminals killed across the line. But African-Americans and the mentally ill people make up a huge percentage of people killed by police.

And if you want to get down to nut-cuttin' time, across the board, it's poor people who are killed by police. (And by the way, around 96 percent of people killed by police are men.)'

UK: Domestic abuse offence could cover emotional as well as physical harm

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A new criminal offence of domestic abuse could be introduced to include emotional and psychological harm inflicted by a partner within a relationship.

The government launched a consultation on Wednesday to look at strengthening the law by explicitly stating that domestic abuse covers coercive and controlling behaviour as well as physical harm.
...
The consultation document says that police fail to see abuse, particularly in its nonviolent form, as a serious crime, adding: "Creating a specific offence of domestic abuse may send a clear, consistent message to frontline agencies that nonviolent control in an intimate relationship is criminal.

"Explicitly capturing this in legislation may also help victims identify the behaviour they are suffering as wrong and encourage them to report it, and cause perpetrators to rethink their controlling behaviour."'

Is Maryland Insurance Admin'n leadership a ‘girls-only’ club?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is executive-level leadership at the Maryland Insurance Administration a “girls-only” club, virtually excluding men who are hired or promoted to top posts at the state government agency a mere 8% of the time?

Under Commissioner Goldsmith, the organization chart published by MIA or posted on the state website shows 22 total positions available, including deputy and associate commissioners, and their immediate support staff.

Of those 22 available positions, one is vacant. Of the remaining 21 positions, 18 are filled by women and three by men. One of the men is technically part of the state attorney general’s office, which means of the 21 positions directly under and appointed by the insurance commissioner, 18 are filled by women and two by men.

That’s an executive-level staffing ratio of 87% women and 13% men.

Surely, you say, many of those are holdovers from previous administrations.

Not so. Since Goldsmith took office in 2011, there has been more than a 50% turnover or promotion rate at the MIA at the executive or division head level, according to information posted on the state’s website.

Since 2011, Goldsmith made 12 executive level appointments and promotions. Of those 12, all were women except one: Goldsmith appointed or promoted women to top executive level positions 92% of the time, and appointed or promoted men only 8% of the time.

A deliberate employment practice, or coincidence?

Apparently, at least a few individuals felt strongly enough about the disparate gender staffing to contact this website.'

NPO: Shared Parenting Solves Child Support Delinquency

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Twenty-one years ago this month, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed August as National Child Support Enforcement Month but in doing so focused attention on the symptom of a greater problem — a family court system that discourages shared parenting and gender equality in instances of divorce or separation.

As an increasing amount of research on parental roles has emerged in recent years, it has become clear in hindsight that family courts should focus instead on what children benefit from most — equal time with both their parents, even in instances of divorce or separation. By doing so, they would resolve not only delinquencies associated with “child support” in the financial sense, but also problems tied to gender inequality and, most importantly, the court’s continued practice of depriving children from the countless benefits associated with constant love and caring from both their parents.

Still, our family courts operate relying on precedent set in the 50s and look past research that shows clearly that shared parenting benefits the entire modern family. In the latest example, for instance, the American Psychological Association published a University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center paper by Richard Warshak earlier this year, titled “Social Science and Parenting Plans for Young Children: A Consensus Report,” that concluded “a broad consensus of accomplished researchers and practitioners agree that, in normal circumstances, the evidence supports shared residential arrangements for children under 4 years of age whose parents live apart from each other.” The paper was endorsed by an international group of 110 top experts in early child development.'

Is this the generation that rejects circumcision?

Matt · 30 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A debate has come into being quietly here about the place of Brit Milah (the ritual circumcision of Jewish baby boys on the eighth day after birth). The debate is not taking place abroad, not in “anti-Semitic” Germany, but here in the State of Israel. When one mother refused to have her son circumcised, the rabbinical court tried to force her to do so, and the High Court of Justice countered the rabbis in the name of liberty.

...

I approached the topic with a great deal of curiosity, and conducted a kind of man-in-the-street poll for several weeks. I asked my questions with care and got detailed responses. The many answers I received all pointed in a single direction: that the institution of circumcision is coming to an end. Or, to be more precise, the institution of circumcision has no real hold among the segment of the Israeli population that is not conservative and religiously observant.

...

Generations of Jews have lived since those ancient commandments were almost completely abolished. Here are the facts: there is no Jewish death penalty. We do not put out eyes or cut off hands. There are no rabbinic executioners, or people who amputate limbs for violations of Jewish law. All that are left are the mohalim – those who are specially trained to perform circumcisions.

Ritual circumcision is the only act of physical harm that remains. For how much longer?

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Let us conclude with a paradox. An important part of the religious argument against abortion is the fetus’ right to life. According to this argument, the fetus is a living creature in every way. And, they claim, every child – inside or outside the womb – has the right to be born and to live.

So if the fetus, which is connected to the placenta, already has rights within the womb and may not be harmed for religious reasons, how is it possible to harm him, for religious reasons, from the moment he is born?'

Feminists' Failure on Rotherham

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Presumably the advent of a nail polish capable of detecting date-rape drugs in one's cocktail would mark a high-water point in the empowerment of women against predatory men. Not so fast: The feminist backlash against the product has been vehement. According to ThinkProgress, such an innovation "actually reinforces a pervasive rape culture in our society."

Feminists of the vocal, bathe-in-male-tears sort find proof of "rape culture" all about: in newspaper satire, in '80s movies, in the verb "to force." So one would think news that between 1997 and 2013 at least 1,400 children in Rotherham, England *[link added]*, were victims of sexual exploitation would confirm the feminist narrative and ignite their righteous fury.

Not so fast.

...

In Rotherham there is a real-life "rape culture." But you will not learn anything new about it from Salon Daily Beast, Jezebel, or Slate. It has gone unmentioned at Feministing, Bitch Media, or the Feminist Majority Foundation. There have been no outraged op-eds from Jenny Kutner, Jessica Valenti, or Samantha Leigh Allen.

These are, apparently, not the rapes they are looking for.

It is hard not to interpret the feminist blogosphere's silence on Rotherham as an indication of the movement's ultimate lack of seriousness. Perhaps they are not interested in confronting the ethnic and religious homogeneity of many of the perpetrators: Emma and the majority of the 1,400 victims were abused by "Asian" men — i.e., Muslim men typically from Rotherham's Pakistani community. Local government leaders, social services, and law enforcement — for fear of being labeled racist — ignored numerous reports they received.

Or perhaps the rapes of young girls overseas are of no particular interest. The victims were, after all, often in and out of government housing, truant or absent from school, and sometimes around domestic violence. Many had gone serially missing. They are not the upper-class types likely to fall victim to sexist fraternity pranks. They are not prospective Salon readers.

...

... When a glut of horrifying crimes against women is revealed, feminist talking heads do not have the moral seriousness required to confront it.

In the end, it's just a whole lot easier to talk about nail polish.'

Columnist: Man should leave abusive marriage now

Matt · 30 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Remarkable in that she ran a F-->M DV advice letter. Most requests for advice re DV from men to advice columnists get discarded. If inclined, please take a minute to thank Amy Dickinson* for answering it. Excerpt:

'You are being verbally and physically abused. Your wife is controlling your movements and policing your money. Every time you seem ready to leave, she manipulates you into staying. Your friends and your daughters have urged you to get out.

Please seek professional help immediately. Your marriage has already stolen your sense of well-being; this relationship is bad for your mental, emotional and physical health. It is also bad for your baby grandson to witness his grandmother screaming at you. Protect him by separating.'

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* http://amydickinson.com/contact. It's a bit hard to catch, but her email address is on the page: Askamydaily [at] gmail.com.

Nancy Pelosi Says American Women Always Victims: 'Starved,' 'Force-Fed'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'According to CNS News.com, on Thursday, Pelosi said on a conference call that American women have been victims throughout the history of the nation.

“It was a struggle all the way,” Pelosi said. “Women marched. Women starved. Women were starved. Women were force-fed. Women could barely speak up in their own homes.”

She continued:

"Women left their homes to take the message. And it was successful, and the right to vote, again, so precious, so hard fought. ... We hope women will continue to exercise forcefully, because then all of the issues we care about, whether it's equal pay for equal work, paid sick leave, affordable quality child care, raising the minimum wage, women's health and--and safety issues will all be well-served."

Democrats are pushing their agenda, titled “When Women Succeed, America Succeeds,” and they hope to win the female vote by convincing women they are victims and can only succeed with the government by their side throughout their lives.

While Pelosi addressed the government's giving women “freedom” from “oppressive student loans” and the importance of affordable child care, Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA) discussed women’s paid sick leave, the Violence Against Women Act, and free birth control now available through Obamacare.'

The Ed Show 08/29/14: Inside the Congressional ‘boys club’

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Video here.

At time mark 7:06: "Testosterone rots the brain" -- John Fugelsang

Australian Dept. of Health: "More Support for Patients with Prostate Cancer"

Minuteman · 31 August 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The Australian Government is funding 14 specialist prostate cancer nurses to provide support for patients, their families and carers, particularly in rural and regional areas.

Minister for Health, Peter Dutton said prostate cancer was the most common form of cancer affecting Australian men (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers), with 19,821 men diagnosed in 2010.
...
The Government has committed $6.2 million from 2013-14 to 2016-17 to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) to select sites, facilitate training and fund the placement of the 14 new positions.

The initiative will more than double – from 12 to 26 – the number of prostate cancer nurses employed through a pilot programme currently being run through the PCFA and the Movember Foundation.

Approximately 4,000 men and their families are expected to benefit from a Commonwealth-funded prostate cancer nurse over the four year programme.'

"Green Eggs and Man"

Matt · 1 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Book described here. Excerpt:

'We occupy an environment where the male sex is devalued and abused on a wholesale level. Males are mocked and belittled unceasingly. We ingest the besmirchment of males as a sex and slander with impunity: males are killers, rapists and opportunistic criminals lying in wait. Males are filthy, vile and disgusting. Males are cheating dogs, and chauvinistic pigs. Males have screwed up the world and subjugated all life thereupon.

This prejudice is epic, and every single person is on one side or the other of this bigotry. You think you understand the depths of our contempt for the male sex? You have no idea how deep the rabbit hole goes.

Mistreatment of males is the paramount struggle of our day.

So, here's where we are as a species: females are the producers of life and objects of unsurpassed beauty... guys are the mutants who amuse them and carry their heavy stuff.'

In First for Court, Woman Is Ruled Eligible for Asylum in U.S. on Basis of Domestic Abuse

Mastodon · 1 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No mention if men are afforded the same right. Excerpt:

'The nation's highest immigration court has found for the first time that women who are victims of severe domestic violence in their home countries can be eligible for asylum in the United States.
...
Since 1995, when federal officials first tried to set guidelines for the immigration courts on whether domestic abuse victims could be considered for asylum, the issue has been reviewed by four attorneys general, vigorously debated by advocates and repeatedly examined by the courts. With its published decision, unusual in the immigration courts, the appeals board set a clear precedent for judges.

"Women who have suffered violence in these cases can now rely on the legal principles established in this ruling," said Karen Musalo, a professor and director of the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies at the University of California's Hastings College of the Law, who was an adviser to Ms. Cifuentes. "A judge can no longer say, 'I believe these horrible things happened to you but this is just a criminal act, this is not persecution.'"'

"Male circumcision helps women too"

Mastodon · 1 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a South African community where large numbers of men had been circumcised, women who had sex only with circumcised partners had a 15 per cent lower risk of being infected by HIV compared with women who also had uncircumcised partners, it found.

"The risk reduction is small, but it is a start," said investigator Kevin Jean of France's National Agency for AIDS Research (ANRS).

The study was presented on the final day of the 20th International AIDS conference in Melbourne, Australia.
...
There was also good news from the questions on sex behaviour: men were unlikely to engage in unprotected intercourse after being circumcised, he said.

"What we are seeing is an indirect effect," he said. "Circumcision reduces HIV among men, and if fewer men are infected, they are less likely to infect women."

He stressed, though: "The message still has to be made that they use condoms."'

South Africa: "The Clever Dick campaign kicks off in the Cape"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A campaign to promote medical male circumcision has been stepped up in the Western Cape with the launch of two mobile surgical theatres.

Circumcision, which can be done in 30 minutes, protects men against HIV, as well as sexually transmitted infections.

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“We’re finding very few men are asking for MMC at clinics. We need to think out of the box – so we’ll be launching radio adverts and putting branding on taxis and spaza shops to encourage men to get medically circumcised through our 'Get Wise, Circumcise’ campaign,” said Nikki Soboil, CEO of SWHP.

A cartoon character, "Clever Dick" is the campaign’s ambassador.'

"Not Sexist to Leave Male Circumcision Out of the Debate and Only Focus on Female Genital Mutilation"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Male circumcision vs. FGM

A common question I am often asked is "Leyla, isn't male circumcision (MGM) just as bad as FGM? Is it not sexist to leave male circumcision out of the debate and only focus on female circumcision?"

Okay. Deep breath. Let me start by saying I do not think any child should be cut whether it's a boy or a girl. I do not agree with the practice of circumcising a male baby for non-medical reasons, as babies and children cannot give consent. Having said that, I cannot accept a comparison of male circumcision to FGM. The practices themselves, as well as the intent behind them, are fundamentally different. Allow me to explain.'

I Was Raised To Hate Men And Now I Don’t Know What To Think About Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'My mother’s brand of feminism went from wanting equal rights to wanting to smash the patriarchy, which she defined for my brother and me as “men’s historical oppression of women, which they continue to do today.” No man could escape complicity, not even little boys, she said. Suddenly, men were the root of all of women’s problems and since they had all the power, we had to fight them.

Men were always wrong. Men were aggressors; men were rapists; men were stupid; men were obsessed with their penises; men were responsible for forcing my mother into a heterosexual marriage and motherhood. Mary Daly and Andrea Dworkin had become her prophets. She never once said that “patriarchy” wasn’t synonymous with “men.” She used the terms interchangeably. She told us we’d been forced on her by the patriarchy and, given the choice, she would not have had us.

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Misandry as an ironic or non-ironic Feminist pose might be cathartic for a while, but it has nothing to do with achieving equality. And espousing outright hatred and contempt for all men to your children is not a feminist act. It’s tantamount to child abuse.'

SAVE's list of groups opposing California's college bedroom obsession grows

Matt · 1 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Called to my attention by our friends at SAVE, a frighteningly close representation of what may in fact one day be an official state document in California and who knows where else. The author is unknown, but clearly has a knack for ironic comedy. (Well, if you don't laugh, you'll cry, right?)

SAVE is keeping a list of groups that have issued statements in opposition to the Campus Accountability and Safety Act now waiting for California's governor's signature. We'll see what he does.

NPR's "All Things Considered" discusses men's rights and the Int'l Conf. on Men's Issues

StayingFit · 2 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

NPR's program "All Things Considered" today aired a segment on the Men's Rights Movement, which you can find here.

Four book/film reviews from Steven Svoboda

Matt · 3 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Steven Svoboda, NCFM Board member, attorney, and regular reviewer of works of interest to men's rights activists (and others) and advocate for genital integrity and children's rights, has sent along four new reviews of books and/or films. Always informative and entertaining, I look forward to reading them each time they arrive in my e-mailbox. Each review is in its own .pdf:

- A Call To Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power, President Jimmy Carter, 2014.
- Divorce Corp., Joseph Sorge with James Scurlock, 2013.
- Doyle's War: Save the Males, R. F. Doyle, 2013.
- Bedrooms, Backseats & Courtrooms: The Truth about Sex in America Today, Fathers by Choice, 2008.

DNC chairwoman Wasserman Schultz compares Gov. Scott Walker to a domestic abuser

Mastodon · 4 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'On Wednesday, Democratic National Committee chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz used some fairly graphic language to describe Republican Gov. Scott Walker during a visit to Wisconsin.

"Scott Walker has given women the back of his hand," Wasserman Schultz said at a roundtable discussion in Milwaukee on women's issue, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports. "I know that is stark. I know that is direct. But that is reality." She added: "What Republican Tea Party extremists like Scott Walker are doing is they are grabbing us by the hair and pulling us back. It is not going to happen on our watch."

In response, Republican Lt. Gov Rebecca Kleefisch said she was "shocked" that Wasserman Schultz used language that would normally describe domestic violence, in reference to Walker: "I think the remarks were absolutely hideous and the motive behind them was despicable."

The campaign of Walker's Democratic opponent, businesswoman Mary Burke — whom Wasserman Schultz was attempting to boost — distanced themselves from the comments. "That's not the type of language that Mary Burke would use, or has used, to point out the clear differences in this contest," said Burke press secretary Stephanie Wilson, who also added: "There is plenty that she and Governor Walker disagree on — but those disagreements can and should be pointed out respectfully."'

Some Accused Of Sexual Assault On Campus Say System Works Against Them

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After years of criticism for being too lax on campus sexual assault, some colleges and universities are coming under fire from students who say the current crackdown on perpetrators has gone too far.

Dozens of students who've been punished for sexual assault are suing their schools, saying that they didn't get a fair hearing and that their rights to due process were violated. The accused students say schools simply are overcorrecting.

...

"Right from the start, they treated me like I was the scum of the earth," says one young man, who was a sophomore at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst this past fall when he was told he was being investigated for sexual misconduct — and had just hours to move out of his dorm.

...

Attorney Andrew Miltenberg, who represents about a dozen men suing their schools, says UMass Amherst officials knew that the school was being investigated by the federal government, and they were desperate to prove it was not soft on sexual assault.

"I think 'witch hunt' is a dramatic phrase, but I would tell a group of young men right now, 'woe is to you if someone makes an allegation,' " Miltenberg says. "This young man was in the wrong place at the wrong time, in the sense that there was an attempt by the university officials to say, 'Oh, yeah? Well, watch how we do this one!'"'

Also see this at thecollegefix.com.

"Presumed Guilty"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Caleb Warner drives a delivery truck and may never finish college. Joshua Strange moved home and enrolled at a branch campus of the University of South Carolina after he was kicked out of Auburn University, his dream college. Zachary Hunt lost a $30,000 scholarship and his place on Denison University's football team.

All three young men were expelled after their colleges found them responsible for sexual assault. A national campaign against what some have called a rape culture on college campuses has brought attention to sexual violence, and to victims—typically women—who have long described being ignored. But others think the movement has gone too far, labeling some innocent students as rapists.

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"Fundamental fairness has become a pawn in the gender wars," says Judith E. Grossman, a mother who helped found the group, Families Advocating for Campus Equality. Her son, who graduated this spring from a small liberal-arts college, was accused last January by a former girlfriend of "nonconsensual sex." Ms. Grossman wrote to administrators and hired a lawyer; after a campus hearing, the college found her son not responsible.

"I am a feminist, and I believe one rape is one too many," says Ms. Grossman, who would not name her son or the institution. "But in their rush to judgment, colleges are now substituting one class of victims for another."

...

The problem with that reasoning, say lawyers representing those accused, is that colleges often apply it in cases in which both parties were drunk but not incapacitated. "If the university poorly distinguishes between being merely intoxicated and being incapacitated—and many do—it's discriminatory to charge only the man," says Mr. Sokolow. But that is what often happens, he says.'

For Men's Rights Groups, Feminism Has Come At The Expense Of Men

Mastodon · 4 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This summer, a few hundred men and a handful of women gathered in a VFW hall near Detroit to attend what organizers billed as the first International Conference on Men's Issues.

The crowd wasn't huge, but it was enthusiastic. The event was a real-world gathering organized by the website A Voice for Men, part of an informal collection of websites, chat rooms and blogs focused on what's known as the men's rights movement. Speaker after speaker insisted that history would remember this moment.

"It's happening here. It's happening now. It's happening with us," Warren Farrell, one of the keynote speakers, told the crowd. Farrell, who published The Myth of Male Power: Why Men Are the Disposable Sex in 1993, is often described as the intellectual father of the men's rights movement.

Leaders in the movement say they want to bring more attention to the problems of men and boys. Critics worry, however, that these sites are a breeding ground for misogyny.'

Women Against Feminism: Some women want equality without anger

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Do American women still need feminism? A controversial social media movement called Women Against Feminism features women explaining — mostly in “selfies” with handwritten signs — why they do not. Feminist responses have ranged from bafflement to vitriol or mockery to arguments that these women don’t know what feminism is. But while this new movement has its silly aspects, it raises some much-needed questions about feminism’s present and future state — and, in the weeks since it first attracted notice, many prominent feminists have helped validate some of the criticisms.

One might assume that Women Against Feminism is a traditionalist backlash against gender equality. Yet many of the women say they reject feminism precisely because they are pro-equality. A blogger who goes by AstrokidNJ has analyzed a week’s worth of posts on Women Against Feminism and found that 46 percent were egalitarian, 19 percent endorsed men’s issues, and 12 percent criticized feminist intolerance toward dissent. Only 23 percent reflected traditionalist views such as support for distinct sex roles, chivalry, or full-time motherhood.'

US half-brothers freed after 30 years for rape and murder they did not commit after new DNA evidence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two mentally disabled half-brothers were freed on Tuesday after serving three decades in a United States prison for the rape and murder of a child that they did not commit.

A judge in Robeson County said that Henry Lee McCollum, 50, North Carolina state's longest-serving death-row inmate, and Leon Brown, 46, were innocent of the 1983 rape and killing of 11-year-old Sabrina Buie after new DNA evidence came to light.

...

Following false confessions, McCollum was given a death sentence and Brown was serving life for the rape.

"This case highlights in a most dramatic manner the importance of finding the truth," said Ann Kirby, attorney for Brown.

"Today, truth has prevailed, but it comes 30 years too late for Sabrina Buie and her family, and for Leon, Henry, and their families.

"Their sadness, grief, and loss will remain with them forever."'

Five Feminist Myths That Will Not Die

Matt · 4 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Much of what we hear about the plight of American women is false. Some faux facts have been repeated so often they are almost beyond the reach of critical analysis. Though they are baseless, these canards have become the foundation of Congressional debates, the inspiration for new legislation and the focus of college programs. Here are five of the most popular myths that should be rejected by all who are genuinely committed to improving the circumstances of women:

MYTH 1: Women are half the world's population, working two-thirds of the world's working hours, receiving 10% of the world's income, owning less than 1% of the world's property.
...
MYTH 2: Between 100,000 and 300,000 girls are pressed into sexual slavery each year in the United States.
...
MYTH 3: In the United States, 22%–35% of women who visit hospital emergency rooms do so because of domestic violence.
...
MYTH 4: One in five in college women will be sexually assaulted.
...
MYTH 5: Women earn 77 cents for every dollar a man earns—for doing the same work.'

Canada: Mom of dead Alberta girl, 9, charged with abduction

fathers4fairness · 4 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'CALGARY - Charges of abduction and break and enter are pending against a woman whose nine-year-old daughter was found dead in a vehicle near Sundre, Alberta, this week.

Identified as Amber Lucius, 9, the girl's body was discovered in a vehicle on a rural road near Sundre -- about 116 km northwest of Calgary -- by RCMP on Tuesday.

...

Franks said a woman was found near the vehicle and taken into custody.

Laura Coward, 47, is now facing charges of break and enter to commit theft and abduction in contravention of a custody order.

Police said Coward is Lucius' mother.

When reached, family of the father, Duane Lucius, declined comment, but said the couple are in the midst of a divorce.'

Jewish Intactivist Miriam Pollack: "That which is not ethical, cannot be spiritual."

Matt · 5 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Miriam Pollack, MA, is one of the leading Jewish Intactivist scholars. A Jewish mother and active Jew, she was chosen as Intact America's Intactivst of the Month. Pollack has written for Tikkun, and been interviewed in BeyondTheBris.com. She has led talks with Eli Ungar Sargon, an Orthodox raised Intactivist on the subject. She is part of a group of Intactivist Jews who've made moral arguments for a shift in Jewish interpretation of the bris.

Pollack has lectured on Jewish Intactivism at conferences as early as the 1990's. She is one of more than 200 Bris Shalom celebrants, Jewish leaders who will hold a bris covenant ritual for intact Jewish boys. Pollack visits Israel frequently, and has also helped to connect Jewish Intactivists in Israel with the American movement. She has joined some Rabbis in making ethical and moral cases for an Intactivist interpretation of the Jewish covenant.'

Jewish Intactivist: Eliyahu Ungar-Sargon

Matt · 6 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Raised an Orthodox Jew in Massachusetts and then Israel, Eliyahu Ungar-Sargon has emerged as one of the leading intellectuals of American Jewish Intactivism. A filmmaker, his movie "Cut: Slicing Through the Myths of Circumcision" helped to introduce the subject of Intactivism to Jewish audiences in the United States. His movie received good reviews including within the Jewish press, and in the Jewish Intactivist community. His choice to keep his own son intact was the result of a serious Jewish and moral investigation of these issues.

His article, Outlawing Circumcision Good for the Jews?, appeared in the Jewish Daily Forward. Ungar-Sargon was chosen as Intact America's Intactivist of the Month. He writes and blogs about these issues regularly. He is one of a group of Jews, including scholar Dr. Leonard Glick, and Dr. Mark Reiss who sit on the board of Intact America, an organization working to make circumcision against the law in the United States.'

Is UMass-Amherst Biased Against Male Students In Title IX Assault Cases?

charlie · 6 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Something that you don't see very often: a story that actually tells the point of view of men without demonizing them. Excerpt:

'The University of Massachusetts at Amherst was one of the first of 55 institutes of higher education declared to be under investigation for Title IX violations over the way it handled sexual violence and assault. As a result, its ability to protect victims has been under intense scrutiny. However, two lawsuits against the university filed by male students who were expelled for misconduct—one for sexual, the other physical—alleged that the school struggles just as much to deliver justice for the accused.
...
In many ways, the trial reveals how men and women are judged differently when it comes to the mixing of sex and alcohol. This is an issue that is not limited to UMass. “I think in a lot of cases, there are gender stereotypes of who should be responsible for drunk interactions involving students engaging in sex, and it always falls on the male,” Kimberly Lau, who is also one of the attorneys for John Doe, tells The Daily Beast. “It's persecuting the male students and allowing females to escape scrutiny for voluntarily ingesting alcohol, as well.”
...
The fact that both male and female parties are violating the law and potentially impairing their ability to communicate and read others' intentions is the elephant in the room when it comes to alcohol and sexual consent. It is rarely considered that female students bear a level of responsibility, as well, in part because it is so controversial (the storm surrounding Emily Yoffe's column on drinking's association with sexual assault was infamously denounced across the web as pure and simple victim-blaming). But claiming alcohol exempts one party from giving consent, but does not excuse another from misinterpreting consent can create a problematic double standard.'

Canada: Men’s barbershop and woman they refused to serve both the target of threats

Matt · 6 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'“Should a man decide to join Curves, we would let him. It’s the law. However, it could place an uncomfortable tension in our centres for both male and female members,” Ms. Thompson said.

David Arnot, chief commissioner of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, said safety concerns could factor in to those types of gender-specific policies.

Mr. Arnot wouldn’t say whether his office had received a complaint, nor would he comment on the specific one.
...
“If you purport to discriminate against a person based on their gender, you run afoul of the human rights code,” Mr. Arnot said.

“Every case is different and every case has nuances to it.”'

Swiss university's ad for female-only prof applicants stirs controversy - but not much

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Swiss university is taking the “exceptional” step of advertising a job specifically for women to boost gender diversity among staff.

The dean at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne said that it was able to make the “aggressive” move because the post is sponsored by industry.

But an official from the Swiss Federal Office for Gender Equality has questioned the legality of the situation.
...
“Typically, openings are not gender-specific. This is exceptional,” Andersen said, adding that specifying gender in a job advertisement is not possible for Swiss government-funded university posts.

Andrea Binder, head of the legal division of the Swiss Federal Office for Gender Equality, said that under Swiss law, the exclusive hiring of women can be justified in exceptional circumstances, such as employing staff for a women’s refuge or for the purpose of promoting true gender equality in certain positions.

But she added that in the case of public employers, the latter move must also have a “specific legal basis” and questioned whether industry funding made a difference to the legality of the Lausanne posting.'

NPO: A Personal Message From Founder of NPO Ned Holstein

Matt · 7 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Please join me in a rare opportunity for personal growth and social reform: the Family Law Reform Conference hosted by Divorce Corp, November 15-16, 2014 in Alexandria, Virginia!

This will be an unprecedented opportunity for you to learn about family court trends, meet leaders in the reform movement, learn the latest research on shared parenting and other subjects that can help you, learn how to keep court costs down, and debate the best strategies for reforming the courts, child support agencies, and child protective services.

These conferences do not come along very often. The cost is modest, and this is the perfect time to purchase discount airfares. That is why you need to register right away.

If you are a leader of a National Parents Organization chapter or committee, it is very important that you attend. To paraphrase Woody Allen, 80% of leadership is showing up. I would like to meet you and get to know you over a beer.

When you register using the online registration form, please enter "National Parents Organization" where it asks for "Company." We need to know who among our leaders and members is coming.

See you in November!'

ISIS training boys to behead people

ThomasI · 7 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

According to this new report, ISIS is teaching children how to behead. The fact is that ISIS is teaching and brainwashing *boys* to behead. If the genders were reversed, there would be a further outcry re a worldwide war against women. Yet, when boys are trained to kill, we extend no sympathy to them. Excerpt:

'This summer, in his hometown of Raqqa, 13-year-old Mohammad was forced to attend a children's training camp established by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).

When his father opposed his son's conscription, ISIS fighters threatened to kill him. Mohammad left for camp, which his father describes as a form of “brainwashing the children.”

After his return, his mother says she was surprised to find in his bag a blond, blue-eyed doll – along with a large knife given to her son by his ISIS supervisors. When she confronted Mohammad, he told her that the camp manager had distributed the dolls and asked that the children decapitate them using the knife, and that they were asked to cover the dolls' faces when they performed the decapitation.'

16 Of The Most Evil Women In History

Matt · 8 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Presentation here. No direct links to particular entries, so you have to click through to see specific individuals. What strikes me is that even a recent one like Plavšić is news to me; did her deeds get coverage on US mainstream news? And just how does a war crimes tribunal pretty much just let her walk like that?

'2. Biljana Plavšić

As the former president of Republika Srpska, she lead Bosnia-Herzegovina during the Serbian genocides of the 1990s.

It was her comments that ethnic cleansing was a "natural thing" and that six million Serbs needed to die, that rallied her republic to perpetrate genocide. After her arrest, she plea bargained with the war crimes tribunal and remained in prison until her release in 2009. She is currently staging a political comeback.'

UK: Jobs for the girls and why it's men who'll soon be suing for discrimination

Mastodon · 8 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'David Cameron has a new reason to be cross with Jean-Claude Juncker, the European Commission president whose appointment he so spectacularly failed to block.

Last week, Juncker warned the Prime Minister that if he wanted a British nominee given charge of one of the big jobs at the Commission, he had better put forward a ‘female candidate’: unless Cameron’s nominee Lord Hill of Oareford undergoes an immediate sex-change operation, that won’t happen.

Yet if the Tory leader finds this unreasonable, he would rightly be accused of hypocrisy.

Yesterday, Rona Fairhead was named as the new head of the BBC Trust — an appointment which Cameron had let it be known he wanted to go to a female (as if that were somehow a special qualification for the role).

And, in fact, Juncker was doing at a European level what Cameron has been up to at Westminster.'

UK: Women may take best jobs by 2020, say researchers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men could struggle to get highly skilled jobs because women are increasing skills and qualifications at higher rates, say researchers.

Two-thirds of such jobs could go to women by 2020, says the UK Commission for Employment and Skills.

UKCES warns that men urgently need to improve their levels of expertise if they want to compete.

TUC general secretary Frances O'Grady said she feared better skills might not lead to better pay and jobs for women.

"The increased disparity between men's and women's skill levels is concerning for both sexes."

The researchers drew on 10 years of quarterly data on skills levels from the UK Labour Force Survey, which gathers data on 54,000 people of working age.'

New York: New Service Offers Taxis Exclusively for Women

Mastodon · 8 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New Yorkers can already choose from yellow taxis, green cabs or black livery cars. They can tap a smartphone app for a ride, or simply stick out an arm. They can pay with cash or credit.

Now there is one more option: a female driver.

A new livery service starting Sept. 16 in New York City, Westchester County and Long Island will offer female drivers exclusively, for female riders, according to its founder. It will take requests for rides through an app, and dispatch drivers sporting hot pink pashmina scarves.

The service will be called SheTaxis — SheRides in New York City because of regulations barring it from using “taxi” in its name — and aims to serve women who may feel uncomfortable being driven by men, or who simply prefer the company of other women. The app will ask potential riders if there is a woman in their party. If not, they will be automatically redirected to other car services.'

Canada: Women-only MBA fair helps the curious set a course

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sponsored by Forté Foundation, a U.S.-based consortium of companies and business schools that encourages women to earn a business degree, the one-day event offers advice, networking and access to 36 MBA schools from Canada, Europe and the United States.

...

Ms. Fernandez attended the event last year to explore her interest in an MBA. This year, with her score in hand from the Graduate Management Admission Test, she plans to meet some of the schools on her shortlist.

“That’s the beauty of going to events like Forté,” says Ms. Fernandez, a process transformation manager at Bank of Montreal. “It gives you [access to] local schools and everyone else around [the world].”

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Female participation in business schools continues to rise – though women still make up just 30 to 40 per cent of classes – with some business schools aiming for gender parity. In addition to annual fairs like those in Toronto, London and a dozen cities in the United States, Forté offers coaching and other support to help women assess their MBA ambitions.'

Goodbye, Bro: Democrats Are Hemorrhaging Male Voters

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Article here. Excerpt:

We all know Republicans have a woman problem, but let's focus on the Democrats' problem with men, specifically white men. Earlier this month, U.S. News and World Report reported that while women outnumber men and vote more than they do, "in a campaign cycle set to see a handful of margin-of-error races that determine U.S. Senate control, it's an often overlooked and undervalued element of the election." The story also says that this male voter deficit with Democrats is "more pronounced" than the Republicans problems with single women voters.
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The article noted that in races dependent on turnout, men could be the deciding factor. In North Carolina, Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan, who's fighting for her political life, has a healthy 8-point lead amongst women, but her Republican opponent, Thom Tillis, is dominating with male voters by a 13-point margin.'

Michael Kimmel and Gloria Steinem on Consensual Sex on Campus

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'Until this bill, the prevailing standard has been “no means no.” If she says no (or, more liberally, indicates any resistance with her body), then the sex is seen as nonconsensual. That is, it’s rape. Under such a standard, the enormous gray area between “yes” and “no” is defined residually as “yes”: Unless one hears an explicit “no,” consent is implied. “Yes means yes” completely redefines that gray area. Silence is not consent; it is the absence of consent. Only an explicit “yes” can be considered consent.

This is, of course, completely logical, and fully consistent with adjudicating other crimes. Nevertheless, it is bound to raise howls of protest from opponents of women’s equality and their right to make decisions about their own bodies.'

UK: Kelly Brook accused of trivialising domestic abuse... Again

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'Kelly Brook appeared on This Morning today to discuss her new memoir, addressing two separate incidents when she punched ex-boyfriends Jason Statham and Danny Cipriani.

“In my defence, I don’t think he felt it,” she said when probed about the altercation with Statham. “This is Jason we’re talking about; he’s a martial arts expert.”

She hit Cipriani after he gave his number to a lapdancer and Statham after he embarrassed her at the wedding of Madonna and Guy Ritchie.

Men’s domestic abuse charity ManKind had previously voiced its disappointment at reactions to the news, arguing that there would have been a public backlash had the gender roles been reversed.

“It’s true, I did both of these things,” Brook said. “I’m not saying I’m an angel or that the things I’ve done are right, I’m not saying that’s the right thing to do at all. But I guess I get some of that fiery passion from my parents. I’m not going to make a habit of doing that in the future. I’m just going to pick more wisely with the men I be with.”'

Also see: Glad she finds domestic abuse so funny: Outrage as Kelly Brook laughs off attacks on exes and Why has Kelly Brook got away with punching two men?

Men’s Rights Advocate Outs Wacky Vassar College Freshman Orientation On Reddit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you’ve ever wondered what goes on at freshmen orientation sessions at small liberal arts colleges, then a recent post on Reddit will give you some insights.

One of the top posts on the site’s MensRights subreddit on Sunday included a detailed account of recent get-to-know-you events at Vassar College, an elite college with 2,450 students about 75 miles north of New York City that has a reputation as a petri dish for leftist radicalism.

While Reddit is anonymous, the description offered by “BrOf1st” is not only articulate and completely plausible, given everything we know about colleges nowadays, it also included two pictures he took from the events that bolster his claims.

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With tuition and fees at $61,140 per year, that’s $244,000-plus to be lectured, cajoled, belittled, scoffed at and ridiculed for four years.

A price far, far too high.'

U.S. State Dept.: "Women Leaders Promoting Peace and Security Arrive in United States"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Department of State's "Women Leaders: Promoting Peace and Security" exchange program will bring 85 participants from around the world to the United States from September 8-26. Women leaders from government ministries, security sectors, and civil society organizations will explore how women can advocate for peace, promote stability, and improve security conditions in their communities.

The initiative supports the U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security which calls for the empowerment of women as equal partners in preventing conflict and building peace in countries threatened and affected by war, violence, and insecurity. The participants will also explore how they can better lead conflict mediation and community transformation efforts.
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The participants will meet with government, business and non-profit organization leaders across the United States and discuss ideas to impact their communities. The program opens in Washington, D.C., where the participants will meet with Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Wendy Sherman, Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues Catherine Russell, and other officials at the State Department. Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Lisa Monaco will meet with participants at the U.S. Institute of Peace. Participants will then break into smaller groups to visit two additional cities before reuniting for closing sessions in Chicago.'

"Women Executives Are Smarter Than Male Counterparts"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now that's a headline that should get a debate started.

New research says that women rate higher in overall competencies for senior leadership positions. Perhaps of more interest, however, the study says that women lack key career experiences that often give men an edge up on promotions at the most senior levels.

Korn Ferry, a provider of leadership and talent consulting services, says that with the exception of confidence, women generally score higher than men in many aspects of leadership style, such as comfort with ambiguity and being socially attuned. They also score higher in most of the skills and competencies deemed necessary for senior leadership success, such as employee engagement, customer satisfaction and building talent.

"What women are missing are the experiences that their male counterparts seek out during mid-level and business unit level roles," said J. Evelyn Orr, senior director of the Korn Ferry Institute and editor of Korn Ferry's research on women in leadership. "Women need to seek out and say 'yes' to experiences that stretch their skills and organizations need to provide women with opportunities to accept those challenges earlier in their careers."

These critical experiences include challenging or difficult situations, business growth, financials, strategy, and high-risk, high-visibility assignments such as helping turn around a low-performing unit. The study shows women are either not being offered or are saying "no" to critical opportunities more often – leaving them a full leadership level behind in experiences when they are considered for senior positions.'

Comedy relief: Temple Horses Presents “White Male Privilege”

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From this article:

'In this new YouTube short from the sketch comedy group Temple Horses, white men in America have it so easy that it’s really pissing off other groups. Every thing starts off nice enough in “White Male Privilege” with an average white guy getting a free bagel and feeling pretty good about himself. What could possibly go wrong? The sketch was written by Temple Horses’ Nick Ruggia & Ryan E. Hoffman and features guest star Greer Barnes.'

Direct link to video here.

"Men Are (Still) Pigs"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Oh, that's right: Men are pigs.

Forgive a little bit of gender-based self-loathing. (And please, denizens of the Men's Rights Twittersphere, please spare me your inevitable cries of "misandry!" Your whining undermines your claims to machismo.) But the news has been replete with examples lately of why feminism exists — and is needed — and why we men still need a few lessons in how to treat all people with a little more respect.

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Where we're in charge, we need to make a deliberate effort to bring deserving women into inner circles and cultivate an atmosphere that's heavy on respect and light on dick jokes. Where we're not in charge, we need to not (as so often happens) treat the female boss like a usurper who connived her way into the job. And in our relationships, men, we simply have to refrain from violence. Period. End of story.

It's not 1960 anymore. We men have learned a lot about how to be less piggish than we were back in my grandfather's heyday. As the events of the last week have shown, though, we still have a way to go.'

SAVE: Eighteen Groups Announce Opposition to Campus Accountability and Safety Act

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / September 10, 2014 – Eighteen organizations are today announcing their opposition to the proposed Campus Accountability and Safety Act (CASA), S. 2692 and H.R. 5354. The 18 groups represent a broad coalition including victim advocacy groups, gender-specific organizations, college trade entities, and media outlets.

Their opposition to CASA arises from the fact the bill does nothing to address the documented inadequacies of campus committees to conduct investigations, hold hearings, and impose appropriate sanctions. Ironically, the Campus Accountability and Safety Act contains no requirements to increase police presence, promote thorough investigations, or strengthen prosecutorial actions.

Under existing Department of Education policies, campus committees are required to adjudicate allegations of sexual assault, but can only expel a person found guilty of sexual assault.

As a result, numerous complaints have been filed by victims of sexual assault alleging the university did not take the allegation seriously.
...
The 18 groups voicing their opposition to CASA include the American Council on Education, Beyond the Registry, Community of the Wrongly Accused, ifeminists.com, National Association of Scholars, Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, Voice for Male Students, Women for Men, and others. A complete list of opposing groups can be seen here: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/campus-justice-coalition/

The Duke University Chronicle recently editorialized that the current campus system “has the potential for real, human cost, where innocent students are convicted and guilty ones set free.” The editorial boards of both USA Today and the Los Angeles Times have also come out against universities’ reliance on campus committees to adjudicate felony sexual assault cases.'

Women Senators urge NFL to permanently dismiss any player who commits an act of domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of 16 women senators penned a strongly worded letter to National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell on Thursday demanding that the league permanently dismiss any player who commits an act of domestic violence."

The senators said they were "shocked and disgusted" that the NFL only suspended Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice for two games after learning that he had knocked his then-fiancée unconscious in an elevator. The league suspended Rice indefinitely on Monday, but only after graphic video footage of the abuse leaked to the public.
...
But women's rights advocates say the probe does not go far enough to address the problem. Along with the senators' call for a zero-tolerance policy for domestic abusers in the NFL, the National Organization for Women is circulating a petition calling for Goodell to resign immediately.

"The NFL does not just have a Ray Rice problem, they have a violence against women problem," said Terry O'Neill, president of NOW. "NOW continues to ask for Roger Goodell to resign, and for his successor to appoint an independent investigator with full authority to gather factual data about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking within the entire NFL community -- not just regarding the Ray Rice incident -- and to recommend real and lasting reforms."'

From A modern family law problem: False accusations of domestic violence:

'False accusations of domestic violence are, sadly enough, utilized as a tool to obtain legal advantages over a divorce/custody case. In many instances a divorcing parent, mostly women, will make a false accusation of domestic violence against the man to gain custody rights over their children and ruining the other parent's life in many ways. The alleged "aggressor" will be put in jail and have public records of domestic violence, potentially loosing custody of a child, losing a job, professional licenses, etc. In many cases Judges are reluctant to dismiss a restraining order risking that the accusation was rightful and thus leaving the accuser exposed to further abuse. Sometimes Judges not even allow the accusers to explain themselves and simply make a ruling by reading the "victim's" statement. Victims of "false accusations of domestic violence" have changed their life becoming miserably, in many cases, by losing their jobs, thus not being able to not only pay their bills, but also a court order child support, bringing them back to jail and into a cycle that is emotionally devastating to both the victim and his/her children.'

Bad law on campus rape deserves governor's veto

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'In its wisdom (such as it is), the Legislature passed a measure that would change the standard of sexual consent on California campuses. Gov. Jerry Brown should veto this bill. If the University of California and other institutions that receive state-funded student aid want to demonstrate that they have "no tolerance for any form of sexual violence" when students report rape - as state Sen. Kevin de León, D-Los Angeles, has argued - then they should call the cops. Not academic panels.

The American Association of University Women, which supports SB967, wrote a missive, "5 Ways Faculty and Staff Can Fight Sexual Violence on Campus." It does not mention police. Solutions include lectures by experts, training for faculty, and such actions as having "people affected by violence decorate a shirt and hang it on a public clothesline as testimony to the problem of sexual violence."

They mean well, but their dainty approach to sexual assault is doomed to fail. College administrators are not law-enforcement officials - and their legitimate desire to protect victims not only from their attackers but also from the harsh scrutiny of a criminal investigation undermines the chance of a successful prosecution.'

Congressional letter addresses domestic violence in male sports leagues, not women's

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Interestingly, Congress did not send the letter to any of the women's sports league's in the United States. So while it made sure to cover the five major men's sports leagues, it failed to touch on the women's leagues. However, both the WNBA and NWSL have had players accused of domestic violence. In 2012, WNBA player Deanna Nolan was arrested for assaulting her wife. Earlier this year Seattle Reign and USWNT player Hope Solo was arrested for domestic violence. She is accused of assaulting both her sister and nephew at a party in Seattle. Solo had plead not guilty to the charges and her trail is set for November. The NWSL does not have a personal conduct policy like the NFL, but when I spoke to the league about their policies back in June, I was told they do have personal conduct language in their standard player agreement and player handbook. However, the player agreement and handbook are internal documents. The NWSL Operations manual includes the right to fine and/or suspend for major misconduct. Under major misconducts is a section for heinous acts, 'a violent physical assault on another arising out of the scope of one's employment, or being convicted or pleading no contest to a major misdemeanor or felony.' But no specific fines or suspension are listed for any violations under major misconduct.

Congress' failure to include the women's leagues in this matter highlights the continual misconception that women can't be perpetrators. Domestic violence isn't a crime only committed by men, it is also committed by women. To look at only one side of the issue, the side that people on social media are screaming about- Ray Rice hitting his fiancee, leaves an entire group of people at risk. The people who are abused by women are just as real as the victims who are abused by men. Male and female abusers should be abhorred and there should be no place for them in our professional sports leagues.'

Barbara Kay: "Eight to 16% of the male population has been abused sexually in youth. Often by women."

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'The words “sexual misconduct” will doubtless elicit images of predatory males. But in 2010, an investigation by the Tennessean newspaper found that a female kitchen employee reportedly gave a case of Chlamydia to a 17-year old-boy and later lived with another male juvenile whom she had abused while he was at Woodland Hills. Four state investigations failed to convict her. She was only convicted when she turned herself in to the police. In another case brought to light by the Tennesseean, a female guard married a former inmate, but still kept her job.

Many people – even professional therapists – resist the very notion that women can harbor abusive instincts.

Female pedophilia is far more prevalent than most people believe. Last week a former Quebec physical education teacher was sentenced to 18 months in jail for carrying on a two-year sexual relationship with a high school student. Within the juvenile justice system, a federal survey of detained juveniles found that nearly eight percent of respondents reported they had been sexually victimized by a staff member in the previous year. In nine out of ten cases, they were teenage boys reporting incidents with female employees, even though women usually represent about 40% of staff in these facilities.

Eight to 16% of the male population has been abused sexually in youth. Most at risk are poor, fatherless boys 13 and younger. A significant number of child sex abusers – estimates range between five and twenty percent – are women. According to a 2004 report published in the Children and Youth Services review, “In 1996, the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN) investigated more than two million reports alleging maltreatment of more than three million children. More than one million of these children were identified as victims of abuse. Of the one million children, 12% were sexually abused. The sexual abuse of children by women, primarily mothers, once thought to be so rare it could be ignored, constituted 25% (approximately 36 000 children) of the sexually abused victims. This statistic is thought to be underestimated due to the tendency of non-disclosure by victims.”'

Cheerios has dad-positive advertisement

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Was really happy to see this ad, a very dad-positive advertisement that doesn't in turn bash on mothers.

Contact info here to send General Mills a thank-you.

Has the “War on Women” Jumped the Shark?

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'The “war on women” was always a cynical ploy by Democrats, aimed solely at getting votes from women rather than creating an economy in which we can flourish. But it worked.

President Obama is in the midst of his disastrous second term largely because women voted for him in 2012 by an eleven point margin. But there are clear indications that the “war on women” is not working in 2014.

A case in point is Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz’s recent attack on Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker. “Scott Walker has given women the back of his hand. I know that is stark. I know that is direct. But that is reality,” Wasserman Schultz asserted.

For good measure, she added that “what tea party extremists like Scott Walker are doing is they are grabbing us by the hair and pulling us back. It is not going to happen on our watch.”

Being Debbie Wasserman Schultz means almost never having to apologize for ridiculous pronouncements. But this time Ms. Wasserman Schultz's charm wore so thin that she was reduced at least to having to admit that she “shouldn’t have used those words."

Allison Lundergan Grimes is trying to unseat Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell in Kentucky using a “war on women” strategy. A Grimes TV spot features the candidate in a woodsy setting asking why Senator McConnell voted against renewing the Violence Against Women Act and an equal pay bill. “I can never get him to answer this one, either,” Grimes says after a moment of awkward silence.

Never mind that the Violence Against Women Act is actually a feminist boondoggle that doesn’t do nearly as much to empower women as it does to employ activists, and that the latest equal pay bill is great for tort lawyers but not for women. This kind of attack has often proven lethal for Republicans. Yet right now, Grimes and McConnell are neck and neck among female voters, and McConnell slightly ahead overall in this very tight race.'

Due Process Needs ‘Additional Review’ In Sexual Assault Bill, Co-Sponsor Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

The Campus Accountability and Safety Act needs some tweaks to ensure that students accused of sexual assault don’t get railroaded by the campus disciplinary system, one of the bill’s co-sponsors told The Breeze, James Madison University’s student newspaper.

The school is under fire for punishing three students who filmed their sexual assault with "expulsion after graduation".

The entire phone conversation with Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., is transcribed:

"I do believe you do need, for the accused, you need to maintain due process rights. And then … I think this part of the legislation will probably require some additional review, but you know, what is the level of sanction? If the university continues to not responsibly deal with this issue. … I would like to see some action this year, I mean there’s still parts of this bill that need to be fully debated ..."

Warner trots out the questionable statistic that 1 in 5 women are sexually assaulted on campus, but deflects the paper’s request to “define mishandling of a sexual assault case”:

"I understand what’s going on with JMU … I’m not gonna try to put a description on what mishandling is … I think that’s — that’s what trying to get this legislation right would be, how you set up those standards. And I think we have set up a framework, but there’s more work to be done. …

How do you have an expedited process that gives the accused due process but also doesn’t leave the victim hanging in limbo?"
...
Read the full interview with Warner here, and the full Campus Justice Coalition statement here.'

Flight diverted by mother's parental kidnapping attempt

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Beijing-bound United Airlines flight returned to Washington's Dulles International Airport Thursday evening because of a child custody investigation.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation had received an alert that a mother on that flight was allegedly taking her child out of the country illegally, an FBI spokesman told CNN.

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"The mother was taken into custody on suspicion of committing an international parental kidnapping and the child was reunited with the father. The grandmother was not detained."

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After separating and starting divorce proceedings in 2013, Liu and William J. Ruifrok III were awarded joint custody of their 4-year-old son, who was born in China and is a dual U.S.-Chinese citizen, the complaint stated. The 2014 custody agreement doesn't allow either party to travel outside of the United States without "express written and notarized consent of the other party, provided in advance of the trip," according to the complaint.'

WHO Report: One suicide every 40 seconds, men 2-3 times more often than women

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'Every 40 seconds someone in the world takes their own life, a global tally of more than 800,000 suicides a year, according to a landmark United Nations report on the subject.

The research found that suicide killed more people each year than conflicts and natural catastrophes, accounting for more than half of the world's 1.5 million violent deaths annually, World Health Organization staff told reporters at its presentation in Geneva.

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Setting a goal to cut national suicide rates by 10 percent by 2020, the organization said suicide was a major but preventable health problem that health authorities had failed to adequately address due to a number of complicated factors.

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The global rate was estimated at 11.4 per 100,000, with men almost twice as likely as women to take their own lives -- rising to as many as three times more male victims than female in some richer countries.'

Arizona statutory rape victim forced to pay child support

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'Nick Olivas became a father at 14, a fact he wouldn't learn for eight years.

While in high school, Olivas had sex with a 20-year-old woman. As he sees it now, she took advantage of a lonely kid going through a rough patch at home.

State law says a child younger than 15 cannot consent with an adult under any circumstance, making Olivas a rape victim. But Olivas didn't press charges and says he didn't realize at the time that it was even something to consider.
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Then two years ago, the state served him with papers demanding child support. That's how he found out he had a then-6-year-old daughter.
"It was a shock," he said. "I was living my life and enjoying being young. To find out you have a 6-year-old? It's unexplainable. It freaked me out."

He said he panicked, ignored the legal documents and never got the required paternity test. The state eventually tracked him down.

Olivas, a 24-year-old Phoenix resident, said he now owes about $15,000 in back child support and medical bills going back to the child's birth, plus 10 percent interest. The state seized money from his bank account and is now garnisheeing his wages at $380 a month.
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"Anything I do as an adult, I should be responsible for," he said. "But as a teenager? I don't think so."

Situations such as Olivas' are rare, according to fathers-rights advocates. But cases in several states have garnered attention. And while there has been some public outcry over charging a crime victim with child support, the courts have consistently said states have every right to do so.
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Feit said if the roles were reversed and the woman was the victim, the scenario would be unthinkable.

"The idea that a woman would have to send money to a man who raped her is absolutely off-the-charts ridiculous," he said. "It wouldn't be tolerated, and it shouldn't be tolerated."

Feit said the basic legal premise of a rape is that the victim can't be held responsible. And with statutory rape, even if the victim participates, he or she can't be held responsible.

"We're not going to hold him responsible for the sex act, so to then turn around and say we're going to hold him responsible for the child that resulted from that act is off-the-charts ridiculous," he said. "It makes no sense."'

NPO: Is Cinderella a Stepmom Today?

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'This Sunday, September 16, is National Step Family Day. Christy Borgeld of Michigan founded the day in 1997 that is now celebrated every year. Her goal is “to support the stepfamilies of our nation in their mission to raise their children, create strong family structures to support the individual members of the family, instill in them a sense of responsibility to all extended family members.”

One in three Americans lives in a stepfamily and 30% of our children are currently growing up in a stepfamily, sometimes referred to as blended families.

While National Parents Organization is working hard to promote shared parenting and gender equality in family law, we understand that many of our children and members are part of blended families. In addition to raising your children you may also be raising the children of your new spouse or partner. Or, your new spouse or partner may be playing a major role in raising your children.

National Parents Organization applauds all opportunities to recognize families and parents of all kinds loving and raising their children. Yet, in our society our diversity and our commitment to our children is not universally applauded.

The US Census Bureau provides a few statistics on blended families in the United States:

- 1,300 new stepfamilies are formed every day.
- Over 50% of US families are remarried or re-coupled.
- One out of two marriages ends in divorce.
- 80% of remarried, or re-coupled, partners with children both have careers.'

Michigan Capitol protest asks: Is circumcision mutilation?

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'LANSING, MI — A small group of protesters decked in fake blood-stained jumpsuits gathered outside the Michigan Capitol on Friday, acknowledging their shock value as they urged parents to stop circumcising their newborns.

“It represents the mutilation that we, as children, had inflicted upon us,” said Norm Cohen, state director of NO-CIRC. “Somebody cut our penis. There was no disease. There was no risk, and yet somebody decided to cut this.”

The American Academy of Pediatrics, in its 2012 review of existing medical research, concluded that “the health benefits of newborn male circumcision outweigh the risks and that the procedure’s benefits justify access to this procedure for families who choose it.”

Specific benefits, according to the AAP, include prevention of urinary tract infections, penile cancer, and transmission of some sexually transmitted infections, including HIV.

But Cohen said that there is no great data on how many complications occur and suggested that tradition and aesthetics — not necessarily science — motivate parents to approve the procedure. He noted that abstinence or condoms are more effective ways to prevent sexually transmitted diseases.

“This is not a legitimate way to prevent disease,” he said. “It’s really just mutilation. Even those who promote it for health reasons will acknowledge the benefit is very low. This is the only surgery that’s done on children without a diagnosis.”'

Also see: Group wants state to end Medicaid funding for circumcisions

Ohio State University: Students must agree ‘why’ they had sex to avoid sexual assault charges

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'At Ohio State University, to avoid being guilty of “sexual assault” or “sexual violence,” you and your partner now apparently have to agree on the reason WHY you are making out or having sex. It’s not enough to agree to DO it, you have to agree on WHY: there has to be agreement “regarding the who, what, where, when, why, and how this sexual activity will take place.”

There used to be a joke that women need a reason to have sex, while men only need a place. Does this policy reflect that juvenile mindset? Such a requirement baffles some women in the real world: a female member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights told me, “I am still trying to wrap my mind around the idea of any two intimates in the world agreeing as to ‘why.’”

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If this definition of “sexual assault” were not already broad enough, Ohio State’s Student Wellness Center seeks to radically narrow the concept of consent further (and ban “kissing” without verbal consent as “sexual assault”). It says consent must be “verbal,” “enthusiastic,” and must be “asked for every step of the way”; “If consent is not obtained prior to each act of sexual behavior (from kissing to intercourse), it is not consensual sex,” it says. Consent also must also be a litany of other things, such as “sober,” “informed,” “honest,” “wanted,” and “creative.”'

Woman Charged With Sex Attack On Sleeping Man

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'SEPTEMBER 12--A Seattle woman has been charged with raping a man who told cops he awoke in his bed to find his attacker sexually assaulting him while she had his hands pinned down, according to a police report.

Chantae Gilman, 26, was charged this week in connection with the alleged June 2013 attack inside the 31-year-old victim's Seattle apartment. Gilman has prior felony convictions for attempted robbery and possession of a stolen vehicle, as well as several misdemeanor convictions, according to court records.

As detailed in a probable cause affidavit prepared by a Seattle Police Department detective, the victim told cops that while he did not know Gilman, she was an acquaintance of another man who lives in his duplex. He described Gilman as "a drug user in the area."'

Body of missing toddler found, mother charged

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'Several agencies are searching in Southeast Austin for 2-year-old Colton Brandt Turner.

Turner, of Cedar Park, was last seen in July by someone other than his mother, and police believe he may be the victim of child abuse.

Crews began searching on Friday morning at the intersection of Burleson Road and Felter Lane. Officials say they are searching after they were given a lead, but would not give anymore information.

Colton's mother, identified as 20-year-old Meagan Work (pictured below), is being charged with abandonment/endagerment of a child. The charge is a 3rd degree felony. She is currently at the Williamson County Jail awaiting processing.'

Canada: Teacher pleads guilty to breaching no-contact order with teenage "boyfriend" after they're found in hotel room together

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'The underaged boyfriend of a Calgary Catholic school board teacher was seen fleeing barefoot from a city hotel room window, as police banged on the door, court was told Friday.

Jennifer Mason pleaded guilty to breaching a no-contact order with the boy after she'd been arrested for having an illicit sexual relationship with him.

Crown prosecutor Vicki Faulkner said Mason, 30, was on bail last May 10, charged with sexually exploiting the teen, when the hotel tryst occurred.

Faulkner said Mason, who was handed a 30-day sentence and place on probation for three years, checked into a south Calgary hotel room around 3 p.m. that day.

She told provincial court Judge Catherine Skene that police were concerned Mason would try to contact the teen — whom she was prohibited from seeing as part of her bail conditions.

Around 7:15 police received a call indicating there were loud noises coming from the room Mason had checked into.'

"Happy wife, happy life" -- As long as you're married, anyway

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'How happy a woman believes her marriage is has a direct impact on the quality of her husband's life, according to research in the Journal of Marriage and Family. And that holds "no matter how he feels about their nuptials."

“I think it comes down to the fact that when a wife is satisfied with the marriage she tends to do a lot more for her husband, which has a positive effect on his life,” said Deborah Carr, a professor in the Department of Sociology, School of Arts and Science at Rutgers University, in a written statement. ”Men tend to be less vocal about their relationships and their level of marital unhappiness might not be translated to their wives.”
...
An individual's own degree of marital satisfaction is "a sizable and significant correlate of life satisfaction and momentary happiness" for both genders.

"However, the association between husband's marital quality and life satisfaction is buoyed when his wife also reports a happy marriage, yet flattened when his wife reports low marital quality," the study said.'

Feminist "consent underwear" sparks debate

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Video here. (Possibly NSFW since it shows images of women's racier-style underwear, so use discretion if at work/in a public place.)

Despite my problem with the presumptions underlying the idea behind "explicit consent", one good purpose these could serve is to let a guy know he's dealing with a girl who, if he doesn't get "explicit consent" from her, she might later accuse him of raping her. At that point he can decide whether he wants to chance it with her or not, but to be fair, if he's already alone with her, she could still accuse him of raping her anyway and there'd be nothing he could do to disprove it. Best not to be alone with her at all, really, unless she signs a form of some kind first and agrees to have their fooling-around session at least sound-recorded so the fact that she is consenting at every moment is documented.

I'd like to suggest the practical strategy of her just repeating the same phrase: "Yes, I consent, don't stop," until they're done with however far they're going to go, right up through the completion of actual *gasp* heterosexual intercourse.

I wonder, how do gay guys handle this? Must they both get affirmative consent from each other the whole time? And do lesbians not need to ask one another at all?

If two gay women start with each other, it poses a quandry. They are both required to give affirmative consent but neither is required to elicit it. Assuming sexual activity must start with an elicitation of consent but only from male students, then in essence such a rule stops lesbian students even from holding hands, maybe even looking too long at each other. Or maybe they both just have to spontaneously start repeating "Yes, I consent, don't stop," until whenever they want to stop.

I thought I was glad not to be a college student before. Now, I'm positively ecstatic!

NY businesswoman accused of killing autistic son stands trial

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'Gigi Jordan showed no emotion as a New York prosecutor described to a jury a "chilling and horrifying scenario" in which the businesswoman who made a fortune in pharmaceuticals allegedly concocted a lethal cocktail of painkillers and anti-inflammatories and forced her 8-year-old autistic son to swallow it.
...
"His fate was sealed," Bogdanos said. "He didn't die fast. One by one, his vital organs shut down. It didn't take minutes. It took hours to die."

But on the first day of Jordan's sensational second-degree murder trial -- expected to last months -- defense attorney Allan Brenner painted a starkly different portrait.

Brenner described Jordan as a desperate mother ultimately driven to kill Jude Mirra by her two former husbands: One who had allegedly threatened to kill her, a crime that would have left the boy with his biological father, who she believed had sexually abused Jude.
...
The boy's father has denied the allegations and has never been charged, CNN affiliate WCBS reported.

Brenner said Jordan told a therapist about the alleged abuse. The allegations were reported to local authorities, but no action was taken. Jordan then decided to seek the help of a nationally renowned expert on child exploitation in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

After being interviewed by him for 30 minutes, Brenner said, Jordan was accused of being unfit and delusional, taken to a medical facility and separated from her son for several months before being reunited with the boy.

"Now she sits here forever brokenhearted, stranded and separated from the true love of her life -- her son," Brenner said.

Jordan faces 15 years to life in prison if convicted. She is expected to take the stand.'

NFL says a quarter of players will end up with brain problems

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'About one in four National Football League players are likely to end up suffering dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease or other cognitive impairments during their lifetime, according to a report filed in court by the league's lawyers.

The NFL submitted the summary of the findings of an actuarial study it had commissioned in the U.S. District Court for Eastern Pennsylvania on Friday as part of the ongoing litigation between former players and the league.

The study by the Segal Group, based in New York City, used a database of the medical history of retired players as part of its method.

The report appears to be the most definitive statement the NFL has yet made on the dangers of the sometimes violent sport, where players can develop concussions as they butt helmeted heads with those of other players.

The report said 28 percent of the "overall player population" and a third of the 5,000 plaintiffs who sued the league, will be diagnosed with cognitive impairment during their lifetime, according to the court filings.'

Jay Z and Ray Rice Cases Show Our Savage Hypocrisy on Domestic Violence

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A big thanks to the International Business Times for their courage to buck the long-worn trend of looking the other way on certain issues. They've demonstrated it again with this article, and let me say in all sincerity that I'd be saying the same thing even if my name wasn't on the "by" line. Excerpt:

'A story dated March 27 suggests the NFL authorities had the tape, and Goodell was aware of it. As criminal evidence, the NFL says it was not allowed to view the CCTV footage. Yet if Goodell knew a copy had been received by the NFL, he should have reported it then.

Goodell's dereliction of civic/moral duty, assuming the above is true, is its own matter. Morally vacant behaviour from corporate officers long pre-dates this story. Instead, keep in mind that Rice's fiancee Janay was also arrested for assault for the same incident, the difference being that Rice rendered her unconscious in his response to her assault; for if they were both arrested and charged with assault, and she was knocked out by Rice with a single blow, must she not have thrown the first punch?
...
A study appearing in the May 2007 edition of the American Journal of Public Health reported that almost half of DV incidents in the US are co-mutual, with 70% of non-co-mutual assaults committed by women, not men. But you wouldn't know that listening to feminists, the US president, and US vice-president, who paint DV as largely, or exclusively, male-on-female.
...
If the road to Hell is paved with good intentions, the on-ramp is paved with false assumptions. Have the Rices been served by the sudden attention, Ray's loss of work, their loss of privacy, etc? Not according to Janay. Who assumed Janay needed to be "saved" from her husband's multimillion-dollar income and the privacy in which they could learn better relationship skills?

Most should wonder how and why they are on the DV On-Ramp of False Assumptions. What got them there, and how to get off it? This on-ramp tends to leave both truth and justice in the rearview mirror, and with those, a lot of damaged lives. Enough's enough.'

Can Doctors Screen Men for Domestic Violence?

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'But the Michigan study, published in the Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine, goes further than just reporting the top numbers. The authors of the report dissect male domestic violence as if it were a disease. In this view, surprising comparisons arise: Male violence against partners is more common than diabetes.

So if domestic violence is a disease, can doctors identify it in the patient? The Michigan study sought to correlate domestic violence with other health outcomes. Compared to the males who didn't commit such acts, those who reported violence against a partner were more likely to report symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome and insomnia.

It would be wrong to take these findings and declare that men with irritable bowels are more likely to commit domestic-violence crimes. The paper concludes that these may be caused by either substance abuse or a history of childhood violence (which two out of three perpetrators reported experiencing). So it's not that irritable bowels cause domestic violence. It's that the two may be related to the same psychological or biological cause. These are all just clues doctors may use in discovering who may be most likely to cause harm.'

In Sexual-Misconduct Cases, Hear the Facts

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'Administrators are under intense pressure to hold students accountable for sexual misconduct. If that pressure results in eviscerated due process and ideological fact-finding—basically, deciding cases before hearing them—aggrieved plaintiffs will turn to state and federal courts for relief. Early indications from several decisions this year suggest judges may be receptive to some of their arguments.

A decision last month in King v. DePauw University, for example, is especially instructive. The federal judge in that case issued a preliminary injunction requiring the fall-2014 reinstatement, "without restriction," of Benjamin King, a student suspended for sexual assault. The court rejected King's argument that he was the victim of gender-based discrimination but concluded he was "likely to succeed in demonstrating at trial that DePauw's decision to find him liable for sexual misconduct ... was reached in an illegal, arbitrary, or capricious manner."
...
Failures in addressing sexual misconduct run the gamut from a rush to judgment in the Duke-lacrosse case to many examples of inexcusable indifference to sexual misconduct by athletes. Furthermore, we're subject to ethical questions too long swept under the rug. Are we creating "special" sexual-assault tribunals available to comparatively wealthy college students who want to avoid the indignities of the criminal-justice system? If so, do we help perpetuate those indignities for the less privileged?

Polarization over sexual-assault adjudication will accelerate as more lawsuits are brought by accused students. Educators who acquire the discipline to hear cases before deciding them will weather the storm. Those who follow ideological imperatives will foster a regrettable, but inevitable, result: national legislation requiring that sexual-assault cases be resolved in criminal courts, not on university campuses.'

California rape law could backfire

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'It is impracticable for the government to require students to obtain consent at each stage of a physical encounter and to later prove that consent in a campus hearing. Under this rule, implications would be that a student could be found guilty of sexual assault and deemed a rapist simply by being unable to prove she or he did obtain explicit verbal consent throughout a sexual encounter.

The kicker to this law is that the college administration will become the judge, jury and the executioner of those students accused — along with many colleges not allowing students to have due process rights during the process.

There have been cases where the accused have been denied legal counsel, the right to call their own witnesses or to cross-examine the evidence against them, and they are convicted on the “preponderance of the evidence” standard, which only requires administrators to be 50.00001 percent sure of the verdict.

While campus administrators are in many cases doing their best in these situations, they are neither qualified nor equipped to respond properly. The administrators lack the investigative ability, impartiality, professional training and legal knowledge required to deal with sexual assault cases.'

Giving daddy a raw deal on child-support payments

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'In 1985, with feminism still at its height, U.S. sociologist Lenore Weitzman published a book,The Divorce Revolution, in which she claimed to have analyzed a sample of Los Angeles-area divorced individuals in the 1970s, and found that the living standard of the men increased by an average of 42% after their divorce, while the women's living standard decreased by an average of 73%. Her methodology was flawed. Since then, more rigorous peer-reviewed studies have proven her conclusions false — she later admitted it herself — and that in fact both sexes are worse off after divorce.

Nevertheless, "facts" such as those supplied by Weitzman were used to justify the 1997 Canadian Federal Child Support Guidelines. Allegedly designed solely to support the best interests of children, the Guidelines were in fact largely concerned with righting purported gender wrongs. As a result, untold numbers of non-custodial parents, mostly fathers, have been paying an unfair, often financially crippling share of their income to custodial parents.'

Mika [Brzezinski] Perpetuates Myth of Super Bowl Spike in Domestic Violence

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'What's next, Mika? Giant alligators in the sewers of New York City? On today's Morning Joe, Mika Brzezinski perpetuated the hoary twenty-year-old urban legend that domestic violence spikes on Super Bowl Sunday.

Brzezinski's blunder came in the context of the panel's discussion of the NFL's domestic violence mess. Arguing that football is a violent game and that "there's a connection" with what happens at home, Mika continued, "domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday. We've seen the numbers. Why is that?" Actually, Brzezinski has apparently not seen the numbers, since that myth has been thoroughly debunked, often by organizations fighting domestic violence, as here, here and here.

...
"...
BRZEZINSKI: ... But there's some connection between all this. This is a violent game. And domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday? We've seen the numbers. Why is that?"'

Wikipedia on Mika B.

Men are amazing - how on Earth would we ever live without them?

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'As I said, I identify as a feminist because I believe in equality. And also as a feminist I love men. Seriously, why wouldn't I? I was a total Daddy's girl. I now have a loving husband, my brother is one of my best mates and I utterly adore my son.

Men are amazing - how on Earth would we live without them? Who would want to live without them?

So, I am a feminist because I want my son to grow up to be a better, fairer, happy and moral man. I don't want him to live in a world where he is judged solely on his physical prowess, his career or his income.

I want my son to live in a world where he feels comfortable taking time out to care for his family, where he respects men and women alike and where he has the moral courage to speak out against rape culture, discrimination and sexism.

I don't want him to grow up in a world where he feels second-rate or surplus to a woman's needs. I want him as a would-be father to feel that his opinion on birth and abortion are valued. I want him to have all the support he needs in a world where the male role is changing and where we are starting to understand that the old patriarchal system of man equals provider and woman equals carer are changing.

Which is why, when I go to meetings or conferences where these issues are being discussed, I am always surprised at the dearth of men attending them.

Are they not invited? Do they not feel welcome? Or don't they care?

Similarly, whenever I take part in media discussions about these issues, the panels tend to be all-female (for a change!) or occasionally may have the token man as a feminist concession.

This isn't good enough. Feminism, real feminism, means that the opportunities we demand for women - the right to stay at home, the right to work, the right to equal pay, the right to freedom from violence and sexism, the right to be a good parent - must also be given to men. We are all in this together.'

Women More Likely to Commit Domestic Violence, Studies Show

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'Football player Ray Rice's video-captured February attack on his then-fiancée has once again brought domestic violence into the public's consciousness.
...
Critics would say that while it has placed a spotlight on violence against women, that isn't at all synonymous with "domestic violence."

Because studies show that most domestic violence may actually be violence against men.

This has just been brought to light by *Guardian* columnist Glen Poole, who recently asked why British actress Kelly Brook has "got away with punching two men"? Complaining that there "is little room for the female perpetrator or the male victim in mainstream modern discourse around violence and [sex]," he goes on to point out:

"Women are committing violence against men and boys on a daily basis.... International research suggests that as much as half of domestic violence is committed against men, but in the UK, fewer that [sic] 7% of convicted perpetrators are female. So what can we learn from Brook's refusal to take responsibility for her own celebrity violence? She is clearly no ordinary women [sic], but the gender script she is performing is predictably ordinary."

Yet not only is this information about sex and violence nothing new, some would say Poole is understating the case. For example, Sophie Goodchild reported in a 2000 *Guardian* piece on a study showing that women were actually more likely to initiate violence in relationships, writing:

"The study ... is based on an analysis of 34,000 men and women by a British academic. Women lash out more frequently than their husbands or boyfriends, concludes John Archer, professor of psychology at the University of Central Lancashire and president of the International Society for Research on Aggression.

... Professor Archer analysed data from 82 US and UK studies on relationship violence, dating back to 1972. He also looked at 17 studies based on victim reports from 1,140 men and women.... [H]e said that female aggression was greater in westernised women because they were "economically emancipated" and therefore not afraid of ending a relationship."'

Canada: Unprecedented effort to improve men’s mental health

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'Last year, for the first time in Canada, the Movember Foundation — founded 11 years ago in Australia and now in 21 countries — began to add men’s mental health to its focus on prostate and testicular cancer.

As a result, new Movember Foundation grants immediately surpassed the total amount of money all levels of governments across Canada have devoted to targeted mental health programs for men.

Two University of B.C. professors — John Oliffe from nursing and John Ogrodniczuk from psychiatry — are co-leaders of a project funded by a Movember grant of $2.9 million (including the photo exhibit).

The professors cite chilling statistics: The suicide rate for men and boys is four times higher than it is for girls and women. Yet few Canadians talk specifically about men’s mental health.
...
“The $12 million that Movember Canada is spending on men’s mental health is unprecedented,” said Oliffe, explaining that it dwarfs what Canada’s government-funded health research bodies have spent in the field in the past 15 years.'

Related: Erasing the stigma of men's depression

Professors Must Defy Feds To Protect Victims

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'The federal government is in desperate need of both rape and sexual harassment victims. These victims are needed in order to justify sweeping nationwide changes to the campus judiciary. These changes include holding quasi-rape trials on college campuses using a preponderance of evidence standard, instead of proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Also included in these changes is suspension of double jeopardy protection so that women can repeatedly try accused rapists until they achieve the desired result of conviction, regardless of actual guilt or innocence.
...
Just how extreme are the changes in reporting practices? Here is what I've learned so far by questioning a couple of administrators here at UNC-Wilmington. If they are wrong about any of the following, that is problematic. (But if they are right, it's even more problematic):

1. No student can speak to a professor in confidence about an allegation of rape or sexual harassment. The professor must report the incident to his (or her, or its) supervisor who must then forward the information to the Dean.
2. Warning students that they cannot talk to a professor about a rape or sexual harassment will not protect the alleged victim because the above rule also applies to hearsay. If the professor hears the story second-hand, or even third-hand, he must report it to his supervisor who will report it to the Dean. ...
3. Even rape and harassment claims that a professor suspects or knows to be false must be reported by the professor.
4. Even off-campus incidents must be reported. If you were raped in Alaska or sexually harassed in Russia it falls under UNC-Wilmington's jurisdiction. Their jurisdiction is called "everywhere."
5. Incidents involving perpetrators from outside the university community must be reported to the university.
6. There is no specific statute of limitations associated with such reports.
7. All of the previous requirements apply to classroom discussions touching on rape and sexual harassment.

In other words, the federal government, which is the source of the new practices, and the university, which communicated them, both appear to have lost their collective minds. ...
...
... I am writing this brief column with my simple response:

You may both go straight to hell. If you are not religious (and therefore don't believe in hell) then go to Cleveland, which is essentially the same thing.

I'm not complying with the law as interpreted by university officials. And I urge my fellow colleagues to do the same. If university officials are mistaken about the law then they need to correct their mistakes. If not, the law must be abolished. In short, our allegiance to the bureaucrat must always be overshadowed by our concern for the victim.'

"Why Doctors Should Start Screening Men To Spot Potential Abusers"

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'There's been a lot of conversation about domestic violence lately, thanks to theongoing controversy over the way the NFL has responded to a surveillance tape of former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice punching his then-fiancee in the head. Public figures ranging from thenewly crowned Miss America to the president of the United States have weighed in about the fact that violence against women is never acceptable.
...
An increasing number of medical groups— including the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, which helps determine what services are covered under the health reform law — now recommend that doctors should screen all of their female patients for evidence of intimate partner violence (IPV). Since domestic violence leads to both short-term and long-term health problems, medical professionals are uniquely positioned to be able to spot the signs. The federal guidelines specifically apply to women of childbearing age, since they're most at risk for becoming victims of domestic abuse.

But what if doctors shifted the focus and also started looking for potential abusers? Although very little work has been done in that field so far, the men who engage in IPV are regularly coming into contact with medical professionals, according to a new study examining the characteristics of abusers. It may be possible to teach doctors about the warning signs that suggest a male patient could be abusing his partner.
...
Doctors start referring their patients to batterers' intervention programs, which focus on reforming men's behavior and holding them accountable for abuse. Experts in the field have pointed out that batterers' intervention programs currently serve a very small portion of the male population, since they typically only see the men who are mandated by court to complete a program. Referrals from the health care sector could help widen that scope.'

University requires students, faculty, staff to take "Title IX" training containing false sexual assault stats and solicits sexual history

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'Clemson University *[link added]* is requiring students to reveal how many times they've had sex in the past month and with how many partners.

In screenshots obtained exclusively by Campus Reform, the South Carolina university is asking students invasive and personal questions about their drinking habits and sex life as part of what they've billed as an online Title IX training course.

"How many times have you had sex (including oral) in the last 3 months?" asks one question.
...
In a campus-wide email, the South Carolina university announced that all students, faculty, and staff would be required to complete a mandatory, one-hour long Title IX training course by November 1.
...
The training also makes the claim that one in four women will be sexually assaulted while in college, which according to one student Campus Reform spoke to, instills an atmosphere of fear on campus. According to the latest crime statistics provided by Clemson, two forcible sex offenses were reported in 2012, four in 2011, and two in 2010.'

Bodybuilder Dani Reardon Attacks Boyfriend, Freaks Out In Patrol Car: Cops

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'She's a "Little Monstar" with a big attitude.

Award-winning bodybuilder Dani Reardon was liquored up when she beat up her live-in boyfriend and kicked in his windshield early Sunday, police say. The 24-year-old then allegedly bashed her head repeatedly into the cage of a patrol vehicle after her arrest in Orange County, Florida.

Reardon -- an Internet-famous power lifter known online as "Little Monstar" -- was charged with resisting arrest and domestic violence. She allegedly tackled and hit her beau, pulled out plants, cracked the truck windshield and screamed at Edgewood police when they arrived, according to the Sun Sentinel.

Her boyfriend, Ian Schofield, refused to press charges. But cops threw the book at her after her alleged breakdown in the back of the patrol car.'

What Drives The Angry Feminist Journalists Slating #GamerGate?

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'"Self-identified nerds are often so obsessed with their identity as cultural outcasts that they are willfully [sic] blind to their privilege, and for the sake of relatively-absurd fandoms — space marines, dragons, zombies, endless war simulations — take their myopic and insular attitudes to 'art' and 'culture' with tunnel-visioned, inflexible, embarrassing seriousness that often leads to homogeneity, racism, sexism and bullying."

This is her central philosophical belief: men with troubled childhoods found something they liked doing and because they don't want to do something else, they are evil monsters. She also accuses them of being bullies, another topic on which Alexander has personal expertise.
...
Revolution and overthrow drip from her lips as Alexander decries the homogeneity of gaming culture. And by homogeneity, she means white guys. In her world it doesn't matter how diverse the the backgrounds, experiences and philosophies of those creating games are; games developers who didn't grow up as black trans* orphans have no place in her new utopia.

It speaks volumes about the the openness and all-around general kindness of the gaming community that it has taken this long for these absurd views to be challenged so openly. But even the willingness of gamers to tolerate new and wacky ideas can't explain how Leigh, who once described herself as an evangelist without disciples, has become the ringmistress of games journalism. Just how did a small group of vivacious young women find themselves promoted by socially reserved male editors to upper echelons of gaming journalism so quickly? Gamers want to know.'

Clinton: Turn female economic issues into movement

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'Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Thursday that voters need to turn pay inequity and women's economic security into a political movement in the November elections and beyond, pointing to an issue that could animate a future presidential campaign.

Clinton, the Democratic former senator and first lady who is considering another presidential bid, said policy issues like raising the minimum wage, equal pay for women and providing families with access to quality, affordable child care need to be prominent in the upcoming elections.

"When we can turn an issue into a political movement that demands people be responsive during the election season, it carries over," Clinton said. "These issues have to be in the life blood of this election and in any election."

Clinton spoke at a forum sponsored by the Center for American Progress, which was formed more than a decade ago by veterans of her husband's administration, where she was joined by House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California, Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Patty Murray of Washington and others. The panel was moderated by Neera Tanden, the center's president and Clinton's former policy adviser.'

Why Girls Get Better Grades Than Boys Do

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'As the new school year ramps up, teachers and parents need to be reminded of a well-kept secret: Across all grade levels and academic subjects, girls earn higher grades than boys. Not just in the United States, but across the globe, in countries as far afield as Norway and Hong Kong.

This finding is reflected in a recent study by psychology professors Daniel and Susan Voyer at the University of New Brunswick. The Voyers based their results on a meta-analysis of 369 studies involving the academic grades of over one million boys and girls from 30 different nations. The findings are unquestionably robust: Girls earn higher grades in every subject, including the science-related fields where boys are thought to surpass them.
...
On the whole, boys approach schoolwork differently. They are more performance-oriented. Studying for and taking tests taps into their competitive instincts. For many boys, tests are quests that get their hearts pounding. Doing well on them is a public demonstration of excellence and an occasion for a high-five. In contrast, Kenney-Benson and some fellow academics provide evidence that the stress many girls experience in test situations can artificially lower their performance, giving a false reading of their true abilities. These researchers arrive at the following overarching conclusion: “The testing situation may underestimate girls’ abilities, but the classroom may underestimate boys’ abilities.”
...
Disaffected boys may also benefit from a boot camp on test-taking, time-management, and study habits. These core skills are not always picked up by osmosis in the classroom, or from diligent parents at home. Of course, addressing the learning gap between boys and girls will require parents, teachers and school administrators to talk more openly about the ways each gender approaches classroom learning—and that difference itself remains a tender topic.'

The CDC's Rape Numbers Are Misleading

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'"CDC: Nearly 1 in 5 Women Raped." "One in Five U.S. Women Has Been Raped: CDC Survey." These alarming headlines were typical of the coverage of last week's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report on sexual and intimate violence in the United States. The CDC study—the second in two years—seems to support a radical feminist narrative that has been gaining mainstream attention recently: that modern America is a "rape culture" saturated with misogynistic violence. But a closer look at the data, obtained from telephone surveys done in 2011, yields a far more complex picture and raises some surprising question about gender, victimization, and bias.
...
And now the real surprise: when asked about experiences in the last 12 months, men reported being "made to penetrate"—either by physical force or due to intoxication—at virtually the same rates as women reported rape (both 1.1 percent in 2010, and 1.7 and 1.6 respectively in 2011).

In other words, if being made to penetrate someone was counted as rape—and why shouldn't it be?—then the headlines could have focused on a truly sensational CDC finding: that women rape men as often as men rape women.
...
We must either start treating sexual assault as a gender-neutral issue or stop using the CDC's inflated statistics. Few would deny that sex crimes in America are a real, serious, and tragic problem. But studies of sexual violence should use accurate and clear definitions of rape and sexual assault, rather than lump these criminal acts together with a wide range of unsavory but non-criminal scenarios of men—and women—behaving badly.'

Presumed Guilty at Princeton

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'Princeton University looks set to become the latest campus to curtail the due-process rights of students accused of sexual misconduct, including rape and other violent assaults.

On Monday the faculty voted to approve new disciplinary policies under which allegations of sexual offenses—but only sexual offenses—would no longer require "clear and persuasive evidence" to be considered proven. "Preponderance of the evidence," the standard used in civil lawsuits, would suffice. The new policy now goes to the Council of the Princeton University Community, which is expected to approve it Sept. 29.
...
Universities are ill-equipped to investigate and adjudicate allegations of violent crime; that is why we have police, prosecutors, judges and juries. The pressure on universities to conduct such investigations, and to jettison due process, emanates from Washington, where the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights has imposed onerous demands on educational institutions in the name of combating sex discrimination.

Schools that refuse to adopt the preponderance-of-evidence standard, among other requirements, are threatened with the denial of federal funds, including student financial aid. Princeton has been under OCR investigation since 2010 for alleged lenience toward sex-offense defendants.

Members of the Princeton Council may feel they have no choice but to rubber-stamp this proposal. On the other hand, the university has an $18 billion endowment, one of the biggest in the country. Perhaps it could afford to risk some federal funding in the interest of preserving the rights of Princeton students.'

India: Mobile app helping men accused with false rape cases receives huge response

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'Five months ago, Save India Family Foundation NGO launched a mobile app called SIF for the protection of men's rights. The app is aimed at helping men slapped with false rape cases and domestic violence accuses with the dedicated helpline number '08882498498′

The app has received a huge response over a very short period of time. The app received 25,000 calls in the last four-five months, with an average 165 calls every day. Out of those 165 calls, 87 calls are unique callers, reported the NGO.

The NGO, whose Kolkata chapter is known as Hridaya-Nest, developed the mobile application keeping in mind a growing tribe of males who are becoming victims of the alleged misuse of Section 498a of the IPC and anti-rape laws. 'The response is huge. The app has received near about 5,000 downloads over the last four months,' Amit Gupta of Hridaya-Nest said.

The APP offer details of 50 NGOs in 50 cities in 25 states where people could personally seek legal counselling and support. The helpline which was initially launched in 10 states including MP, Delhi NCR, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Haryana and other states, has been extended to five more states.'

In Google Play: here. I don't know if there is an iPhone version at this time.

City set to unveil statue of man wrongly convicted of rape who died in prison

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Even while imprisoned for a rape he didn't commit, Tim Cole never stopped acting like a big brother.

"He would send us letters, telling us what classes to take, telling us to look out for a subscription to Money magazine he was sending us," brother Cory Session remembers.

Cole was a student at Texas Tech when he was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in prison for the 1985 rape of 20-year-old Michele Mallin.

In 2009, DNA would exonerate Cole, but not until a decade after he died in prison, at age 39, from heart complications related to his asthma.

To those who loved him, Texas can never right the false conviction, but the Lubbock City Council wants to make sure Cole and his case are not forgotten. The city unveiled a statue of the Fort Worth native across the street from the Texas Tech campus on Wednesday afternoon and dedicated the area where the bronze likeness will stand as the Tim Cole Memorial Park.

...

"Tim had the integrity to say, 'I won't confess to something I didn't do,'" former Lubbock City Councilman Todd Klein said. "He refused to take his freedom on the cheap."

That legacy is just one of the reasons Cole will be memorialized at one of Lubbock's busiest intersections.

Klein was instrumental in seeing that the sculpture was erected. He felt it was important, he said, to "remind us of this teachable moment" in the city's history.'

Teacher accused of "having sex with" 14-YO at least three times seeks leniency due to pregnancy

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former middle school band teacher has been suspended after being accused of having sex with a 14-year-old student.

Bridgett Szychulski, 31, was the band teacher for the Lenape Middle School in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, at the time of the alleged incident in 2012.

She was arraigned on Tuesday afternoon on charges including involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated indecent assault, indecent assault and statutory sexual assault.

Szychulski is accused of having sex with the 14-year-old boy ‘at least’ three times - once in her vehicle and twice at the middle school, including her office and a storage room near the band room.

District Judge Regina Armitage set bail at $500,000 unsecured. He also banned her from having contact with juveniles other than her 4-year-old son, or from contacting any Central Bucks students or employees.

Her attorney, William Goldman, had sought leniency for his client’s bail conditions and told the judge that Szychulski is in the middle of a complicated pregnancy.
...
She is married and lives with her husband and their son in Philadelphia.'

Clemson University Halts Use Of Survey Asking About Students' Sex Lives

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Clemson University suspended a controversial online Title IX training program after students complained the survey wanted to know too much about their sex lives.

The conservative website Campus Reform reported students at the South Carolina school had to answer questions about how many times they had sex in the past three months and with how many people. Students were also asked about their drinking habits and affiliation with Greek life and athletics. Although students were told their responses would be anonymous, they had to use their university IDs to log into the training. Completion of the entire training was mandatory.

The training program, which intends to prepare students for college by "focusing on minimizing the risks associated with alcohol, drugs and sexual violence," was created by CampusClarity. On its blog, the company writes about the importance of training students in sexual assault and substance abuse together, pointing to the high percentage of survivors and assailants who were drinking during assaults.'

Woman Left Newborn in Toilet Bowl to Drown, Gets Suspended Sentence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Virginia woman will not serve time in jail after she gave birth to a baby on a toilet and then left the child in the toilet bowl to drown.

Devin Monique Small, age 22, received a 3-year suspended sentence this week after pleading guilty to the court. Initially charged with first-degree murder, in a plea deal reached with prosecution, charges against her were reduced to involuntary manslaughter after both sides agreed Small did not plan to murder her child in advance or with malice.

The tragic case began last September when Small – who claimed at the time she had no idea she was pregnant – gave birth to a little girl on the toilet. Panicking, she left the infant -named Baby Grace Small by authorities – in the toilet at home.'

Ed. note: The story is from May 2014, but despite the lack of timeliness around its appearance on MANN, it's hard to dispute the 2x-standard example it clearly displays, which is why it appears now.

Malawi: More boys experiencing abuse than girls – UNICEF

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Link here. Excerpt:

'A study conducted by UNICEF has established that more boys in Malawi experience abuse than girls, Malawi24 has learnt.

The study which was conducted in 2013 aimed to establish the prevalence of violence against children nationwide expose acute prevalence of violence against children with more than half of the country's children population experience violence and abuse including sexual exploitation.

A total of 2163 children (1029 girls and 1133 boys) aged between 13 and 24 participated as a representative of the country's population of children and young people.

The study found that more than 70% of boys and 55% of the girls in Malawi experience some form of violence while growing up. The findings furthermore show that nearly 67% among boys and 40% among girls are subjected to physical abuse with more than two thirds of the population experience abuse before they turn 18 years old.
...
20% among girls reported being sexually abused; with 40% of first intercourse forced on girls in Malawi. It is likely that more girls experience sexual exploitation; but the sensitive nature of the subject could have made some participants not feel comfortable to reveal this.
...
About 14% of the country's male children experience sexual abuse which is mainly perpetrated by a friend. The study, however, does not reveal the sex and age of the perpetrator of sexual violence.'

Hope Solo and the domestic violence case no one is talking about

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The official account shows that Hope Solo extended her shutout record to 73 games as the U.S. women's national team beat Mexico 4-0 in a friendly Thursday night in Rochester, N.Y. But as the NFL grapples with its domestic-violence crisis, Solo, who has been accused of the same crime, continues to play for her pro soccer team as well as the national team as she awaits trial in November. Solo has pleaded not guilty to two counts of misdemeanor domestic violence in an alleged assault of her half-sister and 17-year-old nephew last summer in Kirkland, Wash.
...
Unlike some of the biggest NFL stars, Solo, who is their counterpart in women's soccer and someone touted as a role model, quietly goes about her business of keeping soccer balls from going into the net. NFL stars like Ray Rice, Greg Hardy, Jonathan Dwyer and Adrian Peterson were banished after massive sponsor, political and fan pressure, but Nike, for instance, has remained silent on Solo.
...
... The goalkeeping record is an an important one, both for Solo and for women's soccer, but does it really trump an accusation of domestic violence? Why is the notion of awaiting due process so inconsistently applied? And why aren't more people talking about the fact that domestic violence isn't simply an issue of men against women?'

Nike drops Peterson; silent on Hope Solo DV case

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'Sponsors and teams continue to bench NFL athletes charged with domestic violence, but Hope Solo continues to play for the U.S. Women's National Team despite her domestic violence charges. On Thursday night Solo, a UW graduate, is scheduled to start at goalie in a nationally televised match versus Mexico.

This week Nike suspended its contract with Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson based on child abuse charges, but the company has been silent about Solo's domestic violence charges.

Police say on June 21st Solo repeatedly hit her nephew and half-sister. KIRO 7 obtained photos showing bruising and bleeding from the boy's ear. The pictures also show scars on her sister's neck.
...
KIRO 7 asked Nike and the U.S. Women's National team to comment on Solo's charges. As of Thursday afternoon we have not received a response.

Solo's next court appearance in Kirkland Municipal Court is Nov. 4. The judge agreed to move the date back due to Solo's soccer schedule.'

Hillary Clinton: Everything Is a "Women's Issue"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To be clear, Clinton is not re-inventing the definition of feminism. Feminist academics have been on this for a long time, wedding feminism to race and class. But Clinton's remarks show how Democrats are beginning to move that sort of thinking out of women's studies seminars and turning it into a potent political strategy, reinforcing the notion that the traditional liberal agenda is particularly important to women.
...
Putting feminism, even if you don't necessarily call it "feminism," front and center on issues like workers' rights and the minimum wage is similarly a smart move for Democrats. One of the popular talking points on the right is that Democrats only speak to women "below the waist." Democrats can shut that entire narrative down. Appealing broadly to female voters helped push Obama over the line in 2012, and there's no reason to think that Clinton can't take it to the next level in 2016.'

White House launches 'It's On Us' campaign to combat campus sexual assault

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'In its ongoing effort to prevent campus sexual assault, the Obama administration on Friday announced the “It’s On Us” campaign, designed to spread responsibility for preventing sexual assault.

“‘It’s On Us’ aims to fundamentally shift the way we think about sexual assault, by inspiring everyone to see it as their responsibility to do something, big or small, to prevent it,” a White House fact sheet on the campaign said.

But wait, I thought having women play an active role in preventing sexual assault was “victim-blaming”? Does “everyone” not include women?

...

The “It’s On Us” campaign is ultimately a good step toward prevention, but it predictably ignores due process rights for the accused or any acknowledgement that false accusations occur. Reducing sexual assaults on college campuses is necessary, and part of that equation involves allowing the accused to defend themselves so their lives are not wrongly destroyed.

One other interesting note about the fact sheet is that it doesn't include the statistic that one in five college women will be sexually assaulted during their four-year education, which is an often repeated myth. The debunked statistic does, however, appear in a White House blog from Jeff Zients, director of the National Economic Council.

Bottom line: The “It’s On Us” campaign provides some good information for schools but continues to ignore the rights of the accused.'

Woman As Aggressor: The Unspoken Truth Of Domestic Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than 830,000 men fall victim to domestic violence every year. A man is the victim of domestic abuse every 37.8 seconds in America. These numbers are not inconsequential and the frequency is far from insignificant.

Jan Brown, executive director and founder of the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men, stated that “domestic violence is not about size, gender, or strength. It’s about abuse, control, and power, and getting out of dangerous situations and getting help, whether you are a woman being abused, or a man.”

In 2001, the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health collected data about the health of a nationally representative sample of 14,322 individuals between the ages of 18 and 28. The study also asked subjects to answer questions about romantic or sexual relationships in which they had engaged during the previous five years and whether those relationships had involved violence.

From this information researchers found that of the 18,761 relationships, 76 percent were non-violent and 24 percent were violent. Of the 24 percent that were violent, half had been reciprocal and half had not — reciprocal meaning there was violence inflicted by both partners. Although more men than women (53 percent versus 49 percent) had experienced nonreciprocal violent relationships, more women than men (52 percent versus 47 percent) had taken part in ones involving reciprocal violence.

This statistic was undoubtedly the most striking: in committing acts of domestic violence, more women than men (25 percent versus 11 percent) were responsible. In fact, in the 71 percent of nonreciprocal partner violence instances, the instigator was the woman. This flies in the face of the long-held belief that female aggression in a relationship is most often predicated on self-defense.
...
Courtesy of recent revelations surrounding NFL players, child abuse — another form of domestic violence — is also grabbing headlines. According to child welfare studies, mothers are almost twice as likely to be directly involved in child maltreatment as fathers. Mothers are more likely to abuse or neglect their children than fathers. I agree with those who say these numbers are as such because women are usually more involved with their children, and as single-parent homes are on the rise and women are increasingly the single parent, they become over-represented in the numbers on child abuse.'

Brandon Marshall responds to shakedown attempt

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'When celebrity attorney Gloria Allred called a press conference this week to blast the NFL for its handling of domestic violence issues, Brandon Marshall was dragged back into the fray.
...
“It’s not the NFL’s job to raise men,” Marshall said, via the Associated Press. “We’re kidding ourselves if we think it’s the NFL’s job to take boys from college and raise them to men. It is a problem in our marriages, a problem in our communities, a problem in the way we coach children and parenting – that’s where it starts. It doesn’t start with the NFL, it doesn’t start with the government, it starts at home.”

Marshall provided reporters with testimony which said the woman in question, Rasheedah Watley, was not attacked by him, as well as letters asking him for payments between $100,000 and $1 million.

“There is a letter from the Watleys, from Ms. Rasheedah Watley to the commissioner in 2008, where she states, I was pressured to do this for money,” Marshall said. “My family pressured me, this stuff didn’t happen. Which isn’t all true because it was a very volatile relationship. We argued every single day. We treated each other bad. We had no business being in a relationship.”'

Scottish Government Funds Male Hate Poster Campaign

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'A feminist group has published a list of ‘top ten tips’ for preventing rape that include “don’t put drugs in women’s drinks” and “if you pull over to help a woman whose car has broken down, remember not to rape her.”

The list was created by Rape Crisis Scotland, a charity which works to support local rape centres, and provides training and consultancy to the police, Crown office and health services on how to deal with rape victims and perpetrators.

Their website claims that the charity “provides crisis support for anyone in Scotland affected by sexual violence at any time in their lives.” However, it is abundantly clear that the charity believes all rape victims to be female, and all perpetrators male.

The list was re-published this month by a student feminist group at Cyprus College, California in their publication *GenderSmash*. The publication claims to avoid material that “reeks of hateful political ideology, religious doctrine, or familiar and uninspiring arguments,” yet it was happy to publish what amounted to a clear attempt to demonise men.

Other tips include “USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM! If you are not able to stop yourself from assaulting people, ask a friend to stay with you while you are in public”; and “Carry a whistle! If you are worried that you might assault someone ‘by accident’ you can hand it to the person you are with, so they can call for help.”
...
According to the Office of National Statistics, 1.2 million women and 800,000 men experienced domestic violence in 2011/12, although again male victimisation is likely to be under-reported. In the same year, 68 percent of murder victims were male, and the male rate of suicide is three times that of the female rate.'

Berkeley to Block Course Registration of Students Who Skip Sex-Assault Training

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'Students at the University of California at Berkeley who skipped a mandatory training session on sexual-violence prevention will be blocked from registering for spring classes until they make up the session, the campus's chancellor told the university system's Board of Regents this week.

The chancellor, Nicholas B. Dirks, spoke at a meeting of the regents on Wednesday at which a task force presented a report with recommendations aimed at standardizing policies governing sexual assault across the 10-campus system.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, Mr. Dirks told the regents that the training session was required as part of freshman orientation at Berkeley, but that he learned on Tuesday that 500 students had skipped it. "So this morning, I instructed my team that there will be registration blocks" for those students until they complete the training, he said. "If we can make a block for a library book that hasn't been returned, we can make a block for this."'

Hillary Clinton seeks end to gender violence by terrorist groups (no mention of boys murdered/abused)

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'Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called Friday for a "unified strategy" to end violence against women by terrorists, warning that the practice is growing within groups like ISIS.

"What happened to the Yazidis in Iraq and the hundreds of girls and women kidnapped and forced to become wives, so to speak, of the ISIS terrorists is a tactic that is very ancient," she said. "We had reason to believe [the tactic] was not going to persist in the 21st century, and now it is."

Clinton identified the Lord's Resistance Army, a notorious rebel group based in the Central African Republic, as being "at the forefront of that horrific behavior." Recently, other groups like Boko Haram have adopted its well-documented practice of kidnapping young children, she said.

"In some countries, the kidnapping of girls is not viewed as that serious and you don't see the kind of outrage and commitment to action from governments that you would hope to see."
...
Girls and women deserve to be at the center of American foreign policy," she said. "It's reflective of our values. It's part of who we are. It's the unfinished business of the 21st century."'

Why Did Kidnapping Girls, but Not Burning Boys Alive, Wake Media Up to Boko Haram?

U.S. Soccer defends decision to honor Hope Solo because she "has an opportunity to set a significant record"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The e-mail arrived with this screaming headline: "GOALKEEPER HOPE SOLO ON VERGE OF BREAKING U.S. WNT ALL-TIME SHUTOUT RECORD," featuring a page chock full of statistics and facts from Solo's 14-year international career. ...

Solo, 33, is known for more than soccer these days, unfortunately. She has been charged with two counts of misdemeanor domestic violence in the assault of her sister and 17-year-old nephew, has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial in November.
...
This is not the time for U.S. Soccer to be celebrating Solo and her accomplishments. It is the time for Solo to be dealing with her personal and legal issues far away from the soccer field. She has been convicted of no crimes, but neither was Michael Phelps when USA Swimming suspended him for three months in 2009 after a picture surfaced of him smoking a marijuana pipe.
...
In an e-mail Tuesday evening, U.S. Soccer defended its decision to honor Solo.

"We are aware that Hope is handling a personal situation at the moment," said Neil Buethe, U.S. Soccer director of communications. "At the same time, she has an opportunity to set a significant record that speaks to her hard work and dedication over the years with the National Team. While considering all factors involved, we believe that we should recognize that in the proper way."
...
So what kind of message does this send to the millions of girls and women the U.S. national team has empowered and inspired over the past couple of decades? That alleged domestic violence is somehow different and less alarming when the alleged abuser is a woman?

It's awful for any organization to be implying such a thing in the 21st century. That it's coming from U.S. Soccer makes it all the more disappointing. This is a governing body that definitely knows better.'

MSNBC Panel Erupts When Roland Martin Asks: Double Standard on Female Abuse Charges?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When Roland Martin brought up the domestic abuse case of female soccer star Hope Solo during a Morning Joe panel, things got a bit tense.

Earlier this year, Solo was arrested on two misdemeanor counts of fourth degree domestic violence assault against her sister and nephew. After pleading not guilty to both charges, she will face trial later this year. Throughout her ongoing case, Solo has yet to lose major endorsement deals with companies like Nike and Gatorade.

Citing ESPN “lauding” Solo during a women’s soccer highlight reel, Martin asked, “Domestic violence is a national issue, should we not be questioning why Hope Solo is still playing on the women’s soccer team, and Nike — who dropped Adrian Peterson — has said nothing about Hope Solo?”

“Whoa,” panelist Katty Kay interjected. “I’m a little skeptical of that. Look, that’s one example of one woman beating another woman, with countless examples of men beating women.” She added that Solo should face the same “retribution” as her male counterparts, “but let’s not try and use that as an example to suggest that women are as guilty of domestic violence as men are.”'

Wikipedia on Katty Kay

Men in the Workplace: 3 Unique Challenges Men Face

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Long considered a man's domain, today's office is a much different place from the Mad Men archetypes of the past. Significant advancements have been made in bringing equity to the workplace — much-needed steps that are helping grow and enrich the new world of work.

However, issues remain that affect both genders. While many discussions of gender at work generally focus on women, there exist some unique challenges that directly impact men in the workplace; problems that are often the result of the same prejudices and outmoded methods of thinking concerning men's primacy.

Consequently, today's worker often faces a number of unique challenges. Here are three affecting men in the workplace today.
...
... This prevailing attitude among management can cause significant difficulties for work-life balance among men (too). Choosing family over work can be seen as a significant negative, or that it shows a lack of commitment to the company. Men who wish to advance in these corporate climates can be expected to devote significant time above and beyond the normal 40 hour workweek — where men in the C-suite generally view it as more acceptable for women to spend time on work-life balance issues.
...
... attitudes about traditional male gender roles have proven to be more ingrained. Men are still viewed as being the primary breadwinner.
...
Today, approximately 60 women graduate from college for every 40 men, a dramatic reversal from the 2:1 male to female ratio seen in the 1960s. Enrollment rates among women are higher, as well — and this trend shows no signs of reversing.
...
In the drive for true equality in the workplace, care must be given to addressing the unique challenges facing both genders, including those facing men in the workplace.'

NPO: New Jersey Reforms Alimony Law — A Bit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's only a small victory, but a victory nonetheless. Last Wednesday, Governor Chris Christie signed a bill to reform New Jersey's very out of date alimony laws. Of course divorce lawyers resisted with every fiber of their beings, but the bill received strong bi-partisan support in the state legislature. Here's one article on the subject (*Washington Times*, 9/11/14).

The new law has a short reach. It confines the duration of an alimony order to the length of the marriage as long as it's under 20 years. Marriages longer than 20 years that end in divorce can still result in permanent alimony for the lower-earning spouse. The law also permits greater leeway in modifying alimony orders, for example, if the paying spouse is unemployed longer than 90 days. Except in unusual circumstances, payers will not be required to pay past the usual age of retirement, i.e. 65 or 66. Alimony will now be considered "transitional," meaning that recipients will be expected to seek and obtain gainful employment.

In short, the bill is a half measure that, in our usual democratic process, satisfies neither reform advocates nor divorce lawyers seeking to maintain their own cash flow and their comrades in arms, radical feminists seeking to maintain the maximum cash flow from men to women. It's nowhere near what it should be, but it's better than nothing.'

Veteran chooses jail over giving his disability money to ex-wife

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Suncoast veteran went to jail Wednesday in order to keep all of his VA disability check. It's all because he and his wife are divorcing and she wants half.

Under federal law, the money is exempt from alimony payments. But state law says she may be entitled to it.

Terry Lynn says he wants to set a precedent to help all veterans in similar situations. He is on full disability from injuries he suffered while serving as a Marine during the Gulf War, but is now going through a divorce battle with his wife he met after his time in the military.

He says she wants nearly half of what he gets: $1,500 of the roughly $3,000 he says he receives a month.
...
ABC 7 contacted the National Veterans Legal Service Program in Washington D.C. They say it's an issue which has been argued across the country. U.S. Title 38 says VA benefits are exempt from taxation, claims of creditors, and other legal processes. It makes no exception for alimony.

Lynn says Florida courts, though, are not following it. “Florida law does allow for alimony. What they are doing is putting state law over federal law. To get around it they don't say you have to give your VA check. They say you have to pay alimony and they don't care where you get it from."'

Suit: Nurse had ‘unsolicited’ sex with man waiting for heart transplant

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Story here. Excerpt:

'While a man was lying in his bed in a southwest suburban hospital, medicated and waiting for a heart transplant, a nurse entered his room and “initiated unsolicited sexual relations, including intercourse,” according to lawsuit filed Monday.

The patient and his wife filed the suit Monday in Cook County Circuit Court, alleging that Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn was negligent in employing the nurse who “had a propensity to initiate unauthorized physical contact with patients,” the suit stated. The nurse, who was also named as a defendant, is accused of battery.
...
In January, the Illinois Department of Professional and Financial Regulation reprimanded a nurse of the same name as the defendant listed in the suit. The reprimand was brought on by her failing “to report having been terminated from a facility for crossing professional boundaries with a patient.”

Her nursing license is currently active in Illinois, according to the department’s website.'

'No, Hope Solo Is Not "Like" Ray Rice'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Soccer star Hope Solo is alleged to have assaulted her sister and 17-year old nephew in June of this year. Unlike Ray Rice, Solo is still plying her trade as a goalkeeper for the national team. This led several people to claim that Solo is the beneficiary of a double standard. In The New York Times Juliet Macur makes the argument:

"One can argue the differences between an N.F.L. player punching his soon-to-be wife and a soccer star brawling with her family, but it is indisputable that both qualify as domestic violence. The glaring contrast in Solo's case is that while several football players recently accused of assaults have been removed from the field, she has been held up for praise by the national team.

On Thursday she was even given the honor of wearing the captain's armband in celebration of her setting the team's career record for shutouts in its previous game. The question is why.

Celebrating Solo's achievement right now is like allowing running back Adrian Peterson, who has been accused of child abuse, to continue to play for the Minnesota Vikings — and then awarding him the game ball for his next 100-yard game."

...

In the history of humanity, spouse-beating is a particularly odious tradition—one often employed by men looking to exert power over women. Just as lynching in America is not a phenomenon wholly confined to black people, spouse-beatings are not wholly confined to women. But in our actual history, women have largely been on the receiving end of spouse-beating. We have generally recognized this in our saner moments. There is a reason why we call it the "Violence Against Women Act" and not the "Brawling With Families Act." That is because we recognize that violence against women is an insidious, and sometimes lethal, tradition that deserves a special place in our customs and laws.

...

Hope Solo only becomes Ray Rice through the annihilation of inconvenient history—through some forgery that implies that there is no tradition of men controlling women through violence. We are familiar with other such forgeries. It is how a conversation about the racism of Richie Incognito becomes a conversation about banning black people from using the word "nigger." Or how the destruction of Mike Brown's body becomes a debate about "black-on-black crime." Or how Ray Rice knocking his wife unconscious morphs into, "Yes, but women do it too." Indeed they do—but neither with the consistency, nor urgency, nor lethality of men.'

Fallout from campus sexual assault hysteria: College men now suspicious of women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Thanks to an increased focus on sexual assaults on college campuses – mostly due to an overblown statistic claiming 20 percent of college women have been sexually assaulted – young college men are starting to rethink how they talk to women.

At first glance that might seem like a good thing – men learning to be more respectful of women and not be so rapey – but that's not what this is.

This is about men actually avoiding contact with women because they're afraid a simple kiss or date could lead to a sexual assault accusation.

...

Pollack also noted that the media attention tocampus sexual assault has led to a "witch-hunt" mentality.

"Most males would never do anything to harm a young woman," Pollack told the Bloomberg reporters. But the current focus is "starting to scare the heck out of the wrong people."

...

We're facing a cultural shift where soon men might be afraid to talk to women at all for fear of being labeled rapists. Without presumed innocence on college campuses, the only way this will be fixed is after universities have to start paying out millions of dollars to students after being sued for denying them due process.

And with the current landscape – that might not be too far in the future.'

List Of Alleged Rapists Distributed At University Of Chicago

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A list accusing a dozen University of Chicago students of rape was circulated over the Internet this past weekend, and although it has been taken down, it has generated plenty of discussion.

CBS 2's Susanna Song reports classes don't officially start until next week at school's Hyde Park campus, but someone posted a list of 12 names on Tumblr, accusing both straight and gay undergraduate men of "gender-based violence."

Those names have since been removed, and the Tumblr page no longer exists, but the names also have been listed on fliers passed around campus.

Most of the students on campus are freshman attending Orientation Week.

The list was first reported on the website Jezebel. The anonymous authors of the post claimed they were keeping the Hyde Park community safe, claiming the University would not.'

University ad tells students to blow warning whistle before committing rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The University of Colorado, Boulder (CU) has distributed fliers around campus suggesting that potential rapists should blow a whistle before they rape a fellow student.

The Wardenburg Student Health Center distributed the literature, which tells readers “[t]he only use for a rape whistle is: If you are about to rape someone, warn them. Blow the whistle.”

The bottom of the university approved sign ridicules the idea of the rape whistle, claiming whistle distribution contributes to “rape culture” and blames the victim in the case of sexual assault.

“Distributing these whistles for other reasons says 1) that strangers are the likely perpetrators of sexual assault 2) that the targeted person is primarily responsible for their assault. And who thinks that?'

Jonah Goldberg: What War On Women?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Friday, the White House announced its “It's On Us” initiative aimed at combating sexual assaults on college campuses. I'm all in favor of combating sexual assault, but the first priority in combating a problem is understanding it.

That's not the White House's first priority. Roughly six weeks before election day, its chief concern is to translate an exciting social media campaign into a get-out-the-vote operation.

Accurate statistics are of limited use in that regard because rape and sexual assault have been declining for decades. So the Obama administration and its allied activist groups trot out the claim that there is a rape epidemic victimizing 1 in 5 women on college campuses. This conveniently horrifying number is a classic example of being too terrible to check. If it were true, it would mean that rape would be more prevalent on elite campuses than in many of the most impoverished and crime-ridden communities.
...
Sure, women still face challenges. But the system feminists have constructed cannot long survive an outbreak of confidence in the permanence of women's progress. The last thing the generals need is for the troops to find out that the “war on women” ended a long time ago — and the women won.'

The Rape Epidemic Is a Fiction

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rape is a vicious crime, one that disproportionately affects poor women and incarcerated men, but Barack Obama knows his voters, and so his recent remarks on the subject were focused not on penitentiaries, broken families, or Indian reservations but on college campuses, where the despicable crime is bound up in a broader feminist Kulturkampf only tangentially related to the very real problem of sexual violence against women.
...
If you are having a little trouble getting your head around a definition of “sexual assault” so liberal that it includes everything from forcible rape at gunpoint to acts that not only fail to constitute crimes under the law but leave the victims “unclear as to whether harm was intended,” then you are, unlike much of our culture, still sane.

Of all the statistics and evidence that are prevalent in the discussion of sexual assault, there is one datum conspicuous in its absence: the fact that sexual assault has been cut by nearly two-thirds since 1995. Under the Bureau of Justice Statistics’ apples-to-apples year-over-year comparison, sexual assault has declined 64 percent since the Clinton years. That is excellent news, indeed, but it does not feed the rape-epidemic narrative, and so it must be set aside.'

"Overheard: Masculinity Associated With Financial Misreporting"

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'Is it a bad sign when management looks manly?

Research has shown facial masculinity is associated with behavior ranging from increased aggression to risk taking. Some economists decided to see what having a masculine-looking man atop a company might mean.
...
But given all the things that play a role in behavior, judging talent or demeanor by how someone looks hardly seems right. Investors looking for chicanery would be better off poring over financial statements than trying to put a face on it.'

"Men need to be deprogrammed in a very fundamental way"

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'Men have been socialized to view sex as entitled consumers. Women's bodies are products made for our consumption. One Tulane student blog actually refers to women's bodies as "burgahs," sharing this gem of a poem: "Buns golden brown / A carnivores delight / I've seen you down town / And I want you tonight." And no, I'm not going to link to it! Google "tulane burgah shack." It's a great example of the widespread cultural foundation for rape culture.

So men need to be deprogrammed in a very fundamental way. That's important work that I see as a major part of my role as a campus minister. In the meantime, we need to have whole communities full of unashamed "cock-blockers." I'm not saying that men should not be held responsible for their own behavior. But since too many men refuse to behave responsibly, the bystanders at clubs and parties need to feel empowered to intervene when predatory behavior is occurring that can lead to rape. Tulane is going to be doing some bystander intervention training this year that I hope will be helpful.

I just don't think sex needs to happen the way that it's come to be normalized in the world of hookups and one-night flings. If some dude is trying to manipulate an intoxicated stranger into spending the night with him, whether or not he's actually slipped something into her drink, I think it's perfectly legitimate to hijack his conversation and sabotage his plans. I'm not trying to take any of the onus off of rapists for what they do. But we have normalized a script for sexual behavior that is very easy for predators to exploit. We need to be more proactive as a community on the prevention side of rape culture. In addition to building a culture where survivors are respected and their rapists are prosecuted, we need to build a culture where communities take responsibility for keeping everyone safe.'

Why Hope Solo Should Be Suspended From Team USA -- Immediately

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A fair and balanced article from ESPN. Excerpt:

'Hope Solo should not be playing right now for the U.S. Women's National soccer team.

Earlier this year, the star keeper was arrested for allegedly attacking her sister and 17-year-old nephew. The police report said Solo was "intoxicated and upset," and she allegedly called her nephew "too fat" to be an athlete. Also according to the report, the boy had blood on his shirt, and his mother (Solo's sister) was visibly injured.

After a flurry of media reports directly after the June altercation -- Solo has a court date set for November -- very little has been said or written in the media about the pending case. ...
...
Solo is accused of violence against a family member; she should be suspended until she handles her legal issues. It's worth noting that a lack of national coverage (to this moment, anyway) of Solo's situation isn't as much a reflection of a double-standard in the coverage of assault as it is a reflection of the attention paid to the NFL versus the attention paid to women's sports. Female athletes mostly fly below the radar -- for better and for worse.

Even so, the U.S. women's national team is sending the wrong message by allowing Solo to continue playing while she deals with these allegations. Actually, it's hard to decipher exactly what U.S. Soccer's message is. Neil Buethe, director of communications for U.S. Soccer, offered this explanation to USA Today for why Solo is still on the field: "We are aware that Hope is handling a personal situation at this moment. At the same time, she has an opportunity to set a significant record that speaks to her hard work and dedication over the years with the National Team. While considering all factors involved, we believe that we should recognize that in the proper way." (Solo recently broke the women's national team record for shutouts.)
...
Anger knows no gender, nor does domestic violence.

U.S. Soccer needs to suspend Solo, and it needs to do so immediately.'

‘HeForShe’ and the problem with modern feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Actress Emma Watson *[link added]*, best known to date for playing Hermione in the “Harry Potter” films, was appointed a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations, and on Monday delivered a widely-discussed speech to roll out the new “HeForShe” initiative. Its website describes HeForShe as “a solidarity movement for gender equality that brings together one half of humanity in support of the other of humanity, for the entirety of humanity.”

...

But in the context of her full speech, I think she’s saying something very nearly the opposite. She seems to believe those who dismiss feminism as man-hating are wrong, so self-evidently wrong that she doesn’t bother conjuring up any good reasons they might feel that way. Instead, both during the passage quoted above and the rest of the speech, she talks about how women with strong opinions, assertive personalities, and a desire for equality are unfairly dismissed as unappealing and anti-male.

...

Toward this end, Western feminists have developed a habit of equating their marginal efforts with the absolutely monstrous discrimination and abuse women face in other parts of the world. They also put dubious political initiatives on the same moral plane as rank sexism, and even physical mistreatment. That was the whole point behind the Democrats’ “War on Women” campaign, which should be deeply insulting to anyone who holds the beliefs Emma Watson expressed in her speech. Modest policy disagreements with feminists and their political allies are equated with misogyny; only hatred for women, and the hidden desire to beat them down into obedient servants, could explain dissent from the Democrat political agenda. Dissenting women were told they had been brainwashed by the patriarchy… or maybe they weren't even real women at all.'

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1. Emma Watson nude photo threat a hoax
2. Emma Watson Concedes Women 'Are Choosing Not to Identify as Feminists'

New masculinity class introduced at state college

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Story here. Excerpt:

'There is a new class at Keene State College *[link added]* this semester and it is all about men. Patricia Pedroza Gonzalez, a KSC professor of 15-years, introduced the class Men and Masculinity. Pedroza Gonzalez said her goal is to change students' perceptions of social media's presentation of men.

"In a very basic gender education we are still thinking and feeling and perpetrating symbols like 'Boys don't cry,'" Pedroza Gonzalez said.

Pedroza Gonzalez explained that there is a certain danger in encouraging traditional gender-norms of the "macho man."

"We educate men to hide their feelings and vulnerability. They hide emotional stuff, which is totally allowed to women—women can cry and a woman can be emotional," Pedroza Gonzalez said.
...
However, that is not true. According to Pedroza Gonzalez there is a modern-day misconception that men are violent. "I want to show people that men are not violent. I want to deconstruct that because what we see in media is that men are violent. One girl asked me in my class if I thought men were oppressed and I said yes. I think men are oppressed [and] women are oppressed," Pedroza Gonzalez said.

An article from Michigan State University Today affirmed Pedroza Gonzalez's statement. "The researchers report that, throughout history, men have been the primary aggressors against different groups as well as the primary victims of group-based aggression and discrimination," Andy Henion, Carlos Naverrete and Melissa McDonald stated.'

72% of Americans say they're not feminists

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'Feminism is a mixed bag in the eyes of most Americans. Overall, 28 percent consider themselves to be feminists, 72 percent do not," the findings report.

Among women, 38 percent consider themselves feminists. And men do not appear to be very liberated these days either: 18 percent "accept the label" for themselves, the poll reports.
...
What with man-bashing and the erosion of the traditional masculine and feminine roles or family structure, Americans also apparently associate feminism with things other than, say, equal rights - and it is problematic.

"When given a neutral dictionary definition of feminism, as 'someone who believes in the social, political and economic equality of the sexes,' 57 percent of Americans proudly proclaim themselves feminists," the poll concludes.'

Student Labeled A 'Rape Apologist' For Questioning Rape Culture And Affirmative Consent

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'Julius Kairey, an openly conservative student columnist for the *Cornell Daily Sun* campus newspaper, was viciously smeared in a recent mass public attack, with fliers spread around the Ivy League university that unfairly and inaccurately labeled him a "Racist Rape Apologist."

An unknown number of paper fliers were peppered in high-traffic campus locations late last week, such as a walkway near freshmen housing and Cornell's Olin Library.

The fliers featured a large picture of Kairey in the center, with his full name in bold lettering across the top and a caption below reading: "Daily Sun Columnist and Racist Rape Apologist."

The description may be in reference to some of his opinion columns in the *Sun*, the mainstream campus newspaper. The perpetrator of the malicious campaign has yet to be apprehended.

The *ad hominem* attack is likely drawn from a few columns written by Kairey, notably "The Truth About 'Rape Culture'," published in April, which questioned the stats behind the so-called campus rape epidemic and defended due process for those accused of sexual assault; and more recently "Should California Redefine Campus Sexual Assault?" published last Thursday, when the fliers were discovered.

That column questioned the "affirmative consent" legislation pending in California, noting that if passed it would not only invade people's private lives but create a legal nightmare because "despite the good intentions of the law's supporters, this legislation serves only to muddle the line between consensual sexual behavior and sexual assault because it fails to specify what is needed to establish affirmative consent. It is crucial that the distinction between consensual sex and sexual assault remain clear in our laws.

...

Kairey, in what almost amounts to a prediction, wrote in his article about sexual assault that: "Now, some activists say that a failure to subscribe to the 'yes means yes' standard proves that one is uncaring about sexual violence and uninterested in tackling the problem."

"When disagreement descends into personal attacks of that nature, having an honest and open conversation on an issue becomes nearly impossible. Dissent from the prevailing view serves as automatic proof of malevolent intentions."

It appears his concerns came true.'

Forbes fires columnist who warned of dangers posed by drunk women admitted to fraternity parties

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Forbes magazine on Tuesday published, and then quickly deleted, a column suggesting fraternities should ensure intoxicated women are not allowed into their houses, due to the risk of them falling out of windows or of filing false rape charges against frat members.

The column, "Drunk Female Guests Are The Gravest Threat To Fraternities," was written by contributor Bill Frezza, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Frezza, a fellow at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, is president of the Beta Foundation, the house corporation for the Chi Phi fraternity at MIT. His column was in part prompted by a clampdown on MIT fraternities following a student falling from a third-story window at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Forbes deleted the column, but did not replace it with an editor's note explaining why.

"Mr. Frezza's post was removed from Forbes.com almost immediately after he published it," Forbes spokeswoman Mia Carbonell told HuffPost in an email. "Mr. Frezza is no longer a contributor to Forbes.com."

Frezza wrote:

"...The number of rules and procedures that have to be followed to run a party nowadays would astound anyone over 40. We take the rules very seriously, so much so that brothers who flout these policies can, and will, be asked to move out. But we have very little control over women who walk in the door carrying enough pre-gaming booze in their bellies to render them unconscious before the night is through."
...
Frezza offers the advice that frat brothers shouldn't take a drunk woman to bed, but not because it would be taking advantage of her -- rather, because "it doesn't take much for a campus kangaroo court to get you expelled, ruining your life while saddling your fraternity with a reputation for harboring rapists."

Frezza told The Huffington Post that despite Forbes' removal of the article, he stands by it.'

Gender inequality shown in classrooms, boys left shortchanged

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the last couple of decades, education has done its best to ensure that girls have received the same attention and opportunities to participate in the classroom. Unfortunately, after years of attempting to create equality, the gender gap in education still exists.

The difference is, now boys are the ones being left behind as girls soar ahead. The culture of the classroom has changed to become more inclusive of girls and has, in the process, become a hostile environment for boys.

Boys are the subject of disciplinary action far more often than girls, make up a significantly larger portion of those in special education courses, are disproportionately diagnosed with attention deficit disorder and are less likely to graduate from high school. In the current educational climate, it's not a good time to be a boy.
...
According to TIME, "boys are nearly five times more likely to be expelled from preschool than girls. In grades K-12, boys account for nearly 70 percent of suspensions, often for minor acts of insubordination and defiance."

The issue with the current state of the classroom is that it isn't a friendly place for male students. The "feminization of the classroom," which has helped bring girls up to speed with boys, is an oppressive environment for male students. Cops and robbers, dodgeball and heroic make-believe — some of the pastimes that most boys naturally prefer — are no longer allowed in many schools because they have been deemed "too aggressive."'

University of Michigan: Withholding Sex, Discounting Feelings are ‘Sexual Violence’

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'Examples of abuse listed on the University of Michigan’s domestic violence awareness website say “sexual violence” includes “withholding sex and affection” and “discounting the partner’s feelings regarding sex” – definitions that have come under fire by some men’s rights activists.

The terms, found under the heading “definitions,” also suggest verbal or psychological abuse include: “insulting the partner; ignoring the partner’s feelings; withholding approval as a form of punishment; yelling at the partner; labeling the partner with terms like crazy [and] stupid.”

Janet Bloomfield, social media director for “A Voice For Men,” an activist group that counters feminist extremism and misandry, took aim at these University of Michigan examples, first on her Twitter account over the summer and more recently in an email to The College Fix.

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"Normal relationship behaviors are pathologized and framed as abuse when MEN do them,” she noted. “I am unaware of a single case in which the accused student is a woman and the victim is a man.”

As for the topic of the campus rape epidemic, she said she believes campuses are whipping up “rape hysteria” for a variety of reasons.

“It comes down to this: colleges are creating rape hysteria so college employees who run these sexual assault centers can keep their jobs and benefits. Women are encouraged to interpret normal sexual and relationship behaviors as abuse and encouraged to have the young men they are partnering with sanctioned by the college,” she said.

“The end result is that college campuses are becoming increasingly hostile to men and colleges that enact their ‘kangaroo courts and policies’ to deal with sexual misconduct are opening themselves to huge liabilities when the accused and sanctioned men take their claims into a real court and sue for damages,” she added. “They tend to win once due process and the requirement for evidence beyond a reasonable doubt is restored."'

Wasserman Schultz Says Another Republican Gov Gives Women ‘Back Of His Hand’

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Article and video here. Excerpt:

'Debbie Wasserman Schultz should try to find a new phrase to describe how Republican governors are treating women, because her current one really isn’t working out well.

For the second time within the past month, footage of the DNC chairwoman has surfaced in which she accused a Republican governor of giving women “the back of his hand.”

Wasserman Schultz, who was widely condemned for making the thought-to-be initial comment referring to Wisconsin governor Scott Walker, made the exact same comment about Florida governor Rick Scott about a week prior to reports of her accusations toward Walker.'

Previously-reported incident discussed on MANN: DNC chairwoman Wasserman Schultz compares Gov. Scott Walker to a domestic abuser

NPO: 6 Reasons Single Moms Should Embrace Equal Child Custody

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A rival statistic to the nation's divorce rate shakes up the conversation on societal expectations that mom shoulder sole responsibility for child rearing while dad serves as breadwinner. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, more than 40 percent of children born in the United States are born to unmarried parents.

This means that outside of divorce, a significant portion of our nation's children enter child custody courts by default, which is where the problem becomes worse for today's modern families. Contrary to common belief, when child custody cases turn ugly, judges rarely equally divide parenting. The old-fashioned model from the '50s where mom receives custody and dad gets "visitation" reigns more than 90 percent of the time.

These statistics remind me that our moms need not feel forced into the role of June Cleaver any more than dad should accept his role as Ward. Despite our family courts insistence of being a last hideout to gender inequality, our society has changed and moreover research shows that shared parenting — often defined as equal joint and physical custody — is best for children and also benefits mothers in many ways, including:

Moms get paid. Numerous studies show that child support compliance rates are significantly higher in instances of shared parenting compared to sole custody arrangements. ...

Moms succeed professionally. When moms and dads share parenting time, moms have equal time to pursue their careers. ...'

SAVE Calls on Gov. Brown to Veto Bill that Would Endanger Rape Victims and Trivialize Sexual Assault

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / September 25, 2014 – SAVE, a national victim-advocacy organization, is today calling on Gov. Jerry Brown to veto SB-967, which would impose an Affirmative Consent requirement on California colleges. The bill has been the focus of national ridicule and controversy since it was introduced earlier this year.

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments – SAVE – believes it is illogical to believe that a rapist intent on committing a violent assault would be deterred by the need to obtain a woman's on-going "affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement," as the law would require. SAVE charges the bill's Affirmative Consent provisions would lull potential victims into a false of security.

SB-967 would also blur the distinction between consensual sex and criminal rape, SAVE says. This would serve to squander investigative resources on highly questionable cases and to trivialize the legitimate needs of rape survivors.

Robin Koerner has observed, "Most consensual sexual activity between normal people does not involve the kind of explicit, subsequently provable statement of consent, that this bill demands." The bill would also have the effect of removing the presumption of innocence and removing due process protections for the accused: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robin-koerner/no-sex-please-were-califo_b_5774674.html'

U.S. State Dept.: "Clinton Global Initiative Recognizes African Women's Entrepreneurship Program (AWEP)"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'The Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) has selected the State Department's African Women's Entrepreneurship Program (AWEP) as one of this year's CGI Commitment to Action honorees for its program to help the women entrepreneurs develop and integrate their businesses into local supply chains.

Through the support of the Clinton Global Initiative, AWEP will launch the "Missing Middle of Africa Supply Chain Project," a program that will facilitate supplier development opportunities for African women entrepreneurs. This CGI Commitment to Action will reach more than 5,000 beneficiaries in Sub-Saharan Africa. This program will significantly increase the funding opportunities available to AWEP members, enable greater access to global markets and increase trade and investment in Africa.

Working with partner organizations – the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the African Diaspora Marketplace, the Small Enterprise Assistance Funds, Western Union, Deloitte Consulting, the Women's Presidents Organization and WEConnect International -- AWEP entrepreneurs will develop strategic mentoring and partnerships with U.S. women-owned firms.

AWEP members include more than 1,600 businesses and 22 chapters throughout sub-Saharan Africa. ...'

Father of student on University of Chicago's alleged 'rapist list' speaks out

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The problem of sexual assault on the University of Chicago campus, and how the University is handling those cases, is top of mind for many.

Now, the father of one young man named on an anonymously posted list of alleged rapists has contacted FOX 32 News to say the allegations are false, made by a spurned lover after a make-out session.

The father said the University provided his son with a letter letter of exoneration. The man asked FOX 32 not to use his name because the university threatened his son with disciplinary action if he went public to defend himself. But at the same time the father said the University has refused to take action against the woman suspected of posting the young man's name on the 'rapist list.'

“Just because it's anonymous and because we don't really know anything about the process, it scares me that people have the ability to smear and slander anyone who they want,” said Ben Offen, a freshman from Boston.

The student's father plans to sue the woman and the university for defamation, and legal experts said he might have a good case.

“The First Amendment affords people the right to make lists and rank people according to how good looking they are or how much of a good guy or bad guy they are,” said Daliah Saper, a defamation attorney with Saper Law in Chicago. “But if that list turns into something more sinister or if you're accusing someone of a crime, then certainly you're not within your rights under the First Amendment to spread false statements of fact about individuals.”'

Michelle Obama Criticizes America at UN for Treatment of Women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In a recent address to a United Nations education event, First Lady Michelle Obama decided to shine the light on a certain nation's treatment of women. No, it wasn't Saudi Arabia where females aren't allowed to drive, or the Congo where rape is brutal and systematic. It was the United States.

Here's the relevant portion of the First Lady's speech of September 24: "[W]omen here are still woefully underrepresented in our government and in the senior ranks of our corporations. We still struggle with violence against women and harmful cultural norms that tell women how they're supposed to look and act."

Now, it's not just that singling out the United States for such criticism in our rough-hewn world is a bit like maligning a neighbor who wouldn't buy his wife a new mink while ignoring the wife-beater across the street; it's that, critics might point out, what's explicit and implicit in M. Obama's criticism is very much the opposite of the truth.

Starting with the matter of violence, men are more likely than women to be victims of assault. Moreover, as *The New American* recently reported and contrary to conventional wisdom, women in America commit domestic violence more frequently than men do.

The matter of "underrepresentation" is an interesting one. While what the First Lady says is true, skewing the picture is what she doesn't say: Everybody is underrepresented in something.'

Sorry, Emma Watson, but HeForShe Is Rotten for Men

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'Watson clearly believes that feminism — which, she stressed, is about equality and not bashing men — will also solve men's problems. But, unfortunately, feminism in its present form has too often ignored sexist biases against males, and sometimes has actively contributed to them. Until that changes, the movement for gender equality will be incomplete.
...
Men must, indeed, "feel welcome to participate in the conversation" about gender issues. But very few will do so if that "conversation" amounts to being told to "shut up and listen" while women talk about the horrible things men do to women, and being labeled a misogynist for daring to point out that bad things happen to men too and that women are not always innocent victims in gender conflicts. A real conversation must let men talk not only about feminist-approved topics such as gender stereotypes that keep them from expressing their feelings, but about more controversial concerns: wrongful accusations of rape; sexual harassment policies that selectively penalize men for innocuous banter; lack of options to avoid unwanted parenthood once conception has occurred. Such a conversation would also acknowledge that pressures on men to be successful come not only from "the patriarchy" but, often, from women as well. And it would include an honest discussion of parenthood, including many women's reluctance to give up or share the primary caregiver role.

It goes without saying that these are "First World problems." In far too many countries around the world, women still lack basic rights and patriarchy remains very real (though it is worth noting that even in those places, men and boys often have to deal with gender-specific hardships, from forced recruitment into war to mass violence that singles out males). But in the industrial democracies of North America and Europe, the revolution in women's rights over the past century has been a stunning success — and, while there is still work to be done, it must include the other side of that revolution. Not "he for she," but "She and he for us."'

'The domestic violence gender trap: Hope Solo, Ray Rice and the tired myopia of “women do it too”'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, writers for the New York Times and the Washington Post asked why, as we continue to confront domestic violence and likely coverups within the NFL, “no one” is talking about Hope Solo, a goalkeeper for the women’s national soccer team who was this summer was charged with assaulting her sister and teenage nephew. “When Ray Rice, Greg Hardy and Adrian Peterson were arrested, there were loud calls for those players to be suspended,” Juliet Macur wrote for the Times. “The response to Solo’s case? The sound of crickets — except on game days, when it changes to applause. And that’s inexcusable.”

...

We are often asked to divert our attention from the systemic violence that women face with cries of “women do it, too” or “sometimes women lie about abuse.” When this happens, we are asked to take these claims — statistically and historically different — as the same. These are derailing tactics, more often than not. When we read about sexual assault, we are asked again and again to consider the incidence of false allegations. When we learned each new detail of Ray Rice’s brutal assault, we were asked to remember that Janay Rice hit him too. And now that we are using the NFL as the lens through which we can view our culture’s deadly domestic violence problem, we are being accused of unjustly focusing our anger. It seems that the only time people want to talk about the violence that women commit is when we seem to, for once, be talking about the violence that women experience.

Psychologists: Masculinity Can Lead to Depression

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'Masculinity has been found to play a significant role in causing depression among men, psychologists from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) say.

About six million American men suffer from depression every year, yet few of them are likely to seek help from medical professionals. Traditional masculine traits, which confine emotional expression and encourage ideas of success, power and competition, often compel men to hide their emotions and avoid seeking help. This, in turn, can lead to depression, according to researchers from the NIMH.

Traditional signs of depression, such as sadness, worthlessness and excessive guilt, may not always characterize many men's depressive periods. Instead, researchers have coined the term "male-based depression" to signify a type of depression which is reflected in symptoms including irritableness and anger, a loss of interest in work and hobbies, insomnia, and a higher likelihood of drug and alcohol abuse. When coupled with substance abuse, these symptoms can mask more commonly-recognized signs of depression, making them harder to detect and effectively treat, said Dr. Aaron Rochlen, a Psychologist from the University of Texas.'

"He-cession" frustrating women's marital ambitions, exacerbates already-low repro rate

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'More Americans than ever are staying single. According to a new Pew Research Center survey, a record one in five Americans over 25 are in the "never-married" category.

There are a whole bunch of reasons for this. One is that people just don't want to get married as much as they used to — as of 2010, 61 percent of never-married Americans said they wanted to get married. Today, it's only 53 percent.

But the labor market also is a big hurdle here — more specifically, women's pesky expectation that their husbands participate in it.
...
Yes, the playing field is even for all unmarried people, with 97 men for every 100 women, but only 65 of those men are working. For young never-marrieds, it's also looking historically grim. Among never-married people age 25 to 34, there are 126 men for every never-married woman, but only 91 of those men are working. Back in 1960, there were 139 working, never-married men for all 100 never-married women.

And this dearth varies hugely by race, at least among young people. For every 100 young black women, there are only 51 employed young black men.
...
... But one area where this decline of marriage matters is in childbearing. Children from married families do better at school than children who grow up in other arrangements, as I wrote last week, and broadly speaking, marriages on the whole tend to be more stable than cohabiting relationships. Stable families simply create more social mobility.'

Senator Gillibrand: Pakistan and Afghanistan Better for Women than America

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The most animated speaker was Gillibrand, who condemned opposition to expanding paid family leave across the country.

The Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act would establish a national paid family and medical leave insurance program so workers would not have to choose between a paycheck and caring for themselves or a family member, said Gillibrand.

“In every other industrialized, wealthy country in the world they have paid leave,” the senator said. “Europe has up to six months. Even Afghanistan and Pakistan have paid leave, but we do not have paid leave in this country, and because of that when forced to meet a family need, an urgent care need, often times women are forced to leave the workplace because they cannot take that time off unpaid.”

...

Sure Pakistan and Afghanistan have paid leave for women. They also have prisons full of women who left their husbands. There are rather few Afghan women even in the workplace.

Those who are often work for Western NGOs who would provide family leave anyway.

On paper, Afghanistan has some very generous laws for women in the workplace. 100% employer responsibility, sure. Take as many weeks off as you want.

In reality, the justice system is nearly inaccessible, illiteracy is widespread and the average income is measured in cents a day.

...

Men can and do kill women with impunity. But they’ve got weeks of 100 percent paid family leave on the books somewhere. So they’re shining models for the progs.'

College kicks part of male student population off campus in response to sexual assault concerns

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Story here. Excerpt:

'As of Monday, September 22, 2014, only female ELS *[English language classes for foreign students]* participants will be permitted to reside in campus housing," Lorisa Lorenzo, Eckerd's associate dean for student life, wrote in an email sent Wednesday to all students.

The sudden policy shift, undertaken by Eckerd and acceded to by ELS, follows a tumultuous August. Authorities last month dealt with violations ranging from alcohol and catcalls to two allegations of sexual assault reported by female Eckerd students.

It is unclear whether either alleged attacker has been identified. Nonetheless, all four male ELS students on the campus have moved into homes or nearby hotels.

The ban also affects future ELS students and runs indefinitely, or at least until Eckerd and ELS administrators can work out an agreement that could allow male ELS students to return to a dormitory. The new policy also imposes an 8 p.m. curfew on the 42 ELS students now living off the campus, male or female, by which they must have left the property.

"The problem is one or two of the men. It's not all the men," said Mariadelcarmen Jimenez, 27, of Paraguay, who has lived on the campus while studying at ELS for seven months. "Eckerd and ELS students have the same problem about drinking and drugs. The students at Eckerd don't move. But the students at ELS move."

Italy fights Mafia by removing sons, the future leaders, from families deemed incapable of raising them right

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'LOCRI, ITALY – Walk into the Cordi' family home, and you see photographs of solemn men, one after another, staring down from the walls. These images tell the story of one of Italy's most powerful mafia families, as brutal as it is sad.

There is Cosimo — husband, father and reputed clan boss — gunned down on a bicycle during a turf war. And Salvatore, the eldest son, recently ordered into solitary confinement while serving a 30-year murder sentence. There is Domenico, jailed for Mafia crimes, and Antonio, battling depression in a prison psychiatric ward.

Then there is Riccardo, the youngest, still a boy with melancholy eyes.
...
By age 16, Riccardo seemed destined to go the way of his brothers; that is the rule of blood in Calabria's powerful 'ndrangheta clans, a global force in the cocaine trade.

But his mother is tired of making prison pilgrimages up and down Italy, and wishes for him a different fate.
...
Two summers ago, Riccardo became the first of about 20 young men from some of the most notorious crime families to be ordered by a court into exile, into a kind of rehab away from the mob. This daring tactic by a judge is threatening the 'ndrangheta by taking away its most precious asset: its sons.'

Teach For America: Math is the ‘Domain of Old, White Men’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Who knew? Who knew that math … excluded so many? For, according to the Teach For America website, “math has traditionally been seen as the domain of old, White men.”

Hmm. I wonder how the Mayans, then, managed to create their exquisitely accurate calendar long before the rapacious Caucasian came ashore?

Just don’t bring up such ... “uncomfortable” questions to those who believe the “OWM” (Old White Men) theory of math. Sure, it’ll make them squirm a bit, but you’ll most likely be subjected to a litany of the usual PC nonsense, notably that you’re exercising your “white privilege.”

But I digress. EAG news.org reports:

"Judging from the math curriculum recommended, this TFA group, like all other social justice educators, wants minorities to believe that what relates most to their lives in America is racism and oppression.

For example, the site recommends “Critically Conscious Mathematics” and “Radical Math.”

Radical Math was created by educator Jonathan Osler several years ago while teaching at El Puenta Academy in New Jersey. Osler taught Radical Math along-side Cathy Wilkerson, a former member of the Weather Underground Organization (with Bill Ayers) who once participated in a plot to detonate a nail bomb at a dance for military personnel at Fort Dix.

Radical Math provides hundreds of social justice math lessons obviously meant to indoctrinate. For example, lesson titles include “Sweatshop Accounting,” “Racism and Stop and Frisk,” “When Equal Isn’t Fair,” “The Square Root of a Fair Share” and “Home Buying While Brown or Black.”"

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I cannot think of a better way to keep minorities ignorant of mathematics than by turning the subject into yet another showcase for historical grievances. After all, these students/soon-to-be real world participants won’t be able to make change at the store, or prepare the EZ federal tax form, but they will know that Christopher Columbus initiated a genocide against the native peoples of the Americas …

... many of whom, it just so happens, were pretty good at math.'

SAVE: Contact US Soccer and Tell Them to Drop the Double-Standard

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Action item here. Excerpt:

'National Football League running back Ray Rice was arrested and indicted for aggravated assault on March 27, 2014, after he punched his then-fiancée in the face, rendering her unconscious. Five months later, the NFL suspended Rice indefinitely.

U.S. Soccer goaltender Hope Solo was arrested on June 21, 2014 and charged with two counts of fourth degree assault, one against her half-sister and the other against her nephew. According to the police report, Solo's sister was visibly injured and the boy had blood on his shirt.

But while the NFL took strong action, the U.S. Soccer Federation only made excuses:

"We are aware that Hope is handling a personal situation at this moment. At the same time, she has an opportunity to set a significant record that speaks to her hard work and dedication over the years with the National Team. While considering all factors involved, we believe that we should recognize that in the proper way."

This represents an unacceptable double-standard. Double-standards have no place in our nation's effort to end to domestic violence. ESPN has called for Solo's immediate suspension.

TAKE ACTION NOW:

- Call U.S. Soccer at 312-808-1300
- Post a comment on their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/officialussoccer?rf=109057872446915

Tell U.S. Soccer to immediately suspend goalkeeper Hope Solo, and bring an end to the double standards!'

Legislative rush on campus sexual assault threatens student rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CASA's faith in self-interested campus judiciaries stands in stark contrast to recent efforts to address sexual assault in the military. In that context, Gillibrand and McCaskill argued that only impartial civil courts could secure justice.

And CASA's most dangerous component provides OCR with a distorting incentive to wield its enforcement power against colleges and universities. CASA would empower OCR to impose fines equal to 1 percent of an institution's entire operating budget for each Title IX "violation or failure" it found—and to keep the money for itself. This could be crippling. Last summer, for example, OCR found the University of Montana had committed 40 Title IX violations—a staggering potential loss of $160 million under CASA. Finding a single violation at Penn State could net OCR more than $45 million; finding 40 at Harvard could net

Allowing OCR to self-fund by fining institutions for violations will only accelerate the rush to judgment in campus hearings, pushing campus administrators even further towards abandoning due process altogether. Already, college attorneys have admitted that pressure from OCR has prompted unjust outcomes. The National Center for Higher Education Risk Management acknowledged in a recent open letter that in "a lot" of cases, administrators are finding accused students guilty "in spite of the evidence—or the lack thereof—because they think they are supposed to, and that doing so is what OCR wants." It's no wonder that more than 20 students have recently filed suit against their institutions, alleging unfair campus hearings.
...
So what's the way forward on campus sexual assault? Policymakers need to recognize that college judiciaries simply aren't equipped to handle allegations of felony misconduct. Colleges can provide counseling, resources, preventative education, and academic accommodations. But they lack the procedures to reach just results and the power required to properly punish those found guilty. Instead of creating an alternative to the criminal justice system, legislators should devote their efforts to fixing law enforcement's handling of sexual assault.'

California Governor Signs Bill Telling College Kids Where, When to Have Sex

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Article here. Excerpt:

California Gov. Jerry Brown affixed his signature to SB 967—the "Yes Means Yes" affirmative consent bill—which will require colleges to police their students' sex lives.

Some congrats are in order, I suppose? To collectivist feminists, doomsayers of the "rape is an ever-worsening epidemic" variety, and other puritans: Your so-called progressivism has restored Victorian Era prudishness to its former place as a guiding moral compass. Well done, liberals.

The law instructs colleges to define consensual sex under strict terms brilliantly thought up by the California legislature. It also requires university administrators to investigate accusations of sexual assault under a set of terrible procedures that short-change victims by denying them fundamental due process rights. The law specifically establishes the "preponderance of evidence" standard, which mandates convictions for accused students deemed 50.1 percent likely to be guilty by the campus judiciary body.
...
If universities don't comply with the government's demands regarding students and sex, they could face losses of funding or lawsuits. But if they do comply with the the government's demands, they will probably face more lawsuits from students unfairly convicted of sexual assault under farcical campus judiciary proceedings.

Either way, colleges are fucked.'

‘Yes Means Yes’ Is a Bad Coupling of Feminism and the State

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Article here. Excerpt:

'California’s enacting on Sunday of the “yes means yes" law is a victory for some feminist activists but an ill-conceived detour for feminism.

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Like the antiporn laws, “yes means yes” is a bad romance between feminism and the state for two reasons: pleasure and danger. The statute equates good sex with a legalistic definition of consent rather than with the pleasures had by the parties involved. It also expands notions of criminality at a time when the criminal-justice system is regularly committing horrific acts of race- and class-biased violence.

...

"Yes means yes” is another case of politics making strange bedfellows. Feminists work hard to show that the state is both racist and sexist, and yet some feminists imagine that very same state making the world a safer place for them. That’s like dating the wrong partner and wistfully hoping, against all evidence, that he or she will change.'

Universities - places where your sons will go to study for a degree, and be taught not to rape

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'In fact, it would be nice to see a male student refuse to take part on the grounds that he is being discriminated against on the grounds of his gender.

And that's wrong. Or maybe it's only wrong when it's used against a woman.

The logic which drives this forced indoctrination is one which starts from the secret belief that all men are potential rapists, even the 'good' ones. It's a little piece of 1970s feminism that's as offensive as it is shrill and stupid.
...
Ultimately, this is all down to identity politics and the belief that men are simply naked apes who can't be trusted to resist their 'biology' when it comes to understanding that rape is a bad thing.
...
This intellectual black hole owes far more to the ideological laziness of the women behind the mandatory course than any desire to see the average campus become a safer place.

It also displays a stunning but not surprising ignorance of the way the average man operates. Because men are against rape, too. And they don't need a lecture by a member of the Cambridge University's women's group to educate them on that fact.

But then I would say that.

I'm only a man.'

Hollywood’s attack on men: Will the industry change its gender stereotyping following UN summit?

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'Watson works with the HeForShe initiative, which encourages men to stand up for women’s equality—but the actress also brought an important point into the spotlight: Men are plagued by gender stereotypes too. Will her highly praised speech spur a change in Hollywood? Or will the industry continue to tear males down by portraying them as lovable idiots who ought to be banned from the domestic sphere?

“Men are often portrayed as dingdongs and women mainly as the tough counterpart with a bad attitude and that strange magic ‘problem solver’ gene,” said Nadia Atwal, a talent manager and film producer. “Women have to wake up and start switching on that ‘equality’ we supposedly score so high at.”

In the advertising arena, dumbing down the man of the house is still as popular as ever. There was the Tide Acti-Lift detergent commercial in which a wife and daughter team up to outsmart the powerless man of the house and pat him on the head like a dog; and the Fiber One ad in which a woman uses her wisdom to fool her husband into eating “healthy” food.

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While Watson’s speech about the battle for gender equality has sparked conversations, many don’t expect show business to make any massive sweeping changes any time soon.

“Change will only occur when women – who make up most of the viewership – say ‘no more’ and thus stop attending movies,” said Wanis.'

U.S. State Dept.: "TechWomen 2014: Creating a Network of Female Innovators in the Middle East and Africa"

Minuteman · 30 September 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'As part of the U.S. Department of State's TechWomen exchange program, companies in the San Francisco Bay area and Silicon Valley will host 78 women from the Middle East and Africa from September 30 - November 5. The TechWomen program supports the United States' global commitment to provide women the access and opportunities needed to advance their careers, pursue their dreams, and build a network of mentors in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

This year's participants – from Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Nigeria, the Palestinian Territories, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tunisia, Yemen, and Zimbabwe – will work side-by-side with American counterparts at 40 leading companies. They will attend professional networking events and workshops hosted by partners in one of the following tracks: hardware, Internet, science, software, telecommunications, and for the first time this year green technology, as women who work in that field look for global solutions to environmental challenges.

After returning to their home countries, the 2014 TechWomen participants will join other program alumnae and several visiting U.S. mentors to conduct workshops for women and girls who have expressed interest in pursuing tech-based careers.'

Young Californian men beware: You could be branded a rapist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Jerry Brown, D-Calif., has signed into law the state's controversial "yes means yes" sexual consent bill for disciplinary procedures at public colleges, which defines consent narrowly and leaves accused students without due process rights.

California's bill, S.B.967, is the first in the nation to define consent as an "affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement," but also codify into law that a "lack of protest or resistance does not mean consent, nor does silence mean consent."

Non-verbal consent, such as a nod, is acceptable under the law, but because the law's text requires consent to be "ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at any time," the likelihood that a university could determine signals were misinterpreted is high.

That's because the law gives no due process rights to the accused. It requires universities provide accusers (labeled "victims," which itself suggests a bias) with counseling services, but doesn't offer any services for the accused.
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Without due process rights for the accused — like access to legal representation or the ability to cross-examine the accuser — miscarriages of justice will occur. In many such cases, the police refuse to press charges because "he said, she said" may prove insufficient evidence for a criminal trial under procedures that fit within constitutional guidelines.'

"Women-Only Coworking Space The Hive Is a Great Idea"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Opening this fall in Old City, The Hive is a coworking space that follows in the footsteps of Indie Hall and Seed Philly (among others — plenty of us are getting sick of the crumby couch). This time around, however, it's girls-only: billing itself as a "chic coworking space for the self-made female entrepreneur to learn, network and thrive," this gorgeous 900-square-foot office is strictly for "queen bees."

Now ideally, if I could curate my coworkers, I'd assemble a dream team of dogs who were down to order Thai every day. Barring that, a group of smart, motivated, getting-it-done women sounds like a pretty good deal. Sure, it's a little pricey compared to the competition (up to $300 a month, depending on the membership level), but exposed brick and natural lighting don't come cheap in Old City.
...
Every time I ride the El, I accept that the person who sits next to me may very well be smelly, chatty, or threatening. Two of these, I can work with — but all three is a deal-breaker. As we've learned in recent weeks, women aren't necessarily immune to violence, and they can definitely not know when to shut up — but there's a good chance they smell better than their male counterparts. Sold.'

UK may get women-only train carriages

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two months after Sao Paolo's city authorities approved a bill enforcing women-only carriages on the city's metro network, a transport minister has said that similar measures may be needed in the UK.

Claire Perry, speaking at the Conservative party conference in Birmingham yesterday, said she is "absolutely determined" to cut the number sexual offences on public transport, and that women-only carriages could be a way to prevent "groping and low-level violence".

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Segregated carriages currently operate in India, Russia, Indonesia and Japan, where transport police have seen a drop in incidents since they were introduced. SheTaxi, a woman-only taxi company, also launched in New York this month.

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Perry said she's also considered other "wacky ideas", like banning repeat offenders from public transport permanently in a "three strikes" system. For all the practical barriers, that might be less wacky than removing women from mixed carriages for their own safety.'

"Men Should Pay on First Dates and That Does Not Undermine Feminism"

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'If there is a singular conversation starter about gender and money it is this:

Who pays on the first date?

As women make huge huge gains in family medical leave and gaining seats on corporate boards and in Congress, dating expectations barely budge. The status quo is that men pay on first dates. Last week NerdWallet released the results of a survey that found 77 percent of straight people believe men should pay on first dates — a sentiment held by 82 percent of men and 72 percent of women. I am one of those women. I have no financial reason not to pay for my own $29 grilled farm-raised salmon on a first outing with a man. But I really, really prefer if he cooly assumes the bill and slips the server his Visa.

It's not about snagging a rich husband or a free meal.

It's about sex.

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Critics argue that the assumption that men will pay for a first date is now obsolete since women earn nearly as much as men. Further, it's also a detriment to feminism, they claim, since it sets a precedent that the woman will forever be financially subordinate to the man in that relationship.

This is not the case. In the same 30 year-period that we have held fast to traditional habits about first-date paying, we have also enjoyed enormous gains in gender equality.

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Now, allow me to remind you I am talking about the theatric ritual of first dates. Long-term, neither gender can afford to expect men to take full financial responsibility — and we don't.'

The 'Undue Importance' Of SAT Scores Is Keeping Women Out Of Elite Colleges

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'The 'Undue Importance' Of SAT Scores Is Keeping Women Out Of Elite Colleges

Female college applicants' scores on the SAT could be keeping them out of some of the most elite colleges in the country, according to a new study.

According to the study, "the evidence best supports a conclusion that women's lower average standardized test scores, combined with the importance attributed to those scores in admissions decisions, creates de facto preferences for men that drive women's under-enrollment in these institutions."'

Janet Napolitano, Jennifer Granholm: Tough for women in tech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It'll take more than an act of Congress to get more women into tech, former Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm agreed Thursday.

Changes may have to come from companies — or from women themselves, they said during a POLITICO Women Rule event in San Francisco.
...
Congress could require the industry and tech investors to disclose more data about how many women they hire, Napolitano suggested.
...
Napolitano, who is now president of the University of California system, suggested she would consider moves to encourage transparency in the tech industry. She pledged at the event to inquire as to whether the University of California could demand that investment firms receiving money from the school system disclose their employment figures.'

Mom accused of shooting son with gun she used to kill ex-husband

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'A woman who was acquitted of murder after killing her ex-husband more than 20 years ago in South Florida is now facing charges of trying to kill her adult son — with the same gun.

Prosecutors in Las Vegas want a jury there to learn about the trial Linda Cooney won in 1993, when she was accused in the Feb. 7, 1992 shooting death of prominent Palm Beach County tax attorney James Cooney.

The testimony of Kevin Cooney, 11 at the time of the trial, was key to his mother's acquittal, according to Peter Magrino, the prosecutor who tried the case. James and Linda Cooney had divorced four years earlier, and she claimed she acted in self-defense when she shot him.

When Linda Cooney shot her ex-husband in 1992, Kevin Cooney told police he saw his fatally wounded father lying on the floor after he'd been shot. His hands were empty, he said. But during the trial, he told lawyers his father may have had something in his hands after all.

"Unfortunately, the children were at such a young age and had been so traumatized, it presented the prosecution with a problem in terms of the inconsistency of their statements," he said.

In June 2011, Kevin Cooney was on the receiving end of a bullet from the same .357 Magnum that killed his father. The gunshot left him paralyzed. But Las Vegas prosecutors are concerned Kevin Cooney will again emerge as his mother's best witness after she talked to him while he was recuperating in the hospital.'

The CBS news program "48 Hours" here in the US will be airing a segment titled "Mommy Dearest" on this case on Sat., Oct. 4, 2014 at 8:00 PM Eastern time.

Attorneys send letter to senators opposing campus sexual assault bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of 20 attorneys from across the country with experience handling sexual assault cases sent a letter on Thursday to the co-sponsors of the Senate's campus sexual assault bill.

The attorneys, who have all represented students accused of sexual assault who are now suing their universities for lack of due process, wrote that while sexual assault needs to be addressed, rights of the accused need to be preserved.

"We are concerned that the complexity of the problem and the momentum to find a solution to the manner in which colleges handle these matters will overwhelm any effort to ensure fair treatment to and protect the rights of the accused — particularly with respect to due process, impartiality and the collection of evidence," the attorneys wrote.

They cited the Campus Accountability and Safety Act, noting the legislation uses the word "victim" or "victims" 34 times but "accused" only once.

"By presuming that all accusers are in fact 'victims' prior to any investigation or adjudication, the proposed legislation does a grave disservice to those accused of serious sexual offenses by ignoring a concept at the core of due process, innocent until proven guilty," the attorneys wrote.'

Authors offer ceremonies that don't involve circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Piedmont resident Lisa Braver Moss is collaborating with Rebecca Wald of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on a book called "Celebrating Brit Shalom," to be published in the spring.

Brit shalom, which means "covenant of peace" in Hebrew, is a naming ceremony for newborn Jewish boys that does not involve circumcision as in the traditional bris milah (covenant of circumcision).

The book offers families who don't want to circumcise their infant sons the choice of three original brit shalom ceremonies that include prayers, readings, new music -- and the cutting of only a pomegranate, a fruit that symbolizes wisdom and righteousness in Judaism.'

Swaziland: "E/200 a month for girls to avoid sex" -- with boys "targeted" for circumcision

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Link here. Excerpt:

'MBABANE – Government plans to give adolescent girls monthly cash incentives to keep them safe from the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and sugar daddies.

Girls in the age group of 18 to 24 will be paid at least E200 per month, for the next five years. The World Bank pilot project under the DPM's office has 9 000 girls already from four constituencies who have been identified as first beneficiaries of the project.

The girls would use the money to pay for their immediate needs, such as toiletries, sanitary pads, cologne and general things they desire.

Khanya Mabuza, the Director of National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) said his organisation came up with the initiative after having worked with other partners to develop an HIV/Aids Investment case, aimed at ending AIDS in Swaziland.

He said the case came up with a plan to give adolescent girls monthly cash incentives to keep them safe from HIV.

Mabuza said the cash for the girls strategy was one highly innovative HIV prevention approach aimed at protecting the girls from contracting the virus.

...

"Therefore, the cash incentive approach is aimed at building their self esteem and mitigates structural risk factors that exacerbate their vulnerability to sugar daddies," he said.

"The programmes were all aimed at enabling the country to make savings in both lives and money in the long run."

He identified these programmes as the scaling up of voluntary medical male circumcision, elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV, intensification of TB/HIV co-infection diagnosis and treatment, as well as the accelerated scale up of antiretroviral therapy (ART) for people living with HIV.

...

Some of these strategies have already been rolled out and include the hyped male circumcision programme, targeting males aged between 10 and 30.

Through the programme, 2 500 boys from various primary schools were circumcised by organisations such as the Population Service International (PSI) and the Family Life Association of Swaziland (FLAS) during the recent school holidays.

...

Under the ongoing mass medical male circumcision (MC) project, for example, he said 80 per cent of Swazi males, between the ages of 10 and 30 were being targeted for the procedure in the next five years.'

Why seeing a woman doctor might be better for your health: Patients are 'more likely to take advice from female physicians

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Patients are more likely to heed the advice of female doctors than their male counterparts, a study has revealed.

In particular, recommendations about nutrition, exercise and weight loss were much more likely to be acted on when dispensed by a woman.

The researchers say their findings ran contrary to what they had expected - that patients would be more likely to take advice from a doctor of the same gender.

...

The researchers believe their findings indicate that communication skills play more of a role than gender when getting patients to trust a doctor.

The new study suggests that some male doctors could learn a thing or two from female physicians - at least when it comes to dispensing advice on nutrition and exercise.'

President Obama Jokes That It Takes a Wife “10 Years to Train a Man.” Ha?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Policywise, it's easy to argue that Barack Obama is a feminist president. The first bill he signed was for equal pay. He launched a White House task force to fight sexual assault and ensured mandatory contraception coverage in Obamacare, a decision he has had to fight for. So why does the president keep making sexist jokes casting his wife in the role of the mommy who has to take care of him?

The Obamas celebrated their 22nd anniversary last week, an occasion the president noted during a visit to an Indiana steel plant with a joke recorded by Rebecca Sinderbrand of the Washington Post:
...
It's far from the first time Obama has made himself the man-child to Michelle's nag. Last year, he joked that he quit smoking "because I'm scared of my wife." In a 2013 interview with Vogue, Michelle Obama said her husband has taught her to relax more. He replied by saying, "And what Michelle has done is to remind me every day of the virtues of order. Being on time. Hanging up your clothes. Being intentional about planning time with your kids."'

Feminist Lies about Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's really only one thing that progressives get wrong: human nature. This leads them into error on economics, where they imagine they can micromanage billions of individual decisions every day; foreign policy, in which they overestimate the appeal of "talks" and underestimate the ferocity and opportunism of aggressors; and sex, in which, well, where to begin?

California proposes to stop campus rape and sexual assault with a law redefining consent. Governor Jerry Brown signed legislation last week specifying that verbal consent must precede all sexual activity. Further, consent cannot be given if someone is incapacitated by drugs or alcohol.'

Liberals storm California's bedrooms

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'I have a slightly different take on California's recent decision to regulate college sex. Don't get me wrong, it's beyond idiotic, unworkable, even borderline Orwellian. We'll get to all that.
...
The incredible overreach of the law has been discussed at great length. The Times editorial board expressed its own sensible misgivings in an editorial before Brown signed the bill into law. "It seems extremely difficult and extraordinarily intrusive to micromanage sex so closely as to tell young people what steps they must take in the privacy of their own dorm rooms."'

India: 53% rape cases filed between April and July, 2013 are false: Delhi Commission of Women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A disturbing trend of filing of false rape cases has come to the fore, mocking stringent laws adopted by the parliament last year to prevent crime against women. The Delhi Commission of Women (DCW) has come out with startling statistics showing that 53.2% of the rape cases filed between April 2013 and July 2014 in the capital were found 'false'.

The report says that between April 2013 and July 2014, of the 2,753 complaints of rape, only 1,287 cases were found to be true, and the remaining 1,464 cases were found to be false.

The report further revealed that between June 2013 and December 2013, the number of cases found to be untrue were 525. And in between, January 2014 and July 2014, the number of false rape cases were 900.'

Lawsuit Casts Harsh Light on Due Process at College

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Under ordinary circumstances, the facts alleged by Abrar Faiaz in the legal complaint he filed last spring in U.S. District Court in New York against Colgate University *[link added]* would strain credulity [sic]. But because Faiaz's allegations are consistent with the organized offensive against due process perpetrated by universities in recent years, they should be considered with an open mind.

The lawsuit accuses Colgate and several members of the university's administration, faculty, and staff -- including President Jeffrey Herbst, Provost Douglas Hicks, and Dean of the College Suzy Nelson -- of multiple civil rights violations as well as false imprisonment, breach of contract, and failure to substantially observe the school's established procedures. The court is currently weighing Colgate's motion to dismiss the suit.'

California's Radical College-Sex-Law Experiment

Matt · 8 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Indeed, the law's advocates don't uniformly believe its written standards will actually be followed at all. This defense by Amanda Marcotte is telling: "The law has no bearing on the vast majority of sexual encounters. It only applies when a student files a sexual assault complaint." So the law will not come into play because nobody will actually try to enforce it. Instead, it will technically deem a large proportion of sexual encounters to be rape, but prosecutors will only enforce it if there is an accusation. And since most, and possibly nearly all, sexual encounters will legally be rape, then accusation will almost automatically result in conviction.

Indeed, this may be the point. Culp-Ressler dismisses concerns about convictions of innocent people. ("In reality, false rape allegations are very rare, comprising about two to eight percent of all reports.") Two to 8 percent seems like a fairly high number of innocent people to convict as rapists, and of course that proportion could well rise quite a bit under a legal regime that expands the definition of rape in ways that are both extremely broad and extremely confusing.

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But people have certain intuitive beliefs about justice. If most college students today do not think that sex without continuous, affirmative consent is actually rape, and there is a law in place rendering it as such, soon enough, somebody is going to be prosecuted under these terms. And that person will become a victim of a standard of justice that offends the moral sensibilities of a large number of Americans, which is directly attributable to the actions of California's elected Democratic officials. What will the law's defenders do then?'

SAVE: California Affirmative Consent Policy Portends ‘Unraveling of the Democratic Coalition,’ Columnist Warns

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California Affirmative Consent Policy Portends ‘Unraveling of the Democratic Coalition,’ Columnist Warns

WASHINGTON / October 8, 2014 – SAVE, a national victim-advocacy organization, istoday launching a campaign to highlight the controversies surrounding the so-called Affirmative Consent proposals which advocates claim will curb campus sexual assault. Gov. Jerry Brown recently signed bill SB-967 which will require California students to provide ongoing “affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity.”

Affirmative Consent has been criticized by commentators from all points on the political spectrum.

Writing in *Time* magazine, Camille Paglia recently warned, “Colleges should stick to academics and stop their infantilizing supervision of students’ dating lives, an authoritarian intrusion that borders on violation of civil liberties.” http://time.com/3444749/camille-paglia-the-modern-campus-cannot-comprehend-evil/#3444749/camille-paglia-the-modern-campus-cannot-comprehend-evil/

Hoover Institution fellow Peter Berkowitz observed, “Indeed the indifference to and sometimes outright disdain for due process among our faculty and administrators is transforming our universities into bastions of authoritarianism” http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2014/10/03/lawsuit_casts_harsh_light_on_due_process_at_colgate__124167.html

Earlier this week liberal columnist Jonathan Chait wrote the California bill represents a “massive broadening of the legal definition of rape” which will “likely reverberate in ways liberals have barely begun to contemplate.” Chait warned the policy portends the “future unraveling of the Democratic coalition.” http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2014/10/californias-radical-college-sex-law-experiment.html

SAVE notes that Affirmative Consent policies classify 99% of consensual encounters as sexual assault, are likely to be ineffective in stopping rape, encourage false allegations, and are unworkable in real life: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/affirmative-consent-2/

“Legislators who are considering Affirmative Consent legislation should ask how requiring a woman to say ‘Yes’ would in any way deter a rapist intent on committing a heinous crime,” notes SAVE spokesperson Sheryle Hutter. “Instead, legislators should be proposing legislation that mandates stronger involvement of the criminal justice system.”

Numerous editorials have criticized the notion of Affirmative Consent: www.accusingu.org

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments– SAVE -- is working to promote effective solutions to campus sexual assault: http://www.saveservices.org/

'California's new “Yes means Yes” law is insulting'

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Article here. The author is the same Wendy Murphy who said the kinds of things and did the kinds of things she did during the now-infamous Duke lacrosse player case. Having her denounce the recent CA bill is not a bad thing; it's *why* she's doing it. Seems she feels it doesn't go far enough in guaranteeing that any man on a college campus is eminently slam-dunkable by any given female. Excerpt:

'The idea is insulting and dangerous. Here’s why:

1. Sexual assault on campus is a civil rights violation under Title IX and requires proof only of “unwelcomeness,” which is much easier to prove than lack of “affirmative consent.” Terms such as “non-consent” and lack of “affirmative consent,” are used only in the criminal justice system and are much more difficult to prove compared to “unwelcomeness.” Burdensome criminal laws should never be used on campus.

2. “Unwelcome” means a person subjectively does not want sex. “Affirmative consent” means even if a person does not want sex, a forcible attack is allowed so long as the offender claims he made a “mistake” about “affirmative consent.” Under “unwelcomeness,” such “mistakes” are not allowed.'

Costa Rican president to establish commission to study men's rights issues, adviser says

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Casa Presidencial has promised a men's rights advocacy group that it will form a new interagency commission to study legal imbalances in domestic abuse, custody rights and child support policy in Costa Rica.

President Luis Guillermo Solís' administration on Monday related the news to members of the Foundation to Support Men (FUNDIAPHO), which last week marched from their offices in the northeastern San José suburb of Guadalupe to Solís' residence in Barrio Escalante, east of the capital.

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"A new era will soon begin for Ticos and Costa Rican society," Herrera told The Tico Times. "We are extremely excited, and we hope to finally achieve true gender equality."

...

"Women who are victims of abuse are offered free counseling and health care. Abused men, meanwhile, get nothing," Herrera said.

During last week's protest, members of the group noted that Costa Rica has adopted several laws to protect women and children from domestic violence, and to ensure that men are held responsible for child support. But no legislation has been passed to protect men's rights, they said.

"We know that there are abusive men. But there are also abusive women, and that number is increasing," Herrera said last June during a protest outside the Supreme Court.

About one in five domestic abuse victims in Costa Rica are men, according to the number of criminal complaints filed each year. In 2012, the judicial branch registered approximately 50,000 domestic violence complaints. Of those, 11,000 were filed by men.'

PEPFAR: "Let's Confront, Not Ignore"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Some subjects can be easier to ignore than confront. Sweep them under the rug and maybe they will go away.

But as we all know, there are very few problems that go away simply through wishful thinking. Gender-based violence is one such problem that will not fade away unless we act. That's why this year's "Day of the Girl Child" on October 11th is drawing attention to "Empowering Adolescent Girls: Ending the Cycle of Violence."

Sexual violence against pre-adolescents and adolescents is alarmingly high, with 28 to 38 percent of girls reporting an unwanted sexual experience before the age of 18.

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The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is working with U.S. implementing agencies, partner countries, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and other multilateral partners, and civil society groups to address gender-based violence and HIV prevention for adolescent girls in a holistic manner. This means bringing together many relevant approaches from multiple sectors– education, health, economic, and psycho-social– to establish a core package of evidence-based interventions.

PEPFAR is also a founding partner of "Together for Girls"– a ground-breaking public-private partnership that seeks to end violence against children, especially sexual violence against girls.'

"Yahoo For Men" company founder sees men generally drawn to "lowest common denominator" concepts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I don't feel it's an overreach to say we're building the Yahoo for men. When I was at Yahoo, I discovered that the big-scale male demographic sites, for the most part, were not befitting of major premium brands because men tend to gravitate to the lowest common denominator when it comes to concepts. So, looking at the media and content for women, there's lots of high-quality premium safe content for brands to associate with. But for men, there's a only handful at scale. That's where we want to play.'

U.S. State Dept.: "International Day of the Girl, October 11"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Unfortunately, we live in a world where girls are often not valued. Today, 250 million girls live in poverty, one in three girls in the developing world will be married before turning 18, and 62 million girls are out of school--deprived of an education that would lead to positive health and economic outcomes. Worldwide, an estimated 150 million girls have experienced sexual violence, and nearly half of all sexual assaults are committed against girls younger than 16 years of age. In 2013, nearly 80 percent of all new HIV infections among those ages 15 to 24 affected adolescent girls and young women. Thus, the consequences of failing to adequately invest in girls are enormous.

The United States understands that when a girl is kept from achieving her potential it is a loss not only for that individual girl, but also for her family, community, and country. We know that empowering girls, keeping them free from violence, and providing them with an education is one of the best ways to ensure that societies thrive. Nowhere is this more true than in Afghanistan where women and girls have persevered despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and made incredible gains over the past 13 years to help put their country on the path to peace, prosperity, and security.

...

It is not a coincidence that girls and women are targeted by these groups like ISIL and Boko Haram. We must stand against those extremists groups that have arbitrarily targeted women and girls and subjected them to sexual violence and forced marriage. Their plight underscores the challenges we face to ensure girls grow up in a world where every girl lives a life of dignity, free from violence.'

Embrace the Men's Rights Movement

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'This is a response to Annie Kuster's viewpoint Oct. 9 viewpoint, "A personal invitation to embrace feminism."

I remember first hearing about Emma Watson's UN address, initially thinking to myself this was probably just another popularity boost for the feminist movement. ...
...
There I found the HeForShe Commitment, which reinforced my initial speculation and the overarching reason for the men's rights movement: Feminism is not interested in men's problems.

The HeForShe Commitment states, "Gender equality is not only a women's issue, it is a human rights issue that requires my participation. I commit to take action against all forms of violence and discrimination faced by women and girls." Although Watson has spoken about how men have gender issues and their issues should be recognized, the HeForShe campaign fails to include this in its pledge. Feminism is not interested in the problems men face in today's society, and thus I refuse to support a movement that claims to promote gender equality but in actuality is concerned with the elevation of women at the expense of men.
...
Feminism claims to be a movement rooted in the idea of equal rights for men and women. Women say they don't understand why more men aren't feminists or why feminism is often viewed as an anti-man campaign. Well ladies, this is why.'

So You Want to Be a Male Feminist? Maybe Don’t

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I have a handful of straight male friends I consider to be feminists. They know when to speak up on behalf of a female friend or colleague, and they know when to sit down, shut up, and listen. They’re working through their issues about women without foisting them upon the women in their lives. They gently explain feminism to other men in the woman-bashing conversations that happen behind even the most progressive closed doors. And they would all sooner die than call themselves feminists.

...

One of the hardest parts of coming to grips with the depth and breadth of the patriarchy is recognizing that there are no exceptions. Maybe you didn’t, personally, do anything wrong, but you were still born into a power structure that gave you unjust rewards. The system — whether it’s the patriarchy or white supremacy or capitalism — does not offer special exemptions for individuals with good intentions. And that should make you mad: The fact is that even though you know better, and are truly a male feminist, you’re still stuck being the bad guy. You can’t opt out of the privileges you inherited at birth. Or, as my (male) feminist friend once put it, “I’m not one of the good ones and neither are you and neither is anyone, FYI.”'

NPO: Shared Parenting Advocacy Efforts Uphold Historic Proclamation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'National Child Health Day is a Federal Observance of the need for all of us to direct our thoughts to the health and well-being of our children. This year is was Monday, October 6th. National Parents Organization celebrates it daily through our work to make shared parenting - the child custody arrangement that federal statistics as well as child development studies consistently show serves the best interest of children's health and well-being after parents divorce or separate — the norm.

National Parents Organization recognizes that preserving a strong bond between children and their parents is critically important to children's emotional, mental, and physical health. Shared parenting is the simplest, yet most difficult to implement, solution to most of the challenges facing our children today.

By promoting shared parenting, National Parents Organization answers a call President Calvin Coolidge made in 1928 under a Joint Resolution of Congress that proclaimed National Child Health Day a United States Federal Observance Day. In the proclamation, the President invited all agencies and organizations interested in child welfare to unite on Child Health Day, and he stated that "a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts towards the health and well-being of our children."'

Privilege & Entitlement: A Look at Philadelphia Gay Bashing Suspect Kathryn Knott

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Article here. Children of powerful people acting privleged and entitled isn't news. Boys and girls alike, when raised to view themselves as inherently exceptional, act that way; simple cause and effect in action, and most people know this already. And most people also think that hate crimes against virtually anyone or any number of people belonging to some group are committed exclusively by men. Well, guess again. Excerpt:

'Though most have heard about the brutal attack on two gay men in Philadelphia that transpired earlier this month, many haven't learned much about the suspects indicted this week for the attack. Of the three suspects arrested, one in particular stands out as a shining example of privilege and entitlement: 24-year-old Kathryn Knott. The daughter of (Philadelphia-area) Chalfont Township Police Chief Karl Knott, Kathryn Knott serves as a living example of virtually every stereotypical child-of-privilege and law enforcement cliché including abuse of police power for personal gain.

After her arrest (with her two male accomplices), Knott's past came to light fairly quickly since she leads an active and open social media life. Not only does her Twitter feed glorify binge drinking (and ejection from public spaces due to that drinking), it also contains evidence of xenophobic and homophobic behavior as well as potentially illegal behavior related to her X-Ray Technician work at a local hospital.'

"Accused College Rapists Have Rights, Too"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This August, Columbia University released a new policy for handling “gender-based” misconduct among students. Since April, universities around the country have been rewriting their guidelines after a White House task force urged them to do more to fight sexual assault. I was curious to know what a lawyer outside the university system would make of one of these codes. So I sent the document to Robin Steinberg, a public defender and a feminist.

A few hours later, Steinberg wrote back in alarm. She had read the document with colleagues at the Bronx legal-aid center she runs. They were horrified, she said—not because Columbia still hadn’t sufficiently protected survivors of assault, as some critics charge, but because its procedures revealed a cavalier disregard for the civil rights of people accused of rape, assault, and other gender-based crimes. “We are never sending our boys to college,” she wrote.
...
What’s happening at universities represents an often necessary effort to recategorize once-acceptable behaviors as unacceptable. But the government, via Title IX, is effectively acting on the notion popularized in the 1970s and ’80s by Andrea Dworkin and Catharine MacKinnon that male domination is so pervasive that women need special protection from the rigors of the law. Men, as a class, have more power than women, but American law rests on the principle that individuals have rights even when accused of doing bad things. And American liberalism has long rejected the notion that those rights may be curtailed even for a noble cause. “We need to take into account our obligations to due process not because we are soft on rapists and other exploiters of women,” says Halley, but because “the danger of holding an innocent person responsible is real.'

‘Affirmative Consent’ blurs the lines between consensual sex and sexual assault on campus

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'When it came to educating young people about respecting personal boundaries, the rules were very simple and generally easy to understand: no means no. This was particularly true when it came to teaching young men that when things were getting ‘hot and heavy’ with someone they were making out with that if the woman at any point said ‘no’ it was time to back off (and perhaps should take a cold shower once he got home). For as long as I can remember, society was ‘teaching men not to rape’ to coin a phrase.
...
So what can we extrapolate from this case as the current state of consent? Are we now at place where John Does are fully responsible for his conduct while Jane Does have no responsibility whatsoever for her conduct? Whatever happened to the notion of equality the progressive feminists claim they want? This notion is both insulting and it infantilizes women.

And yes, I get it - I hope all young men get it, that if a woman is wearing skimpy clothing (or no clothing for that matter), is incapacitated, or unconscious she is not ‘asking for it.’ But to suggest that encouraging women to drink responsibly (if they choose to drink), should learn self defense (as Ms. Nevada did and got lampooned for it), or should carry a gun (nothing says ‘I don’t consent’ like a 9mm in the face) in no way supports the ‘rape culture’!

We are told ad nauseum by progressive feminists that we should ‘teach men not to rape’ instead. The truth is that we have been teaching men not to rape at least for a few generations now and most of us do not rape. There are still men (and women!) who do for whatever reason. Perhaps its for the same reason some people steal and murder; I doubt its a lack of education (and yet we still tell people to lock their doors and/or install alarms on our homes but no one suggests we are supporting the ‘theft culture’).
...
For those of you who have young men who are college-aged or soon will be, its up to you to educate them on this subject, however uncomfortable. This affirmative consent standard and these college kangaroo courts seem to be the reality for the time being. As we try to roll back these policies it’s important for young men to know what they are getting into in the current system. If there are any policies young men should take seriously, its knowing the ‘rules of engagement’ before even thinking about hooking up.

As for the attractive coed pursuing a womyn’s studies major? She’s not worth the trouble.'

"Patriarchy is a men's privilege movement"

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'Men's Rights Activists of the world, prepare yourselves for the next couple of words, because you're never going to hear them from me again: you're right. Feminism is not about men's problems.

Women are the direct targets and primary victims of a patriarchal society in which misogyny and male domination wins the day. The ways in which this system harms men are incidental and self-inflicted by men as a class. Men could be much more free if they were willing to reject their attachment to masculinity. But I won't lie to you: as long as patriarchy runs our society and masculinity continues to be worshiped, men who reject these norms, or even those who accept them yet aren't able to perfectly perform them, will continue to face insult and exclusion. So, congratulations. If and when that happens, you'll have the slightest peek into what women's lives are like every day. How does it feel?
...
Which "rights" is Mr. D'Emic concerned that feminism is taking away from men – perhaps the right to rape and exploit women with virtual impunity? Men's rights are covered under human rights. But patriarchy is a men's privilege movement, not a rights movement – social privileges are built on the domination of other groups. The so-called Men's Rights movement recapitulates these privileges. Effective feminism does, in fact, require that women be raised out of their lowered circumstances at the expense of privileges enjoyed by men – privileges that are gained by unjustly disenfranchising women of basic human rights.'

Sex-Shaming: The Feminist Weapon of Choice to Silence Dissenters on Affirmative Consent

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Any delusion I might have harbored that a world where women have a bigger voice than Rush Limbaugh's would be less ugly was shattered this week. In responding to my column about the idiocy of California's new affirmative consent law, feministas at Jezebel and Wonkette demonstrated one thing loud and clear: When it comes to talking about issues concerning their lady parts, they turn into bigger dicks than Limbaugh. These ladies ejaculated expletives such as "fuck" on their screens several times, speculated about my personal sex life, and called me names—all of which one would have chalked up to girls having fun if they'd actually managed to sneak in an argument or two.

But they didn't.'

Bucaramanga: The city where women ‘rule’ every Thursday night

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Every Thursday in the city of Bucaramanga, Colombia, it’s an all-women party all night long – while the men face curfew at home.

Men in the Colombian city of Bucaramanga are being told to stay home and mind the children while their wives and partners go out to party all night long, as part of an initiative to tackle the high levels of domestic violence in the city. The women-only night, set for Thursday, is expected to be a hit with the city’s women and bring a carnival atmosphere.

Bars, restaurants and shopping malls will offer special events for women, and local authorities are organising women-only concerts, parties and dance classes in the city’s parks and squares. The Catholic Church is hosting events too. For men staying at home, restaurants are offering discounts on home deliveries.

Organisers of the women-only night, which is spearheaded by the chamber of commerce, governor and mayors of the province of Santander, of which Bucaramanga is the capital, hope it will stir debate about gender roles in a city known for its macho culture.

“The women-only night and voluntary curfew for men aims to be a symbolic event and a moment of reflection for the authorities, state institutions and society about the high levels of domestic violence and the role of men in society,” says Yamid Saldana, one of the project’s coordinators and press manager at Corpovisionarios, a Bogota-based think-tank that is promoting the initiative.

“It aims to send the message that it’s ok for men to stay at home and look after the children and wash the dishes, and it doesn’t mean they are less of a man,” says Saldana in a telephone interview.

Men who want to venture onto the streets will have to carry a special ‘safe-conduct pass’ they can download online, stating they know about the initiative and the reasons why they do not want to participate, says Saldana.

Women will be in charge of this northeastern city of 530,000 people for the night, when four mayors and the provincial governor will temporarily hand over power to female government officials, he adds.'

Liberals Get Illiberal on Campus Rape

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'Obviously, universities aren't trampling due process because they hate due process. They're doing it because they hate campus rape, of which there is (unlike terrorism, it should be said) an awful lot. For various reasons, including the long stalemate in Washington, the movement to confront campus rape has shot up the list of liberal priorities. One can detect in this movement an impatience with balancing risk against liberty that, in other contexts, would be readily recognizable as a tone of creeping illiberalism.
...
"To work, "Yes Means Yes" needs to create a world where men are afraid. ...

Critics worry that colleges will fill with cases in which campus boards convict young men (and, occasionally, young women) of sexual assault for genuinely ambiguous situations. Sadly, that's necessary for the law's success. It's those cases — particularly the ones that feel genuinely unclear and maybe even unfair, the ones that become lore in frats and cautionary tales that fathers e-mail to their sons — that will convince men that they better Be Pretty Damn Sure."

Read that passage again. He is not merely arguing that, to make an omelette, one must break some eggs. He is arguing for false convictions as a conscious strategy in order to strike fear into the innocent. This is a conception of justice totally removed from the liberal tradition.

Ezra Klein is not a nut; he is the polar opposite of one, which is what makes it so important that he is arguing in such expressly illiberal terms. Of course, campus justice need not contain all the safeguards of a criminal proceeding. But since they are a quasi-judicial procedure, and often held explicitly in lieu of formal police charges, we might expect them to at least broadly reflect our expectations of justice.'

Also: An Appalling Case for Affirmative-Consent Laws

Teachers decry Harvard’s shift on sex assaults

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Twenty-eight current and retired Harvard Law School professors are asking the university to abandon its new sexual misconduct policy and craft different guidelines for investigating allegations, asserting that the new rules violate the due process rights of the accused.

“This is an issue of political correctness run amok,” said Alan M. Dershowitz, an emeritus Harvard Law professor who was among the faculty members signing an article, sent to the Globe’s Opinion page, that is critical of the new procedures.
...
In the Opinion article, the professors complained that the new investigative office is a Title IX compliance entity, rather than one “that could be considered structurally impartial,” and that the policy lacks adequate safeguards for the rights of the accused.

“Harvard has adopted procedures for deciding cases of alleged sexual misconduct which lack the most basic elements of fairness and due process, are overwhelmingly stacked against the accused, and are in no way required by Title IX law or regulation,” the letter stated.
...
In addition to Dershowitz, faculty members who signed the letter included Elizabeth Bartholet, Nancy Gertner, and Charles Ogletree.'

Also: Obama's mentor joins Harvard profs in denouncing school's new sexual harassment policy

Neo-Victorianism on Campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sexual liberation is having a nervous breakdown on college campuses. Conservatives should be cheering on its collapse; instead they sometimes sound as if they want to administer the victim smelling salts.

It is impossible to overstate the growing weirdness of the college sex scene. Campus feminists are reimporting selective portions of a traditional sexual code that they have long scorned, in the name of ending what they preposterously call an epidemic of campus rape. They are once again making males the guardians of female safety and are portraying females as fainting, helpless victims of the untrammeled male libido. They are demanding that college administrators write highly technical rules for sex and aggressively enforce them, 50 years after the proponents of sexual liberation insisted that college adults stop policing student sexual behavior. While the campus feminists are not yet calling for an assistant dean to be present at their drunken couplings, they have created the next best thing: the opportunity to replay every grope and caress before a tribunal of voyeuristic administrators.
...
Four decades later, the liberationist regime is disintegrating before our eyes. The new order is a bizarre hybrid of liberationist and traditionalist values. It carefully preserves the prerogative of no-strings-attached sex while cabining it with legalistic caveats that allow females to revert at will to a stance of offended virtue. Consider the sexual consent policy of California's Claremont McKenna College, shared almost verbatim with other schools such as Occidental College in Los Angeles. Paragraphs long, consisting of multiple sections and subsections, and embedded within an even wordier 44-page document on harassment and sexual misconduct, Claremont's sexual consent rules resemble nothing so much as a multilawyer-drafted contract for the sale and delivery of widgets, complete with definitions, the obligations of "all" (as opposed to "both") parties, and the preconditions for default. ...'

The Illiberal Ezra Klein

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'Or, rather: What is terrible about this law is, in fact, what is wonderful about it. The law's "overreach," Klein says, is "precisely its value," authorities having hit upon "a necessarily extreme solution to an extreme problem." That "cold winter" of which he writes? That's a feature not a bug, the measure's virtue being, in Klein's words, that it will "create a world where men are afraid" enough of the authorities that they "feel a cold spike of fear when they begin a sexual encounter." All in all, Klein adduces, "The Yes Means Yes law could also be called the You Better Be Pretty Damn Sure law."

That's one option, certainly. Another modest proposal might be, "An Enabling Act for the Salem Rape Culture Trials."

Since the nation's universities first started to go down this road, opponents of such enactments have leveled two key criticisms. The first is linguistic. As a matter of dull routine, progressives have taking to shouting "government in the bedroom!" at almost any available juncture. Don't want women to kill their unborn children in a hospital? "Government in the bedroom!" Oppose the redefinition of marriage? "Government in the bedroom!" Believe that Catholic charities should be able to decline to provide contraception within their benefits packages? Etc., etc. And yet, now that states and colleges are drafting sexual-consent rules that, in Heather Mac Donald's immortal phrase, "resemble nothing so much as a multi-lawyer-drafted contract for the sale and delivery of widgets," there is nary a peep from the usual suspects. What gives, guys? Cat been given explicit written permission to clench your tongue?

The second objection is a more serious one: Namely, that attempts to micromanage the personal and subjective realm of private sexual behavior will inevitably end up undermining due process. Alarmingly, Klein doesn't even bother to pretend that this will not be the case. Instead, he describes the subversion of presumed innocence as the idea's central virtue:'

UK: Redruth man speaks out about devastating false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A BARBER has told of his “14 months of hell” being shunned by friends and verbally abused in the street after he was falsely accused of rape.

A jury last week found Kyle Chilman of Clinton Road, Redruth, not guilty of raping a woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, last August.

The 26-year-old said: “People driving past would wind down their windows and shout out “rapist” when I was walking home from work.

“Someone went into my mum’s work and said, ‘you’re not standing by that rapist son of yours are you?’

“Another person asked my flatmate what it was like to live with a rapist.

...

Despite being cleared of all charges, Mr Chilman has said the ordeal will continue to affect him for the rest of his life.

“I am now afraid to talk to women – it’s a like a paranoia. I can’t talk to them like I used to because I am afraid of the consequences. It has changed my life forever,” he said.

“I don’t think people realise how devastating a false rape allegation can be on a person and their family.

“I am in support of women coming forward with rape allegations, but just please don’t do it if you feel guilty about something that has nothing to do with the allegation itself.”'

UK: False rape accusation saw Bideford man experience 16-month ‘living hell’

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'A FATHER-OF-FIVE falsely accused of rape has described the 16-months leading up to the trial as “a living hell”.

Melvin Dalton, of Westcroft Court, Bideford, was arrested in May 2013 and charged with raping a woman – though the charge was later changed to sexual assault by penetration in December 2013.

The 69-year-old appeared at Exeter Crown Court last month, where the jury unanimously found him not guilty.

Melvin has spoken to the Journal about how this false accusation has changed his life.

...
Friend, 28-year-old Karlie Gleghorn, said: “He lost all confidence – he put his life on hold.”

“I have been afraid to leave the house – it ruined by life,” Melvin added.

He does see a brighter future though, but is still worried about the stigma of being accused of such a serious crime.

“I think it will always be in the back of my mind. I can’t even imagine starting a relationship, I am incredibly nervous to even speak to a woman I don’t know,” he added.'

UK MP Diane Abbott's "Crisis of Masculinity" speech

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Video here. Description:

"This is a topic that really requires to be talked about more. These social stereotypes are damaging to everyone, of every gender, age and race. As she says and has said before, the first rule about being a man is that you're not allowed to talk about it. And what does that give us? High suicide and depression rates, the latter of which are no doubt underestimated."

Movie "Force Majeure" explores expectations around male heroism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Swedish director Ruben Ostlund said he had two goals for his new film, “Force Majeure”: “One is to create the most spectacular avalanche in film history. The other is to increase the rate of divorce.”
...
Selected as Sweden’s official entry for the foreign language Oscar and set in a ski resort in the French Alps, “Force Majeure” explores the fallout when a panicked father abandons his family as an avalanche approaches. His initial denial about this display of cowardice morphs into humiliation and emotional collapse, to the dismay of his two children and distaste of his wife, all of which Mr. Ostlund tracks with a darkly comic eye.

“The male superhero is the most reproduced character on film,” Mr. Ostlund, 40, said by Skype recently from his home in Goteborg, Sweden. When asked if he happened to be divorced himself, he replied, “Yes, of course.”

“I wanted to make the most pathetic male character on film,” he added."
...
"One of the most painful things for us humans is to lose face in front of each other,” he said. “We almost would rather die.”
...
"The thing was, they really had a hard time getting over it,” Mr. Ostlund said. “We are living in an honor culture. We say we don’t have expectations of a man’s role, but it’s obvious what was expected of him.”
...
Johannes Bah Kuhnke, who plays the father, Tomas, in “Force Majeure,” said the role was especially discomfiting because of the near negligible social tolerance for male weakness.'

NPO: This October, Let's All Become Truly Aware of Domestic Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and that's a good thing. When it comes to partners hitting partners or parents hitting kids, we should all increase our awareness of the problem, its causes, and how to reduce its incidence. Surely there's little controversial about that statement.

What may be controversial is the fact that, after over 40 years of awareness of domestic violence, facts about it are not very well known. Most people, including lawmakers, aren't very aware. That's not because we don't know a lot about it; we do. Indeed, domestic violence has been studied in astonishing depth and we now know more than enough to educate the public and dramatically reduce violence in the home.

The basics of domestic violence are simple. Hundreds of studies show that men and women are about equally likely to commit an act of domestic violence. Studies of reciprocal domestic violence done for the Centers for Disease Control indicate that when both partners engage in "reciprocal" domestic violence, it's more likely that the woman initiated the violence. Men are somewhat more likely than women to inflict "severe" violence on a partner. About two-thirds of those injured in a domestic violence incident are women and a third are men. Large scale studies in Scotland and elsewhere show that about 5% of all adults will be victims of domestic violence in a given year with about 80% of those (i.e. 1% of the total) sustaining either no injury or only a slight one. ...'

Nurse 'killed 38 patients she found annoying'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A NURSE was arrested for killing as many as 38 patients because she found them or their relatives annoying, police said.

Daniela Poggiali, a 42-year-old resident of the Italian town of Lugo, was taken into custody over the weekend and booked for the alleged slaying of 78-year-old patient Rosa Calderoni, who died from an injection of potassium.

Calderoni had been admitted to the hospital with a routine illness before she died unexpectedly.

Tests showed she died with a high amount of potassium, which can provoke cardiac arrest, in her bloodstream, according to the Central European News.

Her death triggered an investigation, which found that 38 others had died mysteriously while Poggiali was on duty, the news agency reported.'

Battle of the Prices: Is It Ever Fair to Charge One Sex More?

Matt · 19 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender price discrimination is illegal in many states but it can be quite tricky to determine when two products are really the same and when they are different. For example, Miami-Dade County has ordinances that prohibit gender pricing for dry cleaning. The gray area is this: "A business is permitted to charge a different price if the goods or services involve more time, difficulty or cost. In other words, consideration must be given to the quality and complexity of the goods or services to determine whether or not you have been discriminated against."
...
"There's no general federal law prohibiting price discrimination on the basis of gender," says Ayres. "There's the Unruh Act in California which is a matter of state law. There's an increasing number of states and municipalities that have prohibited gender price discrimination in public accommodations."

So do women always pay more? Not always. Often, nightclubs charge women less for entry, a practice California has banned. Similarly, nail salons often charge men more than women, reportedly because so-called man-icures require more work.

At least a couple men have spoken out against ladies' night: GWU law professor John Banzhaf, and New York lawyer Roy Den Hollander (who has been rightly ridiculed for his comments regarding why he sued: he hates feminists).
...
While some women and men might want to hold onto arrangements that benefit them—whether it's ladies night or cheaper cars and insurance—ultimately staying away from places that gender price discriminate in either direction is what feels right to me. I just think about how infuriating it is when a dry cleaner wants to charge more because I'm a woman, and it's enough for me to give up that free drink at ladies' night.'

Harvard Liberals Hate New Campus Sex Laws

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Article here. Excetpt:

'Thus, the Harvard signatories include not only noted criminal defense attorney Alan Dershowitz, who has long been viewed as right of center in the culture wars, but preeminent African-American law professor and Barack Obama's mentor Charles Ogletree and several renowned female jurists such as veteran civil rights attorney Nancy Gertner, constitutional scholar Martha Field, and feminist legal theorist Janet Halley. This protest is not easy to dismiss as a right-wing anti-woman backlash.

The Harvard 28 join other liberal and feminist dissenters from the campus anti-rape crusade. Among them is George Washington University law professor John Banzhaf, a public interest attorney who has not only battled the tobacco and food industries but championed women's rights in major sex discrimination cases, notably thepush to force the Citadel military academy to admit women in the late 1980s. (His website boasts that he has been called a "radical feminist.") In the past several months, Banzhaf has focused much of his attention on what he believes is a massive attack on the rights of students accused of sexual misconduct. The title of one of his press releases speaks for itself: "Illegals at Border Have More Rights Than College Students Accused of Rape."'

America may never have a draft again but we're still punishing low-income men for not registering

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The odds of this country returning to a draft are almost zero, but the price for failure to register is high and is largely born by the men who can ill afford to pay it: high school dropouts, disconnected inner city residents, ex-offenders and immigrants — legal and unauthorized — who do not know that failure to register can jeopardize citizenship. In other words, those precisely in need of the type of job training, education and citizenship opportunities that could help move them from the margins to the mainstream.
...
In California, the Selective Service System estimates, men who failed to register were denied access to more than $99 million in federal and state financial aid and job training benefits between 2007 and April of this year. Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts saw $35 million in combined lost benefits between 2011 and spring 2014.

"Why are we setting up these barriers?" says Regina Tyler, director of Virginia State University's Upward Bound program and the Education Opportunity Center, which helps adults return to school. "Why are we attaching them to financial aid? We don't have a draft, so what is the point?"

The point, supporters of registration long have argued, is that almost-zero odds of conscription are not zero odds.

"You can never say never," says Lawrence G. Romo, director of the Selective Service System. "We are a deterrent. We want to make sure our adversaries understand that if we had an extreme national emergency, we would have the draft."'

"Report shows U.S. military can't maintain standards and prepare women for combat"

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'Donnelly argues that the U.S. military cannot "gender integrate" significant numbers of women into combat arms "without changing and lowering the standards."

The issue of women is combat is not about "women's rights," Donnelly argues, but about ensuring the country's national security, which depends on a capable, all-volunteer military.

"We cannot afford to allow standards to be lowered to accommodate political agendas or social theories or anything of a kind," she tells OneNewsNow.'

A false accusation can spell end of college male's future

Matt · 19 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'RE "RETHINK Harvard's sexual harassment policy" (Op-ed, Oct. 15): While the legal critiques of the Harvard Law School faculty members are critically important, so too, from a psychological perspective, are false sexual allegations by women. Such allegations are dismissed by proponents of affirmative consent policies, who say that women never lie about rape, or who cite a 3 percent to 8 percent rate of false allegations.

A recent summary of the false abuse and rape allegation literature can be found in a 2013 book by Phillip Cook and Tammy Hodo titled "When Women Sexually Abuse Men." While statistics in this literature are problematic, Cook and Hodo report four studies that found false allegation rates of 62 percent, 41 percent, 50 percent, and 60 percent.'

Referenced item: Rethink Harvard's sexual harassment policy

College student confesses to filing false rape report, college keeps looking for culprit anyway

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Officials said a report of a rape late Saturday on the Millersville University campus was false.

The purported victim, a 21-year-old MU student, admitted to police and counselors Sunday afternoon that she was not sexually assaulted Saturday night as she reported, university police Chief Pete Anders said during a press conference Sunday at Gordinier Hall.

Anders said he believed the woman was “working through some things both psychologically and emotionally which may have caused her to make the report (Saturday) night.”

He said the woman will not be charged with filing a false report.

“Our focus is towards support and care for her,” he added."

Anders said although he’s confident a rape didn’t occur Saturday night, he said officials believe the woman may have been victimized in the past.

“I believe that our student, at some point — and it may be in the past month, it may be in the past months — may have been harmed by some sort of intimate partner violence. It may have been an assault as described, it may have been something else.”

Anders said authorities and victim advocacy counselors will continue to work with the student to determine if such an assault took place.'

"25 Feminist Lessons for My Sons"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'8. Your penis does not give you superpowers. It is simply part of your anatomy. It makes you human, with all of the pleasures and obligations that the human experience offers.

9. Hold doors open for women. And men, for that matter. Not because of any sexist traditions, but simply because holding the door is kind and polite. It is just good manners. For the same reason, push in your chair and put the toilet seat down.

...

11. Pay for dinner and buy her flowers. Not because that will make her more likely to want sex or fall in love; do it just because it is the nice thing to do.'

Woman falsely accuses police officer of sexual assault, no charges filed

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Story here. And guess what? No charges will be filed against her. Excerpt:

'She may act charming, but Deanna Griego was apparently willing to do anything to get out of trouble — including accusing a cop of sexually assaulting her.

Thankfully for Albuquerque police officer Jared Frazier, he was recording the whole encounter...
...
Albuquerque Police Department union president Stephanie Lopez said in a statement to KOB, “The desire to frame officers for wrongdoing is a growing issue facing officers every day. We believe that the public should be held accountable for filing false reports against police officers. These incidents can be very damaging to an officer’s career, so we hope that this individual and others face appropriate consequences for their malicious actions.”

According to the news station, Griego was facing a drunken driving charge but, as of Thursday night, no charges for falsely claiming sexual abuse."
...
UPDATE: Albuquerque Police Department spokesman Tanner Tixier told TheBlaze on Monday evening that police were not pursuing additional charges against Griego because, despite the apparent falsehood of her sexual assault claim, *police did not want to set a precedent that could discourage other potential victims of sexual assault from coming forward.'*

The Argument Against Affirmative Consent Laws Gets Voxjacked

Matt · 20 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two days ago, Ezra Klein, the editor of Vox.com, penned what may be the most repulsive article yet on the subject of affirmative consent laws. Klein's argument in a nutshell: yes, these laws are overbroad and will probably result in innocent men being expelled from college over ambiguous charges. Which is good, because the college rape crisis is so terrible and the need to change the norms of sexual behavior is so urgent that this requires a brutal and ugly response. Or, as Joe Stalin was fond of saying, "When you chop wood, chips must fly." That's the Russian equivalent of “You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs.”

Toward the end, Klein writes:

"Then there's the true nightmare scenario: completely false accusations of rape by someone who did offer consent, but now wants to take it back. I don't want to say these kinds of false accusations never happen, because they do happen, and they're awful. *But they happen very, very rarely.*"

I only just found out, from this column by James Taranto, that the link in this passage goes to my recent piece on Slate XX.

The whole point of which was to rebut the idea that false accusations of rape are so infinitesimally rare that they needn't be a serious factor in deciding whether laws dealing with sexual assault are unfair to the accused.'

"Why Would Any Man Vote Democrat?"

Matt · 21 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Men need a new political party to start representing our interests, but unfortunately, the GOP doesn't fit the bill either. Last time anyone got close to starting a viable third party (think Ross Perot), "something just happened" and all efforts stopped. Since then, nothing. Indeed, the fix really is in. Excerpt:

'The most presciently under-appreciated and intentionally ignored book in gender politics was published by David Paul Kuhn in 2007 and titled “The Neglected Voter: White Men and The Democratic Dilemma.” The message is in the title. White men have fled the Democratic Party in droves, for good reason – and why shouldn’t they continue to flee in 2014,— while keeping an eye on 2016?

For those not afraid of being “bullied” by the Democratic left, there are a half dozen long-ignored but critically important problems facing the nation’s males that should bring all voting-age men to the polls in 2014 – perhaps men’s last chance for hope and change before the ice age possibly returns in 2016. Consider six interlocking sets of issues.

First, ask what have the last two Democratic administrations done for boys, men and fathers? Because of “The Woman’s Vote” and his powerful feminist base, Democratic President Obama has given us a Cabinet-level White House Council on Women and Girls. Despite extensive and repeated calls for a gender equivalent White House Council on Men and Boys, Democratic President Obama has refused even to consider the multitude of problems facing males in today’s economy and society.'

"So You Want to Be a Male Feminist? Here Are 11 Simple Rules to Follow"

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Article here. The list:

'1. Understand that women are leading the way and affirm their capable leadership. Don't assert yourself at the forefront.

2. When it comes to issues that directly pertain to women's bodies and experiences, be quiet and listen.

3. Men don't get to determine if they are "allies" to the feminist movement. Women do.

4. Take responsibility for addressing men's issues with other men, rather than expecting women in feminism to do all of the work.

5. Use your male privilege to encourage other men to work towards gender equality, under women's leadership.

6. Don't use the label of "feminist" as a way to try to get women to like you — that's disingenuous and counterproductive.

7. When given opportunities to execute professional tasks related to feminist issues, consider referring other women instead.

8. Educate yourself about the history of feminism and how women of different backgrounds have approached the movement.

9. Ensure your feminism is intersectional.

10. Acknowledge that sometimes, women need opportunities to discuss feminist issues without the presence of men. And that's okay.

11. When women criticize your involvement in feminism, don't talk over them or talk down to them. Actively listen and be accountable.'

Student admits to filing false attempted rape report with police

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A student who reported a sexual assault in the Texas Tech Student Recreation Center has admitted to making false statements, according to the university.

The Texas Tech Police Department issued an alert to the campus community on Sept. 15 about the alleged assault.
...
The case will be turned over to the Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office and to the Tech Office of Student Conduct.

Cook said filing a false report is a Class B misdemeanor, but the woman may also be subject to penalties from Tech.

According to a TechAnnounce sent out to the Tech community Tuesday night, filing a false report is punishable by up to a $2,000 fine, jail confinement up to 180 days or both.'

Ruth Bader Ginsburg wants to see 9 women on the Supreme Court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ginsburg has been candid in the past about her experience as a woman on the nation's highest court. In conversation with Totenberg on Sunday, Ginsburg said that it was "lonely" after Sandra Day O'Connor retired and that she didn't like being the only woman on the bench. Asked why that is, Ginsburg replied, "No one wants to be a one-at-a-time curiosity, and that's what I was. I was the only one. It wasn't the way the court should be at this time in our history."

Following up, Ginsburg said that she is often asked how many women on the Supreme Court would be "enough."

Her answer? "When there are nine."

"For most of the country's history, there were nine and they were all men. Nobody thought that was strange," she explained.

Misandry on the court! Misandry on the court!'

President Obama commits battery against Illinois voter

Matt · 22 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. So, Mr. Feminist POTUS thinks he's *entitled* to hugging and kissing women he doesn't know without their express permission? AND he does so with the apparent motivation to show some other man he can put his hands on and kiss the man's girlfriend, just to show how *powerful* he is? If he had been an "ordinary" man, how would this scene have looked? A lot different, yes? If he had been on a college campus and an undergrad (male, of course), such would have been a punishable offense, by up to and including expulsion, with a mere accusation, witnessed or not by a 3rd party. That is, it'd be called a sexual assault. But he did in fact break Illinois criminal law with what he did. Read it here, 720 ILCS 38 5/12-3: "(a) A person commits battery if he or she knowingly without legal justification by any means (1) causes bodily harm to an individual or (2) makes physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with an individual." I'd say hugging and kissing a person you don't know, and doing so with the expressed intent to bug said person's S.O., is pretty provoking, yes? And, rather insulting to the young woman. After all, he had no right to her body (contact therewith), but that didn't stop him. The Barack Obama of his college years placed on a campus in CA today would be in trouble for what he did, wouldn't he? That's the world he helped to create. And it's recorded on video and is being reported by every major news outlet in America.

Laws, say kings, are made for ordinary men, but monarchs may do as they will. There was a reason why the British colonies here in N. America rebelled and eventually threw off monarchy and established a nation of laws and not men (i.e., no rule-by-personality, at least not just one man's). Mr. Obama has just reminded us of why.

But still, I ask, when will he be charged and tried for battery for what he just did? My guess is never. What a feminist! What an integral character! What a man of principle and discretion! No, just your typical politician--one set of rules for him, another for everyone else. And yet somehow, feminists continue to support him.

Powerful video shows problem with telling boys not to cry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The two-minute film titled 'Boys Don't Cry' starts with a series of scenes in which boys of all ages are told to stop their tears because crying is for girls.

The video then shows a man on the verge of tears, before panning out to reveal him physically abusing a woman.

"We have taught our boys not to cry. It's time we teach them not to make girls cry," a woman says as the video ends.
...
"When we teach young boys at an early age to not do something 'like a girl' – the distinction that what a girl does is insignificant is imprinted in the young boy's mind. Growing up, when these boys don't see eye to eye with their partners they feel the need to enforce their views through aggression."'

Video on YouTube here.

Little Girls Drop F-Bombs to ‘Empower’ Feminism

Matt · 22 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Gee, suppose one day the MRM, or self-styled supporters thereof, will get little boys' parents to agree to putting their sons on TV to sell T-shirts by dressing them up in little super-hero outfits and shout "F*ck discriminatory draft laws!" and "Think 'f*ck' is a dirty word? I think f*cking cutting off a piece of my f*cking d*ck is a lot worse!", and so on? Somehow, I doubt it. Excerpt:

'The feminist movement is selling something, but it isn’t feminism. In FCKH8.com’s latest video, “Potty-Mouthed Princesses Drop F-Bombs for Feminism,” (NSFW) little girls between 6 and 13 years-old dressed up as pink princesses to say f*ck in the name of feminism. One girl questioned, “What is more offensive? A little girl saying f*ck or the f*cking on equal and sexist way society treats girls and women?” In response, the feminist liberal media latched onto the video, calling it “brilliant,” “empowering” and “adorable.” During the short ad, the girls addressed – or, rather said ”f*ck” to – pay inequality (“I shouldn’t need a penis to get paid!”), rape, sexual assault and body imaging.

During the short ad, the girls addressed – or, rather said ”f*ck” to – pay inequality (“I shouldn’t need a penis to get paid!”), rape, sexual assault and body imaging. “F*ck that sexist sh*t,” one little girl shouted as she gave viewers the finger. The video concluded with a 12-year-old boy dressed as a princess to make the point, “Yo, bro, when you tell a boy it’s bad to ‘act like girl,’ it’s because you think it’s bad to be a girl.” (No, it’s because we think it’s bad to be confused.)'

NBA free agent Dante Cunningham struggles to clear name after domestic violence charge dropped

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was after 4 a.m. when Dante Cunningham pulled his truck back into the driveway of his suburban Minneapolis home and saw the police waiting for him.

Officers put the handcuffs on the Minnesota Timberwolves' reserve as soon as his feet hit the pavement. The reality of his situation and the domestic assault charges that were on their way didn't sink in until he was lying in a jail cell and the lights went out.

"The whole time I was like, 'I'm OK. I'm out of here. Things will be fine,'" Cunningham recalled. "Then it went dark and I was like, 'This is not a joke. I'm really in this.'"

In the six months since, the charges have been dropped and police concluded Cunningham's accuser fabricated some of the allegations against him. But those six months have also seen domestic violence in sports thrust into the headlines like never before, thanks in part to the Ray Rice scandal in the NFL, and Cunningham feels as if those handcuffs have never been taken off.
...
"At this point it's about justice and it's about clearing my name," the 27-year-old forward told The Associated Press. "Clearly this adds a terrible stigma to my name. ... Now when anyone looks up Dante Cunningham, oh, wasn't he the one that was in trouble? There's nothing out there saying there was a false charge."'

Former students sue school over sex assault investigation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two former University of Houston students. expelled in connection with an alleged sexual assault on campus, are suing the school and two administrators, claiming they were denied due process in the investigation and administrative hearings.

The lawsuit calls into question the pressure universities face to crack down on campus sexual assault. The plaintiffs claim they were kept in the dark about the investigation and given little chance to defend themselves.

In a statement, university officials said they are "committed to the enforcement of Title IX, the protections of due process and other legal rights of the parties involved," but are prohibited from further comment under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.'

"White, male hate-crime victim at Cornell University calls out leftist campus radicals as bullies, hypocrites"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cornell University senior Julius Kairey, a conservative student columnist for the Cornell Daily Sun campus newspaper, was viciously smeared last month with fliers spread around the Ivy League university that labeled him a “Racist Rape Apologist.”

His crime? Daring to question stats behind the so-called campus rape epidemic and defending due process for those accused of sexual assault. He also wrote a column titled “Islamophobia and Racism” last spring that ruffled some feathers. And the fact that he writes a weekly conservative column in general makes him a target for radical angst.

The perpetrators of the vandalism have eluded capture or punishment. Meanwhile, Kairey’s latest column, while not specifically addressing the incident, calls out campus liberals – noting “Cornell’s bullies demand tolerance but deliver intolerance; they demand civility but provide incivility.”
...
Beyond Cornell, it’s commonplace on campuses nationwide for conservative opinions to be shouted down or even silenced as “hate speech,” “intolerance,” “bigotry,” “ignorance,” “racism,” “homophobia” – the Left often labels those who posit ideas they disagree with rather than address the merit of those arguments or engage in discourse.'

Subject column: The Hypocrisy of Cornell’s Political Bullies

Pro Due Process Does Not Equate to Pro Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ask litigator Andrew Miltenberg how he decides whether or not to take on the idiosyncratic clients that fall outside his bread-and-butter business litigation practice, and he'll give you a couple of answers. First, he'll point you toward Pastor Martin Niemoller's famous condemnation of German intellectuals for failing to speak out against Nazism when they still had a chance. ("First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Socialist ...")
...
Mr. Miltenberg insists his decision to sue a number of universities on behalf of male students who have been suspended or expelled following sexual assault accusations is not inconsistent with any of the above. He's already filed four lawsuits—against Vassar College, Columbia University, University of Massachusetts Amherst and Drew University—will file several more before month's end, and is consulting on 20 or so appeals at the college disciplinary level. In each, he is suing the schools for violations of the Title IX gender-parity law of 1972, contractual claims, unfair trade practices, as well as a number of tort claims.'

Raucous protesters choke entrance at George Will's Miami University speech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hoisting signs such as "Quit giving misogyny a voice Miami" and "Where is my special privilege Mr. Will?" roughly 75 students choked the business school gates where conservative columnist George Will gave a guest lecture Wednesday night at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

As guests headed into the campus area to hear the talk, part of the Anderson Distinguished Lecture Series, protesters handed out rape and sexual assault information sheets to passersbys while repeatedly chanting slogans such as "No means no, whatever we wear, wherever we go, yes means yes" and "nothing less than yes."

The protest was right in front of the business school gates, so anyone entering through the front gates to attend the event had to walk through the crowd and endure a barrage of chants and information sheets.

Other signs touted taglines like "Rape is a violent crime, not a partisan opinion" and "survivors of rape deserve love and honor."

Yet the protest apparently did not deter an enormously varied crowd from packing the 400-seat venue where Will, a Pulitzer-prize winner with The Washington Post, spoke. Students, faculty and Oxford community members were there to listen about the night's topic, the political argument today.'

"Audience Laughs At NY Dems Absurd War On Women Attack"

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Video clip here. Caption:

'During the WETM debate, the audience laughed at Democrat Martha Robertson's absurd war on women attack against Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY)'

Wikipedia on the 23rd Congressional District of New York is found here.

Anti-Rape Culture Rally Accused of Promoting Rape Culture

Matt · 25 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Arizona State University rally against rape culture has been criticized for actually *promoting* rape culture because it encourages men to respect women — and respect for women should be “a given” and not have to be encouraged.

Two organizations, a women’s group named “WOW Factor!” and a men’s group named “Man Up,” have hosted the “Rally for Respect” at the university annually — but an opinion column in the school newspaper last week raised troubling concerns about the rally and the groups involved.

In the column, student Kaelyn Polick-Kirkpatrick said she had been listening to video statements from the 2013 event and was disturbed to hear things such as, “That 300 men have pledged to respect women on campus is something really great” and “when the men were doing the pledge to respect women, I was thinking wow, this is really cool.”

“Are we really *rewarding* men for respecting women?” she wrote, comparing the rally to “handing out gold stars to mildly decent human beings who probably don’t even realize the organizations they are part of are full of sexism and misogyny."'

Facebook message not enough when terminating father's parental rights in Oklahoma

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Facebook message a woman sent to her former sex partner announcing she was pregnant was not sufficient legal notice to support terminating the father's parental rights, the Oklahoma Supreme Court ruled this week.
...
How much of an obligation a pregnant woman has to seek out and notify an absent father has been a point of contention in some parental rights termination cases.

It's an issue upon which even state Supreme Court justices disagreed.

In a minority opinion, Justice James R. Winchester contended it was the father's responsibility to inform himself of the pregnancy.

"The legislature has clearly pronounced its intent," Winchester wrote. "The duty of the male who has sexual relations with a female is (1) to be aware that a pregnancy might occur and (2) to inform himself. He cannot complacently wait for the female to find him in the event of a pregnancy."
...
Combs wrote that the court has consistently ruled that "in Oklahoma, the natural father of a child born out of wedlock is entitled to notice of the existence of the child so that the natural father has a chance to exercise his opportunity interest in developing a relationship with a child."

"Instead of contacting father directly, mother left him a message on Facebook, which is an unreliable method of communication if the account holder does not check it regularly or have it configured in such a way as to provide notification of unread messages by some other means," Combs wrote. "This court is unwilling to declare notice via Facebook alone sufficient to meet the requirements of the due process clauses of the United States and Oklahoma Constitutions because it is not reasonably certain to inform those affected."'

"Why Do We Have More Boys Than Girls?"

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Video here. Interesting little educational video on the topic. The entire MinuteEarth channel looks pretty interesting; I'll have to watch a few more of their vids. Anyway, an article here discusses localized unexplained (but theorized) reductions in M:F birth sex ratios in certain parts of the world, including the US and Japan. The most likely culprit appears to be industrial chemicals in the environment affecting men's sperm production rates as well as how many X vs. Y chromosome-bearing sperm cells men are producing, when no other cause such as selective sex abortion, etc., can explain it.

SAVE launches "Affirmative Consent, Affirmative Confusion" campaign

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SAVE has begun a new campaign aimed at addressing the deficiencies of the new, ludicrous affirmative consent standard. The campaign's "base of operations" is: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/affirmative-confusion/

A Facebook page for the campaign is also at:
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Affirmative-Consent-Affirmative-Confusion/992742647419570

Danish paper's survey reports 3/4 of respondents want circumcision banned

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Three out of every four Danes want to ban the circumcision of boys, unless it's for medical reasons. AYouGov survey for Metroxpress newspaper revealed that 74 percent of the over 1,000 Danes asked want to completely or partially ban the circumcision of boys, while just 10 percent want the practice to remain legal.

“Circumcision is cutting a healthy part of the body from a boy,” Lena Nyhus, the founder of Intact Danmark, an association against the circumcision of children, told Metroxpress. “Denmark ought to be a pioneer when it comes to children's rights. We need an age limit of 18 years.”
...
While it is illegal to circumcise girls in Denmark, about 1,000-2,000 Danish primarily Jewish and Muslim boys are circumcised every year. In comparison, about every second boy in the US is circumcised.

The only political parties that want it banned are Enhedslisten and Liberal Alliance, but the entire political sphere will discuss the issue today in parliament.'

NPO: New Network Connects Parents with Attorneys Who Advocate for Shared Parenting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'National Parents Organization is pleased to announce the creation of the National Parents Organization Law Firm Network, a national coalition of law firms that serves as a go-to resource for parents searching for legal counsel committed to shared parenting.

I strongly encourage attorneys to join National Parents Organization's Law Firm Network. It is a unique opportunity for family law attorneys to collectively express their belief in the benefits of shared parenting and parental equality, while also connecting directly with members and parents to affect change in the lives of children. Contact me to sign up your law firm to to refer your family law attorney.

The network was created in response to a reoccurring need of National Parents Organization's members. On a weekly basis, National Parents Organization receives requests from parents for attorney referrals. With this in mind, National Parents Organization created a law firm network of family law attorneys who believe in shared parenting. In turn, parents nationwide can now quickly access attorneys they can trust and those same attorneys are able to demonstrate publicly their support for parental equality.'

New Book Tells Bisexual Men's Stories

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Article here. Bisexuality is very much in vogue these days, at least in much of the US and Europe -- if you're female. Young women can make out publicly in clubs and bars or on the street, hold hands, hug and kiss, date boys, girls, or both, all without fear of having the living $hit kicked out of them by either men or women. Men, on the other hand, dare not hold hands in public without fear of getting beaten senseless by a bunch of homophobic bigots (of either or both sexes) except in just a few places (at least here in the US). As for visibility in the media as characters on contemporary TV shows, gay/bi women substantially outnumber gay/bi men, much less have much visibility generally even within LGBT-oriented organizations. So it's good to see a book like this come out (as it were). Excerpt:

'The Bisexual Resource Center has released a new collection of stories highlighting the voices of 63 cisgender and transgender bisexual, pansexual, polysexual, and sexually fluid men from countries all around the world. *Recognize: The Voices of Bisexual Men* includes short fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, personal narratives, critical essays, and visual art features meant to recognize the diversity of the bisexual male population.

The 300-page anthology is meant to be a resource to those seeking to understand male bisexuality. “This is an important book for lesbians, gays, and heterosexuals because it provides them with examples of bisexual male personhood from the perspective of bisexual men,” says Dr. Herukhuti (H. Sharif Williams), a bisexual activist and coeditor. “If you want to know what it means to be a bisexual man, what bisexual men look like, how bisexual men experience love and life, then let them tell you through the pages of this anthology in their own voices.”'

How the Education Department Warped Title IX

Matt · 26 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Congress passed the Title IX section of the Education Amendments of 1972, it aimed simply to offer women more opportunities to participate in on-campus athletics. Over the years, however, Title IX has become the legal foundation for the Education Department to insinuate itself into sexual assault cases.

The key passage of Title IX reads, “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.” In 1977, a Yale law student named Catherine McKinnon *[link added]*, tired of suffering on-campus sexual harassment that went unaddressed by the school, interpreted Title IX to argue that sexual harassment (and by extension, sexual assault) constituted a sex-based limitation of educational opportunity. McKinnon and several other students filed in the lawsuit Alexander v. Yale in federal, which, although dismissed on the basis of the plaintiffs having no standing, goaded Yale into establishing a grievance process for sexual harassment cases.

...

With tougher guidelines now in place, schools can expect a higher level of scrutiny from the Education Department in sexual assault cases. Any real challenge to the new 2011 guidelines would have to come from schools themselves, since they are the only entity with legal standing to challenge the standards. But schools are reluctant to challenge Title IX guidelines. Electing a Republican administration that could rewrite the standards might solve the problem, but such a move is politically impractical. If history is any guide, then, the Education Department’s involvement in adjudicating on-campus sexual assaults will only continue to grow.'

Study hall monitor charged with supplying alcohol to minors

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Story here. Wonder what the back-story is? The report noticeably omits the gender(s) of the students supplied with alcohol. Forgive me if I speculate that they were all boys and perhaps she either was or hoped to become "better acquainted" with one or more of the boys (presumably) present. Because really, why else would she risk doing something that was so clearly inappropriate, illegal, and risky to her reputation? Stupidity? Doubt it. More like a shortage of self-control and the belief that she'd get away with what she planned on doing (or already had done) with her "young friends". Excerpt:

'A study hall monitor in Livingston County is accused of providing alcohol to minors.

Twenty-five-year-old Amber Burdick is charged with unlawfully dealing with a child, endangering the welfare of a child and tampering with a witness.

Livingston County sheriff's deputies say Burdick, who works at York Central School as a study hall monitor, supplied alcohol to several minors -- including students at the school. Investigators say Burdick also provided them with a place to drink.

The school district and sheriff's office both say this incident did not occur on school property. Burdick had been at the district less than two years as a study hall monitor in York.
...
Investigators say Burdick admitted to the crimes in a written statement. We went to her home to try to speak with her, but no one was there. Authorities say they continue to interview more students to determine how many may have been provided alcohol and whether it occurred on more than one occasion.'

*** Recent MANN post's cited article author denies actual authorship ***

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Yesterday, MANN posted an item that included an article entitled "Evidence-based Domestic Violence Awareness Training" in Vol. 3, Issue 3 (2014) of *New Male Studies: An International Journal* published by the Australian Institute of Male Health and Studies (http://aimhs.com.au/).

The attributed author, Amy Wilkins, Ph.D., of U Colorado-Boulder, has informed me she is *not* the author of this article. Whether this misattribution was intended or not with or without malice and by whom is not known at the moment. However at this point, I recommend that any publication, distribution, or citation of the work as hers stop immediately; failure can result in legal consequences. Further, I recommend anyone who has posted, published, or forwarded the article in whole or part convey the substance of this news to the receivers who should probably do likewise to whomever else they have passed it along to, and so on ad infinitum.

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Check 'Comments' section for updates.

Ezra Klein Meets Mao Zedong

Matt · 27 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'America's sexual revolution handed women control over their sexual destiny while hanging on to liberal notions of justice and due process. But now affirmative consent or "yes-means-yes" law proponents think that these notions are inconvenient obstacles in their quest to deliver total safety to women. Rape, they claim, is such a big problem that they have to trade in their "ends don't justify the means" philosophy with "by any means necessary" battle cry.
...
What's truly ugly, I note in The Week, is accepting totalitarian notions of justice to address a problem that is nowhere near as rampant as the proponents of "yes means yes" laws claim and that women are perfectly capable of handling on their own.

Indeed, if the rape culture was rampant, not only would it show up in reliable statistics, but women's behavior too. For example, I note:

"Scout Willis, Bruce Willis and Demi Moore's daughter, wouldn't have fearlessly strolled topless in Manhattan to protest Instagram's policies against nude pictures last summer. Sure, she's quasi-famous. But nonetheless, try doing that in the pre-sexual revolution America or modern-day India (my native country) without getting assaulted or worse.

Willis chose going topless as her form of protest precisely because, contrary to Klein's assertion, there is no longer a "culture of entitlement" among American men. Her stunt was possible only because social mores that used to work against women now work for them. Far from facing any sanction, she could count on those around her acknowledging — even cheering (like me) — her right to wield her sexuality as she saw fit without becoming prey to jerks who believe she's "asking for it."

Go here to read the whole thing.'

How Judges of Campus Sex Offenses are 'Trained'

Matt · 29 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I've written frequently about the unfair, guilt-presuming processes that colleges and universities from Harvard to Occidental use when deciding sexual assault cases. But a second trend has occurred largely outside the public eye. As they have "reformed" their sexual assault procedures, colleges and universities also have increasingly instituted training programs for members of these disciplinary panels—a practice not used for panelists that hear other forms of campus discipline. Because virtually no training material has been made public, it's impossible to determine how many schools specifically train sexual assault panels. But the demand is a consistent one among anti-due process advocates.

It seems plausible to infer that these "training" materials increase the likelihood that panelists will come back with guilty findings, but for the most part, it must remain an inference: to the best of my knowledge, no university has publicly posted its training materials. One school's—Stanford's—was obtained by FIRE, and contained such astonishing guidance as an accused student acting "persuasive and logical" could be interpreted as a sign of guilt. Portions of a second school's—Duke's—appeared as a result of the McLeod litigation, and did nothing to reassure concerns about unfairness.'

Professor sues for false rape allegation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Peter Ludlow, a professor of philosophy at Northwestern University who has been at the center of a long-running controversy over an undergraduate student's allegation that he sexually assaulted her and that Northwestern mishandled her complaint, is suing the student for defamation, the *Chicago Tribune* reported. In his lawsuit, filed on Tuesday in a state court in Illinois, Mr. Ludlow contends that the student knowingly made false statements to the news media and to Northwestern professors after he rebuffed her sexual advances.

The filing is the latest in a string of litigation over the allegations. The student has filed lawsuits against Northwestern and the professor. Mr. Ludlow is also suing Northwestern, accusing it of gender discrimination and defamation. The university has denied mishandling the student's complaint.'

UK: Rugby player commits suicide after long depression following false rape accusation

Matt · 30 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. How terribly sad, and unfair, too. To anyone pondering suicide: It's a permanent "solution" to a temporary problem. Even men falsely accused of a crime like rape eventually recover their reputations, and as that happens, the false accuser's reputation diminishes. While she may not see time in jail, her punishment may well be worse when she's known to be not just a liar, but one too risky even to befriend. After all, if she'll tell a lie like that, and it is clearly exposed as such, who except fools and other liars will have anything to do with her? "If" by Rudyard Kipling is as true today as ever -- moreso if you're a man falsely accused of anything. And which of us hasn't been, even if not accused of a crime? Men are accused of all manner of awful things, collectively and as individuals, all the time it seems. I think Kipling was very much aware of that fact and penned "If" as a source of strength for his fellow men to draw on. Huzzah to him for it! Excerpt:

'Luke King, of Lincoln Road, Whitehaven, died on May 23 after he had been receiving treatment for depression and drugs, an inquest heard.
...
Ms King told the inquest her brother had become a changed character after he was falsely accused of rape four years ago. He was initially detained, without charge, and released after two days.

The coroner, Dr Nicholas Shaw, heard that Mr King, who worked as a postman, then began binge drinking “to block things out”, but would also keep fit by playing rugby.

In February this year, Mr King, who was taking plant food and cocaine, sought help from his GP and Unity, a drug and alcohol recovery service.
...
Mr King, who played for Kells, had been “okay” in his final week and his death had been “sudden”.

A post mortem revealed the cause of death was hanging. It was also discovered he had “high levels” of ethylphenidate (an amphetamine-like substance) in his system.

In conclusion, Dr Shaw, assistant coroner for North and West Cumbria, said Mr King’s death was suicide precipitated by substance abuse, and was not “premeditated”.
...
Mr King, he said, had been “normal” before the false accusation but had been “severely changed and was clearly anxious and paranoid. The drugs may have worsen his fears.”

Summing up, Dr Shaw added: “This was a young life wasted. It is very sad."'

Lena Dunham Describes Sexually Abusing Her Little Sister

Mastodon · 31 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In her newly published collection of personal essays, Not That Kind of Girl, Lena Dunham *[link added]* describes experimenting sexually with her younger sister Grace *[link added]*, whom she says she attempted to persuade to kiss her using “anything a sexual predator might do.” In one particularly unsettling passage, Dunham experimented with her six-year younger sister’s vagina. “This was within the spectrum of things I did,” she writes.

In the collection of nonfiction personal accounts, Dunham describes using her little sister at times essentially as a sexual outlet, bribing her to kiss her for prolonged periods and even masturbating while she is in the bed beside her. But perhaps the most disturbing is an account she proudly gives of an episode that occurred when she was seven and her sister was one. ...
...
Dunham describes the book as a “work of nonfiction” in which “some names and identifying details have been changed.” She also states that she considers herself an “unreliable narrator,” which gives her some wiggle room on the truth of her accounts. As National Review's Kevin D. Williamson notes, this passage is “especially suspicious.” Clearly Grace’s prank is done with the expectation of her older sister “poking around in her genitals. ... There is no non-horrific interpretation of this episode.”'

Conor Oberst Speaks Out On False Rape Allegations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Claims were made by a woman in December against Oberst *[link added]*, accusing the artist of raping her in 2003, when she was 16 years of age. The woman admitted she lied about the story in July and issued a public apology to the singer-songwriter over the incident.

Speaking to The Music's Hannah Story recently ahead of his upcoming Australian tour, Oberst said he's just happy to be able to move on from the incident.

"It was a very surreal and painful experience, but I'm happy that the truth got out. I'm happy to move on with my life and focus on music," he said.'

UK: Boy died from circumcision complications

fathers4fairness · 31 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'There were 'missed opportunities' to save a 10-year-old from an infection possibly caused by a circumcision carried out in Africa, an inquest heard today.

Stanley Chola, 10, from Whitley, Berkshire underwent the procedure in Zimbabwe during the summer holidays.

Nearly two months later on October 13, 2013 he went into septic shock and died in hospital.

At the time it was thought the infection might have been caused by an injury to his knee, either from being hit with a hockey stick by another pupil or while playing football.'

UK: Woman jailed for 8 years for grievous bodily harm, et al., in DV case

fathers4fairness · 31 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who hit her partner with a hammer and pole, and slashed him with a broken glass bottle has been jailed for eight years.

Gemma Hollings, 37, was jailed for two counts of grievous bodily harm, and two of assault, in 'one of the worst cases of domestic violence' police had ever seen.

Paul Kirkpatrick, 30, had his neck slashed with a bottle, suffered a cut above his eye, and had a bone in his face broken after a vicious attack in May.

Police found the victim lying in the street after he ran away from the home he shared with his partner in Darwen, Lancashire.

He told officers that she had caused the wounds after an argument over her hair straighteners.

Speaking after the hearing at Preston Crown Court, DC Jenny Berry, said: 'The victim suffered very traumatic injuries. They could have potentially been fatal.'

"I hate this insidious trend for belittling men"

fathers4fairness · 31 October 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Watching a recent episode of the female detective drama Scott And Bailey *[link added]*, I suddenly felt deeply uncomfortable.

The heroines of the ITV show — two gutsy, senior, women police officers —were discussing how to solve a crime, while their bumbling male counterparts sat around, gawping helplessly.

Whenever the men managed to get a word in edgeways, it was to suggest a course of action that was utterly stupid and they were put in their place by their female superiors.

No doubt this demonstration of ‘girl power’ is intended to make the show appeal to me as a woman, but instead, it made me feel rather queasy. There was something dishonourable about the portrayal of men as completely useless for the purposes of entertainment.
...
It seems belittling men barely registers any more, yet making fun of women — especially joking about violence towards women — is something we’d never stand for.

Consequently, comedienne Jo Brand is able to make jokes about men that would never be deemed acceptable the other way around. For example: ‘What’s the way to a man’s heart? Straight through the chest with a kitchen knife.”

"Blind Spots: Seeing Sexism in STEM"

Matt · 1 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sexual harassment is widespread in academic fieldwork. Microaggressions in the form of Everyday Sexism are even more so. Sexism is not an old professor with wandering hands; most people have difficulty recognising it. Sexism in STEM is subtle and insidious, intrusive and unasked for. The looks, questions, comments, jokes, impediments and double standards; the (perhaps unconscious) marginalisation of women from collegiate discussions, activities and spaces. Unfortunately, even well-intentioned male colleagues can perpetuate it. If we have trouble recognising sexism, we are not equipped to address sexism. Ostensibly even-handed comments — “maybe you misunderstood what he meant” — defend the abusers and cast doubt onto the victims. The trolls are easy to spot. It is much harder to point out the blind spots that fester in well-meaning colleagues who believe they are being fair.

...

Actively listening to the needs of the people around you is an essential leadership skill, and it always surprises me how few people are able to listen to women sharing their experiences in STEM without feeling the urge to interrupt. A vital component of being an ally is the ability to listen to women without monopolising the conversation. This also extends to discussions about other areas of inequality, such as race or sexual orientation. The voice of the oppressed must not be drowned out by lectures from those who said they would listen.'

Lena Dunham denies molestation "rumor"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lena Dunham is firing back at a rumor claiming she molested her little sister. It began when certain outlets quoted a passage of Dunham's new book "Not That Kind of Girl" in which she describes being seven years old and asking her mother whether her one-year-old sister Grace had the same genitals she did.
...
In another passage, Dunham says that her sexual experimentation at that extremely young age led her to use tactics similar to "anything a sexual predator might do." At least one website ran Dunham's words beneath the headline, "Lena Dunham Describes Sexually Abusing Her Little Sister." On Saturday, the "Girls" creator and actress struck back on Twitter.

She tweeted, "The right wing news story that I molested my little sister isn't just LOL – it's really f*cking upsetting and disgusting. And by the way, if you were a little kid and never looked at another little kid's vagina, well, congrats to you."

"Usually this is stuff I can ignore but don't demean sufferers, don't twist my words, back the f*ck up bros," continued Dunham. "I told a story about being a weird 7 year old. I bet you have some too, old men, that I'd rather not hear. And yes, this is a rage spiral. Sometimes I get so mad I burn right up. Also I wish my sister wasn't laughing so hard."'

Related prior post on MANN here. Also see this article.

New subreddit channel of MRA interest

Matt · 2 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Subreddit channel here. About:

'Welcome to /r/pussypassdenied, where women are not allowed to use their gender as a handicap or an excuse to act like assholes. Yay equality!

THIS IS NOT /R/BEATINGWOMEN. We are not misogynists. Race is also irrelevant. If a clear pussy pass is not attempted, the post will be removed.

If rage is more your thing, head over to /r/pussypass, from where this subreddit was lovingly birthed.'

Scholar hopes to reduce gulf between men and women

Mastodon · 3 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Katherine Young isn't in the habit of picking fights.

But the 70-year-old Hinduism specialist didn't like what she witnessed in the 1990s when a hard-edged stream of feminist scholarship started gaining traction as conventional thinking in higher education and popular culture.

Now associated with the University of Victoria after a distinguished career at McGill University in Montreal, Young had engaged in her own feminist research while studying at the University of Chicago and Harvard — because she's a firm believer in equality of the sexes.

But Young began feeling "pushed" when a powerful arm of feminism took an ominous turn — toward gender superiority and a double standard. Men's experiences were denounced and silenced by what she calls "ideological feminists," whom she distinguishes from "equality feminists."

While Young remains leery of the spotlight, she and McGill University colleague Paul Nathanson have found themselves in the past 15 years at the incendiary forefront of exposing a trend in North America — the sexist counterpart of misogyny, which they call "misandry."

The fourth book in their misandry series, which is again being published by risk-taking McGill-Queen's University Press, will soon be released. Titled Replacing Misandry: A Revolutionary History, it explains how technological advances have harmed men and boys, reducing the value of physicality.'

Conference to Address Decline in Male College Enrollment

Mastodon · 3 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'College enrollment of males has been trending downward in numbers, and the shift has caught the attention of organizations and agencies across the nation.

In response at the University of Arizona, the Office of Early Academic Outreach launched "Project Pave the Way," an initiative funded by the Student Services Fee to provide engagement opportunities for University students as they work to increase college enrollment opportunities for local high school students.

"We are engaging students, not just on our campus, but connecting them to the neighboring Tucson community in a way that reaps benefits for University retention and our work in college access," said Rudy McCormick, director for the Office of Early Academic Outreach.

The "Man Up and Go to College!" Conference is the most recent event organized under the initiative, which was established also to help increase the number of low-income, first-generation and minority male high school students intent on pursing a college or university degree.

More than 250 high school students from 10 Tucson-area schools are expected to attend the Oct. 30 conference, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Tucson Marriott University Park, 880 E. Second St.'

NPO: Election Day Presents Opportunity to Support Shared Parenting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'National Parents Organization urges its members to vote in support of candidates who advocate for shared parenting on Election Day. While we continue national efforts to reform obsolete child custody laws, one of the greatest ways each of our individual members can have an impact is at the polls. Thirty-six states are holding gubernatorial elections. It is a pivotal year for many of you to get out and vote.

Prior to casting your ballot on Election Day, Tuesday November 4, we encourage you to research your local candidates to determine where they stand on shared parenting in instances of divorce or separation. Also consider the incumbents' voting record, specifically on issues related to child custody. In addition, voters should scrutinize all ballot questions and evaluate how they may impact our modern families.

We hope this pre-election scrutiny translates into informed voter decisions that bring good news for shared parenting, parental equality, and, ultimately, all children throughout the nation who desperately need the love and care of both parents following divorce or separation.'

Anti-Circumcision Campaign Gets Chattanoogans Talking

Matt · 3 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'If you were driving down Market Street in Chattanooga Thursday, you may have seen men and women in white jump suits with red paint holding banners campaigning for an end to circumcision.

Brother K, Blood Stained Men and Their Friends,"We are having a profound impact, I had a woman stop by just a few hours ago and she had such a sad look on her face, gave her the information on baby circumcision and she said thank you so much for telling me, I had another woman drive by she told me her daughter said you were going to be here"

Jonathan Friedman, Blood Stained Men and Their Friends, "Its a severe trauma to do to an infant or to do to anybody and we really don't know what these infants are feeling and they do feel pain, you know you are altering someone's genitals"'

It's not OK for women to punch their boyfriends

Minuteman · 4 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Kelly Brook has a new autobiography out. Whilst you contain your excitement, I'll share with you what the publicity surrounding it caused me to ponder: why is domestic violence towards men still accepted (and even encouraged), and what does this mean for the new proposed laws surrounding "emotional abuse"?

Ms Brook has admitted to physically assaulting two of her former beaus, Danny Cipriani and Jason Statham, using the suggestion that they misbehaved as justification.

"As I headed back toward the table I saw Danny walking towards me. 'Babe' he said, 'I've been looking for you'. I punched him straight in the face."

A pretty unequivocal confession there, quoted direct from the book in the weekend's tabloids, amidst numerous pics of Kelly in her undercrackers, just in case you had a fleeting temptation to reproach her.
...
According to the charity Mankind Initiative, which issued a statement outlining disappointment at the lack of public backlash against Ms Brook, one in six men will experience domestic violence during their lifetime. It's already incredibly difficult for men to admit they have been abused by their partners, without the media and celebrities further reinforcing the idea that women beating up men is no big deal and actually rather funny.

This latest example leaves me highly sceptical about the proposed guidelines surrounding "emotional abuse" and whether the press, law enforcers and society generally will take them at all seriously when they apply to men.'

College anti-rape advocate wants to do away with burden of proof

Matt · 4 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Stanford student Elisabeth Dee, class of 2016, one of the organizers of a demonstration called “Carry that Weight” where students were urged to carry a pillow or mattress around for a day to symbolize the burden placed upon survivors of sexual assault, has called on the school to actively reduce the burden of proof required to find someone guilty of sexual assault. Stanford already uses the lowest burden of proof legally permissible, "preponderance of the evidence," and young men now have fewer rights in college sex tribunals than illegals crossing the border, but for Dee, that's too many. She proceeded to mouth a hostility to due process that may be unprecedented in this blog's reporting, and that's saying a lot.

Stanford, Dee clucked, "puts so much emphasis on the burden of proof." The school should not be focusing on "defending the perpetrator, because essentially burden of proof is a defense of the perpetrator.” Dee continued: “No one should have to" prove they've been raped. "You should take people at their word because nobody would lie about this kind of painful experience.” (Both the article and Dee use the term "burden of proof" when it appears they really mean "standard of proof.")'

New guide for journalists reporting on campus sexual assault ignores accuracy, objectivity

Mastodon · 5 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Know Your IX, an organization dedicated to ending campus sexual violence (a worthy goal), has a new guide out for journalists and editors describing how to write about the problem.

Unfortunately, the guide enshrines the “guilty until proven innocent” mentality that is currently permeating college campuses. For example, the guide says not to use accurate terms such as “accuser” and “accused” and instead urges journalists to pre-judge the situation.

“[D]on’t refer to the survivor as ‘the accuser’ and the perpetrator as ‘the accused,’ as ‘accuser’ carries negative connotations and grammatically places the action upon the survivor, rather than the rapist,” the guide says. “Instead, use more neutral language — if you have permission to use the survivor’s name, refer to the survivor by their name throughout. Otherwise, use descriptors such as ‘the survivor’ or ‘the student,’ or consider using a pseudonym.”

The guide further notes that Title IX, the law that has been reinterpreted in recent years to allow colleges and universities act as investigator, prosecutor, judge, jury and appellate in sexual assault cases, “is about civil rights, not criminal justice.”'

"A sexual harassment policy that nearly ruined my life"

Mastodon · 5 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I am a first-year student at Harvard Law School, and I join the 28 members of our faculty who recently protested the university's adoption of a new and expansive sexual harassment policy. While I agree wholeheartedly that universities have a moral as well as a legal obligation to provide their students with learning environments free of sexual harassment, I echo the faculty's concern that this particular policy "will do more harm than good," and I urge the university to reconsider its approach to addressing the problem.

If considered only in the abstract, many might wonder how a policy with such a laudable aim could draw any serious objections. And I might well have been among them — were it not for the fact that such a policy nearly ruined my life.'

Banner Sexism In Academic Science Is Overstated

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Academic science has been in a bit of a cultural schism; groups like the National Science Foundation and universities have spent billions of dollars promoting the idea that academic science is the only real science - discovery - which has led to a glut of PhDs who want to stay at universities.But when it comes to diversity and fairness, the corporate world is way ahead.

So academic science is better than the corporate kind, except when it's worse. Some discrimination is too obvious to be ignored - handicapped people and Republicans have normal representation at undergraduate levels but they can't get tenured jobs. Others are simply a difference in perception; everyone notices if physics is only 40 percent women but no one is concerned if the social sciences are only 30 percent men.

But academic science is being harmed by its own public relations. Despite promoting the perception that it is non-corporate and therefore ethically superior, academic science is actually a lot like a small business of 4-5 employees. In a large corporation, maternity leave is not a problem but in a 4-person company, that is a drop in productivity of 25%. Female doctors juggle family and work just fine, they don't feel like they have to leave medicine when they have kids, and so there have been calls to adopt a little more of the private sector approach to both diversity and family practices in academic science.

What is odd is that the most drop-out in academia is not happening computer science or physics, like is claimed, it is happening in female-dominated fields like biology and psychology.

A new paper by psychologists and economists finds that science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) is a level playing field for women in academia, especially in the hard sciences. This has been found in the past also - yes, women are less represented at the highest levels of some fields but that is because academics get tenure and in the past there were more men. When women apply, studies have found they are actually hired in an over-representative fashion, they are not penalized.'

TMZ reports DV by Nicki Manaj - no arrest made

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Now we know why Nicki Minaj *[link added]* and her longtime boyfriend broke up ... one of them was on the verge of going to jail after she smashed the windows of his Mercedes with a baseball bat.

Here's what we know. During the summer, Nicki and Safaree Samuels got into an argument. She started screaming, he got pissed, and she EXPLODED in anger, grabbing a bat and chasing him out of the house. She wisely chose property over person, and pulverized the 2012 Benz.

And for bad measure, she threw his clothes in the garbage -- just like in the movies.
...
As for why Nicki didn't get in trouble ... it appears she owned the Mercedes, but allowed him to use it, and you can't get arrested for destroying your own property.

They broke up a short time later. Wise move.'

The Latest Targets of Sexual Radicalism

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Article here. The issues brought up aren't new but the particulars vary from what history has seen in times past. Typically attempts to suppress free speech and control others' behavior around sexuality have come from religious or socially conservative parties or institutions. In the current version of it in the context of the Houston mayor and campus feminist rape hysterics, it's self-styled "progressives" seeking to suppress others' rights. No matter who's doing it, it's still wrong. Excerpt:

'Two incidents involving basic constitutional freedoms—not closely associated with one another in the media or by those involved—highlight the growing power of sexual radicalism in our society. Radical sexual ideology in a broad sense has not generally been recognized as a political phenomenon worthy of attention. But we can see in these developments—both of which are eliciting outrage from different defenders of the Bill of Rights—that politicized sexuality transcends particular controversies such as same-sex marriage or abortion. It can be seen as a true political ideology, akin to earlier radicalisms like socialism and nationalism and equally threatening to freedom.

In Houston, the lesbian mayor recently demanded that pastors opposed to the city's "bathroom bill"—an "anti-discrimination" ordinance that would allow people to choose public washrooms according to "gender identity"—surrender their sermons and other documents to city officials. The subpoenas have been withdrawn following public outrage, but the very idea that government officials should claim the power to examine—and therefore pass judgement upon—expressions of political opinion by any citizens, religious or secular, is disturbing in a free society.

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Throughout American universities andbeyond, we are told that an apparent "epidemic" of rape and various ill-defined forms of "sexual misconduct" justify suspending due process protections for accused students. Yet no statistics support this claim, andreputable journalists and scholars deny it categorically. Heather MacDonald of the Manhattan Institute calls the claim "preposterous." "There is no such epidemic," she states flatly. "There is, however, a squalid hook-up scene, the result of jettisoning all normative checks on promiscuous behavior. … There is simply no reason to concede any factual legitimacy to the rape hysterics." Caroline Kitchens of the American Enterprise Institute has also written that, "The rape 'epidemic' doesn't actually exist." Kitchens and other scholars show how the much-touted figure claiming "one in five" female students is raped is not only wildly exaggerated but impossible.'

Man Down: The Attack on American Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

“Men are so last century,” quipped New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd at the November 2013 Munk Debate. “They seem to have stopped evolving, sulking like Achilles in his tent. The mahogany-paneled, McClelland’s scotch and rum and ‘Mad Men’ world is disappearing … as they struggle to figure out the altered parameters of manliness and resist becoming house-dudes.” She ended her statement with a quote from comedian Sarah Silverman: “Dear men, just because we don’t need you anymore doesn’t mean we don’t want you. Love forever, women.”

If leftists, who prefer to use males as punching bags, had their way, men would take this as their cue to hang up their manhood, bow their heads and make way for a new social order that has no place for traditional masculinity. First lady Michele Obama got into the act when she explained that “women are smarter than men” at an August women’s forum. Her statement was met with laughter from the crowd. She then added that the men in the audience “can’t complain because you’re outnumbered today.”
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Who needs a “War on Women” when there is already a war on men?'

Beyond Parody: How Feminists Are Redefining 'Hello' As Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The latest video to have caught the attention of the ranks of the constantly offended is one in which a young woman is filmed walking through areas of Manhattan. The video, filmed over a ten hour period includes various examples of men saying things ranging from "Hey, how you doin'?" to "Have a nice evening, darling". At the end of the video we are told that if we want to help those who have been affected, we should donate to "Hollaback!"

Curious as to how one helps traumatised women such as the one videoed, who apparently had endured aural and mental torture, I wondered what such money would be going towards. As expected, donations do not go towards providing counselling to women who, after receiving unsolicited comments, are plunged into PTSD nor sadly is the money funnelled into large billboards and public service announcements telling young women to get over themselves and ignore it.

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Having been to a variety of places I can confirm that in Stavanger, Norway I was more likely to see a flock of catcalling Valkyries than have a man in the street so much as ask me the time of day, whereas in Cambodia I couldn't be alone for even ten seconds without being propositioned. I imagine that "gender-based violence", in the world of Hollaback! and its disciples, only refers to catcalling so as not to upset the diversity apple cart, because I can think of a number of countries where women have a lot more to worry about than being complimented on the street.

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There is also little clarity in what kinds of unsolicited comments are and aren't a violent assault on womankind. This results in ludicrously subjective anti-harassment codes in student unions that define harassment as "unwanted sexual invitations". How are people supposed to know whether or not the invitation is wanted unless they ask?'

Why Men Remain Silent About DV

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It just wasn't part of my nature to talk about my feelings and emotions. If I felt hurt, I wasn't going to make an issue of it – I certainly wouldn't let anyone know – I'd simply dust myself down, pick myself up and carry on. I would talk about what I could do or what I was going to do, but never about how I felt or the circumstances behind emotions. I would say that this is true for most men that our innermost angst remains locked away in our psyche.

For a long time, I didn't recognise the violent assaults on me as Domestic Abuse. I'd made a wedding vow that included the words, " for better or for worst, in sickness and in health." The actions perpetrated against me, I reasoned, was because of some undiagnosed illness caused by the stress of bereavement and maybe even physiological changes due to childbirth. My pleas to my ex-wife to seek medical attention for her extreme anger outbursts were ignored.

I kept telling myself the violence would stop

I didn't see the attacks on me as criminal assaults although they clearly were. I kept telling myself that the violence would end once the grieving had ended or once the baby had arrived. It never did. The more I accepted her pattern of behaviour, the worst it became. Also, how could I even think about involving the Police and pressing charges against the woman I loved?

I felt I couldn't tell anyone. Who would believe me? Most people thought that women are incapable of attacking the physically stronger man. I wish I'd known back then that women attacking their male partners is far more prevalent than assumed. Although hit, I'd never retaliate back. To me, striking a women even under provocation, is totally unacceptable.'

Jill Abramson's Solution For Workplace "Wage Inequality": Cut Men's Salaries

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fact: Men are paid more than women on average in all 50 states. How do we fix it? Jill Abramson, former executive editor of the New York Times, has a fairly simple suggestion.

Following Abramson's discussion at the Journalism and Women Symposium (JAWS) on Nov. 1, Poynter reporter Kelly McBride asked Abramson how managers could address pay inequality while operating with a limited budget. Her suggestion is as simple as it is novel:

“You bring the guys down to give a little more to the girls.”

Candid, yet comprehensive. But could anyone ever go for such a "brusque" solution?

Abramson explained to McBride that she had implemented this strategy as executive editor of The New York Times: “I did that at the Times. No one’s happy to get a cut, but too bad."

...

Perhaps the most simple solution is the best solution: pay men less, pay women more, until we're even. AsJessica Valenti writes at The Guardian: "Addressing gender imbalance directly: imagine that! No hemming and hawing about how the problem started or what women need to do to fix it -- management fixed it, as they should have."

Employers, it's your turn to lean in.'

Allergan Can't Duck Class Action Over Cream Cancer Risks

Minuteman · 6 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Unfortunately, the full-text is behind a subscription-wall. Link here. Excerpt:

'A California federal judge on Friday *{5 September 2014}* refused to throw out a proposed class action claiming an Allergan Inc. subsidiary concealed from consumers that its anti-aging creams derived from human foreskin cells pose a cancer risk, finding the products could be considered drugs that haven't received government approval.

In an order mostly denying the defendants' motion to dismiss, U.S. District Judge David O. Carter ruled plaintiff Josette Ruhnke's complaint sufficiently alleged that the sale of SkinMedica Inc.'s line of "Tissue Nutrient Solution" products containing the compound "NouriCel"...'

The story's a bit dated but still current. For more information and with inquiries about the suit, including to join it, go here.

SAVE E-lert: NBA Player Cunningham's False Accuser May Go Free

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We're taught as children to always tell the truth, but this lesson must have escaped NBA player Dante Cunningham's girlfriend and Hennipen County Attorney Mike Freeman.

Six months ago Dante Cunningham's girlfriend of eight months, Miryah Herron, accused him of beating her, and Cunningham was arrested by police. Three days later, Dante was charged with violating a protective order by calling and Skyping Herron from his hotel room. However, police found that Cunningham Herron had sent the messages to herself to frame Cunningham.

Despite finding the claims false, the county's attorney refuses to bring charges against Herron for a false police report, which would hold Herron accountable for her actions and clear Cunningham's name. Instead, teams are turning down Cunningham because of this; his model career-effectively ruined.

This isn't right, and is sending the message that partners can levy the weight of the criminal justice system against the other through lies, without consequences.

Today, we're asking you to call Hennipen County Attorney Mike Freeman and ask him to charge Herron for filing a false police report. Lying about domestic violence isn't funny, and it needs to stop.

Call: (612) 460-7595 or email DA Mike Freeman at mikefreemanhca-at-gmail.com.

A known liar should not get government protection. Help us demand answers now.

Yours in the fight,

Gina Lauterio, Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Washington State SC reverses own ruling and returns burden of proof to state in rape cases

Matt · 6 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. What an insane idea! Placing the burden of proof on the state when trying a suspect for a crime, yet even rape! Well, it's just outrageous! Excerpt:

'Story here: http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2024910962_supremecourtrapexml.html

Reversing what it called “incorrect and harmful” earlier rulings, the Washington Supreme Court said Thursday the state cannot put the burden on rape defendants to prove that an alleged victim consented — a decision critics said will make it harder to punish dangerous sex offenders.

The court had previously ruled that when a defendant claimed the contact was consensual, it was up to the defendant to prove there was consent by a preponderance of the evidence. The rulings essentially made consent an affirmative defense to a rape charge, the way a killer can claim self-defense in a murder case.

But in a 6-3 opinion Thursday, the justices said those decisions wrongly interpreted U.S. Supreme Court precedent. Prosecutors must prove every element of a crime beyond a reasonable doubt, and making a defendant prove that there was consent got that requirement backward, they said.

"Requiring a defendant to do more than raise a reasonable doubt is inconsistent with due-process principles,” Justice Debra Stephens wrote for the majority, saying it raises “a very real possibility of wrongful convictions.”'

FGM horrid, but MGM beneficial? Not so fast!

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Dan Bollinger's latest essay on genital integrity does the unthinkable: Compares MGM to FGM. Male circumcision removes just as much tissue and nerves, causes just as much pain, and results in about the same sexual harm as the most common form of female genital mutilation.I sometimes make this statement in order to shock people into understanding that male and female genital mutilation (MGM and FGM) aren't diametrically opposed, but that they have a lot in common and we should work toward abolishing both practices.

Dan is Director of the ICGI.

U.S. Marine Corps Might Lower Combat Standards For Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The first three women to successfully complete the Marine's Combat Endurance Test (CET) have been asked to leave the rigorous, infantry officers training course for failing to meet the physical standards required.
...
"They were physically disqualified from the training last week for falling behind in hikes while carrying loads of upwards of 100 pounds, says Maj. George Flynn, director of the Infantry Officers Course (IOC) at Quantico, Va.

Earlier this month, the women had successfully completed the Combat Endurance Test, the first hurdle Marines must pass to become infantry officers – the quintessential front-line combat job. That accomplishment qualified them for the remainder of infantry officer training, the IOC."
...
But, according to an analysis done by the Washington Free Beacon, there are interest groups in D.C. that are trying to get the Marine Corps to change the standards in the training course to help pave the way for women to fill combat roles:

"Much of the pressure for integrating women into combat arms comes from DC-based pressure groups like the radical feminist Service Women's Action Network and from activists like (Ret. Army Col. Ellen) Haring. Grassroots support for such a move is more limited.

Among female Marine officers, including those who support the introduction of women into combat arms, and those who are personally ambitious to try the infantry for themselves, I have never heard anyone assert that they would like standards lowered for them, so that they can pass the course. Why would they? It would entirely undercut the value of their achievement, and diminish the overall fighting capacity of the Marine Corps. These officers are Marines first and individuals second. They want to succeed on fair terms."'

With US women soon eligible for combat, the draft could be next

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As Norway became the first NATO country to require women to register for the draft this month, it has American military analysts debating whether the US could be on the verge of taking the same step, too.

It was back in 1981 that the US Supreme Court ruled that requiring only men to register for the draft was constitutional, since there were US laws that banned women from fighting in combat.

Essentially, the argument went, since the purpose of registration for selective service – which all men must do at the age of 18, regardless of whether there is a draft in effect – is to prepare for combat, and women are excluded from combat, then they would not be needed in the event of a draft.
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"It's a social contract with democracy – that's my take on it," says Shelly Burgoyne, a former Army officer who served two tours of duty in Iraq during the war and believes women should be required to add their names to the Selective Service registry. "If you're going to take advantage of all of the benefits of a democracy, then I think you should also bear the responsibility as well."
...
Her beliefs changed, she says, after her time in Iraq. "I saw women physically able to do it," she says. "I did a full-on reversal – if you can do the job, then you can do the job."

A congressionally chartered association of US military reservists recently passed a resolution last year calling for the registration of women for the Selective Service as well, noting that 14 percent of active duty troops and nearly one-fifth of National Guard and Reserves are now women.'

"We should stop putting women in jail. For anything"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It sounds like a radical idea: Stop incarcerating women, and close down women's prisons. But in Britain, there is a growing movement, sponsored by a peer in the House of Lords, to do just that.

The argument is actually quite straightforward: There are far fewer women in prison than men to start with — women make up just 7 percent of the prison population. This means that these women are disproportionately affected by a system designed for men.

But could women's prisons actually be eliminated in the United States, where the rate of women's incarceration has risen by 646 percent in the past 30 years? The context is different, but many of the arguments are the same.
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If we can't close down women's prisons, we can at least slow down their expansion. Efforts to isolate women from their communities must be identified and opposed.

In Denver, for example, the Fail the Jail campaign helped defeat the addition of new jail beds. Instead, the director of the state's community reentry project told me that alternatives have proven to help individual women and change community attitudes.'

India: ‘Gender gap report would end up spreading misandry’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nagpur: The annual gender gap report of World Economic Forum (WEF) has received flak from men's rights activists in the country who believe that it is biased towards women. They say the report is drafted in a way that would end up spreading misandry by blaming men for social issues caused due to poverty and bad governance, while completely ignoring various issues they face.

In the report, India ranked 114 among 142 countries, slipping from 101 last year. The ranking was given on the basis of factors like economic participation, health, educational attainment and political empowerment of women in society. Terming the report one-sided and unscientific, men's right activists said it not only openly acknowledges measuring gender gap only in one direction (for women), but also celebrates gender inequalities suffered by men.

For example, a country with more girls enrolled in schools gets the same rank as the one with equal enrolment of the two genders. "Lower enrolment of boys can be a disadvantage to them. Also, the phenomenon of more suicides by men than women is also considered as gender equality. Such a definition of gender equality is completely bogus and unacceptable," said Anil Kumar, founder member of Save Indian Family Foundation (SIFF) who is a social researcher himself.'

Female college basketball star and team captain suspended after DV arrest

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The University of New Mexico women's basketball team has indefinitely suspended its team captain Ebony Walker in response to a recent domestic violence arrest. Walker is accused of throwing a knife at her boyfriend after a fight with her boyfriend at an apartment in southeast Albuquerque on Tuesday night.

Lobo women's basketball head coach Yvonne Sanchez addressed Walker's arrest at a news conference on Thursday.

"When people put their hands on each other in an angry manner, it's not okay. Either way, it's not okay, and I don't take it lightly, I take it very seriously," said Sanchez.

Sanchez says Walker has been suspended indefinitely and won't be allowed to practice with the team. Sanchez says the suspension will also include the team's Sunday exhibition game, however, she says Walker has not been kicked off the team at this point.'

Lesson For Bros Who Want To Promote Affirmative Consent: Don't Make T-Shirts

Matt · 7 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A male-led campaign to promote affirmative consent for sex at DePaul University – which is nominally Catholic but runs a "Queer Peers" mentorship program - has thrown in the towel.

Or rather, the T-shirt.

Selling shirts emblazoned with "Consent the D" – a play on the school's basketball slogan "Fear the D" (the Demons mascot) that was widely interpreted as "dick" – came off as "flippant" to campus feminists, who didn't take kindly to an alternative approach to their signature issue, Jezebel says:

"Unfortunately, the 'Consent the D' movement was cut short by forces outside of my control," founder Randy Vollrath said in a video message posted Tuesday. "T-shirt production has been halted while we work to address the issue."
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The paper cites Adina Babaian, a member of the campus chapter of Feminist Front, who speculates that the shirts ran into trouble because of trademark issues with the school. She accuses Vollrath of insensitivity:
...
Word to bros: Don't pretend to be a leader in the affirmative consent movement. Like sex itself, your intentions could be wildly misinterpreted.'

A Natural Fix for A.D.H.D.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'And for a good reason. Recent neuroscience research shows that people with A.D.H.D. are actually hard-wired for novelty-seeking — a trait that had, until relatively recently, a distinct evolutionary advantage. Compared with the rest of us, they have sluggish and underfed brain reward circuits, so much of everyday life feels routine and understimulating.

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These findings suggest that people with A.D.H.D are walking around with reward circuits that are less sensitive at baseline than those of the rest of us. Having a sluggish reward circuit makes normally interesting activities seem dull and would explain, in part, why people with A.D.H.D. find repetitive and routine tasks unrewarding and even painfully boring.

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Consider that humans evolved over millions of years as nomadic hunter-gatherers. It was not until we invented agriculture, about 10,000 years ago, that we settled down and started living more sedentary — and boring — lives. As hunters, we had to adapt to an ever-changing environment where the dangers were as unpredictable as our next meal. In such a context, having a rapidly shifting but intense attention span and a taste for novelty would have proved highly advantageous in locating and securing rewards — like a mate and a nice chunk of mastodon. In short, having the profile of what we now call A.D.H.D. would have made you a Paleolithic success story.

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Some of the rising prevalence of A.D.H.D. is doubtless driven by the pharmaceutical industry, whose profitable drugs are the mainstay of treatment. Others blame burdensome levels of homework, but the data show otherwise. Studies consistently show that the number of hours of homework for high school students has remained steady for the past 30 years.

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What are the implications of this new research for how we think about and treat kids with A.D.H.D.? Of course, I am not suggesting that we take our kids out of school and head for the savanna. Nor am I saying we that should not use stimulant medications like Adderall and Ritalin, which are safe and effective and very helpful to many kids with A.D.H.D.

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In school, these curious, experience-seeking kids would most likely do better in small classes that emphasize hands-on-learning, self-paced computer assignments and tasks that build specific skills.

This will not eliminate the need for many kids with A.D.H.D. to take psychostimulants. But let's not rush to medicalize their curiosity, energy and novelty-seeking; in the right environment, these traits are not a disability, and can be a real asset.'

An Ivy League Lynch Mob

Matt · 8 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When you hear the phrase “lynch mob,” what image comes to mind? Most of us will probably think of tooth-free rednecks with pitchforks off to find themselves some darker-skinned folks to harass. Or we might cast our minds back to a time when angry, hungry people regularly rounded up eccentric old women, blamed them for causing crop failures and other local calamities, and then had them dunked or burned as witches.

I saw a different kind of lynch mob recently at Columbia University. There wasn’t a pitchfork in sight. No one started a fire. Yet this gathering of self-styled justice enforcers, who were loudly demanding the metaphorical scalp of an individual they suspected of doing something bad, nonetheless had the same scary moral righteousness and disregard for due process as every other lynch mob in history. It’s just that they were better dressed, better educated, far more middle-class than the usual fire-wielding dispensers of mob justice. It was an Ivy League lynch mob.

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A male student told me my insistence that individuals suspected of a crime must be fairly tried and found convincingly guilty before we ruin their lives — and being expelled from a prestigious university for rape would undoubtedly be life-ruining — was evidence that I had fallen for the “liberal paradigm” of justice, which tends to benefit white, well-off men. Apparently there is another “paradigm,” a better one, in which women who accuse men of rape are instantly believed and the men in question swiftly and severely punished.

The speeches made by students from the mattress-strewn steps leading up to the beautiful Low Library were chilling. Many focused on the need to believe women who make accusations. “I believe!” they hollered, to cheers from the crowd. This casual assertion of belief in all accusations of sexual assault mirrors the gullible fanaticism of the 17th-century Salem trials, where, likewise, claims and denunciations were taken at face value. When twelve Boston-based ministers said that the Salem magistrates should not rely so heavily on “spectral evidence” — that is, evidence based on dreams and visions rather than proven facts — they were roundly condemned. And so it is today that anyone who says that a rape allegation should be treated seriously but should not be automatically believed runs the risk of being branded a “rape apologist.” It would have been a brave student indeed who stood up at the Salem-like belief-fest at Columbia last week and said, “We have to prove accusations, not naïvely accept them.”

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The Christian moralists, anti-porn crusaders, and Victim Feminists of the 1970s and ’80s must be beaming with pride at the rise of the idea of “rape culture,” for it embodies their every prejudice and ill-founded panic and their lust for authoritarianism as a solution to the alleged sexual swagger of dumb, media-fueled men.

There really is only one thing to say to the bleating students, the illiberal liberals, of Columbia and other privileged campuses: You have lovely, lazy, intellectual lives that many of the world’s still-repressed women would sell their souls for, so, please, shelve the slave songs and self-pity and grow the hell up.'

Men Less Likely Than Women to Get Bone Test After Fracture

Minuteman · 8 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Older men are much less likely than women to receive osteoporosis screening and treatment after suffering a wrist fracture, a new study reveals.

While osteoporosis is widely regarded as a disease that affects older women, as many as one in four men older than 50 will break a bone due to osteoporosis, according to the researchers. And, more than 2 million American men have osteoporosis, they added.

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The study found that men were three times less likely than women to undergo bone mass density testing for osteoporosis after a wrist fracture. In addition, men were also seven times less likely than women to begin treatment for osteoporosis after a wrist fracture.

Within six months of the wrist fracture, 55 percent of women and 21 percent of men began treatment with calcium and vitamin D supplements, the study found. Just over 20 percent of women -- but only 3 percent of men -- starting taking bisphosphonates, a common drug treatment for increasing bone mass, the researchers said.'

Feds Punish Princeton For Liking Due Process Too Much

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this week, the U.S. Department of Education wrapped up its investigation of Princeton University's sexual harassment and assault policies. The findings were unsurprising, though still striking: the government essentially accused the university of violating federal anti-discrimination law by extending too much due process to accused students.

Princeton had been one of the last hold-outs on the standard of proof in college rape trials. The university required adjudicators to obtain "clear and convincing" proof that a student was guilty of sexual assault before convicting him. That's too tough, said DOE. As part of its settlement, Princeton is required to lower its evidence standard to "a preponderance of the evidence," which means adjudicators must convict if they are 50.1 percent persuaded by the accuser."
...
On the other side, Laura Dunn, executive director of victims' advocacy center SurvJustice, hilariously told InsideHigherEd that "ingrained male privilege" was the only reason for using a lower evidence standard. Thankfully, the federal government is beating that tendency out of colleges, she said:

"It's mostly at these elite schools that we see a real pushback," Dunn said. "To put it bluntly, I think it's arrogance and ingrained male privilege, but I think they're starting to get the message."

It's very discouraging to see support for robust due process written off as a symptom of male privilege. Of course, plenty of women are concerned that these new policies, far from chipping away at male privilege, unfairly punish men. (I interviewed one of them for my August article on criminalizing campus sex.)'

Hey Dems, He's Just Not That Into You

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Well, the pundits were right: the political “gender gap” would decide the fate of candidates in the 2014 midterms. But the decisive point wasn’t that Republicans have a female voter problem. It was that Democrats have a male voter problem.

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It was a pattern repeated nationwide. In Iowa, Republican candidate for Senate Joni Ernst—the first woman Iowa has ever sent to Washington as an elected representative—tied her opponent, Democrat Bruce Braley, among female voters. She won men by 18 points. Or take, for instance, the unexpectedly non-competitive race in Georgia, where a Republican man defeated a Democratic woman; the Democratic candidate won female voters by eight percentage points but lost men by a staggering 23 points.

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No, instead, it turns out that when your message is very clearly aimed at pandering to or terrifying one slice of voters, the rest of the electorate says “no thanks.” “Please, oppressors, bring your male privilege to the polls for us” isn’t exactly a message that wins you hearts and minds, no matter how many Lena Dunham appeals you make. And with men seeing wages stagnate and economic opportunity drying up, hammering home a message about the “war on women” is tone-deaf at best.

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There’s a gender gap in politics, for sure. But it backfired on Democrats in the midterms. And in the process, it sent the youngest woman ever to Congress (a Republican) and the first female Senators from Iowa and West Virginia (both Republicans).

Not such a bad night for women after all.'

Our boys are now at greater risk than girls

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Article here. Excrrpt:

'Let's say he is an average little boy from a working- or middle-class family. What are hischances of living out his God-given potential? Not as good as Charlotte's, even if she had been born in his humble circumstances. For in childhood, adolescence, and early adulthood, our boys are now at greater risk than our girls.

A national proposal to establish a White House Council on Boys and Men, headed by Warren Farrell, Ph.D., author of the book, "The Myth of Male Power," documents the following factors as a few of the challenges that set up our boys for failure:

• Education: This is the first generation of boys in U.S. history who will have less education than their dads. ...

• Fatherlessness: A third of boys are raised in fatherless homes. ...

• Emotional health: Depression remains hidden in boys because of the male taboo against the showing of feelings. ...'

None of this is to say that men at the top levels of society don't still rule. "The myth of male power" co-exists with the fact that in many corporations, politics and in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math, barriers to females remain. We must constantly strive to break these barriers down as we strive to lift boys up. This is not an either/or dilemma.

Early in his first term, President Obama established a well-funded Council on Women and Girls to coordinate and build on already existing but scattered programs serving either or both. It was a brilliant idea, and well-activated.

Here's hoping the next president will establish the same kind of commission for our boys and our men. Their programs are scattered and sometimes non-existent. Please recognize that it is our young males who are now at most risk.'

New F4J member stirs "controversy" by pointing out the incredibly obvious

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Deeds not words," exhorted Emmeline Pankhurst of the Suffragette movement.

Father of two and HGV driver Bobby Smith, 32, might have been inspired by that motto over the weekend as, in the name of New Fathers for Justice, he hijacked the sculpture of "A Real Birmingham Family" by the Turner Prize-winning artist Gillian Wearing.
...
Affronted by the absence of a father figure, Bobby Smith stuck photographs of himself and his two daughters, Ellie, seven and Mollie, 10 onto the figures in the sculpture and threw a sheet over the remaining mother. He said: "There's nothing wrong with single mothers but this statue is saying one person can do both jobs, and I believe kids are always better off with both parents in their lives."
...
The exclusion of the father has always been a driving force in modern feminism, going back to its very origins. In her 1970 book The Female Eunuch, Germaine Greer dreamt of creating a communal collective of well-heeled young mothers at a farmhouse in Italy "where our children would be born. Their fathers and other people would also visit as often as they could...The house and garden would be worked by a local family...". Charming. In an issue of Shrew magazine in 1973, a contributor asked "Are Fathers Really Necessary?" and concluded "they are more trouble than they are worth and likely to abuse children sexually."
...
Wearing's depiction of "A Real Birmingham Family" is, then, a work of fashionable posturing as smug and self-righteous as the "This is what a feminist looks like" t-shirts that Harriet Harman, Ed Miliband and Nick Clegg have been made to look so fabulously foolish for showing off. The sculpture might have been sensationally original and cutting-edge if it had represented a single father looking after his children alone – the position of at least 400,000 men in this country today. Some hopes.

Even so, the version of "A Real Birmingham Family" that Bobby Smith has improvised is infinitely more radical and emotionally-charged as a work of performance art than the stultified vision of Gillian Wearing RA, OBE. Perhaps somebody ought now to run up a T-shirt featuring Bobby Smith with the motto "This is what a genuine campaigner for sexual equality looks like".

But Mr Smith doesn't need to spell out his message. His acts themselves fulfil Mrs Pankhurst's rousing command.'

"The World's Obsession With Schoolgirls As Victims, And Why It Might Be Putting Them In Greater Danger"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When Boko Haram gunmen stormed a school in northeastern Nigeria, they seemed to be closely following a premeditated plan of attack. They lined up students against a wall and killed them with single bullets to the head. They then doused nearby dormitories with gasoline, locked the doors, and set them alight. Those who tried to make an escape were stabbed to death.

Forty-six boys were killed in that July 2013 attack. All of the girls were spared.

Does the victims' gender factor into why the international media paid no heed to the carnage Boko Haram wrought a year before the Islamist militant group kidnapped 276 girls from their school in Chibok? Why didn't big-name celebrities and political officials rally behind the slaughtered schoolboys as they did the abducted schoolgirls? Why was no hashtag created to demand justice for the boys?

Maybe crimes committed against girls – and particularly schoolgirls – bear a heavier impact on the consciousness of outside observers. Taken together with the full-throttle focus Pakistani education activist Malala Yousafzai after she was shot by Taliban gunmen in October of 2012, and the outsized role that ISIS' sexual assaults and enslavement of Yazidi women has played inframing U.S. intervention in Iraq, it seems that schoolgirls draw not just more attention, but also action than similar attacks on others. While Boko Haram, ISIS, and the Taliban have all waged a bloody reign of terror, it's the crimes they commit against schoolgirls – archetypes of innocence and vulnerability – that have earned them the most disdain.'

'Affirmative consent': Colleges are motivated by the almighty dollar

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The rationale for "yes means yes" is that universities are beset with sexual violence and steeped in "rape culture." Reports repeat the same shocking statistics: Either one in four or one in five college women have been the victims of a sexual assault.

Is it true? As my City Journal colleague Heather Mac Donald has pointed out, if those numbers were accurate, "Campus rape represents a crime wave of unprecedented proportions. No crime, much less one as serious as rape, has a victimization rate remotely approaching 20 or 25 percent, even over many years."

If the law's premise is bogus, how about the law's execution? As written, it offers a vague definition of "affirmative consent."

In any event, if sexual assault is so widespread on campuses, why not refer these crimes to the criminal courts? Because most of the cases likely wouldn't meet the standard of "reasonable doubt."

...

So what is the push for "yes means yes" really about? California's liberal legislature and governor wouldn't have been so eager to tackle the supposed campus rape epidemic if the federal government wasn't demanding action and threatening to withhold precious education funding if states don't show results.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights this year launched investigations into 85 colleges and universities nationwide, looking into claims that the schools haven't taken sexual violence complaints seriously enough.

In that light, the new law's purpose is clear: Universities had better start punishing more alleged offenders, or there will be consequences for the universities.

And if administrators need a lower standard of proof to do get the job done, now they have one.'

Following trend, students left off sex assault hearing panels

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http://www.thedp.com/article/2014/11/students-no-longer-part-of-sexual-assault-hearings

'With the establishment of a new investigatory office for sexual assault at Penn , students will take a step back from the disciplinary process — a trend that has sparked controversy throughout the country.

In the new office, an investigator will lead a team in examining sexual assault complaints. The team will recommend whether to find the respondent responsible and recommend sanctions. But if either student involved disagrees with the finding, the student can request a hearing with a trained faculty panel.

Currently, sexual assault complaints against an undergraduate student go to the Office of Student Conduct, which follows a similar model, except the hearing panels include students.

While administrators say the new system will be fair to all parties, some critics say this model undermines due process for the accused.

1 in 4 women admit to DV vs. husbands

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Video here. Caption:

'The title is intentionally provocative and meant to poke fun at the ways that research is being used to implicate men as the primary problem of domestic violence. Then again, the title is not that far from the truth. This video will have a look at the underbelly of one research study on domestic violence that created a good deal of headlines. Those headlines? They read over and over again that 1 in 5 men admitted to being violent in relationship. The video will take a look at how they got those numbers and also offer a glimpse of the story that they DIDN'T tell you. That story is that the data used for this study showed clearly that the women admitted to considerably more violence than the men. Have a look.

If you want a more detailed version you can see the article on menaregood that goes into a great deal more detail. http://menaregood.com/wordpress/the-one-sided-narrative-of-domestic-violence/

Paternity Leave: The Rewards and the Remaining Stigma

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Social scientists who study families and work say that men like Mr. Bedrick, who take an early hands-on role in their children's lives, are likely to be more involved for years to come and that their children will be healthier. Even their wives could benefit, as women whose husbands take paternity leave have increased career earnings and have a decreased chance of depression in the nine months after childbirth. But researchers also have a more ominous message. Taking time off for family obligations, including paternity leave, could have long-term negative effects on a man's career — like lower pay or being passed over for promotions.

In other words, Mr. Bedrick is facing the same calculus that women have for decades.

...

The evolving roles of men and women could eventually change workplace culture, he and other social scientists say. If more women play the breadwinner role and more men ask for family-friendly policies, it could become hard for employers to treat them differently on the basis of gender roles.

"If men are asking for more stuff, it can help make the workplace more kid-friendly," Mr. Coltrane said.

...

Cultural messages tend to reinforce the stigma. Last spring, Daniel Murphy, a second baseman for the New York Mets, was criticized when he took the three days of paternity leave allowed by Major League Baseball. "I would have said: 'C-section before the season starts. I need to be at opening day,' " Boomer Esiason, a radio talk show host and former professional football player, said on his program. (He would later apologize for the remarks.) Mike Francesa, another radio talk show host, added: "You're a Major League Baseball player; you can hire a nurse." Men often receive subtle or not-so-subtle messages that leave is unacceptable, even if it's in the employee handbook.'

Participate in Movember for men's health issues

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Movember is an annual event in which men start the month of November clean shaven, and grow their moustaches in support of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer and other male cancers, as well as mental health.

Their US website is http://us.movember.com/

From the website: Men who participate in Movember (called Mo Bros) take action to change the face of men's health by starting clean-shaven on Movember 1st and growing just a moustache (no beards, no goatees) for the month November. Movember is more than just an excuse to grow a fine piece of moustachery, it's about creating conversations while raising funds and awareness for men's health. It's about having fun and doing good.

Note: Sorry this is being posted well into November, but there's still plenty of time to learn about men's health issues through Movember, or donate to someone participating in the event.

Woman jailed for six years after false rape accusation spurs bystanders to beat man to death

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 20-year-old woman has been jailed for six years after she falsely accused a man of rape then led a gang to beat him to death.

Latiqwa Mayes was enraged that her victim Donald Robinson had not received a stricter sentence for breaking into her room and assaulting her friend at a boardinghouse.

Months later, she saw him walking down the street in Baltimore, Maryland, and yelled: 'He raped me! He's a sex offender!

...
He was pronounced dead in hospital and an autopsy stated the beating as the cause of death.

Slamming Latiqwa Mayes, who has been in solitary confinement since September 2013, Judge Timothy Doory said Robinson's offense did 'not justify a call to the community to impose physical, violent retribution.'

...
Latiqwa and Willie Mayes both pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

They were each sentenced to 10 years in prison, however Latiqwa will serve six and Willie will serve two, with the other years suspended.'

Report of student sexually assaulted was false

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Story here.

'Lewiston Police say a report of a sexual assault on the Niagara University campus was false.

A female student told police that she was attacked while in a parking lot on the campus grounds.

Officers say after a lengthy investigation, they determined the complaint was unfounded and that no crime had been committed.

It is unclear if the student will face charges.'

Ray McDonald will not be charged with domestic violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The 49ers have taken plenty of criticism as they played defensive tackle Ray McDonald throughout the season following allegations of domestic violence.

Today, that decision can be justified.

According to Shelley Smith of ESPN, the Santa Clara County district attorney has declined to file charges against McDonald because of a lack of evidence.'

Politically correct Google image for Veterans' Day says it all

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Google just switched its page banner for today (Nov. 11), since here in the US, it's Veteran's Day. Undoubtedly, people outside the US will see something different, which is why I capped the image so it can be viewed here.

Remember always to be thankful to the millions of American women who were killed or died of wounds/illness in combat zones.

Yep.

My pass-the-barf-bucket response to the all-mighty G's choice of search page banner art isn't aimed at them in particular. This kind of microscope-lens-on-the-telescope-end impression conveyance is typical of people/institutions pandering to feminists, even if it's more a learned response and less a willful act. It's become a knee-jerk response, instilled during the reign of terror that the MacKinnon stormtrooper types unleashed in the '80s. It was so effective, the sufferings and deaths of millions of men are now readily, as shown so graphically by the banner image, backgrounded by the presence of a tiny fraction of female military personnel, a substantial majority of whom never stain a single article of clothing after basic training.

"Honoring Service Women"

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Story here. GREAT IDEA!!! Now let's have a SEPARATE honor for Black fallen soldiers, Hispanic fallen soldiers, Asian fallen soldiers, fallen soldiers from New York City, fallen soldiers with red hair, fallen soldiers who are bald. Leave it to feminists to make it all about ME ME ME ME ME. Excerpt:

'Navy Capt. Nancy Lacore knows valor has no gender. She recently completed a grueling 160 mile run in seven days to honor the 160 US servicewomen who died in Iraq and Afghanistan.

That's one mile for each women who sacrificed her life for her country. Lacore, who served in Afghanistan, wanted to do something to raise awareness of the women who died in service.
...
One by one, supporters placed the ribbons holding pictures of the fallen women on the marble walls of the memorial. And then it was Lacore's turn to remember Maj. Megan McClung, the first female Marine officer killed in Iraq.

"They died for us," Lacore said. "They died serving our country and sustaining our freedoms."

The Valor Run raised over $30,000 for the Women's Memorial and for Wounded Wear, a charity that provides special clothing for wounded warriors.'

Tragedy of Luke King Reminds Us Rape Suspects Are Always Innocent Until Proven Guilty

Matt · 11 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Thanks, IBT, for continuing to have the courage to state the obvious. These days, it can indeed take courage to do that. Excerpt:

'Luke King, 23, of Whitehaven, Cumbria, England, committed suicide on 23 May 2014. King had been falsely accused of rape in 2010 and detained for two days until the accusation was thrown out. In the aftermath of his temporary detention King struggled with drugs, and depression, before eventually taking his own life.

It's perhaps easier for someone older to place such a harrowing experience in life's context, especially if they have no significant mental health issues. But for a 19-year-old, just or almost out of adolescence, the ordeal of a false rape accusation can be truly horrendous, especially if that person also has a tendency towards depression.

Plenty of crimes spark outrage and condemnation, but rape accusations seem to be in their own class. Of all violent crimes, including murder, when victims are women and the most likely suspect(s) men, it is rape that generates the greatest outrage among both sexes.
...
Presumed innocence isn't just a fair, ethical criminal standard, but often a life-saving one -- assuming of course you value the lives of men.'

Falsely accused ‘selfie stalker’ suing Nancy Grace

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A man who was quickly branded a “selfie stalker” after his picture turned up on a crime victim’s cellphone is suing television commentator Nancy Grace for defamation, saying she refused to stop airing his photo even after authorities had cleared him of any wrongdoing.

The lawsuit filed Monday in Denver says Grace, who hosts a show on Turner Broadcasting’s HLN network, incorrectly told millions of viewers that Ben Seibert invaded a woman’s home and snapped a photo of himself on her phone, which she described as a “textbook serial killer’s calling card.”

Seibert said Grace humiliated him with her commentary, which went viral on an array of social media sites where readers called him a weirdo, a sicko, a rapist and a pervert. The suit says Grace didn’t check the facts and didn’t care.

“It hasn’t been easy for him as a result of this,” said Seibert’s attorney, John Pineau.'

Robin Williams' most likely suicide motivations made public

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Story here. Poor guy. I'm posting this since there's been some speculation here on MANN and elsewhere that he committed suicide due to the stresses of an unhappy marriage (and I have no idea what state his marriage was in) and fears that a divorce would ultimately ruin him financially. Turns out, his motivation seems to have been far more calculated, for lack of a better way to put it. Excerpt:

'Robin Williams' suicide could have been triggered by a common but devastating form of dementia that may have disrupted his normal brain function.

Court documents obtained by TMZ reveal that Williams, who was found hanging from a belt at his home in California last August, was suffering from dementia with Lewy bodies.

Sources connected with the troubled comic's family told the news site that the degenerative disease was the 'key factor' they believe drove him to take his own life.'

"To heck with International Men's Day"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I hope you are as excited about Nov. 19, International Men's Day, as I am. "It is an occasion," its organizers say, "for men to celebrate their achievements and contributions, in particular their contributions to community, family, marriage, and child care, while highlighting the discrimination against them."
...
Throughout my life, women have treated me more fairly, with greater intelligence and compassion than men. I chalk it up to evolution; men want to kill other men, and women seek men for mates. I'm a lover, not a killer. To heck with International Men's Day, and the rotten gender it purports to champion.

It's true that International Men's Day is about where International Women's Day was 30 years ago: not widely observed. But men are so needy, please help them celebrate. Step up and give a man a hug — he thinks he deserves it.'

Wrongfully Guilty: Men File Lawsuits Against Universities After Campus Rape Rulings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Department of Education pushed out a letter to universities across America in 2011, sanctifying college bureaucrats with the legal ability to determine the guilt or innocence of people accused of sexual assault. Today, a slew of men who were allegedly wrongfully found guilty of rape by reckless college administrators are retaliating with lawsuits against the universities.

As of this month, there have been 50 known lawsuits filed by men found guilty of rape looking for justice to clear their names and legal record, according to A Voice For Male Students' website.

"Predictably, a wave of lawsuits soon erupted as young men wrongly accused of sex crimes found themselves hustled through a vague and misshapen adjudication process with slipshod checks and balances and Kafkaesque standards of evidence," the men's advocacy page reads.'

Pentagon sex assault survey raises doubts of accuracy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Pentagon is mindful of the survey's critics. Rand, in a sense, will be double-checking the accuracy of previous polls.

"The Defense Department contracted with Rand to have an independent, outside organization conduct the biennial prevalence survey," said Army Maj. James Brindle, a Pentagon spokesman. "Rand's survey methodology will allow the department to accurately compare data among all previous surveys so that we can seamlessly assess progress the department is making in preventing and responding to the crime of sexual assault."

Critics do not point only to a supposed skewed sample. They say the Pentagon's results do not mesh with society as a whole.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics reported a sex assault rate of just four-tenths of 1 percent for women age 18-34, a range that roughly matches the military population. The Bureau's polling in 2010 relied not on Internet responses but on phone calls and personal interviews conducted by the Census Bureau.

Based on those results, the military has a rate of sexual assault against women that is 12 times higher compared with civilians. Overall, the Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that sexual assault rates have been falling in the U.S. over the past 20 years.

Critics also cite the Pentagon survey's wide swings. In 2006, its poll found 34,000 total sexual assault victims; in 2010, the number dropped significantly to 19,000; and then in 2012, it went back up, to 26,000 — 12,000 of whom were women.'

Nurse falsifies DNA test to commit paternity fraud

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A besotted nurse tricked a man into thinking he had fathered a baby with her during a one-night stand.

Charmaine Wilson, 25, forged a birth certificate and faked a DNA test to convince Liam Griffiths of her deception in a 'lie that snowballed out of control'.

Mr Griffiths, 31 was taken in by the lie and grew to love the boy he believed he had fathered her child during the one-off drunken encounter.
...
In fact, the two-year-old toddler belonged to one of Wilson's friends – who also had no idea what she had been up to.
...
Wilson has now been jailed for four months after admitting two counts of fraud.
...
Wilson, from Bridgend, south Wales, abused her position as a nurse at The Princess of Wales Hospital to forge documents when Mr Griffith raised doubts he was the dad.

She even convinced his parents the toddler was their grandchild and the family showered her with gifts – including a car to help her get to and from work.
...
Wilson was also given a restraining order preventing her from approaching Liam Griffiths or his family in future.'

SAVE: Bureaucrats in the Bedroom: Most Say 'No' to Government Mandates for Consent to Sex

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / November 12, 2014 – A national opinion poll has revealed the vast majority of persons are opposed to laws that seek to mandate how persons give consent to sexual relations. When asked whether the government should have the “authority to determine how partners give their consent to sex,” 85% of respondents answered ‘No.’

In late September, Gov. Jerry Brown signed a controversial Affirmative Consent bill requiring that all California college students give their ongoing “affirmative, conscious, and voluntary” consent during the course of having sex. Similar laws are being considered in other states.

The survey was conducted October 27 – 28. Over 600 persons participated in the telephone poll. The respondents consisted of 55.6% males and 44.4% females. Detailed findings can be viewed here: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/affirmative-confusion/survey/findings/

UK: Remembrance Day in UK/Canada

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Nov. 11 was Remembrance Day in the UK and Canada and a tremendous art installation of 888,246 ceramic red poppies was launched in the moat of the Tower of London to honour those who sacrificed themselves in WWI - as 2014 marks the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of that conflict. [In French, known as "La Guerre Mondiale".]

It was an amazing visual display. More: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blood_Swept_Lands_and_Seas_of_Red

Woman who sliced teen's penis with box cutter avoids jail time

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Story here.

'An Indiana woman who sliced an 18-year-old's penis with a box cutter won't be serving any time in jail.

Bonita Vela attacked her daughter's boyfriend after she believed he molested her two-year-old son.

Vela and two men reportedly held the teen in a neighbour's house, who then told the teen he had to choose between his penis or his life.

NYDailyNews reports that Vela pleaded guilty to confinement and battery in Johnson County Court and was sentenced Thursday to 10 months of home detention with an ankle bracelet.

She claimed she only wanted to scare the teen and that he cut himself when he tried to knock the blade from her hand.

According to a police report, she told the teen if he "didn't have anything to hide then he should let her cut him and that regardless of what happened he was to leave and never come back."

The 18-year-old filed a complaint saying he never touched the toddler.

Vela admits her suspicions developed after she had smoked marijuana.'

"Silencing Women: Inside the National Coalition for Men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the Justice Department investigates 50-odd universities for shrouding rape accusations, we face a major progressive shift in sexual politics on campus. Meanwhile, the National Coalition for Men (NCFM) is toiling to reverse this trend by using male victimhood as a weapon against female accusers. Some state chapters publish headshots of women on a page that reads “false victims”—i.e. where rape reports have been dismissed by a college disciplinary board, or where the sheriff’s department isn’t buying a woman’s story. Harry Crouch, the NCFM president, says his coalition’s brief includes helping victims, protecting the falsely accused, and unseating the “men’s violence industry.” This last catchphrase is Crouch’s way of saying that domestic violence is massively over-reported and that “often the woman initiates violence herself.”

The NCFM also claims it caters to both men and women survivors, though the coalition does not divulge how many women have called upon their services. Down the street from me, the Carolina chapter of NCFM offers a handful of non-emergency services for men in distress, including referrals toMaleDepression.com and to the Men’s Health Network, but in fact NCFM Carolinas provides no hotline, nor any direct counseling services. Rather, the site’s literature and rhetoric offer legal guidance for accused rapists while also condemning America’s “radical feminist” jurisprudence that, by their account, sends thousands of men to prison each year over fraudulent allegations of rape. Naturally, the site continues to publish photographs of women alongside the names and details of these allegedly false accusers. (On principle, we’re not linking to the page with the photos.)'

Woman Maces Man Who Asked her to Turn Off Cell Phone in a Theater

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman in the audience at an American Film Institute (AFI) screening of Mr. Turner at the TCL Chinese Theatre in Hollywood responded in an unusual fashion to a man who asked her to turn off her cell phone—she maced him.
...
Unaware that the cell phone user was a woman, the man reportedly said, "Excuse me, sir." Ignored, the man repeated his request several times. Finally, fed up, he tapped her arm, whereupon she went ballistic.

An eyewitness reported, "She stands up and starts cursing, saying 'You hit me, you hit me, I'm going to call the police.'" The woman reportedly turned on her flashlight app and directed the light into the man's face. She followed that by threatening to mace him, and indeed, maced him.
...
Interviewed by the Hollywood Reporter, the American Film Institute simply stated, "There was an incident, and it has been handled, and everyone is OK."'

"Drunk Girl" Video Is Latest Viral Hoax

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Story here. Excerpt:

'NOVEMBER 12--The viral video claiming to show a series of men plotting to take advantage of a drunk Los Angeles woman was staged by the clip's creators, who fed lines to the purported predators, dupes who thought they were appearing in a student film, The Smoking Gun has learned.

The video, "Drunk Girl In Public," is described as a "social experiment" by creator Stephen Zhang, 20, who apparently sought to ride the coattails of the 35 milllion-view Hollaback! video showing a woman being peppered with catcalls as she walked across New York City.

Zhang's video, shot on Hollywood Boulevard, has been viewed nearly 4.5 million times since it was uploaded to YouTube on November 8.

The clip stars actress Jennifer Box, 24, who teeters on high heels while drinking from a paper bag. The clip portrays the tipsy Box as prey being stalked by the men she encounters.
...
In a Facebook post, Koshak (pictured at right) assured friends that the video "was all staged and all of the people in it were acting," adding that the clip "does not portray myself or any of the other people in it correctly." He noted that, "it's a false ass portrayal and I was lied to about what the video even was. Faulty ass shit."

In response to those protestations, Leach, 22, sent Koshak a private Facebook messageacknowledging that the video was staged. "The important thing to consider," Leach wrote, "is that this video is going to get you well known and have a future with us and our company."

After promisisng Koshak a night of free drinks, Leach said, "We are going to be huge and you are apart of it. Just go with it dude, you are in our team now and we will take care of you."'

Case study of why men don't go into education

charlie · 14 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Poor kid, accused by a crazy woman, then grilled for hours until he made a "confession." No corroborating evidence. His parents put out $200,000 in legal fees. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors dismissed charges Thursday against an intern at a pricey preschool who was accused of molesting 13 children.

Malthe Thomsen, 22, was cleared before a packed courtroom by prosecutors who said that “after a careful and thorough investigation” they decided they “could not prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt.”
...
The allegations by the co-worker, Mariangela Kefalas, would not bring him down, he said.

“I won’t let one person and a crazy justice system ruin that,” he said, telling reporters that he has pending job offers from supporters at home.
...
Kefalas first reported the allegations to her bosses, who cleared Thomsen internally after interviews with staff and observations.

After she was let go, she went to police with her story about Thomsen.

Thomsen was arrested in June and charged with 15 counts of sex abuse in the first degree in a criminal complaint, but no indictment was ever sought as prosecutors continued investigating.

He was held at Rikers Island for weeks before posting a $400,000 bail bond in July.'

Femen stages simulated anal sex at the Vatican using a crucifix

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Story here. Actually safe for work. Most Femen-related stories are NSFW. Excerpt:

'Femen, the women's rights group known for topless protests, took their act to a new level of provocation on Friday with an explicitly sexually suggestive demonstration in front of the Vatican.

In what they described as a protest over Pope Francis's upcoming visit to the European Parliament, three members of the group appeared on St Peter's square wearing only leather mini-skirts and flower garlands in their hair.

Two of them had "Keep it Inside" written on their backs - a slogan apparently related to what followed.

After bending forward, the women dropped down on to all fours, all the time appearing to simulate anal sex with a crucifix.

...

It was not immediately clear if the activists would face any criminal charges.

According to the group, the protest was organized because they regard the Pope's November 25th visit to the European Parliament as an attack on secular principles.

"Pope is not a politician," one of the three women had emblazoned across her exposed breasts.'

Wikipedia on Femen here

The internet hates men, and no one's a winner

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sigh. A new current has developed in the polluted ocean of online videos. If you're a Facebook user, you'll have noticed it: it involves women, and men, and the former being incessantly harassed by the latter.
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Depictions of decent men have now become strikingly absent online. The overall suggestion is that men are guilty until proven innocent; this only reinforces gender stereotyping.

Indeed, we have reached a stage where feminist sites like Jezebel run stories like "How to kick men in the balls: an illustrated guide", confirming the impression that the internet hates men. Misogynist trolling by horrid little men is a huge concern, but the answer is not to alienate the rest of us.

It must be acknowledged – and strongly so – that most of the men watching these videos would never dream of treating women in this way. Call me optimistic, but in my experience, there are at least 10 gentlemen for every abuser. And that's a conservative estimate.

What message are upstanding men, particularly the younger ones, supposed to take from this cataract of negative campaigning? In the current climate of febrile abusiveness, both online and in "meatspace", this is something that should concern everyone. The more the anti-men trend gains traction, the more women will be deprived of decent male allies in the battle against abuse.'

Women-only workplaces: good; men-only: bad

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'Paul Elam, the founder of men's rights group and human garbage army A Voice for Men, wants women to just leave men alone already because women are always getting in the way and then society can't be excellent! (Men are excellent at excellence, but women are never doing excellent things, obviously.)

...

There's just a different way that men do things with each other, and it results in excellence," Elam said on something called the ManStream Media. "In civilization. In the aqueducts being built. To people landing on the moon and cures being found to disease."

"I'm sorry, ladies," he continued, "but if we want society to advance, we need to leave men alone to do their work — to do their thing and be with each other to get things done. Because that's how it works."

Elam was in conversation with a guy named Tom Golden, who also believes women should STFU and let men be men and make world excellence in this world of fading excellence.

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Elam agreed that women in the workplace is the pits. In his best feminine voice, Elam said, "'Hi! I have a vagina and a whole new set of rules! Never mind what's worked for thousands of years, because I'm female and I know how to make 9,000 people work together to build a bridge across two miles of river!'"

Relatedly, someone should probably make a T-Shirt that says, "Hi! I have a vagina and a whole new set of rules!" I would totally wear one.'

Comet Scientist Breaks Down in Tears Apologizing for ‘Sexist’ Shirt

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Story here.

'Matt Taylor is one of the European Space Agency scientists who helped land the Philae spacecraft on a comet this week, the first time such a feat has ever been accomplished. But all anyone seems to want to talk about is the shirt he chose to wear, featuring pictures of scantily-clad women, during an interview with Nature Newsteam.

After receiving a barrage of criticism for what many described as “sexist” attire, Taylor delivered a tearful, public apology during a live stream broadcast on Friday.

“The shirt I wore this week, I made a big mistake,” Taylor said, starting to break down as he spoke. “And I offended many people. And I’m very sorry about this.”

Reporting on the story for CNN, Brooke Baldwin said, “The guy helped land a robot on a comet, I think he could find a new shirt,” adding, “Let’s move on.”'

Actor denounces circumcision in support of woman seeking injunction to stop it

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'Russell Crowe famously sparked a heated Twitter debate in 2011 when he declared the practice of circumcision 'barbaric and stupid'.

Now, the 50-year-old antipodean actor has taken to social media once again to discourage the use of the procedure by showing his support for a mother trying to stop the circumcision of her son.

On Wednesday the Hollywood heavy weight retweeted a link by activism account Caprica Is Burning which is raising awareness and funds for Heather Hironimus who is fighting a court battle in Florida to stop her four year-old son Chase being circumcised, as reported by YouCaring.'

1 small shirt for a man, 1 giant leap backward for women: Column

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'So how are things going for feminism? Well, last week, some feminists took one of the great achievements of human history — landing a probe from Earth on a comet hundreds of millions of miles away — and made it all about the clothes.

Yes, that's right. After years of effort, the European Space Agency's lander Philae landed on a comet 300 million miles away. At first, people were excited. Then some women noticed that one of the space scientists, Matt Taylor, was wearing a shirt, made for him by a female "close pal," featuring comic-book depictions of semi-naked women. And suddenly, the triumph of the comet landing was drowned out by shouts of feminist outrage about ... what people were wearing. It was one small shirt for a man, one giant leap backward for womankind.
...
It seems to me that if you care about women in STEM, maybe you shouldn't want to communicate the notion that they're so delicate that they can't handle pictures of comic-book women. Will we stock our Mars spacecraft with fainting couches?

Not everyone was so censorious. As one female space professional wrote: "Don't these women and their male cohorts understand that *they* are doing the damage to what/whom they claim to defend!?"

No, they don't. Or, if they do, their reservations are overcome by the desire to feel important and powerful at others' expense. Thus, what should have been the greatest day in a man's life — accomplishing something never before done in the history of humanity — was instead derailed by people with their own axes to grind. As Chloe Price observed: "Imagine the ... storm if the scientist had been a woman and everyone focused solely on her clothes and not her achievements."'

Sweden Considering Sexism Labels For Video Games

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'Sweden has become known as a country committed to gender-equality causes, as seen in the 2012 stir caused when the Swedish affiliate of Toys R Us began advertising using gender-neutral toy catalogs that deliberately mixed and matched outside the traditional boy/girl toy schism, or when some of the nation's movie theaters and TV channels began issuing ratings indicating whether or not films being shown passed the so-called "Bechdel Test."

Now, that same attention is being turned to the games industry. Dataspelsbranchen, a Swedish games industry organization, has been given a 272,000 kronor (roughly $36,672) grant by the state-funded "Innovation Agency" Vinnova to study and create a system that would provide ratings for games released in Sweden indicating the level of sexism and/or whether or not the game promotes gender equality. At this time, Dataspelsbranchen had not yet determined whether they would recommend these labels be applied to retail games in the manner of the ESRB ratings or as a "stamp of approval" that game publishers could use in their marketing.'

Congresswoman calls for NASCAR to suspend racer over DV accusations

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'Representative Jackie Speier (inset), a Democrat from California, is calling on NASCAR to suspend alleged domestic abuser Kurt Busch ahead of Sunday's season-ending race at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Busch's ex-girlfriend Patricia Driscoll made the domestic violence claims in court earlier this week.

"I am disappointed to see that NASCAR and Stewart-Haas Racing have not taken any action. Your response to these serious allegations has been totally inadequate," Speier wrote in a letter to NASCAR President Mike Helton and the owners of Stewart-Haas Racing, Tony Stewart and Gene Haas, Sports Illustrated reports. The congresswoman's demands, though, didn't sit well with NASCAR Chairman and CEO Brian France.

"Two things: One is there are charges that are levied against, in this case, a driver, and then there is a judicial hearing of some sort that would come after that," France said in a press conference today, SI reports. "We're not even at the first stop yet. That's going to happen when and if charges are filed, and if charges are filed, that will change our equation, and we will look at that."
...
Speier seems to disagree with that stance, asking NASCAR and SHR to "suspend Mr. Busch from this weekend's championship," – before Dover Police complete their investigation into the September incident – "and adopt a policy going forward in all domestic violence cases to suspend drivers until criminal proceedings end or there is a clear lack of evidence," SI reports.'

Attorney rips congresswoman for NASCAR letter

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'Kurt Busch's attorney lashed out in response to a California congresswoman lobbying NASCAR and Stewart-Haas Racing to suspend Busch for the season finale Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., wrote a letter to NASCAR and the race team and issued a news release requesting that Busch be suspended over allegations of domestic assault by Busch's former girlfriend, Patricia Driscoll.
...
"If every time somebody made an allegation against a congresswoman or a congressman, and they were then to be suspended from their office until the investigation was concluded, we'd have an empty Capitol building," Busch lawyer Rusty Hardin said in a phone interview with Sporting News.

"While that might please the public to have that building be empty, it certainly wouldn't be fair to the person the charge or allegation was made against."
...
Driscoll, the daughter of a former congressman and executive director of the Armed Forces Foundation, has used her contacts to start a media campaign against Busch, Hardin said.

"We're not going to participate in it, we're not going to try every charge (in public)," Hardin said. "But when a congresswoman sends a letter like this, I feel compelled to remind everybody we still have due process and presumption of innocence in this country even if she doesn't recognize it."'

Women should have to register for the draft, lawmaker says

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'State Sen. Eric Kearney plans to introduce a resolution urging U.S. Congress to require women to register for selective service.

Currently only male citizens age 18 through 25 must register to be drafted into military service in case of a crisis per the federal Military Selective Service Act. The U.S. has not drafted military personnel since 1972 but maintains a registry in case the draft is reinstated.

"On Veterans Day, it is appropriate to recognize the important and outstanding contributions women have made to our military throughout American history," Kearney, a Cincinnati Democrat, said in a press release. "As integration barriers fall and combat restrictions are lifted for women in the armed services, this resolution urges Congress to take a critical stride for women's equality in the U.S. military by calling on them to register for the selective service."
...
2013 Quinnipiac University poll found Americans backed women in combat roles but were divided about whether they should be drafted -- 59 percent of men said women should be drafted while only 48 percent of women held the same opinion.'

"Men Need to Admit That Jian Ghomeshi Is No Exception"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You know how they are telling you that it is "not all men?"

That men like Jian Ghomeshi *[link added]* are a terrible exception and if we as men simply stand up and say we are not as bad as that, or that we are not rapists or do not beat "our" girlfriends or that we show that it is not men, generally, who are violent and abusive, but only "bad" men?

Well that is bullshit.

It is all men. We, collectively, and most commonly as individuals, are responsible for creating the conditions that not only facilitate Ghomeshi's alleged abuse, but that ensure he will exist.

This is a very uncomfortable and inconvenient truth. It is all men and the society that they produced that allowed a misogynist, alleged serial abuser to rise to and feel comfortable within the halls of media and fame, despite the now known and clear indications that he abused his power with women all along and that many, many people could have done something about it but did not.

...

He may have gotten away with it because he was a famous and powerful man in a society that not only glorified him as such but that regarded his alleged female victims as irrelevant chattel, as is so often the case with men in media, politics or business.

It is all men who allow this. We are responsible. Until we acknowledge and act on this fact another "famous" predator is simply a very short news cycle away.'

Ghomeshi's response to the allegations is here.

Canada: Quebec University stands up for due process against sexual allegation slander - but for how long?

fathers4fairness · 18 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After three professors had their office doors festooned with decals citing the university's sexual harassment policy, the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) has launched an inquiry into the incident.

But the inquiry does not centre on any allegations of harassment against the professors, who UQAM officials said have had no complaints filed against them.

The inquiry focuses on allegations of defamation against possible students who placed the stickers on their office doors.

"It's a form of slander, a form of harassment. People are declared guilty by association with a sticker," said Marc Turgeon, the vice-principal of student life at UQAM. "We can't accept such actions"

The incident occurred earlier in the week when activists who apparently are part of a Facebook group called "Les Hysteriques" pasted the stickers on the doors of three professors at the university.'

Woman charged with murder, dismemberment, and cooking remains -- prosecutor declines death penalty charge

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Story here. It's safe to say if a man did the same thing the prosecutor would most likely seek the death penalty. Excerpt:

'Angela Stoldt told officials she took a hacksaw to her neighbor's body last year and tried to cook away evidence of James Sheaffer.

One leg went in the oven. Other parts went into pots.

Stoldt's house in Deltona smelled of burning flesh, but she assured her daughter it was just a rat broiling in the oven, according to details made public last week after a grand jury charged her with first-degree murder.

"Thursday is when I was cooking him," Stoldt told investigators. "Friday is when I was dumping him."

The 42-year-old Deltona woman is accused of killing Sheaffer, 36, a limousine driver, in April 2013.
...
In September, Stoldt's attorney filed a motion claiming self defense under the state's "stand your ground" law, but Judge Randell Rowe III rejected the motion, citing "unreasonable actions" for someone acting in self-defense."'

Liberal Feminists, Stop Smearing Critics As Rape Apologists

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'People who oppose the death penalty do not sympathize with murderers. Critics of U.S. drone warfare policy are not on the side of the terrorists. Most self-identifying liberals understand this. So why do feminist liberals smear every person who dissents from their extreme, unhelpful, and legally dubious positions on preventing rape as a rape apologist?

Feminist writer Jessica Valenti provides the most recent and infuriating example of this contemptible, authoritarian demonization campaign. Her response to Yale Law School professor Jed Rubenfeld's thoughtful entry in the campus sexual assault debate was titled "If you can't talk about rape without blaming victims, don't talk about rape."

How about this, Valenti: If you can't talk about rape without attempting to shut down the discussion about how to actually prevent rape, maybe you are the one who shouldn't talk about it.'

Kirsten Gillibrand: It's 'Vital' That a Woman Becomes President in 2016

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'Speaking to an intimate audience of almost exclusively women on Tuesday, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand asserted that it was critical not only for Democrats to nominate a woman in 2016, but also for that woman to become president.

At a recording of the SiriusXM radio show The Agenda put on by the liberal women's group EMILY's List, where the New York Democrat appeared on a panel to discuss women's increasing influence in politics, Gillibrand didn't play coy about who the next woman president should be.

"I am very hopeful that Secretary Clinton will decide to run," she said. "I think she's the strongest candidate the Democrats could field."

...

Less than 10 minutes into the discussion, Democratic strategist Bill Burton, who was on the panel with the senator, made a veiled reference to the possibility of Gillibrand running. Smiling and angling toward the senator, Burton said he hopes his 3-year-old son will see a woman president, "whether that's Hillary Clinton or somebody else."'

Campus sexual assault charges carry dangers for boys as well

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'The line between consensual sex and sexual assault is not always comfortably clear. Especially when alcohol is involved. Especially in the context of the college hookup culture.

No doubt, sexual assault on campus is a serious problem that authorities have too often ignored. Yet the new insistence that women must not be shamed into silence and that consent must be evident threatens to edge too far the other way, turning young men who may have misread a sexual situation into accused rapists.'

Fresno State on-campus sexual assault report unfounded, police say

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'The Fresno State University Police Department issued a statement Friday evening saying that a Tuesday report from a woman claiming to have been sexually assaulted by three men on campus on Nov. 6 was false.

In an email sent to students and staff just after 7 p.m., the department said that an investigation proved the woman's claims to be unfounded and that no sexual assault occurred on campus or nearby.

The department first notified students and staff of the report, which alleged a sexual assault committed by three black men on one woman near the Residence Dining Hall, with a similar email on Tuesday.'

"Our Strategy for Dealing With Rape on College Campuses Has Failed Abysmally"

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'It's the truth. And Jed Rubenfeld, a professor of criminal law at Yale Law School, is preaching it in the pages of *The New York Times*.

In a lengthy weekend op-ed, Rubenfeld argued that colleges deal with rape foolishly when they hold due-process-free tribunals that merely result in the expulsion of the accused. That's both too harsh a sentence for a student convicted under the shabby evidence standard that colleges use and also too lenient a sentence for an actual rapist—who is free to continue harassing other women.

Instead, colleges should always go to the police. The normal criminal justice system is vastly better equipped to investigate and adjudicate rape, wrote Rubenfeld:

"Moreover, sexual assault on campus should mean what it means in the outside world and in courts of law. Otherwise, the concept of sexual assault is trivialized, casting doubt on students courageous enough to report an assault.

The college hearing process could then be integrated with law enforcement. The new university procedures offer college rape victims an appealing alternative to filing a complaint with the police. According to a recent New York Times article, a “great majority” of college students now choose to report incidents of assault to their school, not the police, because of anonymity and other perceived advantages.

But the danger is obvious. University proceedings may be exacerbating the fundamental problem: the fact that almost no college rapists are criminally punished — which they will never be if the crimes are never reported to the police. Nationwide, the Department of Justice states that about 35 percent of rapes and sexual assaults were reported to the police in 2013. That’s not enough, but it’s a lot better than the 5 percent reported by college women."'

The Era of Male Guilt: Three Lessons from #ShirtStorm

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'So a team of scientists landed a space probe on the surface of a comet for the very first time ever, and that's not really news. What's news is that one of the guys who did it was wearing a tacky shirt.

No, really. Heather Wilhelm has a good overview of the ensuing imbroglio, dubbed #ShirtStorm on Twitter. Since the shirt in question had cartoon images of scantily clad women, you see, it was deemed off-putting toward women in science.

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In one respect this is all a tempest in a teacup. Who cares what shirt the guy was wearing while he landed a spacecraft on a comet? But our culture does care, and it made himcare, reducing him to a tearful televised apology. That's what makes this a cultural turning point.

There are three big lesson we can learn from #ShirtStorm about the brave new world of feminist grievance-mongering that we have just landed on.

1) They're not just going after the frat boys.

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2) The new orthodoxy is total.

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3) There are no logically consistent rules.'

Taylor Swift: Domestic Violence Is Serious, Don't Shake It Off!

DGAgainstDV · 19 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Text:

'Country singer Taylor Swift has become one of the hottest recording artists in the world because of the positive, upbeat messages in her music. However, the music video for her new single “Blank Space,” available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-ORhEE9VVg, is a sharp departure from those positive messages and centers around depictions of domestic violence.

Swift is depicted pushing her boyfriend and throwing a heavy object at him, as well as damaging his property extensively. In one scene, her boyfriend is lying on the ground unconscious while she violently shakes his head back and forth and kisses him erotically. While it is left to the viewer’s imagination what happens next, it is hard to believe that it is consensual.

Domestic and sexual violence is a serious problem, something that no one should ever have to endure. While numerous studies from academic and government sources have found that men and women are victims of domestic violence at comparable rates, male victims are generally denied access to most domestic violence shelters and services, and they often have difficulty being taken seriously by law enforcement.

This video only reinforces the attitudes that make it so hard for male victims to get the help they need. Swift has defended her video by saying that it is satire intended to poke fun at the way that she has been portrayed by the tabloids. Yet it is hard to imagine that anyone would be laughing if the genders were reversed.

Please join us in calling on Taylor Swift to remove the “Blank Space” music video from YouTube and donate the profits she has made from it to an organization supporting evidence-based, gender-inclusive approaches to preventing and responding to domestic violence.

New York City Mass Transit Authority campaign to target backpacks, 'man spreading'

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'Rude riders who unnecessarily take up space -- backpack wearers and "man spreaders" -- will get a refresher in transit manners.

The MTA by January will launch a new awareness campaign to get people to take off their backpacks and sit properly on the subway in a time of record ridership and overcrowded trains, transit officials said Monday. The "courtesy is contagious" slogan will also be retired for "something new, something fresh," MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz said.
...
"What we need to do is focus on it so that people will understand that it's the right thing to do," Moerdler said. "When you get to the hard-core violators and courtesy doesn't work, then you have to take enforcement action."'

In Defense Of Gold Diggers: It's Not Always What It Seems

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'When we talk about currency, we talk about the gold standard. When we talk about women who use men for personal gain, we talk about gold diggers. Today I'm here to talk about another gold standard -- a double one, the one by which men look for women with beaucoup bucks, and the standard by which men rarely get cited for their own parasitic and gold digging ways.
...
But, by the same token, women like myself who are supported almost entirely by the alimony and child support awarded them from their prior marriage do have a problem that goes by largely unnoticed. And that's the inability to consider marrying a man of lesser means, a man who will be unable to support her once she loses that main source of her income.
...
Unlike so many others, I'm fortunate because my divorce settlement affords me some time. Time to heal my emotional wounds, and time to nurture and grow the career I know I was always meant to have. With that said, I wear handcuffs, and not the 50 Shades of Grey kind. My handcuffs are golden, and they prevent me, to a large extent, from dating men with any real eye to the future whose earnings will not allow me to consider leaving the security I presently have, the security I earned by forgoing a potentially lucrative career to stay home and raise my children while my then husband built his own.
...
I would like nothing more than to meet some hunky contractor who not only can rock my world but who can do home repairs as well. What a little slice of heaven on Earth that would be! Or a middle management executive who leaves work at a reasonable hour, doesn't need to travel for his job, and isn't always attached to his email. But right now, that's simply not a risk I can afford to take.

It's not that I want what's yours. It's that I don't know if I can give up what's mine.'

New Factor in Campus Sexual Assault Cases: Counsel for the Accused

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Article here. Excerpt:

As the Columbia University student tells it, the encounter was harmless fun: A female freshman invited him into her suite bathroom, got a condom, took off her clothes and had sex with him. But as that young woman later described it to university officials, the encounter was not consensual. The university suspended him for a year.

He felt the outcome was unjust, but he did not know what to do about it. His lawyer, Andrew Miltenberg of Manhattan, did.

Invoking Title IX, the federal gender-equality statute that is typically used to protect the rights of female students, he sued Columbia, saying his client had been “discriminated against on the basis of his male sex.”

At a moment when students who have been sexually assaulted are finding new ways to make their voices heard, and as college officials across the country are rushing to meet new government standards, a specialized class of lawyers is raising its voice, too. They are speaking out on behalf of the students they describe as most vulnerable: not those who might be subjected to sexual assault, but those who have been accused of it.'

College sex crime investigations violate rights of men, too: Editorial

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We've seen story after story about the pitfalls of allowing universities to handle sex crimes. Most of the focus has been on the harm to victims: Campus police bumble investigations; image-conscious administrators discourage women from pressing charges; kangaroo courts with inadequate training dole out mere slaps on the wrist.
...
But it's not just the rights of victims that are violated when we allow universities to prosecute these crimes. It's also the rights of the accused -- who are increasingly claiming discrimination under Title IX, the federal gender-equality statute, the New York Times reported yesterday.

This is an entirely valid complaint. Sex assaults, like any other serious felony, should be handled by our criminal justice system. Colleges should not be permitted to use their own separate tribunals. Defense lawyers who argue that their male clients have been discriminated against should be on the same side as advocates for female victims who say universities don't treat sex crimes seriously enough.

Their grievance is the same: This is amateur hour, which is dangerous for everyone involved.'

Fifth-grader punished over pretend gun

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On Friday, Milford fifth-grader Nickolas Taylor was in line for lunch, with the weekend just around the corner. But like a lot of 10-year-old boys bursting with energy, he didn't wait quietly.

Instead, he played a game of shoot-em-up to pass the time, pointing his index finger like a ray gun and making "pew-pew" shooting noises, according to Nickolas's father, Brian Taylor.

As he battled his imaginary foes, he jumped in front of two girls in the lunch line. They told the assistant principal, who suspended the boy for two days for making a threat.

Nickolas didn't mind all that much, but his father did.

He aired his grievances to The Milford Daily News, fueling the debate about whether schools have gone too far in cracking down on toy guns — even imaginary ones.

Taylor said he understood that schools are on heightened alert these days to any perceived threats or potential bullying, but criticized the suspension as an overreaction.'

Consent bill hinders judicial rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this summer, in light of a dismal sexual assault audit conducted on schools across the nation, I wrote a column praising Senate Bill 967 — famously known as the “yes means yes” law. I praised it for defining sexual consent as an “affirmative, conscious and voluntary agreement” between parties involved through the verbal and non-verbal insinuation of consent. At the time, I applauded its language for including continuous consent, as well as affirmative consent. However, after this new law has been used to justify judicial rulings based on ambiguous proof, I’m here to debunk my original stance on this issue.

While the mass criticism regarding the negligence toward sexual assault reports by college administrators is justified, the implementation and due process involving SB 967 is problematic when it comes to the application of legally ambiguous consent to campus judicial review. This definition of consent violates individual rights to fair and just trials —better known as the Fifth Amendment.

SB 967’s fatal flaw in defining affirmative consent lies in categorizing any sexual act without a perceived verbal or non-verbal “yes” as sexual assault. However, this definition is out of touch with the reality of situations that call for consent. Both verbal and non-verbal expressions can be misunderstood in the process, leading to false accusations.

What it really boils down to is conflicting definitions of what consent really looks like, which is subjective to every sexual relationship.'

UVA Reacts to Rolling Stone Campus Rape Investigation, Promises Change

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An explosive Rolling Stone investigation into the campus-rape epidemic at the University of Virginia has left the student body and administration reeling. UVA president Teresa A. Sullivan has quickly responded to "A Rape on Campus," which reported on a student named Jackie who was brutally assaulted by seven men at a frat party — and how faculty and her friends discouraged her from sharing her story. The article also chronicled the culture of sexual assault at the school, which some UVA women have taken to calling "UVrApe," and how students and the administration work to keep this reputation quiet.

...

"The University takes seriously the issue of sexual misconduct, a significant problem that colleges and universities are grappling with across the nation," Sullivan wrote in a statement. She added that she had asked Charlottesville police to formally investigate the sexual assault on Jackie and that the university would cooperate with the authorities. Many of the details revealed in the article had not been disclosed to University officials, Sullivan claimed. She also said that the school had adopted new policies and initiatives to encourage people to report sexual assault and raise awareness around the issue.'

Ed. Note: Thomas1 included comments with this submission, which are in the first comment for this item.

What 9-Year-Old Boys Dislike About Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In honor of International Men's Day yesterday, Twitter user @MrPooni tweeted a photo of a list of things that 9-year-old boys said they don't like about being male.

The list comes from a workshop held in 2012 as part of the White Ribbon Campaign -- a worldwide movement of men and boys seeking "to end violence against women and girls, promote gender equity, healthy relationships and a new vision of masculinity."

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Full text:

"-Not being able to be a mother -Not suppost to cry -Not allowed to be a cheerleader -Suppost to do all the work -Suppost to like violence -Suppost to play football -Boys smell bad -Having a automatic bad reputation -Grow hair everywhere"

The list comes from a workshop held in 2012 as part of the White Ribbon Campaign -- a worldwide movement of men and boys seeking "to end violence against women and girls, promote gender equity, healthy relationships and a new vision of masculinity."

In this workshop, White Ribbon's community engagement manager Jeff Perera gathered a group of 50 fourth grade boys and asked them "what do you like or dislike about being a boy?" The participants complained that boys are "not allowed to be a cheerleader," supposed to "like violence" and "play football," and not supposed "to cry."'

International Men’s Day can be a great feminist cause

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But the occasion needn’t confirm their impressions. IMD can be used to expose elements of a patriarchy that also negatively affect men, not just women. Certain male tropes that we continually reinforce — hyper-masculinity, the emphasis on physical strength, aggression and the lack of emotional expression — lead to callous sexual attitudes toward women, violence and crime. Men are 10 times more likely to end up in prison, three times more likely to end up homeless and three times more likely to be murdered.

A culture of silence surrounds men. In most places, it is still deemed inappropriate and not masculine to cry. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 79 percent of all suicides in the United States are committed by men.Research has consistently shown that men are less likely to tell anyone when they are the victims of rape or domestic violence. Men are also significantly less likely to seek help with depression and other mental health problems, and 24 percent less likely to visit a doctor.

According to Time, “experiments have shown that while people are quick to intervene when a man in a staged public quarrel becomes physically abusive to his girlfriend, reactions to a similar situation with the genders reversed mostly range from indifference to amusement or even sympathy for the woman.” Domestic violence overwhelmingly hurts women, but turning a blind eye to violence against men, at the hands of both men and women, serves only as reinforcement of the stereotypes that feminists have been working so hard and for so long to break down.
...
Sometimes the motivation for a victim of sexual assault to come forward and share his or her story is the hope that it will encourage other victims to do the same. More often than not, those brave enough to share their stories are women. Yet, at least in the United States, we now know that 38 percent of reported victims of rape and sexual violence are men. We have to tell them, too, that it’s okay for them to break the silence, share their stories, and have their own day of awareness.'

Jennifer Garner raising daughters to "kick a guy's ass", ask for more than what men do, among other things

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[Jennifer] Garner *[link added]* noted about her hopes for her two daughters, “I want my girls to love math. I want them to think that being a scientist is the coolest possible job on the planet. I want them to not be afraid to lean toward their femininity; to love carrying a baby doll around; to know how to bake. And to be able to kick a guy’s ass — that’s why they’ve been in karate since they were little!”

[Ben] Affleck *[link added]* added:

"Well, [they’re] a little young for a sort of Gloria Steinem doctoral thesis, but without getting into exactly what it means politically to be a feminist, our daughters understand what my wife understands full well, which is it’s important to be strong, present, and powerful, and accept nothing less than a man would — in fact, ask for more. And, you know, that’s part of what I admire so much about my wife, and I know that through her example, my children will absorb that."'

Modern Feminism: Appalling Stupidity Backed by Hysterical Rage

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'Modern feminism is getting embarrassing. There's a reason why so few women identify as feminists: It's less a true "women's movement" than the public face of hysterical leftist intolerance — combined, of course, with utterly bizarre (and bizarrely stupid) ideas.

While I had numerous brushes with extremist feminists in law school — women who declared that all (heterosexual) sex was rape and often responded with literal screams to classroom speech they didn't like — it all felt fashionably fake. Surely no one took that level of extremism into the real world, did they? Then my wife encountered a lesbian couple in Ithaca, N.Y., who was raising their child to be "genderless." They refused to call him a boy or girl, allowing him to "choose his gender" identity during his teenage years. And, apparently, they are not alone.
...
This is a movement that seems to be all about short-term gains, mostly through name-calling and other forms of online bullying, at the expense of any long-term intellectual coherence or even basic integrity. But in the long run how many women want to be identified with a movement whose champions can't even listen to a mildly controversial speech without having to walk out to keep from either blacking out or throwing up? How many women want to be identified with a movement that is currently arguing over whether the founder of Facebook's preference for plain T-shirts is sexist?

All of these reactions display a level of hyper-sensitivity and emotional fragility that every woman I know finds repugnant. Treating women as equals in our culture and politics is simple fairness. Modern feminism, by contrast, has nothing to do with fairness and everything to do with the special pleading of its entitled commentariat.
...

Feminism doesn't really have a philosophy. It's barely even an ideology. It's mostly just a series of temper tantrums thrown by a small, privileged minority. And, unless it changes, it will soon be irrelevant.'

Rape culture? There’s no such thing

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'Rape culture. It is a phrase that has slipped into public discourse with barely a peep of criticism, and it is referred to in feminist missives as if it were an objective, observable phenomenon. For the uninitiated, rape culture is the idea that modern culture – from pop songs to pornography to catcalling – is normalising sexual violence. But contemporary feminists are wrong: there is no such thing as rape culture, and the current obsession with this deeply misanthropic idea is doing more harm then good.

The suggestion that young men in particular can be slowly brainwashed into thinking rape is acceptable diminishes the seriousness of rape. Rape is a specific act of violent assault in which someone is forced into an act against their will or without their knowledge. Aside from murder, it is the ultimate burglary of individual freedom and, most commonly, an expression of the attacker’s desire for power rather than sexual satisfaction.
...
The assertion that all young people are in thrall to a culture beyond their control underestimates their ability to exercise their human agency and negotiate sexual relationships. And, in the process, the severity of rape is diminished. Feminists who describe themselves as being ‘mentally raped’, as victims of rape culture and ‘rapey’ behaviour, undermine the specific act of rape as an isolated and distinct thing. While unwanted sexual attention towards women is a problem in society, there is a fundamental difference between an idiot grabbing your behind and being raped.

If we want to challenge the existing inequalities in society, then young women need to start answering back. This means demanding total freedom of expression, and using it – not seeking to limit the supposedly ‘rapey’ speech of others. Asking for protection from the nasty patriarchy through tear-brimmed tweets only wins you feminist-blogger brownie points. It’s no substitute for the uncompromising political battle that is really needed to achieve women’s liberation.'

Topless Femen Protesters Stage Priest Kidnapping

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'In what seems now to be a hoax, topless Femen protesters in Paris enacted the kidnapping of a Roman Catholic priest, creating a video that is coursing around the world.

The new kidnapping video was posted on Twitter Friday and gives every indication of having been staged. In it, activists announce that they have kidnapped a Catholic priest, and will release him only in exchange for the Pope cancelling his visit to the European Parliament. As of Friday evening, authorities have received no reports of a missing priest.

The video shows two hooded, topless Femen members abducting a man dressed as a priest in the street, forcing him into a car. The scene takes place in front of the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, in the northern suburbs of Paris, according to several Twitter users (information that can be confirmed by looking on Google Street view).'

False rape report at community college raises other concerns

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'There was a surprising shift Friday in the investigation of a reported rape at Monroe Community College. MCC officials sent out an alert to students Thursday night about the alleged incident, but now police say that rape never happened.

The false report is a problem within itself, but it's angering both advocates for rape victims and members of the African American community.

"It is highly concerning when someone makes a false allegation about something so serious," says Hannah Murphy.
...
MCC initially warned students that the alleged rape had happened in a parking lot near a residence hall. The accuser told officials the assailant was a tall, black man. Monroe County Legislator Elect Ernest Flagler is angered by this claim. He says it further perpetuates what he thinks is a stereotype of African American men, putting a target on the many black men who fit the description.

"It saddens me that in 2014, going into 2015, that we still have people that look at African American men as criminals and scapegoats for whatever reason," says Flager. "We need to change that."'

UK: Women earn more than men - until they become mothers

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'The full-time gender pay gap may have closed for younger women but it widens dramatically for women in their 40s and 50s," says TUC secretary Frances O'Grady.

"Far too many women still find they have to take a step down to access flexible or reduced hours once they become mothers, and their earnings never recover even when they return to full-time work."

Some occupations are more unequal than others, with the biggest gender pay gap showing up in skilled trades such as electrician, florist or chef. Next come process, plant and machine operatives, followed by managers, directors and senior officials.

The most equal pay is to be found amongst sales and customer service staff, administrative and secretarial and the caring and leisure industries.'

Women moving closer to combat's front lines

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'The final barriers to women joining front-line combat units — infantry, armor, artillery and special operations — will fall over the next 12 months under Pentagon plans to erase gender restrictions.

In all, more than 300,000 positions will open to women by Jan. 1, 2016, unless the services justify exemptions to keep some combat roles male only. Restrictions on women in combat have been vanishing since Jan. 24, 2013, when then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta rescinded the rule barring women from "direct ground combat."

The services have opened 71,000 jobs previously closed to women since Panetta's announcement, Pentagon data show. For example, the Navy notified Congress in July that it planned to open more than 16,000 jobs aboard submarines to women.

"We're on track," said Juliet Beyler, the Pentagon's director of officer and enlisted personnel management. "All of them are going to meet the deadlines they have set. We don't foresee any problems."
...
"We want to maximize all our abilities and all our talent from all our people in this country," Hagel said. "It's the right thing to do.

"And so I compliment everybody who is engaged in this effort. I know it is not easy. I know we are dealing with cultural issues, we're dealing with standards. We're not going to lower standards."'

"Children should not spend equal time with their divorced parents"

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'The November 2014 elections included a North Dakota voter initiative emblematic of the vigorous debate taking place nationwide about child custody.

The "Parental Rights Initiative" required courts to award "equal parenting time" to both parents after divorce or separation. The measure was defeated by a sizeable margin (62 percent to 38 percent), but it represents only the latest round in a combustible campaign to change how child custody cases are decided.'

Founder of Ben Shalem explains anti-circumcision stance

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Article here. Guy's right on target. Excerpt:

'Dr Zoossmann-Diskin, who is also founder of the Israeli association, Ben Shalem, adds: “Actually, some forms of female circumcision including the most common one, the sunna, which entails cutting the clitoral prepuce, are less severe than the widely spread form of male circumcision.” However, in many societies, male genitals are not protected and are treated as if they don’t belong to the child but to the parents and their community.

Dr Zoosmann-Diskin states that “we, the children born to Jewish and Muslim parents, have exactly the same rights as children born to Christian parents. If our parents refuse to understand this simple basic principle of human rights, then Europe has to intervene and protect us within its borders.” It could do this by granting asylum to those who are escaping circumcision.

And yet, the World Health Organisation recently took the view that circumcision could help decrease the risk of HIV infection Dr Zoossmann-Diskin believes this is just an ideological position backed “by improper cultural (USA) and religious motives”. He continues: “You don’t fight a disease by amputating healthy organs, even in cases, in which this amputation assures a great reduction in risk like in breast cancer.” Further evidence of the shaky health grounds behind the WHO’s position is that while the WHO recommends circumcision for men, it doesn’t do so for women, “despite the fact that the corresponding female tissue (the clitoral prepuce and labia minora) contain the same cells that facilitate the entry of the HIV virus”.

The strong reaction from Jews and Muslims “should not stop Europe acting to protect children from a serious violation of their physical integrity”. On the contrary, “all European countries should be encouraged to enforce the ban on male genital mutilation”. Dr Zoossmann-Diskin says that while the debate continues, “the screams, suffering and life-long damage of victims are ignored by those who should be protecting them.”'

NPO: State-by-State Analysis Highlights Parental Inequality Across the Nation

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'National Parents Organization just released its 2014 Shared Parenting Report Card. It is the first national study to provide a comprehensive ranking of the states on their child custody statutes, assessing them primarily on the degree to which they promote shared parenting after divorce or separation.

“Despite what you might believe, shared parenting is not the norm in instances of divorce and separation. In fact, family courts award sole custody, usually to the mother, in over 80 percent of child custody cases,” said Ned Holstein, M.D., M.S., Founder and Chair, National Parents Organization. “Our report highlights that many states are not only discouraging shared parenting, but they are also depriving children of what they benefit from most — ample time with both of their parents — while also enabling a system that fosters parental inequality.”

This study was motivated by the tremendous impact our nation’s family courts have on children whose parents are divorced or separated, and also by recent consensus statements by leading child development research organizations that confirm children thrive with shared parenting following separation or divorce. National Parents Organization 2014 Shared Parenting Report Card assigns each state a grade, A through F, to indicate the best and worst states for shared parenting — a flexible arrangement in which children enjoy the benefit of having both parents fully engaged in their lives after separation or divorce.'

Domestic Violence Policies Central to Mass Incarceration

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'Since 1980, the prevalence of incarceration in the U.S. has risen to an extraordinary level. U.S. mass incarceration is widely recognized to be a major public problem. While domestic violence policies have scarcely been discussed in that context, a harshly punitive regime ofdomestic violence emergency law developed in conjunction with mass incarceration. State actions under domestic violence emergency law now account for a majority of justice system actions addressing interpersonal violence. Domestic violence polices are central to the development of mass incarceration in the U.S. from about 1980.
...
Beginning about 1976, U.S. states rapidly enacted laws specifying civil processes for issuing domestic violence restraining orders. Civil petitioning for a domestic violence restraining order has developed into filing a pre-printed form that is perfunctorily judged ex parte. Restraining orders have also become a common condition for bail and for a plea bargain following a criminal charge of domestic violence. ... About 1.2 million initial domestic violence restraining orders are issued per year. Violations of a restraining order can be nothing more than the otherwise ordinary act of making a non-harassing telephone call. Most states have made violating a restraining order a criminal offense. Restraining orders are highly effective instruments for criminalization and incarceration.'

Also see: Gender Protrusion in Imprisonment:

'Socially recognized, acutely felt imprisonment confines highly disproportionately men... Around the world, for every woman prisoner, there are about fifteen men prisoners.

... Sex ratios of persons in life-disposing punishment have varied from about two men per woman to more than thirty men per woman over merely the past four centuries among merely countries in Europe. Over the past two centuries, penal imprisonment has generally shifted toward greater and more uniformly disproportionate imprisonment of men. ...
...
The extent to which prisoners are men is scarcely an issue in public deliberation. ... developments in public communication have contributed to highly disproportionate imprisonment of men. Most persons ... don't believe and shouldn't believe that men are essentially more evil or more deserving of punishment than are women. That understanding of human equality has little effect on punishment policy.'

Toronto’s first ‘men’s centre’ aware it might ruffle feathers, but insists it isn’t a simple ‘men’s rights association’

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'On Monday morning, in a suite behind a neighbourhood drugstore and across from a city park, Toronto’s first dedicated “men’s centre” will open its doors to the public — and to fresh scrutiny from feminists wary of its motives. The Canadian Centre for Men and Families, run by the Canadian Association for Equality, often dismissed by critics as a “men’s rights group,” will focus on men’s “health and well-being,” by way of counselling, support groups and workshops. “Ultimately,” director Justin Trottier wrote in a press release, “Our aim is to catalyze a fundamental change in society’s attitude towards boys and men.” It’s interesting timing considering the fallout from the Jian Ghomeshi scandal, casting attention toward how men treat women. But another hope for the centre, Mr. Trottier told the National Post‘s Sarah Boesveld, is that its existence will help sap the venom from a pernicious gender war:'

Sexual assault debate sparks controversy leading to 'safe space' creation

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'Some students have voiced opposition to the nature of the debate between visiting speakers Jessica Valenti and Wendy McElroy, whom Janus Forum fellows director Dana Schwartz ’15 said were chosen as representatives of conflicting viewpoints on campus sexual assault and rape culture.

Their opposition sparked the staging of two additional events — at the same time as the debate, a faculty member will present research on rape culture in the Building for Environmental Research and Teaching, and BWell Health Promotion will host a “safe space” for emotional support in Salomon.
...
Students who may feel attacked by the viewpoints expressed at the forum or feel the speakers will dismiss their experiences can find a safe space and separate discussion held at the same time in Salomon 203. This “BWell Safe Space” will have sexual assault peer educators, women peer counselors and staff from BWell on hand to provide support.

A separate event titled “Research on Rape Culture” with Lindsay Orchowski, assistant professor of psychiatry and human behavior, will also take place in BERT 130 during the Janus debate. The Facebook event for these alternative options was created Thursday.'

Upheld: Healthy Florida Boy to be Circumcised Against Mom's Wishes

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'There are a number of very strange aspects to this case. The lower court judge Hon. Jeffrey Dana Gillen never appointed a Guardian ad Litem to advocate for the best interests of the child and testimony by a child mental health professional was not allowed during trial. The lower court also placed a gag order on Hironimus preventing her from speaking about the case to the media or publicly raising funds for an appeal. She was also ordered not to tell her son that she opposes the procedure in any way, and for visitation to be with the father for two days prior to, and twelve days following, the procedure.

Perhaps most disturbing is the age of the child. Circumcision beyond infancy is a more complicated procedure with an arguably greater risk of surgical complications. The boy will need need to be put under general anesthesia and intubated to facilitate ventilation of his lungs. At this age he will also be aware that his foreskin has been removed and will probably remember the event—including the court-mandated prolonged separation from his mother during this traumatic time.
...
UPDATE: Chase's mother has been granted a 10-day extension to submit her notice of intent to appeal. She has until December 1st to file this notice, but still seeks an appellate attorney in the proceedings. Those who would like to help can donate funds to go towards her appeal at SavingChase.Org.'

NPO: Family Law Reform Conference Gathers Leading Researchers and Practitioners

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'Joe Sorge opened the Divorce Corp. Family Law Reform Conference with a call for less fighting because less fighting is good for everyone. Ned Holstein, Founder and Chair, National Parents Organization, and Joe Sorge, Director, Divorce Corps, ended the two-day conference with the call for action.

With his usual flair for presenting complex data in a form all can grasp and understand, Joe Sorge quickly made the case for how home and work life in the United States have changed dramatically yet our family laws and our family law courts and child support guidelines have remained stuck in the past. Modern family roles and structures have evolved, yet the laws have not.

A highlight of the conference was Malin Bergstrom, PhD, a developmental psychologist with the Division of Reproductive Health at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. Bergstrom and her colleagues have completed a study of the well-being of every (176,000) 12-15-year-old child in Sweden in order to ascertain the effects of family structure on the children. Children in intact families perform better on a wide variety of measures of physical health, mental health, and educational outcomes than do the children of divorce. Children of divorce whose parents share their care equally do better on all those measures than do the children of single parents.'

Prominent women's rights supporter criticizes American feminism's obsession with "trivial bull$hit"

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Article here. Finally! Preach on, sister! Excerpt:

'Ayaan Hirsi Ali *[link added]*, a harsh critic of Islam's treatment of women, said Wednesday that modern American feminism is focused on "trivial bullshit" and needs to be reclaimed.

Speaking at the Independent Women's Forum Women of Valor dinner, where she received an award for courage, Hirsi Ali reminded her audience of how far feminism has strayed from its original purpose.

"I want you to remember that once upon a time, feminists fought for the access — basic right — access of girls to education," she said.

[She] told the story of a fight between her mother and father when she was about 11 years old. Her mother wanted to take her and her sister out of school because education would lead them to rebel against their family and "bring shame upon us." Her father responded by saying, "If you take my girls out of school, I am going to curse you and you are going to burn in hell."
...
She spoke of growing up in Somalia, where women aren't allowed to leave the house without asking permission from a male guardian and need to be accompanied by a male guardian.
...
Feminists in this country and in the West fought against that and won the battle," she added.
...
"What we are now doing with the victory, and I agree with you if you condemn that and I condemn whole-heartedly the trivial bullshit it is to go after a man who makes a scientific breakthrough and all that we as women — organized women — do is to fret about his shirt?" ... "We must reclaim and retake feminism from our fellow idiotic women."

...Ali said ... feminism needs to fight the real war on women: Radical Islam and other parts of the world where women don't even have the right to an education or to leave their home without a male guardian.'

College settles lawsuit with accused student

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'Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania has settled a lawsuit brought by a student accused of sexual assault, admitting the school acted unfairly in charging the student.

In April 2011, a student identified as John Doe shared a kiss and at a later date “consensual physical encounters” with another student identified as Jane Doe, according to the lawsuit filed earlier this year. On May 1, 2011, Jane came to John’s dorm room and initiated consensual sex. The lawsuit alleges Jane admitted she initiated the encounter.

But 19 months later, Jane reported the kiss and initial physical encounters to Swarthmore, saying she had been coerced. After a two-month investigation, the school closed the matter without bringing charges against John.

A few months later, in April 2013, two other students, according to the lawsuit, filed complaints with the Department of Education. These complaints had nothing to do with John Doe.
...
Within a month, John alleges, the school re-opened the case, fast-tracked a hearing and found him guilty of sexual misconduct for an incident that happened two years earlier and had already been investigated and closed. John appealed.
...
In early 2014, John filed a lawsuit against Swarthmore alleging multiple violations of its own policies and denying him due process.

Last week, John and Swarthmore settled the lawsuit and introduced a joint motion to dismiss. Swarthmore admitted there were “sufficient questions about the fairness of the hearing,” which warranted a reversal of the university’s decision against John.'

Australia: Another baby boy dumped; authorities concerned for mother's well-being

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'After scouring hospital records and doorknocking, police have identified the mother as a 20-year-old Quakers Hill woman. She has been taken to Blacktown police station and is being interviewed.

A group of passersby managed to lift the top of the drain and saw the baby lying at the bottom early on Sunday. ...
...
... He had his umbilical cord cut and clamped which Lagats said seemed to indicate the baby had been delivered in a hospital, or at least received medical attention before being abandoned.

He said police were concerned for the mother's welfare.

The baby's abandonment has spurred fresh calls for emergency hatches to be rolled out nationally at hospitals.
...
"We are really worried about primarily his welfare and mum's. We would want mum to come forward. We can give her the help and support she needs. She must be feeling distressed. If the parents come forward, we will be able to work with them to find out what support, what they help need and be able to assess where we go from here," she said.

"Often when this sort of thing happens, people are in a place of desperation. There has been cases where mothers have had postnatal depression or those issues or are very young and don't know where to go to for help."
...
When the possibility of emergency hatches at hospitals was raised, Charet said there was support for struggling parents already available.

"I think people are scared if they come forward, there may be consequences. You can go to a hospital, they will support you," she said.
...
Baby abandonment is currently treated as a criminal offence, with parents liable for prosecution.

Polley wants baby safe havens established across the country in places such as fire stations, police stations and hospitals.
...
"Let's make sure mothers and babies are provided [with] ... the compassion of a modern society."'

Campus Rapes and Kangaroo Courts

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'Read BuzzFeed's account of what happened to men who went through these college disciplinary processes to see just how big this can be. One man lost his job after an anonymous caller notified them of his "convictions" -- which were for "non-consensual kissing." It can go on your permanent record, making it hard to get into grad school -- you might possibly recover from a youthful bad grades, or plagiarism, but our society doesn't offer much rehabilitation for sex offenders. You'll probably lose credits, and for those attending selective schools, it seems likely to me that a man with such a notation on his record would have a hard time enrolling in another elite school.

When people say this is "no big deal," how many of them would shrug off having this happen to them, on the basis of a hearing where the odds are stacked in favor of believing the accuser, and double standards are often rigorously applied? Which is to say: when two people who are equally drunk have sex, the girl can be presumed to be unable to consent—while the boy is held to be fully capable of determining her level of intoxication, and of making the informed decision not to have sex with someone too much the worse for wine. And this in the name of promoting equality between the genders.

I'm not belittling the crime of rape, or how traumatic and awful it is for the women it happens to. Rape is a terrible thing, which is why we try it in courts, and lock rapists away for a good long time. It's also why we treat rapists like they are terrible people who may be admitted to normal society only after convincing repentance and rehabilitation.

That's precisely why it's problematic that we're adjudicating these charges through such a weak process. Expelling someone for rape creates an official record that brands them, in the eyes of society, as a rapist. We should do that only after careful examination, giving the accused every chance to tell his side. Not because we are making light of rape, but because we are treating these terrible events, and the punishment we mete out, with all the seriousness they deserve.'

Misogyny doesn't account for Julia Gillard's missteps as PM

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Article here. In order to jump the subscriber-only wall, go to Google and search on "Misogyny doesn't account for Julia Gillard's missteps as PM" and click on the first search result item. Excerpt:

'Gillard's *[link added]* period is unique because it involves gender. Her assertion of this is confronting: "Even if you are the single most powerful person in your country, if you are a woman, the images that are shadowed around you are of sex and rape." This is Gillard's perspective of Australia from high office. In the end Gillard's proposition is that she faced more abuse than other prime ministers because she was the first woman. It sounds initially plausible yet it is nonsense. Gillard undoubtedly was subjected to sustained and grossly offensive sexist and misogynist attacks for which there is no excuse and no equivalent experience for a man.

The reality, however, is that the overwhelming majority of day-to-day criticism of Gillard arose from her policies and political actions, not because of her gender. They included her removal of Rudd, her carbon tax broken promise and the deals she did — some sleazy — to sustain her minority government. Gillard's experience leads her to the accusation of sexism and misogyny in Australia's culture and its power structures. She is explicit: the problem was not just in society's margins. It came from the mainstream: the opposition, business and media. By laying this considered accusation, Gillard's gender story becomes inextricably woven into her political story. The two parallel narratives run together and intersect.

...

It is about her failures as prime minister that Gillard either stays silent or offers unsatisfactory accounts. On too many pivotal issues she excuses herself with a blend of sophistry, dissembling and silence. The flaw in Gillard's memoir is her inability to recognise she is the architect of her own problems. There is a delusional theme in this book. She casts the net wide when attributing blame: to Rudd, to Abbott *[links added]*, to the media and to sexists and misogynists. This is part true yet even greater part fantasy.

It will appeal to many readers, presumably women readers. Yet at its heart lies the real tragedy of Julia Gillard — she was brought undone by a series of decisions for which she alone is responsible. These decisions testify to her personal failure and the weakness of Labor as a political institution.

...

The second defining event for Gillard — and the pivotal move in her career — was her successful strike against Rudd on the night of June 23, 2010. It is now best seen as high tragedy. This is the misjudgment that defined her character.

In an act of abrupt ruthlessness, legitimised by the caucus yet catching the Australian public by surprise, Gillard deposed Rudd and seized the office of prime minister. Gillard's memoir is strong on her policy activity as prime minister but weak on how she got the job. This omission, ultimately, does not serve Gillard's case. A full disclosure would have been better.

...

She correctly identifies the malaise: Rudd was inept as a manager of his government. It is the defect that leads to ruin and the flaw that proves popularity alone cannot suffice.

...

In her final press conference as prime minister, Gillard said gender "doesn't explain everything" about her prime ministership but "it explains some things". Yet her book fails to elaborate adequately on those things. In the end, Gillard played the misogyny card not just because she felt ignoring such attacks didn't work, but because her prime ministership was in trouble.

We will never know, but the idea of a successful female prime minister resorting to this attack is surely fanciful. Gillard decided to define herself, in part, by accusing Abbott of misogyny. There should have been a better way for the first female prime minister to carry her banner.'

UK: New domestic violence law will outlaw "coercive control"

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'A new law on domestic violence, making it illegal for someone to exercise ‘coercive control’ over their partner, will be unveiled by the Government this week.

Theresa May *[link added]*, the Home Secretary, is expected to announce new powers allowing the police to prosecute those who are guilty of psychological and emotional abuse.

It means for the first time men who control their partners through threats or by restricting their personal or financial freedom, could face prison in the same way as those who are violent towards them.

Campaigners have long called for a change in the law to put psychological exploitation on a par with physical violence, in the hope it will encourage more victims to come forward and report abuse in the home.
...
Under the terms of the Bill a person convicted of coercive control could face up to 14-years in prison and there will be no statutory time limit for the offences, meaning abuse dating back years can be taken into account.

When similar laws were introduced in the United States it led to a 50 per cent rise in the number of women coming forward to report domestic abuse.
...
Harry Fletcher, the director of Digital-Trust, who helped worked on details of the Bill *[link added]* said: “Any move to criminalise coercive control without time limits will be a major step forward. It will increase victims’ confidence in the system and lead to more successful prosecutions.”'

Feminism must be reclaimed from the idiotic sisterhood

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'Like millions of others, I've had it up to here with whingers whose pettifogging grievances and herd mentality are making feminism a toxic word by encouraging women to embrace victimhood, take offence where none is meant and revile and belittle men. Fortunately, their more idiotic campaigns sometimes backfire.

We've had plenty of absurdities recently. There was the pillorying of David Cameron - who does as much child-minding as a prime minister can reasonably be expected to do - because he refused to be photographed making a prat of himself wearing a T-shirt saying, 'This is what a feminist looks like'. Fortunately for him, newspaper allegations that the T-shirts were made in Mauritian sweatshops caused the mob to retire in embarrassment.

Then there was the hysterical reaction to a video made for Hollaback, an organization which campaigns against street harassment, purporting to show the suffering caused by predatory males to an attractive woman walking the streets of New York.

Well, I grant there was definitely a creepy bloke following her at one stage, but considering her voyage through the city took ten hours, if the best examples they could get were of men telling her in various different ways that she looked good and they'd like a smile or a hello, it didn't have me joining a demo.'

Suit: UC violating rights of accused students

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A University of Cincinnati athlete and a former UC law student sued the university Tuesday, alleging UC presumed them to be guilty of sexual allegations made against them, violating Ohio's Constitution.

"In practice, the UC system is biased against those accused of misconduct," the suit filed by local attorneys Josh Engel and Mike Allen, noted.

The suit was filed against UC and Daniel Cummins, UC's assistant dean of students and director of university judicial affairs. Cummins didn't immediately respond to a Tuesday call, email and tweets. UC spokeswoman M.B. Reilly said the school was following federal laws and guidelines and is doing all it can to protect all of its students.
...
"(I)n practice," the suit notes, "UC often imposes restrictions and punishments based solely on an allegation without allowing for any hearing or even conducting an investigation." It also notes students found responsible in these hearings can be kicked out of school.'

Japan: Man sues Fukuoka women-only university after application to study nutrition is rejected

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A man in his 20s who was rejected after applying to a women-only university where he planned to study nutrition is suing the college for gender discrimination.

In what is believed to be the first case in Japan challenging the constitutionality of a publicly run women's university, the man is seeking a verdict from the courts that would allow him to take an entrance exam at Fukuoka Women's University, according to a lawyer representing the man.

"Not allowing men to take the exam violates Article 14 of the Constitution, which proclaims equality before the law," the man, whose identity has not been revealed, was quoted by the Asahi Shimbun as saying. He is also seeking ¥500,000 in damages.

A lawyer representing him is arguing that women-only colleges are no longer relevant and discriminate against men.

In the past, women's universities had the role of giving preferential treatment to women who had fewer opportunities for education, but that role is no longer necessary," he said.

Earlier this month, the plaintiff applied to the department of food and health sciences at the university for a course that would result in a dietitian's license, a nationally recognized qualification.

Fukuoka Women's University was the only public institution in the area to offer the course, and the young man could not afford to apply to a private college, the Asahi reported.
...
An education ministry official in charge of university entrance examinations told reporters: "Each university has the right to set exam conditions and establish goals for the kind of education they offer."

Japan's record on gender equality is not good, with its highly-educated women vastly underemployed amid charges of entrenched and institutionalized sexism.'

Germany to introduce legal quotas for women on company boards

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Chancellor Angela Merkel's coalition parties agreed on Tuesday to a draft law that would force Germany's leading listed companies to allocate 30 percent of the seats on non-executive boards to women from 2016 onward.

Although Europe's biggest economy has a female leader and roughly 40 percent of the cabinet is female, women still are under-represented in business life.

Among the 30 largest companies on Germany's blue-chip DAX index, women occupied only 7 percent of executive board seats and barely 25 percent of supervisory board seats by the end of June, according to the DIW economic think-tank.

The draft law agreed late on Tuesday by senior members of Merkel's three-party "grand coalition" would apply to listed companies which have employee representation on their supervisory boards, affecting more than 100 firms.
...
The move has sparked criticism not only from right-wing conservative circles, but also the leading BDI industry association. "We absolutely do not need any kind of legal quotas," BDI head Ulrich Grillo said.'

U.S. Preventative Services Task Force identifies gaps in STI counselling and testing sevices for adolescent boys

Minuteman · 26 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here (.pdf, 1.3 MB). Excerpt:

'Since many studies on counseling interventions are in sexually active girls, research is needed on interventions to prevent other types of sexually transmitted infections (STI) in sexually active boys and in adolescents who are not yet sexually active. More research is needed on the effectiveness of low-intensity interventions that are more practical for the typical primary care setting. In addition, research is also needed to understand the effectiveness of screening sexually active adolescent males in reducing the spread of chlamydia and gonorrhea, as well as cotesting for other STIs and different screening intervals. Studies providing data about the potential harms of screening would also be valuable.'

-- Found at p. 20 of the report (p. 26 of the .pdf file)

Bruised Little Girls Curse In New FCKH8 Ad For Domestic Violence Awareness Tank Top

Mastodon · 27 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The "potty-mouth princesses" are back, this time with bruises.

For-profit t-shirt company FCKH8 has released a new shock-value video of little girls cursing to raise awareness about domestic violence -- and sell a t-shirt.

This video is promoting a new FCKH8 tank that reads "Break the Silence on Domestic Violence." According to FCKH8, 100 percent of the profit from these tanks (estimated at $9 per $15 tank) will go "directly to charities working to stop domestic violence in communities across the nation."

As Isha Aran at Jezebel pointed out, the ad is incredibly unsettling -- but so obviously intended to shock.

"The ad acknowledges how graphic it is, only to unload the discomfort it generates on the viewer -- it creates a zero-sum game of guilt where there isn't one," Aran wrote. "Yes, I have a problem with the fake fucked-up face, but that doesn't mean I don't have a problem with domestic violence, and it seems dangerous to conflate the two."'

Woman charged with assaulting an infant after randomly punching baby in face

Matt · 27 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. If I ever became a legislator, I'd sponsor a bill creating a crime called "Criminal Stupidity". Sure, she may also be nuts, but if that wouldn't excuse a man from it, it shouldn't excuse a woman. Excerpt:

'A mother is outraged after a woman came up and punched her baby in the face at a restaurant on Folly Beach Saturday.

"It was a random act of stupidity," Amber Fortson of Little River said Wednesday.

Barbra Green, 59, of Riverland Drive told arresting officers she thought the 5-month-old boy was a doll and she was joking, according to the incident report.

She was charged with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature and disorderly conduct and released from the Charleston County jail on $25,262 bail.
...
"We were surrounded by great people, having a great time," Mrs. Fortson said. "People around us were showing us pictures of their babies."

The boy was standing on his father's lap "laughing, smiling and dancing to the music" when a woman they had never seen before walked up, hit him in the face and walked toward the door, his mother said.
...
The boy's father followed the woman to the door but could not get her to talk, according to the report. The restaurant staff stopped Green from leaving and called police to arrest her. An officer noted that the child's nose was red.'

UVA rape allegation is why universities shouldn't arbitrate sexual assault

Matt · 27 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For all my writing about the rights of the accused in campus sexual assault hearings, one must never forget that horrific rapes do actually happen on college campuses.

Case in point: A story from Rolling Stone last week about a woman at the University of Virginia who says she was gang-raped at a fraternity party her freshman year. Regardless of the specifics of the crime, it's clear the university mishandled her sexual assault complaint.

Rolling Stone author Sabrina Rubin Erdely detailed that the head of UVA's Sexual Misconduct Board, Dean Nicole Eramo, showed no emotion when the woman – known in the article as Jackie – described the gang rape. This is baffling to me, as the level of detail Jackie provided in the article – and the fact that she claims she was sober during the attack – doesn't lend itself to a shrug.

Eramo laid out Jackie's options for filing a complaint and detailed how each of them would unfold. That's fine, but as the article noted, that lack of guidance proved "counterproductive" for a traumatized 19-year-old.

"Setting aside for a moment the absurdity of a school offering to handle the investigation and adjudication of a felony sex crime – something Title IX requires, but which no university on Earth is equipped to do – the sheer menu of choices, paired with the reassurance that any choice is the right one, often has the end result of coddling the victim into doing nothing," Erdely wrote.'

Video of Wendy McElroy's recent debate with feminist at Brown University

Matt · 27 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Caption:

"Sexual assault on college campuses is receiving increased scrutiny. As calls to combat sexual assault grow louder on campuses across the country, many are looking to colleges to respond. Do the current methods that universities use while handling rape cases work? How can universities preserve the rights of both the survivors of sexual assault and of the accused students?"

A related item by Cathy Young discussing the debate is here.

Feminism Is A Cult, Stop Denying It

Matt · 28 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I have decided to take basic bullet points of how cults indoctrinate and manipulate people and explain exactly how feminism is doing the same thing, making this movement into a vile cult. Follow along if you'd like, but I'm sure most people who already read my posts are already well aware of what's going on.

Submission to Leadership – This one is fairly obvious. Though there doesn't seem to be any set president of the entire feminist movement, there are several "leaders" that feminists subscribe to. Defend to the death, and praise to hell and back.

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Polarized World View – All feminists are good. Anyone who isn't a feminist is against feminists.

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Feeling Over Thought – If the facts don't agree with their feelings, feminists do not accept them as truth. I can't tell you how many times I've been told that an official source is not an official source because a feminist doesn't agree with it.

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Manipulation of Feelings – Shaming, there is a lot of shaming. In my last post I explained how feminists just love to pick on the physical appearances of women who don't agree with them. I've been called every name in the book.

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Denigration of Critical Thinking – If someone displays logic, offers a valid source, or points out that an argument is a fallacy they are severely degraded for it.

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Salvation or Fulfillment can only be realized in the group – This one is really important. Feminists are always screaming about the only way that women are ever going to get any equality is to be feminist.

...

End Justifies the Means – I can't tell you how many times I've seen a post praising a woman for murdering a man who was an alleged rapist. I can't tell you how many times there's been a post about how a feminist wishes to harm someone til they agree with them.

...

Group Over Individual – "This is what a feminist looks like" That whole thing. They have made it into an entire group. They are of a hive mind. Just sucking everyone in. They are all one group of feminists, not independent thinkers.

...

Warnings of severe or supernatural sanctions for defection or even criticism of the cult – This one is easy, not only have I gotten death threats, but a very well known case of a woman getting death threats has happened. Erin Pizzey had to flee her home country for going against the feminist doctrine,...

...

Severing of Ties with Past, Family, Friends, Goals, and Interests – Other than the fact that I've seen articles decrying family members for disagreeing with feminism, it seems that once these girls find these groups if people don't agree with them, they are done.

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Feminism is a cult. That's just plain and simple fact. The problem is that no one sees it. I'd even go as far to wager that it's the biggest cult in first world countries as of now. Since the women in this cult are out for blood and domination under the guise of "equality" no one notices. I'm not sure how no one notices that the wage gap doesn't exist. I'm not sure why the world caves to the women instead of standing up to them. In fact, it's just getting worse. Laws like YES MEANS YES have been passed. Laws that literally could make any man a rapist at any time, even

during consensual sex. The world is changing, bending to the will of this cult. Some how [sic], they have everyone fooled into believing women are still weak. Women are still oppressed.

Though I agree, there are parts of the world women are still oppressed, first world feminism isn't about them. It never has been. First world feminism is a cult, bent on domination. It's a movement that preaches equality when they really mean matriarchy.'

Leaving rape investigations to colleges trivializes the topic

Matt · 28 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's difficult to imagine a more callous, wholly inadequate response to a culture of seemingly rampant sexual assault at the University of Virginia (UVA) than the one its administrators practiced year after year, according to a horrifying account finally publicized by Rolling Stone last week. But that's precisely what happens when an entity equipped only to deal with academic misbehavior is instead pushed to do something about sexual assault: it finds itself putting the university's brand name first and the victims second.

The lesson of the UVA assault, then, is that efforts undertaken by state governments and federal agencies to beef up university adjudication of sex crimes—including the increasing popular "yes means yes" bills—are doomed to failure. Students will never see justice so long as colleges, rather than the police, are expected to intervene in rape cases.
...
The mother of a UVA student who reported her rape summarized this position thusly: "In what world do you get kicked out for cheating, but if you rape someone, you can stay?"
...
Treating rape as akin to plagiarism, or copying off someone else's test, trivializes violence against women. What UVA administrators did, in listening to students' accusations and failing to report them to police time and time again, is worse than trivializing: it's an outright cover-up. Eramo reportedly justified UVA's policy of burying rape accusations when she told Jackie, "Nobody wants to send their daughter to the rape school." That stunning moment of honesty should disabuse everyone of the notion that sexual assault adjudication belongs in the hands of university administrators.'

Husband Bashing Is More Common Than You Think

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Article here. Excerpt:

'*"If I were you I wouldn't put up with that", "How can you let this happen?", "Why don't you just leave?" or "Why don't you just kick her out?"* Until the last sentence, many reading the first three questions would assume that the questions were directed at a woman suffering in an abusive relationship rather than a confused battered husband.

Women today can be combat pilots, astronauts and prime ministers, and yes, they can also physically assault their spouses and life partners.

The media and government, not only in Malaysia but throughout the world, tend to focus on the female victims of domestic violence. It is undeniable that the majority of domestic violence victims are still female but surprisingly, men abuse – another form of domestic abuse – is grabbing headlines in recent years and is on an upward trend.
...
According to the statistics by Royal Malaysian Police and the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, it shows that male victims of domestic violence are on the rise each year. There were 650 cases of domestic violence against men reported in 2010, 815 cases in 2011 and increasing to 930 cases in 2012. It is believed that the actual figure is higher than police statistics as many domestic violence cases against men go unreported due to a culture of shame, fear of facing social stigma, denigrations of their masculinity or even major legal obstacles.

Just two days ago, Datuk Rohani Abdul Karim, Minister of Women, Community and Family was quoted by media reports that 958 out of 3,673 reported cases of domestic violence in Malaysia this year are male victims, making up about 26% of reported cases this year.'

Foreskin friendly: Washington has one of lowest circumcision rates in U.S.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In spite of the online interest, Washington has one of the lowest circumcision rates in the U.S.

In 2012, the Jewish Daily Forward reported that 15 percent of boys born in Washington were circumcised. The top-ranked state is West Virginia, with a rate of 87 percent, according to the Forward's research.
...
When she became pregnant, Andersen was adamant about keeping her son's foreskin intact — and finding a foreskin-friendly pediatrician.

"I figured he was born with it, I'm sure there's a reason that it's there," said Andersen, who was shocked at the procedure's prevalence in the U.S. "American doctors are not educated on how to take care of it. The one thing they learn about the foreskin is that they have to cut it off."

Intact Washington has organized several demonstrations to spread awareness of the anti-circumcision cause, but has stopped short of trying to lobby for a statewide ban. Andersen referred to a failed effort in 2011 to ban circumcision in San Francisco.'

NPO: USA Today Reports: States Fail on Shared Parenting Laws

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Article here. Excerpt:

'National Parents Organization is encouraging its members and friends to share recent media coverage of National Parents Organization's inaugural Shared Parenting Report Card. The media attention heightens awareness of the need for child custody reform and supports shared parenting. Spread the news to as many people as possible! We need to win in the court of public opinion in order to move us forward on the path toward change in family that has children's best interests at heart.

National Parents Organization Released its Shared Parenting Report Card on November 13. The report is the nation's first study to issue each state a grade, A through F, on the degree to which state statutes support shared parenting. Following the report card's release, national media, including USA Today, as well as television, radio, print and online media in numerous states, including Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee and South Dakota have covered the report and shared parenting.'

Navigating Gender Stereotypes and the Circumcision Imperative

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What I hadn't expected was how many people would assume that we were having a boy (perhaps because boys are still preferred, even in this supposedly modern time) and would then instruct us about how essential it was to get this hypothetical child circumcised. We heard all the usual arguments: circumcision is necessary due to the laws of Judaism; it is cleaner; it is healthier; it is wrong and even harmful not to circumcise; a Jewish boy will feel "left out" if not circumcised; it's against our forefathers and everything they went through to not do it; and so on. I was, frankly, stunned by all this. Such comments felt like an attack, and a very personal one too.
...
Eventually, exhausted by these conversations, I asked that we stop talking about it. I said my wife and I understood their point of view, but we'd made the decision not to circumcise, and we hoped everyone else could accept and respect it. There was a brief time when relatives stopped bringing it up.

But then the offensive mounted new attacks by emailing us anecdotes from men, including non-Jews, who said they were "glad" and "grateful" that their parents circumcised them. We were also sent scanned pages from books and articles about the importance of circumcision. My irritation increased, so in retaliation, I began photocopying pages from books too and sending links to medical research. I said I was happy for those men who were grateful to be circumcised but that not everyone was appreciative of such a major decision being made on their behalf when they were infants; we reminded people about various medical and legal cases where men had physical, mental, emotional, or sexual damage from their circumcisions.
...
When our little girl was born, one of my relatives said to me, "You knew all along she was a girl and yet you had all those arguments about circumcision. Why? Wasn't that annoying?" I said it was annoying and we could have saved ourselves a lot of stress and bother, but it was beneficial for a couple of reasons. On a personal level, I learned to stand up for the decisions we were making about rearing our children. But on a larger, societal level, I felt that potentially my wife and I were giving some stubborn people new ways of considering the issue of circumcision. Maybe somehow a few of the facts or ideas we offered would sink in, and perhaps could help prevent other babies from being unnecessarily circumcised in the future.

Pregnant women and their babies can often seem like pawns in cultural and religious wars, and that shouldn't be the case, but perhaps sometimes we can occasionally use them to win a battle or two, in the hope that eventually the war will end.'

Man stabbed in chest after eating Thanksgiving dinner without his girlfriend

Matt · 29 November 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'Police say a Pennsylvania woman chased her boyfriend around a dining room and stabbed him in the chest because he started eating Thanksgiving dinner while she slept off a bender.

Authorities say Jacklyn Blake confessed to officers who responded to her Wilkes-Barre home Thursday. Officers found her boyfriend inside holding a towel over his chest. He was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries.

The 47-year-old Blake is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, simple assault, reckless endangerment and making terroristic threats. It wasn't clear if she has a lawyer.

According to police, Blake's boyfriend says she'd been drunk earlier in the day and attacked him after waking up from a nap. He says she stabbed him and then threw the knife, striking him just below the left eye.'

"Fabricated stories could harm true rape victims"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent revelation that a Palm Springs teenager fabricated a story about a kidnapping and sexual assault is a costly back step in the cultural campaign to combat sexual violence, which some experts say may dissuade true rape victims from reporting their attackers to police.
...
False reports of rape are rare, but even a few cases can do incalculable damage to the nationwide efforts to expose and apprehend sexual predators. False reports make the public more suspicious of actual rape victims, and can disillusion law enforcement so they are less receptive to future reports of such offenses. The ramifications are magnified when a few false reports are given more media coverage than real cases of rape, which strike every day.

Worst of all, false reports make actual rape victims question whether their stories will be believed. Afraid to come forward, these victims are more likely to suffer in silence, leaving their attackers free to strike again.

"It hurts us," said Scott Berkowitz, president of the Rape Abuse & Incest National Network, the largest anti-sexual violence organization in the country. "False reports make the public doubt, and they make police more skeptical the next time a real victim walks in the door. Anytime police put a lot of energy into a case that turns out not to have been true, it is naturally going to discourage them and make them more suspicious next time."
...
Speaking generally, Program Director Winette Brenner said false reports often stem from deep-seated pain. Every case is different, but most of the time a person who makes a false report is in desperate need, and does not have any malicious intent, Brenner said.

"It's a cry for help … from a person who is in so much pain that they don't know how to deal with that pain any further," she added.

As troubling as a false report can be, some experts argue that the larger issue is disproportionate media coverage given to these cases.'

Is the Rolling Stone Story True?

Matt · 1 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Some years ago, when I was an editor at George magazine, I was unfortunate enough to work with the writer Stephen Glass on a number of articles. They proved to be fake, filled with fabrications, as was pretty much all of his work. The experience was painful but educational; it forced me to examine how easily I had been duped. Why did I believe those insinuations about Vernon Jordan being a lech? About the dubious ethics of uber-fundraiser Terry McAuliffe?

The answer, I had to admit, was because they corroborated my pre-existing biases. I was well on the way to believing that Vernon Jordan was a philanderer, for example—everyone seemed to think so, back in the '90s.

So Stephen wrote what he knew I was inclined to believe. And because I was inclined to believe it, I abandoned my critical judgment. I lowered my guard.

The lesson I learned: One must be most critical, in the best sense of that word, about what one is already inclined to believe. So when, say, the Duke lacrosse scandal erupted, I applied that lesson. The story was so sensational! Believing it required indulging one's biases: A southern school…rich white preppy boys…a privileged sports team…lower class African-American women…rape. It read like a Tom Wolfe novel.

And of course it never happened.

Which brings me to a magazine article that is causing an enormous furor in Virginia and around the country; it's inescapable on social media. Written by a woman named Sabrina Rubin Erdely, the article is called "A Rape on Campus: A Brutal Assault and Struggle for Justice at UVA."

The article alleges a truly horrifying gang rape at a UVA fraternity, and it has understandably shocked the campus and everyone who's read it. The consequences have been pretty much instantaneous: The fraternity involved has voluntarily suspended its operations (without admitting that the incident happened); UVA's president is promising an investigation and has since suspended all fraternity charters on campus; the alumni are in an uproar; the governor of Virginia has spoken out; students, particularly female students, are furious, and the concept of "rape culture" is further established. Federal intervention is sure to follow.

The only thing is…I'm not sure that I believe it. I'm not convinced that this gang rape actually happened. Something about this story doesn't feel right.

Here's why.

...

The story of what happened to Jackie is similarly horrifying—and similarly incredible. Having been raped for three hours while lying in shards of glass "digging into her back"—three hours of which Jackie remembers every detail, despite the fact of the room's pitch-blackness—she passes out and wakes up at 3 AM in an empty room.

Again: It's possible. You can't say it isn't. But I am reminded of the urban myth about someone waking up in a bathtub full of ice in New Orleans. This story contains a lot of apocryphal tropes.

Jackie makes her way downstairs, her red dress apparently sufficiently intact to wear; the party is still raging. Though she is blood-stained—three hours with shards of glass "digging into her back," and gang-raped, including with a beer bottle— and must surely look deeply traumatized, no one notices her. She makes her way out a side entrance she hadn't seen before. She calls her friends, who tell her that she doesn't want to be known as the girl who cried rape and worry that if they take her to the hospital they won't get invited to subsequent frat parties.

Nothing in this story is impossible; it's important to note that. It could have happened. But to believe it beyond a doubt, without a question mark—as virtually all the people who've read the article seem to—requires a lot of leaps

of faith. It requires you to indulge your pre-existing biases.

Or perhaps I should say your pre-existing fantasies—your nightmares about the worst possible thing that could happen to you, or your friend or your daughter or sister; your deepest fears about what men are capable of; your horror at the horror of rape; your outrage about the lack of outrage.
...
If it didn't happen, this story will be impossible to disprove—some people seem to want to believe it—and U.Va's reputation will likely not recover for decades. Rolling Stone—which published several articles by Stephen Glass, by the way, and always insisted that it was the one publication in which Glass did not tell lies—will stand by its story. And we will never know the truth.'

Is Challenging 'Rape Culture' Claims an Idea Too Dangerous for University Students?

Matt · 1 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Colleges across America are in political uproar over new federal policies on how to conduct campus rape hearings. Feminists and the left-leaning demand a halt to the "rape culture" which they claim has caused an "epidemic" of campus assault. Civil libertarians and conservatives see an hysteria that could ruin young lives by stripping away due process from accused students.

On November 18, I entered this melee by speaking at a Janus Forum event at Brown University. My counterpart was the politically correct feminist Jessica Valenti. At Valenti's request and to my surprise, armed security guards were conspicuously present. Apparently, some students also feared an eruption of violence but informed the administration, rather than Janus, of their concern.

Eruptions arrived before the event, which was on a Tuesday. On the preceding Friday, Brown President Christina Paxson circulated a campus-wide email in which she disagreed with me by name. Specifically, Paxton rejected the argument that "sexual assault is the work of small numbers of predatory individuals whose behaviors are impervious to the culture and values of their communities."'

This Is What Sexism Against Men Sounds Like

Matt · 1 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article and video here. She approaches the matter of sexism at first from a femino-gynocentric standpoint but as her talk progresses, her working definition of sexism expands to include sexism as directed toward males. She points out many ways in which boys' and men's self-expression options and freedom to become and grow in ways that suit them as individuals are restricted by the expectations of others around them. Worth listening to. Excerpt:

'Oh, Hi, Babes. Some of you probably already know that I have a 16-year-old brother. This is him. He's basically my favorite person on the planet, and he's up there on the list of reasons why feminism is important to me. Boys facing a number of pressures related to their gender. For example: pressure to be physically tall and muscular, to push down feelings, especially fear and pain, to never or be vulnerable, pressured to be into sports, or to have manly hobbies, to prove yourself using violence or intimidation to solve problems, to prove your manhood by having lots of sex, learning to see women as sex objects, and struggling to have meaningful relationships with them, pressure to be one of the guys, to make harmless jabs at each other meant to establish dominance, pressure to be the protector in a relationships, never the protected, to be the bread winner, the handyman, the money manager, to pursue physically demanding, dangerous, or even violent jobs, pressure to be the leader, and to always have the answers. Is this sexism against man? Sexism is about exclusion and unequal power in society.

It's about discrimination between individuals that bleeds into the workplace and into the law. It's about shaming, belittling, and devaluing the feminine. Notice how many of the pressures that boys face come down to defining themselves against women: "I'm a man because I'm not emotional, like women. I'm not physically small, like women. I know how to throw a ball, or even a punch, unlike women." So much of the pressures that boys face in the world come down to the expectation that they not be like girls. These gender-specific pressures are a side effect of sexism. It's one version of masculinity. One way to be a real man that we impose on boys in a million subtle ways all throughout their lives. And the effects of that are serious. From men who have been told to repress their emotions so long that they can't physically cry anymore to man who are left emotionally stinted in their relationships; caring fathers who can't get custody, because nurturing is a girl thing; men who are raped and not believed. A real man? A real men wants sex all the time; he must have liked it. A version of masculinity is also connected to homophobia. Gay man are demonized, because they're stereotyped as feminine. They like to take care of their appearance, they like to dance, they sleep with men -- too much like women.'

UK: 109 women prosecuted for false rape claims in five years, say campaigners

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At least 109 women have been prosecuted in the last five years for making false rape allegations in the UK, according to campaigners who are calling for an end to what they claim is the aggressive pursuit of such cases.

On Tuesday, the charity Women Against Rape (War) is taking its campaign to the House of Commons, where some of those who have been jailed for lying about rape allegations will speak out against their treatment by the authorities.

The vast majority of the convictions in the last five years, 98 out of 109, involved prosecutions for perverting the course of justice – which carries a maximum life jail term – rather than the lesser offence of wasting police time, which has a maximum tariff of six months in prison or a fine.

A US law professor, who will be speaking at the Commons, said the UK's stance on false allegations is more aggressive than in countries such as the United States, Canada and Australia. Prof Lisa Avalos, of the University of Arkansas, said false allegations in the US were dealt with as a misdemeanour offence, not a felony – and most women were not jailed if found guilty.'

"Working Together for an AIDS-free Future for Girls": $210 Million PEPFAR - Gates Foundation - Nike Foundation partnership

Minuteman · 1 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The global HIV/AIDS response is a shared responsibility. In addition to working with partner governments in the 65 countries with bilateral and regional programs, PEPFAR builds strategic public-private partnerships to maximize the U.S. government's investment. With over 80 percent of new HIV infections among adolescents in the hardest hit countries occurring in girls, the U.S. Department of State, through PEPFAR, is partnering with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Nike Foundation on a $210 million initiative to reduce new HIV infections in adolescent girls and young women in up to 10 countries.

The goal of the partnership is to help girls develop into determined, resilient, empowered, AIDS-free, mentored and safe women. It will provide a core package of evidence-based interventions that have successfully addressed HIV risk behaviors, HIV transmission, and gender-based violence. Evidence shows that girls can reach their full potential when they have access to multiple interventions.'

Also see this document.

Proposed Legislation Would Make ‘Rape By Fraud’ A Crime In New Jersey

Mastodon · 2 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A New Jersey lawmaker has a plan that would make it a crime to lie in order to sleep with someone.
...
The assemblyman has introduced a bill that would make lying to get someone to have sex equal to rape.
...
Under the bill, it would require more than a little white lie to land you in jail. The lies would have to be continuous and rise to a high level of deceit.

“When you are told lies of identity, you’re basically having a sexual relationship with a person who is a total stranger,” Joyce Short said.

Short supports the bill. She claims she was deceived for years by her now ex-husband.

“He lied about his marital status, he lied about his education. He said he had a bachelor’s in accounting from NYU and was, in fact, a high school dropout,” Short said.'

Confronting sexual assault: University conduct hearings receive plenty of criticism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Chronicle of Higher Education reported in September on young men found guilty in university hearing procedures whose lives were turned upside down.

One drives a delivery truck and may never finish college, The Chronicle reported. Another was expelled from his dream college, although, he said, his ex-girlfriend had wrongly accused him of sexual assault. A third lost a $30,000 scholarship and his place on the football team.

All three were expelled after their colleges found them responsible for sexual assault, The Chronicle reported. They join those who think the movement to bring attention to sexual violence on college campuses has gone too far, labeling innocent students rapists.

“The way that universities are handling the entire situation is terrible,” one of the men, Joshua Strange, told The Washington Post in an Aug. 20 article. “It’s kind of a broken system.”'

Hard evidence hard to find in frat taunting of ‘Take Back the Night’ march

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You may have heard that San Diego State University’s Greek leadership has suspended all frat “socializing” indefinitely and mandated sexual-assault prevention training after a particularly bad week. U-T San Diego reports:

"On Friday, a “Take Back the Night” march reportedly was interrupted by fraternity members yelling obscenities, waving sex toys and hurling eggs at the marchers. Saturday night, a woman reported she was sexually assaulted at a party near campus — the seventh such report this semester. Hours later, a 19-year-old woman reported that six men tried to pull her into their car near campus."

That “reportedly” is important, because it appears that in an age where everyone is constantly taking smartphone pics and video, no one is sharing hard evidence of this harassing behavior against nearly three dozen marchers.

Dildo-waving not interesting enough to document

In searching Twitter for various keywords and hashtags, nearly every tweet I found referred back to U-T San Diego, which does not include any photos or video from the march, or another news source relying on U-T San Diego.

A columnist for the Daily Aztec, a former Greek member, made an unattributed claim that “Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Sigma Phi yelled crude obscenities and waved sex toys (classy) at the marchers.” That article includes a photo of the marchers, but not their alleged antagonists.'

Author of Rolling Stone article on alleged U-Va. rape didn't talk to accused perpetrators

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The writer of a blockbuster Rolling Stone magazine story about an alleged gang rape at a University of Virginia fraternity has said that she was unable to contact or interview the men who supposedly perpetrated the crime.

In interviews with The Washington Post and Slate.com last week, writer Sabrina Rubin Erdely declined to answer repeated questions about the men's response to an allegation by a female student named Jackie that they had sexually assaulted her at a U-Va. fraternity party in 2012.

However, in a podcast interview with Slate, Erdely indicated that she was unable to locate the fraternity brothers in the course of her reporting to get their side of the story.

"I reached out to [the accused] in multiple ways," Erdely said in the Slate interview. "They were kind of hard to get in touch with because [the fraternity's] contact page was pretty outdated. But I wound up speaking . . . I wound up getting in touch with their local president, who sent me an e-mail, and then I talked with their sort of, their national guy, who's kind of their national crisis manager. They were both helpful in their own way, I guess."
...
There have been no arrests in the case, and no alleged assailants have been publicly identified.

In her interview with The Post, Erdely said that she "corroborated every aspect of the story that I could." She said that she did not identify any of the alleged attackers in the article "by Jackie's request. She asked me not to name the individuals because she's so fearful of them. That was something we agreed on. She was nervous about naming the frat, too. I told her, 'If we're trying to shine a light on this, we have to name the fraternity.' "

Erdely declined to say whether she knows the names of the alleged perpetrators, including "Drew."

"I can't answer that," she said. "This was a topic that made Jackie extremely uncomfortable."'

Sean Woods, who edited the Rolling Stone story, said in an interview that Erdely did not talk to the alleged assailants. "We did not talk to them. We could not reach them," he said in an interview.

However, he said, "we verified their existence," in part by talking to Jackie's friends. "I'm satisfied that these guys exist and are real. We knew who they were."'

Questions emerge over plausibility of horrific UVA gang rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'By now, many have heard of the powerful Rolling Stone article published in late November that told the tale of a bright-eyed, bushy-tailed University of Virginia freshman who was allegedly gang raped at a frat party in 2012 in such a brutal and disgusting fashion that administrators have, in the wake of the article's publication, suspended all fraternity functions, pledged a zero-tolerance on sexual assault, profusely apologized, and promised a more thorough police investigation. Meanwhile, the school's reputation may have been irreparably harmed.
...
Do I believe something horrible happened to Jackie that fateful night? Yes. I have experienced the frat culture and I know it can be a gritty place where alcohol and drug-induced peer pressure and feelings of entitlement sometimes trump compassion and reason, where a pack mentality can take over and prompt young men to disavow their morality.

But it's the finer details of Jackie's claim that bother me – most notably that she could be gang raped over shards of broken glass for three consecutive hours and not bleed to the point of needing hospitalization. That just seems medically implausible from a subjective standpoint.

Also, when Jackie awoke at 3 a.m. after the assault and stumbled unnoticed out of the frat house as the party raged on even though she was horribly disheveled and bleeding, then called her friends to come get her and explained what happened – only to be told by them just go home and sleep it off so she wouldn't ruin their school's reputation or their chances at getting into more frat parties: Seriously?

I remember thinking – how is that even possible for "friends" to say such a thing if she was bleeding after getting gang raped by seven guys? You almost have to suspend reality to buy that.
...
I agree with Bradley. There's a joke in journalism: Don't let the facts get in the way of a good story. Is this what happened here? Quite possibly.'

UK: "The double life of the tragic suicide girl who accused me of rape"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was just three days before she was due to on trial for making a false allegation of rape, and the fear of giving evidence had, he said, left her a nervous wreck. Nothing, however, has been heard from the wealthy young man who she sensationally claimed had drugged and assaulted her in his Chelsea flat – until now.

And when you read what he has to say, you may well take a very different view about his role in this strange and disturbing tragedy.

What emerges is not just the terrible detail of a nightmare that so many men fear – of being falsely accused of rape, ostracised and fearful of jail. It also becomes clear in his compelling account of what truly happened between them that Eleanor, who had mental health issues, led a secret double life – one she would without doubt have feared being opened up to the scrutiny of the courtroom.

Alexander Economou, the 35-year-old son of a British-based Greek shipping tycoon, has always vehemently protested his innocence, but he says the taint of the accusations against him have been so persistent he has found it difficult to clear his name.

Alexander has received numerous death threats. He feared – and still fears – he may never escape the attack on his character, and says this – and only this – is why he chose to pursue a private prosecution *[link added]* of his accuser.'

An example of media bias leading to incorrect reporting of facts in M-F violence stories

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Story here. This is a case where we see two females assaulting a youth. The media assumes it a sexual harassment case and the two females will be rewarded for fighting back. The guys lose their jobs and then this revelation that it was all over a different issue. There is a rush to be on the "correct" side of the story. Never do people want to be on the *right* side of the story. Guess we will never know what the truth is. Excerpt:

'Haryana Police, probing the November 28 incident of misbehaviour with the girls and a pregnant woman on a State transport bus, said they had a watertight case against the three accused.
...
While some village elders of Asan village — to which the three accused belong — claimed that a Haryana police constable was also travelling by the same bus and his statement would be highly credible in establishing the sequence of events, the police said they were not aware of any such person.

After Deepak, Kuldeep and Mohit were arrested, a delegation of the Asan panchayat went to the office of the Superintendent of Police and demanded a ‘fair probe,’ threatening to go on a hunger strike if this was not done.
...
The delegation also claimed that the fight took place over a seat that was allotted to an elderly woman. They demanded that her statement be also recorded. They said she got off at Humayunpur. Later the woman, identified as Nirmala, was traced, and her statement was recorded.'

The Sexodus, Part 1: The Men Giving Up On Women And Checking Out Of Society

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"My generation of boys is f**ked," says Rupert, a young German video game enthusiast I've been getting to know over the past few months. "Marriage is dead. Divorce means you're screwed for life. Women have given up on monogamy, which makes them uninteresting to us for any serious relationship or raising a family. That's just the way it is. Even if we take the risk, chances are the kids won't be ours. In France, we even have to pay for the kids a wife has through adulterous affairs.

"In school, boys are screwed over time and again. Schools are engineered for women. In the US, they force-feed boys Ritalin like Skittles to shut them up. And while girls are favoured to fulfil quotas, men are slipping into distant second place.

"Nobody in my generation believes they're going to get a meaningful retirement. We have a third or a quarter of the wealth previous generations had, and everyone's fleeing to higher education to stave off unemployment and poverty because there are no jobs.

"All that wouldn't be so bad if we could at least dull the pain with girls. But we're treated like paedophiles and potential rapists just for showing interest. My generation are the beautiful ones," he sighs, referring to a 1960s experiment on mice that supposedly predicted a grim future for the human race.

After overpopulation ran out of control, the female mice in John Calhoun's "mouse universe" experiment stopped breeding, and the male mice withdrew from the company of others entirely, eating, sleeping, feeding and grooming themselves but doing little else. They had shiny coats, but empty lives.

"The parallels are astounding," says Rupert.'

"The Problem With Prosecuting Women for False Rape Allegations"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The UK is aggressively prosecuting women who make false rape allegations, but victim advocates argue it's unjust

Between headlines about the UVA frats, the Canadian broadcaster Jian Ghomeshi and Bill Cosby, it seems like sexual assault allegations dominate the news. But in Britain there has been a recent spate of headline-grabbing cases where the people ultimately charged aren't the alleged rapists, but the women who filed the claims in the first place.
...
But de Freitas is not alone. Over the past five years, the CPS has prosecuted 109 women for making false rape allegations to authorities, according to the group Women Against Rape (WAR). The majority of those who were prosecuted — a full 98 — were charged with perverting the course of justice like de Freitas. But WAR, a London non-profit, held a public meeting at the House of Commons on Tuesday night, protesting what they believe is the unfair and aggressive prosecution of women.

For their part, the CPS noted in an email to TIME that such prosecutions are "serious but rare" and are "any decision to charge is extremely carefully considered and not taken lightly."

Yet WAR disagrees. "I have not found any country that aggressively pursues women for falsely reporting a rape the way the UK does," Lisa Avalos, an assistant professor of law at the University of Arkansas who has been working with WAR, tells TIME. Meanwhile, Lisa Longstaff, a spokeswoman for WAR, says, police are not putting in the necessary work into catching and convicting rapists. "They're not dealing with rapists properly."'

Rolling Stone apologizes over account of UVA gang rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rolling Stone magazine apologized to readers Friday for discrepancies in an article about an alleged gang rape at a University of Virginia fraternity house, with the publication's editors saying their trust in the woman who gave the account "was misplaced."

Rolling Stone editors made the choice not to contact the man who allegedly "orchestrated the attack on "Jackie" (the woman who was the subject of the article) nor any of the men she claimed participated in the attack for fear of retaliation against her," a decision the magazine says it now regrets.

"In the face of new information, there now appear to be discrepancies in Jackie's account, and we have come to the conclusion that our trust in her was misplaced," Rolling Stone said.

...

According to the magazine, Jackie, who at the time had just started her freshman year at the Charlottesville school, claimed she was raped by seven men at Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, while two more gave encouragement, during a party.

However, the University of Virginia's Phi Kappa Psi chapter did not have a party the night of September 28, 2012, the date when the alleged attack occurred, or at all that weekend, the chapter said in a statement Friday. The chapter's lawyer, Ben Warthen, told CNN email and fraternity records are proof.

...

Warthen said there were other discrepancies in the accuser's account. For example, the accused orchestrator of the alleged rape did not belong to the fraternity, the fraternity house has no side staircase, and there were no pledges at that time of year.

Jackie told the magazine she hurried out a side staircase after the incident and said her attackers egged each other on, asking, "Don't you want to be a brother?"

...

"They're threading this whole thing through one voice," Wemple told CNN on Friday. "This is what we call journalistic malpractice. ... It's really outrageous that Rolling Stone would have done this."

Catherine Valentine, a student reporter at WUVA, said the article emboldened women to come forward with stories of sexual assault, and that may stop following the magazine's apology.

"I'm worried that girls are not going to report now out of fear of being called liars," Valentine told CNN.'

Also see: Rolling Stone's UVA Gang Rape Story Begins To Unravel

'Rolling Stone scapegoats rape victim, makes matters worse'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I don't know Jackie. I don't even know her real name. I don't know what happened to her in a UVA fraternity house. But here's what I do know: *Rolling Stone* just threw her under the bus for its own mistakes. And we shouldn't be surprised.

...

Rather than apologizing for its own journalistic and editorial mistakes, Rolling Stone blamed Jackie for its errors. The problem, according to the magazine's note, is not that it failed to check certain details, but that its "trust in [Jackie] was misplaced." One need not read between the lines to get the ugly message: *It was her fault, not ours!*'

Feminist blogger ‘emphatically’ defends lying about rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today hasn’t been such a great day for feminism. Now that Rolling Stone’s heavily touted article purportedly exposing a gang rape at UVA has been shot full of holes, Our Ladies of the Perpetually Outraged are beside themselves looking for ways to keep the dubious rape narrative alive.

One of these angry gals is the charming Melissa McEwan, who, according to her Twitter bio, is “proprietor of Shakesville, a progressive feminist blog and a community of teaspoon-wielding badasses who expect more.” Apparently one of the things she doesn’t expect is for rape accusers to be completely honest:

"I can't state this more emphatically: If Jackie's story is partially or wholly untrue, it doesn't validate the reasons for disbelieving her.

— Melissa McEwan (@Shakestweetz) December 5, 2014"

Oof.

'"Discrepancies" is all it takes to convince most of the world Jackie is a liar. Welcome to the rape culture.

— Melissa McEwan (@Shakestweetz) December 5, 2014'
...
Actually, the point is that when it comes to accusing someone else of rape — of any crime — facts are pretty darn important. Needless to say, McEwan’s logic didn’t go over terribly well with people who aren’t complete idiots:'

March 10 is "National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day"

Minuteman · 6 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Personal stories also remind us that we are not alone. With World AIDS Day on December 1, I'm thinking of those affected by the stigma that HIV/AIDS carries. This stigma can leave those touched by it feeling fearful and alienated. You can help change that.

If your life has been impacted by HIV/AIDS, I'm calling on you to speak up. How? Tell us about your personal experiences with HIV/AIDS and your views on care and treatment. The HHS Office on Women's Health wants to feature your story during the 10th observance of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on March 10, 2015. If you or someone you love is living with HIV/AIDS, or you work with women and girls living with the disease, we want to hear from you.'

Media investigation of actress Lena Dunham's rape claim reports it isn't supported by facts

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Story here. Excrrpt:

'A media investigation into the allegations of rape featured in Lena Dunham's recently-released memoir has refuted the claims of sexual assault made by the Girls creator.
...
An investigation by John Nolte from Breitbart News undertaken at the Oberlin campus, which was published Thursday, concluded that the 'Barry' Dunham describes is a 'ghost', and that no such person appeared to exist at the college during the years she studied there.

'In fact, we could not find anyone who remembered any Oberlin Republican who matched Dunham's colorful description,' Nolte wrote.

'Under scrutiny, Dunham's rape story didn't just fall apart, it evaporated into pixie dust and blew away."

As Rolling Stone Recants, WashPost Article Insists 'We Should Automatically Believe Rape Claims'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is amazing. Even as Rolling Stone's alleged gang-rape story falls apart, and The Washington Post published several articles on Saturday putting the facts out that collapse the allegations, the Post website still contains an article titled "No matter what Jackie said, we should automatically believe rape claims. Incredulity hurts victims more than it hurts wrongly-accused perps."

Feminist and MSNBC analyst Zerlina Maxwell doesn't care about the facts, only about the quote-unquote larger picture of a rape culture. This is the triumph of ideology over evidence, emotion over science. All these people who lectured about McCarthyism and Arthur Miller's play on the Salem witch trials are chanting that the evidence is less important than the allegation.'

Rolling Stone quietly "modifies prior apology"

Mastodon · 7 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rolling Stone magazine has quietly changed its botched and much-criticized apology over a damning article documenting an alleged brutal gang rape at the University of Virginia.

In the story by writer Sabrina Rubin Erdely, a junior identified only as 'Jackie' says she was repeatedly assaulted by a group of seven Phi Kappa Psi fraternity members.

But on Friday, Rolling Stone Managing Editor Will Dana apologized in a letter to readers, admitting there were discrepancies in Jackie's account about the incident and saying that the magazine has now 'come to the conclusion that our trust in her was misplaced.'

The magazine came under heavy fire for an apology that was seen as blaming the victim and throwing Jackie under the bus.

Rolling Stone has since quietly changed the three-paragraph note, adding a section saying: 'These mistakes are on Rolling Stone, not on Jackie.'

Canada: Serial false-accuser deported back to Australia

Minuteman · 8 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'After duping Irish and Canadian authorities with horrific tales of being a child sexual abuse victim, serial troublemaker Samantha Azzopardi is returning home to Australia this week.

...

When Azzopardi was found wandering the streets of Dublin, Ireland, last year she led authorities to believe she was a teenage sex-trafficking victim from eastern Europe.

Azzopardi drew pictures apparently showing herself being raped, forcing Irish police to release the photo of her in a bid to find her identity.

Irish authorities spent $375,000 on the investigation before discovering she was an Australian con artist and not a child.

...

On September 16 this year Azzopardi, using the alias Aurora Hepburn, walked into a Calgary clinic claiming she was 14 and had been a victim of an abduction, sexual assault and torture.

Canadian authorities spent $157,000 on their investigation before realising Azzopardi was the woman the Irish media dubbed a "Walter-Mitty-like con artist", referring to the daydreamer character in The Secret Life of Walter Mitty created by author James Thurber that has been played by Danny Kaye and Ben Stiller in Hollywood films.

Azzopardi was charged with public mischief in Calgary and faced a maximum sentence of five years in prison, but after pleading guilty she was sentenced to the two months she had already served in custody.'

UVA Students Stay Focused On Combating Sexual Violence, Not False Rape Allegations

Mastodon · 8 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Virginia community, already tested a number of times this fall semester, endured another seismic shock on Friday when Rolling Stone partially retracted a damning feature about on-campus rape. The initial publication of the article and subsequent fallout has sparked discussion on not just sexual assault, but also on journalism ethics. But as national news outlets swarm the Charlottesville, Virginia, campus for the second time this semester, many UVA students are staying focused on the main issue at hand: combating sexual violence and improving sexual assault advocacy at the storied university.

Sarah Surface, a junior who's a member of the school's Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition, added to the student newspaper that finger-combing through every detail in Jackie's story should not take away from the reality rape victims must live through:

"Trauma does a lot of things to the brain and to memory. It is not uncommon for details to not 100 percent match up with what people believe to be a reasonable story. The thing is, most people don't have to [be] hounded by reporters about that. This lack of recollection does not mean their stories are entirely false."'

Slate to Breitbart over Lena Dunham Rape Allegations: "Rape Denialism is Like Holocaust Denialism"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Slate writer Amanda Marcott is going after conservative site Breitbart News after they published an investigative piece on Thursday that questioned Lena Denhan's story of being raped at 19 by a Republican student on her college campus named Barry.

In response to a tweet from Bloomberg Politics' Dave Weigel that linked the story, Marcotte tweeted back, "It's really time for people to understand that rape denialism is like Holocaust denialism: Broad refusal to accept reality."

The Breitbart News claims that their piece does not deny the horrific crime of rape happens, nor does it deny Dunham may have been raped in college. The full statement is as follows:

"Maybe Lena Dunham's rapist is out there, and maybe this man voted for George W. Bush, and maybe this man did indeed hurt two other women.

What we do know is that whatever her motives, rather than cooperate with campus and local authorities (who are taking her charges seriously) to get a brutal man off the street before he hurts another woman, Dunham has apparently decided to instead hurl suspicion at Barry One."'

'Barry One' Launches Legal Fund; Considers Suit Against Lena Dunham

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The man identified as "Barry One" in a Breitbart News investigation debunking Lena Dunham's story of being raped in college by a "mustachioed campus Republican" named Barry, has made his first official statement since the release of that report. Through his attorney, identified as Aaron Minc, Barry One has set up a legal fund to cover current legal expenses, clear his name, and to potentially file suit against Ms. Dunham.

The proceeds from the legal fund will be used only to cover Barry One's legal expenses. If there are any leftover monies, those will be donated to non-profit organizations that aid sexual assault victims.

For more than two months, and to no avail, Barry One has asked Dunham (through her representatives) to clear his name. Obviously, she has refused.

"All proceeds will be spent by Barry on legal costs and related fees associated with defending Barry's reputation," the statement reads, "including, but not limited to, potentially pursuing Lena Dunham and Penguin Random House for harm caused to Barry's reputation from the publication and sale of Ms. Dunham's memoir."'

Whoopi on UVA Rape Story: 'I Don't Like That People Can Just Say Anything and It's Taken as Fact'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Goldberg's fellow "View" panelists, Nicolle Wallace and Rosie Perez criticized the journalistic aspects and the consequence, which might mean actual rape victims being reluctant to step forward in the future.

Goldberg decried the circumstances of the story because it created a situation that allows for something taken as fact without proof.

"I mean, look, you know, I've gotten a lot of heat from people because I say -- I want as much as you can give me to nail the SOB," she said. "That's what I want. But I don't like that people can just say anything and it's taken as fact. We owe it to ourselves, to our sisters, to our brothers who are the folks who may be accused to get the facts. Get the facts. Get as much as you can. There's nothing wrong with it. Because if you can get the person off the street who has done this -- baby, let's put him away.'

Mothers Must Speak Up for Their Sons on Campus

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Article hers. Excerpt:

'The Rolling Stone story about the University of Virginia frat gang rape has fallen apart. Now come the recriminations.

Those who care about stopping campus sexual assault, as I do, are outraged by the Rolling Stonestory for all the right reasons. The shoddy journalism and questionable complaint will damage true victims of sexual assault, who may be more hesitant to come forward, and less likely to be believed.

There also are those standing up for journalistic standards and the rights of innocent fraternity members, individually and collectively, accused of a horrific sex crime. But there is another strain of reaction, which refuses to acknowledge that the Rolling Stone story is a symptom of a larger problem of radical feminism on campuses, where agenda trumps evidence and individual rights.
...
As Dr. Helen Smith notes, the University of Virginia case “is just another example of how male space is being destroyed step-by-step. . . . If there are males out in society or even playing video games in the privacy of their own basement, the totalitarians are there in full force to make sure that they have nowhere to hide.”

With the Rolling Stone story, it was a hunt for the most despised male or group of males, and most sympathetic victim, to tell a larger story. Chris Bray, one of the first people to question the veracity of the Rolling Stone article, writes at The Daily Caller how the Rolling Stone author sought out the best victim narrative to fit the larger “rape culture” narrative. ...
...
Radical feminists on campus, driven by theories about “patriarchy” and “rape culture,” are the new hunter-gatherers, seeking out accusations to prove a theory, not evidence to fairly adjudicate guilt. Hence, any accusation, no matter how improbable, must be treated as presumptively true, thereby ensnaring college men in a net from which it is difficult to escape. Even when found not “responsible” by a campus tribunal, men at Columbia University, for example, are liable to have their names scrawled as perpetrators in bathrooms, on flyers, and online.

That may yet happen with the UVA frat members, as Hanna Rosin at Slate.com notes that their names are circulating:

"In the last few days, the names of the fraternity members started to leak out, and many of us began to look up their Facebook pages. I found myself playing the profiling game: Is that the kind of haircut a rapist would have? Are those the kinds of girls he would have hanging all over him? Oh, yeah, that bro is totally a rapist."

The lack of a finding of male culpability in a given case is used as just further proof that the net needs to be tightened, and the hunt pursued with greater vigor.

Mothers, how much longer will you allow your sons to live as hunted people on campus? Must their lives be ruined so that feminist “rape culture” and other theories can be validated in a real-world testing laboratory?'

Border Patrol Announces Women-Only Recruiting Window

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Article here. Excerpt:

'U.S. Border Patrol announced a 10-day women-only recruitment period open through Dec. 10.

A Title 5 waiver sought by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to close the hiring window to women only for a short time was approved by the Office of Personnel Management, according to the Associated Press.
...
"We're looking for a specific type of personality," Pacheco said. "A female who likes to go outside, likes to shoot guns, likes to drive 4x4s, likes to work in the dark and likes to do shift work."

The requirements are the same, he said, as they are for male applicants. Prospective recruits should be between 18 and 37 years old, U.S. citizens, able to pass background, polygraph and drug screenings and be in good physical health. Applicants over the age limit must have military backgrounds.'

Girls-Only Class Teaches STEM Education to Young Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Schools across the country have been encouraging young women to get involved in STEM subjects, and some schools have classes where no boys are allowed.

One class at Sherwood High School in Oregon, “Imagine, Design & Built It – No Boyz Allowed”, does just that, according to an article on OregonLive.com.

“Nationwide, at most 3 percent of trades workers are women. But in a Sherwood High School welding, computer technology and woodshop class, it's completely the opposite. Every student is female,” the article said.

The first year, according to Woods and Construction Teacher Jon Dickover, “teachers hoped 60 girls would sign up. Instead about 120 expressed interest.”

"There's less pressure because we're all girls," said sophomore Maddy Griffin, who is taking the class this year, the article said. "You feel more confident. You can take a lot of these skills and use them."'

Critics say survey figures inflate theat of on campus rapes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The alarming government statistic that one in five women is sexually assaulted while in college has been cited by the Obama administration and in frequent news reports as it has become a rallying cry for changes on campus.

But critics claim the assault figure — taken from a survey that includes questions about acts that range from forced kissing and touching to rape — is inflated and unrepresentative, and is leading to panic and hasty decisions by college administrators who need to address a complex problem.

“It’s not a question of whether the university needs to address this,” said Samantha Harris, director of policy - research at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, which advocates for students’ rights at colleges and universities. “It is allowing a moral panic to prevail and preventing clear heads from crafting a solution that is fair to everyone involved.”'

Feminists using Rolling Stone rape story in a grab for power

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'Nine males were accused of being part of a heinous rape. The alleged injustice fomented a mob mentality. An enraged community wanted to skip any talk of a serious investigation, never mind a trial, and go straight to the punishment.

I'm not talking about the now-discredited allegations against fraternity members at the University of Virginia, but of the legendary case of the Scottsboro Boys, nine African-American teenagers falsely accused of rape in Alabama in 1931. Despite testimony from one of the women that she had made up the whole thing, the Scottsboro Boys were convicted in trial after trial. All served time either in jail or prison.

...

Clearly, the injustices involved in these cases are far greater than what transpired at UVA. No one at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity faced the death penalty or went to jail. But the lessons learned and principles involved are timeless and universal; everyone deserves the presumption of innocence.

Apparently, Zerlina Maxwell disagrees. She writes in the Washington Post: "We should believe, as a matter of default, what an accuser says. Ultimately, the costs of wrongly disbelieving a survivor far outweigh the costs of calling someone a rapist."

Let's cut to the chase. Maybe I live in a cocoon of some kind, but it seems to me that as terrible and unjust as it surely can be, the stigma of having been raped is hardly as deleterious to one's reputation as the stigma of being accused of being a rapist. I don't think I know anyone who would discriminate against a rape victim. I'd like to think I don't know anyone who wouldn't discriminate against a rapist.

Back to Zerlina Maxwell. She is a lawyer openly advocating the defenestration of the bedrock of American law: the presumption of innocence. More amazing and sad, she's not alone.'

The Sexodus, Part 2: Dishonest Feminist Panics Leave Male Sexuality In Crisis

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'Sexual dysfunction is not unique to the twenty-first century—nor, certainly, to the West. Japan's "herbivores"—men who shun sex and prefer saving money and going on long walks to riding motorcycles and flirting with girls—have been well documented and are regarded by social scientists as the best example of male sexuality turning in on itself.

But although the sexodus, a new retreat into solitude by Western males, has a different flavour to it and dramatically different aetiology from previously observed social crises, many characteristics are identical. And what's troubling about men throwing in the towel in both East and West is the rapidity with which the malaise is spreading across entire generations, fuelled not just by sexual dissatisfaction but also the economic and educational pressures felt by so many young boys.
...
What strikes a lot of women as strange is how rational and systematic so much of this decision-making is by men. Many young men literally perform a cost-benefit analysis and decide that women aren't worth the hassle. It's girls who lose out in this scenario: men don't need the sustained emotional intimacy that comes with a fulfilling sexual relationship and can retreat into masturbatory pursuits, prostitution and one-night stands much more comfortably.

But that's exactly what it is, from a male point of view: a rational opting out from education, work and marriage by men who have had enough, as a remarkable book by Dr Helen Smith called Men on Strike warned in July last year. (The consensus on this stuff is growing rapidly.)

Men, driven, as many of them like to say, by fact and not emotion, can see that society is not fair to them and more dangerous for them. They point to the fact that they are more likely to be murder victims and more likely to commit suicide. Women do not choose to serve in the Armed Forces and they experience fewer deaths and injuries in the line of work generally.

Women get shorter custodial sentences for the same crimes. There are more scholarships available to them in college. They receive better and cheaper healthcare, and can pick from favourable insurance packages available only to girls. When it comes to children, women are presumed to be the primary caregiver and given preferential treatment by the courts. They have more, better contraceptive options.'

You can't just accuse people of rape

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Article here. To jump the paywall, Google the first sentence from below and click the link to the Chicago Tribune article. Excerpt:

'Writing in The Washington Post about the University of Virginia rape case, Zerlina Maxwell asserts, "We should believe, as a matter of default, what an accuser says. Ultimately, the costs of wrongly disbelieving a survivor far outweigh the costs of calling someone a rapist."

Where to begin with this kind of statement?

For one thing, even an outlandish accusation would not exactly be cost-free; it could be devastating. There would be police interviews, professional questions. As Maxwell blithely notes in the piece, the accused might be suspended from his job. Does he have enough savings to live on until the questions are cleared? Many people don't.'

If There's a Campus Rape Epidemic, Then Why So Many Hoaxes?

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'"They keep saying, 'well, this story is a hoax, but it shouldn't detract from the epidemic of rape going on on college campuses.' Well, if we're drowning in this epidemic of rape on college campuses, why are all the cases they keep giving us hoaxes? Could they give us a real one? And in fact, what it illustrates is an epidemic of false claims of rape. This nonsense that Obama repeats about one in four or one in five women on college campuses being raped, it's madness," she also argued that people like the president were "minimizing" the horror of rape by using an absurdly broad definition and pointed to what she argued were methodological flaws in campus sexual assault studies.

Coulter then cited studies done at an Air Force base and a town [Source for Midwest town study: Kanin, E. (1994). False rape allegations. Archives of Sexual Behavior, 23, no.1., 81-103.] in the Midwest that she said concluded 47% and 41% of sexual assault/rape claims were false, respectively and told the story of Patrick Witt, who lost a chance at the Rhodes Scholarship and job offers due to a false rape claim.

She concluded, "I mean, we have 2,000 years of Anglo-Saxon law, and now the feminists come in to college campuses and an ex-girlfriend, just out of revenge, can make an accusation against you."'

The Vanishing Male Worker: How America Fell Behind

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A telling story about male unemployment in the United States. Excerpt:

'Working, in America, is in decline. The share of prime-age men — those 25 to 54 years old — who are not working has more than tripled since the late 1960s, to 16 percent. More recently, since the turn of the century, the share of women without paying jobs has been rising, too. The United States, which had one of the highest employment rates among developed nations as recently as 2000, has fallen toward the bottom of the list."
...
Many men, in particular, have decided that low-wage work will not improve their lives, in part because deep changes in American society have made it easier for them to live without working. These changes include the availability of federal disability benefits; the decline of marriage, which means fewer men provide for children; and the rise of the Internet, which has reduced the isolation of unemployment.

At the same time, it has become harder for men to find higher-paying jobs. Foreign competition and technological advances have eliminated many of the jobs in which high school graduates like Mr. Walsh once could earn $40 an hour, or more. The poll found that 85 percent of prime-age men without jobs do not have bachelor's degrees. And 34 percent said they had criminal records, making it hard to find any work.

The resulting absence of millions of potential workers has serious consequences not just for the men and their families but for the nation as a whole. A smaller work force is likely to lead to a slower-growing economy, and will leave a smaller share of the population to cover the cost of government, even as a larger share seeks help.'

Rate of Sexual Assault Shows Sharp Decline, Lower Among College-Age Women

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'One of the reasons that Rolling Stone's discredited story about a vicious gang rape at the University of Virginia (UVA) was initially believable is that many of us take it for granted that colleges are a hotbed of sexual assault.

As Sen. Kristen Gillibrand of New York has said, "Women are at a greater risk of sexual assault as soon as they step onto a college campus."

This is simply not true, according to the latest figures on sexual assaults released by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). Surveying women between the ages of 18 and 24, BJS found that "The rate of rape and sexual assault was 1.2 times higher for nonstudents (7.6 per 1,000) than for students (6.1 per 1,000)."...
...
Until the numbers decline to zero, there is no such thing as "good news" in data about rape and sexual assault. However, the trends as measured by BJS are going in the right direction. Between 1997 and 2013, the rate of rape or sexual assault against women dropped by about 50 percent. Again, too high, but going in the right direction. The decline in the rate of sexual assault is part of a widely observed decline in violent crime more generally, which is down about 60 percent over the past 15 to 20 years.'

Virginia lawmakers call for mandatory reporting of campus sexual assault

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Article here. If anything good comes of the now-impugned UVA rape article, it'll be this -- but only if it entails the removal of the handling in any way of such accusations by colleges, since they aren't competent to vet criminal allegations. Excerpt:

'Virginia lawmakers are calling for mandatory reporting of campus sexual assaults to law enforcement agencies after allegations of a gang rape at a University of Virginia fraternity house.

Rolling Stone magazine last month published a detailed account of brutal sexual violence on the campus and highlighted colleges and universities' often inadequate handling of cases that could be considered criminal assaults. Since then the university has been under increasing scrutiny.

Several Democrats and Republicans in the General Assembly will seek bipartisan consensus on passing a law in next year's session requiring reporting within a day or two of a reported assault.'

Men invoking anti-discrimination Title IX to fight sex assault charges

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'He was suspended for three semesters by the University of Colorado Boulder for “sexual misconduct,” even though police filed no charges against him and his accuser admitted she wanted to scare him when she made the complaint.

So John Doe, as he is known in court records, filed a lawsuit last week against the university saying his rights had been violated under Title IX, the 1972 law that forbids universities from discriminating on the basis of sex.

"CU Boulder has created an environment in which an accused male student is effectively denied fundamental due process by being prosecuted through the conduct process under the cloud of a presumption of guilt,” says the Nov. 21 lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Colorado. “Such a one-sided process deprived John Doe, as a male student, of education opportunities at CU Boulder on the basis of his sex.”'

Time to Call the Cops: Title IX Has Failed Campus Sexual Assault

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'A recent article in Rolling Stonehas related a horrifying account of an on-campus gang rape allegedly committed by University of Virginia students in 2012. Third-year student “Jackie” told her story of how, as a freshman, she was brutally raped for three hours by seven men in a darkened, upstairs room at a fraternity party after being lured there by “Drew,” an upperclassman. Jackie’s account of her subsequent run-ins with Drew only add to the chilling nature of the crime: Weeks and months after the incident, Drew acted as though nothing unusual had happened, even thanking her for the “great time” he’d had.

This is criminal, predatory, and sociopathic behavior. If Jackie’s account is accurate, the perpetrators deserve lengthy prison sentences. Yet they reportedly graduated from UVA and remain at large. Why? Did police and prosecutors drop the ball?

No. Nobody ever even called the police. UVA handled the case internally, which is entirely normal on today’s college campuses. For everyone’s sake, this must stop—and the sooner the better.

The cause and extent of the problem of sexual assault on campus is hotly debated. But there’s no dispute that the broken way colleges handle these cases is a result of the federal government’s current interpretation of Title IX, the civil rights law that bans sex discrimination in federally funded educational programs (including nearly all colleges, public or private). Regulations from the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights encourage schools to allow victims to decide how and whether to go to police, while demanding that schools conduct what amount to rape trials in campus kangaroo courts, even if the crime is never reported to law enforcement. This has proved to be a mistake.'

Experts Denounce CDC's 'Blind Promotion' of Circumcision in Proposed Federal Regulations

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'Last Tuesday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released its proposed guidelines on male circumcision for public comment. The new federal guidelines would recommend male circumcision as a healthy choice that doctors should offer for parents to make for their sons and for teenagers and adults to consider. The CDC background report claims that circumcision has been shown to prevent HIV, HPV and other infections. The new CDC report mimics the 2012 American Academy of Pediatrics Circumcision Policy Statement which drew widespread criticism for its claim that circumcision benefits outweigh the risks.

IntactNews asked the CDC for comment about the risks for an average American male in acquiring HIV. "It's hard to establish one, single figure for risk of HIV acquisition by a heterosexual male," the CDC responded in an email to IntactNews today, saying the risks are not well documented.

One study estimates the chance of an American male acquiring HIV through a single unprotected sex act with a known HIV+ female partner is less than 0.04%. That adds up to a 6% risk per year, with an estimated total of 620 new HIV infections per year for white, heterosexual males with known HIV+ or high-risk female partners.

What these numbers show is that the average American man has a comparably low risk of getting HIV through unprotected sex. In fact, the number of average American men getting infected with HIV per year is so low that the CDC does not have data on this demographic.'

George Will speech set to go ahead despite protests to Michigan State trustees

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'Despite the furor that's swept campus in the last week, it appears Washington Post columnist George Will won't be disinvited from speaking at Michigan State University graduation ceremonies on Saturday.
george-will-2.jpgGeorge WillCourtesy of MSU

That was the message sent by university President Lou Anna K. Simon in an interview following Friday's meeting of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees.

Simon repeated the university's talking point that Will's view on sexual assault — made infamous in June 6 column where he wrote reports of sexual assault on campus make "victimhood a coveted status that confers privileges" — is not condoned by the university. However, she believes Will should be allowed to speak.'

"... even a man remains innocent until proven guilty."

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'In the digital age, when accusations go viral without having been checked and passed on by skeptical editors (often because there are no editors), innocents can be grievously damaged. You could ask the brothers at Phi Kappa Psi, erroneously identified as the rapists of Jackie at the University of Virginia. Or you could ask the real Mr. Barry, today a father with a wife and a young family. He tried for more than two months to get Random House to clear his name and finally got their attention by hiring a lawyer of his own.
...
In the television episode of “The Newsroom,” the reporter cites “journalistic ethics,” and feminists watching it decried “journalistic ethics” as an oxymoron. Given the recent performance of Rolling Stone, they have a point. But in real life, *even a man remains innocent until proven guilty*. “The Newsroom” episode is smart and clever and offers the natural sympathy for a rape victim, but it also depicts the raw destructive power of public accusation without proof. Rolling Stone and Random House are learning that indifference and sloppiness can be expensive.'

Hatred of men gave rise to UVA rape story

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'Feminists are distraught now that Rolling Stone has retracted the sensational University of Virginia rape story published last month. Many are continuing to defend “Jackie,” the UVA student whose tale of a horrific gang rape was found to contain numerous holes.

Jessica Valenti, columnist for London’s Guardian newspaper, wrote: “I choose to believe Jackie. I lose nothing by doing so, even if I’m later proven wrong.”

Liberal blogger Melissa McEwan tweeted: “I can’t state this more emphatically: If Jackie’s story is partially or wholly untrue, it doesn’t validate the reasons for disbelieving her.”

Conservative icon Phyllis Schlafly believes feminists are so vehemently defending Jackie and her partially discredited allegations because they don’t want to lose out on an anti-male narrative.

“The reason they bought into the story and didn’t have any suspicions about the flakiness of it is antagonism toward men in general,” Schlafly said. “Their cry is they want to abolish the patriarchy, and anything that hurts men is something that pleases the feminists.”
...
There isn’t any rape culture,” she said. “There’s nothing ‘culture’ about rape. Rape is a crime and ought to be punished. But people who make false accusations about a dangerous crime like that also ought to be punished, and I hope everybody connected with this false story will suffer the consequences.”

Schlafly, whose recently published book “Who Killed the American Family?” came out just days before she turned 90, sees a national media landscape dominated by feminists and those who are afraid to anger the feminists.

“They really are a vicious group,” she said. “They don’t like men, and they want anything to discredit and destroy men. I think it’s very helpful that the [UVA rape] story has been exposed as a fraud, and anybody who heard it in the first place should have suspected it was a fraud.”'

Professors as judges

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'THE uproar about sexual assaults on American college campuses is growing louder. Barack Obama has called them “an affront to our basic humanity”. Several universities—including Johns Hopkins, San Diego State, Emory, MIT, Clemson and the University of Virginia—have shut down or suspended parties at their fraternities in recent months. This week Wesleyan University in Connecticut banned a fraternity from holding social events for a year following two allegations of assaults at booze-fuelled revels. Meanwhile, 90 schools in 35 states are under investigation by the federal Department of Education for mishandling cases of sexual violence.

Rape and sexual assault in America have declined sharply since the mid-1990s, to 1.1 per 1,000 women per year (see chart). And students are no more likely to be assaulted than non-students of the same age, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (though its numbers are somewhat out of date). Yet activists insist that American campuses—and especially fraternities—nurture a “rape culture”.'

It’s Women Who Suffer When We Don’t Ask Question

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'In a piece posted just two days before the story came undone, New York’s Kat Stoeffel not only deplored the resistance to “taking a traumatized young woman at her word” but argued that even if Jackie’s harrowing tale was made up or exaggerated, it was problematic to debunk it. In Stoeffel’s view, the benefits of believing the story—“forcing reform at UVA, encouraging other women to come forward”—outweighed any possible negatives, since no specific individuals had been accused and no innocents’ lives could be ruined.

“To what end are we scrutinizing?” wondered Stoeffel—a startling question for a journalist to ask. The answer is simple: Because journalism is about facts and truth-telling. To defend a possible lie that may have social utility is not journalism but propaganda.
...
Commentators across the political spectrum have expressed concern that Rolling Stone’s sloppy journalism will damage what Bloomberg View columnist Megan McArdle calls “the righteous fight for rape victims.” But despite its righteous goals, the crusade against rape has leaned too far toward promoting the dangerous idea that accusation equals guilt and that to doubt an accuser’s word is heresy. Finding the balance between supporting victims and preserving the presumption of innocence is a difficult line to walk. Perhaps the lessons of the UVA story will help steer the way toward such a balance.'

Study Challenges Notion That Risk of Sexual Assault Is Greater At College

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'A study of sexual assault released by the federal government on Thursday challenges conventional wisdom about the heightened danger on college campuses, finding that women there are less likely than nonstudents to be victims. College women are also less likely, the study found, to report the incidents to the police.

The rate of rape and other sexual assault over the past two decades was 1.2 times higher for nonstudents of college age than for students, according to the study, by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. It showed an average of 7.6 cases per 1,000 nonstudents, compared with 6.1 per 1,000 college women. For the most recent year, 2013, those rates were almost identical, according to the study, which focuses on women ages 18 to 24.

The incidence of rape and other sexual assault has declined for college students, to 4.4 per 1,000 in 2013 from 9.2 per 1,000 in 1997. The researchers who conducted the study, however, said that the decline was not statistically significant.

...

Sen. Kirsten E. Gillibrand, a Democrat from New York, introduced a bill last summer aimed at protecting college women, the Campus Accountability and Safety Act. "We should never accept the fact that women are at a greater risk of sexual assault as soon as they step onto a college campus," she said. "But today they are."

"It is simply unacceptable," Ms. Gillibrand added, that colleges "have become havens for rape and sexual assault."

The senator's office did not return telephone calls on Thursday requesting a comment on the new study. ...'

One-in-One-Thousand-Eight-Hundred-Seventy-Seven

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From 2011, but highly bookmark-able. Send this to anyone who throws the thoroughly-debunked (but not acknowledged as such by POTUS, et al.) 1-in-4 statistic at you. Excerpt:

'You can not have an article on sexual assault in college, of course, without a solemn invocation of that infamous, oft-repeated, almost-as-oft-debunked One-in-Fourstatistic. The Trib does not disappoint:

The National Sexual Violence Research Center in Enola, northwest of Harrisburg, estimates 20 percent to 25 percent of women are victims of forced sex during their time in college.

But where the Trib, like everyone else who uncritically accepts this uncritical notion, does disappoint is in its failure to acknowledge that the numbers do not add up. And, in fact, that they do not even come close.

As a supplement to that same article, the Trib published a Campus Safety sidebar that provided a list of reported sexual assault offenses for eight local colleges over the past three years. All told, there were 65.

65. At 8 colleges. Among tens of thousands of female students. Over 3 years.

That's a long way from 1-in-4. And thus a complete repudiation of the now-boilerplate statistic claimed in the article.

Those numbers, however, only represent reported assaults that occurred in student housing. Surely the numbers would be much higher, and much more alarming, once you counted sexual assaults that occurred elsewhere on campus and in the community at large. Surely that would get us much closer to the canonical 1-in-4 wisdom.

I decided to test that theory by examining the sexual assault statistics at Pittsburgh's three largest residential universities: the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, and Duquesne University.
...
At the University of Pittsburgh, there are roughly 14,800 female students. If their chances of being sexually assaulted are 1-in-4, there should be about 3,700 sexual assaults each year. In 2009, the most recent year for which full statistics are available, Pitt students reported 4.'

The UVA Story Unravels: Feminist Agitprop and Rape-Hoax Denialism

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'The uncritical rush to embrace of Rolling Stone story attests to the toxic climate created by this crusade. Erdely's article should have quickly set off alarm bells (mine went off on the second reading). The preplanned initiation-ritual gang rape in which "Clockwork Orange"-level ultraviolence meets "Silence of the Lambs" ("Grab its motherf-----g leg," yells one of the men); the reaction of the victim's friends who see her disheveled and bloodied yet talk her out of going to the police or to the hospital because being "the girl who cried rape" would carry a social stigma; the nonchalance of the frat boy who casually chats her up shortly after engineering the attack—it all seems highly implausible, reading more like a rape-culture morality tale than a factual account. And that's not even to mention the fact that Jackie supposedly endured three hours of rape while lying on sharp shards of glass from a smashed coffee table; or that later, when she had become an anti-rape activist on campus, a man supposedly threw a beer bottle at her as she walked past a bar and it broke on the side of her face but left only a bruise.
...
Even if people were initially swept up in the story's emotion and in Erdely's dramatic narration, their critical faculties should have kicked back in once Bradley and other skeptics such as began to raise uncomfortable questions—and feminists such as Slate's Hanna Rosin and Allison Benedikt began to voice concern about Erdely's shoddy reporting. Instead, the New York Times tried to circle the wagons, finding a couple of journalism professors who were willing to defending Rolling Stone's methods. And the feminist media set about shooting the messenger. On Twitter, Amanda Marcotte blasted "rape apologists" attempting to "derail" the conversation with their talk of a hoax at UVA and asserted that Erdely's story would have been attacked no matter how thorough a job she had done. (She even not-so-subtly insinuated that the "rape denialist movement" is driven by men who are themselves rapists.) The same themes were echoed in a rant by Katie McDonough in Salon, who grudgingly acknowledged that Erdely's article was flawed but still denounced the criticism as "rape denial" and expressed resentment at "being expected to treat every person who says hey no fair when a survivor speaks or a damning report is published as if these are all serious and credible concerns." On a slightly more moderate note, New York's Kate Stoeffel fretted that all the questioning feels like "presumed innocence is a privilege reserved for purported rapists and not their purported victims" and asked, "To what end are we scrutinizing?"

That was before the Post debunked the story and Rolling Stone disowned it. And after that? Well, there's this tweet from Marcotte: "Interesting how rape apologists think that if they can 'discredit' one rape story, that means no other rape stories can be true, either." Needless to say, she does not give an example of a single person who believes that rape never happens.
...
Yes, rape happens—on campuses and elsewhere. Methodologically sound surveys by the Bureau of Justice Statistics have found that from 1995 to 2002, an average of about six per 1,000 female college students a year became victims of sexual assault. Assuming that a woman's risk of being assaulted is the same in every year of college, that means two to three percent of female students become victims over the course of their school years. That's nothing to be dismissive about. But it is hardly an epidemic, or a pervasive "culture of rape."

Let us by all means have victim advocacy—fact-based, and capable of supporting women or men who report sexual assaults without trying to destroy the presumption of innocence. But let's say no to the witch-hunts. If the UVA debacle brings back some sanity on the subject of rape, the hoax will have actually served a good cause—just not the one its promoters intended.'

Petition: Grant my innocent husband a new trial

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More from the guilty-even-when-proven-innocent files. Petition here. Excerpt:

'In 2008 we adopted 5 adorable siblings and were finally able to add four girls and a boy to our family of two biological boys. We did our best to blend our children into a unit, but in late 2010, our world fell apart. Our oldest daughter ran away and the second oldest, upset at being left behind, made allegations of abuse against my husband. He was convicted of two counts of child molestation in December of 2011.

Six months later, our daughter told her caseworker that she had lied about the abuse. Finally, in Spring of 2013 she sent letters and testified at a hearing that she had perjured herself. Her caseworker also testified under oath that her office had been aware of the false accusation for over a year and that they were confident that there had been no abuse. Still, they did nothing. Scott's request for a new trial was denied on the basis that our daughter had not been charged with perjury therefore the judge could not award a new trial.

My husband has missed so many important moments in our children's lives; this is what hurts him the most. Our children are his world! Our family has been devastated both emotionally and financially. If Scott is not released soon, I'm not sure we will be able to keep our home of 17 years. Justice is not being served if a mistake and technicalities can keep an innocent man in jail. Tell Augusta Area District Attorney Ashley Wright to do what's right and grant a new trial.'

"Proved at last: Men really are idiots"

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'Finally! A scientific explanation for Johnny Knoxville — he of “Jackass” fame — and the fans who keep him at his dangerous and moronic antics: Male Idiot Theory.

New research has rigorously tested Male Idiot Theory, which posits that, well, men are idiots and are driven to take ridiculous risks despite the clear prospects for self-harm, and for no defensible reason. Newly published by the venerable British Medical Journal (in its annual BMJ Christmas issue), the landmark study has shown that Male Idiot Theory holds up under strictly scientific scrutiny.

While the latest research does confirm that males can be idiots, it fails to shed light on a larger mystery that has preoccupied this correspondent since girlhood, growing up in a household with six brothers: How did these idiots ever convince the non-idiot gender that they were somehow superior (and worthy of earning close to 30% more, on average, in the United States)?'

Related: Male Idiot Theory: Men Are Idiots, According To Women

Singer Lenny Kravitz Spews Sexism: 'Women Should Be Running the World'

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'Musician Lenny Kravitz *[link added]* is being honored for saying something remarkably sexist in an interview. “I personally think women should be running the world...I believe women are so much more sensible, have so much better intuition, and ultimately are stronger.”

Glamour.com raved: “And our favourite celebrity of the day is... Lenny Kravitz! Why? Because he recognises how wonderful us women are. That's right - Lenny Kravitz thinks women should be running the world because they are stronger and more sensible than men.”

This could be known as “pulling a Ted Turner.” But like Ted, this is something Kravitz can say without really acknowledging his failure to have a successful marriage or relationship with a woman. ...
...
Before this outbreak of male-bashing sexism, these two have a gushy discussion about how glorious that radical singer Harry Belafonte still is.

"KRAVITZ: He was amazing. I got the opportunity to hang out with him a bit.

LESSA: Isn’t he fantastic?

KRAVITZ: He’s beyond.

LESSA: He said, “Artists are the gatekeepers of truth, and they inspire us, and they keep history.”"

Yeah, They're gatekeepers of truth....like Lena Dunham. Should she run the world?'

George Will's speech at Michigan State graduation - report

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'A week of protests came to a head inGeorge Will's Saturday morning speech about Michigan State University's embodiment of what the role of government should be.

Will, a columnist with the Washington Post, spoke to graduates from the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, James Madison College and the colleges of Arts and Letters, Business, Education, Music and Social Science.

Will gave a history lesson about the Morrill Act of 1862, which made MSU the first land grant university, and the GI Bill of Rights from 1944, which allowed college enrollment to explode. He said the current toxic political climate in Washington D.C. can be solved if lawmakers look to the past, and places like Michigan State.

"We have had the knack before and we can have it again," Will said about government passing policies that help its citizens. "But, then, Michigan State Univeristy not only understands this, it embodies this."

Will's speech was a controversial topic of conversation in the week leading up to Saturday's ceremony.'

Feds target ‘sex stereotypes’ in US classrooms

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'The Obama administration is moving to outlaw public school curriculum establishing single-sex classrooms, where boys are taught about bikes and girls are quizzed about bracelets.

The Education Department issued guidance this month to clarify George W. Bush-era regulations that expanded the use of gender-specific education.

Groups have increasingly questioned the legality of education policies that have cropped up in the years since the 2006 rule was enacted.

“As we receive increasing inquiries about single-sex offerings we want to be clear what federal law allows: protect civil rights and promote achievement,” Catherine Lhamon, the department’s assistant secretary for civil rights, said in a news release.

Civil rights groups say they hope the guidance will put an end to unproven practices that have been creeping up across the country.

Lara Kaufmann, senior counsel and director of education policy for at-risk students with the National Women’s Law Center, criticized programs that she said rely on “sex stereotypes” and “unfounded theories” that boys and girls are so inherently different that they can’t learn the same way.

The different teaching techniques being employed in core classes at K-12 co-ed schools, advocates say, violate Title IX, a law passed in 1972 requiring general equality for boys and girls in every educational program that receives federal funding.'

How people almost always assume that men are the one at fault

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This episode of the Steve Wilkos show suggests how we all, including men, are inclined to believe what a woman says and become judgmental of the man. In this episode, the host does that mistake but thankfully apologizes later. It's the story of a cheating wife who sleeps around while her husband is working hard, which also brings me to think: shouldn't men today have the right to know if they are raising their own biological children?

UK: Where is equal treatment for male MPs?

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'No feminist can be satisfied with the Pacetti and Andrews affairs. In the face of the demand by the feminist movement for absolute equality between men and women, these affairs tend to confirm the worst suspicions that male chauvinists hold.

Both men were politically blacklisted by the Liberal party and suffer the full glare of reputation- destroying publicity on the basis of accusations alone. The women levelling the accusations are kept from public view and maintain their party standing.
...
Neither woman is prepared to publicly come forward and level accusations, saying they are "too traumatized" and "fearful of being exposed." What was that business about being equal again?

Sexual assault is not a laughing matter. We are supposed to take every allegation seriously because men are physically stronger than women. Yet we are supposed to accept the shredding of the reputations of two men by anonymous accusers without any kind of due process, any serious investigation, and in the face of direct denials by the accused.

Some feminists may see a kind of victory in this, but it is a pyrrhic victory. Women who are serious about sexual assault should be demanding equal treatment — for men as well as women.'

Health experts debate merits of circumcision

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'The National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers of Michigan sponsored an event Sunday, titled “New Perspectives on Circumcision,” at the Michigan League in order to discuss the merits and pitfalls of the debated practice.

John Geisheker, executive director of the nonprofit Doctors Opposing Circumcision, and Robert Van Howe, professor and interim chair of Pediatrics at the Central Michigan University College of Medicine, spoke. The event addressed medical and ethical problems associated with circumcision, a surgical procedure that removes the foreskin around the tip of the penis most commonly performed on newborn males.

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Rackham student Andrew Kohler, member of the University’s chapter of the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers, said he believes that circumcision violates one of the most fundamental human rights.

“I think the ownership of one’s own body is one of the most fundamental human rights,” Kohler said. “Especially in the nonconsensual genital modification, it is a serious violation.”

Van Howe said in spite of the evidence against circumcision, the practice remains common in the U.S. possibly because people have difficulty admitting that they have been circumcised.

“People have to first admit that they have been harmed,” Van Howe said. “And that is very difficult for guys to do. We also know that circumcision interferes with men talking about their feelings, and that makes it worse for circumcised men.”

Norm Cohen, director of NOCIRC Michigan, said raising awareness about circumcision is important for the university students since they may have to decide circumcising their children in the future.

“It is very important to make the right choice,” Cohen said.'

Circumcision: “It’s a human rights issue”

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'A new recommendation from the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says the benefits of circumcision outweigh the risks. The procedure has been shown to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases, with little or no loss to sexual pleasure.

Dr. Avshalom Zoossmann-Diskin, a geneticist and director of Ben Shalem, tells host Ilene Prusher that some of the conclusions about health benefits in this recommendation are simply wrong. He believes that those in favor of circumcision for religious reasons are looking for medical justifications for a procedure about which they have already made up their minds. In addition, since 88 percent of white males in the US are circumcised, Dr. Zoossmann-Diskin believes that white males in the CDC are grasping at medical justifications for procedures that were done to them and that they are doing to their children.

“It’s a human rights issue,” he says, “You are not allowed to amputate healthy organs from unconsenting minors, even if you think it’s going to prevent some diseases.” For this reason, standard procedures such as tonsillectomies and appendectomies have been abolished for minors in the US, “so now it’s only the foreskin.” Similarly, there are no arguments for the removal of equivalent female tissue in order to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases, even though studies have shown this tissue to carry the same level of risk as the foreskin.'

"Father's Controversial Photo Shows Him 'Just Being a Dad'"

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'What does a night in the life of a dad look like? For 28-year-old Jon Arrigo, who posted a picture on Reddit last week entitled “Just being a dad,” it looks pretty good: Playing video games, snuggling with one daughter while getting his toenails painted by the other.
...
Responses to the photo were mixed. Some commenters noted that letting his daughter paint his nails demonstrated Arrigo’s willingness to have a little fun. “That’s awesome, no shame in making your kids happy, this warmed my heart up :)” wrote user Sasha_Fire. “I hope so much that if/when my [significant other] and I decide to have children he’s this awesome of a parent,” echoed Kmccain9.

But others questioned Arrigo’s choice to play video games instead of engaging with his kids. “This looks less like multitasking and much more like an amazing ability to ignore his kids,” writes Farren246. “I understand kids are infuriating at times but here it looks like they are being well behaved. Why not interact with them a little? The game will be there when they’re in bed,” says HyperactiveToast.'

Eight Campus Rape Hoaxes Eerily Like The UVA Rape Story

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'In a now-infamous Nov. 19 story in Rolling Stone, disgraced journalist Sabrina Rubin Erdely asserted that at least five members of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity gang-raped a freshman named Jackie at a frat house party, then left her in a bloodstained dress to exit via a conveniently vacant side staircase.

...

Whatever Erdely's motive, her discredited piece begs the question: Is it remotely true that American college administrators and college students are indifferent to the allegations of rape victims? What about the exponential growth of rape activism on campus? What about the routine occurrence of "take back the night" vigils?

Could this perceived indifference actually be warranted skepticism? In fact, the number of completely fraudulent rape allegations made by women on American college campuses is far from trivial.

With very little effort at all, The Daily Caller has found eight twisted, totally false and especially astonishing rape hoaxes proffered over the years by female college students.

In each case, the cruel hoaxes were initially accepted as true. In some cases, real lives were ruined.

Note the eerie similarities among these fake rape cases with the tale spun at the University of Virginia by Jackie and by Erdely, her willing Rolling Stone accomplice.'

Apology needed in UVa rape hoax scandal

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'The first thing President Teresa Sullivan of the University of Virginia needs to do in the wake of what now appears to be a faux rape scandal is to apologize to the victims – that is, to the members of Phi Kappa Psi, who have been vilified, forced to move off campus into motels, and suffered suspicions even from family members and close friends. That would be the human and moral response. That Sullivan will not do so is nearly as certain as the chance of her taking false accusations as a matter that needs university attention.

This is for two reasons. First, there is no public traction in calling for false accusations to be stopped. There is no PC-approved party line on the issue, so there is no mileage there. No one else would second her; there would be no faculty resolutions, no candlelight vigils held outside the chapel. A vendor would go broke stocking up on T-shirts with slogans like "Don't rush to judgment!" or "Stop accusing!" No sports team could don them before flashing lights.

...

President Sullivan will doubtless be advised to keep silent to maintain plausible deniability – to position herself on a detached peak from which she can proffer high-minded and critical advice about today's alleged rape crisis. The cultural mavens will applaud her, and she will appear blameless. She needed to compose and ironclad response, so she made it clear she is against rape and sexual assault. There will be nothing to criticize her for – she is innocent, except that she didn't wade down into the murky waters and join the rescue effort when her help was needed.'

"Read Joe Biden's Powerful Speech About Combating Violence Against Women"

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'"It's not only the culture of men in America we have to change, we have to change the culture of our daughters. My daughter, my sister, have been raised to understand that it is never, never, never, never, never, never, your fault. I got in trouble in the hearing, when I was doing this hearing 20 years ago, I said, 'If a woman got up stark naked, walked out of this room, and walked across to the Capital, she'd be arrested for indecent exposure. But no man, no man, would have a right to lay a hand upon her.' I got more hate mail than you can imagine. No man, no man, has a right, and no woman should ever question what did she do to deserve this?

And the second cultural change that has to take place is when no man in America, or the world, thinks that he ever has the right to raise a hand to a woman in anything other than self-defense. Never. Never, never, never. It's that simple. It's that absolute. It will still happen, but we have to end the ability to rationalize that I had some right, that was my woman, that was my wife. You never, ever, have the right.

Ladies and gentlemen, until the whole world accepts that no means no, or even more, that ONLY yes means yes. Only yes means yes. Ladies and gentlemen, I mean this when I say it, with your help, and your continued passion, we can actually change the cultures around the world, and continue to change our culture. Our civilization, the measure of our civility, depends on us doing a whole hell of a lot more. Thank you all, and may God bless you."'

Related: Joe Biden: "I'll Kill Your Son"

Americans push back against CDC recommendation on circumcision

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'In the first week of public comments on a federal proposal to encourage male circumcision in the U.S., most people are telling Uncle Sam to leave the foreskins alone.

“His body, his choice” and “Foreskin is not a birth defect” are among the hundreds of negative comments in the Federal Register against a proposed policy by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to advise that males of all ages be circumcised for health reasons.

The strongest objections were for infant circumcision, since it is a “human rights” violation for a male to permanently lose a piece of his body without his consent.

The CDC is wading into the controversy because a handful of studies from Africa have shown that the relative risk of a man acquiring HIV from an infected female partner was halved if the man was circumcised.'

The great campus rape hoax

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Americans have been living through an enormously sensationalized college rape hoax, but as the evidence accumulates it's becoming clear that the entire thing was just a bunch of media hype and political opportunism.

No, I'm not talking about the Rolling Stone's lurid and now-exploded fraternity gang-rape story. Whatever the truth behind that story, it's now clear that basically nothing that Rolling Stone reporter Sabrina Rubin Erdely told us happened, actually happened. But the hoax is much bigger than one overwrought and perhaps entirely fictional tale of campus goings-on.

For months we've been told that there's a burgeoning "epidemic" of rape on college campuses, that the system for dealing with campus rape is "broken" and that we need new federal legislation (of course!) to deal with this disaster. Before the Rolling Stone story imploded, Sens. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., and Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., were citing the Virginia gang rape as evidence of the problem, but now that the story has been exposed as bogus, they're telling us that, regardless of that isolated incident, there's still a huge campus rape problem that needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

And that's the real college rape hoax. Because the truth is that there's no epidemic outbreak of college rape. In fact, rape on college campuses is — like rape everywhere else in America — plummeting in frequency. And that 1-in-5 college rape number you keep hearing in the press? It's thoroughly bogus, too. (Even the authors of that studysay that "We don't think one in five is a nationally representative statistic," because it sampled only two schools.)'

U-Va. uproar about Rolling Stone story spawns debate over fairness to fraternities

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'The uproar about student safety at the University of Virginia in the weeks after Rolling Stone magazine published an incendiary article on an alleged fraternity gang rape has spawned an intense debate about the school's treatment of fraternal organizations.

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The leadership of the Sigma Chi International Fraternity, which has a chapter at U-Va. that dates to 1860, is saying the university is considering proposals to give police "unfettered access" to private fraternity houses and to require that chapters make alcohol-detecting breath-test devices available during parties.

In a letter to U-Va., the Sigma Chi leaders asserted their opposition to any police-access proposal that would violate members' constitutional protections.

In addition, requiring undergraduates "to assume the role of policing their friends with breathalyzers is an unnecessary elevation from the responsibilities they presently have when they consciously decide to invite other students into their homes for social gatherings," wrote Michael A. Greenberg, grand consul/international president of Sigma Chi, and Michael J. Church, executive director.'

Why did Mexican man interrupt Nobel ceremony?

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Story here. Boys are routinely killed in Afghanistan, and we ignore it. Malala wins a Nobel Prize for getting in the way of a bullet. And what will she do with her money? Open a school for girls. Meanwhile, the world still ignores the missing Mexican students -- because they are men. This guy stood up to the sexism. Excerpt:

'At a prize ceremony honoring peace, Adán Cortés says violence and injustice sent him rushing toward the stage.

In a matter of seconds, the 21-year-old Mexican student's face was seen around the world last week as he stood in front of Malala Yousafzai at the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo, Norway.

"Please Malala, Mexico," he repeated as he unfurled a Mexican flag on the stage at Oslo's City Hall, where the 17-year-old laureate was about to become the youngest person ever to receive the prestigious award.
...
"My motivation was to show solidarity with all the things that have happened in my country, ultimately, well, the 43 missing students, who are suspected to be dead and burned, that was my main motivation," he said. "I am tired of so many injustices that we have lived in Mexico, for decades."'

Father banned from seeing children and going home for 10 years

charlie · 15 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Many men suffer this to a lesser degree, but apparently this case was sufficiently bad to make the news. Excerpt:

'A father suffered a Kafkaesque injustice when he was thrown out of his home without warning and effectively barred from seeing his six children for five months, a High Court judge said yesterday.

After being banned from his street, the man was later jailed overnight and convicted of a crime for phoning his wife.

Mr Justice Jackson accused lawyers and courts of injustice due to ‘unproven allegations’.

The father, named only as Mr R, was barred from his home after his wife took out a non-molestation order.

He was also forbidden from contacting her except via her lawyers.

Such orders are designed to protect women from domestic violence.

But Mr Justice Jackson said the ban was granted ‘in proceedings of which [Mr R] was unaware’.

The hearing before a district judge on June 20 lasted no more than five minutes.'

U.S. Dept. of State: "U.S. Government Increases Focus on Gender-Sensitive Data"

Minuteman · 16 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'At today's Data2X event in New York City, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources Heather Higginbottom along with former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, jointly committed to Data2X's mission to promote gender-sensitive data. Deputy Secretary Higginbottom underscored the importance of gender-sensitive data for building an evidence base that will lead to more effective policy and development decisions. She also announced that, for the first time, the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief's (PEPFAR) newly redesigned PEPFAR Dashboards will now include data disaggregated by age and sex. This is part of the U.S. government's commitment to making the empowerment of women and girls a foundational goal of U.S. foreign policy.

Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) CEO Dana J. Hyde and U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Ambassador Deborah L. Birx, M.D., joined Deputy Secretary Higginbottom at the event and highlighted the U.S. government's commitment to advancing the status of women and girls through increased availability, accessibility, and use of gender-sensitive data.
...
Finally, MCC is working with PEPFAR and other partners to sponsor an open data challenge to incentivize the use of gender data to improve gender policy and practice, as well as to raise awareness of challenges that women and girls face around the world.'

Don’t Blame the Frats

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This year’s monster: Fraternities. As Gawker put it, “No fraternity, no gang rape.” As the Guardian said, “It’s time to talk about banning fraternities.” Bloomberg View decided: “On balance, most campuses would be better off without [them].”

To hear some tell it, fraternities are filled with gangs of leering, entitled deviants who have traded their individual morality for the opportunity to engage in a frenzy of wanton assault. They lie in wait, red plastic cups in hand, preying on defenseless young women. To read the commentary about sexual assault on campus, we’ve never encountered anything quite this bad. The victims are “everywoman”—young, bright-eyed ambitious female students. The evil-doers are made all the more insidious because they hide in plain sight—masquerading as sexually inexperienced 19 years olds.
...
Moral panics all follow a similar trend: There are controversies that speak to an emerging social tension—in this case, the changing set of expectations around connection and relationships between affluent young men and women. The media operates as an agent of moral indignation. Politicians thunder. Good data about the problem is slippery or non-existent—and never mind that. Our fear becomes the reason why we should be even more afraid. And so we grow more afraid. We blindly demonize a particular group—literature on moral panics refers to them as “folk devils”—whose capacity for harming the innocent seems limitless. Sometimes, laws are enacted. Sometimes, jail sentences are meted out. Most always, in the moment, it feels so right. And then comes the slow reckoning.'

Terrorist mass-murder in Pakistan leaves out critical detail

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Story here. As always, when boys/men die on a large scale, they're ID'd by their occupation or other status title/position. If these had been female students, there'd be immediate demands for invasion to stop the evil fiends (which may well cause more probs. than fixing) if not one in fact. Excerpt:

'By the time the hours-long siege at Army Public School and Degree College ended early Tuesday evening, at least 145 people -- 132 children, 10 school staff members and three soldiers -- were dead, military spokesman Gen. Asim Bajwa said. More than 100 were injured, many with gunshot wounds, according to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province Information Minister Mushtaq Ghani.

The death toll does not include the terrorists who attacked the school, bursting into an auditorium where a large number of students were taking an exam and gunning down many of them within minutes, Bajwa said.'

Author of political correctness parody targeted by campus feminists for harassment

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A political conservative and a practicing Muslim at the University of Michigan has become the victim of a campaign of harassment by university feminists who are upset at him for having written for a school newspaper a satirical article slamming political correctness and "trigger warnings."

The student, Omar Mahmood, wrote the op-ed titled "Do The Left Thing," a piece attacking the concept of "trigger warnings" and ridiculing the overly sensitive nature of minorities that see "white privilege" everywhere they look.

Mahmood's satire was written from the perspective of an aggrieved left-handed person who saw slights perpetrated against him by every right-handed person he met.
...
But that wasn't all that befell this Muslim student. In a continuing campaign of harassment, feminists vandalized the door of his off-campus apartment with vile graffiti. The door was also pelted with eggs. Mahmood has since suffered a constant stream of threats against his personal safety from the women who claimed they had felt "threatened."

The College Fix, the school's conservative-themed paper, proclaimed the graffiti a hate crime and, in its coverage, detailed some of the vile epithets scribbled against him. In the graffiti Mahmood was called a "dick," he was called "scum," and told to "shut the f**k up."

Security video of the incident shows that the vandalism was committed by four females dressed in hoodies to hide their identities.'

College President Draws Fire for Tweeting Picture With Bare-Chested ‘Hotties’

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Story here. If the genders were reversed... Excerpt:

'Faculty members at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania are a little peeved at their president, Marcia G. Welsh, for tweeting a picture of herself standing next to shirtless male students wearing Santa hats. Ms. Welsh was delivering holiday cookies to residence halls across campus, reports The Patriot-News, when she encountered the male students, who call themselves the “Hawthorn Hotties,” and took the photo.

Some faculty members have assailed Ms. Welsh for a lack of sensitivity. ”In this heightened era of appropriate sexual behavior on college campuses, faculty and administration cannot condone any kind of somewhat questionable behavior related to sexuality,” said Nancy VanArsdale, an English professor and head of the campus chapter of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties. “I’m sure President Welsh did not intend harm at all but I think the sensitivity could have been better displayed.”

Ms. Welsh did not pull any punches in her response to her critics, citing the charitable efforts of the “hotties,” among other things. “Our campus community is inspired by students who put forth a tremendous effort to raise funds for causes that are close to their hearts,” she said in an emailed statement toThe Patriot-News. ”The students who refer to themselves as the ‘Hawthorn Hotties’ were raising money for the American Cancer Society. To exploit the support of our students is not only an insult to them but a malicious disservice to the good work they do for our university and the community.”'

Student claims he was expelled from university for consensual sex

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A day after Rolling Stone published an article describing a brutal gang rape at a University of Virginia fraternity house, a former Washington and Lee student claims he was expelled for having consensual sex with another student who eight months later regretted the encounter and claimed rape.

The former W&L student has filed a federal lawsuit claiming the private Lexington university discriminated against him because he is a male, and because it wanted to avoid the negative public scrutiny that UVa was experiencing. Moreover, the student, identified as John Doe in the lawsuit, contends W&L's Title IX officer advocates to female students that "regret equals rape."

"W&L has created an environment where an accused male student is fundamentally denied due process by being prosecuted through the conduct process under a presumption of guilt. Such a one-sided process deprived Plaintiff, as a male student, of educational opportunities at W&L on the basis of his sex," John Doe claims in the lawsuit.'

Woman jailed only three years for illegal cosmetic procedures leading to death and hospitalizations

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Story here. Please keep in mind she was sentenced to only three years even though she killed someone with liquid rubber injections. Excerpt:

'A Texas border woman will spend three years in prison for injecting liquid rubber into at least 30 women seeking to enhance their buttocks. She made them believe it was Botox. Rather than enhance their looks, the rubber turned out to be a toxic chemical that sent several women to the hospital and killed one.

"Unfortunately the sentencing range on this charge only allows me to sentence you to up to three years," U.S. District Judge Micaela Alvarez told 39-year-old Elva Navarro during her sentencing hearing. "If I could sentence you to more time I would, unfortunately, I have to follow the law and this this case this is all I can give you."

Alvarez previously plead guilty to using adulterated products not approved by the FDA. Navarro remains under indictment in state court for practicing medicine without a license and for aggravated kidnapping for her role in the 2012 kidnapping of a college student. Navarro's attorney Terry Canales said during the hearing that his client was also looking at a murder charge in connection with the victim that died from the injections.'

No, we don't literally want to ban men. But 2014 was the year women got even

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Article here. Excerpt:

If women were mad, the women-haters were, if anything, madder. But as much as they might like to believe that "put men in a box and put the box in the ocean" is a threat, they never had anything to fear from misandrists. Women don't have the power to send all men to an island, or launch them into the sun, or even forcibly oppress them into giving a tiny bit of unearned ground in the name of equality. We won't beat men into unconsciousness and then say it's their fault. We probably won't even publish their information online. All we have is the power to say that we're angry and fed up, and to nod in recognition at the others who feel the same. That's what misandry is about: the power of recognizing shared anger. And that small amount of power was a bright spot in a cruel year.
...
What will 2015 bring for misandry? My hope is that, eventually, we'll drop it. Not because it hurts mens' feelings, or because I imagine some kind of gender-equity utopia is just around the corner and we'll all get to lay down our arms. You guys have too much work to do. But defining ourselves as misandrists means we are still defining ourselves relative to men, even when avowing that nobody needs 'em. I'm not interested in making men comfortable: men have been comfortable long enough, reclining happily on cushions that just happen to be made by (and from) women. I am, however, interested in making men irrelevant to my self-concept as a woman. I'd rather identify as something that celebrates the togetherness we've found under the "#KillAllMen" banner. Maybe a witch.

Realistically, though, the main 2015 application of the term "misandry" will probably be dudes making "ballbuster" jokes about Hillary Clinton. Ban men.'

Officials: Boko Haram kidnaps 185 women and children, kills 32 people

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Story here. In case your wondering those 32 'people' were men. Excerpt:

'Boko Haram insurgents kidnapped at least 185 women and children, and killed 32 people in a raid in northeastern Nigeria this week, local officials and residents said.

Gunmen in pickup trucks attacked the village of Gumsuri, just north of Chibok, on Sunday, shooting down men before herding women and children together.

"They gathered the women and children and took them away in trucks after burning most of the village with petrol bombs," a local government official said on condition anonymity for fear of reprisal."
...
Boko Haram has terrorized northern Nigeria regularly since 2009, attacking police, schools, churches and civilians, and bombing government buildings.

This month, at least one female Boko Haram suicide bomber killed five people in Maiduguri. Last month, suicide bombings killed nearly 180 people. More than half of the victims died in an attack on a mosque that many suspect Boko Haram was behind.

The group has targeted mainstream Islam, saying that it does not represent the interests of Nigeria's 80 million Muslims and that it perverts Islam.

In April, Boko Haram militants drew international condemnation when they kidnapped more than 200 schoolgirls, many of whom they later said they sold into slavery.

At least 5,000 people have died at Boko Haram's hands, according to a U.S. Congressional Research Service report, making it one of the world's deadliest terrorist organizations.'

Gillibrand: ‘Yes Means Yes’ Should Go Nationwide

Matt · 18 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Really, she's completely nuts. And if she and her extremist ideologues pals are successful at doing this nutsery on college campuses nationwide, off-campus society is their next target. No man will be safe. A mere accusation will be as good as a rape conviction. Excerpt:

'New York Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, one of the most prominent lawmakers fighting campus sexual assault on Capitol Hill, said Monday that affirmative consent laws should be made the standard nationwide.

Gillibrand was speaking as part of an MSNBC-hosted panel event on sexual assault at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, which is a part of the State University of New York (SUNY) system. During the panel, she praised SUNY’s recent adoption of affirmative consent at the urging of Governor Andrew Cuomo, and was asked whether she thought the standard could potentially be implemented at the national level.

“I definitely have been studying it and looking at it,” she said, according to by [sic] Capital New York. “I think there’s something there, and I think that is where our debate needs to go.”

Affirmative consent, often known as “only yes means yes,” is a standard that holds that an individual commits sexual assault if he or she does not receive explicit prior consent for each sexual act committed with another person. This standard is an alternative to the “no means no” standard that prevails in criminal law, where a rape or sexual assault only occurs if a person explicitly refuses their consent, or is incapacitated and unable to either grant or refuse consent.'

What's epidemic on college campuses? Shallow thinking

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Article here. To jump the paywall, Google the first sentence from the excerpt and click on the link that leads to the article in the Chicago Tribune. Excerpt:

'Remember in 1986, when Newsweek supposedly showed that a 40-year-old single woman was "more likely to be killed by a terrorist" than to ever get married? It turned out to be false, the remark of a Newsweek correspondent, who'd meant it merely as a funny aside. And the studies on which it was presumably based? Flawed.

Nonetheless, until the magazine issued an official retraction 20 years later, that factoid occupied the murky space between conventional wisdom and urban myth. That is to say, it felt depressingly true and totally unbelievable — with an emphasis on felt. Regardless of the truth of the situation, the media and other parties cried wolf, which proved effective in getting people's attention. After all, the real figure — it turns out that single women older than 40 have about a 40 percent chance of marrying — didn't have quite the same ring to it.

Today, another statistic is bandied about with similar abandon, and it concerns something much more serious than securing a husband. The phrase "1 in 5 college women will be sexually assaulted" over the course of their university enrollment has become absorbed into the lingua franca of gender politics and anti-rape advocacy. Even President Barack Obama, who established a campus sexual assault prevention task force, rattles it off.

The problem is that there are about 12 million students currently enrolled in U.S. colleges, and the study that gave rise to that figure, the Campus Sexual Assault Study, published in 2007, sampled just under 5,500 of them from just two schools. In a Dec. 7 articlethat took an exhaustive look at this data, Slate's Emily Yoffe quotes the study's lead author, who insists that his findings do not amount to a nationally representative sample. Yoffe also points out that the survey's definition of sexual assault covered everything from nonconsensual intercourse to "forced kissing," "fondling" and "rubbing up against you in a sexual way, even if it is over your clothes."'

Watch A Woman Confront 'Manspreaders' On The Subway

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Story here. Excerpt:

'"Are you familiar with the term manspreading?"

Despite measures taken to raise awareness of "men taking up too much space on the subway," there are still many who aren't aware that "manspreading" is even a term. In their new video "Manspreading," the dedicated journalists at Gothamist confront men on New York City subways to ask if they've ever heard of "manspreading" and if they realize they're doing it. The results were a bit awkward.

Most of the men had no idea what manspreading was but, hearteningly, all were open to fixing it once they were educated on the phenomenon.

To conclude their deep-dive into manspreading, Gothamist clarified the amount of lounging that's unacceptable when riding a subway: "If there's space enough for a litter of puppies or a celebrity selfie group shot, you are taking up too much space. Pull it in."

UVA official blasts Rolling Stone over rape article

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'A top University of Virginia official blasted Rolling Stone's "false portrayal" of the university in a public meeting Friday, saying the university had fallen victim to "drive-by journalism" that showed "callous indifference to the truth."

Rector George Keith Martin, speaking at a special Board of Visitors meeting, said of the story of an alleged gang rape and the university's reported indifference to it that "innocent people have been hurt, some of them even devastated," and that "our great university's character has been tarnished."

The fierce tone contrasted starkly with the comments made by University of Virginia president Teresa Sullivan on Dec. 5, after questions about some of the allegations as reported were raised by *The Washington Post*. She said then that "While all of us who care about the University of Virginia are upset by the *Rolling Stone* story, I write now with a different message. Over the past two weeks, our community has been more focused than ever on one of the most difficult and critical issues facing higher education today: sexual violence on college campuses. Today's news must not alter this focus. Here at U.Va., the safety of our students must continue to be our top priority, for all students, and especially for survivors of sexual assault."'

Obama Just Made History by Ignoring Men for an Entire Press Conference

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'President Barack Obama's annual end-of-year press conferences are usually relatively laid-back affairs, with the president and the press corps alike eager to get a start to the holiday break.

But on Friday, as the president took questions from reporters before setting off for vacation in Hawaii, he electrified the Twittersphere by doing something entirely unexpected and unprecedented: He only took questions from women.

After a brief comment on the economy, Obama fielded queries on the Sony cyber attacks, Cuba and more from eight women — and no men:

The deliberate decision to call on only female reporters was a subtle gesture but a big deal. While there is no shortage of talented women in political journalism, like in many other sectors they're often crowded out of highly ranked and conspicuous positions due to individual and institutional prejudice.
...
Small flourishes like Obama's focus on women during a press conference aren't going to end sexism in news, but over time the accumulation of these acts can seep into the way people view the world. Let's hope he does it again.'

UK: Women Today are Thriving – It's Men We Should Be Worried About

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'Prospects for girls and women couldn't be better. Yet feminists seem to be getting louder, more demanding and younger and younger – while, for boys, the picture is bleak. Groups like UK Feminista are running brainwashing workshops for Girl Guides and in schools, encouraging schoolchildren to set up feminist clubs and are dispersing propaganda that engenders hostility towards boys and whips up undue fear and resentment in girls.

The End Violence Against Women and Everyday Sexism Project Coalition, meanwhile, have amassed tens of thousands of signatures to get a frighteningly all-purpose sounding feminist to-do-list on the school curriculum, in the form of "sexual consent, healthy and respectful relationships, gender stereotypes and online pornography".

This will in no way be a disinterested and educational curriculum: it's set up to teach a very specific third-wave feminist worldview; one which essentially takes the adage, "the customer is always right," and replaces it with, "the girl is always right." Girls are being mobilised to call for censorship, suspicion and policing of private relationships and interactions.

Girls are being told to closely monitor each word in every verbal exchange and every article they read to detect traces of sexism so they can howl and scream and stamp their feet. Everyday Sexism, one of the groups with access to the nation's children, is awash with this sort of professional offence-taking, where women foam at the mouth for the slightest of perceived infractions, such as advising women how to be safer.'

White Heat? Another Liberal Bashes Caucasian Males

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'Now Mr. Horrigan is certainly entitled to his opinion, and the PD is his home, so they will publish his essay. This piece, however, is important because it shows the liberal mind at work. Would the St. Louis Post-Dispatchhave dared to publish an Op-Ed in which their top editorial writer mocked, ridiculed, and insulted all young black men? Would they have allowed Horrigan a platform to do the same to middle aged white women? Would they have consented to a piece that castigated any black, Hispanic, or Asian women? What about unemployed, gay pro football defensive ends? Of course not, and it goes without saying that this would never be permitted! White men, however, are not on the Left's protected species list, and can be slandered, insulted, and defamed to an editorial writer's hearts content.

Now, let us see whether Mr. Horrigan possesses the courage of his convictions. After all, he is an Old White Guy. He has had it too good for too long. He has had a comfortable sinecure at a major metropolitan daily newspaper for lo, these many years. Will he realize that he's had it too good, and set the world an example by graciously stepping aside, so that a deserving woman or a certified minority can take his job? The answer is almost certainly a resounding "no". Old White Men may carp and moan about their lot in life, and chafe at the implication that they are the nation's biggest problem. We need other Old White Men, at the Post-Dispatch, to keep smugly telling the "truth".'

UK: Jeremy Hunt: Women make better leaders

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'Women make better leaders, the Health Secretary has said, as senior officials call for more “oestrogen to dilute the testosterone” in NHS boardrooms.

Jeremy Hunt said more women should be promoted to senior positions to help bring an end to a “macho and bullying” culture in too many parts of the NHS.

He made the comments as Dame Sally Davies, England’s Chief Medical Officer (CMO), said too many senior women became “preening queen bees” who did not help other women to get on.

Dame Sally - the country’s first female CMO - said too many successful women enjoyed being the only female in their circle so “pulled the ladder up” from beneath them.

At a London summit women in medicine, the Health Secretary suggested that the NHS should encourage more women into senior positions, because they were frequently better than men at the job.

Mr Hunt said: “There is a lot of evidence that women are often better leaders. We need to think hard about why that is.'

College president accused of sexism after posing with male students raising money for charity

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'Faculty at East Stroudsburg University are questioning whether the school is too cavalier about sexual assaults and has a double standard when it comes to gender after the university's president tweeted a photo of herself with scantily clad male students who were raising money for charity.

Last week, President Marcia Welsh tweeted a photo herself with 10 shirtless students from her official account. The students are all part of the Hawthorn Hotties—an informal male student group that raises money for charity by performing as exotic dances and reenacting scenes from the popular film "Magic Mike."
...
"Do you think a male university president who had even the tiniest sense of self-preservation would post a selfie of himself with a group of half-clad female students calling themselves the 'premiere exotic dancing group' on campus?" Kevin Mahoney, the author of the post, wrote.
...
"In this heightened era of appropriate sexual behavior on college campuses, faculty and administration cannot condone any kind of somewhat questionable behavior related to sexuality," Nancy VanArsdale, an English professor at ESU and president of the school's Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties (APSCUF) chapter, told The Patriot-News.'

At The End Of The Day, Feminism Is A War On Due Process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now that the University of Virginia “rape” case has been exposed as yet another hoax, it is time to start looking at other feminist-generated hysterias, which are just as dishonest and dangerous. This case did not arise out of the blue, nor is it disconnected from other similar accusations of criminality perpetrated by radical ideologues. Rather, it is part of a pattern of ideologically driven witch hunts designed to criminalize innocent people and “empower” feminist operatives. The common factor behind all of them is a radical sexual political ideology driven – as all ideologies are – by resentment and the lust for power.

This is hardly the first time that false rape claims created a media sensation: the Tawana Brawley, Kobe Bryant, the Duke University lacrosse players. And when the charges are not proven, commentators of both left and right conjure up various excuses and blame various scapegoats: right-wing political conspiracies, left-wing reverse racism, corrupt prosecutors. No one dares to point the finger at the common perpetrator behind all these miscarriages of justice: a feminist activism industry aimed at overturning historic legal norms.'

SAVE Commends Senators Whitehouse and Grassley for Taking Lead to End ‘Second-Class Justice’ in Campus Sexual Assault Cases

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'Stop Abusive and Violent Environments applauds Senators Sheldon Whitehouse and Chuck Grassley for taking the initiative to strengthen the involvement of criminal justice authorities in campus sexual assault cases. The senators issued the statements during a December 9 hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee that addressed the Roles and Responsibilities of Law Enforcement in Campus Sexual Assault: http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/meetings/campus-sexual-assault-the-roles-and-responsibilities-of-law-enforcement

In his prepared statement, Sen. Whitehouse noted,

“As a former United States Attorney and Attorney General for my state, I am concerned that law enforcement is being marginalized when it comes to the crime of campus sexual assault. I am concerned that the specter of flawed law enforcement overshadows the harm of marginalized law enforcement.”

Echoing a similar sentiment, Sen. Grassley commented,

“It’s high time to make sure that a crime is a crime wherever it is committed and treated the same way. And when it is treated universally the same way we will have less rape on campuses.”'

Breaking down the myths about male bisexuality

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'The Bisexual Resource Center and most bisexual people would agree that there is a great deal of misinformation about bisexual people, and particularly about bisexual men. This is due, in part, to a shortage of opportunities to hear bisexual people speak for themselves.

Now a new book, co-edited by Robyn Ochs and H.Sharif Williams, makes a significant contribution to the literature available about and by bisexual men and expands our understanding of how bisexuality is lived by men across race, class, gender, age and nationality.

Recognize – The Voices of Bisexual Men: an anthology is a collection of short fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, personal narratives, critical essays and visual art that features the voices and stories of 61 cisgender and transgender bisexual, pansexual, polysexual and fluid men from the United States, Canada, Chile, India, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Ranging in age from 20 to 77, the writers grapple with issues including coming out, finding support and/or community, love and relationships, the interactions between their sexual identities and other identities.'

Related:

1. This BuzzFeed Video Perfectly Explains Problems Bisexual Guys Face
2. This Week in Sex: Bisexual Men Have Unique Needs, Casual Sex Is Good for Some, Later Childbirth Linked to Longer Life

Students demand law profs. eliminate traumatic, 'triggering' rape law lessons

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'Law school students are demanding professors eliminate rape law from the curriculum because it's too traumatic, according to one Harvard Law professor.

Professor Jeannie Suk penned an op-ed in The New Yorker decrying students' hesitancy to approach the subject, defending the nature of the topic and why it is so important to educate America's next generation of lawyers on how to address sexual violence in the courtroom.

"[M]y experience at Harvard over the past couple of years tells me that the environment for teaching rape law and other subjects involving gender and violence is changing," Suk wrote. "Students seem more anxious about classroom discussion, and about approaching the law of sexual violence in particular, than they have ever been in my eight years as a law professor.

"Student organizations representing women's interests now routinely advise students that they should not feel pressured to attend or participate in class sessions that focus on the law of sexual violence, and which might therefore be traumatic."

Suk says that these same interest groups encourage professors to warn students that the rape law unit "might 'trigger' traumatic memories." Students have also requested that any questions relating to rape law on exams be removed so as to not negatively affect their performance. One professor Suk knows was allegedly asked by a student to "not use the word 'violate' in class class—as in 'Does this conduct violate the law?'—because the word was triggering."'

Defining nearly all sex as rape

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'California's "yes means yes" law turns the idea of sexual consent upside down. Suddenly, nearly all sex is rape, unless no person involved reports it as such.

Consent, under the California law that is spreading to other American universities, is required to be "ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at any time." The law also states that "a lack of protest or resistance does not mean consent, nor does silence mean consent." Also, previous sexual activity "should never by itself be assumed to be an indicator of consent."

The law also states that incapacitation due to drugs or alcohol is considered nonconsensual. In theory, one could imagine that meaning black-out drunk or visibly not in control of one's actions. But in practice, even having one or two drinks hours before sexual activity can constitute "too drunk to consent."

By this definition, the only sex that isn't rape is sex where consent can be proved beyond a shadow of a doubt for every stage of the activity. Sure, that sounds reasonable, but the fact that one of the bill's sponsors doesn't know how anyone could prove consent tells you a lot about the bill.'

"One in five Rolling Stone writers are morons"

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'Not only did the UVA gang rape turn out to be a hoax, but then President Obama's own Department of Justice completed a six-year study on college rape, and it turns out that instead of 1-in-5 college coeds being raped, the figure is 0.03-in-5.

Less than 1 percent of college students are the victim of a sexual assault — 0.6 percent to be exact — not to be confused with the 20 percent, or "one in five," claimed by feminists and President Obama.

But neither the DOJ report, nor the UVA rape hoax have dissuaded Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand and Claire McCaskill from pushing their idea that the nation is in the grip of a college rape epidemic.

This week, Gillibrand dismissed the UVA outrage, saying, "Clearly, we don't know the facts of what did or did not happen in this case."

Actually, we know quite well what happened in this case. A disturbed young woman invented a fake boyfriend and a fake gang-rape to get attention, and an incompetent journalist acted as her transcriber. It was a total hoax — just like the Duke lacrosse case, the Jamie Leigh Jones case, the Tawana Brawley case, and every other claim of white men committing gang-rape.
...
So before anyone moves on from UVA, we need to get it in writing that this case was a hoax. Jackie's got to apologize to the fraternity; UVA's president has to not only apologize, but pay restitution to the Greek system for shutting it down for an entire semester; and Rolling Stone authoress Sabrina Rubin Erdely has got to swear that she will never, ever write again.

She cannot be an "investigative journalist." She cannot even write movie reviews. Remember, Sabrina: No means no.'

Email surfaces pointing to UVA's Jackie's likely total fabrication of her rape story

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'In the email, Jackie wrote about her romantic interest in a friend of hers named Ryan Duffin. Duffin was forwarded the email on Oct. 3, 2012 by a man named Haven Monahan, who Jackie claimed she was going out on a date with on the night she says she was raped.

“When you like someone more than he likes you, you’ll do anything to switch the scales,” Jackie wrote about Duffin.

It was Duffin who Jackie first called on the night she claims she was raped. Duffin, who showed up to help Jackie along with two other friends, has said that Jackie claimed that night that she was forced to perform oral sex on five men at a fraternity house.

That story changed drastically in the Rolling Stone article, published last month, in which she claimed she was brutally beaten and gang-raped by seven members of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.
...
It has been discovered since the Rolling Stone article was published that a picture Monahan sent the friends via text message was actually of a man Jackie went to high school with. The phone numbers Jackie gave to her friends were also registered to an Internet website that allows users to send text messages from cell phones. ...

All of that evidence suggests that the email published below was not actually forwarded to Duffin by a person named Haven Monahan. It is increasingly likely that the email was both written about Duffin and forwarded to him by Jackie.

When asked by TheDC last week whether he believed that Jackie could have fabricated her rape claims as part of a scheme to get his attention, Duffin said “it’s a definite possibility.”'

A Foreskin in the Right Place at the Right Time

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'Sometimes an intact foreskin is just the result of being in the right place at the right time, for the penis anyway. In 2002, when my first son was born, we were living in Britain, where less than 10 percent of males are circumcised. (In America, it's around half.) After his birth, I was told we would have to make a separate appointment for circumcision with a specialist outside the hospital. I assumed we would do it. Wasn't that what people did with penises? It was my husband who said: 'Let's not. It doesn't seem necessary.'

We weren't religious. We were thousands of miles from home. There was no one around to talk us into having it done. And we had just delivered a healthy baby boy. The last thing we wanted to do was have him cut.

When my second son was born, back in the United States three years later, the hospital staff assumed we would have him circumcised. We had to make a point of saying no. Our older son had no complications from keeping his foreskin, why take his brother's away? And shouldn't they match? What if we circumcised the younger one and then he wanted a foreskin like his brother? I could just imagine the big brother lording it over the little one: Foreskins are cool. I bet you wish you had one. A foreskin is not the kind of thing you can give back to somebody later.'

Comedy relief: Portlandia's "Feminist Bookstore" guest stars Penny Marshall

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Some may recall Penny Marshall from the old sit-com Laverne and Shirley. She went on to become a very successful producer and director but also occasionally does cameos and guest star roles. She appears as the founder of the "Women and Women First" bookstore in a particular episode of Portlandia. The skit she is in starts at time mark 10:02. I figured after the incessant madness of UVA, "Yes Means Yes", and the likes of Gillibrand and McCaskill working full tilt to outlaw maleness, it was time for some comedy relief. Video on YouTube is here. (Marshall appears at time mark 11:41.)

The face of rape hysteria

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'When Shapiro eventually revealed evidence showing that Jackie had invented her rapist as part of an elaborate hoax, it looked like the story would be quietly forgotten. Demonstrating that sometimes the best defense is a good offense, Amanda Marcotte went on the attack, publishing "'Princeton Mom, Kevin Williamson and the revolting rise of the rape truthers."

"There's been a shocking media feeding frenzy over the discovery that one of the young women claiming to be a rape victim in Sabrina Rubin Erdely's recent Rolling Stone piece might be exaggerating about her experience or even lying about it," writes Marcotte.

...

She continues, "Subsequently, even though there's no real evidence for it, many people stand behind the myth that women routinely lie about being raped, which justifies preserving a status quo where men's word is considered more authoritative and trustworthy just because they are male."

At this point feminists can be expected to quote the same misleading statistics about rape, such as only 8-10% of rape claims are false. In reality, false rape statistics reflect only the number of rape allegations declared by police to be unfounded; the actual number of false rape claims could be much higher, but we have no reliable way of knowing for certain.

...

While feminists claim that only a small number of women make false rape accusations, they have done everything in their power to encourage false accusations. By demanding that colleges lower the standard of proof to 50.1%, they roll out the red carpet for false accusers. If an insurance company declared that they would no longer conduct arson investigations, they would go out of business within weeks.

Campus rape hysteria ultimately rests on two dubious propositions; that false rape accusations are a rare phenomenon, and that they could never become a major problem. Depending on how one defines rare, the first proposition is at least debatable; the second is patently absurd.'

Accusers and the Accused, Crossing Paths at Columbia University

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'He has gotten used to former friends crossing the street to avoid him. He has even gotten used to being denounced as a rapist on fliers and in a rally in the university's quadrangle. Though his name is not widely known beyond the Morningside Heights campus, Mr. Nungesser is one of America's most notorious college students. His reputation precedes him.

His notoriety is the result of a campaign by Emma Sulkowicz, a fellow student who says Mr. Nungesser raped her in her dorm room two years ago. Columbia cleared him of responsibility in that case, as well as in two others that students brought against him. Outraged, Ms. Sulkowicz began carrying a 50-pound mattress wherever she went on campus, to suggest the painful burden she continues to bear. She has vowed to keep at it until he leaves the school.

Her story has been so compelling — and "Mattress Performance (Carry That Weight)," which doubles as her senior thesis for the visual arts department, so affecting — that large numbers of Columbia students have rallied around her. She has been honored with national awards. In October, students at more than 100 colleges carried their own mattresses (or pillows) to call attention to the problem of campus sexual assault.
...
He says that he is innocent, and that the same university that found him "not responsible" has now abdicated its own responsibility, letting mob justice overrule its official procedures. The mattress project is not an act of free expression, he adds; it is an act of bullying, a very public, very personal and very painful attack designed to hound him out of Columbia. And it is being conducted with the university's active support. "There is a member of the faculty that is supervising this," he said. "This is part of her graduation requirement."'

New Justice Department numbers offer much-needed perspective on college rape

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'More than any other force, a single oft-repeated statistic has driven a national campaign against sexual assaults on college campuses. It holds that fully 20% of female students are victimized.

The figure suggests that bastions of higher learning are dangerous places akin to war zones.

Now, though, scrutiny of the research behind the statistic suggests confidence in its accuracy is misplaced. Based on a Web survey of students at just two schools, it counted even unwanted kisses and gropes as assaults.

A new Department of Justice report puts the number of college sexual assault and rape victims at six per 1,000 students — a rate lower than the frequency of victimization of nonstudents between 18 and 24 years old.
...
Against this backdrop, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand has co-sponsored a measure that would require schools to train sex-assault advisers, who would coordinate with cops on procedures for students seeking to press charges. But schools would still be prohibited from notifying police about reports of rapes or serious assaults.

Explaining why schools should not call police in the first instance, Gillibrand told colleagues at a hearing that cops are generally not to be trusted.
...
Gillibrand's co-sponsor, Republican Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, said at the hearing, "A crime of rape off campus and a crime of rape on campus ought to be treated the same way."

But neither senator took the step that needs taking: Schools should be free to report rapes and sexual assaults, just as they do other felonies.'

Jameis Winston Cleared In Campus Sexual Assault Hearing

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'Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston was cleared Sunday of the accusations he faced at a student code of conduct hearing involving an alleged sexual assault two years ago.

Former Florida Supreme Court Justice Major Harding wrote in a letter to Winston that the evidence was "insufficient to satisfy the burden of proof." Prosecutor Willie Meggs made a similar decision a year ago when he decided not to criminally charge Winston, citing a lack of evidence.

This month, a two-day hearing was held to determine whether Winston violated four sections of the code of conduct - two for sexual misconduct and two for endangerment.

The ramifications for Winston ranged from a reprimand to expulsion from school.

The woman can request an appeal within five days.'

Top 10 feminist fiascoes of 2014

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Article here. What gives me some hope for sanity arising anew in American society's mindscape re feminism is that so many more women are recognizing the extremist nutsery modern feminism has gone to and are publicly denouncing it. This is just one further example. Excerpt:

'Since a delicious feminist folly occurs nearly every day, I had a hard time picking the sweetest of the cherries off the cupcakes. But here goes, more or less in descending order of absurdity:
...
Someone actually thought it would help the cause of women to dress up little girls in princess costumes and video them as they dropped the f-word more times than Leonardo di Caprio in “The Wolf of Wall Street.” I kept hoping the voices in this video were dubbed by adults who had the sense not to put foul words into the mouths of children -- but no chance.'

Rape Culture Doesn’t Exist And There Is No Rape Epidemic

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'What I can say is that, whatever happens with the UVA scandal, this whole ordeal has once again exposed just how disingenuous and irrational many people — and by ‘people’ I mean feminists — are when discussing rape. Indeed, you expect feminists to be irrational about this topic because, for them, rape is not so much an actuality as it is an ideology. It might be appropriate to stop calling it Feminism altogether and start calling it Rapism.

Modern feminism is completely dependent on, and defined by, the idea that there is an epidemic of sexual violence against women. Not only an epidemic, but a culture that condones and encourages rape. A Rape Culture, they call it. A Rape Culture so virulent that it produces not simply rapists but people who are ‘pro-rape’ and engage in rape apologism.

Welcome to the cartoon comic book world of the modern feminist. They are the Super Victim Heroes called into battle against hordes of drooling, barbaric men who actually believe that rape is reasonable and justifiable. Back in Realityville, of course, no such belief system exists (outside of prisons, mental asylums, and the Middle East). Here, in the Land of Things That Are, we have feminists who use rape as a narrative tool to advance their agenda, and then the rest of us who are just about sick and tired of going along with the lunacy.'

Rape and the Attack of the “Man-hating Media”

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'“History is a series of agreed-upon myths,” Napoleon Bonaparte observed cynically. Now some critics are saying that, today, current events are also a series of agreed-upon myths.
...
This is essentially the position of *Townhall’s* Erick Erickson in a piece entitled “The Man Hating Media.” He points out that Jackie’s unsubstantiated accusations made the fraternity subject to mob violence, faculty-member protests, verbal abuse, and a call by the UVA president for a police investigation; moreover, those who doubted the somewhat untenable “facts” of the case were, Erickson writes, “attacked … accused of supporting rapists, denying the holocaust, and being ‘rape truthers.’” He continues:

"What is going unsaid, however, is how quickly the press was willing to believe all these things about young white men who were portrayed as conservative, privileged and in fraternities. The media, with the help of people like Sabrina Rubin Erdely [author of the Rolling Stone story], have bought into the idea of a phony "rape culture" complete with mostly fabricated statistics that 1 in 5 women on college campuses are victims of sexual assault.

… But the media believes that statistic, and it shapes the media's reporting. They want it to be true because it confirms their biases against young white men, College Republicans, fraternities, etc. A media that denounces racial profiling and stereotyping routinely stereotypes others.

… It does not matter that the rape at the University of Virginia was not real. Because "rape culture" is supposedly real and fraternity boys are silver-spooned Satans, the story has power."'

Whitehouse.gov: "You should know who these women are"

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From a whitehouse.gov mailing list email:

'Katherine Johnson. Maria Klawe. Barbara McClintock. If none of those names sound familiar to you, it's time to change that.

Because the groundbreaking, and largely unsung, work and discoveries of these women -- and many more like them -- helped shape modern science. And inspiring more young women to pursue careers in science and technology starts with simply sharing these stories.

We've put together an interactive audio hub that allows you to do that easily: Listen to women from across the Administration tell the stories of their heroes. When you learn something new (and you will), pass this on.

Once you do, you can add an untold history of your own, and then make a commitment to honor the legacy of these remarkable women in the best possible way: by encouraging a young woman to pursue a career in science.

Incredible, inspiring stories like these ones can only fade into obscurity if we don't tell them. And the only way we'll see more like them is if we get the word out now.

Let's write these stories back into history permanently so that we can help create more of them.'

Gillibrand drops disputed sex assault statistic

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'Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand has dropped an increasingly disputed sexual assault statistic from her website. ChangeDetection.com shows how Gillibrand's sexual assault resources web page [http://1.usa.gov/1m2xWoB] no longer includes [http://bit.ly/1C3Fi6M] a sentence citing the National Institute of Health Campus Sexual Assault Study, which concluded that one in five college women will be subject to rape or attempted rape. Gillibrand and others all the way up to President Barack Obama have cited that statistic in their push for colleges to better prevent sexual violence. But critics and media outlets [http://wapo.st/1AvC1JA] have noted the study's flaws: It included only two large four-year universities and had a low rate of response, with more nuanced findings than lawmakers suggest. (H/T @mstratford)

— Gillibrand spokesperson Glen Caplin declined to tell Morning Education why the stat was removed. "There are some who attack this statistic to claim that sexual assault on college campuses is not a problem," he said. "They need to get their head out of the sand. The problem is real and it is pervasive. Without this distraction, their argument has no merit."'

The Campus-Rape Frenzy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The total discrediting of Rolling Stone's story on rape at the University of Virginia has shined a light on one of the least palatable features of American life: the so-called epidemic of rape on campus.

Authorities from Barack Obama on down have cited the phony statistic that one in five college women is raped. Phony because it's based on a 2007 survey conducted in two midwestern schools not of a random sample, but of a small number of self-selected respondents and includes unwanted touching and kissing as "sexual assault."

A Department of Justice survey released this month presents a different picture. Between 1995 and 2013, it reports, an average of 0.61 percent of female students were raped or sexually assaulted every year — 2.4 percent over four years, not 20 percent. Moreover, the DOJ reports, that rate has been declining significantly in recent years, in line with a national decline in violent rape.'

Belgium: Femen splinter group pelts PM with chips and mayonnaise (surprise: SFW)

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Belgian Prime Minister has been showered with chips and mayonnaise by three former Femen protesters angry at government austerity and the “criminalization of the poor”.

39 year-old Charles Michele, the youngest Belgian Prime Minister ever, was about to start addressing an audience at a business conference in the city of Namur when the three female protesters struck.

Michele took a pasting from soggy fries and mayo, one of Belgium’s national dishes, by Feminist group LilthS, the renamed Belgian branch of Femen, who said they were protesting against budget cuts and the “criminalization of the poor.”

“The Belgian people can’t be left with Chips and Sauce austerity. That is why we threw a symbol of the Belgium they are dismantling in their face,” said a statement on the group’s Facebook page.

But Michele managed to keep a wry smile on his face throughout the stunt and later resumed his speech, although without his jacket.'

Hardly a slap on the wrist for Femen nude invasion of famous Cathedral

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The topless “Femen” activist who desecrated the Parisian church of the Madeleine days before Christmas last year was given a one-month suspended prison sentence for “sexual exhibitionism” on Wednesday by a penal tribunal in Paris.

Eloise Bouton, 31, made the headlines on December 20, 2013, when she burst into the choir of the church half-naked, shouting “Christmas is canceled,” bearing the same inscription on her back and the words “344e salope” (344th b****) on her chest.

These words refer to a famous manifesto published in 1971 by 343 women, mostly intellectuals, actresses and political activists, in the left-wing magazine Nouvel Observateur, in which they claimed to have had an illegal abortion and demanded the legalization of abortion. This was to take place four years later, in December 1974.

Wearing a blue veil reminiscent of the Virgin Mary and a crown of red flowers, Bouton posed for several minutes in front of the church’s main altar, brandishing two pieces of beef liver symbolizing an aborted child. Days later, she published an article – again in the Nouvel Observateur – in which she called the pieces of liver “symbols of the aborted infant Jesus” and said she “left the bloody holy fetus at the foot of the altar.”'

U.Va. Seeking Felony Charges for Vandalism of Fraternity

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Story here.

'Leaders with the University of Virginia are seeking felony charges against whoever is responsible for vandalizing the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house.

The vandals threw dangerous objects, including bottles and glass at a private home and the damage to the house may add up to more than $1,000.

The face of the fraternity house was destroyed following accusations published by Rolling Stone magazine made by a girl named "Jackie," who said she was raped by several members of the fraternity.

The student activist who led the vandalism attack said he does not have any regrets.

The fraternity house is still vacant following the attacks.'

The Crusade Against "Rape Culture" Stumbles

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Article here. Excerpt:

'December has not been a good month for the feminist crusade against the “rape culture.”

The Rolling Stone account of a horrific fraternity gang rape at the University of Virginia, which many advocates saw as a possible “tipping point”—a shocking wake-up call demonstrating that even the most brutal sexual assaults on our college campuses are tacitly tolerated—has unraveled to the point where only a true believer would object to calling it a rape hoax.

...

... But some of the blame must go to the movement that encouraged her in turning her fantasy of victimhood into activism—especially when that movement is so entrenched in its true-believer mindset that some of its adherents seem unable to accept contrary facts. ...

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Will 2015 see a pushback against the anti-“rape culture” movement on campus? If so, good. This is a movement that has capitalized on laudable sympathy for victims of sexual assault to promote gender warfare, misinformation and moral panic. It’s time for a reassessment.'

Obama and the fiction of 'rape culture'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) report, "Rape and Sexual Assault Among College-age Females, 1995-2013," should be an early Christmas present for President Obama.

On Jan. 22, 2014, Obama established a special White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault. He stated, "It is estimated that one in five women on college campuses has been sexually assaulted during their time there. ... It's totally unacceptable."

The BJS data released on Dec. 11 finds the actual rate of sexual assault for female students to be 6.1 per 1,000 per year or 0.61 percent; this is the mean for the years 1995 to 2013. The rate of general sexual assault for males was 1.4 per 1,000.
...
The BJS compares its methodology to that of other studies. For example, the BJS's expansive but reasonable definition includes actual, attempted and threatened rapes and sexual assaults. By contrast, "[t]he NISVS [National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey] uses a broader definition of sexual violence, which specifically mentions incidents in which the victim was unable to provide consent due to drug or alcohol use; forced to penetrate another person; or coerced to engage in sexual contact (including nonphysical pressure to engage in sex) or unwanted sexual contact (including forcible kissing, fondling, or grabbing); and **noncontact unwanted sexual experiences that do not involve physical contact.**" [Emphasis added.]

Noncontact sexual experiences also include behaviors such as harassment or telling lewd jokes. This sort of broad and vague definition is what leads to the one-in-five figure.
...
The good news is unlikely to be greeted as such by Obama or "rape culture" zealots who are demanding draconian measure to combat campus rape. The new rape hearing procedures virtually destroy due process for an accused who is almost always male; for example, the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard (99 percent certainty) is replaced by a "preponderance of the evidence" standard (51 percent) in order to adjudicate guilt. The accused has no right to the presence of an attorney or to cross-examination of witnesses.

The BJS data will not be greeted because it casts doubt on the existence of rape culture — a concept that is central to gender feminist campaigns sweeping American campuses. The new procedures for campus rape hearings are so blatantly unjust to males that they must be sold as a response to a crisis; gender feminists need the rape culture to have their solution to it accepted. Nor will the data be welcomed by Democrats who need liberal and female voters to retain whatever power they have left. To them, the BJS report is bad news because it contradicts policies aimed at pleasing their voting base.'

"A Feminist's Christmas Tale: God Raped Mary"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Salon and Alternet seem to exist only to provide click-bait for kooks. Alternet certainly succeeded with their Sunday article entitled, "Why rape is so intrinsic to religion" which was also cross-posted on partner site Salon. In the article by Valerie Tarico, she tries to argue that the virgin birth of Jesus Christ was God raping Mary, similar to Greek and Hindu tales of gods raping women. "It's a common theme in the history of religion, and it's more than a little rapey," Tarico claims.

"Rapey" is not exactly an adjective most would use to describe the Christmas story, but never underestimate what an Alternet writer can come up with! Tarico even manages to tie it all in to "the shocking prevalence" of rape "on college campuses and in society at large." I guess she completely ignored the Rolling Stone apology and media blow-up, showing that one student's account of shocking gang rape might've been false. Not to mention, the most recent comprehensive study from the DOJ which shows, 20 percent of college-age women are not raped on campus, more like 0.6%.'

"Rapegate"?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The girl at the University of Virginia, who allegedly falsely claimed she was gang raped at a campus fraternity house, was introduced to Rolling Stone magazine by an activist from the university with connections to White House advisers, making several visits to the White House herself.

Emily Renda worked at the Eisenhower Executive Office with her associates at the White House to develop resources such as websites and documents concerning the Obama administration's sexual assault policies, The Daily Caller is reporting.

Renda connected the alleged rape victim, "Jackie," with Rolling Stone reporter Sabrina Rubin Erdely, who broke the University of Virginia story, which has since been discredited.
...
Renda has also become a frequent visitor to the White House where she has assisted President Barack Obama's rape advisers to develop publications for the White House Task Force To Prevent Students From Sexual Assault.
...
Rolling Stone has asked the Columbia University journalism school to do a full audit of the story, promising to publish its full review once completed.'

"The Draconian Laws of India"

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A MANN reader in India has submitted a summary of laws he identifies as denying men and their relatives the rights of presumed innocence and due process (among other things) in several important contexts including marriage, criminal accusations of rape or child abuse, etc. His summary has been added to the Documents, Downloads, and Off-Links section (currently as item #6) and the direct download link is here. Thanks for sending this along, Ravi!

Why Does Due Process Go Out The Window With Rape Cases?

Mastodon · 26 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Zerlina Maxwell wrote that we should "automatically" (see the URL for the original headline) believe rape victims. That goes against everything our system of justice stands for, as we base cases on the presumption of innocence until proven guilty. I'm not going down that rabbit hole–and neither should any American who believes in law and order. Dates, names, and physical evidence, need to be analyzed, cross-examined, and pieced together to build a case against the alleged perpetrator.

Again, you probably already know this, but some liberals seem to think otherwise. Why is that? Why is it that for other crimes they believe in the process, but when it comes to rape, it's an automatic guilty verdict for the accused.
...
Despite what feminists and liberal Democrats have been espousing for years regarding the rates of sexual assault, it's a little dubious to say there's a rape epidemic. The figures they give on rape and sexual assault rival that of the Congo in Africa, where it's being used as a vehicle of war.
...
Hence, we come back to the issue of having healthy criticism when rape claims come forward. The mantra of the feminist left is to believe alleged rape victims because women don't lie, or something.

After the Duke lacrosse fiasco, where the three young men were allegedly involved in sexually assaulting a stripper, they were declared more than just not guilty, but innocent by North Carolina's Attorney General Roy Cooper.

To automatically believe one person's account and disregard others when a serious crime is committed goes against everything codified in our system of justice. At the same time, it's doubly irresponsible to suggest college is a dystopia for women when the facts and figures on sexual assault are questionable at best. In fact, DOJ reports show that college students are less likely to be victims of sexual assault.'

The Demise of Due Process on Campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Universities' mishandling of sexual assault allegations has been making the news -- but not in the way feminist activists and progressive politicians had hoped. Swarthmore College settled a case brought in federal court in Pennsylvania by an undergraduate wrongly expelled by means of a severely defective disciplinary process. A federal court in New York rejected Colgate University's motion to dismiss on the pleadings former student Abrar Faiaz's claim that in the rush to expel him for pushing two women, the university falsely imprisoned him, and Colgate has not challenged his federal and state discrimination claims.
...
Our universities have promoted a narrative that converts all women into victims and all men into villains. This narrative originated among radical feminists but it has been widely internalized in universities. It claims that discriminatory norms and nefarious institutions established by men to serve male power render women unfree and incapable of thinking and fending for themselves. It legitimated University of Virginia President Teresa Sullivan's decision in late November, in swift response to what has turned out to be an invented tale of a brutal gang rape reported in Rolling Stone, to suspend all fraternities. Those women who think they are free to choose and capable of taking care of themselves without intrusive university or government assistance only demonstrate the power of patriarchy to delude and degrade them. And those men who think they are innocent are blind to the guilt they incur from perpetuating, consciously or unconsciously, male privilege.

Accordingly, our universities have dismantled due process to serve what they regard as a higher conception of social justice. Due process presumes innocence and declares guilt based on the accuracy of specific allegations. In contrast, university justice implies that since all women are victims, all accusations, even the false ones, capture a deeper truth. This peculiar notion of justice also gives rise to the conviction that while a man may not have committed any of the specific infractions of which he is accused, as a perpetuator and beneficiary of male privilege he is party to a vast criminal conspiracy and therefore deserves whatever limited punishment university authorities mete out.
...
Two measures are key to restoring to our campus that form of justice rooted in the dignity of the individual to which the Constitution is dedicated and which is crucial to the future of freedom and equality in America. The first is straightforward. We must end university involvement in the investigation, prosecution, adjudication, and punishment of sexual assault. University personnel generally have little or no training for these vitally important tasks, and universities have more than demonstrated their incompetence and untrustworthiness. Instead, we must allow the police and the courts to do their jobs, and hold them accountable when they don't.

The other measure is the work of generations. It involves restoring the integrity of liberal education, on which depends the integrity of leaders in a free society.'

Proposed New Jersey bill requires guilty plea from accused before non-jail programs can be considered

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The bill would remove the presumption of non-imprisonment for first-time offenders, meaning incarceration would be a viable punishment. Under current law, pretrial intervention (PTI) is the usual route.

“It essentially puts a little more heat on the defendant,” said Assemblyman Joseph Lagana (D-Paramus), a co-sponsor of the measure. “Oftentimes, the punishment does not fit the crime.”

The measure would also allow the domestic violence victim to have more of a say on whether or not their accused attacker should enter PTI. Plus, a defendant would be required to enter a guilty plea before PTI consideration. With that clause, Lagana said, a defendant can be sentenced to prison immediately following any type of PTI violation.

“People should not get a free pass,” he said. “If you’re going to act a certain way, then society’s going to hold you accountable.”'

CDC Considers Counseling Males Of All Ages On Circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Draft federal recommendations don't usually raise eyebrows, but this one certainly will — that males of all ages, including teenage boys, should be counseled on the health benefits of circumcision.
...
But the pediatricians' focus was on parents considering infant circumcision. The CDC's proposal opens the door to circumcision becoming a topic of conversation any time an uncircumcised male goes to a medical appointment.

Groups opposed to circumcision, such as Intact America, say the health benefits of circumcision in the U.S. remain unproven, and that the CDC is relying too heavily on studies done in Africa that may not be relevant here. The procedure, which removes the foreskin, has been criticized because infants can't consent to it.
...
The CDC's draft recommendation, which is open for public comment for 45 days, suggests that teenage boys be counseled along with their parents on the option, which presumably would give boys the option to say yea or nay.
...
"I want to emphasize that it's a voluntary procedure, and really requires conversation between the doctor and the patient," says Dr. Eugene McCray, director of the division of AIDS prevention at the CDC. "Our role is to insure that physicians have the information that they can then use to counsel or inform patients about the risk and benefits."..."It's really important to emphasize that circumcision doesn't protect somebody from contracting any STD," Diekema says. "It simply reduces risk." In other words, sexually active men still need to use condoms or other methods if they want to avoid exposure to HIV and other STDs.'

IA has a page here that will help you in submitting a comment to the CDC regarding this topic.

Obama, in Tiara, Continues ‘War on Women’ Theme

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Article here.

'In attempting to inculcate young girls with his administration’s “War on Women” theme, Barack Obama made a point of making the central theme of the 2014 White House Science Fair last May the paucity of women in the sciences. To show how much he identified with women’s plight, he donned a tiara while posing with the Girl Scout Troop 2612 from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

At the Science Fair, Obama continued his implicit implication that the War on Women crossed all barriers, noting, “fewer than 3 in 10 workers in science and engineering are women… we’ve got to change those numbers.”

Obama obviously had a soft spot for the Girl Scouts, quite unlike the Boy Scouts, whose organization’s National Jamboree invitation he ignored in July 2013. The Jamboree only comes along once every four years. Obama had joined critics of the Boy Scouts for their policy toward openly gay members, saying in February 2013, “My attitude is that gays and lesbians should have access and opportunity the same way everybody else does, in every institution and walk of life.”

Ironically, Obama serves as honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America.'

Twitchy lists prominent pols, etc., who promulgated false 1-in-5 rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's the oft-repeated lie that may have finally died:

[A]s updated campus sexual assault figures for the years 1995 through 2013 have been released by the U.S. Department of Justice, we find that the "one in five" statistic has been fully debunked, with the real figure being 1 in 41 for all the years covered by the report, and 1 in 52.6 for the four most recent years from 2010 through 2013.

The collapse of the "one in five" claim, and the weakness of the statistics behind it, can be seen in the actions of the President's political supporters in office and in the media, who are now trying to quietly drop their previous touting of the figure from public view.'

Claire McCaskill: Statistics? We don't need no stinkin' statistics!

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Who needs facts and statistics when you have a good narrative?

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., during an interview reported by Chuck Raasch of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, indicated that she was not happy about disputing statistics regarding campus sexual assault.

“Frankly, it is irritating that anybody would be distracted by which statistics are accurate,” McCaskill said.

This coming from a senator who has rallied around the one-in-five statistic and featured it in her own report about campus sexual assault. Now that new evidence suggests the incidence of campus rape is closer to one in fifty women over four years than to one in five, statistics suddenly don’t matter.

...

Statistics do matter when policies are being created around the belief that American college campuses are as dangerous as the Democratic Republic of Congo. That mistaken belief has led to badly thought-out, panic-induced policies that believe all accusers by default, assume the guilt of the accused and make it nearly impossible for them to mount a defense.'

'This toy is sexist': French feminists plant warnings in children's Christmas presents

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists in France say they have secretly inserted tracts inside children's toys from Barbie dolls to plastic guns issuing a warning that "this toy is sexist".

Hundreds of French girls and boys will open Christmas presents at the foot of the tree to find an unexpected accompanying note resembling those found in Chinese "fortune cookies".

Except in this case, the message will neither provide instructions nor predict the future. It will read: "Warning, this toy is sexist:"

The operation was launched by feminist group FièrEs, which said that it had inserted "around 500" such tracts into a range of toys in a dozen shops in Paris.

"We targeted games that are emblematic of boy-girl stererotypes," said Delphine Asian, legal representative for the feminist group, who added: "We have caused no damage or ripped any plastic. We simply slipped the message in boxes, or in books."

She said the idea was not to "make parents feel guilty", however. "We know well that parents follow the lists their children write and don't think they're doing any harm," she told Le Parisien newspaper.'

'Ban manspreading': Londoners want men to sit with their legs together on the Tube

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Any woman travelling by public transport will be aware of manspreading – where a male passenger sits with his legs splayed out, totally oblivious to the woman next to him who's forced to double cross her legs for lack of space.

In New York, the anti-manspreading movement has grown so much that its attracted the attention of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA).

The MTA is now set to unveil public service ads to encourage men to sit with their legs together.

'Dude… Stop the spread, please. It's a space issue' is just one of the slogans to be used on the new advertising campaign.

But manspreading is not confined to the New York subway – it's a global issue and now annoyed Londoners are calling for Transport for London to follow in MTA's footsteps with a similar campaign. '

Anti-Manspreading Posters Hit New York City Next Month

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Last month, the MTA announced a new campaign for NYC subway etiquette. This week, it revealed the new posters for "Courtesy Counts, Manners Make A Better Ride," targeting offenders like the pole-hogger, the door-blocker, and Public Enemy #1: the manspreader.

"Dude…Stop the Spread, Please," reads the sign. We might have gone with something more emphatic, like, "Dude, Your Balls Are Not That Big, Seriously," but either way, the sentiment is clear. Other posters provide more firm but gentle reminders for riders:

"It's a Subway Car, Not a Dining Car."
Read: We don't want to sit in your Chipotle leftovers.

"Step Aside to Let Others Off First."
Wait your turn, jerk.'

Australia: Campaign against violence amounts to male-bashing

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'Not long ago I read of a woman charged with shoving her baby into a deep drain and leaving it to die. I also saw footage of two women assaulting and spitting on a Tongan bus driver in Brisbane. After that I saw footage of another pair of women assaulting and racially abusing an elderly indigenous man on a Gold Coast bus. And of course we all know of the woman in Cairns charged with murdering eight children. On Tuesday, I read of two Canberra women charged with assaulting, spitting on and racially abusing a servo attendant in Weston ("Charges for attack on servo pair", December 23, p6).

Yet Jenna Price ("Real terrorism is that of violence against women", Times2, December 23, p5) tells us real terrorism is male violence against women and children.

Campaign to stop violence by both sexes by all means, Jenna, but please stop male-bashing. You are making a fool of yourself and damaging The Canberra Times' reputation for quality journalism.'

Beware feminists' new man-stabbing dress

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Touted as an “innovation” in personal safety technology, a new 3D-printed dress designed by Anouk Wipprecht has been turning heads thanks to its “sinister” spider-like appendages.

These limbs attack all who come too close to the garment.

“It works based on an Intel Edison chip, stored inside, and linked with nearness and breath sensors,” writes FlightCentric. “However, the sensors cannot be perceived by any admirer.”

The dress has three spike-tipped limbs radiating from the area of the wearer’s collarbone.

“If you enter the wearer’s personal space aggressively, the dress attacks,” the FlightCentric piece explains. “Animatronic arachnid limbs attached to its shoulders lash out at intruders. But if you approach calmly and slowly, these limbs might beckon you forward.”

Already, some are advocating the use of such “technological couture” as a means of passively protecting women, who seem to be vulnerable at all times to incursions into their personal space. Women, in fact, are presumed by many within the “social justice” activism circuit to be completely incapable of coping with either unsolicited invitations to converse or any physical violation of what they perceive, rightly or wrongly, as their personal space.
...
While Cooper’s hysterically racist reaction (it’s within the realm of physical possibility that the man wanted to sit down and thought she was being rude, which she was) pegs the needle of social-justice hand-wringing to reductio ad absurdum levels, it is typical of “progressive” female reactions to benign, routine social exchanges. Today’s progressive women are so utterly incapable of coping with any condition, word, deed or interaction that does not conform precisely to what they desire that they go to pieces the moment something unpleasant (or just unexpected) happens to them.
...
This hatred for men lies at the heart of every effort on the part of progressives to frame perfectly benign behavior as offensive. In this way, men can be cowed, browbeaten and ridiculed into silence by an effete liberal social class. This is done because “progressive” males are not “men” at all, but eunuchs threatened by traditionally masculine virtues and values. This is why the typical progressive male fears both liberty and laissez faire, both freedom and firearms. A bed-wetting liberal cannot abide another man’s freedom of action because he fears it, and he wants his nanny-state government to take this fear away by coddling and controlling him (and everyone else).

This is the attitude at the heart of the current campaign against “manspreading,” another of those prefix man-words that social justice wieners are forever decrying. What is “manspreading?” It is the simple act of sitting, as Milo Yiannopoulos explains, “in such a way as not to painfully crush the testicles or penis … but which feminists insist is an expression of patriarchal authority.”'

The Vatican: Topless Femen Protester Steals Baby Jesus Figure, Proclaiming ‘God Is Woman’ After Papal Address

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On Christmas day a topless Femen protester stormed the nativity scene at St. Peter’s Square and stole a statue of the baby Jesus after the Pope’s Christmas address.

A Vatican guard quickly cornered the protester, covering her with his cape and took back the statue.

According to AFP, protester Inna Shevchenko had the words “God is woman” written across her chest. After being captured by the Vatican guard she was taken to the local police station.

Femen has “staged similar stunts at the Vatican,” including one last month where they tried to thwart a Papal visit by showing [up] wearing “only leather mini-skirts and flower garlands in their hair.”'

MRCTV Asks UVA Students About Botched Rolling Stone Piece

Mastodon · 29 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'So, what did Dan Joseph find out when he interviewed students on campus? Unsurprisingly, he found that students were angered by RS's awful journalism. Some felt that this exercise in journalistic negligence didn't take away from the validity of Jackie's claims. Then again, while other students refused to question her claims, they didn't take it as absolute fact either.

One female student said UVA never struck her as a school infested by rape culture. She also felt RS was more concerned with tearing down UVA than supporting Jackie–and that she doesn't feel for her safety when she goes to parties.
...
When Joseph asked if the accused deserve due process, another female student said, "Well, I think that we need to be careful of believing them over believing the survivor."

Two other female students in the video noted that there's anger on campus at RS from the fraternities for not doing their job in checking all the facts; others were mad at RS's botched apology.
...
Yet, even when the story began to collapse, some feminists refused to acknowledge the journalistic malpractice that had taken place here. Enter Feministing's Chloe Angyal, who actually had the audacity to thank Erdely for writing this article. Oh, and society hates women, or something:

{video}

...
Exit question via Charles Cooke of NRO: does truth matter to the feminist left?

If not, addressing this issue will be like navigating through a minefield. '

School Defied Google and US Government, Let Boys Program White House Xmas Trees

Matt · 30 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This holiday season, Google and the National Parks partnered to let girls program the White House Christmas tree lights. While the initiative earned kudos in Fast Company's 9 Giant Leaps For Women In Science and Technology In 2014, it also prompted an act of civil disobedience of sorts from St. Augustine of Canterbury School *[link added]*, which decided Google and the U.S. government wouldn't determine which of their kids would be allowed to participate in the coding event*. "We decided to open it up to all our students, both boys and girls so that they could be a part of such an historic event, and have it be the kickoff to our Hour of Code week," explained Debra Knox, a technology teacher at St. Augustine.'

Please let the technology teacher, Debra Knox (mentioned in the article above), know you support the decision not to let a bunch of bigots ruin some kids' Christmas cheer.

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* The relevant news item is about halfway down the page. Simply search on "St. Augustine School" on the page to get to it.

The year of campus sexual assault that wasn't

Matt · 31 December 2014 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This was supposed to be the year that everyone banded together to end campus sexual assault by any means necessary — even if it meant improperly branding young men across the country as rapists.

The focus on sexual assault in 2014, which began in January when President Obama announced a task force to combat the issue on college campuses, can be no coincidence. The “war on women” narrative worked quite well for President Obama and Democrats in 2012, and the 2014 midterms were expected to be challenging for the party. Combine that with the fact that young, unmarried women overwhelmingly voted for Democrats two years ago and it becomes clear why there was such an intense focus on the issue.

...

It started in July when eight U.S. senators introduced the Campus Accountability and Safety Act, which included a list of instructions for how schools should handle sexual assault but included no due process rights for students accused. At the end of September, California passed its “yes means yes” law, which defined consent so narrowly as to make nearly all sexual activity illegal unless no one reported it as such.

Criticism of that legislation, as well as tales of students railroaded by campus kangaroo courts and growing numbers of young men suing their universities for denying them due process, turned the tables on radical activists who determined that convicting more young men, regardless of innocence, was the best way to eradicate sexual assault.

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Then came salvation for proponents of the sexual assault pandemic: A Rolling Stone story so perfectly illuminating rape culture that it read like the script for an after-school special. A woman, Jackie, was brutally gang-raped as part of a fraternity initiation at the University of Virginia. When she called her friends to help her, they seemed more concerned with their social status than the health of their friend. When she turned to her university, administrators showed little emotion and did nothing to bring her justice.

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The story did not turn out to be as advertised. Jackie, who told Rolling Stone she had a date the night she was allegedly gang raped, made up the story about the man who supposedly took her to the frat party — even creating fake cellphone numbers and sending her friends pictures of an old high school classmate, according to three friends who said they rushed to her aid the night of the alleged attack. That night, her friends recalled, Jackie said she had been forced to perform oral sex on a group of five men. By the time the story made it into Rolling Stone, she claimed she had been gang-raped by seven men.

Activists quickly tried to shift the narrative, claiming that the accuracy of Jackie’s story didn’t matter and that sexual assault really was as big a problem as they insisted. Anyone who disagreed was called a “rape apologist.”

Then came another blow: The Bureau of Justice Statistics released a report showing that one in 41 women were raped or sexually assaulted while attending college, not one in five. Everyone agrees that one is too many, but some also believe that one false accusation is too many as well. Others do not, claiming that false accusations are rare (based on decades old studies or anecdotes that don’t take into account what is now being considered sexual assault). The implication being that the falsely accused don’t matter.

So, what does this mean for 2015? Next year the focus probably will continue to be on due process rights for the accused, especially given the growing number of lawsuits against universities by accused students that could move forward or be settled. And with more people realizing just how damaging the responses have been to the mythical statistic that 20 percent of women will be raped during their college years, policies may change.'

Rape hysteria then and now: From black men to all men

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Those who don't learn history not only are doomed to repeat it, but may also miss crucial perspectives on a current narrative. I hadn't heard of this marvelous piece of work, one Rebecca Latimer Felton, first female US senator (albeit for a mere 24 hours, as she died the day after she was sworn in before she could do any further damage), committed third-wave feminist before the term had even been invented, and unapologetic pro-genocidal racist. Excerpt:

'Rebecca Ann Latimer Felton (June 10, 1835 – January 24, 1930) was an American writer, lecturer, reformer, and politician who became the first woman to serve in the United States Senate. She was the most prominent woman in Georgia in the Progressive Era, and was honored by appointment to the Senate. She was sworn in November 21, 1922, and served just 24 hours. At 87 years, nine months, and 22 days old, she was the oldest freshman senator to enter the Senate. To date, she is also the only woman to have served as a Senator from Georgia. Her husband William Harrell Felton was a member of the United States House of Representatives and Georgia House of Representatives and she ran his campaigns. She was a prominent society woman; an advocate of prison reform, women's suffrage and educational modernization; and one of the few prominent women who spoke in favor of lynching. Bartley reports that by 1915 she "was championing a lengthy feminist program that ranged from prohibition to equal pay for equal work."
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Felton criticized what she saw as the hypocrisy of Southern men who boasted of superior Southern "chivalry" but opposed women's rights, and she expressed her dislike of the fact that Southern states resisted women's suffrage longer than other regions of the US. She wrote, in 1915, that women were denied fair political participation "except in the States which have been franchised by the good sense and common honesty of the men of those States—after due consideration, and with the chivalric instinct that differentiates the coarse brutal male from the gentlemen of our nation. Shall the men of the South be less generous, less chivalrous? They have given the Southern women more praise than the man of the West—but judged by their actions Southern men have been less sincere. Honeyed phrases are pleasant to listen to, but the sensible women of our country would prefer more substantial gifts...."
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Felton was a white supremacist. She claimed, for instance, that the more money that Georgia spent on black education, the more crimes blacks committed. For the 1893 World's Columbian Exhibition, she "proposed a southern exhibit 'illustrating the slave period,' with a cabin and 'real colored folks making mats, shuck collars, and baskets—a woman to spin and card cotton—and another to play banjo and show the actual life of [the] slave—not the Uncle Tom sort.'" She wanted to display "the ignorant contented darky—as distinguished from [Harriet Beecher] Stowe's monstrosities."

Felton considered "young blacks" who sought equal treatment "half-civilized gorillas," and ascribed to them a "brutal lust" for white women. While seeking suffrage for women, she decried voting rights for blacks, arguing that it led directly to the rape of white women.

In 1899, a massive crowd of white Georgians tortured, mutilated, and burned a black man, Sam Hose, who purportedly had killed a white man in self-defense but had not committed the rape of the white woman whites accused him of. The crowd divided and sold his physical remains as souvenirs, Felton said that any "true-hearted husband or father" would have killed "the beast" and that Hose was due less sympathy than a rabid dog.

Felton also advocated more lynchings of black men, saying that such was "elysian" compared to the rape of white women. On at least one occasion, she stated that white Southerners should "lynch a thousand [black men] a week if it becomes necessary" to "protect woman's dearest possession."'

Affirmative consent activists seek to expand government meddling in your private life

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Left-wing social engineers are never satisfied. Give them an inch and they will take a mile. So it is with fanatical "Only Yes Means Yes" activists. Earlier this year, they succeeded in convincing California's legislature to pass a law requiring an "agreement" showing "affirmative consent" for sex on college campuses — and not just for sex, but also for a potentially broader, undefined category of sexual "activity" among college students. (Their ultimate goal is to require "verbal consent" to every sexual "act" or escalation of intimacy, even though it's hard to imagine anyone in the real world who would actually want their lover to ask "may I touch your breast" or "may I massage your clitoris" before doing it, especially if their lover already knows from experience that such touching would be welcome.).

Now, they are back, seeking even more power over people's private lives. Activists quoted in the Huffington Post now want to extend this "affirmative consent" ideology, and its pinched, misleading definition of "consent," beyond college into K-12 schools, and beyond sexual activity to non-sexual touching and unwanted remarks, to teach people the sinister evil of things like "unsolicited hugs." (My wife and daughter hug me without asking for permission, and sometimes it's a surprise — a pleasant surprise, even if I never "agreed" to it.). Once busybodies start meddling in your personal life, it's hard for them to stop.

The meddling won't stop at the schoolhouse gate, and will eventually reach into your private life, too. As lawyer Scott Greenfield notes, progressive law professors have submitted a controversial proposal to the American Law Institute that the Model Penal Code be radically changed to require affirmative "consent" throughout society, for both "sexual intercourse" and a broader range of "sexual contact." On page 69 of their draft, they explicitly admit that this affirmative "consent" requirement would classify as sexual assault even many "passionately wanted" instances of sex (presumably because of the technicality that such mutually-wanted sexual intercourse is welcomed after — not affirmatively consented to before — the sex is initiated.) Perversely, they justify this massive invasion of people's sex lives as supposedly protecting people's sexual "autonomy" from potentially unwanted sex, even though their proposal goes well beyond banning unwanted sex, to banning sex that was in fact "passionately wanted" although not agreed to in advance. See Model Penal Code: Sexual Assault and Related Offenses, Tentative Draft No. 1 at pg. 69 (April 30, 2014).'

NPO: Children and Parents Lose an Advocate

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Article here.

Rest In Peace, Mr. Levy. Three cheers for him: HUZZAH! HUZZAH! HUZZAH!

Excerpt:

'National Parents Organization is saddened to announce the passing of David Levy *[link added]*, a few weeks ago, shortly after his 78th birthday. David was a long-time advocate for children's rights.

"David Levy was a champion for our cause who made tremendous personal sacrifices of his energy, time and financial resources to advocate for our nation's children," said Ned Holstein, MD, MS, National Parents Organization Founder and Chair of the Board. "A dedicated father and husband, he was also a respected leader in our community, and we were deeply saddened to learn of his passing."

Not long after completing his law degree, David Levy made a name for himself by writing freelance articles in The Washington Post, but it was more than 20 years later that he would make a remarkable impact on our community as an advocate for the children's rights and parenting rights movements.

Levy, who began his career as a copyright lawyer, joined the conversation regarding children's and parental rights by quite literally entering a discussion with others following a Virginia congressional hearing in 1984 on problems with the child support system. From that initial meeting sprung the formation of the National Council for Children's Rights (renamed The Children's Rights Council in 1992). Serving as its CEO and president, Levy had developed CRC chapters and affiliates across the United States and in seven other countries and built the organization.'

Parental Alienation and Children Exhibiting Visitation Refusal Behaviour

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Article here. The author operates two topically-related sites: http://www.parentalalienation.ca/ and http://www.parentalalienationeducation.com/. Excerpt:

'There are multiple explanations for parental rejection in separated and divorcing families. In this dynamic, children and the parents they reject often struggle over a declining relationship and dissipating contact.

Frequently the child's parental rejection is mirrored in their pertinacious, visitation refusal behaviour and in extreme cases of parental rejection children have been known to terminate all contact on a permanent basis (Turkat).
Management of Visitation Interference, Ira Daniel Turkat, Ph.D., The Judges Journal, Number 36 p.17-47 Spring, 1997

In a Canadian legal study exploring parental rejection between 1987- 2009, a correlation was found between gender bias and visitation resistance. (Coleman)
Trends Analysis, Gene C. Colman, 2009 CSPAS conference, Metro Toronto Convention Center.

This study examined 74 cases and found fathers to be biased as rejected parents by a statistic of 62%. Another similar, clinical study during 1985-2001 (which included 99 cases), found no bias at all. The gender ratio was closer to 50 - 50. (Gardner).

Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS): Sixteen Years Later, Richard A. Gardner, M.D. Published in The Academy Forum , 2001, 45(1): 10-12 A Publication of The American Academy of Psychoanalysis.

Based upon the social science literature it is far more accurate to conclude that both genders share the same degree of high risk in being rejected by their children, and although there is still a substantial amount of public discordance over the issue of gender bias in the courts, the clinical data supports the fact that mother's and father's report the loss of child relationships in fairly equal proportion.

There are more than five hundred thousand children every year in divorced and separated families who have parents polarized by the issue of custody, and because of this conflict, many children are psychologically divided by behaviours that have three stages of adjustment. These stages are referred to as: Visitation Resistance, Visitation Pleasure and Visitation Confliction.'

Canada: False rape allegation sparks violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A man who stormed into a bonfire party with a handgun, believing his girlfriend had been raped by the men there, came out of the whole mess the worst for wear.

Janos Papp, 57, ended up being viciously beaten by the men at the party - who had not raped his girlfriend, it turned out. She had made the story up after her ATV broke down and she was angry the men at the party were too incompetent to help her.

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When they reached the Lac La Plonge dam, they found a group of people in their 20s drinking and celebrating a birthday. After a short visit, they left, but Papp's girlfriend had to stay behind because of a problem with her ATV. Two men from the bonfire party tried to help her.

"It seems that Mr. Papp's girlfriend became so annoyed with what she perceived to be the incompetence of her helpers that when she finally returned to Mr. Papp's cabin, she blamed her delay on the young men," Martinez wrote. "Incredibly, she falsely accused them of various transgressions, including telling a very drunk Mr. Papp that they had raped her."

Papp took a loaded handgun and headed back to the dam, driving his ATV into two of the men when he arrived. After Papp's ATV tipped over, one man hit Papp on the back of the head with a log. The group of men then swarmed him, "laying a vicious beating" on him.

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Papp's relationship with his girlfriend ended immediately after. The Crown argued for an 18-month jail sentence while the defence argued Papp should serve his sentence in the community. Martinez decided a conditional sentence order of 18 months was appropriate.'

As Falsely Accused Man Sits in Jail, A Woman's Rape Accusations Fall Apart on Damning Video

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In the video, we see a woman's rape allegations against her male co-worker fall apart as he sits helpless in jail. Though one case is not representative of all cases, it does raise the question of how many rape allegations are false.

A thesis by Edward Greer published in the Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review examines the issue of false rape allegations and reports some of the findings. At issue is the oft-repeated claim that only 2 percent of rape allegations are false.

"As far as can be ascertained, no study has ever been published which sets forth an evidentiary basis for the "two percent false rape complaint" thesis.

Despite the difficulties in measuring wrongful accusations, there is indirect data available that is highly suggestive that far more than two percent of rape accusations are false. In a significant fraction of instances, the accusers recant their charges."

Where did the two percent number come from? According to Greer's research, all of the scholarly papers' citations of the statistic can all be traced back to one source: a book entitled Against Our Will by Susan Brownmiller, written in the 1970s.

"Where did she get the figure? "A mimeoed handout" in one of her files. What, then, is the real number of false rape reports? Bloomberg notes:

The number of false accusations is what statisticians call a "dark number" — that is, there is a true number, but it is unknown, and perhaps unknowable."'

Huffington Post Still Citing Refuted '1 in 5' Campus Assault Statistic In Harvard Story

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'Harvard University has agreed to make changes to its sexual assault policies and review some cases after an investigation found its law school had handled victim complaints poorly, the U.S. Department of Education said on Tuesday.

The agreement with the Ivy League school is part of the Obama administration's push to curb sexual violence in U.S. colleges and coax schools to get tougher in handling cases.

The Education Department's Office of Civil Rights found that Harvard Law School had failed to appropriately respond to two student complaints of sexual assault.

"In one instance, the Law School took over a year to make its final determination and the complainant was not allowed to participate in this extended appeal process, which ultimately resulted in the reversal of the initial decision to dismiss the accused student and dismissal of the complainant's complaint," the department said in its announcement.

The agency found that Harvard Law School failed to comply with Title IX's requirements for "prompt and equitable response" to complaints of sexual assault. Violations of Title IX could result in the government pulling federal funding if a school fails to reach a resolution agreement with the Department of Education.
...
According to the White House, one in five women, and a smaller number of men, are sexually assaulted during their college years, and cases often go unreported.'

As the Campus Rape Narrative Unravels, Will Due Process Strike Back in 2015?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was undoubtedly a year of heightened paranoia about rape on college campuses, with everyone from Lena Dunham to President Obama demanding immediate action to curtail a purported epidemic of sexual violence. But due to a string of embarrassments, 2014 ended on surprisingly sour note for illiberal activists conspiring to shunt aside due process in their zeal to eradicate an exaggerated and politicized problem.

Still, while the voices of reason—of fairness for accusers and the accused—scored some ideological victories this year, 2015 will likely present even more daunting challenges. Dark clouds loom on the horizon, according to several legal experts who are advocates for campus due process or involved in rape disputes. In particular, a wave of wrongheaded affirmative consent policies—which force students to adopt bizarre and limiting sexual consent customs—could sweep the nation.

"I would guess that affirmative-consent ordinances will become law in various municipalities governed by Democratic machines, like Chicago (as well as New York City)," wrote Hans Bader, a senior attorney at the Competitive Enterprise Institute and former Office for Civil Rights lawyer, in an email to Reason. "'Affirmative consent' is like quasi-religious catechism for the Democrats."'

Progressives cling to 1-in-5 campus rape stat as mainstream media debunk it

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Article here. Excerpt:

'2014 saw the rise and fall of a curious statistic whose own authors tried to play down its weight: the claim that one in five women will be victims of sexual assault during their college career.

Much like Doonesbury's continued faith in the story of "Jackie" at the University of Virginia, however, the campus progressives at Generation Progress continue to hold out 1-in-5 as unquestionable scripture.

In its year-end wrap-up of liberal successes, the group touted its role in the national conversation on campus sexual assault, including helping the White House launch the It's On Us awareness campaign:

"On January 22, 2014, the White House announced the Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault. In April, the Task Force released their first report, Not Alone, which laid out some startling statistics—one in five women is sexually assaulted in college, 75 to 80 percent of survivors know their attacker, and most often, they do not report the crime."

The group also celebrates California's new affirmative-consent law for college campuses and its implication that drunk sex is by definition rape. But let's go back to that 1-in-5 statistic.

Generation Progress may be one of the few organizations still refusing to acknowledge the stat, from a Justice Department report, is full of caveats – it's based on a 2007 Web-based survey of two large public universities and had a low response rate, to say nothing of how it worded questions.

In addition to skeptics of campus administrators who are rushing to dump due process from adjudications of sexual-assault allegations, mainstream media increasingly say the 1-in-5 stat can't be trusted.

Most recently, The Atlantic's Olga Khazan wrote about a sociologist working with men on campus to "discover the best male-oriented efforts to prevent sexual assault, and then replicate them nationwide" – an effort that sounds more fruitful than simply prejudging all men as latent rapists.'

Harvard Law Gave More Rights To Accused Students In Sexual Harassment Cases, Feds Find

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Harvard Law School violated federal law by giving more rights to accused students than to accusers in sexual harassment and assault cases, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights announced Tuesday.
...
Harvard Law afforded more post-hearing rights to accused students in sexual harassment and assault cases than to students who were alleging they were harmed, OCR found. If a student was facing dismissal or expulsion for allegedly committing a sexual assault, he or she had the opportunity to call and question witnesses during a supplemental hearing process, the OCR said. Accusers in the cases did not receive the same opportunity.
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In one instance, federal officials found, the law school took 13 months to make its final determination in the case. During that time, the accused student was provided a supplemental hearing with representation by counsel and was allowed to provide testimony, while the complainant was not. In the end, the school reversed its initial decision to dismiss the accused student and dismissed the reporting student's complaint.

The feds also faulted Harvard Law for using a “clear and convincing” evidence standard of proof in sexual assault cases. OCR said this policy was "inconsistent" with the "preponderance of the evidence" standard -- more likely than not to have occurred -- which the Education Department noted is "required by Title IX for investigating allegations of sexual harassment or violence."'

2014 in review: The men strike back

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Article here. Excerpt:

'2014 was a watershed year -- it was the year it became apparent to a lot of folks with no personal stake in the issue that gender extremists have gone too far pushing their agendas on sexual assault. There is finally a mainstream backlash against rape culture hysteria. The rape culturalists are still winning, but for the first time, they have prominent opposition.

Rape Culture Hysteria

Before we get to the backlash, it is important to note that the year witnessed an explosion of jaw-dropping "rape culture" hysteria:

Amanda Childress, Sexual Assault Awareness Program coordinator at Dartmouth College, declared that campus policies aren't going far enough to protect students. She asked: "Why could we not expel a student based on an allegation?" Dartmouth defended Childress's comment, noting that she "was asking a question—a provocative one—meant to generate dialogue around complex issues . . . .”

Ms. Magazine quoted Caroline Heldman, a professor at Occidental College, on suits filed by men for alleged violations of their due process rights in connection with sexual assault claims: "These lawsuits are an incredible display of entitlement, the same entitlement that drove them to rape."

Sen. Claire McCaskill circulated an extensive survey about sexual assault to 350 college and university presidents. The survey classified persons who make accusations of sexual misconduct as “victims,” and in one place called persons merely accused of sexual misconduct “offenders.” Then on page 14, it contained this query: "Below is a list of policies and procedures that may discourage victims from disclosing and reporting assaults at some schools . . . . 1. Disclosure of offender’s rights in the adjudication process . . . ." The implication: it is somehow improper to insure that students accused of serious sexual offenses are aware of their rights.'

Whither the 'uncommon women' feminism promised?

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In 2013, Kavita Ramdas gave a commencement speech at her undergraduate alma mater. Her speech is largely a feminist rally, typical of the sorts of addresses given at women's colleges today. Funny thing is, she ends it with a really good observation of what kind of women the world needs. (Not bad when applied to men, too.) But reading it, I ask you: Do today's feminists fit her prescription? Does the following describe Gillibrand, Clinton, McCaskill, and the other rape hysterics and wage gap mythologists of today? To me, it doesn't. From the concluding paragraph:

'We need women who are so strong that they can be gentle, so educated that they can be humble, so fierce that they can be compassionate, so passionate that they can be rational, and so disciplined that they can be free. We need uncommon women. ...'

SAVE: One in Five: It’s a Lie

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2014, President Obama repeatedly made the statement that “one in five” female students experience sexual assault while in college. But in December, the Department of Justice reported the actual figure is only 2.4%. Nonetheless, the “one in five” claim served to galvanize an upsurge in legislative debate and campus activism which culminated in the UVA-Rolling Stone debacle.

Activists made other many assertions about campus sexual assault — claims that had no basis in fact. Commentators deplored how these inflammatory statements were used to create a rape “frenzy” and “panic” to force lawmakers and campus administrators to institute flawed policies.

Following are 12 myths about campus sexual assault, followed by the facts:

MYTH: One in Five College Women are Victims of Sexual Assault

FACT: The actual rate of sexual assault against college women is 0.6% per year — 2.4% over the four-year college period — according to the Department of Justice report (see graph on the right). This number includes assaults that are reported and not reported to the police.'

Message to men: Don't assault us

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Story here. Another woman who never locks her door but tells burglars not to rob her home. Excerpt:

'As I drove slowly around the endless strip malls that line the main drag of my city, I heard it — a public service announcement that seemed meant for me.

"Ultimately you are responsible for your safety in parking lots. Walk deliberately with keys in hand. Carry mace. Don't look at your cell phone. Don't let yourself become a victim. Happy holidays and New Year from the Sheriff's Office."

On its face, it seems like a helpful message, a proactive reminder to stay safe. But I heard something else. I heard, "This year, the police department would like a lot fewer assault and rape charges clogging up our system, ladies."

Unfair? Maybe. The office's message doesn't specify women. But it's implied — not just by my police department, but by society.
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But by telling women that we're ultimately responsible for our own safety, the police department is suggesting (unintentionally, I'm sure) that we're responsible for whether we get assaulted, which is just not true. While there are things women can do to reduce their risk, whether they get assaulted is simply not up to them. It's up to the assailant.'

Thundercloud

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Hi everyone,

I know this is off-topic, but I was wondering if any of you remember Thundercloud? He was here several years ago, and was a very good MRA. I was here at that time as well, but I don't recall my original ID.

Anyway, if any of you remember him, I am sorry to report that he passed away 3 years ago. He had been in a terrible motorcycle accident, and he died a few months later due to complications of severe head trauma.

I am his girlfriend. We met on this site, learned we lived near each other and got together. It was a wonderful 2-year relationship. I will never forget him. He wanted all of you to know that he loved you, and to keep up the fight!

I have picked up Thunder's mantle, and I too will now fight for equal rights for men and women alike. So much damage has been done by feminists, but Thundercloud didn't believe that it's too late, nor do I. We CAN do this.

Yes, I am a woman. But just know, we are not all misandrist feminists. Some of us really do care about REAL equality, not this rubbish that passes for it nowadays.

Thank-you for your indulgence. Let's make Thundercloud PROUD of us!

Erika

Actress apologizes for saying she's not a feminist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting fell into the "I'm not a feminist" trap and had to apologize to extricate herself.

A win for feminism or a win for anti-feminism? Maybe more like a win for tweet-shaming.

Cuoco-Sweeting, star of The Big Bang Theory, stepped into a wasps' nest when she made a mild comment about whether she considers herself a feminist in an interview withRedbook.

"Is it bad if I say no? It's not really something I think about," she mused. "Things are different now, and I know a lot of the work that paved the way for women happened before I was around. ... I was never that feminist girl demanding equality, but maybe that's because I've never really faced inequality."'

"I'm trying not to hate men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Before I could ever know anything different, this was maleness: aggression and protection, equally awful. Something cowardly and brute, something that hit you with its belt and pulled you beneath your favorite Lion King blanket and stuck its fingers into your vagina. My mind was still a dark house, waiting for positive moments—happy memories in the making—to light up each room. My father took a hammer to the circuit box, left me to wander the rooms of that dark house; and the neighbor boy who made "a secret game" of putting his hands under my dress while we sat on the couch, watching videos of Disney princesses whose happy endings came in a man's kiss, pulled me into the basement.

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But I live in, if not a man's world (at least, not always), a world of men. They are the co-workers who treat me with respect; the editors who've shepherded my essays with insight and kindness; and the men who are loyal, loving partners to my good girlfriends. And yet, there is always a part of me that is always in that dark house, always feeling my way around the walls, waiting for some unseen object to trip on or bruise against.

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These stories are remarkable because they're not remarkable: Anticipating—and enduring—violence is part and parcel of being a woman. The batterers and rapists, terrorists and trolls may not be all men, but, by and large, they are men. As Kate Harding writes, "Of course it's not all men. The idea that anyone might be talking about all men when talking about those who commit violence against women is ludicrous on its face … It's not all men. But listen, you guys, it's men." My mistrust can become a siren of sorts: It curls its finger and sings linger in your fear. Let all men be the father who beat you with his belt, the boy who molested you, the cab driver who grabbed your one friend, and the then-boyfriend who pushed another friend against a wall.

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After the Isla Vista shootings, I told girlfriends that I'd always regarded men the way that Magneto regarded humans. Magneto, for the uninitiated, is the mastermind behind the mutant separatist movement within the X-Men universe; he plucks an asteroid from the coldest orbit and turns it into Asteroid M, a mutant-only refuge. I'd built my own Asteroid W of women friends and bosses, icons and mentors. Men became some distant planet I'd enter whenever I needed something I could only find on the black market. But an asteroid is cold and airless; it can't sustain life.

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Recently, I left work late, after almost everyone else had already cleared out. I was alone in the parking garage elevator, until a man I've seen around the building (though he doesn't work in my office), thrust his arm between the doors just before they closed. My pulsed hiccupped. I felt myself stiffen, my body ram-rod to its old message: "don't fucking talk to me." I took instant inventory of his features: five-foot, seven inches (give or take), portly build, and black hair with a slight curl. His hazel eyes flitted around the elevator nervously; he'd measured me up as well, sensed my anxiety. He asks me, in a neighborly voice, what my plans for the weekend are. And I realize that he gets it: He wants me to be at ease. So I tell him about a movie I hope to see, and he says that he likes the lead actress; she seems smarter than the average Hollywood type. The ride is short, barely a minute. But in that minute, I walk through the rooms of my dark house, lighting candles.'

The White House Triumph of the #BanMen Movement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The year just ended was a banner year for misogyny—review the scandals of GamerGate, the revelations of sexual violence from the National Football to the Ivy Leagues, and Elliot Rodger's California killing spree intended to enact "revenge" against "all you girls who rejected me and looked down on me, treated me like scum while you gave yourselves to other men." ... And so as misogyny swelled, Twitter—that many-ringed circus where outrage emerges, then cycles and sloughs—took a look and found the mirror image: misandry. All year long, one hashtag reigned on my Twitter feed, snarky, flippant, and less than delicate or helpfully nuanced: #BanMen. Here's what 140 characters will do to the mind.

'...So female denizens, noticing the easy ubiquity of misogyny, imagined a different regime: would there even be violence against women without men? Would there be catcalls, school shootings, wars, or anything bad at all? Ban 'em, expel 'em, and why not exterminate 'em while we're at it? For perhaps the first time since the mid-1970s, the dream of a penis-free world—a lot funnier this time—became a bonafide fashion, extending past the confines of Twitter's letter limits. Misandrist book clubs and makeup tutorials debuted. Men published articles with headlines like "33 Reasons Why Men Should Be Banned." 'Male Tears' mugs made bank. In the spring, as part of its ad campaign for the fourth season of "Game of Thrones," finger-on-the-pulse HBO posted signs all around the subway reading, sinister and seriffed, "ALL MEN MUST DIE."
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The principle of #BanMen gained steam, which rises. In President Obama's press conference last week, held before his family vacation in Hawaii, Obama took eight questions from reporters: all from women. It was deliberate: White House press secretary Josh Earnest said that they realized the "unique opportunity" to highlight the fact that women "do the hard work" of covering the president "day-in and day-out." As Obama was leaving, a male reporter shouted out a question about the president's New Year's resolutions. He ignored it, and called instead on American Urban Radio's April Ryan. What lessons the male press corp may draw from this sudden invisibility, who knows. But women have an idea.'

Child support needs to reflect new roles for fathers, say experts

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Story here. A good attempt at re-assessing the treatment of non-custodial fathers in today's world. Excerpt:

'One kind of family is the one in an old greeting-card picture: two parents, one or more kids, all under one roof.

But another kind of family has become more and more common over the last several decades. We tend to call it “single parenting,” but it is really better described as an unmarried mother and father living apart, their children, and the government whose laws regulate their relationship.

That set of laws is the child-support system, and it covers 17 million American children—about a quarter of them. But that system is nearly 40 years old, established during a different economy, and built on an old model where the mother was the caretaker and the father simply brought home the bacon. Today, a group of critics is saying the system needs an update, not only to be fair to adults but to avoid hurting the children whose interests it is supposed to serve.

These critics are particularly focused on the role of fathers, who make up the vast majority of noncustodial parents. Fathers are overwhelmingly the target of the current system’s narrow focus on collection and enforcement. And for middle-class and high-income men, it may make sense to require simply that they pay up or else.

But 29 percent of families in the system have income below the federal poverty line, and many more have great trouble making ends meet. Since the system was first put in place, out-of-wedlock births have become less stigmatized and more common, while devastating wage stagnation has hit male workers. As a result, there are legions of low-income fathers far less able to hold up their end of the deal. They may find themselves unable to pay child support, and yet caught in a system that expects nothing else from them.'

Harvard Law Professors Slam Government Stance on Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of America's most prestigious law schools got a legal slap on the wrist on Tuesday, and many of its professors are unhappy. The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights announced that Harvard Law School had failed to respond adequately to student claims of sexual harassment and assault and was therefore in violation of Title IX. The decision will see that the Ivy League law school revise its sexual harassment policies again, in addition to the university-wide changes announced earlier this year. The OCR cited two specific incidents where the prominent school failed to respond swiftly and appropriately to student complaints.

The problem, in the eyes of many Harvard Law professors, is that the decision and the changes it kicks off (a) are flawed and (b) fly in the face of the basic principles of law. In the current atmosphere, where rape and sexual assault on college campuses are believed to be epidemic, seeing colleges like Harvard Law forced into self-improvement could be understood as a welcome change. However, professors at the school, which has produced 20 Supreme Court justices, say the announcement could actually hurt the civil rights of students. They also see it as part of the federal government's ongoing bullying of the nation's institutes of higher education. And this isn't a case of mansplaining to protect entitled male students—the Harvard Law professors who object to the judgment include several female academics."

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Bartholet and her colleagues acknowledge that sexual assault is a horrific crime and that those who commit such crimes should be punished accordingly, but the university's sexual harassment policy, they argue, solves problems by creating different ones. As they wrote in their statement to The Boston Globe, "This particular sexual harassment policy adopted by Harvard will do more harm than good." The danger, they believe, is that it makes it near impossible for someone accused of sexual harassment to be given a fair hearing.

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"I have served on the Harvard Law School faculty since 1977, and during that time have observed no unfair treatment of students claiming violation of their Title IX rights. I have, however, observed wrongful treatment of a student accused of such violation." (Elizabeth Bartholet*)

From her faculty page:

'Elizabeth Bartholet is the Morris Wasserstein Public Interest Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Child Advocacy Program (CAP), which she founded in the fall of 2004. She teaches civil rights and family law, specializing in child welfare, adoption, and reproductive technology. Before joining the Harvard Faculty, she was engaged in civil rights and public interest work, first with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and later as founder and director of the Legal Action Center, a non-profit organization in New York City focused on criminal justice and substance abuse issues. Bartholet graduated from Radcliffe College in 1962, and from Harvard Law School in 1965."

U-Va. Reaction to Rape Claim: Worse Than at Duke?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Depressing similarities link the two highest-profile allegations of campus sexual assault in recent years -- the fraudulent gang rape claims against Duke lacrosse players in 2006, and Rolling Stone writer Sabrina Erdely's multiply discredited portrayal in November of a sadistically brutal gang rape at a University of Virginia fraternity.

Even more depressing is another comparison between the two cases. While campus journalists and many other students at Duke were refreshingly open to evidence and critical thinking as the case there unfolded, the vast majority of U-Va. students have been sheep-like. They have emulated -- or at least tolerated -- the anti-male prejudices of U-Va. academics and administrators. Some have even called for secret criminal trials in rape prosecutions.

As to lacrosse case similarities, the most obvious was the initial mob-like rush to judgment at U-Va. by left-leaning faculty, administrators, and news media in embracing the now-infamous claim by "Jackie" of being gang-raped on a bed of shattered glass. By presuming the guilt of college men accused of implausibly barbaric crimes against women and minorities, these academics were oblivious to the lessons from Duke.

Not unlike the 88 Duke professors who signed a public statement in 2006, which included a thank-you to protesters who had urged the team captains' castration, those U-Va. professors who individually spoke up immediately after the Rolling Stone article were eager to see it as exemplifying a campus "rape culture" of which there is little hard evidence.'

The Rape Culture Hysteria

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A rape culture dogma has been created in North America by politically-correct (PC) feminists who claim sexual assault against women is a systemic problem throughout society. It does not matter that rape is a heavily punished crime or that the mere accusation of it can destroy a man's career or life. Nor does it matter that both The Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network – the largest anti-sexual assault organization in America – and the U.S. Department of Justice, National Crime Victimization Survey (2008-2012) agree: The frequency of sexual assault has fallen more than 50% since 1993. The dogma of a rape culture is immune to evidence.

Instead, PC feminists confirm it through an aggressive hypersensitivity to virtually every word spoken in society so that confirmation of the rape culture is everywhere. Then they can use powerful government tools like Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, federal law prohibiting sex discrimination in educational institutions; but it only applies to systemic discrimination not isolated criminal acts. They then can call for radical change in society by deconstructing institutions and reconstructing them according to their own vision of a brave new world.'

Iowa AG asks Iowa SC to overturn decision in favor of accused student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a brief filed this week with the Iowa Supreme Court, the state Attorney General's Office has argued that District Court Judge Steven Oeth used the wrong evidentiary standard in his August decision to overturn a sexual misconduct violation against former Ames High School and Iowa State University basketball player Bubu Palo.

The brief, which requests an oral argument in front of the court, was filed on behalf of the Iowa Board of Regents, which in December 2013 upheld a decision by ISU President Steven Leath finding Palo in violation of the university's sexual misconduct policy stemming from rape accusations against him and his friend, Spencer Cruise, the previous year.

...

Citing numerous examples of case law, the Attorney General's Office is arguing that both Priester and Oeth erred in their interpretations of the law — Priester by neglecting to apply ISU's student conduct code in his findings and Oeth by reassessing evidence instead of determining whether Leath's and the Board of Regents' findings were supported by the evidence already established.

The brief points out that Priester referenced the Iowa Code's definition of sexual abuse in his proposed findings, when it did not apply to the university's sexual misconduct policy. State law requires guilt beyond a reasonable doubt — part of the reason why the Story County Attorney's Office decided to drop the criminal cases against Palo and Cruise — while university misconduct proceedings are based on a lesser preponderance of evidence standard.

To back up the Board of Regents' decision, the brief lists its findings in support of Palo's alleged victim that contradict findings made by Priester and Oeth, such as that Palo's cooperation with police, his previous sexual encounters with the alleged victim and vague texts he sent her before the incident had no bearing on whether the sex was consensual.

"It is unreasonable to conclude that someone who had just been sexually assaulted and severely traumatized would immediately then consent to have a consensual sexual relationship with another person," the brief argues, quoting from the board's decision.'

Professor seeks UVA president's apology for closing frats after Rolling Stone's rape story, website reports

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'A professor at the University of Virginia and his son, a third-year student, are requesting an apology from UVA president Teresa Sullivan, who suspended all fraternity activities after an article in Rolling Stone alleged that a female student was gang-raped at the school's Phi Kappa Psi fraternity in 2012.

The magazine has since apologized for a series of journalism failures in its reporting of the story, including failing to contact the would-be attackers and to probe inconsistencies in the account of the woman who said she was attacked.

Writing in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, professor Robert Turner and his son, Thomas Turner, said they found the details in the story "implausible" but they were equally shocked by Sullivan's decision to suspend fraternities before conducting an investigation of the incident.

"Did U.Va. learn nothing from the 2006 Duke lacrosse team scandal, where -- reportedly under strong pressure from prejudiced faculty members anxious to make an example of 'privileged' athletes -- on the sole basis of an allegation of rape, the lacrosse coach was fired and the team's schedule for the rest of the season canceled?" the authors write.'

Facebook defamation: man wins lawsuit over estranged wife's domestic violence post

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'A West Australian man has successfully sued his estranged wife for defamation over a Facebook post that suggested she was the victim of domestic violence, after a Perth court found she could not prove the statement was true.

Bunbury teacher Miro Dabrowski was awarded $12,500 in damages at the West Australian district court in December by Justice Michael Bowden.

The offending post, which was posted on his estranged wife Robyn Greeuw's public Facebook profile in December 2012, read: "Separated from Miro Dabrowski after 18 years of suffering domestic violence and abuse. Now fighting the system to keep my children safe."

...

In his decision, Bowden said some of Dabrowski's comments about the nature of the relationship were "incredulous". But he said Greewu's "implausible" claims about how the Facebook post came to be undermined her credibility, and meant he could not find she had been the victim of domestic violence and abuse on her word alone.

"Domestic violence and abuse by its very nature usually occur in the matrimonial home and in the absence of independent witnesses. I accept that defamation findings can be made solely on the evidence of one partner against the other," Bowden said.

"However, Ms Greeuw's credibility is so badly affected by the matters to which I have referred that it leads to the conclusion that she is prepared to say or write whatever she thinks will suit her case and I would not be prepared to accept her evidence unless it is supported by independent evidence or documents contemporaneously made with the events she now complains of."'

Groups back Iowa State in sexual misconduct appeal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Iowa State University's decision to kick a basketball player off the team for alleged sexual misconduct should be upheld by the state Supreme Court, national groups representing rape victims and college administrators say.

The case of former Cyclone guard Bubu Palo has "critical implications" nationally for whether colleges can use internal disciplinary policies to enforce stricter standards in regards to sexual misconduct than criminal law, the groups told justices in a brief filed this week. Those policies are necessary to comply with federal law and to combat the epidemic of sexual assault on campuses, the Victim Rights Law Center and Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education argued.

Criminal charges against Palo were dropped, but Iowa State is appealing a judge's ruling that found there wasn't evidence that Palo violated its sexual misconduct policy. A decision is likely months away.'

The NY Times' yearly Sidney Awards includes "The College Rape Overcorrection"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The debate over sexual assault on campus — how much it happens, how to punish it, how to prevent it — is in its early phases. There's plenty of jumping to conclusions, lots of vitriol, but very little clarity on the numbers or what to do. Emily Yoffe's controversial blockbuster in Slate, "The College Rape Overcorrection," is a brave and useful volley in that debate. Yoffe starts with the story of Drew Sterrett, who was an engineering student at the University of Michigan in 2012. One night a woman known as CB invited herself into his bed, the two had sex, while his roommate tried and failed to sleep amid the din of their lovemaking in the bunk bed above.

Months later Sterrett was asked to make himself available for a Skype interview with university officials, though he was not told why. During the questioning, he realized that CB must have said something disturbing about their night together. His days at school were over.

It's hard to know what happened that night, but the process by which the evidence was weighed and Sterrett was judged seems plainly unfair. One gets the impression from reading the article and other essays that, nationwide, there are many brutal rapes that go unpunished, there are some innocent men thrown off campus without due process and the whole system is structured badly in some large way.'

Feminist activists begin push for "consent education" in kindergarten

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fresh off a victory in getting a law passed that regulates sexual encounters between students on college campuses, feminist activists in California are now pushing for instruction on sexual “consent” for children starting in kindergarten.

An activist group called Take Back the Night has joined with others to issue a set of “demands” to California colleges and public schools that it believes will help roll back “a culture of rape” on campuses.

“We recommend consent education in K-12,” the group said on its Facebook page. “College is too late for people to learn about bodily autonomy and respect.”

Those signing the demand for sexual consent education starting in kindergarten include student activists such as Sofie Karasek, co-founder of End-Rape on Campus at University of California Berkeley, and like-minded students at University of California Santa Barbara and San Diego State University.
...
“Concerned parents might think we’re talking about consent in a purely sexual context, when really we’re talking on a day-to-day basis,” Melgoza told the website.

Warner, director of Associated Students of the University of California Sexual Assault Commission, told HuffPo that consent was not “just for intercourse.”

“It’s for all aspects of our lives, and people aren’t understanding or being taught that,” she said.'

Liberals: If The Shoe Doesn’t Fit, Make Everyone Wear It

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is a common practice of the left to stage an incident and then demand enormous legal changes to respond to their hoax.

Griswold v. Connecticut was a scam orchestrated by Yale law professors to challenge the state’s anti-contraception law. The case was a fraud: The law had never been enforced and never would have been enforced, until the professors held a press conference announcing they were breaking the law.
...
Jamie Leigh Jones made fantastical claims about being fed Rohypnol, gang-raped and then held at gunpoint while working for KBR, a subsidiary of Halliburton, in Iraq in 2005. Without considering the likelihood of a military contractor doing this to an American citizen, knowing she’d get back to the U.S. someday and be able to tell her story, our adversary media and well-paid Democratic senators believed every word out of Jones’ mouth.

As always happens when members of a disfavored racial and gender group — i.e., white males — are accused of heinous acts, liberals heard Jones’s claims and concluded: Well, the one thing we know is: There was a gang-rape. All that’s left to do now is to investigate the military/fraternity/lacrosse rape culture.

Thus, for example, Sen. Patrick Leahy began a hearing on Jones’ insane accusations with this statement of facts: “Jamie Leigh Jones [is] a young woman from Texas who took a job at Halliburton in Iraq in 2005 when she was 20 years old. In her first week on the job, she was drugged and then she was gang-raped by co-workers. When she reported this — remember 20 years old — she reported this assault, her employers moved her to a locked trailer, where she was kept by armed guards and freed only when the State Department intervened.”'

Famed attorney Alan Dershowitz fights accusations of sexual assault

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Story here. Mickey Mouse is next, so long as he has enough money to "settle out of court". Good grief, soon no one (male, that is) whose name ever appeared in a headline or has more than a cool mill in the bank will be safe. Excerpt:

'Unlike other celebrities and politicians who have allowed sexual assault accusations to ruin their careers, attorney Alan Dershowitz *[link added]* is fighting back early — and hard.

Dershowitz, a Harvard Law professor and outspoken critic of how colleges have been handling sexual assault, was accused of having sex with an underage girl by a former witness against billionaire investor Jeffrey Epstein.

Dershowitz categorically denied the allegation, calling it “totally, unequivocally and completely false.”
...
"I'm planning to file disbarment charges against the two lawyers who signed this petition without even checking the manifests of airplanes or travel itineraries, et cetera," Dershowitz told Politico. "I'm also challenging the young woman and the lawyers to level those charges against me outside of the courtroom, so that I can sue them for defamation. ... Finally, I’m challenging the woman to file criminal charges against me because the filing of false criminal charges is a crime."'

Photo of Prince Andrew and Virginia Roberts analyzed for authenticity, fails in several ways

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gotnews.com can conclusively prove that the photo of Prince Andrew with Virginia Roberts, the alleged underaged prostitute is a forgery.
...
The key to investigation is the size of the pixels. You would expect a photograph to have the same pixelation throughout. And yet the sections with Andrew and Virginia have different sized pixels that become clear when you zoom in.

Our analyst writes:

“Virginia’s and Andrew’s facial photos were taken using different cameras, different shutters speeds; therefore; at different times. Pixels in the photo of the brunette and Andrew are a better match, yet not exact.”

“It is 99.8% likely that the photo of Andrew and the brunette [Jeffrey Epstein assistant Ghislaine Maxwell] were taken by the same camera, with the same shutter speed, at the same time.”

“However, the photo shadows, color gradients, and pixel sizes of Virginia Roberts indicate with 99.9% certainty that her photo could not have been taken with the same camera, shutter speed, or at the same time as the photos of Andrew and the brunette [Maxwell]. Higher resolution settings were used to photograph Andrew and the brunette [Maxwell], and neither match the lower quality resolution settings of Virginia’s photo.”
...
The photo was first presented in 2011 to the Daily Mail by Roberts, according to the Daily Beast.

Roberts received a “big cash payment” from the Mail. As she received money for submitting the fake photo, Roberts may have committed fraud.'

Alan Dershowitz Says He is Victim of “Extortion Conspiracy”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lawyer Alan Dershowitz is fighting back against claims that he was involved in a prostitution ring that involved the Jeffrey Epstein sex scandal, according to a report from the Wall Street Journal.

Dershowitz says that the claims are fabricated despite them appearing in a U.S. court document.
...
Dershowitz is a professor emeritus at Harvard Law School and is one of the biggest names in U.S. law. Dershowitz helped negotiate the agreement with the government, which helped Epstein avoid federal prosecution.

A separate civil lawsuit claims that prosecutors violated the rights of Epstein’s victims when they agreed to a deal with him without their opinion.

The claims made against Dershowitz first appeared in a motion filed on December 30 by the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs asked the court to permit two more victims, identified as Jane Doe #3 and Jane Doe #4, to join the lawsuit.
...
In an interview with The Wall Street Journal, Dershowitz said, “It’s a completely, totally fabricated, made-up story. I have never had sex with an underage woman. They made up this story out of whole cloth. I’m an innocent victim of an extortion conspiracy.”

Dershowitz said that he will deny the claims using a sworn affidavit, “subjecting me to criminal prosecution if I’m lying. I’m prepared to put my liberty and my reputation at risk by swearing under oath that it didn’t happen.”

Dershowitz said he knew Epstein socially, but claims the two were not friends.

“I was never alone with Jeffrey Epstein in the company of any young women. I can tell you that unequivocally,” he said.

Dershowitz made it known that he will sue for defamation if the accusations were repeated by lawyers outside of court proceedings.'

U. of Virginia Reinstates Fraternities and Sets New Rules for Parties

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The University of Virginia has reinstated all of its fraternities, pending their acceptance of a new agreement requiring, among other things, that at least three members be “sober and lucid” at all parties. The college announced the measure in a news release on Tuesday.

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The new agreement, which fraternities must sign by January 16, requires, among other things, that:

- At least three members be “sober and lucid” at each function.
- At least one of the sober brothers be stationed at each point of alcohol distribution, and one be at the stairs leading to the house’s bedrooms.
- The fraternity provide one additional sober brother per every 30 members of the chapter.
- At least three of the sober brothers be non-freshmen.
- All fraternities submit two risk-management plans to the college’s Inter-Fraternity Council.'

Harvard Sex Assault Regulations Put Inequality Before the Law

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'Despite objections from 28 law professors, Harvard University Law School is going to subject its students to a potentially misguided interpretation of Title IX's sexual assault rules in order to preserve its federal funding.

Sexual assault is a serious matter. That is why it is unfortunate that the U.S. Department of Education has pressured universities and colleges since 2011 to lower the standard of evidence for convicting people of sexual assault. Through a guidance letter, the prior standard of "clear and convincing" evidence is no longer required for conviction. Instead, schools must show "a preponderance of the evidence," a lower standard.

Professors at Harvard University Law School fought against the new regulations, which had already been adopted by the rest of the University. The 28 law professors wrote in October 2014 that "Harvard has adopted procedures for deciding cases of alleged sexual misconduct which lack the most basic elements of fairness and due process, are overwhelmingly stacked against the accused, and are in no way required by Title IX law or regulation."'

Why ‘Manspreading’ Is Definitely a Serious Issue, as Explained by the Feminist Internet

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Article here. Excerpt:

You might not think that it’s appropriate for the government to launch a campaign telling men how to sit on the subway. Well guess what? You’re wrong.

If you “manspread” on the subway (which, by the way, means to sit with your legs apart, in case you are a fixture of the patriarchy who doesn’t educate himself on important women’s issues), you are doing so much more than taking up space.

Here’s what’s really going on with manspreading, as explained by some of the bright, forward-thinking minds on the Feminist Internet:

1. Manspreading is saying, “Who gives a f* if you can’t sit, [we] are men. See [our] balls.”**

This is as explained by a man, Mychal Denzel Smith, for the blog Feministing. (Finally a man courageous enough to cue the rest of the world in to the secret language of the subway brotherhood!)

2. Manspreading is “an assertion of male dominance,” and “every one” of the manspreaders does it because he feels like he has to “claim [his] territory and [his] manhood in this public space, even at the discomfort of all the other passengers.”

Another great point by Smith. Who, by the way, also wrote: “When I stand, I sometimes cross my legs.” Sexy, sexy, sexy! Amirite ladies?!'

'Manspreading'? But women hog subway space, too

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'As we enter 2015, the latest feminist crusade seems to come straight from the life-imitates-satire department. It has everything one could want in a caricature of feminism: petty grievances, gleeful male-bashing, egregious double standards. And it also seems to have the official blessing of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. It's the war on "manspreading," the male habit of sitting with legs apart and (supposedly) taking up too much space on the subway.

...

Of course, hogging space in a crowded subway car is rude and inconsiderate. But are men really the worst offenders? After years of subway riding, I can say I've never noticed this to be the case. Neither have some of my female friends in New York City; others have said that while they've noticed male leg-spread, women can be just as bad with purses and shopping bags.

...

This brand of feminism is not about equality; it's about shaming directed at males, as the subway seating issue makes abundantly clear. Even the word "manspreading," with its nasty and somewhat obscene overtones, is a gender-based slur. Imagine the reaction if men took photos of inconsiderate women with large purses or shopping bags and posted them with exhortations to "stop the womanspread." You can bet such activism would not get positive media coverage or a sympathetic response from the MTA.

A public service campaign against space-hogging -- and other forms of incivility on the subway -- would be welcome. Selective male-shaming is not. Stop the bashing, please; it's a human issue.'

Australia: Women given 'free pass' on domestic violence, says former Nationals senator

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The former National party senator Bill O'Chee *[link added]* says women are being given a "free pass" by police on domestic violence and are just as capable as men of killing, "especially when children are involved".

O'Chee, a columnist for Fairfax Media's Brisbane Times, wrote that equal opportunity for women meant equal responsibility for their actions, especially criminal ones, but police were failing to prosecute them for acts of domestic violence.

...

Women are just as capable of killing in domestic circumstances as men, especially when children are involved," he said.

O'Chee said he had a solicitor friend who "ruefully" did not charge one woman with domestic violence when he was a police prosecutor.

"Upon reflection, he agreed there was an inherent bias in the way police treated female perpetrators of domestic violence. They usually get a free pass," he wrote.'

Colorado Springs candidate for mayor in jail on many DV and other charges

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Justine Herring, a real estate broker running for mayor in Colorado Springs, is being held at the El Paso County jail without bail on a felony domestic violence charge involving an assault-style rifle and other offenses.

Herring is accused of domestic violence menacing with an AR-15 rifle at Memorial Park, a public space near downtown and frequented by families and youth sports teams, on Saturday, according to Colorado Springs police. Authorities say she pointed the rifle at a man and threatened him.

Police also say Herring earlier Saturday waved a firearm and threatened the same victim at a different location, representing herself as a member of a federal law enforcement agency.

Herring, 48, who recently came onto the city's political scene, has a criminal history of misdemeanor offenses, including driving under the influence and domestic violence, records show.

"Bad publicity is better than no publicity," Herring posted on Facebook in November.'

FDA announces Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 must also be applied to men in DV shelters

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Announcement here. That sound you just heard was Hell freezing over. 'bout time the heat wave was broken some. Excerpt:

'This memorandum is intended to clarify Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) policy regarding men who are victims of domestic violence residing in shelters for battered women and children, which will henceforth be referred to as shelters for battered persons. Both the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended (the Act), and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations allow certain flexibilities for victims of domestic violence who are fleeing their abuser. ...
...
Although some of the language in the Act and regulations is not gender neutral, language in other provisions is gender neutral. The specific language of the Act refers to "temporary residents" of shelters, which conveys that the flexibilities are not limited to one gender or sex. The provisions containing gender neutral language would be overly narrowed in scope if they were interpreted to only refer to women. Furthermore, were these flexibilities restricted to only women and children, SNAP rules regarding children living with their parents would prevent a child residing in a shelter with her/his father from receiving benefits.

In consideration of these issues, FNS finds that all provisions related to persons fleeing domestic violence shall be interpreted to apply to all victims of domestic violence, regardless of gender or sex. ...'

Bangladesh World Cupper Rubel Hossain in Jail on Rape Charges

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Bangladesh cricketer Rubel Hossain, who has been named in the country's World Cup squad, was behind bars Thursday after being remanded in custody over allegations that he raped an actress.

A magistrate in the capital Dhaka delivered the order after 19-year-old Naznin Akter Happy lodged a complaint of "rape" and a "false promise of marriage" against the cricketer last month.
...
"The metropolitan magistrate court rejected his bail plea... He was sent to prison pending the next hearing of the case," deputy commissioner of Dhaka police Anisur Rahman told AFP.
...
Police last month launched a probe after Happy lodged a complaint with police that the fast bowler had backed away from an earlier pledge to marry her after having a months-long "intimate affair".
...
The scandal has gripped the conservative Muslim-majority country for weeks, with Happy telling reporters that she would be prepared to withdraw the case if Rubel agrees to marry her."
...
Under Bangladeshi law, anyone who makes what is considered a "false" marriage proposal is liable to criminal prosecution.

The fast bowler has rejected the accusations of rape or making a marriage proposal, saying Happy was trying to "blackmail" him. He also ruled out marrying the actress.'

Interest in banning 'manspreading' is spreading

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Article here. Excerpt:

'San Francisco bus and train riders may soon get a new lesson in etiquette: Close your legs, dudes.

A New York City movement to stop men from spreading their legs wide to ensure more room on public transit is making its way to San Francisco, in an effort by local agencies to spread the word on basic politeness.

The practice, known as "manspreading," is where riders, typically men, block seats on either side while sitting in a wide, V-shaped slouch. New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority is launching a public-relations campaign against the practice. One new sign by the authority reads, "Dude... Stop the spread, please. It's a space issue."

Now, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency will conduct a survey to see how Muni riders feel about manspreading, a possible precursor to a campaign of its own.

"As part of our strategic-plan goals, we are looking to do additional outreach regarding Muni etiquette," SFMTA spokesman Paul Rose said.'

YouTube: Man Spreading - MGTOW

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Video here. Description excerpt

'Just over a year ago I covered a story in my video called The Gender War in Sweden about how Swedish feminists were so bored they were telling men how to sit on the bus. And I sourced a vice article from two thousand and twelve and it's the first one in the description below. Most people watching that video were shocked or outraged. So thought it was just plain stupid or funny. But with New York's MTO launching an advertising campaign targeting the act of "Man Spreading," this issue is gaining traction in North America. Some people are calling this the New York City Nutcracker in honor of Christmas. What I find insulting about this attack on men on public transit is that it's targeting men in the first place. What about women? Is it not possible that women could also behave the same way? Why is this an issue only facing men. And what about women that bring giant purses and put them on seats next to them? Or what about women that bring two, three or even four giant bags with them on public transit?...'

"Women Make Better Business Decisions Than Men"

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'Women make better business decisions than men: Companies with female directors perform better and cut risk of bankruptcy says the study published by International Journal of Business.

The study goes on to say that there should be more women in the boardroom, and not just in the name of equality. They make better bosses than men because they are fairer and have more scruples. It means companies with women on the board are more likely to make decisions that benefit everyone, from investors to staff, rather than just the top brass Remember these are not my words I have a link to the study below my article for you to take a look for yourself. The study goes on to say that women also tend to consult others in the decision-making process, leading to a more cooperative feeling in the firm. The study, which surveyed 600 board members, concluded that female-influenced companies were more successful than male-dominated ones.'

Why D.C.'s matriarchy matters — and the rest of the country needs to catch up

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'The nation's capital didn't wait for 2016 to make political history.

We started the year with three women in the District's most high-profile jobs — mayor, police chief and schools chancellor — the only big city in the country to have such prominent female leadership.
...
As a nation, we're still terrible at representing 51 percent of the population fairly. The numbers in this year's Congress are historically high — and still barely a meager 20 percent.

So when D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) took office last week and announced even earlier that she'd be keeping Police Chief Cathy Lanier and Schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson in place, it was a big deal.

What will the matriarchy mean for the city? Plenty of people think D.C. will thrive with women running the show.
...
"I don't think your gender really matters in this line of work," Lanier said Sunday when the New Matriarchy — Lanier, Bowser and Henderson — appeared on "Meet the Press." "Like most uniformed services, if you come to work and work hard every day, and you have a reputation of being a hard worker, cops really don't care if you're male or female or black or white, and nor does the community."

I don't know about that.

Crime continues to decline, highly charged political protests in a complex city cape have been welcomed and controlled without major incidents, and the police department and mayor have continued to work well together without major strife, something a lot of other big city departments run by men can't say.'

Intel teams with Feminist Frequency for $300m tech diversity drive

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'Intel has pledged $300m of investment to improve diversity at the company and the wider technology and gaming sectors.

The firm plans to work with several partners, including the International Game Developers Association, the E-Sports League, Feminist Frequency and the National Center for Women in Technology to support, enhance or create new programs for the initiative.

"We're calling on our industry to again make the seemingly impossible possible by making a commitment to real change and clarity in our goals," said Intel CEO Brian Krzanich. "Without a workforce that more closely mirrors the population, we are missing opportunities, including not understanding and designing for our own customers."'

'Manslamming': A Verb, a Gerund

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'There's a category of words that have sprung up of late to shame men for acting in a ~~manly~~ terrible fashion. There's "mansplaining," the verb and the noun, which describes—according to Urban Dictionary—the act of "delighting in condescending, inaccurate explanations delivered with rock solid confidence of rightness and that slimy certainty that of course he is right, because he is the man in this conversation." (See: the book *Men Explain Things to Me*.) There's "manspreading," also a verb-and-noun combo, which describes the act of spread-eagle-ing upon a seat, that seat usually being set in a public space, the spread-eagle-er usually being a man. (See the Tumblr Men Taking Up Too Much Space on the Train.)

Terms that put the "man" in "portmanteau" tend to catch on because they describe a behavior that men (usually) adopt unconsciously and that women (usually) find annoying or (sometimes) offensive. They cheekily point out microaggressions-- a term coined by the Harvard professor Chester Pierce in the '70s to describe insults inflicted on African-Americans, but extended since then to indict all forms of privilege being wantonly wielded—and ask the subjects of their verbs to check, or at least acknowledge, that privilege. As language, they're prescriptive as well as descriptive: They both describe a behavior and strongly advise against it. They hint at that the troubling fact that privilege tends to be highly apparent to everyone except the people who enjoy it.

I mention all that because there's a helpful new word in the man-as-prefix lexicon. Meet "manslamming," which New York magazine's Jessica Roy uses to describe the behavior that is, on a sidewalk, refusing to yield to a fellow pedestrian such that a collision inevitably ensues. More broadly, Roy says, it's "the sidewalk M.O. of men who remain apparently oblivious to the personal space of those around them." It is (usually) done by men, (usually) at the expense of women. It is (usually) done unconsciously.'

No More "Flattops" for US Navy Women

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'The Navy said Thursday that it is halting, at least temporarily, its practice of cutting female recruits' hair short when they arrive at boot camp.

The service said it was taking the step "in an effort to standardize training and education across the military services," following orders last year from Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to review hair regulations after revised Army hair rules upset some female soldiers.

The ban on haircuts will run for the first three months of this year, and is in response to female sailors complaining that the short haircuts didn't prepare them adequately for grooming the longer hairstyles permitted once they graduated into the fleet.

"Grooming standards education will be incorporated into the curriculum, but will not impact other training," the Navy has said of the so-far temporary change. "This will allow women to style longer hair in the same manner that they would wear it daily in the Fleet while providing the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of the standards before transferring to the Fleet."
...
In what will surely come as a shock to generation of raw, crew-cutted recruits, the Navy also said it is weighing a similar relaxation for incoming male hair. "Male accessions at Officer Candidate School and Recruit Training Command are required to have their heads shaved to an eighth-inch upon arrival," the service says. "They receive follow-up haircuts, which result in a regulation haircut by the time they reach graduation."'

The troubling rise of the ‘femplainers’

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'A new kind of feminism has taken root in popular culture, leading some prominent doyennes of social media to proclaim 2014 a watershed year for womankind.

Combine the machine-gun fire of Twitter outrage, a wave of celebrity rape revelations and activists making careers of berating businesses for their unequal gender ratio, and apparently the result is some sort of giant leap for the cause of women.

It looks to me more like a reactionary leap than a progressive one. The feminism of sexual freedom and against gender stereotyping has given way to one that insists on lumping all women together (#YESALLWOMEN) as a collective victim of sexual assault.

The feminism of equality, of toughness, of anti-discrimination, has been overwhelmed by one of victimhood and demands for special treatment. The feminism of solidarity across class divides has been sidelined by an exaggerated concern with the problems of the elite.

One prominent example: a nonprofit calling itself “Change the Ratio” hassles companies to hire more female executives and venture capitalists to extend financing to female-run businesses, presumably not because they are the best candidates, but because they have two ‘X’ chromosomes.'

Police: False rape accusation led to killing in Fairbanks

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'A false accusation of rape allegedly caused a Barrow man to beat his cousin to death in a Fairbanks hotel room Wednesday morning, according to Alaska State Troopers.

Abraham S. Stine, 39, was charged Thursday with one count of second-degree murder for beating Wesley Lord, 37, to death at the Extended Stay Hotel on Old Airport Way. His girlfriend, Dominique Natalie Vasquez, 31, also of Barrow, also was charged with one count of second-degree murder for her actions during the incident.

According to charging documents, Vasquez had been smoking methamphetamine and drinking alcohol with Lord and two other men — one of whom is her third-party custodian — earlier in the evening. Vasquez and Lord started having consensual sex after one of the men went to the bathroom to take a shower.
...
Vasquez admitted placing her hand over Lord's mouth and told troopers she lied to Stine because she was afraid of what he would do if he found out she had cheated on him, according to charging documents.

Vasquez was charged with second-degree murder for trying to silence Lord during the beating and for "inciting Stine to beat (Lord) with the false allegation of rape," according to charging documents.'

U. of Missouri police say student’s report of rape is false

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'The University of Missouri St. Louis police department says rape reported on December 17th by a student did not occur. The student who reported the incident met with investigators. The UMSL police department now says a warning sent about the incident was unfounded.

The student said that a man wearing a full ski mask forced her into the back seat of a parked car. Campus police sent an alert to students the following day to look for a suspect with a thin build and blue eyes. The victim described his car as small and dark in color.'

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services: "Great Strides for Women's Health Under the Affordable Care Act"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'By: Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement, The White House

President Obama has said repeatedly that "when women succeed, America succeeds." And over the past year, millions of women have gained the security of knowing that their professional, academic, financial, and personal dreams will not be put in jeopardy if they face a health challenge. Today, the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") released a report detailing the important strides we have made in women's health as a result of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act ("ACA").

Up until last year, insurance companies could - and often did - charge women different premiums than men for the same coverage. As of January 1, 2014, the ACA prohibits this gender discrimination. In part because of improved options and affordability, today's report outlines a significant 5.5 percentage point decline in the uninsured rate among women between the ages of 18 and 64 since 2013. And as more and more women take advantage of the Open Enrollment period that ends February 15, 2015, and sign up for affordable private health insurance, that number will continue to drop.
...
Today marks the last day of the Women's Week of Action, celebrating the ACA's accomplishments, and gearing up for the work we still have left ahead of us. The Affordable Care Act has given millions of women peace of mind for themselves and their families. And although many women have gained coverage since last year's Open Enrollment, there are still millions of women who have yet to sign up and gain access to these crucial services.'

Denmark: Study correlates circumcision in young boys with chance of autism development

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'Circumcision before the age of five can double a boy's risk of developing autism, controversial research suggests.

Scientists believe the finding may be linked to stress caused by the pain of the procedure.

The study of more than 340,000 boys in Denmark found that circumcision raised the overall chances of an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) before the age of 10 by 46%.

But if circumcision took place before the age of five it doubled the risk.

...

Professor David Katz, from University College London, who chairs Milah UK, a body that speaks for the Jewish community on issues related to circumcision, said: "This report is far from convincing: correlation does not equal causation.

"There is a long history of attempts to link autistic spectrum disorders to unrelated practices, such as the measles/mumps/rubella association, which proved to be fraudulent.

"There is general agreement that in people suffering from an ASD there are abnormalities that can be identified in brain structure and/or function. There is a strong genetic component, which may be a factor within the faith communities studied here, and which does not appear to have been explored amongst them.'

What is the real definition of "Patriarchy"?

ErikaLancastor · 10 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Sorry I need to even ask such a question. I feel ignorant doing so, but, I thought i'd at least best ask before making comments on such a thing.

But just what is the real definition of "Patriarchy"?
I hear feminists and random women throwing the term about all the time. If it means that women in this country and the rest of the western world are oppressed by men, then I call it a fallacy at least and a misnomer at the most. "Patriarchy" would mean that women cannot vote or freely express themselves, right? Well, if so, where in the western world is such a thing happening?

I simply do not see it. Am I blind? as far as I know we women have the right to vote and have so since 1920, if I'm not mistaken. So for more than eighty years, the better part of a century, there has been that right for us. So where is the "Patriarchy"?

If it means we women do not have the right to free speech, then why, on TV and other forms of media, are the majority of commentators female, talking almost if not exclusively about "female issues"? So where is the "Patriarchy"?

If it means we women have no reproductive rights, I don't see that, either. In fact it is men, not us, that have no reproductive rights. So where is the "Patriarchy"?

Also, it would mean that women cannot have an education, am I correct? If so, then why are there more women graduating high school, and attending and graduating from college? So where is the "Patriarchy"?

Lastly, I see no speech codes placed upon us women. In a patriarchy women would indeed be saddled with such a thing. But men are saddled with such a thing. It is called political correctness. So where is the "Patriarchy"?

I hear and see that word "patriarchy" bandied about, all the time... again, am I blind? I ask once more, so where is the "Patriarchy"?

Erika

Amanda Marcotte: The David Duke Of Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Twenty-fourteen has been a bad year for feminism. From the UVA rape hoax to the anti-civil rights atrocities that are “affirmative consent” laws, from the the scandalous radio silence after the Rotherham scandal, to the ever-escalating #Waronnerds (reaching peak absurdity in the controversy over Dr. Matt Taylor’s allegedly “sexist” shirt), 2014 was the year when feminism underwent a fall from grace that even John Milton would cringe to chronicle. It was the year the movement that gave birth to the suffragettes mutated into the Jane Birch Society, though actually, that might be unfair to the Birchers – they only saw communists under every bed, whereas many modern feminists see misogynists and rapists not only under them, but in them, too. It was the year when feminism decided it had had enough of trying to get equal rights, and now only wanted to get even, in the words of one particularly frightening column.

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It is not possible to overstate the intellectual dishonesty, moral myopia, psychological ill health, ideological hypocrisy and logical bankruptcy in evidence throughout Marcotte’s writing. Whittaker Chambers once denounced Ayn Rand, saying that in her work, “a voice can be heard, from painful necessity, commanding – to a gas chamber, go!” But Rand’s gas chambers, if they existed at all, did so in the abstract. Marcotte, on the other hand, barely bothers to disguise the voice in her writing commanding, “get thee to the gelding knife.”

Indeed, if one reads even a small sample of Marcotte’s writing, it becomes clear that she views all men (especially the white variety, though by no means exclusively) as presumptive and/or would-be rapists who must be savaged, humiliated and persecuted at every turn due to their complicity in patriarchal oppression. Furthermore, for a man to be judged innocent of a sex crime by society is, in Marcotte’s view, not a testament to the efficacy of a liberal justice system, but rather a thumb in the eye of women everywhere. In fact, given the ugly, revanchist pose that Marcotte adopts, to say nothing of her zero sum view of gender relations, it’s not even accurate to call her a feminist so much as a female nationalist. And not the good sort of nationalist, either – rather, Marcotte’s idea of “girl power” should be heard with the same ominous connotations with which one hears David Duke’s invocation of “white power.”

In fact, the comparison to David Duke gets more distressingly apt the more one reads Marcotte’s work, which is so peppered with paranoia, accusation in place of argument and dehumanization of not merely ideological opponents but even friendly critics that with minimal editing (say, by switching out “men” for “Jews”), one could transform your average Amanda Marcotte column into a first-rate KKK pamphlet. Morally, she is indistinguishable from Duke and any number of other pathetically educated sociopaths who hitched their star to hate in order to rise in the world.'

The Monsterization of Men

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'It is also earning at least some critiques, largely from feminist corners. Some of these are predictable: Martina is “objectified” and judged by her looks. She isn’t given a chance to speak. No one in the video *[link added]* is given the opportunity to sue each other or protest naked. (Okay, I kid on that last one.) Other complaints are more nuanced: In a lengthy blog post, feminist critic and author Rebecca Hains called the video *[link added]* “sickening,” unraveling some of its weirder elements: “A grown man, telling [boys] to slap a girl that they so clearly like? And a girl being coached to stand there and let boys who are complete strangers to her touch her body? How awful!”

No argument here: The video is, at the very least, indisputably weird. But the worst part of “Slap Her,” despite the cries of feminists, has nothing to do with Martina, her treatment, or her rather clueless video directors. It’s the widespread and growing idea, reflected throughout our culture, that the Y chromosome, paired with toxic and constricting societal “gender roles”—as opposed to, say, flawed human nature—is the central driver behind domestic violence and various other evils in the world.

Let’s step back for a moment. How strange is it, really, that millions upon millions of people would be “charmed” and “touched” and have their “hearts melted” by the fact that several young boys would refuse to hit a girl? Has our collective cultural opinion of the male species really sunk so low?

If you’ve been paying attention to modern politics—and particularly modern feminism—you know the answer. It’s sad, really. It’s also somewhat ironic: For a group widely painted as privileged oppressors, men, on the reputational front and otherwise, are increasingly getting the short end of the stick.'

"Bonnie not surprised that men win more Darwin Awards"

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'Nothing like starting off the new year with a little male bashing. Then again, the article upon which this column springs to life was written by a male.

Last month, Business Insider science reporter Kevin Loria — whose byline features his manly, unshaven face, thus pretty much establishing his gender — openly declared, “We men are idiots.”

To which every female reader of Business Insider no doubt gave a silent, if somewhat unsurprised, nod of the ol’ noggin.

Loria based his declaration upon a recently-published article in the British Medical Journal regarding a study that found that since 1995 almost 89 percent of the recipients — 282 in all — of the Darwin Award were male.
...
Those who claim a pair of XX chromosomes are not exempt from acts of idiocy, of course — yours truly included. When I was about 5, and disinclined to take the nap ordered by my mother, I decided to find out what would happen if I straightened out the bobby pin I had found under the bed and stick it inside the electrical wall socket next to the bed. Never did that again.

Same for the time when I was about 12, when I struck a match and held it close to my head. “Gee,” I told my younger brother, who was standing next to me, “It sounds just like a forest fire.”

“No wonder,” he calmly replied. “Your hair is on fire.”

Yep, I have done some idiotic things in my life — none fatal so far. Same for the poor woman who won a mention — though not the ultimate award — as a Darwin At-Risk Survivor.

Seems she decided to bake a cake using an old electric mixer with a detachable cord plugged into the socket.

Unfortunately one end of the cord popped out of the old mixer and into the batter. She turned off the mixer but failed to unplug it. Instead, she took the end of the still-live cord – dripping with cake batter – and stuck it in her mouth. Not only did she survive the shock, the woman would later use it as a teachable moment — as a first aid instructor.

Wonder how many men would do the same.'

Legislation would give students right to an attorney for disciplinary proceedings

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'North Dakota legislators introduced a bill Thursday that would grant university students and student organizations the right to be represented by an attorney during university disciplinary proceedings.

The bill, introduced by state Sen. Ray Holmberg, R-Grand Forks, would grant students the right to be represented by an attorney or non-attorney advocate at the student's expense. The right would not extend to hearings regarding allegations of academic dishonesty.

Student organizations would also have the right to an attorney or advocate.

Holmberg said the bill has multiple sponsors, includingstate Rep. Lois Delmore, D-Grand Forks.

"We want to make sure it's clear that due process has to be followed," Holmberg said.

The bill comes after a female UND student accused fellow student Caleb Warner of sexual assault in 2010. Although Warner was never charged with a crime, he was banned from the UND campus for three years. His accuser, Jessica Murray, was later charged with falsifying a report to law enforcement. UND's sanctions against Warner were eventually lifted.'

CU-Boulder asks judge to throw out Title IX lawsuit filed by 'John Doe'

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'Lawyers for the University of Colorado have asked a federal judge to throw out the Title IX lawsuit filed late last year by an anonymous male student who claims he was wrongly accused and punished for sexual assault.

In a 25-page motion filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Denver, CU's lawyers argued that the male student's claims of sex discrimination are baseless.

The male student, whose identity is protected by the court, is suing CU under Title IX, the federal gender equity law that has historically been used to protect the rights of female students.

Title IX prohibits sexual assault, sexual harassment, retaliation and other forms of gender-based discrimination on college campuses.

"Plaintiff's primary claim is based on Title IX," CU-Boulder attorneys David Temple and Erica Weston wrote. "This claim fails because the (complaint) alleges no plausible facts that the university's disciplinary process discriminated against plaintiff because of his gender. Instead, the (complaint) relies upon legally insufficient conjecture and non-gender based allegations that the university's process was faulty."'

"'Man-Spreading' Is All About Ego"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Inspired by New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the move to ban "man-spreading" -- men who sit on public transit with their knees spread so far apart that they actually take up seats next to them -- has reached Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission, and it's caused some interesting gender chatter.
...
Funny thing about virility: it's often not what it seems. Like male animals, much of the virility is false but the display can be stunning. I had a boyfriend with a huge set of testicles that hung heavily under his pinkie-sized penis which only ejaculated prematurely, so I wouldn't say that large testicles necessarily indicate virility. The whole puffed-up, I-have-bigger-balls-than-you-and-that-makes-me-more-masculine mentality of man-spreaders is a delusion, mere posturing.

In the animal world as Dabbs mentions, panache works to look dominant and impress the opposite sex. I cannot imagine any woman being attracted to a man who tries so hard to show he's masculine by exposing what he thinks are mammoth testicles to prove his manhood, while simultaneously imposing himself into other people's space.

I'm not even sure that men are aware of how much space they take up because they haven't been challenged on it until recently. Once men are called on it however, many will acknowledge their puffed-up, space-taking wrongdoing and change their position (at least this is what happens in polite Toronto). Several times I've been on public transit and saw the only seat available beside a wide-kneed man. Instead of being intimidated, I walk over and say,excuse me!, then lower my bottom into the seat (young men will often scowl because I've messed up the big, powerful space he's created around himself). If a man's leg is in my space, I ask him to please give me some more leg room and I've never had an argument. Politeness and a kind smile can do wonders for personal comfort, so I recommend it.'

Man-slamming: another reason to slam men

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'*First it was the way we sit, now it's the way we walk. Radical feminists really don't like men very much, says Jake Wallis Simons*

Let's start with a self-evident truth: men can be annoying.

It's not exactly a controversial statement. In fact, it is constantly reiterated by many women, with comments like "don't be such a man", and "men just don't get it".

To be honest, they're probably right. I find many men irritating, and I'm a man.

One way in which men can be annoying, for example, is "man-slamming", which, according to New York magazine, happens when a woman doesn't get out of a man's way in the street.

Women can be annoying, too. Due to centuries of patriarchy, it is not acceptable for a man to say "don't be such a women" or "women just don't get it". But what is true for one sex is true for the other: men and women are bound to annoy each other, because they are fundamentally different.

But a growing idea called "micro-aggression" seeks to take all the ways in which men can be annoying (such as "man-slamming"), and use them as ammunition in a feminist – or rather, an anti-man – struggle.'

"Nearly One-Third Of College Men In Study Say They Would Commit Rape"

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Article here. Looks like we have another flawed statistic that will be repeated constantly by feminists, law makers and those affiliated with the victim industry. Excerpt:

'Close to 1-in-3 collegiate males admitted in a recent study they would force a woman to sexual intercourse, but many would not consider that rape, Newsweek reports.

The survey found 31.7 percent of men said they would act on "intentions to force a woman to sexual intercourse" if they could get away with it, but just 13.6 percent said they had "intentions to rape a woman" if there weren't any consequences.

The authors of this study note the difference relies on whether or not they described what constitutes sexual assault, versus whether they simply called it rape. For this study, the researchers defined rape as "intercourse by use of force or threat of force against a victim's wishes."

When combined with what the study's authors described as "callous sexual attitudes," the results suggest a man with a hostile attitude toward women may view "forced intercourse as an achievement," and a woman saying "no" could be "perceived as a token resistance consistent with stereotypical gender norms.'

17-YO girl brutally beats 15-YO boy for passing gas near her, faces felony charges

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'The lawyer for a female South Richmond High School student accused of bashing a boy pupil with a metal stool after he allegedly passed gas near her, contended the boy had deliberately tried to embarrass her.

"My client was at her desk studying when a male student placed his buttocks directly in her face and humiliated her by performing a bodily function," said attorney Michael Harding. "The male student's behavior is totally unacceptable in our society."

Joquasha Rosado, 17, of Mariners Harbor, was arrested on felony and misdemeanor assault charges, stemming from the incident Monday at the Pleasant Plains school, which serves teens with special needs and disabilities, said authorities.

Ms. Rosado also punched the 15-year-old victim's head about 10 to 15 times while cursing and yelling at him, said police and a law enforcement source.

The victim required eight medical staples to close his wound, said the complaint.

Authorities declined to identify the boy.'

University panel wants to change sexual-consent definition on the sly

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'A sexual-violence workgroup created by Syracuse University appears to recommend that the school adopt the affirmative-consent standard for rape, without acknowledging that it's doing so.

It also pins much of the blame for sexual assault on the school's Greek life, going so far as to recommend that Syracuse move its counseling center away from fraternities so alleged victims won't feel unsafe.
...
The report shows its cards early, recommending Syracuse take a "victim/survivor advocacy" approach. The words "victim" and "survivor" are liberally sprinkled throughout the report, rather than the neutral "complainant" and "respondent" terms that are sometimes used to refer to the parties in an investigation.

Accused students should be afforded "due process," the report says, but it otherwise puts them at a disadvantage, saying it's "appropriate" to force them into no-contact orders, academic schedule adjustments, housing relocation and interim suspension, even when their accusers remain confidential.'

Questions for the Attorney General Nominee

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'Senate confirmation hearings put nominees on notice that, as a Michigan state legislator reportedly once said, “I’m watching everything you do with a fine-toothed comb.” Loretta Lynch, a talented lawyer and seasoned U.S. attorney, should be confirmed as attorney general. Her hearing, however, should not be perfunctory. Questions like the following would highlight some festering problems:

- Next year is the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, which began the slow, serpentine progress to our modern panoply of rights, including those of persons accused of serious crimes. Today, however, regarding sexual misconduct on campuses, the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights uses the threat of withdrawing federal funding to coerce colleges and universities into jettisoning crucial defendants’ protections when adjudicating, in improvised tribunals, accusations of sexual assault. Presumption of innocence? The new presumption is that accusations are valid until disproved. The right to confront one’s accuser? No, it would be traumatizing to the “survivor” (note the prejudgment). Proof beyond a reasonable doubt? Now a mere “preponderance of the evidence” will suffice. Are you comfortable with this traducing of due process?'

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- Years pass, studies are written and vows are made, yet the scandal of prison rape persists. When will the government stop this crime against inmates in its custody?
- The U.S. incarceration rate is five times Wales and England’s, nine times Germany’s, 14 times Japan’s. In 2010, more than 200,000 inmates — approximately the nation’s total number of prisoners in 1970 — were over the age of 50. How can this be necessary?

UVA student leaders want secret trials for rape cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Taking Action On Sexual Assault — A Student Perspective" is the title of a two-page document containing various recommendations to help combat the "sexual assault storm" at the University of Virginia.

"It is a problem among us, and a problem we must fix at personal and cultural levels," the introduction says.

Indeed, the document has three sets of recommendations — nine for UVA's Board of Visitors, and seven each for administration and students.

One of these (for the BOV) is something you might have come to expect: a requirement to take Women and Gender Studies courses.

"There is much to learn about our culture's impact on and interaction with women. Assuring that each student engages with these ideas is an enabler of cultural change. The BOV can: budget increased support for the program, direct schools to create requirement."
...
But what is most … frightening is the call for closed criminal trials in rape cases:

"One hurdle to pursuing criminal resolution may be the painstaking public nature of trials. Introducing privacy could make that path more attractive. The BOV can: advocate publicly to Richmond."'

UVA fraternity at the center of disputed Rolling Stone gang-rape story reinstated after police find no proof sexual assault happened

Mastodon · 12 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The University of Virginia fraternity hit with allegations of gang rape in a Rolling Stone article will not be kicked off campus following a police investigation which turned up no evidence of the alleged sexual assault.

Phi Kappa Psi was suspended in November, after Rolling Stone published a story featuring a UVA junior named 'Jackie' who claimed to have been brutally gang-raped by a group of men at the fraternity during her freshman year.

All fraternities and sororities at the Charlottesville, Virginia campus were temporarily suspended in the wake of the controversial article, which provoked protests on campus over the school's relaxed prosecution of sexual assault reports.'

Sydney siege: Fred Nile says only man inside Lindt Cafe was gunman

GaryB · 13 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

This story appears today in News.com.au. For those of you who may not know we had a siege recently in a Sydney cafe, an ISIS-related gunman took people hostage, threatened them, and killed two people. During the start of the siege several people were able to escape before the gunman could lock down the shop entirely. And, of course, the men who did escape 'should have done more to protect the women', according to one Australian politician. Excerpt:

'Earlier, the Christian Democratic Party leader sparked outrage on Channel 7's Sunrise by saying bravery awards were for people who put themselves in danger to help others, not those who found themselves in dangerous situations.
...
"Usually men try to protect the women but it looks like the men were trying to protect their own skins," Mr Nile said on Sunrise this morning.

"Where were the men?

"The only man really there was the man with the gun."'

Personally I do agree somewhat that a bravery award shouldn't be given to everyone who has a scary encounter - a bravery award should be given to those who show bravery in the face of danger or personal risk, particularly when it helps or saves others. But how come it's just the men who are wrong here? Several women escaped the siege and not a word. And whilst we're at it, if men and women are equal - shouldn't those women have 'done something more to protect the men' before selfishly saving their own lives..?

Are Men Really Urban Monsters?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month The New York Times ran a story with photos of men caught “manspreading.” Manspreading is defined as man who sits on a public bus, subway or park bench with his legs splayed open. Some men who do this take two seats on crowded public transportation. The Times said, “It is the bane of many female subway riders. It is a scourge tracked on blogs and on Twitter.”
...
Hmm, are the people coining and using these new words tacitly agreeing to the premise that some large percentage of men are guilty of talking down to women, shoving women out of the way on sidewalks, demeaning women by calling them “bossy” and refusing to give women space on crowded public transportation? Might this same logic then lead people to surmise that, by comparison, women much less often spread out over two seats on a bus or subway (or put their bags on the seat next to them), talk down to men (don’t these new words talk down to men?) and commit other microaggressive acts?

I’ve worked in Manhattan and business and pleasure still often takes me onto its busy sidewalks and into its offices. I usually ride Metro-North trains in. In my anecdotal experience women take over two seats just as often as men do. Also, though I have witnessed my share of rudeness and people moving in New York minutes, I haven’t noticed men shoving women out of the way on sidewalks or mansplaining. No doubt there are a few sexist individuals running all over women’s sensibilities, but I have mostly seen considerate behavior among men and women in offices. Actually, in the offices I’ve worked in Manhattan, mansplaining or calling a female coworker “bossy” would silence a room and lead to the perpetrator being set straight behind a closed door—perhaps even let go.'

Support mandatory postnatal DNA testing

Kaka81k · 14 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

This article was brief and ended with: "Although mandatory paternity testing seems unlikely at this point, that may change in the future if the Man's Rights Agency has it their way."

So guys, let's not get hooked on the peripheries but try to attack the core. A worldwide movement to make paternity tests mandatory can give us enough evidence to put our case strongly in favor of the men, especially in cases where they are made to pay child support even if the child is not theirs!

Well, the fact that women now have the right to control pregnancy does not mean we will accept anything she spits out of her belly. Even a small amendment to the law that can free the man of any financial obligation if proved that offspring is not his is more than enough for now. Logically, why should a man pay for the expense of a child who is not his? But yes, there should be a consideration that he can pay only if he wants to.

This lawmaker wants to do it. Let's all help her and ourselves.

SAVE: ‘One in Five, It’s a Lie:’ SAVE Launches Campaign to Restore Truth to Sexual Assault Debate

Matt · 14 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is today launching a national campaign to expose common myths and false claims about campus sexual assault. The 12 myths, along with the factual information, can be viewed here: http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/myths/

One of the most common is the “one in five” myth, the claim that one-fifth of college women experience sexual assault. But a recent Department of Justice report concluded the actual risk is 2.4% over the four-year college period.

Other myths include:

1. Only 2-8% of Rape Allegations are False
2. Our Nation Endorses a “Rape Culture”
3. Encouraging Women to Follow Common-Sense Rape Prevention Measures is “Blaming the Victim”

SAVE believes these myths, and the concerns they engendered, contributed to a cultural milieu in which the UVA-Rolling Stone magazine debacle took place last month.'

Victims Frantically Search For Offense

Matt · 14 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Microaggression. The word may soon be knocking on your door to demand supplication or another form of payment. Microaggression is the new politically correct campaign being launched by "disadvantaged" elites who are running out of even vaguely real transgressions to complain about.

What You Can Expect to Be Accused Of

Microaggression is unintended discrimination that demeans the "disadvantaged" even if the perpetrator does not intend to do so and is well-meaning. Coined in 1970 by Harvard psychiatrist Chester M. Pierce, it described unconscious racial insults delivered by whites to minorities. An example is a white teacher who asks a black student if he needs help with a math problem.

The concept includes micro-insults or insensitive communication such as asking an Asian coworker where she comes from; the question allegedly suggests she is a foreigner and not a true American. It also includes micro-invalidations that negate the feelings or reality of a black, such as speaking well of Southern cooking; the comment allegedly suggests an approval of past slavery. These behaviors lead to micro-inequities; the behaviors are conveyed through unconscious messages that allegedly devalue the "disadvantaged" in the subtle communication of facial expressions, gestures, tone, word choice, nuance and syntax.

In 1973, MIT economist Mary Rowe expanded Pierce's term to focus on discrimination against women. A classic example of microaggression against women is using the pronoun "he" to indicate people in general when it is also a gender-specific term. Merely substituting the pronoun "she," however, is microaggression as well because it sweeps the insult of the original situation under the rug.

The "disadvantaged" now include racial minorities, women, sexual minorities, the poor, the disabled ... that is, any group considered to be marginalized. It includes almost everyone but white males or any white female who disagrees with political correctness.'

Misandrist "joy" when men are maimed

DutchO · 14 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

See this story on Jezebel.com and especially the response of mirth and joy of the bloggers to a man horribly maimed by his wife. Excerpt:

'This right here is commitment: Feng Lung has been arrested for causing grievous bodily harm to her husband (and father of her five children) Fan Lung after she discovered that her man was sending "saucy texts" to his new lover from his wife's phone.So she cut off his dick. And then she cut it off again. And if she weren't arrested, it'd probably be off for a third time right about now.'

Real world effects of criminalizing maleness

el cid · 14 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Real world effect #1 – reluctance to help a child.

This has been seen before. When you have airlines refusing to seat a man next to an unaccompanied minor, and a man suspected of exploiting girls when photographing his daughters, is it any wonder men are reluctant to help a child in distress? ...

Real world effect #2 – men abandon teaching as a profession

John Bangs, assistant secretary of the National Union of Teachers, believes many men have been put off teaching in primary schools – often regarded as a woman's job anyway – by an increasing vigilance over child abuse. "People have become much more suspicious of men who want to work with young children," he says. "These perceptions are absurd, but men are reluctant to be stigmatized in this way."
...
Real world effect #3 – men avoiding college

The college gender gap switched from male positive to female positive almost three decades ago. ...

With all of the rape culture hysteria and affirmative consent laws making college a hostile environment for men, I expect the gender gap to widen. Fewer men will subject themselves to the risk that comes from attending college while male. At least at liberal arts colleges, which are already skewed female more than the national average. STEM schools might still draw men, since those BS degrees can lead to some well-paid careers, and fewer women choose STEM careers.
...
Is the decline of men really a problem? Feminists think not. In fact, when these indicators of male decline are pointed out, feminists respond with "yeah, but men are still overrepresented in elected offices and corporate boardrooms.". Apex fallacy. Because a small percentage of all men are in power, all men must be fine. It doesn't matter to feminists that marriage and fertility are declining. In fact, they probably view that as a success metric.

I'm of the opinion that the decline is not a problem on the individual level. If men are making rational choices about what is best for them, and are choosing to avoid the rat race and career ladder, then that's fine by me. Men are just responding to the incentives and disincentives offered by our culture.

But, while men "standing down" may be fine for individual men, it isn't a success strategy for society as a whole. Under-achieving men don't pay as much in income tax as their more ambitious brethren. And since women aren't choosing high paying careers, their income tax isn't replacing the tax lost when men check out. This is being masked by the high-earning baby boomers, but as they retire the demographic bubble will burst, and national tax revenue will decline. Politicians will likely respond by raising the top rates, further discouraging ambition and entrepreneurship.
...
Take it easy men. Relax, work less. Do your part to reverse the wage gap. With culture and society denigrating men at every turn, what do men owe society in return? Nothing. If you can't Enjoy the Decline like Aaron, then kick back and Observe the Decline with me.'

"Does this bother anyone else?"

ErikaLancastor · 14 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Page here. Excerpt:

Public Outreach: The FBI has forged partnerships nationally and locally with many civil rights organizations to establish rapport, share information, address concerns, and cooperate in solving problems. These groups include such organizations as the NAACP, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Anti-Defamation League, the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, the *National Organization for Women*, the Human Rights Campaign, and the National Disability Rights Network.

Australia: PM "told to quit as minister for women if gender reporting rules eased"

Minuteman · 15 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. *(All hyperlinks below have been added. - Ed.)* Excerpt:

'Tony Abbott is facing calls to resign as the minister for women if he does not commit to mandatory gender reporting requirements for big business.

The government recently released the summary of a nine-month-long consultation process with business on gender reporting.

At present, employers with more than 100 staff must report annually on the gender breakdown of employees.

Additional reporting measures, including data on new hires and promotions for women and statistics on parental leave, were due to come in on 1 April but were deferred while the government considered the findings of the consultations.
...
Senator Larissa Waters said:..."If the workplace gender reporting requirements are weakened on Tony Abbott's watch he should step down as the minister for women."
...
The Diversity Council warned that turning back gains on gender reporting would be "archaic" and "unbelievably dangerous".
...
Many employers complained about the red tape involved. Kate Carnell from the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry said: "The current requirement for remuneration reporting across an entire workforce already creates a significant compliance burden."
...
"The reporting would encourage employers to ask for applicants to specify their gender on application forms and résumés which could be potentially viewed as leading to discriminatory behaviour."'

"Florida’s universities are on a mission to educate all about sexual assaults on campus"

Mastodon · 15 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Universities across Florida are revamping how they investigate and prosecute sexual assault complaints in the wake of scrutiny from the U.S. Office for Civil Rights and questions raised by several high profile incidents across the country.

The White House, Congress and victims rights advocates are calling for greater transparency, accountability and educating all those involved on how to properly handle a sexual assault allegation — from college presidents to coaches, faculty, fraternities, campus police, staff and students.

“This national conversation is helping us shift some priorities toward sexual assault,” said Jen Day Shaw, dean of students at the University of Florida, where four sexual attacks on UF women were reported within nine days last fall.

The statistics make it clear. Approximately one in five women have been sexually assaulted or the target of an attempted sexual assault while in college, compared with one in 16 college men, according to a 2007 campus sexual assault study conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice. And a DOJ study issued last month indicated only 20 percent of women students (ages 18-24) who were the victims of a sexual assault between 1995 and 2013 reported their attack, fearing a reprisal.'

College wrestling coach battles publicly on behalf of accused son

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In the aftermath of a sexual assault accusation against his son Corey, [University of] North Carolina [at Chapel Hill] head wrestling coach C.D. Mock created a website to discredit the accuser and speak out against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's *[link added]* actions.

A disclaimer on the website — coreymock.net — says it's run by Barbara Mock, C.D. Mock's mother and Corey Mock's grandmother, but the writing is done from C.D. Mock's perspective throughout.

In the 'About' section of the website, Mock writes that he is using the website as a vehicle not to defend his son's actions, but as a way to inform other parents about the 'danger' of the so-called hookup culture on college campuses and what he calls the aggressive nature of women.
...
"If a woman accuses you of sexual assault at a univeristy(sic), you will immediately be removed from the campus prior to any investigation or determination of guilt. YOU HAVE NO CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IN COLLEGE. The University or College will do everything in its power to prosecute you and kick you out of school regardless of the evidence and there is absolutely nothing you can do about it, and they know it. You can sue the school and the alleged victim as we are doing, but the minimum cost to sue is $50,000 and the NCAA isn't going to give you your year back if you win."
...
When Corey, who began his wrestling career at UNC, was accused in spring 2014, he was indefinitely suspended from the wrestling team.

UTC used a campus judicial officer, also a full time accounting professor with a law degree, to evaluate the case. In the first hearing, Corey was found not responsible by the campus judicial officer. But a week after the university and accuser petitioned the officer to reconsider the ruling, the decision was reversed.

Corey was expelled from the university after the second finding, but was granted a stay by the campus judicial officer and allowed to attend classes while UTC Chancellor Steven Angle reviewed the case.

On Dec. 6, the day after the university received notice of a Title IX complaint from the accuser for the handling of the case, Angle concluded his review and upheld the expulsion.

Criminal charges were never filed in the case.

The story of the sexual assault accusation was elevated to national attention when Vice Magazine published an article on the case on Dec. 15.

It was that article that spurred the creation of Mock's website to speak out against the university's handling of the case.

In subsequent posts on his website, Mock writes that Chattanooga's consent policy, 'yes means yes,' is unrealistic.

"Let's all acknowledge this 'yes means yes' idea sucks," he writes. "The idea that college kids are going to whip out cell phones and record their partner saying 'yes' just before sex is just stupid. It's only a matter of time before guys figure this out and just start arguing that 'the girl said yes,' even if she didn't. Now what? Now we just assume all men are lying? It's a totally stupid idea and it will never last and until it changes many more of us will be the carnage of "falsely accused"."'

Two fraternities refuse to sign UVA's new regulations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two fraternities at the University of Virginia are refusing to agree to new rules set by university officials in the wake of the Rolling Stone sexual assault controversy.

Kappa Alpha Order and Alpha Tau Omega released identical statements Tuesday saying that UVa's suspension of all Greek organization social activities following the story last fall "unfairly punished" fraternities.

The story later was discredited. The university lifted the suspension with the start of the current semester, but stipulated that the Greek organizations had to agree to a new set of rules governing parties at fraternity and sorority houses.

"Because we do not accept the validity of a suspension imposed in contravention of the existing [Fraternal Order Agreement], university policy, Virginia law and the constitutional rights of our members, we are not compelled to sign a revised FOA to continue operations on campus," according to the statement.

Both fraternities say their current policies are "as strict or more strict" than the new agreement.'

UVA fraternity members speak out for the first time on their weeks in hiding

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Brothers of the University of Virginia fraternity at the center of a now discredited Rolling Stone article about gang rape have spoken out for the first time to detail how they were forced into hiding after the story incited mass protests on campus.

The article about the issue of sexual assault at UVA starts with the horrifying account of one student who claims to have been gang-raped by seven men in an apparent initiation ritual at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity two years ago.

But after several holes in the victim's story were brought to light, and a police investigation found no evidence the crime ever happened, the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity was taken off suspension this week and are set to start their new remember recruitment - known as Rush - tonight.

Phi Psi president Stephen Scipione, a 21-year-old junior from Richmond, Virginia, spoke with the Washington Post and described the night in November when he and his brothers huddled around and read the damning article.
...
Just hours after the story came out, the Phi Psi house was gratified with statements like 'UVA Center for Rape Studies' and 'Suspend Us!' and the brothers say bricks were thrown through the windows.

Fearing their safety, most of them fled the house, booking hotel rooms.
...
The brothers checked old emails, bank accounts and other fraternity records and discovered that they did not hold a party at the house the weekend of September 28, 2012 - and that no one in their fraternity matched the description of the primary attacker, a junior who worked at the university pool.

They also staunchly denied the suggestion that the incident was an initiation ritual for new members, as details of the attack suggested.

'We vehemently deny that it would be plausible as a ritualistic tradition to join our fraternity,' Scipione said.
...
Since the article was published, Phi Psi members have undergone sexual assault seminars and were the first fraternity to sign a new university policy about parties at Greek life parties. The new rules were developed to protect revelers from being slipped date rape drugs in their drinks.

All fraternities must sign the pact by January 16, and two are holding out so far - saying they are being blamed for the campus' bad press.'

A Nightmare of False Accusation That Could Happen to You

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Article here. (Jump the WSJ subscriber wall by Googling the first paragraph's first few sentences, then click the link for the WSJ site.) Excerpt:

'Imagine the following situation: You're a 76-year-old man, happily married for nearly 30 years, with three children and two grandchildren. You've recently retired after 50 years of teaching at Harvard Law School. You have an unblemished personal record, though your legal and political views are controversial. You wake up on the day before New Year's Eve to learn that two lawyers have filed a legal document that, in passing, asserts that 15 years ago you had sex on numerous occasions and in numerous locations with an underage female.

The accusation doesn't mention the alleged victim's name—she's referred to as Jane Doe #3, and the court document includes no affidavit by her. But her name doesn't really matter, because you have never had sex with anyone other than your wife during the relevant time period. The accusations against you are totally false, and you can prove it.

Well, that is my situation: I'm the one who has been falsely accused. But let's continue to imagine it was you:

Your first instinct is to call your lawyer and have him file a denial to the court in which the accusation was made. But your lawyer informs you that you can't do that because you're not a party to the lawsuit (against the United States government seeking to vacate the plea bargain your client struck seven years earlier) and have no standing to file any papers.
...
No, your lawyer tells you. They didn't ask for a hearing or any other opportunity to prove the truth of what they alleged. So the accusation will remain on the public record without anyone having to prove it or you having any opportunity to disprove it.

Well, at least you can sue for defamation the two lawyers and the woman who made the false charges. No, you can't, your lawyer tells you. They leveled the accusation in a court document, which protects them against the defamation lawsuit as a result of the so-called litigation privilege.
...
Welcome to the Kafkaesque world of American justice. But Kafka was writing fiction when he described the ordeal faced by Josef K in his famous novel, "The Trial." What I have described is real. It is happening to me right now. And if it can happen to me, it can happen to anyone.

I now stand accused of crimes I did not commit, by an unnamed woman who I don't know and never met. I am also being sued for defaming my accusers. I still have no opportunity to respond in court to the false charges, though I am now seeking to intervene in the lawsuit in which the accusation was filed. I have submitted a sworn statement denying the accusations with great specificity. The court has not yet decided whether to accept my motion.

I feel like a victim of a drive-by shooting or the object of scribbled graffiti on the wall of a bathroom stall. I may never have the opportunity to prove my innocence, or to have my accusers prove the false charges, in any court of law. But because I am relatively well known—a double-edge sword in these situations—I can at least fight back in the court of public opinion, though at the very high cost—in legal fees, loss of insurance coverage and the possibility of a large monetary judgment against me.'

Circumcision proposal by CDC drawing detractors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal proposal to encourage discussions about circumcision for baby boys and at-risk men of all ages has drawn nearly 2,000 mostly-negative comments and a planned protest in front of a federal agency this month.

The proposal from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention doesn't explicitly recommend circumcision, but it urges health care providers to proactively discuss the benefits and risks of circumcision with parents of baby boys and "uncircumcised at-risk heterosexual males" to allow people to make well-informed decisions about the procedure.

...

Other critics noted that circumcision is unlikely to dent HIV transmission in the U.S. since most HIV cases are among men who have sex with men. The CDC proposal recognized this, saying that the studies showing circumcision as an effective HIV-prevention strategy only involved men who had sex with women.

U.S. health care providers "should inform men who exclusively have sex with men that male circumcision has not been proven to reduce the risk of HIV or [sexually transmitted infections] during anal sex," the CDC said, adding that circumcision is still advised for bisexual men as well as men who have sex with HIV-infected women, commercial sex workers, injection-drug users and women who live in areas with a high HIV prevalence in the population.

The CDC proposal got a few supportive comments.'

SAVE's collection of Campus Rape editorials re-organized

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SAVE's hyperlinked list of Campus Rape Hysteria editorials can now be found by year at:

2014:
http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/editorials/2014-2/

2015:
http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/editorials/2015-2/

NPO: Rita Fuerst Adams Departs as National Executive Director

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Story here. Excerpt:

'As National Parents Organization announces the resignation of its National Executive Director Rita Fuerst Adams, I would like to extend my gratitude to her for the many ways in which she helped advance our organizational mission. During Fuerst Adams' time as National Executive Director, she has played a critical role in our efforts to improve the lives of children by protecting their right to the love and care of both parents and advocating for shared parenting and parental equality in our family courts.

Having joined our cause as National Executive Director in 2012, Rita has been a champion of children's rights and parental equality in all that she has done for our cause. Whether managing the administrative demands and functions necessary to the job or growing our strong volunteer and membership base, she has been integral to our success during her tenure.

In her three years of service, Rita has led National Parents Organization through multiple, significant projects, including a national rebranding effort; expanding the number of state affiliates; the execution of major campaigns that have included the creation of the recently released inaugural Shared Parenting Report Card, which caught the attention of media across the nation; and our introducing Shared Parenting in Temporary Custody Orders.'

Education Department says Harvard violated Title IX by not parroting bureaucrats

Matt · 16 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Can a federal agency find you in violation of the law, not for actions that violate a statute, but for failing to parrot the agency's controversial views about how the statute should be applied in hypothetical situations?

Recently, the Education Department did just that. Its Office for Civil Rights, where I used to work, found Harvard Law School to be in violation ofTitle IX not just in the past, but in the present – for its failure to recite at length OCR officials' views about the optimal handling of Title IX claims. Ironically, these views were expressed in "guidance" from agency officials that had expressly claimed to "not add requirements to applicable law." This guidance was found not in the text of the statute, or even anything in the Code of Federal Regulations, but rather in a 2011"Dear Colleague" letter and a 2014 "Questions and Answers" document authored by OCR officials. (That guidance, which was criticized bycivil libertarians, "supplements" and effectively rewrites the Clinton Administration's uncodified January 2001 "Revised Sexual Harassment Guidance." It also contradicts the Supreme Court's 1999 Davis decision, such as its requirement that harassment must be both "severe and pervasive" to violate Title IX).'

"My top ten gender charts of the year for 2014"

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Article here. Excerpt:

' 2014 was a very interesting year for gender-related issues that included former White House press secretary Jay Carney struggling (squirming?) at a press conference in April to defend the 13% gender pay gap at the White House at a time when Obama was busy signing two executive orders concerning fair pay for women working for federal contractors, a perennial debate about how much gender discrimination contributes to the unadjusted 23% gender pay gap nationally, a media frenzy about an alleged campus sexual assault/rape epidemic, an op-ed about the "supposed campus epidemic of rape" by George Will that stirred up a national controversy and elicited a response from four Democratic senators and resulted in Will's syndicated column being dropped by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and a horrific, but later discredited, report in Rolling Stone magazine about a gang rape of a female University of Virginia student by seven different men in a fraternity house while the victim was lying on shards of glass. To help summarize last year's top gender-related stories, I present here my Top Ten Gender Charts of the Year for 2014.'

He was abused by a female teacher, but he was treated like the perpetrator

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cameron Clarkson was a 16-year-old football player when he suddenly landed in the middle of a sex crime investigation at his St. Paul, Minn., high school. Lawyers grilled him on the details of his sexual history. School officials, in a statement to the press, cited him for not invoking the school's sexual harassment policy and said he "bragged to fellow students about what had happened." His car was vandalized with red-dyed tampons and smeared with peanut butter, to which he is fatally allergic, by an unknown assailant. The shape of a penis was burned into his front lawn with bleach.

...

Gagne was fired ... but entered an Alford plea, in which a defendant does not admit guilt but recognizes that prosecutors have enough evidence to convict her. The deal reduced her charges to a fifth-degree gross misdemeanor with a one-year sentence, which was suspended — a far lighter punishment than the possible four-year prison sentence for the felony charges she faced....

For male victims of sexual abuse, this is how it goes. Growing evidence shows that boys who are sexually preyed upon by older female authority figures suffer psychologically in much the same way that girls do when victimized by older men. But in schools, courts and law offices, male victims are treated openly with a double standard, according to interviews with a dozen experts in law, psychology and social work. ... And it shows: Male victims typically receive lower awards in civil cases, the experts say, and female perpetrators get lighter sentences.'

In Search Of Balance In Dershowitz v. Cassell

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a recent column about allegations leveled against Harvard Law professor emeritus and criminal defense lawyer Alan Dershowitz, Professor Tamara Tabo initially admonishes us to be skeptical about Jane Doe #3's accusations. Tabo says pointedly – and I might add, accurately – that "the accuser should not be stigmatized for reporting the crime, but the accused should not be stigmatized before he has an opportunity to present evidence in his defense." But Tabo doesn't practice what she preaches.

First, she suggests that these accusations are credible because of the respectability of the lawyers representing Jane Doe #3; the author then describes Professor Cassell's academic and professional credentials, including his service as a federal judge. I know both Professors Cassell and Dershowitz professionally and indeed, as friends. I respect them both. I have known Professor Dershowitz for forty years, as co-counsel and colleague, and Professor Cassell from when both of us were on the bench and since then in our work on federal sentencing.

But Tabo has to separate the lawyer from the client. We have all been down the rabbit hole of a client's allegations that – to put it mildly – did not pan out, no matter how much we believed them at the outset. And Tabo can't value Professor Cassell's reputation without also valuing Professor Dershowitz's. After all, at issue here are not accusations about whom Dershowitz chooses to represent or the positions that he advocates, with which she may disagree. This is about his personal conduct, which has been without blemish for his lengthy career. In fact, although the author may not mean to, Tabo's comments come perilously close to saying that just because Professor Dershowitz represented Jeffrey Epstein he must have been complicit in Epstein's acts.'

Absurd Anti-‘Man-Spreading’ Campaign Shows How Male NYC Subway Riders Exercise Their ‘Privilege’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) announced an ad campaign to improve “proper etiquette” on the NYC Subway. According to The Washington Free Beacon, $76,707 was spent on the following advertisements, which appeared in subway stations and cars:

The anti-pole-dancing ad is likely so ridiculous that the public has just ignored it. However, the bottom-right graphic has been gathering more and more attention throughout the campaign.

Some in support of the movement explain that man-spreading is an act of dominance and an exercise in male privilege.
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The MTA has no intentions of arresting any man for man-spreading their legs and making room for their man-parts. But the campaign has not gone unnoticed, and has warranted a mixture of agreement, confusion and hilarious incredulity from New Yorkers and out-of-towners alike.'

"If we liberate men's sexuality, the war against women can end"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men's rights activists and the wider manosphere both venerate the alpha male, but a look at their websites shows that they're going for men and boys who feel unsuccessful at life, and, particularly, young people who feel sexually deprived. In a recent post, Futrelle said:

"The anger of many younger MRAs seems to have a similar psychosexual source. These are the young men who rage against "friendzoning" and wax indignant about "false rape accusations" and "yes means yes." In their mind, women are the "gatekeepers" of sex, and this frustrates and sometimes enrages them. ...
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... Some, I suspect, think that there's no way they can actually "get" sex without cutting a few corners, consent-wise, and resent feminists for making this harder for them."
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... civil rights research group Southern Poverty Law Centre tracks some of them as misogynist hate sites. ...
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As feminists, we rightfully put the interests of women first, and we are sceptical of ostensibly feminist arguments that appeal to men's interests. Solidarity should motivate the privileged in their struggle for change, not self interest; to make an analogy, it would be offensive and misguided to ask the black leaders of the Ferguson movement against police violence to tout the benefits of anti-racism to white people. Likewise, feminists should not be obliged to sell feminism to angry men. But I would offer another analogy: when we combat fascism, it behooves us to offer an alternative to those that fascists would recruit. We may not be able to reach the most hateful misogynists, but feminists must directly attack the false ideology of men's rights. We must offer a real answer for men consumed by anxiety, and especially those who feel a sense of sexual frustration.

... Where radical feminism would call me a traitor to my gender for serving men's needs, intersectional feminism would emphasise what sex workers have in common with all the workers of the world; a complex structure of interwoven consents and coercions.

Learning about intersectional feminism changed my life, and brought me back into politics. It has done the same for thousands of other gender and sexual outlaws who felt excluded by the feminist identity, and we should support it for its own sake. But we must also end the debate between moralists and libertines in our ranks for an essential strategic reason. If feminists do not abandon their moralism, men's rights activists and their growing penumbra of supporters will continue to paint us all with the same brush. They will continue to distort our views, telling their audience that we are all moralists, and channeling the frustration of men towards their hateful ends. And, for millions of boys growing up, misogyny will continue to make more sense than feminism.'

Author fights against man bashing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We can be rampantly promiscuous without being called ‘slags’ and we rarely have to worry about being groped on a packed bus. Nor, on the whole, are we expected to choose between raising children and pursuing a career.

But for all the advantages of being male, thunders Peter Lloyd in this angry, funny, provocative book, we are these days considered the ‘overrated, unfashionable gender’. Man-bashing, of which we are largely innocent victims, has become so lucrative that ‘people build entire careers on it’.

By ‘people’, it’s safe to assume he means the other gender. But Lloyd protects himself from charges of misogyny, using interviews with some clever, high-achieving women to construct a persuasive case, on the back of his opening three-word premise that ‘men are brilliant’, to suggest that our brilliance goes not merely unrewarded, but downright punished.

Men, he argues, suffer from sexism too, both casual and institutionalised. He cites the British Child Support Agency, so hopelessly skewed in favour of mothers that some men are forced to subsidise children that aren’t actually theirs, without any redress against so-called paternity fraud.

Nor are the famous exempt from the iniquities of the law. Bob Geldof tells Lloyd that he was very nearly bankrupted by the fight for access to his three daughters by Paula Yates.

‘The whole system is disgusting,’ says Geldof. ‘I remember a court clerk at my trial telling me: “Whatever you do, don’t say you love your children.” Family courts consider men who articulate this as extreme.” It was madness."

Stanford Student Says He Was Sexually Assaulted By A Female Student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A male Stanford University student says he initially wasn't believed when he told a sexual assault counselor that a female student had sexually assaulted him, he writes in a recent op-ed article in student newspaper The Stanford Daily.

Senior Justin Brown says that in October 2013 a female student sexually assaulted him after a drunken encounter at a party on campus. While Brown writes that sexual contact with the female student was initially welcome, including her putting her hand down his pants while they made out, he knew he "didn't want to end the night in her bed" and decided to help her back to her room because she was drunk.

Brown writes that he "felt stuck" while walking the female student home, as they repeatedly stopped to make out. According to Brown, these "stop-offs" became unwelcome, and he began to resist her advances:

"After a while, these stop-offs became less of a mutual decision and more of a demand from her. I began denying her advances; it was late and I just wanted to get her home safely so I could get some sleep. She continued to engage with me and I denied her requests with a verbal "no" several times ... I did my best to stick to my "no" every time she demanded more, but at each denial she would stop dead in her tracks and refused to walk with me unless I complied."

Brown went along with the advances, he writes, believing he "had only one option" if he wanted to ensure that the drunk female student got back to her room safely.'

Anti-domestic violence program graduates first class of high school boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new anti-domestic violence program in Evanston finished its first session with 38 teenage boys graduating at the end of last month.

The Allied Against Violence Project is a joint program run by YWCA Evanston/North Shore and Youth Organizations Umbrella (Y.O.U.) with participants from Evanston Township High School, director Jacob Hostetter said. The purpose of the program, which meets after school twice a week, is to engage young men in conversation about unhealthy norms that can lead to domestic violence and sexual assault, Hostetter said.

“The goal of this is to create a space for these young men to develop their own definition, their own sense of what healthy masculinity looks like to them,” Hostetter said.

Wendy Dickson, director of domestic violence services for YWCA Evanston/North Shore, said that the project is funded by a three-year grant from the Department of Justice, which the organizations received last year. Of anti-domestic violence programs that YWCA Evanston/North Shore offers, this is the only program that focuses on young men, Dickson said.

“There’s just not a lot of focus on young men and making the changes that need to happen to really see change in domestic violence,” Dickson said.

During the 10-week program, the group discussed issues such as teen dating violence, media stereotypes and conflict resolution, Hostetter said. The next step is for program graduates, who receive a monetary stipend at the end of the first session, to pass on their knowledge to middle school boys through other after-school programs in the area. The group facilitator will also offer 15 graduates internships where they will develop a public awareness campaign to educate the larger community on violence prevention.'

"Study: Men Who Post Selfies Show Psychopathic Tendencies"

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Article here. "Psychopathic". Good grief. No mention of women who do likewise or that it's not out of the realm in the least that women post "selfies" much more often than men, and that if they do post "selfies", wouldn't that also suggest that they too are just one trivial slight away from opening up a can of whoop-a$$ on all in a$$-whooping range, too, or whatever happens to be their thing? What passes (or doesn't) at times for "scientific research" is truly barf-making. Excerpt:

'Men who regularly posted photos of themselves online scored higher on a measure for narcissism and psychopathy.

According to Medical News Today, a study out of Ohio State University has found that men who took “selfies” were more likely to exhibit psychopathic traits when compared to control group.

“That makes sense because psychopathy is characterized by impulsivity. They are going to snap the photos and put them online right away. They want to see themselves. They don’t want to spend time editing,” explains Jesse Fox, lead author of the study.

The study included 800 men between the ages of 18 and 40. The men took an online survey asking questions regarding their photo posting behavior on social media.'

"I Am Not Charlie Hebdo"

Matt · 17 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The journalists at Charlie Hebdo are now rightly being celebrated as martyrs on behalf of freedom of expression, but let's face it: If they had tried to publish their satirical newspaper on any American university campus over the last two decades it wouldn't have lasted 30 seconds. Student and faculty groups would have accused them of hate speech. The administration would have cut financing and shut them down.

Public reaction to the attack in Paris has revealed that there are a lot of people who are quick to lionize those who offend the views of Islamist terrorists in France but who are a lot less tolerant toward those who offend their own views at home.

Just look at all the people who have overreacted to campus micro-aggressions. The University of Illinois fired a professor who taught the Roman Catholic view on homosexuality. The University of Kansas suspended a professor for writing a harsh tweet against the N.R.A. Vanderbilt University derecognized a Christian group that insisted that it be led by Christians.

Americans may laud Charlie Hebdo for being brave enough to publish cartoons ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad, but, if Ayaan Hirsi Ali is invited to campus, there are often calls to deny her a podium.

So this might be a teachable moment. As we are mortified by the slaughter of those writers and editors in Paris, it's a good time to come up with a less hypocritical approach to our own controversial figures, provocateurs and satirists.'

"One in three UK female students sexually assaulted or abused on campus"

Matt · 17 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Looks like the lies and attendant craziness got on a plane for London not long ago and promptly began doing their best at doing their worst. Excerpt:

'A third of female students in Britain have endured a sexual assault or unwanted advances at university, stark new research conducted for The Telegraph shows.

It comes as new legal guidance warned that universities and colleges across the UK could be breaking the law by refusing to investigate allegations of indecent assault or rape, believing that it is purely a police matter.

Gender violence campaign groups warned that academic authorities are creating an “environment of impunity” on campus by refusing to step in to protect women from assault. The Telegraph is planning to highlight the issue in a series of articles.

The polling, carried out by YouthSight, the specialist research group, showed that as many as half of female students and a third of their male counterparts knew of a friend or relative who has experienced intrusive sexual behaviour ranging from groping to rape.'

Student with Autism Kicked Out of College For Supposed Sexual Assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A student with autism has been kicked out of college for sexually assaulting another student. The vile act that caused the student to be kicked out?

A hug and a kiss on top of the scalp (something Joe Biden did recently) after mistaking another student for one of his friends.

> **Student With Autism Kicked Out of College**
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> A Waxahachie man who has autism was kicked out of college classes because he mistakenly hugged a woman he did not know and kissed her on the top of her head, according to the man's mother.
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> Brian Ferguson, 20, was attending special-needs classes at Navarro College's Waxahachie campus when he thought he recognized a young woman in the hallway, said Ferguson's mother, Staci Martin.
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> The woman, who has not been identified and could not be reached for comment, turned out to be a stranger.
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> "He gave her a hug and kissed her on the top of her head," Martin said. "He's 6'5″, so when he gives hugs, he'll give you a big hug and kiss you right here on the top of your scalp."
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> The school called it an assault, she said.
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> "And then they labeled it 'sexual assault' because of the kissing," Martin said. "They said a kiss is considered an assault."
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> ...

No polling organization would ever be taken seriously if its sample size was 73, and neither should this ‘study’ on college rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A “study” conducted by “researchers” at the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University (“Denying Rape but Endorsing Forceful Intercourse: Exploring Differences Among Responders“) and published in the journal Violence and Gender claims to find that almost one in 3 college men would commit rape “if nobody would ever know and there wouldn’t be any consequences.” Oy vey, where to begin on this one?

1. Sensational Headlines. Let’s start with a quick review of the headlines of media reports on the “study” (via Katherine Timf at NRO): a) “Study: 1 in 3 Men Would Rape if They Wouldn’t Get Caught or Face Consequences” (Cosmopolitan)...
...
2. The “Study” Starts with a Discredited Claim About Campus Sexual Assault. Here’s the opening sentence of the paper’s introduction: “The Federal data estimate that about one in five women becomes the victim of sexual assault while in college...” ...
...
3. Unbelievably Small Sample Size. The biggest reason that this “study” should be completely ignored and receive no media attention is that its results and conclusions are based on a sample size of only 73 male students at one of the North Dakota universities (it’s not clear from the “study”). ...'

The Proofiness of the Politically Correct Rape

Matt · 17 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

A legion of the politically correct who make a living from the alleged oppression of women were gleeful and almost goofy with proofiness this week. The incident is a window into how statistical myths are created.

Charles Seife, a journalist and a professor at New York University, coined the term proofiness as a corollary to an earlier term coined by comedian Stephen Colbert: truthiness. Truthiness was defined as "the quality of preferring concepts or facts one wishes to be true, rather than concepts or facts known to be true." It became the American Dialect Society's 2005 Word of the Year because it embodied a cultural zeitgeist that haunted the socio-political narrative of our time.

Proofiness is "the art of using bogus mathematical arguments to prove something that you know in your heart is true — even when it's not." It should have been the Word of the Year for 2010 when Seife's book Proofiness: The Dark Arts of Mathematical Deception was published. A new study gives the term a second chance for fame, as it points to the dark side of math.'

"Let child support go to kids, not government"

el cid · 18 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Editorial here. It urges that child support go to the kids instead of to the government. Gosh, what a novel idea. I'm no fan of the current child support system, but at the very least the money should go to the kids, not some bureaucrat. Excerpt:

'It may come as a surprise to some, but that isn't the case in Colorado now. The child support money goes into the greater government maw — not to the typical mom getting Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) who is raising kids alone.
...
First, it would directly increase the meager household income for these single-parent families. These are the poorest of the state's poor families.

Second, it would help strengthen ties between the kids and their biological parents.

Non-custodial parents would have an additional incentive to pay child support if they knew it would go directly to their children and not into a big, amorphous government pot.

Third, there is a question of fairness. If a father is paying child support, the child should benefit. It's that simple.'

Fraternity Booted Off San Diego State Campus Denies Harassing Anti-Rape Activists

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Members of a fraternity kicked off the San Diego State University campus for allegedly waving sex toys at anti-rape demonstrators said Thursday that the charges were exaggerated, based largely on an 18-year-old member's "immature and stupid" actions.

The school's Delta Sigma Phi chapter was suspended last month for at least two years after the anti-rape activists alleged frat members waved dildos and shouted obscenities during a November demonstration. The university also charged the fraternity with alcohol and hazing violations. The fraternity's national office didn't defend the SDSU chapter.

But several members of the fraternity told The Huffington Post the allegations were greatly exaggerated, and blamed a freshman who waved a dildo at a group he failed to realize was protesting sexual assault. Other charges stemmed from calling an ambulance for a drunken female student and a 10-second video clip showing what was alleged to have been hazing, they said. They said the suspension was imposed without giving them a chance to defend themselves.

"He sees this group of people, it's nighttime, they're probably 50 feet away and we can't really read what their signs actually say," said senior Brenden Boesgaard, explaining the freshman's actions. "The group is coming around saying, 'Fuck frats,' and he kind of does this dismissive, keep moving motion with the dildo -- which again, is immature and stupid, he shouldn't have brought it out, but again, he's 18."'

MTA spent $76,707 on 'manspreading' campaign

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is $34.4 billion in debt, but it somehow managed to scrape up more than $75,000 to fund an advertising campaign in New York City aimed at instructing male subway riders to keeps their legs together while sitting.

The Washington Free Beacon reports that the MTA "hired Edison Lithograph and Printing Corp. to print thousands of posters and placards, which will appear in 2,600 subway cars" to the tune of $76,707 taxpayer dollars. ...

In a press release, the MTA announced that the new program "highlights behaviors that are both encouraged and discouraged for the benefit of everyone," and that "the messaging largely reflects complaints and suggestions from riders."

Other MTA-funded ads promoting good etiquette will discourage people from "primping" on public transportation, blocking doors, and using safety poles for performance purposes.'

Enough with mansplaining. And manspreading and manslamming.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First came mansplain, a word to describe male windbags who can't help but preach at women. Then we got manspread, the habit some men have of taking up too much space in public places. And now we have manslam, "the sidewalk M.O. of men who remain apparently oblivious to the personal space of those around them ," as well as "manterrupt" and "bropropriating."

Oh man. Enough.

It's time to stop man-izing all problematic behavior.

Beyond the obvious reason — that it's annoying as hell — there are a number of reasons everyone, feminists included, should start blanket-banning these words from their lexicons.

For one, it commits the sin of gender essentialism, i.e. attributing one's behavior to one's gender. Is a man's windbaggery a consequence of his gender or the fact that he's just a jerk? Must we reinforce the connection between speechifying and penises? Women have long tried to undo the idea that gender is destiny, both as nurture and nature, because it limits everyone. Why bring it back? As Meghan Daum recently pointed out, both genders are capable of being blowhards.'

NY Governor Wants 'Yes Means Yes' Anti-Rape Rule on Private Campuses

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Story here. Excerpt:

'New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced today a proposal to expand the so-called "yes means yes" legislation to protect college students against rape.

Cuomo proposed a law to extend protections against sexual assaults that are already in place on the campuses of the state's public colleges and universities to the state's private schools.

"One out of four women will be a victim of a sexual attack during their academic years," Cuomo said today at a news conference at New York University. "That is breathtaking."

The rule, which is already in place at the state-funded State University of New York (SUNY) schools, creates a safer environment for students by outlining expectations of responsibility, he said.

Former New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, now a special adviser to the governor's office, said the new law will give every school in New York a uniform definition of consent where "yes means yes"--requiring participants to explicitly agree to any sexual activity.

Quinn said today college students are "re-victimized by the very institutions that they are a part of and the very institutions that should be there to support, help them, bring them justice."'

The 64 SUNY campuses adopted the sexual assault legislation last year.

NY Governor's new "special advisor" for such things as 'Yes means Yes' policies is leader in Women's Equality Party

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Governor Andrew Cuomo today announced that Christine Quinn *[link added]*, former City Council speaker and, more recently, face of the Women's Equality Party *[link added]*, "is the newest member of the Cuomo administration."

Quinn will serve as "special advisor" to the administration.

She'll be part-time until her Harvard fellowship ends in April, and full-time thereafter. A Cuomo spokeswoman said she did not immediately know how much she will be paid.

Quinn will help Cuomo take "affirmative consent"—a "yes-means-yes" standard for sexual activity at college—statewide. Late last year, SUNY adopted "affirmative consent" at his suggestion.

"It has to be an affirmative consent by the woman," Cuomo said today, at a press conference held at New York University. "The female has to affirmatively consent to any sexual acts."'

Colleges Wrestle With How to Define Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Common understandings of rape tend to involve force, coercion, or victims who are passed-out drunk. Many students have come forward in recent years to share such experiences. Last summer The New York Times published a front-page article on an alleged rape at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in which several people looked on as a football player assaulted a young woman bent over a pool table.

Other cases are less clear. Sexual interactions can be ambiguous, especially if students have been drinking but aren't incapacitated. Research shows that women engage in sex they don't want for a variety of reasons—including to avoid conflict, because they don't want to be labeled a tease, and because they feel obligated. A response to the Total Sorority Move story on the website Her Campus says rape is "a big word," but "'less rapey' situations" should still be acknowledged.

As campuses grapple with preventing and responding to sexual assault, how students and colleges define rape is pivotal. And the definition may be evolving. What some people, including researchers, have seen as unwanted sex, others may consider rape. But conflating ambiguous sexual encounters and misconduct, some observers say, dilutes the concept of assault, and makes it hard for students to learn where the boundaries are.'

We've reached peak absurdity when it comes to campus sexual assault

Matt · 19 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An autistic student, previously expelled from his college for mistakenly hugging a stranger, has been reinstated.

Brian Ferguson, a 20-year-old with autism attending special-needs classes at Navarro College in Texas, had been expelled for sexual assault. But what he did that constitutes sexual assault will leave you scratching your head.

Ferguson is 6’5” and gives hugs to his friends with a kiss on the top of their head since he towers over them. A week ago, that got him expelled. The problem arose when Ferguson thought he saw a woman he recognized and gave her one of his trademark greetings — except that the woman was a stranger.

"And then [the school] labeled it 'sexual assault' because of the kissing,” Ferguson’s mother, Staci Martin, told NBC. “They said a kiss is considered an assault."
...
When she found out that Ferguson had been expelled over the incident, she thought it was "ridiculous."

Bruton and Ferguson met this week and exchanged gifts. They even hugged.

"You can give me a hug,” Bruton told Ferguson. “It’s OK.”

Colleges have not only been ineffective in adjudicating sexual assault, but they seem to be uniquely lacking in common sense when the issue arises, as Ferguson's story illustrates. Luckily, sanity prevailed in his case. It doesn't always, though.'

When it's okay to blame the victim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nowadays, you can't suggest that a woman watch her drink, avoid getting blackout drunk or to walk in well-lit areas without being accused of victim-blaming. But why is it okay to claim that students falsely accused of sex crimes somehow deserved to be falsely accused?

The most recent example of this form of victim-blaming, where the men who were falsely accused are the real victims, can be seen in the University of Virginia's ham-handed response to an uncorroborated but explosive allegation of a brutal gang rape at one of its fraternities. U.Va. responded to the allegation by banning Greek social activities until Jan. 9, and only allowing fraternities and sororities to resume such activities if they sign new contracts. Those contracts are of course much more stringent for fraternities and have led to two campus organizations refusing to sign.

And remember, those new contracts were announced after the Washington Post discovered significant faults in the original rape allegation. The fact that the accuser made up a story about having a date or even being invited to a fraternity party by that fantasy date should have made U.Va. officials think twice about rushing to judgment and condemning Greek life on campus.

The university still wants fraternities to sign the agreements and accept punishment, even though local police found "no substantive basis" for the allegation that the rape in question occurred at Phi Kappa Psi. Instead of punishing just Phi Psi without evidence, U.Va. decided to punish all fraternities without evidence — the stated reason being that past behavior at fraternity parties warrants such restrictive punishment.

The implication is that even if no one at the fraternity actually raped a woman, they still deserve to be punished because the university doesn't like fraternity parties. Imagine the outcry if women who had been sexually assaulted were punished en masse for underage drinking. Or consider the reaction when women are asked about their past sexual histories when testifying about their sexual assault.'

Why Hillary Clinton won’t run for president

Matt · 19 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Could've written this one myself! Excerpt:

'Hillary can’t win, and that’s why she won’t run. She may not know that yet herself, but a lot of Democrats want her because she’s all they’ve got. The Republicans are counting on her to run because they think she’s the candidate they can beat in what looks from here like it could be a Republican year.

Lady Macbeth has the resume that makes her plausible, which a lot of pundits and normal other people confuse with “inevitable.” Everybody recognizes her name. She doesn’t hear the music but she recognizes the words and knows policy, and likes to talk about it. She’s a woman, and that should help with the ladies. (It might hurt, too).

She has had to carry a lot of Bubba’s baggage, and people usually pity the wronged wife. Nobody is comfortable as the object of pity, but political widows have often exploited it. Political wives, not so much. Hillary has successfully used it, probably because she has thrown the occasional lamp. People like people who fight back.
...
Against every positive, there’s two or three negatives. Everyone has a list. Many women like her, some women worship her. Most men despise her. She reminds them of their ex-wives. Life is not fair. Men, a wise man said, are assumed to be competent until they prove otherwise; that was Mr. Obama’s good fortune in 2008, when nobody looked at him closely. Women are thought to be incompetent until they prove otherwise, as many women in politics and business do every day. Getting credit is not easy.

Successful men and women are born with an instinct for politics, or they never have it. Bubba was born with it, along with the ability to change convictions like changing his pants. The politicians who have it have no shame exploiting it. If they have the ability to wink, smile and say the right thing they can get by with anything short of murder, and maybe that, too. What can you do with a good ol’ boy like Bubba? He only rarely hit a false note. Hillary never hits anything but.'

Columbia Mattress Girl To Attend State Of The Union

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Columbia University student who drew national attention for carrying a mattress around campus to protest her alleged rape will now be taking her mattress to a new venue: the United States Capitol.

Emma Sulkowicz claims that in August 2012 she was raped by a fellow student in her dorm room, and since last fall she has been hauling a mattress around campus as a senior art thesis dubbed “Carry That Weight” while demanding that her alleged rapist be expelled. The campaign drew national attention and imitators across the country.

Now, Sulkowicz has been invited to attend President Obama’s State of the Union address on Tuesday night as the special guest of Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York.
...
Whether Sulkowicz was actually raped, however, remains up for debate. She herself admits to prior sexual encounters with the student she accused, Paul Nungesser, and even says her alleged rape began consensually and only turned into sexual assault when Nungesser became violent with her.

Sulkowicz also only filed a complaint in April 2013, eight months after the actual event. A Columbia campus tribunal found Nungesser “not responsible,” and when she finally filed a police report in May 2014, they declined to pursue the matter.

In the absence of any formal punishment, Nungesser has been targeted in other ways, with his name published in Columbia’s student newspaper and included on a “rapist list” plastered in bathrooms around campus. Nungesser maintains that all his encounters with Sulkowicz were consensual, and he told The New York Times that the experience has cost him most of his friends.'

UVa to pay $500,000 for Rolling Stone claim reviews

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Virginia will pay more than $500,000 for separate reviews of its response to a since-discredited fraternity gang rape claim and the school's sexual assault policies, but many lingering questions could go publicly unanswered.

Recently signed contracts obtained by The Daily Progress show that an international law firm will be paid $500,000 to probe the university's handling of "the specific allegations in Rolling Stone," while, separately, Philadelphia attorneys will assess school policies and procedures. The contract for the latter work includes a clause stipulating that the attorneys "maintain all communications as confidential."

A university official did not respond to questions about what might be made public from the second evaluation, which, according to the contract, does not contain a cap for fees or expenses.

"It once again pushes things deep into the bowels of the Rotunda, where the university always goes to make important decisions," former UVa administrator John Foubert said of the decision to thrust the actual sexual assault policy work onto a separate law firm. "UVa continues to go about this the wrong way."'

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand defends anti-rape activist from critics labeling her 'a fake rape victim'

Mastodon · 21 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Columbia University senior who has won national notice for carrying a mattress to protest the school's failure to punish her alleged rapist attended the State of the Union address Tuesday to promote legislation aimed at stopping sexual assaults on campus.

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Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) invited Sulkowicz to the speech in an effort to highlight a bipartisan bill that would force colleges to step up collection of information on sexual assaults and adopt tougher, standardized processes for dealing with sexual assault.

...

Sulkowicz, a Manhattan native, is carrying a mattress around the school as both a protest and a senior thesis called "Carry that Weight" and "Mattress Performance." She said the dorm-room mattress symbolizes the weight she and other rape survivors carry.

...

The alleged attacker, Paul Nungesser, blasted Gillibrand.

"I am shocked to learn that Sen. Gillibrand is actively supporting Ms. Sulkowicz's defamation campaign against me by providing her with a public forum in which to broadcast her grave allegation. By doing so, Sen. Gillibrand is participating in a harassment campaign against someone, who, for good reason, has been found innocent by all investigating bodies," Nungesser told New York magazine.'

Obama Omits College Sexual Assault From State Of The Union Address

ThomasI · 21 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama didn't mention college sexual assault during his State of the Union address Tuesday, an issue his administration has highlighted.

In an address that largely focused on economic issues, Obama chose to discuss higher education issues like the cost of a college degree, his free community college plan and simplifying the process of applying for federal financial aid.

The president skipped the chance to address college sexual violence as Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) brought as her guest Columbia University senior Emma Sulkowicz, who has been outspoken in criticizing her school after she reported being raped.
...
The president was busy with the issue in 2014. He started the first White House task force, pressuring universities to improve their response to reports of rape, enlisting celebrities and major organizations like the NCAA to assist. His Education Department launched investigations into how colleges handle sexual violence, though much of this was driven by student activism.

"The president touched on many important issues in his address," said Annie Clark, co-founder of End Rape on Campus and a leading activist who helped focus White House attention on the topic. "However, this administration has been the most active in American history on the issue of college sexual assault, so it's disappointing Obama didn't even mention campus rape in his address."'

Colleges are not the place to try rape cases

Matt · 22 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Yes, right there in the WaPo. Pinch yourself, it's not a dream. Excerpt:

'Criticism of colleges' responses to allegations of sexual assault has poured in from every direction. Victims' rights advocates argue that college administrators are politically motivated to sweep accusations under the carpet. Civil libertarians and law professors cite the lack of meaningful procedural safeguards for the accused. College administrators quietly express frustration that they are being forced to decide these cases when they are ill-equipped to do so.

Many have asked why universities are handling sexual assault — a felony — at all. The simple answer is that courts and federal agencies have interpreted Title IX to require universities to respond to known instances of sexual discrimination in a manner that is reasonably calculated to redress the discrimination and prevent its recurrence. (Sexual violence is considered an extreme form of sex discrimination.) But how exactly colleges should respond remains unsettled.

... In a recent column in Politico, Yale Law School students Elizabeth Deutsch and Alexandra Brodsky argue that Title IX is concerned with equal access to educational opportunities, whereas the criminal justice system "does not and cannot respond to these equality concerns." Therefore, the students conclude, relying on law enforcement to provide the sole solution is inadequate, and providing meaningful due process in campus hearings is unnecessary. Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) articulated a similar point during a recent hearing.
...
Victims' rights advocates must accept that the criminal justice system is better suited for the adjudication of sexual assault cases. Law enforcement has tools to conduct thorough investigations that colleges lack, and courts have the procedural competency and evidentiary expertise to achieve a fair and just result. Further, only courts have the power to hand down the proper punishment when a guilty finding is secured. (We are, after all, talking about rape.) And, importantly, only courts can put serial predators in a place where they cannot prey on others, whether enrolled in college or not.

If the criminal justice system has too often failed victims of sexual assault, then it should be reformed to ensure that allegations are promptly and effectively pursued. Demanding that universities play a role they have proven incapable of fulfilling — and which, even if executed perfectly, leaves predators on the streets and ignores the plight of young people who aren't enrolled in college — is doomed to failure. The solution is to assign universities and law enforcement professionals complementary, rather than overlapping, responsibilities.'

"Yes Means Yes" Law Proposed by Some Arizona Lawmakers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some Democratic Arizona lawmakers have proposed a "yes means yes" policy at the state's universities that would require clear consent for any sexual activity.

A similar proposal was passed into law in California in an effort to combat what's been called a growing problem of sexual assaults on college campuses.
...
Arizona's version, House Bill 2474, was proposed by Democratic Representative Juan Mendez, who was not immediately available for comment. (According to an assistant, he was out of the office for Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day, as part of his district includes the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.)

The bill calls for all public and private universities in the state to have clear policies that "define consent to sexual activity as informed and freely given words or actions that indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed on sexual activity."

In California, part of the reasoning behind the law was as a response to news that the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights had investigations into 55 schools for possible Title IX (sex discrimination) violations in how they handled particular sexual-assault cases that allegedly occurred on those campuses.

Arizona State University is one of those 55 schools.

It's also been reported that ASU has settled two lawsuits with students who said they were raped on the ASU campus.

The affirmative-consent bill proposed by Mendez would make it clear that things like "silence" and "lack of resistance," among other things, don't count as consent. It also includes provisions that would preclude someone under the influence of alcohol or drugs from being able to give consent, and states that any party in sexual activity can withdraw their consent during that sexual activity.'

Christina Hoff Sommers: Sexual Assault Myths: Part 1

Matt · 22 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Christina Hoff Sommers' latest "Factual Feminist" installment is on YouTube here. Summary:

'We don’t live in a rape culture, but we do inhabit a culture saturated with gender propaganda. Call it a Ms.Information culture. And nowhere is Ms.Information more rampant than in the area of sexual assault. On this week's episode of the Factual Feminist: The two biggest myths about women and sexual violence.'

Duke University Suspends Fraternity Over Rape Allegation

Matt · 22 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. (Thanks, ThomasI, for mentioning this report here.) And indeed as ThomasI says, with no hearing of any kind, an immediate suspension of the *entire* fraternity because a sexual assault has been alleged.

'Duke University says it has suspended a fraternity while police investigate allegations a woman was sexually assaulted at an off-campus party.

A statement from the university says Alpha Delta Phi has been suspended while Durham police investigate what happened at an off-campus house leased by fraternity members.

Durham Police Chief Jose Lopez told WRAL-TV that his department is seeking information from anyone at the Jan. 8 party. No charges had been filed as of Tuesday afternoon.

Local media outlets obtained a search warrant that says the woman told police she had drinks at the party before awaking the next day in only a T-shirt. The warrant says the last thing she remembers was dancing with friends.

The warrant says investigators took a mattress, comforter and condom from the house.'

Norway: Doctors defy new circumcision law

Matt · 22 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Since January 1st, all of Norway's state-run hospitals have become legally obliged to offer circumcision of newborn baby boys. A majority of doctors all over the country, however, have been refusing to perform the operation that's often part of religious rituals, claiming it's an unnecessary surgical procedure on otherwise healthy infants.

Only one hospital in all of southeastern Norway is officially offering to circumcise newborns, according to an internal document obtained by newspaper Dagsavisen. In a response to the state health ministry's request for a status report on circumcision, state agency Helse Sør-Øst (Health Southeast) wrote on January 16 that only the hospital in Kristiansand (Sørlandet Sykehus) offered to circumcise newborn baby boys. A few others offered circumcision only to boys more than a year old.
...
At Akershus University Hospital (Ahus) northeast of Oslo, fully 13 of its 15 urologists have submitted written statements reserving themselves against performing circumcision. "The opposition to this emerged before the law on circumcision was approved," Dr Anja Løvvik, leader of the urology department at Ahus, told Dagsavisen this week. "The fact that many (doctors) want to reserve themselves against this should not be unexpected." Her colleague Dr Frode Steinar Nilsen at Ahus called circumcision "a surgical operation with no health advantages and one that, as with all surgery, carries with it a risk and a burden for the child. That's why we don't want to perform it."

Doctors, however, have no right to reserve themselves against the procedure in the new law, making their resistance potentially illegal, according to state secretary Cecilie Brein-Karlsen at the health ministry. She told newspapers VG and Dagsavisen that Norway's public health system must now offer the procedure to parents who want their baby boys circumcised. The Parliament approved the new law last year after reports that babies in Norway risked being seriously injured during circumcision rituals performed outside the health care sector. One baby boy died in Oslo in 2012.'

UK: Man spent six months in prison due to false rape accusation

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A BUILDER from Liskeard who was facing an attempted rape charge says he is taking legal action after the case was discontinued by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Sean Frayling spent six months on remand at Exeter Prison before he was released without charge this month.

At Truro Crown Court, the CPS decided to offer no evidence against Mr Frayling and a formal not guilty verdict was recorded.

The 33-year-old said he had always pleaded his innocence and the attempted rape charge should have been dropped months ago when the victim gave police a description of her attacker that bore no resemblance to himself.
...
He said his ordeal began on July 15 last year, when he happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.
...
"My guess is that I would have passed an incident which I was unaware of. Witnesses involved could only describe people in the area walking away from the scene. There were a few different descriptions given, and I did fit one of them, and I was arrested by the police outside the railway station on suspicion of attempted rape.

"But the victim gave a completely different description of her attacker as aged between 50 and 60, with a shaved head, silver stubble and about 5ft 8in in height.

"With that description, and having no evidence against me, the CPS had no reason to keep me in custody for so long," said Mr Frayling.

A bail application was opposed by the CPS in August. The 33-year-old was due to stand trial at Truro Crown Court but the CPS discontinued the case and he was released on January 2.'

German court upholds men’s right to stand up while urinating

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Article here.

'A German court on Thursday ruled in favour of men’s right to urinate standing up, after a landlord tried to retain part of a tenant’s €3,000 (£2,300) deposit for allegedly damaging the marble floor of a toilet by sprinkling it with urine.

The debate about whether men should stand or sit when urinating is no laughing matter in Germany, where some toilets have red traffic-style signs forbidding the standing position. There is also a derogatory term for men who sit and pee – “Sitzpinkler” – which implies that it is not masculine behaviour.

Judge Stefan Hank in the city of Düsseldorf said men who insist on standing “must expect occasional rows with housemates, especially women” but cannot be held to account for collateral damage.

“Despite growing domestication of men in this matter, urinating while standing up is still widespread,” he said.'

MTA Raises Fares Due to Budget Constraints, Has Money To Stop ‘Manspreading’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New York’s Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) announced it is raising bus and subway fares due to budget constraints, a week after spending over $76,000 to stop “manspreading.”

According to the New York Times:

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority voted on Thursday to raise the base fare on subways and buses by a quarter, to $2.75, and the cost of a 30-day MetroCard by $4.50, to $116.50.

The new fares, approved by the authority’s board, were part of a package of increases being considered for the system’s trains, buses, tunnels, and bridges. The new rates will take effect on March 22.'

Australia: Police force's Facebook post stirs debate on "controversial" issue of male DV victims

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A FACEBOOK post by NSW Police has sparked a passionate social media debate on an issue many suggest society — and the police themselves — sweep under the carpet.
...
“Last year, 1 in every 5 domestic violence assaults that NSW Police responded to involving intimate partners were for male victims.”

Already the post has been shared nearly 5000 times and drawn hundreds of comments.

Many posters are supportive of the police raising the issue, with many sharing their own survival stories. However, some suggest the police don’t treat the issue as seriously as they should.

“Many more stories like this are needed,” wrote Darren Quinn. “There are too many assumptions by the general public that its him him him.”

Hellen Brugnatti, agreed, saying: “It’s nice to see some recognition where the men are victims not just the woman victims.”'

Shame On Gillibrand

Matt · 24 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Apart from Claire McCaskill, no senator has more aggressively advocated weakening due process protections for students accused of sexual assault than New York senator Kirsten Gillibrand. She continued her anti-due process crusade in two high-profile moves this week.

...

Even more troubling, however, was a *Huffington Post* essay penned by Gillibrand to accompany her invitation. The New York senator explained that she reached out to Sulkowicz to show solidarity with a student who “carries her mattress everywhere she goes to symbolize the burden she carries every single day as long as her rapist is still on campus.” Note the senator’s remarkable word choice. Gillibrand didn’t say “as long as her alleged rapist is still on campus.” Or “as long as the person she says raped her is still on campus.” No: Gillibrand, a sitting U.S. senator, has described a Columbia student as a “rapist”—that is, someone guilty of a criminal act—based solely on an allegation from a single person. And not merely a generic type of allegation, but one that even Columbia didn’t deem credible and the police did not pursue. As FIRE’s Ari Cohn has pointed out, with this statement Gillibrand laid “bare her disregard for rights of the accused.” For the senator, “allegations of rape = guilty of rape.”

...

I suppose that, at the least, Gillibrand deserves praise for her candor. But the idea that someone making laws for all of us could actually believe that a person can be guilty solely on the basis of an accusation is a chilling thought.'

The Media Is Making College Rape Culture Worse

Matt · 24 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The frenzy over college sexual assault now sweeping the nation was triggered by a specific event.

In 2010, a small team of investigative journalists published a report revealing, so they claimed, an epidemic of college rape. The report was a jumble of highly selective reporting and dubious statistics, as we shall see. But the reporters spread the news far and wide and no one thought to question their accuracy.

Federal officials were electrified by the findings and launched a draconian crusade. The term “rape culture,” previously limited to gender-theory seminars, slowly found its way into the national lexicon.

Before long, otherwise sensible people came to believe that Yale, Swarthmore, and the University of Michigan were among the most dangerous places on earth for young women. Dozens of falsely accused young men were subjected to kangaroo court proceedings and expelled from college. By 2014, the panic produced outbursts of fanaticism—a young woman carried a mattress around Columbia in an attempt to expel a classmate who was found not responsible for sexually assaulting her.

Students demanded trigger warnings in classes at Harvard Law School. An angry mob vandalized the house of a falsely accused University of Virginia fraternity.

And it all began in 2010. That year, reporters at National Public Radio teamed up with the left-leaning journalism organization Center for Public Integrity (CPI) to produce and promote a 104-page “investigative reporting series” (PDF) entitled “Sexual Assault on Campus: A Frustrating Search for Justice.” (Full disclosure: The Daily Beast is an occasional publishing partner of CPI’s.)'

NPO: Child Support Success

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week many hundreds of you submitted the National Parents Organization's recommended changes to the child support rules to the federal office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE). This agency tells the individual states what their child support guidelines and enforcement programs should look like. I seriously doubt that they have ever before received such a large amount of input from the general public. This has been a terrific show of unity.

We are going to keep the pressure on! This week, the task is really simple, and will take you only 30 seconds.

Copy The Following

Dear Ms. Addison:

Please convey the following request to the Commissioner and to the Director, Policy Division: I request that the OCSE hold public hearings on its proposed rulemaking in each of the federal regions with adequate notice to the public. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Ned Holstein, Acting Executive Director, National Parents Organization at parents@nationalparentsorganization.org.

Sincerely,

Name
City and State

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After copying this email, please send it to barbara.addison-at-acf.hhs.gov.

Man called a 'rapist' by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand probably couldn't win a libel suit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A lot of readers have been asking if Paul Nungesser, who was called a “rapist” by Kirsten Gillibrand, can sue the New York senator for libel. He could sue, in theory, given that anyone could try to sue for any reason these days, but he wouldn’t have much of a case.

UCLA law professor Eugene Volokh, in an e-mail to the Washington Examiner, outlined the complications for Nungesser should he consider a case against Gillibrand.

First, a refresher: A campus court found Paul Nungesser “not responsible” for sexually assaulting fellow Columbia University student Emma Sulkowicz. Since then, Sulkowicz has used the experience as her art project for the university, carrying around a mattress on campus, and she gained national attention for doing so. Despite the campus court finding Nungesser not responsible (under the lowest standard of proof, no less) and police not actively pursuing the case, Gillibrand labeled Nungesser (without using his name) a “rapist” in a Huffington Post column while writing about her decision to invite Sulkowicz to the State of the Union address Tuesday night.'

"Study: Women make better CEOs of larger companies"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new gender study released by Mintigo indicates that companies with more than 1,000 employees probably should hire a female CEO.

That's because while male CEOs achieve higher revenue per employee in companies with up to 1,000 people, in larger companies, female CEOs achieve up to 18 percent higher revenue per employee than male CEOs.

The Mintigo study looked at CEOs from companies with more than 100 employees or more than $50 million in revenue and then analyzed thousands of indicators for companies, and compared the two groups split by gender.'

"Women are better than men at marathon pacing, says new research"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are better at running marathons than men. That's the conclusion of a comprehensive study of marathon results that appears to confirm what previous research had suggested.

But before Dennis Kimetto and Wilson Kipsang disagree, what the results of the huge survey actually show is that women are simply better - 18.61% better, to be precise – at maintaining a consistent pace across the duration of the 26.2 miles. Whether that is because men overestimate their abilities, women underestimate theirs – or because there are physical differences that affect performance, is open to speculation – and requires more research.
...
So, why? The researchers suggest it all might reflect differences in psychology and decision making – and of course age. A previous study, looking solely at the Chicago marathon, suggested some other possible factors. First, that when running at the "submaximal intensity" required to complete a marathon, women might burn a higher percentage of fat than men. This would mean they are less likely to hit "the wall' – the point when glycogen is depleted. Second, and this applies specifically to marathons in warmer weather, "women tend to have a larger surface area-to-mass ratio than men, allowing them to dissipate a larger percentage of heat produced by running".'

Opinion: Fraternity bias in the news

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'I am compelled to write this letter about the Rolling Stone article (fall 2014) concerning a women raped at a fraternity party at University of Virginia by a number of men identified by one name and fact. It now appears that this is a false story perpetuated by people who have a bias against fraternities.

The university leaders at UVA acted precipitously against all fraternities without learning that the fraternity did not have a party at the time stated, that it did not have a member with the name used and that no member of the fraternity held a position at the natatorium at the time of the alleged rape.
...
I am a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, one that was founded at UVA. I was Grand Master of my chapter, faculty and alumni adviser to a chapter at a top engineering university, MS&T at Rolla. I was faculty adviser to a chapter at New Mexico State University. I know a lot about university leadership, having been a chaired professor, head of a department, dean and vice president.

(Fraternity) members learn many skills that cannot be taught in a classroom. Examples are leadership, financial management, conflict resolution, training methods, mentorship and other valuable skills. I have talked to many business and national leaders who were in fraternities. They have validated the value of these college experiences.'

Student Who Claimed She Fended Off Would-be Rapist With Pencil Recants

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Riverside City College student who reported being the victim of an attempted rape inside a women's restroom on campus has recanted her story, authorities announced Friday.

On Jan. 15, the student told police she was washing her hands in first floor restroom at the Math/Science Building when she noticed a man standing behind her, according to the Riverside City College Police Department.

She said the man pushed her to the ground and attempted to rape her, but she managed to fend him off by stabbing him with a pencil, the release stated.

Video footage, a lack of physical evidence, including blood or the pencil, and other factors led investigators to question the student's claims, according to Police Chief Jim Miyashiro.'

Police release rape report revealing no basis for accusations after public inquiry

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In response to a public records inquiry, the Oak Ridge Police Department has released investigative reports in a case where a woman claims she was raped in June by a police officer or security guard.

The department at first refused the News Sentinel's request for the initial incident report, saying the report wasn't subject to public disclosure during a pending investigation.

The records request reversal came after Anderson District Attorney General Dave Clark said last month he was putting the high-profile case on "inactive but open" status.

Clark said no suspect was ever identified, the woman gave conflicting statements, and her story might have been sparked by jealousy because she came from California to find her ex-boyfriend living with another woman.'

'Hunting Ground' Trailer Exposes Violent Campus Crimes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For 1 in 5 women, their dream school will become a nightmare.' RADiUS and CNN Films lift the lid on America's dirty little secret in the first trailer for the haunting documentary The Hunting Ground. This startling look at the rampant violence spreading across colleges around the country will have its world premiere on Friday, Jaunary 23rd as part of the Sundance Film Festival. It then opens in select theaters nationwide on March 20.

From the makers of 2012's The Invisible War comes a shocking expose of rape crimes on US campuses, their institutional cover-ups, and the devastating toll they take on students and their families. Weaving together verite footage and first person testimonies, the film follows the lives of several undergraduate assault survivors as they attempt to pursue - despite incredible push back, harassment and traumatic aftermath - both their education and justice.'

Exposing Feminism’s Patriarchy Myth on Campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Arthur Chu wrote a wandering epithet over at Salon on “bitter nerd” Scott Aaronson’s rant against feminism. Aaronson’s complaints as detailed in Chu’s piece are far from new. As a graduate teaching assistant I had many male students (rather nerdy types) walk out of film theory classes declaring they were “horrible people” and “secret rapists” because they were born male. In the wake of the campus rape lies of 2014, who can blame these guys for believing feminism is conducting its own War Against Men:

"This is not a debate about gender roles. It is not about economics or the esoterica of hateful radicals in an ivory tower. This is a war, an ideological campaign to smear all men as moral monsters. It is not a war against “patriarchy” or some imagined evil rich guy. This is a war on men as such – of all races and social classes. It is a war against your brothers, sons, fathers, friends and relatives. And right now, the bad guys and girls are winning."
...
Would it? The reality is that abstinence has become the only 100% guaranteed way to avoid being falsely accused of sexual assault. That reality check highlights the long-forgotten intrinsic value of abstinence culture. The moralists who promoted that antiquated agenda understood that the allure of sexuality and the power of sex needed to be contextualized through marriage so societal order could be maintained. When society rejected marriage culture, it implicitly accepted the second-wave feminist alternative. Hence, every man is a rapist and every woman a victim.

Paglia argues that “rape will not be understood until we revive the old concept of the barbaric, the uncivilized.” Likewise, the problem of campus rape – that is, second-wave feminism’s grotesque predilection for falsely accusing male sex partners of assault in an attempt to soothe their own wounded pride and troubled souls – will not cease until moral order, built on a solid biological and psychological understanding of the individual and an acceptance of moral responsibility on the part of both parties, is restored.'

Man found not responsible for rape blasts Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand for 'harassment campaign'

Matt · 25 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Paul Nungesser was found “not responsible” for sexually assaulting another student at Columbia University. The student who accused him, Emma Sulkowicz, has since began carrying a mattress around the university as part of an art project to protest a finding she claims was unfair.

Sulkowicz’s activism earned her an invitation to President Obama’s State of the Union address Tuesday night from Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y. When Nungesser heard of the invitation, he blasted the senator for rewarding Sulkowicz’s attacks against him.
...
Nungesser reminded people that the university, after a seven-month long investigation, found him not responsible in 2013 — even in the current atmosphere where colleges are encouraged to find students guilty to appease political interests. Nungesser also pointed out that he cooperated with police after Sulkowicz filed a report (after the university found him not responsible) and that prosecutors declined to pursue the case.'

Sen. Gillibrand sidesteps questions about Columbia man found not responsible of assault

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Interview here. Excerpt:

'**The individual that Sulkowicz has accused of sexual assault says that this is a defamation campaign against him because he hasn't actually been found guilty of anything. What is your response to that?**
This is an issue that campuses are struggling with across the whole country. If you listen to the survivors, this is an issue that hasn't gone away. There is enormous prevalence. And survivors have a right to be heard and to be able to tell their stories and to be able to get justice and to have a reform in the system so that the incentives aren't to shove this under the rug. Schools have no incentive to report these incidents of sexual assault and rape. The survey done by the Senate showed that 40 percent of schools had never reported any rapes. Obviously they are not reporting, and so we have to have an ability to flip the incentives to hold schools accountable and to incentivize them to not only report but to meet their Title IX requirements. We also have to be able to have online surveys where all students can report whether or not they feel safe in a confidential way and what has happened to them.

But is it okay for his name to be out in public if he hasn't been formally charged?
My job is to talk about reforms and be able to talk about the stories of survivors. My job is to create legislation that reforms this issue across all schools and to make sure that it doesn't happen to someone else.'

Restaurant chain discriminates against male employees, federal lawsuit claims

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The restaurant chain Ruby Tuesday is being accused of discriminating against male bartenders and servers because the company hired only women for summer positions at its Park City, Utah, location.

According to The Oregonian, a federal lawsuit filed last week by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is seeking an injunction that would prevent Ruby Tuesday from depriving men employment opportunities based on their gender.

The suit also is looking to force the company to end wrongful employment practices and to compensate two male workers who were denied jobs in the summer of 2013.

Andrew Herrera and Joshua Bell, who worked at Ruby Tuesday locations in Oregon and Missouri, respectively, are being represented by EEOC lawyers.'

DV charges against Hope Solo dismissed, suspended 30 days from Team USA for belligerence toward police during separate incident

Matt · 26 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Domestic assault charges against U.S. women's soccer star Hope Solo were dismissed by a judge in Washington state on Tuesday, her attorney said.

"Today's decision brings closure to what has been one of the most difficult and emotionally draining times of my life," Solo said on Facebook. "I always had faith that once the facts of the case were presented, I would be cleared of all charges, and I am so happy and relieved to finally have it all behind me."

CNN affiliate KOMO reported that attorney Todd Maybrown successfully argued in court that he couldn't depose witnesses for the prosecution because they refused to be questioned despite a court order.

Solo, who holds the national team record for most shutouts, didn't appear in court. She was in Carson, California, at the squad's training camp in preparation for the upcoming World Cup.'

Also:

Hope Solo suspended following latest off-field incident:

'On Monday Solo's husband, former NFL player Jerramy Stevens, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence. Solo was in the car at the time and according to a TMZ report was "acting belligerently" toward police and was nearly arrested herself.

On Wednesday, U.S. Soccer suspended solo for 30 days, saying, "Hope made a poor decision that has resulted in a negative impact on U.S. Soccer and her teammates. We feel at this time it is best for her to step away from the team."

"In a sense it's the straw that broke the camel's back," Soccerwire.com editor Charles Boehm said. "I think there's real concern that she just can't stay out of trouble."'

College Settles Lawsuit Over Alleged Rape and Withheld Diploma

ThomasI · 26 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Amherst College and an unnamed student have settled a lawsuit over the college's decision last year to withhold his diploma over his alleged rape of another student in 2009, according to *The Republican*, a newspaper in Springfield, Mass. Terms of the settlement were not disclosed, so it was unclear if the college had paid the student, identified in court documents as "John Doe," any of the $2-million he had demanded.

The student's accuser, identified as Student A, said he had spoken to college officials about the alleged 2009 encounter but never filed a formal complaint about it. The college withheld the diploma after Student A restated the complaint a week before the 2014 commencement.'

Also see: Amherst College settles suit filed after diploma withheld over rape allegation

‘Feminists’ Think Female Students Are Too Scared to Speak in Class?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It used to be that women couldn’t speak until they were spoken to. But now, apparently, women often can’t speak even when they’re spoken to because they’ve been conditioned to believe they shouldn’t unless a man has spoken first.

At least that’s the opinion of the Canadian professors who want to make it official school policy that you have to call on female students first in class:

“I do think, in general, there are a lot of studies that indicate women, girls are socialized not to speak first. . . . And so to make a conscious rule, a deliberate rule that is explicit, that ‘no, men are not allowed to speak first,’ is certainly a strong way of addressing that issue,” said Jacqueline Warwick, a professor of musicology and former coordinator of the Gender and Women’s Studies Programs at Dalhousie University.

We have to say, okay, quiet down men! Let the little ladies have a turn before you start talking in your big scary man-voices! Will somebody please tell me how something this demeaning could be considered *feminism*?'

Also: ‘Gender Justice’ Professors Urge Discrimination Against White Males

From Fake Rapes To Petty ‘Microaggressions,’ American Colleges Have Lost Their Way

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Indeed, UVA provided a perfect example of the moral bankruptcy one often finds at the average American college. In the wake of the Rolling Stone article, the university suspended Greek life on campus with no due process whatsoever; a University of Virginia law school student demanded that Phi Kappa Psi be treated as a “criminal street gang” subject to asset seizure by the government; the fraternity house was vandalized; and effectively the entire university lined up against a group of young men who had been viciously slandered in a national media outlet based on the strength of one uncorroborated and unexamined accusation. “The whole [fraternity] culture,” claimed UVA English professor Alison Booth, with no irony whatsoever, “is sick.”

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Unsurprisingly, much of this bankrupt ideology centers on feminism, which has filled the role that eugenics once filled in American universities: a crystalline instance of peak Progressive thought animated by bigotry and pseudoscience. Modern feminism drove much of the witch hunt on UVA’s campus, for instance, and it can be seen at plenty of other colleges, as well. Sarah Edwards, an assistant professor at the University of North Dakota, recently published a study that purported to show that one in three college men would rape a woman if the word “rape” wasn’t used and if they were told they could get away with it. The study itself cited flawed and disproven data in its opening paragraph, bad enough, but it also surveyed only 86 men at UND, a tiny sample whose results are assuredly not indicative of 30 percent of all men everywhere, or probably even 30 percent of men on UND’s campus. Nine of the young men claimed that, even with the word “rape” thrown in, they would still rape a woman; this may seem shocking until you consider the likely reality that, as Ashe Scow put it wryly, “nine college boys didn’t take the survey too seriously.”

"Please, no more movies about white male geniuses"

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'At the height of my sluglike summer viewing regime last week, I sat down to watch Ron Howard's A Beautiful Mind, as a) it was on TV and b) I had managed to miss it both in cinemas and on its home entertainment release.

Within about fifteen minutes' worth of screen time, give or take a few ear-searing ads for car insurance, I was bored witless. Not because I don't like Russell Crowe or Paul Bettany (they were fine) or Ron Howard (Parenthood!), but because I have already seen this movie, about a million times.

By "this movie", I mean the tale of the complex white male genius, and boy hasn't it been a banner year for them.
...
And since I'm quite certain Hollywood will continue to pump out these tales of white male achievement at a rate of knots, it's time for us to treat them the way these films treat anyone who isn't their beloved complex white man: with a conspicuous lack of attention.'

Female teacher drags male child more than 100 feet down school hallway

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Video report here. So what do you think of this? More and more it rather seems schools are hostile towards boys. It may be true that the little boy was misbehaving but what do you want to bet there would be outrage if a male teacher had done this to a female child regardless of "reasons"?

Sex assault fight spurs civil rights complaints

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'An ongoing federal crackdown on campus sexual assault has brought the issue to the forefront on college campuses, and sparked debate between victims' activists and advocates for the accused.

The federal government took decisive action last year against campus sexual assault, announcing investigations of dozens of schools, including the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Grand Valley State University, for their handling of complaints. The inquiries followed President Barack Obama's formation of a task force, announced a year ago last week, that suggested ways of preventing and responding to assaults.

Supporters of the campaign say the response is long overdue after years of universities ignoring or giving lip service to women who reported assault. But critics say federal and school officials are going too far, trampling the due process rights of the accused and punishing them, in some instances, for consensual sex.

"They are making a mess out of things, making a hot mess out of going to college," said Deborah Gordon, a Bloomfield Hills attorney who represents a student who is suing several UM officials over his suspension for sex-assault allegations. "What the government has done is to take a bunch of political soundbites and thrown people's due process rights out."'

North Dakota student discipline bill gets first hearing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A North Dakota legislative committee took no action Monday on a bill that would give the state's university students the right to an attorney during disciplinary hearings.

The proposal, Senate Bill 2150, would give students and student organizations the right to an attorney or non-attorney advocate -- hired at the student's or organization's expense -- who could fully participate in the hearing process. The right would not extend to accusations of academic dishonesty.

The Senate Judiciary Committee did not make any recommendation on the bill Monday after a 90-minute hearing, said bill sponsor Sen. Ray Holmberg, R-Grand Forks.

Sherry Warner Seefeld, mother of former UND student Caleb Warner, testified in favor of the bill. Caleb Warner was banned from campus for three years after being accused of sexually assaulting another student in 2010, even though he was never charged with a crime. Police later charged his accuser with making a false report to law enforcement, and sanctions against Warner were eventually lifted.

Warner Seefeld, in prepared remarks, described her son's disciplinary hearing process, stating that his attorney would have been removed from the room if he spoke or participated in the hearing.

"Imagine that," Warner Seefeld said, according to the prepared remarks. "A 23-year-old must defend himself against an accusation which in the criminal justice system is a felony and has mandatory prison time attached, with only 11 days of preparation, in an audio-recorded hearing where anything he said could be used against him in a criminal court.'

Sen. Gillibrand blasted for decision to invite Columbia ‘mattress girl’ to SOTU

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Families Advocating for Campus Equality (FACE) blasted the New York Democrat’s decision to invite Ms. Sulkowicz to Thursday’s address, calling the honor “undeserved.”

“Sen. Gillibrand’s honor to Ms. Sulkowicz is undeserved and violates the principles of confidentiality and gender equality of Title IX, the law that oversees sexual misconduct on campus,” said FACE in a Sunday statement. “Ms. Sulkowicz failed to establish any wrongdoing by the student she accused after a tribunal, and an appeal at Columbia, as well as an investigation by the New York Police Department.”

Paul Nungesser, the student she accused of rape, said last week that Ms. Sulkowicz’s accusations are “untrue and unfounded.”

“I am shocked to learn that Sen. Gillibrand is actively supporting Ms. Sulkowicz’s defamation campaign against me by providing her with a public forum in which to broadcast her grave allegation,” Mr. Nungesser told New York Magazine. “By doing so, Sen. Gillibrand is participating in a harassment campaign against someone, who, for good reason, has been found innocent by all investigating bodies.”'

UK: Women-Only Engineering Scholarships Offered at University

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Story here. Excerpt:

'For the second year running, Brunel University London is offering £10,000 ($15,032) a year scholarships to women in its Master of Science (MSc) engineering courses, with 30 awards on offer.

The move follows the successful introduction of Brunel University's Women in Engineering (WiE) program in 2014, which combines bursaries and a range of other activities from matching students with professional engineers in the industry for leadership, communication and leadership skills training.

...

The university is also extending the Women in Engineering program to undergraduate students from 2015/16.

"We already have more than 400 female student engineers on campus and this year we are looking to scale up that number drastically," Scoble said.'

Activists cheer Scottish government rethink on new women's prison

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Campaigners have welcomed the announcement that the Scottish government is scrapping controversial plans to build a new women's prison as evidence of how politics can be done differently in post-referendum Scotland.

The new justice secretary, Michael Matheson, on Monday called for a more "radical and ambitious" approach to female offending as he announced that he was shelving the £75m plan to replace Scotland's notorious women-only prison, Cornton Vale, with a new facility proposed by his predecessor, Kenny MacAskill, in Inverclyde.
...
Critics of the plan had argued that it runs contrary to the Scottish government's own advice on treatment of women offenders. The Scottish government commissioned a report by the former lord advocate Dame Elish Angiolini QC in 2012, which highlighted the need to invest in therapeutic services at a local level, with a role for a much smaller specialist facility for the minority of women offenders who pose a significant risk to the public.'

"Mad Men: Inside the Men's Rights Movement—and the Army of Misogynists and Trolls It Spawned"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 1993, Farrell published his full-throated manifesto, The Myth of Male Power: Why Men Are the Disposable Sex. The book tackled a number of pressing issues affecting men. It also took some bizarre turns: At one point Farrell pondered whether the American male was the new "nigger." ("When slaves gave up their seats for whites, we called it subservience; when men give up their seats for women, we call it politeness.") He took a sledgehammer to bedrock feminist ideals, claiming that women have themselves to blame for unequal pay, that domestic violence is a two-way street, and that government programs to benefit women only exacerbate inequality.

Farrell also argued that female sexual power was eclipsing any societal advantages that men might have. "The powerful woman doesn't feel effect of her secretary's miniskirt power,cleavage power and flirtation power," he wrote. "Men do." And thanks to feminism, he argued, when women felt ill-treated they could now more easily pursue sexual-harassment or date rape charges—a notion that carries strong currency among today's men's rights activists. "No one has taught men to sue women for sexual trauma for saying 'yes,' then 'no,' then 'yes,'" Farrell opined. "Men were left with less than one option. They were still expected to initiate, but now, if they did it badly, they could go to jail."'

UK: Men must prove a woman said 'Yes' under tough new rape rules

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Story here. Basically, all sex is rape unless the man can prove otherwise. The man is guilty until proven innocent. Forget the long history of rights in English law, starting with Magna Carta. Who needs Magna Carta when you've got feminism? Excerpt:

'Men accused of date rape will need to convince police that a woman consented to sex as part of a major change in the way sex offences are investigated.

The Director of Public Prosecutions said it was time for the legal system to move beyond the concept of “no means no” to recognise situations where women may have been unable to give consent.

Alison Saunders said rape victims should no longer be “blamed” by society if they are too drunk to consent to sex, or if they simply freeze and say nothing because they are terrified of their attacker.

Instead, police and prosecutors must now put a greater onus on rape suspects to demonstrate how the complainant had consented “with full capacity and freedom to do so”.

...

The new guidance also covers domestic violence situations and those where “the complainant may be financially or otherwise dependent on their alleged rapist”.'

U-Va. sorority sisters ordered to stay home Saturday night for their own safety

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sorority sisters at the University of Virginia were ordered by their national chapters to avoid fraternity events this weekend — a mandate that many of the women said was irrational, sexist and contrary to the school's culture.

It's not about one night of parties, several students said, but about their ability to make their own choices.

And they're not taking that lightly.

The rule came after a traumatic fall semester in Charlottesville, including the violent death of a student and now-discredited allegations of a gang rape at a U-Va. fraternity. Both forced a thorough examination of campus safety, drinking culture and Greek life.'

Also see: National leaders order UVA sororities to stay away from frat bid night despite Rolling Stone article being largely discredited

Is Senator Kirsten Gillibrand Grandstanding At The Expense of Due Process?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Those concerned with the continued dismantling of campus due process protections were cringing at Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's (D-NY) decision to invite Columbia University senior Emma Sulkowicz to accompany her to the State of the Union address. Ms. Sulkowicz gained attention last year for carrying around the mattress upon which she was allegedly assaulted by another student.
...
Ms. Sulkowicz was unhappy with Columbia's decision, so she has mounted a campaign of revenge, forever maligning the reputation of the young man who has been cleared of these charges. Sulkowicz's relentless campaign does not prove her accusations, and they should not be treated as true by legislators attempting to gain support for their political objectives.

By inviting Ms Sulkowicz to accompany her, Senator Gillibrand undoubtedly wanted to send Congress the message that passage of her proposed Campus Accountability and Safety Act is necessary to protect students in their college environments. However, in her effort to push through the bill, Senator Gillibrand not only is willing to use a dubious victim, Gillibrand is also willing to use discredited and out of date statistics and unsubstantiated data.'

California Senate Candidate Kamala Harris cites debunked '1 in 5' statistic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As a prosecutor, I know the threat of sexual assault is real and pervasive, particularly for women ages 18 to 24. Studies suggest that 1 in 5 undergraduate students have experienced sexual assault or attempted sexual assault, and that young women who do not attend college suffer even higher rates of violence. These numbers are chilling and only begin to capture the emotional trauma that sexual assault victims — who include men — will suffer for the rest of their lives. Yet, according to the National Crime Victimization Survey, sexual assault is the most under-reported crime of all.

To help address this under-reporting, my office released a bulletin Tuesday to California's law enforcement agencies and university leaders; it announces changes in the law that create reporting requirements and standards for campus disciplinary procedures, and it encourages increased collaboration between law enforcement and campus authorities.'

Wikipedia on Kamala Harris.

Calif. Attorney General Kamala D. Harris Issues Alert on Campus Safety

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http://californianewswire.com/2015/01/27/CNW23206_103501.php/calif-attorney-general-kamala-d-harris-issues-alert-on-campus-safety/

“The laws we pursue in the California legislature set an example for the rest of the country,” Senate pro Tempore de León stated. “With 1 in 5 women on college campuses experiencing sexual assault, it’s our responsibility to secure a safe learning environment for our students.”

Q&A With Filmmaker Jennifer Siebel Newsom

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jennifer Siebel Newsom — director, producer, screenwriter, actress, speaker, mother of three, and wife to Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom — was at 2015 Sundance Film Festival to promote The Mask You Live In, the follow up to Miss Representation. The filmmaker talks to us about her latest documentary, redefining society's definition of masculinity, and how we as individuals can set in motion a more responsible way to determine a man's "manliness."

EI: As a tireless advocate for women and girls and the oldest of five sisters, what intrinsically motivated you to make a film about the challenges faced by men?

I've always been curious, wondering "Why are men that way?" After Miss Representation, I knew that challenging gender injustices that limit girls and women was only half the story. I knew that real cultural change was only going to occur if we expose the damaging masculinity narrative that is fed to our boys and men.
...
EI: When it comes to challenging harmful definitions of masculinity, how do you suggest we even begin to address such a multidimensional problem?

JSN: It starts with introspection — we have to self-reflect. We must challenge definitions of masculinity, model the change we want to see, then seek it in mentors and teachers who will help our boys stay true to themselves. The Mask You Live In is not just a film — it's a movement. This is just the beginning. We're all coming together in a beautiful way, and the time is now. Our boys don't need to suffer, and they don't need to live in pain.'

Mother Jones posts response letter from Warren Farrell

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Warren Farrell submitted a letter to Mother Jones which the moderator published in the comment section. Its has received 364 up-votes which is impressive consider Mother Jones is very much pro-feminist. Excerpt:

'However, as I am sure you know, I am sad that you chose to frame the article with the men's issues movement's participants portrayed as "haters and trolls" who inspire misogynist-motivated real-life killings of women.

An example of an alternative framework is how the Men's Issues conference you attended in Detroit incorporated as keynote speakers a half dozen women--almost half of the keynote speakers. Can you name a single national feminist conference with a half dozen of their keynote speakers being men?

Moreover, many of the women were internationally-respected--women such as Canadian Senator Anne Cools; England's founder of women's shelters, Erin Pizzey; psychologist Helen Smith…. Senator Cools, the leading keynote speaker, aside from being a senior Canadian Senator, is also black. Since when are Senator Cools, Helen Smith, and Erin Pizzey “haters” or “trolls”? Why did you not mention even one of these three women?'

Campus rape hysteria is nothing new

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As this article from 1993 shows, rape hysteria on college campuses is nothing new. What is new is our elected officials buying into and fostering it. Excerpt:

'One in four college women has been the victim of rape or attempted rape. One in four. I remember standing outside the dining hall in college, looking at a purple poster with this statistic written in bold letters. It didn't seem right. If sexual assault was really so pervasive, it seemed strange that the intricate gossip networks hadn't picked up more than one or two shadowy instances of rape. If I was really standing in the middle of an "epidemic," a "crisis" -- if 25 percent of my women friends were really being raped -- wouldn't I know it?

These posters were not presenting facts. They were advertising a mood. Preoccupied with issues like date rape and sexual harassment, campus feminists produce endless images of women as victims -- women offended by a professor's dirty joke, women pressured into sex by peers, women trying to say no but not managing to get it across.

This portrait of the delicate female bears a striking resemblance to that 50's ideal my mother and other women of her generation fought so hard to leave behind. They didn't like her passivity, her wide-eyed innocence. They didn't like the fact that she was perpetually offended by sexual innuendo. They didn't like her excessive need for protection. She represented personal, social and intellectual possibilities collapsed, and they worked and marched, shouted and wrote to make her irrelevant for their daughters. But here she is again, with her pure intentions and her wide eyes. Only this time it is the feminists themselves who are breathing new life into her.'

Christina Hoff Sommers: Sexual assault myths: Part 2

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Video here. Description:

'The United States is not a rape culture, but it is a gender propaganda culture. We are overwhelmed by false information about men and women, and nowhere is this more true than in the area of sexual violence. A new Bureau of Justice Statistics study has the latest numbers, and the Factual Feminist does some fact checking.'

University students cleared in campus rape case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Sexual assault charges against five William Paterson University students have been dismissed, but the students' status at the school remained unclear on Thursday as defense attorneys criticized the school's internal investigation and statements made by its president.

A grand jury declined to indict the students, all of whom are 18 years old, after hearing the case on Monday, according to court officials and a defense attorney. The five men, who had been accused of taking part in the sexual assault of a woman in the Overlook South residence hall on Nov. 25, have not been allowed back to the school since shortly after the alleged incident. The woman's identity has never been made public and her role in the investigation is unknown.
...
Defense attorneys criticized the William Paterson University police investigation, saying it wasn't thorough enough and did not include interviews with key witnesses. Ricci also was critical of what he said were "damaging statements" made by administrators that he said made it seem the defendants were guilty.

University President Kathleen Waldron said shortly after the incident that she was "angry and dismayed that this crime was committed on our campus and allegedly by students." She went on to refer to the incident as a "criminal act".

"It was outrageous that these young men had to go through the publicity they had to go through," Ricci said.'

How do men prove consent?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It used to be that women who made stupid mistakes with men, who had non-violent sexual encounters in dodgy circumstances — while drunk or otherwise intoxicated, in the heat of the moment or for a million other reasons — did not wake up the next morning and decide they had been raped.
...
That, at least, would seem to be the view of Alison Saunders, Director of Public Prosecutions, who yesterday said the time has come to move beyond the idea of 'no means no'.

In other words, date-rape suspects will have to prove they obtained explicit consent.
...
But, more worryingly, won't men in rape cases automatically be presumed guilty until they can prove they have obtained consent? However appalling a crime rape may be, this cannot be right.

What makes this still more shocking is that it seems to be part of a political attempt to push up rape conviction rates and meet targets.

Because although reports of rape have risen sharply in recent years, actual convictions are lagging behind. And that doesn't suit the so-called 'vagenda': the all-men-are-rapists brigade, top feministas like Harriet Harman and the femi-fascist Twitter mob who, increasingly, seem to hold sway in public policy.'

UK: The New Rape Rules Which Will Infantilise Women And Criminalise Innocent Men

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'It turns out that Yes sometimes means No too, particularly when a woman is judged to be too inebriated to be capable of making a conscious decision. If she's three sheets to the wind, then the new rule is that she is not capable of consenting to get between the sheets.

Even if she has said Yes and has even undressed herself or initiated the sexual advances. Even if she at no point suggested she had changed her mind or asked the man to stop. Even if she blatantly enjoyed herself at the time.

This is patently absurd. And yet this is precisely what the DPP has announced.

Unlike any other offence, where the onus is on the prosecution to prove that the accused is guilty of a crime, this puts the responsibility squarely (if not fairly) on the shoulders of the accused to prove that he is innocent. In one fell swoop, Mrs Saunders has turned a fundamental principle of our justice system – the presumption of innocence – on its head.

Instead of requiring evidence of non-consensual sex, the CPS will now look only for the absence of evidence that there was consent. As the DPP said, she wants the police to ask suspects HOW they knew the alleged victim was saying yes, and was doing so "freely and knowingly".'

Maryland considers affirmative consent bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an effort to prevent rape on college campuses, Maryland state lawmakers are considering an affirmative consent bill.

The legislation would require colleges to develop a policy in which students mutually agree to sex in advance.

"Yes means yes" legislation requires Maryland colleges and universities to come up with a policy that defines how students engage in sexual activities.

"The basic idea is that no one is taken advantage of," said Delegate Frank Conaway, D-Baltimore City.

Affirmative consent is aimed at changing the culture of "no means no." Right now, sexual consent is widely defined as the absence of "no." Some female college students believe that, if passed, the law will go a long way toward reducing campus sexual assaults and rapes.

"You never know if someone is going to put something in your drink, which happens often. People don't learn about it because they are too scared to admit they were in the wrong," said college student Sarah Knoll.

California adopted a "yes means yes" law, and New York recently introduced a similar measure in its General Assembly.'

January Jones Is a Misandrist

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Article here.

'Uncreative journalists have asked January Jones *[link added]* if she's a feminist one too many times, and now she's gone full female supremacist. Last night, Jones Instagrammed a theory of matriarchy ("stolen from" Zoë Kravitz) that is celestial, self-loathing, and all caps. "MEN SHOULD ACT LIKE THE SUN, SHINE STRONG 247/365 AND SERVE WOMEN INSTEAD OF ACTING LIKE LITTLE BITCHES WITH VAGINAS," it says. "#truth," Jones added. Put it on the list of reasons she's a secret DGAF hero.'

"Girls Outperform Boys Academically Around the Globe, Study Says"

Minuteman · 30 January 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Girls tend to get better grades in reading, math and science than boys, according to a new study that challenges the widely held belief that boys do better in these subjects than girls.

"Even in countries where women's liberties are severely restricted, we found that girls are outperforming boys in reading, mathematics and science literacy by age 15, regardless of political, economic, social or gender equality issues and policies found in those countries," study author David Geary, professor of psychological sciences at the University of Missouri, said in a university news release.

The researchers analyzed the grades of 1.5 million 15-year-old students around the world between 2000 and 2010.
...
"The data will influence how policymakers think about the options available," Geary said.

"For example, to increase levels of equal opportunities in education. We believe that policymakers and educators should not expect that broad progress in social equality will necessarily result in educational equality. In fact, we found that with the exception of high achievers, boys have poorer educational outcomes than girls around the world, independent of social equality indicators," he said.'

"Men's rights activists have missed the point of feminism entirely"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's take a look at some of the key points men's rights activists (MRAs) make. These include how it's overwhelmingly men who are sent off to fight in wars, men who die younger, men who fill our prisons, men who are denied custody of children in divorce settlements, and – increasingly – men who earn less than the women who leach off their God-given rights as overlords of all they survey.

You don't need to be Andrea Dworkin to assert that war-making and violent crime both tally more with a testosterone-dominated body than one fed with oestrogen. The list of wars started by women is a very, very short one – unless Helen of Troy is more offensive to modern online commenters than you may realise. (Knowing these people, she probably is.)

Regarding divorce, reliable stats are tricky to pin down. Women certainly win more custody battles than men – though whether their 'hit rate' is as high as 93pc, as has been suggested in the press before, seems dubious. It's a stretch to imagine that the male-dominated judiciary is embarked on a campaign to deny their gender brethren access to their children.

Most importantly, the old chestnut of the pay gap – one of the central targets of feminism – still persists. Sure, in 2012 the Office for National Statistics found that women aged 22 to 29 in full-time employment earned a colossal 2.9pc more than their male counterparts, but that's a sledgehammer applied to a delicate issue. For one, the figure fails to account for the fact that many, many more women than men are in part-time employment. It fades even more when you factor in the ongoing disparity in lifetime earnings, or in compensation packages in the professions (women earn on average £8,000 less than a man in law, £14,000 less as a chief executive and £9,000 less as a doctor).

These are all political and economic realities; areas where the arguments of MRAs can be refuted with hard facts. It's when they move on to the topic of sexual consent, however, that you know you're wasting your effort fighting people who are beyond reason.'

Virginia lawmakers kill bills meant to protect rights of accused students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Legislators shot down a trio of bills this week meant to give students who are accused of sexual assault more rights during the internal campus inquiries that can lead to expulsion.

The bills were tabled at a small House subcommittee meeting, and as the Virginia General Assembly grapples with how to handle the suddenly high-profile issue of on-campus sexual assault.

Legislation that would require campuses to put notations on transcripts when a student leaves during or because of a sexual assault inquiry is also advancing. Amid this, there is quiet concern that Virginia's response to the attention on college sexual assaults may trample on the rights of the accused.
...
"No one's paying attention to them," said Del. Dave Albo, who chairs the House Courts of Justice Committee.
...
Del. Rick Morris, R-Carrollton, has been trying to reform the internal discipline process for two years now. One of his bills, killed this week in a small and crowded subcommittee room, would have allowed students to be represented by an attorney at these proceedings.

Another made the same change for student organizations. The third would have allowed students to essentially appeal a student judiciary decision to the local circuit court.'

Campus sex assault research under fire

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rolling Stone magazine's graphic account in December in of a brutal gang rape at the University of Virginia capped a year in which sexual assault on campus gained real traction as a national issue.
...
So what's the true prevalence of sexual assault among college students? It may be less than one in five college women, but it's also likely to be higher than what's captured in the NCVS.

Krebs at RTI is working with the Bureau of Justice Statistics to launch a survey at 10 to 15 universities this spring, with the idea of testing a method that could be replicated at any college or university.

And the Bureau of Justice Statistics is considering including more behavioral cues, especially for sexual assault and rape, in a redesigned version of the NCVS, according to Michael Planty, who heads the victimization statistics unit.
...
109 rape allegations made to the police department of a small Midwestern city from 1978 to 1987. Kanin found that 41 percent of the cases were false, based on the determinations of police officials. In all those cases, he said, the accusers recanted their allegations.

Kanin's study has also been blasted by other researchers. David Lisak, a former psychology professor at the University of Massachusetts Boston, has written that the study "violates a cardinal rule of science" by failing to describe Kanin's efforts to evaluate the criteria of the police department.'

Lawyers criticize William Paterson's handling of rape allegation after charges dismissed

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'The future of five William Paterson University students remained unclear Friday, days after a grand jury declined to indict the freshmen on charges brought by campus police accusing them of participating in a dorm room gang rape.

All charges were dismissed against the five 18-year-olds — Darius Singleton, of Jersey City, Termaine Scott, of Vineland, Garrett Collick, of Paterson, Jahmel Latimer, of Hoboken, and Noah Williams, of Camden — but it was unclear if they would be allowed back at school after officials previously said they were barred from campus.

Lawyers for some of the students were critical of William Paterson University for not turning the case over to experienced sex-crime investigators with the county prosecutor's office before filing charges and for public statements made by school President Kathleen Waldron.

The University on Friday declined to answer a series of questions about the campus police force's handling of the case or say if the students would be allowed to resume classes. In a statement Thursday night, the school said its own "student conduct process" was continuing, but would not elaborate.'

Boulder firm takes on high-profile Title IX sex assault cases

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Story here. This Boulder law firm is the epicenter of female students suing universities under Title IX. Their clients include the woman who accused Jameis Winston of sexual assault. Excerpt:

'The Boulder-based team has represented victims of sexual assault at colleges and universities around the country.

Together, Clune and Kerr have made Boulder the de facto Title IX litigation center of the country by advocating for victims and taking on powerful universities and big-time athletic programs.

...

"David Cornwell, attorney for Jameis Winston in Florida, has long tried to discredit the attorneys and the woman who accused Winston of sexual assault. In a December radio interview, he said Clune and Kerr took cases only for their potential payouts.

"They're not lawyers; they're investors," he said on NBC Sports Radio's The Erik Kuselias Show.'

U. of Tennessee-Chattanooga wants accused rapist expelled

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Story here. (Background here.) Excerpt:

'Corey Mock, the former University of Tennessee at Chattanooga wrestler expelled after he was accused of sexually assaulting a fellow student last spring, won't graduate this semester. And now the school wants him gone for good.

Mock returned to campus two weeks ago after a Davidson County, Tenn., chancellor granted a stay so he could complete his studies. But his father, C.D. Mock, said Corey found out after returning that two classes he needs for graduation won't be offered until the summer session.

After a bench ruling like the chancellor's, it's normal for the winning party, in this case Mock's attorney, to file a proposed order, and for the university to file either an objection or another proposed order. In this case, the university's response seems to be particularly aggressive.
...
After finding out that Mock won't graduate, a university attorney Tuesday filed an objection to Mock's motion for an injunction, saying he believed the spring 2015 graduation date was a "deciding factor" in Chancellor Carol McCoy's decision to stay Mock's expulsion pending his appeal.
...
C.D. Mock said he doesn't understand why the university is seeking to remove his son from the school altogether. He pointed to the fact that the young woman who says Mock raped her is no longer on campus.

"They have absolutely nothing to gain and nothing to lose, that I can fathom," Mock said.'

Due process duly needed at universities

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'This bill was introduced by Republican Ray Holmberg and Democrat Lois Delmore partially as a response to the case of Caleb Warner.

Caleb Warner, a UND student, was accused of sexual assault in 2010 and was banned from campus for three years. Here's the problem though: He was never actually charged with a crime, but his accuser was for filing a false report.

Even then the university refused to lift the ban until FIRE (Foundation for Individual Rights in Education) got involved.

Bruce Gjovig, CEO & Entrepreneur Coach at the UND Center for Innovation Foundation stated the following in his testimony supporting SB 2150:

"I am an advisor for several UND students and student groups, and innocent students are punished every month, under the guise of controlling students' behavior.
...
Right now, people are fighting in the senate to ensure that you have the basic rights as every other American citizen. And right now, there are people fighting to make sure you don't get those rights. I think it's pretty clear which side you should be on.'

Misandry Island: this is what a feminist utopia would look like

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'As a shrieking feminist harpy, it's been a long held wish of mine to sail away on an ocean of male tears and live on an island that recognises the inherent humanity of women. Women of all shapes, sizes, creeds, colours, bodies and backgrounds would live together in harmony and under a system of collaborative leadership. In the evenings, we'd come together to watch the sunset. Over cold cocktails, where the twizzle sticks are actually dehydrated penises, we'd marvel at how much better it is to live in a society that doesn't see us as peripheral to the real experience of what it means to be human, and doesn't expect us to meekly accept the reality of our own supposed weaknesses. We'd make jokes, because women are very funny. And there would be no MRAs and no mosquitos, because the annoying buzz of tiny, obnoxious pests would be banned.
...
When society has reestablished itself as a deeply entrenched matriarchy that rewards women for simply existing, treats our ideas and actions as more inherently valuable than those of men and allows us to dominate every position of leadership in order to shape a global society's values and goals, we'll be able to point to men's lack of protest and agitation as a sign that they're happy with the way things are. Sure, the grumblings of a small and angry minority make it sound like something's wrong, but this is just the way the world is now. It's biological. We're all different but equal, and men's role in that would just be being equal in a way that is actually grossly unequal. But still equal.

And the ones who kept making a rowdy fuss about it or getting on our nerves? Well, we'd just kill them.'

Australia - Position Vacant: Men's Healthy Worker Chief Project Officer, SA Health

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Department for Health & Ageing, Adelaide CBD
Indicative Total Remuneration: $91,940 - $97,525 (pro rata) – Temp P/T (22.5 hrs p/wk, contract appointment up to 30/06/2018) – ASO6

This role presents a unique opportunity to shape the development, implementation and evaluation of the Men's Healthy Workers initiative. This State government funded initiative promotes healthy lifestyle behaviours in and through male dominated workplaces by addressing the chronic disease risk factors of smoking, poor nutrition, harmful alcohol consumption and physical inactivity (SNAP) of workers. The initiative builds on the learning and approach used through the Healthy Workers – Healthy Futures initiative funded by the Commonwealth (2011-2014).

Working closely with officers throughout the Department for Health and Ageing, Regional Health Services, you will provide strategic advice, analysis and evaluation of policies and initiatives related to the use of workplace settings to enhance men's health and wellbeing by addressing modifiable risk factors.
...
Applications close: 13 Feb 2015 11:55 PM Cen. Australia Standard Time'

The revolt on sorority row

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Interview here. Description:

'Is the answer to the threat of sexual assault that young women on a college campus should just stay inside? UVA student and Representative Body Chair Abraham Axler talks with Melissa Harris-Perry about the sorority and fraternity controversy at UVA.'

UVA President Admits Rolling Stone Gang Rape Article Is ‘Discredited’

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'Nearly two months after it became clear that a Rolling Stone article about a gang rape at the University of Virginia was mostly fabricated, school president Teresa Sullivan finally admitted on Friday that the story is “discredited.”
...
This is the first time that Sullivan has directly criticized the article, which told the story of a student named Jackie who claimed that seven members of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity brutally gang-raped her at a party in 2012.
...
... And even after the Charlottesville Police Department said that there was no basis to support Jackie’s claims against Phi Kappa Psi, Sullivan and the university required all fraternities to sign a contract full of new demands before they could resume social activities.

In her speech, Sullivan appeared to try to distance herself from those sanctions.

“Our decision to pause Greek social activities extended the pause that the Inter-Fraternity Council had already initiated,” Sullivan said. “The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity voluntarily surrendered its Fraternal Organization Agreement, or FOA. And an unaffiliated fraternity and unaffiliated sorority voluntarily suspended their own social activities.”
...
Sullivan did not apologize directly to Phi Kappa Psi or its members in her speech.'

Male students suing under Title IX 'worrisome' for Boulder lawyers

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Story here. Turns out the lawyers who sue on behalf of women don't like it much when men do the same thing. Excerpt:

'Boulder attorneys who represent victims of gender violence say they feel the recent string of male students suing under Title IX, the federal gender equity law, are distracting from decades of discrimination against women.

A number of schools, including the University of Colorado, are facing lawsuits from male students under Title IX, a law that has historically been used to protect the rights of women.

"John Doe," who is described in court documents as a CU junior, claims he was discriminated against when he was wrongfully accused and suspended for three semesters after a night of consensual sex.

"CU-Boulder has created an environment where an accused male student is fundamentally denied due process by being prosecuted through the conduct process under a presumption of guilt," according to the lawsuit. "Such a one-sided process deprived John Doe, as a male student, of educational opportunities at CU-Boulder on the basis of his sex."
...
Clune and Kerr said it's definitely possible that some of the male students' claims are valid and that they were discriminated against on the basis of sex. The two attorneys say they want to get to a place where all students, male and female, are treated the same.

But at the same time, the attorneys said they worry that these new lawsuits are drawing attention away from the more pervasive issue on college campuses and in society: discrimination against women.

"There can be meritorious claims," Kerr said. "A charged student can be treated unfairly, not given a fair hearing and that can have huge consequences that can follow that student for the rest of his life. They're not to be lightly dismissed, but it's worrisome."'

Current system throws students into lion's den

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I write to you today to voice FIRE's strong support of [North Dakota] SB 2150 *[see MANN item here]*. This legislation provides university students facing serious, nonacademic disciplinary charges the right to be represented by an attorney or other advocate of the student's choosing in a campus hearing.

This legislation is sorely needed because today's colleges and universities operate what amounts to their own parallel justice system while failing to provide the meaningful due process protections guaranteed in our nation's courts.

Universities throughout the commonwealth hold hearings for a wide range of serious offenses including theft, harassment, assault, drug and weapons possession, stalking and rape. Until SB 2150 is passed, students in North Dakota's public universities accused of such serious misconduct will continue to be forced to represent themselves — alone — against experienced and professionally trained deans, administrators and university attorneys in proceedings that fail to guarantee core components of the right to due process.

The status quo is fundamentally unfair, and legislative action is required to rectify it.

The stakes are very, very high; the results of these hearings dramatically change the course of students' lives. An expulsion for criminal activity will have lifelong consequences for a student's education and professional career. Such a finding impedes a student's ability to secure jobs — even jobs that do not require a college degree.

After all, why should an employer take a chance on a "proven" rapist or thief?

Complicating matters further, nothing prevents criminal prosecutors from using statements made in college courts against the accused in criminal proceedings. Without a lawyer during these campus hearings, students may unknowingly waive Fifth Amendment rights.

If college tribunals were adequately protecting students' rights, this bill might not be necessary. But that is not the case. FIRE learns of shocking due process abuses from college students across the nation every year.'

Facts ignored in moral panic

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'T. Rees Shapiro, The Washington Post reporter who has done an amazing job covering the debacle of Rolling Stone's story about an alleged rape at the University of Virginia, has gotten an interview with members of Phi Kappa Psi. This is the fraternity that was accused in the article of staging some sort of gang-rape initiation ritual. And the story its members tell is more than a little worrying.

The fraternity brothers say they knew within 24 hours that the Rolling Stone story was false — provably false, because their internal records and bank statements showed no party on the weekend in question, and no brothers matched the description of the alleged rapist. Yet the brothers kept quiet because they thought that fighting the story in the news media "would only make things more difficult."

Think about that. They had evidence they could have shown to a reporter to demonstrate the problems with a story, and they decided not to because that might only get them into deeper trouble.
...
When people are in the grip of a moral panic, going up against them to question the extent of a threat, even by doubting so much as a single case, can become dangerous. Questioning any expression of the panic is not seen as a logical debate over statistics or the details of a particular instance, but as somehow defending the threatening behavior.

Note how careful many people who wrote skeptically about the UVA case were to say that they believe campus rape happens, and it is terrible.

People who write that they think an accused murderer may be innocent rarely feel compelled to affirm that yes, they sure do believe that murder happens, and boy, are they against that. This ought to go without saying, and unless we are in the middle of a moral panic, it usually does.

Yet once moral panic sets in, an accusation can also become sufficient evidence unto itself to trigger a severe response: no need to see what the brothers might have to say, or to wait for a police investigation, before you write that op-ed article about rape culture — or start throwing bricks.'

Princeton snubs university lobbyists by developing its own sexual-assault survey

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'Princeton University has rejected a survey developed by the Association of American Universities to gauge the prevalence of sexual assault on its campus, opting to develop a survey modeled off one at Rutgers University instead.

Both surveys, however, are based on White House recommendations that seem to prejudge accused students.

According to *The Daily Princetonian*, Princeton is developing the survey to comply with its Title IX settlement with the Department of Education concerning sexual-assault investigations. It's not the first to reject the AAU survey, whose secrecy has troubled researchers.

Princeton was forced by the government last fall to abandon its longstanding use of the "clear and persuasive" standard for assessing guilt, now using the "more likely than not" standard to decide whether accused students are guilty of sexual assault, as *The College Fix* reported.

The Rutgers survey on which the Princeton survey will be modeled hasn't been fully vetted, by Rutgers' own admission.

"While it is based on the survey published by the White House Task Force, the survey, as presented in this document, should be seen as an untested pilot tool," the Rutgers School of Social Work warns in the survey description. "Therefore, other institutions wishing to use this survey should be aware that the validity of the instrument as a whole has not yet been determined."'

The “campus rape culture” media narrative faces deflation

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'The ongoing media onslaught against the college fraternity system in specific and young men in general has been dismaying to say that least. (To the point where I’ve mostly given up writing about it entirely.) The dizzying array of “facts” and figures being tossed about on every cable news channel which describe the campus rape culture have provided a convenient platform for new age feminists who are ready to go to war. But how much truth is to be found underneath this pile of coverage? At College Insurrection, we are treated to the latest in a series of videos from The Factual Feminist, in which Professor Christina Hoff Sommers of the American Enterprise Institute takes on two common themes.

The first is the oft reported figure claiming that 1 in 5 young women attending college will be raped. Sommers locates the origin of this figure and reveals (yet again) that it was not a source to be taken seriously, but new, more accurate figures are available.

"The one in five claim is based on a 2007 internet study with vaguely worded questions, a low response rate and a non-representative sample. The real number, according to the Bureau of Justice statistics, is one in 53. That’s too many, but it’s a long way from one in five."

That works out to slightly more than two out of one hundred. Obviously that’s two too many, and actual criminals need to be captured and prosecuted. Further, women should be empowered and encouraged to defend themselves against violent criminals, whether that be by arming themselves or simply using good judgement in how and where they travel. But if these Justice Bureau statistics are correct, the “rape culture” isn’t much of a culture at all.'

Editor: "In South Carolina, we breed men who kill women"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'IN SOUTH Carolina, we breed men who kill women. There's something wicked in our culture that says it's OK to hit, abuse and, yes, kill our wives, girlfriends and ex-lovers.

It's sinful. Reprehensible. Intolerable. Yet for years we've failed to do enough to purge this evil element from among us.

Which is why it's been encouraging to see so many people — from politicians to law enforcement officers to prosecutors and oodles of others — join victims' advocates over the past couple years to demand change.

The effort reached a fever pitch on the first day of this year's legislative session, when Attorney General Alan Wilson stood in the second-floor State House lobby between the House and Senate chambers with lawmakers, law enforcement officers, victims' advocates, prosecutors and others to call for a law aimed at increasing penalties for domestic violence. State Law Enforcement Division chief Mark Keel and S.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault executive director Sara Barber were there. So were House Speaker Jay Lucas, Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster and Senate Judiciary Chairman Larry Martin.

Law enforcement officers joined citizens in holding silhouettes representing South Carolinians killed in domestic violence. A blow-up of a letter signed by Mr. Wilson, prosecutors and others urging lawmakers to act was displayed on an easel.'

Top 10 Reasons Why No One Should Be a Feminist

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'Language is important. What would a movement under a gender biased name like masculism be about? Let's say that somewhere it is "officially" stated it is about gender equality, and that the main purpose of this movement is to deal with the grave problem of male disposability. How long would it take for this movement to grow additional masculist "theories", hyperboles, and engage in protracted struggle to skew the system into one direction? How long would it take before being anti-masculist was taken as being anti-male?

The truth is, both sexes were disposable. In this excellent bestseller, The Myth of Male Power: Why Men are the Disposable Sex, psychologist Warren Farrell makes a compelling case that, like with all other species, survival was the framework that drove the gender positioning: women risked death in childbirth; men risked death in conflicts with other tribes and the environment. However, there is a critical difference: women's disposability stemmed from biology; men's disposability required socialization.

When you have a movement called feminism, it becomes very difficult to engage in an objective dialog about the true nature of things. As you try to have it, any criticism all too easily becomes conflated with attack on the female gender itself.

Furthermore, we have perfectly fine words like humanitarian or egalitarian. No extra baggage necessary.'

English court upholds circumcision double-standard

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> Mr Hayes points to the recognition, both by Wall J, as he then was, and by the Court of Appeal in Re J (Specific Issue Orders: Muslim Upbringing and Circumcision) [1999] 2 FLR 678, 693, on appeal Re J (Specific Issue Orders: Child's Religious Upbringing and Circumcision) [2000] 1 FLR 571, 573, 576, that male circumcision does involve harm, or the risk of harm. Given the comparison between what is involved in male circumcision and FGM WHO Type IV, to dispute that the more invasive procedure involves the significant harm involved in the less invasive procedure would seem almost irrational. In my judgment, if FGM Type IV amounts to significant harm, as in my judgment it does, then the same must be so of male circumcision...
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> Moving on to the second limb of the statutory test, Mr Hayes submits that in assessing whether the infliction of any form of FGM can ever be an aspect of "reasonable" parenting, it is vital to bear in mind that FGM involves physical harm which, it is common ground, has (except in the very narrow circumstances defined in section 1(2)(a) of the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003, not relevant in a case such as this) no medical justification and confers no health benefits.
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> The fact that it may be a "cultural" practice does not make FGM reasonable; indeed, the proposition is specifically negatived by section 1(5) of the 2003 Act. And, as I have already pointed out, FGM has no religious justification. So, he submits, it can never be reasonable parenting to inflict any form of FGM on a child. I agree.
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> It is at this point in the analysis, as it seems to me, that the clear distinction between FGM and male circumcision appears. Whereas it can never be reasonable parenting to inflict any form of FGM on a child, the position is quite different with male circumcision. Society and the law, including family law, are prepared to tolerate non-therapeutic male circumcision performed for religious or even for purely cultural or conventional reasons, while no longer being willing to tolerate FGM in any of its forms.

It's not completely clear to me exactly what the judge means by stating that female genital mutilation "has no basis in any religion." As I understand it, some forms of female genital mutilation are indeed endorsed as religiously necessary or at least advisable by some Muslim religious scholars. I take it the judge must be concluding that either majority Islamic belief doesn't support female genital mutilation, or "true" or "proper" Islamic belief doesn't support it — not a conclusion that American judges would be free to draw, I think, given the First Amendment, but presumably one that English judges are allowed to draw. (Under American law, it's not for courts to decide whether a religious claim represents the majority view of a religious group, or the proper understanding of its scriptures, though courts can of course reject religious exemption claims on other grounds, such as that the exemption would unavoidably inflict substantial harm on third parties.)

In any event, an interesting decision that I thought I'd pass along — read the whole thing if you want more than just these excerpts. Thanks to professor Howard Friedman (Religion Clause).

British Court Denies Compensation to Girl Poisoned Before Birth

fathers4fairness · 1 February 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A mother who inflicted lifelong damage on her child after drinking heavily during her pregnancy did not commit a criminal offence, the court of appeal has ruled.

The unanimous decision sets clear limits on the legal rights of the unborn child and dispels fears that women could become liable to prosecution for their lifestyles during pregnancy.

The claim was brought by a local authority in the north-west of England which now cares for the young girl, now seven, who is suffering from foetal alcohol spectrum disorder. She was not identified.

The council argued that the girl, known as CP, was entitled to payments from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority. The authority declined to compensate on the grounds that there had been no crime of violence.

The case revolved around section 23 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, which created the offence of poisoning and requires the victim to be “another person”. The three judges – Lord Justice Dyson, Lord Justice Treacy and Lady Justice King – agreed for the purposes of the law the unborn baby was a “unique organism” but not a person.

Treacy explained that the main reason for dismissing the application was that the damage caused to the unborn baby by heavy drinking was caused while the child did not have a separate existence in law.'

"Pope Francis Scolds Deadbeat Dads"

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Article here. The title of the article is at least misleading and at most deliberately false and sensationalist. Mostly, it seems to me, Pope Francis is decrying the lack of paternal presence in children's lives. But it seems he's putting it all on dads and generally accusing men of selfishness or self pre-occupation. He never mentions the effects of easy divorce, feminism, misandry, and biased anti-male court systems on the distancing of men from their children in so many ways. And he's smart enough to know better. In short, he's doing the same thing his predecessors have done: playing up to the majority members of his church, who are female. Excerpt:

'"Particularly in Western culture," he said, the father figure is "symbolically absent, missing and removed."

At first, Francis explained, the absence of fathers "was perceived as a liberation: liberation from the father-master, from the father as a representative of the law that is imposed from the outside, from the father as a censor of the happiness of children and obstacle to the emancipation and autonomy of young people."

In his weekly audience, the Pope recognized that in the past especially there were cases of authoritarian, overbearing fathers who didn't respect the personal needs of their children. Now, however, "we have gone from one extreme to the other," he said.

The real problem of our day, Francis said, "does not seem to be the intrusive presence of fathers anymore, but rather their absence and their inaction. Fathers are often so focused on themselves and on their work and sometimes on their individual accomplishments, that they can forget even the family, neglecting their children."

As bishop of Buenos Aires, Francis reflected, "I felt the sense of orphanhood that many young people live today. And I would often ask dads whether they were playing with their children, if they had the courage and love to spend time with their children. And in most cases the answer wasn't pretty: 'I really can't, because I have so much work.' And the father was absent from that child who was growing up, not playing with him, and not spending time with him," he said.

The Pope urged Christian communities to be more attentive to the presence of fathers. "The absence of the father figure in the lives of children and young people leaves gaps and scars that can be very serious," he said. He also suggested that many times "the transgressions of children and adolescents can be attributed to this neglect, to missing examples and authoritative guides in their daily life, the lack of closeness and love on the part of fathers."'

NPO: Next Step: Force Public Hearings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We have been informed by the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement that they have been inundated with far more comments on child support guidelines than they ever expected. This is evidence that as a movement, we are stepping up the pressure more than ever, making our voices heard more broadly and more effectively. Each of you who took the trouble to submit our child-support comments deserves a pat on the back. There is power in numbers, and when we pull together with unity, we can move mountains.

Remember that our latest push is to force the OCSE to hold public hearings on child support guidelines in each of the federal regions around the country. This will be your chance to tell them directly what you think of the guidelines.

If you have not already done so, please copy and paste the following brief message and send it to: barbara.addison@acf.hhs.gov

Copy The Following

Dear Ms. Addison:

Please convey the following request to the Commissioner and to the Director, Policy Division: I request that the OCSE hold public hearings on its proposed rulemaking in each of the federal regions with adequate notice to the public. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Ned Holstein, Acting Executive Director, National Parents Organization at parents@nationalparentsorganization.org

Sincerely,

Your Name
City and State

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Many thanks.'

Harvard Law Pushes Back

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Virginia held a two-day conference last February on “Sexual Misconduct Among College Students.” One of the speakers was the Education Department’s Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Catherine Lhamon, who touted her office’s efforts to compel colleges and universities, under pain of losing federal funds, to adopt draconian policies on sexual harassment and assault.

These policies have raised serious concerns about due process and basic fairness for the accused, and an audience member asked Ms. Lhamon how she planned to deal with such “push-back.” Her reply: “We’ve received a lot of push-back, and we need to push forward notwithstanding.” The recent experience of Harvard Law School demonstrates the value of pushing back.
...
Most institutions yield to OCR’s pressure without significant dissent. But at Harvard, 28 law professors—including liberal luminaries Elizabeth Bartholet, Alan Dershowitz, Nancy Gertner, Janet Halley, Duncan Kennedy and Charles Ogletree —signed an open letter, published in the Boston Globe, in which they described the new policies and procedures as “inconsistent with many of the most basic principles we teach.”

Among their complaints: “the absence of any adequate opportunity to discover the facts charged and to confront witnesses and present a defense”; the designation of a Title IX compliance officer, “rather than an entity that could be considered structurally impartial,” as investigator, prosecutor and judge; “the failure to ensure adequate representation for the accused,” especially for lower-income students.

The professors also faulted the university for having “apparently decided simply to defer to the demands of certain federal administrative officials,” and law-school administrators listened. They adopted new procedures, independent of the university’s and far friendlier to due process.'

Sorority leaders baffled at U-Va. response to frat party ban

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Story here. Excerpt:

'National sorority leaders said Friday they have been very surprised by the reaction to a letter sent to University of Virginia chapters warning them to avoid fraternity parties on campus Saturday night.

The letter from 16 national sorority presidents — members of the National Panhellenic Conference — sparked an outcry on campus from students who said it was sexist and didactic to order women to stay home for their own safety.

“I believe people are missing the point here,” said Jean Mrasek, chairman of the NPC. The national leaders were merely enforcing an existing rule, she said. “We are upholding our policy and yet we’re being criticized for doing so. That’s the irony of this.”

After a now-discredited Rolling Stone article about a gang rape on campus, fraternities and sororities were suspended and the NPC began talking with university officials, Mrasek said. That’s when they learned that Boys’ Bid Night, when fraternities celebrate their new members, is a high-risk night and that sorority sisters traditionally went to those parties, she said.

University officials and students have said the night — which this year coincides with the undefeated men’s basketball team’s biggest home game on Saturday — is one known for excessive drinking.

“I’ve been very surprised,” said Julie Johnson, Panhellenics chairman for NPC. “This is one night – one night – of historically risky activity.

“The response has been about all this – infringement on their rights, infringement to do what they want, how we’re setting women back. I think we’re providing a safer environment for women, the opportunity for them to be together in sisterhood.”'

Not A Very P.C. Thing To Say

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Article here, by Johnathan Chait. For those of you who don't know, Chait is a veteran of classic liberal causes and circles. (By "classic", I don't mean "leftist"; he does a pretty good job of describing the difference in the article.) For him to come out so openly against the resurgence of P.C.-ness on today's campuses is a big deal. (David Frum reviews Chait's article here.) Excerpt:

'But it would be a mistake to categorize today's p.c. culture as only an academic phenomenon. Political correctness is a style of politics in which the more radical members of the left attempt to regulate political discourse by defining opposing views as bigoted and illegitimate. Two decades ago, the only communities where the left could exert such hegemonic control lay within academia, which gave it an influence on intellectual life far out of proportion to its numeric size. Today's political correctness flourishes most consequentially on social media, where it enjoys a frisson of cool and vast new cultural reach. And since social media is also now the milieu that hosts most political debate, the new p.c. has attained an influence over mainstream journalism and commentary beyond that of the old.

It also makes money. Every media company knows that stories about race and gender bias draw huge audiences, making identity politics a reliable profit center in a media industry beset by insecurity. ...

In a short period of time, the p.c. movement has assumed a towering presence in the psychic space of politically active people in general and the left in particular. "All over social media, there dwell armies of unpaid but widely read commentators, ready to launch hashtag campaigns and circulate Change.org petitions in response to the slightest of identity-politics missteps," Rebecca Traister wrote recently in The New Republic.

Two and a half years ago, Hanna Rosin, a liberal journalist and longtime friend, wrote a book called The End of Men, which argued that a confluence of social and economic changes left women in a better position going forward than men, who were struggling to adapt to a new postindustrial order. Rosin, a self-identified feminist, has found herself unexpectedly assailed by feminist critics, who found her message of long-term female empowerment complacent and insufficiently concerned with the continuing reality of sexism. ...
...
Political correctness is a term whose meaning has been gradually diluted since it became a flashpoint 25 years ago. People use the phrase to describe politeness (perhaps to excess), or evasion of hard truths, or (as a term of abuse by conservatives) liberalism in general. The confusion has made it more attractive to liberals, who share the goal of combating race and gender bias.

But political correctness is not a rigorous commitment to social equality so much as a system of left-wing ideological repression. Not only is it not a form of liberalism; it is antithetical to liberalism. Indeed, its most frequent victims turn out to be liberals themselves.'

Super Bowl ads generate criticisms from anti-misandrists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As a mother of a son, who is a 100% all-boy alpha male that I have been delighted to raise as such, I was appalled by the crass anti-maleness of the statement. Let's play a game of substitution, shall we?

Pan right, and have Silverman's character whisper, "I'm sorry, it's a girl."

The blow-back from NOW and all the other elite feminist groups would have been of Category 5 Hurricane proportions, with the T-Mobile executives dutifully making the rounds to all the talk shows on their apology tour. After a vitriolic social media campaign in which the participants would be likened to Boko Haram rapists, the company would have been compelled to donate millions to girls' educational programs and the feminist organizations leading the charge. Finally, the feminist activists would not have been satisfied until all parties involved in that commercial were brought to tears, like Dr. Matt Taylor (the comet scientist in the iconic shirt).

But, insult our boys (and half the future market for T-Mobile products) and what do we hear?
...
Leaders of feminist groups behave as if they speak for all women. Well, today, I am usurping the "All Women" Speaker's role, and I formally apologize, #LikeAGirl, to all Super Bowl fans who were subjected to these vapid excuses for female empowerment.

Personally, I will never buy T-Mobile or Always products again. In fact, I assert that one of the animals featured in the Sprint commercial (my favorite), is probably the creative genius behind both these pieces….I am sure my Legal Insurrection friends will readily guess which one, too!

Another helpful hint that I will offer, free of charge, to next year's Super Bowl ad creators: You do not build up one client base by tearing down another. That's a plan that is full of fail.'

Billboard: Super Bowl 2015: 10 Best & 5 Worst Commercials

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'The Best:

10. T-Mobile

The commercial wasn't as funny as you'd expect from a spot that features both Sarah Silverman and Chelsea Handler, but Silverman handing a newborn baby to her mother and saying, "Sorry, it's a boy" was priceless.'

"Men Should Avoid Progressive Women For Their Own Safety"

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'In that spirit, I'm also taking every precaution to protect people I care about from the constant danger posed by Differently-Gendered Americans. So I've sent out to my young male friends a similar mandate: avoid progressive women for your own safety. Seriously. The risks are real.
...
The facts don't seem to matter anymore. If anyone questions an accuser's credibility, the media accuses them of "victim-blaming." As said feminist writer Amanda Marcotte, "Rape is really, really common. I think understanding that is why I believe rape victims. They're usually telling the truth."

Feminists, in coordination with their allies in the media, have discovered a powerful weapon, and they're guarding it with blind, fervent activist group-think. In a post-Sandra Fluke age of overnight social media stars and victimization-as-currency, any college girl with an ax to grind can be guaranteed immediate national celebrity so long as she accuses the right kind of men — be they fraternity brothers or campus Republicans. She'll be shielded from any personal criticism of her background or her motives, and if her story comes apart the folks promoting her lies will still go on to political prominence and MSNBC split-screens. It's an entire industry.
...
Someday, all the young women of America will wear hoods over their faces — hijabs if you will — so men can't even look at them and so they, too, can't see anything except occasional shapes and light objects. Until that day comes, we need to stay the Hell away from each other.

Take it from me in high school, men of America: the less females you interact with, the more episodes of "The Outer Limits" you can watch back-to-back in one sitting. As you embark on this journey, I salute you. Pat yourselves on the back, lonely men. Or, rather… Give yourselves a hand.'

UK: Feminist Comedian Kate Smurthwaite Forced To Cancel Uni Show - Because Student Feminists Didn't Like Her Feminism

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'A comedian who was due to perform at a London university and had offered free tickets to student feminists has had her gig pulled, because students feminists said they didn't like her feminism.

Kate Smurthwaite had been intending to talk to Goldsmith University's student comedy society about, ironically, free speech, and a Saudi prisoner of conscience who has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

But Smurthwaite was informed her gig had been cancelled over security issues, as students had threatened to picket the event.
...
"The picket line appears to have been threatened on the grounds of my views on prostitution. But later when I asked for an explanation of why the gig had been pulled I was told I was Islamophobic because of remarks I made several years ago against compulsory veiling (which they had misinterpreted to conclude I was against anyone wearing a burqa).
...
"In a massively ironic coincidence my show is about free speech, it’s power and uses and abuses," Smurthwaite added.'

The feminist society, meanwhile, has denied claims it organised a picket, and was responsible for the cancellation of the show.'

Harvard Law Fights Awful Ed Department Rules: Bravo, But No School Should Have To

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'One of the salient features of the Obama administration has been its willingness to toss aside the rule of law whenever getting a result that its zealous officials and supporting interest groups want collides with fundamental fairness. Over the last couple of years, that impulse has manifested itself in the brazen demands by the Department of Education that colleges and universities abide by its regulations concerning sexual harassment and assault.

The notion that America's campuses are gripped by an epidemic of sexual assault and tolerate a "rape culture" has never had any basis in fact. It is, however, a meme popular with the feminist left – a hobgoblin they find useful. Efforts at boosting it, such as the infamous Rolling Stone article about an evidently fictitious rape at the University of Virginia have flopped disastrously.

Nevertheless, the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has been on a national blitzkrieg to compel colleges and universities to follow its blatantly one-sided rules for the adjudication of sexual harassment and assault complaints.

...

There is no constitutional authority for the federal government to give or lend money to students, but once it began doing so nobody stopped it. Now federal bureaucrats have the leverage to force schools to obey them. If they don't, the flow of money will stop.

A very small number of institutions, wishing to keep their independence from federal bureaucrats, have done what they had to;they've rejected federal money completely.

Hillsdale College in Michigan is one of them. The school runs its own student loan system, described here by president Larry Arnn, thereby remaining free of the busybodies in Washington. (Running your own system for helping students finance their education has two other big advantages: it reminds administrators to minimize costs and also helps deter non-serious students.)'

Women-only, tuition-free computer programming school opens

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'Ada Developers Academy today announced that it will spin out of the Technology Alliance and become its own non-profit organization.

The Seattle-based, tuition-free coding school for women, which we featured last week on GeekWire, will end its formal incubation period with the Tech Alliance and begin transitioning to a standalone non-profit.

“One of the Tech Alliance’s greatest strengths is identifying a need, developing a solution, and finding the right people to make it work,” Susannah Malarkey, Executive Director of the Tech Alliance and co-founder of Ada Developers Academy, said in a statement. “We’re proud that Ada has met with such success, and are looking forward to its next chapter.”

Founded in 2013, Ada offers a year-long software development program that includes six months of intense classroom instruction followed by six months at an internship. Tuition is free thanks to corporate sponsors like Expedia and Zillow that help shape the program’s curriculum, provide mentorship, and offer internships to the students that provide a bridge between the classroom and the real world.'

ACLU, military women's group sue Defense Department for Naval Academy records on female midshipmen

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'Advocates for military women are suing the Department of Defense for information about how the Naval Academy and the other military service academies recruit female students — part of a campaign, they say, to expose ongoing gender bias at the elite training grounds for the nation's officer corps.
...
A spokesman for the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs — where the superintendent is a woman — said cadets are selected without reference to gender, and they gain opportunities by earning them.

"In the military, we are rewarded for performance," Lt. Col. Brus Vidal said. "The airplane doesn't care if you're male or female."

Kirsten Gillibrand's Cruel Assault on Justice

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The media's atrocious coverage of campus sexual assault myths–from uncritically broadcasting fake stories of rape to promulgating false and debunked statistics pushed by the Obama administration to further its "war on women"–has created an interesting phenomenon in response. Good reporters are seeking to "re-report" the stories, in the hopes of setting the record straight and minimizing some of the incredible damage the accusations have done. Cathy Young is one such reporter, and she has a disturbing story at the Daily Beast today that is about more than just flimsy accusations; it's a chilling example of a United States senator's abuse of power.
...
By any remotely reasonable standard, Gillibrand's actions should horrify those who care about basic rights. Unfortunately, the most likely outcome is that this kind of mob mentality will only help her career, since the left has fully embraced turning its declared enemies into "former people," whether they are philanthropic libertarian business leaders or male college students.

It's important to note that these stories should not lessen anyone's sympathy for victims of sexual assault. And one irony of this particular case is that Nungesser agrees: "My mother raised me to be a feminist," he had previously told the *New York Times*. Young's report makes it easy to believe that. It's also easy to see why Nungesser was cleared. I recommend reading the whole article, which lays out the timeline quite clearly.'

University Men's Lacrosse Team Signs Anti-Sexual Violence Pledge

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'Signing a pledge is nothing new for college lacrosse teams. Teams often sign pledges in regards to abstaining from alcohol during the season, but the Brown University men's lacrosse team may have broken new ground by signing a pledge related to preventing sexual violence.

Brown's lacrosse team voluntarily held two programming events this fall with the university's men's health coordinator, Marc Peters, related to sexual assault prevention. Alum and former captain Alex Buckley was inspired and sent the team a sample pledge to sign prior to the season. The team worked with Peters to refine Buckley's pledge and all 39 players signed it in December.

The "Team Up" pledge reads:

I have been made aware of systemic problems of sexual violence on college campuses and elsewhere. These problems include behaviors that are unwanted, not mutually agreed to, lack conscious consent, involve coercion or manipulation by men against women. I realize that there are situations where I can assist those who are at a disadvantage against an aggressor.

Accordingly, I PLEDGE:

- To never use physical force or coercion against women.
- To not joke about situations involving non-consensual physical contact.
- To advocate for the respectful treatment of women.
- To never be complicit in the acts of others that violate this pledge.
- To be on the lookout for warning signs that a non-consensual act is taking place or going to take place.'

Alleged Rapist in Columbia Case Offers His Version of Events, Produces Message Transcripts

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'Paul Nungesser, the Columbia University student whom classmate Emma Sulkowicz claims raped her, has come forward with a more factually detailed denial of the allegations against him. In addition to offering his version of events on the night of the alleged rape, he provided a reporter for the Daily Beast with Facebook message transcripts that show warm interactions with Sulkowicz in the weeks and months after the incident.
...
Nungesser says that on the night of the alleged assault, in August 2012, he was not drunk — just buzzed — and he and Sulkowicz engaged in consensual anal sex (among other acts). In a message sent two days after the incident, Sulkowicz accepts Nungesser's invitation to a party, adding: "Also I feel like we need to have some real time where we can talk about life and thingz" and "because we still haven't really had a paul-emma chill sesh since summmmerrrr."

In early October, Sulkowicz responds to a birthday greeting with, "I love you Paul. Where are you?!?!?!?!" — all part of a pattern of friendly behavior, according to Nungesser, who also says that when he was initially contacted by university administrators about a rape allegation, he thought it was as a witness in another sexual-assault case. The transcripts suggest that it wasn't until early 2013 that Sulkowicz stopped responding to Nungesser's messages. (Young's story also casts doubt on allegations of sexual assault against Nungesser by two other Columbia women — both of which he denies.)'

Obama Budget Includes More Money for Agency Policing Campus Sex

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'President Obama's proposed budget includes a $30 million increase for the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights—the federal agency charged with investigating university's sexual assault and anti-harassment policies.

OCR had a budget of about $100 million last year and will get a 31 percent increase under the new budget, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The additional funding will allow the agency to hire 200 new employees.

That's bad news for civil libertarians. OCR has been accused of vastly exceeding the scope of federal law in its effort to force universities to adjudicate sexual assault more aggressively. The result has been a wave of new policies imposed on college campuses that limit the due process rights of accused students. Some legal experts—including several members of Harvard University's law faculty—have criticized the agency for pushing a "flawed" interpretation of Title IX of the Higher Education Act, which mandates gender equity. I have gone as far as to call OCR "A Rogue Agency That Must Be Stopped."

OCR's theatrics have badly damaged the rights of students and professors. As an example, the City University of New York recently instructed faculty members not to use the gender-specific salutations "Mr." and "Ms." Why? Because CUNY administrators wrongly believe Title IX requires them to police gender-related speech—and OCR's army of overzealous bureaucrats is to blame for the confusion.'

Also see: How Affirmative Consent Threatens Liberty.

Exonerated of rape, Brian Banks now realizing NFL dream – in different capacity

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'It's been nearly half a lifetime since Pete Carroll walked up to Brian Banks at Long Beach Poly High and said, "Hey, you can do something. You can be something."

Banks was 15 years old at the time, and to him, that message seemed clear: he had a future playing football.

But two years later, Banks became ensnared in an ordeal of injustice, anger and heartbreak that lasted a decade. On his way to possibly playing for Carroll at USC, Banks was wrongly accused of raping a girl at his high school. Rather than facing 41 years to life in prison if he fought the charges and lost, he pleaded guilty and was sent to prison for five years.

"I screamed and yelled and begged for people to help," Banks said Sunday by phone. "And even then no one listened."

Banks, now 29, was cleared and freed in May 2012 after serving five years of probation (in addition to the five years in prison) when his accuser recanted her story. He got a tryout from Carroll and the Seahawks, and then another from the Falcons. But it was too late for his original dream to come true.

It was not, however, too late for Carroll to be right in his prediction. This year, Banks has found a place where important people are listening: he is working for the NFL in New York City. And even though he just started his first real job, the league might need him even more than he ever needed the league.'

Tim Kaine, Claire McCaskill Bill Would Require Sexual Assault Education In Public High Schools

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'As universities and colleges face heightened scrutiny over their handling of campus rape, two Democratic senators want to expand public school health education to require high schoolers to learn about sexual assault.

The Teach Safe Relationships Act of 2015, introduced on Tuesday by Sens. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) and Tim Kaine (D-Va.), would require that health education in public secondary schools include learning on "safe relationship behavior" aimed at preventing sexual assault, domestic violence and dating violence. Under current federal law, health and sex education classes needn't include sexual assault prevention.

The legislation came out of a meeting between Kaine and members of One Less, an education group that advocates for survivors of rape and sexual assault, at the University of Virginia. The school drew national attention in November, when Rolling Stone published a bombshell article recounting the brutal gang rape of a young woman at a fraternity house. Although the story has since been partially discredited, UVA has been accused of failing to address sexual assault and violence.'

Another feminist physically assaults a man

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YouTube video here. Description:

'Feminist PHYSICALLY assaults a man while chanting "sexual assault is not ok" after raiding and stopping a men's event on dating and pickup'

Rape-Accuser Who Carries Mattress Around Campus Suddenly Begs for Privacy

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'Read the whole thing, which concludes with Jazz noting that the *Daily Beast* “seems to have done their due diligence and contacted Sulkowicz about the social media exchanges. She responded saying that she “confirmed that these records were authentic and not redacted in any way.” She also claimed that she would be sending them ‘annotations’ explaining the context but then decided not to do so.” Additionally, as *New York* magazine noted yesterday, Sulkowicz pouted that it’s like totally unfair of the *Daily Beast* to interview both sides of the story, and send someone like Cathy Young (who’s also a frequent contributor to libertarian-themed *Reason* magazine) who’s like not totally super-serial about radical feminism and stuff:

“Normally I don’t respond to people who use my rapist as collateral in order to make me talk to them,” she told Mic. Then, last Tuesday night, Young emailed again, this time saying she had about six pages of Facebook conversations between Sulkowicz and Nungesser and wanted to confirm their accuracy before publishing.

“It’s an awful feeling where this reporter is digging through my personal life. At this point I didn’t realize that she’s extremely anti-feminist and would do this in order to shame me,” Sulkowicz said, noting that she feels Young has “written other articles supporting the rapists and making survivors look unreliable.”

As Jim Treacher quips, “Why are reporters digging into my personal life? Can’t they see I’m carrying a MATTRESS?”

Heh. Actually, Sulkowicz’s whine seems very reminiscent of the young protestors last month who blocked a major Boston thoroughfare, disrupting traffic and potential endangering lives, and were then suddenly angry and screamed invasion of privacy when a reporter shows up at *their* doorstep:'

Columbia Student Paper: Our Coverage Of Rape Was One-Sided, Ignored Due Process

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'Well, here's something you don't see every day; in an op-ed for the Columbia University student paper, the paper's former editor openly admits their coverage of a prominent campus rape accusation was skewed, because he feared being accused of opposing rape victims if he questioned the victim's story. ...

Columbia student Emma Sulkowicz garnered national attention for carrying her mattress around campus in protest of the university's refusal to punish and expel her rapist. Sulkowicz made the rounds on national media, attended the State of the Union with New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and inspired nationwide protests.

But the conversation shifted suddenly yesterday after The Daily Beast published an interview with the student she accused, rebutting many of her claims. In particular, he produced Facebook message records showing that Sukowicz was openly flirtatious and friendly with him months after he supposedly brutally raped her. "I love you Paul," reads one such message, "Where are you?!?!?!?!"'

Are gender roles a marker of true equality?

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YouTube video here. Description:

'Men and women, taken as groups, are different in important respects. The differences appear to be based on some combination of biological and cultural forces. But is gender role differentiation a sign of well-being and freedom? Christina Hoff Sommers explains how prosperity and equality may bring greater opportunities for self-actualization.'

TV Star Caught Perjuring Herself To Harm Ex-Husband

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Story here. Excerpt:

'GotNews.com has the evidence Pauley Perrette *[link added]* doesn't want NCIS fans to see, and that RadarOnline was afraid to print: Pauley Perrette's signature under penalty of perjury, falsely declaring "I called it Star Crazy. There was no treatment and no script."

Perrette's signed Declaration is directly impeached by her videotaped testimony that RadarOnline published earlier today, in which Pauley admits numerous times to the existence of a script called Star Crazy.

GotNews also has evidence indicating Perrette's attorney Larry Stein bullied RadarOnline into suppressing the evidence of Perrette's false declaration. RadarOnline was originally going to publish the damning evidence, and sent an email stating so, asking for a comment.

But instead of commenting, Perrette has attorney Larry Stein trying to cover it all up. They introduced the RadarOnline letter into Los Angeles Superior Criminal Court. Subsequently, RadarOnline went ahead and released the video as planned, but suddenly backed off from publishing Perrette's declaration signed under penalty of perjury.'

Congress Should Reject Obama Budget Increase for Education Department Office for Civil Rights

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'The Obama administration perversely rewards agencies that overstep their authority by giving them budget increases to handle the increased workload that results.

A classic example is the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), where I used to work. President Obama wants a 31%budget increase for OCR for Fiscal Year 2016. That is a very bad idea.

OCR's budget should be cut, not increased. Cutting its budget would make it harder for it to punish school districts and colleges for perfectly lawful and reasonable policies. People who write about educational issues, such as Reasonmagazine's Robby Soave, and theNational Review's George Leef, rightly oppose the proposed budget increase for OCR.

OCR has twisted virtually every statute it is charged with enforcing, such as Title VI, Title IX, the Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Citing Title VI, which bans racial discrimination, OCR has demanded that school districts adopt what are effectively illegal racial quotas in school discipline, even though that violates the Constitution, the Seventh Circuit's decision in People Who Care v. Rockford Board of Education (1997), and the plain language of the Title VI statute.'

Women’s only hours at the rec center is a discriminatory policy

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'Necessary seems like a strong word doesn’t it? Some people might not consider the “women’s only hours” at our university rec center discrimination, but is there a better word to use for denying service to a certain group of people based on their sex? This kind of blatant sexism demonizes masculinity while further marginalizing women. All students pay the same rec center price (through tuition), but are receiving a different level of service because of this policy.

“People are different in many brilliant ways. If we strive to make everything as fair as possible, we forget the fundamental lesson that life is not fair.” wrote Jessica Foster in her most recent opinion piece where she praises the gender segregation encouraged by this policy. Of course, her statement seems silly. “Women’s only hours” should be justified by more than just a “life isn’t fair”argument, right? I just watched Selma, a fantastic film about Martin Luther King Jr and the Civil Rights Movement. Imagine someone trying to tell the civil rights activists that the racial inequalities our nation faced were actually appropriate because they reminded us of “the fundamental lesson that life is not fair.”

I recently had the chance to sit down with the rec center staff and the people who design the operating policies for the facility to discuss the history and reasons behind the “women’s only” policies. Of course, the reasoning and intentions are not malicious by any means. The policy is a solution to a set of problems regarding women feeling uncomfortable or intimidated while working out and specific religious constraints that don’t allow women to workout or swim with males around. I’m not dismissing these issues, but I wonder if the solution our university has chosen is appropriate. Isn’t abolishing gender role expectations and stereotypes part of what third wave feminism is all about? As a university community, don’t we have a responsibility to ensure that our policies promote gender equality instead of furthering the divide?'

Ginsburg: Will Be Enough Women on SCOTUS When They're All Women

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'Wednesday at Georgetown University Law Center, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said there will be enough women on the Supreme Court when it is all women.

Ginsburg said, "People ask me sometimes, when do you think it will be enough? When will there be enough women on the court? And my answer is, when there are nine. Some people are taken aback, until they remember that for most of our country's history, there were only men on the high court bench.'

Prostate Cancer Advocacy Alert

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From a Malecare.org alert I received today:

The national men's cancer survivor support and advocacy nonprofit organization, Malecare, protests against the proposed elimination of funding for prostate cancer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers in America. Almost 30,000 American men die from prostate cancer every year. And, twice as many African American men die from prostate cancer as do white men. Incredibly, the 2016 President's Budget request would eliminate prostate cancer funding at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The FY 2016 budget request eliminates the entire $13,200,000 budget for prostate cancer activities. While the evidence on prostate cancer screening remains unclear, CDC has conducted extensive research on and developed materials to help doctors and other health providers better communicate with their patients about informed decision making related to prostate cancer screening and treatment. The proposed elimination will not impact CDC's ability to collect data on national prostate cancer incidence through the National Program of Cancer Registries, nor hinder the ability to share resources and lessons learned.

Malecare will pursue this advocacy issue with appropriate vigor. We hope to engage our counterpart prostate cancer organizations in a collaborative effort to prevent the elimination of the CDC prostate cancer program.

Please send your name and location (city, state, zip code) to darryl@malecare.org if you want to help.

Please email any questions to: darryl@malecare.org

Darryl Mitteldorf, LCSW
Executive Director
Malecare

Men fighting cancer, together.

Senate Armed Services Committee Hearing

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'Women in the Military

50. Do you believe that the services are conducting appropriate and objective evaluations to inform decisions on the integration of women into previously closed units and military occupations?

It is my understanding that the Services and U.S. Special Operations Command have been conducting evaluations in accordance with their respective implementation plans. If confirmed, I will closely monitor their progress and ensure they stay on track and meet the Department's timelines. If I receive requests for exception to policy, I will carefully consider them when the time comes.

51. In your view, should the Military Selective Service Act be amended to require females to register for possible military service?

I understand a recent law requires the Department to provide an analysis of the constitutionality of continued application of the Military Selective Service Act to only men.

52. In your view, and if the Military Selective Service Act is so revised, in a future exigency in which the Nation may need to implement a draft, are there any reasons why qualified males and females should not be subject to the draft?

Given that the Armed Forces have waged the longest continuous conflict in our history with an All-Volunteer Force, and the fact that most military career fields are now open to women, a review of the military selective service act would be prudent. This is not solely a Defense issue, but rather part of a much broader national discussion.'

The testatur was Ashton Carter, the nominee for the SecDef position. Related: Secretary Of Defense Nominee Appears Headed For Easy Confirmation

The Patriarchy's Perfect Weapon: 'But What If She's Lying?'

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'Stop me if you've heard this one before: But what if she's lying?

That's the gist of yet another take on yet another high-profile rape case, this time in the *Daily Beast*, whose writer Cathy Young trotted it out as the least counterintuitive of all possible premises when it comes to sexual violence.
...
But there is patriarchy. A perfect, many-armed monster, which lives and thrives in this perfect universe of its own design. And it wields the perfect weapon: rape culture.
...
The monster is smart, and it knows where and when to hide and when to strike. Of course it does. The world is its playground, its lair, a welcoming cavern outfitted with comforting amenities like the phrase, *But what if she's lying*.'

Fathers claim N.J. family court judges violated their constitutional rights

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'A group of fathers have filed a lawsuit in federal court claiming that their constitutional rights were violated when New Jersey family court judges denied them custody of their children.

Six fathers are suing the state and five family court judges in U.S. District Court in Trenton, saying they lost custody shortly after being accused of domestic violence or being incompetent parents.

They claim they should have been given an immediate full hearing allowed to them under the U.S. Constitution.

"Parents in New Jersey are losing custody of children without due process," said Paul Clark, the fathers' attorney.'

City residents plead for Family Court reform during legislative 'coffee'

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'Several attendees talked about divorces that had dragged through what seemed like endless issues in the state's family court system and seemed to have a heavier impact on women than men.

Sandra Eagle, a psychotherapist and marriage counselor in Greenwich, said "parental alienation," where a child is "alienated" against a parent through false allegations of abuse, is used by courts to give custody to unfit parents despite valid claims of abuse. The definition has been discredited by the mental health and domestic abuse professionals, she said.

Eagle charged that courts are "undoing" good work by these professionals and putting kids at risk by grabbing onto this theory.

Andrew Willis, CEO of Stop Abuse Campaign, urged the legislators to sign onto the proposed national Safe Child Act, designed to make for a safer environment for children during a divorce hearing.
...
"What they're doing in divorce and to children is unconscionable," Edwards said. "We have mothers who are trying to get divorces against men with means who don't do anything to support their children and they're forced to go through this chase that goes on and on. Mothers are forced to go on food stamps because of this and I can't understand why this system doesn't respond."'

Columbia, the New UVA

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Uh--oh: Emma Sulkowicz, the Columbia senior who's been lugging a mattress around campus for months to protest her supposed rape by a classmate during their freshman year, is fast turning into another "Jackie," the University of Virginia student whose claimed gang rape in a fraternity-house basement turned out to be a tall tale concocted by Jackie to get the romantic attention of a young man she had a crush on.

Paul Nungesser, now a Columbia senior like Sulkowicz, she says conducted a brutal anal assault on her in her dorm room following a session of consensual sex—and whom she made a public campus pariah despite the fact that he had been cleared by a Columbia tribunal—finally told his side of the story, to libertarian journalist Cathy Young, writing for the *Daily Beast*.

In Nungesser's telling, not only was the entire sexual episode between him and Sulkowicz on Aug. 27, 2012 entirely consensual—the two had an off-and-on "friends with benefits" relationship that grew out of their joint participation in a freshmen-orientation program at Columbia—but Nungesser had the Facebook messages between the two to prove it. For *two full months* after the supposed assault, Sulkowicz was sending Nungesser friendly texts and Facebook postings expressing hope that the two of them could get together again. Nungesser provided screenshots of the since-deleted messages to Young and the *Daily Beast*.'

Lawyer announces intent to sue university over handling of rape allegation

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'A lawyer for two of the William Paterson University students accused of a campus gang rape announced Friday morning they intended to sue the school, its president and other officials after all charges against the men were dismissed.

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Michael J. Esptein, lawyer representing Collick, his mother, Nancy Williams, and Noah Williams, filed a "notice of tort claim," this week, which is required when someone plans to sue a public agency.

William Paterson University officials failed to conduct a proper investigation of the rape allegations and were not properly trained to investigate such crimes, the claim said. The students were deprived of their rights to due process when they were arrested without probable cause, leading to violations of the state and U.S. Constitution, the claim further alleged.'

For families choosing not to circumcise, a sea change

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'Sue Bojdak, Temple Sinai's director of education, said she sometimes needs to quell the concerns of new parents about whether their noncircumcised sons will feel welcome. "It's nice to be able to tell these parents, we not only welcome you but we welcome you openly," Bojdak said.

But why would parents call attention to a boy's circumcision status? Isn't that a private matter? Well, yes — but that doesn't mean they should need to be secretive or apologetic about their choice. For example, noncircumcising parents may feel some trepidation about diaper changes or toilet supervision in Jewish preschool. Some may decide to forgo Jewish programming and affiliation instead of having to explain themselves.

"Families shouldn't feel they have to hide, or take the don't-ask-don't-tell route," said Anat Shenker, the mother of two sons who are not circumcised. "It's not nice to feel like you've done something wrong or cagey — like you're trying to pull a fast one."

Shenker added, "Circumcision is the last holdout in terms of [synagogues'] walking the diversity talk." She said she and her husband joined Temple Sinai largely because of its unreserved welcome of her family.

Billie Mandel, a newcomer to Temple Sinai, also appreciates the inclusive attitude there. "It has been a comfort and a relief for me and my family to feel welcomed at Temple Sinai," she said, "because of, and not in spite of, our alternative choices — including the decision not to circumcise our little son."'

Men Break Down Watching Footage Of Female Genital Mutilation, Vow To Speak Out Against Practice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sometimes it takes a glimpse into a dark reality in order to spark positive change.

In a video produced by advocacy group Safe Hands for Mothers, young men were asked if they knew what female genital mutilation, or FGM, is, and none of them did. The men then watched clips from a documentary that showed the abusive practice -- which partially or entirely removes the female genitals for non-medical reasons (the clips were recreations and did not show actual victims, according to Safe Hands for Mothers).

Many of the young men cringed, squirmed in their seats and cried as the disturbing footage played.

"This is just barbaric," one of them said.

"I felt powerless," another man noted. "I felt like I couldn't do anything to help."

The video concludes with the men saying, "Now that I know, I say 'no' to FGM.'

YouTube video of a circumcision of a baby boy here.

Columbia: Attend Rape Workshops Or No Diploma

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Columbia University may be compelling students in the next month to complete a sexual assault education program or else lose the ability to register for classes or even receive their diploma, according to the Columbia Spectator.
...
Students will have a host of options for how to complete the requirement, including attending an hour-long workshop, watching and discussing a series of short films on the matter or even crafting works of art and poetry to engage with the topic. They will be expected to have complied with the school's demand by March 13, just one month following its announcement.
...
Notably, while participation is expected of all students in Columbia's undergraduate and graduate programs, students at Barnard College, Columbia's all-women affiliate, will not be required to take part, suggesting the target of the initiative is actually Columbia's men.'

Paying attention to the overcorrections

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'Shortly after the credibility of Rolling Stone's article "A Rape on Campus" began unraveling, Slate Magazine published a similar long-form investigative piece. Emily Yoffe's "The College Rape Overcorrection," however, went generally unnoticed, particularly on this campus. Yoffe's piece also concerned rape accusations dating back to 2012, but her piece focused on a male undergraduate student named Drew Sterrett at the University of Michigan.
...
Given the compelling support Sterrett had responsibly compiled, it would seem unfounded for the University to take drastic measures. Nonetheless, despite his evidence, Sterrett was suspended from the University until July 2016 — after the accuser graduated — and in order for the University to consider reinstating him, he would have to agree that he engaged in sexual misconduct. Regardless of whether or not he returned, the finding would stay on his permanent record. Sterrett has since filed a lawsuit again the University alleging that he had been deprived of his constitutional right to due process.
...
While we need to adopt an effective system through which to properly represent the victims of sexual assault, it cannot be one that ignores the rights of the accused. The issue at hand has a long-standing history of imbalance, rife with injustice for victims of rape, but the solution is not to tip the scales in the opposite direction. Consideration and reevaluation should go into all pertinent university policies, as well as legislation and federal laws.'

How would you feel if your husband said this about you?

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'I was with a group of friends the other day when the discussion turned to our husbands. I held my breath and waited for someone to say my least favorite saying in the entire world.

Yep, someone said, "Oh, I have four kids — my three girls and my husband." Ugh. It supposed to sound cute, but it doesn't. It sounds condescending.

Women need their friends in a very real but very different way than men need their friends. We use girl time to talk through our problems and make sense of what's going on in our lives, but too often conversations dissolve into "man bashing." We see it as harmless joking at our husbands' expense. No big deal, right?

Let's turn the tables for a second and imagine this scenario. Picture your husband sitting around talking with his friends. This is what they say.
...
Husband: "We went on a picnic as a family. It was crazy, though. I had to get everyone ready because my wife was primping in the bathroom forever. She's so scattered sometimes. I wish she'd help out more. I feel like everything is my responsibility the second I get home from work. I mean, come on, the house is a wreck, and... "

I could go on, but I think you can fill in the blanks. Now, imagine you knew your husband said this about you. You'd probably kill him. I mean, how dare he talk about you like that to someone else? That's completely unacceptable.

Except, ladies, we do this all the time. I think we let ourselves off the hook because we're more social. We like to talk, and we can look cute and jokey without coming off like jerks. That doesn't make it OK, however.
...
I love my husband so much! He's an amazing father, and I appreciate the effort he puts into providing for our family. I'm not afraid of sending that message out into the world. After all, I chose him. His good nature reflects my good taste. Think about that the next time you're chatting with your girlfriends.'

Cathy Young ambushed on TV by feminists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is seriously one of the worst segments I've seen that demonstrates just how rabid and foaming at the mouth liberal feminists can get about accusations of rape and how how men simply should not be allowed to defend themselves against sexual assault allegations.

Daily Beast writer Cathy Young is invited to talk about her piece showing how a rape accusation case becomes "murky," but they didn't bring her on for honest intellectual discussion, they just wanted to skin her alive.
...
It's really an amazing clip because Perry and Irin Carmon go on the attack despite Young being very reasonable. I would think that a woman making rape accusations and then contacting the person she's accusing to hang out just might help the guy if he is denying the allegations, but in Perry and Carmon's world, just the accusation is enough for a condemnation.

Take a deep look, America, these are your gyno-fascist feminists. Incredible and frightening.'

Feminist Decides to Abort Her Son Solely Because He is Male

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A revelatory posting *[link added]** by a hate-filled, radical feminist calling herself “Lana” recently appeared on the extremist website called “Injustice Stories.” The story ostensibly tells the tale of how “Lana” aborted her baby because she found out that the child was a boy. “Lana” says she killed her baby because she didn’t want to bring another male “monster” into the world. And she is proud of her decision.

The posting detailing Lana’s story on what led her to abort her baby is disgusting, certainly, but it does nicely describe the logical end game of feminism: the genocide of the male of the species.

The story appears on a site where “hatred is not allowed” but this is obviously a convenient lie because “Lana’s” post is entirely based on abject hate for men. Of course, we know why the story was allowed. It’s because “Lana” claims to be an oppressed female who is fighting “injustice” when in reality all she is, is a proto Nazi advocating a form of eugenics.'

Also see:

- Feminist: I Stand By My Decision To Abort My Baby Because It Was Male
- WOW: 'I Aborted My Baby Because It Was A Boy'
- Feminist Aborts Son because he was a Boy; “I Couldn’t Bring Another Monster into the World”

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* To avoid the extortionate 'Click "Like" button' barrier, you can read the entire article here without that problem.

High school teachers arrested for sexual misconduct, styled as being in "hot water"

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Story here. The title says they're in "hot water"? Imagine if male teachers had done the same to female students what the report title would be!

'It began a few months ago, when in November, Melody Lippert, a teacher with the South Hills High School, allegedly met with a group of male students, gave them alcohol, and then “engaged in a sexual relationship with one of them” according to the Orange County Sheriff’s Department.

Two weeks ago, Lippert supposedly set up another overnight beach trip, this time, inviting Michelle Ghirelli who used to teach at South Hills High School before being transferred to work in the district’s offices. It’s suspected that the two women engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship during that trip. The school had no idea the pair had set up a beach trip.

The 38-year-old Lippert was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Ghirelli (who is 30) faces charges of oral copulation and unlawful sex with a minor.

The Orange County Sheriff’s department has refused to release any more details on the nature of the relationship between the teachers and students, or what may or may not have happened on that overnight beach trip.

For now, both women have been put on Administrative leave and removed from the classroom as of Sunday morning.'

Childhood Criminalized: Suspended In Elementary School

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A nine-year-old Texas schoolboy was suspended from his elementary school for posession of a “magic ring.” Remember the poptart gun? The Nerf gun? The Lego gun? The pointed finger gun? In another time, these typical childrens’ toys would have gotten as little notice as the old fashioned cap gun but in a world where the list of childhood offenses also includes possession of a novelty pen or a Hello Kitty bubble gun, it comes as little surprise that a Lord of the Rings “magic ring” would land Aiden Steward in suspension from his elementary school in Kermit, Texas.

The story spread like wildfire from Yahoo News! to FOX News, originating with the Odessa American’s original report on the budding fourth grade magician who was accused of “terrorizing” his classmates because he said that he would make them “disappear” with his Hobbit prop. Unfortunately, in the 21st Century classroom, displays of “make-believe” are not taken with a grain of salt. Instead, they are perceived through a wary eye, often warranting the kind of macabre school sanctioned remediation that transforms kiddies into criminals.

Welcome to public school, a place where the US Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights March 2014 snapshot of the 2011-12 school year showed that boys, as a demographic group regardless of race and/or socioeconomic strata, represented 79% of preschool children suspended once and 82% of preschool children suspended multiple times, although boys only represented 54% of preschool enrollment.

Even a Yale University study revealed that boys are nearly five times more likely to be expelled from preschool than girls.'

In Grammy video, Obama says of rape, ‘It’s not okay – and it has to stop’

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'The public service announcement represents the latest installment in the White House's ongoing "It's On Us," campaign, which aims to end sexual assaults on college campuses. The administration began the effort in September, with the support of major college sports leagues and prominent celebrities.

Obama asked the artists featured at the Grammys to ask their fans to make the same pledge that these prominent figures have made, along with students from more than 200 colleges and universities, several collegiate sports organizations, and some private firms. He notes that nearly 1 in 5 women in the U.S. has experienced rape or attempted rape, and that more than 1 in 4 has suffered some form of domestic violence.'

"Competent women are getting bypassed by overconfident men"

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'Ezra Klein: There are a couple parts of the book in drawing out the implications of those findings that are really depressing. When you read some of these studies, I think you might step back and say, "You know what, that's great. If men are overconfident fools, and women correctly have more humility about what we as fallible human beings know about the world, that's going to be a huge advantage for women."

Then you run the numbers, and you find that people projecting overconfidence in the workplace ends up being a huge advantage for them.'

The Illiberal Ezra Klein: '...in Klein's words, that it will "create a world where men are afraid" enough of the authorities that they "feel a cold spike of fear when they begin a sexual encounter." All in all, Klein adduces, "The Yes Means Yes law could also be called the You Better Be Pretty Damn Sure law."'

The Best Way to Address Campus Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What explains the nearly universal lack of confidence in these proceedings? Universities share some of the blame, but there's another culprit too: the United States government. People often wonder why college administrators try to adjudicate these fiendishly difficult cases, rather than putting them in the hands of the criminal justice system.

The reason is that the Department of Education has very forcefully told schools to handle sexual grievances themselves and given them very detailed instructions about how to do so. A report last year from a White House task force on campus sexual assault underscored the importance to a university of following that advice. Even though the D.O.E.'s instructions are presented as recommendations rather than law, its Office for Civil Rights can put any school that fails to follow them on the list of colleges under investigation and even take away its federal funding.

...

What should universities do to convince the world that they're fit to deal with campus rape? First, they should band together and demand that the government rethink its guidelines, especially those that flout the key tenets of due process. Second, they should ask the Office for Civil Rights to clarify its notion of sexual misconduct, now left to each school to define. Is it rape if a man fails to get affirmative consent at every stage of a sexual interaction, or only if he ignores a spoken objection? If a man and a woman are equally drunk, should he be found guilty of assaulting her because she was too intoxicated to agree to sex, even though he himself may have been too drunk to know that? (Right now, at most schools, he would be considered guilty.)

...

It is widely believed that the police are insensitive to rape victims. Universities, on the whole, have a great deal of clout in their communities; they also possess considerable intellectual resources. They could be helping policemen and prosecutors do a better job with sexual violence cases instead of squandering money and good will on their own all-too-easily second-guessed shadow justice systems.'

Columbia/Sulkowicz timeline

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'Mattress-toting, alleged rape victim and performance artist Emma Sulkowicz is a feminist icon because progressive pundits have treated her rape accusation against Paul Nungesser as tantamount to a conviction. Daniel Garisto, former editorial page editor of the Columbia Spectator (the Spectator is one of Sulkowicz's biggest cheerleaders), has now admitted that the campus news media didn't cover Sulkowicz's story impartially, critically, or thoroughly: "Personally, I felt that if I covered the existence of a different perspective—say, that due process should be respected—not only would I have been excoriated, but many would have said that I was harming survivors and the fight against sexual assault," he wrote. ... Yesterday, the New York Post said Mr. Nungesser deserves an apology "from the media and the cabal of feminists ... who have supported his accuser unquestioningly."

Does Sulkowicz's story add up? Is she a rape victim? Or a woman who manufactured victimhood with a story that's a moving target? Consider the following timeline of pertinent events:'

SAVE Denounces President Obama's Misleading Portrayal of Domestic Violence

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Press release from SAVE:

WASHINGTON / February 10, 2015 – A leading domestic violence organization is criticizing President Obama for use of highly misleading claims on domestic violence. In a taped message to viewers of the Grammy awards Sunday night, President Obama called for an end to "violence against women and girls." The President did not mention the problem of domestic violence against men and boys, even though males are equally likely to be victims of female-perpetrated abuse.

The problem of female-perpetrated violence has been documented in hundreds of studies. A research summary by Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling, PhD of the University of South Alabama reported that females were more likely than males to be the perpetrators of unidirectional violence, by a two-to-one margin.

One compilation of 286 scholarly investigations concludes, "women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners:" http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm

SAVE has previously requested the Obama Administration to rely on accurate information in its domestic violence efforts: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/biased-briefing/biden-the-view/

‘Rape Culture’ and Feminism’s Sexual Exploitation of Women

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'Cathy Young simply allows the accused man in this case, long since outed as Paul Nungesser, to tell the story from his own perspective, with Young verifying his facts—a novel approach to journalism, I know. The results look pretty bad. A university hearing already thoroughly examined the case using a relatively low standard, looking for a “preponderance of evidence” rather than seeking to establish Nungesser’s guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Yet they found Sulkowicz’s testimony not to be credible and cleared Nungesser of the charges. ...

The safe route for journalists is to say that maybe something really did happen and nobody can really know. But given that Nungesser was officially cleared by Columbia in a hearing that was pretty much primed to find him guilty, I think we’re entitled to say that Sulkowicz’s claim didn’t hold up.

The giveaway, really, is that she decided it would be “too draining” to pursue the case with the police—and then she literally carried a mattress around with her for more than a year and made a public spectacle of her victimhood. I suspect that the only burden she really feared was the burden of proof.
...
But you can see the standard at work here: the only people qualified to report on the issue of rape are those with the right ideological commitments who agree never to report the accused man’s side of the story. I can see why Sulkowicz might want to establish such a standard. I just can’t see why the rest of us would agree to go along with it.

As Caroline Williamson concluded in an op-ed for the Columbia student newspaper, “The mistake we’ve all made has been substituting belief in an ideal with certainty about a specific case. There was never enough evidence presented to the public to expel Nungesser from school or convict him in court, so there should not have been enough to convict him in the media.”'

Male sex assault victim files Title IX lawsuit against local school system

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'A former Traverse City Area Public Schools student who was sexually assaulted by a teacher has filed a Title IX lawsuit against the district.

The federal lawsuit claims the teenage boy was harassed, ostracized and excluded by the district's "retaliatory treatment," which ultimately led him to drop out of high school.

The former Traverse City West Senior High School student was 15 years old when Lisa Gaye Placek, who was later convicted, sent him lewd text messages and performed oral sex on him in her car during the 2011-2012 school year.
...
She pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit sexual penetration and was sentenced in March 2012 to 23 months to 10 years in prison. Michigan Department of Corrections records show she was paroled to Grand Traverse County in January 2014.

The lawsuit filed Monday, Feb. 9, in U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids claims a violation of Title IX, the federal legislation that prohibits gender discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities. The lawsuit also claims the student's rights were violated under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th amendment and Michigan's Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination based on a variety of factors.'

Obama now claiming 1 in 5 women in America have experienced rape or attempted rape

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'"Right now, nearly 1 in 5 women in America has been a victim of rape or attempted rape," President Obama said Sunday night in a message played during the Grammys. "And more than 1 in 4 women has experienced some form of domestic violence."

Wow, just wow.

Gone are the days that the president makes false claims that 1 in 5 women will be sexually assaulted while in college. Now 20 percent of all women in America have been raped or nearly raped. And 25 percent of American women — not just college women — have experienced domestic violence.

Let's just think about that for a minute. The current population of the U.S. is 316.1 million, with women comprising about half. That means there are about 158 million women and girls in the U.S. If 20 percent of American women have been raped or almost raped, that's a total of 31.6 million women, which is somewhere between the populations of Texas and California."'

Are men natural born criminals? The prison numbers don't lie

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'The factors most commonly thought to contribute to crime - a lack of education (half of prisoners have no qualifications, compared with 15 per cent of the general population); experiences of violence or abuse as a child (41 per cent of prisoners witnessed domestic violence as a child and almost a third experienced abuse); financial difficulties, and so on—affect men and women alike. Yet from pickpocketing to white collar crime to assault, men are more likely to offend than women.

For a long time, this phenomenon was overlooked. Criminological research and theory focused almost exclusively on men, without explicitly questioning why the gap existed. But as feminist theorists started demanding a closer look at such differences the crime gap rose to light, and from the 1970s onwards various explanations were presented. Today, although there is still no universally-accepted explanation, most criminologists point to socialised gender roles and the different expectations of male and female behaviour.
...
Some people have of course argued that it is biological rather than sociological: that men are naturally more violent, for example, or that they're stronger and therefore more capable of committing some crimes. These assumptions might explain why it took so long for anyone to question the different levels of crime among men and women. But as Heidensohn points out, most crimes are not violent in nature and can't be put down to physical differences: the most common crimes in the UK are motoring offences. Men do tend to take more risks, according to many studies, which could be relevant, although whether that's an innate or socialised difference is difficult to tell; more on that later.

Could it be that women commit more crime than it appears but are simply better at getting away with it? One idea - the so-called "chivalry theory" - holds that paternalistic judges and authority figures are more lenient on female offenders, explaining the lower number of women behind bars. The evidence on this is complex and contradictory: there is a competing view that judges are sometimes harsher on women because criminal behaviour deviates further from what is expected of them.'

Male victims of domestic violence don't always report abuse

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'Domestic violence advocates say last week's murder-suicide at the University of South Carolina is a chilling reminder that men are also the victims of domestic abuse.

Advocates say that statistically more men are abusers than women, but they do help men who are victims themselves, and advocates believe many cases of domestic violence against men may go unreported.

“There are women who are perpetrators of domestic violence and it can be deadly,” Safe Harbor Executive Director Becky Callaham told WYFF News 4’s Ashley Swann.

“There are men who are being abused and being abused right now. And I think the stigma attached to it is so much worse for a man that men are reluctant to ask for help."'

Professor was killed by ex-wife in University of South Carolina murder-suicide, coroner says

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'A professor who taught anatomy and physiology and was highly regarded by both his students and fellow faculty members was shot and killed by his ex-wife in an apparent murder-suicide at the University of South Carolina, a coroner said Friday.

Sunghee Kwon shot Raja Fayad several times in the upper body Thursday afternoon in a fourth-floor office at the university's Public Health building, Richland County Coroner Gary Watts said in a news release.

Kwan then committed suicide with a gunshot to her stomach, the coroner said. A 9 mm pistol with an empty magazine was found near the bodies, State Law Enforcement Division spokesman Thom Berry said.'

Women’s College Exempts Itself From Sex Assault Lessons

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'Barnard College, the all-women companion school to Columbia University, has announced that its students will be exempted from mandatory sexual assault education at the school on the grounds that its female student body “[doesn't] need it as much as much as Columbia students do.”
...
“It seemed premature to require something that took a hold on registration or a hold on a diploma, because we didn’t feel we had enough information,” Zavadil told a meeting of Columbia’s student government.

This non-involvement comes despite the fact that Barnard students have helped to craft Columbia’s new sexual assault policies. In addition, Barnard is under a federal investigation for potential Title IX violations based on the mishandling of sexual assault, so it is hardly exempt from any problems pertaining to sexual assault at Columbia. Its decision to opt out is unlikely to quiet critics who worry that campus crusades against sexual assault are simply turning into the vilification of men.'

"Stop Manspreading on Planes"

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'The manspreading scourge is real. Men Taking Up Too Much Space on the Train offers a robust body of evidence. And some city transit departments are even fighting back. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York is running a campaign encouraging men to limit their legs to a single seat. The campaign features a list of "do's" and "no's," including "Dude… Stop the Spread, Please" in the no column with a little picture of a man who appears to be in goddess pose.
...
I'd love to lean over and politely ask my V-shaped seatmate to move his legs, but cooperation is hardly guaranteed. Some men think they're endowed by their creator to manspread. When Gothamist rode the New York City subway and confronted manspreading passengers, one rider said, "We have no choice to have our legs like that. You know what I mean? It's different for a woman."

Guys, maybe you don't always realize it, but sometimes you're giving your man parts more space than my entire body. One ticket, one seat. Let's remember to stop the spread.'

Local Lawmakers Introduce Sexual Assault Bills in California

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'Continuing her work to address student sexual assault, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara) has just introduced a bill that would permit community colleges to extend their jurisdiction beyond their campus borders for sexual assault and other serious student conduct violations.

Senate Bill 186 will allow community college districts to use their disciplinary process to expel or suspend students for off-campus behavior that is determined to be "egregious," such as sexual assault, physical abuse, threats of violence, arson-related offenses, sexual harassment, stalking and hazing. UC and CSU campuses already have such extended jurisdictions in place. But as a result of current law, community colleges have had no recourse when inappropriate student behavior occurs outside campus boundaries.

"I have heard from community college leaders that this is a tool they would like to have in place so they can keep their students and communities safe. This is particularly important in a place such as Isla Vista, where we have UC students and community colleges students living next to each other, but being held to different standards, " said Jackson. "This will level the playing field for all students - regardless of where they are enrolled - so that they know that whether they are in the classroom or a few miles from it, they must behave appropriately."'

What pay gap? Young women in New York earn more than male peers: study

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'You go, girls!

Young women in New York have closed the pay gap and actually earn more money than their male peers, a new study shows.

Female millennials bring in $1.02 for every $1 earned by young men in New York, according to new number-crunching by the Institute for Women's Policy Research.

The shattered glass ceiling is likely connected to New York women's high education rate, with 47% of 25- to 34-year-old women in the state holding a bachelor's degree or better, compared to just 38% of men.

"Things are changing," says study director Ariane Hegewisch. "You can see the impact of young women going to college and developing themselves. They are being given opportunities."'

Snopes.com determines "Lana story" is likely false

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'On 17 January 2015, the website Injustice Stories published an article purportedly penned by a woman named Lana who claimed to have terminated her pregnancy at the five-month mark because she learned the fetus was male.

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Missing from the account were any identifying details about the timeframe in which the purported abortion occurred, the general locality, or any other details or information regarding the procedure. In fact, the process of terminating a pregnancy after the twenty-week mark is far more complex and risky than a first-trimester abortion, and women who have experienced it are unlikely to describe it as "without a hitch."

Inconsistencies aside, the site Injustice Stories was virtually unknown before the implausible story of Lana's abortion was published. That's probably because a domain lookup revealed the domain was registered on the same day Lana's story was posted. Furthermore, in order to read the entirety of the article, site visitors were forced to share the page on social media (which in turn boosted its visibility incrementally before it caught the eye of larger news sources). The tale's lack of plausibility, combined with the use of a brand-new site to publish it, indicated that the account was likely a troll for pageviews, not a real-life account representing the sordid state of feminism. While many skeptical readers believed the hoax was aimed at promoting an anti-abortion agenda, it's also possible the site's purveyor fabricated the tale primarily to generate outrage-based clicks.'

Youth Sport - Biggest victims girls?

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Another "the real victim is girls" article points out the obvious: because women are not as strong/smart as men, they suffer greater percentages of injury per player, but it doesn't say what the total numbers are. Excerpt:

'Recent studies of high school and collegiate athletes have shown that girls and women suffer from concussions at higher rates than boys and men in similar sports — often significantly higher. For instance, in a recent analysis of college athletic injuries, female softball players experienced concussions at double the rate of male baseball players. Women also experienced higher rates of concussions than men in basketball and soccer. Across all sports in the study, the highest rate of concussions was reported not by male football players, but by female ice hockey players. In that sport, a woman experienced a concussion once every 1,100 games or practices — nearly three times the rate experienced in football. The gender disparity exists in high school sports, too. One study, analyzing concussion data for athletes in 25 high schools, found that in soccer, girls experienced concussions at twice the rate of boys.
...
We also need more and better science on the gender differences in concussions. There is painfully little research on why female athletes are so susceptible to athletic brain injuries and how to better protect them. For instance, helmets are mandated in boys' lacrosse, but not in girls'. Without better science, debate rages over whether helmets would make girls less susceptible to concussions, or simply encourage them to be more aggressive on the field, making them more susceptible. And in ice hockey, it's hard to explain why girls are suffering a higher rate of concussions than boys even though intentional body checking is prohibited in the girls' game.'

Australian Macquarie Dictionary votes "mansplain" Word of the Year 2015

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The Macquarie Dictionary has voted the gendered, derogatory word “mansplain” Word of the Year for 2015.

https://www.macquariedictionary.com.au/resources/view/word/of/the/year/

'verb (t) Colloquial (humorous) (of a man) to explain (something) to a woman, in a way that is patronising because it assumes that a woman will be ignorant of the subject matter.
[MAN + (EX)PLAIN with s inserted to create a pronunciation link with explain]
–mansplaining, noun'

Mansplain is a portmanteau, a new word made by blending the beginning of one word with the ending of another, while including the original meaning of both words (i.e. “brunch”, including the “br” from breakfast and the “unch” from lunch). The word “explain” is simple and clearly by itself not patronising. So the patronising part of the meaning here must be related to the word “man”. If there was any doubt about the word “man” meaning patronising, the definition of “mansplain” published by the Macquarie Dictionary makes it clear that only men do the "splaining" and the patronising.

The specially convened Macquarie Dictionary Word of the Year Committee commented that mansplain was a “much needed word and it was a clever coinage which captured neatly the concept of the patronising explanation offered only too frequently by some men to women”. However, when used in this general context, “man” refers to all men generally. So while the Committee appears to be watering down the sexist nature of mansplain by suggesting it's just “some men”, the derogatory meaning refers to a patronising act commited by all men, as a result of their gender, whenever explaining.

According to the Committee members and the editors of the Macquarie Dictionary, no word exists to describe this kind of activity when the gender of the explainer is reversed, as there is obviously no need for such as word. The assumption that women never “splain” things either to men or women appears to be a given to the Macquarie Dictionary, but a given based on a deeply entrenched and celebrated sexist culture.

It might be expected that the Australian media would comment on the potential that some members of the community may be offended by this celebration of sexism. Andrew Bolt might think so. In fact The Conversation, an online publication of academic views, did offer an analysis of the gendered nature of mansplain. Unfortunately, the article written by Howard Manns, a lecturer in Linguistics at Monash University, celebrated the choice of mansplain as Word of the Year because it is sexist (https://www.theconversation.com/mansplaining-the-word-of-the-year-and-why-it-matters-37091). Manns suggests that mansplain may be “a powerful tool in the anti-sexism arsenal” because it provides a balance for the many gendered derogatory terms like “woman”, “women”, “chairman” and so on.

Anyone who would like to respond to this celebration of sexist editorial practice by Australia’s national dictionary, the Macquarie Dictionary, should email a formal complaint to the editor, care of support@macquariedictionary.com.au.

"Finally dealing with campus rape means that some men will have it tougher"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The epidemic levels of rape on university campuses has a lot of people really worried. Unfortunately, they're worried that campuses are going "too far" in their effort to punish rapists; that young men will be wrongly accused; that campus sex policies will criminalize consensual sex; that the rape epidemic is more ideological rhetoric than actual lived experience.

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The concern over due process in campus adjudication procedures are also misplaced. In The New York Times, Judith Shulevitz bemoans the Department of Education guidelines that instruct schools to use a "preponderance of evidence" standard in rape cases, as if such a thing is unheard of. But this is the same standard of evidence that's required when a rape victim sues her attacker in civil court. Shulevitz also warns that schools risk losing federal funds if they don't adhere to the DOE's rules, but no school has ever had their funding taken away because of a Title IX violation.

Too many of us are more comfortable taking on imaginary problems rather than real ones - but reflexive thought experiments don't stop rape or address the real underlying problems. They only do a disservice to the victims.'

In case you didn't know: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jessica_Valenti

How Drunk Is Too Drunk to Have Sex?

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'Occidental College disagreed. The morning after the incident, both Jane and John said they didn't remember what happened the night before and set about recreating the evening's events by speaking with friends who witnessed them having sex, reviewing text messages they had sent to each other, and piecing together the physical clues. John awoke to find a used condom and Jane's earrings in his room; Jane learned that after having sex with John, she had ventured out again to find another man to cuddle with. The facts of what happened that evening are not in dispute. But, a week after the incident, Jane filed a complaint against John with the school. John was ultimately found in violation of Occidental's sexual misconduct policy, which forbids students from having sexual contact with anyone who is "incapacitated" by drugs or alcohol. John was expelled, the harshest possible punishment for students found responsible for sexual assault on campus. Then, he filed suit against Occidental, alleging that the school unfairly applied its sexual misconduct policy based on gender. (The suit refers to the students as just John Doe and Jane Doe, to preserve their anonymity.) As the lawsuit puts it: "John is being expelled because he is male; Jane Doe is not because she is female."

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Last year, my colleague Emily Yoffe recounted the Occidental case in a piece arguing that college sexual assault disciplinary processes infringe on the civil rights of men. Yoffe recommended that campus rape cases ought to be handled by police and prosecutors, and that schools could do their part by attempting to reduce binge drinking. I don't view the issue exactly the same way, but I do think that certain university policies around drinking and sex do a disservice to students by redefining the sexual assault of women to include "sex while drunk," and creating a double standard for men.'

'Scared' Stockholm woman in sexism stir

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Story here. Excerpt:

'He documented what happened next on his Facebook page: "I saw a girl walking on the path I was heading towards. The moment she saw me she ran. She didn't say anything, she just ran. I was stunned and just wanted to run after her and shout that she didn't have to be afraid of me. But I know it wouldn't have helped. There was nothing I could do."

The rest of the post read: "I first felt really stupid that I made a girl so scared and shocked that she ran as soon as she saw me. But now I just feel sad. I feel so bloody sad that we have reached the point where girls run as soon as they see a man walking towards them. It's completely f**king insane. Don't get me wrong, I understand that she ran, I would probably have done the same had I been in her situation. But THAT she should have to run, there are no words to explain how sad that makes me. Together we have to make sure future generations of girls don't have to run. You're done running now. Us men need to take our bloody responsibility to make sure that no one has to run any more. I hope that all you other men who read this are with me and will help make this a reality."
...
Despite the national stir, figures suggest that men are still far more likely to be attacked in Sweden than women.

Figures from the Swedish Prime Prevention Council show that 2.6 percent of men in Sweden reported being assaulted in 2012, compared to 1.3 percent of women.'

'Universities Are Right—and Within Their Rights—to Crack Down on Speech and Behavior'

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'That's why the contretemps about a recent incident at Marquette University is far less alarming than libertarians think. An inexperienced instructor was teaching a class on the philosophy of John Rawls, and a student in the class argued that same-sex marriage was consistent with Rawls' philosophy. When another student told the teacher outside of class that he disagreed, the teacher responded that she would not permit a student to oppose same-sex marriage in class because that might offend gay students.

While I believe that the teacher mishandled the student's complaint, she was justified in dismissing it. The purpose of the class was to teach Rawls' theory of justice, not to debate the merits of same-sex marriage. The fact that a student injected same-sex marriage into the discussion does not mean that the class was required to discuss it. The professor might reasonably have believed that the students would gain a better understanding of Rawls' theory if they thought about how it applied to issues less divisive and hence less likely to distract students from the academic merits of the theory.

Teaching is tricky. Everyone understands that a class is a failure if students refuse to learn because they feel bullied or intimidated, or if ideological arguments break out that have nothing to do with understanding an idea. It is the responsibility of the professor to conduct the class in such a way that maximal learning occurs, not maximal speech. That's why no teacher would permit students to launch into anti-Semitic diatribes in a class about the Holocaust, however sincerely the speaker might think that Jews were responsible for the Holocaust or the Holocaust did not take place. And even a teacher less scrupulous about avoiding offense to gay people would draw a line if a student in the Rawls class wanted to argue that Jim Crow or legalization of pedophilia is entailed by the principles of justice. While advocates of freedom of speech like to claim that falsehoods get squeezed out in the "marketplace of ideas," in classrooms they just receive an F.'

Columbia mattress rape case is not justice — it's shaming without proof

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's time to put down the mattress.

Columbia student Emma Sulkowicz, who claims her close friend and former sexual partner Paul Nungesser raped her, has been carrying a mattress around campus for months to symbolize her status as a victim and remind everyone her alleged attacker remains on campus. (The mattress was also earning her course credit for performance art, but never mind that.)

Sulkowicz, who has been pictured in newspapers across the country, was even a guest of Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand at the State of the Union address last month. The New York Times referred to Sulkowicz as "a woman with a mattress, refusing to keep her violation private, carrying with her a stark reminder of where it took place."

Way to reserve judgment, folks.

Turns out there's another side of the story. Writing in The Daily Beast, the intrepid Cathy Young notes that Nungesser has been cleared by a campus court. And since Sulkowicz declined to press criminal charges, that's about as close as he's going to get to an official vindication.

But what he should really get is an apology from the media and the cabal of feminists, including Gillibrand, who have supported his accuser unquestioningly.'

Trading the Megaphone for the Gavel in Title IX Enforcement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When feminist advocates on campus sexual assault “speak truth to power,” they speak for (and often as) victims and survivors. In that position, it’s perfectly fair for them to pick and choose the constituencies to which they give voice. They can and should specialize. But as feminists issue a series of commands from within the federal government about what the problem of campus sexual violence is and how it must be handled, and as they build new institutions that give life to those commands, they become part of governmental power. Now that they have the power to adjudicate cases and determine sanctions, they are facing the full range of cases. For those feminists — and I would argue they should include, by now, the advocacy branch — the days of specialization should be over. It is time to govern. The current moment is a classic opportunity to observe how advocates turn their rhetorical tools and social-movement protest into institutional government.

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One of the most dangerous effects of the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) campaign to force institutions of higher education to take sexual harassment and sexual assault on campus more seriously is the idea — vividly manifested in the institutional reforms adopted at Harvard University last summer — that a single-purpose Title IX office, specializing exclusively in sexual and gender-based harassment, is the right institutional response. Title IX, after all, is dedicated solely to sex discrimination; the Harvard Title IX Office, dedicated exclusively to enforcing the University’s new rules on sexual and gender-based harassment, has no mandate to ensure racial equality. Case after Harvard case that has come to my attention, including several in which I have played some advocacy or adjudication role, has involved black male respondents, but the institution cannot “know” this because it has not been thought important enough to monitor for racial bias.'

The increasingly sensitive issue of circumcision

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'A couple of weeks ago, I found myself wandering through a fascinating exhibition called Snip It! Stances on Ritual Circumcision in the Jewish Museum in Berlin.

In addition to displaying a lot of terrifying-looking ceremonial scalpels and some rather gruesome wax penises, the exhibition invited attendees to weigh the moral pros and cons of this ancient ritual – something I've trained myself not to do as the mother of an uncut son.

...

Circumcision isn't something I'd ever really thought about until after I had my son. I remember being asked by an acquaintance, when James was just a few weeks old, whether I'd taken him in for the snip yet. "Of course not," I answered without hesitation. "Why would I? It's barbaric." And then I watched as the woman's face folded itself into a pursed little smile and she muttered something about her two boys being circumcised "for cultural reasons," before turning away from me altogether.

...

As "personal choices" go, circumcision is becoming an increasingly sensitive issue. A controversial Danish study released last month concluded that boys who are circumcised as babies are twice as likely to develop autism spectrum disorder before the age of five. Researchers at the respected Statens Serum Institut in Copenhagen studied more than 340,000 boys born in Denmark between 1994 and 2003. The results are startling – though as critics of the study point out, the link is speculative, not established.'

Coworking Space for Women-Only Opens in Dallas

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Last Friday, an incubator and coworking space for women only launched in downtown Dallas called The Kaleidoscope for Her.

The space will host events and courses for women, including one-month, two-month, and four-month programs to help them test their business ideas, get them off the ground, and grow. Depending on which option you select, membership is $150-350 per month.

According to founder Tilde Guajardo, the main difference from a traditional coworking space for both genders is that The Kaleidoscope for Her is built to be more collaborative.

“Studies have shown women are often more collaborative than men and more likely to share their voice when men are not part of the conversation,” she says. “We are not anti-men by any means, but creating a ‘safe’ and ‘non-competitive’ space for women to feel free to share is essential to maintaining an open and honest dialogue between our members.”
...
As far as I know, no one has yet created a similar space for men.'

Advocates call for bill to revoke parental rights of fathers who conceived children during an alleged sexual assault

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'A state Senate committee heard testimony Thursday for and against a bill that would prevent accused rapists from claiming parental rights over children conceived during an alleged sexual assault.

Under the Rape Survivor Family Protection Act, sponsored by state Senator Jamie Raskin, D-Montgomery, a court could declare that a man is not the legal father of a child he conceived from an alleged rape.

Maryland law currently allows a man accused of fathering a child through rape to weigh in on custody and adoption decisions, including potentially preventing the mother from putting that child up for adoption, proponents of the bill said.
...
The bill outlines a “clear and convincing evidence” standard, common in state family law, for finding that the alleged rape occurred.

The state public defender’s office opposes the proposed law because it does not require a criminal rape conviction, which carries higher standards to prove guilt.

“Both the standard of proof and the standard of evidence that’s being proposed by this bill is less than what is required in our criminal justice system,” said Ricardo Flores, government relations director for the public defender’s office. “It basically codifies hearsay.”

Flores said prior statements made by the child’s mother regarding the circumstances of conception wouldn’t be allowed as evidence in criminal proceedings.'

Woman sentenced to two years for crushing ex-bf's testicles

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Breaking up is hard to do. Especially if you're trying to break up with Christina Lorena Reber.

The Indiana woman was sentenced two years in prison for tearing off her ex-boyfriend's balls as payback for breaking up with her.

The 46-year-old was charged with felony battery after she attacked the 60-year-old victim in March 2012.

According to a police report, Reber flew into a rage after the man broke up with her a few days earlier, which prompted her to break into his house and start punching him in the head. (The big head, not the little one…at least, not yet.)'

Canada: man sues accuser over false rape claim, says rumour mill forced him into 'hiding'

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'A young British Columbia man who claims his life was ruined by gossip about a false rape claim has won the right to sue his accuser for defamation, in a rare case of a sexual-assault complainant being held legally liable for her statement to police.

Simon Caron, who works in the oil patch as a leasehand, was cleared of the rape claim when he showed he was hundreds of kilometres away at the time, and could prove it with receipts and other records. No charges were laid. But as he describes it in his defamation claim against the complainant, who is a minor represented by a litigation guardian, the rumour mill “is still circulating.”

The gossip was merciless and long-lasting, he claims, escalating into vandalism of his vehicle and threats of violence against himself and his friends. It became so bad Caron fled his home in Vanderhoof, B.C., to go into “hiding” in Prince George. He claims he required treatment for depression and missed employment opportunities. Several months after the complaint, he filed a lawsuit for defamation and malicious prosecution.
...
The complainant in this case “circulated horrible rumours about a rape that never occurred, and even claimed that SHE had dropped the criminal charges,” Caron’s statement of claim reads. “At that point my life was in danger … My vehicle was sabotaged, a friend of mine was threatened to be hurt if he was to be seen in my presence. … The rumour including names is still circulating, so that my brother Adam heard of it in his welding class in Fort St. James in December 2013.”

This decision, which restrains the use of absolute privilege as a defamation defence, follows a similar ruling in Ontario that statements made by municipal councillors in a council meeting are likewise protected by a privilege that is qualified, not absolute.'

Men pledge to stop domestic violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A man hitting a woman is wrong and so is knowing it's going on and doing nothing about it .

This is the message the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence is stressing in their Take The Pledge campaign, where men choose "to be a stand-up guy, not a stand-by guy."

On Wednesday, a local community group called Men Of Action took the pledge along with donating food to the Haven House Family Shelter.

"I am beyond elated with this," said Wendy Mahoney, executive director for the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Mahoney was in attendance and was also one of the keynote speakers at the program that was held at Fred's Barber and Beauty Salon on Drummond Street —where the idea of Men Of Action began.'

NPO: Happenings This Week Around the Country

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Arizona

Check out this great picture of Tom Brady and his kids on the field in Glendale, Arizona after winning the Super Bowl.

OK, OK, I'm from Boston and I love the Patriots and everyone else hates Brady and the Patriots, but seriously, as these photos and story make clear, Brady and his ex-girlfriend Bridget Moynahan have put aside their differences and are a great model of shared parenting. Speaking of models, Brady's wife, Gisele Bundchen, is a supermodel. She and Bridget have done a great job of cooperating to help make shared parenting possible for Brady and Moynahan's son, John.

Alright, full disclosure, I guess it's a lot easier to get shared parenting, and to do it, when you make something like $16 million and your wife earns three times that!'

Freed by Innocence Project, former Oklahoma State star Darrell Williams this year's least-known comeback story

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'He went from convicted rapist to Innocence Project exoneree. He went 33 months between games, departing as an Oklahoma State starter and reemerging in NCAA Division II anonymity. He's come from hopelessness to this new beginning.

"Going from being behind bars to being here, just being in a locker room, humbles me and makes me appreciate everything," he says.

...

With the help of the Chicago Innocence Project, Williams' attorney had submitted seven grounds of appeal. The court only ruled on the first one — that at least two jurors had visited the scene of the party and discussed what they saw with other jurors — grounds for a mistrial.

Now the question was whether prosecutors would retry the case. On June 16, D.A. Lee released a statement saying he was dropping charges because the victims did not want to endure the trauma of retestifying.

Oklahoma media outlets attempted to interview Lee after the announcement, but he declined to comment. Tontz resigned in February 2013 and went into private practice. Lee retired last December. His successor, Laura Austin Thomas, did not respond to an interview request from The News.

"Before you destroy a young person's life, you've got to be sure you've got all the facts right," Protess says. "And Tom Lee and his very ambitious assistant D.A., who's now left under a cloud, did not have the facts right.

"Not only did they go ahead anyway and prosecute the case, but they're failing to do the honorable thing by admitting they were wrong."'

UK: Woman's group blasts plan for Men's Rights Society at Staffordshire University

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Plans by Staffordshire University students to launch a "Men's Rights Society" are being blocked – by its rival "Woman's Network" group!

Student Vajra Dhatu made the suggestion for the new society when he posted his idea on the Student Union "better Staffs forum" page.

But now members of the Woman's Network group at the university in Stoke-on-Trent have taken action against the proposal.
...
She told StaffsLive: "If the Men's Society is about 'fathers for justice' and issues treating men more fairly in court then that is fine.

"The statement written in the forum for the Men's Rights Society was very male-centric and there was no mention of women.

"He was trying to raise the rights of men and lower the rights of females.

"It also talked about 'the myth of the rape culture', which is a very dangerous area to talk about.'

KC Johnson to give presentation on campus sexual assault

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'KC Johnson *[link added]*, co-author of *Until Proven Innocent: Political Correctness and the Shameful Injustice of the Duke Lacrosse Rape Case*, will give a presentation titled “Abandoning Due Process: Campus Sexual Assault and Presumptions of Guilt” on Monday.

Johnson’s presentation, which is part of the George Washington Forum, will likely center around his core view that those accused of sexual assault on college campuses are not given the same rights of due process as those accused of other crimes.

It’s our understanding that Johnson, also a history professor at Brooklyn College and the City University of New York Graduate Center, thinks many are too quick in rushing to the judgment that those who are accused of sexual assault are guilty, such as members of the Duke lacrosse team who were accused in 2006 of raping a stripper at a house party. Those accusations, which were later proven to be false, led to the resignation of the team’s head coach and the cancellation or forfeiture of each of the team’s games during the 2006 season.'

U Penn procedure on sexual assault concerns some law faculty

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly one-third of the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania Law School have criticized a new university procedure for handling sexual assault cases that they say undermines traditional safeguards for the accused and could lead to wrongful disciplinary actions against Penn students.

The procedure, adopted under pressure from the Obama Administration, establishes a new position at Penn - the Sexual Violence Investigative Officer - and became effective Feb. 1. The policy weakens standards for finding that a sexual assault has occurred while offering the accused only limited rights to a defense, the law school critics say.

Given examples of high-profile sexual assault charges that have unraveled under close scrutiny, notably the gang rape allegation at the University of Virginia reported by Rolling Stone magazine, the university must take steps to ensure its procedure for adjudicating sexual assault cases is fair, the faculty members say.'

The (New) Big Chill: More on Erosion of Rights of the Accused from a Harvard Law Prof

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'Harvard Law School to the rape-hysteria rescue!

Or, more specifically, Harvard Law School professor Janet Halley, who's been a leading protestor against the university's new sexual harassment policy, which—like that of all too many colleges and universities these days—not only tilts the on-campus legal procedure against the accused but defines as harassment a range of classroom and out-of-classroom speech, from jokes to mere generalized references to sex, which means that anyone can be a victim who feels like a victim.

...

Paradoxically, Halley herself specializes in teaching gender and sex-related issues at the Harvard Law School. As a professor who knows whereof she writes, she probably has serious doubts about whether her fellow feminists in charge of enforcing Title IX will pay attention to her warnings. So far, they haven't.'

KC Johnson’s campus talk on due process in sexual assault draws protesters

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Johnson is best known for his book analyzing the Duke lacrosse rape case with National Journal‘s Stuart Taylor, but you’d think he was Joe Pesci going up against a cartoonish Southern prosecutor to defend “two yoots” against Dixieland justice.

Two of the university’s student publications, The Post and The New Political, live-tweeted the circus around Johnson’s talk, including the heavy security presence.
...
"As Johnson approached the podium, members of Student Union and F*ckrapeculture stood from their seats and turned to the crowd of around 70 people in the Baker Center. They wore hand-made shirts saying “RAPE IS REAL, THIS IS BULLSH*T”, and some members held signs saying “SEX WITHOUT CONSENT IS ALWAYS RAPE” and “1 in 5 women will be SEXUALLY ASSAULTED during college”.

The protesters sat down after some members of the audience audibly complained that they could not see Johnson and after a warning of their removal by the police."
...
Johnson took it all in stride, telling The New Political after the lecture:

“People have a First Amendment right to protest. My general sense is that if you’re confident in your opinion, you’re able to engage critically rather than in protest, but everyone has the right to handle protests as they see fit.”

His antagonists did what you’d expect:

"F*ckrapeculture live-tweeted the event on their Twitter page, mocking the lecture with comments ranging from using profanity toward Johnson to criticizing the format of his PowerPoint."'

Also see here and here.

New Hampshire: House Committee Hears Circumcision Bill

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Today a house committee considered a bill that would prohibit Medicaid from funding circumcisions of newborn baby boys.

Bedford Republican Keith Murphy sponsored this bill. He firmly believes circumcision is dangerous – potentially, very dangerous.

"One hundred and seventeen children a year, on average, die from circumcision complications. In fact it's one of the leading causes of neonatal male deaths," says Murphy.
...
Ronald Goldman, Director of the Boston-based Circumcision Resource Center, painted a dark picture of circumcision's impact on the male psyche.

"Anger, a sense of loss, sadness, and sexual anxieties....A recent study found a connection between circumcision and the risk of autism," said Goldman.
...
If passed, it's worth noting this bill could impact a lot of people. The latest data from 2010 found Medicaid paid for nearly 30 percent of the babies born in New Hampshire.'

What Are We Teaching Our Girls? Men Are Not The Problem With The World

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I have three sons. One is in college, and one will be there in a few years. I worry about them.

I worry because it seems obvious that our universities have become a cesspool of leftist, feminist culture that is harmful and even possibly dangerous to young men.

Let me also say that rape is a heinous crime and should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. However, what happens when a girl decides she was raped after she said yes?
...
What are we teaching our young girls?

That it's okay to lie when you feel guilty and wish you hadn't done something? That men are the problem and young women have no personal responsibility? That women are inherently society's victims and that lying about men is okay?

Personally, I think campuses (and parents) should spend a lot more time teaching women how to navigate personal relationships with men and how to not get into problems with guys in the first place. They should be taught that actions such as inviting a boy to sleep in your bed carry risk and responsibility.'

Biden, again

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Article here. If he weren't VAWA Joe giving lip service to feminism left and right, does anyone suppose Mr. Nuzzly-Paws would get a pass from feminist critics? One certainly need not be a feminist to find such behavior from one of our elected officials objectionable, on top of his apparent inability to avoid offending any number of people because of their ethnicity. But this isn't Biden's first time he's pawed up some woman in front of a camera, apparently believing being VPOTUS gives him license. Grow up, Joe. Excerpt:

'As Carter began speaking in the Roosevelt Room, Biden beckoned Stephanie Carter from across the room, then put both hands on her shoulders as her husband thanked Biden for presiding over the ceremony. Biden's hands lingered for roughly 20 seconds until he leaned in and whispered in her ear.

What, pray tell, was the vice president confiding in Carter's wife? It's anybody's guess, but within seconds Carter reached back and put his own hand on his wife's shoulder as he thanked his "perfect wife Stephanie" for her support along his professional path.

Both incidents sparked prompt and voluminous reactions on social media, as viewers who caught the events on TV or heard about them later pondered: Just what was Biden thinking?

No stranger to improvisation, Biden over decades has built a brand on his tendency to speak his mind, endearing him to those who crave authenticity from political leaders. Biden's supporters brush off his more jarring moments as "just Biden being Biden."

Biden, who has run for president twice before, has said he's considering running again in 2016.'

College blocks man from housing access for reminding student of her rapist

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'... She discovered a essay recently authored by Professor Janet Halley in the *Harvard Law Review* that should boil the blood of anyone concerned with quaint notions like justice and due process.

"I recently assisted a young man who was subjected by administrators at his small liberal arts university in Oregon to a month-long investigation into all his campus relationships, seeking information about his possible sexual misconduct in them (an immense invasion of his and his friends' privacy), and who was ordered to stay away from a fellow student (cutting him off from his housing, his campus job, and educational opportunity) — all because he reminded her of the man who had raped her months before and thousands of miles away. He was found to be completely innocent of any sexual misconduct and was informed of the basis of the complaint against him only by accident and off-hand. But the stay-away order remained in place, and was so broadly drawn up that he was at constant risk of violating it and coming under discipline for that."

"When the duty to prevent a 'sexually hostile environment' is interpreted this expansively, it is affirmatively indifferent to the restrained person's complete and total innocence of any misconduct whatsoever," Halley noted.'

University releases statement on falsely reported assault

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'An aggravated assault of a woman on campus has been determined to be false according to a university statement released today.

The female student reported the incident Wednesday and in follow up interviews with police, she said that she had not been on campus that day and the confrontation did not occur, according to the statement.

Capt. Mike McCord said police are currently investigating the information they have gathered.

According to the Texas Penal Code, making a false report is a class B misdemeanor punishable by up to a $2,000 fine, confinement in jail for up to 180 days, or both.

The Shorthorn attempted to contact the female student, but received no response.

The aggravated assault was reported Wednesday after she made a Facebook post describing an encounter with a man. She reported the man followed her to a UTA parking lot and threatened her while pointing a gun at her.'

NPO: Colorado state Senate passes bill for parental rights protection

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Article here. Excerpt:

'National Parents Organization continues to make strides in the State of Colorado. Our Gilbert Tso once again testified before the Senate Education Committee in support of Senate Bill 15-077, also known as the Parents Bill of Rights. The bill was approved by the committee by a 5-4 party-line vote and has now passed the full Senate 18-16.

Here's how Tso describes the bill:

"This bill was introduced and first read in the Senate Education Committee; its sponsors in both the Colorado Senate and House sought to remedy the growing intrusions by state agencies and schools into parents' fundamental right to raise their children according to their beliefs and principles, to opt-out of certain state-directed education, mental health-care and medical practices involving their children.

Establishing a Parent's Bill of Rights in Colorado or any state is significant. Why? A Parent's Bill of Rights in conjunction with the relevant articles and amendments existing in the Colorado State Constitution and the Constitution of the United States of America, places the burden of proof squarely on the state to show a legitimate cause before the state may intervene in a custody dispute and substantively reduce or revoke a parent's right to equal shared custody when equality, as in 50/50 shared parenting, is the point of contention."'

Three Myths of Rape That Need Sunlight

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'A pivot point occurred within feminism on the issue of rape in 1975 when the book Against Our Will: Men, Women and Rape by Susan Brownmiller appeared. In its pages, Brownmiller attempted to chart the history of rape from the Neanderthal through to modern man, placing great emphasis on periods of war and crisis. Against Our Will reportedly gave rape its history. It became a founding document of the "rape culture," which further propelled the feminist movement from liberalism to political correctness, which has also been called gender or radical feminism.

In her book, Brownmiller maintained that rape is the primary mechanism through which men subjugate women. "Man's discovery that his genitalia could serve as a weapon to generate fear must rank as one of the most important discoveries of prehistoric times, along with the use of fire, and the first crude stone ax. From prehistoric times to the present, I believe, rape has played a critical function. It is nothing more or less than a conscious process of intimidation by which all men keep all women in a state of fear." ...

Some of today's most prevalent myths about rape were cemented into the culture by Brownmiller. In particular, Brownmiller presented three interrelated myths:

1. rape is a part of patriarchy;

2. men have created a 'mass psychology' of rape; and,

3. rape is a part of 'normal' life.

I dispute each one of them.'

Men's rights movement: why it is so controversial?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The men's rights movement, a loose coalition of activists who largely gather online, is growing in size and support.

They advocate fathers' rights and speak out for male victims of abuse and domestic violence – so why have they been branded a "toxic" hate movement?

...

Men's rights activists (MRAs) argue that society is inherently "sexist" towards men and that they face daily discrimination from the government, the media and the justice system. They fight against custody laws they say overwhelmingly favour women, false rape allegations, violence against men, conscription and disproportionate male prison sentences.

"When women are underrepresented as CEOs of companies that is deemed discrimination," David Benatar, head of philosophy at the University of Cape Town told the BBC. "But when boys are falling behind at school, when 90 per cent of people in prison are male, there's never any thought given to whether men are discriminated against."'

A Bid for Guns on Campuses to Deter Rape

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Article here. "Weapons are an instrument of ill omen, and not the instruments of the superior man, until he has no choice but to employ them." - Lao Tzu.

So packs of rapist men are running wild all over college campuses, justifying a movement supporting female students keeping loaded guns in their rooms or maybe start packin' to keep the gangs of rabid drunken men that predate campuses openly looking for victims to catch off-guard from raping them in broad daylight? Bizarre. Excerpt:

'As gun rights advocates push to legalize firearms on college campuses, an argument is taking shape: Arming female students will help reduce sexual assaults.

Support for so-called campus carry laws had been hard to muster despite efforts by proponents to argue that armed students and faculty members could prevent mass shootings like the one at Virginia Tech in 2007. The carrying of concealed firearms on college campuses is banned in 41 states by law or by university policy. Carrying guns openly is generally not permitted.

But this year, lawmakers in 10 states who are pushing bills that would permit the carrying of firearms on campus are hoping that the national spotlight on sexual assault will help them win passage of their measures.

“If you’ve got a person that’s raped because you wouldn’t let them carry a firearm to defend themselves, I think you’re responsible,” State RepresentativeDennis K. Baxley of Florida said during debate in a House subcommittee last month. The bill passed.'

Number of suicides in UK increases, with male rate highest since 2001

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'The number of suicides in the UK increased in 2013, with the male rate its highest since 2001 and middle-aged men most at risk, according to the latest data.

Figures released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show 6,233 people over the age of 15 killed themselves in 2013, 252 more than in 2012, which represents a 4% increase.

The UK suicide rate was 11.9 deaths per 100,000 people. The north-east had the highest rate in England at 13.8 deaths per 100,000, while London had the lowest with 7.9.

The male suicide rate has increased significantly since 2007, the ONS said, while female rates have stayed relatively constant and were consistently lower than those for men.

In 1981, 63% of UK suicides were male, but in 2013 the figure was 78%. The proportion of male to female deaths by suicide has increased steadily since 1981.'

"Men rape infants, toddlers, elderly women and occasionally cadavers"

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Article here. I think we're overdue for an organization called the Men's Anti-Defamation League", or "MADL", for short, as in: "MAD as helL from all the blanket insults and hateful generalizations." Excerpt:

'In a gender-equal world, there would be no prostitution, no rapes, no forced marriages, no forced childbirths, no sex slaves, no vulgar gender disparagements, no glass ceilings. In an equal world, men would not view male qualities as the norm and portray females as “other” or secondary.

The idea that men are helpless to women’s lures should not lead to men sticking cameras under women’s skirts. Women turn men on without even trying. If a woman sits stone-like, there is surely something she will do to arouse, even if it is only to take a breath. Men are programmed to find allure even when it is not intentioned.

Men rape infants, toddlers, elderly women and occasionally cadavers. A blow-up doll doesn’t issue a siren call. Female bodies are uncomfortably aligned with sexuality, while instead it is the framework that supports one’s life, and sex is only a portion of a body’s purpose. The licentiousness of unbridled men is constantly a threat to women’s lives and well-being.'

The Other Side Speaks: Defending the Accused at Campus Rape Trials

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'"It is hard to overstate the importance of hiring a lawyer as soon as you find out that you are charged," said Justin Dillon, a partner at the law firm of Kaiser, LeGrand & Dillon PLLC, who represented the male student. "The creative ways that the colleges will think up to screw the student will blow your hair back."
...
Kaiser and Dillon spoke with Reason about some of the cases they have handled, trends in college sex disputes, and the desperate tactics some administrators have pulled to score convictions. Their perspective represents just one side of the story, of course—but it's a perspective deserving more attention than it has received in these days of heightened interest in the campus rape crisis. What's clear from talking to them is that the raging debate over the proper way for universities to deal with rape won't ever be settled until someone ill-treated by the bizarre process takes the issue to federal court.'

Mom never gave up hope on son wrongly accused in child rape and murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Christopher Abernathy's mom never believed her son raped and killed a 15-year-old girl back in 1984.

After he was convicted of Kristina Hickey's murder, Abernathy's mother, Ann Kolus, even bought a mobile home so she could stay close to him in prison. She visited her son almost every week until a few years ago — when financial problems forced her to sell the mobile home and move to southern Illinois.
...
Alvarez said laboratory tests cleared Abernathy.

"There is no DNA match that would link Mr. Abernathy to any piece of evidence in this case, and in our opinion today, the DNA evidence tends to exonerate him of this crime," she said, adding that her office will now try to find the real killer.'

US national university administrators' ass'n lobbies against mandatory reporting of sexual assault complaints

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Article here. No conflict of interest here. Nope. Excerpt:

'As elected state leaders deliberate on proposed legislation that would change how professionals work to address sexual assault and gender-based violence at our colleges and universities, it is critical for higher education professionals and victim advocates to raise our voices and ensure the safety and well-being of our students and campus communities. In an open letter to elected leaders across the United States, NASPA and its joining associations and organizations share deep concern with bills pending before at least nine state legislatures: Iowa, Virginia, Texas, Maryland, New Jersey, Rhode Island, California, South Carolina, and North Dakota.

In some states, proposed legislation would require colleges and universities to refer all reports of sexual assault the institution receives from victims to local law enforcement, essentially turning all reports of sexual assault to the university into a report to law enforcement. If enacted, state lawmakers would place campuses in conflict with certain provisions of federal laws, including Title IX, the Clery Act, and the Violence Against Women Act. Mandatory referral requirements would obstruct a victims' right to an equal educational environment by increasing the likelihood that victims who do not want to report to law enforcement will not report to anyone and thereby be unable to access their federally protected rights. These bills would make it more difficult for victims to access the full range of reporting options guaranteed under federal law by restricting confidentiality in the reporting process, as well as perpetuating stereotypical and discriminatory attitudes towards victims.'

Also see First, Do No Harm.

"Women do it better"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For one thing, because " Women Do It Better Than Men." This is the title of a leadership study published in 2012 by the Harvard Business Review. It scrutinized performance evaluations of 7,280 leaders and concluded that women outscored men in 12 of 16 competencies that are crucial to "outstanding leadership."

And, while the study confirmed the long-held view that female leaders are, on average, more nurturing, it also found that women especially outscored men in "taking initiative," "practicing selfdevelopment," and "driving for results." These aren't characteristics usually ascribed to women.

More women should also be in charge, I believe, because it changes the way others think when they see a powerful woman chairing a Senate hearing or holding a press conference at a crime scene or leading a boardroom discussion.

Children, particularly, need to see women in charge so girls can aspire to these positions, and boys think it's okay—and natural —for women to do so.'

UK: Hotel launches service to teach newly-married men on how to satisfy their wives

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'A revamped hotel has launched a new service aimed at transforming "clueless men" into the "perfect husbands-to-be".

The new Groom Academy at the Best Western Plus in Oak Hill, Woodford Green, teaches men "essential housekeeping" and cocktail-making skills as well as a crash course in cooking.

Practice tutorials are taught by the hotel's skilled staff, including experienced chefs, who will teach men a step-by-step guide on how to cook for special occasions.

Grooms married at the hotel, which is formally known as The County Hotel, will also be sent an annual reminder of their anniversary and the package deal also includes a three-course meal, overnight stay and breakfast.'

Circumcised men may soon be able to regrow their foreskin

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'Until now, circumcision has been an irreversible operation, often conducted on boys who are too young to consent to the removal of their foreskin.

But as the practice - which dates back thousands of years - has become more controversial over recent decades, a US organisation is developing procedures which could undo the operation in men who are unhappy with its results.

Foregen, a not for profit group which was founded to “research and implement regenerative medical therapies for circumcised males”, recently announced a Kickstarter campaign to fund further studies of foreskin regrowth.

“In the short term, we hope to fully regenerate human foreskins,” reads a statement on Foregen's website, a goal it claims will require $3m worth of funding over three years. “Once we have accomplished that, our goal is to advance onto human clinical trials as soon as it is safe to do so.”'

Jezebel: Finally, Men Will Be Able to Regrow Foreskin Like a Lizard With a Tail

UK: Universal credit changes 'raise domestic abuse fears'

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'The committee said it shared fears raised by women's groups that the system would "reduce the financial autonomy of women" and could leave domestic violence victims vulnerable to further abuse.

A new domestic abuse offence of "coercive and controlling behaviour"', which can include the abuser preventing their victim from having access to money, was announced by the Home Office last year.

In its report, the cross-party group of MPs and peers recommended the government reviewed the payment of universal credit to couples.

They suggested that the government should test different payment methods, "such as automatic split payment to each partner in varying proportions - so as to assess which best protects the financial autonomy of women in couples - thereby strengthening their position should domestic violence occur".'

Women’s rights prof arrested for beating up boyfriend on Valentine’s Day

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Columbia University professor—who is an ardent supporter of women’s rights and advocate against domestic violence—was arrested and charged with a misdemeanor assault after beating up her boyfriend on Valentine’s Day.

According to her faculty bio on Columbia’s website, Joann Baney, 54, is the faculty director of the FDNY Officers Management Institute and also serves as faculty on the NYPD’s Police Management Institute. Both schools are part of Columbia’s Executive Education program under the business school.

The NY Daily News, which originally broke the story, reported that Baney trains New York City’s police officers and firefighters peacekeeping skills and “how to control heated situations.”

According to public court documents, Baney was arrested at 11:22 p.m., on Saturday. She is charged with multiple accounts, including assault, intent to cause physical injuries, and harassment.

Baney allegedly attacked Walter Frey, 46, as he slept inside her Upper West Side apartment, according to the NY Daily News.

“I hit him because he cheated on me,” Baney told a police officer, according to the newspaper, which also linked to her Twitter account to showcase her outspokenness on domestic violence against women."

The Twitter account, @jobaney, appears to have been deleted.'

Fraternity sues college over sex discrimination

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'Members and alumni of Wesleyan University's Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity have filed a sex discrimination lawsuit against the university over its policy that forced them to go coed.

The lawsuit was prompted by the university's recent decision to revoke the fraternity's status as a housing program because, it contends, the fraternity has not taken "any meaningful steps" toward admitting women as residents.

The fraternity maintains that it was moving toward coeducation and has accused the university of discrimination, misrepresentation and deceptive practices.

"I think discrimination is wrong no matter what form it takes," said Wesleyan junior and DKE chapter President Terence Durkin. "They are willing to allow other diverse groups to live with the same sex. They are singling us out as a fraternity on campus."

...

In its 21-page complaint, the chapter says it was making progress toward that coeducation goal, coming up with a plan to partner with a sorority on campus, and had filed a preliminary plan in early January. But shortly after that, the suit says, the university demanded that the chapter file a more detailed plan by Feb. 6 regarding the conversion of rooms for women and an agreement between DKE and its sorority partner.

Durkin said that the fraternity was unable to do that because conversations were still in the preliminary stages with the sorority.

...

Kathleen Eldergill, the attorney for DKE, said, "You are left with the impression that no matter what [the fraternity] did, the plan was not going to be good enough."

...

Scott Karsten, a member of the Wesleyan DKE chapter's alumni group, the Kent Literary Club, which has owned the DKE house since 1888 and filed suit with the students, said he sees Wesleyan's action as part of a movement among "some of the elite schools in the Northeast to eliminate fraternities. … Some select number of schools have moved in that direction, and President Roth has chosen to be among them."'

The new panic: campus sex assaults

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The campus sexual assault panic — one of many runaway social epidemics in our nation's history that have ruined innocent lives and corrupted justice — has now reached its peak. A return to sanity is called for before more wreckage occurs.

My own first memory of a similar panic is the hunt for Communists in America in the period following World War II. There was the infamous "Red Channels," an anti-communist pamphlet financed primarily by Alfred Kohlberg, a textile magnate with business interests in China and an ally of Chiang Kai-shek. The publication served as a blacklist for the entertainment industry, ending the careers of anyone reportedly linked to organizations remotely identifiable as "progressive." There was also the House Un-American Activities Committee, and the never-to-be-forgotten Senator Joseph McCarthy. Together, these men helped create a national climate of suspicion that ferreted out very few actual security threats, but ended up punishing many innocents. Remnants of the hunt persisted, but the "scare" essentially died with the senator himself in 1957.
...
The latest national hysteria over campus sexual assault combines aspects of its predecessors: the salacious outrage that characterized the daycare sex panic and the dubious federal stamp of approval that made McCarthyism's excesses so dangerous. Spectacular — but widely disputed — statistics are touted: 1 in 5 women is sexually assaulted in college, 1 in 3 male students is a potential rapist. The rhetoric popularized by mattress protests and awareness documentaries is a simple one: "Believe the accuser!"'

Boys Will Not Be Boys If Feminists Have Their Way

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'The National Press Club daily newsletter is a rich with nuggets that end up comprising the biased agenda of the MSM. This week I came across an announcement inviting members to attend the Washington premiere of the film The Mask You Live In, " that examines the harm that is caused to boys and men by American culture and the media's narrow definition of masculinity and what it means To Be A Man" (caps not mine).
...
The underground river flowing through the feminist attack is to make the case that women should hold important offices in the land due to their sweet reasonableness and penchant to compromise. Feminists believe if all judges were women, the jails would be less crowded. If a woman won the presidency, warfare would disappear. If more women were CEOs of large companies the pay gap between men and women would vanish. If women ran the education complex, boys would be cleansed of their masculinity amid a discipline-free learning environment.

The recent campaign to force colleges to set up kangaroo courts to hold show trials for male students accused of sexual assault and the National Press Club extending its imprimatur to the boys-are-bad myth by hosting The Mask You Wear is not a coincidence. Could it be the Hillary Clinton campaign for the presidency is part of this, helping to build the anti-male framework to condition the country for a female commander-in-chief?'

President of Ireland to become UN 'champion' for women's rights

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'President Michael D Higgins *[link added]* has accepted a United Nations invitation to be a global champion for the rights of women and girls.

Addressing a conference in Dublin today to mark the 20th anniversary of the UN Beijing Platform for Action on women's rights, the President said he was to be one of ten world leaders involved in the UN HeforShe campaign, which seeks to engage men in the campaign for gender equality.

...

"We should all be feminists. A feminist is a person who believes in the social, political and economic equality of the sexes. A feminist is a man or woman who says, 'Yes, there's a problem with gender as it is today and we must fix it and we must do better'."

Mr Higgins said the suppression of the realisation by women of their full potential - whether in education or employment, whether due to violence or sexist thinking - was bad, not only for women, but for men and the whole of society too.'

Study: Blame men for political gridlock; women may be better at compromise

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'During the political gridlock that led to the 2013 federal government shutdown, the leading voices for compromise were the handful of female U.S. senators — only 20 percent of the overall legislative body.

"I don't think it's a coincidence that women were so heavily involved in trying to end this stalemate," U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said in The New York Times. "Although we span the ideological spectrum, we are used to working together in a collaborative way."

Was Collins correct? Would Congress be less dysfunctional if it consisted of 80 percent women instead of men?

It's likely, according to a new study co-authored by a University of Kansas researcher.'

Why are so many middle-aged men committing suicide?

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Article here. Excerpt:

“Most men today don’t have a life.”

That’s the first line of Australian psychologist Steve Biddulph’s book Manhood. I thought about that line and that book again yesterday when I read about the latest statistics relating to male suicides in the UK.

Those statistics made for grim reading. In 2013, 78 per cent of the 6,233 suicides registered in the UK were men. That’s a rate of 19 deaths per 100,000 population.

That more men take their own lives than women is not new. But in 1981 the men’s total was only about double, or just under, the women’s. Now it’s nearly four times as many.
...
Do I have a life? I often think it’s not much of one. As a husband, and father of four, I ought to feel in charge, the dominant and capable head of my family. I don’t. Most often I feel inadequate, like I’m not really on top of anything, rather lurching from one situation to the next, making do, getting by. I can’t really fix anything, I don’t carry out routine maintenance, the car probably needs something doing to it, the garden’s a mess. I don’t go out much, don’t have much time to myself, don’t go and sit in a shed.
...
Biddulph’s second sentence in Manhood is: “What they have instead is an act.” And I certainly identified with that. Coming home from work and being Dad did feel like an act, like I was playing at being a dad and husband, because I didn’t really know enough about my children’s lives, or even my wife’s.'

CU-Boulder paying 'John Doe' $15K to settle Title IX lawsuit stemming from sexual assault case

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'The University of Colorado has agreed to pay a suspended male student $15,000 and will not disclose without a waiver the details of his disciplinary record — which includes convictions under the campus judicial process in a 2013 sexual assault case.

The agreement was made with the CU junior known only as "John Doe," as he identified himself — with a judge's permission — when he sued the university last year under Title IX, the federal gender-equity law.

The university will not reveal his identity to the public and agreed to provide John Doe with a positive reference.

John Doe agreed to withdraw from the university.

"In response to any question about whether Mr. Doe would be welcome back to the university, the university will respond in the affirmative," CU officials write in the settlement agreement. "In response to any question about Mr. Doe's academic standing at the university during his tenure there, the university will respond, 'Prior to his withdrawal, Mr. Doe was a student in good academic standing.'"'

Ireland: New Family Bill will do nothing for the rights of fathers

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'The fact the Bill proposes extending guardianship to non-marital fathers who have lived with the mother of the child for at least 12 months - including at least three months after the child's birth - is being heralded as a major improvement in the legal position of fathers.

However, looked at in the context of the Bill as a whole, fathers could be even more marginalised by this legislation. What about fathers who don't meet, or cannot prove they meet, the co-habitation requirement? Such fathers will be faced with the possibility (probability?) of a variety of individuals, some of whom have no biological link to the child, taking their place as joint guardians with the mothers.

In this regard it should be noted that a child can only have two guardians, hence such fathers will be denied guardianship forever if another person is appointed in their stead.

This Bill is an abominable deceit being perpetrated on a group of people who continue to be treated as less than human by the laws of this State.'

Malecare.org: Please tell Congress to Save the CDC Prostate Cancer Program

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President Obama's fiscal year 2016 budget eliminates all funding for the Centers for Disease Control prostate cancer program. Congress has the power to protect the CDC Prostate Cancer program. We ask for your advocacy to protect this life saving program.

Letters, e-mails are effective ways to tell your representative that funding for Prostate Cancer programs matters to you.

Please go to http://malecare.org/cdc

There you will find a sample letter, which you are welcome to copy. Representatives hear from very few prostate cancer survivors and family members so your letter will be surprisingly powerful.

The national men's cancer survivor support and advocacy nonprofit organization, Malecare, protests against the proposed elimination of funding for prostate cancer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers in America. Almost 30,000 American men die from prostate cancer every year. And, twice as many African American men die from prostate cancer as do white men. Incredibly, the 2016 President's Budget request would eliminate prostate cancer funding at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The FY 2016 budget request eliminates the entire $13,200,000 budget for prostate cancer activities. While the evidence on prostate cancer screening remains unclear, CDC has conducted extensive research on and developed materials to help doctors and other health providers better communicate with their patients about informed decision making related to prostate cancer screening and treatment. The proposed elimination will not impact CDC's ability to collect data on national prostate cancer incidence through the National Program of Cancer Registries, nor hinder the ability to share resources and lessons learned.

Please go to Malecare CDC Advocacy now.

Email any questions to:

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Men fighting cancer, together.
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SAVE Applauds Penn Law Professors for Principled Civil Rights Stance

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'SAVE, a national sexual assault organization, is highlighting the courageous action of 16 University of Pennsylvania law professors for protesting a new campus sexual assault policy. The Open Letter charges the new university policy lacks “fundamental fairness” in avoiding wrongful decisions of wrongful conduct: http://media.philly.com/documents/OpenLetter.pdf

The faculty letter denounces the university’s policy for concentrating power to investigate claims of sexual assault in the hands of an Investigating Officer, turning the campus disciplinary hearing into little more than a rubber-stamp exercise.

The letter also reveals the perverse pressures being brought to bear by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights. “The threat of loss of federal funding risks coloring the proceedings,” the law professors wrote.

An ever-growing number of successful lawsuits brought by expelled students against their former universities points to a worrisome problem of false allegations of sexual assault, SAVE notes. One study reported 41% of campus rape claims were found to be false: http://sf-criminaldefense.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/KaninFalseRapeAllegations.pdf

Dozens of boys abducted from South Sudan displacement camp, UNICEF says

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Story here. Just wondering if the White House will create a hashtag as they did for the girls, like #BringBackOurBoys. Excerpt:

'Dozens of South Sudanese boys, some as young as 13, were recently abducted by an armed group in South Sudan as they prepared for school exams, UNICEF reported Saturday..

UNICEF did not say what group had seized the boys from a displacement camp, but the abductions reportedly took place in an area controlled by government forces and allied militias. Several days ago, the rights group Human Rights Watch accused government forces of recruiting child soldiers in the same area.

War broke out in South Sudan in December 2013 after the governing Sudan People's Liberation Movement and the army split, triggering ethnic killings and fighting in many parts of the country. The two sides recently signed a peace agreement designed to establish a power-sharing government.

The agreement set a March 5 deadline to reach a comprehensive peace deal. The government recently postponed elections that were due in June for two years.'

The progressive ideas behind the lack of free speech on campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is an academic discussion of free speech potentially traumatic? A recent panel for Smith College alumnae aimed at “challenging the ideological echo chamber” elicited this ominous “trigger/content warning” when a transcript appeared in the campus newspaper: “Racism/racial slurs, ableist slurs, antisemitic language, anti-Muslim/Islamophobic language, anti-immigrant language, sexist/misogynistic slurs, references to race-based violence, references to antisemitic violence.”

No one on this panel, in which I participated, trafficked in slurs. So what prompted the warning?
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... These days, when students talk about threats to their safety and demand access to “safe spaces,” they’re often talking about the threat of unwelcome speech and demanding protection from the emotional disturbances sparked by unsettling ideas. It’s not just rape that some women on campus fear: It’s discussions of rape. At Brown University, a scheduled debate between two feminists about rape culture was criticized for, as the Brown Daily Herald put it, undermining “the University’s mission to create a safe and supportive environment for survivors.” In a school-wide e-mail, Brown President Christina Paxon emphasized her belief in the existence of rape culture and invited students to an alternative lecture, to be given at the same time as the debate. And the Daily Herald reported that students who feared being “attacked by the viewpoints” offered at the debate could instead “find a safe space” among “sexual assault peer educators, women peer counselors and staff” during the same time slot. Presumably they all shared the same viewpoints and could be trusted not to “attack” anyone with their ideas.
...
You can credit — or blame — progressives for this enthusiastic embrace of censorship. It reflects, in part, the influence of three popular movements dating back decades: the feminist anti-porn crusades, the pop-psychology recovery movement and the emergence of multiculturalism on college campuses.

In the 1980s, law professor Catharine MacKinnon and writer Andrea Dworkin showed the way, popularizing a view of free speech as a barrier to equality. These two impassioned feminists framed pornography — its production, distribution and consumption — as an assault on women. They devised a novel definition of pornography as a violation of women’s civil rights, and championed a model anti-porn ordinance that would authorize civil actions by any woman “aggrieved” by pornography. In 1984, the city of Indianapolis adopted the measure, defining pornography as a “discriminatory practice,” but it was quickly struck down in federal court as unconstitutional. “Indianapolis justifies the ordinance on the ground that pornography affects thoughts,” the court noted. “This is thought control.”'

How Obama Bureaucrats Are Aiming To Deny Students Constitutional Due Process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Under the Obama administration, the Office for Civil Rights “has sacrificed the basic safeguards of the lawmaking process,” wrote 16 University of Pennsylvania Law School professors, according to The Washington Post.

Take, for example, the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution, which guarantees everyone in America the right to a “public trial,” the right “to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation” and the right “to be confronted with the witnesses.”

The letter from the Obama administration’s Office for Civil Rights guarantees exactly none of these things and, in fact, directs school officials to avoid providing these basic rights to students accused of sexual violence.

The letter instructs school officials to allow students to make sex-crime allegations while keeping the student against whom the allegations are made totally in the dark about who has made the charge.

Moreover, charges must be kept secret.

“[I]nformation should only be shared with individuals who are responsible for handling the school’s response to incidents of sexual violence,” the letter instructs.

“In instances affecting many students, an alleged perpetrator can be put on notice of allegations of harassing behavior and be counseled appropriately without revealing, even indirectly, the identity of the student complainant.”

The Office for Civil Rights also clearly and explicitly states that a person charged with a sex crime on an American college campus is not entitled to any hearing.'

Canada: Prostitution and "The Nordic Model" in effect

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Criminalizing johns for purchasing sex will make it more difficult for prostitutes to verify their client's identity, which is a key safety measure in prostitution. The john bears all the legal risk in purchasing sex making it more likely that they will take steps to conceal their identity. Furthermore, it means that any street transactions for purchasing sex will likely be conducted in secluded spots where the prostitute is at greater risk.

The new prostitution laws are somewhat reminiscent of the early 1900s when women were not persons and could be convicted of vagrancy for being out in public without a legitimate reason. There was little regard for the social reasons then as to why women engaged in prostitution and no regard for women's right to choose what to do with their own bodies.

Today, women are considered victims of prostitution without any regard to the social reasons for why women engage in prostitution and in complete disregard for the women, who freely choose prostitution, to choose to do what they want with their own bodies.'

New Zealand: 'Gender gap' - Principal says education system isn't boy-friendly

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Primary school boys are struggling to keep up with the girls and we need to act, according to Belmont Primary School principal, Bruce Cunningham.

Last year, Mr Cunningham decided to start a boys-only class at his Auckland coeducational school.

"This is about boys being allowed to be boys," says Mr Cunningham.

He says there's a "gender gap", and that normal boys are failing in the education system at unprecedented levels because the education system isn't boy-friendly.

"Boys were passive learners. Girls were answering the questions and boys were probably thinking which tree will I climb.

"We've got some excellent teachers in New Zealand but a lot of the writing and reading programmes are designed around girls."

Mr Cunningham advocates class time where there's plenty of exercise, and doing schoolwork around themes that interest boys - like robots, war stories and sport.

Twenty families signed up for Belmont School's bold educational experiment, among them eight-year old Jack's parents, Charmayne and Craig Gerken.'

Why schools are failing our boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'My 8-year-old son has been struggling in school. Again.

Re-entry after winter break has not been easy for him. The rules and restrictions of school – Sit Still. Be Quiet. Do What You Are Told, Nothing More, Nothing Less. – have been grating on him, and it shows. His teacher recently emailed me; she'd noticed a change in his behavior (more belligerent, less likely to cooperate) and wanted to know if there was anything going on at home.

My guess, I said, was that he was upset about having to be back in school after break. I was right.

The lack of movement and rigid restrictions associated with modern schooling are killing my son's soul.

Does that sound dramatic to you? Perhaps. After all, most of us go through school and somehow survive more or less intact. But if you really think about it, you might remember what you hated about school. You might remember that it took you years after school to rediscover your own soul and passions, and the courage to pursue them.

The stress of school, of trying to fit into an environment that asks him to suppress the best parts of himself, recently had my son in tears. Again.'

Why are girls flocking to ISIS?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An alarming number of young Western women are defying their families — and all logic — to join the ISIS barbarians.

As many as 550 of the estimated 3,000 Westerners who have traveled to Syria and Iraq to join the Islamic terrorists are female, according to the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, a London think tank.

It's the sick siren song of the caliphate that appears to have taken hold of three British schoolgirls, who lied to their East London families last week and casually slipped out of the country on a flight bound for Turkey, believed to be a stopover for those heading to Syria, and ISIS.
...
Some are coerced — but not all, says law professor Jayne Huckerby, head of Duke University's International Human Rights Clinic.

"Why do they go? In many cases it's the same reason as men," Huckerby told The Post.

Some are alienated by harassment or discrimination against Muslims at home, and want to join what they see as a pro-Muslim movement. Some, according to the ISD, enjoy the shocking violence.
...
The ISD study, which examined the social-media postings of Western women who joined ISIS, found the women "celebrate the violence of ISIS, unequivocally."

One woman called the beheading video of US Army vet and aid worker Peter Kassig "gut-wrenchingly awesome," while others called the beheadings "beautiful."

The women get a sanitized view of life under ISIS via social media, and can be sparked by what Huckerby calls "a sense of adventure."'

'Slenderman' attempted murder interrogation videos released

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Video here. Caption: "CNN's Randi Kaye reports on newly released interrogation tapes of the two Wisconsin girls who are on trial for allegedly trying to kill their classmate." Obviously, the defense will argue either insanity or move to dismiss due to incompetence/mental defect. The question is: if two boys were in the same place, how would things go for them? This is one to watch.

UK report: Imprisoning children may lead to sexual offences in adulthood

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In the UK, the Howard League for Prison Reform recently released a report entitled "Imprisoning children may lead to sexual offences in adulthood" - raising justifiable concerns about the treatment of incarcerated UK youth. An article on www.OpenDemocracy.net suggests this may be creating a future cohort of sexual offenders. The Howard League for Prison Reform will be holding a Conference on these and related Penal Reform issues in London on Tues March 17, 2015. Excerpt from first cited source link above:

'Sending children to prison may make them more likely to commit sexual offences in adulthood, Britain's first-ever independent review of sex behind bars has found.

The Commission on Sex in Prison reached its conclusion after hearing evidence that the single-sex prison environment, with its high levels of violence and use of force, could lead to the development of sexual aggression.

The Commission found that the needs of vulnerable children could not be met in large prisons with low staff-to-child ratios. All prisons for boys in England hold at least 130 children, and the government plans to build an even larger institution – a secure college with a capacity of 320.

Evidence from the Bureau of Justice Statistics in the US suggests that placing children in prisons holding 100 or more puts them at risk of sexual abuse from other children and staff.'

Research on Prevalence of Rape in UK Prisons needed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sex happens in prison. Some prisoners will have consensual sexual relationships with others whilst they serve their time. Others may be sexually assaulted by prisoners or by prison staff. Some may report the abuse to staff but others will stay silent.
...
The Howard League for Penal Reform established the Commission on Sex in Prison in 2013 and conducted the first ever review of consensual and coercive sex inside prison in England and Wales. Over the past two years the Commission heard evidence from the Chief Inspector of Prisons, the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman, prison governors, researchers, health professionals, prisoners and their partners.
...
Identifying and combating sexual abuse inside prison should be a priority. A study of former prisoners in 2004 found 1 per cent had been raped and 5 per cent had been victims of coerced sex. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of prisons found that 1 per cent of prisoners who completed an anonymous survey during inspections reported they had been sexually assaulted. The small percentages mask the true extent of the problem. There are on average 85,000 people in prison in England and Wales. More than 165,000 people are received into prison annually. It is possible that between 850 and 1650 prisoners could be victims of sexual assault while inside. The number of sexual assaults could be higher as evidence indicates that some victims are assaulted several or many times.'

Single UK Mom enjoys Round-the-World trip courtesy Welfare

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Jobless mum Kay Bird has enjoyed a £3,000 round-the-world holiday with her 10-month-old baby funded entirely by welfare benefits.

Kay, 28, who lives comfortably at home with her middle-class parents, has just returned with daughter Chloe from a month-long trip to Australia, Bali, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Dubai, Turkey, Greece and the Netherlands.

And the single mum, who gets more than £8,500 a year in child benefit, income support and tax credit, is already planning another luxury trip to New Zealand.

Kay confesses she could work but chooses not to because she wants to wait until Chloe is older, reports the Sunday People.

And she says she doesn't really need the benefits – equivalent to over £700 a month – because her mum Jill, a shop manageress, and stepdad Bob, a lawyer, pay for everything.
...
"I know there are people worse off than me but that doesn't have anything to do with what I spend my allowances on.

"If someone's offering you free money and telling you to take it, you'd have to be a fool not to – that's all I did.

"Once it's in my bank account it's up to me how I use it and I decided to spend it on taking the trip of a lifetime.

"I don't feel guilty and I don't regret it."

Kay's attitude will outrage millions who work and pay taxes – and nearly half a million more lone parents who struggle to survive on benefits on council estates with no help from well-to-do parents.

Woman arrested for maiming after man claims she tried to bite his penis off

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Story here.

'A night out drinking and an argument with his girlfriend nearly cost a Tulsa man his penis.

Officers responded to a Tulsa hospital early Thursday morning where a man claimed his girlfriend attacked him while he slept.

Amber Ellis was arrested for maiming and assault with a dangerous weapon.

According to the police report, the victim said he and his girlfriend were out drinking and began arguing while walking home "about how needy she had become." The couple verbally fought in the apartment until the victim told police Ellis stormed off, slamming the bedroom door.

Police say the victim fell asleep on the couch only to wake up to find Ellis "biting his (penis) off."

The victim told police he fought Ellis off but she hit him in the head with a laptop computer.

Once hospitalized, the victim received several stitches to the base of his penis and was treated for injuries to his head, face, neck, fingers and knee.

Ellis was taken into custody for an interview and ultimately booked into the Tulsa County Jail.'

Labor Dept all over Patricia Arquette's demand for 'wage equality'

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Article here. Excerpt:

"At the Academy Awards last night, actress Patricia Arquette *[link added]* won a round of applause from many in attendance after calling for "wage equality" and "equal rights" for women.

The U.S. Department of Labor was ready to pounce on wage equality:
...
Did somebody at the Labor Department know that was coming, or was it a spontaneous reaction?
...
The Labor Secretary should first walk over to the White House to have a chat with *them*.
...
Related:

FLOTUS pushes debunked wage gap myth on 'Equal Pay Day' [pic]'

Also see: 9 statistics Patricia Arquette needs to read on gender wage gap myth

UK: Woman who made false rape claim caught after victim recorded sex encounter

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A CARE worker was caught falsely accusing a man of rape because he recorded their sexual encounter.

But Pauline Muir's lies still led to the man being arrested and held in custody for more than two hours. He was on bail for seven weeks and said later: "She could have ruined my life."

Single mother Muir even contacted the man's 16-year-old son via Facebook to tell him of the allegation, Derby Crown Court heard.

She was jailed for 14 months after admitting perverting the course of justice by making an allegation of rape on September 1.

Judge Hilary Watson told her: "This is a serious perversion of the course of justice. It was a pre-planned, pre-meditated and wicked allegation to make.

"The audio on the recording shows it was entirely consensual and enjoyed by both parties.

"It is unacceptable to say you were emotionally confused at the time," the judge told Muir, 43, of Maple Avenue, Littleover.'

UK: Mum is jailed after her false rape claim resulted in the arrest of an innocent man

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A MUM-of-four has been jailed for almost two years after lying that she was raped.

Lisa-Jayne Samuels told police that she was sexually assaulted and had her drink spiked in October 2012.

A court heard how the 29-year-old's claims led to the arrest of innocent Terry Brown who endured more than a year of suspicion before Samuels finally admitted she had lied.

During that time, it was reported that Mr Brown was attacked by a gang and his pregnant partner lost her baby.
...
When interviewed, she gave a detailed description of the non-existent rapist, claiming she had been drinking with friends at a pub where she met a man she knew from a night shelter who spiked her drink and attacked her.

An e-fit was drawn up and Mr Brown, from Essex, was later arrested.

But he was later released without charge after police uncovered inconsistencies in Samuels' story.

CCTV showed no sign of Samuels at the time and place she was supposed to have been at the pub, and the friends she had spoken of did not to exist.'

UK: The crisis of masculinity won't be solved with antidepressants

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There was much discussion recently about the rise in male suicide rates, after official figures published last week showed they were at their highest level since 2001. But one aspect of this has attracted little attention: the lack of support for men abused by their partners. In a poll of 130 Citizens Advice Bureaux *[link added]* workers, 63 per cent said it was easy to get help for women reporting domestic abuse, compared to 13 per cent for men.

It's bad enough that men struggle to find help once they pluck up the courage to ask for it. But they are also less likely than women to look for support in the first place – and more likely to be disbelieved.

One example cited by bureaux staff involved a man suffering physical and emotional abuse, who was arrested and lost access to his children as a result. With so little specialist support around, many men are instead treated by their GPs with the only option available: antidepressants. It's a recipe for fermenting a crisis of any kind, masculinity included: treat the symptoms, not the cause.

...

Citizens Advice, in a report titled Victims of Domestic Abuse: Struggling for Support, concludes with the following point: abused men deserve the same right to investigation, support and legal aid as abused women.

Until this is addressed, many men will find the only support they are offered is medicinal. Symptoms will be treated but the root cause won't be. As a result, this particular crisis of masculinity will continue.'

Analysis of Hillary Clinton's staff salaries proves embarrassing -- for her

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton portrays herself as a champion of women in the workforce, but women working for her in the U.S. Senate were paid 72 cents for each dollar paid to men, according to a Washington Free Beacon analysis of her Senate years' salary data.

During those years, the median annual salary for a woman working in Clinton's office was $15,708.38 less than the median salary for a man, according to the analysis of data compiled from official Senate expenditure reports.
...
Mark Perry, an economic scholar at the American Enterprise Institute who has written extensively on the White House hypocrisy related to gender pay equality, said that the data on Clinton shows that she is guilty of the same hypocrisy.

"Politicians like Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama can't have it both ways," Perry said. "They use raw, aggregate, unadjusted gender differences in pay and then claim that those pay gaps are the result of gender discrimination, like the 23 percent national gender pay gap in aggregate median income."

"They would then have to admit that they themselves are guilty of gender discrimination and have their own glass ceilings to explain, because they have gender pay gaps that are much greater than the average gender pay gap in Washington, D.C."

Perry said Clinton needs to either put an end to her rhetoric on the issue or admit that she too is guilty of gender discrimination.

"Either Clinton is guilty of gender discrimination and pays her female staffers significantly less than men, or she is guilty of statistical fraud for spreading misinformation about the alleged gender pay gap at the national level," he said.

Signs indicate there will also be large gender pay gap on Clinton's 2016 campaign staff. The Washington Post reported last week that Clinton will rely on "President Obama's heavily male campaign apparatus" to run her upcoming presidential campaign.'

The ‘Rape Culture’ Lie

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In September Barack Obama launched the “It’s on Us” campaign, designed to fight what he called the “nightmare” of campus sexual assault. “An estimated one in five women has been sexually assaulted during her college years,” Obama announced, pausing for emphasis. “One in five.” America, the president went on to argue, suffers from a “quiet tolerance of sexual assault,” all too often blaming victims, making excuses, or looking the other way. To combat sexual violence, he said, we need a “fundamental shift in our culture.”

With these words, the president of the United States went all in on the idea that America’s academic institutions have been taken over by a “rape culture” —a culture that normalizes, trivializes, and quietly condones male sexual assault against women, blaming female victims while subtly celebrating male predators.

Once rather obscure and confined to sociology and women’s studies departments, the term “rape culture” has slowly invaded the national consciousness. According to Google search analytics, the topic generated almost no traffic in 2005 or before. After 2011, its popularity slowly began to rise—as we’ll later see, this is no accident—and then, beginning in 2013, it spiked, the graph forming a hockey stick that would make global-warming doomsayer Michael Mann proud.

The idea that one in five college women has or will be sexually assaulted is mind-boggling and horrifying. It’s also not true. As Slate’s Emily Yoffe pointed out in December, the statistic—together with two other dubious studies that, just for the heck of it, upped the ante to one in four—would “mean that young American college women are raped at a rate similar to women in Congo, where rape has been used as a weapon of war.”

Both the “one in five” and “one in four” sexual-assault numbers, it turns out, have been repeatedly and resoundingly discredited. The former statistic comes from the 2007 Campus Sexual Assault Study, an online survey of students at two college campuses that reportedly compensated respondents and categorized actions such as “kissing” and “rubbing up against” someone as sexual assault. (Even the author of the study, Christopher Krebs, told Yoffe that “one in five” is not “a nationally representative statistic.”)'

Response to 'Open Letter from members of the Penn Law School Faculty'

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'No, “due process of law is not window dressing,” and you have misstated the law of due process in the university setting. It is generally established that public universities owe students minimal due process rights, and private universities owe them none. While you critique the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights’ guidance that the evidentiary standard used should be a “preponderance of the evidence” standard instead of “clear and convincing” evidence, as a legal matter, private universities can discipline students with no process whatsoever. They must only adhere to the contract set forth by their own policies. Thus, the “Open Letter” must be seen for what it is: a disagreement with Title IX’s mandate that sexual assault survivors not be made to struggle through grievance procedures that specially insulate those accused of sexual assault. This policy, and the OCR’s guidance, was designed to fight the pernicious effects of sexism — including sexual harassment and assault — on our campus. Title IX, a civil rights law, mandates this policy for the purpose of ensuring that people are not denied the ability to pursue and enjoy their education on the basis of sex. The proceedings required are not criminal-light proceedings, despite your attempts to portray them as such. Although Penn’s data on discipline is sadly lacking, grievance proceedings are generally remarkable for the lack of consequences for those found to have committed a sexual assault. Few students found responsible for sexual assault in university adjudications are even expelled — between 13 percent and 30 percent by a recent count.

Furthermore, perhaps because you know full well that Penn students have no claim to due process in this setting, you failed to explore what your arguments mean in the context of actual due process at state universities. If you had, you would know that it is well established that due process allows state schools to expel students for any misconduct using an even lower evidentiary standard than that at issue here, that of “substantial evidence.” Why do you think it should be legally harder to expel someone for rape than for moving newspapers, or cheating or assaulting a police officer? The answer again is that your “fairness” standard has a basis — it’s just not in the law. And when 16 esteemed professors of law opine in a public forum, the general public will take your policy rhetoric as law, especially if it is cloaked in false appeals to the Constitution. Do you also think that people facing criminal rape charges should get special protections not afforded to other criminal defendants? Or is your concern only for Ivy League men accused of rape? One thing is certain: Your concern in this “Open Letter” is not for those of us who have been and will be sexually assaulted.'

Feminists Criticizing Campus Sexual Assault Rules

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, 16 University of Pennsylvania law professors signed a letter protesting the lack of due process in the school's sexual assault adjudication procedures. This follows a similar letter, signed by 28 Harvard Law faculty. It comes, as well, on the heels of a series of important articles by prominent feminists that individually, and even more so in combination, mount a powerful critique from a liberal feminist perspective.
...
But note also the steep asymmetry between the consequences of drinking and drug use for the complainant and for the respondent: for the former, intoxication is, to one degree or another, the basis for a per se finding of unwantedness even when assent — even when consent — has been given; but for the latter, it has no mitigating effect on his conduct. And now let us say that two Harvard students — one male, one female — have sex after drinking, using drugs, or both, that each of them feels intense remorse and moral horror about it afterward, and that they both rush the next morning to the Title IX Office with complaints. Let's say they drop their complaints on the receptionist's desk simultaneously. Which of them gets the benefit of the per se imputation of unwelcomeness, and which of them carries the heavy handicap of no mitigation? The woman and not the man? Both of them? Neither?
...
There's no agreement in these essays as to exactly what sorts of policies should be put in place of what currently exists. But it is hard to read them all and maintain the belief that the miscarriages of justice remain a rare or marginal problem in campus sexual assault adjudication. It is likewise hard to believe that these kinds of abuses can persist indefinitely without doing real damage to the systems they represent.

Klein has argued that even higher levels of stringency are necessary, because "It's those cases — particularly the ones that feel genuinely unclear and maybe even unfair, the ones that become lore in frats and cautionary tales that fathers e-mail to their sons — that will convince men that they better Be Pretty Damn Sure." I think it's hard for that view to survive close contact with the actual workings of the system.'

UK: False rape claim victim lost unborn child, left for dead by mob, forced to flee home

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A man was stabbed and attacked by a mob when he was wrongly accused of rape, and claims his partner suffered a miscarriage after a gang hounded the couple over the false allegations.

Terry Brown, 33, was forced to flee his home town of Basildon in Essex after Lisa-Jayne Samuels falsely claimed he had drugged and raped her, and even picked him out of an ID parade.

Samuels - who had made up the lies to get attention from her mother - was jailed for 20 months after she admitted perverting the course of justice but Mr Brown claims he was made a prisoner in his own home while he spent a year on bail for the false allegations.

In one incident Mr Brown and his partner, Tracey Choularton, 25, were surrounded by a gang as they left their home and as Ms Choularton tried to flee she tripped and fell. She later suffered a miscarriage.

Mr Brown was frequently targeted by angry mobs and the home he shared with his partner was daubed with graffiti on a daily basis, branding him 'scum' and a 'rapist.'"

Also see: False rape allegations ruin lives of innocent

UK: It's society, not biology, that is making men more suicidal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Around thirteen men in the UK will kill themselves today, and the male suicide rate is at a 14-year high. Is it time to accept that society has become dangerously hostile to men, asks Mike Snelle.

'It's all in your head' has the same appeal as 'It's all in the genes'", wrote Louis Menand in the New Yorker a few years ago. "An explanation for the way things are that does not threaten the way things are. Why should someone feel unhappy or engage in anti-social behaviour when that person is living in the freest and most prosperous nation on earth? It can't be the system! There must be a flaw in the wiring somewhere.
...
To say something is genetic in this context is to say that there is a genetic contribution to the way a person responds to their environment. At most it suggests a predisposition to certain behaviours. There is no inevitability about it. There are no behaviours regardless of environment, only behaviours given a particular environment. All this got me thinking.

Our culture treats people with depression is as if there is something wrong with them; a biological imbalance best treated with medication. But if it's impossible to understand biology outside the context of environment, and there is a frightening increase in male suicide and depression, perhaps we need to take a closer look at the other variable - our environment. An increase in mental health problems, and in particular suicide rates amongst men, suggests that the environment we live in has become more hostile to men.

If depression is the mind's way of telling us there is something wrong in our environment, then the broader increase in male suicides is telling us that there is something wrong in our society.'

New York City mayor to end metzitzah consent forms

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Story here.

'The de Blasio administration will do away with the policy that required a mohel to obtain a written consent form from parents before performing Metzitzah B'Peh, the circumcision ritual that involves the mohel sucking blood from the wounded penis.

The city's health department has for years linked the practice to neonatal herpes, citing four cases in 2014.

But the consent forms, which were put in place in 2012, offended members of certain Orthodox Jewish sects who rejected the link and found the forms to be an impingement on their religious freedom.

During the campaign, Mayor Bill de Blasio promised to address the consent form and find a new way that respected religious freedom.'

Hillary Clinton: Patricia Arquette Is Right

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton voiced support for Oscar winning actress Patricia Arquette's speech demanding equal pay for equal work in the United States.

"I think we all cheered at Patricia Arquette's speech at the Oscars because she's right — it's time to have wage equality once and for all," Clinton said in a speech at the Watermark Silicon Valley Conference for Women.

During an interview portion of the event, Clinton explained to Re/Code's Kara Swisher that the tech industry is a "Wild West" atmosphere that favors men.

"I think a lot of women find that distasteful, unappealing to be in a situation sort of resembling a locker room in some ways where you just feel like it's hard to get your voice in, it's hard to be heard," she explained.

Clinton claimed that often, women speak their ideas and are ignored until a man comes up with the same idea 20 minutes later and is recognized.

"I've had that experience a lot of times," she said, pointing out that politics has many of the same problems.

She encouraged women to "gird up" for support systems in their workplace calling for both men and women to speak up about the inequality in the industry.

"Men have to be more sensitive to, more interested in creating this environment," she declared.'

Soldiers speak out as 20-YO admits making false rape allegation against them

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A BOURNEMOUTH woman has admitted making a false allegation of attempted rape against two soldiers.

Nicole Richess, 20, was due to stand trial at Bournemouth Crown Court yesterday on one count of perverting the course of justice, but changed her plea to guilty that afternoon.

The court heard Richess had met the two soldiers, now aged 23 and 24, on a night out in November 2012. At the time she was 18 years old.

She alleged the pair attempted to rape her, but when questioned by police the soldiers said they had gone to her home and had consensual sexual intercourse.

Representing Richess, Isabelle Gillard said rumours had circulated after the incident and her client's then-boyfriend of three years had asked her about what happened. She told him the false tale and he advised her to report it to the police.'

Governor of New York tells campus sexual assault victims to go to police, not college, for help

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Andrew Cuomo is turning up the pressure on private colleges and universities -- and urging victims to seek off-campus help from law enforcement officials to investigate rapes and assaults -- as he tries to force education leaders to adopt a set of state policies on handling sex crimes.

"If someone gets shot on a campus, that is not an academic matter," Cuomo said today during a cabinet meeting in Albany. "You would call the police." The same should be done when someone claims he or she is raped, he said.

Colleges, Cuomo said, have incentives to investigate serious crimes within campus to keep the prevalence of assaults from the public eye. Using campus police and faculty panels to adjudicate sex crimes can quickly become a "he-said, she-said," situation, the former attorney general said.

"It is not a campus matter," Cuomo said as he announced his "Enough is Enough" campaign. "It is not an academic matter....You have a right to go to law enforcement."'

NY governor unveils campaign to combat sexual assault on college campuses

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The "Enough is Enough" tour is coming to a college campus near you.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo launched the campaign Wednesday to build support for his proposal that would establish a uniform policy for addressing sexual assaults on college campuses.

The policy is now in place for all schools in the State University of New York system. But Cuomo wants to make it a state law that applies to all colleges and universities, including private institutions.

"We're protecting women on SUNY campuses," Cuomo said at a press conference in Albany. "We should protect women on every campus in the state of New York."

The plan backed by Cuomo would implement a statewide definition of affirmative consent — "yes means yes" — and establish an amnesty policy to ensure that students who report sexual assaults are granted immunity for some campus policy violations, namely alcohol and drug use.'

University Students Protest That Due Process In Sex Assault Cases Is ‘Insensitive’

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A group of students at the University of California, Berkeley participated in a silent demonstration on Tuesday to protest parts of a national campus sexual assault conference that they didn’t like.

Among the things the angry students did not appreciate is “fair process” for people accused of committing sexual assaults. The students, who placed duct tape over their mouths and held signs, charged that due process for such defendants is “insensitive,” reports The Daily Californian, the UC Berkeley campus newspaper.'

Student sues university alleging unfounded expulsion over consensual sexual activities

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Story here. Excerpt:

'George Mason University expelled a student after his ex-girlfriend complained of their consensual BDSM relationship, the student claims in court.

John Doe sued the university and two of its student deans, on Feb. 18, in Federal Court.

Doe claims that his girlfriend, who did not attend George Mason, initiated the BDSM practices (bondage and discipline, dominance and submission, sadism and masochism).

He says they dated November 2012 until January 2014, and that she requested, and received, acts such as "choking, biting, slapping, spanking, whipping, and restraining her.

They used the safe word "red" to prevent injuries, but doe claims that she told him "that if she said 'stop' during sex, he was not to stop because that was part of the game. However, if she used the safe word, their agreement was that John Doe should stop the sexual activity."'

Washington, DC public schools wants to focus on boys of color, but some say that's unfair and illegal

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After DCPS unveiled its plans with great fanfare a few weeks ago, Councilmember Mary Cheh sent a letter to DC Attorney General Karl Racine, asking for an opinion on whether the planned $20 million initiative would violate DC or federal anti-discrimination laws. And this week the ACLU of the National Capital Area wrote to Mayor Muriel Bowser raising the same question.

Three other councilmembers are defending EMOC, citing statistics showing that black and Latino boys lag behind white students on many academic measures. Bowser and DCPS Chancellor Kaya Henderson have chimed in to defend the initiative as well.'

Invitation to a Dialogue: Helping Boys Succeed

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Letter here. Excerpt:

To the Editor:

Women outperform and outnumber men in postsecondary education, in part because the K-12 system does not provide boys with the same educational experience. It is geared for girls. Our academic system must bolster the experience for girls, but not at the expense of boys.

As we encourage girls to consider STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), we must work equally hard to encourage boys to consider literature, journalism and communications. Boys are often pushed toward math and science, and receive inadequate social support. We need to recognize boys' differences, and their social and developmental needs.

Gender inequality in postsecondary education is partly the product of a K-12 educational system that presses academic and social skills at an age when girls are typically more socially and physiologically ready than boys.
...
When K-12 systems and our culture defer to the boys-will-be-boys notion, we facilitate and accept the willful blindness to a disturbing trend: Women outnumber men by more than 2.8 million in postsecondary education. The gender ratios have essentially flipped from the mid-1970s to today, with boys falling behind in postsecondary success. Disciplinary procedures, physiological differences and teaching practices create greater challenges for boys.
...
Editors' Note: *We invite readers to respond briefly by Thursday for the Sunday Dialogue. We plan to publish responses and a rejoinder in the Sunday Review. Email: letters@nytimes.com*

Get Ready: Liberals Bringing Back "War on Women" Theme For 2016 Presidential Election

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"With the help of EMILY's List, Democrats are already laying down markers on GOP candidates. This week, the group that supports pro-choice female Democratic candidates launched a new campaign that will document each time a Republican candidate "ignores, insults, or offends" American women. The "Insult & Injury" initiative, first shared with RealClearPolitics, includes digital advertising and graphics that can be shared via social media.

EMILY's List argues it already has a good amount of material to work with, pointing to Rand Paul's "shushing" of CNBC host Kelly Evans during a recent interview, and Mike Huckabee's description of women who curse in the workplace as "trashy."

But beyond those headlines, the group is focusing on the GOP candidates' records on a variety of issues, including abortion, contraception access and pay equity. EMILY's List is targeting Republican presidential candidates' opposition to Planned Parenthood and/or their efforts to defund it, as well as their opposition to raising the federal minimum wage, which the group argues disproportionately affects women.

"Women and families need leaders who understand the challenges they face and take them seriously. They deserve better than the disrespectful words and harmful actions of the current Republican 2016 field," said Communications Director Jess McIntosh in a statement."

Get ready for another round of advertisements and statements from liberal politicians defining women by body parts and by the pills they take. Further, as the left has cried racism toward anyone who disagrees with Barack Obama, they'll be crying sexism as we begin to harshly and honestly criticize Hillary Clinton.

In the meantime, don't forget the left often publicly claims to treat and stand up for women in one way, but the reality of their behavior is very different. Will Ted Kennedy, who left a young woman to die in his car, be glorified again at the 2016 DNC convention as he was in 2012? Will Bill Clinton give a keynote speech? Will Hillary Clinton come clean about her time at the State Department when the sexual abuse of young girls overseas was covered up? Will Democrats admit that they were against a woman's right to vote before hijacking the movement when it became politically convenient? Will progressives justify their decades long battle to get women enslaved to government, leading them into a life of less opportunity and prosperity?'

UK: Hidden male carers find it harder to reach out

Minuteman · 28 February 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Given conventional ideas of male roles, we often tend to imagine carers as being women. But more men take on this “unpaid work” than you might think, and particularly in older groups. Research we’ve carried out shows just how difficult some find it.

Around 6m men and women in England and Wales provide care for ill or disabled relatives according to 2013 figures from the Office for National Statistics. Men play a significant part in this. While more women than men under 65 are carers, men aged in the 50-64 age group provide a higher percentage of unpaid care than women aged 25-49. Among the over 65s, more men provide care (15%) than women (13%).

But because older men often believe it is their role to look after their families and cope with changing circumstances, older men who care for spouses, partners or family can become isolated and unwilling to ask for help, or even ignored by GPs who focus on the person needing care.'

Teen drug treatment center starts accepting only girls

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Story here.

'A Spokane treatment center for teen drug addicts is now accepting only girls at its inpatient facility. It had been coed.

The executive director of Daybreak Youth Services, Annette Klinefelter, said the gender-specific program aims to balance an inequity that favored boys.

The paper says Washington has 246 beds for treating teens for drug and alcohol addiction and only one-third of those have been for girls.

Daybreak is a private, nonprofit founded by the Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church. It has 40 beds. Boys are still served through a daytime drug treatment program.'

Changes to pending US Senate collegiate sex assault bill announced

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The bipartisan group of U.S. senators that has been pushing legislation to curb campus sexual assaults is making some changes to their proposal as they look to advance the measure in the new Congress.

The sponsors of the legislation, who now include five Democrats and five Republicans, on Thursday unveiled a new version of their bill aimed at holding colleges more accountable for addressing sexual violence.
...
A new provision in the bill would require colleges to notify both the victim and accused student within 24 hours of a college's decision to move ahead with a disciplinary hearing for an allegation of sexual misconduct. The legislation also now describes students accused of sexual assault as "accused students" instead of "assailants."

Joe Cohn, the legislative policy director at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, called some of those changes "an incremental step in the right direction."

But, he said, the proposal "still doesn't come anywhere close to striking a balance" between the rights of the complainant and the rights of the accused.'

Sexual Paranoia Strikes Academe

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You have to feel a little sorry these days for professors married to their former students. They used to be respectable citizens—leaders in their fields, department chairs, maybe even a dean or two—and now they're abusers of power avant la lettre. I suspect you can barely throw a stone on most campuses around the country without hitting a few of these neo-miscreants. Who knows what coercions they deployed back in the day to corral those students into submission; at least that's the fear evinced by today's new campus dating policies. And think how their kids must feel! A friend of mine is the offspring of such a coupling—does she look at her father a little differently now, I wonder.

It's been barely a year since the Great Prohibition took effect in my own workplace. Before that, students and professors could date whomever we wanted; the next day we were off-limits to one another—verboten, traife, dangerous (and perhaps, therefore, all the more alluring).

Of course, the residues of the wild old days are everywhere. On my campus, several such "mixed" couples leap to mind, including female professors wed to former students. Not to mention the legions who've dated a graduate student or two in their day—plenty of female professors in that category, too—in fact, I'm one of them. Don't ask for details. It's one of those things it now behooves one to be reticent about, lest you be branded a predator.

Forgive my slightly mocking tone. I suppose I'm out of step with the new realities because I came of age in a different time, and under a different version of feminism, minus the layers of prohibition and sexual terror surrounding the unequal-power dilemmas of today.
...
For the record, I strongly believe that bona fide harassers should be chemically castrated, stripped of their property, and hung up by their thumbs in the nearest public square. Let no one think I'm soft on harassment. But I also believe that the myths and fantasies about power perpetuated in these new codes are leaving our students disabled when it comes to the ordinary interpersonal tangles and erotic confusions that pretty much everyone has to deal with at some point in life, because that's simply part of the human condition.'

TEDx Talk: Men: The Forgotten Gender

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Video on YouTube here. The talk was given in India by Deepika Bhardwaj (documentary film-maker and journalist, director of "Martyrs of Marriage", about the abuse and mis-use of Article 498 A of the Indian Penal Code). She reviews the abuse and mis-use by women of laws passed for their protection that curbs or vacates the rights of men and their relatives to be presumed innocent.

SAVE at the National Press Club

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SAVE invites you to our press conference on Friday, March 13th, where we will have panelists discuss campus sexual assault and wrongful accusations at this level. Panelists include writer Cathy Young, attorney Susan Kaplan, and wrongfully accused student Joshua Strange.

The event will be held in the Zenger Room of the National Press Club, with breakfast provided at 9 a.m. and the briefing to start at 10 a.m.

Following, those interested are invited to lunch at Old Ebbitt Grill for further discussion on this issue (entrees $12-30, self-pay).

Please RSVP to Allie Plihal at aplihal-at-prosecutorintegrity.org if you plan on attending.

I hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend,

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

NY governor suggests college sexual assault victims actually call the police

Matt · 1 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Well, how about that! What a novel idea! If you think you've been the victim of a crime, call the police. Wow. Who'da thunk it? Excerpt:

'New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has advised female college students who claim to have been sexually assaulted to contact real, actual police.

“If someone gets shot on a campus, that is not an academic matter,” Cuomo said on Wednesday, according to The Syracuse Post-Standard. “You would call the police.”

The Democratic governor said rapes and other sexual assaults are similarly serious criminal matters and should be handled by police.

“It is not a campus matter,” Cuomo explained. Students “have a right to go to law enforcement.”

The governor observed that campus police officers and university bureaucrats are very poorly equipped to handle rape and sexual assault complaints compared to real police with a full complement of arrest and investigative powers.

Cuomo made his profoundly matter-of-fact and commonsensical statements in Albany on Wednesday during a cabinet meeting. He was promoting an “Enough is Enough” campaign, which seeks to reduce incidences of rape and sexual assault on college campuses.'

NPO: At Least 17 States Have Introduced Shared Parenting Legislation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There are now at least 17 states that have introduced shared parenting legislation. This is a sure sign that shared parenting is now a mainstream issue. The bills are quite different from each other.

YOU are the most effective person to get your state Legislators to act. If you push them, we will win.

Here are the states, and how you can get involved.'

US Commission on Civil Rights members ask Congress not to increase Office of Civil Rights budget due to overreach

Matt · 1 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt (starts on pp. 6-7 of the .pdf file):

'3. OCR misstates applicable law on sexual assault and harassment on campus, encourages unfair treatment for some accused students, and gives colleges and universities a green light to trammel students' First Amendment rights.

We hate to pile on here. But when members of the law faculties of both Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania—hardly bastions of conservative thought—express deep misgivings over the sexual harassment policies adopted under pressure from OCR by their respective institutions, it is clear that something is wrong.

OCR has pushed past the limits of its legal authority in addressing sexual assault and harassment on college and university campuses. This letter has already addressed the expansive and problematic definition of harassment found in OCR's October 26, 2010 Dear Colleague letter on harassment and bullying, which discusses harassment/bullying in both K-12 public schools and on college and university campuses. In addition to that letter, OCR has released an important Dear Colleague Letter on Sexual Violence on April 4, 2011. In addition, it published documents titled "Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence" (April 29, 2014) and "Know Your Rights: Title IX Requires Your School to Address Sexual Violence" (April 29, 2014.) OCR also published a highly burdensome settlement agreement with the University of Montana ("Montana Agreement") that it labelled as a "blueprint for colleges and universities throughout the country to protect students from sexual harassment and assault." OCR has since sometimes backed away from its characterization of this document as a national model, although its signals to regulated universities about the Montana Agreement's intended effect have been mixed.

To be crystal clear: we think sexual violence is deplorable. The question is not whether it should be tolerated on campus. There is no question that it should not be. The only public policy question relevant here is "What does (or should) federal law require colleges and universities to do to prevent it?" Much of the task of keeping women (and men) safe on campus must be done by local police and prosecutors. If OCR has a role, it is merely to supplement that important work.

To study all this, the Commission convened a nearly daylong briefing on July 25, 2014 that featured testimony from 11 different expert witnesses from government, academia, and non-profits. The testimony that we heard and our own study of the matter has led us to be concerned that OCR has unfortunately over-stepped its authority again.'

Signatories: Gail Heriot and Peter Kirsanow

Once again brainwashed world leaders affirm that only girls are worth saving

Alphamale · 1 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Submitter's comments appear as first comment to this item. Excerpt:

'The U.N. children's agency said on Saturday that hundreds of children were abducted two weeks ago by an armed group in South Sudan that is suspected to have ties with the country's military.

UNICEF had previously said about 89 boys, some as young as 13, were forcibly recruited by an armed group near the town of Malakal, the capital of Upper Nile state, in mid-February. The agency said *the boys were taken while doing their exams, in a recruitment operation that appeared to target mostly adults in the area known as Wau Shilluk.

UNICEF said in a statement Saturday that it is now "confident that the armed group which took the children ... is aligned with" South Sudan's military. It said the group is led by Johnson Oloni, a general who once fought against the government but joined the national army in 2013.'

Former college student helps documentary combat false rape claims

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Joshua Strange, of Spartanburg, SC, couldn't wait to receive a college education from Auburn University. However, his dream was cut short when he was accused of assaulting and raping a former girlfriend.
...
After a lengthy legal battle, Strange was cleared of his charges. A grand jury handed up a "no bill" for the sodomy charge and when the assault charge went to trial, the accuser did not show up.

"Josh never got to prove she was liar," says Strange's mother, Allison, "He didn't get to tell his story in court."

However, Strange was punished for the unproven crimes by being expelled from AU and he can never step foot on campus again.
...
Strange's experience comes in contrast to those being followed in a documentary, *The Hunting Ground*. The film follows survivors as they pursue their education while fighting for justice. Strange's story is not featured in the documentary.

"We just want people to understand there is another side to every story," explains Allison.

The Strange family has joined forces with other survivors and formed the national nonprofit group, Families Advocating for Campus Equality, or FACE. They support parents and students fighting the same battle Josh did just four years ago. '

False domestic violence claims recounted

Mastodon · 1 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Yusuf Derios' nightmare started in January 2014.

“It was pure hell, to be honest with you,” Derios said of the four months in which he was arrested 10 times -- sometimes within several days -- on warrants signed by his ex-girlfriend, despite his contention that he never assaulted or threatened her.

Each time when he went to court, prosecutors agreed and dismissed the charges, but not before the damage was done.

“I lost my job. It's hard to find work now. It's horrible,” Derios said.

Finally, after he spent a total of about 30 days in jail, Derios sought a court order that would stop his ex from taking out warrants. In September, Chief District Court Judge Regan Miller granted the order against Lechez Little on the grounds that she had misused the warrant process.

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Out of Trouble, but Criminal Records Keep Men Out of Work

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The share of American men with criminal records — particularly black men — grew rapidly in recent decades as the government pursued aggressive law enforcement strategies, especially against drug crimes. In the aftermath of the Great Recession, those men are having particular trouble finding work. Men with criminal records account for about 34 percent of all nonworking men ages 25 to 54, according to a recent New York Times/CBS News/Kaiser Family Foundation poll.

The reluctance of employers to hire people with criminal records, combined with laws that place broad categories of jobs off-limits, is not just a frustration for men like Mr. Mirsky; it is also taking a toll on the broader economy. It is preventing millions of American men from becoming, in that old phrase, productive members of society.
...
He also fell behind on child support payments, and under New Jersey law a warrant was automatically issued for his arrest. He says he knew nothing about it until police came to his home in June 2014. According to the police report, Mr. Mirksy struggled, and the officers knocked him down, handcuffed him and charged him with resisting arrest.

It was the first time that Mr. Mirsky had ever been arrested. A few months later, he pleaded guilty to a single felony. The immediate penalty was just $411 in court costs. The enduring problem is that he has a criminal record.

The Pipefitters Union had arranged a series of job interviews for him in May, June and August 2014. He also submitted about 30 applications to other employers last year, and received a couple of interviews, but no offers.

He is convinced nothing has panned out because of his legal troubles — the warrant, the arrest and the conviction.'

India: Court acquits man, spares woman for filing false rape case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman, found guilty of lodging a false rape case against a man with whom she later on tied the knot, has been spared of perjury proceedings by a Delhi court which hoped that as they were legally married they would start living happily without any bitterness.

Additional Sessions Judge Virender Bhat, while sparing the woman from prosecution, observed that the present case was "another classic illustration of the misuse of rape laws."

"The prosecutrix (woman) deserves to be prosecuted for having set the police machinery in motion on false information and for giving false evidence before this court but I refrain from doing so for the reason that prosecutrix and accused are legally married couple and in the hope that they would forget their bitterness....And would start living together as husband and wife peacefully," the judge said.
...
It said that the woman had used the police machinery to create pressure upon the accused to marry her at the earliest.

Taking into account the photographs and certificate of marriage of the accused with the woman, the court said these leads credence to the fact that he never intended to cheat or deceive her and has fulfilled his promise.'

Feminist journalists wrongly report governor sought to hide campus rape stats

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Several left-leaning news sites recently reported that Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker wants universities to stop reporting instances of sexual assault to the feds – a factually incorrect assumption that spread across the Internet like wildfire before the stories were retracted.

It began with an inflammatory article published by Jezebel on Friday that falsely claimed Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker "wants colleges to stop reporting sexual assault." It came after the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau released an analysis of Walker's 2015-17 budget proposal on Thursday, which showed the deletion of a requirement that forces campuses to report incidences of sexual assault to the Department of Justice.
...
It soon became apparent, however, that these reports were all based on inaccurate information.
...
According to UW system spokesman Alex Hummel, the university asked the governor to remove the language from the budget because federal law already mandates campuses to provide the information. Universities are also required to post this information on their website.

Hummel told The Associated Press "student education and mandatory reporting are important practices also built in, and those practices are going to continue on our campuses...We are not lessening our commitment here or at our institutions one iota."
...
Walker's office confirmed that the deletion of the language on sexual assault in the UW campus budget proposal in no way changes the laws regarding how these crimes are reported. The Clery Act and Title IX and one state stature will continue to require universities to report acts of sexual assault on their campuses, regardless of language used in the budget.'

How Jobs and Awkward White Men Are Destroying a City

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What would happen if someone posted an article about how a particular ethnic group was poised to destroy a city? Imagine for a moment the outcry and outrage that would flow in the blogosphere if a columnist claimed, for example, that Chinese immigrants were ruining a city's culture or that a particular company, dominated by women, was consigning a large American city to "doom" by causing housing prices to skyrocket.

Well, that's exactly what Geek Wire posted this last week in an article titled, 'Amageddon': How Amazon's culture is taking a toll on Seattle's future, except the target of criticism was awkward white males who work for Amazon. Somehow the discussion about housing and affordability in Seattle has taken a turn toward a kind of passive progressive bigotry that vilifies job growth and stereotypes an entire company. Amazon is certainly a big employer, but are all the jobs being created really going to spell the doom of the city? Here's the hyperbolic characterization of Amazon employees in the post:

"The type of person who is attracted to these jobs and thus to the Seattle area seems to be a socially awkward, emotionally stunted, sheltered, strangely entitled, and/or a misogynistic individual."

Wow. The article cites various statistics about the number of jobs being created as a bad thing(45,000 according to the article) and dwells on other statistics that apparently should outrage the reader.'

Canada: Mother faces sentencing in child abuse-murder case

fathers4fairness · 2 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Bykewich said every once in a while there is a case that is so horrific, a person with any kind of empathy simply cannot fathom it.

Bykewich asked for a sentence of 23 to 25 years, saying the only mitigating factor is the guilty plea, which came late and only after the woman's husband pleaded guilty and accused her of inflicting all of the children's physical injuries.

Earlier in Monday's hearing, an Alberta Children and Youth Services social worker testified she and her colleagues "could never have prepared for such a horrendous case" of child abuse as that of child "M" and her twin sister.
...
The two-year-old girl, who can only be identified as “M” under Alberta child welfare legislation, died after being removed from life-support following a lengthy court battle between the parents and doctors.

The twins had been beaten and starved.

The mother, who cannot be named in order to protect the identity of her surviving children, has pleaded guilty to manslaughter, aggravated assault and failing to provide the necessaries of life.'

SAVE: ‘Fundamentally Dishonest': Hunting Ground Movie Distorts the Truth and Shortchanges Victims

Matt · 3 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / March 3, 2015 – SAVE, a national organization working to end sexual assault, is criticizing the recently released movie The Hunting Ground for presenting false statistics, offering a one-side portrayal of the problem, and failing to call for greater police involvement in campus sex cases.

Produced by CNN Films, The Hunting Ground purports to be a documentary. In fact, the movie contains numerous factual errors and omits essential perspectives. The film does not attempt to verify the accuracy or completeness of persons’ accounts.

The film makes the claim that 20% of college women are sexually assaulted, even though the U.S. Department of Justice reports a woman’s risk is under one percent each year: http://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=5176

The movie misleadingly states that “more than 35 other schools all declined to be interviewed for this film,” when in fact two college presidents agreed to conduct interviews: https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2015/01/29/new-documentary-suggests-incorrectly-no-college-leaders-would-sit-camera-interviews

Improvement on prime working age male employment, nut not much

mens_issues · 3 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nationally, the percentage of men ages 25 to 54 who are not working has fallen over the past year, but it isn't back to prerecession levels and remains far above where it was for past generations. As of January, 15.6% of men in that age group weren't working. That's a percentage point lower than a year ago, but above the less than 13% seen in late 2007 before the recession hit and not close to the 6% seen in the early 1970s.
...
Related reading:

More Men in Prime Working Ages Don't Have Jobs*'

*To jump the login wall, Google the first paragraph text on the linked page and click the first search result link.

Students accused of rape have too many rights, say some at campus rape panel

Mastodon · 4 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A “Confronting Campus Rape” discussion at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on Monday night delved into the rights of the accused versus the rights of the accuser, a panel discussion during which participants suggested campus rape victims are largely mistreated and dismissed.

Some in the audience even suggested that the accused should not be innocent until proven guilty, and the emotionally charged talk included suggestions by UW-Madison professor Anne McClintock that “men on campus … are at greater risk of being assaulted on campus than they are of being falsely accused of a rape” and that “this university does expel students for plagiarism, but not for rape.”

A UW-Madison student on the panel who described herself as a rape survivor said she had, however, successfully gotten the first male student ever expelled from UW-Madison for rape.

Monday’s “Confronting Campus Rape” panel aimed to tackle the controversial topic of sexual assault on campus and “reframe the debate, discussing university culture and policy, pedagogy, and student experience through the lens of feminist philosophy, legal theory, and studies of sexuality and power,” according to the event’s official description.

McClintock is an English and women’s and gender studies professor at the university who has given many keynote lectures on the intersections of sexuality, race, gender, nationalism and imperialism, according to her online faculty profile. Additional panelists included philosophy professor Claudia Card and law professor Cecelia Klingele.'

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand joins filmmakers of ‘The Hunting Ground’ to fight college campus rape

Mastodon · 4 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is teaming up with the makers of a new documentary to help pass her bill combating sex attacks on college campuses.

The New York Democrat and a bipartisan group of 11 other senators are rolling out legislation to coincide with the release of “The Hunting Ground,” which opens around the country later this month.

A day before the movie’s premiere in New York and Los Angeles, Gillibrand, who appears in the film, took in a Washington screening. The director and producer attended a press conference last week where the senators outlined their bill.

Lawmakers hope to use the reaction to the documentary 'The Hunting Ground' to push universities to step up action against sex assault.
...
The film has earned positive reviews but also has been slammed for its use of disputed statistics on the prevalence of college assaults and for condemning colleges across the board for failing to help victims.

Other critics say the lawmakers, Gillibrand in particular, are overlooking due process for men accused of sexual assault.

“Some members are taking a one-sided approach,” said Joseph Cohn of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, which often defends accused students. Cohn said both accusers and accused suffer from bad university processes for handling assault allegations.

Gillibrand rejects such criticism.

“Right now, the process that is going on at college campuses serves no one,” she said. “It doesn’t serve the survivor. It doesn’t serve the accused.”'

New campus sex assault bill: At least it doesn't call the accused 'assailants'

Mastodon · 4 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There's not much to get excited about in the new version of the Campus Accountability and Safety Act, introduced last year in the Senate, according to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.

The group praises small improvements in the new version, like removing the word "assailants" to refer to students accused of sexual assault, and notes that at least it doesn't codify the "more likely than not" legal standard for guilt or "affirmative consent" regime.

But it's thin on due-process protections, doing nothing to protect students whose schools have "inadequate" or "biased" institutional policies for adjudicating assault claims.

It gives "substantial resources" only to students who make accusations, including a "confidential advisor," which "potentially" violates regulations implementing the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and even Department of Education guidance, FIRE says.

The revised version would require employees handling assault complaints to get training on the "neurobiology of trauma," which FIRE says "potentially undermines the impartiality of the process."

The new bill removes the Office for Civil Rights' financial incentive to fine schools for violations, but would still let the agency drain a school's operating budget if it finds 100 violations, under the 1 percent fine provision.

Absurdly, it says schools can only cooperate with law enforcement on "alleged criminal offenses" if that aligns with the "victim's wishes"'

UK: Ex-Banker Wins £67k Over False Rape Link

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Anthony Crook's photo was on the front page of a local newspaper after being made public by Essex Police - but no charges were ever brought against him.

The publicity resulted in the 37-year-old losing his job and - in his words - becoming "unemployable".

He became depressed and began drinking heavily.

Judge Deborah Taylor ruled that police breached both data protection rules and Mr Crook's right to privacy.'

U.S. State Dept.: "Deputy Secretary Higginbottom to Honor 10 International Women of Courage"

Minuteman · 4 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Deputy Secretary Higginbottom will present 10 extraordinary women from 10 countries with the 2015 Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award on March 5 at 1:00 p.m. EST. First Lady Michelle Obama will join Deputy Secretary Higginbottom and the awardees as a special guest at the afternoon ceremony at the U.S. Department of State.

The Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award annually recognizes women around the globe who have demonstrated exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for peace, justice, human rights, gender equality and women's empowerment, often at great personal risk. This year's recipients reflect women's roles as agents of change and leaders in many of the crises and challenges facing the world today, from countering violent extremism to promoting security and recovery from the Ebola Virus Disease. Since the inception of this award in 2007, the Department of State has honored 86 women from more than 50 different countries.
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Following the award ceremony and meetings with U.S. government officials and non-governmental organization counterparts in Washington, D.C., the honorees will travel individually to cities across the United States to participate in professional meetings and events, and engage with the American people through an International Visitor Leadership Program. They will visit Atlanta, Chicago, Des Moines, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Pensacola, Pittsburgh, and San Diego. The women will reconvene in New York to participate in the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women, reflect on their visit, and discuss ways to work together to improve the lives of women and girls around the world.'

The ‘intactivists': Opposition to circumcision is getting organized

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Podcast page here.

'In recent years we’ve seen more and more people opposing circumcision around the world, but especially in America. Collectively they have become known as ‘intactivists.’ These people are the target audience of Foregen, an organization that not only lobbies against circumcision but also, as stated on its website, “promotes genital integrity through regenerative medicine.”

Eric Clopper, a spokesperson for Foregen, tells host Gilad Halpern that his organization refrains from politics, and its sole purpose is to help circumcised men enjoy sex as they should.'

Law Review: Campus sex-assault trials bypass rights to pass judgment

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'Justin Dillon, former federal prosecutor and now a white collar defense lawyer, knows all too well the ways campus sexual abuse investigations can go wrong.

His litany of bizarrely skewed hearings is fraught with the potential for harm and tragic outcomes.

The college student brought up on charges of giving his girlfriend an unwanted kiss, more than a year after the relationship ended; an alleged rape victim who said friends had information the accused had raped others, but then declined to identify the friends; the hearing panel, composed of a librarian, a student dance major, and a professor of romance languages, whose job was to decide whether a sexual assault had occurred.

"It feels oftentimes that every new case I get is more absurd than the last. Sometimes you get people who are not old enough to drink, but are old enough to decide whether someone is a rapist," says the Harvard-trained lawyer, based in Washington.

Due process is a venerated constitutional right, but apparently not on many U.S. college campuses. For nearly four years, the Office for Civil Rights at the federal Department of Education has been bluntly threatening colleges and universities with the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding unless they crack down on what the feds say is a wave of sexual violence. No matter that the data on this problem are in dispute.'

"A plan to curb sexual violence on campuses"

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'Columnist George Will wrote about the “supposed campus epidemic of rape,” accusing schools of making “victimhood a coveted status that confers privileges,” while others chimed in to claim sexual violence on campus is a “false epidemic” and accused survivors of fabricating their assaults.

Rape is the most underreported crime in America, not a crime in which we see rampant false reporting or embellishment. An attack of this nature is often the most personally painful moment in a victim’s life. What’s truly harmful is not the voices of survivors coming out of the shadows — but rather disparaging rhetoric that makes reporting even more difficult. We can’t let that rhetoric distract from our work to combat these crimes.'

"Raping Culture"

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'A new documentary calls colleges like Harvard and Notre Dame "The Hunting Ground," where rapists prey on women. A bipartisan group of senators demand new rules to "curb campus sexual assaults."

Apparently, new laws are needed because at colleges, sexual assault is "epidemic." Rape is so common that there is a "rape culture."

I hear that a lot.

It is utter exaggeration. Fortunately, AEI scholar Christina Hoff Sommers is around to reveal the truth.

"This idea of a rape culture was built on false statistics and twisted theories about toxic masculinity," she says.

No one denies that some men, especially when drunk, get violent and abusive. I saw nasty behavior when I was in college, and I assume there are places worse than Princeton.

Sommers says, "I always make clear, rape is a very serious problem, (but) if you look at the best data ... it is not an epidemic. And we do not have a rape culture."

The difference is not just numbers, she says. "Rape culture means everything in society is reinforcing (rape) and making it seem a legitimate thing to do. Of course that's not true."

The media love crisis, and hyping sexual assault is a good way to get attention.'

Air Force Seeks More Female Pilots, Aims to Retain, Promote Women and Minorities

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'The U.S. Air Force on Wednesday announced a series of initiatives aimed at increasing the number of female pilots and improving retention and promotion of female and minority airmen.

The initiatives include a push to give more waivers to people who don't meet Air Force height requirements to increase the pool of officers who are eligible to become pilots. While the waiver program currently exists, many cadets aren't reviewed to see if they are eligible, Air Force officials said.

Air Force officials estimate that over the next five years, approximately 900 female airmen could be granted waivers, allowing them to enter pilot training.
...
Ms. James said women aren't as well represented in the pilot career field, and the service must do what it can to try to increase the pool of potential female pilots.

"The Air Force is broad; it is not all about pilots. But the Air Force being the Air Force, pilots have career advancement opportunities," she said. "We have been trying to ask ourselves why women and minorities are not going into pilot fields, and we have to ask ourselves if we can do better."'

Writer of False Story About Scott Walker Slashing Funding for Rape Reporting is ‘Sorry, Not Sorry.’

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'The Daily Beast has retracted an article claiming that Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker cut all provisions requiring the state’s universities to report sexual assaults. Before finally admitting she “screwed up,” the source of the post tried to defend herself on Twitter.

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Then she refused to apologize, blaming both the Wisconsin budget and Walker himself for her mistake:

“And I’m not gonna apologize for what was in the budget. Because that was in the budget. Ask your gov. to apologize for bad optix.” — Natasha VC (@natashavc) February 28, 2015"

...

In a related story, a *New York Times* columnist wrote two weeks ago that Walker was responsible for 2010 cuts to education, resulting in teacher layoffs. The problem being, Walker didn’t take office until 2011.

Generally, the candidate most feared by the opposition receives the most slings and arrows. Before Scott Walker has even announced whether he will seek the nomination, the majority of those slings and arrows seem to be coming his way.'

#LeanInTogether Wants Men To Support Women In The Fight For Gender Equality

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'The initiative hopes to motivate men to work towards equality in all areas of their lives, including at home with housework, with their children, in their marriages and at work. The campaign includes tips that men can implement in their daily lives at work and at home.

Some of the tips include being an active father by participating in caregiving and being a 50/50 partner by doing half of the childcare and housework. Tips for men at work include actively giving women credit when it's due and sharing "office house work" such as organizing events and training new hires.

"When men lean in for equality, they win -- and so does everyone else," Lean In's website reads.'

UK: "Clever girls, stupid boys?"

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'The gap is so great that the UK's university admissions authority has warned that being male could soon be seen as a new form of social disadvantage.

In the UK, the gender gap between men and women entering university has never been wider. In a remarkable statistic from the Ucas admissions service, the gap is more than 50% in a quarter of parliamentary constituencies. And no doubt this disparity will play out over future generations.

But hold that bandwagon there.

Because a global study from the OECD, based on more than 60 countries, has thrown up some very interesting challenges to generalisations about girls always doing better than boys.
...
First of all, it suggests that school systems give greater rewards to girls rather than boys, even when pupils are of similar ability.

Teachers are more likely to "mark up" girls' work, says the study. It suggests that this leniency in marking is an unacknowledged reward for girls being more school-friendly.

Girls are more likely to be better behaved, more likely to get homework finished, less negative about going to school. And even when boys' work is just as good, the higher grade is more likely to go to a girl.
...
The study also shows that in science and maths, boys are likely to be at either extreme on the ability spectrum.

Among the lowest achievers, boys predominate. It's an international pattern, with boys much more likely to be among those who get the worst results, drop out and leave education unskilled and poorly qualified.

But boys are also right at the top of the scale too, occupying more of the places among the very highest achievers.'

Tennessee GOP On Economic Council For Women: But What About The Men?

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'A Republican-led Tennessee legislative committee failed to extend funding Wednesday for the state's Economic Council on Women, with some of the lawmakers asking why there isn't a similar council for men.
...
"Other than generating reports, what benefit does the state have by having this council?" he asked. "My second question is, with women making up 51 percent of the population of the state, why don't we have a men's economic council, why don't we have a Hispanic economic council, why don't we have an African-American economic council, why don't we have this group and that group? Why do we have a women's economic council, and why is it needed?"

Qualls-Brooks replied that "men basically are running everything, anyway."

"When you focus and deal with issues that relate to women, then it ripples over and deals with children and families as a whole," she went on. "So when you focus on what women do, you're enveloping and embracing everyone."

State Sen. Mae Beavers (R) proposed that the legislature create an economic council for "everybody," rather than just for women.

"My concern is balkanizing. If we divide and subdivide our population, is that beneficial in the final analysis?" said Beavers. "I always have a concern that we create the balkanization of our population. We've become, almost by implication, a victim group, and I don't perceive women as victims at all."
...
State Senate Minority Leader Lee Harris (D) accused his Republican colleagues of perpetuating a "war on women," a term used by Democrats in the wake of the 2010 midterm elections to describe conservative attacks on reproductive rights and women's rights in general."
...
"These aren't just women's issues -- they affect entire families," he said. "Men have to recognize the advantages we have and be willing to zero in on issues that uniquely affect women. Finding solutions to these problems benefits us all."'

Cisco CEO: To achieve gender diversity in business, 'men have to consciously lean in'

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'In March 2013, Cisco CEO John Chambers sent out a memo to all 400 of his most senior employees, vice president and above.

“We can no longer pretend that biases don’t exist, nor can we talk around them,” he wrote, quoting Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg in her book Lean In. “The result of creating a more equal environment will not just be better performance for our organizations, but quite likely greater happiness for all.”

Earlier that year, at a conference, Chambers heard Sandberg talk about the shortage of women in leadership positions throughout the corporate world. He realized that if he didn’t start taking the gender divide in the technology industry seriously, Cisco would fall behind its competitors. Chambers implored Cisco executives to not only read Sandberg’s book, but also identify specific changes they could implement to make Cisco’s culture more inclusive. (Sandberg most recently co-wrote with Adam Grant an op-ed in the *New York Times* on the subject.)

Two years after sending out his company-wide rally cry, Chambers caught up with Fortune to discuss the state of gender diversity at Cisco and the tech industry. The interview has been edited and condensed for clarity.'

Stony Brook University: Jane Fonda, Sheryl Sandberg, Gloria Steinen to Headline the International Conference on Mansculinities

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'WHAT:
The Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities (CSMM) at Stony Brook University will host the International Conference on Masculinities: Engaging Men and Boys for Gender Equality, a four-day symposium to encourage men's activism in support of gender justice and increase cooperation between feminist activists and academic researchers who address these issues.

The conference, the most comprehensive ever held in the United States dedicated to engaging men and boys for gender equality, features an international roster of renowned leaders on gender issues. Sheryl Sandberg and Gloria Steinem will make presentations on opening night along with Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, executive director of UN Women, Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D., CSMM Director Michael Kimmel and, via video, playwright Eve Ensler. Jane Fonda will address the conference on Saturday evening.'

Why Is ‘The Hunting Ground’ Driving a Campus Rape Activism Backlash?

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'Even as *new documentary The Hunting Ground* gets activists fired up to combat the problem of rape on campuses, there’s a backlash brewing. Emily Yoffe has published a long piece excoriating what she sees the film’s one-sidedness at Slate, in line with her longstanding efforts to brand anti-rape activists as hysterics. “Sexual assault is a serious problem on campus, and activists are to be applauded for bringing attention and resources to it,” she writes. “But the atmosphere of alarm that pervades The Hunting Ground does not serve accusers, the accused, or their classmates, young people who are still learning how to think about sex.”

And today, essayist and op-ed writer Meghan Daum praised the film, but qualified her praise with concern that there’s a growing “grievance culture” on campus that obscures the real issue with rape.

"In grievance culture, sexual assault and victimhood exist as absolutes, independent of context or gray areas. The woman who gets drunk at a party and has sex she neither exactly consented to nor exactly resisted is just as much a victim as the clearly brutalized woman. The undergraduate at an elite college who continues to hang out with her alleged rapist long after the deed supposedly occurred is said to be suffering the same syndrome as the woman who lacks the resources flee a domestic batterer on whom she may be psychologically or financially dependent."

This latter example seems like a veiled dig at Emma Sulkowicz, who remained friendly with the student she later accused of rape after the alleged assault occurred. I find it a strange declaration that men don’t have the social capital in elite Ivy League circles that they do elsewhere. There’s nowhere men are more powerful.'

Senator to NFL teams: Watch documentary with Jameis Winston accuser

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'As NFL teams do their due diligence on former Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston, a U.S. Senator suggested Thursday that front office personnel consider viewing a documentary in which a rape allegation against Winston is included.

At a press conference Thursday to re-introduce the Campus Accountability & Safety Act, Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., was asked what it says about the NFL and our culture that Winston will likely be the first overall pick in the NFL draft in April.

"I think it's very important that any team that is thinking about drafting Jameis Winston watch this movie before they draft him," she replied.

In "The Hunting Ground", Erica Kinsman, a former FSU student who accused Winston of raping her in December 2012, spoke publicly for the first time. The film was screened at the White House on Wednesday.'

Jameis Winston cleared in FSU Code of Conduct case

Jameis Winston Cleared, So He Must be GUILTY, GUILTY, GUILTY!!!

Canada: University gym women-only hours proposal causes uproar

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A proposal by two McGill law faculty students to have women-only hours at the downtown campus gym is causing an uproar at the Montreal university.

When student Soumia Allalou, 23, decided to get back into shape, she contacted the university's gym and asked when women-only hours were. She was surprised to find that there was no such thing.

"Personally I prefer to work out in a women-only environment. I just kind of assumed they would have women-only hours. I asked them if there was a project for that in the works and they said that they didn't think so," said Allalou, who wears a hair covering and cites religious reasons for her preference. She took to Facebook to voice her concerns.

"I feel like there are many women who have a variety of reasons for preferring to work out in a women-only environment. Whether it's how comfortable they are, whether they have had bad experiences at the gym in the past, whether they have less access to the machines. A lot of women tell me they feel intimidated in the weights section," said Allalou.

...

"All McGill students should be treated equally. Exclusive rights to the gym should not be granted to specific demographic groups. Women who refuse to use the gym when men are present make a choice that they alone are responsible for," reads the petition.

Several of the people who have signed the petition voice similar concerns. One comment by an individual identified as S.B reads: "This is incredibly regressive and paints in dangerously broad strokes of dangerously black and white paint. I don't deserve to be treated as a potential sexual predator wherever I go – neither do you."

Another comment from Phoebe Y reads: "This is absolutely not the solution to a greater issue of inclusivity, body positivity and respect for other religions and identities."'

"Study shows men are more narcissistic than women. This surprises no one."

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'Depressing news from the world of psychology: Nearly every stereotype about the gender gap with regards to narcissism, ambition and leadership is right.

That's according to a study in the March issue of the Psychological Bulletin, the journal of the American Psychological Association. In a review of three decades of survey data from nearly half a million participants, researchers found that men are more likely to demonstrate narcissistic behavior than women, regardless of generation or age.

With what must have been a tremendous tolerance for inflated egos, the researchers examined some of humanity's least-attractive characteristics — manipulativeness, self-absorption, aggression and arrogance among them — and looked at how people responded to statements that included "If I ruled the world, it would be a much better place" and "I know that I am good because everyone keeps telling me so." Lucky them.

They then qualified "narcissism" according to three facets: entitlement, leadership/authority and grandiose/exhibitionism. Men scored measurably higher than women in the first two categories and were more likely to agree with phrases like "I like having authority over people" and "I insist upon getting the respect that is due to me." They were also more likely to exploit others and to believe that they were entitled to special privileges. But there was hardly any deviation between the two genders in the grandiose/exhibitionism category, which includes qualities like vanity and self-absorption.

Higher levels of narcissism have been a helpful adaptation for men, the study said, boosting their self-esteem and emotional stability and making them more likely to take on leadership roles. But it has its drawbacks.'

NPO: Florida National Parents Organization Backs Shared Parenting, Alimony Reform

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'Congratulations to the National Parents Organization's Troy Matson. His op-ed here strikes a blow not only in favor of shared parenting in his home state of Florida, but promotes SB 1248 that's backed by NPO (Florida Times-Union, 2/27/15).

As followers of the National Parents Organization know, last year we graded every state's laws regarding shared parenting. Each state received a grade of A — F reflecting the extent to which its laws encourage parents to equally share custody post-divorce. The results were not good, as Matson details in his fine editorial. Florida, that received a grade of C, did better than most.

Meanwhile, SB 1248 seeks reform of alimony laws in the state. Two years ago, the Sunshine State's legislature passed significant alimony reform only to see the bill vetoed by Governor Rick Scott. So pro-reform forces are back this year with a bill they hope to see enacted into law. Matson, of course, has been instrumental in lobbying for its passage.'

Florida State University president issues statement about 'The Hunting Ground'

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Statement here. Excerpt:

'We want to make you aware that "The Hunting Ground," a film about campus sexual assaults that debuted in Los Angeles and New York City Thursday, is seriously lacking in credibility and presents a one-sided view of Florida State's actions in the Jameis Winston case.

The filmmakers interviewed Erica Kinsman, but no one representing Florida State. This provides the viewing public with an incomplete and erroneous view of what the University did to investigate Ms. Kinsman's allegations. This distorted presentation is all the more egregious in light of the fact Ms. Kinsman has filed a lawsuit against the University over the case.

The first time the University was contacted by the filmmakers was December 18 - nearly three months after they had submitted the film to the Sundance Film Festival and it was scheduled for its artistic premiere. They sent a generic email asking for comment about sexual assault but failed to disclose that FSU would be a target of criticism and withheld the fact that Ms. Kinsman would be going public with her version of the story.

Had FSU been given the opportunity to reply, we would have made it clear the University went to extraordinary lengths to support Ms. Kinsman and to initiate an impartial, independent Title IX investigation of her allegations against Mr. Winston. Our efforts included arranging an independent investigation by a former Florida Supreme Court justice. He reviewed more than 1,000 pages of documents and took testimony from Mr. Winston, Ms. Kinsman and 10 witnesses before ruling there was not a preponderance of evidence to support her allegations. This was not mentioned in the film, although it received ample press coverage.'

SAVE: Joshua Strange, Falsely-Accused of Campus Rape, and His Mother Tell Their Story

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'In a compelling video testimonial, former Auburn University student Joshua Strange and his mother Allison recount their ordeal arising from false accusations of rape and physical assault.

The video reveals that when the criminal justice system weighed in on the rape allegation, a grand jury handed up a “no bill,” indicating an absence of probable cause.

Despite that finding, Joshua Strange was expelled by Auburn University on November 7, 2011 and is barred from ever returning. His college transcript reflects these allegations and the subsequent student disciplinary committee ruling of expulsion.

The video can be viewed here: http://youtu.be/ewEwnliupZ8

The numerous contradictions and inconsistencies from Joshua Strange’s accuser have never been questioned, nor has she been held accountable for the false accusations, SAVE notes.'

The Children of the Prison Boom

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'The United States imprisons more people than any other country. This is true whether you measure by percentage of the population or by sheer, raw numbers. If the phrase mass incarceration applies anywhere, it applies in the good ol' U. S. of A.

It wasn't always this way. Rates of incarceration began rising as a result of President Reagan's "war on drugs" in the 1980s (marijuana, for example), whereby the number of people imprisoned for non-violent crimes began climbing at an alarming rate. Today, about one-in-31 adults are in prison. his is a human rights crisis for the people that are incarcerated, but its impact also echoes through the job sector, communities, families, and the hearts of children. One-in-28 school-age children—2.7 million—have a parent in prison.

In a new book, *Children of the Prison Boom*, sociologists Christopher Wildeman and Sara Wakefield describe the impact of parental imprisonment on children: an increase in poverty, homelessness, depression, anxiety, learning disorders, behavioral problems, and interpersonal aggression. Some argue that taking parents who have committed a crime out of the family might be good for children, but the data is in. It's not.'

The other side of the campus sexual assault equation

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'A recent documentary (I use the term liberally) called the "Hunting Ground" purports to be a "startling expose of sexual assault on U.S. campuses, institutional cover-ups and the brutal social toll on victims and their families."

But the film, with the help of depressing and dramatic music, exposes only a one-sided view of the issue designed to tug at the heartstrings and make all sexual assault accusations look credible when not all are.

The center of the film revolves around the accusation by Erica Kinsman that Florida State University quarterback Jameis Winston raped her in 2012 and that the school covered it up. Stuart Taylor, co-author of the book about the Duke Lacrosse rape hoax, wrote a detailed article for Real Clear Sports about the evidence that at the very least casts doubt on Kinsman's story.
...
The ability for schools to adjudicate sexual assault just as they would plagiarism comes from an interpretation of Title IX, which requires students be treated equally regardless of gender. It was originally used to ensure women had access to sports on campus.

"Title IX is not just for women. Title IX applies to all students in this country, and all students should be protected equally," Allison argues.

"You don't forfeit your rights to constitutional protection when you pay your tuition or when you get a dorm room assignment or when you join a fraternity or a sorority," she added. "You have constitutional protections throughout your life if you are a U.S. citizen — particularly if you are a U.S. citizen."'

NASCAR explains why Kurt Busch is still suspended

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A NASCAR spokesman further clarified why Kurt Busch remains indefinitely suspended during an appearance Friday on SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

The Delaware Attorney General's office declined to charge Busch Thursday morning for domestic assault citing "insufficient" evidence. Patricia Driscoll, Busch's ex-girlfriend, alleges Busch grabbed her and slammed her head against the wall three times in an incident last September in his motor home at Dover International Speedway.

However, despite Busch not facing criminal charges, NASCAR stated Thursday afternoon and reiterated Friday that the 2004 Cup champion is still banned and must complete the terms and conditions the sanctioning body outlined in his suspension. Busch twice appealed the suspension, but lost both times.
...
Higdon did say NASCAR officials have spoken with Busch since Thursday's ruling and Busch plans to follow the guidelines NASCAR set forth to gain reinstatement. There is no timetable for when Busch's suspension will be lifted and Higdon did not elaborate on the conditions Busch must meet.

In a statement released Thursday, Busch said he "looks forward to being back in racing as soon as possible and moving on with my life."'

Female UFC fighter refuses to fight a man, not wanting to help show a man hitting a woman

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'Even though Ronda Rousey says she could beat a man in her own weight class under the right circumstances, she will never be involved in a coed fight.

"It's not a reality," Rousey said to Doug Gottlieb when asked about fighting a man. "They're not gonna do anything like that. Fights are chaotic. Anything can happen. And there's no setting in which we should condone a man hitting a woman."

After Rousey defeated Cat Zingano in 14 seconds, many voiced their curiosity to see how well the bantamweight champion would do against a male. UFC president Dana White even made a joke about Rousey fighting a man after Zingano's beatdown. However, Rousey will have no part of it.

"I really just don't think that any athletic commission on earth would ever condone something like that," Rousey said. "Fights are going to go both ways. You're going to see both people hitting each other. I don't think we should celebrate a man hitting a woman in any kind of setting."'

Public School Teaches Only White Men Capable Of Racism, Sexism

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'An image reportedly taken from a school textbook is making its rounds through social media this week for its declaration that minorities cannot be racist, and that women are incapable of sexism. The book in question is being identified as Is Everyone Equal, one of a series of books designed to expose kids to multiculturalism. Scroll down for an image of the offending page.

The passage at the center of this brewing controversy takes an inflexible position regarding which individuals are not allowed to be defined as sexists or racists. As it turns out, the textbook's authors apparently believe anyone outside of white males are automatically innocent.

According to the book:

"There is no such thing as reverse racism or reverse sexism (or the reverse of any form of oppression). While women can be just as prejudiced as men, women cannot be "just as sexist as men" because they do not hold political, economic, and institutional power."'

'Hunting Ground' Updated

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The filmmakers behind “The Hunting Ground” -- a searing new documentary about how colleges mishandle cases of campus sexual assault -- have removed a statement featured in an earlier print of the film that claimed leaders at 35 institutions declined to be interviewed.

When the documentary premiered to rave reviews at the Sundance film festival in January, it concluded with the claim that the "presidents or chancellors of UNC, Harvard, Notre Dame, Florida State, Berkeley, Occidental and more than 35 other schools all declined to be interviewed for this film." Some critics,including at The New York Times, interpreted the phrase to mean that no senior college officials agreed to appear in the documentary.

As college leaders are often criticized for not speaking out about sexual assault, the statement served as a final damning detail in a documentary that is filled with them. But that particular detail -- or at least how it has been interpreted -- is not entirely accurate.'

Is Campus Rape Really An Epidemic?

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'"The Hunting Ground" presents one side of this fraught debate, and a very powerful and disturbing one at that. It features interviews with dozens of young women, and a few men, who recount horrifying details of their sexual assaults and subsequent lack of concern from school and law enforcement authorities.

It does not feature testimony or representation from the victims' alleged attackers, or any voice dissenting from the narrative focus that campus rape has become something of an epidemic, which is either being overlooked or appallingly dealt with by authorities.
...
But there's another side to these stories that "The Hunting Ground" consistently neglects: that of the alleged perpetrators. Instead, the film interviews activists, professors, and psychologists who reinforce the idea that women are prey for serial student rapists.

Diane Rosenfeld, a professor at Harvard Law School, makes the crude analogy that if young men had a "1 in 4 or 5 chance" of being killed in a drive-by shooting at college, their parents likely wouldn't send them.

The movie also presents alarmist statistics without noting that many of them, like the 1 in 5 number cited by the Obama administration and analogized by Rosenfeld, have been widely disputed. Even New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, who is pushing legislation to fine schools for underreporting rape, recently removed the statistic from her website.

In "The Hunting Ground," students don't even benefit from bringing lawyers into university disciplinary proceedings. "The message is clear: It's 'Don't proceed through these disciplinary hearings,'" says lawyer and activist Colby Bruno, who represented a female student at Harvard in the film. "No matter what you do, you're not going to win."

Indeed, the movie never strays from its colleges-are-corrupt script.

"Schools are actively and aggressively not wanting to tell the truth about what is going on their campuses," says Danielle Dirks, an activist and assistant professor of sociology at Occidental College who appears in the film. "Because the first campuses to do so will be known as the rape campuses."'

Tom Hanks tells the Internet to "back off" with the manspreading flack

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'Tom Hanks is defending himself against "the Internet" after he took some heat for "manspreading," or taking up multiple seats on the subway.

Hanks got a lot of flak for a January photo that caught him casually taking up two seats on a No. 1 train right in the midst of the MTA's awareness campaign to combat the manspreading trend.

"I have an argument with the Internet because there I am on the subway and someone says, 'Oh, Hanks is doing the manspread. He's taking up too much space on the subway,'" the 58-year-old actor told Jill Martin Tuesday during a halftime interview at the Knicks game on MSG Network. "I want to say, 'Hey Internet, that subway car was half empty.' I'm not a guy who's going to take up space. There were like 14 seats that were free. So all I was, was relaxing on the train ride uptown. So hey Internet: back off."'

State board of education upholds boy's suspension in pastry gun case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Maryland State Board of Education upheld the suspension of a boy who chewed his breakfast pastry into the shape of a gun, saying the punishment was warranted because of the disruption and other previous misconduct.

The decision, which a lawyer for the family said he would appeal to a circuit court, is the latest development in what has been called "the Pop-Tart case," which gained national attention in 2013 at a time of widespread rethinking of discipline practices in public schools. Other states have since cited the Maryland case in proposing Pop-Tart gun bills that limit student suspensions for imaginary weapons.

The eight-page state opinion, dated Feb. 24, recounts the child's string of troubles at Park Elementary School in Anne Arundel County, Md.

"The student in this case had a long history of behavioral problems that were the subject of progressive intervention by the school," the state board concluded. "He created a classroom disruption on March 1, 2013, which resulted in a suspension that was justified based on the incident in question and the student's history."'

"A Better World, Run by Women"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Research has found that women are superior to men in most ways that will count in the future, and it isn't just a matter of culture or upbringing—although both play their roles. It is also biology and the aspects of thought and feeling shaped by biology. It is because of chromosomes, genes, hormones and brain circuits.

And no, by this I don't mean what was meant by patronizing men who proclaimed the superiority of women in the benighted past—that women are lofty, spiritual creatures who must be left out of the bustle and fray of competitive life, business, politics and war, so that they can instill character in the next generation. I mean something like the opposite of that.

All wars are boyish. People point to Margaret Thatcher, Indira Gandhi and Golda Meir as evidence that women, too, can be warlike. But these women were perched atop all-male hierarchies confronting other hypermasculine political pyramids, and they were masculinized as they fought their way to the top.

There is every reason to think that a future national hierarchy staffed and led by women who no longer have to imitate men, dealing with other nations similarly transformed, would be less likely to go to war. But that's not all. Sex scandals, financial corruption and violence are all overwhelmingly male.
...
As women come to hold more power and public authority, will they become just like men? I don't think so. Show me a male brain, and I will show you a bulging amygdala—the brain's center of fear and violence—densely dotted with testosterone receptors. Women lack the biological tripwires that lead men to react to small threats with exaggerated violence and to sexual temptation with recklessness.
...
Women won't make a perfect world, but it will be less flawed than the one that men have made and ruled these thousands of years. My grandson, I think, will be happy in the new world. It will be better for him because women will contribute so much more to running it.'

"Don’t reward law-breaking office"

Matt · 8 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here.

'Civil-rights commissioners rightly objected to President Obama’s proposed budget increase for the lawbreakers at the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights, where I used to work (“Civil rights commissioners: Rein in education admin. on ‘unlawful’ bullying, sexual assault policies,” Web, March 4).

As the commissioners note, the Office for Civil Rights has “made up” violations “out of thin air.” It has issued a flood of new rules that drive up schools’ expenses. It has done so without even codifying those rules, and without complying with the Administrative Procedure Act, which requires agencies to give notice of proposed rules and invite the public to comment on them before issuing them.

In its January 2014 Title VI “guidance,” the Department of Education demanded that schools change colorblind disciplinary rules just because more blacks than whites are suspended. But the Supreme Court ruled in Alexander v. Sandoval (2001) that the Title VI statute doesn’t require the elimination of such “disparate impact.” And a 2014 study in the Journal of Criminal Justice by criminologists such as John Paul Wright found that higher suspension rates for blacks just reflect higher rates of misconduct among black students, not racism. Ordering schools to eliminate all racial disparities in suspension rates violates a court ruling, People Who Care v. Rockford Bd. of Educ. (1997).

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Court Denies Civil Rights of a Parent

Matt · 8 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman in Florida will be incarcerated unless she signs a consent form to have her four-year-old son circumcised. Although Heather Hironimus originally agreed with the boy's father, Dennis Nebus, to have the boy's foreskin removed, she has changed her mind. Her decision resulted in a court battle with the father.

Hironimus subsequently fled with her son; Nebus has not seen the boy since February 20th. Judge Jeffrey Gillen labeled the mother as 'reprehensible' for placing the boy in the public spotlight. Gillen has placed Hironimus in contempt of court. If she does not surrender the boy by Tuesday, she will become the object of a police search. He has ordered her to sign the consent form or face time in jail.

The boy is in no physical danger if the circumcision is not performed; the surgery is not necessary. However, the judge has made his decision in favor of the father. He blames the mother for placing the case and the little boy before excessive scrutiny.

The Sun Sentinel has been covering the story. The newspaper became more involved and actually filed a motion to declare Judge Gillen's order unconstitutional. The court declined saying the case did not fit within the parameters of a life or death situation or irreparable harm.'

Even less-than-preponderance seems good enough for some

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In late 2013 and early 2014, according to the Chronicle's story, two women told classmates in group discussions at student retreats that Sulaimon had sexually assaulted them. Neither woman filed a complaint with law enforcement or Duke's Office of Student Conduct, which investigates allegations of sexual misconduct on campus. And neither spoke to Chronicle reporters, whose story is based, in part, on the recollections of other students at those retreats and an "anonymous affiliate" of Duke basketball.

The "affiliate," the Chronicle reported, heard about the allegations and brought them to Krzyzewski and several other administrators in spring 2014. This January, a second person — a Duke student who worked as a secretary in the basketball office — also told administrators about the rumors. On Jan. 29, Krzyzewski kicked Sulaimon off the team and released a statement saying the junior guard had been "unable to consistently live up to the standards required to be a member of our program."

Federal law mandates university employees such as Krzyzewski report allegations of sexual violence and requires schools to investigate. But because the women wouldn't agree to talk to school officials about their allegations, it would have been difficult for Duke to investigate. In statements this week, Duke administrators pledged they responded properly. On Thursday, Sulaimon's attorney, who has refuted the accusations, told media outlets the university investigated last year and closed the case because the claims could not be substantiated.
...
The Chronicle reporters — Emma Baccellieri and Nick Martin — declined interview requests this week and referred questions to Chronicle Editor Carleigh Stiehm. Stiehm declined to answer questions.
...
Unless the alleged victims decide to pursue legal charges, or file complaints with the school, the story likely will dissipate with no firm conclusion of guilt or exoneration for Sulaimon.'

India: Accused rapist lynched by mob, accusation later shown to be false

Matt · 8 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Video report on YouTube here. Articles here and here. Excerpts:

From first article:
'In a shocking twist to the Nagaland lynching case, Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi on Saturday said that 'unconfirmed medical reports' show that the complainant in the case was not raped.

Speaking to NDTV, Gogoi said, "it is up to the Nagaland government to come out with the facts. We have received an unofficial report of no rape." The chief minister further said that the accused Syed Khan was not an illegal immigrant and was a citizen of India.

Moreover, the brother of the accused, Jamal Uddin Khan, corroborated Gogoi's remarks, saying his brother had been made a scapegoat in the case and that the police was hand-in-glove with certain Naga groups.

"Is the Nagaland government running a jungle raj? The girl who filed the rape complaint was my brother's wife's cousin. Nagaland police have said that the medical reports say she was not raped," Jamal Khan told NDTV, adding that several of his family members were working in the country's armed forces and they were all Indian.

The victim, however, said she was given money by the accused after the assault to remain silent. "Rumours that I did this for money are false. The police arrested him the very same day. I did not think he would be attacked like this," she said.'

India: On Women's Day, read the suicide note of a man

Matt · 8 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While the entire country is rejoicing and celebrating Women's Day, an old mother is crying inconsolably in Jhansi. Her son, Avadhesh Yadav committed suicide on February 25, 2015 because of a "woman". This day has no meaning for her as she is confused of the word that means "Women Empowerment". Laws that have been made to protect women, abuse of same became the reason for her son's death.

Here are excerpts from suicide note left by Avadhesh Yadav:

My name is Avadhesh Yadav and I work in a private bank. I got married to Unnati Yadav on December 7, 2012. Within a week of marriage, she started pestering my family by asking divorce for no reason. We ignored. She never allowed me to come close to her for 2-3 months after the marriage. My father advised that with time everything will be fine. But it got only worse. She started misbehaving with my parents, hurling abuses at them. When we complained about this to her family, they gave excuses of some "external influence" on her and they would get her treated. She now started going almost every day at her home and threatened us of a dowry case if we said anything.
...
On advice of lawyers, we filed a case of restitution of conjugal rights, requesting her to come back. Three months after that in September, she filed a false dowry and domestic violence case (498A) on me, my mother, father, elder brother and his wife. We got bail. Her brother told me she wants to come back.

I refused saying now this was not possible and suggested that we get separated amicably. He refused and threatened me of false cases of molestation, rape on my father and brother and, acid attack on me and getting me killed. Unnati eventually filed a case of molestation in January on my father and brother and they were arrested. I don't know what will this step of mine lead to but I want to save my family from all this humiliation. After I go, they would probably be in peace. I also wish to ask our law makers, how they can make laws that give so much credence to mere words of a woman that whatever the other person is saying has no relevance. Shouldn't the other side be heard too? My father and brother were picked up by police on her statement alone without any evidence.
...
As a woman, this women's day I beg to ask my fellow women - Is this why we demanded stringent laws? Is this what we mean by women empowerment that a woman can ruin anyone's life if she wants? Isn't a mother-in-law tortured by her daughter-in-law a woman? Would we ever get rid of crime against women if women start using laws as weapons and our courts get choked with false cases? Is it empowerment that a woman plays gender card and settle scores with whosoever she wants? False cases of crime against women should concern women rights activists because it hurts their cause the most. False cases are no less a crime against actual victims of these crimes. "If cry of wolf is made too often, assistance might not come when actual wolf appears."

As a woman, this women's day, I also request media to at least make an effort to know the other side of the story, know the truth before reporting it. First a false case and then your name splashed all over media in that case does irreparable damage to a person. Report acquittal with as much fervour as you report an accusation! '

Malecare: Keep the momentum going to save the CDC prostate cancer program

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President Obama's fiscal year 2016 budget eliminates all funding for the Centers for Disease Control prostate cancer program. Congress has the power to protect the CDC Prostate Cancer program. We ask for your advocacy to protect this life saving program.

Please tell Congress to SAVE THE CDC PROSTATE CANCER PROGRAM

Click to send your message to Congress: Malecare CDC Advocacy Page

Our advocacy campaign is off to a good start. As of March 4, 2015, hundreds of letters have been received by the Senate and House Budget committee Chairpeople. The CDC Director and one of the Budget Committee Legislative Directors have contacted Malecare. And, at least two of our counterpart organizations, ZeroCancer and Men's Health Network, are joining us in protest.

We need to keep our momentum. We need EVERYONE to write. If Congress does not hear from our prostate cancer survivor community, then they will correctly see that there is no political price to pay for reducing research funding.

Representatives hear from very few prostate cancer survivors and family members so your letter will be surprisingly powerful.

Cut and paste the sample letter, below, into all four of the Senate leaders' online comments pages, the House committee online comment box and then one email to your local Congressperson and Senators. Add in a sentence or two about who you are: a survivor, caregiver, relative, etc.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairperson:
http://www.cochran.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-me

Senate Appropriations Committee Vice Chairperson:
http://www.mikulski.senate.gov/contact

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health Chairperson:
http://www.blunt.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form?p=contact-roy

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health Ranking Member:
http://www.murray.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contactme

House Appropriations Committee:
https://appropriations.house.gov/forms/writeyourrep/

Use the Contact Your Congress link below to locate your local representatives and send them the letter as well:
http://www.contactingthecongress.org/

We know that this can be tedious, but patient advocacy takes a bit of work. It's our lives, and it should take only 20-30 minutes to send your message.

Silence Gives Consent, so please make your voice heard.

SAMPLE LETTER

Save the CDC Prostate Cancer Program

Please ensure funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) prostate cancer program.

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers in America. Almost 30,000 American men die from prostate

cancer every year. And, African American men die from prostate cancer at a rate that is more than twice the rate for white men. Incredibly, President Obama's FY 2016 Budget request eliminates funding for prostate cancer activities at the CDC.

In each of the past two fiscal years, Congress approved approximately $13 million for the CDC to conduct prostate cancer research, public awareness and surveillance. With this modest amount, the CDC researched and developed live saving materials to improve informed decision making about prostate cancer screening and treatment.

Critically, the CDC supports research on underserved communities and prostate cancer. For example, in FY 2014, the CDC funded research on prostate cancer screening practices for African American men and funded another study on patterns of clinical response to the prostate specific antigen in American Indian and Alaska Native men. The science gained from both of these studies will help save the lives of countless American men.

The CDC prostate cancer program improves the health of all Americans by leveraging strong partnerships with state and local agencies. The link between the CDC and local healthcare providers supports economically efficient federal, state and community partnerships. The cancelation of prostate cancer activities will lead to the termination of state and local prostate cancer control programs, harming men throughout the United States.

According to Malecare Cancer Support, the President's FY2016 budget request will particularly imperil the lives of African American men. Prostate cancer treatment is most effective when coupled with early diagnosis. Elimination of the CDC prostate cancer program funding will reduce early health care provider contact and consultations. Defunding the CDC program will cause increased African American deaths from prostate cancer due to late stage diagnosis.

I am also concerned that silence on the elimination funding for the CDC prostate cancer program will lead to reduced funding for prostate cancer research in all federal departments and agencies.

Please restore the CDC's prostate cancer program's annual budget of $13 million. By doing so, you will help to save the lives of the 220,000 American men who are diagnosed with prostate cancer every year, and notably, those men who may be diagnosed too late for beneficial treatment.

Signed,

Your name, address

If you want, include your phone number and email for authenticity and possible reply from the Representative.

Please email any questions regarding this campaign to:
darryl@malecare.org

Darryl Mitteldorf, LCSW
Executive Director
Malecare - Men fighting cancer, together

UK: Rape classes from 11 for British schoolchildren

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Pupils are to learn the differences between rape and consensual sex from the age of 11 as part of a drive to equip pupils with the necessary skills for "life in modern Britain".

The age-appropriate "consent classes", which could be introduced as soon as after the Easter holidays, are to be added to the personal, social, health and economic syllabus after concerns were raised that teenagers were being pressured to have sex.

Nicky Morgan, the Education Secretary, publicised the move on International Women's Day.

“We have to face the fact that many pressures girls face today were unimaginable to my generation and it's our duty to ensure that our daughters leave school able to navigate the challenges and choices they'll face in adulthood,” she wrote in the *Sunday Times*.

“We have to ensure that the education girls receive not only allows them to reach their academic potential, but also prepares them for life in modern Britain,” she added.'

"Is Feminism Destroying Women?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to a New York-based psychiatrist, at least one of every four women in America is now on psychiatric medication, as opposed to one of every seven men. Dr. Julie Holland says this is nothing less than “insane.”

Holland’s recent op-ed in the New York Times titled “Medicating Women’s Feelings” was the most emailed article on the Times’ website over the last weekend of February. It began with the statement below:

"Women are moody. By evolutionary design, we are hard-wired to be sensitive to our environments, empathic to our children’s needs and intuitive of our partners’ intentions. This is basic to our survival and that of our offspring."

Holland warns that while these feminine qualities are “rooted in biology” and “not intended to mesh with any kind of pro- or anti-feminist ideology,” they nevertheless have “social implications:”

"Women’s emotionality is a sign of health, not disease; it is a source of power. But we are under constant pressure to restrain our emotional lives. We have been taught to apologize for our tears, to suppress our anger and to fear being called hysterical."

...

Though she wants to avoid getting political about the causes of this “insanity,” Holland nevertheless spells out that psychiatric medications are biochemically causing women to be cut off from their emotional sensitivities, leading to what appears to be a preferred “more masculine, static hormonal balance.”

“This emotional blunting encourages women to take on behaviors that are typically approved by men: appearing to be invulnerable, for instance, a stance that might help women move up in male-dominated businesses,” Holland writes.

Women have learned that their normal feelings of sadness and anxiety – while they may be uncomfortable – are symptoms of pathology.'

Tanzania: NIMR campaigns for male child circumcision

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision of male newborns will be included in the current national health system in a bid to fight HIV/Aids transmission, a National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) official, Dr Edward Maswanya said.

Dr Maswanya who is NIMR researcher was addressing a workshop on Gender Assessment: National HIV epidemic and response in Tanzania Mainland Thursday.

He said at the workshop hosted by the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS, research findings reveal that circumcision prevents HIV/Aids transmissions by 60 percent.

According to Dr Maswanya the exercise has proved successful in Iringa Region. “After Iringa, NIMR will create a national strategic plan to include newborns’ circumcision in the current national health system.”

Also the national strategic plan will be stating that parents should ensure that their sons are circumcised before the age of 14 in case they fail to undergo the exercise at very early age.
...
For her part, the TACAIDS Executive Chairman Dr Fatma Mrisho said stakeholders were discussing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) issues because they were greatly contributing to HIV/Aids prevalence.

She said her commission was planning to include GBV fight in the coming five-year HIV/Aids prevention strategy to be launched before June this year.
...
For her part, Shamila Guttali from Kinondoni Police Gender Desk called for the community to collaborate in ending GBV.'

Canada: #WhoWillYouHelp PSA portrays men as sexual predators

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Premier Kathleen Wynne is changing the way Ontario treats sexual violence and harassment.

Part of that plan involves a multimedia campaign including a powerful anti-sexual harassment and violence video that was posted on Youtube Friday morning with the hashtag #WhoWillYouHelp.

The Ontario premier wants to reform the way institutions like universities deal with it, what she calls the "culture of misogyny" and what is done to prevent these acts from transpiring.

"Today I'm challenging everyone in this province to step up and help end sexual harassment," she said in a speech in Toronto Friday.'

The #WhoWillYouHelp PSA is on YouTube here.

Hurt twice: Society questions validity of male sex assault, domestic violence victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What made the Abigail Simon case stand out was not only the teen-tutor relationship, or that the victim was a boy, but how people reacted to it.

It was online wildfire. Social media was abuzz with locker-room banter about the boy. Some said the relationship should have been the teen's biggest fantasy. Others suggested it wasn't a real crime. The teen wanted it, they insisted.

"He's a boy. Why would you open up this can of worms?" people asked the teen's mother, who brought the allegations to the school and police.

Simon in January was sentenced to eight to 25 years in prison for three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. Sixteen is the age of sexual consent and Michigan law prohibits school employees from engaging in sexual activity with students under age 18.

Now that the trial is behind them, the teen's mother says if the case had involved a female victim, it would have elicited a different response from the community.'

The zombie statistic about women's share of income and property

Matt · 9 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Women provide 66% of the work, produce 50% of the food, but earn only 10% of the income and own 1% of the property. We can change this."
...
The Fact Checker encourages readers to submit fact checks via Twitter using #FactCheckThis, and this widely circulated Oxfam tweet ended up in our mailbox. It certainly offers a striking set of statistics.

But as is often the case, the statistics are too good to be true. Oddly, these statistics have circulated for decades, persistently, despite the efforts of researchers to debunk them as ridiculously inaccurate. One reason is because the statistics have been promoted by supposedly reputable organizations, such as Oxfam and UNDP. But people also often want to believe facts that appear to confirm their own biases.

With International Women's Day on the horizon, let's try to unravel this once and for all.
...
Yet, Doss noted, "when I presented the paper on how much of the world's food do women produce at FAO [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations] — they were quite upset with me. They kept saying that they needed this statistic!"
...
It's good that for the first time Oxfam and UNDP have acknowledged that they have peddled false information. But they need to take a proactive role in setting the record straight. Any papers or Web sites that had previously used these figures need to be prominently corrected. It's not enough to simply kill a link. The message should be clear: This is a bogus, Four-Pinocchio statistic unworthy of citation.'

Men’s issues group unveils billboard in reaction to Ontario’s ‘sexist’ campaign against domestic violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Calling the Ontario government’s campaign against sexual violence “sexist,” a men’s issues group unveiled a new billboard in downtown Toronto Monday in an attempt to draw attention to male victims of domestic abuse.

“HALF of domestic violence victims are men,” reads the billboard, paid for by the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE). “NO domestic violence shelters are dedicated to us.”

The billboard comes after Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne released a three-year, $41-million plan to combat sexual violence last week. The campaign, spurred in part by the high-profile sex assault allegations against Jian Ghomeshi, includes a video ad with staggering scenes of women being sexually assaulted and harassed.

In a news release Monday, CAFE accused Premier Wynne of forgetting “half the victims of violence.”

Premier Kathleen Wynne’s violence against women initiative reinforces sexist stereotypes that ignore violence against men, gays and lesbians, and endanger children with abusive mothers,” the statement reads.
...
But those figures are based on police reports, CAFE spokesman Justin Trottier said, noting the Centre for Justice Statistics report itself finds female victims are “three times more likely than males to state that they had reported the incident to police.”

“In other words, there is an important scholarly debate about the rates of victimization, severity and reporting,” Mr. Trottier said in an email, “but the idea that male victimization is non-existent and can be safely ignored, is to neglect to support a huge group of people in need.”'

College gym asks to have 'women's only' hours

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Video interview here. Description:

'Lawyer in Blue Jeans Jeff Isaac explains how a college gym asked for "women's only" hours at a public facility. Does it fall under Title IX?'

The Huffington Post UK imposed a 24-hour ban on men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Sunday, The Huffington Post UK imposed a 24-hour ban. On men. We decided to only use pictures of women on the front page - except for Richard Branson, who we'll get onto later.

You may well be thinking this is censorship. This is prejudice against men. Yes, it is.

I didn't actually think it was a good idea - more of an interesting experiment. To remove pictures of men from our home page, just because they are men, is obviously unfair. Yet it served a purpose.

When we report the news, we pick what we consider to be the biggest stories for our readers. Sometimes they are about men, sometimes they are about women (and sometimes about dresses, or dogs, or weasels riding birds).'

Women-only police stations an effective way to target domestic violence, law professor says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The head of the school of justice at Queensland University of Technology, Professor Kerry Carrington, said such police stations had been shown to encourage more women to report domestic violence, and resulted in more women being satisfied with the outcome.

But the innovation is not among the recommendations handed down last month in the Queensland Government's Not now, not ever report into domestic violence.

Professor Carrington told 612 ABC Brisbane that Brazil has been operating women-only police stations since 1985 and had gradually increased their presence to 485 locations.'

Only women get help for spousal violence, while men are ignored

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A condition called hemispacial neglect, also known as hemiagnosia, is a rare phenomenon in the neurological world, characterized by the inability of those afflicted to process and perceive stimuli on one side of their environment. The most striking feature of the condition is that the victim not only fails to see what is in (usually) her left field of vision, but is also unaware of the fact that the other side of his environment even exists.

There is a cultural correlative to this condition that is remarkably common, affecting almost all academics in our university humanities and social science departments, most politicians and most media commentators. Cultural hemiagnosia presents as a failure to see, or even be aware of, the fact that half the population – the male half – are ever victims of violence by women.

...

The result is that a great deal of social, educational and legislative concern focuses on female victims of domestic violence, with lavish sums of money devoted to counseling, shelters and public service campaigns aimed at sensitizing the public to this shameful social scourge, but virtually zero funds are spent on the same services for male sufferers of the same scourge – without guilt, since male suffering is both visually and cognitively invisible to the hemiagnosiacs creating the policies.

...

Krowitz is correct that the most extreme form of spousal violence is male-on-female, but hard-core batterers and outright killers are rare (about 45 women are killed by male intimate partners in Canada annually, and about 25 men are killed by female partners, although the latter figure does not include proxy killings by boyfriends or others). In violence of the mild to moderately severe variety that constitutes most domestic violence – shoving, slapping, hitting, punching, throwing objects, even stabbing and burning – both sexes initiate and cause harm in equal measure. That includes gays and lesbians, where rates are higher than the general population.'

Sorry Patricia Arquette, Women Are Doing Better Than You Think

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I had two emotions when I heard Patricia Arquette's acceptance speech last week for her well-deserved Oscar for *Boyhood*. First: good for her to want to spend her speech trying to improve the world by calling for pay equity between genders instead of reveling in her own fame.

Second, however: what a shame that she believes the same old pseudo-facts instead of thinking for a second about what the statistics really mean. Why can't people learn to be critical about statistics?

One day after the annual observance of International Women's Day, here's the real scoop. The average of 77 cents on the dollar that women receive compares the median annual income for full-time, full-year 25-to-69-year-old women and men. That average is much better than it was as recently as 1980 (when women made less than 60 percent). But that's not a fair measure. If you compare women and men doing the jobs with the same kind of job history and for the same time devoted to their current job, you get numbers closer to 92 cents on the dollar. While that's not 100 cents, it leaves a very different taste in your mouth than 77.'

"Sexism often comes with a smile, study finds"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Benevolent sexism makes men more smiley when they interact with women, and that's bad news. Men who put women on a pedestal may be the wolves in sheep clothing hindering gender equality.

A new study examining the nonverbal cues thrown out during interactions between men and women finds that men who have high ratings of "benevolent sexism" — attitudes towards women that are well-intentioned but perpetuate inequality — finds that smiling and other positive cues increase when this kind of sexism is prevalent.
...
"Basically, the argument is that these two properties — hostile sexism and benevolent sexism — work together to maintain inequality," said lead author Jin Goh, a graduate student at Northeastern University. Most people think of sexist men as being dominant aggressors who believe that women should be put down in society. But other men believe that women should be treated with kindness and love, but still don't see them as being capable of achieving the same things as men.'

Email scandal raises questions about Hillary's feminist motives

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Article here. Excerpt:

'That being said, coincidence is rarely ever the result of unrelated events. It is possible that Clinton is in fact hiding behind feminist campaigns in order to protect her own self-interests. If this is the case, it is a deplorable stunt. But even if this isn't true, the aforementioned scandal proves Clinton's shady character and unlawful activity. It exposes her as a hypocrite and a criminal, and I do not believe that someone with these traits should be one of the main leaders of the feminist cause. The fight for equality deserves better.

But as 2016 approaches, Clinton will continue to rally feminists in the hopes of garnering more votes. In recent speeches she has excited crowds by shouting things such as "Don't you someday want to see a woman president?" to which she receives an abundance of applause. Of course, I too want to see a woman president. But I know when a politician is using that sentiment and manipulating it for personal causes.

Feminists cannot allow the desire for a woman leader to taint their analysis of Clinton's character. And we cannot allow Clinton to misuse feminism as a means of reaching the Oval Office. Feminists need a leader, but they deserve a just one. My advice is that we don't support just any proponent of a good cause but rather one who has proven his or her validity, leadership and true belief in the movement.'

"Why it’s time for men to face up to a violent reality"

Mastodon · 10 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We all give lip service to the problem of male-on-female violence, but I think its true horror is rarely felt, at least not by men like me.

On Sunday, which was International Women’s Day, I watched with disgust as a host of male trolls made noise about ‘Meninism’ and male rights.

Like petulant children, they asked why there is no day for men (there is) and why issues like male suicide and rape are ignored (they aren’t).

...

To my fellow blokes, I say you punch like men. You rape like men. You drink like men. You fight wars like men. You hurt children like men.

Woman up.'

Australia: Q&A domestic violence program ignored male victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As for Monday night's Q&A *[link added]* programme, it was a highly scripted version of the domestic violence morality play. Every questioner and every question was chosen in the advance by the producers. The message the producers wanted to give was that domestic violence is all about violence by men against women and little else, a message both simple and incorrect in equal measures.

It was only at the close of the programme that a man was allowed to ask a question about the domestic violence he had suffered at the hands of his wife, and then it was quickly dismissed.

The humiliation of the victim was completed by Natasha Stott Despoja talking about violence against men in heterosexual relationships and proclaiming domestic violence was still "a gender issue".
...
400 years ago, Shakespeare wrote of another form of prejudice in The Merchant of Venice: "If you prick us, do we not bleed?… If you poison us, do we not die?"

Surely this should guide our concern for all victims of domestic violence, not just some.'

Episode excerpt on YouTube here.

Canada: A Perfect Marriage - Assisted Death and Divorce

fathers4fairness · 11 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In financial desperation and longing to live with her gigolo in the Dominican Republic, Nancy Lane, a Brockville nurse and former Prescott town councillor, killed her husband in 2009 by administering a lethal cocktail to cash in on a $200,000 life insurance policy, an Ottawa court heard Monday.

Lane, 55, is accused of killing Art Lane, 61, on Oct. 8, 2009, at their home.

...

The Crown's theory is that Art Lane, a well-known union negotiator in Brockville, was better dead than alive to his wife. Morrison told court that Nancy Lane, on trial for first-degree murder, wanted to cash in on her husband's life insurance policy to preserve her obsessive dreams of living with her gigolo in the Dominican Republic.

And, as the jury heard, Lane has presented her husband's death as a mercy killing.'

"No Fault" Divorce has been available in Canada since 1968 but the country just recently considered legalizing "Euthanasia" - Nancy Lane saw the potential of combining both.'

Feminists: Domestic Violence By Women Against Men Isn't Bad Enough

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How many times have you brought up sexual violence against women in the Middle East when arguing with a feminist, only to be told, "Just because someone else has it worse, that doesn't mean we should ignore injustice here at home?" Never mind that said "injustice" will usually be confined to nonsensical "microaggressions" like breathing too loudly on the subway (#manhaling, trend it), but don't you often wonder if they'd hold the same standard when talking about real forms of injustice?

Like, for instance, let's say a nontrivial amount of domestic abuse happened to men. Would it be okay to complain about that, even if someone else has it worse?

Well, according to Canadian feminists, the answer is — surprise, surprise — NOPE:

> The text on the billboard claims half of all domestic abuse victims are men and also claims there are no domestic shelters for male victims of domestic abuse.
> ...
> But that stat is based on self-reported violence. And the same study found women were more than twice as likely to report injuries, and that women report more serious violence — being sexually assaulted, beaten, choked or threatened with a gun or knife.
> ...
> "Women are more likely to experience more severe and, in fact, far more likely to experience fatal violence," Minerson said.

Yup, suddenly when the victims of the injustice involved aren't women, now we can talk about whether the injustice is bad enough to warrant attention. Funny how that works, huh?

Look, if you want to oppose domestic violence, that's great, more power to you, but if you don't want others to delegitimize your suffering by pointing out someone has it worse, here's a simple trick: Don't pull that argumentative tactic on someone else. And if you want to make the case that, given limited time and resources, you want to focus on the biggest instances where your help is needed, don't be upset when someone calls you out for being excessively myopic. This isn't about ideology, it's about consistency.'

Facebook's Sandberg: Men are inferior to women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's always fun being a man in a world where the media feels free to insult the intentions and capabilities of men but that doing the same for women is forbidden. There are always excited announcements of new studies showing how women excel over men in this field or that field.

Not the latest to jump on this bandwagon is the brazen COO of Facebook, Sheryl Sandberg, who wrote the non-bestselling book Lean In, which, for the male audience, should be retitled Bend Over. Sandberg, who must have an awful lot of free time, penned an op-ed in the NY Times asserting that women are superior to men in a number of ways.

"Studies reveal that women bring new knowledge, skills and networks to the table, take fewer unnecessary risks, and are more inclined to contribute in ways that make their teams and organizations better. Successful venture-backed start-ups have more than double the median proportion of female executives of failed ones. And an analysis of the 1,500 Standard & Poor's companies over 15 years demonstrated that, when firms pursued innovation, the more women they had in top management, the more market value they generated."

Who seriously believes that women as a whole take fewer unnecessary risks than men, or are better-skilled then men? It's ridiculous on the face of it. What's next, a "double-blind scientific study" showing that women are nicer than men?

In the past women have been held back and have been discriminated against by evil men, but it's increasingly rare in today's world. But instead of promoting the idea that everyone is equal, and to judge everyone as individuals, feminists are going overboard and promoting themselves as the superior race, like girl Nazis.'

Woman recants rape story hours later

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'A 20-year-old woman told police that a masked black man raped her in a Brooklyn park Saturday — but recanted her story hours later, saying it never happened, cops said.

The woman, who is white, showed up at the Woodhull Hospital Emergency Room at about 2:15 a.m. claiming she was raped.

She said her fictitious attacker cut her blouse and bra with a knife before forcing himself on her at Rodney Park North in Williamsburg about 12:15 a.m.

...

Yet hours after searching, the woman admitted she lied about the whole thing, police said.

It was not immediately clear why she made the story up.

No criminal charges are expected to be filed against her, police said.'

The Cinematic Railroading of Jameis Winston

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'A movement is afoot to destroy the career of a young black man whom a young white woman with overwhelming, well-documented credibility problems has accused of raping her. Three separate investigations, including a Florida State Code of Conduct hearing, have found former Florida State quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston not to be a rapist. But now The Hunting Ground, a much-touted documentary on campus sexual assault, features his previously anonymous accuser presenting her case publicly for the first time. Senator Claire McCaskill (D., Mo.) has warned that NFL teams had better “watch this movie before they draft him.”

The movie, co-produced by CNN and created by Emmy-winning director Kirby Dick and Oscar-nominated producer Amy Ziering, has already aired at the White House, the Sundance Festival, many campuses, and in New York and Los Angeles. It will air on March 13 in other major cities, including Washington, D.C.

The film’s longest segment — 15 full minutes — is designed to prove that Winston raped former classmate Erica Kinsman and got away with it because of bad police work and college administrators’ greed and favoritism toward football stars. The film “throws down a challenge of a sort for the National Football League with a not-so-subtle suggestion that teams should think twice about drafting one of the top college prospects, Jameis Winston,” as the New York Times enthused.'

Two expelled from college over sex assault allegations police couldn't substantiate

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The University of Maryland-Baltimore County has expelled two students following an investigation into allegations that a female student was raped by four men on campus.

University spokeswoman Dinah Winnick confirmed the expulsions Thursday. The university said two students were expelled for code of conduct violations. Local police, meanwhile, reported they were unable to confirm a crime had been committed.

...

The investigation was prompted by a complaint from a female student who told authorities she was raped by four male students in a dorm room but that she was so drunk she couldn't remember what happened.

Baltimore County Police Department spokeswoman Elise Armacost said investigators determined that there was not enough evidence to file criminal charges against the accused students.'

Sexual Assault Case False According To University Alert System

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to a Razalert sent to students Wednesday (March 11), a sexual assault case reported Monday (March 9) to University of Arkansas Police is false.

In a follow-up interview, the student recanted her previous statements and admitted there was no attack, according to police.

UAPD called it an unfortunate occurrence and stated they are in contact with the Student Affairs Office and the Washington County Prosecutor's Office to decide on appropriate course of action regarding the false report.
...
The student told police the assault happened around 6:30 p.m. after a man approached the student at the parking garage and asked for help jump starting his car, then asked for help getting home to his sick dog, according to police. The student said the man grabbed her arm with one hand and put the other underneath her clothes before she got away and into her vehicle, the report states. The student also gave police a description of the suspect.

Anne Shelley with the Northwest Arkansas Women's Rape Crisis Center said falsely reporting sexual assaults impacts actual victims.'

"It's extreme masculinity – not love or despair – that drives a father to kill his children"

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'The messages that emerge from such narratives are double-edged, adding fuel to the fire they seek to douse. A similar problem arises with broader discussions of fathers' rights and masculinity; no one dares to say "what you have lost was never yours to begin with". If men grow up expecting to acquire ownership of people in the same way one might acquire wealth – as easy as sticking pink and blue pegs in one's car in The Game of Life – then they are destined to end up feeling robbed. The "masculinity in crisis" narrative already tells them they are being deprived of something essential, something to which all men who lived before them had access but to which they, inexplicably, do not.
...
Masculinity is not some fragile butterfly on a wheel. It depends on reducing other people to objects. The solution is not to recreate an imaginary golden age in which said objects were – so we tell ourselves – more pliable and less likely to disrupt the narrative. A world in which not only jobs were stable and not going anywhere, but neither were women and children. That world dehumanised over half the human raceand we should temper our sympathy for those men who would openly mourn its passing. As the feminist Kathy Miriam argues, "the problem of 'masculinity' has displaced a systemic, structural analysis of male power. And has displaced . . . the problem of men possessing women". Our obsession with masculinity's supposedly never-ending crises merely bolsters the myth that if women and children are people, men cannot be.

Confronted with violence and cruelty, we need to speak plainly. Family annihilators are not loving fathers. This is not love or despair, nor is it "masculinity in crisis." It is masculinity at its most raw and extreme; an absolute statement of ownership over bodies and lives. If you can't have them, no one can. We cannot reduce the acts of men such as Sykes and Fuller to self-harm plus two or three.'

Australian mother charged with murder in deaths of 8 children

Canada: Military apologizes for errors in probe into soldier's suicide

fathers4fairness · 13 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The head of Canada's military police is apologizing for his force's incompetence after an inquiry found investigations into the suicide of an Afghanistan veteran were conducted by inexperienced personnel who made unacceptable errors.

Colonel Rob Delaney, the Canadian Forces Provost Marshal, said Tuesday that a highly critical report by the Canadian Military Police Complaints Commission into investigations of the 2008 death of Corporal Stuart Langridge underlines the fact that mistakes were made and he will take steps to correct them.

But Glenn Stannard, the chair of the complaints commission, said the military's written response to his 1,008-page report was dismissive and most of the 46 recommendations were rejected or ignored.

On the heels of a spate of soldiers' suicides, the commission's findings released Tuesday raise questions about how well those deaths are being investigated by the people assigned to determine whether the military could have done anything to prevent them.'

Also see: Secret military report into soldier's 2008 suicide blames victim and parents

Brazil passes a new law specifically oulawing female homicide — femicide

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The new law provides a legal definition for femicide — the killing of a woman by a man because of her gender — and proscribes mandatory jail sentences of 12 to 30 years. In addition, the law increases the jail time for crimes against pregnant women, girls under 14, women over 60 and people with disabilities.

"For many years, the so-called passion crimes — homicides of woman by their husbands, lovers — [the perpetrators] would use the argument that 'under stress and deep emotion, this honorable man has killed his wife because she was having an affair and thus dishonouring him and his family and his children,'" Pitanguy says.

Many, many men were let off, or subject to symbolic penalty for murder.

“It in a sense reflected values that women were the property or appendix of the man,” Pitanguy says.

This new law combats that patriarchal notion.

“Laws, they give a standard from where you walk. I think that with the femicide law there will be difficulties in implementing the legislation," she adds. "In the end, this law, its effect will not really be post mortem but be while women are alive. Men know now that if they commit a crime, the penalty will be much higher.”'

Feminists don't hate men but it wouldn't matter if we did

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'One of the most common derisive taunts thrown at feminists – and one of the oldest – is “manhater”. It’s been around since the days of suffrage, and still gets used today, though its a pretty anodyne insult. Most feminists, like me, shun the label and work to convince people that despite the stereotypes feminists absolutely, without a doubt, do not hate men.

But so what if we did?

... if the worst thing that happens to a man is that a woman doesn’t like him ...well, he has it pretty damn good. It’s not as if we’re living in some sort of Wicker Man-inspired dystopia, after all.

Besides, when women hate men, we hurt their feelings. When men hate women, they kill us: mass shootings have been attributed to misogyny, and sexual and domestic violence against women is often fuelled by a hatred for women.
...
... if feminists really hated men we’d probably come up with a better way to hurt them than funny t-shirts that insist that their tears are delicious. (Men may have some very sensitive parts, but even the manhating-est among us doesn’t go around kicking them willy-nilly.)

Despite all the fun-loving, internet-in-joke misandry, the vast majority of women and feminists do not hate men. Many of us might hate bad men: the sexists, misogynists and all-around jerks. But our hatred is just a feeling, and not something that can impact men in any meaningful or oppressive way.

Men who claim to be genuinely worried about man-hating or “misandry” are grasping at straws, and searching for a victim status that simply doesn’t exist. Guys are still doing pretty well, so let us have our “man-hating” fun while you go on ruling the world.

But keep one eye open. (Just kidding ... sort of.)'

"How men’s rights groups are distorting the debate about equality"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s difficult to deny this simple observation, if only because it is the empirical, statistical, plain-to-see truth. But a small and vocal minority do insist upon it.

In Canada, this group has a name: the deceptively huggable-sounding Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE). But their agenda is less pro-equality than pro-redressing what they see as a gender imbalance in the current debate about equality, namely the obvious: That women are more often the victims of sexism and abuse.

In CAFE’s topsy-turvy world view, men are the unsung victims while women are the covert oppressors. Their message is not about equality so much as it is a grandly deluded turning of the tables. And while their carefully written mandate claims to support “the status, health and well-being of boys and men,” in fact their actions do the opposite – by stoking anger and self-pity in the minds of a small and troubled minority. And that anger and self-pity – guess what it leads to? More hating on women. Which is exactly what we don’t need when it comes to the fight for equality.
...
We know this stuff. Ask any cop or social worker and they will tell you the same thing: Female-perpetrated spousal and sexual abuse is relatively rare. As a result, it’s far from top of the list of Canada’s social problems (though obviously when it does happen it should be taken as seriously as any other form of domestic abuse).

Violence against women, on the other hand? A quick glance at the latest crime statistics will show you it is sadly endemic in our society.'

Male domestic violence victim: 'I never imagined something like this would happen to me'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The male victim of horrendous domestic abuse has come forward to show his scars, telling men: “Being attacked by a woman is nothing to be ashamed of.”

Ken Gregory, 65, suffered first and second degree burns to 14 per cent of his body last March after his now ex-wife Teresa Gilbertson, 60, tipped a kettle of boiling water over the back of his head.
...
It was then that Gilbertson, who is now awaiting sentencing for a conviction of serious bodily harm, went to make a cup of tea but instead returned with a jug of boiling water – which she poured over her husband’s head.
...
The attack was the culmination in weeks of verbal abuse, Mr Gregory said. Earlier he had gone to hospital after his then-wife poured scalding tea over him as he slept.

"As a man who is a bit older and who isn't exactly small, there is a perception that you can't be a victim of domestic violence,” he said.

Mr Gregory wants to address the stigma surrounding men who are abused by their wives and partners. He added, “it should be the same message that they put out for women – don’t be frightened, you don’t have to put up with it.”'

Graduate sues college, alleging mishandled sex-assault case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Boston College graduate accused of sexual assault has filed a lawsuit alleging that the university violated federal anti-discrimination laws and its own policies governing sexual-assault allegations.

The suit, filed Wednesday in federal court, says BC rushed to find the student responsible for sexual assault and deprived him of a fair hearing. The process branded the student as a sexual predator without giving him a chance to tell his side of the story, the complaint alleges.

...

The male student was also charged in Suffolk County District Court. Those charges were dismissed in May 2014 after physical evidence and video footage exonerated him, according to the suit.

In the separate, internal inquiry at BC three weeks after the alleged 2012 incident, an administrative hearing board made up of three administrators, one professor, and one student found him responsible for indecent assault and battery and suspended him for three semesters, court documents say.

The student's family is seeking $3 million in damages and asking for their son's record to be expunged. The family is also seeking a permanent injunction against the school, ordering it to comply with Title IX, the federal law that mandates gender equity on campus.'

Woman pleads guilty to pushing man onto subway track because of his religion

ErikaLancastor · 14 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. I wonder how much (if any) time she'll spend in prison? Excerpt:

'A man waiting for a train was pushed off the subway platform into the path of an arriving train on December 27, 2012. He died instantly.

Erika Menendez of Queens, was charged with second-degree murder as a hate crime. Menendez told authorities she "pushed a Muslim off the train tracks" because she'd hated Hindus and Muslims ever since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, according to Queens District Attorney Richard Brown.

Menendez, 33, was allowed Friday to plead guilty to first-degree manslaughter, Brown said in a statement.

The judge indicated he would sentence her to 22 to 25 years in prison on April 29. Conviction on the original charge would have resulted in a tougher sentence -- 25 years to life imprisonment, Meris Campbell, spokeswoman for the district attorney's office, said Saturday.'

"Teacher Reminds 9yr-old Boy Writing Is For Girls"

Minuteman · 14 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Photo description:

'Meredith Kleykamp tweeted us a photo of a comment written on her 3rd grade son's cursive homework. The teacher wrote: "beautifully written! for a boy!"

So what's the message here?'

UK: Labour opts for women-only shortlist in district

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Labour has announced it will pick its general election candidate in the key West Yorkshire marginal seat of Halifax from an all-women shortlist.

MP Linda Riordan said last month she was stepping down after 10 years due to ill health.

Candidates must apply by Monday and a shortlist will be drawn up early next week by the party's national executive.

The move comes after Ms Riordan warned Labour was in danger of losing the seat unless a candidate was selected soon.

At a meeting it was decided there should be an all-women shortlist for the constituency.'

Woman arrested for domestic violence after stabbing boyfriend

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Selma Police Department arrested a woman on Friday and charged her with domestic violence after she allegedly stabbed her boyfriend twice.

Police responded to the 1100 block of Fifth Avenue at 7:36 p.m., where the victim told officers that he had gotten into an argument with 38-year-old Brenda Jean Burns over the phone. Burns then came over to the residence where the argument continued in the front yard. It was at that point that the suspect went into the house, grabbed a kitchen knife, came back outside and stabbed the victim with the knife.

The victim was able to take the knife away from the suspect, but the suspect went back inside the house and grabbed another knife and stabbed the victim again.'

Time to rethink ‘girls-only’ approach to HPV vaccine?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Encouraging parents to have their sons get the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine—rather than just trying to get more girls vaccinated—could ultimately protect more people for the same price, according to a study by a mathematician.

Whether vaccinating boys against HPV in addition to girls would only divert scarce resources from a campaign originally designed to help prevent cervical cancer has been a matter of debate.

But with HPV-related cancers in men on the rise, and HPV vaccine coverage for girls in the United States stagnating well below the critical levels needed to ensure that most people are protected, researchers have been re-examining the case for a girls-only approach.
...
Although the virus is most frequently associated with cervical cancer, women aren’t the only ones at risk. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that a third of the 27,000 cases of cancer HPV causes in the US each year occur in men, where it can cause cancers of the throat, tongue, tonsils, penis, and anus.'

State's colleges struggle to deal with issue of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Legislators and universities in New Jersey are changing the way rapes are dealt with on campus following two explosive incidents at local colleges and several high-profile cases that have brought national attention to the epidemic of sexual assault among students.

The allegations of rape at William Paterson University in Wayne and Ramapo College in Mahwah late last year came on the heels of incidents in New York, Florida and Virginia, scandals that prompted the federal government to push schools to be more aggressive in the handling of sexual assault cases.

But universities have struggled to investigate claims that are often difficult to prove — consent sometimes comes down to a matter of perspective, especially in young adults, and in most incidents there are no witnesses and memory is impaired by trauma, alcohol or drug use.

The task is all the more complicated by the need to preserve the rights of the accused. And increasingly, more young men are suing their schools — three have filed notice of intent to sue William Paterson — saying their lives have forever been altered by accusations that are unfounded and cases that were mishandled.
...
Lawmakers in New Jersey and other states are trying to legislate the very nature of consent and take rape investigations out of the hands of campus police, putting outside law enforcement in charge. Students are marching at more than 100 universities in solidarity with rape victims. Administrators at Ramapo and other schools are banning boozy gatherings in the hopes of preventing the kind of activities that lead to trouble. Ten states are even considering permitting students to carry guns to prevent rape.'

'No Boys Allowed' day teaches girls about science, math

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Classrooms at Seattle University had a new rule on Saturday: No Boys Allowed.

That's because it's the annual Expanding Your Horizons program, bringing together 500 middle school girls from Washington State to learn about science, math and engineering.

The girls rotated through workshops focusing on veterinary medicine, infectious diseases and robotics, to name a few.

"We're not trying to exclude boys," said Jen Sorensen, the program's organizer and chemistry professor at Seattle University. "We're trying to provide an opportunity for girls who might not even realize these career opportunities are available to them."'

Sheryl Sandberg Nags Husbands to Do the Laundry--But "Forgets" to Nag Wives to Shovel the Snow and Fix the Faucet

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First, why is "housework" consistently defined by Sandberg and Grant as washing the dishes and doing the laundry? What about shoveling the snow off the driveway, changing a tire on the car, assembling the Ikea furniture or repairing that leaky faucet and the cabinet door that came off the hinges? In other words, the tough outdoor and mechanical work that husbands regularly do for their wives and families? That doesn't seem to count as far as Sandberg and Grant are concerned. They're perfectly happy to hector husbands to take over the "women's work" around the house, but they don't even suggest to wives that they take over the "men's work."

Second, that Gager-Scott study cited by Sandberg and Grant doesn't actually seem to say that husbands who fold the clean clothes fresh out of the drier get more sex than husbands who just open a beer. Its conclusions seem to go more toward dispelling the myth that people who work hard don't have time for sex.

In fact, what scientific studies do confirm is that women find men who pitch in with household chores sexy, all right--but only if those chores are the "manly" Mr.-Fixit style chores that Sandberg and Grant completely ignore...'

Student presents lecture on rethinking male circumcision in the United States

Matt · 15 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Although parenthood isn't in the immediate horizon of most traditional students, junior philosophy major Dave Jonathan is has been confronting issues of ethics, terminology and choice, taking words right from the mouth's of babes.

"(Male) circumcision is just not something that is really talked about," Jonathan said.

According to Jonathan, several contradictory viewpoints frame the common knowledge surrounding male circumcision, creating a social environment where parents often decide whether or not to circumcise depending on outdated scientific studies or cultural biases.'

Neither Could Legally Consent, Only the Boy Gets a Felony Charge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If two people are equally unable to give consent, but have sex anyway, should either be charged with a crime? It's a question that many college administrators wrestle with when drugs and alcohol are factors in sexual assault disputes. The verdict often seems to be that male students are uniquely responsible for ascertaining that their sexual partners are in a state of mind to consent, even when the female is the initiator and both are intoxicated.

This double-standard for men seems to apply to underage teenagers as well. Take, for example, this recent story in *The Courier-Journal*: the Kentucky Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case of "B.H.," who was 15-years-old when he was charged with sexual misconduct and possessing pornographic material featuring a minor (the latter is a felony charge). B.H. was in trouble for having sex with his 13-year-old girlfriend and exchanging nude pictures with her. The acts were voluntary, though neither teen could legally consent to sexual activities since they were both underage at the time.

The girl's parents went to the cops when they found out, and B.H. was prosecuted. (Even though his parents could technically have done the same thing to his girlfriend, they opted against that course of action.) He plead guilty, had to register as a sex offender, and was remanded to a youth treatment center for almost a year. He is now challenging that outcome after the fact.

Assistant Attorney General Gregory Fuchs maintains that B.H. pressured the girl and had been involved in one other incident—a prank of a sexual nature—that justified his punishment...'

Factual Feminist reviews human rights group's "gamer" report

Matt · 15 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

YouTube video here. Description:

'A major humanitarian group has just come out with a lesson plan for high school students on sexism in video games. It is full of propaganda, vilifies gaming and gamers, and is likely to discourage young women from playing. Does this matter, or is it all just a game? AEI resident scholar Christina Hoff Sommers explains.'

College Brass to be Sued Personally Over Date Rapes $100 Million Estimated Legal Cost So Far Could Skyrocket, Predicts Expert

Matt · 15 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'The costs to schools of dealing with allegations of date rapes and other campus sexual assaults, which may have already topped 100 million dollars, could skyrocket under plans announced this morning to sue nor only colleges, but also key academic administrators, for violating the constitutional rights of accused students.

The plans – and an explanation about how and why conducting expulsion hearings which do not permit accused students to cross examine accusers and others violates their right to Due Process under the U.S. Constitution – were revealed by public interest law professor John Banzhaf.

The controversial professor, “The Man Behind the Ban on Cigarette Commercials,” and “a Driving Force Behind the Lawsuits That Have Cost Tobacco Companies Billions of Dollars,” has also been called an “Entrepreneur of Litigation, [and] a Trial Lawyer’s Trial Lawyer.”

That’s because he helped develop and popularize many novel legal theories in addition of those related to tobacco. These include victories against food companies over the issue of fat (“The Man Big Tobacco and Now Fast Food Love to Hate,” and the lawyer “Who’s Leading the Battle Against Big Fat”), a leading Supreme Court decision protecting the environment, several novel law suits attacking governmental corruption, and over 100 successful legal actions protecting women from sex discrimination.'

Campus activist: Sometimes people need to 'reflect' before realizing they are victims

Matt · 16 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Alexandra Brodsky, a Yale Law Student and well-known campus activist who also edits the feminist website Feministing.com, said during a panel Thursday that some who are raped don't immediately realize it.

Brodsky claimed that just because a woman didn't immediately report a sexual assault doesn't mean she's lying.

"Often schools have time limits because there's this idea that if you were raped you would know it immediately, even though survivors' experiences make clear that that's not true," she said. "That often people need some time to reflect and feel comfortable speaking out."

She also suggested that campus sexual assault cases should not be turned over to the police.'

Five harsh realities of campus sexual assault from a feminist former judge

Matt · 16 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nancy Gertner's feminist bona fides can hardly be questioned. A college friend of Bill and Hillary Clinton, Gertner is well known for her staunch defense of women in court.

She has won prestigious awards for her women's advocacy, and called her memoirs *In Defense of Women: Memoirs of an Unrepentant Advocate*. A liberal in good standing, she was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts by President Clinton at the recommendation of Sens. Ted Kennedy and John Kerry.

So what made such a staunch feminist advocate think twice about the current climate revolving around sexual assault on college campuses? It happened when her law firm took the case of a young man Gertner believed to be wrongly accused of rape even though a grand jury indicted him. In the case Gertner described, the man was accused 10 months after the encounter by a woman whose story constantly changed and was contradicted by witnesses.

Gertner was one of the 28 current and former Harvard Law professors who signed a letter against the school's new sexual assault policy.

During a panel Thursday discussing campus sexual assault and Gertner's recent article in the American Prospect, the former federal judge discussed some sensitive topics that, had a man such as Washington Post author George Will said them, would have been excoriated.'

Georgetown University lawyer details the burden placed on colleges by campus sexual assault policies

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'At a panel Thursday discussing campus sexual assault and due process, the general counsel for Georgetown University lamented the constantly changing rules being forced on colleges and universities by Congress and the Obama administration.

"Part of what is hard, honestly, as an institution, is the playing field changes with every OCR resolution," Lisa Brown, who is also the university's vice president, said at a panel put together by the American Constitution Society. "You implement the 'Dear Colleague' letter, then you have the [Violence Against Women Act] reauthorization, then you have [Office for Civil Rights'] Q&A and then you have the White House task force report and you have all these resolution agreements."

The onslaught of government regulations started in 2011 with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights' "Dear Colleague" letter, which reinterpreted Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 to classify sexual misconduct as a form of discrimination.

In 2013, after a lengthy battle in Congress, President Obama signed a reauthorization of VAWA, which also added new rules for colleges and universities in regards to Title IX.'

ACTA Calls for Due Process: Learning from the UVA Scandal

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'ACTA has consistently warned that when a college must deal with grave and emotionally charged issues— and surely sexual assault is such an is- sue—it is due process and the principle of innocence until guilt is established that alone can ensure justice. Many on cam- pus and in political leadership feel better by crying for swift, stern punishments, but rapid, bungled investigations often mean that the guilty walk free and the innocent are punished. Unless we want to see vigilante-style justice, we need to rely on the legal system to deal with crime. The recent events at University of Virginia offer a case in point.

Shortly after Rolling Stone magazine published “A Rape on Campus: A Bru- tal Assault and Struggle for Justice at UVA,” ACTA issued the statement, “Col- leges have the responsibility of providing a safe atmosphere, but the investigation and prosecution of grave criminal activity can only be done effectively by the police and the courts.” UVA’s ill-considered re- sponse, however, stands as an example of what happens when a university chooses a different path.

As is now notorious, the story told in Rolling Stone quickly came apart and the article became emblematic of something else: the incontrovertible reality of false accusations, the intellectual and moral bankruptcy of trial by the media, and the failure of college leadership.'

Anti-circumcision protest held in Fort Worth, Texas

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'A group of men in white suits with fake blood on their crotch areas gathered in Fort Worth to protest male circumcision Sunday.

About 30 members and supporters of Bloodstained Men, a nonprofit group based in California that travels the country in protest of male circumcision, held signs that read, “Foreskin is not a birth defect.” They were at Hulen Street and Interstate 30.

The group was founded in 2012 by a man who legally changed his name to Brother K in 1986 to protest his own circumcision at birth.

“Our founding fathers were not circumcised,” Brother K said Sunday.'

Finally, a TV ad showing a dad's depth of dedication and love for his child

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This is a MetLife ad aired in Hong Kong. It may well be the most touching filmed sequence (nevermind ad) involving a dad and his child ever made. Trigger warning: Some of you may start crying while watching it, so if you're at work, you might want to wait 'til you're home. Yes, it's that good. And to place it in context, the HK economy is unusually stable and resilient, but not miraculous. Its unemployment rate at the end of 2010 was 4% with underemployment at 1.8%. The dad in this ad appears to fall into that 1.8%. Face to the figure changes things a bit, yes? If you want to express appreciation or anything else to ML-HK, the contact form is here.

Anything Boys Can Rank, Girls Can Rank Better: Why Women Should Consider A Career in SEO or SEM

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'Any technical industry is bound to be at least somewhat male-dominated. Our society has unfortunately not yet fully embraced the fact that men and women can be equally talented when it comes to technical careers. SEO (search engine optimization) and SEM (search engine marketing, a.k.a. pay-per-click advertising on search engines) are certainly no exception. In fact, it seems as if these are some of the more intensely male-dominated sectors of the digital marketing industry to work in.

As a woman who has created a very successful career in the search industry, I find this particularly disappointing. I truly believe that women have every every bit of likelihood to be just as good at, if not better than, any given male counterpart in the same line of work, especially when it comes to SEO and SEM. Some reasons why they may be even better in this line of work include:

- Ability to multitask. Women are very accustomed to juggling several different types of responsibilities. Being able to keep many different types of tasks moving forward concurrently is a huge asset to an SEO team.
- Patience. Many women have raised or are raising children, and we're all biologically programmed to be able to do so. There is no greater need for patience than that! And many aspects of search, especially organic optimization, require patience. SEO is a long term marketing strategy that does not provide instant results, and making changes to test theories does not yield immediate feedback. Being a patient strategist and being able to foster patience in clients and stakeholders is an absolute necessity in this field.
- Analytical thinking. Many women (especially yours truly) have a tendency to overthink things. The nice way of saying that is that we can be very analytical. Being able to think and rethink (and rethink some more) your way through a challenging data discrepancy or unusual change in traffic patterns is a great problem-solving strength and is crucial to the long term success of search campaigns.

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Obviously it's not appropriate to make completely generalized assumptions based on gender alone, as each individual is completely unique. And even though I truly believe that women have a propensity to excel at SEO and SEM, I deeply respect all of my male colleagues in the industry, and I don't want in any way to infer that we are superior to them just because we are female. That is most certainly not true.

However, it is a statistically sound fact that women operate differently than men in some aspects, and many of those unique characteristics can lend themselves very nicely to being an effective search engine knowledge worker. It's an extremely rewarding line of work to be in, and is often conducive to working from home, making it easier for women to effectively balance a career and a family.'

Man puts 'crazy' case behind him; rape charges dropped after he spent 7 months in jail

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'Bradshaw met the woman at Hair of the Dog, where he was working as a server, in late July. The Russian-sounding woman was flirtatious, he said. When his shift ended at 5 p.m., they shot a few games of pool at The Honest Pint and she had one drink.

Two days later, the woman told police that Bradshaw took her back to his apartment the night they met, pretended to be a Marine and brutally raped her.

He says that's not what happened.

"I think she just has lots of issues and I just happened to be the scapegoat that was there," Bradshaw said.

Nonetheless, Bradshaw was arrested and charged with rape, kidnapping, assault and aggravated assault.
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Bradshaw eventually made bond and got out of jail. But when word of his arrest got back to Idaho, where he was on parole from a grand theft conviction, he ended up back in the Hamilton County Jail for violating his parole.

It was February before DNA results in the rape case against him came back from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation crime lab.

"The tests can definitely keep them in longer than what we would think would be fair, especially given the results," said Joy Radice, a defense attorney and associate professor at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville's College of Law.

At the March 2 hearing, Assistant District Attorney General Leslie Longshore said there was DNA in the rape kit, but it excluded Bradshaw.

"It did not corroborate the victim's story," Longshore said.
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"If everyone knew the whole story, they could make a movie out of it," he said. "It's something you couldn't write. It's too crazy."'

When the liberals blew it

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'Fifty years ago this month, Democrats made a historic mistake.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, at the time a federal official, wrote a famous report in March 1965 on family breakdown among African-Americans. He argued presciently and powerfully that the rise of single-parent households would make poverty more intractable.

“The fundamental problem,” Moynihan wrote, is family breakdown. In a follow-up, he explained: “From the wild Irish slums of the 19th-century Eastern seaboard, to the riot-torn suburbs of Los Angeles, there is one unmistakable lesson in American history: a community that allows large numbers of young men to grow up in broken families … never acquiring any stable relationship to male authority, never acquiring any set of rational expectations about the future — that community asks for and gets chaos.”

Liberals brutally denounced Moynihan as a racist. He himself had grown up in a single-mother household and worked as a shoeshine boy at the corner of Broadway and 43rd Street in Manhattan, yet he was accused of being aloof and patronizing, and of “blaming the victim.”
...
The liberal denunciations of Moynihan were terribly unfair. In fact, Moynihan emphasized that slavery, discrimination and “three centuries of injustice” had devastated the black family. He favored job and education programs to help buttress the family.

But the scathing commentary led President Lyndon Johnson to distance himself from the Moynihan report. Scholars, fearful of being accused of racism, mostly avoided studying family structure and poverty.
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Causation is difficult to tease from correlation. But efforts to do that suggest that growing up with just one biological parent reduces the chance that a child will graduate from high school by 40%, according to an essay by Sara McLanahan of Princeton and Christopher Jencks of Harvard. They point to the likely mechanism: “A father’s absence increases antisocial behavior, such as aggression, rule-breaking, delinquency and illegal drug use.” These effects are greater on boys than on girls.

Conservatives shouldn’t chortle at the evidence that liberals blew it, for they did as well. Conservatives say all the right things about honoring families, but they led the disastrous American experiment in mass incarceration; incarceration rates have quintupled since the 1970s. That devastated families, leading countless boys to grow up without dads.'

Wikipedia on Nicholas Kristof.

#Guys Only: Why She May Get Away With A False Rape Allegation Against You

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'Rape has become a common occurrence in the world with with as much as 250,000 reported cases of rape and attempted rape every year according to a United Nations statistical report compiled by the governments of about 65 different countries.

However, there is a level of flaw given that certain countries only reported male to female rape and the fact that there is an increasing number of falsified rape claims being reported. This has become a serious threat to the male folk given the fact that the society tends to pass judgement on an “alleged” offender before getting to the crux of the matter.

For these reasons, we believe every man should be aware of false rape allegations and how they can do them harm while also learning the ways in which compromising situations that may lead to you being accused can be avoided.
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Whether we like to admit it or not, rape in itself is subjective. Previously, everyone saw rape as a situation in which a man forcefully has sex with a non consenting woman but this has changed overtime. Nowadays, the meaning of rape is quite different from what we know as even a weak yes can be termed as a no. Added with the fact that feminists are making as much attempts as possible to ensure that the meaning of consent can be manipulated and open to interpretation as possible. A “No” these days could mean a woman saying “Any discomfort I feel from the previous night means I’m feeling a No.”
...
It is necessary to bear in mind that data and statistics released as regards false accusations on rape are wholly unreliable and cannot be trusted. This is mainly because rape cases have been politicized with government enacting laws protecting the accuser (mainly females) why doing nothing if the accusation is found out to be false. More so, even when it is discovered that the accusations are false, law enforcement agencies simply send both parties home with a little more than a slap on the wrist for the accuser.

Recently however, several studies are being conducted on the frequency of rape accusations that were falsely made. An analysis conducted by Rumney puts false rape claims at about 10-50% of all rape allegations made. Also, Kanin’s research using a more reliable methodology puts false claims at about 40% of the total cases reported.'

US football player to sue woman who accused him of rape

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'Ray McDonald was accused of rape in December, and the 49ers cut him immediately after news broke that police were investigating. But McDonald has not been charged, and now he plans to sue his accuser, saying she made a false claim and that it has put his football career in jeopardy.

McDonald's lawyer told the San Jose Mercury News that video from McDonald's home-surveillance system show the woman having "clearly consensual" sex with McDonald, and that the rape allegation was false. Yet the allegation led the 49ers to release McDonald, and no other team has shown interest in signing him. McDonald and his lawyer released a statement saying they hope the lawsuit can vindicate him and get his NFL career back on track.'

"Women-only hours are not discriminatory, the reaction is"

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'The McGill campus has recently been in uproar over a proposal to create women-only hours at the gym, submitted by law students Soumia Allalou and Raymond Grafton. The initiative gained support from a number of women who felt uncomfortable with the fitness centre's male-dominated atmosphere, whether because of intimidation, religious reasons, or otherwise. The request has drawn significant media attention both on and off campus, in part due to massive online backlash. This violently reactionary response should disgust any student reading it, and in fact proves how much this safer space is needed.
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... Women are a systemically disadvantaged group, and like other marginalized groups, deserve safer spaces. Women-only gym hours help to overcome a history of male domination in athletic pursuits like weightlifting.

Contestation of women-only hours by a majority does not mean the hours should not be implemented. The safer space that would be created is not for this majority's use; it would serve the needs of a minority of students who feel marginalized in a space that they, as students, have every right to use and feel comfortable in. The Daily strongly supports creating these kinds of spaces when a need for them is made known. ...'

Mayor of Dallas, Texas: Misogynistic Gene Built In Men

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'Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings said he realized he wanted to make domestic violence a “signature issue” for him because men tend to brush off the issue as a women’s issue, but men represent the bulk of abusers. About one-fourth of women are victims of abuse, which likely means one-fourth of men are abusers, he said.

Rawlings said he makes an effort to speak out to young men to try to combat cultural problems wrought by the “misogynistic gene that’s built in us guys that we haven’t dealt with yet.”

“Half our population is preyed upon by the other half,” Rawlings said. “We are all mad about terrorism all the time and the greatest terrorism takes place right in our backyard, right in our kitchen, right in our bedroom.”'

Campaign encouraging men to speak out against domestic violence

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'On Monday the effort to fight domestic violence in Central New York kicked off with a breakfast for Vera House's White Ribbon Campaign, followed by an annual walk Friday.

The annual campaign raises awareness about domestic and sexual violence and is led by men -- to send the message they will not tolerate violence against women.

"Men for the most part are the perpetrators, or have been, and it shows we, as a group, are taking a stand together to making that pledge not to commit or condone," said Ted Long, the campaign's chairman.'

When women turn on women: My response to Miranda Devine

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'Devine complained that International Women's Day descended into a festival of man bashing. Poor men. In Australia one woman every week is murdered by a man. Seventy per cent of the world's poorest are women. Women and girls are trafficked shamelessly. Women get paid less for the same work. Women should be furious and should demand better action for themselves and their children.

Why is it unacceptable to complain about men on International Women's Day? Men are the problem. The solution involves women having equal representation at the highest levels of all of our institutions and how we achieve that is the issue that started this debate.'

Hey, Ladies: Stop Nagging and Complaining About Men

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'Indeed, some men these days are pathetic, shiftless, effeminate, video game obsessed couch potatoes. No doubt about it. I've known several myself. They're out there. Well, not out there, more like in there, in the living room, playing with toys and trolling Tinder for cheap hook-ups. They're not always unemployed or unproductive, mind you. They might have a job, a girlfriend (which won't necessarily stop them from trolling Tinder), their own apartment, and their very own student loan debt.
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In fact, they might be married (which, again, still Tinder). They're the husbands who sit at home on Sundays and play Call of Duty while their wives take the kids to church. The husbands who lock themselves in their bedrooms and browse internet smut while their wives clean the kitchen and put the kids to bed. The husbands who don't lead, who don't contribute anything to the family other than money, and sometimes not even that. Talk about crying, I know there are many married women who cry themselves to sleep every night because they thought they married a man, only to find out they actually married a vaguely sentient beanbag chair.
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Yes, the landscape is littered with men of this sort. Boys, as you call them.

It's a difficult situation, that's the truth. These are all truths. Important truths. So here's the good news: virtually everyone understands these problems and discusses them ad nauseum. Men are lectured about their all around suckiness so much that it's practically become a national pastime — one that I've certainly participated in. You want me to write something about loafing, deadbeat men? Already have. Everyone has. It's all been said and said again and said again and said again and said again in sign language and French and Spanish and Greek and Pig Latin. The nagging has moved out of the home and now it's pumped into the loudspeakers of society, and men cannot escape it anywhere.

It's one thing to hold men accountable, but it's quite another to berate them with a relentless, toxic barrage of generalized insults; to scapegoat them; to give them absolutely no credit for their positive contributions, and to pretend women are faultless in all of this.'

Common Core High School Class Calls Video Games ‘Sexist’

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'Libertarian feminist Dr. Christina Hoff Sommers is no friend to liberal academics, as the latest planned boycott of an upcoming UCLA appearance still demonstrates, but one cannot deny her influence and public recognition on the issues of feminism and political correctness in the current political sphere. She makes no apologies regarding her opinion, which is very similar to my own that leftist political correctness has hijacked the feminist cause and turned it into something akin to political and societal napalm. I love her for it.

Dr. Sommers’ crosshairs have most recently caught sight of a truly baffling case, indeed – a high school class built for the express purpose of satisfying a particular requirement of the Common Core class model, titled “Is Gaming A Boy’s Club,” is perpetuating that completely-original-no-kidding myth that video games are the devil and are the reason for [insert current negative headline of the time]. This, of course, is ludicrous, and Dr. Sommers in her own words says as much (albeit much more eloquently) during a video segment she recorded for the American Enterprise Institute, “The War on Gamers Continues:”'

‘Women can’t be sexist': Another contender in Student Op-Ed Hall of Fame

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'At first I thought this column titled “Women can’t be sexist” was a parody, like the hilarious condemnation of microaggressions against left-handed people by the University of Michigan’s Omar Mahmood, which got him fired by the Puritan scolds at the Michigan Daily.

Nope, it’s sincere!

In a guest column for *The Post* at Ohio University, one of its own reporters shares her experience manning a table for the school’s Women’s Center on International Women’s Day last week.

Erin Davoran said she was confronted by a man who claimed the Women’s Center was “sexist against men” and who complained that he was treated unfairly in a job interview, because his female interviewer claimed that “all white men created poverty”:

"I apologized for his experience and explained that one woman does not represent all women or the entirety of feminism, which works toward the equality of both sexes and all genders — not women over men — socially and economically."

It could have ended there, but the guy came back to ask how it wasn’t sexist that the school has a “Women of Appalachia” group but not a parallel group for men. This is where Davoran goes off the rails:

"I started to explain that women can’t be sexist..."

Wait, what? That’s even less credible than claiming men can’t be pregnant. Back to Davoran and her airtight explanation:

"...that reverse racism doesn’t exist, but he cut me off before I could finish. He started yelling, “That’s bullshit! That is complete bullshit!” and walked away. I tried calling after him, asking him to hear me out, but he just kept walking.

So, sir, if you are reading this, please listen. Women cannot be sexist; the same way people of color cannot be racist. In the 2014 film Dear White People, the main character says, “Black people can’t be racist. Prejudice, yes, but not racist. Racism describes a system of disadvantage based on race. Black people can’t be racist since we don’t stand to benefit from such a system.” Replace “black people” with “women” and “racist/racism/race” with “sexist/sexism/sex” and that is the point I was trying to convey."'

"Paternity leave: why we should stop romanticising fatherhood"

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'And yet I am, tentatively, pleased that Labour is proposing an increase in paternity leave and paternity pay. It could have done without the “father’s month” branding, which makes me think of a big, macho version of *Woman’s Hour*, but it is a step in the right direction (which is the kind of things mums always say, whether it’s to do with politicians mentioning parenting at all, or children getting halfway round Sainsbury’s without the first tantrum). I find myself cringing slightly at the notion that “more fathers want to play a hands-on role in childcare particularly in those first crucial weeks of a child’s life” (what, you mean while it’s still a novelty?).

Four weeks is nothing, a heartbeat. If it matters for anything, it’s more for the support that a partner – male or female – can offer a new mother during those initial dark nights and zombie days. Indeed, part of me wonders why can’t it be framed as “partner” or “co-parent leave.” What, after all, is fatherhood? Is it some unique, mystical role, involving a special kinship with the fruit of one’s loins? Or is it something both more magical and more mundane, a chosen self-sacrifice that might sometimes make you less of yourself, not more? You know, a bit like motherhood?

In *What Should We Tell Our Daughters?* Melissa Benn asks whether today’s young men “are being brought up to see that the work of the home is work, a form of labour they should recognise, value and share”. I’d count parenting and caring work as part of that, but the answer to Benn’s question is, I think, no. If anything, I doubt young men really think about it at all. Perhaps I underestimate them, but simply failing to anticipate the need to perform a role can be much the same as expecting someone else (a mother, a woman, not you) to do it. And when such unspoken assumptions and expectations have embedded themselves, it can be hard to challenge them without seeming to be asking far too much. Even so, we can’t offer up fatherhood as a glittering prize when it is something else; it is what it is – love, care and work – and that should be enough. And perhaps four weeks is a start.'

How Feminism Becomes a Religion on College Campuses

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Article and video here.

'Melissa McGrath, an undergraduate student at Ohio State University, was invited to participate in her college's TEDx Talk, because, although not in possession of a doctorate, McGrath has "a valid story to tell, and (she thinks) that will shine through." Her thesis: Feminism proffers salvation.

Her "valid story" plays like a tent-revival testimonial about how feminist theory, reinforced by college professors, informed her that it was not her fault that she was sexually assaulted on campus. Avoiding the details of her assault, McGrath instead focuses on feminist liturgy as a method for teaching "intersectionality" that is, how the human race is tied together in a Marxist state of oppressor and oppressed.

Pulling all the approved contemporary feminist buzzwords from "white privilege" to "rape culture" McGrath weaves the kind of soap box narrative trademarked by the best faith-based snake oil salesmen (and women) of the 20th century. Her's is a speech proving that feminism isn't just ideology, but idolatry; a religion whose places of worship are in university classrooms, whose holy texts are available at your nearest bookstore, and whose icons live on "Pinterest boards" and social media outlets.'

Florida lawmakers seek to pass alimony changes

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'Lawmakers are seeking again to pass alimony changes that would put an end to permanent payments. Opponents said it would seriously harm women.

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Sponsor Colleen Burton said her bill is designed to reduce messy court fights.

"The overall (goal) is to reduce litigation that inflicts both economic and emotional tolls on spouses and their families who are going through a divorce and seeking alimony," Burton said.

The bill would eliminate permanent alimony. Instead of lifelong payments, an ex-spouse could be ordered to pay anywhere from 25 to 75 percent of the length of the marriage.

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"The alimony payer often is ordered to pay unaffordable amounts of alimony," said Frisher. "It puts the alimony payer sometimes in bankruptcy, in contempt and sometimes in jail. (For) the alimony receiver, on the other hand, the current law perpetuates an entitlement attitude."

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Women's groups that were against the proposal said that if wedding bells turn into a divorce, what happens to the women who had to stay at home rather than focus on their careers?

"Their husbands wanted them to stay home, have children, raise the children while he's out at work," said Barbara DeVane, of the National Organization for Women. "He's advancing in his career, she has no career."'

Does rape culture exist?

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'"RAPE CULTURE DOES NOT EXIST" reads a sign hanging up all over campus. A triggering exclamation of an opinion or fact?

On March 13, ZenMen held an event to emphatically state that it was absolutely a fact. The event was split into two parts: one part presentation and one part "open discussion." The presentation, given by ZenMen president Sage Gerard, was a short presentation wherein Gerard hoped that if his audience walked away taking nothing else, that they could walk away accepting that rape culture did not exist.

Gerard recognizes that rape is a crime that is committed, but believes that the idea of a culture built around rape is a product of hysteria and confirmation bias.

Gerard believes that buying into rape culture is not beneficial for anyone by making all men criminals and all women victims.

Gerard believes falsely that feminists only recognize (cisgender) men as perpetrators of rape and sexual assault and only (cisgender) women as victims of rape and sexual assault.

Feminists and activists here at Kennesaw State University have gone through great pains to emphasize the ways that rape affects and is perpetrated by all kinds of people. This culminated in last fall's YESBody! display on the campus green.'

Court reverses DV restraining order based partly on "'scary' clown" picture, etc.

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'Kyle Rainer and Brandy Buchanon had a 6-year-old child, B.L.G.R. The child "lived with Mother, but visited with Father on Sundays." In early 2014, though, mother filed a petition in court alleging domestic violence on father's part. Part of the allegations were that he had angrily yelled at her, scaring her and the daughter. Part was that he had "head-butted" the daughter. But the mother also introduced evidence about

"certain images that were posted on his Facebook page. Among the images were a picture of a "scary" clown, a photograph of Father's living room where a Walking Dead doll can be seen, and a picture of a head of hair with horns projecting from it."

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The family court had earlier entered a stay-away domestic violence order, and "prior to allowing introduction of the Facebook images, the family court indicated that it was going to partially grant Father's motion and amend the DVO down from 'no contact' to 'no violent contact.'" But "[a]fter considering the Facebook posts," the court changed its mind on the amendment, and kept the order as it was.

The court of appeals disagreed, and reversed the restraining order altogether (Rainer v. Buchanon (Ky. Ct. App. Mar. 13, 2015), or go here and search for "clown"):

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The court also concluded that the yelling incident wasn't enough to justify the order: "At most, Mother alleged that Father evoked fear in her when he 'yelled' outside her home and that he seemed 'angry' and 'mean.' Certainly, yelling during the course of a disagreement is not to be condoned nor is repeatedly initiating unwanted contact. Without some implicit or explicit threat of harm, however, we do not believe that such conduct, at least as it transpired in this case, constitutes an act of domestic violence." And the court concluded that the headbutting was just "an inappropriate, physically rough game," but there was no "evidence in the record to suggest that the headbutting actually caused a physical injury to Child or was undertaken with the intent to do so" (plus one that was unlikely to happen again).'

College athlete still suspened for DV though woman told ESPN she lied to the police

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'The woman who accused Arizona State linebacker Davon Durant of assault and domestic violence told ESPN that she lied about the incident to police.

Durant remains suspended indefinitely by the school after he was arrested on March 7, according to AZCentral.

Tempe, Ariz., police said Durant was arrested on March 7 on allegations of domestic violence and aggravated assault. As of now, Durant has a preliminary hearing on March 18 and faces charges of disorderly conduct and aggravated assault.
...
"When I lied to the police, it was out of spite," Arizona State student Kelsi Langley, who is Durant's girlfriend, said to ESPN.com. "I wasn't thinking. It was a very vengeful and spiteful thing to do."

According to AZCentral, Durant told authorities that he was having an argument with Langley in the vehicle. Langley told police that Durant hit her in the face and grabbed her neck. The officer that responded to the scene reported that Durant's girlfriend had visible injuries, including a bruise below her left eye and bruising around her neck that was consistent with finger marks.'

Canada: MP ‘astounded’ to learn from media that PM is booting him over sexual misconduct allegations

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'Newfoundland MP Scott Andrews says he was “astounded” to learn through the media that he and fellow Liberal MP Massimo Pacetti are about to be turfed permanently from the Liberal fold over allegations of sexual misconduct.

Liberal insiders say the fate of Andrews and Pacetti has been decided by Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau after receiving the results of an independent investigation he ordered into complaints levelled against them.

Andrews said he co-operated fully with the investigation into the allegations, levelled by two female New Democrat MPs.

The investigation was conducted by Toronto lawyer Cynthia Petersen, a human rights specialist who has investigated sexual harassment complaints in the private sector.
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Andrews said he was promised a copy of Petersen’s executive summary before her conclusions were made public.
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He said he was “disappointed to learn that unscrupulous, unnamed sources have chosen to communicate through the media rather than respect the process and those affected by it.”
...
One of the alleged victims spoke on condition of anonymity to various media outlets, including The Canadian Press, late last November.
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... The woman, who said she had previously been the victim of a violent sexual assault, said she froze and blocked out the situation. She alleged it was sex without her explicit consent.

During the confidential meeting with Foote, sources have told The Canadian Press that the woman acknowledged she did not explicitly say no to Pacetti and that she provided a condom. In the interview, she refused to comment on those details.'

Custody Bill has Lawyers Crying Sexism

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A bill in the legislature has the Nebraska State Bar crying sexism. LB 358*, introduced by Sen. Tommy Garrett, addresses custodial rights to a child in cases of sexual assault. It offers several amendments to current Nebraska laws.

"(It) only further perpetuates this myth that only men abuse, only women are victims and that's just not the case. So the way that it's written is unconstitutional because it's not gender neutral," attorney Chris Johnson said.

The first amendment states the father of a child conceived after a sexual assault shall have his parental rights terminated. Exceptions would be made if the child's mother objects to the termination or if the state deems it's not in the best interest of the child.
...
The Nebraska State Bar says the bill, as written, is sexist.
"The bill would be supported if it was amended to be gender neutral, such the law would equally apply to male and female perpetrators of sexual assault.
If amended as such it would withstand a constitutional scrutiny," the Family Law Legislative Committee decided unanimously.

Lawyers are also concerned about parental obligations of male rape victims.
"She (the mother) can even receive child support from the victim of sexual assault. There's nothing in LB 358 that says a woman will be treated in the same manner (as a male offender)," Johnson said.'

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*Bill here, Sec. 2 (starts on p. 3)

Canada: Father claims RCMP negligent in parental abduction

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The father of a baby girl whose mother took her out of Canada against his wishes last year is suing the RCMP for negligence, alleging the force helped her to commit a criminal offence.

"I'm just so angry. I just can't imagine anyone would ever do this to somebody else," said Craig Johnstone, 28, an electrician from North Vancouver.

Richmond RCMP let the mother leave, even though they had removed her from a flight the previous night for suspected parental abduction. She was trying to move to Australia with their Canadian-born daughter, who was six months old at the time.

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The now worthless court order had ordered the RCMP to seize her passport, along with the baby's.

He and his family are devastated over losing the little girl. He said he's only seen her three times in 10 months – short, awkward visits in Australia.

"It hurts me — but it hurts my daughter much more," he said. "I had a lot of faith in the court system and the judicial system but now I have none. None whatsoever."

He also lost a court bid there to have the baby brought back to Canada, because the court ruled Australia is now her home. He now fears she will grow up without a father.

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Johnstone said Bride also made false claims of abuse to the Australian consulate in Vancouver, so she could get the baby a passport without his knowledge or permission.

Her abuse allegations have since been discredited by the Australian court, which concluded Bride's actions in the couple's relationship "fly in the face of a person who has grave fears for her safety.'

Student Barred From Class For Disputing Rape Statistics

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A student at Reed College has been banned from class for denying the existence of “rape culture” in the United States and arguing that the oft-repeated statistic that one in five women are raped at college is bogus.

Jeremiah True, 19, received an email from professor Pancho Savery on March 14 telling him he was making his classmates so uncomfortable that he was no longer welcome to participate in the “conference” sections of his Humanities 110 class, a course which focuses on the art and literature of classical Greece, according to BuzzFeed News.

True says he sparred with his classmates on a variety of issues, but says it was his criticism of the 1-in-5 rape statistic that ended up being the tipping point.

“There are several survivors of sexual assault in our conference, and you have made them extremely uncomfortable with what they see as not only your undermining incidents of rape, but of also placing too much emphasis on men being unfairly charged with rape,” said Savery in an email True posted online. “[Other students] have said that things you have said in our conference have made them so upset that they have difficulty concentrating in other classes. I, as conference leader, have to do what is best for the well-being of the entire class, and I am therefore banning you from conference for the remainder of the semester.”'

Change.org petition supporting True is here.

More Men Fight College Allegations of Sexual Assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former undergraduate student sued Cornell University, alleging the Ivy League school wrongly accused him of forcing himself on a female student.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday by a man referred to as John Doe, is the latest to be brought against a school amid a crackdown on campus sexual assaults. It contends Cornell violated his due-process rights when the school concluded he raped a fellow student after a party in December 2013 and then withheld his diploma.

The suit says the Ithaca, N.Y., university “cherry-picked witness statements,” “ignored important…statements” and judged the credibility of witnesses “without any ascertainable rationale or logic.”

A spokesman for Cornell declined to comment.

Since the start of last year, more than two dozen men have sued colleges and universities over such cases, largely alleging that the schools’ disciplinary processes are stacked against them. The number is a dramatic jump from just a few years ago.

Last week, a Boston College graduate sued the school, saying it failed to give him a fair hearing after accusing him of sexual assault.

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According to the lawsuit filed Thursday, Cornell decided to withhold the accused man’s diploma for two years after he finished his coursework. The punishment has made it difficult for the former student to find a job, said his lawyer, Andrew Miltenberg.

“The false allegations made against him and the resulting failures by an institution that he trusted continue to wreak havoc on his life,” said Mr. Miltenberg.'

Feminist Reporter: Take Away White Men's Guns

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Still think liberal feminist journalists aren't racist man-haters? (RELATED: Men Should Avoid Progressive Women For Their Own Safety).

Andrea Grimes, senior political reporter at the lefty women's site RH Reality Check, sank to a disgusting new low Thursday by saying that guns should be confiscated only from white men.

"Suggestion: we don't have to vaporize all the guns. Let's just vaporize white men's guns," Grimes tweeted, linking to an article about Arizona shooter Ryan Giroux.

"White guys cannot be trusted to use guns responsibly. It is time to stop giving guns to white guys," Grimes added. "I mean, it's time to stop giving guns to everybody, but we can start with the white guys."

Grimes then echoed a popular feminist slogan about bathing in male tears, which top feminist Jessica Valenti wears on a sweatshirt.

"As a bonus, we can collect their tears for research and resource purposes while they line up to surrender their weapons," Grimes said.'

Police: Ex-girlfriend attacks Indianapolis Colts linebacker, new girlfriend

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Story here.

'An Indianapolis Colts linebacker is recovering after police say his ex-girlfriend attacked him and his girlfriend.

Erica Palmer was arrested after the attack at Walden's home in Georgia, according to WSB-TV. She's accused of breaking Walden's girlfriend's arm and cutting the football player.

Police found her hiding at a nearby hotel. Charges against her include aggravated assault, theft and battery.

Police told WSB-TV that Palmer had access to a gun, knife and bat when she confronted the couple Saturday. Palmer and Walden have two children together.

This isn't the first domestic violence incident involving the couple, police said. Walden and Palmer were involved in another domestic dispute in Wisconsin in 2011.'

Australia: Police Commissioner Admits Only Safe Place For Women Is A Man-Proof Vault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Victoria's chief of homicide has admitted that the only place where women are not vulnerable to acts of violence is inside a man-proof vault. In the wake of another random stabbing, this time in a Melbourne park, he has recommended that each woman be issued a vault by the government.

"We've tried everything to tackle the problem of male violence. Telling women not to go out, telling them not to dress too sexy, telling them to use the buddy system," said the Inspector. "I can't see any other way except telling women to live inside tiny reinforced vaults."

Feminist groups have reacted to the proposal with fatigue. "Well, at least he didn't tell us to scream constantly at the top of our lungs again," said a women's sector spokesperson. "And it's not as bad as the time he told us to piss ourselves. That's really uncomfortable and it only works on bears."'

CNN’s New Rape Documentary Relies On Myths, Not Facts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“The Hunting Ground,” a newly released documentary about sexual assault on college campuses, is earning rave reviews, drawing the attention of D.C. lawmakers and could even have an effect on the upcoming NFL draft. Though currently showing in just a few theaters, it will reach reach a huge audience by the end of the year when it is shown on CNN. But the way the film handles sexual assault statistics and individual allegations of rape raises three crucial questions about whether the film warrants the effusive response it has garnered.

As its title suggests, “The Hunting Ground” presents America’s college campuses as hotbeds of sexual assault where predatory rapists can act with impunity because schools are unwilling to do anything to address the problem. The film’s strength is built on an almost overwhelming deluge of personal accounts by women (and a few men) who recount suffering violent rapes and then struggling to obtain justice.

Annie Clark, one of the central figures of the documentary, says she was told by an administrator that “rape is like a football game,” where she should think back on what she could have done differently to avoid the rape. Another girl, Lizzy Seeberg, is said to have killed herself after Notre Dame police moved too slowly in investigating her alleged rape at the hands of a football player.

A close watching of the film, however, shows that it relies on several questionable facts to make its case, and sometimes misleads the viewer in a way that calls the entire film’s legitimacy and reliability into question.'

Check Your ‘Privilege Theory’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Since 1979, the report says, the number of women going to college has accelerated relative to male enrollments. By 2012, there were 2.8 million more women than men in college, and by 2020 this “enrollment gap” is projected to grow to 4.4 million as women account for 74 percent of enrollment growth.

In 2000, the adult populations of college-educated men and women were approximately equal. By 2013, there were 4.9 million more women 25 or older with college degrees than men in that age group. This means a shortage of suitable male partners for a growing cohort of young women, who are postponing family formation. The report says millions of female-led households are being established by women who, being focused on their careers, are delaying motherhood, partly because of a shortage of suitable partners. More about suitability anon.
...
... Susan Patton, a Princeton graduate ... in a letter to the Daily Princetonian, she told “the young women of Princeton” what “you really need to know that nobody is telling you.” Which is that their future happiness will be “inextricably linked” to the men they marry, so they should “find a husband on campus” because “you will never again have this concentration of men who are worthy of you.” She explains:

"Men regularly marry women who are younger, less intelligent, less educated. It’s amazing how forgiving men can be about a woman’s lack of erudition, if she is exceptionally pretty. Smart women can’t (shouldn’t) marry men who aren’t at least their intellectual equal. As Princeton women, we have almost priced ourselves out of the market. Simply put, there is a very limited population of men who are as smart or smarter than we are . . . It will frustrate you to be with a man who just isn’t as smart as you."'

Utah Students Charge Men More for Cookies to Demonstrate Pay Gap

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Story here.

'This might be the one time pay inequality worked out well for the women.

A group of Utah high school students hosted a bake sale earlier this week selling cookies to men for $1, while the same cookies were sold to women for 77 cents.

"Because in America, for every dollar a man makes, a woman only makes 77 cents," Kari Schott, a member of the Young Democrats Club at Jordan High School in Sandy, Utah, told Good4Utah.com. "So we're raising awareness for this. So boys will pay a dollar and girls only pay 77 cents."

Not everyone at the school appreciated the price difference, with some calling into question the accuracy of the statistic.

"On social media, on Facebook people got really mad, like they came up and talked to me," Schott said.

"They didn't think it was fair and I said yeah, it's not fair. That's why we're doing it," she concluded.'

"College Presidents Appear To Be Delusional About Sexual Assault On Their Campuses"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'About a third of U.S. college presidents believe sexual assault is a problem on American college campuses, but only 6 percent believe it's a problem on their own campuses. That's according to Inside Higher Ed's fifth annual Survey of College and University Presidents, which was released Friday. The survey covered a range of topics, including the Obama administration's college ratings proposal and the sustainability of college financial models, but the most significant (and alarming) finding was about the presidents' thoughts on the prevalence of sexual assault on campus.

College presidents appear to be out of touch.

The U.S. Department of Education in May released a list of 55 institutions with open investigations into Title IX sexual violence violations. Since then, that list has been periodically updated; as of January, it named 94 schools, including large public institutions such as Arizona State University and small liberal arts colleges like Sarah Lawrence. Some lawmakers have made campus sexual assault a priority, most notably with California's recently passed affirmative consent standard and with the pending federal Campus Accountability and Safety Act.'

Arraignment set for mother charged with killing two children

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Florida mother waived her right to attend a first court hearing on Sunday to face charges of murdering two of her young children and attempting to murder her five-month-old baby, an official at Brevard County Detention Center said.

Jessica Lacey McCarty, 33, of Palm Bay was represented by a public defender, with a judge setting arraignment for April 21, the official said.

It was unclear how she intended to plead.

McCarty was ordered held without bond and remains under medical watch at Brevard County Detention Center, the official said.

The medical examiner's office on Sunday will perform autopsies on McCarty's two older children, ages 7 and 6, to determine how they died.

Police have not said how they believe the children were killed except to say they were not stabbed, sliced or shot.

McCarty's five-month-old baby remains in critical condition in an Orlando hospital, officials said.

Officers went to McCarty's home Friday after receiving two emergency calls, one from a woman who claimed to have killed her children, police said in a news release on Saturday.'

Manhattan Institute's March 10 panel discussion of "The Truth About Campus Sexual Assault"

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Edited transcript here. Excerpt:

'HOWARD HUSOCK: We have been told that a crisis of sexual violence grips college and university life. By some accounts, including that of President Obama himself, one in five female undergraduates is said to be likely to experience a sexual assault over the course of their college years. Prominent feminist and Guardian columnist, Jessica Valenti, has referred to the epidemic levels of rape on university campuses. Others, however, see the cry of crisis as exaggerated, and point to the debunking of such stories as that which appeared in Rolling Stone alleging that the University of Virginia had failed to act on a woman student's charges of fraternity gang rape.

I'm going to turn first to Heather Mac Donald. Put this in context for us, Heather.

HEATHER MAC DONALD: Let's look at these numbers, Howard. The most common statistic thrown out these days by President Obama, Vice President Biden, on down is that one in five women will be the victims of sexual assault during their college careers.

Detroit is America's most violent city. Its violent crime rate for all four violent felonies—that's rape, murder, aggravated assault, and robbery—is 2%. Its rape rate is 0.05%. A 20% crime rate for any crime, much less one as serious as rape, is virtually unheard of. Not even in Africa's most brutal civil wars has anything been experienced in human history like a 20% crime rate. And yet despite a rape rate that is allegedly 400 times that of Detroit's, sophisticated, highly educated baby boomer mothers are beating down the doors of campuses to try to get their daughters in.

The frenzy of college admissions begins earlier and earlier each year. Here in Manhattan, parents are paying $200 an hour for tutoring for prekindergarten, all in the hope of getting their little darlings into Harvard 14 years later.'

Campus Sexual Assault: Bringing an End to Second-Class Justice

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YouTube video here. Held at the National Press Club, Washington, DC on 3/13/15. Panelists: Cathy Young, John Banzhaf, Susan Kaplan, Hans Bader, Cynthia Garrett and Joshua Strange

Deadbeat Fathers and Return of Imprisonment for Debt

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Letter here.

'Regarding Robert Doar's "Making It Easier to Skip Paying Child Support" (op-ed, March 10): The most consequential problem with child support isn't the back-end collection of child support but rather the front-end calculation of child support. As calculated in most states today, mothers are enriched, fathers are impoverished and there is no accountability mechanism to be sure that the money is being spent on the children of divorce.

Mr. Doar keeps referring to "absent parents" as if all fathers are fleeing from their children in unprecedented droves. Fathers are absent visitors because the family courts order them to be absent. Involved fathers are much more likely to remain current even on absurdly calculated child-support awards if they are deeply involved in their children's lives.

Most important for any man contemplating marriage and fatherhood, the draconian enforcement types like Mr. Doar love "debtors prison laws." In the U.S. today, the only citizens who can be imprisoned for debt are fathers in arrears for child support. The parent-to-prison pathway generally goes something like this: Fall behind in child support, and the state takes away all professional and drivers' licenses. This makes it impossible for fathers to generate income, and so the arrears increase, the father goes to debtors prison, and with a prison record it becomes exceedingly difficult to impossible to ever get a job in the aboveground economy. The future prospects of the children of imprisoned fathers are uniformly bleak, especially when compounded with the well-established findings that children from single-mother families have the worst developmental outcomes of all family forms.

Em. Prof. Gordon E. Finley
Florida Intl. University
Miami'

Florida State Motion To Dismiss Erica Kinsman Title IX Lawsuit

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Story here. Announcement:

'"Florida State University has no tolerance for sexual harassment of any kind, so being adverse to a former student and alleged sexual assault victim is an unwelcome position for the university. Yet, we have no choice but to respond to her allegations of deliberate indifference in the strongest terms because the facts in the case do not support her account. If the court does not dismiss this complaint, FSU will look forward to setting the record straight by establishing the extensive assistance Erica Kinsman received from the university. The public must have full confidence in our commitment to protect and care for all our students." -- Florida State president John Thrasher'

Motion here. Kinsman is the star (if it can be called that) of "The Hunting Ground".

BC graduate says school mishandled sex-assault case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Boston College graduate accused of sexual assault has filed a lawsuit alleging that the university violated federal anti-discrimination laws and its own policies governing sexual-assault allegations.

The suit, filed Wednesday in federal court, says BC rushed to find the student responsible for sexual assault and deprived him of a fair hearing. The process branded the student as a sexual predator without giving him a chance to tell his side of the story, the complaint alleges.

The suit was filed against the college trustees and five top administrators by Washington, D.C., attorney Charles B. Wayne and Boston attorney Matthew J. Iverson.

BC spokesman Jack Dunn said the suit is baseless and the college intends to fight it vigorously in federal court. The student's attorneys declined to comment.

College officials in 2012 charged the student, referred to in the lawsuit as John Doe, with sexually assaulting a female student on a student cruise in Boston Harbor.'

The Factual Feminist: Criminal sentencing: Do women get off easy?

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YouTube video here. Description:

'If you are a criminal defendant, it is far better to be a woman than a man. For the same crime, and with a similar criminal history, men in the U.S. are imprisoned much more frequently and for much longer sentences. This is one gender gap that we hear very little about. AEI resident scholar Christina Hoff Sommers explains the very real consequences of being a man vs. a woman on trial for the same crime.'

Israel: Jewish Grandfather Avraham Burg Makes an Intactivist Case in Ha'aretz

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Excerpt from Is this the generation that rejects circumcision? by Avraham Burg *[link added]*. Published in Ha'aretz (Israel), Aug. 29, 2014.

“I approached the topic with a great deal of curiosity, and conducted a kind of man-in-the-street poll for several weeks. I asked my questions with care and got detailed responses. The many answers I received all pointed in a single direction: that the institution of circumcision is coming to an end. Or, to be more precise, the institution of circumcision has no real hold among the segment of the Israeli population that is not conservative and religiously observant… My innocent question, “Is any one of these answers sufficient reason to maim a child?” was met with silence. I asked, “Would you take out a child’s appendix soon after birth? Or implant a pacemaker in his body in order to play it safe?” The answer, with an embarrassed smile, was, “Oh, I never thought about it that way.” Nobody, but nobody, cited religious obligation as justification for the act… Here are the facts: there is no Jewish death penalty. We do not put out eyes or cut off hands. There are no rabbinic executioners, or people who amputate limbs for violations of Jewish law. All that are left are the mohalim – those who are specially trained to perform circumcisions.

Ritual circumcision is the only act of physical harm that remains. For how much longer?

The acts of physical harm I enumerated above, and many others, fell into disuse as the social and cultural conditions in which the Jews lived changed. Is our generation the one that is ripe for the abolition of ritual circumcision?'

American courts should follow Israel's lead in case of boy facing circumcision

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'This past June Israel's highest court ruled that it isn't appropriate to link a child's circumcision to a divorce proceeding. It appears the American legal system has no such concerns.

In Palm Beach County, Florida, family court judge Jeffrey Gillen has ordered a young mother arrested and jailed for failing to hand over her healthy four-year-old son so he can be circumcised according to his dad's wishes.

The situation looks bleak – for Heather Hironomous and for her son's foreskin – as the initial circumcision order has already been appealed and affirmed. The family is not Jewish or Muslim, so religious concerns are not at issue here.

The cases in Israel and Florida are strikingly similar. Both involve mothers who have serious objections to childhood circumcision absent true medical necessity. Fearful of the pain their boys would inevitably endure, of the potential for surgical complications and of possible diminished sensation in adulthood, both mothers consider themselves to be "intactivists" – a burgeoning human rights group that believes women and men alike should make their own decisions, as consenting adults, when it comes to elective genital surgery.'

When Regulations Undermine Justice and Due Process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the attached handouts, I have explained how the Office for Civil Rights, where I used to work, has made punishment of innocent students more likely, and in some cases, inevitable, through its rules on how colleges must handle sexual harassment allegations, which apply both to verbal harassment and sexual assault.

For example, in recent investigations, OCR has required that colleges impose “interim measures” against accused students before they ever receive a hearing on the charge against them, measures that can include expulsion from a dorm and classes shared with the accuser. In its April 2011 Dear Colleague letter to the nation’s colleges, OCR instructed to colleges to restrict cross-examination, even though the Supreme Court has declared that cross-examination is the “greatest legal engine ever invented for the discovery of truth.” It also ordered colleges to abolish the clear-and-convincing standard of evidence that was once the norm in college discipline.'

Job Hunting With a Criminal Record

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is no dispute that far too many Americans carry the burden of a criminal record — at least 70 million, by recent estimates — or that the easy accessibility of these records in the information age imposes debilitating obstacles, especially when it comes to finding a job.

The harder question is what to do about it.

Employment is, after all, an important factor in keeping people out of the criminal justice system, yet, in a struggling job market, employers are often tempted to turn away anyone who appears to pose even the slightest risk. Thanks to the proliferation of companies offering instant online background checks, a vast majority of employers now run such checks on all job applicants. They can, and do, refuse to hire people on the grounds of an arrest itself — let alone a conviction.

People with criminal records often face all manner of entrenched and unjustified prejudice. Studies have found that job applicants who reported having a criminal record were 50 percent less likely to receive a callback or job offer. And, as with virtually every part of the criminal justice system, the effect was more pronounced when the job candidate was black.

Over the last five years, according to a recent report by the Vera Institute for Justice, 23 states have passed more than three dozen laws aimed at sealing or expunging criminal records for certain offenses so that low-level offenders do not continue to suffer for relatively minor transgressions. The convictions that may be sealed commonly include misdemeanors like disorderly conduct, shoplifting, or, in some cases, low-level drug possession.'

Why Shared-Parenting Legislation Makes Sense

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Being a single parent is a tough gig. Hustle the barely conscious kids off to preschool, fret whether your afterschool program is meeting the needs of your children, fidget in rush hour lines at the grocery store -- or feel guilty about getting them a Big Mac and fries. That's why we have National Single Parent Appreciation Day on March 21, courtesy of President Reagan in 1984.

That's also the reason National Parents Organization wants to make single parenting a thing of the past. To help, we have a killer app: shared parenting by divorced or never-married parents. Instead of one frenetic single parent and one non-parent called a "visitor" (and relegated to every other weekend), both parents divvy up the work. The other reason for shared parenting is the emerging consensus among child development researchers that children want shared parenting and do much, much better in life if they have it.

In this age of gender role convergence, people are often surprised to learn just how often courts currently favor one parent over the other. In fact, sole custody is awarded to one parent in about 83 percent of cases, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, thus creating a single parent and a "visitor." Thrusting parents into a winner-take-all gladiatorial arena helps create bitter custody battles with attendant and corrosive effects that last for years. National Parents Organization recently published a Shared Parenting Report Card that graded each state's child custody statutes A through F. The results show no state is heading for acceptance into the Ivy League.'

In College and Hiding From Scary Ideas

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Article here. Excerpt:

'KATHERINE BYRON, a senior at Brown University and a member of its Sexual Assault Task Force, considers it her duty to make Brown a safe place for rape victims, free from anything that might prompt memories of trauma.
...
Ms. Byron and some fellow task force members secured a meeting with administrators. Not long after, Brown's president, Christina H. Paxson, announced that the university would hold a simultaneous, competing talk to provide "research and facts" about "the role of culture in sexual assault." Meanwhile, student volunteers put up posters advertising that a "safe space" would be available for anyone who found the debate too upsetting.

The safe space, Ms. Byron explained, was intended to give people who might find comments "troubling" or "triggering," a place to recuperate. The room was equipped with cookies, coloring books, bubbles, Play-Doh, calming music, pillows, blankets and a video of frolicking puppies, as well as students and staff members trained to deal with trauma. Emma Hall, a junior, rape survivor and "sexual assault peer educator" who helped set up the room and worked in it during the debate, estimates that a couple of dozen people used it. At one point she went to the lecture hall — it was packed — but after a while, she had to return to the safe space. "I was feeling bombarded by a lot of viewpoints that really go against my dearly and closely held beliefs," Ms. Hall said.

Safe spaces are an expression of the conviction, increasingly prevalent among college students, that their schools should keep them from being "bombarded" by discomfiting or distressing viewpoints. Think of the safe space as the live-action version of the better-known trigger warning, a notice put on top of a syllabus or an assigned reading to alert students to the presence of potentially disturbing material.'

Injustice report from Indian reader

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From a reader in India. Many items on men being harassed and assaulted due to presumed guilt/false accusations, sometimes murdered or driven to suicide as a consequence.

Man trashed for bumping into a group of girls in the dark

Mob Justice: Penis chopped off

Husband burnt alive by mother-in-law
(If a wife is burnt alive, or dies of any unnatural death or road accident within 7 yrs of marriage, the Indian police immediately bound to file case under 304B. But here wife isn't touched at all.)

One honest officer in Indian civil services allegedly committed suicide. Reason initially is that the mafia had a hand in the murder. Now news is unfolding: Allegedly, his wife had affair and he was threatened with 498a. There have been good number of protest to investigate the case in Bangalore but it's taking new turn.

Another husband committed suicide due to 498a terror

A doctor commits suicide after wife threatens him with 498a

Man commits suicide after a woman blackmailed him of false rape case

Man beaten after a woman alleges that he held her hand

Man lynched by a mob of 10,000 that included school and college girls. He was in judicial custody under charges of rape. The mob took him out of jail and beat him to death. A few days later, the medical report of woman came that said: "No Rape"

Mob killed another alleged rapist

Australian Salvation Army 'exposed boys to sexual abuse'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Australian Salvation Army failed to protect young boys in its care from sexual abuse, a report has found.

The report, by Australia's Royal Commission, examined four homes run by the charity in New South Wales and Queensland.

It detailed brutal sexual and psychological abuse of young boys put in the care of the state at the four homes between 1965 and 1977.

Boys who attempted to report abuse were punished or accused of lying, it said.

"The commissioners found that the Salvation Army did not protect the boys from sexual abuse in each of the four homes," the report said.'

Rolling Stone to Publish Review of Disputed Rape Article

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rolling Stone magazine plans to publish an external review of a widely disputed article about a gang rape at the University of Virginia “in the next couple of weeks,” its managing editor, Will Dana, said on Sunday.

The 9,000-word article, which was published in November, was based on the account of a female student who described being sexually assaulted by seven men in a dark room during a fraternity house party.

The article quickly became part of a national debate over sexual assault on college campuses, and the university suspended the fraternity’s operations. But in early December, substantial portions of the article were called into question. Rolling Stone acknowledged that it had not sought to independently corroborate the woman’s account, and that it had doubts about the veracity of the story. Shortly afterward, it announced a review of the article would be led by Steve Coll, dean of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.'

Police Find No Evidence To Support Alleged UVA Gang Rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Charlottesville Police announced Monday that its investigation into an alleged gang rape at the University of Virginia's Phi Kappa Psi fraternity did not find enough evidence to support the account described in a Rolling Stone magazine article published last year.

Charlottesville Chief of Police Tim Longo said during a press conference the case would not be closed, however, because he cannot say conclusively that no assault took place. The alleged victim, a female undergraduate identified only as Jackie, did not provide a statement or any testimony to Charlottesville police during its investigation, Longo said.

"It's a disservice to Jackie and to the university to close this" case without leaving open the possibility that additional information will come to light, Longo said.'

UVA Fraternity Exploring Legal Options to Address 'Extensive Damage Caused by Rolling Stone'

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'Phi Kappa Psi at the University of Virginia told ABC News today that the fraternity feels vindicated after Charlottesville, Virginia, police said their investigation found "no evidence" of an alleged rape at the fraternity house.

Stephen Scipione, president of the Virginia Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, said in a statement, "These false accusations have been extremely damaging to our entire organization, but we can only begin to imagine the setback this must have dealt to survivors of sexual assault."

He continued, "We hope that Rolling Stone's actions do not discourage any survivors from coming forward to seek the justice they deserve."
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Phi Psi said it is "exploring its legal options to address the extensive damage caused by Rolling Stone."
...
Police also found no evidence that a party or event took place at Phi Psi on Sept. 28, 2012, noting that a time-stamped photo from that night shows the house practically empty, Longo said.

In January, a police investigation cleared Phi Psi of any involvement in the alleged rape and the fraternity was reinstated on campus.

Longo noted today that the case is not closed, but is suspended until they are able to gather more information.'

"What Everyone Needs to Know About the Police Findings in the UVA Gang Rape Case"

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'We still must believe survivors: This sentiment is one survivors and activists have been championing since the story was first called into question. While some have stated that this case may be read as a "setback" for the movement and that it "wrecked an incredible year of progress," the incident has also launched an important conversation about the complex experience of survivors and why they should be believed.

Regardless of the particulars of Jackie's case, the fact remains that just about 2% to 8% of rape claims are determined to be false, and rape remains a highly underreported crime. Furthermore, it's not uncommon for survivors to misremember the facts of their assault or to manage the experience in a variety of ways. It makes sense, then, to believe survivors. As activist Zerlina Maxwell wrote in the Washington Post, "the costs of wrongly disbelieving a survivor far outweigh the costs of calling someone a rapist."
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Ultimately, this controversy is about much more than the validity of a single case of sexual assault on one campus. It is about the way in which we approach survivors' stories. Rather than focusing on the discrepancies of a single case, this investigation, and the treatment of Jackie, underscore that surviving assault is a complex experience about which the public needs to continue to be educated.'

UK: Man sues police over malicious prosecution in false rape accusation

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'A businessman who spent three weeks in jail after falsely being accused of rape by a woman he met on the internet is suing the police for malicious prosecution and wrongful imprisonment.

Kayode Modupe-Ojo, a former boyfriend of David Beckham's sister Joanne, said his reputation has been destroyed and he lost his business because police failed to investigate properly the woman's fictitious allegations – including that he possessed firearms – or the glaring inconsistencies in her story.

The 28-year-old former spa owner was arrested at his home in Cheshire shortly after spending two days with the woman.

His accuser gave a harrowing but entirely false account of being tied up and moved around the north-east of England against her will, after a sexual encounter turned terrifyingly violent.'

New controversy about circumcision raising eyebrows

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'When you go into a hospital, do you expect the hospital and biotech industries to make a profit from your surgical specimens? Well in the case of circumcision, your child's foreskin could be making thousands of dollars for the biotech industry.

A baby's foreskin is full of cells, called fibroblasts, that produce structural proteins like collagen. When fibroblasts are extracted, multiple products can be developed, such as artificial skin for plastic surgery, injectable wrinkle treatments and even skin creams that sell for hundreds of dollars per jar.

The ethical question is: Should you be informed that your child's foreskin is going to become a profitable commodity? Circumcision continues to be a controversial topic, but the majority of people don't realize that many of the byproducts from human bodies translate to big bucks for biotech companies.

The question that I have is: Who does that foreskin belong to? Right now, this industry is not very well regulated. Yes, the FDA keeps tabs on tissue banks nationally, but many of them also have affiliations and partnerships outside the U.S. where the FDA has no regulatory control.

I don't see a lot of disclosure or transparency by medical centers in their contractual agreements they may have with biotech companies in regards to selling human byproducts. It's important to note this is not the same as patients donating tissue like bone marrow or organs that are very regulated, and in my opinion, doing God's work. But when the tissue that is up for grabs is being sold off without the patient's knowledge, is that ethical? I don't think it is, and I want to hear from you about what you think about this topic.'

Misandry is a way for girls to unite and feel powerful, even if it's [mostly] a joke

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'It also helps, Horowitz says, that misandry jokes don't really cater to men, as the joke really succeeds as an inside joke between members of the same in-group (feminist women). Being in on the joke can help foster a connection and a sense of solidarity between women with common feminist goals, and for those who need it, it can serve as a coping mechanism for living in a world that wasn't build for you.

More to the point, joking about misandry with your friends is a way to vent, while at the same time imagining a world where women are respected, and perhaps even in charge.

"I don't want to say it's empowering necessarily," Horowitz says. "But it gives a lot of young women a sense of power while being in on this joke, and that power is attractive."'

Girls, boys, and reading

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'The analysis below focuses on where the gender gap in reading stands today, not its causes. Nevertheless, readers should keep in mind the three most prominent explanations for the gap. They will be used to frame the concluding discussion.

Biological/Developmental: Even before attending school, young boys evidence more problems in learning how to read than girls. This explanation believes the sexes are hard-wired differently for literacy.

School Practices: Boys are inferior to girls on several school measures—behavioral, social, and academic—and those discrepancies extend all the way through college. This explanation believes that even if schools do not create the gap, they certainly don't do what they could to ameliorate it.

Cultural Influences: Cultural influences steer boys toward non-literary activities (sports, music) and define literacy as a feminine characteristic. This explanation believes cultural cues and strong role models could help close the gap by portraying reading as a masculine activity.'

'Mansplaining' the return of political correctness

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'I've never seen the *Vagina Monologues*. Perhaps I'm incurious, but I just never had any interest in sitting through segments with titles like *The little coochie snorcher that could*.
...
Anyway, the point is that the *Vagina Monologues*, so shocking when Eve Ensler wrote it in 1996, has become an entertaining relic. And its cancellation at Holyoke just seems like an attempt to find something new to protest.

Sorry, I know that sounds like old-man talk, but that's what it looks like.
...
Political correctness, apparently, is making a comeback, like a sharp-tongued schoolmarm coming out of retirement. (Yes, that was a deliberate speech violation, but PC always seemed sort of schoolmarmish to me.)

New York magazine ran a long article on the subject recently, describing groupthink and ideological bullying by students (and faculty) at American universities.
...
Eventually, the PC of the early '90s faded, partly because it annoyed audiences, and partly because university students do have to, well, grow up.

Cultural concerns yielded to economic concerns, first a rather serious recession, then the great big excessive party that followed.

Now, though, PC is back, but with new terminology.

Modern students are on the lookout for heteronormativity (for the unenlightened, that means the view that there are natural male-female roles); for anyone who might deny rape culture; and for micro-aggressions, which are little slights that belie racism or sexism in someone who tries to appear liberal and tolerant.
...
My grandchildren will no doubt someday stare agape at their parents for using the term "people of colour," and inform them that any reference to colour is divisive and ugly.

Or that "transgender" implies that there was ever any validity to "gender" in the first place.

The urge to control other people's speech is atavistic. It will never lessen, and my guess is the technology to enforce it will only grow more sophisticated.'

Deal with the reality of domestic violence

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'When I started this gig, I was a crime reporter. For the better part of 12 years, I covered everything from organized crime to petty theft to homicide.

Generally speaking, the murders I covered fell into two broad categories.

By far the most common were criminals killing other criminals, usually over drugs or money. The others were domestic murders.

Any experienced crime reporter will tell you the same thing: In the overwhelming number of cases, victims in domestic murders are women.

They were killed by their husbands or boyfriends, sometimes in one-time act of rage but usually as the final act of violence in a long history of domestic abuse.

The number of times I reported on a case of a domestic murder that involved a woman killing her husband or boyfriend was zero.
...
To be clear, we know there are men who suffer domestically, who are abused physically and emotionally. They are smaller in number, but they exist. And there is a stigma about a man coming forward to say he was abused by his female partner.

However, if "mens rights" supporters were serious about addressing the issue, they would not frame it as an attack on shelters like Gillian's Place, or demand these organizations operate on the basis of gender "equality." That they focus their bile at organizations protecting female victims of crime bespeaks the agenda behind MRA rhetoric.

If they wanted to actually do something useful, they would start their own campaigns designed to provide those men who do suffer the resources they need.

And until they do so, without the demands for gender "equality", no one is going to take them seriously.'

Kirsten Gillibrand: Don’t Blame The Victim Of A Rape That Never Happened For Reporting A Rape That Never Happened

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'Senator Kirsten Gillibrand has a history of calling people rapists without any proof. If she hears a rape accusation, she assumes it’s true. She skips niceties like “allegedly.” The way she sees it: If the accused isn’t guilty, why does he stand accused? Due process is for ladies only.

...

"Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, who is pushing for stronger laws against rapes on college campuses, today warned against people criticizing the woman at the center of a University of Virginia sexual assault case…

“Victim blaming or shining the spotlight on her for coming forward is not the right approach,” Gillibrand said on “The Capitol Pressroom,” a public radio show in Albany. “In fact, what we have to focus on is how do we keep these campuses safe? How do we have better trained personnel on campuses so they can tell a survivor what her options are and so they can have all the facts?”

Gillibrand said it would be wrong for some to call on the female student in the UVA scandal to face criminal charges.

“I think it’s inappropriate,” she said."

Punishing false accusations of rape would only discourage actual rape victims from stepping forward, you see. We must protect women, even if they’re lying. They’re victims because they say so, and we must not be swayed by mere evidence to the contrary.

Those frat bros probably had it coming anyway. If you think those guys are innocent until proven guilty, you hate women. Go ahead, deny it. That just serves as further proof of your misogyny, misogynist.'

Gillibrand promotes federal sexual assault legislation

U.S. fraternities lobby for reduced powers for universities to investigate and punish rape allegations

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'College fraternities and sororities, concerned that students accused of sexual assault are treated unfairly, are pushing Congress to make it harder for universities to investigate rape allegations.

The groups' political arm plans to bring scores of students to Capitol Hill on April 29 to lobby for a requirement that the criminal justice system resolve cases before universities look into them or hand down punishments, according to an agenda reviewed by Bloomberg News.

"If people commit criminal acts, they should be prosecuted and they should go to jail," said Michael Greenberg, leader of 241-chapter Sigma Chi, one of many fraternities participating in the legislative push.

The Fraternity & Sorority Political Action Committee, or "FratPAC," and two other groups will ask Congress to block colleges from suspending all fraternities on a campus because of a serious incident at a single house. In addition, the Greek representatives want a rule against "any mandate" for chapters to go co-ed.
...
Dozens of men have filed lawsuits claiming they have been unfairly treated in campus hearings. Fraternity groups also point to cases of what they call a rush to judgment against Greek houses. University of Virginia suspended activity at all houses after Rolling Stone magazine published a since-discredited article in November claiming fraternity members had gang-raped a student. On Monday, police in Charlottesville, UVA's home, said they found no evidence supporting the Rolling Stone account and were suspending their investigation.

Beginning April 27 in Washington, the fraternity groups will provide two days of training to the student lobbyists, who will then split into small groups for visits with lawmakers and their aides. Members of congress, including recipients of FratPAC donations, will speak at its April 29 dinner.

In her summary of the Greeks' positions, Jennifer Kilian, director of member services for the interfraternity conference, said the student lobbyists will also call for more data and education about sexual assault and new prevention programs.

"Students and alumni participating in the Greek Hill visits will be lobbying on the unified position fraternities and sororities have adapted [sic] on Title IX issues," Kilian said, referring to the federal law that bans discrimination on the basis of gender, in an email to those selected to lobby.'

"I'm going to speak slowly' so feminists learn rape reports are a 'war on boys'"

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'"And I'm going to speak slowly here so all the feminist blogs can get this one because I'm sure they'll clip it," she continued. "There is a war happening on boys on these college campuses."

According to Tantaros, President Barack Obama's administration was "scrutinizing these college campuses to come down hard on cases of rape."

"This is a real problem," she insisted. "They say there's no opportunity to discover the facts, there's no opportunity to confront witnesses and to present a defense. This also hurts lower income students because they can't retain legal representation. They cannot fight back."

"And so you have Lena Dunham, Rolling Stone — it is a theme in this country to go after boys in this rape culture," Tantaros said. "What happens after they assassinate their character? What happens to Lena Dunham? What happens to these fraternity boys? Absolutely nothing! And it hurts the women and the victims at the end of the day the most."

Watch the video below.'

Wikipedia on Andrea Tantaros

Woman Throws Molotov Cocktail At Pro-Life Activists

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'A woman threw a Molotov cocktail at three pro-life volunteers who were praying in front of a Planned Parenthood facility in Austin, Texas, Monday night.

One of the three women saw the flaming cocktail coming directly at her, and was able to dodge it and stamp it out. Another woman got the woman's license plate number, and police later arrested her.

The women were volunteering for the Central Texas Coalition for Life, whose executive director, Heather Gardner, recounted the details to The Daily Caller News Foundation. "People will throw eggs or styrofoam cups or get verbally aggressive, but nothing violent like this happen before," Gardner said.'

Police Report On University Of Virginia “Rape” May Blunt Prevention Efforts

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'A very thorough police investigation has found no evidence whatsoever to support the allegations of rape at the University of Virginia as sensationally reported in Rolling Stone magazine which provided such a boost to efforts to reduce rapes at colleges and universities.

This Rolling Stone debacle, coupled with the recent memory of phony allegations of rape at Duke University, and a Justice Department study showing that widely cited estimates of the rate of rapes and other sexual assaults on college campuses has been grossly exaggerated, may blunt so-far successful efforts by the federal government and anti-rape groups to force colleges to not only crack down but to also convict more male students, says public interest law professor John Banzhaf.

Rather than the very widely cited statistic that 1 in 5 female students are victims, the study shows that the rate of rape and sexual assault among college women is about 1 in 160; even lower than the rate among non-college women of the same age of about 1 in 140. These rates are also on the decline, says Banzhaf, suggesting that these figures may further knock the wind out of efforts to win support for a major crackdown, and more findings of guilty.
...
Yes, rapes, on campus or off, are very serious and must be fought.

But it doesn’t help when the number of incidents are greatly exaggerated, parents are made very fearful of sending their daughters to major universities like Duke and UVA, and males are found guilty to satisfy the government’s pressures for more convictions without much regard for Due Process procedures to protect the innocent, says Banzhaf.'

The Real ‘Everyday Sexism’ Is Against Men

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Article here. *[Warning: NSFW image at top of article]* Excerpt:

'On Friday, the pettiness of modern, online protest feminism versus the stark truth that Britain is becoming increasingly hostile toward men was brought cruelly into view, when two seemingly unconnected news stories collided on the same day. To add a typically British undercurrent of black humour, both stories centred around the human bottom.

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Only now, 26 years later – in the world of freely-available online porn, no less – the sclerotic eye of online protest feminism has seen something altogether more sinister in it. Of course, Tennis Girl is sexist – and regular observers of modern feminism like myself only half-sobbed: “How did it take you so long?”

...

The choice of target image felt totemic. Cruelly outing the Athena Tennis Girl as in some way misogynistic felt like a sort of historical abuse allegation against all men. It exhumed and shamed long-forgotten masculine desires felt by millions of us as we set off on our paths of sexual awakenings.

It was almost like Everyday Sexism were claiming most British men have been inexorably sexist from age seven, when most of us first saw it on a bedroom wall of an older sibling or school pal. Now the image was “disappointing,” as Everyday Sexism called it, in the favoured, terse language of the purse-lipped, disapproving matron.

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By the time I clocked in to Twitter at 4 a.m. on Friday morning, Tennis Girl’s detractors were calling for it to be “eradicated from history” – sharing poisonous lexicon with history’s most heinous despots and totalitarian censors.

Seething with finger-curling indignation, I made my way to the Sky News studios for my weekly newspaper review, where I chose to cover the second big story that was affecting men that day, a shocking Prostate Cancer UK report in the Daily Mail.

The report shows that prostate cancer, which affects only men, receives just £417 worth of research funding per case. The “female” cancers – ovarian, cervical and breast – receive £1912, £1142 and £853 respectively. Of the 40,000 men who contract prostate cancer annually, some 10,000 die.

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Furthermore, last week the Cancer Drugs Fund in England axed the new drug Jevtana – even though it was said to give patients at least three extra months of life. On top of all this, Owen Sharp, of Prostate Cancer UK, also warned that half of specialist prostate cancer nurses are set to retire in the next ten years. There are no plans for a new workforce.

The story gave me the perfect opportunity to launch into a depressingly recurring topic of debate, namely: “Is health care provision in the UK sexist against men?”'

Study Finds Men Focus Charitable Efforts on Children

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'Men cited helping children as their top cause for volunteering and donating to charity, a new study has found.

The findings suggest that family dynamics might play a larger role in motivating men to give and volunteer than fundraisers, communications staff, and others working on behalf of charities have realized, says Brittany Hill, the study's lead researcher.

...

Ms. Hill said that she and her colleagues were motivated to do the study, which they titled "The Forgotten Man," after noticing a growing emphasis on women. "In recent years," she wrote, "we've noticed an industrywide shift in focus towards women as the target audience for cause efforts."'

Mary Portas: 'Motherhood is better without men'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'TV presenter Mary Portas *[link added]*, who has been married to both a man and a woman, claims that bringing up children is better with a lesbian.

‘I have to say that sharing motherhood with a female makes it doubly wonderful,’ gushes Portas, 54, whose wife, 41-year-old fashion journalist Melanie Rickey, gave birth to their son Horatio in 2012.

‘Women are so capable — they are able to do an awful lot of things.’

Portas disclosed last month that Horatio was conceived artificially using sperm donated by her brother Lawrence Newton.

‘Melanie and I don’t even have to sit and talk about how we want to bring Horatio up,’ she adds. ‘We just agree."

YWCA says more men report being victims of domestic violence

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'A man shot by his girlfriend is still in critical condition.

Police say she shot him during a domestic dispute.

It happened at the Park Estates Apartment Homes on Estate Drive between Poplar and Park in East Memphis.

The YWCA says an increasing number of men are becoming victims of domestic violence.

Men are calling the crisis helpline more and more.

Jacquelyn Williams with the YWCA says they want to know how to get out of their situation.

“They’re curious because they’re experiencing some aggression from either their wives or girlfriends and they’re wanting information,” she said.'

Our view: What police didn't say in the UVa rape report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The bottom line: There's no evidence the assailant "Jackie" named to friends actually exists, no evidence a party was held at the fraternity that night and, of course, no evidence the alleged gang rape happened.

Furthermore, "Jackie's" veracity was called into a question on an unrelated matter. In April 2014, "Jackie" told university officials she had been attacked on a Charlottesville street, struck in the face with a glass bottle and that her roommate picked out the shards. However, that roommate told police she did no such thing. "Jackie" also said she called her mother that night. Police say phone records show no such call.

There's one sure conclusion to be drawn from this: Rolling Stone got snookered by a story that seemed too good to be true for its purposes. If the pop culture magazine had bothered to do some of the serious reporting that The Washington Post, in particular, did, this whole ugly situation could have been avoided.

Instead, the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity feels it's been defamed, as does, to some extent, all of the University of Virginia. The real victims here, though, are all the future sexual assault victims who will have to carry the burden of having to prove they're not another "Jackie" making things up just to get attention.'

"You can’t ban douchebaggery: Kill the frats, sure, but you can’t stop entitled white bros"

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Article here. *[Warning: Using Firefox but not IE, a "slide show" opens in the lower part of the page as an overlay that contains NSFW images. Salon has really sunk even for it; some of these images are pornographic. Only reason I don't *not* post it is because when using IE, the "slideshow" does not seem to come up. But regardless of what browser you use, navigate to it while at work at your own risk.]*

Excerpt:

'So let’s ban frats, right? Let’s empty their houses and pressure the national organizations to donate the space to be turned into something else. (Repurposed dorms open to all students or maybe, you know, the headquarters for a chapter of Men Can Stop Rape.) Let’s push the thousands of former Greeks to join other public service groups if they really want to help their communities. Let’s open the doors and let sunlight disinfect the whole mess.

Racism and misogyny on campus won’t suddenly disappear if this happens, but shuttering the Greek system could be seen as an institutional commitment to lowering the number of dead drunk kids, women assaulted or otherwise dehumanized and racist parties defended as harmless fun.

This is the side I ultimately come down on, but here’s where I get stuck: You can ban frats, but you can’t ban large groups of entitled white men from living together. You also can’t simply ban toxic masculinity and white supremacy. These are frat problems, of course. But they are also our problems.
...
There’s no denying that frats and sororities are often a particularly grotesque expression of the problems that plague the rest of the country, but they’re not uniquely awful. (There’s plenty of awful to go around, of course.) When you look at the actual issues behind our “frat problem,” you’re left with white supremacy, institutional misogyny and the everyday violence of inequality, for starters. Break it down in those terms, and it’s pretty clear that banning frats would be the easy part.'

What it's like to be falsely accused of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I've been very interested in the last few days to read about Kayode Modupe-Ojo, who has spoken to the press about being falsely accused of rape.

Even though Mr. Modupe-Ojo's experience is a lot more painful than mine – he was jailed for a short time, named publicly, and saw his business tainted by association, while I avoided all three mainly due to the ineptitude of my accuser – I still have a first-hand insight into what it's like to be falsely accused of sexually assaulting somebody.
...
Firstly, what was interesting, even unique, about my false accusation is that I knew it was going to happen. To explain, my accuser was a one-night stand who had taken to harassing me after I denied her a second date, turning up drunk at my flat and sending me abusive texts and voicemails. In the early summer of 2010 she stepped up the frequency of her visits. When I found her stood outside my home one evening in the pouring rain, intently watching my bedroom window, I told her that I was going to have to go to the police if the behaviour continued. She responded by telling me that if I did go to the police, she would tell them that I had drugged her and sexually assaulted her.

Unsurprisingly, I didn't go to the police straight away, but eventually the persistence of her harassment gave me little choice. It's a faintly surreal experience telling a police officer that, by the way, when you arrest her, she's probably going to tell you that I raped her, but I figured that my warning them at least would slightly discredit her if she went through with it.

Which she did. Two days later I had a phone call to tell me that Louise* had made certain allegations towards me, sexual in nature, that would have to be investigated separately to my own case, and that officers would be in touch. I'd like to have the words to describe the full-body wash of absolute dread and nausea I felt at the moment, but I simply don't. In that moment, your entire sexual history comes into sharp focus and you are forced to analyse it.'

Hillary ‘Super Volunteers’ Warn Reporter Against Using ‘Sexist’ Words

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'A team of Hillary Clinton “super volunteers” warned a New York Times reporter on Wednesday against using words about Clinton that they deem to be “sexist.”

The group, “HRC Super volunteers,” wrote Times reporter Amy Chozick, the paper’s Hillary Clinton reporter, and put her on notice regarding “coded sexism.”

Sexist words, according to the group, include: “polarizing,” “calculating,” “disingenuous,” “insincere,” “ambitious,” “inevitable,” “entitled,” “over confident,” “secretive,” will do anything to win,” “represents the past,” and “out of touch.”

“You are on notice that we will be watching, reading, listening and protesting coded sexism,” the group reportedly wrote her.'

Tweets in question:
https://twitter.com/amychozick/status/580822762647875584
https://twitter.com/amychozick/status/580822978331561985
https://twitter.com/amychozick/status/580823323677978624
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Congresswoman Claims Climate Change Will Turn Women Into Prostitutes (and demands pre-emptive "gender-sensitive" solutions)

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'On Wednesday, California Democrat Barbara Lee proposed a resolution in the House of Representatives that claims women will eventually be forced into prostitution in order to obtain life-sustaining food and water for their families.

Lee introduced House Concurrent Resolution 29, warning that women will be forced into “transactional sex” to get enough food and clean water — all because global warming will create “conflict and instability” in the world.
...
Lee’s document goes on to urge Congress to agree on the “disparate impacts of climate change on women,” and goes on to demand that Congress use “gender-sensitive frameworks in developing policies to address climate change.”

Lee also charges that women, who are “often underrepresented in the development and formulation of policy regarding adaptation to climate change,” are doubtless in the best position to offer policy ideas.'

Actress criticised for comparing her Jewish boyfriend to her dog

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Story here. Excerpt:

Girls actor Lena Dunham *[link added]* has been criticised for comparing her Jewish boyfriend to her dog.

Published in *The New Yorker*, her article, *Dog or Jewish Boyfriend? A Quiz*, offers a list of 35 things comparing the two.

"Do the following statements refer to (a) my dog or (b) my Jewish boyfriend?" she asks.

"1. The first thing I noticed about him was his eyes."

"2. We love to spend hours in bed together on Sunday mornings."

Moving on to question eight , Dunham writes about "him" feeling judgemental about the food she serves him.

"When I make something from scratch, he doesn't want to eat it, but he also rejects most store-bought dinners.

"This is because he comes from a culture in which mothers focus every ounce of their attention on their offspring and don't acknowledge their own need for independence as women. They are sucked dry by their children, who ultimately leave them as soon as they find suitable mates," Dunham says.

Is she referring to her dog or her Jewish boyfriend?'

Governor: "...you never, ever, ever hit a woman"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Greg Abbott said Thursday that he and other elected officials can't fight domestic violence alone — ordinary residents must join the battle, too.

Abbott stopped here Thursday morning for the grand opening of The Gatehouse, a 96-unit apartment community for abused women and children.

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"No woman should be trapped in an abusive relationship," he said. "No woman should feel unsafe in her own home. No woman should feel helpless with no place and no one to turn to."

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"This is not a women's issue," he said. "This is a man's issue … and we need to draw a line in the sand and say you never, ever, ever hit a woman."

Canada: Are men becoming collateral damage in the battle for gender equity?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But in the need to ensure there are safe places for women to be educated – which is crucial – isn't it worth asking if there can be safe places for men to gather without suspicion of being a cabal of misogynist terrorism? In the heated discussion about rape culture, the feminist voice is loudest at the moment, which makes many young men feel that their every move, every thought, is policed. Some might even suggest they're victims of misandry, if they weren't sure their complaints would fall on deaf ears.

A witch hunt, you say? Well, I won't use that loaded term, because it only serves to ratchet-up the gender wars when what we need is a little calm.

That said, some of the research about fraternity culture is not kind. A 2007 study by professors at the College of William and Mary – the place, ironically, where the first Greek-letter fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, was founded in 1776 with the motto "Philosophy is the guide to life" – found that men in fraternities were three times more likely to rape than those who weren't.

A culture of male peer support for violence against women coupled with excessive drinking practices contribute to a higher risk for sexual assault, the study found, leading some scholars to suggest fraternities should be banned. Other research has added to the alarm. Elizabeth Armstrong and other professors at Indiana University studied the social life at a large Midwestern university for five years, producing a book in 2013, Paying for the Party, How College Maintains Inequality, and a paper on sexual assault that described how fraternities contribute to the reproduction of gender inequality.

But the assumption that all fraternities are bad has led to a rush to judgment – sometimes with embarrassing results. The most noteworthy was last year's Rolling Stone article, "A Rape on Campus," about a brutal gang rape in a room at Phi Kappa Psi house on the University of Virginia campus in 2012. After significant discrepancies in the story were revealed in subsequent reports, the magazine issued apologies. Earlier this week, after a five-month investigation, police in Charlottesville, Va., announced that they found "no evidence" that the alleged rape at the fraternity happened. In a statement that sounded attuned to the fervent anti-frat mood and the possibility of victim shaming, they said they're not suggesting that something horrible didn't happen, only that they couldn't corroborate the woman's story.'

Female chauvinist pigs on men behaving badly

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'There are man-haters everywhere, it seems, from children's telly to high culture. Charges of sexism have been levelled against the creators of the Daddy Pig character in Peppa Pig — daddy is portrayed as a hopeless bumbling idiot while Mummy Pig is the embodiment of good sense — and the literary critic Harold Bloom argues that there is 'a strong element' of misandry in Shakespeare (whereas misogyny, he says, is hard to find).
The latest challenge invited you to climb aboard the bandwagon and compose an extract from an imaginary novel written from the perspective of a female chauvinist author. In a small but accomplished entry, Sergio Michael Petro, Frank Upton and Sandra McGregor deserve an honourable mention, the winners take £30 each and Adrian Fry pockets the extra fiver.

"Adrian Fry
Looking down at the dead girl, Detective Inspector Malmsey vowed to find her killer, the catch in his voice signifying both his self-importance at the apex of a phallocentric hierarchy and the arousal of his flaccid libido by a woman whose passivity and unreadable blankness rendered her sufficiently undemanding for sentimental objectification. The case would demand total concentration; a diet of vindaloo and whisky, total dereliction of familial responsibilities and the maintenance of a temper shorter than a list of famous female classical composers. Male hegemony excused such eccentricities; even his unironed shirts proved badges of dedication, not cause for disciplinary action. Whether aggressively harrying suspects or hypocritically reprimanding subordinates for misogynistic canteen banter, Malmsey would take complete responsibility for the case, monotasking his way to an insecure conviction, testosterone pumping too hard to permit his glancing into the victim's diary where the perpetrators identity had been astutely anticipated. Typical!"'

Hillary Gets Special Protection On Wikipedia

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'Despite the steady wave of scandals that have begun to erode even the New York Times' portrayal of Hillary Clinton, her image remains unblemished on Wikipedia. Since he first started editing her page in June 2005, Hillary's "Wikipedia watchdog" has been guarding against slanders, accusations, unfair assumptions, and distortions on the high-traffic, heavily footnoted, highly policed Hillary Rodham Clinton Wikipedia page.

Unlike most Wikipedia editors, who prefer to remain anonymous, "Wasted Time R" has no problem giving his real name: Jonathan Schilling. Leading up to Hillary's failed bid for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2008, Schilling's significant role in the shaping of the image of the former first lady was the subject of several interviews and articles, including pieces by NPR, BBC, Canadian Radio, and New Republic.

"I figure if you're going to be doing this ... you might as well own up to who you are," Schilling said.

In a piece on the wiki pages of Hillary and Obama, New Republic's Eve Fairbanks described Schilling as "the man who protects Hillary's online self from the public's hatred." His dedication to the unofficial job is stunning: he estimated in 2008 that he spent 15 hours a week editing, with most of that, as Fairbanks says, "standing watch over Hillary's page."'

Men aren't stupid and women aren't crazy - A good article, for once

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This article was great to read, for once. Heather Gray writes in News.com.au with a heap of good sense. Excerpt:

'YOU know the moment. You're at a backyard barbecue when one of the wives starts telling silly tales of her husband's misdeeds. She tells them with a smile and may even be hugging her husband when she does it. Still, though, there's this cord of tension that you can just feel. She's mocking him in front of his friends and is doing it in such a way that he will seem "sensitive" if he gets upset about it.

It might be called "passive-aggressive".

Instead of saying what's really bothering her, she lets him know through "a joke."

Others may call it "emotional manipulation."

She's being mean and then making him feel like he's overreacting if he brings it up or gets offended because she was "just joking."

Maybe as an isolated incident, we can look at this as simple, emotional manipulation. However, this isn't just one incident.

It's part of a larger pattern where women are seeking control by implying that men are stupid. It's a move for power in an area where they are feeling a loss of control.
...
Men are showing themselves to be exceedingly adept in areas that we have been socialised to see as "feminine" or something that women just do better.

This is the same reason men began engaging in gaslighting … because women were beginning to excel in areas where traditionally men succeeded.

This gender warfare is the unfortunate side effect of the fight both men and women are having for gender equality.

While women want to be seen and recognised for things outside of home and family, men want to be seen as capable of being present for all that is involved with home, family, and relationships.

Just as we have seen women shut down in the workforce, we're seeing men shut down on the home front.'

Connecticut bill requiring "affirmative consent" on campuses voted to joint committee

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Bill status page here. Bill as referred here. Excerpt:

'Section 1. Section 10a-55m of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2015):

(a) For purposes of this section and sections 10a-55n to 10a-55q, inclusive:

(1) "Affirmative consent" means an active, informed, unambiguous and voluntary agreement by a person to engage in sexual activity with another person that is sustained throughout the sexual activity and may be revoked at any time by any person;

...

(b) Each institution of higher education shall adopt and disclose in such institution's annual uniform campus crime report one or more policies regarding sexual assault, stalking and intimate partner violence. Such policy or policies shall include provisions for: [(1) detailing]

(1) Informing students and employees that (A) affirmative consent is the standard used in determining whether consent to engage in sexual activity was given by all persons who engaged in the sexual activity, (B) it is the responsibility of each person to ensure that he or she has the affirmative consent of all persons to engage in the sexual activity, (C) the existence of a dating relationship or past sexual relationship between persons shall not constitute consent to engage in the sexual activity, and (D) it shall not be a valid excuse to an alleged lack of affirmative consent that the accused believed that the victim consented to the sexual activity (i) because the accused was intoxicated or reckless or failed to take reasonable steps to ascertain whether the victim affirmatively consented, or (ii) if the accused knew or should have known that the victim was unable to consent because the victim was unconscious, asleep, unable to communicate due to a mental or physical condition, or incapacitated due to the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication and, as a result, was unable to understand the fact, nature or extent of the sexual activity.

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Statement of Purpose:

To establish affirmative consent as the threshold in sexual assault and intimate partner violence cases.'

Create Hysteria, Then Profit from It

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'In case you missed it, there is a documentary film that purports to expose the “campus rape culture.” Premiering at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival, “The Hunting Ground” takes full advantage of the belief that college campuses are extraordinarily dangerous places for women because sexual assault is so common and tolerated. Canadian writer Wendy McElroy’s Daily Bell piece about this film is excellent.

“The film is best understood as a volley in the campus consent wars now raging across North America,” she writes. “It is part of a manufactured and coordinated hysteria about campus rape that imposes a politically-correct agenda and strips accused male students of due process rights.”

Exactly. This is another of those hobgoblins H.L Mencken observed were so vital to crusaders, who constantly need “issues” that keep people looking to them for salvation.

The movie has brought in a mere $95,000 in three weeks, but it is certain, McElroy writes, to get many campus screenings “sponsored by Women’s Studies Departments and other ‘progressive’ voices.”

And that’s where the profit will be made. At the end of the film, viewers are encouraged to “Take Action!” by clicking a button. That button brings up the NEO Philanthropy site, which assures the eager-to-do-something viewer that donations are tax-deductible and will support “student-led campaigns, public education, policy reform, and prevention approaches.”'

Fallout from committee meeting on sexual assault bill yields more complaints

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'State Sen. Mae Flexer, D-Killingly, said there is bipartisan confusion within the Higher Education and Employment Committee about a bill she introduced to help shift the way society thinks about sexual assault.

While state Rep. Mike Bocchino, R-Greenwich, was openly criticized by the Connecticut Democratic Party for comments he made during discussion of the bill at a recent meeting, Flexer said he was just one of several people from both parties to make “unfortunate comments.”

The proposed legislation, which was forwarded to the Senate by a 14-3 vote, would move the burden of proof in sexual assault cases on college campuses from the victim to the alleged perpetrator, Flexer said. Currently, the victim must convince investigators that she said “no,” while this bill would put the onus on the accused to prove she said “yes.”

Bocchino’s remark was made in the context of his concerns about ambiguity in the bill’s definition of “affirmative consent.”

“We have an obligation to make certain that this bill, this legislation that we will finally pass, is true and just and cannot be interpreted in any other way,” Bocchino said at the committee meeting, voicing concern for those who might be wrongfully accused while demonstrating less sensitivity toward the victims of sexual assault: “Because at the end of the day, there are no witnesses — at least if there are, it’s a really great party.”'

Boys' campus trap: The danger of false accusations

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'In a piece on these pages this week, Naomi Schaefer Riley contemplates the warnings she will give her future college-bound daughter about the dangers to women on college campuses and the wisdom of not trusting anyone.

It was excellent advice — but it's not just women who have to be careful at college.

As the mother of a young son, I, too, am starting to plan some advice — about the dangers to guys of false accusations of sexual abuse. It's a real issue, and a scary one.

My message to my future college-bound son would be: Don't expect anyone to give you the benefit of the doubt. The tale of the Rolling Stone piece about a gang-rape-that-wasn't at a University of Virginia Phi Kappa Psi fraternity party is a case in point.
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As in the case of the Duke lacrosse team years ago, everyone simply accepted — with zero evidence — that the brothers of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity were rapists. They were guilty merely because of the accuser's word. Never mind the boys' claims of innocence.

My son will spend his life hearing from me that women are — or should be — equal to men, that "she can do anything you can do." But when he gets to college, he'll find out that's not always the case.

In fact, men are held to higher standards than women — most notably, by the very women and "feminists" who demand equal treatment between the sexes.

Consider: If a man and woman are both drunk at college, the onus is almost certainly on him to head off any possible sexual interaction between them.

That they are both intoxicated does not matter: If he wakes up the next morning with regrets, her feelings may be hurt — but if she wakes up with regrets, he may soon find himself facing expulsion or maybe even jail.

It's not right, and it's not fair. The feminist in me hates that women are treated as less capable — less responsible for their actions — than men. As a mother who has a daughter as well as a son, I worry about what this says to each of them.'

Another Ugly Story of ‘Progressive’ Vigilantism

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'The campus rape panic that dominated western media for well over two years suffered a severe blow in late 2014 thanks to the credulous reporting of hoax allegations in Rolling Stone. Those who had long harboured doubts about the panic, such as Glenn Reynolds and Emily Yoffe began to lend aid to long-time sceptics like Christina Hoff Sommers and Cathy Young. Today, Bloomberg columnists casually refer to this chapter of history as a moral panic. Meanwhile, colleges that embraced the panic by abandoning due process are facing a wave of lawsuits from aggrieved students.

This is all good news. But the focus on college campuses is limiting. It blinds us to the bigger picture. In truth, the “rape culture” panic spread far beyond the walls of universities, injecting an atmosphere of vigilantism into almost every community where both genders happened to mix. In all of these arenas, opportunists seized on the opportunity to ruin the reputation of innocent people on little more than hearsay. One of the most egregious examples, in fact, did not occur on a college campus but in the community of professional librarians.

The librarian, Joe Murphy, was publicly accused of being a ‘sexual predator’ by two colleagues on social media. This was followed up by blog posts urging his professional community to ban him from conferences, despite the fact that none of the allegations had been proven true.

In a blog post entitled “Time to Talk about Community Accountability” (translation: time to talk about vigilantism), librarian Nina de Jesus made a series of public allegations against Murphy, a “ubiquitous presence” on the library conference circuit. This followed a tweet by fellow librarian Lisa M. Rabey, who alleged that Murphy was a “known sexual predator”. Rabey’s followers on Twitter then joked about ruining Murphy’s career.'

"There Is ‘Sexist, Coded Language’ Against Hillary"

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Video here. Introduction:

'MSNBC host Toure argued that there is “sexist, coded language” sometimes used to describe Hillary Clinton on Saturday’s “Up with Steve Kornacki.”

Toure, in a discussion about a list of sexist code words put out by a pro-Hillary Clinton group said that “there is this sort of sexist, coded language that we’ve talked about. We had somebody on ‘the Cycle,’ I think when you were on, where somebody referred to Hillary as ‘shrill,’ right? And we all understood that as one of these code words that people use against women that they’d never use against men…we do have to be careful about the way we talk about female politicians and not sort [use] those code words to say ‘hey, remember she’s a woman,’” although he did argue that the words on the list in question weren’t sexist code words.'

UK: This “No More White Men” in Universities Article Disappeared Pretty Damn Quick

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'“White men should never hold elected positions in British universities again,” proclaims a bold headline in yesterday’s edition of Britain’s the Independent.

The article, so substandard, boorish, and offensive it was scrubbed from the website within 24 hours, asserts that student gripes such as government, fees, and lack of activism are the result of white men being elected to positions of authority within student unions.

The solution, states the author, is:

“...to ban white men and their activism dilettantism from student unions. We need powerful women and minority ethnic people to bring their passion back to the heart of student politics. Being a student union president should no longer be a place for privileged whiteboys to swing their dicks around before graduating into a world that is in no way affected by what they claim to fight for.”"

Nothing screams credibility like publishing “privileged whiteboys … swing their dicks around before graduating” on a serious news website, but fortunately our author, hiding behind the gutless, cowardly veil of anonymity, will be safe from backlash. Unfortunately, the editor who cleared this piece for publication may not be so lucky.'

'Enough is enough' goes way too far

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'I applaud Gov. Andrew Cuomo for seeking to change the culture surrounding sexual assault on New York's college campuses. His "Enough is Enough" campaign is raising much-needed awareness about the dangers of complacency with regard to campus sexual assault and rightly highlights the shameful way many sexual assault survivors have been treated by the institutions of higher education that they — and their parents — trusted to keep them safe.

But as much as there is to celebrate in Cuomo's plan, his proposal to change New York law so that college students must proactively say "yes" to every step of a romantic encounter, every single time, goes too far.

Ever kiss your partner without getting verbal permission first? Even if he or she kisses you back, if you don't ask your partner and your partner doesn't say "yes," under this new proposal, if you are a college student, you will have committed sexual assault.

The consequences of being accused of sexual assault can be severe and life-changing. Touching a boyfriend or girlfriend's behind on a college campus in the midst of a heated make-out session that began with a verbal "yes" — but without express, verbal consent for that touch — would be grounds for expulsion, no matter how many times it's happened before.'

Civil rights complaints to U.S. Department of Education reach a record high

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Straining under a record number of civil rights complaints, the U.S. Department of Education wants to hire 200 more investigators to expand its civil rights division by 30 percent.

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“Some of this is about the community believing that we’re here and we’re in business and we’re prepared to do the work,” said Catherine E. Lhamon, the department’s secretary for civil rights. Some of the increase, she said, was due to guidance her agency has issued, reminding the public as well as schools and universities of various protections under federal law and how to report illegalities.

Complaints of discrimination to the department have soared from 6,364 in fiscal 2009 to a record of 9,989 in the most recent fiscal year. Lhamon expects another record to be set when the current fiscal year ends in September. It is a sign that “we have the trust of the national community bringing to us their deepest hurts and asking for resolution,” she said.

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Sex discrimination comprised 24 percent of total complaints. **Lhamon said two individuals were responsible for filing more than 1,700 of those allegations of sex discrimination. She declined to identify them, citing confidentiality requirements.** *[Bold added; also see article here]*

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Agency officials and outside observers point to a key action by the Obama administration that probably triggered the increase in sex discrimination complaints. In 2011, the Office for Civil Rights issued guidance to that said sexual harassment of students, including acts of sexual violence, is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Up until that point, Title IX was commonly understood to ensure equal opportunity for girls and women in athletics and other educational programs and activities.

The guidance was part of an effort to make colleges and universities take campus sexual assault more seriously, Lhamon said. And after it was issued, complaints under Title IX soared.

Critics say the federal guidance was confusing, and that’s one factor behind the rise in complaints.'

Ex-Chicago State Admin: I Was Pressured to File False Harassment Claim Against Faculty Critic

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former high-level administrator at Chicago State University alleged in a statement filed yesterday in federal court that Chicago State President Wayne Watson pressured her to file a false sexual harassment complaint against Professor Philip Beverly, an outspoken faculty critic of Watson's administration.

According to the declaration of former Chicago State Vice President for Enrollment Management LaShondra Peebles, Watson was determined to silence Beverly by shutting down the blog, *CSU Faculty Voice*, which Beverly had founded. Contributors routinely posted documents that supported their allegations of mismanagement by the administration.

After pretextual accusations of trademark infringement failed to intimidate the professors into shutting down their blog, Chicago State hastily adopted a far-reaching cyberbullying policy on May 9, 2014. Ms. Peebles's declaration alleges that the policy was expressly designed to silence *CSU Faculty Voice*. In fact, shortly after the Board of Trustees passed the new policy, administrators used it to investigate Professor Robert Bionaz, another blog contributor, for harassment. The investigation was based, inexplicably, on a face-to-face conversation he had with Chicago State's spokesman.

Watson's series of actions eventually prompted Beverly and Bionaz to file a First Amendment lawsuit against Watson and others in July 2014. The suit was filed with support from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) as part of its Stand Up For Speech Litigation Project.'

NPO: Nearly 50 Media Placements in Last Four Months

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Article here. Excerpt:

'National Parents Organization's efforts to reform our family courts by bringing about shared parenting and parental equality are catching the attention of media across the nation.

For instance, since the release of our inaugural Shared Parenting Report Card, National Parents Organization has appeared in media across more than 20 different states with nearly 50 unique media reports, editorials and op-eds.

This unprecedented coverage includes newspaper, radio and television stories, opinion pieces on issues ranging from the Shared Parenting Report Card and Single Parents Appreciation Day to the fact that shared parenting legislation is now active in more than 17 different states across the nation. Please join us in celebrating these successful media outcomes!'

Pioneering gender-bias-in-courts studies on-line

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Two sources of information sent to me by a reader:

https://genderbiasstudy.wordpress.com/
and
BC COURT OF APPEAL CITATION

Thanks to the reader!

SAVE: Lesson from the UVA Gang-Rape ‘Disaster:’ Due Process Must be Restored for Campus Sex Cases

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / March 26, 2015 – In the aftermath of the recent Charlottesville, Virginia police report of “no evidence” of an alleged gang-rape of “Jackie” during a University of Virginia fraternity party, commentators on all points of the political spectrum are deploring the harmful effects arising from the incident.

SAVE, a national organization working to end sexual assault, has compiled a listing of over 50 commentaries on the Rolling Stone allegations. These editorials abhor how the Rolling Stone story has exacerbated rape-hysteria on college campuses, contributed to the wrongful expulsion of innocent college men, injured the reputation of the University of Virginia, wasted scarce law enforcement resources, undermined basic notions of journalistic integrity, and damaged the credibility of women claiming to be victims of rape.'

Scottish National Party vote in all-women and 'balanced' shortlists for next Holyrood election

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Scottish National party has voted heavily in favour of introducing all women shortlists and “balanced” regional lists, reversing decades-long opposition to positive action.

SNP officials refused to disclose the voting numbers and would not allow media into the debate – fearing it would be heated, but in a closed session of the party’s pre-election conference at the SECC in Glasgow delegates gave the party’s national executive three new powers to push women candidates forward.

The vote, which saw two amendments against the motion defeated, has empowered the NEC to:

- introduce an all-women shortlist for a Holyrood seat where the sitting MP stands down
- ensure that any open shortlist for a constituency seat has at least one women *[sic]* candidate
- introduce “balanced lists” on the regional list, where the list has to have an equal number of male and female candidates.

As this blog reported last week, some of these powers are conditional. The new constitution says the NEC “may” introduce balanced regional lists and “may” require all women shortlists, and it only – at this stage – effects the 2016 Holyrood *[link added]* election.'

#ThankYouEllenPao? Only if You Like Bullying, Vexatious Opportunists

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'Ellen Pao, interim chief executive of Reddit, has lost her “landmark” gender discrimination case against venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins. Pao had alleged that the firm denied her a promotion and eventually fired her on account of her gender. But after deliberating for more than two days, a jury of six men and six women dismissed all charges brought by Pao against the firm.
...
Despite the verdict, feminist activists and their sympathizers in the tech media have sought to spin Pao’s defeat as a ‘win’ for women in Silicon Valley. They argue that Pao’s case has, somehow, shone a light on gender discrimination in tech, despite the fact that the jury found that Pao experienced none. It’s a contortion of which Houdini would be proud.

Let me give these over-eager gender activists some advice: you may want to think twice before adopting Pao as your victim du jour. Because evidence given during the trial reveals that she is anything but a victim. Work emails reveal her to be a callous and resentful employee who bullied colleagues and held grudges.'

The UVA Case and Rape-Hoax Denial

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'Four months after Rolling Stone magazine published a shocking—and soon discredited—account of a fraternity gang rape at the University of Virginia, the Charlottesville police department has released the results of its investigation into the alleged assault. It comes as no surprise that “no substantive basis” was found for the claim by a student known as “Jackie” that she was raped by seven men at a fraternity party as a UVA freshman in September 2012. What’s striking is to what lengths both the police and many in the news media have gone to tiptoe around the obvious fact that the tale was a hoax by a serial liar. This dance of denial suggests that in the current ideological climate, it is nearly impossible to declare any allegation of rape to be definitely false.
...
Evading the facts does a disservice to Jackie, too. In a sane environment, she would face disciplinary charges and perhaps mandatory counseling. In a climate where saying that a woman is lying about rape is tantamount to “victim-blaming” and “rape culture”—and where some of Jackie’s fellow students say that even if her story “wasn’t completely true,” it helped bring attention to important issues—she is likely to remain mired in self-destructive false victimhood.

For the rest of us, this episode shows how extreme and irrational “rape culture” dogma has become, and how urgent it is to break its hold on public discourse. The current moral panic may be an overreaction to real problems of failure to support victims of sexual violence. But when truth becomes heresy, the pendulum has swung too far, with disastrous consequences for civil rights and basic justice.'

How Affirmative Consent Laws Criminalize Everyone

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This year, nearly all college students in New York and California started their spring semesters under a new state-mandated regime of sexual policing called affirmative consent ("yes means yes"). Under these policies, any student who cannot prove that he obtained active, ongoing, unambiguous consent to any sexual activity will automatically be guilty of violating campus sexual assault policies. These draconian new rules are binding only on college students. They do not apply to college faculties and administrators, and they certainly don't apply to the legislators who passed these laws.

Affirmative consent laws trivialize sexual assault by turning nearly everyone who has ever dated into a sexual offender. For example, if a student throws her arms around her boyfriend and kisses him without his permission, even if she has done this dozens of times before, she has violated affirmative consent policies. She can, at some later date, be hauled before a campus judiciary on charges of sexual assault. Victims of sexual assault should fear this new regime, because it will inevitably confuse rightful cases of abuse with capricious accusations.'

Australia: New Women-Only Tech Business Center Opens in Sydney

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'When entrepreneur Dr. Catriona Wallace wanted to grow her tech start-up and saw there were no shared workspaces specifically catering to women, she came up with a whole new business idea.

That business is The Ventura, Australia's first co-working space designed specifically for the needs of female entrepreneurs in the early stages of their careers in business.

The first such co-working space is located on Sussex Street in Sydney, with hopes to expand to other spaces across Sydney and Australia. It aims to provide an opportunity for entrepreneurs to enjoy a shared workspace without the heavily male-dominated culture that so many co-working spaces currently feature.
"I currently own three businesses and one of them, Flamingo, is a tech startup.
Last year we reached a stage where we needed our own space, but because rental prices in Sydney are very hard to manage in the early stages of a business I thought I would do what other startups do and investigate co-working spaces," Wallace told Women's Agenda.

"But when I started investigating our options, I just found them all to be very masculine – the majority of the people working in them were men and the culture felt very male-dominated. So I thought to myself, if I'm not comfortable here, where can the girls go?"

Wallace believes women entrepreneurs face unique challenges in the startup world, and need spaces that specifically cater to such needs.'

"The End of Male Supremacy"

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'Women are not equal to men; they are superior in many ways, and in most ways that will count in the future. It is not just a matter of culture or upbringing. It is a matter of chromosomes, genes, hormones, and nerve circuits. It is not mainly because of how experience shapes women, but because of intrinsic differences in the body and the brain.

Do these differences account for all the ways women and men differ? No. Are all men one way and all women another? Also no. But none of those considerations seriously impede my argument or deflect its key conclusion: Women are superior in most ways that matter now.

And no, I do not mean what was meant by patronizing men who said this in the past — that women are lofty, tender, spiritual creatures. I mean something like the opposite of that. I mean that women are fundamentally pragmatic as well as caring, cooperative as well as competitive, skilled in getting their own egos out of the way, deft in managing people without putting them on the defensive, builders not destroyers. Above all, I mean that women can carry on the business of a complex world in ways that are more focused, efficient, deliberate, and constructive than men's because women are not frequently distracted by impulses and moods that, sometimes indirectly, lead to sex and violence. Women are more reluctant participants in both. And if they are drawn into wars, these will be wars of necessity, not of choice, founded on rational considerations, not on a clash of egos escalating out of control.'

Read about him here.

Canada: Memorial draws attention to PTSD risk among firefighters

fathers4fairness · 31 March 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Memorial Serice today for 20 years of service firefighter vet - Kevin Hegarty's - who took his own life on March 1, focused attention on PTSD risk among firefighters and other Emergency Responders was held in Surrey B.C.

Hegarty, 53, was an acting captain and had been with the Surrey Fire Service for nearly 20 years.
...
Firefighters, police, military and other first-responders in emergency situations are among those who can suffer from job-related post-traumatic stress.'

He is among a number of suicides that have recently been reported across the country including that of Greg Turner, an Edmonton paramedic.

Good example of what feminists ought to be doing

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Instead of carrying on about the evils of peeing standing up, perhaps Swedish and indeed many other feminists can take a lesson from the example set here. When feminists start taking their (supposed) mission seriously, then maybe, just maybe, others will to. Until Ms. Wallström's example becomes typical of feminists instead of atypical, they will continue to remain exactly what they have been for years: the butt of jokes, but one that must be addressed head-on. After all, some jokes or butts thereof are no laughing matter. Excerpt:

'A few weeks ago Margot Wallström *[link added]*, the Swedish foreign minister, denounced the subjugation of women in Saudi Arabia. As the theocratic kingdom prevents women from travelling, conducting official business or marrying without the permission of male guardians, and as girls can be forced into child marriages where they are effectively raped by old men, she was telling no more than the truth. Wallström went on to condemn the Saudi courts for ordering that Raif Badawi receive ten years in prison and 1,000 lashes for setting up a website that championed secularism and free speech. These were ‘mediaeval methods’, she said, and a ‘cruel attempt to silence modern forms of expression’. And once again, who can argue with that?

The backlash followed the pattern set by Rushdie, the Danish cartoons and Hebdo. Saudi Arabia withdrew its ambassador and stopped issuing visas to Swedish businessmen. The United Arab Emirates joined it. The Organisation of Islamic Co-operation, which represents 56 Muslim-majority states, accused Sweden of failing to respect the world’s ‘rich and varied ethical standards’ — standards so rich and varied, apparently, they include the flogging of bloggers and encouragement of paedophiles. Meanwhile, the Gulf Co-operation Council condemned her ‘unaccept-able interference in the internal affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia’, and I wouldn’t bet against anti-Swedish riots following soon.

Yet there is no ‘Wallström affair’. Outside Sweden, the western media has barely covered the story, and Sweden’s EU allies have shown no inclination whatsoever to support her. A small Scandinavian nation faces sanctions, accusations of Islamophobia and maybe worse to come, and everyone stays silent. As so often, the scandal is that there isn’t a scandal.

It is a sign of how upside-down modern politics has become that one assumes that a politician who defends freedom of speech and women’s rights in the Arab world must be some kind of muscular liberal, or neocon, or perhaps a supporter of one of Scandinavia’s new populist right-wing parties whose commitment to human rights is merely a cover for anti-Muslim hatred. But Margot Wallström is that modern rarity: a left-wing politician who goes where her principles take her.

She is foreign minister in Sweden’s weak coalition of Social Democrats and Greens, and took office promising a feminist foreign policy. She recognised Palestine in October last year — and, no, the Arab League and Organisation of Islamic Co-operation and Gulf Co-operation Council did not condemn her ‘unacceptable interference in the internal affairs of Israel’. I confess that her gesture struck me as counterproductive at the time. But after Benjamin Netanyahu ruled out a Palestinian state as he used every dirty trick he could think of to secure his re-election, she can claim with justice that history has vindicated her.'

Artist Launches Anti-Circumcision Kickstarter with Hyperrealistic Foreskin Sculptures

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Italian artist Vincenzo Aiello is celebrating the foreskin—and protesting male circumcision with the aid of a Kickstarter campaign.

His project, titled "HUFO: The Missing Link" *[link added]* (shorthand for "HUman FOreskin") is dedicated to raising awareness about circumcision and the negative impact that circumcision can have on a man's emotional health and sex life.

Aiello creates hyperrealistic foreskin sculptures using silicon resin and is selling them, displayed in frames inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's Vitruvian Man, for $1,000 a pop as part of an "intactivist" Kickstarter campaign. ...

Smaller pledges will earn you a print or T-shirt showing the piece, which Aiello created after carefully studying circumcision surgeries to determine how the foreskin, dubbed "America's censored body part," is removed. For $10,000, the artist will build one of his signature mosaics in which the sculpture will be displayed.

The HUFO projects questions whether it's "ethical for parents to remove functional tissue from their children's bodies to conform to social or cultural norms," and compares the American propensity for male circumcision to widely decried African traditions of female circumcision. Aiello claims that the foreskin is important erogenous tissue, and that the surgery to remove it is painful and potentially traumatizing to infants.

"Circumcision has become so commonplace in the US that parents often forget that circumcision is a surgery," Aiello states on the Kickstarter page. "Every other surgery in Western medicine requires both compelling and urgent medical reasons to perform without consent."

Aiello, who was circumcised as an adult for undisclosed medical reasons, has also founded a research company called Foregen, dedicated to developing medical techniques that will successfully regenerate the foreskin.

With 42 days remaining, HUFO has already raised nearly $13,000 towards its $40,000 goal.'

Also see this page for this project covered in Israeli radio.

Film ‘The Hunting Ground’ Misrepresents Harvard Sexual Assault Statistics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The project aimed to draw attention to the issue and create “activity for change,” according to Kirby Dick, the film’s writer and director whose previous work has been nominated for an Academy Award. Since its premiere at the Sundance Film Festival in January, the film has drawn national attention and received a number of favorable reviews. A New York Times review called the film a “must-watch work of cine-activism, one that should be seen by anyone headed to college and by those already on campus.” The Boston Globe gave it three and a half stars.

The film, however, presents at least some information about Harvard inaccurately.

In one sequence, a series of slides lists various schools and the number of sexual assaults reported there in a given time period compared to the number that led to expulsion. The film lists that from 2009-2013, Harvard College saw 135 cases of reported sexual assault, but only 10 expulsions.

Those numbers are misleading. According to Dick, filmmakers arrived at the 135 number through criminal statistics made public by Harvard as required by the Clery Act, but, contrary to what the film states, those numbers do not necessarily represent only incidents at Harvard College. The Clery Act statistics available specify on which campus at Harvard various crimes occurred, and whether they happened in a campus, residential, off-campus, or public setting, but they do not break down offenses by individual school.

Harvard College has roughly 6,400 students, while Harvard University as a whole includes about 20,000.'

The "University Diversity Scam" and its financial incentives

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The truth is hard to face sometimes, but at other times, not so hard. It's especially easy when you already had figured out what was going on. But I'll let the speaker in the video here do the talking.

College Men Litigate for Due Process

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Article here. Jump the log-in requirement by Googling the first paragraph and click on the first search result. Excerpt:

'The string of higher-education lawsuits over alleged violations of due process in sexual-assault cases is no surprise (“More Men Fight College Allegations of Sexual Assault,” U.S. News, March 20). College professors and deans lack the training and experience to investigate and fairly determine guilt and innocence. Charges of such major crimes are properly the domain of police and the courts.

The federal government has placed colleges in an impossible position. Title IX enforcers threaten schools for not aggressively prosecuting cases independent of the criminal-justice system. But bungled cases mean that the guilty walk and the innocent suffer, and that colleges will pay the price in civil lawsuits. The heavy burden—and responsibility—of playing detective, judge and jury in these serious matters is not one colleges could ever competently undertake.

In the important campaign to end sexual assault on campus, due-process rights remain the bulwark of a just and lawful society. It is ironic that the courts may have to teach that lesson to the federal government.'

McGill U student council demands reopening of women-only hours negotiations

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'The Legislative Council of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) convened on March 26 for a meeting that lasted more than six hours. Some of the issues addressed included ongoing research into McGill's equitable hiring practices, SSMU's stance on the debate over women-only gym hours, anti-austerity mobilization, and opposition to the development of harmful military technology. Council also discussed the results of the recent online referendum on sustainability, and the motion on accessible education that failed to pass at the last General Assembly (GA) due to lack of quorum.

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Also on the table was a motion brought forward by VP University Affairs Claire Stewart-Kanigan concerning the recent proposal to institute women-only hours at the university fitness centre. The motion asked McGill to reopen negotiations on this highly contentious issue, and work toward a compromise.

Arts and Science Senator Chloe Rourke expressed repeated concern that the portion recommending a compromise would alienate the hundreds of students who had strongly opposed the idea of women-only hours. Her concern was echoed by Rioux and a number of other councillors. Eventually, a motion to divide the question passed, and each part was voted on separately. The first clause for re-opening negotiations passed almost unanimously, while the second clause on working toward a compromise passed with four for, three against, and eight abstentions.'

"Rape, lies and political correctness"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Does the cause of combating rape on college campuses require a willful blindness to false allegations?

That's the question raised by some reactions to last week's police report on the inquiry into shocking -- and discredited -- claims of a fraternity gang rape at the University of Virginia. Despite strong evidence of fabrication by the alleged victim, a student identified as "Jackie," victim advocates and many journalists have balked at calling this a hoax. In a particularly startling comment, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, the New York Democrat leading the charge against campus sexual assault, has referred to criticism of Jackie as "victim-blaming."
...
Granted, Gillibrand's remarks partly reflect the failure of both the media and the Charlottesville police to call the story a fabrication rather than an unresolved case plagued by discrepancies. The police chief has stressed that the report, which is devastating to Jackie's claims, does not prove that she wasn't attacked; many media accounts have made no mention of the fake "Haven Monahan" messages. This reluctance to call Jackie's story a false allegation is rooted in political correctness, not fact.

Yet, as a national politician in the forefront of initiatives on this issue, Gillibrand has a special responsibility to get the facts straight. Otherwise, the message to victims of false accusations is that justice is not possible.'

Factual Feminist: Are men inferior to women? Let's check the data

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YouTube video here. Description: "Are women good, and men bad? How many times have you heard that women are wiser, kinder, more efficient, and just all around superior human beings? A never ending succession of books and news stories suggests they are. AEI scholar Christina Hoff Sommers looks at the evidence."

Yu v. Vassar College Case Summarily Dismissed

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Wow, I have read some really, really BAD judicial decisions in my life, but this one makes me feel like I'm getting ready to crash and bleed out. Seriously, read it and weep. Short version: Yu is male, therefore, he's guilty. It matters not one iota the exculpatory evidence or the double-standards being applied. I challenge anyone to locate a case wherein a female accused another female under the same conditions and the accussee was expelled, or a case of a male doing likewise to a male or a male to a female. It's only she-accuses-him cases that generate these kinds of embarrassingly ludicrous travesties of justice. Be sure to take some airsick meds before reading this one but keep a bucket handy nearby in case they don't kick in in time.

Oh yes, and about the ruling judge, Ronnie Abrams: she got her appointment upon recommendation from none other than Kirsten Gillibrand. Surprise, surprise! Not.

Woman jailed for false kidnapping and rape claim

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'Leshia Ashmore, 51, of Ovett said that she was at a convenient store in Ellisville when she was taken at gunpoint and driven to an unknown location and forcibly raped.

Jones County officials launched an extensive investigation and found that Ashmore's allegations were not true.

Sheriff Alex Hodge said making false claims is a waste of resources and money for the sheriff's department and the Ellisville Police Department.

“Make no mistake, it is against the law to falsely report a crime, but not only does it waste our professional team's time and the tax payers' money, it also is a slap in the face to actual victims who muster up the last bit of strength he or she has to report an offense.” Hodge said, “The Jones County Sheriff's Department will pursue charges against Ashmore, because these were serious charges and investigated fully, taking valuable time away from legitimate cases.”'

Week-long Washington D.C. Event Protests Circumcision

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Passersby eyed an anatomically correct male doll fastened to a plastic contraption Thursday on the West Lawn of the Capitol. Christina Love, founder of Genital Autonomy of Western New York, explained to people that it's a circumstraint newborn immobolizer used to circumcise male newborns.

Washington, DC - infoZine - Scripps Howard Foundation Wire - Love and other genital rights activists or "intactivists," from the words intact and activist, protested against newborn male circumcision, the surgical removal of the foreskin from the penis, as part of Genital Integrity Awareness Week.

They marched Saturday from the Capitol to the White House where protesters chanted "not the family penis." The week concluded Monday with a White House sidewalk demonstration.'

"Silicon Valley: Where Men Are Wrong and Women Are Wronged"

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'What I do doubt is that, with a few exceptions, women will beat men at their own game. They should be hell-bent on changing the playground, not worried about competing on the same over-trodden ground. The best woman VCs and entrepreneurs are listeners, collaborators and puzzle solvers. They bring an aesthetic and authenticity to their work. And now that the digital world is inextricably intertwined with the worlds of art, fashion, medicine, athletics, retail and more, they'll bring a holistic sensibility and a new discourse.

I'm sighing as I watch history repeating itself. Despite me joining leaning-in circles, writing for publications about women in technology, being a member of Women in CE, and taking on the personae of the woman's voice in a high tech world, not much has changed since I ran a male-dominated magazine in a male-dominated world. Men still swagger to the top; women fill the ranks of marketing and PR. It's the 2015 version of Mad Men. As digital projects become more collaborative and interdisciplinary with less of the "guy in the garage" mentality, women will bring their own stamp to technology.'

Due process denied: Judge finds against Vassar student accused of sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday, a summary judgment was issued in favor of Vassar. The judge in the case, Ronnie Abrams, was recommended to the federal bench by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who has no problem labeling young men as rapists without any due process.

Abrams' dismissal of Yu's charges are based on the fact that Title IX does not require adequate due process rights to students accused of sexual assault. Thus, a school following Title IX cannot, in theory, violate a student's due process rights. In the alternative, because Vassar is a private college, due process rights do not apply.

Basically, schools can get away with branding young men as rapists (and avoiding problems from the Obama administration) for what reasonable people would not see as rape because of a flawed law.'

Teaching scandal reporting shows MSM bias

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Article here. Eleven educators sentenced and over 100 still under investigation. Nearly all were female. The head of the operation, also a woman, died a month ago. Yet if you Google this story, many of the pictures show images of the very few men who were involved. Excerpt:

'In a dramatic conclusion to what has been described as the largest cheating scandal in the nation's history, a jury here on Wednesday convicted 11 educators for their roles in a standardized test cheating scandal that tarnished a major school district's reputation and raised broader questions about the role of high-stakes testing in American schools.

On their eighth day of deliberations, the jurors convicted 11 of the 12 defendants of racketeering, a felony that carries up to 20 years in prison. Many of the defendants — a mixture of Atlanta public school teachers, testing coordinators and administrators — were also convicted of other charges, such as making false statements, that could add years to their sentences.'

Campus sex assault crash course: New York must not turn colleges into overseers of student sex lives

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Article here. Excerpt:

'None of it was real. Not the fraternity party at the University of Virginia one September night in 2012. Not the mysterious student named “Haven” who led a freshman named Jackie into a trap. Not the gang rape in an upstairs room.

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Swept away with the fictions should be the federal law that bars school officials from calling the cops without a student’s permission when the student reports a sexual assault.

Similarly, New York’s Legislature should stop Gov. Cuomo’s drive to enact an overreaching and unenforceable “yes means yes” policy that would turn every college in the state into an overseer of student sex lives.

Federal law makes trouble enough — including through a prohibition written into the so-called Clery Act that played out absurdly at UVA.'

A school that actually observed due process in a rape case gets flayed

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Article here. Excerpt:

Vassar, that quintessential liberal arts college – its homepage today features “a pivotal figure from Vassar’s LGBTQ history.”

Also, it’s a haven for rapists.

That’s the takeaway from a confused columnist – not even at Vassar, but the University of North Carolina’s Daily Tar Heel – who scolds the school for following due process.
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She claims the panel that heard her case judged the accused student not guilty because “there was [not] enough evidence to prove that my perpetrator was aware that I was incapable of consent.” (This is noteworthy because Vassar was actually sued by an accused student for how he was treated during the school’s rape investigation.)

Whatever happened – these investigations generally aren’t made public unless they are subject to outside litigation, and Amicucci hasn’t outed her alleged rapist so he can give his side – the panel appears to have followed due process. But that’s not the point for social justice warriors like the Daily Tar Heel‘s Wilder:

"Whether the school in question is eight miles away or 570, it’s every student’s responsibility to keep putting pressure on schools to do whatever it takes to end assault on campus."

Even browbeat them for giving accused students some semblance of due process.'

SAVE E-lert: Tell THG: Cut the Lies

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On April Fools' Day, SAVE is concerned with only one lie in particular--the one embedded multiple times in"The Hunting Ground" that one in five women are sexually assaulted on campus.

Such false statistics help justify slapshod and overreaching new laws that make campus sexual assault cases worse for all students involved.

Help us tell the film distributor, Jason Janego at Radius TWC, to cut the false rape number out of the film. The Hunting Ground needs to cut the lies!

Call (212) 845-8600 or email radius.info@weinsteinco.com

Because we refuse to be taken for fools.

Truly yours,

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Princeton professor opposes new policy for handling sexual misconduct allegations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Princeton University's new policy for handling allegations of sexual misconduct is bad for students, a university professor said Tuesday night.

Stanley Katz of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs said the policy, which creates a unique protocol for addressing sexual misconduct, is a departure from the way justice is typically administered in the U.S. legal system, as well as at universities.

"There are ordinarily generic norms and generic penalties," he said during a public discussion at a meeting of Princeton's literary and debating society.

In September, Princeton faculty voted overwhelmingly to overhaul university policy for handling allegations of sexual misconduct. The changes, recommended by a University committee, included a relaxation of the standard of evidence in such cases from "clear and persuasive," or highly probable, to "preponderance," meaning the allegation is more likely true than not.'

Doctors Re-Attach Part Of Baby’s Penis After Israeli Circumcision Accident

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Urologists at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem re-attached part of a baby's penis following a botched ritual circumcision, Israel Hayom reported today.

Five months ago, the mohel (ritual circumciser) cut part of the baby’s urethra during the circumcision and after the parents noticed profuse bleeding,the baby was rushed to Hadassah.

"The baby was admitted with severe bleeding, and we immediately proceeded to suture the affected area, under local anesthesia of course. The parents were understandably much more concerned than we were, and they had little hope. They have had a tormenting few months," Dr. Guy Hidas, a pediatric urologist, reportedly said, adding that 80% of the reattached tissue was successfully accepted by the baby’s body. "The baby will need at least one more surgery in the coming year, but it is unlikely that this will have long-term impact on his reproductive system," he said.'

Uganda: NGO urged to promote circumcising men to combat cervical cancer

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau (UCMB), the health arm of the Uganda Episcopal Conference, has been urged to promote safe male circumcision as a weapon to fight the spread of cervical cancer in women.

Safe male circumcision (SMC) is the surgical removal of the foreskin (prepuce), the fold of skin that covers the head of the penis, done by qualified health workers using clean (sterile) equipment in a clean environment.

The call was made last week by Dr. Patrick Tusiime, District Health Officer (DHO) of Kabale at the closure of the two-day annual general meeting of UCMB held at Sharing Youth Centre, in Nsambya, a Kampala suburb.
...
"Circumcision will make our women safe. Although there is vaccination that can administered against HPV among girls at an early age, it is important for men to be circumcised," said Tusiime.'

Campus misandry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine yourself in an academic setting where somebody makes an offhand remark that male writers tend to be self-centered. With no evidence or argument, this statement is biased and uninformed, but people are entitled to their opinions.

Now further imagine that the same person then says that the first person singular “I” in the writing of male authors is like an erect penis directed at us from every page.

This incident happened the week before spring break in a discussion at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

For most in higher education today, an event like this would hardly be surprising. However, what made the scene difficult to believe is that nobody challenged it: We let it pass as though nothing had happened while a few heads nodded in polite approval.

This is a problem because complacency perpetuates and legitimizes injustice. For the sake of harmony, we should speak against bigotry in all forms. Disparaging men is just as wrong as degrading women or any other demographic. Crossing this line is where freedom ends and hate-speech begins.
...
Much of academia’s “man problem” carries over from times when it was warranted to speak against patriarchy. Scholars made careers by discussing legitimate issues of male privilege and asymmetric gender relations. Social conservatism and chauvinism were acknowledged. As the movement gained momentum, however, people became comfortable with below-the-belt qualitative statements, like the one above.'

Canada: Woman arrested for allegedly making false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Close to two months ago, Carole Thomas went public with a claim she had been raped in Longueuil back in October 2014.

She told Global News, and other media outlets in Montreal, she was attacked in the back seat of a luxury car on Parc Industriel Street.

What was particular about Thomas' story is that she said the assault happened about 48 hours before the murder of Jenique Dalcourt, and relatively close to the bike path where the young woman was killed.

In a one-on-one interview with reporter Domenic Fazioli, Thomas also said detectives "ignored" her case.'

University Football Player's DV Accuser Recants Accusations, Arrested

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Story here. Excerpt:

A woman who accused a football player recruited by the Alabama Crimson Tide of assaulting her has now recanted and was subsequently charged with filing a false report.

According to AL.com, the accusation led to the arrest Saturday night of Jonathan Taylor, a defensive tackle on charges of domestic violence and assault. She called police Monday to recant her accusation and confirmed she filed a complaint under false pretenses the next day.

She was sent to county jail, but has since posted bond.

When police arrested Taylor, a six-foot-four, 335-pound defensive tackle, they found damage done to the 24-year-old woman's belongings as well as minor injuries on her neck, AL.com reported. At the time she said Taylor was responsible for both.
...
Kip Hart, Tuscaloosa County Metro Homicide Unit assistant commander, told ESPN the physical evidence supported Taylor's arrest, though the woman's recanting has not closed the investigation. An expert on domestic violence cases, he said it is common for victims to recant and in this one investigators are "just scratching the surface of what's going on."'

A university student's take on how to improve adjudication of sexual misconduct

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I was arrested on Oct. 3, 2013 after 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot by Wilson Hall. According to the charges, I was accused of felony abduction with intent to defile and felony rape of my ex-girlfriend sometime between March 1 and June 1, 2012 in Fairfax County. At that moment, I faced the harrowing possibility of two life sentences for a crime I did not commit. Once in jail, I received a letter from Dean of Students Allen Groves, from which I learned that, in conjunction with the criminal charges, I was also put on an interim suspension and faced charges through the University Judiciary Committee, even though the University had contact neither with the complainant — who has never been enrolled at U.Va. — nor the Fairfax County police. I also apparently had 48 hours to appeal the interim suspension upon notification of my status, which seemed impossible to do from my jail cell and especially since my bail was not guaranteed.

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How can the University fairly evaluate a case in any circumstance if a complaining witness is not even part of the University community? Universities, as educational institutions, do not have the ability to subpoena witnesses, nor do they have the human or material resources to meticulously investigate these kinds of issues. Having an external complainant further complicates that. Title IX and universities have important obligations to protect students, which is why the abolishment of these university disciplinary systems is unlikely, but if universities currently have the right to adjudicate cases that involve external complainants, then anyone at any university should have the right to file a complaint at any school despite the offense, regardless of that person's affiliation with that school. There is no consistency in schools' policies since it is evident that someone outside of U.Va. can make a complaint on a student within the University community and not be held accountable for showing up to trial or cooperating with University investigators. Yet, this does not seem to be true at every University in the United States. There is also no recourse for me against this bad faith accusation, since my complainant's university makes it very challenging for me to bring forth a complaint. Title IX and university disciplinary systems are intended to support the right to an education for all their students, but in my case they did just the opposite, undermining my rights by ruling against me before my case had come to court and denying my right to a place in our community and an education.'

SAVE Calls for Removal of Bogus ‘One-in-Five’ Rape Statistic from The Hunting Ground

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, a national organization working to end campus sexual assault, is calling on producers of The Hunting Ground to remove a rape statistic featured in the movie that is known to be false. The Hunting Ground makes the claim that 20% of college women are sexually assaulted.

Numerous authoritative sources have refuted the 20% number:

1. The U.S. Department of Justice reports a college woman’s risk of sexual assault is under 1% each year.

2. The Washington Post Fact Checker assigned a single Pinocchio to the one-in-five claim.

3. The New York Times Editorial Board described the source of the statistic as “a flawed 2007 study based on undergraduates at just two unnamed public universities.”

4. Writing in Time magazine, Christopher Krebs, lead researcher of the cited 2007 study, explained:
“First and foremost, the 1-in-5 statistic is not a nationally representative estimate of the prevalence of sexual assault, and we have never presented it as being representative.”'

Why aren't we taking rape seriously?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There was a time when rape and sexual assault were considered some of the most abhorrent crimes imaginable. No more.

Now, at least on college campuses, rape and sexual assault are considered mere disciplinary matters, no different than plagiarism or theft from a dorm. To non-college students, they are considered crimes.

You would think the issue was being taken seriously, given the mattress-carrying demonstrations and numerous marches with hand-made signs spouting catchy slogans like "non-consensual sex is rape." But according to the activists, the solution to this problem — this so-called rape culture — is not to send serious crimes to the police, but to campus courts where the worst an accused student can face is expulsion.

The "seriousness" of the issue is addressed not by prosecuting and punishing offenses appropriately, but by removing due process rights from accused students. The preferred method is to take the word of all accusers as gospel, lower the burden of proof, and presume guilt on the part of the accused. This all makes it much easier to brand young men as "rapists" without having to prove it beyond a reasonable doubt.'

Circumcision is genital mutilation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The practice of circumcision has been so normalized in our society that we forget that the above statement is factually sound: we are allowing the systematic mutilation of the genitals of almost half of our population. If this is true, then why does America circumcise over 80% of its penis-slinging population while other developed countries, including those in western Europe and East Asia only circumcise approximately 20% of males?

America's high circumcision rate is generally attributed to hysteria surrounding the practice. John Harvey Kellogg (maker of Kellogg's cornflakes), who believed it would prevent boys from masturbating, succeeded in popularizing it in the early 20th century. Doctors in this era also believed it helped prevent syphilis, which has since been disproven, according to the National Institutes of Health. Because of this misinformed belief, circumcision became compulsory in the military during both world wars. Once such a high proportion of the population was circumcised, fathers would generally have their infants circumcised simply because they had been circumcised as well, causing a steady circumcision rate throughout the 1900s.

Today, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends snipping every infant that has a penis to snip; their claim is that it helps mitigate the transmission certain STDs. They claim that HPV — which has already been vaccinated against — is among the diseases in which transmission is slightly decreased among circumcised people. Genital herpes is another disease purported to be affected, but it's already infecting an estimated 1 in 6 Americans, meaning a mild decrease in transmission rate wouldn't have much of a demonstrable benefit for the American population. Lastly, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is the most harmful disease with a transmission rate that is slightly reduced by circumcision. However, this only applies to vaginal intercourse — so, even according to the CDC, this doesn't even remotely affect the 78% of new HIV cases in America attributed to men who have sex with men. Ultimately, the claim that circumcising the entirety of the penis-having population will have a significant reduction in STD transmission doesn't appear to be very plausible.'

Slate's "Dear Prudie" rationalizes to give ethical pass to women who got pregnant "on the sly"

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Letter here. The response is typical of most people's to the matter. It's this kind of reaction that allows so many women to feel it's all well and good to engage in fraud and subterfuge around this topic. Letting "Dear Prudie" know how you feel about her response at prudence@slate.com may do some good. Excerpt:

'...But your act doesn't make you a monster, nor do I think there's any benefit to enlightening everyone now. Both you and Ben rose to the occasion and neither of you would express regret that you're parents to Holly. Ben has been Holly's father for 13 years; even were he to find out about your trickery I can't imagine he would now look upon his daughter as the demon seed. It would just be one more confirmation that you and he never belonged together. At this late date, however, your coming clean would only cast a shadow over your character. You are deeply remorseful for what sounds like a singular act of substantial deceit. There's nothing to be gained by telling your husband and making him uneasy about your essential honesty...You and your friend are also hardly the only women to deliberately get pregnant without letting the man in on your plan, as objectionable as that behavior is. As for your friend, since there are other, straightforward ways to find a sperm donor, how sad that she preferred to make an unwitting stranger the father of her child.'

Canada: John Furlong case shows how easily sexual abuse accusations can ruin lives

fathers4fairness · 4 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Beverly Mary Abraham, Grace Jessie West and Daniel Morice: let their names stand as stark evidence of the kid-glove treatment so often given the modern accuser.

In 2013, these three aboriginal people filed civil lawsuits against the former Vancouver Olympics boss John Furlong, alleging, in the most lurid detail, how he had sexually and physically abused them while they were students at Immaculata Elementary school in Burns Lake, B.C., and he was a young volunteer teacher.

This week, the last of the suits — Mr. Morice's — was dismissed by B.C. Supreme Court Justice Elliott Myers. As it turns out, Mr. Morice received $120,822 from Ottawa in compensation for similar abuse allegedly committed by another man at a residential school in a different town during the same time period he claimed in the civil suit that Mr. Furlong had been abusing him.
...
Ms. West's case was tossed in February by Supreme Court Justice Miriam Gropper, who concluded that on the evidence, Ms. West "did not ever attend Immaculata."
...
Yet the vaunted fourth estate, mostly adheres to the conventions of assuming to believe accusers, especially if they are female or native or from an otherwise marginalized group.
...
This is the growing evidence that the mere levelling of an allegation of any sort of sexual impropriety is enough to destroy a career, and a life.'

Advice For College Students Seeking To Stop Campus Misandry

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New page added under the "Main Menu" entitled Advice For College Students Seeking To Stop Campus Misandry. I thought after fielding an inquiry about this topic recently via email that creating a "Main Menu" entry on it was a good idea.

Only fighting feminists on campus is going to get on-campus feminism to start contracting. Eventually it takes boots on the ground to secure victory. As long as no one even tries on a pair of boots on our college campuses, sooner rather than later they will become the sort of "man-free zones" so many feminists happily dream of every night.

Encouraging male college students to get busy against campus feminism is nothing but good and necessary to stopping it.

"Hillary Clinton hit Bill in the head with a book after Monica affair"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During the height of President Clinton's Monica Lewinsky scandal, a White House maid entered the bedroom to clean and was shocked to find the president and first lady's bed covered in blood.

The blood belonged to the president, who said publicly that he "hurt himself running into the bathroom door in the middle of the night."

But the White House resident staff believed differently. As one worker told author Kate Anderson Brower, "We're pretty sure [Hillary Clinton] clocked him with a book."

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"The couple sometimes got into pitched battles, shocking the staff with their vicious cursing, and sometimes they went through periods of stoney silence," writes Brower.

Florist Ronn Payne recalls seeing two butlers listening through the door at a "vicious" argument in the West Sitting Hall.

"All of a sudden, he heard the first lady bellow, 'goddamn bastard!' at the president — and then he heard someone throw a heavy object across the room. The rumor among the staff was that she threw a lamp."'

Rolling Stone Article on Rape at University of Virginia Failed All Basics, Report Says -- Magazine retracts story

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Rolling Stone magazine retracted its article about a brutal gang rape at a University of Virginia fraternity after the release of a report on Sunday that concluded the widely discredited piece was the result of failures at every stage of the process.

The report, published by the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism and commissioned by Rolling Stone, said the magazine failed to engage in “basic, even routine journalistic practice” to verify details of the ordeal that the magazine’s source, identified only as Jackie, described to the article’s author, Sabrina Rubin Erdely.

On Sunday, Ms. Erdely, in her first extensive comments since the article was cast into doubt, apologized to Rolling Stone’s readers, her colleagues and “any victims of sexual assault who may feel fearful as a result of my article.”'

"Religious Freedom Cafe" and its parallel to the women-only spaces trend

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This video was created to show the analogous situation between discriminating against people due to skin color and doing likewise based on sexual orientation when deciding whether or not to sell services to them. It struck me, upon seeing it, that the trend in women-only spaces creation and scheduling of otherwise public services and/or spaces also seems to fit. Watch this video, first imagining that the discriminated-against man in the video is a man known instead to be gay and he is being told to leave for that reason. Next, imagine the cafe to be owned and occupied exclusively by women and the owner telling the man he has to leave because men are not served therein due to deeply-held feminist beliefs, or that other customers paid for the females-only space, or whatever. Still don't think the occasional women-only hotel floor or restaurant or subway car is "so bad"?

On Reuniting With My Daughter

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This is a personal story that I wanted to share with the readers on this forum.

I'll start with the bad news: In February, my dad passed away. In March, my mom passed away. I have to be frank: those were both tough losses for me. I loved them both and am still grieving their loss.

After my father's death, I received an e-mail from one of my daughters from whom I had been estranged for twenty-plus years. The background: I have three daughters from my first marriage which ended in a bitter divorce. My ex made false allegations of sexual abuse against me, which my daughters eventually came to believe were true. They were not true, but as a result of those accusations my daughters would no longer speak with me. Two of my daughters still will not speak with me, but the one daughter and I were reunited in late February. It was a tearful, joyful reunion, with the past being left in the past. It was truly like a scene out of a movie: we cried, we hugged, we talked, we spent the day together. We are now in contact on a regular basis. We talk regularly (she lives 3 hours away) and she was very supportive when my mom passed. She was even able to speak over the phone to "grandma" before she passed.

Another wonderful aspect to this story: I found out I have two grandsons. I have not yet been able to spend a lot of time with them, but hope to in the near future.

This has truly been a miracle for me. I share this story because I know there are fathers on this forum who may have become estranged from their children. I want them to know there is hope. After more than 20 years, I thought I would never see any of my daughters again. If this can happen to me after 20 years, it can happen to you. It is difficult to express the joy I felt the day I reunited with my daughter. And I still have hope that perhaps I can reunite someday with my other two daughters.

Keep the faith, guys. Miracles do happen.

el cid

U-Va. fraternity announces lawsuit against Rolling Stone

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'The University of Virginia chapter of Phi Kappa Psi announced Monday that the fraternity house will file a lawsuit against Rolling Stone, calling the magazine's reporting that described an alleged gang-rape by some of its members "reckless."

The lawsuit comes a day after Rolling Stone editors retracted a Nov. 19 story "A Rape on Campus," that portrayed the chilling account of brutal sexual assault allegedly occurring in the Phi Kappa Psi house at U-Va. in 2012. A Columbia University report issued Sunday described significant lapses by the magazine's staff while reporting the gang-rape allegations and the story's writer, Sabrina Rubin Erdely, and the publication's managing editor, Will Dana, apologized for the deeply flawed account. But the fraternity noted that Erdely did not apologize directly to the Phi Psi chapter at U-Va.'

"The Media Is Stunned By Aftermath Of UVA Rape Story Investigation"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MSNBC's Joe Scarborough said early Monday morning that because of the magazine's strong reputation, the incident has actually pushed the conversation around rape on college campuses "to the forefront."

What seemed to really stun some readers and media critics was that no staff members were fired as a result of the disaster.

NBC's Willie Geist said on "Morning Joe" that it was "jaw-dropping" that writer Erdely is keeping her job.

CNN's Brian Stelter touched on that very point in a post on Monday headlined "No one fired at Rolling Stone. Really?"'

"The report certainly is embarrassing," he wrote. "But what some might call ineptitude on the part of Rolling Stone, others might call a show of loyalty and a second chance for the staff."

Fallout from Rolling Stone feared by advocates for sex assault victims

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'The attention the Rolling Stone article generated has caused some concern among victim advocates.

"Going to the media is not at all easy for victims.... It's not at all something to take lightly," said Sharmili Majmudar, executive director of Rape Victim Advocates, a Chicago-based nonprofit that assists sex assault victims. "There can be fallout when speaking out and this incident has magnified just that."

Majmudar said she is concerned about Jackie -- whose identity was not in the Columbia report -- and women who are in similar situations down the road.

"Sexual violence is something that's real and happens often on college campuses. Survivors must be protected and feel that they can speak out," Majmudar said. "I just, again, fear that the fallout from this could affect future survivors from telling their stories."

Sheila Coronel, a dean of academic affairs at Columbia University, emphasized in comments Monday that the alleged victim is not at all to be blamed.'

"Rolling Stone Officially Withdraws UVA Story, Blames Rape Victims"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The editors at Rolling Stone have largely laid the blame at the feet of “Jackie,” the UVA student whose allegations of a brutal gang rape at a fraternity house formed the central narrative of Erdely’s story.

Back in December, in the magazine’s first public statement distancing itself from Erdely’s reporting, managing editor Will Dana wrote that “we have come to the conclusion that our trust in her was misplaced.” Sean Woods, who personally edited the story, takes a similar tact in the magazine’s report of its decision to retract Erdely’s article. “Ultimately, we were too deferential to our rape victim. We honored too many of her requests in our reporting. We should have been much tougher,” Woods said.'

‘Hitler Made a Difference’: The Liberal Gang Rape of Journalism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We therefore know that (a) Jackie is a liar, (b) feminist claims of a campus “rape epidemic” are false, and (c) Rolling Stone was willing to publish a libelous article based on Jackie’s lies in order to “prove” that there is what the Associated Press called “a hidden culture of sexual violence” at one of our nation’s leading public universities.

Lies, lies, all lies, a baseless fiction from start to finish.

What has actually been exposed is an “epidemic” that few members of the media are willing to acknowledge, namely the pervasive liberal bias that has crippled and discredited the profession of journalism in America, turning reporters and editors into political hacks who are willing to publish fiction if this is what is necessary to advance the agenda of the Democratic Party. It is certainly no secret that claims of a Republican “war on women” helped Barack Obama win re-election in 2012, nor is it a secret that Hillary Clinton is likely to be the Democratic presidential nominee in 2016.

What better way to exploit the political “gender gap” than to claim that college girls are being raped en masse, and then to suggest that the solution to this problem could be summarized in two words: “VOTE DEMOCRAT!”'

Misleading allegations lead to displaced blame

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Does the cause of combating rape on college campuses require a willful blindness to false allegations?

That's the question raised by some reactions to last week's police report on the inquiry into shocking — and discredited — claims of a fraternity gang rape at the University of Virginia. Despite strong evidence of fabrication by the alleged victim, a student identified as "Jackie," victim advocates and many journalists have balked at calling this a hoax. In a particularly startling comment, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, the New York Democrat leading the charge against campus sexual assault, has referred to criticism of Jackie as "victim-blaming."
...
Appearing on WCNY radio's "Capitol Pressroom" show on March 24, Gillibrand correctly noted that the collapse of this case should not undermine efforts to ensure student safety on campus. But she also deplored the negative attitudes expressed toward Jackie, saying that "victim-blaming, or shining the spotlight on her for coming forward, is not the right approach." (Who is the "victim" here, other than the fraternity smeared as a haven for rapists?)

She also warned that calling for sanctions against the young woman was "inappropriate" and would send the wrong message: "One of the challenges with survivors of sexual trauma and rape is that they often don't want to actually participate with law enforcement because they don't think justice is possible. They don't think they will be believed; they think they'll be blamed."

Later, Gillibrand admitted some rape charges are false and that it's important to protect the accused. But how can such protections be effective if refusing to believe a self-proclaimed survivor is depicted as an injustice and if blaming a proven serial liar is inappropriate?

Granted, Gillibrand's remarks partly reflect the failure of both the media and the Charlottesville police to call the story a fabrication rather than an unresolved case plagued by discrepancies. The police chief has stressed that the report, which is devastating to Jackie's claims, does not prove that she wasn't attacked; many media accounts have made no mention of the fake "Haven Monahan" messages. This reluctance to call Jackie's story a false allegation is rooted in political correctness, not fact.'

How to deal with false rape allegations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In some studies, “A case can be classified as ‘baseless’ if, for example, a victim reports an incident that, while truthfully recounted, does not meet, in the eyes of investigators, the legal definition of a sexual assault,” Lisak and his colleagues write. “This classification is clearly distinct from a case in which a victim deliberately fabricates an account of being raped, yet the ‘unfounded’ category is very often equated with the category of ‘false allegation.’” A 1992 study of 302 rape reports made to law enforcement conducted by the British Home Office drew a distinction between cases that were “no-crimed” — or neither investigated further nor prosecuted — from reports that were determined to be false allegations. A 2005 study by the same organization dealt with alleged assaults that were classified as false reports that were deemed not credible because the alleged victim was mentally ill, intoxicated, or told inconsistent stories, which can be a sign of trauma.

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As Drs. Kimberly Lonsway and Lisak, in collaboration with retired police Sgt. Joanne Archambault, wrote in a 2009 briefing for the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women, “many ‘real’ false reports involve only a vaguely described stranger, so the victim can receive the caring attention of law enforcement officials and social service providers without the fear that someone will be arrested. Clearly, these cases can be extremely frustrating for criminal justice professionals, but they are probably best handled with appropriate referrals for social services rather than prosecution for filing a false report.”

It would be irresponsible to speculate which category the subject of “A Rape on Campus” falls into without further hard evidence. But the people who are concerned about the harm she may have done to the reputations of a group of young men shouldn’t compound the damage she’s caused by invoking her to discredit other people who may be in desperate need of help.'

"Boys are sinking. Let's throw them a doll"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism has been good for girls, and that's something to celebrate. We take it for granted now that a girl can grow up to be just about anything her abilities and drive allow, including corporate titan, combat troop, or even president of the United States. In fact, in some circles, opting to stay home and raise children is now a countercultural choice, much as wearing pants and going to the office was 70 years ago.

Boys are doing fine, for the most part. But they're falling behind, at least in school, according a whole body of research and most recently a major report on 15-year-old students and gender by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a club of wealthier nations. In particular, more boys are failing spectacularly than girls are.
...
Today, Legos is selling pink boxes of Legos "Friends" for girls alongside blue boxes of (increasingly co-branded) Legos for boys — as my colleague Elissa Strauss noted recently. Boys play construction and ninjas and pirates and superheroes; girls build relationships. Strauss makes a strong case for why "girl" play is good for boys' development — but it's largely an aspirational case at this point. Nobody would think twice if a girl still decided she wanted to play with Lego spaceships — they would probably, and rightly, applaud. But imagine the looks if a boy wanted to buy some Lego Disney Princesses.

So what? Let's return to the OECD report. "Whether because of socialization or innate differences, boys are more likely than girls, on average, to be disruptive, test boundaries, and be physically active — in other words, to have less self-regulation," the study's authors write, citing previous research. "As boys and girls mature, gender differences grow even wider.... As teenagers, boys tend to be less self-disciplined than girls: They are less likely than girls to be able to delay gratification, plan ahead, set goals, and persist in the face of frustrations and setbacks."'

Owing Child Support Can Be Lethal

el cid · 8 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. This is another big story about a black man shot by a white cop. The cop now faces murder charges:

"Dramatic video that shows a white South Carolina police officer shooting a fleeing black man after a traffic stop has led authorities to file a murder charge against the officer amid public outrage over a series of deaths of unarmed black men at the hands of law enforcement agents."

So why did the man run?

"Walter Scott Sr. told the NBC "Today Show" that his son may have run because he owed child support and didn't want to go back to jail."

You may not want to watch the video. They say it's brutal.

Did Girls Conspire To Put 'Player' In Jail With False Rape Charges?

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Lawyers for Tyler Kost say that 13 girls conspired against the high school teen with false rape allegations because they wanted to "teach him a lesson" for being "a player." The defense claims that the girls referred to the movie John Tucker Must Die, where ex-girlfriends take revenge against their ex-boyfriend, in reference to Tyler and note that the girls say "Tyler needs to be taught a lesson." The defense says there is vast evidence that suggests the rape allegations are false, including over 98,000 pages of social media evidence are proof.

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The defense lawyers claim that the girls conspired to "teach Tyler a lesson" for being a known "player" at the school. The defense claims the girls were inspired by the teen movie John Tucker Must Die to seek revenge. The defense has entered into evidence over 98,000 pages of social media interactions including group chats between three of the alleged rape victims and three witnesses. The chats indicate that the girls were working together to build a case against Tyler with one girl exclaiming, "This is going to be so much fun!" when discussing taking down the teen boy.

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KSAZ reports that in the group chat message the girls planned to have a movie date together to watch John Tucker Must Die and "plan." The girls indicate that they will "f*** with his mind and car" with other girls noting it was going to "be fun."'

Domestic violence a men’s issue: CBRM police chief

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A new poster campaign targeting men’s attitudes and behaviours toward domestic violence, called Don’t Be That Guy, is aimed squarely at stopping the problem at its root cause, says Cape Breton Regional Police Chief Peter McIsaac.

“Domestic violence is something that we need to address on the front end, before it even starts,” McIsaac said Wednesday at a campaign launch sponsored by Men Against Domestic Violence.

“And it’s there that men, in particular, have a very big role to play. Traditionally, domestic violence and sexual violence, the conversation has all been about women. It’s been made a women’s issue.

“But research tells us it’s really a man’s issue. Over 90 per cent of perpetrators in domestic violence situations are men.”'

Women have won the gender revolution

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Summary: This post on our series about the gender roles revolution looks at the result of the social and tech trends — women have won. They now have a competitive superiority in a wide range of factors, which is bringing them to dominance in US society. Changes take time to upset existing hierarchies, but the trend is unquestionable.
...
The sole domains still dominated by men are paternity and war. Artificial insemination replaces men in the former, supported by women's growing economic strength and government aid for single mothers.

As for war, other than infantry and a few similar physically demanding specialties, women can do just as well. Men supremacists advocating male-only wars are reduced to saying that women in war just will not work — just as Blacks couldn't fight, and letting homosexuals into the military (openly) would be The End of the US Armed Forces. Good luck with that. This also requires ignoring the long role of woman fighting on the front lines of so many 4GWs during the past century.

The evidence can no longer be disputed imo. The pushback nicely illustrates that, as in this rebuttal at The Atlantic by Chloe Angyal (editor at Feministing). First she gives some really weak evidence, citing one TV show. If you take TV that literally, the US is overflowing with serial murders and jihadist terrorists.'

Mom convicted of poisoning son gets break on murder sentence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman convicted of fatally poisoning her 5-year-old son with salt in his hospital feeding tube got a break on her murder sentence Wednesday because she suffers from a mental illness she has refused to acknowledge, the judge said.

Lacey Spears, 27, of Scottsville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison for the 2014 death of Garnett-Paul Spears at a suburban New York hospital.

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Acting state Supreme Court Justice Robert Neary said Spears' crime was "unfathomable in its cruelty" and brought her son "five years of torment and pain." But he said he was not imposing the maximum 25 years to life because "one does not have to be a psychiatrist to realize you suffer from Munchausen by proxy."

He said he was offering "something you did not exhibit toward your son -- mercy."

Munchausen by proxy, now known clinically as factitious disorder imposed on another, is a disorder in which, in some cases, caretakers purposely but secretly harm children and then enjoy the attention and sympathy they receive.'

SAVE E-lert: Let's Make Rolling Stone Apologize

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Columbia Journalism School, hired by Rolling Stone, just issued a "damning" report of the magazine's coverage of the UVA "Jackie" story. And Rolling Stone just retracted the story.

But while the story is now declaratively false, the journalist, Sabrina Erdely, apologized to the readers and victims of sexual assault, but NOT to the falsely accused.

As UVA President Theresa Sullivan has noted, "Rolling Stone falsely accused some University of Virginia students of heinous, criminal acts."

Contact the Rolling Stone editors and demand a real apology on behalf of the young men whose reputations were torn to shreds.

Email: rseditors@rollingstone.com now.

Let's get a real apology.

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Save our boys without being anti-girl

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I just finished reading “Boys Adrift: The Five Factors Driving the Growing Epidemic of Unmotivated Boys and Underachieving Young Men,” written by Dr. Leonard Sax after years of seeing sullen boys in his medical practice fail to thrive.

“From kindergarten to college, (boys are) less resilient and less ambitious than they were a mere 20 years ago. In fact, a third of men ages 22-34 are still living at home with their parents — about a 100 percent increase in the past 20 years,” Sax wrote. His book came out in 2007, when my own two sons were far from adolescence and hadn’t yet developed a visceral hatred of school. The numbers are even higher today.

In “Boys Adrift,” Sax identified several factors creating a toxic environment for boys that is driving their decline: a misguided overemphasis on reading and math as early as kindergarten, too much time playing hyper-real video games, an overreliance on medication for attention deficit disorders and a popular-culture devaluation of masculinity.'

Long-term study finds no link between videogames and sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Breitbart readers are no doubt sceptical of hasty claims to scientific authority, so allow me to explain why this study is worth paying attention to. Firstly, it was a long-term study, taking place over the course of three years. Much of the confusion around whether games cause violence is due to the confusion of short-term effects with long-term ones. It was once erroneously argued that short-term increases in aggression following certain video games proved they cause violence. Later studies found that these effects did not persist over time. The fact that this study took place over three years allowed the researchers to separate long-term effects from short-term ones.

The study also involved a very substantial sample size. This is important, as small samples are more likely to be skewed by outlier effects. Attempting to generalize the results of small studies to the wider population can lead to whopping great errors, such as the notorious “1-in-5″ statistic that spread panic about sexual assault on US campuses. The smaller your sample, the less reliable your results.

But enough about methodology. If you want a full analysis of the strengths of the study, this post from a statistician and #gamergate supporter provides an excellent explanation of why this study is so significant. Let’s turn to what it means for the wider debate.'

"In praise of women only spaces"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the Easter weekend, I travelled to Sydney with a group of girlfriends. We stayed in a small apartment, went to the beach and took turns cooking breakfast for each other every morning. On a typically sunny Sydney day, we strapped on our rollerskates and navigated the hilly terrain towards Coogee and its lovely women's baths. When we arrived, sweaty and hot, we stripped down to our bathing suit bottoms and splashed about in the saltwater. Afterwards, we lay topless on the rocks, drifting between silence and conversation like the clouds passing by above. I felt carefree in my half nudity, content in the presence of women and the act of just being that seemed to be made possible by the dual absence of men.

As I lay there beneath the sun, the salt drying on my skin, I thought to myself, chicks are the bomb diggety.

It wasn't always like this. As an older teenager, I took great pleasure in proclaiming to anyone who'd listen that I wasn't really what you'd call a girly kind of girl. I talked about how I didn't even really like girls all that much, because they were bitchy and shallow and just not as well rounded as boys. Boys were easier and funnier - they were just more chill, you know?'

Last IOC in Marine infantry experiment drops female officers

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The two-and-a-half year period in which the Marine Corps' Infantry Officer Course became gender-integrated for research will end without a single female graduate.

The final iteration of IOC to accept female Marines on a volunteer basis began April 2 with two female participants. One was a volunteer and one was a member of the newly integrated ground intelligence track.

Both were dropped that same day during the grueling initial Combat Endurance Test, said Capt. Maureen Krebs, a spokeswoman for Headquarters Marine Corps. Nine of the 90 men who began the course were also cut.

IOC, held quarterly at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, began accepting female officers fresh out of training in September 2012 as part of a larger research effort into the feasibility of opening ground combat jobs to women. Lieutenants who made it through the legendarily tough 86-day course would not receive an infantry military occupational specialty or career advancement; they did it only for the challenge and the hope of being part of a historical Marine Corps achievement.'

SAVE: Lawmakers Need to Restore Presumption of Innocence in Campus Sex Cases to Avoid ‘Frightening Consequences'

Matt · 10 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Following release of a report detailing the many mistakes of a Rolling Stone article that had alleged a gang-rape at a University of Virginia fraternity, SAVE is now calling on legislators and campus administrators to engage in reasoned debate on the campus sexual assault issue to restore due process and the presumption of innocence.

Commentators have noted how Rolling Stone reporter Sabrina Erdley approached the topic with a pre-conceived narrative. By her own admission, Erdley set out to locate a case that would reveal “what it’s like to be on campus now…where not only is rape so prevalent but also that there’s this pervasive culture of sexual harassment/rape culture.”

These pre-conceptions may have lulled Erdley into accepting the uncorroborated claims of self-identified rape victim “Jackie” as truthful. Erdley envisioned her article would pressure campus administrators to institute policies to curb campus rape that serve to reduce due process protections.

Commentators on all points of the political spectrum have voiced concerns about the loss of the presumption of innocence for students accused of sexual assault: http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/editorials/2015-2/

How Deep Is This Education Official's Involvement In The Rolling Stone Hoax?

Matt · 10 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A top-ranking official at the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights has emerged as a potentially key figure in Rolling Stone's false article, "A Rape on Campus."

Catherine Lhamon, who heads the Department's civil rights wing, was identified in a letter sent last month by University of Virginia Dean of Students Allen Groves to Steve Coll and Sheila Coronel, the two Columbia Journalism School deans who conducted a review of the Nov. 19 article, written by disgraced reporter Sabrina Rubin Erdely.

Groves' letter was included as a footnote to the Columbia deans' report, which was released on Sunday and cataloged the failures and lies that led to the article's publication.

In the letter, Groves wrote that he has suffered "personal and professional" damage as a result of Erdely's reporting and comments Lhamon made about him which were included in the article.

As the Rolling Stone article fell apart, Lhamon's involvement has gone virtually unmentioned. But a deeper look reveals her ties to Emily Renda, a University of Virginia employee and activist who put Erdely in touch with Jackie, the student whose claim that she was brutally gang-raped by seven members of a fraternity on Sept. 28, 2012, served as the linchpin for the 9,000-word Rolling Stone article.'

Can the left come up with one true story?

Matt · 10 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From the Duke lacrosse team, the Columbia mattress girl and the University of Virginia, the left has not been able to produce one actual rape on a college campus. It's beginning to look as if the rape of the Sabine women never happened, either. Someone's going to have to go back and investigate.

The big finale to the latest college rape fable, Rolling Stone's whimsical "A Rape on Campus," about a fraternity gang rape at the University of Virginia that never happened, is the Columbia Journalism Review's "investigation" of the story, released Sunday night. It's more of a house of mirrors than a finale, inasmuch as CJR's report is so preposterous that it demands its own investigation.

The CJR treats "reporting" as if it is some sort of learned craft, requiring years of study, as opposed to basic common sense. For example, if someone has an incredible story that he's dying for you to publicize, but loses interest every time you try to confirm any of the facts, a normal person would say: Oh, that's because it's probably a lie.

Without even knowing that the rape accuser, "Jackie," had refused to let Rolling Stone check the most basic elements of her narrative, every human being who read Sabrina Rubin Erdely's piece knew it was nonsense by around the second paragraph. It was like a Lifetime TV version of a fraternity rape.'

Dershowitz wins round one

Matt · 10 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Good for him. He's moving on to sue the bejeesus out of the Jane Does, too. Excerpt:

'Congratulations to Professor Dershowitz and Kendall Coffey on the good news. As noted Miami defense lawyer and former Dershowitz student David O. Markus told the AP, “Judge Marra saw through all the noise and correctly found that this is a court of law, not a tabloid which prints first and looks for evidence later. These absurd allegations have no place in our legal system.”

This isn’t the end of all Epstein-related litigation for Professor Dershowitz. He’s still a defendant in that libel action filed against him by Paul Cassell and Bradley Edwards, counsel to Jane Doe #3 aka Virginia Roberts. But Professor Dershowitz might actually welcome the continuation of that case. With his involvement in the Jane Doe case now over, the defamation case may be the best avenue for completely disproving the allegations against him.'

Hugs are now ‘sexual assault’ at UVA

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you hug your boyfriend and as a result your clothed body (including your breasts) touches him, you could be accused of “sexual assault” through “sexual contact” under the University of Virginia’s broad new “sexual assault” policy adopted to appease the Office for Civil Rights, where I used to work (assuming you do it without explicitly agreeing on the details of the hug). Because U.Va. lumps together touching, “however slight,” and intercourse when it comes to sexual assault, requiring “affirmative” consent for both. (“Affirmative consent” is a misleading term, and does not include many forms of consent that occur in the real world, and are recognized by the courts, as I explain at this link. The new policy further warns that “Relying solely on non-verbal communication before or during sexual activity can lead to misunderstanding and may result in a violation of this Policy.” Portions of U.Va.’s policy are reprinted below.).

This is an outrageous violation of students’ privacy rights.

Moreover, making out is now effectively forbidden at the University of Virginia, which has rewritten its Interim Sexual Assault Policy under the impetus of the Education Department’s Title IX investigation. U.Va.’s new policy requires “affirmative consent” (rather than “effective consent,” as before) not just to sex, but also sexual contact, which encompasses touching. Of course, no one ever says things like “may I touch your breast” before doing so. These things are welcomed after they begin, not authorized in advance, but the policy effectively forbids step-by-step ratification after the fact (i.e., making out) by banning any touching “however slight” without such authorization, so if you touch your partner an instant before they welcome it, you’ve presumably violated the policy. ...'

Teacher Accused Of Sex With Student And Fellow Instructor Takes Plea Deal

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Story here.

'One of two former high school teachers accused of having sex with a 16-year-old student has agreed to a plea deal that will allow her to avoid prison time or having to register as a sex offender.

The deal was announced in Hahnville at a Thursday hearing in the case of 32-year-old Shelley Dufresne (doo-FRAIN'). The deal avoids a May 20 trial.

The New Orleans Advocate reports that Dufresne pleaded guilty to one felony count of obscenity. She received a $1,000 fine, but a three-year prison sentence was deferred on the condition that she complete 90 days of mental health treatment.'

She and another former teacher at the school have been arrested, but not yet formally charged, in a Jefferson Parish case involving the same student.'

WSJ Opinion Journal: Rolling Stone’s Retraction

Matt · 10 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Right on target. Description:

'Manhattan Institute Fellow Heather MacDonald on the magazine's errant reporting on an alleged rape, elite opinion and statistics.'

Now it’s sexist to call Hillary only by her first name

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Forget Madonna, Marilyn, Liz and Oprah. While it may be a testament to those icons’ power and fame that they can be recognized simply by their first names, it’s apparently a sexist degradation to Hillary (does she still use “Rodham”?) Clinton to presume the same standard should apply to the former first lady.

Don’t let the fact fool you that there’s literally a “Ready for Hillary” PAC, either. The pros get to call this their way; the antis, not so much. If you don’t have anything nice to say about Hillary … Clinton … don’t say you weren’t warned if her supporters start calling out your overt sexism the next time you forget to use her full name.

“[S]ome Americans, mostly women, don’t think the former secretary of state, U.S. senator from New York and first lady should be called by just her first name,” McClatchy reported Tuesday in a story that made liberal use of the “some people say” journalistic device.'

Persons Injured During Acute Chemical Incidents — Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance, Nine States, 1999–2008

Minuteman · 10 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Chemicals that can cause adverse health effects are used in many settings, including manufacturing industries, water treatment facilities, food processing plants, schools, and homes. Because of this, chemicals are involved in tens of thousands of emergency incidents each year and lead to thousands of personal injuries and hundreds of deaths. In addition to physical injuries, persons exposed to chemical releases can experience long-lasting mental health effects (1–3), and communities where incidents occur can be strained (4).

...

The sex of 12,611 injured persons was known; 8,096 (64%) were male and 4,515 (36%) were female. The majority of responders (91%) and employees (70%) of the responsible party were male. More members of the general public who were injured in chemical incidents were male (54%), whereas more students injured at school were female (58%). The mean age was similar for employees (37 years), responders (36 years), and the general public (34 years). Students exposed at school were an average age of 13 years.'

In Campus Rape Tribunals, Some Men See Injustice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr. McLeod, 24 years old, is suing Duke for his diploma, arguing the university unjustly made him an example to show a get-tough approach. “I believe that I’m wrongfully accused,” he says. “I believe that it was an unfair process and I believe I had something I earned taken away from me.”

His case is part of a broad and rapid change in how U.S. colleges and universities deal with sexual-assault allegations. Campuses have rewritten policies to lower the burden of proof for finding a student culpable of assault, increasing penalties—sometimes recommending expulsion. In the process, schools find themselves in legal minefields as they try to balance the rights of accuser and accused.

Mr. McLeod’s suit is one of more than 30 that men have brought against U.S. campuses since January 2014 alleging due-process violations in sexual-assault cases, says A Voice for Male Students, an advocacy group.'

John Doe v. Regents of State of California

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Pleading here. Excerpt:

'1. This case arises out of the actions taken and procedures employed by Defendant the Regents of the University of California, also known as the University of California at Santa Barbara ("Defendant" or "UCSB" or "UC Santa Barbara") concerning allegations made against Plaintiff John Doe ("John Doe"), a male senior student at UCSB as a result of false allegations of nonconsensual sexual activity with fellow UCSB freshman student Jane Doe.
...
59. UCSB performed an unfair and biased investigation in favor of Jane Doe's allegations of sexual misconduct, in violation of its own stated policies requiring that disciplinary proceedings be "prompt, fair and impartial."
...
61. Yet, the one futile attempt at Early Resolution of this matter prior to commencement of a formal investigation was the sole inquiry by Ms. Perkin as to whether John Doe was, "ready to take responsibility?" As Ms. Perkin failed to explain that such an inquiry was an attempt to resolve the matter at the outset, John Doe simply responded that he did not believe he engaged in any wrongful conduct. Thereafter, UCSB did not engage in any further attempts at early resolution.'

Three new book reviews from J. Steven Svoboda

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Three new book reviews from the executive director of Attorneys for the Rights of the Child, J. Steven Svoboda. I look forward to his book reviews. These cover the following:

- Stand by Your Manhood: A Game-Changer for Modern_Men, Peter Lloyd
- Southern Man: Legacy of Fortitude, A Southern Heroes Novel, Connie Chastain
- Sexual Impolitics: Heresies on Sex, Gender and Feminism, Neil Lyndon

Re "Southern Man...": if you have any immediate prejudices about the book because of its title, I ask you to reserve judgment. The phrase "southern man" has unfortunately come to be used in a pejorative way in certain circles due to the influence both of US history as well as Neil Young's song by the same name, when in fact it simply refers to a man from the southern part of the US. Projecting one's own prejudices or presumptions around men from the US south (i.e., white men from the south) is as bigoted a behavior as doing likewise to any other class of person based on ethnicity, creed, sex, other place of origin, etc. Bigotry is bigotry, period. Anyway, if you need more third party commentary, try out this review.

Former Offc of Civil Rights employee pens letter suggesting reduced funding due to unlawful activity

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Letter here.

'Congress should cut the budget of the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights, where I used to work. Contrary to Howard Kallem's argument, it needs no budget increase (Letter to the Editor, "Office for Civil Rights Needs More Resources," April 2).

Kallem cited the fact that more complaints have been filed at OCR recently. But that includes many copycat complaints that cost little to investigate. On March 18, The Washington Post quoted OCR's head admitting that just "two individuals were responsible for filing more than 1,700 of those allegations."

Many other complaints at OCR result from its own overreaching, not discrimination that needs to be investigated, as two members of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights noted in a February 26 letter to Congress. As they noted, OCR "has all-too-often been willing to define perfectly legal conduct as unlawful. Though OCR may claim to be under-funded, its resources are stretched thin largely because it has so often chosen to address violations it has made up out of thin air. Increasing OCR's budget would in effect reward the agency for frequently over-stepping the law."'

South Carolina child support policy and the Walter Scott connection

el cid · 12 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A good review of the South Carolina child support system. Excerpt:

'But Scott, who was killed on Saturday by police officer Michael Slager in North Charleston, South Carolina, had also long struggled to pay child support. In 2008, he went to jail for a full six months after falling behind by $6,800 in child support payments, according to The Associated Press. Scott spent one night in jail in both 2011 and 2012, again because he owed thousands in child support. At the time of Scott's death, there was a warrant out for his arrest due to failure to make child support payments. (Scott also had a history of convictions and arrests for other offenses, according to The Post And Courier, a Charleston paper.)

The knowledge of the arrest warrant for failed payments is likely what spurred Scott to run from Slager on Saturday during a traffic stop over a broken taillight.

...

In 2009, Patterson conducted a survey of 33 county jails in South Carolina, which found that one out of every eight inmates -- or 13.2 percent of the inmate population -- was behind bars for contempt of civil court after falling behind on child support payments. In Charleston County, where Walter owed his back payments on child support, Patterson's survey found that over 15 percent of inmates had been imprisoned for not paying child support. In a handful of the other counties studied, the figure was as high as 20 percent.

Patterson told The Huffington Post in an interview that most states are more forgiving than South Carolina when it comes to child support payments. In general, there is no set number of days after which the debtor automatically goes to a contempt hearing.

"There's a more flexible process [in other states]," she said. "It's less likely you'll go the contempt route. You may enter a payment agreement, or may determine there's no money. The person may pay up without going through the judicial process."

The professor said she has found only one other jurisdiction in the country -- the 9th Judicial District of New Mexico -- whose rules are as stringent as South Carolina's.'

College Newspaper: False Rape Accusation Shows ‘False Accusations Are Extremely Unlikely’

Mastodon · 12 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On the main campus of Pennsylvania State University, the editors of The Daily Collegian published a 433-word editorial arguing that Rolling Stone’s fabricated, completely retracted article, “A Rape on Campus” demonstrates that “false accusations” of rape “are extremely unlikely.”

In the bizarre, unsigned Thursday op-ed, The Daily Collegian laments the fact that the Phi Kappa Psi chapter at the University of Virginia is now suing over damages caused by the Nov. 19 article by disgraced journalist Sabrina Rubin Erdely.

...

"The most important thing to come out of this failed journalism is the concept that sexual assault is a huge problem on college campuses, and false accusations are extremely unlikely,” the editors of The Daily Collegian declare. “We cannot let this situation hurt and set back sexual assault reporting and investigating.”

...

“While we understand the fraternity may have a right to legal action, we don’t support its decision to pursue a case,” they lecture.

“With all of the media covering of this case, it has become general knowledge the fraternity’s name has been cleared and the article has been retracted.”

...

Notably, Erdely did not apologize to Phi Kappa Psi.

Rape and sexual assault have been in the campus spotlight in recent years, ever since the Obama administration’s Department of Education created a complex new policy dictating how American colleges and universities must respond to allegation of sexual violence. The policy depends very heavily — at times exclusively — on Title IX, a comprehensive 1972 federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex. (RELATED: How Obama Bureaucrats Are Aiming To Deny Students Constitutional Due Process)'

Canada: Fired Teacher Sues After Student's False Rape Accusations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Vancouver Island teacher who was falsely accused of raping and torturing a student is seeking compensation after the girl's claims were found to be based on a popular TV crime show.
...
Barber was arrested, then suspended. But charges were never laid due to a lack of evidence.

The Qualicum school district hired lawyer Marli Rusen to look into the case. Her 2013 investigation supported the student's allegations, and recommended that Barber be banned from the school district altogether. Soon after, Barber was fired.

The longtime teacher with a spotless record fought for his job. Ultimately, an arbitration hearing uncovered that all of the student's claims were lifted from the TV show "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit." The girl testified that she had watched every episode of the drama at least three times, and some as many as 10 times.
...
The student responded that the similarities between her stories and the show was just a coincidence.

In the end, arbitrator Joan McEwan noted that the "unbelievable" claims came from "a very troubled young person" against a "decent, hard-working man."

"The Internet and media provided the student with everything she needed to construct a case that resulted in two years of unimaginable hardship to the teacher," wrote arbitrator Joan McEwan in her final report. "The evidence overwhelmingly demonstrates that the teacher is the victim of false allegations."

Barber is now seeking damages from Rusen, saying the lawyer was negligent in her "maliciously published" report. In a civil lawsuit filed in February, he says her defamatory work resulted in this humiliation and damaged reputation.'

Also see: Law & Order: SVU fake sex allegations lead to teacher lawsuit

Hillary Clinton announces candidacy for 2016 Democrat nomination for POTUS

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In case you missed it, article here. Well, I have to admit, I called it wrong. I had her for sure not running. Maybe she will for a time and then drop out after more cash flows into the Clinton Coffers, I dunno. Under normal conditions I might say, "Just sit back and watch the fun," but the stakes are too high. Resistance is *far* from futile. We're stuck, for all practical purposes, with one of two candidates now: The Hildebeast and whoever gets the GOP nod since the Demo party result is a foregone conclusion. If ever there was a time to be politically active during an election year, 2015-2016 is it. Excerpt:

'Ending two years of speculation and coy denials, Hillary Rodham Clinton announced on Sunday that she would seek the presidency for a second time, immediately establishing herself as the likely 2016 Democratic nominee.

“I’m running for president,” she said with a smile near the end of a two-minute video released just after 3 p.m.

“Everyday Americans need a champion. And I want to be that champion,” Mrs. Clinton said. “So I’m hitting the road to earn your vote — because it’s your time. And I hope you’ll join me on this journey.”

The announcement came minutes after emails from John D. Podesta, Mrs. Clinton’s campaign chairman, alerting donors and longtime Clinton associates to her candidacy.

Mr. Podesta said that Mrs. Clinton would meet soon with voters in Iowa and host a formal kickoff event some time next month.

The announcement effectively began what could be one of the least contested races, without an incumbent, for the Democratic presidential nomination in recent history — a stark contrast to the 2008 primaries, when Mrs. Clinton, the early front-runner, ended up in a long and expensive battle won by Barack Obama. It could also be the first time a woman captures a major party’s nomination.'

Pay Discrimination Myths from the AAUW

Matt · 14 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Equal Pay Day is coming up on April 14. That means it's time for false statistics and legal claims from groups pushing for more rules and red tape governing employee pay, such as the proposed Paycheck Fairness Act.

On April 10, Linda D. Hallman, Executive Director of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), sent a mass email containing two false claims. The first alleged that "women have to work almost four months longer than men do to earn the same amount of money for doing the same job." This is a fundamental misinterpretation of a statistic that itself is obsolete and years out of date.

It is based on a much-repeated and much-debunked statistic that women make 77 percent as much as men do. That statistic was obsolete in 2013, when former Chief Labor Department economist Diana Furchtgott-Roth noted:

"The 77 percent figure is bogus because it averages all full-time women, no matter what education and profession, with all full-time men. Even with such averaging, the latest Labor Department figures show that women working full-time make 81 percent of full-time men's wages. For men and women who work 40 hours weekly, the ratio is 88 percent."

Another reason women earn less than men on average is that women work fewer hours on average than men even when they work full-time.'

Meet the feminist who is sticking up for men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For a lot of men, there are two dirty f-words in the English language: the four-letter one we hear at football matches and, at the risk of having faecal matter posted through my letterbox, the term ‘feminist’.

I don’t say this because men oppose equality – not at all. But, rather, because feminism often goes hand-in-hand with toxic and misleading anti-men sentiments.

American writer Andrea Dworkin once said she wanted ‘to see a man beaten to a bloody pulp with a high-heel shoved in his mouth, like an apple in the mouth of a pig’, while author Sally Miller Gearhart suggested (in all seriousness) that ‘the proportion of men be reduced to, and maintained at, 10 per cent of the human race’.

Even Jilly Cooper, queen of the bonkbuster, famously asserted that ‘the male is a domestic animal which, if treated with fairness, can be trained to do most things.’

Sadly, these cheery soundbytes can’t simply be written-off as historic gaffes. Only last month Jessica Valenti wrote an article for The Guardian entitled ‘Feminists don’t hate men… but it wouldn’t matter even if we did’.

Hence why, as far as I’m concerned, men who support feminism are like turkeys voting for Christmas.'

Hillary plays the gender card

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Of course, with her deep connections to Saudi sheiks and Silicon Valley squillionaires, you might mistake her for the kind of person the deck is stacked in favour of. But never mind. It's the image that counts!

Ms. Clinton's only claim to underdog status is that she's a woman. The last time she ran for president, she played this down because she thought it was a liability. This time, she's going to milk it for all it's worth. So don't expect to hear a lot about foreign policy for now. (All things considered, that may be just as well.) Instead, you will be hearing a lot about the joys of being a grandmother.
...
... In the interview, Chelsea explains there are two reasons why her mom deserves to be president. First, because it would be a major breakthrough for women everywhere. Second, because the world would be a better place if women were in charge. Women, she says, have been able "to build more consensus so that decisions have longer-term effects, whether in economic investments or in building social capital."

The idea that women lead differently than men – and also better – is much in vogue these days. They're more caring and compassionate. They believe in compromise and consensus, not conflict and power struggles. These skills are said to be crucial in a world that's becoming networked, not hierarchical. Women are supposed to be naturally better at soft power (diplomacy, negotiation, relationship-building), when soft power is what our age needs most. In other words: Hillary would make sure those old boys get along!

Are women innately better at this stuff than men? Personally, I have yet to see it. What's amusing is that after decades of denying that there are any innate differences at all between the sexes, modern feminists are now asserting the same type of gender essentialism that they used to deplore when men did it. We've come full circle!'

Mika Brzezinski Refers to Marco Rubio as a ‘a Little Boy’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'BRZEZINSKI: No, like Hillary Clinton and Marco Rubio. There is no comparison. Maybe this is my ideology, but I’m sorry, but that’s a little boy and that’s an experienced accomplished woman who’s been elected to the Senate twice, who served First Lady, who served as Secretary of State.'

Wikipedia on Mika Brzezinski here.

New Study Undermines Supposed Sexism In STEM Hiring

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study by two Cornell professors suggests faculty in several different STEM fields actually favor women by a more than 2-to-1 margin over identically-qualified men.

The belief that women face substantial discrimination when trying to enter scientific fields is an article of faith for the American left.

Professors Wendy Williams and Stephen Cici published their study on Monday as part of their work for the Cornell Institute for Women in Science. The pair created a lengthy set of fictional job-seekers in four fields: Biology, economics, psychology and engineering. Many of the fictional profiles were pairs, with identical resumes differing only in being either male or female. They sent slates of job candidates to more than 800 faculty members at 371 colleges in all 50 states, asking them to rank them in order of hiring preference.

“What we found shocked us,” the two wrote for CNN in a piece accompanying the study’s publication. “Women had an overall 2-to-1 advantage in being ranked first for the job in all fields studied. This preference for women was expressed equally by male and female faculty members, with the single exception of male economists, who were gender neutral in their preferences.”'

UK: Woman sentenced to community service for false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A married woman who falsely claimed she had been raped by a taxi driver in Midlothian has been sentenced to 200 hours of community service.

A major inquiry was launched after Chantal Clark, 36, from Dalkeith, claimed she had been sexually assaulted by the driver in May 2014.

Clark later pleaded guilty to a charge of falsely making a rape claim.

She had engaged in consensual sex with the driver, who cannot be named for legal reasons.

Edinburgh Sheriff Court heard how the investigation resulted in the man appearing in court on a rape charge.'

UK: Woman falsely accused couple of rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Hannah McWhirter, 21, engaged in the midnight ménage-a-trois with a friend and her husband.

She even exchanged texts with the couple after their threesome telling them how much she enjoyed herself.

But she soon changed her tune when the husband told her boyfriend about their steamy hook-up and claimed she had been raped.

McWhirter appeared at Aberdeen Sheriff Court today where she admitted wasting police time with false rape claims.'

Student accused in sex assault sues university

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A student on suspension from San Diego State University has sued the school over the way it is handling an investigation against him for sexual misconduct.

Attorney Domenic Lombardo, who is representing student Francisco Sousa, said his clients has been denied due process and is not even sure about the specifics of the accusations against him.

Sousa, an international transfer student from Portugal, was arrested Dec. 9 and charged with false imprisonment and forcible oral copulation of a female SDSU student. The charges were later dropped, but he remains suspended and has since enrolled in another school.

Lombardo filed a writ of mandate in San Diego County Superior Court on April 2 to get access to specific accusations he said led to Sousa's suspension. The evidence could be used later in a hearing to determine whether Sousa should be expelled from the school for violations of Title IX, the federal law prohibiting sexual discrimination on college campuses.'

"An Arc of Outrage"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The statistics defining the problem became a source of debate. The "one in five" researcher called that finding, from two campuses, not nationally representative, and its definition of "sexual assault" turned out to include offenses some people might not have put in that category, like "forced kissing" and rubbing up against someone over clothes. Reliable evidence was hard to find. "Researchers have been unable to determine the precise incidence of sexual assault on American campuses," a report by the National Institute of Justice had concluded several years earlier, because results depend on "how the questions are worded and the context of the survey." The U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics found a rate of six in 1,000, although underreporting, widely recognized as a problem, seemed substantial there.
...
The conversation about campus sexual assault is dominated by two poles: One declares it a crisis, the other dismisses it as a panic. In fact, it has become both. And as long as candor and nuance remain elusive, so will progress.
...
While there are no more chaperones, expectations for moral guidance and institutional control have emerged in "affirmative consent" standards in students' sexual encounters. The old norm was "no means no," but on a growing number of campuses, it's now "no unless yes." Colleges are interceding in students' private lives to set stricter rules than exist in the wider world, and some students are clamoring for it.
...
When it comes to sex, college women expect both freedom and safety, and why shouldn't they? But tensions arise between erotic agency and vulnerability, Michelle Goldberg writes for *The Nation*. "The politics of liberation are an uneasy fit with the politics of protection."

That's a subtle balance to strike, or even discuss. And it's hard to negotiate in a tinderbox.'

Opinion: Feminists overreach with Equal Pay Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'April 14 is feminists' misconceived Equal Pay Day.

That's the day of the year, they say, when all women's wages, allegedly only 78% of all men's, "catch up" to what men have earned the year before. The fairy tale is that women have to work those extra months to get their fair share.

...

American women are winners, although it's hard to believe from the Equal Pay Day rhetoric. Department of Education data show that in 2012, the latest available, they earned 57% of bachelor's degrees, 60% of master's degrees and 51% of doctorates, as well as almost half of doctor of medicine and law degrees. The unemployment rate for adult women, at 4.9%, is now lower than that for adult men, at 5.1%.

The latest figures show that comparing men and women who work 40 hours weekly yields a wage ratio of 90%, even before accounting for different education, jobs or experience, which brings the wage ratio closer to 95%. Many studies, such as those by Professor June O'Neill of Baruch College and Professor Marianne Bertrand of the University of Chicago, show that when women work at the same jobs as men, with the same accumulated lifetime work experience, they earn essentially the same salary.'

This Store Lets Women Pay 76 Cents To Every Man’s Dollar

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Elana Schlenker is starting a pop-up shop called 76<100 in Pittsburgh, where she charges women 76% of the retail price of any item, while men are charged the full ticket price. (In Pennsylvania, women earn 76 cents on the dollar.) Says Schlenker, "It's incredible how deeply unconscious biases still permeate the ways in which we perceive (and value) women versus men. I hope the shop's pricing helps to underscore this inherent unfairness and to create space for people to consider why the wage gap still exists."
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As for its offerings, 76<100 sells products made by independent women artists who are all on board with Schlenker's mission. "Most of them feel the way that I do — something needs to be done about this. I just keep reading article after article about the wage gap, about how undervalued women are in the workplace, about the underrepresentation of women in company board of directors, executive positions, and government, and it just blows my mind. This is a small way that I can do something about it, and I think many of the artists involved are coming from a similar place."'

Sarah Silverman Admits She Made Up a Wage-Gap Story, Then Calls Critics ‘Maniacs’

Mastodon · 15 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Comedian Sarah Silverman admitted that a story she told about wage discrimination (in which she even went so far as to call out a specific employer by name) was a lie — and then said people who might consider her lie a reason to question the movement she was supporting were “maniacs.”
...
Notice that the only thing she explicitly said she regrets is not trying harder to not get caught. In fact, she didn’t even acknowledge that she did a “disservice” to the movement by telling a false story — only that it would be a disservice “if [she] were trying” to make the story an example of the wage gap when it wasn’t one. (For the record, specifically citing something as an example of the wage gap seems like a pretty clear instance of trying to make it an example of the wage gap.)

Silverman ended her statement by saying that people who might see an advocate having lied about a movement as a reason to question that movement’s message — something I’d consider a normal response — were “maniacs.”

“To the maniacs who want to use this as a chit against women’s issues, I ask that you please don’t,” she said. “Because that would be super s****y.”

I guess calling people “maniacs” for criticizing a cause could be one way to show you support it, but I can think of some better ones — like, you know, not going out and doing something that undermines it.'

TSA officers fired after plotting to grope attractive men, police say

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'Two Transportation Security Administration screeners have been fired after conspiring to grope attractive men at Denver International Airport, Denver police said.

Here's how police say the scheme worked: When the male TSA officer noticed a man he found attractive, he would alert a female TSA officer.

The female officer would then tell the screening machine that a female passenger -- not a male -- was walking through. And that information would trigger a machine to register an anomaly in the groin area, prompting the male TSA officer to pat down the passenger, police said, citing a TSA investigation.
...
Both of the TSA officers investigated have been fired, TSA special agent Charles Stone told police. Authorities did not release their names.
...
But it's unlikely criminal charges will be filed because there is no identifiable victim. The TSA said it has been trying to identify the passenger in the February incident but to no avail.

The TSA said no passengers have come forward with similar cases so far at the Denver airport.'

This Prof Dared to Challenge Her Students' Views on Sex

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'No one expects the Spanish Inquisition, but everyone who lives or works at a college probably should. A Northwestern University professor recently lamented the “intellectually embarrassing” atmosphere of moral panic concerning sex and rape on campus in a column for The Chronicle of Higher Education. Several students who didn’t appreciate her opinion—perhaps it triggered them—responded by filing formal complaints against her with the university’s Title IX coordinator.

Has it truly come to this? Will academics be subjected to heresy trials for daring to challenge their students’ immature, unhealthy, and increasingly dictatorial views about sex and consent?

That seems to be the case for Laura Kipnis, an author and professor of media studies at NU. Her column for The Chronicle documented the cultural and administrative changes made at NU in recent years, ostensibly for the purpose of combatting sexism. Kipnis is not a fan of the changes, which she claims are anti-feminist, infantilizing, and contributing to a culture of fear: ...

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“Begging for anonymity” was apparently the wise course of action, because Kipnis’s article caused quite a stir on campus. Students marched in protest and started a petition demanding that the administration condemn the professor’s “toxic ideas… because they have no place here.”'

Middle School Provides Glimpse of Vision for New All Girls Public Schools

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'Seeking to encourage more girls to pursue math and science at top caliber levels, the public school system in Los Angeles will try something that has long been the province of private education: the all-girls school.

The envisioned Girls Academic Leadership academy, already dubbed "GALA," will span grades 6-12 and be located on the campus of LA High, which will continue to operate as a traditional co-education school. GALA will offer a curriculum stressing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, known by the acronym "STEM," and also stress developing leadership qualities.
...
Advocates cite academic research that has found that girls in single-sex secondary schools, on average, do better academically. In elementary school, girls often outperform boys. It's theorized that in later years, girls fall behind because they are intimidated from competing in the classroom with more aggressive boys.
...
But what about the boys who YOKA Principal Colacion sees benefitting from same sex classrooms?

"It's a good question," responded Colacion. "Maybe we'll have to look at the possibility of a single gender boys academy as well."'

France: Study Reveals Math Teachers Give Girls Higher Grades Over Boys For Same Answers

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'According to a study, girls in French secondary schools are benefiting from a marking bias by math teachers and the author of the study sees this as a positive approach.

Math teachers gave girls grades that were 6% higher than what was given to boys for the same work, says the study by London School of Economics and Paris School of Economics.

The study claims to have analyzed the records of almost 4,500 11-year-olds at 35 secondary school also lead researchers to conclude that the inflated grades encouraged girls to take science subjects later in their school careers.

Students in France at age 11 are to take standardized tests at the beginning of the school year.

The test is graded externally and the examiner did not have information on the student's name, gender or socio-economic background, so the results of this study were free from any bias.

In those anonymous tests, the boys outperformed the girls in math.'

UK: Rape probe dropped amid false claim

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'A rape investigation has been discontinued after the complainant admitted making a false allegation.

Police appealed for information amid claims the 33-year-old was raped in Salford, Greater Manchester, on the towpath of the Bridgewater Canal.

She had earlier accepted a lift from a man in the early hours of Sunday, Greater Manchester Police said.

However, the force said the matter was now closed after the "vulnerable" woman admitted the rape never happened.

Det Insp Benjamin Hart said: "We take all reports of rape and sexual assault very seriously and we will fully investigate each one until we find who is responsible.'

Mother files federal civil rights complaint over circumcision

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'A Florida woman who fled with her 4-year-old son to keep his circumcision from going forward has filed a civil rights lawsuit on behalf of the boy.

Heather Hironimus, who filed the complaint late Monday, is hoping a federal judge might intervene where state judges haven't.

The complaint is repeating her claims that surgery on her 4-year-old son isn't necessary, that the boy doesn't want it, and that his constitutional rights are being violated.

Aside from seeking to stop the procedure, Hironimus is trying to avoid her own arrest.

Her arrest was ordered after she fled in February and ignored a judge's demand that she appear in court and allow the circumcision to go forward.'

SAVE E-lert: UVA Must Rescind Policy That Outlaws Unconsented Hugging

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In light of the recent Rolling Stone debacle, the University of Virginia has reworked its sexual assault policy. In a horrific way.

Now, two clothed persons who hug without agreeing to the contact beforehand can be found guilty of sexual assault. Or take a kiss from a boyfriend to a girlfriend before parting ways, but without prior affirmative consent--now assault.

This broadened definition of sexual assault is out-of-context with how our country defines 'sexual assault' in the law.

Tell UVA to rework its policy to get back to legal norms, or else out-of-control accusations can easily lead to expulsions.

Email Darlene Scott-Scurry, UVA's Title IX Coordinator, at scottscurryd@virginia.edu or call her at (434) 924-3200 and ask for immediate review.

Yours in truth,

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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NPO: State Supreme Judicial Court Backtracks on Alimony Reform Act

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'The Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts has issued three decisions in alimony cases that substantially alter the apparent intention of the Alimony Reform Act. Steve Hitner, now of the National Parents Organization, was a prime mover behind passage of the Act. The Alimony Reform Act passed the state legislature unanimously.

Prior to the ARA's passage, Bay State courts routinely ordered permanent alimony that was difficult to modify even if the payer retired or underwent some other change in circumstances. Additional problems arose when the payee's financial circumstances improved as when she began cohabitating with another partner. That system was an artifact of a time in which fewer women worked for a living, so the law protected their well-being post-divorce. By passing the ARA, the legislature recognized that the circumstances that gave rise to the previous law mostly no longer obtain.

The plain intention of the legislature was to limit alimony payments in duration and to make downward modifications easier and in some cases, mandatory. Despite that plain intent, courts in the state have struggled to apply the new law.'

UK: ‘Kill All Men': Lib Dem Activist in Hate Speech Scandal

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'A Liberal Democrat activist who sits on two national party committees has been suspended from her regional party after a string of sexist comments on social media. The activist in question, Sarah Noble, made multiple tweets of a disturbingly hateful nature, including “kill all men”, “fuck men”, and “die cis[gendered] scum”.

The comments were brought to light by HEqual, a gender egalitarian campaigning group. After being made aware of them, former Lib Dem Equalities Minister Jo Swinson was quick to condemn Noble’s comments. Writing on Facebook, Swinson said the comments were “completely unacceptable” and “in no way represent the views of Liberal Democrats”. The former Minister also said that Noble has been asked to delete her tweets and apologise. No apology has yet been forthcoming.

Noble sits on the national committees of the LGBT Liberal Democrats and the Secular & Humanist Liberal Democrats. She has also been elected to the executive committee of the National Union of Students’ LGBT wing, which, like the LGBT Lib Dems, has a zero-tolerance attitude towards hate speech.'

Big Shift Pushed in Custody Disputes

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph and clicking the first search result entry. Excerpt:

'Some of the biggest battles over child custody are playing out not in courtrooms, but in statehouses.

Prompted partly by fathers concerned that men for too long have gotten short shrift in custody decisions, about 20 states are considering measures that would change the laws governing which parent gets legal and physical control of a child after a divorce or separation.

The proposals generally encourage judges to adopt custody schedules that maximize time for each parent. Some of the measures, such as those proposed in New York and Washington state, take an additional step by requiring judges to award equal time to each parent unless there is proof that such an arrangement wouldn't be in a child's best interests.

Critics of the bills contend that they threaten to take discretion away from judges and risk giving leverage to abusive men. They also say the laws are poorly targeted because typically the only custody cases that end up in court are ones in which former spouses are too hostile toward each other to effectively practice shared parenting anyway.

Supporters maintain that the opponents, which include many family lawyers and bar associations, are trying to keep alive an adversarial culture that leads to lengthy—and often lucrative—court battles. They say the law should better reflect recent studies that show children are better off when both parents play a meaningful role in their lives.'

New York State Senator Introduces Bill To Require Diaper Changing Tables In Men's Restrooms

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'New York state Sen. Brad Hoylman (D-Manhattan) wants to bring the call for potty parity into the political sphere. On April 17, Hoylman is introducing a new bill in the state Senate that would mandate equal access to diaper changing tables for both men and women.

The proposed bill is calls for the amendment to the New York State Civil Rights Law with the addition of a new section 79-o. If the bill passes, any public building or "place of public accommodation, resort, or amusement" that is constructed or undergoing "substantial renovation" after the passage must provide changing stations in men's bathrooms if it includes them in women's restrooms.

“It’s time for men to pick up the slack in raising our kids, and this is part of that responsibility," Hoylman told The Huffington Post."

The senator said his own personal experience as a gay dad inspired him to draft this bill. Hoylman and his husband David Sigal have a 4-year-old daughter named Silvia, and "on numerous occasions" when she was an infant, the parents were forced to change her diaper on bathroom floors, in hallways, and outside in parking lots due to the lack of changing tables in men's rooms.

Hoylman believes that this shortage of diaper stations in men's bathrooms is "an anachronism that reflects the bias toward women being the caregiver," he said, adding, "That’s simply not the case today. In addition to same sex couples of men and men in heterosexual couples, there are also a lot of single male parents out there too."'

"Soon enough, women will run the world — and it will be a better place"

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'The Y chromosome produces a person who is likely to be taller, more aggressive and more disease-prone than his XX counterpart, who can gestate and nourish children and has a good chance of seeing her 80th birthday. Maleness could therefore accurately be classified as a syndrome that kills off its members in droves, either directly through disease or indirectly as a result of that violent streak. In every society across the globe and at every point in history, the overwhelming majority of homicides are committed by men; women usually kill because they're defending themselves or their children against men. Why, then, does the human species continue to cripple half its young with this defective chromosome?
...
In the feminine future, these traits should theoretically dwindle out of the gene pool as they no longer yield reproductive results — with the power to choose, women will select caring, committed partners over feckless brutes. But that power must first come from society and the law: Contrary to what some Republican lawmakers have claimed, women's reproductive systems don't shut down during rape. It remains a brutally effective and appallingly common weapon of war in the 21st century.'

The denigration of men: It's time the chaps fought back

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are brilliant. Seriously, we are. We invented philosophy, medicine, architecture, cars, trains, helicopters, submarines and the internet. Not to mention the jet engine, IVF, electricity and modern medicine.

We've led all the industrial revolutions and sent rockets into Space. We've fought wars with tin hats and bayonets and won them. The world we live in would be nothing without Alexander Graham Bell, Sigmund Freud, Horatio Nelson, Winston Churchill, William Shakespeare and Albert Einstein. The geniuses Leonardo da Vinci, Stephen Hawking, Michelangelo, Beethoven, Charles Darwin and Michael Faraday have all contributed immeasurably to our modern lives.

So why is it that, today, there has there never been a worse time to be a man? Rubbishing the male of the species and everything he stands for is a disturbing — and growing — 21st century phenomenon. It is the fashionable fascism of millions of women — and many, many men, too. Instead of feeling proud of our achievements, we men are forced to spend our time apologising for them. When people chide us for not being able to multi-task or use a washing machine we join in the mocking laughter — even though we invented the damned thing in the first place.'

Kate Major arrested again for a 'drunken attack' on husband Michael Lohan after a heated argument

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'Kate Major Lohan has been arrested for a 'drunken attack' on her husband Michael Lohan *[link added]*, TMZ report.

Kate - who was ordered to rehab by Michael last year - is said to have had an alcohol relapse before getting physical with the father of Lindsay Lohan.

TMZ report that Michael made a 911 call around 7:02pm on Thursday claiming his wife had struck him after coming home inebriated.

Their argument then turned physical, with Kate began scratching Michael's back.

The site also reports that when police arrived Kate was visibly intoxicated, had slurred speech and blood shot eyes.

Kate reportedly admitted she had been drinking, claimed Michael grabbed her by the throat and that the argument was caused by him accusing her of cheating.'

Book On Alternative to Brit Malah to be Published

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'On May 15, 2015, novelist Lisa Braver Moss and Beyond the Bris founder Rebecca Wald will publish a book on alternative bris for Jewish families opting out of circumcision and for the rabbis who serve them. Titled *Celebrating Brit Shalom*, the book includes a choice of three complete services, all of which feature the cutting of a pomegranate as a new ritual act that replaces circumcision. The book also includes the sheet music to four original songs which are thematically tied to the ceremonies (recorded album available separately).

Moss and Wald teamed up for Celebrating Brit Shalom after identifying a growing population of young families that are seeking information on alternative bris and, more specifically, finished ceremonies that can be either family-led or clergy-led. With parts for a leader, the parents, and traditionally bestowed honors such as “sandek,” Celebrating Brit Shalom is intended to be used as a prayer book and guide during the service. Guests can each have their own copy so they can follow along and participate in responsive readings. There is a place at the front of the book where parents can personalize guest copies with baby’s photo and details, making Celebrating Brit Shalom a memento that attendees can take home.'

After UVA fiasco, some colleges consider providing lawyers to students accused of sex assault

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'Dozens of state legislatures are rushing this year to crack down on college sexual assault, but only a few of them are also moving to protect the rights of the accused.

This includes Arkansas, where students now have the right to bring an attorney when appealing a nonacademic suspension or expulsion, thanks to legislation that became law last week. The North Dakota legislature is expected to follow shortly with its own bill allowing students the right to retain lawyers in disciplinary hearings.

“It really is a good, refreshing change of direction,” said Joseph Cohn, legislative and policy director of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. “I think it acknowledges that legislators are coming around to the point that we can’t continue to expel students under charges of felony conduct without providing them a right to a lawyer first.”

Concerns about due process on campus have soared as universities come under pressure from the Obama administration to prove they’re clamping down on sexual assault. The discredited Rolling Stone story about a University of Virginia fraternity rape has done little to slow the push for tougher disciplinary measures to combat what activists call the “rape culture on campus.”

That includes this year’s legislative push in a half-dozen states for affirmative consent laws, which require the accused in college sex-assault cases to prove that the accuser consented to the sexual activity.
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An additional bill now under consideration requires a minimum two-year suspension for any student found responsible for such assaults.'

Double-standards around female-on-male DV exposed via experiment

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Story here. From 2006, but still worth bringing up now or any time. Alas, the video is no longer available, but the article is. Excerpt:

'Fortunately, the troubling scene isn't real. The abusive woman and her boyfriend are actors, hired by "Primetime" for a hidden camera experiment.

On previous shows, "Primetime" has staged scenes of abuse in which the man is the aggressor, and the woman is the victim. And in these situations, passersby -- men and women -- often stepped up and intervened. So producers were curious. What would happen if the tables were turned, and the man was suddenly the victim? Would people be just as willing to come to his defense?

This staged scenario happens more often in real life than you may think. According to Colgate University psychology professor Carrie Keating, women abusing, even assaulting their male partners "is a big problem in this country."

"There are some data that suggest that women actually hit more than men do," says Keating. "Men create more damage, but women hit more than men do."

A report prepared for the Centers for Disease Control estimates that each year there are over 800,000 serious cases of men being physically abused by women. But the actual figures are believed to be much higher, since many men are often too embarrassed to admit being the victim of abuse by a woman.'

Why Hillary Can't Be in the Moment

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'When one observes married couples who have been together for a long time it is often possible to recognize a complementary-compensatory dynamic wherein the partners automatically cover for the limitations of the other. As a benign example, if the wife is naturally shy, the husband may become increasingly outgoing and voluble over time to compensate for his wife and prevent the isolation which shyness might cause. There is a degree of filling in for each other that redistributes responsibilities in a practical way and is healthy. But this compensatory dynamic can become destructive by enabling weaknesses as the couple patches each other's problems rather than confront themselves and grow as individuals.
...
In driving the Clinton franchise to the highest levels of power on earth, Hillary has wretchedly compensated for her husband's porous boundaries by constructing impenetrable walls around herself. As he became more reckless, she must have become more wary. Many years ago Hillary accepted the job of being Bills' after-party cleanup crew. In the service of their upward march, she had no choice. Many people think Hillary Clinton is a psychopath without a conscience who cares nothing about her husband's betrayals on a personal level. That formulation does not seem supported by what has leaked out about the Clinton's relationship. It is more likely that she is a wellspring of anger hiding behind a smile you can hang laundry on.

What is certain is she spent years mopping up and deodorizing Bill's messes. Bill's affairs with and attacks on women have been more destructive to Hillary's psychological integrity and self-worth than some miraculous hundred grand showing up in the Clinton cookie jar have been to him. His sexist violence strikes at the heart of who she claims to be, and continues to damage her basic sense of security and candidacy. For forty years, a room full of strangers is where the party starts for Bill, and where the messes are made for Hillary. For forty years every time Hillary entered a room full of strangers she had her bucket and mop. A bimbo splatter might be found anywhere. For forty years a room full of strangers, interacting in an unscripted moment, has been Hillary's worst nightmare.

Hillary was also Obama's international cleaning lady as his policies weakened the American position around the world. The Benghazi outpost was under Madame Secretary's authority and she is to blame for the outrages which were committed there against Americans. But it is hard to imagine such Muslim-pandering, puerile trash as the video cover story originating with the Clintons. Maybe the scheme was Hillary's idea, we may never know. In this case the video cover story was so ridiculous when it fell apart, it made the righteous outrage of the American people far worse. But there is no doubt Hillary had the most to lose of the cleanup crew, and has been the most sullied by Benghazi. She has the most filth still clinging to her bright green jacket.

That a president gets to pass the office to his brother, wife or kid runs counter to the Constitution and American ideals. That Hillary -- who has done so much dirty work for an impeached president, and one who should have been -- should claim that inheritance is particularly repulsive. She has become the Dorian Gray of politics, a terrible visage nobody can bear to behold. Nor does she, hiding at the bottom of her own slop bucket, wish to be seen.'

No. Ireland: Woman made false rape claim to get ‘free lift home with police’

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'A YOUNG woman falsely claimed she was raped in the Castlederg area in order to get a lift home with police, a court heard.

Judge Melody McReynolds told Dungannon Crown Court on Tuesday that Emma Louise Gallagher, Ardnalee Park, Strabane, had made a “gratuitous and lightly made allegation to secure a free police lift home”.

The 23-year-old had made a false report to police on September 16 2013 that she had been raped by a male who had been in her company earlier on the date in question. She had made the report shortly after coming into a house in the Castlederg area, a place she was not familiar with.

A man, whose identity can’t be revealed for legal reasons, was subsequently questioned for four hours by police.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge of perverting the course of justice and was given a nine months jail sentence suspended for two years.'

Female Group Ejected From Comic Expo For Criticizing Feminism

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'The claims of harassment came following a panel discussion, “Women Into Comics,” which took place on Thursday night. During the panel Q&A, HBB *[link added]* founding member Alison Tieman answered a question from the floor in which she identified herself as an MRA and criticized feminism. “The reason why I don’t like feminism is because you promote this idea that women are defined by being victims. If you look at the content of all of your issues men also face considerable problems... and they need to be brought into the story and not just for men’s sake, but also for the sake of challenging the notion that women are defined as victims.”

On Friday morning, as HBB were setting up its booth, it was approached by security and asked to leave the venue. “When we went in this morning, security came over straight away and told us we had to shut down,” said HBB member Hannah Wallen.
...
HBB’s expulsion from the event created a firestorm of criticism on social media with many accusing CalEx of censorship.'

Also see: Calgary Expo faces consumer backlash after expelling female critics of feminism

Christina Hoff Summers, trigger warnings, and the trauma of free speech

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'According to a Saturday post at Legal Insurrection, Christina Hoff Summers, the critic of feminism and author of such books as “Who Stole Feminism” and “The War against Boys” ventured to Georgetown University to give the students the benefit of her wisdom. Apparently what she had to say was such heady stuff that some of the students took it upon themselves to post “trigger warnings,” the purpose being to warn students that what they might hear may cause trauma.

According to New Republic, “trigger warnings” are the latest craze in academia and applies not only to outside speakers, but lectures by tenured faculty. What constitutes things that might prove triggering?

“Oberlin College has published an official document on triggers, advising faculty members to be ‘aware of racism, classism, sexism, heterosexism, cissexism, ableism, and other issues of privilege and oppression,’ to remove triggering material when it doesn't ‘directly’ contribute to learning goals and ‘strongly consider’ developing a policy to make ‘triggering material’ optional.”

Things have certainly changed since I was at school. Back when I was studying journalism and history, with a minor in carousing and deviltry, the student-run speaker’s bureau brought a member of the Nazi Party on campus to impart his views on politics, social issues, and race. Oddly enough, there was no need for fainting couches or even much security. Back in the day, we knew how to deal with wannabe brown shirts, which was to sit back, enjoy the show, and jeer at them. The climax of the event occurred when a blond haired, blue eyed specimen of Aryan manhood from what was then West Germany stood up during the question and answer session to lay into the goose stepper as a silly, anachronistic buffoon who would never be tolerated in the Fatherland. Lots of fun was had by all.'

"I Was Sexually Assaulted At UVA. I Don't Accept the Reporter's Apology."

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'I don't remember what I was wearing when I got sexually assaulted my freshman year, but I do remember what I wore when I figured out what had happened. It was the autumn of 2008, and I had just left a sorority house, where I had given a lecture on consent, safe sex, and best practices for helping friends who have been raped. Jacob,* a handsome, popular guy I had avoided for years, strode up to me. I was wearing a teal T-shirt emblazoned with the logo of the University of Virginia's sexual assault crisis center.

"Isn't this funny that this is who you are now?" Jacob said, his grin widening as he tapped the insignia on my breast. "Robert* and I still talk about that night." The next thing I remember, I was shaking and crying on my bed, awash with a feeling I've never been able to name. Everything I had explained away for the last two years came rushing back: being held down, Jacob's whisper of "No one is going to believe you" before mercifully being interrupted, the mental calculus I did that somehow equated the whole thing with a gigantic misunderstanding.

When I read Sabrina Rubin Erdely's "A Rape on Campus" in Rolling Stone last year—before her reporting came into question, before the Columbia report—I wrote on Facebook that as a sexual assault survivor from UVA, "I can tell you this is absolutely accurate from start to finish."
...
*not their real names'

Say No to the 'C'

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Article here. This is primarily an article against routine use of the Caesarian section as an expedited method of birth vs. an emergency procedure done only when necessary, which is why it was devised in the first place. But the interviewee also address circumcision. Excerpt:

'**Are you pro or con circumcision?**

There's a huge movement now called Beyond the Bris. It's Jewish people choosing not to circumcise. What we used to think was a small, benign thing to do is really removing a lot of skin. Rebecca Wald, a Jewish lawyer in Florida, has written a book with a colleague about a ceremony called Brit Shalom. Instead of having a bris, you have a naming ceremony but leave the baby's penis intact. Many Jews in America and Israel are choosing not to circumcise because they're convinced that the harms outweigh the benefits.

The harm being the pain?

Babies feel pain, yet some hospitals give them no anesthesia. When the baby's penis skin is cut, he loses erogenous tissue, taking away nerve endings that heighten sexuality and lessening the width and length of the penis. There are complications. The American Academy of Pediatrics came out with a task force analysis and issued a bogus and unscientific statement in 2012 that the benefits of circumcision outweigh the harms. They recommended that insurance companies pay for it, but the AAP never actually recommended the procedure.

As a journalist and researcher on this topic for over 10 years, it's clear, based on scientific studies and doctors, the harms grossly outweigh the benefits, but the AAP disagrees with me. Many Jewish men are now saying, "The decision should've been ours." What I told my son is, "You can make the choice to be circumcised once you're 13."

Remarks by the President At Working Families Champions of Change Event

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'So when a baby arrives or an aging parent gets sick, too often workers have to make gut-wrenching choices about whether they can afford to be there when their families need them most. Too many women face unnecessary difficulties on the job, like the difficulty of being paid less than a man for doing the same work. That's a difficulty. (Applause.) Or being reprimanded or fired for taking too many bathroom breaks when you're pregnant. (Laughter.) Clearly that's a man making that decision because they don't have five pounds of kicks pressing down on their bladder. (Laughter.) Or being forced to take leave when they're still perfectly capable of doing their work.'

"Yes, Men Have Problems — But The Men's Rights Movement Doesn't Come Close To Dealing With Them"

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'When I first heard about the Men's Rights Movement, I was naturally extremely interested. After all, I am a man, and I quite like having rights. In fact, I'm in favour of rights for all men, so any movement which supported that, I thought, would be right up my alley.

Imagine my disappointment when I discovered the Men's Rights Movement is not so much a group of men making a serious attempt to address issues of importance to men, or trying to help male fellows everywhere become the best men they can be in the modern world, as it is a sort of United Federation of Crybabies: a semi-coordinated international network of drooling paranoiacs who think women are their enemy and take every advance made by a group that doesn't include them as a direct attack on their basic human rights. To many men's right activists, the only possible response to anyone suggesting a little nudge of the balance away from the male side is rabid, fang-baring aggression, savage attacks – that manage to be simultaneously noisily brutish and pathetically childish – on the people they think are their enemies, which run the gamut from women, to men who like women.

These sad, strange creatures exist in a state of cat-like readiness, a permanent pose of spittle-flecked defence against what they are certain are real and deadly threats to their way of life. They will, to be sure, stand up for their rights: wherever there is a man feeling sad about his place in the world, there the men's rights movement will be, defending to the death his right to blame a woman for it.'

Due process on campus needs a congressional champion

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'It's a sad day in America when due process rights granted in the Constitution need protection, but here we are.

On college campuses across the country, students — particularly male students — are learning the hard way that they have little if any due process rights should they ever be accused of sexual assault. Indeed, an accusation is all that's needed to destroy or severely alter their future.

The reason for this comes from the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, which has reinterpreted Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 to view sexual assault as a form of gender discrimination instead of a crime. It therefore must be treated as a disciplinary matter, more closely aligned with plagiarism than the felony crime it actually is.

...

It is politically dangerous these days to even suggest that schools provide due process to those accused of sexual assault. Especially since these days all that is needed to brand someone a rapist is an uncorroborated accusation. But there must be someone in Congress brave enough to take up the issue and offer a bill that either amends existing law or requires colleges to provide due process to students who are accused.'

Can Hillary Clinton win over men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's clear from Hillary Clinton's campaign rollout -- a video announcement/campaign ad/short film that debuted Sunday afternoon -- that she will make women and being a woman central to her outreach.

In case you're skeptical, Vox has posted a handy "by the numbers" for her campaign video, and there are 38 people besides Clinton in the two-minute ad. Twenty of them are women. There are three separate mentions of motherhood.

This is all fine and good (and predictable) if you acknowledge that the proportion of women who vote has exceeded the proportion of men who vote in every presidential election since 1980. And let's not overlook the fact that Clinton is in fact a woman, and that's a fine thing to celebrate.

But in reality, she doesn't have to wonder if a woman-centered campaign is the best strategy. She can simply look back to the most recent elections to see that overplaying to one half of the eligible-voting population failed spectacularly all over the country, in red and blue states, when that strategy was employed by both male and female candidates.'

Protests occur over Christina Hoff Sommers college speech

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'Last week, feminists at Georgetown melted down over a visit by AEI resident scholar Christina H. Sommers claiming she makes them feel “unsafe” and demanded the talk carry a “trigger warning.”

But don’t think for a second that it’s just Georgetown that’s a problem.

Yesterday Ms. Sommers appeared at the very liberal Oberlin college in Ohio and was met by some of the same nonsense. ...'

'An Easy Way to Help Tell How Sexist a Man Is'

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'Well now, this is revealing! A new study finds you can determine how sexist a man is -- whether the more hostile and malignant form, or the more benign and patronizing -- by how they smile towards women when they interact with them in social interactions -- and by the manner in which they speak to them in those situations.
...
"Benevolent sexism is like a wolf in sheep's clothing that perpetuates support for gender inequality among women at an interpersonal level," Hall adds. "These supposed gestures of good faith may entice women to accept the status quo in society because sexism literally looks welcoming, appealing, and harmless."

And that more insidious form of sexism, as well as the more blatant, is something against which both men and women should be aligned.'

Study: 30% of Millennial men don't have a job

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'While the Millennial generation, born from 1981 to 1996, is more highly educated than preceding generations, their education is not necessarily leading to higher-paying jobs — or even to any job at all. According to a study recently released by the Pew Research Center, 30% of Millennial men between the ages of 18 and 33 have no job. Approximately 8% are unemployed and 22% are not engaged in the workforce at all.

Those are staggering numbers compared to previous generations at the same point in their lives. Men from those generations maintained an almost constant 20% jobless rate. Generation X men (born from 1965 to 1980), Baby Boomer men (born from 1946 to 1964) and men of the Silent Generation (born from 1928 to 1945) all had a 78% employment rate between the ages 18 and 33, while Millennial men dropped to a 68% employment rate.

Those in the Armed Forces are not shown in the data (thus the percentages do not add up to 100%), but there does not seem to be an obvious effect from the transition from the military draft to today's volunteer Armed Forces.'

State court: Dad has rights after turkey-baster pregnancy

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'A woman who used a turkey baster to impregnate herself is on the losing side of a legal battle over parental rights.

The Virginia Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday that the child's biological father is more than a sperm donor and is entitled to be a part of his son's life.

The case hinged on an informal agreement between two longtime friends: a woman who wanted to get pregnant and a man willing to supply the sperm to make it happen. According to court filings, Joyce Rosemary Bruce impregnated herself with a turkey baster, believing that Robert Preston Boardwine would not have any parental rights — including a say in the boy's education and other decisions — because they did not have intercourse.

The appeals court said she was wrong.

"The path to fatherhood may have been unconventional," the court said, but it doesn't remove Boardwine's parental rights.'

U.S. cracks down on female teachers who sexually abuse students

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'A "Saturday Night Live" skit about a male student having sex with his female high school teacher painted the relationship as every teen boy's dream, but drew a firestorm of criticism on social media.

The reaction to the comedy sketch reflected a growing view among law enforcement and victims' advocacy groups that it is no laughing matter when a woman educator preys on her male students.

In U.S. schools last year, almost 800 school employees were prosecuted for sexual assault, nearly a third of them women. The proportion of women facing charges seems to be higher than in years past, when female teachers often got a pass, said Terry Abbott, a former chief of staff at the U.S. Department of Education, who tracked the cases.

This year's numbers are already slightly ahead of last year with 26 cases of female school employees accused of inappropriate relationships with male students in January compared to 19 cases the previous January.

Female educators who sexually abuse their students are facing tougher prosecution in part because there are more women police officers. There is also a greater awareness among prosecutors, judges and the general public that students who are victimized by an authority figure, regardless of gender, experience trauma with life-long consequences.'

Attorney: Former athlete plans to sue accuser

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'The attorney for Rodney Austin said the now former Detroit Lions offensive guard is considering filing a civil suit against his accuser in a domestic violence case for malicious prosecution, defamation of character and slander.

Austin turned himself in Friday on four misdemeanor counts of assault on a female, child abuse, larceny and interfering with emergency communication after his former girlfriend, Yvonne Gill-Sadler, obtained warrants for his arrest a day earlier from the Mecklenburg County (N.C.) Magistrate's Office.

Gill-Sadler called Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police around 2:20 a.m. April 5 to report a domestic incident. According to a police department press release, Gill-Sadler said Austin, who was listed at 6-feet-4 and 330 pounds in booking records, pushed her to the floor while she was holding their infant child then prevented her from calling 911 by damaging and taking her phone.

There were no signs of injury to the victim or child, according to the press release, and Austin was not taken into custody at the time.'

The Footwear Cadets Were Allegedly Forced to Wear During Political Event March Has Sparked an Uproar

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'Making the general public aware about tough issues that need addressing is obviously a good thing. But there's a right way and a wrong way to go about doing it.
...
In the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event, cadets were required to wear high heels and march to "raise awareness of sexual assault against women."
...
"Its a Cadet Command wide thing, pretty much every battalion in Cadet Command has had to, or will have to do it. GEN Combs has picked it up as a CC initiative."

"This is sadly legit. Did it at my school this semester, along with something called "Take Back the Night," both of which made me uncomfortable just being a man and being there, let alone in uniform. This is supposed to be Cadet Command's directive, that ROTC is to be involved in sexual harassment prevention on campus as part of SHARP stuff, but really none of these events are relevant or even well thought out. The "speeches" people give are either geared towards women or poorly constructed, and we are all sitting in uniform (men and women, both) listening and wondering how it is at all relevant.

I'm all for equality, but it is really poorly thought out to have us involved in this."'

Pressure grows on Marines to consider lowering combat standards for women

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'Traditionalists see the 0-29 performance as a call to arms by those inside the Pentagon who are determined to have significant numbers of women in the infantry. They are on the lookout for standards they believe are no longer relevant in today's battlefield.

"The pressure is on the services from the White House's politically correct crowd vis-a-vis Obama's Pentagon appointees, who will force the services to accept degraded standards," said Robert Maginnis, a retired Army officer and author of the book "Deadly Consequences: How Cowards Are Pushing Women Into Combat."
...
Gen. Dempsey laid down the law this way: "If we do decide that a particular standard is so high that a woman couldn't make it, the burden is now on the service to come back and explain to the secretary, why is it that high? Does it really have to be that high?"'

Student accused of false sexual assault report booked and released from jail

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'The University of Arkansas student who falsely reported sexual assault on campus was booked into the Washington County Jail and released shortly after Friday morning.

Fayetteville police issued an arrest warrant for the student, Lindsey Sweetin, on Thursday.
...
After an initial investigation that included interviewing potential witnesses and checking surveillance video, Sweetin admitted that she made up the assault. She did not specify why.

Police had been debating whether to charge her for a couple of weeks.

The Washington County prosecutor said she did not have to bond out because she does not pose a flight risk. She was released one hour after being booked.'

We disagree with you, [insert insult here]

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'We've reached the point where simply disagreeing with someone is not enough. One must both disagree and name-call to really get the point across.

One of the best examples of this kind of reaction comes from those who really, really want to believe that American colleges are the worst places for women on earth, despite evidence that not only are rapes and sexual assaults not the norm on college campuses, but also that they are more likely to occur off-campus.
...
"A rape denialist is someone who denies the prevalence of rape and denies known causes of it," the students wrote. "Christina Hoff Sommers believes that rape occurs less often than statistics (those which actually leave out a plethora of unreported rapes) suggest. She also believes that false rape accusations are a rampant issue and that intoxication and coercion cannot rightly be considered barriers to consent."
...
But because Hoff Sommers has looked into the information behind the scary headlines, she's a "rape denialist." She also hasn't shied away from the causes of rape: Mostly alcohol. It's just that the Oberlin students think the causes are misogyny.

As for false rapes being rampant, one can read any one of the nearly 70 lawsuits against universities by students accused of sexual assault to see the issue isn't one of cut-and-dried violent rape, but more of a he said/she said, alcohol-infused event for which the truth is often subjective. (By contrast, over 100 schools are being investigated by the Department of Education for failing to address the concerns of the accuser. Both lists are growing rapidly.)'

Will Any Presidential Candidate Support a White House Council on Boys and Men?

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'There used to be a stigma in recent years toward forming male-only organizations, due to the perception they were sexist; excluding women for the benefit of men. But as boys and men are increasingly failing in so many areas - crime, violence, and education to name a few - that perception is changing. There is a real need for organizations that can reverse this trend and prevent men from turning to destructive lifestyles. The purpose of men's interest groups is evolving; it isn't to help men excel over women, it's merely to stop the spiraling path downward so many are now taking, to the detriment of everyone in society.

...

I asked Dr. Farrell if the left's interest in transgender, fluid gender, etc., might dissuade Clinton and Democrats from accepting a council for males. He didn't think so, explaining that it doesn't matter what kind of boy or man - every color, every class, every point in history and every place in geography - we're talking about, there is something that has happened to them in recent years that has hurt them. Throughout all of history, girls became women who raised children, and boys became men who raised money or killed animals and enemies. In every culture that survived, boys became heroes by being disposable. After World War II ended in industrialized countries, survival was no longer such a dominant force, and divorces became an option. The women's movement gave women a sense of purpose beyond just raising children; they could also raise money and have careers.

But no one gave men a purpose beyond raising money. Today, males have lost their purpose, because fewer are needed to die in wars and being the sole breadwinner no longer constitutes the definition of masculinity.

Forming a council for boys and men would also help women - the mothers, grandmothers, sisters, spouses and children of men and boys. It is not a zero-sum game. Women, wouldn't it be nice to have a pool of men to select from who have manners, good values and are trustworthy, rather than neglected and raised by TV?'

MANN regular creates new site

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Well, I did a lot of thinking. Despite the fact I know I am going to be attacked, slandered and "investigated" by feminists and like minded types, I decided to create a new **Men's Rights Activist** website.

It's just getting started, (just created it last night) and there isn't much there yet, but you are all welcome to come. The discussions forum is open and ready, so come vent, shout, and converse, if you like. Contributions (stories, articles, etc.) will be appreciated.

Here is the link: http://menshaven.wikifoundry.com/

It's gonna be rough, but I REALLY wanted to do this.

Thanks, guys. I LOVE YOU!

Erika

"Female academics combat bias in STEM fields"

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'While the gender gap in academia is often most salient at the student level, equally apparent disparities among graduate students and faculty members are often overlooked. These members of the academic community are further along the “leaky pipeline” — a term that describes the incrementally rising attrition rate of women at each rungup the academic ladder. Only 33 percent of University faculty members are female, an imbalance even more stark in the physical sciences, where women make up 15 percent of faculty.

This trend holds true nationwide. In the geosciences, women make up 42 percent of University bachelor’s degree recipients, 45 percent of master of science recipients and 39 percent of PhD recipients. But only 26 percent of assistant professors, 14 percent of tenured assistant professors and 8 percent of full professors are women.

One study found that nearly half of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines seriously considered leaving the geosciences during their careers, while only one-third of men did. Reasons for leaving were also divided along gender lines. Women cited family issues and problems with advisers as their top reasons for leaving, while men considered leaving because of an uncertain job market or difficult classes.'

New Study Undermines Supposed Sexism In STEM Hiring

“Kill all men” Lib Dem “proud” of hating men, abuses block-bot position to silence critics

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'By now I expect most readers have seen the superb Breitbart coverage of our investigation into sexist hate speech at the Liberal Democrats. The article has received a great deal of attention worldwide, with over 1,000 comments which were almost unanimous in their condemnation of the Liberal Democrat party’s gender hatred.

Following the publication of the article, Noble resigned her position on the executive committee of Secular and Humanist Lib Dems. However, as far as we know, Noble remains on the executive Committee of the LGBT Lib Dems and on the Liberal Youth policy committee too. Furthermore, she has now tweeted a claim that her resignation from the Secular and Humanist Lib Dem Exec is “only temporary”

Despite belated calls from Lib Dem Member of Parliament Jo Swinson for Noble to apologise for her behaviour and to deleted the tweets, no such action has been forthcoming. In fact, Noble has continued down exactly the same path as before, and her response to the scandal was to emphasise she is “proud” of her hatred of half the electorate and that the hatred of men is “real cool”:

[Tweet image caps]

Such tweets are perhaps Noble’s most blatant admission of gender hatred so far, yet she still sits on the LGBT Lib Dem committee. Therefore, the Lib Dems are in a situation whereby a least one of those formulating policies relating to gay and bisexual men openly admits she hates all said men simply becasue of their gender. One wonders if Lib Dems who deal with health issues perhaps openly hate on cancer and HIV patients too?'

Men face high bar to claim discrimination by campus sex assault tribunals

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'On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Jesse Furman of Manhattan dismissed an anonymous male student's gender discrimination case against Columbia University and its board of trustees. The student, who was suspended for three semesters after a campus tribunal determined he had engaged in non-consensual sex with an anonymous female student, had contended that Columbia's investigation and prosecution of the incident violated Title IX, which prohibits universities from gender discrimination. The John Doe student, who said his accuser consented to their encounter in her dorm room bathroom and even provided the condom they used, alleged he was treated unfairly because of Columbia's atmosphere of heightened sensitivity to women complaining of sexual assault by men.

Judge Furman determined, however, that even if Columbia's tribunal reached the wrong conclusion in John Doe's case and even if Doe is right that Columbia's sexual misconduct disciplinary proceedings have a different impact on men than women, the student didn't provide enough plausible allegations that Columbia discriminated against him because he is a man. So under the tough pleading standards the U.S. Supreme Court established in Bell Atlantic v. Twombly in 2007 and Ashcroft v. Iqbal in 2009, Furman said, John Doe's case has to be dismissed.'

Court: Gun Permit Can Be Denied for Domestic Violence Accusation

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'On April 22, a three-judge appellate panel from the New Jersey Superior Court ruled that a domestic violence accusation–that did not result in a conviction–is sufficient grounds for denying a resident a gun permit.

Z.I. was acquitted of those charges in 1998, yet upon applying for a gun permit, the police chief handling Z.I.'s application suggested his "past history of domestic violence" may be enough to "indicate a public safety concern."

Z.I. appealed the rejection and told the court he had, indeed, "struck his wife in the 1998 incident but stressed that it was accidental." He then pointed to the court documents showing he was acquitted of the charges.'

VP Touchy-Feely lies to and idiot-monishes male students to stand up against "sexual violence"

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'Vice President Joe Biden stood in front of a roomful of University of Illinois students Thursday and talked candidly about a subject that has long been taboo on college campuses.

His message was clear: It is up to them, particularly young men, to reject the quiet tolerance of sexual assault and stand up against the victimization of women.

“Gentlemen, silence is a form of approval,” he said. “You all know the difference between right and wrong. … We measure the decency of a nation by whether it condemns or condones this kind of behavior.
...
Meanwhile, the numbers have escalated.

According to a White House task force on sexual assault, 1 in 5 women are sexually assaulted in college, most often by someone they know. Only 12 percent of those assaults are reported, and in those cases, only a fraction of the perpetrators are brought to justice.'

Columbia student accused of rape by 'mattress girl' sues university

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'A Columbia University student sued the school Thursday, saying it failed to protect him against harassment when a female student went public with claims he raped her after school and law enforcement authorities rejected her case.

The lawsuit was filed in Manhattan federal court by Paul Nungesser, a German citizen who said onetime friend Emma Sulkowicz has repeatedly and publicly called him a “serial rapist,” resulting in national and international media attention.

Defendants include the school, its board of trustees, President Lee C. Bollinger and Professor Jon Kessler. The lawsuit sought unspecified damages.

“Columbia University’s effective sponsorship of the gender-based harassment and defamation of Paul resulted in an intimidating, hostile, demeaning... learning and living environment,” the lawsuit said.'

Hillary Clinton delivers fiery feminist message in first campaign speech

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'Hillary Clinton gave a glimpse of a presidential campaign focused on feminist issues in her first speech since announcing her bid for the White House.

Mrs Clinton, vying to become the first-ever female US president, delivered on Thursday an impassioned speech at the Women in the World conference in New York, saying she aimed to champion women's rights - from mandatory maternity leave to equal pay.

The frontrunner for the Democrat nomination high-fived the summit's host, journalist and talk-show host Tina Brown, and was greeted with wild applause and a standing ovation when she took to the stage.

"The advancement of the full participation of women and girls is the great unfinished business of the 21st century," the former secretary of state told the crowd at the Lincoln Centre in Manhattan.

Pitching to progressive primary voters, she said women had been let down by previous administrations: "We have to have leaders who recognise that the time has come. When women are held back, our country is held back ... When women get ahead, everyone gets ahead."
...
When Mrs Clinton first ran for president in 2008, she played down the prospect that she would be the first woman to run the country. She focused instead on her experience and grit.

Her advisers have long said they regret downplaying the history-making potential of her candidacy during the failed White House bid and have vowed to not make the same mistake this time around.'

"Is Baby Foreskin The Key To Youthful Skin?"

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'There's a reason anti-aging products and services is a multi-billion dollar industry. Many women and men are willing to try just about anything in order to achieve a more youthful appearance, even if that involves unconventional methods.

The latest? HydraFacial, a facial treatment that uses baby foreskin to fight acne, treat hyper-pigmentation and reduce wrinkles. Sounds out there, but The Cut's associate beauty editor Ashley Weatherford decided to give it a try.

"I didn't really know exactly what I was walking into. I had this sort of vision of maybe like chunks of skin floating around in a solution, which is totally gross. But it was really nothing like that," she told HuffPost Live host Caroline Modarressy-Tehrani.'

Title IX unintended effects

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'A review of sports programs offered at universities across the country shows that nearly twice as many women's sports are available in comparison to men's sports – a continuing ripple effect of Title IX.

That's not quite the case at Murray State. Beyond the coed rifle team, there are five men's sports that are scholarship-funded compared to eight for women's sports.

Because of the complex way that scholarships are calculated – taking into consideration in-state versus out-of-state tuition – Murray State had more scholarships available for men's sports in 2014-15.

The original purpose of the 47-year-old federal law was to create equality between genders in the academic and athletic areas of universities.'

Oberlin Activists Posted Creepy Messages Accusing Specific Students of Perpetuating Rape Culture

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'Left-leaning student activists at Oberlin College hung posters at the Christina Hoff Sommers event earlier this week that identified the students involved in bringing the individualist-feminist and AEI scholar to campus.

Each poster gave the name of a specific student-member of the Oberlin College Republicans and Libertarians and accused that person of perpetuating rape culture.

Images of the posters were sent to Reason via a source who asked not to be named for fear of retaliation. The last names of the students identified by the posters were blurred before Reason received them.
...
They have the right to denounce their fellow students as perpetuators of rape culture, I suppose, though the fact that some students would smear others with this charge for merely bringing a speaker to campus is disappointing. Do students no longer recognize that the entire point of challenge is to grapple with new and different ways of thinking about the world?'

UK: Anger as all men and white people are banned from "equality" event

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'Bahar Mustafa, of Goldsmiths University, organised an event for students to protest against inequality and celebrate racial unity.

But the gathering soon sparked outrage after she appeared to banish all men and white people from attending.

She posted on the Facebook event page: "If you've been invited and you're a man and/or white PLEASE DON'T COME just cos (sic) i invited a bunch of people and hope you will be responsible enough to respect this is a BME Women and non-binary event only."

Instead, people were asked to invite "loads of BME women and non-binary people".

BME is a politically correct tag meaning Black and Minority Ethnic, while the term 'non-binary' is said to be used by those who do not associate themselves with exclusively being a male of female.'

"Shriver Report Reveals The Truth About Men"

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'A Woman's Nation, an organization founded by former First Lady of California Maria Shriver, released the results of a survey of men on the state of manhood. The results show that the way we define success (and masculinity) are evolving in some ways, but not others.

...

Generally speaking, the way we define success has changed. To the modern man, the new "American Dream" has a lot less to do with money than it does with being happy at home: 60% defined personal success as being a good son, husband and father, while only 24% related it to professional and financial gains. In fact, 76% of men said they have a healthy work/life balance, which I found shocking. As for why the shift occurred, my guess is that the economy played a big part: When the jobs (and money) dried up in the late aughts and early 10s, it makes sense to assume that men would focus their efforts on the one place where they still had an impact, i.e. the home. Supporting that? 68% of those surveyed defined strength as having "personal character and integrity," rather than physical or financial dominance.

...

"From our poll to the conversations I have almost daily with real men, I think what men are lacking is a clear guidebook on how they fit into the new framework of American society. Men have told us they are working to be the entrepreneurs of their own lives but don't see themselves reflected in modern media. Instead they see headlines and plotlines depicting men as the bumbling idiot or the woman-hater. Today's man knows who is he NOT but is still evolving to discover who he IS," she said.'

Olivia Wilde: Being natural multitaskers makes women better filmmakers

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'I think that certainly was the biggest challenge in terms of being women, but in terms of how it really helped us is that I think women are natural multitaskers, and we handle crisis in a natural way. This was not an easy project to pull off but it felt like a very smooth set, like a very calm set, a very positive environment, and I credit that to our team. I think that has something to do with how women handle problems. That's why women make great directors and great producers.'

Wikipedia on Olivia Wilde

SecDef: Women in Combat Could Be More Vulnerable to Sexual Predators

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'Allowing women to serve in ground combat positions could make them more vulnerable to sexual predators, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter told Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets Wednesday.

At least 18,900 service members experienced unwanted sexual contact last year, according to Defense Department estimates. As DoD takes steps to address the epidemic, the services are also studying the implications of opening ground combat positions to female service members.
...
"Obviously, as we get women into more unaccustomed positions, maybe dangerous isolated positions, maybe positions where they are fewer in relation to the number of men, it opens up opportunities for predators," Carter said.'

Wiki on US Sec'y of Defense Ashton Carter

US senator: Women ‘More Patient,’ Less Inclined to War Than Men

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'Senator Harry Reid *[link added]* (D-NV) stated that “women appear to me to be more patient” and not as inclined to go to war as men in an interview broadcast on Thursday’s “Rachel Maddow Show” on MSNBC.

Reid said, “the Senate is a better place because of women. Men and women are different. I’m so impressed with how women appear to me to be more patient. They are less — inclined to do things like war…I wish I could articulate the way I really feel about how much better the Senate is because of women.”

Reid added that the country “ready” for a woman Senate Majority Leader and a woman president.'

Australia: Principal suspended after autistic boy locked inside cage by teachers

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'The principal of a school in Canberra has been suspended after it was revealed that an autistic boy was locked in a metal cage.

It was announced yesterday an investigation was underway after it emerged a 10-year-old autistic bot was put in a 2m by 2m structure by his teachers at a Canberra school.

The cage was specifically designed for him to as a 'withdrawal space' while in class.

The principal has been removed from the school and two teachers with expertise in disability education have been assigned to the school.

The structure was in place from March 10 to March 27, according to ACT Education Minister Joy Burch.

Shadow Education Minister Kate Ellis said the mistreatment of students with a disability was 'shocking and deeply disturbing'.'

Circumciscion Clamp Caused Amputation, Family Says

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'A defective penile-circumcision clamp caused the tip of a 7-day-old infant's penis to be amputated, his mother claims in court.

Though the mother identifies herself and her son in the complaint filed on April 22 in the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas, Courthouse News has redacted their last names because of the sensitive nature of the claims.

The March 2010 "horrific injury" occurred in Oxnard, Calif., while baby Benjamin's doctor "performed what was supposed to be a routine circumcision procedure," according to the complaint.

For the procedure, Benjamin's doctor allegedly used a "Mogen Clamp," manufactured by Misdom-Frank Corp., Medco Group and Sklar Instruments, all of West Chester, Pa.

Unlike other circumcision instruments, the lawsuit says, the Mogen Clamp lacks a protective shield or bell to safeguard the head of the penis.

Its design is also such that the doctor performing the procedure is unable to see the head of the penis while applying the scalpel to the foreskin, according to the complaint.'

This Is a Baby's Brain on Pain

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a first, researchers at Oxford University have watched infants as young as a day old as their brains process a light prodding of their feet. The results confirm that yes, babies do indeed feel pain, and that they process it similarly to adults. Until as recently as the 1980s, researchers assumed newborns did not have fully developed pain receptors, and believed that any responses babies had to pokes or pricks were merely muscular reactions. But new research published Tuesday morning changes that.

Taking advantage of the fact that newborns less than a week old tend to sleep through anything, Rebeccah Slater, an associate professor of pediatric neuroimaging at Oxford, and her colleagues placed 10 infants who were 1-6 days old in an fMRI machine. The researchers, who reported their findings in eLife, observed which areas of the infants' brains became more active, or consumed more oxygen, as the scientists lightly poked their feet. They did the same for adults and compared the brain images.

...

But the fact that they are experiencing pain in almost the same ways as adults do is very revealing. Now that there's evidence that the brains of babies do indeed process pain, that may change the way doctors treat newborns, especially those who are premature or need extra medical attention in the neonatal intensive care unit. In a recent study, scientists tallied an average of a dozen procedures including needle sticks that babies experienced every day; more than 60% of those infants did not receive any pain medication, either in the form of a topical numbing cream or other pain relief. Having these experiences may make these babies more sensitive to pain later in life, says Slater. A study of circumcised baby boys, for example, found that those who received pain relief felt less pain when getting vaccinations three months later than those who didn't receive any pain medication.'

News Host To Feminists: ‘Toughen Up, Buttercups!’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Megyn Kelly has a message for feminists: Toughen up, Buttercups.

Kelly, host of Fox News’ The Kelly File, invited Christina Hoff Sommers onto her show Wednesday night in order to discuss the demands made by students at the University of North Texas, who decided they wanted a commencement speaker who “better aligned with their values” than Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

Although Sommers is known as the “Factual Feminist,” many scholars and feminists view her title as misleading and claim she is a critic of feminism rather than an actual feminist. Sommers coined the term “equity feminist” to describe her views, and argues that modern feminism contains “irrational hostility to men” as well as an “inability to take seriously the possibility that the sexes are equal but different.”'

The real victim of ‘rape culture’? Free speech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In November last year, anti-rape activists at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, erupted in outrage when it was announced that libertarian feminist Wendy McElroy had been invited to take part in a debate about sexual violence. McElroy, as it happens, was herself the victim of a rape so violent it left her with permanently impaired vision. But she has since incurred the wrath of those who claim to speak for rape victims by vehemently disputing the existence of what radical feminists call ‘rape culture’. Rape culture, McElroy has written, is ‘a lie [which] has been successful in spite of reality’ and is now being used to justify an illiberal and sinister attack on due process. Whether one agrees with this view or not, it ought to be obvious that transparent debate of this issue is not only legitimate, but vital. McElroy’s activist opponents disagreed. The very expression of opinions like hers, they insisted, constitutes an intolerable threat to student safety.

This dismal scenario is now being re-run following an invitation extended by Oberlin College Republicans and Libertarians (OCRL) to feminist writer Christina Hoff Sommers. Sommers – a resident scholar at the conservative American Enterprise Institute and author of the 1994 polemic *Who Stole Feminism?* – also considers ‘rape culture’ to be a dangerous moral panic. And, like McElroy, she believes it must be discredited with the careful marshalling of evidence and argument. Her opponents, on the other hand, while maintaining the truth of their own claims to be self-evident, have preferred to marshal only disgust and invective, the most recent manifestation of which has been an open letter published in the *Oberlin Review* beneath the maudlin headline ‘A Love Letter To Ourselves’.'

Meryl Streep: Men lack imagination to write women's roles

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why is it so hard to get movies made about women? According to Meryl Streep, it might be because many male viewers lack the imagination needed to appreciate them.

Then again, they've never needed it.

Streep elaborated on this idea on April 22 in a conversation with "Selma" director Ava DuVernay and Pakistani documentary filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, moderated by Jon Stewart. The impressive panel, called "Story Power: Three Great Women In Film," was part of the sixth annual Women In The World Summit, presented by Tina Brown Live Media.'

Hillary Clinton: Religious Beliefs Must Change for Abortion Acceptance

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton believes that “religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed” to expand access to abortion.

Clinton said today that it’s not enough to legalize the procedure. “Far too many women are denied access to reproductive health care and safe childbirth, and laws don’t count for much if they’re not enforced,” she said Thursday, per the Daily Caller. “And deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed.”'

Ad for draft board points up ironic inequity

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Announcement here. Excerpt:

'The Selective Service System wants to hear from men and women in the community who might be willing to serve as members of local draft boards.
...
If a military draft becomes necessary, approximately 2,000 local and appeal boards throughout America would decide which young men in each community receive deferments, postponements or exemptions from military service, based on federal guidelines.'

"Inside Amy Schumer's Season Premiere Burned So Many Idiot Men Perfectly"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Do the dolts who think that women aren't funny finally feel stupid? If they watched last night's Season 3 premiere of Inside Amy Schumer *[link added]*, they sure should have. Every single sketch examined gender relations in ways that were playful, unexpected, and hilarious. Exposing the stupidity of men and the bullshit they get away with has long been an m.o. of Schumer's, but there was a consistency throughout last night's episode that I hadn't yet witnessed on Inside. The show felt pointedly political and was better for it.
...
Then there was "Football Town Nights," aFriday Night Lights parody featuring Schumer as the white wine-guzzling wife of a high-school football coach who comes to town with a revolutionary message: don't rape.
...
In it, Schumer encounters heroes of hers dining in a meadow to celebrate Dreyfus's "Last Fuckable Day." "In every actress's life, the media decides when you finally reach the point where you're not believably fuckable anymore," chirps the actress who's about to be put out to pasture. Specific examples follow (like Sally Field going from playing Tom Hanks's love interest inPunchline to his mom in Forrest Gump). And then the revelation that barely needs to be spoken but lands like a bomb nonetheless: "Men don't have that day!"'

Ex-Teacher Admits To Sex With Three Teen Boys in Plea Deal

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former high school teacher accused of having sexual relationships with three of her students took a plea deal Wednesday, crying as she accepted the agreement in court.

One of the boys was 16 and two were 17 when they were having sex with Brianne Altice, 35. One testified that he considered her to be his girlfriend during their yearlong sexual relationship.

But the boys were all minors, and Utah law also says a person cannot consent to sex if the other person is in a position of special trust. Altice, who taught high school English, pleaded guilty to three counts of forcible sexual abuse in exchange for prosecutors dropping 11 other counts, including several first-degree felonies.

School officials knew about Altice's inappropriate behavior and didn't do enough to protect the students, the boys and their parents say. In a lawsuit against the Davis School District, they say the running joke at the high school was, "Who is Ms. Altice sleeping with now?"
...
Altice is scheduled to be sentenced on May 28. Each count carries a possible sentence of 1 to 15 years in prison.'

Malecare.org: Black men suffer prostate cancer at twice the rate as whites

Matt · 26 April 2015 · Archived copy · Original

From malecare.org:

The African American experience of Prostate Cancer is a rarely told story.

African American men suffer from Prostate Cancer more than anyone, anywhere. If we want better treatments, then we've got to tell folks what it means to be a African American man diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. Please go to http://twiceasmany.org/prostate_cancer_story/ and write a few paragraphs about your experience with prostate cancer OR email twiceasmany@malecare.org and we'll set up a time for a telephone interview.

The stories we collect will be used for support, advocacy and promotion of research into why Prostate Cancer kills African American men at more than twice the rate as white men.

What we don't know is staggering. We don't know if the hospital, clinic and doctors office experience is culpable. We don't know if African American men are screened and diagnosed in the same manner and with similar quality that white men are. We only know that, when we count the corpses, African American men are dying at twice the rate as white men.

That is why we want to hear your stories. We want to know what you as a Black man, or you, as a caregiver or family member, are experiencing regarding prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Malecare has been working on this disparity issue since 2001, along with many other external prostate cancer advocacy and research programs.

2002 - Malecare, starts an online database of African American's and Prostate Cancer research.
2006 - Father Dad African American Health Program
2011 - Black Dad Connection health and parenting network
2014 - Financed African American research project at Johns Hopkins
2015 - Twice As Many African American Prostate Cancer Advocacy Program

Please go to http://twiceasmany.org/prostate_cancer_story/ and write a few paragraphs about your experience with prostate cancer OR email twiceasmany@malecare.org and we'll set up a time for a telephone interview.

Twice As Many will make sure that every American man and women knows that prostate cancer kills African American men at a rate that is twice as many as for white men.

Twice As Many will also promote the opportunity of understanding that research on this extraordinary disparity presents. Malecare will work in collaboration with partners throughout the United States to meet the Twice As Many twin goals of eliminating the disparity issue as well as reducing death and agony from prostate cancer.

Visit http://twiceasmany.org/ for more information.

Email darryl@malecare.org if you have any comments or questions.

Very best regards,

Darryl Mitteldorf, LCSW
Executive Director
Malecare
Men fighting cancer, together

The Plague of Campus Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town" is the empathetic account of five sexual-assault cases at the University of Montana (UM) between 2010 and 2012. Jon Krakauer, the acclaimed author of "Into the Wild" and "Into Thin Air," was moved to write this very different book when he discovered "that many of my acquaintances, and even several women in my own family, had been sexually assaulted by men they trusted," and he offers sharp insight into "what deters so many rape victims from going to the police."

...

Mr. Krakauer devotes more than 100 pages to this complex encounter, which went to trial in February 2013. The football player says it was consensual, and his lawyers suggested that Ms. Washburn had lied to spite him for his uncaring post-coital demeanor. A jury unanimously found him not guilty in less than three hours. Mr. Krakauer argues that in the campus disciplinary proceeding, with a lower burden of proof, Mr. Johnson should have been expelled and probably would have been had he not been a football hero in a football-crazed town. Nobody except Ms. Washburn and Mr. Johnson really knows what happened—though Mr. Krakauer does show compellingly that she has been deeply traumatized by whatever Mr. Johnson did.

To its great credit, "Missoula" tells both sides of these disturbing stories faithfully enough to let readers draw their own conclusions. Yet Mr. Krakauer is convinced that a great many men get away with rape (which is true) because the authorities don't try hard enough to punish them (which was true once but is much less so now). He urges universities to not let "legalistic quibbling" impede expulsion of alleged rapists.

This is troubling, especially as Mr. Krakauer's passionate convictions rely heavily on the contested claim by psychologist David Lisak that only 2%-10% of sexual-assault reports are false. This statistic is misleading. Mr. Lisak's 2010 study (like others often cited by anti-rape activists) treat as presumptively true all sexual-assault complaints that authorities have not formally labeled either true or false (the vast majority), including most of those dropped for insufficient evidence. Older studies suggest the possibility that up to 40%-50% of accused men may be innocent.

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In the end, "Missoula" echoes the Obama administration's demand for draconian disciplinary procedures in campus sex cases. When Harvard implemented such procedures last year, 28 of its own law professors, including prominent feminists and liberals, assailed the university for abandoning "the most basic elements of fairness and due process" in a system "overwhelmingly stacked against the accused." Jon Krakauer writes eloquently of the "deep and intractable pain" suffered by sex-crime victims. But the remedies that he embraces are creating a new class of victims.'

Free-Range Parents And The Law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's a good chance you've heard about the Meitiv kids (especially if you have children of your own or friends with children). The kids, ages 10 and 6, were walking home from a park a mile from their house in Maryland when they were spotted by a zealous citizen-protector, reported to the police, picked up 3 blocks from home, and detained for over five hours. In the end, they were handed over to their parents, but only after plenty of panic on both the kids' and parents' parts. And, as it turns out, that wasn't really the end. The parents found themselves under investigation for neglect.
...
But the reality facing most parents in court is that that "presumption" isn't actually a thing. Take the experience documented in a well-publicized essay on Salon last year: the author left her four-year-old unattended in a car for a few minutes on a mild day, the police were called, she found herself charged with a crime along the lines of the ones excerpted from the Iowa criminal code above. She told her lawyer: "It doesn't sound to me like I committed the crime I'm being charged with. I didn't render him in need of services. He was fine. Maybe I should plead 'not guilty,' go to trial." He warned her that "juvenile courts are notorious for erring on the side of protecting the child" and suggested that fighting the case might lead her to lose her child. Faced with that possibility she, of course, folded. Anyone would.

And that's been my experience as an advocate too. When I worked for a legal aid organization, one of my tasks was to represent parents in child welfare proceedings. No one in those sad, sequestered courtrooms cited Supreme Court cases; everyone just argued over what was in the best interest of the child. That was how to get results. Indeed, the very notion that parental choice is "perhaps the oldest of the fundamental liberty interests" (Justice O'Connor in Troxel, again) would have rung hollow in a courtroom that regularly held proceedings to terminate people's parental rights.

So parents, be cautious: yes, there's Supreme Court precedent on your side, but if you find yourself in court then the system's conception of the "best interests of the child" will likely overrule yours.'

NPO: White House Council on Boys and Men

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'In this issue of the newsletter, we are honored to have a piece by Warren Farrell. Warren describes the efforts he has led to create a White House Council on Boys and Men. Warren is the noted author of numerous influential books, including *Father and Child Reunion*. This is one of the best exposes of the problems we are fighting in the family courts. If you have not read it, now is the time.

Warren is advocating that President Obama create such a Council to address five main issues affecting males: family court practices that cause fatherlessness, emotional health of boys, physical health of boys, education of boys, and work lives of boys and men. I am honored to be a member of Warren's Council. To see the terrific job the Council has done in presenting the unmet needs of boys and men, see http://whitehouseboysmen.org/blog/the-proposal

In this newsletter, Warren describes how you can help bring these issues to the attention of Presidential candidates in Iowa.'

Attack of the Leftist Snowflakes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"History assures us that civilizations decay quite leisurely," Will and Ariel Durant wrote in 1968's "The Lessons of History." Even as ancient Greece and Rome faced serious "moral weakening" and societal decay, for instance, both continued to produce "masterpieces of literature and art" and a steady flow of "great statesmen, philosophers, poets, and artists" for hundreds of years.
...
If the couple were alive today, one wonders if they could have retained their trademark pluck. On college campuses across America, an army of leftist snowflakes — a generation long told they're special, fragile, and never, ever wrong — is on the march, aiming to squelch any threatening idea that "triggers" uncomfortable thoughts. On the downside, these marauding bands have sparked an epidemic of protests, hysteria, and Nathaniel Hawthorne-style banishings. On the upside, they're doing a heck of a job alerting the nation that a significant portion of the "leaders of tomorrow" might be one tick short of a working cuckoo clock.

Witness Christina Hoff Sommers, a well-known author, former philosophy professor, and, most recently, a YouTube star. Sommers, who describes her approach as "equity feminism," is a refreshing change from mainstream modern feminism, which long ago click-clacked aboard the crazy train, ripped up all return tickets, and then hit the bar in the club car hard — not in a fun way, alas, but rather to weep and mutter various bad words over low-grade apple martini knockoffs garnished with mascara smears. Partnering with the American Enterprise Institute, Sommers has made a splash with her "Factual Feminist" video series, in which she calmly challenges and debunks oft-accepted and frequently absurd feminist talking points.'

The UVA Dean Who Was Smeared by Rolling Stone Has Broken Her Silence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nicole Eramo is the associate dean of students who heads the sexual misconduct board at the University of Virginia. She was also the villain of the now-infamous and recently retracted *Rolling Stone* story about the gang rape of a freshman named Jackie that never happened at a UVA fraternity.

In Rolling Stone's piece, Eramo was painted as the frontline responder who never really responded. She was the one who, when she heard Jackie's story, tried to steer her away from reporting it, supposedly to protect the university's reputation. Reporter Sabrina Rubin Erdely never spoke to Eramo, but she did put words in her mouth, presumably told to her by Jackie.

"If Dean Eramo was surprised at Jackie's story of gang rape, it didn't show," Rubin Erdely wrote, and then topped it off with an all-too-perfect quote. When Jackie asked the dean why UVA doesn't publish statistics on sexual violence, "she says Eramo answered wryly, 'Because nobody wants to send their daughter to the rape school.'"

Eramo has been silent since the story came out. Today, she issued "An Open Letter to *Rolling Stone*," in which Eramo condemns "the article's false and grossly misleading portrayal of the counseling and support that I provided to Jackie, including encouraging her to report" and arranging for Jackie to meet with detectives. She also accuses Erdely of having "purposefully omitting information that she received during interviews" with UVA's president and students that did not fit "her preconceived narrative" about the university's callous response to a horrific crime.

Most viscerally, Eramo details how the debacle impacted her personally:

"Using me as the personification of a heartless administration, the Rolling Stone article attacked my life's work. I saw my name dragged through the mud in the national press ... protestors showed up at my office, demanding I be fired. Perhaps most egregious and shocking were the emails I received expressing hope that I be killed or raped, and commenting that they hoped I had a daughter so that she could be raped. Equally distressing ... is the fact that while the false allegations in the magazine were being investigated, the University had no choice but to remove me from working with the students with whom I had spent so much time building a relationship, forcing them to "start over" with someone else."'

"Buy A Lady A Drink" -- Because men don't need clean water

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Beer producer Stella Artois has a campaign currently in high gear called Buy A Lady A Drink. They are advertising it heavily here in the US during sports broadcasts. The idea is if you buy certain of their products, they will donate some amount of money to a particular charity (http://www.water.org/) that works to bring modern water delivery technology to less-developed countries' rural areas. I am presuming, based on the ads' content and name of the campaign, that there is a hitch: The assistance must be rendered to homes where at least one woman resides.

I guess men don't need clean water. Now, I get this much: in traditional cultures in places in rural sub-Saharan Africa, rural India, etc., the task of fetching the day's water typically falls to one or more women in a household. This can require hours of walking to and from water sources that are miles away and expose them to dangers from animals, the elements, and criminals (i.e., criminal men). So, I get it. And, I can't say the cause is unjust. What I can say is it's sexist in its priorities and presentation. What's wrong with a "Buy *Them* A Drink" campaign instead, and aim the focus of largesse to the needy at large, not deciding that because a given home is absent women, that it need not receive this kind of charitable attention? Tell me, would a charity decide that the victims of the recent earthquake disaster in Nepal should be singled out by sex and then only those of a particular sex receive medical aid, food, water, etc.? No, that'd be outrageous. So why is Stella Artois doing that kind of thing here?

We here in the "first world" sure can afford to buy the ladies a drink. We can also afford to buy the gentlemen drinks, too. Why leave them out, though, merely because they are male?

If you care to, Stella Artois can be contacted here. Remember, they *are* doing good, charitable work, so no need to be nasty. Just ask them why are they directing their efforts toward women when people of both sexes not only need clean water, but that it isn't just women who need to go get water on a daily basis in these impoverished places? The need to find and retrieve water in lands where it is scarce is a there for everyone, not just women.

Columbia student says Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand smeared him by standing with alleged rape victim

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'A Columbia University student suing the Ivy League college for failing to protect him against a fellow student's accusations of rape also blames Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand for helping destroy his reputation.

Paul Nungesser's lawsuit, filed last week in Manhattan Federal Court, argues that Columbia violated his rights by allowing Emma Sulkowicz to earn course credit for a project in which she carried a mattress around campus to highlight her claim that he raped her in 2012.

Sulkowicz, 22, first spoke out publicly at a news conference with Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) and was the senator's guest at President Obama's State of the Union address this year.

Nungesser's lawyer, Andrew Miltenberg, said Gillibrand, who is not named in the suit, failed to investigate Sulkowicz's account before appearing with her to publicize legislation to curb campus sexual assault.'

Gillibrand On Rape Hoaxes: 'I Hope It’s Just Putting More Of A Spotlight On The Problem'

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Article here. Excerpt:

Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand said Friday she hopes recent rape hoaxes will put “more of a spotlight on the problem [of rape].”

She was asked if the recent highly publicized hoaxes are “helping or hurting” her advocacy relating to stopping sexual assault on university campuses.

“Well, I hope it’s just putting more of a spotlight on the problem. My hope is that it’s not undermining our advocacy, because this is important,” Gillibrand said. “These lives of these women and men–young lives that are being destroyed and ruined, because there is no justice if you are a survivor of rape whether it’s the criminal justice system or whether it’s the campus adjudication process.”'

"Mattress Girl" spoke at a university, yielding some priceless gems

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Tweet caps here. Just a couple:

"If we use proof in rape cases, we fall in a pattern of rape deniers."

"If we keep trying to 'prove that it exists', we will never get anywhere."

ABC report on women abusing men

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I know some were asking about the ABC PRIMETIME LIVE report about women's violence against men. Well, I found it!

It's on my website, go have a look-see. This is back when such stories were able to get through the feminist stranglehold on the media. Sadly, those days are gone, I think, but it is an interesting report on the subject.

Georgetown demands edits to Christina Hoff Sommers video

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'When I wrote my previous LI piece about Christina Hoff Sommers lecture at Georgetown, I hoped that the “trigger warnings” and “safe spaces” were the end to the attempted censorship of Dr. Sommers’ speech.

The Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute, for which I am the lecture director, sponsored the speech, and recorded it so that others could both hear Dr. Sommers and the people who questioned her.

Unfortunately, I was wrong about the controversy being over.

Now, Georgetown University itself is putting pressure on the Georgetown College Republicans to make CBLPI edit its video of the lecture.

In an email, the assistant director for Georgetown’s Center for Student Engagement told the lecture student organizers that if CBLPI is “unwilling or unresponsive to the request, Georgetown will need to step in.”

The University claims that we must edit the video because students who asked questions did not agree to have their faces shown/voices heard:

"What was the response from Clare Boothe Luce about the video? I see that is still up online. Please let me know asap as an edited version needs to be released without students who did not give permission to be taped.

If they are unwilling or unresponsive to the request, Georgetown will need to step in. Let me know!"'

SAVE: New UVA Sex Policy Is ‘Illogical and Hysterical,’ Will Do Nothing to Stop Rape, SAVE Charges

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PRESS RELEASE

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WASHINGTON / April 27, 2015 – The University of Virginia (UVA) has adopted a new Interim Policy on sexual misconduct that dramatically expands the definition of sexual misconduct to include any type of sexual contact. The policy also imposes an “affirmative consent” requirement, warning that “Relying solely on non-verbal communication before or during sexual activity… may result in a violation of this Policy.” SAVE believes the policy will do nothing to deter forcible rape, and is likely to serve to trivialize the problem.

According to the new policy, any intentional touching of intimate body areas, whether clothed or unclothed, must be preceded by specific words or actions indicating consent. Under this definition, a simple hug or close dancing could be construed as sexual assault punishable by expulsion, SAVE notes.

Constitutional scholar Hans Bader has criticized the new UVA policy as “an outrageous violation of students’ privacy rights.” http://libertyunyielding.com/2015/04/09/hugs-are-now-sexual-assault-at-the-university-of-virginia/

SAVE highlights the fact that the new policy likely would not have helped to prevent the recent rape of Hannah Graham. The former UVA student was abducted on September 13, 2014. One month later, human remains believed to have come from her body were found at a rural location.

The murder suspect, Jesse Matthew, had been accused of sexual assault at two separate Virginia colleges he had attended as a student. But a criminal case was not brought against the man in either incident.

“The new UVA policy represents a response to the so-called campus ‘rape-culture,’ that is illogical and hysterical,” notes SAVE spokesperson Sheryl Hutter. “University of Virginia administrators should be working to involve local law enforcement in these cases, not mandating an illusory affirmative consent standard.”

Relevant excerpts of the UVA policy can be seen in the attachment to this press release. The entire policy can be viewed here:

http://vpsa.virginia.edu/sites/vpsa.virginia.edu/files/Title%20IX%20VAWA%20Umbrella%20Policy.pdf

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Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is working to promote effective solutions to campus sexual assault: http://www.saveservices.org/

College Sexual Assault Discipline Bill Passes California State Senate

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson's Senate Bill 186 (SB 186 *[link added]*) cleared the senate floor Monday, extending California community colleges' jurisdiction beyond their campuses, allowing them to discipline students who commit sexual assault and sexual exploitation off-campus with suspension or expulsion from the college.

The senate passed the bipartisan bill unanimously, 35-0, and will now send it to the California State Assembly. The original bill language allowed community colleges to discipline students for any off-campus crimes deemed "egregious," but an amendment limited the authority to sexual assault cases.

Jackson said the amendment was intended to clarify the bill's purpose to create a mechanism for accountability as part of the greater effort to prevent sexual violence on college campuses.
...
"There was no opposition — only concerns that there is due process," Jackson said. "As a lawyer and as the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I'm a firm and strong believer in the due process requirements and need to ensure the hearing process is a fair one for all parties involved."'

After Falsely Accusing an Innocent Man, Lena Dunham Is Celebrated as a Rape Role Model

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'Lena Dunham isn't the only victim of her sexual assault, and yet despite the fact that her unconscionable behavior resulted in an innocent family man being accused of her rape, the "Girls" creator is still being celebrated and honored as a sexual assault role model at events like this weekend's Variety's Power of Women New York Luncheon, and throughout the mainstream media.

Here are the facts:

The tip of the spear of Dunham's massive public relations campaign around the release of her auto-biography, was the news that she had been raped by a campus Republican.

In the autobiography, which was labeled as non-fiction, Dunham described her rapist using seven completely unnecessary details that immediately identified him — to anyone with five spare minutes and access to Google — as a high-profile and outspoken Republican she attended Oberlin College with during the mid-2000s — a real human being who now has a family, a career, and a Facebook page.'

Walk-A-Mile In Her Shoes raises domestic violence awareness

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Story here.

'The streets of downtown Roseburg were filled with men walking in high heels Friday afternoon.

It was an unusual scene but it was all for a good cause and a few good laughs.

The Walk-A-Mile In Her Shoes campaign provides men a chance to help raise awareness about violence against women.

"It’s important to take some of the stigma away from that topic,” said Battered Persons’ Advocacy sexual assault services director Cheryl Newell. “If we can talk about violence in our community without shame, without being embarrassed, then we can start talking about solutions."

The money raised stays in Douglas County and benefits the Battered Persons’ Advocacy.'

Harvard Business School Launches New Effort To Attract Women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It's been more than 50 years since Harvard Business School started admitting women, yet the elite institution is still figuring out how to best attract and support them. Its latest effort: a recruiting program targeting women's colleges -- places that are not traditional feeding grounds for the male-majority business school.
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Women make up 41 percent of Harvard Business School's class of 2016 -- the most the school has ever had. In 1985, women made up only one-quarter of the graduating class. Harvard is not alone when it comes to struggling with a gender gap. At Wharton, the class of 2016 is 40 percent women; at Stanford Business school, it's 42 percent. No top business school has gotten to 50 percent yet.
...
For years, female students at Harvard Business School lagged behind men. There was a little-talked-about gender gap when it came to grades, and women received fewer academic honors than men. Women privately lamented the school's "frat house" vibe, according to reports. Blatant sexual harassment wasn't limited to students. Female professors were also subject to hassling from male students, according to a 2013 report in The New York Times. The attrition rate for female professors was high, and women graduates ranked behind their male peers in pay, the Times reported. Even years later, female graduates from Harvard Business School report less satisfaction with their career trajectory, a new study from 2014 found.'

Pseudo feminism: It is not a battle between the sexes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Every human deserves equal treatment, irrespective of race, caste, creed, nationality or gender. Of course, this rule has been violated many times.

Racist attacks, war crimes, riots and killings in the name of religion and genocides serve as example. When the belief for common good is dishonored in any way, it breeds a dysfunctional society.

In feminism's case, male-bashing has replaced candid conversations about the warped roles that women have taken in society — roles that men can't relate to. Originated from the French language, feminism is the support of equal rights of the sexes. You can be a feminist while fighting for a man's rights.
...
No movement can do any good by slandering another group of society. If that is the motive behind a revolution, then that movement is headed for downfall.

An eye-for-an-eye approach to win equal rights is misleading. IHateMen.org has more than 300,000 members, but it hasn't brought down the rate of sexual harassment cases or saved women from violence.'

Army to review decision to have male cadets wear high heels

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Story here. Excerpt:

'After receiving some comments about uniforms, we are currently reviewing how local universities implemented their participation in these events designed to raise awareness on the issue of sexual assault," Haverstick said in an e-mail.

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The professor of military science at Arizona State, Maj. Michelle Bravo, said in the video that the cadets "planned and decided that they would do" the high-heel event. That's far different than the version of events presented on Reddit.'

UK: Is anyone sticking up for men's interests in this election?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Notice anything missing from the coming general election?

Could any national drama more starkly reveal how completely men's interests are a non-issue in British politics? We are not even in the wings.

While the manifestos of all major parties teem with cooing blandishments to women, none of them has a word to say about the glaring disadvantages of boys and young men in education and employment. None of them demonstrates a smidgen of concern that the routine separation of tens of thousands of children from their fathers every year by force of law in the Family Court is this country's most indefensible abuse of human rights.

None discusses the sickening figures forsuicide among men. You could scan the parties' policies with ultrasound but you wouldn't detect any trace of interest in a male contraceptive pill – 50 years after the pill for women went into mass circulation - still less a commitment to that essential development. Any party that promised a national effort to make a pill available to men within 10 years – like President Kennedy's 1961 inauguration promise that the USA would send humans to on the moon and back within a decade – would get my vote almost without further question.'

Why the STEM gender gap is overblown

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'There are two universally accepted “truths” about women and STEM careers (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). The first is that men outnumber women in in these fields, and the second is that women are socialized to avoid STEM as career choices, because society considers them “unfeminine.”
...
On closer inspection, it turns out that these “truths” are nothing more than assumptions, and that these assumptions are inconsistent with the facts. Here are the facts:

1. Men do not outnumber women in all STEM fields
...
2. Women and men are equally capable of doing STEM work
...
3. Sex-linked interest preferences are not mere artifacts of socialization
...
4. Different preferences don’t mean women’s are less important
...
5. Men earn more because they believe they are worth more—and women agree'

False rape accusation stains Phi Kappa Psi’s legacy

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'Rolling Stone magazine published an article Nov. 19, 2014 titled “A Rape on Campus: A Brutal Assault and Struggle for Justice at UVA.” This article, which Rolling Stone later retracted due to false accusations, claimed members of the fraternity Phi Kappa Psi at the University of Virginia had gang raped a freshman named Jackie at their fraternity house the night of Sept. 28, 2012.

Since society and the American media often negatively portray fraternities and sororities, this didn’t come as a big shock to many people. Studies have shown 1 in 5 females will experience sexual assault at some point in their four years of college and that fraternity men are 300 percent more likely to be involved in sexual assault.

However, you will never see a viral article about a fraternity raising a lot of money for charity, which happens constantly. Rest assured though, you will always see the negatives of fraternity life in mainstream media. The journalist who wrote the story, Sabrina Erdely, took the word of Jackie and went on with the story without any evidence.'

Man Paying Child Support for Son Who Cannot be His

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Video report here on Randall Smith, a North Carolina man who is paying child support for a son who is not his. In fact, he's in trouble because he is behind in this support, even though he can prove that he is not the father. The comments are actually rather encouraging, for a change. Report summary:

'What was news to a courtroom in North Carolina was well known to Randall Smith. That he is in court over child support payments the county says he owes is not unusual.'

Students protest university's presumption of innocence prior to hearing

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'"We are very angry because a staff member was assaulted by a grad student and that student is still allowed on campus," says Marie Reimers.

Frustrated students protested at Central Michigan University today. It's all over a recent sexual assault case. They want the university to suspend the student charged with the crime.

Pradeep Gujjula is charged with criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree. A CMU staff member told campus police that he asked to take a photo with her and then touched her chest.

He's since been banned from academic buildings, except for the buildings his classes are in. Students say that's not enough.

"According to CMU's own sexual misconduct policy the university can take temporary interim measures between the time an assault happened and the time the assailant has their hearing. One of those measures is temporary suspension. CMU has not done that which we find very appalling," says Reimers.'

Ex-college basketball player cleared on rape charge

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'Two months after his arrest on allegations of sexually assaulting two women at an off-campus apartment party, former Louisville basketball player Chris Jones and two other men were cleared Wednesday of rape and sodomy charges by a grand jury.

Jones was facing two counts of rape and two counts of sodomy. The two other men, 21-year-old Jalen Tilford and 19-year-old Tyvon Walker, were charged with sexually assaulting one of the women. Those two men also were cleared of rape and sodomy charges.

Scott Drabenstadt, an attorney for Tilford, said Wednesday that surveillance video seen by the grand jury showed the two women, ages19 and 20, "frolicking in the stairs and in the hallway" after the alleged incidents. The video from the apartment complex, near campus, shows the women arriving, leaving the party, returning and leaving again.

"And this is after they were supposedly, one of them raped by three men and the other raped by Chris Jones. Just ridiculous. Thank God that video existed," Drabenstadt said.
...
Dina Bartlett, an attorney for the women, said she was disappointed in grand jury's decision. She said the women were "heinously assaulted." Bartlett has maintained that Jones was given special treatment because he was a basketball player.'

College says due process for accused students would ‘chill’ assault reports

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Texas Tech University doesn’t want anything to get in the way of students reporting their alleged sexual assaults. Not even a fair hearing for those they accuse.

The Daily Toreador reports that the administration wants students to see the disciplinary process as a “learning experience,” so giving them the common trappings of a courtroom would be harmful.

According to Dean of Students Amy Murphy:

`Also a part of this model, she said, is the decision that students are not able to cross-examine witnesses, nor are the students’ advisers, during the hearing.

If cross-examination were to be allowed, she said, it would create a chilling effect for future possible reports.

“We want responding and reporting parties to talk to that investigator about the questions that they have for witnesses,” Murphy said, “the information that they want to see in that investigation report.”`

That “investigator,” by the way, is “neutral,” according to Murphy.

Student Andy Johnson evidently has more intelligence than his dean:

`“I can’t speak for other people and I’m only thinking about if I were accused,” he said, “but if it were me I’d be mad that no one could represent me. I’m a student. How am I supposed to know what to say and what not to say?”

He said if he could change the system, he would make it more like a court system because college is his real world right now, so it should resemble the real world.`'

Teen to be charged with making false rape report, state police say

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'State police said Wednesday that they intend to charge a Washington County teenager with making false accusations of sexual assault.

The head of the Specialized Victim Investigation and Prosecution Unit in the district attorney's office, however, said she doesn't want such an unusual case to dissuade rape victims from reporting crimes.

“We don't have people making false reports all the time,” said Deputy District Attorney Traci McDonald Kemp. “It's absolutely a rare thing.”

Capping a three-week investigation, troopers at the Washington barracks said they soon will charge a 17-year-old Avella girl with providing unsworn falsification to authorities and making false reports to law enforcement. The girl has not been identified.'

Ireland: Woman is accused of two false rape claims

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'A WOMAN has been accused of falsely reporting to gardai that a man raped her at a pub in Temple Bar.

Sarah Eastwood (33) made the allegation against a named man, but gardai subsequently viewed CCTV footage and "disproved" the claim, a court was told.

She is facing jury trial on two charges after Judge Michael Walsh said the case was too serious to be dealt with at Dublin District Court.

The case against Ms Eastwood was adjourned for the preparation of a book of evidence.

The accused, with an address at Ballyfermot Parade, Ballyfermot, is charged with knowingly making a false statement at Store Street Garda Station on June 4, 2013.'

Rape culture still does not exist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, Jillian Santos responded to my column about rape culture, as she did with one of my earliest columns against feminism late last year. As expected, she proceeded to straw-man what I said. I've no intention of changing her mind, either, but to attack the toxic misandry spewed frequently under the guise of a perverted form of "justice." My column wasn't meant to pander to political correctness, and everyone has a right to be upset by it, but straw-manning me leads nowhere.

...

In my closing paragraph, I will reiterate and clarify the points I previously made: Nobody is under any moral requirement to automatically believe the victim of any crime, but this is not evidence of societal hostility. I have never denied that rape happens or that victims are entitled to aid, but I am not going to condone what happened at the University of Virginia either. People can and will lie about rape, as they also do about other crimes. Could it be that Jackie was gang-raped at a frat party? Certainly, but evidence examined in a recognized court of law would prove it. Feel free to find any excuse to undermine the rights of the accused, but do not be surprised when people retaliate and point out how sickening that is.'

World disarmament? Start by disarming masculinity

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Unsurprisingly, world disarmament has featured prominently in the WILPF events in The Hague this week. It is, after all, the key goal in WILPF's long struggle with national governments and the international system since the Armistice of 11 November 1918. On WILPF's birthday, 28 April, we mounted a symbolic action outside the World Forum. Thousands of red plastic discs, symbolizing the world's $1776 billion global military expenditure, were piled in a heap. Women, with shovels and with their hands, scooped up the coins and transferred them to accounts of their choice - 'health', 'education' or 'human rights'.
g is driven by the profit motive of the arms industry and politicians' weaponized notion of 'security'. But women peace activists also hold militarized masculinity to account.

Another persistent theme in the Centenary Congress and Conference has been gender relations. One of the commitments in the Manifesto adopted by Congress is to 'transform gender from a power relation to one of partnership'. And the first plenary of the Conference addressed the male-dominant gender order as one of the 'root causes' of militarization and war. Speakers contributed 'critical perspectives on the construction of violent masculinities, patriarchy, and engaging men'.

On the face of it, the two preoccupations, one with gender relations and the other with global military spending, may seem to have little connection. The first speaks of the human, intimate, individual and personal; the other of the machinery of war, missiles and military commands. And indeed the mainstream peace movements, comprising both men and women, tend not make the mental leap that is needed to bring them into a common analytic frame. On the other hand, it's characteristic of the women's peace movements, such as theWomen's International League for Peace and Freedom, the international network of Women in Black against War, and hundreds of smaller, more local women's peace initiatives, that they do so. And the particular feature of gender relations they point to is the persistence of male dominance, accompanied (and indeed achieved) by the insistent shaping of masculinity, the ideal, preferred, form of manhood, as mentally competitive and combative; psychologically ready to use coercion; and physically equipped to prevail through force.'

Brooks Brothers, Maria Shriver kick off a conversation about masculinity

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'America is in the throes of a masculinity crisis.

That was the takeaway from an hour-long panel discussion moderated by Maria Shriver at the Paley Center for the Media in Beverly Hills on Thursday, which followed the local premiere screening of Jennifer Siebel Newsom's documentary on masculinity, "The Mask You Live In."

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The documentary starts with a George Orwell quote: "He wears a mask, and his face grows to fit it." It goes on to present a sobering -- if at times simplistic -- look at the chaos caused by the narrow definition of masculinity in America today (which emphasizes athletic ability, sexual prowess, economic success and emotional detachment), some of its root causes and the myriad problems flowing from it, including drug abuse, violence, sexual assault and depression. The film includes interviews with dozens of professionals and turns the camera on many, many males of the species, from those barely past toddlerhood to white-haired retirees.'

Shocking footage of 'feminists' publicly humiliating man wrapped in bin bag in middle of street

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story here. Excerpt:

'This shocking video shows a degraded man wrapped in bin bags being pelted by eggs and yogurt by a group of revenge-seeking 'feminists'.

In the clip, posted to YouTube, the supposed victim is seen standing next to a sign that reads: "Please humiliate and abuse me."

When the man filming confronts the group of giggling girls, they refuse to reveal their reasons behind the stunt, claiming: "It says it on there."

The sign next to the man reads in full: "I lied to my partner, I broke commitments, I am a hypocrite!!

"If you have ever been hurt by a man... please humiliate & abuse me."
...
The footage then cuts out, but underneath the video, Sneaky TV wrote: "This is not feminism. Every woman (all of whom identify as feminist) I've shown this to view it as misandry.

"It's the type of thing that dude-bros and anti-feminists use to illustrate their misguided definition of what feminism actually is.
...
"Male or female, this is messed up.

"Maybe everyone should just watch it and tell me what they think..."

Several viewers suggested the video might be fake, while user Billy Anthony wrote: "Feminism would be taken seriously by men if it were about equality more so than revenge."

Jess Kazen wrote: "This has nothing to do with feminism."'

Canadian School Fights Pay Gap By Giving Only Women A Raise

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'In an effort to eliminate what it says is an unjustified gap in the pay of male and female professors, Canada's McMaster University has hit upon a novel solution: Giving an across-the-board raise exclusively to women, without raising pay for men.

The $3,515 ($2,900 in U.S. dollars) raise will be the same for every woman at the school, regardless of what their salary was beforehand.

"This signals to the world, to Canada and to Hamilton, that McMaster is truly committed to equality. It sends a very clear signal that we are interested in recruiting the best faculty, including women," dean of Social Sciences Charlotte Yates said, according to the National Post.'

Law allows for legal reps for college students

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'North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple has signed SB 2150 into law, providing students the right to be represented at hearings at their own expense. Joe Cohn of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) says his group worked with a bipartisan legislative group to get the bill passed.

"We think it's really important that states are starting to recognize that without lawyers able to actively represent students in these campus disciplinary hearings, students are being railroaded out of school," he explains.'

The problem at American universities

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'Claims by certain sensationalist politicians are often repeated by adoring and equally sensationalist news media. That was certainly the case when a study by RTI International claimed one in five female college students in America is a victim of sexual assault.

“This is not your fight alone,” said President Obama in a public service announcement heralding his “It’s On Us” national campaign. “This is not your fight alone. This is on all of us, every one of us, to fight campus sexual assault. You are not alone. And we have your back and we are going to organize campus by campus, city by city, state by state. The entire country is going to make sure that we understand what this is about and that we’re going to put a stop to it.”

...

And many a college campus enacted sweeping, totalitarian sex codes to deal with the fictitious “crisis.” As with any law, the violation(s) prohibited must be defined. The University of Michigan, for instance, partially defines sexual violence as “discounting the partner’s feelings regarding sex; criticizing the partner sexually… withholding sex and affection; always demanding sex.”

K. C. Johnson, a history professor at Brooklyn College and City University of New York Graduate Center, said a male student accused of a sex crime may have an “advocate” at his college hearing, provided he or she is not a lawyer. And they “cannot speak in any way during the disciplinary hearing,” wrote Johnson in the journal Minding the Campus.

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Under new federal guidelines handed down by the Department of Education, campuses are required to presume the accuser is telling the truth and that the accused is guilty until proven innocent.

The modern university campus is not so much an institution of higher learning as it is a testing laboratory of totalitarian control. Draconian codes governing sex or speech are designed to protect students and faculty from feeling “hurt” or “unsafe” by challenges to their politically correct lunacy. And, more important, to criminalize all activity, from expressions in the bedroom to those in the public square, that do not conform to the utopian dreams of the dreamers.'

Favorable shared parenting article in MSM

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Regarding the wellbeing of kids with divorced parents, the debate over what kind of custody arrangement is best rages on. But a new study, published Monday in the *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*, suggests that children fare better when they spend time living with both of their parents.

That goes against some current thinking that kids in shared-custody situations are exposed to more stress due to constantly moving around and the social upheaval that can come along with that. “Child experts and people in general assumed that these children should be more stressed,” says study author Malin Bergström, PhD, researcher at the Centre for Health Equity Studies in Stockholm, Sweden. “But this study opposes a major concern that this should not be good for children.”'

SAVE E-lert: Sen. Gillibrand Doubles Down on Columbia U. Rape Hoaxer

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Senator Gillibrand is in the news again. This time, when asked about rape hoaxes, she responded that the real focus should be on the problem of rape. Her ideal case, however, is Columbia student Emma Sulkowicz, who has never been found to be raped or sexually assaulted.

In fact, in this case she's spotlighting, the accused student is suing Columbia University for false allegations. It's clear that the Senator needs to look at cases objectively, but instead she is decrying the case as yet another example of 'rape culture'.

Call Senator Gillibrand's office today and tell her to start telling the truth about campus sexual assault!

Best always,

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NPO: National Parents Organization’s Pennsylvania Affiliate Rallies Against Parental Alienation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, Parental Alienation Awareness Day was observed and NPO’s Pennsylvania affiliate convened parents from across the state on the steps of the state capitol in Harrisburg to help raise consciousness of the problem. NPO’s Pennsylvania leader Stephen Meehan is to be congratulated for organizing the rally that was widely reported by state and local news media. FOX43 TV in Harrisburg reported on the rally here and NewsRadio 1020 KDKA, the CBS radio affiliate in Pittsburgh interviewed Meehan'

The Foreskin: Why Is It Such A Secret In North America?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sure, I had heard of circumcision as a Jewish religious practice, but thought myself unlikely to ever see its results. Little did I know, all the male genitalia I had seen both in real life and as depicted in American anatomy books, had been edited in exactly the same way. The shock from this revelation overwhelmed me for weeks, especially since I considered myself to be fairly knowledgeable about anatomy. (My interests included biology and drawing biological structures).

Why would anyone selectively remove foreskins, not just from real people but from scientific anatomical texts, which I had thought were meant to represent the natural human form? And why did no one ever tell me about this? It was as though a basic feature that males (of all mammals) are normally born with was not to be understood or even acknowledged.

I spent the next few weeks at the local library, immersing myself in primary and secondary source materials on the relevant anatomy, medicine and history, before I was satisfied that I had an accurate understanding of what was going on. To summarize what I had found:

- The foreskin (or prepuce) is a man's most sensitive erogenous zone, more well-developed in humans than in other species of mammal. It has unique sexual functions (more on that later), which circumcision effectively destroys -- and this is intentional
- Although foreskin-chopping was once a purely religious or cultural practice, it was introduced to American medicine in the late 1800s, as a 'cure-all', thanks to the trend of pathologizing (treating as illness) normal human sexuality and healthy genitalia.

Top Dem money man departs because Clinton hasn’t answered ethics questions

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'A top Democratic moneyman recruited by Hillary Rodham Clinton’s presidential campaign has put fundraising activities on hold, saying he can’t do it with a clear conscience because the former secretary of state has too many unanswered questions swirling around her.

New York businessman Jon Cooper, who Team Clinton enlisted for its elite corps of early fundraisers known as “HillStarters,” said that he decided not to tap his donor network for Mrs. Clinton because she hasn’t provided enough answers about foreign donations to the Clinton Foundation while she ran the State Department, her exclusive use of private email for official business as America’s top diplomat and her commitment to liberal priorities.

“I’m officially on the fence,” said Mr. Cooper, a bundler for President Obama’s campaigns who is active in Democratic politics in New York, which Mrs. Clinton represented in the U.S. Senate and where she has set up her campaign headquarters.'

Large GamerGate meetup disrupted by ‘feminist bomb threat’

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 250-strong meetup of GamerGate supporters, which included game developers, journalists and think-tank scholars were evacuated from a bar in Washington D.C on Friday after an anonymous bomb threat was made against the gathering.

This followed an unsuccessful social media campaign spearheaded by anti-GamerGate Salon columnist Arthur Chu to convince the bar’s proprietors to voluntarily eject GamerGate supporters from their establishment.

The event was the largest GamerGate gathering so far, with somewhere between 200 and 300 attendees. It follows a trend toward offline organising by its supporters, who up until recently have tended to congregate on social media and image boards.'

Disagree With Your Political Opponents? Just Call In A Bomb Threat At Their Meetup

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What I missed was not only an event with Breitbart London's Milo Yiannopoulos, AEI fellow Christina Hoff Summers, and journalist Cathy Young in the same room; but also a bomb threat from the "tolerant" crowd. Yiannopoulos, Summers, and Young are among the conservative and libertarian journalists that have been promoting the #GamerGate movement, which claims to support ethics in gaming journalism and says that gaming development and journalism has been hijacked by the social justice warrior crowd.

"Police arrived on the scene at approximately 12:15am, just over three hours after the meetup had kicked off. The evacuation began immediately, causing particular difficulty for the event's two disabled attendees, who had to be carried down from the second floor. The other floors of the bar, which were occupied by regular customers, was also evacuated.

Attendees were initially told by the bar's staff that there was a fire drill, but the presence of dozens of police officers including a K-9 bomb squad van suggest that the call had more to do with bomb threats that had been made against the event earlier. Police at the scene would not comment on the reason for their investigation, although more details will become publicly available in due course."

The bomb threat came after Salon columnist and #GamerGate opponent Arthur Chu tried to get the venue, Local 16, to cancel the meetup.'

Police charge woman with domestic violence after she stabbed her boyfriend

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Richland County sheriff's deputies charged a woman after she allegedly stabbed her live-in boyfriend multiple times early Sunday morning.

Sgt. Kevin Lawrence, a department spokesman, said 32-year-old Donte Fielding was charged with criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature in connection with the incident.

Lawrence said deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 3900 block of Pearl Street off River Drive in reference to a domestic violence call at 1 a.m. When deputies arrived, they met with the victim who said he was involved in a verbal altercation with his girlfriend when it became physical. That was when Fielding allegedly stabbed the victim multiple times in the upper body.'

Woman to become firefighter despite failing crucial fitness test

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'The FDNY for the first time in its history will allow someone who failed its crucial physical-fitness test to join the Bravest, The Post has learned.

Rebecca Wax, 33, is set to graduate Tuesday from the Fire Academy without passing the Functional Skills Training test, a grueling obstacle course of job-related tasks performed in full gear with a limited air supply, an insider has revealed.

“They’re going to allow the first person to graduate without passing because this administration has lowered the standard,” said the insider, who is familiar with the training.

Upon graduation, Wax would be assigned to a firehouse and tasked with the full duties of a firefighter.
...
“We’re being asked to go into a fire with someone who isn’t 100 percent qualified,” the source said. “Our job is a team effort. If there’s a weak link in the chain, either civilians or our members can die.”

Wax’s graduation comes as the city celebrates the FDNY’s 150th anniversary and as the department is under pressure by the de Blasio administration to hire more women.

Only 44 of the FDNY’s 10,500 firefighters are female.'

Meet the Vagina Voters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"I intend to vote with my vagina."

Have you ever read a more squirm-inducing sentence than that? It appeared in a pro-Hillary piece in *Dame* magazine, written by a person with a vagina who intends to vote for Clinton because she also has a vagina.

Let's leave aside the unfortunate image conjured up by that sentence ("You can hold a pencil with that thing?!") The bigger problem with such unabashed declarations of "vagina voting" is that they confirm the descent of feminism into the cesspool of identity politics, even biologism, and its abandonment of the idea that women should be valued more for their minds than their anatomy.

Kate Harding, the vagina voter in question, isn't only going to vote with her vag—she's also going to tell everyone about it. "I intend to vote with my vagina. Unapologetically. Enthusiastically... And I intend to talk about it," she wrote in *Dame*.

She thinks Hillary would be a great president because she "knows what it's like to menstruate, be pregnant, [and] give birth."
...
This embrace of the gender card by Clinton and her cronies, this move from thinking with their heads to voting with their vaginas, is being celebrated as a great leap forward. It's nothing of the sort. It merely confirms the speedy and terrifying shrinking of the political sphere in recent years, with the abstract being elbowed aside by the emotional, and the old focus on ideas and values now playing a very quiet second fiddle to an obsession with identity.'

11 people have paid $1,000 each for a hyper-realistic sculpture of a human foreskin

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'At least 11 people have stumped up $1,000 (£684) each to buy a hyper-realistic sculpture of a human foreskin - designed to raise awareness about the "true cost" of male circumcision.

The artwork - called HUFO (Human Foreskin) has been created by Vincenzo Aiello, who believes that circumcision is an unnecessary mutilation that diminishes sexual pleasure later in life.

Whe he's not making art, Aiello is also the founder of Foregen, an organisation that plans to use stem cell technology to regrow foreskins lost through circumcision.

HUFO is being sold through crowdfunding platform Kickstarter to raise money for Foregen research. And so far, 11 people have forked out for the silicone sculpture. But who are they?
...
More than 130 people have supported the crowd funding campaign, with others pledging anywhere between $10 and $10,000 to the cause. Aiello is hoping to raise at least $40,000, and has already raised more than $35,000.'

Students accused of sexual assault also turning to TItle IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

- 'Many young men accused of sexual assault on their college campuses are turning to the same law as their alleged victims to defend themselves — Title IX.
- Inside Higher Ed reports this tactic allows the men to argue their campus arbitration was biased against them because of their gender, and while several have won settlements from their colleges, no judge in civil courts has ruled in their favor yet.
- In perhaps the only case an accused student won, his lawyer argued negligence and breach of contract because the university didn't follow its own policies in notifying him of the allegations and the hearing, according to the article.'

Feminism: Challenging inequality or pernicious social engineering?

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'The Oxford dictionary defines Feminism as the following: “The advocacy of women’s rights on the grounds of equality of the sexes.” I define Feminism as the following: “The advocacy of a vitriolic rodomontade on men, blaming societal maladies on the artificially constructed and nonsensical patriarchy.” Which of these two definitions is correct?

Well, one of them in coruscating fashion alludes to the notion that equality of the sexes is not going to be achieved by focusing on the rights of one sex over the other; to capriciously assign blame to the other sex whilst simultaneously claiming to be an all-encompassing movement is not being an all-encompassing movement. I am here to argue that Feminism is a dated, obsolete movement that needs urgent renovation to hold credibility, or to forever lose itself to societal critique as an extremist movement.
...
To conclude, it is clear to see that feminism is wholly right in highlighting the inequality that women suffer, the issue of contention lies in its subversive blaming mechanism which fails to appreciate the extent to which society pressures both of the sexes. Thus, I would argue for a movement away from feminism, and assigning blame to society’s matrix as a whole, rather than attributing it to a certain sex within the matrix.

There is a term for this, known as the Kyriarchy. It was coined by Elisabeth Fiorenza, a feminist, in 1992 to enunciate her theory of interconnected systems within society: it stands as a social system or connecting social systems built around domination, oppression and submission. It goes beyond gender when addressing the issue of subordination of one person or group to another, and therefore in my eyes is a far more suitable starting point when addressing the issue of inequality.'

Film Director Deletes Twitter Account After Feminist ‘Avengers’ Backlash

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Article here. Excerpt:

Director Joss Whedon deleted his Twitter account Monday after a stream of hateful messages directed at him by feminists upset with story elements of Avengers: Age of Ultron, the weekend’s big box-office smash.

Tech Times reports that Whedon’s final tweet was an implicit goodbye. He wrote, “Thank you to all the people who’ve been so kind and funny and inspiring up in here.”

...

The most surprising part of the Black Widow backlash is that Whedon has long considered himself a feminist for his portrayal of strong women, starting with his film/television show Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Whedon also created Firefly and Dollhouse, two shows which featured strong female characters in leading roles.'

Canada: Supreme Court rules man has right to sue government for wrongful rape convictions

fathers4fairness · 5 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Supreme Court of Canada ruling empowering a British Columbia man who was wrongly imprisoned for 27 years to sue the Crown may be the trigger for an out-of-court settlement, say observers.

The high court decision on Friday ruled that Ivan Henry can use the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to pursue a lawsuit after his life was upended by convictions for 10 sex crimes he did not commit.

The landmark ruling clarifies the circumstances under which criminal prosecutors may be sued if they fail to disclose evidence to accused persons.

“It is a great win for Ivan,” said Vancouver author Joan McEwen, who spent hundreds of hours over three years with Henry to write a book on his case.

She predicted Henry is entitled to at least $10 million, but said the 68-year-old man’s ailing health may put pressure on him to accept less.'

SAVE: The Hunting Ground: Anatomy of a Cinematic Flop

Matt · 6 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Produced by Academy award nominee Kirby Dick and billed as a “piercing, monumental exposé of rape culture on campuses,” The Hunting Ground was screened at the Sundance Film Festival in late January, 2015 to enthusiastic critical acclaim. The movie’s public release date was February 27.

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) predicted, “Believe me, there will be fallout.” The New York Times ballyhooed, “Judging by viewer reaction at the film’s premiere and the comments of two United States senators afterward, festival programmers might have undersold it.” (http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/26/movies/the-hunting-ground-a-film-about-rape-culture-at-colleges.html?_r=0)

To its credit, The Hunting Ground did highlight how universities are doing a poor job in handling sexual assault allegations. But the self-proclaimed “documentary” was found to contain serious inaccuracies (http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/hunting-ground/):'

"College rapists should not be able to transfer schools to skip consequences"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A bit of good news for college rapists: if you've been accused of sexual assault and don't feel like sticking around to deal with the consequences on campus, you can simply transfer schools and no one will be the wiser. Thanks to a privacy law for students, young men accused of rape don't even have to disclose the complaint to their new school.

Since we know that college rapists commit an average of six rapes during their time at school, these colleges – and this policy – are making it easier for sexual offenders to move on without consequence. And onto new victims.
...
But here's the thing: We shouldn't have to write in code what colleges need to know about incoming students. And while I'm mindful of students' privacy, I'm more concerned about students' safety. Schools already handle sexual assault cases poorly and rapists continue to attack with impunity – do we really want to make it that much easier for them? Packing up your bags and starting over elsewhere shouldn't be an option for rapists – especially when "starting over" often just means new victims in a new place.'

Bad news for Hillary: Women CEOs make more than men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What happens when two cherished Democratic wedge issues, the War on Women and income inequality, collide? Hillary Clinton is about to find out.

Just prior to her campaign unveiling, Clinton attempted to demonstrate her progressive bona fides by paying lip service to the left's cause de jour; the scourge of "income inequality," otherwise known as the disparity of outcomes that has been a feature of human existence since our ancestors climbed down from the canopy.
...
But Clinton's attempt to offer the left a panacea in the form of good, old-fashioned Marxism has encountered an unexpected obstacle: Victory. It seems as though the liberal crusade to secure equal pay, or even better pay, for women has borne fruit. At least, it has for the very highest income brackets.
...
"So far, 21 of the 22 current female CEOs in the Standard & Poor's 500 have reported their latest compensation, including Yahoo (YHOO) CEO Marissa Mayer, defense contractor Lockheed Martin's (LMT) Marillyn Hewson and CEO Carol Meyrowitz of retailer TJX (TJX), and they were paid an average of $18.8 million during their latest fiscal years, according to a USA TODAY analysis of data from S&P Capital IQ and Bespoke Investment Group. That far exceeds the average $12.7 million paid to the 455 current male CEOs in the S&P 500 that have reported compensation data for the same time period.
..."'

There Is No Wage Gap: Feminists Want Equal Pay for Unequal Work

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The feminist addiction to lies, damned lies, and statistics shows no signs of abating anytime soon. Perhaps the most brazen example is the thoroughly deceptive assertion that one in five college coeds will be raped before graduation—a false statistic that is still being wielded against due process in academia, even in the face of all the recent hoaxes. I remember it being one in four (and occasionally even one in three) back when I was an undergrad, so conditions have apparently been improving even in feminist dreamland. Nevertheless, even one in five is enough to motivate absurdities such as the University of Virginia's recent war on hugs.

...

Nevertheless, a shallow comparison doesn't reveal much when one's income is rather heavily influenced by factors such as the hours one works and the job one has trained for—factors that are mostly a matter of personal volition in modern society. When it comes to education, for example, women tend to choose less lucrative courses of study. They dominate fields that specialize in quasi-familial types of personal care (e.g., early childhood education, social work, counseling, etc.) as well as those that aspire to elevate artistic creativity into what are usually financially uncertain professions (e.g. studio arts, visual and performing arts, etc.) At the same time, men dominate more lucrative engineering fields that tend to be abstracted away from these kinds of social engagement.

There are a host of other factors, as well: Women are more likely to take time off from a career for the sake of starting a family. Men also tend to put in more hours at the office than women do. This is particularly pronounced among married women—most of whom prefer to trade potential salary for the flexibility to be more personally involved with their families.'

Domestic Violence Awareness Comes To Tinder

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new series of public service announcements on Tinder hopes to remind women that even a seemingly perfect man can turn violent at the drop of a hat.

Relationship abuse is alarmingly common in the United States. Every minute, 20 people experience intimate partner violence, and three women are murdered every day by a current or former male partner.

Women in Distress, a domestic violence center based in Florida, collaborated with the ad agency Bravo/Y&R for the Tinder Beaters campaign, which aims to raise awareness about relationship abuse.'

YouTube: Tinder Beater Nice guys turn ugly in domestic violence PSA

School to create National Center for the Development of Boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Boys aren't doing as well in school -- and often in life -- as girls are, says Lee Burns, the headmaster of McCallie School, a private, 110-year-old, all-boys college prep school in Chattanooga.

Boys have lower grade-point averages than girls, national figures show, and boys are more likely to drop out, to have disciplinary problems and to repeat grades. More women attend college than men do, and women graduate at a higher rate. Women go on to earn more advanced degrees than men.

"Across the board, boys are having a tougher time," Burns said. "That's a great thing that girls are doing well. But in the last couple of decades, it's the boys who have trended down in some pretty significant ways."

That's why McCallie will establish the National Center for the Development of Boys at its campus on the slopes of Missionary Ridge.'

To End Violence Against Women, End Violence Against Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"The fates of the two genders are intertwined; for women to thrive, men and boys must be part of the gender equality agenda," said Gary Barker, co-founder of MenEngage, in a column for *New America*.

Often in global conversations, abuse is oversimplified into an us-versus-them issue. But as the ICRW study illustrates, such a depiction doesn't accurately capture the whole story. By dichotomizing one party as good and the other as bad – male or female – it can prevent further exploration into the deeper roots of gender issues that could help make the world more humane for all.

The ICRW study notes men who abused their partners were often abused as children, it doesn't take into account women are more likely to be child abusers. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' 2013 Child Maltreatment Report published in January 2015, 53.9 percent of perpetrators were women while 45 percent were men.'

Queens residents unsettled by FDNY probie who failed vital fitness test

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Residents of the Queens neighborhoods served by the new FDNY probie who made the grade despite failing a key fitness test said Wednesday they feel as if they're in the line of fire.

"Fires happen very often in this area," said Jay Charriez, 44, who has lived near Engine Co. 259 on Greenpoint Avenue for 15 years. "It's an industrial area, so it's really dangerous."

Other Sunnyside and Long Island City residents also were wary of Rebecca Wax, 33, who graduated Tuesday from the city's Fire Academy, despite flunking the Functional Skills Training test, a grueling obstacle course of tasks performed in full gear with limited air.

Wax was allowed to graduate after FDNY Commissioner Daniel Nigro announced rule changes giving less weight to the test.

"She shouldn't be a firefighter if she can't meet the standards," said another neighbor, Asjad Butt, 21. "There are other things she could do."'

Gillibrand's Vendetta

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Much like Rolling Stone, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) refuses to the let the facts — or lack thereof — get in the way of her preferred feminist narrative. In her case, it's the claim that the military has it in for women. Instead of university administrators and fraternity members, she accuses Department of Defense officials of lies and cover-ups and implies that any female living near a base is at risk from sexual predators in uniform.
...
Sexual assault offenders should indeed be punished. That said, not everyone accused is actually guilty, though it appears the only way to make Gillibrand happy is for every male accused of any type of sexual assault to be convicted, regardless of what the evidence says.'

"Mother's Day reminder: Women are braver and smarter"

Mastodon · 7 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mother's Day is a reminder to fellas that the women in our lives are smarter and braver than us.

My mom, for instance, went back to school in her 60s and got a PhD at Berkeley. Her expertise is in artificial intelligence. At least I think it is. I can never understand what the hell she's talking about.

My sister has a masters degree, my girlfriend is an MBA. Me, I've got high school, a cup of coffee at Carleton University, and the Sun's work-safety course.

History is adorned with examples of the superiority of women, mothers in particular, from the Blessed Virgin Mary to Laura Secord to Jackie Kennedy to Angelina Jolie.

If women ran the world, we'd be a much happier, more peaceful planet.'

Study: "Men are lazy to their core"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This Mother's Day we've got some good news and some bad news on the domestic gender equality front.
...
Now, this isn't entirely because men are oppressive brutish beasts wishing to perpetuate domestic inequality. Sayer points to this finding: even when there's nobody around to pick up after them, men still don't spend a lot of time on housework. "In 2012 single women with no children reported doing almost twice as much cooking, cleaning, and laundry as single men with no children," she writes. In other words, men are simply more slovenly than women, and less averse to filth.'

No Rape After All, but Woman Still Treated Like a Victim

charlie · 8 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. False rape report at the University, but woman is still a victim-survivor. Excerpt:

'University of Minnesota police say they are no longer investigating a reported weekend rape and now consider the incident a "student crisis intervention case."

The U issued a crime alert Tuesday saying a student told campus police she had been sexually assaulted about 1 a.m. Sunday by two men she did not know after they walked her to her Sanford Hall dorm room and then threatened her with a knife.

The next day the U updated its alert, saying the case was no longer being investigated as an assault by a stranger, but that police still were investigating the sexual assault report.

On Thursday, university officials said police were "no longer investigating the reported incident of an armed sexual assault by strangers."

The case had the university community on edge because the student reported that she encountered the men in what should have been a secure dormitory hallway. The U said Thursday there is no immediate or ongoing threat to public safety related to the case.

"At this time, the University's primary concern is to support the student who reported the incident and to protect her right to privacy," the statement said.'

Also see: University of Minnesota police no longer believe student was raped at knifepoint

University prof flunks 'white masculinity' in controversial tweets

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Critics say a newly-hired Boston University professor has crossed the line with recent tweets bashing whites, but the school says it's simply free speech.

"White masculinity isn't a problem for america's colleges, white masculinity is THE problem for america's colleges," Saida Grundy *[link added]*, an incoming assistant professor of sociology and African-American studies at Boston University, tweeted in March.

...
In another, she called white males a "problem population."

"Why is white America so reluctant to identify white college males as a problem population?" she asked.

The tweets were first noticed by student Nick Pappas, who posted them on his website "SoCawlege.com" and questioned how Grundy could be able to teach a diverse classroom given the racial hostility in her tweets.

"You have to teach college aged white males eventually, no?... this seems like you are unqualified to grade their work as you clearly demonstrate some kind of special bias against them," he wrote.'

First Group of Female Soldiers Fail to Pass Phase One of Army Ranger School

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Story here. Excerpt:

'All eight female soldiers participating in the first co-ed class of U.S. Army Ranger School failed to advance to the second phase of the grueling infantry course.

On the male side, 115 male students met the requirement to begin the Mountain Phase of Ranger School in Dahlonega, Ga., on Saturday, May 9, according to a Fort Benning press release.

The eight female candidates, along with 101 male candidates, will be recycled to repeat the Darby Phase of Ranger School.

Approximately 35 male Ranger students failed to meet the standards of Ranger School and will not be recycled, the press release said.

"They will return to their units having learned a great deal about themselves and small unit tactics, patrolling, leadership, and team work," according to the release.

No changes have been made to the deliberate evaluation process used to determine which students are dropped, recycled or allowed to move forward to the next phase, the release states.'

Feminists Worry About White Guys Ruining Mars

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists have extended their fight against sexism and racism into the final frontier: space.

Martin Robbins, inspired by another feminist thought piece in Scientific American, wrote a piece for *The Guardian* on Wednesday called “How can our future Mars colonies be free of sexism and racism?”

In the column, the “Berkshire-based researcher and science writer” who “writes about science, pseudoscience and evidence-based politics” argued visions of future space programs are dominated by white men.”

`To paraphrase Douglas Adams: “Space is white. You just won’t believe how vastly, hugely, mind-bogglingly white it is.” It’s also very male and European. Women in space-colony fiction have generally been presented as sexy walking vaginas, whose main purpose is to provide the male astronauts with a place to dock their penis at night. This being necessary in order to “ensure the survival of the species”.
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...
However, National Review’s Katherine Timpf did not find the argument persuasive and said we should focus on getting to Mar before worrying about potential microaggressions that might arise once we arrive.

"I just cannot help but think that maybe we should keep our focus on actually getting to Mars before freaking out about its hypothetical colony’s hypothetical microaggressions."'

7 Legal Rights And Privileges Afforded Only To Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'#1. Women have the right to vote without agreeing to die
...
#2. Women Have Genital Integrity Rights
...
#3. Women Have The Right To Choose Parenthood
...
#4. Women Have The Right To Be Assumed Caregivers
...
#6. Women have domestic violence shelters and government housing benefits
...
#7. Women have the right to exclusive benefits for being a business owner
...
The Small Business Administration aggressively polices male owned businesses that try to pass themselves off as female owned.

From the SBA:

"If you are a male-owned business and you make your wife or another woman 51 percent owner of the stock in order to qualify for 8(a) benefits, you are spinning your wheels. The SBA auditor will know what you are doing: 51 percent ownership is a red flag. Similarly, if the auditor comes to your office and sees that the male's office is bigger than the female's, you are not going to be certified. You must be able to show that the business is managed and controlled on a daily basis by a woman, and that the woman is the person who makes the day-to-day decisions of the company."

So tell us more about this patriarchy you speak of?'

Student Op-Ed: ‘Yes Means Yes’ Is Not Enough Because Sometimes ‘Yes Means No’

Mastodon · 9 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"When it comes to consent, it’s not enough to teach that “no means no” or even that only “yes means yes” — because sometimes “yes” can actually mean “no.”

At least that’s the point of view expressed in an op-ed written by Jordan Bosiljevac for Claremont McKenna College’s student newspaper, the *Forum*.

In the piece, Bosiljevac explains that she and her friends even came up with a phrase to describe someone having sex with you who you didn’t want to have sex with even though you told him that you did, which they apparently consider a form of rape:

“We coined the term ‘raped by rape culture’ to describe what it was like to say yes, coerced by the culture that had raised us and the systems of power that worked on us, and to still want ‘no,’” she writes in the April 30 article, titled “Why Yes Can Mean No.”'

NFL draft pick files counterclaim, denies he raped woman

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Attorneys for top NFL draft pick Jameis Winston contend a woman seeking civil damages from the quarterback after accusing him of rape is trying to tarnish his reputation and tap into the Heisman Trophy winner's newfound wealth.

The former Florida State star practiced again Saturday, the final day of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' rookie minicamp, and was not made available to comment on a counterclaim filed on his behalf one week after signing a four-year, $23.35 million contract.

"Nothing is surprising us," Bucs coach Lovie Smith said, when asked if Winston notified the team in advance of Friday's filing in federal court in Orlando.

In it, the quarterback's lawyers alleged that Erica Kinsman created a "media circus," then initiated settlement discussions in which her attorneys demanded $7 million from Winston.'

"Men Are Complaining To The MTA About Its "Sexist" Manspreading Campaign"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We receive a lot of emails about manspreading over here, and we're not the only ones. Through a public records request, a writer for Bitch Magazine got ahold of emails sent to the MTA regarding "manspreading," which is part of their "Courtesy Counts" etiquette campaign. She received 18 emails that were sent to the MTA over the course of one month, and reports back that 9 called the campaign sexist, or "anti-male." One simply read: "Drop dead, you morons!"'

UK: University mandates rugby players to anti-sexism classes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Students at Oxford University are only being allowed to compete in the biggest rugby tournaments of the season if they agree to attend anti-misogyny workshops, under a new scheme.

The attempt to combat sexism on campus is the first time that the classes have been made a condition to participation on the sports field.

Campaigners said they hope to introduce similar conditions for involvements in other sports, such as football, rowing, hockey and cricket, and organisers are in talks with other universities about introducing the scheme nationally.

Every Oxford college rugby team had to sign up the hour-long workshops in order to enter this year's Cupper knockout tournament.

The "good lad" courses are an attempt to combat the "lad culture" prevalent on campus, and include discussions about sexual harassment, consent, "lad banter" and team initiation ceremonies.

The idea came from Dave Llewellyn, 27, an Oxford graduate and sportsman who said he got fed up with the levels of boorishness in the locker room.'

Porn and video game addiction are leading to 'masculinity crisis', says Stanford prison experiment psychologist

Matt · 10 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A leading psychologist has warned that young men are facing a crisis of masculinity due to excessive use of video games and pornography.

Psychologist and professor emeritus at Stanford University Phillip Zimbardo has made the warnings, which form a major part of his latest book, Man (Dis)Connected.

In an interview on the BBC World Service's Weekend programme, Zimbardo spoke about the results of his study, an in-depth look into the lives of 20,000 young men and their relationships with video games and pornography.

He said: "Our focus is on young men who play video games to excess, and do it in social isolation - they are alone in their room."

"Now, with freely available pornography, which is unique in history, they are combining playing video games, and as a break, watching on average, two hours of pornography a week."

Zimbardo says there is a "crisis" amongst young men, a high number of whom are experiencing a "new form of addiction" to excessive use of pornography and video games.

Zimbardo gave a TED talk in 2011 outlining the problems facing young men's social development and academic achievement, which he puts down to excessive use of porn, video games and the internet.'

NPO: Utah Passes Shared Parenting Legislation

Matt · 10 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In March, National Parents Organization of Utah, successfully spearheaded passage of the state's first shared parenting legislation! HB35 wasn't the only success NPO Utah had, but it was the most significant. Headed by Dave Daniels and Janet Robins, NPO Utah is on a roll!

NPO Utah wants to thank Representative V. Lowry Snow for sponsoring HB35 and working so closely with NPO to help ensure its passage. He is an excellent legislator who practiced family law and saw up close many of the challenges parents and their children face when custody is considered. He understands these issues very well, and we appreciate his hard work on the bill. NPO also wants to acknowledge the Utah State Bar's Family Law section that endorsed HB35.

Under current Utah law, a noncustodial parent is entitled to a minimum schedule of every other weekend (Friday evening to Sunday evening) and one week night per week for three hours. Additionally, noncustodial parents are entitled to one-half of the annual holidays and four weeks during the summer.'

Sperm grown in a lab for the first time

Matt · 10 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Sperm cells have been grown in the laboratory for the first time, scientists have claimed, raising the prospect of a treatment for infertile men.

A company in France claims to have successfully turned scraps of genetic material into complete fully-functioning sperm - a world-first.

If the breakthrough can be verified, it may prove life-changing for the tens of thousands of men around the world who cannot produce their own sperm.

The Kallistem laboratory, a private research facility based in Lyon, claimed it would be able to carry out human clinical trials within two years.

If commercialised, the firm hopes to treat 50,000 patients a year, a market it that could be worth £1.7 billion.

But the findings have not been published, peer reviewed or independently verified - and British experts last night were treating the claims with scepticism.

Kallistem said it had managed to transform basic male fertility cells, called spermatogonia, into mature sperm in test tubes.'

Recent false rape accusations/male suicide reports/related from India

Matt · 10 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Sent in by a MANN reader in India:

Man attempts suicide due to wife's complaint against him

Police inspector shoots himself after wife charged him with 498a

Treated cruelly by wife, techie ends life

Man kills himself over 'harsh laws' in the name of protecting women

27-year-old husband committed suicide after in-laws and wife beat him. (Police didn't file case and finally they threatened him with filing an 498a charge.)

Man commits suicide after neighbour alleged him in a rape case of their daughter

Man jailed for 7 years for not marrying a woman he slept with

Top student from Indian's best university implicated in false 498a case, represented himself in court: lost job and career, but finally won the case.

Two- and four-year-olds charged in DV complaint

7-YO faces 498a charges

Fake rape case and forced abortion case file by a girl on her father

12-year-old filed rape complaint on cousin because he called her "insane"

Woman who filed 52 rape complaints

Woman files rape case against landlord after establishing consensual relationship with him

Men's helpline gets 25,000 calls over four months in one city alone

Bernie Sanders, über-feminist: Making America more Scandinavian would mark a gender equality breakthrough

Matt · 11 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Bernie Sanders wants America to look a lot more like Scandinavia, the land of lingonberries, herring, tasteful minimalism, paid family leave and living wages for fast food workers. The newly declared presidential contender told George Stephanopoulos over the weekend that he wants to lead a “political revolution” and make the United States more like Sweden or Denmark when it comes to healthcare, education and the social safety net.
...
"In those [Scandinavian] countries, health care is the right of all people,” Sanders said on “This Week.” “College education and graduate school is free. Retirement benefits [and] child care are stronger than the United States of America. In those countries, by and large, government works for ordinary people and the middle class, rather than, as is the case right now in our country, for the billionaire class.”
...
But Scandinavia has more going for it than just paid family leave and universal preschool. Beyond having supports in place to give families options when it comes to balancing work and home life, there has been a whole lot of experimentation in these countries to find how to make those programs really work.'

City Council Adopts Paid Paternity Leave Policy

Matt · 11 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. 'bout bloody time someone did. Excerpt:

'The Minneapolis City Council approved a new paid parental leave policy on Thursday. It was a unanimous vote to approve the policy that will allow employees to receive up to 120 hours of paid leave following childbirth or adoption.

“There are many reasons why paid parental leave makes sense,” Council President Barbara Johnson said in a news release. “Yes, it helps make employees better and more productive, and it also helps the City keep those skilled workers. But in the end, it’s what all employers should be offering their employees. Adding a member to a family is a big change, and parents need time to adjust for that.”'

Ex-Student Accused Of Sexual Misconduct Sues Over Disciplinary Warning

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Brandeis student is suing the university after it gave him a disciplinary warning for violating its code of sexual misconduct. He's claiming the investigation into the alleged misconduct deprived him of due process and the disciplinary warning jeopardizes his goal of attending law school and pursuing a career in public service and politics.

In his lawsuit, the student claims that by using a special examiner — a growing trend on college campuses — Brandeis deprived him of the most basic elements of fairness and due process. He says in the suit he never had an opportunity to confront his accuser, question witnesses or present a defense. He says he never knew what his accuser had said about him or what the factual basis for the charges against him were, and that he was never allowed to read the examiner's report. He says it was only after the examiner found him responsible of the charges against him that he learned of the specific conduct he was alleged to have engaged in.'

"The End of Feminism"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After writing my last blog, How We and Protein World Confuses Beauty with Fitness, I was contacted by a number of women saying how much they agreed. A number of them said to me "it's good to see a man who is a feminist". I told them all "I'm not a feminist, the post isn't about feminism and I don't agree with feminism". In my view, we are approaching the end of feminism.

I'll get straight to the point. The reason why I believe this is simple; feminism has managed to achieve a lot for women but the last final push to full equity between the sexes requires greater engagement from men and feminism is utterly unequipped to do this. This is because feminists require men to change according to how they believe men should be, rather than men looking over their weaknesses and developing a strategy to change themselves. If anything, men have been going in the wrong direction over the last 10 years in response to hardline feminism, which vilifies masculinity and blames failure to achieve equity on men's inability to feminise.
...
Men, we have to stop this ladification, this mistreatment of women, this jealousy of their success. And women, you need to ditch feminism, this exclusive club created only for the betterment of women. If we all don't work hard to improve the masculine aspect of our society, we will be cursed with an ever increasing number of badly educated young men, angry at the world, taking it out on women, who are unable to find their place in society. We are destined for more divorces, more fatherless families and more men in prison.

So what do you truly want ladies? Feminism or a society in which men and women can achieve?'

Boyhood Under Attack: Why Boys Can't Just Be Boys Anymore

Matt · 12 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. Summary:

'Part one of a special six-part series.

Boys can no longer act like boys. The days of them exploring, experimenting and acting like young adventurers have been repleaced by more feminine activities. Young boys are also being medicated more when they don't actually need it. In fact, the majority of children being treated for ADHD are predominantly boys. So why is boyhood being drugged? Why are there so many gender disparities in education? What needs to be done to restore masculinity in boyhood? PJ Media's Dr. Helen Smith joins PJTV contributors Stephen Green, Scott Ott and Stephen Kruiser in this part one of this six part series hosted by Bill Whittle.'

Kickstarter Judaism: A Book Review of Celebrating Brit Shalom

Matt · 12 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Review here. Excerpt:

'Reading Lisa Braver Moss and Rebecca Wald's new book, *Celebrating Brit Shalom*, feels a little like stepping into the future. Depending on how you feel about ritual Jewish circumcision, this future will either come across as utopian or dystopian. I certainly fall into the former category and in the interests of full disclosure, I both contributed to the Kickstarter campaign that made this publication possible and consulted on an early draft of the book. Nevertheless, I had a number of lingering questions when the finished product arrived at my doorstep. What is this book? Who is it meant for? And most importantly, did they pull it off?

Celebrating Brit Shalom is a work that glides effortlessly from how-to guide to new liturgy, to political statement and back again. It is written with a light touch that hides a profound and deliberate engagement with the Jewish tradition. Braver Moss and Wald offer three possible ceremonies for parents who oppose infant circumcision, but still wish to conduct a Jewish welcoming ritual for their newborn.'

Also see: Oakland author pushes ceremonies minus circumcision

How Taking Paternity Leave Can Strengthen Your Marriage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just over two weeks ago, a law went into effect in Massachusetts that got little national press but will have potentially significant consequences for families: Businesses must now extend fathers eight weeks of unpaid paternity leave. Yes, the Family Medical Leave Act already does as much (it allows up to 12, in fact), but only if the father's organization has 50 employees or more; with this new law, Massachusetts dads who work for companies with as few as six employees will be guaranteed eight weeks at home with their newborns.

Whenever this species of legislation is proposed at a national level, conservatives line up to oppose it, insisting it would penalize small businesses. There is, however, a conservative case to be made in favor of generous paternity-leave policies, and I'd like to make it now: They strengthen marriages.
...
Yet today in the United States, men take precious little paternity leave. According tothe Department of Labor, 70 percent of the new fathers who make use of the Family Medical Leave take just ten days or less. (Meaning that if dad takes his leave on the day his baby is born, odds are he'll be returning to work before his child can smile, coo, or tilt his or her head).

Ten days clearly isn't a lot of time. But one senses that fathers pine for more of it. Indeed, most studies suggest that fathers experience as much work-life conflict as mothers, if not more. One of the reasons, I suspect, is that they feel reluctant to ask for time away from the office — whether it's to spend time with a newborn or to duck out for a ballet recital — because it simply isn't custom.'

Also see: The valuable work benefit dads are missing out on

"Ham-handed" universiy sued by former student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former San Diego State University student who was accused — charges were later dismissed — of sexual assault on a student in December of last year plans to take legal action against San Diego State University over the university's handling of the complaint.

Francisco Paiva Sousa filed a claim with California State University's risk management department on April 30. The claim is the first step in a lawsuit. Sousa, a foreign student from Portugal, was arrested on suspicion of forced copulation and false imprisonment of a fellow student on December 9 of last year. Days later, the district attorney's office dismissed the charges.

But the damage, says Sousa, was already done. In the days after the female student made the allegations, San Diego State's Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities had refused to meet with Sousa and declined to see text messages and other evidence, which Sousa says would have proved his innocence.

Most damaging for Sousa was the Community Safety Alert that the university sent via email days after the complaint notifying the students of the assault and naming Sousa as the alleged suspect.'

For those unfamiliar with it: ham-handed defined.

Governor of New York Calls for Strict Affirmative Consent Laws

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, appearing at a Manhattan college with RepresentativeNancy Pelosi, on Monday called for the passage of “the toughest law in the nation” on campus sexual assault, a message aimed at state lawmakers who have expressed some reservations about his proposals.

Mr. Cuomo’s proposed policies, which are already in place at New York’s public colleges, would require private colleges to adopt “affirmative consent” as the standard of behavior, putting the burden on an accused student to show that the other person had agreed to the sexual activity, rather than making accusers prove that they had said no; silence or lack of resistance would not be considered consent.

Mr. Cuomo, a Democrat, has also proposed that students reporting sexual assaults must not be punished if they were violating a campus policy on drinking or drugs, with the goal of removing the fear that by coming forward, those reporting might be reprimanded, administration officials say. The proposed policies would also require strict penalties for anyone found guilty of sexual assault, with either suspension or expulsion the only available options.'

Title IX Expansion, Coming Soon To An Elementary School Near You

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Conflict, consternation, and litigation has spread across college campuses ever since a 2011 “Dear Colleague” letter from the Obama administration’s Office of Civil Rights launched a vast expansion of the Title IX bureaucracy. This Nixon-era law originally focused on banning relics of the past, such as male-only vocational education, but later was expanded by federal bureaucrats to enforce gender equity in college athletics, leading to de facto quotas. Since then, it has accrued new powers not because new powers were conferred by an act of Congress, but because executive branch administrators decided to reinterpret this 43-year-old statute to advance their political agenda.

The result? A flurry of lawsuits, breakdown of due process, and hastily established campus tribunals to adjudicate allegations of sexual assault and other crimes traditionally handled by the criminal justice system. Undeterred by this unfolding disaster in higher education, the Department of Education, via a new “Dear Colleague” letter, is now warning K-12 public school administrators that their federal funding will be at risk if they don’t embark on a similar course.'

A.C.L.U., Citing Bias Against Women, Wants Inquiry Into Hollywood's Hiring Practices

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Grumblings that Hollywood is a man's world have percolated for decades and are borne out in grim figures: Women directed only 4 percent of top-grossing films over the last dozen years. Now this apparent truism is being challenged as a violation of civil rights.

On Tuesday the American Civil Liberties Union asked state and federal agencies to investigate the hiring practices of major Hollywood studios, networks and talent agencies for what the organization described as rampant and intentional gender discrimination in recruiting and hiring female directors.

"Women directors aren't working on an even playing field and aren't getting a fair opportunity to succeed," said Melissa Goodman, director of the L.G.B.T., Gender and Reproductive Justice Project at the A.C.L.U. of Southern California. "Gender discrimination is illegal. And, really, Hollywood doesn't get this free pass when it comes to civil rights and gender discrimination."'

Illiberal Feminism Is Running Amok

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When men disagree with illiberal feminists, a favored silencing tactic is to accuse them of “mansplaining.” The term grew out of a fairly brilliant 2008 essay by feminist writer Rebecca Solnit, who described the exquisitely annoying feeling of having a certain type of man condescendingly lecture a woman on a topic about which he knows very little—in this case Solnit’s own book. This is certainly a phenomenon I and millions of other women have experienced, and it can be maddening. But the illiberal feminists have forged the notion of “mansplaining” into a weapon to silence any man who expresses an opinion at odds with feminist orthodoxy.
...
Illiberal feminists turn simple ideological disagreements, whether about the federal budget or the Second Amendment or anything else, into excuses to engage in character assassination, dismissing their opponents as sexists. Conservatives are their favorite targets, but any dissident can land in their crosshairs.'

'False rape report could have "chilling effect" on victims coming forward'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two Salisbury men accused of rape and assault are now free after being cleared of those charges.

The woman that initially came forward claiming to have been raped apparently admitted to making up those allegations. She is facing a potential charge of “making a false statement to police” and could receive up to a $500 and/or prison time.

But the fear, is that the damage is already done.

“It’s hard enough for them to come in,” says Lieutenant Brian Swafford with the Fruitland Police Department. “They feel like they're going to be judged or not going to be believed or it's going to be their fault. Sometimes there will be a third party that lets us know and we reach out and try to get their end of the story a lot of times they're reluctant to tell us everything.”
...
“This is also a person crying out for help,” he says. “There’s a reason why a person does this, so another interest to the state is trying to get that person some assistance as well.”'

What causes Militant feminism?

ErikaLancastor · 13 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Androphobia

This is, in reality, what causes militant feminism. Androphobia, like its counter-illness, gynophobia, is a very real mental illness.

With militant feminism, we have a mental illness that is sanctioned by the federal government, perpetuated and exacerbated by the media and has its own organizations and even its own civil rights standards!

THIS is what militant feminism is, and that is ALL it is.

So now that we have identified the problem, what is the solution?

http://menshaven.wikifoundry.com/

Boys' baseball storage shed sparks bizarre Title IX complaint

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You'd best get out your hip waders, folks – we're about to wade through a steaming pile of government balderdash.

The controversy surrounds a storage shed built by the baseball booster club at Arbor View High School in Las Vegas. The youngsters needed a place to store their bats and balls and bases.

The boosters had wanted to build a clubhouse for the teenage ball players, but after months of delay they came up with an alternative plan.

One of the parents knew the owner of a company that made precast one-story buildings. The company offered to donate the manpower and materials to build the boys a shed.

Carl Pastrone, whose son is a pitcher and outfielder for the Arbor View Aggies, told me they pitched their plan to school administrators and were promptly given a green light. That was in 2014.

The storage shed was erected last September. Boosters installed doors and gave the shed a coat of paint – nothing elaborate.

"It cost the booster club zero," Carl told me.

And that was that – until a few months ago.

That's when officials with the Clark County School District showed up at the school and demanded that the storage shed be torn down. They said it violated Title IX.

Title IX states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."'

Student Who Banned Whites, Men From Diversity Event Insists: “I Can’t Be Racist Because I’m Not White”

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A student who banned white people and men from a students’ union equality event has insisted that she can’t be racist because she is an “ethnic minority woman”.

Publicity for event claimed that it aimed to be all about “challenge the white-centric culture of occupations”, “diversifying our curriculum” and building a “cross-campus campaign that puts liberation at the heart of the movement”.

But when Bahar Mustafa, Goldsmith University’s Students Union Welfare and Diversity officer, took to Facebook to invite people to the event, she insisted that it was for “BME Women and non-binary people” only, adding “if you’ve been invited and you’re a man and/or white PLEASE DON’T COME”.

Breitbart London reported at the time that Miss Mustafa had repeatedly confirmed that the event was segregated.

Her remarks quickly drew criticism from Goldsmiths students, who branded her comments “patronising” and “laughable”.

A senior member of the Students Union who wished to remain anonymous told The Tab “For Bahar to have the nerve to write this is patronising beyond belief.

“She (if that is her preferred gender pronoun) has made it very difficult for white cis males on campus who feel like they can’t say anything for fear of retribution. The irony that she (or they) think that they are diversifying the student community in the name of feminism and multiculturalism is laughable.”'

"Girls With Autism Fare Worse Than Boys, Study Finds"

Minuteman · 13 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

More feminisation of a men's and boy's health concern. Link here. Excerpt:

'While girls are far less likely than boys to be diagnosed with autism, girls with the developmental disorder show more impairments compared to their healthy female peers than comparable sets of boys do, new research suggests.

Scientists from the University of California Davis MIND Institute contend that girls with autism may suffer from greater social deficits than boys with the condition, which is characterized by problems with emotional and communication skills.

"Many of the studies looking for behavioral differences in autism have only compared boys and girls with autism and not to their typically developing counterparts," said study author Christine Wu Nordahl, an assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences.
...
About one in 68 American children is diagnosed with autism, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but boys are more than four times as likely to be affected.'

Parody: "The Oberlin College choir responds to the Christina Sommers controversy"

Matt · 14 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Parody song here. Because if you don't laugh, you'll cry.

The Horror: Jessica Valenti Terrorized on Subway by ‘Passively Sexist’ Twitter Feed

Mastodon · 14 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'If you take public transportation and use social media on a mobile device, beware of rubbernecking feminists.

Specifically, beware Guardian columnist Jessica Valenti. Some poor guy had the misfortune to be sitting next to her while checking his Twitter feed on the subway in New York yesterday. And just like that, average straphanger became “passive sexist.”

Valenti saw something, but she didn’t say something. At least not directly. She took to Twitter instead, like the truly courageous activists do.

The tweet brought her well-deserved Twitter scorn, with users calling it the “dumbest tweet of the year” and some recalling an earlier Valenti tweet in which she whined about “women on the subway” having no right to “privacy.”'

UK: TV Host Calls Out Audience for Laughing at Male Domestic Violence Victim

Mastodon · 14 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'During a recent episode of The Jeremy Kyle Show (essentially a British analogue to The Maury Show), the eponymous host had a guest on named Geoff to discuss his relationship with his violent pregnant ex-girlfriend, and to see whether he was the father of the baby. (We told you it was kind of like Maury.)

Geoff described in great detail an episode where he'd been locked in his apartment by the ex, and the only way to escape was to jump off a third-story balcony, prompting the audience to burst into giggles.

"It's not funny though is it?" Kyle said quickly, hushing the audience. "I don't want to upset anyone in the audience, because I completely appreciate the fact that you're here, but I'll tell you why I don't think you should laugh: if a woman was sat here and a bloke had locked her in a flat and she'd been forced to jump out, you lot would not be laughing. You would be saying 'He is a total nightmare, he should be locked up and this is disgraceful.' But somehow it's happened to a bloke — it is not funny."

The chastised audience quickly reversed course and applauded Kyle's statement.

Brit Shalom ceremonies – resources

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Listing here. Excerpt:

'This page includes a huge array of information about Jewish circumcision (brit milah), and its modern alternative, brit shalom.

It is a vast subject, and tends to provoke strong emotional reactions on both sides of the argument. While I am a deeply committed Jew, and active in the Jewish community as a prayer leader, teacher, cantor and celebrant, I oppose circumcision on anything other than urgent medical grounds, whether for an infant or an adult. I oppose brit milah as a practice, as well as circumcision of an adult male at the time of conversion to Judaism. Neither is necessary according to even the most stringent halachah (Jewish law), even though many Jews insist upon it. I profoundly support the practice of brit shalom – naming and welcoming infants into their Jewish life and people through a ceremony that does not include cutting anything or drawing any blood.'

Three Recent Lawsuits Challenge the ‘Rape Crisis’ Storyline

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yes, there are victims of America’s alleged college “rape crisis.” There are the women who are actually raped — who experience among the worst of crimes and live with the psychological and sometimes physical consequences for the rest of their lives. But there are also other victims, people whose lives are ruined by false accusations, with reputations destroyed in the quest to prove a larger narrative — that America’s college campuses are uniquely dangerous places for American women.

Three recently filed lawsuits show the other side of the “rape crisis,” how the media glosses over ambiguity to advance an agenda, creating heroes out of potential liars and villains out of the possibly innocent. I say “potential” and “possible” because in the real world, ambiguity is common and clarity is rare. But its difficult to create a crisis out of confusion, so agenda-driven “journalists” manufacture clarity, no matter the cost.

The three most prominent campus rape stories of the past year — Columbia University’s “mattress” protest, the Rolling Stone hoax, and former Florida State University quarterback Jameis Winston’s alleged assault — are now the subject of three unusual lawsuits. Each lawsuit directly challenges rape narratives that the plaintiffs claim were deeply harmful to their reputations, finances, and emotional well-being.'

Councilwoman’s ‘white men’ comment offends some followers

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A public Facebook post from Leesburg Town Council member Kelly Burk implying white men shouldn't serve on the town's new Diversity Commission is stirring both anger and debate on social media.

Town Council on Tuesday night appointed seven members to the newly created Diversity Commission, this despite council member's Tom Dunn abstention from the vote to finalize the membership.

On Wednesday, Burk, the nonpartisan council's vice chair, wrote: “Last Night at the Leesburg Town Council meeting, the council nominated their appointees for the newly formed Diversity Commission. I have no doubt that each nominee will be an important member of the commission but I did find it somewhat ironic that two Republicans council members appointed white men to the diversity council.”

Ex-boyfriend, stabbed 13 times, urges others to seek domestic violence help

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Like many domestic violence victims, Keith Peterson put off getting help, over and over again.

That all changed after he found himself lying in a Fargo hospital bed last July, covered in gashes and stitches from 13 stab wounds suffered in a knife attack at the hands of his then-girlfriend Carly Ann Lacey at a Minnesota campsite.

The 10-month road to help hasn't been easy.

"I lost everything," said Peterson, including his health, his job, his home and his relationship with Lacey, whom he almost married several months before the slashing. "But I've gained so much more. I got everything back."

Why Some Male Members of Congress Won’t Be Alone with Female Staffers

Mastodon · 15 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's no secret that Congress is dominated by men, but as women work to make inroads in the congressional boys club, some female staffers face a huge impediment to moving up: They're not allowed to spend one-on-one time with their male bosses.

In an anonymous survey of female staffers conducted by National Journal in order to gather information on the difficulties they face in a male-dominated industry, several female aides reported that they have been barred from staffing their male bosses at evening events, driving alone with their congressman or senator, or even sitting down one-on-one in his office for fear that others would get the wrong impression.

...

Male staffers said they'd also seen some female aides barred from solo meetings with the boss, and that they benefited in some instances from the exclusion of their female colleagues in high-level meetings, at receptions with major Washington powerbrokers, and just in earning a little more face time with their bosses.

For these women, the lack of access has meant an additional hurdle in their attempts to do their jobs, much less further their own careers. And in many instances, it forced them to seek employment in other congressional offices.'

University: more ‘secure’ men will eradicate campus sexual assault

Mastodon · 16 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What can men at Troy University do to help stop sexual violence? According to a university pamphlet, simply be secure in themselves.

A pamphlet on sexual violence at Troy—obtained by Campus Reform—lists seven things students can do to “stop sexual violence,” including, “be secure.”

“Secure men are sensitive to others,” the pamphlet reads. “Explore your own insecurities & live your life in a way that is non-threatening to women.”
...
“The pamphlet insinuates that because men have insecurities, they are more at risk to be sexual predators,” Courtney Brown, a junior global business major at Troy, told Campus Reform. “A lot of people have insecurities—it doesn’t mean they’re going to be a rapist.”
...
Samantha Harris, director of policy research at FIRE, called Troy’s harassment policy “pretty clearly unconstitutional” as “it essentially says that if you are discussing any number of controversial issues related to race, religion, etc., you have committed harassment under this policy if another person subjectively finds your speech offensive.”'

Police: Wife Kills Man Hours After He Gets Restraining Order Against Her

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police say a Pennsylvania woman fatally shot her husband hours after he got a restraining order from her.

Allegheny County police say 55-year-old Patricia Katchur shot her husband after returning to their home Wednesday evening. They say she had been living with her sister since the couple fought Saturday, and she had returned to get some belongings earlier Wednesday.

McKeesport police allowed her into the home after 52-year-old Christopher Katchur refused. After she left with her belongings, police advised him to get a protection-from-abuse order.

Police say Patricia Katchur returned to the home by removing a window air conditioner and fell asleep there. Police say her husband returned and woke her up, and she shot him as they walked onto the front porch.'

‘Transgender’ Director on Hollywood Sexism: ‘Sue the Motherf*ckers’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"I remember three or four years ago being interviewed and saying, ‘Men aren’t doing this on purpose. It’s not their fault. Nobody’s trying to keep women down.’ But something I’ve recognized over the past few years is, I’ve really begun to listen to conversations about implicit bias and privilege.

It very simply makes the world easier for white cis [cisgender, a non-Trans individual] males to have entertainment written by white cis males, where white cis males are the protagonists and the world revolves around them. That’s privilege. Writing is propaganda for the self."
...
“Let’s sue Hollywood! Sue the motherf*ckers. Sue all of them! It’s been a big week–women speaking up and holding hands,” she said in reference to an announcement that the ACLU has launched an investigation to target gender discrimination in Hollywood.

“Yes...things are changing,” she added.

Furthermore, Soloway believes in affirmative action, a formula is very simple to her:

"That white cis male gaze, they’re like a lifeguard chair, they’re in like a watch tower, way up high naming things and they’re not gonna give up those look-out spots easily. In fact, most of the time they won’t even cop to the fact that they have that privilege.

Instead of waiting for the industry to change or waiting for the guys to change, let’s storm the gates, grab hands with each other, run like Red Rover to those lifeguard chairs, snarl at the bases of those watch towers like starving beast-dogs, boost each other up those f*cking things and tear those motherf*ckers down, like vile lady-dogs."'

University looking to change student judicial process

Mastodon · 17 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Students at the University of Tennessee could soon see a new kind of punishment.

In 2013, a team of people from UT and other institutions reviewed the Office of Student Judicial Affairs and the punishment process.
...
The team made 39 recommendations at the conclusion of the review, and 35 of those are up for approval for the 2015-2016 school year.

"I think that when, decades ago, when student codes of conduct were developed, they were really modeled after the legalistic or the criminal process that's used," Carilli said. "Clearly, from an educational perspective, that's not the way to involve education or infuse education into the process."

Moving forward, Carilli said the university is looking to adopt an educational or developmental judicial process so students can better learn from their mistakes, as opposed to simply receiving a punitive punishment.

"Our goal is to make sure that students learn from the process, and if they learn from the process, that they won't make the same mistakes twice," he said.'

UK's Prince Harry calls for return of national service

Minuteman · 18 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Harry, 30, fifth in line to the throne, told The Sunday Times that his 10-year career in the British Army had done "amazing things" for him.

"Bring back national service," Harry said.

"I dread to think where I'd be without the army...And more importantly to me, what I've seen the army do to other young guys."
...
Harry is due to quit the army next month, having said earlier in the year that he is at a crossroads in life and explaining that taking on more royal duties he would not have the time to focus on his army job.
...
He was speaking to the newspaper in New Zealand, where he has spent the last week on a tour, after previously completing a month-long secondment to the Australian Defence Force.
...
Under Britain's unwritten constitution, the royal family is supposed to remain above politics, and Queen Elizabeth has kept her opinions to herself during her 63-year reign.

Harry is planning to spend three months this summer in southern Africa, pursuing his interests in wildlife and conservation.'

UK: School bans girls from wearing skirts to stop male teachers from 'feeling uncomfortable'

Minuteman · 18 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Headteacher Sarah Pashley says all pupils will now be expected to wear approved trousers bearing the school logo bought from designated suppliers.

...

Ms Pashley said: “We have a very simple school uniform, which we enforce strictly.

“On one occasion when a male member of staff challenged a female student on her skirt length, she retorted, ‘You shouldn’t be looking at my legs’.

“The male member of staff was understandably uncomfortable with this and reported it to me immediately. Male staff asked me to share this incident with the governing body when uniform was reviewed.”

...

Another parent claimed that female staff at the school fail to set a good example. She said: “Some female staff wear high heels, short skirts and low-cut blouses.

Are they going to be wearing trousers?”

...

Some parents even claim that preventing girls wearing skirts is a breach of their human rights.

...

Campaign for Real Education chairman Chris McGovern backed the parents saying: “This is a daft and unfair decision that discriminates against girls.'

Jane Crow To 1940 Movies

Robber748 · 18 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Essays here. Excerpt from the third installment:

'A great deal of women's self-indulgence is based on their victimization. Women gain much power by being victims. Feminism insists that women are always victims, in every endeavor, and that men are always the victimizers and are never victims themselves.

The fear of black men raping white women has long been an impetus for the subjugation of blacks in America. For example, feminist Rebecca Felton said in 1897, "If it requires lynching to protect woman's dearest possession from ravening, drunken human beasts, then I say lynch a thousand negroes a week...." This fear was instrumental in leading to riots, the take-over of governments by whites after Reconstruction, and Jim Crow. There seems to be a similar rape crisis in America today, in which feminists are greatly exaggerating the danger of rape and sexual assault to all women by all men. This rape fear-mongering and other exaggerations and outright lies, just like Jim Crow, are also leading to unjust legislation and practices today. For example, people scoffed when Oberlin College initiated oppressive dating rules for men a few years ago, but those "affirmative consent" rules are now the law in California universities. The Department of Education has demanded that colleges end much due process for male students accused of sexual misconduct, or the colleges risk losing federal funding. Denial of the large number of false rape accusations leads to punishment of innocent men. Many women are demanding that all fraternities close. Sexual harassment rules have made traditional male sexual behavior in the workplace very risky. The Nordic Model makes prostitution illegal, but only for the buyer, i.e., men. The Tender Years Doctrine almost always gives custody of children to mothers. The Duluth Model and policies that demand that police arrest the bigger, stronger person in a domestic dispute, almost always make men guilty of domestic violence. These all point to feminists using an exaggerated fear of rape and other exaggerations to initiate a system of "Jane Crow" against American men. Of course, it is not likely to be anywhere as serious and oppressive as Jim Crow, but it certainly deserves our attention and condemnation.'

Woman pleads guilty to raping man while he slept, gets 9 months in jail

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Story here. Excerpt:

"Chantae Marie Gilman a West Seattle, Washington mother of three has pled guilty to breaking into a man's apartment and raping him whilst he slept.

As part of her plea deal, Chantae Gilman will be required to serve nine months jail, serve a two year probation as well as register as a sex offender.

Originally charged with second degree rape, charges against the woman for reasons not necessarily understood were amended leading to a reduced criminal count.

At the time of the June 2013 rape, her victim a 31 year old man testified that he 'recognized Gilman as a drug user in the area' and had woken up to find her on top of him, pinning his hands down over his hands.

According to court papers the victim demanded his attacker get off him but she refused telling him 'to be quiet.'"

Samantha Power and the analogy from hell

Mastodon · 18 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Samantha Power, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations has tweeted the following:

"From a wmn carrying a mattress on her campus to Afghanistan's Wmn's Nat Cycling Team, reaching true equality req showing change is possible."

The woman with a mattress is, as Katie Pavlich explains, a reference to Emma Sulkowicz. She is the Columbia University student who carried a mattress around the campus as part of her "carry that weight campaign." Her goal was to show how heavy the burden of rape is on a woman. Sulkowicz said she had been raped and would follow her rapist with the mattress until he was brought to justice.

But from all that appears, Sulkowicz wasn't raped:

"Paul Nungesser, the Columbia University student accused of raping fellow student Emma Sulkowicz, is now suing the university for doing nothing to stop Sulkowicz's harassment campaign against him, which he claims "effectively destroyed" his college experience, reputation, and future career prospects.

His lawsuit contains a wealth of new information about the contested sexual assault, including dozens of messages establishing Sulkowicz's sexual "yearning" for Nungesser, which she sent to him both before and after the alleged incident."

Power's analogy is therefore completely out of line. ...'

Japan: Bar Coasters Drawing the Connection Between Drinking and Domestic Violence

Mastodon · 18 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'As the video above shows, images on these “Violent Coasters” were created with a special thermochemical ink. When patrons set their ice-filled drinks down on one of the squares, the cold temperature of the glass causes the picture of a woman to transform, with cuts and bruises appearing on her face.

Accompanying the image are the words, “Don’t let excessive drinking end in domestic violence.” That will be a welcome message to the roughly 33 percent of women and 17 percent of men in Japan who have experienced some kind of domestic violence, according to a 2006 survey from Japan’s Gender Equality Bureau.

Whether drink coasters in a bar are effective in addressing such a serious and significant problem remains to be seen. But the guys in the video certainly seem shocked by the coasters’ change, so let’s hope these coasters spark conversations that raise awareness and change behavior.'

Student Graduates While Carrying Mattress

Mastodon · 19 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Emma Sulkowicz, the Columbia University student who carried a mattress around the school all year to raise awareness of campus sexual assault, attended her college graduation ceremony on Tuesday while carrying the mattress.

Ms. Sulkowicz, who graduated magna cum laude, brought her mattress with her as she walked across the stage in the processional, to cheers from audience members. Multiple friends helped her carry the mattress as she walked across the stage.

On Tuesday, she brought it with her to her graduation ceremony, and walked with it during the processional. Four fellow female graduates helped her carry the mattress as she walked across the stage to cheers from the audience.'

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand And 'House Of Cards' Creator Beau Willimon Debunk The Biggest Myths About Rape

Mastodon · 20 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Descriptive excerpt:

'The important conversation about the realities of sexual assault in America hit the stage this year with "SLUT: The Play," which follows the tale of a 16-year-old girl who is raped by three friends. The play lands in Washington, D.C., on May 19, and two of its biggest supporters -- Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) and "House of Cards" creator Beau Willimon -- talked with HuffPost Live on Monday about the necessity of tackling the rape taboo.

During a conversation with host Caroline Modarressy-Tehrani, Gillibrand and Willimon responded to a viewer question about society's biggest misconceptions about sexual assault and how to shift the paradigm that often mischaracterizes rape as "a college prank or boys being boys."

Campus Sexual Assault: More Awareness Hasn't Solved Root Issues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Accused parties, too, have begun fighting back. Several students who had been accused of sexual assault this year have filed lawsuits against their colleges and universities over what they say are flawed investigations and a failure of the schools to protect their rights. Paul Nungesser, who was accused of raping fellow Columbia University student Emma Sulkowicz and later found not responsible, last month filed a federal discrimination lawsuit against the university, claiming his Title IX rights were violated. Drew Sterrett, a former University of Michigan student, last May also sued his school, saying he was denied due process during the sexual assault investigation. And Kevin Parisi, a student at Drew University, filed a lawsuit against the university in which he alleges that the school's investigation hurt his academic career, although he was not found responsible for the alleged assault.

A group of Harvard professors also came to the defense of those accused of committing sexual assault when the university changed its policies last July to create an office dedicated to processing sexual assault complaints and to change the definition of sexual harassment, among other things. More than two dozen law professors said in a letter that, while they support protecting students, the policy "will do more harm than good" and is "overwhelmingly stacked against the accused."'

Meet the mothers who think they deserve a 'wife bonus'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Women are notoriously bad at asking for bonuses. Which is why I did my homework and created - as BusinessInsider.com suggested - a "master plan".

I waited "the appropriate amount of time" (in my case, five years), made sure the big boss was in a good mood and took him out to lunch ("somewhere intimate, where there will be no interruptions"). I eschewed any usage of the word "need" (stinking, as it does, of desperation) in my pitch - which was "backed up with reports, charts and documentation of my positive performance" - and I tried to "remain respectful" as he stared slack-jawed back at me, before throwing his head back and roaring with laughter.

Asking my own husband for a bonus simply for being his wife was never going to be anything less than preposterous. Yet according to the author of Primates of Park Avenue, this is what a glittering tribe of crispy-haired Upper East Side Manhattan wives do every year - depending, of course, on how well they have managed the domestic budget, socialised, upheld a variety-filled performance in the bedroom and succeeded in getting the kids into a "Big Ten" university.'

UK: Pensioner cleared of 'false memory' farm rape claims

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'A pensioner has been cleared of raping a girl on a farm 40 years after a jury were told the alleged victim may have been affected by false memory syndrome.

Roger Mennell, aged 67, has never been in trouble in his life but has spent two years fighting the allegations which the woman made during psychotherapy sessions.

She alleged he had raped and sexually assaulted her while visiting her family at a farm near Tiverton in the 1970s when she was seven or eight.

She told Exeter Crown Court how Mennell had used a knife to stab, cut open and kill a farm cat as a means of terrifying her into silence. She allegedly he said he would do the same to her family if she revealed his abuse.

If You're Tired Of Rape Hoaxes, These Posters Are For You

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Emma Sulkowicz. Lena Dunham. UVA's "Jackie." These days you can't turn around without running into somebody who's making a false claim of rape to get attention. And our moral, ethical, and intellectual betters applaud them. The truth doesn't matter. The lives of the falsely accused don't matter. Only the agenda matters.

If you're as sick of these liars as I am, this will be a welcome sight:'

Also see: 'Mattress Girl' Is a Perfect Icon for the Feminist Left

Statement from family of Columbia student accused by mattress girl

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The family of Paul Nungesser, the student who was accused of rape by mattress-toting Columbia University student Emma Sulkowicz, have released a statement about their son's graduation, calling their experience with the university "deeply humiliating."

"Our son's graduation should have been a joyous moment for our whole family. We are extremely proud of Paul for graduating, even more so because of the harassment campaign he was subjected to. For over two years, he had to fight false accusations and a public witch-hunt, even though Columbia and the NYPD exonerated him," Karin Nungesser and Andreas Probosch wrote in a statement provided to the Washington Examiner.

Nungesser's parents blasted Columbia for continuing to allow Sulkowicz to harass their son, as evidenced by her graduation stunt of carrying the mattress across stage and displaying drawings of their son at a public art exhibit the week before.'

Prosecutors reject charges in high school sexual assault case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Police and prosecutors declined to provide details about the case because it involved both juveniles and allegations of sex crimes. Legal experts acknowledged the difficulty in prosecuting those types of cases, but said the LAPD may have moved too quickly.

“This is a very embarrassing episode for the investigators,” said Dmitry Gorin, a defense attorney who once prosecuted sex crimes. “In high-profile cases like this, it is best for the police to coordinate with prosecutors and get them to review the allegations before making any arrests.”

LAPD Cmdr. Andrew Smith said the department “stands by our decision to make arrests based on the information we had and circumstances at that time.”'

“Rape Culture” and the Implications for Liberty on College Campuses

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'College campuses are placing a stronger emphasis on reducing sexual assault. Unfortunately, universities and colleges often adopt heavy-handed policies to punish alleged offenders based on abstractions or simplistic understandings of college student attitudes and behavior. One of the more problematic over generalizations is the concept of the “rape culture” and the pervasive use of the term interferes with our understanding of the nature of campus sexual assault and identifying practical solutions that are more consistent with individual liberty.

“Rape culture” posits that our colleges and universities are dens for sexual predators that promote violence against women and, more importantly, is institutionally supported. Since the problem is cultural, rather than individual, the solution is institutional–categorical policies that provide little room for context or individual circumstance. Also, because the problem is systemic, extraordinary means can be justified to bring it under control, including abrogating due process, tilting adjudication in favor of the accuser rather than the accused, and implementing draconian measures despite a lack of evidence to support the allegations. Emily Yoffe at Slate.com does a nice job of laying out these dangers as does Christina Hoff Sommers of the American Enterprise Institute.

But what if a rape culture doesn’t exist?'

NPO: OCSE Commissioner to Report Sexism Concerns to Massachusetts Child Support Agency

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two years ago, the National Parents Organization's Ned Holstein reported the shocking news that, in Massachusetts, non-custodial fathers who are behind on their child support payments are eight times as likely to be sent to jail as non-custodial mothers in arrears. That information came to NPO courtesy of the yeoman work of Terry Brennan who dogged the sheriff's departments of all Bay State counties for their data on child support enforcement. The results were astonishing: between 95% and 98.5% of those incarcerated in every county were fathers.

U.S. Census Bureau figures on child support payment demonstrate that mothers with child support arrears are incarcerated at approximately one-eighth of the rate that would be justified by their numbers if fathers and mothers in arrears were treated equally. Mothers in arrears are incarcerated at lower rates even though they have higher rates of incomplete payment, pay a smaller percentage of their child support order, and have larger arrears than fathers. In the absence of other explanations, these data suggest that gender bias against fathers plays a large role in family court-ordered incarcerations.'

"Celebrating Brit Shalom" released

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'Notim Press is pleased to announce the publication of Celebrating Brit Shalom, the first book written specifically for Jewish families opting out of circumcision. The book includes a choice of three bris-without-circumcision ceremonies, designed to be either family-led or rabbi-led. It also features sheet music to four original songs written to accompany the ceremonies (recorded versions available separately). The volume is already receiving praise from rabbis and other Jewish thinkers.

"Without asking anyone's permission, [Lisa] Braver Moss and [Rebecca] Wald have crafted a beautiful series of alternative welcoming ceremonies that are in deep conversation with the Jewish tradition. The fact that Celebrating Brit Shalom exists is a testament to both the ingenuity of its creators and the vitality of the Jewish tradition," says Tikkun Magazine.

Rabbi Irwin Kula, President of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, has endorsed the book and says, "Celebrating Brit Shalom will help thousands of people and no doubt open up new conversations of heart, mind and spirit."'

SAVE: High-Profile Lawsuits Reveal Problem of False Allegations of Sexual Assault

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'Recent lawsuits arising from alleged incidents of campus sexual assault are renewing long-standing concerns about the problem of false accusations. In recent weeks, three high-profile lawsuits have been filed involving students or administrators at major universities.

In late April, student Paul Nungesser charged in a lawsuit that Columbia University collaborated in a campaign of harassment against him when accuser Emma Sulkowicz launched her nationally publicized “mattress” campaign, even though the Columbia U. disciplinary committee found no wrong-doing and local police declined to pursue the case.

On May 8, former Florida State University student Jameis Winston filed a lawsuit against accuser Erica Kinsman, saying her allegations of sexual assault were “false, defamatory … and have maliciously and impermissibly interfered with Mr. Winston’s business and personal relationships.” Winston had been cleared of the assault charges in three separate investigations.'

As Another Accusation Bites the Dust, Columbia Rape Saga Takes New Turn

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'This week's graduation at Columbia University caps the bizarre, often sordid saga involving the two most famous members of the Class of 2015: Emma Sulkowicz, the activist who protested the school's alleged mishandling of her alleged rape by carrying a mattress around campus, and Jean-Paul Nungesser, the German scholarship student she accuses of raping her. On Tuesday, Sulkowicz carried her mattress across the stage at Class Day, despite half-hearted attempts by Columbia officials to enforce a regulation against bringing "large objects" into the ceremonial area—and despite the fact that the "mattress performance" was for a senior visual arts thesis she had already completed. Her activism was also lauded (with no mention of her name) by two commencement speakers, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and United Nations Ambassador Samantha Power.

This isn't quite the end of the story: Nungesser is suingColumbia, university president Lee Bollinger, and Sulkowicz's thesis supervisor for allowing him to be subjected to "gender-based harassment" which severely damaged his educational experience and future prospects, even though a campus panel found him not culpable on the sexual assault charge. Meanwhile, there is new information related to one of this story's many strange twists: another sexual assault complaint brought against Nungesser late last year by a male classmate. The charge was made public in February, on the heels of my article in The Daily Beast questioning the pro-Sulkowicz narrative.

Now, I have learned that after a hearing in late April, Nungesser was found "not responsible" in this latest case—altogether, the fourth time he has been cleared of a sexual assault charge at Columbia. When Sulkowicz first went public a year ago, the fact that her alleged attacker was still on campus and had never been subjected to any formal sanctions despite being accused of sexual assault by three different women helped fuel the outrage. Yet the latest investigation strongly supports Nungesser's claim, made in media interviews and in his lawsuit, that the multiple complaints were not independent of each other and may have been part of a vendetta stemming from the original charge by Sulkowicz.'

Ohio NPO Volunteers: Get Ready for Battle

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'There's a storm forming on the Ohio horizon. Two pieces of legislation will be introduced soon that directly affect child support. You will need to help us kill the bad parts of these bills. Both will be recycled versions of earlier bills that National Parents Organization helped kill in previous years. We were kindly notified of these bills by the Ohio Child Support Directors Association because they are aware of our record of activism.

The first bill will almost certainly be passed in some form, because federal law requires parts of it. So we must unite to eliminate other parts of the bill that are not mandated. It would shorten the time period for the alleged father to object to an administrative determination of paternity from 30 days to 14 days. Worse, it would start the clock with the issuance of the order, not the receipt of it, or even the date of mailing.

There have been cases in which an order of paternity was issued, the clerk didn't get around to mailing it for several days, the post office was slowed down by Christmas mail, and "dad" happened to be away for a few days when it did arrive. If this bill would pass, even if a DNA test would show that "dad" is not the real dad, he would be too late to contest the order by the time he even saw it for the first time, and would be on the hook for child support for at least 18 years.'

University defends policies on sexual assault allegations, seeks lawsuit's dismissal

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'Washington and Lee University urged a federal judge in Lynchburg on Friday to toss out a lawsuit filed by a student who was expelled last year on grounds of sexual misconduct.

The student, referred to only as John Doe in court, is claiming the school's disciplinary process violated federal law by discriminating against him because he's male.

His lawsuit also argues he was deprived of due process and claims the decision against him was influenced by the now-discredited Rolling Stone article on an alleged assault at the University of Virginia. The article came out one day before the student's hearing at W&L.

W&L maintained its process was reasonable. The process is sensitive to students who file complaints of sexual assault, it argued, but that alone is not gender bias.

"It's not a question of gender," said W&L attorney R. Craig Wood, adding federal guidelines direct colleges to show sensitivity to victims and that would hold true regardless of their gender.

"The complainant's real disagreement here is with federal policy," he said.

"The best way to eliminate the gender pay gap? Ban salary negotiations"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ellen Pao, interim chief executive of Reddit, announced last month a ban on salary negotiations at the social media company. Her stated goal: to eliminate the persistent disadvantage that women have at the bargaining table.

Her pronouncement came just days after Pao lost a high-profile sex-discrimination lawsuit against one of Silicon Valley's biggest venture-capital firms. Since then, she has insisted that companies "can't just hide" from sexism in their workplaces and must be proactive in counteracting discrimination. Still, while it is true thatwomen earn about 78 cents, on average, for every dollar a man makes for comparable work, Pao's no-negotiating policy has struck many as absurd.'

"I'll only invest in startups with female founders"

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'No women, no deal.

That's the vow that angel investor and entrepreneur Jonathan Sposato has taken.

Sposato, who is based in Seattle, made a bold claim: He will only back businesses that have at least one woman on the founding team.

"I am no longer going to invest unless you have at least one female founder," Sposato told CNNMoney. "I won't say yes."
...
Spasato sees nearly 100 startups per year looking for funding -- and the vast majority don't have any female founders.

"There is a marked difference in the traction companies get depending on the gender of its founders," Sposato said.

Male entrepreneurs can help change that.

"We have to change the balance of how people think about starting companies," he said.'

"When men behave badly"

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'Men are idiots. They have a much higher idiot factor than women do, especially when young. This fundamental difference between the sexes will never be eradicated no matter how hard we try. (Although try we must.)
...
From an evolutionary standpoint, this makes sense. Men are far more dispensable than women. What does it matter if some of them get trampled by mastodons, race their cars off cliffs or club each other to death when they feel their manhood is insulted? The gene pool is better off without them.

The same thing is true today. What's changed is the wider set of skills and aptitudes – such as self-control, a high degree of socialization, rule-following and respect for women – that men now need for survival in the modern world. No man today could possibly be stupid enough to believe that he can actually get away with harassing women at work – or with shouting obscenities to female TV reporters on the street as the camera is rolling – or with crude sexual comments at a mixed company event. These poor saps might as well hurl their careers down an elevator shaft.'

Girls beating boys in academics: Guy thing or failing system?

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'Several theories attempt to explain why boys and girls have markedly different educational outcomes:

• Because the academic gap exists across ages, societies and races, researchers suggest intellectual maturity and normal child development favor females. The gap is widest at the middle-school level.

• Physiology plays a role. Adolescence can disrupt education as boys and girls develop. The age of puberty is when teachers begin to see the differences.

• Behavior is big. Boys are 2½ times more likely to be suspended and nearly three times more likely to be expelled, according to Ohio Department of Education data. They also drop out of school more often.

• Girls might think differently. Educators say they are less oppositional and deeper thinkers.

• Society could be to blame. Boys are encouraged to be aggressive, which would explain the defiant behavior and the dominance in high-paying corporate positions. Stereotypical gender roles drive boys to competitive sports and girls to reading and writing — two subjects in which they dominate boys.

• The last reason is more nuanced. Is it possible that test results aren't a reflection of academic potential, but instead suggest that the education system is failing boys?'

"White men are the problem" prof still has job even after confession of criminal impersonation on dating site

Matt · 23 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Think a man would still have a job by now if the sexes/ethnicities were reversed? Not a chance. Excerpt:

"The controversial Boston University professor who said white men were 'the problem' for America's colleges and told a rape victim to 'go cry somewhere' also set up a fake account on an adult dating site depicting another woman, it has been revealed.

Saida Grundy, who has been under intense scrutiny following a string of controversial comments on social media, set up the profile on Fling.com, which is used for casual sex, because she was 'jealous' of the victim.

The black sociology professor, who will start her role at the university on July 1, set up the page pretending to be a woman who was dating one of her ex-boyfriends.

In December 2007, while studying at the University of Michigan, she stole photos of the woman from the man's email account and then posted them online.

The victim from Charlotte, North Carolina, discovered the account in June, 2008, and called police in Ann Arbor, Boston.com reported.

As a result, Grundy was charged with felony counts of identity theft and using computers to commit a crime.

She was also charged with a misdemeanor count of malicious use of a telecommunications service.

In the end she struck a deal with prosecutors and pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor in exchange for the felony charges being dropped.

In a statement to the site, she said: 'When this incident occurred I was 24, and exercised the poor judgment of a heartbroken 24 year old.

'I took accountability then as I do now. I hold true to the lessons learned, and my life has since moved on.'"

"Ironic Misandry Claims Its First Victim"

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'Last month student union leaders at Goldsmiths, University of London, organized a meeting for minority students to chat about their stake in the student protests being staged at schools across London over the high cost of tuition. Bahar Mustafa had just been re-elected to her post as welfare and diversity officer for Goldsmiths' student union, and she eagerly recruited her Facebook friends to help spread the word. Oh, and "if you're a man and/or white PLEASE DON'T COME," she wrote in a note. "Don't worry lads we will give you and allies things to do."

Instead, one Goldsmiths lad screengrabbed the post and published it on a student news site. Mustafa has "made it very difficult for cis white males on campus," an anonymous member of the demo complained to the paper. Soon, local tabloids had scooped up the story,delighted by the irony of a "diversity officer" banning students by race. While some members of the Goldsmiths student union pledged their support of Mustafa, an anonymous faction of students filed a petition with the union early this month calling for a vote of "no confidence" in her.
They alleged that Mustafa had repeatedly posted hashtags like #Misandry and #KillAllWhiteMen to her personal Twitter account. This constituted "hate speech based on race and gender," they argued. Some students felt "intimidated" and "silenced" by her tone.'

Lawyer: Campus rape 'hell' for all

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'Nacht has seen how the system can seriously harm the reputation and future of some students—especially male students. When universities investigate reported sexual misconduct, due process is often thrown out for the accused. That's leading a lot of male students and their families to seek legal help when a complaint is filed. While Nacht also represents women in campus incidents, he says at any given time, he's got six male clients.

When relationships go south, those disagreements are now starting to include lawyers and even police.

Nacht related a recent case that illustrates the problem. A couple at UM had been together for three years, and in the course of one weekend, they had consensual sex three times. But after they attended a party, the woman decided she wanted to break up with him. She didn't inform him of this and went back with him to his dorm room that night, where some sexual activity took place. They both had been drinking.

The young woman later contended this last sexual encounter was rape. In addition to being investigated by the university, the young man faced criminal charges. In the end, he was cleared of any wrongdoing, but he needed the expensive help of a lawyer.

"That is, in my mind, the most extreme example I have seen of the system going out of control in terms of pursuing cases," Nacht says.'

State representative aims to investigate how campus rape is handled

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'State Rep. Earl Ehrhart (R-Powder Springs) is the chairman of the subcommittee that oversees appropriations for public universities. Ehrhart said he read a report in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that described a “secret process for judging sexual misconduct allegations,” which troubled him because it outlined what he considers a violation of the right to due process as its laid out by the Fifth Amendment.

“If somebody commits a crime, that’s the purview of trained professional jurists, district attorneys (and) law enforcement. The universities absolutely don’t need to be in that business, so I want to make sure that they’re not,” Ehrhart said. “They don’t need a secondary system of justice on university campuses. That’s the issue.”

He said even if a person is accused of a heinous crime, they should still be considered “innocent until proven guilty” and be granted their right to due process.

“It might be convenient to lock up everybody accused of murder really quickly without any due process, but can you imagine the screams and cries if we did?” Ehrhart said. “We have a system of juris prudence in this country for a reason, and universities don’t need to be involved in star chamber proceedings without due process on a criminal offense.”

A Star Chamber is typically a legal proceeding done in secret or otherwise out of the public eye, according to Tom Charron, administrator for the Cobb Superior Court.'

Woman who helped launch the current uproar over sexism in tech is sorry

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'In 2013, Elissa Shevinsky wrote an article titled "That's it, I'm finished defending sexism in tech." The article was based on her concerns that a major tech expo would open with a presentation with an app called "Titstare," which, as the name implied, allowed users to take photos of themselves staring at women's breasts.
...
Because of the movement she helped create, Shevinsky has been described as a "social justice warrior" — a usually derogatory term applied to those who engage in hostile arguments in the name of righting a perceived social injustice.

Shevinsky is now sorry for whatever role she played in creating all of this outrage and silliness. She's sorry, she writes in her new book, Lean Out, and she adds that her initial position was "flawed."

"I'm glad to come out in 'Lean Out' and say that my original essay — the one that has been the foundation for people assuming that I am [a social justice warrior] — was deeply flawed," Shevinsky told the Washington Examiner. "I do see sexism and gender issues, a culture war, in Silicon Valley, but the knee-jerk responses (recruit more women! attack the men!) are not the answer."'

Feminist Enemy Number One

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'Lately, there's a lot of talk among feminists about the need to keep women safe. The rape culture is allegedly inescapable, and trigger warnings are appended to college syllabi to protect sensitive souls from reminders of any past cause of pain, from "neuro-atypical shaming" to mention of "how much a person weighs." But it turns out that if you dare to debunk feminist myths, you're the one that really needs protection.

For years now, Christina Hoff Sommers, author of *Who Stole Feminism?* and *The War Against Boys*, has been promoting what she calls, in the title of her latest book, *Freedom Feminism*. This view, she writes, "stands for the moral, social, and legal equality of the sexes," but also for women's freedom—including the freedom to embrace traditional femininity. "Efforts to obliterate gender roles can be just as intolerant as the efforts to maintain them," she writes, and "theories of universal patriarchal oppression or the inherent evils of capitalism are not in [freedom feminism's] founding tablets." Above all, Sommers's approach is moored in reality, not utopian notions of social justice.

Sommers's efforts to spread her gospel have annoyed many academic feminists for years, but recently the response to her has gone from confrontational to hostile. "I have never stopped going to campuses, and I've been going to law schools. But I have rarely faced protests," she tells The Weekly Standard. "I used to face vigorous debate, and the young women would come ready to argue—and that was fine, that's what I was there for. But this is different, and it only started happening this year."'

'The Silencing' author interviewed

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Interview here. Excerpt:

'A self-described liberal, Powers writes that the “illiberal left” is trying to dominate the discussion on campus, online and in the media through intimidation. In our discussion, Powers suggests there is an authoritarian impulse at play, one that has been gaining steam in the broader culture.
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BN: One of the things I noticed in the book is there seem to be two sides to this. There are the people who are for “safe spaces” and trigger warnings who seem to be taking a defensive posture. They don’t want to be hurt or offended by something. And then on the other hand you have a group of people who are very aggressive who attack anyone who challenges them. For instance, the feminists who call anyone who disagrees with them a “rape apologist.” One is very aggressive and one is defensive… I’m just wondering how you see them working together.

KP: I actually see them both being aggressive. I see the trigger warnings as being extremely aggressive. I think people have laughed them off frequently and the safe spaces and sort of say ‘Oh, these poor…they’re so frail.’ And that may be true. They are very intellectually frail. They’re unable to deal with different ideas but there’s a real intimidation factor to it. So when you’re Christina Hoff Summers showing up at Oberlin, as happened in April, and you have people portraying you as if you’re creating an unsafe environment for them, to the point that the university has to give you security. And you show up and there’s a sign outside saying, “Warning: You may hear discussions of sexual assault or a person denying your experience,” which is of course nothing she’s ever…she’s never denied anybody’s experience of being raped. And then a safe room in this room. That’s an intimidation tactic. If you’re Christina Hoff Summers, first of all, it’s lying about who you are and it’s meant to delegitimize you and to make it seem like you’re a person who is expressing views that are dangerous. They’re so dangerous that you have to go to a “safe space.”'

Is Chivalry Dead? Viral Picture Sparks Online Debate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Do you see something wrong in the picture above? *[link added]*

The photo, which is making the rounds on social media, is drawing people's ire because it shows the man walking on the inside of the sidewalk while the woman walks on the outside, closer to the gutter and street.

The photo has ignited a debate as to if chivalry is dead.

Relationship expert and dating coach Rachel DeAlto appeared on "Fox and Friends Weekend" to share some tips for the modern man to be more chivalrous.

These include, as we learned above, walk on the outside of the sidewalk, open any door and let the lady go first and be the one to call and make plans.

"I always say women want to feel safe, sexy and secure, so if you can do those three things and that's all [that] chivalry does," DeAlto said.'

More on Sarah (ig)Noble

ErikaLancastor · 25 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link to the article here. Excerpt:

'At HEqual we're delighted to bring readers news of positive and very interesting developments concerning the Twitter hate speech of Liberal Democrat Executive Committe member Sarah Noble. Also known on Twitter as "sarahlicity", Noble made a number of vile comments over several years, including wanting to "remove men from society" and advocating genocide of men by repeatedly tweeting "kill all men". Noble also advocated for this removal of men from society at the infamous NUS Women 2015 conference. Outside of her Lib Dem work, Noble is a coordinator for Leeds University Union feminist society and also works on the hugely controversial Twitter blockbot.'

What an uber-wanker... 'all I have to say.

UK: Harman: Labour's leader or deputy leader must be a woman

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Article here.

'It would be unacceptable if the both deputy leader and leader of the Labour party turned out to be men, Harriet Harman said today.

Harman, who is acting as caretaker leader of the party during its leadership contest, told the Andrew Marr programme the party needed a "balanced leadership".

She added:

"I don't think there's a place for all-male leadership teams. A balanced leadership is better."'

UK: Campus Nags Want to Change How Male Students Think

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Article here. Excerpt:

'None of the rugby clubs at Oxford has been implicated in any crimes. But the university administration has nonetheless decided to make all of them sit through one-hour "anti-misogyny classes" in an attempt to "combat sexism on campus." Any rugby-playing student who refuses to be lectured about the rottenness of sexist thinking will be forbidden from playing in this year's Cuppers Final, an annual clash of Oxford's various college rugby teams. That is, they're being strong-armed to submit themselves to a moral clear-out of their minds.
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As part of their re-education programme, the students gather on public streets near the L.S.E. holding placards saying "A good lad...", and then they fill in the blank. "A good lad frees himself of gender stereotypes"; "A good lad understands that feminism isn't a dirty word"; and so on. To see these students holding up self-critical placards in public is extraordinary, and sad. It's like something out of Mao's China, when disobedient professors and artists were likewise paraded in public with insulting placards, usually hung around their necks, identifying them as intellectual reprobates. Fast forward 50 years, and students at L.S.E. are being publicly identified as moral reprobates, sinners against the new orthodoxy of P.C. speech and feministic censure.'

Were the female guards indicted in Baltimore prison scheme predators or prey?

Matt · 25 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From 2013, but still relevant. Excerpt:

'Here's something you might not know. In Baltimore's jails, which are run by the state, more than 60 percent of the guards are women, Maryland corrections officials estimate. And nationwide, their numbers are rapidly approaching parity with male guards. Women made up about 37 percent of the corrections force in 2007, according to the American Correctional Association.

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Now get ready for my next bombshell. According to a frequently quoted report by the Justice Department on sex in prisons and jails, most of the guards having sex with their charges are women. "Among the 39,121 male prison inmates who had been victims of staff sexual misconduct, 69% reported sexual activity with female staff," according to the 2008-09 Bureau of Justice Statistics study.

It's even higher in juvenile detention facilities, where 90 percent of the boys who said they were victims of sexual advances by officers said they were approached — and frequently raped — by women.

Sometimes we can make our pedestals a little too high. When women assume positions of power over the lives of others, they can become predators just like men can.

"There's an assumption that women won't do this, can't do this, that it's not in our nature," said Brenda Smith, a law professor at American University who has written extensively about sexual assault in jails and prisons. "But it is in our nature."'

What College Applications Shouldn’t Ask

Matt · 25 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During the 1990s, schools began as a matter of course to criminalize adolescent misbehavior — reclassifying mere shoving matches as acts of “extreme” violence and throwing students out for cursing. The notion of penalizing college applicants for minor misbehavior when they were 14 or 15, when a child’s impulse control is notoriously weak, is unfair on its face. It is even less defensible when you consider that suspension policies are applied arbitrarily and in a racially discriminatory way. “Disruptive behavior” often means talking back to a teacher. And in some places, weapons possession is seen as “not at all violent” while shoving matches are viewed as “extremely violent.” Depending on where a student lives, firecrackers or toy guns can get the student suspended for “weapons possession.”

Colleges that use the disciplinary information in admissions often make matters worse by doing so haphazardly. According to the study, only about a quarter of the 408 colleges that responded to the survey have formal written policies on how the data should be interpreted — and only about a third have trained their admissions staff in how to interpret disciplinary violations. These shortcomings mean that at least some students can be unnecessarily rejected for innocuous violations. And those who are admitted despite violations can be barred from living on campus, placed on probation and so on.

Disciplinary data is junk information that can hurt students while doing nothing to meaningfully distinguish them from other applicants. Clearly, many schools realize that. About half the 1,360 high schools that answered the survey had chosen not to disclose the information. Of course, this means applicants from districts that do share the information can be penalized merely because of where they live.

Given the inherent unfairness of this system, school districts should adopt a policy of withholding disciplinary information, and colleges should refrain from using any such information in admissions decisions.'

Bahar Mustafa's supporters defend minority-specific events, ironic misandry, fight against female oppression

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Support has been growing for Bahar Mustafa, the Welfare and Diversity officer at the centre of a racism and sexism row.

They defend Mustafa for organizing minority-specific events and say her tweeting of hashtags such as #killallwhitemen has been misunderstood.

The president of Goldsmiths' Student Union, Howard Littler, and the co-convenor of the MA in Gender, Media and Culture, Sara Ahmed, are among those who have publicly supported Mustafa.

Amanda Hess, staff writer at Slate, says in her article: "Mustafa is not the first to have her reputation raked across the Web on account of some lousy tweets. But she may be the first to crumble over a case of ironic misandry, a tongue-in-cheek form of discourse favored by the young feminist Internet natives. You may have spied them on Twitter or Tumblr, working on their "KILL ALL MEN" cross-stitch or sipping from a mug labelled "MALE TEARS." Ironic misandrists say they're poking fun at long-standing stereotypes about militant feminist man-haters.'

Fashion model revealed as false accuser after DNA test

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Story here. Excerpt:

"A model ex-girlfriend of Gerard Butler who accused a photographer of getting her pregnant during a rape saw the case collapse because she got pregnant and DNA confirmed he was not the father, it has been reported.

Alesia Riabenkova, 22, who has appeared on the covers of Glamour and Elle magazines, claims she was raped when she went to his condo to talk about her struggling career, The New York Post reported.

The pair allegedly discussed a photo shoot over champagne, but 45 minutes later, the Latvian native told the doorman she had been attacked and asked him to call 911.

Police arrested the photographer and he spent a night in custody. However supposed holes in her story and an inconclusive rape kit means the charges were reduced to sexual misconduct, and the entire case was eventually dropped.

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Mr Kenniff also told The Daily Mail Online: 'The conventional wisdom is that there's a sexual assault epidemic in this country, I don't know if that's true or not. what is certain, though, is that there is an epidemic of false accusations of sexual assault taking place everyday.

'In case after case we see the names of otherwise upstanding individuals forever tarnished by the stain of false rape allegations.

'Rarely are unscrupulous accusers who perpetrate these lies ever called to account for their actions by public prosecutors.'

Video surveillance purportedly shows the model standing in the lobby of the building after the alleged incident without a 'care in the world'.

Riabenkova, however, will not be facing false-report charges."

It's time for us to outgrow diapers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Trigger warning: This column will include discussion of ideas that may conflict with your own.

Those accustomed to reading or listening only to liberal commentators may not be aware of "trigger warnings" and "safe zones" on college campuses.

It seems that mostly conservative sites and writers are concerned with the increasingly draconian suppression of free speech on college campuses. But then, it is mostly conservative writers and speakers who are treated as though they're bringing the Ebola virus rather than contrarian ideas to the sensitive ears of what we may as well name the "Swaddled Generation."

A trigger warning is usually conveyed on a sign carried or posted near the auditorium where a speech is to be given, alerting students to the possibility that the speaker may express an idea that could trigger an emotional response. A discussion about campus rape statistics, for example, might cause a rape victim to suffer.
...
Praising Chicago's example, Purdue President Mitch Daniels laid out the stakes in a telephone interview: "If universities want to embarrass themselves with their behavior, allowing people to be shouted down or disinvited, that's their problem. But if they're spawning a bunch of little authoritarians with an inverted view of our basic freedoms, that's everybody's problem."

Let's hope other colleges and universities follow suit -- and soon. Otherwise, someone will be forced to write the obvious next book, "Dictators in Diapers." Would that it were instead: "The Unswaddling: How Universities Fought Back to Restore Free Speech."'

Failure is Impossible: The significance of the Hironimus vs. Nebus circumcision case for America

Matt · 27 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It took over 70 years of determined, dogged and dedicated effort to gain the right for women to vote in the United States. Seventy years. The women and men who initially campaigned for universal suffrage didn't live to see the passage of the 19th amendment.

Susan B. Anthony was jailed, chastised and ridiculed. She nonetheless remained faithful to the eventual success of her vision. "Failure is impossible," she stated, energizing the younger activists who would pick up the mantle after her death.

Failure is impossible

A great deal has changed since Anthony's time. Women can now own property, initiate divorce, vote, and serve as lawyers, judges, and on a jury. We take these basic rights for granted and easily forget that a few generations ago they existed only as illuminating ideas held true by a handful of "fringe" activists. For example, my paternal grandfather was born in 1918, before any of the aforementioned rights were legal.
...
I am an intactivist.

I firmly support the right to genital integrity for all children. I uphold the rights of individuals, upon reaching the age of consent, to choose whether or not they want to permanently alter the most private parts of their bodies -- be it for religious, cultural or personal reasons.

As in any social justice movement, the intactivist community is diverse. Some of us live and work in countries where the cutting of girls is a widely practiced religious and/or cultural norm. Some of us live and work in countries where the cutting of boys is openly accepted. Intactivists opposing such practices range widely in their approach to protest. Like the suffragette bloomers, America's "bloodstained men" boldly challenge emotionally charged norms in visible and daring ways. Other intactivists are quiet in the holdings of opinions; perhaps only voicing them with a polite "No, thank you" when asked by a labor and delivery nurse if a newborn boy is to be circumcised.

Recently, intactivist Heather Hironimus, a mother whose story continues to make headline news, served jail time and faced intense public scrutiny as she engaged in a Herculean struggle to safeguard the rights and well-being of her 4 ½ year-old son.

Charged with contempt of court for refusing to sign consent forms authorizing an unwanted and unnecessary elective circumcision, Hironimus fled to a domestic violence shelter. There, she took refuge with her son for over 80 days. Currently, she is being punished for violating the custody agreement she had with the boy's father, Dennis Nebus, who didn't have access to his regular visitations while Hironimus and the boy lived and received counseling in the center.'

Why Do Girls Have A Right To Genital Integrity, But Not Boys?

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Podcast and discussion here. Excerpt:

'The mother of a four-year-old son, Heather Hironomus, tearfully signed an order allowing for the circumcision of her boy, so that she could be released from prison. The event has stirred a national debate about the necessity of circumcision, and the question of whether all children should be allowed the right to bodily integrity.

Hironomus was imprisoned after she fled with her son, attempting to avoid the fulfillment of an agreement with the boy's father that would see him circumcised. She's now taken center stage on the issue, with anti-circumcision activists rallying to her cause, raising $50,000 in legal bills to defend her son, Chase Hironomus. The father wishes to circumcise the boy so that he looks like him.'

"Is it time to shelve the #maletears approach to internet feminism?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Chances are, if you move in feminist circles, you will have at least one friend who has a "Male Tears" coffee cup, "Misandrist" nameplate necklace, or is a regular user of hashtags and GIFs of the #maletears variety.

"Ironic misandry", as Slate's Amanda Hess summarised last year, emerged as "a clever tactic for furthering the feminist agenda", whereby identifying as an over-the-top man-hater (a typical skewering, by certain men, of almost any feminist) helps feminists avoid the extremes of in-fighting while beating certain critics to the punch.

This can be especially enjoyable within expressly feminist spaces, where steam can be let off by way of an expression of cartoonish man-hating that always makes me think of the divorced women's group from Jerry Maguire and the elegant older lady in a velvet beret yelling "I FINALLY GOT IN TOUCH WITH MY ANGER!!"
...
To be clear, nothing in Mustafa's behaviour as diversity officer was racist or sexist. It is absolutely necessary, in some contexts, to maintain safe spaces. As the old response to "Why isn't there a 'men's room'?" goes, because the whole university is a 'men's room'."

Sexual assault bills aim to expand disciplinary actions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lawmakers in California are currently working to pass three separate bills aimed at addressing campus sexual assault which, if enacted, could severely restrict students' rights.

Less than a year after the Golden State legislature unanimously approved a "yes means yes" law that redefined sexual consent to require "affirmative, unambiguous and conscious" consent from each party, lawmakers are making efforts to expand administrators' power dealing with campus sexual assault at state community colleges.

Democratic Assemblyman Das Williams spearheaded the effort by introducing a Campus Sexual Assault Legislative Package. The package includes three bills that would lengthen punitive measures administered to students accused of sexual assault, require administrators to annotate students' transcripts to divulge their involvement in any sexual assault hearings or allegations, and force applicants to disclose if they were previously convicted or found guilty of sexual misconduct by officials at a previous university.
...
However, none of the additional power granted to administrators through the legislation would be contingent on a student's conviction in the criminal justice system, according to Andrew Medina, a consultant for Assemblyman Williams.

"The minimum standard would fall under the campus adjudication process separate from the criminal justice system," Medina wrote in an email to Campus Reform."'

UK: Bahar Mustafa Allowed To Keep Job Despite 'Kill All White Men' Race Row

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Goldsmiths' student diversity officer has been allowed to keep her job, despite tweeting the hashtag "kill all white men" and referring to people as "white trash".

Bahar Mustafa has been embroiled in a race row after telling white people and men they were banned from an event at the university. She also then made a public statement insisting she could not be racist as she was an ethnic minority woman.

An online petition calling for her resignation has received more than 21,000 signatures. However a spokesperson for Goldsmiths' student union said not enough students had signed in order to trigger a referendum to vote on Mustafa's job.

“Following actions taken during the occupation of a university building last month, 165 students signed a petition calling for a Vote of No Confidence in Welfare and Diversity Officer Bahar Mustafa," the spokesperson said.

"This represents 1.9% of our 8,000+ members and our rules require 3 per cent to have signed to trigger a referendum."'

New York State governor seeks toughest law in nation vs. "campus sexual violence"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Andrew Cuomo is pushing for passage of what he calls “the toughest law in the nation” against campus sexual violence.

It would make campuses in New York a hostile environment for young men. One misstep and they could find themselves accused of “sexual assault,” denied a fair hearing, expelled and unemployable.

The law would apply at all private colleges in the state, extending regulations that Cuomo has already imposed on the state university system.

Everyone should want to prevent rape. But Cuomo’s bill criminalizes normal sexual interactions.

The bill requires “affirmative consent” at each step of the way when two students have sexual contact. Amazingly, that means punishing students who fail to ask “May I unbutton your blouse?” and “May I kiss you?” and wait for the answer. On May 20, Cuomo said there has to be “clear, unambiguous and voluntary agreement” before any “specific sexual activity.”
...
Cuomo’s bill officially designates the accuser as “victim” or “survivor,” revealing the bias that the accuser is always right. The accuser would get extensive counseling, but for the accused, no legal representation, subpoena power or due process.
...
Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is pushing for legislation to apply the same “guilty until proven innocent” standard nationwide.'

Also see: Cuomo’s risky campus sex code crusade

NPO: Steve Hitner's Guide to Family Court Reform

Matt · 29 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What does "Trouble in the Village" mean and how does it relate to changing existing law? The answer is simple — legislators do not act unless they have "Trouble in their Village."

The secret to changing an existing law is proving that there is a problem. In most cases office-holders will not acknowledge that a problem exists. Your job is to dig up the bodies. In other words, find and expose the evidence of the need for family law reform.

The following are the steps necessary to accomplish legislative reform. When I took on alimony reform in Massachusetts, I was told "it'll never happen." Well, I proved them wrong. Not only did I make possible the most dramatic social policy change in decades, I did it with a unanimous vote from both houses of the legislature.'

Just What Is Smegma And Why Does It Make Us Cringe?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But smegma is far from some godforsaken curse of humanity, at least usually. First thing's first, as ticking and tocking animal bodies, we excrete oil and water from our skin all the livelong day, and for good reason. The oily byproducts, known as sebum, coat our skin against microbial invaders and keep the skin waterproof. Likewise, smegma serves its own purpose. Namely, it helps lubricates our genitals during sex. Particularly in uncircumcised men, it helps ensure that the foreskin can easily slide on and off the glans, or head, of the penis without irritation (though cut fellows still produce it). And it's not just a human thing, all mammals make and use smegma to their heart's content.

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As the 2006 review notes, it wasn't just the smell that made people so dead set on finding a link between smegma and disease. It was the perception of sex as a dirty-minded hobby. In the 19th century, it was old hat to declare the very act of masturbation an abject sin, and along the way, both smegma and the foreskin were similarly demonized as unclean and degenerative to human health. That hysteria has mostly abated, but we're still left with the idea that smegma is an unpleasant, unneeded part of our anatomy.

Nuts to that, I say! Evolutionarily speaking, we owe a great debt of gratitude (and our sex lives) to smegma. As long as we keep ourselves clean, there's not a damn thing wrong with it. So next time you hear the word, instead of cringing in horror, you should instead mentally fist-bump the little oily secretion that could.'

Police Arrest Men for ‘Manspreading’

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Story here. Excerpt:

'New York police allegedly arrested two men for “manspreading” (sitting with their legs far apart) on the subway, according to a report entitled “That’s How They Get You” released by the Police Reform Organizing Project. “On a recent visit to the arraignment part in Brooklyn’s criminal court, PROP volunteers observed that police officers had arrested two Latino men on the charge of ‘man spreading’ on the subway, presumably because they were taking up more than one seat and therefore inconveniencing other riders,” the report states. Metro Transit Authority rules ban people from taking up more than one seat “in a station, platform or conveyance when to do so would interfere or tend to interfere with the operation of the Authority’s transit system or the comfort of other passengers.”
...
Now there’s no doubt that some dude taking up enough room for two people on a crowded train is annoying — but the report claims that the arrests occurred late at night, when the train probably would have been pretty empty: “Before issuing an [adjournment contemplating dismissal] for both men, the judge expressed her skepticism about the charge because of the time of the arrests: ‘12:11AM, I can’t believe there were many people on the subway.”'

"College Rape Survivors Help Create New Assault Reporting System That Protects Victims"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A nonprofit company, Sexual Health Innovations, has designed a new online system allowing college sexual assault victims to report crimes anonymously and safely:Callisto has not yet launched, but a campaignto help fund the project has already raised more than $6,000 toward a goal of $10,000.

What's unique about this system is that college-aged sexual assault victims and activists helped create it, and focused on ensuring victims feel safe and comfortable reporting their abusers. Users would visit their school-specific Callisto site and anonymously fill out a form reporting a sexual assault. They would then receive an explanation of reporting options and the opportunity to report as they choose right away, or save a time-stamped notice that the form was received and submit later if/when they feel ready. It's up to the victim who she wants to report it to, how much she wants to reveal, and when she wants to submit it.'

Also see: University Of San Francisco Becomes First College To Adopt Callisto, A New Rape Reporting System

Professor: Faculty Now Fear Students Demanding ‘Safe Spaces’

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Northwestern University professor was accused of retaliation and investigated after students claimed an article she had written had a “chilling effect” on students’s ability to report sexual misconduct.

Writing on Friday in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Laura Kipnis describes an academic climate in which professors lay awake at night in fear of losing their careers over a single careless word or missed trigger warning. A new academic culture is rising in which hurt feelings are considered evidence of an attack. This hypersensitivity is being abetted by an expanding process of Title IX charges which allow anyone with an agenda or a grudge to go on the offensive against the faculty:

"As I understand it, any Title IX charge that’s filed has to be investigated, which effectively empowers anyone on campus to individually decide, and expand, what Title IX covers. Anyone with a grudge, a political agenda, or a desire for attention can quite easily leverage the system.

And there are a lot of grudges these days. The reality is that the more colleges devote themselves to creating “safe spaces” — that new watchword — for students, the more dangerous those campuses become for professors. It’s astounding how aggressive students’ assertions of vulnerability have gotten in the past few years. Emotional discomfort is regarded as equivalent to material injury, and all injuries have to be remediated.

Most academics I know — this includes feminists, progressives, minorities, and those who identify as gay or queer — now live in fear of some classroom incident spiraling into professional disaster. After the essay appeared, I was deluged with emails from professors applauding what I’d written because they were too frightened to say such things publicly themselves. My inbox became a clearinghouse for reports about student accusations and sensitivities, and the collective terror of sparking them, especially when it comes to the dreaded subject of trigger warnings, since pretty much anything might be a “trigger” to someone, given the new climate of emotional peril on campuses."'

All 8 women fail Ranger School: Some Rangers say standards should change

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Friday, the Army is expected to announce that all the women who had attempted to graduate from Ranger School had officially failed to meet the standards, according to a military source.

Ranger School, which grooms the Army's most elite special operations fighting force, opened its doors to women for the first time this year. Eight of the 20 women who originally entered the school's first co-ed class were allowed to recycle through the program after they fell out in their first go-round. The Friday announcement will confirm that this happened again.
...
But there is another opinion quietly being voiced as well: that Ranger School is more akin to a rite of passage – an opportunity for men to "thump their chest," as one Ranger puts it – than a realistic preparation for leading in war. That women can actually make Ranger units more effective. And that the standards that keep them out are outdated.

Expelled under new policy, ex-student files suit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In December 2013, Amherst College imposed its first major sanction under a new get-tough sexual misconduct policy, expelling a 21-year-old senior after a disciplinary board concluded that he had forced a female classmate to perform oral sex during an alcohol-infused encounter nearly two years earlier.

In April 2014, however, the expelled student presented the college with new evidence — a series of text messages the woman sent to two other male students immediately after the alleged rape, according to a lawsuit. To one, a dorm counselor, she described the sexual encounter in language that suggested it was consensual and she wrote, “It’s pretty obvi [obvious] I wasn’t an innocent bystander.”'

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Citing the text messages, Stern charged in his lawsuit that Amherst’s investigation of the episode by an outside lawyer was “grossly inadequate,” overlooking signs that Stern says would have cleared his client. What’s more, the lawsuit also asserts that the action taken against John Doe, who is Asian-American, is part of a pattern since 2013 in which the college has sanctioned only “male students of color” for sexual misconduct.

Pete Mackey, the Amherst College spokesman, said in a statement that the college’s disciplinary process is consistent with federal requirements and is fair to all parties.

“That process was followed in this case,” he said.

“We are confident that the process the college followed was appropriate and that the court will conclude that the College’s process was fair,” Mackey said.'

Feminist professor assailed after daring to challenge Title IX abuse

Matt · 30 May 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Wonder if/when the scales'll fall from her eyes? Excerpt:

'The February essay that Northwestern University Professor Laura Kipnis wrote in the Chronicle of Higher Education was certainly provocative. Titled “Sexual Paranoia Strikes Academe,” the piece lashed out at campus overregulation, particularly against dating between professors and students. “Intergenerational desire has always been a dilemma as well as an occasion for mutual fascination,” wrote Kipnis. “Whether or not it’s a brilliant move, plenty of professors I know, male and female, have hooked up with students, though informal evidence suggests that female professors do it less, and rarely with undergraduates.”

Denunciations of what she terms the “Great Prohibition” jibe with Kipnis’s claims that contemporary campus culture essentially coddles students to the point that they can’t rely on themselves to deal with the world that awaits them. “The new codes sweeping American campuses aren’t just a striking abridgment of everyone’s freedom, they’re also intellectually embarrassing,” she wrote. “Sexual paranoia reigns; students are trauma cases waiting to happen. If you wanted to produce a pacified, cowering citizenry, this would be the method.”

In addition to such essayifying, Kipnis summarized a legal battle between a Northwestern University undergraduate student and a philosophy professor accused of “unwelcome and inappropriate sexual advances.” After laying out the conflicting accounts of their interactions, Kipnis commented, “What a mess. And what a slippery slope, from alleged fondler to rapist.”

These thoughts had perhaps more impact than Kipnis could have imagined. Asreported by the Daily Northwestern, 30 or so campus protesters “marched to the Rebecca Crown Center carrying mattresses and pillows Monday morning to protest a lack of a reaction from administration after Communication Prof. Laura Kipnis wrote an opinion piece Feb. 27 criticizing strict rules against professor and student relationships.”'

"Celebrating Brit Shalom" reviewed

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Review here. Excerpt:

'In this blog entry, I have assembled my own shorthand notes of a really important book by Lisa Braver Moss and Rebecca Wald: *Celebrating Brit Shalom*, (2015, Notim Press, ISBN-13: 978-0692353332). I hope what you find on this page encourages you to buy the book. It is clear and informative, short enough to read quickly, and inspiring in its fully set out scripts (English, and the few bits of Hebrew needed) of three sample ceremonies, including ideas for music. This book would be ideal as a resource for any parents who wanted to inform themselves, but also have as an authoritative and thoughtful resource they could show to family and friends to introduce them to the idea of a brit shalom. And, of course, it is extremely useful for anyone who wants to create their own ceremony to welcome someone into their Jewish family, people, and heritage. Although the authors do not mention it in the book, I can imagine the ideas here would be very useful for men converting to Judaism, but not wanting to have to be circumcised.'

Mentioned in it is a link to resources for Brit Shalom.

State Senate passes "Say Yes" sexual consent bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to Sen. Mae Flexer, D-Killingly, who spearheaded this bill, college students would be required to “say yes” or indicate nonverbally through “physical cues” that they are willing to have sex with another college student.

A major flaw in this proposed legislation is that it would impose a legal requirement that college students engage in a specific type of speech or behavior in a certain situation. Although this requirement is unenforceable, if a university did find a way to enforce it, the university would be infringing upon students’ constitutional rights to freedom of speech. . . .
Sen. Joe Markey, R-Southington, was correct when he said it is “peculiar” for the state to pass a law that applies only to accused students in university disciplinary hearings and not to defendants in criminal courts. College students are not a special class of citizens who are exempt from the Constitution’s protections of freedom of speech, due process and the presumption of innocence for the accused.

This bill is an example of political correctness gone wild. Why did the majority of state senators who voted for this bill, including many lawyers, fail to recognize that the bill has provisions that would be unenforceable and would infringe college students’ constitutional rights? Hopefully, the House will realize that the proposed legislation would not accomplish its proponents’ objectives and would make colleges and universities vulnerable to lawsuits for violating students’ civil liberties.'

How Affirmative Consent Laws Criminalize Everyone

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This year, nearly all college students in New York and California started their spring semesters under a new state-mandated regime of sexual policing called affirmative consent ("yes means yes"). Under these policies, any student who cannot prove that he obtained active, ongoing, unambiguous consent to any sexual activity will automatically be guilty of violating campus sexual assault policies. These draconian new rules are binding only on college students. They do not apply to college faculties and administrators, and they certainly don't apply to the legislators who passed these laws.

Affirmative consent laws trivialize sexual assault by turning nearly everyone who has ever dated into a sexual offender. For example, if a student throws her arms around her boyfriend and kisses him without his permission, even if she has done this dozens of times before, she has violated affirmative consent policies. She can, at some later date, be hauled before a campus judiciary on charges of sexual assault. Victims of sexual assault should fear this new regime, because it will inevitably confuse rightful cases of abuse with capricious accusations.'

Men barred from women-only Hillary Clinton fundraiser

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Eliot Spitzer's ex-wife Silda is hosting a fundraiser for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in Manhattan, and only women will be allowed to attend the $2,700-a-ticket event.

The two-hour long fundraiser, which Silda will host along with four other women, will allow those who go to chat with Clinton on June 1. All proceeds will benefit "Hillary for America," Page Six reports.'

"Squeeze play: She bashed male kin with juicer, say cops"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Stapleton woman tried to put the squeeze on a male relative - bashing him with a juicer Wednesday night, allege prosecutors.

Awilda Mendoza, 32, attacked the victim at about 9:55 p.m. during an argument in her home on the 200 block of Gordon Street, said a criminal complaint.

The victim suffered lacerations of the ear, arm and torso, the complaint said.

Ms. Mendoza was arrested on a felony count of assault, along with misdemeanor charges of assault and criminal weapon possession, according to information from acting District Attorney Daniel Master's office.'

Reader Comments:

"I would have used my George Foreman grill. Designed by a heavyweight fighter....."

"The toaster wasn't available?"

1,400 Summonses For 'Manspreading' In 2015

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some people are arguing that this is an excuse by police to increase their arrest quotas, and to crack down on undesirable ethnic minority males. Russia Today reported that the NYPD issued approximately 1,400 summonses for manspreading in 2015.
...
Robert Gangi, Director of Police Reform Organizing Project (PROP), said to Russia Today “We think it’s driven by a quota system. There is almost no other rational explanation for why the cops would conduct this kind of arrest unless they are under pressure to meet certain numbers, to meet with their productivity goals. It’s a classic pattern. Somebody gets a summons for a low-level thing, they don’t show up in court, the warrant is out… A cop stops you a second time, even if for another low-level thing, and it’s the policy of the department to arrest you.”

The first man arrested had his charges dismissed, due to the fact that he was arrested at 12:11 a.m. and the judge believes that no one was likely to be inconvenienced at such an early hour.'

Sexual assault by deception could become a criminal offense

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Article here. Excerpt:

'LYING TO GET sex has been going on since Adam ate the proverbial apple.

It will never stop. But wouldn't it be great if there was somewhere that a burned lover could turn to if she discovered that the man who told her he was childless not only had a 10-year-old, but also a pregnant side jawn?

Or if the person they're sleeping with showed them photos of a beautiful home he claimed to own but in reality was living in his parents' basement?

In other words, wouldn't it be great if a woman duped into having sex could have the jerk arrested?

Absolutely, says Mischele Lewis. The 37-year-old suburban-mom-turned-activist is the inspiration behind a bill in New Jersey that would make sexual assault by deception a crime.

I know this is going to make some readers livid, but stay with me: Introduced late last year by Assemblyman Troy Singleton, D-Burlington, the bill would make "sexual assault by fraud" a punishable offense. The bill defines it as "an act of sexual penetration to which a person has given consent because the actor has misrepresented the purpose of the act or has represented he is someone he is not."'

Change.org: Let's Have A Google Doodle For International Men's Day

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You can sign the petition for a Google Doodle for International Men's Day, November 19 2015. Excerpt:

'We, the undersigned, respectfully request that Google and its doodlers do something as creative and fun as possible for as many people as possible to celebrate "International Men's Day" and have it made public on 19 November 2015.

Background: International Men's Day (IMD), like so many grassroots initiatives, has a history and people who need to be acknowledged.'

Workplace Worries for Women vs. Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, of which NIOSH is a part, says women are more likely to have work-related cases of carpal tunnel syndrome, tendonitis, respiratory diseases, infectious and parasitic diseases, and anxiety and stress disorders.

Women's work-related health concerns differ from men's for a number of reasons, including different types of jobs being performed, as well as social, economic and cultural factors. For example, because women are more likely to hold part-time jobs, which are typically more unstable, they could be more afraid to voice safety concerns for fear of losing their jobs, the CDC says.

Apart from straightforward safety concerns, women also face sexual harassment, which can impact physical and mental health and cause anxiety, depression, lower self-esteem, alienation, insomnia, nausea and headaches.'

From Occupational fatality on Wikipedia:

'The majority of occupational deaths occur among men. In one U.S. study, 93% of deaths on the job involved men, with a death rate approximately 11 times higher than women. The industries with the highest death rates are mining, agriculture, forestry, fishing, and construction, all of which employ more men than women.'

“Women only” Hillary event forced to admit men after poor turnout

ErikaLancastor · 3 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. First of all I need to ask the (fairly obvious) question: What do you think the reaction would be if a male presidential candidate held an event for men only?

Well, of course the outcries of "sexism" would be heard 'round the world and thus would be the end of that male candidate's run for president, as well as his political career as a whole. No bones about it, and well it should.

Yet Democrat presidential candidate Hillary Clinton holds a women-only event, and of course no sexism there, what? Clinton claims to be for "equality", but as is the case with most feminists, their actions speak louder than their words. In any case, it rather blew up in her face, like a stick of TNT for Wile E. Coyote. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton had trouble attracting high-powered women to a New York talk hosted by Silda Wall Spitzer two weeks before her campaign officially kicks off. Sources said that after ticket sales fizzled for an intimate, $2,700-per-person, “just for women” meeting on Monday, the event was thrown open to men at the 11th hour, and the deadline extended to buy tickets.

The “Conversation With Hillary Clinton” event at Midtown law firm Akin Gump was originally aiming to attract 125 women. An email invitation seen by Page Six said the event is “just for women.” But by Friday, “They’d only sold 50 tickets, so they threw it open to men,” a source said. “Ticket sales were supposed to close at 10 a.m. Sunday, but the hostesses were working the phones and pushed the deadline till Monday.'

Oh my goodness! What's the world coming to when a female presidential candidate cannot discriminate against men? It's the fault of the "patriarchy" I tells ya!

SAVE: Revelations of Campus ‘Inquisition’ Stir Outrage

Matt · 3 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'A recent article by a Northwestern University professor about flawed campus sexual assault policies has triggered sharp criticism and calls for reform. Professor Laura Kipnis detailed how campus policies designed to address sexual assault have deprived the accused of their due process rights. Titled “My Title IX Inquisition,” the editorial was published in the May 29 edition of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Kipnis had published an article in February criticizing Title IX procedures, which she described as overly-intrusive and unfair. Title IX is the federal law that bans sex discrimination on college campuses.

Her article resulted in two student complaints alleging Title IX violations. Northwestern University investigators then refused to inform Kipnis of the exact nature of the allegations, denied her legal representation, and did not allow her to record conversations with investigators.
...
“Thanks to the Department of Education policies, even the most absurd accusations can now result in a full-bore investigation,” notes SAVE spokesperson Sheryle Hutter. “Lawmakers need to act now to restore due process on campus and bring an end to policies that micro-manage the most intimate sexual activities.”'

NPO: 50 Media Wins in 2 Months Advances Shared Parenting and Parental Equality Efforts

Matt · 3 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'National Parents Organization has been featured in the media more than 50 times in the past two months — an accomplishment that brings significant attention to the organization's shared parenting and parental equality advocacy efforts.

These publicity wins have included prominent stories on shared parenting in some of the nation's most influential news outlets, including TIME magazine and The Wall Street Journal. In addition NPO members' opinion pieces on family court reform legislation have landed in publications throughout the nation, and numerous news outlets covered NPO's Parental Alienation Awareness Day involvement as well as other efforts.'

Survey: Half of bullying bosses are women who bully women

Matt · 5 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From 2004, but still a good read for anyone with a bully-boss. It's a rare acknowledgement indeed. Excerpt:

'It's no secret that there are abusive bosses out there -- you know the type. Bullies with big job titles that make the people working for them miserable.

According to the Workplace Bullying and Trauma Institute, an abusive boss is more likely to be a woman than a man. That's right -- forget their nurturing image! Woman to woman bullying represents 50 percent of all workplace bullying; man to woman is 30 percent, man to man 12 percent and woman to man bullying is extremely rare -- only 8 percent.
What should you know if you're the victim of an abusive boss? Here are today's five tips.
...
If your boss has a difficult management style, you don't have to let their bad behavior go. You can respond -- just remember to stay professional.
So, if your boss insults you or puts you down, Susan Futterman, author of "When You Work for a Bully" and the founder of MyToxicBoss.com, suggests responding with something like, "In what way does calling me a moron or an idiot solve the problem? I think that there's a better way to deal with this."'

Fewer Young Men Fathering Children Outside of Marriage: CDC

Minuteman · 5 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Fewer unmarried American men are becoming first-time fathers, U.S. health officials reported Thursday.

Thirty-six percent of first-time fathers younger than 44 had a child out of wedlock during the first decade of the 2000s, officials said.

"This represents a decline from the previous two decades," said report author Gladys Martinez, of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics.

In the 1980s, she said, 42 percent of first-time fathers were unmarried, as were 40 percent in the 1990s.

The national survey also found a larger proportion of unmarried first-time fathers living with the mother and child than in the past.

The report is good news, given prior research indicating that "having a father involved positively with his child benefits the child and the family on a number of outcomes," said Dr. Craig Garfield, an associate professor of pediatrics at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.'

California's sexual re-education camps are coming soon

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Not content to redefine consent to mean asking permission before every step of the sexual process, California is now on the path to teaching high school students the proper way to have sex — because human nature is now wrong.

To recap: Last year California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a law aiming to redefine consent as an "affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement," that is "ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at any time." Saying "no" to unwanted sexual contact was no longer necessary, as a "lack of protest or resistance does not mean consent, nor does silence mean consent." Also, previous sexual history "should never by itself be assumed to be an indicator of consent." Alcohol also negates consent, since the line between "intoxicated" and "incapacitated" can be decided after the fact by an accuser.

This means that every time two college students have sex they have to act like they've never met before and ask for approval for everything from the first kiss and touch through intercourse. I tried multiple times to ask the sponsor of the California bill, State Sen. Kevin de Leon, how someone could prove they obtained consent under his law, but only received press releases and quoted paragraphs from the bill. When asked to clarify how one would prove they had obtained consent, his spokeswoman didn't respond.'

Columbia’s Mattress Girl Has Made An ‘Artistic’ Sex Tape

Matt · 5 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Can just imagine Gillibrand's reaction to this. New York voters, paying attention? She's the one who's lionized this person right up to the last State of the Union address. At this point I have to wonder, is Mattress Grrl trying to capitalize off her self-styled victimhood as an amateur porn star? This is why I don't bother with fiction. The news is sufficiently bizarre. Excerpt:

'Emma Sulkowicz, the Columbia graduate famous across the country as “Mattress Girl” after she hauled a mattress around campus for a year to protest the school’s handling of her alleged rape, has apparently released a sex tape recreating her alleged rape.

Titled Ceci N’est Pas Un Viol (‘This Is Not A Rape’), the video shows two people, one of whom appears to be Sulkowicz, entering a dorm room and proceeding to have sex from four different camera angles. Timestamps in the upper corner of each camera are used to make the video appear dated to August 27, 2012, the date Sulkowicz claims she was raped by fellow student Paul Nungesser. Over the course of the video, Sulkowicz’s partner becomes violent and begins to hit her, essentially recreating the experience Sulkowicz claims she underwent at the hands of Nungesser.

The video’s release comes just two weeks after Sulkowicz graduated from Columbia, drawing renewed attention after she completed her project by carrying her mattress on-stage despite the protests of Columbia administrators.'

Expelled student claims in lawsuit the inability to consent

Matt · 5 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Apparently consensual sex, intoxicated participants, bad advice from the university and employees, and damning text messages: A pattern is emerging in litigation by students accused of sexual assault against the universities that punished them.

Amherst College is the latest to be targeted by a punished student for his role in a sexual encounter, following similar allegations by accused men at Occidental College and Columbia University.

The May 29 lawsuit accuses Amherst of conducting a “grossly inadequate investigation” of John Doe and accuser “Sandra Jones,” depriving Doe of a competent adviser, withholding evidence during a hearing before the Sexual Misconduct Hearing Board, and harming Doe’s reputation.

What differentiates the Amherst suit from others, though, is that it portrays Doe as unable to give consent, and Jones as the initiator and the sober party.

And in a potentially explosive claim, the suit alleges the university has “targeted male students of color” like Doe since changing its sexual misconduct policy. Jones’ allegations were the first to be investigated under the new policy.'

Senators Exclude Statistics At Premiere Of Campus Assault Documentary

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The premiere event for Vice News' campus rape minidocumentary brought Democratic Sens. Claire McCaskill and Kirsten Gillibrand to George Washington University on a stormy Monday Night, yet notably failed to provide the statistics for the issue and did not mention the creator of a rape protest movement the event celebrated but whose story of sexual assault is now doubted.

Neither the documentary itself nor McCaskill and Gillibrand presented a hard number on the rate for sexual assault on campus — and it wasn't due to no one asking.
...
McCaskill replied that the statistics for rape are hard to come by, and she couldn't give a number for the amount of rape cases that were based on false allegations. But she did say that her experience as a prosecutor precludes her to believe that they are especially low due to the arduous process involved in a rape investigation and the toll it takes on a victim.

The documentary itself doesn't mention the statistics for college rape and just said it's a "growing problem."'

Campus tales: Manspreading, rape, and Title IX idiocy

Mastodon · 6 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The politics of sex and race often sound like dispatches from the lunatic fringe. Two stories, one about man-spreading, and one involving Title IX, emphasize that impression.

The Title IX story comes from Northwestern University in Chicago. Professor Laura Kipnis wrote an article for the Chronicle of Higher Education in February in which she described sexual paranoia on campus. She used as an example a case involving a philosophy professor at Northwestern who was accused by an undergraduate of “unwelcome and inappropriate sexual advances.”

Kipnis named no names, but the young woman involved and a graduate student who had also filed a charge against the professor decided that Kipnis had made the campus an unwelcoming, even hostile place. They sued.'

Editorial demands stop to Title IX inquisition “insanity”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So far, 2015 looks like a pretty bad year for Title IX — and mainly because it has finally turned on the academic class that wielded it for their own purposes. The recent experiences of Professor Laura Kipnis, as well as the Rolling Stone hoax on the subject of “campus rape” and the use of ludicrously inflated statistics to feed what Kipnis calls “sexual paranoia” on campus, have put the moral panic in stark relief. An essay by a pseudonymous untenured academic on Vox underscored just how badly “higher education” has Bowdlerized itself in attempting to survive the latest witch hunt...

...

The New York Daily News has had enough of Title IX enforcement on speech, calling the result “thought crimes on campus.” The editors blasted the Obama administration’s guidances on Title IX that demanded low standards of proof for administrative review of allegations, and the star chambers that have erupted as a result. It’s time for Congress to intervene to put an end to the “insanity,” they write:

"Madness has been unleashed on college campuses — not by drunken frat boys but by the White House.

A wildly mishandled Obama administration campaign to combat student sexual assaults has morphed under a federal gender-equality law into a nightmarish weapon against free speech and academic freedom."'

Iceland politicians seek women-only Parliament

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Alþingi parliament came together at 11.00 this morning and the first item on the agenda was parliament itself.

Left Green MP Steingrímur J. Sigfússon started by endorsing a suggestion from Independence Party parliamentary chairman Ragnheiður Ríkharðsdóttir for a women-only Icelandic parliament—though Steingrímur's idea is a little different to the original proposal.

Steingrímur said that there is nothing new in the idea that the world might be a better place if women had more of a say in how it is run, Vísir reports. He pointed to a conference where he put forth the idea that women should be allowed to run the whole world for fifty years in an experiment to see how much better of a place it might become.

"I don't take Ragnheiður's idea as a joke and I have a suggestion for how we can begin," Steingrímur told Alþingi. "I propose that we men in parliament give up our seats and let our deputies take our seats. Then any male deputies do the same so that the commemorative parliamentary meeting of Alþingi on 19th June will only be made up of women. That would garner attention a long way from home."'

With new US law, more funding to protect women who have children after rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Obama signed the Rape Survivor Child Custody Act into law on May 29 as part of the bipartisan Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act. It boosts funding for states that allow women to petition for the termination of parental rights based on clear and convincing evidence that a child was conceived through rape.
...
Currently, about 36 states address the issue in law, but many of them require a criminal conviction of the rapist, which leaves little protection for the vast majority of victims, since very few rapes lead to prosecution. The “clear and convincing” standard – in place in 10 states – allows a judge to block the alleged rapist’s access to a child in a civil proceeding with a lower burden of proof than the “beyond a reasonable doubt” standard required in criminal courts. ...'

US Spends Nearly $800,000 On Video Game to ‘Limit Aggression’ of 8th Grade Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"The Department of Justice spent nearly $800,000 to develop a computer game to “limit the aggression” of middle school boys.

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) paid for researchers at Rhode Island Hospital to team up with a multimedia company in Colorado to create the game, which seeks to prevent dating violence among eighth graders in Providence, Rhode Island.

“The aim of the proposed study is to develop and refine a web-based intervention that reduces the risk of dating violence among middle-school aged males,” the NIJ grant states. “The final intervention, to be used by parents and adolescents together, is based on the empirical literature linking emotion regulation deficits to violent behavior as well as studies showing that parental involvement is crucial to offset dating violence risk.”

The proposal argued that since teenage boys like to play video games, they would also like to play one about “partner violence.”

“Research has also shown that game playing is the most popular internet activity for early adolescent boys; thus interactive, web-based games and videos are ideal to engage young males in dating violence programming,” the grant said.
...
“One of the things I’ve recognized is that there’s not enough out there for adolescent boys,” Rizzo said. “We need to create more for adolescent boys, from anger management to general relationship skills to how you manage jealousy in a relationship.”'

Study: Teenage Girls More Violent than Boys

New York Governor Screens 'The Hunting Ground,' Introduces Campus Rape Legislation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Inspired by The Hunting Ground, a widely praised — and criticized — cinematic documentary on campus sexual assaults, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is using screenings of the film to promote legislation that would establish a uniform definition of consent, as well as reporting and investigative procedures for all his state's public and private colleges and universities.

As part of his campaign, Cuomo hosted a private screening of the film at Lincoln Center Tuesday with a question-and-answer session afterward. The proposed statute is titled "Enough Is Enough" and is modeled not only on a code already adopted by the State University of New York system, but also on California's groundbreaking "Yes Means Yes" law. The key to both the California law and New York's proposed statute is a clear definition of what constitutes consent to sex: an unambiguous "yes" to specific acts. That legal consent cannot be given by an individual intoxicated by alcohol or drugs.

...

After seeing that movie, which was nominated for an Academy Award, then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta implemented sweeping reforms across the armed services. New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand credits the film with inspiring her to introduce the Military Justice Improvement Act, which set up an independent judiciary to review sexual assault allegations in the armed services.

The Hunting Ground, however has become the source of some controversy, with the Libertarian publication Reason and the generally liberal online magazine Slate alleging that some of the cases reported in the film misrepresent or exaggerate the actual facts of the encounters.'

Central Allegation in The Hunting Ground Collapses Under Scrutiny

Detergents linked to genital defects in baby boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Pregnant women regularly exposed to a range of detergents, solvents and pesticides have a substantially greater risk of giving birth to boys with genital deformities, according to a new French study.

The research, led by two professors at the Regional University Hospital Centre in the French city of Montpellier, found that women who regularly work with such chemicals, including cleaners and hairdressers, were at greatest risk of having sons born with hypospadias.

The birth defect, which affects about three in 1,000 newborn boys, is a condition where the urinary opening is abnormally positioned on the penis.

Hypospadias can be treated with surgery but it can affect the boy's fertility once he reaches adulthood.

The study, led by pediatric surgeon Nicolas Kalfa and pediatric endocrinologist Charles Sultan, was carried out over five years and examined 600 children at hospitals in four French cities, 300 of whom were boys born with hypospadias.'

Men as minorities

ErikaLancastor · 7 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

I was thinking, a bit ago. (Yes, I know, "look out!!!" right?) but I was rather wondering, since women outnumber men, in this world, have any of you chaps ever considered going for *minority status*?

Yes, yes, yes, I know. "Erika, you silly girl, what are you on about?"

If just on principal, alone, think about it.

"Minorities" are usually, realistically or unrealistically considered "disadvantaged" in life, compared to the majority. This covers a range of things:

1. Unequal representation in the media. **(check)**
2. Unequal health care. **(check)**
3. Issues and concerns ignored. **(check)**
4. Higher rates of incarceration in proportion to the majority. **(check)**
5. Ignored and even persecuted by the government, at times. **(check)**
6. Shorter life expectancy. **(check)**
7. Disadvantaged in education. **(check)**
8. Unfair/unjust laws targeted at them, and not members of the majority. (i.e. "manspreading") **(check)**
9. Persecution by the majority. **(check)**
10. Defined as lesser people than the majority (expendable) **(check)**
11. Smaller number to the majority population. (hence "minority")**(check)**
12. Higher rates of suicide, drugs and alcohol. **(check)**
13. Used for manual labor that the majority avoids. **(check)**
14. Prone to more violence than the majority due to social status. **(check)**

Anyway, I'm sure there's more, but, that's all I could come up with on short notice. But nonetheless, there you have it. At least **14** things that qualify a particular group for **minority status** , along with the special considerations and protections that come with it.

Consider it, hmm?

Punishment comes before proof on campus today

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In February, Laura Kipnis, a professor at Northwestern, wrote an article for the Chronicle of Higher Education in which she decried the creeping bureaucratization and fear that surrounds sexual activity on campus. Last week, she revealed that as a consequence of that article, she had been investigated for violating Title IX of the Civil Rights Act.

No, I'm not eliding some intermediate step, where she used printed copies of the article as a cudgel to attack her female students. The article itself was the suspect act. According to Kipnis, it was seen as retaliation against students who had filed complaints against a professor, and would have a "chilling effect" and create a "hostile environment" for women in the Northwestern community. Northwestern put Kipnis through a lengthy process in which she wasn't allowed to know the nature of the complaint until she talked to investigators, nor could she have representation.

But the process worked, says Justin Weinberg, because Kipnis was eventually exonerated. Weinberg, who teaches philosophy, also thinks it's "not obvious" that writing an article about an ongoing complaint, which does not mention either the students or professors by name, is retaliation under Title IX. Like Brian Leiter, I find his summation of the facts underwhelming, and as Leiter says, "If Kipnis's opinion piece about sexual paranoia on campus, in which the graduate student is not even named and barely referenced, constitutes adverse 'treatment,' then there is no right for any faculty member at any institution receiving federal funds to offer any opinions, however indirect, about any question surrounding allegations of sexual misconduct at the institution."

But I'll let Leiter argue with Weinberg about the case itself, because I want to take issue with this passage: "As I noted earlier, the Title IX investigation yielded no finding of retaliation against Kipnis. One can only imagine how disappointed she will be with this. It turns out that the process she had been demonizing-which of course may have its flaws-pretty much worked, from her point of view."

This is deeply wrong, and for all that, it is not an uncommon sentiment. You often hear this sort of argument when people complain about the byzantine procedures that colleges use to adjudicate charges of a racial or sexual nature, or when they argue that we should always presumptively believe any rape accusation: "Well, if they didn't do that, the system will figure it out eventually, so what's the big deal?"'

Delhi High Court frees 5 men, says false rape charges destroy lives

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Just as rape causes great distress to the victim, a false charge destroys lives and damages reputation, the Delhi high court has said, acquitting five men who were jailed sixteen years ago on the charge of gangrape.

"There is no doubt that rape causes great distress and humiliation to the victim of rape but at the same time false allegation of committing a rape also causes humiliation and damage to the accused. An accused also has rights which are to be protected and the possibility of false implication has to be ruled out," a bench of Justices G S Sistani and Sangita Dhingra Sehgal noted in its verdict.

The court set aside the conviction of the five men after it found that the woman who had leveled the charge of being gang raped gave inconsistent statements in court and hid the fact she was in a relationship with one of the accused. "Her version has no correlation with other supporting material being medical, scientific and expert evidence," the bench observed.'

Mandatory sentencing for college infractions is violation of due process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How many young men will be improperly convicted of sexual assault because amateur boards were more sympathetic to the young woman in a "he said/she said" case? College disciplinary boards often only need a victim to prove her case by a preponderance of the evidence, which is far less stringent than the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard needed at a criminal trial. Female accusers may often be able to achieve preponderance of the evidence simply through innate sympathy toward women.

Worsening this unfair system of justice is a new bill in California, which would mandate minimum suspensions of two years for anyone found guilty of rape by campus disciplinary boards. Automatically, anyone found guilty under the unfairly weak standard of "preponderance of the evidence" by a board of amateurs would be kicked out of college for at least two years. Given the high cost of tuition and the likelihood of dropping out after time away from school, young men who are suspended will forfeit a considerable amount of current and future property.

Due process was created to prevent the forced forfeiture of such property. Supporters of campus disciplinary boards argue that, since defendants do not risk losing their freedom [by going to prison], they have less need for due process. But, given the high cost of college, it is silly to assert that young men who are suspended or expelled are not being deprived of their property. If you are to nullify someone's $40,000 investment in their education, you must prove him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.'

Suicide rate of female military veterans is called 'staggering'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New government research shows that female military veterans commit suicide at nearly six times the rate of other women, a startling finding that experts say poses disturbing questions about the backgrounds and experiences of women who serve in the armed forces.

Their suicide rate is so high that it approaches that of male veterans, a finding that surprised researchers because men generally are far more likely than women to commit suicide.

"It's staggering," said Dr. Matthew Miller, an epidemiologist and suicide expert at Northeastern University who was not involved in the research. "We have to come to grips with why the rates are so obscenely high."'

Judge sentences woman to 6 months and banning of cell use for vehicular homicide

Matt · 9 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Suppose a man would have gotten the same deal, or would a spouse been as apparently forgiving toward same? And does anyone really think she'll never use a cell phone again? Excerpt:

'A Michigan woman has been banned from using a cell phone – or any other form of texting device – as part of her sentence for fatally striking a cyclist while driving last September.

According to WLNS-TV, Judge Stewart McDonald of the Clinton County District Court decided to take away Mitzi Nelson's cell phone because she was using the device when her car hit 35-year-old Jill Byeich.

McDonald said, according to USA Today:

"I don't think she has a right to have a cellphone. I think it's a privilege."

Incidentally, the idea for the punishment actually came from Byeich's widower, Jordan. He does believe that Nelson is remorseful, however – and even gave her a hug after the trial was over.'

How To End the Title Nein Fascism in Five Minutes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'By now it is evident even to honest liberals that Title IX is an out of control monster that makes old fashioned political correctness and speech codes look like a John Stuart Mill seminar. The Laura Kipness episode at Northwestern University might prove a tipping point, but I doubt it: between the determination of the will-to-power left, the cravenness of most college administrations (including Northwestern's feckless president Mort Schapiro—I've got a file on him, as this isn't his first epic failure in academic leadership), and the push from the Alinskyites in the Obama Administration, the Title IX campus brownshirts are likely to roll on.
...
The informal "guidance" character of the Title IX corruption can be undone in the first five minutes of the next administration, if a conservative is elected. On Inauguration Day, the new president should direct the Department of Education to send out a "Dear Colleague" letter to all colleges and universities that, first, withdraws the Obama DoE Title IX guidance letter, and, second, instructs that all colleges and universities that do not follow full formal due process (including the right to have an attorney present at all campus hearings) for all charges of harassment or sexual assault will be investigated by the Justice Department, and may have their federal funds cut off.

Problem solved. Bonus: Maybe a few liberals will start to warm to the idea of abolishing the Department of Education.'

Hope Solo benefits from double standard in domestic dispute cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ray Rice has made some bad decisions in his life. Among the worst was becoming a male football player.

If he were a female soccer player, he could slug just about anyone he wants.

The proof was in goal Monday night as the U.S. took on Australia in the Women's World Cup.

Everybody knew Hope Solo was a one-woman reality show. We just didn't realize how gnarly she could be until an ESPN "Outside the Lines" report on Sunday.

It fleshed out a domestic-abuse incident last summer and left you wondering if the NFL has taken over U.S. Soccer.

The organization is apparently willing to employ anybody who'll help it win. The difference is Roger Goodell looks strict compared to the powers running U.S. Soccer. And Solo still has apologists who recoil at Rice comparisons.'

Amherst’s Version of Kafka’s ‘The Trial’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kafka was born too early to write about Amherst College. At campus hearings on claims of sexual assault, procedures are relentlessly stacked again males and evidence of innocence doesn’t count. Amherst expelled a student for committing rape—despite text messages from the accuser, sent immediately after the alleged assault, (1) telling one student that she had initiated the sexual contact with the student she later accused (her roommate’s boyfriend); (2) inviting another student to her room for a sexual liaison minutes after she was allegedly raped.

Amherst, on grounds that the accused student (who, per college policy, had no attorney) didn’t discover the text messages until it was too late, has allowed the rape finding to stand, even though the college’s decision relied on the accuser’s credibility (which is now non-existent). Amherst faces a due-process lawsuit in the case. You can read the complaint here.

Nine Gender-Biased Indian Laws That Are Unfair Towards Men

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'We all talk about equality of all genders, but unfortunately when it comes to the Indian constitution, it is far from reality. True that there was a time when the government had to make special provisions in the constitution for women to ensure equality, but unfortunately, some of these provisions are clearly unfair to men. Here are 9 laws in our country that are unfair towards men:

1. The father of the deceased doesn't inherit property, but the mother does.

Under the Hindu Succession Act of 1956, if the deceased has no will, the spouse, mother and children inherit the property belonging to the deceased. The father is only entitled if the deceased does not have a spouse, mother or children.'

Nigeria Bans Female Genital Mutilation, But Advocates Say There's Still More Work To Do

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Article here. Indeed, they could also ban MGM, too! Excerpt:

'Before stepping down, Nigeria's former president made sure his legacy boasted fighting for women's rights and protections.

Goodluck Jonathan signed into law last month a ban on female genital mutilation, a practice that involves partial or total removal of the external female genitalia for non-medical reasons, the Guardian reported.

However, activists say laws alone won't put abolish the practice, and that a systemic cultural shift is required to make sure women and girls are no longer subjected to the harmful procedure.

"Global experience tells us that ultimately, it's through changing attitudes, not just laws, that we will end FGM," Tanya Barron, chief executive of children's charity Plan International, told Reuters.'

Tikkun, Jewish Intactivism, and Human Kindness

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'According to the religious interpretation of Halachah, all Jewish laws are interpreted within the framework of moral and human rights. Morals and human rights are always placed above laws, ritual, and scripture. This is a constantly evolving process as the realm of human rights continues to expand. Slavery and animal sacrifice were outlawed from Judaism thousands of years ago. Women increasingly gained rights, and eventually entered into the Rabbinate. Most Jewish communities are fully accepting of gays and lesbians and most non-Orthodox Rabbis will perform gay and lesbian weddings. Issues like the environment, creating a compassionate world, and global human rights affect the ways that Jews adjust their lives to act in more ethical ways. Today children and babies are seen as possessing more human rights and more Jews are questioning circumcision as a result, even Rabbis. Some are questioning circumcision from a historical perspective. There are even some Jews who support laws against circumcision. Some Jewish Intactivists like Moshe Rothenberg and Ron Goldman have been pushing Jews to acknowledge these issues for decades, while many younger Jews are adopting Intactivist views more easily due to the use of the internet and holistic parenting ideas. The rise of Feminist thought and gender equality are also factors in the rise of Intactivism among a younger generation of educated Jews.'

Accused of Public Sex in Broad Daylight Outside Store - woman ticketed, man arrested

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'A man and a woman who had apparently just met on a Chula Vista trolley on Valentine's Day allegedly had sex outside a dress store in an incident that stunned onlooking employees and customers, a San Diego-area station reported.

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The man and woman reportedly didn't even know each other names, and police said they had just met on a trolley.

The station reported that the woman was ticketed while the man was taken away in handcuffs.'

Use discretion with rape accusations

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'As a criminal defense attorney and longtime feminist, I am startled at the current social climate against young men accused of sex assaults. In light of all the negative press surrounding the Missoula County Attorney's Office, the public outcry to prosecute more campus sex assault cases and the biased journalism in town, people have forgotten about the Constitution and the presumption of innocence. Our justice system is designed to protect the accused from rumor, speculation and mob mentality. Victims' "rights" do not trump the rights of the accused.

Somehow, in sex assault cases, there appears to be a presumption of guilt. When a woman accuses a man of sexual assault, she is automatically believed and damn anyone who questions her. Every effort to defend the accused is portrayed as victim-blaming. Taxpayer dollars are being spent to fly in out-of-state so-called "experts" to explain how rape victims act in ways that defy common sense. Have we forgotten our history of false rape accusations? The Scottsboro boys? The Tawana Brawley case? Brian Banks? Conor Oberst? The Duke Lacrosse team?'

"A Conversation With Senator Kirsten Gillibrand"

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'And then Emma Sulkowicz came forward and told her story, which led to a backlash, and then a backlash to the backlash, and questions are still being asked about it. And then you have the Rolling Stone story, which prompted completely appropriate questions of a different sort. And these discussions, regardless of where you land on what they mean or who is right or wrong, take the conversation to a different place than where you are trying to lead it.

Correct. And it can be damaging. Because it can stifle debate, and it can result in survivors withdrawing, and not [being] willing to put themselves out there and tell their story. But I think a lot of survivors have begun to feel empowered by the boldness of their peers. Emma has given courage to many more survivors than those who are now doubting [her story]. I think the perseverance and will to be heard, despite criticism, is meaningful. Despite the noise, and a lot of the negativity is unhelpful, it's part of the debate, that is normal, it is to be expected, but unfortunately, it will result in some shying away from reporting.'

The gender wage gap: Why it may never close

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'But how? Here's one idea. Get women in university to switch their majors. Instead of sociology, they should take petroleum engineering, which pays three or four times as much. That would close the gap in no time.

In fact, most (not all) of the wage gap is a myth, based on the same sort of flawed statistics that vastly inflate the problem of "rape culture." Yet if you doubt the magnitude of either of these problems, you will probably be denounced as a misogynist, or worse.

Just ask Christina Hoff Sommers, a mild-mannered feminist who argues that modern feminism has gone off the deep end. Take the pay gap. She points out that much of the gap is explained by the fact that women choose career paths that pay less than the work men choose. Once you correct for occupational differences, hours worked per week, and tenure in the work force, most of the pay gap disappears. The statistics bear her out.'

UK: Oxford's new feminist hit squad

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'But this year a group of undergraduates — mostly women — will be shunning all this. They will be staying in their college rooms, fingers flying across their keyboards as they scowl at the screen. They are the hard core of a feminist cult that has gripped Oxford and makes life miserable for hundreds of undergraduates across the university. The cult uses Facebook to snoop on students who aren't 'proper' feminists. It tries to force young women to use its extreme rhetoric and denounces them if they don't.

Its digital tirades can poison college life. One young woman told me that new friends she'd made at Oxford suddenly shunned her in the dining hall after the word went out that she held 'incorrect' views on women's rights. (She was so worried about repercussions that she asked me not to mention which area of women's rights she felt strongly about.)

I'm going to call the cult 'Country Living'. That's not quite accurate: it's actually spelled without the 'o', a gynaecological pun that's the only evidence of a sense of humour you'll find among its leaders. I reckon calling it Country Living will make them cross. Which, to be fair, is not difficult. These lasses are very, very cross all the time. If there was an Oxford blue for taking offence, they'd be champions.

Country Living is an internet cult that polices behaviour both online and offline. Its manifesto can be read by anyone who visits its page on the blogging platform Tumblr, which is mocked up to look like a 1970s student magazine. Here we learn that anyone can become a C-word, which is a badge of honour, not a term of abuse. Those four letters have been 'reclaimed' by the group. (Like feminists everywhere, Country Living does a lot of reclaiming.)'

No men allowed: publisher accepts novelist's 'year of women' challenge

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'Small press And Other Stories has answered author Kamila Shamsie's provocative call for a year of publishing women to redress "gender bias" in the literary world.

The novelist made what she called her "provocation" in Saturday's Guardian, revealing that just under 40% of books submitted to the Booker prize over the past five years were by women, and pointing to everything from the author Nicola Griffith's research, which found that far more prize-winning novels have male than female protagonists, to the Vida statistics showing that male authors and reviewers command more space than female.

"At this point, I'm going to assume that the only people who really doubt that there is a gender bias going on are those who stick with the idea that men are better writers and better critics," wrote Shamsie. "Enough. Across the board, enough ... I would argue that is time for everyone, male and female, to sign up to a concerted campaign to redress the inequality ... Why not have a year of publishing women: 2018, the centenary of women over the age of 30 getting the vote in the UK, seems appropriate."'

Why Do Feminists Cook Up Stories About ‘Misogyny’ When They Lose Debates?

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'One of the most frustrating things about debating feminists and feminist academics is how readily they reach for words such as “abuse,” “harassment” and “safety” – particularly, it seems, when they are losing the argument.

Yesterday I debated Dr Emily Grossman on women in science and, sure as night follows day, she reached for the same vocabulary afterwards, claiming on Twitter that she was “absolutely reeling” from the “mysogynistic [sic] backlash” and that she “hadn’t quite realised the extent of #everydaysexism.”

Kirsten Gillibrand's Campus-Rape Mendacity

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'In a Time op-ed, she made two alarming claims, claims that — if true — would mean that the plight of women on college campuses truly was a national crisis, one that should command the attention of all levels of government. First, she echoed President Obama and the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, declaring that "the price of a college education should never include a one in five chance of being sexually assaulted."

One in five is a terrifying ratio, a ratio so large that it made her next "fact" appear uncontroversial — that "women are at greater risk of sexual assault as soon as they step on a college campus." Fixated on these statistical claims, Senator Gillibrand became a fixture in public reporting on the sexual-assault "crisis," appearing in The Hunting Ground, an alarmist documentary that features heart-wrenching stories from alleged "survivors" of sexual assault — many of whom had watched their allegedly guilty assailants walk free. She even invited perhaps the nation's most prominent "survivor," Emma Sulkowicz, to the State of the Union Address, giving a truly national platform to a young woman who'd carried her mattress around Columbia University to protest the handling of her own sexual-assault claims.

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In an interview with New York magazine, Gillibrand was unapologetic for her role in advancing potentially false allegations — allegations that damage the lives of the accused. She was mainly concerned that criticism could "stifle debate" and "result in survivors withdrawing." As for Sulkowicz herself, Gillibrand said, "Emma has given courage to many more survivors than those who are now doubting [her story]." Close scrutiny of criminal allegations is just "noise" and "negativity." In other words, the ends justify the means, and lies serve a useful purpose.'

We don’t have a rape culture, we have a victim culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It takes courage to tell a bunch of Canadian feminists marchers against ‘rape culture’ that they are talking rubbish. And courage is something Lauren Southern, a reporter for The Rebel, appears to have in abundance. She had the guts to go to a ‘SlutWalk’ in Vancouver holding a sign that said: ‘There is no rape culture in the west’. You can see her video above.

Lauren made the not unreasonable point that Canada is hardly a rapist’s paradise. ‘Rapists go to prison here,’ says Lauren. ‘Rapists are actually hated here. Rapists are fired from their jobs. Men who make rape jokes are fired from their jobs.’ But it is lost on the SlutWalkers, who are so desperate to talk about — and display — their bodies that they will not listen to reason.

That’s partly because, in 21st century English, rape has become a stun-grenade of a word: its utterance blows up common sense. And common sense suggests that westerners don’t live in a rape culture. We live in a victim culture — the perfect expression of which is a group of women daubing themselves with the word slut and walking about un-dressed in the name of drawing attention to the issue of sexual violence. They are really drawing attention to themselves.'

Reporter clashes with feminists at 'Slutwalk'

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'A WOMAN held up a provocative sign dismissing the idea of a 'rape culture' in the West at a feminist rally which was trying to raise awareness of sexual assault.

Lauren Southern, a reporter with TheRebel, held up the controversial placard on the steps of a march organised in association with SlutWalk in Vancouver which read: 'There is no rape culture in the West' and then documented what happened.

She describes how she got into a "huge confrontation" with those involved, and claims that her cameraman was shoved, her sign torn up and that she was the victim of misogynist language - from other women.

Ms Southern also wrote that she decided to perform the stunt as a way to "challenge the fear mongering feminist narrative about men, women and violence".

"It is intellectually dishonest to think we are living in a rape culture," Ms Southern says in the introduction to the video.'

Video here.

Child Support System Dysfunctional

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Story here. Robert Franklin reports on a study by a Dr. Brenda Williams that reveals some troubling information about child support enforcement. Some excerpts:

Blacks are 87% of those incarcerated:

"My non-profit group, The Family Unit, recently studied the incarceration of non-custodial parents in Sumter County for non-payment of child support. We found that 87 percent of those incarcerated are African-Americans and the majority are indigent, don't have a high school diploma, live in low-income neighborhoods and are unemployed."

Fathers are 98% of those jailed:

"Based on all the incarcerations of parents for child support arrears in the state except three counties, those data revealed that some 98% of those incarcerated were fathers."

NCPs are jailed for failing to pay attorneys:

"Additionally, scores of non-custodial parents are ordered to pay thousands of dollars in fees to the attorneys of the custodial parents. The court commonly rules that attorneys must be paid in full, either immediately or within one to four months. Failure to pay means incarceration for at least 90 days."

"Manspreading puts New York's commuters in a jam"

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'If you've ever been forced to stand for a long journey on a bus as some average-sized bloke spread his thighs across three seats, or spent an entire flight with your knees in your nostrils because the guy next to you was carelessly spreading his legs, you will be familiar with "manspreading".

It's a newish buzzword for an old bugbear. For some men, it almost seems the different poles of the earth pull their knees in opposing directions as they sit, hoarding space between their legs.

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Like people who think their bags are too precious to sit on the floor or in their laps, and instead give their inanimate belongings a seat of their own, manspreading reeks of entitlement.

There was plenty of publicity and appreciation then, when New York City, where I now live, appeared to declare war on manspreading six months ago. It started with a public awareness campaign, and escalated recently with reports that two men had actually been arrested.'

Should White Men Stop Writing? A Q&A With Elisa Gabbert

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'If you want to get a distilled version of the present moment in American politics, it's not a bad idea to listen to what poets are saying, believe it or not. Right now, of course, a lot of the arguments are about identity. Elisa Gabbert is a poet and essayist who lives in Colorado and is the author of The French Exit and The Self Unstable. Last week, in an advice column for Electric Literature, she answered a note from a white male poet worried that "the need for poems from a white, male perspective just isn't there anymore." The column ran under the provocative headline "Should White Men Stop Writing?" and caused a storm on social media. The letter summed up a conversation about writing and gender and race and identity that's been going on for a long time but building momentum again since the poets Juliana Spahr and Stephanie Young's paper about gender balance in experimental poetry journals and anthologies, "Numbers Trouble," was published in 2007. And then with the annual VIDA counts that break down contributions to literary magazines by gender, and more recently ethnicity. I was on a airplane when the storm over Gabbert's column hit, but we'd corresponded in the past, so I asked her about it.
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Here's what I see as wrong with the standard-issue line that women and POC should submit more to even out the numbers: A) It's honoring the status-quo, racist, sexist system that got us here in the first place, and asking underrepresented people to conform to that system and play by its rules, rather than dismantle the system. It's just like telling women the reason they get paid less for the same jobs is because they don't ask for raises and promotions, and they're not aggressive enough. I, for one, don't want to work in an environment where everyone is as aggressive as the most aggressive guy in the room, and aggressive behavior isn't rewarded in women the same way it is in men. Also there are many jobs where being aggressive doesn't make you more effective. It's like giving out promotions based on height. B) It wouldn't solve the problem. It wouldn't solve the problem because editors don't read blind, and they make judgments based on the perceived gender and race of the author, whether they're aware of it or not. As to whether it'll "ever happen," I don't expect my advice to single-handedly solve racism or sexism. (Did anyone ask me to?) One person's vegetarianism doesn't solve world hunger or animal cruelty. One person biking to work doesn't solve climate change. You don't do it to solve the problem on your own, you do it so you can feel like an ethical person and go to sleep at night and maybe effect some small change around you.'

Toxic masculinity is killing men: The roots of male trauma

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'If we are honest with ourselves, we have long known that masculinity kills men, in ways both myriad and measurable. While social constructions of femininity demand that women be thin, beautiful, accommodating, and some unattainable balance of virginal and fuckable, social constructions of masculinity demand that men constantly prove and re-prove the very fact that they are, well, men.

Both ideas are poisonous and potentially destructive, but statistically speaking, the number of addicted and afflicted men and their comparatively shorter lifespans proves masculinity is actually the more effective killer, getting the job done faster and in greater numbers. Masculinity's death tolls are attributed to its more specific manifestations: alcoholism, workaholism and violence. Even when it does not literally kill, it causes a sort of spiritual death, leaving many men traumatized, dissociated and often unknowingly depressed. (These issues are heightened by race, class, sexuality and other marginalizing factors, but here let's focus on early childhood and adolescent socialization overall.) To quote poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning, "tis not in death that men die most." And for many men, the process begins long before manhood.

The emotionally damaging "masculinization" of boys starts even before boyhood, in infancy. Psychologist Terry Real, in his 1998 book I Don't Want to Talk About It: Overcoming the Secret Legacy of Male Depression, highlights numerous studies which find that parents often unconsciously begin projecting a kind of innate "manliness"—and thus, a diminished need for comfort, protection and affection—onto baby boys as young as newborns. This, despite the fact that gendered behaviors are absent in babies; male infants actually behave in ways our society defines as "feminine." As Real explains, "[l]ittle boys and little girls start off… equally emotional, expressive, and dependent, equally desirous of physical affection. At the youngest ages, both boys and girls are more like a stereotypical girl. If any differences exist, little boys are, in fact, slightly more sensitive and expressive than little girls. They cry more easily, seem more easily frustrated, appear more upset when a caregiver leaves the room."

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We have set an unfair and unachievable standard, and in trying to live up to it, many men are slowly killing themselves. We have to move far beyond our outdated ideas of masculinity, and get past our very ideas about what being a man is. We have to start seeing men as innately so, with no need to prove who they are, to themselves or anyone else.'

Columnist calls out paper for bogus campus sexual assault poll

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'Late this morning, the Washington Post sent a “News Alert” e-mail announcing the results of an “exclusive” poll it conducted together with the Kaiser Family Foundation. The poll purports to find that “20 percent of young women who attended college during the past four years say they were sexually assaulted.” This is an explosive number — and not just because the very thought of one in five women being sexually assaulted on campus is horrifying.

The number, it turns out, exactly mirrors the percentage announced in a 2007 federally funded study of two universities, which has been cited by President Obama, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and the Department of Education as proof of a campus sexual-assault crisis. This has, in turn, provided the justification for the ongoing, draconian crackdown on free speech and due process at colleges across the nation, one that has done real harm to innocent young men.

The original 20 percent number was suspect from the start. The 2007 survey used an exceedingly generous definition of sexual assault and its response rate was relatively low. A more comprehensive and rigorous Bureau of Justice Statistics survey subsequently put the rate at 6.1 per 1,000, and found that sexual assault was 1.2 times more frequent for nonstudents than students and had — in fact — been declining since the 1990s. When confronted with the BJS survey, even Senator Gillibrand removed the one in five number from her website. So the Post number, if valid, would give a second wind to an Obama administration crackdown that was running on factual fumes. Unfortunately for the Post and the administration, the study’s number is not even close to valid. Even worse, in its main story about the poll, the Post misleads about the key question — the source of its one in five headline.'

Also see: Are 20 Percent Of Women Really Assaulted In College?

Senator says U.S. Soccer 'tone deaf' in Hope Solo controversy

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'Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., called U.S. Soccer's explanation of its handling of Hope Solo's domestic violence arrest "tone deaf" and "nonsensical" in an exclusive telephone interview Saturday afternoon with USA TODAY Sports.

"I saw the response, which unfortunately and regrettably is really tone deaf," Blumenthal said. "Most striking in this response is the use of the term 'he said, she said.' Most commonly, that's the reason given by prosecutors for failing to take effective action in domestic violence cases. That comment reveals a mindset that is part of a culture that fails to successfully prosecute domestic violence in this country."

On Thursday, Blumenthal, who was outspoken in his criticism of the NFL's handling of the Ray Rice incident last year, released a letter he sent to U.S. Soccer president Sunil Gulati, calling for the federation to "conduct a thorough investigation into (the Solo) incident."'

Woman charged with making false rape report

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'A Wood River woman has been charged with making a false police report alleging she had been raped.

Kiersten Cherry, 19, came to the South Roxana Police Department with her boyfriend on May 20 and reported that she had been raped by a resident of South Roxana, according to police. An investigation led to Cherry's admission that the sex was consensual, according to police.

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Coles said he was "disturbed" by false reports, which he said in this instance was motivated by a guilty conscience from multiple consensual contacts.

"The stigma from being accused of a sexual offense is not something that goes away when guilt or innocence is proven," he said. "It can haunt the person for the rest of their life."

Cherry has been charged with disorderly conduct, a Class 4 felony punishable by one to four years in prison or up to two and a half years' probation.

A warrant has been issued for her arrest, but she was not in custody as of late Tuesday. Coles said he expected her to be apprehended shortly.'

With Father's Day Pledge, Initiative Encourages Taking A Stand Against Domestic Violence

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'June 21 is Father's Day, and a local group says celebrating Dad should also mean taking a stand to end domestic violence.

The Father's Day Pledge to End Gender Violence encourages people, particularly men, to sign a pledge that indicates their commitment to the prevention of domestic and sexual violence and abuse.

The pledge, which was launched just last year by the Southwest PA Says No More initiative, calls for men to not use violence in their own relationships and also to intervene when they see another man harming women or girls. Many notable locals, including Mayor Bill Peduto, University of Pittsburgh Head Basketball Coach Jamie Dixon and CEO of Peoples Natural Gas Morgan O'Brien have already signed this year's pledge.

"The Father's Day Pledge to End Gender Violence is a four-point pledge that helps men who are supportive of this issue have a better sense of what might their role be in promoting prevention," said Kristy Trautmann, executive director of the Fisa Foundation.

The pledge can be found on the website of the No More initiative. Started by the FISA Foundation and the Heinz Endowments, the initiative is part of the national No More campaign focused on the prevention of domestic and sexual violence. The local initiative has engaged with many corporate, political and religious leaders in Pittsburgh to promote this campaign, some of whom appear in its launch video.'

Carly Fiorina, Feminist?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Carly Fiorina is rivaling Sen. Rand Paul in trying to be the most heterodox candidate in the Republican presidential field. And now, she may well be the first Republican feminist to run for president.

Fiorina, who is set to deliver a speech to the Competitive Enterprise Institute Thursday night, has staked out her place in the Republican primaries as someone who is not afraid to hit Hillary Clinton, the only other woman in the race, and hit her hard.

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"Today, only 23 percent of women identify with the term feminist. Liberal ideas aren't the answer. Their version of feminism isn't working. It is time for a new definition," Fiorina's prepared remarks for Thursday night read. "A feminist is a woman who lives the life she chooses. We will have arrived when every woman can decide for herself how to best find and use her God-given gifts. A woman may choose to have five children and homeschool them. She may choose to become a CEO, or run for president."

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"Feminism began as a rallying cry to empower women—to vote, to get an education, to enter the workplace. But over the years, feminism has devolved into a left-leaning political ideology where women are pitted against men and used as a political weapon to win elections.

Being empowered means having a voice. But ideological feminism shuts down conversation—on college campuses and in the media. If you are a man—or a woman—who doesn't believe the litanies of the left, then you are "waging a war on women" or you are a "threat to women's health" or you are variously described as "window dressing" —Joni Ernst—or offensive as a candidate—Carly Fiorina.

The progressive view of feminism is not about women. It is about ideology."'

Senator asks for broader investigation of Hope Solo DV incident

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Story and video here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) called on U.S. Soccer president Sunil Gulati to "actually conduct a thorough investigation" into women's national team goalie Hope Solo and domestic violence accusations against her.

Blumenthal also suggested that U.S. Soccer "reconsider Hope Solo's position as an active member of Team USA," in a letter dated Thursday.

"Domestic violence is unacceptable," the letter said, "particularly for an athlete representing the United States of America on the global stage."

Outside The Lines, with new court documents and an interview with Solo's half-sister Teresa Obert, took an in-depth look into Solo's actions that led to her arrest in June 2014 after an altercation with Obert and Solo's teenage nephew.

Police said Solo was belligerent and insulting toward officers during her arrest, and had been drinking. Domestic abuse charges were dropped in January on procedural grounds, but prosecutors filed an appeal with the Superior Court of Washington. They are scheduled to file their argument by July 13, with the defense due to respond by Aug. 10. Oral arguments are scheduled for Sept. 11.'

A New Guide to Intact Jewish Welcoming: Review of "Celebrating Brit Shalom"

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Review here. Excerpt:

'Rebecca Wald and Lisa Braver Moss have followed a time-honored tradition in Judaism, one followed by Rabbis, scholars, and the Jewish people for centuries. They've looked at our world, the way we practice Torah, live our lives, and proposed adjustments to accommodate a more ethical approach. The guide, titled Celebrating Brit Shalom is the first published prayer book for leaders of this new Jewish ritual. So far, the book has won good reviews from Jewish celebrants in the UK, progressive Jews in California,Orthodox-raised Jewish Intactivist Jonathan Friedman and others.

A surgical, violent practice that is somewhat unquestioned in Judaism, is finally being discussed widely in the Jewish press. The subject of the book is bris ceremonies that exclude circumcision, for Jewish boys who are not going to be circumcised. These rituals emerged in the 1970's and 1980's and there are many beautiful stores about them. They are called a variety of different names, but they share in common a rejection of circumcision. According to one estimate, more than 1,000 of these rituals have been done in the United States since the movement began. Moshe Rothenberg, an early Jewish leader estimates that he himself has performed more than 100 of them on the East Coast, beginning in the early 1980's. Parents are creating a variety of rituals to name newborn Jewish boys, and Rabbis are starting to think and talk about these in new ways. Among the Reform, Humanist, and Reconstructionist movements and the non-denominational, which make up more than 75% of American Jews, acceptance of these rituals are increasing.'

NPO: An Important Message from the Divorce Corp. Team

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last November, Joe Sorge's organization, Divorce Corp., sponsored an important conference in Washington, D.C. on the need for reform of family courts and family laws. The National Parents Organization was pleased and privileged to be a major player there. One of the many constructive plans to come out of the conference was the creation of a structure to allow everyday people to tell their stories about their treatment by family courts. Now that effort is underway. If you have a story about your experience with family courts, the following message from Divorce Corp. lets you know how to make it public. Most of these will be "horror stories," but not all. It's equally useful to let people, courts and lawmakers know what works as well as what doesn't. Here's Divorce Corp.'s message:

Divorce Corp. Followers:
We are writing to you with an update from Susan Settenbrino regarding her inquiry to all of you about the success and outcomes of any judicial misconduct complaints you may have filed.

Please see her message to all of you about her new website and plans for the project:

Ms. Settenbrino received overwhelming responses to her inquiry announced here, on DivorceCorp. She wants to thank you for all of your responses and to let you know that she will be addressing them accordingly. Ms.Settenbrino and Greg Roberts have created Uncheckedpower.org, to address unchecked power in the government and court system as a whole.'

Male survivors of sex assaults often fear they won't be taken seriously

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For all the intensity, emotion and pervasiveness of the debate about sexual assault in college, there's an element that's often lost and unheard: men's stories.

Though sexual assaults on men are rarely reported to authorities, a Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation poll of current and recent college students found that 1 in 20 men said they were sexually assaulted while in school.

Some of the incidents were terrifying. Others, like one Episcope described, left the men involved confused, sometimes wondering how they could have lost control.
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By his account, "Suddenly they were like, 'Drink, drink, drink!' " he said. He didn't have much experience drinking, and he soon found himself hammered. He was drifting in and out of a blackout, he said, when he realized one of the women was having sex with him.

He's conflicted about what happened, and he kind of laughs it off. "A guy is like, 'Yes, tie me up, take advantage of me — grab that whip!' " For a woman it would be downright scary, he said, then added: "It is kind of scary."

It was troubling, knowing he hadn't intended to do it, knowing he couldn't walk away. But — echoing some other men who had unwanted sexual encounters but also don't know quite what to make of it all — he said he wasn't traumatized but was mostly confused. "For me it was like, 'This really shouldn't be the way I should be getting some.' "

In interviews with men who participated in the poll, they described a wide range of unwanted sexual experiences — some blurry, some violent, some confusing, some terrifying. Some joked about it or blamed themselves. Others are tortured by the memories.'

The Pecking Disorder: Social Justice Warriors Gone Wild

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'The ordeal of Northwestern University film professor Laura Kipnis, hauled before a campus gender equity tribunal for publishing a critique of academia's current obsession with sexual misconduct, has brought the backlash against "political correctness" to reliably left-of-center venues such as Vox. But this is only the latest incident in the culture wars over "social justice" that have been wreaking havoc in a wide range of communities—including, but not limited to, universities, the literary world, science fiction fandom and the atheist/skeptic movement.

The progressive crusaders driving these wars have been dubbed "social justice warriors," or "SJWs," by their Internet foes. Some activists on the left proudly embrace the label, crowing that it says a lot about the other side that it uses "social justice" as a derisive epithet. But in fact, this version of "social justice" is not about social justice at all. It is a cultish, essentially totalitarian ideology deeply inimical—as liberals such as Jonathan Chait warn in New York Magazine—to the traditional values of the liberal left, and not just because of the movement's hostility to freedom of "harmful" speech.

At the core of social justice dogma is fixation on identity and "privilege." Some of this discourse touches on real and clear inequities: for instance, the widespread tendency of police and others to treat African-Americans, especially young and male, as potential lawbreakers. Yet even here, the rhetoric of privilege generates far more heat than light. University of California-Merced sociologist Tanya Bolash-Goza, who accepts the social justice left's view of pervasive structural racism in America, points out that the term "white privilege" turns what should be the norm for all—not being harassed by cops or eyed suspiciously by shop owners—into a special advantage unfairly enjoyed by whites. (Indeed, in its dictionary meaning, "privilege" refers to rights or benefits possessed by the select, not by the majority.) This language speaks not to black betterment but to white guilt. It also erases the fact that the "privilege" extends to many non-white groups, such as Asians.'

California Lawmakers Propose 'Affirmative Consent' to State and Federal Level

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'The act of sex is not illegal. But if two members of the American Law Institute have their way, it will be — unless you follow their rules.

Law professors Stephen J. Schulhofer and Erin Murphy are trying to update the criminal code when it comes to sex offenses, believing current definitions of rape and sexual assault are antiquated. The focus of their draft is on what constitutes consent. It adopts the "yes means yes," or "affirmative consent" model that was passed in California last year.

The California law applies only to college campuses, however. Schulhofer and Murphy aim to take that definition of consent — which says that before every escalation of a sexual encounter, clear and convincing consent must be given — to the state or federal level. No one actually has sex this way, requesting permission and having it granted perhaps a dozen times in a single encounter.

But the theory that millions of Americans are having sex wrongly has gained currency among campus activists. This new attempt to alter the American Law Institute's Model Penal Code, a highly influential document that has been adopted in whole or in part by many states' legislatures, is part of a push to bring authoritarianism into the bedroom.

... Any act of sex in which permission is not repeatedly requested and granted would put at least one of the parties, usually men, in legal jeopardy. Absent the repeated "May I…?" and affirmative responses, any woman could later have her partner locked up over unexpressed mental reservations. Men could make the same accusations.

No one who opposes this legal change argues that consent is unnecessary. But the "yes means yes" standard is so stringent that it would criminalize millions of Americans overnight unless no one reports them.'

Wrestling coach who criticized Title IX treatment of college men is fired

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'The UNC-Chapel Hill wrestling coach who has been a critic of how universities handle sexual assault allegations that do not go through the courts is out of a job.

After 12 seasons as head coach of the UNC wrestling program, C.D. Mock was “relieved of his duties” by UNC athletic director Bubba Cunningham.

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Toward the end of last year and the beginning of this year, Mock became the subject of much criticism for personal social media posts on a blog he set up after his son, a nationally ranked wrestler at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, was accused of rape last March by a student.

Criminal charges were not filed, but the case went through the Tennessee university’s judicial process.

Amid a heightened national attention to sexual assault allegations on college campuses, C.D. Mock, a 1982 graduate of UNC, questioned whether the due-process rights of the men accused were being trampled. He also became a critic of the “yes means yes” standard for consent to sexual activity as a replacement for the “no means no” standard.'

Feminist Professor Says People Who Ask For Proof of Rape Culture Aren't Human

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'Lyndsay Kirkham is a radical feminist who is very active on her personal Twitter account. Following a name search, she is listed as a "Professor" in the "School of Liberal Arts and Sciences", on the Toronto based Humber College's staff directory page.

Kirkham is engaged in a wide variety of extreme dialogue (as one would expect from a feminist professor nowadays). But SoCawlege recently learned that she tweeted something rather disturbing about those critical of the so called "rape culture".

Direct link to Tweet

In addition, she describes herself as a fan of "misandry" (the inverse of misogyny, it means a hatred of boys or men) in her Twitter bio.
...
Regardless, back onto the rape culture claim – the purpose of college is to question your idea of how the world works and to broaden your horizons. Why is asking for proof of something so terrible that it means you are doing "human" wrong? We are inquisitive creatures last time I checked.'

New Questions On Alleged College Sexual Assault Cases

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Watch Prof. KC Johnson provide insight into college sexual assault and due process. Also see this article: Amherst Student Was Expelled for Rape. But He Was Raped, Evidence Shows. Excerpt:

'Amherst College expelled a male student who was accused of sexually assaulting a female student while he was blacked out. Again, while he was blacked out. The woman he allegedly assaulted was fully lucid.

How did that happen? It didn't. The evidence overwhelmingly suggests that the male student did nothing wrong. If anyone committed sexual assault during their encounter, it was in fact the female student.

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This outcome was obviously a gross miscarriage of justice. I think even the most staunchly pro-victim anti-rape activists would admit that (maybe). But it strikes me that this is exactly the kind of confounding verdict that a college is likely to reach when forced to adhere to the favored policies of the anti-rape activists: affirmative consent and preponderance of the evidence standards. When university administrators poorly trained in legal procedures are asked to determine whether it is more likely than not an accused student had obtained ongoing, enthusiastic, affirmative consent during a sexual encounter, they will invariably convict the innocent.'

Legislators should reject governor’s campus sex bill

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'As the legislative session comes to a close, Gov. Andrew Cuomo is making an eleventh-hour push to gain support for a well-intentioned but poorly conceived campus sexual assault bill.
...
Unless students record the entirety of each of their sexual encounters, or trade text messages afterwards that confirm the interaction was consensual, it is unclear how they are expected to demonstrate that they obtained affirmative consent. After all, even with an agreement signed in advance, a person has the right to revoke consent at any time.

Affirmative consent also renders plainly lawful sexual activity punishable by colleges. Couples routinely touch each other without advance permission. If an individual finds the interaction unwelcome, the criminal code asks them to communicate their disinterest to their partner. Only if the initiator proceeds despite the request to stop does he or she run afoul of the law and social norms. But under the affirmative consent standard, even a student who ceases contact immediately upon being asked to do so is guilty of sexual assault on campus because he or she didn’t obtain consent up front.'

Natalie Portman Puts Halt on Feminist Ginsburg Film Until Female Director is Found

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'Feminist icon and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg revealed recently that Natalie Portman, who is innegotiations to play her in an upcoming biopic, has put a halt on production until a female director is attached to the film.

The film, titled On the Basis of Sex, will follow Ginsburg's life as she fights for equality in her career.

"Natalie Portman came to talk to me about [the film landing a female director], and we had a very good conversation," Ginsburg said during an American Constitution Society convention panel Saturday, viaMSNBC.

"And one thing, interesting, that she insisted on, it held up the project for a while," she continued. "She said, 'I want the director to be a woman. There are not enough women in this industry. There are many talented out there.' And now they do have a woman director.'

More College Rape Hype — This Time from the Washington Post

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'Since 2012, the New York Times has led the way in systematically biased coverage of on-campus sexual assault allegations and how colleges are responding. The paper has relentlessly hyped the issue, has smeared quite possibly innocent students while omitting evidence that they were innocent, and has cheered efforts to presume guilt and deny due process for the accused. It has also parroted egregiously misleading statistical claims used by the Obama administration and others to portray the campus rape problem, which is clearly serious, as an out-of-control "epidemic," which it clearly is not. (In fact, the campus rate rape has plunged in the past 20 years.)

Now the *Washington Post* has joined a race to the bottom among the legacy media, in a June 12 package of two very long front-page articles and a third inside the paper that includes both the results of a Post-Kaiser Family Foundation poll and detailed interviews of some respondents. The main headline: "1 in 5 women say they were violated." The articles and the poll purport to confirm claims by the administration, its congressional supporters, most of the media, and campus activists that around 20 percent of female college students are sexually assaulted while at school. In this portrayal, the nation's campuses are hotbeds of violent crime.'

Kirsten Gillibrand Q&A: ‘I’m not going away’

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'DS: You've dropped the '1 in 5 college women raped' statistic from your website, which some say is proof this isn't as big an issue as you make it out. How do you respond?

KG: Well, we may not know what the actual rate is, but we know it is prevalent, and we know it's real. And so if somebody wants to hide behind not having the right statistic, they're actually denying that problem that really does exist. And these men and women who tell their stories — they are horrific. And it is happening all across all campuses, whether it's a small school, a big school, private or public. And I think those who deny this is an issue are just wrong. And the power of these individual stories will overcome them.'

Fathers Into Felons

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Federal courts have long recognized parenthood as a “sacred” and “inherent, natural right,” “far more precious than property rights,” and “for the protection of which, just as much as for the protection of the rights of the individual to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, our government is formed.” Shell summarizes assumptions that, until recently, have been virtually universal among free societies: “No known government, however brutal or tyrannical, has ever denied, in fact or principle, the fundamental claim of parents to their children. …A government that distributed children randomly … could not be other than tyrannical. Even if it had the best interest of society in mind … a government that paid no regard to the claims of biological parenthood would be unacceptable to all but the most fanatical of egalitarian or communitarian zealots.”

As a statement of society’s moral consensus Shell’s point is unexceptionable. Yet it also illustrates the ignorance pervading current debates. For current marriage law has both validated her point and negated her fact: “No known government” ever crossed this line until about 30 years ago, well before same-sex marriage, when most of the Western democracies did so. It is having precisely the consequences she postulates.'

Micro-Aggression Is The Road To Micro-Tyranny

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'The political left has come up with a new buzzword: "micro-aggression."

Professors at the University of California at Berkeley have been officially warned against saying such things as "America is the land of opportunity." Why? Because this is considered to be an act of "micro-aggression" against minorities and women.

Supposedly it shows you don't take their grievances seriously and are therefore guilty of being aggressive toward them, even if only on a micro scale.

You might think that this is just another crazy idea from Berkeley. But the same concept appears in a report from the flagship campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana.

If you just sit in a room where all the people are white, you are considered to be guilty of "micro-aggression" against people who are not white, who will supposedly feel uncomfortable when they enter such a room.
...
In a sense, the political left's attempts to silence ideas they cannot, or will not, debate are a confession of intellectual bankruptcy. But this is just one of the left's ever-increasing restrictions on other people's freedom to live their lives as they see fit, rather than as their betters tell them.
...
The left is not necessarily aiming at totalitarianism. But their know-it-all mindset leads repeatedly and pervasively in that direction, even if by small steps, each of which might be called "micro-totalitarianism."'

Child allegedly abducted by mother placed in county care

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A child allegedly abducted by his mother from Sunnyvale and found in Newark over the weekend has been placed under the care of the Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services division, a Sunnyvale public safety captain said on Monday.

The child's mother, 20-year-old Christina Rodriguez, was arrested along with 19-year-old Alina Herd and 22-year-old Joel Lopez in connection with the alleged abduction on Saturday, public safety Capt. Jeff Hunter said.

The trio was booked into county jail where they were booked on suspicion of parental child abduction and conspiracy, according to Hunter.

Around 3:45 p.m. Saturday, public safety officers responded to a report of a child abduction in the 800 block of San Aleso Avenue where 16-month-old Trinnian Gonzalez was taken, Hunter said.'

Accomplice in New York prison break suspected in plot with escapees to kill husband

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'His wife is accused of helping two convicted murderers break out of a New York prison. And the escape plan, a source says, also included a plot to end his life.

But how much did Lyle Mitchell know?

That's one question investigators are asking as they search for two fugitives in a massive manhunt.

The answer depends on whom you ask.

A source with direct knowledge of the investigation told CNN that prison tailor Joyce Mitchell knew the inmates had plotted to kill her husband, told him about their plans to break out of the facility and warned him that his life could be in danger.

But a lawyer representing Lyle Mitchell said the husband, who also worked in prison's tailoring block, was kept in the dark.

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She'd been investigated in the past for an inappropriate relationship with Sweat that led corrections officials to move him out of the tailor shop in 2013 and keep them separated, said Wylie, the district attorney.

That's the year when she started having a sexual relationship with [escapee Richard] Matt, the source said.

The sexual relationship took place at the tailor shop in the Clinton Correctional Facility, the only known place the two were together, the source said.'

Ex-pro cheerleader pleads guilty to sex charge

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Story here. Yup, quite a "rape culture", we have going, here, eh? How much you wanna bet she won't serve anywhere near a 15-year term? Excerpt:

'A former Baltimore Ravens cheerleader charged with having sex with a 15-year-old in Bethany Beach pleaded guilty in Sussex County Superior Court Tuesday.

Molly Shattuck pleaded guilty to one count of fourth-degree rape. She settled nine different charges, some of them more serious, by agreeing to plead guilty.

Superior Court judge E. Scott Bradley told Shattuck she faced up to 15 years in prison when she gets sentenced on August 14.'

Michelle O calls men "useful" in meeting with girls

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'She suggested that while boys and men were important, it was crucial for them to talk about the lack of education for girls around the world.

“You know our sons are important, we love men, we all do, they’re good, they’re useful,” she said.

“I have one in my life,” she added, referring to President Obama. “I like him but you know we have to change the definition of what it means to invest in our young girls.”'

2011 Update to Title IX: The Pendulum Has Swung Too Far

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text and clicking on the first search hit. Excerpt:

'The federal law that requires gender equality in higher education, commonly referred to as Title IX, has brought about many laudable results since it was first passed in 1972. But at the behest of the U.S. Department of Education in 2011, the law that was passed to ensure that female students get equal opportunity was refashioned to require that schools investigate and punish sexual assaults on campus under DOE-approved procedures.

In the name of the wholly laudable goal of combating sexual assaults, the DOE placed schools in the precarious position of adjudicating allegedly criminal acts in their discipline systems, with the threat of potentially ruinous sanctions, should the schools' efforts fall short. Recognizing that at least some accusers have historically been mistreated, the department insisted on changes in how the system was to run, but those changes have gone too far and now undercut fundamental rights of those accused of wrongdoing. For instance, the DOE demanded that colleges apply a "preponderance of the evidence" standard in determining whether a sexual assault complaint has merit, and prohibited both the "clear and convincing" and "beyond a reasonable doubt" thresholds. Further, the department dictated that schools should prohibit the accused from cross-examining the accuser, warning that doing so could create a hostile environment—effectively taking the position that everyone accused is guilty, and that having the temerity to question the accuser would compound the trauma.'

Megyn Kelly lashes out at Amherst College again

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'For the second night in a row, Fox News host Megyn Kelly has criticized Amherst College over its handling of a sexual assault accusation.

Kelly opened her show with the story, and could hardly contain her disdain for the way the case was handled. A young man, blacked out after a night of drinking, had a sex act performed on him, and then two years later was accused of sexual assault and expelled. He hired a lawyer to sue the university, and his lawyer discovered text messages strongly suggesting that the accuser was not sexually assaulted. Yet Amherst refused to reopen the case.

Kelly brought in fellow Fox host Trace Gallagher to divulge details of the case, quoting from text messages where the accuser practically bragged about the night in question — with no sign of the distress she claimed she was going through at the time. The accuser even invited another man over that night. He provided a sworn affidavit that she "did not appear in any distress ... she was friendly, flirtatious and spirited."'

A Nobel professor's hounded from his job for 'sexist' remarks in disturbing trend

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First of all, let me just say that I do not intend to resign on account of what I am about to say. Or issue a grovelling apology, or cry in the loos.

So if you're a touchy 'feminazi' with the sense of humour of a Ryvita, or just one of those weird people who like getting in a massive lather about things, save your spittle. If, that is, you have any left. Because you did it, ladies. You got your man. Sir Tim Hunt, 72, Nobel Prize winner, one of Britain's top scientists last night resigned.

No doubt it will be extra helpings of organic non-GM muesli all round at breakfast this morning now that this scourge has been banished from scientific circles. After all, men like him can't be allowed to go around the place making giant scientific breakthroughs of the kind that may one day lead to, oh I don't know, a cure for cancer, unless and until they have fully submitted to the will of the mob.

Heaven forfend that an old fellow like Hunt should try to make a bit of a joke about the ladies and his own inability to resist their charms without being tarred and feathered and locked in the stocks so that he, too, like many before him, can receive his 15 minutes of hate.

It's days like these that I despair of my sex. Of the stupid, pampered, spoilt women who have nothing better to do with their lives than whinge and whine about utterly trivial items of entirely innocuous cack-handedness by slightly inept men who have no intention whatsoever of offending the Sisterhood, but who, entirely by accident, end up getting it in the neck.'

‘Happy Father’s Day, Mom’ Angel Soft’s Newest Campaign

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'On the newest commercial for Angel Soft titled ‘Happy Father’s Day, Mom,’ several adults tell the stories of how their mom had to play both parental roles. On Sunday, June 21st fathers are celebrated for this special holiday.

Their stories are tear jerkers as they talk about how their mom not only juggled a family, jobs and personal lives, but made sure there kids had the best life she could give them. One of the men even said during the video, “She really is the most amazing mother, but she was an incredible father.”

Although some fathers may feel a bit offended, Todd Wingfield, Angel Soft’s Senior Brand Manager, told Centric TV, “We celebrate families in all forms, shapes and sizes. Our vision is that this is the first in a series of unique stories we’ll be sharing. Dads also play an important role and exemplify those traits of being soft and strong every day.”'

Women Against Paternity Fraud (WAPF) Opens New California Office and Launches a New Website

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'Women Against Paternity Fraud (WAPF) a national non-profit organization that educates the public, media, and policy makers on issues relating to paternity fraud (which is devastating to men, women, and especially children) opens up a new California office.

Year after year, the American Association of Blood Banks reports that approximately 28% of all paternity tests excludes the targeted man. In LA County alone, 80% of paternity establishments are entered by default judgments.

The mission of WAPF is to institute dialogue and educational efforts that encourage reform – to insure that children develop a relationship with their biological fathers, have access to their family medical history, their heritage, and inheritance and medical insurance benefits. With the goal of ending paternity fraud and the devastation it creates within families.'

Kirsten Gillibrand claims her bill gives equal rights to accusers and accused, but it doesn't

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During a Washington Post symposium on campus sexual assault Wednesday (which included no speakers advocating for due process), Gillibrand was asked if the bill she has introduced — the Campus Accountability and Safety Act — takes into account the rights of accused students. Gillibrand responded with an emphatic "absolutely" before claiming that she and her Senate colleagues worked with accused students while crafting the bill.

"[We] made sure that they had the same rights of representation as someone who was alleging the crime," Gillibrand said. "And so, all notice requirements are for both, all representational requirements — that you can have someone by your side representing you — are for both."

This is not accurate. Gillibrand's bill does not specifically lay out what rights accusers (the bill calls them "victims" throughout, except for once, illustrating a clear bias) and the accused have. It states only that schools must provide each student with written notice of the process to provide them "with the opportunity to meaningfully exercise the due process rights afforded to them under institutional policy."

Due process rights are mentioned elsewhere in the bill as being provided by a certain section in the Higher Education Act of 1965. That section calls for a supposedly "fair and impartial investigation" conducted by minimally trained campus administrators (more on that later). It also calls for both students to be notified of the process and outcome of the investigation and allows them to have "others" present at the disciplinary hearing.

The idea that Gillibrand's bill advances the rights of accused students was challenged by Joe Cohn, the legislative and policy director for the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, an organization that has been working hard to ensure that students are provided their due process rights.'

NPO: Washington Post Urges Men to ‘Go All In’ for Work and Family

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'This article in the Washington Post strikes a blow for men as fathers (Washington Post, 6/6/15). Specifically, it’s about changing parental leave laws and policies to allow dads to spend meaningful time with their kids in the first weeks of life. That of course is a good idea. Mothers biologically bond with their children during pregnancy; fathers do so mostly after their kids are born when testosterone levels take a sharp dive and prolactin levels rise. And children need to see, hear and feel their dads early in their lives to form the usual child/father attachment.

So parental leave for fathers makes sense for dads and their kids.

But societal norms interfere with that. The WaPo article makes clear that expectations of men to be the breadwinner in the family intrude on the father-child dyad. It’s not news that fathers spend much more time at work than do mothers. That’s a behavioral norm that’s evolved over (potentially) millions of years in every known human culture.'

The Trouble with Boys: Social Influences and the Gender Gap in Disruptive Behavior

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This paper explores the importance of the home and school environments in explaining the gender gap in disruptive behavior. We document large differences in the gender gap across key features of the home environment - boys do especially poorly in broken families. In contrast, we find little impact of the early school environment on non-cognitive gaps. Differences in endowments explain a small part of boys' non-cognitive deficit in single-mother families. More importantly, non-cognitive returns to parental inputs differ markedly by gender. Broken families are associated with worse parental inputs and boys' non-cognitive development, unlike girls', appears extremely responsive to such inputs.

This paper is available as PDF (252 K) or via email.'

Governor OKs payment to Brian Banks for time spent in prison on false rape allegation

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'Gov. Jerry Brown on Wednesday authorized a nearly $1 million payout to three wrongfully convicted former prisoners, including Brian Banks, a former Poly High football star who was exonerated on a rape conviction three years ago.

Banks will receive $142,200 after spending five years behind bars. He was exonerated after his accuser, Wanetta Gibson, a fellow student, recanted her story.

In 2002, Banks was a 17-year-old football standout at Poly High, attending summer school ahead of his senior year, when he had what he always maintained was a consensual encounter with Gibson.

Gibson later claimed Banks raped her. Facing a 41-year sentence for rape and kidnapping, Banks, who once received a scholarship offer from USC, pleaded no contest in order to receive fewer years behind bars.'

Sobering Father's Day PSA Reminds Dads to Talk to Sons About Domestic Violence

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'Many of this year's Father's Day messages have tugged at our heartstrings, but The Ad Council and organization Futures Without Violence have teamed up for a more sobering message for Dads.

A TV spot, created by RSA Films, starts out like a typical Father's Day ad, with a voiceover (by Forest Whittaker) reflecting on what Dads teach their sons; to hit baseballs, goals, and other sporting achievements. It goes on to ask "But how much time did you spend on teaching him what not to hit?"'

Rethink masculinity for Father's Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Father's Day might seem like the wrong holiday to discuss discrimination against mothers. But the problem is an enduring workplace affliction, which also harms dads.

Employers too often believe mothers are less competent and less committed, even though there's no evidence to back up that bias. It's an archaic assumption in an age when women receive more advanced degrees than men and make up half of the workforce.

To bust the stereotype, the U.S. needs to do more than enhance women's role in the workplace; men need to ask for "daddy leave," a family-friendly policy that has worked in places like Sweden.'

To Stop Mass Killers, We Have To Stop Drugging Our Young Boys

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'As America comes to terms with a monstrous shooting in Charleston that has left nine churchgoers dead, bewildered members of the public are seeking rationality in apparently wanton and inscrutable crimes.

We may never know quite what drives some people to kill. But it seems that in young Dylann Storm Roof, we have further evidence of a trend that should worry us all. I'm talking about his dependence on prescription drugs: suboxone, to be precise.

Roof is just the latest in a long line of young men who have committed appalling crimes after a lifetime on psychotropic drugs. If you don't believe me, consider some of the most notorious young male shooters in American history.

Sandy Hook shooter Adam Lanza? Lexapro and Celexa. Red-headed Aurora killer James Holmes? Clonazepam and sertraline. Virginia Tech mass murderer Seung-Hui Cho? Prozac. Charles Whitman, the "Texas Tower Sniper"? Dexedrine. Columbine executioners Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold? Zoloft and Luvox.

You get the idea. These young men were all on prescribed medication. Feminism helped to get them there. In particular, female teachers who either dislike men or are completely ignorant of healthy behaviour norms for boys are creating a generation of emotionally stunted, drugged up young men.'

"Are You a Manterrupter? – Part I"

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Article here. Excerpt:

“Manterruption,” “mansplaining” and “bropropriation” are neologisms that spell bad news both for women trying to make the most of their seat at the table and for men claiming to be equal opportunity communicators. All these terms represent characteristics of male communication – whether intentional or the result of unconscious biases and attitudes – used as displays of dominance and power:

- Manterrupting: When a man interrupts a woman frequently and unnecessarily.
- Intrusive Interrupting: When a person intentionally or unintentionally usurps a speakers’ turn at talk in order to derail their ability to complete their thought and make their point.
- Mansplaining: When a man interrupts a woman to explain something to her she knows more about than he does, often including putting a “manly” spin on a “soft” or feminine mode of expression.
- Bropropriating: When a man usurps a woman’s idea – often with the support of other men — and takes credit for it.

This new vocabulary is deliberately sarcastic, not simply to provoke confrontation, but to highlight the frustration that interruptive behavior causes competent, creative and articulate women. Through these terms, women are trying to sound a wake-up call. Can men listen? Can they change?'

Rolling Stone Writer, Editor From UVA Rape Story Unaffected By Layoffs

Mastodon · 19 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Layoffs hit Wenner Media this week.

Those affected worked at US Weekly, Men's Journal and Rolling Stone.

The cuts, reported The Hollywood Reporter, affected employees on both the business and editorial sides of the magazines.

Those who were unaffected by the news?

Sabrina Erdely, who wrote the now widely discredited UVA rape story, and Sean Woods, the deputy managing editor who helped manage the 2014 debacle.

Maybe the mag really is standing by them, despite a Columbia Journalism School investigation that called the story a "journalism failure."'

"What Are Men's Rights Groups Angry About Now? Toilet Paper"

Mastodon · 20 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this week, Angel Soft brand toilet paper released an internet-only Father's Day ad honoring the women who, whether due to death or abandonment, have had to raise their kids on their own. In the commercial, attractive men and women who were raised by single mothers offer teary testimonials over a bed of soft piano music, concluding in a warm "Happy Father's Day, Mom" to the women who have had to be soft but strong, just like septic-safe, 2-ply Angel Soft brand toilet paper. ...

A lovely sentiment with which one could not possibly argue, right?

Ha, just kidding, this is the internet in 2015 and literally anything can send idiots into a blind, spitting, boycotting rage. The top comment on the video is "Great way to give the shaft to fathers on Father's Day." A post on Reddit says: "It's time to troll #HappyFathersDayMom and @AngelSoft." Within 24 hours of the ad's release, a men's rights activist named Tommy Sotomayor uploaded a response video entitled "Angel Soft Commercial Feminism Viciously Attack Fathers Day Masculinity!" And on Twitter and Facebook, there's a tempest in a toilet bowl, with people calling the ad "despicable," "disgraceful," and angrily asking the social media intern of a toilet paper brand why men don't get more attention, respect and deference in America. One of the complaining complainers simply and tartly summed up the collective sentiment by tweeting: "Don't ruin others father's day because you lack a father. Fuck off." (I will not even go into all the angry tweets and comments directed at "Angle Soft," the world's most uncomfortable and least effective toilet tissue.)'

Woman staged 'rape' scene with knife, vodka, called 9-1-1, police say

Mastodon · 20 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Police officers acting on a 9-1-1 dispatch found overturned furniture inside an East Lampeter Township home on March 10.

A knife and bottle of vodka also were found at the home where a woman claimed she was raped by a stranger at midnight.

Further investigating - including a review of a Fitbit activity tracker - showed the scene was staged and 43-year-old Jeannine Risley knowingly filed a false report, police allege.

Risley is now headed to trial on three misdemeanor counts for prompting the emergency response and manhunt for an intruder that allegedly never was.'

The US Is Leading The Way In Fatherlessness And It's Hurting Our Kids

Mastodon · 20 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'America leads the industrialized world in fatherlessness.

Right now, around 41 percent of children are born to single mothers.

For women under 30, who bear two-thirds of all children, that rate is 53 percent.

Many unmarried women are cohabiting with partners at the outset of their children's births, but those couplings disintegrate at twice the rate of marriages.

In total, about one-third of all children are raised in father-absent homes.

By some estimates, this means more kids are growing up with televisions in their bedroom than with both of their biological parents.

Boys are especially affected by this trend. Without positive and consistent male role models, society misses out on much of their constructive potential.'

UK: Why are our universities blocking men's societies?

Mastodon · 20 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A male Durham University student was so moved by the suicide of a close male friend that he felt compelled to start a society for other men who may need support – only to find it blocked by the Student Union this week for being too “controversial”.

When Adam Frost, 21, a third-year Italian and French student, proposed the Durham University Male Human Rights Society, he was ridiculed on campus, with remarks such as “Isn’t this a bit like starting a society for white people’s rights?”

Adam told me: “Last October, a friend who was depressed reached out to me, but I didn’t know what to say. I tried to help, but two weeks later I found out he’d killed himself. That hit me hard. I started looking into male suicide and found some shocking statistics. The reason behind that is that male depression isn’t taken seriously – we’re supposed to just ‘man up’ and deal with it. Men are ridiculed.'

UK: Feminist lies exposed by politician

Kaka81k · 20 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

This interview explains why feminist ideas are baseless and how the government today is biased against men.

The problem with the media's coverage of sexual assault

Mastodon · 21 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This month, Slate's Emily Yoffe accused filmmakers behind the campus rape documentary "The Hunting Ground" of being inaccurate.

Yoffe's take on "The Hunting Ground" comes in the wake of the Columbia School of Journalism's report on Rolling Stone's erroneous account of a gang rape at the University of Virginia. Published last November, the story drew heavily from a UVA student's graphic account of her rape at a fraternity.

Soon after, the Washington Post and other media outlets found that the victim at the core of Rolling Stone's story fabricated her account.

After a four-month investigation, Columbia concluded that the fault was with reporter Sabrina Rubin Erdley and Rolling Stone's editors and fact-checkers, who didn't stop publication when certain facts couldn't be confirmed.
...
When researchers define a wide range of activities with broad terms, Rennison says it can impact the resulting data.

Pointing that fact out is complicated, she said, citing the case of UC Berkeley professor Neil Gilbert. When Gilbert published a controversial article suggesting that statistics related to rape may be inflated, protesters threatened to cut off his penis.'

Banned from Toronto Pride, controversial men's rights group walks in York Region's pride parade

Mastodon · 21 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'They might have been barred from marching in Toronto's Pride Parade, but organizers of a similar event in York Region gave a controversial men's rights group the green light to participate in their parade Saturday.

Just days after Pride Toronto's dispute resolution process banned the group from forthcoming celebrations, the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE) — a group denounced by critics for being anti-feminist and misogynist — were peacefully walking the streets of Richmond Hill for Pride York Fest.

Dave Williams, the event's co-ordinator, said he was aware that CAFE's potential Pride involvement had sparked concern in Toronto, but he wasn't going to stop them from taking part in the York event because he hadn't received any complaints about the group.

Plus he pointed out, "We do have two groups in our parade specifically for women. If we were to have a policy that says groups for any one gender are problematic, then those women's groups would have to go. We don't believe that would be fair."'

Boys to men: Fathers, family, and opportunity

Mastodon · 21 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It isn't easy being a man today. That is, at least, the strong message coming from professors and movie producers. Men are now, according to a provocative cover article in The Economist, “The weaker sex.” They are failing to launch, failing out of school, failing in relationships. The new world of feminism and globalization has pulled out the rug from under men who could once enjoy respect and a decent living simply by virtue of their Y chromosome.
...
There are both generational and class gaps in the state of the modern male. Older men worked their way up in world of strongly gendered divisions of labor. But their sons have seen the labor market alter beyond recognition. With many more women than men now graduating college, this trend is set to continue. The pre-feminist world is gone—for good.

Well-educated men have been able to adapt more easily to the new world, and indeed have benefited on many fronts. They have more educated, higher-earning wives, which reduces some of the pressure to be a sole breadwinner—as well as boosting household income. Affluent couples have adopted more egalitarian norms about gender roles, especially with regard to paid work and parenting. They may not yet have created “symmetrical families”—but they are moving in that direction.'

Leading law journal calls Department of Ed's Title IX letter to colleges 'unconstitutional and unfair'

Mastodon · 21 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's not just conservatives and civil libertarians warning that the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights exceeded its authority with its 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter to colleges.

The Legal Intelligencer, "America's oldest daily law journal" and part of the company founded by Court TV founder Steven Brill, writes in a staff editorial that the "mandate" was "unfair and unconstitutional."

The department has botched Title IX so badly that Congress should just amend it, the editors say:

"Recognizing that at least some accusers have historically been mistreated, the department insisted on changes in how the system was to run, but those changes have gone too far and now undercut fundamental rights of those accused of wrongdoing. For instance, the DOE demanded that colleges apply a "preponderance of the evidence" standard in determining whether a sexual assault complaint has merit, and prohibited both the "clear and convincing" and "beyond a reasonable doubt" thresholds. Further, the department dictated that schools should prohibit the accused from cross-examining the accuser, warning that doing so could create a hostile environment—effectively taking the position that everyone accused is guilty, and that having the temerity to question the accuser would compound the trauma.

We know that each of these [due process] rights means that an accusation is less likely to result in a conviction. Yet no serious person proposes doing away with those basic rights, solely for the sake of increasing the conviction rate."'

Ignore the bad fathers on Father’s Day

Mastodon · 21 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'Dear Editor,

It is here again. The day we refer to as ‘Father’s Day.’ But I humbly submit that this special day is being used for male bashing by just too many influential people in our society. Father’s Day was first observed in the United States of America, in June 1910. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a National Father’s Day in the USA. Then in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father’s Day. Over the years, Father’s Day has been observed in well over 100 countries around the world, including Guyana. Regrettably, in more recent years, Father’s Day, like Christmas Day, is being attacked and abused.'

UK: Nobel Scientists Condemn Feminist ‘Lynch Mob’ That Ousted Professor

Mastodon · 21 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Eight Nobel prizewinning scientists have rallied to the defence of Sir Tim Hunt, the British scientist who was forced to resign his honorary professorship at University College London (UCL) after making comments on the “trouble with girls” in laboratories.

Sir Andre Geim, who won the Nobel prize for physics in 2010, said Sir Tim had been “crucified” by feminist fanatics and condemned UCL for “ousting him” from his honorary post. A senior colleague of Sir Tim’s wife Professor Mary Collins also accused UCL of a “knee-jerk reaction” following a Twitter storm.

Sir Tim, who won the Nobel prize himself in 2001, said he feels “hung out to dry” after the hysterical backlash over his “joke” comment that women who work in laboratories cry when criticised and distract male colleagues by falling in love with them.

The Times newspaper contacted various Nobel laureates, eight of whom either condemned UCL’s decision or said the press reaction had been out of proportion, while only two said the college was right to remove him.'

County responsible for false rape case, says local police dept.

Mastodon · 21 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Defending against a federal lawsuit, which claims Fremont police falsely arrested, imprisoned and accused a Marine veteran of rape, the town is now shifting blame to the Rockingham County Attorney's Office.

Veteran Andrew "Drew" Cullen filed suit in the U.S. District Court of New Hampshire alleging the town of Fremont and two of its top police officials falsely imprisoned him and cast him in a false light by untrue accusations that he sexually assaulted a mentally-disabled woman. In a 5-count federal lawsuit, Cullen names the town, former police chief Neal Janvrin and police Sgt. Adam Raymond as responsible for failing to investigate the initial allegations that were made by a woman with well-documented mental limitations, who gave three different versions of her story and previously made a similar false claim against someone else.

A Circuit Court judge in February 2012 found there was no probable cause that Cullen committed the crime and the case was dismissed, according to court records. Probable cause is considered a low legal threshold and few cases are tossed at that level.

For reasons that have not been made public, Janvrin was fired six months later and he responded with a wrongful termination suit against the town of Fremont.'

New document available for download

Matt · 22 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

In the Documents section, I added a new item (#8) that I hope will be useful to those new to MRM activism. If you are so inclined, have a look. The direct link is here.

Two People Have Filed Over 1,700 Sex Discrimination Complaints With Dept. Of Education

Mastodon · 22 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Exactly two people are responsible for filing over 1,700 sex discrimination complaints with the federal Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights in the last few years.

Catherine E. Lhamon, the Education Department's secretary for civil rights, won't identify these two highly litigious individuals.'

Former pro baseball player found dead in murder-suicide

Mastodon · 22 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Former Mets outfielder Darryl Hamilton was identified by police in Pearland, Texas, as one of two victims in a murder-suicide.
...
Officers responding to a disturbance call Sunday found Hamilton's body near the front entrance. Monica Jordan, 44, was found dead in another part of the home.

Hamilton was shot more than once and Jordan died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to investigators.'

The male Pill is coming - and it's going to change everything

mens_issues · 22 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Found in The Telegraph, ironically under Women's Health. Excerpt:

'Male contraception is coming.

Vasalgel is a non-hormonal male contraceptive owned by the medical research organisation the Parsemus Foundation. It's poised as the first FDA (Food and Drug Administration panel) approved male contraceptive since the condom.

What's more, it's estimated to hit the US market around 2018-2020 - and could change the way we view contraception for ever.

...
Research tells us that at least half of men would use it.

Vasalgel is essentially a polymer that's injected under local anesthetic into the man's sperm-carrying tubes, accessible through the scrotum — not in his penis or testicles as some authors have erred. It works by blocking sperm and is expected to be reversible through a second injection that dissolves the polymer.'

Meet The Taxpayer-Funded Feminist Professor Who Demands ‘Men Control’

ErikaLancastor · 23 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A women’s studies professor at the University of Maryland, College Park has used her Twitter account to call for legislation to restrict the actions of males because of their masculinity.

The taxpayer-funded professor is Ashwini Tambe. The tweet is the highlight among a set of Tambe’s outrageous tweets compiled by the website SoCawlege.com.

Here is a screenshot of Tambe’s May 2014 tweet demanding “men control”:'

Woman claims she was beaten by black men found to be only wearing makeup

Mastodon · 23 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Texas woman's plan to get attention in the wake of a racially-motivated church shooting in South Carolina backfired when people quickly figured out it was fake.

According to The Daily Dot, Texarkana, Texas, resident Ashley Casey Martin wrote on Facebook that she was "jumped by 3 African Americans ourside [sic] of the as [sic] Walmart" alongside some photos of her alleged injuries.

The photos didn't show injuries, but a laughably bad makeup job featuring what looks like black eyes literally drawn with black eyeshadow. Blood looks to be some sort of blush or red lipstick.

The Daily Dot contacted both the store and Texarkana Police Department public information officer Mike Jones who both said they had no reports of any incidents.
...
A friend later contacted the Texarkana Police Department to say that Martin is "emotionally disturbed."

"We were informed that she is emotionally disturbed and that they are attempting to get her the assistance that she needs," the department wrote, adding that they deleted a Facebook post about the incident. "We have removed the post to avoid contributing to her difficult struggle."'

Australia: Queensland researcher to start world-first study into women-only police stations

Mastodon · 23 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Police in Australia deal with a domestic violence matter every two minutes, according to estimates, a disturbing reality authorities around the country are struggling to combat.

Queensland researchers are now looking across the world to South America, where a unique and cooperative approach has been achieving success under the radar.

Women-only police stations designed specifically to deal with domestic and sexual violence have been quietly running for decades across Brazil, Argentina, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Peru with multi-agency and government cooperation.
...
Professor Carrington said that, as the name suggests, the stations are staffed by female police officers, psychologists and social workers.

"They don't look like police stations in that they are very brightly coloured, they have flowers [and] they are very inviting and welcoming," she said.'

Rape on Campus: Guilty until Proven Innocent

Mastodon · 23 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Megyn Kelly recently interviewed the attorney for "John Doe," a pseudonym for a young man who was charged with sexual assault when he was a sophomore at Amherst College by "Sandra Jones," another pseudonym. Evidently, colleges and universities now have panels or tribunals to judge charges of sexual assault. This began in 2011, when the Obama administration issued an edict claiming that one out of every five women in college has been sexually assaulted and warning that schools who didn't crack down and reduce the numbers of sexual assaults could lose federal funding. Colleges and universities rushed to set up panels and tribunals to "judge" these accusations in order to keep the cash flowing.

Now it appears that all any woman has to do is accuse a male of sexual misconduct of any type, and this tribunal process begins. John Doe was a victim of this edict.

K.C. Johnson, author of *Until Proven Innocent*, in a interview with Megyn Kelly, had the following to say about the tribunal system:

`Once the complaint is filed, an investigator, who lacks subpoena power, interviews the accuser and the accused student; beyond that, the college promises only that the investigator will make a "good faith effort" to speak to relevant witnesses, and will "try" to obtain relevant physical or medical evidence. If the investigator's "good faith" effort doesn't track down relevant witnesses, the policy presumes that the accused student won't be able to call those witnesses before the hearing.

"Attorneys cannot participate in the Hearing Board process" at Amherst (although, the college helpfully notes, the accused student can hire an attorney—at his own expense—and have the attorney present on campus the day of the hearing, perhaps for a very expensive form of virtual, moral support). The attorney-less accused student does receive an "advisor" from the campus community, but this advisor "is not an advocate for the student."

Amherst does not permit the accused student to directly cross-examine his accuser; he can only submit questions to the panel chair, who may ask or reject the questions as the chair chooses. Effective cross-examination under such circumstances is all but impossible—even more so since the accuser is allowed to write responses, rather than respond to questions orally. Any guilty finding is "permanently noted on the student's record."`

Although there have been other examples where the lives of young men have been ruined in similar circumstances (Duke Lacrosse, Tawana Brawley), in 2014, the Obama administration doubled down and said the colleges weren't doing enough. Sexual assault as defined by the administration now includes verbal threats.'

How rating men on a 'sexist' app is making dating safer for women

Mastodon · 23 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The free app has just launched in the UK, following success in the US (it had over 200,000 users after two months, and a 60 per cent retention rate).

Simply, it allows women to anonymously comment on the men they know and have dated. The app is designed exclusively for women so they can anonymously research any man they're interested in dating.

They can post photos of the men, write reviews and list the best and worst things about their character, style and sense of humour. You don't rate the men yourself (marks out of ten this is not), instead you take a multiple choice quiz and the app works out their score. The men are also assigned hashtags that reflect their best and worst qualities, such as #SweetToMom or #RudeToWaiters.

Gulp. Soon the straight, single men of the UK will be at the mercy of their old girlfriends.

But is this fair? Lulu has plenty of critics, who accuse it of shaming men. They argue it's an example of reverse sexism and non-consensual objectification isn't acceptable, whatever your gender. There has even been a lawsuit against it in Brazil.
...
"Lulu is also about safety. When we date online, we don't know who we're meeting, and Lulu means men are held accountable in a way they haven't been before," she says.

I'm reminded of that immortal Margaret Atwood line: "Men are afraid that women will laugh at them. Women are afraid that men will kill them."
...
She is passionate about making the world better for women, both in dating and as a woman in tech.

"We want more balance in the tech world and most of the dating apps are made by guys," she explains. When every other aspect of our internet lives gets a digital rating, why not apply it to the men we meet?"'

'Dateline' highlights campus sexual assault and the difficulties for college adjudication

Matt · 24 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NBC's "Dateline" aired Sunday night with an episode about campus sexual assault and the alleged failings of colleges and universities in handling complaints.

But perhaps inadvertently, the program also highlighted the fact that colleges – no matter how much the media and politicians want them to – just can't adjudicate a sexual assault the way the police can.

And, like many attempts to discuss the issue of campus sexual assault, the episode's star victims told some questionable stories.'

"Fainting couch feminism"

Matt · 24 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'AEI resident scholar and former professor Christina Hoff Sommers has been lecturing on college campuses for more than twenty years. Recently, some students have conducted protests against speech they find objectionable. They've forced lecturers to cancel talks, have security protect the speakers, or even have universities launch investigations into the student complaints against their professors. Dr. Sommers takes a look at this recent wave of protests, and posits that the First Amendment is being replaced by a woman's right not to be made uncomfortable.'

‘Rape culture is a dangerous myth’

Mastodon · 24 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this month, Lauren Southern, a young Canadian reporter and a political-science student at the University of the Fraser Valley, caused a media storm when she challenged a ‘SlutWalk’ in Vancouver by holding up a placard which said ‘There is no rape culture in the West’. Last week, I talked to Southern about why she decided to speak out.

The protest Southern disrupted – she held up the placard and challenged the protesters’ views on camera – was linked to Women Against Violence Against Women, a rape-crisis centre set up in Vancouver in the Eighties, which follows a ‘feminist anti-oppression philosophy’ and claims that ‘rape culture is real and huge and everywhere’. SlutWalks began four years ago after a policeman in Toronto suggested that ‘women should avoid dressing like sluts in order not to be victimised’. In response, feminists took to the streets of Toronto in their underwear in protest at the cop’s ‘slut-shaming and victim-blaming’ statement. SlutWalks have since become popular across the globe, and are held annually in many cities.

Southern had previously sparked debate by posting a picture online of her holding up a sign that explained why she didn’t ‘need feminism’ – a response to a popular feminist selfie campaign. Following this up a year later with a video entitled ‘Why I am not a feminist’, she called out feminism as a ‘faux form of equality under a gender-biased word’. In Southern’s report on the Vancouver SlutWalk, she explained that she had attended the rally to ‘challenge the fearmongering feminist narrative about men, women and violence’. It is this ‘rape culture’ narrative, she tells me, which is really trivialising rape. ‘Women are going to equate things that aren’t rape with rape because they interpret guys whistling at them as rape culture’, she says. ‘The misuse of the word [rape] is very dangerous because it allows for false accusations.”'

How testosterone shapes society

Kaka81k · 24 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'Testosterone has long been considered what makes men masculine. But is this common perception selling the hormone short? Dr Phillips investigates just how this molecule affects our abilities, behaviour and health.

"I've found I was less drawn by an attractive woman's body, but found that I could appreciate what people's expressions were more." Since being diagnosed with prostate cancer, Professor Wassersug has noticed both pros and cons to being testosterone-deprived. Evidence suggests that the hormone has a big influence on how our brain develops; it has the potential to affect behaviour, empathy-levels, language, and the way we build relationships. Because of this, regulating testosterone-levels may just hold the key to healthier and happier lives.'

NPO: Fathers' Day Media Messages: A Sea-Change from Past Years

Matt · 24 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Every year, equal parenting advocates anticipate Fathers' Day with a mixture of joy and alarm. The joy of course is because fathers across the country are acknowledged and valued for what they are — one of the two most important people in their children's lives and vital to their well-being. The alarm comes from the sad fact that, every year, there are some who seize on Fathers' Day as an excuse to denigrate fathers even more than usual.

But this year, in keeping with what I see as a cultural sea-change in attitudes about fathers and shared parenting, the anti-dad crowd was mostly silent. Indeed, compared to previous years, it was almost non-existent. The number of anti-father messages was vanishingly small. Yes, Angel Soft toilet paper ran an ad pointedly extolling single mothers, making clear the attitude that fathers don't matter. And of course the feminist site Jezebel took the opportunity to refer to your dad as a "Piece of Sh*t." Classy, very classy. And the New York Times mostly restricted Fathers' Day messages to shopping tips, carefully avoiding ideas of any greater depth or importance.'

Malecare: FY2016 CDC Prostate Cancer Research Restored

Matt · 24 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

From Malecare.org:

CDC Advocacy Update June 24, 2015

The line item for FY 2016 CDC prostate cancer funding of $13,205,000 is restored in both the House and Senate appropriations bills, as authored by their committees. Since both the House and Senate committee bills restore funding, there will be no conference discussion, nor is it likely to be debated by the full House or Senate. Only a new amendment by the full Senate committee actually directing the removal of prostate cancer funding could alter this outcome...that is unlikely.

You did it! Thanks to the several thousand of you who took time and effort to write emails and letters to the Congressional House and Senate Budget Committee. You who responded to our call to action at http://malecare.org/cdc . It is rare when so many prostate cancer survivors work together to create a force. This success helps validate our Patient Action Leaders project as a new method for prostate cancer advocacy. We thank Mark Vieth from Cavarocchi Ruscio Dennis Associate, James Manser from Endo and Col. Paul Taylor from Zero Cancer for their guidance and insights. These three guys understand the value of selfless collaboration in advocacy. I will also be thanking the House and Senate budget committee's legislative directors and representatives. And, I repeat, our big thanks to you!

Advocacy done well, works. Even if you didn't actually do anything regarding this particular advocacy effort, we hope that you will feel inspired to participate with us, next time.

Best regards,

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Men fighting cancer, together

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Darryl Hamilton's killer burned down her house in 2006 to spite her husband

Mastodon · 25 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As investigators in Pearland, Texas, try to connect the dots in the murder-suicide that claimed the life of former Mets outfielderDarryl Hamilton, new details are emerging about the woman police say shot him and then took her own life.

According to a report by the Houston Chronicle, Monica Jordan pleaded guilty in 2008 to felony arson after burning down a house in 2006 where she had been living with her husband at the time. There were reports she tried to spray him with gasoline before lighting the fire.

Jordan and Hamilton had a 14-month-old son together. He was found unharmed at the site of the murder-suicide.'

"Upcoming Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness Events Focus on Men"

Mastodon · 25 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A full day of events addressing issues of sexual assault and domestic violence is planned for Thursday, June 25th, but the intended audience isn't the demographic most affected by those crimes.

Rather than focus on women for these events, the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) Taskforce is inviting men to be guests at its quarterly "community conversation" event. That public forum will be immediately followed by the annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event, where men are asked to don high heels for a one-mile awareness walk.

"Men have been basically silent on the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. And the silence is what creates the permissive space for abusers to be abusive," said Kevin Reed, the Shelby County judicial commissioner over the domestic violence court and a member of the SAK Taskforce.
...
The Memphis Area Women's Council (MAWC) is behind the annual Walk a Mile event, which is in its fifth year. The walk kicks off at 5 p.m., immediately following the community conversation meeting. Participants will walk from the Cannon Center to the FedExForum Plaza, and while high heels aren't required, they are encouraged.'

France: Mother charged with multiple infanticide counts

Matt · 26 June 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. From March; I heard on the radio the trial has started. Excerpt:

'The bodies of five babies, four in a freezer, have been discovered in a house in southwestFrance, in what appears to be the country's worst case of infanticide in recent years.

The mother, 35, was taken to hospital and the 40-year old father taken in for questioning after he alerted police to the body of a newborn he found in a thermal bag earlier in the day.

Officers then "discovered four more bodies of babies during their search" at the house in Louchats, near the city of Bordeaux, said a source close to the inquiry.

It was the father, a farmer, who made the initial macabre discovery of the bag containing the first corpse of a newborn baby at the family home.

The mother apparently "gave birth at home alone", the source said, adding that she had been taken to a hospital in nearby Bordeaux "for gynaecological and psychiatric examinations".'

Accused Student Suing Emma Sulkowicz for Misandry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Misandry, or the man-hating equivalent of misogyny, has gone from a far-out accusation leveled by Men's Rights Activist types to an ironic, re-appropriated feminist inside joke, and now it has come back out the other side. In a lawsuit against Columbia University, counsel for the male student Emma Sulkowicz has accused of rape are using language that usually connotes anti-female harassment. In a pre-trial letter posted on the Wall Street Journal, they cite "intentional discrimination on the basis of his male sex by condoning a hostile educational environment due to knowingly permitting and apparently approving of Columbia student Emma Sulkowicz's and Defendant Columbia Professor Kessler's engaging in prolonged sexual harassment of Plaintiff Nungesser, with the consequence that Plaintiff Nungesser had been effectively denied equal access to Defendant Columbia's resources and opportunities."

They're using Title IX, the same law that activists use to push schools to be more responsive to accusers, to demand damages for Paul Nungesser. Specific sub-accusations include Columbia's allowing Sulkowicz to do her performance art project for campus credit, allowing her to graduate with honors, and allowing her to walk onstage with her mattress (which the school actually forbade her from doing but she did anyway):

'"Columbia Professor Jon Kessler and Emma Sulkowicz jointly designed her senior thesis "Carry That Weight" mattress project for which Emma Sulkowicz received Columbia University course credit and the public endorsement of Defendant Columbia Professor Kessler as showing how Defendant Columbia felt about the issue.""'

North Dakota should stop trying students in kangaroo courts

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'A policy giving college students full legal counsel in disciplinary proceedings is a good first step, but it needs to go further.

We should stop trying serious crimes in campus disciplinary hearings, which have few protections for the accused and are run by people with scant experience in such proceedings.

Unfortunately, given the back story of how this shift in policy came to be, there may be little hope for additional progress.'

"A New Study Shows Just How Dangerous Masculinity Standards Really Are"

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'Thanks to the feminist movement, society has devoted much thought, scholarship and attention to the ways female gender roles restrict women. But in recent years, a growing chorus is pointing to just how detrimental rigid masculinity standards can be too — not only for individual men, but other people in their lives. Now a new study confirms just that.

A University of Washington study recently published in Social Psychology found that men exaggerate stereotypical masculine traits and behaviors and reject feminine ones when their masculinity is threatened. When men received average scores on a strength test, the study revealed, they did not attempt to highlight their other "masculine" traits, such as height, number of romantic partners or athletic prowess. But when male participants were given falsely low results on the same strength test, they actually exaggerated these same qualities.'

"The Military Has a Man Problem"

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'For generations now, the debate over women in combat has put the onus on women to prove they can handle the infantry and other traditionally all-male units. Yet today's wars have made it clear that the military's problem lies not with its women, their ability or their courage. The military's problem, instead, is with some of its men—and a deeply ingrained macho culture that denigrates, insults and abuses women.

"Oh, it's too rough for women," such men tend to say. Others complain, "Women would ruin our camaraderie" or "We'd be competing for women instead of looking out for ourselves." As retired Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, a former Army chief of staff, wrote, lifting the combat ban against women would be "confusing" and "detrimental to units."

These attitudes reveal deeply patriarchal, condescending and creaky stereotypes about women, as if they are capable of being nothing more than soft, sexy objects of romance—or sexual prey.'

Don’t be stupid and pretend Title IX requires colleges to police off-campus conduct

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The University of Kansas isn’t getting any love from its rival, in a legal fight that tests whether colleges must police the off-campus conduct of their students under Title IX anti-harassment policies.

As The College Fix previously reported, KU is defending the propriety of its expulsion of a student whose alleged harassment of his ex-girlfriend took place over the summer, off campus. The student also called his ex a “psycho bitch” on Twitter, though he blocked her from his feed.

KU pointed to the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR) “Dear Colleague” letter from 2011 as justification for its punishment of the student, as the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) notes.

Kansas State University filed a friend-of-the-court brief arguing against KU, pointing to Title IX language that bars discrimination “under any education program or activity” – meaning the school must have “substantial control” over the harasser and “the context in which the known harassment occurs.”'

Secretary of State Kerry refrains from condemning forced sex reassignment surgeries in Iran

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'A report issued Thursday by the Department of State repeatedly refers to sex reassignment surgery in Iran as “gender-confirmation surgery.”

Speaking at the release of the State Department’s annual human rights report, Secretary of State John Kerry said of the designation that “There is nothing sanctimonious in this,” emphasizing the need for “humility” in the face of the U.S.’ own racial inequality. The State Department did not respond to a request for clarification by The Daily Caller News Foundation.

Iran has a well-documented record of coercing gay and lesbian people into having the gender reassignment surgery, that is, disrupting rather than “confirming” the gender identity of hundreds per year. Since homosexuality can be punishable by death in Iran, known homosexual men tend to accept the government-subsidized surgery to become women, and vice versa.'

Democrats gave away tickets to a Hillary Clinton speech due to lack of purchases

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Article here. Sometimes fate does for you what you're not smart enough to do for yourself. In The Hildebeast's case, it's to keep her the hell out of the oval office. She'll be a lot happier anyway enjoying the last chapters of her life as a private citizen vs. POTUS. (Most people who hold that job either go gray from it, gray-er from it, or come close to dropping dead from the stress more than once, though those stories don't make it to the news desks of America.) She's so much better off not being in the WH, and so are we. Excerpt:

'The Democratic Party of Virginia was giving away free tickets to an event featuring Hillary Clinton on Friday night.

Clinton is headlining the party's annual Jefferson-Jackson dinner on Friday evening. Though the event is raising money for the Virginia Democrats rather than her presidential bid, it is considered an important campaign appearance for Clinton. The dinner is Clinton's first campaign stop in Virginia, a crucial swing state. It's also one of her first stops outside of the early primary states.

Tickets for the event are being sold for $30 and $125. However, on Friday afternoon, some Virginia Democrats received an email advertising "FREE TICKETS" to the dinner. The email was given to Business Insider by a source. It contained a promotional code to get $30 tickets to the event for free.

An operative for one of the Republican 2016 candidates joked that the ticket giveaway showed Clinton is having trouble generating enthusiasm.

"How bad is it out there for Hillary? She's gone from paid speeches to paying people to hear her speeches," the operative said, referencing the past controversy over Clinton's speaking fees.'

The Highly Intelligent, Creative, Self-Destructive White Male in Literature and Film

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'The common theme of these self-depreciating, intelligent, white males is something that can be looked at in multiple ways. It is often times represented because for thousands of years white males have had a lot of control over society, and while that is blatantly wrong, in some ways these characters are ingrained to feel like they have to prove themselves. On the one hand, they appear to be wasting their life and negatively impacting the ones around them, but on the other, they are striving for something that so few people ever reach: Becoming the best at any single thing in the world. While this may not send a good message, it does show how just how close the gap is from above average intelligence and creativity to pure genius.
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Around 70 percent of all suicide victims in the United States are white males and it is no secret that high intelligence and creativity is a blessing and a burden, given that the more of each trait one possesses, the greater the chance of viewing the world and one's self in a negative light. The simple conclusion is that if they do not consistently reach their own personal goals set by their peak levels of intelligence and creativity they have deemed themselves a failure, and there is not much else to do besides sit back and watch them spiral downhill. While we are watching, we wonder why they abuse their bodies with alcohol and drugs, push people away, and flush their potential down the toilet. Unfortunately, the small percentage that have the penchant for this type of mindset often times are unable to stop falling down. However, sometimes they find a way out of that spiral, but only the ones with the most creativity and intelligence are capable of overcoming their greatest adversary: Themselves.'

Pursuit of gender equity [in high school sports] can go too far

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'Minnesota isn't the only state that's grappling with this issue. A high school boys tennis team in Pennsylvania was forced to forfeit five matches this spring when state officials learned that one of its doubles player was female. In New York and New Jersey, the past five years have been filled with debate (and some lawsuits) about rules that specifically prohibit girls from playing with boys in contact sports like football or hockey, while leaving the door open for them to fence, play tennis or run cross country on boys teams, provided that their schools don't have girls teams in those sports. (In New York, the rule cuts both ways — a boy can play field hockey or volleyball on a girls team.)

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It would be easy to point out that Aney's presence sent one Century boy to the sidelines, but by all accounts, the Century boys team wanted Aney on the squad. They recruited her, and a senior team captain happily sacrificed his own playing time in order to see his team make it to state.

That's noble and entirely praiseworthy — but what will happen if and when a great female player bumps aside a boy who's been biding his time, practicing hard and waiting for his chance to play varsity tennis? He wouldn't have the option of trying out for the girls team the next fall.'

WHO Approves ShangRing, The New 'Minimum Bleeding' Circumcision Device

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'The World Health Organization (WHO) has approved the use of a new male circumcision device, named 'ShangRing.' Reportedly, the disposable device eliminates the need for sutures and involves minimal bleeding.

The device consists of two plastic rings. The rings lock over the foreskin of the male reproductive organ, without requiring suturing. The device is the first of its own kind to be pre-qualified by WHO. Pre-qualification means that the product meets the international standards in terms of safety.

ShangRing can be used for circumcision of boys aged between 13 and 17 years, in addition to the adults. It is believed that the pre-qualification of the device by WHO will ensure its easy accessibility in the regions most affected by HIV, including sub-Saharan Africa. Clinical research data show that circumcision can reduce the occurrence of HIV contraction among men through vaginal intercourse by almost 60 percent.
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WHO is trying to fulfil its target of cicumsicing a minimum of 20.8 million males by the year 2016. The organization is hopeful that with the use of ShangRing, it will be able to achieve its target.'

New report highlights gender equity gap in high school sports

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'As the U.S. Women's World Cup soccer team prepares to take on China in the highly anticipated quarterfinal matchup today, there's renewed attention here at home on just how big the gaps are in high school when it comes to sports teams for girls and boys.

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"When you are talking about a 10 percentage point gap ... the typical school would have to add 91 additional opportunities for girls" to bring the gap to zero, said Neena Chaudhry, the center's senior counsel and director of equal opportunities in athletics.

"We have not seen any schools that have 10 percentage point gaps that are in compliance with Title IX," Chaudhry said, adding that the courts have ruled that gaps as small as 3% are "not good enough."

The women's advocacy organization released its rankings this week on the 43rd anniversary of Title IX.

"I think it just shows how much work schools still have to do in terms of focusing on this issue, prioritizing girls' sports," said Chaudhry, who said it remains an issue not just from kindergarten through 12th grade but also in college and in professional sports, including the Women's World Cup.

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While under federal law, colleges are required to reveal how many women and men are playing on sports teams and how much money is being spent on athletic programs, public high schools are not required to reveal that information. The National Women's Law Center is pushing for a federal bill that would change that, mandating that high schools across the country reveal data for their sports programs both by race and gender.'

Regulating Sex

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'THIS is a strange moment for sex in America. We've detached it from pregnancy, matrimony and, in some circles, romance. At least, we no longer assume that intercourse signals the start of a relationship. But the more casual sex becomes, the more we demand that our institutions and government police the line between what's consensual and what isn't. And we wonder how to define rape. Is it a violent assault or a violation of personal autonomy? Is a person guilty of sexual misconduct if he fails to get a clear "yes" through every step of seduction and consummation?

According to the doctrine of affirmative consent — the "yes means yes" rule — the answer is, well, yes, he is. And though most people think of "yes means yes" as strictly for college students, it is actually poised to become the law of the land.

About a quarter of all states, and the District of Columbia, now say sex isn't legal without positive agreement, although some states undercut that standard by requiring proof of force or resistance as well.

Codes and laws calling for affirmative consent proceed from admirable impulses. (The phrase "yes means yes," by the way, represents a ratcheting-up of "no means no," the previous slogan of the anti-rape movement.) People should have as much right to control their sexuality as they do their body or possessions; just as you wouldn't take a precious object from someone's home without her permission, you shouldn't have sex with someone if he hasn't explicitly said he wants to.

And if one person can think he's hooking up while the other feels she's being raped, it makes sense to have a law that eliminates the possibility of misunderstanding. "You shouldn't be allowed to make the assumption that if you find someone lying on a bed, they're free for sexual pleasure," says Lynn Hecht Schafran, director of a judicial education program at Legal Momentum, a women's legal defense organization.

But criminal law is a very powerful instrument for reshaping sexual mores. Should we really put people in jail for not doing what most people aren't doing? (Or at least, not yet?) It's one thing to teach college students to talk frankly about sex and not to have it without demonstrable pre-coital assent. Colleges are entitled to uphold their own standards of comportment, even if enforcement of that behavior is spotty or indifferent to the rights of the accused. It's another thing to make sex a crime under conditions of poor communication.'

British Nobel Laureate Crucified for Sexism by Woman with Little Credibility

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'A British Nobel laureate, Sir Tim Hunt, 72, who won the Nobel Prize for his work on cell division, was forced out of honorary positions at University College London (UCL), the Royal Society, and the European Research Council (ERC) after a British academic named Connie St Louis, whose credibility is itself under fire, reported Hunt making sexist remarks in Seoul, South Korea.

The Daily Mail reported that Hunt was speaking to roughly a group of 100 science journalists, comprised primarily of women, when he said, according to Hunt, “Let me tell you about my trouble with girls. Three things happen when they are in the lab. You fall in love with them, they fall in love with you, and when you criticize them, they cry.”

St Louis posted the quote on Twitter, prompting a world-wide barrage of invective targeting Hunt and also provoking the subsequent actions by the academic societies. Hunt, who called Hunt a “sexist speaker,” said Hunt boasted that he was a “male chauvinist.” She said Hunt stated that single-sex labs were better than mixed ones, while saying of Hunt, “Really, does this Nobel laureate think we are still in Victorian times?”

Hunt, returning from Seoul, could only defend himself by voicemail to Radio 4’s Today program, offering an apology for the “very stupid” comment, adding that he was “really, really sorry” to have “caused offence.” His wife, Professor Mary Collins, also a well-known scientist, said that Hunt became depressed, recalling, “‘Tim sat on the sofa and started crying. Then I started crying. We just held on to each other.”

But then a backlash from famous scientists roared back, led by eight other Nobel Prize winners and some female academics. Sir Andre Geim, the 2010 Nobel Prize winner in Physics who developed graphene, the world’s thinnest material, which may utterly change the world, said Hunt was being “crucified” by ideological fanatics. Some of the scientists surmised Hunt had been joking. All of the scientists told the UCL, the Royal Society and the ERC to reinstate him.'

Japan: "The Lonely End"

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'Three months ago in an apartment on the outskirts of Osaka, Japan, Haruki Watanabe died alone. For weeks his body slowly decomposed, slouched in its own fluids and surrounded by fetid, fortnight-old food. He died of self-neglect, solitude, and a suspected heart problem. At 60, Watanabe, wasn't old, nor was he especially poor. He had no friends, no job, no wife, and no concerned children. His son hadn't spoken to him in years, nor did he want to again.
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Watanabe was, at 60 years old, the average age of most male victims, and having suffered from a heart problem, he died in the manner most common to kodokushi.

"Around 90 percent of the cases I deal with are men," Koremura says. "Unlike women, men seem incapable of integrating themselves into a community when they live alone."

Watanabe was a child of the "boom years" and of the "Japanese dream," and it is therefore probable that his death was linked to the faltering economy. In Japan, the identity of many businessmen, or "salarymen" as they are commonly known, is fused with that of their business. During the boom years many of these workers sacrificed family and friends for the growth of their companies. However, when the Japanese economy eventually crashed in the early '90s, many of these salarymen lost their jobs or were forced into smaller, less prestigious roles with less social security. Having lost their status they found they had no purpose in life. Scott North argues that "the fact that most deaths are between 60 and 64 [years old] supports the idea that separation from the workplace community and inability to adapt to retirement may contribute to isolated deaths."'

"The Insecure American Male, and College Rape"

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'There is a strain of American male whose life is shaped by chronic insecurity. This strain's considerable numbers and pronounced behavior patterns make the phenomenon obvious -- yet largely invisible.

This male's symptomatic behavior is now so common, giving the impression of being the norm, that he is largely invisible, but with a little perspective his oddness becomes apparent. The macho culture of adolescent posturing and compulsive self-affirmation is everywhere: in ads; in the adulation of celebrities; in the stern cross-armed stance of TV anchors; in the alcohol fetish; in the unquenchable thirst for voyeuristic violence; and, of course, in the theatrical cocksure approach to women.

This last is rooted in nature and evident in all cultures -- in various modes, to varying degrees. It stems in part from the rivalry for mates; it also expresses the sublimated truth that many men often are intimidated and overwhelmed by the female persona when it is not reduced to basic eroticism. Maturity involves reconciling all these elements.'

Medical team caught insulting man during procedure, revealing their misandry in process

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'Sitting in his surgical gown inside a large medical suite in Reston, Va., a Vienna man prepared for his colonoscopy by pressing record on his smartphone, to capture the instructions his doctor would give him after the procedure.

But as soon as he pressed play on his way home, he was shocked out of his anesthesia-induced stupor: He found that he had recorded the entire examination and that the surgical team had mocked and insulted him as soon as he drifted off to sleep.

In addition to their vicious commentary, the doctors discussed avoiding the man after the colonoscopy, instructing an assistant to lie to him, and then placed a false diagnosis on his chart.

“After five minutes of talking to you in pre-op,” the anesthesiologist told the sedated patient, “I wanted to punch you in the face and man you up a little bit,” she was recorded saying.

When a medical assistant noted the man had a rash, the anesthesiologist warned her not to touch it, saying she might get “some syphilis on your arm or something,” then added, “It’s probably tuberculosis in the penis, so you’ll be all right.”
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There was much more. So the man sued the two doctors and their practices for defamation and medical malpractice and, last week, after a three-day trial, a Fairfax County jury ordered the anesthesiologist and her practice to pay him $500,000.'

Complaining About Manspreading Is Just as Bad as Fat Shaming

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'Alright, we've got our two buzzwords to play with; consider "fat shaming" with the following scenario: There is a larger bodied person boarding public transport, say a bus. This person is wider than the pre-molded seats. This person sits down and takes up the two-person row.

In one current Internet narrative, this person is doing nothing wrong, but merely taking up the space their body requires. You're a jerk if you then get on the bus and find annoyance that the fat person is taking up more than one seat and you have to stand. To shame this person with mean words or glares or a passive-aggressive Facebook post would be to remove their bodily autonomy. Let's please agree on this, okay?

To insist a fat person stand so two thin people might sit is wrong and rude. To suggest that the fat person's body is at fault is appalling, and some might even claim it is discrimination.

And yet, if it was the same bus, with a passenger that is not obese but male-presenting, suddenly it's fine to shame him online, to take his photo without permission, and even to come into nonconsensual, unprovoked physically contact with him.'

Forget chauvinism: It’s good to be a woman in business

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'ALMOST every week, another story portrays the City as a bastion of chauvinism, where women are underpaid and undervalued, dominated by macho males and discriminated against.

In almost 20 years, I have never seen this happen. I have never been overlooked for a job, promotion or pay rise because I was a woman. My salary was the same as my male colleagues’ – and sometimes higher – and the “ceilings” I came up against were perfectly tangible and mostly to do with poor performance or lack of skills.

I actually find that being a woman in business is an advantage. You are different and have more chances of being noticed. In a room full of men in grey suits, a woman commands attention. Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, former President of Iceland and the world’s first democratically elected female head of state, wore a striking blue dress to her inauguration because it allowed her “to stand out from the men”. When I was 26, my photo appeared on the front page of The New York Times because I was the only woman in an article about young professionals in Russia.

Then there is positive discrimination, which is as ripe in the City as sexism. A decade or so ago, when I was applying for a job at what is widely considered the world’s best investment bank, the MD told me (after a few drinks) that, other things being equal, the bank would hire a woman over a man. A staggeringly incompetent partner at one of my old firms held on to her job for over 20 years, surviving recessions and redundancies. No-one knows why she is still there, and the only explanation is that she is a woman.'

UK: Boys left behind girls at school from just age five

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'Boys lag behind girls at school from an early age, according to a new study.

The gender gap can be detected as early as age five, when small children attend Reception year at school.

Researchers found that 42pc of boys from a poor background started school with a language level that is considered below the basic standard. In comparison, only 27pc of girls from a similar background exhibited poor communication.

And while children from weathlier households had a better language skills when they started school, the gender divide was still in evidence, with a quarter of boys displaying inadequate speech skills versus just 15pc of girls.'

Harping On: The Hypocrisy and Lies of Twitter's Most Notorious 'Anti-Abuse' Activist, Randi Harper, Part 1

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Set yourself on fire."

"You've made your bed, now get fucked in it."

"Fuck your feelings."

To most, these will sound like the words of an online troll, or at the very least someone with what in the 1990s we used to call "anger management issues." And that's probably an accurate assessment.

Yet these are not occasional, one-off outbursts, but rather part of a pattern of behaviour from perhaps the most darkly fascinating person currently causing grief on social media. They are the words ofRandi Harper, an activist who runs a charity set up to prevent online abuse. Yes, you read that correctly.

This is the story, in three parts, of how Harper rose to prominence, how she has gotten away with such outrageous behaviour for so long while maintaining friendships with influential media commentators, activists, and journalists, and how she treats those who disagree with her far-left, hardline feminist politics.

It is the product of dozens of interviews with friends, former colleagues, and objects of Harper's vindictive social media crusades. Almost all of them refused to speak on the record for fear of reprisals from Harper and her band of social media supporters.

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Our interviews reveal a deeply troubled, hateful, and damaged human being in desperate need of help. They also expose just how tolerant to hatefulness the authoritarian left-wing establishment in America has become, provided the abuser in question has the right sort of opinions.

"Randi Harper is probably the person doing the most harm to the cause of feminism on the internet today," a well-known progressive journalist confided last week, on condition of anonymity. "Ordinarily we could dismiss her as a mess. But she has become a damaging force."'

Ms. Harper's web site: http://onlineabuseprevention.org/. Google her name to learn more about her postings.

"Science Finds Yet Another Reason Men Need Feminism"

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'On the one hand, it's funny to think that a man who's worried he's considered weak would overcompensate by going on a power tool shopping spree at Home Depot, even if he really wants a sweater from Banana Republic that day. On the other hand, it makes you sad for the guys out there who might be feeling pressure to conform to an outdated societal norm of what it means to be a man.

For now, what we do know is that redefining masculinity and making it a more inclusive construct can only be a good thing for the men whose egos get deflated when they don't measure up and the people who have to interact with them when that happens (and Banana Republic, apparently).'

Brazil's "That's sexist!" president strikes again

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Interview here. Remember: Criticism = SEXISM, so be forewarned! And I'm sure all those cute men working for her appreciate the compliment. Excerpt:

' *People say that you are a micromanager. But they also say that since the last election, you have changed and decided to empower people like your finance minister and your vice president, Michel Temer — to enable Temer to negotiate with Congress.*

Have you ever heard someone say that a male president puts his finger on everything? I've never heard that.

So you think that is a sexist comment?

I believe there is a bit of a sexual bias or a gender bias. I am described as a hard and strong woman who puts her nose in everything she's not supposed to, and I am [said to be] surrounded by very cute men.'

Malecare releases survey on prostate experience

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My Prostate Cancer Experience is a new survey, helping us understand how prostate cancer treatment affects day to day living. The Prostate Cancer Experience encompasses all of the prostate cancer treatments that you may have chosen, from watchful waiting/active surveillance to those for advanced stage disease.

My Prostate Cancer Experience is a collaboration between the USA based prostate cancer support group network, Malecare and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. The results will be available on many prostate cancer focused websites in the Fall of 2015.

My Prostate Cancer Experience takes less than nine minutes to complete, is anonymous, and is open to all men diagnosed with prostate cancer, at any stage, using any treatment, from all countries.

Only you know what you are experiencing ... spend a few minutes helping us guys understand what prostate cancer treatment is all about. We'll all be glad you did.

You can contact me directly if you have any questions or comments.

Best regards,

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darrylm@malecare.org

Wish I was this "oppressed"

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Read A college balks at Hillary Clinton's fee, books Chelsea for $65,000 instead and ask yourself if you'd mind being as oppressed as Chelsea and Hillary (or Gloria Steinem too, for that matter). Excerpt:

'When the University of Missouri at Kansas City was looking for a celebrity speaker to headline its gala luncheon marking the opening of a women's hall of fame, one of the names that came to mind was Hillary Rodham Clinton.

But when the former secretary of state's representatives quoted a fee of $275,000, officials at the public university balked. "Yikes!" one e-mailed another.

So the school booked the next best option: her daughter, Chelsea.

The university paid $65,000 for Chelsea Clinton's brief appearance Feb. 24, 2014, a demonstration of the celebrity appeal and marketability that the former and possibly second-time first daughter employs on behalf of her mother's presidential campaign and family's global charitable empire.
...
So the university turned back to others, eventually choosing Chelsea Clinton when the agency indicated she was willing. Just shy of her 34th birthday, Clinton commanded a higher fee than other prominent women speakers who were considered, including feminist icon Gloria Steinem ($30,000) and journalists Cokie Roberts ($40,000), Tina Brown ($50,000) and Lesley Stahl ($50,000), the records show.
...
"As my mother has observed, equal rights for women and girls remains the unfinished business of the 21st century," she said, according to a university account of her remarks. "We will only complete this business if we are equally committed and we highlight the role models we are already blessed to have."'

Outsourced Campus Judges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Campus hearings, even when they're regarding an activity as serious as sexual assault, are not courtrooms.

It's a distinction that the U.S. Department of Education has embraced, requiring colleges to conduct their own investigations into claims of sexual assault, and to adjudicate those cases under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Colleges use "preponderance of evidence" instead of "beyond reasonable doubt" as the standard of proof. If a student is found in violation of campus rules, he or she is "responsible" for the misconduct, not "guilty" of a crime. The potential punishments are writing assignments, suspension or expulsion -- not prison.
...
Colleges that opt to use outside adjudicators, Lake said, don't often advertise that fact, so it's difficult to get a read on how common the practice currently is.

Brett Sokolow, president and CEO of the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management, said he couldn't comment on which colleges use outside adjudicators, but noted that a few of NCHERM's clients do use judges now. It's not a system he recommends, though.

"I am hearing about it more," Sokolow said. "Generally I don't think judges are a good idea, as it makes the process more legalistic and held to higher standards in terms of later legal challenges."'

Problems with campus sexual assault bill

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'Senator Claire McCaskill (D-Missouri) says having college administrators use a "preponderance of evidence" as a standard for dealing with someone accused of rape or sexual abuse is an expedient way of expelling someone they believe is guilty.

But Joseph Cohn, legislative and policy director for the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, believes that's irresponsible.

"It provides tremendous resources to student complainants in the form of confidential advisors, but no resources whatsoever are provided to accused students – and that gives complainants a leg up in the process," he explains.

Cohn says these investigations wouldn't consist of witnesses testifying under oath, and there would be no discovery and no forensic evidence would be presented.

"... It's not that the preponderance of the evidence can never be fair," he continues, "but on campuses that don't include any of those other protections, reducing the burden of truth to the preponderance of evidence is very problematic."'

Laura Kipnis On How Campus Feminism Infantilizes Women

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Video here. Excerpt:

'"What now gets labeled feminism on [college] campuses," says Northwestern University Professor Laura Kipnis, "has to do with dialing back a lot the progress women have made establishing ourselves as consenting adults."

That was the main argument of an essay Kipnis published this past February in The Chronicle of Higher Education, titled, "Sexual Paranoia Strikes Academe." After the article appeared, the Northwestern campus erupted in protest. Students demonstrated by carrying mattresses and pillows and wrote a public letter accusing Kipnis of "[spitting] in the face of survivors of rape and sexual assault everywhere."'

Uproar over FDNY activist's 'white boy privilege' rant

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Article here.

'The leader of the city's female firefighters has sparked outrage for blasting "white boys" and "white privilege."

Sarinya Srisakul, president of United Women's Firefighters, is taking heat from fellow Bravest after some found her online comments.

They read:

"'These white boys crying and complaining over this because their white privilege is being messed with. Trying living a life being racially profiled!!!!'"

Critics say Srisakul violated the FDNY's social-media policy when she posted the comments in November. The policy bars statements that bring the department into disrepute, but some firefighters say Srisakul gets away with it because she is "politically correct."

Srisakul, who failed the Fire Academy twice before graduating after a third try, has been outspoken about the FDNY's hiring criteria, calling some requirements unfair to women.

Srisakul could not be reached for comment. An FDNY spokesman said the posting is "under review."'

Guard-inmate sex: flipping the sexes, but the outcome is the same

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Article here. When male guards have sex with female prisoners, the men are evil and the women are victims. When female guards have sex with male prisoners, the men are still evil and the women are still victims. Welcome to third wave feminism: men bad, women victims with no agency. Excerpt:

'As allegations emerged about the potential relationship between two escaped convicted felons and a prison employee, one former female corrections officer is providing an insider perspective on forbidden love behind bars.

According to Robin Kay Miller, 53, a corrections officer for nearly 20 years until she retired in 2005, sex between officers and inmates has always been an issue in prison. Miller is writing a book about her experience working in the prison system.

“Inmates are con artists,” she said. “They know how to play the game and they know how to manipulate.”'

Wimbledon 2015: Heat break rule for women sparks sexism row

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Female tennis players at Wimbledon are being allowed to take a 10-minute heat break while men must play on, as a quirk in the rules raises concerns of sexism in the sport.

The Wimbledon Championships are incorporating the rule which means that, if temperatures exceed 30.1C, a heat stress index will be taken and female players can request a short break between the second and third sets of matches.

However, there is no comparable rule in the men's game, which is run by a separate governing body to the women's sport.
...
British men's No 1 Andy Murray previously complained about the heat rule at the 2014 Australian Open, when sweltering temperatures of 42C caused one player to vomit and a ball boy to collapse. At the time, Murray said: "I don't know why there are different rules. If there's a medical reason for it, then I'm fine with it. If there isn't, I'm not."

In a statement, Wimbledon referee Andrew Jarret said that only one player need request the break for the rule to be implemented and that the rule applies only to ladies' and girls' singles matches.'

NPO: Can Fathers Sue Courts Under ‘Disparate Impact’ Theory?

Matt · 3 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Will last week’s ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court permitting same-gender couples to marry have any impact on the movement for equal parenting following divorce? It’s a question many people asked immediately after the opinion was announced.

My guess is that it will have no direct impact. The right of same-gender couples to marry has little legal relation to the importance to children of keeping both parents in their lives when the parents split up. The value of both parents is addressed to the “best interests of the child” standard that’s already found in Supreme Court precedent. As I see it, constitutional law is already where it needs to be as regards parental rights. What needs to change is factual - the awareness of state legislatures that children do best with both parents involved in their lives, an arrangement family courts need to stop obstructing.

But another, far less heralded opinion was issued by the Court holding, as it has in previous cases, that state action that creates a disparate impact on the basis of a suspect category like race, creates a cause of action under federal civil rights laws (Wall Street Journal, 6/25/15). That is, a plaintiff seeking to sue need not produce evidence of an intention on the part of the defendant to discriminate. Here’s how this article described the case in question: ...'

Women Against Paternity Fraud debuts PSA

Matt · 4 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

PSA video here. Summary:

'Women Against Paternity Fraud is a non-profit organization that educates the public, media, and policy makers on issues relating to paternity fraud. To learn more information and to be become a member: http://www.womenagainstpaternityfraud.org'

The Future of Sex is Terrifying

Matt · 4 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The American Law Institute (ALI)—a respected body of professors, judges, and lawyers that draft model laws oft adopted in whole by state and federal government—has spent the past three years deliberating over sexual assault statutes (an area it hadn't revisited since 1962). A draft of the group's recommendations, released in May, endorsed "the position that an affirmative expression of consent, either by words or conduct, is always an appropriate prerequisite to sexual intercourse, and that the failure to obtain such consent should be punishable under" criminal law.

...

To this aim, ALI proposes establishing the new crime of sexual intercourse without consent, a misdemeanor, which takes place when a person "knowingly or recklessly has, or enables another person to have, sexual intercourse with a person who at the time of the act of sexual intercourse has not given consent to that act." (This is, of course, absent any sort of force, coercion, or indication the victim protested/resisted, which would remain felonies.) It would also expand the definition of criminal sexual contact to include any unconsented to contact with any body part if the perpetrator intended the touch amorously or lustfully.

...

"[T]he appropriate default position clearly is to err in the direction of protecting individuals against unwanted sexual imposition. ... Of course, a legal standard requiring the affirmative expression of consent to sex will—inevitably—entail many false negatives, in the form of findings of unwillingness when in fact passionate desire was present. But the contrary standard now prevalent in American law will—just as inevitably—entail many false positives, assumptions of willingness and subsequent sexual intrusion when such intimacy was entirely unwanted. Section 213.2(2) reflects the judgment that the harms that arise under the latter standard present far greater reason for concern."

...

"As with other areas of criminal law," caution the dissenting ALI members, "expanding the statutes in the ways set forth in the draft would fall particularly hard on individuals of color who are represented disproportionately at each stage of the criminal justice system." American law enforcement "has an unfortunate history of excessive punishment in the name of protecting women especially when issues of race are present."

People who want to solve social problems by reflexively invoking the power of state justice often overlook exactly whom and what systems will be enacting this justice, and how they've historically operated. It's not going to be pretty, or just, to turn virtually everyone into potentially prosecutable sex criminals.'

Here’s One Rape Culture The Media Wishes Were Fake

Matt · 4 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Trump's mistake was his over-generalization, maybe coming from the sound-bite timeframes in which political messages get delivered these days. Had he been more precise in his accusations, he'd probably have less business-related fallout right now. Excerpt:

'Whenever The Donald is invited to defend his views for the umpteenth time, the questioning usually veers to the rape angle, as it did when Trump was interviewed by CNN’s Don Lemon Wednesday night. During the interview, the presidential hopeful brought up a Fusion article that reported that 80 percent of women coming into the U.S. illegally are sexually assaulted.

Lemon — sensing a delightful bit of schadenfreude within his grasp — pointed out that the article referred to migrants being raped, not the other way around. Unfazed, Trump responded, “Who’s doing the raping?”
...
But the answer to who’s raping these young women doesn’t appear to be a major concern. Mediaite added as an afterthought, quoting from the original Fusion piece, that “perpetrators can be coyotes, other migrants, bandits, or even government authorities.”

WaPo didn’t even bother to answer the question.

This lack of an answer reflects how so many members of the media treat this awful rape epidemic. They find out that eight in ten female illegal immigrants are raped and all they want to do is mock Trump — the mere messenger of the statistic.

It’s a far cry from how mainstream outlets treat college sexual assault. When it comes to campus rape, these same reporters deploy the old one in five trope ad nauseam to claim that it is a very serious problem. Pundits and commentators then place the blame on fraternities for fomenting a rape culture on campus and harboring predators in their midst.'

Canadian Libertarians in Revolt After Party Leadership Suspends Anti-Feminist Candidate Lauren Southern

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Libertarian Party of Canada is in turmoil following the bizarre suspension of Lauren Southern, one of the party's most visible and popular candidates, at the behest of a small group of aggrieved feminist activists.

Members and candidates are now in open revolt amid concerns that the party has been co-opted by a small group of left-wing culture warriors whose socially authoritarian agendas are alien to the majority of libertarians and toxic to the general public.

Southern, a libertarian activist and commentator for The Rebel Media, rose to global prominence last month when a video emerged of her challenging feminist campaigners at a "Slutwalk" demonstration in Vancouver.'

UK: 'Victim' who made false rape claim spared jail

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN who sparked a police investigation when she falsely claimed she had been raped on a train was given a community payback order yesterday.

Karen Farmer, 35, told officers that a man had sexually assaulted her when she was travelling from Glasgow to Blantyre.

But the court heard that she had consented to having sex with the man with whom she had been on a date in the hours leading up to the journey. She made the rape claim after he ran off and left her when the train reached its destination.'

Gender Inequality Mutilates the Bodies and Spirits of Boys

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A well written article by Laurie A. Couture, here. Excerpt:

'Our society has been silent, apathetic and cruel for too long about how our boys are treated, ignored and harmed. As a mental health professional who has worked with youth and families for close to two decades, I am on the front lines watching the spirits, minds and hearts of youth weep, tremble and rage with pain from schools, families and a society disconnected from their needs. However, while girls are embraced with incessant cultural messages of empowerment, “girl power” and support, boys must face a constant barrage of shaming, pathologizing, mockery and punishment for their maleness. Their needs, pain and suffering are simply denied existence. Not only is this pathologizing and shunning of boys happening in the media, it is happening in the fields of education, mental health, human services, the law and in the global social justice efforts that shape the world’s perceptions of gender.
...
Like their sisters in our society, all boys should be able to experience such a loving “embrace” of awareness, validation, support and empowerment for what they endure, especially when their very natural behavioral and emotional clues indicate to us a problem. However, far too many raging, aggressive, hyperactive and violent boys are labeled as “behavioral problems” rather than as victims of abuse or neglect. The pathology is not the behavioral and emotional reactions of boys; the pathology is our society and how its views and treats boys and maleness. Where are the advocates for boys?'

Scholar Takes On ‘The Authoritarian Juggernaut’ Of Campus Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Countering feminist misinformation with facts has landed Christina Hoff Sommers, an avowed feminist and avid number cruncher at the American Enterprise Institute, into a cauldron on American college campuses and into a new alliance with gamers.

Over the last two years when a swarm of gender studies feminists attacked gaming as sexist, racist and offensive based on their social justice narratives, the incensed gamers pushed back against the authoritarian leftists and found an ally in Sommers, a scholar and author who calls on feminism to be grounded in reality and truth. Looking at the games and the research, she decreed the gamers falsely accused. They called her “Based Mom.”'

University of Minnesota to adopt 'affirmative consent' rule for sex partners

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Minnesota is joining a national movement requiring students to obtain “affirmative consent” from their sex partners or risk being disciplined for sexual assault.

The policy change, sometimes known as the “yes means yes” rule, has been sweeping college campuses across the country since California passed the first such law last year.

The U’s new rule, which is poised to take effect this month after a 30-day comment period, says that sex is OK only if both parties express consent through “clear and unambiguous words or actions.” Absent that, it would fit the U’s -definition of sexual assault.

So far, the plan has prompted little dissent at the U. But nationally, critics have derided such policies as absurd and dangerous, particularly when it comes to protecting the rights of the accused.

“Once that accusation has been made, it’s somehow up to the accused person to prove they did have consent,” said Robert Shibley, executive director of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), a civil liberties group in Philadelphia. “What that means is that they’re guilty until proven innocent.”'

Why affirmative consent laws are bad for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Researchers investigating why women do not generally ask men out on dates discovered that ‘a great majority of the women, 93%, preferred to be asked out -- only 6% preferred to do the asking. The majority of men preferred to do the asking, 83%, while 16% preferred to be asked out on a date’, confirming that when it comes to making the first move, both women and men prefer men in the driver’s seat. Some feminist commentators describe this almost universal preference as ‘sexual aggression’ on the part of men, ascribing specious motives to a social preference shared by men and women alike.

New affirmative consent laws have the potential to turn much of this preferred behavior into sexual assault, retroactively, and given that men are expected to initiate expressions of sexual interest, the laws will initially be used to reclassify expected behaviours from men as criminal, depending on how women feel about those actions at a later date. Using the example of holding hands, critics of the law point out that much of what is now considered normal human interactions will fall under criminal assault if the new laws are effected. In a dissenting memo, ‘readers have been asked to consider the following scenario: "Person A and Person B are on a date and walking down the street. Person A, feeling romantically and sexually attracted, timidly reaches out to hold B’s hand and feels a thrill as their hands touch. Person B does nothing, but six months later files a criminal complaint. Person A is guilty of Criminal Sexual Contact' under proposed Section 213.6(3)(a).’
...
Women are ill-equipped to implement affirmative consent laws in their personal lives, and there is little cultural expectation that they do so, but legal standards will apply to them, regardless. Men prosecuted under college affirmative consent laws have increasingly been fighting back and suing colleges that sanctioned them for alleged sexual assault. Colleges generally require a ‘preponderance of evidence’ standard rather than the more rigorous ‘beyond a reasonable doubt’ standard, making colleges vulnerable to large financial settlements to men wrongly accused and punished for sexual assault, once the accused bring their cases to the formal legal system. Even when men arefound innocent of all charges under the lower standards, colleges are still permitting them to be harassed and accused of rape and sexual assault.

Men’s willingness to sue colleges for mishandling sexual assault accusations suggests that affirmative consent laws, deployed against men in the general public, will trigger a similar backlash. Men will invariably begin to charge women with criminal sexual offences, and women, accustomed to being asked for consent, but not asking for consent, stand to face a much higher conviction rate than men. Affirmative consent laws turn mutually preferred social customs into criminal activity, and it is women who are likely to face the higher conviction rates."

Study: Bisexual men at greater risk for psychosocial problems, HIV

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An American study involving nearly 7,000 men drew some jarring conclusions about bisexual males' psychological and sexual health.

According to the study, men who have had sex with both men and women are "disproportionately impacted by psychosocial vulnerabilities," are more likely to report depression, suicidality, incarceration and substance use.

The study also backed the notion that the bisexual community faces a greater risk of HIV, the virus that can lead to AIDS. Its authors called MSMW -- or men who have sex with men, who have also had female partners -- a "priority population for HIV risk reduction."
...
Given the other sexual tendencies they discovered among bisexual men, it may be a challenge. Looking at both lifetime sexual history and sexual activity from the past year, the study found that bisexual men in relationships with women had a greater chance of unprotected sex, sex in exchange for resources and sexually transmitted infection (STI).'

Teenager’s Jailing Brings a Call to Fix Sex Offender Registries

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Article here. Excerpt:

'That sexual encounter has landed Mr. Anderson in a Michigan jail, and he now faces a lifetime entanglement in the legal system. The girl, who by her own account told Mr. Anderson that she was 17 — a year over the age of consent in Michigan — was actually 14.

...

As an Indiana resident, Mr. Anderson will most likely be listed on a sex offender registry for life, a sanction that requires him to be in regular contact with the authorities, to allow searches of his home every 90 days and to live far from schools, parks and other public places. His probation will also require him to stay off the Internet, though he needs it to study computer science.

Some advocates and legal authorities are holding up Mr. Anderson’s case as the latest example of the overreach of sex offender registries, which gained favor in the 1990s as a tool for monitoring pedophiles and other people who committed sexual crimes. In the decades since, the registries have grown in number and scope; the nearly 800,000 people on registries in the United States go beyond adults who have sexually assaulted other adults or minors. Also listed are people found guilty of lesser offenses that run the gamut from urinating publicly to swapping lewd texts.'

Megyn Kelly freaks out over NY affirmative consent law: What about men's rights?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The implementation of an affirmative consent law in New York state had Fox News host Megyn Kelly concerned on Tuesday, as she fretted that men are presumed guilty too often in college sexual assault cases.

"It is important to improve the rights of women who are victims of sexual assault on college campuses," she told colleague Brit Hume. "But we are going in a direction where we almost entirely eliminate the rights of men. And there's a presumption now in these campuses, thanks to the Obama administration, of guilt. There's a presumption of non-consent. And if you are a young man who gets accused, it's your burden to go in there and prove consent, and we're getting to the point where you have to have a contract. And if you don't, you're gonna be presumed a rapist."
...
For his part, Hume argued that advocates for affirmative consent "have never had any sex," and described laws like the one in New York part of the "re-regulation of sex," a change from the social mores during his own college days, when universities had strict rules regarding mingling between men and women.
...
The sexual revolution, Hume argued, was the precursor to what he called today's "hook-up culture."
...
"It was the culmination of the de-regulation of sex," Hume responded. "Now what we're seeing is, because people particularly don't like some of the results of that, they're trying to re-regulate it, and that's where we are."'

Sexual Consent Contracts Are Now A Real Thing You Can Buy

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'"Sexual consent contracts," once the stuff of parodies, are now a real product that activists are selling online for the purposes of promoting "sexual respect."

The "Consent Conscious Kit" is being sold online by the Affirmative Consent Project at the website InstantConsent.com. For only $1.99, one can get a small bag (available in both faux-suede and canvass varieties!) filled with a condom, a pen, some breath mints, and this simple contract:

[Graphic]

The contract recommends that potential lovers take a picture of themselves holding the contract, or else use the pen to fill out the back, which reads "On this date, [blank], we agree to have consensual sex with one another." There are then lines for two people to both print and sign their names (the contract is apparently no good for threesomes or orgies).'

Is It Rape to Hold Someone's Hand Without Explicit Consent?

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'I suggest they call it the Princess & the Pea Code. (Or Princess and the Penal Code?) The group seems to be on the verge of endorsing the idea that every step in any encounter that could conceivably lead to sex must be explicitly agreed to by both parties. Let's first state that obviously, no one wants anyone raped, ever. Duh. But how far back in any encounter should we start regulating and punishing? And how fragile do we take our species for, when we state that any unwanted anything, even the grasp of a hand, is too much to bear and requires legal intervention? Shulevitz writes:

"In a memo that has now been signed by about 70 institute members and advisers, including Judge Gertner, readers have been asked to consider the following scenario: "Person A and Person B are on a date and walking down the street. Person A, feeling romantically and sexually attracted, timidly reaches out to hold B's hand and feels a thrill as their hands touch. Person B does nothing, but six months later files a criminal complaint. Person A is guilty of 'Criminal Sexual Contact' under proposed Section 213.6(3)(a)."'

DNA clears man in rapes; accuser arrested

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Story here. Excerpt:

'DNA evidence has cleared a man in two rapes in Norcross, and a woman who accused the same man of rape in Brookhaven has been arrested and charged with providing false statements, police said Tuesday.

Anamirna Cabello-Loeza, 31, surrendered July 1 and was jailed after detectives determined statements she provided in connection with the case “were not truthful,” Brookhaven police Officer Carlos Nino said in an emailed statement.'

Due process for campus sexual assault is not a left/right issue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sexual assault is a serious issue that should be dealt with seriously. But the proposed solution for this problem on college campuses creates an entirely new problem. It eviscerates due process for accused students in the name of helping accusers.

The fight over campus sexual assault and due process has somehow devolved into a Republican vs. Democrat issue. The most vocal supporters of draconian sexual assault policies are Democrats like Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Claire McCaskill of Missouri. There are several prominent Republicans on a Senate bill to curb sexual assault, but none have made a name for themselves as a proponent.'

Hundreds sign online petition seeking 'affirmative consent' policy at university

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Student leaders have started an online petition urging the University of Minnesota to implement a new sexual-assault policy without delay.

The petition, on Change.org, has drawn more than 800 signatures in the hours since Wednesday's decision by President Eric Kaler to postpone the so-called "affirmative consent" rule until September because of concerns raised by members of the Board of Regents.

The rule, which is similar to those surfacing on college campuses throughout the country, would create a new definition of sexual assault at the U. It states that students could face disciplinary action, including expulsion, for sexual encounters unless both participants express consent through "clear and unambigous words and actions."

On Wednesday, Regent Michael Hsu asked for the delay after news reports about the policy, which critics have denounced as unrealistic and unfair, particularly when it comes to protecting the rights of the accused.'

EU accused of telling families 'who should do the dishes'

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Men should be encouraged take on at least half of all domestic chores as part of a European-wide 'strategy for equality', according to a group of Euro MPs.

A European Parliament committee has called for a Brussels-backed campaign to promote an 'equal division of domestic work'.

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality said men needed to be pressured into doing more around the house to take the 'unequal division of family responsibilities'."

A Father's Struggle to Stop His Daughter's Adoption

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Emanuel's girlfriend repeatedly promised him that she would never put their child up for adoption. But he couldn't erase the possibility from his mind. So he posed the question to her, "If you ever had to give your baby up for adoption, you're going to give it to me, right?" She said she would, but insisted that she had no plans to give the baby away. He says they made plans for her to move in with him permanently at the end of the year.
...
After the encounter, Thomason started researching paternity rights on her own. That's when she learned about the South Carolina Responsible Father Registry, which, according to the state's Department of Social Services, "gives a man who has fathered a child with a woman he is not married to the right to be notified when an adoption or a termination of parental rights action occurs." Without the registry, his girlfriend could put the baby up for adoption without telling Emanuel about it. Registering with the state wouldn't guarantee him custody of Skylar, but at least he'd be notified and have a say in court.
...
In the end, this omission was all that mattered. The majority pointed out that the registry had been designed specifically for cases like Lehr's: to allow biological fathers to "demonstrate [their] intent to claim paternity of a child born out of wedlock," entitling them "to receive notice of any proceeding to adopt that child." The Court noted that he could have registered "simply by mailing a postcard."'

University police chief brags about circumventing due process in sexual assault cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Due process on college campuses has become passé, and even an impediment to justice — at least according to sexual assault activists. But police officers like Susan Riseling may be giving activists a leg up.

Riseling is the chief of police and associate vice chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and recently told a conference audience that using the records from campus sexual assault hearings could be beneficial to police investigations.

"It's Title IX, not Miranda," Riseling said. "Use what you can."
...
K.C. Johnson, who co-wrote the book on the Duke Lacrosse hoax, took Riseling's comment to be an "explicit celebration" of the evisceration of due process.

"The chief offered a rare explicit celebration of what too often is implicit: lack of civil liberties protections is a desired aspect of college inquiries," Johnson wrote. "The 'advantage' of the disciplinary hearing process, it seems, is that accused students have minimal due process protections, and — since sexual assault is, of course, a crime — law enforcement can then use student disciplinary proceedings to obtain information that they could not, under the Constitution, in a normal police investigation."'

Colleges turning to retired judges to adjudicate campus sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Colleges and universities are increasingly looking to outside judges to help adjudicate accusations of campus sexual assault.

Under pressure from the Obama administration, schools in recent years have been adjudicating accusations of sexual assault. The results have been a disaster.

First, accusers insisted that the process was rigged against them, and that facing the accused was too traumatic. So the Department of Education mandated the "preponderance of evidence" standard and "strongly discouraged" schools from allowing cross-examination. It also provided no due process rights to accused students.

This, along with threats of lost funding, encouraged schools to expel more accused students based on nothing more than accusations. Accused and expelled students began fighting back. But they didn't get the support and media attention accusers enjoyed.'

UK: "Mansplainers Are Offended By Natalie Bennett's Opposition To Mansplaining"

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Article here. Excerpt:

One user said the Greens are now "the most sexist political party in the UK":

"The Greens really are now the most sexist political party in the UK. They only want men to go to prison, men appear to be completely sidelined in the party (despite them claiming to have equality when it comes to the leadership and deputy leader position).

Can you name a current Green Party figure who isn't female? When did you last see a male from the party sent to be their representative on TV or speaking at one of their press conferences?

Looking at Bennett's background we see she worked for the extremist feminist organisation the Fawcett Society and therefore it's no surprise she comes out with sexist rubbish such as this. No wonder so few males vote for the party."'

Man protests musician Bono over his pro-circ position

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Bono has a lot of fans. They adore him. They love every part of him. It's likely the U2 front man has grown accustomed to constant adoration over the years. It's also likely that he's never received adoration quite as pointedly specific as that espoused by one lone protester standing outside Toronto's Air Canada Centre this past Tuesday evening holding a sign that read: "We Support Bono's Superb Irish Foreskin."

That protester was Glen Callender, founder of the Foreskin Awareness Project. The Vancouverite has been standing outside of every Canadian date of U2's current world tour to bring awareness to Bono's public support of circumcision to prevent the spread of HIV in certain countries in Africa.

"It's kind of hard to fit on a sign," admitted Callender outside of the Air Canada Centre Tuesday night. He was dressed in his customary protest getup — black combat tam, polished army boots, black briefs and a black shirt emblazoned with the surprisingly incendiary phrase "I love my foreskin." In addition to his sign supporting Bono's supposed foreskin (Bono has not confirmed nor denied whether he himself has been circumcised), he also had one reading "Circumcision does not prevent HIV" and "We condemn Bono's Support for Mass Circumcision." This is just stop number three on Callender's six-city "Foreskin + Experience" protest tour, as he trails U2's "Innocence + Experience" tour across Canada and into the U.S.'

Why do women outlive men? Science zeroes in on answer

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'Beltran-Sanchez and his colleagues began by examining common causes of death of people going back more than 200 years. They used data from the Human Mortality Database to find information about the deaths of people born between 1800 and 1935 in 13 countries across North America and Europe. Then they combined this with data from the World Health Organization's Mortality Database to determine death rates by cause.
...
While these numbers are small, they add up over time - for people born between 1900 and 1935, men were two to three times more likely to die in their 50s and 60s than were their female counterparts, the researchers wrote. This gender imbalance, which Beltran-Sanchez refers to as "excess male mortality," is caused primarily by cardiovascular disease and smoking-related deaths, he said.

In the first part of the 20th century, smoking was much more common among men than women, Beltran-Sanchez said.'

Ellen Pao Out as Reddit CEO, Blames Site's Users

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Silicon Valley Business Journal just reported that "Ellen Pao is resigning from Reddit after eight months of drama as interim CEO."

Having kept her Reddit position despite losing America's highest profile sexual discrimination lawsuits against what she called Silicon Valley's "boy's club," Pao was forced out for firing a popular female employee.

When the Ellen Pao five-week-long and very salacious San Francisco trial against the elite venture capital firm of Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers for alleged sexual discrimination went to the jury on March 26, most observers assumed it was a slam-dunk that the former junior partner would win a big chunk of her demand for $16 million to compensate for sexual discrimination and up to $144 million for punitive damages.

Pao's salacious lawsuit filed in 2012 had been a lightning rod for Jesse Jackson and other diversity camp followers to disparage the "backward culture" of Silicon Valley. Hoping to unmask Silicon Valley's supposedly greedy venture capitalists victimizing the reserved little Asian woman seemed like a done deal in a case that was supposed to be about the larger implications regarding the future of women and minorities in the tech field; which is dominated by a ratio of 70 percent white and Asian men, but only 30 percent women.'

Bar Charged Women 77% of Their Bar Tabs to Raise Awareness About Gender Pay Gap

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Story here. Excerpt:

'After learning that on average women earn 77 to 78 cents for every dollar men make, a Brooklyn bar owner had an idea for how to close the gap, even if just for one night.

As a one-time offer on 7/7, Andy Heidel of The Way Station charged women only 77 percent of their total bar tabs to raise awareness and start a conversation about the disparity in wages between genders, The Guardian reports.

“I have three sisters. The majority of my staff and friends are women,” said Heidel. “I thought this would be a great way to even the playing field even if it was for one night only.”'

Traditional circumcisions take toll on South African boys

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Story here. Excerpt:

'South African experts have urged government to strengthen standardisation of circumcision procedures as the act claimed a total of 24 lives since June.

According to local custom, circumcisions are normally viewed as traditional passage for young boys to enter manhood.

Dr Van Merwe, a Surgeon who had perfumed successful operation on some boys said on Friday that the government must regulate circumcision practice while preserving the traditions.'

New Zealand: NCEA 'eliminates the competition young men enjoy'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NCEA is better suited to girls, two boys' school principals believe.

An analysis of NCEA results since 2004 shows the pass rate for boys at NCEA level 1 has increased by 21.3 percentage points to 81.1 per cent last year.

But girls are still doing better. Last year, 87 per cent of girls passed level 1.

A gender gap also persists at levels 2 and 3, and boys are falling even further behind girls when it comes to merit and excellence endorsements at these levels.

Only in scholarship examinations, where the country's very top pupils are assessed, boys are doing equally as well, if not better than girls.'

HPV vaccine: The growing campaign for including boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It makes economic sense to give the HPV vaccine to boys, say advocates who are stepping up pressure on the Ontario government to fully fund school immunization programs against the common sexually transmitted virus.

Despite the most recent public campaign to include boys as well as girls, the province's Ministry of Health is deferring the issue. The ministry says it's "reviewing" the current program to determine whether changes are required.

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In a growing push to make the vaccine free for boys, several young gay men made themselves available to media cameras as they were vaccinated against the human papillomavirus last week at the Hassle Free Clinic in Toronto.

A ministry statement released last Wednesday referred to "economic and societal factors" as reasons the province is still considering whether to expand the program, without elaborating, beyond mentioning "cost effectiveness and impact on the health system.'

Heinous case of child abuse compares boys to ‘prisoners of war’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Authorities in Texas are comparing a disturbing case of child abuse to that of treatment of prisoners of war.

KPRC in Houston reports Sandra Anna Gonzalez is accused of severely starving and beating two of her sons. She is charged with two counts of injury to a child.
The details came to light last year when an elementary school administrator reported the abuse to authorities after observing Gonzalez’s 10-year-old son with a black eye.
“The 10-year-old told the administrator that he did not want to go home because his mother was abusing him, according to court documents. School administrators immediately called authorities,” KPRC reports.

The boy told investigators his mother shot him and his brother with a BB gun.

According to KPRC, in addition to the bruises and scrapes on the boy’s knees and around his eye, deputies saw numerous scrapes and bruising on the tops of his hands and bruising and swelling on his back. The boy also appeared to be severely malnourished, and investigators said they could clearly see his ribs and spine. Investigators documented that the child looked “like a prisoner of war who had been starved.”

Investigators also found similar injuries on the boy’s 12-year-old brother.
...
Gonzalez had three girls, ages 5, 10 and 14, but they all appeared to be in good health. It was her boys that she would take her anger out on, investigators say.'

State says dads equally guilty in freezer deaths case

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'A state attorney told the fathers of Mitchelle Blair's children they are just as responsible for the abuse, torture and death of the children whose bodies were found in March because they abandoned and deserted them.

Kelli Megyesi said Alexander Dorsey and Stephen Berry are "trying to pass the buck" for their roles in the tragedy.

Dorsey and Berry sat quietly during the tongue lashing from Megyesi during the conclusion Tuesday of a hearing about whether the parental rights should be terminated for Blair and the two men. All three are seeking rights over Blair's two surviving children, an 8-year-old boy and a 17-year-old daughter.

"They should feel guilty," she said. "They should feel culpable because they are."

...

Adam Devlin, Dorsey's attorney, said he reported in 2005 injuries to his daughter he suspected Blair of causing. Devlin said Dorsey also tried to see his children but was restricted by Blair to remain on the porch when he came to visit.

Laura Anderson, who represents Berry, said her client had a relationship with his sons and that he "never saw Ms. Blair being abusive to the children"

Anderson blamed Child Protective Services for not following up on investigations in 2002 and 2005 involving referrals for possible child neglect and abuse by Blair.'

Woman attacks boyfriend after he refuses sex

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Augusta woman was arrested after she attacked her boyfriend for refusing to have sex with her.

Tabathia Lee Grooms, 35, came home around 11:30 p.m. on June 24 and attacked her boyfriend while he was sitting on the couch, according to a Richmond County Sheriff's Office incident report. She said she was angry that he refused her advances earlier that day, so she scratched him on the face, head and neck, then bit him on the arm. He ran into a bathroom and called 911.

When deputies responded to the house on Haynie Drive, Grooms would not give her name at first and threatened to run over a deputy with a baby stroller, according to the incident report. She admitted she had been drinking.

Grooms also punched her 66-year-old mother in the eye during the ordeal, according to the incident report.'

Isis's female Gestapo wreaking terror on their own sex

Matt · 12 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. And what is America's Feminist Establishment blithering about? Getting randy undergrads to sign pre-hand-holding contracts of mutual consent. Isn't it ironic that for maybe all of you, you read this story first on a MRM web site? Excerpt:

'Whatever the reason for living in this hellish place, all women are prohibited from going outside or travelling without a male relative. Islamic State imposes a strict dress code demanding all females from puberty upwards wear two gowns to hide their body shape, black gloves to cover their hands, and three veils so their faces cannot be seen, even in direct sunlight.

Women have been publicly buried alive in sand for breaking the code. One former Syrian schoolteacher trapped in the city told Channel 4 in a documentary, Escape From Isis, to be aired next week: ‘We have no freedom. We cannot go out on the balcony or look through the window. They will arrest a woman if she wears perfume or raises her voice. A woman’s voice cannot be heard.’

The teacher told of her horrifying capture by the city’s ruthless all-women police unit, the Al-Khansa brigade, created to enforce IS rules. ‘They said my eyes were visible through my veil. I was tortured. They lashed me. Now some of them punish women by biting. They give you the option between getting bitten or lashed.’

As many as 60 British women, including Aqsa Mahmood, the 20-year-old Glaswegian woman who left her family to become an Islamic State apparatchik last year, are thought to be members of the brigade. They are paid up to £100 a month, a fortune in the Islamic State bad-lands.'

The Mixed-Up Brothers of Bogotá

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Story here. A strong case for mandatory DNA testing post-birth even when no paternity fraud is suspected. Excerpt:

'As Laura walked into the grocery store, catching up with Janeth, she was surprised to spot someone she knew. Behind the butcher counter was a colleague from her job at Strycon, an engineering firm. She gave him a big wave. He hardly acknowledged her. "That's Jorge!" she told Janeth. "He works in my office." He was a well-liked 24-year-old who worked a few floors up from her, designing pipes for oil transport, so she was surprised to see him waiting on customers in the shop.

"Oh, no, that's William," Janeth said. William was a hard worker and rarely left that butcher counter, except to sleep. He definitely did not work at Strycon.
...
Eventually, William texted Wilber, who was working at a different butcher shop that day, and told him he needed to come right away. When Wilber arrived later that afternoon, William said he had to show him something and clicked, on his phone, on a photo of Jorge and Carlos. Immediately, Wilber saw, with total clarity, what it took everyone else hours to grasp.

"So we were swapped," Wilber said, shrugging, annoyed by the sense of momentousness William seemed to want to attach to the photo. "I don't care who they are. You're my brother, and you'll be my brother until the day I die."'

Court won’t overturn ruling that cleared former college student

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'A ruling that found Iowa State University administrators improperly removed a men’s basketball player from the team for alleged sexual misconduct will stand, an appeals court ruled Thursday.

The Iowa Court of Appeals dismissed an appeal filed by the university’s governing board, which argued the discipline against former Cyclone guard Bubu Palo was appropriate for his actions toward a female student in 2012.

The decision leaves in place last year’s ruling by District Judge Steven Oeth, who threw out the university’s sanctions against Palo and questioned the accuser’s credibility. The judge said ISU President Steven Leath had kicked Palo off the team and imposed other disciplinary sanctions despite no clear evidence that the sex was nonconsensual.'

Scotland: Nightclub and pub staff to be taught how to detect potential rapists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A NEW campaign has been launched to teach workers in nightclubs and bars to spot predatory rapists.

Bystander training is being rolled out across the country to encourage staff to intervene if they see women in potential danger of sexual assault.

The training will run in parallel with a hard-hitting anti-rape initiative from Police Scotland targeting the 16-27 age group, who account for a third of victims and perpetrators of the crime.
...
“We have examples of where the predator has moved in, looked for the girl who has had a bit to drink and when she has got up to go to the toilet or the bar, has insinuated himself with her.

“The predator cuts her out of the group and he will be the one who buys her that last drink and he is the one who leaves with her. That is when that woman is at her most vulnerable.”'

"6 Reasons Men Can Literally Never Be Victims Of Sexism"

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'One of the most frustrating things a man can do is claim that he's a victim of sexism. Men's rights groups who espouse the systemized oppression of men are ridiculously wrong in their philosophies. Sure, men might experience discrimination, bullying or even disparagement of their gender, but this doesn't equate to sexism. Sexism is institutionalized. Having someone be biased towards you in an isolated context, for instance, a woman excluding a man from something based on his gender, is simply mean or discriminatory, because it's an individual act, rather than one that's historically ingrained in the way society operates to the detriment of men. It's the exact same "nope, not even close to the same thing" comparison that happens when white people assert that they've been victims of racism: That is literally not possible, because you are in the privileged majority. If you think that isolated instances of feeling slighted or discriminated against amount to having the entire balance of favor in society stacked against you, then you're self-involved, ignorant, or at best, misguided about what words like "sexism" and "racism" actually mean. The fact is, if you're a white, straight, middle-class man, then society operates in your favor, regardless of any instances of discrimination. You always win. Congratulations, you are the lord of the genetic lottery, so give chance a giant hug for making your life so easy.'

Tim Hunt not to be reinstated at University College London

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Nobel laureate Tim Hunt, who ignited a debate over sexism in science with his comments about women at a conference last month, will not be reinstated as an honorary professor at University College London (UCL), the university has confirmed.

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In a short statement on 9 July, the university's governing body, UCL Council, wrote that it “unanimously supports the decision taken by UCL’s executive to accept the resignation”. The council said that the extent of media interest was unprecedented and that it recognized the distress caused to Hunt and his wife Mary Collins, an immunologist at UCL. But it also said that “all parties agree that reinstatement would be inappropriate”.

Hunt declined to comment on the UCL statement but wrote in an email to Nature: "I’ll just point out that my ‘contract’ was due to expire early in 2016, and I’d already given my last lecture, so there really didn’t seem much point in reinstatement from my point of view."'

See previous item on MANN here.

IVF paternity fraud father: make DNA tests routine in child maintenance cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A father at the centre of Britain's first known case of paternity fraud involving IVF has called for the introduction of routine DNA testing in divorce after he was tricked into raising another man's child as his own for six years.

The man, whose identity cannot be published for legal reasons, is also calling for an overhaul of the law after a judge ruled that his ex-wife could not be forced to hand back tens of thousands of pounds in maintenance payments even though they were the result of "fraud".

He is urging MPs to consider new legislation to recognise paternity deceit as a crime rather than a civil wrong in cases involving premeditation and large amounts of money or serious emotional damage to children or parents.

The man, a lecturer and businessman based in southern England, was cheated by his ex-wife, a successful businesswoman, into believing that the baby she conceived through fertility treatment at a clinic in Spain was his child.'

Due process win: California judge rules campus kangaroo court 'unfair'

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'A California judge just issued a win to proponents of due process in campus sexual assault hearings.

Judge Joel M. Pressman deemed a University of California-San Diego campus hearing "unfair," ruling that the hearing panel limited the accused student's right to due process.

The accused student, listed as John Doe, had sued the university after being suspended for sexual assault without due process. John claimed that his right to cross-examine his accuser and adverse witnesses was limited, and Pressman agreed.'

"The Good, The Bad, and The Beta Male"

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'No one (or group) made an attempt to stop the assailant who was the first to exist the train and into the crowd of families in D.C. for 4th of July celebrations. Oblivious to what harm he may continue to do, the others on the car were just relieved to see him leave.

John Daniel Davidson at The Federalistwrote, “That Spires had a knife—what the police said was a ‘small, black folding knife’ they later recovered from a trash can—is no excuse. Any two adult men in that subway car could have stopped him, no matter how crazy or strong he was, and saved Sutherland’s life.”
...
Prior to reading these and other stories, I would have chalked up the “beta male” stories to liberal fantasies to stomp out masculinity. But these are no longer fantasies. The beta male movement is real. It started with drugging little boys who didn’t want to sit still in class. The outcome is big boys sitting still while a man is stabbed to death. We must save the alpha males before they are extinct.'

Judge says "regret" at root of rape case

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'Administrators at the University of California San Diego failed to properly investigate sexual assault allegations against a male student and increased sanctions against him for appealing their decision, ruled superior court judge Joel Pressman on Friday, July 10.

A female student accused the 20-year-old male, known as John Doe, of inappropriately touching her on the morning of February 1, 2014. The male student denied these allegations and later told an officer who was investigating the accusations that the two had had sex both the night before and after the alleged touching occurred. However, John Doe's statements to investigating officers, as well as other evidence, was not allowed to be presented during the Title IX sexual misconduct hearing.

"The Court finds that substantial evidence does not support the finding of non-consensual sexual activity," reads judge Pressman's July 10 ruling. "First, as stated above, crucial findings...were based upon [the officer's] investigation summary that was not presented at the hearing in any meaningful way. Given the fundamental unfairness of relying on this report without a meaningful opportunity for petitioner to challenge its contents, the court has no choice but to exclude the report from consideration in evaluating whether substantial evidence exists to support the conclusion."'

Taking the transcript beyond academics

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'Interest is growing in using transcripts to note dismissal or expulsion after a student has been found responsible for a sexual assault based on a preponderance of evidence.
...
The idea of noting a history of sexual assault on college transcripts is one of many that have been suggested to combat the high incidence of such violence on campuses across the country. Many colleges have been accused of preferencing their sports programs over the safety of female students, turning blind eyes to the behavior of some male athletes. The SEC in June became the first athletic conference to take a united stand against allowing students with such histories to find a home on the courts or in the fields of college athletics. Continued publicity of cases in which alleged victims lie about assaults makes the job of administrators considering blanket policies a tricky one.'

Hillary Clinton's White Male Voter Problem

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'Karl Savage is the kind of guy that makes top Democrats nervous.

He lives in a working-class neighborhood, with a cigar-store Indian perched on his front stoop and a carved Harley-Davidson sign on his garage. He's voted in Democratic primaries, he's older, he's white—and he does not care for Hillary Clinton. Not one little bit.

He made this very clear, in fact, to a Clinton campaign volunteer who rang his doorbell recently only to watch the front door close on him just seconds into his pitch. A short while later, his wife, Pamela, offered this explanation before similarly shutting the door: "We're not interested. We don't like her."

So while Republicans fret about their party's outreach to Latinos and other minorities, this one Saturday morning door-knock encapsulates the fear among leading Democrats: Their party no longer speaks to white people, particularly white men, and they could lose the White House because of it.'

Even if false rape reports are rare, they shouldn't be ignored

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'Whenever a high-profile account of alleged campus sexual assault comes crashing down – such as Rolling Stone's gang-rape accusation – activists predictably fall back on the claim that only 2 percent of rape accusations are false.

This isn't accurate. First, the 2 percent figure refers to false reports made to the police. Making a false police report carries a penalty, which exists to deter people from doing so (although sometimes that penalty isn't enforced, such as with the Duke Lacrosse rape hoaxer). No such penalty exists on college campuses. (Indeed, even the accuser in the Rolling Stone article, though proven to have lied, did not face any punishment from the school.)

Not having that penalty is meant to make accusers feel more comfortable coming forward, although it's difficult to see how being punished for lying would make truthful victims fearful. Regardless, a lack of consequences makes it easier for student accusers to come forward and punish fellow students who may have hurt them or with whom they had a previous regretted encounter that has come to be seen as assault.'

UK: Why the gender pay gap is a myth

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'Today the Prime Minister has set out to ‘end the gender pay gap in a generation’. It would be an ambitious goal, if a wage gap actually existed. According to the latest ONS figures, women between the ages of 22 – 29 earn 1.1 per cent more on average than their male counterparts and women between the ages of 30-39 are also earning more.

And it doesn’t stop there. There’s evidence that when men and women follow the same career path in the UK, women tend to out-earn and out-perform men. There is growing evidence that if you control for similar backgrounds, women actually tend to get more aggressively promoted than men by their employers.

This alleged gap that the Prime Minister refers to is actually indicative of personal lifestyle decisions, not employer discrimination. While women who choose to stay on rigorous career paths usually find themselves rewarded, many women choose to take more flexible jobs and/or years out of work to focus on different – but equally important – parts of life, like raising a family. Naturally a drastic change in working hours, work-place responsibilities and shift of focus will have an impact on one’s salary.'

Here’s How Hillary Clinton Could Hike The Gender Wage Gap

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'One of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton’s flagship economic ambitions for getting more women in the workforce could have the opposite effect of widening the very gender pay she has campaigned so hard to narrow.

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A key ambition of the Democratic front-runner is to raise the female labor force participation rate after stagnating for close to two decades. To that end, Hillary trumpeted the virtues of paid family leave as well as the reform of sick days.

Data from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), however, shows there could be a link between more liberal parental leave policies and a higher gender wage gap.

...

Since Hillary’s speech Monday, analysts have warned of the potential unintended consequences of using policy tools to hike the female labor participation rate. “Once again, we find examples of government overreach into wages and labor markets backfiring on the very people it is trying to protect,” Adam Smith Institute Research Associate Kate Andrews told TheDCNF.

“The gender pay gap has been debunked for the myth that it is; women are not earning less than their male counterparts on the whole because of employer discrimination, but rather because many women make different lifestyle choices that do not value a high salary above all else,” she added.'

Is It Right For a Publisher to Accept Only Women's Books?

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'The phrase "wheels of justice," of shady proverbial origin, is a popular way both to celebrate and lament the process of law. These wheels do turn, we are told, but they turn slowly. Are there not also wheels of injustice, constructed of a much stronger alloy, and forever counterposed to the forces of equity and morality? Most certainly there are, and they operate in too high a gear for us to bear.

The worst injustice is that which its perpetrators claim is meant to correct another. Nowadays one finds examples of this almost at random. A small British publishing house called "And Other Stories," for instance, has committed itself to publishing only women writers for the year 2018. The stated reason is to correct the imbalance in women's representation in the literary world, particularly when it comes to writing prizes. A senior editor at the publisher, Sophie Lewis, took to the pages of The Independent, one of London's daily papers, to explain her company's decision.

And Other Stories normally publishes men—in fact, according to Ms. Lewis, "even though most of us [at the company] are women, most of our books are by male authors. Fascinating, experimental male authors, but still male." She continues: "We have been putting it about, gently, for the last few years, that we're particularly looking for fiction by women," Ms. Lewis wrote. "They could be from anywhere really. And what do people send us? Why, more exciting, boundary-pushing men, of course."'

UK: Rape Crisis has 'concerns' over smartphone app which films sexual consent

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Users of We-Consent record 20-second clips naming who they're about to have sex with.

The app only works if the camera detects human faces and if both people involved are clearly heard saying "yes".

However, support group Rape Crisis says that although the app has good intentions it "throws up concerns".

Katie Russell, the national spokeswoman for Rape Crisis in England and Wales, told Newsbeat: "Someone saying 'yes' to sex on camera does not necessarily prove that they have given their consent.

"Consent must be fully and freely given by someone with the capacity to do so.

"Video footage might not capture whether someone has been threatened, bullied or intimidated into saying 'yes' to sex and, if they have, then they have not fully or freely given their consent, even if they've said the word 'yes' out loud.

...

"The concept seems to assume and suggest that 'false allegations of rape' are a common problem that young people need to be worried about; they're absolutely not.

"In fact, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has looked carefully at false allegations of rape and concluded that they are 'very rare'."'

Zambia: Magistrate convicts woman of indecently assaulting minor

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Link here. Excerpt:

'THE Chipata Magistrates' Court on Friday committed a 40-year-old woman to the High Court for sentencing after she was convicted of indecently assaulting a 14-year-old boy.

Magistrate Philip Mpundu committed Malita Banda to the High Court for sentencing after the court established a prima facie case against her.

Particulars of the offence were that Banda indecently assaulted the 14-year-old grade four boy contrary to the Laws of Zambia.

Facts were that on April 7, 2015, Banda had sex with the boy in her house.

During trial, the boy told court that he was going to see his friend when Banda called him into her house where she had sex with him while her husband was away.

...

And Dr Jackson Kabwe of Chipata General Hospital told the court that on April 7, he received a child whose foreskin was swollen because of a sexual act.

Dr Kabwe told the court that he circumcised the minor's foreskin to protect his manhood and signed the medical report.'

Canada: Ruling in Twitter harassment trial could have enormous fallout for free speech

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'After hearing closing submissions Tuesday from Chris Murphy, who represents 54-year-old Greg Elliott, Ontario Court Judge Brent Knazan is expected to rule on Oct. 6.

In the balance rides enormous potential fallout for free speech online.

Elliott is charged with criminally harassing two Toronto female political activists, Steph Guthrie and Heather Reilly, in 2012.

Allegations involving a third woman were dropped.

The graphic artist and father of four lost his job shortly after his arrest, which was well-publicized online, and if convicted, could go to jail for six months.

These are astonishing repercussions given that it's not alleged he ever threatened either woman (or any other, according to the testimony of the Toronto Police officer, Detective Jeff Bangild, who was in charge) or that he ever sexually harassed them.

Indeed, Elliott's chief sin appears to have been that he dared to disagree with the two young feminists and political activists.'

Paid crew roles on men's rights issues documentary being shot in London

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Tom Martin - who in 2012 sued the London School of Economics for discrimination against men on it's Gender, Media and Culture Masters programme - is now shooting a documentary in London, to investigate ways men can get women to pay their half on dates - and is hiring crew.

The camera operator ad is here, and you can contact Tom directly at sexismbusters-at-hotmail.com if you would like to collaborate in any other capacity.

Ruling in favor of student accused of sex assault could ripple across U.S.

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'The encounter snowballed into a sexual assault complaint, university investigation and a finding that the male student should be suspended.

But the accused student fought back in court and won — marking what is believed to be the first judicial ruling in recent years that a university failed to provide a fair trial in a sexual misconduct case. Some legal experts said Tuesday that the finding could have a broad national impact.

"It could have tremendous persuasive influence on other courts," said Amy Wax, a University of Pennsylvania law professor who, along with 15 colleagues, has raised concerns about the rights of accused students in campus sexual assault cases.'

DC Legislators Want to Brand Accused Students as Rapists—Even if They're Never Convicted

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'This is the brilliant idea of Councilwoman Anita Bonds, a Democrat:

"Newly proposed D.C. legislation would require colleges to put a permanent and prominent notation on the academic transcripts of students who are convicted of sexual assault or who try to withdraw from school while under investigation for sexual misconduct — a "Scarlet Letter" that would follow them to new schools and graduate programs or into the workforce.

Council member Anita Bonds's proposal Tuesday — which comes as the nation is paying more attention to the widespread problem of college sexual assault — immediately drew praise from several colleagues for its bold approach to attacking the issue. But it also caught officials at the city's colleges and universities off guard, proposing what is certain to be a controversial way of permanently punishing those accused of assaults."

The "Scarlet Letter" plan isn't exactly new; lawmakers in other jurisdictions have proposed similar policies. But the idea that this should apply to students who are never found guilty—because they withdrew before the investigation was completed—is less common, and much more disturbing.

I can understand the desire to protect students at other universities from rapists. But the best way to do that is put the rapists in jail, not mark their transcripts.

After all, the campus judiciary hearing is often farcical. When an accused student is denied his due process rights, access to a lawyer, and is convicted under a preponderance of the evidence standard, is it really fair to mark him forever? If he withdraws from the college to avoid such a miscarriage of justice, should legislatures really make that public knowledge for future employers?'

Judge dismisses man’s claim of Title IX violation

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'That summer, the student filed a complaint with USF against his ex-girlfriend. It was a complaint similar to the one she filed against him, claiming she violated the school’s code of conduct.

University officials did not investigate his complaint because it mirrored the one filed by his ex girlfriend, the suit says.

John Doe argued that his complaint should have be treated the same as hers.

Says his lawsuit: “Male students at USF, such as John Doe, are discriminated against solely on the basis of sex and are invariably found guilty, regardless of the evidence, or lack thereof.”'

Updating the cliche that it's better to let '10 guilty men go free'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The old liberal cliché that it's "better 10 guilty persons escape than one innocent suffer" has been upended in recent years — at least when it comes to accusations of sexual assault.

The cliché has been replaced by: "It's better 10 innocent persons suffer than one guilty escape."

The push to reduce campus sexual assault has bred this new sentiment, as policies purporting to make colleges and universities safer actually increase the likelihood that innocent students will be accused and punished. The new policies broaden the definition of sexual assault while narrowing the definition of consent, and remove due process protections for accused students while severely limiting what constitutes "evidence" in their defense.'

SAVE: Affirmative Consent Policies Eliminate the Presumption of Innocence, Critics Charge

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / July 14, 2015 – Following recent passage of a law in New York on campus sexual assault, Affirmative Consent policies are coming under fire from civil rights and legal experts. The New York law will require that “clear affirmative agreement” be expressed before any sexual activity occurs between two students.

Robert Shibley of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a civil liberties group, notes that Affirmative Consent policies serve to promote a “guilty until proven innocent” mindset.

In her June 27 column, *New York Times* contributing writer Judith Shulevitz decried the notion of making “sex a crime under conditions of poor communication.” Her article quoted Harvard law professor Jeannie Suk who chided Affirmative consent as an “unworkable standard.”

In her July 1 column, ‘Affirmative Consent’ Will Make Rape Laws Worse, Megan McArdle charges Affirmative Consent will make it more difficult to prosecute an offender because predators can “always insist they got that affirmative consent.'

Spiritual authenticity and the circumcision decision

Matt · 17 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Though the prospect of circumcising a baby boy typically causes some anxiety, Jewish parents most often to go through with it. Circumcision is a concrete symbol of the ancient Abrahamic covenant, an affirmation of membership in the tribe, and a way for the boy to “look like Dad.” Sealing the deal for many is the idea that circumcision provides health benefits throughout a child’s life.

These days, however, there are Jewish parents who consider the issue carefully—and come to a different conclusion. To them, circumcision seems unnecessary, harmful or traumatic, and they decide not to do it. The question is, do these families represent a disheartening watering-down of tradition? Or do they perhaps have something unique and precious to offer to the ongoing Jewish narrative?

My sons, now grown, are both circumcised. But I acquiesced unhappily, despite grave misgivings. My husband was in favor of circumcision, and like him, I wanted my boys to be fully accepted in Jewish life. I wanted to be fully accepted in Jewish life. In short, my compliance was calculated. It was not an expression of my spiritual beliefs or my relationship with God.'

China: Mother Refused To Break Into Expensive BMW To Save Toddler Son From Heat

Matt · 17 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mum has sparked outrage after she refused to allow firefighters to break into her car to save her toddler son from the heat because the vehicle was too expensive to damage.

The unnamed mother was unable to open the door of her BMW when it accidentally locked itself.

Her three-year-old son was trapped inside and was suffering in the heat as no windows were open.

Firefighters who arrived at the scene in Yiwu city, China, were about to break the glass to rescue the boy - but his mum told them she wanted to wait for a locksmith instead so the car would not be damaged.'

SAVE E-lert: Help Stop a Draconian Policy in Minnesota

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The University of Minnesota President, Eric Kaler, is attempting to enact an affirmative consent policy at the school.

Members of the University's Board of Regents asked him to hold off until they could review such a serious change at their next meeting.

Now, the President is getting pressured into enacting the policy by media, even though affirmative consent would result in draconian and overbroad definitions of sexual assault crimes.

Such definitions would require the school to call innocent students 'criminals'.

Please contact President Kaler now and tell him to NOT pass an affirmative consent policy, and to instead stick with state definitions of crimes.

Call: (612) 626-1616
Or Email: upres-at-umn.edu

Yours,

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Policy Program Director
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Student Expelled for Tweeting '#Psycho,' Bureaucrats Cite Title IX

Mastodon · 17 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A University of Kansas student was expelled for calling his ex-girlfriend a “psycho bitch” on Twitter. The tweet, which did not mention the woman by the name—and was not visible to her—is disallowed under Title IX, KU has argued.

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After a dispute between Yeasin and his ex-girlfriend—who was also a student—KU imposed a no-contact order on him. KU then accused him of violating that order by tweeting “psycho bitch” and “#psycho,” even though the tweets did not identify his ex-girlfriend as the target of these insults. He was eventually expelled. A county judge ruled in favor of Yeasin last November, but KU appealed the decision.'

Woman coolly confesses to police after allegedly killing neighbor with baseball bat

Matt · 17 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Brenda Martinez walked into San Mateo police headquarters about 8:30 p.m. on the Fourth of July, authorities say, and flagged an officer to report that a homicide occurred about 30 minutes earlier. She told them to go to a North Claremont Street apartment to find the scene.

And then she told them she did it.

Martinez, 40, sits in San Mateo County jail on suspicion of murder after police say she fatally attacked her neighbor with the victim's own baseball bat. And true to her confession, when police went to the involved home, they found a gravely injured 66-year-old woman with "obvious head trauma."'

Canada: Foreskin Pride rally planned outside One Direction concert in Vancouver

Matt · 17 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'It will be a demonstration unlike any other outside a pop-music concert in British Columbia.

On Friday (July 17) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., members of the Canadian Foreskin Awareness Project will rally outside B.C. Place Stadium to show their support for Harry Styles's alleged refusal to get snipped.

Styles and his pals in One Direction are singing that night in front of a massive Vancouver crowd.

In 2013, the *National Enquirer* reported that Styles and singer Taylor Swift parted ways because she wanted him circumcised and he refused to do this.'

Stabbing victim said he went out with woman once, a month before she attacked him

mens_issues · 18 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Fury and a woman scorned. Fortunately, a neighbor helped the stabbing victim out: “I thought she was an alright girl. There’s something wrong with her,” he said. Quite true. Excerpt:

'A woman scorned and a man stabbed around 20 times.

It happened at about 6:30 pm Tuesday at the Locust Park Apartments in Loveland.

As 45-year-old Walter Puttoff showed stab wounds all over his body he explained to FOX31 Denver what led to the attack.

“She just said ‘I’m going to kill you,’” explained Puttoff.

Puttoff said he thought he was going to die after 37-year-old Bernedette Vasquez, knocked on his door wanting to talk.

“I knew I was going to die,” he said less than 24 hours after the attack.

“She must have had the knife behind her back or something and the next thing I know she just come in just stabbing,” he explained.'

"Skilled female gamers at risk of harassment from inferior men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are bullies -- at least online, in games, and disproportionately towards women, an international study has found. The kicker though, is that men are most likely to harrass women when they're being beaten by them.

In their paper "Insights into Sexism: Male Status and Performance Moderates Female-Directed Hostile and Amicable Behaviour", Michael M. Kasumovic of the University of New South Wales' Ecology and Evolution Research Centre and Jeffrey H. Kuznekoff of Miami University Middletown's Department of Integrative Studies researched whether "female-initiated disruption of a male hierarchy incites hostile behaviour from poor performing males who stand to lose the most status."

Kuznekoff and Kasumovic looked at behaviour in Halo 3 multiplayer matches, creating three different Xbox Live accounts and measuring player reactions. All matches were recorded for later analysis. The 'control' account merely played the game, without using the real-time voice comms to interact with other players. The remaining accounts were assigned male and female attributes, with researchers broadcasting pre-recorded phrases in a gender-specific voice.'

University Accused of Sex Discrimination, Violating Title IX Over Tank Top Ban

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Article here. Excerpt:

'About a month after the UCF Recreation and Wellness Center started enforcing a ban on shirts that don't "fully cover the back, front and sides of the torso," students say staff are now only enforcing it among men and not women.

"You guys have to understand this is sexism at its finest because you're yelling at me and not saying anything to the girls," said Austin Medlin, in a video he took during an argument he had with an RWC staff member about the policy.

Medlin has been banned from going to the UCF RWC as of Wednesday, after accusing the RWC staff of sexual discrimination. He also believes UCF is violating the federal Title IX law.

"I was on a bench they came up, Troy and another guy and told me to leave and my privileges have been restricted. Once I went upstairs they told me the same thing, and I have to take it up with student conduct and I can't use the facilities anymore," said Medlin.

Mo Barhamje, a former SGA Vice Presidential candidate, told KnightNews.com that he is planning on filing a Title IX complaint with UCF Title IX Coordinator Maria Beckman.

UCF's policy on the Title IX states, "Prohibited conduct includes treating a member of one sex differently than the other, based on sex." The entire document can be found here.

NPO: National Parents Organization on a Roll

Matt · 18 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Lead article here. Excerpt:

'July has been good to the National Parents Organization so far. Despite many state legislatures no longer being in session, NPO continues to fight the good fight for shared parenting and family court reform in the media. Here's a list of our media placements so far. Child custody reforms push for equal time with both parents'

When Prosecutors Believe the Unbelievable

Matt · 18 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Three years ago, one of the strangest criminal cases in recent memory began in Charlottesville, Virginia, where I live, when a young woman sent a series of text messages telling her boyfriend that a man had abducted her, followed by a series of texts, allegedly from her captor, taunting her boyfriend with threats of sexual violence. Her story was strange, and the case was fraught with complications from the get-go, but the accused ended up in prison long after the doubts outweighed the evidence.

This story is bizarre, but it's not all that unusual: Prosecutors can prosecute even the weakest, most clearly flawed cases relentlessly, and innocent people can end up in jail.

This week, after two and a half years in prison, Mark Weiner saw his conviction vacated. It finally ended a saga in which Weiner was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to eight years in jail on charges of abducting a woman with the intent to sexually harm her.

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When defense counsel learned of the cellphone evidence and attempted to use one of the detectives as a defense witness, Lunsford had him disqualified as an expert, objecting to the fact that the defense attorney hadn't subpoenaed the right witnesses to get the phone record evidence in. When the defense lawyer asked in chambers for a continuance so that he could call the correct witnesses, the motion was denied by trial court Judge Cheryl Higgins. Jurors would never hear what the phone tower records showed. Local lawyers and trial observers were shocked.

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Because we elect our prosecutors, there is no chance of apology, and no admission of error. Justice by popularity contest will ensure that. But Mark Weiner's journey into legal purgatory is more than just a quirky local tale; it shows why innocent people get trapped in a system in which it is costless for prosecutors to make errors, while mistakes made by defense counsel at trial are virtually impossible to correct.

Mark Weiner's freedom did not come about this week because the system worked. It came about because the system protected the system from abject embarrassment. That isn't justice. That's just sad.'

False rape accusations tell us something important about America

Mastodon · 19 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Summary: The changes in America are often easily seen in the news, if read analytically (rather than as entertainment). Read about the latest false accusation of rape to see not just a gripping story of injustice and eventual vindication — but also an important trend affecting America.

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In Harper Lee's novel To Kill a Mockingbird all-white jury convicts an innocent black man of raping a white woman in a small 1930s southern town, despite the efforts his lawyer who defies the town's lynch-mob mentality and proves the victim's story to be false. It's a new century, a sequel has just come out — and we have a new surge of men being falsely convicted of rape despite the evidence.

The latest example is Mark Weiner, who on a rainy day gave a woman a ride to her home — ending in a sentence of eight years in jail for abducting a woman with the intent to sexually harm her. There was almost no evidence of his guilt, and considerable exculpatory evidence (some of which was not disclosed to his attorney), but that does not matter to the true believers who increasingly run America. This happened in Charlottesville, home of the infamous fake rape publicized in last November's *Rolling Stone*.

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For those who believe in the power of the media to limit governmental abuse of power, this story was covered in detail by journalist Lisa Provence (who deserves a career boost from this). As in this story about the Judge's sentence of 20 years in prison (8 suspended), quite impressive given the not just the evidence showing his innocence. After two and a half years in prison, this week a judge vacated his conviction.'

Girl, 17, Sues for Right to Register for Military Draft

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A teenage girl in New Jersey is suing the federal government for the right to be drafted. Or at least the right to register for the draft, which hasn't been used in decades. Though identified only as E.K.L. in the federal class-action suit, the *Star-Ledger* identifies the teen as recent high school graduate Elizabeth Kyle. And her complaint is fairly straightforward: Now that the military is opening up even combat roles to women, it makes no sense to require males to register for the draft at age 18 but not females. In fact, it's unconstitutional, she argues. Kyle filed the complaint via her mother, asserting that the Selective Service violates the civil rights of females by excluding them.

"If the two sexes can fight and die together, they can register together; if not, then no one should have to register," the complaint states, as quoted by Courthouse News Service. Kyle says she tried to register online but got shut down as soon as she checked the box for female. She hopes to represent a group of women ages 18 to 25 in the suit. Any such change would require Congress to tweak the wording of the law, says a Selective Service spokesperson. Legislation introduced by Rep. Charles Rangell earlier this year would do that, along with reinstating the draft itself, notes the *Hill*. (The first batch of women tried out for the Army's elite Ranger branch.)'

Rights of the accused cannot be sacrificed to make their accusers feel comfortable

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of California-San Diego's treatment of a student accused of sexual misconduct was not only unfair in the eyes of a state judge, but also to the editorial board of the Los Angeles Times.

The editorial generally supports the overhaul of sexual-misconduct policies and investigations at the behest of the Department of Education. "But in revamping their procedures, some schools have set up campus tribunals that curtail the basic rights of the accused," it says:

"...
Hearings like this one are not criminal proceedings, and they cannot result in prison sentences or other criminal sanctions. But fundamental due process rights should apply even in quasi-judicial settings. Most sexual assault victims don't lie, of course — and they should certainly be treated with respect and sensitivity — but the rights of the accused cannot be sacrificed to make their accusers feel comfortable. The accused deserve a full and fair opportunity to cross-examine, ask questions, challenge statements and look into the eyes of their accusers."

Note what's left out of the editorial: the unreliable 2-8 percent false-accusation statistic that's increasingly deployed to defend campus investigative practices that are heavily tilted against accused students. The editorial board members probably felt safer using their own "preponderance of the evidence" standard and figured that where there's smoke, there's fire, 50.01 percent of the time.'

Man wrongly accused of rape speaks out one year later

Kaka81k · 19 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. We need a list or a website that tracks and maintain records of these woman who falsely accuse innocent men of rape. This should be an open source where anyone can upload his side of the story. Description excerpt:

'Police found inconsistencies in the story of a Fort Collins woman who claimed she was raped soon after she reported the crime, according to a police interview obtained by 7NEWS.

Katherine Bennett, 21, was eventually convicted for lying to Windsor Police when she claimed Dustin Toth kidnapped and raped her. Last year, Toth, now 26, spent the day before Thanksgiving in jail.

That same day, Bennett was called in for questioning.

"Right now the statements I've been given don’t match evidence," the investigator told Bennett, adding that Toth could spend 30 years to life in prison for the crimes she accused him of.

"There are some things that aren’t exactly clear to me and might not be exactly true," Bennett told the investigator. "But did he violently rape me, yes."

When the investigator continued to bring up problems with Bennett's story she said, "It's fine, I'll drop all charges."'

14 Facts the Tanking ‘Women in Tech’ Movement Doesn’t Want You to Know

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Every week, we are subjected to stroppy Gawker posts and soporific op-eds in national newspapers about how a woman in the technology industry who was fired for poor performance was secretly a high-achieving go-getter brought down by entrenched sexism and patriarchal oppression.

And every week we’re told that the reason more women aren’t working in technology is a combination of sexism, outdated social attitudes and stereotypes, historical prejudices and too few educational support programmes for women.

We’re told that women find it more difficult to get jobs and that when they do get jobs they’re subjected to hostile workplaces, sexism and bullying and that they’re paid less than their male counterparts for the same work.

We’re invited to believe, contrary to the evidence all around us, that the highly-progressive, socially-conscious and liberal-minded technology industry is in fact one of the most retrograde and oppressive places for women to work.

But here’s the dirty secret about the shrill and insatiable “women in tech” movement: none of that is true. And ordinary women innately sense that this is so, which is why — despite frenetic, wall-to-wall media coverage and endless plugs from politicians and celebrities, the women in tech movement is losing the sympathy of ordinary people and why, by some measures, the number of women going into tech is actually going down.'

"Circumcision denier derided"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Goldman and his group, the Circumcision Resource Centre, give counselling to US men who say that they have emotional problems attributable to their being circumcised as children.

Goldman's book, Circumcision: the Hidden Trauma, and his website, share anti-circumcision sentiments such as: "We are interconnected. When a baby boy's sexuality is not safe, no one's sexuality is safe."

Goldman's comments in The Times yesterday were attacked by scientists. He blamed most of the HIV infections in Africa on contaminated injections and surgical procedures.

Goldman said circumcision did not reduce the risk of HIV.

Scientists and activists yesterday called his group "fringe fanatics" and "conspiracy theorists".'

UK: We must stop indoctrinating boys in feminist ideology

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Wednesday, the Daily Mail reported that a school in Oxford has become the first to introduce “Good Lad” workshops, in which boys are singled out for sessions that teach them about “the scale of sexual harassment and violence aimed at female students” and how they must stand up for women's rights.

The workshops are the latest in a mushrooming series of initiatives in which ideologically-driven activists are being invited into schools, driven by the belief that boys need to be re-educated to prevent them from becoming a threat to women.

In November last year, The Times reported on a programme in London Schools in which two American women, one a former sex crime prosecutor, “re-programme teenage boys’ sexual manners so they are fit for a feminist world”.

According to the report, they start the class by asserting that “misogyny is on the rise”, before going on to “describe real-life sex crimes that have happened to teenagers in this area with brutal accuracy”. The article concludes – approvingly -- that by the end of the session, the boys are “scarred for life”.'

Life for young Greek men is completely in limbo

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With the Greek crisis entering its last stages after another fudge of a deal was reached earlier this month in Brussels, everyone is now supposed to think the adventure is over (it isn't), and that we're safe to switch channels from the endless bulletins of what a German or Greek politician said about the deal or Greece's debt or someone's mum. (That last bit might be an exaggeration, but trust me reader, we're getting there.)
...
Youth unemployment in Greece stands at a staggering 50 per cent right now. Alongside them, the group that has been hurt the most is those in their late thirties and early forties, professionals who are way into their professional lives, making them too expensive to employe compared to the young coming on to the job market with great qualifications, but not senior enough to challenge the boomers who, like in most of Europe, got off lightly compared to everyone else.

Equally spread between men and women, the ailments of the Greek economy have brought medical and social issues to the forefront. Heart attacks among the under-45 have jumped by 74.5 per cent. The greatest increase was amongst women, at 86.5 per cent. In 2014, there were 802 new cases of HIV infection, of which 86.8 per cent were men.

These issues have given birth to a prevailing sense of despair. Mental health is suffering too: 12.3 per cent of the Greek population has shown symptoms of clinical depression. This is obviously tied to the rise of 35 per cent in suicides, in which the most vulnerable group is middle-aged men who were facing financial difficulties. Men under 34, meanwhile, have gone back to living with their parents in a rate of 2 out of 3, a situation definitely adding to their problems.

What I've seen, among Greek friends and family, is young men who before the crisis had entered the job market and in many cases were doing really well, leaving their old lives behind after losing employment and social status. In Greece, being unemployed is a social stigma, unlike what many outside think. (It's worth pointing out too that contrary to the popular myth of the "lazy Greek", the OECD stats make it clear that Greeks work "the longest hours in Europe".)'

A ‘scarlet letter’ for students implicated in sex assaults: D.C. bill sparks debate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'No one said this was an easy issue. As people considered a bill from D.C. Council member Anita Bonds aimed at preventing campus sexual assault, in part by requiring colleges to permanently mark the transcript of a student found responsible by school officials for a sexual assault, they tended to look at the extremes.

They talked about cases in which a student attacked another, got expelled and transferred easily to another college — only to assault another victim.

And they talked about cases in which a student was falsely accused, unable to assert his innocence in a campus investigation, then branded as a rapist.
...
Stuart Taylor, an author who has written extensively about campus sexual assault, said a permanent mark would be appropriate if there were a criminal conviction.

“The problem with the college proceedings is they’re wildly unreliable, wildly inconsistent with the presumption of innocence and due process,” Taylor said. They’re incapable of being fair, he argued, without the resources to fully investigate evidence, without the power to subpoena witnesses, without the standards of a criminal proceeding."'

Admirably intended, this D.C. bill on campus sex assault is deeply flawed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'RAPE ON college campuses has finally begun to get the national scrutiny it deserves, with lawmakers across the country attacking a problem that has plagued schools for decades. Unfortunately, bad policy can nullify even the best of intentions. That's certainly the case for D.C. Council member Anita Bonds (D-At Large), who introduced legislation this week shortening the city's leash on local universities when it comes to their sexual assault policies.

Ms. Bonds's proposal misfires on multiple counts. The heart of the bill — a mark on the transcripts not just of those found responsible for sexual assault on campuses, but also of those who have been accused and then withdraw from school — flips legal codes on their head by ignoring due process and presuming guilt rather than innocence. And many of the bill's other provisions, while sensible in theory, are actually unnecessary given the status quo.'

Student Expelled for Rape Has Evidence He Was the Victim, College Refuses to Review It

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A preponderance of the evidence suggested that John Doe, a male student at Amherst College, raped his girlfriend's roommate, Sandra Jones, according to the college's sexual assault adjudication process. But text messages sent between the alleged victim and other Amherst students point toward the opposite conclusion: that Doe did nothing wrong.

He was expelled anyway—and Amherst has utterly refused to take a look that text messages that might acquit him.'

Vindicated ‘Sexist’ Scientist Banned From Conference Due To Feminist Threat

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Italian university has banned Sir Tim Hunt from speaking at a conference because of “some hazardous occurrence” threatened by a local group of feminists. The silencing of the renowned scientist follows a recording of his now infamous toast finally surfacing in which laughter is heard following the joke, confirming that it was taken in jocular spirit.

Sir Tim was due to speak at a conference of the Italian Society of Anatomy and Histology in Ferrara later in the year. However, in an e-mail seen by The Times, president of the organising committee, Silvano Capitani, apologised to the scientist before writing:

“[The society’s board] have reached the conclusion that your presence at the society’s 69th annual conference… might result in some hazardous occurrence for you and for the regular course of the event… I have several evidence [sic] that activists have already taken [a] position on the issue, and regardless [of whether] they are right or not, this represents a potential serious problem.”'

Video reveals: Sir Tim Hunt was joking, outrage mob still has his job

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As written about here previously, Nobel prize winning scientist Sir Tim Hunt of the United Kingdom lost his reputation and several affiliations and titles in the wake of joking incorrectly and crossing feminist outrage mobs in June.

Several weeks after the uproar, started by one activist academic in attendance at the toast, which Hunt gave to a room full of journalists in Seoul, other accounts began to surface suggesting his objectionable toast about women in the science fields had in fact been an obvious joke, not a serious assessment. In fact, in telling the joke, he had referred to himself as a “chauvinist monster” to satirize the very environment in the sciences that feminists used his words to bemoan.'

Rolling Stone says White House adviser introduced U.Va. rape accuser

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Obama administration disclosed Tuesday it first learned about Rolling Stone's ill-fated story on campus rape in Sept. 2014, about two months before it was published, when reporter Sabrina Rubin Erdely called seeking information on the government's investigation of the University of Virginia's handling of sexual assaults.

The revelation from the Department of Education came the same day that a media watchdog group asked congressional oversight committees to start an investigation into what the administration may have known about the story before and after it was published and what it did to address the concerns raised in the article.

"The larger question we raise regards the role of public officials: Was this contrived, indeed fabricated story, part of an orchestrated power grab over U.S. universities by administration officials intent on using a major publication as a political weapon?" the Institute on Government and Media Integrity wrote in a letter to Rep. John Kline, Minnesota Republican and House Education and the Workforce Committee chairman.'

High School Teacher Accused of Sex With 6 Students Left Defenseless by Brain Condition: Attorney

Mastodon · 23 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A high school teacher accused of having sex with six male students has a brain condition that left her defenseless to the students' aggressive behavior, her lawyer said Tuesday.

Nicole DuFault, 36, of Caldwell, pleaded not guilty in April to aggravated sexual assault and child endangerment charges. DuFault was a language arts teacher at Columbia High School in Maplewood before she was arrested last September.

Authorities have said the victims were 14- and 15-year-old boys and the assaults occurred numerous times between 2013 and 2014. Some of the sex acts occurred on school property and in DuFault's car, they said.

Her attorney, Timothy Smith, told NJ.com that the teacher suffers from "frontal lobe syndrome," a condition that experts say is associated with socially inappropriate behavior. It also leaves them unable to control their impulses, among other symptoms.'

"The Right to Confront"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this month, a California trial court judge ruled that the University of California at San Diego must reverse the suspension of a male student whose due process rights UCSD officials violated during a hearing over allegations he assaulted a female student.

The lawsuit is a rare win for accused male students who turn to legal action after having been found responsible for sexual misconduct. While the lawsuit is unlikely to set any true legal precedent unless the university appeals, some experts say that the case could provide a road map for other suspended or expelled students looking to challenge the way universities adjudicate allegations of sexual assault against them.

“I think if any other judge knows about this case, it’s going to more easily allow them to take a similar stance when they see the outrageous way colleges handle these cases,” said Mark Haberkorn, the lawyer who represented the male student and who is now turning his attention to similar lawsuits. “I don’t think schools should be involved in this process whatsoever.”'

Law professors line up against New York's new campus sexual-assault law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The law is "horribly unrealistic" because it misunderstands how the average sexual encounter works for college students and ignores the common presence of drugs and alcohol, which can impair judgment and sometimes communication, according to John Banzhaf, a law professor at George Washington University.

"The opportunity for misunderstanding is much greater with 'Yes means Yes,'" Banzhaf said, using the informal term for affirmative-consent standards, partly because consent can't be inferred between two partners with a consensual sexual history.

"The way to deal with this problem is to have a law that says 'no means no,'" he said.'

"Men On Strike" review

Matt · 24 July 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Another great book review by J Steven Svoboda. This one's of Helen Smith's Men On Strike. Snag the review here. Excerpt:

'As a long-time reviewer of books about men and masculinity, I continue to marvel at the ability of new authors to come along with fresh energy and new things to say. Dr. Helen Smith, a Knoxville, Tennessee psychologist specializing in forensic issues and men's issues, is no exception in her book Men on Strike. Smith and I would probably not completely agree on all aspects of the gender wars, but who cares—her heart is in the right place and she is full of compassion for all of us. "There truly is a war on men going on in our society, and the average man knows it full well." It strikes me that Dr. Smith is writing for a newer phase of the men's movement, with us already having enjoyed at least the limited success of getting our basic message across to "the average man."

Dr. Smith cannot brook stories such as that of "father Cliff Hall, who paid his outstanding child support for his eleven-year-old son but was sentenced by a female judge to six months in jail anyway." Much worse, exploitation of our honored service members appears to be endemic. One says, "When I was in the Marine Corps, I was sued by 11 different women for child support…. It's a huge scam, and no one cares." Well, thanks to authors such as Dr. Smith, not quite no one.'

Clinton on candidacy: 'One of the merits is I am a woman'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton is touting her gender as among the factors that voters should consider when judging her qualifications for the presidency.

"Clearly, I'm not asking people to vote for me simply because I'm a woman. I'm asking people to vote for me on the merits," Clinton said while on the campaign trail in West Columbia, S.C., according to CNN.

"I think one of the merits is I am a woman. And I can bring those views and perspectives to the White House."

Clinton was reportedly responding to a questioner who said his daughter had told him that men have had the presidency for "long enough."'

Sexual Assault as a Civil Rights Violation Under Title IX

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Article here. If you get a paywall, Google the text of the first paragraph and click the link that takes you to The Legal Intelligencer site. Excerpt:

'There is no dispute that the standard of beyond a reasonable doubt is essential in criminal cases where one's liberty is at stake. The clear and convincing standard is rarely used in civil proceedings, and only when significant liberty interests are at stake, such as termination of parental rights, deportation, and commitment to a mental institution. The preponderance standard is appropriate for civil rights actions, civil actions, and school disciplinary proceedings that result, rarely and at most, with school expulsion.

Civil remedies are commonly available to victims of crime. Is the editorial board suggesting that civil remedies not be available to any victims of crime or is it limiting this objection to victims of sex crimes, thus eliminating a remedy for sexual assault victims (who are mostly women) while providing an unparalleled shield of protection for the accused student? Is it also suggesting that campus disciplinary proceedings should not be used to address student conduct that also might be criminal in nature (e.g., other assaults, arson, robbery, vandalism) or are they just singling out sexual assault?

As to cross-examination and legal representation, Title IX procedures are more than consistent with court interpretations of the process due an accused student under constitutional law (applicable to public schools) and contract law (applicable to public and private schools). Courts have made clear that due process does not require a full-fledged court-like proceeding that imports the rights accorded defendants in criminal proceedings. Rather, due process in an academic setting requires a fair proceeding in which the accused student is provided notice of the charges, explanation of the evidence, and an opportunity to respond.

Consistent with the OCR's guidance discouraging schools from allowing parties to personally question or cross-examine each other, courts have found due process satisfied where parties engage in indirect cross-examination accomplished by having the hearing officer or panel direct the parties' questions to the other party.

Furthermore, neither courts nor the OCR require active representation by lawyers in disciplinary proceedings. The OCR, however, requires schools to make representation equally available to both parties if school policy allows lawyers to participate in the proceedings. To the extent courts have recognized a potential need for legal representation in school proceedings, it is limited to an advisory role and only when the accused student faces criminal charges as well. Recent amendments to the Clery Act, another federal law that applies to campus sexual misconduct proceedings, make clear that schools must provide both parties with the opportunity to be accompanied to disciplinary proceedings by an adviser of their choice, which includes attorneys.'

No (White, Straight) Boys Allowed

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'From Jerry Lewis' Chinese chef to Dan Whitney's Larry the Cable Guy, playing on stereotypes has long been an integral element in the fabric of comedy. The reason is simple: It's easier to deliver a quick punchline about a shared preconceived notion rather than explain a lengthy set-up.

No Straight White Guys, a monthly comedy show at Foam Coffee & Beer, attempts to place a mirror in front of cultural and gender assumptions promoted within humor. In the process, however, they may have unintentionally raised questions about stereotypes in the world of comedy itself.

Though hosted by local comedians Amy Milton and Milly Naeger, ironically the show was conceived by Jeremy Hellwig -- described by Milton as "a pretty straight, extremely white man." Aware that he couldn't host the show himself, Hellwig turned to Milton and Naeger, who he described as having "some of the funniest, most original voices I've seen in comedy, and I don't just mean in St Louis."
...
For Kirkwood native Nikki Glaser, however, this was never a problem. Glaser, one of the most successful comedians to emerge from the area over the last decade, says she had no problem starting out on open mics that were dominated by men.

"Male comics are a mostly docile, socially anxious group," Glaser says. "They were never mean." If anything, she explains, "It was another woman who made my few first years of comedy the hardest. Saying that I had slept with comics for stage time and material. I was a virgin at the time. It was straight out of Mean Girls."
...
Yet as the show embraces an agenda of social progress through laughter, there are those that have taken offense to the show's exclusionary title. Mikey Manker, a Chicago comedian with St. Louis roots, was taken aback when he passed a poster for the show last month.

"I had gone on this rant about how I was tired of seeing straight white men in comedy falling into this stigma that we are nuisance and we all dress the same, and talk about the same things on stage," Manker said. "I understand the need for diversity. And I get that white men have dominated the standup scene for a long time. But that's not our fault."
...
"I think comedy is a powerful means for social transformation because it hits on a different level," he says. "I think women's voices are important and need to be heard, and we need to remove the stigma that feminists can't have a sense of humor. Also, I think racial and gender stereotyping is generally weak comedy and No Straight White Guys helps make people more conscious of this fact. I think when/if we lived in a post-sexist, post-racist, world, NSWG wouldn't make any sense."'

Colleges with buildings named after ‘white, heterosexual, upper class males’ deemed offensive

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Article here. Excerpt:

'*The College Fix* thought it had uncovered all of the most ridiculous microaggressions leftist minds had drummed up.

What, with declaring “America is the land of opportunity,” “There is only one race, the human race,” “America is a melting pot” and “Everyone can succeed in this society if they work hard enough” offensive microaggressions – that’s a hard list to top.

Yet, never underestimate a liberal’s ability to see racism where there is none.

A University of Missouri list of so-called “environmental microaggressions” cites one example as “a college or university with buildings that are all named after white, heterosexual, upper class males.”'

Sorry, Buzz Aldrin, The Moon Landing Was Just ‘Cosmic Manspreading’

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'American hero Buzz Aldrin came under fire today from prominent feminist Linda Thump, who claimed that the astronaut’s pride about being the second person to walk on the moon was little more than “cissexist white male privilege.”

Speaking on Twitter, Thump said Aldrin’s “constant braggadocio and toxic masculine preening” was the worst example of sexist ignorance in the sciences today. “I mean why would we even want to go to the moon? Have you SEEN how white that thing is? Why not focus on Mars as a testament to the brave struggles of the indigenous American peoples.”

“Are we even sure he went there? I read online that the whole thing was probably faked anyway, and it wouldn’t surprise me to learn that the patriarchal Establishment is seeking to consolidate its chokehold on women with fabrications and frauds,” she explained. “As any gender studies major can tell you, scientific progress is an illusion invented by sexist pigs to keep women down.”

“I’m sure Buzz thinks landing on the moon was some kind of ‘scientific accomplishment,’” she continued, “But all it really demonstrates is how far women still have to go to achieve real equality.”'

U.S. State Dept.: "WiSci Camp for Girls Begins in Rwanda"

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'The first-ever WiSci Girls STEAM Camp begins tomorrow, July 25, at the Gashora Girls Academy in Rwanda. The camp is a public-private partnership designed to advance and expand Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) opportunities for girls. The program will empower participants with the knowledge and skillset to enhance their competitiveness during a time of rapid technological development, by providing them with access to high-tech resources, like-minded peers, business connections, and inspiring mentors.

Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Catherine Russell will travel to Rwanda for the opening ceremony of the camp, and will be joined by Ambassador to Rwanda Erica Barks-Ruggles and Rwandan Minister of Education Dr. Papias Musafiri.
...
This first-of-its-kind program is organized by the U.S. Department of State, Microsoft 4Afrika, Intel, AOL Charitable Foundation, the United Nations Foundation's Girl Up campaign, and the Rwanda Girls Initiative, with support from Meridian International Center, the Rwandan Ministry of Education, the African Leadership Academy, and the Global Entrepreneurship Network. Additional programmatic support was contributed by UNESCO, HeHe Labs, and Indego Africa.'

U.S. State Dept.: "Remarks at the 2015 Global Entrepreneurship Summit Youth + Women Event"

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'I'm also here to talk to the investors and government officials, who in many ways are critical to entrepreneurship and growth. My message to them is simple: don't let outdated perceptions get in the way of a good business investment. Because at the end of the day, that's bad for business. That's one of the many reasons why the United States cares about promoting these entrepreneurs who are all too often overlooked or underserved.

But today isn't only about bottom lines for investors and businesses. It's also about better lives for individuals and societies. As business owners in your communities, you help create jobs. These jobs create stable communities. And these stable communities contribute to global peace and prosperity.

...

President Obama's words illustrate our fundamental belief that entrepreneurship has a tremendous capacity to change the world. And we're proud to support women and young people, with initiatives like regional networks, programs, exchanges, and more. For example, our African Women's Entrepreneurship Program is a platform for programs to connect women to credit and build their capacity. And, through wPower, we work with women entrepreneurs in clean energy. Women right here in Nairobi are building a market for clean energy technologies to both lift women out of poverty and address climate change.

...

Yet the artisan sector is often ignored or overlooked. That's why the State Department developed a global partnership called the Alliance for Artisan Enterprise. The Alliance works to promote, connect, and expand opportunities for the artisan sector. This September, the Alliance will begin a global campaign to tell the story of artisans—and we want you to be a part of it.'

The Effort To Stop Campus Rape Is Finally Starting To Focus On High Schools

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'Girls cannot prevent rape through purity pledges alone," said Mary Koss, a University of Arizona professor and longtime sexual violence researcher. "Boys must stop imposing sexual acts on unwilling partners. Rape reduction requires a comprehensive approach of which accurate knowledge, communication skills and understanding healthy relationships [are] clearly a part."

The activists responsible for pushing campus sexual assault into the national spotlight have said they want affirmative consent taught in K-12 schools, and California is currently considering legislation to make it required in high school sex ed programs.

California's bill is unusual in that it would require schools to teach students about what constitutes consent. Most state laws are more vague and refer to programming around "healthy relationships" or "coerced sex."

Sex ed material that focuses on sexual violence would have to be "age-appropriate" and "must also be culturally and linguistically appropriate," the Teach Safe Relationships Act stipulates.'

Good consent double-standard graphic

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From the world of Facebook, here it is. Feel free to distribute it far and wide. :)

The Left Versus The Internet

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'Rep. Kathleen Clark (D-Massachusetts), in a fit of #Gamergate derangement syndrome, has introduced a bill to spend taxpayer money to turn the Federal Bureau of Investigation into a Twitter banhammer for Left-wing feminist campaigners. Hollywood—arguably the Left's most treasured constituency—reacted with apoplectic rage at Redditors who exposed the nude photos of Hollywood starlets, almost as if sacred icons had been besmirched. Some even accused those who viewed the photos of virtual rape, which I suppose is bad news not just for Reddit, but for Hustler Magazine and the entire paparazzi.

...

Instead, now it is the Left that is ossifying. When confronted by social science and investigative journalism that eviscerates the hysteria over "rape culture," the Left retreats into dogmatism. As IQ denialism increasingly looks, to paraphrase the liberal social psychologist Jonathan Haidt, as credible in social science as young earth creationism is in biology, left-wing sociologists cry "racism" and let slip the dogs of war. Rather than debate critics of their increasing turn toward melodramatic paranoia honestly in open court, now dissent is dealt with via Argumentum Ad Title IX. Indeed, any criticism of a left-wing cause, no matter how silly, is often simply met with shrill assertion that one is "on the wrong side of history."'

"To Hold Women Back, Keep Treating Them Like Men"

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'Are men and women different? While almost every executive I have ever met, anywhere in the world, says yes, most diversity policies are designed as if the answer were no.

Last week, the Global Head of Diversity of a leading professional services firm told me that she “didn’t want to be treated differently.” That, I answered, is why most professional services firms are still hovering well below the 20% female partner level. As long as men and women are treated exactly the same by organizations, most women will continue to be shut out of senior roles.

And yet for the past 30 years, managers have been taught to do just this: treat men and women exactly the same. That is considered the progressive thing to do. Any suggestion of difference was, and often still is, labelled a bias or a stereotype, especially by many women, eager to demonstrate that they are one of the guys, or the in-group.

The business world’s denial of differences hurts women, and excludes them in a myriad of ways – consciously and unconsciously – from leadership. Because differences are not recognized, women are too often simply judged as “not fitting” the dominant group’s systems, styles and patterns. There were good reasons for pushing “sameness” in the past, and the laws of many countries underlie today’s companies’ insistence on similar treatment – being treated the same is, after all, better than being treated worse. But today, those are not our only options. It’s time for companies to adapt to women – or watch them walk out the door to competitors who will. In all the companies I work with, lack of recognition of basic differences like career cycles, communication styles, or attitudes to power is enough to eliminate one gender and prefer the other.'

A major push to counter paternity fraud is the need of the hour

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Video report on YouTube here. This story is old but sets the tone for the future. Description:

'Published on Jun 25, 2014 - Carnell Smith is the International Expert Spokesman on Paternity Fraud, Family Law and DNA testing issues. Smith is a Strategist, Coach, Advocate, Speaker and frequent contributor to TV, radio, newspapers, magazines and film projects Worldwide. See www.CarnellSmith.com'

UK: Police stand down after rape allegation confirmed to be false

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'POLICE investigating a reported rape in the Kenilworth Road area of Billingham have been stood down after a woman confirmed that her earlier rape report was a false allegation.

A 32-year-old man arrested in connection with the allegation has been released from police custody with no further action.

Cleveland Police said there will be no ongoing police involvement and officers are no longer appealing for witnesses.'

On men's rights, from India and Pakistan

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A surprisingly candid story about the invisible problem of violence against men in a mainstream paper, the Times of India (even though the tile has a question mark). Also, an open letter to feminists by a Pakistani female journalist reminding them that "anti-feminist" is not equal to "anti-women". The Indian subcontinent is slowly but surely taking on feminist hypocrisy.

Senate Plans One-Sided Sexual Assault Panel

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'The U.S. Senate is planning a hearing Wednesday on the issue of campus sexual assault. Not invited: advocates of due process rights for the accused, or anybody else who is likely to question the narrative that campuses are rife with “rape culture.”

The hearing, being held by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP), includes two whole panels on the topic of “Combating Campus Sexual Assault.” The first panel consists entirely of four U.S. Sens.: Claire McCaskill of Missouri, Dean Heller of Nevada, Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York. The four senators are all co-sponsors of the Campus Accountability and Safety Act (CASA), a proposed bill designed to deploy the power of the federal government against campus rape.
...
Senators backing the bill have often been evasive on the topic of due process, and Gillibrand has even been dismissive on the topic, saying reduced due process and lower standards of proof in campus sexual assault cases are fine “because you’re not throwing someone in jail,” as she said at a Washington Post panel in June. All four of those testifying have repeated the claim that one in five women have been sexually assaulted in college, although there are many reasons to be wary of that figure.'

‘Enough IS enough': Colleges don’t need more sex-assault legislation

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'Earlier this month, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the “Enough Is Enough” legislation, which aims to increase protections against sexual assault on college campuses statewide. While there is a lot that is good in the new law, I remain very concerned about the broader implications of state-by-state legislation to address sexual assault—particularly as the District of Columbia takes up its own legislation—and find Governor Cuomo’s comments about the reasons for advancing the law quite flawed.

Cuomo asserted at the bill signing that campuses have not previously acknowledged issues like domestic violence and campus sexual assault and that institutions are putting their reputations before the needs of their students.

Cuomo is flat-out wrong.

Advancing half-truths and twisting statistics for political gain does nothing to prevent incidents of sexual assault, help victims or make campuses stronger. Public and private college and university administrators, advocates and other experts are working together proactively and students are safer now than they have ever been.'

'Yes mean yes' policies endorse discriminatory enforcement, says lawyer

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'Not only will students ignore new rules regarding how to have sex, but those rules also promote "discriminatory enforcement," according to author and lawyer Wendy Kaminer.

Kaminer, in a new op-ed for the Boston Globe, reminds readers that just two decades ago, the notion that students need to follow a strict question-and-answer session template for each sexual encounter was mocked by "Saturday Night Live."

"These days, no one's laughing," Kaminer wrote.

Kaminer is quick to point out that there is nothing wrong with teaching students about consent, but cautions against the "yes means yes" approach of imposing such teachings as "quasi-criminal laws on campus" that pose "serious risks of expulsion to students accused of not obtaining consent for every move or for acting on mistaken impressions of implied consent."'

News at the International AIDS Society conference in Vancouver draws out genital mutilation critics

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'One of the (very frank) stories I posted from the International AIDS Society conference in Vancouver last week pertained to a device used by nurses to circumcise men in Africa. The story (which you can link to here or read below) drew plenty of feedback, mostly from those in the circumcision-is-mutilation camp.

Some commenters doubt the validity of research showing that medical circumcision cuts the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission in heterosexual males. However, randomized, controlled studies like this and this (among others) have been done and the World Health Organization has based its recommendations on such research. This is an excerpt from WHO:'

UK: Equality workshops teach boys to be empowered, not ashamed

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'It’s long been recognised that the teenage years are a particularly troubling time. During these formative years, young adults become more engaged in the external and online world; the nature of their relationship with the opposite sex – and their own – changes, all while they are striving to find their own identity.

To help teenagers navigate this difficult period, a series of workshops are offered around the country by various different organisations. As the manager of the Great Men project, which runs participant-led activities in schools to help teenagers explore the expectations placed upon boys and girls, it's a landscape I know well. So I was disappointed to read Dan Bell's article on these pages earlier this week, in which he argued that workshops such as the ones we run seek to make boys feel ashamed and guilty about their gender.
...
Our male volunteer workshop facilitators are specially trained to ensure they encourage free discussion and not to put across their own agenda or views. Using external facilitators such as ours allows boys to speak more openly about the sensitive issues they are considering, and to think about how they will react, free from fear or lecture. Issues discussed at our workshops include: sexual consent; healthy relationships; homophobia; violence; porn; the influence of the media; and male mental health and suicide.'

In the Tim Hunt Affair, Where Have All the Grown-Ups Gone?

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'Regarding the colossal farce of the Tim Hunt affair, about which I wrote previously on this site, more remains to be said about the doubling down of Hunt's dissembling critics and delators. Connie St. Louis, his principal and most effective accuser, whose pre-redacted CV has now been rumbled as a document full of misrepresentations and "downright falsehoods," is unrepentant about the snuff job she helped foment. Berating Hunt for sexism and old-boyism while bowdlerizing his text and excerpting only the "problematic" portion of his pre-luncheon toast, she essentially reverse-triggered the larger context of his speech. In this way she tampered with evidence in order to convict her prey.

For this piece of skullduggery, she suffered no qualms of conscience. "I've no regrets about breaking a journalistic story," she boasted.

In fact, her story has nothing to do with journalism as we once knew it. It is a journalism so yellow and speckled it resembles a rancid banana. Of course, if she is referring to contemporary journalism, then she is spot on, for most mainstream reporting in our day is little more than a vast propaganda and indoctrination mill serving the progressivist cause. In a fair milieu, it is not Hunt but St. Louis who should be drummed out of her profession and summarily dismissed from her teaching post. If I were Tim Hunt, I would immediately retain a pitbull lawyer and sue for malfeasance, libel, and defamation of character.'

Current and Past SOCOM Commanders Split on Women in Combat

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The current and former heads of U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) split last week on lifting the restrictions on women in combat in special operations and throughout the military.
...
In a separate panel at Aspen, retired Adm. Eric Olson, SOCOM commander from 2007 to 2011, said that the military and the nation must look beyond standards in making the decision and view women in combat in another context.

"I think that we are only having part of the discussion on women in combat," Olson said in a separate panel discussion at Aspen. "I think that we need to ask ourselves as a society if we are willing to put women in front-line combat units to take the first bullet on target."

Olson continued: "Are we willing to cause every 18-year-old girl to sign up for selective service? Are we willing to cause women to serve in infantry units against their will as we do men?"

"About 30 percent of infantry units are men who didn't volunteer to be in front-line combat, and if we are willing to order women into combat -- not just let them volunteer for it -- then that is an entirely different discussion."'

SAVE E-lert: HELP Us Stop HELP Immediately

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The U.S. Senate HELP Committee will be holding a one-sided hearing tomorrow, July 29th, to discuss the Campus Accountability and Safety Act (CASA).

This bill does nothing to protect the due process rights of accused students OR get campus sexual assault cases back in the hands of criminal justice experts.

Help us contact the HELP Senators and tell them to vote against this bill before it leaves the higher education committee. This will be the best way to stop CASA.

Find the HELP Senators here to contact the whole list.

Make sure to call Chairman Lamar Alexander's office at (202) 224-4944 and Ranking Member Patty Murray's office at (202) 224-2621!

Tell the Senators to vote against CASA and to protect due process!

Very truly yours,

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Policy Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

No more campus sexual assault legislation, begs national group of college administrators

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'Colleges don't need any more sexual assault laws or policies, says Kevin Kruger, president of NASPA — Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

I would only disagree in that legislation might be needed to guarantee basic due process rights to students who are accused — sadly, the current campus culture ignores such constitutional rights.

Kruger, in an op-ed for the Washington Post, has taken issue with the notion that colleges were not previously taking campus sexual assault seriously.

"Advancing half-truths and twisting statistics for political gain does nothing to prevent incidents of sexual assault, help victims or make campuses stronger," Kruger wrote. "Public and private college and university administrators, advocates and other experts are working together proactively and students are safer now than they have ever been."'

How an Influential Campus Rape Study Skewed the Debate

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'The public debate over the extent and causes of the campus sexual assault crisis is fraught with misleading information. The previously acclaimed work of psychologist David Lisak deserves that distinction as well.

The federal government, universities, and members of Congress have all used Lisak's theories to justify rape adjudication policies that are biased against accused students. They should reconsider those policies in light of new discoveries about the inapplicability of Lisak's work.

Lisak has cultivated a reputation as one of the nation's foremost authorities on sexual assault, and his thinking undergirds the most vexingly anti-due process policies currently mandated by the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights. His authority on the subject is so uncontested that even critics of draconian anti-rape policies feel obligated to grapple with his assertions, according to Slate's Emily Yoffe, who described Lisak's work as foundational "in the movement to curb campus sexual assault."'

Campus serial rapist survey debunked

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'One of the most widely cited and uncritically questioned surveys on campus sexual assault has just unraveled.

No, it's not yet another 1-in-5 study, which purports to show that one in five women are victims of sexual assault in college. This one claims to show that the majority of campus rapes were perpetrated by a small number of repeat offenders. The study, authored by David Lisak, was first questioned last year by Slate's Emily Yoffe, who pointed out that the study's respondents were not limited to college students and couldn't be used as a representative sample of national college students.

Now, Reason contributor Linda M. LeFauve takes an incredibly detailed look at just how flawed Lisak's study truly is.

The most damning evidence LeFauve presents is that Lisak's study — which has since been used to claim that students accused of campus sexual assault are probably potential serial rapists — had nothing to do with campus sexual assault.'

Federal Government Requires Peering Through Students' Bedroom Windows

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'Just when did sexual conduct, not involving the crossing of state lines, become a concern of the federal government?

And what business do colleges have in passing judgment on whether adult students have observed proper sexual etiquette?

A petition for writ of mandate filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on June 29 prompts these questions—though these aren't issues in the case. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge James Chalfant will be asked to decide whether Occidental College breached the "fundamental vested rights" of a 20-year-old male student who performed oral sex on a 20-year-old female student, not ceasing in response to an ambiguous utterance on her part that arguably constituted a directive to stop—and was expelled.

According to the petition, drafted by attorney Mark M. Hathaway of Werksmann, Jackson, Hathaway and Quinn, petitioner "John Doe" (a false name, in this instance justified) "continued performing oral sex" on a classmate "after she said, 'Wait, I haven't shaved.' " He thought she was concerned that "he might not want to continue performing oral sex because she hadn't shaved," evoking his response, "I don't mind, it's ok," the pleading recites. It adds that "the female student put her hand on his head and moved or pushed his head while he was giving her oral sex."

The college determined that this was "sexual misconduct" because, Hathaway recites, it viewed the female's utterance as signaling "a withdrawal of consent due to hesitancy or uncertainty."

Moreover, the college found, there was a "sexual assault" because the male engaged "in sexual intercourse without first obtaining verbal consent from the female student and relying instead upon non-verbal indications of consent, stopping when the female student said, 'Ow, That hurts.'"'

UK: Woman given 'strong words of advice' after false rape claim - but will not be charged

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'A woman who made a false rape claim will not be charged, police said today.

The woman has now been given “strong words of advice” by officers after it emerged the incident never happened.

She told police she was sexually assaulted on Kenilworth Road in Billingham yesterday.

But Cleveland Police has decided against bringing criminal charges against her.

A spokeswoman said today: “The woman has been given strong words of advice by police for her actions.”

Police appealed for witnesses to the ‘incident’ after the woman claimed she was attacked in the early hours of yesterday.

A 32-year-old man was arrested but was released with no further action to be taken.'

Senators Address Sexual Assaults on College Campuses, Propose Legislation

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'Kirsten Gillibrand and Patty Murray were among a group of senators speaking before a committee Wednesday on ways to deal with sexual assaults on university campuses.

Sen. Murray, D-Wash, said the issue impacts a huge number of college students.

"The harsh reality is that one out of five women is sexually assaulted in college, and men as well," she said.

As far as the perpetrators, Sen. Gillibrand, D-N.Y., argued that colleges have allowed many to stay on campus.

"They'll routinely kick you out if you cheat on a test, but the statistics for students who have violated other students, who have sexually assaulted or raped them and found responsible show that only one-third are actually expelled for the crime," Gillibrand said.'

Do students get a fair hearing? An effort to change how colleges handle sexual assaults

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'As heated debate continues over how to handle allegations of sexual assault on college campuses, another bill is about to be thrown into the mix – this one most notable for its efforts to ensure students are able to get a fair hearing on campus, and give law enforcement a more prominent role in such cases.

It also could trigger concern from victims' advocates who have long pushed to make it easier for students to report violence, and who point to evidence that students may be hesitant to ask for help if they feel a complaint would automatically trigger a criminal investigation or other harsh sanction.

The House bill, sponsored by Republican Reps. Matt Salmon of Arizona and Pete Sessions and Kay Granger of Texas, is expected to drop Wednesday morning.

That coincides with a Senate hearing Wednesday on a closely-watched bill with bipartisan support which aims to bring more visibility and vigilance to efforts to prevent and adjudicate sexual assault on campus. That bill would require colleges to regularly survey students about sexual violence and publicly report the results, provide a confidential adviser to students who report an incident, and impose fines on schools that don't comply with federal rules.'

Fraternity & Sorority Political Action Committee (FSPAC) applauds introduction of The SAFE CAMPUS Act

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'The SAFE CAMPUS Act, sponsored by Rep. Matt Salmon (R-AZ), Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX), and Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX), introduces meaningful and much needed reforms to the current system of investigating and adjudicating sexual assault allegations on our nation's college campuses.

"Fraternity and sorority members have been leaders in seeking solutions to the most important issues facing students. Campus safety and preserving a student's constitutional rights on campus are among our top priorities," said FSPAC's Executive Director Kevin O'Neill. "The SAFE CAMPUS Act includes numerous provisions that emphasize improvements in campus safety and engage law enforcement to bring more perpetrators of sexual violence to justice. It enhances the rights of all students in the campus adjudication system and reaffirms the importance of a student's right to be involved with a single-sex campus organization."

The SAFE CAMPUS Act provides rights and protections for everyone on campus. The bill reforms the campus adjudication process to provide all students with due process, increasing transparency and trust in the system. Under SAFE CAMPUS, students affected will have full knowledge of the status of their cases, the charges and evidence, and why decisions were made. The SAFE CAMPUS Act requires that students have access to counsel, are able to cross-examine witnesses, and know the evidence and testimony that is brought against them. It extends due process to student groups on campus so that entire organizations cannot be suspended without cause.'

UC president advises lawmakers on deterring sexual assaults

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'UC President Janet Napolitano told lawmakers that she believes the state's 10 UC campuses are already in voluntary compliance with the key elements that senators have included in the bill. For example, Napolitano says the UC system has established an office at each campus that victims can turn to for help.

Senators asked Napolitano how best to foster a culture of sexual assault prevention.

"It begins with creating that culture from the day they begin on campus and then consistency and persistency throughout the college experience," Napolitano said.'

From 2012: Big Sis Janet Napolitano 'promoted woman with whom she had a 'long relationship' while her female staff tormented male colleagues with 'sexually charged games:

'Homeland Security boss Janet Napolitano is facing a mega lawsuit from an official who claims she gave a less-qualified woman with whom she has a 'long-standing relationship' a job over him.

The suit also accuses Napolitano of turning the department into a female-run 'frat house' where male staffers were routinely humiliated and on the receiving end of 'sexually charged games'.

Napolitano's chief of staff Suzanne Barr repeatedly targeted men because of their gender and once called a male employee's hotel room to use sexually explicit language, the suit claims.'

Hardly any mention of due process at Senate hearing on campus sexual assault

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'There was little discussion of due process rights in campus adjudications during a Wednesday hearing on campus sexual assault.

As expected, the one-sided hearing of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee focused on how to make reporting easier for sexual assault accusers — which is very important — but failed to address the very real problem of false accusations. Typical statements from senators and other panelists consisted of long discussions about providing help for accusers, with a passing statement about ensuring a fair process tacked on at the end.

Most of the senators present — including Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand, Claire McCaskill and Patty Murray – continually referred to accusers as "victims" or "survivors" and the accused as "accused," "alleged perpetrator" or "rapist." This, like the language of the Campus Accountability and Safety Act, imposes a clear bias.'

New House Bill Would Protect Students Accused Of Rape

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'A trio of House Republicans have introduced a new bill that seeks to guarantee due process when college students are accused of sexual assault, while also increasing the involvement of law enforcement in such cases.

The Safe Campus Act's three sponsors are Reps. Matt Salmon of Arizona along with Pete Sessions and Kay Granger, both of Texas. All three are Republicans. The bill's release coincides with renewed interest in the U.S. Senate over another bill intended to help prevent campus assaults. (RELATED: Senate Plans One-Sided Sexual Assault Panel)

Wednesday's bill stands out by placing a strong emphasis on implementing due process provisions in campus judicial proceedings, while also trying to get the police more involved, so that colleges aren't seen as the main agents for policing campus sexual assault.'

More due process for students accused of rape in new House bill that would gut disciplinary process

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'The Senate's Campus Accountability and Safety Act (CASA), which concerns itself mostly with students who allege they were sexually assaulted, has new competition from the House – a bill that would give greater protections to accused students in campus disciplinary proceedings.

In other words, it would completely reverse how schools increasingly run their rape investigations.

The Safe Campus Act was introduced by three Republicans – Reps. Matt Salmon of Arizona and Pete Sessions and Kay Granger of Texas.
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The bill would also preclude punitive interim measures if an accuser doesn't report the accusation to law enforcement, and allow both parties to hire lawyers "to represent them throughout the process," as FIRE notes. Crucially, it would allow those attorneys to "ask questions in the proceeding, file relevant papers, examine evidence, and examine witnesses."
...
The bill also prevents officials from playing "multiples roles" in the process, such as a "victim counselor" also serving as an investigator; give all parties access to "material evidence" at least a week before a proceeding starts; and importantly, repeal the authority of the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights to order colleges which evidence standard to use (currently the "more-likely-than-not" preponderance standard).

Only North Carolina and North Dakota have statewide protections for accused students along the lines of House bill.

A spokeswoman for SAFER Campus, an advocacy group, told The Washington Post that accused students should essentially have no rights until the campus disciplinary system works perfectly for accusers:

"We are not at a point to analyze 'due process,' when many survivors are publicly shamed on their campuses, when charges against assaulters can be dismissed out of hand by administrators, when an assaulter is allowed to sit across from a survivor and shout down their story."'

Three UVA Grads Sue Rolling Stone Over Retracted Rape Article

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'Three members of a University of Virginia fraternity caught up in a firestorm of criticism over a since-retracted Rolling Stone article alleging a sexual assault have filed a lawsuit against the publication and its author.

The three UVA graduates say in the complaint filed in federal court Wednesday that they were humiliated and mocked after they were presumed to be participants in an alleged sexual assault that was the centerpiece of the story.

They were not identified by the since-discredited article, but information in the story led to them being identified online as participants in the alleged attack, the lawsuit claims.

The three men suffered "vicious and hurtful attacks" in the aftermath of the article, the lawsuit says. Online, "plaintiffs' names will forever be associated with the alleged gang rape," the lawsuit claims.'

Also see this story.

Scotland: Campaigners say LibDems must introduce women-only shortlists

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'SCOTTISH Liberal Democrat leader Willie Rennie has been urged to introduce women-only shortlists for parliamentary candidates after his only female MSP was ousted from the top of one of his party's regional lists by a male rival.

The move will mean Alison McInnes, the current LibDem MSP for North East Scotland, is unlikely to be re-elected to Holyrood and her seat could be taken by the former MSP Mike Rumbles, who secured top ranking.

McInnes is currently the only female LibDem parliamentarian in Holyrood and Westminster.

Apart from her, the party has four male MSPs and eight male MPs, including Alistair Carmichael. Its only MEP is a woman – Catherine Bearder.

Only one of the party's eight regional lists for next year's

Scottish Parliament elections is headed by a woman.'

Is Male Circumcision A Violation Of Human Rights?

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'While flipping through the WestJet TV lineup on a recent cross-country flight, I reluctantly settled for a popular daytime talk-show (my other options included Days of Our Lives and re-runs of Here Comes Honey Boo Boo), which saw a panel of 4 diversely opinionated women duking it out to see who could make their co-host seem like the bigger idiot. Sigh.

Interestingly, however, the subject they were debating that day happened to be male circumcision, a surprising topic for daytime TV.

Two of the female hosts in particular were taking the stage with polarizing views on the matter. One host saw the medical procedure as a hygienic practice that lowered the risk of disease while the other saw it as an archaic and highly irrelevant surgery.

In the end, the audience was left undecided. I, however, was left with an ignited curiosity about a medical procedure that I had never really taken time to question.

I was impressed by the research the anti-circumcision host had prepared for her debate, and it got me thinking intently about the ethics behind the globally rooted practice.'

Senate Ready to Serve Obama, Marginalize Falsely Accused

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'The senate hearings are based around faulty statistics, like the frequently debunked “one in five women on campus are sexually assaulted” myth, and overhyped false accusations like the fabricated UVa rape case. In the Caleb Warner case at the University of North Dakota, the Duke Lacrosse case, and more all over the nation, false accusations bring life-altering consequences to the accused. In the Warner case, the University even upheld his expulsion after police brought charges of filing a false report against the accuser.

In this environment of fraudulent anecdotes and phony statistics, the senate on Wednesday opened discussion on a bill ostensibly designed to curb campus sexual assault, but which is notably devoid of due process rights for the accused. In fact, the bill refers to accusers as “victims,” despite ample evidence that they are often victimizers.

Those testifying before the senate are a veritable who’s who of anti-male, radical feminist social justice warriors, including Janet Napolitano. As president of the University of California, Napolitano –formerly U.S. Secretary for Homeland Security – commissioned a task force to institute a new policy regarding sexual assault on UC campuses. Napolitano’s task force also ignored rights of due process, and exhibited a proclivity toward presumption of guilt with discussions of “affirmative consent” confidentiality for accusers.'

Due-process questions stump witnesses at Senate hearing on campus sexual assault

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'Gillibrand reinforced traditional gender roles by consistently referring to rape accusers as “she,” and even made an uncredited reference to Columbia rape accuser, activist and porn star Emma Sulkowicz, whom Gillibrand invited to the State of the Union address in January.

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While AAU supports the “goal” of CASA, it doesn’t want the confidential adviser to have any investigative or reporting role and it sees “potential conflict” with Title IX reporting requirements, Flounlacker said. Collins, who chaired most of the hearing in Alexander’s absence, agreed that “we’re putting schools between a rock and a hard place” on the adviser’s role in CASA.

Napolitano said the advisers would serve as “gatekeepers, not reporters” who must inform the administration of assault allegations. “Survivors need to know what to expect to receive out of a reporting process” as well under CASA, Bolger said.

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Due process concerns were first raised substantively by Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La. “I actually know a woman who’s being accused” and “she feels as if she’s not been accorded rights,” he told witnesses. “In our democracy you’re innocent until proven guilty.”

“We’re actually looking into that right now,” Napolitano said of the UC system, implying it wasn’t part of the new framework the school approved last year. The school is weighing “what kind of support do we provide to a respondent in addition to a complainant” and whether it should be the “exact same thing.”'

On Modern Feminism, From A Male Perspective

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'A small contingent of women (probably today's feminists) take the same position as other "minorities" that there is a large majority keeping them down. They are playing on political correctness to accomplish certain goals they define improperly as those of women in general. But the concept is false on two levels.

First, it defines women as a class, a mass, a collective. Women are individuals, just as men are. Each woman has a mind, heart, lungs, brain, the capacity to learn, act, and achieve, and the ability to choose her own goals. And, by the way, the 2010 census tells us that women are a majority, not a minority. They comprise 50.8% of the U.S. population.

Second, it defines women's goals as universal. They aren't. Because each woman can define herself as well as decide what to do with her life's energies. Many women become lawyers, doctors, politicians, business owners, technicians, cab drivers, school teachers, IT specialists… (As the King of Siam says in The King and I, "et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.") Lo and behold, some women even choose to be housewives, mothers, homemakers, and matriarchs.

Yes, women have not always received proper treatment in society at large. According to the great historical author Barbara Tuchman, many women in the Middle Ages chose the convent over a marriage in which they would be dominated, often cruelly, by a husband who thought they were chattel. Up until the early 20th century, women did not have the vote. There was a glass ceiling forty or fifty years ago. My wife once told her father she wanted to be an architect. He discouraged her. It was unlikely, he explained, that a woman could be accepted in that profession.

But not anymore. Women are seen in all walks of life and a great many of them are visibly and admirably successful. Ask Condoleeza Rice. Ask Carly Fiorina. I'd say ask Hillary Clinton, but she takes the lying narrative to new heights, as does Michelle Obama, who recently claimed that America had somehow been unfair to her. Sure.'

Opponent of new campus due process bill doesn't hide her contempt for basic rights

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'An opponent of a new bill aimed at providing due process rights to students accused of sexual assault disparaged the thought of such constitutional rights because schools "must prioritize the needs of survivors first and foremost."

That's all well and good, but one does not know whether someone is truly a "survivor" unless his or her story can hold up to scrutiny, something deliberately absent from current campus hearings. But that doesn't seem to matter to Sarah Merriman, a spokeswoman for SAFER Campus, who told the Washington Post why she opposes the "Safe Campus Act."

Youthful indiscretion instead of the deliberate violent act that it is, and it is not the survivor's job to 'save' the assaulter from criminal prosecution," Merriman said. "Though there are many college faculty and administrators that have the best interests of their students at heart, SAFER cannot agree that leaving judicial proceedings, and especially the standard of evidence, completely up to the school is best written into law."

The majority of campus sexual assault accusations do not include a "deliberate violent act" of a predator and prey. They are, contrary to Merriman's claims, cases involving alcohol, misunderstood actions and he said/she said situations. "Deliberate violent acts" would be much easier to prosecute, as there would be evidence of such violence. But college cases are far more complex, which is exactly why students need to be able to exercise their due process rights.'

Kangaroo courts on campus: a legal travesty

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'Last week, the Guardian published a report on sexual abuse on UK university campuses. It detailed a number of stories involving young women telling university staff members that they had been sexually assaulted, and the staff's allegedly poor response. The staff were accused of 'victim blaming' and minimising the students' complaints. The Guardian suggests that a standardised, country-wide set of guidelines be established for universities when dealing with allegations of sexual assault.

Such a standardised system has a precedent. In the US, alternative tribunals of the kind anticipated by theGuardian report already exist on campuses. American universities have a federal duty under Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 to prevent sexual harassment and abuse. Today, it is becoming more common in the US to formulate what is known as a 'Title IX complaint' after the police have indicated that there is insufficient evidence to pursue a criminal case. A website set up to offer advice on launching Title IX claims says this procedure can be a useful 'alternative' to pursuing a complaint where the normal requirements of due process cannot be fulfilled. Not surprisingly, these campus tribunals have not turned out well. There have been successful lawsuits against American universities for failing to treat fairly defendants accused of sexual assault. Many defendants have complained of having few due-process rights. Students have been expelled on the basis of weak evidence, only to be cleared later.'

University system spending $1.7 million to study campus sexual assault

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'A new state law and a $1.7 million study aim to make the University of Texas a safer place for students when it comes to sexual assault

The new state law mandates all Texas schools inform students of their sexual assault policy and go over it with them every two years

"It's a long time, it is four years," said UT grad student, Omar Awapara. "It is good to have more than one reminder of that."

University of Texas System is also spending $1.7 million to study sexual assault, harassment and dating violence over the next four years. The study will include things like student surveys and focus groups. They'll also track a select group of students through their four years on campus. University officials say this will be the most in-depth study ever conducted at a college campus.'

Iowa court upholds ruling clearing student of campus sexual assault

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'An Iowa appeals court has dismissed an appeal from Iowa State University that would have overturned an earlier ruling regarding a campus sexual assault accusation.

In May 2012, Yempabou "Bubu" Palo, an ISU basketball player, was accused of sexually assaulting a fellow student. Palo and another man, Spencer Cruise, had been friends with the accuser — listed in court records as H.B. — since high school. Palo and H.B. had engaged in sexual activities years earlier.

H.B. accused both men of raping her, and Palo was criminally charged with second-degree sexual abuse. But after an investigation — which included the discovery of fabricated evidence — the charges were dropped. H.B. had claimed that the blouse she had worn the night of the alleged attack had been torn during the encounter but that she had lost it. About seven months after the alleged incident, she found the torn blouse, but said she had washed it a week after the event.

A forensic expert determined the blouse had been torn after it was washed. That, along with several inconsistencies in H.B.'s story, led to the charges being dropped against Palo and Cruise. Despite this, ISU conducted its own investigation using a lower standard of evidence. An administrative law judge led the hearing against Palo, but determined the charges to be unfounded.'

DC’s ‘scarlet letter’: a recipe for injustice

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'Lawmakers in Washington, DC have proposed the idea of having a ‘scarlet letter’ that would permanently mark the transcripts of students who are investigated by campus authorities for sexual misconduct. If they are introduced, these markers would ‘follow [the accused] to new schools [and] into the workforce’.

Considering the Kafkaesque nature of campus sexual-assault proceedings, which infamously lack even the most basic elements of due process, and the vague (not to mention unromantic) definitions of consent that are often used in them, one would think requiring men who are convicted in these tribunals to be branded for life was a recipe for injustice. But that’s not even the worst part.

This scarlet letter wouldn’t just apply to students who are convicted of sexual misconduct, but also to those who ‘try to withdraw from school while under investigation’. You heard right: if a student tries to escape his inquisition, his life will still be ruined. When I forwarded this story to a bleeding-heart-liberal relative of mine, the first thing she said was, ‘Aren’t we in America?’. Apparently, men on college campuses are exempt from exercising the rights all Americans enjoy.

These men’s lives and careers could be put at huge risk, all because of a hysteria around sexual assault on campus that is based on misleading statistics and scaremongering. As with all moral panics, this one is replete with ironies and unintended consequences.'

Database: Lawsuits Against Colleges and Universities Alleging Due Process and Other Violations in Adjudicating Sexual Assault

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'On April 4, 2011 the Department of Education issued its disastrous “Dear Colleague” letter to colleges and universities across the United States, requiring administrators who had neither the investigative nor prosecutorial prowess of the criminal justice system to determine the guilt and innocence of students accused of felony sexual assault, and to reach their conclusions independent of whatever the police and courts decide.

Worse – the Department of Education demanded these schools determine guilt via a radically low standard of evidence for sex-assault cases: the “preponderance of evidence” standard. Under this model if an administrator feels that there might be a 50.01% chance that the alleged crime occurred, he/she must find the student guilty (“responsible”) for sexual assault. This is further complicated by the lack of numerous other procedural safeguards and methods of evidentiary examination.

Predictably, a wave of lawsuits soon erupted as young men wrongly accused of sex crimes found themselves hustled through a vague and misshapen adjudication process with slipshod checks and balances and Kafkaesque standards of evidence. This page is dedicated to cataloging their legal challenges against schools which – they allege – have violated their rights to due process, unjustly destroyed their names, deprived them of educational opportunities, and committed various other injustices against them in the name of “just following orders.”

This database exists as a public service to victims, their families, attorneys, advocates, journalists, scholars, and concerned citizens. Because it maintains records of due concerning sexual assault cases in particular (not sexual misconduct in general) sexual harassment cases will not be included in the database at this time; AVFMS will maintaining unpublished records of such cases, however, in the event that the database will be expanded.'

"Campus Sexual Assault Defense" as a legal specialty

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'Campus Sexual Assault Defense

If you are a student who has been accused of sexually assaulting another student, please get help quickly.

Too often students who are accused of serious misconduct in a student disciplinary proceeding keep silent, assuming that if they just tell their version of what happened, everything will work out fine.

This is a mistake.

I have represented students in school disciplinary proceedings who have been accused of sexual assault. It is impressive how many resources a university can bring to investigate and discipline its own students.
...
The school's interest is not in being fair. The school is not trying to make sure that the truth comes out. Rather, the school is trying to make sure it protects itself.

The United States Department of Education has told schools that it takes allegations of sexual harassment or sexual assault very seriously. The Department of Education can cut all federal funding to a school – money for federal student loans and money for faculty research – if the school handles a rape complaint in a way that the Department of Education doesn't like.

If a student complains about rape on campus and the school doesn't handle the situation aggressively, the school can be sued, and the Department of Education can start a lengthy, and expensive, investigation of the school.'

Ed. Note: The appearance of this item is not an endorsement of the firm in question. It appears as an example of how quickly the issue of college students needing legal representation in the face of Title IX and "Dear Colleague" letter-inspired kangaroo courtism has arisen.

Anti-domestic violence group apologizes for saying Ray Rice deserves a second chance

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'An anti-domestic violence group led by men has apologized for standing up for former Baltimore Ravens star Ray Rice. In an interview with ESPN's Adam Schefter earlier this week, the co-founders of A Call to Men said they "feel strongly about him having the opportunity of having a second chance."

"He's deserving of it," said Tony Porter and Ted Bunch, noting their experience with Rice who they've worked with since November "has been tremendously positive." The two also referred to Rice knocking out his then-fiancee in an Atlantic City casino elevator as a "mistake."

On Thursday, however, the group, rolled back its comments, which the leaders admitted to making "without consulting the community."

"After hearing from so many of you who lead the work of the domestic and sexual violence movement and have supported A Call to Men, as well as our own soul searching, we realize we were wrong to independently endorse Rice's second chance at his football career," Porter and Bunch wrote on the group's Facebook page.

"We also irresponsibly characterized Rice's actions as a 'mistake.' We have worked tirelessly alongside you to educate the public that domestic violence is not a mistake," they continued. "Men's violence against women is a choice rooted in patriarchy and sexism, used to gain power and control over another person.'

This 19-Year-Old Will Spend the Next 25 Years as a Registered Sex Offender

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'Zach was arrested last winter after having sex with a girl he met on the dating app “Hot or Not,” who claimed she was 17. But she admitted to police that was a lie. She was really 14.

If he had known she was so young, Zach said, he never would have met her.

“I wouldn't even have gone to her house, like I literally wouldn't have gone to her house at all,” he said.

As a convicted sex offender, the terms of Zach’s probation are incredibly strict. For the next five years, he is forbidden from owning a smart phone or using the Internet. He is not allowed to talk to anyone under age 17, other than immediate family. He is banned from going to any establishment that serves alcohol and he has to be home before 8 p.m. every night.

“They make me out to be a monster,” Zach said. “I can't even look at life regularly.”

His parents say his punishment is cruel and unusual, and they are waging a very public fight, even setting up a Facebook page, hoping to rally support for their son.

Zach graduated high school just last year. Like many teens, he turned to his smart phone to find a date one night. He says he was on the dating app “Hot or Not” for about a week when he started talking to the 14-year-old.
...
“[She] was actually the first person I had met up with or anything from that,” Zach said. “I had asked her when we were messaging. I said, ‘How old are you?’ And then she had told me 17... I just got out of high school. So it's two years difference. I didn't think that was a big deal or anything.”'

SAVE: Safe Campus Act summary

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SAVE has a summary of the Safe Campuses Act here. Excerpt:

'The Safe Campus Act was introduced on July 29, 2015 in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Act provides a Safe Harbor to a college that follows the provisions of the Act from being sanctioned by the Department of Education for not following policies of the Office for Civil Rights such as the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter. The complete text of the Safe Campus Act can be seen HERE.

The Safe Campus Act delineates a series of procedures and protections designed to balance the interests of the alleged victim and the accused student:'

There's Nothing Academic About Campus Rape

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'"The price of a college education should never be the risk of a sexual assault," Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., told a Senate hearing Wednesday. Too many colleges don't treat rape, she observed, as "the violent felony that it actually is." Her solution is the bipartisan Campus Accountability and Safety Act, or CASA, which would require college campuses to designate confidential advisers to victims of sexual assault and establish rules for campus investigations of sexual assaults.

Gillibrand means well; there's no question about it. But Congress telling American universities how they should handle campus rape truly is an instance of the blind leading the blind. If the goal is to treat campus rape as the violent felony it is, don't expect deans and assistant deans to conduct investigations -- unless you want to over-politicize the process. If you want to treat rape as a crime, leave assault investigations to the police.'

Court Affirms Conviction, Sentence In False Rape Case

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'The Michigan appeals court has upheld the conviction and sentence of a woman who was charged with falsely accusing two men of rape in the Port Huron area.

It's one of two cases that have put Sara Ylen, now 40, in prison. In another case, she tricked an insurance company and generous donors into believing she was dying of cancer.

In a decision Friday, the appeals court says a judge made no errors last year in sending Ylen to prison for at least five years. She was convicted of lying about being attacked in her Lexington home in 2012. She was also convicted of tampering with evidence after police said she used makeup to create what looked like bruises. She did not testify in her own defense.

Ylen's story resembled a "cheap novel," prosecutor Suzette Samuels told jurors. "She's lying through her teeth. … This was unreal."

Attorneys opine on campus sexual assault processes

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'So if the student is found responsible for sexual misconduct when he's 19, then applies for a job that requires his transcript 30 years later when he's married with two children, his transcript would still mark him as a rapist. One would hope that an employer would care a lot less 30 years later, but that company will surely have a concern about its own liability for sexual harassment from that employee. This transcript note could effectively end a person's career before it even starts.

If these transcript notes came in an unambiguous area of the law where the processes were full and fair, this scarlet letter may not be troubling. It's also ironic that these laws are being proposed at the same time President Obama is urging companies to hire people who were convicted in real courts of real crimes. There is a legitimate question about how long a person's past should haunt his future.

But campus sexual assault cases are not unambiguous, and the procedures in these cases are not fair.'

Study: Girls do better in school when taught by women

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'Sorry, boys, but the news only gets worse.

Across the board, data show that women are better students than men. From test scores to college graduation rates, females outperform males in almost every metric of educational achievement.

Now, two economists from Texas A&M University report that schoolgirls do even better than their male counterparts when they are taught by female teachers. Specifically, the authors found a significant change in female test scores in math—long considered the last bastion of male educational dominance—when taught by a woman instead of a man.'

Judge refuses to terminate parental rights falsely-accused father

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'A major victory for a family from Brighton, torn apart by what they say were false allegations of child abuse. On Wednesday morning, a judge decided not to terminate the parental rights of baby Naomi's father, Joshua Burns.

"The court does find by a preponderance of evidence that it is not child's best interests to terminate the respondent father's parental rights," said Livingston County Probate Judge Miriam Cavanaugh.

Burns broke down in tears, with his wife Brenda next to him. Both were crying with relief.

"Naomi's mother does not support termination, does not believe it is in her best interest, but rather will be a profound loss for her, and this court agrees," said Judge Cavanaugh.'

Guess Which Mass Murderers Came From A Fatherless Home

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'As more information slowly seeps out about Dylann Roof, the 21-year-old who murdered nine people at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, one fact should surprise exactly no one: Roof came from a broken home. Roof's parents divorced three years before he was even born, later reuniting just long enough to produce a child who would later become a mass murderer.

The media loves to find an easy scapegoat for mass shootings, whether it be the pharmaceutical industry, the National Rifle Association, or even Donald Trump. Of course these scapegoats are designed to fit the politically correct narrative, and they are an easy sell (especially when it's all Donald Trump's fault, as Americans increasingly love to blame the proverbial 1 percent for their sorrows). Scapegoats serve another purpose, too: they ensure the media can avoid the uncomfortable truth that unstable homes produce unstable individuals.

In the aftermath of tragedies like Charleston or Sandy Hook, Americans hear the shared characteristics of the shooters: typically they are young males whoobtained a gun (duh), used drugs (legally or illegally), dropped out of school, and committed or planned suicide as the grand finale to their murders. But to focus on these characteristics is to focus arbitrarily on the 12 to 24 months before the shooting. It ignores the roots of the problem: the household.'

"Why are men useless in an emotional crisis?"

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'"Cheer up, it might never happen."

Yes, my best friend really did proffer those priceless words of wisdom as we sat having a drink during one of my periodic lows. The fact that I had been made redundant recently – that it had actually happened! - didn't seem to have occurred to him.

Forget the shame, drop in income, bout of depression and all-round disillusionment, he was implying. What mattered was that a few drinks, reminiscences of teenage escapades and some immature banter would easily rectify things. And he was right – too much introspection does no one any good.
...
We might think we have a higher tolerance of physical pain but, when it comes to emotional pain, we're genetically stunted. It's not that we can't handle it, just that we seem unable to share in others'. We're not indifferent to people's predicaments but our instinctive reaction is selfish: rather than "poor you" we want to say "thank God that didn't happen to me" and then proceed to mistake false cheeriness for empathy.'

'Another boy!' Planned Parenthood Medical Assistant picks through body parts

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'The doctor, the MA, and the “buyer” all observe the contents in the pie plate, joking around about various organs they see. Coming across an intact kidney the doctor determines it’s “good to go” as the MA exclaims, “Five stars!”

The sifting continues. The doctor is curious as to any usefulness the brain might have. Before the “buyer” can answer her question, she eagerly asks, “Do people do stuff with eyeballs?” as an eyeball of a tiny baby is pushed around on the plate.

The doctor and the MA continue to huddle over the plate, noting there are lots of organs available, identifying several by name, as Ginde says: “Here’s a stomach, kidney, heart, adrenal. I don’t know what else is in there. Tiny.” The MA says, “I don’t see any legs. Did you see any legs?”

After searching for a few more moments, she finds the legs she was so eagerly looking for and enthusiastically announces: “And another boy!”

I am at a loss for words.'

Canada: Disagreeing with Feminists to be Made Illegal?

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Video here.

"Disagreeing with feminists on Twitter could be made illegal in Canada in a shocking case that has frightening implications for free speech."

Also see here.

Shut out of sexual-assault hearing, critics of pro-accuser legislation flood Senate committee with testimony

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At a hearing last week on campus sexual assault, a Senate committee considering changes to higher-education law only allowed certain witnesses to testify – those who believe that alleged victims currentlyget a raw deal in campus investigations, relative to accused students.

The hearing was carried live on C-SPAN and the committee's own Web page, giving a national audience a very skewed impression of a problem that's largely caused by a combustible mix of alcohol, miscommunication and celebrated sexual permissiveness.

It was so tilted that a Democratic senator, the former attorney general of Rhode Island, had to jump in at the last minute, to cast aspersions on the ability of campus administrators to run a system with any semblance of competence or fairness.

Critics of the bill under consideration, the Campus Accountability and Safety Act, had to resort to filing their testimony for the record, away from the cameras. That's probably good for the committee members, because they would have looked like fools if these experts in the law and victimized men had counted down the multiple problems with the bill they were coronating.'

More Evidence The Campus Rape Epidemic Is Overblown

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We've heard it over and over again: rape is epidemic on college campuses, and it's being committed by sociopathic, serial rapists. "This cannot be emphasized enough," says Amanda Marcotte at Slate. "The high rates of campus sexual assault are due mostly to a small percentage of men who assault multiple women."

Al Jazeera reported that serial rapists commit 9 out of 10 campus sexual assaults, citing a 2002 study by psychologist David Lisak. The problem is, Lisak's work has now been debunked. His study, as Linda LeFauve at Reason discovered, is seriously flawed, relying on survey data Lisak didn't collect and having no direct connection to campus sexual assault.

"The basis of Lisak's 13-year old paper was not his own research but data collected as part of one student's master's thesis and three dissertations, none of which were about campus sexual assault," LaFauve writes. "The most widely quoted figures—that 90 percent of campus rapes are committed by serial offenders and that they average six rapes each—were calculated on a total of 76 non-traditional students who were not living on a college campus, and whose offenses may or may not have happened on or near a college campus, may or may not have been perpetrated on other students, and may have happened at any time in the survey respondents' adult lives."'

Campus sexual assault activist: Focus on survivors, not due process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A victims' advocate who previously voiced her contempt for due process on college campuses is back again, this time writing in the Washington Post that if colleges are "doing what is right" for accusers, then "due process" is not necessary.

In an article titled "College administrators should help rape survivors, not their school's public image," Sarah Merriman, spokeswoman for Students Active for Ending Rape, dismisses the notion that colleges have made strides in addressing campus sexual assault while arguing that due process shouldn't be part of the equation.'

Australia: Women-only police stations proposed to end domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If we're serious about ending violence against women, we must trial women-only police stations.

That is the belief of QUT criminologist Professor Kerry Carrington, who is calling for at trial of women-only police stations in Australia to help end violence against women.

Professor Carrington is head of QUT's School of Justice and investigated the key features and different models of women-only police stations in South America earlier this year and said once a woman gets through the doors, she is safe.

...

"Women-only police stations deal exclusively with female victims of domestic violence," Professor Carrington said.

"They do employ male police officers but not on the front desk.

"They are one-stop shops for these women as they are staffed by specially trained female police officers, psychologists, lawyers and social workers."

Professor Carrington said the stations offered women protection, and they did not need to go outside to access other vital services.

"The officers prepare warrants, take testimony, interview suspects, witnesses and complainants, prepare police facts and briefs, and liaise with the prosecution branch," she said.'

Men’s heightened risk of AIDS-related death: the legacy of gendered HIV testing and treatment strategies

Minuteman · 5 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Women are frequently depicted as the face of AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa (SAA) [1–3], where they comprise nearly 58% of all reported HIV infections [4]. Donor dollars, policies and HIV programmes have followed suit, resulting in a near-exclusive focus on women (e.g. [5]). Although African women are represented as particularly vulnerable to HIV infection [6], it is men, not women, who are more likely to die of AIDS [7–9]. AIDS prevalence may have the face of a woman, but AIDS mortality has the face of a man.

...

Much of the literature implicitly blames men for their poor use of testing and treatment, focusing on the role of masculinity as the primary explanation [21,22]. Recent data, however, raise doubt that masculinity is the main culprit. Men are just as likely as nonpregnant women to initiate voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) in some settings [23,24], and once tested positive, men initiate ART at similar rates as women [25,26]. These findings suggest that institutional supply-side barriers, and not solely masculinity, contribute to men’s lower rates of testing and treatment.'

American Bar Association jumps on campus sexual assault bandwagon

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The American Bar Association must see a potential goldmine in campus sexual assault adjudication, as it has recently adopted three resolutions guaranteed to bring in future clients.

At the ABA's annual meeting on Tuesday, delegates passed three resolutions addressing sexual assault. And despite the organization being full of lawyers, due process was only added to one of those resolutions after George Washington University Law School professor Stephen Saltzburg requested it. And even then, it was given only passing reference in the last sentence.

"Further resolved, that the American Bar Association urges federal, state, local, tribal and territorial governments to adopt meaningful remedies and vigorous enforcement mechanisms, including civil remedies, for sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, gender-based violence and intimate partner violence, **while assuring that the rights of those accused of such acts are recognized, respected and protected**; and to fully fund implementation of such remedies and enforcement," the resolution stated. (Emphasis added.)'

Former student accused of rape sues university

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Clark University student who was allegedly kicked off campus this past spring after being accused of rape is suing the school and several of its administrators, court records show.

The plaintiff, John Doe, claims in the complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Worcester on Tuesday that Clark led a biased inquiry into the charges against him, denying him rights promised in the university's own student handbook and dismissing key phone records that supported his innocence.

Mr. Doe is a Connecticut resident and was a freshman at Clark last year. In a 29-page lawsuit he said he and his accuser had had a consensual sexual encounter in January that the female student reported as a rape to the university three months afterwards. The charge came at a time when an anti-sexual assault campaign on campus "was at its peak," which Mr. Doe claims created an environment prejudiced against males accused of rape.'

This ‘Sexist Air Conditioning’ Interview Has Killed Feminism Forever

Mastodon · 5 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Oh silly season, how I love you. The newspapers are filled with absolute crap, our politicians are ignoring major national issues, because all the decent journalists are on holiday, and our 24-hour news channels have to rely on second string hosts and guests to fill time.

I can only imagine this is how someone like Radhika Sanghani manages to get a spot on Sky News to talk about how air conditioning is… wait for it… sexist.

Oh it was such a beautifully infuriating interview. I laughed, I cried, I vomited a little bit in my mouth. And I hope you will too. Not in my mouth, mind you. In your own.

There is nothing better than watching a trumped up, 14-year-old looking, RadFem make a total prat out of herself on live television.'

‘Sea Slaves’: The Human Misery That Feeds Pets and Livestock

Matt · 5 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Most people trafficked and enslaved today are men. But you wouldn't know that by reading most MSM articles. This one is a rare exception. Excerpt:

'Lang Long’s ordeal began in the back of a truck. After watching his younger siblings go hungry because their family’s rice patch in Cambodia could not provide for everyone, he accepted a trafficker’s offer to travel across the Thai border for a construction job.

It was his chance to start over. But when he arrived, Mr. Long was kept for days by armed men in a room near the port at Samut Prakan, more than a dozen miles southeast of Bangkok. He was then herded with six other migrants up a gangway onto a shoddy wooden ship. It was the start of three brutal years in captivity at sea.

“I cried,” said Mr. Long, 30, recounting how he was resold twice between fishing boats. After repeated escape attempts, one captain shackled him by the neck whenever other boats neared.

Mr. Long’s crews trawled primarily for forage fish, which are small and cheaply priced. Much of this catch comes from the waters off Thailand, where Mr. Long was held, and is sold to the United States, typically for canned cat and dog food or feed for poultry, pigs and farm-raised fish that Americans consume.

The misery endured by Mr. Long, who was eventually rescued by an aid group, is not uncommon in the maritime world. Labor abuse at sea can be so severe that the boys and men who are its victims might as well be captives from a bygone era. In interviews, those who fled recounted horrific violence: the sick cast overboard, the defiant beheaded, the insubordinate sealed for days below deck in a dark, fetid fishing hold.'

How to survive wacky sexual politics on campus

Matt · 6 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Another from Christina Hoff Sommers.

3 Lies That Linger Even After Rolling Stone's UVA Rape Story Was Debunked

Matt · 6 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's been a big week in rape-related news, inasmuch as that counts as a category of news. Donald Trump and his lawyer. Bill Cosby. Now, three men are suing Rolling Stone magazine, claiming that the later-retracted article "A Rape on Campus: A Brutal Assault and Struggle for Justice at UVA" defamed them.

The plaintiffs are members of Phi Kappa Psi, a fraternity the identified in the article. According to the article's pseudonymous "Jackie," seven young men gang-raped her at a Phi Kappa Psi party. The article follows Jackie's alleged attempt to get alleged justice for the alleged crime from UVA administrators.

It turned out that all of those 'alleged's are pretty important. Shortly after Rolling Stone published the piece, skeptics nosing around in the facts discovered that Jackie's story wasn't adding up. (If you need to further get up to speed on the background events, Margaret Hartmann's thorough timeline of the UVA rape case should do the trick.) Soon Rolling Stone retracted the piece.'

Obama calls for end to female genital mutilation in Africa while US has highest rates of male circumcision

Matt · 6 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During President Obama's recent visit to Africa, he urged Kenyans to reconsider their treatment of females as "second-class citizens," who are routinely subjected to violence, sexual assault and forced marriages while being prohibited from obtaining an education or owning property. What caught my attention, however, is Obama's calling for an end to female genital mutilation, in which he stated, "These traditions may date back centuries. They have no place in the 21st century."

My thoughts exactly. Female genital mutilation (FGM), also known as female genital cutting, involves any number of procedures performed on a female's genitals, ranging from a ritual nick to infibulation, the most well-known and horrific form of FGM. What most people don't know, however, is that infibulation, which includes the complete removal of external female genitalia and a suturing of the vaginal opening, occurs in less than 10 percent of all documented cases of FGM, according to the World Health Organization. By far, more common forms of FGM involve a procedure in which only the female foreskin is removed.

Does this sound familiar? It should, because it's the most common surgical procedure performed in the United States without anesthesia, without informed consent, and without any valid medical reason - except that it's routinely performed on baby boys shortly after birth. Most people in the United States would cringe at the thought of anyone comparing any type of FGM to male circumcision. But the reality is that both procedures share much in common.'

UK: Why are fewer boys going to university?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A report published last week by the Independent Commission on Fees has uncovered a widening gender divide in university admissions. For whilst over a third of 18-year old girls enrol on a higher education course in Britain, only one quarter of boys follow suit.

So why are fewer male students applying for university courses?

Mary Curnock Cook, the chief executive of UCAS, believes the "potential of young men is somehow being let down by the school system". This suggests that the methods and techniques used to prepare pupils for their GCSEs and A-levels are angled more towards female students, and that schools and sixth forms may not be preparing boys adequately enough for these academic hurdles.'

SAVE E-lert: Get This Bill Passed

Matt · 7 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

The time has come.

Thanks to your hard work, a strong due process bill has been introduced to address campus sexual assault. SAVE formally endorses it, and we need your help to get it passed.

The bill is called the Safe Campus Act (H.R. 3403) and was introduced last week by Reps. Matt Salmon, Kay Granger, and Pete Sessions. The bill can be read here.

The bill will pass off most investigations to the police and restore many vital due process protections on campus, such as the right to a lawyer and to cross-examine.

Please contact your legislators today and tell them to co-sponsor the bill.

To reach your representatives, call the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121, or find your U.S. Representative at http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/

Thank you so much!

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Feminism, Lesbianism and the Hidden Consequences of Anti-Male Rhetoric

ErikaLancastor · 7 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

I thought this was an interesting little tidbit. Excerpt:

'One of the strange things about feminism is how this movement, built upon hateful slander, has acquired the power to silence its critics. In 1977, when a few dozen women turned out to hear Andrea Dworkin speak in Amherst, it was still possible to oppose feminism on an American university campus. Today, dissenting voices are almost never heard in academia, where feminists exercise the kind of controlling power wielded by the mullahs in Tehran or by Kim Jung Un in Pyongyang.
...
Silencing opposition is necessary to feminism's success in reducing educational opportunities for males. Females are already 57 percent of college enrollment and in some fields, such as psychology, women outnumber males more than 3-to-1. As the percentage of males on campus dwindles, feminists in academia become ever more vehement in their denunciations of male students as rapists and harassers. Colleges now "teach women that men are the enemy and men are treated as such on campus," as Helen Smith explains in her book Men on Strike. "Many men have just decided that they don't belong in college ... more and more men drop out of college or never attend."

Feminist hegemony in academia has fostered an implacable hostility toward males on campus, and perceptive young men recognize feminism as the source of this hatred. The problem is that there are few if any male professors on the faculty of the modern university who are willing to criticize feminist ideology. With no good examples to follow, young men tend to express their opposition to feminism in ways that are crude and inarticulate, transparently motivated by personal resentment. This tendency, in turn, inspires feminists to become even more militant, as when Helen Lewis declared in 2012 that "the comments on any article about feminism justify feminism." Such circular reasoning — that opposition to feminism proves the need for more feminism — points us toward a future of endless hostility, as feminism becomes more and more anti-male, and men become more and more anti-feminist.'

The Campus Sex Scene: How Congress Can Make It Worse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There are two rival bills in Congress addressing campus sexual assault. A nominally bipartisan bill spearheaded by Democrats Claire McCaskill and Mark Warner focuses on heaping more requirements on schools to turn their disciplinary systems into witch-hunts. Republicans in the House of Representatives, meanwhile, have introduced a bill that tries to balance protecting women from sexual assault with protecting the rights of those who have been accused of this horrible crime.

Right now, absent the case of a star athlete who the school needs for a championship shot, if a school receives a complaint by someone alleging sexual assault it has every incentive to find the male student guilty, regardless of what actually happened.

On the one hand, if the man is found not responsible – perhaps because he didn't actually commit a sexual assault – the school can be sued by the woman, investigated by President Obama's overly aggressive Department of Education, and publicly shamed.

Student expelled for sexual assault is allowed to proceed with his lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Unhappy with a campus judicial proceeding that led to his expulsion following a sexual assault allegation, a former Washington and Lee University student will be allowed to contest the finding in a federal courtroom.

The student's lawsuit against the school can go forward, a judge ruled this week.

U.S. District Judge Norman Moon wrote in an opinion that the allegations made in the lawsuit, if "taken as true, suggest that W&L's disciplinary procedures, at least when it comes to charges of sexual misconduct, amount to a practice of railroading accused students."

Identified in court records only as John Doe, the student cited several grounds for his assertion that an internal judicial process slanted to favor female accusers over male defendants resulted in his being wrongfully found to have had nonconsensual sex with a fellow student.

For one thing, he claims, a university administrator who handled the investigation in November recently had given a talk on campus about "regret equals rape," or the argument that what first passes for a consensual sexual experience later can be called a rape by a woman who has second thoughts.'

Malawi: Circumcision Disaster - Malawi HIV Infection Rate Doubles

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Following up the reports that Malawi24 released on 25 July that circumcision does not help in the reduction of HIV but exacerbates it, reports have emerged that have agreed with the facts that we had earlier established.

Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), one of the world's renowned NGOs working on public health, has released statistics showing that HIV infection rate in Malawi has doubled in recent years despite a range of interventions put in place to tackle the spread of the virus that have included relentless campaign on condomisation and circumcision.

According to the statistics by MSF, HIV rates have doubled in Malawi moving from 10% to 20% in 1 year. Strangely, this has been the same period that Malawians have been manipulative forced to go through circumcision in masses with the promise that it reduces the contraction of HIV.'

California Green Party Promotes "Free Slaps" For 'Straight White Men'

Matt · 8 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The California Green Party is attracting controversy after posting an image on its official Instagram page which promotes “free slaps” to be metered out to ‘straight white men’.

The photo shows two women sat behind a table which is covered with a banner that reads “Finally! Free Slaps For Cisgendered Straight-identified White Men.” The image is supposedly designed to draw attention to ‘rape culture’, a perennial obsession for feminists and liberals that has been vehemently debunked.
...
The post attracted numerous irate comments, including from one woman who remarked, “Why is it just cis white straight males??? How is that NOT offensive. Are they the only ones (raping). I’m a rape survivor and I hate this.”

“My rapist(s) weren’t just white straight cis males,” she added. “The person who molested me as a child was a woman, the guy who raped me when I was 19 was black.”

“I thought this only existed on tumblr?” commented another individual.”I fully support the Green Party but someone needs to bitch slap these people.”'

The Dean of Sexual Assault

Matt · 8 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But I found myself thinking, I didn't sign on for this. Unlike professional athletes or musical performers or reality TV stars, people who become deans of students are not usually interested in the spotlight. Our work goes on behind closed doors where the hearts of students are laid bare and need to be repaired, or in campus forums where our students get to question our decisions and we can defend them, or change them. These things happen in the context of community, and that is what provides meaning and validity. That is how change, and improvement, occur.

And now our work is the subject of bloggers and activists who are so driven by agendas that they cannot consider an alternative viewpoint. Our efforts to serve our campuses are being pushed aside by the cottage industry of "consultants" and lawyers who prey on the fear of presidents and boards, worried that their institution will be the next one featured in The New York Times.

Did we need to be challenged about sexual assault response? Yes, and we were, and we worked hard to improve.

Did we need to be better as a profession? Yes. I have never believed I had it all figured out, and don't know any other deans of students who would make that claim. But when swept up in a tidal wave of uncivil and often uninformed opinion offering, unfounded accusations, questionable Title IX complaints and spurious litigation, it is hard to do anything other than keep from drowning. Trying to improve one's stroke at that moment is impossible.'

The Rescue: Chicago mom revels in boys' compassion for injured bird

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"We saved a baby bird!" my oldest son burst out.

"Don't worry, Mrs. Walsh, we didn't actually touch it with our hands," assured a flame-haired pal who shares my obsession with E. coli. "We used stuff in the alley to pick it up."

"It wasn't squished or run over or anything, so we took it to the animal hospital on Western," explained another boy, still incredulous that their mission had been successful and that the animal hospital hadn't turned them away.
...
As the mother of three boys, I remain extremely sensitive to the increasing trend in male-bashing. After all, these are my loves, my life. They are not responsible for releasing a single ill onto the world. They are not predators or instigators of war.

Yet, even I once believed they would walk right past a fallen bird without notice.

Instead?

These boys chose to carry a broken soul to safety in an old beer box.

It makes me wonder what they might do tomorrow if we let them.'

Stop Putting a Stigma on Uncircumcised Cock

Matt · 9 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I didn't realize that having foreskin would make me a pariah. I've met guys, and dated some, who were completely turned off at the thought of an uncircumcised penis. I've heard countless friends over the years say they're grossed out at the thought of discovering their man's penis wears a hoodie with the drawstring pulled out all the way. I wondered: What is so unfathomably vile about uncircumcised peen? I'm a firm proponent of penile hygiene. Mine works just as well as the next dude's. It doesn't scream when you push the skin back. What is it? All these people expressing their disdain for uncut cock are acting like they're going down on someone and finding a Venus fly trap. It made me feel ashamed and embarrassed, and just added to the insurmountable anxiety I get whenever I get intimate with a man. What if the guy I'm about to have sex with takes my pants off and then stop, drop and rolls out of the room?

...

I'm making the decision to not be ashamed of how my penis looks and stop caring if some schmuck I go out with is turned off by it. Taking a step a day, no matter how small, is still a step in the right direction to being comfortable in your own skin and ultimately leading a happier and healthier life. Be good to yourself, and take no shit. ...'

New Campus Rape Bill Offers a Better Way

Matt · 9 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Safe Campus Act seeks to overhaul this system. Under the proposed House bill, colleges and universities would have to report all sexual violence complaints to the police except when the complainant asks for confidentiality—but in that case, no disciplinary action could be taken against the alleged offender. (While the police investigation is pending, colleges would be able to take interim measures such as reassigning dorms or rearranging class schedules to avoid contact between accuser and accused, and briefly suspend the accused if there are safety-related reasons to do so.) While colleges would still hold their own hearings on sexual misconduct, both the accuser and the accused would have the right to legal representation and full access to all the evidence. Colleges would also have more latitude to decide what standard of proof to use in evaluating these cases, in contrast to current federal policy which directs them to use the most complainant-friendly "preponderance of the evidence" standard.

The bill is already being criticized by some victim advocates for failing to "prioritize the needs of survivors" and seeking to "limit college rape investigation." In the past, campus anti-rape activists have opposed state-level measures that would require schools to turn over sexual assault reports to law enforcement, arguing that it will discourage many women from coming forward. Many activists see campus "justice" as a more compassionate, feminist and victim-friendly alternative—an environment in which "believing the survivor" is a strongly held principle, sexual assault is defined more broadly than under the law, and the burden of proof is increasingly shifted to the accused (especially with the rise of the "affirmative consent" standard).'

Judge upholds accused student's gender-bias claim

Matt · 10 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Virginia judge will allow a formerly accused Washington and Lee University student to continue with his lawsuitalleging gender bias against the university.

Judge Norman K. Moon denied W&L's motion to dismiss the lawsuit, allowing John Doe — as he is referred to in the claim — to continue to seek damages resulting from his expulsion from the university. John believes he was wrongly accused of sexual misconduct, and Moon appears to agree.

On Feb. 8, 2014, John and his eventual accuser, Jane Doe, met at an off-campus party. The two danced, talked and kissed.

The two eventually went back to John's residence and talked for awhile. Jane then walked over to John and allegedly told him, "I usually don't have sex with someone I meet on the first night, but you are a really interesting guy." Jane then began kissing John and the two had sex.

The next morning, John drove Jane home and the two exchanged cellphone numbers. Shortly after the encounter, the two became friends on Facebook. The two exchanged friendly messages.

During the summer of 2014, Jane worked at a women's clinic that handled sexual assault issues. After speaking to people there about her encounter with John, she began reclassifying the encounter as sexual assault.

When she returned to campus in the fall, Jane claimed on a study abroad application that she had been sexually assaulted. She also attended a presentation by W&L's Title IX officer Lauren Kozak. Kozak claimed that "regret equals rape," and introduced the concept as a new idea people were now supporting.

Once Jane learned that John had been accepted into the study abroad program, she filed a sexual assault claim, now eight months after the encounter.'

Another Major College Rape Case Has Collapsed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A state court in Tennessee has ruled in favor of a student expelled for sexual assault, saying his school's procedures improperly assumed he was guilty and forced him to prove his innocence.

The case of Corey Mock and Molly Morris, both students at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), has attracted significant attention thanks to a lengthy profile of Morris that was published by Vice last year. Morris claims she was given a drugged drink at a party, and then was later raped by Mock while she was barely conscious and unable to consent. She complained to her school several months later and got Mock expelled. Mock has aggressively protested his innocence, and his father even started a blog dedicated to his son's case.

Now a Tennessee judge Carol McCoy says the school's reasoning for expelling Mock was fatally flawed, relying on a standard that forced him to prove that he'd obtained consent for sex, rather than forcing his accuser to show he hadn't.'

Judge orders treatment in Parental Alienation case

fathers4fairness · 11 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When three Bloomfield Hills kids, caught up in a bitter custody feud, refused to have lunch with their estranged father, a frustrated family court judge found them in contempt and sent them to detention, a move that made national headlines.

Now the judge is poised to try a new — and some say controversial — tack, ordering the family into a days-long intensive intervention, perhaps with live-in therapists.

Oakland County Family Court Judge Lisa Gorcyca is expected to order the Tsimhoni children, ages 14, 10 and 9, into a “reunification program” to help heal their relationship with their father, Omer Tsimhoni. He and the children’s mother, Maya Tsimhoni, divorced in 2011 and have been involved in vicious litigation since.

The mother has physical custody. The father lived in Israel, but has since returned to Michigan, where he is employed as an engineer.

The intensive therapy is designed to treat “parental alienation,” a term coined 20 years ago by a family therapist who noticed some children displayed extreme behaviors in high-conflict divorces, developing unnatural aversions against one parent, the result of the other parent’s attempts to sabotage the relationship.'

Campus Rape Expert Who Misrepresented His Work Faces Powerful New Criticism

Matt · 12 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dr. Mary Koss—a scientist, feminist, and acclaimed expert on the subject of campus sexual assault—says the psychologist who popularized the serial predator theory of student-on-student violence has misrepresented his research for years.

“It’s one of the most egregious examples of a policy with an inadequate scientific basis that lives on because it offers a simplistic solution,” said Koss, in an interview with Reason.

Her analysis supports the findings of a recent Reasoninvestigative series scrutinizing the work of Dr. David Lisak, a psychologist and former University of Massachusetts-Boston professor whose faulty 2002 study on undetected rapists persuaded advocates, policymakers, and even the White House that most campus rapists are serial predators.

Koss, an American Regents’ Professor in the College of Public Health at the University of Arizona, criticized Lisak for broadening his data and misapplying the serial predator theory to the majority of campus rapists.

Lisak’s 2002 study, “Repeat Rape and Multiple Offending Among Undetected Rapists,” produced the statistics he relied upon to make the claim that most campus rapists were repeat perpetrators rather than one-off offenders. But a detailed investigation spearheaded by Reason contributor Linda LeFauvefound significant flaws with the study, which was actually based upon surveys that had nothing to do with student-on-student violence.'

How 'emotional reasoning' informs current campus sexual assault hysteria

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The notion that one's negative feelings reflect reality is permeating our college campuses when it comes to free speech and sexual assault.

In an informative article for the Atlantic, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education president Greg Lukianoff and social psychologist Jonathan Haidt tackle "The Coddling of the American Mind" — specifically how "microagressions" and "trigger warnings" are leading to mental health problems on college campuses.

While discussing the reality distortions identified by cognitive behavioral therapy, Lukianoff and Haidt invoke the concept of "emotional reasoning," defined by adjunct psychiatric professor David D. Burns as assuming "that your negative emotions necessarily reflect the way things really are: 'I feel it, therefore it must be true.' " The distortion is also defined by other cognitive therapy experts as letting "your feelings guide your interpretation of reality."'

Women-in-tech events are anti-male, say men's rights activists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Are businesses that cater to women inherently anti-male?

Entrepreneur Stephanie Burns would say no. Burns runs Chic CEO, a startup that hosts networking events and provides online resources for female entrepreneurs.

But three men's rights activists didn't see her services as benevolent. They sued her for being denied entry to an event in San Diego.

The lawsuit cites a California law called the Unruh Civil Rights Act,enacted in 1959, which prohibits businesses from discriminating based on factors such as sex, race, religion and disabilities.

Burns told CNNMoney that men are allowed to attend her events, but that particular one was at capacity. But Chic CEO's promotional materials -- which all catered to women -- were fuel for the lawsuit. The event was described as a "fun, relaxed environment to meet up with entrepreneurs, mompreneurs, CEOs, directors, savvy business women."

Attorney Al Rava, who filed the lawsuit, said he has filed 150 sex discrimination lawsuits against California businesses in the past 12 years.

Rava, who also serves as secretary to men's rights organization National Coalition for Men, declined to talk to CNNMoney by phone. ("I do not trust you will quote me correctly or in the proper context given your leftwing, pro-female, anti-male bias," he wrote in an email.)'

Circumcision Gone Wrong: 8-Day-Old Baby Boy's Penis Reattached After Botched Brit Ceremony

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It sounds like every new parent's worst nightmare when sending their newborn son off to have a circumcision. An 8-day-old baby's penis was reattached after a circumcision went wrong, reports Israel Hayom.

The publication calls the circumcision a brit, which is also termed the "Brit Milah," according to Chabad. It's a ceremony that represents one of the oldest and most revered practices of Judaism — practiced by those of Jewish heritage and also by certain Christians who don't normally term it a "brit" or "bris" ceremony. Either way, circumcision usually only involves foreskin removal and holds a deep spiritual significance for those who view it as more than a surgery to help with genital cleanliness.

The circumcision of the baby in question went wrong and was somehow botched. However, the quick-thinking family was able to save the infant's penis by storing the dismembered member on ice until such time that it could be reattached successfully at the Rambam Healthcare Campus Hospital's Pediatric Emergency Unit.

The cringeworthy event has caused the article about the baby boy out of northern Israel to go viral worldwide, with more than 1,300 Facebook recommendations on the piece thus far.'

Feminism: the latest celebrity must-have

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'Feminism is the new moral orthodoxy: reject it and you are a woman-hater; criticise it and you're confused or ignorant. Despite its supposed focus on women's equality, feminists guard their cliquey politics with such force that it sometimes feels like you're back in school and wearing the wrong shade of pink. When writer and student Lauren Southern posted a picture on social media stating that she was not a feminist, she received an onslaught of hate mail, including messages from women who claimed that her picture had made them so upset they were physically sick.

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Women who decide to bin the feminist badge are actually making a progressive point. Contemporary feminism is defined by a cult of victimhood, one which demands that women cry on social media about their faux daily oppression at the hands of the opposite sex and beg for the intervention of a protective state. A woman rejecting feminism in all its drippy glory should be celebrated. Young women have it good, and no woman in the UK is born into inequality on the basis of her gender. Problems more significant than catcalling arise later in life, but abortion, motherhood and household chores aren't as easy to hashtag as nipple piercings and tampons.'

Why Any Male Student Should Think Twice Before Applying to Washington & Lee University

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'This should terrify any parent whose son is about to head off to college or is presently matriculating anywhere in the Ivory Towers of academia.

The fundamental lack of due process and oppressive tactics used by university administrators at Washington & Lee University (W&L) should lead any family to keep their sons from applying to the university. Male students at Washington & Lee risk serious consequences if they engage in an entirely consensual sexual relationship with a female student who later is convinced to “regret” what she did, or who becomes jealous if the male student starts a relationship with someone else. That is exactly what happened in this case.
...
The facts show that what occurred was not only entirely consensual, but that Jane was more than just a willing participant. Jane continued to go to parties at John’s fraternity, where witnesses saw them interacting in an entirely unremarkable, normal manner. That is, until Jane saw John kissing another female “and left the party early, upset.” It became “public knowledge” that John and this other female “were an exclusive couple.”'

Student Wrongfully Expelled for Rape Triumphs in Court: Due Process Beats 'Yes Means Yes'

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'A judge overturned the expulsion of Corey Mock—a University of Tennessee at Chattanooga student and star wrestler—after determining that UT's administration had improperly required Mock to prove that he was innocent of sexually assaulting another student.

The decision is a significant blow to the concept of affirmative consent. According to Judge Carol McCoy, UT's consent standard wrongfully shifted the burden of proof and violated Mock's due process rights.

Mock's expulsion stemmed from a sexual encounter with a fellow student, Molly Morris, during the spring of 2014. Morris and Mock had met online and quickly become friends; they hung out on several occasions and decided to attend a house party together. Morris had too much to drink—someone might have slipped her something, though no evidence established this—and went to the bathroom to be sick. Mock found her, took her to a bedroom, and they had sex.

A week after the incident, Morris told Mock that she had not given consent. Three months later, she formally accused him of raping her.'

UK: "Labour should not be run by two white men"

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'Yvette Cooper launched a scathing attack on Labour leadership front-runner Jeremy Corbyn yesterday and claimed the party should no longer be run by ‘white men’.

The Shadow Home Secretary insisted she was the ‘real radical’ and made the case to be Labour’s first woman leader – saying the party needed a ‘feminist approach to our economy and society’.

She hit out at the prospect of ‘a Labour Party after a century of championing equality and diversity which turns the clock back to be led again by a leader and deputy leader, both white men. Who’s the real radical? Jeremy or me?’

Former minister Tom Watson is widely expected to win the deputy leadership under Mr Corbyn.'

University casts straight, white males as ‘villains’ in skits (and other observations from freshman orientation)

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'His public university’s orientation, for example, included “an interactive theater experience focused on diversity and inclusiveness,” comprising “four skits, each addressing a cardinal sin of the liberal perspective—racism, sexism, heterosexism, and class politics,”according to Dent, who detailed his experience in an essay for the Pope Center for Higher Education Policy.

“The skits set forth various scenarios,” Dent notes. “The first showed an Indian woman talking to a white friend, who unintentionally acted racist. In another, a man aggressively flirted with a woman who was clearly uncomfortable. The next skit showed two friends asking another friend of lesser means to go out to lunch and immediately assuming he had the means to do so. The final skit showed a gay man react with offense at the use of the word ‘gay’ as a derogatory term.”

“Instead of showing that all people are equally deserving of human dignity, the theater group created its own caricatures: the ‘villains’ in each of the skits were either white, male, heterosexual, middle class, or some combination of the four,” Dent added. “Perhaps, if the objective had been solely to learn how to navigate a community whose citizens hail from increasingly diverse backgrounds on ethnic, religious, and cultural lines, this exercise would have been helpful, if ham-handed.”'

Prosecutors' Group Backs Changes to College Campus Sexual Assault Investigations

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text and click the result that goes to the WSJ site. Excerpt:

'A national prosecutors' group is backing a congressional proposal that would upend the handling of campus sexual assault cases, saying universities need to consult police before adjudicating and punishing potentially criminal offenses.

The National District Attorneys Association said it supports the recently introduced Safe Campus Act, which would require police investigation of sexual assault claims before schools begin disciplinary proceedings against accused students. The mandatory-reporting requirement would be a sea change from the current practice, as schools commonly handle allegations of sexual assault independently.
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Some backers of the Safe Campus Act say federal rules have put universities in the position of investigating, prosecuting, defending and judging cases. The Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee said the University of Virginia wrongfully suspended Greek activities after a Rolling Stone magazine article described an alleged gang rape at a fraternity house. A police investigation later found no evidence of a gang rape and Rolling Stone retracted the article.

"What's becoming clear is that Congress recognizes the status quo is broken," said Kevin O'Neill, the committee's executive director. "Anybody who's defending the status quo is going to be fairly disappointed."

Civil-liberties advocates say mandatory-reporting requirements and the right to legal counsel are a step in the right direction. "At all campuses, there's the question of the competency of campus amateurs to investigate and come up with reasonable findings," said Joseph Cohn, policy director at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.'

Daughter hammers elderly mother to death

Matt · 15 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A dubious first -- first murder in Sunnyvale, CA of 2015. Excerpt:

'An 81-year-old woman was killed with a hammer at the hands of her daughter after an argument Thursday in the Sunnyvale home they shared, police said.

Linde Adrienne Smith, 50, was arrested and booked into the Santa Clara County jail on suspicion of murder after the afternoon slaying at their home in the Plaza del Rey mobile-home park off Tasman Drive and Lawrence Expressway.

Smith was the person who called police around 12:50 p.m. to report what would soon be classified as the city's first homicide of the year, according to the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety.

Officers arrived, searched their home and made the gruesome discovery: the body of Anne Frances Smith with blunt-force injuries, alongside a hammer that is believed to be the weapon used, Capt. Jeffrey Hunter said.'

Society of Professional Journalists' #GamerGate Debate Suspended By by Bomb Threat

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Society of Professional Journalists' debate on the GamerGate controversy had to be evacuated earlier today after the venue hosting the event was targeted by multiple bomb threats.

Police arrived at the venue shortly after 2pm, interrupting a panel discussing how the media should cover GamerGate, a movement calling for improved standards in video games journalism, as well as other amorphous online movements.

The afternoon panel featured Breitbart editor Milo Yiannopoulos, Reason contributing editor Cathy Young and Christina Hoff Sommers, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. Also present on the panel were independent game developer Derek Smart, Poynter Institute educator Ren LaFome, and prospective SPJ president Lynn Walsh.

The SPJ event, known as Airplay, aimed to address concerns about journalistic ethics and accurate reporting raised by the GamerGate movement, which began last September after gamers raised questions about ethical standards and groupthink in the games press.

This is the second time a GamerGate event has been targeted by a bomb threat. Earlier this year, a gathering of more than three hundred supporters in Washington DC had to be evacuated after a similar anonymous threat, which proved to be a hoax.'

Conference comments Christina Hoff Sommers planned to make

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'This afternoon multiple bomb threats were called in to a Society of Professional Journalists debate about GamerGate. I've been passed the remarks my fellow panellist, AEI scholar and feminist academic Christina Hoff Sommers, was planning to make.

A video game journalist from Vancouver recently took to Twitter to draw attention to a Tweet sent by a gamer: The gamer had tweeted: "I fucking swear—they get rid of Huge Boobs, I'm gone." For this journalist those 11 words captured the essence of the gamer crusade. The hypermasculine dudebro attitude—– the crude objectification of women. It's all there. Or so it seemed to him. As he put it: "#Gamergate summarized in one impossibly perfect tweet."

But as is often the case with media accounts of GamerGate– the facts don't really fit the narrative. First of all, the author was not talking about video games, but rather efforts to censor images of buxom ladies on Reddit. But more importantly—the author of the tweet is a young woman named Alison. Alison is a lesbian gamer who apparently enjoys gazing at images of busty women. For me, it is the game journalist's tweet, not Allison's, that is emblematic. It is an impossibly perfect illustration of a serious flaw in contemporary journalism: the narrative matters more than truth. The Rolling Stone's apocryphal story about a gang rape at UVA is frequently cited as the classic example of narrative over-reach. But the press literature on GamerGate is strikingly similar.

According to dozens of media stories, #Gamergate is a nightmarish cabal of right wing males who will stop at nothing to keep women out of gaming. Comparisons with hate groups, lynch mobs and terrorists are not uncommon. In reality Gamergate has support from hundreds of thousands of rank and file video game enthusiasts from all over the world and across the political spectrum. Gamers identify with GamerGate for different reasons. A recurrent theme is consumerist–gamer journals are toadies for the game companies and need to be replaced by authentic critics, they say. Another—and the one that drew me into the world of gamers—is impatience with cultural scolds who evaluate games through the lens of political correctness. Are there some bullies and lunatics on the fringes of GamerGate? Yes there are. It's the internet.'

Male Students Discriminated Against in Sexual Misconduct Inquiries

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'This case arises amidst a growing national controversy about the responses of colleges and universities to alleged sexual violence on college and university campuses.

The Federal Government, through the U.S. Department of Education, has been pressuring colleges and universities to aggressively pursue investigations of sexual violence on campuses under Title IX, the federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination in education on the basis of gender, and for violations of the Clery Act, which requires all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to keep and disclose information about crime on and near their respective campuses. Compliance with reporting sexual violence is monitored by the U.S. Department of Education, which can impose civil penalties for each infraction and can suspend institutions from participating in federal student financial aid programs. The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Staistics Act or Clery Act is a federal statute codified at 20 U.S.C. §1092(f), with implementing regulations in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations at 34 C.F.R. 668.46.
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In this case, Petitioner has not been charged with any crime nor any civil wrong. Occidental College does not serve the public nor the People of the State of California. Occidental College serves its own private financial and institutional interests to protect its right to receive federal education money, and for Occidental College students to have access to federally-guaranteed student loans to pay their tuition to Occidental College, which federal money is at risk due to the pending U.S. Department of Education investigation into Occidental College's conduct.'

New sexual misconduct requirements at the state level and beyond

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'Considering campus sexual assault disciplinary issues, courts and legislators are beginning to emphasize due process requirements, including fairness protections for those accused that conceivably contradict protections aimed at preventing sexual violence. In addition to pending federal legislation on campus sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, 29 states have introduced or passed their own bills on the topic; virtually all of this legislation includes some nod to fairness as well as prevention provisions, such as the “yes means yes” laws passed in California and New York. Balancing those due process and complainant protections requires careful navigation of legal requirements.

Three recent cases emphasize potential challenges, with favorable outcomes for student-respondents in California, Tennessee and Virginia.'

Judge Stops University from Expelling Football Player Who Failed to Prove He Wasn't a Rapist

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'Bryce Dixon, a football player who was expelled from the University of Southern California for sexual assault, should resume classes and might be able to rejoin the team, a judge has ruled.

On Wednesday, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert H. O'Brien barred USC from carrying out the expulsion on the grounds that the university's sexual assault adjudication process was miserably unfair to accused students.

Bryce's attorney, Mark Hathaway, released the following statement:

"Judge O'Brien agreed with Bryce that USC's Title IX sexual misconduct investigation was unfair and lacks due process." said Mark Hathaway, attorney for Bryce Dixon. "USC's investigator acts as police, prosecutor, and judge. There is no hearing, no right to counsel, no rules of evidence, no presumption of innocence, and no right to confront witnesses. Courts are beginning to recognize the injustice imposed on students."'

Botswana: "Men need to change perceptions"

Minuteman · 17 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

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'Kgosi Tumelo Puleng of Letlhakeng says time is nigh for men to shed their bad boy image of associating with undesirable practices in society and to learn to be more responsible.

Giving welcome remarks at the Kweneng West MenCare graduation ceremony in Letlhakeng on Saturday August 15, Kgosi Puleng said for a long time, men had been associated with societal ills such as abuse, rape, incest as well as drug abuse.

“This is even evidenced by the fact that men’s prisons are always filled to capacity as compared to women’s prisons,” he said. He said men were also known to be slow on issues of sexual reproductive health as well as advocacy for gender equality.

“Such concerns as the reluctance to test for HIV and AIDS as well as unwillingness to participate in initiatives meant to address societal ills like abuse gives the impression that they are the perpetrators. So it is up to men to stand up and clear their image by meaningfully participating in these initiatives,” he said.

Kgosi Puleng also expressed concern about the level of reluctance by men to participate in the safe male circumcision campaign, saying instead women were leading in taking their newly born baby boys for circumcision.

“This programme was specifically designed for men, so it was only our legitimate expectation that men should lead and spearhead its success, but instead, it has been the opposite,” he said.'

How a little-known education office has forced far-reaching changes to campus sex assault investigations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the last four years, a little-known civil rights office in the U.S. Department of Education has forced far-reaching changes in how the nation's colleges and universities police, prosecute and punish sexual assaults on campus.

With a strong mandate from President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, the office's lawyers have redefined campus sexual assault as a federal civil rights issue, changed the standard by which allegations must be judged and publicized the names of a growing number of schools under investigation for allegedly failing to respond properly to complaints of sexual misconduct.

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"Some schools see OCR as a bully with enforcement powers," said Terry W. Hartle, senior vice president at the American Council on Education, the lobby group for higher education.

"Universities are desperately trying to do the right thing, but these cases can be really difficult to resolve fairly. Often, you have two conflicting stories, no evidence, no witnesses, and it's all combined with substance abuse."

University officials, many of whom will speak about the subject only on condition of anonymity, complain of heavy-handed pressure from Washington and a growing bureaucracy.'

NAS endorses Safe Campus Act

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Association of Scholars (NAS) endorsed the Safe Campus Act, which ensures that campus sexual assault allegations be judged by law enforcement agencies.

When a college student reports being a victim of sexual assault, the college often begins its own inquiry leading to disciplinary procedures. Under the Safe Campus Act, the college may take these steps only if the alleged victim consents to an investigation by law enforcement.

Provisions of the Act are outlined in a diagram at the website of the organization Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE).

The Safe Campus Act, H.R. 3403 (full text here), is an amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1965 currently before the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

The National Association of Scholars has historically called on colleges to discourage “hook-up culture,” and has declared that “Sexual assault on campus is a serious problem and there is a strong case that colleges and universities should be doing more to protect their students.”'

Male student who claims he was sexually harassed can sue Northwestern for ‘deliberate indifference’

Matt · 19 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

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'Male students can suffer from gender discrimination too, a federal judge ruled in letting a Title IX lawsuit proceed against Northwestern University.

The Daily Northwestern reports that the unnamed medical student is accusing the school of “deliberate indifference” and retaliation against him when he filed a complaint against a microbiology and pathology professor:

"The professor began sexually harassing the student within three months of his July 2007 enrollment in the program, according to the suit. The professor allegedly started “making suggestive comments” about the student’s physical appearance and “ogling” him. At a 2010 off-campus retreat, the professor allegedly invited the student back to his room so he could cut his hair. The suit also claims that the professor asked the student’s peers about the student’s sexual orientation."'

Girl destroys feminism in minutes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A few years ago, Lauren Southern held up a sign saying "I don't need feminism because I believe in equality".

The image went viral and soon she was getting a lot of attention for the bold statement – some nice and some not so.

"I got a lot of support, but I also got a lot of hate and criticism," she said.

"Mostly from feminists who said I did not know what feminism means, but feminism is actually a movement for equality."

"So today I wanted to speak to those feminists and explain why I'm still not a feminist and why third wave feminism is NOT actually a movement for equality," she added.'

More academic fascism

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'As parents prepare to fork over $20,000 to $60,000 for college tuition, they might benefit from knowing what greets their youngsters. Deceitful college officials, who visit high schools to recruit students and talk to parents, conceal the worst of their campus practices. Let's expose some of it.

Christina Hoff Sommers is an avowed feminist and a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. She's spent a lifetime visiting college campuses. Recently, upon her arrival at Oberlin College, Georgetown University and other campuses, trigger warnings were issued asserting, in her words, that her “very presence on campus” was “a form of violence” and that she was threatening students' mental health.

At Oberlin, 30 students and the campus therapy dog retired to a “safe room” with soft music, crayons and coloring books to escape any uncomfortable facts raised by Sommers.

The problem for students and some professors is that Sommers challenges the narrative, with credible statistical facts, that women are living in a violent, paternalistic rape culture. As a result, she has been “excommunicated from the church of campus feminism” in order to protect women from her uncomfortable facts. This prompted Sommers to say, “There's a move to get young women in combat, and yet on our campuses, they are so fragile they can't handle a speaker with dissenting views.”'

Mom killed her three young sons to help her daughter, prosecutor says

Matt · 19 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'But three times was too many, in this town of 13,000, which boasts of being home to the “first concrete street in America.”

Under questioning by police, Brittany Pilkington broke down and confessed to suffocating all three of her sons by putting blankets over their heads, according to the Columbus Dispatch and the AP.

The reason for the alleged murder spree?

She wanted her husband to pay more attention to their daughter, a prosecutor said.

“In her mind, she was protecting her daughter from being not as loved as the boys were by their father,” Logan County prosecutor William Goslee told the Columbus Dispatch.

Brittany Pilkington was charged with three counts of murder and jailed on Tuesday, according to the AP. Her remaining child, Hailey, was taken into custody by a Logan County welfare agency.'

Fathers and Families New York: Pass the Safe Campus Act

Matt · 20 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Excerpt:

'Campus sexual assault has recently become the focus of extensive national attention and debate. Up until now, efforts by the government to combat this horrific crime have focused on campus disciplinary committees. Yet most Americans disagree with this approach and instead believe that campus sexual assault is a matter best handled by the criminal justice system—and for good reason. In cases where the accused student is guilty, the most these committees can do in expel someone who really belongs behind bars.

And in cases where the accused student is innocent, critical due process protections guaranteed by the Constitution are missing, running the risk of wrongful expulsion. Indeed, numerous lawsuits have been filed against schools over the last few years by students claiming to have been wrongfully expelled for an offense they did not commit.'

From Penile Cancer To Sexual Pleasure, 6 Little-Known Facts About Your Penis' Foreskin

Matt · 20 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

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'The foreskin: a highly debated part of the male anatomy that some say is an unnecessary health risk, while others consider it a vital part of the reproductive system. Most Americans choose to have their children circumcised at infancy, forsaking the foreskin to prevent a slew of health problems that some medical professionals warn about. But in recent years, many are finding the benefits of keeping your crusader caped.

While people in most countries around the world choose to keep their sons as they are when they're born, the U.S. has been the leader in performing circumcisions for non-religious reasons. That may soon be a thing of the past, however; according to a 2014 report published in *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, circumcision in America is on the decline. Researchers found that instances of circumcision decreased from 83 percent of men in the 1960s to 77 percent of men in 2010. CBS News says that currently, the average percentage of men between the ages of 14 and 59 who are circumcised represent 81 percent of the American population.

So what gives? Why has this trend suddenly been turned on its head? Well, it may be that some scientists are changing their attitudes about circumcision and finding evidence that keeping your manhood fully clothed may be less risky than we previously thought. Here's the truth, as we currently know it, regarding the foreskin.'

Legislation to involve police in campus sexual assault claims gains momentum

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'Having law enforcement involved in adjudicating campus assault claims is a key part of federal legislation that gained momentum this week with noteworthy endorsements.

The National Association of Scholars and the National District Attorneys Association have both come out in favor of the Safe Campus Act of 2015, which aims to protect the due process rights of students accused of assault or rape.

The bill comes after dozens of male students in recent years have sued their universities, alleging they were essentially railroaded by campus officials after unsubstantiated and biased sexual assault claims were lodged against them.'

Lack of campus due process could one day help an actual rapist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Due process for college students has been in the news lately, as judge after judge makes favorable rulings for students accused of sexual assault.

Naturally, those outraged over the supposed epidemic of campus sexual assault claim that due process is an impediment to justice. An accusation is as good as guilt, some activists seemingly believe.

But accused students who feel they have been wrongly vilified are fighting back, by suing the universities that expelled them and treated them as guilty from the start. They're claiming a lack of due process protections.

For instance, most colleges and universities don't allow the accused or accuser to have legal representation (some schools allow a lawyer to sit in but not speak), many schools don't even provide students with an explanation of the charges against them, or allow the accused to cross-examine his accuser. No testimony in campus courts is given under oath, yet the transcripts and evidence can be turned over to police afterward.'

California continues descent into campus sexual assault madness

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'Two more bills currently in the California state legislature would aim to address the issue. One would require all of the state's universities – public and private – to disclose what disciplinary actions were taken against students accused of sexual assault. Another bill would require universities to indicate on transcripts when a student cannot re-enroll due to a suspension or expulsion.

Some proponents of the new policies have described campus adjudication of sexual assault as an educational process, rather than a criminal proceeding. That might be true if the consequences of a finding of responsibility weren't as damaging to one's future as a criminal trial.

A student found responsible for campus sexual assault is often branded a rapist in local (and often national) media, his transcript is forever marked and his reputation is forever tarnished. And let's not forget that a finding of responsibility can be achieved on nothing more than an accusation, with exculpatory evidence and witnesses ignored and a complete lack of due process.

An expulsion with a mark on the transcript could keep him from continuing his education. When accused students have been suspended and allowed to return to campus, outrage has sometimes ensued. Colleges are now being pressured simply to expel. Expelled students — again, expelled based on nothing more than an accusation — find it nearly impossible to transfer to another school. Their education is halted, and if they can't afford an attorney to sue the university for wrongful expulsion, their lives are put on hold.

As one male student told Buzzfeed: "At first I thought they didn't want me to participate in campus activities. Then I thought they didn't want me to graduate. Now they don't want me to have a job or be part of society. Do they want me to commit suicide? Is that what they want me to do? What is the endgame?"'

Felony charges for student who admitted she made up sexual-assault claims

Matt · 21 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There are consequences for lying about having been sexually assaulted, but apparently only if the accuser first blames an unnamed stranger.

The University of Arkansas is dealing with its second false report of a student being attacked in a campus parking garage in the past year, The Arkansas Traveler reported:

"Junior Lindsey Sweetin pleaded not guilty to charges of filing a false police report at her arraignment. A court date was scheduled for Aug. 18.

Police said the false report was made March 9 after 20-year-old Sweetin claimed a man she did not know groped her in the Harmon Parking Garage on Feb. 26. Testimony from witnesses and video camera evidence could not support Sweetin's claims. After further investigation, she admitted her claims were false. …

About a year before Sweetin's report, another UA student Julia Garcia,18, filed a complaint that she had been attacked in the Garland Avenue Parking Garage. An investigation that included surveillance videos proved that the events never happened. At court, Garcia pleaded guilty and admitted she made up the story."

Had these students falsely claimed that a sexual encounter with an acquaintance was actually an assault, they almost certainly would not have been punished.
...
Meanwhile, the false accusers whose identities are often shielded by their schools, who have the power to permanently ruin the lives of the real people they slander, will continue getting away with it, because to punish them would allegedly stop "survivors" from reporting their incidents.'

CDC reference circumcision-for-STI-prevention in screening of immigrants. Comments needed by 24 Aug. 2015.

Minuteman · 21 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

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Excerpt (emphasis added):

'Internationally, most countries do not track any of the three infections; however, the few publications and records available suggest case rates have declined worldwide over the past 50 years. Declining rates of these conditions are likely due to a variety of factors. Improved living conditions, better sanitation (e.g., availability of soap and water), condom use, and educational efforts are all believed to be important factors (6, 21-23) contributing to the decline in the incidence of these infections. Improved recognition by physicians and treatment based on clinical presentation of sexually transmitted infections, coupled with treatment of sexual partners, also appears to be important in their decline. Increased antibiotic usage for treatment of other unrelated conditions may have contributed to the declining incidence of these infections. Additionally, HIV prevention strategies such as **male circumcision** may be playing a role, although definitive studies of this effect are still pending.

Given the low burden of these three infections globally, the potential introduction of additional cases into the United States by aliens is likely to have a negligible impact on the U.S. population for several reasons.'

We have several threads over at F-R.net tagged skepticism which might be helpful for researching and drafting a response.

UK: MP's fears over new guidelines on rape: How do you prove consent was given, he asks

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Article here. Excerpt:

"A row broke out last night over guidelines which would see men accused of date rape being asked to prove that a woman wanted to have sex.

As part of a major shake-up of investigations into sex offences, the Director of Public Prosecutions said it was vital to remove ‘any grey area’ to recognise situations where a woman may have been unable to give consent.

Campaigners described the move as a ‘huge step forward’ in ensuring fewer rapists escaped justice.

But critics said the guidelines threatened to undermine Britain’s long-standing principle that people were innocent until proven guilty.

Tory MP Philip Davies said: ‘It is not clear how anyone is supposed to prove that consent was given. Is the CPS really suggesting that you have to get a signed statement off someone before they have sex?

‘Nobody wants to see rapists walk free. I’m as hardline as they come on crime, but this is ridiculous. Our legal system is based on people being innocent until proven guilty and the CPS are trying to turn that on its head.’"

Cops: Guidance Counselor Victimized 16-Year-Old Male With Naked Selfies, Harvard Admission Promise

Matt · 21 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In addition to the inviting photos, cops say Feeney also promised the unidentified student that she could get him admitted to Harvard University, reports local CBS affiliate WPVI-TV.

Feeney's months-long pursuit of the student was a hard, persistent but ultimately unsuccessful slog, Chester County district attorney Tom Hogan charged.

Her quest began in 2014. There were hundreds of emails, police say. There were texts. These messages included a topless photo and other imagery of Feeney partially disrobed in various ways.
...
"If you'd… just stop fighting and let it happen, you'd be a lot less uptight and much happier," another missive said, according to investigators.

Feeney used her official Malvern Prep work email account, cops say.

Feeney kissed the teenager at one point as well.

"The defendant was extraordinarily predatory in the way she attacked this 16-year-old boy, going after him again and again and again," Hogan told WPVI.

However, it was all for naught. The teen said he repeatedly spurned Feeney's advances.

"I'm not interested in you end of story," he reportedly said. "I'm 16. I'm not into you."

Undaunted, Feeney allegedly tried the old if-you-hook-up-with-me-I-will-totally-get-you-into-Harvard trick. Specifically, said she could use her connections in the college admissions industry to get him admitted to the Ivy League school. He stood a chance at earning a spot on Harvard's swim team, she allegedly told the teen. ...

"You owe me big time," Feeney allegedly said.

That gambit also failed, the student told investigators.'

Ex-Ravens cheerleader sentenced to 48 weekends in jail in rape case

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'A Delaware judge on Friday sentenced former Baltimore Ravens cheerleader Molly Shattuck to two years of probation for the sexual assault of a 15-year-old boy, calling the case a difficult one and saying the socialite has already suffered great public humiliation.

Shattuck, who pleaded guilty to the rape charge, will serve 48 weekends in jail for the term of the probation. Prosecutors said the mother of three performed oral sex on the teenager, who attended McDonogh School in Owings Mills with her son."I take full responsibility for what I did," Shattuck, 48, said in between sobs as she stood before Judge E. Scott Bradley. "I was the adult."
...
The judge sentenced Shattuck to 15 years in prison — the maximum sentence for the charges — with all but two years suspended.

"It's not a walk in the park," defense attorney Eugene Maurer told reporters outside the courthouse. He called the sentence fair.

"(The judge) is punishing her ... while at the same time not punishing her children," he said.

Shattuck will serve her time at the Violation of Probation Center in Georgetown, Del. The sentence begins the first weekend of September.

Other charges against Shattuck were dropped in her plea agreement. In addition to her sentence, Shattuck is required to register as a sex offender in Maryland and Delaware and cannot be around anyone under the age of 18, except for her children. She will also pay more than $10,000 in restitution to the family.'

CA Sexual Assault Bill Allowing Punishment for Off-Campus Offenses Passes Unanimously

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson's Senate Bill 186 (SB 186) passed the senate floor with a unanimous 63-0 bipartisan vote on Monday.

SB 186, introduced by Jackson in February, would allow California community colleges to discipline students for off-campus sexual assault and sexual exploitation violations. The bill successfully passed through the senate and currently awaits approval by Governor Jerry Brown, who can sign it into law. University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) campuses currently have jurisdiction to expel, suspend or enact disciplinary action on students who commit sexual assault, but not the authority to punish students for incidents that happen off campus grounds.

Jackson said the bill's success was backed by the common understanding that all college students from UCs, CSUs and community colleges should be held accountable for crimes such as sexual assault.

"I think, clearly, if everyone has to meet to the same standards, there won't be the sense that someone can get away with something that another can't," Jackson said. "So there's going to be accountability, and hopefully there will be disciplinary action in both circumstances."

According to Jackson, the bill mandates punishments such as expulsion and suspension for students found guilty of sexual assault regardless of whether or not the incident happened within or outside of campus boundaries.'

Both Sides: Do colleges need more 'yes means yes' laws?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Belinda Guthrie: Sexual consent laws help prevent bad behavior

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Critics of affirmative consent argue it places an undue burden on the initiator of the sexual activity to prove that he or she had consent and violates the due process rights of the accused.

They argue that such policies will lead to an increase of false reporting of sexual assault after incidents that are, in truth, regretted sexual encounters but nonetheless consensual.

Critics also argue that affirmative consent policies are impractical and impossible to enforce and do nothing to improve the resolution of cases involving "he said, she said" arguments and cases in which one or both parties were intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.

Fundamental fairness and due process requires schools to conduct a thorough, reliable, fair and prompt investigation carried out by an experienced, trained and impartial investigator.

An inadequate investigation or the poor handling of a case by an institution does not warrant a movement away from states adopting affirmative-consent policies.

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Samuel R. Staley: Questionable laws turn sex into a police process

Rape is inexcusable and deserves to be discussed seriously, but the current nationwide push for so-called "yes means yes" laws is likely to cause more harm than good.

In brief, a "yes means yes" law puts into state statute a legally binding requirement that all parties involved in a sexual encounter demonstrate an "unambiguous, affirmative and conscious decision" to engage in voluntary sexual relations, to quote California's legislation, which passed last year.

In practice, this means getting verbal consent — an explicit "yes" — at every progressive step in a sexual act.

While this would appear to be a reasonable approach, it is both unreasonable and unworkable.'

"Title Nein from Outer Space"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The problem with nearly every government program or regulation is that it spawns a private sector industry to leach off the regulation, as well as a new constituency group to support the perpetuation or expansion of the regime.

Today's example is the egregious Title IX sexual assault protocols for college campuses, which, as noted here previously, isn't even a formal federal regulation. It proceeded from a "dear colleague" "guidance" letter from the Department of Education—an example of what legal scholars call the growing practice of "informal rule-making." It may seem informal to you, but when you're on the receiving end, with the threats and blandishments of the federal government coming at you, it seems about as "informal" as a request from Don Corleone.

The Title IX campus rules would never survive a the formal regulatory rule-making process under the Administrative Procedure Act, but the DOE's "guidance" letter was enough to generate the Association of Title IX Administrators, which exists to offer expert guidance to college administrators everywhere. (This seems to be the creature of the plainly leech-like NCHERM Group, which offers "risk-management consulting services" to universities.) They offer a premium newsletter, Title IX Today, for a mere $299 a year. Such a deal! (The email I received promoting this must-reading has the subject heading: "Title IX: Now Better than Ever!")'

Canada: Controversial men's group marches in Capital Pride

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A controversial men's issues group that has been banned from Pride Toronto's festival took part in this year's Capital Pride parade in Ottawa.

The Canadian Association for Equality has a reputation for anti-feminist views, although the organizers insist it promotes gender equality and is not meant to be radical.

CAFE's event have drawn crowds of fierce protests in the past and the group was banned from Toronto Pride Parade this year, for a second year in a row.

According to Pride Toronto's news release in June, the group failed to meet that festival's vision to "create a safe space to engage communities in the celebration of their sexuality."

The group started a local chapter based in Ottawa this year.

Justin Trottier, CAFE executive director, said the group is a "very moderate social services organization" despite its reputation.

The organizers, which include qualified counsellors and women, are focused on male-specific issues such as suicide or violence against men, and are not responsible for the radical comments, Trottier said.

Tammy Dopson, chair of the community advisory committee, said there were no complaints about CAFE participating in the parade this year.'

One year in, 'yes-means-yes' policies begin to fall apart

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It has been nearly a year since Democratic California Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law the first-in-the-nation "yes-means-yes" policy on sexual consent. Since that time we've seen more schools adopt the policy, more lawsuits from students and more rulings from judges determining the merits of campus kangaroo courts.

One recent ruling, limited in scope but broad in its potential ramifications, addressed the yes-means-yes policies head-on. Judge Carol McCoy addressed two of the biggest concerns shared by opponents of yes-means-yes — the burden of proof being shifted onto the accused, and the nearly impossible task of proving such consent was obtained.

McCoy overturned a University of Tennessee-Chattanooga ruling that a student accused of sexual assault failed to prove he did obtain consent. Of course, such proof could not be obtained, as there are very few ways — and even fewer legal ways — to provide such proof.

"Absent the tape recording of a verbal consent or other independent means to demonstrate that consent was given, the ability of an accused to prove the complaining party's consent strains credulity and is illusory," McCoy wrote.'

While women overseas face true oppression, Western feminists dream up petty hashtags

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'She had posted a satirical cartoon on Facebook to protest proposed legislation to restrict birth control and women's rights. Farghadani has since been found guilty of "spreading propaganda" and "insulting members of parliament through paintings." She has been sentenced to 12 years in prison.

Farghadani is one of millions of women whose basic rights are being ruthlessly violated. In countries like Iran, Yemen, Egypt, and Cambodia, women are struggling for freedoms most women in the West take for granted.

But American feminists are relatively silent about these injustices — especially feminists on campus. During the 1980s, there were massive demonstrations on American college campuses against racial apartheid in South Africa. There is no remotely comparable movement on today's campuses against the gender apartheid prevalent in large parts of the world. Why not?

Today's young feminist activists are far too preoccupied with their own supposed victimhood to make common cause with women like Farghadani.'

Scotland: Willie Rennie eyes women-only Lib Dem shortlists

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'SCOTTISH Liberal Democrat leader Willie Rennie is to seek to change his party's rules to allow women-only shortlists for parliamentary selections.

Mr Rennie said he had "lost patience" with the current system and would take steps to address the gender imbalance within his party at its spring conference.

The party was criticised after its only female MSP, Alison McInnes, lost out to former MSP Mike Rumbles at the top of the party's north-east Scotland regional list for next year's Holyrood election.

Similar proposals have been rejected by the party in the past but Mr Rennie said the time was right for a "fresh start".

He has pledged to lead a working group to look at measures to increase representation of Liberal Democrat women in Holyrood, Westminster and Brussels.'

"Women make better politicians" -- again

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Queensland premier Anna Bligh kicked off the topic by answering a viewer's question about whether she would advise young women to pursue a career in politics.

She said women needed to persist longer to be selected as leading figures in politics.

"We need the best and brightest. And to get the best and brightest, we need just as many young women to put their hands up as young men, to stay in the political parties long enough to get preselected and go through those sorts of jobs," she said.

Ms Bligh said despite the brutality of being a woman in Australian public life, she would not discourage young females to make this as their career choice.
...
Former federal independent MP Tony Windsor went one step further in saying women made better politicians than men, praising Julia Gillard for her role as the first Australian female prime minister.

"I think women — I'm generalising here — but I think women tend to make better politicians than the men," he said.'

Australian Senate Inquiry: "Economic security for women in retirement"

Minuteman · 25 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Readers interested in making a submission (comment) can do so until 30 October 2015. Excerpt:

'a. The Senate notes that, although women's increasing workforce participation has contributed significantly to Australia's economic productivity and to women's financial independence, significant socio-economic disparity remains between men and women, illustrated by the pay gap between men and women which sits at 18.8 per cent and the gap in superannuation at retirement is 46.6 per cent; and
b. the gender retirement income gap be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting day in March 2016, with particular reference to:
i. the impact inadequate superannuation savings has on the retirement outcomes for women,
ii. the extent of the gender retirement income gap and causes of this gap, and its potential drivers including the gender pay gap and women's caring responsibilities,
iii. whether there are any structural impediments in the superannuation system [impacting on the superannuation savings gap],
iv. the adequacy of the main sources of retirement income for women, and
v. what measures would provide women with access to adequate and secure retirement incomes; including:
A. assistance to employers to assist female employees' superannuation savings,
B. Government assistance, with reference to the success of previous schemes, and
C. any possible reforms to current laws relating to superannuation, social security payments, paid parental leave, discrimination, or any other relevant measure.'

RS at it again: "America Has a Rape Problem"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is that what you mean when you say in the book that "every American boy is at risk of growing up to become a rapist"?

"When I say that, I mean that American boys are all growing up in the same rape culture, so they're growing up with this incredible sense of entitlement to women's bodies. Boys are taught that sex is their right – it's on demand, basically – and that girls will resist, and their job is to overcome that resistance. Instead of teaching them about respecting girls as fellow human beings, they're taught that girls are sexual organs.

A culture that devalues girls and women gives social cover to people who want to rape. You don't know which boy is going to be the one who says, "I'm going to go for it." (And it almost always is a boy. There are cases of women raping both other women and men, but men are predominantly the perpetrators, regardless of the gender of the victim.)

So when I say that every American boy is at risk of growing up to become a rapist, I mean that we don't know which young boy is absorbing this message of entitlement. People like to think, "My child would never…" or, "I'm such a good parent." But when you see things like campus rape stories – your typical rapist is someone who knows their victim, someone who the victim trusts at least a little bit – that is the child of someone who thought their child would never do that."'

The Fainting Couch at Columbia

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But the initiative signals something more worrisome than just Columbia's distorted priorities, according to this refusenik. "People like me might be losing the right simply to be silent, to be left alone," he writes. "For the first time I, along with anyone else remotely willing to dissent, am not even being allowed to stay quiet and keep my opinions to myself. The initiative implies that agreement with the ideology—indeed, with a university-mandated code of sexual ethics—is actually required for attendance at this institution."

In fact, the sexual-respect initiative never challenges the regime of drunken hook-up sex. To do such a thing, of course, would not be "sex-positive." Rather, the initiative simply assigns wildly asymmetrical responsibilities and liabilities within that regime, consistent with the current practice of college administrations everywhere.
...
This second reading is unthinkable in today's university, however, where the male is always responsible for regretted couplings, and the female a wilting victim. If this sounds like a resurrection of Victorian values, that's because it is, but with one major difference: The modern college co-ed retains the prerogative of unbounded promiscuity (think: "sex-positive"), while also retaining the right to revert at will to a stance of offended innocence.'

SAVE: Four Rulings, Four Reversals: Judges Give ‘Thumbs Down’ on Campus Sex Tribunals

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'In four recent cases, judges have overturned sexual assault findings by campus disciplinary committees. In each case, the judges ruled the college proceedings lacked necessary due process protections. As the new academic year begins, these judicial decisions highlight the need for renewed focus on fairness in college sex assault cases, SAVE says.

In the most recent case, federal judge Norman Moon ruled that Washington and Lee University created a climate of gender discrimination that served to “railroad” students who are wrongly accused of sexual assault. The judge concluded the university’s bare-bones adjudication process “plausibly support a Title IX claim” by the plaintiff. See Doe v. Washington & Lee Univ.: https://d28htnjz2elwuj.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/06171146/Opinion-on-MTD.pdf

In a landmark case, Judge Carol McCoy ruled that the affirmative consent standard used by the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga was unfair because the rule “erroneously shifted the burden of proof” to the defendant, robbing the student of his due process rights. McCoy noted that “requiring the accused to affirmatively provide consent… is flawed and untenable if due process is to be afforded to the accused.”https://kcjohnson.files.wordpress.com/2013/08/memorandum-mock.pdf

In mid-August, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert H. O’Brien barred the University of Southern California from expelling Bryce Dixon, a football player who was expelled on an allegation of sexual assault. The judge found that that the university’s sexual assault adjudication process was fundamentally unfair to accused students: http://reason.com/blog/2015/08/13/judge-stops-usc-from-expelling-football

And in July, Superior Court Judge Joel Pressman overturned a decision to suspend a University of California-San Diego student based on an allegation that consent for sex had not been obtained. Concluding “the hearing against petitioner was unfair,” Judge Pressman found serious procedural flaws in the university’s handling of the case: http://documents.latimes.com/uc-san-diego-sex-assault-case-ruling-doe-vs-regents-uc-san-diego/

“The presumption of innocence and due process lie at the very heart of notions of fairness and justice,” notes SAVE spokesperson Sheryle Hutter. “Universities that flaunt these standards can expect to become the focus of judicial scrutiny.”'

Wardrobe malfunctions and double-standards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As you probably already know, Lenny Kravitz recently experienced a pretty extreme wardrobe malfunction. The 51-year-old rocker was wearing leather pants while performing in Stockholm, and during a particularly impassioned squat with his guitar, his pants ripped, resulting in his entire groin region being exposed. Yes, the whole block and tackle fell out, and people photographed it.
...
There are a lot of tricky factors to this case. As many have noted, it's somewhat similar to the time Apple's iCloud service was hacked and hundreds of celebrities (mostly women) had their private nude photos splashed all over the internet, including Jennifer Lawrence and Gabrielle Union. It's also similar to crotch-level paparazzi photos that caught Lindsay Lohan and Anne Hathaway sans panties. Many argue that Kravitz's case is different because he was on stage, and when you're on stage you recognize that there will be people snapping photos.
...
But I think the biggest distinction between these cases is that this non-consensual photo is of a man. And somewhere, deep inside, most people don't think that men deserve privacy or the right to give consent.

For any person willing to look at this photo of Lenny Kravitz's genitals, an important question must be pondered: If a woman's leather pants ripped on stage and her entire vulva were exposed, would you click through to see? Would you share the photos, stories, and godforsaken GIFs gleefully on your Facebook page? My guess is that most women and men who call themselves feminists or pro-feminist would not want to participate in that. So why aren't we more upset about this?'

Study suggests method for predicting men who may kill their spouses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The psychological and forensic profile of men who murder their intimate partners varies from murderers who kill people they don't know, a study published online Friday in the Journal of Forensic Sciences suggests.

The study, conducted by scientists at Northwestern University, involved more than 1,500 hours of interviews with 153 male and female murderers charged with and/or convicted of first-degree murder in Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Colorado and Arizona.

"You learn a lot about them in that amount of time," lead author Robert Hanlon, director of the forensic psychology research lab at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, said in a news release. "I saw the same patterns and trends over and over again."

"The findings provide important information that may help prevent future domestic homicide because they help identify individuals at risk of committing domestic murders, added Hanlon, who is also an associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Feinberg and a neuropsychologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and who testified in the James Holmes Colorado theater mass murder trial in Denver in July. "The killers in this group are very similar to each other and different from men who commit nondomestic murders, which are often premeditated."'

State assemblywoman charged with trespass and indecent exposure during domestic incident

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Maryland politician was busted on charges of indecent exposure and trespassing at her ex-husband's house, court documents show.

Delegate Ariana Kelly flipped out when she dropped off the couple's kids in Bethesda and realized her former spouse's fiancee was home,the Washington Post reported.

The 38-year-old state lawmaker rang the doorbell over and over during the June 27 encounter, and then pulled out her breasts, according to the complaint.

The Montgomery Democrat stood "with one breast in each hand (shaking) them up and down," according to the documents obtained by the Washington Post.

Kelly's ex-husband, Barak Sanford, recorded the bizarre episode on his cell phone and called police, authorities said.'

U of Minnesota to roll out revised 'affirmative consent' policy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At the University of Minnesota, yes now officially means yes.

The U's revised "affirmative consent" policy on student sexual relations will roll out next week, in time for freshmen to begin arriving on campus for Welcome Week Sept. 2-7.
...
Critics of affirmative consent say it places an unfair burden on the accused. The policy has been implemented at schools across the country during the past year. But this summer, courts in Tennessee, California and Virginia have criticized it in cases where students accused of sexual assault didn't receive due process.

"What the court said is that you cannot require someone to prove that consent was manifested, particularly in a typical date-rape situation where there is no other evidence and where it often comes down to he-said, she-said," said John Banzhaf, a law professor at George Washington University.'

Yale’s latest report on its sexual-misconduct investigations shows more curiosities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yale is reporting not only on cases brought forward since Jan. 1, but also providing updates on past cases.

In one example, one of the school’s Title IX coordinators “brought a formal complaint alleging that a [Yale College] student engaged in sexual touching without consent.” Upon further review, the school “did not find sufficient evidence to support the allegation,” but continued to maintain no-contact restrictions on the cleared student.

On other occasions, accused students did not even get a hearing, receiving punishments directly from Title IX officers.

On one occasion, a student accused another of inappropriate sexual touching but decided to not go forward with the case. Without any adjudication of the allegation’s merits, the Title IX coordinator “counseled the one identified respondent on appropriate conduct and referred the respondent for training on sexual consent.”'

S. Africa: Uncircumcised boys reportedly targets of bullying

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision is supposed to be a rite of passage, but a new study by World Vision has confirmed the fears of many that some boys are subjected to abusive and bullying practices.

The charity's study, In the Name of Culture: Forced Initiation in Orange Farm South Africa, which was carried out in Orange Farm, south of Johannesburg, found that boys who do not go, or do not complete initiation, are picked on and excluded.

"For example, fellow students will take away their chairs and won't allow them to use the school bathrooms unless they pay a fee," World Vision said a statement.

Paula Barnard, national director of World Vision SA, said society is not acting cohesively or fast enough to deal with illegal initiation schools.'

Late night TV host surprised by frank discussion about circumcision

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Jeff Goldblum had his son circumcised, but didn't hold a bris — the ceremonial Jewish circumcision ritual — he told Conan O'Brien, when Conan asked. Instead, he and his wife and their pediatrician, a former New York Met, sang "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the procedure. Goldblum asked Conan and sidekick Andy Richter if they had circumcised their sons, and Richter took the bait.

Richter did not have his son circumcised, and that's only the tip of the personal iceberg he shared. O'Brien stayed out of the debate, only jumping in occasionally to let everyone know how uncomfortable he was with the turn of the conversation. "With my son, as I told the doctor, I said, 'He was born perfect — why change him?'" Richter said, to appreciative murmurs from the audience. "So, what I'm saying is, you've mutilated your child," he added, good-naturedly ribbing Goldblum. Goldblum said that Ricther was probably right, and Conan took the opportunity to wrap up the debate. ...'

Paternity Fraud: If A Man Grows Close To A Child He Finds Out Is Not His, Should He Still Provide For Them?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the United States, paternity fraud is recognized and handled as a criminal offense. It happens more often than we think and is often done in an attempt to obtain higher child support benefits than can be provided by the biological father. Or better yet, to hide infidelity. It's a messed up situation, however, in Nigeria, cases like these are often swept under the rug and rarely result in legal action. Culturally, West African fathers often care for their children as well as children born out of wedlock, children from extramarital affairs, and children from a different father if they are in a relationship with the mother. A majority of the cases have more to do with creating a stable family for the children regardless of if he's the real father or not. In Nigeria and other African countries, it's also not uncommon for some women to marry for status even if they already have children, and it is also not uncommon for men to have several women with whom they have children with. As for the way things play out Stateside, it's much different. Men and women are less likely to care financially for a child who isn't theirs biologically. Being a key figure or positive role model in a child's life is one thing, but being mandated by courts into child support is another, and questions fairness. But it happens all the time. Just ask the singer Ne-Yo, who was forced to pay child support for a boy his ex-girlfriend made him believe was his own–until a DNA test cleared things up:

"In the state of California, if you put yourself out there as the father, the mother can then come after you in court like you're the biological father," Ne-Yo told VH1. "So we settled out of court for what I thought was an ungodly amount of money. Shortly after that, Jesseca and Chimere vanished."'

Manspreading: why does the 'man' prefix always mean something awful?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Question: What's the one thing that's more annoying than men who sit with their legs too far apart on public transport?

Answer: the word used to describe it.

Manspreading might be a silly made-up word to explain the selfish male practice of splaying oneself in an antisocial manner on a bus or train carriage (or even chat-show sofa), but it has now been recognised by the online Oxford dictionary.
...
But what is particularly irritating about manspreading is that it is one of seemingly countless modern words to adopt the prefix "man-". And none of them reflect well on men.

Those three simple letters can turn almost any noun, verb or adjective into something rude, sexist, vulgar, pathetic, vain or childish, as the list below demonstrates.'

"Murder is the second most likely way for women to die at work"

Matt · 28 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Remember: It's only a problem if it affects women, and then only as it affects women. Excerpt:

'Many people work at dangerous heights, or with deadly chemicals or crushing equipment. But, as the gruesome killing of reporter Alison Parker and cameraman Adam Ward reminded us Wednesday, murder happens surprisingly often on the job. Out of nearly 4,600 workplace deaths in 2013, 9 percent were caused by homicides, according to the census of workplace deaths by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It's a pattern that disproportionately affects women. After car accidents, homicide is the most likely way for women to die at work, representing 21 percent of workplace deaths. Men, on the other hand, are more likely to die many other ways. Murders represent 8 percent of workplace deaths for men, preceded by car accidents, falls and contact with objects and equipment.

Overall, more men are murdered on the job than women. But that's because more men are killed on the job overall. Women do more than 40 percent of the work hours in this country, but represent 7 percent of workplace deaths, according to the census of workplace deaths. So more dangerous types of work result in 13 men dying on the job for every woman who dies.'

Columbia U seeks to end lawsuit by accused student in mattress case

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Columbia University on Friday asked a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit by a recent graduate who said it allowed a student who accused him of rape to harass him by carrying a mattress around campus in protest, even though the school had cleared him of the allegation.

In a filing in Manhattan federal court, Columbia said the discrimination lawsuit by the plaintiff, Paul Nungesser, suggested that the school had an obligation to silence his accuser, Emma Sulkowicz, from speaking publicly about sexual assault on college campuses, an issue of national concern.

Nungesser in April sued Columbia and visual arts professor Jon Kessler, who oversaw Sulkowicz' senior thesis "Mattress Performance (Carry That Weight)," in which she drew national attention by carrying a mattress around the campus in Manhattan's Morningside Heights. Columbia's president, Lee Bollinger, was also named as a defendant.

"What plaintiff asks this court to do is to second guess the kinds of decisions made by professors and administrators at Columbia in applying disciplinary and academic policies, respecting free speech, and preventing sexual misconduct, as Columbia did in good faith here," Columbia said. "This court cannot and should not accept plaintiff's invitation to do so."'

Rape culture and the crisis of intimacy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When spiked's law editor Luke Gittos decided to write a book on 'rape culture' he must have known it was likely to cause him a lot of trouble. Gittos is a privileged, white, London-based, (possibly cis-gender) male lawyer who claims no experience of forced sex. His book could not be more of a challenge to the current zeitgeist.

Hence, there will be those who say his privileged, white maleness disqualifies him from speaking out on the issue of rape, and that this book, Why Rape Culture is a Dangerous Myth: From Steubenville to Ched Evans, is a 'mansplaining' display of insensitive arrogance by someone with no sense of women's experience. Others will probably be tempted to dismiss any man who writes a book challenging 'rape culture' as an attention-seeking controversialist intent on provoking feminist fury. The publisher should probably have issued a Twitterstorm alert.

But such attempts to dismiss the relevance of Gittos's arguments would be mind-numbingly stupid. Because, despite his gender and background (neither of which are his fault), Gittos has produced a useful and intelligent analysis that clarifies and makes sense of an issue that has become very muddled.

Gittos's tightly written polemic argues against the accepted view that we live in a society in which misogyny and everyday sexism have created a so-called rape culture, in which rape is pervasive, underreported and ignored. He does not believe that the police and the law courts are failing women by failing to convict rapists. On the contrary, Gittos argues that the obsession with a 'culture of rape' has seriously distorted our view of sexual violence, and that the expansion of laws to protect women is eroding areas of privacy and inviting state regulation of our most intimate affairs.

This is dangerous for us all – not just men who may find themselves dragged into court following a sexual encounter they believed was consensual. Gittos holds that the drive to prosecute (and improve conviction rates against) more and more people has dangerous implications for the fundamental principles of justice, and for basic freedoms. The situation as things stand, he maintains, does no one any favours: it undermines society's ability to deal adequately with extreme assault, and it undermines our ability to live intimately with one another.'

Yes, women are also better home-builders, too

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Article here.

'The Department of Human Settlements said women in construction build better quality houses than men.

Deputy Minister Zou Kota-Fredericks hosted a Women in Construction Summit yesterday under the theme 'Women in Construction Taking South Africa Forward'.

Kota-Fredericks said she's pleased to see women enter the male dominated industry.

“The ones that are built by woman normally are of good quality, because the women are normally in terms of detail. They've got a high acumen. They make sure the product that they give us as government is a quality product.”

Kota-Fredericks said the department is on track to build 1,9 million houses by 2019.'

British Socialist's Latest Idea: Women-Only Train Cars

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Article here. Excerpt:

'British politician Jeremy Corbyn proposed reinstalling female-only train cars on Wednesday as a solution to a reported increase in sexual harassment on public transit. The candidate for the Labour Party's leadership post also proposed a 24-hour hotline so women can report perceived sexual offenses as soon as they occur.

Rail carriages reserved exclusively for women existed on British trains for nearly 100 years, until 1977; until now, no public figure as high-profile as Corbyn, who has developed a reputation for proposing radical solutions to social problems, has talked publicly of reviving the practice.'

Congresswoman Speier's Gender Equality Summit: Title IX For Pro Sports?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"There's a reason why we have Title IX, which is now over forty years old," California Congresswoman Jackie Speier said in an interview today. "There's a reason why we put the spotlight on inequality that exists in women participating in sports."

Now Speier wants to focus that spotlight on the world of professional sports, starting with a summit on gender inequality this Wednesday, August 25, at Mercy High School in her home district of San Francisco.

You may remember Speier as being one of several legislators in an official letter from Congress to chastise FIFA for unequal prize money, lack of equal developmental opportunities, and inferior playing conditions in the wake of the Women's World Cup. At the time the letter seemed ambitious, but it seems to have caught some attention at FIFA's headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland. Speier and company received a reply from FIFA last week.'

UK: Women in their 20s earn more than men of same age, study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women in their 20s have reversed the gender pay gap, but their earning power is still overtaken by men later in life. Figures compiled by the Press Association have shown that between the ages of 22 and 29, a woman will typically earn £1,111 more per annum than her male counterparts.

Using data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS), PA analysed the comparative earnings of men and women between 2006 and 2013. Statistics for 2014 have yet to be verified and were excluded.

While younger women in their 20s came out top in the earning stakes, the story was vastly different for workers in their 30s. A man turning 30 in 2006 would have brought in on average £8,775 more than a woman of the same age.'

No More Double Standards for Women in the Military

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, two female Army officers and West Point graduates made history when they successfully passed Army Ranger School, known as one of the most physically challenging and difficult leadership schools in the military.

Not only is this a phenomenal personal accomplishment, but they have paved the way for other women to advance in the military hierarchy. While a proud nation congratulated the women on their incredible achievement, it demonstrated how outdated and discriminatory the Selective Service law is.

As the Selective Service law stands now, only men, within 30 days of their 18th birthday, must register with the Selective Service. This means that in the event that the U.S. needs a military draft, these men would be called up and selected through a lottery.

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As a society that celebrates equality, we can't undermine the meaning and advances that have been made throughout our history by accepting selective equality. We can't pick and choose when we want things between men and women to be equal. Women are now on the brink of serving in ground combat jobs. They have been critical for success on the battlefield. It's time that they share the responsibly of protecting our nation if the time comes.'

Sailor still imprisoned despite court victory in Navy rape case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Navy enlisted man whose rape conviction was reversed six weeks ago remains imprisoned in South Carolina, caught amid the military's accelerating campaign against sexual assault.

Now, in an unusual move, attorneys for Airman Dustin M. Clark are urging the same military appeals court that threw out his 2014 conviction to order his immediate release. The 23-year-old Missouri native has already done too much time for a crime he didn't commit, his attorneys say.

"It's outrageous," David P. Sheldon, one of Clark's attorneys, said in an interview. "They're making sure he stays in jail."

It's rare for a military appeals court to reverse a conviction because of "factual insufficiency," as the U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals did with Clark's conviction July 14. This means the appellate judges thought prosecutors failed to prove their case

The government, though, apparently wants to keep Clark incarcerated at the Naval Consolidated Brig Charleston in South Carolina pending further review, a process that Sheldon estimates could last as long as 10 months.'

India: Nearly half of all rape charges false, say cops

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After two recent cases, one of alleged rape and another of gang-rape, turned out false cases, police are in a quandary. Policemen refusing to file cases in such matters can be charged under Section 166 of IPC (public servant disobeying law), which attracts punishment of a year in prison.

IG Meerut zone, Alok Sharma said, "From January 2014 to May 2015, 400 dowry-related cases were filed in Meerut Mahila thana. Of those, in 122 cases, rape charges were slapped against either the husband or his relatives. In 30% of such cases, rape charges were made." He said he smelt something suspicious in the high numbers of women bringing rape charges.

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Unwilling to be quoted in the matter, a senior police officer said, "Almost half all cases of rape are turning out false. Renowned lawyer KK Pahwa corroborated this opinion. "Just about half the rape cases end up genuine ones," he said, adding that the matter is grave, since marital discord is often reported as a case of rape against relatives of the husband.

Pahwa said, "Women are taking to levelling charges of rape in a bid to humble opponents. In 2014, the Allahabad HC, in its 'Shaukeen Vs State' verdict, said the police could not arrest a man immediately, even if the offence he is alleged to have committed attracts punishment of up to seven years in jail. That is why lawyers have struck on a new strategy -- they include Section 376 of IPC (rape) along with 377 (unnatural sex) or at times even 276 D (gang-rape). These sections call for immediate arrest. If convicted of crimes under these sections, the person may end up in jail for the rest of his life."'

Malecare: A Unique Prostate Cancer Awareness Raising Event for Our Guys

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Malecare Prostate Cancer Support is launching a new prostate cancer awareness campaign called, TOPOFF, (http://topoff.org/) drawing attention to the need for better diagnostics, better treatments and better understanding of prostate cancer. There are many ways to build awareness. We think the hardest way is to expose yourself, to put your body on the line and say to the world, this is who I am. I matter. Fighting Prostate Cancer matters.

We take our cue from female Breast Cancer survivors who post selfies of themselves, bald because of their chemo treatment. We are equally bold, brave and honored by our treatment choices and desire to raise awareness about our disease.

Part's One and Two of the TOPOFF Prostate Cancer Awareness Campaign begins now!

Part One of TOPOFF asks men diagnosed with prostate cancer and their allies and supporters to take photographs (selfies) of themselves with their shirts off, upload them to http://topoff.org or email them to: topoff@malecare.org

Both print and broadcast journalists have already expressed interest in the TOPOFF campaign and prostate cancer. So, take your selfies and send'em to topoff@malecare.org Your name and identifying info will Not be attached to your photo.

Part Two of TOPOFF asks for 3-5 men to volunteer to be profiled, with your names attached. We will take high end, editorial style pictures of you for TOPOFF. We will then create an accompanying article on each of you and your journey with prostate cancer.

You need to be willing to be photographed with your shirt off, share your story in a professional interview and allow us to use your name in the media. You can be one of the men who also share a picture on the TOPOFF website.

Please consider this truly unique approach to building prostate cancer awareness. If you are willing to be in Part Two, Contact me right away, by email: darrylm@malecare.org

Many thanks in advance for considering this. Please spread word about TOPOF.org though your social media, too. Here's to our success in raising prostate cancer awareness with TOPOFF.

Please feel encouraged to contact me with any questions or comments.

Very best regards,

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Due process goes to school

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Announcement here. Description:

'America's universities are much more than classrooms: they are four-year residences for many students. Unfortunately, crimes do take place on college campuses, including sexual assault. In response, colleges and federal bureaucrats have developed various laws and regulations designed to protect students. While this impulse is laudable, sometimes the results are not. Some college administrators have adopted questionable procedures that appear to favor the accused and have put political correctness above the rights and interests of the accused and the need to engage in a legitimate search for the truth.

Join us as three distinguished advocates discuss these issues. How prevalent is campus sexual assault? What is the appropriate way to deal with alleged victims? How can we make sure that the rights of the accused are also respected, so that travesties of justice like the Duke lacrosse case and the Rolling Stone rape hoax are not repeated?'

Courts, Not Campuses, Should Decide Sexual Assault Cases

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Announcement here. Description:

'High-profile cases have recently put campus sexual assault in the spotlight. One question that has repeatedly come up: why are these cases being handled by campuses at all? Title IX requires that every school receiving federal aid must take concrete steps to deal with hostile environments and sexual assault. This leaves colleges and universities with the task of figuring out what policies and procedures to enforce. Proponents say that campus investigations serve a real need, forcing schools to respond to violence and protecting the interests of victims in ways that the criminal justice system may fail. Can schools provide due process for defendants and adequate justice for victims, or do these cases belong in the courts?'

Michigan court says juveniles can be raped and abused in prison

Matt · 30 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine a scenario where children are raped, abused, and neglected, yet the court refuses to address the problem or hold those responsible accountable.

Seems crazy? Well, welcome to Michigan.

In yet another example of America's disturbing incarceration traditions, Michigan imprisoned a number of 17-year-old juveniles with adults, and prison guards and other staff did a terrible job of providing these children sufficient monitoring and protection. These kids were raped and abused by other inmates and even sexually assaulted by guards.
...
This week the court made a shocking decision, as you can read below.

A Michigan appeals court dismissed the case on a minor procedural technicality, one that did not warrant or require the court to dismiss. And, if that wasn't bad enough, the court decided to also address the substantive claims—and ruled against the children. ...'

Paternity fraud a national problem

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'Countless children go through life not knowing the true identities of their fathers. Shame on their mothers. And shame on the U.S. court system that, more often than you realize, forces child support on men with no DNA connection.

These false establishments of paternity, as they are called, happen in courts across the country. Our broken family court system is intent on getting someone – really anyone – on record as being responsible for the children so the state won't be.

The result? Circles of victimized people.

First, the child who is denied the truth about who his or her biological father is, any hereditary diseases they may develop, their heritage, extended family and inheritance rights.'

University Police remove notices of alleged sexual assault on campus

Matt · 30 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Notice how the article remains written in a way to suggest that the facts reported in it remain irrelevant. It quotes a nervous female student talking about how scary such reports are (and indeed, they are) and that a campus-wide alert system should be in place -- right on the heels of the reported fact that this was a false report. Talk about ignoring reality! Excerpt:

'Arkansas State University alerted students Friday night about a possible sexual assault that allegedly occurred on campus Wednesday, but took down the notifications Saturday evening.

According to the news release, University Police were notified that a student was held against her will and sexually assaulted by an unknown male in a vehicle parked by the Red Wolf Recreation Center.

The alleged incident was believed to have happened at 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 26.

Police made the decision to remove the notifications after the information provided by the victim didn't add up with other facts.

They believed the incident did not happen and that there is no suspect.

Students around the recreation center said they do have concerns after seeing the notifications when simply walking across the street.'

Why should ‘manspreading’ be just for men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, the term “manspreading” was added to the online Oxford Dictionary. It made the news and I felt surprisingly pissed off about it. On the way to work, I counted three women participating in fine examples of “manspreading”. Ever since I was a teenager, it has always irritated me that sitting with your legs open was seen to be the preserve of men. It seemed to be based on the outmoded assumption that women always wear skirts and that even in trousers they should be making themselves small and polite in public spaces. In an admittedly minor rebellion, I started to sit like that too.

Of course, I don’t think anyone should ever stop someone else from sitting on a train because they need space for their own knees, but frankly when there’s room, it’s pretty comfortable to sit with your legs open. Just be good-mannered about it. Then yesterday’s win for the term “manspreading” made me think that even when a man or woman is doing it in an irritating way, when the body language isn’t exactly endearing, the word describing this seated position has become unnecessarily gendered.

There are obviously bigger feminist battles to be fought and I write this very aware of the brilliantly feminist roots of “manspreading” and the need to highlight an action men feel entitled to and women often feel they can’t do. Squishing women on the tube isn’t cool. Other man-prefixed words work the same way.'

The big lie behind the campus-rape crusade

Matt · 30 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What happens when the statistical basis for a massive, nationwide legislative push crumbles into dust? Absolutely nothing, if the subject is sexual assault on campus.

This year, more than half the states in the country considered legislation dealing with sexual assault on college campuses. California and New York enacted affirmative-consent policies, Connecticut and Virginia announced new laws intended to prevent sexual violence on campuses and last year President Obama created a task force designed to deal with what liberal political elites claimed was a startling rise in sexual assault.

But the very studies these politicians relied on don't say what they have claimed — yet the "yes means yes" juggernaut rolls on.

A study by prominent psychologist David Lisak, "Repeat Rape and Multiple Offending Among Detected Rapists," has been used by the federal government, schools and activists to justify policies slanted against the accused.

The report purportedly showed campus rapists as serial predators. "This report analyzes the most recent, reliable data about rape and sexual assault in our country," Obama pronounced. The recent documentary "The Hunting Ground," a film about campus "rape culture," relies heavily on Lisak.'

California lawmakers approve equal pay protections for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'California's state Assembly on Thursday approved legislation aimed at closing the wage gap between women and men through what proponents describe as the strongest equal pay protection in the nation.

The bill by Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara, would let female employees challenge pay discrimination based on the wages that the company pays to other employees at different locations. They could also base challenges on wages the company pays to other employees who do substantially similar work.'

Nestle accused of using slave-caught fish in cat food

Matt · 31 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nice to see some exposure in something like the MSM. Will it make prime time news? I doubt it. But it should. Excerpt:

'Swiss food giant Nestle is being sued in the United States for allegedly knowingly allowing its Fancy Feast cat food to contain fish from a Thai supplier that uses slave labor.

Pet food buyers who filed the class action lawsuit on Thursday in US federal court in Los Angeles seek to represent all California consumers of Fancy Feast who would not have purchased the product had they known it had ties to slave labor.

According to the lawsuit, Nestle works with Thai Union Frozen Products PCL to import more than 28 million pounds (13 million kilograms) of seafood-based pet food for top brands sold in the United States, and that some of the ingredients in those products came from slave labor.

Men and boys, often trafficked from Thailand's poorer neighbors Myanmar and Cambodia, are sold to fishing boat captains who need crews aboard their ship, the complaint said.

It spoke of shifts of up to 20 hours a day with little or no pay, and beatings or even death if the work is deemed unsatisfactory.

"By hiding this from public view, Nestle has effectively tricked millions of consumers into supporting and encouraging slave labor on floating prisons," said Steve Berman, managing partner of the Hagens Berman law firm.'

To The Contrary takes on today's campus situation

Matt · 31 August 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Available on YouTube here. Ashe Schow is part of the panel. The topic starts at time mark 8:28.

UVA president blames feds for response to Rolling Stone debacle

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Article here. Excerpt:

'University of Virginia President Teresa Sullivan blamed federal privacy regulations for her school's failure to debunk the Rolling Stone gang-rape story.

Those regulations did not stop her from treating innocent people as rapists, however.

Sullivan, speaking to the Richmond Times-Dispatch, said the school couldn't counter the Rolling Stone article about a now discredited accusation of a brutal gang rape because of a law known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

"The university couldn't say it wasn't true because of FERPA," said Sullivan, referring to federal student privacy law. "And the only reason I can say it to you now is because there's a police chief's report, which is not FERPA-protected."'

Queens woman gunned down lover before lighting the body on fire in front of her kids

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Queens woman sporting nine fake fingernails told cops she wasn't with her boyfriend when he was shot to death in his left side early Saturday. But the lie fell apart — leading to her arrest Monday — when a sharp-eyed detective noticed her one naked digit.

"On his body we find a fingernail and we noticed that when we talk to his girlfriend she's missing a fingernail," Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce said. "We take her back into custody, we start speaking to her, and she makes admissions she actually killed him."

After the murder, police say Dawn McIntosh, 46, of Long Island City, enlisted the help of her son and daughter to carry Sh-Ron McWhorter's body to a car. He was too heavy, so McIntosh tried to burn the victim's body to mask the crime. The mom was charged with murder, criminal possession of a weapon and tampering with physical evidence.

Firefighters doused the blaze, but the 43-year-old Brooklyn man couldn't be saved. Police identified McWhorter by the "Sugar Sha" tattoo on his left arm, sources said.

McWhorter's heartbroken mom called McIntosh "a stalker" and said her son wanted nothing to do with the accused killer. Wiping away tears, she said she turned 67 on Monday and her son always remembered her birthday.'

Due process group distributes warning flyers to campus men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To combat wrongful accusations of sexual assault on college campuses, a pro-due process group is distributing flyers meant to prepare young men for potential expulsion.

The organization, Families Advocating for Campus Equality has already begun distributing the flyers on California campuses, where "yes means yes" consent policies were adopted last year. The policies purport to make clear what is and isn't consent, but make it impossible for accused students to prove their innocence and in fact redefine normal human actions as rape.

"This flyer was created by a small group of California mothers of sons, including some whose sons have been falsely accused, to raise awareness of the propensity of college and university disciplinary panels to find male students guilty of sexual misconduct, often with no evidence except the accuser's claim, and frequently in the presence of tangible evidence to the contrary," said Cynthia Garrett, an attorney and board member of FACE.'

America's Boys: A Bunch of Budding Little Rapists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is an excerpt from a *Rolling Stone* interview with the author of a new book on rape culture, *Asking for It*. Since it is *Rolling Stone*, of course there is a kind of shill factor. The publication has no credibility—about anything, really, but about rape issues for certain. The book and the attitude it represents, however, are both real. From "America Has a Rape Problem—And Kate Harding Wants to Fix It":

`Is that what you mean when you say in the book that "every American boy is at risk of growing up to become a rapist"?

``When I say that, I mean that American boys are all growing up in the same rape culture, so they're growing up with this incredible sense of entitlement to women's bodies. Boys are taught that sex is their right – it's on demand, basically – and that girls will resist, and their job is to overcome that resistance. Instead of teaching them about respecting girls as fellow human beings, they're taught that girls are sexual organs.

A culture that devalues girls and women gives social cover to people who want to rape. You don't know which boy is going to be the one who says, "I'm going to go for it."`` `

America's boys. Just a bunch of budding little rapists.

And I do wonder, what does the mother of the 15-year-old boy who was groomed and raped by his friend's mother, a former NFL cheerleader who got 48 weekends of jail, think of that?

Duped ‘Dads’ Aren’t the Only Ones Hurt by Paternity Fraud

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The result? Circles of victimized people.

First, the children who are denied the truth about who their biological fathers are, the hereditary diseases they may develop, their heritage, extended family and inheritance rights.

Then there is the innocent man and his family. They are robbed of hard-earned cash and emotional well-being, living with an unfair court order — one that demands compliance for as long as 18 years — takes a terrible toll.'

Prosecutors: 2 Former Day Care Workers Ran ‘Fight Club’ For Kids Aged 4-6

Matt · 1 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two New Jersey women faced charges Monday for allegedly staging a “fight club” among boys and girls at a day care center, Union County prosecutors said.

As CBS2’s Christine Sloan reported, investigators said the former day care workers – Erica Kenny, 22, of Cranford, and Chanese White, 28, of Roselle – referenced the movie “Fight Club” as they encouraged preschoolers and kindergartners to fight each other on the playground at Lightbridge Academy in Cranford last month.

“About a dozen children — boys and girls between the ages 4 and 6 — just fighting; throwing each other to the ground; hitting each other,” said Union County Prosecutor Grace Park.

Kenny allegedly shot video of the fights and sent them to a group of people on the app Snapchat, prosecutors said.

“Most parents would be astonished by the behavior,” Acting Union County Prosecutor Grace Park told WCBS 880’s Jim Smith.

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Prosecutors said the former workers staged the fights for pure pleasure. Neighbors of defendant White were stunned.

“It’s unbelievable – God, it’s unbelievable,” said the Rev. James Smith.

“She was very nice, but you don’t really know anybody, really,” said neighbor Betty Farinelli.

The two women have been fired.'

Sousa: “It feels that I have my rights back”

Mastodon · 2 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Francisco Sousa returned to San Diego State’s campus Wednesday, speaking to media at the Conrad Prebys Student Union about the conclusion of his sexual assault case and impending lawsuit.

“It feels that I have my rights back,” Sousa said in an interview with The Daily Aztec. “It feels that I have what I should have had from day one, which (would) be (to be) able to enter freely a campus which I traveled halfway around the world to be (at).”

On Tuesday Sousa confirmed to The Daily Aztec that his suspension from SDSU had been lifted, but that he had no interest in becoming an SDSU student again.

Sousa was suspended for violating Title IX, a federal law prohibiting sexual discrimination on college campuses. He was accused of sexually assaulting a woman at a party last December and was arrested on Dec. 9 for false imprisonment and forcible oral copulation of a female. Those charges were later dropped in February.'

"Why Aren't More Women Reaching The Top Of College Sports?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amy Huchthausen: Women are generally more empathetic and compassionate to people, (although not necessarily caretakers) and so they may look deeper into things when making decisions than men do. The richer experience and perspective you have, the better leader you become. Women have to navigate a different environment and that will impact their personal constitution, and that gives them a different perspective.

Lynn Hickey: I wouldn't say they lead differently, but I do think women can think differently. Women are multi-taskers and think out of the box a little bit more than their male counterparts. I think at times my brain can be like chicken wire in that it is interconnected to all of the things that are going on. In my opinion, women aren't as one track in their thinking. Also, women's level of empathy can be greater than men's, although it doesn't necessarily make us more emotional or gentler in decision making and dealings. It just seems to make them better at serving as a mediator/collaborator when it comes to highly contested issues.

Heather Lyke:I don't think of myself as a female leader, just as a leader in collegiate athletics. When you are hiring people, you are always looking for specific traits and skill sets, regardless of whether they are a man or women. Leadership is not defined by your gender but rather your leadership styles which have to vary given different situations and circumstances. In general terms, women are often more perceptive of what is going on in the lives of those around them. They are in-tune with people outside the workplace, and that helps them be more humanistic and understanding at times.'

Vanderbilt Women's Center to Lecture Men on 'Healthy Masculinities'

Mastodon · 3 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Vanderbilt University's Women's Center will be hosting a week-long event dedicated to lecturing men about what it means to have "healthy masculinity."

The "Healthy Masculinities Week" is sponsored by Vanderbilt's Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, which claims to be devoted to "Celebrating Women" while "Empowering All."

The mission of the Women's Center is to affirm a "space for all members of the Vanderbilt community that acknowledges and actively resists sexism, racism, homophobia, and all forms of oppression while advocating for positive social change."
...
"Healthy Masculinities Week" hopes to encourage men to "[e]xplore healthy masculinity through various lenses," such as "American society, the gay and bisexual community, fraternities, and more."

The first event as part of the "Healthy Masculinities Week" is called, "The Macho Paradox: Why some men hurt and how all men can help." The title is a reference to a book by Jackson Katz, who is a self-proclaimed "anti-sexist activist" and the speaker for the event.'

California makes ‘aggressive’ push to combat campus sexual assaults

Mastodon · 5 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Advocates argue that the campus system is a crucial alternative to provide some form of justice for victims who may be afraid to report to law enforcement, don’t want their parents to find out, or want action taken sooner than can occur in a lengthy legal process.

“That doesn’t mean she shouldn’t be entitled to other accommodations with classes or not have to see the accused,” said Sandra Henriquez, executive director of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault. “She still should have the right to have all of the support and have the campus help her to complete her education.”

A backlash is growing, however, from critics who worry that schools are supplanting the criminal justice system with unfair tribunals that run roughshod over the accused. They point to proceedings run by faculty and administrators, a lower “preponderance of the evidence” standard for finding guilt, and a lack of fundamental legal protections like the right to a lawyer.

Those arguments gained traction in July, when a judge overturned the suspension of a UC San Diego student found guilty of sexual assault by a university panel because he was not allowed to confront and cross-examine his accuser.

“At the end of the day, you have an amateur trying to figure out if a rape has occurred,” said Joe Cohn, legislative and policy director for the Foundation for Individual Rights, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit that advocates for free speech and due process at universities. “The better approach would be to make sure predators are actually removed from society and are in jail.”'

Voices Against Violence launches program to includes men in sexual assault conversation

Mastodon · 5 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Voices Against Violence, a group affiliated with the Counseling and Mental Health Center, launched a new program Thursday aiming to include male-identified individuals into the conversation of sexual and domestic violence on campus.

With it's first event, "This is Men's Work," the program, MasculinUT: The Healthy Masculinities Project, hosted a panel of speakers which included Michael Messner, professor of Sociology and Gender at the University of Southern California, as well as UT faculty members and Student Government representatives.

"We intentionally pluralize masculinity because we want to explore the different facets of what it means to be a man in our world," said Erin Burrows, outreach specialist for Voices against Violence. "One of the things we really landed on was most violence was committed by men but most men aren't violent, so how do we fill that gap and really work with men to engage other men in this conversation?"

Messner said he thinks younger generations of men identify with feminist values but don't necessarily use the label as an identifier because of a millennial disinterest in ideological labels.'

Quentin Letts accuses the women revolting over 'manspreading' on trains of being hypocrites

Mastodon · 5 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Chaps, we are under attack. It is time to man (and I mean ‘man’) the defences. In yesterday’s Femail magazine, writer Ginny Dougary accused us of space-hogging — of taking up too much room, particularly in railway carriages.

The problem has become so common that the Oxford Dictionary now has an approved term for it: ‘Manspreading’.

Ginny described (with, it has to be said, rather brilliant gusto) how men plonk themselves down on train seats and thrust wide their beefy thighs. She was so fed up with this behaviour that she was declaring war. Her article was illustrated by a photograph of one man sitting beside three women. Whereas the ladies sat with their knees together or petitely crossed, selfish old Captain Groin had his upper legs as wide as a skier’s snowplough.

As with many gross slanders, Ginny’s article contained a grain or two of truth. Yet that picture was by no means ‘the whole truth and nothing but the truth’.

If it had been, it would have shown certain other objects, would it not? It would have shown the women’s clutter.

Where were their numerous handbags? Where were their coats and wheelie-cases and Filofaxes and half-full Costa coffee cups with smears of lipstick on the rim? And where, if you can illustrate such a chirruping nuisance, was their incessant, temple-denting chatter?'

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Wikipedia on Quentin Letts here.

Clinton rallies around gender appeal

Mastodon · 6 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a state with a history of electing women to its highest offices, and on the 20th anniversary of her famous speech in Beijing, where as First Lady she declared “women’s rights are human rights and human rights are women’s rights,” Hillary Clinton defined the entire economic agenda of her 2016 campaign as a women's issue.
...
“Raising the minimum wage is a women’s issue,” she said. “Holding corporations accountable when they gouge us on drug prices, pollute our environment or exploit workers are women’s issues.”

Corporations profit-sharing with their employees, college affordability, and creating a pathway to citizenship for immigrants, she added, were all women’s issues, too.'

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Also see: Hillary Clinton takes aim at rivals but has no qualms about playing gender card

'Remarks About Physical Appearance' Considered 'Sexual Violence' in Rutgers Student Survey

Matt · 7 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new survey of Rutgers University students reinforces the idea that one in four college women will be victims of sexual assault... but only if you don't look at the study too closely. Zoom in and you'll find the same problems that plague so much research about sex crimes on college campuses, from defining violence to include rude comments to failing to differentiate between an unwanted kiss and forcible rape.

The Rutgers survey—conducted by the school's Center on Violence Against Women and Children at the request of the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault and the Department of Justice—was carried out last academic year at the state school's New Brunswick campus, attended by about 42,000 students. Around 10,800 students completed the online survey; the majority were undergraduates (80 percent) and women (64 percent).

Rutgers used definitions of sexual violence and sexual assault based on material from the White House task force. "'Sexual assault' and 'sexual violence' refer to a range of behaviors that are unwanted by the recipient," notes a school summary of survey findings, "and include remarks about physical appearance, persistent sexual advances that are undesired by the recipient, threats of force to get someone to engage in sexual behavior, as well as unwanted touching and unwanted oral, anal, or vaginal penetration or attempted penetration."'

Columbia Wants Judge To Toss Suit by Emma Sulkowicz's Accused Rapist

Matt · 7 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Columbia University on Friday asked a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit by a recent graduate who said it allowed a student who accused him of rape to harass him by carrying a mattress around campus in protest, even though the school had cleared him of the allegation.

In a filing in Manhattan federal court, Columbia said the discrimination lawsuit by the plaintiff, Paul Nungesser, suggested that the school had an obligation to silence his accuser, Emma Sulkowicz, from speaking publicly about sexual assault on college campuses, an issue of national concern.

Nungesser in April sued Columbia and visual arts professor Jon Kessler, who oversaw Sulkowicz' senior thesis "Mattress Performance (Carry That Weight)," in which she drew national attention by carrying a mattress around the campus in Manhattan's Morningside Heights. Columbia's president, Lee Bollinger, was also named as a defendant.

"What plaintiff asks this court to do is to second guess the kinds of decisions made by professors and administrators at Columbia in applying disciplinary and academic policies, respecting free speech, and preventing sexual misconduct, as Columbia did in good faith here," Columbia said. "This court cannot and should not accept plaintiff's invitation to do so."'

Would You Rather Be a Man or a Woman Facing a Sexual Assault Trial?

Matt · 7 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"She admitted in court to having sexual contact in 2009 with two boys who were age 10 and 12 at the time, Smith-Norton said. The sexual contact came to light in late 2014 after the boys stepped forward and talked to authorities. They told police the sexual contact began in 2005, when they were about 6 and 8 years old, according to Talent police."

That full story is here.

Three hundred and sixty-six years in prison:

"A Victorville man is facing 366 years in prison after being convicted of sexually assaulting a little girl for [two] years beginning when she was only 6, the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office announced Tuesday."
...
That full story is here. Compare the offenses, ages, and timelines to the sentencing, and the rhetoric.

When these discrepancies come up in the news, most see a male/female gender bias for the criminals, which is certainly there. As a mother of a son, however, I see a lack of respect for the little boys. The 6- and 8-year-old little boys were violated just a surely as the 6-year-old little girl, only the boys' attacker got a relative slap on the wrist.'

Differing Definitions

Matt · 7 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For years, advocates pressing colleges to do more to prevent campus sexual assault -- including the White House -- have cited a 2007 statistic that claims one in five female students experiences a sexual assault in college.

That statistic, based on a survey of only two colleges, has been questioned for as long as it has been cited, with a particularly strong backlash emerging in the last year. But, by broadly defining sexual assault in a way similar to the 2007 study, a number of surveys at individual campuses in recent months have started to reach the same conclusion. The most recent research to bolster the statistic comes from Rutgers University at New Brunswick, which was asked by the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault to pilot a climate survey developed by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The university announced the results of the survey today, and provided a list of recommendations to the White House about how to better implement it.'

NZ: Circumcision cut from public funding, people put off by cost

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The strict criteria for publicly-funded circumcisions has seen fewer procedures carried out in the Waikato.

Over the last four-and-a-half years, 403 males received a publicly funded circumcision, with more than half of those patients aged five years and under.

Waikato Hospital Services executive director Brett Paradine said policy does not allow paediatric surgeons to perform circumcisions for religious or cultural reasons.

"We are confident as we can be without a manual search of all records, that the circumcisions that have been done have been done for clear medical indications, often as a necessary part of other surgery."

K'aute Pasifika nurse Maiotele Lowen said circumcision is common among the Samoan community but it was more of a religious practice as opposed to a cultural practice.'

US House Hearing Sept. 10: “Preventing and Responding to Sexual Assault on College Campuses”

Matt · 7 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Hearing notice here. Excerpt:

'Sep 10, 2015

The hearing is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. in room 2261 Rayburn H.O.B. Witnesses to be announced.'

Malnourished two-year-old found being breastfed by dog in Chile

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A malnourished two-year-old boy has been rescued by Chilean police after he was found being breastfed by a neighbour's dog.

A witness saw the dog, called Reina, feeding the boy on Thursday at a mechanic's workshop in the desert port of Arica, more than 1,000 miles north of the capital, Santiago, according to police.

The boy was also suffering from a skin infection and lice infestation, according to 24Hora.cl.

Captain Diego Gajardo told The Associated Press that the child was released from hospital on Friday and is under the care of child welfare authorities.

He added that the mother of the child arrived at the hospital drunk, but that she has not been placed under arrest because there had been no physical harm to the boy.'

Recent story-creation issues resolved

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If you recently had problems creating a story to submit ("Forbidden" error), these should now be resolved. If you continue having such problems, drop me a note at admin-at-mensactivism.org.

Better data needed on sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A study regularly touted by numerous media outlets (not to mention the White House) says 1 in 5 women will be sexually assaulted on her college campus before she graduates.

Let me say that another way.

If you believe this finding and you're a female college freshman, then you must accept that you have a 20 percent chance of being sexually assaulted in the next four to six years.

Twenty percent.

That's greater than the likelihood of a woman being diagnosed with breast cancer (1 in 8) in her lifetime.

And if true, it would make college campuses one of the most dangerous places for women in America today.'

Feminist research fellow: Put all men ‘in some kind of camp’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an interview with the website radfem collective, founder of the group Justice for Women and research fellow at the University of Lincoln Julie Bindel says that she would “put … all [men] in some kind of camp where they can all drive around in quad bikes, or bicycles, or white vans.”

She also says that heterosexuality won’t survive “unless men get their act together, have their power taken from them and behave themselves.”

From the interview:

"I mean, I would actually put them all in some kind of camp where they can all drive around in quad bikes, or bicycles, or white vans. I would give them a choice of vehicles to drive around with, give them no porn, they wouldn’t be able to fight – we would have wardens, of course! Women who want to see their sons or male loved ones would be able to go and visit, or take them out like a library book, and then bring them back.

I hope heterosexuality doesn’t survive, actually. I would like to see a truce on heterosexuality. I would like an amnesty on heterosexuality until we have sorted ourselves out. Because under patriarchy it’s shit."'

NZ politician: We'll take the women and children, but male Syrian refugees should 'go back and fight'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The New Zealand First leader, a long-time immigration critic, backs the Government's emergency intake of 600 refugees from the war torn country, but with a controversial condition.

"I think we can do better, but we can't while we've got mass immigration," Mr Peters said.

"If we are going to do it, let's take the women and children and tell some of the men to go back and fight for the country's freedom like we are."'

An Emma Sulkowicz timeline

Matt · 8 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Emma Sulkowicz is an American arts student, born in New York in 1992, who gained media attention for carrying a mattress around campus to highlight what she saw as Columbia University's lack of action to remove her alleged rapist from the campus.
...
The relationship progresses to "friends with benefits". In the spring of 2012 they have sex twice, the second time, according to Nungesser, includes anal sex, which Nungesser has not experienced before. Sulkowicz said she had tried before with other men and enjoyed it.

One of the main reasons their relationship does not become deeper was that Sulkowicz had previously been having sex with Nungesser's close friend, known as John Doe. While Nungesser is back home inGermany for the summer, she messages him that she had tested positive for an STD (Chlamydia) after having having drunken sex at a party with John Doe, and his best friend Joe.'

LA Unified board unanimously approves girls-only STEM school

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Thanks to an unanimous vote by the LA Unified school board yesterday, the district will become the first in California in a decade to open a girls-only traditional public school.

The approval of the the school was anti-climactic in that the board had already approved it by a vote in April, but at the time needed to still secure a waiver from the state Department of Education, which it now has.

The vote dedicates over $231,000 for the district to convert a traditional classroom building at Los Angeles High School in the Mid-Wilshire neighborhood into the new Girls Academic Leadership Academy. The school, which is scheduled to open next fall with space for 450 students, will begin with students only in 6th and 9th grades and will grow one grade level each year.'

Wake-up call: Boys are falling behind in school, college, careers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a recent ranking of the states on women's equality, Maine garnered high marks for a relatively small gender gap when it comes to college degree attainment. But these high marks are misleading: The education gap in Maine is small because too few men have college degrees.

WalletHub, which ranks states based on many different sorts of data, ranked Maine sixth in the country for gender equality based on three measures: workplace environment, education and political representation. The education ranking included two subcategories: the percentage of residents over age 25 with a bachelor's degree or higher and math scores.

Maine tied for first with Alaska, Hawaii, North Dakota and Vermont for the smallest gap between the percentage of men and women with bachelor's degrees or higher (these states' gaps were actually negative, because more women than men have degrees). All of these states boast percentages of college-educated women that beat the national average of 28.7 percent, according to 2013 census data, which WalletHub used for its comparisons. But in three of these states — Maine, Alaska and North Dakota — a below-average percentage of men have bachelor's degrees. In Maine, 26.9 percent of men over 25 have bachelor's degrees, compared with 29 percent of women. In 2013, the national average for men was 29 percent.'

Men missing from workforce may not come back

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Millions of workers who dropped out of the job market during the last economic slump were supposed to jump back in once things turned around. But more than six years after the recession ended, the missing millions are increasingly looking like they're gone for good.

The nation's labor participation rate – defined as the share of the working-age population that is either working or looking for work – hasn't budged from a 38-year-low of 62.6 percent this summer. And most experts don't see an upswing on the way.

The reasons include the nation's aging population, swelling ranks of people on disability and the changing nature of jobs. But one of the biggest factors has to do with men in the prime of their work lives, particularly those with less education.'

Britain's top family judge rules that a single father has no rights over his own son

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A single man's fight to be recognised as the sole parent of a surrogate baby boy that he paid to have born in America has been rejected by a leading High Court judge in a unique test case.

The British man, who cannot be named, paid a US agency £8,000 - and a surrogate mother more than £20,000 - in his bid to become a father.

The unnamed one-year-old boy was conceived using the man's sperm and a donor egg and he has been recognised as the child's father in the state of Minnesota.

But that held no sway with Britain's most senior family judge, the President of the Family Division, Sir James Munby, today in court.

Whatever the position in America, the judge said English law emphatically recognises the surrogate mother as the child's only legal parent.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 dictates that only 'two people' - effectively a couple - can be officially recognised as the parents of a surrogate baby.'

California lawmakers seek nation's first 'Yes means Yes' high school sexual assault training

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Lawmakers on Friday sent Gov. Jerry Brown a "Yes means Yes" bill that backers said would make California the first to bring the sexual assault training to high schools.

SB695 requires school districts to teach sexual violence prevention as part of their health curriculum if health education is required to graduate.

The bill by Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon and Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson follows legislation last year requiring all colleges receiving public funds to adopt a so-called affirmative consent standard for investigating assault allegations.

The bill would specify that students be informed about the "Yes Means Yes" law.

"By teaching our youth about assertive consent and healthy relationships, we will be building a strong foundation — strong foundation for our young men, our young women, a strong foundation for our schools, a strong foundation for our community so we can understand, so we can learn about what sexual assaults are all about," said de Leon, D-Los Angeles.'

Colleges can't win when it comes to campus sexual assault complaints

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It doesn't seem to matter what a college does when responding to a sexual assault accusation — they are always wrong. That's according to the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, which investigates colleges and universities for alleged Title IX violations.

In a recent ruling against Michigan State University, OCR determined the school had violated Title IX because it took too long — four days — to remove accused students from their dorms. The fact that the students weren't immediately evicted from campus, even though an investigation hadn't even started, was also evidence of a violation.

OCR looked at two complaints, from students identified as Student A and Student B, to determine MSU was in violation of Title IX. While OCR mostly found "insufficient evidence" to support the complaints of the two students, what the agency found the university in violation of seemed like nitpicking.'

College Promises to Punish Hecklers of Mandatory Play

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'A iberal arts college in North Carolina is pledging to identify and potentially punish students who heckled a play about sexual assault the college forced them to attend.

"It Stops Here," an original play produced by students at Greensboro College, was first performed last Wednesday before a crowd of students, but the performance didn't go as planned. According to people at the play, members of the audience frequently heckled the cast and shouted sexually explicit remarks.

"Many of the boys started calling out 'She wanted it, it's not rape,' and making masturbation noises," stage manager Claire Sellers told a local news station. Sellers said the remarks were so excessive that cast members "became physically ill and vomited after the show because they were so vulgar."

Notably, though, the hecklers do not appear to have been invading the performance to disrupt it. Rather, attendance at the play was mandatory for all incoming freshmen at Greensboro, as well as for some older student-athletes who were required to attend by coaches.'

"My warning to incoming and returning college students"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As classes begin at colleges and universities across the country, incoming and returning students need to be keenly aware of the current culture surrounding sex on and off campus.

First and foremost, students can assume that they have no constitutional due process rights on their college campus, even in public institutions. One might think that they do, as those rights are guaranteed under the Constitution, but the truth today is that when you step foot on that campus you live by their rules.

That is because college campuses are now responsible for their own criminal justice system, thanks to an interpretation of a federal law. While colleges would never be expected to adjudicate a murder, they are now expected to adjudicate accusations of sexual assault. And the marching orders from Washington suggest that the goal of such adjudications should be to punish accused students, truth be damned.

And these campuses are not bound by the presumption of innocence or the rules of evidence or any other basic legal concepts. These days, an accusation almost ensures a finding of guilt and an expulsion. And the evidence used to justify the expulsion is becoming flimsier and flimsier.'

Of frogs and misandry

Matt · 9 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Seems anything can be turned into an opportunity to bash on men. Excerpt:

'Dating is getting a whole lot harder in suburban frog ponds.

In a new study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers David Skelly and Max Lambert sampled hundreds of frogs from Connecticut ponds and found that males are disappearing. And they aren't just being born at lower rates than females — they're actually becoming female.
...
Now, I know what you're thinking: Poor lady frogs! How are you supposed to find a boyfriend if all the guys are disappearing? It's hard enough to be a fly-eater and now you're telling me there's a serious dude shortage. Well, lady frogs. I come to you with a message of hope: Life without males could actually be an improvement. Think of a problem real quick. Let's say … climate change. And who do we have to blame for that? Henry Ford comes to mind. Also the CEOs of oil companies, most politicians, and whoever thought up capitalism in the first place. Basically, a bunch of men. Now, how about the Syrian refugee crisis? Whose fault is that? That would be one Bashar Hafez al-Assad, otherwise known as A MAN. Same thing for dog fighting, deforestation, homelessness, the European debt crisis, and the fact that my street always smells like piss. There's a dude behind it all. Lady frogs, consider yourselves lucky. Got room in there for one more?'

Hungary: Camerawoman trips up fleeing migrants

Matt · 9 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article and video here. "Women are naturally more compassionate than men," saith the feminist. Ugh.

'A Hungarian camerawoman has been sacked after apparently tripping up migrants.

They were trying to escape from a collection point in the village of Roszke near the Serbian border, in Hungary.

Hungary's N1TV, who she worked for, said in a statement that an employee had shown "unacceptable behaviour".'

MEPs call for free, gender-equal public education for all children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Even though women now make up the majority (60%) of higher education graduates in the EU, they are still less paid for their qualifications than men and are underrepresented in management positions, science and engineering. To encourage more women to take up science, technology, engineering and mathematics, MEPs call for equal access measures and the use of information and communication technologies from pre-school education onwards.
...
Members call on EU member states to encourage girls and boys to take an equal interest in all subjects beyond gendered stereotypes, stressing the role of positive female role models in schools, universities and science.
...
Furthermore, Member states could consider making age-appropriate sex and relationship education compulsory in all primary and secondary school curricula, to teach girls and boys about relationships based on consent, respect and reciprocity, MEPs suggest.

To combat discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, MEPs urge the Commission to support the inclusion of objective information on LGBTI issues in school curricula. to fight gender-based violence, discrimination, harassment, homophobia and transphobia, in all their forms, including cyber-bullying or online harassment, says the text.'

Dear stores, What about the boys?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dear Gap,

I'd like to take a minute to introduce you to my son. He's a bright 11-year-old who wants to go to MIT when he grows up. He plays guitar and piano. He has a kind heart and sometimes gives up his birthday presents in lieu of dog and cat food for our local animal shelter.

This year, when we were school shopping at your store, he said something that made me want to write to you. After much shrugging and dragging his feet, he picked a few things out to buy. This is not usual behavior for my son. He enjoys buying things whether they are clothes, a remote helicopter, or a new graphic novel.

But when we finally reached the cashier, my son quietly said to me, "I guess boys are insignificant."

I thought I misheard him and bought the clothes, but then he enlightened me: He nodded towards the girls' side of the store. I'm ashamed to admit I hadn't even noticed the advertisements. Three large prints of beautiful young girls were advertised as future engineers, athletes, and musicians. I explained to my son that Gap is trying to encourage girls; they are trying to make girls feel like they can do anything. In essence, Gap is trying to empower the women of the future.

Then he motioned to the boys' side of the store. There was one advertisement of a boy in Gap clothing. His future was not projected. And, frankly, there were very few clothes for him to choose from.'

UK: Lawyer accused of sexism after complimenting barrister on 'stunning' LinkedIn picture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 57-year-old lawyer was accused of “unacceptable and misogynistic behaviour” after he sent a barrister half his age a LinkedIn message complimenting her on her “stunning picture”.

Alexander Carter-Silk was named and shamed on Twitter by 27-year-old human rights lawyer Charlotte Proudman who posted her reply to the message online.

He has since apologised for the message, in which he told Ms Proudman he was “delighted to connect”, adding “I appreciate that this is probably horrendously politically incorrect but that is a stunning picture !!!”

The lawyer, a partner at international firm Brown Rudnick continued: “You definitely win the prize for the best Linked in picture I have ever seen.
...
Her response, which prompted praise on social media, read: “I am on linked-in for business purposes not to be approached about my physical appearance or to be objectified by sexist men.'

10-year-old autistic boy kept in cage at school

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Photos have emerged of the cage installed in an Australian classroom to hold a 10-year-old boy with autism.

The two-metre by two-metre cage made out of blue fencing, which has a self-closing door and latch, was built in a Canberra classroom on March 10 and removed 17 days later. It was dismantled after the education department was made aware of the "inappropriate structure."

The installation of the cage made national headlines at the time, and an investigation was launched by the Australian Capital Territory's (ACT) Education Directorate. This led a to a report, released Tuesday, which stated the construction was an isolated incident and it was decided by one individual, the principal of the school, who hired an external party to carry out the work.'

SAVE: Law Professors Voice Concerns Over ‘Affirmative Consent’ Policies for Sex

Matt · 9 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'A growing number of legal scholars are expressing concerns over affirmative consent policies that some universities are considering for implementation. The concerns follow recent passage of laws in California and New York mandating such policies on college campuses.

This past week, Tamara Rice Lave of the University of Miami law school wrote on her blog, “I have a problem with legally requiring affirmative consent. I don’t see how making a person prove that her partner consented doesn’t switch the burden of proof to the accused…I find this trend to be extremely troubling.” http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2015/09/affirmative-consent-and-switching-the-burden-of-proof.html

Nadine Strossen, former president of the American Civil Liberties Union and current professor at New York Law School, recently noted, “These affirmative consent rules violate rights of due process and privacy. They reverse the usual presumption of innocence. Unless the guy can prove that his sexual partner affirmatively consented to every single contact, he is presumed guilty of sexual misconduct.” http://news.hamlethub.com/ridgefield/events/48981-former-aclu-president-nadine-strossen-will-be-the-keynote-speaker-at-wcsu-s-constitution-day'

Education Department Harms Innocent Colleges and Students through Illegal Title IX Mandates

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Education Department, where I used to work, is becoming more and more extreme in how it interprets and applies federal law. Sometimes this comes at the expense of colleges: as a task force of college presidents recently noted in a report to the U.S. Senate, the Education Department frequently makes up new legal mandates out of thin air under the bogus pretense that they are required by some statute, and then imposes them on colleges, without even going through the notice and comment required by the Administrative Procedure Act.

Sometimes, its overreaching comes at the expense of individual people. The Education Department has thumbed its nose at court rulings by creating entitlements for people who make false discrimination and harassment complaints—even though such baseless complaints can make life miserable for the victims of such false allegations (and cause serious problems for the institution they work for or attend).'

Australia: Position Vacant - Men & Families Worker (northern Adelaide, SA)

Minuteman · 10 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Dad's Business operates in the Playford Council area and has a strong community development focus. It aims to foster environments where all young children can have optimal developmental opportunities for their physical, social and emotional growth.

The support offered includes ante and postnatal sessions for young parents and fathers, parenting and activity groups for fathers only, and with their children, and some community event participation and facilitation with a focus on wellbeing messages for fathers and families.

The role involves liaising with community, including Aboriginal community, to ensure that the program meets the needs of the Playford population.

The successful applicant will have strong child development knowledge, including an understanding of the importance of play. Proven experience in engaging vulnerable families, group facilitation and a community development background would be desirable.'

Another lopsided congressional hearing on campus sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Senate committee that handles education issues held a hearing this summer on campus sexual assault that didn't feature any advocates for due process or rights for accused students.

Those advocates had to submit testimony for the record, rather than have the opportunity before a national TV audience to explain the plight of students falsely accused of assault.

Its House counterpart's higher education subcommittee is holding a hearing tomorrow on campus sexual assault that at least features one advocate of due process, Joe Cohn of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.

But the rest of the witness list suggests he'll be in the minority.'

The Return of the Sex Wars

Mastodon · 10 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last summer, the Harvard law professor Janet Halley sat down at her dining-room table to look through a set of policies that her university created for handling complaints of sexual assault and harassment. Halley had taught this area for years, and she was interested to see what the university came up with. The new rules were released amid pressure from student-led groups of rape survivors and their advocates, who demanded that schools across the country do more on behalf of victims. Harvard was also responding to years of calls for change by the Obama administration. Just eight months earlier, Valerie Jarrett, a senior presidential adviser, called for a “more victim-centered” campus approach to dealing with the problem of sexual assault.

But as Halley read the new rules, she felt alarmed — stunned, in fact. The university’s definition of harassment seemed far too broad. She worried that Harvard’s new rules would not be fair to the accused. She thought of a case she wrote about years earlier, in which a military serviceman was discharged because another serviceman complained that the man had looked into his eyes for too long in the mailroom.'

We need to stop telling ourselves that women and children are the only refugees who matter

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'David Cameron has now pledged to take in 20,000 refugees from Syria over the next five years, and singled out vulnerable children and orphans. This wasn't limited to one side of the political spectrum. Before his announcement, the former Labour Home Secretary David Blunkett called on the Government to take 25,000 refugees over the next sixth months, and said that Syrian women and children should be given priority.

So far this hasn't proved controversial – everyone seems to agree that young people and women require the most attention. But we must be careful not to forget that this is a humanitarian issue, and one that affects an entire population. Otherwise, the message we're sending is that the lives of Arab men do not matter.

If our humanitarian sympathies are only summoned in response to children and families, then we risk dehumanising Arab men. This only helps to reinforce a history of Western misrepresentation, in which Arab men are viewed as dangerous, uncivilized, barbaric, and incapable of reason. This might not seem immediately obvious from their absence in the media's coverage. But the invisibility of the Arab men allows these ideas to insidiously fill the gaps, sometimes even subconsciously.'

McCaskill: Senate with majority of women will mean better government

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'Women will one day outnumber men in the Senate and when that happens, government will work better, Sen. Claire McCaskill said Wednesday.

And if women want to succeed in politics, they need to get over the “disease to appease” and be hyper strategic, the Missouri Democrat told a crowd of about 150 students at George Washington University. One thing they don’t have to do? Give up plans to have a family.

“I have not been a perfect mother, but the notion that you cannot do this job and be a mother is just BS,” McCaskill said.

Marine study finds all-male infantry units outperformed teams with women

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'A Marine Corps study that found all-male ground combat units more effective than teams that included women has raised new concerns about the Pentagon's push to open all jobs to women next year.

A summary of results released Thursday from the unprecedented study showed that all-male ground combat squads were faster, stronger and more lethal in most cases than units that included women.The women also suffered higher injury rates during physically demanding training.

The Marine Corps and other services face a deadline the Pentagon has set for requiring military branches to open all specialties to women, including infantry and special operations forces, beginning next year.

The services have until the end of this month to request an exception to the order for some occupations.

The Marine Corps has not yet said whether it will request a waiver, but the study's results are likely to fuel a growing debate over including women in ground combat jobs.'

Want More Women In IT? Drop the Geek

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'Two studies done by the University of Washington show that one potential impediment to girls becoming IT pros is the "geek" stereotype of the IT pro, especially in the classroom.

A study conducted at the University of Washington and published in the Journal of Educational Psychology in August showed that girls might actually choose not to take introductory computer classes because the rooms in which they are conducted might be too "geeky." For the study, 269 14- to 18-year-olds were shown photos of two classrooms. One room had Star Trek and videogame posters on the walls and other "geeky" decor. The other had posters of art and landscapes on the walls and live plants in the room. Other than the decor, the rooms were identical.'

Dem Rep. on Campus Rape: Better to Expel More Students, Even if 80% Are Innocent

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'During a House Education and Workforce Committee hearing, Democratic Congressman Jared Polis said that even if a whopping 80% of accused campus rapists are innocent, it was still better to kick them all out of school.

“I mean, we’re talking about a private institution,” he said. “If I was running one, I might say, ‘Well you know even if there’s a 20-30% chance that this happened, I would want to remove this individual.”

Freedom for Individual Rights in Education policy director Joseph Cohn responded by telling Polis that the sort of standard he was discussing would be highly unlikely to pass the due process requirements that public universities must legally abide by.'

Contact info for Rep. Polis is here. Feel free to let him know what you think of his position.

Campus sexual assault hearing applauds witch-hunt mentality

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'At a congressional hearing on campus sexual assault, Colorado Rep. Jared Polis suggested that expelling students based solely on the idea that they might have committed a crime is an acceptable standard. And the hearing audience applauded him.

Polis, a Democrat, was discussing due process and standards of evidence as they apply to colleges and universities adjudicating sexual assault. Currently, colleges must be only 50.01 percent sure that an accusation is valid before punishing an accused student (more on that later). Polis began advocating for allowing colleges to use a lower standard than that.

"I mean, if there's 10 people that have been accused and under a reasonable likelihood standard maybe one or two did it, seems better to get rid of all 10 people," Polis said. "We're not talking about depriving them of life or liberty, we're talking about their transfer to another university."

For this, the audience applauded.'

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Also see: Rep. Jared Polis Thinks Colleges Should Be Able to Expel Students When They're Only 20% Sure a Rape Happened

Students carrying mattresses, wearing red ‘X’s’ protest sexual abuse on college campuses

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'Last week on the Northern Kentucky University campus, a female student carried a mattress on her back around the campus to call attention to her issues with how the university dealt with a sexual assault complaint.

Today, at noon, a group of students organized a peaceful protest, urging a demonstration to support survivors of sexual and domestic violence.
...
A flyer distributed to encourage student participation suggested carrying a mattress, a pillow or other symbol and the taping of a red X on clothing to show support. The flyer added, “Domestic abuse, sexual assault, and rape have all been an alarmingly large part of American society, particularly on college campuses. Society blames the victims, so the victims can often be driven to self-harm and suicide. . .This peaceful protest is a way to give a HUGE middle finger to the perpetrators of these crimes, many of which may in fact share classes with us.”'

Intel Cuts $300M in Jobs, Research, Education and Talent... to Fund Fashionable Feminist Nonsense

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'A pressing dilemma is troubling the budget departments of Intel, the chip and microprocessor giant. Should they invest in STEM education, to cultivate the next generation of American geniuses? Or should they blow all their cash on finding people with the right skin colour and genitals?

It shouldn't be a difficult choice. But apparently it is. The company recently announced that it's pulling $6 million in sponsorship for the Science Talent Search, just months after memos leaked to the Oregonian indicated that they'd have to slash budgets by $300 million across business groups.

Does that $300m number sound familiar? It should: it's the same amount Intel pledged "diversity" efforts, including the widely derided Feminist Frequency, just a few months ago.

It would seem that pointless, hand-wringing political gestures have become more important to Intel than cultivating scientific expertise in America and Israel. Maybe we shouldn't be surprised. Intel's diversity drive was a direct response to hectoring from people whose primary experience of tech is complaining about microaggressions on social media.'

A compliment isn’t misogynistic

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'If you were in any doubt that we live in mean-spirited and vengeful times, then Complimentgate should put you straight. Complimentgate is the name I’m giving to the naming and shaming of a solicitor who had the temerity to say something nice about a woman’s looks. For doing this, for paying someone a compliment, he has now become an object of Twitter-ridicule, fodder for the insatiable global outrage industry, which rails not only against people who are abusive online but also against people who are nice. No one is safe from their virtual slings and arrows.

The man in question is Alexander Carter-Silk. Via LinkedIn, he sent what the press is bizarrely referring to as a ‘controversial message’ to one Charlotte Proudman, a barrister. His crime was to describe Ms Proudman’s profile pic as ‘stunning’, which was a bit too generous in my view – her fringe needs work and her pout is too severe. Ms Proudman, describing herself as a ‘fearless feminist’, informed Mr Carter-Silk that his message was ‘offensive and misogynistic’ and then splashed his wicked words on Twitter. Before long the Twitterati, sniffing an opportunity for outrage, were churning out 140 characters of fury about what a twisted, disgusting world we live in, whereby a man thinks he can say something nice about a woman and *get away with it*.'

'Thumb-Sucking Little Beta Males' - Fox's Andrea Tantaros Blasts Vanderbilt's 'Healthy Masculinities Week'

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'On the September 4 episode of the Fox show "Outnumbered," co-host Andrea Tantaros blasted a conference that is taking place September 10-17 at Vanderbilt University.

“Healthy Masculinities Week” describes itself as a way to “explore healthy masculinities through various senses: American society, the gay and bisexual community, fraternities, and more.” It is sponsored by the Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center at Vanderbilt.

DAGEN MCDOWELL: Why does Vanderbilt see the need to have this masculinity week?

ANDREA TANTAROS: Because they're trying to demasculinize men. I mean this is theme beyond just Vanderbilt University. I mean they are trying, and by they I mean the academics and the liberal Left, is trying to turn men into thumb-sucking little beta males in skinny jeans. All you have to do is look at what they're trying to teach these guys. Why don't they just ask them to check their cajones at the door when they walk in? That's basically it. You mentioned "Magic Mike." Who likes "Magic Mike"? I do, but I'm a woman. And so now they're just feminizing all these men coast to coast. It's a problem.'

The Anti-Romeos: Feminism's Assault on Masculinity

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'American women should be outraged. Not because of their supposed oppression over the years, but because American women have been starved of one of the greatest values available to them while living life on earth: masculine men.

This is not to say that masculine men don't exist—they do, by the millions! But, culturally, they are suffocated.

Before the malicious feminist revolution, women could enjoy not just men, but masculine men. Popular actors included the masculine Paul Newman, the gentlemanly Clark Gable, the cool and confident Sean Connery. Women could line up at military bases to watch their favorite men in uniform. Up until just before the women's liberation movement, women used to faint after seeing their favorite men in concert. In my lifetime, I have yet to see such a health concern at a concert—unless the raped, dehydrated, and mud-covered women of the 1999 Woodstock count.

For the past 30 years, the dirtiest, most politically incorrect concept to talk about has been masculinity. It has been pushed under the rug, twisted, turned, and manipulated. In our newly feminized nation, few want to talk about it or define it. Let us now define it.'

Freshman charged with rape 'no longer permitted on campus'

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'Christopher Petersen, a freshman student who was charged with first-degree sexual assault of a woman in Sandoz Hall, is no longer allowed on campus, the university said in a statement on Thursday afternoon.

"UNL has taken steps to ensure the safety of the campus in the wake of this report," university spokesperson Steve Smith said in an email. "I can confirm that Mr. Petersen is no longer permitted on the UNL campus."

Petersen was released on a $50,000 bond from the Lancaster County jail. Petersen was arrested on Monday on suspicion of the sexual assault. He was charged with first-degree sexual assault by Lancaster County prosecutors after a student living in Sandoz Hall told police she was raped in her dorm room on September 5.
...
Under the University of Nebraska-Lincoln student code of conduct under Appendix A: Response to Allegations of Student Sexual Misconduct, the university is allowed to pursue disciplinary action against a student at the same time the student is facing criminal charges for the same offense, even if the criminal prosecution is pending, or has been dismissed.

"It is worth emphasizing that student disciplinary records are private," Smith said. "Therefore, in the interest of privacy of the individual, we are prohibited from disclosing further details."'

"All men are potential rapists"

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Video here. Please beware, the male feminist in this video is extremely disturbed. I'm not embellishing when I say his comments are frightening. Sadly, he may be a microcosm of a new generation of self-loathing males. Description: "You can thank MRAs for fighting tooth and nail to preserve rape culture."

Dad's Wage Gap Fix: Save for Daughter, Not Son

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'Paul Ford has preschool twins, Abe and Ivy. But he's worried that, thanks to gender inequality and the ongoing wage gap that still pays women only 78% of what men make, his little lady isn't going to get a fair shake financially when she's older. So, he writes for Elle, he came up with the idea for a "Jump the Gap" fund for Ivy. Adjusting for inflation, Ford figured out what salaries his kids would make upon entering the workforce in 2032 and how much in lost wages Ivy would rack up by 2070 (between $1 million and $3 million, by his count), figuring in the years she might leave work to care for future kids. "We can predict that, because of the systematic economic inequities, our daughter will not be on the same financial footing as our son. And so why not start now?" Ford writes, insisting he's not favoring Ivy over Abe, because if Abe really needed financial assistance down the road, Ford and his wife would "go all in" and do what they could.

Ford also thinks his son won't be jealous if he and his wife do a careful job raising both kids with info about gender bias. Others are weighing in on Ford's "purchasing her equality" initiative, as he puts it. Katy Osborn writes forTime that, despite his "imperfect response ... at least he's putting his money where his mouth is." But Kelsey Miller notes for Refinery 29 that Ford's "mansplaining" and his suggested solution "reads like A Modest Proposal for the Internet Age." Ivy's extra stash won't "inoculate her from unequal pay or prejudicial hiring practices," Miller writes, may create an unhealthy sibling rivalry, and isn't practical for most families. "His solution is one that only an extremely privileged minority could possibly achieve, and so to present it as a viable option to the general public is so nonsensical that it borders on trolling," she notes. ...'

Male Control Theory

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'Feminist scholarship leaves a lot to be desired. Feminists often provide statistics that cannot be sourced, perform highly biased studies with major flaws, and shame men into giving in to feminist demands even after their prevarications have been exposed.

Male Control Theory is a feminist theory that contends that the male patriarchy motivates men to try to control women, and to use violence if necessary. This theory appears to be the basis of many feminist legal and ideological arguments. For example, it is the feminist basis of men's domestic violence against women, and states that most female-on-male violence is defensive in nature. This theory has been used to institute policies that blame and punish men for domestic violence.

Evidence has been mounting that this theory is pure crap. A study led by Elizabeth Bates provides such evidence. This study found that women are more likely to be physically and verbally aggressive against their partners than men are, and that women are more likely to seek control over their partners. The study also found that defensive violence was more likely to be used by men than women. Chivalry tends to reduce mens' tendency to be violent against women, while it simultaneously contributes to increasing women's violence against men, since women understand that men are reluctant to hit back. This study found that the basis of domestic violence is not mens' need to control, but a violent personality, which can be found equally well in men and women. The study noted that earlier studies promoting Male Control Theory in domestic violence suffered from selection bias, since many only studied women in women's shelters. There are many other studies confirming Bates' results against Male Control Theory. Once again, we have faulty science performed by feminists and then used for decades by feminists to promote counterproductive and male-oppressive policies. There are many feminist campaigns of hate against men.'

FACE Responds to Hearing Testimony from House Education and Workforce Committee's Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'Families Advocating for Campus Equality (FACE), a not for profit organization that advocates for fairness for any student accused of sexual misconduct on campus, expresses the following responses to key points made in testimony before a House subcommittee meeting on the topic of campus sexual assault held on September 10, 2015

FACE strongly disagrees with the statement by Congressman Jared Polis (D-Co 2nd District) that lowering the standard of proof in order to expel more students makes campuses safer and fairer. As other speakers noted, Title IX is a gender neutral law, and any innocent student who is expelled from college is illegally deprived of access to education. Being expelled from college does not simply lead to transfer to another college, as permanent disciplinary records with ominous findings make it difficult or impossible to enter another institution or find employment. Furthermore, the profound and lasting emotional trauma associated with a false accusation, just as for victims of assault, is not a matter to be taken lightly. Many victims of false accusations suffer from PTSD, depression and other health issues as a result of their experiences.'

Boys continue to outperfirm girls in math portion of SAT

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'The College Board released its 2015 SAT college-entrance test results this week, and the overall results were somewhat disappointing ("ugly" according to AEI's Rick Hess's article below), see Washington Post article "SAT scores at lowest level in 10 years, fueling worries about high school" and the National Review article "The New SAT Results Aren't Pretty," by AEI scholar Rick Hess, who points out that the "scores on the SAT have sunk to the lowest point since the venerable college-admission test was revamped in 2005."

As in the past, my main interest in the annual SAT test results is the ongoing gender gap in favor of boys for the SAT math test, and this year wasn't any different than previous years. ...'

University settles with former student in sex assault case

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'The University of Michigan has reached a settlement agreement with a former student suspended in 2012 after he was accused of sexual assault.

Under the agreement, confirmed Friday by a UM spokesman, the university states that student Drew Sterrett's disciplinary record will reflect that he did not violate its sexual misconduct policy. As part of the agreement, Sterrett cannot reapply to the university and cannot disparage or contact the female student who brought the complaint against him.

Sterrett's alleged victim is unhappy with the settlement and is weighing her legal options in light of the agreement, her attorney told The Detroit News on Friday.

The settlement — signed by the university on Sept. 1 and Sterrett on Tuesday — is in response to a federal lawsuit Sterrett filed against the university alleging that it unfairly forced him off campus by denying him due process in its investigation of the sexual misconduct allegation.'

Mothers of sons falsely accused of rape hammer congressman who called for expulsion of innocents

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'When Rep. Jared Polis, D-Colo., suggested yesterday that colleges be allowed to expel students accused of rape even when they were only 20 percent sure those students were guilty, he was applauded in the subcommittee hearing room.

The reaction outside of Rayburn 2261, though, was swift and vituperative. Perhaps the group with the most moral authority to rebuke Polis was Families Advocating Campus Equality.

Founded by three mothers of sons who were falsely accused of rape at their respective colleges, FACE has ample experience with campus disciplinary proceedings that are identified as “educational” by administrators but Kafkaesque by the accused and their loved ones.'

Navy Secretary criticizes Marines' infantry study in interview

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'Navy Secretary Ray Mabus has doubled down on his assertion that all combat jobs should be opened to women in the wake of a new study showing that all-male Marine control groups outperformed those with women in nearly every infantry task.

Mabus spoke to David Greene at NPR a day after Marine officials revealed findings from a nine-month infantry experiment that assessed the performance of male and female Marine volunteers during physically demanding ground combat tasks. A summary of data showed that mixed-gender teams completed tasks more slowly and shot with less accuracy, and that women sustained injuries at more than twice the rate of their male counterparts.

In his radio interview, Mabus suggested the Marines' study was flawed due to the caliber and mindset of the volunteer participants.

"It started out with a fairly large component of the men thinking 'this is not a good idea,' and 'women will never be able to do this,' " Mabus said. "When you start out with that mindset, you're almost presupposing the outcome."'

University Of California May Give Students Right To Not Be Offended

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'The University of California may explicitly recognize a right for students to not be offended, if a resolution under consideration is approved by the board of regents next week.
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"Articulating a view that people with various intellectual disabilities are incapable of various intellectual tasks, or people with various physical disabilities are incapable of various physical tasks, would be condemned by the authority of the University," he writes. "Saying that illegal aliens (or noncitizens who are legally here) ought not be appointed to be, say, the student member of the Board of Regents — likewise condemned."

Attempts to discuss cultural or biological differences between men and women, between gay and straight people, or between different ethnic groups will be condemned totally, without any tolerance for speakers to give an argument, Volokh argues. For example, the question over whether gay parents can raise children as effectively as straight parents, relevant to the gay marriage debate, would be silenced before it could even be held, Volokh notes.'

NYC ends consent requirement for circumcision suction ritual

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'People who perform an ultra-Orthodox Jewish circumcision suction ritual will no longer have to get parents to sign acknowledgements of potential health risks, the city Board of Health decided Wednesday, reversing a policy that pitted health officials against religious leaders over a practice that dates to biblical times.

The vote formalized a tentative policy shift Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration made in February. The city now distributes information about what officials see as possible risks of oral suction circumcision, but signed consent forms are no longer required.

"The Board of Health, from the start, aimed to ensure that parents had information so that they could make informed decisions," Health Commissioner Dr. Mary Bassett said Wednesday, adding that the consent requirement "hadn't been that effective."

The practice is performed each year on an estimated 3,000 New York City babies, a fraction of the city's Jewish population. The ritual, formally called metzitzah b'peh in Hebrew, entails a rabbi or another circumciser sucking blood from an infant's circumcision wounds.'

Title IX Attacks Male College Students

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'Young men considering college may want to look at safer pastimes, like race car driving. Colleges are hell-bent on penalizing the male gender.

So far their efforts have not held up in court, yet.

“In four recent cases, judges have overturned sexual assault findings by campus disciplinary committees,” Gina Lauterio of Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) noted late last month. “In each case, the judges ruled the college proceedings lacked necessary due process protections. As the new academic year begins, these judicial decisions highlight the need for renewed focus on fairness in college sex assault cases, SAVE says.”'

Girls are the majority at some of D.C.'s top high schools, which some see as an inequity

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'Benjamin Banneker Academic High School has an abundance of college-level classes and one of the highest graduation rates in the District. It's also overwhelming female. Three out of four Banneker students last school year were girls.

Banneker is not the only high-performing District high school that serves mostly girls. Duke Ellington School of the Arts, which offers both arts and academic enrichment, was 67 percent female in 2014-2015, according to school data. And School Without Walls, where some students take classes at nearby George Washington University, was 60 percent female.

An academic gender gap — with women outperforming men — is increasingly defining education nationwide. Young women are more likely to graduate from high school and go on to college. Female students began to outnumber males on college campuses in 1979, and now account for about 57 percent of college enrollment, according to federal data. An annual abundance of female applicants has led many private colleges to offer affirmative action for male applicants.'

Are men who major in business expressing an unhealthy masculinity?

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'Are you a man who majored in business because it interested you or because you felt it would lead to a great career? That may be an unhealthy form of masculinity, according to a series of seminars coming next week from the Vanderbilt University Women's Center.

Yes, you read that correctly: A women's center seems to be telling men how they should and should not behave. Imagine the outrage if a male-dominated group attempted to tell women how they should and should not behave. You don't have to imagine, just remember all the anger that comes whenever a man speaks up about abortion. (Well, this actually happens only to the men who don't agree with feminists on abortion.)'

Judge rules early-release program must include male inmates

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Story here. Well it's "some justice," I suppose. Excerpt:

'A Sacramento federal judge ruled Wednesday that an early-release program for female inmates in California's prisons is unconstitutional and must be expanded to include male inmates.

"When the state draws a line between two classes of persons, and denies one of those classes a right as fundamental as physical freedom, that action survives equal protection review only if the state has a sufficient justification for the classification. Here, the state does not," U.S. District Judge Morrison C. England Jr. declared in a 35-page order.

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation "shall immediately cease denying admission to the (Alternative Custody Program) on the basis that an applicant is male," the judge ordered.'

The Rise of Victimhood Culture

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'Last fall at Oberlin College, a talk held as part of Latino Heritage Month was scheduled on the same evening that intramural soccer games were held. As a result, soccer players communicated by email about their respective plans. “Hey, that talk looks pretty great,” a white student wrote to a Hispanic student, “but on the off chance you aren’t going or would rather play futbol instead the club team wants to go!!”

Unbeknownst to the white student, the Hispanic student was offended by the email. And her response signals the rise of a new moral culture America.

When conflicts occur, sociologists Bradley Campbell and Jason Manning observe in an insightful new scholarly paper, aggrieved parties can respond in any number of ways. In honor cultures like the Old West or the street gangs of West Side Story, they might engage in a duel or physical fight. In dignity cultures, like the ones that prevailed in Western countries during the 19th and 20th Centuries, “insults might provoke offense, but they no longer have the same importance as a way of establishing or destroying a reputation for bravery,” they write. “When intolerable conflicts do arise, dignity cultures prescribe direct but non-violent actions.”'

Rolling Stone Reporter Cried Over False Gang-Rape Article, But For Selfish Reasons

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'For Sabrina Rubin Erdely, it's all about her.

The disgraced author of a retracted Rolling Stone article about a gang-rape at the University of Virginia reportedly sobbed to one of her sources in the weeks after the story fell apart. But Erdely wasn't upset because her 9,000-word piece, "A Rape on Campus," had falsely accused a UVA fraternity of a gruesome gang-rape of a female student.

Instead, Erdely was worried about her career.

"She started bawling and said, 'I am going to lose my job,'" Alex Pinkelton, a source of Erdely's, told Vanity Fair in a new tick-tock about the fallout from the article.'

Passions Supplant Reason in Dialogue on Women in Science

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'We're not new to studying women in science. Nor are we insensitive to the prejudice some women experience in academic science.

For the past decade, we have researched some of the challenges female scientists face that their male counterparts often don't, such as balancing work and life demands like child care (see our 2012 article in American Scientist). Our guiding principle has been to follow the data wherever it takes us. We have found, for example, that women and men have comparable rates of success with grant and article submissions, and that affirmative action doesn't lead to a preference for less-competent women (forthcoming), and that women have a harder time getting tenure in biology and psychology and are less satisfied with their jobs than men in the social sciences.

However, none of those findings have aroused the passions that our most recent research has. In a recent issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, we published an article on data from five national studies that took us to an unexpected destination. The data showed that, in tenure-track hiring, faculty prefer female job candidates over identically qualified male ones.

Because that finding runs counter to claims of sexist hiring, it was met in the news media and in academe with incredulity and often panic. We have responded to those criticisms in five pieces in the Huffington Post (parts one, two, three, four, and five), as well as another essay in American Scientist and one on the website of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Some critics saw in our findings a disavowal of their own experiences with academic sexism. Even though our study examined only entry-level hiring, they viewed it as invalidating biases they faced outside the hiring context and as an attack on their advocacy for women. But data from multiple studies using different methods kept revealing the same striking preference for hiring women. So we reported the empirical data, hoping to generate an honest, productive dialogue about modern discrimination in the academy. Since hiring is no longer a roadblock, where else might we need to direct efforts and advocacy to help more women succeed?'

Gender matters more for perpetrators than victims in child sex abuse

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'There has been a great deal of outrage over the past couple of weeks regarding the alleged discrimination between male victims of child sexual abuse and female victims.

The main argument seems to be that recent abuse against young boys only resulted in the abuser receiving weekend work detention. Abusers of young girls, in contrast, have received hundreds of years behind bars. This implies that the judicial system must not care about young boys.

But what if the gender discrimination is placed on the wrong side of the equation?

It was former Baltimore Ravens cheerleader Molly Shattuck's case that seemed to spark interest in this phenomenon. Shattuck was sentenced to 48 weekends at a work detention facility — spread out over the next two years — for statutory rape against a 15-year-old boy. Shattuck had performed oral sex on the boy, who was a friend of her own son.

But the two stories being highlighted to show this discrimination involve a different female abuser of young boys and a male abuser of young girls.

A 32-year-old man was found guilty of sexually abusing a young girl for years, starting when she was just 6 years old. That man faced 366 years to life in prison. Meanwhile, a 25-year-old woman pleaded guilty to attempted rape of young boys at a trailer park in California. The female abuser in that case had previously been indicted on several other charges, including first-degree rape. She had pleaded guilty to the lesser charges as part of a plea agreement, and received five years' probation.

It's not difficult to see how one might come to believe that the vastly different sentences in these cases comes from a justice system that does not care about young boys. I believe it has more to do with the gender of the abusers.'

The biggest problem with Rep. Jared Polis' sex assault comments

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'Colorado Congressman Jared Polis' comments about expelling students merely accused of sexual assault weren't just an affront to the American justice system, they were also incoherent.

At his Washington Post blog "The Volokh Conspiracy," Eugene Volokh summed up Polis' view: "If there are 10 people who have been accused, and under a reasonable likelihood standard maybe one or two did it, it seems better to get rid of all 10 people."

Volokh, a professor of free speech law, wrote that while a "whiff of suspicion" may sometimes be enough to remove someone from his or her current position, he "just hadn't thought that being a college student would or should be one of them."

Polis had followed up his statement about expelling students with the claim that "We're not talking about depriving them of life or liberty, we're talking about them being transferred to another university, for crying out loud."

Using Polis' logic, innocent students would be expelled and have their education disrupted or stopped entirely. Meanwhile, some actual rapists would be free to prey on students at another campus.

Such is the conundrum faced by current activists fighting to make it easier for those accused of sexual assault to be expelled. On the one hand, they say sexual assault is a serious issue — a crime even — and that accused students should be expelled based on little evidence and without due process protections. On the other hand, they say being expelled from college isn't that big of a deal.

They can't have it both ways. Now, for a wrongly accused student, an expulsion is a huge deprivation. It means lost tuition, lost friends, lost education, lost time and an unclear future. But for rapists, an expulsion means they're free to prey on non-students (or students at another university).'

Teen who had sex with 14-year-old girl who lied about her age taken off sex-offender list

mens_issues · 12 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A young man from Indiana who had consensual sex with a 14-year-old girl who told him she was older has been removed from Michigan's sex offender registry pending his resentencing.

Zach Anderson, a 20-year-old Elkhart, Indiana, resident, spent 75 days in jail after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor.

He was given a five-year probation that banned him from using computers or the Internet and also had faced 25 years on Michigan's sex-offender registry.

But the conditions of that sentence no longer apply due to last week's decision to order a new sentence for Anderson, Berrien County Trial Court Judge Angela Pasula said at a bond hearing on Friday.'

Prison worker: Escapees had control over me

Matt · 13 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Didn't their plan also include murdering her husband? How soon we forget. And what a pathetic gender card approach to her rationalizations. Hope they toss the key. Excerpt:

'Joyce Mitchell, the upstate prison worker who aided the escape of two murderers in June, said she was going through depression and “got in over my head” when she conspired with the two men.

Mitchell, in her first public comments, told NBC’s Matt Lauer that she loves her husband, but got swept up in the allure of helping inmates David Sweat and Richard Matt, who she was believed to be having an affair with inside the prison.

“I know it’s hard to believe. But I do love my husband. And I’ve always loved my husband. I just– I was going through a point in my life — a lot of people go through depression,” Mitchell said, according to excerpts released Friday by NBC. “A lot of people go through that. And I just got in over my head. And I couldn’t get out.”'

From Club To Clinic: How MDMA Could Help Some Cope With Trauma

Matt · 13 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Most military PTSD victims are men, but there are many ways a person can get PTSD. If this story's substance pans out, it'd be a huge game-changer. Excerpt:

'MDMA, often known as Ecstasy or Molly, has for decades been used as a party drug — consumed in clubs, fuel for all-night raves. But lately, the substance is also being used in very different settings, for a very different purpose: to treat post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved phase two clinical studies of the treatment, and they're now underway in four locations. Results so far have been promising, according to reporter Kelley McMillan, who has been investigating this new use of MDMA and has written about it in the current issue of Marie Claire.

"The findings from these most recent studies are supporting the earlier phase two findings, which found that 83 percent of participants were cured of their PTSD — compared to 25 percent who were cured from talk therapy alone," she tells NPR's Rachel Martin.

These conclusions remain preliminary, however, and phase two trials often fail by the time they reach phase three. And McMillan offers a word of caution of her own.

"People should not be going out and taking MDMA recreationally and thinking that they're going to have these healing experiences," she says.'

‘Out of Darkness’: Eighth-annual fundraising walk sheds light on suicide

redwoodwriter · 14 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A fundraising walk this month aims to bring discussions about suicide and mental health “out of the darkness” and into the light.

The eighth annual Watertown Out of Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention will be held at noon Sept. 26 at Thompson Park.

The walk is one of more than 300 Out of Darkness Walks around the country organized by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. It raises money to support research and local education programs to fight suicide.

“When you walk in an Out of Darkness Walk, you join with people across the country to help raise awareness of suicide and financially support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which supports the survivors of suicide loss, advocates for public policy and invests in research and educational programs to prevent suicide,” event organizer Vicki S. Hill said in a news release.

Ms. Hill said she became involved with the event to honor her brother, Joe Morse, who was lost to suicide in January 2012.'

Campus Rape Hysteria Has No Use For Due Process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On what planet is it right to punish the innocent in a quixotic effort to curb campus rape?

Unfortunately, it's a-okay in the bizarro world that is Capitol Hill. Democrat Colorado Rep. Jared Polis earned roaring applause on Thursday when the lawmaker declared it is just to expel all students — regardless of guilt — who are accused of sexual assault.

"I mean, if there's 10 people that have been accused and under a reasonable likelihood standard maybe one or two did it, seems better to get rid of all 10 people," Polis said at a House hearing on campus sexual assault. "We're not talking about depriving them of life or liberty, we're talking about their transfer to another university."'

Democrats vs. FIRE, Joseph Cohn

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the things that got overlooked last week was a congressional hearing "before the House Committee on Education and the Workforce's Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training on the topic of 'Preventing and Responding to Sexual Assault on College Campuses.'" The highlight (or lowlight depending on your view of the Constitution) came from Rep. Jared Polis, (D-CO).

Sparks flew when Rep. Polis said "It seems like we ought to provide more of a legal framework, then, that allows a reasonable likelihood standard or a preponderance of evidence standard. I mean if there's 10 people that have been accused, and, you know, under a reasonable likelihood standard maybe one or two did it, it seems better to get rid of all 10 people. We're not talking about depriving them of life or liberty, we're talking about, they're transferred to another university, for crying out loud."'

Rise of the Supernanny Feminists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Describing the words someone uses as ‘unacceptable’ can appear politically neutral, unemotive and simply commonsense. It allows the speaker to take the moral highground by suggesting there are ways of speaking and behaving that all right-thinking people agree upon. Those whose words are labelled ‘unacceptable’ are deemed to have crossed a line and committed a transgression against such normal codes of decency and politeness. As we have seen with Charlotte Proudman’s calling-out of the supposedly sexist barrister, and all those who rushed to decry Tim Hunt’s joke, the biggest infringement against the acceptable is to commit speech crimes against feminism. The feminist war on unacceptable language now encompasses everything from jokes and compliments to mildly flirtatious comments.

The roots of this obsession with policing language began at least as far back as the 1980s. A social constructionist view of gender as performative rather than biological met an emerging postmodernism that assumed discourse constructs not just perceptions of reality but reality itself. This led feminist theorists, such as Julia Kristeva, to argue that it is language that constructs power relations and the conditions for oppression. According to this view, women’s oppression could be challenged by changing the language and images through which people constructed the world. Today, when young women are seemingly quicker than ever to declare themselves victims of everyday sexism and casual misogyny, the notion that words are pre-eminently important in shaping reality has remained. Only now it has been joined by the notion that language can inflict mental harm on women, who are seen as vulnerable to everything from adverts on the Tube to clapping.

Offending words are now found everywhere. According to modern feminists, exposing them simultaneously challenges sexism and, perhaps more importantly, confirms that it still exists. The importance of language is overstated at the same time as the capacity of women, as autonomous individuals capable of taking responsibility and making independent choices about their own lives, is played down. This leads to an increase in what Daphne Patai and Noretta Koertge, writing in Professing Feminism, have termed ‘ideological policing’, both inside and outside of universities. Modern-day feminists have much in common with their bourgeois Victorian fore-sisters, whom Patai and Koertge suggest saw it as their job ‘to monitor language and enforce norms’ of what was socially acceptable.

Today’s constant calling-out of what is considered unacceptable to feminist sensibilities is a demand to censor language deemed threatening to women – who are presented as a homogenous and vulnerable group. It is a patronising way for a recently emergent social elite to dictate who gets to be heard as they enforce new values, social norms and codes of conduct. This is why the cry of ‘unacceptable’ is most often used against a generation of older white men whose very existence is a sin against the new etiquette.'

Is it now sexist to put your arm around your girlfriend's shoulder?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just when you thought the everyday etiquette of how men are expected to integrate with women couldn't get any more confusing, Dame Helen Mirren has announced, of all things, that cuddling is sexist.

Speaking yesterday to the Mail On Sunday's You magazine, Mirren, 70, said: "It annoys me when I see men with an arm slung around their girlfriend's shoulders. It's like ownership. Of course, when you're young, you want the guy to take your hand and look after you.

"But when I see girls being leaned on, I want to say, 'tell him to get his damned arm off your shoulder'."

Now, regular readers will know I collect "sexism is everywhere!" stories like a sheep attracts ticks. I try not to, but I just can't seem to stop picking them up. But even I didn't see "teenage cuddling: it's a tool of the patriarchy!" coming.'

Vanderbilt's Healthy Masculinities Week under scrutiny

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Article here. Excerpt:

"First-year Megan Meadows, while recognizing the importance of having programing geared towards men, noted that the Women's Center's involvement seemed odd.

"It's kind of difficult for women to define what a man is for men," Meadows said.

Senior Rebecca Shaw said men on Vanderbilt's campus may not want to attend programming led by the Women's Center.

"If it's aimed towards men I could see how it could be a deterrent like 'why is this woman telling me how to be more masculine?'" Shaw said.

However, junior male Jason Thome sees it differently — he thinks the Women's Center's background in issues of gender and stereotypes equips them to lead masculinity week. Thome, a Student VUceptor, noted that some of his favorite sessions during VUcept training were lead by representatives from the Women's Center.

"I think if anyone's equipped, it's the people who have dedicated so much of their lives to breaking down stereotypes and barriers, so I support that 100 percent," Thome said.'

A war on college men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is Congress waging a war on college men? It's starting to look like it.

Last week, Rep. Jared Polis, a Colorado Democrat, suggested that even innocent students should be booted from campus if they were accused of sexual assault. According to Polis: "If there are 10 people who have been accused, and under a reasonable likelihood standard maybe one or two did it, it seems better to get rid of all 10 people."

So one of the longstanding traditions of American law — that it is better to let 10 guilty men go free than to imprison one innocent — has now been turned on its head. Under the Polis standard, it's basically the other way around.

According to Polis, it's not such a bigdeal: "We're not talking depriving them of life and liberty, we're talking about their transfer to another university, for crying out loud," Polis said, laughing off the idea that his suggestion would violate due process rights. He is not alone in taking the due process rights of the accused lightly, a widely-backed Democratic senate bill is just more circumspect.

But it's no laughing matter. A student with expulsion for sexual assault on his record will have great difficulty gaining admission to another college, with life-altering consequences. (If you don't believe that, then you don't think that college matters much, which is something I doubt higher education boosters want to maintain.) And even if he succeeds, the expulsion will affect his chances for employment for the rest of his life, too.'

Federally-funded group at university sponsors mattress-carrying demonstration

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NKU Director of Public Relations Amanda Nageleisen provided the following statement to Campus Reform correcting an inaccuracy in the Northern Kentucky Tribune article cited in this story:

"The protest in question was NOT organized by the Norse Violence Prevention Center; it was organized by a group of students. A NVP staff member did attend to provide support to any student who may have been triggered by the protest.
...
Several students at Northern Kentucky University participated Thursday in a “mattress girl”-themed demonstration organized by a group funded by federal grants.

A week after one female NKU student spent a day carrying a mattress on her back to protest the school’s handling of her sexual assault complaint, a laEmma Sulkowicz, several other students gathered outside the student union bedecked in bedsheets to demonstrate in support of the survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence,The Northern Kentucky Tribunereported Thursday.

Flyers distributed beforehand to encourage participation in the event encouraged students to bring a mattress or pillow as a symbol, or else to tape a red X on their clothing to show their support.'

Vaping, "toxic masculinity", and MRAs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The hypermasculine image that vape marketers are selling is a self-fulfilling prophecy that could lock vaping out of the mainstream if the community can't overcome the stigma.
...
"The non-vaping public sees vaping the same way they see fedoras," Avery said. "They associate it with this awful MRA [men's rights activist], neckbeard culture."
...
If vaping wants to go mainstream, it needs to include women. A handful of surveys and research papers show that women are anywhere from 1.27 to 2.05times more likely than men to try vaping. But in terms of advertising? The disconnect should be obvious by now: Men are 1.25 times as likely to see a vaping-related advertisement.

"Everybody in the vaping community has the same blinders on, thinking that they need to target this young male population," Avery said. "The industry itself is doing a good job of keeping that reputation as well: a young shitty male activity."'

Hillary Clinton's plan to crack down on campus sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Monday in Iowa, Hillary Clinton will promise to crack down on sexual assault on college campuses — broadly embracing policy ideas supported by President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, and a bipartisan set of US senators — according to a campaign official.

The preview of Clinton's plan, which was scant on details, broke down her aims into three main buckets that largely reflect policies incorporated in a bill Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO) introduced in late July.
...
The campaign official noted that Clinton's ideas are in line with Obama's efforts to combat sexual assault on campus. Last September, the president unveiled the "It's on us" campaign to raise awareness about the issue, with Biden, the author of the Violence Against Women Act and a potential Clinton primary rival, at his side.'

"Right Now Is The Most Dangerous Time To Be A Woman At College"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's the time of year called the Red Zone: the weeks between new student orientation and Thanksgiving break when college students are at the greatest risk of sexual assault. According to statistics, one in five women will be sexually assaulted while she's at school — usually by someone she knows — and a disproportionate number of those attacks are happening right now.

Several factors contribute to this disturbing trend. First year students are meeting new people and trying new things. Many of them are newly independent, living without parental support for the first time. And, they're in a new place, adjusting to an unfamiliar and often bigger environment.

A first year student at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington put a fine point on it: "Since we're in a new place, we're all really vulnerable and uncomfortable with our surroundings for a while. People can tell if someone's a freshman."

We should not accept this as the status quo; it doesn't need to be inevitable. Our friends and sisters entering college shouldn't have a target on their backs. And, I don't need to tell you how damaging sexual assault is for survivors. You know that rape is traumatizing, probably through personal experience or because someone you love was assaulted. It breaks my heart that this has happened to people I care about, and that it will happen thousands of times between now and Thanksgiving. But, I want to tell you this is not a problem without a solution. This is not someone else's problem. This is our problem, and we can solve it.'

Hateful columnist proposes concentration camps for all men

ErikaLancastor · 14 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. We keep hearing from feminists that feminists do not hate men and that feminism is not about misandry. This article, from my home country in the U.K., does little to convince me to the contrary. We keep hearing over and over from feminists that they don't hate men. Yet, we keep hearing over and over from feminists how much they hate men. Excerpt:

'In the feminist world, Bindel's views are far from isolated and she's just the latest in a long line of high profile feminists to propose either imprisoning all men or even eliminating or exterminating all or the vast majority of the male population. Bindel's fellow travellers in this regard include author of the "Scum Manifesto" Valerie Solanas, "academic" Mary Daly (for whom Bindel wrote a glowing obituary) and also Sally Miller Gearhart, an author who also worked at San Francisco State University. Nor is this an isolated incident in terms of Bindel's behaviour, for example in 2006 she wrote a Guardian column titled "Why I hate men" and her writing regularly attacks men as a whole falsely paints violence and abuse as gendered, something done by men to women, rather than by people to other people.

More recently, feminist hatred of men has made the news with incidents involving Bahar Mustafa at Goldsmiths' University and Lib Dem Executive Committee member Sarah Noble at the NUS Conference (a story broken exclusively by HEqual). it's interesting that the one common theme that almost every piece of feminist hate is the involvement of the higher education system. Mustapha is the Diversity Officer at Goldsmith's Students Union who banned white men from events and called for their death on Twitter. Noble's misandry came to light due to her calls to "ban men from society" at the NUS Women's Conference, with her Twitter acocunt also littered with misandrist hate speech and she's since started a new job at the NUS too! Daly was a professor at Boston College who didn't just want men to be reduced to 10% of the population, she infamously kicked male students out of her classes too!Gearhart worked at a University for decades too and therefore it's little surprise to see that Bindel is a research fellow at Lincoln University and has previously held a position at bth Leeds and Brunel Universities too. Numerous other feminist extremists also work in institutions in places such as the North east and in Bristol with others exposed in a leak of info from the Rad Fem Hub website. It's little wonder we have such a huge gender education gap when so many universities are hotbeds of unopposed gender hatred.'

Hillary Clinton Cites Debunked 1-In-5 Campus Sexual Assault Stat During Campaign Speech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton claimed on the campaign trail in Iowa on Monday that one-in-five women in college have been sexually assaulted, though the ratio she cited has been debunked by many scholars who believe it overstates the problem of campus sexual violence.

“This is a special time and a special place to be talking specifically about an issue that effects one-in-five women on campus,” Clinton said during a “Hillary for Women” event at the University of Northern Iowa.

Clinton’s remarks were timed with the release of a three-pronged policy proposal to help combat the “epidemic” of campus sexual assault. The plan aims to provide a support network for survivors of sexual assault. It also proposes to increase focus on university disciplinary proceedings for accusers and the accused. She also addressed providing sexual violence prevention programs for students earlier in school.'

Hillary Clinton Suggests Changing Sexual Assault Policy Changes To The Criminal Justice Sytem

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In Cedar Falls, Clinton told the crowd that one in five women report they were sexually assaulted in college, a statistic often cited by politicians that is also a source of debate. “Think of the impact on their lives while they’re trying to manage the emotional, the physical, sometimes the educational, financial fallout,” said Clinton. “They miss classes, some drop out, some never finish their education.”

She also suggested that she would propose policy changes to the criminal justice system — and encourage schools to do the same to their own disciplinary procedures — to "ensure a fair process."

“Rape is a crime wherever it happens,” she said.

Before her speech, Clinton met with about 15 students and local activists to discuss the ideas, an aide said, and to encourage feedback. “There are good smart solutions," she told the crowd in Cedar Falls. "We just need more of them."'

India: Maneka's 'male-generated violence' comment sparks outrage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Standing out among all the politicians with recent foot-in-the-mouth misogynistic comments, Union minister for women and child development, Maneka Gandhi, on Monday, claimed that "all the violence is male-generated" leading to an onslaught of criticism for her sexist remark.

During a scheduled public interaction on popular social media platform, Facebook, Maneka said that the role of men in gender sensitisation was critical as they are responsible for all the violence.

This digital interaction spewed controversy on yet another social networking site, Twitter, as people slammed the BJP politician for encouraging 'misandry' with such anti-male sentiments.

"Misandry is as bad as Misogynistic views. Violence comes from within irrespective of gender or race. #maneka Gandhi" tweeted one Susan Paul.'

UK: Domestic violence perpetrators ("men") should be 'better-monitored', says Tony Abbott

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Perpetrators of domestic and family violence can expect to be monitored more closely, Tony Abbott has flagged during question time.

“We need to ensure that men with a predisposition to violence against members of their families are better monitored, better tracked, so that the instant there is any suggestion of harm the police can act,” the prime minister said.

Earlier this year, the government put forward a proposal to the Council of Australian Governments (Coag) that high-risk domestic violence offenders be tracked via ankle bracelets in the same way that sex offenders in some states are monitored.'

Not all comments are created equal: the case for ending online comments

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It shouldn't be a surprise that I'm not fond of comments sections. I think you'd be hard-pressed to find many female writers who are. On most sites – from YouTube to local newspapers – comments are a place where the most noxious thoughts rise to the top and smart conversations are lost in a sea of garbage.

There's a reason, after all, that the refrain "don't read the comments" has become ubiquitous among journalists. But if we're not to read them, why have them at all?

I wasn't always a comments-hater. When I started a feminist blog in 2004, I was thrilled to finally be able to talk with other young feminists online and was open to chatting with detractors. I saw the comments section as a way to destabilize the traditional writer/reader relationship – no longer did audiences need to consume an article without a true opportunity to respond. Comments even made my writing better those days; feedback from readers broadened the way I thought and sometimes changed my mind.'

Intelligent machines: Call for a ban on robots designed as sex toys

Matt · 15 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. As predictable as snow in New England! Excerpt:

'A campaign has been launched calling for a ban on the development of robots that can be used for sex.

Such a use of the technology is unnecessary and undesirable, said campaign leader Dr Kathleen Richardson.

Sex dolls already on the market are becoming more sophisticated and some are now hoping to build artificial intelligence into their products.

Those working in the field say that there is a need for such robots.

Dr Richardson, a robot ethicist at De Montfort University in Leicester, wants to raise awareness of the issue and persuade those developing sex robots to rethink how their technology is used.'

SAVE: US Rep 100% Wrong

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In a House hearing on campus sexual assault last week, Polis stated that a student should be expelled if there is a 20% chance he is guilty.

Polis also stated that the standard used should be lower than "preponderance of the evidence."

Polis added, "If there are 10 people who have been accused, and under a reasonable likelihood standard maybe one or two did it, it seems better to get rid of all 10 people."

Tell Rep. Polis (CO-2) that expelling innocent students is unacceptable advice, and wrongful accusations are damaging. Our representatives should instead be advocating for more due process in the campus kangaroo courts.

Call: (202) 225-2161
Email: https://polis.house.gov/forms/writeyourrep/default.aspx

Tell a Congressman that student rights matter.

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Policy Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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Canadian Children's Rights Group Questions New Circumcision Policy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A just released policy on infant male circumcision by the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) was judged today by the Children's Health & Human Rights Partnership (CHHRP) to be a step in the right direction, but was "nevertheless 'predictably inadequate' with respect to several specific issues."

CHHRP Medical Director Dr. Christopher Guest, MD, FRCPC, said the new policy is consistent with international paediatric associations that affirm infant boys should not have their healthy foreskins routinely removed.

Citing the position of the CPS that recognizes the unique sensory functions of the male foreskin, Dr. Guest asserted that, "A growing number of medical associations now recognize that an intact penis with a foreskin contributes to sexual pleasure for the male and his partner." According to Guest, in 2010 the Royal Dutch Medical Association concluded, "the foreskin is a complex erotogenic structure that plays an important role in the mechanical function of the penis during sexual acts."

"Circumcision alters the structure of the penis, which inevitably alters function. Long term harm to men from infant circumcision has never been studied" Guest said. Despite this, Guest says men are reporting long-term adverse consequences at the Canadian-based online Global Survey of Circumcision Harm. Although the CPS failed to include it, Guest says scientific evidence has emerged that supports these men's claims. In 2011, Dr. Morton Frisch published findings in the International Journal of Epidemiology showing that in Denmark, where circumcision is rare, 'circumcision was associated with frequent orgasm difficulties in Danish men and with a range of frequent sexual difficulties in their female partners, notably orgasm difficulties, dyspareunia [difficult or painful sexual intercourse] and a sense of incomplete needs fulfilment."

Free Speech Can't Be Trumped By Title IX -- But College Officials Use It That Way

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When federal politicians passed the Higher Education Act, they thought they were only going to help good students who couldn't otherwise afford college to attend. They did not think about possible unintended consequences — like making college far more expensive, undermining academic standards, or giving federal bureaucra'ts leverage to dictate to colleges and universities.

But all of that has happened.

I'm going to focus on that last consequence—the way federal intervention in higher education has empowered bureaucrats to whittle away at free speech on (and even off) campus.'

Rep. Polis states he didn't really mean it, but then says he sort of did

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Essay here. Excerpt:

'I mis-spoke.

During a subcommittee hearing last week about sexual assault on college campuses, I committed a major gaffe during the back-and-forth exchange with a witness who was advocating for removing the authority of colleges to adjudicate sexual assault cases that happen on their campuses. My words did not convey my beliefs nor the policies I now or have ever supported.

...

To most people who don't know much about this issue, it makes sense to solely adjudicate these cases in our criminal justice system, just like we do other crimes. The witness mentioned above who I was questioning was arguing for just such an approach.

However, this is a deeply dangerous idea that demonstrates a cursory and superficial understanding of the issue. Ask any sexual assault advocate and they'll tell you the same thing.

There are very important reasons why colleges and universities currently have jurisdiction over assaults that occur on their campuses, and why the process is separate from the criminal justice system. In my effort to defend this practice, I went too far, and I regret that my remarks have detracted from the substance of this debate and have reflected poorly on the good work being done by college offices across the country that investigate these cases, including two in my own backyard in Colorado (University of Colorado at Boulder and Colorado State University).

Decades of research and case histories show how woefully inadequate the criminal justice system can be for survivors of sexual assault. For starters, rape survivors are unlikely to report cases to police, citing things like not thinking it's important enough, not wanting others to know, not having proof, fearing retaliation, and being uncertain about whether what happened constitutes assault . According to a recent Department of Justice study, only 20 percent of campus sexual assault survivors report the assault to police.'

Sexbots: Why Women Should Panic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Another reason men might be enthusiastic about female-free sex is obvious: the sociopathic, man-hating feminism we see so much of on television and in our newspapers today is turning men off dealing with women altogether. Constant whinging about “toxic masculinity,” “manspreading,” “mansplaining,” the bogus gender pay gap and the absurd campus rape culture myth are pushing the sexes apart, fostering mistrust and fear.

The fact that wacky, misandrist intersectional feminists are an unpopular minority — as a result of their horrid influence, just 18 per cent of women now call themselves feminists — doesn’t matter because they hold court in the media and on campuses, and young women are starting to parrot discredited and absurd nonsense about the “oppressive patriarchy,” picking up on a victimhood script they believe they can leverage for social and professional advantage.

In response, men are simply checking out, giving up on women and retreating into porn and video games. I call it the “sexodus,” and its immediate victims aren’t men, but women, who are being consigned to singledom as men lose interest in them or are simply too exhausted or fearful of the social consequences of approaching girls romantically. The truth is, men get along okay without women, unlike women, who become shrieking, neurotic messes if they’re still single in their 30s.
...
I think he’s right. What’s clear is that the purchase women have over men, sexually and emotionally, is fading fast. That’s perhaps one reason for the “spitting tacks” fury of modern feminism: the louder they yell, the more men simply tune out and disappear into porn, robots and video games. Technology didn’t disempower women sexually — they did that to themselves with feminism — but it is accelerating the process.'

Boy arrested for bringing clock to school

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Texas police have decided not to charge a 14-year-old Muslim boy who was arrested for bringing a homemade clock to school.

Officials at MacArthur High School in Irving alerted police because they thought the device was a "hoax bomb".

Ahmed Mohamed's arrest has been sharply criticised, and the boy has received an outpouring of support including an invitation to the White House.

Ahmed's family believes he was detained because of his name.

"We have always had an outstanding relationship with the Muslim community," Irving Police Department chief Larry Boyd said on Wednesday. "Incidents like this present challenges. We want to learn how we can move forward and turn this into a positive."

The boy was placed in handcuffs and fingerprinted before he was released after it was determined there was no threat.'

Kathleen Willey slams Hillary's new sex assault survivors ad

Matt · 16 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton believes victims of sexual assault have "a right to be believed." Except, of course, if the accusations are made against her husband and could complicate her political aspirations.

In Clinton's new web ad, titled "Hillary's Message to Survivors of Sexual Assault," the candidate claims:

"I want to send a message to every survivor of sexual assault.

Don't let anyone silence your voice. You have a right to be heard. You have a right to be believed. We're with you."

But that's a very different message Kathleen Willey received in 1993 when she accused Hillary's husband, President Bill Clinton, of sexually assaulting her.

"She believed what happened for sure," Willey tells The American Mirror. "She just chose to ignore the plight of all of his victims, thus enabling him to continue to abuse and rape women in the future."'

Teen charged with encouraging her boyfriend to kill himself

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Story here. Excerpt:

'At first glance, the text messages appear to show a disturbing case of cyberbullying: one teen urging another to kill himself.

But the texts were not sent by a school bully. They were from a 17-year-old girl to her boyfriend, whom she called the love of her life.

"You can't think about it. You just have to do it. You said you were gonna do it. Like I don't get why you aren't," Michelle Carter allegedly wrote to Conrad Roy III the day he parked his truck outside a Fairhaven Kmart and killed himself through carbon monoxide poisoning.

Prosecutors have charged Carter with involuntary manslaughter in Roy's 2014 death. They say that in the week before Roy killed himself, Carter assisted by urging him to overcome his doubts about taking his own life, pressuring him to do it and even telling him to get back in his truck after becoming frightened that the plan was working.

Carter's lawyer has strenuously denied that she pushed him to kill himself and has asked a judge to dismiss the case.'

Michigan Admits It Screwed Up By Suspending Student For Rape

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'The University of Michigan has become the latest school to vacate a sexual assault judgment against a student due to legal pressure.

Drew Sterrett was a student at Michigan until 2012, when a school hearing found him responsible for sexually assaulting a fellow student. Rather than take the judgement lying down, Sterrett sued Michigan in federal court in 2014, arguing the school's hearing process deprived him of his due process rights.

Sterrett's case had much in common with other controversial college sexual assault cases. Sterrett had exculpatory evidence at the time, via a text from his roommate, that the sex between him and another student (identified as 'CB') was consensual. Not only that, but after their encounter in March 2012, no complaint was filed until the following August, and Sterrett was found responsible without ever being allowed to question his accuser or see the claims against him in writing. Sterrett also never faced any criminal charges.'

Bernie Sanders signs on to campus sexual assault bill day after Clinton's high-profile speech

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'The same week Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton made a high-profile speech saying that sexual-assault accusers have "the right to be believed" and calling for more campus resources to help alleged victims, her chief rival for the nomination appears to have quietly responded.

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., is the first new cosponsor in nearly two months of the Campus Accountability and Safety Act (S-590). Congress.gov says he signed on to the bill Tuesday, just a day after Clinton's speech at the University of Northern Iowa.

It's a toe in the water for Sanders, who had to explain this spring why he wrote a "rape fantasy" essay in 1972 for a Vermont alt rag. He's beenawfully easy on Clinton as well, neglecting to point out the perceived hypocrisy in her "right to be believed" remarks when her husband, former President Bill Clinton, has been repeatedly accused of sexual assault.'

Rep. Jared Polis did not misspeak, he just doesn't like the backlash

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'Colorado Congressman Jared Polis claimed in his local newspaper that he "misspoke" when he called for innocent college students to be expelled simply for being accused of sexual assault.

He can claim whatever he wants, but his actions last week tell a far different story than that of someone who merely didn't choose his words carefully.

First, we have to go back to his original statement, made during a House hearing on campus sexual assault. During a back-and-forth with a panelist advocating for due process rights for students accused of sexual assault, Polis said it's better to throw out accused students even if they're likely innocent, just in case.'

Hillary Clinton uses sexual assault to win votes

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'Hillary Rodham Clinton is once again pandering to women with her three-pronged proposal to end the “epidemic” of campus sexual assault, but Mrs. Clinton’s own actions directly contradict her newly released plan.

“It is not enough to condemn campus sexual assault. We need to end campus sexual assault,” Mrs. Clinton said to a group of supporters on Monday at the University of Northern Iowa.

But while the former secretary of state claims to be fighting a sexual assault “epidemic” on college campuses, what she is really fighting for are female votes.

“To every survivor of sexual assault … You have the right to be heard. You have the right to be believed. We’re with you,” Mrs. Clinton tweeted out on Monday.

Mrs. Clinton’s newly proposed standard violates the most sacred principle of the American criminal justice system, innocent until proven guilty.'

"Yes Means Yes" Bills to be Introduced

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'"No Means No" could soon change to "Yes Means Yes." Some local lawmakers proposed that bill on Tuesday, hoping it could help prevent sexual assaults on campus.

The general idea is anything less than yes, should mean no when it comes to sexual assault.

"It's not about what she wore, it's not about what she drank, it's about whether or not the perpetrator got consent and it was a mutual interaction," said Erin Roberts, Executive Director of E.V.E.

Working with victims Roberts says that distinction makes a big difference. Which is why she supports "Yes means Yes" -- meaning that only a sober yes on both sides counts as consent.
...
Police officers who investigate sexual assault cases say this could change investigations because it creates a clearer standard for holding perpetrators accountable.'

Affirmative consent policies debated on campuses

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'Legal scholars across the nation have spoken out against affirmative consent sexual misconduct policies implemented at many universities, including LSU, with proponents of the policy saying it bolsters the fight against rape culture at college campuses.

Affirmative consent, as it applies to sexual misconduct policy, means a person who initiates sexual contact must hear “yes” from the other person before engaging in a sexual act, said Morgan Lamandre, Vice President of Survivor Services at Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response in Baton Rouge.

Former American Civil Liberties Union President Nadine Strossen recently said the policy violates rights of due process, according to a news release from Stop Abusive and Violent Environments.

“They reverse the usual presumption of innocence,” Strossen said. “Unless the guy can prove that his sexual partner affirmatively consented to every single contact, he is presumed guilty of sexual misconduct.”'

Australia: "Domestic Violence Protections for the [SA] Tenancy Sector"

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Link here.

Excerpt from the Information Paper:

'Australian women are most likely to experience physical and sexual violence in their home, at the hand of a male current or ex-partner. For 62% of women who had experienced physical assault by a male perpetrator, the most recent incident was in their home.

The Weatherill Government has made a strong commitment to addressing domestic violence in our community. Last year, the Premier reaffirmed domestic violence prevention as a priority for this Government with the release of the 'Taking A Stand – Responding to Domestic Violence' paper. Since then, the Government has embarked on a series of initiatives to address domestic violence in our community. To build on these initiatives, the Government is pursuing changes to strengthen the level of protection afforded to victims of domestic violence in the tenancy sector.

The proposed changes will recognise domestic violence in our tenancy legislation, and provide further protections for victims in the tenancy sector, including rooming house residents, to either continue in the tenancy without the perpetrator, leave the tenancy and no longer be liable for the premises, or terminate the tenancy altogether. The South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT) will be empowered to determine that one or more, but not all co-tenants, are liable for compensation to the landlord and order that the bond be paid to the landlord and any co-tenants not liable for compensation as it thinks fit, but not so as to unduly disadvantage the landlord.
...
The Intervention Order (Protection of Abuse) Act 2009 (the IO Act) contains measures to help victims of abuse safely stay in their home. It allows an intervention order to prohibit the perpetrator from being anywhere near the family home, even though the perpetrator may own or rent it. The aim is to encourage victims of abuse and their children to stay in the family home if they want to and prevent their lives being unnecessarily disrupted. It also offers a means of longer-term security to protected persons who wish to stay in the home.'

Australia: 'Mansplaining' and Taylor Swift lyrics take on Turnbull

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During question time in parliament on Wednesday, the new man in charge was accused of "mansplaining" by Labor deputy leader Tanya Plibersek.

Mansplaining is when a man explains something in which he is less of an expert, to a woman who is more so, because he assumes she is ignorant.

Ms Plibersek had asked whether Mr Turnbull could "confirm how much he will restore to the foreign aid programme after the cabinet he was part of cut the budget by $11.3bn dollars" in the last budget.

Mr Turnbull responded: "If the honourable member wanted to get a serious answer she should ask a serious question. If all she's interested in is making an allegation, making a political argument across the dispatch box, that is fine. But it's a complete waste of Question Time."
Unimpressed with the verbal jousting, she replied: "Mr Speaker, I'd rather have an answer than the mansplaining by the prime minister."

Within minutes, "mansplaining" was trending on Twitter in Australia, winning Ms Plibersek - and the word itself - both fans and critics.'

Barrister Charlotte Proudman called friends 'sexy' and 'hot stuff' on Facebook

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'The barrister who exposed a senior lawyer who she accused of sending her sexist messages has previously commented on pictures of friends online, calling them 'sexy' and 'hot stuff'.

Charlotte Proudman, 27, posted screenshots on twitter of 'misogynistic' messages from Alexander Carter-Silk, a senior partner in a top London firm who she said had ‘objectified her’ on the professional networking site LinkedIn.

In a response to the married 57-year-old, which she also posted online, she said: "I am on linked-in for business purposes not to be approached about my physical appearance or to be objectified by sexist men."

The Daily Mail has now reported that Ms Proudman, who is also studying for a PhD at Cambridge University, has made several comments on pictures of both male and female friends in the past, praising their physical appearance.

Underneath a picture of one friend she is said to have commented: ‘Hot stuff!’, while under an image of another male friend, she wrote: ‘oooo lalala!’

The Daily Mail reports that Ms Proudman also told female friends they looked ‘sexy’ and ‘stunning’ – the same word used by Mr Carter-Silk.'

Another accused student tries Title IX as a club to beat the hell out of his college

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'College Fix readers are undoubtedly aware of the Occidental College sexual-assault case, which we've covered several times as a prime example of the near-impossibility of male students defending themselves against accusations even when hard evidence is solidly in their favor.

Even when their accusers appear to have initiated sexual relations.

One due-process lawsuit and one Department of Education complaint later, the accused student "John Doe" has filed a second lawsuit against Occidental, this time claiming it discriminated against him based on his gender, City News Service reports:

`The current suit alleges Title IX violations and maintains Occidental's discipline of Doe occurred in part because of "internal and external forces demanding Occidental find more male students responsible for sexually assaulting female students."

The complaint states that colleges and universities have been under pressure from the federal Department of Education's Office [for] Civil Rights to address sexual violence on campus or face the withholding of federal education money.`

His accuser is herself accused of initiating the sex – a claim validated by the investigator the school appointed – making this case different from many others where the parties either agreed the man initiated or neither could remember because they were so drunk.'

Student Sued Over False Sexual Assault Accusations

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'A former San Diego State University student accused of sexual assault last December has announced plans to bring a lawsuit against the institution after charges were dropped and the student's suspension was lifted.

Francisco Sousa, a transfer student from Portugal, faced charges of forcible oral copulation with force and false imprisonment with force before the District Attorney determined the charges could not be proven beyond reasonable doubt, according to an April report in the University's newspaper the Daily Aztec.

Sousa has now said he will seek not only monetary damages from the University, but also an apology from officials for sending an all-campus email that informed the University community that he had been arrested 10 News reported. Sousa's suspension was lifted when the university determined the sexual misconduct allegations were unsubstantiated.

"One of the things I want from San Diego State is for them to send a public email to students to announce the decision, the same way they sent an email to make me look like a criminal," Sousa said according to the San Diego Union-Tribune.'

Lawsuits: University sexual misconduct policies slanted in favor of women

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'A University of Cincinnati senior football player who was suspended over what he says was a false sexual misconduct allegation filed a lawsuit against the school on Wednesday over its handling of the case.

This is the latest in several lawsuits filed by students against Ohio colleges and universities this year claiming that strict sexual misconduct policies are slanted in favor of female accusers. They claim the U.S. Department of Education's crackdown on campus sexual assaults has forced schools to create unfair policies or risk losing federal funding.

"No student who has been accused of serious sexual misconduct at UC has ever been exonerated. You can't win," said Joshua Engel, an attorney for the football player, who is identified as John Doe in the lawsuit.

Engel is asking U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Black to lift the suspension and football ban while the case moves through the court system. A hearing on the temporary restraining order will likely take place this week.'

State legislature to propose 'Yes Means Yes' bill

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'Democrats in the Michigan state legislature are set to propose a “Yes Means Yes” bill this week.

State Senator Curtis Hertel Jr. and State Representative Tom Cochran said Tuesday they will propose the bill in an effort to combat sexual assault.

The legislation proposes additions to the state’s standard high school sexual education curriculum to teach the “yes means yes” concept of sexual consent.

If the bill is passed, the state’s curriculum will be changed to “teach pupils that in order for consent to be given by both parties to sexual activity it must be affirmative consent.”

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“Affirmative consent is a dangerous policy and we [should] strongly oppose it,” stated Gina Lauterio, policy project director for Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE), in an email to Campus Reform.

“Yes means yes flips the burden of proof onto the accused student, who then must show how he or she received consent for each particular sexual activity.”'

Australia: ARTC gets permission to target women for rail jobs

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'The Australian Rail Track Corporation has been given permission to hire only women for track maintenance roles across Newcastle and the Hunter Valley.

Currently only 18 per cent of the ARTC's workforce is female and the company would like to increase that proportion to 30 per cent.

In the Hunter region, the figure is 12 per cent.

It has obtained permission from the Anti-Discrimination Board to specifically target women for some current vacancies, based in Muswellbrook, Scone, Maitland and Newcastle.

ARTC CEO John Fullerton said increasing workforce diversity is vital and will lead to greater innovation and creativity.

He said businesses like ARTC must 'lead from the front' to ensure change in what has traditionally been a male-dominated industry.'

A Father's Fight to Win Back His Daughter Secretly Put Up for Adoption

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'Skylar is a rambunctious toddler who runs and plays and giggles with her father, Chris Emanuel.

But she has no idea she sat at the heart of a massive custody battle with far-reaching implications for fathers' rights.

Emanuel, a 25-year-old from Aiken, South Carolina, met Skylar's mother, whom he now refers to as simply "the egg donor," through their work as fork lift drivers at a manufacturing company three years ago. He said they started off as friends before it escalated into something more.

"She wasn't the ordinary girly girl. She was a girly girl but she could play pool. I could sit down and play pool with her," he said. "She listened to the same music that I listened to but she rode horses. You know, it was different. I never met someone of that nature before but I definitely enjoyed the moments that we shared."

In the beginning, Emanuel said they texted all the time, and their affectionate messages soon turned into flirtations. Three months later, Emanuel was overjoyed to learn he was going to be a dad.'

Paternity Fraud: Is It Legal to Lie About A Baby's Daddy?

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'If you aren't the daddy, is it your baby?

In March, a businessman in Britain sued his ex-wife, a similarly successful businesswoman, because she has fraudulently convinced him that his "son" was of his own DNA. Turns out, she had used a sperm donation from her former boyfriend to conceive the child during a time of "trouble" within her and the man's marriage.

From birth, the man was convinced the child was his. (Obviously. Who thinks to DNA test your wife's baby?) But, these hoes ain't loyal.

The ex-boyfriend later told the court, "Her main objective was to have a baby but she wanted me to be the father."'

UK: Should we be doing more to expose paternity fraud?

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'It could be the ultimate fraud. Across Britain, thousands of men are likely to be raising children that they have been tricked into believing are theirs, when they were really fathered by another man. And now one victim of paternity fraud is calling for it to be made a criminal offence after he spent six years bringing up a boy he thought was his son, only to find out that his wife had used the sperm from her ex-boyfriend at an IVF clinic.

The man sued her for the £60,000 he had handed over in child maintenance after they split up, but only gained a small amount of compensation, even though the judge said he had been a victim of “clear deceit and fraud”.

It sounds like an extreme and isolated case. But studies suggest somewhere between two and 10 per cent of men have been fooled into raising another man’s child.

For obvious reasons, paternity fraud – or paternal discrepancy as healthcare professionals refer to it – is hard to track. The best British review was published in the journal Epidemial Community Health ten years ago. Looking at all other good studies, it said the median average was a rate of four per cent. So one father in 25 is labouring under a serious misapprehension.'

Hear Them Roar: Meet the Honey Badgers, the Women Behind the Men's Rights Movement

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'You've seen the video, right? The one with the vicious, weasel-skunk-fox hybrid sticking its nose into bee-filled holes, gnawing on mice, tearing the heads off snakes, and shaking off venomous cobra bites, waking up after a few minutes to return to eating its attacker? You know, the one that ends with, "Honey badger don't care. Honey badger don't give a shit"? If you're one the nearly 75 million people who've watched the YouTube sensation since it was posted in 2011, you may think you're familiar with this whole Honey Badger thing. You have no idea.

The women scattered across the U.S. and Canada who call themselves Honey Badgers have no true affiliation with the ferocious carnivorous mammals, nor with the viral nature mockumentary meme. They are, in fact, a group of concerned individuals who have banded together to stand up to a society that unfairly targets a segment of the population vulnerable simply because of its gender. That marginalized group? Men.'

UK: Lib Dems accused of sexism after banning men from event on juggling politics and family life

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'Lib Dems have barred men from a “juggling politics and family life” training session at their annual conference.

The move has led to claims of sexism at the conference, which opens in Bournemouth on Saturday.

The conference fringe event is only open to women, sparking accusations that organisers do not respect men’s role in bringing up children.

The meeting is listed in the official directory saying: “Time management: getting the balance right between politics and the rest of your life (Women only) Ideas on how to successfully juggle politics and family life.”

One former candidate criticised the decision to exclude men. Mike Powell, who stood in the Pontypridd constituency at the last three general elections, said: “This is just as likely to affect men as it is women these days.

“My wife and I share the fun of looking after our four-year-old daughter - parenting is not just a female thing.”'

"Should Colleges Get Rid of Fraternities?"

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'Fraternities simply don't fit into the mission of 21st century higher education. They represent a dominant and dangerous social culture that needs to be removed from universities.

We're used to the headlines by now—stories of widespread abuse and bias that have no place on a modern campus. In leaked videos and emails, fraternity brothers across the country have been caught describing raping women or slinging racial slurs. Many researchers have found that fraternity members are more likely to commit rape than nonfraternity members. One study author has stated, "It is reasonable to conclude that fraternities turn men into guys more likely to rape."

These toxic attitudes and behaviors don't belong at the center of campus social life. I should note, however, that I'm generally not referring to minority fraternities, which typically don't have houses and focus more on cultural networks.'

Hillary and her no-questions-asked position withstands the withering of her campaign

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'R29: I want to talk about Emma Sulkowicz at Columbia — she's the woman who dragged her mattress with her everywhere during senior year. You said last year that the image of her and her mattress should haunt all of us. What does the plan you want to put into place accomplish for women like Emma?

HRC: "You know, first of all, there needs to be a decision in our country and on every college campus that any women who reports an assault should be heard and believed, and there should be a process that is in place — not made up every time that something like this happens. There should be a regular process in place to examine what she is saying, to begin to hear from people to make some kind of decision that is viewed as fair to everybody, because it does need to be fair to everybody. But many women like her feel that they are basically being asked to remain silent. That nobody wants to hear from them, that nobody wants to believe them, and nobody wants to have the comprehensive services that they need. We have colleges that don't even have services in their health clinics, or any cooperative agreement with nearby hospitals even to treat somebody who's come forth. So there's a checklist we're going through that every place should have to be able to comply with. And then, when it comes to the process, I have talked with survivors, and a lot of them don't want to go into the criminal-justice system. They don't feel that they will be heard or believed there, and it's a difficult process for many.'

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Also see: Hillary Clinton pushes campus sexual assault myths

UK: Why is the government taking the NUS's 'lad culture' survey seriously?

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'You thought starting university was meant to be fun? Think again. A new league table, published in time for freshers' week 2016, ranks universities on the basis of their local crime rate. The Complete University Guide has published the results, alongside a guide to 'sexism on campus', which gives students tips on how to scope out their university's attitude to sexism and sexual harassment. But as the survey points out, official data for crime specifically against students is not available, so these figures are chosen because they relate to crimes 'most likely to affect students'.

The growing panic about sexual violence on campus is based on various reports published by the National Union of Students (NUS). The most recent claimed that '50pc of study participants identified "prevailing sexism, 'laddism' and a culture of harassment" at their universities'. The reportwas written by the director of Gender Studies at the University of Sussex, Alison Phipps, and research associate Isabel Young. Titled 'That's What She Said', it featured interviews with just '40 women students across the UK'. Yet it claims to present hard evidence about the 'social, personal and educational impacts of lad culture in higher education'. The report was able to produce shocking statistics by asking participants to answer broad questions about everything from unwanted chat-up lines to actual sexual assault.'

Working with men is bad for your health, researchers say

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'Yet another reason to ban men.

A new study from the Indiana University Bloomington has found that working in male-dominated offices can do serious damage to female employees' health.

In a large US survey, researchers studied the stress hormones of more than 440 women who worked in offices where at least 85% of the workforce were men.

They found that women working in these strongly male-dominated environments had unhealthier patterns of cortisol – the damaging stress hormone – than those who worked in more gender balanced offices.
...
Men, meanwhile, don't exhibit the same disrupted cortisol levels as women in offices where there are 85% or more men.

The only logical solution? Kick all the men out of the office. Let's woman it up.'

Woman’s Reaction to 10-Year-Old Boy’s Purported Bad ‘Manners’ Caught on Surveillance Video

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'A 10-year-old boy in the Bronx, New York, was allegedly assaulted by a woman for having bad “manners.”

Mohammed Almontsire told WABC-TV that he went back into his father’s deli to get a bag that he had left there earlier. That’s where a woman, who police are now looking for, ordered the fifth grader to say “thank you.” But Almontsire refused.

“She slapped me two times. I punched one time,” Mohammed said.

The boy claimed the woman also used “bad words.”

Ibrahim Almontsir, the boy’s father, later saw surveillance footage of the incident and said it was “indescribable” to watch his son being “chased and beat up.”

“The way she punches him around, he was very helpless,” the father added.'

Students will be marked down if they write ‘mankind’ in North Carolina State women’s studies class

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'A women’s and gender studies lecturer at North Carolina State University is docking her students’ grades for using “sexist language” in class assignments.

What’s sexist? “Generalized pronouns,” according to a portion of a syllabus obtained by The College Fix.

The directive is aimed at students in Nancy Bishop’s online class “Women and Poverty.”

“Thanks to evolution, generalized pronouns and other biased references are no longer acceptable in any class,” the syllabus reads in a section on “Non-Sexist Language.”

“You may NOT use ‘he’ or ‘him’ or ‘man’ to refer to both men and women,” it continues. Bishop tells students they can replace “mankind” with “humans” or “humankind,” and should write “she or he” instead of just “he,” though the syllabus is unclear on whether students should always lead with a female pronoun.'

SAVE: U.S. Rep's Math Still Wrong

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Thank you for telling U.S. Representative Jared Polis on Monday that it's wrong to expel innocence students.

As you may recall, Rep. Polis stated that a student should be expelled if there is only a 20% chance he is guilty.

He has since apologized! http://www.dailycamera.com/guest-opinions/ci_28818663/jared-polis-colleges-should-handle-sex-assault-cases

In his apology, however, he states that 1 in 5 female students in the class of 2019 will be assaulted or raped. Perhaps Polis likes the number "20%," but we know this number has been debunked: http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/myths/

We want you to contact Rep. Polis again and tell him that he needs to look at facts before advocating for sexual assault policy changes. To do otherwise is dangerous and unprofessional.

Call: (202) 225-2161
Email: https://polis.house.gov/forms/writeyourrep/default.aspx

Thank you!

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Judge Orders College to Reinstate Student Accused of Sexual Assault

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'A federal judge on Thursday ordered Middlebury College to reinstate a student who had been expelled over alleged sexual misconduct during a study-abroad trip last year, the Associated Press reports, citing court documents.

The student, identified only as John Doe, was initially exonerated by the School for International Training, which ran the study-abroad program, in an unnamed foreign country, in which both John Doe and his alleged victim took part. Unhappy with the school's findings, the victim, identified as Jane Doe, said she intended to file a complaint with the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights, which is already investigating more than 100 collegesover their response to reports of sexual misconduct on their campuses.'

Harvard Law prof debates Title IX

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'Harvard Law School professor Jeannie C. Suk argued at a forum in New York this week that the criminal court system, not campus resources, should investigate and adjudicate cases of alleged sexual harassment, sexual assault, and rape.

At the forum—hosted by Intelligence Squared Debates and titled “Courts, Not Campuses, Should Decide Sexual Assault Cases”—Suk and Yale Law School professor Jeb Rubenfeld argued in favor of the motion. Michelle Anderson, the dean of City University New York School of Law, and Stephen Schulhofer, a professor at New York University School of Law, argued in favor of university involvement in the contentious issue.

"What campuses are doing under pressure from the Department of Education is hurting the cause of gender equality,” Suk argued during an opening statement. “Campus tribunals use procedures that lack basic fairness and often reach inaccurate outcomes.”'

Women earned majority of doctoral degrees in 2014 for 6th straight year, and outnumber men in grad school 136 to 100

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'Here's my prediction – the facts that: a) men are underrepresented in graduate school enrollment overall (100 men were enrolled in 2014 for every 136.4 women), b) men received fewer master's (41% of the total) and doctoral degrees (47.8% of the total) than women in 2014, and c) men were underrepresented in 7 out of 11 graduate fields of study at both the master's and doctoral levels last year will get no attention at all from feminists, gender activists, women's centers, the media, universities, and anybody in the higher education industry.

Additionally, there will be no calls for government studies, or increased government funding to address the significant gender disparities favoring women in graduate schools, and nobody will refer to the gender graduate school enrollment and degree gaps favoring women as a problem or a "crisis." Further, neither President Obama nor Congress will address the gender graduate enrollment and degree gaps favoring women by invoking the Title IX gender-equity law, like they have threatened to do for the gender gap in some college math and science programs. And there won't be any executive orders to address the significant under-representation of men in graduate schools by creating a White House Council on Boys and Men like the executive order issued by President Obama in 2009 to create the "White House Council on Women and Girls." Finally, despite their stated commitment to "gender equity," the hundreds of university women's centers around the country are unlikely to show any concern about the significant gender inequities in graduate school enrollment and degrees, and universities will not be allocating funding to set up men's centers on college campuses or providing funding for graduate scholarships for men.'

Constitution Day inspires Title IX debate at University

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Erin Buzuvis, director of Western New England University School of Law's Center for Gender and Sexuality Studies, and Christina Hoff Sommers, author of several books and resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, traded prepared remarks and answered questions about Title IX — the 1972 law that prohibits discrimination in federally funded education based on sex — as well as modern feminism and current campus issues.

The debate, sponsored by CNU's Center for American Studies, drew a near capacity crowd of students in Ferguson Center for the Arts' Music and Theater Hall. Since gaining its official holiday status in 2004, Constitution Day has required institutions that receive federal funding to provide educational programming related to the constitution.'

Mansults: the put-downs that are always levelled at straight white males

Mastodon · 19 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The other evening, I attended an excellent London Thinks debate on free speech – or rather, the apparent lack of it, through “safe spaces” – on British university campuses.

It was a night of much eyebrow-raising, but the sharpest intake of breath was reserved for a comment made by a certain Ms Bahar Mustafa.

Sharp-minded readers may recall how, last April, Mustafa, 27, the Welfare and Diversity Officer at London’s Goldsmiths University, Comment and launched the controversial Twitter hashtag #KillAllWhiteMen, which she later claimed was merely a joke.'

'Don't Be That Guy' campaign on UW-Madison campus gets mixed reviews

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Don't Be That Guy," a new campaign from UW-Madison Police designed to grab young men's attention and remind them that sexual assault is not OK, is getting mixed reviews on campus.

The campaign uses provocative images — like a passed-out young woman — on posters now dotting campus to drive home its message.

UWPD spokesman Marc Lovicott said the campaign, launched in August, is intended to move the focus of anti-sex assault messages from women's behavior to men's. A past campaign, for example, urged women to report assaults, he said.

"One thing we heard is that everybody always focuses on the victims," Lovicott said. "Why not focus on the perpetrators?"

The UWPD modeled the campaign after similar campaigns in Canada and the United Kingdom. Only a handful of police departments in the United States have experimented with a version of "Don't Be That Guy," said a department news release.'

"One in four"

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'One in four.

That is the amount of women who are assaulted on college campuses. Look around you. Twenty-five percent of the women on Saint Joseph's University campus could be a part of this statistic.

St. Joe's, however, is trying to combat this staggering statistic. With an updated sexual misconduct policy and required faculty and staff training on the new policies, the university is taking steps toward preventing assaults on campus.

While this is a good step forward, it seems as though they are only implementing faculty training because they have to. An email sent out by the Saint Joseph's Human Resources Office stated, "…to comply with what is now an expectation (rather than a suggestion) under recent changes in federal law, we will provide live training on these revised policies and procedures…" This statement makes it seem as though the university is none too enthusiastic about the prospect of this training.

The Clery Act statistics also look a bit skewed. The reported stats say that only 12 sexual assaults—both "forcible" and "non-forcible"—have taken place on campus between 2011 and 2013. There have not been any incidents reported to Saint Joseph's Office of Public Safety by students living off-campus.

The U.S. Department of Education defines "forcible sex offenses" as "any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent…"'

Why Marines have a problem with women in combat

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'Some believe the service fired an opening shot in the battle on June 30,when it sacked the head of the recruit battalion at Parris Island, S.C., where all enlisted women are made into Marines. During her year in command, Lt. Col. Kate Germano irked her boss as she pushed for tougher standards for female recruits — and boosted their performance.

Before she was fired for what the Corps described as toxic leadership, abuse of authority and poor “playground skills,” Germano had lobbied for the dismantling of the service’s current system of gender-segregated boot camp instruction.

She thinks the Corps should reinstate its old methods that had men and women shoulder-to-shoulder during basic training, tackling the hikes, obstacle courses and classroom lectures together, as recruits do today in all of the nation’s other military services.

Some Marine women disagree, including a gunnery sergeant who told The San Diego Union-Tribune that “not being around boys” helps female recruits concentrate more on the mission: “It becomes a sisterhood and makes us stronger and prouder.”

What the Corps intends as a separate-but-equal training program designed to reduce distractions between the sexes and instill confidence in female recruits is actually the root of many of its problems today, Germano said in an extensive interview. Those challenges include sexual misconduct, lower marksmanship and physical fitness levels among female Marines, and hostility toward integrating women into ground-combat units.'

Female Sheriff’s Deputy Arrested For Domestic Abuse

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'PCSO deputies arrested 44-year-old Consuelo Gallegos-Bias of Mulberry, who is a PCSO deputy sheriff, and charged her with one count Battery Domestic Violence (M-1), one count Resisting Officer Without Violence (M-1), and one count Tampering With Evidence (F-3).

According to the affidavit, PCSO was contacted by Gallegos-Bias’ adult son after he heard an argument between his parents that occurred in the master bedroom. According to the son and two other family member witnesses who were in the home at the time, the suspect was verbally arguing with the victim in the master bedroom, which escalated into the two of them wrestling over a firearm on the floor. The firearm was discharged into a piece of bedroom furniture and nobody was injured. The suspect then battered the victim by hitting him in the head. The victim sought assistance from the witnesses, who called PCSO.'

Male circumcision rates in Utah decline as parents reconsider the procedure

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Spenst Hansen knows better than to take his body for granted.

Born in the midst of his parents' divorce, the 24-year-old Salt Laker was, of course, a major sticking point in the split. More surprisingly, so was his circumcision status.

"My mother and her side of the family really wanted to get [the procedure] done—so much so, apparently, that they were threatening to get it done behind my father's back," Hansen says. "My father was very adamant and very passionate about letting me keep my whole and unaltered body. From what I understand, he actually put out a court-ordered cease and desist for every pediatrician in the state."'

Judge orders College to cough up student and alumni disciplinary files in sex and drug lawsuit

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'The sex-and-drugs case of John Doe v. Reed College took a peculiar turn this week when a federal judge ordered the school to turn over nearly seven years of student disciplinary files to lawyers in the case.

U.S. District Judge Michael W. Mosman's five-page order Tuesday spells out specific records sought about current and former Reed students, including those accused of violating the school's Honor Principle, Sexual Harassment Policy, Discriminatory Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Policy or Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy.

It's not clear how many records that might include. But the school tallied more than 800 crime reports on campus for drug, alcohol and sexual violence during a three-year period ending in 2013, according to Reed's website.

A former student identified only as "John Doe" filed a federal Title IX lawsuit last April that accuses Reed College and his ex-girlfriend – identified as Jane Roe – of causing him to be wrongly expelled and falsely labeled a sex offender. In Reed and Roe's answers to the suit, Doe is described as someone who distributed drugs, arranged group sex, shared a homemade sex video and would have been tossed out of the college anyway.'

Child victims partly to blame in priest sex-abuse cases, bishop testified

Matt · 20 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Need I mention the what-if around the victims being girls and not boys? Excerpt:

'The victims of child-molesting priests are partly to blame for their own abuse, the bishop of Syracuse said in a sworn deposition that revealed his views on the church's sex abuse scandal.

Bishop Robert Cunningham testified in a 2011 deposition in response to a federal lawsuit filed by a man who said a priest in the Syracuse diocese sexually abused him as a child.

The man's lawyer asked Cunningham whether, in the eyes of the church, a child molested by a priest has committed a sin.

"The boy is culpable," Cunningham said Oct. 14, 2011, according to a transcript of the deposition.

His sworn testimony provides rare insight into the thoughts of the highest-ranking Catholic in Syracuse about one of the most troubling chapters in the church's history.'

U.S. Soldiers Told to Ignore Afghan Allies' Abuse of Boys

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'In his last phone call home, Lance Cpl. Gregory Buckley Jr. told his father what was troubling him: From his bunk in southern Afghanistan, he could hear Afghan police officers sexually abusing boys they had brought to the base.

"At night we can hear them screaming, but we're not allowed to do anything about it," the Marine's father, Gregory Buckley Sr., recalled his son telling him before he was shot to death at the base in 2012. He urged his son to tell his superiors. "My son said that his officers told him to look the other way because it's their culture."

Rampant sexual abuse of children has long been a problem in Afghanistan, particularly among armed commanders who dominate much of the rural landscape and can bully the population. The practice is called bacha bazi, literally "boy play," and American soldiers and Marines have been instructed not to intervene — in some cases, not even when their Afghan allies have abused boys on military bases, according to interviews and court records.

The policy has endured as American forces have recruited and organized Afghan militias to help hold territory against the Taliban. But soldiers and Marines have been increasingly troubled that instead of weeding out pedophiles, the American military was arming them in some cases and placing them as the commanders of villages — and doing little when they began abusing children.

"The reason we were here is because we heard the terrible things the Taliban were doing to people, how they were taking away human rights," said Dan Quinn, a former Special Forces captain who beat up an American-backed militia commander for keeping a boy chained to his bed as a sex slave. "But we were putting people into power who would do things that were worse than the Taliban did — that was something village elders voiced to me."'

Female sexism: Why it sucks to work with too many men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As per a new study, covert and overt forms of sexism are equally damaging to working women.

Frequent sexist wisecracks, comments and office cultures, where women are ignored are just as damaging to women as single instances of sexual coercion and unwanted sexual attention, according to the study.

Norms, leadership, or policies, that reduce intense harmful experiences may lead managers to believe that they have solved the problem of maltreatment of women in the workplace, wrote the study authors.

They added that the more frequent, less intense, and often unchallenged gender harassment, sexist discrimination, sexist organizational climate and organizational tolerance for sexual harassment appeared at least as detrimental for women's wellbeing. They should not be considered lesser forms of sexism.
...
The authors further wrote that the results suggest that organizations should have zero tolerance for low intensity sexism, the same way they do for overt harassment. This will require teaching workers about the harmful nature of low intensity sexist events, not only for women, but also for the overall organizational climate.

The study appears in The Psychology of Women Quarterly (a SAGE Journal). ANI)'

Pentagon promotes 'Lean In' groups to boost women in leadership

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'U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter, keen to expand the number of women and minorities in military leadership, on Monday will endorse "Lean In" discussion groups sparked by Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg's bestselling book, a senior defense official said.

Carter and Sandberg will meet at the Pentagon with 15 women from all ranks and military services who already lead Lean In groups, followed by a news conference, where Carter will promote creation of more such groups, at government facilities and even during working hours.

"If you look at the numbers, it's clear that we are not where we should be in terms of the leadership reflecting the overall force," said the official. "It's important that our force reflect the nation that it protects."'

Another Survey Probably Overstates Prevalence Of Campus Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The alleged one-in-five sexual assault rate at American colleges is being pushed with renewed vigor Monday thanks to a massive new survey released by the Association of American Universities (AAU). But the new survey has many of the same problems that have dogged earlier surveys.

The survey was administered by the AAU, a collection of America's top public and private research universities, at 27 member campuses. Over 150,000 students responded, approximately 19.3 percent of the total population. According to the survey, about 23 percent of female undergraduate students have experienced some kind of sexual assault, ranging from rape to lesser offenses like unwanted groping. Just under 11 percent of women said they experienced non-consensual sexual penetration of some kind.

The survey is being widely touted as "validation" for the one-in-five sexual assault statistic that has been repeatedly cited as a call to action. But whether this is actually the case is quite dubious. The new survey took a very similar approach to earlier surveys (such as a Washington Post survey from June), and consequently has many of the same flaws.'

U.S. State Dept.: "Connecting Women Entrepreneurs in the Americas"

Minuteman · 22 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Recognizing that investing in women-owned small and medium enterprises is one of the best ways to accelerate economic growth and prosperity, 18 women entrepreneurs are in the United States beginning this week to form connections with their U.S. colleagues and share best practices to expand their business networks. The Women's Entrepreneurship in the Americas (WEAmericas) Initiative – launched by President Obama at the 2012 Summit of the Americas and part of his Spark Global Entrepreneurship initiative – leverages public-private partnerships to encourage inclusive economic growth and break down the barriers that women entrepreneurs face.
...
The WEAmericas exchange is a core element of the larger WEAmericas initiative. The State Department has worked with partners, including the Walmart Foundation, Goldman Sachs, Thunderbird for Good, Cherie Blair Foundation, the Multilateral Investment Fund, the Inter-American Investment Corporation, Ernst and Young, and others since 2012. Over 20,000 women in more than 20 countries are expected to benefit from these partnerships by the end of 2015.'

'Shadow' campus system is no solution

Matt · 22 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As a person who deals with the issue of sex assault on campus , it seems appropriate for me to offer some opinions in the context of Congressman Polis's remarks and the discussion they have engendered.

First, it is important that we be clear what is being discussed. Sex assault is a very serious crime. Most sex assaults in Colorado are at least class 4 felonies, potentially punishable by many years in prison, mandatory registration as a sex offender, court-ordered sex offender treatment and large fines, as well as the life-changing consequences of a felony conviction.

Our criminal justice system has developed effective protections and strategies to assure fair and honorable investigation, charging and prosecution of sex offenses, carefully balancing the rights of the accused with the rights of a victim. Though law enforcement sometimes fails to act quickly and appropriately (some cite the recent reported problems in Jon Krakauer's book, "Missoula"), a well-run district attorney's office is fully capable of reviewing, investigating, filing and prosecuting cases when a conviction is appropriate. Failure of law enforcement to handle these cases appropriately is normally due to one (or both) of two common problems:
...'

Ed. note: The author is the DA of Boulder County, CO.

University Pulls Kiss Cam After Complaint It Encourages Sexual Assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'If the author of a letter to the editor published on Syracuse.com last Friday has his way, the famous “kiss cam” employed at countless sporting venues across the country might go the way of the misogynistic dodo. That’s because, following said letter, Syracuse University will discontinue its use of the gag at the school’s Carrier Dome on Saturday.

On the one hand, this seems like yet another example of political correctness gone mad. Without the popular kiss cam, moments like former president Jimmy Carter‘s loving smooch with his wife Rosalynn Carter will never again grace the next day’s newsfeeds. Yet after reading the Syracuse.com letter, the reasoning behind the school’s decision begins to make some sense.

“The first two people (and probably most people that wind up on the kiss cam) were happy to oblige the camera,” writes Steve Port of Manlius, New York. “However, the cameraman then scanned into the student section where a young man and a young woman were shown. Clearly not a couple, the male student pleaded his case for a kiss on the big screen while the female adamantly shook her head no. So what does this guy do? He grabs her head and shoves his tongue down her throat, the crowd cheers.”

Port continues, saying that the third kiss cam target also appeared to be yet another non-couple, and the female student again shook her head “no.” This time, members of the crowd sitting behind her forcibly shoved her face into the man’s.'

College's hypocrisy on standard of evidence when it comes to accused students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Vermont college was ordered to halt the expulsion of a student who was expelled for sexual assault without being given a hearing. But what the college argued in its defense was rather interesting.

Middlebury College used a "preponderance of evidence" standard (meaning campus administrators have to be just 50.01 percent sure an assault was committed) even before the Department of Education mandated colleges to lower the bar on proof of charges against students. But when it came to defending itself from this student's lawsuit, the college demanded the higher standard of "clear and convincing" evidence that it had wronged him.

In a footnote of the judge's decision to halt the expulsion, noticed by Samantha Harris of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, the college argued for the higher standard of proof.

"Middlebury argues a higher standard — requiring Plaintiff to demonstrate 'a clear or substantial likelihood of success on the merits' — applies because an injunction will provide plaintiff with substantially all the relief sought and the relief cannot be undone and because plaintiff seeks to alter rather than maintain the status quo," the footnote reads.'

NHL Legend Blows Off Woman's Attempt To Extort Him With Post-Sex Photo

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'NHL legend Jaromir Jagr, 43, recently hooked up with a bombshell 18-year-old model, and after the sex session the model attempted to extort Jagr for $2,000 in return for not releasing a photo of them in bed, according to Complex.

Jagr then hit the model back with the greatest response of all time: "I don't care."

That legendary response led to the photo of Jagr in bed with model being released.'

More Help for College Men With Depression and Anxiety

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'Concerned that they aren't reaching enough young men, college counseling centers are making extra efforts to draw them in.

The centers, which usually offer support groups and one-on-one therapy for struggling students, have faced growing demand for their services in recent years. Still, men make up only 33.9% of clients, according to the latest annual survey by the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors. Men represented 43.8% of the student population at the schools surveyed.
...
At the University of Missouri in Columbia last year, the counseling center reached out to the leaders of the school's fraternities. The center, along with the school's Office of Greek Life, conducted a course on masculinity, covering alcohol abuse, respect for women and how to talk about emotions.'

Canada: Up For Debate gives voice to neglected women's issues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For instance: how to make Canada a safer and better place for women? Start with the "testosterone-flooded" House of Commons, said May, which prompted gales of laughter in the audience at the U of T.

All leaders spoke about fixing women's inequality from inside Parliament first by increasing women's representation. Trudeau and May said that getting rid of first-past-the-post would lead to more women MPs.

Mulcair promised to introduce a 50-per-cent female quota for the boards of directors of federal organizations.
...
May said women's issues, along with the environment, are too often shoved to the back burner because political discourse in this country caters to men.

"What are the issues that appeal to the alpha males? We still live in a patriarchal society, we still live in a society where men don't want to admit they're sexist, but there is pervasive sexism," she said. "I've never worked in a workplace as male-dominated and testosterone-flooded as the House of Commons."'

Cyberspace misogyny exaggerated

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you believe the numerous reports on cyberspace misogyny that have appeared in the past couple of years, merely being female on the Internet—whether you're a politician, a journalist, or just a random woman with the temerity to have an opinion—is enough to make you a target for constant sexist insults, vile harassment, and even threats of rape and murder.
...
Certainly, one can point to alarming cases of targeted abuse directed at women, from the rape and death threats sent to British journalist Carolyn Criado-Perez after she campaigned to put Jane Austen on a banknote to American feminist writer Amanda Hess's account of being targeted by a persistent stalker.

But men are hardly immune to such cyber-warfare. Lee Stranahan, a reporter for the American right-wing website Breitbart News, has received death and rape threats directed at himself and his family—which included his home address and phone number being posted online—and has also been the target of phony reports of child abuse.

British videogame critic John Bain (known by the alias TotalBiscuit) has shared a troubling account of being deluged with abusive messages, many wishing him death from cancer, while undergoing chemotherapy.'

University Implements Controversial Sexual Assault Prevention Program

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Wisconsin – Madison has implemented a new sexual assault prevention program for the current school year that is 100% directly targeted at only men being potential rapist. The program titled “Don’t Be that Guy” includes four promotional posters. Each poster is an attempt to instruct men on how to not become a rapist.
...
There is absolutely no mention anywhere in the campaign of potential male victims of sexual violence or potential female aggressors in sexually violent situations.'

Huffington Post Celebrates Woman Who Set Ex-Boyfriend's Car On Fire

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Someone's car got a makeover!

After years of having a car that was boring and unimaginative, much like his relationship with Amy and probably all his exes, Eric has a new ride to go along with his new secret mistress who is no longer a secret at all.

Yeah, this cheating bastard boyfriend's car is looking hot, hot, hot!

Amy hopes you're enjoying your new makeover, Eric, because she certainly is! You might just be too hot to handle at this point, so maybe it's time to go your separate ways.'

Circumcision protest group to demonstrate in Princeton

Matt · 23 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'If you're in Princeton Wednesday and happen to see a bunch of people who appear to be wounded in a very painful manner, don't call 911.

They're part of a group called The Bloodstained Men who are opposed to circumcision, and they've been traveling to cities in the Northeast to draw attention to what they believe is needless surgery on baby boys.

Their attire is designed to shock: white pants with red paint daubed over the groin. They refer to themselves as "intactivists," or activists who favor intact genitals.

Craig Adams, of Dover, one of the demonstration organizers, said he became interested in the issue after the birth of his son in 2013. He and his wife declined three separate inquiries about circumcision while at the hospital, prompting one nurse to remark to their newborn, "You're a lucky baby."'

SAVE: Survey Labeled Students as Sex Offenders for Violating Policy that Didn't Exist

Matt · 23 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'A widely publicized survey on campus sexual assault by the Association of American Universities (AAU) classified male students as violators of affirmative consent policies, even when such policies were not in existence on the campus at the time the survey was conducted. SAVE is calling for AAU to retract the survey and recalculate its findings.

On September 21, the AAU released its Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct, which was conducted at 27 colleges around the nation. The survey reported that 23.1% of female undergraduates experience sexual assault or sexual misconduct sometime during their college careers.

The survey defined "sexual misconduct" to include failure to obtain affirmative consent. But affirmative consent is a controversial, possibly unconstitutional policy, and most colleges had not implemented the policy when AAU fielded the survey in April 2015.'

Soldier uses GoPro to prove wife's domestic abuse

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Story here. Excerpt:

'It was a low blow, captured on a man's GoPro that has led Pinellas County Deputies to put his estranged wife in jail.

"This is just one of many instances where I've had to use the camera to either prove her guilt or prove my innocence and that's the only reason I am carrying it," said Michael who recorded the attack. 10 News is protecting his identity since he is a victim of domestic violence.

In the middle of a long divorce and custody battle over twin 2-year-olds, Michael has been tying the GoPro to his belt using parachute cord to make sure each exchange with his ex is documented.
...
In a custody exchange last Thursday, the camera shows Michael reaching into the back of the car to unbuckle one of his sons. As he is doing that you hear him scream and jerk back. Going frame by frame, in the bottom right hand corner of the video you see what appears to be the hand of 37-year-old Corinne Novak as she forcefully grabs his genitals.'

Congressman: Expel Students Accused Of Rape, But Don’t You Dare Touch My Tea

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jared Polis, the Colorado Democrat who raised eyebrows this month by suggesting students merely accused of sexual assault deserve to be expelled, has apparently found something more deserving of fairness and leniency: Colorado’s kombucha tea industry.

Kombucha tea stands out from other teas because it requires fermentation to make, meaning the drink usually has a small amount of alcohol in it. While this amount is minimal, it can sometimes drift above 0.5 percent, which triggers a host of federal regulations and potential fines. That has left kombucha producers in constant fear of a federal government crackdown that could put them out of business.

Now, Polis says he’s fed up with this unjust reality.'

The latest big sexual assault survey is (like others) more hype than science

Matt · 23 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Amazing the Post ran it, given it's so highly critical of it. The Post typically doesn't like to entertain criticism of itself. Still, anything to shore up lagging sales, even taking opposite positions on the same subject. Money talks. Excerpt:

'"Survey: 1 in 5 women in college sexually assaulted."

This headline, on The Washington Post's long Sept. 21 article about a large survey of students at 27 public and private universities across the country college, is false.

Although the survey, by the Association of American Universities (AAU), was itself deliberately designed to exaggerate the number of sexual assaults on campus, even the AAU said that "estimates such as '1 in 5′ or '1 in 4′ as a global rate" across all universities is [sic] oversimplistic, if not misleading."

This is not to suggest that The Post misrepresented the AAU survey's findings any more than did most major news media. Such advocacy-laden surveys on campus sexual assault — and breathless media reports overstating their already exaggerated findings — have become the norm in this era of hysteria about the campus sexual assault problem.

The problem is no doubt serious, if shrinking. But it has been vastly exaggerated by the Obama administration, anti-rape activists, their media allies and universities pandering to them. It's no surprise to see the AAU joining this chorus.

Below are three ways in which the 288-page AAU survey report is grossly misleading, as are others like it and the credulous media coverage of them all.'

Australia: PM's scathing attack on men who commit domestic violence

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has called on all Australians to make a "cultural shift" and stop disrespecting women, declaring that gender inequality lies at the heart of domestic violence.

In comments that have been labelled a "gamechanger" for the fight against domestic violence, Mr Turnbull called on parents, teachers and employers to get on board the culture change, saying he wanted Australia to become known as a country that respects women.

"I'd say that as parents, one of the most important things we must do is ensure that our sons respect their mothers and their sisters," Mr Turnbull told reporters in Melbourne on Thursday.
...
"Violence against women is one of the great shames of Australia. It is a national disgrace," Mr Turnbull said.

He also said it should be "unAustralian" to disrespect women.'

Dept. of Education shredded for lawless overreach in Senate hearing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Practically all of the changes in how colleges and universities handle sexual-assault allegations and investigations were spurred by a 2011 letter from the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

Known as a "Dear Colleague" letter, the OCR proceeded to threaten the higher education community with the loss of federal funding if institutions didn't adopt slanted procedures against students accused of sexual misconduct, notably the low "preponderance of evidence" standard.

It was issued without a notice-and-comment process, making OCR's guidance arguably unenforceable, yet the office has launched Title IX investigations against scores of schools for allegedly violating its unenforceable rules emanating from that letter.'

Hillary Clinton sits for interview with Lena Dunham

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'In an effort to reach out to millennial women voters, Hillary Clinton will appear in an interview opposite Girls star Lena Dunham, set to post online Tuesday, POLITICO has learned. The already-taped segment also includes comedy sketches filmed at Clinton's Brooklyn campaign headquarters, including a cameo by comedian Amy Schumer.

The pair make something of an odd couple: Dunham is the queen of oversharing, while Clinton can come across as overly scripted. But in a short clip of the interview reviewed by POLITICO, the former secretary of state appears relaxed. In the full interview, Clinton will engage with Dunham in an intimate discussion about what her own life was like in college, and the ambivalence she felt in her early 20s about her own life and career path, according to a spokesperson for Dunham's new website, LennyLetter.com, where the interview will appear.'

Lena Dunham Describes Sexually Abusing Her Little Sister

Prominent college basketball player suspended after sexual assault allegation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dayton senior forward Dyshawn Pierre has been suspended from school after he was accused of sexual assault by another student, reports Josh Sweigart of the Dayton Daily News.
...
In May, a female student accused Pierre of sexually assaulting her at his campus residence after they returned from a night out at a local bar. She told an investigating officer that she “pushed at the suspect and told him to stop.”

Pierre has denied wrongdoing in the incident.

“At no time did she by words or actions ever indicate that she was an an unwilling participant,” Pierre wrote in a statement. “I never held her down so it was impossible for her to get away, or held her down in any way. I never told her to or demanded that she do anything. Everything we did was totally consensual.”

In June, an investigation of the incident was turned over to the Montgomery County Prosecutor’s Office, which has declined to press charges “due to insufficient evidence,” reports the Dayton Daily News.'

Harvard students edit Wikipedia in effort to ‘dismantle the patriarchy’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Reason No. 128 why trusting Wikipedia can be dangerous territory: Harvard students recently held a Wikipedia “edit-a-thon” in an effort to “dismantle the patriarchy,” The Harvard Crimson reports:

With the stated purpose of changing and adding Wikipedia pages related to feminist, BGLTQ, and human rights issues, the group of about eight students went on an editing spree, taking out phrasing they saw as offensive and otherwise tweaking the site.

In a mass email advertising the event, student-run feminist publication Manifesta Magazine described the event as part of a movement to “dismantle the patriarchy” on Wikipedia.'

"A Strange and Barbaric Practice"

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'In the well-written City Weekly cover story on circumcision ["Circumcision Decision," Sept. 17], the God of the Jewish, Muslim and Christian religions is credited with beginning this practice: God demands that the 99-year- old Abraham cut off his foreskin in order to prove his loyalty. God further demands the same of all Abraham's male offspring.

Why was God so fascinated with an old man's penis? If God required a physical proof of a man's membership in this limited fraternity, why not something more easily visible? A tattoo on the upper arm would have sufficed. Only a complete body search would reveal this mark of the chosen ones.

Today, it would be considered pretty sick and against the law if the coach of a football team required circumcision of the players. Likewise, it would be very strange if a corporate CEO demanded that all male employees show proof of not having foreskin.'

Faculty At University Firmly Reject ‘Trigger Warnings’

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A faculty resolution passed at American University (AU) in Washington, D.C., stands out as one of the most vocal and direct condemnations of the “trigger warning” phenomenon sweeping college campuses.

The resolution, passed unanimously by AU’s faculty senate, lays out in no uncertain terms that trigger warnings are wholly incompatible with the intellectual environment a university is supposed to foster.

“For hundreds of years, the pursuit of knowledge has been at the center of university life,” the resolution declares. “Unfettered discourse, no matter how controversial, inconvenient, or uncomfortable, is a condition necessary to that pursuit.”'

SAVE E-lert: A Dangerous Study Gone Wrong

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Earlier this week, the Association of American Universities (AAU) released a study on campus sexual assault. The study is deeply flawed, and needs to be restudied.

To determine whether or not sexual misconduct or assault occurred, the study used definitions of these crimes far beyond any state criminal law and far beyond most school policies.

In fact, a majority of the schools that participated in the study (15 out of 27) did not even have an affirmative consent definition, but the students' activity was categorized as 'misconduct' if the students didn't follow this illogical, unconstitutional standard.

The survey is already being used to drive the campus rape hysteria hype. We need AAU to retract its biased and flawed survey. Accuracy matters.

Call: AAU President, Hunter Rawlings, at (202) 408-7500 today.

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Gender issues speech balanced, informative

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"When you look at the way feminists have responded to men's issues it's a pretty bad record," said American journalist Cathy Young at a controversial event in Toronto Thursday night. A movement that was once about equality seems to have transformed in strange ways, its excesses amplified by the internet and campus theatrics.

It's sad that I even need to describe Young's talk, entitled "The Politics of Gender and Victimhood", as "controversial".

Young - whose writing has appeared in The New York Times, Daily Beast, Reason and more - was initially a feminist when she arrived in the U.S. from the USSR in 1980. But after following the movement questions arose and she's now a critic.

Her engaging and fact-based speech was a far cry from the angry, misogynist chest-thumping "men's rights" shindig that opponents of similar events on campus have tried to label them.'

Advocates want black mark on college transcripts for campus sexual assault

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'One group pushing for more college involvement in campus sexual assault accusations wants to make sure there's a black mark on the transcripts of any student punished for assault or harassment.

This suggestion by the Association of Title IX Administrators might be a good one if today's campus climates were different. As matters stand, not one in which students who probably didn't commit acts of sexual violence are routinely punished anyway.

To brand someone a rapist based on colleges' preponderance of evidence standard — that is, based on 50.01 percent certainty the assault happened — is a dangerous precedent in itself. To brand someone for life in this way, effectively making transfers impossible, is even worse. I get where ATIXA is coming from, but if we're going to try and keep a student from having a future, we probably need more certainty that he deserves it.

Currently, young college men are being expelled based on accusations without evidence, thanks to federal rules from the Department of Education. Many of these young men are fighting back by suing their universities for denying them due process. Colleges and universities are incentivized to punish students based on accusations alone, rather than to conduct a fair hearing that might result in a finding of "not responsible" and bring down federal pressure.'

Attention paid to male issues doesn't diminish from feminism: it's not a zero sum game

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'Cathy Young is a widely admired libertarian "equity feminist" American journalist, whose considerable critical skills often deployed in dismantling the "rape culture" narrative, continually ruffle ideologues' feathers.

Young was scheduled to speak at the University of Toronto tonight, Thursday, September 24th, on "The Politics of Gender and Victimhood," an event planned by the University of Toronto Men's Issues Awareness Society (UTMIAS) and sponsored by the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFÉ), on whose advisory board I sit.

But some nasty words on the Internet and a moral panic over them conspired to push the event off campus at the U of T's insistence, and so Ms Young will be speaking instead at Intercontinental Yorkville (7 pm). She will speak in Ottawa Sept 25.

The back-story is this: On Sept 5, disturbing comments were posted on BlogTO expressing pleasure in killing women with guns and knives, massacre-style. They recall similar comments on the same blog in June mentioning the use of guns, bullets and machetes to inflict violence and death on women (which the U of T sat on for some reason until now).'

NZ: Police say runner's rape allegation was false

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police have charged an 18-year-old woman with making a false complaint after she alleged she was accosted and raped this week while running in Napier.

The woman claimed she was attacked on Monday evening along the river stopbank near the Pettigrew Green Arena in Taradale.

The claim prompted a police plea for sightings of men seen acting suspiciously in the area.

The woman will appear in the Hastings District Court next week and police said she had been referred to mental health service providers.

Police said she was charged after an "extensive investigation" into her allegations.

She has also been charged with theft, which police said was an unrelated event.
...
"This sort of activity is very frustrating, but police have to take every complaint seriously and we will investigate any allegations, especially ones like this of a serious sexual nature," he said.'

Google Ideas assembles the usual suspects to help combat online abuse

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'Those familiar with #GamerGate should recognize some of those people right away, but suffice it to say that group does not consist of cyber security experts, criminal investigators, master psychologists, or pretty much anyone who could contribute productively to stopping Internet trolls from making life miserable for everyone. Instead Google Ideas picked out a handful of the same feminist agitators, social justice warriors, professional victims, and all around despicable personalities that have been the bane of the Internet for at least a year now.

Of the bunch, Anita Sarkeesian is probably the one most recognizable to HotAir readers since Jazz reported on her cancelling a talk last year. She's made a small fortune off accusing the video game industry of being a misogyny factory with her Feminist Frequency videos, and she's parlayed the inevitable backlash she's received into being the go-to spokesperson for anyone interested in talking about women getting harassed online.

Gamers will note Zoe Quinn's on that list too. Quinn's the infamous creator of the game, and I use that word as loosely as possible, Depression Quest whose dalliances with members of the video game press created the conflicts of interest that sparked the #GamerGate movement. Just a few days ago a judge finally tossed out the unconstitutional gag order she had placed on her ex-boyfriend to stop him from airing any more of her dirty laundry online, but despite that she'll be joining Sarkeesian to talk about cyber violence at the UN today.'

A troubling trend in campus sexual assault findings

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'Two recent findings from the federal government regarding how school's handle campus sexual assault cases have had a disturbing similarity: Both schools were faulted for not investigating an accusation even when the accuser didn't want it investigated.

At Michigan State University, the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights determined the school failed to provide a "prompt and equitable" response to an accusation because it failed to investigate an informal complaint — one where the accuser chose not to go through the school process of a formal hearing. Now the same accusation (among others) has been made against the University of Virginia.

U.Va. was found in violation of Title IX because, among other things, OCR determined it hadn't handled 22 out of 50 reports of sexual harassment and assault between the 2008-2009 and 2011-2012 school years. When U.Va. President Teresa Sullivan was asked about those cases by the Washington Post, she noted that each of those 22 cases involved students who didn't file a formal complaint or want to go through the procedure for what are technically known as "informal" complaints.'

UN reports recommends wide censorship to save feminist feelings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a report released yesterday, entitled “Cyber Violence Against Women And Girls: A Global Wake-up Call,” UN Women, the group behind last year’s risible “He for She” campaign, called on governments to use their “licensing prerogative” to ensure that “telecoms and search engines” are only “allowed to connect with the public” if they “supervise content and its dissemination.”

In other words, if search engines and ISPs don’t comply with a list of the UN’s censorship demands, the UN wants national governments to cut off their access to the public.

So, what sort of content does the UN want to censor? ISIS recruitment videos, perhaps, which lure women into lives of rape and servitude? Live-streamed executions from Syria? Revenge porn or snuff videos? There’s no shortage of dangerous and potentially traumatising content on the web, after all, much of it disproportionately affecting women.

Alas not. The UN is hung up on “cyber violence against women,” a Kafkaesque term that is apparently shorthand for “women being criticised on the internet.” At least, that’s how at least two attendees at the launch of the UN report, published by the United Nations Broadband Commission, explained it yesterday.'

Girls outnumber boys in juvy, report shows

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Girls now make up a larger share of the juvenile justice population, according to a new study released Friday.

The report, “Gender Injustice: System-Level Juvenile Justice Reforms for Girls” by the National Crittenton Foundation and the National Women’s Law Center, said arrests of girls increased by 45 percent over the past two decades, while court caseloads and detentions increased by 40 percent and post-adjudication placement rose by 44 percent.

A number of the girls coming through the system were found to have been victims of violence and sexual abuse at home and in their communities.

“The traumatic and unhealthy social environments in which many girls live result in behaviors that are criminalized or are mishandled by other systems, resulting in girls’ entry into the juvenile justice system,” the report said.'

'Bloodstained' circumcision protestors are not here for the Pope

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Story here. Excerpt:

'"I love my circumcised penis!"

This is one of the more colorful things David Atkinson, 27, often hears while protesting male circumcision across the country. Passers-by outside City Hall on Thursday were more curious than crude towards the group of a dozen men, who wear all-white clothing with fake bloodstains splattered on the crotch. Their signs carry messages like "Stop cutting baby penis", "Foreskin theft" and "His body, his choice."

Atkinson belongs to Bloodstained Men, a California-based organization raising awareness about male genital mutilation. They're not religiously affiliated, though they note that circumcision is "a freedom of religion issue." Moreover, the group says it doesn't do any political lobbying for their cause.

"It's not really very effective in the current legislative climate," Atkinson said. "What's more effective is public awareness, because parents are the ones who decide whether or not their child gets to keep his whole penis."'

Students Are the Real Victims of Censorship

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'The 2015-16 academic year has opened with a predictable collection of demands for banning certain views, often involving sexual or racial matters. Many are couched in convoluted claims that disagreeable speech is making students feel "unsafe."

Much of the squelching aims to fend off challenges to some of the more ludicrous theories of victimization. Well-constructed thoughts on social injustice can be defended in debates.

But the concern here goes beyond the issue of free speech. What do these bizarre definitions of sexual or racial harassment do to the students' heads? They, too, are free speech, but when they are shielded from counterarguments, they take on the air of "facts." The students leave school with "givens" that are not givens 5 feet outside the campus gates.

Case in point is the story of Ellen Pao. A hotshot Harvard-educated lawyer, Pao sued her Silicon Valley venture capital employer for gender discrimination. As evidence, she cited a partner's referring to a porn star on a private jet.

Where would an otherwise worldly woman come to see a mere mention of porn-watching as evidence of sexual bias? No need to answer.

Brown University just issued another survey "finding" that about 1 in 4 of its undergraduate women have suffered "nonconsensual sexual contact." It's hard to know what the heck that means, but you wonder how the throngs of unescorted high-school girls roaming nearby Thayer Street manage to survive the evening.'

Report Claims Women's Ranger School Graduation 'Planned In Advance'

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'A new report in *PEOPLE Magazine* claims that the graduation of the United States Army Ranger School's first two female cadets was rigged from the start.

According to PEOPLE's Susan Keating, the graduation of First Lieutenants Kristen Griest and Shaye Haver was a heavily politicized event, even before the possibility of their ever graduating from the school became a reality in August. The news comes just days after Rep. Steve Russell (R-Oklahoma) requested documentation relating to the matter from the Department of Defense over concerns that "the women got special treatment and played by different rules."

Multiple unconfirmed sources told Keating that an unnamed general told subordinates that "a woman will graduate Ranger School" back in January. "At least one will get through," he concluded at the time.

"Even though this was supposed to be just an assessment, everyone knew" another source told PEOPLE. "The results were planned in advance."

Among other things, the sources revealed that female entrants were sent to a special two-week training program to help prepare from for Ranger School. Unlike the male students, the women were allowed to repeat the program until they passed. They were also given individual nutritional counseling.

During their time at the Ranger School, women were given previews of certain parts of the course that men would only see once they were tested. They were also pulled out of difficult portions, like patrols, and allowed to repeat them. Men were not allowed to do the same.'

The Problem With Campus Sexual Assault Surveys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This week, headlines in newspapers across the country trumpeted the troubling findings from a massive new survey on campus sexual assault. “1 in 4 Women Experience Sex Assault on Campus,” declared the New York Times. “One in four female undergraduates reports sexual misconduct, survey finds,” reported the Los Angeles Times. “More than 1 in 5 female undergrads at top schools suffer sexual attacks,” offered the Washington Post. Conducted last spring by the Association of American Universities, the survey of students on 27 campuses, including all but Princeton University from the Ivy League, would seem to confirm the assertion by President Obama that “1 in 5” young women are victimized during their college years. This was the key statistic the president cited when he announced last year that campus sexual assault would be a signature issue for his administration.

That number has come in for muchdebunking. While reporting a story on the perceived epidemic of sexual violence on campus last year, I interviewed Christopher Krebs, the lead author of the 2007 Campus Sexual Assault Study, from which the 1 in 5 number was first derived. “We don’t think one in five is a nationally representative statistic,” he said, noting that he’d conducted his surveys on just two campuses. The more wide-ranging AAU survey would seem to sweep away the doubt. But its authors also explicitlywarn against making the kind of national claims suggested by this week’s headlines: “[M]any news stories are focused on figures like ‘1 in 5’ in reporting victimization,” they write, then advise that it is “oversimplistic, if not misleading” to conclude that any study, including their own, proves that 20 or 25 percent of female students are victims.'

Field Report: Law Professors Face Off In Intelligence Squared Debate On Campus Sexual Assault

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Submitted by a MANN reader and SAVE member who attended the debate:

'On September 16, Intelligence Squared held a debate in New York City on the issue of whether sexual assault cases taking place on college campuses should be decided by courts rather than by the colleges where the crimes allegedly took place. The motion being debated was stated simply as, “Courts, not campuses, should decide sexual assault cases.”

Arguing for the motion that these cases should be decided by courts were Jed Rubenfeld of Yale Law School and Jeannie Suk of Harvard Law School, while Michelle Anderson of CUNY School of Law and Stephen Schulhoffer of NYU School of Law argued against it. Both sides acknowledged that false allegations and wrongful convictions happen and that the issue needs to be taken seriously. They also both acknowledged that there need to be changes to the college disciplinary process to address false allegations, although those arguing against the motion gave no specific proposals as to what they would change and made it clear that they support the preponderance of the evidence standard currently required by the Department of Education.

Unfortunately, it was clear that both sides viewed the interests of the falsely accused as being of secondary importance. While it was not explicitly stated, it was clear that both sides assumed that false allegations are rare. Those arguing against the motion at one point discussed the Duke lacrosse case and qualified it by “not saying that such cases happen every day,” although they provided no evidence to support this claim. Given that 90% (297/330) of those who have been exonerated by DNA evidence were wrongfully convicted of sex crimes, this assumption is severely misguided (1). They also cited the statistic that nearly 5% of college men are serial rapists, which comes from a 13-year-old study that that has been debunked on the grounds that the students surveyed were not a representative sample of college students (2) (3) (4).

Also troubling was that those arguing against the motion took the position that the law should provide no guidance at all in terms of how schools should handle these cases. While they opposed the Department of Education’s “Dear Colleague” letter and its requirement for schools to use the preponderance of the evidence standard, the alternative that they proposed was to leave schools to do whatever they want to accused students without the law requiring any evidence before they are sanctioned.

One of the more compelling (and surprising) arguments from those arguing for the motion was an extensive discussion of the potential for innocent students to either be wrongfully convicted or take plea bargains in the criminal justice system. Neither side addressed the question of why, if we believe that there’s a significant probability of this in the criminal justice system where proof beyond a reasonable doubt is used, we shouldn’t expect an even higher wrongful conviction rate under the preponderance of the evidence standard. They also claimed that pushing these cases into the criminal justice system would contribute to mass incarceration. This assumption is highly questionable, considering that there is good reason to believe that many of those making false allegations today would not be doing so if it meant going under oath and opening themselves to charges of perjury if evidence should emerge to prove that they are lying, rather than being protected by the confidentiality and non-retaliation provision of FERPA and Title IX that apply to colleges and universities.

The issue of broadening the definition of sexual assault was also raised, and there was extensive discussion of how to handle the case of a student groping another student. Concern was raised that prosecuting the student would require him to register as a sex offender, and both sides seemed to agree that handling a more minor case like this within the school might be appropriate.

The audience was asked to vote on the motion both before and after the debate. In the initial vote, 56% of the audience supported the motion, while 12% opposed it. In the final vote, 56% continued to support the motion, while

31% opposed it. Those who opposed the motion were considered by Intelligence Squared to have won the debate because they gained the most between the two votes. However, the results show that, after hearing both sides, nearly twice as many people felt that these cases should be handled by courts as by campuses.

Overall, the debate had both encouraging and discouraging signs. Intelligence Squared should be commended for conducting a balanced, respectful debate on the issue, providing a much-needed change from media coverage that has been largely one-sided. The discussions underscore that much work still needs to be done to ensure that the rights of falsely accused students are adequately protected.

NOTES:

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It's Not Your Imagination, Single Women: There Literally Aren't Enough Men Out There

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'**Finding a man, yeah.**
But if you're really marriage-oriented and this is a high priority for you and you have geographical flexibility, you just might want to put this on your list, you know. San Jose, Denver, Seattle—those are going to be better dating markets for women than Miami or Fort Lauderdale or New York.

That's really interesting because it also speaks to tech's problem as a very, very male-dominated industry...
Right. Back East, the city with the best gender ratio is probably Columbus, Ohio, which has a real burgeoning tech community there.

I'm making a quantitative argument not a qualitative argument. I don't know if these [tech] guys are good guys or whether—I don't know if they can carry on a conversation or not.

They can't.
I'm just telling you by the numbers I think they're less likely to act like dickheads because they don't have the same kind of leverage.'

Shadow college system embraces accusation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two weeks ago, a federal judge in Vermont blocked the expulsion of a Middlebury College student who had been accused of sexual misconduct and, without a hearing, was barred from enrolling for the fall semester.

"This case presents a unique situation where the plaintiff was exonerated of the charge of sexual assault by one U.S. institution following an investigation and hearing, allowed to continue his studies the next term, and subsequently determined by (Middlebury) following a second investigation of the same allegation to have committed sexual assault, after which he was expelled," wrote U.S. Judge J. Garvan Murtha.

The student, identified only as John Doe, was enrolled in a study-abroad program run by The School for International Training in November 2014 when he was accused by a non-Middlebury student of misconduct.

The school was informed of the allegations and accepted the result of the first inquiry, at least until it learned that the accuser intended to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.

Then Middlebury launched a re-investigation and dropped the hammer on Doe.'

False domestic violence claim draws probation sentence, report says

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Story here.

'A West Milford woman and her Wanaque co-defendant were sentenced Friday to five years' probation and $20,000 in restitution for making a false domestic violence complaint that landed the father of her child in jail for 18 days, the Record reported.

Jeanette Crowley, 53, and John DeWitt, 55, both apologized to Michael Stitt in Passaic County Superior Court.

Police arrested Stitt in September 2011 in front of his then 9-year-old son based on an allegation by Crowley that he stalked and assaulted her. Prosecutors later obtained evidence that the allegations were false and charged Crowley and DeWitt with perjury and providing false information to police.'

The myth of the college ‘rape culture’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So Harvard has now released the results of its sexual conduct survey and there’s only one question left to answer: How many incidents of sexual assault did not involve drinking?

In a letter to the Harvard students, faculty and alumni earlier this week, the university’s president Drew Faust explained: “Sexual assault represents a deeply troubling problem for Harvard, for colleges and universities more broadly, and for our society at large.”

The data, drawn from the survey conducted in the spring, “reinforce the alarming frequency with which our students, especially but by no means only our undergraduates, experience incidents of sexual assault.”

How frequent is it? Of the Harvard seniors who responded, “31% (or 172 women) said they had experienced some form of ‘nonconsensual sexual contact’ since college began.”'

Will any university stand up to the bogus ‘rape epidemic’ hype?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new survey of sexual assault on college campuses? Cue the claims of proof positive that a “rape culture” exists at schools across the nation.

Take it with a large grain of salt — for the same reason so many similar studies have turned out to fall far short of similar headlines.

In reality, there’s absolutely no sign, in this study or any other, of any “campus rape epidemic.” Indeed, national crime statistics clearly show that women are safer on a US campus than off.

Yes, the heads of Yale, Harvard and other schools responded to the new study with shock and horror. But they’re under fire for supposedly lax responses to what President Obama calls a growing crisis — and plainly lack the courage to stand up to the hype.'

Another Title IX slapdown

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'The University of Kansas must reinstate a student it expelled for derogatory tweets he posted about his ex-girlfriend, the Lawrence Journal-World reports.

The Kansas Court of Appeals ruled on Friday that Navid Yeasin, who was expelled in 2013, couldn't be held responsible under the university's code of student conduct because there was "no proof in the record that Yeasin posted the tweets while he was on campus," and the code governs only behavior on the campus or at university-sponsored events.'

Ending Circumcision, circumcision, Part One: The case for extending legal protections to America's boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The story of Rita and Nate is fictional in just one sense. The couple authorized the illegal genital cutting of a daughter, not a son. In every other aspect, the dynamics of their story unfold daily for infant boys in the United States.

We stand alone as the only country in the world that routinely cuts the genitals of infant boys for non-religious reasons. This practice has spawned a multimillion-dollar industry centered upon the harvesting of foreskins (just "google"neonatal human dermal fibroblast). Doctors willing to profit justify the imposition of an elective, irreversible, painful, and risky procedure on the most private parts of infant boys who are unable to offer any semblance of consent.

If we had inherited the religious or cultural practices that celebrate the removal of a girl's labia and/or clitoris, then the cutting of girls, the selling of their genital tissue, and an accompanying compendium of pseudo-scientific justification would be commonplace.'

Another suspension, another lawsuit

Matt · 28 September 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's a total boon for litigators and a nightmare for college men. Excerpt:

'An attorney for University of Dayton basketball player Dyshawn Pierre calls UD's decision to suspend him for a semester following a sexual assault accusation that didn't lead to criminal charges unfair, and says he will fight it.

"Ignoring that decision made by qualified professionals, the University of Dayton subjected Dyshawn to fundamentally defective and unfair university disciplinary procedures orchestrated to appease a broken Department of Education policy," said a statement from New York attorney Peter Ginsberg.

"We will be challenging the university's handling of this matter in the near future."

Ginsberg's statement released Wednesday evening followed exclusive reporting by this newspaper that Pierre is not enrolled this semester at UD after another student accused him of a sexual assault that he denies happened, and county prosecutors say lacks sufficient evidence to merit charges.'

SAVE E-lert: All Victims Deserve Help

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

To show your support for all victims, take a moment next month to help raise awareness:

- October 5th: Talk to a friend about domestic violence. Use SAVE's handout on domestic violence to get the conversation started: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Seven-Facts-Every-American-Should-Know-About-DV.pdf
- October 10th: Read SAVE's Special Report on "Arrest Policies for Domestic Violence," and contact your local police department to advocate for best practices: http://www.saveservices.org/reports/
- October 15th: Wear a Black Dot to start the domestic violence discussion with a stranger. Learn more about this new campaign here: http://www.kgw.com/story/news/local/2015/09/19/black-dots-new-signal-domestic-violence-victims/72480260/
- October 22nd: Wear purple on #PurpleThursday to show support for domestic violence victims.
- October 26th: Share SAVE's Special Report on domestic violence funding with your federal legislators so that resources are allocated equally to all victims: http://saveservices.org/pdf/SAVE-Accountability-and-Oversight.pdf

Help be the voice for silenced victims in October. Remember, all victims deserve help.

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Firm Comments on College Campus Sexual Misconduct: When a Kiss is Not Just a Kiss

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent Association of American Universities Campus Climate Survey reported that one in four undergraduate female students have experienced unwanted sexual contact sometime during their college experience. Overall, the study reported that 23 percent of undergraduate women at the participating universities said they had been physically forced — or threatened with force — into nonconsensual sexual contact or incapacitated when it happened. That included activities ranging from sexual touching or kissing to actual sexual intercourse.

Kimberly C. Lau, a partner at the law firm of Warshaw Burstein in New York City, has spent years defending students accused of sexual misconduct in over 40 cases. She has represented both male and female students who have faced life-altering consequences of expulsion, suspension, and branding as a sexual offender for kissing, touching and even requesting too many social media connections.
...
Another private university found a male student responsible of sexual misconduct (stalking) for sending multiple Instagram follow requests to a female student's Instagram account, and for a single incident of staring at the female student on campus. The male student's disciplinary record now reflects "sexual misconduct" and he was suspended for one year.

As these campus sexual assault cases obtain legal representation by the accused, they often settle before reaching the courtroom. Several colleges had to settle with the accused male student, including Duke, University of Virginia, Amherst, University of Michigan, University of Connecticut, Brown,Occidental College, CU Boulder and others. In the last five years, at least 70 male students accused of sexual misconduct brought lawsuits against their schools, alleging that their treatment violated their contractual or due process rights or was so biased as to constitute sex discrimination against them.

"Herein lies the problem with campus tribunals determining if a crime of sexual misconduct was committed – students can be wrongly accused because the accusation becomes the proof or, simply, because the definitions are too broad and too ambiguous; students can be accused months or even years after the incident; and those wrongly accused are denied due process," continued Ms. Lau. "The campus culture is that the accused is guilty and alcohol precludes the victim from cognitively giving consent to an inebriated act of sexual activity."'

1 in 4 Women: How the Latest Sexual Assault Statistics Were Turned into Click Bait by the 'New York Times'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As someone who has worked on college campuses to educate men and women about sexual assault and consent, I have seen the barriers to raising awareness and changing attitudes. Chief among them, in my experience, is a sense of skepticism--especially among college-aged men--that sexual assault is even all that dire of a problem to begin with.

"1 in 4? 1 in 5? Come on, it can't be that high. That's just feminist propaganda!"

A lot of the statistics that get thrown around in this area (they seem to think) have more to do with politics and ideology than with careful, dispassionate science. So they often wave away the issue of sexual assault--and won't engage on issues like affirmative consent.

In my view, these are the men we really need to reach.

So enter the headline from last week's New York Times coverage of the latest college campus sexual assault survey:

"1 in 4 Women Experience Sex Assault on Campus."

But that's not what the survey showed. And you don't have to read all 288 pages of the published report to figure this out (although I did that today just to be sure). The executive summary is all you need.

Here is what the authors of the survey--prepared on behalf of the Association of American Universities (AAU)--had to say in their introductory remarks:

`[E]stimates such as "1 in 5" or "1 in 4" as a global rate [are] oversimplistic, if not misleading. None of the studies which generate estimates for specific IHEs [institutes of higher education] are nationally representative.`

They go on to highlight that only 19.3 percent of students who were contacted actually responded to the survey, despite incentives--a low response rate for these kinds of surveys--and that even they were not likely to be representative of the student body within their own schools.'

Attack of the Lying Breastapo Feminazis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Caroline Starmer was not assaulted by the security guard in much the same way as “Jackie” (the anonymous victim of the UVA campus rape story) was not raped as part of an initiation rite during a chapter house party, as actorvist Lena Dunham was not raped at Oberlin College by a Republican called Barry and, indeed, as Sulkowicz herself was almost certainly not raped at Columbia university.

What is it with these crazy chicks?

Well I think I know the answer and it’s one, I’m pretty sure, that all the crazy chicks out there are going to agree wholeheartedly: basically it’s all the fault of men.

Up until recently, you may recall, we lived in a universe entirely run in the interests of the oppressive patriarchal phallocracy. Men made all the rules, men started all the wars (because they think fighting’s cool), men would insist on showing off in that pathetic male way of theirs by writing most of the best literature, composing the best music, painting the best paintings, inventing all sorts of ostentatious blokey toys like the internal combustion engine, the television, the internet, the aeroplane, the printing press and so on. And frankly it just wasn’t fair.

So something had to be done to correct the hideous gender imbalance. And if you buy into the above analysis of historical male domination – as how dare you not? – then there can only be one possible explanation as to why things have since shifted so markedly in women’s favour. It happened because men allowed it to happen.

Some of you may disagree. Not it wasn’t men who were responsible for this: it wasmanginas (or manginae, for you Latin scholars) who are another thing altogether.'

University Orientation Video for Men

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Video here. Part of an exciting patriarchal strategy that ensures only men feel welcome on university and college campuses.

Latest Capitol Hill sexual harassment scandal

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"“What do you do if you’re being sexually harassed in your office?” one user asked Monday morning on the anonymous Capitol Hill social-networking app Cloakroom.

It prompted one person, identifying himself as a 26-year-old male working for a 40-year-old female chief of staff, to share his own situation.

“She has slapped my ass, talked about her vibrator, and has asked me sexual questions. I have ignored them but I am thinking about going to the member,” he submitted to the online community, limited to users whose GPS location is within the Capitol complex, or those who register with a staff email address.

The thread drew 30 responses, ranging from vulgar to stoic. Some advised contacting the appropriate ethics committee to document the details or reaching out to the House Office of Employee Assistance for professional and emotional counseling. One warned the user to accept that reporting the harassment means, “You will need to accept that your career on the Hill will be over.”"

The unilateral war on college men

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'It appears to many — including me — as if the Obama administration is engaged in a war on college men. Using debunked statistics, the president, the vice president and various other political officials have falsely claimed that there's an epidemic of rape on college campuses, even though campus rape is, in fact, falling, just as off-campus rape is. (And, in fact, rape is less common on campus than off).

And, ever since the Department of Education issued a "Dear Colleague" letter to universities in 2011, in essence ordering them to adopt new and draconian campus "sexual assault" rules that treataccusations as presumptively true and force the accused — almost always men — to prove their innocence, sometimes even very strong evidence of innocence is ignored.

Spearheading this effort has been Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights Catherine Lhamon, who has characterized the letter as binding on colleges and universities even though it is not a law, was not adopted as a formal or informal rule making after notice and comment under any law, and appears to have very little to do with the federal anti-discrimination law Title IX, which says only that "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."'

To End Violence Against Women, End Violence Against Boys

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'In her quest to achieve some semblance of justice in the world and in her own life, abuse survivor Rachael Kay Albers angrily sought refuge in feminism.

Until one day, she noticed an irony: In her aggressive approach to fighting for a more humane world, she was becoming like her abuser.

"I was becoming an angry, militant activist, simply participating in and replicating the greater cycle of violence," Kay Albers said. "As I began to recognize some of my own abuser's characteristics in myself, he turned from abuser to human. I started looking at these issues from a place of empathy and compassion."

Like many social problems, gender-based violence stems from myriad root causes. From child abuse to cultures of violence, the intersections highlight how the common 'oppressor versus oppressed' narrative fails to paint the full picture.'

"Feminism is on the verge of reverse sexism"

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By the simplest of definitions, I'm a feminist. I'm for the equal rights of all genders, races, religions, sexual-preferences, etc. However, as of late, I refuse to call myself a feminist.

There's a specific group of feminists who jump on every opportunity to attack what they consider to be male privilege. However, with these people, the term "male privilege" applies to almost anything that has to do with a male. Don't get me wrong, this isn't against the feminist, or as I prefer to call it (and will hereafter refer to it as) "equalist," movement, but rather the recent unequal representation of men in gender issues as a result of one group's agenda to reverse that of women.
...
The problem at hand here isn't simply one of women being oppressed, but one of equal rights for all. Men are expected to be tough and man up, while women are expected to be gentle and kind. Men are encouraged not to show emotion, while women are judged harshly as being the weaker, more emotional sex. My point is this: third-wave feminism has become a problem in our country. Instead of focusing on feminism, we should focus on equalism, because everyone is important and deserves all the same rights and privileges.'

UK: Infamous "LinkedIn Offended Lawyer" stumps for quotas

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'On the back of her newly found fame, so-called ‘feminazi’ lawyer Charlotte Proudman has attacked a leading Supreme Court judge as “sexist” and demanded positive discrimination and special treatment for women in a column for The Guardian, as “only quotas can challenge male privilege.”

Proudman is the barrister and social justice warrior who hit the headlines a couple of weeks ago when she attempted to destroy the career of a fellow lawyer who paid her a modest compliment on a social networking site.
...
Females now make up 62.3 per cent of law undergraduates, and 54.5 per cent of postgrad students. However, as is the pattern in other professions, such as medicine and politics, they constitute fewer of top positions (25 per cent of judges) because they make different decisions – choosing to work fewer hours and taking time out to have children.

In an interview on Tuesday, Supreme Court judge Jonathan Sumption argued againstrushing to force more women into senior judicial positions, as doing so will put off talented male candidates and destroy the delicate balance of the legal system.'

New draconian sexual-misconduct policy violates everyone's rights

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'In 2007, the University of Delaware proved that it had no need for a "Path to Prominence" in one area: it was already a national leader in the forced indoctrination and brainwashing of students.

The Office of Residence Life was running what the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) called a "shocking program of ideological reeducation." As FIRE described it, "the Orwellian program requires the approximately 7,000 students in Delaware's residence halls to adopt highly specific university-approved views on issues ranging from politics to race, sexuality, sociology, moral philosophy, and environmentalism."

Having apparently learned nothing from its prior national disgrace, UD now seeks to extend forced ideological indoctrination to its faculty. Official sources, including the acting president, repeatedly stated – until local AAUP made them back down – that all faculty must complete an online training course about UD's new "sexual-misconduct" policy. To complete the course, some professors are forced to endorse specific propositions, such as a widely disputed statistic on the prevalence of campus sexual assault. Everyone on campus must also promise to abide by the policy, though, as we shall see, no honest or moral person could sincerely agree to do so.'

Australia: What’s behind the shortage of male teachers?

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'New research by the Australian Catholic University (ACU) of ABS Labour Force data has revealed that for the last 20 years as few as one in five Australian primary school teachers have been male.
The ACU reviewed the country's most populous states and found that in 2014:

16 per cent of NSW primary school teachers were men
18 per cent of Victorian primary school teachers were men
15 per cent of Queensland primary school teachers were men.
...
Professor Aspland, executive dean of education and arts at ACU, said addressing the gender imbalance among Australian primary school teachers was long overdue.

"It is widely recognised that male teachers can play a positive role in school communities,” Aspland said.

“Studies by Australian researchers indicate that both boys and girls benefit with male teachers acting as strong role models and even father figures.”'

India: Woman lies about rape, cabbie endures over 4 months of jail

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'He languished in jail for over four months for a sexual assault which the court says he never committed. His children were mocked and ostracised in school and his family was reduced to penury. His brother, who was looking after the family, went into depression.

For 35-year-old Ramesh Kumar, life took a sudden turn on April 9 this year when he says he demanded his agreed fare of Rs 500 from a woman who had hired his cab late at night in Dwarka. As an argument ensued, the woman tried to bite her way out and flee. When he tried to stop her, cops reached the spot, alerted by a PCR call made by a passerby about a brawl.

Kumar's pleas about his innocence went unheard. He was arrested and within no time had been named as the second rapist cabbie on the prowl after the Uber incident. It was a nightmare for him. He found himself in jail number 4 of Tihar the next day. He had a new identity: Inmate number 3519.

"I did not get any sleep at night. I recalled each and every scene from that night but couldn't figure out why I was here. Should I have allowed her to go without paying my fare just because she was a woman? I told cops to get her medically examined but they said they were bound by law and that I will have to prove my innocence in court," Kumar told TOI on Wednesday.'

SAVE E-lert: No Silence for the Silenced

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Today, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is calling for a moment of silence at 11 a.m. EST (8 a.m. PST/9 a.m. MST/10 a.m. CST) to raise awareness that every 9 seconds, a woman is battered or abused.

In this awareness effort, no mention is made of male victims. But the unspoken truth is that millions of men are also the victims of domestic abuse each year, at comparable rates.

Moreover, it is often harder for them to find support or services--for example, many domestic violence shelters do not allow men in.

Call or email NCADV and tell them this unspoken bias against male victims is unacceptable.

This is the silence we're paying attention to today.

Call: (303) 839-1852
Email: mainoffice-at-ncadv.org

Please take a moment to speak for the silenced now.

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Policy Program Director
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Teenager falsely accused of rape commits suicide

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A teenager took his own life after he was falsely accused of rape, an inquest heard.

Jay Cheshire, 17, who was "mature and well-liked", was at the centre of a police investigation which ended in June this year when the alleged victim dropped the charge.

But he tried to commit suicide a few weeks later and after being taken to Southampton General Hospital, died on 5 July.

An inquest at Winchester Coroners Court, Hants, heard Jay struggled to cope with the false accusations and was "absolutely distraught."

Jay, from Southampton, was a sixth form student at Bitterne Park School studying English Literature, Film Studies and Geography - and hoped to become a history teacher or a writer.'

Overly broad definition of sex assault ensnares innocent students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As I wrote in my column yesterday, not all accusations of campus sexual assault are black and white. Yet colleges are treating accusations as if the accused were a potential rapist, even when the accusation involves nothing more than requesting social media connections one too many times.

Kimberly Lau, a lawyer who has defended wrongly accused students in more than 40 cases, released a statement regarding a recent survey purporting to show that one-in-four women will be sexually assaulted while in college.

Lau notes what other critics of the survey, including me, have pointed out: that it relies on an overly broad definition of "sexual assault" in order to inflate its numbers for scary headlines. Lau has specific knowledge of the ways normal interactions, though possibly jerkish, have been elevated to the level of assault, warranting severe punishment.'

UK: Feminist conference melts down due to internecene conflict

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'Feminism in London (FiL), one of the largest feminist conferences in the UK, has seen two major speakers pull out because of “ideological totalitarianism” and “sectarian” “warring feminist factions,” who fell out over an attempt to “no-platform” certain speakers who were “unsafe” because everyone did not agree with them on everything.

It all started when male-to-female transgendered feminist campaigner, and proponent of so-called ‘safe spaces,’ Jane Fae was uninvited or “no-platformed” form the feminist conference, which is due to start of the 24th of this month.

“It would have been grotesque for me to have been on a platform talking about the need for safe spaces, whilst the question of me being unsafe was on the agenda,” saidFae on BBC Radio 4.

She claimed that the problem was endemic to the Left generally: “This is not just about feminism. This is a sort of absolutism in politics today, and it happens within feminism, it happens in the trans community, it happens in the Greens, with the Cobynistas; which is, you have to toe a party line.”
...
The culture of offence taking and viewing debate as “trauma” is evidenced on the conference’s website. In their Frequently Asked Questions section, it is asked: “I am worried I will be triggered by the content of the workshops?” The answer: “We have quiet rooms set aside and listeners in the ‘Green Rooms’ area.”

Iain Dale described the episode as “a terrible combination of managerial impotence, financial caution and political timidity,” on Politics.co.uk.'

India: Man on hunger strike over compensation for false rape conviction

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'40-year-old Gopal Shetye was acquitted by the Bombay High Court on Thursday. However, there was nothing to rejoice for this man except the consolation of being proved innocent. Shetye is now sitting on hunger strike at the Azad Maidan seeking to meet Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and demanding that seven years of his life be returned during which his world turned upside down.

His release came three months after he had completed his seven year sentence in a rape case. Shetye of Nagpur's Narked had appealed in 2010 after he was convicted by the fast track court in Mumbai's Sewri.

Lawyer Ramesh Majgaonkar said Shetye had twice applied for bail before the Bombay High Court but these were rejected. It was his third bail application that bore fruit.

During the incarceration, Shetye lost his father, his wife remarried (with his consent) and his two little daughters were left in an orphanage. "I want seven years of my life back. I demand justice," said Shetye. The order overturning the conviction reveals how the police tried to frame an innocent.'

Professor found guilty of sexually assaulting disabled man

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Story here. Excerpt:

'As the jurors walked out of the Newark courtroom on Friday, Rutgers-Newark professor Anna Stubblefield sat slumped over at the defense table, weeping with her head against her hand.

The jury had convicted the 45-year-old philosophy professor of sexually assaulting a 34-year-old disabled man, known as D.J., who has cerebral palsy and is unable to speak beyond making noises. Psychologists have determined he is mentally incompetent and cannot consent to sexual activity.

Stubblefield had claimed she and D.J. fell in love, saying he is not intellectually impaired and was able to communicate through a controversial typing method, known as "facilitated communication."
...
Stubblefield is now facing between 10 and 40 years in state prison when she is sentenced on Nov. 9.

After the jury had left the courtroom, Stubblefield's attorney, James Patton, asked Superior Court Judge Siobhan Teare to allow Stubblefield to remain released on bail until her sentencing.

Patton argued Stubblefield does not present any danger to the community or a risk of flight, and noted that she has no criminal history.'

12-Year-Old Boy Suspended for Looking at a Girl. At Her Face. That's It.

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'Kids can get in trouble for smooching. They can get in trouble for touching. They can get in trouble for chewing, playing with toys, and making sugary snacks. They can get in trouble for waving their hands the wrong way (don't even get me started on pencil-twirlers). And yes, they can even get in trouble for staring.

According to WLWT.com, the principal at St. Gabriel Consolidated School—a private institution—suspended a pair of 12-year-old boys for a day for playing a staring game with a female student:

`Tolbert believes her son and another student at St. Gabriel were unfairly punished.

Tolbert said the boys got into a staring match with a female student last school year.

"He was playing a game with her. He said she was laughing. They were engaged. When she finally giggled and said stop. He stopped," Tolbert said.

The female student was cited in court papers as saying she also stared at the boys.`

The relevant part of the school code gives administrators the power to suspend without hearing any student "whose presence possesses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting academic learning."'

Editor/reporter ejected from Slut Walk event for questioning "rape culture" idea

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Breitbart editor Milo Yiannopoulos was ejected from the Amber Rose Slut Walk in Los Angeles this afternoon. Slut Walkers could be heard yelling to police officers, “Thanks for taking out the trash!”

Yiannopoulos was reporting from the event with a film crew, interviewing Rebel Media broadcaster and Canadian libertarian politician Lauren Southern about the feminist movement which protests against “rape culture” and “slut-shaming.”

Southern had just asked host Amber Rose whether she believed in rape culture. Event organizers immediately announced to Breitbart that they were calling law enforcement to have both journalists escorted from Pershing Square in downtown LA.

Protesters snatched and tore up Yiannopoulos’s placard, which read: “‘Rape Culture And Harry Potter': Both Fantasy” in view of the police, who stood by while protesters bellowed and grabbed at a second placard that read, “Regret is not Rape.”
...
LAPD officers arrived within a few minutes, threatening arrest if Yiannopoulos and Southern did not immediately leave Pershing Square.

The end result of today’s Slut Walk was ironic: a protest against patriarchy calling on the patriarchy to eject a female politician and a gay reporter, and another blow for press freedom and freedom of speech.'

Hillary has long history of beating up Bill behind closed doors: book

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Article here. Excerpt:

'She's on a mission to be a softer, warmer, funnier candidate — but according to a new book, the real Hillary Clinton is so volatile and prone to violent outbursts that she terrorizes staff, Secret Service agents and even her own husband.

In "The Clintons' War On Women" (Skyhorse), out Oct. 13, political strategist Roger Stone details Hillary's abusive behavior — dating back to the Clintons' days in Arkansas, where Bill served as governor.

"Hillary Clinton has a long history of being domestically violent with Bill," Stone writes. "Hillary has beaten Bill, hit him with hard objects, scratched and clawed him, and made him bleed."

Stone, a controversial figure who recently decamped from Donald Trump's campaign, also delves into the more fantastical rumors that have dogged the Clintons for years.

Accounts of marital discord, however, have been well-reported for decades. Even Bill Clinton's former press officer Dee Dee Myers later admitted that she covered for the first lady.'

Obama Ignores the Obvious in Oregon: Another Fatherless Killer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How President Barack Obama and countless other politicians and pundits can fail to grasp—or be unwilling to confront—the obvious connection between the breakdown of American family life and a rise in violent crime is a mystery deserving examination.

For example, after Thursday's Oregon mass shooting, Obama predictably focused attention on the availability of firearms on America, calling on citizens to pressure legislators to enact gun control laws.

"The reporting is routine. My response here at this podium ends up being routine," Obama said in a remarkably lucid moment of his speech.

What Obama did not say in his impassioned address, what would have truly been a break in the "routine" and rhetoric that inevitably follow tragedies involving firearms, was that 26-year-old shooter Chris Harper Mercer was the umpteenth example of a fatherless boy who grows up to be a violent criminal.

It is, of course, much easier to blame guns for our problems than to address the underlying causes of American violence. For one thing, gun control is a popular, quick fix. All it takes is a law and legislators can pat themselves on the back for having "dealt with" the problem.'

Feminists Call the Cops When I Show Up, Here's Why

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'I'm a slut, and I have been shamed. Yesterday I rocked up to the Amber Rose Slut Walk in downtown LA, alongside Rebel Media broadcaster and libertarian political candidate Lauren Southern. Event organisers called the police when they realised we didn't buy into their barmy conspiracy theories about patriarchy and rape culture, and we were escorted from the event by the LAPD.

Southern and I represent something horrifying to the loony feminist Left: we're not straight white males, yet we're both relentlessly critical of hysterical, fact-free narratives about an American rape epidemic (which is just wrong), the idea that society supports rapists (also wrong, we put them in jail) and the notion that somehow western culture subtly encourages others to become rapists, sexist, and misogynists (hilariously wrong).

Our opponents would like us to be angry, old, doddering, white male conservatives. Instead, they get a sassy gay shitposter and a fearless hot blonde female politician, both of whom who refuse to be drawn into the senseless victim culture that the Left has sought to construct around both our identities.

We aren't alone: young, smart, tech-savvy millennials are rapidly turning against the zany excesses of the modern progressive Left and its fear of free speech and free expression. Increasingly, it's simply uncool to be a social justice warrior. Cultural libertarianism is on the rise.'

Stop the unjust prosecution of a teenager

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Petition here. Excerpt:

'Cormega Copening, a 17-year-old high school student, has been charged with five felony counts and forced off his football team, just because he had pictures of himself and his girlfriend, who is the same age as him, on his cell phone. He faces the possibility of being added to the sex offender registry for this "offense." His life as he knows it would be ruined.

Yes, both teens were naked in the photos. However, their relationship was entirely consensual and broke no laws. Furthermore, the photos were private, for their viewing only. It wasn't until the police searched Copening's phone that they were seen by anyone else. Furthermore, four of the five counts against Copening are for having pictures of himself. His girlfriend, Brianna Denson, was also charged. She accepted a plea for 12 months of probation.

Please join me and help end this terrible nightmare. Sign my petition asking Cumberland County District Attorney William West to drop the charges against young Cormega Copening and reverse Ms. Denson's plea deal.

Essentially, the prosecutors have come up with some twisted rationale to count Copening and Denson as minors when appearing in the photographs, but adults when possessing those same photographs on their phones.'

Anti-circumcision supporters stage demonstration in downtown New Haven

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'During demonstrations, Brother K wears white pants with a strategically placed fake blood stain that alludes to the name of the nonprofit organization he established.

The organization is called Bloodstained Men and it aims to call attention to what Brother K refers to as a cruel and barbaric medical procedure: male circumcision. The fake blood stain is located in the crotch region, which Brother K said is a kind of “shock treatment” for people who are in denial about the seriousness of the practice.

“It’s destructive, harmful and unnecessary,” Brother K said. “The blood stain on my pants is the wound that I wear under my pants, it’s scarred on my body.”

On Saturday morning, Brother K was joined by a handful of supporters on the corner of Chapel Street and College Street, holding up signs and handing out cards with information on the organization and the reasons why it opposes circumcision. But don’t call Brother K an activist; he prefers the term “intactivist,” a combination of “intact” and “activist”.

“We’re determined to reach parents,” Brother K said. “They think it’s like the baby getting its toe nails trimmed or something. They don’t understand.”

The procedure itself is harmful, Brother K said, as he said it usually involves strapping down an infant. The procedure is destructive because removing the foreskin eliminates some pleasure sensors; it also removes tissue meant to function for protective purposes, Brother K said.'

Bloodstained Men confront circumcision in Providence

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'The Bloodstained Men & Their Friends, a traveling anti-circumcision protest group, set up outside Providence Place Mall yesterday in concert with Intact Rhode Island. Both groups have held protests in the past, but this year report that their message was greeted with more thoughtful consideration and less incoherent invective than in the past.

Circumcision is an issue that confronts Americans mores on sex, childcare, health and religion. It's a hot button issue. The Bloodstained Men, wearing coveralls with a large red stain on their crotches, confront these issues in not so subtle ways. Their signs, such as, "STOP CUTTING BABY PENIS" and "STOP TORTURING BOYS" are jarring and unexpected sights. ...'

Free Speech Advocate: College Censorship Is Damaging Young Minds

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Article/video here. Excerpt:

'"The battle over free speech is not partisan," says a proud liberal whose organization helps a wide variety of clients facing free speech threats. He has spent fifteen years in the field as a fearless advocate who worked at the ACLU before coming to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE).

Greg Lukianoff, the President and CEO of FIRE, starts this 20 minute video interview for The Daily Caller by assessing global issues. "The international situation for freedom of speech is dire," says Lukianoff, focusing on the emergence of blasphemy laws to not offend Islam.

This harks back to a previous Daily Caller interview with Steve Coughlin, author of "Catastrophic Failure," who discussed the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's Ten Year Program of Action to make Islamic speech codes the global speech standard. In America, this would entail making free speech conditional on not defaming Islam, a religion of less than 1 percent of the US population.'

Woman sentenced to 40 years-life for abduction and sexual assault of girl

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former day care worker convicted of abducting a 5-year-old girl from her Philadelphia kindergarten classroom and sexually assaulting her has been sentenced to 40 years to life in prison.

Prosecutors believe 22-year-old Christina Regusters donned a Muslim dress and veil to impersonate the girl's mother and take her from the public school classroom in January 2013.

Regusters apologized Monday but said she is not a "monster." She says her only role was taking the child from school and leaving her half-naked the next morning at a playground.

The girl says, "I think what she did to me was wrong, and I think she shouldn't do it to anyone else." The Associated Press doesn't identify victims of sexual abuse.'

DA: Mother injected heroin into teens

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Chester County mother is behind bars, charged with injecting two teenagers, including her own 14-year-old daughter, with heroin.

Jessica Lynn Riffey, 34, of Telegraph Road in Honey Brook, is charged with endangering the welfare of children, corruption of minors, drug delivery, and related offenses.

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan said West Caln Township police were called to Riffey's home last Thursday to check on Riffey's 14-year-old daughter and a 16-year-old boy.'

Rethinking how we deal with campus sexual assault

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'As the 2015 freshmen class navigates their first semester, sexual assault at our nation's colleges and universities remains a topic of serious concern. The current system of investigating and adjudicating allegations of sexual assault on campus is broken. It does not serve the interests of students, schools or the public.

A recent poll by Penn Schoen Berland found that over 90 percent of likely voters believe that law enforcement — not colleges and universities — should be responsible for investigating and prosecuting allegations of sexual assault on campus. It is time to bring justice to campus, protect the rights of all students and student organizations, punish perpetrators and ensure a safe college experience for students.

Today, colleges and universities are frequently required to investigate and judge reported crimes of sexual violence without first involving law enforcement. Because schools do not possess the investigative and forensic capabilities of law enforcement, or the due process protections of the criminal justice system, this results in a deeply flawed process that is less capable of stopping and punishing perpetrators and more likely to violate the basic due-process rights of those involved. Recently, San Diego Judge Joel M. Pressman ruled that the University of San Diego did not give an accused student a fair hearing, sparking conversations nationwide about the need to overhaul this troubled system.'

Canadian politician among those ejected from recent "Slut Walk"

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'Sunday night on SiriusXM Channel 125's Breitbart News Sunday program, Breitbart Executive Chairman Steven K. Bannon interviewed Rebel Media videographer and Canadian Libertarian candidate for Parliament Lauren Southern about getting ejected from Saturday afternoon's SlutWalk event in Los Angeles.

Southern and Breitbart editor Milo Yiannopoulos were escorted by police from the so-called Amber Rose SlutWalk event, which drew a few hundred attendees to Pershing Square in downtown Los Angeles to protest against "rape culture" and "slut-shaming."

"Essentially, it started out after a cop in Toronto, Canada said that if women don't want to get raped, they should dress less like sluts, which, to be fair, was an offensive comment," Southern explained of the origins of the SlutWalk event. "But statistically, he's not wrong, that when women do dress more scantily-clad, they are more likely to get raped, based on police statistics."

"But feminists got very angry with this, so they decided to have SlutWalk to end 'slut shaming,'" Southern continued. "So it started out with somewhat of a purpose, but walking around in your underwear on the street to end it doesn't really make much sense."'

Another report finds 1-in-5 campus rape reports to be false

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'A campus crime report from the University of Miami has found that 1-in-5 reported rapes are "unfounded," a finding similar to that of a recent Harvard University report.

Colleges across the country are releasing campus crime statistics, and it turns out campus sexual assault might not be as rampant as recent "studies" claim. Even worse for advocates of draconian sexual assault policies that eviscerate due process is the notion that a good chunk of the accusations are false.

"Forcible sex offenses on campus went up from four in 2013 to five in 2014, with one case being reported as 'unfounded,'" reported the Miami Hurricane student newspaper. "Four of the five cases were reported in student residencies, where the one 'unfounded' case occurred."

One might notice that literally 1-in-5 reports were "unfounded," meaning there was no basis for the report, as there were only 5 reported rapes in 2014. That's far fewer than at Harvard, which saw 33 reported rapes.'

U.N. Says Cyber Violence Is Equivalent to Physical Violence Against Women

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'Cyber violence is just as damaging to women as physical violence, according to a new U.N. report, which warns women are growing even more vulnerable to cyber violence as more and more regions gain internet access.

The report calls itself a “wake-up call” about cyber violence as a systemic concern, especially as technology is spreading across more regions. Presented by U.N. Women and the U.N. Broadband Commission, the report estimates that 73% of women have endured cyber violence, and that women are 27 times more likely as men to be harassed online. In Europe, nine million girls have already experienced some kind of cyber violence by the time they’re 15. Anita Sarkeesian, a gamer and activist who has long agitated for more action against cyber violence, spoke at the launch of the new report, titled “Cyber Violence Against Women and Girls: A Worldwide Wake-Up Call.”'

Babysitter who had 'sex' with 11-year-old boy gets suspended sentence

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'A judge has been criticised after deciding not to imprison a 21-year-old babysitter who admitted sexual activity with the 11-year-old boy she was looking after.

Judge Tim Mousley QC gave Jade Hatt a suspended jail term for the offence, committed in November 2014 when she was 20.

Mousley said she was immature, while the boy was mature for his age, and he felt able to step outside normal sentencing guidelines.

He said: “Having read everything before me, it was quite clear he was a mature 11-year-old and you were an immature 20-year-old so that narrows the arithmetic age gap between you.”

The judge also took into account that the boy’s father spoke up for Hatt in court, claiming his son was “fully up for the experience”. However, the boy said he knew what had happened was wrong and he said he had not enjoyed it.'

College tribunals wrong venue for sex charges

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'Colleges must be terrifying places these days, with the supposed explosion of rape on campuses. Why would any parent pay $60,000 a year for private tuition if there truly is a “rape culture” on college campuses?

Also frightening: the response to this rape “epidemic” has led to an increasing number of students who are falsely accused of sexual assault and subjected to Star Chamber prosecutions on campus.

Typically the accuser is a young woman and the accused is a young man, but not always.
...
My friends’ daughter was hauled in front of one of these campus kangaroo courts. She was fortunate: her parents understood that she needed a lawyer. And they could afford to hire one to represent her in this burgeoning area of law — defending students accused of sexual assault not in court, but in Title IX proceedings. However, because the rules of the campus hearing did not permit her to have a lawyer present, her lawyer could only accompany her as an “adviser.” That is, he had no right to make objections or cross-examine witnesses.'

UK: Former TV host says being falsely accused of rape reduced him to a jobless pauper

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'The former star – now a local radio presenter – said his once charmed life turned into “a hell of a place to be” after he was linked to an attack on fellow presenter Ulrika Jonsson.

Ms Jonsson described being raped by a “fellow celebrity” in her autobiography.

It was alleged on television in 2002 that Leslie was responsible.

While no charges were brought over that allegation, the former This Morning host was arrested later that year and charged with unconnected indecent assault allegations.'

"California Is Getting Serious About the Gender Wage Gap"

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'First, what's so great about California's new Fair Pay Act? Most important, it requires that employees receive equal pay for "substantially similar" work, even if their job titles aren't actually the same as their colleagues'. This language is intended to cover more female workers and capture more subtle gradations of inequality than the truism of "equal pay for equal work," which is enshrined in the federal Equal Pay Act. As DoubleX contributor Bryce Covert has written at ThinkProgress, there was a groundswell of support for the standard of "comparable" or "substantially similar" work in the 1980s. Twenty states adopted this kind of language—the movement that really spawned the idea of "pay equity"—and, as a result, "more than 335,000 women got a raise and 20 percent of their gender wage gap was eliminated," Covert reports. Unfortunately, many of those statutes have since lapsed.

But California is trying to bring the concept of "pay equity" back into vogue—and to expand on it. The new bill gives women some additional leverage by specifying that they can demand equal pay with workers at different physical sites; the law applies to anyone doing comparable work for the same company. It also bars employers from retaliating against workers who discuss their own pay or seek information about others'. California women are doing better than American women overall—making an average of 84 cents on the dollar, versus 78 cents nationwide—but the gap for women of color is among the worst in the country: Latina women in the state made 44 cents for every dollar a white man earned in 2014. "We're closing all the loopholes," said California state Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, who wrote the bill. "No more excuses."'

Marines unveil new gender-neutral standards for 29 jobs

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'It could get a whole lot tougher for Marines to make it into more than two dozen ground combat jobs as Corps officials unveil new physical standards that troops must meet before shipping off to the fleet.

Marines who leave boot camp or Officer Candidates School hoping to join infantry, weapons, artillery and mechanized units will now face a host of new requirements before they can graduate from their military occupational specialty schoolhouses, Marine Corps Times has learned.

The new rules, which require Marines to prove they can accomplish some of the toughest tasks related to their jobs, are gender-neutral. That means all Marines — male or female — will have to meet the requirements before they're cleared for graduation.

The requirements affect Marines heading into 29 MOSs in the following fields: infantry; artillery; combat engineering; tanks and amphibious assault vehicles; ground ordnance; and some close-air support roles.'

The Gender Pay Gap Is The Result Of Being A Parent, Not Discrimination

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'That women, on average, earn less than men is true. That this is the result of discrimination seems not to be true. Rather, it appears to be down to the different different reactions of men and women to becoming a parent. Which, given that being a mammalian and viviparous species is pretty much central to the experience of being human means that the gender pay gap just might be one of those things not amenable to having a solution.

This is not to say that there aren't examples out there of what economists do call "taste" discrimination. Nor that there weren't very obvious, even extreme, more general examples of such discrimination surrounding women in the labor market in the past. But as far as we can work out now, about what is happening today, there's just not much, if any, of the difference in average income between men and women that can be ascribed to such discrimination.'

Campus speaker touting men’s rights has fire alarm pulled on her

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'Cathy Young, a prominent writer critical of exaggerated campus rape statistics and radical feminism, elicited protests during a recent two-stop speaking tour at college campuses in Canada, which included having a fire alarm pulled during one of her speeches.

She and her hosts – the Canadian Association for Equality, or CAFE – were also called “rape apologist scum” by campus protesters and her speech at the University of Toronto on Sept. 24 was moved off campus after a comment urging violence against feminists was posted online.

“Amid an intense reaction to the threat, university administrators felt it was inadvisable to hold my event on campus; the venue was moved to a nearby hotel,” Young explainedin Newsday. “One student activist wrote on a Tumblr blog that ‘chasing these misogynists off campus is a victory.’”'

Women in AP ‘Diversity’ Program that Bars Straight White Men Decry ‘Gender Discrimination’ in Locker Room Flap

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'Whoever said that becoming the story serves as the journalist’s worst nightmare forgot to tell the female reporters who turned a two- to three-minute delay in entering the locker room of the Jacksonville Jaguars into fifteen minutes of fame.

The reporters, participants in the Diversity Fellowship Program of the Associated Press Sports Editors (APSE), decried the delay allegedly brought on by a Lucas Oil Stadium usher uncertain if the men’s locker room remained off-limits to women.

The man reportedly inquired whether the three women could enter the locker room and received a yes from the Jaguars. The women then entered the facilities where players shower, change, and speak to the press but not, presumably, before the patriarchy allowed their male colleagues to scoop them on all the hot postgame takes from T.J. Yeldon and Jonathan Cyprien and Mercedes Lewis that every sports fan breathlessly awaits in a manner akin to Ralphie impatiently counting the ticks until the Christmas morning arrival of his official Red Ryder carbine-action two-hundred shot range model air rifle.'

Michelle Obama’s misguided girl power agenda

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'In 2013, according to the Current Population Survey, 25- to 34-year-old women were 21 percent more likely to have a college degree than men and 48 percent more likely to have finished graduate school.

While liberals love to talk about the War on Women, it clearly has not affected their educational prospects. Indeed, it’s not just middle- and upper-class women who seem to be ahead of their male counterparts. Even the most disadvantaged girls are more likely to get an education here than boys from similar circumstances.

Richard Whitmire, author of “Why Boys Fail,” has argued that our discussions about the racial achievement gap and even the effects of poverty on educational attainment have masked the biggest disparities, which are between girls and boys.

In an interview in the magazine Education Next, Whitmire cites a 2009 study by the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University that tracked the students who graduated from Boston public schools.

For every 167 women in four-year colleges, there were only 100 men. But poverty wasn’t the problem — all the kids were coming from the same neighborhoods.

“The study found that black females were five percentage points more likely to pursue further study after high school, including community colleges, four-year colleges and technical or vocational schools, than white males,” notes Whitmire.'

The Feds Are Officially Investigating Hollywood's Glaring Gender Gap

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'The federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has officially launched an investigation looking into the lack of female directors working in Hollywood.

The LA Times reports government officials have already requested interviews from some 50 women working in the industry and will start interviews as soon as next week to ultimately determine if Hollywood is violating federal law.

"I hope they force people to change the way they do business because Hollywood is not exempt from the law," Lori Precious said in response to Monday's news. Precious is one of the women the EEOC requested to talk to as a part of the formal probe.
...
Earlier this year, a staggering gender bias study found only 30.2 of all speaking characters in 2014 were played by women.

"For every 2.3 male characters who say 'Dude,' there is just woman saying, 'Hello?!" the Times Manhola Dargis wrote.'

Student accused of rape sues university over discipline

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'An Augustana University student accused of rape has filed a lawsuit against the school claiming it is violating his rights by moving to expel him before he has a chance to defend himself in court.

The federal lawsuit filed last week by Koh Evan Tsuruta calls for the university to suspend its disciplinary hearing until his criminal case is resolved.

An Augustana official said the university's action follows federal guidelines, and that Tsuruta has no legal grounds to force it to delay its hearing while his criminal case is pending.'

UK: Conservative Journalist Banned From Participating in University Debate on Censorship

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'The University of Manchester Student Union has banned Breitbart editor Milo Yiannopoulos and Guardian journalist Julie Bindel from participating in a debate on whether or not modern feminists stifle free speech.

Bindel was the first to be banned from the British university. “The Students’ Union has decided to deny this request based on Bindel’s views and comments towards trans people, which we believe could incite hatred towards and exclusion of our trans students,”they wrote. Bindel, who identifies as a radical feminist and a lesbian, is also a critic of transexuality and gender reassignment surgery.

At first, Yiannopoulos joked about being allowed to attend, saying he’d have to “up his game.” But sure enough, he was banned soon thereafter. In their statement explaining their decision, the Student Union called him a “professional misogynist” and “rape apologist.”'

Uncut: A Look at the Wacky, Wrinkly World of Foreskin Restoration

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Carl is one of thousands of men who resent being circumcised, which they liken to genital mutilation. They call themselves restorers and, to cope, endeavor to stretch their skin to take the place of what was snipped away at birth.

But regenerating an inch of skin is a superhuman feat. A foreskin can't simply grow back like a lizard's tail; it takes one to five years of grueling stretching and a slew of strange devices. It's physically torturous and also isolating, since most men take on restoring without talking to loved ones or doctors. Many turn to online forums for guidance and support. And most quit before reaching their goal.

"Some people think this is a body modification," Carl says. "But, if you think about it, it's really a reversal of a body modification."'

SAVE: Dept. of Education Sexual Assault Program Falls into Disarray; SAVE Calls on Congress to Take Action

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'The Department of Education has long claimed that universities must comply with its campus sexual assault policies or risk loss of federal funding. But in testimony to the Senate Homeland Security Committee, two Department of Education officials recently admitted that its 2011 Dear Colleague Letter is non-binding guidance that does not hold force of law: https://www.thefire.org/second-department-of-education-official-in-eight-days-tells-congress-guidance-is-not-binding/

...

In direct violation of legal requirements, the Dear Colleague Letter was published without prior public review and comment. Given the long-standing pattern of improper and unlawful Department of Education actions in this area, SAVE is calling on Congress to assert its full oversight and legislative authorities.

“For over four years, a rogue Department of Education has strong-armed schools with the threat of removing their federal funding,” notes SAVE spokesperson Sheryle Hutter. “These practices amount to nothing less than illegal bureaucratic extortion.”'

India: Man suicides after argument with wife, getting beat up by in-law and threatened with false 498A complaint

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'Police said Rakesh Pilania, who was a manager at the MG Road branch of RBS Bank, took the extreme step on Monday night, following a tiff with his wife Shobhika.

Following a complaint by Rakesh's father, Anand Prakash Pilania, on Tuesday, police have booked his wife, brother-in-law Shubham and parents-in-law on the charge of abetment to suicide.
...
On Monday evening, an argument broke out between the bank manager and his wife over her intention to continue with her job, despite his objection, police said. Shobhika called her brother Shubham, who allegedly came and beat up Rakesh. Shubham then took his sister away to their parents' place. When Rakesh and his mother went to his parents-in-laws' place to negotiate with them, Shobika refused to return to her husband's place.

"Around 8pm, after returning to his flat with his mother, he locked the flat and jumped off the bedroom window. Around 11pm, we got the information. He was rushed to a private hospital where he was declared brought dead," the investigating officer said.
...
In the complaint, Rakesh's father said his wife had been harassing from the time they got married on December 03, 2014, and she and her family members had threatened to file a fake dowry case agaisnt him. "On Monday morning, he had called his mother and me and told us everything. His brother-in-law came and fought with him too. Finally my son jumped to his death," said Ananad Prakash Pilania, who is a manager in Syndicate Bank in Bhiwani.'

Campus Judiciaries on Trial: An Update from the Courts

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'Students accused of misconduct on college campuses have long suffered from a lack of due process in university adjudications. From its founding in 1999, for example, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) has received complaints from students alleging that they were treated unfairly in campus proceedings.

Over the past five years, however, a particularly dire situation has emerged for the increasing number of students who find themselves accused of sexual misconduct on campus. Under tremendous pressure from the federal government, colleges and universities routinely use their internal disciplinary processes to adjudicate claims of sexual assault, often with shockingly little regard for the due process rights of students who stand accused of one of society's most heinous offenses. The result is students whose lives are dramatically altered by patently unfair proceedings.

Increasingly, these students are seeking redress in federal and state courts, alleging that their universities violated their due process rights, breached contractual obligations, and even discriminated against them on the basis of their sex. So far, the results have been mixed. It is clear that in many cases, these students do have cognizable legal claims against their universities. However, it is also clear that many judges—particularly federal judges—are extremely reluctant to interfere in the internal workings of university judicial systems absent a showing of the most egregious disregard for basic fairness.'

SAVE E-lert: Don't Give JWI A Green Light

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For Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Jewish Women International (JWI) Red Light, Green Light Campaign is intended to raise awareness about the realities of this crime.

But its launch of the #WhenShe campaign implies that women are always the victim in domestic violence situations: https://jwi.org/emailviewonwebpage.aspx?erid=7029494&trid=2e44d9c2-710c-4d23-8a70-124e522a6fe5

In reality, however, sometimes women are the aggressors of domestic violence. It is important to stop violence against women, but we cannot do so by creating the presumption that men are always the problem.

Please ask JWI's Executive Director, Loribeth Weinstein, to help correct the narrative.

Call: (800) 343-2823
Email: loriweinstein-at-jwi.org

Let's make sure false narratives are stopped before they're turned into biased laws.

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What the Men’s Rights Movement Gets Right– And Wrong

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'As a critic of feminism, I’ve checked out the Men’s Rights Movement (MRM). Some things I like, some things not so much. They have good points when it comes to divorce, custody, and how courts are biased towards women. These are real equality issues that need to be addressed.

Also, I dislike how men have become the punch line in today’s society. Just check out commercials and sitcoms. The husbands are portrayed as complete idiots with the maturity of five year olds. The wives, on the other hand, are brilliant personality-less parental figures to their dumb husbands.

One of my pet peeves is how it’s somehow acceptable to insult your husband in public. Haha, I don’t know how he dresses himself in the morning! It’s laughable when a woman does it. The other way around? That wouldn’t fly!

Then I check out Men’s Rights Activists forums… oh boy. I acknowledge that not every comment represents the whole movement, of course. But there’s a significant amount of: *women are gold digging you-know-whats! Marriage is always a bad deal for men because women are lazy moochers! Women wear makeup to trick you into procreating with them!! THEY ARE LIARS!*

Whoa....

It just reminds of man-hating feminists who talk about all men being cheating scumbags and implying that all men are rapists. Both of these groups have clearly been burnt by the opposite sex. What heterosexual person hasn’t been? They’re taking it to an unhealthy place and blaming an entire gender for crappy things someone did.'

The Gender Wage Gap–A Myth that (Still) Just Won't Die

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'Earlier this week, the Governor of California signed a bill intended to help women. Supported by the Chamber of Commerce, the new law looks to eliminate the "gender wage gap," or the supposed discrepancy between the pay of men and women.

The bill received immense support in both houses of the California state legislature and will "ensure that women are paid equally for work that is substantially similar to the work of their male colleagues."

While California policymakers may be well intentioned, as an economist, this makes me want to bang my head against a wall. I've discussed this very issue on this blog before. But, alas, here we are again.

So, one more time, with feeling.

There is no meaningful gender wage gap. Such a gap makes zero intuitive or economic sense.'

Hillary Clinton’s Problem With Men

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'The latest round of polling for Clinton is brutal. This week’s NBC News/Wall Street Journal shows her favorability rating with men at a mere 27 percent, while two-thirds view her unfavorably. Her minus-39 net favorability with men is 28 points worse than Vice President Joe Biden and 27 points behind Sen. Bernie Sanders. The story is the same in New Hampshire, where the NBC/WSJ/Marist poll found both Sanders and Biden with net-positive ratings, while Clinton’s approval is deeply underwater, stuck at 30 percent.

The swing-state polling is a mirror image of her national numbers. Last week, Quinnipiacfound Clinton’s negative ratings with white men at a stunning 72 percent—significantly worse than the Democratic Party’s already-serious struggles with that demographic group. Meanwhile, she’s not performing at nearly a strong-enough level with women to counteract the problem. Only 49 percent of women viewed her favorably in the poll, with 47 percent holding negative views. For all the self-inflicted problems that Republicans have in reaching out to a diversifying country, Hillary Clinton’sfavorability with white men is worse than Jeb Bush’s with Hispanics, Ben Carson’s with African-Americans, and Carly Fiorina’s with women in the same survey.'

Children do not have affairs with older women, they are abused by them

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'There is nothing new in a victim of a sexual assault being blamed for the offence. Back in 1982 there was a national outcry when a convicted rapist was punished with just a £2,000 fine after the judge ruled that his victim, by hitch-hiking in a skirt, was “guilty of a great deal of contributory negligence”.

At least things have moved on, or so one might have thought. Yesterday, 21-year-old Jade Hatt walked out of court with a suspended sentence after being convicted of unlawful sexual activity with a child. The leniency was explained in part by mitigating testimony that the victim was “sex mad” and “‘fully up for the experience”. The encounter was a “notch on his belt” and he was “totally unaffected by it”. The victim was just 11 years old. As if that were not sufficiently horrific, that testimony was provided by the boy’s own father, who had himself been in a previous sexual relationship with the defendant.

Everything about this case is appalling. The crime itself. The manner in which the victim’s own testimony that the incident felt unpleasant and wrong was apparently considered insignificant. The defence counsel’s bizarre plea that his client was “a small, immature, woman and the victim was very advanced for his years”.'

U.S. Navy teaching members to combat ‘male privilege’

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'The United States Navy’s Bureau of Medicine and Surgery has issued a warning about “male privilege” and is teaching ways to combat it.

The agency has issued two charts, the “Power and Control Wheel” and the “Equality Wheel,” in a new document posted on the Navy’s website.

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As Social Memo points out, the Navy’s document appears to only address physical and sexual violence perpetrated by men.

A 2012 study by Bert H. Hoff, J.D. found “More men than women were victims of intimate partner physical violence within the past year, according to a national study funded by the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. Department of Justice.”

Hoff’s research found that in the 12 months prior to the study’s release, “an estimated 5,365,000 men and 4,741,000 women were victims of intimate partner physical violence.” That’s 53% and 47% respectively.'

Mom Accused of Kicking Her Boyfriend's 17-Month-Old Son to Death

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'A 20-year-old woman has been charged with second-degree murder for allegedly kicking her boyfriend's 17-month-old son to death.

Alicia Goemaat, from West Seattle, Washington, is accused in the death of Drue Lehto, whom she was looking after as his dad, Derek, ran errands on September 27.
...
She said that on September 27 she kicked Drue in the stomach, knocking him to the ground, according to reports. She reportedly said she kicked him again before putting him in his playpen, where he was later found unresponsive.

After the boy's father arrived home, he tried to administer CPR but the youngster passed away before medical staff arrived, according to *Seattle PI*. An autopsy found that he died of abdominal trauma and internal bleeding, and the Medical Examiner's Office ruled his death a homicide.

Goemaat denied knowing what happened to him until she was arrested days later, on October 1, according to reports.'

American Law Institute Memo: "Revisions to Sexual Assault Provisions of the Model Penal Code"

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Memo here. Dated 5/12/2015, it was only recently released after all the signatories had a chance to review and sign it. Excerpt:

'As you are aware, the American Law Institute (ALI) has undertaken a review of the sexual assault provisions of the Model Penal Code. The undersigned members of ALI are concerned about the direction the project has taken. Although the drafts have generated little attention outside of the project itself and although the project has been criticized for late distribution of drafts (see e.g., ALI Reporter, Summer 2014 at 23), we hope that you will consider our concerns both before and during the upcoming Annual Meeting session on Tuesday, May 19 at 9:00 a.m. when Discussion Draft No. 2 dated April 28, 2015 will be considered.

If there is political consensus on anything in the United States today, it is the consensus that our government has overcriminalized and overincarcerated the American public. See, e.g., http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/28/us/politics/being-less-tough-on-crime-is-2016-consensus.html?emc=edit_th_20150428&nl=todaysheadlines&nlid=58186502 and http://www.bipartisansummit.org. In his message to the Bipartisan Summit, President Obama said that, “[T]here is an increasing realization that what we’re doing is wrong.” http://www.cut50.org/summit1. The ABA also is actively working to reduce overcriminalization and you are aware that ALI itself is running a project to revise the Model Penal Code provisions on sentencing and to reduce the collateral consequences of criminal convictions. ...'

Music Video Violence: It’s No Longer Just a Guy Thing

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'Damsel in distress no longer describes female pop artists in music videos. With the release of the music video ‘Disclosure’ by Magnets featuring Lorde, there is an undeniable gruesome violent trend coming from female singers and it is sweeping across the music video industry.

The 'Disclosure' music video portrays Lorde tying a man, presumed to be a cheating guy, to a chair and then pushing him into a pool as he begs for her to stop. She then opens a lighter and throws it into the pool, setting it ablaze. Sounds like something straight out of a horror film.

Lorde took to Twitter explaining how the scene actually allowed her to live out a long time fantasy of hers. She wrote, “”one of my life goals has always been ‘to one day play a hitgirl who pretends to seduce then burns alive douche boyfriends[.]”"
...
Don’t expect this estrogen-infused and media-glamorized killing spree trend to disappear from the music scene. The feminist equality mentality combined with upping the shock value is a dangerous mix. For now it seems, if you can’t beat the boys, then you might as well join them — or in this case just kill them.'

Poverty Stats: The Fatherless Generation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While the problem of poverty and homelessness is showing it's *[sic]* face in more and more obvious ways here in Shasta County, the real impact it has on our community may still be sliding under the radar. It's not just those on the streets and in the camps that are experiencing homelessness and extreme poverty, but many children inside our classrooms are also in desperate situations. Even more elusive from the scopes is what many are increasingly coming to realize as an underlying cause for increased poverty in the United States: a fatherless epidemic.

UK: Police apologise for not clearing former MP over false rape claim before he died

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'Met Police has apologised to the widow of Leon Brittan for not telling the former home secretary he had been cleared over a false rape claim before he died.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Steve Rodhouse wrote a letter to the lawyers of Lady Brittan in which he admits "clarity should have been provided" with regards to the dropping of the allegation against the former Conservative MP.

Brittan died in January from cancer aged 75 unaware that police had concluded there was no case against him over allegations he raped a 19-year-old student at a flat in London in 1967. In a letter, seen by The Times, Rodhouse wrote to Lady Brittan's lawyers, Mishcon de Reya on 7 October saying: "I do recognise that this clarity should have been provided at an earlier stage and I apologise for any distress that this has caused to Lady Brittan".

Metropolitan Police investigated the allegation in 2013, but no charges were brought against Brittan after the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) ruled there was no evidence to support the claims of the woman.'

British rape laws need urgent reform to prevent injustice

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'Those who make their living in the criminal justice system are a pretty unshockable lot. Human folly and vice are their trade, after all. Yet one lawyer, who works on a lot of rape cases, tells me he was somewhat startled that lately what he calls “an unchivalrous habit” has sprung up among certain defendants.

...

We diminish the pain of every woman who has been raped when we heed the “Ooh, I’ve got a terrible hangover, maybe I was raped last night” school of sexual complaint. The number of women who make malicious allegations is still relatively small, but they are a menace. As one senior lawyer who has worked on many high-profile cases, puts it: “Every single false accusation does immense damage to the cause of those trying to get higher conviction rates for rape.”

...

When men have started videoing sexual intercourse lest their partner decides later that she’s been “raped” then something has gone very badly awry in human relations. The Government must act now to stop men being named before they are charged with rape or sexual abuse. There is huge public support for such a measure. No suspect’s name should be put into the public domain until the point when the CPS authorises a charge – except with the consent of a judge after an application by police in very specific cases like that of multiple child abuser, Stuart Hall.'

Council of Europe doubles down on anti-ritual circumcision stance

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Council of Europe is maintaining its position that non-medical circumcision of boys is a violation of children's rights, despite reports in Israeli media that said the council reversed its position.

According to statements from Israeli politicians and Jewish activists, the Council of Europe — a body for pan-European dialogue that lacks executive powers — switched positions when its Parliamentary Assembly passed Resolution 2076 on "Freedom of religion and living together in a democratic society" on Sept. 30.

Milah UK, a leading Jewish advocacy group supporting the practice of circumcision, on Tuesday said in a statement that the resolution "cancels a previous motion that had cast into doubt the legality of religious circumcision." Milah is the Hebrew name for the ritual circumcision of eight-day-old males.'

Metzitsah B’Peh Must Be Banned

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'One topic I’ve never before addressed on Beyond the Bris is the practice of metzitsah b’peh. There are reasons for this—and I’ll discuss them further down. This very ancient practice takes place during traditional religious circumcision, just after the mohel has removed the foreskin.

Before this practice was in the news because of infants contracting herpes, and long before I was involved in the genital autonomy movement, the way I had always understood the practice—the way it must have been described to me at some point during my childhood (not by my parents)—was as a brief “washing” of the circumcision wound with wine that the mohel (ritual circumciser) took into his mouth.'

Celebrating Brit Shalom Headed to Huge Rabbi Gathering

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'A 4000-plus convergence of Reform rabbis and congregational leaders is taking place in Orlando this November and Celebrating Brit Shalomwill be on hand.

Celebrating Brit Shalom is the first-ever book specifically for Jewish families opting out of circumcision. Brit shalomis an alternative to brit milah for parents who want to give their boys a formal welcome to Jewish life, minus the circumcision.

The Union for Reform Judaism's 2015 Biennial calls itself the largest Jewish religious gathering in North America. Conference registration is open to the public, with much of the programming geared to those with leadership roles in congregations. Also during the biennial, decisions are made about the policies of the Reform movement.

Throughout the five-day event, taking place Nov. 4-8, Celebrating Brit Shalomwill have a booth in the exhibit hall. Lisa Braver Moss and I will be on hand to discuss our book and the album of accompanying music, as well as the growing Jewish movement to question circumcision and the concept (pioneered by Lisa) that families who opt out of circumcision should be openly welcomed by the Reform movement.'

NPO: Q and A with Dianna Thompson of Women Against Paternity Fraud

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'WAPF is a non-profit national organization dedicated to educating the public, the media, and policy makers on the issue of paternity fraud and the devastation this issue creates within families and especially for children. While many think that "paternity fraud" is just a men's issue, it is not. Both men and women, boys and girls, can be victims.

Many women are paternity fraud victims, when the truth about who their biological father is was never disclosed to them until years later, or when a medical emergency occurs, or their inheritance rights are being denied. Also, many women -- wives, mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and daughters are also affected by paternity fraud when the men in their lives are victims.

Regardless of whether you are a man or women paternity fraud is devastating. WAPF is composed of women (and men) who have been negatively affected by this issue (or just care about truth and justice) and seek reform.'

Kampus Kangaroo Kourt - The Fiamengo File

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Video here. Description:

'Sex is dangerous for male students. An accusation from an angry female ex-partner can lead to the total destruction of his life in the Kangaroo courts set up at every university in North America. The male student has no legal rights and the word of his accuser is often enough "evidence" to find him guilty.

In Episode 9 Professor Fiamengo sends a warning to the boys mothers, many of whom are feminists.'

Huffington Post: Blame 'Hegemonic Masculinity' for Mass Shootings

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'In the aftermath of the murderous rampages like the recent one in Oregon, some weep for the dead and pray for the wounded. Others, such as the Huffington Post feminist Soraya Chemaly, exploit such barbaric acts of violence to push their own political narratives. As stated in Chemaly's headline, the real culprit behind mass shootings like the one in Oregon is "Masculinity, Masculinity, Masculinity."

Despite the fact that Oregon shooter Chris Harper-Mercer has a mixed-race appearance, Chemaly lamented that "another young white man with a gun has wreaked havoc on a community and once again the media is fixated on a numbing conversation about guns and mental illness." She grants that both these topics are "important dimensions of this crisis," but claims that

`[w]ithout addressing the gender and race dimensions of male entitlement in the United States -- and the role they play in the treatment of mental illness, gun culture and the targeting of victims -- we will never tackle this problem in a meaningful way.`

From here, Chemaly construed several mass shootings into a homicidal attack on women.

`Schools make up 10 percent of mass shooting sites in the US and are...places where educated women aggregate and compete with men as equals. According to one thorough analysis, women are twice as likely to die in school shootings….Workplace shootings also have a marked result: being killed while at work is the second most likely way for women to die in the workplace, after car accidents….So, it doesn't require an explicit statement of misogyny to result in a explicitly disproportionate harm to women and children due to the violent expression of masculinity.`

After framing mass shootings as specific attacks on women rather than the murder of a variety of victims, Chemaly then pointed a finger at a particular racial group.'

"Toxic masculinity"

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'We see this dynamic play out often in mass shootings. These typically young to middle-aged men have some sort of perceived grievance against the world, and they feel that violence is the only way to gain retribution. Too often, perceived wrongs at the hands of women are given as reasons for mass violence. One of the most infamous examples is Elliot Rodgers, a man who just last year killed six people near the University of California, Santa Barbara. He posted a video on YouTube called “Elliot Rodgers’ Retribution” explaining that he wanted to punish women who’d rejected him because he was “22 years old and still a virgin” and “girls gave their affection, and sex, and love to other men.” Similarly, recent reports have alleged that Harper-Mercer complained online and in a typewritten manifesto about not having a girlfriend and being a virgin. These men felt that they were fully entitled to women, relationships, and sex. When they didn’t receive what they thought they deserved, they turned to violence. In their minds, being slighted to this degree—at the hands of all women—would require a dramatically large act of violence in order to reestablish masculinity.
...
As a man, you are taught that you own the spaces you inhabit, so it would be easy to believe that, by extension, you have a right to decide what happens to the bodies and lives of those around you. With a sense of male entitlement and easy access to legal guns, these two men reacted violently to regain their status under an ingrained and twisted definition of masculinity.'

Case highlights the gray areas of campus sex assault investigations

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'In March 2014, after a night of partying, two St. Louis University students ended up in bed together at a house off-campus.

Two months later, the man got a letter from the university telling him he was under investigation for sexual assault.

The investigation carried on for months. During the inquiry, it was never disputed that the woman packed an overnight bag, willingly walked to the man's house, got into his bed and had sex with him.

The pivotal question is whether the man knew the woman was too drunk to consent.

Initially, SLU suspended the student for a year just as he was preparing to graduate.

Two months later, the university reversed itself and cleared him of any blame — but not before holding his education in limbo.'

Did You Actually Read the AAU Sexual Assault Survey?

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'For example, did you know the AAU considers unwanted kissing a crime (sexual battery)?

For example, did you know that persistently asking someone out on a date or for dinner is sexual harassment?

For example, did you know that telling “offensive” jokes is sexual harassment?

For example, did you know that if your partner has ever made a decision for you, you are a victim of intimate partner violence?

For example, did you know that the words “rape” and “assault” were never used in the survey questions—only vague terms like “sexual touching”?'

The dark side of Title IX sexual-assault investigations

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'As young adults settle in on college campuses around the country, they'll experience new freedom to make mistakes. While we hope for good choices based on parental example, the fact is that most people learn only from painful experience.

Some will have their first brush with alcohol or drugs. An unlucky few will mix the two and awaken next to someone else in a room full of regret. That's a horrible way to "win" the sexually-transmitted disease lottery or the pregnancy sweepstakes, but worse, it is also an invitation for Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 to levy permanent and devastating consequences to their future.

Under Title IX law, there is virtually no need to respect rules of evidence or constitutionally guaranteed rights to a speedy trial, a jury of one's peers, the ability to confront and question witnesses or the provision for a capable defense.

Hello, Title IX; goodbye, Sixth Amendment!

Every college is required to have a Title IX coordinator, and in cases of alleged sexual misconduct, the coordinator will assign an investigator to take statements from the accused, the accuser and any witnesses in order to make a determination based on the "preponderance of the evidence."

Your child and/or legal counsel are forbidden to cross-examine witnesses or the accuser.'

Sound data needed to curb sexual assaults

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'A recent report about sexual assault on the Ohio State University campus shows that an alarming number of OSU students have been sexually assaulted. The university community should act quickly to develop policies to end sexual violence on campus.

But determining those policies can be difficult without accurate information, and there is reason to believe that the survey significantly overestimated the level of campus sexual violence, an issue of concern to me and a number of OSU faculty colleagues (http://bit.ly/1L8SB6H).

A recent letter to the editor in the Ohio State student newspaper, The Lantern, stated that the survey found that "by their senior year, more than one in four OSU women undergraduates experienced at least one sexual assault." But as the OSU press release announcing the report noted, the survey likely overestimates the true victimization rate.
...
We must move forward with the important work of ending sexual assault at OSU with the recognition that effective solutions to social problems are hindered by inaccurate interpretations of biased data. Sexual violence on Ohio State's campus is, by any measure, a serious problem, but it probably is not an insurmountable one. It's on us to undertake this important work in a way that protects the well-being of all of our students and preserves the most fundamental and long-standing strengths of our rich Ohio State community.'

UK: Student campus rape activist accuses herself of "rape" and bans herself from events

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'A high profile student activist who has campaigned against “rape culture” has resigned from all political position and barred herself from National Union of Students (NUS) events and safe spaces because she is “unsafe.” She said she had “failed to properly establish consent before every act” during a sexual encounter at the NUS annual conference, and had “touched somebody in a sexual manner” in a night club three years ago.

Third year Oxford student Annie Teriba is best know for her driving role in theiconoclastic #Rhodesmustfall campaign to remove “racist” historical statues of Cecil Rhodes from campus, and for forcing the Oxford Union to declare themselves “institutionally racist” and mandate racial awareness workshops for committee members, because they organised a cocktail party called “The Colonial Comeback.”

She is also editor of the No Heterox** zine blog, the People of Colour and Racial Equality Officer at Wadham College Student Union (SU), and a member of both the National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts (NCAFC) National Committee and the NUS’s Black Students’ Committee.'

Hillary Clinton On Capitol Hill Sexism: Some Men “Were Just Troubling”

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'Last year, when Kirsten Gillibrand was promoting her memoir — a book detailing a number of sexist encounters with unpleasant male colleagues — the senator said of one occasion, “I wasn’t in a place where I could tell him to go fuck himself.”

Hillary Clinton, on the other hand, has been in that place.

“Yes, I have,” she said in an interview with Another Round, a BuzzFeed podcast, declining to elaborate. Typically, however, Clinton said she refrains from cursing. “I say, ‘Did you hear what you just said?’ I’ve had some luck with that over the years.”

“But I’ve encountered those kinds of situations over the years,” she said, describing men who find it difficult to work respectfully with women. “Sometimes you just have to ignore what’s happening because there’s a larger issue you’re trying to deal with, and sometimes you have to confront it, and it’s almost a snap decision.”'

App contest offers award for women-only teams

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'UNM is preparing to launch its third annual mobile app contest, partnering with CNM for the first time in a collaboration that has brought innovations to the competition, including an award for teams composed exclusively of women.

The “Women in Technology” award is up for grabs for female applicants to the contest, whether they apply individually or as a team. So far the contest has four such applicants, according to Manikantam Chitturi, the contest coordinator.

“We thought of encouraging women to be involved more,” Chitturi said.

The award is $2,500, to be given to an individual contestant or divided evenly among members of a winning team. For comparison, the contest’s overall first-place winner will get $5,000; second-place, $2,500; and third-place $1,000, according to the contest’s webpage.

Chitturi said that the award is incentive for women to enter the contest, as there were no female contestants last year.

“Partly, this is the input of CNM,” said Moira Gerety, deputy CIO of IT at UNM. “Some of the funding they’re using for the program comes from contributors and funders who are interested in diversity.”'

Google boss: 'Volkswagen scandal wouldn't have happened if more women were in charge'

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'A top Google executive has suggested the Volkswagen emission scandal would not have happened had the company employed more female engineers.

Eileen Naughton, managing director of Google UK and Ireland, said a lack of female workers could have contributed to Volkswagen rigging pollution tests.

“Imagine a woman engineer actually knowingly and willingly tricking that technology, when she might be thinking of the allergens put into the environment and the eyes of the child that might get irritated by 40 times the legal output of diesel - particularly when it’s not allowable by law,” said Naughton.'

Four questions men should ask when searching for a college

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'1. What is the school's definition of sexual harassment and sexual assault?

If you read just one section of your student handbook, read the definitions the school provides for what constitutes sexual misconduct on its campus. Some schools have adopted a "yes means yes" policy, which guarantees a finding of responsibility if an accused student can't prove the crime didn't occur. This particular policy turns the justice system on its head by shifting the burden of proof onto the accused. A judge in Tennessee recently ruled that "Absent the tape recording of a verbal consent or other independent means to demonstrate that consent was given, the ability of an accused to prove the complaining party's consent strains credulity and is illusory."'

California ruling could end kangaroo-court investigations of campus rape, law professor says

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'Is this the end of campus adjudications of “he said, she said” rape accusations in California?

According to a law professor at George Washington University, it could be, if schools take the initiative.

By a 2-1 vote, a three-judge panel of the California Court of Appeals ruled that UCLA has no “special relationship” with a student that would justify liability on its part for the student’s on-campus stabbing by another student – known to have psychological problems – in a chemistry lab.'

In California, Mandatory Minimums for College Sex Crimes Almost Became a Thing

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'The state of California has obligated universities to adjudicate sexual assault under an unworkable affirmative consent standard, it has instructed high schools to teach teenagers that consensual sex requires affirmative consent, and it has tried to force colleges to expel students found guilty of violating these absurd policies. But the last of these policies will not become law, thanks to Gov. Jerry Brown's veto of Assembly Bill 967.

The bill would have established mandatory minimum sentences for students found responsible of sexual misconduct by a university tribunal, essentially requiring two-year suspensions as the default punishment. In his letter announcing the veto, Brown explained that the bill was unnecessarily meddlesome:

"It is eminently reasonable to expect that discipline shall not vary based on a student's status as an athlete or a declared area of study. This bill, however, could deprive professionals from using their better judgment to discipline according to relevant circumstances. Moreover, it creates an expectation that the state should recommend minimum penalties for violations of specific campus policies. …

I don't think it's necessary at this point for the state to directly insert itself into the disciplinary and governing processes of all private and nonprofit colleges in California."'

Why Justin Bieber's naked pictures highlight feminist double standards

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'Everyone had a nice chuckle when a photograph of Justin Bieber with his you-know-what out surfaced on the internet a few days ago.

He was photographed by paparazzi during what he assumedly thought was a private moment on holiday in Bondi Beach. The pictures were published with glee on New York's Daily News, prompting an avalanche of jokes on Twitter.

At first glance, this jocular reaction might seem reasonable. The popstar isn't very well liked, his music has annoyed most people over the age of 14 for a good few years now, and he's been publically shamed for his bratty and illegal behaviour on more than one occasion.

However, look just a little deeper and it's obvious that we're dealing with shocking double standards when it comes to nudity and privacy.'

Women Will Likely Have to Register for the Draft, Army Secretary Says

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Women will eventually have to register for the draft if "true and pure equality" is to be realized in the U.S. military, Army Secretary John McHugh said Monday.

"If your objective is true and pure equality then you have to look at all aspects" of the roles of women in the military, McHugh said, and registration for the draft "will be one of those things. That will have to be considered."

McHugh said draft registration was not a subject to be decided by the services or the Department of Defense, and will ultimately have to be dealt with by Congress. He expected a "pretty emotional debate and discussion."

However, as more military occupational specialties are opened to women, the debate on Selective Service System registration was inevitable, McHugh said. "If we find ourselves as a military writ large where men and women have equal opportunity, as I believe we should," he said.'

Google slammed by feminists over 'misogynistic' new product - but is it really offensive?

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'Google has made the humiliating decision to change the name of one of its new products over fears it would offend feminists.

Last month, the tech colossus released a program called Brotli , which compresses websites to make them load quicker.

But it made the "controversial" decision to make this new program produce files ending with the suffix ".bro".

In America, feminists use the word bro as a shorthand to refer to beer-swilling blokes whose sexism and misogyny is alleged to contribute to sexism and "rape culture".

It's also just a word men use to refer to each other.

But Google decided to change its filename for fear of offending "social justice warriors", or SJWs, who are known to lead vociferous online campaigns against anything they deem offensive or inappropriate.'

"Who Stands in the Way of a Feminist Utopia? Women"

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'Radical feminism may pack its biggest punch on college campuses, where gender-identity issues can be injected into any academic topic and impressionable students are encouraged to see the world through a skewed feminist lens, but its impact ripples through society, seeping into political debates and the popular culture.
...
Fanciful economics, however, isn't feminist utopia's biggest obstacle. It's women—actual individual women who have their own plans and dreams for their lives—who really doom feminist visions such as Bapat's.

Bapat, who carefully mentions both "men and women" receiving payments for caring for their own dependents, nevertheless assumes that this system would encourage more men to participate in childrearing. In fact they have to, otherwise she'd have to acknowledge that her system would dramatically undermine other central feminist goals, such as increasing women's power and prestige in the world of corporate and political affairs. Bapat's feminist sisters dream of women holding (at least) 50 percent of all corporate board positions and elected offices, and their policies' aim is often to make it easier for women to succeed at work.

In the countries where such government-sponsored policies have been implemented, however, they have often backfired when measured in these feminist terms. Western Europe, for example, is often held up as a model for their state-provided family-leave policies and childcare subsidies; many European countries even provide a version of Bapat's direct cash payments to parents for taking care of their own children. Yet asober examination of the results of these programs reveals that they have impeded women's economic advancement, making it more likely that women will earn less and hold fewer leadership positions in the business world.

The insurmountable problem for those who dream of a feminist utopia is that most women simply don't seem to share the feminists' obsession with economic power, and often prefer spending their time and talents at home, even when their work there offers no monetary reward.'

"Masculinity Under Siege"

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'Last Friday the New York Times Men's Style section published an article that I'm still desperately hoping is satire: "27 Ways to Be a Modern Man." If it's not, then the state of modern manliness is a sorry one indeed.

We'll get to that article in a moment; it wasn't the only recent commentary on contemporary manhood. Writing last week in National Review, for example, David French expressed disgust with our "unmanly" "victim culture" that encourages us to cultivate "a sense of weakness and fragility." It is a mindset that is "killing manhood," he warns.

The College Fix reported this week that Vanderbilt University recently held a "Healthy Masculinities Week" (who knew there's more than one masculinity?) featuring programs that helpfully deconstruct America's "narrow definition of masculinity" for impressionable students.

A short video from Huffpost Women that openly equates masculinity with sexism (tagline: "Because sexism hurts men too") has been making the internet rounds again. In it, a handful of rather effeminate hipsters suffering from vocal fry struggle to answer the question, "What does masculinity mean?" One of them comically posits that, "historically," masculinity has been "a way to differentiate yourself from women." Well, duh.'

China: Men Crawl in Leashes to Promote Women’s Equality (and men's subordination, apparently)

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Article here. It appears that Mangina-itis has hit China, now, as well. *sigh* Excerpt:

'February 8th, on Guanggu Road in Wuhan, a woman leads three men in chain leashes crawling on the ground. Amongst them is a man crawling prostrate on the ground, licking the shoe on the woman’s foot. The organizer claims this performance art is to show opposition against a male society, and call for equality between men and women.

[Above] 25-year-old Kang Yi (center) majored in oil painting in college. In 2005, he threw himself into creating contemporary art, and in recent years has been exhibiting throughout the country various thematic performance art. Amongst them includes exchanging slaps with someone who was suffers paralysis of the face and kneeling on the ground thanking sanitation workers. This time is him and his team’s first time coming to Wuhan.'

"Why we made ‘Yes Means Yes’ California law"

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'The problem of sexual violence on college campuses — a problem exacerbated by a societal culture of male entitlement — is made worse by school administrators who quietly sweep assaults under the rug, wrongly thinking that doing so is in the best interest of their colleges.

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In a court of law, due process is necessary to protect the accused’s liberty. With a high burden of proof, district attorneys are all too often unable to gather enough evidence to prosecute offenders. Because perpetrators are most often repeat offenders, it’s important for campuses to have a way to hold aggressors accountable.

...

Now, on our California college campuses, there is an administrative adjudication process in place to ensure that students abide by the code of conduct, including affirmative consent, that they agreed upon when they entered college. Disciplinary proceedings evaluate allegations of sexual violence to see whether student codes of conduct were broken. For too many years students’ reports of assault were mishandled, discouraging survivors to come forward and identify themselves as victims and face peer harassment without justice. With a fairer process, more students are coming forward to report crimes, and in time our campuses will be safer.'

Rethinking how we deal with campus sexual assault

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'As [members of] the 2015 freshman class navigate their first semester, sexual assault at our nation's colleges and universities remains a topic of serious concern.

The current system of investigating and adjudicating allegations of sexual assault on campus is broken. It does not serve the interests of students, schools or the public.

A recent poll by Penn Schoen Berland found that more than 90 percent of likely voters believe that law enforcement — not colleges and universities — should be responsible for investigating and prosecuting allegations of sexual assault on campus. It is time to bring justice to campus, protect the rights of all students and student organizations, punish perpetrators and ensure a safe college experience for students.
...
The current approach is much more likely to result in errors that could harm students for the rest of their lives. In many cases, students are not allowed to review the charges against them, are not permitted access to counsel and cannot cross-examine witnesses or know the status of their cases. Student groups have been subject to blanket bans or suspensions due to the alleged activities of a small number of students.

When a perpetrator has been found guilty by the school, the most serious punishment available is expulsion. But those who commit sexual violence should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. As the Rape, Incest and Abuse National Network wrote to the White House last year, "It would never occur to anyone to leave the adjudication of a murder in the hands of a school's internal judicial process. Why, then, is it not only common, but expected, for them to do so when it comes to sexual assault?"'

"The cure for all-male, all-white panels"

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'A couple of weeks ago I was asked to be on a panel about the suburbs. It's a subject that fascinates me, so I thought about it over a few days and then rejected the idea.

The very last thing the suburbs need is an old, white guy representing them in any capacity. It would shore up a stereotype the suburbs are trying to break.

I don't do panels anymore. I enjoyed doing the TPT Almanac media panel for the several times I did it, then got tired of having brilliant comments dismissed because I'm the "old, white guy." Same with a few news panels in house at MPR.

Clearly, that's a selfish reason, but it still provided an opportunity to begin to listen to other voices, especially more ethnically and racially diverse voices.

...

All of this sounds far more noble than it really is. But the conclusion is the same. If white men are really interested in supporting diversity in the public space, the very best thing they can do to achieve it, is to sit down and be quiet.'

Feminist Studies Professor Who Assaulted Pro-Lifers Settles Lawsuit, Won’t Apologize

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'Earlier this year, University of California Santa Barbara Professor of Feminist Studies, Mireille Miller-Young was sentenced in a criminal case in connection with an assault on pro-life young people who took the pro-life message to the UCSB campus. Now, the civil side of the legal battle has concluded with her settling with the pro-life students she victimized, but still failing to issue an apology for her actions.

The incident, which took place on March 4, saw two pro-life students Thrin and Joan Short, lead the peaceful pro-life outreach event with 11 friends, most of whom were students from Thomas Aquinas College. They used signs displaying images of abortion victims to begin conversations with students before a confrontation by Professor of Feminist Studies, Mireille Miller-Young turned violent.

The angry professor interrupted the students’ calm interaction with the activists by grabbing a pro-life sign out of the hands of one of them, carrying the sign off through the campus flanked by her students, and then assaulting Thrin Short while trying to hide from police, who were on their way, the group said. Police officers later found the remains of the sign, which had been destroyed.'

"No Man's Land: How to Build a Feminist Utopia"

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'Waking up each day in the Land of Hims, where the pay gap is wide and sexism both subtle and overt, it's tempting to wish that the easy comfort and understanding found in the company of other women were a 24/7 reality. Spend some time at a women's college, or scroll through secret feminist Facebook groups where conversation can take shape freely, away from the patronizing or defensive rebuffs we've trained ourselves to brace for, and you might understand the lark of the feminist utopia. A place populated solely by women who Get It, living and working with ease. No leaning in, no pushing against, and best of all: no men.

Existing most famously in feminist theory, the lesbian separatist communes of the 1970s called on women to claim lesbianism or celibacy and move out to rural farms deemed "womyn's lands"—an act of literally and figuratively expunging men from their way of being. Though most of us wouldn't actually be willing to pack up and leave (either men or our lives), for some the wistful dream of an equitable women-only paradise, somewhere far off and away, remains an irrepressible desire.

Kate White is trying to put that desire into action. After coming up unsatisfied with the existing intentional communities she researched, which either required a hefty buy-in or were "too religious" for her goals, she's now in the midst of planning an entirely new space, using Charlotte Gilman's 1915 utopian sci-fi novel Herland as a guiding principle. The book imagines a placid world called the Land Without Hims, ruled and inhabited only by women, who have been free of gender stereotypes since the fall of men two thousand years before. "We are putting feminism into actual practice rather than just discussing things," White explains. "Building something new avoids the need for a revolution here [in the US]."'

"False rape allegations hurt true victims"

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'The argument that false allegations ruin lives, meaning the system is flawed, erodes the support that sexual assault victims need. The law gives victims power for a reason. Without it, victims wouldn't get needed care. UNL promotes an atmosphere that allows all students, regardless of gender, to feel safe on campus. Police enforce laws that aid the less powerful and prevent tragedies. The most productive step taken to help sexual assault victims is allowing them to report their case to police officials right away. Almost instantly, an officer can be at the scene, and together with law enforcement, the university's investigation can be underway. While countless sexual assaults still go unreported, the fact that any victim can receive immediate attention after a horrific crime has taken place gives the victim the opportunity to step forward.

The system is undeniably skewed to help the victims, which can lead to unwanted consequences. Since the weekly emails have started, I've heard frequent conversations about false reporting of sexual assault. The FBI states that two percent of rape accusations are deemed false, equal to any other violent crime. Some dispute that number because of the murkiness around sexual assault statistics, but the concern is still on students' minds. A Rolling Stones article titled "A Rape on Campus" detailed the story of a girl who had been raped in a fraternity at the University of Virginia. Her story was later deemed fictional but along the way ruined the reputation, career and life of the accused. The same system which gives victims hope permits deceitful individuals to make untrue accusations.

While false allegations are rare, they hurt everyone trying to prevent sexual assault. Any good work disappears with the excuse that the system is flawed. This excuse isn't given in attempt to hurt victims, but instead to defend oneself in a situation that harms all parties.

The situation is frightening. After one night together, one person can change the others' life. Relationships could be defined by a headline over a mug shot. The accused who once cheered for our university on game days may no longer step foot on campus. Years of prison could be faced in criminal charges.

False accusers of crime not only change the lives of their partner, but erode the system which gives victims hope. One false accusation belittles the genuine claims made by others. Previous false claims prevent future victims from speaking out and generate skepticism whenever a new case makes headlines.'

Biden saves his harshest words for male staff only

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Article here. No surprise, really. First, high-level pols are notorious for their attitudes of entitlement and being abusive toward staffers. But it looks like VAWA Joe reserves his rudest and most abusive language for men only. Surprise, surprise. Guess I'd rather be called "dumb fuck" over being fondled by him any day, which is his M.O. with women around him. Excerpt:

'But if you just worked your ass off for him for a few years, he ignored you, intimidated you, sometimes humiliated you, took no interest in your advancement, and never learned your name.

“Hey, Chief,” he’d say, or “How’s it going, Cap’n,” unless he was ticked at you, in which case he’d employ one of his favorite terms for male underlings: “dumb f–k.”

“Dumb f–k over here didn’t get me the briefing materials I needed.” It was both noun and adjective: “Is the event leader a Democrat or a Republican? Or are you too dumb f–k to know?”

Connaughton was doing the hard, thankless, essential work of soliciting money, and for this he was forever stigmatized, because Biden hated fund-raising, the drudgery and compromises it entailed.'

California Trains Kids To Ask For Consent Every 10 Minutes During Sex

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'A look at the new landscape of sex education published by The New York Times contains an eye-opening anecdote: In California, teachers are telling kids to get consent every ten minutes during sex to avoid committing rape.

The article is about the brave new world created by affirmative consent, or “yes means yes,” which holds that a person must obtain explicit prior consent for every sexual act or else be considered to have committed sexual assault.The standard isn’t limited to sex itself; a person would also need explicit affirmative consent to kiss somebody, too.'

Innocent until proven guilty? Not under ‘yes means yes.’

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'Affirmative consent, the latest policy intended to prevent sexual assault, has roiled college campuses. Those who advocate for affirmative consent legislation say those who want to have sex should be required to discuss and verbally agree to such activity before it happens. Opponents say that such stringent requirements de-romanticize what should be a subtle, interactive process often based on nonverbal cues.
...
The second aspect of the consent rule is what I call the “enforcement principle.” It involves how the system — whether it be the legal system or the academic disciplinary system — decides whether a given sexual act did or did not receive consent. Here I would insist on the actual Blackstonian principle being applied. Even though it is better for 10 potentially welcomed sexual acts not to occur than for one non-consented act to take place, it simply doesn’t follow that the same calculus should be applied in the context of enforcement and punishment on a college campus. In that very different context, it is better for 10 individuals who did not obtain consent to go free than for even one individual who did obtain consent to be wrongfully punished. Being wrongfully punished can be catastrophic for a student.

This is where universities are making a dreadful mistake. Fearful of being sued by the federal government, many schools have made it easier both to report accusations of sexual assault (a good thing) and to find a student guilty based on low standards of proof (a bad thing). Rather than requiring proof beyond a reasonable doubt – the standard of evidence required to reach a conviction in a normal court system – many schools are willing to deliver a guilty verdict and permit punishment to be imposed based on a mere preponderance of the evidence: a showing that there is no more than a 51 percent likelihood that the assault occurred.'

The new sex ed: Yes can also mean no

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'In the new sex ed, boys are presumed to be rapists until proven otherwise. Why else would boys be required, every few minutes, to repeatedly ask women if they are enjoying the sex – and if they fail to ask, be accused of rape?

Consent from the person you are kissing — or more — is not merely silence or a lack of protest, Shafia Zaloom, a health educator at the Urban School of San Francisco, told the students. They listened raptly, but several did not disguise how puzzled they felt.

`“What does that mean — you have to say ‘yes’ every 10 minutes?” asked Aidan Ryan, 16, who sat near the front of the room.

“Pretty much,” Ms. Zaloom answered. “It’s not a timing thing, but whoever initiates things to another level has to ask.”`

Look at how the bar keeps rising! At first, there was common sense that if a woman didn't object, there was no problem. Then a woman had to consent. Then a woman has to be specifically asked about sex and has to specifically consent. Now a woman has to consent at each level of sexual intimacy. At the rate things are going, men will be required to ask for consent each time they want to move six inches forward or backward.'

False accusations prove wisdom of lawmakers giving students due process

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'A policy recently passed by state lawmakers giving due process protections for students accused of crimes on campus was vindicated at the University of North Dakota last week.

Since 2011, the Obama administration has stretched Title IX into a requirement that campuses adjudicate serious accusations of sexual assault and harassment on campus. This has resulted in kangaroo courts often presided over by inexperienced academics or administrators where alleged victims have all university resources working on their behalf. Alleged perpetrators aren't even allowed basic tenets of due process: rights like legal counsel, the right to cross examine witnesses against them, and the right to be made aware of the charges against them.'

WikiLeaks' Anti-Feminist Rant

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'In a series of tweets on Wednesday, the official WikiLeaks account questioned whether "feminism" (always in scare quotes) was "a reactionary vehicle to push state interests such as censorship and imprisonment." Links to accompanying blog posts implied that the 2010 sexual assault accusations against Assange might have been falsified by government officials as justification for his arrest, a common theory among his supporters.

"Has modern 'feminism' become a reactionary vehicle for state censorship, repression and war?" Wikileaks tweeted on Wednesday. The tweet links to a 2010 post by blogger Daisy's Dead Air questioning whether the charges against Assange—two allegations of molestation, one of unlawful coercion, and one of rape—were genuine, or if they had been manufactured by the United States government.'

For Students Accused Of Campus Rape, Legal Victories Win Back Rights

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'College students can't miss the warnings these days about the risk of campus sexual assault, but increasingly, some students are also taking note of what some perceive as a different danger.

"Once you are accused, you're guilty," says Parker Oaks, one of several Boston University students stopped randomly by NPR between classes. "We're living in a society where you're guilty before innocent now."

Xavier Adsera, another BU student, sounds a similar theme. "We used to not be fair to women on this issue," he says. "Now were on the other extreme, not being fair to guys."

As colleges crack down on sexual assault, some students complain that the schools are going too far and trampling the rights of the accused in the process. In recent months, courts around the nation have offered some of those students significant victories, slamming schools for systems that are stacked against the accused.'

Fraternities Hire Trent Lott To Lobby For Limiting Campus Sexual Assault Investigations

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'National fraternity and sorority groups have hired former Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) to lobby for legislation that would prevent colleges from punishing certain students accused of sexual assault.

Lott is among a group of lobbyists who have collected $140,000 from the "Safe Campus Coalition" so far this year, according to congressional disclosure filings. The coalition is made up of the National Panhellenic Conference, North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), Kappa Alpha Order, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the Sigma Nu fraternity.

The lobbyists are helping the groups push for the Safe Campus Act, which would restrict colleges from punishing students for sexual assault unless the police are also involved. Other illegal behaviors -- such as theft or physical assault -- would not be held to this requirement. The proposal is uniformly opposed by advocacy and activist groups that work with rape victims.'

'Being A Man' Festival Founder Jude Kelly: 'When We Talk About Gender Equality, That Includes Men's Liberation'

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'Whether it's body image, lad culture, fatherhood or masculinity, men are lacking support and direction as they struggle with the multi-faceted expectations around being a man.

Many are at breaking point.

One symptom of this is the biggest cause of male deaths under the age of 35: suicide. Mental health issues such as depression and anxiety often go untreated and without discussion.

This crisis prompted the launch of the Southbank Centre's Being A Man festival last year, which returns at the end of November to explore the challenges and pressures surrounding masculine identity in the 21st century.

The event, which HuffPost UK are proud to partner with, takes place one week after International Men's Day (19 November) and will feature a three-day programme packed with talks, debates, performances and workshops from over 150 speakers, including Akala, Frankie Boyle, David Baddiel and Kellie Maloney.'

Toxic masculinity is tearing us apart: Christopher Harper-Mercer, 4chan and the fragility of America's alpha male

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'The state of being a man is a compilation of external influences that ultimately define whether someone is a "real" man or not.Guns, sex, and money serve as a sort of holy trinity for traditional masculinity, the tropes by which a supposedly true man is known. When it's stripped down to its toxic core, "what is a man" ends up being defined by how many chicks he can bang, how much ass he can kick, and how much money and "status" he has. Among the people most obsessed with traditional masculinity—your men's rights advocates, your Red Pill enthusiasts, your incels—you'll hear about "alpha" and "beta" males. Alphas presumably rank higher on the violence, sex and status trinity, lording their inherent superiority over their lesser, beta brothers.
...
We need to recognize just how damaging it is to sell the idea of men at their worst—brutish, violent and barely in control of themselves—is the only way to be a "real" man. We've stuck ourselves with a toxic idea of masculinity where you continually have to prove you're a man—being willing to hurt others in order to do so—instead of manhood being something inherent. We need to recognize, accept, and even celebrate the wide variety of masculinity—from virgins to playboys, asexuals to satyrs, from macho to femme, cis men and trans men, gay and straight and everything in between.'

Feminists want us to define these ugly sexual encounters as rape. Don’t let them.

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'There was the time when, 19 and naive, I was guilt-tripped into entirely unwanted physical intimacies with a much older married man. And the time, three or four years later, when I went to visit an on-and-off long-distance boyfriend and quickly realized that it was over for me — but he assumed we were still on, and I didn’t have the nerve to say no. And the time I told a man, “Look, I’m not going to sleep with you,” and it was taken as, “Try again in a couple of hours.” He did, and it worked.

When they happened, my views of these encounters ranged from “it was a mistake” to “it’s complicated.” They still do — even though, these days, we are encouraged to reinterpret such experiences as sexual violations. To many feminists, stories like these are evidence of a pervasive, misogynistic rape culture. “Kids see movies where there’s an aggressor who gets pushed away, but keeps trying until the girl relents,” advocate, author and filmmaker Kelly Kend writes. “. . . This is a rape dynamic that has been played off countless times as just how it works.” Canadian feminist author Anne Thériault laments “the still-pervasive and very flawed idea that if she doesn’t say no, it’s not rape” — clearly referring not just to attacks involving violence or incapacitation (for which few would demand a verbal “no” as proof of rape), but encounters in which a woman yields to unwanted overtures, like I did.

This isn’t just feminist theory; it’s having an impact in the real world. Consent-education programs on college campuses, fromColumbia University to the University of Texas at Austin, are increasingly adoptingthe “yes means yes” approach. But this crusade against “rape culture” oversimplifies the vast complexity of human sexual interaction, conflating criminal sexual acts such as coercion by physical force, threat or incapacitation — which should obviously be prosecuted and punished — with bad behavior.

Was I a victim? Even in the first incident, in which the man knowingly pressured me into something I didn’t want, I could have safely said no to him. Despicable behavior is not always criminal, just like getting guilt-tripped into giving money to a freeloading friend is not robbery.'

Australia: PhD Scholarship in Social and Global Transformation - "Seeking Change: Allowing Women to Raise their Young Children whilst in Prison SA"

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'In South Australia women are no longer able to care for their young children in prison, whereas other Australian state models show that it is in the best interest and wellbeing of the child and the mother/child relationship to allow young children to be cared for by their mothers.

The project focuses on the theme of Social and Global Transformation and in particular the question of individualisation, citizenship and human rights. It also examines the parenting needs of diverse groups of women including Indigenous women and teenage mothers. International organisations such as the Human Rights and EO Commissions have called attention to this social issue.

...

The student should have one of the following disciplinary backgrounds, social policy, gender studies, social and cultural geography, sociology, law, social work or psychology and have a strong interest in social policy. The successful candidate will be required to work closely with industry partner, the South Australian Council of Social Services (SACOSS) and will be embedded in the organisation up to 2 days per week.'

Army wants more female recruiters

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'The Army needs more female recruiters over the next several years as it gears up for the end of the ban on women serving in tens of thousands of combat-related jobs, according to a top recruiting official.

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Snow, in an Oct. 4 memo to the top Army personnel officer, has requested an annual boost in the percentage of women recruiters by 1% per year until 2018 "to improve the recruitment of females for Army service."

Women, Snow said, are 23% better at recruiting women than men. "Increasing the number of females on recruiting duty will improve the effectiveness of recruiting women," he wrote.

The request comes as the Pentagon moves to open all its frontline combat units, including special operations forces, to women by year's end. The services may request an exemption for a combat specialty if they can document that women cannot perform the required tasks. Thus far, no such waiver requests have been made public. However, the Marine Corps released a study last month showing that all-male units outperformed those that included women, suggesting that the service may seek a waiver for its ground combat forces.'

SAVE E-lert: AG Lynch Shamefully Ignores Male Victims in DV Speech

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For Domestic Violence Awareness Month, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch delivered remarks about domestic violence at a Justice Department event.

As one can see from the transcript, here: http://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/acting-associate-attorney-general-stuart-f-delery-delivers-remarks-justice-department, AG Lynch repeatedly refers to female victims, but doesn't mention male victims once.

We at SAVE know that male domestic violence victims do exist, and it's important that our national leaders take time to acknowledge them so that they receive critical resources and attention.

Please contact the Department of Justice and share your concerns: (202) 353-1555 or http://www.justice.gov/contact-us

We also invite you to review the new VAWA provisions, referenced by AG Lynch, to make them inclusive of all victims: http://www.saveservices.org/inclusive-vawa/legal-provisions/

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ALI Model Penal Code for Sexual Assault and Related Offenses

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'The American Law Institute works to promote the clarification and simplification of United States common law. In 2012, a Prospectuswas issued proposing to update the ALI Model Penal Code (MPC) on Sexual Assault, last revised in 1962. The Prospectus highlighted several anachronisms of the 1962 version such as the gendered character of the offense and the broad marital exemption.

Two years later, Tentative Draft No. 1 was released. A review of the draft Model Penal Code reveals that it enormously expands criminal liability at a time when the American Bar Association, lawmakers, and the American public have come to the realization that our country faces a serious problem with over-criminalization. ...'

Fact-checking the UN: Is the Internet dangerous for women?

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Video here. Description:

'A new UN report claims that “73 percent of women have been exposed to online violence.” To combat this alleged epidemic of sexist mayhem on the web, it calls for draconian measures—including more government supervision and censorship of the internet. Before anyone acts on these UN recommendations, let’s check out a few facts.'

'Yes means yes' policy coming under fire from judges

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'Judges across the country are saying “no” to the “yes means yes” standard of affirmative consent for date rape.

The legality of the standard – adopted on California and New York campuses by state legislatures and in effect on numerous other colleges throughout the country – is in question following a series of recent rulings that cite a lack of due process.

"These decisions are harbingers,” said John Banzhaf, a professor at George Washington University Law School and a public interest lawyer. “It does take time for new ideas to percolate through the system.”

Under the standard, the accused, typically a male, has to prove he obtained consent, even if neither party remembers what happened. The standard forces the accused to prove his innocence, rather than be proven guilty.'

Jewish mom proposes replacing bris with naming ceremony

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'Rebecca Wald's father had to perform circumcisions during his medical training. It was awful. Her husband, also a physician, wasn't a fan of the procedure either. He understood the medical complications. So when the Walds' son was born in 2005, the family decided not to circumcise the newborn. But they are Jewish.

“My husband and I are Jewish, but we couldn't see putting our newborn through the trauma and exposing him to the complications,” Wald explains. “Every circumcision has complications, by the way, because of the lifelong damage it does to the organ.”

The bris, however, is a Jewish tradition dating back thousands of years, to Abraham, the biblical patriarch of Judaism. Instead of having a mohel slice off the 8-day-old's foreskin, Wald urges Jewish families to consider throwing a naming ceremony called a brit shalom. “Jewish families who don't want to circumcise often want to keep the affirming aspects of the bris while skipping the pain and damage of the procedure,” Wald says. “This is what brit shalom is all about.”'

UK: Well done, feminism. Now men are afraid to help women at work

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'A new book claims that male office workers are now so afraid of being on the receiving end of a sexual harassment case, they are reluctant to mentor, assist, befriend and even hold open doors for female colleagues.

Crushingly, Sex & The Office suggests men now view such ordinary, decent behaviours as “too risky” – and, in what will be a bitter irony for equality campaigners – claims that, as a direct consequence, women are now failing to advance at work.

This terror of being accused of sexual harassment is now so common it has its own term, “backlash stress”. It sounds like something straight out of a Claims Direct ad – where the only victims are men.'

Man charged with paying a woman to make false rape complaint

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'A Gridley Street man has been charged with paying a woman to falsely report a sexual assault against another man.

David Hernandez, 29, of 96 Gridley St., is facing charges of conspiracy to commit second-degree falsely report an incident, conspiracy to commit second-degree providing a false statement, criminal liability of for acts of another for second-degree falsely reporting an incident and criminal liability for acts of another for second-degree providing a false statement.

He allegedly paid a woman $100 in June to tell police she was raped in RockwellPark, according to the warrant. Hernandez gave the woman a description of the phony suspect with the intent of it matching the man who was dating his ex-girlfriend, the warrant continued.

Police allege he was trying to break up the relationship so Hernandez would have a chance at getting back with his ex.'

Feminists assaulted men while attacking a cathedral in Argentina

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'Feminists attacked a cathedral in Argentina Monday as a line of men defending it were being grossly assaulted.

The disturbing scene is part of Argentina's National Women's Encounter, a festival of shameless feminism sponsored every year by the state's Department of Culture as a "social interest" event.
...
Men stood in prayer in front of the Cathedral of Mar del Plata while unruly feminists possessed with rage cursed and assaulted them, throwing bottles and feces and even starting a small fire.

That's when the police finally intervened and made an effort to tame the rioting crowd of hysterical women. The attempt to restore order was met with petty acts of defiance. Many of the girls, several of whom were topless, threw anything they could find at the police, who didn't use much force to gain control of the situation.

Some left-wing media outlets are nevertheless reporting the story as an example of police brutality. Argentinos Alerta, the organizers of the peaceful resistance, thanked the police for stepping in to help — something they hadn't seen in any of the past years while facing the same violent behavior.'

The anti-campus sexual assault movement is elitist

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'One major and negative narrative about the justice system is that wealthy and well-connected people get to live by different rules than the rest of us. One can find examples both reinforcing and undermining this, but the prevailing narrative remains.

If one wanted to find a blatant example of wealthy, privileged people getting their own justice system they can bend to their will, look no further than the anti-campus sexual assault movement. Born of false statistics and exaggerated (orwholly made up) victimhood, the movement has created (and seeks to maintain) a separate court system for those who can afford college.

What we're left with is a movement that seeks "easy justice for me, but not for thee." It's a slap in the face to the millions of Americans who are at a higher risk for sexual assault and who cannot afford college, many of them poor, minority women.'

UK: University student divides opinion after opposing Union's sex consent lessons

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'A student at the University of Warwick has divided opinion online after speaking out against being invited to sex consent training lessons – a move, he says, was 'the biggest insult I've received in a good few years'.

Writing in online student publication The Tab, politics and sociology student George Lawlor described how he was excited to receive an invite to what he thought was a social event, but says his crushing disappointment quickly melted away to be overcome by anger when he realised what he was being invited to.

Having acknowledged how people should only interact with mutual agreement, he said he still found the invitation to be loathsome, adding: "It implies I have an insufficient understanding of what does and does not constitute consent and that's incredibly hurtful. I can't stress that enough."'

"Breaking news: rapists can be nice university educated boys"

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'I'd like you all to take a moment to think about someone you've probably never met.

His name is George Lawlor, and he's a student at Warwick University. And, dear readers, something terrible has happened to George. You see, George logged on to Facebook recently and noticed that he had an invitation to an event.

Perhaps Lawlor doesn't get asked to all that many parties - such was his dismay at this particular invite. Instead of a request for his presence at the coolest club in town, he'd been invited to something entitled "I Heart Consent" - a workshop where people willingly turn up and learn about the idea of sexual consent. These sessions, popping up on campuses across the country, are happening in a bid to decrease the number of assaults.'

Why I don’t need consent lessons

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'Ah, the special feeling you get when logging into Facebook and find someone thinks you’re cool enough to invite to their event. Is it a house party? Is it a social? All the possibilities race through your mind. Then it hits you. You tap the red notification and find you’ve been summoned to this year’s “I Heart Consent Training Sessions”. Your crushing disappointment quickly melts away and is overcome by anger.

Let me explain, I love consent. Of course people should only interact with mutual agreement, but I still found this invitation loathsome. Like any self-respecting individual would, I found this to be a massive, painful, bitchy slap in the face. To be invited to such a waste of time was the biggest insult I’ve received in a good few years. It implies I have an insufficient understanding of what does and does not constitute consent and that’s incredibly hurtful. I can’t stress that enough.

I feel as if I’m taking the “wrong” side here, but someone has to say it – I don’t have to be taught to not be a rapist. That much comes naturally to me, as I am sure it does to the overwhelming majority of people you and I know. Brand me a bigot, a misogynist, a rape apologist, I don’t care. I stand by that.'

Canada: Uni set to kick-off Healthy Masculinities Campaign

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'The Sexual Assault Support Center (SASC) is starting a program this month to facilitate the exploration of masculinity.

The “Creating Healthier Masculinities Leadership Program” seeks to question social expectations of men through conversation, training and eventually whatever program participants decide that UBC needs.

To kick off the project, former BC Lions player JR LaRose will discuss his own relationship to the hyper-masculine stereotype.

“Men, this isn’t a women’s issue, a trans issue, [or] a gender non-conforming issue — it’s your issue.... We’re trying to contextualize it more than just, ‘Stop screwing up, do better,’” said AMS President Aaron Bailey and soon to be participant in the training. “This could make you healthier, make you better able to deal with things.”

The goal of the campaign is to help men overcome the harmful societal expectations that prevent them from accessing counselling, exploring male privilege and other personal issues.'

What's Behind the Reversal of the Gender Gap in Higher Education?

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'That women have grown more likely to graduate from college in the past few decades seems natural: We have access to a far wider range of careers than our great-grandmothers did, and the economy favors the well educated now more than ever. In light of the rising value of a college degree, it's just strange that men haven't prioritized their education as much as women have. Why haven't they? Why do women increasingly outnumber men on college campuses?

...

The results showed that among young people who had lived with their fathers at some point, 72.1 percent of women and 63.1 percent of men had some college education, meaning men enrolled at 87.5 percent the rate of women. Among those with no father present, the figures were 61.3 percent for women and 49.2 percent for men; the men enrolled at 80.3 percent the rate of women. In other words, a gender gap favoring women was evident in both groups, but the gap was larger among young people whose father was absent. The ratio of the relative risks (0.918) indicated that the finding was statistically significant: "Males were disproportionately less likely than females to attend college if they came from a family in which the father had been absent from birth." The method Doherty et al. used to analyze the Add Health data did not allow for controlling for the usual background characteristics; however, the relative education levels of the Add Health sample's male-female sibling pairs, who would share many socio-demographic traits, were consistent with those of the overall sample.'

Janet Napolitano writes essay criticizung her own 'Yes means Yes' policy initiative

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Essay downloadable from here. It is by Janet Napolitano, a driving force behind the current campus nutsery. But hang on, sometimes Hell freezes over... jump to page 398 of the essay and be prepared to feel your jaw hit the floor. Description:

“The critical issues of sexual violence and sexual assault have right-fully gained greater attention at universities and colleges in our country. Though these issues are not confined to university campuses, a few key reasons help explain the emphasis on sexual violence and sexual assault, as well as sexual harassment, within the higher education world. First, at many institutions of higher education, vast numbers of young adults live independently and in close proximity to one another for the first time. Second, federal law imposes reporting, response, and prevention requirements on colleges and universities that are not present in other contexts. And third, students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, members of governing boards, members of the community, and members of the state and federal governments all appropriately expect that colleges and universities will provide a safe and secure learning and working environment.”

Feminist Professor Claimed ‘Moral Right’ To Censor, Batter Teen Abortion Foe

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'The University of California, Santa Barbara has agreed to settle a civil lawsuit brought by two anti-abortion protesters after feminist studies professor Mireille Miller-Young mocked them, stole their sign, destroyed the sign and scratched up the wrists of one protester — a 16-year-old girl.

The financial details of the settlement will remain confidential, reports Campus Reform.

The plaintiffs, sisters Thrin Short and Joan Short, say they are “very satisfied” with the settlement amount.

The events that gave rise to the lawsuit occurred in March 2014. At the time, Thrin Short was 16 and Joan Short was 21.'

NBC Cheers Feminist Magazine's Campaign to Photoshop Men from Pictures of Elected Officials

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'Closing out Thursday's NBC Nightly News, the evening newscast found it pertinent to tout a new campaign by the British edition of the liberal feminist magazine Elle to photoshop men out of pictures of elected officials in an effort to promote the global need for more women in office.

Anchor Lester Holt led into correspondent Stephanie Gosk's piece by admitting that "it's one thing to talk about the gap in power between men and women" but "another to see it before your eyes." He continued by explaining that this represents "the idea behind a thought-provoking new campaign that's making its point with the help from photoshop."

Passing it off as free press (pun intended) for *Elle*, Gosh explained that the publication "assembled and doctored" various pictures of elected officials that include the United Kingdom's parliament to show there's "some pretty lonely women at the top." Adding that "[t]he statement Elle is making is loud and clear," Gosk also promoted a companion video that has "lit up the internet" with "[e]ight million people [having] shared the hashtag more women."'

Democratic National Committeewoman says her party is 'clearing a path' for Hillary because 'the women in charge' want it that way

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"The Democratic National Committee is 'clearing a path' for Hillary Clinton to be its presidential nominee because its upper power echelons are populated with women, according to a female committee member who was in Las Vegas for Tuesday's primary debate.

Speaking on the condition that she isn't identified, she told Daily Mail Online that the party is in the tank for Clinton, and the women who run the organization decided it 'early on.'

The committeewoman is supporting one of Hillary's rivals for the Democratic nomination, and said she spoke freely because she believes the former Secretary of State is benefiting from unfair favoritism inside the party.

Clinton aims to be the first female to occupy the Oval Office, and 'the party's female leaders really want to make a woman the next president,' the committeewoman said, rattling off a list of the women who she said are the 'real power' in the organization.

'I haven't heard anyone say we should make Hillary undergo a trial by fire,' she added. 'To the contrary, the women in charge seem eager, more and more, to have her skate into the general [election].'

'I have nothing against women in politics,' she underscored. 'But it's not healthy for the party if we get behind a woman because she's a woman, and risk having her implode after she's nominated because she isn't tested enough now.'"

Yes Means Yes: Yes or No?

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'Q: How to prove consent?

How, in a realistic scenario, could a person accused of sexual assault under affirmative consent provide evidence that consent occurred?

A: Jaclyn Friedman

That would depend a lot on the details of the case. But the standard is no different than in a kidnapping case - if a defendant wanted to defend against a kidnapping charge by saying that the person agreed to go with them voluntarily, they'd have to convince a judge and jury that was true. Rape is no different.
...
Q: criminal law "yes means yes?"

It's my understanding that "yes means yes" provisions are confined to college campus codes of conduct---for now. Is this a standard we would want in our criminal law?

A: Jaclyn Friedman

I agree that there's a lot to think about when considering applying affirmative consent laws more broadly across the US. But Canada has had affirmative consent as the law of the land. I also think it's not materially different than kidnapping cases - if a victim claims she didn't consent to go with someone, and a defendant wants to prove that she went voluntarily, the defendant would have to make that case to the judge and jury. Affirmative consent doesn't have to change the burden of proof. It just changes whether we assume the people we're having sex with are in a state of already-consenting, or whether they're in a state of not-consenting until we find out otherwise. We don't assume that someone we're talking with will consent to going with us somewhere. We ask, we don't just drag them off. We already practice affirmative consent in most other parts of our social lives.'

Joe Biden calls 'yes means yes' consent policies 'tricky'

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'Vice President Joe Biden has called current campus consent policies "tricky," but is apparently still just fine with using them to brand students as rapists.

Biden, speaking at a Domestic Violence Awareness Month roundtable on Thursday, said that current "yes-means-yes" — or affirmative consent — policies can be "tricky," despite his continuous insistence that schools do more to curb an alleged epidemic of campus sexual assault.

"The cultural norms make it still kind of hard to say, 'Yes, I'd like you to kiss me,' or 'Yes, I'd like you to do that,'" Biden said, according to veteran journalist and Washington Editor for PJ Media Bridget Johnson. "So it's still tricky."

Biden seems to be acknowledging just how unrealistic yes-means-yes policies are, yet the Obama administration is doing nothing to halt their spread. Biden is the second person in recent days to be confused by the policy his administration's hysterical claims have created. In San Francisco, a woman who writes the lesson plans for teaching yes-means-yes policies couldn't definitively tell students how the policies work."'

Q&A: Sen. Bob Casey on his campus sexual assault bill

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'USA TODAY College: Is the statistic that 1-in-5 women will be sexually assaulted in college widely accepted in Congress? It's gotten some backlash from university administrators who think it's an exaggeration.

Sen. Robert Casey: The number is important. Even if the argument proves true that it's not (valid) — that it's 1 in 6, 1 in 7, 1 in 10, 1 in 20 — that is still way too high. I have four daughters, two in college. So this hits people in a very personal way. We could spend all day debating numbers. I'm much more concerned about taking action.

(The SaVE Act) is a substantial step forward because for the first time in a long time we're focused on making sure there's more transparency, that every student knows their rights. And that it's on all of us. Everyone has a role to play — especially young men. For too long they've had no responsibility or accountability. I've said directly to young men, "Don't think that it's not your problem. You can't be a bystander who does nothing. You've got to speak up, be aware, watch for indications of when (bad) conduct might occur." If you know someone who's drunk, who's behaving inappropriately, you've got to act right away.

What I worry about isn't whether the 1-in-5 statistic is accurate, but about underreporting — that young women who are victims are alone or feel like they're alone. The ones who don't engage in a system that they feel won't bring about justice or treat them with the respect they should be accorded as a victim of a horrific crime.'

Unfair treatment alleged in school suits

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'But Joshua Engel, a Mason attorney who is representing students suing Ohio State University, the University of Cincinnati, Ohio University and Marietta College, said universities have a financial motive for unjustly treating the accused.

“Schools are scared,” he said. “They’re scared that if they don’t crack down and show they are tough on allegations of campus sexual assault, that the federal government is going to come in and take all their money. How do they keep the federal government from investigating them and threatening their funding? The way to do that is by throwing kids out of school because that impresses the federal government, evidently.”'

Women And The Draft: How Equal Do We Want To Be?

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'If the words “Selective Service” aren’t a call to arms for you, it might be because you are a woman – with no sons. For American young men and their parents, “Selective Service” means “the draft,” and, yes, boys still have to sign up for it.
...
True, the country has not yet re-activated a draft, leaving Selective Service to fade into near obscurity, while our all-volunteer military has fought three more wars. However, the consequences for men who don’t register are immediate and real: up to 5 years in prison, a fine of up $250,000, and ineligibility for government jobs or financial aid.

That’s right; your son can go to jail if he does not register for the Selective Service within 30 days of his 18th birthday.

But don’t worry; your daughters are still safe. They can choose to serve or not. Even if your son has a disability, he must register. But America’s healthiest daughters do not.'

Is The Tide Turning On Phony College Rape?

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'Over the past few years, the apparent epidemic of rapes on college campuses (backed by shady statistics) has been the Left's favorite talking point.

But, as rules and laws get continually more stacked against male students–who often face the challenging task of proving their innocence, rather than having their accusor prove guilt–there's the beginnings of backlash.

Male students at the United Kingdom's University of Warwick are up in arms about a class, called "I Heart Consent," that teaches them how to not accidentally rape their partner. No, really.

In an article called, "Why I don't need consent lessons," published by the student newspaper, The Tab, student George Lawlor struck at the very heart of the liberal narrative:

Like any self-respecting individual would, I found this [invitation to the "I Heart Consent" class] to be a massive, painful, bitchy slap in the face… It implies I have an insufficient understanding of what does and does not constitute consent and that's incredibly hurtful. I can't stress that enough.'

Sexual assault “Yes Means Yes” legislation necessary in understanding consent and the accused

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'Male students are claiming that a bias against them has resulted in unfair trials in which the accused are not able to submit potential evidence in sexual assault cases. One student at the University of California, San Diego, was accused of sexually assaulting a friend, and in his hearing at the school he attempted to submit text messages as evidence that would have proven that the woman had given consent to the sexual relationship. The submission of the text messages was denied, and the student lost his hearing because he couldn’t prove consent. Later, Superior Court Judge Joel Pressman said, “the hearing against petitioner was unfair,” NPR reported.

It is likely true that some of men who are accused of sexual assault aren’t guilty. But this arguably wouldn’t be an issue if students were taught to cover all of their bases, so to speak. It isn’t difficult to be a decent person. It isn’t difficult to realize that if a person is drunk, you shouldn’t have sex with them, because they aren’t in the right state of mind to give you consent. Herein we tie back to the question of, “what if one person says it’s okay, but decides in the morning they didn’t want it?” It’s simple, really: no matter how many times a person may say something is okay, no one is able to give consent when they are drunk. Period. And if this “Yes Means Yes” legislation begins teaching this fact in the tenth grade when it really starts to matter, then the government is doing its job. We need to learn to play it safe. We need to teach that if you shouldn’t drive a car when you’re drunk, as it could change your life in ways you never imagined, the same goes for sexual conduct.
And that is why it is so important that schools and colleges give everyone a chance for fair trial. All evidence must be submitted and everyone must have a chance to say his or her piece — it’s only fair in the grand scheme of democracy in this country. Because proof of affirmative consent can’t possibly be required, therefore, it’s necessary that all those accused be able to present their cases. We would rather see someone falsely accused than see someone avoid coming forward for fear of retribution for wrongly accusing someone.
...
All roads lead back to education here. If “Yes Means Yes” influences students to act responsibly and colleges and universities to maintain fairness in all sexual assault cases, then by all means, let’s start implementing this legislation into every state education system.'

Man sues university, accuser in sex-assault allegation

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'The Brown University students met last October at a party where they flirted and kissed. Their intimacy escalated later in his dormitory room. But what he viewed as consensual groping and fondling, the woman claimed were unwanted sexual advances that spiraled into an assault.

She filed a sexual-misconduct complaint with the Ivy League school, and that led to his suspension for 2-1/2 years. Now, as a plaintiff named John Doe, he is suing the school in U.S. District Court. He accuses Brown of violating his due process rights and discriminating against him based on his gender, in violation of Title IX.

In another lawsuit brought by the same lawyer in the same court, a John Doe, of Texas is suing a Jane Doe, of California, accusing her of defaming and slandering him by filing a false sexual-misconduct report that led to his 2-1/2-year suspension from an "elite" liberal-arts university in Rhode Island and his being labeled as responsible for a sexual offense. That lawsuit does not name Brown but details the same chronology.'

'5 Signs You Might Be Dating A "Man-Child"'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The idea of a boy who never grows up is promoted and even romanticized in our culture as sexy and just "the way men are." Sadly women often pay the price for such a prize. There are consequences to keeping this type of "man" in check. She does the work for two and he coasts by. This may partly explain why men, by and large, benefit more from marriage than do women.

Marriage brings for most men greater happiness, physical health and greater wealth than their bachelor counterparts. Women on the other hand, can't take for granted that they too will reap these same benefits. In fact, for women benefiting from marriage or long-term partnership is dependent upon the quality of the partnership.'

Australia: Premier warned: don't put domestic violence against men above women

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'The premier of Queensland has been warned not to recognise male victims of domestic violence at the expense of women after she said she had changed her language to include male victims.

Annastacia Palaszczuk, who has committed to ending domestic violence, told a community cabinet event violence against men is something that needs to be addressed more.

“I do understand that there are a number of men have gone through or are going through [domestic violence],” she said on Sunday, according to Fairfax Media.

“I actually did change my language when it did become public because it was brought to my attention that there was some serious issues surrounding some men in our community needing help as well.'

UK: Schools to Appoint 'Gender Champions' to Police 'Sexist Language'

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'UK schools will appoint ‘gender champions’ tasked with monitoring the language of schoolchildren as young as five in order to stamp out sexist terms such as “sissy”, “cupcake” and to challenge stereotypes.

Under new guidelines to be published tomorrow, senior teachers will be named ‘gender champions’ in schools to help headteachers promote ‘male subjects’ – science, economics, technology, engineering, and mathematics – to girls, while pushing boys towards humanities and languages.

The aim of the guidelines, drawn up by the Institute of Physics (a London-based scientific charity that works to advance physics education) and promoted by the Department for Education, is to eliminate gender stereotyping in schools from the outset, targeting pupils as young as five-years-old.

The Institute’s Professor Peter Main told The Sunday Times:

“The government is backing this. They have told us to send our good practice guide to every school in the country. Sexist language has a considerable impact but in our research we found that it was often dismissed as just banter and was much more common than teachers were aware of.”

Examples of the oppressive language to be targeted have come to light after a pilot programme was run in some schools. At one, volunteer girls were assigned with the task of spotting sexist language in the playground and reporting the perpetrators to staff.'

Father speaks out after college-athlete son cleared of rape: ‘How many young men have to have their lives destroyed?’

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'A young man falsely accused of rape during college was recently cleared by the courts. A father and mother can breathe again as their 24-year-old son applies to grad schools, his bachelor’s degree earned and his season of turmoil behind him.

But for the Mock family of North Carolina, getting to the place they’re at now had a steep price. Careers ruined. Dreams dashed. Athletic glory denied.

C.D. Mock said he believes he recently lost his job as wrestling coach at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in part because of his son’s ordeal.

As for Corey Mock, he enrolled at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga a talented wrestler, and going into his senior year last fall was ranked fourth in the nation. It was set to be one the most exciting, challenging and fulfilling years of his life.'

UK: The Women’s Equality Party would criminalise buying sex and de-criminalize selling it

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'Under WE's proposals, those who sell sex will not be criminalised, and the party would remove from law the few scenarios, such as kerb-crawling and soliciting in a public place, under which sex workers can currently be prosecuted. Sophie Walker, leader of the party, said at the launch that the party would aim to begin criminalising sex buyers within two years of establishing support and exiting services for current sex workers.
...
The document also argues that only a "small percentage" of sex workers work voluntarily and independently of pimps or drug abuse.

This approach runs contrary to the views of many campaigning sex workers, who are pushing for decriminalisation of the industry. A recent (and controversial) Amnesty report on sex work also called for decrimanilisation, as opposed to the Nordic approach.'

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Paying for sex has become a lifestyle choice for thousands of UK career women

'As well as paying men for their time between the sheets, women are also prepared to pay for "companionship".

The so-called "boyfriend experience" involves male escorts meeting up with their female clients and going for a drink or a meal before progressing onto a massage and then sex.

And business is so brisk that the number of men offering paid sexual services to women in the UK has TRIPLED over the last five years to more than 15,000.'

UK: MP pushes for greater numbers of women in STEM careers

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'In response, Ms Morgan said: "It is good to see that maths A-level is now the most popular A-level. We've got more girls studying STEM subjects both at GCSEs and A-levels.

"But the issue is that women are concentrated in less well paid occupations. Women are 92 per cent of secretaries, 94 per cent of child care assistants but only 7 per cent of engineers and 20 per cent of architects. Again that has to change.'

Bath MP Ben Howlett is pushing for greater numbers of women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The MP has pressed the Secretary of State for Women and Equalities to do more to improve these numbers.

Addressing Nicky Morgan in the House of Commons Chamber, Mr Howlett said: "A recent report by CASE found that when parents were asked what type of job they want their child to pursue when they finish education, there was a clear gender bias with parents wanting for their son a career in engineering and for their daughter a career in nursing.

"Does the Minister agree that it is crucial we break down these barriers?
...
"There should be no gendered careers, women make excellent engineers and similarly men make excellent nurses.

"We should be striving for complete gender equality in this country, and by turning our focus to the next generation, we have the chance to make this a reality."'

Women have substantial advantage in STEM faculty hiring, except when competing against more-accomplished men

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'Audits of tenure-track hiring reveal faculty prefer to hire female applicants over males. However, audit data do not control for applicant quality, allowing some to argue women are hired at higher rates because they are more qualified. To test this, Williams and Ceci (2015) conducted an experiment demonstrating a preference for hiring women over identically-qualified men. While their findings are consistent with audits, they raise the specter that faculty may prefer women over even more-qualified men, a claim made recently. We evaluated this claim in the present study: 158 faculty ranked two men and one woman for a tenure-track-assistant professorship, and 94 faculty ranked two women and one man. In the former condition, the female applicant was slightly weaker than her two male competitors, although still strong; in the other condition the male applicant was slightly weaker than his two female competitors, although still strong. Faculty of both genders and in all fields preferred the more-qualified men over the slightly-less-qualified women, and they also preferred the stronger women over the slightly-less-qualified man. This suggests that preference for women among identically-qualified applicants found in experimental studies and in audits does not extend to women whose credentials are even slightly weaker than male counterparts. Thus these data give no support to the twin claims that weaker males are chosen over stronger females or weaker females are hired over stronger males.'

UK: Sexist banter 'should be tackled' in schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Institute of Physics (IoP) guide argues schools do not take sexist "banter" as seriously as they do racist or homophobic language.

This can lead to gender stereotyping and turn girls away from studying science subjects as often as boys.

"No woman should feel that their gender is a barrier to their success," the government said.

The guide, Opening Doors, to be presented at a conference hosted by the IoP, also urged teachers to reflect on their own language to ensure they are "not inadvertently transmitting negative messages".

It is based on the results of interviews with staff and young people in 10 schools in England.'

Students: Transgender Woman Can’t Be Diversity Officer Because She’s a White Man Now

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'A student who was born female felt perfectly comfortable identifying as a man at Wellesley College — until people said he shouldn’t be class diversity officer because he is now a white male.

Timothy Boatwright was born a girl, and checked off the “female” box when applying to the Massachusetts all-women’s school, according to an article in the New York Times. But when he got there, he introduced himself as a “masculine-of-center genderqueer” person named “Timothy” (the name he picked for himself) and asked them to use male pronouns when referring to him.

And, by all accounts, Boatwright felt welcome on campus — until the day he announced that he wanted to run for the school’s office of multicultural affairs coordinator, whose job is to promote a “culture of diversity” on campus.

But some students thought that allowing Boatwright to have the position would just perpetuate patriarchy. They were so opposed, in fact, that when the other three candidates (all women of color) dropped out, they started an anonymous Facebook campaign encouraging people not to vote at all to keep him from winning the position.'

Male Student Suspended for Sexual Misconduct Takes on the University and His Accuser

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'After being found responsible for sexual misconduct by a campus kangaroo court, a Brown University student is taking the unusual step of suing the university and suing his accuser. He's accusing Brown of violating its own policies after putting him through a campus judicial proceeding that — as described in the complaint — would make any self-respecting lawyer recoil in disgust. The plaintiff, who goes by "John Doe" in the complaint, paints a picture of a university that was committed to punishing him from the start, exhibiting bias at every stage of the campus process.

John Doe is suing his accuser for making "false and defamatory statements" — focusing on her own contradictory testimony and on the substantial gap between her statements to Brown officials and John Doe's evidence, including pictures and text messages. Doe's defamation suit is extraordinary. Rarely do men accused of sexual assault directly confront their accusers — typically choosing to take on the school alone. But if John Doe succeeds, look for more defamation suits against accusers — if for no other reason than leverage against the university (many women will have quite a story to tell of campus activists urging them on, coaching them on how to obtain campus convictions.)

Unless and until universities stop the witch hunt and start referring law enforcement matters to competent courts, there will only be more litigation. Ideologues on campus demand more campus prosecutions. The Obama administration demands more campus prosecutions. Yet kangaroo courts can't fabricate rape, they can only fabricate verdicts. And when they do, they'll face a plaintiff's bar hungry for a chunk of the university's endowment.'

Congressional staffers briefed on campus due process needs

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'Because due process rights aren't apparently considered when discussing campus sexual assault, congressional staffers on Monday had to be briefed about them by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.

FIRE staffers Joseph Cohn, Shelby Emmett and Samantha Harris met with congressional staffers to discuss the lack of due process rights afforded to college students accused of sexual assault, and provided analysis of current legislation on the subject.

FIRE discussed the need for accused students to have access to the evidence against them (because such an obvious right is currently not afforded to college students) and the elimination of conflicts of interest among campus investigators. Currently, the person investigating a sexual assault claim can also be an advocate for the accuser, producing a clear bias for an allegedly impartial investigator.'

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Also see: FIRE Briefs Congressional Staffers on Due Process

Campus sexual assault policies, at U and elsewhere, drawing scrutiny

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'Weeks into her freshman year at the University of Minnesota, Courtney Blake was sexually assaulted in her dorm room. She reported it to campus officials, rather than police.

Though the young man argued the sex was consensual, he was found to have violated the student conduct code and put on disciplinary probation, given mandatory counseling and assigned to write a paper, according to an investigation document. Blake was moved to another dorm.

Less than a year later, Blake was assaulted at an off-campus party by a different student. This time, she turned to the police as well as campus officials, but quickly learned the justice system's limitations. She got a more tangible response from the U, which expelled her assailant.

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Critics of these internal investigations say colleges and universities are ill-equipped to handle cases that in a courtroom would constitute a felony. Because schools don't have subpoena power, investigators and panels have to make decisions based on whatever evidence they can get.

"They lack a lot of critical powers that law enforcement has," said Samantha Harris, director of policy research at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. "This is why you don't see university judiciaries adjudicating murder cases."'

New York Times Reveals Stupidity of ‘Yes Means Yes’ Sexual Assault Policies

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'Last week the New York Times published a balanced news story that inadvertently revealed the stupidity of “Yes Means Yes” policies. Those policies redefine a great deal of consensual sex andtouching as “sexual assault,” and effectively require college students to engage in “state-mandated dirty talk” during sexual encounters (as one supporter of “Yes Means Yes” policiesgloated). That potentially violates the Constitution, and such policies have led to costly lawsuits against colleges that have such policies.

By printing ideologically inconvenient truths, the Times allowed the stupidity of “Yes Means Yes” policies to shine through, rather than covering up their stupidity. This was remarkable for theTimes, which usually can’t cover social issues or discuss thefailures of big government withoutinjecting its usual doctrinaire left-wing slant. It quotes the developer of the “Yes Means Yes” curriculum admitting that under “Yes Means Yes,” “you have to say ‘yes’ every 10 minutes” during a sexual encounter to avoid sexual assault charges, resulting in constant awkward communication:

“‘What does that mean — you have to say “yes” every 10 minutes?’ asked Aidan Ryan, 16, who sat near the front of the room.

“‘Pretty much,’ Ms. Zaloom answered.”'

India: Dowry charge slapped on dead man: Wife and her family register FIR a day after her husband killed himself 'to counter abetment to suicide charge'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A case of dowry has been registered against a dead man.

On October 5, 30-year-old banker Rakesh Pilania jumped from his apartment in an upscale Gurgaon locality. His family alleges that he committed suicide out of fear of being implicated under Section 498A of the IPC (cruelty against wife by husband or his relatives).

His wife, meanwhile, registered a dowry harassment case against her husband and his family a day after Rakesh died.

Though Rakesh is no more, proceedings under Section 498A would continue against his family.

Experts say Rakesh's case brings to the fore the misuse of section 498A and its grave consequences, including suicide.

"In this case, the FIR seems to be an attempt at evading action for abetment to suicide. Even after the man's death, his family would have to face a legal battle," says Deepika Bhardwaj, a journalist and filmmaker, currently working on a documentary on possible misuses of the controversial penal section.'

SAVE: Affirmative Consent -- NY Times Article Elicits Derision and Outrage: ‘We have let the radicals hijack this issue’

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'A recent New York Times article about affirmative consent, “Sex Ed Lesson: ‘Yes Means Yes,’ But It’s Tricky,” is triggering a strong negative public response. The article details the confused reactions of California high school students who are being instructed to ask permission for sexual activities every 10 minutes, or risk being adjudged guilty of rape.

The highest-rated reader reaction to the NYT account deplored how “The yes-means-yes standard turns almost all of us into rapists. We have let the radicals hijack this issue with disastrous results for innocent young people.”

Another reader commented ironically, “As far as I can tell, the new ‘affirmative consent’ paradigm allows for a very realistic possibility of two adults raping each other at the same time, which makes a mockery of the whole concept of rape.”

The NYT article has triggered numerous editorials, as well. Washington Examiner writer Ashe Schow charged, “If you don’t have sex the way the government tells you to, you’re a rapist.” Columnist Blake Neff wrote, “some kids are getting the impression they need to set a timer during their intimate encounters to make sure their casual hookup doesn’t accidentally become a rape.”'

NPO: Europe Moves Towards Shared Parenting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The International Council on Shared Parenting (ICSP) is a dynamic young European-based organization that is pulling together a wealth of leading-edge information about shared parenting that is often hard to find in the United States. It is holding its second International Conference on Shared Parenting in Bonn, Germany from December 9 to 11, 2015. The primary language of the conference will be English; a few presentations will be given in French or German, in which case there will be simultaneous translation into English.

Best airport from North America: Frankfurt, then high speed train to Bonn. Or combine a fabulous trip to Paris or Amsterdam with an easy train ride to Bonn. The dollar is strong, so your timing is perfect.'

Actor Mickey Rooney badly abused by wife and son for years before death

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For her part, Jan, 76, who now lives with Chris at his house (and receives $100,000 a year from Rooney's SAG pension and Social Security benefits), insists that she has been falsely accused and characterizes her late husband's Senate testimony as coerced and unreliable. "Mickey was a 90-year-old man who was in and out of it mentally and was easily influenced by other people," she explains.

Only now will the public learn that the alleged debasement was not just financial but physical, too. Numerous family members and others close to Rooney say the small-statured actor frequently was abused by Jan, his wife of 36 years, who weighed twice what he did. THR also has learned that she was struggling with mental health issues during this time. These close acquaintances also say Rooney — who himself was arrested in 1997 by the Ventura County Sheriff's Department on suspicion of hitting Jan during a fight (the case was dropped) — was bloodied and bruised in multiple altercations, in his final years emerging as a feeble man lying to his doctor about why he was being treated for this black eye or that missing tooth. While Rooney always denied spousal abuse, multiple sources tell THR that, when confronted, Jan herself acknowledged assaults. In a long interview with THR via email, Jan is adamant that "I never physically abused Mickey, but we had some minor pushing scuffles, tempers flared when we were angry. Sometimes it was his fault, sometimes mine. We always made up." (As a condition of answering questions, she insisted that THR publish a transcript. ...'

China: Gay man tortured and beaten in horrific clinic ordeal to 'cure' his homosexuality

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Story here. I have to wonder, does this really also happen to gay women there, too? The article says it happens to both, but gay men tend to receive the most frequent and harshest persecution in societies where there is institutionalized intolerance of homosexuality as compared to gay women. Excerpt:

'The documentary reveals how the activist Chen Wei is electrocuted, drugged and beaten, and even told his homosexuality was either a curse from his dead parents who were haunting him - or caused by grief over his dead pet parrot.

There are reportedly thousands of clinics containing everything from quack doctors through to exorcists in China, claiming that they can cure homosexuality and help gay men and women return to "normal lives".

As he undergoes the abuse, brave Chen from the capital Beijing secretly filmed what was going on.

He approached the clinic claiming that he was confused about his sexual orientation and did not understand why he was attracted to other men.

In the documentary, Chen Wei is exposed to dangerous electric shock therapy and drugs, which the clinic's doctor promised would cure his "disease" within three days.'

'No circumcision for my son – it's not moral'

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'Why do we circumcise our baby boys?

Most of us automatically answer it because that's the custom, that it is a mitzvah, to honor the family, or because it's healthy. Few of us give further thought to the ancient practice.

Rani Kasher, 54, a father of six children between the ages of 11 and 23, a coordinator of a cultural center in Kfar Giladi, a lecturer on nature and owner of a printing house, undertook the mission of bringing to the public's attention the true meaning of the act of cutting the foreskin.'

The Boy Crisis: A Sobering look at the State of our Boys

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'What is causing a worldwide Boy Crisis and how do we resolve it. A sobering look at the current state of Boys in our society and what we must understand before we can help them.

Dr. Warren Farrell is an American educator, activist and author of seven books on men's and women's issues., including the international bestsellers, Why Men Are the Way they Are, plus The Myth of Male Power. He is the only man in the U.S. to be elected three times to the Board of the National Organization for Women in NYC. and he is Chair of the Commission to Create a White House Council on Boys and Men. Warren has appeared on more than 1000 TV and radio shows, including numerous “ratings periods” for Oprah. GQ calls him (2015) the Martin Luther King of the men’s movement. Warren is currently co-authoring with John Gray the forthcoming The Boy Crisis.'

Lessons from dismissed campus due process lawsuits

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'Students who have been found responsible for campus sexual assault and are expelled sometimes sue their universities. But they have had mixed success in the federal courts.

The Washington Examiner spoke with one lawyer, Andrew Miltenberg, who has filed many cases on behalf of accused students. He described what he's learned from cases that have been dismissed.

"I've learned that the federal courts are very good courts but that they're reluctant to grasp on to this issue of bias or prejudice, unless it appears to be widespread," Miltenberg said. "And one of the problems is that in any one of these cases you're only really looking at a singular event."'

Canada's feminist Prime Minister Justin Trudeau targets GamerGate in anti-misogyny call to action

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'New Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has described himself as a proud feminist and named GamerGate as an example of an issue that society needs "to stand clearly" against. He made the comments only a few days after winning the national election as leader of the Liberal Party.

Speaking in a recent TV interview (via The Star) Trudeau said: "Yes, Yes. I am a feminist. Proud to be a feminist. My mom raised me to be a feminist. My father raised me, he was a different generation, but he raised me to respect and defend everyone's rights, and I deeply grounded my own identity in that, and I am proud to say that I am a feminist. The things we see online, whether it is issues like Gamergate, or video games misogyny in popular culture, it is something that we need to stand clearly against."'

Anti-Feminist Speaker Disinvited to ‘Uncomfortable Learning’ Lecture Series

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'A student group at Williams College that hosts speakers who challenge the campus's biases has rescinded a speaking invitation to Suzanne Venker, a conservative author and vocal critic of feminism, in response to furious condemnation from other students.

The decision to disinvite Venker is steeped in irony, given that the group's lecture series is called “Uncomfortable Learning,” and the sole reason for ditching Venker seems to be that she was a good fit.'

Why one activist thinks we need a men's movement

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'This is why when I think about manhood in our 21st-century context, I think instantly of mayhem, confusion, violence. These things have come in the form of one mass shooter after another, murdering people at work, on military bases, on college campuses, in grade schools. These things have come in the form of misogynistic comments from men as different in pedigree as billionaire presidential candidate Donald Trump and Grammy Award-winning rapper T.I. These things have come in the form of my travel as a speaker and activist, reading local newspaper stories of men and boys, more aggressively and brutally than ever, raping or killing women and girls, oftentimes their girlfriends or wives.

It is clear to me that manhood in this nation is in deep crisis, our growth stunted at epidemic proportions. Meanwhile, few are talking about or doing anything remotely close to addressing the issue. When we brace ourselves for the next mass murder, we are quick to cite gun control and mental illness, but rarely do we ask, Why are the overwhelming majority of these mass shooters men? When we see poor men in poor communities blow each other away with guns, quite a few of us utter a litany of socioeconomic factors, but rarely do I hear, Why are these boys-to-men doing this to themselves, to each other?'

Feminists Angry a Man Won’t Help Them Negotiate Their Salaries

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'If a man dares to answer a question about feminism, he better be prepared for the backlash if he doesn’t give the acceptable response. But since it seems like even feminists don’t know what they want men to say, good luck to him figuring out what that acceptable answer is.

Even in liberal Hollywood. Take for example The Avengers actor Jeremy Renner’s response to the question, “Would he be willing to negotiate alongside his female co-stars on future projects?” asked by Business Insider UK, Oct.20 during a press conference.

First, some context. Renner’s American Hustle co-star Jennifer Lawrence recently penned an open-letter, highly-lauded by the media, where she explained her shock in finding out how little she made compared to her male co-stars and how she had been afraid to negotiate for a higher salary because she didn’t want to be perceived as spoiled.

Now, the media is buzzing about equal pay in Hollywood and hunting down actors to see if their opinions on equal pay match up to the feminist dogma.

So Renner responded to the question of whether or not he’d help a female co-star get more money, saying, “That’s not my job. I don’t know contracts and money and all that sort of stuff.”

He went on to say he supported equal pay for women in Hollywood but he’s there to focus on his acting, not on everyone’s salaries. “I’m a performer and I know human behavior. When it comes to that sort of stuff I let other people deal with that,” said Renner. “I do what I’m good at, that's what I focus on,” he stated.'

A Disadvantaged Start Hurts Boys More Than Girls

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'Boys are falling behind. They graduate from high school and attend college at lower rates than girls and are more likely to get in trouble, which can hurt them when they enter the job market. This gender gap exists across the United States, but it is far bigger for poor people and for black people. As society becomes more unequal, it seems, it hurts boys more.

New research from social scientists offers one explanation: Boys are more sensitive than girls to disadvantage. Any disadvantage, like growing up in poverty, in a bad neighborhood or without a father, takes more of a toll on boys than on their sisters. That realization could be a starting point for educators, parents and policy makers who are trying to figure out how to help boys — particularly those from black, Latino and immigrant families.'

WaPo: Elementary Kids Should be Taught How to Get and Give Sexual Consent

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'While parents everywhere dread giving “the birds and the bees” talk to their kids, they might have to prepare for something even more complicated: Trying to explain to their child what the teacher's lesson on consensual sex actually means.

In an op-ed for The Washington Post Oct. 14, feminist activist Annie E. Clark whined, “Why are we waiting until college to learn about consent?” She went on to argue that it was necessary for elementary and middle school-age children to be taught about how to give and receive sexual consent.

“The first time students hear ‘consent’ should not be at their first-year [freshman] orientation,” she wrote. This is a “public health issue," and can be talked about in an “age-appropriate way,” she argued.

Really curious to see the Sesame Street episode on that.

What the Post declined to disclose outright, is that Clark also happens to be one of the prominent players in CNN’s smearing college-rape documentary,The Hunting Ground.

'The Hunting Ground' predicted for Oscar nomination

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'The campus sexual assault propaganda film "The Hunting Ground" will be in the running for an Oscar, according to predictions from Variety editor Kristopher Tapley.
...
But "The Hunting Ground" is not a documentary about a horrific epidemic of violence across the U.S., it is a propaganda film based on false statistics and inaccurate accounts of accusers. The film relies heavily on the claim that 1-in-5 women will be sexually assaulted in college, a statistic that has been debunked time and time again as the result of biased and flawed studies.

It also relies on the "expertise" of researcher David Lisak, whose own study claiming that campuses are hotbeds for serial rapists was debunked just a couple months ago. Lisak's study, which has been used to legitimize eviscerating due process rights for accused students, wasn't even about sexual assaults that occur on campus.

Beyond the faulty statistics, the accusations in the film haven't held up to scrutiny, either. The film presents Kamilah Willingham's accusation as evidence that schools let violent offenders back on campus after finding them responsible for sexual assault. But the man Willingham accused, while found responsible and suspended from Harvard University, was found guilty in a court of law of only "misdemeanor touching of a nonsexual nature." The reason for this was that Willingham was not a credible witness.'

UK: Women's Equality Party calls for quotas for female MPs

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'At a policy launch in London, Ms Walker, herself a former journalist, said many of the problems facing women were a product of the fact they were not "equal decision makers", whether in politics, business or other areas of public life..

"We have made some progress but the path to shared power is taking too long to pave," she said. "So we have concluded that as a temporary measure quotas are necessary."

It was lamentable, she said, that women still made up less than a third of the Commons - 191 of the UK's 650 MPs.

"We will put Parliament into special measures for two elections. Political parties should field women in two thirds of seats, including two thirds of safe seats. We can have a 50:50 Parliament in a decade."

She also called for 75% of new peers to be women and for all publicly listed companies to have a 50:50 gender ratio on their boards and executive committees by 2025.'

UK: "Why I'm a male supporter of the Women's Equality Party"

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'Positive discrimination is so often viewed as a negative. The naysayers complain that it goes against the very ideals on which ‘equality’ is founded and that it becomes exclusive, rather than inclusive.

I’d hazard that most of those dissenting voices are, again, ‘male, stale and pale’. They’re a section of society that has, for so, so long, had a grip on the reins of power, and they’re unwilling to see the damage it does. If you believe that people can rise on merit alone, regardless of gender, race or social class, then you have to believe that white men are just better than everyone else – which is clearly ridiculous. So it’s time to force those white, male hands to loosen their grip - or they never will.

...

So here’s a call to the white, middle class men (like me), who don’t know how easy they’ve had it thus far. If you want to live in the same world I do, support the introduction of gender quotas and be prepared to step aside. Don‘t despair if you’re overlooked for a job that goes to a woman. Instead, rejoice! You’ve just done your bit for society – and that should feel good.'

The Man Who Defends Men Accused Of Campus Rape

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'Last December, James Clark* was finishing his first semester as a sophomore at a prestigious New England liberal-arts college when he received an email saying the dean wanted to speak with him. On the phone, the dean informed him that a female classmate had reported Clark for sexual misconduct. An official process began. School investigators began conducting an inquiry into the incident, and a no-contact order was issued, requiring Clark to keep his distance from the accuser while dates for future interviews with the dean were scheduled. Clark was shocked — he'd thought what happened that night was consensual. As a transfer student, he was new on campus, but had made a few friends. They were supportive, but after that phone call, he was essentially alone. Just as their classmates were finishing finals and embarking on winter break, Clark and his accuser were caught in a narrative that would alter the course of their lives forever. From then on, they would be weighted down by the same albatross: She would be the woman who believes she was sexually assaulted, and he would be the man who believes he was falsely accused of assaulting her. [The Cut was unable to reach Clark's accuser for comment.]'

Suzanne Venker: What I wanted to tell students at Williams College

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'As you know, feminism is a large umbrella for an enormous range of topics — from its signature issue, abortion, to sex and relationships, women in the workplace, marriage, divorce, domestic violence, women in the military and work-family balance.

There isn't a person among us who doesn't have a stake in at least one of these issues.

But they are not "women's issues," as the media often claim. They are everyone's issues.

Men have opinions on these matters as well, as they should, yet their voices are rarely heard.

Same goes for women who don't consider themselves feminists — which, for the record, is most women.

We hear from feminists the most for good reason.

A. Feminists pride themselves on being the arbiter of all things female.

B. They have the microphone. Indeed, the feminist elite run the show.

The feminist elite is comprised of left-leaning professors, journalists, writers, psychologists, actresses and lawyers whose beliefs have seeped into the culture to such a degree that anyone who takes a non-feminist view of any topic is branded either sexist or a misogynist.

This group uses their clout to bully people into silence, and the result is a lack of reasonable dialogue.

Since people don't wish to be attacked for simply questioning an idea, they say nothing — giving feminists free reign of the conversation.

I'm sure you've heard a lot over the years about liberal media bias, but feminist bias is an offshoot of that — and it's far more toxic.

As former CBS News journalist Bernard Goldberg wrote in his book "Bias," "I know a few top male producers who would rather walk barefoot on cut glass while drinking Drano than have to face the Missus back home after giving the green light to a story on the excesses of feminism."

There are even doctors, scientists and researchers in this country who can't publish their findings if what they've discovered undermines a feminist worldview. That's the insidious nature of feminist bias.'

Feminist Professor: Chemically Castrate Men Who “Harass” Women

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"Chicago Professor and cultural critic Laura Kipnis – whose work has been published by Slate and the New York Times – thinks that men who “harass” women should be chemically castrated and publicly executed.

If this is what influential college professors are telling young women, is it any wonder that we’re seeing an acceleration of the Sexodus? Men checking out of dating and relationships because they’ve completely given up on approaching women.'

Before you complain about 'patriarchy'

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'So last week, gay conservative writer Milo Yiannopoulos declared October 18 ”World Patriarchy Day.”

Yiannopoulos wrote: “Feminists like to claim that there is a sinister cultural phenomenon known as the ‘patriarchy,’ through which all men, especially if they are white, contribute to a set of values and social norms that marginalise and exclude women. What a load of old (bull). I honestly can’t believe people fall for this rubbish. So, in an attempt to redress the imbalance between fact and fantasy, World Patriarchy Day is the day on which you should feel free to express your masculinity in the most odiously toxic manner imaginable.”
...
But it led Rachel Edwards to write a thoughtful piece noting that there isn’t actually a patriarchy, at least not in the West, where one hears the most complaints. “Feminism can only exist in the kinds of countries that are doing so well that they don’t have to consider eating rats for much needed sustenance. It can only exist in a place with enough human rights to care that you as a woman are a little upset. Feminism can only exist in countries where women can be smart enough to understand the concept of oppression, yet stupid and coddled enough to believe that such words describe the country that they live in. In fact, a country has to care about women, period, for feminism to even be a thing.”'

Mom charged with deprivation of parental rights in connection to missing daughters

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'The mother of two Lakeville girls who went missing in 2013 was arrested in Florida on Sunday.

Sandra Grazzini-Rucki, 50, was charged in August in Dakota County with three counts of deprivation of parental rights in connection with the disappearance of her daughters Gianna, 15, and Samantha, 17.

The charges were not made public until Grazzini-Rucki's arrest by U.S. Marshals early Sunday.

Detectives have learned a network of people is taking the girls and keeping them in hiding, police said. They have made a list of "persons of interest" in the case.'

Feds Have Spent More on Origami Condoms, Fat Lesbian Studies Than on Benghazi Committee

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'The amount of taxpayer funding that has gone toward the investigation into the terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya, is less than the amount the federal government has invested in “Origami condoms” and studies on why lesbians are obese.

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The National Institutes of Health (NIH) gave$2,466,482 to Daniel Resnic to develop three versions of the Origami condom, including the “first of its kind” anal condom. Resnic was later accused of wasting the money on full-body plastic surgery, trips to Costa Rica, parties at the Playboy mansion, and patents for inventions such as “rounded corners.”

The NIH has also given $3,531,925 to researchers to determine why lesbians are obese and gay men are not. Results have included: gay men have a “greater desire for toned muscles” than straight men, lesbians have low “athletic self-esteem,” and young men think about their muscles.'

The phony campus rape crisis

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'In August 2012, two rapes by unknown assailants were reported at Harvard University, sending the school into crisis. Police cruisers idled around the campus; uniformed and plainclothes officers came out in force. Students were advised not to walk alone. A member of the undergraduate council called for the closing of Harvard Yard. “I thought Cambridge wasn’t a dangerous area,” a freshman told the student newspaper. “It was Harvard—it was supposed to be safe, academic.” (In fact, Harvard still was safe. The campus authorities ultimately deemed at least one of the rape allegations baseless, judging by the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reports. Since Harvard never disclosed the outcome of either of its investigations, its findings regarding the other supposed incident remain secret.)
...
Why the disparity between administrative talk and action? Harvard, after all, is not the only college capable of forcefully responding to alleged rape. In the fall of 2014, the University of Virginia doubled down on security after a student was abducted and presumed raped (the girl was later found to have been killed). If Drew Gilpin Faust and her fellow presidents really believe that they are presiding over a crime scene of what would be unprecedented proportions, they should at the least radically revamp their admissions procedures to prevent sex fiends from joining the student body, if not provide round-the-clock protection to female students.

Nothing of the sort ever happens, however. And that is because there is no such crime wave on college campuses—according to the alleged victims themselves. The vast majority of survey respondents whom the AAU researchers classified as sexual assault victims never reported their alleged assaults to their colleges’ various confidential rape hotlines, sexual assault resource centers, or Title IX offices, much less to campus or city police. And the overwhelming reason why the alleged victims did not report is that they did not think that what happened to them was that serious. At Harvard, over 69 percent of female respondents who checked the box for penetration by use of force did not report the incident to any authority. Most of those non-reporters—65 percent—did not think their experience was serious enough to report. This outcome is inconceivable in the case of real rape. No woman who has actually been raped would think that the rape was not serious enough to report. The White House Council on Women and Girls, echoing campus rape dogma, maintains that colleges are churning out legions of traumatized rape “survivors,” who go on to experience a lifetime of physical and emotional disability. Apparently these victims are so shellshocked that they don’t even realize how disabled they are.'

Gloria Steinem’s laughable excuse for feminism’s bad rep

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'Countless women refuse to call themselves “feminists,” and Gloria Steinem knows why: It’s Rush Limbaugh’s fault.

And, no, it’s not funny.

The ur-feminist stopped by “CBS This Morning” on Friday to promote her new book. Host Norah O’Donnell began by noting that Meryl Streep “doesn’t consider herself a feminist. She says she considers herself a humanist. Why is it that the feminist label do you think has that —”

Steinem broke in, rushing to insist that Streep says she’s both — and, anyway, it’s Limbaugh who’s given feminism a bad name, because he “talks about feminazis every day.”

Sorry, Gloria: The brand turned sour long before Rush ever launched his first rant — a victim of its own leaders.'

American Academia's War on Due Process

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'We are still, for the most part, a nation of laws, except on college campuses.

At the Heritage Foundation recently, Samantha Harris, director of policy research at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), said that "students have complained about the lack of due process" at colleges. "In the last five years, thanks to unprecedented intrusion by the federal government…due process has gotten a lot worse," she said. Too often, accused students are left "without a hearing or [cannot] confront their accuser" in court, Harris averred. By her estimate, "more than 60 students have filed lawsuits" of unfair treatment by colleges by withholding due process.

She said that in her travels, people ask, "Why are colleges handling rape cases?" Her answer? "The short answer is Title IX." "Over the years," Harris pointed out, "reports and administrative agencies have expanded the meaning of discrimination to sexual assaults," rapes and other types of cases. Title IX has "inserted the agency directly into the minutia" of sexual assault cases that have gotten media attention. The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) at the Department of Education discourages cross-examination by college administrators, which is considered an essential part of a fair trial by lawyers. If a college rejects this Title IX directive from the OCR, it is found to be out of compliance and will see their its federal funding revoked.'

Gynocentrism in Men's Rights Movement - Blessing in disguise or unwarranted hurdle?

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'In a world otherwise grappled with the thoughts of male-chauvinism and privileges of being a male, a movement that talked about the issues faced by men and the need for their rights was sensational in itself.
This sensationalism took the men's rights movement in India to a much elevated platform wherein, within a very short span of time, the men's rights activists were able to sensitize the Indian parliament about some of the issues that face men and get them thinking about those issues.
...
At the same time, a parallel development was taking place. Many women, who were at the receiving end of feminism and Gynocentrism in the society, resorted to men's rights movement. They took up the cause and started talking about men and their issues.

And, this gave rise to a new phenomenon which even the mainstream media showed more keenness to highlight and that phenomena was - "Women in Men's Rights Movement for the sake of brevity.

Many a times, we are approached by journalists who want to talk about this particular aspect - "Women in MRM!"

For sure, it gives impetus to the movement as the talk goes around but what are the hidden messages carried by this phrase?
...
Therefore, this Gynocentrism in men's rights movement needs to stop as it is not a blessing in disguise; it's rather an unwarranted hurdle.

And before we end it, it's important to understand that it's not the Women in the MRM who are responsible for "Women in MRM!" but it's the men in the movement and the men in the society who are responsible for it. They want a feminine certification for everything and this is something men need to introspect themselves and overcome the need for feminine certification.

If we cannot reform ourselves, we should stop thinking about reforming the society.'

Women’s Groups Urge Colleges and Government to Rein In Social Media

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'Seventy-two women’s and civil-rights groups on Wednesday announced a campaign to enlist the federal government in pressuring colleges to protect students from harassment via anonymous social-media applications like Yik Yak.

The groups have sent the U.S. Education Department a letter calling for it to treat colleges’ failure to monitor anonymous social media and to pursue online harassers as a violation of federal civil-rights laws guaranteeing equal educational access.

The letter says many colleges have cited "vague First Amendment concerns" to shirk their obligation to respond to harassment, intimidation, and threatening behavior via such applications. It calls on the department’s Office for Civil Rights to require colleges to fight such online abuse by taking steps like identifying and disciplining perpetrators and creating technological barriers to the use of social-media applications that harassers favor.'

But if you read the article, you will see that what REALLY upsets them is the hostile comments on feminism.

How Sexual Harassment Codes Threaten Academic Freedom

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'In its zeal to spread "gender justice," the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) threatens to stifle academic freedom and infantilize women, says feminist legal expert and New York Law School Professor Nadine Strossen. At a recent talk at Harvard's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy, the former American Civil Liberties Union head warned that current campus policies to curb sexual harassment are overbroad and dangerous. And while "safety"-mongering students deserve some of the blame, bureaucrats are the biggest progenitors of this paranoid style in American academia.

"By threatening to pull federal funds, the OCR has forced schools, even well-endowed schools like Harvard, to adopt sexual misconduct policies that violate many civil liberties," Strossen said.

Sexual misconduct is an umbrella term under which fall school rules against sexual assault, sexual harassment, intimate-partner violence, voyeurism, and stalking. While much of the recent focus in this realm has been on sexual violence, school sexual harassment policies also deserve some scrutiny.

"Over the years, there have been many types of overly broad sexual harassment policies," explains Samantha Harris, director of policy research for the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). "FIRE has actually had some success in getting schools to roll these back over the years."'

Double standard? Clinton must beware accusing Sanders of sexism

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'This time around, Clinton is fully embracing her status as woman. She is vocal about sexism, misogyny, and gender inequality. However, could she take her gender battle too far?

At the Democratic National Committee's Women's Leadership Forum, Clinton subtly accused Bernie Sanders of sexism. Senator Sanders (I-VT), the populist and progressive candidate, is actually more moderate than Clinton on one single issue: Gun control. Clinton has been referencing this issue heavily in the wake of recent mass shootings, including taking a dig at Sanders at the Democratic debate on October 13. Since then, Sanders has cautioned that candidates that "all the shouting in the world" will not improve gun laws.

Clinton told women at the DNC forum, and later told voters in Virginia, that she was told to "stop shouting about guns." She leveled her accusation when she continued on and said: "Actually I haven't been shouting, but sometimes when a woman talks, some people think it's shouting!" Though Clinton got plenty of cheers at the heavily pro-Clinton events, she must be careful when accusing others of stereotyping and negativity.

Ironically, Clinton herself had previously mocked Sanders for "shouting," though about economic problems instead of gun control.

In early September, Clinton accused Sanders of much the same behavior. According to The New York Times, Clinton tacitly referenced her former Senate colleague when she said "you can wave your arms and give a speech, but at the end of the day are you really connecting with and really hearing what people are either saying to you or wishing that you would say to them?"'

The Crucible, Now at a Campus Near You

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'"Believe the victim"—the mantra of today's feminist anti-rape movement—is a remarkably prominent theme in Miller's play. At one point, Deputy Governor Danforth, who presides over the trials, notes that unlike "an ordinary crime," witchcraft is by its nature invisible: "Therefore, who may possibly be witness to it? The witch and the victim. None other. Now we cannot hope the witch will accuse herself; granted? Therefore, we must rely upon her victims—and they do testify." Today, advocates for "survivors" of sexual violence argue that since such crimes virtually always take place in private, especially when victim and offender know each other, it is imperative to believe those who come forward with accusations.

Of course, "believe the children" was also the mantra of the child abuse trials of the 1980s and early 1990s. But in those cases, the children themselves were a somewhat passive presence, more victims of adult manipulation than active accusers. Not so the girls ofThe Crucible, whom Miller made older than their 10- and 11-year-old historical counterparts—more young women than children. (Danforth and other adult authority figures in the play often refer to them as "children"; but today's anti-rape advocates, too, often use language that infantilizes young people and young women in particular, sometimes explicitly insisting that college "kids" are not really adults.)

When the Salem girls' veracity is questioned and Danforth asks their ringleader, Abigail Williams, if her visions could be false, Abby responds with self-righteous outrage: "Why, this—this—is a base question, sir. I have been hurt, Mr. Danforth; I have seen my blood runnin' out! I have been near to murdered every day because I done my duty pointing out the Devil's people—and this is my reward? To be mistrusted, denied, questioned…" As Danforth backs down, assuring Abigail that he doesn't mistrust her, she warns, "Let you beware, Mr. Danforth. Think you to be so mighty that the power of Hell may not turn yourwits?"'

"Feminism is over, the battle is won. Time to move on"

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'It would be easy to believe from the papers these days that women have never been more oppressed. From the columnist Caitlin Moran to the comedian Bridget Christie, a new creed is preached: that we are the victims, not the victors, of the sex war. Feminists claim we are objectified by the builder's whistle, that a strange man attempting to flirt with us is tantamount to sexual assault. Suddenly, just as it seemed we women were about to have it all, a new wave of feminists has begun to portray us as feeble-minded — unable to withstand a bad date, let alone negotiate a pay rise.

Worse still, they are ditching what was best about the feminist tradition: solidarity with the sisterhood and the freedom of every woman to do as she pleased. Feminism 4.0 consists of freely attacking other women over, erm, crucial issues such as bikini waxing, wearing stilettos and page three of the Sun. Moran writes that it is childbirth that 'turns you from a girl into a woman' (causing every woman in my office to snort involuntarily) and that feminism will only triumph 'when a woman goes up to collect the Oscar for Best Actress in shoes that aren't killing her'. The revolution will be televised, with 'Nicole Kidman in flip-flops'.

Well, if this is feminism, then feminism is dead, and the triviality of the fights feminists pick is the surest proof of its demise. What started as a genuine crusade against genuine prejudice has become a form of pointless attention-seeking.'

Taxpayer-funded groups seek to deny due process to students accused of rape

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'Fraternity and sorority groups are paying a former high-ranking senator to help protect their members' due-process rights in campus rape investigations.

Sexual-assault awareness groups and universities are lobbying to deprive them of due process, using taxpayer money.

The war of words is heating up over the Safe Campus Act, introduced in July by three House Republicans, who were joined in sponsorship by two Democrats in the past several weeks.

Former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and lawyer Cleta Mitchell, an adviser to two Chi Omega fraternity chapters, promoted the Safe Campus Act in aWashington Post op-ed earlier this month. Lott is lobbying for fraternities and sororities on the issue.

They wrote that the bill "would require that law enforcement authorities have a first look at claims of sexual assault on campus" and "provide interim measures to improve student safety, due-process protections for students and student organizations, and more education to prevent such crimes."'

The Number of Male Domestic Abuse Victims Is Shockingly High — So Why Don't We Hear About Them?

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'When you think of a victim of domestic abuse, who comes to mind?

If you're being honest, it's probably a woman. After all, domestic violence against men isn't a theme of many Hollywood movies.

Yet in 2010, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released data from its National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey — and one of the most shocking statistics wasn't just the sheer total of victims of physical violence but also how those numbers broke down by gender.

According to the CDC's statistics — estimates based on more than 18,000 telephone-survey responses in the United States — roughly 5,365,000 men had been victims of intimate partner physical violence in the previous 12 months, compared with 4,741,000 women. By the study's definition, physical violence includes slapping, pushing, and shoving.

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Ivankovich says there isn't much buzz about these numbers or their implications, because we don't know how to handle intimate partner violence against men. "Society supports that men should not hit women, by virtue — but the same is not true for the reverse," she explains. "The fact is, it's simply not acceptable to hit anyone."

Yet, woman-on-man violence is often turned into onscreen amusement, like on a slew of reality shows — or the punch line of a larger, depressing narrative, says Anne P. Mitchell, a retired professor of family law at Lincoln Law School of San Jose (Calif.) and one of the first fathers'-rights lawyers in the country.'

Feminist filmmaker sees project in danger as her sympathy for the MRM grows

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'There is a documentary film on gender currently running a Kickstarter campaign that feminism would prefer never sees the light of day. You may be imagining some amateur film made by buffoons bumbling their way through a hit piece on feminism, but you'd be well off the mark. The film isThe Red Pill, by self-professed feminist Cassie Jaye.
...
Jaye describes her latest project, The Red Pill, as "a fly-on-the-wall film about men's rights activists." But, she says, at some point during filming the process morphed into her journey through ideologies opposing feminism. What makes the film unique is that it will document her "chipping away at long held beliefs, as my worldview changed within the first month," a process captured, she says, through video diaries which will be included in the film.
...
The underlying suggestion in all of this, of course, is that she has come to sympathise with the men's movement and jettisoned a lot of received feminist wisdom.

As a result, Jaye has seen her funding dry up. One observer told Breitbart that grants and funding have been withdrawn and institutional support revoked.'

Feminists think a Supreme Court ruling on K-12 speech restrictions applies to colleges

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'UCLA Law Prof. Eugene Volokh, an expert on First Amendment jurisprudence and Washington Post columnist, has closely examined the legal arguments made by the Feminist Majority Foundation and allies in their quest to shut down Yik Yak on college campuses.

Calling the feminists' push to eradicate boorish speech on the anonymous social-messaging app "another example of today's Anti-Free Speech Movement for American universities," Volokh finds their arguments contrary to well-established legal precedents.'

Newborn Dies Following Botched Circumcision That Parents Didn't Want in the First Place

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'In January of 2013, Ontario natives John Heydari and Homa Ahmadi gave birth to a little boy they named Ryan. He was perfectly healthy and the parents had no desire to circumcise him because they believed "mother nature created us the way she intended us to be."

But their physician, going against the recommendation of the Canadian Pediatric Society, suggested the boy should be circumcised anyway. The unnecessary procedure was botched and the boy died three weeks after his birth due to blood loss.

...

"In fact, the case only became public because the couple appealed the original Ontario College of Physician and Surgeons rulings, which were rendered in secret.

An appeal tribunal upheld this month adecision by the College to caution the doctor who saw Ryan in the emergency department hours after his circumcision, his diaper stained red with blood.

The Health Professions Appeal and Review Board also confirmed the college's separate advice to the pediatrician who conducted the procedure to be aware of its potential hazards, and document his efforts to get informed consent."'

Feminist Majority Foundation (publisher of Ms. Magazine) and others call for restricting campus speech

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'The recently amended complaint against University of Mary Washington, filed with the federal Education Department, shows how Title IX has become a tool for people to try to suppress speech they disapprove of. I blogged about one aspect of this campaign — the letter to the Education Department from what I called the national coalition in favor of campus censorship — yesterday. Today, I want to focus on the UMW complaint (filed by some UMW students and professors, as well as the Feminist Majority Foundation), which has been in the news alongside the coalition's letter: just last week, the Education Department was reported to have launched an investigation based on the complaint.
...
What's striking, though, about the UMW complaint is how far it goes beyond criminal threats. Here are some examples of the posts that the complaint complains about:

1. "Students posted Yaks about the Greek life issue and Feminists United, including 'this feminist needs to calm the hell down,' and 'these feminists need to chill their tits,' and specifically calling Ms. McKinsey 'scary.'"
...
The Feminist Majority Foundation, though a publisher of a magazine, doesn't seem to care much about the First Amendment rights of students, or of accused university officials. Its complaint goes far beyond constitutionally unprotected and rightly punishable speech, such as true threats of violence.'

Secrecy questioned about baby's death after circumcision

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'One Toronto pediatrician was cautioned in writing and another told to get informed consent from parents after 22-day-old Ryan Heydari bled to death following a circumcision in 2013.

Details about the complaints against the two physicians made to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, including their identities, would have been kept secret had Ryan's parents not sought a review by an appeals panel. That is a level of secrecy that critics say must change, even as the college is promising to improve transparency.

Earlier this month, the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board (HPARB) upheld the decision made by the college's inquiries, complaints and reports committee to "advise" Dr. Sheldon Wise, who performed the operation on Ryan following a referral by a family doctor, to document his consent procedure — including discussion of potential risks and complications around circumcision. Death following circumcision is rare, a three-member panel of the board noted.'

Circumcision rates dropping, but infant death highlights ongoing debate

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'The post-circumcision death of an infant boy in Ontario has highlighted the ongoing debate about circumcision in Canada, where about a third of parents still choose to circumcise their newborn boys.

Ryan Hedari's parents say their physician urged them to circumcise their son despite their wish not to, and in 2013 the boy died seven days after the procedure due to shock from blood loss.

Earlier this month an appeal tribunal of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons cautioned the doctor who saw the baby in an emergency room hours after the circumcision procedure, and urged the performing doctor to be mindful of the risks of the procedure and to receive informed consent from patients.

Though the numbers are declining, about a third of Canadian parents still choose circumcision for their sons. That's despiterecommendations from the Canadian Paediatric Society(CPS), updated last month, saying that circumcision should not be routine for newborn boys.'

Protesters to AAP: No More Circumcision

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'A small, but vocal, group of anti-circumcision protesters gather daily outside the convention center here where the American Academy of Pediatrics is meeting -- and they promise to keep doing so until the AAP backs off its "permissive" stance on circumcision.

The protesters, including a group of men dressed in white with crotch areas stained red, represent various groups opposed to routine infant circumcision.

"It's an ethics argument -- not a science or medical argument," said Georganne Chapin, JD, MPhil, and founding executive director ofIntact America, one of the groups at the protest. "We want [doctors] to tell parents that it's not medically necessary and they don't have a right to their son's body. We can't carve up our daughters, we shouldn't be carving up our sons and they can stop."

The protesters were mostly young to middle-aged men and women. Several of the men shouted, "My body! My rights!" at conference attendees, while one woman said loudly to a passerby "Sorry your mom took your foreskin!"'

The Movement to Force Young Women into Tech

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'Breitbart's own Milo Yiannopoulos recently highlighted a number of facts often omitted in the "women in tech" discussion, which includes the fact that women pursuing careers in technology often see preferential treatment during the hiring process over their male counterparts, largely due to quotas and affirmative action in the name of diversity. Being a woman, in general, is an immense advantage, and yet few women are pursuing these fields.
...
The idea that an extremely specific technology degree is needed in order to contribute to the advancement of our society is arguably the gravest error in thinking we as a people have ever made. The second gravest is not truly appreciating those who have stepped into the roles of technological innovation, instead telling them that their worth is intrinsically tied to their gender.

If young girls, on average, find themselves naturally shifting away from computers, why do we, as a people, feel a collective need to fight that? We certainly wouldn't fight many other harmless natural inclinations.

For Wojcicki, it was worth fighting. She proudly enrolled her daughter in an all-girls coding camp, which effectively reconditioned the child and helped her embrace her computer overlords, who apparently hold the one and only key to a successful life. Thank goodness we are finding ways to teach young girls that their passions must align with what is expected of them by others. We wouldn't want them thinking that no means no, right?'

Hillary Clinton Releases New TV Ads Demonizing Men

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'The Hillary Clinton campaign is pushing back against Wednesday night's Republican presidential debate by releasing four TV ads in New Hampshire and Iowa that feature women struggling in some way due to alleged gender pay disparity.

The ads, not content to simply advocate for women, actively demonize males who work at high levels in the private sector.

The ad "Mindy," featuring a cardiac nurse, inexplicably compares a nurse to a presumably male "top CEO."
...
Another ad features a female office worker who allegedly has to work two extra hours to get a paycheck equal to her male colleagues.

The ad "Alexis," at least, features a Caucasian male janitor in the background cleaning up an office, but makes no attempt to advocate for his interests alongside those of the female character in the ad.'

Dear Feminists, The Fight For ‘Women’s Rights’ In America Is Over

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'The other day I saw an ad for an incumbent Democrat congressional candidate here in Maryland. As you can imagine, it was pretty inspiring. It used important words like “bold” and “leadership” and “effective” and “jobs” and other sweet-nothings that focus groups like to have whispered in their ears. It promised us that the candidate would defend the environment, take away the scary guns, “grow jobs” (whatever that means), protect entitlements, and fight for women’s rights.

Of course we’ve heard all of these things a million times from a million politicians. Still, I couldn’t help but stop and reflect upon the absurdity of it, especially the last part.“Fight for women’s rights”? Why is that listed as an issue distinct from the others? Why is it listed at all? The matter of “women’s rights” was settled a long time ago in this country. Women have rights. Where has this person been for the past century?

That’s a rhetorical question. I know “women’s rights” is an effectively meaningless phrase in modern American society, used by feminists to reinforce a fantasy of patriarchal oppression and systematic man-on-woman victimization. The left relies heavily, almost exclusively, onfalse narratives, and the contemporary “fight for women’s rights” is perhaps the greatest and falsest of all.

The left talks about “women’s rights” as a thing yet to be fully achieved; women in America are “second-class citizens,” they breathlessly insist. Therefore, they say, the struggle for “women’s rights” is not only a political issue, but one of the biggest political issues we face, which is a bit like saying smallpox is one of the biggest health issues we face.'

Deep Cuts: Anti-Circumcision Activists Protest Pediatricians

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'"M.D. doesn't mean mutilate dicks," a sign says. "Foreskins are fabulous," another reads. And yet one more, "Circumcision: history's greatest medical fraud."

Anti-circumcision groups, who call themselves "intactivists," are in town for the American Academy of Pediatrics Conference. They've organized what they're calling the Genital Autonomy Demonstration, which began on Saturday. While their main protest location is in front of the convention center, where about 10,000 pediatricians are gathered, some groups have taken their message to the White House and are considering a march on the Mall.

"It's kind of miserable to strap a baby down and cut off part of his penis," says Danelle Frisbie, co-founder of Saving Our Sons and the INTACT Network, which has satellite groups in different states. "But it's a big money maker. It's a multi-billion dollar business. There are ethical physicians who won't do it, but others are trying to make a buck."

Frisbie got involved in the intactivist movement through her postgraduate studies in human sexuality, where she was focusing on female genital mutilation. "I had mentors say, 'If you're going to focus so much on female health, you should look at male circumcision.' It made me question, 'Why is my position kind of sexist?' I mean, if it's wrong to cut baby girls, it's wrong to cut baby boys."'

Australia: Male teachers abandon classroom fearing inappropriate label of working with children

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'The Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) has commissioned a review to examine what influences people to choose teaching as their first career.

The review is being held as the number of male teachers in Queensland state primary schools has fallen to just 16 per cent.

QCT director John Ryan said the review would be a valuable insight for education employers looking to recruit more men.

Queensland Teachers' Union president Kevin Bates said there was still an unfair view that teaching was women's work.

"In our community there is a bit of a perception that it is a feminised profession," he said. "There are elements that attach suspicion to men in the classroom, which are not justified."

Queensland Association of State School Principals president Michael Fay said remuneration was often a factor too.'

Foreign student branded a rapist could die if university sends him back to Syria, suit claims

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'The consequences for students found responsible for sexual misconduct in the campus system usually end with expulsion, a curtailed career, drastically lower earning power and a ruined reputation that's hard to repair.

For a Syrian student at Pennsylvania State University, it could mean his death.

The Legal Intelligencer reports that "John Doe" is suing the school for suspending him following its switch to an Title IX "investigative model" that "removed his ability to confront his accuser or call witnesses of his own."

He's asking a federal judge to place his suspension on hold while considering his claims that Penn State violated his due process rights in its investigation of allegations that he violated a female student at a frat party:

"Doe is a fourth-year architectural engineering student and Syrian national who was attending the university on an F-1 student visa from the United States. His family currently lives in Kuwait on civil identification cards, and Doe said his ability to enter and remain in Kuwait is dependent upon his status as a student. If the civil ID card is revoked, Doe said, he is at risk of having to return to Syria where he said two of his relatives have already died in the country's unrest, according to the complaint."'

Canada: Man sues Revenue Agency over race and sex discrimination

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'A Canada Revenue Agency worker alleges his employer discriminated against him because he had the misfortune of being born a white man.

Joe Bate, 40, is representing himself in the Federal Court case. He claims he was an “efficient and productive” appeals officer for CRA, outshining many of his colleagues.

But instead of being promoted, he says his employer used the Employment Equity Act to pass him over.

“I could be twice as efficient (as my co-workers), have better communication skills ... but, unfortunately, I was born white,” Bate told the court Tuesday.

He said the Employment Equity Act was passed in 1986 to ensure inclusion in the workplace of four groups — women, visible minorities, aboriginals and persons with disabilities. But, he said, it excludes “one specific group.”'

'Guilty until proven innocent': life after a false rape accusation

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'Jay Cheshire was cleared of rape in June. Allegations made against the 17-year old were withdrawn by the complainant just weeks after being filed, resulting in the investigation being closed. Yet, two weeks after the teenager was acquitted of the charge - and with his adult life still ahead of him - Jay was discovered hanging from a tree in his local park.

According to coroner Grahame Short, Jay was a sensitive young man who had "found it difficult to cope with the police investigation" - a conclusion reiterated by the boy's mum, Karin, who said of the accuser: "She accused him of rape and said he was a sexual offender. He was absolutely distraught."

To prosecute an individual for rape - or indeed sexual harassment of any type - is notoriously difficult. However, since the tragic events surrounding the death of Jay Cheshire, thoseopposed to the current laws and practices concerning sexual harassment have become increasingly active in voicing their criticism of the system.'

Teaching consent, policing intimacy

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'Until recently, the idea of consent was associated with acts that are voluntary, free of coercion or compulsion. As theOxford English Dictionary puts it, consent is a ‘voluntary agreement to or acquiescence in what another proposes or desires’. It is ironic, therefore, that advocates of so-called consent workshops in universities want to make them, well, non-consensual. As one supporter of consent classes said: ‘It’s crucial they’re compulsory or the people who need to go won’t go.’

It seems those demanding that consent workshops be made compulsory have little understanding of the idea of consent. But then, these workshops aren’t really about the meaning of consent. Rather, they are informed by a desire to police intimacy and to moralise about student behaviour.

Take the UK National Union of Students’ ‘I Heart Consent’ guide for consent-workshop leaders. It says consent workshops should provide a ‘safer space where people feel comfortable to explore topics, definitions and myths’. But the discussion it advocates is anything but exploratory. The guide promotes a rigid party line and any view that deviates from this line is castigated as a myth or as a ‘problematic’ view that must be corrected. The guide insists that workshop leaders must ‘challenge myths and rectify problematic perspectives on consent’ as well as ‘encourage a healthy view of consent’. ‘Healthy’ here is not a medical term; it’s a moralistic one, referring to ‘healthy’ attitudes and ‘healthy’ sentiments.'

Malecare: Please Tell the USPSTF What You Think About Prostate Cancer Screening

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The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) posted a draft research plan on screening for prostate cancer. The draft research plan is available for review and public comment from October 29, 2015 to November 25, 2015. To review the draft research plan and submit comments, go to: http://bit.ly/1LEu5g3

The USPSTF is the organization responsive for the recommendation against prostate cancer screening. Their May 2012 recommendation reads:

"The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends against prostate-specific antigen (PSA)-based screening for prostate cancer."

This recommendation has caused massive controversy throughout our health care system. We ask you to post your comments on the USPSTF website, at: http://bit.ly/1LEu5g3

Whether you agree with their 2012 finding or not, our prostate cancer community needs to be heard. This new research project gives all of us an opportunity to influence the outcome of prostate cancer screening in the United States.

Even if you don't know anything about research or the PSA test, it will be helpful to let the USPSTF know that prostate cancer patients and family members like you are keeping a watch on their work.

There are ten questions for you to comment on, spread over ten pages. For example, on page three, you are asked to comment, What are the harms of PSA-based screening for prostate cancer? You can select a multiple choice response and have the option to write one or several sentences with your personal thoughts. It takes about ten minutes or less to run through the pages, so please go to: http://bit.ly/1LEu5g3

Please let us know if you commented and or if you have any questions. You can email me directly at darryl@malecare.org

Best regards,

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Senators Call Out Fraternities, Sororities For Backing Safe Campus Act

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'Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) and Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) called out national fraternity and sorority groups for lobbying to support a bill that would limit college sexual assault investigations.

Taking aim at the North-American Interfraternity Conference and the National Panhellenic Conference, the senators held a special phone call with reporters on Thursday to declare the groups' support of the Safe Campus Act "misguided."

The Safe Campus Act would block colleges from taking action on reports of sexual assault unless the alleged victim also reports the attack to police. The requirement would not apply to any other form of misconduct.

"Keep in mind, they have only carved out this exception for sexual assault -- not any of the other violent crimes," McCaskill said. "So a young woman could be robbed at gunpoint, decide she wanted to just try to get that person off campus and go to their university ... but if she was raped, she would not be able to do that unless she went to the police."

The NIC and NPC hired former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, a Mississippi Republican, as a lobbyist to push the groups' position on campus rape rules, The Huffington Post first reported. Congressional lobbying records show the fraternity groups have spent $210,000 this year -- $70,000 per quarter -- on this effort.

Both Gillibrand and McCaskill noted they were members of sororities as undergraduates, but neither NIC or NPC had spoken with them prior to supporting the Safe Campus Act.'

We Can And Should Repeal Title IX

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'In the four decades since Congress passed Title IX (the federal law against sex discrimination in education), the measure's results have grown increasingly perverse. From its inception, the law started to weaken men's athletics in the name of the great goddess Equality – despite the fact that sports matter much more to men than they do to women. After Obama's election, the Department of Education began using Title IX to mandate date rape courts of injustice. And just this month, liberal groups have begun screaming "Title IX" to try to purge America's campuses of speech that offends them.

Title IX has become a catch-all bludgeon for imposing feminist ideology on American universities. The threat of withdrawn federal funds – not to mention punitive damages – cows colleges into submitting, sometimes with great reluctance, to these socially destructive directives. But even conservatives seem to have forgotten that Title IX is just a law – a law like any other.

It's time to repeal Title IX.'

UK: Forget women in boardrooms — we need more men in classrooms

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'Women, know your place. And that place is in the boardrooms of Britain's biggest companies.

A new Government-backed report from Lord Mervyn Davies has called for a target of at least a third of boardroom positions at FTSE 350 companies to be held by women by the end of the decade.

Lord Davies, who has been championing gender equality in the boardroom, stopped short of calling for quotas for the number of women in directorships but he hailed the "near revolution which has taken place in the boardroom and profound culture change at the heart of British business".

And it is indeed nothing short of a revolution, with 26 per cent of board members at leading companies now being of the female persuasion – more than double the figure just four years ago.
...
If David Cameron genuinely believes that institutions benefit from having a balance of men and women working in them, then he would do well to look beyond the boardroom to the classroom.

Because there is a far more worrying gender problem at the other end of the income scale from the six-figure-earning businesswomen that today's report focuses upon, and that is the chronic lack of men in our primary school classrooms.

Only one in four teachers in our schools is now male, while that plummets down to just 14 per cent in our primary schools.'

NYU Students Are Baffled By New Affirmative Consent Laws

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'A newly-released video shows that New York students remain confused about the implications of a new affirmative consent law that dramatically changes how they are expected to act in sexual situations.

Under a New York law enacted last summer at the urging of Gov. Andrew Cuomo, all colleges receiving state funds are required to handle sexual assault complaints using the standard of “affirmative consent.” This standard, also known as “yes means yes,” means that a student commits sexual assault if they do not receive explicit approval for every sexual act they engage in, from kissing to intercourse. This policy stands in contrast to current criminal law (sometimes called “no means no”), where sexual assault occurs when a person explicitly refuses to consent and is ignored or overpowered.

Confused yet? New York college students certainly are. A new video produced by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), a campus civil liberties group, suggests that affirmative consent laws are hardly intuitive to students at New York University (NYU) in Manhattan:

Ireland: Woman made false rape allegation against man she was angry with - court

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'A WOMAN with a personality disorder who made a false rape allegation against a man she was angry with has been given a suspended sentence.

At the end of a brief relationship Sarah Eastwood (34) had told the man: “You messed with the wrong person, I will get you sorted out.” She later alleged he raped her in a city centre pub toilet.

The man was never arrested but was interviewed by gardaí during an extensive investigation. He had not been in the city that night and recovery of large amount of CCTV disproved the allegation.

Eastwood, of Judge Darleys Hostel, Parkgate Street, Dublin pleaded guilty at Dublin Circuit Criminal Court to two counts of knowingly making a false report during garda interviews at Store Street and Pearse Street garda stations on dates between June and August 2013. She had no previous convictions.'

What's so funny about a men's rights debate?

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'An extraordinary thing happened in the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday. A member of the seven-strong Backbench Business Committee burst out laughing at the suggestion that MPs should be allowed to debate a range of gender issues including domestic violence, suicide and premature mortality rates.

In an age when offending the sensibilities of anti-sexism campaigners can cause Nobel laureates to be sacked and drive astrophysicists with unfortunate dress sense to tears of redemption, it's a miracle there hasn't been another hysterical lynching in the court of public opinion.

At least it would be if it were a male politician caught on camera chortling at the suggestion that parliament should discuss issues like violence against women, breast cancer screening and eating disorders.

The reason the media hasn't grabbed hold of SniggerGate yet, is that the sniggering MP is female and the gendered problems she appears to find funny are issues that disproportionately affect men and boys.'

Students voice concerns with proposed sexual assault bill

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'A bill recently introduced in Congress would change the way sexual assault investigations are conducted at universities nationwide – including the University of Texas at Austin.

Supporters say it will strengthen the due process rights of students who are accused of sexual assault.

But many UT Austin students are voicing their concerns. Student Government passed resolution A.R. 14, in opposition to H.R. 3403, also known as the Safe Campus Act.

If the bill is passed, victims of sexual assault will have to decide whether or not they want law enforcement involved in their case. That decision could impact how or if their case is investigated at all.'

Should women be drafted? Congress may have to decide soon

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'A small advisory group called DACOWITS -- the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services -- makes regular reports on such issues directly to Secretary of Defense Ash Carter, and has advised him to ask Congress to change the Military Selective Service Act to require women to register for the draft.

“I think [Congress] would either be faced with disbanding Selective Service and the requirement to register for the draft, or they would be required for women to sign up,” said Colorado Congressman Mike Coffman, who sits on the House Armed Services Committee.

Coffman, a volunteer soldier who served alongside draftees in the Vietnam era, favors getting rid of the draft altogether and introduced legislation to do that earlier this year.

But others advocate opening the draft to both genders.

"Our male counterparts are thinking about the draft and its consequences from the ages of 16 or 17 on," said Kristen Kavanaugh of the Truman National Security Project. "What if by asking women to register for the Selective Service, we instill that same value early on and highlight their responsibility to our nation at a young age?"'

Questions answered about women and the draft

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'Selective Service for men has largely gone unnoticed, even while women have fought for equality in all other aspects of society. We have said — and proved — that "women can do anything men can do." Now we have to be willing to accept all the responsibility that equality brings.

As our society moves toward becoming more gender neutral, even at Target, the burdens that men have always shouldered should now become women's, too. That's equality.

Through Selective Service, our government operates on the idea that an unwilling male soldier is better than even a willing female one. Are feminists really okay with this?

• So you're in favor of Selective Service?

Actually, I'm not.

• So why do you want to force our daughters to do something that you don't even want your sons to do?

Selective Service goes under the radar because society and lawmakers are not ready to deal with the issue of drafting women. It's a political no-win. Asking the question alone creates all sorts of problems for the "war on women" argument.

Basically, we've been so busy giving women access to the military, we've ignored the unintended consequences. Once women are included in the discussion about Selective Service, the inequalities in it for men become more apparent.

Each time someone argues why women shouldn't be included in the draft ("we need them to procreate," "some women don't want to join the military," "not every woman is cut out for combat," etc.), it becomes more obvious — again, in our gender-neutral society — that maybe men shouldn't be either.'

UK: Jess Phillips MP mocks an application to debate men's issues on International Men's Day

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Video here.

Philip Davies is a highly-regarded Conservative MP, and virtually unique among 600+ MPs for raising men's issues in parliament from time to time.

Also see: Labour MP Jess Phillips apologises for telling Diane Abbott to 'f*** off'

Rival bills on campus sex assault stirring controversy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gillibrand and McCaskill are optimistic about their own legislation -- the Campus Accountability and Safety Act – will be included in a reauthorization of the Higher Education Act that a Senate committee plans to act on later this year.

McCaskill said the bill protects due process for those accused of sexual assault and addresses the same concerns the Salmon bill addresses without handcuffing colleges' ability to take swift disciplinary action under Title IX.

“The prosecution process is about depriving someone of their liberty, putting them in prison, labeling them a sex offender for the rest of their life,” she said. “The Title IX process is for campus safety and it is a much different kind of process and should be treated much differently.” Criminal investigations can be lengthy, she said. Title IX bars sex discrimination in education.'

Former Oregon player accused of rape sues university

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Oregon player Brandon Austin filed a $7.5 million lawsuit against the school and four administrators alleging they damaged his prospects of playing in the NBA.

Austin was among three Oregon players who were kicked off the team and barred from campus after a woman accused them of rape last year.

In the lawsuit filed Thursday in Lane County Circuit Court, lawyers for Austin say he was wrongly accused and was denied a chance to adequately defend himself in university disciplinary proceedings.

Lane County prosecutors declined to charge the players following the March 2014 incident, saying there was insufficient evidence. The players say the sexual encounter at an off-campus party was consensual.

Austin seeks $7.5 million for alleged civil rights violations, negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress, interference with economic relations and breach of contract. The lawsuit names the university along with former President Michael Gottfredson; Sandy Weintraub, director of student conduct and community standards; Chicora Martin, the former assistant dean of students; and Robin Holmes, vice president for student life.'

Listen Feminazis, don't try to stop me calling you Feminazis

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Article here. Right on target. Excerpt:

'So what do I, as a card-carrying feminist myself, mean by a feminazi? In the absence of an official definition (although it is probably only a matter of time before it gets one) I use the term to mean radical, authoritarian feminists who view everything in gender terms and brook no dissent – least of all from other women.

So is calling someone a feminazi really comparing them to the Nazi mass-murderers, as one critic claimed, or "equating the fight for gender equality with mass murder", as another stated? I don't think so.

In exactly the same way that calling someone a grammar-Nazi doesn't imply that they want to send people to the gas chambers for misplacing apostrophes.
...
Just because some people don't like a word, that doesn't automatically mean other people shouldn't use it. If that was the case, the wonderful breadth of the English language would be swiftly cut down to just a few grunts in a matter of weeks.

Words have meaning and often, as with the case of feminazi, that meaning can be potent. If people don't like it, then they can choose not to use it themselves, but they don't have the right to tell anyone else which words they should or shouldn't choose.

That, after all, is just the sort of thing the Nazis would have done.'

Why family matters, and why traditional families are still best

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's been a good month for champions of the traditional family, but don't expect the family wars to be ending any time soon.

In recent weeks, a barrage of new evidence has come to light demonstrating what was once common sense. "Family structure matters" (in the words of my American Enterprise Institute colleague Brad Wilcox, who is also the director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia).

And Princeton University and the left-of-center Brookings Institution released a study that reported "most scholars now agree that children raised by two biological parents in a stable marriage do better than children in other family forms across a wide range of outcomes." Why this is so is still hotly contested.

Another study, coauthored by Wilcox, found that states with more married parents do better on a broad range of economic indicators, including upward mobility for poor children and lower rates of child poverty. On most economic indicators, the Washington Post summarized, "the share of parents who are married in a state is a better predictor of that state's economic health than the racial composition and educational attainment of the state's residents."

Boys in particular do much better when raised in a more traditional family environment, according to a new report from MIT. This is further corroboration of Daniel Patrick Moynihan's famous 1965 warning: "From the wild Irish slums of the 19th century Eastern seaboard, to the riot-torn suburbs of Los Angeles, there is one unmistakable lesson in American history; a community that allows a large number of men to grow up in broken families, dominated by women, never acquiring any stable relationship to male authority, never acquiring any set of rational expectations about the future — that community asks for and gets chaos."'

Lawsuit alleges tutor set up athletes and daughter for sex

Matt · 1 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Hey, where'd all the "believe the victim" people go? Excerpt:

'A University of Notre Dame student has accused a female academic coach of coercing young football and basketball players into having sex with her daughter, according to a lawsuit.

The student came forward Friday accusing an unidentified faculty member of orchestrating “sexually and racially motivated” trysts with her daughter by including condoms, transportation and hotel rooms for academic favors.

The accusor is an African-American student while the academic coach is white. Neither the student, coach nor her daughter are identified in court documents filed Friday in Indiana’s St. Joseph Circuit Court.'

An Assault on Common Sense

Matt · 2 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In August 2012, two rapes by unknown assailants were reported at Harvard University, sending the school into crisis. Police cruisers idled around the campus; uniformed and plainclothes officers came out in force. Students were advised not to walk alone. A member of the undergraduate council called for the closing of Harvard Yard. “I thought Cambridge wasn’t a dangerous area,” a freshman told the student newspaper. “It was Harvard—it was supposed to be safe, academic.” (In fact, Harvard still was safe. The campus authorities ultimately deemed at least one of the rape allegations baseless, judging by the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reports. Since Harvard never disclosed the outcome of either of its investigations, its findings regarding the other supposed incident remain secret.)

In September 2015, Harvard president Drew Gilpin Faust announced that Harvard students experience sexual assault with “alarming frequency.” Faust was responding to the results of a sexual assault survey conducted at Harvard and 26 other colleges earlier in the year. According to the survey, spearheaded by the Association of American Universities (AAU), 16 percent of Harvard female seniors had experienced nonconsensual sexual penetration during their time at the college and nearly 40 percent had experienced nonconsensual sexual contact. The “severity of the problem” required “an even more intent focus on the problem of sexual assault,” Faust said. Harvard professor and former provost Steve Hyman decried the “terribly damaging” problem that “profoundly violates the values and undermines the educational goals of this University.”

And yet, apart from Drew Gilpin Faust’s recital of Harvard’s burgeoning rape bureaucracy—50 Title IX coordinators, a new Office for Sexual and Gender-Based Dispute Resolution filled to the brim with “trained investigators,” a doubling of staff at the Office for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response—nothing else happened. No beefed up escort services, no added police presence. Life went on as usual, including the usual drunken parties and hook-ups.'

The NYT erroneously reports marathon winner based on sex

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Mary Keitany won the MARATHON

But poor Stanley Biwott... He ONLY won the MEN'S MARATHON

UK: Jess Phillips vs Philip Davies on ‘ridiculous’ International Men’s Day debate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'PD: If you actually look in Parliament, those things — like the under-achievement of boys in school, testicular cancer rates and the under-reporting of male victims of domestic violence — very rarely get debated and they are real issues.

If Jess is saying that these issues can be debated at other times, then exactly the same things applies to things around national women’s day; we have a monthly questions of women and equality in Parliament which we don’t have for men. So if Jess is going to say to people who want a debate on international women’s day ‘well you don’t need one as there’s plenty of other opportunities to raise these issues’ then that would be entirely consistent. What wouldn’t be is if she supported an international women’s day debate but deprived one for international men’s day.'

UK: Philip Davies MP: 'Political correctness is damaging men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Philip Davies, the Conservative MP for Shipley, found himself at the centre of a raging gender storm last week, when he suggested that men's issues should be discussed in Parliament on International Men's Day, November 19th.

Despite making an impassioned plea to the Backbench Business Committee last Tuesday – underscored by troubling new data on Thursday that showed a 40 per cent spike in male suicides for men in their 40s and record low educational achievement for white, working-class boys – his comments were met with unbridled ridicule from Labour's Jess Philips.

Despite claims on the Labour website that Ms Philips, MP for Birmingham Yardley, "helps the poorest and most vulnerable in society," she openly laughed and petulantly pulled faces while Davies spoke, then scoffed: "You'll have to excuse me for laughing. As the only woman on this committee, it seems like every day to me is International Men's Day."

For many, Ms Philips' sneering contempt of these serious – and increasingly fatal – men's issues left a sour taste in the mouth.

Over centuries, working men built Britain and millions died in its wars, yet in 2015 men's issues are laughed out of the House.'

NY Times: Death Rates Rising for Middle-Aged White [Male] Americans, Study Finds

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A New York Times article points out that death rates have been rising for middle-age white Americans, but fails to point out that this is likely mostly men driving this increase. Excerpt:

'Something startling is happening to middle-aged white Americans. Unlike every other age group, unlike every other racial and ethnic group, unlike their counterparts in other rich countries, death rates in this group have been rising, not falling.

That finding was reported Monday by two Princeton economists, Angus Deaton, who last month won the 2015 Nobel Memorial Prize in for Economic Science, and Anne Case. Analyzing health and mortality data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and from other sources, they concluded that rising annual death rates among this group are being driven not by the big killers like heart disease and diabetes but by an epidemic of suicides and afflictions stemming from substance abuse: alcoholic liver disease and overdoses of heroin and prescription opioids.

The analysis by Dr. Deaton and Dr. Case may offer the most rigorous evidence to date of both the causes and implications of a development that has been puzzling demographers in recent years: the declining health and fortunes of poorly educated American whites. In middle age, they are dying at such a high rate that they are increasing the death rate for the entire group of middle-aged white Americans, Dr. Deaton and Dr. Case found.'

Many commenters astutely pointed out that it's probably mostly working class men suffering job loss and loss of income in the recent economic downturn, exacerbated by them turning to alcohol/drugs in response.

'Gay' rape in military underreported by Pentagon

Matt · 3 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Far more military men are being raped by other men than is reported by the Pentagon because of the stigma attached to such sexual assaults, says a new study published by the American Psychological Association.

“Rates of military sexual trauma among men who served in the military may be as much as 15 times higher than has been previously reported, largely because of barriers associated with stigma, beliefs in myths about male rape, and feelings of helplessness,” the APA said in releasing the findings Tuesday.

The Defense Department issues a biannual report on sexual assaults. Based on Internet emailed surveys it found that more men than women, in pure numbers, are sexually assault victims. Women make up about 14.5 percent of the 1.4 million active force.'

Court Wins for Accused

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, Brandon Austin, a former college basketball player, filed a lawsuit against the University of Oregon for $7.5 million, arguing that administrators there violated his rights when they suspended him over his alleged involvement in a gang rape.

Austin was able to transfer to a community collegeand play basketball there last season, but has since left to (so far, unsuccessfully) pursue a professional basketball career. In the lawsuit, Austin claims that the punishment caused him emotional distress and lessened his chances of one day playing in the National Basketball Association. His case joins more than 50 other pending lawsuits filed by men who say they were unfairly kicked off campus after being accused of sexual assault.

If filed last year, Austin's lawsuit would have seemed like a long shot, especially as the athlete had been accused of sexual assault at another institution before he enrolled at Oregon. But accused students suing the institutions that suspended or expelled them are now increasingly winning those lawsuits, including at least four cases in the last four months.'

Gillibrand, McCaskill Hope to Derail Greek-Backed Campus-Sexual-Assault Bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand and Claire McCaskill will sit down Thursday with the leaders of national fraternities and sororities, hoping to earn allies and to kill legislation sponsored by the Greek groups to combat campus sexual assaults—a bill that, the senators say, would actually be harmful to victims.

The Safe Campus Act, written by Republican Reps. Matt Salmon and Pete Sessions, would require victims of sexual assault on college campuses to report their attackers to the police. It also allows schools to increase their standards of evidence for sexual-assault cases. The bill is backed by the nation's major fraternity and sorority organizations, who hired a lobbying team, including former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, to support the bill just last month.

But the legislation is opposed by hundreds of advocacy groups for the victims of sexual assault. On Monday, 220 of those groups co-signed a letter to members of Congress deriding the bill as well as similar legislation. The groups argue that requiring victims to report sexual assaults to the police will reduce the number of assaults that are reported.'

Men should have rights, even on college campuses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I've written previously in this column about how many colleges and universities — some of them the most elite in the country — are not allowing free speech on campus. Listening to different points of view should typify students at any university, but it no longer is the case.

But another disturbing trend on college campuses is to disallow male students from defending themselves against accusations of sexual assault. In many cases colleges have taken action against the defendants, such as expelling them, when they were not allowed to state their case or hire a lawyer to defend them.

This is particularly disturbing considering the number of high-profile cases where accusations have been proven to be bogus. It was predictable that defendants would start filing lawsuits against the universities, and that is now happening. This will probably get the schools' attention more than anything.

Sexual assault continues to be a serious problem on campuses, and in the past many colleges have ignored the problem or covered it up. University officials were more concerned with maintaining the reputations of their schools and "keeping things quiet" than with helping young women who had been assaulted or trying to fix the problem.

But now, the policy appears to be to have these same colleges handle sexual assault accusations without a proper trial and thereby in some cases ruin the reputations of innocent men. In my view, sexual assaults are a crime, and should be handled through the regular justice system.'

An open letter to feminist students (from a guy who shoots straight)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Perhaps you'll smear all of what follows as "mansplaining" so as to extricate yourself from critical engagement. That would be a shame, though not wholly unanticipated.
...
It is repugnant that women are coached by feminist enablers who are, broadly speaking, informed by the ideology's principles to reinterpret past sexual encounters as rape because they presently feel emotionally damaged—and are then actively encouraged to weaponize that regret to the ruin of many young men who are simply following cultural cues brought about by the Sexual Revolution—ostensibly a feminist movement, to boot.

We should be sickened by the abrogation of due process in the wake of this hysteria. It is not the job of a university to adjudicate potential rape claims. That task falls to and is within the purview of police departments (which gather evidence) and then to the courts (which discern the veracity of said evidence and, if necessary, then mete out a proportional punishment). The rule of law and due process specifically were enshrined in our Constitution to protect the rights of the accused (yes, they do indeed retain certain rights, ladies), and insulate them from tyrannical, mob-like, groupthink-fueled decisions (think Rolling Stone's UVA rape scandal non-story or Emma Sulkowicz, "Mattress Girl," of Columbia).'

Feminists are trying to frame Linus Torvalds for sexual assault, claims open source industry veteran

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists in tech have been staging attempted “honey traps” to frame prominent male software developers for sexual assault, according to explosive claims on the blog of Eric S. Raymond, a pioneer of the open source movement. In allegations that will rock the world of software development, prominent targets included Linus Torvalds, creator of the Linux kernel.

Raymond quoted excerpts from an online chat with a trusted source, who told him that the Ada Inititiative, a recently-discontinued feminist advocacy group in tech, was trying to “collect scalps” by concocting charges of attempted sexual assault against male software developers.

The source told Raymond that the “MO” of the feminists was to “get alone with the target, and then immediately report attempted sexual assault.” The source said he had stopped mentoring female developers over fears that they might fabricate such charges.'

Wikipedia on Linus Torvalds here.

Feminists lashing out at 'The Red Pill'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists are in meltdown following the successful funding of The Red Pill, a documentary about the Mens' Rights Movement by award winning filmmaker Cassie Jaye. How awful!

The documentary's Kickstarter project was successfully funded last week. Following an article by yours truly, campaign donations surged. The movie sailed through its original goal of $97,000, and now — as icing on the cake — it is likely to exceed the amount raised by Anita Sarkeesian's Tropes vs Women in Video Games, a series that had the entire weight of the progressive media behind it. Not gonna lie, I am enjoying the spectacle enormously.

Although Jaye is an accomplished filmmaker, with two award-winning documentaries under her belt, she was forced to turn to Kickstarter after her original backers abandoned her.
...
Feminists aren't just upset that a fair documentary about the hated men's rights movement is going to be released. What really terrifies them is Jaye's own story: she was a feminist who intended to make a "fly-on-the-wall" documentary about activists like Dean Esmay and Paul Elam, in much the same way that she had profiled the U.S abstinence movement.

Instead, she discovered her own beliefs were changing, and now the documentary is about her personal journey as well as the movement itself. Feminists are shocked, angry, and afraid that one of their own could see men's rights advocates as anything less than pure evil, so they're doing all they can to ensure that Jaye's story never reaches a wider audience.

Public mood is shifting, and progressives don't like it one bit. This undercurrent of panic and disbelief can be seen in many of the comments prominent feminists have made on social media.'

Fiorina blasts modern feminism: 'It pits women against men' to win elections

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Carly Fiorina has previously described feminism as a "weapon used to win elections." Now, she's offering an alternative definition.

"Feminism began as a rallying cry to empower women – to vote, to get an education, to enter the workplace. But over the years, feminism has devolved into a left-leaning political ideology where women are pitted against men and used as a political weapon to win elections," the Republican presidential candidate wrote on Facebook Thursday.

Fiorina has frequently compared the familiar 'pull yourself up by your bootstraps' philosophy, which she claims enabled her rise from secretary to chief executive of Hewlett-Packard, to contemporary feminism, which tends to emphasize instances of women's oppression and has developed a reputation of intolerance toward dissenters.

"Being empowered means having a voice. But ideological feminism shuts down conversation – on college campuses and in the media," Fiorina wrote Thursday. "If you are a man – or a woman — who doesn't believe the litanies of the left, then you are 'waging a war on women' or offensive as a candidate, as I have been called."'

Case makes Air Force base ground zero in military's new gender wars

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Article here. Excerpt:

'He is an award-winning combat photographer who stands accused of trying to pick up women in the public affairs office at MinotAir Force Base in North Dakota, and for that prosecutors wanted to put him in prison for 130 years.

The prosecutorial zeal was so great that an Air Force officer appointed to investigate the case said the piled-up charges were combined to "artificially exaggerate the criminality of the accused," who often was simply "socially maladroit and crass."

This is a glimpse into the new U.S. Armed Forces and its gender wars. It is a slice of military life stemming from the Pentagon's order in 2013 to erase all sexual harassment and, to enforce it, staff the ranks with an advocacy bureaucracy to empower victims and make sure complaints are filed.'

Female student pens scathing review of 'rape culture' for college course

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A pre-med student attending college in California has penned a scathing review of the current climate surrounding sexual assault on college campuses.

The student, who wishes to remain anonymous, wrote her essay in response to a public-health class assignment asking students to watch a video in which Emma Sulkowicz, the former Columbia University student who carried a mattress around protesting what she claimed was rape, discusses her mattress project. Students were asked a series of questions pertaining to the video, including "What do you think of her approach in responding to her case of rape?" (notice the absence of "alleged") and "Look into her story and see how her alleged rapist responded. How do you think the university handled this delicate situation?"

The student responded by condemning Sulkowicz's behavior as "a parody of all the worst parts of radical or 'Tumblr' feminists" and said she was "ashamed to even belong to the same species as her." The student was outraged by Sulkowicz's accusation, especially after having followed the accused student's side closely.

"Not only was Emma's false accusation abhorrent and did she inflict physical and emotional trauma on Paul [the man Sulkowicz accused], but her response to the widespread media attention is the most immature and attention-seeking action she could've possibly taken," the student wrote.'

DA: Rape accusation will likely haunt hockey player for years

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The rape investigation of Chicago Blackhawks star Patrick Kane ended Thursday, as Erie County District Attorney Frank A. Sedita III described the young woman's claims as "this so-called 'case'… rife with reasonable doubt."
...
Despite Sedita's strong statement that "physical and forensic evidence ... tend to contradict the complainant's claims," the accusation likely will continue to haunt Kane, affecting his reputation and potential for endorsements.

And some still doubt him. Once an accusation is made, it's hard to take it back.

"The best thing for him to do is ... tell his side of the story to the extent that his attorneys will permit him given the possibility of a civil lawsuit," said Stephen W. Bell, a partner and director of crisis and reputation management with Eric Mower + Associates in Buffalo.'

Also see: Another high-profile rape accusation falls apart

S. Africa: Principal removed after school circumcision debacle

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The principal of the Noordgesig Primary School has been removed following a debacle involving 40 boys who were taken to an undisclosed location to be circumcised.

"I have taken the decision to immediately remove the principal from the school. There will be a formal disciplinary hearing for her and her two deputies," Gauteng Education MEC Panyaza Lesufi told parents and residents gathered at the Noordgesig community centre on Thursday evening.

The crowd responded with cheers and applause.

Non-profit organisation Right to Care, which was involved in taking the pupils to a clinic the parents were not aware of, would also be blacklisted from entering any school premises.'

Quote of the Day

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Item here.

'Dear Judge Peeler, I feel that my mom should stay in prison because I seen her stab my dad clean through the heart with my sister in his arms. That took a big amount of happiness out of my and my sister's lives… I think it would be better for me and my sister if my mom would stay in prison because I'm afraid of her. I have seen what she did to my dad.

— Bradyn Takach, age 10, in his powerful letter to Judge Robert Peeler, arguing against his mother's early release from prison. Shannon Smith has served almost 6 years of her 10 year sentence for the death of Robert Takach. Smith's hearing is scheduled for tomorrow.'

Sweden opens world's first male rape centre

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Södersjukhuset already runs a round-the-clock walk-in clinic for women and girls who have been sexually assaulted in the city, treating between 600 and 700 patients a year. Now, the hospital, which hosts the largest emergency care unit in the Nordic region, is opening its doors to men and boys who are victims of rape and sex attacks.

"We are happy that we now can finally open the first rape clinic for men following the rape clinic for women," Rasmus Jonlund, a press spokesperson for the Liberal Party, which led the campaign for the department in the Swedish capital, told The Local just ahead of the launch.

"It is the first in Sweden (...) We think it is the first in the world. We haven't found another from our research on the world wide web," he added.

The opening was also celebrated by the Liberal Party's centre-right Alliance partners in Stockholm City Council; the Moderates, which are the largest group in the capital's coalition, the Christan Democrats and the Centre Party.

"Emergency medical care for raped men will be free of charge, and offered around the clock, all year," said Marie Ljungberg Schött, a local Moderate Party party politician and council representative on emergency care in a statement.'

Raising Kids and Running a Household: How Working Parents Share the Load

Matt · 7 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Family life is changing, and so, too, is the role mothers and fathers play at work and at home. As more mothers have entered the U.S. workforce in the past several decades, the share of two-parent households in which both parents work full time now stands at 46%, up from 31% in 1970. At the same time, the share with a father who works full time and a mother who doesn't work outside the home has declined considerably; 26% of two-parent households today fit this description, compared with 46% in 1970, according to a new Pew Research Center analysis of Current Population Survey data.

In economic terms, families with two full-time working parents are better off than other families. The median household income for families with two full-time working parents and at least one child under 18 at home is $102,400, compared with $84,000 for households where the father works full time and the mother works part time and $55,000 for households where the father works full time and the mother is not employed. But as a new Pew Research Center survey shows, balancing work and family poses challenges for parents. In fact, more than half (56%) of all working parents say this balancing act is difficult. Among working mothers, in particular, 41% report that being a parent has made it harder for them to advance in their career; about half that share of working fathers (20%) say the same.

The survey, conducted Sept. 15-Oct. 13, 2015, among 1,807 U.S. parents with children younger than 18, also shows that in two-parent families, parenting and household responsibilities are shared more equally when both the mother and the father work full time than when the father is employed full time and the mother is employed part time or not employed.1 But even in households where both parents work full time, many say a large share of the day-to-day parenting responsibilities falls to mothers.'

Facebook executive tells Air Force Academy cadets that military is one of worst for bias

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Corporate America and the military are sexist and show racial bias, a leading businesswoman told cadets Friday at the Air Force Academy.

Sheryl Sandberg, chief operating officer of Facebook and author of the book "Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead," told a crowd of nearly 3,000 cadets that society tells women they are less competent and capable. She described the military as one of "the worst" organizations for bias during a 30-minute speech.

"Women and minorities face barriers white men don't face," she said.'

UK: Family's nightmare after false rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Geoff was exonerated of any crime by police and the legal system and cleared after his daughter Tina Long – who waived her right to anonymity when he was convicted – admitted she had lied in court and made up the allegations.

He was released after wife Louise turned detective and went through all the evidence to expose what they call a web of lies by Tina Long, who confessed in court in January that she had lied.

Geoff, 67, said, "I cannot describe how it felt to stand and listen to my only daughter accuse me of paedophilia. I had been advised by my legal team to try to remain impassive when Tina was giving evidence. But inside I wanted to scream the roof off. This was my own flesh and blood."

Although the court had ruled she would remain anonymous because of her age at the time of the alleged offence, Tina opted to write a magazine article telling in intimate detail the false tale of her supposed abuse.'

University wants due process for itself, but not its male students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Virginia and Virginia Democrats lobbied the Education Department to provide the school due process, something not afforded to its own students.

Specifically, the university wanted due process and fair treatment from the Education Department as it investigated the school for violations of the anti-gender discrimination law known as Title IX. But when the school conducts Title IX investigations of students accused of sexual assault, such due process is nowhere to be found.

It's a clear case of "due process for me, but not for thee."'

Congressman's office has perfect response to anti-due process advocates

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Colleges and universities are institutions of higher education. They are not investigatory bodies, law enforcement professionals, nor are they a part of the judicial system established and guaranteed by our Constitution," said Tristan Daedalus, Salmon's spokesman. "The Safe Campus Act mandates that institutions of higher learning follow the same laws as off-campus landlords, religious institutions, private sector employers, and government agencies when dealing with the heartbreaking consequences of rape and sexual assault in our society."

He added: "The suggestion that university deans and professors are somehow better equipped to end sexual assault than law enforcement, judges, and juries is bizarre to say the least."

Currently, colleges and universities are adjudicating campus sexual assault claims as if they are law enforcement, and accused students are often denied constitutional due process protections such as the right to legal representation or even the ability to see the evidence (or lack thereof) against them.'

Eighth Grade Math Questions About Sexual Abuse, Prostitution Raises Eyebrows

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One story problem on an algebra test in Florida has parents questioning the school district's judgement.

The Lee County School District in southwest Florida has raised the ire of some parents over their choice of test for an algebra class. The subject used in the set-up for the questions on the test was the late Maya Angelou's life. What parents are objecting to is some of the parts of Angelou's life they decided to highlight, they believe, are inappropriate not only for a math test, but for 8th graders.

One of the questions causing a stir is:

y=x+2
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Angelou was sexually abused by her mother's _____ at age 8, which shaped her career choices and motivation for writing.

A. (0,2) Boyfriend
B. (4,6) Brother
C. (-3,-1) Father'

Fraternity Files $25 Million Lawsuit Aginst Rolling Stone For Debunked Gang Rape Article

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at the University of Virginia filed a $25 million dollar defamation lawsuit against Rolling Stone for an article the magazine published in Nov. 2014 that alleged seven fraternity members participated in the brutal gang-rape of a freshman girl as part of a hazing ritual.

The widely debunked and eventually retracted article “A Rape on Campus” by Sabrina Rudin Erdely garnered intense scrutiny after media outlets attempted to verify the story. Subsequent investigations found no evidence of a gang rape at the Phi Kappa Psi house. Though Rolling Stone originally stood by Erderly’s reporting, in April the magazine formally apologized for the piece.

In a statement Monday, Phi Kappa Psi said, “the fraternity chapter and its student and alumni members suffered extreme damage to their reputations in the aftermath of the article’s publication and continue to suffer despite the ultimate unraveling of the story.” The statement also said student members and their families were subjected “to danger and immense stress” due to the article.'

FDNY recruit finally graduates thanks to instructors' 'help'

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'A female FDNY recruit has graduated from the Fire Academy after her instructors fudged on her strength, agility and running requirements, insiders say.

Choeurlyne Doirin-Holder, 39, never achieved a passing score of 17 minutes and 50 seconds on the Functional Skills Test, a course of job-related tasks in full gear such as stretching hoses and dragging dummies, according to an FDNY source familiar with the training. She did not come in under 24 minutes in practice tests.

Doirin-Holder also failed to run the required 1.5 miles in 12 minutes or less — even after the running course was slashed by an estimated quarter-mile, the source said, alleging that the start and finish lines were moved to shorten the run.'

15 Quotes By So Called 'Feminists' That Explain Exactly Why People Are Losing Faith In Feminism

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List here.

1. When a woman reaches orgasm with a man she is only collaborating with the patriarchal system, eroticizing her own oppression. ~Sheila Jeffrys

2. If anyone is prosecuted for filing a false report, then victims of real attacks will be less likely to report them. ~David Angier

3. Women have their faults / men have only two: / everything they say / everything they do. ~Popular Feminist Graffiti

4. I want to see a man beaten to a bloody pulp with a high-heel shoved in his mouth, like an apple in the mouth of a pig. ~Andrea Dworkin

5. The institution of sexual intercourse is anti-feminist. ~Ti-Grace Atkinson

6. I feel that 'man-hating' is an honorable and viable political act, that the oppressed have a right to class-hatred against the class that is oppressing them. ~Robin Morgan, Ms. Magazine Editor

7. The more famous and powerful I get, the more power I have to hurt men. ~Sharon Stone

8. The proportion of men must be reduced to and maintained at approximately 10 per cent of the human race. ~Sally Miller Gearhart, in The Future – If There Is One – Is Female

9. As long as some men use physical force to subjugate females, all men need not. The knowledge that some men do suffices to threaten all women. He can beat or kill the woman he claims to love; he can rape women…he can sexually molest his daughters… THE VAST MAJORITY OF MEN IN THE WORLD DO ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE. ~Marilyn French

10. Since marriage constitutes slavery for women, it is clear that the women's movement must concentrate on attacking this institution. Freedom for women cannot be won without the abolition of marriage. ~Sheila Cronin, the leader of the feminist organization NOW

11. If life is to survive on this planet, there must be a decontamination of the Earth. I think this will be accompanied by an evolutionary process that will result in a drastic reduction of the population of males. ~Mary Daly

12. I believe that women have a capacity for understanding and compassion which man structurally does not have, does not have it because he cannot have it. He's just incapable of it. ~Barbara Jordan, former Congresswoman

13. Men who are unjustly accused of rape can sometimes gain from the experience. ~Catherine Comins

14. Politically, I call it rape whenever a woman has sex and feels violated. ~Catherine MacKinnon

15. Marriage as an institution developed from rape as a practice. ~Andrea Dworkin

Feminist Professor Calls For ‘Muscle’ To Help Remove Male Reporter at U Miss Protests

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'A shocking video emerged Monday from the anti-free speech protests that took place at the University of Missouri following the resignation of school president Tim Wolfe.

Video recorded by journalist Mark Shierbecker shows an assistant professor of mass media at the school named Melissa Click calling for “muscle” to help remove him as he was trying to film protests being held on campus.
...
A phone call and email to Click was not immediately returned. The University of Missouri website shows that Click teaches classes in mass communication and television analysis.
...
“Current research projects involve 50 Shades of Grey readers, the impact of social media in fans’ relationship with Lady Gaga, masculinity and male fans, messages about class and food in reality television programming, and messages about work in children’s television programs,” her bio reads.'

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See: The Future of Feminist Media Studies

Sen. Claire McCaskill decries 'mansplaining'

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'It's unusual to hear a politician ridicule about half her constituents on national television, but certain topics simply supersede politics. For Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.), that issue is apparently mansplaining. Or maybe just men talking? As one of 20 women in the Senate, she wants more women to run for office, she said for Monday's Late Show, "but equally important is encouraging more men to sometimes just shut the hell up." She quickly clarified, sort of, telling the world's men: "It's not that women don't value your thoughts, it's just that we don't value all of them."

What topics should men just shut up about? Don't worry: McCaskill had a list. An incomplete catalog includes "what women do with their bodies," "who the next James Bond should be," Star Wars, selfies, pantsuits, millennials, "Star Wars again," all art, carbs, and turkey brining. But she did throw in a little consolation prize for men: "If you can control yourselves and hold back from further expressing your opinions on any of these topics, we'll let you keep weighing in on marijuana legalization — but that's a huge, big 'if.'" Brave? Foolish? Funny? All of the above? Watch below. But perhaps we'd have a better sense if Stephen Colbert invited one of McCaskill's male colleagues on to give his list of topics men don't want to hear women talk about anymore. Anyone? Anyone?'

When evidence is allowed, Stanford changes its verdict on an alleged campus sexual assault

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'In 2013, Elise Clougherty accused her ex-boyfriend of a year, Joe Lonsdale, of abuse and sexual assault. She reported her allegations to Stanford University, where she was a student and he was her mentor. Stanford found Lonsdale responsible for sexual assault and banned him from the campus for 10 years.

In early November 2015, Stanford reversed the ban, citing "new evidence" in the case.

That "new evidence" was apparently emails sent from Clougherty to Lonsdale during their relationship that raised doubts about her accusations. The emails were not included in the original investigation against Lonsdale, and were only brought to the attention of Stanford administrators due to a New York Times article about the case.'

The real Rape Culture

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It's not on college campuses, and its victims aren't women. A story from the NY Daily News that graphically illustrates the real "rape culture" in the US: a state-sanctioned campaign that casually uses the threat of incarceration and repeated rape as a punishment and deterrent for men. Excerpt:

'New Mexico man got a harsh wake-up call from a judge who said he would be someone's "b---h" in prison.

When Isaiah Gay, 20, was being sentenced Tuesday for his burglary charges by Bernalillo County District Court Judge Christina Argyres, she asked him what he thought could happen to him in jail.

Gay assumed the worst would be beatings, but the judge had a different outlook, according to court transcripts.

"You would probably be raped everyday, number one," she said. "You would be beat up every other day."

Shaken by the judge's harsh forecast, and facing a 15-year sentence for his string of burglaries, the first-time offender promised he'd never commit another crime, blaming his previous antics on "being young and dumb."'

'If bears killed 1 in 5 people'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Late last week, College Humor (partnered with the Obama administration)released a video asking: What if bears killed one in five people? It was supposed to be a humorous attempt at getting people to consider just how dire it is that "one in five women will be sexually assaulted by the time they finish college."

Except there's no evidence that one in five women are sexually assaulted during college. That statistic has been debunked again andagain and again. Only the most incredulous (or calculating) media outlets still print it as a fact without noting what it actually refers to or that it has been disputed.

The statistic comes from surveys of college students who are asked whether they have ever experienced a broad range of sexual activity. The students are also asked if they have ever engaged in said activity while drunk or on drugs. Based on answers students give to these questions, biased researchers hoping to prove "rape culture" exists determine that these students have been sexually assaulted.'

SAVE: Lawsuits Multiply, Expelled Students Often Prevail in Campus Sex Cases

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PRESS RELEASE

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WASHINGTON / November 9, 2015 – The number of lawsuits filed by students alleging violations of due process in campus sexual assault cases has ballooned in the last two years. And increasingly, courts are ruling in favor of the expelled students. These trends highlight the need for colleges to re-evaluate their sexual assault procedures to assure constitutionally protected rights are respected.

According to the Database of Due Process Lawsuits Against Colleges and Universities, 100 lawsuits have been filed across the country alleging due process and other violations by colleges and universities. Prior to 2014, the annual number of lawsuits remained in the single digits. In 2014, this number jumped to 31. Thus far in 2015, 33 lawsuits have been filed: http://boysmeneducation.com/lawsuits-database/

In the past, courts often upheld the expulsions. But in the past several months, courts have consistently ruled in favor of expelled students, as seen in cases from Washington and Lee University, University of Tennessee – Chattanooga, University of Southern California, and University of California San Diego: http://www.saveservices.org/2015/08/pr-four-rulings-four-reversals-judges-give-thumbs-down-on-campus-sex-tribunals/

In addition, students at Middlebury College and Pennsylvania State University were recently granted preliminary injunctions, allowing them to remain in college, according to a recent report from Inside Higher Ed: https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2015/11/05/more-students-punished-over-sexual-assault-are-winning-lawsuits-against-colleges

These lawsuits can be costly. Last month Brandon Austin, a former college basketball player, filed a lawsuit against the University of Oregon for $7.5 million, alleging a wrongful suspension. An earlier case against Brown University was reportedly settled for $1 million: https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2015/11/05/more-students-punished-over-sexual-assault-are-winning-lawsuits-against-colleges

“Referring felony sex crimes to ill-equipped campus disciplinary committees has been a complete failure,” explains SAVE spokesperson Sheryle Hutter. “Victims, the accused, and justice itself are all being shortchanged by the current regime.”

SAVE urges that felony-level allegations of sexual misconduct be handled by criminal justice authorities, not campus disciplinary committees: http://www.saveservices.org/

Men in Asia continue to be defrauded, abused, and enslaved by fishing companies

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Story here. Excerpt:

'When Eril Andrade left this small village, he was healthy and hoping to earn enough on a fishing boat on the high seas to replace his mother's leaky roof.

Seven months later, his body was sent home in a wooden coffin: jet black from having been kept in a fish freezer aboard a ship for more than a month, missing an eye and his pancreas, and covered in cuts and bruises, which an autopsy report later concluded had been inflicted before death.

"Sick and resting," said a note taped to his body. Handwritten in Chinese by the ship's captain, it stated only that Mr. Andrade, 31, had fallen ill in his sleep.

Mr. Andrade, who died in February 2011, and nearly a dozen other men in his village had been recruited by an illegal "manning agency," tricked with false promises of double the actual wages and then sent to an apartment in Singapore, where they were locked up for weeks, according to interviews and affidavits taken by local prosecutors. While they waited to be deployed to Taiwanese tuna ships, several said, a gatekeeper demanded sex from them for assignments at sea.'

Pentagon ‘gay’ rape debacle: Report alleging male-on-male sexual trauma retracted

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'The American Psychological Associationhas taken the extraordinary step of retracting an in-house journal article that asserted the rate of rape and other sexual trauma among military men was as much as 15 times higher than the Pentagon’s own survey.

In a press released posted Sunday night, the APA said outside scholars had examined the study, “Preliminary Data Suggest Rates of Male Sexual Trauma May be Higher than Previously Reported,” and determined that the method for randomly selecting and surveying male combat veterans was flawed.

“Although the article went through our standard peer-review process, other scholars have since examined the data and raised valid concerns regarding the design and statistical analysis, which compromise the findings,” Gary R. VandenBos, APA’s publisher, said in announcing the retraction.'

NPO: December Conference in Germany on Shared Parenting a Unique Opportunity

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'Don’t forget to register for the December 9th through 11th conference of the International Council on Shared Parenting in Bonn, Germany described in last week’s newsletter, it will give you access to important information on shared parenting that is not widely available in the U.S. This information could help in your individual case. And professionals will need this information to remain fully informed on one of the most important issues of the day.'

Modern Educayshun

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Video here.

'The follow up to #Equality, Modern Educayshun delves into the potential dangers of our increasingly reactionary culture bred by social media and political correctness.'

Cover Your Buns and Then We'll Respect You

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'I am in receipt of your email stating your forceful objection to my recent column on rape prevention. I understand that you objected to my claim that a woman wearing a Glock tee shirt is less likely to be targeted for rape than a woman wearing a Pink (or Victoria's Secret) tee shirt. However, I do not understand your claim that the column sexually harassed you. Nor do I understand why it was necessary for you to label me as a "filthy subhuman scumbag" and "a (f-bombing) piece of (poop)." Today, I wish to provide a reply that is more rational and intelligent than your response to my column. Fortunately, that will not be difficult.

As an initial matter, you need to be instructed on the proper use of the term "harassment." Put simply, ideas are not harassment. This goes against what you have learned in your Women's Studies classes. But virtually everything taught in these classes is both factually incorrect and ideologically bigoted. No court would ever sustain a charge of harassment made by a woman who lacks the good sense to avoid reading columns she may find offensive. If you knew the column would offend you and you read the column anyway then you must enjoy being angry. That probably explains why you are a campus feminist. Regardless, something cannot be harassment if you actually enjoy it.

...

When women started to attend colleges and universities in greater numbers several decades ago there were those who objected to their enrollment. Those objectors claimed that women were irrational and emotional and really didn't belong in a setting where controversial ideas were being discussed. In fact, it was thought that they should stay at home where they could do things more suited to their nature – such as cook, clean, and care for children.

To the extent that you actively seek out ideas that you know will be offensive - and then pretend to be shocked when you hear them - you reinforce stereotypes of women as emotionally weak. When you have the kind of emotional meltdown you displayed in your email you resemble a European soccer player flopping on the ground after being slightly bumped by an opponent. The soccer player would like to be treated like a real athlete. But he cannot be taken seriously because he is a wilting lily. You would do well to consider the analogy before you pollute the intellectual marketplace with another emotional outburst.'

Vice president Joe Biden urges students to change campus rape climate

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'"We have a cultural problem. We have to change the standard of decency by which we measure ourselves," Biden said. "The standard with which we have to measure ourselves is if we do not have consent, it is rape. Period."

Biden delivered that message at Morehouse College, where he spoke to a crowd of students mainly from Morehouse and Spelman colleges as part of the White House's "It's On Us" campaign. Morehouse was the final stop on Biden's three-campus swing that began Monday at the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and continued Tuesday morning at South Carolina's Clemson University before his afternoon stop in Atlanta.
...
Much of the onus for changing the rape culture on campuses is dependent upon men, Biden said. Men are the perpetrators of sexual violence in most cases, and have the responsibility for first not committing the act, abiding by the strict standard of consent and reporting other men who may be violating women, he said.'

Fathers' Rights Protesters Rally Outside County Courthouse

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'Protesters rally for fathers' rights to child custody outside the Allen County Courthouse. A group of people supporting fathers' rights gathered in Lima to protest the current Ohio family law that gives full child custody to the mother if her and the father split. Protestors say the law makes it difficult for fathers and grandparents to get visitation rights, and they want to change it so parents will share equal 50/50 rights to their children, or prove that the other parent is unfit.

The protest organizer started the slogan "Dads Against Deadbeat Systems". He says they are looking for 1,500 signatures on their petition to get on the spring ballot for shared parenting. "The deadbeat thing is yes, of course there are deadbeat dads out there that aren't taking care of their kids, but the system right now is making it hard for fathers that want to be involved in their kids lives," said Devin Green, "We get the stigma as being a deadbeat, because we're not seen with our children or around our children, but we want to be, the court process isn't set up for us to be able to be involved in our kids lives right now. So, deadbeat, it's a play on we're not deadbeat dads, the system's what's deadbeat right now." They plan to have 1 rally a month in different counties around Ohio to promote rights for fathers and grandparents. green says you can sign the petition at 12 East Bar and Grill in Lima.'

St. Paul's School and a New Definition of Rape

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'An eighteen-year-old male student's sexual encounter with a fifteen-year-old female student at St. Paul's School has led to his being sentenced to one year in jail, followed by five years of probation, and registered for life as a sex offender. Both feel their lives are destroyed. Our fascination with the secret sex rites of the New Hampshire prep school put Owen Labrie's bespectacled face in all the papers. But the deeper pity and fear the case inspired revolved around a basic question we increasingly project onto the bodies of our young: What makes sex rape?

Based on an incident in a campus mechanical room, Labrie was charged with an array of crimes and convicted of five. The three most serious charges were "aggravated felonious sexual assault," corresponding to penetration with a finger, penis, or mouth. For a conviction, the prosecution needed to prove that the accuser had shown, by speech or conduct, that she did not freely consent, and that the accused knew or should have known she was not consenting. But the jury acquitted him of these charges, meaning that it did not regard the acts as lacking consent.
...
The jury did convict him of three charges of misdemeanor sexual assault, which, in New Hampshire, did not require proof of non-consent but were based instead on the fact that the girl was under the age of sixteen. Even if the girl had sworn that the sex was fully consensual, Labrie still would have been guilty of these charges. (Minors cannot legally consent, no matter what they feel.) Similarly, Labrie was convicted of endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor charge that asked the jury only to find that he solicited sex from a minor. Presumably, the jury saw such a solicitation in the so-called Senior Salute, the campus tradition of graduating boys inviting younger girls to a romantic encounter. Labrie's felony conviction for using computer services—e-mail and Facebook—to "seduce, solicit, lure, or entice" a child under sixteen to have sex was also unrelated to consent. If he had used e-mail to ask the girl to meet and they had unambiguously consensual sex, all these criminal convictions could still stand.
...
We are in the midst of a significant cultural shift, in which we are redescribing sex that we vehemently dislike as rape, and sexual attitudes that we strongly disapprove of as examples of rape culture. For centuries, the legal definition of rape was intercourse accomplished by force and without consent. Many states have done away with the force criterion, and no longer require proof that the victim physically resisted the assailant or failed to do so because of reasonable fear of injury. With force absent from rape definitions, there has been increasing pressure on how to define consent. In the past several years, on many college campuses, consent has become affirmative consent, according to which not obtaining agreement before each sexual act is sexual misconduct. California and New York require affirmative-consent policies at schools receiving state funding. Some college campuses have gone even further and defined consent as not only positive but "enthusiastic" agreement to have sex. Anything short of that becomes sexual assault. It is not surprising that Judge Smukler, presumably influenced by these ideas, would say that, even though lack of consent had not been proven, this didn't mean that the girl had, in fact, given consent. Far-fetched at the time, Catharine MacKinnon's 1981 statement, "Politically, I call it rape whenever a woman has sex and feels violated," is effectively becoming closer to law, even if it is not on the books.'

Celebrating Brit Shalom Brings Its Message of Inclusion to Union for Reform Judaism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Being so involved in the circumcision issue, it's easy for me to forget that many are still unaware of the anatomical facts, or even the controversies surrounding the practice. This was evident during my recent trip to the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial, held this year in Orlando, Florida. "Why would any parent want to opt out?" "Hasn't it been proven healthier?" These were among the many questions that Lisa Braver Moss and I encountered during the five day event.

Thanks to the generous backing of three individuals—the first underwrote the $2000 cost of our booth; the second provided funds for set up and materials; and the third donated his skills as a graphic artist—we were able to have a booth in the exhibit hall during this important conference where we showcased our new book,Celebrating Brit Shalom. While staffing the booth, we engaged scores of rabbis and those with leadership roles in their congregations, as well as lay members of the Reform community. We sold several dozen books (and gifted a number as well). More importantly, we engaged a very progressive and thoughtful group of Jewish people who were often eager to hear what we had to say.'

Malecare: Respond to PSA test decision

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Soon after our October 29 email, Malecare sent questions to Albert Siu, MD, Chairperson of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force about plans to review their 2012 recommendation against the use of the PSA test for prostate cancer screening. Dr. Siu was quick to reply.

I encourage you to read our questions and his answers, here: USPSTF RESPONDS TO MALECARE

MALECARE EMAIL OF OCTOBER 29, 2015 RE-POSTED, BELOW:

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) posted a draft research plan on screening for prostate cancer. The draft research plan is available for review and public comment from October 29, 2015 to November 25, 2015. To review the draft research plan and submit comments, go to: http://bit.ly/1LEu5g3

The USPSTF is the organization responsive for the recommendation against prostate cancer screening. Their May 2012 recommendation reads:

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends against prostate-specific antigen (PSA)-based screening for prostate cancer.

This recommendation has caused massive controversy throughout our health care system. We ask you to post your comments on the USPSTF website, at: http://bit.ly/1LEu5g3

Whether you agree with their 2012 finding or not, our prostate cancer community needs to be heard. This new research project gives all of us an opportunity to influence the outcome of prostate cancer screening in the United States.

Even if you don't know anything about research or the PSA test, it will be helpful to let the USPSTF know that prostate cancer patients and family members like you are keeping a watch on their work.

There are ten questions for you to comment on, spread over ten pages. For example, on page three, you are asked to comment, What are the harms of PSA-based screening for prostate cancer? You can select a multiple choice response and have the option to write one or several sentences with your personal thoughts. It takes about ten minutes or less to run through the pages, so please go to: http://bit.ly/1LEu5g3

Please let us know if you commented and or if you have any questions. You can email me directly at darryl-at-malecare.org

Best regards,

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Harvard law professors call ‘The Hunting Ground’ a piece of ‘propaganda’

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'Sexual-assault prevention activists on campus rarely acknowledge the disproportionate rates of allegations against nonwhite students, which is why law professors have to remind them.

Nineteen members of the Harvard Law School faculty, heavily tilted to the left, including feminist and black professors, wrote their own press release today assailing the campus sexual-assault documentary The Hunting Ground as “propaganda” that continues to smear an innocent student, their own Brandon Winston.
...
Signatories include Janet Halley and Nancy Gertner, prominent feminists; Institute for Race and Justice Director Charles Ogletree and Laurence Tribe, both of whom taught future President Barack Obama; and Randall Kennedy, another expert in race relations and the law.'

'Affirmative Consent' Won't Work in Sexual Situations

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'Teaching about sex in high-school health classes is about to get even more controversial as a result of the passage of a new law in California ("For Teenagers, Sexual Consent Classes Add Layer of Complexity to Difficult Subject," The New York Times, Oct. 15). The state became the first to require that all high-school health education classes provide instruction about "affirmative consent." But I doubt that schools can do much to affect the behavior of young people in any sexual situation ("Schools Can't Stop Kids From Sexting. More Technology Can," The New York Times, Nov. 10).

What affirmative consent means is that each level of increased intimacy must be accompanied by verbal approval. It stresses that if someone is intoxicated or asleep, the person cannot be considered as giving consent. Colleges in California have been required to follow the rule since last year. But this is the first time it has been applied to high schools. It also expands what constitutes rape, which if strictly enforced will likely make felons out of many boys.

I applaud the intent of the new law, but I question how realistic affirmative consent is at either the high-school or college level. I say that because sexual passion and rational thinking do not mix any more than oil and water. It's a comforting delusion to believe that once students have been instructed about affirmative consent they will remember what they've been taught, either in person or via texting. I hope I'm wrong, but human beings are hardwired a certain way. We can try, but I don't think we will succeed.'

UK: Number of white working class boys taking AS or A-levels 'shockingly low'

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'White boys from poor families in deprived areas face the double disadvantage of poverty and geography that means they abandon education earlier than their peers in better-off areas, according to new research by Oxford University.

The findings, commissioned by the Sutton Trust, reveal the powerful and long-lasting influence of background in shaping educational outcomes and suggest that income is only partly responsible for the variations in levels of education by different groups.

The research found that just 29% of white working class boys from deprived neighbourhoods in England go on to take A-levels or AS-levels in sixth form, compared with 46% of white boys who came from the same economic background but lived in more affluent areas.'

Feminist film-maker criticised for making 'balanced' men's rights documentary

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'A feminist film-maker has been criticised for deciding to make a documentary about men's rights activists that takes "a balanced approach". Cassie Jaye, who has previously directed documentaries about sex education and gay marriage, endured problems with funding and a backlash from other feminists after announcing The Red Pill.

We weren't finding executive producers who wanted to take a balanced approach, we found people who wanted to make a feminist film," she told the website Breitbart. "I started to see the bias towards women's films and against men's. There are no categories for men's films [when applying for grants], though there are several for women and minorities. I submitted the film to human rights categories, and was rejected by all of them."

After funding was pulled, Jaye turned toKickstarter where she has raised almost $204,000, more than double her target of $97,000.

Jaye initially planned to profile the men's rights movement from a feminist point of view, but found her beliefs changing while filming the documentary. The Kickstarter page promises the film will document "a life-altering journey where she would never see the world the same way again".'

Vox Media Bans Staff from 'Mansplaining'

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'Left-wing online media giant Vox Media has just announced its new code of conduct, which includes “strong discouragement” against “microaggressions”, described by Vox as “subtle put-downs which may be unconsciously delivered.”

“Regardless of intent, microaggressions can have a significant negative impact on victims and have no place on our team.”

But it doesn’t end there. Vox’s code of conduct also bans “mansplaining,” a bizarre term invented by feminists to describe men who explain things to women. By that logic, the vast majority of Vox’s content, which promises to “explain the news,” must be mansplaining. No wonder they’re paranoid.

With the sudden outbreak of politically correct hysteria at Missouri and Yale, it’s easy to forget that there are examples of wacky identity politics and bigotry outside of college campuses. Indeed, it’s America’s bonkers progressive media that is responsible for so much of it in the first place.'

U Missouri's director of ‘Greek Life’ placed on leave following confrontation with photographer

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Story here. Excerpt:

'One of two female University of Missouri staffers seen confronting a pair of student journalists in a viral video has been placed on leave.

In a statement from Mizzou’s department of student life on Wednesday, Janna Basler has been relieved from her duties as director of Greek Life & Leadership, pending a university investigation into her actions.

In the video, shot Monday by Mark Schierbecker and later posted to YouTube, Basler and several other students attempted to block student photographer Tim Tai from taking pictures of Carnahan Quad, a public space on campus where members of the Concerned Student 1950 group had gathered in a makeshift tent city. Tai and Schierbecker were present to document student response to Tim Wolfe’s resignation as University of Missouri president.'

Denver Broncos and UCHealth team up for men's health

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It's nice to see the Denver Broncos addressing men's health issues. Excerpt:

'The Denver Broncos and proud partner UCHealth will use the month of November and a special event during the Broncos' Sunday Night Football game against the New England Patriots (Nov. 29) to raise awareness for men's health issues and encourage fans to receive their recommended health screenings.

Throughout the month, the Broncos and UCHealth will share information and tips on denverbroncos.com/menshealth and on social media platforms about health topics affecting men, including prostate and testicular cancer, heart health, exercise, nutrition, lung cancer screenings and the importance of annual checkups with a primary care physician.

"The Denver Broncos have some of the most dedicated and passionate fans in all of football," Broncos President and CEO Joe Ellis said. "We also want our fans to be as healthy as possible, and that's why we're committed to raising awareness about these important health issues."'

Police Officers Will No Longer Take Fitness Tests After Discrimination Lawsuit

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Story here. Excerpt:

'"I think it's wrong."

Colorado Springs residents had a lot to say after hearing that Colorado Springs police officers will no longer have to take physical fitness tests this year.

"I think it's a mistake," Mary Jo Piccin told CBS4's Tom Mustin. "I think the police need to be able to chase down them criminals."

Last Friday the Colorado Springs Police Department agreed to the demands of 12 female officers who filed a civil suit claiming the fitness tests are discriminatory. All the officers were over the age of 40.
...
The police test consists of two running exams. Officers also have to do 52 push-ups in 2 minutes, and 45 sit-ups, also in 2 minutes.

The female officers who filed suit had been moved to desk duty after failing the test.'

No, feminists, college campuses are not like ISIS

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Article here. Excerpt:

'File this under "headlines I can't believe I had to write."

Ms. Magazine, a feminist media outlet, posted an article (archived here so you don't have to give them traffic) by Global Rights for Women attorney Amy Lauricella on Tuesday titled "Institutionalized Rape; It's Not just an ISIS Problem." The article claimed that, just as the Islamic State endorses rape, "college administrations similarly facilitate and perpetuate the rape of women on campuses."

Lauricella's evidence for the claim that college campuses are just like the Islamic State is a deeply flawed survey of students who responded affirmatively to situations the surveyors decided were rape, even though the vast majority of those students didn't believe they had been raped. She uses the study to claim that as many as 1 in 4 college women have been sexually assaulted but doesn't acknowledge that what the study deems as sexual assault is everything from a stolen kiss to forcible rape.'

USA Today: Rousey shouldn't get a pass on DV

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Domestic abuse is a vicious and violent crime that can never be tolerated, no matter the circumstances or the person committing it.

That includes Ronda Rousey.

The MMA star has largely gotten a pass for a violent encounter with an ex-boyfriend that she recounted in her autobiography published earlier this year. The incident occurred after Rousey confronted the ex-boyfriend, who she identifies only as “Snappers McCreepy,” about nude photos he’d taken of her, photos she worried would be leaked to the public just as her career was taking off.

“I slapped him across the face so hard my hand hurt,” Rousey wrote.

The ex-boyfriend doesn’t respond physically, but he blocks the door and refuses to move when Rousey tries to leave.

“I punched him in the face with a straight right, then a left hook. He staggered back and fell against the door,” Rousey wrote. “… I slapped him with my right hand. He still wouldn’t move. Then I grabbed him by the neck of his hoodie, kneed him in the face and tossed him aside on the kitchen floor.”'

"Million Student March"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Student demonstrations are set to engulf the U.S. today in the ‘Million Student March’, as activists from campuses around the country stage a day of protests against tuition fees and student debt, further inflamed by recent social justice protests at Yale and Missouri.

A statement from the activists reads: “We are people of all colors, genders, and sexual orientation, and we are united to fight for education as a human right.” Protesters are calling for tuition-free public college, cancellation of student debt, and a $15 minimum wage for college workers… plus a lot of other stuff about “straight white male patriarchy” and rape culture on campus.

The atmosphere is likely to be particularly charged given that the day of protests occurs after a week of political unrest on U.S campuses, particularly Yale and the University of Missouri, over racial issues. Breitbart News will bring you live updates from around the country as the protests unfold.'

UK: BBC3's anti-male coverage shows that men's issues are still not taken seriously

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Monday, BBC3, the corporation's channel dedicated to teenagers and young adults, aired the latest documentary in its gender season, The Rise of Female Violence, in which presenter Alys Harte explored everything from alcohol-fuelled female street violence to knife attacks by girl gangs and female-perpetrated domestic abuse.

At the heart of the show were two questions: 'Does society treat female-on-male violence less seriously than when the genders are reversed? And if so, why?' A very good place to find the answers to both of these questions is in the one-sided gender narrative typified by BBC3 itself.

...

The most-recent in this parade of male murderers and abusers aired just a week before Monday's female violence documentary, entitled Britain's Biggest Sexists. An hour-long roll call of shame, it asked four comedians - three women and "a token man", as the female presenter quipped at the start – to scrutinize everything from Lad Culture and pick up artists to discrimination against women in The City and sexist chants on football terraces. For the shows denouement, the comedians were asked to judge who they considered to be "Britain's Biggest Sexist".'

Press Owes Gigantic Apology To Palantir Founder Over Fake Rape Claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

"'Horrifying. “Sickening.” “Horrific.” That’s how tech and mainstream news outlets irresponsibly and negligently reported on false rape accusations against Silicon Valley venture capitalist Joe Lonsdale, who was convicted in the media long before he cleared his name in court.

The story began when Lonsdale was accused of rape by his former intern, Elise Clougherty, whom he had previously mentored while she was a student at Stanford University. Between 2012 and 2013, Clougherty and Lonsdale were in a relationship. After the relationship ended, Clougherty would allege that it was physically and emotionally abusive and that Lonsdale engaged in “hundreds of non-consensual, and often violent, sexual acts.” Clougherty has now withdrawn all of her claims, and the case has been dropped.

Lonsdale, who filed a counterclaim of defamation, said that Clougherty was hurt that he had ended the relationship and described her claims as a “vengeful, personal attack” aimed at hurting his career. In a statement, Lonsdale claimed to have a text from Clougherty to a friend, in which she described her plans as a “Joe take-down scheme.”'

Boy, 9, threatened with sexual harassment charges for writing love note

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 9-year-old Florida boy could face sexual harassment charges for penning love notes to a girl in his class, his furious mother said.

The tiny admirer gushed about his crush, telling her she's "pretty and cute" while boldly revealing his feelings for her in the handwritten loose-leaf letter, ABC Action News reported.

"I like you," the Tampa fourth grader in the Hillsborough County Public Schools district wrote inside a heart drawing. "I like your hair because it is not sloppy. I like your eyes because they sparkle like diamonds."

The romantic proclamations landed the little boy in the principal's office, where school officials threatened they'd get authorities to slap him with sexual harassment charges, according to ABC.

They said his pining was inappropriate and came in several "unwanted" letters.

It also prompted other students to tease the young writer, saying he wanted to see the girl naked, though the notes never expressed any sexual intentions, the news station said.

"He's 9," said the boy's mother, who wasn't identified. "What little kid doesn't write love notes? My 9-year-old doesn't even know what sexual harassment means."'

Ronda Rousey admitted to beating up her ex, so should we be outraged?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"I fully accept my bias," Pentico said. "A well-trained, well-toned, football player cold-cocked his fiancée and dragged her out of an elevator without any emotion. It was an assault. It was a violent, blood-curdling assault. If that was my daughter, I would lose my mind.

"I own that there's a double standard here," Pentico continued. "Until the tables turn in our society, it is going to be that way."

Pentico explained, "a woman's fear of a man is different from a man's fear of a woman." And that is true in almost all cases. Men don't fear being sexually assaulted, or attacked as they walk down the street at night, or drugged in a bar. Physical violence and sexual violence are closely linked for women, and not nearly as much for men.
...
Still, society's attention to domestic violence against women might be undermining a needed attention to domestic violence against men. According to a 2010 study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 5 million men had been domestically abused in the prior year. And the same study found 40 percent of cases of severe domestic violence were perpetrated on men. "About 1 in 4 women (24.3 percent) and 1 in 7 men (13.8 percent) have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner," the study found. So the idea that domestic violence against men isn't a major issue is simply untrue. It's a problem too, just one that isn't treated as such.'

Documents reveal due process concerns for UVA by Governor

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Story here. Bear in mind, McAuliffe is a dyed-blue Democrat and been a cheerleader for The Hildebeast in years past... and even *he* has "concerns". Excerpt:

'The University of Virginia waged an intense fight over the summer to influence the conclusions of a federal investigation into sexual violence at the school, newly obtained documents show, while Virginia's governor personally pressed the nation's top education official to ensure that the elite public flagship would not be unfairly tarnished.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) *[link added]* urged U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan to give U-Va. a chance to review the findings of the four-year investigation of the school's record on sexual assault before they were made public, saying he feared that U-Va. was being denied "very basic requirements of due process."

McAuliffe also expressed concern about what he viewed as an "adversarial" posture from the investigative agency — the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights — toward U-Va. The governor said he preferred "constructive and cooperative" approaches to reform.

"I respectfully urge you to act in order to guarantee that the very important work of OCR at the University of Virginia is not undermined by any unfair or unjust process," McAuliffe wrote Duncan on Aug. 14.'

Anti-male ignorance on parade at the CBC

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Article here. In the heated exchange on “The Sunday Talk” segment of CBC’s The National (Nov 8), I was incredulous at the politically-willed ignorance and prejudice on display. The two opposing panelists were both ardent feminists who approve denial of official status to men’s groups. Excerpt:

'What viewers witnessed in microcosm in those 12 minutes is the despotism of the left exercising its tyranny over straight white males, the only group in Western culture upon which any and all collective slanders may be heaped with impunity. If directed at women (except for Christian pro-lifers), blacks, aboriginals, Muslims, or gays, some of the erroneous claims Adam and Scaachi adduced as settled truth would be deemed hate speech.

The greatest whopper of the segment, responding to the issue of “due process” that men rightly feel is denied them by campus tribunals judging rape claims, was Scaachi’s airy denial that women ever lie about their victimhood. Women lie frequently, have been proved to lie frequently, and as Jon pointed out, Americans have seen a growing list of lawsuits — some successful ones resulting in seven-figure payouts by the respective universities — launched by young men whose education, future careers and social lives have been thrown into jeopardy by demonstrably false allegations of rape.'

Study shows female monarchs more likely to start wars than males

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"People have this preconceived idea that states that are led by women engage in less conflict," says Oeindrila Dube, an assistant professor of politics and economics at New York University. But historically, that's just not true. Not only did queens fight more wars than kings, they were also more likely to start them, Dube and NYU Ph.D. candidate S.P. Harish show in research presentedSaturday at the American Political Science Association's 2015 annual meeting in San Francisco.

...

Overall, women are less violent than men—they commit fewer than 1/10th of the murders in the United States—and, when elected to office at the local level, enact different policies than their male counterparts. But on the global stage, perhaps women can be more aggressive—Margaret Thatcher and Indira Gandhicertainly were. But were Thatcher and Gandhi just particularly aggressive women who fought their way to power and then on to war? Or would many other women in power do the same thing?

To wade through the questions, Dube and Harish focused on a group of women who landed in power not through hard work or even by choice, but rather by birth: queens. If queens were less likely than kings to get involved in war, the researchers posited, then maybe getting more women in leadership positions today would reduce global conflicts.'

Don’t feel validated? Find a white male to blame

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Much has been made, and will continue to be made, of the past week’s events at the University of Missouri and, closer to home, at Yale. These flashes in the pan do signal something important, but not what most folks think. What is at stake is the death of pluralism.

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Here's how the new rhetoric works: If you are a person of color, a woman, Hispanic, gay, transgender, Indian - whether Asian or American - or otherwise simply feeling as though the world hasn't "validated" you, then demand recognition. If you don't get it, then find a white male to blame. Claim that you don't have all you want, or that all you think you should have is kept from you, because of "white male privilege."

White males, are, in this brave new era, the writers of "winner's" history: We oppress, enjoy the legacy of oppression and refuse - unless redeemed by identification with those claiming oppression - to make amends for having reduced the prospects of others. When a white male refuses to give another what they want, the accusation is simple, and damning, in the eyes of those hurling it: "White male privilege."'

Boston is offering free negotiation classes to every woman who works in the city

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women here earn 83 cents for every dollar paid to men, 4 cents higher than the national statistic. Disparities persist across age groups, industries and companies, researchers have found — even when colleagues of the opposite sex hold identical education levels and job titles.

That's why Boston is offering free, two-hour salary negotiation classes to every woman who works in the city. They started in October, two years after former mayor Thomas Menino pledged that Boston would become the first U.S. city to achieve pay parity.

Think of it as an intimate conversation with 170,000 women.
...
'She warns students that bosses may discriminate against them, consciously or not, and emphasizes that such behavior isn't legal. A tip from Page 25 of the guide: "Employers cannot make stereotypical comments about women and their work habits or make assumptions about the work habits of women with children." It's just one insight from the American Association of University Women, which designed and funded the Work Smart curriculum, intended to reach 85,000 women over five years.

The program is projected to cost up to $1.5 million, not including marketing and community outreach from the mayor's office. Its teachers — city employees and local businesswomen — volunteer their time and personal anecdotes about wrangling more vacation days or, say, maternity leave.'

International conference on men's issues scheduled for July 2016 in London

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Justice for Men and Boys, a British political party whose founder, Mike Buchanan, is a familiar face to those interested in men's affairs, is hosting an International Conference on Men's Issues in London in July.

I am not a men's rights activist, but I am keenly interested in men's affairs – and I don't just mean the married blokes I like to spirit away from their wives. I share something in common with the men's rights movement and the manosphere more generally, you see: a visceral loathing of vindictive, bullying and sociopathic third-wave feminists, whose ugly prescriptions are damaging men and women alike.

I would like to share with the world my tips for beating these dreadful people in debate, on the rare occasion they deign to emerge from behind their Macbooks. So I will be giving a short lecture at the conference provisionally entitled: How To Beat Feminists In Debates. I will endeavour to provide as many practical tips as belly laughs.

I am of course merely the light entertainment at this gathering. Erin Pizzey, a domestic violence campaigner and founder of the first battered women's shelter, will speak too. As will Paul Apreda, from Families Need Fathers, Canadian writer and blogger Janet "JudgyBitch" Bloomfield, Buchanan himself, YouTuber Karen Straughan and a number of other familiar faces to those who follow men's issues.'

Misandry an issue worth discussing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One day in the spring of this year I was engaged in conversation with two women. The subject turned to the suicide of a man only peripherally known to the two of them. It took place almost exactly one month after the sudden and unexpected death from natural causes of the man's wife.

The two women were discussing this situation and, on the basis of little if any personal information, concluded that the man could not face the continuation of his life without his wife because "men are weak and have to be taken care of." I found myself in the position of arguing that perhaps the relationship between the two of them had been so close and so loving that the man could not face the future without "the love of his life." There was no way that these women would consider this possible interpretation.
...
I did not use this word at the time, but feel certain that they would have been totally baffled and bewildered if I had labeled their interpretation as "misandric." But what they were doing was to negatively label the behaviour of all men – and this is "misandry."

In her article, Anna Leventhal writes: "It means: we live in a society where misogyny is deep and pervasive and sometimes very hard to see, so much a part of the scenery is it." But these very words could be said about misandry – "the teaching of contempt for men in popular culture." (This was the very subtitle of the 2001 book Spreading Misandry by Paul Nathanson and Katherine Young, two Canadian academics.)'

The gender card is a loser for Democrats

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Missouri Democrat and an eager Hillary Clinton surrogate, opened a new front against men — it's difficult to categorize this as a front for women — by ridiculing half of her constituents (and half of America) on national television.

Sitting in what appeared to be an office for a segment on “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert,” she urged women to run for office and told men to “shut the hell up.”

She was bristly, unfunny and strident. What was meant to be a parody of public-service announcements was, in truth, her attempt to hit the sweet spot that Hillary Clinton and Democrats are chasing to win the presidency next year: the female and millennial vote.'

No one is against equal pay for equal work, Hillary Clinton

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During the Democratic debate on Saturday, Hillary Clinton claimed that Republicans were against equal pay or equal work.

This is false.

No one is against equal pay for equal work (it's also already the law). The problem for Clinton is that what she is referring to — the gender wage gap — is not about women making less money for doing the same job as men.

The wage gap compares the median salary of all women with the median salary of all men. But on aggregate, women work fewer hours than men, and take more time off from work. Women also tend to enter lower paying occupations than men. This is not a wage gap — it is more accurately described as an "earnings gap."'

UK: Universities step up drive to close gender gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Almost a third of universities are now running outreach activities targeted at young men as they try to tackle the growing gender gap in student applications, according to the Office for Fair Access. They are being offered taster subject sessions, talks with role models and mentoring through local football clubs to encourage them to consider a university degree.

Young women were around a third more likely than men to enter university in 2014, according to Ucas, the universities admissions body, and female applicants dominate entrance to courses in medicine, law and biology.'

Also see: The gender gap at universities: where are all the men?

First-Grade Boy Gets 3-Day Suspension For Using Pretend Bow And Arrow At Recess

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Catholic elementary school principal in Cincinnati suspended a 6-year-old boy for three days late last week because he used a pretend bow and arrow on the playground at recess.

The imaginative first grader attends Our Lady of Lourdes School, reports local NBC affiliate WLWT-TV.

The recess incident that led to the suspension occurred on Thursday. The unidentified boy drew back a bow he had invented purely in his mind. He took aim with this nothingness at a friend. He then released a completely nonexistent arrow from some make-believe quiver.'

Female students participate in girls-only robotics competition

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Bloomfield Hills High School hosted an offseason FIRST Robotics Competition for girls on high school robotics teams Saturday afternoon.

Thirty-two all-female teams from across Michigan and one team that traveled from Indiana to participate.

Fans cheered for their classmates as robots went head-to head in the arena. The machines were designed, built and driven exclusively by female students.'

Please submit pro-PSA test comments to CMS

Matt · 15 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Believe it or not, in this week approaching Thanksgiving, we in the United States are faced with a second challenge to Prostate Cancer screening using the PSA test. Malecare wants you to know.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is asking for pubic comment on a clinical quality measure that would probably lead to financial penalties for providers (your doctor) who order a PSA screening test. The measure is based on the PSA screening recommendations of the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF).

The USPSTF is the organization responsible for the recommendation against prostate cancer screening. Their May 2012 recommendation reads:

"The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends against prostate-specific antigen (PSA)-based screening for prostate cancer."

This recommendation has caused massive controversy throughout our health care system.

Whether you agree with their 2012 finding or not, Malecare feels that our prostate cancer community needs to be heard. The potential for provider penalties for offering the PSA test for prostate cancer screening could hurt tens of thousands of men who might never know that they have advanced prostate cancer until they are months away from death.

Fortunately, the call for comments is a simple one, where you post your thoughts about PSA screening in just a few sentences.

Unfortunately, the method to post your comments will likely be the most complicated thing you ever do online. My hair is now fully gray after attempting to comment...but, I feel I have done something important in making my voice hear...I hope that you will feel the same.

Here are the step by step instructions for posting your comments:

Your goal is to post a comment for:

Electronic Clinical Quality Measures for Non-Recommended Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA)-Based Screening

Go to: http://jira.oncprojectracking.org/login.jsp

(Select "Sign up" to set up a new account and log in to the JIRA tool.)

Once logged in, enter your comments by following these instructions:

1. Select "Projects" at the top middle of the home screen.
2. Select "View all Projects."
3. Under Quality-Measures, select "Comments on eCQMs under development" project.
4. To enter comments, select "Create issue" (orange button) at the top middle of the screen.
5. Select EP eCQM Logic/Intent/Data Elements from the "Issue type" drop-down menu.
6. Fill out the fields labeled "Summary," "Contact name," "Contact email," and "Contact phone."
7. In the "Summary" field, type in one of the following titles, based on the measure you are commenting on: "Comment-PSA Screening"
8. Enter your comments in the "Description" field.
9. Select "PSA_Screening" the "Draft measures" drop-down box
10. Select 'Create' at the bottom left to submit your comments.

To be considered, comments must be submitted by November 20, 2015, via the JIRA comment tool.

Please let us know if you commented and or if you have any questions. You can email me directly at darryl-at-malecare.org

Best regards,

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UK: Men are becoming 'disadvantaged group'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mary Curnock Cook, the head of the admissions service, Ucas, said she was “very worried” about the decline in the proportion of young men applying for places on degree courses.

The trend has significant implications for society because university graduates are expected to earn far more than workers without degrees, the Commons business select committee was warned.

Ms Curnock Cook intervened as it was disclosed that 14 universities had targets to recruit more men. The initiative is part of a drive to train more men as primary school teachers to provide role models for young boys.

So far this year 80,000 more women have applied to universities in the UK than men and the trend is likely to grow, according to Ucas figures.'

Here Is The $25 Million Lawsuit Against Rolling Stone Over Its UVA Rape Hoax Story

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this month, the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity chapter on the campus of the University of Virginia filed a $25 million defamation lawsuit against Rolling Stone and its disgraced reporter Sabrina Rubin Erdely.

Here's the complete lawsuit — all 339 pages:

Phi Kappa Psi lawsuit against Rolling Stone'

A Smoking-Gun E-mail Exposes the Bias of The Hunting Ground

Matt · 17 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A so-called documentary about campus rape, The Hunting Ground, is set to air Thursday on CNN, which co-produced it. But a newly available e-mail from an investigative producer of the film spectacularly belies its pretensions to be honest, balanced journalism. Instead, the e-mail adds to the large body of evidence that that the film is highly misleading if not dishonest.

In the December 21, 2013, e-mail from Amy Herdy (billed in the film as working with independent director Kirby Dick and producer Amy Ziering), Herdy sought an interview with Erica Kinsman and her lawyer about her highly publicized rape accusation against Jameis Winston, the Heisman Trophy–winning, first-NFL-draft-pick former Florida State quarterback.

The Herdy e-mail, sent to Kinsman's then-lawyer, included this assurance: "We don't operate the same way as journalists — this is a film project very much in the corner of advocacy for victims, so there would be *no insensitive questions or the need to get the perpetrator's side*" (emphasis added).'

Also see: The Hunting Ground: Deny the Lie

‘Are you insane?’ Sen. Gillibrand: Reporting this to police is ‘wrong approach’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We must reform how colleges handle sexual assault cases but requiring survivors to report their assaults to police is the wrong approach.

— Kirsten Gillibrand (@SenGillibrand) November 16, 2015

Is it, Senator? Is it?

.@sengillibrand Exactly right. Accused rapists are best judged by a revolutionary tribunal of women's studies professors.

— Susan (@shoshido) November 16, 2015

@SenGillibrand FTR, if I'm ever murdered on a college campus, I want the student council to handle it instead of the police.

— Na[Cu(NT)2(H2O)] (@smittie61984) November 16, 2015'

Campuses Under Federal Review Over Sexual Assault Investigations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights has opened three investigations this year into Texas universities — Texas A&M University, the University of Houston and Trinity University — over how they handled allegations of sexual violence on their campuses, documents obtained by The Texas Tribune show.

Such federal inquiries have generally been spurred by accusations that universities didn't do enough to punish students accused of rape or harassment.

But at least one of the Texas campuses currently under review — Texas A&M — is being investigated for the opposite: a claim that administrators went too far when they suspended a male student accused of assaulting a female classmate.

...

The male student denied abusing the female student; a police investigation resulted in no criminal charges. But after a university disciplinary hearing, the male student was suspended for seven months. He complained to the school — and later to the Department of Education — that A&M's system for investigating allegations of sexual violence was "flawed" and that he was penalized based on "lies."

Those kinds of complaints from male students are increasingly common at universities, said Wendy Murphy, a professor at New England Law who specializes in sexual violence. Many men who have been suspended or kicked out of school over accusations of rape have sued their universities over claims of gender discrimination, she said.

"It's not rare for a man to claim discrimination," Murphy said. "It's not rare for them to say that they want some kind of redress because they did not feel they were treated fairly."'

White House Commits $100 Million to Empower Low-Income Women of Color

Minuteman · 18 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Thirty leaders from foundations across the U.S. gathered at The White House Friday for a daylong forum on “Advancing Equity for Women and Girls of Color.” The forum focused on issues that plague women and girls of color and highlighted the launch of “Prosperity Together,” a $100 million, 5-year funding initiative aimed at improving economic conditions for low-income women, specifically women and girls of color.

A report last year by the White House Council on Women and Girls identified issues for women of color including the lack of economic opportunities, vulnerability to violence, and health care disparities, which affects their well-being and quality of life. The council, along with Wake Forest University’s Anna Julia Cooper Center, unveiled a series of plans to resolve them.

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In hopes to help the effort for women of color, The Anna Julia Cooper Center and 24 other American colleges and universities, seminaries, research programs, and institutions will conduct more research on women and girls of color. The director of the center, Melissa Harrris-Perry, said combined, these institutions made voluntary commitments of $18 million for the next 5 years to conduct and share this data.

...

The Council on Women and Girls also identified five data-driven issue areas where interventions can promote opportunities for success at school, work, and in the community. They include sponsoring/fostering school success and reducing unnecessary school discipline; meeting the needs of the vulnerable youth, improving on exclusive STEM education, sustaining and reducing rates of teenage pregnancies, and economic prosperity.'

UK: Row after University of York cancels International Men's Day event

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A row has broken out at York University after plans to mark International Men's Day on Thursday were cancelled following an outcry from staff and students.

The university had signed up to the event, which aims to highlight issues affecting men and boys, including the high male suicide rate, men's shorter life expectancy and "the struggles that boys can face in getting an education".

It has since been cancelled at York after students, staff and alumni signed an open letter to the university objecting to the event. However, a number of students are campaigning to reinstate the day, and accuse the university of sending out a message that "men's rights are not important".

A petition has been launched, which states: "It is important that we recognise men's day just as much as women's day. True feminists should be fighting for gender equality for both men and women. To cancel men's day is simply hypocritical. Equality is not just for women and should concern both genders."'

Twitter backlash over University statement about International Men's Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'York University statement:

Earlier today the University issued this statement.

"We have withdrawn the original statement about International Men's Day, and do not propose to mark this event formally. In gender equality, our main focus has been, and will continue to be, on the inequalities faced by women, such as under-representation in the professoriate. At the same time, we will not neglect other aspects of equality, and will take a balanced approach to all nine protected characteristics as defined in the 2010 Equality Act. Our overriding goal is to strive to treat every member of the University community with dignity and respect."'

University of York savaged for saying men are ‘under-represented’ in some academic fields

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If women are dominant in certain academic disciplines, don’t call attention to it.

The University of York learned that gender equality is a one-way street, when it said in a press release last week that it would mark International Men’s Day this Thursday. (It’s cached on the Internet Archive.)
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He went on to claim that “female candidates have a higher chance of being appointed than men” in academic staff appointments, as well as in professional support services and academic support staff, “with some departments [in the latter] employing no men at all in these roles”:
...
That provoked about 200 students, staff and alumni to sign on to anopen letter to the school excoriating it for pointing out the hardships of men:'

Teacher restricts Lego-play to her girl students in the pursuit of gender equity

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'In Karen Keller's kindergarten classroom, boys can't play with Legos.

They can have their pick of Tinkertoys and marble tracks, but the colorful bricks are "girls only."

"I always tell the boys, 'You're going to have a turn' — and I'm like, 'Yeah, when hell freezes over' in my head," she said. "I tell them, 'You'll have a turn' because I don't want them to feel bad."

Although her approach might anger some parents, Keller is sticking to her guns: It's all part of a plan to get girls building during "free choice," the 40 minutes of unstructured play time embedded at the end of every school day.'

Sexual Assault Inquiry Presents Conundrum for University

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Experts say the differences between university sexual assault hearings and criminal trials are intentional. Forcing a student to testify in the same room as his or her attacker can be traumatic. It can also have a chilling effect on victims, who may be hesitant to report rape if they have to confront their attackers face-to-face.

"Whenever you are talking about something as sensitive and intimate as sexual violence, it behooves schools to be sensitive to their students, to make sure that the process is fair and comfortable and they are not putting victims in a position of feeling blamed and shamed and having to confront directly," said Neena Chaudhry, senior counsel at the National Women's Law Center.

Given that risk, said John Foubert, a professor in the school of educational studies at Oklahoma State University, many college administrators feel it’s unnecessary to match the protections given to a criminal defendant.

“I think you need less due process,” he said, adding that, unlike a criminal trial, an accused student isn’t at risk of incarceration. “There is a different set of consequences.”'

India: Man pushed to death for boarding women-only train

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A forty-year-old man died after he was allegedly pushed off a running train by a woman constable of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) for boarding a women-only train, triggering a massive protests and rail blockade by fellow commuters.

The victim, identified as Dipak Sharma, a resident of Dwarik Jungle Road in Bhadrakali, was travelling in a local train for “women only”, said Railway police officers. As news of the death spread, angry commuters beat up the constable and blocked trains in protest. They also targeted two other trains and pelted stones, smashing window panes and damaging coaches.'

How bread-winning women are driving alimony reform

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'Alimony, otherwise known as spousal support or maintenance, is an ongoing payment by the higher-earning spouse to the lower-earning one. It has changed and shifted over the 40 years since the Supreme Court ruled that it had to be applied equally to both genders.

Yet it is still heavily weighted toward men paying women. Only 3 percent of around 400,000 alimony recipients are male, according to the 2010 census, up a half a percent since 2000. Recipients claimed $9.2 million in payments in 2013 on their tax returns.

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Now that women are paying alimony more often, they are getting involved in advocating for change.

"It’s unfair for men to pay it, and unfair for women to pay it. But women are much more outraged by it," said Ken Neumann, a founder of the Academy of Professional Family Mediators.

Tanya Williams, who has been sending a check to her ex-husband for 13 years, is among those who do not understand the concept of "permanent" alimony - when one spouse pays the other indefinitely - and has joined the cause against it.

"There's no other contract where the liability continues after the contract ends," said the 52-year-old dentist who got divorced in Florida but now lives in North Carolina. "You can't leave your job and say, 'I still have a need so you have to continue to pay me.'"'

Groom discovers bride isn't a virgin, eats genitals of her rapist

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Story here. The headline should read 'purported rapist' because there was no trial; he was simply murdered. And it sounds to me like she didn't want to tell her idiot new hubby the truth, i.e., that she simply wasn't a virgin. Instead she had to lie and say she was raped, leading to the idiot murdering someone. Excerpt:

'Two Indonesian newlyweds have been arrested on accusations they plotted to kill a man the woman said had raped her a week before her marriage, and police said Tuesday the couple ate the victim's genitals after the man was killed.

Lampung police spokeswoman Lt. Col. Sulistyaningsih said Rudi Effendi and his wife Nuriah were being held for further investigation after their arrests Sunday at their house in Tulang Bawang district in Sumatra's Lampung province.

Sulistyaningsih, who uses one name, said police found the victim's body in a burnt minivan Oct. 4. She said the monthlong investigation led to the conclusion that the couple had planned to kill the victim, who was a driver for a travel agency.

The couple had married in September and the husband found on the wedding night that his wife was no longer a virgin. She then said she had been raped one week before the marriage.

Police said Effendi, 30, asked his 20-year-old wife to arrange a meeting with the man she accused of raping her. Effendi stabbed the man to death and cut off his genitals before setting ablaze the car.

Effendi said he fried the severed genitals and ate them to cure his heartache over the rape.'

India: Four Arrested for Extorting Rs 20 Lakh From Doctor

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'Four persons, including two women, have been arrested for allegedly extorting around Rs 20 lakh* from a Delhi-based doctor after threatening him to get him implicated in a false rape case, police said today.

The accused were identified as Sweta Panchal, Kuldeep Kaur, Pradeep and Manoj Solanki. It was Panchal who headed the gang, said a senior police official.

According to police, it was Kaur who allegedly targeted the doctor and developed good contacts with him.

On the evening of October 19, she sent a woman patient to the doctor's residence at Pitampura for medical consultancy. The patient, identified as Rukhsar, requested the doctor to escort her to a nearby bus stand as she felt a little unsafe there.

The doctor agreed and when they reached the bus stand, Panchal and her husband Pradeep allegedly forced the doctor inside their car and thrashed him, they said, adding that they also threatened him that they would frame rape charges against him.'

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*Rs 20 lakh is just over US$30,000.

India: Court acquits four in gang rape case

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Story here.

'A trial court has acquitted four men in a gang rape case, saying the woman had falsely implicated them and she seemed to have fabricated the charges against them in consultation with her in-laws.

"From the material on record, the view which points to the innocence and false implication of the accused ... seems to be more reasonable and probable ... I am of the opinion that all the accused are liable to be discharged," additional sessions judge Virender Bhatt said.

Acquitting the men of the charges, the court said there was no such allegations in the police complaint filed by the woman. Earlier, she had also not named the accused, who were her neighbours, the court said.

"There is no explanation from the side of the prosecution as to why names of accused and exact details of occurrence were not mentioned by her in the written complaint ... prosecution version appears to be doubtful at this stage itself. It appears that the occurrence has been fabricated later by the woman in consultation with her in-laws ...," it said.'

Discredited rape data overshadow what's accurate

Matt · 19 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Washington Times headline on Nov. 9 declared, "Pentagon 'gay' rape debacle: Report alleging male-on-male sexual trauma retracted." In an almost unprecedented move, the American Psychological Association (APA) retracted an article it had published a week earlier in its journal, Psychological Services. "Preliminary Data Suggest Rates of Male Sexual Trauma May be Higher than Previously Reported" had claimed that the rate of rape for military males might be 15 times higher than acknowledged. The media trumpeted the presence of another rape crisis.

Why were the data retracted? An APA press release explained, "Although the article went through our standard peer-review process, other scholars have ... raised valid concerns regarding the design and statistical analysis, which compromise the findings." Flawed methodology rendered useless results. This often occurs with rape research, whether it is conducted inside the military, at police stations or on campuses.

The most remarkable aspect of the APA retraction may be that it was mentioned by mainstream media. Most discredited assault studies are invisibly corrected, which allows the original, sensational conclusions to be repeated as fact. For example, the campus survey"Denying Rape but Endorsing Forceful Intercourse" exploded across the airwaves in early 2015. One in three male students would rape, researchers maintained, "if nobody would ever know and there wouldn't be any consequences." Activists cried out for tighter controls on campus.

A correction by the study's publisher went virtually unnoticed. It read, "[A]fter publication of the article, Dr. Edwards [the lead researcher] contacted the editorial office to explain that the data presented inadvertently duplicated a dataset that was previously published inProblems of Psychology in the 21st Century. Two similar datasets (the other focusing on rape perceptions and how they differ in individual vs. group judgments) were collected at the same time, but from different individuals."

The conclusions of "Denying Rape" are based on a different set of participants than researchers had surveyed. The massive error invalidates the results. But the publisher claimed, "The error does not affect the results or conclusions." Analyzing an entirely different population than the one surveyed does not "affect the results"?'

Feminist author argues against 'affirmative consent'

Matt · 19 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Well this does her in among the sisterhood. Excerpt:

'And now we get to the single thing that has most distressed me, as a feminist and a lawyer, about the affirmative consent bandwagon. The norm itself sounds great. I myself would never want to have sex with an unconsenting person, and I don't want you do so either. I also don't ever want to have sex that I haven't consented to, and I hope that never happens to you either. But using legal procedure to decide these cases is about far more than just the desirability of the norm. It's also about the desirability of putting the weight of the state and of punishment behind that norm. We have to want to put the norm into legal proceedings in the real world.

As I will argue here, affirmative consent requirements—in part because of their origin in a carceral project that is overcommitted to social control through punishment in a way that seems to me to be social-conservative, not emancipatory—will do a lot more than distribute bargaining power to women operating in contexts of male domination and male privilege. They will foster a new, randomly applied moral order that will often be intensely repressive and sex-negative. They will enable people who enthusiastically participated in sex to deny it later and punish their partners. They will function as protective legislation that encourages weakness among those they protect. They will install traditional social norms of male responsibility and female helplessness. All of these will be the costs we pay for the benefits affirmative consent requirements deliver. This essay asks feminists to engage in a robust debate about whether all of this what they want, and if it is not, whether it is worth it to get the upsides of the reform.'

'The Hunting Ground' filmmakers defend movie, insult critics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The filmmakers of "The Hunting Ground" have been called out for inaccuracies, distortions and false statistics, and for disregarding journalistic integrity in order to push propaganda.

Their response? To call their critics "misogynistic" and accuse them of victim-blaming.

Filmmakers Kirby Dick and Amy Ziering mischaracterized what 19 Harvard Law professors wrote when they criticized the film. The filmmakers claimed that the professor's reference to the Harvard accuser's inebriated state was "classic victim blaming and is exactly the kind of misogynistic, punitive and shaming attitude that helps perpetuate sexual assault on college campuses."'

Students call for punishment of campus rape suspect

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Article here. Excerpt:

'About a dozen UC Berkeley students and members of the group "By Any Means Necessary" loudly protested outside a hearing was to determine whether a student they say raped a co-ed last year should be punished.

The protesters want him expelled.

"We're building a student-lead independent movement to put the pressure not just on the administration, but on the rapist, and force them out and expel them. So survivors can go to college campuses without having fear about running into the rapist," said Angela Dancev of By Any Means Necessary.

Student Stephanie Garcia has publicly claimed the student raped her in a dorm room in October of 2014. Her supporters have posted flyers all over campus with the title rapist above the student's name and picture.

But the Alameda County District Attorney's office says it reviewed the case and declined to press any charges.

The university says the student was last enrolled in the fall of 2014, but that it is prohibited by law from commenting further.'

New Jersey to consider 'yes means yes' college policy

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'Unless New Jersey colleges and universities implement a yes-means-yes policy governing sexual conduct they could lose certain state funds under a bill being considered by lawmakers.

The state Senate Higher Education Committee is scheduled to review the legislation on Monday.

The proposal makes New Jersey among the latest states moving to require college campuses to define when "yes means yes" in an effort to stem the tide of sexual assaults.

The bill would withhold state funds from colleges and universities for certain programs unless they adopt a so-called affirmative consent standard.

Some critics of the policy change say it could be unfair to victims who have protections under Title IX, the law dealing with sexual discrimination.'

Gender Pay Gap Has Almost Nothing To Do With Discrimination, Says Top Economist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The 17 percent gender pay gap is almost entirely due to age, marriage and the different hours worked by men and women, according to a top economist at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI).

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) annual report on the “Highlights of Women’s Earnings” shows women’s in full-time work median earnings were 83 percent those of men.

The National Committee on Pay Equity claims this pay-gap emerges “in part because many women and people of color are still segregated into a few low-paying occupations.”

But AEI economist Mark Perry says one reason the wage-gap appears is that men work more hours than women. More than quarter of men in full-time work clocked in 41 or more hours per week in 2014, whereas the same could be said for only 14.8 percent of women. On the more extreme end, men were two and a half times more likely than women to work 60 hour weeks.'

International Men's Day: Why the masculine 'gold standard' is harming men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To most people, holding high standards of personal achievement is considered only a good thing - yet the reality for many mid-life men is that pressures to achieve can cause unthinkable emotional and psychological pain.

In 21st Century Britain, the decline of typically male industry and a rise in family breakdown mean that all too many middle-aged men now believe that they fall short of the ‘gold standard’ of masculinity. They are neither the providers nor the protectors that traditional masculinity requires.'

Judge: Divorced California couple's embryos can be discarded

Matt · 19 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Wish the judges in the other states were as fair-minded. Excerpt:

'A woman must abide by an agreement with her ex-husband to destroy five frozen embryos if they got a divorce, despite her contention that they represent her last chance to have children, a California judge ruled Wednesday.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Anne-Christine Massullo said in a tentative decision that the agreement trumps the woman's desire to now keep the embryos. The woman, Mimi Lee, had argued that cancer made it risky for her to get pregnant, so the embryos were her last chance to have her own genetic child.

Her ex-husband, Stephen Findley, wanted to discard the embryos in accordance with the agreement he and Lee signed while married. He worried in part that Lee would use any children to take financial advantage of him, according to the ruling.
...
Lee's attorneys said no California court had previously ruled in such a case. A Pennsylvania court three years ago awarded frozen embryos to a woman who also said they may be her only way to have a child because of breast cancer treatment despite the objections of her ex-husband. An Illinois judge last year also sided with a woman who was infertile in her fight over embryos with an ex-boyfriend.

Massullo said California law is clear that couples must decide what to do with embryos they create in case of separation or divorce.'

Are You Celebrating International Men's Day?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you are at all like me, your first reaction upon learning that this is a reality is that the holiday must be a joke, a smug retort to International Women's Day, which is observed on March 8, mostly in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, although it actually began as a socialist celebration in New York. (If that was not your first response, congratulations on your light heart.) But it isn't. The day doesn't exist to celebrate machismo, or to ask why American women are whining about pay when women in other countries are worse off (sound argument), or to complain that women are confusing and/or overly sensitive (hey!).

On November 19 (if you're reading this on its day of publication, that's today), 60 countries—including the United States, apparently—observe International Men's Day. What is it? Why does it exist? And, in a world where, to quote Manuel Contreras-Urbina, who runs the Global Women's Institute at the George Washington University, "There is not one society that is not patriarchal" (disclaimer:there are six), do we need an International Men's Day?

Maybe, maybe not. We do, however, need to talk about men's issues.

But first, to briefly discuss the day: In 1999, Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh of Trinidad and Tobago began International Men's Day to improve gender relations and celebrate and support positive male role models. The day only reached a wider audience, however, in 2007, when Australia's Warwick Marsh, co-founder of the Fatherhood Foundation, and India's Uma Challa, founder and president of India's Men's Welfare Association, came together to promote the day.

"Right now," Challa said in an interview, "society is very anti-male … Boys are not given any kind of support. Boys are forced out of school. They aren't given any encouragement … there's no effort to keep them in school. Health—we have [this] national family health and welfare service. The only way men are mentioned is how they're going to be contributing. But not to their health and safety. Men are not considered part of the family, men and boys." Challa also noted, however, that she believes feminism is antithetical to her own society's values; her aim is not gender equality, as she she sees men and women "not as equal, but as equally powerful, complementing."'

Factual Feminist: Do men need to check their privilege?

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Video here.

'Do men need to check their privilege? Gender activists tell us that men carry around with them an invisible knapsack of advantage. Well, is this true and is it the whole story? AEI Scholar Christina Hoff Sommers checks the facts.'

SAVE E-lert: CNN's Freshly Aired Lies

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This Sunday, November 22nd, CNN will be airing The Hunting Ground, a propaganda piece that includes blatant lie after blatant lie: http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/hunting-ground/

SAVE held a National Press Club event to counteract the film back in March, and recently a group of Harvard professors have issued a press release against the film as well: https://kcjohnson.files.wordpress.com/2013/08/hls-pressrelease.pdf

Florida State University's President has also just denounced the film: http://deadline.com/2015/11/florida-state-president-cnn-hunting-ground-campus-rape-documentary-1201626249/

Help us contact CNN executive producer, Rebecca Kutler, and tell her to not allow CNN to be used as a propaganda vehicle for The Hunting Ground.

Email: rebecca.kutler-at-turner.com

Truly yours,

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Policy Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

'The Hunting Ground' crew caught editing Wikipedia to make facts conform to film

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A crew member from "The Hunting Ground," a one-sided film about campus sexual assault, has been editing Wikipedia articles to make facts conform with the inaccurate representations in the film.

Edward Patrick Alva, who is listed on the film's IMDB page as part of the camera and electrical department, has been altering Wikipedia entries for months, in violation of the website's conflict-of-interest guidelines. Alva is the assistant editor and technical supervisor for Chain Camera Pictures, the production company associated with "The Hunting Ground" director Kirby Dick.

Wikipedia guidelines state: "Do not edit Wikipedia in your own interests or in the interests of your external relationships." As a member of the film's production team, Alva should not have been editing pages about the film or related to the film.'

Canada: Man on trial for three years for criticizing feminists

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Story here. Excerpt:

'His name is Gregory Alan Elliott. He has been on trial for three years, in a costly Canadian court battle with drastic implications for free speech. For two years, he was banned from the internet, where he previously earned much of his income. His artwork, hanging in a local coffee shop in Toronto, was recently defaced by a mob of enraged activists.

Crippled by loss of work and the ongoing court case, Elliott and his family have been forced to turn to an online crowdfunding campaign to cover their legal costs. What did he do to bring about such persecution? Did he kill someone? IS he a virulent white supremacist? A campaigner for pedophile rights?

No. Elliott criticised feminists on the internet.

The story begins in 2012, the heyday of online feminism, two years before GamerGate smashed the dominance of progressive activists on social media. Stephanie Guthrie, a young Toronto woman looking to raise her media profile, had a bright idea: she would lead a Twitter mob against a critic of professional feminist whingebag Anita Sarkeesian.'

UK: "Tory MP Philip Davies attacked for using International Men's Day debate to moan about 'militant feminists'"

Minuteman · 20 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A Tory MP has been criticised for complaining about 'militant feminists' as he led a debate to mark International Men's Day.

Philip Davies won the three-hour Commons session by saying women have plenty of special days - and men need an equivalent to talk about the fact more than three-quarters of suicides are by men .

During a 44-minute speech Mr Davies spoke up about male suicide, men's fight to win custody of their children and the lack of male primary school teachers.

But female MPs rounded on him after he accused 'militant feminists' of 'stirring up' division and championing 'equality but only when it suits'.

He also said it was time to end the 'stereotypical image' of all domestic violence being against women and condemned 'positive discrimination'.

Mr Davies declared: "I want to be very clear - I don't believe there is actually an issue between men and women.'

The Feminists Who Want To Silence Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If there's one person who epitomises the University of York's notable alumni, it's Harriet Harman.

The Labour MP studied politics there in the early 1970s before becoming a lawyer and, subsequently, a politician who — not long ago — believed that touring Britain in a pink van might dismantle the 'patriarchy' (otherwise known as civilisation, to you and I; something men created, but women have long enhanced, benefited from and now co-own).

Needless to say, she was wrong. On paper her approach may have had all the hallmarks of a PR success story, but in today's climate it simply smacked of tired tactics. Still, by the University of York's standards, it was probably A-grade stuff. After all, stale with esoteric feminist professors and their wacky take on reality, they too remain locked in Harman's time-warped mindset.

Earlier this week, the college u-turned plans for a modest International Men's Day (IMD) meeting — even though it coincided with a parliamentary discussion on the 19 November event.

The reason? Melodramatic 'outrage' from the sisterhood.'

It's today's ads mocking men that are truly sexist

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'Every so often comes a jolt to remind my generation of just how much times and attitudes have changed over the course of our lifetime, and how strange we must seem to our young.

Such a moment came for me yesterday when I opened the paper to see two pages of advertisements from the Seventies, headlined: ‘The ads that put the sex in sexism.’

Now, like many of my age (I’ll be 62 this month), I’ve always regarded the decade of my late teens and 20s as pretty modern times. True, men tended to wear their hair longer than today — and such fashions as sideburns, flared trousers and avocado bathroom fittings look decidedly dated in 2015.'

Student's robbery, sexual assault claims false, police say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Duquesne University student's claims that she was robbed and sexually assaulted last month were untrue, Pittsburgh police said Thursday.

The student told police three men approached her while she was walking behind the campus' Barnes & Noble bookstore, according to a crime alert released Oct. 28 by the university.

She told police they forced her to go with them to an apartment on Crawford Street, where they stole her money and a credit card and sexually assaulted her.

Police declined to say why the student told them she was assaulted. “I will only state that the investigation determined that the student's claims were untrue,” Public Safety spokeswoman Sonya Toler said.'

Student diversity officer who allegedly tweeted 'kill all white men' quits over claim she bullied union president

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A student diversity officer arrested when she allegedly tweeted #KillAllWhiteMen has quit her role after being accused of bullying a colleague.

Bahar Mustafa - student union welfare and diversity officer at Goldsmiths University, London - announced today she was leaving her post.

Her resignation comes just 24 hours after union president Adrihani Rashid left her £22,000-a-year role claiming she was bullied by fellow sabbatical officers.

Ms Rashid said she was stepping down after being harassed by Alex Etches, the student union's Campaigns and Activities Officer, and Ms Mustafa.

Ms Mustafa today confirmed she would be resigning following the allegations.'

Men are not monsters

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Article here. Excerpt:

Last week three of my four boys were herded into school-sponsored assemblies and asked to stand, raise their hands and pledge to never, ever hurt a woman. While their female classmates remained seated, my boys faced intense pressure to say:

I promise
To never ever
Hit, hurt, or otherwise harm
A woman, girl, or child.
I understand
That I am bigger and stronger
Than many women, girls, and children.
Therefore it is my DUTY
To NEVER HARM them,
Protect, Respect, Honor, and Love them
No matter what.

Aghast, my 17-year-old son walked out. Less than two hours later, he went to choir practice, where he and his classmates practiced a parody of "Cell Block Tango" from the musical "Chicago" that features the “six merry murderesses of Cook County Jail” singing about killing their lovers. Here's one verse:

> Hah! He had it coming
> He had it coming
> He took a flower
> In its prime
> And then he used it
> And he abused it
> It was a murder
> But not a crime!

Ironic, eh?'

School district responds to Lego controversy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This morning, the Bainbridge Island School District announced that girls-only Lego play in Keller's classroom has ceased.

"Following the release of a recent news article, the Bainbridge Island School District (BISD) has received inquiries that reflect inaccurate perceptions about student access to Legos in Karen Keller's kindergarten classroom at Blakely Elementary School," wrote district spokeswoman Galen Crawford.

"In keeping with a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education grant, Ms. Keller gave girls a designated time to play with the building toys during a 30-minute 'free-choice' time block in September 2015. This isolated, short-term practice ended in October. All students in all classrooms have and will continue to have access to all instructional and noninstructional materials."'

Also see: No boys allowed: Bainbridge Island teacher imposes ban on popular activity

Student sues college after suspension due to woman's post-sexual regret

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A student is suing a New York City drama school in federal court after the college suspended him for having what he claims was an entirely consensual threesome.

According to the New York Post, the lawsuit alleges the American Musical and Dramatic Academy told the plaintiff that he could not return for two semesters after the sexual encounter. The school also suspended a second male participant in the threesome.

The plaintiff, referred to as John Doe in court documents, is suing for damages.'

CNN owes answers on rape film

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'Thrasher, and many others in academia, are upset about a film called "The Hunting Ground" that CNN has scheduled to air Sunday at 8 p.m.

The film bills itself as a documentary on campus rape, an obviously complex and controversial subject worthy of impartial exploration.

But that's not what you'll get Sunday night if you tune in. Don't take our word for it. Take it from the horse's mouth, one of the film's producers.

"We do not operate the same way as journalism," wrote producer Amy Herdy, of Chain Camera Pictures. She made the statement in an email to Erica Kinsman, who in 2012 accused then-FSU quarterbackJameis Winston of rape. The producer's goal was to secure an interview.

"This is a film project that is very much in the corner of advocacy for victims, so there would be no insensitive questions or the need to get the perpetrator's side," Herdy wrote in the email, which FSU obtained through its litigation with Kinsman.'

Jameis Winston threatens to sue CNN over rape movie The Hunting Ground

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston is threatening to sue CNN if the network airs a documentary on campus sexual assault that accuses him of rape, according to a letter obtained by the Hollywood Reporter.

The Hunting Ground, directed by Kirby Dick and producer Amy Ziering, debuted at the Sundance Film Festival in January and has since been screened on college campuses across the country, earning an endorsement from Barack Obama. CNN has announced plans to air a broadcast version of the film on Sunday.

"We are writing to formally caution CNN that the portions of the film The Hunting Ground pertaining to Mr Winston are false and defamatory to Mr Winston," states the letter from Winston's attorneys to CNN's Jeff Zucker. "We urge CNN to reconsider the reckless decision to proceed with the broadcast of this deeply-flawed documentary in the face of the overwhelming evidence the film's producers consciously and intentionally failed to adhere to any accepted journalistic standards."'

'The Hunting Ground' director claims film is 'completely accurate,' despite inaccuracies

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'The backlash against the inaccuracies in "The Hunting Ground" has apparently gotten to director Kirby Dick. On Wednesday, he defended the film to The Hollywood Reporter, which was reporting on the criticism.

Then on Thursday, Dickwrote his own op-ed for the Reporter to defend the film, which airs Sunday on CNN. In it, Dick tries to dispute the claim that "The Hunting Ground" followed the same journalistic practices (or lack thereof) as Rolling Stone when it reported a gang-rape hoax at the University of Virginia.

Dick claims that "not a single case that we featured in the film has been discredited as being untrue." I'm not sure there is such a thing anymore as discrediting a case. There are people to this day who claim that something must have happened to the Rolling Stone hoaxer, Jackie, to make her tell such a tale.'

Does Utah violate the rights of unwed fathers?

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'At dinner in his New Mexico home, Rob Manzanares looked every bit the quintessential dad, bantering with the three children he's raising with his fiancée. But there's an empty seat at the table that he's been fighting to fill for six years.

"It's state-sanctioned kidnapping," he said. "It's stealing of children."

Manzanares fathered a daughter in 2008 and claims his then-girlfriend gave her up for adoption in Utah without his knowledge or consent. He's been waging a legal battle to get full custody of the girl ever since.

In Utah, unwed biological fathers have few paternal rights. To have any say in an adoption, they must satisfy complicated criteria within 30 days of a mother's decision to give up the child. These requirements include signing a biological father registry in Utah, showing evidence of financial and material prenatal support to the expectant mothe,r and a detailed plan for supporting both the mother and child after the birth.'

How The Hunting Ground Blurs the Truth

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'The recent documentary The Hunting Ground asserts that young women are in grave danger of sexual assault as soon as they arrive on college campuses. The film has been screened at the White House for staff and legislators. Senate Democrat Kirsten Gillibrand, who makes a cameo appearance in the film, cites it as confirmation of the need for thepunitive campus sexual assault legislation she has introduced. Gillibrand's colleague Barbara Boxer, after the film's premiere said, "Believe me, there will be fallout." The film has received nearly universal acclaim from critics—the Washington Post called it "lucid," "infuriating," and "galvanizing"—and, months after its initial release, its influence continues to grow, as schools across the country host screenings. "If you have a daughter going to any college in America, you need to see The Hunting Ground," the MSNBC host Joe Scarborough told his viewers in May. This fall, it will get a further boost when CNN, a co-producer, plans to broadcast the film, broadening its audience. The Hunting Ground is helping define the problem of campus sexual assault for policymakers, college administrators, students, and their parents.'

UK: Philip Davies: 'politically correct males pander to militant feminists'

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'Division between men and women is stirred up by “militant feminists” and overzealous “politically correct males”, Conservative MP Philip Davies has said in a parliamentary debate to mark International Men’s Day.

The MP for Shipley said he had spent his political career campaigning against “the blight of political correctness, which is doing so much damage to our country”, and that its “most pernicious effects” were felt on the area of gender equality.

Speaking in a debate which focused on the issue of male suicide, Davies described the introduction of the select committee for women and equalities after May’s general election as “the most depressing thing to happen”.

“After everything else, in 2015 we have a separate committee to deal with women’s issues on top of the women’s minister, women’s question time and the many strategies in the country which only deal with women,” he said.

“The problem is virtually everything we do in this House and debate in this House seems to start with the premise that everything is biased against women and something must be done about it – never an appreciation that men’s issues can be just as important and that men can be just as badly treated in certain areas as women.”'

Coca-Cola CEO OK with "positive discrimination"

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'Coca-Cola CEO Muhtar Kent likes new Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. A lot.

The chief of the beverage giant brought up the newly elected prime minister during a panel on women in corporate leadership at theWomen's Forum of New York's Breakfast of Corporate Championson Nov. 19. Later, Kent brought Trudeau up again in an interview, lauding the PM's insistence on a Cabinet that is 50% female. "I'm a big, big fan," Kent said. "He's my favorite feminist right now."

Kent, it seems, isn't shy with the f-word. "If you're a male and you're at the top, you have to be a feminist, and you have to be proud of being a feminist," he says. "Being a declared feminist— I'd even go as far as to positively discriminate, to put it in people's annual assessment."'

Think Mr. Kent is wrong in his support of "positive discrimination"? Let him know! He can be tweeted at https://twitter.com/muhtarkent and emailed at mukent-at-na.ko.com (source).

UVA Rape Hoaxster Refuses To Turn Over Emails And Phone Records

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'Jackie, the former University of Virginia student whose fabricated claims about being gang-raped by fraternity members in 2012 appeared in Rolling Stone exactly one year ago, is refusing to turn over emails and phone records of her correspondence with her friends and with the article's author, Sabrina Rubin Erdely.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch is reporting that Jackie's attorney, Palma Pustiknik, claimed in a recent court filing pertaining to a $7.5 million defamation lawsuit filed by UVA dean Nicole Eramo that Jackie's "privacy and dignity" will be violated and that she will be subjected to "extreme harm" if the records are provided.

Jackie is not a defendant in the lawsuit. Instead, Eramo is suing Erdely, Rolling Stone, and its parent company, Wenner Media, for $7.5 million in damages.'

A Man's World but Not a Boy's

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'I have high regard for Adam Grant, whose bestselling book, Give and Take: Why Helping Others Drives Our Success, shows how altruism can be a key to accomplishment. And perhaps I should focus on that when I think about his post on Psychology Today, whose title is not quite as gracious. It's "Dear Men: Wake Up and Smell the Inequality," and it talks about how women still do not have an equal opportunity in the workplace, and that it's time for men to work hard to change this.

But he is certainly not making it easy for me, a man, since not only the title, but the text itself addresses men in a condescending and patronizing way. Consider his two hypotheses as to why men don't recognize the fact that women still don't have the same opportunities to rise up as they do: First is "Men are stupid." Granted, he admits that "not all men are idiots," but this does set a tone.

His main hypothesis, however, is Number 2, "Men are blind." He writes, "Many intelligent men have a hard time stomaching the idea that the world of work still isn't fair. Not long ago, I was one of them.

As soon as I read Grant's piece, which was on the day it was published, I wondered, and wrote in my journal, "Does he have daughters?" So when I clicked on his link "I was one of them," and found that yes, he does -- I was not surprised.'

Bill Clinton accuser speaks out against Hillary

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'In one of her first media appearances in nearly a decade, Juanita Broaddrick, the woman who famously accused Bill Clinton of rape, is now speaking out against Hillary Clinton's candidacy for president.

"Shame on you, Hillary, that's disgusting," Broaddrick said of Clinton's attempt to run for high office in part on women's issues. "Shame on you, Hillary. It's time to be truthful," she added.

Broaddrick was speaking in an interview set to air Sunday night on "Aaron Klein Investigative Radio," the popular weekend talk radio program. An advanced copy of the audio interview was obtained exclusively by Breitbart.

During the exchange with Klein, the notoriously media-shy Broaddrick accused Clinton of complacency in covering up her husband's alleged sexual crimes and indiscretions.

"I think she has always known everything about him. I think they have this evil compact between the two of them that they each know what the other does and overlook it. And go right on. And cover one for the other," she said.

She recalled a personal meeting with Hillary in 1978, in which, Broaddrick believes, the future First Lady strongly implied the alleged rape victim must stay silent about her traumatic experience.'

Deluded feminists divide us and imperil basic freedoms

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'This is a "trigger warning". Reach for the smelling salts, victims of the patriarchy. I intend to be offensive.

For the benefit of challenged readers, here is the Urban Dictionary's definition of the term: "A phrase [whose] purpose is to warn weak-minded people who are easily offended that they might find what is being posted offensive in some way due to its content, causing them to overreact or otherwise start acting like a dipshit."
...
It has been one of the joys of my life that mutual respect and easy friendship between men and women, which was unusual in Ireland and Britain in my youth, became a norm in these islands. My younger friends are unselfconsciously at ease with the opposite sex, and mutual teasing is a part of that. All this is undermined by the tiny minority of women who are helping the struggle for equality to mutate into the assault on free speech that is modern feminism.

In my lifetime, with the help of many sympathetic men, in the West, women achieved equality in education, employment, pay, marriage and pretty well everything that mattered. There were no issues outstanding that could not be worked through with persistence and goodwill.

And then, the grievance-mongers and seekers after victimhood took over, and, inevitably, academics got involved and made everything worse with intellectually contemptible theories and jargon.'

"Just another member of the patriarchy"

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'At about 6pm he discovered that she had gone ahead and had the abortion that morning. She had spent most of the day groggy in hospital, but he was angry because she also appeared to have spent much of the afternoon on Facebook, instead of telling him. I told him not to be angry – she was obviously feeling defensive and wanting distraction.
...
My thoughts are pretty simple. This is just another demonstration for me of what a wicked and insidious development abortion-on-demand is. There is no happy ending here. A baby has lost its life and a man is at home beside himself with grief. He says he hasn't been able to sleep or eat properly for weeks or concentrate on work. A formerly loving relationship is in tatters, with both parties harbouring feelings of anger and resentment. A mother has to deal with the repercussions of her decision while at the same time, caring for her living child.

Not once in this man's decision was there an element of patriarchy -- wanting to control her uterus or chain her to the kitchen sink. This guy realised that he loved his unborn baby and wanted them to live. The reality of abortion means that every single pregnancy becomes a lifestyle choice and children are given a specious right – to be meticulously planned and born into "perfect" circumstances which supersedes their basic right to life. Had abortion not been an option, he wouldn't have had his damaging wobble and would have stepped up to the plate sooner. But we are all now conditioned to think not of new life, not of a baby, but of choice.
...
I think the guy has been foolish, but I don't blame him for it; he is no different to most men in contemporary society. The feminists who would shout about their abortions would no doubt lynch both him and me for being manipulative, but I see no winners, no victory, no progress and certainly no joy in this woman having exercised her "reproductive right".'

Vigilante justice: Student turns to public shaming of her alleged rapist

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'More than 100 posters plastered across the UC Berkeley campus Wednesday could not be more clear. “Rapist,” they declared in large, bold type, featuring a close-up photo of a young man above a caption with the word “rapist” also used as a title before his name.

The flyers were a call to action for Berkeley students to rally against the young man, who showed up on campus to appeal his August expulsion for violating UC’s sexual assault policy. As of this year, state law says all campuses must require affirmative consent between sexual partners. Students accused of sexual assault who can’t prove their partner said “yes” to sexual contact are subject to campus discipline.

And, in the case of the young man, subject to vigilante justice as well. Prosecutors never charged him.

“Just because the judicial system does not recognize that someone is a rapist doesn’t mean they’re not,” said Angela Dancev, a UC Berkeley alumna and activist from By Any Means Necessary, which printed the posters, organized a rally against the expelled student that drew some 50 people, and even held an “independent tribunal” that supported the student who accused her former friend of raping her on Oct. 2, 2014.'

UK: Campus zealots hound student with shouts of 'rapist' after questioning the effectiveness of rape 'consent workshops'

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'A student has been driven out of lectures and bars with shouts of ‘rapist’ after he dared to question the effectiveness of ‘consent workshops’.

Second-year George Lawlor, 19, fears for his future at Warwick University after being ostracised and bullied for challenging a student union drive to hold rape awareness sessions.

Writing in a blog, he argued that the overwhelming majority of people ‘don’t have to be taught to not be a rapist’ – and that men inclined to commit the crime would be unlikely to attend such a workshop.

He added that he found his invitation to one of the sessions ‘incredibly hurtful’.

But in the latest example of politically correct intolerance in universities, the student faced a fierce backlash from radical feminists. He was attacked on Twitter and Facebook by student activists branding him a ‘rapist’ and ‘misogynist’.

Mr Lawlor, who studies politics and sociology, fears the furore will affect his academic work – and his future career.

The abuse was so bad that he stopped going to lectures. He told the Daily Mail: ‘I was expecting a reaction, but I was not prepared for just how horrible it was. I remember putting it online and told a few people, who were ... saying there would be a backlash.”'

Today’s whiny feminism is killing sex

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'These days, women are treated as perpetual victims. In need of safe spaces at their colleges so they dare not hear alternative opinions, suspicious of all men as predators and infantilized by people in power seeking to protect them.

We’ve gotten to a point where society accepts that sex isn’t an action between two equals — we treat the man as always in control of the encounter. A drunk woman is incapable of consent while a drunk man remains responsible for all of his actions.

This is somehow seen as “pro-woman” and not as a way of turning a grown woman into a child, which is what it actually is. In the last year, feeling that this type of infantilization didn’t go far enough, there’s been a growing movement for “affirmative consent” on college campuses. Now consent must be verbally granted at every step of a sexual encounter.
...
The grrrls of the ’90s have given way to the uptight millennial women waiting on men to make them happy. But the game isn’t rigged — women need to step up and take responsibility for their own pleasure, just as men do, and not wait for men to provide it for them.

To send young men the message of total female powerlessness and then complain that they feel disempowered just proves the fact that most men aren’t even aware they’re playing a game, much less rigging it. The young women are — and they’re losing.'

Campus Crazies: Women's Officers Who Have Gone Off The Deep End

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'You've probably heard of Bahar Mustafa, the diversity and welfare officer at Goldsmiths University in London. She shot into the limelight after tweeting in support of #KillAllWhiteMen and banning white males from a conference on – ironically – diversity.

Schadenfreude always catches up, and Mustafa last week resigned from her post – on International Men's Day, no less – after allegations of harassment and bullying from colleagues.

But Mustafa is not alone. Social justice warriors are deeply embedded in the hierarchy and structures of the British university system. As a public service, I've combed through the track record of women's officers in some of the top universities around the country, so that you don't have to. Thank me later.'

Evidence of employers paying women 23% less than men for doing the same work noticably absent

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'Despite the widespread acceptance of the “77 cents on the dollar for the same job” claim, there is rarely ever any specific evidence presented showing that specific firms are in violation of federal law by paying women 23% less than men for doing the same job. What Obama, Clinton and gender activists are really implying is that firms across the country are illegally violating the Equal Pay Act of 1963 by paying women 77 cents on the dollar for doing the same work as men, and those deliberate and ongoing violations are somehow going undetected. If there were such ubiquitous gender wage disparities in violation of federal law, why are there not extensive investigations by the Department of Justice or the Office of Civil Rights? And why isn’t there a cottage industry of law firms specializing in representing women who are victims of the supposed pervasive gender discrimination, the way there are hundreds of law firms representing mesothelioma victims who were exposed to asbestos on the job?
...
Unfortunately, the 23% gender pay gap for the same work claim is a statistical fraud that keeps getting recycled and promoted by politicians like Obama and Clinton because it apparently has a huge political payoff for uniformed voters. And it will continue to have a political payoff as long as average Americans, especially women, buy the statistical snake-oil promoted by Democrats that women are paid 23% less than men on average for doing the same job. Along with the myths of Bigfoot and the Loch Ness monster, the 23% wage gap claim is a myth that just won’t die, regardless, or maybe because of, the scant evidence.'

UK: Woman branded selfish and cowardly by judge for false rape claim

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'A WOMAN who invented a false rape claim against a wholly innocent businessman has been branded as selfish and cowardly by a Judge.

Sophie Tucker invited her fiancé's 50-year-old boss to her home and took part in a sex act with him and tried to lie her way out of trouble when her partner spotted him leaving the house.

She claimed he had grabbed her pony tail and forced her to have oral sex against her will. She repeated the lie at hospital and to the police in a 51-minute video taped interview.

The victim of her lies was Carl Williamson, who runs a company which organises medical training courses. He was arrested while working at North Devon District Hospital.
...
He told her the only reason she was not going straight to jail was for the sake of her two children, aged one and two.'

The Hunting Ground Uses a Striking Statistic About Campus Rape That’s Almost Certainly False

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'The Hunting Ground, a documentary that aired on CNN Sunday night after garnering a great deal of publicity on the festival and campus circuits, tells some horrific stories about sexual assaults on college campuses, and in doing so it raises a number of important, damning questions about how campus administrators handle rape allegations. Unfortunately, it also presents some extremely questionable research about campus rape in far too credulous a light.
...
This gets to the heart of why Lisak's viral zombie statistic is so damaging: It simply leads people astray. No one is arguing that serial sexual predators don't exist in college settings. But there's startlingly little evidence for Lisak's claims that they commit the vast majority of rapes on campus. Rather, it appears that for whatever reason — and this is where further research is so crucial — many men in college are capable of committing rape in a "limited" (for lack of a less terrible term) manner. And yet for years, Lisak and Miller's paper has served as a flashing neon light pointing researchers and activists in what is very likely the wrong direction. This could go down as a major scientific misstep.

The Hunting Ground's producers aren't the first people to have become morbidly enamored with David Lisak's serial-rapist theory, but it's unfortunate, given the reach and influence of their film, that they did.'

The Government's War Against Men's Health Is About to Get Much Worse

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'The Centers of Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) is proposing using PSA screening as a quality metric for payments to providers. If enacted, your primary care physician will be monetized to not screen you for prostate cancer. This is an inevitable downstream effect of the largely discredited and intellectually lazy United States Preventive Task Force Recommendation (USPSTF) Grade D against screening for prostate cancer. That should scare you. That should scare everyone who loves men.

Prepare for the rates of metastatic prostate cancer to rise. The effect of widespread PSA screening in the 1980s was the immediate and rapid decrease in metastatic prostate cancer cases — the same cannot be said of screening for breast cancer (which has a Grade B recommendation). Intellectual consistency is not the USPSTF forte.
...
PSA screening has not been all sunshine and roses with a cup of tea on the side. The over-treating and over diagnosing of patients with low-risk prostate cancer has been appalling and self-defeating. I have been outspoken in my abhorrence of PSA screening at health fairs and its inappropriate advocacy by the NFL; as if promoting prostate cancer screening absolves its own misguided misogyny (ditto the bizarro Pink campaign).

Urologists have made important gains in active surveillance of prostate cancer (observing select low-grade disease). A recent analysis by Drs. Cooperberg and Carroll in JAMA outlines the increase use of active surveillance in low risk patients from 10% in 2009 to a current rate of 40% — a dramatic increase never seen before. In many countries, such as Australia, the active surveillance rates for low-risk prostate cancer are in the 90% range. That is where the United States should be and can be.'

UK: Woman hits man with ‘End Violence Against Women’ placard, man charged with Criminal Damage for breaking her placard

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Following is a press release from Tom Martin of Sexism Busters:

The man claims several police officers and demonstrators witnessed him being assaulted but are all pretending he started the violence, in a case of mass deception - with the exception of one honest witness.

Tom Martin will appear in a central London court tomorrow, facing a charge of Criminal Damage following a fracas that took place at a Reclaim the Night rally in November 2014 on the Charring Cross Road, central London. Mr Martin, 44, explains: “I was window-shopping on Earlham Street in central London where I live, when I heard female screams coming up Charring Cross Road, so went over to find a women-only ‘Reclaim the Night’ rally in procession. As I object to their women-only domestic violence victim advocacy, and their use of inflated rape and domestic violence statistics, I approached the rally, informed a female police sergeant present that I was going to do “an impromptu counter-demonstration” and at a safe one metre distance, gave the passing crowd the thumbs down.

They looked a bit confused to be honest, so I started shouting “Stop sex-segregating. Stop sex-segregating”. One of the passing protesters hit me on the head with her “End Violence Against Women” placard, which I instinctively grabbed and tussled away from her. The female police sergeant shouted “Oi!”, immediately apprehended me, letting my attacker go, and then holding me in hand cuffs for one hour and 25 minutes, finally arresting and charging me with Criminal Damage because the flimsy handle fell off the placard in the struggle.

The arresting police sergeant, and three police officers present all claimed they didn’t see the protester hit me with her placard, only me grabbing her sign - even though I had alerted the sergeant 20 seconds before the incident that I was going to do an “impromptu counter demonstration”. When I got home, I checked http://twitter.com for tweets mentioning the fracas, and a few tweeters who had witnessed the event claimed that a man had run up and attacked them, and argued the incident proved the need for their women-only march ... https://twitter.com/HekateP/status/536251062785961986 ... https://twitter.com/oliviasinger/status/536240576069632000 ... so, everybody else had their story straight, except, I am very relieved to announce, for one tweeter, who had been marching that night and witnessed the event, and who tweeted in reply to a claim that I’d attacked the marchers, “not sure who u think was attacking whom for what?": https://twitter.com/roomso4own/status/536852784105406464

If the police persist with this false charge based on their wrongful arrest of me, then they can dig out the CCTV footage from the lamppost cameras either side of the fracas, which will further confirm whose lying, and who isn’t. So, ladies and gentleman of the media, we have a case of mob chivalry, and mass deception, by the police, and by the marchers (except one) - where a woman initiates violence against a man, but is given a pass for her violence, and where a man uses proportionate self defence against an assaulter - and is punished for it.

Here is the T shirt I will be wearing in court tomorrow: https://twitter.com/Sexismbusters/status/668563169300869120

The court case is at 10am tomorrow, Tuesday 24th November, 2015 - at Westminster Magistrates Court, 181 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5BR , in Court Room 8 - arrive at 9.30am to be assured entry. For further info on any of the above, email Tom: sexismbusters-at-hotmail.com.

Tom Martin is the man who in 2012 sued The London School of Economics for ignoring men's issues in its gender studies Masters programmes. Tom is currently shooting a documentary series called The Free Model "about getting women to pay half". His twitter bio has been retweeted 1232 times, Mr Martin admitting in it he is "currently single": https://twitter.com/James_v_S/status/659638183383183360

CNN Shows Sex Assault Film Despite Legal Threat

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'In the face of threatened legal action from the football star Jameis Winston, CNN did not back away from broadcasting “The Hunting Ground,” a documentary about sexual assault on college campuses that has stirred controversy since its January debut at the Sundance Film Festival.

“CNN is proud to provide a platform for a film that has undeniably played a significant role in advancing the national conversation about sexual assault on college campuses,” the network said in a statement. The film was shown on the network at 8 p.m. Eastern time on Sunday.

Mr. Winston, a quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, is the focus of a segment in “The Hunting Ground.” While attending Florida State University in 2012, Mr. Winston was accused of sexual assault. He asserted his innocence, did not face criminal rape charges and was cleared of violating Florida State’s student code of conduct. The movie, directed by Kirby Dick and produced by Amy Ziering, asserts that Mr. Winston received preferential treatment from officials."'

North Dakota 'man camps' battle pending ban in oil capital

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Story here. You can be 1000% certain that if these were camps filled with women, the merest suggestion that they be evicted and made to pay for hotel housing instead of much more affordable employer-sponsored housing would be met with demands for the suggester's resignation followed by a "ribbon campaign" to raise money for the many "poor women" in need of *whatever*. Instead, men in this condition are met with rejection. Excerpt:

'Providers of temporary housing for North Dakota's oilfield workers are fighting a plan by the state's energy capital to evict their "man camps," fearing it could set an example for others and add to the sector's woes caused by a global commodity slump.

Earlier this month, the Williston City Commission voted 3-2 in favor of an ordinance that would deny "man camps" occupancy permit extensions beyond July 2016.

Should the ordinance pass in a final vote on Nov. 24, which appears likely, it would mark the first time since the U.S. shale boom began in 2008 that a community has evicted a "man camp," though other communities in Texas and North Dakota have blocked their arrival or expansion.

...

While the term "man camp" conjures up images of rootless single men carousing late into the night, the facilities are heavily patrolled by security guards, do not allow alcohol or overnight guests and feel as Spartan as hospital rooms.'

Feminist bullies and the pernicious myth that sexual morality is just about 'consent'

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'Pity today's male undergraduate, tasked with navigating his way through the thorny thicket of university gender politics.

For surely Oliver Cromwell himself, history's most notorious puritan, would have admired the zeal of the new generation of self-styled feminist campaigners, with all their fury over perceived grievances.

The latest target of their rage is George Lawlor, a second-year politics and sociology student at Warwick University, who dared to question the effectiveness of sexual consent workshops run on his campus.
...
But those engaged at the forefront of gender politics do not tend to appreciate people challenging their viewpoint.

I am not remotely under-estimating the seriousness of rape and sexual assault. Apart from murder, they are among the darkest crimes known to humanity. But it is precisely because they are so serious that they should not be used as vehicles for doctrinaire point-scoring or political power games.

Sadly, that is what seems to be happening in this case.

For decades, the repugnant theory that 'all men are rapists' has lain at the heart of radical feminism, and statistics are quoted to support the tenor of that argument.'

Update on Tom Martin's hearing over "protestgate"

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The following is from Tom Martin at Sexism Busters. I've decided to coin this incident "protestgate", since the authorities have involved themselves in an apparent attempt to at least obscure the truth if not try to side-step it, despite some honest officers changing their initial accounts. From Tom:

I just attended court, where unbelievably, the Crown Prosecution Service decided to proceed with the case, despite the fact that the police now admit, in their OWN statement, that I was indeed hit with the placard first - something they had all previously denied witnessing. The police statement falsely claims that I was aggressive and had my finger in the protesters' faces beforehand, when in fact, I stood at a safe distance with my thumb down, shouting "Stop sex-segregating" as the crowd streamed by.

The police statements were submitted to the court outside the time limit, and not signed, so my court-appointed lawyer is pushing to get their case against me for Criminal Damage thrown out on this technicality - an outcome I believe the police are secretly hoping for as well - to save them the blushes of a court case that will established they wrongfully and maliciously arrested me on a trumped up charge.

CCTV was found by the police, but it mysteriously did not show the incident - another cause of concern for my lawyer. Criminal Damage cannot be brought against a case of self-defence, as the prosecution have to prove I had malicious intent to break the sign, when in reality, I was responding to an assault, removing the assault weapon (it doesn't matter how violent the assault was - unwanted contact of any degree is assault.)

The case has been adjourned until December 15th, at 9.30am - the National tabloid press photographers and journalists were there having read the above press release - they interviewed me and were very supportive.

Please go to my twitter: @sexismbusters and retweet this article, and keep spreading the word about this outrageous and ongoing abuse campaign against me for standing up against the sex-segregating man-blaming victim-feminist throng.

‘Drug-Dealing’ Sorority Girl Murdered, UCLA Faculty Blames Epidemic of Violence and Sexual Assault Against Women

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'The blonde, attractive, and seemingly-affable young senior was the model victim, according to American cultural consciousness; she was an older JonBenét Ramsey and received ample media attention as a result.

As reports surfaced about Del Vesco’s criminal allegations, the narrative of a feeble woman killed by a deranged male high off the drug of patriarchy became slightly complicated. “At the time of her death, Del Vesco was facing drug-related charges. On July 8, she pleaded not guilty to charges of possessing Ecstasy, LSD, methamphetamine and Psilocybin, officers said,” reports CBS Los Angeles News. "According to the Superior Court’s website, she was scheduled to appear in court [the following week].

A few days later, police arrested Alberto Hinojosa Medina, a student at Fresno State University, and Eric Marquez, a fifth-year biology student at UCLA for the young woman’s death. While prosecutors have yet to explicitly announce potential theories surrounding motive, “there has been media speculation that an alleged drug connection could have killed Del Vesco over fear over fear she would turn in a suspected source in a hypothetical attempt to make a deal with prosecutors,” according to LA Weekly.

The “rat” theory is, of course, plausible, and perhaps even likely, given Del Vesco’s alleged drug dealing with hard substances, such as meth and Ecstasy.

Rather than confronting and decrying drug-related violence and addressing students’ abuse and exploitation of hard drugs, putting the entire campus community at risk, UCLA faculty decided to double-down on gendered rhetoric and oppression politics.'

'I like this' button enabled on MANN

Matt · 24 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

OK, so it took me awhile. Like, 10 years. Or more. But finally, the brilliant idea occurred to me that maybe, just maybe, there is a "like" module for Drupal that I can implement quickly and easily that allows readers to indicate their appreciation of an article or other reader's comment without needing to log in and comment. And DUH!, a couple Google searches later, I done found something that'll work.

I could have set the "Like" feature to have a rating number system, which I thought was too much mental overhead for the casual reader. (I mean, it is for me. I don't want to think that hard, even about a good article. "Is it 5 stars? Maybe 4? Maybe it's really just 3? To hell with it!" Then not do anything.) I mean, life's hard enough, right? No need to spin one's wheels over rating a bloody Internet post. :)

So I settled on using the simple thumbs-up approach. I declined to provide a thumbs-down button because it allows fem-bot raiders of the site to swoop in and thumbs-down everything, and besides, if a reader, feminist or not, wants to pan a story, please log in and pan it, saying why. I like feedback, whether it be praise or condemnation; lets me know how my editing is doing, esp. around whether others think I published something germane to MRA issues or not. (Sometimes, I stray, and when it happens, I want to be told why you think I have.)

But back to the stars rating idea... if MANN regulars like the idea of using a star rating system instead of a simple thumbs-up system, then please comment to this post and say so. I can always change things easily enough; we can ex-shhhhperriment a bit if needed to see what suits us all best.

Thanks and enjoy the new thumbs-up feature!

Women's group can't accept that 'rape culture' just might not be a thing

Mastodon · 25 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When you're committed to perpetuating the myth of a rampant "rape culture" on college campuses, evidence to the contrary becomes baffling.

And so it goes for the American Association of University Women, which analyzed 2014 reporting data from colleges and universities across the country and found that 91 percent of schools had no reported incidents of rape. Most people would see that number and cheer. Hooray! College women aren't being raped in the U.S. at rates on par with the Congo!'

College under federal investigation for railroading student accused of rape

Matt · 25 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Obama administration's Department of Education is seesawing back toward sanity, after creating a reign of terror on campus in response to evidence-thin sexual-assault allegations.

Texas A&M University is under federal investigation following its suspension of a male student for sexual assault – allegations that went nowhere with law enforcement authorities, The Texas Tribune reports.'

Student sues college after expulsion for sexual misconduct

Mastodon · 26 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Georgia Tech student expelled in April after a sexual misconduct investigation has filed a lawsuit alleging that the review was unfair and violated his rights.

The lawsuit said the university's Office of Student Integrity found the student, identified as "John Doe" in the suit, responsible for non-consensual sexual and intercourse and coercion against a female student at an October 2013 event where they had been drinking. Doe received little information about witnesses' statements and couldn't defend himself, the lawsuit said.

The male student wants a judge to allow him to take spring classes and complete his degree on Georgia Tech's Atlanta campus while the suit is argued. The suit seeks unspecified punitive and compensatory damages and a jury trial.

The suit names the school's president, the dean of students and Director of the Office of Student Integrity Peter Paquette as defendants along with a board that oversees public colleges in Georgia.'

Rape culture and the problem with numbers

Mastodon · 26 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Most mainstream news publications publish, you know, news. Except when it's about "rape culture" on campus, when no news is also considered news. Case in point: following a winter survey they initiated last year on campus sexual assault, CBC News this fall conducted a survey of 87 post-secondary institutions to investigate the reporting of sexual assaults in 2014 on and off their campuses.

Since the received activist wisdom on the subject assures us that one in four (or five, depending on the polemicist) women on campus will be sexually assaulted during her college tenure, the researchers were chagrined to find that the actual number of reports came to 700 – averaging out to 1.85 per 10,000 students – a figure that jibes with rates of sexual assault in the general population. In 16 schools – seven in Quebec and nine in western Canada – not a single sexual assault has been reported in the last six years.

To feminists, there can be only one explanation for the dearth of reports, and certainly not the explanation that sexual assaults are either rare or considered not worth reporting by those involved. "It's undercounting" is the immediate conclusion leapt to by University of Ottawa criminology professor and domestic violence researcher Holly Johnson. "It's not counting what is the true experience of students, because there is no campus in which this doesn't exist."'

College Title IX officer: Not feeling welcome on campus deserves same response as rape

Mastodon · 26 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When students of color don't feel welcome on campus, it's just as serious as rape.

That's the impression that Wesleyan University's Antonio Farias, vice president for equality and inclusion and Title IX officer, gave the campus community in his response to recent student protests.

Following up on President Michael Roth's promise to "communicate better" about the school's existing system for reporting incidents that are "concerning, harmful and/or contrary to" community standards, Farias wrote:

"We cannot fix what we cannot see, and it is apparent from the heartrending stories I've heard from marginalized students that our system of documenting and investigating instances of discrimination is not sufficiently understood and used across the campus. Reporting is an essential first step to get at the root causes of discriminatory behaviors that are caustic to the learning process."'

Lying Campus Feminists Report GamerGater To Police For Non-Existent ‘Threatening Comments’

Mastodon · 26 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A GamerGate supporter who snuck into an anti-GamerGate panel at Northeastern Illinois University and streamed it online was reported to campus p0lice and falsely accused of making “threatening comments.” He caught the whole thing on film.

Cristian Flores, who goes by the Twitter username “Experiment #626,” was roaming the corridors after the panel, at which feminists bemoaned the lack of “safe spaces” to “protect” them from gamers, when he was approached by a campus police officer and told that someone matching his description had been reported for making threats. As the video below clearly shows, he had done no such thing.

The GamerGate supporter, who identifies himself by name to the officer around 1 hour and 48 minutes into the footage, had been fooling around to amuse his viewers. He had picked up a packet of Ritz crackers and placed one of them on a sign, and turned a tap on and off again at the request of his fans.

At one point he is heard to call out “Big Milo!” after an entreaty from his followers, a reference to an eight-hour YouTube stream by this reporter that discussed freedom of speech and featured many prominent names in the GamerGate movement. But the allegations made against him that he made “threatening comments” appear to be entirely fabricated.'

"Tampon tax: men should share the burden of ending domestic abuse"

Mastodon · 26 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women's Aid is feeling extremely fortunate. The chancellor has just announced that we will be sharing a fund of £2m to work with another domestic abuse charity, SafeLives, to improve early intervention in domestic abuse: something we have long argued is essential.

This work is being funded through the proceeds of the tax on sanitary products. There is good in this, but questions are inevitable and we are glad the government will continue to work to get rid of this tax.

However, we must take every opportunity to loudly and clearly affirm that women alone are not responsible for ending domestic violence.'

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NISVS Infographic

Mother who left newborn baby in church manger won't face charges

Mastodon · 27 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A mother who left her newborn baby in a Christmas manger inside a New York City church will not be prosecuted, authorities said Wednesday.

"After a full review of all the facts and circumstances surrounding the discovery of a newborn infant this past Monday in a creche inside of Holy Child Jesus Church in the Richmond Hill section of Queens County - including locating and interviewing the mother - my office has determined that no criminal prosecution of the child's mother is warranted," Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said in a statement.

It was around 11:30 a.m. when a custodian at the church left the empty chapel to get lunch. When he returned shortly after 1 p.m., he heard a baby crying, but saw no one else around.
...
New York has a so-called safe haven law that says a newborn can be dropped off anonymously at a church, hospital, police or fire station without fear of prosecution. But the law, known as the Abandoned Infant Protection Act, requires that the child be left with someone or for authorities to be called immediately.'

U.K. Parliament debate Male suicide and International Men's Day

Raymond Cuttill · 27 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

U.K. Parliament debates male suicide and International Men's Day

In case you missed it (most here probably didn't) Thursday 19 November 2015 was International Men's Day, A debate was had in Parliament in the London. It was proposed by MP Philip Davies and mocked by MP Jess Philiips saying “every day is International Mens’ Day”. If you’re not in the slightest worried about male suicide, men’s health, workplace deaths, treatment in the family courts or constant vilification of men then maybe you could agree with her. In spite of her objections it did go ahead. It was held in Westminster Hall, not in the main House of Commons where other debates were considered more important.

You can watch it here:
Westminster Hall
Thursday 19 November 2015 Meeting started at 1.30pm, ended 4.31pm
Parliament TV
or read the transcript here:
Hansard transcipt
or download it here (read pages 71-94 (marked 241WH to 288WH at the top of the page):
Download PDF

You can see the comment by MP Jess Phillips.
27 October 2015: Jess Phillips MP mocks an application to debate men's issues on Intnl Men's Day

And other comments like:
From the Independent (UK newspaper)
Need some reasons why we don't need International Men's Day? Allow me to enlighten you

From the Guardian (UK newspaper):
Relax, guys – it’s International Men’s Day (the official one)

Male University of York Student Commits Suicide on Day His University Ditches International Men’s Day After Pressure From Feminists

For those who actually think there needs to be an IMD:
1. internationalmensday.co
2. ukmensday.org.uk/about-imd-uk/the-six-pillars-of-international-mens-day/

I also put it on my Facebook page.

UK: Wife who poisoned husband is foiled by spelling mistake

Matt · 28 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A British woman who tried to kill her husband by poisoning his Christmas drink of sparkling fruit wine with anti-freeze was jailed for 15 years on Monday after being undone by a spelling mistake and a trail of text messages.

Following family arguments, Jacqueline Patrick, 55, twice tried to kill her husband Douglas, 70, in October and on Christmas Day 2013, by spiking his cherry Lambrini, a drink favored by teenagers looking to get drunk on a low budget.

"Perhaps most shocking of all was the note she gave to the London Ambulance Service purporting to be from her husband, stating that he did not wish to be resuscitated," said Detective Inspector Tracey Miller, of London's Metropolitan Police, in a statement.

The forged note showed a misspelling of the word dignity as "dignerty". When police later asked her to write the word, Jacqueline Patrick made the same mistake.'

Poor boys are falling behind poor girls, and it’s deeply troubling

Mastodon · 29 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s become a fact of American life that girls are better than boys at school. They get better grades. They’re suspended less. For every generation since the boomers, women have been more likely than men to earn high school and college diplomas.

In fact, girls are pretty much the only reason the high school graduation rate went up in past 40 years, according to calculations by Harvard economist Richard Murnane. The male high school graduation rate has been stuck at 81 percent since the 1970s, while the female graduation rose from 81 percent to 87 percent.

Women have been so persistently superior it is perhaps time for a new stereotype about the sexes — girls as bookish mavens like Lisa Simpson; boys as goof-offs like Bart.

There are many theories for this widening academic achievement gap, but first, here’s another observation that might shed some light: The differences between boys and girls are largest among the most disadvantaged children. Socioeconomic status does not entirely explain the gender gap. Even well-off boys struggle to compare to well-off girls. But a tough upbringing sets boys back much farther.'

Loretta Lynch’s false claim on sex trafficking arrests

Matt · 30 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This is a story about how the language regarding the crime of sex trafficking has become so fuzzy that even the nation’s top law enforcement officer can speak before an international audience and utter wildly inflated statistics.

Throughout 2015, The Fact Checker has dug into dubious statistics concerning sex trafficking, so this recent speech by Attorney General Lynch caught our eye. Lynch has taken a keen interest in sex trafficking, recently announcing more than $44 million in grant funding to combat human trafficking in the United States, including supporting law-enforcement task forces and victims services organizations. She devoted a significant part of her speech to Interpol to discussing sex trafficking.

But laudable efforts to help victimized children can be undermined when advocates resort to hyperbole to tout their success. Let’s explore how that happened here.'

Ireland: "Men should stop whining about gender quotas"

Mastodon · 30 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There's something particularly annoying about male politicians giving out. Is it their voices? That high-pitched whining? Or is it just their general air of hysteria? I mean they sound pretty hysterical to me. I can't even understand what they're saying! It's their emotional nature I suppose, and their fragility.

I'm not sure how we expect these delicate creatures to make tough decisions. Particularly if it's that time of the month. They're probably more concerned about what they're wearing than actually being politicians. Let me tell you something, you have to be very wary about ambitious men. And don't they kill each other too with pure bitchiness? Sure they'd stab each other in the back before they'd shake a hand. You know what? Sometimes I think other men are men's own worst enemies.

The ear-piercing dog whistle-level of men whining ruptures ear drums when it comes to the discussion around gender quotas. On current affairs television programmes and radio shows, the merits of gender quotas in politics are still being debated. Why? Quotas for candidates in the next election are already in place. As much as the media may have a misplaced desire for a confrontational bunfight on this topic, the "debate" is an extinct one. It's already happening, and the reasons are pretty obvious.'

UK: Fathers' rights stunts aren't very clever, but we should take the message behind them very seriously

Matt · 30 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At the weekend, two desperate fathers once again risked their lives with the kind of publicity stunt we are now well accustomed to.

This time, Martin Matthews, 48, a represenative of fathers' action group Stop The War On Dads and Bobby Smith, 33, of New Fathers 4 Justice, scaled Buckingham Palace walls and climbed onto the top of the Queen's Gallery.

Like protesting dads dressed as Batman and Spiderman before them, they were calling for equal rights for fathers in divorce settlements, and for a reform of the family courts system which they feel is stacked against men, favouring mothers as sole custodians.

Holding a banner that read ‘I Am Harry’s Dad’ and referring to the recent ISIS atrocity in Paris, Mr Matthews said, “Obviously there were a few concerns. People are going to be nervous at the moment. But even if I had taken a bullet, it would have been worth the risk.”

So here we have a man who is willing to take a sniper bullet to the head in order to promote the cause of fathers' rights.'

Save the Date for SAVE

Matt · 30 November 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Tomorrow is Giving Tuesday. We know your shopping lists are already getting crowded with holiday gifts and chestnuts for roasting!

But please consider adding a donation to SAVE to the list. Here's why:

- We really care! We work hard to make sure that the laws in our country fairly get the right results, while making sure constitutional rights are protected.
- We work hard! In the past year we have tackled numerous legislative projects at both the state and federal level, with great successes! We've been racking up the trophies!
- Our 'we' is small! We are mighty, but small! This means every dollar makes a difference! Smaller nonprofits are often overlooked as larger nonprofits have bigger ad and fundraising campaigns.

Please consider contributing to SAVE on our website, here: http://www.saveservices.org/contribute

SAVE by donating tomorrow!

Thank you, and truly yours,

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Policy Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
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What ‘The Hunting Ground’ gets wrong

Mastodon · 1 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A week ago, CNN aired “The Hunting Ground,” a documentary aimed at exposing the prevalence of rape in all too many college campuses. One of the many stories “The Hunting Ground” profiled was that of Erica Kinsman, a Florida State student who accused Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Jameis Winston of raping her. In the film, Klinsman accuses Florida State and the Tallahassee Police Department of complicity because of her perception that they failed to thoroughly investigate her allegations despite the fact that Florida State hired a former State Supreme Court justice to arbitrate.

Florida State President John Thrasher blasted the film, saying that its depiction of the Winston case supported a “simplistic narrative” replete with “major omissions and glaring distortions.” Trasher’s point is a reasonable one: Because the film failed to interview a single university official, it left viewers with the facile impression that “colleges and universities are to blame for our national sexual assault crisis.”

Unfortunately, the statements of Thrasher were roundly criticized on social media. Thousands of advocates shared videos of Erica Kinsman’s story accompanied by the hashtag #StandWithErica and by invectives directed against Thrasher and the Florida State administration.'

For campus sexual assaults, false reporting is a false measure

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The conversation about campus sexual assault lacks trust, most notably around the idea of false reporting. The wedge this issue drives between women and men has to be addressed when developing sexual assault legislation.

There are several numbers in circulation that claim to represent false reporting. One study often quoted by women's rights groups found only 2 percent to 8 percent of reports to be false. A different study, often quoted by men's rights groups, predicted that anywhere from 40 percent to 50 percent of cases are false.

Trying to put a number to false reports is pointless and even harmful. "False" report statistics can include not only the honest-to-God, outright lies that are provably false, but also cases that are dropped — a common occurrence in legal proceedings. A case can be dropped if there is a lack of evidence, the complainant tires of the reporting process or the case lacks a clear legal definition. At one university, this left only 35 percent of the cases viable for a day in court.'

Sex assault cases strain universities' discipline process, Christian says

Mastodon · 1 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The process Montana universities use to discipline students accused of sexual assault may not be the best system for adjudication, but it's the only tool the schools have, Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian said Monday.

"The code of conduct was meant to expel students for cheating on a test, not where it's went," Christian said. "That's a challenge and limitation of it. But we've got to have some process until we come up with a better one."

The records produced from one such process, the University of Montana proceedings that found former UM quarterback Jordan Johnson raped a student and that led to his expulsion, are the subject of a lawsuit filed by author Jon Krakauer.

According to Krakauer's book "Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town," published in April, a University Court disciplinary hearing found Johnson raped a female student. Christian, according to Krakauer's book, later reversed the expulsion.'

Radical Feminists and White Racists

Mastodon · 1 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'My feminist colleagues have a lot of explaining to do. Despite clear evidence of his innocence, they are continuing to peddle propaganda suggesting that a black Harvard Law student named Brandon Winston is guilty of sexual assault. I'm referring to their shameful decision to show the film The Hunting Ground to their students. In the process, they are presenting the film as an accurate portrayal of rape on college campuses in general and of several discredited cases in particular.

Whether they realize it or not, these feminists have allowed their commitment to advancing feminism to trump their commitment to fighting racism. In fact, their recent actions in repeating false accusations against black college students promote racism in a way not unlike the infamous case of the Scottsboro Boys in the 1930s.'

Domestic Violence Is Gender Blind, Unlike the Activists

Mastodon · 1 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Aiola Virella, editor in chief of Metro Puerto Rico, is a strong advocate for the victims of domestic violence. Well, actually, she only seems to care about half of those victims.

As is often the case, this career journalist used her Twitter account on November 25 to share a video regarding domestic violence with the hashtag #PazParaMujeres (Peace for Women). I responded to her post by asking if it shouldn't instead be #PazParaTodos (Peace for All)

Apparently not. Virella disagreed and invited me to "study the topic more." So, I shared a few examples of source material that supported my point of view.'

The Timothy Hunt Witch Hunt

Mastodon · 1 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 1983, the British biochemist Timothy Hunt discovered cyclins, a family of proteins that help regulate the life of cells. Eighteen years later, in 2001, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine. Between June 8 and June 10 of this year, the 72-year-old Hunt went from being a universally respected and even beloved figure at the top of the scientific establishment to an instant pariah, condemned everywhere for antiquated opinions about women's role in science that he does not, in fact, hold.

In only 48 hours, he found himself compelled to resign his positions at University College London and at the august Royal Society (where Isaac Newton and Robert Hooke once fought petty battles) after being told that failure to do so would lead to his outright firing.

The Timothy Hunt affair represents more than the gratuitous eye-blink ruination of a great man's reputation and career. It demonstrates the danger of the extraordinary, almost worshipful deference that academia, government institutions, and above all the mainstream media now accord to social media. It is yet more evidence of the way moral panic and (virtual) mob rule can be accelerated and intensified by the minimalism of Twitter, with its 140-character posts and its apparently inherent tendency to encourage snap judgments, prejudice, and cruelty.'

’44 boys is too many!’: Hillary Clinton’s new ‘gender war’ ad featuring children

Mastodon · 1 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton has a new web ad out titled, “44 boys is too many!” featuring young girls who’ve allegedly written notes to Clinton about why they want her to be president. We assume it’s supposed to be adorable, but it’s really kinda gross. Why use children like this?'

Ad here:

UK: Fathers4Justice founder agrees libel settlement with The Independent

Matt · 1 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The founder of Fathers4Justice, Matt O'Connor, has agreed a settlement with The Independent newspaper in libel proceedings.

O'Connor had instructed M Law to begin libel proceedings over an article in which Caroline Nokes MP made a series of false and libellous allegations about O'Connor, his wife and Fathers4Justice in the newspaper. The Independent agreed to publish a full response to the allegations and made a significant contribution to legal costs.

Said O'Connor, "This is the third settlement we have reached over false and defamatory allegations about Fathers4Justice and our family.

The first related to allegations made by Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss who falsely claimed F4J had issued death threats against her. She subsequently apologised to F4J in a live BBC broadcast in the House of Lords in 2013.

In April 2015, Prime Minister David Cameron falsely claimed Fathers4Justice had scaled the roof of his family home. He subsequently apologised in The Evening Standard, Telegraph and in writing to F4J on receipt of a letter before action.'

Swedish mag tweets job ad seeking anyone but white males

Mastodon · 2 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nöjesguiden the hip city magazine tweeted out their hunt for some new film & music reviewers here, archived here, adding "Note: white males declined".

Pretty blunt way to define the type of employee they were looking for, in fact some people called it discrimination and it has now been reported to the "Diskriminerings Ombudsman" in Sweden. In fact, at least fifteen people felt personally discriminated against as that's how many reports the Diskrimeringsombudsman has received so far according to Dagens Media. At least one of the complainers expresses that he feels discriminated against on the basis of ethnicity, as the company "writes explicitly that they do not want to hire people with certain skin color."

The tweet has been removed, and the wanted ad has been changed. Now on twitter you'll instead find this apology of sorts: "Sometimes even the PC-mafia* is interpreted wrong. As everyone knows, NG stands for everyones equal worth, and everyone are welcome to come and write for us." By "PC_mafia" they mean the Politically Correct 'mafia', a term often used for magazines like Nöjesguiden.'

The untold story of the campus 'rape crisis'

Matt · 2 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We've all heard about the "rape crisis" on our college campuses. We've heard that one in five young women are assaulted during their college years. It's a staggering number, one that hits home for parents of college-age kids. I was about to send a daughter off to school when I heard that statistic. I was horrified.

But other studies contradict that finding and claim the real number is far lower. No one really knows for sure. Another study claims that young women who do not attend college are more likely to be raped than those who do.

Still, many assaults go unreported, and – of course – one rape or sexual assault on any campus is too many. No one thinks this is not a serious issue. No one wants any college student to be assaulted or raped on campus.

But neither does anyone want a college student to be falsely accused in an effort to help the school look like it's taking the issue seriously. Lives are being ruined. Something must be done.

This weekend we will examine this case and more like it on a special report: Fox News Reporting – The Truth About Sex & College,airing Saturday and Sunday at 8 pm ET on the Fox News Channel.'

Underground at Brown

Matt · 3 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At Brown University, in Providence, R.I., there is a secret forum in which students may discuss potentially controversial issues freely. Let me say that again: At Brown, there is a secret forum in which students may discuss potentially controversial issues — or anything they want — freely.

Yes, there is an underground group whose purpose is to allow kids to say what they ought to be free to say above ground.

As David Frum remarked on Twitter, when he read the magazine piece, What is this? Warsaw 1983 or America 2015?

The group came about in this way: Last year, Brown was to host a debate on the issue of campus rape. In one corner was Jessica Valenti, a radical feminist, and in the other was Wendy McElroy, a radical libertarian. It was suspected that McElroy would deny there was a “culture of rape.” And this was intolerable to some students, who protested mightily — in advance, mind you.'

Defense Secretary orders all combat jobs open to women

Matt · 3 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The positions are open to women, but there's no mention of enacting the same policy of assigning women to combat roles whether they like it or not. (Hey, don't all rush to put in for an MOS change at once!) Excerpt:

'Defense Secretary Ash Carter on Thursday ordered the military to open all combat jobs to women, rebuffing requests by the Marine Corps to exclude women from certain front-line combat jobs.

Declaring that "we are a joint force," Carter said that while moving women into these jobs will present challenges, the military can no longer afford to exclude half of the population from grueling military jobs. He said that any man or woman who meets the standards should be able to serve, and he gave the armed services 30 days to submit plans to make the historic change.

Carter's order opens the final 10 percent of military positions to women, and allows them to serve in the military's most demanding and difficult jobs, including as special operations forces, such as the Army Delta units and Navy SEALs.'

Woman to Hillary: You Say Rape Accusers Should Be Believed, What About Your Husband's?

Matt · 3 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. And were those accusing Bill actually disproven, Hildebeast? Don't recall it. My how she changes her tune whenever it becomes convenient. Excerpt:

'During a campaign event in New Hampshire today, Hillary Clinton was asked about the women who accused her husband of rape and sexual assault.

The woman pointed out how Clinton recently said all rape victims should be believed, and then asked, "Would you say that about Juanita Broaddrick, Kathleen Willey, and/or Paula Jones?"
...
Clinton responded by saying, "I would say that everybody should be believed at first until they are disbelieved based on evidence."'

Court to hear whether women should register for draft

el cid · 4 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The White House announced Friday that it will consider making women eligible for the draft, one day after the Pentagon's historic decision to allow women in all combat roles.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said officials at the Pentagon are deliberating on the change and will work with Congress on the review on the selective service law.

On Thursday, Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced that all military jobs will be opened to women, including the most dangerous combat posts.

The outcome of a federal lawsuit challenging male-only registration also could play a role in determining whether women will be required to register for the draft. The case, National Coalition for Men vs. the Selective Service System, will be considered Tuesday by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Pasadena, Calif.

But Carter said the lawsuit won't stop the Pentagon from moving forward.'

Radical Feminism And The So-Called ‘Rape Epidemic’

Mastodon · 4 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'“Innocent until proven guilty.” The serial killer. The terrorist. The pedophile. All are accorded the presumption of innocence with the exception of one: the college-age male accused of sexual assault. Unfortunately for him, it’s “guilty until proven innocent,” where the blameless are sacrificed at the ideological altar of radical feminism.

Devoid of facts and eager to add renewed vigor to their flailing movement, the rabid feminists loudly proclaim and denounce the so-called “rape epidemic” on college campuses, all the while ignoring the “justice epidemic” they have created. At the hand of feminists, college campuses are quickly becoming microcosms of injustice – where no rape accusation is a false accusation and all men are guilty by virtue of their gender.

At the helm of this mob justice is none other than Hillary Clinton, who issued a battle cry to her feminist sisters on Twitter last month: “Every survivor of sexual assault deserves to be heard, believed, and supported.”'

Rights group sends letter to Ed Dept. opposing affirmative consent

Mastodon · 4 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education has sent a letter to the Education Department formally opposing affirmative consent, or "yes means yes," policies at colleges and universities.

FIRE has written against the use of yes-means-yes policies previously, as the rules define nearly all sex as rape and provide little recourse for accused students to prove their innocence.

"Given [the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights'] repeated acknowledgment that colleges' and universities' implementation of Title IX should not impinge on students' due process rights, the agency should clearly and publicly censure any consent standard — including the 'affirmative consent' standard — that seriously undermines an accused student's ability to defend himself or herself in a fair hearing," wrote FIRE's senior program officer, Susan Kruth.'

‘Hunting Ground’ Filmmakers to Harvard Law Profs: Criticizing Our Film Could Create a ‘Hostile Climate’

Mastodon · 4 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, a group of 19 Harvard Law School professors issued a press release denouncing the film The Hunting Ground as “propaganda” and condemning its “unfair and misleading portrayal” of the case of Harvard Law student Brandon Winston. Winston was dismissed from the law school for an alleged sexual assault, but later reinstated after faculty reversed the decision.
...
In a statement emailed to The Harvard Crimson and reported yesterday, Hunting Ground director Kirby Dick and producer Amy Ziering suggest that the professors’ criticism of the film may constitute actionable sex discrimination in violation of Title IX:

`“The Harvard Law professors’ letter is irresponsible and raises an important question about whether the very public bias these professors have shown in favor of an assailant contributes to a hostile climate at Harvard Law,” Dick and Ziering wrote.`

To say this assertion is ludicrous is an understatement. Unfortunately, that doesn’t mean it isn’t worth taking seriously. After all, the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR) recently opened a Title IX investigation into the University of Mary Washington (UMW) in Virginia in part because students alleged that a letter from the university president defending UMW against allegations of discrimination constituted “retaliation” in violation of Title IX. Similarly, Northwestern University investigated Professor Laura Kipnis earlier this year for alleged Title IX violations after she wrote an essay for The Chronicle of Higher Education about what she called the “sexual panic” on campus.'

10 of 71 ISIS recruits arrested in U.S. are female

Matt · 5 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. And people still think mass murder/terrorism is a "man's game". Nothing "game" about it, and nothing all-male about it, too. Excerpt:

'Ten out of 71 recruits for the Islamic State terror group arrested in the U.S. since 2014 are women, according to a new report which demonstrates that the role of women in the extremist group's ranks is increasing.

Since March 2014, 71 individuals have been charged with Islamic State-related activities, 56 were arrested in 2015 alone, a record number of terrorism-related arrests for any year since 9/11 according to the report from George Washington University's Program on Extremism.

Although a majority of Islamic State recruits and supporters tend to be male, an alarming number of women are joining the extremist group and helping to carry out its jihadist agenda.

Researchers identified 300 American and/or U.S.-based Islamic State sympathizers who use social media to radicalize new recruits. About one third of those accounts were operated by women, according to the report.

"A handful of studies have attempted to identify the reasons why ISIS's ideology attracts a growing number of Western women. While some of these motivations are identical to that of their male counterparts (i.e. the search for a personal identity and the desire to build a strict Islamic society), others are specific to women," the report says.
...
It was revealed on Thursday that Malik, a Pakistani, pledged her allegiance to Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi on Facebook as she and her husband, Syed Farook, carried out the deadly shooting, killing 14 people.

Authorities believed the couple may have been radicalized by Islamic extremists either in the U.S. or during trips to the Middle East, including to Saudi Arabia.'

DOD: Now That Women Can Serve in All Combat Roles They 'May' Need to Register for Selective Service

Mastodon · 5 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Following his announcement that he is opening all positions in the U.S. military--including all combat positions--to women who can meet the standards, Defense Secretary Ash Carter was asked on Thursday if that means women will have to register with the Selective Service, just as men must do.

"It may," he said.

A reporter asked Carter, "Mr. Secretary, does this decision now lead to a -- a greater debate about whether women need to register for Selective Service?"

"It may do that, Phil," Carter replied. "That is a matter of legal dispute right now, and in fact, litigation. So...I don't know how that will turn out."

Pakistan: Does feminism promote misandry?

Mastodon · 5 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism in many cases has done women proud, and eradicated gender based discrimination –but in some cases it contradicts the very essence of egalitarianism.

I have seen many women who paint men with the same brush and deem them – as a whole –too conservative and old fashioned. At times, I feel bad for my class fellows being shut down by female students while discussing feminism. Many of them, including my professor share a bigoted viewpoint regarding men.

I recently interviewed a few localities from my neighborhood and asked them the same question, whether feminism promotes hatred against men or not? I received varied responses.

“I think our country has outgrown women’s rights crisis. In my village, matriarchy is dominant,” said Hasan Jabeen, a local school teacher.

“I believe women do have a bias against men. I’ve seen it in public. I can hardly put into words the way they stare at men. It’s pretty bad. But above all, they make them doubt themselves as humans which is sad!” said Javeria Hussain, a graduate student.'

‘We Should All Be Feminists’ Manifesto to Be Distributed to Every 16-Year-Old in Sweden

Mastodon · 5 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Known primarily for three highly regarded novels, “Purple Hibiscus,” “Half of a Yellow Sun,” and, most recently, “Americanah,” Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie gave a 2013 TED Talk about the difficulties—and necessity—of being a feminist in Nigeria. The talk soon became a minor Internet sensation, amassing more than 2.3 million views to date.

Adichie has adapted the address into a 64-page book, called “We Should All Be Feminists.” Now the translated book is being distributed to every 16-year-old in Sweden by the Swedish Women’s Lobby and publisher Albert Bonniers. Launching the project at Norra Real High School in Stockholm this week, organizers said they hoped the book would “work as a stepping stone for a discussion about gender equality and feminism.”
...
"Some people ask: ‘Why the word feminist? Why not just say you are a believer in human rights, or something like that?’ Because that would be dishonest,” Adichie continues. “Feminism is, of course, part of human rights in general – but to choose to use the vague expression human rights is to deny the specific and particular problem of gender. It would be a way of pretending that it was not women who have, for centuries, been excluded."'

Tashfeen Malik 'wild card' in San Bernardino shooting: U.S. lawmaker

Matt · 6 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Tashfeen Malik, the Pakistani woman involved in the California mass shooting last week, may have influenced her American husband toward violence, said Representative Michael McCaul, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, on Sunday.

Malik's relatives in Pakistan have said she appeared to have abandoned the family's moderate Islam and become more radicalized during years they spent in Saudi Arabia.

Malik, 29, and her U.S.-born husband, Syed Rizwan Farook, 28, stormed a gathering of civil servants in San Bernardino, California, on Wednesday, opening fire with assault rifles and killing 14 people.

The pair were killed two hours later in a shootout with police SWAT team members.'

Boys should have the right to say no to feminism

Mastodon · 7 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The evangelical drive to teach boys to be feminists reached a new high last week with the news that every 16-year-old in Sweden is to be given a free copy of the book “We Should All Be Feminists”.

The short essay, based on a 2013 TED talk by the Nigerian novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, has become a sacred text for those who share Yvette Cooper’s belief that “we need our sons growing up as confident feminists”.
...
However, as a straight, white male from working-class roots living a fairly middle-class lifestyle (a demographic one of my mates describes as “half-classed”), I’m left wondering if there is a stage anywhere in the world where a young man could be applauded for saying:

“I have chosen to no longer be apologetic for my maleness and for my masculinity and I want to respected in all of my maleness because I deserve to be!”

It may sound comical but in a truly egalitarian world we would welcome such declarations of male and female empowerment with parity. And yet my personal experience of the feminist worldview that dominates gender politics, is that rather than encourage the empowerment of men, it expects us to apologise for our maleness, our masculinity and our manhood.

So the day I gave up apologising for being my own man – both to socially-conservative traditionalists and to progressive, liberal feminists – was the day I became an unapologetic, card-carrying non-feminist.'

Australia: Position Vacant - "Senior Gender Equity Advisor", Adelaide Uni

Minuteman · 8 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. From the Position Description:

'Classification HEO8 *{AU$88,126 per annum}*

...

Scope

The scope of this role extends to all areas of the University and its activities aligned to achievement of gender equity. The role will connect with the Gender, Equity & Diversity (GED) Committee, faculty based gender equity roles and committees forming to support the Dornwell Framework. Planning and decision making will extend to the shaping the approach for both the Athena Swan application and the Employer of Choice for Gender Equality Citation, as well as the delivery of the annual WGEA Report. The opportunity to influence and guide direction in relation to gender equity matters will be significant.

Promote a strategic and coordinated approach to gender equity initiatives

* Connect with the GED Committee, the National Health & Medical Research Council, Administering Institution Audit, the Academic Women's' Forum, Women's' Professional Development Network, Male Champions of Change and any other networks and forums internal to the University to promote a wider understanding of the areas of focus and initiatives being undertaken with in the University.
* Work with University Engagement and Marketing staff to ensure our public narrative specifically celebrates and promotes the achievements of our female students, staff and alumni.'

White House petition to create office of men's health

Matt · 8 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Excerpt:

'We are calling on all men—and those who love them—to urge the creation of a federal Office of Men's Health. This office would join existing federal offices tasked with safeguarding the health of women, children, and minorities. Men are in need of similar attention because of critical health issues specific to their gender: a higher risk of premature death from stroke, heart disease, and diabetes; heightened odds of addiction; and a higher risk of harming themselves and others. The Office could also create messaging about the importance of nutrition and physical fitness and address social issues such as men's access to paid family leave in the workplace. Addressing these problems will improve the lives of everyone, and the economy as a whole.'

Professors, rights groups write letter defending student due process rights

Mastodon · 10 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Professors from across the country, as well as several rights groups, have written a letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee condemning the evisceration of due process rights for college students.

The letter, addressed to Sens. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., and Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., describes the example of Northwestern University professor Laura Kipnis, who earlier this year faced a Title IX investigation for writing an article condemning current campus sexual assault policies. Title IX is the federal law that bans gender discrimination and has been used in recent years to justify adjudicating sexual assault as campus disciplinary matters.'

Court reviews all-male draft in wake of Pentagon women-in-combat decision

Mastodon · 10 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A panel of federal judges in California heard arguments Tuesday on whether the courts should weigh in on the male-only military draft now that the Pentagon opened all combat roles to women.

The case of National Coalition for Men vs. the Selective Service System had initially been dismissed because not all combat positions were open to women when it was first filed in 2013. Tuesday's hearing in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Pasadena was originally set to discuss whether the 2013 dismissal had been appropriate.

However, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter on Thursday opened all remaining combat positions to women, in a move the Pentagon acknowledged "alters the factual backdrop" to the constitutionality of a male-only draft.'

Student group criticises Advocacy for Men & Boys group in open letter

Mastodon · 10 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies student union (GSWSSU) has published an open letter criticising SFU's Advocacy for Men & Boys (SFU AMB) club, a campus group focused on addressing men's issues, claiming that the club is "using men's issues as a way to attack feminism."

The letter was published on the union's WordPress page on Monday, and is addressed primarily in response to SFU AMB's November 8 event, "Toxic Masculinity & Toxic FEMININITY." The event was promoted with posters showing a biohazard sign over a venus symbol, a gesture the open letter alleges is "offensive, hostile, and aggressive." The main speaker for the event was Karen Straughan, a self-proclaimed "anti-feminist" and men's rights advocate. A video recording of Straughan speaking at the event can be found here.'

SAVE: Law Professors and Groups Call on Congress to Rein in OCR, Restore Free Speech and Due Process on Campus

Matt · 10 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

PRESS RELEASE

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WASHINGTON / December 9, 2015 – Today a group of law professors and leading organizations are releasing a letter that calls on Congress to require the federal Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to act in a lawful manner in its issuance of new regulations. Over the years the OCR has released numerous directives without seeking prior review and comment, as required by the federal Administrative Procedure Act.

The Department of Education's OCR has treated its directives as mandates, threatening universities with loss of federal funding if they did not comply. These directives, known as Dear Colleague Letters, have eroded free speech and due process on college campuses, the professors say.

In one celebrated case, Northwestern University professor Laura Kipnis published an article criticizing her school's sexual harassment policy. Ironically, Kipnis soon found herself the target of a sexual harassment complaint alleging her article could create a "chilling effect" on future complainants. Kipnis later described the college's full-scale probe a "Title IX Inquisition:" http://chronicle.com/article/My-Title-IX-Inquisition/230489

Northwestern University's months-long investigation of the Kipnis editorial was based on a previous OCR Agreement specifying that "the University has an obligation to consider the effects of off-campus conduct."

The professors and organizations expressed their "profound concern regarding the alarming erosion of free speech and due process on college campuses, which has arisen in response to the policies and actions of the Office for Civil Rights."

Law professors signing the letter include Nadine Strossen, former president of the ACLU and now with New York Law School, Stephanos Bibas of Penn Law, Elizabeth Bartholet of Harvard Law School, Richard Klein of Touro College, and others. Organizational signatories include the National Association of Scholars, Independent Women's Forum, and Families Advocating for Campus Equality.

A copy of the letter to Congress can be seen here: http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/ocr/

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments is working to protect free speech on campus and promote effective solutions to sexual assault: http://www.saveservices.org/

India: Why freedom will mean little to this rape accused

Matt · 10 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'His dreams of making a mark as a teacher were shattered mid-way. His wedding, which was just a few days away, was called off. He lost his job which was the only means o sustenance for his elderly parents. A year after being labelled a rapist and locked up in jail for 95 days, 27-year-old Nagaraj, a school attender, is likely to be absolved for lack o evidence. But, the damage has been done and it's unlikely that a court order will be able to repair the young man's spirit or restore his mental health On November 26, 2014 Nagaraj was accused of sexually assaulting a three-year-old pre-nursery girl at a reputed private school off Old Madras Road. The graduate, who had taken up the attender's job to fulfill his ambition of becoming a teacher, was arrested on November 29.

He was subsequently released on bail and the police are now on the verge of letting him go by due to lack of sufficient evidence to convict him. As reported by BM on December 2 ('Child rape case closed: It was urinary infection'), the police are also planning to file a 'C' report which means that due to lack of evidence against the accused, in this case Nagaraj, they declare the `real' accused as `not traceable'. However, the case can be reopened as and when the real accused is traced or even if foolproof evidence against Nagaraj is established which means investigations in the case would continue.'

SAVE E-lert: Fox Goes After "The Hunt"

Matt · 10 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

You may have seen our previous emails denouncing The Hunting Ground, a fake documentary full of lies: http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/hunting-ground/

Good news! This Saturday and Sunday, December 12-13th, Fox News is taking on The Hunting Ground. Fox will be airing a documentary on campus sexual assault.

Information to Know:
Fox News Reporting - The Truth About Sex & College
Anchored by Martha MacCullum
December 12 and 13th, 8 p.m. ET
Fox News Channel

We encourage you to watch this special report, and hope that it will bring to light the many egregious activities taking place on campus and within the federal government.

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Policy Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Sens. Gillibrand, McCaskill given super hero makeovers for fighting campus sexual assault

Mastodon · 11 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton campaigned heavily this fall on the one-in-five campus rape statistic, promising to take on the “epidemic” of campus sexual assault. President Obama has cited the statistic. The White House teamed up with College Humor to create a stupid bear attack skit to make young men aware of the one-in-five statistic. However, that statistic, based on a 15-minute online survey of two Midwestern universities in 2007, is heavily disputed, and schools are reporting much lower numbers.

It is in this environment that young men in college are found guilty of sexual assault without trial, which has led both the alleged rapist of “Mattress Girl” and the fraternity falsely accused of gang rape in a debunked Rolling Stone article to file lawsuits against their accusers.

This post isn’t an ad for MacCallum’s special, though: it’s meant only to introduce the latest heroes to be honored for their fight against the epidemic of campus sexual assault. espnW recently announced those women named to its annual IMPACT25 list of athletes and influencers “who have made the greatest impact for women in sports.” ESPN teamed up with Marvel, which rendered the women as super heroes.'

New UK health chief deliberately ignores men's health

Matt · 11 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. In a classic it's-only-a-problem-if-it-affects-women example of nymphotropism, the UK health chief declares obesity in women to be more dangerous to the UK than terrorism while deliberately ignoring it in men, who have a worse problem with it than women. Typical. Excerpt:

'Obesity poses as big a risk to the nation as terrorism, says the Chief Medical Officer.

Dame Sally Davies wants the obesity crisis in women to be classed alongside flooding and major outbreaks of disease – as well as the threat from violent extremism.

Her extraordinary claim comes as she warns today that being overweight affects all stages of women's lives – including in the womb.

It may lead them to being teased as teenagers, having higher-risk pregnancies and possibly developing breast cancer or heart disease after the menopause.

'Action is required across all of society to prevent obesity and its associated problems from shortening women's lives and affecting their quality of life,' she will say.
...
Obesity rates are actually higher in men – 72 per cent of those aged 35 to 44 are at least overweight rising to 80 per cent of the over 45s.'

The growing plight of the middle-aged white man

Mastodon · 11 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While many – myself included – applaud the rise of women as breadwinners and business leaders, the plight of the middle-aged male can't be ignored, specifically since recent data showa troubling spike in suicide rates for this demographic. It's what Salon magazine recently dubbed the "Willy Loman crisis."

The article characterizes this cohort of white, middle-class men as having once been masters of the universe – until they weren't. Forced to face challenging economic conditions as a result of the 2008 economic meltdown, many felt there was no alternative but to end their lives.

It's not just a U.S. problem. According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, men die by suicide at four times the rate of women and, in Ontario, over the past 10 years, more men died from suicide than car crashes.
...
It's also hard to draw attention to the plight of middle-class white males without falling into the open arms of the men's rights movement, a "manosphere" populated by misogynists who blame women and feminism for all of men's woes. Let's be clear: Feminism isn't to blame for this issue. In fact, it may be part of the solution.

"Women, and feminists in particular, have been saying for decades that they want men to be more open with their feelings and want men to abandon masculine ideas of rugged individualism, so it makes no sense for women to somehow be blamed when men fail to seek help," argued Cliff Leek, a Brooklyn-based doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology at Stony Brook University and the managing editor of the research journal Men and Masculinities.

Men, he observed, need to adjust to a more equal work environment and that includes addressing their own assumptions that they are more entitled to positions or promotions than their female peers.

"The idea that men are being 'unfairly' overlooked for promotions and hiring is premised on the misguided idea that women who are hired are not qualified or are less qualified than men. This simply isn't the case," said Mr. Leek, adding that research shows women often need to have more experience than men in order to be seen as equally qualified.'

Rape Activist Threatens to Sue Newsweek For Publishing Accused Student's Side of the Story

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When contacted for comment by Newsweek, anti-rape activist Emma Sulkowicz threatened to sue the paper if they published the story of the man she accused of rape.

Newsweek's front page story, titled "The Other Side of the College Sexual Assault Crisis," examines the surge in college students being falsely accused of rape after universities began lowering their evidentiary standards to crack down on rape. The centerpiece of the article is the story of Paul Nungesser, a Columbia University student who accused of rape by Sulkowicz.'

UK: Woman punished for making false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The 33-year-old falsely claimed she had been sexually assaulted in Barnsley town centre last weekend and was issued with a fixed penalty notice by police.

Barnsley Command Team Chief Inspector Mark James said: “A thorough investigation was immediately carried out from the initial report received and the woman was provided support from specially trained officers.

“However, as the investigation progressed, a number of discrepancies in the claim became apparent and there was no evidence to corroborate or substantiate the woman’s claims, with CCTV footage confirming beyond doubt that an attack had not actually taken place.

“False reports of rape or any sexual assault are not only are an incredible waste of police resources and time, as well as the significant cost involved, but it is detrimental to the actual victims of this type of crime.”'

Activists Might Be Gearing Up to Sic the Title IX Inquisition on The Hunting Ground's Critics

Mastodon · 12 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this week, I warned that the activist filmmakers behind The Hunting Ground appeared to be threatening their critics among the Harvard University Law faculty:

"The Harvard Law professors' letter is irresponsible and raises an important question about whether the very public bias these professors have shown in favor of an assailant contributes to a hostile climate at Harvard Law," Kirby Dick and Amy Ziering wrote in a statement to The Harvard Crimson.

That sure sounded to me like the prelude to a Title IX investigation. Sure enough, Harvard Law Professor Jeannie Suk writes in the New Yorker that "I've been told by a high-level administrator that several people have inquired about the possibility" of a Title IX inquiry:

`To my knowledge, no complaint of sexual harassment has been filed with Harvard's Title IX office—though I've been told by a high-level administrator that several people have inquired about the possibility—and I don't know if the school would proceed with an investigation. Precedent for such an investigation exists in the case of Laura Kipnis, a feminist film-studies professor at Northwestern University, who earlier this year wrote an article criticizing aspects of Title IX policies and culture and was accused of creating a hostile environment on campus; Northwestern conducted an investigation and ultimately cleared Kipnis of sexual-harassment charges. A handful of students have said that they feel unsafe at Harvard because of the professors' statement about the film. If a Title IX complaint were filed and an investigation launched, the professors wouldn't be permitted to speak about it, as that could be considered "retaliation" against those who filed the complaint, which would violate the campus sexual-harassment policy.`'

Meet The Taxpayer-Funded Administrator Who Thinks Title IX Supersedes The US Constitution

Mastodon · 12 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An administrator at Michigan Technological University is laboring under the impression that Title IX takes legal precedence over the United States Constitution. He also believes students violate Title IX when they make raunchy jokes about sexual harassment.

The administrator is Les Cook, the president for student affairs at Michigan Tech, a taxpayer-funded public school with an ugly campus in the frozen tundra of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Cook made his odd claim about the supremacy of Title IX earlier this month as he attempted to justify Michigan Tech's decision to place The Daily Bull, a satirical student publication, on probation for two years.'

Student claims women-only weight class is discrimination

Mastodon · 12 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A controversy has surfaced at Boise State University, over a weight-lifting class targeted for only women.

One male BSU student says because Boise State is a public university, they are breaking discrimination laws by having the class.

Former Idaho Attorney General, David Leroy, says merely granting exclusive use of a public facility to one group is not discriminating against all other groups.

Leroy added that not only does he think the student accusing BSU of discrimination doesn't fully understand the law, but furthermore, that same logic used in the accusation would give us bigger issues than a women-only weight class.'

'Things Have Changed,' U.S. Judge Says Of Case Over Men-Only Military Draft

Mastodon · 12 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One week after Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced women in the U.S. military can serve in any combat role, a federal appeals court is considering a lawsuit from a men's group that says a male-only draft is unconstitutional.
...
The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in California will now decide "whether to dismiss the case or send it to a lower court for trial," member station KPCC reports.

Here's how KPCC summarized last week's hearing:

"'Things have changed,' Judge Marsha Berzon said at one point during Tuesday's proceedings. 'Right now the position is that all combat jobs are open to women, no?'

"Attorneys for the federal government said the case should still be thrown out arguing, in part, that because the named plaintiff, James Lesmeister, has registered for the draft, the point is moot.

"'There is no assertion in the complaint of any injury whatsoever,' Assistant U.S. Attorney Sonia McNeil said.

Berzon pushed back, saying: 'but they do have an assertion of an injury, i.e. "We have to register. If I were a woman, I wouldn't have to register."'"'

The men’s health gap: men must be included in the global health equity agenda

Matt · 13 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'That men tend to be in worse health than women has now been made clear by robust evidence from various sources. The Global Burden of Disease study led by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation in 2010 (GBD 2010 study) showed that throughout the period from 1970 to 2010, women had a longer life expectancy than men.1 Over that 40-year period, female life expectancy at birth increased from 61.2 to 73.3 years, whereas male life expectancy rose from 56.4 to 67.5 years. These figures indicate that the gap in life expectancy at birth widened between the sexes to men’s disadvantage over those 40 years.

By 2010, on the whole women were outliving men by an average of almost six years. In the region with the lowest life expectancy at birth – central sub-Saharan Africa – men were living 5.3 years less than women on average. Eastern Europe showed the biggest difference in life expectancy between men and women: women in the Russian Federation were outliving men by an average of 11.6 years. According to the Global health 2035 report, published in the Lancet in 2013, in countries classified as “least developed” and “less developed” by the United Nations adult mortality fell faster among women than among men between 1992 and 2012.'

Female Sam’s Club CEO takes action if suppliers send her all white male reps

Mastodon · 14 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sam’s Club black, female CEO Rosalind Brewer told CNN’s Poppy Harlow that she recently met with a supplier whose executive team was comprised of all white males.

“Just today we met with a supplier and the entire other side of the table was all Caucasian males,” she told Harlow who asked her what she said to them.

“I decided not to talk about it directly with his folks in the room because there were actually no female, like, levels down,” she said. “I’m gonna place a call to him.”

Wow.

She also said she uses her position to “nudge,” Sam’s Clubs partners and suppliers to hire more minorities and women for the top spots.

This philosophy is not discrimination how?'

Professors Threatened With Investigation For Questioning Rape Documentary

Mastodon · 15 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A group of Harvard professors who criticized the campus rape documentary “The Hunting Ground” are being menaced with the possibility of a Title IX sexual harassment investigation intended to silence their criticisms.

“The Hunting Ground,” released early this year, portrays American college campuses as hotbeds of sexual assault where administrators routinely allow perpetrators to get off scot-free. The film has attracted a great deal of criticism, though, both for the data it relies on and for the individual stories it uses to portray the campus rape epidemic.

Last month, a group of 19 Harvard Law School professors published an open letter denouncing it as a “propaganda” film in advance of its airing on CNN. In particular, the professors criticized the film for its treatment of Brandon Winston, a Harvard law student whom the film treats as almost certainly guilty of raping fellow student Kamilah Willingham. In fact, a criminal grand jury failed to even indict Willingham of a sex crime, indicating a severe lack of evidence against him.'

College Sex Crime ‘Courts’ Dismiss Due Process

Mastodon · 15 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In Fox News Reporting: The Truth About Sex & College, host Martha MacCallum explores the so-called “rape epidemic” on college campuses that has been hyped by President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, and other political leaders such as Democrat presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) – who invited mattress-carryingrape accuser and sex tape producer Emma Sulkowicz to the State of the Union address in January.

Militant feminist professors and administrators at schools such as Occidental College have used a “guidance” letter sent out by Obama’s Department of Education, which threatens to strip federal funding from colleges that do not treat accusations of sexual assault according to its own politicized perspective, to form their own tribunals. These “courts,” however, have charged the students facing them without allowing them the advice of counsel of their own and the opportunity to face their accuser or to introduce relevant evidence such as texts that suggest a consensual sexual relationship.'

Study: Young white men are the most derided group in Britain

Matt · 15 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Young, white men are the most derided group in Britain, according to a vast series of polls into the public's attitudes to each other.

British people expect young white men to get drunk, not work hard, be rude and to have several sexual partners.

They are also deemed to be the most likely British residents - alongside young black Caribbean men - to take drugs.

The YouGov poll asked people for their views on different groups of 48 differing groups - including ages, genders and ethnicities - and were asked to score them on specific positive and negative criteria.

These included how likely they are to be honest, to be intelligent, to work hard and to help others.'

Advert Against ‘Rape Culture’ Portrays Being a Woman as the ‘Greatest Danger of All’

Mastodon · 16 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Norwegian campaign to stop sexual violence against women has received criticism for being sexist against men.

The video, titled “#DearDaddy” and produced by CARE Norway, seeks to tackle “rape culture” as it shows the future life of the titular father’s unborn daughter asking him ”for a favour about boys.”

”By the time I’m 14, the boys in my class will have called me a whore, a bitch, a cunt and many other things,” the actress says. “By the time I’m 16 a couple of the boys will have stuck their hands down my pants when I’m so drunk I can’t even stand straight.”

“And when I say no, they just laugh. It’s funny right?” she asks.

She goes on to tell her father how she was raped at 21 by the son of a man he used to go swimming with, who would always make insulting jokes that he would laugh at.'

#DearDaddy video on YouTube here.

UK: Jilted secretary demanded £200k from ex-boss after making false rape claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Dilrushi Mendis, 40, cheated on her husband with the married businessman until he sacked and dumped her.

But the mother-of-one refused to accept the relationship was over and launched a campaign against him, sending “revenge porn” to his relatives and turning up outside his home.

...

“She sent him a text which read, ‘If you do not come and see me I’ll do something terrible to you.’ She asked him — knowing he was a wealthy man — for £40,000 to £50,000 to open a hair salon.”

Around this time she reported him to the police, claiming he struck her. “She admitted to him she lied to the police,” Mr King said.

On the evening of March 2 last year she invited him to stay over. He arrived with a friend and still maintains they slept in a separate room.

Mendis, however, told police the men arrived with alcohol and she had two or three drinks before her former boss entered her room and raped her.'

Feminist Camille Paglia on Yes Means Yes: ‘Drearily Puritanical, Hopelessly Authoritarian’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ella Whelan: Are you therefore concerned by the push for affirmative-consent or, as they’re otherwise known, ‘Yes means Yes’ laws?

Paglia: As I have repeatedly argued throughout my career, sex is a physical interaction, animated by primitive energies and instincts that cannot be reduced to verbal formulas. Neither party in any sexual encounter is totally operating in the rational realm, which is why the Greek god Dionysus was the patron of ecstasy, a hallucinatory state of pleasure-pain. ‘Yes means Yes’ laws are drearily puritanical and literalistic as well as hopelessly totalitarian. Their increasing popularity simply demonstrates how boring and meaningless sex has become – and why Hollywood movies haven’t produced a scintilla of sexiness since Sharon Stone uncrossed her legs in Basic Instinct. Sex is always a dangerous gamble – as gay men have known and accepted for thousands of years. Nothing in the world will ever be totally safe, even the plushy pads of an infant’s crib, to which feminist ideologues would evidently wish to reduce us all.'

Ed Dept. just got more money to combat campus sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Education Department's Office for Civil Rights just received a 7 percent increase in its budget in the recently passed omnibus spending bill.

The House-passed bill includes a $7 million increase in funding for OCR, while the bill before the Senate includes a $6 million increase. Last year, OCR's budget was $100 million.

OCR had sought an additional $30 million in funding in part to help ease the burden of campus sexual assault investigations. OCR is currently investigating more than 150 schools for alleged violations of the anti-discrimination law known as Title IX. This is thanks in part to the office's 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter that forced schools to adjudicate sexual assault accusations under Title IX.
...
"Though OCR may claim to be under-funded, its resources are stretched thin largely because it has so often chosen to address violations it has made up out of thin air," members Gail Heriot and Peter Kirsanow wrote. "Increasing OCR's budget would in effect reward the agency for frequently over-stepping the law. It also would provide OCR with additional resources to undertake more ill-considered initiatives for which it lacks authority."'

Women's group complains about not enough women writing about rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For further evidence that outrage feminists believe gender trumps all else, a new report from the Women's Media Center bemoans the fact that more articles about campus sexual assault in major newspapers were written by men than by women.

Forget the content of those articles — women should write about rape, and men should write about whatever the modern feminists tell them they can write about.

WMC limited their search of gender bylines to "top-circulation" U.S. newspapers and wire services. One wonders what the byline breakdown would be had they included other media outlets. The list did not include Slate (which discounts Emily Yoffe, who often writes on the topic), the Daily Beast (which discounts Cathy Young and Lizzie Crocker), Salon (which discounts Amanda Marcotte), Cosmopolitan (which discounts Jill Filipovic and several other women), Reason (which discounted Elizabeth Nolan Brown and Linda M. LeFauve), nor did it include the Washington Examiner, which discounts me.'

NPO: New Support for Shared Parenting

Matt · 17 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, I attended the second International Conference on Shared Parenting in Bonn, Germany. This was organized by the International Council on Shared Parenting (ICSP). (National Parents Organization has worked hard to foster the growth of this new Europe-based research organization.)

The conference was attended by about 120 people from 20 countries, from Malaysia to America. We learned, for instance, that shared parenting is favored by law in Switzerland, Sweden, Australia and Brazil, which also has an anti-parental alienation law. Moreover, as we have reported earlier, the Council of Europe has passed a resolution calling for shared parenting in the European countries in order to counter gender bias.

As one of the presenters, I gave evidence to support the idea that in most cases, the best interest of the child is best served with shared parenting.'

Bloodstained brothers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Four men stand on the corner of College and Chapel street in New Haven on Sat. Oct. 3, dressed head to toe in white Tyvek painter overalls, shivering. On the fabric below their waists, each man proudly sports a large, shocking red splotch.

The white jumpsuits certainly make a statement—“bloody crotches saying ‘J’accuse!’” as one man describes them later—but they aren’t windproof. It’s aWuthering Heights kind of day, the kind where the wind whips around the sides of buildings and under your hood; where the tips of your fingers get stiff around the pencil you’re clutching.

Or the “Stop Torturing Boys” sign you’re waving, in the case of the four men standing next to me. They call themselves the Bloodstained Men.

The Bloodstained Men are a 501(c)(3) non-profit recognized by the state of California and operate as an education and outreach organization within the intactivist movement. “Intactivists” advocate for ending male circumcision worldwide, arguing that it is a form of genital mutilation and therefore a human rights violation.
...
As a firm believer in bodily autonomy, I’m starting to feel a sense of alliance with the damaged guys. Pro-choice activists contend that women should have the right to choose what they do with their own bodies, and therefore that lawmakers cannot legally forbid them from getting an abortion. Intactivists contend that men should have that right to choose, too, and therefore that parents should not be legally allowed to make the decision to circumcise without a child’s consent. Maybe behind the bared teeth and violent imagery, the Bloodstained Men are onto something—their body, their choice. Right?'

New trial for man convicted after woman had 'rape dream'

mens_issues · 18 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

An appalling story here. Excerpt:

'A man imprisoned for 28 years after a woman said she dreamed that he raped her could be freed after a Denver judge overturned his conviction.

Denver District Judge Kandace Gerdes ordered a new trial for Clarence Moses-El, saying he would likely be acquitted after another man confessed to the crime.

Moses-El was convicted in 1988 of raping and assaulting a woman when she returned home from a night of drinking. He was sentenced to 48 years in prison.

His efforts to appeal were unsuccessful, in part because Denver police destroyed DNA evidence from the attack, despite a judge's order to preserve it.'

UK: Why today could be a turning point in the history of men's rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The world may have been concentrating on the climate change conference in Paris, the EU renegotiation talks and Star Wars; but future historians may record this week as the moment the earth finally moved in social relations between women and men.

Today, for the first time, the Equalities and Human Rights Commission will be called upon to recognise formally that men and boys can be in positions of systemic disadvantage and inequality in British life - such as education and family life and law.

A tiny fissure will thus be driven into the unyielding concrete crust that has covered gender politics for the last half century. For the entire lifetimes of most people in this country, it has been a central, unquestionable article of faith that where inequalities pervade our society by gender, they must inhere exclusively to females.'

Sir Tim Hunt To Leave Britain: How Feminists Chased Away One of Britain's Geniuses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists have chased away one of Britain's finest scientific minds. Sir Tim Hunt, the Nobel prize-winning scientist who was forced to resign from an honorary professorship at University College London (UCL) after false allegations of sexism is now set to leave Britain for Japan.

Hunt was accused of sexism after aggrieved progressive journalists took Hunt's ironic, self-deprecating comments about being a "chauvinist monster" and presented them as genuine. One of the journalists, Connie St Louis, was later found to have a history of exaggerated claims – most notably on her CV.

A recording of Hunt's speech eventually exonerated him, revealing not only that his comments were a joke, but that he had also gone on to praise the achievements of women in science. The President of the Royal Society eventually conceded that Hunt should not have had to resign, and had been the victim of a "Twitter and Media storm."'

Analysis: NPR Talks About Women's Issues Five Times More Than Men's

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Analysis of over 150,000 NPR stories has shown a clear bias against men at the network, with stories about women's issues covered far more frequently than men's.

Blogger Chris Mumford wrote a computer program that analysed hundreds of thousands of NPR's story "tags" – the metadata associated with articles that tells you which category of news the story is covering. The results, which covered stories from 2010 to 2015, were shocking.

Mumford found that there were only 45 tags related to men and men's issues, compared to 115 for women and women's issues. Furthermore, unlike the female tags, several of the male tags had negative connotations, including "black male privilege," "yes men," and the oddly specific "creepy men on motorcycles" tag.
...
Appallingly, but not surprisingly, there is also a "cancer gap." Stories about female cancers, such breast and ovarian cancer were 2.8 times more likely to appear on NPR's website than stories about male cancers, such as prostate and testicular cancer.'

UK: Oxford students shut down abortion debate

Matt · 19 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

This is dated but relevant to current events. (I found out about it from this article.) Excerpt:

'A few months ago I accepted an invitation by the Oxford Students for Life to debate Brendan O'Neill on the subject "This House believes Britain's Abortion Culture Hurts Us All". The setting was Christ Church College and around 60 people signed up to attend on Facebook. To be clear: this wasn't a pro-life demo and the subject wasn't whether or not women should have the right to choose abortion. Even though I was speaking for the proposition, my speech would've begun with noting that the motion has nothing to do with abortion rights per se and was simply a consideration of how having effective abortion on demand affects wider society. Brendan, speaking for the opposition, would've doubtless done a fine job and probably run rings round me. It was a fair and free debate that I half expected to lose.
...
The university's students' union also issued a statement that took aim at Brendan and me for being so offensively attached to our God-given genitals: "The Women's Campaign (WomCam) condemn SFL for holding this debate. It is absurd to think we should be listening to two cisgender men debate about what people with uteruses should be doing with their bodies." Next, the Christ Church Junior Common Room (posh talk for "the committee that run the students' bar") passed a motion asking their college to decline to room the debate. Eventually, the college caved-in on the grounds that, "there was insufficient time between today and tomorrow to address some concerns they had about the meeting"...
...
The arguments against hosting the debate were spurious. That only men were speaking was no reason to stop it. A) Anyone objecting to the subject matter or the virile masculinity of the speakers was free not to attend. B) A private society should be allowed to invite whoever they want to discuss whatever they want (providing it's legal and doesn't incite violence etc). C) The idea that an ethical issue can only be debated by the people directly affected by it is self-evidently unintelligent. And D) we weren't debating women's right to choose anyway but instead the effect of abortion on wider society, which does include a few men. Sorry, by "men" I mean "cisgendered heteronormative masculine pronouns in possession of a Hampton wick".'

Canadian Women's Mag Chatelaine discovers 68% of CAN Women are NOT Feminists

fathers4fairness · 19 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gloria Steinem — the grande dame of feminism herself — responded to the Chatelaine survey results on a visit to Toronto earlier this week. “Carefully nurtured stereotypes [are to blame]: Feminists have no sense of humour, they’re anti-men, they’re anti-sex. It’s all bullshit,” she said.

Perhaps the most heartening response came from the son of one of the women who participated in our This is 40ish video shoot last month.

“Just watched this video with my kids,” Jacki Yovanoff wrote on Facebook. “My 8-year-old son said “I’m a feminist!”'

[The rest of the article lectures women on why they should adopt the cliche.]

State lawmaker proposes bill that would make getting Viagra as hard as getting abortions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What if men seeking erectile dysfunction drugs in South Carolina had to go through the same process as women seeking abortions?

This is the novel question that state Rep. Mia McLeod (D) is exploring in a bill that she pre-filed last week in the South Carolina House of Representatives. While she doesn't expect it to pass in her "male-dominated" legislature, McLeod told NBC she hopes it will broaden the discussion surrounding abortion services in the state.

"I purposely tried to make it as invasive, as intrusive, as hypocritical and unnecessary as possible to make the point," she said.'

McCaskill and Gillibrand say they want fair hearings for the accused

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Article here. Excerpt:

'McCaskill: There are people who have legitimate concerns about false accusations and the impact that can have on a young person's life when they have been falsely accused. Kirsten and I are not unaware that that is an issue we need to be concerned about, and that's why we have made changes in the legislation to address not just the rights of the victim, the accuser, but also of the accused. And that's where you're seeing some of the pushback—from families who believe that a loved one was accused unfairly. But the truth is kangaroo courts don't help anybody. They don't help the accused. They don't help the accuser. We want to make sure there's no more of that. We want to make sure there's transparency and due process and fairness. Because that will benefit everyone.'

Upload of images enabled on MANN

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At a reader's suggestion I have enabled upload of images along with story content. Let's see how this works. Images will be scaled so that they are no larger than 640x640 pixels and limited in size to 1 MB, with 100 MB/user as the total upload limit. I don't imagine we will see too heavy usage of this feature but it's nice to have it when posting information better shown graphically, or when an original story depends on an image to make its point.

How to add an image to your submitted story? When creating a story, click "File Attachments" and use the "Browse..." button to browse to the image you want to attach and click "Attach" after choosing it. Obviously, all images should be 'G' rated and if for some reason you feel it necessary to post something NSFW (e.g.: original images of topless crazed feminists throwing pies at Vladimir Putin or something), please indicate such in the content. To demonstrate, attached is a screen cap of the "File Attachments" section of the content options found under the text area for a story. Should be easy enough to figure it out.

Enjoy the new feature.

Bernie Sanders can't close the gender wage gap, because it's due to choice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At Saturday night's Democratic presidential debate, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders said he would fix the economy in part by closing the gender wage gap. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also brought up "equal pay for equal work," implying that is not currently the case and that there is some unspoken rule in business that women can be paid less.

The problem with this statement is that the gender wage gap is due to the choices women make and is therefore not fixableunless those choices are controlled — which is a ludicrous suggestion.

And it's not even properly called a "wage gap," it is more appropriately called an "earnings gap," because that is the claim that women earn 77 or 78 cents on the dollar compared to men.'

Fact checking the third Democratic debate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Next thing we do, pay equity for women workers. Women should not be making 79 cents on the dollar compared to that."

—Sanders

There is clearly a wage gap, but differences in the life choices of men and women — such as women tending to leave the workforce when they have children — make it difficult to make simple comparisons.

Sanders is using a figure (annual wages, from the Census Bureau) that makes the disparity appear the greatest—21 cents on the dollar.

But the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the gap is 18 cents when looking at weekly wages. The gap is even smaller when you look at hourly wages — 13 cents — but then not every wage earner is paid on an hourly basis, so that statistic excludes salaried workers.

In other words, since women in general work fewer hours than men in a year, the statistics used by Democrats such as Sanders may be less reliable for examining the key focus of legislation pending in Congress — wage discrimination. The weekly wage is more of an apples-to-apples comparison, but it does not include as many income categories.

Economists at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis surveyed economic literature and concluded that "research suggests that the actual gender wage gap (when female workers are compared with male workers who have similar characteristics) is much lower than the raw wage gap." They cited one survey, prepared for the Labor Department under then-President George W. Bush, which concluded that when such differences are accounted for, much of the hourly wage gap dwindled, to about 5 cents on the dollar.'

Former university students file suit over arrests in alleged rape

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Four former students of William Paterson University who were accused of raping a student on campus last year have filed a lawsuit against the school, alleging that they were falsely arrested, maliciously prosecuted and subjected to civil-rights violations that left them with ruined educational futures and permanently tarnished reputations.

The students, who were arrested and charged with aggravated sexual assault and numerous other offenses, were suspended from the school in November 2014. University President Kathleen Waldron at the time issued a statement in which she sympathized with the accuser and said she was “angry and dismayed that this crime was committed on our campus and allegedly by students.”

A few months later, however, a Passaic County grand jury refused to indict and all charges were dismissed against all five defendants: Noah Williams of Camden, Garrett Collick of Paterson, Darius Singleton of Jersey City, Termaine Scott of Vineland and Jahmel Latimer of Hoboken.'

Georgia Tech's flawed campus sexual assault procedures

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just days after a judge denied a Georgia Institute of Technology student's request for a preliminary injunction to halt an expulsion, another student has filed a gender discrimination claim against the school.

John Doe, as he is referred to in court documents, has filed a lawsuit against the university and the same administrators who failed to follow school procedures against the other complainant.

The twist in this case is that Doe is also bisexual, and is alleging that Georgia Tech has not only a bias against male accused students, but an exceptional bias against non-straight male accused students.'

The Gender Gap: What the World Economic Forum got wrong

Matt · 23 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'"Rwanda is beating the U.S. In Gender Equality" That is a headline from a recent news story in the Washington Post. Well, could it be true? Let's check the facts.'

Mother of Wrongfully Accused College Student Describes Trauma

Matt · 23 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In one part, the mother writes:

"I want to beg Senators [Claire] McCaskill and [Kirsten] Gillibrand to see the destruction of an innocent life, to feel his pain, to see his trauma, to know what it's like to pick up your child who is in a crumble on the campus lawn, to ask them why his life doesn't matter," she wrote, "but the silencing continues, and the war wages on."

It is doubtful that her pleas would have any effect on Senator McCaskill who has written this in an opinion piece in Time Magazine about her efforts to reform the UCMJ:

"As a former sex crimes prosecutor who's personally held the hands of victims and fought to put rapists behind bars, I've judged each policy idea with one yardstick: Will it lead to better protections for victims and more prosecutions of predators?"

Noticeably missing from her one and only yardstick is due process concerns for the accused. And, it isn't a stretch to imagine that she cares as little for falsely accused college students as she does for falsely accused Servicemembers who have no place on her yardstick.'

NPO: What is Christmas Without Children?

Matt · 23 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

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'A few days ago, I saw one of those stories that keeps coming around. A mom was lamenting the emptiness of her empty nest after her last child went to college. And thinking about how happy she will be to see her children again at Christmas.

But for many of us, the empty nest happened when the children were six, not 17, and they will not be back home for Christmas. It is eternally amazing to me that the media never make the connection between these two stories, one a story of children naturally taking wing from the nest, and the other an unnecessary tragedy caused by the fecklessness of the family courts. The connection is the human heart.

So, for many of us, Christmas will not be the joyous celebration of faith and family that we see on television. The absence of those precious children will make Christmas more like the opening of a wound than the celebration of life and hope.

National Parents Organization exists to prevent this injustice, to exterminate the crime of carving loving and fit parents apart from their children, and to promote the healing of ruptured families through justice. The prophet said, “Justice, justice shall you pursue!” And that is what we do.'

Harvard Law dean puts ‘microaggressions’ in the same league as sexual assault

Mastodon · 24 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The common sense and resolve shown by several members of Harvard Law School’s faculty in responding to hot–button issues – notably fair treatment in campus sexual assault and harassment proceedings – hasn’t always been matched by their administrators.

Dean Martha Minow recently addressed graduating students at her alma mater, the University of Michigan, for the school’s winter commencement, The Harvard Crimson reported.

Telling students to be “upstanders” – those who intervene when they see injustice – Minow compared apartheid and forced segregation of public schools to … accidentally offending someone:

“Taking even seemingly small acts in one’s own school can build the culture that prevents violence, bullying, sexual assault, and racial microaggressions,” she said.

Seriously? Dean Minow cites three categories of intentionally threatening language and action andthen tags on a phenomenon that, by its very definition, is unknown to those who practice it.'

Rolling Stone Urges Court to Throw out UVa Grads' Lawsuit

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Rolling Stone magazine is urging a judge to throw out a lawsuit filed by three former fraternity members at the University of Virginia who claim they suffered humiliation and emotional distress because of the magazine's debunked article about a campus gang rape.

George Elias IV, Stephen Hadford and Ross Fowler sued the magazine in July, claiming they were defamed by the November 2014 article written by journalist Sabrina Rubin Erdely, which described in chilling detail a student's account of being raped by seven men at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house in September 2012. The former Phi Kappa Psi members also sued Erdely and Rolling Stone's publisher, Wenner Media.

The men claimed the article "created a simple and direct way to match the alleged attackers" to them based on details provided in the story. For example, they said friends and family of Elias "would have reasonably concluded" that the incident happened in the man's room based on descriptions in the article.

But in court documents filed Wednesday, lawyers for Rolling Stone argue their lawsuit should be dismissed because the article never referred to the men by name and readers wouldn't have been able to link them to the alleged incident.'

Ending Title IX tyranny

Matt · 24 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Free speech and academic freedom are endangered species on American college and university campuses. Speech codes, trigger warnings, the heckler's veto and politically correct inquisitions have become the norm.

While there are many causes for this, the main culprit is Title IX, a federal statute enacted in 1972 that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity.

Title IX goes beyond merely prohibiting sex discrimination; it also requires that schools take proactive measures to eliminate any such discrimination.

Originally, the most visible effect of Title IX was a reduction in the number of scholarships given to participants in low-revenue men's sports such as wrestling and baseball — or, in some cases, elimination of those sports altogether — and an increase in women's athletic scholarships. The idea was to achieve parity, with the ratio of student-athletes in the school's intercollegiate athletic programs mirroring the male-female ratio of the school's undergraduate population as a whole.'

Wealthy men targeted in New York nightclubs by thieving women, police say

Minuteman · 26 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'A succession of high-wattage thefts in New York has uncovered a bizarre pattern involving women who target wealthy men at nightclubs, accompany them home and then disappear with tens of thousands of dollars in cash and jewellery.

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In a separate case, a 19-year-old woman from New Jersey, Alexandra Martinez, was arraigned Wednesday in Brooklyn Criminal Court on grand larceny charges in two incidents in which she is accused of having accompanied men home from bars, mixed them drinks that made them lose consciousness, and stolen watches and cash, according to a criminal complaint.

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The criminal complaint against Martinez says that in one incident, in September, she and another woman prepared a cocktail at a man's home that knocked him out.'

Special award: Bushels of bogus sex trafficking statistics

Matt · 26 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'No single issue earned more Pinocchios than dubious claims about sex trafficking.There are not 300,000 children at risk for sexual exploitation. There are not 100,000 children in the sex trade. Human trafficking is not a $9.5 billion business in the United States. Girls do not become victims of sex trafficking at an average age of 13 years.The federal government has not arrested hundreds of sex traffickers. These were all false claims made in 2015 by politicians, advocacy groups and government officials.'

Victims and Microaggressions: Why 2015 Was The Year Students Lost Their Minds

Mastodon · 27 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'2015 was the year that Emma Sulkowicz graduated from Columbia University carrying her mattress across the stage as the ultimate symbol the school had failed her as a sexual assault victim.

It was also the year that her accused rapist, Paul Nungesser, filed a federal complaint against the school, citing gender discrimination under Title IX for “condoning a hostile educational environment” against him, even after he was cleared of sexual assault charges.

The same Title IX protections that sexual assault victim advocates were using to create sweeping federal reforms began to be used by the (almost uniformly) male students who were expelled or suspended.

"I think that what’s happening is that the pendulum has swung so far over to the side of unfair campus proceedings that lawyers for some of the accused students are trying everything they can to get a fair hearing,” civil rights attorney Harvey Silverglate told The Daily Beast in April.

The sentiment that sexual assault reforms had gone too far and now violated the rights of the accused to a fair investigation and trial was voiced by a number of law professors in 2015.

In February, more than a dozen professors at the University of Pennsylvania publicly expressed their concern in an open letter. “Due process of law is not window dressing… All too often, outrage at heinous crimes becomes a justification for shortcuts in our adjudicatory process.”

“Yes means yes,” or affirmative consent, became an even more prominent objective.'

The Year We Wondered if Emotional Labor Should Come With a Price

Mastodon · 28 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In May, Judith Shulevitz wrote in the New York Times about how women are still responsible for most of the “worry work” in their homes—a type of labor that requires “large reserves of emotional energy to stay on top of it all.” Sociological research finds that moms continue to direct most or all of domestic and familial matters, even if fathers are increasingly helping in the execution of such tasks. “Whether a woman loves or hates worry work,” Shulevitz writes, “it can scatter her focus on what she does for pay and knock her partway or clean off a career path. This distracting grind of apprehension and organization may be one of the least movable obstacles to women’s equality in the workplace.”

That same month, activists Lauren Chief Elk, Yeoshin Lourdes, and Bardot Smith, started #GiveYourMoneytoWomen.* As Chief Elk explained in an interview with Vice, the hashtag was intended to call attention to all the emotional labor women do for men’s benefit as well as the emotional—and sometimes physical—abuse women experience in the company of men. In July, Jess Zimmerman wrote in the Toast about her many years providing counsel and support to her lovelorn male friends and questioning why her efforts aren’t valued as work (unlike activities such as editing her friends writing and taking care of their animals). In the Guardian in November, Rose Hackman asked, “What if much like childcare and housekeeping, the sum of this ongoing emotional management is yet another form of unpaid labor?” Hackman pointed to a 2005 study finding that women’s propensity to do emotional labor was linked to gender constructions, as opposed to biological sex, and ended on another question: Is it time to demand “adequate, formal remuneration for emotion work provided in the workplace as a skill?” If such a demand were met, Hackman added, it would “be a shake-patriarchy-to-its-core revolution.”'

Woman who failed FDNY physical test 6 times gets another chance

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman who six times failed the physical test to become an FDNY firefighter is being given another chance — and this time, critics say, the fix is in.

“She’ll graduate, no question,” said an FDNY member. “The department doesn’t want another black eye.”

Wendy Tapia was allowed to conditionally graduate from the Fire Academy on May 17, 2013, even though she had failed the running test.'

"Men’s Rights Activists are cave dwelling idiots"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Men's Rights Movement begins and ends with the argument that there is no pre-existing imbalance between the rights of men and women, or that if there is any injustice it is an imbalance which prejudices men. This is dressed up in any number of concerns, some of which might seem entirely sensible, but which cumulatively amount to an activism which is hostile to women. Issues like the rights of fathers in family proceedings are used to prop up a nostalgia for a time when men had an easier time of it: a time when men could be assured of jobs, power and status, a time before feminism.

The aura of victimhood adopted by MRAs extends to criticising the extent of coverage of female genital mutilation at the expense of discussing male circumcision. MRAs routinely deny the existence of what many feminists call "rape culture" by suggesting that failures to prosecute sexual violence are the result of endemic false rape allegations, rather than societal attitudes towards consent. When the founder of MRA site "A Voice For Men" Paul Elam wrote a piece entitled "Bill Cosby's victims? Or just a bunch of drug whoring star fuckers?" he was displaying an overt hostility towards women that characterises the movement. Over 50 women have accused Bill Cosby of sexual assault. Yet Elam goes to bat for Cosby.'

U.S. gay sex slave trial exposes dilemmas faced by male trafficking victims

Matt · 29 December 2015 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's also easy to overlook male victims of such things if all anyone talks about or cares about involving the topic is females who may be getting trafficked. I wonder how the 1-in-10-victims-are-male stat would change if anti-trafficking efforts gave more thought to finding male victims. Excerpt:

'Three young Hungarian men have helped dismantle a U.S. gay prostitution ring that enslaved them, marking a victory for local prosecutors but highlighting the difficulty in reaching and helping male trafficking victims, campaigners said.

The men's accounts of being raped, locked up in windowless rooms, and their lives threatened led to the conviction this month of Andras Janos Vass, 26, for helping to operate a male prostitution ring of gay Hungarians in New York City and Miami.

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More than 4,000 human trafficking cases were reported in 2015 in the United States with about one in 10 involving men, according to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center.

"Any type of outreach poster ... regarding trafficking is typically the teenage girl with pigtails," he said.

"Just seeing that formally encourages that stigma that you are weak, that you are effeminate if you are a victim. There is still such a stigma attached to male victimization."'

University sued over handling of sexual assault case

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'In a federal lawsuit filed this fall against the University of Massachusetts Amherst and six of its officials, a male former student has joined other plaintiffs around the country in claiming that a school's disciplinary process for handling claims of sexual assault violated his civil rights.

Disciplinary proceedings against the plaintiff and former student, Kwadwo Bonsu, began after a female student accused him of sexually assaulting her at an off-campus Halloween party in 2014.

A UMass disciplinary board eventually found Bonsu "not responsible" for any sexual misconduct — but not before he was kicked out of his dormitory, barred from attending classes and prohibited from seeking the advocacy of a lawyer in his hearing, according to the suit. The board did find him responsible for breaking the terms of his pre-hearing probation — a violation that led to his suspension in April.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Springfield in late September, comes at a time of increased scrutiny over the way colleges and universities handle allegations of sexual assault, including punishments handed down to students after they are found responsible, but not criminally guilty, for misbehavior. In Bonsu's case, the university investigation continued after Amherst police declined to pursue criminal charges against him.'

The New Standard for Campus Sexual Assault: Guilty until Proven Innocent

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'When it comes to due process on campus, Republicans in Congress, who campaigned on vows to rein in the Obama administration's abuses of executive power, have largely acquiesced in its bureaucratic imposition of quasi-judicial tyranny. For more than four years, the White House and the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) have used an implausible reinterpretation of a 1972 civil-rights law to impose mandates unimagined by the law's sponsors. It has forced almost all of the nation's universities and colleges to disregard due process in disciplinary proceedings when they involve allegations of sexual assault. Enforced by officials far outside the mainstream, these mandates are having a devastating impact on the nation's universities and on the lives of dozens — almost certainly soon to be hundreds or thousands — of falsely accused students.

One might have expected an aggressive response by House Republicans to such gross abuses of power — including subpoenas, tough oversight hearings, and corrective legislation. Instead, most of them have been mute. In the Senate, meanwhile, presidential candidate Marco Rubio of Florida, Judiciary Committee chairman Charles Grassley of Iowa, and rising star Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire have teamed with Democratic demagogues Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Claire McCaskill of Missouri in co-sponsoring a bill that would make matters even worse.'

2015: A year of campus hysteria

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This year may have brought about peak campus hysteria across the country. Microaggressions, safe spaces, sex assault accusations and protests made headlines around the world, often for their abject absurdity.

I've only been covering these issues since the summer of 2014, but this year I found it nearly impossible to write about anything else, since there was just so much happening on the nation's colleges.

The ridiculousness started in February when Northwestern University professor Laura Kipnis penned an article about "sexual paranoia" at colleges and universities. She bemoaned the campus climate of disregarding due process in favor of political correctness and the need to believe all accusers, regardless of the facts and evidence.'

Former Femen activist backflips, declares war on feminism

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'SHE was the pioneer of modern-day girl power, responsible for countless topless protests to highlight women's rights.

But now, Sara Fernanda Giromin has backflipped, declaring war on the ideals she once so proudly bared her breasts for, describing the feminist movement as "a completely toxic environment, filled with gossip, intrigue, humiliation and persecution".

Introducing herself to the world in 2012 under the alias Sara Winter, Ms Giromin was the founding face of Femen Brazil, a subsidiary of the Femen movement.

A group of topless activists who protest against sexism, religion, homophobia, and other social issues, the organisation says it is "fighting patriarchy in its three manifestations — sexual exploitation of women, dictatorship and religion".'

Pigs Without Blankets: The Penis Documentary Seeks Funding To Look At The Issues Surrounding Circumcision

Matt · 2 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As a Brit I've often been slightly perplexed by America's attachment to circumcision, where the majority of young boys still have their foreskins removed as babies, despite the fact that for most of them there is no real religious, legal or culturally necessary reason to do so. As I live in a land where the prepuce largely remains intact (barring for medical or religious reasons), it's odd how passionate many Americans get about it. Indeed, when I've seen American doctors talking about why they still recommend it to their patients, the fact they so often seem to jump on the defensive suggests the may know it's not as clear cut as they suggest (pun intended).

The documentary Pigs Without Blankets: The Penis Documentary wants to take a look at the world of 'intactivists', who go against the grain of American culture and advocate against circumcision. However, to get it made the makers are hoping to raise $25,000 via Kickstarter.

As they say on the fundrasing page, 'Lots of people have a penis. And even more people are in some kind of relationship with one whether it's romantic or parental. If you ask a man to list the things more important to him than his relationship with his penis, you'll get a very short list. Yet, we don't talk about what happens to most American penises. The fact that we never discuss a surgical procedure done to millions of American baby boys moments after their birth is, well, weird, to some. The fact that people become enraged and often hostile when the subject of circumcision is discussed is even weirder. We want viewers to meet the group of people who fight against circumcision, discover what motivates them, and understand why they feel the best penis is the one left intact. Help us tell their stories, and help us shed light on a practice."

Appeals court: Terminate father’s parental rights

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'The Pennsylvania Superior Court has ordered a Blair County judge to terminate a father's parental rights because the local man never had a relationship with his 4-year-old son.

In an opinion written by Judge Mary Jane Bowes, the state appeals court reversed an order by Blair County Judge Wade A. Kagarise that granted the father parental rights, ruling that the mother created "obstacles" to bar the father from the child's life.

The three-judge Superior Court panel that included Bowes, Judge Kate Ford Elliott and Senior Judge John L. Musmanno, summed up its argument by stating, "Here, our examination of the entire history of this case reveals the father failed to exercise reasonable firmness in order to overcome the obstacles he alleges that mother created, and he abdicated all parental responsibility with respect (to the child).'"

Study: Boys Affected More Than Girls By ‘Family Disadvantages’

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'“Family disadvantages” - including poverty, low education level of the mother, and not having a father in the house - affect boys more than their sisters, according to a recent study from the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Northwestern University, and the University of Florida analyzed ten years of administrative records for Florida students born between 1992 and 2002.

They found that boys in families facing adverse circumstances significantly underperformed their sisters in behavioral and educational outcomes despite the fact that they had similar upbringings.'

University under review for handling of three sexual assault complaints

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'A federal complaint against the University of Wisconsin-Madison about its handling of a sexual assault report — one of three such complaints filed against UW-Madison in 2015 — alleges the victim was subjected to a sexually hostile environment because the university failed to respond promptly and equitably.

When the woman "expressed her concern about the many inequalities in UW-Madison's procedure via her advocate, (redacted) explained: 'We are locked into a system based on the rights of the accused,'" says the heavily redacted complaint obtained by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel through a Freedom of Information Act request.
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Colleges need only a "preponderance of evidence" showing it's more likely than not that a crime occurred to justify meting out punishment. That's a lower standard than the burden of proof in a criminal court.

University officials in Wisconsin and elsewhere have raised concerns that they are being asked to determine guilt without the legal authority to compel evidence, and they could be sued by an accused student punished under the lesser burden of proof. Many have questioned whether disciplining students in cases of reported sexual assaults is the role of a university.'

A Frank Conversation About Campus Rape

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'Due process dominated the first part of their conversation. Gertner thought it was appropriate for Harvard to create an office to ensure it was complying with Title IX, but that the process created to adjudicate sexual-assault claims was flawed in these ways:

- “There were no lawyers—no opportunity fo the accused in particular to consult anyone.”
- “There was no hearing. Now hearings are difficult. A hearing doesn't have to be accused and accuser facing one another, her being ripped to shreds by his lawyer. It could be a situation where one side says x, one says says y, and you ask questions based on a written script—in other words, no one is directly confronted, there are questions in advance. But it's an opportunity to flesh out what happened.”
- “There had to be an appeal to someone other than administrators in the Title IX office … an adjudicator that is not in the Title IX office, in other words, that does not have an interest in seeing that the university's funds are protected.”
- With respect to intoxication, “the Harvard policy was explicitly uneven.” If someone had sex with a drunk victim, he was guilty of sexual assault, but if he were buzzed, “that didn't have any impact on his responsibility. We wanted to at least have a conversation about that. If both are impaired what should be done?”'

Public university could punish neck rubs as sexual battery under new policy

Matt · 5 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

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'East Carolina University students who are good at neck rubs could find themselves hauled before a sexual misconduct board under new rules approved by the board of trustees.

The new policy describes sexual battery as “the intentional or attempted sexual touching of another person’s clothed or unclothed body, including but not limited to the mouth, neck, buttocks, anus, genitalia, or breast, by another with any part of the body or any object in a sexual manner without their consent.”

The school described updates to nondiscrimination and Title IX policies in a press release dated Dec. 18, the same day as winter commencement.

Though it’s labeled “ECU News Services,” the release is nowhere to be found from the news portal. The school’s only apparent public communication of the changes appears to have been four days later on Twitter.'

The foreskin: Why is it such a secret in North America?

Matt · 6 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I was nineteen or twenty years old when a male friend of mine, we'll call him Bill, let me in on a most shocking fact: He was missing part of his penis, and so were almost all boys and men that I had ever seen in my entire life, as well as all the anatomical diagrams that I had ever seen. Ever.

Sure, I had heard of circumcision as a Jewish religious practice, but thought myself unlikely to ever see its results. Little did I know, all the male genitalia I had seen both in real life and as depicted in American anatomy books, had been edited in exactly the same way. The shock from this revelation overwhelmed me for weeks, especially since I considered myself to be fairly knowledgeable about anatomy. (My interests included biology and drawing biological structures.)

Why would anyone selectively remove foreskins, not just from real people but from scientific anatomical texts, which I had thought were meant to represent the natural human form? And why did no one ever tell me about this? It was as though a basic feature that males (of all mammals) are normally born with was not to be understood or even acknowledged.'

Sexist comments and the double standard

GaryB · 6 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

In Australia we've recently had a minor storm in a tea cup.

Chris Gayle, a cricketer, was interviewed by a female reporter. During the interview he made a 'pass' at her, saying she had lovely eyes and that maybe they could go for a drink together. Sleazy, in my opinion, but not exactly crime of the century. He has been hit with a $10,000 fine and has been hit with other sanctions such as being banned from interviews for the rest of the season. The backlash was instant.

But today the News.com.au dared to point out the double standard - a female reporter not so long ago propositioned a half naked man on the beach, and was reported as being 'brave' for doing so. No fine, no sanctions, no crime, no backlash. Excerpt:

'When Sunrise weather presenter Nuala Hafner openly hit on a semi-naked beachgoer during a live TV segment in December 2014, there was no such outrage. While presenting for the Channel Seven morning show from Sydney's Balmoral Beach, Hafner spotted a Speedo-clad man going about his morning exercise.

"Story of my love life, he would rather get wet than come over to me," Nuala joked with Kochie and co-host Natalie Barr back in the studio. "Is this some kind of mating display because I'm really enjoying it," She then interrupted her weather report to introduce herself to the man. "Hello extremely muscly, fit, agile man," she said as she approached him. "Hi how are you? I'm Nuala. Do you come here often?" When he told her he lived "up the road", she quickly asked if he was "single".
"No, I'm happily engaged," he said. "Anyway it was nice knowing you," the disappointed presenter said as she wrapped up her live cross to fits of laughter in the studio.'

Is this a double standard, they ask?

Sure, as always, it is. And, as always, few people care - because it's only men who are suffering, after all. Sleazy is sleazy - unless you're a woman.

SAVE: Georgia Tech Reinstatement is Evidence of Growing Public Alarm over Due Process and Free Speech on Campus

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Georgia Tech Reinstatement is Evidence of Growing Public Alarm over Due Process and Free Speech on Campus

WASHINGTON / January 6, 2016 – The recent decision to reinstate a Georgia Tech student expelled for an alleged sexual offense marks a growing wave of popular concern over the erosion of due process protections and free speech rights on college campuses.

Earlier this week the Georgia Tech Board of Regents overrode the decision by a school administrator who had recommended the expulsion of a student accused of sexual assault. The Board reinstated the student when it learned that the investigator failed to interview witnesses provided by the defendant and gave him only one hour to review a 13-page, single spaced summary of the investigation (1).

Numerous other judicial decisions or legal settlements in recent months have overturned the findings of campus sex tribunals for due process violations. The decisions involved the University of California-San Diego, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Washington and Lee University, University of Southern California, and Middlebury College (2).

Concerns over the loss of free speech rights are being voiced, as well. President Obama has twice called for the restoration of open debate on campuses, first at a town hall meeting on September 15 and more recently during a November 15 interview with George Stephanopoulos (3).

Legislators have also taken up the cause of restoring free speech. On June 2, 2015 the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on the state of free speech on college campuses (4).

In Missouri more than 100 members of the state Legislature signed a letter to the University of Missouri's board of curators demanding the "immediate firing" of a professor who attempted to have a reporter forcibly removed during a student protest (5).

The American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri likewise urged the University of Missouri to not compromise the right to free expression in its efforts to fight racism, saying, "Mistakenly addressing symptoms — instead of causes — and doing it in a way that runs counter to the First Amendment is not the wise or appropriate response." (6)

"Due process and free speech are part of the American DNA," notes SAVE spokesperson Sheryle Hutter. "Lawmakers should not shrink from the challenge of restoring constitutionally-rooted rights and protections to college campuses."

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‘Once a month my son takes me on a date’ — Mom’s Facebook post goes viral

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Story here. Read the article and then again, inverting the genders. Imagine if a man talked about how he had his young daughter take him out on a date, hold doors open for him, pay for it, etc. This woman's training her son to be a servant to women. Imagine if a man did this to his daughter what the reaction would be? Excerpt:

'A young mother says she is teaching her son how to treat a woman right, and her Facebook post about it has gone viral.

Nikkole Paulun appeared on the MTV show “16 & Pregnant” and has been on the receiving end of some very negative social media posts. But this time, thousands of people are applauding her story.

Friday night she posted about a “dinner date” between she and her 6-year-old son. More than 2.7 million people have liked her story.'

Lawsuit: White Student Bragged About Sex with Black Athletes, Then Got Them Expelled for Rape

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'Two black athletes have sued a private college in Ohio, the University of Findlay, for expelling them without even a semblance of due process after they were accused of rape by a white female student.

The lawsuit, filed by Justin Brown and Alphonso Baity, characterizes Findlay's investigation of the dispute—which was completed in just 24 hours—as a "sham." The university failed to interview witnesses who would have corroborated Brown and Baity's accounts, threatened other witnesses for failing to back up the accuser, and, most damningly, ignored considerable evidence that the accuser did not merely consent to sex—she bragged about it later, according to the lawsuit.

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According to the lawsuit, the housemates were present in the common area and could hear some of the sexual activities. At least two other white female students were also present. All agreed that M.K. consented to sex, and could at times hear her consenting to sex. Brown and Baity maintain that M.K. was not just a willing participant, but the prime initiator, of their various encounters that night.

M.K. went home the next morning, and bore neither of the alleged perpetrators any ill will. According to the lawsuit, she explicitly told another student (J.F) that the sex was consensual—the lawsuit describes her as "bragging" about it. She also bragged about the encounter to a white female who lived on her floor.

Ten days after the encounter, M.K. filed a sexual assault claim with the university. Findlay administrators interviewed Brown and Baity—without telling them the specific nature of the charges against them—but did not speak to their black housemates because they merely presumed these men would defend their friends. Administrators did speak with the white women who were present (an example of racial discrimination, according to the lawsuit), and then, spectacularly, punished them when they disputed M.K.'s version of events. One of the women lost her work-study job, and the other was threatened with expulsion, according to the lawsuit.'

Feminists And Progressives Attack College Football With More Dodgy Rape Statistics

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'Liberal, mainstream journalists are currently wetting themselves over a new paper from the National Bureau of Economic Research, which purports to show that sexual assaults rise on college football game days. The article, entitled “College Party Culture And Sexual Assault,” cross-references big game days with reports of sexual assault in college towns, showing spikes in reports.

The media is lapping it up. “Reported Rapes Go Through The Roof On Game Day At Big Football Schools” screams the Huffington Post. “Report: Rape Rates At Big Football Colleges Spike On Game Day” warns CBS. “Rape Rates Spike On Game Day At Big Football Schools” agrees New York Magazine.

But guess what? The study is deceptive — and in several ways. Firstly, it purports to measure “college party culture” and sexual assault, yet the data the researchers use of rape isn’t confined to college campuses at all. The study conflates data from campus police departments, who have jurisdiction over sexual assaults and other crime on campus, and data from local law enforcement, who do not.'

My life was wrecked by a false rape allegation

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'Steve Proctor — who was cleared by a jury's unanimous verdict — called for anonymity of sex crime suspects until proved guilty, saying the unfounded claims cost him his job and the trust of friends and colleagues.
...
He said that the damage caused by wrongful accusations fanned by "no smoke without fire" rumours affects ordinary people as well as celebrities.

In the Eighties and Nineties Mr Proctor started the Balearic/acid house scene and as a DJ played Ibiza, the Shoom, the Hacienda and the Wag as well as the O2 and the Royal Albert Hall. But in May 2010 he was accused of raping a woman he knew. After being on bail for 13 months he was cleared by the jury's verdict.

However, he remains unemployed and suffers from depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. Now 56 and living on benefits in Crouch End, he said: "I was close to killing myself, this has destroyed my life. I felt the police's attitude was that I was guilty until proven innocent.'

Senator takes on federal education officials for 'threatening' letters to colleges, universities

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'U.S. Sen. James Lankford is accusing the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights of overstepping its authority in confronting the issues of bullying, harassment and sexual violence on college campuses and becoming the bully itself.

Lankford, R-Oklahoma, is chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, which since September has been examining whether the Education Department and other federal agencies have been sidestepping the required regulatory process through the improper use of guidance letters.

In a letter being sent Thursday, Lankford said he wants the Education Department to prove its new mandates for "sweeping policy changes" on bullying, harassment and sexual violence at the nation's colleges and universities are actually rooted in federal statutes and regulation.'

Lawsuit: UVA Student's Crush On A Friend Was Root Of Fake Rolling Stone Gang Rape Story

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'The former University of Virginia student whose false claim about being gang-raped was published by Rolling Stone is a "serial liar" who– in addition to fabricating the rape story — made up a second identity and lied about having a terminal illness, all so that she could win the affections of a student she had a crush on, attorneys representing a dean at the school claimed in a recent lawsuit filing.

Jackie Coakley posed as her own suitor, a UVA student she called "Haven Monahan," in an elaborate catfishing scheme aimed at getting her friend and classmate, Ryan Duffin, to like her, attorneys for UVA dean Nicole Eramo asserted in court papers filed this week, according to The Washington Post.

She also told Duffin that she had a terminal illness and was "dying." But her biggest lies graced the pages of Rolling Stone in a Nov. 2014 article entitled "A Rape on Campus," which was written by Sabrina Rubin Erdely.'

General's 'greatest fear' that military might lower standards for women

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'The military will face pressure to lower standards in the future, if women are unable to meet the physical requirements to join front-line combat units or elite fighting forces, a ranking Marine Corps general said Friday.

Calling it his “greatest fear,” Gen. John F. Kelly, the commander of U.S. Southern Command who is slated to retire at the end of the month, predicted few female troops would be able to meet the physical demands in the traditionally all-male military occupations – primarily in the infantry, armor and special operations fields.

“There will be great pressure, whether it’s 12 months from now, four years from now, because the question will be asked whether we’ve let women into these other roles, why aren’t they staying in those other roles?” Kelly told reporters Friday at the Pentagon. “And the answer is … if we don’t change standards it will be very, very difficult to have any numbers – any real numbers – come into the infantry, or the Rangers or the SEALs.”'

Prominent feminist condemns circumcision, claims it's worse than clitoral piercing

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'The main reason for cutting little boy's penises given is that it reduces the instance of the transmission of STDs such as HIV. That may be true, and certainly the CDC and other secular medical institutions have made similar claims. However, the problem with this reasoning is that a more effective way of preventing the transmission of disease is the use of condoms, and condoms don't require you to be circumcised. In fact, even if you are circumcised, you STILL must use protection to avoid the spread of disease.

Another problem with the health benefits argument is that if the genders were reversed, there still would not be anyone advocating for it. If performing a clitorectomy were found to reduce instances of HIV, people would still be against it, no matter the health benefits. Why? Because people believe that women have a right to sexual pleasure derived from the clitoris. Does having an intact foreskin increase the amount of pleasure felt by boys? Yes, it does. Does removing it remove some of their sexual pleasure? Yes, it does.

Another argument in favor of circumcision that is often put forward is that it is cleaner. Of course, this is ridiculous on its face. Removing your ears would make it easier to clean. There are all manner of things that could be removed from the body at birth to increase hygiene. And of course, we live in a country with plenty of access to the materials we need to keep ourselves clean. Has anyone ever conducted a study on how much smegma is produced by vaginas with large labias? If removing the labia helped keep vaginas clean, would anyone argue in favor of it? Of course not.'

Celebrating Brit Shalom at Reform Judaism Conference

Matt · 11 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Reform Judaism, the branch of Judaism with which the most American Jews identify, is a progressive movement making tremendous efforts to be welcoming and inclusive. These efforts, which are widely perceived as strengthening the community, were to be the focus of the conference. So Rebecca and I created our display materials to tap into the theme of inclusion, with our own twist, of course: a call for open welcome of non-circumcising families in Jewish life.

With this as our premise, we were able to engage in many wonderful discussions and largely defuse those conversations that would otherwise have gotten heated and unproductive. Besides having our book available for sale, we had prepared a flyer laying out concrete steps that Reform clergy and institutions can take in order to send a clear message of inclusion to families opting out of circumcision. We gave out many dozens of these flyers (and gifted a number of books, too). Though a few visitors were less than friendly, the vast majority were respectful, and many were able to take part in thoughtful dialogue about the inclusion element and about our book. We were fortunate to have the help of the inimitable and tireless Martin Novoa, who added greatly to the conversation and was with us for most of the conference.'

UK: The trouble with boys

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'As the mother of a boy and a girl, Helen Trussler has seen a stark contrast in their fortunes at school. While her 18-year-old daughter Beth has thrived, she feels that her once-confident son Harry, 12, has been crushed by a system that is biased against boys.

“He comes home from school in tears, tells me he’s stupid, dumb and should be in special needs,” said Trussler, 44, a home help from Guildford, Surrey.

Harry attends the same state school as Beth, who has similar intelligence — and a serious lung condition. Yet she achieved five Bs and three Cs at GCSE, while his academic prospects appear bleak.'

UK: Feminism has gone too far and we now need to help boys more, says uni admission boss

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The head of UCAS, Mary Curnock Cook, has suggested that male students are having their progress impeded due to a lack of male teachers.

Her comments have been made on the same day as UCAS releasing data showing the widening gap between the sexes in higher education.

One of her suggestions to rectify the situation is to promote teaching to men, perhaps by advertising the profession more to male students.

She also would like to see more studies on how both male and female students learn following primary school, so the results may be used in the Government's education policy.'

Advocacy for Men & Boys club criticised as “anti-feminist” in open letter

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'The SFU Advocacy for Men & Boys (SFUAMB) club have become the centre of an ongoing controversy following an open letter penned by the Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies student union (GSWSSU) claiming the club is “using men’s issues as a way to attack feminism.”

The letter was published on the union’s WordPress page on December 7, and was addressed primarily in response to SFU AMB’s November 8 event, “Toxic Masculinity & TOXIC FEMININITY.” The event was promoted with posters showing a biohazard sign over a venus symbol, a gesture the open letter alleges is “offensive, hostile, and aggressive.”

The main speaker for the event was Karen Straughan, a self-proclaimed “anti-feminist” and men’s rights advocate. Straughan is a prominent figure in the men’s rights activist community, as well as a well-known YouTube personality — her most popular video, “Feminism and the Disposable Male,” boasts over 1 million views.'

Say ‘NO’ to misandry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an article she herself said would “make so many men so very angry,” Chelsea G. Summers described how misandry had, in 2015, become the new tool to further the feministic movement.

Summers stated that a woman now “looks around, and she fears every man, for every man feels implicated in the blank-faced denials of these famous men.” This fear then leads to the anger behind misandry.

The article has been getting mixed reviews since no one can tell if she is actually being serious. As I read through the article, I was waiting for the moment when she would turn it around, say she was joking, or something of the like. I was waiting for the point where I could tell that she is an extremely sarcastic person. That moment never happened.

Modern feminists have tried to separate themselves from the assumption that they hate men for the past few years. Fewer people have identified themselves as radical feminists, who believe they must reject and rage war on men to gain equality.
...
Misandry has never and will never be able to help feminists achieve their goals; it will only set them back. It is hypocritical to call out certain men for being misogynistic and hating women, and then turn around and hate men. The key to achieving equality is to raise up our voices in a positive, nondestructive way. You cannot hate all men, just because of the actions of a few.

So, Ms. Summers, if this article was written in all seriousness, I am truly sorry for whatever actions some men did to make you have the point of view that all men in the world are the spawn of Satan. I’d have to disagree with your opinion, though. Misandry will never be a large, beneficial presence in the campaign for equality.'

Letter: Better a false accusal than a rape

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'As many of this states' students return to their college campuses this week, many men leave the safety of their homes to enter into a world where they could be falsely accused of rape.

As I return to my college campus, I envy the luxury of these men. If the gravest danger I faced in this world was being falsely accused of rape, I would consider myself lucky. I would be much more fortunate than the countless women who have "walk me home apps" downloaded on their phones as a security blanket for any time they go out after dark. I downloaded one after a stranger attacked a classmate right outside my dorm last September.

I would consider myself luckier than the one in five college freshmen who will be sexually assaulted before they graduate. And if the greatest danger I faced in this world was someone falsely accusing me of rape for attention or one of the countless other denunciations I've heard, I would still never blame the victim.'

Jackie’s rape story was false so why hasn’t the media named her by now?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the 14 months since her story shocked the world, Jackie has been at the heart of a national debate about sexual assaults on college campuses, has become embroiled in a media scandal, and is the central figure in a series of defamation lawsuits.

Yet there’s one important fact missing about Jackie, the young woman who concocted a harrowing story about a gang rape at a University of Virginia fraternity: her full name.

News organizations have declined to reveal Jackie’s full identity since her now-discredited story appeared in Rolling Stone magazine in November 2014. Her single-name identity — just Jackie — is in keeping with a long-standing journalistic convention against identifying alleged victims of sexual crimes to protect the accuser’s privacy.'

Title IX

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As many know, OCR is investigating 50, 100, 1000, 10,000, no ONE BILLION sexual assault cases...

I have always wondered what are the results.

Well, The Chronicle of Higher Education is gathering them up, and you can find the cases here:

http://projects.chronicle.com/titleix/

In many of them, there was no guilt.

In almost all, there were 20 page letters sent in which the school was just told to speed things up.

In some, the schools were told to give the "alleged victim" money. Yes!

I think this should be spread far and wide and maybe someone can do an analysis of this colossal waste of time!

‘Jackie’ must turn over communications with ‘Rolling Stone’ in suit over discredited rape story

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The source of Rolling Stone’s retracted story on gang rape at the University of Virginia, “Jackie,” will be forced to turn over some of her communications as part of a defamation lawsuit against the magazine.

Considering motions by Associate Dean of Students Nicole Eramo, a federal judge in Virginia said in court Tuesday that Jackie’s communications with Rolling Stone and “A Rape on Campus” author Sabrina Rubin Erdely “likely would be integral” to Eramo’s case, The Washington Post reported.

Judge Glen Conrad said he’s still mulling whether to require Jackie to turn over communications with her friends and family “related to the article,” the Post said.

Feminist organizations had earlier accused Eramo – and the university itself – of “victim blaming” for trying to force Jackie to turn over documents deemed by Eramo’s counsel to be “highly relevant” to her $7.5 million lawsuit.'

New Report Says UVA Rape Story Was All a Big Catfishing Scheme

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just when we thought the Rolling Stone-University of Virginia situation couldn't get worse, it turns out the entire 9,000-word article seems to have resulted from one student's unrequited romantic feelings toward one of her friends. The disastrous cover story recounted a college student, identified as "Jackie," being sexually assaulted by seven men during a hazing ritual at one of UVA's fraternities. However, because there was virtually no evidence that the rape actually occurred — and neither writer Sabrina Rubin Erdely nor the editorial staff at Rolling Stone fact-checked the piece's veracity — the story was quickly discounted, and cited by Columbia Journalism Review as one of the worst pieces of journalism of 2014. (Note: Rolling Stone asked the dean of Columbia University's Journalism School, Steve Coll, to investigate what went wrong in their reporting after the magazine was forced to retract the article when other publications, most notably The Washington Post, exposed glaring inconsistencies in the piece.) There have since been three defamation suits filed against Rolling Stone, including one by UVA associate dean Nicole Eramo, whose suit exposed the latest news out of this bizarre and damaging story.

In a new report by [The Washington Post], Eramo's defamation suit contains a series of text messages between one of Jackie's friends, and "Haven Monahan," the supposed instigator of the attack and a UVA junior, who we now know doesn't exist. For a while, however, it seemed like the story was an"embellishment" of an actual rape that had occurred. But now, evidence suggests that the story was entirely fabricated in an attempt to "catfish" a friend of Jackie's, Ryan Duffin, with whom she was infatuated.'

Teen girl was not kidnapped, may face charges

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This may have been just an alibi for something else. Excerpt:

'Parker police want the public to know they do not believe a teenage girl was kidnapped in September and the girl may face charges for lying.

Back in September, police asked the community for help finding a person who had kidnapped a 17-year-old girl from her home, put her in a vehicle, subjected to her to what police called "unlawful sexual contact" and released her in the Willow Park area.

Police now believe the girl lied.

"It is with great relief that we announce that there are no kidnapping suspects at large," Parker police said in a news release sent to Denver7. "No arrests have been made in this case. We have recommended to the District Attorney's Office that the individual be charged with False Reporting to Authorities."'

Girl planning high school shooting named targets in journal

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This is about one of two girls who planned a school shooting. Excerpt:

'The journal for one of the two girls accused in the Mountain Vista High School murder plot had the names of people she planned to target, prosecutors said in court Wednesday.

That information came out during a motions hearing for 16-year-old Sienna Johnson. Johnson has been charged as an adult with conspiracy to commit first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder after deliberations.

In court last week, prosecutors also said Johnson bought a BB gun to practice her shooting skills and mapped out plans to attack Mountain Vista High School in Highlands Ranch.'

Harvard prof takes down gender wage gap myth

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I've written extensively on how the gender wage gap would be more accurately referred to as the "gender earnings gap," because the gap is due mostly to choices women make and not discrimination.

But now you don't have to take my word for it, you can listen to Claudia Goldin, an economics professor at Harvard University. Goldin spoke to Stephen Dubner, the journalist behind the popular podcast "Freakanomics," in a segment about what really causes the gap.

As one can imagine, Goldin comes to the same conclusion that I and many others have: That the gap is due mostly to choices men and women make in their careers and not discrimination.'

Law Professors Against Title IX: Faculty Worried About Due Process on Campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was quite the packed panel discussion: a dozen mostly left-leaning speakers, each allotted 10 minutes to give their thoughts on a controversial topic, Grappling with Campus Rape. The venue was the American Association of Law Schools' 2016 meeting in New York City in early January. The lineup consisted primarily of actual law professors, and featured some undeniable heavy hitters on the subject of campus rape, including Michelle Anderson, dean of the City University of New York School of Law, and Mary Koss, a Regents' professor of health at the University of Arizona and the originator of the one-in-five statistic about rape prevalence.

The setup was predictable. The answers, on the other hand, were frequently shocking.

To be fair, many of the panelists expressed at least some enthusiasm for the federal government's recent efforts to compel universities to adjudicate rape—unsurprising, considering their liberal-leaning politics. But nearly all the speakers had something negative to say about the way anti-harassment guidance is being interpreted by government authorities, and many were openly hostile toward the idea that the prevention of rape was a campus matter. Several others were plainly disturbed by the pitiful state of due process rights on campus.'

Is This The Most Unfair Campus Rape Investigation Ever?

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two black athletes have sued a private college in Ohio, the University of Findlay, for expelling them without even a semblance of due process after they were accused of rape by a white female student.

The lawsuit, filed by Justin Brown and Alphonso Baity, characterizes Findlay's investigation of the dispute—which was completed in just 24 hours—as a "sham."

The university failed to interview witnesses who would have corroborated Brown and Baity's accounts, threatened other witnesses for failing to back up the accuser and, most damningly, ignored considerable evidence that the accuser did not merely consent to sex—she bragged about it later, according to the lawsuit.'

Claim: Student accused of rape told not to seek counseling because his accuser had priority

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A self-proclaimed feminist student at Michigan State University is blasting the administration for expelling her romantic partner after a 14-month discriminatory sexual-assault investigation.

In an open letter to Denise Maybank, vice president of student affairs and services, published in The State News, the unnamed author said her partner's accuser was the one who sexually assaulted him and that he was denied school resources simply because he's male.

"I write to you because this case has taught me that gender discrimination does exist," the letter says.

The author's claims mirror those in alawsuit against Amherst College by a male student who was expelled for rape despite evidence that his accuser had performed sex acts on him while he was "blacked out."'

Media Laps Up Another Panic-Fueled Survey on Sexism in Tech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yet another dubious report claiming to show widespread sexism in Silicon Valley has been published, and the tech press is characteristically lapping it up.

The survey, given the headline-friendly title “The Elephant in the Valley,” is scarcely academic, consisting of a collection of stories published on a purpose-built website. It nonetheless contains a number of eye-grabbing statistics: 90 percent of respondents claimed they had witnessed sexist behaviour at work, 87 percent reported demeaning comments from male colleagues, and 65 percent reported unwanted sexual advances.

Upon closer examination, however, the survey — and, by extension, its findings — is riddled with basic flaws.'

UK: Feminism To Be ‘Compulsory’ In Schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The government has backtracked on plans to stop teaching feminism as a “major political philosophy” in A-level politics. Following a typically noisy online campaign, feminism “will now be compulsory” and the number of “female thinkers” on the syllabus will be greatly expanded.

Plans to drop the current section on feminism from the A-level politics course were revealed in proposals from the Department for Education in November 2015.

The section is not currently compulsory, but has proven a popular optional topic alongside environmentalism.

The topic included parts on sex/gender, gender equality and patriarchy. Last year, for example, the AQA politics and government exam paper asked students to: “Explain the term patriarchy in the context of feminism.”

However, ministers said they wanted politics students to focus on just three “key” strands of political theory – conservatism, socialism and liberalism. Instead, the department proposed that feminism be thought as part of the sociology A-level. The backlash was almost instantaneous.'

Hillary Clinton says she would govern differently than a man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In excerpts released Thursday, the Democratic presidential candidate suggested she believes women govern differently than men.

"I just think there are some areas where our own life experiences really prepare us to be more receptive," Clinton said. "I do think there is something in the governing or organizing approach. I just think women in general are better listeners, are more collegial, more open to new ideas and how to make things work in a way that looks for win-win outcomes."

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Asked whether she has seen sexism change over the years, Clinton said it might be less pronounced but it's still "prevalent in our political scene."

"There still is a double standard, there's no doubt about that," she said. "I see it all the time where women are just expected to combine traits and qualities in a way that men are not. And it does make running for office for a woman a bigger challenge. It's hard for anybody, but I do think that women bear that extra burden."'

Women Arrested for Abusing Son So Badly He's Had Two Strokes

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A pair of Oklahoma women have been arrested for allegedly beating and torturing a five-year-old boy so badly that he has had two strokes since being placed in the hospital.

Police in Muskogee, OK, arrested the boy's mother, Rachel Stevens, 28, and his "stepmother," Kayla Jones, 25, for what doctors say appears to be months of vicious child abuse.

The case ended up with the police after the child was transferred from a Muskogee clinic to St. John Medical Center in Tulsa because of lesions on his face and a series of seizures. But when he got to Tulsa, doctors became suspicious over his injuries and determined that he was abused and not just suffering some sort of ailment as claimed by the lesbian couple.

In court documents, the child indicated to police that he had been repeatedly tied up, confined with duct tape, locked in a small room for extended periods of time, and that both women would periodically beat him sometimes with a belt. He said his own mother once smashed his hand with a hammer and his "stepmom" kicked him in the groin hard enough to cause bleeding.

The women, though, have claimed that the abuse was somehow self-inflicted, that the boy was constantly "falling down" and getting hurt.

According to News On 6, the pair had even started a GoFundMe page dedicated to raising money to help pay their child's hospital expenses incurred because he was having "seizures" of an unknown cause.'

How 46 Title IX Cases Were Resolved

ThomasI · 15 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Two! Just Two. Yes, of the 46 cases so far investigated, there were two cases -- TWO -- where the OCR found there had been a hostile environment. And ONE of those two were UVA. So go figure that! And this does NOT mean there WAS a sexual assault that went unpunished. It just means that there was an ill-defined "hostile" environment AT THE TIME (which may very well have been fixed before OCR even got involved). In all the remaining of the 46... just form letters were sent. That is how your money is being spent. Excerpt:

'Since the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rightssignaled stricter enforcement of Title IX in April 2011, it has resolved 46 investigations of colleges for possible violations of the gender-equity law involving alleged sexual violence. You can explore all investigations in this wave of enforcement and learn morewith The Chronicle's Title IX investigation tracker.

Here we break down those 46 cases to see how they were resolved.'

Rubio and Title IX

Matt · 15 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Wielding irrelevant laws, spurious social science and financial coercion, the Obama administration is pressuring colleges and universities to traduce standards of due process when dealing with students accused of sexual assault. Claiming that a 1972 law prohibiting sex discrimination in education somehow empowers the government to dictate institutions' disciplinary procedures, the administration is dictating that a mere "preponderance of the evidence," rather than "clear and convincing" evidence, be used in determining a life-shattering verdict of guilt.

Stuart Taylor Jr. and KC Johnson — a lawyer and an academic, neither Republican — write that the administration justifies this by citing a single "resoundingly discredited" study purporting to prove an epidemic (involving 1 in 5 women) of campus sexual assaults. The administration opposes allowing accused students to cross-examine their accusers, and favors a form of double jeopardy — allowing accusers to appeal not-guilty findings.'

These Men's Rights Activists Are Suing Women for Meeting Without Men

Matt · 15 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In April 2014, Stephanie Burns' company, Chic CEO, was gearing up for a networking event at an Italian restaurant in San Diego. Chic CEO hosts online resources for women starting their own businesses, and this spring evening it had teamed up with a local networking group to throw a mixer at Solare Lounge, where women could mingle over cocktails and appetizers while talking business.

During the event, Rich Allison, Allan Candelore, and Harry Crouch appeared at the restaurant door. They had each paid the $20 admission fee, and they told the hosts they wanted to enter the event. Chic CEO turned them away, saying that "the event was only open to women," according to the men's version of events, explained later in a legal complaint. Within two months, the three men had filed a discrimination lawsuit against Burns and her company alleging that the event discriminated against men. They are each members of the nation's oldest men's rights group, the National Coalition for Men, and Crouch is the NCFM's president.'

"Men Have to Manspread Because of Science, Says Mansplaining Scientist"

Mastodon · 15 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Poor men. It was already difficult enough for them to accomodate their fellow subway riders, ostensibly because their balls need space (or something). Now they can't even spread their legs on public transit without being shamed for manspreading — by the transit authority, no less.

Well, one data scientist wants to put a stop to all the ladies nagging men for simply doing what they need to do for a comfortable train ride (i.e. sit with their knees as far apart from one another as possible, thereby ensuring strangers can't fit more than a single butt-cheek on the seat next to them).

According to Mark Skinner, an analyst at Roubini Global Economics, there's a very good reason why men manspread on public transit — and it actually has less to do with men being dicks, and more to do with the ratios of the average male body.

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Skinner argues that if a male human were to sit with his legs together, "his torso likely won't fit on the top half of the seat" because his knees aren't at least shoulder-width apart.

The findings included another possible explanation for men taking up too much space on the train, which is that they're actually just trying to take up less room. Skinner claims that because men's knees tend to protrude more on average than women's, manspreading allows them to "avoid collisions in the aisles on crowded trains." (Skinner failed to mention the most likely reason why the trains are crowded in the first place: People are standing because there's not enough room to sit down.)'

"Men Mansplain Manspreading In New Data Analysis"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new data analysis from EconoMonitor is attempting to prove that men don't want to manspread -- they need to.

With the help of data scientist Mark Skinner, EconoMonitor writer Ash Bennington looked at the science behind why dudes manspread on public transit. "Manspreading" refers to when men take up more room than necessary on subways, buses and other types of public transportration.'

Girl, 19, found guilty of luring her teenage ex-boyfriend to a Florida home where he was beaten, shot, burnt and dismembered

Matt · 16 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Another example of a female getting a group of males to do her dirty work for her. And another lesson to would-be pseudo-chivalrous white knights, too. Excerpt:

'The woman accused of luring her ex-boyfriend to his death in 2011 has been found guilty of his gruesome murder.

Seath Jackson was tortured, beaten, shot and burnt in a Summerfield, Florida home before having his body broken into pieces to be put into paint cans that were thrown into a lime quarry.

His ex-girlfriend, Amber Wright, was 15 years old at the time of his murder. She was found guilty of first-degree murder after jurors deliberated for two hours in a Marion County courtroom, WESH reported.

This was Wright's second trial after her first conviction was overturned because she wasn't properly read her Miranda rights.

Four teenagers, a 20-year-old and one adult were all charged in Jackson's horrific murder. Wright's conviction is the latest step by prosecutors for holding those responsible for Jackson's murder.

Wright, 19, was used as 'bait' to bring Jackson to a gathering where his knees were broken so that his teenage body could be stuffed into a sleeping bag before it was burned, according to prosecutors.

During the trial, a tape played by prosecutors of her talking to her co-defendants after his murder showed Wright stating that Jackson cheated on her, hit her and nearly infected her with an STD during their relationship.

According to the Ocala Star-Banner, text messages showed Wright telling Jackson that they could work it out. But he was concerned about getting 'jumpt' (sic).'

"Between Wrongful Convictions and Rape Culture"

Mastodon · 18 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Defense lawyers in an evolving Brownsville rape case are now claiming that there's video that clears five young men of allegedly gang raping a young woman in a dark playground last week. The case has gripped the city's attention and there's a lot at stake in how it turns out.

The case has reminded some of the infamous 1989 Central Park 5 case, where young men were wrongfully convicted of brutally raping a jogger in Manhattan's Central Park. If you haven't seen Ken Burns' documentary or followed the story of how the young men fought for their freedom and ultimately sued the city, you really should. The story was in the headlines again recently when a teacher was allegedly fired for teaching her class about the case.

That case and story taught us all a lot about how the media and the criminal justice system can so willingly destroy the lives of young boys of color. Complicit in throwing those five boys under the bus was almost every major news outlet at the time, the mayor, the police department, prosecutors, a sizable portion of New York City and the current frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination.'

Europe’s tragedy: Too much Angela Merkel, too little masculinity

Mastodon · 19 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After the incidents of sexual assault in Cologne, Germany on New Year’s Eve committed by Muslim refugees against German women, feminist apologetics have acquired renewed vigor in the European debate.

Pundits and politicians assure the public that refugee males now storming the gates of Europe from the Middle East, Northern Africa and Central Asia will be required to learn that Western women are independent and sexually liberated. Such arguments, however, are obviously too weak to have any impact on the male cultures representative of certain refugee groups.

To these individuals, strong European women are ‘easy’ and easy victims; they have respect only for strong men – and strong men aren't exactly thick on the ground in Europe.

The deficiency of masculinity in European culture renders it impotent in the face of the political and cultural chaos that has escalated along with growing immigration.'

Federal agency's actions may undermine students' rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NO one wants sexual harassment or assault to be ignored. But the processes used to investigate related allegations on many college campuses increasingly resemble kangaroo courts.

It appears those potentially unconstitutional processes have been adopted due to pressure from the federal Department of Education through means that bypassed valid rule-making procedures.'

Students question their expulsions

Mastodon · 19 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Perhaps no school in the state has been as aggressive in punishing alleged sexual assailants in recent years as Georgia Tech.

With campus rape grabbing national headlines, Tech has expelled or suspended nearly every student it has investigated for sexual misconduct in the past five years, records show. And at Tech, officials finding a student responsible for “non-consensual sexual intercourse” must either expel the student or explain why they did not.'

Why Modern Feminism Does Nothing To Benefit Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A few weeks ago, a video surfaced that made a few ripples around the internet, especially the various groups and pages I'm associated with that focus on gender issues. Not that that's anything new, but sometimes videos are released that ride a wave of popularity and are used by both sides of the 'gender war' to highlight their points of view. This one was no different, enticing cheers of 'totally' and jeers of 'absolutely not' in equal measure. It was titled 48 things women hear in a lifetime (that men just don't) and it was a video of various women saying 48 various sentences that, supposedly, men just aren't subjected to. A few weeks later, an equivalent video was released that followed the same format but was called 48 things men hear in a lifetime (that are bad for everyone). The intention was to promote how much we still 'need' feminism, even in 2015 (or 2016 now). Of course, as educational and insightful as both videos intended to be, it also gave us a couple of 'dafuq' moments, particularly as some of the things that men 'just don't hear' spouted in the women's video were, confusingly, repeated in the men's video. I'll get into the details a bit later but I want to look at the idea of 'things that (insert demographic here) hear that (insert equivalent demographic here) simply don't'.'

Brian Banks Lawsuit Seeks $219,000.00 Against State of California

Matt · 19 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a story here, wrongfully convicted high school football star Brian Banks is seeking $219,000.00 from the State of California for his imprisonment based on a wrongful conviction. California passed a statute that permitted exonerated convicts to be paid a maximum of $100 for each day they were wrongfully convicted and confined. You can read the horrific facts of his ordeal reported here.

What I find interesting is that the DA's office sought a conviction Banks without any physical evidence except Wanetta Gibson's word. You would think obtaining a rape conviction would be a tough case to prove, but the DA's office pursued charges against Brian Banks whose defense attorney talked him into a plea deal out of fear that a jury would assume Banks was guilty because he was a big black teeenager.

With regards to Wanetta Gibson's false statement in which she was paid $1.5 million?

Los Angeles prosecutors have said it is unlikely Gibson will be charged with making false accusations, saying it would be a tough case to prove.'

SAVE E-lert: "California Dreamin'" Up Some More Bad Policy

Matt · 19 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Once upon a time, California students could choose how to give consent to private sexual activity. Nowadays, the state has mandated affirmative consent, which means an accused student must show something like a sexual consent contract or video to prove consent existed.

But now, the University of California has stated that students may not videotape sexual activity without possible consent, which means that students are not able to prove that consent did occur: http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/california-colleges-to-make-proving-innocence-a-punishable-offense/article/2580663

This new policy is making it impossible to defend oneself against a sexual assault accusation.

Contact University of California President Janet Napolitano: president@ucop.edu and tell her that the school's new policy is dangerous for every student.

Let's not wait until innocent students are found guilty under it.

Very truly yours,

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Policy Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Study: Those Who Believe Feminism ‘Irrelevant’ Outnumber ‘Feminists’

Mastodon · 20 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More people believe that feminism is irrelevant than call themselves a feminist, a survey has revealed. However, two in three Brits say that more needs to be done for women’s equality in our society, leading to a feminist organisation declaring Britain a nation of ‘hidden’ feminists. The survey results don’t bear this conclusion out.

The results were revealed in a recentSurvation poll for The Fawcett Society, in which more than 8,000 British adults were quizzed on their attitudes to gender and feminism.

It found that, while seven per cent of Brits identify as a feminist, nine percent say they believe feminism to be irrelevant. A further 61 per cent believe in equality between the sexes, but say they are not a feminist.

The Fawcett Society has used these results to co-opt the vast majority of Britain into the ranks of the feminists. Chief Executive Sam Smethers said: “The overwhelming majority of the public share our feminist values but don’t identify with the label. However the simple truth is if you want a more equal society for women and men then you are in fact a feminist.”'

UK: Woman stabs man in eye with stiletto, sees no jail time

Matt · 20 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A student who stabbed a man in the eye with a Christian Louboutin stiletto heel leaving him with serious injuries has walked free from court.

Shadiya Omar, 22, of Clarendon Road, Whalley Range attacked Justin Lloyd, also 22, as they both waited for a taxi home after a night out in Manchester city centre.

Manchester Crown Court heard Mr Lloyd, from Blackley, approached Omar's friend outside the Mercure Hotel in Piccadilly Gardens on October 18 2014.

He offered the woman a crisp, but she knocked them out of his hand, so he attempted to pour them over her head.

The court heard Omar reacted by rushing to her friend's aid and struck Mr Lloyd in the eye with the designer shoe.

Prosecuting, Jonathan Savage, said: 'He was then struck a single blow to the left eye with an object.'

Dallas' Family Place plans to open first Texas shelter for battered men

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Dallas family violence cases increased by 7 percent last year. But the most stark rise at one local shelter was in the number of battered men needing a temporary place to stay.

The Family Place nearly tripled the number of battered men it served last year compared with 2014. The 24 men assisted through November represented about 10 times the figure from just a few years ago, when the organization provided emergency shelter for two or three men annually.

In response to the escalating need, The Family Place plans to open a separate shelter for battered men early this year. Executive director Paige Flink said it would be the first in Texas and one of the first in the nation.

“Some people can’t believe me and others are saying, ‘Finally,’” Flink said about the new effort.'

"Lock Him Up! Feminists Call To Put Milo Yiannopoulos Behind Bars"

Mastodon · 20 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Self-proclaimed comedienne Kate Smurthwaite called for Yiannopoulos to be “locked up” on the BBC’s The Big Questionsyesterday, after having lost a debate to him previously by losing her temper.

Smurthwaite and Yiannopoulos had previously locked horns on the show last year, as her “institutionalised sexism” outburst was the source for theunforgettable “I’m talking about men, darling” viral video. For her disappointing performance, Smurthwaite received ridicule and criticism that she later sought to depict as “abuse” and “harassment.”

After complaining as to why Yiannopoulos,who refers to himself as a “Dangerous Faggot,” gets so much airtime, despite the fact his social media followings are over ten times the size of her own and probably more than the whole room combined, she argued that until we see some “high-profile individuals, perhaps including some in this studio, locked up, it’ll be time for other people to back off.”

This is not the first time feminists have called for Yiannopoulos and other free speech activists and writers critical of modern feminism to face criminal charges.'

Wikipedia on Milo Yiannopoulos

College student acquitted of rape re-enrolls, sues accuser

Matt · 20 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Roanoke College student who was accused of rape and found not guilty at trial and in a sexual misconduct hearing is back on campus this semester and is suing his accuser for $500,000 in damages.

Ezra Zigarwi, who was found not guilty on charges of rape and aggravated assault, has re-enrolled at Roanoke College this semester after he was found not guilty in a jury trial in November and at an on-campus sexual misconduct hearing in December.

The 19-year-old student from Zimbabwe, Africa, also has filed a civil lawsuit against the female student who accused him of rape. The lawsuit alleges the woman made false claims to campus and Salem police, and asks for $500,000 in compensatory and punitive damages.

The Roanoke Times does not name people who file sexual assault reports.'

Sorry, activists, another flawed survey doesn't prove rape culture

Matt · 22 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yet another sexual assault survey was released this week. Cue the usual media outlets predictably touting it as proof that America is in the midst of a "rape culture" and that college women are victimized at rates similar to that of the Congo.

The alarming statistics included in summaries make for good headlines. Huffington Post wrote: "There's no more denying campus rape is a problem. This study proves it." Media Matters went with: "New study once again debunks right-wing media's favorite myths about campus sexual assault statistics."

These outlets can claim that the survey proves the existence of a campus rape epidemic, but the data prove just the opposite.'

Prominent Medieval Scholar’s Blog on ‘Feminist Fog’ Sparks an Uproar

ThomasI · 22 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A months-old blog post written by a respected medieval scholar, Allen J. Frantzen, has gained a second life on social media — and whipped the discipline into a frenzy.

The post, entitled "How to Fight Your Way Out of the Feminist Fog" and published on Mr. Frantzen’s personal website, attacks feminism, alluding repeatedly to "anti-male" propaganda, paints men as victims, and offers advice on how they should "clear the fog." Mr. Frantzen retired in 2014, after more than 35 years at Loyola University Chicago.

The post borrows terminology often associated with men’s-rights activism, including encouragement for men to take the "red pill" of reality, not the "blue pill" of illusion, and to break away from the feminist fog. The fog, Mr. Frantzen explains, represents how feminism hangs over society — in a "sour mix of victimization and privilege" — and intimidates men into accepting its perspective.

Medieval scholars have widely condemned the post online as misogynistic, under the hashtag #femfog.'

Is Georgia Tech crossing a line on sexual assault, other cases?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Georgia Tech will face questions Monday from a state lawmaker looking at whether the school is doing enough to protect the rights of students accused of sexual assault and other wrongdoing.

State Rep. Earl Ehrhart, a Republican from Cobb County, said while he looking at due process rights across the state university system he is particularly concerned about Tech, which has moved to aggressively punish those facing sexual assault allegations.'

Campus sexual-assault hearing is ‘akin to a criminal prosecution,’ federal court says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sometimes when you lose the battle, you win a larger victory.

Critics of the typical college approach to sexual-assault investigations – treating male students as “responsible” while depriving them of basic due process – can take some comfort from a decision by the U.S. District Court in Lexington, Ky.

Male student “John Doe” preemptively sued the University of Kentucky after it put him through two hearings in the 2014-15 school year that were twice overturned by the University Appeals Board, which found gross due-process violations including the “withholding of critical evidence” by the student-conduct director. (The first punishment was a one-year suspension; the second, a five-year suspension.)'

Embrace feminism to improve decision-making, says Canadian PM

Mastodon · 23 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Justin Trudeau, Canada's prime minister, has called on men and women to embrace feminism to improve decision-making in politics and business.

Speaking on a platform discussing gender parity at the World Economic Forum inDavos on Friday, Trudeau said: "We shouldn't be afraid to use the word feminist. Men and women should use it to describe themselves whenever they want."

Trudeau appointed a gender-balanced cabinet after he became prime minister in November, made up of 15 men and 15 women. At the time, he explained his decision by saying: "Because it's 2015".'

UK: Family judge criticised for not naming council that breached father's rights

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A family court judge has come under fire after refusing to name a council that violated a man's parental rights by taking his four-year-old daughter into care without a proper investigation.

Judge Heather Anderson said the council had admitted breaching the human rights of the man, who has a learning disability and is separated from the girl's mother.

Staff had not consulted him when temporarily placing the girl, who had lived with her mother, with foster carers after concerns emerged about her being neglected. He had not been asked if he could care for his daughter or suggest other possible carers, pending decisions about her long-term future.'

IOC to allow M-to-F transsexuals to compete as women

Matt · 23 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There's great news for adventurous male Olympic hopefuls: if they declare themselves women and reduce their testosterone below 10 nmol/L for at least 12 months prior to competition, they can compete against ladies.

There's even better news for these men; according to transgender guidelinesapproved by the International Olympic Committee, genitalia does not serve as a prerequisite. The guidelines state: "To require surgical anatomical changes as a pre-condition to participation is not necessary to preserve fair competition and may be inconsistent with developing legislation and notions of human rights."'

Guilty no matter what

Matt · 24 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A 19-year-old Roanoke College student was accused of rape in March 2015 by a college freshman. He was charged by the district attorney, but it took a jury just 25 minutes to find him not guilty at the end of a trial that lasted one day. A campus sexual misconduct hearing also found him not responsible.

Case closed, right? Wrong, of course.

When the student, who is from Zimbabwe, re-enrolled in Roanoke, campus activists started an online petition in an effort to bar him from campus, citing safety concerns. This just goes to show that students who are accused of sexual assault on college campuses are often considered guilty-until-proven-innocent, and even then are still considered guilty.'

"I hate to break it to feminists, but ‘white male privilege’ is a myth"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How’s this for dark irony: throughout 2015, ‘white male privilege’ was the buzzphrase on every rad tweeter and liberal hack’s lips, as they fumed against the easy, pampered lives allegedly enjoyed by human beings who had the fortune to be born with a penis and pale skin. Railing against ‘white men’ and their cushy existences has become the stock-in-trade of many feminists.

Yet towards the end of 2015 it was revealed that there’s a social group in Britain more derided and less successful than pretty much every other social group. Guess who? Yep, young white men. Especiallyyoung working-class white men. A large sector of the group that the new identity-politics mob loves to ridicule for sailing through life unmolested and unchallenged is actually having a rough time.

Consider this: 18-year-old women are35 percent more likely to attend university than 18-year-old men; and where 37 percent of black school-leavers go to university, only 28 percent of white school-leavers do. These stats were unveiled by UCAS in December, leading its chief executive to wonder if it isn’t time to initiate ‘outreach’ projects designed to get more white blokes into college.'

If 12% of campus sexual assaults are reported, then 1 in 39 women are sexually assaulted at U. of MN, not 1 in 5

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is an update of a post that appeared on CD last March.

In a January 2014 report titled “Rape and Sexual Assault: A Renewed Call to Action” (which led to the creation of the “White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault” headed by Vice-President Joe Biden), the White House made the following two claims:

White House Claim 1. Sexual assault is a particular problem on college campuses: 1 in 5 women has been sexually assaulted while in college (pages 1, 2, 10, 14).

White House Claim 2. Reporting rates for campus sexual assault are also very low: on average only 12% of student victims report the assault to law enforcement (page 14).

I’ve reported previously on CD many times that there’s a huge, irreconcilable problem here. If the second claim about under-reporting of campus sexual assault is even close to being accurate, it means that nowhere near 1 in 5 women are sexually assaulted while in college. ...'

Lawmaker to spotlight Georgia Tech's treatment of accused students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Georgia Tech will face questions today from a state lawmaker looking at whether the school is doing enough to protect the rights of students accused of sexual assault and other wrongdoing.

The hearing could be the first time Georgia Tech president Bud Peterson speaks publicly about the institution's student discipline processes since recent reports about the impact of the school's aggressive disciplining.

Georgia Tech has expelled or suspended nearly every student it has investigated for sexual misconduct in the past five years, according to reports viewed by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The school has also handed down stiff penalties to fraternities, including one in which members were accused last summer of hurling racial slurs at a black female student.'

UK: Human Rights Committee seeking comments - "Appointment of Chair of Equality and Human Rights Commission hearing"

Minuteman · 25 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Link here.

'Hearing with Government's preferred candidate in March 2016. Deadline for written submissions is Thursday 18 February 2016.

Scope of the hearing

* Women and Equalities Committee
* Joint Committee on Human Rights

The Joint Committee on Human Rights holds a joint pre-appointment hearing of the Government's preferred candidate for the Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) with the House of Commons Women and Equalities Committee in March 2016. Ahead of this hearing, the Committees welcome submissions on the following:

* the effectiveness of the EHRC and the role of the Chair;
* the most important issues the Chair of the EHRC is likely to face during their term; and
* the most important qualities needed by the Chair of the EHRC

Guidance: Written submissions

Send a written submission'

How the Feds Use Title IX to Bully Universities

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Article here. Jump the login by Googling the first para. text and clicking the first result entry. Excerpt:

'In the past several years politicians have lined up to condemn an epidemic of sexual assault on college campuses. But there is a genuine question of whether the Education Department has exceeded its legal authority in the way it has used Title IX to dictate colleges' response to the serious problem of sexual assault.

When an administrative agency makes rules and regulations—which are a form of law every bit as binding as those passed by Congress—it must follow the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, the bible of the bureaucracy. The process most often used involves "notice and comment": The agency must publish the proposed regulation and respond to comments before issuing the final rule. This can take months or years, and at the end of the process parties affected by the new rule can challenge it in court.

There's a point to making the government jump through these hoops: By demanding transparency and facilitating public participation and judicial review, we can be more confident that the bureaucracy is up to good rather than ill.'

Professor Who Blocked Reporters From Protest Charged With Assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'University of Missouri communications professor Melissa Click has been charged with third-degree assault -- a misdemeanor -- over an altercation with reporters on campus in November, the city prosecutor's office has confirmed. The prosecutor's office filed the charge Monday morning, after which the court is expected to issue a summons.

In a video that was widely shared online, Click was shown blocking reporters from a public space at the school's campus. Students, who had gathered following the resignation of the university's president over racial tensions at the school, declared the area a media-free "safe space."

Click can be heard telling a reporter to "go away" before grabbing his camera, then asking for backup. "Hey, who wants to help me get this reporter out of here? I need some muscle over here!" Click says on the video.'

There’s no glass ceiling. There’s just children and food.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The argument is unsustainable. “For all the talk over the past three years, the number of women at the World Economic Forum barely budged from 17% last year to 18% this week.”

What feminists see, but cannot face, is that most women don’t want what they want. What feminists have learned, but refuse to accept, is that you can’t legislate desire.

There is Zero. Evidence. that women are being discriminated against en masse or that they’re being forced into fields that allow more flexibility as opposed to freely choosing them.

Do you think so little of women that you assume they don’t know what they want? If so, why do you want them in the boardroom?

Clare Boothe Luce said it best: “It is time to leave the question of the role of women up to Mother Nature—a difficult lady to fool. You have only to give women the same opportunities as men, and you will soon find out what is or is not in their nature. What is in women’s nature to do they will do, and you won’t be able to stop them.'

Woman Battered Husband When He Declined Her Request To Have Sex

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An Iowa woman bit and scratched her husband when he declined to have sex with her, according to cops who arrested the suspect for domestic battery.

As detailed in a criminal complaint, when Rachel Butterbaugh, 33, arrived home from work around 10 PM Saturday night, her spouse was in bed inside the couple's North Liberty residence.

Butterbaugh, pictured at right, "said she wanted to have sex," police reported. But when her husband said no, Butterbaugh allegedly "became physical and began scratching and biting the victim."
...
Court records show that Butterbaugh's rap sheet includes two prior assault convictions.'

Canada: As many men as women are victims of domestic violence

Matt · 25 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article in French here. English translation here. Excerpt:

'Data made public by Statistics Canada this week come debunk some myths about domestic violence.

Thus, contrary to popular belief, the 2014 General Social Survey on victimization tells us that men are just as likely to be victims of spousal violence than women.

If this data does not surprise the experts, some are still surprised to see the fall of domestic violence, which fell by nearly half, and see the extent of violence against men.

According to the survey, a little more than 19 million Canadians who had a spouse or former spouse in 2014, about 4%, or 760,000 people, reported having experienced physical or sexual violence, or both, from their partner in the previous five years. However, the proportion of 4% is identical in men and women.

The good news is that the figure is well below the 7% recorded 10 years earlier, in 2004, a drop the magnitude of which surprised criminologist and specialist in domestic violence issues Stéphane Guay, University from Montreal.

"Let there be a decline is normal and you would expect because this is an issue that has been taken seriously and there were many actions that have been taken. But 3% difference? This is almost a 50% decrease. That I would not have you pledged $ 2 on it, "he told in an interview with The Canadian Press.'

Florida State Settles Suit Over Jameis Winston Rape Inquiry

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Florida State University agreed on Monday to pay $950,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by a former student who accused the former Seminoles football star Jameis Winston of raping her in 2012.

The settlement also commits Florida State to five years of sexual assault awareness programs and to the publishing of annual reports on those programs, although the university did not admit liability. Winston was never criminally charged in the case, in part, the local prosecutor acknowledged, because a number of shortcomings in the police investigation left him without the evidence needed to sustain a charge of rape.

Because of the publicity it generated, the Winston case became a centerpiece for a national debate over two intertwined issues: how universities handle allegations of sexual assault, and whether colleges and the police afford special treatment to athletes accused of misconduct. A New York Times examination — based on police and university records, as well as interviews with people close to the case, including lawyers and sexual assault experts — found that Florida State and the Tallahassee police had done little to determine what happened in the Winston case.'

Irony alert: ‘rabid feminists’ want themselves removed from the Oxford English Dictionary

Matt · 27 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As if to make a massive display of their dearth of self-awareness, Twitter feminists have spent the past few days nagging the Oxford English Dictionary over its definition of the word ‘nagging’. They have also rabidly denounced its definition of ‘rabid’. And they have deployed shrill lingo to slam its definition of ‘shrill’.

To nag a dictionary in a shrill and rabid way over its entries for ‘shrill’, ‘rabid’ and ‘nag’ suggests feminists’ irony deficiency has reached life-threatening levels. Or maybe they’re having a cosmic laugh. Never have I been more tempted to view the new, media-led feminism as a Chris Morris-style send-up of buzz-killing liberals than I have while reading about Dictionarygate.

It started with some tweets by the Canadian anthropologist Michael Oman-Reagan (male feminists are often the worst). Demonstrating that anthropologists have way too much time on their hands, Mr Oman-Reagan complained to the OED – the default dictionary on Apple’s Mac OS X operating system – about the fact that its definition of the word ‘rabid’ — ‘having or proceeding from an extreme or fanatical support of or belief in something’ — contained the following example: ‘a rabid feminist.”

Due process advocates starting 2016 off strong

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Advocates for due process on college campuses have come out in full force in the first months of 2016. Law professors, legislators, editorial boards and even a presidential candidate have stepped up to defend the constitutional rights of those accused of sexual assault on college campuses.

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, an organization working to protect all students (both victims and the falsely accused), has detailed the advocacy in a press release sent Monday morning.
...
Last week, a federal court in Kentucky ruled that campus hearings are "quasi-criminal" in nature, which should make a good argument going forward that students deserve due process rights. Also last week, the Oklahoman posted an editorial about the need for reform in campus sexual assault policies, calling the current model a "constitutionally dubious regime."'

UK: Feminist celebrity advocates for 'euthanasia vans' to kill elderly

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hopkins suggests that we create “euthanasia vans” that drives door-to-door and kills off the elderly.

“We just have far too many old people,” the feminist says. “It’s ridiculous to be living in a country where we can put dogs to sleep but not people.”

According to Hopkins, this can be carried out stylistically, you know, with a flair.

“Euthanasia vans — just like ice-cream vans — that would come to your home,” Hopkins says “It would all be perfectly charming. They might even have a nice little tune they’d play. I mean this genuinely. I’m super-keen on euthanasia vans. We need to accept that just because medical advances mean we can live longer, it’s not necessarily the right thing to do."'

Wikipedia on Katie Hopkins here.

Hillary's "blame-men-first" feminism may prove costly in 2016

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During her two presidential campaigns, Hillary Clinton has consistently drawn greater support from women than men. Is this gender lag due to retrograde misogyny, or does Hillary project an uneasiness or ambivalence about men that complicates her appeal to a broader electorate?

As a career woman, Hillary is rooted in second-wave feminism, which began with Betty Friedan's co-founding of the National Organization for Women in 1967, while Hillary was in college. Friedan sought to draw men into the women's movement and to ally with mainstream wives and mothers. But after a series of ideological struggles, she lost her leadership role and was eventually eclipsed in media attention by the more telegenic Gloria Steinem, who famously said, "A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle."

Hillary has unfortunately adopted the Steinem brand of blame-men-first feminism, which defines women as perpetual victims requiring government protections. Hillary's sometimes impatient or patronizing tone about men, which can perhaps be traced to key aspects of her personal history, may prove costly to her current campaign.'

State legislator: Adopt due process protections or forget about your budget

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Georgia legislator responsible for appropriating state funds to colleges and universities is threatening to halt budget discussions with his state's schools unless they adopt basic due process protections for accused students.

State Rep. Earl Ehrhart, chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee on Higher Education, told college presidents in no uncertain terms to adopt such protections.

"You think you've got an issue with federal bureaucrats threatening your federal funds?" Ehrhart said at the close of a hearing on due process. "This committee controls your funds, Mr. President, and I want to see a clear statement from all of you — beyond what the [Board of] Regents is requiring — before I'm even going to have a conversation with you about your budgets, presidents."'

Professor involved in protests charged with assault, will keep job

Matt · 27 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'University of Missouri (Mizzou) Professor Melissa Click, who garnered national attention after attempting to remove a student journalist from a November protest, was formally charged with assault Monday morning,ABC 17 reports.

In November, Click was caught on video threatening a reporter who requested an interview with her during an on-campus protest at Mizzou. Click immediately turned down the reporter's request for comment and told him he needed to leave the protest. The reporter stood his ground causing Click to call out for "muscle" to forcibly remove the reporter from the protest. The video shows Click swinging at the reporter's camera, leading some to believe she assaulted a student.'

Sexual Assault: The Accused Speak Out

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Matthew adored his small liberal arts college—until he was charged with and, ultimately, issued a semester-long suspension for non-consensual sexual intercourse with another male student.

“One of the key phrases was ‘We found you guilty. Plan on not booking a flight back.’ That still punches me in the stomach,” Matthew told The Daily Beast. “The following day, I had an 8 am flight, I was up ‘till 3 am. I had to pack up all of my room.”

His love and trust in his college completely changed when he was notified that school was “investigating two alleged incidents of nonconsensual sexual intercourse,” according to the letter Matthew received from the Office of Title IX Coordination, which he shared with The Daily Beast. (Title IX is a statute that prohibits sex-based discrimination in schools that receive federal funding, and it is often applied to enforce sexual assault reform.)'

Under Obama, federal investigations of campus sexual assault cases skyrocket

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of universities accused of Title IX violations and subjected to federal investigations by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights has skyrocketed in recent years, even as an increasing number of lawmakers and law professors accuse the office of abusing its power regarding how to lawfully interpret the gender-equity law.

Federal Title IX investigations into the mishandling of campus sexual assault cases stand at nearly 250 since 2011, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education, whichreleased an online database detailing the probes.
The Chroniclereports over the past year and a half, the number of pending cases nearly tripled — and today there are 197 open investigations targeting 161 institutions.

Meanwhile, as the Office for Civil Rights claims it needs to hire hundreds of new employees to handle its increasing backlog of nearly 200 unresolved cases, more observers have come out to say the office has vastly overstepped its authority.'

Subway Brawl Turns Into Debate Over Manspreading

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'Last week, a fight broke out on a 5 train in the Bronx when a woman allegedly cursed & spit in a man's face during a verbal argument, and the man in turn pummeled the woman's boyfriend. The incident, which was captured on video, played out like a lot of other anonymous, violent, more-sad-than-anything-else subway fights. But a week later, both parties are talking about how a bare minimum of subway etiquette could have prevented the fisticuffs—because the fight, it turns out, was allegedly sparked by manspreading.

The incident happened around 3:30 p.m. last Wednesday on a northbound 5 train. Queen Muhammad, the woman who has been portrayed as initiating the fight, told the Newsthat she never spit on alleged attacker Patrick Crow. "This manspread thing is getting out of control," she told tabloid. "I was embarrassed but now I'm quite happy that this video came out and I hope that men are willing to respect women on the subway and buses more."

Crow counters that Muhammad was rude from the moment she got onto the train at 125th Street and Lexington Avenue, announcing that everyone should "respect the Queen" and cramming beside him on the seat: "She just dropped down on my leg," he said. "She started to nudge me over with her elbow," which the Daily News says made him decide to "spread his legs to prevent the takeover of his space."'

Crying Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'False rape accusations are a lightning rod for a variety of reasons. Rape is a repugnant crime—and one for which the evidence often relies on one person's word against another's. Moreover, in the not-so-distant past, the belief that women routinely make up rape charges often led to appalling treatment of victims. However, in challenging what author and law professor Susan Estrichhas called "the myth of the lying woman," feminists have been creating their own counter-myth: that of the woman who never lies.

More than a quarter-century ago, feminist legal theorist Catharine MacKinnon wrote that "feminism is built on believing women's accounts of sexual use and abuse by men"; today, Jessica Valenti urges us to "believe victims en masse," because only then will we recognize the true prevalence of sexual assault. But a de facto presumption of guilt in alleged sexual offenses is as dangerous as a presumption of guilt in any crime, and for the same reasons: It upends the foundations on which our system of justice rests and creates a risk of ruining innocent lives.

How frequent are false accusations? A commonly cited estimate, which may have originated with feminist author Susan Brownmiller in the 1970s, is that they account for only about 2 percent of rape reports. After the Oberst fiasco, feminist blogger Rebecca Watson posteda video asserting that, statistically, you will be wrong two out of 100 times if you presume a rape accusation to be true and 98 out of 100 times if you presume it to be false.'

‘Feminist’ PM Justin Trudeau Schools The World On How To Raise Boys In A Patriarchal World

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“We shouldn’t be afraid of the word ‘feminist’. Men and women should use it to describe themselves anytime they want,” said Justin Trudeau, as the audience at Davos World Economic Forum broke into hoots and applause. We’ve heard this before, from Malala Yousafzai, from Emma Watson, Beyoncé, Ellen Page, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Louise Brealy, and John Legend. Every time someone, as well-known as they are, has made this point, there’s a sizeable dent in the patriarchy-sized wall we’ve been trying to smash so long. But if I had a dollar – or a British Pound, I hear it’s doing better – for every time a politician made this statement, well, let’s say I’d be eating a cheap breakfast, because feminist politicians are hard to come by.

Trudeau’s election was a special one from the beginning. He kicked off his campaign at the Vancouver Pride Parade. And when he did win, he brought in an ethnically diverse and gender-balanced cabinet of ministers. And last Friday, he boldly embraced feminism, personally and politically. But what’s most important about his Davos speech is what came before that.

He talks about how he wants to raise his sons “to be feminists like dad,” and that it was his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, who brought up the issue in the first place. Feminist parent duo to raise feminist daughter and sons? Yes, please!

But can we just talk about feminist dads for a second. These are guys who are taking ‘fatherhood’ (which has stood at the helm of patriarchy for so long) by the lapels and saying “no, we won’t do it the old way anymore.” Male feminists (I use the prefix ‘male’ only to highlight an identity and experience that is different from women’s) recognize the privilegesthey hold over women as a violation of the principle of equality and justice, and who won’t stand for it. And feminist dads? Well, they’ll show their kids that another type of man is possible, another type of fatherhood is possible. They also show their kids how to be decent human beings, not because you’ll get a cookie for it, but because that’s who you should be.'

University men’s issues group fails to get ratified

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Ryerson Students’ Union (RSU) rejected the last appeal by the Men’s Issues Awareness Society (MIAS) to become an officially sanctioned student group.

RSU president Andrea Bartlett said that the group cannot appeal any further.

MIAS, which styles itself as “a space for Ryerson students and affiliates to discuss the issues facing men and boys today,” first applied for campus group status in October. The RSU’s Board of Directors has consistently rejected the group — the latest attempt to establish a men’s issues organization on campus.

“What we’re doing is really raising issues that have never been [talked] about or usually disregarded,” said Kevin Arriola, MIAS’s president."'

Obama to announce new rules for closing gender pay gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In his final year in office, President Barack Obama is returning to an issue that was at the heart of the first piece of legislation he ever signed at the White House: equal pay.

Obama on Friday unveiled new rules that would compel companies with more than 100 employees to provide the federal government annual data for how much they pay employees based on gender, race and ethnicity.

That information would be used to help public enforcement of equal pay laws while giving more insight into discriminatory pay practices, he said from the White House.

“What kind of example does paying women less set for our sons and daughters?” Obama asked.

The proposal would cover more than 63 million employees — potentially providing a new wealth of data for understanding the pay gap issue and determining whether certain workers are getting short-changed.'

The serious reason boys do worse than girls

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'It's one of the biggest puzzles in education. Since the 1950s, boys in America been falling behind girls in school. They have more trouble graduating high school, and are less likely to get college diplomas.

Though there have been many theories for the gender gap in academic achievement, this remains a hotly debated issue. Is it the culture? Do girls get more encouragement to succeed in their studies? Is there something biological going on? Do boys mature too late? Are they just more fragile at young ages?

And what if this is the human race's destiny? "What if the modern, postindustrial economy is simply more congenial to women than to men?" Hanna Rosin wondered in her provocative Atlantic essay from 2010.'

Crystal Lake Dist. 155's STEM conference for girls only

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jenny Morris had a "light bulb" moment teaching an Advanced Placement physics class at Prairie Ridge High School last year.

"I had 16 boys and zero girls," she said.

It prompted Morris to launch Crystal Lake High School District 155's first GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science) Conference to be held Saturday.

Sixth- through eighth-graders from feeder schools in Cary, Crystal Lake, Fox River Grove, Prairie Grove, and a portion of Lake in the Hills are invited to attend the free conference and explore careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).'

Lawmakers propose bill to close the wage gap for women in Oklahoma

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Representatives Jason Dunnington and Emily Virgin want to make it illegal for an employer in Oklahoma to pay women less than men for comparable work.

The bill would allow female employees who feel they're being discriminated against to file a complaint with the Labor Department.

"The Labor Department would contact the employer and then would seek records and would do an investigation on whether that's the case and whether or not that employer was making a practice of paying females less for the same work as males," Dunnington said.

The bill would also make it illegal to fire a woman because she made a wage claim.'

“Toddler wage gap”: Sandberg says inequality starts with kids’ chores

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists in the workplace just keep finding new issues to harp on. In her op-ed in Forbes, Sabrina Schaeffer, executive director of the Independent Women’s Forum, shares how “Success if Never Enough For Some ‘Feminists,’ Including Sheryl Sandberg.”

Schaeffer begins with a mention as to how “fascinated” Alexis de Tocqueville would be, if he were alive today, by “the rise of female entrepreneurs of the highest level, who lament inequalities facing women today and have made it their public purpose to push for women’s “success.””

She also mentions the regular gatherings and talks “about how women need to stand up to implicit (and explicit) bias in the workplace, resist the urge to fall into traditional roles, and better “embrace ambition.”” Why don’t we let women do so for themselves though, especially those who want “to fall into traditional roles,” and who know their situation and means better than those like Sheryl Sandberg.”'

Police Detective Arrested for Allegedly Making False Rape Claim

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Los Angeles Police Department detective was arrested today on charges of threatening an ex-boyfriend and having him arrested by filing a false police report claiming she had been sexually assaulted.

Christine Wycoff, 44, was freed on $150,000 bond, and is scheduled to be arraigned Feb. 22 in downtown Los Angeles on charges of dissuading a witness and false imprisonment, according to the District Attorney's Office.

According to prosecutors, Wycoff met the alleged victim online in June 2014 and pair had a sexual relationship that lasted several months. When the relationship soured, Wycoff allegedly threatened the man, who reported it to the LAPD.

While the LAPD was conducting an internal investigation, Wycoff allegedly told the man that if he cooperated with the probe, she would accuse him of domestic violence, prosecutors said.'

NCFM Calls on Candidates to Stop Spewing Gender Pay Gap Myth

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'The National Coalition For Men (NCFM) calls on Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, and all other candidates to be honest about the gender "pay gap." Claiming that women "earn less" without explaining why is misleading and dishonest. The Department of Labor funded a study that showed the pay gap is mostly due to choices, not discrimination. http://commons.wikimannia.org/images/Gender_Wage_Gap_Final_Report_2009.pdf

Before women get married and have kids, they earn the same as men, and are also beneficiaries of quality of life choices that favor health and longevity as reflected by statistics on industrial deaths. After having kids, women make additional quality of life choices different from males, such as more flexible hours and less managerial positions. Women have more options than men when it comes to being primary parents. In fact, over half of female graduates of Stanford and Harvard left the workforce within 15 years of entry into the workforce. This is not an option for most men. http://edition.cnn.com/2005/BUSINESS/03/15/optout.revolution/

Rebranding Chauvinism as Misogyny Criminalises All Men

mistermisogynist · 29 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here . Excerpt:

'Former Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard felt it was appropriate in 2011 to rebrand ‘Male Chauvinism’ as ‘Misogyny.’ The reasoning behind her decision was she did not think men took the term ‘male chauvinist’ seriously since its inception in the 60’s/70’s. She felt that the term had lost its bite.

The 1970’s man would have take offence to being called a male chauvinist pig. Through female overuse, the term has lost its punch to the point most men don’t even remember that Chauvinism was even a label, never mind a bad label.

Women are prone to demanding the redefinition of words because they feel that they are not inclusive enough to satisfy female emotional pride. Two recent examples:

A woman claims to have been ‘sort-of-raped’ because her partner ejaculated in her out of spite during anger sex. She states ‘Now that I’ve taken a small sip at the cup of rape, I understand just how terrible it is to have another human being rob me of my agency, and mark my body as their domain. It has taught me to look beyond troubled legal definitions of “rape” and instead focus on how victims feel.

Rape has a very specific legal definition. This is because it is a very very serious crime. Very specific words have very specific legal definition for a reason, people’s lives can be ruined if the words are misinterpreted. We can not change the meanings of words for the sake of emotional hysteria. Accusations of rape will put a man in jail. Sort-of-rape accusations will get thrown out of court. Prime example of this is UK dj Dr Fox who was taken to court for snog-rape of a 15 yr old girl who requested a snog, which is clearly not a crime. The case was thrown out.'

NPO: Nebraska Court Orders Disclosure of Judicial Training Materials

Matt · 30 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For many years, the social science on children's well-being as it relates to parenting arrangements post-divorce has been building up. By now it is clear that children do better with two parents involved in their lives. But judicial action on child custody and parenting time has changed little over the years, leaving millions of children with little or no contact with their fathers following divorce. Indeed, nationwide data indicate that about one-third of children of divorce have no contact with their father. In Nebraska, a 2013 survey of child custody cases revealed that children are granted just 17% of parenting time with their non-custodial parents, typically their father.

This extreme disconnect between what social science demonstrates is unquestionably in children's best interest and what judges order has led many to wonder what family court judges are being taught about the matter. Soon, the people of Nebraska will know the answer to that vital question.'

Rape and Retribution

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan II once observed that it is the task of the law to form and project as well as mirror and reflect—that is, to shape behavior while also expressing society's understanding of proper conduct. Over the last 40 years, American society has introduced dramatic changes in rape law, changes aimed at making criminal prosecutions and convictions easier. The reforms have succeeded in altering society's understanding of sexually motivated assault, but the revised law has not adequately mirrored and reflected society's views on the appropriate sanctions. The result has been a failure to increase in any significant way the number of prosecutions and convictions for rape, particularly alleged rape by an acquaintance of the accused. To summarize: reformers have captured the law and reshaped it to conform to their notions of right and wrong but failed to take account of the sentiments of the general public, which has sent the message that the reforms have gone too far.

This is not, however, the message of Jon Krakauer's *Missoula*, a highly readable if one-sided account of three sexual assaults in a university town. Krakauer clearly believes in the reform of rape law; his sympathies lie completely with the young female complainants and not at all with the young males who had sex with them. He wants these men expelled from college and imprisoned and is disturbed that only one of the three suffered that fate. What he does not adequately consider is why so few cases, including two of the three he chronicles, close without any criminal sanction. In fact, very few acquaintance rape cases get prosecuted. The explanation, I would suggest, is that the American public does not share Krakauer's view of the issues. Society does not consider date rape to be as morally reprehensible as classic forcible rape, and the public, which speaks through juries, will not support lengthy prison terms with all of their attendant consequences for young men who, despite otherwise spotless lives, engaged in conduct that, as the law now stands, merits some of the harshest sanctions available.'

Public funds used for single-sex fitness program - again

Minuteman · 31 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Ibrahim Mohamed discovered that Somali-American women in Shakopee had more challenges than most: they didn't know much about exercise and couldn't find a women-only environment to work out, which many Muslim women prefer.

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Mohamed, president of the Shakopee Diversity Alliance, applied for and received the Neighborhood Health Connections grant from Allina Health and St. Francis Regional Medical Center. He used the $10,300, intended for health-related programming, to create the Somali Women's Exercise program, or Somali Jimisci.

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The first group of 30 women graduated from the program last week. Participants tried Zumba, yoga and strength training classes at the River Valley YMCA in Prior Lake, and swimming lessons at the East Junior High pool in Shakopee. Both locations limited the classes to women only. The YMCA bought shades for the doors to keep spaces private, Mohamed said.

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In Somalia, girls play sports like basketball at school and women walk outside for exercise, Mohamed said.

But in Minnesota, "It's difficult for a lot of us to do it," Sharif said. Weather is prohibitive, and gyms like the YMCA are coed, which makes many Somali women uncomfortable.'

Teenage girl 'made up' migrant rape claim that outraged Germany

Matt · 31 January 2016 · Archived copy · Original

More from the presume-male-guilty file here. Excerpt:

'A 13-year-old Russian-German girl has admitted making up a story about being kidnapped and raped by migrants in a case that triggered a furore in Germany and briefly embroiled Berlin police in a spat with the Kremlin, state prosecutors said.

The parents of the teenager, named only as Lisa, reported her missing on 11 January after she failed to appear at school in the Marzahn district of the capital. She reappeared 30 hours later with injuries on her face, and told her parents she had been attacked by men of Middle Eastern or north African appearance. News of the incident spread on social media, sparking outrage among Berlin's Russian-German community.

But when she was questioned by trained specialists three days later "she immediately admitted that the story of the rape was not true", said the spokesman for the state prosecutor, Martin Steltner.

He said the teenager had been scared of going home after the school had contacted her parents over an incident at school.'

Grad Files Title IX Investigation, Claims Wrongful Assault Accusation

Mastodon · 1 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An alumnus recently filed a Title IX investigation against Boston College through the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) after being found responsible for a sexual assault in 2012. The student served a three-semester suspension, but DNA evidence released the February following his suspension did not corroborate the student's guilt. The student maintains he was wrongly accused. As a result, the student filed a lawsuit against the University on Dec. 4, 2015, complaining that the school is in violation of Title IX, seeking damages and that BC be mandated to comply with Title IX.

Katie O'Dair, BC's Title IX coordinator, said that this lawsuit lands BC on the list of 161 institutions who are under review.

"This is the first time BC has been involved in an OCR investigation of a sexual violence complaint," O'Dair said in an email. "Boston College is fully cooperating with the OCR in its review."'

Judge: Coakley must turn over communications records

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jackie Coakley gained infamy as the accuser at the center of a Rolling Stone story about rape at the University of Virginia that turned out to be fake, and now Coakley is under pressure from a Virginia court to reveal what she said to a reporter about the allegations.

This week, a judge overseeing a defamation case filed by the University of Virginia dean ordered Coakley to turn over communications relating to the alleged assault. The judge specifically asked Coakley for communication with Sabrina Rubin Erdely, the reporter who contacted Coakley and wrote the story.

Lawyers for Coakley tried to argue that the communications were privileged, Reason reported, but U.S. District Judge Glen Conrad rejected that argument.'

SAVE: In Maine Prosecutor Misconduct Case, Judge Orders Complaint to Move Forward

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PRESS RELEASE

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In Maine Prosecutor Misconduct Case, Judge Orders Complaint to Move Forward

WASHINGTON / February 1, 2016 – In a case involving the first Maine prosecutor to be disciplined by the state bar disciplinary committee, United States District Court Judge John Woodcock largely denied the motion of the defendant, former Assistant District Attorney Mary Kellett, to dismiss, and ordered that the case could go forward.

In 2007, Vladek Filler was indicted on five counts of gross sexual assault and two counts of assault of his now former wife. After two trials and two appeals to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, Filler was convicted of one assault charge. In 2015, Filler's attorney filed a motion to vacate and dismiss the misdemeanor conviction. The motion was granted on April 24, 2015 and the charge was dismissed: https://www.law.umich.edu/special/exoneration/Pages/casedetail.aspx?caseid=4694

The case resulted in an ethics complaint filed against ADA Mary Kellett. On December 5, 2012 a three-member panel found Kellett had violated seven ethical standards, including intentional concealment of exculpatory evidence, trying to mislead a jury, failing to employ reasonable skill and care, engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, and engaging in conduct unworthy of an attorney: http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/index.php?topic=mebar_overseers_discipline&id=464815&v=article

Filler subsequently filed a 103-page civil action against Kellett and 17 other State Defendants, with Kellett then filing a motion to dismiss the Complaint. In last week's Order, with some exceptions, the Court denied Kellett's motions to dismiss the Amended Complaint.

The lawsuit was brought by Hallett, Zerillo & Whipple of Portland, Maine. The 78-page decision can be seen here: http://www.leagle.com/decision/In%20FDCO%2020160128E12/Filler%20v.%20Hancock%20County?utm_source=attorney_email&utm_medium=email&utm_term=ekst0Wdlit9UIBm7&utm_content=attid%3DjmVuxCeU2QJwAida&utm_campaign=attorney_email_M20160129&attn=TIMOTHY%20ZERILLO

More information about the ground-breaking case can be seen here: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/intolerable-injustice/

The Center for Prosecutor Integrity is a 501(c)(3) organization working to enhance prosecutorial ethics, curb over-criminalization, and end wrongful convictions.

India: Elderly couple seeks permission to commit suicide over false dowy accusation

Matt · 1 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dejected and traumatised after being caught in a protracted legal battle defending themselves against allegations of their daughter-in-law and her family, an elderly couple has sought mercy killing from the President.

The couple, retired central government employee DD Sharma and his wife Shakuntla who are both 68, is unable to meet their daily expenses, thanks to the court proceedings that have dragged on for a decade now.

"Please give me the permission for mercy killing or send me some poison so that I can free myself and my wife from the wrath of the draconian law of domestic violence," pleaded Sharma in a letter to the President and the Chief Justice of India (CJI). The couple wrote to the President on January 14 this year, but is yet to get a reply.

Sharma, a resident of Yamuna Vihar in Delhi, said he and his wife have been falsely implicated in the case. He said there has been no development in the case despite it dragging for 10 years. He further alleged that despite lodging a complaint with the National Commission for Women (NCW), nobody has come to their rescue.'

Boys Victims of Dating Violence, Too

Matt · 1 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Contrary to what many people may think, teenage boys commonly suffer dating violence -- including physical and emotional abuse, a new U.S. government study finds.

The study focused on teens considered to be at high risk for dating violence -- those who had suffered or witnessed violence at home or in their neighborhoods.

It turned out that boys were about as likely as girls to say they'd been victims of some form of dating violence. The pattern was also corroborated by girls' reports: They commonly admitted to being perpetrators.

"To the average person, this is probably surprising," said Monica Swahn, a professor of epidemiology at Georgia State University who has studied dating violence.'

Yahoo sued over employee rankings, alleged anti-male discrimination

Matt · 2 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A new lawsuit (PDF) filed against flailing tech giant Yahoo claims that company managers governing the "Media Org" were biased against men. It also claims that the company's Quarterly Performance Review (QPR) process favored female employees and that the company engaged in mass layoffs without proper warnings.

Gregory Anderson was editorial director of Yahoo's Autos, Homes, Shopping, Small Business, and Travel sections until he was terminated in 2014.

In his complaint, Anderson says that between 2012 and 2015, Yahoo reduced its work force by more than 30 percent to fewer than 11,000 employees. That constitutes a mass-layoff, which requires 60-day notice under state and federal law, he says.

In May 2014, Anderson was selected for a Knight-Wallace Journalism Fellowship at the University of Michigan. Two Yahoo executives signed off on his attending the fellowship, where he was "working on a documentary for Yahoo Autos about the toxic effects of leaded gasoline on children," according to the complaint.'

Shock probation granted for woman who assaulted elderly victims

Minuteman · 3 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Demesha Hicks is getting out of prison, six months into a 20-year sentence.

Hicks looked for senior citizens at grocery stores, followed them home, and robbed them, sometimes violently. This morning Judge Brian Edwards granted Hicks' request for shock probation after a hearing earlier in the week.

Attorneys say Hicks was a single mother, homeless and desperate when she committed the crimes, and this was her first arrest..

Family members of the victims voiced their opposition to shock probation during a hearing on Tuesday.'

Military Leaders Say Women Should Get Drafted

Mastodon · 3 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When answering a question from Senator Claire McCaskill in a Senate Committee on Armed Services hearing, Marine Corps Commandant General Robert Neller and Army Chief of Staff General Mark Milley did something no military leader has ever done before: They went on record saying that Congress should look into expanding the selective service to include women.

According to The Daily Caller, in the past, officials who have been asked this question declined to answer, claiming it would need further research. Now that combat roles have been opened to all genders, that research seems to have been concluded and conclusive. The mandate opening the roles to women was made last December and the hearing during which the question was asked took place to work out the best methods of implementation.'

‘She’s getting violent': Miami doctor suspended after attack on Uber driver

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A Florida doctor has been put on administrative leave after the emergence of a video that appears to show her hitting, kicking and screaming profanities at an Uber driver, a hospital spokeswoman confirmed to the Miami Herald.

Anjali Ramkissoon, a fourth-year neurology resident within the Jackson Health System, was removed from clinical duties following Sunday’s incident, and hospital officials have launched an internal investigation.

Police responded to the scene but did not file a report, Miami police spokeswoman Frederica Burden told the Miami Herald.

“We were called for a disturbance,” she told the newspaper. “There was no report written, and there will be no investigation.”

In the narrative that accompanied the video, the YouTube user wrote that the woman also allegedly became hostile with police officers at the scene, though authorities have not verified that claim.

“It was only when they put her in the police car that she started crying, apologizing and claiming that she would lose her medical license (she claimed to be a neurologist) if she got arrested,” according to the narrative. “The Uber driver was too good of a person and decided to take a cash settlement instead of pressing charges.”'

Canada: University Won't Recognize Men's Issues Group after Feminists Say it Makes Women Feel Unsafe

Mastodon · 3 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ryerson University has denied the final appeal to recognize a student group dedicated to addressing issues impacting men because feminists said its existence does not promote equality and would make women feel unsafe.

Ryerson's independent student newspaper the Eyeopener reports the Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) has "rejected the last appeal" to have the school sanction the Men's Issues Awareness Society (MIAS).

According to the group's president, Kevin Arriola, the point of the group is to raise "issues that have never been [talked] about or usually disregarded."

MIAS has received its major opposition from the school's Feminist Collective.

In November, Ryerson Feminist Collective organizer Arezoo Najibzadeh called the idea of the group "horrifying."

Najibzadeh said, "I think it's just horrifying. I don't see the benefit of having them on campus."

Alyson Rogers, another Feminist Collective organizer, said the group's connection with the Canadian Association for Equality has made women claim that "they don't feel safe on their campus and they don't want to come to their classes."'

Woman faces felony for falsely claiming rape

Mastodon · 3 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'Taffy Wheeler, 31, arrested Tuesday after admitting to police she lied about being attacked and raped by four men on the beach Sunday morning

She told officers she actually had arranged to have an affair with a former co-worker that night

She said she lied to keep her husband from finding out, according to an incident report.'

College students given five-step checklist on how to kiss without committing sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The old adage “a kiss is just a kiss” may not stand up to scrutiny anymore.

On Thursday, the University of Southern California’s student government hosted a “Consent Carnival” that aimed to teach students how to properly hook-up under the “yes means yes” state law that requires so-called affirmative consent throughout any sexual encounter.

With that, a “Kissing Booth” at the event offered Hershey Kisses glued to little sheets of white paper that essentially explained how to properly kiss without committing sexual assault. The five-step checklist states on the front “what exactly does it mean to … ‘consent’ to a kiss?” ...'

Panels OKs polyparental offspring experimentation - on male fetuses only

Matt · 3 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's fine -- provided you don't place female fetuses at risk, of course. Don't let the supposed "medical rationale" for it fool you. If the sexes were reversed in the so-called explanation, you can be sure the panel would not have approved. The closing article makes that clear to anyone paying attention. Excerpt:

'The 12-member panel, assembled by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, released a 164-page reportWednesday outlining a plan for how scientists could ethically pursue the controversial research.

"The committee concludes that it is ethically permissible" to conduct such experiments, the report says, but then goes on to detail a long list of conditions that would have to be met first.

For example, scientists would have to perform extensive preliminary research in the laboratory and with animals to try to make sure it is safe. And then researchers should initially try to make only male babies, because they would be incapable of passing their unusual amalgamation of DNA on to future generations.
...
Nevertheless, the committee says the potential benefits make the work worth pursuing with careful oversight.

Moreover, the FDA could at some point even consider letting experiments proceed to try to create female babies if certain criteria are met, the report said, including the production of "clear evidence of safety and efficacy from male" experiments and signs that it would be publicly acceptable.'

Another pro athlete appears to have been falsely accused of rape

Matt · 3 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Giants defensive lineman Jay Bromley was accused of attempted rape and vehicular assault after engaging in sexual activity with a woman on Jan. 31. Police now believe he was falsely accused by a woman seeking money.

The woman claimed that after she told Bromley that she wanted to stop their sexual activity, he got angry and tried to rape her, then hit her with his car.

The two had met on Instagram and decided to meet up at a hotel. Bromley told police that he found the woman naked on the hotel bed after he came out of the bathroom. She performed oral sex on him, stopped, and demanded $2,000. Bromley said he didn't pay because he thought it was a date.'

The Yale Problem Begins in High School

Matt · 4 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'That night, after I gave a different talk to an adult audience, there was a reception at which I spoke with some of the parents. Several came up to me to tell me that their sons had told them about the day's events. The boys finally had a way to express and explain their feelings of discouragement. Their parents were angry to learn about how their sons were being treated and… there's no other word for it, bullied into submission by the girls.*

And Centerville High is not alone. Last summer I had a conversation with some boys who attend one of the nation's top prep schools, in New England. They reported the same thing: as white males, they are constantly on eggshells, afraid to speak up on any remotely controversial topic lest they be sent to the "equality police" (that was their term for the multicultural center). I probed to see if their fear extended beyond the classroom. I asked them what they would do if there was a new student at their school, from, say Yemen. Would they feel free to ask the student questions about his or her country? No, they said, it's too risky, a question could be perceived as offensive.

You might think that this is some sort of justice — white males have enjoyed positions of privilege for centuries, and now they are getting a taste of their own medicine. But these are children. And remember that most students who are in a victim group for one topic are in the "oppressor" group for another. So everyone is on eggshells sometimes; all students at Centerville High learn to engage with books, ideas, and people using the twin habits of defensive self-censorship and vindictive protectiveness.'

NFL Commissioner to require teams to interview women for executive jobs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell will implement a "Rooney Rule" requiring that women be interviewed for executive positions with teams around the league and in his own office, too.

Goodell made the announcement Thursday in his opening remarks at the first NFL Women's Summit, part of Super Bowl 50.

"We believe in diversity," Goodell said. "We believe we're better as an organization when we have good people at the table. We have great people at the table. We're also seeing it on the field. ...'

Reps introduce bill requiring women to register for draft

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two Republican lawmakers introduced a bill Thursday requiring women to register for the draft – in a move meant to take the decision out of the hands of the military so it can be debated in Congress.

Reps. Duncan Hunter of California and Ryan Zinke of Montana said their joint legislation is aimed at provoking a fuller discussion of the Pentagon's decision to open all combat jobs to women. Top generals for the Army and Marines said earlier this week that women should be required to register for the draft now that combat jobs are being opened to them.

"If this administration wants to send 18, 20-year-old women into combat, to serve and fight on the front lines, then the American people deserve to have this discussion through their elected representatives," Hunter said in a statement.'

Politicians call for reform of sexual assault guidelines

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Due to the lack a lack of due process rights, politicians and professors are calling for reform of the handling of sexual assault cases on college campuses, but some say the guidelines may not be the problem.

Some politicians like Marco Rubio have made public their belief that due process rights are not being upheld, some going as far as to say that the campuses are siding with the victim before the investigation is completed or even started in one reported case.

Rubio issued a statement about his belief that false accusations can “destroy lives."

“Certainly we should make additional efforts to protect due process on campus,” Rubio said.
Others like Bernie Sanders had strong statements on sexual assault being handled by campuses as well, as he called for reform on Jan. 11.

“Rape is a terrible crime, and the way it’s handled on campuses is insulting,” Sanders said.'

Asian American women are closing the gap with white men, but that’s not the point

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Monday, an economist at the right-leaning American Enterprise Institute had something snarky to say about a new government report on the gap between men's and women's earnings.

Economist Mark Perry wrote that the median Asian American woman earns only about 3 percent less than the median American man, according to the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics data. The median Asian American woman also earns significantly more than the median black or Hispanic man in the United

"Do those pay disparities reflect gender discrimination against men? Or minority (Asian) privilege?” Perry quipped.

Perry was making a point about how statistics on the gender pay gap tend to be deployed in misleading ways. Full-time working women may earn 79 cents on the dollar compared to men, according to the Census, but that figure doesn’t take into account the gender differences in education and career choices, among other things.'

Exclusive New Docs Throw Doubt on Julian Assange Rape Charges in Stockholm

Matt · 5 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Ms. Ardin learned Mr. Assange had also slept with Ms. Wilen, and when he failed the golden rule of elemental post-coital communications, they locked arms and went to the police—not to charge him with rape, but to see if he could be compelled to take an HIV test, on a Saturday, in Stockholm.

The report contains several testimonies—Ms. Ardin, Ms. Wilen, two Swedish male journalists, Ms. Wilen's ex boyfriend, brother, and several friends and colleagues of the two women. Finally, Mr. Assange himself. It closes with grainy photographs of a broken condom, as well as a condom tip—and the forensic analysis of experts from "Staten's Kriminaltekniska Laboratorium" (The State's Criminal Technological Laboratory)—offering forensic results about the exact conditions along the broken edge of the condom. (Ruled not to have been broken by an "instrument," but to have failed by natural means.)

After the incidents for which he is wanted for questioning took place, in mid August, 2010, Mr. Assange remained in Sweden for five weeks, until September 27, during which time Swedish prosecutors once dropped the case altogether, only to re-open it days later. Prosecutor Marianne Ny was quoted in the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter as having said: "Even if I'm wrong I won't give up."
...
Mr. Assange's first encounter was with Anna Ardin—an ardent feminist, Social Democrat, Christian, animal rights activist, pro-lifer, and scholar on Latin America. Ms. Ardin described herself online as somebody who, somewhat alarmingly, "burns for justice, solidarity, and equality," and she once wrote a paper on "The 7 Steps To Revenge," against men who "dump you."
...
Asked to elaborate, he goes on to give a halting, nervous monologue about what he's talking about:

`"I got…well, once again, like I said, I got strange vibes. It happens now and then especially in academic circles, that you run into…actually I don't know quite how to express this…but it happens that you run into young women who have taken like a…they've fulfilled a journey in the name of feminism, and become chauvinists, like the worst kind of chauvinism among men, but on the feminist spectrum. These young women speak of men as sexual tools, and they say they're not necessary for intellectual discussions…and that it's only women who need one another. Maybe it's more a matter of my generation, maybe you have never run into this. But I've encountered it often in academic circles. And I got this feeling among Anna's friends."' ...`'

Tech drops $47M building request after rebukes on students' due process

Matt · 5 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A week after state lawmakers reprimanded Georgia Tech for its due-process practices in punishing students accused of sexual assault and other violations, the university withdrew its request for a $47.4 million library complex renovation.

The Tech money, which was slated for the first phase of renovation of the Crosland Tower and Price Gilbert Library, known as Library East and Library West, was the largest construction project the state's university system requested in its budget proposal to lawmakers.

...

Ehrhart, R-Powder Springs, said he did not encourage Tech to withdraw its building request, but felt the withdrawal was a clear consequence of last week's hearing before lawmakers.

The Tech funding withdrawal came as state lawmakers questioned University System officials on their handling of sexual assault on Georgia's college campuses.'

Young Women in NH ‘Offended’ Clinton Using Gender as Political Tool

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Young women in New Hampshire were offended by the way Hillary Clinton uses her gender to garner support, an MSNBC survey revealed Friday.

When MSNBC anchor Tamron Hall asked young female voters about Hillary Clinton’s claim on Wednesday that she is not an establishment candidate because she is a woman, they responded negatively.

One of the respondents said that she did not like how Clinton assumed that her feminism was identical to the feminism of all women.

“I also am a woman. I also face discrimination as being a woman. Her feminism does not represent my feminism, and I think it’s really important to differentiate that,” one young woman said. Her complaint is a common one among young women and reveals a generational divide within the Democratic Party.'

Hillary used to support registering women for the draft, now she's not sure

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton, the ultimate girl-power activist, once backed registering women for the draft — but now she won't take a position on the issue.

At a town hall forum Wednesday night in New Hampshire, Clinton punted on a question from CNN host Anderson Cooper on whether she supports a recommendation this week from leaders of the Army and Marine Corps that women should register like men.

"I have to think about whether I think it's necessary to go as far as our military officers are recommending," Clinton responded.

"You know, from my perspective, the all-volunteer military has worked, and we should not do anything that undermines it because it has provided a solid core of people who are willing to serve our country. The idea of having everybody register concerns me a little bit, unless we have a better idea of where that's going to come out."'

Domestic violence allegations leave a tangled web

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'Gordon Smith was at the lowest point of his life three years ago. He was divorced, had multiple restraining orders — called an Order of Protection From Abuse in Delaware — against him and one felony and seven misdemeanor charges pending.

Then, his ex-wife leveled another accusation of domestic violence. This time, the Dover Police Department found that his court-ordered GPS ankle monitor put him miles away from his ex-wife at the time she said the violence occurred, he said.

After an investigation, the police swiftly cleared him of all eight charges and instead charged his ex-wife with three counts of falsely reporting an incident and one count of providing a false statement.
...
Smith is part of a small but vocal group of men and women who say Orders of Protection From Abuse are being misused to unfairly sway divorce and child custody cases in Delaware Family Court, and give credibility to unsubstantiated or false allegations.

It's part of a national fathers' rights movement to reform child custody and spousal support laws and policies that are perceived as giving mothers an upper hand in Family Court. Their efforts have raised concerns from domestic violence advocates, who caution against letting rare stories of false allegations overshadow the more common struggle of women trying to escape violent relationships.'

UK: County struggles with DV vs. men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Authorities in an English county are desperately trying to tackle the country's highest rate of domestic violence against men.

Nationally, the number of women killed through domestic violence is more than double that of men.

But in Cornwall, men made up four out of the five most recent victims.

Authorities there said they have been working to tackle the issue after a review said there could be a "chink in the chain of support for males".

Nationwide, the majority of fatal domestic abuse cases are killings by current or former partners, including heterosexual and homosexual couples.

But the figures also include family members such as siblings and parents - in accordance with the government's definition of domestic abuse.

One of the few male-only refuges nationally was introduced in Cornwall just over a year ago, in a secret location.'

UK: Men who report domestic violence ‘at risk of being arrested themselves’

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Male victims of domestic abuse often avoid reporting attacks because they fear being arrested themselves.

More than 700,000 men are thought to experience violence from a partner every year – but new research has shown that they risk counter-accusations.

Dr Jessica McCarrick, a senior lecturer in Counselling Psychology at Teeside University, carried out a study with male victims of abuse. Men are often treated with suspicion by the criminal justice system, she told the Telegraph.

‘To find the courage to speak out, only to be accused of violence themselves, is incredibly disheartening and ultimately prevents countless men from reporting intimate partner violence,’ she said.'

Court kills bid to reverse decision that made college co-ed

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Saying they lack legal standing to contest the change, a Commonwealth Court panel Thursday dismissed a bid by four alumnae of Wilson College to reverse the decision that made the private school co-ed.

The state court ruling comes 2 1/2 years after the first male residential students started living and learning at the Franklin County school which had been a women-only institution for 144 years.

Paula Tishok, Gretchen Van Ness, Kendal L. Hopkins and Melissa Behm had appealed to Commonwealth Court to overturn approval the state Department of Education gave to allow the admission of men.

Theirs were not the only voices raised in protest after trustees of the Chambersburg school, citing declining enrollment and debt load, voted in January 2013 to begin accepting male students. The first three men moved into the dorms in August of that year.'

Gloria Steinem throws herself into the dustbin of history

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I knew eventually the insufferable old hag would shoot herself in the foot and with this, she's succeeded. She'll never live it down (like she hasn't the many other stupid things she's said) but this one limes the coconut with her own ideological great-grand-daughters. Hope they etch it on her gravestone as her epitaph, right next to the other ridiculous things she's blathered, so posterity can march past it, take a gander, and ask "Who was this nutcase and why did anyone ever put up with her in the first place?". Excerpt:

'Feminist icon Gloria Steinem has drawn the wrath of the Twitterverse for suggesting that young women supporting Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign are doing so to gain the attention of men.

"When you're young, you're thinking, 'Where are the boys? The boys are with Bernie,'" Steinem told Bill Maher Friday night on the comic's HBO show "Real Time."

Maher leapt right on her comment. "Now if I said that, 'Yeah, they're for Bernie because that's where the boys are,' you'd slap me," he said.
...
"Women are more for [Clinton] than men are," Steinem said. But when asked why millennials seem to support Sanders more, Steinem explained, "Women get more radical as we get older…. I don't mean to overgeneralize, I'm sure that you got more radical, but men tend to get more conservative because they gain power as they age and women get more radical because they lose power as they age."
...
Plenty of people online seemed willing to slap Steinem for implying that millennial women are fickle (or hormonal) for choosing to support Sanders instead of Clinton.'

More silliness, now from Madeleine Albright

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Egad, it's a pandemic! Well, maybe it's not that bad, but the stench of feminist desperation is wafting madly from the Pro-Hildebeast crowd. Now, it's coming from a source I wasn't expecting (and someone who really ought to know better). Here goes:

'Democratic women are issuing every threat imaginable in their effort to save Hillary Clinton's candidacy in New Hampshire.

During an appearance with the candidate Saturday afternoon, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright warned women of dire consequences if they don't support her preferred candidate.

Attempting to sway young women to support Hillary, Albright said, "We can tell our story about how we climbed the ladder and a lot of you younger women don't think you have to — it's been done — it's not done and you have to help. Hillary Clinton will always be there for you.

"And just remember: there's a special place in hell for women who don't help each other," she said.

Hillary burst out laughing as the audience cheered.

Albright didn't say what she thought of women who don't support another female candidate, Carly Fiorina. Probably because in progressive eyes, she's not really a woman.'

"Wanted in China: More Male Teachers, to Make Boys Men"

Matt · 7 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Seriously, *puke*. "Wanted: Teachers to teach girls that protecting/providing for men is womanly". No time soon. Excerpt:

'Lin Wei, 27, one of a handful of male sixth-grade teachers at a primary school here, has made a habit of telling stories about warlords who threw witches into rivers and soldiers who outsmarted Japanese troops. “Men have special duties,” he said. “They have to be brave, protect women and take responsibility for wrongdoing.”

Worried that a shortage of male teachers has produced a generation of timid, self-centered and effeminate boys, Chinese educators are working to reinforce traditional gender roles and values in the classroom.

In Zhengzhou, a city on the Yellow River, schools have asked boys to sign pledges to act like “real men.” In Shanghai, principals are trying boys-only classes with courses like martial arts, computer repair and physics. In Hangzhou, in eastern China, educators have started a summer camp called West Point Boys, complete with taekwondo classes and the motto, “We bring out the men in boys.”

Education officials across China are aggressively recruiting male teachers, as the Chinese news media warns of a need to “salvage masculinity in schools.” The call for more male-oriented education has prompted a broader debate about gender equality and social identity at a time when the country’s leaders are seeking to make the labor market more meritocratic.'

Lawsuits against uni allege bias against males in sex assault cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two lawsuits have been filed against the University of Texas by plaintiff's who say they were expelled from the university after being accused in sexual assault investigations. They claim the university's Title IX investigators showed bias against male students by recommending their expulsion without giving them the proper due process.

A passage in the lawsuit says the university has sought publicity and prestige by portraying itself as a national leader in the effort to curb on-campus sexual assault, "The university has a vested interest in expelling as many male students for sexual assault as it can in order to maintain its appearance as a leader in this area."

Brian Roark is the attorney representing the male students in both lawsuits. In 2015, Roark successfully represented former Texas Longhorn football player Kendall Sanders in a sexual assault trial. During that trial, Roark highlighted shortcomings in the University of Texas Police Department investigation and a jury acquitted Sanders after four hours of deliberations. After the verdict, the Travis County District Attorney's Office dropped the case against co-defendant and Longhorn teammate Montrel Meander.'

Is It Too Late For Madeline And Gloria To Register For The Draft?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At Saturday's Republican debate, the presidential contenders found rare agreement among themselves: women should register for the draft. But draft registration ends at age 45. That rules out Hillary Clinton supporters Madeline Albright (79) and Gloria Steinem (82).

"We can tell our story of how we climbed the ladder, and a lot of you young women think it's done. It's not done," opined Madeline Albright, campaigning for Hillary in New Hampshire. "There's a special place in hell for women who don't help each other." Madeline (Hillary, Bernie: first names, please) suffered great discrimination as a woman, at least as she tells it, and things remain awful.

Too bad that as Bill Clinton's United Nations Ambassador and then Secretary of State (Hillary was the third woman to hold the post), Madeline did not confront Arab countries on their treatment of women. These same nations would later fund Bill and Hillary Clinton and the Clinton Foundation. Why rock the boat? Or the camel?'

SAVE: On the Heels of Judicial Reversal, Law Professors Assail Affirmative Consent

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'Following a landmark legal decision last summer, law professors across the country are criticizing affirmative consent policies as ineffective, unfair to defendants, and harmful to women. SAVE calls on lawmakers to focus on proven rape control strategies such as enhancing campus security measures, reducing alcohol-related assaults, and involving criminal justice authorities.

On August 4, 2015, judge Carol McCoy overturned a decision of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to expel a student on allegations of sexual assault. McCoy ruled the university's affirmative consent standard "improperly shifted the burden of proof" because the "ability of an accused to prove the complaining party's consent strains credulity and is illusory."

Following the judicial reversal, legal experts began to express a range of concerns with the standard, including the policy's unworkability, lack of effectiveness, curtailment of due process rights, wrongful convictions, constitutional problems, and broader social effects.'

This is the end of marriage, capitalism and God

Matt · 9 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

This is more tangentially related to MR issues, as it discusses the popularity of marriage among the Millenials. It speculates only briefly on *why* such things as marriage are no longer popular and then only relative to the status of women, ignoring men completely. So while not perhaps directly applicable to the MRM, it gives people involved with it some food for thought. Excerpt:

'The next big thing isn't a clever gadget or miracle drug—it's a way of life: not a breakthrough invention but a social innovation. And it's not so much a beginning as it as a series of endings.

Rising numbers of young people are now deciding to do everything their parents didn't. They're eschewing cultural and economic convention to challenge what we take to be civil society. They aren't marrying. They've become the refuseniks of our competitive corporate culture. And many of them have opted out of organized religion.
...
According to the New York Times, over half of all American women under 30 who give birth are unmarried. When adjusted for levels of education and economics, the numbers skew dramatically higher.

Of course there are an array of possible causes for this trend, including everything from the relative economic independence of educated women to a shift away from the cultural stigma of unwed parentage to even a latent reaction to the divorce of their own parents. This change brings a complex array of challenges. For example, marriage is a foundational element of our legal system connected to property, beneficiary and custodial rights and obligations. Some believe that the decline of matrimony has led to the increase of children living under the poverty level. These skeptics say that if we pull the thread of marriage from the fabric of our society, it is unclear what will unravel or remain intact. While societal norms may have changed, adjusting our legal system to protect unwed mothers and their children may still be far behind.'

Twitter Unveils New ‘Trust and Safety Council’ Featuring Feminist Frequency

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Twitter has announced a new “Trust and Safety council” for the service comprised of fifty organisations, including controversial web series Feminist Frequency, with an overall goal purportedly to maintain an environment where people “feel safe expressing themselves” on the platform.

“To ensure people can continue to express themselves freely and safely on Twitter, we must provide more tools and policies,” states Twitter’s Head of “Global Policy Outreach” Patricia Cartes in an official blog post.'

U.S. State Dept.: "The Role of Women in Overcoming Egypt's Economic and Security Challenges in the 21st Century"

Minuteman · 10 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Remarks
Sarah Sewall
Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights
American University of Cairo
Cairo, Egypt
...
It was on that trip that I began to understand why Egyptians call their country Om al dunya – “mother of the world.” It is not simply because their country is such an important religious, cultural, and political force across the globe, but also because that power was, in interesting ways, defined by women.

Women ruled over many of the greatest civilizations – not only in Egypt but all of human history – from Nerfertiti and Cleopatra to the powerful queens of the Fatimid and Mameluke kingdoms. Here in Egypt, women struggled and marched against colonialism, sexism, and discrimination – winning the right to vote, go to school, and fully participate in public life. And here in Cairo in recent years, Egyptian women have taken to the streets alongside men to call for a new future for their country. Over the years, their leadership has inspired women across the region and shaped the course of history.

Their centrality to Egypt parallels the early role of women in Islam – the faith of most Egyptians. As many of you know well, the very first Muslim was a woman – the Prophet’s wife Khadija – and she was also a successful and independent businesswoman in her own right. And while Europe languished in the Dark Ages, Islam shone as a light to women. At that time, Islam offered women more rights and benefits than they could find in other contexts.

During my time here this week, I have met with inspirational women leaders in different facets of society. So I fully appreciate that independent and empowered women are found in both Egyptian and Islamic history, even as the majority of women here and across the globe continue to struggle for equality.

Women thrive when they enjoy freedom and opportunity, and of course this is precisely what institutions like AUC represent. In a few short years, AUC will celebrate its 100th anniversary. That achievement is also a testament to the enduring nature of ties between Americans and Egyptians.
...
But for women to fully contribute to a more prosperous and secure society – they need to feel secure in their day-to-day lives. According to many surveys, over 90 percent of Egyptian women have suffered from sexual harassment or sexual violence. Nine out of ten Egyptian women. Many of these crimes took place not in dark alleys, but in public streets, maydans, and prisons.

The U.S. continues to grapple with this issue as well, in our universities, within our military, and within homes. President Obama has made stopping sexual assault a top priority of our government. So many societies have work to do to ensure safety and freedom for women.'

There’s a Special Place in Hell for Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'And by Hell, I mean the ideology ash heap, which might as well be a lake of fire and brimstone for all of its recovery potential. Once dead, ideologies stay dead; Eugenics, for instance. (I wish we could kill Marxism already.)

Forget for a moment the blatant arm-twisting of Madeleine Albright at a recent Hillary Clinton campaign stop where she threatened — literally t-h-r-e-a-t-e-n-e-d — young women who dare to think independently.'

How I Became a Feminist Victim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As a female student in a nightclub, I expected to get some unwanted attention. What I didn't expect was for feminism to turn me into someone so terrified of unwanted attention I stopped going out.

In the past, someone groping me would only annoy me for a minute – that would be the extent of it. If they were being really pushy, I'd go to my male friends and stay with them, because they'd enjoy making it clear that the guy's attentions were unwelcome. And yes, other men were more likely to listen to my tall, imposing male friends than me – a shy, skinny 18-year-old. You could call it male privilege, I'd call it the benefit of self-confidence.

And that was all fine. No harm, no foul. That was, until I discovered the (now-infamous) Oxford feminist group Cuntry Living. It was a big thing in Oxford; everyone was talking about it and, curious, I joined. I read the posts, I contributed and I engaged in discussion about everything from rape culture to misogyny in our curriculum. I learned a lot, and, slowly, I transitioned from a nervous, desperate-to-please 'gender egalitarian' to a proud, full-blown feminist.

Along with all of this, my view of women changed. I stopped thinking about empowerment and started to see women as vulnerable, mistreated victims. I came to see women as physically fragile, delicate, butterfly-like creatures struggling in the cruel net of patriarchy. I began to see male entitlement everywhere.'

Woman unhappy with haircut tried to shoot stylist

Matt · 11 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. "Having a bad day"? Is he serious? Amazing what nymhotropism does to warp thinking. Excerpt:

'A woman unhappy with her haircut tried to open fire on the stylist who cut her hair, but he escaped unharmed after her weapon jammed, police said.

According to San Diego police, 29-year-old Adrian Blanche Swain received a haircut Wednesday morning at a hair salon in the 3900 block of 30th Street in North Park.

However, police said Swain returned to the business a few hours later to complain about the end result.

Swain tried to open fire at the stylist with a pistol -- pulling the trigger three times -- but police said the "gun had bullets but malfunctioned."

...

“She's probably just having a bad day. It was more mental with her. But the haircut, it’s a very stylish haircut though,” Cooper said.

Swain was expected to be booked on suspicion of attempted murder.'

Israel: Men legally harassed by women

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Video here. Description: "Israel, women fought long and hard for equal rights and have achieved success, they work, climb the career ladder and serve in the army, just like men. They also have strict laws protecting them from domestic violence and abuse. Many Israeli men though worry that the pendulum has swung too far and that what started as equality, is rapidly turning into all out repression.

The main complaint from Israeli men is the fear that too many women are using accusations of sexual harassment and even attempted rape as an instrument of manipulation and intimidation..."

Camille Paglia on Hillary Clinton, Gloria Steinem

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Article here. Excerpt:

With Bernie Sanders' thrilling, runaway victory over Hillary Clinton in the New Hampshire primary, the old-guard feminist establishment in the U.S. has been dealt a crushing blow.

Despite emergency efforts by Gloria Steinem, the crafty dowager empress of feminism, to push a faltering Hillary over the finish line, Sanders overwhelmingly won women's votes in every category except senior citizens. Last week, when she told TV host Bill Maher that young women supporting the Sanders campaign are just in it to meet boys, Steinem managed not only to insult the intelligence and idealism of the young but to vaporize every lesbian Sanders fan into a spectral non-person.

Steinem's polished humanitarian mask had slipped, revealing the mummified fascist within. I'm sure that my delight was shared by other dissident feminists everywhere. Never before has the general public, here or abroad, more clearly seen the arrogance and amoral manipulativeness of the power elite who hijacked and stunted second-wave feminism.'

Woman made up sexual assault tale at nightclub, police say

mens_issues · 11 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Collinsville police charged a woman with obstruction of justice and disorderly conduct Wednesday for allegedly making up a violent sexual assault last week.

Police say Imperial resident Lisa Soest, 21, gave them “false information” when she claimed a man she did not know tried to kiss her, pulled her into a car, punched her and then sexually assaulted her outside the Wild Country night club last Thursday.

Collinsville Police Maj. Brett Boerm said police thought it was “suspicious” that such a violent assault would happen in a well-lit parking lot on a busy night, at 12:40 a.m., as was reported. The night Soest claimed she was assaulted, the Wild Country club was holding a weekly event where college students get in for free.

Boerm also said that sexual assaults involving strangers, like this one, are so uncommon in Collinsville that police were dubious.'

Title IX Investigations Are a Total Mess

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's get this out of the way early: anyone with a functional brain is in favor of equal treatment under the law and everyone is against rape. Just like everyone is against murder and assault and any other crime that injures another human being.

Now that this is out of the way, let's ask a big question that never gets asked: why are universities responsible for investigating rape accusations? The answer is because they're required to conduct investigations under the auspices of Title IX. It's a well intentioned application of federal law -- premised on the idea that sexual assault on campus is a problem that needs to be treated seriously -- but it creates as many, if not more, problems than it actually remedies. Because it sets up two different simultaneous investigations with different standards of proof and different consequences while also creating two divergent potential outcomes.
...
If a serious crime happens on campus just about everyone would say that it's the job of local police to investigate that crime. That's because we understand that conducting criminal investigations is time consuming, difficult, and freighted with the obligations to implement that investigation consistent with applicable state and federal law. No college or university has an adequate investigatory staff to determine who committed a murder and assess guilt or innocence. Moreover, the very idea of a college conducting a hearing based on whether a murder happened and applying its own standard of proof and rules of evidence and confrontation rules in that case is laughable.

So why is Title IX being applied to require colleges to conduct investigations into sexual assault?'

Australia: Minister accuses senator of sexist hypocrisy over 'mansplaining' criticism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Federal Government Minister accused of "mansplaining" in a Senate committee hearing has let rip, labelling it sexist hypocrisy from a Labor Senator.

Mansplaining — the 2014 Macquarie Dictionary word of the year — is a verb describing a man explaining something to a woman in a patronising way.

"I love the mansplaining," ACT Labor Senator Katy Gallagher told Communications Minister Mitch Fifield after a lengthy answer about Liberal party room processes.

"What's 'mansplaining', Senator?" Senator Fifield asked.

"It's the slightly patronising and condescending way that you're responding to my questions," Senator Gallagher replied.

This triggered a four-and-a-half minute exchange between the Liberal and Labor frontbenchers about "mansplaining", "womansplaining", sexism and hypocrisy.

"I would suggest, Senator, if you're putting the word 'man' in front of some description of what I'm doing, you're doing that — which I'm sure you're very much against — is making a sexist implication about how I'm conducing my role as a man. Is that what you're saying, Senator?" Senator Fifield asked.'

Feds to Spend $10 Million for ‘Gender Equity’ in Animal Testing

Mastodon · 12 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The National Institutes of Health is earmarking $10 million to ensure there is “gender equity” issue when using mice for medical research. Seriously.

There is a “gender bias” in medical testing, apparently.
...
The claim is that by conducting testing only on male rodents, the results potentially didn’t hold for female humans.'

Poll: Most Men Want Women To Sign Up For The Draft, Most Women Do Not

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new Rasmussen Reports poll indicates 52 percent of women don't believe they should be subjected to the draft, but 61 percent of male voters are definitely interested in seeing women sign up for Selective Service.

Rasmussen found 49 percent of likely voters in the U.S. believe women should have to sign up for Selective Service, though 44 percent disagree.

As expected, when polling numbers are broken down by gender, significant differences emerge. For starters, 61 percent of male voters think women should have to sign up for the draft, but only 38 percent of female voters think the same, and 52 percent oppose the measure outright.'

Want Viagra? Get A Note From Your Wife, Kentucky Lawmaker Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Call it the "What's good for the goose is good for the gander" bill.

A female Kentucky state legislator has introduced a bill that would require men who want to use erectile dysfunction drugs like Cialis, Viagra or Levitra to get a note from their wife first. Then they'd have to make two visits to a doctor and promise to only take the pills before sex with a spouse.

Kentucky Rep. Mary Lou Marzian (D) introduced the bill on Thursday as a way to protect men's health and ensure they are informed about a drug with potentially dangerous side effects, according to the Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I want to protect these men from themselves," said Marzian, a retired nurse.

Marzian told The Huffington Post that her proposed law is really a tongue-in-cheek way of pointing out how anti-abortion advocates want to involve the government in people's bedrooms. She said her legislation shows government needn't be involved in personal choices, "whether it be about abortion, erectile dysfunction or blood transfusions for Jehovah's Witnesses."'

A How-To Guide On Dealing With A 'Gunsplainer'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new campaign explaining the ways lenient gun laws impact women is taking on "gunsplainers," who are like mansplainers, but worse.

Everytown for Gun Safety, a movement dedicated to ending gun violence, has teamed up with Cosmopolitan for Singled Out, a campaign aimed at educating and empowering unmarried women about the dangers of guns. As part of the campaign, they have released a video featuring Gary, a "gunsplainer," who hits on a woman named Jessica, who is in the service, at a bar.

Gary's game falls short after calling her names like "schnookums" and "lady soldier" and insisting hammers are the weapons to really worry about. His "gunsplainer" efforts only make it worse.

"These guns are the only things standing between us and tyranny," he says after opening his jacket to reveal he's currently carrying multiple guns in the bar.'

Hillary’s New Hire Has Interesting Thoughts On Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Presidential candidate former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s campaign has expanded its team by bringing on a writer whose has previously written that those accused of sexual assault should automatically be treated as guilty, regardless of the actual evidence brought against them.

Late Thursday, news emerged Clinton’s presidential campaign hired writer and political analyst Zerlina Maxwell. Maxwell is intended to help the campaign with its digital outreach efforts on issues like feminism and gender equality.

But as was pointed out first by Jonah Goldberg of National Review, Maxwell has previously written sexual assault allegations should always be believed, regardless of the evidence, while downplaying any harm that may occur from false accusations.'

Actress' Diversity Solution: ‘Kill’ All the Old White Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two-time Oscar-winning actress Emma Thompson weighed in on the #OscarsSoWhite controversy this week, and suggested the industry’s diversity issues could be remedied by “killing off” the Academy’s many older, white members.

...

In January, the controversy was renewed after the Academy announced its acting nominations included no people of color for a second straight year.

“It’s no change there. It’s not as if it’s ever been awash with people of color. Let’s face it, the Oscar membership is mainly old, white men,” Thompson noted of the issue of diversity within the Academy’s membership.

...

The membership changes will eventually remove voting privileges from many older, white Academy members; however, Thompson feels the process of purging the older white people could be expedited.

“That’s the fact of it. Either you wait for them all to die, or kill them off slowly. There’s so many options, aren’t there?” she said.'

The feminist case for naming names in sexual assault cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Right now we wait in the wake of a report by the Home Affairs Select Committee, which recommended that suspects in sexual offence cases be given the same right to anonymity as complainants, unless or until they are charged. Highlighting the damageto individuals named in the media in such cases, the HASC report urged the legal system to ‘stop shaming suspects’. Yet despite agreeing with some of their findings, I think the Home Office recommendation is wrong. Those accused of sex crimes should not be granted anonymity, but neither should those accusing them.

There are strong arguments for preserving the anonymity of those accused of sex crimes. Publicly naming the accused in such cases not only risks defaming them, as their name and image is widely shared in the media, but more significantly impedes the presumption of innocence that should be rightly afforded everyone before trial.

We saw this in the case of 21-year-old Ben Sullivan. He was president of the Oxford Union when he was accused of rape and attempted rape; after his arrest, calls were made for speakers to boycott the union and a petition posted for his resignation. Subsequently he was proved innocent.'

SAVE: Title IX Administrator Group Wants to Abolish Presumption of Innocence

Matt · 15 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Title IX is the law that bans sex discrimination in schools. The Department of Education Office for Civil Rights requires all colleges to have a Title IX coordinator to establish policies and investigate complaints. Well and good.

But in recent years, the Office for Civil Rights has published a series of controversial Dear Colleague Letters that have expanded the definition of sexual harassment to include bawdy speech, unwanted flirting, off-color jokes, and the like. Expanded definitions translate in more complaints and eventually larger budgets for Title IX offices.

This has given rise to a shadow campus-based adjudication system that lacks transparency, accountability, or due process protections for the accused. This raises the specter of a Kangaroo Court, which the dictionary defines as a “mock court in which the principles of law and justice are disregarded or perverted.”'

Feminist says 'brutal' love machines will turn men into misogynist monsters

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'The arrival of sex robots will soon see men spurning real life partners and snuggling up to silicon instead.

But feminists fear the arrival of bonk bots could spark an explosion of sexism which will see men adopt dark age attitudes to real life ladies.

An activist from The Campaign Against Sex Robots has issued an urgent warning about the "brutal dehumanisation of women" which could take place when men begin to have sex with artificial love machines.

Researcher Lydia Kaye said sex robots will encourage men to think women are nothing more than objects designed exclusively for masculine sexual gratification.

"Sex robots will create another means through which women will be presented as objects to be used for sexual gratification and mistreatment," she wrote.'

State legislators announce proposal for new affirmative consent bill

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'Two state legislators announced the proposal of a new affirmative consent bill at the University of Connecticut Women's Center Friday.

The bill, co-sponsored by state Sen. Mae Flexer, D-Killingly, and state Rep. Gregory Haddad, D-Mansfield, would require university disciplinary boards in Connecticut to determine if there was "unambiguous and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity" when trying sexual assault cases, according to a Feb. 12 press release. This would apply to both public and private institutions of higher learning.

Flexer said the new legislation is intended to build on the sexual assault awareness programs signed into law by Gov. Dannel Malloy in 2014 by standardizing colleges' definitions of consent.

"One of the really important things is the training around consent and talking with students when they initially come to campus, and during their time on campus, about what consent is and what it looks like," Flexer said. "A student who attends college in the state of Connecticut should have the same expectation of safety as a student who currently attends UConn."

Affirmative consent policies could also simplify the university court process by creating a "different measure" of consensual sex.'

The Gender Pay Gap Is Dead

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'The gender pay gap hit the headlines yet again last week. Government ministers announced plans for national league tables to show the difference in wages earned by male and female employees in any company with over 250 workers. Coverage of this latest attempt to crack down on the apparently blatant gender discrimination that blights the nation's labour market has been sympathetic. Articles have been accompanied by helpful infographics showing a blue figure atop a substantially larger pile of money than an equivalent pink figure. The intention is to illustrate the frequently referenced statistic that men earn roughly 20 per cent more than women.

Despite the simplicity of this stark inequality, such figures are misleading. The much-heralded 20 per cent pay gap is an 'on average' figure that is reached through combining part-time and full-time earnings, and takes no account of age or employment sector. As I have argued before on spiked, when we compare how much women and men are paid for doing the same job for the same number of hours each week, there is no pay gap. Not only is it illegal to pay men more, such a pay gap makes no economic sense. If bosses could really get away with paying women so much less, why would anyone ever employ a man?

In reality, the pay gap is far more complex than campaigners like to acknowledge. It is affected by age, occupation and hours worked. Today, women in their twenties earn more than men of the same age. Significantly, they earn more than men not just like-for-like, but also on average. This means that irrespective of job type or hours worked, young women are likely to take home higher wages. For women under the age of 40 and working full-time, the pay gap is negligible. As government equalities minister Nicky Morgan acknowledged when announcing the government's latest proposals: 'We've virtually eliminated the gap for full-time workers under 40 and the gap for the over-40s is shrinking too."

Women’s Center Holding “Healthy Masculinities” Event

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'In hopes of bringing attention to the stereotypes of masculinity and its negative effects, the next Brown Bag event from the Women’s Center will address the negative stereotypes of men and combat them through a discussion session.

The event titled “Healthy Masculinities” will be held Thursday in the Women’s Center.

The idea of society’s stereotype of masculinity and how it affects young boys and men is often a problem that goes unaddressed in the spectrum of gendered issues, Sarah Jenkins, the program coordinator of the Women’s Center, said.

“There’s been a lot of discussion about the ways that we raise boys and men that really could lead to a lot of emotional regression or stunting of emotion,” she said.'

Obama’s ‘diversity’ diktat is a giant gift to lawyers

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'If you’re a white male looking for a job, your search just got harder.

Claiming women aren’t getting paid enough, President Obama wants to make it easier to accuse employers of gender discrimination and hit them with class-action lawsuits. A new regulation proposed on Friday will require all employers with 100 or more workers to report how much their workforce is paid, broken down by race and gender.

The rule, slated to go into effect in September 2017, will cause headaches for employers and anyone — man or woman — who works hard and expects to get ahead based on merit. The winners are federal bean counters, class-action lawyers and the Democratic Party, which is playing up the gender “wage gap” as usual during this election year.

Never mind that the gap is largely fiction. Or that Uncle Sam’s social engineers are foisting their cookie-cutter vision of a politically correct workplace on employers, denying them the freedom to hire and promote based on merit.'

Namibia: U.S Ambassador Advocates Male Circumcision

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'United States of America Ambassador to Namibia Thomas Daughton says there is a need to promote, expand and sustain voluntary medical male circumcision services.

There is compelling medical evidence that male circumcision reduces the risk of HIV-infection by approximately 60 percent.

"The reason seems pretty straightforward, even to someone like me who's not a medical professional. Voluntary medical male circumcision has proven to be one of the most economical and effective methods of reducing HIV-transmission," said Daughton, who stressed that reducing transmission is a key component in controlling the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

"That's why it is so encouraging to see the government's proactive effort to scale up voluntary medical male circumcision here in Namibia," Ambassador Daughton said on Thursday.'

UN Fights to End Female Circumcision by 2030

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'The United Nations warned Monday that millions of girls remain at risk of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

The practice, which involves removing all or part of a girl's external genitalia, has no health benefit and can cause severe bleeding, infection, pain, and later, complications in childbirth. It is often performed in unsanitary conditions with unsterilized instruments.'

UN launches plan to accelerate male circumcision for AIDS prevention in Africa

"Those who deny that campus sexual assault is dire must misread the numbers"

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'Much as there are people who deny the existence of climate change, or the public health value of vaccines, there are those who have tried to cast doubt on the incontrovertible: sexual assaults are rampant on our college campuses.

Deniers insist that key statistics on campus sexual assault are inflated or indeterminate – and some journalists who should know better are buying into this myth. We saw this most recently in Alia Wong's article last month in the Atlantic, which claimed: "Every statistic about campus sexual assault seems to be contradicted or challenged by another one" as well as in a 2014 article by Emily Yoffe in Slate which alleged that "studies suggesting this [is an] epidemic don't hold up to scrutiny."

The truth is that studies over several decades have repeatedly confirmed that, though exact percentages may vary, there are extremely high rates of sexual assault on US campuses.

National studies – including one released this week by the Department of Justice – show as many as one in four women are sexually assaulted in college. This follows the Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation study from June of 2015 and the more than 150,000 students who responded last year to the Association of American Universities survey, both of which clearly established that sexual assault in college is a serious public safety problem.'

UAF, legislators: Focus on survivor support, not perpetrator protection

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'In light of all the available and alarming statistics on sexual assault in our state, it is frustrating to read articles such as the account of a Legislature committee meeting in Juneau as covered in Matt Buxton's article, "Legislators discuss UAF's policies on harassment, sexual assault." As reported, legislators spent the majority of their time discussing how to protect men who are falsely accused, despite the fact that research shows only 5 percent of reports are false.

It is important that community leaders educate themselves in order to understand the toll sexual violence takes on a community. There is a significant emotional toll: Sexual assault is linked to increased rates of post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and suicidal thoughts. There is an educational and societal toll: Imagine considering leaving an educational institution in which you have invested much because the alternative is sitting in a classroom with your rapist. University associate general counsel Mike O'Brien accurately stated during the meeting with legislators that women in particular leave the educational environment after being subjected to sexual misconduct and a university's poor response. Studies show that other marginalized populations, such as individuals identifying as non-heterosexual, transgender, genderqueer or noncomforming, experience sexual assault and harassment at even higher rates. Lastly, there is a significant financial toll to survivors and society, including lost income due to missed work, declining productivity, and costs related to medical care, social services, law enforcement and legal expenses.'

‘Yes means yes’ bills introduced in Hawaii because rapists have become ‘more clever,’ sponsor says

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'The Hawaii Legislature is considering a pair of bills based on California’s affirmative-consent standard that would make it nearly impossible for accused University of Hawaii System students to prove they received consent in a sexual encounter.

Ka Leo, the student paper at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, reports that the House and Senate bills were introduced more than a year ago and are back up for consideration in the new session:

`“HB 1249 attempts to establish a clear policy of ‘yes means yes.’ This policy ensures that predators cannot take advantage of a victim’s incapacitated state,” said Rep. Sharon Har, co-author of House Bill (HB) 1249, in an email.
…

“The existing policy of ‘no means no’ has not brought an end to sexual assault on and off campus, it has only made sexual predators more clever to cover their tracks and avoid prosecution,” Har said.`'

Manning's Accuser has a Tendency for Suing Famous People

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'Profootballtalk outlined a Sports Illustrated article today that debunks many of the myths in the original Shaun King article. Mr. King took liberties with the facts he was given and stretched them to fit his narrative. Basically as we stated a few days ago, the article was extremely biased and one-sided.

However, we have since discovered that Jamie Naughright, Peyton Manning's accuser has had a history of filing lawsuits against A-listers and as one defense lawyer cited "(1) the litigant's history of litigation and in particular whether it entailed vexatious, harassing or duplicative lawsuits".

In 2010 Ms. Naughright filed a lawsuit against fashion designer Donna Karan and "Urban Zen" after allegedly receiving injury during a physical therapy session with a trainer Karan had suggested. The Urban Zen Website states affiliation with Naughright and that she even "introduced 35 students to the Urban Zen Integrative".

The lawsuit against Karan was eventually dismissed but has several nuggets worth mentioning. The court justified their decision via the defense's argument that

"a history of litigation entailing vexation, harassment and needless expense to other parties and an unnecessary burden on the courts and their supporting personnel is enough" to warrant such a remedy."

"The Karan Defendants have asserted that Naughright has an extensive history of filing repetitive lawsuits against or involving public figures, apparently having "spent the majority of eight years [1998 through 2005] filing legal complaints against or about [Peyton] Manning… [some of which] had no basis in law or in fact and were fueled only by [plaintiff's] relentless search for revenge.""'

Tell the American Academy of Pediatrics to Stop Hurting Babies

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The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) says babies shouldn't be subjected to unnecessary pain. But the AAP continues to promote "routine" infant circumcision, a painful, medically unnecessary surgery that removes a normal part of a baby's penis.

Help Intact America help baby boys – Sign the Petition!

Last month, the AAP published research showing that common medical procedures carried out on newborn babies are very painful, and that the effects of the pain can last many years. The procedures mentioned included heel sticks, insertion of IV needles, and circumcision. The AAP report also found that commonly used pain relievers are neither effective nor safe.

Infant circumcision differs from the other procedures discussed in the report in that it is an invasive surgery

that neither tests for nor treats any illness, and permanently removes a natural and valuable part of a boy's sexual anatomy — the foreskin. The pain from circumcision is intense and continues for days or weeks after the surgery.

Circumcision, originally promoted in the 19th century as a way to prevent masturbation, has become part of American medical culture. Every year, a million baby boys in the United States are subjected to this surgery, although no medical association in the world recommends it.

Some of the falsehoods currently used to support circumcision include hygiene, disease prevention, and aesthetics.

The truth is:
The intact penis is easily cleaned throughout a boy's and man's lifetime.

Circumcision does NOT prevent sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV. European countries where fewer than ten percent of all men are circumcised have about the same STD rates as the United States, where circumcision is common.

Any preference expressed by men or women for the circumcised penis is a result of cultural conditioning. Besides, as the U.S. circumcision rate declines, and the number of intact boys and men grow, the intact penis will no longer seem strange or unattractive.

Many Americans also believe that circumcision is "just a snip" — a minor, brief, and painless procedure that babies will not remember. This is FALSE, and the new AAP article on pain proves it.

Because circumcision is NOT medically necessary, and because the pain it causes is unmanageable and harmful over the long term, Intact America demands that the American Academy of Pediatrics tell its doctors to end the pain and stop circumcising baby boys.

Intact America

Men accuse UT of unfairly punishing them for sex assault allegations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two men who University of Texas officials have recommended be disciplined after being accused of sexual assault are suing the school to prevent the punishment. They say the school is using them as scapegoats to build a reputation for being tough on sexual assault.

Neither of the men faces criminal charges, and they have denied committing sexual assaults. The men — each called “John Doe” in the lawsuits filed this month — are seeking an undetermined amount of money and list the university, UT President Gregory L. Fenves and two UT employees who investigated the allegations as defendants.

Their attorney, Brian Roark, also represented former Longhorn football player Kendall Sanders, who wasacquitted last fall of sexual assault but was expelled by UT before the trial. Sanders had sex with a female UT student; jurors said it was unclear whether the woman had given her consent.'

Montana to pay ex-quarterback $245K over rape investigation

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'Montana will pay a former University of Montana quarterback $245,000 to drop his claims that school officials mishandled a rape investigation against him that drew national attention, according to a settlement agreement approved Tuesday.

Jordan Johnson said that university officials predetermined his guilt after a female acquaintance accused him of raping her in 2012, then led a biased investigation against him, according to a statement released by his attorney, David Paoli.

A jury acquitted him in 2013.'

Campus rape dogma in the age of promiscuity

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'According to campus rape dogma, one in five female undergraduates will be the victim of sexual assault during their college years.

Let's put this claim in perspective.

The violent crime rate in Detroit for all four violent felonies included in the FBI's crime index — murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault — is 2 percent. Detroit's rape rate is 0.05 percent. And yet, despite an alleged campus sexual-assault rate that is 100 times greater than Detroit's, female applicants are beating down the doors of selective colleges in record numbers.'

Christina Hoff Sommers takes on modern feminism and trigger warnings

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'Christina Hoff Sommers has encountered some resistance from campuses she's been to. Sommers said although she didn't feel scared, her visit to Oberlin last year was the first time she had been provided with security guards.

While her visit to Oberlin was contentious, Sommers was well received at Ohio University on Tuesday night.

Robert Ingram, the founding director of the George Washington Forum at OU, said he was initially approached about bringing in Sommers by Anna Lippincott, the president of OU College Republicans. The forum has, on occasion, worked with student groups to bring speakers to campus.

Sommers, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and author of several books and articles, has been vocal about her stance on modern feminism throughout her career. Sommers said she identifies as an "equity feminist," which promotes equality between both men and women.

"She looks at the world a different way. She's definitely a non-conformist," Lippincott said. "She kind of expresses those grievances that the rest of us feel who maybe don't identify with that 'hardcore feminist movement' right now."'

Judge denies request to stop university sexual assault hearing

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'A federal judge on Tuesday rejected the request of six former University of Tennessee female students to stop the institution from using its current disciplinary process for students accused of sexual assault — allowing a campus hearing to go forward in Knoxville Wednesday to determine whether a male student accused of sexually assaulting a female student in October 2014 should be disciplined.

U.S. District Judge Kevin Sharp denied the women's request for a temporary restraining order, ruling they failed to show imminent irreparable harm if UT went to forward with such disciplinary hearings while the case challenging the campus process as "unlawful" goes forward.

The plaintiffs, named only as Jane Does, filed a sweeping lawsuit against UT last week alleging the university has enabled a campus culture that leads to sexual assaults and then utilized a biased hearing process that favors student-athletes accused of sexual misconduct over victims.'

University settles lawsuit by student expelled for sexual assault

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'Washington and Lee University has settled with a former student who filed a lawsuit alleging gender bias as the motivation for his expulsion over a sexual assault accusation.

The student, identified as John Doe in the lawsuit he filed in late 2014, was expelled after an investigation in which he was not allowed legal representation or cross examination, and which was conducted by an administrator who allegedly told his accuser that "regret equals rape."

John and the university have "compromised and settled all matters in controversy," according to new documents filed in the case. Terms of the settlement were not disclosed. Typically, accused students win very little in settlements; they might get their record cleared and a small amount of money that doesn't even cover their legal fees.'

UK: Police chief to meet widow and apologise over false rape claim

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'The Metropolitan police commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, is to meet Lord Brittan's widow later this month to apologise for his force's handling of a false rape allegation [see footnote].

Hogan-Howe will visit Diana Brittan within weeks to discuss Scotland Yard's failure to confirm the former home secretary's innocence over the rape claim before his death last year.

An informed source confirmed on Thursday that the meeting would go ahead. The Met had concluded there was no charge to answer over a 45-year-old rape allegation four months before Brittan's death in January 2015 but failed to tell him. Lady Brittan was only informed in October.'

Female teacher dumbfounded by charges when caught in 'affair' with 15-YO boy

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'Toni Sutton, a well-liked, 37-year-old volleyball coach and Spanish teacher at Crawford High School in San Diego, California, finds herself behind bars this week after she was charged with two counts of having sexual intercourse with a minor — a male student reportedly just 15-years-old. She also faces nine more felony counts related to the allegation that she repeatedly had sex with the teen boy — charges that could land her in prison for almost 10 years, according to a report in the Times of San Diego newspaper.

In fact, prosecutors say, Sutton carried on a six-month sexual affair with the boy starting in June of last year. During that time, according to the accusations, the Spanish teacher and the boy — whose name has not been made public because he is a minor — performed sex acts in her classroom inside Crawford High, and in her car — as well as at her own home, a home she shares with her boyfriend who has two children from a previous relationship.
...
The defense attorney for Toni Sutton, Kerry Armstrong, painted a very different picture of the accused teacher, however, calling her “the nicest, sweetest lady you’ll ever meet in your life. You would never believe she would be charged with something like this.”

DV project director accused of harassment resigns

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'A domestic violence project director accused of harassing the president of the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce has resigned, officials said Thursday.

Tanya Curtis Richards, 58, had been leading the effort to open the Family Justice Center of Washington County, which would offer services and resources for victims of domestic violence in one location. She voluntarily stepped down as project director, said Hillsboro Police Chief Lee Dobrowolski, who serves as chairman of the center's board.

...

Richards had been pursuing a friendship with the Beaverton chamber leader, Lorraine Clarno, and contacted her repeatedly from April 2014 until Jan. 28 of this year, said Officer Mike Rowe, a Beaverton Police spokesman.

Clarno didn't want any contact with her, he said, and asked Beaverton Police Chief Geoff Spalding to tell Richards to stop. The chief did so in a meeting Nov. 25.

Later that same day, Richards contacted Clarno again, Rowe said. According to court records, the charges against Richards stem from the November contact she had with Clarno.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office investigated a similar case involving Richards and she was arrested in April 2011 on a stalking accusation, said Sgt. Bob Ray, an agency spokesman. Court records indicate she was never charged in that case.'

Milo Yiannopoulos: Feminists ‘Waging War on Working Class Men’

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'Milo Yiannopoulos attended the University of Minnesota on Wednesday to deliver a joint-talk with American Enterprise Institute scholar Christina Hoff Sommers, during which he dispelled the gender pay gap myth, debated sexual consent on campuses, and was protested by a group of the misinformed armed with air-horn sirens. Yiannopoulos also declared during the speech that third-wave feminists were waging war against working-class men.

“It’s as much a class war as it is a gender war” stated Yiannopoulos. “Much of it is perpetrated by white middle-class women who are the most privileged group in the history of our civilisation, of our species. They are the most privileged people ever to have lived[…] sort of waging war on working-class men. Now most of my readers fall into that second category, and I see the sort of injustice perpetrated on them and the sort of language used about them.”

...

“I see feminism in very much the same way,” he declared. “It is a sort of class hatred and class hostility perpetrated by well-fed, well-educated coastal bloggers on all the rest of us.”'

Rutgers Students Hold Group Therapy Session After Milo Yiannopoulos Visit

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'Students at Rutgers University were so traumatised by Breitbart Tech editor Milo Yiannopoulos' visit to their campus that they had to hold a group therapy session, campus newspaper The Daily Targum reports.

According to the paper, students and faculty members held a wound-licking gathering at a cultural center on campus, where students described "feeling scared, hurt, and discriminated against."

"A variety of different organizations and departments were present to listen, answer questions and show support" to the apparently weak and vulnerable students, who just a few days prior had disrupted Yiannopoulos' event by smearing fake blood on their faces and chanting protest slogans.
...
"It is upsetting that my mental health is not cared about by the University," said one student at the event. "I do not know what else to do for us to be heard for us to be cared about. I deserve an apology, everyone in this room deserves an apology."

A number of organizations were at the event to offer support to the poor, traumatised students. These included Psychiatric Services, the Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance, and the Rutgers University Police. However, as far as we know, none of the protesting students were institutionalized, arrested for vandalism, or for assaulting the peaceful attendees of Milo's talk with red paint.'

Questioning Circumcision Is Common Among Young Jews in America

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'Young Jewish parents in the USA are bucking historical trends on this questionable surgery. Articles about or mentioning Jewish opposition to circumcision have appeared recently in a variety of Jewish papers, websites, and blogs including the Jewish Daily Forward, JewSchool, Jweekly, TheJC.com,Jewish Journal, Jewish Business News(Israel) and Ynet Jewish World.

Young Jewish parents are working with supportive Jewish clergy to create ritual alternatives.'

Uni student assaulted, robbed by group of girls, and uni wants to help assailants with "programs"

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'A Trinity Washington University graduate student is recovering after a group of teenage girls attacked her, according to school officials.

The school's president is speaking out and said violence involving young people across the city has to stop.
...
“We've been seeing it on Metro – several horrible stories about gangs of young kids on Metro terrorizing people,” said McGuire. “Elsewhere in the city, be aware of your surroundings. If you see a group of young people, unfortunately you have to be aware that maybe you need to protect yourself and we wish it weren’t that way.

“We are especially upset that it’s girls. We do women’s education here at Trinity. We want girls to grow up healthy and strong, so we would like to reach out to the school if we can find out what school to maybe help the school with some programs for those girls.”'

Education Dept. Defends Its Approach to Title IX in Face of Senate Pressure

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'The Education Department is standing by its controversial guidance to colleges on sexual harassment and sexual assault in response to questions raised by a prominent Senate critic.

Catherine E. Lhamon, the department's assistant secretary for civil rights, defended her agency's actions in a letter on Wednesday to Sen. James Lankford, who, as head of the Senate's subcommittee on regulatory affairs and federal management, had accused the department of overreach in pressuring colleges to fight sexual discrimination to comply with the gender-equity law known as Title IX.
...
In a letter last month to John B. King Jr., the Education Department's acting secretary, Senator Lankford argued that the agency's "Dear Colleague" letters offering colleges guidance on how to comply with Title IX's ban on sexual discrimination "are not merely interpretive, but alter the regulatory and legal landscape in fundamental ways."

He said the department's 2010 guidance letter dealing with sexual harassment and its 2011 guidance letter on sexual violence have been decried by "legal scholars and academics across the political spectrum" as pressuring colleges to take steps that threaten students' free-speech and due-process rights.'

When a Campus Rape Expert Gets Accused of Sexual Assault?

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'Jason Casares, the associate dean of students and deputy Title IX coordinator at Indiana University's flagship campus in Bloomington, has built a reputation as an expert on college sexual assault. He's well known enough among his peers to have been voted president, in November 2014, of the Association for Student Conduct Administration, a professional group of around 2,700 college officials. Last year, he helped write the curriculum for the group's training program for campus rape investigators.

For the ASCA's annual conference this month, Casares had planned to teach seminars on Title IX and on using a "trauma-informed approach" in sexual misconduct investigations. Then, during the conference keynote on February 3, ASCA board member Jill Creighton circulated a letter accusing him of sexual assault.

Creighton's letter described an evening last December when the two had drinks at a convention for fraternity and sorority advisers in Fort Worth, Texas. "I made the mistake of letting my guard down while socializing with Jason about Association business," Creighton wrote. "Jason took advantage of me after I had had too much to drink…I did not consent to sexual contact."

Casares declined to be interviewed, but a statement released by his lawyer says that he "categorically denies the false accusations of sexual misconduct leveled against him by a colleague."'

Court of Appeal reverses lower court's dismissal of NCFM v. Selective Service

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From NCFM:

Today the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal reversed the lower court's dismissal of NCFM v. Selective Service and remanded the case back down with instructions that the case is "not unripe" for review (in other words, they revived NCFM's lawsuit), and also rejected the Department of Justice's argument that NCFM and James Lesmeister lack standing to sue.

This is a victory for the plaintiffs, but it only revives the lawsuit after the lower court dismissed it.

Do Women Need Legislative ‘Protection’?

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'These claims are not backed by evidence. But still the alarms ring, playing into our usual assumptions that the impulse to protect is benevolent and, perhaps, that women are especially deserving of solicitude. The association between “protection” and women is deeply embedded in culture. The image of the domestic-violence victim who receives a protective order is female, though men have the same right to go to court. Shakespeare described God’s protection of the king, but over the centuries, writers from E. M. Forster to Norman Mailer to Jonathan Franzen have rhapsodized about the male impulse to shelter women. Once in a while, a female character voices vexation. “I won’t be protected,” Lucy protests to her irritating suitor in Forster’s “A Room With a View.” “I will choose for myself what is ladylike and right. To shield me is an insult.”

There’s no phrase for men equivalent to “damsel in distress” and no such thing as “protective” legislation for men. “No one says anything about sending men to surgical centers for colonoscopies,” says Kessler-Harris, who submitted a brief in the Texas case, along with 15 other historians. (Colonoscopies have a mortality rate more than 30 times as high as the rate for abortion.) “Abortion is one of the safest medical procedures performed in the United States,” states another brief by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Medical Association. The major medical groups were exceptionally blunt in disputing the protective rationale for the Texas law, saying there is “no medical purpose” for requiring abortion clinics to meet the standards for a surgical center. The admitting-privileges requirement for doctors “likewise does nothing to improve the health and safety of women.”'

Kenya: The Benefits of Circumcision Are Exaggerated, We Should End It

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'Many years ago when I was seven or eight, I happened to be using the urinal at the same time as my friend Samuel.

A cursory glance his way revealed that we had differences in the trouser department that I hadn't expected. Small boys aren't all the same, as it turns out, when they get stripped down.
...
Circumcision of women is now called genital mutilation. It has become verboten, a crime now at par with murder, perhaps the only traditional African practice that White people can confidently condemn without being called racists.
...
For men, circumcision is tolerated, expected, and in some countries celebrated.

If it is an international scandal that the prepuce of a woman is removed to satisfy religious and cultural views, why is it okay to do the same to boys?'

Bernie Sanders declares he is a ‘strong feminist’ and ‘honorary woman’

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'At a Democratic town hall in Las Vegas, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders declared himself not only a "strong feminist," but also an "honorary woman," a distinction given to him by feminist icon Gloria Steinem.

"I consider myself a strong feminist," Sanders told a young woman from the audience who asked the question. "And in fact, Gloria Steinem — everybody knows Gloria is one of the leading feminists in America -- made me an honorary woman many, many years ago."

"I don’t know exactly what that meant, but I accepted it when she came to campaign for me," Sanders added.'

Feminism speakers draw protesters to University of Minnesota

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'Two outspoken opponents of contemporary feminism, British Breitbart.com technology editor Milo Yiannopoulos and American Enterprise Institute scholar Christina Hoff Sommers, spoke to a packed auditorium at the University of Minnesota Wednesday evening.

The Minnesota Republic, a conservative, student-run magazine at the U of M, invited Yiannopoulos to campus to debate a faculty member of the gender, women and sexuality studies department on the topic of feminism. When no professors agreed, the Minnesota Republic reached out to Hoff Sommers, whose speeches on college campuses often draw protesters.

“Part of our mission here is to encourage diverse political dialogue, so we think that a conservative viewpoint on feminism is kind of silenced on campus,” Minnesota Republic editor-in-chief Anders Koskinen said. “We felt that hosting Milo would be a good way to express a well-rounded campus political dialogue.”'

Get Someone To Bruise Your Face

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'Even though I see the good, the bad and the ugly side of human behaviour on a daily basis, I am still a great believer in humanity. I refuse to buy into the belief that all people are bad or that the world is full of evil. Momentarily today, however, that sentiment was tested.

I was alerted to a conversation in a Facebook group of over 50,000 people, in which people are free to vent their frustrations away. While venting can be a good exercise for all of us, sometimes it will lead to incredibly bad and damaging advice – not to mention inciting someone to commit an illegal and utterly immoral act.

A woman complaining about her relationship disputes over child custody with her ex partner had quite innocently asked for advice. However, the advice she got was quite simply frightening.

On legal advice I am not using the name of the person involved, however her profile indicates she works for the Department of Education and has studied Psychology.'

"Artificial Intelligence Might Just Disrupt Know-It-All White Men"

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'White male executives, long accustomed to their opinions becoming policy, may have the most to fear from artificial intelligence.

Seas of data analyzed by swift cognitive computing could make the gut instincts of the executives who dominate business obsolete, according to the lone woman on a five-person panel at the MIT Technology Conference at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on Saturday.

“A lot of business is run by, no offense, smart white men,” said Amanda Kahlow, chief executive of the AI-driven marketing firm 6sense, as she turned to the four white men serving on the panel. “AI is going to take the ego out of the equation.”'

Congress May Finally Fight Obama’s Campus Sexual Assault Policies

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'The Department of Education is defending a series of regulations it has imposed on American colleges and universities by claiming, in the face of substantial evidence, that they really aren’t regulations at all. Now, its defiance is setting up a potential clash with Congress.

Under the Obama administration, the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights (OCR) has used an 11-page “Dear Colleague” letter from 2011 to aggressively dictate how colleges handle sexual assault and sexual harassment on campus. The “Dear Colleague” letter draws authority from the federal Title IX law prohibiting sex discrimination in education, and lays down very specific requirements. For example, colleges are now required to adjudicate sexual assault allegations using a low “preponderance of the evidence” burden of proof and required to use a very broad definition of harassment.'

Milo Yiannopoulos at University of Minnesota - Male Feminists Edition

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Video here. Description: 'Quite possibly the most embarrassing 'protest' ever witnessed. On Feb 17, 2016 Milo Yiannopoulos gave a lecture on 3rd wave feminism with renowned feminist Christine Hoff Summers at the University of Minnesota. The talk was hosted and funded by The Minnesota Republic student group. Not even 5 minutes into the event, protesters started blasting air horns and calling him an asshole. Of the handful of protesters, only a single one appeared to be female.'

Problems With Paternity: Fraud To Securing Parental Rights

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'Paternity is a major problem area in family courts, whether you are talking about issues pertaining to fraud or biological fathers obstructed from having a relationship with their children. Unfortunately, there is little being done to fix these matters.

This leaves millions of men and children stuck in a legal rut, as courts require an inane number of hoops to be jumped when it comes to paternity law, oftentimes with scant hope of obtaining justice.

From fathers being required to pay support for children that DNA tests prove are not theirs to fathers blocked by the courts from being involved in their children's lives, family courts have much to do before the current system is fixed and justice is served.'

Slave Labor on the High Seas

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'Shocking revelations about the international fishing industry's reliance on slave labor have caused many people to question the origin of the shrimp or tuna they eat. The disclosures have also led the United States to take some important new steps to clamp down on the use of indentured workers and discourage other unlawful activities on the high seas.

President Obama is expected to signlegislation that effectively bans American imports of fish caught by forced labor in Southeast Asia. The bill, passed by Congress this month, would close a loophole in the Tariff Act of 1930 that prohibits imports made by convicts or forced labor but exempts such goods if American domestic production could not meet demand. Now that is expected to end. The president recently signed an agreement allowing officials to deny port services to foreign vessels suspected of illegal fishing.'

Buzzfeed Canada is Looking for Writers, White Males Need Not Apply

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'A senior writer for Buzzfeed Canada announced Thursday that the website was looking to hire freelance writers, but went out of her way to say they were not looking for white males.
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White males, surprisingly, were less than happy with the announcement, which led Koul to go on the defensive.'

UofM Q&A #1 - Milo Yiannopoulos on Male Feminists

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Video here. Description:

'Posting a few of my (all outstanding) Q&A responses from Christina H. Sommers and my talk at UofM - part of my Dangerous Faggot Tour. The first question was about male feminists, and I cucking nailed it.'

Woman killed boyfriend for spending too much time on Facebook

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'A British hairdresser was sentenced to life in prison last week after she plunged a knife into her boyfriend's heart — because she felt he spent too much time on Facebook.

Terri-Marie Palmer, 23, broke down in tears as she was convicted of 24-year-old Damon Searson's murder following a one-week trial, where the details emerged about the fatal end of their rocky relationship, according to multiple reports.

Moments before the killing, Palmer posted: "He p***** me off sitting on Facebook, completely blanking me when I'm talking to him," according to The Mirror Online.

She regularly posted on the social media site about how Searson would ignore her while scrolling through Facebook messages on his phone, adding random girls and posting shirtless photos of himself.'

Academics: Computer Science Needs To Be About Feminist Feelings

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'Computer scientists should be more in touch with their feelings and emotions, according to a peer-reviewed study by a Purdue University academic published last week.

The academic in question spent five years conducting an autoethnographic study on how introductory computer programming courses should be taught. Autoethnography is a form of “scientific” research that explores the researcher’s personal experiences and feelings. Official academic definitions claim that the method “treats research as a political, socially-just and socially-conscious act.” The method of research is closely tied to feminist thought and “queer-theory.”

The study’s abstract claims “autoethnographic method provides a new, credible way for educators to reflect and inform their practices.” Autoethnographery has been heavily criticized in by other academics for being overly concerned with “socially-just acts” over research accuracy.'

Should Colleges Still Punish Sex Assault Suspects – Even If They Weren't Convicted?

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'This month two male students filed separate lawsuits against the University of Texas at Austin. The men claim they were unfairly treated after allegations of sexual assault were made against them. Authorities never charged either student, but university officials have moved to expel both of them. The plaintiffs say the university is using them as scapegoats to demonstrate the school is tough on sexual assault.

This case has raised some questions: What can schools do in sexual assault cases? What rights do accused students have? How common are these lawsuits?

Samantha Harris, director of policy research for the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, says everyone agrees universities and law enforcement should investigate sexual assault claims, but the problem is the kind of procedures adopted as a response to pressure from the federal government.'

Why Aren't We Discussing Fatherlessness?

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'Fatherlessness is on the rise. It is causally linked to an array of social risk factors. While there are success stories in single-parent households, children raised without a father in the home are more at risk for dropping out of school, using drugs, having emotional problems, and becoming involved in crime, just to name a few.

Each of these individual risk trends can impact health care expenses, education, the budget and economy as well as public safety. Taken together they look like the root problem for many of our societal ills. The body of research confirming fathers' importance grows. We even have studies looking at the stunning public cost of fatherlessness. Yet our politicians do not discuss fatherlessness as a policy matter.

For the Republican side, I have a theory: the "War on Women" smear hovers ominously over all Republicans, especially men. Republican politicians have been threatened to within an inch of their funding if they mention anything that could be turned into a sexist trope. But claiming that dads matter isn't at risk of becoming a sexist trope, it is a favored sexist trope. Feminists have been turning dads into patriarchal, sexist abusers for decades. Granted, this is falling out of favor among younger feminists. Older, Boomer feminists hide their anti-male assumptions behind pro-woman rhetoric; only the younger feminists don't like the sleight of hand. Feminists as a group, however, are just realizing their gender gap and trying to come to terms with it. While they sort that out, our politicians remain cautious. They are too afraid to discuss fatherlessness beyond personal stories.'

'Yes Means Yes' Bill Would Eliminate Due Process on Campuses

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'Rape is a very serious crime. It is a violation of another individual's body and mind in a way that is far worse than almost every other crime. Society must reject rape and find ways to foster a culture that does not promote rape or make it acceptable. To that end, we must reverse the presumption of innocence in cases involving sexual assault and make the accused prove that he did not, in fact, rape the victim.

At this point, you've realized that this is impossible to do and not I'm seriously suggesting it. So why then are our legislators proposing a similar idea, except limiting it to rape on campuses? Couched as the "affirmative consent" or "yes means yes" law, it is essentially a reversal of the presumption of innocence and an elimination of due process on college campuses.

What the bill before the General Assembly fails to recognize is affirmative consent standards on campuses won't eliminate campus rape. A rapist doesn't refrain from raping because it is illegal to rape. Why would that be any different on a college campus? What this bill does is take regular, consensual activity between adults on a college campus and shrouds it with a veil of impropriety.'

'Affirmative Consent' Law Unfair And Unconstitutional

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'Connecticut lawmakers are considering a bill that would significantly change college disciplinary proceedings in cases that involve allegations of sexual misconduct. Among other things, the bill would put the burden of proof upon the accused to establish their innocence. This is almost surely unconstitutional, and our legislature should decline to pass any law that contains such a provision.

Everyone knows that in a criminal case, the government must prove its case "beyond a reasonable doubt." The scales are tipped this way because the stakes for the defendant — possible incarceration, other restrictions on liberty, and the stigma of a criminal conviction — are so severe.

Somewhat less known is the standard of proof in most civil actions between private parties, lawsuits such as personal injury cases, contract cases and property disputes. In those cases, the plaintiff must prove his case by a "preponderance of the evidence." This means, in effect, "more likely than not," or 51 percent likelihood.

In between is an intermediate standard of proof, called proof by "clear and convincing evidence." This standard is considered roughly the midpoint between "beyond reasonable doubt" and "preponderance of the evidence." The Supreme Court has held that this standard is required by the Constitution "in government-initiated proceedings that threaten the individual involved with a significant deprivation of liberty or stigma." Examples include cases in which a defendant faces the termination of parental rights, involuntary civil commitment, deportation or denaturalization.'

UK: It's no surprise if men decide university isn't for them

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'Male students have become a rare breed in UK universities.

They were first outnumbered by women as far back as 1992 and, since then, the gender gap has increased annually.

Statistics released by Ucas last week show that this year almost 100,000 more women than men have applied for a university place. In England, women are 36 per cent more likely to submit an application than their male peers; among those from disadvantaged backgrounds this rises to 58 per cent.

Imagine for a minute what would happen if these figures were reversed. I have no doubt there would be panicked calls for an inquiry into what was causing such dramatic gender inequality. There would be demands for better outreach programmes, publicity campaigns and positive discrimination to get girls into higher education.

In reality, the news that boys are significantly less likely to apply to university has passed with little comment.

When the topic of gender and education first became a serious focus for research there was, quite understandably, a preoccupation with the under-representation of women in universities and the difficulties they encountered once there.'

"It's on us: Men need to hold themselves accountable for perpetuating rape culture"

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'What's preventing college-aged men from addressing their role in rape culture on campus? Mention rape and alarms set off in many male college students' minds. We, as males, must cut off the flashing red lights, silence the blaring sirens and recognize the issues that are staring right back at us in the mirror.

This may not come naturally to us because we live in a society that perpetuates rape culture and rape myths. We've all heard the statistic that one in five women is sexually assaulted while they attend college, but we've failed to make a concerted effort to reduce this rate. Instead, we brush sexual assault cases aside, encourage victim blaming and allow misconceptions surrounding gender-based violence to prevail.

As men, we must accept a great deal of responsibility for the perpetuation of rape myths. One of the most important to debunk is the assumption that rapists are predators hiding in the entrance of dark alleys, waiting for their next victim. In reality, the vast majority of survivors of sexual violence know the perpetrator. Women and men are surrounded by potential perpetrators, whether they realize it or not.

Men are beginning to find a great deal of utility in identifying as feminists in order to dodge the bullet of being labeled misogynists. They feel as though they're staring down the barrel of "radical feminism," and their most effective tool is the white flag of the "good guy." We think that, as gentlemen, we respect women, so there's no need to target us as the problem.'

It's time we stopped treating all men as sex pests

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'"The law is a ass – a idiot," declared Mr Bumble in Charles Dicken's classic novel Oliver Twist, which was released 178 years ago to the month.

Bumble would have no doubt have added some choice expletives to his observation if he'd been in Blackfriars Crown Court in London last week, to witness the unjust case brought against Mark Pearson.

Pearson, a 51-year-old artist, was tried for a sex crime simply because he brushed past a female film star during rush hour at Waterloo Tube station without even breaking his stride.

His accuser (who shall remain anonymous for life) claimed Pearson penetrated her with three fingers for "two or three seconds".

CCTV of the footage irrefutably backs Pearson's account; it took a jury of nine women and three men just 90 minutes to unanimously reject the accuser's version of events and find Pearson innocent.'

"Can men be true feminists?"

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'If this man were a true advocate for women's rights, he would give space to women in politics to express their viewpoints and then support them. He cannot successfully advocate for women because he is participating (with the best intentions) in an institution that has systematically oppressed women for most of history. He should be giving a seat at the table to a woman.

Feminism is about space for women, plain and simple. Feminists are used to not being taken seriously by the patriarchy, and I find that a man who uses his male privilege to speak on behalf of women is no better than someone who actively oppresses women. The voices of men in feminist activism do not count as much as the women's, even though they are greatly appreciated.

A man should never voice actively in feminist advocacy, but he can aid the feminist cause.'

Department of Education botches Title IX obligations in response to Congress, ex-official says

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'If the House Education Committee wanted advice on topics to bring up with acting Education Secretary John King at its Wednesday hearing on the department's "policies and priorities," it got a targeted list from a former Ed lawyer.

Hans Bader, who served in the Office for Civil Rights, wrote a blistering analysis of a letter sent by that office's chief to Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., who heads the Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee and has asked what authority OCR has to issue substantive new regulations in everything but name.

OCR's Catherine Lhamon basically told Lankford that her office didn't need to go through a notice-and-comment proceeding before issuing its controversial "Dear Colleague" letters because they only purported to explain current law, not enforce new regulations.'

Woman at the center of controversial Rolling Stone UVA rape article to appear in court

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'The woman at the center of Rolling Stone magazine's now-retracted story about a rape at the University of Virginia has been ordered to appear in court to answer questions as part of a civil suit.

"The court believes that a one-day, seven-hour deposition will be sufficient," Judge Glen Conrad wrote in a court order this week, calling for the woman identified only as Jackie to appear in court on April 5, Newsweek reported.

Jackie will be deposed as part of an ongoing lawsuit filed by Nicole Eramo, an associate dean at the University of Virginia, against Rolling Stone, the magazine's owner, Wenner Media, and Sabrina Rubin Erdely, the writer of the controversial story "A Rape on Campus."'

University speech instructor allegedly calls student ‘cute’ for ‘mansplaining’

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'An “Introduction to Linguistics” instructor at the University of Maryland allegedly accused a male student of “mansplaining” after he questioned her claim about sexism in job titles.

“Look, it’s really cute that you, as a white male, would tell me what I’m not allowed to be offended by, as a minority female,” the instructor tells the unidentified student in an audio recording posted on Reddit over the weekend. “Thank you so much for doing that; that’s called ‘mansplaining,’ so stop.”

The rebuke was prompted by the student’s attempt to understand her assertion that the suffixes “–ette” and “–ess” are “diminutive,” and therefore “infantilizing,” which was made in relation to the term “poetess.” The student says he understands that “-ette” has a diminutive root in French, but questions whether the same is true of the other suffix.

“The point is: same job, same title,” the instructor replies. “If she’s writing those poems with her cunt, then it’s a difference, but she’s not; she’s writing poems based on the fact that she has fought in two wars, which is more than her fiancée has ever done.”

“But you shouldn’t have a problem, I guess, with two different, like, titles, because—” the student attempts to respond, only to be cut off and accused of “mansplaining” before he could articulate his point.

The student gamely continues, saying, “I’m curious as to why you take offense.”

“I think I just told you,” she says. “I think I just told you that you’re choosing not to agree with me, and through that, you’re choosing to explain why I should agree with you, coming from a position of privilege, having never experienced what I’ve experienced.

“That right there: excellent example of privilege,” she concludes.

The student points out that she still hasn’t answered his question, to which the instructor says simply, “I’ve explained it to you, and you’re choosing not to accept. We’re going to move on now.”'

"Controversial figures debate feminism and freedom of speech"

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'A debate featuring controversial public figures Julie Bindel and Milo Yiannopoulos took place Tuesday night in the ballroom of the Michigan League.

During the debate, the two speakers exchanged arguments about feminism, debating whether the feminist movement impedes an individual's freedom of speech.

Hosted by The Michigan Review, the event drew a crowd of several hundred people, some of whom drove across state lines to hear the pair.

Engineering senior Hunter Swogger, one of the event organizers, said the Review wanted to bring Bindel and Yiannopoulos' voices to the University's campus in order to expose the campus to new ideas.'

Judge rules gender-bias lawsuit can continue against Brown University

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'A federal judge is allowing to proceed a lawsuit accusing Brown University of gender-bias in its handling of a sexual assault investigation against a male student suspended by the Ivy League school following a probe.

U.S. District Chief Judge William E. Smith declined to dismiss a lawsuit brought by a former student, identified as John Doe, who alleges that Brown violated his rights and discriminated against him based on his gender in its handling of an alleged sexual misconduct complaint.

Doe filed suit in April after being suspended from Brown for 2½ years based on sexual misconduct allegations brought by a female student that he had fondled and kissed after meeting her at a dormitory party in October 2014. Doe was enrolled in the Class of 2017, earned straight A's his freshman year, and hoped to pursue a career in neuroscience, the lawsuit says.'

Harvard and Title IX: Survey results in hand, policy debate endures

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'Harvard University remains at the forefront of the debate over campus sexual assault, even as a panel of Harvard students and professors meets to consider additional changes to the University's disciplinary procedures under Title IX, the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination by educational institutions that receive federal funding.

The committee, convened earlier this month and chaired by former interim Dean of the College Donald H. Pfister, is charged with examining data from the campus climate survey released September 21. That survey, conducted by the Association of American Universities on behalf of Harvard and 27 other colleges, sought to assess the level of reported and unreported harassment and assault on campus.'

GOP congresswoman questions Ed. Dept. nominee on campus sexual assault

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'North Carolina Congresswoman Virginia Foxx questioned the Education Department's overreach when it comes to campus sexual assaultduring a hearing on Wednesday.

The congresswoman directed her question to Dr. John King, the acting secretary of the Education Department, who is currently going through the confirmation process to officially become head of the department.

"I'm very concerned about what's happening within your department's Office for Civil Rights and its impact on college campuses across the country," Foxx said. "For too long the OCR has gone around Congress by legislating a new mission and I'm deeply concerned about the office's legitimacy and effectiveness on these issues and the potential negative impact on students and institutions."'

Comedy Festival Will Charge White Men More To Fight The Wage Gap

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'An upcoming comedy festival in New York City is charging different rates for attendees in an apparent effort to check the privilege of straight white men.

The Cinderblock Comedy Festival will be held Sept. 15-18 in the hipster stronghold of Williamsburg, Brooklyn. With the festivities just seven months away, organizers are already urging potential performers to apply to perform.

But the festival has one very notable policy: Currently, only women, non-whites and those who identify as LGBT are allowed to apply for an early-bird price of $19.25. Straight white men, on the other hand, will only be allowed to apply starting March 15, and they'll have to pay $25 to do so.

Festival director Coree Spencer said the discount was intended to closely match the oft-quoted and oft-criticized statistic that women earn just 77 percent of what men earn.'

Colleges Warned They Will Lose Federal Funding For Botching Campus Rape Cases

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'Catharine Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, told a group of college administrators Monday that she would have no reservations about pulling a university's funding if it showed a pattern of mishandling cases of sexual violence on campus.

Lhamon was speaking at a summit on sexual assault hosted at Dartmouth College, one of the 67 colleges and universities currently under investigation by Lhamon's agency over concerns that they did not properly handle sexual violence cases. Colleges are required under the gender equity law Title IX to address sexual assault and harassment on campus. The ultimate punishment for a school violating Title IX is a complete loss of federal funding. No disciplinary procedure has ever gone that far, but Lhamon emphasized that the option is always on the table.

"Do not think it's an empty threat," Lhamon said Monday. "It's one I've made four times in the 10 months I've been in office. So it's one that's very much in use."

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Lawmakers are considering adding more ways for the OCR to penalize a school for violating Title IX.

"It'd always be nice to have more tools. There's always more we can use," Lhamon said during the panel Monday. "Where I sit today, I think we have a set of very, very effective tools we can use."

Lhamon said the criticism of the OCR's effectiveness investigating colleges was due to a "lack of understanding" about the tools available to the office for sanctioning institutions.'

NPO: Florida Senate Passes Shared Parenting Bill

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'By a 23 - 15 margin, the Florida Senate has passed Senate Bill 250 that would establish the presumption that equal parenting time is in a child's best interests. The bill, sponsored by Senator Tom Lee, allows deviation from the equal time standard in a number of different situations, including when parents agree to a different arrangement. Read about it here (Tampa Bay Times, 2/23/16).

"Under current law, judges are supposed to consider 20 criteria and "the best interests of the child" when they write an order. But Sen. Tom Lee, R-Brandon, who sponsored the legislation (SB 250) says the child's wellbeing is an end goal and that to accomplish that, it's in the best interests of kids to split time evenly with both parents whenever possible...

"As we look at other child welfare policies that we enact, we always start with the assumption that if it's in best interest of the child, we want both parents involved and that we want both parents to take responsibility," said Sen. Don Gaetz, R-Niceville."'

Students Wary of New Sexual Assault Law in Face of Increased Reports

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'New York is one of the three states — along with California and Michigan — that have passed these new consent laws. The law requires a clear, affirmative agreement between partners. By stating the consent, it creates a victim's bill of rights and boosts training for law enforcement, faculty and students.

However, students expressed concern that the new policy is ambiguous and makes it more difficult for those accused of sexual assault to defend themselves. While the legislation may have caused confusion among college campuses, experts say the increase in sexual assault reports reflect an increase in reporting incidents rather than a vague policy.

In many situations, sexual misconduct incidents occur when students do not give or obtain affirmative consent when engaging in sexual interaction. The affirmative consent is defined as a knowing, voluntary and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity. Affirmative consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create clear permission regarding willingness to engage in the sexual activity.'

Accused students can be presumed guilty because high schools can ban long hair, university says

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'The University of Cincinnati can discriminate against students accused of sexual assault because high schools can punish young men for growing long hair.

That's one of the claims the public university is making to dismiss an Oct. 19 lawsuit brought by two former students who say they were prejudged in separate proceedings that didn't follow UC's own policies.

The lawsuit by the anonymous students – one an undergraduate who has since transferred and the other a recently graduated law student – claims they suffered "sanctions" by the university before investigations even took place, under accuser-friendly "interim measures."

They said their cases were heard by a panel that received one-sided training by various officials, including the head of an organization "responsible for aiding alleged victims of sexual assault." Panel members were trained to believe accusers before hearing any evidence and to apply a "verbal consent" standard that was not in effect during one accused student's investigation.'

Professor fired after protest scuffles caught on video

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'The University of Missouri Board of Curators on Thursday fired a communications professor who was captured on video scrapping with a police officer and a student journalist during campus protests last year.

The board voted 4-2 in favor of firing Assistant Professor of Communication Melissa Click, who had been suspended with pay from the school since Jan. 27.

Click has the right to appeal the termination.

“The board respects Dr. Click’s right to express her views and does not base this decision on her support for students engaged in protest or their views,” said Chairwoman Pam Henrickson, who voted against Click’s termination, in a statement viewed by The Columbia Tribune. “However, Dr. Click was not entitled to interfere with the rights of others, to confront members of law enforcement or to encourage potential physical intimidation against a student.”'

Kesha Contradicts Rape Claims In New Deposition Video

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Kesha Sebert *[link added]* said in a 2011 deposition that her producer never made sexual advances toward her or drugged her, which contradicts what she alleged in a 2014 lawsuit.

TMZ obtained a video of the deposition.

The 28-year-old singer, known simply as Kesha, accused her producer Lukasz Gottwald of emotional and sexual abuse, but a judge recently denied her request to break her contract with Sony that requires her to make four more albums with the label. Kesha alleged Gottwald drugged and raped her 10 years ago.

During a deposition in 2011, however, the singer swore under oath that her producer had never touched her.'

Rape culture and the problem with the 1 in 5 sexual assault statistic

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'Last semester, Spectator reported on data suggesting that one in every five women on campus has experienced “sexual assault” since enrolling at Columbia. This statistic was derived from results of a survey conducted by the Association of American Universities, and was propagated alongside calls for additional support services for victims of rape.

In the wake of the Emma Sulkowicz mattress protest, this statistic seems to corroborate popular sentiments that Columbia is indeed a bastion of rape. But is it really?

A closer analysis of the AAU survey reveals several opportunities for misinterpretation of its data. For one thing, the survey uses a ridiculously wide definition of sexual assault that includes everything from penetration to unwanted groping. It also paternalistically decides whether women have been victims or not and treats the complicated situation of mutual intoxication in a way that is favorable to women.'

Zimbabwe: Three women rape man to steal sperm for witchcraft

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Police fear a trio of female 'sperm collectors' are on the loose in Zimbabwe after they picked up a hitchhiker on a highway and raped him in order to 'harvest' his sperm.

The women, believed to be driving a white Toyota Cresta, offered him a lift along a main road in the city of Bulawayo, in the country's southwest.

But partway through the journey the women attacked him - forcing him to have sex with them and making off with his semen.

...

These attacks were fueled by a demand for men's semen in traditional luck-enhancing 'juju' rituals.

According to reports, victims of the freeway femme fatales are drugged or subdued at gun or knife-point - one man was even forced to perform at 'snake-point' when his rapists brandished a live snake.

The male victims are then given a sexual stimulant and forced to have sex repeatedly before being dumped on the side of the road.'

An Apology From A Dad To His Daughter, On Behalf Of Fathers Everywhere

Mastodon · 26 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Traditional gender roles are passed down through generations -- but a new commercial is proving that cycle can be broken if men step up.

Created by Indian detergent company Ariel, a video campaign called #ShareTheLoad highlights how traditional gender roles are passed down from generation to generation in households around the world. The campaign, which launched in 2015, shows the impact parents' behaviors and actions in the house have on their children and how men's participation in day-to-day chores can break down larger and problematic gender stereotypes.

Published on Feb. 19, the latest #ShareTheLoad commercial features a young Indian woman coming home from work to her husband on the couch and her father and her young son playing. The woman is on a work call while she gets dinner ready and cleans up the house. The father of the young mom sits and watches as his daughter runs her house, alone.

"I am so sorry. Sorry that you have to do this all on your own, sorry that I never stopped you while you were playing house," the dad says in a voiceover. "I never told you that it’s not your job alone… but your husband’s too."'

Joe Biden to Introduce Lady Gaga at the Oscars for Sexual Violence Presentation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Vice President Joe Biden will introduce Lady Gaga this Sunday at the 88th Academy Awards.

The Los Angeles Times reports Biden, who will be in attendance for the ceremony with his wife Jill, will introduce the singer for a performance of her song “Til It Happens to You,” which will include a presentation aimed a combating sexual violence.

After introducing the singer, the vice president will reportedly ask viewers and members of the audience to visit ItsOnUs.org and take a pledge to intervene in cases of sexual assault.

Biden, who was main author of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act while he was in the Senate, has called for college presidents to help end campus sexual violence.

Lady Gaga’s song “Til It Happens to You” and an accompanying PSA aimed at warning young women of the dangers of campus sexual assault, was released last September.'

It's On Us PSA

Police Reports Lay Out Peyton Manning Accuser's Many 'False Accusations'

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Dr. Jamie Naughright, the former University of Tennessee trainer who accused quarterback Peyton Manning of sexually assaulting her in 1996, made a series of bizarre and unfounded complaints to a Florida sheriff's department in 2014, according to police records obtained by The Daily Caller.

Naughright, who resides in Lakeland, Fla., made numerous calls to the Polk County sheriff's department between March and November of 2014, claiming that she was being stalked and threatened by various men that she knew. She also claimed that an associate and caretaker of hers had made a pornographic website with her pictures on it.

The Washington Post's Sally Jenkins first reported on the existence of the documents in a column on Thursday.

The records also show that in Nov. 2014, Naughright claimed that a man she met while receiving mental health treatment at a Florida hospital had threatened her after they got into a heated argument over the lawsuits she filed against Manning, who recently won the Super Bowl with the Denver Broncos.'

False allegations uncovered in race/gender-baiting accusations by college women

ThomasI · 26 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'But authorities now say there's no evidence any of that happened and that the women were the aggressors in the fracas, which was captured by cameras on the bus and other cameras in the hands of bus riders. All three defendants are charged with misdemeanor assault and are facing campus disciplinary proceedings.

The actual victim, police said, was a 19-year-old white woman from Congers, Rockland County, who also was a passenger on the late-night route known to students as the "drunk bus."

"The evidence shows that, contrary to how the defendants originally portrayed things, these three individuals were not the victims of a crime," University Police Chief Frank Wiley said in a statement. "Rather, we allege that they are the perpetrators."'

Lands' End Apologizes For Interviewing Gloria Steinem in Catalog

mens_issues · 27 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Apparently, Lands' End has become a feminist catalog as their CEO interviewed Gloria Steinem. Excerpt:

'Clothing retailer Lands' End is in hot water after it published an interview with political activist Gloria Steinem in its spring catalog, prompting outrage from some customers.

Steinem, a feminist icon, was interviewed by Lands' End CEO Federica Marchionni for the company's "Legend Series," which it says features people "who have made a difference in both their respective industries and the world at large."

The interview was removed from the Lands' End website after customers overwhelmed the company's Facebook page with complaints about interviewing an abortion rights supporter.

"Those of us who love family, love children, are completely puzzled why you would promote a very vocal pro abortion celebrity," one customer wrote. "Are you anti-child? You want to kill off possible future customers?"

In a statement emailed to NBC News, Lands' End said: "We greatly respect and appreciate the passion people have for our brand. It was never our intention to raise a divisive political or religious issue, so when some of our customers saw a recent promotion that way, we heard them. We sincerely apologize for any offense.'

Back in 2002, Lands' End published a story that I wrote about as "Lands' End prints "Rosie the Riveter" story with feminist twist. What I wrote is still available at Men's Issues Online at here.

Does The Word ‘Rape’ Really Carry Any Impact Anymore?

mistermisogynist · 27 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'You rape the soil. You rape conquests of war. You rape women. You sew rape. You snog-rape. You rape with your eyes. You date rape. The press rape you. Simulated rape-fucks. S&M porn stars accusing each other of rape. You Frape.

Does ‘rape’ really have the impact it used to have?

Rape is a word that women use a lot. Men don’t use the word as much outside of jocular jest, extreme insult and agriculture/logging. When women tend to use the word rape, it seldom refers to the definition of rape. Few women know what rape actually feels like. Yet women repeatedly refer to any annoyance or intrusion in their life as the feeling of being raped.

Charlize Theron reported feeling raped by the press. This was surprising, since having played the role of a rape victim in a film and won an Oscar for the role, Charlize still did not comprehend the difference between an actual violent sexual assault and a story in the press about her.'

Hillary Clinton Crashes Bachelor Party: ‘I Love Having Men at My Feet’

Mastodon · 28 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton dropped into a bar with her entourage and found herself crashing a bachelor party, a situation that turned into a photo op for the Democratic candidate for president.

Joe Schreck and his groomsmen were having a round of Bloody Marys to celebrate his upcoming wedding when Clinton and her campaign staff descended on Saffron, a café and bar in Charleston, South Carolina, reports the Washington Post.

“I love having men at my feet,” Clinton said, as her personal photographer, Barb Kinney, suggested some of the groomsmen kneel around Clinton for a photo.'

Gang rape charges dropped in New York after accuser recants

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New York City authorities are dropping sexual assault charges against five teenagers after their accuser recanted her story.

The woman initially told police she was gang raped at gunpoint in a Brooklyn park on 7 January.

Police arrested five teens, but parts of the woman's story began to come under scrutiny as more details emerged.

Her father was said to have been chased off by the suspects, but it took him nearly 30 minutes to alert police.

The teenagers said the encounter was consensual. They told police when they entered the park they saw the woman and her father engaged in a sex act.

Prosecutor Kenneth Thompson said the 18-year-old woman provided "multiple inconsistent accounts" when detectives questioned her.'

More on slave labor in the worldwide seafood industry

Matt · 28 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Most of the enslaved are men. They leave this fact out, perhaps because if they keep the enslaved people's gender identity neutral, they will not trigger the "it's just men" response so many people have. Excerpt:

'Last year, the Guardian shed light on an uncomfortable — and unfortunate — truth about much of the shrimp sold in North America, Europe, Japan and elsewhere around the world. A six-month-long investigation revealed that torture, wage-theft, beatings and various other illegal practices were a reality in the production chain of the world's largest supplier.

"If you buy prawns or shrimp from Thailand, you will be buying the produce of slave labor," Aidan McQuade, director of Anti-Slavery International, told the Guardian at the time. And many countries do, including the United States, which imports about half of the shrimp Thailand harvests.

The investigation followed a 2013 report by the Environmental Justice Foundation, a nongovernmental organization, which chronicled the abuse in the Thai shrimp industry. It also spurred a flurry of corporate responses: Walmart said it was "actively engaged" in the issue; Costco said it was telling its suppliers "to take corrective action;" and Tesco, the largest supermarket chain in Britain, called it "completely unacceptable."

But almost two years later, the problem persists.'

The Consent Debate: College Students, Experts, Activists Discuss Sexual Consent

Mastodon · 29 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'C.D. Mock, a former head wrestling coach at the University of North Carolina, also shared his story and said he was there to represent the accused.

“Where does consent start and where does it end? I don’t know,” said Mock. “Let’s remember we are dealing with young people, many of whom are very inexperienced, there’s alcohol around without supervision.”

Mock has become a loud and vocal critic of the effectiveness of what some call the “Consent Movement” after his son was accused of sexual assault in his junior year of college. He explained that ever since the government cracked down on schools that did not comply with a federal mandate to more seriously address sexual assault complaints, that he believed over-correcting had been done in favor of accusers.

“We need to make sure that the solutions that we come up with are fair solutions to everyone. If we’re swinging the pendulum too far in one direction," Mock cautioned, “We’re in dangerous territory.”'

Man charged after his newborn tests positive for amphetamines and opiates

charlie · 29 February 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Drugs were found in the baby's system because mom was doing drugs during pregnancy. Dad tried to prevent her from using drugs. But now he is charged. Excerpt:

'A man was charged on Friday after his newborn tested positive for drug exposure in December.

Blue Earth County Human Services Child Protection reports that the child tested positive for amphetamines and opiates after birth and the mother tested positive for opiates. Authorities say 41-year old Daniel Gerald Sturdivant allegedly told them he was concerned about the woman's meth use and did not want her to use it while she was pregnant. County Officials say Sturdivant said he felt he could not control her since he was gone with work for a week or more at a time. Authorities say Sturdivant didn't do anything to stop the mother other than trying to limit the money she had available to spend on drugs. According to the report, the mother admitted to Health Officials in September that she had smoked methamphetamine in her second trimester of pregnancy.
...
Sturdivant is charged with Felony Exposure of Drugs to a Child, Child Endangerment and Child Neglect.

Blue Earth County Attorney Pat McDermott tells KTOE News that his office is considering charges against the mother.'

Lady Gaga pushes 'one in five' campus sex assault myth at the Oscars

Mastodon · 1 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Articel here. Excerpt:

'We knew the Oscars would be filled with propaganda, but before the awards show even started, singer Lady Gaga pushed a debunked statistic to scare viewers and make her appearance more powerful.

Gaga was there to perform her Oscar-nominated song called "Til It Happens to You," which appeared in the film "The Hunting Ground," which features still more dubious statistics and accusations of campus sexual assault.

"It's such an important song for me," Gaga said prior to the awards show. "One in five women will be raped before they finish college."

No, they won't.'

Uni seeks to expel male student for alleged off-campus sex assault with non-uni student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Texas at Austin has been sued for allegedly wrongly seeking to expel a male student over accusations that he sexually assaulted a non-UT student in her off-campus apartment.

No criminal charges were ever filed against the male student over the alleged assault. The alleged victim herself never filed an official complaint with campus or city police officers, according to the lawsuit.

But the University of Texas at Austin has recommended that the 21-year-old male student, who is one semester away from earning a degree in physics, be expelled for violating the institutional rules of the college, the suit states.

The attorney for the male student has asked a judge to stop UT-Austin from holding a planned disciplinary hearing at which Title IX investigators for the school have recommended his expulsion.

Court documents state the male student has not been afforded his Constitutional due process rights and that the allegations in question do not constitute sexual assault, among other protestations lodged by the plaintiff's attorney.'

Female student stands up to claims of 'rape culture'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's not brave to "speak out" on a topic that the media loves and will defend one on. It is brave to stand up for the truth despite what the media and activists claim is true.

That is the case of Toni Airaksinen, a Barnard College sophomore who penned an essay for the Columbia Spectator dismantling the claim that colleges across the country are fostering a "rape culture."

Airaksinen spends her essay informing readers how a study purporting to show that one-in-five women will be sexually assaulted while in college is misleading. For starters, the study — from the Association of American Universities — uses a "ridiculously wide definition of sexual assault," according to Airaksinen. This definition includes "everything from penetration to unwanted groping," she writes.'

UK company to introduce 'period policy' for female staff

Minuteman · 3 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Coexist, where 24 of the 31 staff are women, is no ordinary company. It manages Hamilton House in the city's bohemian Stokes Croft quarter, running the space for artists, activists and community organisations. There is a restaurant called The Canteen, and Banksy's Mild Mild West mural showing a teddy bear throwing a petrol bomb at riot police greets visitors.

Baxter said: "There is a misconception that taking time off makes a business unproductive – actually it is about synchronising work with the natural cycles of the body.

"For women, one of these is their menstrual cycles. Naturally, when women are having their periods they are in a winter state, when they need to regroup, keep warm and nourish their bodies.

The spring section of the cycle immediately after a period is a time when women are actually three times as productive as usual.
...
Baxter and her team plan to formulate the policy as part of a seminar at Hamilton House on 15 March called Pioneering Period Policy: Valuing Natural Cycles in the Workplace.

The seminar's leader, Alexandra Pope, believes "cycle awareness" helps both men and women become more productive at work.

Pope, who describes herself as a women's leadership coach and educator in the "field of menstruality", said: "In the past any proposal to allow women to, for example, have time off at menstruation has been derided by men and women alike. In this context menstruation is seen as a liability or a problem. Or as women getting special treatment.

"The purpose of this policy initiative is to create a positive approach to menstruation and the menstrual cycle that empowers women and men and supports the effectiveness and wellbeing of the organisation. To restore the menstrual cycle as the asset it is."

She says her seminar will "present a radically new model of the menstrual cycle as an asset for your entire organisation".'

Tina Fey Complains It is a ‘Terrible Time’ for Female Comedians

Mastodon · 3 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite her many recent successes, actress and comedian Tina Fey argues in a recent interview that now is a “terrible time” for women in comedy.
...
Added the Whiskey Tango Foxtrot star: “If you were to really look at it, the boys are still getting more money for a lot of garbage, while the ladies are hustling and doing amazing work for less.”'

"Finally, An App That Splits The Bill So That White Men Pay More"

Mastodon · 3 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the Institute of Women's Policy Research, women in America won't be paid as much as men for the same work for another 100 or so years. But thanks to a new app, we can even the playing field soon. That is, when we go out to eat.

The app, called Equitable, is designed to split group restaurant bills based on gender and racial wage gaps. So if you're a white man brunching with a black woman and a Latina, be prepared to pay a little extra for that avocado toast. Hey, it's not our fault! It's the patriarchy.

According to the app's website, "EquiTable helps you avoid the entrenched discrimination that exists in our society. It doesn't split the bill equally -- it splits it equitably. You pay what you should to balance out the wage gap."

The app uses Bureau of Labor Statistics data in order to calculate who should pay what at the end of dinner or brunch, ensuring that those with less privilege (anyone whose not white and male, basically) pay less to eat.

It's funny, but it's also kind of brilliant.'

University greek life talks feminism and gender roles

Mastodon · 3 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Greek life's strong systemic adherence to traditional gender roles can make feminism a difficult topic to approach, some University of Minnesota greek students said.

At a Wednesday discussion called, "Feminism is for Everyone," students explored their definitions of gender equity and dispelled common misconceptions about feminism to help promote it in an academic and social setting, said Jackson Ridl, a men's engagement student staff member for the Aurora Center.

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Both women and male peers can help police masculinity in order to lessen the pressure of these societal and greek system expectations in romantic relationships and power structures, Kolb said.

Male allies serve an important role of furthering feminism's mainstream acceptance and presenting it as a universal discussion instead of a campaign against men, said Zack Gill, a graduate student in school counseling.

"Gender inequality is a man's problem to change," he said.'

Charges Now Dropped Against Father Who Turned in Mother for Doing Drugs While Pregnant

charlie · 3 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Charges against the father who turned in a pregnant mom for drug abuse have now been dropped. He had been charged for felony child abuse for not preventing the mother from using drugs. However, no charges will be made against the mother, even though she used drugs while pregnant. Excerpt:

'KTOE News asked Blue Earth County Attorney Pat McDermott about Felony charges filed Friday against 41-year old Daniel Gerald Sturdivant after his newborn baby tested positive for amphetamines and opiates.

McDermott says he reviewed the case and dismissed the charges against Sturdivant. McDermott says his office has also declined charges against the mother of the infant.

Blue Earth County Human Services Child Protection officials are working with the family.'

Yale students push for affirmative consent

Mastodon · 4 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But others expressed less positive views about the affirmative consent bill. Wilton, Connecticut resident Shelley Dempsey spoke against the bill after being introduced by her representative, Rep. Gail Lavielle GRD ’81, R-Wilton.

Dempsey, an attorney involved with due-process advocacy group Families Advocating for Campus Equality, said a false accusation of sexual assault against her son, then a Bucknell University student, led to his suspension from the university. He was ultimately reinstated after he was cleared of the charge. She said his situation was only one among many and that the affirmative consent legislation would shift the legal balance away from the accused.

For Dempsey, the bill undermines “innocent before proven guilty,” which she said is the fundamental principal of American justice. Dempsey was not, however, opposed to the idea of affirmative consent on principle: she said affirmative consent can be an effective learning tool and should be taught on campuses like it is taught at Yale, but should not become a judicial standard.

“The language of this bill ensures that wrongful accusations will continue and the accused will be specifically deprived of the protections afforded to them under the U.S. Constitution,” Dempsey said. “What the standard sets up is guilt before proving innocence. That I find disgraceful, as an attorney as well. It upends our system of justice.”'

Madonna using child abduction laws in an attempt to force Guy Ritchie to return Rocco to New York

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Madonna is using child abduction laws in an attempt to force ex-husband Guy Ritchie to return their 15-year-old son to her in New York.

The singer, 57, is using the Hague Convention to bring to an end the bitter custody battle over Rocco.

The teenager is living with the Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels director in London and has so far ignored his mum's requests to go home.

Now Madge has launched a case against the film producer, 47, at the family division of the High Court under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

She has also brought a case at the Family Court in New York.

But sitting in the High Court in London yesterday Mr Justice MacDonald told the couple to sort out the problem themselves.

He said it was his "fervent hope" that the singer and film producer could have discussions and reach an "amicable resolution" without further use of the courts.'

On 'period leave': Ladies, suck it up and go to work

Mastodon · 4 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It sounds like an excuse a character from "Mad Men" would come up with to avoid hiring a woman: claiming she can't do the work because she would need several days off each month due to her menstrual cycle.

Yet that is precisely what a company in Bristol, U.K., is doing. The organization, called Coexist, which manages event spaces, isplanning to offer paid leavefor women who are on their periods. The company, which employs 24 women and seven men, believes that giving women the paid time off for their periods doesn't make a business unproductive, but allows women to "synchroniz[e] work with the natural cycles of the body," according to Company Director Bex Baxter.

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Surely, informing other employers that women aren't very productive when it's that time of the month will be a major win for women's equality and advancement in the workplace.

And yet article after article has been written praising this policy. I feel like I'm taking crazy pills. Women complain of unequal treatment from their male colleagues, that they face discrimination in the workplace and that they can do anything that men can do. This strikes me as an acknowledgement that we can't.'

The six eye-watering reasons why you should never allow your son to be circumcised

Matt · 5 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Most people would consider the bodies of men and women equally valuable.

But, when it comes to circumcision, that clearly isn't true - which is odd considering the procedure removes functional tissue, causes extreme pain, permanently disfigures and forever damages sexual response, regardless of gender.

Oh, and in most cultures where female circumcision is routinely performed, the male equivalent is also done with equally dirty, blunt apparatus.

Meaning it's less a competition of suffering and more a universal issue of genital integrity.

So, you can imagine my disdain when Dr Paul Turek, a private doctor from California, recently claimed that clamping a boy's foreskin and cutting it off with a scalpel is meritorious (although, with a lucrative clinic that charges handsome fees, he would say that…)

Fortunately, as someone with 30 years experience of having a penis, I'm more than qualified to explain why it's not OK to modify a person's body without consent.'

Woman sentenced to five years after biting off boyfriend's eyebrow

Matt · 5 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An Arkansas woman has been sentenced to five years in prison for slicing open her ex-boyfriend's hand with a knife and biting off one of his eyebrows when he tried to break off the relationship, law enforcement authorities said on Friday.

Latosha Wilbourn, 34, admitted to slashing her 55-year-old former companion during an argument in January 2015 at the home the two shared at Hot Springs, a resort city about 50 miles southwest of Little Rock, police said.

The victim in the attack, Charles Willis Jr., received more than a dozen stitches to his hand and treatment for a bruise to his head after being struck with a stick, police said.'

Feminist Internet: Men Proposing to Women Is Rape Culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to a piece in the feminist blog Bustle, the tradition of men proposing women is “problematic” because it “perpetuates rape culture.”

Yes — not “problematic” because it perpetuates recklessly emotional social media posts, but because it “perpetuates rape culture.”

"The stereotype that men must get women to date them or marry them or sleep with them and that it’s up to women to respond can be problematic — not just because it discourages women from going after what they want, but also because it encourages men to pursue what they want at a woman’s expense,” Suzannah Weiss writes in a piece titled “6 Marriage Traditions That Reinforce Rape Culture.”

“Putting what men pursue over what women want perpetuates rape culture,” she continues.'

Australia: International Women's Day should be a holiday: activist

Mastodon · 5 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mother-of-three Juliana Nkrumah believes International Womens Day should be a national holiday.

The Quakers Hill resident believes that women deserve a day off from work to celebrate "sisterhood and the milestones achieved for women's rights".

...

"International Women's Day is a day that our forbearers made an effort to highlight the situation of all women in work and society, to really push and advocate for changes to bring rights to women," Ms Nkrumah said.

The day is celebrated as an official holiday in 27 countries and in the United States, the whole month of March is recognised as Women's History Month.'

Swedish group wants 'legal abortions' for men

Matt · 6 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men who don't want to become fathers should be permitted to have a "legal abortion" up to the 18th week of a woman's pregnancy, say the young liberals.

The cut-off date coincides with the last week in which a woman can terminate a pregnancy in Sweden.

"This means a man would renounce the duties and rights of parenthood," LUF Väst chairman Marcus Nilsen told The Local.

By signing up for a "legal abortion" then, a man would not have to pay maintenance for his child, but neither would he have any right to meet the child.'

Actress admits she wasn't 'almost raped' by Uber driver

Mastodon · 8 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Teen Mom OG" star Farrah Abraham, who last week claimed that an Uber driver "almost raped" her, now acknowledges that he never tried to lay a hand on her, but instead was just "looking at her lecherously" and that "it could have escalated into a rape situation."

Abraham now says, "I got into the car and the gentleman was looking me up and down."

Abraham described how in January 2015 she ordered an Uber to pick her up from a hotel in Jericho, LI. She claims the driver asked her to walk down the road to his car instead of picking her up front of the hotel, and then turned around to stare at her as she got in. She said she felt so uncomfortable that she immediately got out of the car.'

Senate chairman demands Department of Education ‘immediately rein in’ its Title IX ‘abuses’

Mastodon · 8 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Lankford minced no words with King:

"I again call on you personally to clarify that these policies are not required by Title IX, but reflect only one of various ways schools may choose to develop and implement policies for the prevention and remedy of sexual harassment and sexual violence that best meet the needs of their students and are compliant with federal law. I further ask that you immediately rein in the regulatory abuses within the Department of Education and take measures to ensure that all existing and future guidance documents issued by your agency are clearly and firmly rooted in statutory authority."

The senator is greatly annoyed that the department keeps citing its own earlier guidance as justifying its later guidance.'

State University announces the planned elimination of 6 teams and roster caps on men's teams

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Triggered by budget concerns, the plan to cut and cap teams will follow the proportionality playbook in order to comply with Title IX's gender quota.

Because St. Cloud State is cutting two women's teams with four men's teams, the only option the school has meet Title IX compliance standards is proportionality. Although there are technically three ways to comply with Title IX, only proportionality has protected schools when they face litigation.

St. Cloud State undergraduate student enrollment is almost 50%-50% with 4,492 male and 4,488 female students according to US Department of Education website http://ope.ed.gov/athletics/

The site shows gender ratio of 60% male to 40% female athletes for Saint Cloud State. According to reports, the program cuts will eliminate 24 female athletes and 92 male athletes. Roster quotas on baseball, football, men's swimming, and wrestling will eliminate more male players in order to bring the school to a 50-50% gender ratio.'

"Feminism has failed and needs a radical rethink"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We knew then that legal equality was only the starting point. We understood that real gender equity would require radical changes to macho cultural power structures. So we planned and discussed the ways we could revalue what matters and eliminate gender-biased, macho-designed cultural dominance.

Despite fixing most of the legal barriers, the cultural changes failed to follow. There were other changes happening. By the 1980s the arrival of neoliberalism as the dominant political paradigm slowed most social progress, as market models took over. These changed the political focus from progressive social change to market choices and individualised material success.
...
These necessary strengths are undermined by the macho tendencies in current political directions. We need to recognise the importance of social connections, cultural needs and care of others that economics doesn't cover; to balance material and social stability.

And, as de Beauvoir said, women need to decline to be the "other", to refuse to be a party to the deal. This would mean for women to renounce all the advantages conferred upon them by their alliance with the superior caste. That's feminism.'

Missouri professor refuses to accept firing

Mastodon · 8 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A University of Missouri professor who was fired for trying to block a journalist from recording a campus protest is fighting back.

Melissa Click appealed the decision and is now getting support from the American Association for University Professors.

The AAUP announced Monday that it would be investigating Click's firing.

Click, an assistant professor of communications, said she was pleased by the news. She maintains that she was fired without due process when the university's Board of Curators "overstepped their authority."

According to a university spokesperson, Click was fired for failing to meet the standards expected of faculty members.'

International Women’s Day Explained For Men

Mastodon · 8 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'First up: What are women?

Long-standing assumptions about the difference between men and women have been eroded in recent decades, as we begin to understand how our traditional notions of both biological sex and social gender roles impose artificial binaries on a far more fluid reality.

However, as a broad rule of thumb: Women are like men, but with better personalities, deeper friendships, and structural disadvantage imposed by societal norms.

But wait: Why do they need a whole day to themselves?

This may seem like overkill! Why should just 49.6% of the world’s population get a whole 0.27% of the year’s days to themselves? Women can often be greedy in this way, like when they live to be older than men, hogging all the life.'

Valentine's Day kidnapping in Denver was fake

mens_issues · 9 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. One more for the false allegations file.

'Denver police say the report of a woman kidnapped in broad daylight, in the middle of the afternoon on Valentine's Day didn't happen.

Last month, the woman told police van pulled up to the corner of E. Hampden Ave. and S. Yosemite St. on February 14 and the men inside solicited her for sex. The victim told police that when she refused, the men forcibly kidnapped her, but she managed to escape.

"Through the course of the investigation, detectives determined there is no danger or threat to the community regarding this incident," Denver police said Tuesday.

When asked for more information, officials said, "After further investigation, the report was determined to be unfounded (the incident didn't occur)."

Denver police have not yet said if the woman will face charges.'

International Women’s Day isn’t the time to be pushing faulty pay gap statistics

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'International Women’s Day is a time to celebrate the vast achievements of women worldwide, while acknowledging the real struggles and oppression millions of women and girls continue to face, including violence, inequality under the law and limited access to education.

It is not a time to push faulty pay gap statistics.

Yet that is exactly what happened yesterday. Ahead of International Women’s Day, Robert Half – a specialised recruitment agency – calculated that women in the UK will earn roughly £300,000 less than their male counterparts throughout their career, putting their estimated pay gap figure between men and women at 24%.

Robert Half’s estimation is wildly inflated compared to the Office of National Statistic’s calculations, which estimate the pay gap to be 9.4% (the lowest on record since these comparisons began). This huge differential boils down to the latter’s decision to control for as many mitigating factors as possible in an effort to come up with the most accurate figure. As such, the ONS compares the median salaries of men and women on an hourly basis (to control for hours worked), omits bonuses from its calculations (as additional pay often reflects the overtime an employee has put in), and conducts separate calculations for part-time and full-time employees (the former paying women more on average than men).'

If the punishment is a 500-word essay, then it probably wasn't sexual assault

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'Occam's Razor says that the simpler explanation is the preferred one.

Students seem oblivious to simple answers when it comes to anything involving sexual harassment and assault on campus, though.

That explains why they are rising up against a facially ludicrous punishment against an alleged rapist at Gustavus Adolphus College, Inside Higher Ed reports.

The Minnesota liberal arts college, which is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, required a student found responsible for sexual assault to write a 500-word essay, work "with a mentor" and abstain from "some campus activities," according to his accuser, Shentoria Cobbs.'

Boy Takes Home Top Prize in Competition for Girls in STEM

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'Pretty Curious, a U.K. program aimed at getting girls interested in STEM careers, asks on its website, “Why aren’t more girls pursuing science?” Some critics of the program think the answer may have something to do with Pretty Curious granting a 13-year-old boy the winner in a STEM competition this week.

Out of more than 100 entries, the boy’s game console that harnesses energy through thumb controls cinched the top prize for energy company EDF’s Pretty Curious Challenge. While the program was originally created to keep girls interested in STEM, the officials at Pretty Curious decided to open up the competition to all U.K. kids ages 11 to 16.

...

The irony of a boy winning a competition whose stated purpose is to “spark the imagination of 11- to 16-year-old girls, encouraging them to pursue science-based subjects at school and in their future careers” was quickly pointed out on social media.

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EDF responded to the complaints by saying that the competition was gender-neutral, telling the BBC it was opened up to both boys and girls in an attempt to promote fairness.

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“This is a fail on so many levels,” Suw Charman-Anderson, the founder of celebratory women in STEM event Ada Lovelace Day, wrote in a blog post on Saturday. “Extending participation to boys rather undermines [Pretty Curious’] message, and when a boy wins, it says, ‘Girls! You will always come second to boys!’"'

The Telegraph: "Seven things women are definitely better at than men"

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This article appears in the men's lifestyle section:

1. Multitasking
2. Job interviews
3. Driving
4. Empathising
5. Running successful businesses
6. Coding
7. Not being ill

In contrast, check out the seven things men are definitely better at than women. (written by a man)

1. Drinking
2. Going bald
3. Getting ready
4. Going to the toilet standing up
5. Shopping
6. Making it to the end of the street without being ogled
7. Ageing

Philosophical Society debates ethics of neonatal circumcision

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'Uriah Burke began his talk with a warning.

The Ph.D. philosophy student cautioned the audience that his lecture slides depicted “extraordinarily graphic” images of people in pain and invited those sensitive to such images to avert their eyes or leave the classroom.

The images in question did not depict battlefield carnage or grotesque violence, but a familiar and widespread surgical practice that several of the students gathered in Park Hall were likely to have experienced firsthand.

According to the National Hospital Discharge Survey, almost 70 percent of males born in the northeastern United States in 1994 underwent circumcision, the surgical removal of the foreskin.

The practice of female circumcision, the removal of all or part of the clitoris, is a far more controversial practice, practiced mainly in East Africa.

On Tuesday night, Burke presented to the Buffalo Philosophical Society that the widespread application of circumcision to young boys and girls alike is an unethical practice that violates an individual’s right to consent and autonomy. The debate sparked strong discussion from both sides and ran a half an hour past its 9 p.m. end time.

“Neonates [newborn children], uncontroversially, cannot consent to anything,” Burke said.'

$412,930 spent on relationship between gender and glaciers

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'Congratulations, taxpayers of America: You've just spent $412,930 on a "scientific" paper on the "relationship between gender and glaciers."

That's what the National Science Foundation dropped on "Glaciers, gender and science," 10,000-plus words of gobbledygook from University of Oregon prof Mark Carey.

Sure, that's roughly 40 bucks a word — but many of them are big words.

The study urges scientists to take a "feminist political ecology and feminist postcolonial" approach when studying melting ice caps and climate change. Hey, it's not really global doom unless it comes with full-bore cutting-edge social-justice buzzwords.

Another taste: "The feminist glaciology framework generates robust analysis of gender, power and epistemologies in dynamic social-ecological systems, thereby leading to more just and equitable science and human-ice interactions."'

"The Future of Men" explores evolving gender roles

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'With the role of men in society evolving, and a power shift toward women at work and home, the "traditional" male is dying out, according to author Jack Myers.

Myers argues men will "be increasingly defined, dominated, and controlled by women" in his new book, "The Future of Men: Masculinity in the Twenty-First Century."

"These young men are not their fathers, they're not their grandfathers. Young men who are growing up more and more in fatherless homes, growing up in homes where the woman is out-earning her husband, where they're both working -- they're not just defying traditional gender norms," Myers said Tuesday on "CBS This Morning."

Myers said younger men are "out-educated by women" and being "out-performed" by women economically, defining the last generation of "traditional" men as those in their late 20s.'

Canada Bankrolling More Female Directors to Close Gender Gap

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'Those urging Hollywood to close the pay and opportunity gap for women directors should cast an envious eye to Canada.

The National Film Board of Canada, the country's government-funded film producer, on Tuesday announced it will ensure at least half of its productions will be directed by women, and half of all production financing will go towards helping women tell their own stories.

"Today, I'm making a firm, ongoing commitment to full gender parity, which I hope will help to lead the way for the industry as a whole," NFB head Claude Joli-Coeur said in a statement. The public filmmaker backs auteur documentaries, animation, digital projects and feature films by homegrown filmmakers.'

NPO: Tipping Point in Massachusetts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Do you feel helpless to change the family courts of Massachusetts? Do you feel you can't fight the system? You've spent $80,000 on legal fees and all it got you was every other weekend?

This is the moment when you CAN change the system. Two critical issues hang in the balance this week in Massachusetts. If you call your legislators on Beacon Hill RIGHT NOW (details below) - and get a couple of friends or family to do the same - you can topple mountains. And you can support two crucial bills with one call!
...
S834 has a lot of support and momentum on Beacon Hill. But it is opposed by the bar associations -- the lawyers. And its fate hangs in the balance right now in the Judiciary Committee.

Please call your STATE SENATOR TODAY and ask him/her to support S834. You can find out the name and phone number of your senator HERE.'

Powerful state lawmaker calls for Georgia Tech president's ouster

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'The war between state Rep. Earl Ehrhart and Georgia Tech over how the way the school handles accusations of sexual assault just got kicked up a notch or two.

The Powder Springs Republican, who chairs the House committee in charge of funding Georgia universities, said Tech president Bud Peterson should resign over his school's sexual complaint process, which he said fails to give accused students due process. Ehrhart also said he tried to send Peterson a message by slashing the school's request for a $47 million building.

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The legislator said Peterson needs to "clean house and recognize that people are innocent until proven guilty."

"We grant that to criminals, why not to students?" he asked.'

Rabbis, Cantors, and Other Jewish Leaders Perform New Type of Welcoming Rituals

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'Many Rabbis are welcoming intact males into the Jewish community, and a growing number of Rabbis feel that surgical circumcision is no longer appropriate in the 21st century. perform covenant ceremonies without surgical circumcision, and many more will do so upon request. These include Rabbis in the Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and many other branches of Judaism.

Hundreds of thousands of Jewish males around the world remain intact. Most Eastern European and South American Jews remain intact, and many Western European Jews have ceased circumcision, seeing it as a barbaric remnant of pre-civilized times. Both Reform Judaism and Humanistic Judaism welcome intact Jews.

Increasingly young Jewish parents are choosing not to circumcise their newborn sons. Many of these parents want a welcoming covenant ceremony that affirms their Jewish faith without damaging their son's body. This movement exists in theUnited States, Israel, and around the world. Intactivists are those who believe that child circumcision is a violation of human rights and civil liberties, and a growing number of Jews are adopting this position. Jewish leaders, Rabbis, and scholars are evolving tradition to create a covenant without circumcision.'

ESPN To Air 30 for 30 "Fantastic Lies" on Duke Lacrosse Team

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'ESPN has released a new trailer for the next installment of its 30 for 30 series and it's set to be a doozy. "Fantastic Lies" is the story of the infamous Duke lacrosse team case, and was directed by Marina Zenovich, who is famous for her Emmy-winning documentary *Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired*.
...
The film is set to debut exactly 10 years to the day from the night of the party that started the controversy, March 13, 2016.

For those not familiar with the case, on March 13, 2006 Duke's lacrosse team threw a party. In the aftermath, Crystal Gail Mangum – a student at North Carolina Central University who had been working part-time as a stripper – alleged that she had been raped at the party. On March 15 the rape investigation went public and on April 18, team members Reade Seligmann and Collin Finnerty were arrested and indicted on charges of first degree forcible rape, first degree sexual offense and kidnapping. Former team captain David Evans was indicted for the same offenses on May 15.'

Task Force Proposes Harvard Expel Students Who Join All-Male Clubs

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'A task force charged with examining sexual assault at Harvard University is recommending that the school bar students from joining its all-male final clubs, blaming the single-sex organizations for perpetuating a “harmful sexual culture” on campus.

The task force argued in a new report that the all-male organizations, which have no formal relationship with the university, should be forced to accept women in order to fix the problem of sexual assault on Harvard’s campus. The report, published this week, followed attempts by the Harvard administration to compel the all-male final clubs to accept women, an effort that the Washington Free Beacon previously reported has angered graduate members of the organizations and made current student members fear for their reputations.

The report from the Harvard Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Assault was accompanied by several appendices, including one from the task force’s so-called “outreach and communications subcommittee” that presented a set of “ideas” for the administration to deal with the final clubs. One of the proposals suggested that the school threaten students with expulsion if they join an all-male final club.

“Either don’t allow simultaneous membership in final clubs and college enrollment; or allow clubs to transition to all-gender inclusion with equal gender membership and leadership,” the subcommittee wrote. The latter would involve the administration “provisionally register[ing] all-gender clubs for monitoring” and “requir[ing] they have ongoing sexual assault education and assigned sober bystanders at social events.”
...
“Cultures that reflect male control and exclusivity encourage the marginalization of women and assumptions about sexual entitlement. Inclusive membership would necessarily shift that culture at the same time that it would affirm fundamental principles of equity,” the report concluded. The task force encouraged the administration to work with the final clubs to accept women and, if such conversations should fail, “not rule out any alternative approaches.”'

Canadian university mandates 45 percent quota for ‘self-identified diversity categories’

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'Taylor says the program is completely missing the real minority among teachers:

As is common at teachers’ college across the country, there’s a distinct lack of men at the University of Manitoba. Enrollment in the faculty of education is 72 per cent female, and has been that way for decades. Across the country, 75 per cent of all education degrees are earned by women. If teachers’ colleges are meant to mirror society, it can’t be overlooked that half the population is male, especially given the well-established importance of male role models in combating high drop-out rates among boys.

This is how the university justifies the gender gap:

In explaining away its complete lack of interest in correcting a massive gender imbalance within its walls, the faculty of education’s website claims, “While classroom teachers are predominantly female, those in positions of power within the teaching force (principals and superintendents) remain predominantly male.”

The only place left for men is science, technology, engineering and math, and that’s under attack:

Countless scholarships, outreach programs and other special programs aim to lure, cajole and frog-march more female students into STEM degrees in the name of greater diversity. At the University of Waterloo, renowned for its high-tech success, administration has endorsed a United Nations Women campaign called HeForShe that aims to boost female enrollment in STEM subjects by, among other things, requiring “mandatory gender sensitization programs for first-year students;” male students will thus be informed they’re to blame for a lack of women in their courses.'

Barbara Kay: Flattening feminism's campus myths

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'On the occasion of a prestigious award in her field last month, associate professor Elena Bennett in McGill University's Natural Resources Sciences and School of Environment was interviewed by the Montreal Gazette on the subject of women and science.

Bennett focused on the well-documented post-undergrad career stall for women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). She attributes the gender disproportion at the high end — U.S. women comprise about 20 per cent of tenure track positions in math, 12 per cent in physics and 10 per cent in electrical engineering — to systemic misogyny, high-intensity work environments and a lack of support for mothers. Her solution: more research grants for women, no late-afternoon meetings and fewer committee obligations.

Bennett's perspective is standard in doctrinaire feminist circles. Ideologues believe the obstacles to numerical parity for women in STEM fields are external, and can be overcome with affirmative action. Progressive politicians support them. In 2008 Hillary Clinton deplored the fact that "women comprise 43 per cent of the workforce but only 23 per cent of scientists and engineers," insisting that the government take "diversity into account when awarding education and research grants." To suggest that women self-select out of STEM careers for the same reason men self-select out of early childhood education — because it is less appealing to them than other careers — has become politically incorrect.'

India: Man implicated twice in rape case by lover set free

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'The court while acquitting Pheruddin in its judgement mentioned that the complainant had given different statements that had numerous contradictions and inconsistencies, which remain unexplained. The court also observed that considering the veracity of such cases, men implicated in false cases be called "rape case survivor".

Judge Nivedita Anil Sharma while acquitting the man said, "No one discusses the dignity and honour of a man. All are fighting for the rights, honour and dignity of women. Laws for protection of women are being made, which may be misused by a woman but where is the law to protect a man, where he is being persecuted and implicated in false cases. Perhaps, now is the time to take a stand for a man."

Pheruddin, who runs a business of construction material, says he faced heavy financial losses, besides having to deal with the dent on his reputation. His family, who stood with him also suffered in his absence. "My wife had to take a loan of Rs 6 lakh to meet daily expenses. My family had to sell off land to carry out the legal expenditure. Now that I am back, my focus is on repaying the loans and getting back my life on track."'

Former faculty member admits to fabricating physical assault

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'A former fixed-term faculty member pleaded guilty in January to falsely reporting a misdemeanor, after telling police she was physically assaulted because of her sexual orientation. She was sentenced last month.

Mari Poindexter, who is on leave from Central Michigan University, posted a detailed account of being assaulted for her sexual orientation on Facebook in August 2015. On Aug. 20, Poindexter told police she was harassed at a Toby Keith concert at Soaring Eagle Casino by a man who called her homophobic slurs. She is charged with two counts of falsely reporting a misdemeanor and sentenced to six months of probation.

On the night she said she was assaulted, she was at the Cabin when she said she saw the man again. Poindexter told police she left the bar to drop a friend off, then headed back to look for her keys. At this time, the man confronted her in the parking lot, she said, and punched her in the eye.'

University System of Georgia gives students accused of rape a slightly more fair process

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'Georgia State Rep. Earl Ehrhart, who holds the power of the purse over public universities in the state, is getting some results from hiscrusade to protect due process for accused students.

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents voted Wednesdayto slightly improve the prospects for accused students in disciplinary proceedings for sexual assault (one policy) and other conduct violations (another policy) across the system.

The changes are described as a streamlining of disparate policies at each institution, and will take effect July 1. Some provisions:

“Institutions may not allow their investigators to train student conduct panels.” This appears to be a response to complaints from accused students that investigators are essentially serving as judge and jury, overriding any sort of checks and balances.'

Student’s Family Harassed over Milo Yiannopoulos Event, Administration Silent

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'University of Pittsburgh student Doug Steeber has been harassed by his classmates following an event the College Republicans club hosted with Breitbart Tech editor Milo Yiannopoulos.

Over the past week, Steeber has been on the receiving end of a vicious campaign that has involved students calling Steeber’s parents at their home late at night. Despite the threats against Steeber and his family, the University has yet to make a statement condemning the behavior.

Yiannopoulos spoke at the University of Pittsburgh on February 29th at the invitation of the school’s College Republicans club in an event that stirred significant controversy on the campus. Although tensions were high in the days leading up to Yiannopoulos’ lecture, the event went smoothly with the exception of a few interruptions from student protesters.'

Men’s issues not an attack

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Nice article in The Advocate. Excerpt:

'Do men need rights? The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Do you advocate for men’s rights?

The first standard argument against men’s human rights is that men have no problems and should check their privilege. Second, addressing men’s problems is a misogynistic attack on women. Third, men’s problems are real, but feminism is for men too, so men’s advocacy is redundant. Fourth, women’s problems are worse, so men’s should be ignored.

Shouting “bigot” is easy. Bigots do so frequently. If you convince people your foe eats kittens you’ll trick them onto your side, but opinion isn’t everything. Ad hominem can’t turn right into wrong.

The men’s rights movement is worse than misogynist; it’s competition. If their gender relations monopoly breaks, feminists may have to start keeping their promises, or even share their countless billions in donations and government funding.

Most men like helping women. It appeases that cloud of hormones our brains release at the sight of a neotenous face. But when suicide is the leading killer of men under 50 in the U.K. it’s time to rethink things.'

Canadian PM: 'We Men Have To Be Feminists Too'

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'Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Friday that gender equality is a central part of his agenda -- and if it's to succeed, men need to chip in more.

"It can't just be women who are feminists. We men have to be feminists too," he said. "And it's about time we said that more often."

Trudeau has been in Washington this week for a state visit with President Barack Obama. On Friday, he spoke to a progressive audience brought together by the nonprofits Center for American Progress and Canada 2020.

When Trudeau took office in November, women made up half his Cabinet -- a higher proportion of women than in Obama's administration.'

'Mattress Protest' lawsuit dismissed

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'A United States District Court judge dismissed Paul Nungesser's Title IX lawsuit against Columbia University on Friday, saying his allegations did not constitute sex-based discrimination in a way that violated federal law.

Nungesser, who was accused of sexual assault by Emma Sulkowicz and other Columbia students, filed the lawsuit against Columbia, its trustees and President Lee Bollinger and an art professor last April. Nungesser alleged that by allowing Sulkowicz to carry her mattress in protest of his being on campus after the school found him not responsible for sexual misconduct, the school was complicit in her sex-based harassment of him.

Title IX is the federal law that prohibits sex-based discrimination in federally funded educational programs. Until recently, it was mainly the accusers in campus sexual assault cases who filed Title IX complaints against their schools, primarily with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights. When accused male students sued their schools, they did so for lack of due process or breach of contract claims.'

Harvard economist says closing the US gender wage gap isn't as simple as 'equal pay for equal work'

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'"What economists do is they use data to figure out whether the individuals are the same; they try to make them comparable as possible; they squeeze out these differences and productive attributes; they look for individuals who have the same education, the same labor-force participation rates over their life cycle, etc.," Goldin explains to Freakonomics Radio host Stephen J. Dubner.

When doing this, we still see a gender wage gap. But as Goldin ponders, "does that mean that women are receiving lower pay for equal work? That is possibly the case in certain places, but by and large, it's not that. It's something else."

When looking at gender earnings gaps by occupation, Goldin found something that might surprise people.

By comparing the 469 occupations in the US Census, she found that women disproportionately holding certain jobs only accounted for about 25% of the difference in earnings between men and women. Factors within each occupation overwhelmingly accounted for differences in pay.'

Feminist Glacier Guy: You’re Not Educated Enough To Get My Research

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'The University of Oregon historian who wrote a study claiming glaciers are sexist said in an interview Friday that the general public isn’t educated enough about feminism to understand his research.

In the interview, Dr. Mark Carey claims that when his studies are “described to nonspecialists, the research can be misunderstood and potentially misrepresented.”

“People and societies impose their values on glaciers when they discuss, debate, and study them—which is what we mean when we say that ice is not just ice,” Carey said in the Friday interview with Science Magazine. “Glaciers become the platform to express people’s own views about politics, economics, cultural values, and social relations (such as gender relations).”

Carey’s original study concluded glacier research is intertwined with gender relations, masculine culture, geopolitics, institutional power and racism — these apparently led to to glacier-related academic and governmental jobs being predominantly filled by men. The academic complained “how men’s voices have dominated the research” and lamented that “power and colonialism have shaped the science” when discussing the research on the university website.'

UK: Women-only in a bid to end culture of 'too male and too pale' MPs

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'The Liberal Democrats plan to introduce all-women, gay and disabled shortlists at the next election to reduce the culture of ‘too male and too pale’ MPs.

Potential seats will also be earmarked for Asians, blacks and other ethnic minorities, as part of sweeping changes to the social make up of the party.

The party - which was almost wiped out at the last General Election - currently has no women and all of its MPs are white.

Its leader, Tim Farron, hopes to impose-all women shortlists on seats currently held by their eights MPs should they choose to step down in 2020.

He also wants it to become the first party to have disabled-only shortlists for candidates in winnable seats.

Mr Farron will take a motion to the party’s spring conference in York this weekend designed to broaden its representation in Parliament.'

Actress Banned From Uber After Making False Rape Claims About Driver

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Farrah Abraham *[link added]* might want to stick to carpooling from now on.

The Teen Mom OG star was banned from using Uber after admittedly lying about getting “almost raped” by one of the car service’s drivers.

On a recent episode of her podcast, Farrah & Friends, the 24-year-old alleged that she was almost sexually assaulted by a driver while being picked up from a Long Island hotel in January 2015.

“An Uber driver almost raped me,” she revealed on the show, claiming that on-and-off boyfriend Simon Saran and the driver got into an argument afterward.

“My non-boyfriend threw him in the window and almost broke his car window,” she claimed. “The Persian dude ran after me. The cops were like, ‘You’re harassing her’ and I was like, ‘See I told you!’ and then I went to bed.”'

Duke President on False Rape Accusations: 'Distracting,' 'I don't spend my time looking back on this.'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"None of the campus administrators who branded the young men as rapists before the evidence was collected ever faced consequences, and it appears they have no remorse for their actions.

Richard Brodhead is still president of Duke, and in an interview with the Duke Chronicle, said he was "certainly at ease in my conscience" regarding the way he and his administration treated the innocent students who were falsely accused. Brodhead also said "I don't spend my time looking back on this" and said the whole incident "was distracting."

Oh, so sorry that forever tarnishing the reputations of innocent students was "distracting" for you, Mr. president.

In 2007, Brodhead showed a little more remorse, calling his actions "a mistake" and apologizing for what he had done. Yet now, Brodhead appears to be just fine with what he had done to the students and their families.

K.C. Johnson, who co-wrote the book on the case, pointed to a statement Brodhead made in 2006, in the heat of the accusation, where he presumed the guilt of his own students and blamed them for possibly being falsely accused.

"If our students did what is alleged, it is appalling to the worst degree," Brodhead said back then. "If they didn't do it, whatever they did is bad enough."

Brodhead isn't the only administrator who seems to have no remorse for his actions. Members of the "Group of 88" – faculty who distributed advertisements asking "what does a social disaster sound like?" and quotes from students condemning the lacrosse players as if they were guilty – have tried to rewrite history regarding their actions. At least 50 members of the 88 are still employed by Duke, and many others have gone on to other schools.

One former Duke lecturer, Christine Beaule, claimed to the Duke Chronicle that the flyer "wasn't about the kids at all." Sure it wasn't, Beaule, sure it wasn't; it just included comments from students claiming "the kids" were racists and rapists."'

University of Texas ‘Blueprint’ for Campus Police Raises Fairness Concerns

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As Inside Higher Ed reported last week, the University of Texas System has come out with a manual aimed at training UT campus police officers to respond to reports of sexual assault in a more “victim-centered” way:

`Police officers at all 14 University of Texas campuses will soon be trained to follow new investigative protocols aimed at changing how campus law enforcement officers interview and support victims of sexual assault, the system announced today. A new 170-page manual, called “The Blueprint for Campus Police: Responding to Sexual Assault,” instructs the system’s 600 sworn police officers to replace “tradition with science” when investigating sexual violence.`

It is important that UT envisions a substantial role for law enforcement in responding to and investigating claims of sexual assault on campus. Sexual assault is a serious crime, andFIRE has long argued that campus judiciaries are ill-equipped to handle it alone. We are happy to see that UT recommends memoranda of understanding (MOUs) between universities and law enforcement, which would “set forth a shared understanding about the roles and responsibilities” of each entity. (Of course, whether an MOU is helpful or insufficient depends on the content of the document, which cannot be evaluated until it is presented.)'

SAVE: Lawmakers Double-Down on Campus Due Process Abuses

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'In an effort to restore due process rights on campuses, state and federal lawmakers have taken determined steps in recent weeks to press college administrators and a federal oversight agency to uphold constitutionally based rights for students accused of sexual assault.

In the most dramatic development, Georgia Rep. Earl Ehrhart, chairman of the House appropriations committee, disapproved a $47 million funding request for Georgia Tech University over due process concerns for accused students.

Ehrhart then called out the Georgia Tech administrators. “The president and the administration are just clueless when it comes to due process on that campus and protecting all those kids. If I have to talk to another brokenhearted mother about their fine son where any allegation is a conviction and they toss these kids out of school after three and a half years, sometimes just before graduation, it’s just tragic,” Ehrhart charged (1).'

'Manspreaders' in San Francisco could face $500 fines

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Article here. Excerpt:

'People who take up more than one seat on trains in San Francisco could be fined up to $500, in a plan that could be see 'manspreaders' targeted.

The director of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), a rail system that serves San Francisco's Bay Area, proposed the penalties for anyone using an extra seat for a reason other than their body size or a medical condition.

Joel Keller said they should initially be fined $100, with $200 fines for their second offence - with repeat offenders facing charges of up to $500.

It follows a statement from San Francisco Municiple Transport Agency in January that promised to work on solving the rising problem of 'manspreading': the male practice of sitting with legs spread widely, in a position that occupies a lot of room.'

Actor sees sexism 'double standards' in street propositions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Henry Cavill, the Superman actor, believes women exhibit double standards in sexism when it comes to strangers propositioning him in the street.

The star of Batman v Superman also experiences a “deep and nasty backlash” levelled against his partners because of his fame.

Cavill, who is dating Tara King, a 19-year-old Bristol University student, has questioned how women would feel if they were the targets of the same propositions they fire at him.

He told the Sunday Times: “I do think there’s a bit of a double standard, you know.

“I mean, if a girl shouts something like ‘Oi, love, fancy a shag?’ to me as I walk past I do sometimes wonder how she’d feel if a builder said that to her.'

Dad orders DNA test, finds out he's the father of only one twin

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'Vietnam has identified an extremely rare case of bi-paternal twins - twins with different fathers.

A set of twins born to a Vietnamese couple, whose names have not been released, were recently taken for testing because of stark differences in the children's appearances, according to local reports.

"Our Centre for Genetic Analysis and Technology lab has tested and found a pair of bi-paternal twins," Le Dinh Luong, president of the Genetic Association of Vietnam, told AFP.

"This is rare not only for Vietnam, but for the world," he said, explaining that the two children had different fathers but the same mother.'

The Triggering: A powerful defence of free speech against the professionally offended

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'In September last year, I came up with an idea. What if there was a day solely dedicated to annoying cultural authoritarians across the world? What if we all came together and collectively posted offensive content in defence of free speech? A day when media feminists and social justice warriors would be triggered 69 times a second – a day of "Triggering", if you will.

I jokingly tweeted out my master plan, not expecting anything to come of it. However, a screenshot of the tweet was shared all over Facebook and other realms of social media.

The reaction was overwhelmingly positive. With threats to our freedom of expression coming thick and fast both online and in the real world, I knew we had to go through with it.'

"The Feminist Cult Will Tolerate No Dissent"

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'If you criticize feminism, feminists will label you as sexist and use unethical tactics to prevent your opinion from being heard.

This mentality is not unique to North Dakota State; in fact, it is the defining characteristic of feminism at academic institutions all over the world.

Feminists have a warped sense of ethics that leads them to believe their actions are justified.

They believe the world is ruled by the patriarchy, which is a series of social systems that benefits men at the expense of women. To feminists, the patriarchy represents the source of all evil in the world, and by fighting the patriarchy they are essentially working to create a utopia.'

Expelled Student Says He Will Sue Yale Over Dismissal

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'The lawyer for a Yale student expelled for sexual misconduct said he plans to sue the university.

Jack Montague, captain of the basketball team, was dismissed from Yale for unspecified reasons. The university has declined to comment and Montague has not been charged with a crime. Yale and New Haven police are not investigating.

"We strongly believe that the decision to expel Jack Montague was wrong, unfairly determined, arbitrary, and excessive by any rational measure," said Max Stern, lawyer for Montague, in a statement emailed to media Monday morning. "Yale has been oblivious to the catastrophic and irreparable damage resulting from these allegations and determinations."

"The expulsion not only deprives Jack of the degree which he was only three months short of earning, but has simultaneously destroyed both his educational and basketball careers," Stern said.'

Shaped by False Rape Case, Former Duke Lacrosse Player Becomes Lawyer

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'Last night, ESPN aired the latest episode in its “30 for 30” documentary series, taking a close look at a 2006 case in which the U.S. justice system nearly fell down, when three members of Duke University’s men’s lacrosse team were wrongly accused of raping a stripper.

A prosecutor withdrew the case against all three defendants, and recently, one has pursued a career in the law: In 2014, Reade Seligmann joined the New Jersey law firm Connell Foley as an associate, after receiving his J.D. from Emory University School of Law.

The other two accused have since found jobs in finance: Collin Finnerty is an equity sales trader for Deutsche Bank in New York City, while David Evans is a senior associate at the consumer team at Apax Partners in New York.

The law firm Seligmann joined is the same firm that conducted an investigation into Rutgers University over its handling of former basketball coach Mike Rice, who resigned in 2013 after a video was released that showed him verbally attacking his players. Founded in 1938, Connell Foley has more than 140 lawyers and seven U.S. offices. It specializes in litigation, corporate law, intellectual property, construction law, real estate, bankruptcy, insurance and environmental law.'

Open your eyes, ladies, girl power is not about demonising men

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'If a non-gender-specific fairy offered me a wish it would be that we abandon the type of helpless feminism that seems to be emerging. This kind of feminism enshrines victimhood and men as perverts, bullies and misogynists. This kind of feminism thinks that the simplistic answer is that men are wrong and women are right, and allows women to whine and exaggerate wrongs. The current policing of sex, the hysteria that male students are pillaging university campuses and the demand for consent workshops, rest on the assumption that all men are potential rapists and therefore women are doomed to live as victims. Some modern feminists also don't want to engage in aspects of life they disagree with. Instead, they want to silence what they don't like through censorship and criminalisation. They avoid debate and launch Twitter wars on anybody with diverging views. They want the entire world to be their own 'safe space' and it's a sad departure from what real girl power should be about.'

Men Dress As Sex Slaves To Support Sexual Assault Survivor

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'During her freshman year at Wesleyan University, Karmenife Paulino was raped in the basement of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. Up until her junior year, Paulino said nothing of the assault, feeling that, as a woman of color, the attack on her body and mind would go unrecognized.
...
For the resulting photo series, titled "Reclamation," Paulino collaborated with friend and photographer Tess Altman to reclaim her campus, her body and her life. In the images, Paulino dons dominatrix attire -- "something I feel powerful and really beautiful and confident in" -- and revisits both Psi Upsilon and Eclectic House, assuming positions of authority and control.'

"I'm Broken": The Duke Lacrosse Rape Accuser, 10 Years Later

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'You know who Crystal Mangum is, even if you don't know her name.

Ten years ago, on the night of March 13, 2006, Mangum and another woman were hired by members of the Duke Lacrosse team to dance and strip at a house party. Early the next morning, she reported to Durham police that she had been sexually assaulted by some of the lacrosse players.

Mangum lives on in the public consciousness as one of America's most infamous rape accusers. She is aware of this even though she's currently serving a minimum 14 year, 2 month prison sentence for second-degree murder in an unrelated case.

"It's so hard for me to share my story with strangers," Mangum said over the phone from the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women. "I've had so many times… where I share my story and it got misconstrued or people made up what they wanted to believe out of the story."

She maintained that she was assaulted on the night of March 13, 2006. She said that the incident was "humiliating" and she "was violated, and then there was nothing that could be done about it."

Mangum also doesn't believe she is to blame for the second degree murder of her boyfriend, Reginald Daye, for which she was convicted in 2013. The state, she said, has "not [been] sympathetic to my experience of violence and the things that I've been through."'

"A Marine's Convictions"

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'Innocent.

That's what Marine Maj. Mark Thompson declared the first time we met.

He'd been fighting to prove it ever since two young women accused the former history instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy of having sex with them while they were students. One of the women said the 2011 liaison — amid a drunken night of strip poker at his Annapolis home — was consensual and part of an ongoing relationship. The other called it rape.

None of it was true, Thompson said as we sat at a quiet table inside the Hay-Adams hotel bar called Off the Record — ironic, considering how eagerly he wanted The Washington Post to write about the way the military had handled his case.

"They railroaded me," he would say later.'

Psychology Today: The Big Stall

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What is your opinion of this article? It does make some good points, but leaves out some as well. Excerpt:

'As women advance, however, men are stalling in their development, increasingly stuck in place and even backsliding as postindustrial American culture fractures along educational, economic, and behavioral fault lines. Almost daily, reports announce that men are lagging by almost every measure there is—school enrollment rates (71 percent of female high school graduates enrolled in college in 2012 versus 61 percent of males, according to the Pew Research Center), number of graduate degrees (women earned 61 percent of master's and 51 percent of doctor's degrees in 2012–2013, finds the National Center for Education Statistics), and labor force participation. As Princeton economists Anne Case and Angus Deaton report in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, data now show that, uniquely among advanced countries, the physical and mental health of American men has begun to decline, seen especially in rising rates of suicide and accidental death due to substance abuse among white middle-aged men.'

U of Texas tells its police to hide evidence that favors students accused of rape

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'Advocates for due process in campus rape adjudications have long sought to remove college officials from investigations because their various conflicts of interest render them unable to provide basic fairness to either party. (See this recent column by Barnard College student Toni Airaksinen on her involvement in sexual-misconduct cases.)

That's why it's troubling those advocates to see how the University of Texas-Austin is attempting to turn a neutral institution – its campus police – into an advocate for one party.

Its new "blueprint," flagged by Inside Higher Ed, tells campus police to conduct worseinvestigations. UT-Austin's Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault developed the manual, which tells police to ignore contradictions and inconsistencies in rape accusers' allegations because they must be the result of "trauma":

"While conducting research on why so few incidents of sexual assault are prosecuted, Rebecca Campbell, a psychology professor at Michigan State University, interviewed police officers to learn more about how they perceive victims they interview. "The stuff they say makes no sense," she quoted one officer as saying. "They can't get their story straight," said another. "No way it's true. No one would act like that if it's true.""'

Why Husbands Need Respect

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'Want to experience a happier relationship with the man in your life? Well, hear this: Your love is not enough for him. Your RESPECT is really what he is after.

When polled, men said they would rather feel alone and unloved than inadequate and disrespected. (It is the opposite for women. Most women would put up with feeling inadequate and disrespected over feeling alone and unloved.)

While men and women are created equally, and made to be partners that sail through life together, we are also created differently. And what helps a woman feel love does not usually translate for men. If you want to love your man in the way he needs and wants to be loved, then you need to ensure he feels your respect.'

Former Basketball Players Accused Of Sexual Assault Sue University

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'Three days before the University of Oregon's basketball team opens play in this year's NCAA Tournament, two former Ducks players who were kicked out of school after being accused of an off-campus sexual assault have filed a $20 million lawsuit against the university.

The suit filed Tuesday in Lane County Circuit Court by former Ducks Dominic Artis and Damyean Dotson comes five months after a third former player, Brandon Austin, filed a $7.5 million lawsuit against the UO.

All three players allege university officials violated their due process rights and ruined their chances at professional basketball careers. The suits assert the players were treated unfairly when they were issued long-term suspensions after Lane County prosecutors declined to prosecute them in connection with the off-campus incident.

A female student accused the three players of raping her at a party in Eugene in March 2014. The players have acknowledged a sexual encounter occurred but say the woman consented to it.'

Connecticut Mulls Legislation To Dilute Due Process on Campus

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'Liberalism in Connecticut used to stand for due process of law, but not anymore. Increasingly liberalism in Connecticut stands instead for mere political correctness, as signified by two liberal causes advancing through the General Assembly. They could result in the Constitution State weakening the constitutional guarantee of due process.

The first is legislation to require colleges to expel male students who can't prove themselves innocent of non-criminal accusations of sexual assault made by female students — can't prove that their sexual relations were entirely consensual. This is being called "affirmative consent." Under "affirmative consent" such innocence is unlikely to be proved without sworn and notarized receipts from the sexual partner or comprehensive video-recording.'

"Fake claims, real consequences"

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'We all love attention. If you think I don't love to see my name in the newspaper every week then you are mistaken. I long for the Wednesday night meetings at the Torch where my coworkers clap upon my arrival. But just how far will people go to get their much needed attention?

You might remember getting a text or email from Ferris about an assault that happened on campus. According to the student, she was grabbed by a man while walking in the dark. That is one of the more unsettling things to hear about on your campus.

Well hold on, because it turns out it was all false. The student admitted to lying about the incident. I don't know what her motives were, but I think it's a safe assumption she did it for attention. This kind of thing goes beyond just "not cool." There are serious consequences to making a false report of this kind.

The police allocated time to this, Ferris administration gave it their attention, and the student body was put on edge, all because one person needed someone to pat her on the back and call her brave. Not to mention the permanent water mark on our school. Picture this conversation, "Hey mom , should I go to Ferris?" "The school where all the assaults happen? No, you should go to Central."

These incidents happen all the time, not just at Ferris, and a lot of the time they have even more serious outcomes. A couple of years ago, a woman claimed she was sexually assaulted at a fraternity house at the University of Virginia. All Greek life at the school was suspended, the fraternity house was vandalized and nearly destroyed and members of the fraternity received death threats. As it turns out, the "victim" made it all up. The assault never happened.'

India: Rape accused kills self after ‘victim’ admits false charges

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'A man facing a rape trial committed suicide in Indore days after the complainant reportedly admitted that he had only tried to hold her hand after a fight over money.

Roopkishore, 53, was found dead in his home in Palasia locality on Sunday, four days after the woman, 33, admitted during trial that she had falsely charged him with rape to avoid repaying the money her husband owed him.

The woman, who is Roopkishore’s tenant, had accused him of raping her on December 26. The police booked him under Section 376 of the IPC and arrested him.

In his defence, Roopkishore, a moneylender, said he had lent some money to the woman’s husband for buying a vehicle, and she had framed him to avoid repaying it.'

Affirmative Consent Proposal Would Give Accusers "Qualified Privilege"

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'A Maryland House committee could vote as early as today on a bill that would establish "affirmative consent" standards regarding sexual assault on most college campuses in the state. It comes as one in four women report being sexually assaulted during their time in college nationally.

"Affirmative consent" would make anyone seek verbal or non-verbal approval for any sexual act.Under the bill sponsored by Del. Marice Morales (D-Montgomery), incapacitation, silence, being asleep, unconsciousness, or lack of protest and/or resistance could not be considered consent for a sexual act. Supporters say that's very important since alcohol is involved in many campus sexual assaults, where a victim may have passed out or been to intoxicated to prevent an assault from occurring.

The House Judiciary Committee will decide whether to move the bill forward to a full vote on the floor of the House of Delegates. Members of the committee heard from supporters and opponents last week.'

Former Air Force Informant Who Made False Rape Charge Loses Appeal

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'A Keesler Air Force Base enlisted woman in Mississippi who was covertly recruited as a Biloxi-area informant and then pleaded guilty to falsifying rape claims has lost a key appeal.

Capping a knotty chapter in military law enforcement, the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals rejected the claims of Airman Basic Jane M. Neubauer, while also shedding light on what happened after her April 2013 recruitment by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

"Her primary role was to collect information regarding drug use and distribution by other airmen," the court noted in its decision issued March 10.

Besides highlighting the Air Force's use of enlisted personnel as informants, Neubauer's case illuminates, as well, the military's intense focus on combating sexual assault. Neubauer's false claims sparked a severe reaction in part because officials feared they could undermine their anti-assault campaign.

"What are all the airmen who have heard her claims, her false statements, what are they going to think the next time they receive a report of sexual assault?" an Air Force prosecutor asked at Neubauer's 2015 court-martial.'

NPO: Betrayal on Custody Reform in Massachusetts - Urgent Action

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'The Massachusetts Bar Association, the Boston Bar Association, and the Women's Bar Association, together with a couple of influential Senators on the Judiciary Committee, have succeeded in gutting the proposed reforms of custody law that were fought out over two years ago by Governor Patrick's Working Group.

As a result, National Parents Organization must do a U-turn and oppose the passage of S834, also known as H1207. You MUST call your Senators and Representatives today or tomorrow to urge them to amend or defeat this bill, since I do not think it is likely that we can get it changed enough in the committees it must go through before it gets to the floor of the House and of the Senate.

In a classic double-cross, three representatives of bar associations who served on the Working Group pretended to support the bill when we finished our 18 months of work and sent it to Governor Patrick. Then, once the bill got into the Judiciary Committee, they went behind closed doors to do their bloody work.'

Connecticut State Senator: "Scores" Of Men On College Campuses Ready To Assault Women

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'Opponents of the bill, including Shelley Dempsey, who is part of a group called Families Advocating Campus Equality (FACE), told the committee Tuesday that the bill will unfairly shift the burden of proof onto the accused student. Dempsey's son was accused of and cleared of sexual assault at Bucknell University.

In her testimony, Dempsey cited examples of similar cases in California and Tennessee where students were improperly expelled because of "yes means yes" regulations at universities.
...
"I know hundreds of young men who have been falsely accused of sexual assault," Dempsey testified. "Or where a night of drinking has been recast as an assault."
...
Sen. Mae Flexer, D-Danielson, who introduced the legislation, said "the fact is there are."

"If one in five women who go to college are raped or sexually assaulted, there clearly are scores of men on college campuses who are ready to assault them," Flexer said. "That is a fact."

Flexer quoted statistics from a 2007 study funded by the U.S. Department of Justice to support her point.

"There are, in fact, people on college campuses who are, in fact, predators," Flexer said.

Dempsey disputed the statistics that it's one in five women who are raped or sexually assaulted on college campuses.

The exchange between Flexer and Dempsey over the merits of the legislation was heated.'

Connecticut State Senator, Mae Flexer

President Obama Applauds Every Brave Woman Speaking Out Against Online Harassment

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'The president highlighted how many women are speaking out against this online harassment every day — and why their activism is so important:

What's brought these issues to light is that there are a lot of women out there, especially young women, who are speaking out bravely about their experiences, even when they know they'll be attacked for it — from feminist bloggers who refuse to be silenced, to women sports reporters who are opening up about the extreme safety precautions they need to take when traveling for work. Every day, women of all ages and all backgrounds and walks of life are speaking out. And by telling their stories, by you telling your stories, women are lifting others out of the shadows and raising our collective consciousness about a problem that affects all of us.
...
Obama said that while it's important for women to continue to speak up about online harassment, it's also integral that men join in. "This is not just the role for women," he said. "It's about men speaking up and demanding better of themselves and their peers, their sons, their friends, their coworkers. Because we're all in this together.'

UK: Why female violence against men is society's last great taboo

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'It's time for us to face up to an ugly truth: it's not just men who can be murderers and violent, abusive attackers of the opposite sex.

This was brought into grim focus last week with the horrific case of Sharon Edwards, 42, who brutally murdered her husband, David, 51, by stabbing a 13-inch carving knife through his heart.

A serial man-abuser, Mrs Edwards inflicted 60 stabbing and prodding wounds to her husband. While in court, Sharon brazenly lied that David "walked into" the knife. She is currently serving at least 20 years in jail for murder.
...
But politically the system is stacked against men. While ending violence against women and girls (VAWG) has rightly been a governmental priority, there is not only no specific strategy to end violence against men. Attempts to modify the VAWG strategy to include male victims have been actively resisted.

As a direct consequence, while last week Nicky Morgan pledged another £80 million to end VAWG, the ManKind Initiative – one of only two UK charities that specifically helps male victims of domestic violence – will close its helpline in May as it couldn't raise a comparatively modest £45,000.

By so clearly intimating that victims don't matter if they are men, it can only further add to male victims' reluctance to come forward.'

SAVE: ‘Victim-Centered’ Investigations

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'On March 14, 2006, Crystal Mangum reported to the Durham, North Carolina police that she had been gang-raped by a group of Duke University lacrosse players. Over the ensuing months, Mangum gave a dozen different accounts of the incident, changing her stories of the number of assailants (from 20 to three), nature of the attack (raped, penetrated with an object, or groped), physical description of the assailants, and much more.

Many campus rape activists would try to explain away the inconsistencies in Mangum’s accounts by saying she was traumatized by the attack, resulting in what they call “tonic immobility.” But laboratory analyses proved none of the DNA specimens obtained from Mangum came from any of the Duke players, revealing her claims to be baseless.

Advocates of “victim-centered” investigations claim that they are merely seeking to assure fairness in the investigative process. But they have a tendency to only use the word “victim” — even though no legal determination has been reached – revealing their own biases.

One of the leading proponents of the “victim-centered” approach is Rebecca Campbell, psychology professor at Michigan State University. A perusal of Dr. Campbell’s resume reveals she minored in Women’s Studies, her research focus includes “Violence against Women,” and her teaching interests encompass the “Psychology of Women.” In a recent four-minute videotape, she used the word “victim” or “survivor” 15 times – not once did she say “complainant” or “accuser.” And Campbell never admitted that false allegations do happen, as occurred in the Duke lacrosse case.'

Yale Basketball Player Case: Why Title IX Should Be Nullified

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'Due process of law. The presumption of innocence until proven guilty. The right to confront your accusers. The exercise of the general police power by the states — not the federal government, which may only exercise those powers delegated to it by the Constitution.

All of these important legal principles — and more — are at stake in the case of an expelled Yale basketball player, which is only one of many examples stemming from federal Title IX statutes.

Yale faced highly-ranked Baylor in the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament — their first appearance in the “Big Dance” since 1962. Missing was their captain, Jack Montague (shown), who was expelled from the Connecticut Ivy League school in February. The expulsion followed the decision of a five-person panel that Montague had “unconsented sex” with a female student.'

Exposing rank injustice in the Columbia ‘mattress girl’ case

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'The saga of Columbia University’s “mattress girl” Emma Sulkowicz, who famously carried a mattress on campus to protest the non-expulsion of her alleged rapist, and Paul Nungesser, the accused man who says he is the real victim, is not quite over a year after both graduated.

Last week, a federal district judge threw out Nungesser’s Title IX lawsuit against Columbia, which charges that the school abetted his gender-based harassment by Sulkowicz. But attorney Andrew Miltenberg vows to continue to “pursue justice” for Nungesser, by filing either an appeal or an amended complaint.

Having reported on this story, I hope the lawsuit goes forward — not only on Nungesser’s behalf, but for the sake of truth-seeking about a tangled case that raises important issues.

Nungesser is one of over 100 men who have sued colleges and universities for what they allege is unfair treatment in the handling of sexual-assault accusations. Many of these lawsuits have been dismissed, others settled.'

Tennessee says women in Title IX lawsuit made 'salacious' claims

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'The University of Tennessee accused the plaintiffs in their Title IX lawsuit of repeatedly publishing "irrelevant and incorrect (if salacious) allegations intended to inflame the passions of journalists and sports fans alike."

UT's filing came in a memorandum last week in support of the university's motion to dismiss the lawsuit or transfer the case to federal court in Knoxville instead of Nashville.

Eight Jane Doe plaintiffs are accusing UT of creating a hostile sexual environment that led to assaults and then using an adjudication process that is biased in favor of athletes. UT pushed back in a 68-page memorandum and asked federal Judge Aleta Trauger to either transfer the venue to the Eastern District of Tennessee of throw out the case entirely.'

Commentator Gripes Only Women Voters Labeled, But Cited 'Angry White Men' Last Week

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'There was a serious case of selective amnesia induced by liberal bias on Thursday's CNN Newsroom as host Carol Costello oddly complained about women voters having labels like "soccer moms" and "welfare queens" applied to them while men supposedly escape such labeling.

But just barely a week ago on her show, Costello herself asked about "angry white men" supporting Donald Trump as she declared that it would be "kind of fun" to ask race-obsessed CNN liberal Marc Lamont Hill about this "voting block."'

The War Against Boys and the Myth of ADHD

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'The United States and Britain are experiencing a masculinity crisis. From as early as 4 years old, girls begin to think they are superior to boys, and not long after, boys begin to accept the inferior role. In nearly every area of society, the role of the male is being undermined. What triggered this dangerous trend, and what effects will it have on society?

Recent studies have discovered that attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder is vastly over-diagnosed. Scientists say many children are just immature. In the United Kingdom, nearly 1 million children have prescriptions for drugs like Ritalin to combat the supposed “disorder.” In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the number is somewhere over 6.4 million. The drugs come with serious side effects, which is a big price to pay to combat a disorder that may not even be there. What can parents do to solve this problem?'

University disciplinary hearing different process than criminal hearing

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'According to attorney Brian Lowder a university disciplinary hearing on the campus of WKU is a very different process than a criminal hearing in a traditional courtroom.

Lowder has represented several WKU students, including WKU swimmers, at disciplinary hearings.

"In the criminal justice system you're afforded due process. You also have the presumption of innocence. You have to be proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. None of those rights are afforded to a student going through Western Kentucky University or I think most other universities' disciplinary process."

According to Lowder, a student isn't given detailed notice of the accusation until the day of the hearing. They then take questions from a group made of students and staff.

"The disciplinary committee. That's comprised of students as well as faculty members that hear and are involved with those proceedings."'

The "Madonna double-standard"

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'Imagine if YOU were a high profile celebrity involved in a custody battle over your 15-year-old son?

Court proceedings are on-going, emotions are high, lawyers are engaged in furious exchanges and the world's media is salivating over every spit, cough and titillating claim.

The boy himself is confused, upset and incredibly embarrassed over all his family's dirty linen being washed in public.

What would YOU do in that situation?

I'd hazard a guess that pretty much bottom of your list of sensible responses would be to drag a 17-year-old girl up on stage in front of thousands of people and deliberately expose her breast, right?

Or to declare to the crowd that she was 'the kind of girl you just want to slap on the a**e'.
...
Now imagine if you were a male celebrity in that position?

What do you think would happen to you?

First, there would be universal revulsion.

Second, there would be global media fury.

Third, you would almost certainly face arrest for lewd conduct and/or sexual abuse.'

Reexamining Our Sexual Assault Investigative Process

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'Though the John Doe case was settled months ago and he is no longer enrolled at Middlebury, I nonetheless feel compelled to weigh in. I empathized with Doe. I'm not saying he is innocent, but I'm not calling him guilty either. I, too, was accused of sexual assault (and cleared after an extensive investigation, more on that later). There is a myriad of ways a rape investigation can go wrong. There are several factors that can adversely affect alleged perpetrators, alleged victims and the integrity of the investigation.

We have evolved as a society. Student activists have fought for the rights of silenced voices. Now, previously marginalized voices are heard, and this has changed how we view some of the most painful experiences these individuals go through. Nowhere is this clearer than in conversations regarding sexual violence. I would like to believe that we are slowly moving away from victim-blaming and that we take any allegation of sexual violence with the seriousness it deserves. On this campus, I feel that it is unthinkable to stand in front of someone who claims to be a victim of sexual violence and dare ask: "are you sure?" Anyone who questions a victim publicly would be shamed and ostracized.

Yet in academics, skepticism is the defining trait of a good learner. We are taught to inquire and doubt everything that surrounds us. And so it is striking when we are prevented from doing so in cases involving sexual violence. This "always believe the victim" mentality implies that the person at the other end of the accusation must be guilty. He's being accused ergo, he must have done it. The presumption of innocence goes out the window, along with due process. How does this affect someone? People might be reluctant to be seen with or talk to the accused. Who wants to be associated with someone who has been called a rapist? As a consequence, the person who has been accused is left isolated and confused, all because of one person's testimony.'

It's time we recognised that a father's love is just as important as a mother's

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As we approach Father's Day, it's refreshing to see the public display of affection between Guy Ritchie and his son Rocco – albeit one expressed in unhappy circumstances.

Both are at the centre of an ongoing court case, with Rocco's mother, Madonna,having filed papers attempting to force him to live with her in the United States. Rocco currently lives with his father in England – an arrangement we are led to believe he wishes to continue.

The case is courting attention because of the high profile nature of those involved. But on a more fundamental level, it's noteworthy because we aren't accustomed to seeing things this way around. Normally, it is the father fighting for access to his child, not vice versa.

As a society, we often forget that a father’s love is just as precious and just as important as a mother's. And we also overlook the sheer tragedy that any family – be they famous or not – have to battle to resolve their problems in a secretive, abusive and failing family justice system that is not fit for purpose.'

Former DOJ Lawyer Explains Why Jack Montague Case Got Where It Is

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A lawyer who once prosecuted sex crimes for the U.S. Department of Justice stated the Jack Montague case represents the thin line many schools have to walk when investigating campus sexual assault. A female student at Yale University said she had non-consensual sex with Montague, who argued the contrary and was expelled following an investigation.

Jack Montague, the former captain of the Yale men's basketball team, responded to his expulsion by suing the school, all while the Bulldogs were on the verge of their first NCAA Tournament berth in 54 years. But no matter what Yale administrators decided for Montague, the school was destined to be criticized.

Shanlon Wu, a former DOJ prosecutor who specialized in sex crimes, wrote in an op-ed that school's in Yale's position run the risk of "overcorrecting" and being too harsh on the accused. The other avenue is well documented, as the U.S. Education Department has investigated more than 100 schools for allegedly mishandling sex crimes on campus, thus violating the federal Title IX law.

While the White House has prioritized Title IX enforcement, Wu wrote, schools are implementing policies that "pose grave dangers to accused students." In other words, the schools have the right intentions but are reacting to the ED's crackdown more than they are proactively protecting students.'

Draft debate: Should women be required to register?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Not everyone is enthusiastic about women — or men — having to register for the draft.

Sava Shoemaker, 22, Pottsville, a senior at Kutztown University, recalls registering for the Selective Service in high school.

"I think the draft worked well during World War II, but military service should be an option today," he said.

Victoria Stanfield, Royersford, a sophomore at Kutztown, said it's scary to register for the draft.

"I would not want to be required to do it," she said. "I do know people who would want to sign up voluntarily. I would just not want to be required to do it."

Jenna Sillaman, 21, Lancaster, a Kutztown senior, said women should be allowed to enroll on a voluntary basis.

"I still think that women are looked down upon in the military," she said.'

Father of 5-year-old boy shot by his mother feared son was not safe

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The father of a 5-year-old Denver boy shot by his mother in his sleep while visiting Montana last weekend says he had tried for months to convince Denver County child welfare workers the woman was paranoid and his son was not safe.

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"She had threatened to do it before," Kreuscher said. "She said, 'I'm going to kill myself. I'm going to take him with me.' "

The parents had 50-50 custody of Kenny, and Kreuscher said he blames child welfare officials for not taking his concerns seriously enough.

Denver County child welfare officials would not talk about the specifics of the case, citing privacy laws.'

Yale prevented accuser from recanting claim that got hoops star expelled

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A female Yale University student whose rape accusation against Jack Montague, a senior and the captain of the men's basketball team, resulted in his expulsion last month reportedly told a friend she wanted to recant the claim but wasn't allowed to take it back.

The potential bombshell report, published late Thursday in the U.K. by the Daily Mail newspaper, is the latest in a saga that has already seen Montague issue a statement through his Boston-based lawyer in which he vowed to sue the famed Ivy League institution over a procedure he claims was "wrong, unfairly determined and arbitrary."

Montague's lawyer, Max Stern, on Friday declined to comment through Montague's spokeswoman, Karen Schwartzman of Polaris Public Relations in Boston.'

All Marines to Get 'Unconscious Bias' Training as Women Join Infantry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Marines across the Corps will be challenged on their unconscious prejudices and presuppositions as women get the opportunity to become grunts for the first time.

The Marine Corps is rolling out mandatory training for all Marines before the first future female rifleman hits boot camp, aiming to set conditions for a smooth transition and head off cultural resistance.
...
Topics include unconscious bias, which focuses on how people prejudge others based on factors such as race and gender, and principles of institutional change. The seminar will also walk officers through the elements of the Corps' plan for opening ground combat jobs to women and include vignettes featuring challenges units might encounter.'

"Straight, white men don’t deserve sympathy"

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first couple paragraphs, then click the likeliest search result(s). Excerpt:

'I see them on the weekends. Playing golf, usually. Or else cycling, or surfing, while their wives are busy, still being Mum.

I see how they have children, without having to carry or deliver them. Or feed them, or find the child care centre, or the school (unless it’s the old, all-boys school, with the stunning facilities.)

I see how their heads aren’t filled with shopping lists, the week’s family dinner menu, lunch box ideas, what day is Jane’s dance class, and her teacher’s name. I see how they don’t have to worry about getting the kids to parties this weekend, or if they do, only after they’ve been told where exactly to go, and who to take, at what time, for what purpose.

How Christmas would still happen, even if they didn’t lift a finger, not even to buy presents for their own mothers.
...
How they could always vote, always work, always go into the bank and get a loan; always go to school to learn to read; work in any profession; and how easy it’s always been for them to get promoted, and then become the boss, and I think: oh, bless them for feeling like victims. Really, that takes some hide.'

Wikipedia on the author here.

UK: The Real Epidemic a UCD? Lad-Bashing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The #UCD200 hashtag has become synonymous with victim feminism and lad-bashing in Ireland's largest university. On 2 February, the College Tribune, one of two student newspapers at University College Dublin (UCD), published an article claiming that 200 male students had been sharing naked photos of their female colleagues and rating their attractiveness in a secret group.

The article was borne out of conjecture and hearsay, relying for evidence on the musings of bored students posting anonymously on popular social network Yik Yak. In the weeks following the article's publication, numerous national news reports emerged. Outlets such as the Irish Times, the Irish independent andJournal.ie whipped up a frenzy, demonising the male student population of UCD with flimsy journalism and a distinct lack of fact-checking.'

Woman Kills 8 Puppies In Front Of Their Mother Just To Teach The Dog A Brutal Lesson

Matt · 21 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Ever notice how people tend to assume otherwise unidentified animal abusers are male and sooo shocked to discover a female was the perp? Excerpt:

'The intermittent wails of four-year-old Ammu, a female stray dog that grew up among the residents of Lane No. 3, Krishnanagar, off Tumkur Road, have cast a pall of gloom over this locality of mostly ex-servicemen.

Residents are haunted by the memory of the dog digging her 15-day-old puppies out of their graves and trying to nurse them.

On March 15, her litter of eight was mercilessly flung onto the boulders, allegedly by Ponnamma, the wife of an ex-honorary flight lieutenant, a resident of this Jallahalli West neighbourhood. This she did reportedly to "teach the dog a lesson", who had dared to have puppies in a drain under her gate.

When we reached her doorstep to enquire about the incident, she refused to comment.

The ghastly incident has outraged the neighbourhood which has always been compassionate toward its stay dogs. It isn't uncommon here to spot a pet dog sharing a meal with a stray — such is the residents' love for their animals.'

UK: Hire more women or lose your bonus, senior bankers are told

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Senior bankers could see their bonuses slashed if they fail to appoint enough women to top jobs.

A series of proposals to stamp out inequality in the workplace will be announced by a Government-backed task force today.

The report found that women occupy only 14 per cent of top financial service jobs. The sector employs more than two million people.

A key recommendation is that financial services firms such as banks and insurance companies link the bonuses of bosses to the number of women they appoint in senior roles.

Companies will also be asked to sign up to a voluntary charter, pledging to promote ‘gender balance’.

They will have to commit to putting one senior executive in charge of gender diversity, setting internal targets and publishing their progress on an annual basis.

Four firms, Lloyds, Barclays, HSBC and Royal Bank of Scotland have already signed up.'

'Guilty until proven innocent': life after a false rape accusation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jay Cheshire was cleared of rape in June. Allegations made against the 17-year old were withdrawn by the complainant just weeks after being filed, resulting in the investigation being closed. Yet, two weeks after the teenager was acquitted of the charge - and with his adult life still ahead of him - Jay was discovered hanging from a treein his local park.

According to coroner Grahame Short, Jay was a sensitive young man who had "found it difficult to cope with the police investigation" - a conclusion reiterated by the boy's mum, Karin, who said of the accuser: "She accused him of rape and said he was a sexual offender. He was absolutely distraught."

To prosecute an individual for rape - or indeed sexual harassment of any type - is notoriously difficult. However, since the tragic events surrounding the death of Jay Cheshire, thoseopposed to the current laws and practices concerning sexual harassment have become increasingly active in voicing their criticism of the system.

James* was falsely accused of rape three ago. Like Jay, his life fell apart, but, amidst his broken family and shattered social life, James managed to find solace by creatingaccused.me.uk, a forum for victims of false accusations to share stories and lend each other support.'

Cleared in Campus Rape, Student Files False Arrest Suit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Plaintiff Samy Jecrois was arrested Nov. 12, 2014, two days after a sexual encounter in his dorm room with a female student, the complaint says. He was held in the Hudson County Jail until Dec. 2, 2014, because he could not make the $250,000 bail, the suit claims. The prosecutor's office administratively dismissed his charges Dec. 22, 2014, before the case could be submitted to a grand jury.

The alleged victim, identified in the complaint as S.S.D., described to investigators multiple versions of what happened during the encounter with Jecrois, according to the suit. Inconsistencies in her account demonstrated that she could not tell a credible story in an interview with investigators, that she described an event that "could have been viewed as a consensual sexual encounter" and that the problems with her story should have alerted detectives that her allegations were insufficient to establish probable cause, the suit claims.

In Jecrois v. Sojak, the plaintiff describes three versions of the encounter that S.S.D. gave during an interview with investigators, each providing different details. In one version, she said she was afraid of him, and in another, she claimed she was saying "no, no" when he attempted to have intercourse with her.

"As described by S.S.D., this encounter should have alerted a reasonable law enforcement officer that what happened was a truly awkward instance of consensual sex rather than a forceful, involuntary sexual assault," the suit claims.'

No charges against Tennessee football player accused of sexual assault

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Knox County district attorney last year determined that "no sustainable prosecution exists" to pursue sexual assault charges against a former UT football player — an incident that is briefly cited in asexual assault lawsuit brought against the University of Tennessee by eight former students.
...
one of the plaintiffs is a former roommate of a woman who reported being sexually assaulted who said she felt forced to leave the school after intimidation by football players.

In at least five cases, the university's own disciplinary process found, by a preponderance of evidence, that athletes referenced in the lawsuit had violated student codes of conduct by engaging in non-consensual sex, according to the lawsuit.'

Four GOP lawmakers reject bills to promote women in science

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'Yet Republican Reps. Justin Amash (Mich.), Louie Gohmert (Texas) and Thomas Massie (Ky.) voted against both bills. Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-Wis.) supported the science mentorship legislation but opposed the other measure.

Gohmert addressed his vote during a House floor speech later Tuesday afternoon, saying he was concerned the legislation he described as “incredibly well intended” might shortchange some people.

“We want to take time from our $19 trillion in debt to demand that the National Science Foundation discriminate based on gender. There may be some young boy [who] needs encouragement from a tough family situation, but this program is designed to discriminate against that young poverty-stricken boy and to encourage the girl. Forget the boy, encourage the girl,” Gohmert said.

The Texas Republican suggested that forcing the government to prioritize recruiting women could potentially result in a reversed gender gap down the road.'

Female researcher: Make STEM ‘less competitive’ to ensure it’s inclusive to women

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'A doctoral candidate at the University of North Dakota recently published a research paper that argued one way to make Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics more inclusive for women is to make it “less competitive.”

Laura Parson suggests that females enrolled in such studies suffer from “the masculine nature of STEM education” in her research paper “Are STEM Syllabi Gendered? A Feminist Critical Discourse Analysis.” To rectify the issue of reinforced gendered messages, Parson essentially proposes that STEM courses could offer “less competitive teaching methods.”

“Although the corpus of syllabi explored was small, the findings from this exploration support the view of STEM courses as chilly,” Parson posited in her paper. “This suggests that there is an opportunity for STEM courses to reduce the perception of courses as difficult and unfriendly through language use in the syllabi, and also as a guide for how to use less competitive teaching methods and grading profiles that could improve the experience of female students.”'

Colleges slammed with lawsuits from men accused of sex crimes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'U.S. colleges trying to respond decisively to complaints of sexual assault are getting slammed with lawsuits from men who say they've been unfairly suspended or otherwise punished.

At least 75 men have sued their schools since 2013, complaining largely of reverse discrimination and unfair disciplinary proceedings.

Most of the men were never charged with a crime because the accuser didn't go to police or authorities decided there wasn't enough evidence.

Schools say they feel caught in the middle.'

College: Finding key evidence in sex assault cases is expecting 'perfection'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amherst College, which is in the midst of one of the most egregious sexual assault lawsuits I've ever seen, is now defending itself against a lawsuit by claiming it can't be expected to find key evidence.

I've written about this case previously, and though it seems like an article from The Onion, it's real. A male student was blacked out (as in, a blackout state, notpassed out) and received oral sex from a female student, who happened to be his girlfriend's roommate. The ordeal cost the female student her friends, and 18 months later (and after befriending some victims' advocates) she accused the male student of sexual assault.

So, to briefly recap: A male student is blacked out, receives a sex act, and is then accused of sexual assault.'

Title IX as a Threat to Academic Freedom

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Education Department's Office for Civil Rights brought needed attention to the problem of sexual assault and harassment on college campuses with its 2011 letter telling institutions to enforce the law. But in so doing, the office has created a slew of new problems with implications for free speech and academic freedom. That's the premise of a lengthy new report from the American Association of University Professors.

Drawing on the history of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits gender discrimination in education, the report argues for a more judicious application of the law across academe. The report is an attempt to reshape discussion of Title IX -- to put substantially more emphasis on due process.

Predictably for so controversial a topic, "The History, Uses and Abuses of Title IX" is earning praise and criticism from those on all sides of the argument.

"Success stories about compelling universities to address problems of sexual assault, such as those recounted by student campus groups, are matched by reported cases in which university administrators fail to punish gross and repeated sexual harassment, or where Title IX administrators from the [Education Department] and within the university overreach and seek to punish protected academic speech," reads "Uses and Abuses."'

Professors' Group Says Efforts to Halt Sexual Harassment Have Stifled Speech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The growing federal emphasis on combating sexual harassment on campus, along with universities' broadening definitions of inappropriate sexual behavior, has had a chilling effect on academic freedom and speech, especially on female professors in areas like gender studies, a report released Thursday by the American Association of University Professors said.

The report says that in the last few years, the government has been regulating not just sexual conduct but also sexual speech, and that the emphasis on complying with federal law has led to some professors being investigated by universities for making statements that some students find offensive but that the report says should be protected. A heightened focus on speech, the report said, has led to episodes like one in which students demanded trigger warnings before being exposed to graphic lesbian sex in "Fun Home," the memoir by the cartoonist Alison Bechdel.

"We need to protect academic speech and the freedom that goes with academic speech, as well as due process," Risa L. Lieberwitz, general counsel of the association and chairwoman of the subcommittee that drafted the report, said in an interview Wednesday. "Universities are acting in a way that is overly precipitous as well as applying overly broad definitions of sexual harassment because they are afraid of scrutiny."'

Woman used rubber penis to pretend to be a man to lure girls into sex

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A woman has been jailed for over three years after she admitted to tricking girls into having sex using a rubber penis.

Jennifer Staines, 23, groomed her victims online under the name Jason Spiller saying she was looking for love.

She even went on holiday with the girls and one relationship lasted for more than a year, convincing entire families that she was a man.

She wouldn't let her victims – aged between 12 and 17 – touch her body and used condoms on the rubber penis. One of the girls went to her doctor believing she might be pregnant and so convincing was her deceit that one of her victims still struggles to believe she was in a relationship with a woman, not a man.'

"Marriage Is Declining Because Men Are Pigs"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why has marriage declined in America? Here's my dorm room bull theory: it's because men are pigs.

I know, I know: #NotAllMen blah blah blah. That said, let's unpack this a bit. Basically, an awful lot of men are—and always have been—volatile and unreliable. They drink, they get abusive, and they do stupid stuff. They're bad with money, they don't help with the kids, and they don't help around the house. They demand subservience. They demand sex. And even on the one dimension they're supposedly good for—being breadwinners—they frequently tend to screw up and get fired.

In other words, marriage has been a bad deal for women pretty much forever. But they've been forced into it by cultural mores and economic imperatives, and that's the only reason it's been nearly universal in the past.

Nothing has changed much about that. It's still a bad deal for an awful lot of women, but cultural mores and economic imperatives have changed, and that means more women can afford to do what's right for themselves and stay unmarried these days.'

UN Women condemns sexism against Brazil's president

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The United Nations office on women's rights in Brazil said Thursday that President Dilma Rousseff has been the victim of "sexist political violence" by opponents seeking to oust her.

Rousseff, Brazil's first woman president, is battling impeachment proceedings and mass protests calling for her departure.

The leftist leader's popularity has tumbled in the face of a recession and an explosive corruption scandal, but UN Women said underlying sexism is fueling the increasingly vitriolic movement against her.

"As a defender of women's and girls' rights around the world, UN Women condemns all forms of violence against women, including the political violence of a sexist nature directed against President Dilma Rousseff," Nadine Gasman, head of UN Women in Brazil, said in a statement.
...
Some three million Brazilians took to the streets on March 13 calling for her departure.

The impeachment case against her revolves around accusations she manipulated the government's accounts to boost public spending during her 2014 re-election campaign and hide the magnitude of the recession last year.'

New Service Offers Rides For Women Only

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Ride share services are convenient and popular. However, some riders think it may not always be the safest option.

“I’ve questioned who is driving me around,” explains car service rider Lindsay Roth of Brighton.

Chariot for Women is a new Massachusetts-based company that will soon offer rides nationwide from an app, similar to Uber, but this service is for women with vehicles only driven by women.'

NZ: HRC Agrees Men's Rights are Important Too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Chief Human Rights Commissioner David Rutherford has emphasized that human rights for males are as important as those for women and other groups.

A meeting in December 2015 between Mr Rutherford and representatives of NZ men's groups and services identified areas in which men's human rights have been neglected in NZ. The meeting recognized that in the drive to improve rights for women and other groups traditionally seen as disadvantaged, men's welfare has been forgotten.

At a follow-up meeting in February 2016 plans were considered to include men's issues in future reports to the UN about New Zealand's human rights record.

Spokesman for one of the groups involved, Hans Laven from community group the Ministry of Men's Affairs (MoMA) described the meetings as "historic".

"It's reassuring that our HRC through Mr Rutherford has acknowledged that men and boys are in trouble as shown by high suicide and imprisonment rates, and that gender equity is as much a human right for men as for women" Mr Laven said.

Other men's issues seen as needing attention included gender inequality in sentencing and treatment under our justice system and family court, gender-specific laws that disadvantage men, the provision of refuge and other support services for men, and the need to evaluate new laws for their impact on men's rights and welfare as much as women's.'

Sexual assault survivors rarely lie about violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a 26-page decision handed down Thursday morning, Ontario Court Justice William Horkins found former CBC radio host Jian Ghomeshi not guilty of three counts of sexual assault and, while doing so, suggested that not all sexual assault survivors are telling the truth.

Among the many reasons for the verdict was the “inconsistencies” and “demonstrably false” nature of some of the witnesses’ testimony, he wrote.

He also wrote that the complainants’ evidence “illustrates the need to be vigilant in avoiding” the idea that all sexual assault survivors are telling the truth.

“However, the twists and turns of the complainants’ evidence in this trial, illustrate the need to be vigilant in avoiding the equally dangerous false assumption that sexual assault complainants are always truthful,” he wrote.

“Each individual and each unique factual scenario must be assessed according to their own particular circumstances.”'

Survey on female on male violence

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We are conducting a survey on female perpetrated violence and male response to it.

The results so far have been shocking and we would like a broad a base as possible for comparison.

Poll: Women Support the Idea of Women in the Military, But Not if They're Drafted

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'Although a majority of women believe that women should, theoretically, be allowed to serve in the military, less than half of women support the idea of women actually having to be forced to serve if there is a draft.

A YouGov poll asked 1,000 Americans, including approximately 500 women, what they think about women serving in the military.

The poll found 68 percent of women support the idea of women being allowed to serve in combat roles in the military (40 percent "strongly support" the idea while 28 percent "somewhat support" it), while 87 percent of women support the idea of women being allowed to serve in non-combat roles (61 percent "strongly support" the idea while 26 percent "somewhat support" it).

However, despite the poll showing 75 percent of women believe men and women are equal, only 46 percent of women said women should be able to be drafted along with men.

Asked, "If the military draft were reinstated, would you favor or oppose drafting women as well as men?" only 19 percent of women claimed to "strongly favor" the idea while 27 percent said they "somewhat favor" the idea.'

"Men Think They're Too Tough and Manly for Doctors, So It's No Wonder They Die First"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hey, men: Ever wonder why your life expectancy is shorter than women's? It could be because you're too busy chugging whiskey, chopping firewood and doing other tough man stuff to go to the goddamn doctor.

Men who subscribe to traditional notions of masculinity are less likely to go to the doctor. They're more likely to downplay their symptoms. They also tend to experience worse overall health than people who don't hold those beliefs, according to new research.

Tradition-bound dudes are also more likely to choose male doctors — but they're less likely to open up to them about health issues than they are with female doctors.

Psychologists at Rutgers University say their findings could help explain why men tend to die earlier than women.

"Men can expect to die five years earlier than women, and physiological differences don't explain that difference," Diana Sanchez, associate professor of psychology at Rutgers' School of Arts, said in a press release.'

Harvard Editorial Executive: Due Process Supporters Are ‘Rape Apologists’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An editorial executive at the Harvard Crimson is decrying all people who believe in due process as “rape apologists.”

In an article on the Harvard Crimson, Nian Hu laments over the allegedly “stymied” progress for alleged sexual assault survivors.

While admitting, “practically everyone agrees that rape is bad,” Hu writes those who believe in due process for individuals accused of rape are “rape apologists”:

"Who is upholding this broken system, and protecting sexual assault perpetrators at the expense of survivors?

Rape apologists are. The problem is, they don’t consider themselves defenders of rapists. Instead, they call themselves defenders of liberty and due process before the law. They are the self-proclaimed champions of “innocent before proven guilty.” All they want is fairness and equality—that is, for the men who are accused of rape."'

College student works to move past false sexual abuse accusation

Matt · 26 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Going away for college is a dream for most young people, but for a local teen it turned into a nightmare.

Instead of starting fall semester, he spent the first day of school in jail for a crime he didn't commit.

"It's just I was the wrong guy," Elijah Bethel said. "That's all that really happened. They just picked the wrong person."

Bethel was a star in the classroom and on the football field. But the hit he didn't see coming happened last Fall when he enrolled at SUNY Buffalo State.

At 3:21 a.m. on August 28, 2015, campus police were called to Porter Hall where a young woman had been groped in her sleep. The attacker fled and dropped cigarettes and a lighter.

"She was sleeping, and it was very difficult for her to make an identification," attorney Paul Michalek said.

She said it was a short, black man in black shorts.

Nineteen minutes later at 3:40 a.m., police see Bethel in black shorts with three friends on the other side of campus.

"He was interviewed, the other gentlemen were interviewed," Michalek said. "They told the officer where they were, and they were let go."

The four said they were together all night and just came from an off-campus restaurant, Jim's Steakout. According to documents obtained by NEWS10 ABC, three of the men are carrying food with them from the restaurant. Bethel also had a receipt for what he ate still in this pocket.

Police let them go.

But 20 minutes later at 4 a.m., police knocked on Bethel's door and asked him to come downtown.'

Feminist chickens come home to roost at the Ghomeshi trial

Matt · 26 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Ghomeshi trial has to have been a giant embarrassment for Ottawa law professor and hard-core feminist Elizabeth Sheehy. In 2013, Sheehy published a book, Defending Battered Women on Trial. In it, Sheehy proposed that women who experience extreme abuse from their male partners should have the right to kill them pre-emptively – in their sleep, say – without fear of being charged with murder.

According to Sheehy, women in abusive relationships are like prisoners of war, for whom it is a duty to kill their captors. To be sure, Sheehy's target group would not include the three women who made such a hash of their testimonies at the Ghomeshi trial, since they were not in any way captive to Ghomeshi as the women she envisages are, nor did they experience extreme abuse.

But that hardly matters, because Sheehy's thesis rests on the same foundational articles of faith regarding all women victims, of all male abuse, that the Ghomeshi trial has taken a jackhammer to: namely, that women never lie about abuse and that the justice process is biased toward men.

She has been proved wrong on both counts.

To begin with the second myth: Handbooks for police across the country reflect the feminist vision of women that Sheehy embraces. In fact a decade ago some lawyers launched a human rights complaint against Alberta Justice over their "Handbook for police and prosecutors" dealing with domestic violence (the twin gender crime to sexual assault) because it portrayed men always as perpetrators and women always as victims throughout its 160 pages, and because the concepts of "innocent until proven guilty" and "proof beyond a reasonable doubt" didn't make a single appearance in all those pages.

The guiding principle of the handbook was that women must be believed and supported. Even in cases where abuse was known to be bilateral, the Handbook insisted that – contrary to the law – the police must charge the "dominant aggressor" – i.e. lay charges against the man.'

'Macho' Marine Corps Ordered to Implement Revolutionary Changes to Accommodate Women

Matt · 26 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Marine Corps commandant has laid out a campaign to impose “cultural change” in macho ground combat units to make sure warriors display no resistance to accepting and mentoring women.

The “Marine Corps Force Integration Campaign Plan,” approved by Gen. Robert B. Neller, sparks a revolution in training and education as the 182,000-strong expeditionary force prepares for the Obama administration’s April 1 deadline to start the process of putting women in infantry, armor and artillery units.

It contains a new curriculum of sensitivity training.

“The purpose of gender integration education is to support leadership efforts to facilitate the cultural change necessary to ensure the integration of female Marines into ground combat arms MOSs [military occupational specialties] and units is successful,” the document states. “In most cases, the introduction of new players to a team disrupts unit cohesion.”

The commandant’s new curriculum will include courses titled “Unconscious Bias,” “Interpersonal Communication” and “How to Lead a Guided Discussion.”'

Corporate Benefits of Gender Diversity a Myth

fathers4fairness · 27 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. There has been a determined push by Feminist Advocacy groups in the UK and America to claim that research supports the theory that better gender and racial diversity on Corporate Boards improves decision-making and hence financial performance. Unfortunately - as explained by Prof. Alice Eagly, Professor of Psychology and Professor of Management and Organizations at Northwestern University - that is not supported by research. Excerpt:

'You'd be forgiven for assuming a quick and sure way to multiply profits and amplify organizational success is to increase the gender and racial diversity of any group. According to claims in the mainstream media, the effects of gender and racial diversity are universally favorable. News stories tend to mirror this 2014 Washington Post article's claim that "researchers have long found ties between having women on a company's board of directorsand better financial performance."

And as Nicholas Kristoff wrote in The New York Times in 2013:

Scholarly research suggests that the best problem-solving doesn't come from a group of the best individual problem-solvers, but from a diverse team whose members complement each other. That's an argument for leadership that is varied in every way — in gender, race, economic background and ideology.

The truth is there's actually no adequate scientific basis for these newsworthy assertions. And this lack of scientific evidence to guide such statements illustrates the troubled relations of science to advocacy and policy, that I have analyzed in an article in the current Journal of Social Issues.'

County judge rules domestic violence law discriminates against men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A prosecutor is appealing a Gallatin County Justice Court judge's ruling that says portions of a Montana law about domestic violence arrests are discriminatory toward men.

In a March 18 ruling, Judge Rick West dismissed a misdemeanor partner family member assault charge against a Big Sky man, saying that a section of Montana statute is unconstitutional and violates the man's equal protection under state and federal law.

The law at the center of the case says that when law enforcement officers responded to a potential partner or family member assault case where there had been "mutual aggression," the officer can evaluate the situation to determine the predominant aggressor.
...
Defense attorney Al Avignone filed a motion seeking to dismiss the charge, arguing that the criteria officers use to determine who the predominant aggressor is in a domestic violence situation is unconstitutional.

The wife was the aggressor in this situation, Avignone said, saying that she could be heard hitting her husband on the recording. She also grabbed and twisted her husband's testicles, causing him to react in self-defense, Avignone argued.

The choice to charge the man was "the very definition of discriminatory enforcement," Avignone argued in court briefs.

"That statute is problematic because it is gender-based," Avignone told the Chronicle on Thursday.

In his dismissal of the case, West wrote the criteria asking officers to consider the size and strength of people involved "predisposes the officer to arrest the male individual in almost all cases."

And that factor might have nothing to do with who the predominant aggressor was, "yet it directs a law enforcement officer to arrest and charge the male individual."'

Canada: Special law bails women out of evil acts. Where's the male privilege?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that a woman who threw two babies in the garbage, killing them, is not guilty of second degree murder.

Meredith Borowiec was originally convicted of second degree murder in the deaths of her two babies in 2008 and 2009. Her original conviction was overturned and she has now been found guilty of the lesser crime of infanticide.
...
But this theme of women getting lesser sentences for the same crimes as men doesn't stop at mothers who murder their children. Women generally spent less time in jail for the same crimes.

Where is that male privilege the feminists keep telling me is out there? Because if a woman can kill two babies and nearly kill a third and get off with a mere 18 months jail time using a special law just for women, then I'd say she's pretty privileged.'

Misandry – The Anti-Male Equivalent of Misogyny

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Are men dealt an unfair hand? Dr. Katherine Young, the co-author of a series of books on “misandry”—the anti-male equivalent of misogyny—thinks so. In her latest book, Replacing Misandry, Young and her co-author, Dr. Paul Nathanson, argue that the disparagement of boys and men in modern culture is undeniable. Dr. Young joins Andrew to discuss her research.'

Here’s Exactly How The Military Could Lower Standards For Women In Combat

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Since Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced in December that all combat positions must open up to women across the services, military officials have insisted standards for mental and physical fitness will not lower to accommodate women, but countless experts and former military servicemembers consider all such promises to be little more than empty words.

Here’s exactly how a shift in standards in the infantry and elite special operations could happen.

Back on January 24, 2013, during a Pentagon news conference, then-Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, planted the seeds for a future downward trajectory in standards. His revealing statement has become known as the “Dempsey Rule.”'

SAVE: Affirmative Consent for Sex Gets ‘Thumbs-Down’ from Lawmakers, Legal Defense Group, and Harvard Professors

Matt · 28 March 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Polices designed to require explicit and ongoing agreement, often referred to as “affirmative consent,” experienced three setbacks during the past week. These developments signal broader concerns about the effectiveness, workability, and constitutionality of these policies, sometimes referred to as “yes means yes.”

Last Monday, members of the Maryland House Judiciary Committee declined to take a vote on HB 1142, a bill that would have required students at all Maryland colleges to give their “ongoing,” “clear, unambiguous, knowing, informed, and voluntary” agreement before engaging in sexual activities. Monday was the deadline for Maryland Delegates to approve a bill in order for it to advance to the Senate. Since no vote was taken, the affirmative consent bill is now considered “dead.”'

How the Government Stole Sex

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fornication. Sodomy. Adultery. Not so long ago, the U.S. criminalized pretty much all sex outside of marriage. As these laws have been struck down by courts or allowed to settle into obsolescence, it would seem that sexual liberty has been vindicated as an important American value. But while the courts have been busy ushering the government out of our bedrooms, it's been creeping right back in under new pretenses. Gone is the language of morals, tradition, and order—the state now intervenes in our sex lives bearing the mantles of safety, exploitation, and sex discrimination.

We are living in a new sex bureaucracy," warn Harvard Law School professors Jacob Gersen and Jeannie Suk in an upcoming paper for the California Law Review. Contra court decisions such as Lawrence v. Texas—which decriminalized sodomy in Georgia and affirmed a constitutional right to sexual privacy—"the space of sex" is still "thoroughly regulated" in America, they write. And "the bureaucracy dedicated to that regulation of sex is growing. It operates largely apart from criminal enforcement, but its actions are inseparable from criminal overtones and implications."

Gersen and Suk's paper, titled "Bureaucratic Sex Creep," is mostly focused on federal overreach with regard to colleges and student sex lives, though they say this is only one realm of such regulatory creep. In great detail, the authors trace the roots of how the feds came to be in the business of encouraging "enthusiastic" sexual communication between teenagers and how everything from forcible rape to unwelcome comments between students became the prerogative of Washington paper-pushers and campus "Title IX coordinators." This "bureaucratic turn" may be "counterproductive to the goal of actually addressing the harms of rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment," they warn, while also depriving due process to the accused and encouraging bizarre new sexual norms overall.'

Facebook’s Feminist-In-Chief Had Direct Contact With SecDef On Women In Combat

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Newly released emails from Defense Secretary Ash Carter’s private email account show detailed correspondence with Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg, who pressured an enthusiastic and receptive Carter to give preferential treatment to women in the military.

The Pentagon released a huge tranche of Carter’s emails Friday as a result of several Freedom Of Information requests.

As head of the non-profit organization Lean In, whose goal it is to push women into key leadership positions in different sectors of American public life, Sandberg corresponded with Carter on May 31, 2015, well in advance of his Dec. 3 decision to open all combat roles to women.'

On campus, women outnumber men more than ever

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many more women than men will be opening acceptance letters and e-mails this spring and enrolling in college in the fall, in a trend that holds for both institutions in Massachusetts and nationwide.

Women accounted for 55 percent of undergraduates enrolled at four-year colleges in the United States as of fall 2014, according to the most recent data available from the federal education department.

It’s not a new phenomenon. Women have outnumbered men on college campuses in the US by a widening margin since the late 1970s, and the gap will continue to grow in coming years, according to some projections.

But it hasn’t always been this way.

In the late 1940s, men accounted for more than 70 percent of college students.'

The fourth branch of government is out of control

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Article here. Excerpt:

'America has witnessed a massive shift in government authority, says George Washington University law professor Jonathan Turley — one that “has occurred without a national debate and certainly not a national vote.” That shift has led to the de facto creation of a “fourth branch of government containing legislative, executive and judicial components but relatively little direct public influence.”

Turley made those remarks in recent testimony before a House Judiciary subcommittee. His talk waded deeply into the weeds of legal history and precedent, but the upshot was this: By failing to rein in regulatory agencies when they overstep their bounds, the Supreme Court and Congress have allowed those agencies not merely to administer law, but to create it — and run roughshod over the public in the process.
...
The very day Turley was making that case, the Justice Department was taking steps to prove him right. It sent a “Dear Colleague” letter to state courts in all 50 states lecturing them about the harm done by the imposition of fines and fees on poor defendants, especially when those fines and fees become a source of revenue for local governments.

The letter laid out seven principles to guide the behavior of courts, and urged court officials “to review court rules and procedures within your jurisdiction to ensure that they comply with due process, equal protection, and sound public policy.”

Let’s stipulate right away that such practices are highly dubious and ripe for reform. That said, on what authority does an arm of the executive branch presume to dictate the activity of the judiciary — not only with regard to issues that are constitutional, such as due process and equal protection, but also with regard to those that aren’t, such as public policy?'

Malecare.org: CDC Prostate Cancer 2017

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The USA federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Budget eliminates funding ($13.2 million) for the entire Prostate Cancer program at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Malecare asks for your advocacy for restoring that funding.

The CDC has produced dynamic prostate cancer research, particularly focused on underserved populations such as African American men, and on improving doctor – patient communication. However, you should also be aware that the CDC, just like other federal agencies, follow the prostate cancer screening recommendations set forth by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, which recommends against PSA based screening for men who do not have symptoms.

Malecare feels that the benefits of the CDC Prostate Cancer program are worthy of continued funding.

Below, you will find a sample letter, which you are welcome to copy. Representatives hear from very few prostate cancer survivors and family members so your letter will be surprisingly powerful. Include a sentence or two stating your personal interest in prostate cancer. For example, start the letter by saying, “I am a prostate cancer survivor,” or “My father has prostate cancer.”

Thank you!'

India: Court acquits man in false rape case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New Delhi, A Delhi court has acquitted a man of the charge of raping a woman in his car after intoxicating her, as the alleged victim confessed lodging a false rape case under pressure from her parents.

Additional Sessions Judge Praveen Kumar let off the man, a west Delhi resident, of charges of rape and poisoning, saying the alleged victim, being the “star witness”, has not supported the prosecution case at all.

“She has deposed that she came to know the accused through social networking. They became friends. They wanted to marry but her parents were against the marriage due to difference in their castes.

“She has further deposed that she lodged false complaint of rape as she was pressurised by her parents. She has categorically deposed that accused neither administered any intoxicating substance in the cold drink nor raped her,” the judge said.'

NPO: Calls and Letters to Massachusetts Legislators Cause Major Tremors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Massachusetts members of National Parents Organization flexed their muscles and the Legislature responded. Members in other states should take note. Meanwhile, here is the update.

About 10 days ago, we informed our Massachusetts members that SB834, a bill that encourages shared parenting as well as other useful reforms, had been torpedoed in the Judiciary Committee by the bar associations. We asked members to tell their legislators that we now had to switch position and oppose the bill. They responded with a deluge of phone calls and emails to their reps and senators.

And it worked. Within days, we received word that the Judiciary Committee wanted to meet with us again. I and others had such a meeting last week.

To the credit of the Judiciary Committee, they expressed flexibility and the desire to work with us to fix the bill. More discussions will follow. During these discussions, confidentiality is requested, and we will honor that request.'

9 signs you're a man-hater

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When hearing from women about dating and relationship challenges, I'm often stunned at all the man-hating out there. Lots of women HATE dudes. When confronted, most insist they do not. But you do. You totally do!

Why does it matter? Because you're full of hate. It's not like hate for trans fat, or public smoking or even Republicans, because you have a choice about how you vote. This is hating half of the human race. It is hating half of your own DNA. It is hating all of your male relatives and friends and any man you may consider. This means you even hate Tom Hanks and nobody hates Tom Hanks. Except there is something he shares with half the population– and that is his manhood.

...

1. You speak about men in gross generalizations — and it's always super-negative.
2. You hate all your exes.
3. All your breakups were his fault.
4. You lecture your son on how to be a better man.
5. You lecture your daughter on what to avoid in a man — ad nauseam.
6. When you spend time with a man you spend the while time nitpicking, correcting and insist on doing everything yourself.
7. You have a feminist chip on your shoulder.
8. Your favorite way to flirt with a man is to argue with him.
9. You can't let him lead.'

Uber, but for women? Probably illegal, experts say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It seems like a promising way to fill a market niche: an Uber-like service that aims to give female passengers peace of mind by ensuring that another woman is always behind the wheel.

But there is potentially a big problem. Civil rights lawyers say the new service being touted by local entrepreneurs, Chariot for Women, would probably conflict with Massachusetts' antidiscrimination laws.

"This company sounds great. Whether it's legal or not is a different question," said Joseph L. Sulman, an employment law specialist based in West Newton.

SheTaxis representatives did not return messages seeking comment. But the company has previously said it would address gender-discrimination questions by routing ride requests from men to alternate car-service providers.

Chariot for Women said it aims to ensure the safety of both riders and drivers by leaving adult men out of the equation — women drivers don't have to worry about physically threatening fares, the company said on its website, because Chariot allows only women and children as passengers.'

Woman caught on tape attacking Uber driver

Attorneys for ‘Jackie’ in Rolling Stone lawsuit protest under-oath deposition, say it could ‘re-traumatize’ her

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lawyers representing a former University of Virginia student who claimed she was the victim of a gang rape in a discredited Rolling Stone story have asked a judge to cancel her scheduled deposition in a lawsuit against the magazine, arguing that she would be “re-traumatized” if she is compelled to recount her ordeal in proceedings under oath.

The former student — who in court papers is referred to only by her nickname, Jackie — became the central figure in a 2014 Rolling Stone article that described her account of a vicious sexual assault during her freshman year, an attack she said was carried out over several hours by seven men in a fraternity house bedroom. The 9,000-word exposé highlighted Jackie’s case as a devastating example of rape on a college campus and the struggles she faced while seeking help from members of the U-Va. administration, including the associate dean responsible for handling sexual assault allegations.'

The Sex Bureaucracy

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Paper here. Abstract:

'We are living in a new sex bureaucracy. Saliently decriminalized in the past decades, sex has at the same time become accountable to bureaucracy. In this Article, we focus on higher education to tell the story of the sex bureaucracy. The story is about the steady expansion of regulatory concepts of sex discrimination and sexual violence to the point that the regulated area comes to encompass ordinary sex. The mark of bureaucracy is procedure and organizational form. Over time, federal prohibitions against sex discrimination and sexual violence have been interpreted to require educational institutions to adopt particular procedures to respond, prevent, research, survey, inform, investigate, adjudicate, and train. The federal bureaucracy essentially required nongovernmental institutions to create mini-bureaucracies, and to develop policies and procedures that are subject to federal oversight. That oversight is not merely, as currently assumed, of sexual harassment and sexual violence, but also of sex itself. We call this “bureaucratic sex creep” — the enlargement of bureaucratic regulation of sexual conduct that is voluntary, non-harassing, nonviolent, and does not harm others. At a moment when it is politically difficult to criticize any undertaking against sexual assault, we are writing about the bureaucratic leveraging of sexual violence and harassment policy to regulate ordinary sex. An object of our critique is the bureaucratic tendency to merge sexual violence and sexual harassment with ordinary sex, and thus to trivialize a very serious problem. We worry that the sex bureaucracy is counterproductive to the goal of actually addressing the harms of rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment. Our purpose is to guide the reader through the landscape of the sex bureaucracy so that its development and workings can be known and debated.'

Senators want more money for campus sex police

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Several Democratic senators are requesting additional funds for the Education Department to continue policing the sex lives of college students.

Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand, Tim Kaine, Claire McCaskill and Mark Warner have written a letter calling for increased funding for the Department's Office for Civil Rights, which has been investigating schools for alleged violations of the anti-sex discrimination law known as Title IX. The senators are requesting a budget of $137.7 million for OCR. Last year, the office's budget was $100 million, which means the senators are asking for a nearly 40 percent increase in funding for this one department.

Here's how we got to this point, put as simply as possible: In 2011, OCR sent out a "Dear Colleague" letter that vastly expanded the definition of Title IX and what schools needed to do in order to comply with the statute. Because of the broadening of the statute, schools have been accused of violating students' rights under Title IX and have come under investigation by OCR. Now OCR is requesting more money to investigate these schools because it has become overwhelmed.'

Female domestic violence arrests up

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office arrest records from 2011 to 2015 show that while the number of male arrests for domestic violence charges hovers between 60 and about 75 a year, the number of female arrests has doubled.

In 2011, there were 20 women arrested for domestic violence. In 2015, there were 42.

Sheriff's Office Lt. Eric Erhardt said there's not enough data to say this is a trend or if it's just random.

However, he said societal opinions on domestic violence have shifted dramatically since the 1970s and 1980s and it is now comprehensible that a woman could be the aggressor.

In eras past, no one would believe it or a man would never come forward to admit being victimized.

Regardless of who is the aggressor, if it's not dealt with, domestic violence escalates over time, Erhardt said.

Sonora Police Chief Mark Stinson said the cycle of male versus female arrests increasing is hard to follow, track and explain one way or another.

About six or seven years ago, the SPD saw a huge, really noticeable spike in the number of women arrested for domestic violence.'

Addressing campus rape culture with the Core

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yes, the title is an exercise in hyperbole. Explaining campus rape culture goes far beyond the musings of a college junior. It is rooted in social structures that perpetuate sexism, in a culture that promotes the mistreatment of women, and can never be fully solved with a simple solution. Regardless, the administration seems to have overlooked a fairly obvious solution that could mitigate, though not end, the rape culture that afflicts our campus—adding a women and gender studies course as either a stand-alone requirement in the Core Curriculum or as an option to fulfill the Global Core.

...

On campus, women's socialization to take up less space—physically and in conversations—has manifested itself in some female students and faculty feeling an obligation to minimize their presence. In our classes, female teachers who are stricter are more harshly judged by students than their male counterparts, and female students are less likely to speak up, due to a lifetime of conditioning to be more complacent. In our hookup culture, women who are sexually active are referred to as "sluts," while men are "players." In cases of sexual assault, while students may not obviously blame victims, they do often insinuate how the victim's poor decision-making may have resulted in their rape—how dressing too tightly, drinking too much, or staying out too late should be avoided to not get raped. Rape culture is ultimately not a Columbia-specific issue, but it is a problem that Columbia has a responsibility to address.

...

Adding a mandatory women and gender studies course to the university's Core Curriculum could help address the ignorance that often underlies rape culture. A long-standing criticism of the Core has been that the classes are often limited in scope, lack literary diversity, and fail to account for the female voice. In our classes, women are expected to read the works of men and learn something from them. Now, let's give all students the opportunity to read works about and by women and learn something from us. Together, we can build a foundation that addresses campus rape culture.'

The Ghomeshi Trial and the Cult of #IBELIEVEWOMEN

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Judge Horkins delivered his verdict last week in the high-profile trial of R vs Ghomeshi in Toronto. He acquitted Jian Ghomeshi, a high-profile radio presenter for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), of four charges of sexual assault and one charge of choking involving three complainants, between December 2002 and July 2003. He also tore into the complainants' evidence, leading to an animated debate about whether the criminal-justice system oppresses victims of sexual violence.

Ghomeshi was sacked by CBC in 2014 following an allegation that he had injured a woman. Perhaps unwisely, Ghomeshi posted a self-justificatory Facebook article after his sacking, insisting that, while he liked rough sex, his encounters had always been consensual.

The floodgates opened. Various women used the media to accuse him of past sexual misconduct, and he became the subject of a social-media witch-hunt. Bill Blair, chief of the Toronto Police Service, then made a bizarre public appeal to women to report Ghomeshi, stating that the police's hands were tied unless women complained to them. Predictably, some women then went to the police.'

Trio of bikini-clad women charged in brutal beach brawl

Matt · 1 April 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Pretty faces, ugly souls. Further proof that one need not be big, strong, or male to seriously hurt others. Tell feminists that, though. Bet they do no time for it, too. Excerpt:

'Three brawling babes in bikinis were collared in South Carolina for a riverside beach fight.

Arlinda Craft, 18; Anns Leigh Hill, 19 and Megan Williams, 20, were charged with second-degree assault and battery by a mob after they allegedly beat a female victim on a Columbia river beach, according to police.
...
The victim told police that one assailant pulled her by her hair and threw her down on river rocks before she passed out.

Her coworker said that two of the women held her down while the other pummeled her.
...
The 20-year-old victim of the latest attack, whose name has not been released, suffered a concussion, two black eyes, a bloodied face and a shattered nose.'

Due process on campus ‘will get worse before it gets better,’ Cardozo law students told

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What if due process of law as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution ceased to exist the moment that students stepped foot on college campuses?

Practically speaking, it stopped existing on campus several years ago, according to legal experts who spoke to the Cardozo School of Law chapter of the Federalist Society on Tuesday.

The systems in place to evaluate accusations at most colleges and universities are severely limited, and arguably unlawful, they told law students: Mere accusations are leading to expulsions and career-stunting social stigma for students who find themselves in the cross hairs of campus sexual-misconduct investigations.'

Federal judge rebukes lack of due process in campus sex assault procedures

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Finally, a federal judge has strongly condemned the lack of due process and fairness that students accused of sexual assault face on college campuses.

Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV, a George W. Bush appointee, ruled that Brandeis University "failed to provide a variety of procedural protections to [the accused student], many of which, in the criminal context, are the most basic and fundamental components of due process of law."

In his 89-page decision, Saylor criticizes Brandeis for a number of due process violations, including denying the accused student access to the evidence against him or even a detailed explanation of the charges against him.

For example, Brandeis' "special examiner," who investigated the accusation, determined that the accuser, known as J.C. in the lawsuit, was more credible than the accused, because he provided consistent statements while the accused couldn't remember certain events. Saylor concluded that the discrepancy between the two parties was "exactly what one would expect where one party is fully informed of the subject matter of the inquiry and the other remains ignorant, and has to surmise the specifics of the charges over the course of the investigation."'

Turkey: 'Campus Witches' beat up a male student over sexual assault allegations

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The "Campus Witches," a feminist group at the Ankara University Faculty of Languages, History and Geography, has suddenly garnered newfound popularity after video footage showing female students from the group physically assaulting a male student and accusing him of sexual abuse went viral.

As the video posted on the Campus Witches' Facebook page on March 29 shows, security officers came to rescue the male student after members of the group began to physically assault him.

Another student addressed the crowd watching the scene, elaborating on the reason for the reaction to the male student, identified as E.Ç.

The group accused him of writing insulting messages addressed to his ex-girlfriend on his Twitter account and sexually assaulting her. The group also hung printouts of the messages.

"What did I do? Explain it to me," the male student said. "We still have the messages you've sent on the phone," the group replied.
...
"We waited for him to come to the campus. Since he ignored the verbal warnings, we beat him up," Çelik said, while emphasizing they used their right of self-defense against the male student.
...
A similar incident happened last year in November at Akdeniz University, where a group of feminist students broke into a class in order to find an alleged sexual abuser. The male student, identified as S.D., was found in the cafeteria and exposed by the feminists.

S.D. later tried to commit suicide and was taken to the hospital.'

College sued for Title IX investigation against student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Macalester College was sued last February by a former student who accused the college of violating his right to due process and failing to provide him reasonable accommodations for his disabilities. The student, Alec Scott Jackson ’18, was being investigated by the college for an alleged case of sexual assault, and the lawsuit charged Jackson’s rights were violated during that disciplinary process. Jackson’s appeal for a restraining order against Macalester, which would have prevented them from carrying out his investigation while the suit was pending, was denied, and Jackson withdrew the lawsuit a few days later. Jackson no longer attends Macalester College.

The claim of sexual assault stemmed from an alleged incident that took place off-campus against a non-Macalester student in early October. Jackson requested “reasonable accommodations,” which would have allowed him to have full attorney representation throughout the investigation. Jackson’s lawyers argued that his disabilities would prevent him from effectively participating in the disciplinary process, and that both he and the college would benefit from that accommodation. Macalester denied that request.'

UK: Drunk woman dialled 999 with a false rape claim to get a lift home

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A drunk woman dialled 999 with a false rape claim because she wanted a LIFT HOME, a court heard.

Claire Hollins picked up the phone and asked a Derbyshire Police call handler if she could be driven from Derby to her home in Stoke.

The 22-year-old was hung up on - but called back a second time to say she had been raped.

However when officers spoke to her she admitted nothing had happened and that she "just wanted a lift home".

Hollins was pointed in the direction of a Derby taxi firm, but when the driver refused her fare, she caused £500 of damage to his cab.

Hollins pleaded guilty to a public order offence and to criminal damage and was handed a 12-month community order. She was also ordered to pay £85 prosecution costs and a £60 victim surcharge.'

'Women want to have baby girls, not boys, as their lot in life is much better'

Mastodon · 2 April 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'She may be 84, but Fay Weldon's work as a novelist, playwright, TV dramatist and scriptwriter still sparks debates in many a book club and beyond. Weldon, whose work includes the hit series The Life And Loves Of A She-Devil and The Cloning Of Joanna May, has lived long enough to be confident in her views on contemporary life, and today talks airily in detached tones about what "one" does and what "one" thinks.

Her outspoken opinions on feminism have often courted controversy, but after a lifetime spent people-watching, three marriages, four children, four stepchildren and a clutch of grandchildren, she's come to the conclusion that men are now under the cosh. Both men and women may have suffered as feminism has evolved, she reflects.
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"Feminism has certainly undermined men," she continues, "if only because women now want to have girl babies, not boy babies, because their lot in life is better."'

"The Current Depiction of Masculinity Isn’t Cutting It"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The definition of masculinity is fairly straightforward — the possession of qualities appropriate to or usually associated with a man. However, society has shifted its collective perception of what it means to be masculine. Nowadays, there’s no ennobling, culturally accepted role for men; males are cast as either historical villains or self-abasing sinners begging for the collective forgiveness of their gender.

The notion that men must atone for the sins of their forefathers leaves them with little room for a socially acceptable alternative. Essential, formerly valued masculine traits have now — mostly — become unacceptable and discouraged outside the entertainment industry.

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These images fuel the fantasies of many frustrated young men who not only lack guidance from healthy role models, but are also occasionally chastised for their natural exuberance. Instead of being appreciated for their male qualities, boys and men are asked to swap their natural gender traits for a watered-down, more politically correct version of masculinity.'

Judge Sides with Gay Brandeis Student Guilty of 'Serious Sexual Transgression' for Kissing Sleeping Boyfriend

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'A judge rebuked Brandeis University for denying fundamental due process rights to a student who was found guilty of sexual misconduct for a variety of non-violent offenses: most notably, because he had awakened his then-boyfriend with nonconsensual kisses.

The process that Brandeis employed to investigate the matter was "essentially secret and inquisitorial," according to Dennis Saylor, a federal judge who ruled that the accused student's lawsuit against Brandeis should continue.

This is a significant victory for advocates of due process in campus sexual misconduct investigations. It's also an implicit skewering of affirmative consent as official policy. The accused, "John Doe," was found responsible for stolen kisses, suggestive touches, and a wandering eye—all within the context of an established sexual relationship. His former partner and accuser, J.C., did not file a complaint with the university until well after the incidents took place. In fact, J.C.'s participation in Brandeis' "sexual assault training" program caused him to re-evaluate the relationship.'

Policing Students' Sex Lives Costs Colleges Millions, But Nobody's Happy With Results

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'In order to fall into compliance with federal anti-discrimination law, the University of Kansas (KU) should segregate male student athletes to special dorms and immediately suspend anyone accused of sexual assault, argue the lawyers of a former student who says she was raped in the KU dorms. The young woman, Daisy Tackett (who has chosen to be public with her name and identity), is now suing the university in federal court.

According to Tackett's claim, the school's failure to take reasonable steps to prevent the assault and to adequately address the situation afterward created a "hostile" educational environment, in violation of the federal statute known as Title IX. The original aim of Title IX was to combat institutional sex discrimination in education, but has since morphed into "a lever by which the federal bureaucracy monitors schools' policies and procedures regulating sexual behavior," as Harvard law professors recently put it. These days, schools are increasingly finding themselves under investigation by the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and on the receiving end of student lawsuits over perceived inadequacies in addressing sexual harassment and assault on campus.

Tackett's lawsuit against KU epitomizes the shortcomings of this system. But that isn't a condemnation of Tackett nor her parents, who have also filed their own suit against KU under Kansas consumer protection law. Tackett has provided no reason to disbelieve her accusations against "John Doe G," a fellow student and member of the KU football team who was expelled from KU this March. It's understandable for Tackett and her family to feel upset, betrayed, or whatever emotions are motivating their current actions. And while I think the Title IX lawsiut is misguided, I'm not here to judge or express scorn toward people trying to handle a tough situation in the best way they see available. No, the problem is with the options and incentives that are available to begin with.'

Department of Education to be sued by due-process group for bogus Title IX threats

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'If you've ever wanted to see your name memorialized in an important legal precedent, here's your chance.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education said Monday it "aims to challenge" the Department of Education's use of unenforceable guidance to threaten colleges into changing their Title IX procedures around alleged sexual misconduct – and it needs a student or institutional plaintiff:

FIRE has made arrangements to secure legal counsel for a student or institution harmed by [Office for Civil Rights'] mandates and in a position to challenge the agency's violation of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). In keeping with FIRE's charitable mission to advance the public interest, representation will be provided at no cost to the harmed party.

"In the five years since its issuance, OCR has acted as though the 2011 Dear Colleague letter is binding law—but it isn't," said FIRE Executive Director Robert Shibley. "By circumventing federal law, OCR ignored all stakeholders: victims, the accused, civil liberties advocates, administrators, colleges, law enforcement, and the general public. Real people's lives are being irreparably harmed as a result. It's time that OCR be held accountable."'

Feminism: Why I'm campaigning for UK schools to teach boys and girls all about it

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'Now aged 14, this thought process led me to start a petition, “A In Equality”, because I think that feminism should be on the PSHE (personal, social, health and economic) curriculum in all schools. In order to achieve equality on every front, we need to start by educating the future generation on the rights that will affect every single person every single day.

If gender equality is formally put on the curriculum, it may not eradicate the major feminist issues in our society today, but it may, in the longer term, have a positive impact on attitudes towards feminism, and its importance in daily life.

PSHE covers lots of difficult subjects - such as mental health and bullying - which is why I believe it would also be a perfect place to learn about gender equality for both girls and boys.'

After 800 Years, Oxford Theology Students to Swap Christianity for Feminism

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'Oxford University is deviating from its 800-year-old tradition to remain relevant to "the dramatic change" in the U.K., by allowing its undergraduate theology students to skip studying Christianity after the first year of their degree, and choose instead subjects like "Feminist Approaches to Theology and Religion" and "Buddhism in Space and Time."

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From September 2017, theology students will have to study Christianity only in their first year, and can opt for other areas, including feminism, Buddhism, Islam and mysticism, from second year onwards. A result of seven years of consultation, the new course will be called "theology and religion" for the first time.

"If you have a very rigid curriculum, there will be an increasing mismatch between what lecturers are doing in their research time and what they're having to teach," Zachhuber seeks to explain.'

UMass updates Title IX websites with provisions inspired by Survivor's Bill of Rights

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'The University of Massachusetts updated the My Rights section of their Title IX website to specify provisions from the Coalition to End Rape Culture's Survivor Bill of Rights.

The My Rights section, which CERC President Priya Ghosh said has been consistently revised by UMass since the winter break, contains nine bullet points and is prefaced with a statement acknowledging the influence of the Survivor's Bill of Rights, which specifically applies to survivors of sexual assault.

"I discovered yesterday that many of the parts of the nine major clauses were adopted from the Survivor's Bill of Rights," said Ghosh, a public health sciences major.

The updated My Rights section emphasize many points from the Survivor's Bill of Rights, such as the assurance that students' Title IX rights will be protected if they study abroad, that students have the right to choose whether or not to seek a disciplinary hearing if they become a survivor of sexual misconduct and that students have the right to withdraw a Title IX complaint at any point.'

A broader role for women in the military, Selective Service

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'Some members of Congress, the Marine Corps commandant and the Army's chief of staff have proposed that women register for the draft. If the proposal is approved, women will join men ages 18 to 25 years in being required to register with the Selective Service System.

No one has been drafted in the United States since 1973, but a list is kept to help hedge against unforeseen threats. The government further explains that, "By registering all eligible men, Selective Service ensures a fair and equitable draft, if required."

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If specific roles require abilities that only one sex possesses, it makes sense to limit those roles to the appropriate sex. But how many such roles are there? Women can fly planes, guide drones, target enemies, analyze strategy and perform almost any task required by the military. In fact, in matters of endurance, for example, or in the capacity for detail work, they may on average surpass men. Hence, the refusal to treat women and men equally with respect to a military draft is but a hangover from our historical practices of gender discrimination.'

Campus rights group to challenge federal sexual assault mandate

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'Colleges and universities may one day be freed from the requirement to adjudicate felonies, if this campus rights group gets its way.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education plans to officially challenge the Education Department's mandate that schools adjudicate campus sexual assault. Currently, the agency's Office for Civil Rights, through a 2011 "guidance" document — known as a "Dear Colleague" letter — requires schools to create pseudo-court systems to determine whether students have committed sexual assault.

FIRE is seeking "a student or institution to challenge OCR's abuse of power" and has offered to pay the legal fees of whoever takes on this task.'

SAVE E-lert: Let's Rescind the Dear Colleague Letter Used to Bully

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This week marks the five year anniversary that the Department of Education released a Dear Colleague Letter, directing colleges to handle campus sexual assault cases far beyond their expertise.

Moreover, this letter never went through the required channel to become a proper regulation: http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/campus-rights-group-to-challenge-federal-sexual-assault-mandate/article/2587605.

This is dangerous for students and for police investigations.

Contact your federal legislators now and tell them to help us get the Office for Civil Rights, April 4, 2011 Dear Colleague Letter to universities rescinded.

Find your federal legislators here: https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials

Let's make a statement that the government cannot bully universities unlawfully!

Thank you!

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Spain: German retiree 'fed to dog' by Russian wife

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'Svetlana Batukova, 46, is in police custody after she was found next to the bloody corpse of her husband named locally as Horst Hans Henkels on Friday.

A post mortem on Saturday revealed that the German had bled to death after being repeatedly stabbed with a kitchen knife.

Flesh from his arms had reportedly been cut off and fed to the couple's dog, an American Staffordshire bull terrior, according to the online Periodistadigital.

Initial findings widely reported in local media on the Balearic Islands indicated that the victim had been drugged before being repeatedly stabbed and had bled to death on the floor of their flat in Sant Llorenç.'

The Federal Government's Sexual Reign of Terror on College Campuses

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'A new "sex bureaucracy" is attempting a full takeover of young people's sex lives through moral strictures that trample free speech and the due process of law. In only the most recent symptom of this disease, a court recently ruled that George Mason University wrongfully expelled a student in 2014 -- for engaging in consensual sex with his girlfriend.

That student, who is anonymously referred to as "John Doe," won a federal lawsuit against George Mason after administrators ignored evidence that he had been in a consensual relationship for over one year. After the break-up, the ex-girlfriend told school officials and police about what she considered in hindsight to be sexual assaults. This girl's reaction follows a recent totalitarian trend on college campuses. In seeking to prevent "sexual violence," schools have taken to regulating students' behavior and even attitudes about sex to absurd levels.

A forthcoming paper to appear in the August issue of the California Law Review outlines "The Sex Bureaucracy," which Harvard Law School professors Jacob Gersen and Jeannie Suk argue is thoroughly regulating "the space of sex" in America. The "bureaucracy dedicated to that regulation of sex ... operates largely apart from criminal enforcement, but its actions are inseparable from criminal overtones and implications."'

UK: Outrage at Feminist Week bake sale plan to charge men more than women for cupcakes to highlight gender salary gap

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'A bake sale at a university feminist week has caused outrage due to its plans to price items based upon the pay gap between men and women.

The University of Queensland Union is holding Feminist Week from April 4-8 and at the associated Gender Pay Gap Bake Sale on Tuesday, items will cost a proportion of a dollar compared to men who will pay $1 for each item.

A website for the event states: 'For example, if you are a woman of colour in the legal profession, a baked good at the stall will only cost you 0.55 cents!'.
...
'I get pretty frustrated when I hear people saying 'What about the men, isn't that discriminatory, isn't it reverse-sexism?,' she said.

'Many men generally speaking have the extra pay as an unearned privilege while women are disadvantaged and people of colour are disadvantaged and minority groups and people who don't conform to binary genders are disadvantaged.

UQU women's officer Madeline Price helped organise the Feminist Week and said the about of anger about the issue was interesting.'

‘Jackie’ must testify in lawsuit over Rolling Stone rape story

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'A Virginia judge has ruled that the woman at the center of Rolling Stone’s discredited story about an alleged frat house gang rape must testify as part of a lawsuit against the magazine.

The woman identified only as “Jackie” will be deposed on Thursday by attorneys representing Rolling Stone and Nicole Eramo, the University of Virginia administrator who is suing the magazine and the author of the now-retracted article, Sabrina Rubin Erdely.

Erdely’s 2014 piece, “A Rape On Campus,” featured Jackie’s graphic claim to have been raped by a group of fraternity members during her freshman year at UVA.

Eramo, an associate dean of students at UVA, is suing Rolling Stone and Erdely for defamation over what she says was an unfair portrayal of her as an insensitive campus bureaucrat in the story. She is seeking $7.85 million in damages.'

Teen falsely accused of Brooklyn gang rape to sue the city

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'One of the five Brooklyn teens who faced, and then were cleared of, accusations they gang-raped a drunk 18-year-old girl — who was later revealed to have been having sex with her long-lost father before engaging in consensual acts with the boys — plans to sue the city and the NYPD, The Post has learned.

“Onandi [Brown] is deserving of recompense for what happened to him,” the 17-year-old’s attorney, Spencer Leeds, said on Monday.

“It is clear that the city is legally obligated to compensate Onandi for the damages that he has suffered, and likely will continue to suffer,” the attorney said.

Leeds filed a notice of claim on behalf of his client late Monday, indicating his intention to sue the city.'

The New World of Campus Sexual Assault

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'The President portrays colleges and universities as centers of sexual assault where men routinely escape responsibility for their actions. Twenty eight Harvard Law School professors decry campus adjudications “stacked” against young men. No wonder college age women and men (and their parents) look at this aspect of college life with trepidation.

Two powerful themes contend. On the one hand, victims of sexual assault present a civil rights issue: the right of young women to have their claims taken seriously and redressed. On the other, young men face the potential for limited due process and unjust outcomes.

Just five years ago, campus sexual assault was a matter of state criminal law, assigned to criminal prosecutors, defense lawyers, judges, and juries, in a system heavily stacked against the victims. Since then, states have begun to implement “Yes Means Yes” laws, while federal law has created a parallel universe where educational institutions must venture into the business of justice — and administer it pursuant to federal standards.

Critics of the new federal framework question the requirement that academic institutions (rather than police, prosecutors and courts) determine claims of sexual violence, and they question their expertise to conduct the necessary investigations and adjudications. They also note substantial limitations on the role of counsel, including on cross-examination, and the use of a preponderance of the evidence standard, instead of a requirement of proof by clear and convincing evidence or beyond a reasonable doubt.'

University professors claim Title IX abuse in new report

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'The professors have their own complaint about violation, and it goes like this: in too many cases, Title IX investigations are trampling due process and free speech rights.

"From trigger warnings to tweets. . ." the report says, "When Title IX concerns play out as hostile environment sex panics within the corporate university, academic freedom is threatened."

Harassment was not even mentioned in the Title IX legislation, AAUP notes. But by the 1980s, courts and the federal government had expanded the concept of discrimination in the workplace to include sexual harassment—which was then defined as quid pro quo demands for sexual favors and/or "verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature" that creates a "work environment" so hostile or offensive that it interferes with the affected person's ability to function.'

Court: Student Punished for USC Sex Assault Didn't Receive Due Process

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'Wading into the fraught issue of sex crimes on college campuses, a state appeals court has reversed the suspension of a male USC student accused of participating in a group sexual assault against a female student.

The Second District Court of Appeal held that the male student, a USC football player referred to only as John Doe, wasn't given sufficient notice of the allegations against him or a fair hearing by the school before being suspended.

The ruling highlights the difficult task universities have in balancing accused students' due process rights with the concerns of victims and federal officials who have urged schools to adopt procedures to keep campuses safe.

Justice Audrey Collins acknowledged in Tuesday's unanimous panel decision "that universities need adequate tools to address the very serious and sensitive problem of sexual assault on campus." Still she wrote that "it is not too heavy a burden to require that students facing disciplinary action be informed of the factual basis for the charges against them."'

Is masculinity a problem to solved?

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'Is masculinity a problem to be overcome?

That's what you might believe after hearing what some academics and filmmakers are claiming about the character traits of most men.

The documentary, The Mask You Live In, which was recently shown at a forum on men's issues at the University of B.C., pictures masculinity as the driving force behind virtually all that is wrong with North American culture.

"Be a man!" "Don't be a girl!" "Stop crying!" "What a fag." "Grow some balls!" "Don't let a woman run your life." "Get laid." "Stop with the emotions!"

These male rebukes are spat out at the beginning of The Mask You Live In. They're part of the catalogue of stereotypical admonitions that the filmmakers claim compose the hidden social rules that forge the grim "mask" of masculinity.

The documentary argues these values cause widespread violence, abuse, addiction, crime and war — and it implies they need to be replaced by more feminine values, such as those related to sharing feelings, empathy, co-operating and nurturing.'

White House Targets Toys And Media To Attract More Girls To STEM Careers

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'It's an ambitious goal. The White House aims to "break down gender stereotypes in media and toys so that our children can explore, learn and dream without limits," as stated in a press release earlier today. From retail to media, organizations like Netflix and Discovery Communications are coming on board, pledging to take new action to break down gender stereotyping in toys and media. The audacious aim is to get more girls interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers, and more boys interested in fields like nursing and teaching.

Unfortunately, there's not a lot of scientific evidence supporting the idea that men are pursuing STEM careers, because they were more likely to play with techie, science-oriented toys when they were young. Instead, there's evidence that a large part of the gender difference in pursuit of STEM careers boils down to women's preference for more people-oriented careers. It's also why women are more likely than men to be nurses or teachers. Some may be surprised to learn that women and men perform equally well in science and math courses through high school, and enroll in high school calculus courses in basically the same numbers. Yet, when it comes time to choose a profession, women tend to choose more people-oriented career paths.'

"The Dinah" and double-standards

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Nothing wrong with a women-only event like this one, not in my opinion, anyway. What's wrong is the double-standards the article inadvertantly points up. Imagine a similar multi-day party that is all-gay-male and celebrates free, casual sex and womanlessness? Imagine how feminists would condemn it as misogynistic if also at the same time it being politically correct because it's a "queer event"? Count the double-standards and marvel. Excerpt:

'Every year at the end of March, 20,000 lesbians from around the world fly into the Californian desert for five days of debauchery, and I'm one of them. It's my second time at the Dinah, also known as the largest girl festival in the world. I'm staying at the Hilton in Palm Springs, which is hosting the famous Dinah pool parties, and the hotel feels like a homosexual harem.

It's a surreal experience: for a few days the world is turned upside down, the minority is suddenly the majority. Everywhere you look, lesbians are smiling, drinking, dancing, kissing. There are a few men around – staff working the event and guys who have been dragged along by lesbian friends – but they are hard to spot. It's basically entirely queer women in attendance.

The party is named after the Dinah Shore golf tournament, started in 1972 by the eponymous entertainer. Dinah Shore wasn't a lesbian (she'd be doing somersaults in her grave if she knew what her moniker was attached to now), but golf seems to attract a lot of lesbians. A sapphic scene sprouted up around the golf tournament, and the Dinah was born. It's now in its 26th year.'

Feds Spend $548,459 Studying Male Students' 'Microaggressions' Towards Women

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'The National Science Foundation is spending over $500,000 to videotape male engineering students while they work in labs to see if they are causing women to experience "microaggressions."

The University of Michigan received the funding for a three-year project that is studying whether male college students ignore their fellow female classmates' work.

"Because engineering is cast as a masculine field, women engineering students can experience subtle yet pervasive stereotypic messages in their learning environments that can negatively influence their experiences," according to the grant for the study. "This early stage research project will identify specific behavioral manifestations of gender stereotypes—microaggressions—and their cumulative effect on learning, performance, and persistence in introductory engineering course teamwork."

"Such microaggressions may cause the climate of the team to become less welcoming to women," the researchers warn. "The proposed research unites two areas of strong research interest (social science research on gender stereotypes and engineering education on teamwork and climate) to advance understanding of women's underrepresentation in engineering as compared to men."'

Student Suspended for Rape Because He Didn't Stop Friends from Slapping Girl's Butt

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'The University of Southern California found a male student, "John Doe," responsible for sexual assault and suspended him for two years. But his alleged victim, a female student, "Jane," maintained that the sex between them was consensual.

Doe was ultimately punished, not because he hurt Jane, but because he did nothing to prevent two other males from having rough sex with her—from slapping her on the buttocks—during an orgy.

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The incident took place at an off-campus fraternity party in January of 2013. Doe was a member of the fraternity: the two other males who attended the part and were involved in the incident, "Student 1 and Student 2," were students at a different university. Jane attended the party with a group of friends.

After dancing together, Jane, Doe, and Student 1 went off to a bedroom together to have sex. All agree that this encounter was consensual, according to the court's decision.

Later that evening, Jane and Doe returned to the bedroom to have sex again. Jane maintains that their sexual activity remained consensual, but other men—likely including Students 1 and 2—entered the room and also began performing sexual acts on Jane. These activities became rough, and culminated in one or two of the men—not Doe—slapping her butt.

At no point did Jane tell any of the men to stop, but she did begin to cry after the slapping. All sexual activity then ceased. Jane later texted Doe that she had a good time with him, but "your friends suck though." She approached him again at a party some weeks later, but he declined to dance with her.

Months later, in August of 2014—after discussing her "confidence issues" with a counsellor—Jane decided that the incident constituted sexual assault and filed a complaint. Still, she maintained that she had consented to sex with Doe: it was the other men who had violated her.'

Sen. McCaskill: Sanders' Attacks On Clinton Could Be Gender-Based

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'Clinton supporter Sen. Claire McCaskill suggested that Bernie Sanders' attacks on Hillary Clinton are gender-based because "women who have succeeded in male-dominated fields have been used to being marginalized."

In an interview on MSNBC's "Andrea Mitchell Reports" on Thursday, Mitchell asked if "gender is involved" in Sanders' criticism of Clinton and McCaskill replied, "Well, I just think it's one of those things that — maybe it's not right — but I think women who have succeeded in male-dominated fields have been used to being marginalized about whether or not they are truly qualified."'

The Big Stall: Men are sliding back

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'With their greater education, women are now getting more jobs and more management jobs than men, and closing in on the earnings of males; economists report that their wages are rising faster than those of men. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, among recent college graduates, women earn 97 percent of what their male peers earn. “At the start of their careers, women actually out-earn men by a substantial margin for a number of college majors.”

As women advance, however, men are stalling in their development, increasingly stuck in place and even backsliding as postindustrial American culture fractures along educational, economic, and behavioral fault lines. Almost daily, reports announce that men are lagging by almost every measure there is—school enrollment rates (71 percent of female high school graduates enrolled in college in 2012 versus 61 percent of males, according to the Pew Research Center), number of graduate degrees (women earned 61 percent of master’s and 51 percent of doctor’s degrees in 2012–2013, finds the National Center for Education Statistics), and labor force participation. As Princeton economists Anne Case and Angus Deaton report in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, data now show that, uniquely among advanced countries, the physical and mental health of American men has begun to decline, seen especially in rising rates of suicide and accidental death due to substance abuse among white middle-aged men.'

Reject feminist calls to ban anonymous speech on campus, broad coalition tells regulators

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A broad coalition of groups has asked the Department of Education to reject calls from feminist groups to ban anonymous speech on campus under an extremely loose interpretation of Title IX – and to revise its own definition of harassment.

The National Coalition Against Censorship, American Association of University Professors, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education and Student Press Law Center are defending student use of apps including Yik Yak, which lets students share their thoughts anonymously in a campuswide feed.

The letter responds to an effort by dozens of feminist and civil rights groups to punish the University of Mary Washington for not monitoring, identifying and punishing students who post offensive content on apps like Yik Yak, saying it constitutes harassment under Title IX.'

Settlement Reached In Litigation Between Alan Dershowitz, Paul Cassell, And Bradley Edwards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Welcome celebrated lawyer and law professor Alan Dershowitz back to the headlines — and not because of his role in The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story. We have a Friday night news dump on our hands.

The defamation case filed against Dershowitz by two other prominent members of the legal community, high-profile Florida lawyer Brad Edwards and former federal judge Paul Cassell, just settled. As you may recall, Edwards and Cassell sued Dershowitz for defamation last year in Florida state court. The two lawyers alleged that Dershowitz defamed them when he claimed that they knowingly filed a lawsuit containing falsehoods about him or at least failed to properly investigate their client's allegations that Dershowitz had sexual relations with her when she was a minor. Settlement talks in the defamation case have been going on for months, and the two sides just reached agreement.'

NPO: Florida Bar’s Family Law Section Skirts Truth About Opposition to Shared Parenting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Alimony and custody reform in Florida hang in the balance at this very moment. The Legislature has passed a good bill, and now we wait to see if Governor Scott will sign it.

This may be your last, best chance to get meaningful reform in Florida. The only question is who is more motivated: the people of Florida or the special interests and their high-paid lobbyists. Make no mistake, the lobbyists are leaving no stone unturned to kill this bill. If we cannot muster the energy to make one simple phone call, we don't deserve to get reform. But how about the kids -- don't they deserve your phone call?'

Teacher Repeatedly Slaps Student, Calls Him ‘Idiot Ass’

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'A high school teacher in east Texas was arrested and charged with misdemeanor assault on Friday after cellphone video allegedly shows her repeatedly slapping a student on the head.

According to the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, the incident took place at Ozen High School near Beaumont, Texas. The teacher, Mary Hastings, was arrested on Friday and charged with misdemeanor assault. She immediately posted the $2500 bail and was released, pending her next court appearance.

A brief video of the alleged incident was posted on Twitter on Friday and appears to show the teacher swipe some items off the student’s desk before repeatedly slapping him on the head. She then appears to mock his response to the incident. It is not clear what lead up to this incident but it seems the teacher is frustrated about something the student did which she thinks is “stopping [the other students] from graduating.” She also can also be heard apparently refer to the student as an “idiot ass.” Regardless of what the student may have done, based on the video, it seems to safe to say the teacher appears to have lost her cool.'

Uber for women is a great idea—except for one thing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new women-only ride-sharing service, Chariot for Women, is set to launch April 19 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Surprisingly, its founder is not a former female passenger who felt unsafe in an Uber—as many of us have—but Michael Pelletz, an Uber driver who had a revelation when he felt threatened by a passenger.

“What if I was a woman?” Pelletz, wrote on the company’s website. In fact, worries about safety are why his wife Kelly—who is now Chariot for Women’s president—decided not to drive for Uber, he said.

Scores of women have reported rapes and assaults by Uber drivers, while, anecdotally, countless others have felt threatened. In March, Uber’s safety issues were thrown into the spotlight when Uber driver Jason Brian Dalton allegedly shot and killed six people in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Dalton continued to pick up Uber passengers in between his shooting rampages. Just yesterday, Uber agreed to pay up to $25 million to settle with prosecutors for misleading passengers about the thoroughness of its background checks.
...
That all sounds great. But “whether it’s legal or not is a different question,” Joseph L. Sulman, an employment law specialist, told the Boston Globe. According to civil rights lawyers, Chariots for Women’s female-only policies could put it squarely in the crosshairs of gender discrimination lawsuits, which would be difficult to win.'

Revenge porn case sees first woman convicted for victimising male partner

Matt · 10 April 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Despite the severity of her insane behavior, the female discount is applied and she gets a suspended sentence. Justice denied - again. Excerpt:

'A JILTED lover has become the first woman to be convicted of victimising a man by using revenge porn after posting explicit images of him online without his consent.

Saleswoman Ellie Melaugh, 20, was said to have turned her ex's life into a 'nightmare' after uploading the pictures to his Facebook and Twitter.

She is believed to be the first female found guilty of a crime under revenge porn legislation introduced a year ago.

The images were posted alongside his name and full address and were seen by the victim's mother and grandparents as well as countless online strangers.

She also set up a fake profile on dating site Plenty of Fish to humiliate him as well as calling him hundreds of times.

He was forced to repeatedly change his number to avoid contact from her and others.

The offences were so serious she was given a suspended jail sentence when she admitted to harassment and posting the revenge porn at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court.'

‘Equal pay day’ this year is April 12; the next ‘equal occupational fatality day’ will be in the year 2027

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'Every year the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) publicizes its “Equal Pay Day” to bring public attention to the gender pay gap. According to the NCPE, “Equal Pay Day” will fall this year on April 12, and allegedly represents how far into 2016 women will have to continue working to earn the same income that the men earned last year, supposedly for doing the same job. Inspired by Equal Pay Day, I introduced “Equal Occupational Fatality Day” in 2010 to bring public attention to the huge gender disparity in work-related deaths every year in the United States. “Equal Occupational Fatality Day” tells us how many years into the future women will be able to continue to work before they will experience the same number of occupational fatalities that occurred for men in the previous year.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released data last fall on workplace fatalities for 2014, and a new “Equal Occupational Fatality Day” can now be calculated. As in previous years, the chart above shows the significant gender disparity in workplace fatalities in 2014: 4,320 men died on the job (92.3% of the total) compared to only 359 women (7.7% of the total). The “gender occupational fatality gap” in 2014 was considerable — more than 12 men died on the job last year for every woman who died while working.'

Should universities police sexual assault?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fifty years ago, life on campus was pretty dull. Student behaviour was tightly (if not always successfully) regulated by curfews, single-sex dorms and no-alcohol rules. All these prohibitions were meant to ensure that immature young adults wouldn't get into too much trouble.

My generation got rid of all that. We insisted on autonomy. We did not want authorities regulating our conduct. Social norms changed dramatically. The culture became hypersexualized. Casual sex on campus, once uncommon, is now no big deal. Alcohol is ubiquitous. And now, students (as well as parents, activists and governments) are demanding that universities once again take up the burden of providing for their charges' mental, emotional and physical welfare – without the former restrictions on sex, booze and behaviour, of course.'

Facebook banning anti-feminist pages

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Facebook have been throwing the ban hammer and banning several pages that are against feminism.

Last week our page “Anti-Feminism Australia” (45,000 likes) was unpublished by Facebook with an “appeal” button. I appealed it and waited patiently for a day. The next day I woke up to find that the page had been completely deleted without any notice or warning from facebook. It was just lucky that I had managed to backup all the photos containing our memes before the page vanished. I believe this was a result of feminists mass reporting all pages against feminism. It appears as though facebook are now siding with feminists in censoring anything that goes against their ideology.

Today I received some news that the popular page “Exposing Feminism” had also been unpublished by facebook. At the time of writing this, they are currently waiting the appeal, but knowing what happened to Anti-Feminism Australia, its unlikely they will be successful.'

Are 1 in 5 Women Raped at College?

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Video here. Description:

'Is it true that 1 in 5 women are raped on America's college campuses? If so, what does that say about our universities and the people who run them? If not, how did that statistic get into the mainstream? Caroline Kitchens, Senior Research Associate at the American Enterprise Institute, looks at the data and explains the very significant results.'

India: Freed after 4 years, rapist tag still haunts Delhi man acquitted of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'He was arrested on charges of raping a Chinese national days after the December 16 gangrape. However, it took for him over four years to prove his innocence and walk out of jail but not without the stigma of being a rapist.

The 28-year-old was acquitted by a Delhi court in March but the case has left a deep scar on him as he faced the wrath of the raging furore of the Nirbhaya rape.

Working as an event organiser and with a career in modeling, the man had met a Chinese national through a contact, who had come to Delhi for an internship through a non-profit organisation.

"I was 25 years old when I met the girl through a friend in an event. She from then on began pursuing me to help her get some part-time work so that she could bear her expenses during her stint. On the day of the incident, she accompanied me to a meeting and on our way back, we went to my apartment in south Delhi along with my two other friends. We partied and then she was dropped home by a friend. The very next day she texted me and enquired about her lost earring. I do not what happened after that. On February 5, 2013 an FIR was lodged against me accusing me of raping her," he told MAIL TODAY.

The girl in her complaint at Hauz Khas police station stated that she was raped by the accused on January 30 at his brother's house, where they had stopped for some work while on their way back from a party.

She told the court, that the accused forced himself on her five times before he raped her.'

Woman Threatens to Cut Off Pro Basketball Player's Penis If He Ever Cheats

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So... don't even think about it! Iggy Azalea directly addressed her fiancé Nick Young's high-profile cheating scandal in an interview this past weekend, and threatened to take drastic measures against the NBA player if he was unfaithful to her.

The host of Wild 94.1's Orlando & The Freakshow explained to Azalea that there are two different kinds of basketball wives: those who spy on their superstar athlete husbands and those who are fine with their significant others sleeping with other women. Azalea quickly placed herself in the former category.

"No, I'm not cool with it," Azalea, 25, told the show. "Like, you'll have half a penis."
...
"I already said, 'One more video, just one more thing and you will lose a quarter of your meat,'" Azalea told Wild 94.1 on Friday. How the video was leaked remains unknown, but Azalea acknowledged that she didn't even know if it was true that Young had cheated. "Well, that's why he got to slide this time," she said. "I was like, 'Just let me get some real evidence, and you're gonna lose half an inch.'"'

Feminist Group Demands Amazon Remove Campaign Items For Candidate They Disagree With

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Story here. Excerpt:

'More than 13,000 Amazon customers are calling on Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos to 'Dump Trump,' signing a petition that requests Amazon stop carrying the GOP frontrunner's Donald J. Trump menswear collection.

A women's rights organization, UltraViolet, created the petition.

"As an Amazon customer, I am deeply disappointed that you have yet to sever your business relationship with Donald Trump," the letter reportedly states. "His hatred should have no place in the Amazon marketplace."

After discussing crime caused by illegal immigrants during his presidential announcement, Trump suffered backlash from several companies that broke business ties with the billionaire.

KCPQ notes that even if Amazon stopped carrying Trump's products, the retailer would still make a profit from other Trump campaign merchandise.

"A search for 'Trump' on Amazon's website yields more than 44,600 results. About 15% of the listings are Prime eligible," KCPQ reports. "A red baseball cap with Trump's campaign slogan — "Make America Great Again" — is the first result."'

UK: Woman Only Dates Married Men Because No Man Can Be Trusted

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"A mother-of-two has revealed she has chosen to only date married men - not to wreck marriages but because she feels no man can be trusted.

Jenny Hendle, 36, from Tunbridge Wells, Kent, is a serial dater with a difference - she refuses to give single guys the time of day.

Twice-divorced Jenny has already dated nine married men - and says she feels no guilt about seeing other women's husbands.

The bakery worker said: 'I believe there are no loyal and honest men, they don't exist. I have no interest in dating single men who will promise me the world then cheat on me.

'When I start to date a married man there is never any pretense of falling in love or long-term commitment."
...
She said: 'As a teenager I saw my dad persistently cheat on my mum. It was heartbreaking. We all knew it was happening and it broke my mum's heart.

'The confrontations it caused were awful. I grew up accepting that this is how men behave."

"Training" men to be better dads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If we want men to become better fathers, why not help them learn how they can be?

And why not do it before they fall into the very traps that produce countless bad fathers?

Those two concepts seem pretty logical, especially in a city like Jacksonville. But historically they are concepts that have rarely been embraced by many local programs that have been launched to foster better fatherhood in our community.

Too often these programs are only available to men after they've been in jail and released. Or they're offered only after men have become entwined in the court system for failing to provide child support.'

The Powerpuff Girls' Newest Villain Is a Terrifying..."Men's Rights" Activist

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Superpowers aside, the Powerpuff Girls are a lot more relatable than you think. They bicker just like you and your sisters do, and they also have to stand up to some pretty terrifying foes. No, we're not talking about evil, radioactive monkeys. We mean overgrown misogynists. Meet Townsville's newest villain. His name is, aptly, Manboy.

In the newest clip for the show, our tiny antagonist reveals that he has, "all the power of a man in the body of a boy." Sounds about right. Though his most impressive evil skill is the ability to grow a beard on command, that isn't quite a match for our girls. Nor should it be. If you had any doubts as to whether Blossom, Bubbles, and Buttercup could be feminist icons for a new age, please take a seat before they kick your butt, too.'

Milo Yiannopoulos lecture sparks controversy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Young Conservatives of Texas at Texas Tech and the Young Americans for Liberty have teamed up to host a Milo Yiannopoulos lecture from 7 to 8 p.m. today in the Red Raider Lounge in the Student Union Building.

Yiannopoulos is a man who has become known for his opinions on what some call controversial topics. Many people have become angered or offended by what he said both on Twitter and on Breitbart, a conservative news website Yiannopoulos writes for.

He is currently on a speaking tour called the “Dangerous Faggot Tour,” where he covers topics such as gay rights, feminism and conservatism.'

Equal Pay Day: What's really causing the gender wage gap, and how to fix it

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's that time of year again when gender activists claim women are discriminated against en masse by employers and paid less than men as a result. These activists will refer to this alleged discrimination as the gender wage gap.

There is a gap between men and women, but it is not a wage gap — it is an earnings gap. Working women earn less on average than working men, but it is not due to some widespread discrimination or the elusive, conniving patriarchy.

Rather, the gap is due to the different choices men and women make during their education years and careers. The current gap — estimating that women earn 79 cents to the dollar that men earn — is a two-cent improvement from when I first started writing about the topic two years ago. But the real issue is not what the number is, but the misleading methods by which it is derived. In order to calculate a 21-cent earnings gap, one must overlook that the average working woman works in a lower-paying field and works fewer hours each week than the average working man.'

Obama to designate a national monument in D.C. to honor women’s equality Tuesday

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Story here. Excerpt:

'President Obama will pay homage to women's equality Tuesday, designating the Sewall-Belmont House and Museum, a historic house in the District that has housed the National Woman's Party since 1929, as a national monument.

The site, to be named the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, honors both Alva Belmont, the National Woman's Party benefactor, and Alice Paul, who founded the party and served as its chief strategist. Obama will deliver remarks at the house, which served as the party's fifth headquarters and is on Capitol Hill, on Equal Pay Day, an annual commemoration that aims to highlight economic disparities between men and women. The date marks how many extra days a woman would have to work to make as much as a typical man would have made in the previous calendar year.'

Humanistic Judaism and Anti-Circumcision Intactivism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Humanistic Jewish movement is a quickly growing denomination in Judaism and the closest to Jewish Intactivism. The movement contains over 30,000 members and has over 50 active synagogues in the United States and Israel. There are a variety of active Humanistic Jewish journals and a group of thriving associations and communities connected to the movement. The focus of Jewish Humanism is on Judaic culture and society while embracing Humanistic ethics.

Most of the official Humanistic Jewish organizations do not distinguish between bris shalom (welcoming ceremony without circumcision) and hospital circucmcision, but there is a growing tendency to oppose circumcision altogether in favor of the new peaceful welcoming ceremonies. Humanistic Rabbis do not perform ceremonies in conjunction with circumcision. All Humanistic Jewish Rabbis officiate at peaceful welcoming and naming ceremonies such as Brit Shalom, Brit Chyam, and Brit B'lee Milah (covenant without cutting). Many Humanistic Rabbis are listed as celebrants of Brit Shalom and Brit B'lee Milah naming ceremonies that exclude circumcision.'

Man-Free Uber Alternative Hits The App Store This Month

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new women-only ride share app is launching in an effort to offer a safer transportation alternative for women.

Chariot for Women launches on April 19, and will work in the exact same way as GPS-based ride shares like Uber and Lyft — with one major difference: only women will be able to drive, and only women and children are able to be passengers.

The app was created by Michael and Kelly Pelletz, a married couple whose income depended on Michael's driving for Uber after the crumbling of his family business. According to the Chariot for Women website, as a driver, one experience left Michael particularly unsettled: He picked up a young man in his 20s, who he soon realized was seriously inebriated and who became somewhat aggressive. Michael nervously sought help from a police officer.

"How would a woman handle that situation, especially when I was so nervous myself?" Michael wrote.'

UK: Girls sentened to life for beating woman to death

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Story here. A rare case where the female discount was not applied in sentencing. Excerpt:

'But when he went to return them to her the next morning, the landlord found Wrightson dead — battered, bleeding and nude from the waist down.

Her killers, authorities said, were two of Wrightson's young friends.
...
The 15-year-old girls, who cannot be publicly named due to their age, were convicted in Wrightson's murder earlier this week after authorities said the pair beat her to death with items they found around her house: a shovel, a wooden stick filled with screws, a TV set.

The BBC reported that a mirror was smashed over the woman's face.

During an hours-long torture session, authorities said, the girls goofed around on social media — posting pictures to Snapchat — and left for a "time out" before they returned to finish the job, according to the Guardian.'

How America's sexual extremists took over the public square

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is, first of all, the way sexual assaults are being handled on college campuses. The increased focus on such assaults over the past few years may well be justified, but the overwhelmingly bureaucratic response favored by both universities themselves and the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights is not. If college administrators wanted to do a better job of protecting female students from various forms of sexual assault, especially rape, you might think they would do things like — oh, I don't know — crack down on Greek life, enforce the legal drinking age on campus, and make clear to students that all accusations of assault will be turned over to local law enforcement.

Instead, growing numbers of universities are choosing to fight sexual assault by establishing offices to oversee the creation and enforcement of regulations, under Title IX, covering every imaginable form of sexual or quasi-sexual conduct, ensuring that in all cases such conduct conforms to legalistic norms of consent. Thinking of coming up behind an attractive sophomore and planting a surprise kiss on the back of his neck? Think again. That kind of reckless behavior could carry consequences, including a sexual misconduct complaint.

The result is a supremely creepy combination of liberalism, Puritanism, and the infrastructure of a police state. In addition to stifling free speech and the free exchange of ideas on campus, such regulations go well beyond punishing bad behavior to require a transformation in the way people relate to one another at an individual level. Ruling common forms of flirtation and seduction out of bounds, they aim to remake romantic and sexual interactions on the model of contractual negotiations among business partners.'

Men Are Creepy, New Study Confirms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While researchers also asked about physical characteristics such as long fingers, greasy hair, "peculiar smiles," being too thin, and dressing weird, McAndrew says that physical characteristics alone do not a creep make. "If people have very unusual physical characteristics, that kind of magnifies any creepy vibes they're sending out," he says, "but there isn't any particular physical characteristic that we look at and say, 'Aha! A creep!'"
...
In recent years many-a thinkpiece has been written about "the politics of creep-shaming" after men's rights activists took issue with what they deemed a misandrist term. As McAndrew's study shows, however, there is some truth to the idea that all creeps are dudes. While there is no creep checklist, no set of behaviors that definitively marks one as "creepy" or "cool," over 95 percent of respondents said creepy people were more likely to be men than women. Women were also more likely to associate creepiness and sexual threat. While the study didn't differentiate between what men found creepy and what women found creepy, "women were more likely to think that the person had some sort of sexual interest in them," McAndrew says.'

Women and competition in the workplace

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Article here. What, it's not the evil Patriarchy doing it? Excerpt:

'Competing with female co-workers could be bad for business, especially if you're a woman.

A new study has found that women might be held back in the workplace because of competition from other women.

Women who take competition with female co-workers too seriously might actually be damaging their careers by causing rifts and isolating themselves from the rest of the office.

According to the study from researchers at University College London's School of Management, the effect may be driven by fundamental differences between male and female culture values.

Dr Sun Young Lee, an assistant professor at UCL, found women experience competition with co-workers of the same gender more negatively than men do because female peer culture values harmony and equality.'

Students' Open Letter Calls on Senate to End Dept of Education Overreach

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'Students around the country have signed an open letter calling on the U.S. Senate not to increase the budget of an Education Department Office that has been at the forefront of efforts to promote censorship, speech codes, and the whittling down of due process for students accused of sexual harassment.

The Senate is currently deliberating on whether or not to allocate additional funding to the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR). This is an office that has pressured colleges to adopt a range of disastrous policies, from stifling campus speech codes to poorly-disguised racial quotas in disciplinary policies.

Most notoriously, the OCR is responsible for the 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter, which threatened universities with the loss of federal funding if they did not accept responsibility for sexual assault on their campuses. This letter played a major role in the factually baseless panic over sexual abuse on campus, which led to students effectively losing their due process rights when accused of sexual assault or harassment.'

Male Student Urges Circuit to Revive His Bias Suit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male student who claims he was wrongly disciplined by Columbia University for a nonconsensual sexual encounter that he says was consensual should be allowed to sue school officials under federal anti-discrimination laws, his lawyer told the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit Tuesday.

Attorney Philip Byler said his client was the victim of an administration bowing to public pressure to stop sexual predators and believing that all misconduct allegations against male students are true.

He said his client "was made an example of for no other reason than political correctness."

Byler was asking the court to reverse a lower court's dismissal of his lawsuit, brought under Title IX, which bars colleges and universities that receive federal funds from discriminating based on gender.'

Military May Force Commanders To Interview More Women For Promotions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. military is considering a version of the NFL's "Rooney Rule" in order to achieve more diversity among its high-level officers, USA Today reports.

The NFL's "Rooney Rule" (named for Pittsburgh Steelers owner Dan Rooney) requires all teams to interview at least one minority candidate for senior positions such as head coach or general manager. The rule is credited with increasing the number of black head coaches in the NFL.

Now the military is considering going the same way, according to documents obtained by USA Today. Under the proposed rule, which has already been forwarded to Secretary of Defense Ash Carter for approval, the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps would all be required to consider minorities and women for positions such as aide-de-camp that often serve as a springboard to higher ranks. In recent years, the military has received negative attention for allegedly not doing enough to diversify its upper ranks. In the Air Force, for instance, less than 10 percent of general officers are non-white.'

Navy Secretary to Marines: Women in Combat Is Irreversible

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Four of the seven questions that Mabus took were about women in combat. Others were more interested in his thoughts on Iraq and the future size of the Marine Corps.

One questioner asked for his thoughts on drafting women. He said he supports the idea but it's a decision for Congress. Another wanted to know how quickly women would be fully integrated into combat jobs.

"I think it won't happen all in one day," Mabus said. "It'll be relatively gradual but the decision's been made."

Gunnery Sgt. Janet Marrufo, 31, said Mabus' simple message was effective.'

Adding men's varsity programs tougher, but not impossible, thanks to Title IX

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'Almost 60 percent of UNC's undergraduates are women, making the chances of adding another men's sport low because Title IX compels universities to create more opportunities for women, who are considered underrepresented, in order to achieve gender equality.

"Since our undergraduate student body is primarily women, men are already overrepresented for participation opportunities," said Barbara Osborne, a UNC exercise and sports science professor specializing in sports law. "Title IX is not measured on a sport by sport comparison. You're comparing all of the opportunities men have to participate against all of the opportunities women have."

While it would be difficult for UNC to add another men's sport, athletic departments at other universities have chosen to goes as far as cutting money for men's sports in order to make funding more proportional between men's and women's athletics.'

Men’s Rights Group Says Facing Discrimination in Lawsuit Against Student Union

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Toronto men's rights group at Ryerson University is suing the student union for allegedly discriminating against the group's right to free speech.

First reported by The Eyeopener, the lawsuit was launched by the Ryerson Men's Issues Awareness Society (MIAS) founder Kevin Arriola and social media coordinator Alex Godlewski last week. It cites how the Ryerson Student Union (RSU) denied legitimacy to the men's right group as reason for concern, and it also asks that the university give the group official status on campus.

"As members and executives of MIAS and students of Ryerson University, we feel excluded from the Ryerson community. The allegations levelled against us by RSU have caused us to be ostracized by fellow students and have sabotaged our confidence and desire to engage with our fellow students," an affidavit from Arriola reads.

"We feel marginalized and discriminated against by RSU simply because we want to host discussions about issues affecting men and boys."

The Ryerson Men's Issues Awareness Society (MIAS) has been embroiled in a battle for recognition and approval as a legitimate student group by the university's student union since being rejected as group last October. MIAS filed an appeal to be reexamined, but was rejected again in January.'

Woman charged with filing a false rape report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman has been charged in Great Falls after she allegedly filed a false rape report because she was angry at her boyfriend.

According to court documents, Jennifer Rima True claimed that on March 9 she had gotten out of her boyfriend's vehicle near the Frontier Inn and when her boyfriend left two men pulled up in another vehicle and tried to "pick her up."

She said that she then ran across the railroad tracks and fell and hit her head, and the men tried to force prescription pills into her mouth.

She claimed that one of them had a knife and cut her numerous times. She also said that her purse, which contained her prescription medicine, was stolen.'

Harvard Social Clubs Reject Women

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'Members of the oldest all-male club at Harvard have almost never spoken publicly about the organization since its founding in 1791. This week, that silence was broken when an official with the group, the Porcellian Club, said that admitting women could increase the chances of sexual misconduct.

“Forcing single-gender organizations to accept members of the opposite sex could potentially increase, not decrease, the potential for sexual misconduct,” Charles M. Storey, the president of the club’s alumni group, wrote on Tuesday in a letter to The Harvard Crimson, the student newspaper.

As news of the comments, which came in the midst of an effort at Harvard to prevent sexual assault, spread around campus on Wednesday, so did criticism and satire, including an article titled “Club of Wealthy White Men Comes Out in Support of Status Quo.”'

Feds Fuel Anti-Sex Inquisition on Campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male student scored a major victory in his lawsuit against the University of Southern California, which kicked him off campus for a remarkable non-crime: failing to de-escalate an orgy. This was a crazy case, and the decision in his favor impugns not just USC, but the federal government's entire strategy to combat rape by making colleges deal with it.

Over the past five years, the Obama administration's Education Department has instructed universities to take sexual harassment and violence more seriously as part of their obligation to obey Title IX, a little-known gender equality law. While that all may sound like a good thing, the policies universities have been forced to put in place are shockingly illiberal, leading to routine violations of students' due process rights, their right to free expression, and even their right to sleep together.

The student who filed the lawsuit against USC—"John Doe"—was suspended for allegedly sexually assaulting a female victim, Jane. He denies the assault took place. That's hardly surprising. But what's notable about this case is that Jane actually agreed. She consistently described their sex as consensual in interviews with USC investigators.'

Jackson Katz addresses sexual assault on college campuses

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'Jackson Katz, educator, filmmaker and creator of the gender violence prevention program, Mentors in Violence Prevention, spoke to students about gender violence in society Thursday evening at the University of Wisconsin Chemistry Building.

In the talk called “The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help,” Katz discussed many topics such as a man’s role in gender violence, the use of language when addressing gender and the role of bystanders and media in gender violence.
...
Katz first focused on sexual assault as a problem for men and women in society. He said men’s lives have been vastly improved by the leadership of women. Gender violence also affects men who have experienced domestic violence when they were young, which then perpetuates a cycle of abuse, Katz said.

Katz said the language society uses when talking about assault is important in the victim-blaming phenomenon today. Language like “alleged victim” and “accuser” puts the fault of sexual assault on the victim and not the perpetrator, Katz said.'

Wikipedia on Katz here.

Women-only car services fill niche, but legal?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ride-hailing companies catering exclusively to women are cropping up and raising thorny legal questions, namely: Are they discriminatory?

In Massachusetts, Chariot for Women is promising to launch a service featuring female drivers picking up only women and children. Drivers will even have to say a “safe word” before a ride starts.

Michael Pelletz, a former Uber driver, said he started the company with his wife, Kelly, in response to instances of drivers for ride-hailing services charged with assaulting female passengers.

He believes their business plan is legal, and he’s prepared to make his case in court, if it comes to that. The couple had planned an April 19 launch but now say they’re pushing it back to the summer to make sure their app can handle demand they say has exceeded expectations.

“We believe that giving women and their loved ones peace of mind is not only a public policy imperative but serves an essential social interest,” Pelletz said. “Our service is intended to protect these fundamental liberties.”'

Police: High school teacher had sex with student during fiancé's bachelor party

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'A Wisconsin high school teacher allegedly had sex with a student on the night of her fiancé's bachelor party, according to a news report.

Sara Domres — a 28-year-old former teacher at New Berlin West High School — has been charged with two counts of sexual assault of a student by school staff, Waukesha County court records show.

Domres pleaded not guilty to the felony charges on Friday, according to court records.

The teacher has been charged in two incidents in March 2015 and October 2015, court records show.

News station WISN reports that the male student, 16 at the time of the incident, told police that he and Domres had sex at least 10 times.

The pair had sex several times in a parking lot and a motel during a period in which Domres and her now-husband were planning their wedding, according to the news station.

On one occasion, Domres had sex with the teenager while her then-fiancé was at his bachelor party, the news station reported.'

It’s Time To Defund The Out-Of-Control War On Due Process For College Students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Since 2011, the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights has blatantly violated college students’ rights to free speech and due process. Congress has done nothing to fix this abuse of power. Its members are, in fact, currently entertaining President Barack Obama’s proposal to increase OCR’s budget by $137.7 million of funding for the 2017 fiscal year.

When do we, as students, say enough is enough?

The Education Department’s Office for Civil Rights is responsible for enforcing Title IX at federally-funded colleges and universities. Title IX is a federal statute that prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender in educational programs that receive federal funds. The Office for Civil Rights has authority over almost all of the nation’s colleges and universities because almost all of them receive federal funds for their educational operations.

The Office for Civil Rights often gives schools guidance on how to maintain compliance with Title IX’s mandates. In years past, such guidance properly balanced prohibiting acts of harassment with protecting the free speech and due process rights of students. In 2001, for example, the office’s guidance adhered to the Supreme Court’s legal definition of sexual harassment. In an effort to defend students’ rights to due process, the 2001 guidance also granted schools the ability to develop their own specialized procedures for handling sexual misconduct disciplinary hearings. The 2003 guidance explicitly separated Title IX enforcement policies from protected speech.'

Feds Fuel Anti-Sex Inquisition On Campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male student scored a major victory in his lawsuit against the University of Southern California, which kicked him off campus for a remarkable non-crime: failing to de-escalate an orgy. This was a crazy case, and the decision in his favor impugns not just USC, but the federal government's entire strategy to combat rape by making colleges deal with it.

Over the past five years, the Obama administration's Education Department has instructed universities to take sexual harassment and violence more seriously as part of their obligation to obey Title IX, a little-known gender equality law. While that all may sound like a good thing, the policies universities have been forced to put in place are shockingly illiberal, leading to routine violations of students' due process rights, their right to free expression, and even their right to sleep together.

The student who filed the lawsuit against USC—"John Doe"—was suspended for allegedly sexually assaulting a female victim, Jane. He denies the assault took place. That's hardly surprising. But what's notable about this case is that Jane actually agreed. She consistently described their sex as consensual in interviews with USC investigators.'

Police: Mother leaves infant in hot car for strip club audition, 2 arrested

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two women face charges after an infant was left in a hot car outside of a strip club in Tennessee as the child's mother was onstage for an audition, according to multiple reports.

Kelsey McMurtry, 24, was auditioning at Deja Vu Showgirls in downtown Nashville while her daughter sat outside in a car with the windows rolled up around 4 p.m. Thursday, police told WKRN. Passersby noticed the girl and called authorities.

In a warrant, officials said it was 72 degrees outside when officers arrived and temperatures inside the car had likely topped 100 degrees. The girl was wearing a heavy coat and drenched with sweat, WKRN reported. Witnesses estimated she spent at least 30 minutes in the car.

She was taken to a hospital for treatment, where the Tennessee Department of Children's Services responded to care for her.

At the scene an officer spoke with McMurtry's friend, 19-year-old Summer Taylor, who said she had an eye on the child while her mother auditioned, according to WSMV. However, witnesses told police she never left the strip club in the 30 minutes the child was outside.'

Restaurant Acknowledges Pay Gap By Charging Women Only 79% of Their Bills

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'April 14 is Equal Pay Day — a day devoted to raising awareness of the pay gap between men and women — and one restaurant is making efforts to narrow the disparity. In response to the troubling statistic that women earn just 79 cents to every dollar a man earns, a New Hampshire restaurant called The Works is only charging women 79 cents to the dollar, or 79% of their total bills. (Men will pay full price.)

New Hampshire Public Radio reports that women who visit the chain's locations in Concord, Keene, Portsmouth and Durham today will receive this cheeky 21% discount.

"It's been a problem that's been around for a really long time, decades I would say," Don Brueggemann, manager of The Works in Concord, told NHPR. "And I think many of us thought it would kind of work itself out but it has been very persistent over the years. We're feeling like this is a way to highlight that issue."'

College Paper Ad Warns Prospective Students That Rape Could Be Part Of The Price Of Admission

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A print ad appearing in Harvard University's student newspaper on Saturday has a controversial message for students: The trauma of trying to get school administrators to take sexual assault seriously is becoming a routine part of the collegiate experience.

The ad buy is timed to coincide with the school's accepted students weekend, when many high school seniors who are considering attending Harvard in the fall visit the campus. Styled like an acceptance letter that lets a prospective student know they've been admitted, the ad makes the case that sexual assault may be one of the college memories in store for them.

"We know that you will make lifelong friends and memories here on campus," the mock letter reads. "We're sorry that one of these memories will include being raped by someone you thought you could trust… The claims you will make against your rapist will be ignored, much like your right to feel safe at school."'

Florida Governor vetoes alimony reform bill that would have helped families and small business

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'Siding with a minority of liberal Democrats, Florida Governor Rick Scott (R) yesterday vetoed alimony-reform legislation that Florida's GOP-controlled legislature had passed by a margin of nearly two-to-one, even though it was supported by 70% of Floridians. Scott's veto was unfair, anti-family, and anti-small-business. But it thrilled some wealthy divorce lawyers, who hired high-paid "lobbyists with close ties to Scott" to lobby him to kill the bill.

Scott vetoed the bill even though sponsors of the legislation removed the very provision in it that led Scott to veto an earlier version of the bill in 2013 (the fact that it would have applied to pre-existing alimony awards, rather than just those set in the future). The bill would have "eliminated permanent alimony," replacing it with a more nuanced "formula, based on the length of marriage and the combined incomes of both spouses, for judges to use when setting alimony payments."

Under existing Florida law, people can be forced to pay alimony even when they are blameless and their adulterous ex-spouse has moved in with a lover. For example, in Baxter v. Baxter (1998), the wife "fell in love with a woman friend and moved with her to a mountain top in Puerto Rico. Although the wife's friend ha[d] an income of over $100,000 a year," the wife sought and obtained "$860 per month" in alimony. In Heilman v. Heilman (1992), the state appeals court reversed the denial of an adulterous wife's request for alimony after she moved in with her lover, rejecting the argument that "the family's emotional devastation at the news of the extra-marital affair" weighed against alimony. No innocent spouse should be forced to pay permanent alimony in such circumstances.'

SAVE: Colleges Grapple with Wave of Sexual Assault Lawsuits

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'Following a recent California ruling in favor of a student accused of sexual misconduct, state lawmakers and college administrators are beginning to consider the budgetary implications of these claims. On April 5 the California Second Appellate District Superior Court overturned a University of Southern California decision that found a male student responsible because he allegedly “encouraged or permitted” other students to slap a female student on her buttocks. The Superior Court explained, “it is not too heavy a burden to require that students facing disciplinary action be informed of the factual basis for the charges against them."

The University of Southern California decision is the eighth ruling in 2016 in which a court found in favor of a student accused of sexual assault. The other rulings involved lawsuits against Brandeis University, Brown University, Cornell University, George Mason University, Indiana University, James Madison University, and Pennsylvania State University.'

CNN Commentator on Hillary's High Unfavorables: 'A Lot of This is Sexism'

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'CNN political commentator and NY1 host Errol Louis said during a Monday morning discussion that the reason Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton has such high unfavorability numbers in most polls was because of unconscious sexism on the part of respondents.

New Day host Chris Cuomo asked Louis about a recent Wall Street Journal/NBC poll that found that even among Democrats, Clinton had a 56% unfavorable rating. "Let me suggest, because some of her strategists have said this kind of quietly, it's not really a big thing on this campaign trail: a lot of this is sexism," he responded

"It's buried so deep that people just say, 'I don't trust her, she doesn't keep her word,'" he said. "And then you turn it around and say, 'What politician does?""'

Sen. Kristen Gillibrand: "I'm making everything a woman's issue"

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Article here.

'Sen. Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY) told Politico's Glenn Thrush that the debate over gun control should be reframed as a "women's issue" and that "nothing in this debate has to do with the Second Amendment rights."

"This debate is relegated to the men. It's about hunting? It has nothing to do with hunting," she said on Thrush's Off Message podcast released Monday. "Nothing in this debate has to do with hunting, and nothing in this debate has to do with the Second Amendment rights. Nothing. … I think — I see the world in the lens of women's issues. I'm making everything a woman's issue. I want guns to be a woman's issue."

Gillibrand is supporting Hillary Clinton, who has been hitting Bernie Sanders for his record on guns. Sanders, she said, "doesn't have the sensitivity he needs to the horror that is happening in these families. I just don't think he's fully getting how horrible it is for these families [affected by gun violence.]"

Misleading Viral Ad Campaign Tells College Students: Prepare to Be Raped

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Are you a high school senior, recently admitted to the college of your choice? Congratulations, you are about to be raped. Probably.

That's according to a new viral awareness campaign launched by members of the creative team behind The Hunting Ground. That film, like the new, short videos, relies on misleading statistics and thinly-veiled junk science to create a public panic about sexual assault on campuses.

This new ad campaign is, if anything, even more alarmist. The videos, "Unacceptable Acceptance Letters," show high school students joyously reading college admissions letters. Eventually, the letters turn to the subject of rape, and matter-of-factly inform students there is a good chance they will be abused. Prettybird, the production company behind the videos, also purchased ad space in The Harvard Crimson. ...'

‘No Men Beyond This Point’ Imagines A World Without Dudes & Somehow, It Looks Pretty Bad

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'We’re all for a good misandry joke, but No Men Beyond This Point looks like a “Funny or Die” video stretched into 80 minutes. Sony just released the trailer for this sci-fi-ish mockumentary, which premiered at the prestigious Toronto Film Festival last year, and it’s somewhat dire. In the film, 37-year-old Andrew Myers (Patrick Gilmore) is the protagonist; he’s the youngest dude in the world, as well as the housekeeper for an all-female family.

The trailer itself doesn’t give away much of the narrative; for that, we had to turn to the official TIFF guide, which actually makes the movie sound slightly more interesting. Women have evolved to reproduce asexually, and a new world order is in place that outlaws sex (between men and woman, obvs) and sends men off to so-called sanctuaries. When Andrew starts hooking up with one of the women he nannies for, it wreaks havoc on the household and could spell trouble for the female-only future.'

No Men Beyond This Point - OFFICIAL TRAILER

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand: Bernie Sanders Not Qualified for Gun Control Advocacy Because He's a Man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gillibrand wants the debate over gun control to be refashioned into a "women's issue," instead of a complicated dispute related to hunting or the Second Amendment.
...
She suggests Sanders' maleness prevents him from relating to mothers who have lost loved ones to gun crime. She also states that he "doesn't have the sensitivity he needs to the horror that is happening in these families," adding, "I just don't think he's fully getting how horrible it is for these families."'

In Marines' new fitness plan, pullups for women won't be mandatory

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'Marine leaders have proposed a new physical fitness test that would still allow women to do the flexed-arm hang — but they're not likely to earn a first-class score without pullups.

A new plan for the PFT would require most women to do between eight and 10 pullups to net a max score on that portion of the test.

The potential change is in response to a fitness review ordered by Commandant Gen. Robert Neller. Marine leaders found that “some current [fitness] standards are either not relevant, not challenging or not attainable,” according to a briefing obtained by Marine Corps Times. The plan was presented to Marine leaders last week.'

India: Five years of pain: Man acquitted of molestation charges narrates ordeal

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'A molestation case that dragged on for five years took a toll on Percy Joseph's life, and the lives of his family members. On Friday, finally, it turned out that the case was a false one.

The Thodupuzha First Class Magistrate Court in Idukki district acquitted Percy, Chief Manager of Union Bank's Hyderabad branch, of all charges filed against him in a case that dated back to 2011. A woman named Prameela Biju had accused him of molesting her when he was a manager with Union Bank.

In the order, judge Jomon John said: "The accused was taken into custody by the police even before an FIR was registered against him. Later, police fabricated a story against him and subsequently registered the arrest. The prosecution's case appears to be false and fabricated. The evidence of the victim is highly unreliable and unbelievable."

Prameela Biju, who was a "woman civil police officer, according to court documents, visited Percy to talk about a loan for a two-wheeler.'

To Prevent Spike In Domestic Violence Around Soccer Game, Scottish Police Remove Abusers From Homes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last weekend, police in Scotland prepared for the Old Firm soccer match between Glasgow football clubs Celtic and Rangers in an unusual way — by removing serial domestic abusers, who were potentially a risk to their partners, from their homes. Officials described the plan as a preventative effort aimed at reducing the spikes of domestic violence that have been associated with Old Firm games in the past.

Due to increased alcohol consumption, strong emotions, and at-home viewing, there is often a direct correlation between major sporting events and an increase in violence against women. This has been particularly true in the intense Old Firm rivalry.

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"Those being targeted could be awaiting trial for assault or have been released from prison on licence with strict conditions attached. Any breach could mean a return behind bars.

Officers aim to detain potential abusers from tomorrow, when they can be held over the weekend before appearing in court or being returned to prison. Warnings are also being issued to discourage other serial abusers from lashing out."'

Woman faces 3 domestic violence counts

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A 44-year-old Clemont woman was charged with three counts of domestic violence for allegedly attacking her boyfriend, her teen daughter and her boyfriend's mother on Saturday, the Lake County Sheriff's Office said.

Dawn Marie Colucci remained jailed Tuesday in lieu of a $10,000 bond.

The boyfriend said he and Colucci had been arguing for two days at their home on Pink Grapefruit Trail when he told her to leave and take their 12- and 15-year-old daughters with her. She then reportedly scratched his face, hit the 12-year-old in the face for refusing to give up her cell phone and pushed her boyfriend's mother when she tried to get involved.'

Singapore appeal on sex assault acquittal due to 'men only law'

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'Singapore state prosecutors on Monday appealed against a high court decision acquitting a woman of sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl because the law applied only to men, citing public interest.

Zunika Ahmad, 40, a woman who lives as a man, was acquitted last week of six counts of sexual assault despite pleading guilty to the charges, sparking strong reaction from women's and gay rights activists.

Judge Kan Ting Chiu said he threw out the guilty plea and acquitted Zunika because the law on which the charges were based relates only to men with a penis.'

Watch 'Today' segment on how Fitbit helped expose woman's false rape claim in Lancaster County

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman's false rape report in Lancaster County recently made national news in a segment on NBC's Today morning show explaining how investigators used technology to discredit the claim.

The segment featuring Lancaster County District Attorney Craig Stedman and East Lampeter Township police Detective Chris Jones aired Tuesday morning to explain how a Fitbit wearable fitness device helped prove Jeannine Risley fabricated a rape claim last year.

"It sealed the deal for us," Stedman tells Today's investigative correspondent,Jeff Rossen, noting the inconsistencies in other evidence.'

'Bones' Season 11, Episode 12 Spoilers: Brennan Loses Her Cool In 'The Murder Of The Meninist'

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'Dr. Temperance Brennan (Emily Deschanel) is, arguably, the most calm and cool person on this planet. She uses science and rational thinking to make decisions, whether it's in her professional or personal life. However, the upcoming "Bones" episode is going to see this character lose her cool and assault a political activist.
...
According to the episode's synopsis (via SpoilersGuide), the Jeffersonian investigates a murder when a body is found in a car crash. This body belongs to a founder of a men's rights organization who may have been the victim of domestic abuse.

In order to conduct this investigation, Brennan must learn about the tenets of the victim's organization. She learns that the organization's members believe that middle-aged white men are oppressed in society and that feminists are, essentially, man-haters. This certainly does not go down well with Brennan. In fact, she loses her cool during an interrogation and assaults the organization's co-founder.'

Female student realized her gender privilege ‘once I took off my feminist blinders’

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'If women are really treated as badly in America as feminists say they are, why do they seem so... privileged?

That’s the question posed by Toni Airaksinen, a student at women’s college Barnard, which is affiliated with Columbia University.

Airaksinen writes in Quillette, a magazine that promotes “free thought,” that her Barnard peers often “display conspiratorial glee when they make fun of and delegitimize men’s issues” such as academic underachievement, to say nothing of male-heavy psychological problems and social ills.

She was “seduced by feminist ideology” when she started taking women’s studies classes, but “real life taught me” that men suffer more than women in many ways – much higher rates of suicide, schizophrenia, autism and alcoholism, not to mention incarceration:'

Female Student Said, 'I'm Fine and I Wasn't Raped.' University Investigated, Expelled Boyfriend Anyway

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Colorado State University-Pueblo suspended a male athlete for years after he was found responsible for sexually assaulting a female trainer. But the trainer never accused him of wrongdoing, and said repeatedly that their relationship was consensual. She even stated, unambiguously, "I'm fine and I wasn't raped."

That's according to the athlete's lawsuit against CSUP, which persuasively argues that the university not only deprived him of fundamental due process rights, but also denied sexual agency to an adult woman. Taken at face value, this case appears to represent one of the most paternalistic, puritanically anti-sex witch hunts ever reported on a college campus.

But that's not the only reason this case is interesting. The student-athlete, Grant Neal, has named the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights as a co-defendant. OCR's Title IX guidance to universities "encourages male gender bias and violation of due process right during sexual misconduct investigations," according to a statement from Neal's legal team.'

Wrongfully accused student sues Obama administration

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Press release here. Excerpt:

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IN FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND LAWSUIT, STUDENT ATHLETE WRONGFULLY ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT SUES OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AND CSU PUEBLO FOR VIOLATING TITLE IX GENDER DISCRIMINATION LAW

PUEBLO, CO— Grant Neal, a prominent student athlete at Colorado State University Pueblo (CSU Pueblo), has filed a first-of-its-kind lawsuit against the Obama Administration's Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (OCR) and CSU Pueblo for violation of Title IX in a wrongful sexual assault investigation. Neal is being represented by Andrew T. Miltenberg, one of the nation's preeminent attorneys specializing in campus assault due process.

The complaint states that in October of 2015, Grant Neal, a talented football player with a 3.67 GPA, was wrongfully accused of non-consensual sexual contact and suspended from school following a rejected appeal. His accuser is not the alleged victim, but a friend of the alleged victim who presented a second-hand account of an incident between two consenting adults to the athletic training director, who then presented this account to the Title IX director at CSU Pueblo. In the lawsuit, the plaintiff contends that CSU's wrongful investigation was caused by a directive of the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), which encourages male gender bias and violation of due process rights during sexual misconduct investigations.'

Feminists: Coming soon to a bill in your wallet

Matt · 20 April 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Harriett Tubman, fine. But keep reading:

'Lew is expected to roll out a set of changes that also include putting leaders of the women's suffrage movement on the back of the $10 bill, and incorporating civil rights era leaders and other important moments in American history into the $5 bill. Also, Jackson isn't getting completely booted off the $20 bill. He's likely to remain on the back.'

Given the unabashed racism and for some suffragettes, their female supremacy beliefs, I think the idea of putting early suffragettes on a bill around the same time Tubman gets placed on one is enough to make her spin in her grave.

Can't beat these times we live in.

Yiannopoulos causes campus controversy with lecture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Milo Yiannopoulos, British technology journalist and entrepreneur, spoke in Laurie Auditorium last Sunday on microaggressions. The lecture was organized by Tigers for Liberty. In a response to a March 22 discussion regarding microaggressions organized by the Trinity Progressives, the Black Student Union and the Trinity Diversity Connection.

Manfred Wendt, the president of Tigers for Liberty, said the event was meant to encourage free speech on campus.

“We want Trinity to be a free marketplace of ideas, where contentious topics can be discussed intellectually and civilly. While not everyone at Trinity or everyone in Tigers for Liberty may agree with what the speaker has to say— it is important that we address these ideas head on in the pursuit of truth,” Wendt said.

In his lecture, Yiannopoulos said that microaggressions are good news for Americans.

“The idea is that you could be racist without even knowing it. It’s completely bullocks. Microaggressions [are] good news. The fact that the left has had to come up with microaggressions—these tiny things that you do [that] might be sending signals that you’re racist, sexist or homophobic—this a symbol that racism, sexism and homophobia [are] gone,” Yiannopoulos said. “If you have to look that hard for it, then it ain’t around anymore.”'

I Was Falsely Accused Of Rape: ‘Victim-Centered Investigations’ Are A Travesty Of Justice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I was in the middle of my summer class when my phone went off around 11:40 am on Thursday, July 18th, 2013. It was my ex-girlfriend. As I answered, I heard her voice insisting that I admit to perpetrating an incident of sexual misconduct against her. I was puzzled by her request and did not know how to respond.

A few minutes later I received a call from Darrin DeCoster, a Fairfax County, Virginia detective, who revealed the phone call was being recorded. Ordering me to not hang up, he threatened to arrest me on a “slew” of charges if I did not cooperate. As a 20-year-old in college, I was scared beyond imagination.

I was instructed to appear for an interview the next day at the Fairfax County Police Station. Since I was completely innocent, what did I have to fear? I assumed the police would conduct an unbiased investigation of the matter. That was before I heard about “victim-centered” investigations.

The interrogation consisted of repeated attempts to get me to confess to something that I had supposedly done. The detective hinted that the charge had something to do with sexual assault, but he refused to tell me any details. He said that he could work out a deal with me and convince the district attorney to reduce the punishment.'

Malecare.org: Two new support groups available

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Everyone is loving our new online advanced and newly diagnosed prostate cancer support groups. They're useful online sources of information. It's easy to use and can be totally anonymous, if you wish. Please join.

There are two groups..you can join one or both.

The advanced prostate cancer group at: https://healthunlocked.com/advanced-prostate-cancer

and the more general prostate cancer group for newly diagnosed and general information: https://healthunlocked.com/prostate-cancer-community

Here are some unique feature of our new online prostate cancer support platform.

* You can delete any or all of your information, permanently, at any time
* Direct message to other members
* Post your photo's with ease
* Member profiles (up to you how much info you want to include)
* Connect with other members in person (up to you)
* Start your own local support meet-ups
* Connect globally about treatments locally
* Follow all posts or just the ones you are interested in.
* No more endlessly long emails containing copies of other people's emails
* BETTER SEARCH of past topics and emails.
* Easy to read and post on mobile phones and tablets

Please feel encouraged to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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Pro vs con: Ryerson students debate validity of men's issues groups on campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'They say that freedom of expression is dead on campus, and we've witnessed it first-hand.

We're trying to seek justice, as we believe it is our right to contribute to the campus culture, and our responsibility to talk about men's issues.

This is larger than our group.

Today, boys are failing in school and literacy rates are dropping. Men are committing suicide at disproportionate rates, dissuaded by the lack of support available to them. Other issues that often affect men and boys include homelessness, workplace injuries and death, lack of parental rights, and the increase in children being raised without fathers. Why is our attempt to explore these valid issues met with such hostility?

Our group started as a response to the lack of attention that these issues garner, from society and from institutions like Ryerson. We wanted to create a safe environment for open and honest discussion of men's issues, but our student union has succeeded in silencing our voices, under the pretense that we are creating an unsafe environment for women on campus. We believe that actions speak louder than words, and our actions have done nothing to justify these claims.'

Has the federal government ever had sex?

Matt · 21 April 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The act of sex is not illegal. But if two members of the American Law Institute have their way, it will be — unless you follow their rules.

Law professors Stephen J. Schulhofer and Erin Murphy are trying to update the criminal code when it comes to sex offenses, believing current definitions of rape and sexual assault are antiquated. The focus of their draft is on what constitutes consent. It adopts the "yes means yes," or "affirmative consent" model that was passed in California last year.

The California law applies only to college campuses, however. Schulhofer and Murphy aim to take that definition of consent — which says that before every escalation of a sexual encounter, clear and convincing consent must be given — to the state or federal level. No one actually has sex this way, requesting permission and having it granted perhaps a dozen times in a single encounter.'

Transgender Marijuana Farmer: Cis Males ‘Don’t Show The Plant Respect’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s 2016, folks. Why are white heterosexual cis men still allowed to grow weed? I mean, come on.

That’s just a few steps away from the opinion of Zooey Zachrow, a male-to-female transgender and marijuana farmer discovered by Mitchell Sunderland of Vice. Zachrow told Sunderland that cisgender men who ran weed dispensaries “didn’t treat the plant with respect” — hence the decision to start her own business.

“[Weed] saved my life,” she says. “I absolutely wouldn’t have survived the years [after the army] without cannabis.” Because of her religious upbringing, she feared telling her mom about her new friend. One day, she sat her mom down to tell her she was coming out of the “cannabis closet.” Zachow says her mom started crying. “Whatever you’re doing, it works,” Zachow recalls her mom saying. She had seen pot calm Zachow, and she was happy she had found something to help treat the PTSD.

Weed also helped Zachow go through her gender and sexual awakening. “Cannabis is a countercultural thing,” she says. First, she came out as bisexual. She struggled to afford cannabis, so she started volunteering at dispensaries to get the drug for free. But she hated the “cis white men” who ran the businesses. “They didn’t show the plant respect,” she says.'

Ehrhart vs. Dept. of Education

Matt · 22 April 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Georgia state Rep. Earl Ehrhart and Mrs. Ehrhart have sued the US Dept. of Education over the infamous 2011 Dear Colleague letter. The lawsuit is available from the SAVE site here. Excerpt:

'The Dear Colleague Letter has aggressively dictated how colleges and universities handle sexual assault and sexual harassment on campus, by laying out specific requirements that schools must adopt and utilize, causing schools to brand more students “rapists” based on the excessively low “preponderance of the evidence” standard (equating to a mere 50.01% probability that the alleged misconduct occurred) as opposed to the “clear and convincing evidence” standard traditionally used in college disciplinary hearings, allowing accusers to appeal not guilty findings by disciplinary panels, and preventing accused students from challenging their accusers, even in cases in which the only witness is the complainant, out of concern that cross-examination “may be traumatic or intimidating” to the “victim,” all of which violate an accused student’s fundamental rights to due process.'

Georgia Lawmaker Targets Guidelines on Campus Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Georgia state lawmaker and his wife have filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Education and its Office for Civil Rights, alleging that it is trying to "micromanage student sex lives" with its regulations on how colleges and universities should handle allegations of sexual assault and harassment.

The lawsuit filed by State Rep. Earl Ehrhart and his wife, Virginia, on Thursday claims that a 2011 letter the department's civil rights arm sent to schools has effectively imposed binding regulations without going through the necessary administrative procedures.

The letter was meant to help schools understand their obligations under federal law to prevent and respond to sexual violence. Instead, it has imposed burdensome requirements on schools that accept federal funding "in what is essentially an attempt to micromanage student sex lives," the lawsuit says.'

Op-Ed: Absurdity reigns in campus sexual assault trials

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's an old legal adage that good facts make good law, and bad facts make bad law. In the case of campus sexual assault, it may be that absurd facts will — eventually — make good law too.

About five years ago, the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights issued a letter that would change the face of campus sexual misconduct proceedings at colleges across the country.

The letter directed university administrators to judge allegations according to the lowest burden of proof available: the preponderance of the evidence, a mere 50.01% certainty that whatever the accuser claimed actually happened. It also highly discouraged cross-examinations, suggesting they might violate federal anti-discrimination law.'

Miranda Devine: Stop telling boys to act like girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'IN this era of women-only parking, women-only trains, women-only apartments and transgender bathrooms, it seems the only acceptable man is a man who wants to be a woman.

The job of pathologising masculinity continues apace.

There's the government's new domestic violence campaign which portrays little boys as aggressive misogynists.

There's the undergraduate newspaper Honi Soit, which claims that rugby teams at private boys' schools foster a "rape culture".

Or what about the Sydney preschool which bans four-year-old boys from dressing up as Batman for fear superhero costumes will make them "violent"?

Yes, the only way men can find forgiveness for their dark, brute natures is to denounce other men, or otherwise to swap sexes, a la Caitlyn Jenner.'

‘He did it because he likes you’: Confronting ad addresses domestic violence at the start

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'WE OPEN on a young girl at a family gathering. A young boy, aged 10, rushes past with two friends — the girl follows.

As he walks through a doorway with two other young boys, he lets them pass through first before slamming it closed on the girl behind him, spilling her food.

Through a window in the door we see the boy smile cheekily. This girl’s mother helps her pick up her plate and consoles her.

“You’re OK, he just did it cause he likes you,” mum says.

This is the opening scene of the first video advertisement in the government’s new media blitz to combat disrespect towards women.

The one minute clip shows a series of scenes demonstrating accepted and casual sexist behaviour.

In one scene a boy’s father is seen to shout to his son not to “throw like a girl”. In another a trio of male teens snigger at a photo they take of a woman’s breasts.

The hard to watch ad ends with the same 10-year-old boy from the first scene as a grown man committing full blown domestic assault.'

Connecticut cops to walk a mile in red stilettos for domestic violence awareness

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'Six Connecticut police departments will “Walk A Mile In Her Shoes” on April 30 to bring awareness to domestic violence.

Event chairman and Fairfield Police Chief Gary MacNamara joined affiliate News 8’s Stephanie Simoni wearing high heels on their morning show. He plans to walk a mile in red peep-toe stilettos.

MacNamara says even though many women have brought awareness to the domestic, it’s important men also lead the conversation and be responsible role model for young boys.'

Preferring to watch men’s sports over women’s is indicative of a ‘societal, cultural bias’

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'If you’re a sports fan (like me) who likes to watch the very best athletes engaged in the highest level of competition, then Daniela Brighenti’s recent article in the Yale Daily News won’t make a lot of sense to you.

Desiring to watch the best sporting events, you see, is merely a “societal (and cultural) bias” against women.'

Justice Department demands censorship at the University of New Mexico

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On April 22, the Justice Department ordered the University of New Mexico adopt an unconstitutional speech code. It is demanding that the University label as “sexual harassment” all “unwelcome” sexual conduct, including “verbal” conduct (that is, speech). The university must encourage students to report it as such; and investigate it when it is reported.

Thus, if a student is offended by a professor’s comment in a lecture about how AIDS is transmitted through anal sex, or by another student’s sexual joke, it would be deemed “sexual harassment.” So would politely asking a student out on a date, if that offends her. This definition of “sexual harassment” as including any “unwelcome” sexual speech is vastly broader than the definitions struck down as unconstitutionally overbroad by the federal appeals court rulings in DeJohn v. Temple University (2008) and Saxe v. State College Area School District (2001). Those decisions ruled that even unwelcome, “hostile or offensive” speech about sexual issues is generally protected speech unless it “objectively denies a student equal access to a school’s education resources.”'

Employee Free Speech Rights Endangered

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Article here. Not directly MRM-related, but tangential and relevant. Excerpt:

'Social media and activism are intrinsic parts of many Americans' lives. But what if the cause an employee espouses is one which the employer disagrees with, or has concerns that it may interfere with business prospects? In the past, an employee's private life may never have come to the attention the company. But with the rise of social media, few activities are truly private.

To be clear, the issue does not involve what an employee does while at work. It only concerns what the employee does in his own time and off company premises.
...
Concerns about employee free speech extend beyond examples where there may be a business interest involved. According to the National Center for Public Policy Research (NCPPR), much of the interest in employee free speech arose in April of 2014, when:

"the CEO of Mozilla, Brendan Eich, was forced out of his job simply because he had donated to a 2008 California referendum that defined marriage as between one man and one woman."
...
NCPPR has met with some success, convincing Visa Inc. to provide free speech protections to its employees.'

Rape Culture Hysteria: Fixing the Damage Done to Men and Women, Kindle Edition

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E-book on Amazon here. Description:

'Rape Culture Hysteria: Fixing the Damage Done to Men and Women offers a comprehensive overview and debunking of the "rape culture" myth that has devastated campuses and is spilling into Main Street America. An ideological madness is grotesquely distorting North America's view of sexuality. The book applies sanity to the claims that men are natural rapists and our culture encourages sexual violence.

Written by a libertarian feminist and rape survivor, Rape Culture Hysteria opens with a highly personal appeal to depoliticize rape and treat it instead as a crime. Victims need to heal. Politicizing their pain and rage is a callous political maneuver that harms victims, women and men.
...
Defend yourself and your children against rape culture zealots. Demand sanity.'

At Milo Yiannopoulos Protest, Prof's Hassling of Journalists Backfires After She Calls Cops

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'An American University faculty member attempted to make life difficult for journalists covering a campus protest last night, but her plan went awry after she called the police.

The Washington Examiner's Ashe Schow was at AU last night reporting on Breitbart tech editor Milo Yiannopolous' visit to campus. (Schow tells me she was there on behalf of a forthcoming documentary, Thought Police, and was not representing The Examiner.) Yiannopoulos is a deliberately controversial figure, and his presence on campus prompted a student protest.

A female faculty member—now dubbed Melissa Click 2.0--tried to interfere, telling Schow and her camera crew that they were required to accompany her inside. They had to follow "certain regulations that the university is guided by" because AU is providing "a safe space for everybody who works or studies on this campus," she claimed.'

India: One booked after man kills self over ‘false’ rape bid charge

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'After a 70-year-old man committed suicide by consuming poison in police custody, police Saturday lodged a case of abetment to suicide against the man who allegedly lodged against him a “false” case of rape attempt on his minor daughter.

Om Prakash’s family has alleged that the “false” FIR was a fallout of a monetary dispute between him and the girl’s father, Addl SP Pankaj Kumar said, quoting from the complaint filed by Prakash’s son Manoj.

He added that they were yet to lodge a complaint against the officers whose “dereliction” resulted in the man’s death in custody. “The decision in this regard will be taken by the SSP, who is not in the district now,” he said.

Prakash’s family has said the girl’s father had “threatened” to lodge a “false” complaint against him. Prakash, a farmer, had reportedly replied that he would consume poison if any “false charge” was levelled against him.'

Anti-Male Bias Alleged in Education Office

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'A Colorado State student who claims he was falsely accused of rape says a "Dear Colleague" letter from an assistant secretary of the Department of Education encourages colleges to deny male students due process.

As universities' responses to rapes, sexual assaults and harassment have become nationwide news, increasing numbers of young men have sued their colleges, claiming they have been suspended or expelled, though the women acknowledged that the sex was consensual.

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In 2015, Colorado University at Boulder paid a student $15,000 in a settlement after he was found guilty of sexual assault in 2013.'

Student accused of rape files federal lawsuit

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Video report here. Excerpt:

'Suspended CSU-Pueblo football player Grant Neal speaks out in a 'Kelly File' exclusive.'

Rihanna’s music videos are a master class in misandry

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'This isn’t Rihanna’s first murder. She walks through a strip club’s red velvet curtains in her new (and NSFW—again, this is a strip club) music video “Needed Me,” holding a gun with a silencer. She has a practiced hand. In the backroom, she hits her mark, a man who throws a wad of cash towards her. One shot and he crumples. Two, he falls to the floor. She fires a third for good measure.
...
Though these depictions of murder are the most explicit crimes against men committed therein, Rihanna’s entire visual discography is actually a master class in misandry. Not in how to hate men, per se (and certainly not in how to literally murder them), but in how to act like they really, truly could not matter less to you. If there’s anything Rihanna doesn’t give a fuck about in her videos, it’s men.

From the very beginning of Rihanna’s career, misandry has bubbled under the surface. In her first music video, “Pon de Replay,” Rihanna is the boss. The first words out of her mouth are “I’ll make him turn it up.” Rihanna, rebuking a man for doing his job poorly. She then finds a raised platform in the middle of the dance floor and dances alone for the rest of the song. Some men can be seen in the shadows beneath her, but that’s as close to the spotlight as they’ll ever get.
...
One of Rihanna’s greatest acts of misandry is that she sometimes excises men from her story entirely. If she allows them to remain, they function as little more than props, like in the 2006 video for “SOS,” in which a man passively allows Rihanna to grind up against him and use his arm for balance while she spins.

In 2010’s “Only Girl in the World,” Rihanna is singing—presumably to a man—about how lucky she is. But there are no men in the video. “No men here,” she seems to say. “I am the only girl in the world and there are no men and everything is just dancing in my personal desert utopia!”'

South Africa: Academic programme at Rhodes resumes amid talks about rape culture

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'RHODES university returned slowly and "sensitively" to its academic programme on Monday, although the rape culture on campus remained the subject of campus debate and protest.

Last week's High Court interdict against unlawful activities on the campus remained in place, despite heated argument from campaigners and an intervention from 36 Rhodes academics, who urged that the restraint be lifted as an "act of good faith".

...

The problematic issue remains the activists' demands that any student accused of rape or sexual assault be evicted from a residence and classes during the investigation, and that investigations proceed immediately against students named on the so-called reference list.

The SRC said vice-chancellor Sizwe Mabizela would not accede to this demand because he was not prepared to defy section 35(3) of the South African constitution, which stated that a person was innocent until proven guilty.'

San Francisco Declares War on Manspreading

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'The manspreading menace is sweeping the nation, and threatens to cripple our already crumbling infrastructure, which is why officials in California are taking decisive action to eradicate it.

Men (or women) with problematically wide stances could face hefty fines after the San Francisco transit board approved a strict “one ticket, one seat” policy. Los Angeles transit officials will consider a similar measure in the coming months.

Offenders will be fined $100 for the first violation, $200 for a second offense within a 12-month period, and $500 for each repeat violation within five years. It is unclear how the new rule will be enforced.

Manspreading is real, and can happen to you and your loved ones.'

Canada: Women-only ride services are fully legal, despite naysayers

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'Women-only ride-sharing services certainly seem to make sense following a spate of reports in which female passengers have been allegedly attacked, sexually assaulted and discriminated against by both Uber and traditional taxi drivers.

But how can a segregated ride service exist today at the exclusion of men? Isn't that discriminatory?

"In the context of a women-only ride share program I don't think it would breach the human rights code," says Nicole Simes, an employment and human rights lawyer at MacLeod Law Firm in Toronto. "Presumably the purpose is to reduce sexual violence and harassment against women which is a justifiable reason for the differential treatment."

The Ontario Human Rights Code protects people against discrimination on several grounds, one of which is gender, and there is a legal test to determine if, in fact, discrimination occurred. One of the determining factors looks at whether there was a justifiable reason for the unfair treatment and Simes believes in this case there is.'

Why Do Only Girls Get the HPV Vaccine?

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'Ontario just announced that, starting in September, boys in the province will get the HPV vaccine, a cancer-fighting shot that's been publicly funded and available to girls in the province since 2007. Across Canada, girls have been getting HPV shots for years, but in most places, boys still aren't vaccinated. In fact, just three provinces include boys in their school-based programs: Alberta, PEI, and Nova Scotia. Manitoba and Quebec are going to start vaccinating boys soon, too.

But even then, there will be four provinces, and two territories, where only girls get a publicly funded HPV shot. In those places, most boys won't get vaccinated. The human papillomavirus is the most common sexually transmitted infection in Canada, and around the world. So why is it still seen as a female problem?

In a new article in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, published April 25, experts argue that it's time to systematically vaccinate all boys in Canada against HPV, just like girls. It's time to stop thinking of HPV as a female virus, and on depending on females getting immunized to protect the whole population.

Pretty much everyone who has sex will get an HPV infection at some point in their lives, according to the US Centers for Disease Control, and most infections will clear on their own. But the virus is still worth protecting against. It's associated with anogenital warts, cancers of the penis, anus, oral cavity, vulva, vagina, and oropharynx. According to the CMAJ paper, men are now reporting more HPV-associated cancers, like anal and oral ones. It says, "some argue that the risk of HPV-related cancer is similar in both sexes."'

Lena Dunham would kill herself if she woke up a man

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'Lena Dunham, creator of “Girls,” is very glad to be, well, a girl.

At the New York Women in Communications organization’s annual Matrix Awards luncheon on Monday, she revealed her true feelings during a game of “Plead the Fifth” with host Andy Cohen and the crème of media executives and influencers onstage. For the game, participants may choose not to answer some provocative questions. (A sample: “Which of your clients is the biggest PR nightmare?”) Dunham took no such easy route when Cohen asked what she would do if she woke up one day as a man.

“Kill myself,” she replied, laughing.

Actor and activist Gloria Steinem later introduced Dunham onstage with a reminder that the writer-director-producer’s response was completely in character.'

How to Femsplain Man-Bashing

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'One of the more irritating aspects of the current feminist revival is the steady stream of nasty commentary about men and male behavior, often on a very personal level -- often accompanied by the use of "man-" as a derogatory prefix ("manspreading," "mansplaining," even "manslamming" -- thankfully that one didn't take). The latest addition to the genre comes from New York Times op-ed contributor Julia Baird, who proposes "manologue" as a term for the (alleged) tendency of male speakers to hog the floor and go on and on and on.

I'll readily concede that pontificating is a behavior more commonly found in men, whether due to innate personality differences or cultural norms. It's the flip side of the positive trait, also more common in men, of having confidence in one's opinions. (Of course, tendencies are only tendencies; one of the worst monologuers I've ever seen at public events was female.) But at least some of the research Baird cites to show that men talk more than women "in almost professional setting" doesn't quite confirm her claim. For instance: "The larger the group, the more likely men are to speak (unless it is in a social setting like a lunch break)."'

Cannes Artistic Director on Festival's Lack of Female Directors: "Do Not Blame Cannes"

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'Rose McGowan shared an idea for the rest of the lineup. "Those 17 who are not women should be forced to walk down the red carpet in high heels," she told The Hollywood Reporter, referencing the fest's "flatgate" controversy last year, during which it was rumored that women would be required to wear heels on the Croisette. "There are so many levels of embedded misogyny that people don't even realize; it starts with, 'You have to wear high heels,' and goes to 'We don't accept you as a filmmaker.'"

"The reality is, most of these men are not great," McGowan continued. "What's good now is considered 'great,' and what's mediocre is considered 'good.' That has to change."

With a hopeful smile, she added, "I figure, if the boys aren't doing it right, step aside."'

Gun Control Is Not A “Women’s Issue” As Senator Gillibrand Claims

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'Love guns? Enjoy hunting or target practicing? Are you a concealed carry permit holder? Watch out! You just may be Senator Gillibrand’s (D-NY) latest target. Gillibrand told Politico’s Glenn Thrush that gun control is, in fact, a “women’s issue” and should be rebranded as such.

“This debate is relegated to the men. It’s about hunting? It has nothing to do with hunting,” Gillibrand explained on Thrush’s podcast. “Nothing in this debate has to do with hunting, and nothing in this debate has to do with the Second Amendment rights. Nothing… I think – I see the world in the lens of women’s issues. I’m making everything a woman’s issue. I want guns to be a woman’s issue.”

Yes, you heard that right. If you’re a man and you have a firearm, then you should have little to no say in what happens with gun-related legislation.

The Senator’s understanding of the gun industry – or lack thereof – is disheartening, not only for gun owners, but for women across the nation. Every issue, including gun control, is a woman’s issue. If a legislative decision impacts society as a whole, how can someone claim this is a women’s only issue?'

Half of women on boards like quotas but male colleagues say no - survey

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'Half of women sitting on corporate boards of directors around the world support quota systems to fix stubborn gender imbalances in the boardroom, but less than 10 percent of their male colleagues agree, said a study released this week.

Female directors are also more likely than men to approve of term limits and mandatory retirement ages to change corporate board membership, said the survey by Harvard Business School researchers, the WomenCorporateDirectors (WCD) Foundation and Spencer Stuart, a consulting firm.

Asked how they arrived in their board appointments, 39 percent of women said their gender was a significant factor.

Just 1 percent of men said the same, said the survey released on Wednesday.

Men and women were divided as well on the reasons that female board membership remains low, said the survey, which culled responses from more than 4,000 male and female directors from 60 nations.

Male directors, particularly older men, say there is a "lack of qualified female candidates," it said.

But female directors say diversity is not a board priority and traditional networks tend to be male-dominated, it said.'

A quota for women in office: New York gains when government looks like us

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'So what are we going to do about it? There's a possible solution that may sound outlandish — even sexist — that nonetheless deserves consideration: quotas.

The term "quota" smacks of negative connotations and is badly in need of a rebranding, but let's put that aside and focus on substance.

According to the nonprofit organization Representation2020, about 110 countries around the world employ some sort of quota in an effort to elect more women, including Argentina, Sweden, Mexico, Spain, Senegal, Nepal, the Philippines and Australia.

The design of the models varies broadly. In some countries gender quotas are constitutionally enshrined; in others they are established by election law. In some places they apply only to sub-national elections, while in others political parties voluntarily adhere to quotas in selecting their candidates.

The Quota Project reports that 12 nations have 40% female representation or greater in at least one chamber of their legislature, and two countries have over 50% representation. By comparison, the 114th U.S. Congress, which took office in 2015, was 19.4% female.

The arguments against quotas are clear: They discriminate against men, reduce voter choice and can discredit female candidates by emphasizing their gender over their qualifications.'

Australia: Police officers have rejected a new 50-50 gender recruitment quota

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph and clicking on the first result entry. Excerpt:

'POLICE officers have rejected “rigid” gender recruitment quotas amid claims they will compromise public safety by lowering standards.

The Police Association has criticised the imposition of a 50-50 recruitment policy it says dictates gender is more important than ability when selecting new officers.

Opposition to the quota — introduced on January 1 this year — comes as new figures reveal 22 per cent fewer men would be recruited as police officers because of their gender.

Police have denied excluding men or lowering standards, saying the 50-50 recruitment policy is a “win-win situation” for the community and people wishing to become officers.

It says recruiting equal numbers of men and women is part of a plan to promote a modern, professional workforce.

But Police Association president Mark Carroll told The Advertiser: “The goal is to be an employer of choice.”'

DOD Official on Women in Combat: ‘Numbers May Be Very, Very Small Or None At All’

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'A Defense Department (DOD) official said on Friday that for the number of women who want to fill combat posts heretofore not open to them, and then being able to meet the standard set for those posts, the number who actually serve will be “very, very small or none at all.”

“There’s a full recognition that the numbers may be very, very small or none at all,” Juliet Beyler, principal director, force resiliency in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness, said at a discussion at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C.

“And that’s what the secretary said – that equal opportunity does not mean equal participation,” Beyler said.

As one of the panelists at the discussion, Beyler was asked if the military had a quota for how many women would fill these newly available military posts.

Beyler said there are no quotas and that any post across all military branches requires meeting a certain standard, regardless of gender. Beyler said Secretary of Defense Ash Carter’s decision in December to open all military positions to women sparked a review of the standards required for each post.'

More than 300 pre-teen boys go under the knife on school tables in a mass circumcision in the Philippines

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'In the Philippines circumcision is a tradition for boys who are just about to enter their teenage years. Uncircumcised boys often end up being teased by their peers but as these images show, the price of social acceptance is a painful one.

Circumcision is traditionally associated with Muslim and Jewish culture but the ritual of 'tuli' is common in the Philippines, where the majority of people are Roman Catholic.

This week 300 boys began the traditional journey into adulthood in a single mass circumcision exercise at a school in Marikina City, east of the Filipino capital Manila.'

Slideshow: 10 Celebrities Who Are Anti-Circumcision

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'Another subject famous folks have been piping up about: Choosing not to circumcise a baby boy. Here, 10 celebs who disagree with circumcision and what they've said about their decision to opt out of the practice ...'

1. Alicia Silverstone
2. Howard Stern
3. Russell Brand
4. Mario Lopez
5. Sara Gilbert
6. Cameron Diaz
7. Ben Affleck
8. Princess Diana
9. Roseanne Barr
10. Gerard Butler

Andrea Tantaros blasts feminism in new book

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'"Relations between men and women in America have never been more dysfunctional," writes Ms. Tantaros, the co-host of "Outnumbered" on the Fox News Channel who takes on the "commandments of feminism" with vigor. Those edicts demanded women act, work and party like men. When all the squawking was through, however, women have little to show for it, she says.

"Everyone always hears about the benefits of feminism, but nobody talks honestly about the downsides," Ms. Tantaros tells Inside the Beltway. "If women are more empowered than ever, why are they more unhappy than ever? The book looks at the lies women were sold by the feminist movement: that we don't need men — but that we should emulate them in our professional and personal lives — and the havoc this groupthink has wreaked upon the genders ultimately destroying respect, discretion, monogamy, decency and intimacy."'

Wikipedia on the author here.

Senators Fight For A Vote On Campus Rape Bill

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'A bipartisan group of senators tried to generate momentum Tuesday for a vote on their legislation reforming how colleges handle sexual assault.

The Campus Accountability and Safety Act, or CASA, would dramatically change how sexual assault is handled on college campuses. It has 36 co-sponsors, but senators are waiting on the GOP-controlled Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions to bring the bill up for a vote.

CASA would allow the Department of Education to fine schools up to 1 percent of their operating budget for violations of Title IX, the gender equity law requiring schools to handle sexual assault and harassment reports. Currently, the Education Department can either reach an agreement with universities outlining reforms a school will make to comply with Title IX, or withhold all federal funding from the school, including student loans. The department has never withheld funding, and activists say the fines are simply a slap on the wrist for schools.

CASA would also require a standard, uniform survey of every college and university to gauge students' experiences with assault and harassment, and whether they sought services from any agency.'

Students Falsely Accused of Sex Assault Sue Dept. of Education for Encouraging Colleges' Denial of Due Process

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Feds May Force Universities To Violate The First Amendment

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'The Department of Justice's recent interpretation of Title IX after its investigation into the University of New Mexico's (UNM) sexual discrimination policies will require colleges and universities to violate the First Amendment, according to a free speech advocacy group.

The DOJ found the UNM improperly defined sexual harassment, and declared in its findings letter that sexual harassment is "(u)nwelcome conduct of a sexual nature" including "verbal conduct" –- "regardless of whether it causes a hostile environment or is quid pro quo."

"The Department of Justice has put universities in an impossible position: violate the Constitution or risk losing federal funding," said Greg Lukianoff, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) president and CEO, in a statement.
...
The DOJ's interpretation leaves open the possibility that every student is a sexual harasser with its broad definition. Any speech deemed offensive of a sexual nature — whether it be a joke overheard between two students by another student who finds it offensive or a lecture by a professor on how one could contract AIDs — could all be defined as sexual harassment.'

Students throw temper tantrum at free speech event

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'Students at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst set a new high for hysteria Monday night at an event featuring Christina Hoff Sommers, Milo Yiannopulous, and Steven Crowder.

The event was intended to be a forum and discussion about the use of political correctness on campus, but degenerated into a shouting match as protesters sought to drown out the speakers with cries of “hate speech” and, less imaginatively, “fuck you.”

One of the protesters took it upon herself to pass out literature expressing her concern for the “triggering” event, claiming the speakers “all demonstrate either that you don’t give a shit about people’s trauma and pain and think it’s funny to thrust people into states of panic and distress OR that you fundamentally do not understand what a trigger is, what it means to be triggered, and what a trigger warning is meant to prevent.”'

Protesters go crazy during The Triggering event at UMass

Social Justice Warriors Get Owned In Epic Rant By Comedian

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Video here. (NSFW) Description:

'Joining Milo Yiannopoulos and Professor Christina Hoff Sommers at an event called "The Triggering: Has Political Correctness Gone Too Far", Crowder gives his opening statements to the students at UMass College.'

Well meaning, but out of control

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'The 22 senators say in their letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee that OCR has gotten busier, with a lot of complaints to investigate. Of course it has.

After one investigation, OCR told the University of Montana that sexual harassment should be more broadly defined as “any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature.” The university’s requirement that the conduct create a hostile environment, OCR said, was too limiting: the university ought to intervene, OCR said, before a hostile environment appears.

What?

A preemptive strike against harassment? You cannot get broader than that.

If we take seriously the idea that all unwanted speech with a possible sexual implication is harassment, anyone who asks a classmate on a date runs the risk that the invitation will be defined as harassment.

In just the past two months, four students who sued their universities over the way they treated them when they were accused of sexual misconduct have won victories at one stage or another in their cases, according to Inside Higher Ed. And now, Reason magazine reports, a student who received a multiyear suspension for what his “victim” consistently said was consensual sex has sued not only his school, but OCR too.

In its well-intentioned zealotry to defend women not only against real threats but against potential ones, the OCR has abandoned the concept of due process of law. It needs to be reined in.'

"The Title IX Juggernaut"

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He should win, and for good reason. All legal actions begin with complaints, usually from a purported victim. But Neal's case was different. The charge was brought against him by a "peer" of the woman involved, who, according to the allegations in the complaint, denied that she had been raped. The purported victim told the school investigator: "He's a good guy. He's not a rapist, he's not a criminal, it's not even worth any of this hoopla." That should have put an end to the entire matter. Nonetheless, CSU–Pueblo has suspended Neal as long as his alleged victim remains on campus. The stigma of the sanction makes it impossible for him to transfer anywhere else. It is a classic case of defamation by public action, for which recourse is all too difficult to obtain.'

Terrible, awful campus sex assault bill is back

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'An awful, reality-denying campus sexual assault bill is being pushed for in the Senate for the third year in a row, and there is much in the bill that should give congress pause.

The deceptively titled Campus Accountability and Safety Act would create new resources on campus for accusers, ensure minimum training standards for campus personnel who deal with accusations, require a memorandum of understanding with law enforcement, require schools to survey students annually about their experiences with sexual violence and create harsher penalties for schools that don't comply.
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Expecting a frightened 19-year-old who had a drunken one-night stand with a woman a year ago who is now claiming it was rape to be able to act as a trained and adequate attorney is absurd. Activists would like to brand this young man a rapist just because he has been accused — and that is exactly why the truth in these cases is so important and the ability to defend oneself is essential.

The "minimum training standards" alluded to by CASA's sponsors are "victim-centered" training standards, which presuppose all accusations as true and seem designed to ensure the accused is found responsible — no matter what the evidence shows.

Activists can claim that's not the case, but when "investigators" are taught that false accusations are so rare that they shouldn't be considered, a perfect atmosphere for false accusations is created. At the University of Texas, police officers were taught "victim-centered" approaches to investigating that involved conducting interviews in such a way as to ensure the accused has no exculpatory evidence — like failing to keep reports of follow-up interviews so that it can't look like accusers are contradicting themselves.'

Hillary Clinton: Women and prison -- the cost in money and lives

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'Mass incarceration has torn families apart, impoverished communities, and kept too many Americans from living up to their God-given potential. But mass incarceration's impact on women and their families has been particularly acute — and it doesn't get the attention it deserves. I learned about Alice and Tanya's experiences through a nonprofit organization that works with women in the justice system. (Both women's names have been changed to protect their privacy.)

The United States' prison and jail population includes 215,000 women — nearly one-third of all female prisoners worldwide, and 800% more women than were in prison four decades ago. African-American women are more than twice as likely to be in prison than white women.

But women aren't the only ones affected when they are sent to prison. The high number of women in prison — and the long lengths of their sentences — destabilizes families and communities, especially their children. Since 1991, the number of children with a mother in prison has more than doubled. Mothers in prison are five times more likely than fathers in prison to have to put their children in foster care while they serve their sentences.
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And third, we need to be deliberate about understanding the different paths that can land women in prison, be more attentive to women's unique needs while they are incarcerated, and do more to support women and their families once they are released. I will institute gender-responsive policies in the federal prison system and encourage states to do the same—because women follow different paths to crime than men, and face different risks and challenges both inside and outside the prison walls, and every part of the justice system, from sentencing to the conditions of confinement to re-entry services, should reflect women's unique needs.'

Men Sentenced To Longer Prison Terms Than Women For Same Crimes, Study Says

Stanford student accused of sexual assault fires back at university in federal lawsuit

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'A male Stanford University student found responsible for sexual assault in 2014 has fired back at the university in a lawsuit that alleges Stanford, motivated by gender bias and a "discriminatory zeal to prosecute sexual assault claims," violated his rights under federal gender-equity law Title IX.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, only identifies the man as "John Doe" and the female Stanford student his lawyers say falsely accused him of sexual assault as "Jane Smith," but the details of the suit mirror a very-public case that sparked a firestorm of publicity and student activism around the topic of sexual violence at Stanford.

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Doe's lawsuit alleges that the combination of a flawed disciplinary process and a university under public pressure to protect its "purported prestige and reputation against criticism that Stanford fails to adequately address alleged sexual assaults of women by men" led to violations of his right to a fair process. The suit also maintains that the sexual contact between Doe and Francis was consensual, and that Stanford wrongly concluded that he sexually assaulted her.'

"From manspreading to mansplaining – here's some other skills for dudes to master"

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'Manambling
The footpath is yours to own. Pitch yourself riiight in the middle, gear down to an amble, swing those arms and watch everyone struggle to overtake. The public space is your dominion so go full Gandalf on the operation. You shall not pass. Extra points if you lead with your crotch like it's an icebreaker. A big sexy icebreaker.

Manopolising
Get yourself all up in that party's business by manopolising the music. Without asking just unplug the host's gadget and link up your Android phone with a "lemme tell you why this kicks an iphone's ass (or vice versa)…". Now for the next four hours force your playlists onto (into?) everyone else. Extra points for actively minimising the presence of female artists on said playlist.'

India: Husbands presumed guilty under law when wife dies

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'In December last year, 27-year-old Venkatajagadish Kintali, a city-based software engineer, spent a month in jail after his wife committed suicide and his in-laws cried "dowry harassment". The devastated Kintali came out on bail and decided to find out what led his wife of mere 10-months to take the drastic step. At the root of it, he soon found out, was a relationship he was kept in the dark about - not only by his wife but by his in-laws too.

When Kintali and Jyothsna Vysyaraju had an arranged marriage last year, the young man had no reason to doubt his wife's affections. About 10 months later on December 4, Jyothsna committed suicide at their Mahadevapura house allegedly due over a "heart ailment". The shocked Kintali soon had a dowry harassment case slapped against him too by the in-laws.

He languished in jail from December 7 to January 7, and when he got out on bail, Kintali decided to do his own digging. What he discovered were shocking chat messages, photographs, and videos that clearly pointed to an illicit relationship his wife was having with a senior from college, Girish Patnaik Rajamohanthy.'

Dowry prohibition laws and British Indians: Some reflections

NPO: Why Florida Is a Victory

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'Some of our members think we lost when SB 668 in Florida, a good alimony and shared parenting bill, was vetoed by Republican Governor Rick Scott.

They are wrong. We simply took another step toward winning.

Here's how you can tell when a social movement is on the road to victory:

1. The Legislature passed alimony reform and shared parenting not once, but twice by healthy margins.

2. Like most US men and women, Floridians overwhelmingly support shared parenting as the usual outcome if both parents are fit. They demonstrated this with thousands of emails, calls and letters in support of SB 668. Calls to the Governor's office ran five to one in favor.'

House committee votes to require women to register for draft

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'The House Armed Services Committee approved a measure Wednesday requiring women to register for the military draft, a move that comes just a few months after the Defense Department lifted all gender-based restrictions on front-line combat units.

In a twist that presages how contentious further debate may be, the author of the amendment voted against his own measure. It passed the committee by a vote of 32-30.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., a former Marine who served three combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, doesn't support drafting women into combat and he's opposed to opening infantry and special operations positions to women. He said he offered the measure to trigger a discussion about how the Pentagon's decision in December to rescind gender restrictions on military service failed to consider whether the exclusion on drafting women also should be lifted.'

“Bones” Just Defended Men’s Rights Activists

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'In this week’s muddled episode of Bones, forensic anthropologist Brennan (Emily Deschanel) and her team investigate the murder of the male founder of men’s rights group Men Now. Although the series centers on a female murder-solving scientific genius, the feminists the victim feuded with are presented in the episode as more frightening and violent than the men’s rights activists themselves, despite one male activist advocating rape in the show, and the threats and murders spawned by the real-life men’s rights movement.

Instead of focusing on the hateful rhetoric of the male activists, Bones introduces a series of contemptible women starting with a vapid narcissist and ending with an iron-wielding murderess. “The Murder of the Meninist,” as the April 21 installment is titled, seems to argue that men’s rights activists — who say in the episode that a woman who dresses “like a slut” deserves to be raped — make some valid points.'

Parenting Tips: 3 Effective Tips on How To Turn Boys Into Men

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'Exhibit Unbiased Chivalry

Boys should be thought to acknowledge the difference between men and women. At this point, their female counterparts are shooting for equality, but it does not mean they should stop opening the doors.

"We need to teach boys that chivalrous behavior is an acknowledgment of difference-not inequality-between the sexes," Dorothy Dorfman, a psychotherapist, tells Parenting. "Convey sentiments of politeness and civility, not a perception of weakness. Chivalry and girls achieving great things are separate issues."'

Author advocates for "meternity" leave for women without children

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Article here. It's one thing to advocate for more time off for workers in general. It's another thing to do so only for some workers based on their sex. This is what this woman is doing. Words jump to mind: sexist, entitled, and the "p" word: privileged. This is one example of the product of feminist indoctrination. Excerpt:

'“You know, I need a maternity leave!” I told one of my pregnant friends. She laughed, and we spent the afternoon plotting my escape from my 10-hour days, fake baby bump and all.

Of course, that didn’t happen. But the more I thought about it, the more I came to believe in the value of a “meternity” leave — which is, to me, a sabbatical-like break that allows women and, to a lesser degree, men to shift their focus to the part of their lives that doesn’t revolve around their jobs.

For women who follow a “traditional” path, this pause often naturally comes in your late 20s or early 30s, when a wedding, pregnancy and babies means that your personal life takes center stage. But for those who end up on the “other” path, that socially mandated time and space for self-reflection may never come.'

Free speech on campus? Not if it's 'unwelcome'

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'Title IX's ban on sexual speech harassment trumps the First Amendment on college campuses, according to an April 22 Justice Department letter. "Unwelcome" conduct or speech of a sexual nature is sexual harassment — and must be investigated — "regardless of whether it causes a hostile environment," the letter told the University of New Mexico.
"The Department of Justice has put universities in an impossible position: violate the Constitution or risk losing federal funding," said Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) President Greg Lukianoff.

"An enormous amount of everyday speech" would be sexual harassment under this definition, writes Joseph Cohn on FIRE's site.

Did you overhear someone retelling an Amy Schumer joke about sex that you found unpleasant? According to the DOJ, that makes them a harasser—even if they only did it once and didn't do it again after you asked. If that's harassment, the term is devoid of meaning.

If a professor argues for transgender restroom access, conservative students might complain ze has made unwelcome comments about a sexual issue. Is Camille Paglia a sexual harasser? "Leaving sex to the feminists is like letting your dog vacation at the taxidermist" must be unwelcome to somebody.'

Malecare: USPSTF Changes Research Plans

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Via email:

April 28, 2016
Malecare is mostly pleased with the latest response of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force to change it's research plan on screening for prostate cancer. We hope that this new research project will lead to change of the USPSTF "D" recommendation for PSA screening to more useful and lifesaving criteria.

Regarding the spcific changes, we are distressed that sexual identity as a criteria for subpopulation, especially in light of recent research showing that Gay and Straight men have significantly different pathways to advanced stage prostate cancer.

However we are pleased that the disparity of African American men is noted and we will advocate for even more inclusion of subpopulations as this study progresses.

Below is a statement of the changes the USPSTF made directly as a result of Malecare's and other organization's advocacy and the advocacy of prostate cancer patients. I also have included a link to the finalized research plans, for your interest.

"The draft Research Plan was posted for public comment on the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Web site from October 29 to November 25, 2015. In response, the USPSTF clarified (through the addition of sub-KQs [e.g., 1a, 2a]) that the review of the effectiveness and harms of PSA-based screening and treatment of screen-detected or early-stage prostate cancer will assess for differences within patient subpopulations at higher risk of prostate cancer. The USPSTF also clarified that the harms of PSA-based screening will encompass the harms of diagnostic followup (e.g., biopsy). Contextual Question 2 (originally about treatment preferences) was replaced with a question about the use of informed and shared decisionmaking tools to guide screening and treatment decisions. To further explore the evidence presented by screening and treatment models, the USPSTF added Contextual Questions 4 and 5 to provide context for how the benefits and harms of PSA-based screening may vary under different clinical scenarios. Most of the remaining comments were addressed through minor revisions and by providing further details on the interventions, comparators, and outcomes as outlined in the Research Approach. The USPSTF made no major changes to the scope of the review or the approach to synthesizing the evidence."

Read the final research plans, here.

Dr. Siu from the USPSTF replies to Malecare, here.

MALECARE EMAIL OF OCTOBER 29, 2015 RE-POSTED, BELOW:

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) posted a draft research plan on screening for prostate cancer. The draft research plan is available for review and public comment from October 29, 2015 to November 25, 2015. To review the draft research plan and submit comments, go to: http://bit.ly/1LEu5g3

The USPSTF is the organization responsive for the recommendation against prostate cancer screening. Their May 2012 recommendation reads:

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends against prostate-specific antigen (PSA)-based screening for prostate cancer.

This recommendation has caused massive controversy throughout our health care system. We ask you to post your comments on the USPSTF website, at: http://bit.ly/1LEu5g3

Whether you agree with their 2012 finding or not, our prostate cancer community needs to be heard. This new research project gives all of us an opportunity to influence the outcome of prostate cancer screening in the United

States.

Even if you don't know anything about research or the PSA test, it will be helpful to let the USPSTF know that prostate cancer patients and family members like you are keeping a watch on their work.

There are ten questions for you to comment on, spread over ten pages. For example, on page three, you are asked to comment, What are the harms of PSA-based screening for prostate cancer?

You can select a multiple choice response and have the option to write one or several sentences with your personal thoughts. It takes about ten minutes or less to run through the pages, so please go to: http://bit.ly/1LEu5g3

Please let us know if you commented and or if you have any questions. You can email me directly at darryl@malecare.org

Best regards,

Darryl Mitteldorf, LCSW

Executive Director
Malecare
Men fighting cancer, together.

Hillary offers ‘woman card’ to supporters as campaign focuses on gender

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'Hillary Clinton wants Americans to vote for her because she’s a woman and her campaign is increasingly embracing the female mantle.

A campaign email sent today offered supporters their very own “woman card” after they claimed, “We’ve been hearing from supporters all over the country that they’d like a ‘woman card’ of their very own — to display proudly on a fridge or pull out of their wallet every time they run into someone who says women who support Hillary must not be using our brains…”

The campaign asks supporters for a donation so they can get their own “woman card”. “…you’ll be able to play the woman card anytime you want,” the email reads.

Clinton has frequently used her gender as a weapon — and a shield — on the campaign trail.'

Male Suicide Rates Massively Increase

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'What if I told you that the percentage of men taking their own lives had, in the past fifteen years, soared to unprecedented heights, increasing 62% faster than the percentage of women doing the same?

According to a recent report by the CDC detailing changes in suicide rates from 1999 to 2014, that is precisely the case. Of course, if you read only media outlets obsessed with “war on women” talking points, you could be forgiven for missing it. “Suicide Rates Climb In U.S., Especially Among Adolescent Girls” reads an NPR headline, in an article that goes on to focus almost exclusively on the fairer (and less suicidally depressed) sex. The article even includes a graph of female suicides, declaring “Women’s Suicide Rates Increase For All Age Groups Under 75,” while neglecting to include the same information for men. Had it been included, it would have shown even larger numbers.

The CDC report states that the female suicide rate has increased from 4.0 women per 100,000 in 1999 to 5.8 in 2014. Meanwhile the male suicide rate, already at 17.8 per 100,00 in 1999, has increased to 20.8 in 2014. In other words, female suicide rates have increased by 1.8 women out of 100,000, while men’s have increased by 2.9 — 62% faster!'

American University Will Stop Making Sexual Assault Victims Sign Confidentiality Agreements

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'AU also agreed to consider input from accusers when deciding punishment for offenders. Further, the school will not allow students on disciplinary probation to study abroad in an AU-sponsored program or participate in fraternity or sorority membership recruitment. The school said it would consider using Skype to hold “timely hearings” and avoid long delays.

The school also said students on probation will not be allowed to serve in student government or as elected Greek life officers, though they can belong to a fraternity or sorority.

Prior to Ferber’s federal complaint, AU was already the subject of a U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights investigation over its handling of sexual assaults. That review began in March 2015.'

"How feminism has harmed women"

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'She has said feminism was vital in the 1970s due to the ‘ridiculous state of affairs’ women found themselves in.

But author Fay Weldon has now declared that the movement did some women more harm than good and has “undermined men” too much.

She believes women should not try to balance “a family, a career and a love life” as they will be too busy. It is harder than ever to be a mother as women pile pressure on each other, the writer believes.

Miss Weldon, 84, whose books include The Life And Loves Of A She-Devil, said women have suffered as they now have to go out to work when many might not want to.

She said: “Feminism probably suited one woman in three. And one woman in three would rather stay home, look after the children and had no ambition.'

Wikipedia on the subject here.

USC Cancelled Video Game Panel for Including Too Many Men

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'The University of Southern California cancelled its planned "Legends of the Games" event after the lone female participant signaled that she wouldn't be able to attend. Administrators made the determination that an all-male panel was unacceptable, and killed the event—a mere four hours before it was supposed to start.

"In the interest of promoting diversity and inclusion within the USC Games family, tonight's "Legends of the Game Industry" Event in SCI 106 has been canceled," wrote a university spokesperson on Facebook. "A new event will be arranged over the coming weeks, and we dearly hope you will join us then."

That's probably little consolation to the graduating seniors who will miss out on meeting some major players in the gaming industry, even if the university is actually able to reschedule the event, Campus Reform notes.'

Campus rape bill draws doubts over accountability

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'The Campus Accountability and Safety Act, being billed as a bipartisan response to rape on college campuses, is drawing doubts over the matter of “accountability and safety” — for whom.

At a press conference this week, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, one of 12 Republican co-sponsors, said the bill is aimed at ensuring “students and parents [have] a safe place to go to school where they will be fairly dealt with.” Another Republican, Sen. Joni Ernst of Iowa, said the bill is “about doing what is right for young men and women out there on campuses all across the United States.”

But the “young men” who say they have been falsely accused of sexual assault on college campuses may be wondering how CASA ensures that they are “fairly dealt with.”
...
She said provisions like those in CASA are a “laudable attempt to increase protections for alleged victims of sexual misconduct,” but neglect the emotional trauma suffered by men falsely accused with paltry means to defend themselves.

“We have had many accused men in extensive therapy or hospitalized for suicidal behavior, and know of at least two suicides in the U.S.,” Ms. Garrett said.'

Connecticut House overwhelmingly adopts affirmative-consent bill

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'The House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a bill late Thursday that requires colleges and universities in Connecticut to use a standard of “affirmative consent” when developing policies on sexual assault.

Institutional policies also must include clear statements advising students and employees of the affirmative-consent standard. The measure, which passed 138-7 and now heads to the Senate, only applies to institutional disciplinary matters and not to criminal cases.

“It clarifies that a yes-means-yes policy will be the policy for the state of Connecticut for all public and private colleges,” said Rep. Gregory Haddad, D-Mansfield, who serves on the legislature’s Higher Education Committee and who introduced the bill. “The presence of ‘yes’ is required rather than just the lack of ‘no’ ” in determining consensual sexual activity.

One in five women nationally, and one in 16 men, are assaulted during their college career, Haddad said, adding that while affirmative-consent-based policies are in place at most colleges and universities in Connecticut, they vary considerably in scope.
...
Rep. Gail Lavielle, R-Wilton, told the story of a constituent wrongfully accused of sexual assault and later exonerated, adding that false claims leave lasting problems for the accused. “There are also those who can be wrongfully accused, and we owe them the same concern, and I hope we will be dealing with it in the future,” she said.'

Suing the Office for Civil Rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The prospect of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) being sued has been much in the news lately. Talk began with an announcement from FIRE—on the fifth anniversary of the issuance of the “Dear Colleague” letter—that it was soliciting an accused student to sue OCR. Attorney Andrew Miltenberg then filed two such suits, on behalf of an accused student from Colorado and a state legislator from Georgia.

In a break from the past, the Dear Colleague letter reinterpreted Title IX to grant the federal government authority to order colleges to enact specific disciplinary procedures for handling sexual assault (and sexual harassment) complaints filed by one student against another. Each of the changes ordered or strongly urged by the administration increased the likelihood of a guilty finding; the best-known change required colleges to use the lowest burden of proof, preponderance of evidence (50.01 percent), to determine guilt.
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Republicans control 34 of the nation’s 50 governorships; many of these states have been under GOP control for more than a decade. Every state’s higher-ed law is different, but all give at least some control (usually through appointment of trustees) to a governor. Any of these 34 state education boards would have had standing to challenge OCR’s new mandate. Yet none have—a reminder that campus due process has no constituency, and with the exception of Lamar Alexander and James Lankford, the Republican record on this issue is very poor.

Any lawsuit coordinated by FIRE—or the two Miltenberg lawsuits already filed—first will need to survive a challenge on standing that a university threatened by OCR would not face. But the “Dear Colleague” letter not only lowered the evidentiary standard, but also mandated the right of accuser to appeal, pressured colleges to accelerate their adjudication processes, and discouraged cross-examination. So for standing purposes, the likeliest case would involve a student—as in the recent cases at James Madison and George Mason—whose not-guilty finding got overturned on appeal.'

TV Personality Judge Judy lambasts family court

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'Judge Judy, whose full name is Judy Sheindlen, wrote a book in 1996 titled “Don’t Pee on My Leg and Tell Me It’s Raining,” and it includes a chapter called “Custody Wars are Battles Without Winners.” Here were some of her observations long before there was a strong family court reform movement. Pay special attention to her last comment.

"American fathers are led down a primrose path every day in our family courts, often with disastrous legal results. They wind up in the Land of Gender Bias, where they are systematically stripped of their rights, often without the slightest idea of why it is happening to them."

"If you think the mother-father disparity is outrageous, consider the sexual abuse syndrome, and how it affects visitation and custody disputes. Here, the judicial impotence and chronic blindness to men's rights would appall you."

"Courts are supposed to approach cases of child custody, support payments, and visitation rights in what we call a gender-neutral posture. It sounds fair, and it is fair. But it is a myth. Judges are not enforcing these gender laws fairly, and few seem to care."

"We will see more of these problems until fathers organize to demand fairer treatment. So get it together dads: You have a legitimate legal beef and you need to make this a public issue. Right now the courts don't hear you."'

The Title IX Juggernaut

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The university's actions were heavily influenced by the Kafkaesque rules announced in the well-known and highly controversial Dear Colleague letter issued by the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in 2011 (I have sharply criticized its procedures for dealing with cases of sexual harassment elsewhere). The letter uses shaky data to claim that sexual harassment is a serious problem on campus, and it insists that schools handle cases of it aggressively. But the OCR's guidance violates the fundamental tenets of due process that are urgently needed in a criminal or administrative enforcement proceeding, where state power is at its greatest. Due process guarantees are far older than our country, and they were put into place to check overweening executive power. The standard rules require at a minimum that people be given notice of the charges that they face, and an opportunity to defend themselves against those charges before a neutral tribunal. The OCR, however, advocates that a mere preponderance of evidence—rather than clear and convincing evidence—is all that is required to impose heavy sanctions on an alleged aggressor after a hearing. And during such hearings, cross-examination is discouraged.'

Father jailed for non-payment of support for kids he supports and lives with

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Story here. Excerpt:

'On Friday, April 29th, parents from across New Jersey will join together in Hackensack to show support and solidarity for Henry Peisch, a 56-year-old Bergen County Father of seven children. Henry Peisch has been incarcerated in the Bergen County Jail since April 8th for failure to pay court ordered child and spousal support.

A march for Henry will be held across from the Courthouse steps around the 'Green' on Court Street at 3:30pm. The march coincides with the Bergen Vicinage's celebration of Law Day.

What is most concerning about the case of Henry Peisch is that only one child currently lives with the Mother, yet Henry is ordered to pay his ex-wife support for four children plus $581 per week in spousal support.

Over the years that have passed since Henry was divorced, the court has one-by-one reversed its custody ruling - removing the children from the Mother and granting custody to Henry. The stories of how this came to pass are heart wrenching and the emotional toll that process has taken on the family immeasurable. The court, however, now has turned a blind eye and is seeking only to enforce an outdated order that fails to reflect the reality this family faces.'

Hillary: I handle men who "get off the reservation"

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Article here. Hillary Clinton has managed to make a statement that's not only misandrist, but offensive to Native Americans. Excerpt:

'Did Hillary just admit that her husband, former President Bill Clinton, has been a bit of a handful, considering his extracurricular activities with other women, and given her “a lot of experience” dealing with male misbehavior?

“Remember, I have a lot of experience dealing with men who sometimes get off the reservation in the way they behave and how they speak,” Clinton told CNN’s Jack Tapper Friday.

Her eyebrow-raising comments came during an interview discussing GOP front-runner Donald Trump attacking her as “Corrupt Hillary.”

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As for men in Hillary’s life going off the reservation, WND has reported extensively on Bill Clinton’s sexual exploits through the years and how the couple even threatened women to stay silent about alleged sexual assaults at the hands of her husband.'

Native Americans have already reacted to Hillary's offensive use of words.

Out of Control

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, the California Court of Appeals ruled against the University of Southern California in a lawsuit brought by a student suspended for allegedly sexually assaulting a woman during group sex.

The encounter had started as consensual, the woman told the university, but soon became violent. The accused student violated Southern California's sexual misconduct policy, the university argued, not by harming the woman himself, but by failing to stop the other men from slapping her and for later leaving her alone with them.

The accused student, according to the court's decision, was not "provided any information about the factual basis of the charges against him," was not able to examine the evidence supporting the victim's statements and was not allowed to appear before the panel deciding his case.

The case joins three other legal wins for accused students in the past two months, and at least 10 in the last year. Some legal experts, including the federal and state judges deciding the cases, say the flurry of recent successes for disciplined students may show how some colleges and universities are eliminating "basic procedural protections" in an attempt to combat campus sexual assault.

"In over 20 years of reviewing higher education law cases, I've never seen such a string of legal setbacks for universities, both public and private, in student conduct cases." Gary Pavela, editor of the the Association of Student Conduct Administration's Law and Policy's Report and former president of the International Center for Academic Integrity, said. "Something is going seriously wrong. These precedents are unprecedented."'

Former college basketball star sues over investigation

Matt · 30 April 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Former ISU basketball player and 2014 graduate Bubu Palo, who faced rape allegations while in college, is suing Iowa State and the Iowa Board of Regents for what he says was a mishandling of his case.

Iowa State or the Iowa Board of Regents hadn't filed a response to the petition, which was filed March 21, as of Wednesday.

Palo is claiming that ISU officials found him guilty despite insufficient evidence and used the disciplinary system to not give Palo the chance to transfer to another school, according to a petition obtained from the Story County District Court.

Palo also claims in the suit that the wrongful ruling handed down by the university "destroyed" his opportunity to play professional basketball because he was suspended and later benched during his junior and senior years, according to the petition.'

The Dr. Jekyll To Mr. Hyde Transformation Of Title IX

Matt · 1 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Title IX has now become a “juggernaut” in the words of NYU law professor and Forbes contributor Richard Epstein. He explains in this Hoover Institution article that extremely zealous bureaucrats have abused the law (specifically, the Administrative Procedure Act) to impose their own ideas of what the language “be subjected to discrimination” means. They have managed to turn it into a justification for federal intervention into every aspect of college life that somehow involves sex.

Epstein highlights the case of Colorado State – Pueblo student Grant Neal, who was suspended by the school after a consensual sexual relationship. The woman who was supposedly victimized by him actually decries the case and says “He’s a good guy.” But she isn’t the one who made the complaint. Another woman did. Despite the weakness of the case against Neal, the school decided to punish him anyway because, Epstein points out, that’s the way to avoid trouble with the aggressive federal bureaucrats in the Education Department’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR).'

Title IX order on campus ‘harassment’ violates rights, free speech advocates say

Mastodon · 2 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Several free speech advocacy groups are concerned about a Justice Department order that they say forces colleges and universities to violate the First Amendment.

Justice sent a letter to the University of New Mexico in late April concluding an investigation into the school’s sex discrimination policies and practices. In the letter, the agency said the university’s policies failed to account for “unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature,” including “verbal conduct,” in violation of Title IX.

According to the letter, federal law defines sexual harassment as “unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature includ[ing] unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, such as sexual assault or acts of sexual violence.”'

Conference debates occurrence of sexual assault on campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some statistics say sexual assault is so common on college campuses that one in four women become victims. That's a number that those at UT's sexual assault conference are debating.

“We are trying to put those statistics in some context. A lot of what is being called sexual assault is not necessarily rape as traditionally defined. Much of this includes things like an unwanted kiss or unwanted touching or definitions of sexual assault that really do not in any way meet the legal definition,” said UT Professor Thomas Hubbard.
...
“A lot of these are resulting in procedures that are very unfair to the accused and we've heard of a number of cases where universities have in turn been sued by male students who were expelled based on investigations that were deeply flawed or failed to take into account key evidence,” said Hubbard.'

Debunking the Wage Gap: We Are Not Victims

Matt · 2 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For women, this has been particularly difficult because of the claim that we are underpaid compared with men and the notion that we have to work twice as hard to get to a level playing field. The ubiquitous statistic that women earn 77 cents for every dollar men earn is a compelling story that points to systemic discrimination against women.

The problem is that it's untrue. In reality, in our 20s women are paid better than men—by 8 cents on the dollar. And overall, 72 percent of women say they have about the same opportunities to advance to top executive and professional positions in their companies as men. We are now as likely as men to be company managers.
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Overall, the insistence on a wage gap and on widespread discrimination against women is sometimes used by feminists to perpetuate the notion that patriarchy prevents us from attaining career success and equity with men. Victim bating is politically profitable for feminists, but it simply doesn't hold up. While choices we make about motherhood, work hours, and industry sectors may hinder our corporate-track momentum or stall our wages for a period of time, they are also opening up avenues to a work-life balance that is manageable and allows us to flourish.'

Prediction: No commencement speaker will mention this – the huge ‘gender college degree gap’ favoring women

Matt · 2 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Now that we’re at the beginning of college graduation season, I thought it would be a good time to show the updated chart above of the huge college degree gap by gender for the upcoming College Class of 2016 (data here). Based on Department of Education estimates, women will earn a disproportionate share of college degrees at every level of higher education in 2016 for the eleventh straight year. Overall, women in the Class of 2016 will earn 139 college degrees at all levels for every 100 men, and there will be a 610,000 college degree gap in favor of women for this year’s college graduates (2.195 million total degrees for women vs. 1.585 million total degrees for men). By level of degree, women will earn: a) 154 associate’s degrees for every 100 men (female majority in every year since 1978), b) 135 bachelor’s degrees for every 100 men (female majority since 1982), 139 master’s degrees for every 100 men (female majority since 1987) and 106 doctoral degrees for every 100 men (female majority since 2006).

Over the next decade, the gender disparity for college degrees is expected to increase according to Department of Education forecasts, so that by 2025, women will earn 147 college degrees for every 100 degrees earned by men, with especially huge gender imbalances in favor of women for associate’s degrees (170 women for every 100 men) and master’s degrees (145 women for every 100 men).'

Bloomberg Booed For Blasting ‘Safe Spaces’ During College Commencement Speech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg may not have been terribly popular in his hometown back when he was touting the importance of a soda ban, but now he has taken his act on the road.

The one time possible Presidential contender gave a commencement address this weekend to the University of Michigan and was faced with boos and jeers from the audience at the frail suggestion that so-called college “safe spaces” are a bad idea. In his address, Bloomberg blasted the PC culture on many campuses, telling the crowd, “Keeping an open mind to new ideas is essential to your professional success — just as it’s crucial to our collective future as a democratic society.”

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While some in the Ann Arbor crowd supported the former Mayor’s assertions, many can be heard booing loudly at the suggestions for broad-mindedness and receptivity to contrary ideas. Bloomberg said at one point, “We are witnessing a disturbing change in the nature of American politics: a rise in extreme partisanship and intolerance for other views.”'

Trump is Right: Hillary Really is Playing the ‘Woman Card’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I won’t spend too much time laying out all the times Clinton and her campaign have implied or stated outright that people should vote for her because she was a woman, because a) there are waaaaay too many examples, and b) I already did that when Bernie Sanders supporter Killer Mike laid similar charges at her door. Here’s just the instance I consider the most egregious, an Clinton ad entitled “44 Boys Is Too Many” (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GzGAW7k2V8)

There’s nothing sly about this. There’s no dog whistle or subtext. The Clinton campaign cut an ad that explicitly tells people they should vote for her because she’s a woman, and otherwise little girls would cry.

If Clinton’s appeal to her gender had been isolated to eyeroll-inducing pandering, it would be merely irritating. But she also doesn’t shy away from appealing to her gender to shut down serious questions about her qualifications. Here’s an attack from Sanders in the last MSNBC debate, and Clinton’s response.

> SANDERS: …Secretary Clinton has the support of far more governors, mayors, members of the House. She has the entire establishment or almost the entire establishment behind her. That’s a fact. I don’t deny it…
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> So, Rachel, yes, Secretary Clinton does represent the establishment. I represent, I hope, ordinary Americans, and by the way, who are not all that enamored with the establishment, but I am very proud to have people like Keith Ellison and Raul Grijalva in the House, the co-chairmen of the House Progressive Caucus.
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> CLINTON: Well, look, I’ve got to just jump in here because, honestly, Senator Sanders is the only person who I think would characterize me, a woman running to be the first woman president, as exemplifying the establishment. And I’ve got to tell you that it is… (APPLAUSE) It is really quite amusing to me.'

Students Warned: Police Only Exist To Protect White Male Privilege

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A poster campaign at Missouri State University sought to privilege-shame students for being straight, white, male, Christian or able-bodied (among other characteristics) and informed students that the police only exist to protect white men.

The posters were sponsored by the university's student government and Residence Hall Association (RHA) and reportedly went up inside a dorm Saturday morning before being removed on Sunday night in the face of backlash from students on Twitter. The Daily Caller obtained pictures of six of the posters from an MSU student before they were taken down.

Each poster included an example of "privilege" above the phrase "Check your privilege" and a checklist of different categories of privilege, including: Christian privilege, class privilege, white privilege, male privilege, able-bodied privilege, cisgender privilege and heterosexual privilege.

Each poster also included a definition of privilege in the lower right-hand corner: "unearned access to social power based on membership in a dominant social group."

"If you're confident that the police exist to protect you, you have white male privilege," one poster read. Beneath it, "white" and "male" were both checked off in the list of privileges.'

New ‘Mattress Girl’ Lawsuit: Obscene Drawing of Cleared Man ‘Displayed on Campus’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While Columbia University’s “mattress girl” Emma Sulkowicz—who carried a mattress on campus to protest the non-expulsion of her alleged rapist—is long past her fifteen minutes of fame, the story isn’t over. Now it’s the turn of the accused man, Paul Nungesser, who is pursuing a lawsuit against Columbia.

He claims that, despite being exonerated, his academic experience was ruined because the university enabled Sulkowicz’s protest, effectively denying him equal educational opportunity on the basis of sex. Last month, a federal court dismissed the suit for lack of sufficient evidence. But last Monday, the case was back with an amended complaint which seeks to demonstrate that Nungesser was indeed a victim of anti-male bias—and paints a stark picture of the harassment he says he endured due to Sulkowicz’s campaign.

The lawsuit makes some claims that are likely to invite feminist derision and raise eyebrows in the legal community—for instance, that calling a (presumptively) innocent man a rapist is a “gendered slur,” since the term is almost exclusively directed at males and evokes the stereotype of male sexual brutishness. It’s a radical argument. But if it works, it could be a trailblazing victory for male students suing colleges—most unsuccessfully, so far—over being expelled on what they say are wrongful charges of sexual misconduct.'

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tells men not to interrupt women

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Prime Minister Justin Trudeau continues his crusade in raising the equality bar.

On Saturday, he met the four millennial men behind Generation Y Not for an interview on feminism, and specifically how men can be more effective at it.

As part of it, Trudeau was asked to answer, in 10 seconds or less, what advice he would give men to become better feminists.

"There's lots of things you can do to be a better feminist as a man but here's a simple one: don't interrupt women, and notice every time women get interrupted in conversation," the PM said in a Snapchat video.

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Trudeau introduced a gender-balanced cabinet last year, and has stated he would prefer there was actually no response to the fact that he's a feminist.

"I'm going to keep saying loud and clearly that I am a feminist until it is met with a shrug," he said during a discussion on gender equality at the United Nations in New York last month.'

Lawsuit Takes Aim at Education Dept.’s Title IX Guidance

Matt · 2 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A student at Colorado State University at Pueblo sued the university and the federal government this week, contending that he had been suspended indefinitely for a sexual act that he says both he and his partner considered consensual.

Grant Neal, a sophomore who was attending Colorado State on football and wrestling scholarships, was found responsible for sexual misconduct in a case with an unusual twist: the accuser was a third party who didn’t witness the alleged assault but who believed the act was coerced.

Mr. Neal joins the growing list of accused rapists who are suing their colleges. His case, however, is among the first to also take on the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights over the guidance it has issued to colleges on how they should handle sexual-assault complaints.'

Ed. note: This story is paywalled. But if you have a sub, share it around. Sounds like it's too important to not mention.

Justice Dept. wants universities to police and prohibit sexualized speech that anyone objects to

Matt · 2 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Justice Department is telling universities that they have the obligation to investigate and prevent even individual instances of:

1. saying “unwelcome” “sexual or dirty jokes”
2. spreading “unwelcome” “sexual rumors” (without any limitation to false rumors)
3. engaging in “unwelcome” “circulating or showing e-mails of Web sites of a sexual nature”
4. engaging in “unwelcome” “display[] or distributi[on of] sexually explicit drawings, pictures, or written materials”
5. making “unwelcome” sexual invitations, and likely
6. making sexist statements that some listeners or readers find “unwelcome.”

This is not limited to material that a reasonable person would find offensive. Nor is limited to material that, put together, creates a “hostile, abusive, or offensive educational environment.” (I think even speech codes that would have these requirements are unconstitutional, but the speech codes that the government is urging would in any event not have these requirements.) Every instance of such speech of a “sexual nature,” under the government’s approach, would be “sexual harassment,” and would have to be investigated when a complaint is filed, and prevented for the future. And the same logic, if accepted, will likewise extend to racially themed speech that some people find offensive, plus probably also anti-gay speech and the like.'

Student sues over long suspension but no charges in sexual encounter

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A University of St. Thomas student was not charged in a sexual encounter with a fellow freshman in her dorm room, but the private Catholic school, after its own investigation, suspended him for more than a year.

Now the student is suing.

The suit, filed Friday in U.S. District Court in St. Paul, alleges that the male student was subjected to "a rigged and unfair disciplinary process put in place to reach a predetermined result … in violation of both state and federal law."

The school denies the allegations and says it adheres to a different standard of evidence than in a criminal prosecution. In a statement issued Monday, St. Thomas said it is legally required to investigate sexual harassment and assault claims made by students, and emphasized that its investigations are "thorough and impartial."'

"This is not a police state. It's a university"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent years, the Department of Education (DOE) has chosen to send several "dear colleague" letters to all universities in the United States whereby it has presumed to progressively redefine Title IX to include three troubling new directives under the auspices of the 1972 law.

The first directive sets forth the "transgender accommodation" mandate. It specifies that any male student who declares himself to be female must now be given full access to all female facilities and programs.

The second directive specifies how colleges must investigate and adjudicate allegations of sexual harassment or sexual assault. It actually requires a process that often circumvents local law enforcement and its corresponding constitutional protections of all involved parties.

A third directive, defines any unwelcome "verbal conduct of a sexual nature" as "sexual harassment." It, thus, requires a university to investigate and discipline student speech in a manner deemed acceptable to the DOE. Failure to measure up to any of these directives could result in a university being cited as "out of compliance" and, therefore, subject to Title IX penalties.
...
Oklahoma Wesleyan will not comply with any mandate that compromises the privacy of a woman's locker room, bathroom and shower. We will not deny our students their right to due process when they are accused of a crime or when they suffer as its victim. Finally, we will not accept the arrogance of any state official trying to tell us what we can and cannot think or say on our campus or in our classrooms.

The DOE's overreach in these matters is about as unconstitutional and anti-liberal as you can get. This is a university, my land. It is not a police state or a kangaroo court.

Everett Piper is president of Oklahoma Wesleyan University.'

Five Ways Feminism Has Made Women Miserable

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MIA: Men. Feminism told them we didn't need them. Then we were told to emulate them. On top of it all, we've emasculated them, and now men are fighting back… quietly. American society has become increasingly anti-male. Men are sensing the backlash and are consciously and unconsciously going 'on strike.' Breitbart has dubbed this "equal but separate misery" between the sexes a "sexodus" where men are giving up on women altogether and stepping back from society. Statistics are showing that men are increasingly choosing not to get married, and I can see why. With the rise of technology men can outsource everything women were traditionally known for to their iPhone apps. If they're hungry they can use seamless, if they're horny they can use Tinder. The only thing they still need us for? Babies.

"My generation of boys is f*cked," one man commented. "Marriage is dead. Divorce means you are screwed for life. Women have given up on monogamy, which makes them uninteresting to us for any serious relationship or raising a family." Maureen Dowd once famously asked, "Are men necessary?" Now it's the men asking that about women—and, more importantly, about commitment. This isn't political, this is critical. It's time for both genders admit we need each other, start treating each other with respect and concede that we're equal, but equal doesn't mean the same and embrace the differences in our wiring.'

Foreign student expelled and deported — for kissing another student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'South African native Bongani Radebe came to America with the dream to be the first person in his family to get an education in the U.S.

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But a few months into his U.S. education at Edmonds Community College outside of Seattle, Wash., Radebe learned the hard way that American college students are not only sensitive, but that college men have few rights and receive no benefit of the doubt when accused of sexual assault.

Radebe met his eventual accuser — a 17-year-old high school student in a program that allowed her to earn college credits — at a bus stop near campus. Two weeks later he invited her to his dorm room after the two had exchanged texts. She came over and the two talked for awhile. Radebe claims he asked her to come to him and she did. He said he held her hand and complimented her eyes. He says she thanked him. Radebe says he asked if he could kiss her.

The woman would then accuse him of sexual assault. She told police, according to Radebe's account of the police report, that she consented to the kiss, but she told college administrators that he forcibly kissed her, pushed her to the bed and tried to undress her.

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When the woman reported their encounter to school officials, Radebe was removed from his dorm and placed in a hotel. Five days later he was informed that he was in violation of the anti-gender discrimination statute known as Title IX and could appeal. Radebe's appeal was denied and he was suspended for three years. This meant his visa would be revoked, essentially expelling him from the school and causing him to be deported back to South Africa, where he had to tell his family what he had done to lead to such an extreme situation.'

"Ineffective" sexual harassment training's cure: zero-tolerance, presumed guilt, and affirmative action

Matt · 3 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Yes indeed. OK, sexual harassment training has the opposite effect on MEN (always and only men), or so they say, so the fix is to come down HARD on any man accused of it and aggressively advance women to higher positions. Predictable. Excerpt:

'Sexual harassment courses aimed at preventing workplace discrimination can have the opposite effect, making men less capable of perceiving inappropriate behavior and more likely to blame victims, according to academic studies that cast doubt on traditional training programs.

One researcher who has questioned the effectiveness of harassment prevention classes is Lauren Edelman, a professor of law and sociology at the University of California Berkeley, the prestigious school that has been at the center of a series of high-profile faculty misconduct scandals in recent months.

“Sexual harassment training may, in fact, make it less likely that males will recognize situations that are harassing,” said Edelman, a faculty member in the renowned UC Berkeley law school, where Sujit Choudhry resigned as dean after he was found to have sexually harassed his executive assistant. “Sexual harassment training may provoke backlash in males.”

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The questionable research makes clear that universities should not only study the effectiveness of training, but should also prioritize other mechanisms to promote prevention, professors said.

“The university should focus more on having a much clearer zero-tolerance policy with very clear sanctions that are very consistently carried out,” said Edelman.

Tinkler said the best way to combat workplace sexual harassment is to reduce gender inequality and promote women in leadership positions.

“It really requires changing workplaces that have gender inequality structured into the way that they are organized,” she said.'

Fifty Shades of Red Tape: When Bureaucrats Regulate Your Sex Life

Matt · 4 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Remember when liberals used to say, “Just keep the government out of the bedroom?” Who would’ve thought those were the good ol’ days? Out-of-control government bureaucrats are regulating more and more as they strangle the freedom out of every aspect of life.

Now, liberals are teaming up with two of their favorite groups – bureaucrats and trial lawyers – to try to pass regulations that could make every single one of us a rapist in the eyes of the law.

That’s right – the regulations are now coming to bedrooms across America. In just a few weeks, the American Law Institute – an organization of lawyers who lobby federal, state, and local governments to pass their model laws – will vote on whether to make “affirmative consent” laws a part of the model penal code.

So what are “affirmative consent” laws? These laws require you to explicitly ask and receive clear consent before engaging in every step of sexual activity. Thus far, they’ve only been passed in coastal states and only apply to college students. But the American Law Institute is dangerously flirting with the idea that these laws should apply to everyone, everywhere.'

Hurricane Mizzou – Enrollment Plummets, Jobs Cut, Buildings Shutter

Matt · 4 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It all started when a feminist prof (who was eventually fired for it) decided that a man didn't have the right to report on a protest. She sought to have him forcibly removed from the protest because he was taking pictures. One thing led to another. Such are the wages of sin, as it were. Excerpt:

'After raucous protests last fall, the University of Missouri has “a dark cloud hanging over the institution—we can’t sugarcoat that,” vice chancellor of operations Gary Ward told faculty this week.

The university’s grave outlook became clearer Monday, as the data rolled in on freshman enrollment for the Fall 2016 semester, showing steep declines.

Compared to last year, 1,470 fewer students had paid their $300 enrollment fees by the May 1 deadline—and with cancellations rolling in over the weekend, the numbers may be even more grim, the local TV station KMIZ reports. That’s a drop of about 25% from last year’s freshman class of about 6,200.

Mizzou also reported a three-year low in grad-school applications, down 1,140 from two years ago. The number of new students shrunk even as the university has embarked on an aggressive effort to drum up interest in the school, using text messages and Skype and deploying more out-of-state recruiters.
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The steep dropoff in enrollment appears to directly traceable to the events of last fall. During October and November, the university found itself in the national spotlight after reports emerged of several racist incidents on campus. Protests erupted, forcing the cancellation of classes. In solidarity with a graduate student who went on a hunger strike, the university’s football team refused to play until the demands of one organization, #ConcernedStudent1950, were met. As the protests raged, a video went viral portraying one of the university’s communications professors, Melissa Click, calling for “muscle” against a student journalist covering the controversy.'

The men America has left behind

Mastodon · 4 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly one-quarter of white men with only a high school diploma aren't working. Many of these men, age 25 to 64, aren't just unemployed ... they aren't even looking for a job, according to federal data.

Their college-educated peers, however, have fared much better. Only about one in 10 isn't working.

The plight of these blue collar workers is now in the national spotlight. The 2016 presidential election has awakened their political power and reshaped the course of the campaign.'

White Men Should Stop Running For Office, Colorado Group Says

Mastodon · 4 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new political action committee has one question for straight white men with political aspirations.

"Dude, can you not?"

It's a question embedded in the name of the organization. The Can You Not PAC plans to discourage straight white men from running for office in Colorado's diverse districts. The hope is that will clear the lane from female, minority and LGBTQ candidates.

Democratic activists Jack Teter and Kyle Huelsman registered the organization last month. So far they've raised $120 from six donations.

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But some progressive activists aren't laughing.

"I always take the approach that it would be better to be pro- something rather than anti-something," says Halisi Vinson, president of Colorado Black Women For Political Action. "It appears they are taking a negative approach and that's never the way to create a movement."

Huelsman admitted they've gotten pushback from white males who are eyeing a future in politics. But he called that a "positive first step" of starting conversations about privilege.'

Due Process 101 As Taught by Uncle Sam

Mastodon · 4 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The principle that every person in the United States is entitled by right to “due process of law,” is so firmly embedded in the legal and cultural fabric of our society, that it hardly bears reminding. Yet, if you happen to be a male student at any college or university that receives federal funds, and an allegation of sexual misconduct has been levelled against you, you quickly realize that “due process” is a luxury you no longer enjoy.

Thanks to the Obama Administration’s effort to institutionalize political correctness throughout our nation’s education system, “due process” for male college students has been redefined out of the college curriculum. Now, according to Due Process 101 as taught by the United States Department of Education, male college students are no longer “innocent until proven guilty”; they are simply “guilty if accused,” and “due process” is a one-way street favoring the accuser not the accused.'

The basics: Bill shifting consent standard in campus sex assaults wins final passage

Mastodon · 5 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The state Senate gave final passage Monday to a bill that establishes an affirmative-consent threshold in cases of sexual assault on all college and university campuses in Connecticut. The bill now heads to Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's desk. If he signs it, Connecticut would be the fourth state to adopt such a standard.

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When adjudicating complaints of sexual assault among college students, determining whether there was consent is crucial.

Too often, proponents of the legislation say, victims are asked, "What did you do to say 'no'?" instead of asking the accused perpetrator, "How do you know the act was consensual?"

Essentially, the burden shifts from the accuser having to prove an assault took place and to the accused having to explain how they knew they had permission for a sexual encounter.

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Flexer said the legislation is about changing the mentality of college students. "We are teaching college students that you need to ask permission before you have sex with someone," she said.

Sen. Joe Markley, the lone vote against the bill in the state Senate, said it oversteps.

"I've never seen a policy that gets government more in the bedroom," Markley, R-Southington, said on the Senate floor before the vote.

The consent standard will be limited to discipline on college campuses – such as expulsion or suspension – and will not be the standard for criminal prosecutions.'

War on College Men: Fraternity Supports Women – Feminists Freak Out

Mastodon · 6 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Northwestern University fraternities thought they were doing the right and noble thing, hanging banners off the sides of their houses reminding students that it was Sex Assault Awareness Month.

But not only was the move not enough to satisfy campus social justice warriors, some SJWs forced the fraternities to issue a blanket apology for their effort, because their signs might have “triggered” some students.
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But apparently, simply recognizing sexual violence as a problem and informing your fellow students about the dangers of campus sexual assault—something campus feminists have been exhorting (and, in some ways, extorting) their fellow college students to do ad nauseum —is not enough to silence the clamoring harpy hordes.

Campus feminists published an op-ed, chastising the fraternities for their lack of self awareness in daring to address a “rampant” problem head on, and calling the banners nothing more than a “cruel reminder” that fraternities are cesspools of male privilege and impropriety. Activists even gave interviews to Northwestern’s student newspaper. “To display a banner [saying] that ‘We support survivors’ is really something you have to earn by actually walking the walk,” one student told the Daily Northwestern.'

False rape charge: Court orders woman’s prosecution

Matt · 6 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Accused of rape, 26-year-old Ravi found himself among the category of accused held guilty by society till proven innocent. To make the matters worse for him, the Rewari district resident had to remain in the custody during the period of trial.

Coming to his rescue, a Rewari court has not only acquitted him of the charges but also ordered prosecution of the woman complainant. The judgment, expected to act as a deterrent against false rape cases, was pronounced by Rewari Additional Sessions Judge Phalit Sharma.

Taking up the matter, the Judge asserted the court was convinced that the prosecution had told a bundle of lies to the police and the court. It warranted her prosecution in accordance with law for letting the police to prosecute accused Ravi on wrong facts and false deposition before the court.

Ravi was booked for rape, criminal intimidation and other offences after an FIR was registered in February last year at Rampura police station in Rewari.'

Harvard president to ban members of single-sex groups from campus leadership in 2017

Matt · 7 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. So, the groups in question aren't barred from existing at Harvard. And yet, members thereof are to be institutionally discriminated against because they are merely members of them? This is what happens when you let SJWs and feminists push you around. Excerpt:

'Students who join Harvard's male-only social clubs won't be able to serve as sports captains or leaders of other campus groups starting in fall 2017.

The new policy, announced Friday by Harvard's first female president, also applies to other unofficial single-gender groups on campus, including fraternities and sororities. Top officials at the university have been pushing those groups to stop excluding students based on gender even though they aren't officially recognized by the school.

Harvard President Drew Faust said in a statement that while the school has opened its doors to women and minorities, the campus culture has lagged behind.

"A truly inclusive community requires that students have the opportunity to participate in the life of the campus free from exclusion on arbitrary grounds," Faust said.

Under the new policy, students who join single-gender groups will also be prohibited from getting the dean's endorsement for scholarships. The rule will apply to all new students starting with the freshman class entering in the fall of 2017. It won't affect the 10,000 undergraduates already on campus or those coming this fall.'

State imposes misleading ‘affirmative consent’ requirement on campus sex, equating consensual sex with rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“If you’re a college student in Connecticut and want to have consensual sex, you might want to leave the state to do it,” reports The College Fix. The state’s left-leaning “legislature approved an ‘affirmative consent’ bill Wednesday night that now goes to Democratic Gov. Dannel Malloy, a proponent of the idea that sex is rape if one partner does not get the other partner’s repeated and mutually-agreed upon consent throughout the act.” All Democrats voted in favor of the bill; only a handful of Republicans like Senator Joe Markley voted against it, citing its meddling in college students’ consensual sex lives. As we’ve previously explained, “affirmative consent” bills misleadingly define consent so narrowly as to brand many welcome, mutually enjoyed consensual encounters as “sexual assault.”'

A Confession of Liberal Intolerance

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'WE progressives believe in diversity, and we want women, blacks, Latinos, gays and Muslims at the table — er, so long as they aren't conservatives.

Universities are the bedrock of progressive values, but the one kind of diversity that universities disregard is ideological and religious. We're fine with people who don't look like us, as long as they think like us.
...
"Outside of academia I faced more problems as a black," he told me. "But inside academia I face more problems as a Christian, and it is not even close."

I've been thinking about this because on Facebook recently I wondered aloud whether universities stigmatize conservatives and undermine intellectual diversity. The scornful reaction from my fellow liberals proved the point.
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Jonathan Haidt, a centrist social psychologist at New York University, cites data suggesting that the share of conservatives in academia has plunged, and he has started a website, Heterodox Academy, to champion ideological diversity on campuses.

"Universities are unlike other institutions in that they absolutely require that people challenge each other so that the truth can emerge from limited, biased, flawed individuals," he says. "If they lose intellectual diversity, or if they develop norms of 'safety' that trump challenge, they die. And this is what has been happening since the 1990s."

Should universities offer affirmative action for conservatives and evangelicals? I don't think so, partly because surveys find that conservative scholars themselves oppose the idea. But it's important to have a frank discussion on campuses about ideological diversity. To me, this seems a liberal blind spot.'

Australia: Teacher warns men not to join the profession after two-year investigation

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'A TEACHER of 35 years experience has warned young men against joining the profession after enduring an investigation into an alleged incident with a student that lasted close to two years and left him mentally scarred.

The southern suburbs man has detailed the isolating and humiliating “farce” he was put through when investigated by the Education Department, which has revealed it finalised 80 disciplinary matters involving teachers and other staff last year.

“It goes from zero to psycho in an instant,” the teacher said of the investigation into whether he inappropriately touched a student, which he estimated would have cost taxpayers $250,000.

“I am so pissed off because of the indignity of what I had to go through.

“It must cost (the department) millions each year chasing frivolous or vexatious complaints that should be at least attempted to be resolved at the local level.

“I would discourage any young guy from going into teaching.”'

Men accused of sex crimes striking back at colleges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After years of complaints that they weren't taking sexual assault reports seriously, colleges are finally doing so, and finding themselves slammed with lawsuits from men who say they were unfairly suspended or otherwise punished.

The schools are feeling caught in the middle.

"We're trying to walk the razor's edge between being more attentive to the issue but still being fair to all our students," said Dana Scaduto, general counsel at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, who has testified before Congress on the issue.

At least 75 men have sued their schools since 2013, complaining largely of reverse discrimination and unfair disciplinary proceedings. Most were never charged with a crime because the accuser didn't go to police, or authorities decided there wasn't enough evidence.'

How feminism attacks masculinity

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'Feminism today seeks to promote gender equality by eradicating these practices and doing away with traditional gender. In reality, there is little work to be done in terms of gender equality. However, with the angst of feminism still pulsing through society's bloodstream, and no further work to be done, feminism has set its sights on masculinity — a reminder of the past oppression of women in America. When feminists talk about eliminating societal gender roles, what they're really talking about is eliminating the presence of masculinity.

This sentiment is clear when participating in a conversation about gender and consequently feminism. I, as a woman, can engage in these conversations freely. On the other hand, I've witnessed my male counterparts attempting to participate in these conversations countless times, only to have their point completely invalidated with the slick, P.C. phrase, "Says the straight male." Notice how someone with an alternate sexuality would not face the same criticism. That's because it's not men that new age feminists oppose, it's the masculinity.

It's the very existence of masculinity that is perceived as a threat to gender equality. By keeping the masculine voice boxed out of the conversation surrounding gender, women control the gender narrative and maintain their place in society. The consequence of this is that there is really no other group that is marginalized and invalidated more acceptably than the straight (often white) male.

The idea that feminism is used to help men is total crap. Feminism today not only attempts to silence masculinity, but to eradicate it's role in society. This is due to a sense of insecurity women feel in terms of their new place in the world. Historically, our country has been a patriarchy run by masculinity. That's an intimidating concept considering the fact that women have only recently reached a role equal with men in society. However, we can still have these traditional cultural practices and include the male perspective without inequality. The existence of masculinity is not an inherent threat to the advancement of women. We need to be able to appreciate the progress women have made and release insecurity of losing it.'

More details on the wage gap fiction

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'The recruitment consultancy Robert Half decided to get some early PR out of International Women's Day this Tuesday. It published an analysis of salary rates in the UK for men and women concluding that women will earn £298,064 ($422,267) less than men over their lifetimes, a gender pay gap of 24%.

The press release has already been written up by the Evening Standard, The Guardian, and here at Business Insider.

The problem with this statistic is that ... it's rubbish.

The gender pay gap in the UK is just 9.4% and getting smaller every year, according to the Office for National Statistics, which does an annual survey of men's and women's wage rates specifically to monitor discriminatory pay.

And yet, the media persistently reports that women earn 20% or 30% less than men. The BBC made this exact claim as recently as February.

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The obvious trend in the chart is that once you hit your 30s, men start getting paid more. "From 40 upwards, the gap is much wider, with men being paid substantially more on average than women," the ONS says. The main reason: "This is likely to be connected with the fact that women who have children often take time out of the labour market."

It's not just that having kids hurts your earnings in later life, either. It's the work you choose to do, the ONS says. "It should be noted that the figures do not show differences in rates of pay for comparable jobs, as they are affected by factors such as the proportion of men and women in different occupations. For example, a higher proportion of women work in occupations such as administration and caring, that tend to offer lower salaries."

The overall point here is that yes, men do earn more than women. A lot more: Men get an average of £567 a week in Britain compared with £471 for women. That is, actually, a 20% pay gap. But men get that extra money because they don't work part time as much, because they work more overtime, because they don't take time off to have children, and because they tend not to work lower-paid jobs as much as women do.'

Harvard already hit with petition campaign to dump its new rules against single-sex clubs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Harvard has awoken a tiger with its new rules that ban fraternities, sororities and “final clubs” from leading athletic teams, holding leadership positions and even getting endorsements for top fellowships.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education has started a petition campaign against Harvard’s “blacklist” of students in single-sex organizations, asking President Drew Faust to “restore freedom of association” for Harvard students:

"All of these organizations have been independent of Harvard since 1984, operate as off-campus entities, and do not receive any recognition or benefit from the university.

Harvard’s stunning attack on its students’ right to freedom of association directly undermines its core values, categorically denying students important benefits and opportunities on the sole basis of their maintaining officially disfavored private associations."

FIRE also said it is “preparing a formal response.”'

Georgia Lawmaker Sues DOE to Guard Rights of College Students Accused of Sexual Assault

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'Georgia Rep. Earl Ehrhart has challenged the Obama administration's orders on how to handle allegations of sexual assault on college campuses for the same reason he threatened to stop Georgia Tech's state funding over the school's policy on investigating allegations of student wrongdoing.

"Even third graders know you're innocent until proven guilty" is how the longest-serving Republican in the Georgia State House explained his legal theory to the College Fix.

Ehrhart and his wife have filed suit against the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights on behalf of Virginia Ehrhart's son, who is a student at Georgia Tech.

Ehrhart said he and his wife are afraid her son, and other male students, could be hurt by what he described as an unconstitutional policy on the investigation of alleged campus sex crimes.

The Ehrharts' suit calls out the DOE's "Dear Colleague" letters that Ehrhart said could result in male college students being "wrongly accused and found responsible" of sexual misconduct.'

UK: Judge rules in favor of students accused of rape

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'A senior judge has today agreed four students falsely accused of gang rape can pursue £221,000 costs as he criticised police for 'cherry-picking' evidence to help the complainant.

Judge Jamie Tabor QC told Gloucester Crown Court that Detective Constable Ben Lewis, who is still on active duty, got too close to the woman and did not understand his job properly.

Thady Duff, Leo Mahon and Patrick Foster, all 22, and James Martin, 20, were arrested after a group sex session at a summer ball at the Royal Agricultural University in Cirencester.

The case against the students fell apart before trial after it emerged the woman, who cannot be named, had given 'different accounts' as a witness in another rape case.

Texts she sent on the night were not revealed and the court heard there were suggestions she had previously shown an interest in group sex.'

Woman draws suspended 10-year sentence for "sex" with 15-YO boy

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'Kaylyn Huval is a 28-year-old middle school teacher who found herself in some major hot water when she was accused of having sex with one of her students.

The Louisiana teacher admitted it in court, pleading guilty to one count of carnal knowledge of a juvenile.

Huval was sentenced to 10 years in prison for having sex with a 15-year-old student.

The judge, however, suspended that sentence.

Guess how long she'll actually be spending behind bars?

She won't be spending any time in jail.'

Why men won't marry you

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What exactly does marriage offer men today? “Men know there’s a good chance they’ll lose their friends, their respect, their space, their sex life, their money and — if it all goes wrong — their family,” says Helen Smith, Ph.D., author of "Men on Strike." “They don’t want to enter into a legal contract with someone who could effectively take half their savings, pension and property when the honeymoon period is over.Men aren’t wimping out by staying unmarried or being commitment phobes. They’re being smart.”

Unlike women, men lose all power after they say “I do.” Their masculinity dies, too.

What’s left of it, that is. In the span of just a few decades, America has demoted men from respected providers and protectors of the family to superfluous buffoons. Today’s sitcoms and commercials routinely paint a portrait of the idiot husband whose wife is smarter and more capable than he.

There was a time when wives respected their husbands. There was a time when wives took care of their husbands as they expected their husbands to take care of them.

Or perhaps therein lies the rub. If women no longer expect or even want men to “take care of” them — since women can do everything men can do and better, thank you very much, feminism — perhaps the flipside is the assumption that women don’t need to take care of husbands, either. And if no one’s taking care of anyone, why the hell marry?'

CBO: Nearly 1 in 6 young men in jail or jobless

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'Nearly one in six young men (between the ages of 18-34) in the U.S. were either jobless or incarcerated in 2014, according to a new government report. It details a striking amount of male alienation that has been on the rise since the 1980s.

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), out of the 38 million young men in the U.S. in 2014, 16 percent were jobless (5 million or 13 percent) or incarcerated (1 million or 3 percent). The share of young men without a job or in prison has increased substantially since 1980, when just 11 percent of young men fit into either category.

CBO highlights that the level of joblessness and incarceration varies based on young men's educational attainment. The less they have, the more likely they are to be jobless or incarcerated. The rates also varied among racial and ethnic groups. In 2014 young black men were about twice as likely to be jobless or incarcerated than white or Hispanic young men were. The disparity was largely due, however, to higher rates of incarceration among young black men.

Economic, policy, and skill-set changes contributed to the the large increase in joblessness and incarceration from 1980 to 2014, CBO said.

On the economic side in particular, CBO pointed to the recent recession, technological advances, more women entering the workforce and such debate-inspiring issues as outsourcing and low-skilled immigration.'

Woman Arrested For In-Flight Molestation

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Article here. And airlines are afraid to seat single men next to women and children. Maybe nobody should be allowed to sit next to anyone. Ever. Excerpt:

'An Oregon woman flying home last night from Las Vegas allegedly molested another female passenger, according to police who arrested the suspect on a sex abuse charge.

Cops allege that Heidi McKinney, 26, was en route to Portland when she touched the breasts and genitals of a woman who told investigators that the alleged contact was not consensual.

McKinney and the victim were traveling on an Alaska Airlines flight that arrived late Sunday in Portland. Alerted by airline personnel, police met the aircraft upon landing and took McKinney into custody after interviewing the other passenger.'

Male student files gender discrimination suit against Stanford

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The male student accused of sexually assaulting Leah Francis ’14 two years ago has filed two separate suits against the University, claiming gender discrimination under Title IX during the review process that led to his suspension. The student, who has elected to remain unnamed, is filing the case as John Doe.

The assault of Francis was the first sexual assault case in three years at Stanford to lead to disciplinary action when it occurred in 2014.

This case was the center point of the “Stand with Leah” movement, which demanded that Stanford change its sexual assault policies and provide more support for victims of assault, as well as harsher punishments for those found guilty of sexual assault.
...
Doe is pursuing damages in the federal case on the basis that he was unfairly discriminated against because he was a male student and the University wished to appear tough on sexual assault.

Doe’s suit alleges a multitude of problems with the University’s handling of the case and how it reached its conclusions. These include issues during the review process and during the appeals process, when Vice Provost of Student Affairs Greg Boardman’s office both decided against Doe and increased the sanctions against him.'

Men Charged Almost Double for Concert

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Scottish music star Calvin Harris is selling tickets for his new concert at the Omnia in Las Vegas, but if you're a man, you're in for some bad news — you have to pay $75 for a standard ticket, whereas women only have to pay $40.

No one knows yet whether Harris is trying to fix the mythical feminist "wage gap" by slapping men with a higher fee (a common tactic at feminist bake sales), or whether he's going for the old nightclub-owner's trick of letting the women in for free to make his show seem cooler.

Of course, surely a smart marketer would claim to be doing the former to disguise the fact that he's doing the latter.

Harris' mysterious pricing policy has already got commentators talking. The Daily Telegraph straightforwardly accuses the singer of being sexist and points out that the practice of charging men and women different prices for the same product has been banned in a number of US states.

New York magazine's Jessica Roy is more confused, but is convinced gender politics is involved somehow. That's accurate, but precisely how is, at this point, anyone's guess.'

"Harvard wants secretive male clubs to go co-ed. All-female groups are being punished in their wake."

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While the recommendations appear to condemn the exclusivity for which all-male final clubs are known, the new guidelines also apply to fraternities, sororities and the more recently formed five all-female final clubs — none of which are recognized by the university.

The unexpected consequence of the penalties, then, is to prevent women from associating under their gender as well, prompting all-female groups to ask the administration to consider them in a different vein from their all-male counterparts.

“Basking in the praise of the national press for its efforts to make all-male final clubs go co-ed, Harvard has left out an important piece of the story: female final clubs,” three female students wrote in an op-ed for the Harvard Crimson.

They argued that while women would remain disenfranchised within the hierarchies of historically male clubs, the act of making historically female clubs go co-ed would effectively cause them to “die out,” as they lack the resources to compete.'

Donald Trump: “All of the men, we’re petrified to speak to women anymore”

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'"If [Clinton] didn't play the women's card, she would have no chance, I mean zero, of winning," Trump said. "She's playing the women's card. She's going — " [here Trump's voice drips with sarcasm] "'Did you hear that Donald Trump raised his voice while speaking to a woman?' Oh, I'm sorry!"

And then: "I mean. All of the men, we're petrified to speak to women anymore. We may raise our voice. You know what? The women get it better than we do, folks. They get it better than we do. If she didn't play that card, she has nothing."

Women in the audience started cheering at this.

Trump's "women get it better than we do" line could mean two things. It could mean that he thinks women have an easier lot in life than men — partly because men now have to be constantly "petrified" of being labeled sexists.'

Students who falsely reported racial attack, bragged about "beating up a boy" expelled

Matt · 10 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Expelled, is that all? Evidence of race- and gender-based motivation for violence and they were *only* expelled? Excerpt:

'In a rare act, a university has expelled students who allegedly perpetrated a race hoax that brought negative attention to the school.

Two women who were involved in the alleged hoax have been expelled from the State University of New York at Albany, while a third student was suspended for two years. The disciplinary action comes after the students were arrested and charged with 10 misdemeanor charges, including assault and false reporting.

The three women — who are black — accused a bus full of white people of attacking them and using racial slurs. After police investigated the incident, it was determined that the three accusers were not the victims but in fact the aggressors.

Audio and video collected from the attack showed one of the accusers throwing the first punch and another using a racial slur while white bus riders tried to break up the fight. When one of the accusers called 911 after the fight to report a race-based crime, she bragged about "beat[ing] up a boy."'

India: Dowry harassment case: Retired armyman pleads for mercy killing

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A retired army man on Tuesday submitted a petition to the President of India seeking mercy killing, apparently annoyed at the slow progress of justice after being "falsely implicated" by his son's in-laws in a dowry case.

A distressed Ramnath Das, who was employed with the mechanical wing of the Electronic Mechanical Engineering Corp of the Army, appealed to Pranab Mukherjee to ensure early justice to him or permit him to end the life willingly. "The agony of this dowry case has troubled my family to such an extent that in the last two years most of the members of the family have gone into depression and are ailing from various psychological problems," the letter addressed to the President reads.

A resident of Gadra in Pursudih, Das said his 30-year-old son Praveen, who is employed with Navi Mumbai-based JSW Ispat Ltd , had married Vibha of Kasidih on November 23, 2010. "From the early days of the marriage, her (the daughter-in-laws') family has been pressuring Parveen to stay with them, much to the opposition of my son," the 57-year-old said which, according to him, prompted the woman's family members to plot schemes to harass them.'

University Recommends ‘Safe Zone Training’ To Prepare For Milo Event

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'Posters for an upcoming event featuring Breitbart Tech editor Milo Yiannopoulos at The University of California, Irvine, have prompted the university to encourage students to attend “Safe Zone training.”

The posters in questions were peppered with provocative quotes from previous speeches by Yiannopoulos in order to promote his speech. Members of the campus chapter of Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) and the College Republicans were responsible for placing the posters around the campus, and as such received considerable backlash from classmates via social media along with harsh words from the university itself.
...
Whilst the university did not call for the event to be shut down, Dr Douglas Haynes, the UCI Vice Provost for Academic Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, sent an email to the campus community on Monday night, denouncing the language used in the posters as “offensive”, and recommending that students participate in “Safe Zone training”, to ensure they become an “ally” to the LGBT community, as Haynes declared himself to be.

“Homophobia—as well as other forms of bias—contradicts our campus’ enduring commitment to inclusive excellence,” Haynes wrote. The posters were “all the more distressing” because “it occurred a day after the … Equity Games,” an annual event dedicated to “learning about and appreciating the richness of our campus diversity, including the [LGBTQ] community.”'

These High School Kids Created An Awesome Prom Photo. Then The Left Stepped In.

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'A group of adorable high school boys wore superhero t-shirts under their tuxes on prom night, matching their date's dress. A photo was taken of the girls smiling back at the camera as they open their date's vests to reveal the superhero logo on their t-shirts. The sweet photo that no one could possibly be offended by--or so one would think--was posted to Twitter.

Then a social justice war-waging Leftist came in to suck the fun right out of the awesome prom photo by railing against its "sexist" undertones and comparing it to a lynching done by the KKK.
...
Apparently, young high school boys and girls consensually posing for a cute superhero-themed prom picture is abundantly sexist. If only Superman or Batman were in a dress, then modernity would have won and sexism would have been defeated. Damn archaic gender roles!

The video game designer further explained the blatant sexism: "The men as heroes, the women as subservient. Not a single female hero. The men serious/in thought, the women only all smiles," he complained.'

The End of Men (In Literature)

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'The undergraduate course "Men in Literature" was taught eight times from 2005 to 2015 at Springfield College in Massachusetts. It drew healthy enrollments and was reviewed favorably by a large majority of the students who took it. In 2010, the course was formally approved by the college curriculum committee as an addition to the offerings of the humanities department.

But in fall 2013, trouble began—not yet for "Men in Literature," but for the man who devised and taught it, tenured English professor and South African expatriate Dennis Gouws. He had become interested in the emerging field of "men's studies," and had helped to found a Springfield College men's group. The group created a Facebook page that irritated some campus feminists. Gouws had gone further by replying to the proliferation of feminist anti-rape posters on his colleagues' office doors. He put on his own office door flyers that presented statistics on rape that contradicted the widespread claim that one in five women are raped during their undergraduate years. His materials were torn down by a departmental colleague, and later, his door was vandalized.

Gouws was called to a meeting by Springfield's director of human resources and subjected to a harangue by a group of college officials. At the meeting one of the college officials complained that the posters created a "hostile environment," and the dean of his college called the organizations that had produced the flyer "a hate group." Thus began Springfield College's campaign to suppress Professor Gouws's freedom of expression on the topic of how men are treated in contemporary higher education.'

The Problem With Sheryl Sandberg's Ivory Tower Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's nothing more insufferable than an ivory tower feminist who insists on forcing the world into a box — her box. Facebook COO-turned social justice warrior Sheryl Sandberg is on a mission. Sandberg made clear her feminist agenda several years ago, when she announced this to a group of college graduates (and later reiterated in her Lean In campaign): "A truly equal world would be one where women ran half our countries and companies and men ran half our homes."

A lofty goal, indeed — one that demands a complete restructuring of the way America operates. And so began Sandberg's true occupation (because clearly, running Facebook isn't it): to upend human nature and to change the world, one campaign at a time.

To begin, she insists that girls who are bossy — as Sandberg says she once was (and hello, still is) — are misunderstood. Parents and teachers should encourage these girls' obnoxious behavior because curbing it will stifle their leadership spirit and keep them from being successful like Sandberg. Hence, Sandberg, in her infinite wisdom, began a campaign to ban the word "bossy."

That wasn't enough, though. Sandberg then went on to insist that America has a "toddler-wage gap," what with the gender-stereotyped manner in which we parents raise our kids. It seems parents are part of the reason there's a pay differential between women and men. How so? We're teaching our boys to take out the trash and teaching our girls to set the table. And since the former takes longer than the latter, parents are sending a message to boys that they don't have to work as hard as girls do on the home front. Clearly, this leads to women dropping out of the workforce later in life to tend to matters at home.

Which is a problem, since home is the last place feminists want women to be. Women should be out running the world instead because, clearly, men suck at it.'

Wife Battered Husband Over Candy, Flowers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Incensed that her husband got her “the wrong flowers and candy” for Mother’s Day, a Florida woman allegedly pummeled her spouse, according to cops who arrested her for domestic battery.

Investigators allege that Virginia Stewart, 42, attacked her spouse during an argument early Sunday in their family’s Holmes Beach residence. Cops arrived at the house in response to a 911 hangup call.

As detailed in a probable cause affidavit, Stewart quarreled with her husband about “the victim getting her the wrong flowers and candy for Mother’s Day.”

After Stewart “did throw cups around the room and break them,” she allegedly attacked her spouse, punching him several times while also striking the man in the head with a coat hanger.'

ACLU: The Federal Government Is Investigating Sexism Against Directors in Hollywood

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'Two federal government agencies have launched an investigation into discrimination against female directors in Hollywood, the American Civil Liberties Union announced Wednesday. The news comes a year after the civil rights organization requested that the government look into hiring practices at studios.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs have been working on a wide-ranging investigation, according Melissa Goodman, a lawyer with the ACLU. The investigation was prompted by an ACLU report after the organization conducted its own two-year audit into discriminatory practices. The ACLU collected testimonials from over 50 female directors who reported sexist practices like studio-compiled “short lists” of potential directors that were almost exclusively male. In October, the Los Angeles Times reported that several female directors received surveys from the EEOC regarding gender discrimination in Hollywood.'

Hundreds of Harvard Women Protest to Keep Same-Sex Clubs

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'More than two hundred members of the Crimson Women's Coalition demonstrated in Harvard Yard on Monday against a new policy that bans undergraduates from joining same-sex organizations like fraternities, sororities and especially elite "final clubs."

The rally, called "Hear Her Harvard," was organized by women, primarily students, who feel that the university's new policy will destroy social spaces that women have created for mutual support on campus.
...
Dean Rakesh Khurana, who has been responsible for much of the politically-correct upheaval at Harvard — including the end of the term "master" for faculty members supervising undergraduate dormitories, lest the term evoke slavery — called same-sex clubs "rife with power imbalances."'

At Harvard, All-Female Groups Claim Collateral Damage in Crackdown on Final Clubs

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'The university released a report in March saying that final clubs "have a disproportionate influence on campus culture — and, more importantly, one that is in many respects negative and helps perpetuate an environment where sexual assault occurs." Since then, the university has faced intense pressure to do something about the groups.

The report takes aim at "a strong sense of sexual entitlement" in the male clubs but also zeroes in on the apparent effect of that on the female clubs. According to the report, female seniors who are members of final clubs are much more likely to have been sexually assaulted than female seniors not in the clubs.

To current and former members of female clubs, targeting their groups along with the male ones seemed excessive.

Morgan Arenson, a 2006 Harvard graduate and graduate board member of the Sablière Society, an all-female final club, said she first thought that since her group did not share the problems of men's final clubs — like a misogynistic culture and sexual assaults — any policy changes wouldn't affect it.'

Feminists Want Harvard’s All-Male Clubs Punished—But Not All-Women’s Clubs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With campus feminists, you simply can’t win.

Last week, Harvard announced that they were cracking down on “privilege” within their student community by banning members of single-gender organizations from holding school leadership positions.

But when Harvard announced its new policy, it stressed that the sanctions applied to both male and female single-gender organizations equally, since both male and female single-gender organizations thrived on their “privilege.”

Harvard’s resident feminists claim that all-female organizations, while just as gender-biased, are beneficial to the school’s community, whereas all-male organizations are merely breeding grounds for the present and future perpetrators of sexual crime.

On Monday, they demonstrated, accusing Harvard of, among other things, perpetuating the marginalization of female voices. “My women’s organization has been more than a social organization,” one student told the Boston Globe. “It has been a mental health respite, a place to discuss sexual assaults . . . where I became a feminist, and where I refound my voice.”'

A rift at the American Law Institute

Matt · 12 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A large group of member of the American Law Institute have written a letter in opposition to an upcoming vote that would vastly expand the definition of sexual assault in the legal system.

The letter, signed by nearly 120 members, including lawyers, judges and law professors, highlights several concerns regarding a draft model penal code that ALI members will vote to adopt on May 17. I previously wrote about issues with the draft, but was assured by an ALI member that many of my concerns have been addressed in the current version.

The ALI members who signed this letter have copies of the draft that will be voted on this month, and it turns out there are still dangerous issues that have not been addressed that will turn every sexually active American into a criminal overnight.

For starters, the draft has rebranded the "affirmative consent" standard previously criticized as "communicated willingness." Whatever you want to call it, it requires each person involved in sexual activity to essentially treat sex like a question-and-answer session, with each party asking question after question and receiving a clear reply before escalating the activity. This is not how sex works, and the signers of the opposition letter write that such language creates a starting presumption that sex is a crime.'

Stop complaining about wearing heels at work

GaryB · 13 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

This article appeared in Australia today, after a story yesterday. A woman was sent home from work because she refused to wear high heels to her temp job, as per the dress code she'd agreed to. That story raised the ire of many and was widely criticised with the woman receiving lots of support. From today's opinion piece:

'WHEN I read the story about Nicola Thorp being sent home on her first day at PricewaterhouseCoopers, all because she refused to wear high heels for her job as a receptionist, a familiar feeling came over me.

Anger and annoyance, but not in the way you might think — I'm a man.

Women's attire in the workplace can be a hot topic when it comes to gender discrimination discussions. This often leaves women feeling angry and upset, typically at men, for what they "have to go through". However, I couldn't disagree more.

Men have always been held to a higher standard when it comes to workplace attire. I remember reading the 44 page dress code for bank employees at UBS, the Swiss Bank. Men with a thin jawline should have Single Windsor tie knots, while guys with wider jaws should use a double.

Just two years ago, I would wear my suit on the train from north west Sydney to the CBD and home each day. The walk from the station on hot days would leave me sweaty and uncomfortable by the time I got to the office. When I arrived, I had to choose between keeping the coat off and letting everyone see me perspire through my shirt, or leave the jacket on to keep up appearances and turn myself into a walking sauna.

Even my first job, I was required to wear both a tie and have a clean shaven face. This often led to my tight collar rubbing against my freshly shaven, sensitive skin and leaving a big patch of red irritated skin. How professional.

Men have the same issues as women when it comes to workplace attire — if not worse. Nothing is more fun than being looked down upon when you forget to wear a tie, only to have a woman in the office walk past in a bright pink skirt.'

Nice work!

Senate Panel Calls for Women to Sign up for Military Draft

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The GOP-led Senate Armed Services Committee has seconded a call by its counterpart in the House to require women to register for a military draft, setting the stage for a significant cultural change triggered by the Pentagon's decision to lift all gender-based restrictions on front-line combat units.

Any justification for barring women from draft registration was erased last year when the Pentagon announced all military jobs would be open to women, the committee said late Thursday in a summary of its annual defense policy bill. Women must begin to sign up with the Selective Service beginning in January 2018, according to the committee's measure.

The committee added that the top officers in each of the military branches also expressed their support for including women in a potential draft during testimony before Congress.'

"Harvard Heard Women, Alright"

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'The Harvard administration's recent decision to sanction unrecognized single-gender social organizations—including sororities and women's final clubs—is not the result of Harvard somehow not listening to women.

It is the result of the Harvard administration after decades—after centuries—finally hearing feminist critique.

For generations, Harvard feminists and activists have advocated for the sanctioning or disbanding of final clubs. Now that we have it, new debates on gender and inclusiveness have come to the fore.

This debate recently took to the streets—or the Yard, where around 200 students, mostly women, protested the recent decision under the banner #hearherharvard. These women claim that sororities and female final clubs are spaces of female empowerment, and that pressuring them to go co-ed along with their male counterparts will exacerbate the problems of sexism the administration is trying to combat.

To many of us who have long been part of the struggle against clubs, these arguments are wrong-headed, to say the least, and at worst blatantly reactionary. Let's walk through a couple of them to come to a deeper understanding of gender and of what it means to create inclusive spaces. I'm confident that when we do, we'll find that this decision can only improve women's and marginalized people's experiences on campus.'

Susan Rice: U.S. Security Agencies Have Too Many White Males

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'During the commencement address for Florida International University, Obama national security advisor Susan Rice said that there were not enough minorities in high-ranking positions and too many elite white men.

“Minorities still make up less than 20 percent of our senior diplomats, less than 15 percent of senior military officers and senior intelligence officials,” Rice said according to prepared remarks released by the White House. ” Too often, our national security workforce has been what former Florida Senator Bob Graham called ‘white, male, and Yale.’”'

Federal Reserve is too ‘white and male’, say Democrats

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'More than a hundred Democratic party lawmakers have written to Federal Reserve chair Janet Yellen complaining of a lack of diversity within the central bank system and a leadership that is “overwhelmingly and disproportionately white and male”.

The letter, signed by 11 senators and 116 representatives, calls on the Fed to do more to ensure its senior ranks reflect the country’s make-up in terms of gender, race and ethnicity, economic background and occupation. It also demands that the Fed place greater priority on securing full employment for minorities as it pursues its economic goals.'

Male Teachers Claim Wage Discrimination

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Nine male teachers are suing their Pennsylvania school district, claiming they're victims of an unfair and gendered pay scale that favors their female counterparts.

The federal lawsuit, filed on May 2, alleges that the Moon Area School District, located about 13 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, failed to comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, and Section 1 of the Civil Rights Act of 1871.

The plaintiffs have accused the school district of hiring female teachers at higher pay levels while also giving them more credit for their prior teaching experience. The men claim their prior teaching experiences were not recognized at the same salary level.
...
According to the civil complaint, all nine plaintiffs appear to have transferred from outside districts, where they worked for a varying number of years.

"We do not discriminate against anybody for any reason," Testa said. "We categorically deny any sort of discrimination as a district and we will defend the lawsuit vigorously."'

UK: Rise of women teachers 'turning boys off education' as report reveals girls born this year will be 75% more likely to go to university

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An admissions tsar has claimed a fall in boys going to university is due to the rise of female teachers in Britain's schools.

The 'dominance' of women taking classes is contributing to male students ending their academic careers early, says Ucas chief Mary Curnock Cook.

Ms Curnock Cook made the controversial comments in the foreword of a study that says girls are 75 per cent more likely to go on to university.
Currently there are 455,000 teachers at state schools across the country and 74 per cent are women.'

A Challenge to Clinton: Show More Than Your ‘Woman Card’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So here’s my challenge to Hillary Clinton: Give one speech; one, single speech without mentioning you’re a woman, or that you’re running to be the first female president. This challenge also forbids taking a non-women’s issue, like criminal justice reform, and turning it into a women’s issue because that’s really the only thing you know how to do.
...
Mr. Trump also pointed out something that shows some of the privilege women in America have. He said men are now “petrified” to speak to women. This is becoming increasingly true, as the “woman’s card” gives one the right to call anyone a sexist for saying anything they find objectionable.

Men are becoming afraid to open doors for women for fear of being called a sexist, male employers are afraid to close the door when speaking to female employees for fear of being accused of harassment, and god forbid a man say “good morning” to a woman on the street…

The problem is especially bad on college campuses, where normal human interaction is being redefined as sexual assault or harassment just because a woman decides later she didn’t like it. That’s the kind of fear and frustration Mr. Trump is channeling when he talks about men being “petrified” to speak to women.'

Due process is still being kicked off campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Academia's descent into perpetual hysteria and incipient tyranny is partly fueled by the fiction that 1 in 5 college students is sexually assaulted and that campuses require minute federal supervision to cure this. Encouraged by the government's misuse of discredited social science (one survey supposedly proving this 1-in-5 fiction), colleges and universities are implementing unconstitutional procedures mandated by the government.

The 2006 Duke lacrosse rape case fit the narrative about campuses permeated by a "rape culture." Except there was no rape. In 2014, the University of Virginia was convulsed by a magazine's lurid report of a rape that buttressed the narrative that fraternities foment the sexual predation supposedly pandemic in "male supremacist" America. Except there was no rape. Now, Colorado State University at Pueblo has punished the supposed rapist of a woman who says she was not raped.
...
Title IX of the Education Amendments enacted in 1972 merely says no person at an institution receiving federal funds shall be subjected to discrimination on the basis of sex. From this the government has concocted a right to micromanage schools' disciplinary procedures, mandating obvious violations of due process.
...
Although a "dear colleague" letter is supposedly a mere "guidance document," it employs the word "must" in effectively mandating policies. While purporting to just "interpret" Title IX, these letters shred constitutional guarantees. And the letters evade the legal requirement that such significant rulemaking must be subject to comment hearings open to a properly notified public. Even were CSU Pueblo inclined to resist such dictates — academic administrators nowadays are frequently supine when challenged — it would risk a costly investigation and the potential loss of the 11 percent of its budget that comes from Washington.'

India: Woman fakes gang rape to extract seven lakh

Matt · 15 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here.

'An FIR filed by a woman against five persons, including her husband and brothers-in-law, for holding her hostage and repeatedly raping her, was proved false during investigation. Police said she had cooked up the entire story to extract Rs 7 lakh* from those named in the complaint.

The woman in question was found allegedly in an unconscious state with her clothes askew on NH-24 in Bareilly's Fatehganj (west) on June 12 at around 5 am. In her complaint, she claimed that her in-laws physically assaulted her over dowry and hence, she left their home and filed a case in December 2013. But, she had to withdraw it after her in-laws started threatening her. On March 21, her in-laws kidnapped her on her way to the market by dragging her into a car. She told police that they held her after her kidnapping, she was held hostage and repeatedly gang-raped her.

However, probe exposed that the woman was staying in Moradabad with her sister's boyfriend, Lalit Tiwari, and also working in a beauty parlour, during the time she claimed her in-laws held her captive. On June 11, her mother made injury marks on her body using bangles. "The woman's sister, a friend Chandani and Tiwari dropped her at NH-24 early in the morning and went back to Moradabad. The woman consumed sleeping pills," said Sudhir Pal Dhama, SHO, Fatehganj (west). Medical reports also ruled out rape.

"We have arrested Tiwari who has confessed. The woman had faked her gang rape to extract Rs 7 lakh which her in-laws had denied her after she filed the dowry case. We would take action against them for faking the case," said Dhama.'

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* about €10,000

Ten Male "Privileges"

Matt · 15 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. A must-see and highly bookmark-able and share-able.

SAVE E-lert: Law Profs Tell OCR To Stop Breaking the Law

Matt · 16 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Experts in the law across the country have joined together.

Leading law professors have released a group letter, telling the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Education (OCR) to stop its hinderance of free speech and due process: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Law-Professor-Open-Letter-May-16-2016.pdf

The group letter is believed to be the first time that professors from numerous law schools have publicly chastised the federal Office for Civil Rights.

Now is the time to join with them.

Contact Catherine Lhamon at Catherine.Lhamon@ed.gov - tell her to stop breaking the law.

Let's let OCR have a flood of push-back and get a response.

Thank you!

Gina Lauterio, Esq., Policy Program Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
www.saveservices.org

Attorney's Tactic In Yale Sexual Misconduct Case Raises Questions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the eyes of Justin Dillon, a Washington, D.C., attorney who has handled campus misconduct cases nationwide, the case "perfectly captures the hysterical campus climate these days. Highly ambiguous situations are put through an incredibly one-sided process in which the accused are presumed guilty from the start, and the results are sadly predictable."

Stern is "doing what any good defense attorney with a high-profile case would do," Dillon said, "getting the counter-narrative out there to show there are very much two sides to this story. ... There is nothing to lose when your name is out there and everybody is assuming you are guilty. He has nowhere to go but up."

But Colby Bruno, who represents those filing complaints as a lawyer for the Victim Rights Law Center in Boston, said Stern's action is reflective of a pushback from those accused of sexual assault.

"Perpetrators are fighting back as a way to kind of punish survivors," Bruno said. "They are saying you were better off when you were silent because now I'm going to go out there and just give one side of the story."

For a lawyer to go public with confidential details of such a case is a breach of privacy, Bruno said, that reopens trauma for a victim and "significantly contributes to the unwillingness of victims to report."

Montague plans to file a lawsuit against Yale over his expulsion around the end of the month, a spokeswoman for Stern and the family said. Yale University has declined to comment about the case.'

Should men fight back?

mistermisogynist · 17 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

We are seeing a huge surge in female led domestic and non-domestic violence. Is it time we stopped conditioning our sons that's it's all right for just over half the world's population to physically batter them, and that we should feel too ashamed to even defend ourselves from sustained and unprovoked onslaught?

We really need to redefine what a 'real man' is and establish just how far we as males should go to physically protect ourselves from 'empowered women with stiletto heels'. These creatures are not as weak as they make out to be.

Did you know that Chris Brown was punished for smacking Rhianna after she had just violently attacked him with a 6 inch stiletto heel? Just something to ponder upon.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0IP0sS8Ew4

Qatar: No-go times and places against "unaccmpanied" men

Matt · 17 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Yes, a "male-dominated" Middle Eastern country (supposedly) is restricting when and where "unaccompanied men" can go in terms of even public places. Well, precedent exists. I wonder how much longer they'll put up with it? Just the kind of thing western feminists want to see here. Excerpt:

'So-called "bachelor bans" that bar lone men from entering malls and parks on certain days of the week and from living in residential neighborhoods are a common, often loosely-enforced, practice in the conservative Muslim Gulf.

Local authorities say the measure, enforced by businesses and municipalities, allows families and women who live in crowded and male-dominated cities space to enjoy public facilities.

But a recent ramping up of family-only rules in Qatar is excluding the country's vast South Asian workforce, mostly young men who live as temporary residents away from their families, and cutting them off from society, rights groups say.

"I wanted to visit the park but I was turned away," said Hader. "This says to me I am not welcome."'

The Line Between Professor and Predator Isn't Always So Clear

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Before I completed my degree, he recommended me for a coveted position at The New Yorker, which I took, finishing my thesis by night. I told myself I'd landed the full-time gig because I'd aced their editorial test and hit it off with my fascinating female boss, who'd been there since World War II. But without my professor's referral, I may have landed next to my classmate as an assistant at Soap Opera Digest.
...
Wounded by my cold response, he took off, refusing to return my calls. He was mortified. While I'd put the brakes on a serious commitment, I hadn't meant to end everything. I was confused. If he saw me in our shared neighborhood, he'd rush to cross the street. I felt guilty and grief-stricken. Yet completely ghosting me — not even returning a phone call — seemed cruel. Wasn't he supposed to be the mature one? I'd never felt more alone or vulnerable. Breakups were bad enough, but I was afraid this split would exile me from my newfound colleagues and the literati crowd.
...
Now, after two decades in a happy union, I've learned I can be a feminist who loves men and marriage. This involves not lumping all men into the enemy camp, or labeling someone "sexist" or "predatory" just because they express desire.

In retrospect, my professor was not a Svengali seducing an innocent rube — or a skirt chaser abusing his position, like other infamous men in the news. I was never victimized. He was a gentleman who'd postponed our romance until I was no longer in his class. I'd been a consenting adult who'd actually initiated the relationship. I'd wanted him, went for him, got him — and his connections. When he'd pushed for more, I set the limits I needed to, and not all that gently. Then I published a book telling my side of the story.

Ultimately, he might have been more of a victim than I was.'

Due Process and Sex Assaults

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Citing an erosion of free speech and due process on college campuses, a group of 21 law professors on Monday released an open letter alleging that the U.S. Department of Education has unlawfully expanded how colleges must define and respond to allegations of sexual assault and harassment.

The same argument has been made frequently in recent months by Republican lawmakers who say that the department's Office for Civil Rights illegally created new regulations through a series of documents instructing colleges how to handle cases of sexual misconduct. Monday's letter comes at a time when the department is also facing two lawsuits making the same claim. And a third lawsuit is on the way. The legal argument is an important one, because many colleges revised procedures based on the Education Department guidance -- sometimes saying that they had no choice but to do so.

"OCR needs to clarify which directives it considers to be guidance documents vs. regulations," the professors wrote. "Directives that are guidance documents need to be revised to eliminate provisions containing obligatory wording, unless these provisions are expressly supported by prior legislation or regulation. Directives that are deemed to be regulations need to be brought into compliance with requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act."'

Rape culture is not real

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Rape Culture" is one of the biggest lies told by the modern feminist movement.

The idea that we live in a society that glorifies, accepts and celebrates rape is not only ridiculous, it is a lie.

I am not saying that rape does not happen, it does and it is awful.

What I am arguing in this article is that the idea of our society glorifying rape is false.

The word culture is defined as "The arts and other manifestations of human intellectual achievement regarded collectively," according to the English Oxford Dictionary.

The feminist ideas of rape culture do not fit the definition of what culture is.'

No, there is no such thing as ‘mansplaining’

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Article here. To jump the paywall, Google the third paragraph. Excerpt:

'ATTN has released a video explaining what “mansplaining”’ is, along with a call for men to stop talking over women.

The opening slide greets you with the sterling words of wisdom “Talking over women is not OK.”

It is unfortunate for the 9,870,000 people who have watched it to date that there is no such thing as “mansplaining”. The uncomfortable truism is that plenty of people talk over others. It’s called bad manners.

Plenty of people talk in a patronising fashion. The word you’re looking for is inconsiderate. There are a plethora of other words you could choose from if you flick through the existing dictionary such as insulting, ignorant or discourteous.

Neither good nor bad manners are gender exclusive and suggesting that this is the case certainly doesn’t inspire progress and integration.
...
For healthy debate to flourish and tackle the important issues facing society isn’t it correct that members of both sexes are represented? Don’t you lose half your support by making critical issues “the other side’s problem”? No man can freely express themselves if they speak in fear of being accused of mansplaining which is, I would suggest, as prevalent as femsplaining. In the real world however, the word for both is patronising. If you can’t handle someone impassioned of the opposite sex speaking to you, stay home.'

Facebook Exec Sheryl Sandberg’s Wacky 1991 Feminist Thesis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the thesis, Sandberg uses bizarre, discredited statistics and fashionable but shaky arguments about the “pervasive influence of the patriarchy” to explain domestic violence. The full thesis can be read below.

The Facebook COO appears to have wholly bought in to feminist pseudo-statistics, making the extraordinary claim that 95 percent of domestic violence victims are female. The true ratio of male to female domestic violence victims is now known to be far more even, with meta-analyses of over 200 studies showing a rough gender symmetry in domestic violence.

Sandberg can’t be excused by the date of publication (1991). By then, researchers had long been aware that men and women abused each other on a roughly equal basis. By 1988, this research had already been published in mainstream journals.

At one point in the thesis, Sandberg does acknowledges male victims, noting that she does “not mean to imply that men are not also subjected to acts of violence by their partner,” but later goes on to approvingly cite an argument from two academics – without evidence – that “by and large” most women who attacked men did so “to defend themselves.”'

Sheryl Sandberg's 1991 Harvard Thesis

U.S. House Drops Military Draft Requirement For Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The House of Representatives stripped a requirement that women register for the military draft from a sweeping annual defense policy bill on Tuesday, but supporters of the provision said they would keep pushing for its passage.

Democrats accused the committee's Republican leaders of using an underhanded ploy to undercut the House Armed Services Committee, which had approved the amendment, and avoid what could be a difficult vote for some party members.

"They don't want to subject their members to a vote on equality for women," Representative Steny Hoyer, the No. 2 House Democrat, told reporters.

Republican Representative Mac Thornberry, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said the amendment was removed because it violated House budget rules due to the cost of registering women. He said it was replaced with an amendment calling for a broad review of the Selective Service.'

American Law Institute rejects affirmative consent standard in defining sexual assault

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'In a rebuke to a feminist idea that has migrated from college campuses to mainstream culture, an influential legal group overwhelmingly rejected Tuesday a provision that would have endorsed an “affirmative consent” standard for the purpose of defining sexual assault.

In a voice vote at the American Law Institute’s 93rd annual meeting at the Ritz-Carlton, Washington, D.C., the vast majority of an estimated 500-member crowd declined to amend the Model Penal Code to define sexual consent on an affirmative basis.

The MPC is a leading guide for state legislatures to follow when standardizing their penal codes. One of the items up for debate at the annual meeting was how to define “consent” in the context of sexual assault.

Standards of affirmative consent, which generally require parties to affirmatively and continually vocalize their willingness to participate in a sexual encounter, have mostly germinated on college campuses, as well as in a few states in some contexts, including California and New York.
...
A group of 120 members wrote a public letter denouncing the proposal, arguing affirmative consent improperly shifts the burden of proof onto the accused when charges of sexual assault are levied. By forcing the accused to prove the near-impossible — that a sexual encounter was vocally agreed upon at each stage — affirmative consent standards deny the accused due process rights, the letter said.'

Harvard Law profs challenge federal sex-assault ‘guidance’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A collection of prominent law school professors, including Harvard’s Alan Dershowitz, shot back at President Barack Obama’s Education Department over its practice of using “Dear Colleague” letters to lay down policy mandates that ride roughshod over Americans’ constitutional rights.

A letter from the educators dated Monday asserts that the department’s civil rights office “has unlawfully expanded the nature and scope of institutions’ responsibility to address sexual harassment” through its directives regarding Title IX, the 1972 law that bans discrimination on the basis of sex in providing access to education. Most people know of Title IX through its effects on women’s collegiate athletics, but it has been applied more recently to things like sexual assault and gender-based issues such as access to sex-segregated facilities.

The professors cite “guidance” issued in 1997 that put sexual harassment under the actions barred by the 1972 law, and say that since then the department “has steadily expanded the definition of sexual harassment and imposed a growing range of responsibilities on colleges to curb such conduct. As a result, free speech and due process on campus are now imperiled.”'

India: Court acquits dowry accused, highlighting plight of men in such cases

Matt · 18 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A sessions court acquitted accused Deeptanshu Shukla of all charges in an unusually lengthy order, running into 70 pages, with several adverse comments on his wife and her family.However, more surprisingly, Shukla, who is an IIT (Kanpur) topper, discovered that not only was he harassed, but his entire family was "wilfully disturbed" in a plan involving a senior Congressman, a member of his wife's family.

Days after an FIR was filed against Deeptanshu in November 2012, his father, a senior scientist with the Geological Survey of India (GSI), was transferred from Indore to Bhubaneswar, sans any explanation.
...
On May 6, 2016, an Indore Sessions Court acquitted him of all charges. Deeptanshu claims the police also acted in a biased manner.

"On the night of November 14, I was picked up from a private hospital where my mother had undergone a surgery and was in ICU. Then my residence, where my 70 year-old nana and nani (grandparents) were sleeping, was raided without any search warrant. They ransacked everything, from almirahs to cupboards."

Mail Today tried to get in touch with Deeptanshu's wife and her family repeatedly, but the contact numbers made available to us were all out of service.

The couple was married through a matrimonial website. Deepanshu says, "I used to stay abroad mostly. So my parents found her profile online and we didn't do much of a background search.

However, it is only after I was framed under Section 498A that I realized how dangerous such things can be."'

"As a Black Woman, I Think ‘White Male’ Bashing is Dangerous"

Matt · 19 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This phenomenon — white male bashing — seems to be on the rise. Forty years since the end of the civil rights movement, concepts of race and ethnicity have evolved, our attitudes have shifted: it’s no longer acceptable to make jokes about women, mental ability or fatness. No gay jokes, no black jokes. The only demographic that has escaped this trend — being the only “non-minority” group, and therefore de facto oppressor in Western society — and for whom it’s okay to spit on if you’d like is the straight, able white man.

Nowadays, we see countless examples of white folks (mostly male) being degraded on television and in commercials, or being told to “shut up” in online conversations simply because they’re white. The Daily Show host Trevor Noah has made it its credo: take a social issue, throw in a couple of knowing jabs at racial clichés, finish on a joke about white people. The whole thing often comes across as deliberate race-baiting. Recently, he even managed to take a story about Google’s robotics division and shoehorn the words “fuck white people, imma right?”'

Daily Caller News Foundation UVA Jackie May Have Just Been Caught In Another Big Lie

Matt · 20 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New evidence submitted in an ongoing lawsuit against Rolling Stone suggest that the legal team of Jackie Coakley, the University of Virginia (UVA) student responsible for a massive gang rape hoax, has been withholding evidence from an ongoing lawsuit. The withheld evidence offers strong evidence of what has long been suspected: That Coakley's infamous fake gang-rape was concocted as part of a convoluted catfishing scheme to win a boy's affection.

The new evidence is part of the ongoing defamation lawsuit filed by UVA dean Nicole Eramo against Rolling Stone magazine. While Eramo is not suing Coakley directly, she has played a major role in the case, as Eramo's lawyers argue Coakley is an egregious serial liar Rolling Stone should have known not to trust. As part of their suit, Eramo's attorneys have successfully subpoenaed Coakley for all the relevant communications she made during the fall of 2012, when her alleged rape supposedly occurred.'

UK YouGov poll: Only Two Percent Of Men Aged 18-24 Feel Masculine

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Young men in Britain are reluctant to identify as “masculine” and think the term has “negative connotations”, a YouGov poll has revealed.

According to the survey, only two per cent of male respondents aged between 18 to 24 described themselves as “completely masculine”, compared to 56 per cent of over 65s.

The results come at a time when, despite the fact women vastly outnumber men at universities, feminists are demanding male students sign pledges to tackle “laddish” behaviour.

Wales Online last year reported on a campaign by police, councils and universities to “crack down” on behaviour deemed “laddish.” Feminist Vicky Chandler called for “lad culture” to be tackled in children as young as those in primary school.
...
Unlike with masculinity, there has not been a concerted campaign over the years to stigmatise femininity; it is unsurprising that responses to the concept were more positive.

Seventy-four per cent of Conservative voters said they felt positively about the concept of femininity compared to 76 per cent of Liberal Democrat voters, 64 per cent of Labour voters and 68 per cent of UKIP voters.'

Canada: Does elbowgate hysteria undermine feminism?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The memes have circulated social media, the hashtags have emerged, and the Internet has had its say.

But as the dust settles over the infamous 'elbowgate' incident — during which Prime Minister Justin Trudeau accidentally elbowed NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau as he took Conservative Party whip Gordon Brown by the arm in the House of Commons on Wednesday — a very real political debate has emerged between Canada's three major parties.

The altercation was provoked by a government motion to limit debate on Bill C-14 on assisted dying. NDP MPs deliberately blocked Brown from moving forward to proceed with the vote, prompting an impatient Trudeau to walk across the aisle and guide the Tory through the gaggle of New Democrats that were trying to delay proceedings.

By the time the dust settled, NDP MP Niki Ashton characterized the elbowing as "the furthest thing from a feminist act," and reason for any woman who sits in the Commons to feel "unsafe and deeply troubled."'

Justin Trudeau Accidentally Elbows Female Politician, All Hell Breaks Loose

U of Melbourne mathematics school advertises women-only positions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Australian university will only accept applications from women for three senior, full-time positions currently advertised within its department of mathematics.

The job advertisement for roles in applied mathematics, pure mathematics and statistics at the University of Melbourne states: “The school is seeking to lift the representation of women and therefore will only consider applications from suitably qualified female candidates for these three positions.”

The head of the school of mathematics and statistics, Prof Aleks Owczarek, said it was the first time the university had taken such a step. But with only 9% of mathematics professors in Australia women, it was necessary, Owczarek added.'

Only 25% Believe There's A Political 'War on Women'

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'Many politicians and activists claim there is a political “war on women” in America today, but voters are even more convinced that isn't true.

A new Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey finds that just 25% of Likely U.S. Voters believe there is really a political “war on women.” Sixty-five percent (65%) think instead that it’s primarily a slogan used for political purposes. That's up from 59% when we first asked this question in September 2014.
...
The survey of 1,000 Likely Voters was conducted on May 17-18, 2016 by Rasmussen Reports. The margin of sampling error is +/- 3 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence. ...'

Holly Madison's Biggest Fear About Having A Son Brings Up An Important, Modern Question

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'When it comes to motherhood, it is natural for there to be certain fears associated with certain things. And while motherhood might not be so scary itself, the little details that go into it can be the worst part of all. For reality star and New York Times Best Seller Holly Madison, her fear is justified. And Holly Madison's biggest fear about having a son brings up a very important question.

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Despite having a little more knowledge during her pregnancy, Madison does have one fear about the birth of her baby boy. What is that fear? In a recent interview with People Now, Madison said her biggest fear with a new son was circumcision. Yes, circumcision — which is a very justified fear.

"I tell my husband, 'You have to do it! You have to handle that!'"

But Holly's fear about having a boy is completely warranted. Circumcision is now a very important and modern issue for pregnant mothers nowadays, bringing up the question of whether or not it is necessary for a baby. Any Google search about circumcision will bring up multiple answers — that circumcision is both good and bad — and should be heavily researched before parents come to a conclusion.'

Mizzou Women's Softball Team Says Title IX Is Killing the Sport

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The purpose of Title IX—the federal statute wreaking havoc on campus free expression and due process—is to ensure equality between male and female students. You would therefore expect female student-athletes to be grateful that the law protects their rights and guarantees them equal access to school resources.

But the University of Missouri women's softball team is currently staging a rebellion against the administration—because they think Title IX is destroying their sport.

The situation at Mizzou is complicated, and involves considerable ill will between some members of the softball team, other members, the coaching staff, and the university administration. But the gist of the problem is Title IX. Female athletes essentially claim that university administrators, citing Title IX, have forced the team to bring on under-qualified players. This has in turn reduced the amount of game time enjoyed by more skilled players.

Why is Title IX the culprit? Administrators don't want the federal government to accuse Mizzou of violating federal law, so they have to make sure the softball team is big enough. They don't want it to look like the school is giving more support to the boys' team than the girls' team.'

"Activists Combatting Sexual Assault Make Strides as Semester Concludes"

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'It has been three weeks since 19 women protesting sexual assault disrupted the April 29th Board of Trustees meeting. In the time since, significant progress has been made in resolving the three demands they posed at the meeting. These included the creation of additional positions to combat issues of sexual violence, and the cancellation of off-campus fraternity trips.

The group of activists are now working under the name the Vigilante Feminists. They have met with President Murray twice, spoken with Greek leaders, and have held open meetings with students to brainstorm ideas for a new Gender & Sexuality Coordinator position. Though the semester is winding down, Vigilante Feminist leaders are encouraged by the progress they have made.

“We've gotten President Murray's attention and we've established credibility,” said senior Katy Wills, who spearheaded the protest. “But we still have a long way to go.”'

Too many ‘dead white dudes’? Seattle U students protest program’s curriculum

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For seven days and counting, dozens of Seattle University students have been holding a sit-in in the lobby of a university administrative building, demanding an overhaul of one of the university’s elite programs and the resignation of a college dean.

At issue, they say, is a classical curriculum that focuses on Western ideas and history, in part through the teachings of philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle.

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In a letter to the university community this weekend, Seattle University President Stephen Sundborg said the students have raised serious issues, and that the university will address them.

“I cannot pretend to know how deep their pain goes, the amount of harm it has caused or the extent of our own shortcomings as educators and administrators,” wrote Sundborg.

Matteo Ricci’s dean, Jodi Kelly, has said she will do a comprehensive review of the college’s curricula, hire a consultant to assess the college’s culture and climate, and train faculty and staff in racial and cultural literacy.

But students say there’s only one thing that will end the sit-in: Kelly’s resignation.'

Dershowitz and Other Professors Decry ‘Pervasive and Severe Infringement’ of Student Rights

Matt · 21 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of law professors are accusing the civil rights office of the U.S. Education Department of taking “unlawful actions” that have led to “pervasive and severe infringements” of speech rights and due-process protections on college campuses.

An open letter signed by Harvard University professor Alan Dershowitz and 20 other legal scholars blasts a series of directives issued by the federal office to schools on dealing with sexual misconduct and harassment complaints from students.

The policies and procedures circulated in recent years are part of an Obama administration campaign to curb harassment at universities and combat a campus climate that it said too often treated victims unfairly. The professors say the government overreached. ...'

The Counter-Feminist Cyclopedia

Matt · 21 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Blog here. Very bookmarkable. Excerpt:

'We set out to write a dictionary of useful terminology for people who oppose feminism. We were unable to keep the entries brief, and quickly found ourselves writing paragraphs and short articles. So we decided to call this a "cyclopedia" rather than a dictionary. As we see it, a cyclopedia is a cross between a dictionary and an encyclopedia: too fat to be a dictionary but too skinny to be a proper encyclopedia. Hence, a cyclopedia - a compromise solution.

The purpose here is not to convince or convert any feminist, but to foster a linguistic understanding among those who oppose feminism.

Some of these words are old familiar friends that have been around for years. Others are entirely new.'

Campus Sexual Assault: Who Should Be the Judge and Jury?

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'It's an unfortunately familiar and complicated story, fraught with the personal, the political and the historical.

The controversy over the new era of Title IX enforcement regarding sexual assaults on college campuses is playing out at universities across the nation and increasingly spilling over into the courtroom, only serving to fan the flames of an already strident debate about how to best address the problem.

A spate of lawsuits filed by individuals claiming schools mishandled investigations and judiciary hearings related to campus sexual assault call into question whether universities or colleges should adjudicate sexual assault allegations or whether the issue is best left to the criminal justice system.'

Student Group Questions Validity of Campus Rape Statistics

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'A guest speaker for the UCSB Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) on Wednesday spoke against commonly held beliefs regarding sexual assault on college campuses.

Guest Speaker Andrew Cavarno, a fourth-year history major and member of Young Americans for Liberty, argued that a frequently referenced statistic of one in four women being sexually assaulted on college campuses is heavily inflated and lacking in evidence.

“There is absolutely no evidence of a rape epidemic on college campuses,” Cavarno said. “The word epidemic implies that there’s a sudden wave of sexual violence, or that things are getting worse – this is just not the case.”

YAL originally intended the event to be a panel discussion featuring speakers from differing sides of the argument. Pointing to an empty chair beside him, Cavarno emphasized that no one with an opposing view was present to make the case for the statistic, even after having sent out “hundreds of emails.”
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Cavarno argued that while sexual assault on campuses is an important issue, the current system infringes upon due process rights.'

Midway University to accept men as undergrads (sort of)

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Story here. Excerpt:

'For the first time in nearly 170 years, Midway University will start accepting men as full-time undergraduates, the Board of Trustees has decided in a step aimed at keeping the small Woodford County school open.

Men can apply as full-time undergraduates starting this fall; they can apply to live in residence halls starting in spring 2017. Men are currently accepted into online and graduate programs.

“Today is yet another historic moment in the life of an institution that has always transformed itself to remain relevant,” President John Marsden said in a news release Monday. “Our founding mission was to provide young women with access to education at a time when education was mainly available to men. We have fulfilled that mission for 169 years and this decision will ensure that we continue to do so.”'

UK: Sex crimes committed by women at record high

Matt · 22 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Alarming figures uncovered in a Daily Star Sunday investigation reveal offences by females have rocketed in five years.

Greater Manchester Police has seen a 270% rise.
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The Met revealed that 235 sexual offences were committed by females in 2011 to 2012, soaring to 473 by 2015 to 2016.

Greater Manchester Police saw the number of crimes rise from 45 to 174 over the same period.

The statistics, released under the Freedom of Information Act, include all types of sex crimes – from indecent exposure to sexually abusing someone with a mental disorder.'

Georgia offers Prostate Cancer license plate

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Good news from Georgia about their blue ribbon license plate for prostate cancer. If only other states would follow their example!

'Prostate Cancer is the second-most common cancer in American men. The American Cancer Society estimates 220,8000 new cases of prostate cancer were diagnosed.

The Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition and ProstAware have partnered to spread awareness with a dedicated license plate.

The $22 used to purchase each license plate will go towards funding cancer screenings in Georgia and prostate research at Georgia hospitals and universities. For more information about how to get your Georgia Prostate Cancer license plate, you can contact Frank Catroneo at (770) 619-0710.'

"'Censorship' just evens the playing field"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Pity the poor university student. Thanks to ‘safe spaces’ and ‘trigger warnings’, ‘no platforming’ and PC hogwash, they’re being turned from rigorous intellectual thinkers into delicate hothouse flowers - and, in doing so, they’ve been barred from a grand tradition of academia that stretches back for centuries: free speech.

Yes, the very same freedom women have only been enjoying for little over a century.

According to newly published research from the Higher Education Policy Institute, more women then men think universities should safeguard people of a particular gender, race or sexuality against offensive views.

Or, depending on where you get your news, ‘female students are pro-censorship.’

There’s an ugly subtext to this argument – that all the people complaining about the right to a safe space just don’t understand what university is about. After all, it wasn’t designed for them.'

An Assault on Due Process at UC Berkeley

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'Choudhry's acceptance of Berkeley's proposed settlement came at a cost. He waived his right to appeal the university's findings, challenge the sanctions, and seek vindication in a full-blown university disciplinary procedure. The benefit Choudhry reasonably relied on was resolution of the case.

Although Andrea LeCampagne's OPHD report declared that "the Complainant has no motive to exaggerate," on March 8, Tyann Sorrell filed in Alameda County Superior Court a potentially multimillion-dollar lawsuit against Choudhry and Berkeley, alleging, among other things, that he sexually harassed her and that the university failed to protect her.

Napolitano, speaking to the Sacramento Bee's editorial board but apparently unfamiliar with the facts, accused Choudhry of "groping," a significantly more serious charge than any found in the university's OPHD report. Two days later Napolitano, herself the target of harsh criticism for mishandling a number of high-profile sexual misconduct cases having nothing to do with Choudhry, directed UC Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas Dirks to "institute disciplinary proceedings against Mr. Choudhry through the Privilege and Tenure process."

Choudhry's grievance contends that the "initiation of a second disciplinary process is unfair, unjust, and contrary to the University's own policies." His arguments are compelling.'

The 'agony' of being a 50/50 mother?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just when you think the modern gender debate can't descend any further into toe-curling incredulity, something else emerges to surprise you.

So you can imagine my delight when I read yesterday's article in FEMAIL about the 'agony' of women having to consider their children's fathers as equal parents.

No doubt struggling to be heard over the swell of sympathy violins, three mothers all bemoaned the inconvenience of 50/50 access, implying that dads should be neither seen, nor heard - except when coughing up child support, of course.

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My response? BOO-HOO. Not just because their grievances were focused on themselves, rather than their own kids, but 'cos men have been dealing with this crap for decades without any sympathy from the sisterhood.'

Women-only gyms are a world away from boys' clubs such as Muirfield

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Muirfield golf club has lost the right to host the prestigious Open championship after taking the stunningly regressive step of voting against reversing its ban on female members. In fairness, Muirfield members seem to have some very real concerns – a letter circulated by those campaigning against the change revealed the terrifying prospect that "lady members" may pose a threat to such noble traditions as "our foursomes play, our match system … our lunch arrangements". Quelle horreur.

The news has prompted intense debate about male-only spaces and whether or not they should still be allowed, with one major argument cropping up again and again in most of the discussions I have heard. "Why shouldn't men be allowed their own space, when women have women-only gym and swimming sessions? Isn't that sexist?"

The answer is that these two things are not the same. In fact, they couldn't be more different.

You want to know why we have women-only gym and swimming sessions? It's not some shiny, special privilege bestowed on us lucky women because we just deserve nice things. It is a direct result of the male harassment, sexism and sexual violence that has driven a quarter of women to give up exercising outside altogether and countless others to abandon the gym in frustration.

Sexual Assault Rally Prompts Counter-Protest

Matt · 23 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'About a dozen University of California, Santa Barbara students gathered on the lawn between the Arbor and library on Monday to call for hastened fulfillment of all 13 demands issued to the university administration last year after a 13-hour sit-in in Chancellor Henry Yang's office. The peaceful demonstration also drew a few counter-protesters with objections to the university's jurisdiction over sexual assault cases in the first place.
...
Shortly after Yang's appearance, three members of UCSB's Young Americans for Liberty crossed the walkway from where they'd been sitting near the Arbor store to occupy an adjacent portion of the library lawn. Fifth-year history major Andrew Cavarno and fourth-year political science major Jason Garshfield held printed signs disputing the right of universities to adjudicate sexual assault cases, Garshfield's reading: "Pro-Due Process ≠ Pro-Rape."

YAL President Dominick DiCesare, a second-year computer science major, told The Bottom Line that the group takes issue with the preponderance of evidence standard used in university courts to determine academic sanctions. The standard requires that 51 percent of the evidence presented to a judicial body favor a complainant's claim before a ruling is made against the respondent, according to the Legal Information Institute.'

Test developed to warn men of dementia risk

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A simple blood test to identify if men have lost crucial genetic material in later life could finally close the gap in life expectancy between men and women, scientists believe.

New research shows that when men lose their Y sex chromosome they are hundreds of times more likely to develop Alzheimer's disease.

Previous research has shown that smoking hugely increases the risk of losing the Y chromosome, suggesting that the missing genetic material may also be linked to cancer.

It is thought that Y chromosome is crucial for the normal function of the immune system and without it the body struggles to eliminate cancerous cells, and amyloid plaques in the brain which cause Alzheimer's disease.

Now scientists at Uppsala University in Sweden have found it is possible to test for loss of the chromosome in a breakthrough which could lead to widespread screening which could pick up which men are at risk so that early health interventions could be made.

"The addition of testing in the general population could give medical practitioners the possibility of using preventive strategies in men at risk," said lead author Prof Lars Forsberg of Uppsala University.'

Protesters shut down Yiannopoulos speech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Protesters disrupted an event that featured a controversial speaker Tuesday, causing the Student Center to be shut down and attendees to march throughout DePaul's Lincoln Park campus afterwards.

Milo Yiannopoulos, a technology reporter for Breitbart and a self-proclaimed "internet supervillain," visited DePaul in an event held by DePaul's College Republicans. The event, held in the Student Center, hit max capacity of 550 attendees, most of them supporters of Yiannopoulos' outspoken conservative message.

But during the rally, a group of protesters stormed the stage and interrupted Yiannopoulos, riling up the crowd. One of the protesters was Ed Ward, a DePaul alum who founded Men of Vision and Empowerment, who ran up on stage about 15 minutes after Yiannopoulos began speaking.

Ward stormed the stage with a whistle and yelled "this man's an idiot!" while members in the crowd yelled "get a job!" Shortly after, Ward was joined onstage by an unidentified protester — who had climbed onstage and been removed before the event began — and the noise from the crowd and the protesters drowned out Yiannopoulos.'

Also see Milo Mayhem: Activists Storm Stage, Threaten Milo at DePaul Event

Student cannot get anyone to debate him about campus rape statistics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Andrew Cavarno is on a mission.

The 23-year-old history major and labor studies minor is about to graduate from UC Santa Barbara, and then it's off to pursue a law career. A self-described progressive with some libertarian leanings, his time as an undergrad has been spent hanging with frat brothers, pitching in with the UCSB Students for Bernie club, and enjoying studies and life on the coastal campus, where it's nearly always in the 70s and surf's up.

Yet his final semester at UCSB has taken something of an activist turn. It wasn't something he really planned, but it grew out of his frustration that campus rape statistics have been blown wholly out of proportion and too many professors and peers refuse to see the truth — or even debate the issue.

He should know — he recently asked dozens of feminist professors, student activists and rape advocates to debate him publicly on campus about the claim that one in five coeds are raped or sexually assaulted while in college. No one said yes. Not one.'

Student accused of sexual assault sues Cornell

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ballinger's lawsuit, filed in Tompkins County Court, alleges he was suspended, barred from campus and denied the ability to continue his education before being found guilty of any misconduct.

The suit alleges Cornell University's Policy 6.4 is in violation of Education Law 6444(5). The policy, passed in 2012, addresses the university's obligations under Title IX, in accordance with guidance from the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights. However, the policy has been criticized for going overboard and creating a "process fraught with inequities," according to a report completed by the university's own Judicial Codes Counselor in 2015, obtained by The Cornell Daily Sun.'

Gaming Journos Throw Temper Tantrum over ‘Minecraft’ Creator Notch Arguing with Feminists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The creator of Minecraft is currently under fire for disagreeing with feminists on Twitter.

No fewer than four separate online news outlets have decided to publicly deride Markus “Notch” Persson for his extremely controversial stance that “women and men have equal worth and should be treated as such.” Unfortunately for the enraged hordes, he does not believe that includes perpetuating terminology like “manspreading,” or “mansplaining.” For these crimes against humanity, the courageous reporters at Destructoid, Vice, Point&Clickbait, and We Hunted The Mammoth have decided that he must be shamed.

The argument continued for hundreds of tweets from countless people for and against each respective statement, including dozens of replies from Persson himself, further explaining his position and asserting that “no one should EVER ‘shut up and listen.’” In a movement ostensibly dedicated to end the silencing of people based on blanket judgments and assumptions about their character based on their gender or the color of their skin, you’d be forgiven for thinking that is a point on which they could find common ground. But you’d be very, tragically, wrong.

Let’s be clear: This simple exchange has prompted ugliness from all sides, because this is the internet. Yet it’s the core of the exchange that has prompted Notch’s increasingly derisive and sarcastic responses, and it’s hard to blame him when faux-journalists have initiated — albeit clumsily — an attempt to humiliate him for his point of view.'

India: Man commits suicide, wife files dowry harassment case against him

Matt · 25 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Anand Pilania's 30-year-old son committed suicide, alleging harassment by his wife and her relatives, but this is not the end of the ordeal for the 54-year-old man.

Faced with dowry allegations within two months of his son's death, adding to Pilania's woes is his daughter-in-law's complaint to the police that his son subjected her to unnatural sex.

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Anand Pilania, father of 30-year-old deceased Rakesh Pilania, claims that his daughter in-law has been trying to entangle them in legal hurdles and is making a mockery of her husband's death.

Rakesh Pilania, a banker and an IIT alumni, had committed suicide on October 5 last year. He jumped from his apartment's balcony located in an upscale locality in Gurugram.

His family alleges that he committed suicide out of fear of being implicated under Section 498A of the IPC (cruelty against wife by husband or his relatives).'

University Admins Surrender to Violent Protesters, Shutter Event

Matt · 25 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Until yesterday, for example, I never realized that forcibly shutting down a private speaking event was considered free speech. I was also surprised to learn that assaulting a police officer is now a form of protest. It certainly never occurred to me that making violent threats towards a speaker was a constitutionally protected right. In fact, I was pretty confident all three of these acts were illegal...highly illegal.

Yet, yesterday I saw radical protestors do all three of these things, without consequence. DePaul University administrators looked on dispassionately, as if this was an every-day occurrence. Watching this all unfold, I had to wonder for a moment whether DePaul administrators were defending some bizarre form of free speech I had never heard of.

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Years of inaction by university administrators has left radical student activists feeling they are immune from the law. Free from consequences, or dissenting opinions, endowed with a feeling of moral high-ground, students have taken increasingly drastic steps to suppress other opinions, and conservative opinions in particular.

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I talked to a few of the dozen Chicago police officers eventually called into the building, and they were irate. They were well-trained, and well-equipped to handle scenarios such as this. They wanted to do their job, and remove the protesters, but administrators demanded they stand passively and watch. Once again, violence prevailed over free speech on a liberal college campus, and the administration was 100% complicit.'

Minnesota Faculty Considers Tough New Free Speech Protections

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The faculty of the University Of Minnesota At Twin Cities is considering a motion that would make free speech the college's "paramount value." If passed, it would, according to Inside Higher Ed, represent "the strongest such affirmation seen on any campus."

One of the primary aims of the motion is to make it easier for controversial speakers to come to campus without being "shouted down." As we reported in March, Professor Dale Carpenter, a faculty member who is championing the proposal, specifically cited the fraught visit of Breitbart Tech editor Milo Yiannopoulos and American Enterprise Institute scholar Christina Hoff Sommers as a catalyst for the motion.

The faculty's proposed statement contains four key principles in defence of free speech, including a specific protection for speech that may be considered "hateful."'

Woman in "Stop DV" T-shirt arrested for DV

Matt · 25 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

File this under "irony in motion". Excerpt:

'A woman wearing a “Stop Domestic Violence” t-shirt was arrested on domestic violence charges after firing a gun during an argument with her husband inside the couple’s Maine home, police report.

Emily Wilson, 38, was collared last week following a confrontation with her spouse Kyle over whether he was having an affair. During the argument, investigators allege, Wilson waved a handgun and fired a shot into the couple’s bed.

Wilson, a high school teacher, was subsequently arrested when police responded to a 911 call placed by her husband.'

App for young boys aims to prevent domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A concept for an app aimed at engaging boys aged 10 to 15 to teach them respectful relationships with girls has been developed by a QUT social marketing expert as "another part of the jigsaw" to prevent domestic violence against women.

The app, however, never mentions the words "domestic violence" or "violence against women," says social marketing expert Professor Rebekah Russell-Bennett from QUT Business School's School of Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations, who developed the concept with Logan-based (Brisbane) non-profit community organisation YFS.

"Interventions at this stage of life can change young people's personal and relationship trajectories, preventing problems in adulthood," Professor Russell-Bennett said.

"However, we are careful to steer clear of using the words 'domestic violence' anywhere in the app because, at that age, many young boys would not find it relevant. This may deter them from downloading and using the app.

"Instead the app focuses on what they do want to know: about how to talk to girls, dating, having respectful relationships and supporting their friends, in order to promote health relationships among young people and positive male attitudes.'

Australia: Rise in men taking out domestic violence orders against mothers and partners at Southport Court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'GOLD Coast men are taking out domestic-violence orders against their mothers, partners and relatives but support workers are sceptical of the applications' legitimacy.

About 30 per cent of domestic-violence and family protection orders at Southport Magistrates Court in the first three months of this year were to men, rather than women.

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Director of the Gold Coast Domestic Violence Prevention Centre Amy Compton-Keen said male perpetrators of domestic violence were known to take out orders against women as a means of control.

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"That's one of the dynamics of domestic violence, that the man comes off looking like he is a perfectly great guy but is often the perpetrator and uses the system to control the woman and she ends up taking the rap for stuff he has done."

Despite this, Buckland Allen Criminal Lawyers partner Jodi Allen said courts could order cross protection orders between parties, and women could still lodge an application against a man, even if he had been awarded a protection order against her.

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Assistant Commissioner Brian Codd said there were genuine instances of domestic violence against men.

"Yes, there are examples of it, but women committing domestic violence against men are definitely in the minority," he said.'

'Hate speech' and college campuses

Matt · 27 May 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists deserve some of the blame for normalizing the aggrieved fragility of students. Rape and sexual harassment are real problems on campus, as they are in the rest of the world. But just as there is a “rape culture,” there is also a campus rape victim culture that tends to treat all young women as “survivors.” Accusers who say they have endured any sort of unpleasant incident with a male—from having to turn down a date request to deciding, the morning after getting naked and in bed with a man, that they wished they had not—are deemed as deeply damaged as child pedophile victims, battered women and rape survivors.

Colleges and universities, and their fraternities and athletic departments, need to do a better job of monitoring and weeding out the men who are rapists or potential rapists. Instead of focusing on that, colleges and universities—encouraged by feminists and women’s studies departments, and in many cases ordered to do so by various Department of Education edicts—have inserted themselves as referees into the messiest and most emotionally complicated and intimate entanglements human beings are capable of creating. Their rulebook is called Title IX, the federal law requiring that colleges ensure women get an equal education. It was originally applied to sports teams and funding but has been expanded to cover how universities handle claims of sexual assault and harassment. Acting in loco parentis and under orders from the federal government, administrators form de facto star chambers that act as judge, jury and executioner, without adhering to legal rules of evidence or due process.

The rape victim services on many campuses, intended to protect young victims from further emotional and psychological damage, have evolved into cults of coddling in which no one dares question a “survivor’s” account. Good intentions have gone so awry that young men are routinely labeled rapists without due process.

The presumption of female victimhood inherent in many campus sexual harassment codes prompted Northwestern University feminist film and culture professor Laura Kipnis to pen an essay in The Chronicle of Higher Education headlined “Sexual Paranoia Strikes Academe.” She ridiculed campus sexual harassment guidelines as “feminism hijacked by melodrama” and identified an “obsession with helpless victims and powerful predators” behind the new policy. “Students were being encouraged to regard themselves as such exquisitely sensitive creatures that an errant classroom remark could impede their education, as such hothouse flowers that an unfunny joke was likely to impede their education.”'

Young Men Are Facing a Masculinity Crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We are at a historic moment in gender relations. The women's movement can move ahead with the active support, involvement and encouragement of men, or fall behind as men—especially young men—take up arms behind the quiet, but active, angry men's movement. This conflict is playing out in politics right now.

Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders are tapping into what I'm calling a "Lean Out" generation of young, discouraged and angry men—men who are feeling abandoned by the thousands of years of history that defined what it meant to be a real man: to be strong; to be a provider; to be in authority; to be the ultimate decision maker; and to be economically, educationally, physically and politically dominant. A growing percentage of young men are being out-earned by young women, as women capture 60% of the higher education degrees required for success in today's economy.

The future of men is women.

I believe women and the women's movement can be at the center of a new narrative and national conversation focused on developing positive male role models for future generations. Focusing on better men, dads, husbands, boyfriends and sons does not come at the expense of the rightful attention to women's rights and equality.
...
Just as it's no longer acceptable to educationally, economically and politically restrict women, it is no longer acceptable to disregard men's issues. When we bring men into the conversation, we further gender equality for everyone.'

Opinion Journal: Killing Due Process on Campus

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Video here. Description:

'Editorial Board Member Joe Rago on the Department of Education's latest regulatory overreach.'

Woman wins permission to remove her dead partner's testicles in the hope of using his sperm to get pregnant

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'A woman has won a legal battle to remove her late partner's testicles from his dead body in the hope of using his sperm to have a child.

The Toowoomba woman was granted permission to remove his testicles in the Queensland Supreme Court.

The woman lodged an urgent application to perform the procedure the day after her fiance died unexpectedly in April, the ABC reported.'

Johnny Depp's estranged wife gets TRO after accusing him of DV

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amber Heard showed up in court with a bruise on her face claiming Johnny Depp physically assaulted her and she's the victim of repeated domestic violence ... and the judge issued a restraining order requiring Johnny to stay 100 yards away from her.

Sources connected to Johnny are calling BS, saying Amber "is an affront to real victims of domestic violence."

The judge also gave Amber the right to live in the family home, but rejected a request to protect at least one of their dogs from Johnny. Amber asked for $50k a month in spousal support, but the judge rejected that request. And the judge declined to order Johnny into anger management.

Heard showed up with her lawyer, Samantha Spector, armed with photos showing various bruises ... she claims Depp inflicted various times during their marriage.
...

Amber claims during the alleged attack, Johnny shattered various objects in the apartment. She says she was on the phone with a friend during the fight, and when Johnny grabbed her phone she screamed to her friend, "Call the cops!" The friend called 911 and cops came to the residence.

Amber says when cops arrived Johnny had already fled, so they took a report.

We're told cops told Amber they would find Johnny and arrest him if she gave a statement about the alleged violence, but she refused. Officers told her if she changed her mind she could call them.
...
Amber says she has video of one of the beatings.

It's interesting ... she's asking for a temporary restraining order claiming there's an immediate threat of harm, but Depp has been out of town since Wednesday promoting his new movie. Depp's lawyer, Laura Wasser, appeared on his behalf.

TMZ broke the story ... 3 days after Depp's mom died, Amber filed for divorce. And one week after his mom died, she's claiming domestic violence.

As for why Depp and his people are calling BS ... first she never filed a police report, and she posted Instagram pics after the alleged beating and never showed any injury.'

Racist Chinese laundry commercial sparks outrage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the viral ad for Qiaobi, an Asian woman is doing laundry before she is joined by a young black man leaning by the doorway. He has white paint splattered on his face, arms and pants, and wears a brown-stained white shirt. He walks towards the woman, exchanging flirtatious advances as she motions him to come closer. Once she lures him in close enough for a kiss, the woman shoves a detergent pod into his mouth and forces him head-first into the washing machine.

Smiling, she hops on top of the rumbling machine while muffled pleas are heard from inside.

Much to many upset viewers' surprise, an Asian man emerges from the machine in the same outfit - clean white shirt included. The commercial ends with the woman delighted with the new development and the closing voiceover, "Change, it all starts from Qiaobi laundry detergent pod."'

DePaul Sociology Professor Angrily Resigns Over Milo Visit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dr. Shu-Ju Ada Cheng, an Associate Professor of Sociology at DePaul University has announced her intention to resign from her post, accusing the University President of “reinforcing existing inequalities” due to his support for the free and equal exchange of ideas.

In a message posted on Facebook, Dr. Cheng claimed free speech is a “delusional” idea rooted in “market ideology.” She said “incidents over the past two days” — a reference to Breitbart Tech editor Milo Yiannopoulos’ chaos-stricken visit to campus earlier this week — were a “symptom of historical institutional racism."

Following the disruption of Milo’s event, University President issued a lukewarm statement, slamming Yiannopoulos’ political views but apologizing to the College Republicans, who hosted the speaker, for the disruption to their event caused by threats of violence and protests. It appears this apology is what has upset Dr. Cheng.'

Female student expelled for rape claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Washington State University expelled a freshman female student two years ago after finding her responsible for sexually assaulting a male – and she claims that the complaint was driven by the man's embarrassment.

BuzzFeed unearthed the 2014 case, which involves drinking games, an affirmative request for a condom and a host of people eavesdropping outside the room where the sex happened.

The teasing of the man and rumors that he didn't want to have sex with "Rose" – the expelled student's middle name – reached a resident adviser, who reported the incident for a Title IX investigation.

Rose filed a "countercomplaint" against the man, but the school shot it down:

"Who was most in control in the situation? Was one party engaging in isolating behavior? Who was less intoxicated?" are the main questions investigated, [WSU Title IX Coordinator Kimberly] Anderson said. It often comes down to small actions and text messages or photos. …'

Students Accused in Campus Sex Assaults Target Federal Rules

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As colleges face increasing pressure to aggressively investigate reports of sex assaults, some critics say the rights of the accused are being trampled. Now they want federal guidance on the issue to be tossed out.

Their target: a "Dear Colleague Letter" issued by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights in 2011 that laid out specific requirements for dealing with sexual violence under Title IX, a federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education.

Schools that don't comply risk losing federal funding.

Critics say the letter unlawfully imposed binding regulations, with severe consequences for the accused, without going through the public notice and comment process required by federal law. The letter should therefore be withdrawn and schools should review any resulting punishments of students, they say.'

Cuckold Your Husband: The Raw Marriage Deal For Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Marriage is in decline throughout the West, so should we be surprised cuckolding your husband is now just thing a woman might have to do?

New York magazine's "Beta Male" fully lived up to its pegged name Thursday when it released an article entitled, "Women Are Now Cheating As Much As Men, But With Fewer Consequences." The piece, written by a woman, aims to answer the question as to why this phenomenon is occurring in the most sympathetic light possible.

The takeaway from this article is that men, upon entering marriage, should be fully ready for the chance that if they fail to satisfy their wives, she will cheat, and there's nothing wrong with that.
...
According to the experts consulted by the article, the cuckold is desperate to try to make things work out after finding out about his partner's infidelity. The examples given by the article of men clinging to their two-timing wives are, like the previous anecdotes, males of an inferior status to their wives.'

Critics questioning role of universities in Title IX case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'College and university disciplinary boards used to deal with accusations of academic fraud or plagiarism. In the last two decades, administrations have been forced to handle a far more difficult and complex problem: sexual assault.

Universities today find themselves in a bind — administrators may or may not want to be involved in sexual assault adjudication, but federal law requires them to provide victims with a disciplinary reporting process. That way, victims can be protected from alleged perpetrators even if the case isn't prosecuted in a criminal court.

But a growing chorus of critics is asking whether universities actually have the means to deal fairly with sexual assault — and dozens of students accused of sexual assault on campus are now alleging that their due process rights were violated.

"Disciplinary panels were set up for things like cheating, plagiarism and other things for which there is no central process outside of the school," said Andrew Miltenberg, an attorney who has earned a reputation for representing students accused of sexual assault or misconduct.

"Schools shouldn't be dealing with this issue just like they shouldn't be dealing with a shooting," he added.'

Campus Is a Poor Court for Students Facing Sexual-Misconduct Charges

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'As student-conduct administrators nationwide know all too well, the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights required in a letter issued last April that institutions adopt our judiciary's lowest standard of proof—the "preponderance of evidence" standard—for use in campus sexual-misconduct hearings, which handle allegations ranging from sexual harassment to sexual assault and rape.

Under the new standard, if it is determined that an accuser's claims are a fraction of a percent more likely to be true than false, the accused may be subjected to discipline, including expulsion.

Unfortunately for students' rights, a long line of institutions have adopted this low standard under federal pressure. In fact, a review of policies at 198 of the colleges ranked this year by U.S. News & World Report reveals that 30 institutions—including Yale University, Stanford University, and the University of Virginia—have changed their standards of proof following OCR's mandate.

That's too bad, because colleges should be free to grant their students more robust due-process rights—and the federal government should not stand in their way.'

Has Political Correctness In Australia Gone Mad?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here's what happened…

Aitken sent an email around saying the appointment of ANZ's new Chief Financial Officer was one of the dumber appointments he'd seen. He went on to point out that former investment bankers don't usually transition to life at a listed company too well.

He also mentioned that the last deal this person advised on was the purchase by legal firm Slater and Gordon of the UK-based Quindell for $1 billion. Thanks to that deal, Slater and Gordon is now in tatters.

That's hardly the fault of an investment banker. The decision and responsibility rests with the board of the acquiring company — in this case Slater and Gordon. But still, as a broker, Aitken is entitled to his opinion.

The problem for Aitken is that the person he criticised is a woman. Despite making no reference to her personally, or her gender, ANZ didn't see it that way.

ANZ's head of 'corporate communications', Paul Edwards, sent a tweet, with Aitken's email attached, saying, 'Sexism alive + well in stockbroking?'

It's a ridiculous assertion, and now Aitken has lost his job. This is pure censorship by ANZ, and shows how political correctness has gone mad in this country.'

Danish government wants harsher punishments for false rape accusations

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'Parliament is voting today on a governmental proposal that is expected to increase the length of time sentenced rapists spend in prison, while also introducing harsher penalties for those who make false rape accusations.

Currently the sentence typically handed down in rape cases is two and a half years – in particularly violent cases, longer sentences are possible. The new proposal would increase the standard sentence by a year.

A parliamentary majority agrees that punishments for the sexual abuse of adults and minors need to be stiffened. However, they would like to see the false rape accusations issue debated separately.'

Rape Culture is a ‘Panic Where Paranoia, Censorship, and False Accusations Flourish’

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'On January 27, 2010, University of North Dakota officials charged undergraduate Caleb Warner with sexually assaulting a fellow student. He insisted the encounter was consensual, but was found guilty by a campus tribunal and thereupon expelled and banned from campus.

A few months later, Warner received surprising news. The local police had determined not only that Warner was innocent, but that the alleged victim had deliberately falsified her charges. She was charged with lying to police for filing a false report, and fled the state.

Cases like Warner’s are proliferating. Here is a partial list of young men who have recently filed lawsuits against their schools for what appear to be gross mistreatment in campus sexual assault tribunals: Drew Sterrett—University of Michigan, “John Doe”—Swarthmore, Anthony Villar—Philadelphia University, Peter Yu—Vassar, Andre Henry—Delaware State, Dez Wells—Xavier, and Zackary Hunt—Denison. Presumed guilty is the new legal principle where sex is concerned.'

Julie Bindel: "Women, face it: marriage can never be feminist"

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'The institution of marriage has curtailed women's freedom for centuries, says Julie Bindel. So why are so many feminists trying to reclaim the tradition as a subversive act? If you want to get married, she says, just get on with it - but please don't pretend that being a feminist changes its meaning.

Feminist research fellow: Put all men 'in some kind of camp'

'In an interview with the website radfem collective, founder of the group Justice for Women and research fellow at the University of Lincoln Julie Bindel says that she would "put … all [men] in some kind of camp where they can all drive around in quad bikes, or bicycles, or white vans."'

Gender Pay Gap: Study Reveals Why Women Earn Less

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New research suggests women earn less than men because they opt for jobs with more flexibility but less pay.

From the White House to feminist lobby groups, a chorus of voices claims the gender pay gap is due to rampant sexism in the workplace, with women earning just 78 cents on the dollar to what men earn.

This figure is a statistical sleight of hand. The 78 cents figure, or anything like it, can only be reached by adding up all the money men earn and all the money women earn, and looking at who is earning more on average.

The figure doesn't represent women earning less than men working the same jobs, the same hours, in the same roles. Nevertheless, the Obama administration is proposing costly rules that mandate companies with 100 employees or more to include more information on annual reports of employees' pay and sex.'

Campus Censorship is Holding Women Back

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A survey has revealed that female students are more likely to support campus censorship than their male peers. Keeping Schtum, a report by the Higher Education Policy Institute, found that 16 per cent more women support Safe Space policies and the banning of tabloid newspapers than men. Men are more likely to support unfettered freedom of speech on campus.

That a significant proportion of female students is willingly supporting censorship is very depressing. But it's hardly surprising. The vast majority of censorship on campus is aimed at protecting women from offence. spiked's 2016 Free Speech University Rankings (FSUR) found that almost a third of UK universities banned the Sun and the Daily Star, as part of the No More Page 3 campaign, and 25 banned the controversial pop song 'Blurred Lines'. All of this is done in the name of cleansing campus of 'demeaning' representations of women.
...
These protective measures treat women like children, incapable of handling the trials and tribulations of adult life by themselves. And all of it has been fuelled by contemporary feminism, which paints campus as a uniquely dangerous place for women and promotes the bizarre idea that the first step towards gender equality is women insisting they are vulnerable. This is, of course, nonsense. For all the fearmongering about campus rape culture, universities are among the safest places in the country. But in a climate where cat-calling is conflated with sexual assault, and rude jokes are considered traumatising, female students are constantly being encouraged to see themselves as perennial victims.'

Twitter abuse - '50% of misogynistic tweets from women'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Half of all misogynistic tweets posted on Twitter come from women, a study suggests.

Over a three-week period, think tank counted the number of uses of two particular words as indicators of misogyny.

It found evidence of large-scale misogyny, with 6,500 unique users targeted by 10,000 abusive tweets in the UK alone.

Twitter boss Jack Dorsey has said that tackling abuse is a priority.

The research comes as UK MPs - Yvette Cooper, Maria Miller, Stella Creasy, Jess Philips - alongside former Liberal Democrat minister Jo Swinson, launch their Reclaim the Internet campaign, in response to growing public concern about the impact of hate speech and abuse on social media.'

GOP senators move to keep women out of military draft

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of Senate Republicans wants to remove a controversial provision from the Senate's annual defense policy bill that would require women to register for the draft.

Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) has filed an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that would remove the provision and block any court, including the Supreme Court, from hearing cases about who must register with the Selective Service System.

The debate over requiring women to take part has split Congressional Republicans, and opponents argue that Congress needs to spend more time studying the issue.

Lee's amendment would add a section into the defense bill expressing the "sense of Congress that the decision of the secretary of Defense to open all military occupational specialties to women raises important legal, political and social questions about who should be required to register for the military selective service."

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced in December that the Pentagon would open all combat roles to women.'

"We Need To Stop Protecting Famous Men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday morning, Amber Heard released a statement concerning her domestic violence allegations against ex-husband Johnny Depp. A rep for the actress addressed the “years of psychological and physical abuse” Heard says she experienced, and the fact that many victims of abuse fail to come forward immediately.

“As the result of Amber’s decision to decline giving an initial statement to the LAPD, her silence has been used against her by Johnny’s team,” the statement read. “Amber did not provide a statement to the LAPD in an attempt to protect her privacy and Johnny’s career.”

The fact that Heard had to release such a statement at all, a statement vehemently defending herself in the “Court of Public Opinion,” is a testament to the consistently messed up way we approach the actions of famous men.

In the media circus that’s enveloped Heard and Depp’s very public split, there has been a general sense of incredulity, a disbelief that Depp could ever or would ever hurt his wife.'

UK: The new underclass: Working class white boys now most likely to fail in school

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'Only 10 per cent of white British males from the most disadvantaged backgrounds go onto higher education, according to a new report.

By stark contrast, 20 per cent of men from black Caribbean heritage, 50 per cent of males from Indian backgrounds and more than 60 per cent of boys from Chinese heritage are keen to take their education further.

The startling statistics are contained within a report from the Higher Education Policy Institute.

The figures highlight how young white men are less likely to achieve, prompting fears they could get trapped in a life-cycle of failure where they are left behind while others flourish.'

Meet The Social Justice Foundation That Pays For Censorship And Lies

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'A recent report alleges that the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation aims to censor and control society for the purpose of advancing progressive ideals.

According to the report, which has been published at The Capital Research Center, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation advocates for the censorship of politically incorrect and anti-feminist views on social media. In addition, the foundation has partnered with Microsoft in an effort to replace standardized testing with an educational video game system that would likely bring a progressive message to millions of American students.

"The free speech-averse John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation aspires to leverage social media and educational testing in order to strengthen elite control of all aspects of society and culture. The philanthropy promotes politically correct censorship on popular websites like Twitter and Facebook, but for more insight into the organization, focus on the left-wing MacArthur board chairman who has long been a heavy-hitter in textbook publishing."'

Here is my #MessageToFeminists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There has been a recent rise of an online stronghold of cultural libertarianism, which has been deemed by some to be a reactionary movement against the regressive left. Classically liberal and conservative figures are breaking down the barriers between the political left and right, and are coming together to discuss a multitude of ideas including free speech, political correctness, censorship and 'safe spaces' in the university scene, and cultural relativity.
...
It was only a matter of time until something so contentious as a #MessageToFeminists campaign would arise. The hashtag, created by one Taleed Brown on his Youtube channel That Guy T, aimed to stimulate debate on the current feminist movement by giving a voice to its most common critiques. Originally devised as a Youtube challenge, the hashtag is now making rounds on Twitter, drawing attention to the need for an actual intellectual conversation and free exchange of ideas, which many believe has failed to take place in a monotonic, stifling PC culture.'

Fathers' rights: 'We're dads, not visitors'

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'Joseph Fernandez, 47, of Warwick, along with a growing number of men, feel like they are at a disadvantage as fathers when it comes to custody over their child. Together, they are the Rhode Island Fathers' Rights Movement and advocating for family court reform as well as for equal parenting to be the standard in custody cases.

"Sometimes I feel there is this assumption within the court that as a dad I don't want to be in the picture," Fernandez said. "We love our children, we want to be in their lives, we shouldn't have to beg to be parents."

Fernandez has been fighting for more time with his 4-year-old daughter since 2012 and, finding he wasn't the only one struggling with custody issues, began the Rhode Island Fathers' Rights Movement, which has connected with likeminded groups from across the country, a movement that is now "38 states strong."

The group acts as a supportive community for fathers to discuss their own experiences as well as sharing best practices and advice. The group has helped to reunite some fathers with their children

The initiative is not trying to "bash women" or take children away from mothers – they even have female members. Rather, the group wants their fair share of parenthood, with equal custody being the norm without "extraneous circumstances" and reform in family court, Fernandez said.'

Illinois state legislator seeks to modernize child support laws

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'Senator Michael Hastings (D-Tinley Park) sponsored legislation to modernize the state's child support laws, by requiring both parents' income to be considered in determining child support.

"Illinois has a lot of archaic laws. The child support laws on the books do not consider the modern family when determining the necessary child support for many families," Hastings said.

House Bill 3982 would update a portion of Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act for the first time since 1984.

The new model is called the "income shares" model. It would consider the income of both parents and what it would be if they were living together. It also would modernize the costs of raising a child in Illinois.'

Today’s Faux Feminism

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'But while the issue of sexism is now on the back burner, this epic presidential campaign has already exposed modern feminism as disingenuous. From playing the “woman card” to fighting for “women’s issues,” it is clear that feminism is now misunderstood by its own advocates who no longer want equal treatment, but instead demand special treatment.

Consider the campaign rhetoric itself. Like many Americans, I have found it distasteful. The personal insults have been cringe-worthy but anyone who has been following knows the charade has left no one — male or female — unscathed.

On both the left and the right, women have stood alongside men on debate stages in front of millions of people to compete for the job of president of the United States. But while Carly Fiorina held her own, drawing on her business experience and knowledge of the issues to win over voters, Hillary Clinton time-and-time again seeks an edge for simply being a woman. What could possibly be sexist about Bernie responding to her interruption in the March debate with “Excuse me, I’m talking”? It looks to me like Bernie is treating Clinton has a formidable competitor – isn’t this what the feminist movement sought?'

Tyler Kost Update: Judge Approves Social Media Release

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tyler Kost has been in the Pinal County jail for over 550 days on what looks more and more like an “anti male hate crime”. A growing body of evidence suggest Tyler was set up on false rape and sexual assault allegations by a group of high school girls.

Fortunately, a Pinal County Superior Court Judge has allowed and agreed all social media will be released by the female accusers from Poston Butte High School in San Tan Valley.

These girls, now young women, were inspired by the movie “John Tucker Must Die”.

Tyler’s attorney is lobbying for his release until his trial that is scheduled to begin late 2016. No word yet as to the status of the request.

If Tyler is found innocent we hope the family will seek justice by filing a civil lawsuit against the Sheriff’s Department, Poston Butte High School and the now adult women in this case.'

UK: Lesbian couple guilty of toddler murder

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The mum of tragic Liam Fee and her lesbian partner have been found guilty of murdering the toddler and falsely blaming his death on another child.

Rachel Fee, 31, and Nyomi Fee, 29, were convicted today of killing two-year-old Liam by inflicting severe blunt force trauma to his body at a house in Fife, Scotland.

The youngster, who had been subjected to a life of pain and neglect, suffered a ruptured heart after sustaining injuries similar to those seen in car crash victims.'

Teacher pregnant with 13-YO student's baby

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Story here. Excerpt:

'An arrest warrant has been issued for a teacher in the Aldine Independent School District who is accused of having a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old student.

Prosecutors said Alexandria Vera had a sexual relationship with one of her students and also got pregnant by the eighth-grader.
...
Vera, an English teacher, admitted to conducting a sexual relationship with the student since last September, authorities said. A report said the student was in her eighth-grade English class. The DA's office said the officer received school records showing the student to be younger than 14 when Vera began the sexual relationship.
...
Vera said the student's parents not only knew about the relationship, they approved of it and allowed the teen to spend the night at Vera's home in Spring, where they engaged in sex on a regular basis, according to court documents. She told an investigator that she would drop him off at home in the morning so he could catch the bus to Stovall Middle School, prosecutors said.'

Also see:
http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2016/06/01/teacher-impregnated-by-13-year-old-student-turns-herself-in/

Milo event ends with bomb threat

Matt · 1 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Remember: If you can't shut someone up, threaten to blow them up! Yeah, that makes sense... not. Excerpt:

'The latest stop on Milo Yiannopoulous's "Dangerous Faggot Tour" at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) was blocked by protests at the beginning, and evacuated by a bomb threat at the end.

Before the event started, groups of protesters gathered outside of the Broad Art Building, where Milo was to speak. A large banner was hung from the third story of a neighboring building, which read: "Bruins Against Hate." Groups of women and men stood outside holding pro-feminism signs — with black duct tape over their mouths (above).
...
Fights began to break out when the back doors, which organizers had been using to usher people into the event, were also blocked by protesters who refused to let people in.
...
Finally, after the feminists were removed from the auditorium, Milo and David were able to resume their talk. After the show was over, however, and most of all the people in the auditorium had left, a large group of UCLA police came in and told those left in the room that they had to leave immediately because of a bomb threat.

Soon thereafter, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) arrived on campus with bomb-sniffing dogs. After a sweep of the auditorium, the all-clear was given.'

UCLA Protesters Spit at Milo Yiannopoulos and Hilarity Ensues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dozens of destinations into Milo Yiannopoulos's "Dangerous Faggot Tour," livid feminist protesters have learned how to make the most of what little time they get with the notorious provocateur. The dozens of protesters—including at least two professors—stood outside spitting at Yiannopoulos as he entered the Broad Art Center at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Yiannopoulos, accompanied by his usual Twitter entourage (including @bakedalaska), waved at the protesters. Certainty getting threatened with violence at DePaul last week must have desensitized Yiannopoulos from being too shocked by the protesters' signs and spit.

When I spoke to the protesters before the event, they seemed divided as to what exactly they were trying to accomplish.'

Blocked entrance, shouting matches, apathetic cops and angry women at Milo's UCLA stop

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A horde of student protesters crowded in front of UCLA's Broad Art Center on Tuesday to prevent hundreds of Milo Yiannopoulos fans from entering the venue and hearing the conservative-gay firebrand speak.
...
Although many guests had lined up hours before the event's start, police officers manning security did not appear to attempt to disperse the eclectic crowd of student protesters blockading the main entrance so guests waiting could go inside.

Asked to move, protesters simply said "no."

Meanwhile, shouting matches ensued between the hundreds waiting in line and the 75 or so protesters lining the entrance and flanking the building.'

Ryan Gosling Thinks ‘Women Are Better Than Men’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Attention, ladies. Ryan Gosling thinks you’re pretty amazing and don’t you forget it.

In an interview with Evening Standard Magazine, the star of “The Nice Guys” (and the internet’s bae) shared his admiration for women in what might be the most straightforward compliment ever:

“I think women are better than men,” he said. “They are stronger, more evolved.”

Gosling, who has two daughters with Eva Mendes, explained that he’s noticed this strength and resilience at home with his own kids.

“You can tell especially when you have daughters and you see their early stages,” he said. “They are just leaps and bounds beyond boys immediately.”'

Lawyers for 'Jackie' tacitly admit she invented her pretend rapist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lawyers for "Jackie," the woman who claimed to Rolling Stone that she had been gang-raped at a University of Virginia fraternity party have finally acknowledged that their client created the fake rapist alleged to have orchestrated the attack.

Jackie's lawyers, in new court documents filed Tuesday, acknowledged that they had accessed an email account connected to the fake rapist in mid-March. The email account for "Haven Monahan," the name Jackie gave as her alleged rapist, had been created days after the alleged gang-rape had occurred and a day before the email account sent a love letter to a young man whom Jackie had a crush on.'

EU referendum: Old white men are the problem for the Remain campaign, says Labour's shadow Europe minister

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Pat Glass, who has already apologised earlier in the campaign after calling a voter a 'horrible racist', made the remarks as she spoke alongside shadow chancellor John McDonnell, Wolverhampton South West MP Rob Marris and Guardian columnist Owen Jones at Wolverhampton Grand Station.

Taking questions from a 200-strong audience of Labour supporters, Ms Glass was responding to a question about encouraging voters to support the Remain campaign.

She said women and young people were 'key' to a successful Remain vote in the referendum before adding: "Go and speak to your mother, your grandmother. Don't speak to your grandfather, we know the problem are older white men."

The comments were met by muted laughter.'

UK: Top Labour MP accused of 'disdain' for voters after branding older white men a 'problem'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr Nuttall, MEP for North West England, told Express.co.uk: “Once again Pat Glass provides us with a window into the true soul of the Labour Party.

"They treat British voters and their views with utter disdain. Anyone who doesn’t fit their mould is considered to be less of a person.

"It´s in the same vein as shadow defence secretary Emily Thornberry´s scornful tweet about a so-called ´white van man´ in Rochester in 2014.

"I find it quite incredible that a politician would be rude towards people who vote. That´s certainly not my idea of respecting the electorate.

"In terms of the EU referendum campaign, however, Pat Glass is the gift that keeps on giving."'

CPI Launches New Program to Curb Wrongful Convictions of Sexual Assault

Matt · 1 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Today the Center for Prosecutor Integrity is launching a new initiative designed to address the over-criminalization of sexual conduct and to end wrongful convictions of sexual assault. The new program comes on the heels of a recent report on sex offender registries that concludes, “Black men are being convicted of sex crimes in alarming numbers.”

The Wrongful Convictions of Sexual Assault Program features informational resources for attorneys, researchers, policymakers, and concerned citizens. The resources address Prosecutorial Misconduct in Sex Crime Cases and the American Law Institute Model Penal Code, and features an Exoneree Honor Roll that lists the names of hundreds of persons exonerated of sexual assault. The online resource also provides a compilation of law review articles, empirical research studies, and other resources.'

"To curb prostitution, punish those who buy sex rather than those who sell it"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is disturbing that some human rights and public health organizations are advocating the full legalization of the sex trade, including its most abusive aspects. I agree with Amnesty International, UNAIDS and other groups that say that those who sell sex acts should not be arrested or prosecuted, but I cannot support proposals to decriminalize buyers and pimps.

Some assert that this “profession” can be empowering and that legalizing and regulating all aspects of prostitution will mitigate the harm that accompanies it. But I cannot accept a policy prescription that codifies such a pernicious form of violence against women. Normalizing the act of buying sex also debases men by assuming that they are entitled to access women’s bodies for sexual gratification. If paying for sex is normalized, then every young boy will learn that women and girls are commodities to be bought and sold.'

"Funny or Die brutally skewers male feminists in this hilarious video"

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Video here. Excerpt:

'There is a difference between men who are good allies to women just by the very nature of how they live their lives, and those 'feminist men' who insist on taking the spotlight & inserting themselves into feminist spaces in order to get props and praise. '

Milo Yiannopoulos: UCLA protests by campus loonies

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Video here. Description:

'I'm not great at reading people, but I'm pretty sure this means they love me.
See the full talk here [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cK8SsvNKef0]'

Hillary Clinton: People Tell Me They Won't Vote For Me Because I'm A Woman

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton portrays herself as the victim of sexism, explaining during an interview that she suffers from it at her own campaign rallies.

She said that people would come up to her on the rope line and say, "'I really admire you, I really like you, I just don't know if I can vote for a woman to be president,'" she said in an interview with New York Magazine. "I mean, they come to my events and then they say that to me."

She added she thinks Americans are afraid that a woman's ambition would crowd out relationships, marriage, children, family, and home making.

"We're so accustomed to think of women's ambition being made manifest in ways that we don't approve of, or that we find off-putting."

She said that Americans viewed a woman's ambition as "dangerous" and that men were "100 percent" afraid of the competition.

"That level of visceral … fear, anxiety, insecurity plays a role," she said.'

SJW outcry prompts Fox to apologize for ‘offensive’ X-Men: Apolocalypse poster

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'From the Hollywood Reporter:

As 20th Century Fox’s X-Men: Apocalypse stormed theaters over the long weekend, critics took aim at billboards featuring Oscar Isaac’s Apocalypse choking Jennifer Lawrence’s Mystique.

Among them was Rose McGowan, who elaborated on a May 25 Facebook post to THR: “There is a major problem when the men and women at 20th Century Fox think casual violence against women is the way to market a film. There is no context in the ad, just a woman getting strangled. The fact that no one flagged this is offensive and frankly, stupid. The geniuses behind this, and I use that term lightly, need to to take a long hard look at the mirror and see how they are contributing to society. Imagine if it were a black man being strangled by a white man, or a gay male being strangled by a hetero? The outcry would be enormous. So let’s right this wrong. 20th Century Fox, since you can’t manage to put any women directors on your slate for the next two years, how about you at least replace your ad?”'

Center for Prosecutor Integrity fights back against false sexual assault allegations

Matt · 3 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Center for Prosecutor Integrity on Wednesday launched an initiative to combat false reports of sexual assault and the overcriminalization of sexual conduct.

The Wrongful Convictions of Sexual Assault Program aims to protect the due process rights of the accused, which are on shaky footing nationwide.

The program aggregates research on the rate of false accusations of sexual assault, noting that it is the second-most-common crime of which people are wrongfully convicted. The National Registry of Exonerations found that more than 270 people were exonerated last year after being wrongfully convicted of sexual assault.'

NPO: Hillary Clinton's foray into child custody cases reveals "best interests" facade

Matt · 4 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Judges are elected in Arkansas. Obviously, the judge, who would eventually have to stand for re-election, chose to go totally counter to the practices of the day to do a favor for a politically important father by giving him joint custody. This is not the decision that a 1978 judge who was interested only in the best interest of the child, as it was then understood, would have made. Politics came first, just as considerations other than best interest of the child continue to come first today. For instance, the money and power of the bar associations continue to dominate the family courts and legislatures today, standing in the way of shared parenting in state after state despite the now-overwhelming evidence that it serves the best interest of children in most cases, and despite overwhelming popular support.

But Beshear was not satisfied with his extraordinary joint custody result and wanted more. Six months later, with 30 year old Clinton now as his lawyer, he sought sole custody of Bethany before Judge Royce Weisenberger.

Why did Beshear choose Clinton as his attorney? Is it because she was a proven winner? This seems unlikely. Although she was known as well educated and smart, and was a new associate attorney at the prestigious Rose Law Firm in Little Rock, she “had little expertise” in family law, according to the Globe. Is it because, as Beshear now claims, she was a woman, which might be helpful in a custody dispute? That is a convenient thing to say in today’s climate. But having a female lawyer was a novel thing in 1978, of highly uncertain benefit. Much more likely is that Bill Clinton had just won the Democratic primary for governor and was certain to be elected governor in November. Beshear chose Clinton because an elected judge would not want to antagonize both the powerful Beshear in his home county, and also the new governor.'

Police determined the rape accusation was 'unfounded,' but school punished him anyway

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Lynn University student is suing his school after he was suspended for one year for allegedly sexually assaulting a female student.

The suing student, identified in court documents as John Doe, attended a party while a freshmen where underage drinking was occurring. There he met a female student (who I'm not naming because she's not being sued and I'm not naming the accused) and the two began talking. Doe's lawsuit contends that she "showed no signs of being intoxicated."'

"It doesn't hurt men if I hate them"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Zara Larsson is not afraid to tell you that she's a man-hater; in fact, she wears it as a badge of honor. For the budding pop star and Fuse First artist, feminism is a no-brainer issue, but calling for equal rights between men and women has somehow earned her a lot of Internet hate worldwide.

"It’s actually crazy how people can be so upset about something so basic when it comes to human rights,” the "Never Forget You" singer notes.'

Poll finds women not at ease with the idea of being drafted

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'An actual military draft has been out of commission for 43 years. But draft registration is still a stark reality for American men, who must sign up with the federal government like clockwork.

“The draft itself may never be reinstated, but men are still required to register for its possible use when they turn 18. Americans think women should do that too. By 50 percent to 35 percent they agree that women should also be required to register with the Selective Service System,” says Kathy Frankovic, an analyst for YouGov, which queried some 2,000 people on the issue.

Women, however, are not so keen on the idea. The survey found only 40 percent agreed they should be in the national pool for potential troops. Some demographics were all for it: 64 percent of Democratic voters who plan to vote for Sen. Bernie Sanders approve, along with 61 percent of men, 58 percent of liberals, 53 percent of Democrats in general and 52 percent of voters who favor Hillary Clinton. Fifty-two percent of Republican voters who prefer Donald Trump, 48 percent of Republicans and 45 percent of conservatives also agree.'

Glastonbury 2016: There's going to be a women-only venue called The Sisterhood

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'In a historic move, this year's Glastonbury Festival will feature a venue open only to women.

Named The Sisterhood, the spot will be hidden in the site's renowned Shangri-La area and is billed as an "intersectional, queer, trans and disability-inclusive space open to all people who identify as women".

Described as a "revolutionary clubhouse," the venue's staff, performers, and security will all be women.
...
"The producers of The Sisterhood believe that women-only spaces are necessary in a world that is still run by and designed to benefit mainly men," the venue's organisers said. "Oppression against women continues in various manifestations around the world today, in different cultural contexts.'

University lets rape accuser bring experienced lawyer, won’t let accused bring one

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lynn University let a sexual-assault accuser bring her lawyer and repeatedly “intervene” in a conduct hearing, while the accused student’s adviser – his mother – had to remain silent, according to a federal lawsuit filed against the South Florida school last week.

The accused student, whose athletic and academic scholarships were revoked, said Lynn yanked him off the baseball team several weeks before his hearing. It then suspended him after ignoring its own policy on incapacitation.

In an unusual move for a due-process lawsuit, “John Doe” identifies his accuser by her real name, though it appears to be misspelled. He also identifies several student witnesses by their real names.'

Former secret service agent's book alleges DV by Hillary

Matt · 6 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton has a “Jekyll and Hyde” personality that left White House staffers scared stiff of her explosive — and even physical — outbursts, an ex-Secret Service officer claims in a scathing new tell-all.
...
The book claims she repeatedly screamed obscenities at her husband, Secret Service personnel and White House staffers — all of whom lived in terror of her next tirade.

Secret Service agents had discussions about the possibility that they would have to protect Bill from his wife’s physical attacks, Byrne writes, and the couple had one “violent encounter” the morning of a key presidential address to the nation.
...
Byrne describes arriving for work one day in 1995 following a loud fight between the Clintons the night before.

The dust-up, he says, left a light blue vase “smashed to bits” and Bill sporting a “real, live, put-a-steak-on-it black eye.”
...
"I don’t recall Mr. Trump ever screaming at the Secret Service, calling them pigs, throwing vases across the room and clawing the face of his spouse, which Hillary Clinton has been reported to do,” she told CNN.'

New York Times Reporter Asks Sanders If He’s Sexist For Continuing To Run Against Hillary

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'A New York Times reporter asked Bernie Sanders on Monday if it is sexist for him to continue running for president against what could be the nation’s first female president in Hillary Clinton.

Sanders bristled at the question but also laughed and asked if the reporter, Yamiche Alcindor, was being serious.

The exchange occurred after Sanders opened up his press conference in Emeryville, Calif. to questions from reporters. He pointed to one member of the press in the audience, but Alcindor appears to have jumped in with a question. Sanders attempted to cut her off, saying “excuse me” several times.'

"Life extension technology gives us a bleak future: more white men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I was raised in a household in which my mother, a divorced old-school feminist, openly hoped for the day when the “racist, angry old white men,” who keep our country in sociopolitical purgatory, would die. In my youth, her mantra made me optimistic that the passing of time alone might alleviate some of our country’s most persistent conservative tendencies: hostility towards reproductive rights, demonization of the poor, environmental recklessness. But almost 30 years later, she’s still saying it, and given the United States’ (and the world’s) increasing population of old folk—where whites continue to outlive people of color and education access creates huge gaps in life expectancy—she might be saying it until she dies.
...
I first heard of the life extension movement more than a decade ago, when I met a fervent practitioner who took hundreds of vitamins and supplements each day. His behavior seemed eccentric and harmless at the time, but as more members of our country’s .01%—almost always male, and almost always white—become engaged in the attempt to draw out life spans, the potential dystopian consequences are harder to ignore. While people of color, trans folks and the poor struggle to live within the timespan they’re allegedly already allotted by virtue of living in an industrialized nation, a handful of powerful white guys promote themselves as humanitarians for trying to extend the already long lives of the favored few. There aren’t many futures more chilling to me than one in which not even the march of time can free us from our oligarchs.'

Punishment Without Evidence on Campus

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Article here. Google the first para. to jump the paywall. Excerpt:

'The Education and Justice Departments have already gone far to subvert the norm that students accused of sexual assault retain individual rights. Now they are targeting the few rights that are left. Under new standards promulgated this spring, students can be punished before any disciplinary hearing has been held, and sometimes after anonymous allegations.
...
For the first time, the Justice Department has also explicitly introduced a “responsibility to investigate complaints of sexual harassment to determine whether a hostile environment exists that requires further action,” even if accusers remain anonymous.

This matters because a hostile environment can exist independently of the details of a specific case, and thus can be established by complaints that haven’t been corroborated and don’t qualify as traditional proof. Justice invokes “perceptions” as much as facts.'

Due-process group launches campaign against ‘victim-centered’ rape investigations

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'Even as critics of college sexual-assault investigations say that law enforcement should be more involved in the process, police themselves are adopting some of the more questionable recommendations of anti-rape activists, particularly that accusers should face little scrutiny and officers should limit their collection of evidence to stymie the accused.
...
The new program offers resources on “prosecutorial misconduct,” the effort within the American Law Institute to make rape a presumed-guilty crime, and an “Exoneree Honor Roll” of accused people who were exonerated of rape.'

Canada: This Politician Quit His Job to Help Make Room For Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Ontario cabinet minister announced on Monday that he would be stepping aside in order to make room for women, in an attempt to help his premier meet gender parity in her government.

But given that Ontario's cabinet is just 25 percent female, there's still a long way to go.

Ted McMeekin, a longtime provincial politician and currently the minister of municipal affairs and housing, made the announcement on Facebook, ahead of an anticipated cabinet shuffle in Canada's largest province.

"Like our Prime Minister, I've never been afraid to call myself a feminist. In fact, I've always been proud of being an honorary member of the Women's Caucus, and working for equality," he said in the statement. "But sometimes the best way for a man to advance the equality of women may be to step back and make room at the table. For me, this is such a time."'

UK: Straight White Men Banned From Equality Conference

Matt · 7 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'News that a university lecturers' union has banned straight, white men from attending their equality conferences in a bid to create "safe spaces" is deeply depressing.

University and College Union equality conferences are held exclusively for women, LGBT, ethnic minorities or disabled people, and members must declare their "protected characteristic" when applying to attend.

Surely UCU can see the irony of hosting an equality conference where – as George Orwell wrote – some are more equal than others?'

SAVE: Add Your Voice to the Call for Free Speech

Matt · 7 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Right now, the Office for Civil Rights is stifling student and professor free speech, due process, and liberty rights in order to enforce a policy agenda.

This has to stop.

Fortunately, the Senate Homeland Security Committee is holding an oversight hearing on agency overreach this Thursday, June 9th, at 10:45 a.m.
EST: http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/revisiting-the-appropriate-use-of-agency-regulatory-guidance

But let's not wait until then for your voice to be heard-- free speech is too important.

This moment, call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to speak to your federal representatives. Tell them the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is a loose cannon that needs to be reigned in immediately.

Please call now and help protect the Constitution, in crisis on our campuses.

Very best,

Gina R. Lauterio, Esq.
Policy Project Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE)

Amber Heard arrested on suspicion of domestic violence in 2009 case against former girlfriend

mens_issues · 7 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Apparently women can be violent in relationships too! Excerpt:

'Actress Amber Heard, who filed for divorce from Johnny Depp last month, alleging verbal and physical abuse, herself was arrested on suspicion of domestic violence in 2009.

The King County, Washington, court clerk confirmed to People magazine Tuesday that Heard, 30, had appeared before a judge on Sept. 15, 2009, for what records call a “probable cause assault, domestic violence” hearing.

TMZ.com had reported earlier Tuesday that Heard and her then-domestic partner, photographer Tasya van Ree, argued on Sept. 14 at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Heard allegedly grabbed and struck van Ree on the arm, and was arrested and booked, the website said. No charges were filed.'

Former linebacker's wife arrested for domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former New York Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor's wife has been arrested for domestic violence after a physical altercation in Florida, according to TMZ Sports.

Lynette Taylor, 42, was arrested Thursday on a count of domestic violence and a count of resisting arrest.

According to the report, Lawrence Taylor told police that Lynette hit him in the back of the head, leaving him with a minor laceration.

"That's a lie. My husband is a 300 pound linebacker,' she told authorities after the incident. A judge has ordered the two to stay at least 500 feet from each other.

Lynette Taylor has been arrested at least three times for violent crimes, though most of the charges were later dropped. The couple has been married for nine years and has two children together.'

Jessica Valenti Confirms Feminism Is Now Just About Whining

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Modern feminism encourages women to complain about men, the wage gap, and just about everything else as an attempt to somehow be taken seriously. In other words, modern feminism creates a complex relationship with men. Feminists love to hate men—and to hate when men respond with scorn.

Both are addressed in this essay, published Sunday in the New York Times, an excerpt from Jessica Valenti's new memoir, "Sex Object," which is out today. It reveals why the modern feminist movement has reached its peak and will soon plummet.

Valenti, The Guardian's self-described feminist columnist, is so whiny she's difficult to take seriously. It's even more difficult to understand how an entire book on this topic is being published. In the excerpt, "What Does a Lifetime of Leers Do To Us?" the 37-year-old author says she has spent her whole "lifetime" being treated like a sex object and now, as a grown woman and a feminist, she wonders how women cope.'

Woman admits she sabotaged fiance's kayak before he drowned, authorities say

Matt · 8 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A New York State Police investigator says a woman accused of fatally sabotaging her fiancé's kayak on the Hudson River told an investigator she removed a plug on his kayak and manipulated his paddle.

Authorities say Angelika Graswald removed a drain plug from Vincent Viafore's kayak in April 2015 and pushed a floating paddle away from him after his kayak capsized.

A Cornwall police officer testified Monday that Graswald appeared calm and emotionless after she was rescued.

State Police Senior Investigator Aniello Moscato also testified Graswald told another investigator she had pulled a plug on the kayak and manipulated the ring on Viafore's paddle.'

Stanford sex assault case: Sentence was too short — but the system worked

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, a California judge sentenced former Stanford swimmer Brock Allen Turner to six months in jail for a horrifying sexual assault on an unconscious, alcohol-impaired woman. The resulting uproar over the sentence's undue leniency risks missing the most important lesson of the case.

Contrary to current campus conventional wisdom, the Turner case shows that the best way to deal with a campus sexual assault problem is to rely on law enforcement professionals to protect women and to pursue justice, not on campus disciplinary systems run by amateur sex bureaucrats.

The backlash against Turner's sentence is being exploited by a powerful but misguided movement to delegitimize law enforcement as the best way to handle campus sexual assaults. The accusers' rights group Know Your IX has claimed that even reporting an assault to police could harm campus victims. "#copsoffcampus," the group recently tweeted.

A myth that our universities are mired in an epidemic of sexual violence fuels this movement. Campus activists, the Obama administration and many in the media have used discredited surveys claiming that there are hundreds of thousands of campus sexual assaults annually to degrade due process protections for accused students.'

Daily Beast's Kohn Excoriates The "Men's Rights" And "Conservative Movement" For Denying Rape Culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'KOHN: And I have to say, this was also where I -- her part about how she blamed political correctness for sentencing him. Come on. Brock Turner is to blame for what happened here. And if his swimming career, if his steak time with his dad has suffered, well boo-hoo, shouldn't have done what he did. And this sort of notion that we should sort of pity him, it's related to, it is very much related to the men's rights and by extension the conservative movement in general for the last several years has attacked this notion that there is rape culture, has attacked this idea that we're getting too politically correct on campuses by trying to educate boys and girls about sexual assault and safety and responsibility, and said, 'Oh no, no, no, we're turning boys into -- they're too careful now, and everything is rape now, blah, blah, blah.' You know what? This is what happens. This is what happens.'

UK: "Teach children about sexism to stop 'ticking timebomb' of sexual bullying in schools"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Children as young as four should be taught in school about sexism and harassment to tackle the “ticking timebomb” of sexual bullying in classrooms, a Commons select committee has been told.

Experts working within schools and with young girls who suffer sexual violence and abuse inside and outside the classroom, were unanimous on Tuesday in calling for the mandatory teaching of issues around sexism.
...
“We need to make schools teach about sexism and about feminism, talk to children about how women have changed history, how women are inventors and scientists, so that they start to see that women are not just sexual objects.”'

France considers cracking down on sexism in video games

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The French government is considering several measures aimed at combating sexism in video games, according to a report published this week by Le Figaro. Axelle Lemaire, the French Minister of Digital Affairs, met with representatives from the French video game industry last month to discuss the set of measures, Le Figaro reports, which include financial incentives and labels for games that give a "positive image of women."
...
Catherine Coutelle, a socialist deputy of the National Assembly, proposed legislation last year that would have excluded games that portray a "degrading image of women" from receiving government tax credits. The amendment was met with opposition from some industry groups, and was withdrawn in January. But in a response to Coutelle's proposition published on Tuesday, Lemaire signaled that her ministry still aims to "encourage the production of video games that promote equality between men and women," and to address "topics related to sexism and violence against women."

Among the proposals currently under consideration are bonuses or other financial incentives for video games that promote a positive image of women, as well as a label that would distinguish such games to consumers. Sweden considered a similar labeling system, based on the Bechdel test, in 2014.'

UK: Head STYC training criticised for warning against the dangers of “mansplaining”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent Head STYC* training event has been criticised by a number of students present as bringing up “irrelevant and confusing concepts” in a “condescending manner”, as officers in charge were accused of demonstrating sexism towards men and alienating the male audience.

The criticism is aimed mainly at the YUSU Women’s Officers and their choice to include an explanation of ‘mansplaining’ in their section of the training. ‘Mansplaining’ is a relatively new and controversial term which is broadly defined as ‘to explain something to someone, typically a man to a woman, in a manner regarded as condescending or patronising’. The term was brought up in a list of ‘dos and dont’s’ which were featured alongside topics such as manhandling and calling out sexism and homophobia.

In conversation with future Head STYCS-to-be Nouse learned of how many students were left feeling somewhat ‘patronised’ by the officers. One student who attended the training and who wished to remain anonymous, stated how “mansplaining itself is clearly a sexist term and there is simply no need to create a gender-specific term for simply being patronising, we already have a word for that”.'

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* Second and Third Year Contacts - students who act as advisors to incoming students at university.

Meet ‘Generation Snowflake’ – the hysterical young women who can’t cope with being offended

Matt · 9 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Claire Fox, head of a thinktank called the Institute of Ideas, has penned a coruscating critique of “Generation Snowflake”, the name given to a growing group of youngsters who “believe it’s their right to be protected from anything they might find unpalatable”.

She said British and American universities are dominated by cabals of young women who are dead set on banning anything they find remotely offensive.

“It makes me sad that these teens and 20-somethings have become so fearful that they believe a dissenting opinion can pose such a serious threat,” Fox wrote in an article for Mail Online.

This hyper-sensitivity has prompted the University of East Anglia to outlaw sombreros in a Mexican restaurant and caused the National Union of Student to ban clapping as “as it might trigger trauma”, asking youngsters to use “jazz hands” instead.'

UK: Equality Conference Tries To Defend ‘No Straight White Men’ Policy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A university lecturers’ union has tried to defend its controversial decision to exclude straight, white men from equality conferences.
...
Today, a spokesman for UCU attempted to explain the decision – despite the blatant irony in banning a select group from the next equality summit.

The spokesman told Heat Street: “[Our] members voted to continue the convention whereby different groups of people meet at a conference to discuss unique obstacles they face in the workplace. This is standard practice throughout the trade union movement, and certainly not a new initiative.”

They added: “Anyone can attend the plenary sessions and there is also an equality reps conference that anyone interested in equality can attend. It is the specific four equality conferences (Black members, women, disabilities and LGBT) that are for people within those groups.”'

Trump and his 'angry white men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The other day, I was trying to think of the last time I heard the words “white men” uttered in a positive way. I came up blank.

The context for those two words is just about always negative. Sometimes people who think white guys are the problem—no matter what the problem might be—throw in the word “angry.” And “angry white men” then becomes an easy way to dismiss even legitimate concerns and grievances by white men.

A female Rutgers professor once wrote that mass murder was the result of “white male privilege.” The website Gawker once composed a list of the “worst 100 white men.”

Barack Obama said of Judge Merrick Garland, his nominee to the Supreme Court, “Yeah, he’s a white guy, but he’s a really outstanding jurist. Sorry.”

OK, he was kidding. But imagine if some chucklehead came up with a list of the “Worst 100 Black Men.” Or if some white male conservative politician nominated a like-minded African-American to the bench and said, “Yeah, he’s a black guy, but he’s a really outstanding jurist.”

This is not a woe-is-me sob story. I understand that the history of white men in America is vastly different from the history of black men or women of any color. And taking shots at rich white guys is like throwing spitballs at a battleship.'

The dangerous irony of rape accusation culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you don't recognize rape accusation culture, look up what happened at Vassar, where a freshman was expelled after being accused of rape a full year after having sex with a woman who'd given no indication at the time that the encounter was anything but consensual. Look up what happened at Brandeis, where a student accused his former boyfriend of sexual misconduct over their two-year relationship, including good morning kisses that were deemed nonconsensual because the kissed party was half-asleep.

These might sound like extreme examples, but to some activists these days, any unwelcome sexual behavior is tantamount to assault, and such reasoning is given a shocking amount of credence. So when an unambiguous case of sexual assault comes along, as in the attack at Stanford, it serves to underscore the shoddiness of that reasoning. It shows the counterproductive and even dangerous consequences of turning the notion of consent into such a murky question that it can undermine the campus anti-rape movement and even prompt the ridiculous assertion that "rape on campus isn't always because people are rapists."'

Expelled Basketball Player Sues Yale

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'The Yale basketball player who was expelled in February after a university committee found that he had raped a fellow student sued the university on Thursday, accusing it of a “deeply flawed process.”

In the lawsuit and an accompanying statement released by a public-relations firm, the player, Jack Montague, who was once the team captain, suggested that Yale had chosen to make an example of him because of public criticism over its handling of the hot-button issue of campus sexual assault.'

"The Rise of the New Patriarchy and Title IX"

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'A teen boy runs, and wins, against teen girls in a high school level competition. The winning part is not surprising. Men have some biological reasons for being physically superior to women. Testosterone increases their muscle mass, lung capacity, and upper body strength. Then there are all the subtle ways that make a boy/man faster and stronger: smaller Q-angles, denser bones, more efficient oxygenation.
...
The politically correct, confusing nonsense will end up depriving girls of opportunities. They'll lose to boys who compete as girls. Title IX was meant to correct sex discrimination. With the Obama administration and the feather-brained school administrators across the country, Title IX is going to cause sex discrimination because gender identity is being willfully confused with biological sex. Women and girls with female DNA and biology will be pushed out by biological boys.'

Occidental College Mostly Cleared In Federal Sexual Assault Investigation

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'A federal investigation found that, contrary to complaints from current and former students, Occidental College did not mishandle cases of sexual assault, except for delays in several cases during the 2012-13 school year.

But the report from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights did find that the campus climate may be leading some students not to report sexual assaults they experience.

Occidental's investigation started in 2013, at the beginning of a wave of activism around campus rape. The private liberal arts college in Los Angeles entered into a voluntary resolution this week with the Education Department to measure the climate on campus as it relates to sexual violence and to improve the speed with which the college investigates assault reports. The agreement ends the investigation, allowing the government to release its findings.

As more and more universities are put on notice about how they handle sexual assault, the results of investigations such as this can provide insight into what federal officials expect from institutions.'

Woman admits to killing her two babies, gets probation

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'A 35-year-old Charlotte, North Carolina woman is not going to spend a day in jail – despite the fact that she ADMITTED to killing both her babies.

Katherine Anne Jennings, the mother of two babies who died under questionable circumstances in 2012 and 2013, has been sentenced to five years of probation. She plead guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the second baby's death. Prosecutors did not charge her in the death of Katherine's first baby.

On Dec. 13, 2013, 8-month-old Luke Stephen Phillips was sleeping with his mother on the couch. He was later found DEAD – the cause of death is suffocation.

The same thing happened to his brother James Robert Phillips, who was 4 months old when he died in June 2012. A medical examiner found that he had suffocated while sleeping with his mom.'

Woman won't spend any time in prison after admitting to sex crimes against multiple children

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'A Jefferson City woman won't spend any time in prison after admitting to sex crimes against multiple children. Misti Fitzwater pleaded guilty to five different felonies Thursday.

A judge suspended Fitzwater's sentence and placed her on parole. Judge Robert Schollmeyer was very clear that he did not want to have to revisit the issue with her, saying "If there is a violation that is alleged, you and I will see each other again. You do not want that to happen."

Judge Schollmeyer went on to say, "If you and I see each other in this setting again, I assure you that I will do everything that is necessary to see that these sentences will be actually executed."

Fitzwater pleaded guilty to one charge of statutory rape, two of statutory sodomy and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

She was charged after having sex with two separate underage partners and allowing them to smoke marijuana in her car.'

"Rape culture is a man problem. Why aren't more men speaking up?"

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'I'm not suggesting that women give up the fight. But I realize now that no woman can change how little our lives matter in this system. It's up to the men who created that system — and who don't see all rape as real and "legitimate" — to create a better system. Women are most at risk from men, and particularly the men they know and love. Men should be appalled by their complicity in a legal system that revictimizes their sisters, mothers and daughters. Men should be lining up in the streets to protest a system that prioritizes their futures over our lives.
...
Rape culture hasn't changed because most men don't want it to. Like Turner, men benefit from the presumption of their innocence. When rape culture tells men that violating an unconscious woman's body is just another part of college life, it excuses them from those questionable moments in their own college memories. It whispers in their ear that those times she was too drunk, or said no, or tried to back away weren't rape or sexual assault. Rape culture manufactures gray areas where none existed and hands the power to determine what constitutes rape to the perpetrators rather than the victims.'

Ex-High School teacher gets 7 days in jail for sex with student

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'A former Marysville High School teacher who admitted to a sexual relationship with an 18-year-old student was sentenced to seven days in jail.

Stacy McConoughey, 36, faced a maximum 20 years in prison on four counts of sexual battery, but Union County Common Pleas Court Judge Don Fraser, while chiding her, noted that she was contrite and cooperative throughout the investigation and hearing Monday.

"You should have taken steps to distance yourself from the young man rather than repeatedly encouraging his lust," Fraser wrote in a sentencing entry he read in court.'

"Men who want sexbots are sociopathic rapists"

Matt · 10 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Looks like some people find the idea of sexbots most threatening indeed! Excerpt:

'There is nothing less erotic than someone believing or insisting that whatever else might be going on in another person's mind – even "I do not want this" – they still have the right to have their "sexual needs" met. The people who are attracted to the idea of sex robots are the people who look at women and sex in this way. The idea that business and technology are so keen to oblige such narcissistic and sociopathic individuals is repellent.
...
There's always been a bit of sniggering about men who use prostitutes (though real contempt, counterintuitively, is directed at the women involved), or who "can't get a girlfriend". Blow-up dolls have always been a joke, as have "wankers". This too is pitiless, petty stuff. Maybe it's time to take misogynistic sexual dysfunction more seriously. Maybe people who want to buy sex robots need to present the agreement of a couple of doctors, before they are judged emotionally restricted enough to need to retreat to such an inhuman fantasy. Or maybe, out of respect for women, this technology should just be rejected.'

How to Use The Chronicle's Title IX Tracker

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'But despite the high-profile crackdown, how those investigations come to be, and how they play out, isn't always clear. The civil-rights office is opening investigations much faster than it's resolving them: So far this year, 46 cases have been opened and only two resolved (one by the Department of Justice).

The Chronicle wants to shed light on the federal-enforcement process. We introduced a Title IX tracker in January, including all investigations in this wave of enforcement — since the civil-rights office issued a "Dear Colleague" letter, in April 2011, putting colleges on notice — and this week we added several new ways to use it. Our goal is to let people keep up with the process and other developments on campuses under review.'

Malecare: Your advocacy restored Federal Prostate Cancer Research Funding

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Via email:

June 9, 2016 - The Senate Appropriations Committee voted to approve its FY17 Labor-HHS Appropriations bill earlier today, with only one senator, Bill Cassidy (R-LA), voting against the bill. Funding for the Centers for Disease Control's Prostate Cancer activities program was restored!!! Thanks to all of Malecare's Patient Advocacy Leaders and ALL of You who sent emails and made phone calls to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Malecare was the lead organization in fighting for the restoration of CDC Prostate Cancer program funding. Which means, you made this happen!

While the full Senate must vote it's approval, it is entirely unlikely that anyone will actually stand up in the Senate and speak specifically to remove CDC prostate cancer funding. Since we have won this battle in the Senate Appropriations Committee, we have won this battle overall. I mention this in case, as happened in previous years, some self proclaimed advocates or organizations try to confuse you by saying the battle is not yet over. That is akin to saying the presidential election is not decided in November, but rather when the electoral college meets in January. Don't be fooled or frightened. Please feel encouraged to email me if you have any concerns or questions. Meanwhile, lift a glass of cheer .... your advocacy has been effective and important prostate cancer research will continue to be funded.

With pride and gratitude,

Darryl Mitteldorf
darryl@malecare.org

The Brock Turner case: Sexual assault, mob justice, and the war on "rape culture"

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'I think the victim's statement was moving and compelling. I also understand the disgust and anger at the attitudes exhibited in the statements submitted to the court by Turner's father (who infamously lamented that his son's life was being ruined for "20 minutes of action"), by his friends and other character witnesses who seemed to see him as an equal victim, and by Turner himself. While his statement makes several brief references to the pain and trauma his actions caused the victim, most of is steeped in self-pity and shows little accountability; he clearly sees himself as a victim of "the party culture" at Stanford.

But I have other concerns, too. I think this case is clearly being used to whip a new moral panic about campus rape and "rape culture," which will be used to step up the policing of consensual sex and punish innocent people (most but not all of them men). Whatever one thinks of the sentence, letting self-righteous outrage mobs and ideological zealots such as Stanford law professor Michele Dauber shape law and policy is extremely dangerous.
...
6) The Turner case should not become a political vehicle for curtailing the rights of the accused or boosting campus kangaroo courts. The people driving this crusade, such as Dauber, are quite explicit about holding the rights of the accused in extremely low regard. (Several people who attended a recent Stanford seminar on campus rape have told me that Dauber's demeanor during a talk by attorney Andrew Miltenberg, who represents students accused of sexual misconduct in campus cases, was so openly contemptuous -- with conspicuous eye-rolling and grimacing -- as to be unprofessional.) Dauber is also a strong proponent of having sexual assault cases handled by campus tribunals, which, despite the light sentence, would have served the victim in this case far worse than the real justice system did.'

Civil Liberties on Campus | Sexual Misconduct: Procedures

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'Tino Cuellar (moderator), Supreme Court of California Michele Dauber, Stanford Law School Jacob Gersen, Harvard Law School Andrew Miltenberg, Nesenoff Miltenberg Goddard Laskowitz, LLP Deborah Rhode, Stanford Law School.'

Don’t allow mob rule to influence judges’ rulings

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'Of course, not every unpopular judgment is a fair one. But if we make judges political animals who pander to popular opinion, what would happen to the rights of citizens who are not the most vocal, the most powerful or the most organized? To quote Justice O’Connor, “The founders realized there has to be some place where being right is more important than being popular or powerful, and where fairness trumps strength. And in our country, that place is supposed to be the courtroom”.

Judge Persky is not the only one facing the fury of the online mob. Leslie Rasmussen, a musician who had written a character letter in support of Turner, became one of the most hated persons on social media — her band was forced to shut down its social media accounts. Cyberbullies unwittingly sent thousands of hateful messages to an unrelated woman who shared a last name with the musician.'

Many accusations of sexual misconduct on college campus are arbitrated by on-campus administrative hearings. Under pressure from the federal government and student activists seeking to eliminate sexual assaults on college, these campus “courts” have been quick to do away with due process and adopt a “guilty if accused” mentality.'

Charen: Hookup culture and the campus rape hysteria

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'The case should remind us of something important: Don't think in categories. The left slips into this all the time: Men are guilty; women are victims. The right has its own categories: Campus rape is ginned-up hysteria based on missed signals and regretted sex. Both sides need to remove their blinders.

Many on the right have noted — correctly — that the left has gone berserk on the subject of what it calls "rape culture." According to the left's overwrought account, 1 in 5 female college students is the victim of "sexual assault." The solution, imposed by the Obama Justice Department and endorsed by the bien pensant, is a massive sexual adjudication bureaucracy that dispenses with centuries-old protections for the accused, like the presumption of innocence and the right to confront witnesses, while denying that women ever make false accusations. Many innocent young men have faced star chamber disciplinary proceedings; one young man was banned from certain parts of campus because he resembled a man who had raped a student.

But any insight can be ridden into the ground, and the Stanford case is a reminder that the right's perception of what's happening has limits, too. In my research, I have met too many students who recount rapes and sexual assaults for all of it to fit within the category of morning-after regrets. Women have been assaulted by men they'd just met, by men they thought were friends, by men who slipped drugs into their drinks and by multiple men at once. It's not all the Duke lacrosse case and "Jackie" from the University of Virginia.'

Actress: White Male Actors Should ‘Shut Up and Sit in the Corner’

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'Oscar-nominated actress Patricia Clarkson sounded off on sexism in Hollywood, the gender wage gap and the backlash against the upcoming all-female Ghostbusters reboot in an interview, explaining that women are “still underpaid” and are still “a vast minority” in the entertainment industry.
...
“There are still so many movies made starring 50 men and one woman!” Clarkson told the paper. “A white male actor should never be allowed to complain about anything. Shut up and sit in the corner. I mean, seriously!”
...
“Men make bad movies that bomb all the time but they’re like, ‘Oh well, we didn’t do the marketing right.’ Eat me!” Clarkson told the paper.

Clarkson, who’s gearing up for the release of her latest film, Learning to Drive, also challenged comments made recently by Game of Thrones star Kit Harrington, who said that men also experience sexism in the entertainment business.

“He’s a sex symbol. Get over it,” Clarkson said of Harrington, who plays Jon Snow in the hit HBO fantasy drama. “You have an amazing career and you’re on a hot show. Take your shirt off.”'

When Did White Men Become The Bad Guys in America?

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'Here in America, there are no massacres happening and white men are certainly not a minority, but white men are regularly passionately smeared, attacked and degraded in our country. White people (men included) are the only group in the country that is discriminated against via Affirmative Action by official government policy. In all fairness, Asians are also discriminated against by universities that often wave them off in favor of less qualified applicants from different racial groups, but there's no widespread cultural assault against Asian Americans. To the contrary, when it comes to white men, outright hatred based on our skin color is commonplace. Just look at some of the stories we've covered at Right Wing News over the last couple of months.
...
It's not like we're looking for these stories or covering every one that comes down the pike; there are just so many hateful attacks aimed at whites in general and white men in particular that they're bleeding into the news.

When you've spent your whole life believing that everyone should be judged by the content of his character and the merit of his actions, not the color of his skin, it's a little shocking to find out that almost no one seems to believe in this idea any more except for mostly white conservative Americans.'

The frenzy over ‘campus rape culture’ is hurting real victims

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'If you want to know the difference between someone who is a victim of rape and someone who is a victim of the “rape culture,” you could do worse than compare the recent cases at Stanford and at Columbia.

In the case of the former, two graduate students came upon a young woman, unconscious, on the ground behind a trash bin as a man was assaulting her. She awoke in the hospital to find, by her own account, “fingers had been jabbed inside me along with pine needles and debris.”

In the case of the latter, a young woman (now widely known as “Mattress Girl” because she carried a mattress around campus to symbolize her plight) claimed that a man with whom she’d previously had consensual sex, assaulted her in her bed and then left.'

UVA Dean Defamed In Rolling Stone Article Takes On Major Feminist Organization

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'The University of Virginia dean who is suing Rolling Stone for defamation has asked a federal judge to force the National Organization for Women (NOW) to turn over its correspondence with lawyers for the woman whose false rape claims are the centerpiece of the debunked article, “A Rape on Campus.”

Attorneys for the dean, Nicole Eramo, allege that NOW, the largest feminist group in the U.S., and the lawyers for the false rape accuser, Jackie Coakley (“Jackie”), engaged in a “publicity stunt” by jointly crafting a Jan. 6, 2016 open letter criticizing Eramo for “re-victimiz[ing]” the fabulist.

Defendants in the $7.5 million lawsuit — which include Rolling Stone and its reporter, Sabrina Rubin Erdely — have indicated that they plan to introduce the letter as evidence in the case.'

Hillary's #WomanCard Is Over Its Limit

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'Someone needs to remind Hillary she is running for president of a country with a population of both women and MEN. If you read her Twitter feed, or listen to her speak, you would think she only cares about the female vote. It's a little bit like she's trying to get elected on Paradise Island, Wonder Woman's birth place, but instead of an island full of gorgeous Amazons it's a commune full of angry women who own a bunch of cats, demanding abortions.
...
Here we have her tired talking point about women's rights somehow being different from men's; we still can't seem to find that one amendment in the Constitution that speaks specifically of women's rights.
...
If only Hillary herself treated women with respect this tweet might actually mean something. And there's the issue with her "we are women hear us roar" agenda, Hillary's own record with women is not great. But hey, she's a woman, so what difference does it make?'

Congress still sending mixed signals on women in the draft

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'Despite key votes in Congress, it remained unclear Friday whether the United States is closer to an historic move requiring women to register for the military draft.

The Senate was wrapping up an annual defense bill that calls for opening the Selective Service to women despite opposition from some conservative lawmakers. Meanwhile, the House reached an opposite outcome in May when Republicans successfully blocked a measure integrating the draft.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle cried foul, claiming the issue did not get adequate debate. Now, as Congress pushes ahead with its annual defense budget, the House and Senate face brokering a compromise between lawmakers who are deeply divided over requiring women between 18-25 years old to register with Selective Service -- and potentially forcing them to the front lines of future wars.

“I am the father of two daughters. Women can do anything they put their minds to … But the idea that we should forcibly conscript young girls into combat to my mind makes little to no sense,” said Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas. “I could not vote for a bill that did so, particularly a bill that did so without public debate.”'

With Women in Combat, Taking the 'Man' Out of Job Titles

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'Engineman? Yeoman? Not so fast. Now that women will be allowed to serve in all combat jobs, the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps are dropping "man" from some of their job titles to make them inclusive and gender-neutral.

Much like the term "fireman" has evolved to "firefighter" and "policeman" to "police officer," an engineman could be called an engine technician and a yeoman could be called an administrative specialist.

"This is one more step in how our force has changed," Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said in an interview Friday. "Our force has evolved, our force is different. And I believe it's stronger and better."

Some Army and Air Force titles end in "man," too, but the services aren't considering changing them. The names are historically significant, and the focus now is on bringing women into the jobs rather than on what to call them, both services said.'

UK: Couple ordered to compensate men forced to work as slaves

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'A British couple are faced with paying a bill of hundreds of thousands of pounds to victims of modern slavery in the first case of its kind to come to court.

Six Lithuanian men were trafficked to the UK and severely exploited by the gangmaster company that employed them, DJ Houghton Chicken Catching Services Ltd, based in Kent.'

Study shows white males underrepresented at UK colleges

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'The UK university admissions service UCAS “for the first time” has put out data regarding the likelihood of college acceptance “based on gender, ethnicity and the social background of applicants.”

And guess what — “Women were found to attend university 90 per cent more than men,” and “disadvantaged groups, young men and the white ethnic group are the most under-represented in higher education.”

UCAS Chief Executive Mary Curnock Cook said “Girls are doing better throughout primary, secondary and higher education than boys; poor, white boys are the most disadvantaged group in entry to higher education and the gap is getting bigger.”'

This is what happens when a university prosecutes an alleged rape

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'If you were charged with a heinous sex crime, you would assume that the investigation of the allegation would be impartial and fair. Indeed, the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights Revised Sexual Harassment Guidance mandates that universities undertake "adequate, reliable, and impartial investigation of complaints." Likewise, the OCR's 2011 Dear Colleague Letter on campus violence instructed that, "a school's investigation and hearing processes cannot be equitable unless they are impartial."

But what if it turned out colleges were ignoring the OCR's impartiality requirement, and instead training investigators to adhere to "victim-centered" approaches, which in practice means "always believe the victim"?
...
Two days later the Montana District Court ruled against the request on technical grounds. But Judge Dana Christensen sharply criticized the university's adjudication procedures, explaining:

"Indeed, from a normative perspective, the process applied to Plaintiff Doe and the behavior of University officials in investigating and prosecuting this matter offends the Court's sense of fundamental fairness and appears to fall short of the minimal moral obligation of any tribunal to respect the rights and dignity of the accused." (p. 208)."'

Planned Parenthood Blames ‘Toxic Masculinity’ for Orlando Attack

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'Planned Parenthood Action’s black community outreach arm is blaming the Orlando terrorist attack on “toxic masculinity.”

Shortly after the terrorist attack at the Pulse nightclub, a popular gay bar, the Twitter account claiming to represent Parenthood Black Community tweeted its own theories about the motivation behind the attack. Planned Parenthood Black Community alleged the attack was due to “toxic masculinity” and “imperialist homophobia,” while simultaneously claiming it has nothing to do with Islam:
...
Planned Parenthood Black Community explained, stating, “Toxic masculinity enables rapists & rape culture, violent heterosexism & attacks on reproductive freedom”:'

India: Woman held for filing fake rape case

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'A 21-year-old woman was arrested on Monday for filing a fake abduction-cum-sexual assault case against three men in Delhi last week, police said.

Investigators said the woman, a resident of Jagatpuri in east Delhi, had demanded Rs 10 lakh extortion money from the three persons to withdraw her rape complaint against them.

Police have seized Rs 9.5 lakh from her possession.

The woman had on Saturday filed a case against the three persons at a south Delhi police station alleging that they abducted her in a car and sexually assaulted her.'

Men ‘more likely to be sacrificed for the benefit of others’ than women – study

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'People generally think that women’s welfare should be preserved over men’s, according to a new study published in the journal Social Psychological and Personality Science.

Researchers conducted a series of experiments in which subjects were presented with scenarios in which their choices could lead to a (real or hypothetical) person being harmed in some way.
...
Subjects were also asked questions such as: “On a sinking ship, whom should you save first? Men, women, or no order”; and “According to social norms, how morally acceptable is it to harm men/women for money?”

Overall, the answers of both female and male respondents suggested that social norms account for greater harming behavior toward a male than a female target.'

Can we change your mind about Men's Rights Activists?

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'Are Men's Rights Activists (MRAs) a necessary force for good, or harmful and unnecessary?

According to entrepreneur and Telegraph Men columnist Alex Proud, groups identifying themselves as such are "deluded conspiracy nutjobs" who ought to be ignored at every turn.

"In MRA circles, you'll hear a lot about the feminisation of society, but when pressed on specifics, MRAs either dissemble or offer up examples where women are moving towards the same deal men have enjoyed for years. You do start to wonder if it's all just nostalgia for a time when boys ruled the world without having to try," Proud wrote.

Others, however, see the existence of organised communities speaking out for male issues a natural and necessary antidote to feminism.'

Local men spending Father's Day protesting custody laws

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'A group of local fathers said they would love to spend Father's Day celebrating with their children.

Instead, they'll be protesting at the Rock County Courthouse against what they see as gender inequality in the child custody decisions of courts. The protesters, who are part of the Wisconsin Fathers' Rights Movement, will carry banners, and a podium will be available for anyone who wants to speak.

In divorces, mothers receive custody of children 80 percent of the time, said Janesville father and rally organizer Jeremiah Jacobs.

“That's not OK,” he said. “It's the children who suffer. Fatherless children is the cause of a lot of problems in our society.”'

Orlando shooter's wife knew of plans, aided and abetted

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Story here. Let me be real clear: the nutcase Islamist homophobic bigot who apparently was himself gay, or if not, then inclined that way, is the murdering piece of shit who killed all those people. No reducing or denying it in any way. In the rush to assign blame let's not forget that planning a crime like this on the down-low is next to impossible. His wife KNEW he planned the attack and by her own admission helped him plan it by taking him to the club to case it. Then she stayed quiet about his plans. This is called guilt by complicity and by her own admission she admits her role in the attack: aiding and abetting. Damn right she needs to be charged and locked up for life. Will she be? No. Because she's female. Excerpt:

'The Orlando gunman's wife has told federal agents she tried to talk her husband out of carrying out the attack, NBC News has learned.

Omar Mateen's wife, Noor Zahi Salman, told the FBI she was with him when he bought ammunition and a holster, several officials familiar with the case said. She told the FBI that she once drove him to the gay nightclub, Pulse, because he wanted to scope it out.

Mateen opened fire at Pulse early Sunday, leaving 49 dead and 53 injured. Twenty-seven victims remained hospitalized Tuesday. Six were in critical condition, according to hospital officials who said the death toll was still at risk of rising because one or two of those patients were "profoundly ill."'

"We are the United State of Women, hear us complain, bicker and whine"

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'There's this summit thing happening today called the United #StateofWomen that is supposedly talking about how far women have come but with a focus on how far we have to go. You know, that traditional leftist nonsense of segregating women from men and pretending we have super special rights because the Constitution spoke specifically about vaginas making a difference with individual liberties.

Pretty sure it's the XX Amendment, definitely not the XY Amendment because evil men or something. Here is our First Lady making some commercial with other self-important ladies...
...
Going through the list of speakers for the two-day summit reads a little bit like a Marxist phone book, with Valerie Jarrett, Cecile Richards and other "I am woman hear me roar" types.'

UK: 'Penny Dreadful' Is Proving That Misandry In Feminism Can Be Fun

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'Feminism fueled by anger isn't sexy or fun. These days, it's all the rage to ask celebrities if they identify with the F-word. Regardless of whether they have any background in the subject, we treat their fame like it gives them cultural authority and condemn them when they give the wrong answer. Many dance around it, because a wrong answer is all too easy: If you shy away from it, you're sexist, but if you embrace it too wholeheartedly, you're an angry, shrill, unchill feminist.
...
In Season 3, she uses her new immortality to recruit women who are in the same position she once was — whores — and incite them to rise up. Her methods are unconventional. They're a mixture of her own seduction, as she invites them into bed with her male partner, and encouragements of brutality. "Go now to those dark streets you know so well," she tells them. "Find me a bad man, a faithless husband, a cruel lover… Find him and bring me his right hand. Cut it off."

This is not pleasant, easy-to-swallow feminism. It's not politically correct. It's everything other shows and celebrities reject when they shrink from the label of "feminism." It's bra-burning and violently rejecting the male presence and sticking it to The Man and maybe even murdering him. It's extreme. But it's a mindset so many shows avoid like the plague, convinced it can't be fun for all viewers to watch. Lily and Penny Dreadful prove that notion is silly.'

Biden Says College Men Who Listen to Rape Jokes and Do Nothing Are “Accomplices” to Actual Rape

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'In Biden's view, America's own culture is to blame for allowing women to go on feeling unheard. Even more directly, he reminded the audience of a simple, too-often-forgotten fact: "Sex without consent is rape. Period. And if you can't consent because you are unconscious, it is rape."

But Biden reserved some of his harshest words for "regular" guys who put up with "the locker room talk, the bar banter, the rape jokes," any of the "sexist talk [that] perpetuates the idea that women are less deserving of basic human dignity than men." Drawing upon Dante’s classic argument that the deepest circle of hell is reserved for those who remain silent "in times of moral crisis," Biden argued that it isn't merely an act of passivity to ignore these (wildly unfunny) "jokes." In fact, he said, "If you let it pass…you become an accomplice."'

India: Man held for rape under false promise of marriage

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'The Vizhinjam police on Monday arrested a 38-year-old man on charges of sexually exploiting a widow under the false promise of marriage. The police identified the accused as Saju of Sisilipuram. He has been booked for rape.

The police said that a case was registered against the accused after the victim attempted suicide on last Tuesday by swallowing excess numbers of sleeping pills. The victim was a mother of two. She was discharged from the hospital a day later following which the cops recorded her statement and registered a case.

According to the complainant, her husband had died three years ago following which Saju developed a relationship with her. However, recently Saju tried to distance himself from her as he wanted to marry another woman. She was heartbroken and hence tried to commit suicide.'

‘Feminist’ Obama: We Need To Change The Internet To Protect Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama says that it’s up to Americans to make changes to the internet to protect women from social media harassment.

“We need to change an internet where women are routinely harassed and threatened when they go online,” he said during the White House United State Of Women conference in Washington D.C. organized by his senior adviser Valerie Jarrett today.

Obama took the podium, declaring that he is a feminist.

“I may be a little grayer than I was eight years ago, but this is what a feminist looks like,” he said proudly, as the the audience cheered wildly.'

India: ‘Rape survivor’ is kingpin of gang, held for extortion

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Three days after a 25-year-old woman filed an FIR and accused two youths of allegedly abducting, drugging and gang-raping her in their moving Swift Dzire car, the police on Monday arrested the woman and her live-in partner on the charges of extorting money from the youths.

Police said all the charges the woman allegedly made against the two youths, who are pursuing their MBA courses from different universities in Australia and India, were false and premeditated with the intention to extort money from their families. The arrested live-in partner of the woman, identified as Kishan Kumar, is a resident of Jagatpuri in east Delhi.'

Michelle Obama urges men at women's summit to 'be better'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was a summit on the "United State of Women," but Michelle Obama had advice for the men in the audience: Be better.

"Be better at everything. Be better fathers," she said during a conversation with one-time talk-show host Oprah Winfrey. "Just being good fathers who love your daughters and are providing a solid example of what it means to be a good man in the world. That is the greatest gift that the men in my life gave to me."

She urged the men who were among the estimated 5,000 people who attended the daylong, White House-organized conference to be part of their family's lives, to do the dishes and not "babysit" their children.

"Be engaged. Don't just think going to work and coming home makes you a man," Mrs. Obama said.

"Be better. Just be better. I could go on, but I'm not. You get the point, fellas," she said.'

Why The White House Wants You To Live In The United State Of Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than 5,000 powerful women from across the country and around the world met in Washington, DC for the first-ever United State of Women summit on Tuesday. With an ambitious agenda to tackle the biggest issues holding women back from total equality, leaders from the White House, Hollywood, major corporations, and civil society gathered together in one room to propose solutions.'

Senate passes bill including women in Selective Service

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The United States Senate voted to pass a defense bill today that would require young women to sign up for a potential military draft for the first time in U.S. history. The vote was 85-13 in favor of the National Defense Authorization Act, a $600 billion defense spending bill that had a host of other controversial provisions in it, including prohibiting the closure of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and denying the Pentagon's attempt to close military bases.

Republicans were divided about whether the U.S. should require women to register for the draft when they turn 18. Sen. Ted Cruz told Politico it was a "radical change that is attempting to be foisted on the American people," while Sen. John McCain said "a large bipartisan majority on the Armed Services Committee agreed that there is simply no further justification to limit Selective Service registration to men."'

Saudi Arabia Has Funded 20% Of Hillary's Presidential Campaign, Saudi Crown Prince Claims

Matt · 15 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Ever wonder why supposedly feminist Hillary stays quiet about how women in the ME are treated? Here's your answer. Excerpt:

'In what may be the pinnacle of hypocrisy, moments ago Hillary Clinton, while speaking live on national security and addressing the Orlando shooting took some time from her constant bashing of the Second Amendment and calling for a ban on assault rifles, to say some less than kind words about Saudi Arabia whom it accused of supporting radical organizations...
...
There is nothing wrong with that statement, as it is the whole truth - Saudi Arabia's involvement in supporting terrorism stretches from Sept 11 all the way through to ISIS - however, where there is a big, and potentially law-breaking, problem is what Jordan's official news agency, Petra News Agency, reported on Sunday citing the Saudi crown price, namely that Saudi Arabia is a major funder of Hillary Clinton’s campaign to become the next president of the United States.

As MEE notes, the Petra News Agency published on Sunday what it described as exclusive comments from Saudi Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman which included a claim that Riyadh has provided 20 percent of the total funding to the prospective Democratic candidate's campaign.'

Fathers4Justice storms Loose Women studio forcing show to briefly go off air

Matt · 15 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. The author tries to conflate an unrelated erroneous bomb scare previously with this protest, but it's a pretty transparent effort. Still, not unexpected given how the MSM hates the MRM. Excerpt:

'Loose Women was forced to go briefly off air today after a 'peaceful protest' was made by Fathers4Justice.

Three male audience members of the group interrupted a segment in which Coleen Nolan was discussing her weight loss journey with guest Dan Hooper.

A man's voice could be heard shouting what sounded like "Father4Justice no kids, no cash".
...
The interruption comes just months after the ITV Southbank studios had to be evacuated when two controlled explosions took place in the car park after a suspicious vehicle was found.

Loose Women was mid-air during the moment an announcement was made that the incident was happening and being dealt with.'

Twitter suspends Milo over tweets

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The controversial conservative flame-thrower was booted off the social networking site Wednesday for reasons that have yet to be determined, though Milo has been under fierce attack from Muslims for his criticism of the left for “choosing Islam over gays.”

Milo told Heat Street on Tuesday: “I saw the shootings happen and realized this has been something I’ve been speaking about for a very long time and although I’m constitutionally opposed to saying, ‘I told you so,’ this did strike me as an illustration of something I’ve been warning against for quite some time.”'

"Rape Culture Hysteria" now out in book and electronic formats

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Via email:

"Rape Culture Hysteria: Fixing the Damage Done to Men and Women" has come out in print: https://www.createspace.com/6307304

E-book at: http://www.amazon.com/Rape-Culture-Hysteria-Fixing-Damage-ebook/dp/B01EENF4HW. Description:

'Rape Culture Hysteria: Fixing the Damage Done to Men and Women offers a comprehensive overview and debunking of the "rape culture" myth that has devastated campuses and is spilling into Main Street America. An ideological madness is grotesquely distorting North America's view of sexuality. The book applies sanity to the claims that men are natural rapists and our culture encourages sexual violence.

Written by a libertarian feminist and rape survivor, Rape Culture Hysteria opens with a highly personal appeal to depoliticize rape and treat it instead as a crime. Victims need to heal. Politicizing their pain and rage is a callous political maneuver that harms victims, women and men.'

Sorry men, Michelle Obama just doesn’t think you’re good enough

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Video here. Excerpt:

'Michelle Obama hosted a “United State of Women” summit Tuesday at the White House. The schedule featured an interview with the First Lady conducted by Oprah Winfrey.

At one point, Winfrey asked Obama if she had any advice for men. “What can men do, leaving here?” the former talk show host asked.

Obama’s response was pretty telling.

“Be better,” the First Lady replied. As Winfrey screeched (literally) with laughter and the attendees of the women’s summit reacted with rousing cheers and applause, Obama reiterated, “Be better at everything.” And, the audience, along with Oprah shriek, howl and cheer some more.

This offers some great insight into Mrs. Obama’s view of men, as well as the overall agenda at this summit. The one message the First Lady can provide to American men is that they’re just not good enough? That men aren’t living up to her, Oprah and the audience’s expectations of what a man should be bringing to the table for these perfect women.'

State of Smug: Notable Dumb Comments from the United State of Women Conference

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Next, actor Matt McGorry, the token man at the gathering, stated that to help feminism succeed, men should “have [women’s] backs and listen.”

This is what men can do to help women. Shut up and don’t dare try to “mansplain” anything. Even though it seems to me, since men hold the majority of offices in all three branches of government, it would appear that men could affect actual change through legal action. But that’s just my poor attempt at “mansplaining.”'

Justice’s War on the Law and Y Chromosomes

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Letter here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'The Journal is right to criticize the Obama administration’s attack on due process on campus (“Punishment Without Evidence on Campus,” Review & Outlook, June 7). Constitutional violations will result from its pressure on colleges to impose “provisional suspensions for [those] accused” (of sexual assault) before anyone has even “examined the evidence.”

The Obama Justice Department also wrongly demanded “interim measures” against students who were accused of sexual harassment, but had not been found guilty of anything, such as barring them from libraries and dining halls where they might encounter an accuser. If exclusion from key areas on campus can be triggered by a harassment complaint over nothing more than a dirty joke or a criticism of feminism, the chilling effect on speech will be huge. Yet the Justice Department demanded that the University of New Mexico investigate as “harassment” all “unwelcome” sexual speech, even though many examples of such speech are protected by the First Amendment under court rulings like D eJohn v. Temple University (2008).'

"Toxic masculinity: The Stanford rapist and the Orlando shooter are two sides of the same bent coin"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Brock Turner, the Stanford rapist, and the Orlando shooter (I do not want to type his name; he has had enough publicity) are the flip sides of the same bent coin. I am not claiming that their crimes are equivalent. But I am saying that both men, in their twisted way, represent the poisonous levels at which toxic masculinity operates in our culture. Fundamentalism shores up masculinity. While male insecurities are present in Catholic church documents in the 13th century, they go back further. Anywhere that one reads about the regulation of women — their bodies, their reproductive capabilities, their abilities to speak, to think, to live independently — there you will find a fragile masculinity asserting power over the gender that does not have the physical power to fight back.
...
So, in looking at the Orlando shooter and Brock Turner, we have two examples of how young men's understandings of what it means to be male in this culture have led to death and destruction.'

Canada: Status of Women committee calls on feds to introduce legislation by next summer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has proudly declared he is a feminist, but now his Liberal government is being urged to back up those claims by considering how each of its decisions affects women and girls.

The Status of Women committee is recommending that gender-based analysis -- a tool that helps government study how policy, legislation and program decisions might impact women and men in different ways -- be mandatory across all government departments and agencies.

...

If the analysis then reveals one gender will experience disproportionately negative impacts, policy-makers have the opportunity to make adjustments or otherwise mitigate those effects.

For example, Fraser said, applying gender-based analysis to the billions in infrastructure spending the Liberal government has promised would show that while the money could lead to a boost in employment, the jobs would be in skilled trades that disproportionately employ men.

"We should be using this information to encourage more women to get involved in the skilled trades, so when the government makes a massive investment in infrastructure, the benefits are shared equally between different genders," he said.'

‘Sex-obsessed’ teacher is back in school

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Long Island teacher who was accused of sexually harassing male colleagues and students last year is back in the classroom, The Post has learned.

Cecilia Sanossian, 52, a married mother of two, referred to male underlings as “FILFs,” or “fathers I’d like to f--k,” and called one a “hot fudge chocolate (sundae) that students want to eat,” her accusers at Valley Stream North High School alleged last year.

Despite 10 members of the social studies department signing a letter condemning her, an internal investigation found the complaints unsubstantiated and Sanossian resumed teaching last week.

“When I saw her at school, I couldn’t believe it,” said one teacher. “It’s unbelievable that they would allow this to happen. It’s a cover up of her actions, plain and simple. People – teachers, students – are just in shock.”
...
Two teachers, Al Daddino and John Brennan, filed with the state Division of Human Rights after they said their complaints about Sanossian were ignored last year by school brass.

A source said the two married men plan on pursuing a civil rights claim against Sanossian.'

Biden Ready to Freeze Funds For Schools That Don’t Comply with Anti-Sexual Assault Initiative

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Biden and his team reached out to colleges across the country to get feedback on how they could change this dangerous culture. The top thing they heard from students, he said, was to get men involved. So, they started the It’s On Us initiative.

“The answer isn’t to shame women for drinking,” he said. “Consent isn’t ‘well I didn’t hear no.’ Sex without consent is rape.”

“Everyone has a responsibility,” he continued, particularly school administrations. “There is no excuse” for an institution of higher learning to put its reputation above students’ respect.

He and his staff are studying the results of hundreds of colleges across the country to determine if they have followed the It’s On Us guidelines.

If not, they can expect to be stripped of some important funding.'

‘Below Deck’ star arrested and charged with domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While passion and volatility can lead to reality TV fame, Kate Chastain is learning that those traits have very different consequences in the real world.

The “Below Deck” star, 33, was arrested for biting and choking her girlfriend in Melbourne Beach, Fla., on Monday, Page Six has confirmed.

Earlier that day, a domestic violence investigation was launched after the reality star’s girlfriend, Ro Hernandez, showed up to work with bruises on her arm. After looking into the matter, police found that Chastain had bit and choked her girlfriend while trying to kick her out of their home, according to TMZ, which first reported the arrest.'

A little humor from Dilbert

charlie · 16 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Scott Adams provides us with commentary from Dilbert to add a little humor to men's issues.

http://dilbert.com/strip/2016-06-16

NPO: Missouri Rally, Hopes for Strong Shared Parenting Law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Attend the Fatherless Day Rally in Jefferson City this Friday -- tomorrow -- June 17, from noon to 3 PM in the Capitol Rotunda to support House Bill 1550. Governor Nixon has been invited. Major print and television media are expected to attend, as they did last year, so we need to show a good crowd!

Will Missouri Governor Jay Nixon sign the shared parenting bill HB1550?

This is the most important question in the family court reform movement at this exact moment. It is a good bill, with strong protections for shared parenting. The Missouri legislature passed it almost unanimously. We are hoping that he will sign it either on Friday, June 17 -- National Fatherless Day -- or on Monday June 20, in honor of Fathers Day.'

Culturally-sanctioned boy-rape makes trouble worse in Middle East

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Taliban are using child sex slaves to mount crippling insider attacks on police in southern Afghanistan, exploiting the pervasive practice of "bacha bazi" -- paedophilic boy play -- to infiltrate security ranks, multiple officials and survivors of such assaults told AFP.

The ancient custom is prevalent across Afghanistan, but nowhere does it seem as entrenched as in the province of Uruzgan, where "bacha bereesh" -- or boys without beards -- widely become objects of lustful attraction for powerful police commanders.
...
Some policemen, they said, demand bachas like a perk of the job, refusing to join outposts where they are not available.

Horrifying abuse at checkpoints makes the boys, many unpaid and unregistered, hungry for revenge and easy prey for Taliban recruitment -- often because there is no other escape from exploitative commanders.'

Washington Post Study Finds Zero Rapes on Campuses, and They Claim That's a Bad Thing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Washington Post on Wednesday reported that it conducted a review of federal campus safety data from over 2,220 colleges in the United States that offer bachelor's or advanced degrees. The results of the newspaper's analysis showed that over 1,300 those colleges had zero reported rapes on campus in 2014. After having the controversial "one in five" or "one in four" college women are the victim's of sexual assault stat drilled into our heads over the last several years, one might think the results of the The Post's study are welcomed news. Nope, at least not to The Post — in fact, the newspaper dedicates the remainder of the article explaining why its own study must be wrong.

It starts with the article's headline: "Hundreds of colleges had zero rape reports in 2014. And that could be worrisome."

And continues on from there.'

Feminist Doesn’t Feel Bad About Toddler Alligator Death Because Father Was ‘White’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So one Twitter user has apparently come to regret her series of tweets. ‘Brienne of Swarth,’ who goes by the Twitter handle @femme_esq, tweeted out a couple of very offensive tweets about the child who was dragged into the water by an alligator near the Disney World lagoon. After a fury of backlash, ‘Brienne of Snarth’ appears to have deleted her twitter account. However, HeatStreet documented some of her tweets below. The website characterized the user as a Chicago-based “social justice warrior” with more than 11,000 followers. Her real identity is unknown.'

Another Lawsuit Is Coming After Obama's Sexual Assault Policies

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The country's biggest advocate for civil liberties on U.S. campuses has filed a lawsuit that could blow up a key plank in the Obama administration's campaign against college sexual assaults.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) is backing a lawsuit by John Doe, an anonymous former University of Virginia (UVA) law student who in January 2016 was found responsible for assaulting a female student during an alcohol-fueled sexual encounter back in 2013. Doe contends that the encounter was perfectly consensual and that his female counterpart showed no signs of being impaired by alcohol, let alone incapacitated.

While Doe was still allowed to receive his law degree, his degree was held up for a year, he has been banned from UVA's campus for life, and his sexual assault finding is included on his school transcript. Instead of suing UVA, Doe and FIRE are going after the Obama administration, arguing that illegal Department of Education policies are responsible for damaging Doe's legal career.'

Obama's next project should be fatherhood: Column

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'"By almost every measure, the group that is facing some of the most severe challenges in the 21st century in this country are boys and young men of color," President Obama said in 2014 when he launched My Brother's Keeper, an initiative to help black and Latino boys. The president went on to note that compared with young white men, young minority males are less likely to graduate from high school, less likely to be gainfully employed and more likely to be poor.

A new round of social science confirms the president's observations and indicates they apply not just to young men of color but also to young men from lower-income homes generally. Indeed, what is striking about today's trends is that poor boys, as well as Latino and African-American boys, are often doing worse than their female peers when it comes to a range of outcomes in young adulthood, from educational attainment to incarceration to employment as young adults. For instance, today, less than 40% of Latino and black college graduates are male.

In trying to account for the falling fortunes of young men from disadvantaged backgrounds, scholars, policymakers and journalists have tended to focus on factors such as poverty and racial and income segregation. These structural factors matter, to be sure, but so too does an oft-neglected factor — missing fathers. A series of new studies confirms a time-tested truth: Dads matter, and their absence from the home is a major reason why poor and minority males are floundering.'

Bill Moyers goes off deep end in feminist tirade against Trump

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Article here. It'd be funny if there weren't so many idiots ready to believe it. I actually LOL'd as I read it. Excerpt:

'So how does a Controlling Man operate? First, according to Amnesty International's chart on the "methods of coercion," he isolates the victim. That's easy enough to do if the victim is a prisoner or wife. You'd think it would be harder if the controlling figure is running for president and targeting millions of voters, but television reaches into homes, in effect isolating individuals. Each of them voluntarily attends to the words and antics of the clownish performer who, with his orangey bouffant do and dangling red tie, stands out so flamboyantly from all the bland suits. Those prospective voters may have tuned in seeking information about the candidates (or even for entertainment), but what they let themselves in for is a blast of head-on Trumpian coercion.
...
All of this Trumpianism can be electrifying, exhausting and undoubtedly mentally debilitating, which not so coincidentally is the third coercive tactic on Amnesty International's list. The relentlessness and incoherence of the controller's harangues tend to weaken a victim's (or viewer's) will to resist, and thanks to the media, Trump is everywhere — the big man at the podium always talking at us, always looking at us, always watching us.'

Students protest 'toxic rape culture' on campus where 97% of undergrads are female

Matt · 18 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I've said it before: the goal of campus feminists is the elimination of men from higher education. Feeling a bit like Salem during the witch trial era? Yep. Excerpt:

'St. Catherine University has cut ties with an event organizer, Heartland Inc., after protesters accused both the school and the company's owners of being insensitive to rape survivors.

On Monday, student demonstrators denounced what they called a "toxic rape culture" at the St. Paul campus, where 97 percent of the undergraduates are women.

About two dozen protesters marched on the main gate with signs saying "Rape culture is here" and "We will not be silenced." They demanded, among other things, that the school distance itself from Heartland and its founders, Craig and Patricia Neal, whose son is in prison for rape.

Initially, the university released a brief statement expressing compassion for all sides in the Neal case. But after an outcry from students, Sister Andrea Lee, the president of the Catholic university, issued another statement vowing "unwavering support for victims of sexual violence," and announcing that "we have discontinued our association with Heartland."'

Republicans Should Man Up On Fatherlessness

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Leslie Loftis recently asked "Fatherlessness: What are Republican's Doing About It?" which decried the existence of "Court created Fatherlessness." Historically, between 33 percent and 50 percent of children whose family experiences divorce lose complete contact with one parent within 3 years. Using the low estimate, U.S. Family Courts create a fatherless child every single minute of every single day.

These laws also contribute to the decline in marriage rates. As Dr. Helen Smith told Fox & Friends, the out of balance risk has caused some men to walk away from marriage altogether. These men then share their horrific experience in family courts with their sons who are justifiably worried about what divorce might do to them. Is it then surprising, men view marriage as less important?
...
Yet national politicians have no understanding. Former U.S. Representative George Radanovich wrote in 2014:

"0 percent of the 537 elected federal officials in Washington D.C. fully understand the relationship between the fatherless child and government costs; that dedicated parenting is essential to the pursuit of happiness and the lack thereof is the common denominator of the runaway cost of government"."'

Author Vows To End Rape Culture ‘Hysteria’ With New Book

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Articles about “rape culture” are proliferating on the internet and in magazines, with the most notable example being the debunked Rolling Stone article “A Rape on Campus.”

But feminist and author Wendy McElroy argues in her new book, “Rape Culture Hysteria: Fixing the Damage Done to Men and Women,” that claims about rape culture are exaggerated and, in fact, hurt both men and women.

According to McElroy, rape culture has become “a very dominant issue—it’s really taking over campuses—largely because of the backing of the office of civil rights of the Department of Education and the ‘Dear Colleague’ letters they send out.”

The Department of Education will say that if colleges don’t want to lose their funding, they have to comply with their demands [about how sexual assault is addressed].” She also says that there is a “rape culture dogma on campuses” that is “starting to spill out into the mainstream.”'

Columbia Student: The Damage Done By ‘Mattress Girl’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s been roughly a year since Emma Sulkowicz, a.k.a. “mattress girl,” graduated from Columbia University. While it’s unclear whether undergrads are any safer today, as a rising senior at Columbia, I can testify to the alarmism around sex on campus that has emerged as an unintended consequence of the recent activism.

...

While Schwartz’s perspective must be taken into account, so must the concerns of her peers. Competing tensions that make men feel endangered and women silenced have created a climate that has actually quieted discourse about how to improve sexual assault prevention and enforced antagonisms that perpetuate gender-based misconduct instead of prohibiting it. Men are scared of women on campus now, and fear breeds anger and prejudice. Women are frustrated by men, which inspires a lack of desire to collaborate for solutions.

...

Most men who are frightened of being falsely accused probably wouldn’t have perpetrated sexual assault in the first place. Meanwhile, 98 out of 100 accused rapists never serve a day in prison, and the activism from last year didn’t change that — nor did it enlighten the public about who victims are and how to help. Instead, it inspired impractical laws with unintended consequences, isolating potential allies and enforcing a new sexual stigma that’s essentially foreclosed productive dialogue about assault on college campuses and beyond.'

Judge Upholds Suspension Of Boy In Pastry Gun Incident

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A major blow for a father trying to clear his son's name. The suspension for a seven-year-old boy has been upheld after he chewed his breakfast pastry into a gun.

The story stirred up controversy nationwide, WJZ's Rick Ritter explains, while his parents demanded the suspension be taken off his record.

"It was blue and it was a rectangular one, a cherry one," Josh Welch said.

It's the world's most controversial pastry — one that ripped through national headlines.

"It wasn't a big deal to him. He figured it could go bang bang and he was just playing around," his father, B.J. Welch, said.

In March of 2013, second grader Joshua Welch chewed his breakfast pastry into the shape of a gun and pretended to fire it. Park Elementary School suspended him for two days, leaving his parents outraged.'

"In praise of fathers, mostly"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Father's Day is on Sunday. "So what?" I hear some overstretched mothers out there muttering. For fathers can feel like something of an optional extra nowadays. Once, the place of fathers was at the apex of the familial pyramid. The justification was that they earned the money, often in dangerous, miserable or physically demanding jobs. If there was a war, they fought it. They made some sort of compensation for the fact that they did not give birth or look after children, by sometimes putting their life on the line – just as women did when they went into childbirth.
...
One or two things still spring to mind. They are most uncontroversially and empirically valuable when it comes to parenting boys. Survey after survey has shown that families with boys who lose the male role model after separation tend to have behavioural and educational difficulties. Fathers are crucial role models in teaching boys how to be good men.

Fathers have also had to adapt to one of the most rapid and singular shifts in social organisation ever – the just and overdue rise of feminism. There are a few men who complain that this has gone too far – that despite all the real and thankless privations of childrearing, the commonality and companionship some modern stay-at-home mothers enjoy at the playground, school gates or coffee shop is denied to most working fathers (who may be sweating it out a windowless office somewhere). Yet most haven't chosen to sulk – they have got on with it without much fuss.
...
So let's hear it for fathers. They have been asked to learn a new way of being in the world and by and large most of them have risen to the challenge with some aplomb. For one day a year at least, a celebration is surely not too much to ask. In return, for the other 364 days of the year, we'll shut up and carry on apologising. But every dog has its day – and Father's Day is ours. I, for one, am damn sure I'm going make the most of it.

If it's OK with my wife and kids, that is.'

Married with children: America's invisible men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Married man with children? Dude, in America, you were somebody once upon a time. A cultural phenom. Ward Cleaver. Mike Brady. Cliff Huxtable. Father always knew best.

Times change. Culture, too. You are America's forgotten man now, largely invisible, often risible and, in certain quarters, completely contemptible.

In the early 21st century, no one writes tender novels or screenplays about you and what you do for your wife and kids. There are no sitcoms or major motion pictures or binge-watched HBO series where you shine. There are no invitations to "The View" to discuss how you made it to your tenth or 20th or 25th wedding anniversary, or how you put your kids through college on a working man's salary.

Your role as father has been deemed unnecessary, or at least clouded in doubt. Any number of pieces published in the mainstream press say so.'

Due Process Legal Update: Complaints Keep Rolling In

Matt · 19 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, in a lawsuit sponsored by FIRE, a former University of Virginia School of Law student challenged the Department of Education's unlawful "preponderance of the evidence" mandate. While that suit has made big news for its direct challenge to the federal government, it is far from the only lawsuit that has been filed recently in response to the due process crisis on college campuses. In fact, more than ten new complaints have been filed in the past two months alone.

Last week, former Yale University basketball captain Jack Montague made good on his promise to sue Yale over alleged procedural unfairness in the sexual misconduct proceedings that led to his February 2016 expulsion. Montague's complaint alleges he was "denied the most rudimentary elements of faimess promised to him by Yale." According to Montague, Yale even breached its own confidentiality requirements by disclosing to his accuser the fact that Montague had previously been involved in another student conduct proceeding—a disclosure which, the complaint alleges, led to the accuser's decision to participate in a formal conduct process. Montague also alleges that he was insufficiently informed of the details of the allegations against him until late in the disciplinary process, and that no one at Yale told him or his hearing advisor that he was expected to prepare and present an opening statement at the hearing.'

Michelle Obama’s Father’s Day Message: ‘Be Better’

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'Despite what you’re seeing on every cable network, on the cover of every newspaper, and as the lead story on every website, the White House has an important message for women and it isn’t about terrorism and radical Islam. It’s about “gender inequality” in America.

Last week, professional whiners and women’s rights activists (but I repeat myself) gathered in Washington D.C. for the United State of Women Summit. Guest speakers included First Lady Michelle Obama, multi-billionaire Oprah Winfrey, Academy Award-winning actress Patricia Arquette, White House senior advisor Valerie Jarrett and other women who are totally in tune with the struggles of everyday women.
...
Like most “empowerment” efforts by feminists, the United State of Women Summit quickly became a parade of victimhood and man-bashing. Actress Patricia Arquette continued spreading the myth of the wage gap. Since her scatter-brained speech at the Oscars, she’s been christened an expert on the matter. ...'

Former Secret Service Agent Claims They Were Prepared To Deal With Hillary's 'Domestic Violence' Against Bill

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'A former Secret Service agent claims that things got so heated during Bill Clinton's presidency over his affairs that the Secret Service discussed the prospect of "domestic violence" between Hillary and her husband.
...
According to Byrne, the former First Lady is a self-centered, tantrum-throwing, physical abuser who also knew how to use a gun.

With those things in mind, Byrne claims that the Secret Service was prepared to deal with any "domestic violence" between the Hillary and Bill. The agency tasked with protecting the president even became concerned that they would have to protect Bill from his "volcanic — and occasionally violent — wife."'

SAVE: Campus Equality, Fairness, and Transparency Act

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'SAVE has developed a model bill designed to bring fairness to the campus sexual assault issue. Titled the Campus Equality, Fairness, and Transparency Act (CEFTA), the model bill supports the rights and interests of both the complainant and accused student, and encourages the involvement of local criminal justice authorities. CEFTA can be modified for introduction at the state level, as well.

The Campus Equality, Fairness, and Transparency Act consists of eight sections:

Sec. 161: Provides definitions for a range of sexual offenses and codifies the U.S. Supreme Court definition of sexual harassment (Davis v. Monroe, 1999).

Sec. 162: Requires universities to implement policies to reduce the incidence of sexual conduct violations associated with alcohol and drug abuse.
...
The Campus Equality, Fairness, and Transparency Act can be viewed HERE.'

Father’s Day a reminder to act against domestic abuse

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'Father’s Day is a time to celebrate the invaluable role fathers play in the lives of their children. As a father of five, this holiday is undeniably special to me. It provides an opportunity to appreciate the incomparable bond between my children and me.

Father’s Day is a rare occasion when your kids have your undivided attention, so it’s important to make intentional use of the quality time.

A father’s role extends far beyond playing pitcher for the tee-ball team, or chasing monsters from the closet. Because children are so easily molded by the behavior around them, a father is responsible for telling and showing his children how to respect, communicate and empathize with others.

As your children get older, Father’s Day becomes an opportunity to start important conversations about issues they will be exposed to in the coming years. Unfortunately, domestic violence is one of those issues.

Men are the most common perpetrators of domestic violence. Nationally, one in four women will experience domestic violence. That number is more than a startling statistic. It’s an alarming reality.'

"Fathers Can’t End Violence In A Day, But There Is No Better Day To Start"

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'This month, the public expressed justified outrage that a 20-year-old Stanford student received a 6-month sentence for raping an unconscious girl. The most disturbing thing about the light sentence should not be how grossly out of the norm it was, but just the opposite; that it is all too normal. The judge’s June 2 sentence tracked a probation officer’s recommendation that the rapist should get 4-6 months, because — in the department’s view — the perpetrator had been drinking, had not committed other crimes, and had otherwise been an upstanding student-athlete with his whole life ahead of him.

...

Between the two of us, we have three sons and three daughters, and it’s our responsibility to make sure our boys know that it is never okay to assault a girl, or to look away as another boy does. It’s also our responsibility to make sure our daughters know that it is never okay for them to be assaulted, and that we will have their back if and when they choose to speak out. If a parent, or coach, or mentor, or teacher, or a judge does not know how to start, there is a manual to help: http://teachearly.org'

What Should the Standard of Proof Be in Campus Rape Cases?

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'A college student is accused of rape or sexual harassment by a classmate and denies the allegation. A campus investigation follows. At the end of the process, the presiding administrator must judge whether the charges against the accused have merit.

What standard of proof should be used?

That's one of the key questions posed in Doe v. Lhamon, a federal lawsuit filed by a former University of Virginia law student and the Foundation of Individual Rights in Education.

The lawsuit seeks to overturn recent efforts by the Department of Education to lower the standard of proof in sexual-misconduct cases, forcing institutions of higher education to determine culpability based on a "preponderance of the evidence." Under that standard, students are found culpable and punished if the chance that sexual misconduct occurred is even slightly more likely than that it did not occur.'

Harvard: ‘Presumption of Innocence’ Used to Silence Rape Survivors

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'Administrators at Harvard University argue that the criminal justice system’s principle of the presumption of innocence is sometimes invoked to silence rape survivors.

Harvard’s Office of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response offers a slew of definitions for vocabulary related to sexual assault on its website. One definition explains that the phrase “innocent until proven guilty” can be used to “silence” survivors of rape.

“This principle ideally protects those who are innocent and is of particular significance to minority populations disproportionately targeted for arrest, prosecution, and imprisonment or other consequences,” the website reads, as first reported by Campus Reform.

“In the context of sexual assault, ‘innocent until proven guilty’ is sometimes invoked to silence survivors; when a survivor’s experience is validated through measures that either protect or provide care, it is assumed that there is an infringement on the liberties of the person who has caused harm, as well as a presumption of their guilt.”'

Has the ‘War on Boys’ Entered the Workforce?

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'This morning The Washington Post reported on a growing problem afflicting the American workforce: fewer men are participating.

The Post explains:

“The [workforce downturn] problem is particularly pronounced among men between the ages of 25 and 54, traditionally considered the prime working years. Their participation rate has been declining for decades, but the drop-off accelerated during the recession. The high mark was 98 percent in 1954, and it now stands at 88 percent. A new analysis from the White House’s Council of Economic Advisers, slated for release Monday, found that the United States now has the third-lowest participation rate for ‘prime-age men’ among the world’s developed countries.”

According to The Post, this drop-off in men in the workforce is largely attributable to poor education and high rates of incarceration, two facts which the White House’s Council of Economic Advisers believe can be solved by “raising the minimum wage and expanding the earned-income tax credit.”

But instead of treating the symptoms of this problem, perhaps we should consider the fact that declining male workforce participation might be a direct result of what has been called the “war on boys.”'

"Cruelty & the scourge of masculinity"

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'When I hear about acts of cruelty — at either small or large scale — my first reaction is anger: how could someone do that? How was such a person raised? Doesn't this person know the harm being done?
...
Many have noticed that perpetrators of severe violence — be it a mass shooting or individual assault of some kind — are typically men. This is no coincidence. Males are raised to embrace aggression and relinquish emotion — including compassion and empathy — at young ages. These "lessons in manhood" are perpetuated in college and corporate America. Thus, when a man is hurting on a psychological or emotional level, he may fall back upon all he knows, all that has been rewarded by his male role models, his male peers, and even females who have bought into this version of masculinity. He may fall back upon aggression.
...
So, what now? How do we deal with the causes of such violent outbursts? Perhaps both adult males and females can make a concerted effort to model healthy behavior and encourage students to not fear emotions. Perhaps we can make respect for women and others a systemic part of education. Maybe we can listen to young boys when their inability to process their emotions manifests in outbursts and tantrums. Maybe we can explicitly discuss the merits of compassion and empathy on a regular basis.'

Review of "Rape Culture Hysteria"

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It is a very refreshing feeling when common sense, sanity, fairness and a sense of justice is applied to a subject which has defied rationality. In today's world, it feels like these occasions are less and less frequent.

In "Rape Culture Hysteria: Fixing the Damage Done to Men and Women", Wendy McElroy has succeeded nobly where others have failed. People of good will and rational minds sometimes shy away from taking up arguments against people who are not employing reasonable thought and analysis to a problem simply because they don't want to be victims of one kind of phenomenon that McElroy describes in her book. Arguing with people who believe presumed guilt is not only justifiable but desirable even in the absence of any evidence that wrongdoing has occurred is in no small way like arguing with the village idiot. People avoid doing so because they don't want people wondering who is the idiot. After all, taking up an argument with someone who is not using common sense is unpleasant and usually a waste of time.

Yet, it is such people who have managed through screaming, protesting, demanding, and threatening, to get their way of looking at the matter of rape on college campuses through the lens not just of presumed guilt, but imputed guilt: guilt regardless of facts. Guilt not by association, unless that association be by being a member of the male sex, but guilt by accusation. Like in a "star chamber", an accusation is sufficient for a conviction and no other opinions or evidence is deemed necessary nor relevant; in fact, in the twisted view of today's anti-rape social justice warriors, to even suggest that there may be exculpatory facts around a rape accusation is tantamount to participating in the rape itself, whether it ever occurred or not being irrelevant. Rarely in the history not just of higher education but of America have such depths of civic depravity been reached. The last time it came close was the Red Scare of the 1950s and the House Un-American Activities Committee's wild-eyed accusations of association with the Communist Party, wherein a subpoena to testify would often result, prior to any testimony made, in a person's termination from employment and being branded a "red", all without any time or opportunity for a hearing or investigation. Alas, it is to such depths of civic depravity the American collegiate world has sunk, with a great deal of active and enthusiastic assistance from the Obama administration.

McElroy first discusses her perceived place in the argument as a self-described feminist and rape survivor. She discusses the problems associated with being a dissident voice among feminists and the particular barriers she has had to face in an effort to introduce rationality into the debate. She then proceeds to identify the phenomenon of rape hysteria on college campuses, pointing out the reasons why it can accurately be referred to as hysteria, and then she painstakingly deconstructs the arguments, if they can be called that, that modern college feminists/social justice warriors give in favor of their particular point of view on campus rape and why it needs to be handled at the campus rather than formal legal level. The many ethical and moral hazards associated with this approach are reviewed and arguments are made not just against them but in favor of presumed innocence and the full scrutiny of the US legal system, with its collection of evidence, right of cross-examination, presumption of innocence, and provision of actual legal recourse.

McElroy's conclusion sums up the consequences of rape culture hysteria aptly, in part as follows:

"The rape culture is not only a myth but also a barrier to preventing rape. Adherents show a disregard for victims whenever they excoriate crime-prevention advice and conflate it with slut-shaming. They destroy the reality of rape by substituting highly-flawed studies for facts and character assassination for arguments. By constructing unjust procedures to address reports of sexual assault on campus, they destroy public confidence in rape accusations and the women who make them. False accusations encourage a cynicism that no genuine victim should ever have to face.

The rape culture hysteria has been wildly successful within academia partly because it wears a mask of benevolence and justice. In reality, rape culture politics expresses intolerance and a dogmatic disregard for fairness. Political correctness is the opposite of what it purports to be. It does not champion human rights; it destroys them. It does

not express morality; it converts morality into a mockery imposed by government. It destroys the goodwill that naturally flows between free individuals who are equal.

The rape culture does so through a war on ideas, attitudes and words.
...
With a bitter irony, PC feminism and the rape culture hysteria on which it thrives is destroying the basis of feminism itself. The freedom of women has always rested on one thing: the ability to say “no,” the ability to say “I disagree.” Without being able to dissent, there is no freedom, no justice, no color to life. There is only 1984. Welcome to the true rape culture – the rape of human freedom."

But do not allow a book review and quotation from the conclusion to lead you to believe that such is sufficient to appreciate the degree of effort and soundness of discourse found in McElroy's book. I can't recommend it enough to those who see the trends that have taken hold of college campuses today and find them disturbing, and also to those that may have bought into this new trend and actually believe that by discarding legal protections and eliminating fair shake standards in the name of ideology, a greater kind of justice is somehow served. It isn't. If after reading McElroy's book one still believes that presumed guilt is defensible, then I can only refer such people to history books and a review of what happened in countries where there is no presumption of innocence and accused parties are not given a chance to defend themselves against criminal or criminal-like accusations. I have only this to say to such people: What if it's at YOU the next time the fingers start pointing?

Pakistan: Troubled dads in Hyderabad fight for visitation rights

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'While children across the world are preparing to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, a few fathers in Hyderabad are fighting to simply meet their children.

Fathers who are victims of dowry harassment and maintenance cases and who want a hand in raising their children, allege that their wives do not even allow them to meet their children despite crystal clear court orders that support meetings.

Our society, which responds immediately when a woman faces trouble from her husband, turns a blind eye on such husbands, who are deprived of their basic right to meet their children at least once a week — which is crucial if the fathers want to develop a bond with their children.

Around 50 fathers under Share-A-Childhood foundation staged a two-hour-long protest at Basheerbagh on Saturday. The members said that parental alienation had become a big concern as more than 1,000 divorce cases were being filed in city courts every month.'

Secret Service Agent Book: Raging Hillary Clinton Threw Bible at Agent's Colleague

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'Hillary Clinton once threw a Bible at the back of a Secret Service agent's head, part of a pattern of unhinged rage that the now-presumptive Democratic nominee exhibited, as exposed for the first time in former Secret Service agent Gary Byrne's grueling insider account of Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Byrne's forthcoming book Crisis of Character—in which he details how the Clintons operated during his time in the U.S. Secret Service, where he protected the first couple for eight years in the White House in the 1990s. During three of those years, he was posted right outside the Oval Office. The book comes out next week.

"The First Lady had a different sort of liveliness," Byrne writes in an excerpt obtained exclusively by Breitbart News. "She once threw a Bible at an agent on her detail, hitting him in the back of the head. He bluntly let her know it wasn't acceptable. He told me that story himself."'

Feminist Professor Blasts Trigger Warnings

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'A University of Connecticut professor has threatened to stop teaching if the university ever requires her to use trigger warnings in class.

In an op-ed for The Hartford Courant, English professor Gina Barreca, who specializes in women's writing and feminist literary theory, slams the pervasiveness of trigger warnings on college campuses, likening the practice to "stick[ing] your fingers in your ears and say[ing] 'nyah nyah nyah' if you're hearing something you don't like.

"The day I'm forced to offer 'trigger warnings' before teaching is the day I stop teaching."

"To insist that I, or any other teacher, warn students that the material in a class might upset them defeats the purpose of education," she contends. "Colleges and universities must remain institutions that inflame curiosity and, by their very existence, disturb those who enter their gates … The day I'm forced to offer 'trigger warnings' before teaching is the day I stop teaching."'

10-year-old boy working to end domestic violence

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'A young Calhoun County boy has a very big goal - he wants to see an end to domestic violence.

Izaak Oldenburg is not your typical 10-year-old. Most kids are spending the summer riding bikes and playing games. Izaak is a man on a mission.

"I'm gonna try to keep 'em open forever," Izaak said.
For the last seven years Izaak's been doing his part to make sure S.A.F.E. Place - a Battle Creek shelter for abused women - stays open.

It's a big task, one Izaak started tackling when he was just three. His great-grandmother says he pushed some of his girl cousins at a family function. They decided to use the moment as a teaching tool.'

WWE Superstar Paige reportedly arrested for domestic violence

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Article here. No mention if Paige was suspended by the WWE. Excerpt:

'In a bizarre turn of events, WWE Superstar Paige was arrested last night, shortly after the Money in the Bank PPV. Paige, along with her new boyfriend Alberto Del Rio, was reportedly involved in a domestic violence incident and was subsequently arrested for it.

A fan at the scene has captured the following photos of Paige getting arrested after a big quarrel with Alberto Del Rio. He tweeted the below on the incident.'

WWE Personality Jerry Lawler Suspended After Domestic Violence Arrest

‘Yes means yes’ makes no sense to college kids — and other fast takes

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'Have the proponents of “yes means yes” rules for college kids ever actually, you know, had sex? Harvard grad Molly Roberts says the rules simply aren’t practical. “According to an affirmative consent rule, each step along the way to intercourse requires a question and a positive answer,” Roberts writes in The Washington Post. “Can I kiss you? Can I touch your breast? Can I put my fingers there, or my — well, you get the point. If only we college students and recent graduates did approach sex with that kind of openness and clear communication. But have you ever been 21?” More should be done to protect women on campus, she says, but “affirmative consent policies create problems of their own.”'

This Georgia Lawmaker Is a Champion for College Men Accused of Rape

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'Earl Ehrhart is worried about his sons. Both boys attend Georgia public universities, and Ehrhart, a state representative from the Atlanta suburbs, has heard all about the college sexual-misconduct hearings in which young men are presumed guilty until proven innocent. The proceedings are flawed, he says, they're like "kangaroo courts." And their rulings are so biased against the accused, Ehrhart fears that his boys—as with male students across the state—could end up expelled based on a false accusation of rape.

That's why, in April, the Republican lawmaker and his wife sued the US Department of Education and its Office for Civil Rights, arguing that federal guidelines for how colleges should adjudicate sexual assault cases are biased against men. According to the Ehrharts, the guidelines have made it easy for universities to "micromanage student sex lives" and "brand more students 'rapists.'" The result? "Severe, unwarranted and permanent damages to male students." If either of the boys were to be accused of sexual assault, they said, the consequences for their family could be dire: "The money [the Ehrharts] have saved for college tuition and expenses could be lost, and their son's reputation and career prospects irreparably damaged."'

Denmark defends circumcision as a human right - even though 75% are against it

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'Even though a large majority of Danes are against the circumcision of boys, and even though the circumcision of girls is strictly prohibited in Denmark, the government has now officially accepted that it's a human right for parents to circumcise their sons.

The Local reports that a YouGov survey from 2014 showed that 74% of Danes were against the circumcision of boys, while only 10% supported the practise. Despite that, about 1000-2000 boys ar circumcised each year in Denmark, according to the CPH Post.

Since 2014, the matter has been reviewed but without much to show for it.

In 2015, Denmark decided to delete its registry of circumcised individuals, reports the Local. Now, in a report to the United Nations the Danish government officially accepts an Egyptian convention which recognizes circumcision as a human right, writes CPH Post.

The basis is that circumcision of boys is rarely associated with medical complications, when performed under medical supervision, and that it's viewed as a religious expression and therefore falls under the freedom of religion right.'

"Father's Day should be reserved for real men only"

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'Father's Day should be reserved for real men only. I won't waste my time bashing deadbeat dads who are scum but for some of us, they helped create us. Unlike Mother's Day, Father's Day is a somber time for most. It is a somber time because most fathers are not involved with their children.

This may be reluctantly or due to incarceration. Death can be an instance as well, although some have such a bad experience with their fathers that they may as well be dead. What's worse is when you have a father in the home who is not living up to the role that God gave him.

A real father loves his children unconditionally and does his very best to make sure they are provided for. A real father provides emotional support for his children by being that non-judgmental listening ear. What puts the icing on the cake is when a real father is not biologically related to the children, exemplifying these qualities.'

Men face bias at women's prison, too, lawyer says

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'It's not just female corrections officers who are being discriminated against at Michigan's only women's prison, according to those pressing a class action on behalf of male corrections officers at Women's Huron Valley prison.

On June 13, the U.S. Justice Department filed a federal lawsuit against the Michigan Department of Corrections, alleging the department discriminates against female corrections officers at the prison near Ypsilanti by designating too many positions as "women only." As a result, officials "required female employees at Huron Valley to work excessive overtime hours at a cost to their health," the suit alleges.

There's a flip side to that claim, said Tom Nowacki, a corrections officer at Women's Huron Valley since 2004 and the lead plaintiff in a class action by about 90 current and former male corrections officers at the facility: men have been unfairly excluded from certain jobs and denied overtime opportunities.'

The number of men behind bars in the US is mind-boggling

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'The number of men behind bars in the US is mind-boggling.

In a hefty report on the long-term decline in the prime-age male labor-force participation, the White House's Council of Economic Advisers shared a few charts that showed just how stunning America's incarceration rate is.

The US has the highest incarceration rate out of any OECD country at about 700 inmates per 100,000 residents, according to data from the World Prison Population List - which is about as much as five times the OECD average. By comparison, the next closest state is Israel, whose incarceration rate is about 250 inmates per 100,000. The OECD is the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Moreover, the number of men incarcerated has increased dramatically over the last 25 years. Data from the US Bureau of Justice Statistics shows that the rate has grown from 564 per 100,000 in 1990 to 890 per 100,000 in 2014. Notably, this spike is correlated with the War on Drugs.'

Australia: Domestic violence levy: Canberra sets an absurd precedent

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'Canberra is the first place in Australia, probably in the world, to have introduced a domestic violence levy on all ratepayers. Canberrans who own property now will have to pay a special flat tax in what is already the highest taxed jurisdiction in Australia.

...

Issues such as this become sacrosanct. Thus in a place and time where girls have better school and tertiary results, more economic power and generally better lives than before, feminism is running out of issues. But the feminist flame has to be kept burning, so domestic violence has become the issue du jour. No one is allowed to question money spent in the name of the cause.

How bad domestic violence is in Australia is a moot point. The statistics on violence show that actual assaults on women haven't increased, although reports have. Certainly, the use of apprehended violence orders has increased to the point where they are used in everything from disputes with your neighbour to a threat of serious assault.

Expanding the definition of domestic violence to include all sorts of subtleties is simply feeding into the victim industry — great for social workers, but no wonder the police can't distinguish between an incident likely to escalate into serious violence and a basically frivolous complaint.'

No to making ‘yes mean yes’ the standard for determining rape

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'Changing the definition of rape, though? That’s trickier. Because while affirmative consent might be a nice idea, it’s just not how kids have sex.

According to an affirmative consent rule, each step along the way to intercourse requires a question and a positive answer. Can I kiss you? Can I touch your breast? Can I put my fingers there, or my — well, you get the point.

If only we college students and recent graduates did approach sex with that kind of openness and clear communication. But have you ever been 21? Sex at college tends to happen in the heat of the moment, quickly and with subtle signals guiding both participants. There’s no step-by-step road map to intimacy.'

UK: Universities minister promotes ideas for increasing boys' academic success

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'When you think of campaigning for equality, what comes to mind? Equal rights for women, an end to discrimination against ethnic minority groups, opposing homophobic bullying?

Probably all of the above – and they should, rightly, be priorities – but an equally pressing priority when it comes to educational achievement is campaigning to improve the performance of boys, particularly white boys from disadvantaged communities.

David Willetts first put his finger on the problem, in his role as universities minister, in an interview with *The Independent* four years ago. When it came to widening participation in higher education, he argued, white working-class boys should be treated as a disadvantaged group.

The evidence is incontrovertable, and growing with time. The latest manifestation of it comes in a pamphlet published by the Higher Education Policy Institute entitled "Boys To Men – the underachievement of young men in higher education and how to start tackling it".'

Christina Hoff Sommers and Camille Paglia on the state of contemporary feminism

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'AEI resident scholar and Factual Feminist Christina Hoff Sommers interviews Camille Paglia, professor at the University of the Arts, on the state of contemporary feminism and how it has evolved over the last three decades.'

UC Irvine Suspends College Republicans For A Year Following Milo Event

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'The UC Irvine Republicans have been suspended for an entire year after they informed the administration of their plans to schedule another event on campus with Breitbart senior editor Milo Yiannopoulos.

Nearly a month after their initial event with Milo, entitled “Social Justice is Cancer,” the College Republicans were asked to attend a debriefing with the Director of Student Life & Leadership, Darlene Esparza, and Associate Dean of Students, Sherwynn Umali, to discuss the planning process of the event. During the meeting, College Republican President Ariana Rowlands raised the possibility of Milo’s return to campus.

Just four hours after the meeting, a UCI administrator sent the group an email to inform them they had suspended the club for an entire year.'

Karate instructor arrested for sending nude photos to 11-year-old student

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'A Florida karate instructor is in big trouble after allegedly sending nude photos of herself to an 11-year-old student.

Stephanie Figueroa, 21, is the face of Next-Gen Xtreme Martial Arts Studio in Orlando.

She was arrested and was taken into custody at the Orange County Jail last week after the mother of one of her martial arts students found sexually explicit messages from Figueroa on her son's phone.

She is accused of using the social app, Kik, to solicit the student for sex and send him nude photos.

Figueroa is now facing several charges, including solicitation of a minor, child abuse, showing obscene material to a minor and unlawful use of a two-way communication device.'

"Every Woman Needs A Male Nemesis At Work"

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'Some time ago, I started keeping a tally of all the men I consider my enemies. Any glance at an Us Weekly story about Jeremy Renner, or an advertisement in a magazine where John Mayer sullenly cradles a watch, would be enough to remind me, Oh yeah, those men, they are my enemies. Never forget the wrong they have done in this world. I check the list every few months to make necessary additions and add scientific footnotes. My list of male enemies is currently 18 men long and always open to new members.

The crimes men like Mayer and Renner have committed are commonplace and fairly easy to forget: Renner called a fictional character a slut, Mayer wrote a Grammy-winning (!) song professing to know how mothers should treat their daughters. One guy is on my list because he broke a close friend's heart. Another has a lifetime membership for being a complete unforgivable shitbird. These men remain my eternal and everlasting adversaries. But none are more important than the men on my list who work in my industry. These male enemies are the ones who fuel me every single day.'

The Campus Rape Lawsuit That Could Destroy Title IX Has Finally Arrived

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'A University of Virginia law student who was accused of sexual misconduct and banned from campus—years after the alleged incident—is suing the U.S. Education Department for giving UVA no choice but to rule against him.

His lawsuit is a direct challenge to the legality of the campus kangaroo courts the federal government claims are required under Title IX. Lawyers representing the student, John Doe, argue persuasively that he would have been found innocent of wrongdoing if not for the Obama administration's insistence that universities adjudicate sexual assault under the preponderance of evidence standard.

This makes Doe's lawsuit the strongest legal assault on Title IX to date. If successful, it could undo some of the damage wrought by OCR's crusade to remove elements of due process from campus rape trials.

"This lawsuit is targeting the cause, and not just the symptoms, of the complete lack of due process on campus," Justin Dillon, legal counsel for Doe and a partner at the firm KaiserDillon PLLC, told Reason.'

"A Woman President Will Expose the Ugly Underbelly Of Blatant Sexism In A Whole New Way"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If Hillary Clinton wins in November, incidents of sexism and misogyny will not fall by the wayside; they'll ascend to new heights (or descend to new depths). And the funny-not-funny thing of it is the sexist misogynists will insist that there's no more sexism and misogyny. They'll be more than happy to explain it to you, too. They'll beat you over the head with it until you want to fucking scream. And that's their goal. They want you to scream and yell; and then they'll call you hysterical and unreasonable. Because in their archaic minds, their male-dominant superiority will be confirmed.

The sexists will make any and every attempt to quell the feminist army, who will refuse to live under the mistaken belief that everything is 100 percent equal. And when I say feminist army, I'm not describing an army of women; I'm describing an army of women and men who get it. We get that rape culture exists, and it needs to be eradicated. We get that women (and men) do not have constitutional protection against gender discrimination. We get that a woman president won't mean automatic gender equality — in fact, we get that it will agitate the sexists just as much as a black president agitated racists. And the sexists will protest. They'll be loud, obnoxious and they'll firmly believe they have the moral high ground. In other words, America will begin to resemble a feminist Facebook page, complete with brigades of trolls, mansplainers and mansplaining trolls.'

Freshman sues Clemson to overturn sex misconduct suspension

Mastodon · 23 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal civil rights lawsuit was filed against Clemson University last week by a freshman who is seeking to overturn a one-year suspension that he received for sexual misconduct and other infractions.

The student, identified only as John Doe, contends that he had consensual sex last October with another Clemson student who later filed a complaint claiming that she was a victim of sexual misconduct, according to the suit.

After an administrative hearing, Clemson officials found that "complainant was incapacitated during the incident and unable to give consent," according to the suit. The suit says that the male student was suspended for six months and evicted from his dormitory for violating university rules involving alcohol, disorderly conduct, harm to person and sexual misconduct.

The male student appealed the ruling, according the suit. On May 27, university Chief of Staff Max Allen upheld the ruling and increased the student's suspension to one year, the suit says.

The suit lists a series of alleged "wrongful actions" by the university. They include failure to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation, improperly advising and advocating on behalf of the female accuser, gender bias, failure to provide the male student with a presumption of innocence and an unilateral and arbitrary increase of unwarranted sanctions.

The suit also claims that there is no indication that the incident involving the two students was reported to the Clemson University Police or the Clemson Police Department.'

Feminists Refuse To Suspend Man-Shaming For Father's Day

Mastodon · 23 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In essence: Happy Father's Day, dads. You suck at doing all the things women do so well as moms and as employees. This tweet sums up everything wrong with sexist modern feminism and illustrates virtue signaling at its worst.

Slaughter is, of course, a former Princeton University professor whose 2012 piece in *The Atlantic*, "Why Women Still Can't Have It All," became a kind of guidepost for discussing how difficult work-life balance really is for working mothers to achieve, especially in advocating that working dads need to step up and do more household chores and parenting.

Slaughter's tweet did not go over well, and not just because of the timing (is Father's Day really the time to nag dads that they just don't "do enough" around the house?). The premise was way off, and people caught that, too.'

Hungary: Public Outrage at Anti-Father UNICEF Videos

Matt · 24 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Hungarian unit of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund, has launched a campaign to persuade Hungarians to donate 1 per cent of their personal income tax to the office. UNICEF says it will use the support to fight against family violence and child abuse in Hungary. In order to prove that UNICEF have published three scandalous videos recently, in which Hungarian children, probably child actors, explain how they protect themselves from their own fathers, "providing ideas" for fellow child victims. (In the beginning videos were also shown in cinemas, forcing people to watch them before movies. As a result of the scandal, they have been removed later.)

The videos have triggered harsh reactions in Hungary, many say they are "extremist", "misleading", "harmful", "anti-father", and "anti-family". In one of the videos, Luca, a 10-year old girl, explains how she used to lock the door of the room after her Mum leaves home and before her father pays a "visit" to his daughter. Luca also says that she used to hide in a closet from his father instead of " just waiting for him" in the bed. In another video a small kid, Benji, explains how to cover furniture with clothes in order to protect himself from serious injuries he would otherwise suffer when his father beating him.'

Model legislation would restore due process to campus rape investigations

Matt · 24 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Colleges and universities would have to tell their students in writing that they are presumed innocent when accused of sexual misconduct, under a sweeping model bill offered by a due-process advocacy group.

Dubbed the Campus Equality, Fairness, and Transparency Act (CEFTA), the bill would largely overturn the regulatory apparatus that has governed campus sexual-misconduct proceedings since the Department of Education's 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter, now the subject of litigation.

Though CEFTA is written for introduction in Congress, its author – Stop Abusive and Violent Environments – wrote that it could be modified for the state level as well.'

NPO: Major Media Round-up of Father’s Day Coverage

Matt · 24 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Fathers Day, American dads are in good company. From Argentina to Russia, from Kenya to Japan, most nations seem to set a day to celebrate fatherhood.

The first US "Father's Day" was 1908, when a West Virginia mining community was mourning the Monongah Mining Disaster. 361 men were killed, 250 of them fathers, leaving around a thousand fatherless children.

I surveyed the Boston Globe, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, and the Los Angeles Times to find out the current meaning of Father’s Day in the U.S.'

Video shows people do nothing when they see men abused

Matt · 25 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. The video shows how people readily intervene when a man abuses a woman but do nothing when the genders are flipped. And feminists say there's no problem with double-standards here.

Mother warns college-bound sons: "There will be no mercy for you"

Matt · 25 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Again, I reiterate: Men should not attend co-ed colleges until or unless the insanity stops. Consider only men's colleges if you value getting a degree. Excerpt:

'An increasing portion of the college experience for men is staying on top of the ever-shifting expectations of behavior toward women, through the curriculum, seminars and campus activism.

Ignore all of it and watch your back.

That's the clear-eyed and urgent message from Tina McCormick, the Danish-born publisher of NewBostonPost and Harvard Ph.D., in an open letter to her four sons who will be "off to college in a snap."

Their schooling thus far has taught them to "see the relationship between girls and boys mostly in physical terms" and pursue "emotion-free sex" devoid of love and respect:
...
"What our present day culture teaches you about equality and sexual liberation is a dangerous trap. Should you buy into it, your life may be ruined forever. No matter how kind and decent, how talented and giving a person you have always been, there will be no mercy for you."'

India: The gang-rape that never was

Matt · 26 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Several questions are being raised over the veracity of the alleged gang rape in Bihar's Motihari district. The case is being termed as the 'Nirbhaya' episode of Bihar and seen as yet another proof of the deteriorating law and order situation in the state.

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According to the accusations levelled by the victim's family, the protestations of girl's mother infuriated Samiullah. He came to the victim's house with five other men of his family, dragged her out of the house and gang-raped her. The accused also allegedly forced a homemade gun into girl's private parts.

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However, a ground investigation by Catch indicates there is more to the case than meets the eye.

"There are no marks on the victim's body suggesting rape. She does not suffer from internal injuries," claims Dr Prashant Kumar, Civil Surgeon, Motihari.

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Kumar argues that gang-rape victims don't normally heal within a week or 10 days. According to him, the victim had come to the hospital in 'normal condition' and walked on her own feet. She complained only of pain in the stomach and backache, according to Kumar.'

Sommers-Paglia Full Interview Now Available

Matt · 26 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'What would happen if Based Mom sat down with Based Goddess for an hour to discuss modern-day feminism? No need to speculate—here's the full one-hour interview (with bonus content!) featuring Christina Hoff Sommers and Camille Paglia where they break down #Gamergate, intersectional feminism, the "male gaze", and much, much more.'

Woman facing murder of husband charge sees her parrot as witness against her

Matt · 27 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. A case could be made that the parrot has acted as a tape or other recording device. Interesting to see how this goes. Excerpt:

'A Sand Lake couple's pet parrot could be used as evidence to prove Glenna Duram murdered her husband Martin.

Fourteen months after Martin Duram was found dead from multiple gunshot wounds in his Sand Lake home, Glenna Duram, 48, is in jail and accused of his murder.

His family thinks the couple quarreled over unpaid bills, foreclosure on their home and her gambling debts.

They believe she killed him and tried but failed to kill herself.

A few weeks after his death last May, the couple's parrot started repeating a loud, profane argument between a male and a female:'

Why Women Should Support Due Process for Male College Students

Matt · 27 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As a female college student, the Title IX industrial-complex and the draconian investigation guidelines that it produced is absurd. Men accused of misconduct should have a fair trial, shouldn't they?

Thus, I applaud the former UVA student's lawsuit. Here's why:

The crusade against due process already has produced many victims. There have been at least 140 lawsuits brought against colleges by men who suffered an unfair trial. Amherst College, Swarthmore College, and St. Joseph's University have all settled such suits. No doubt, a costly process for both parties.

Administrators will never be able to never fairly investigate rape and sexual assault allegations. No number of Title IX lawsuits will change that. Colleges have capricious rules of evidence, no subpoenas. No neutral judge, either.

Expulsion from college is no small matter, especially for underprivileged students. Low-income and first-generation students often lack the cultural and financial capital to obtain legal help. Racial minorities, particularly black men, are uniquely susceptible to facing a trial despite lacking legal counsel, and being found guilty in the absence of evidence.

Due process safeguards are not merely a matter of legal justice, but of racial and economic justice as well.'

Marine Corps To Remove ‘Man’ From 19 Job Titles To Make Women Feel Included

Mastodon · 28 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After months of deliberation, the Marine Corps has decided to remove the word “man” from 19 job titles, in an effort to make the service more inclusive now that all combat roles are open to women.

The review, mandated by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus in January, will soon wrap-up and post the changes publicly in several days, according to an anonymous Marine official who spoke with Marine Corps Times.

Although many old titles will no longer exist, as they’ll be made gender neutral, some iconic titles still remain, such as “rifleman” and “mortar man.” This is unlikely to satisfy many Marines, who believe that political correctness has gone completely out of control.'

SAVE petition: Stop the Attack on Free Speech and Due Process on Campuses

Matt · 28 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Petition here. Excerpt:

'OPEN SOCIETIES NEED OPEN CAMPUSES. But right now, free speech and due process are under assault. The vast majority of universities now have “speech codes” and “free speech zones,” and persons accused of sexual misconduct no longer receive basic due process protections.

Laura Kipnis and Grant Neal are two recent examples of this attack on our basic rights:'

Title IX and College Rape: A Series of Injustice, Part 1

Matt · 29 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. And in the HuffPo, too! Excerpt:

'When any injustice occurs a victim is created. This series will tell you stories you may not have heard about, or may not have known that these victims even existed. Please keep in mind, that is not the basis for this series. This series is intended to show readers how incredibly inept colleges and universities are when it comes to rape complaints on their campuses. Also, hopefully sharing these stories will bring enough light to the severity of the issue, that a change might be inspired.

Title IX and Rape. I am sure there are some people reading this who had no idea it was even an issue. I mean Title IX is supposed to ensure that sexual discrimination is prohibited in any federally funded education program or activity, right? Why is the word rape even associated with Title IV? In 2011, The Office for Civil Rights put into place a “Dear Colleague Letter“ which explains that discrimination includes the following, “Sexual harassment of students, which includes acts of sexual violence, is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX.” The letter also states:
...
However, at the school level he was immediately suspended and kicked off campus. According to the complaint, no real investigation was done. No one was allowed to testify on his behalf, the school would not take his statement, allow the private investigator or attorney to speak or introduce the evidence. He had been suspended from school pending the outcome at the same time his due process rights were stripped. He had no way to prove his innocence without the facts of the case being presented.'

UC-Irvine restores College Republicans club after suspending it over Milo event

Matt · 29 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The College Republicans at the UC Irvine are claiming victory, following the reversal of a decision by administrators to suspend them for a year. “It’s a huge victory for freedom of speech and assembly, and I think this move proves that there is bias to political ideologies in this administration,” said Ariana Rowlands, President of the UCI College Republicans.

The disciplinary action was imposed after a June 2nd event hosting the controversial right wing speaker Milo Yiannopoulos. He visited the students as part of his “Dangerous Faggot Tour.” The administration based the action on a contractual insurance violation at the event. However, the University changed course following a social media firestorm and national petition supporting the students. First administrators temporarily lifted the ban pending an appeal, and now have permanently lifted the suspension and cancelled the appeals process.'

Woman assaults man with hatchet after refusing sex

Matt · 29 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'After her repeated demands to have sex were rebuffed, a Florida woman grabbed a hatchet and began beating on the locked door of the bathroom where her beau had sought refuge, police report.

According to police, Leslie Mills, 26, returned home early Thursday after a drinking binge and began badgering the victim to “engage in sexual activity with her.” The man--who said he was awoken by the persistent Mills--told cops that he moved from the Ocala home’s bedroom to the couch in a bid to escape her.

However, Mills followed him to the living room, where she climbed atop the victim, “still asking for him to have sex with her,” according to an Ocala Police Department report. After again declining to have sex, the man went into the bathroom and locked the door.'

The hickey police: Petition asks lawmakers to ‘rein in’ agency that micromanages campus sex

Mastodon · 29 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Give your girlfriend a hickey, get expelled.

The fact that this outlandish scenario is the subject of a federal lawsuit shows what’s wrong with the federal Office for Civil Rights (OCR), according to a new petition to Congress.

The petition asks the leaders of the Senate committee that oversees the Department of Education to “rein in” its civil-rights unit, whose guidance documents for the past several years have forced colleges to treat subjectively offensive speech as sexual harassment and eliminate due process for accused students.'

False rape reports make victims ‘more silenced, more reluctant’

Mastodon · 29 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s estimated that only 2 percent to 10 percent of rape reports are false allegations or are recanted, but they can cause “collateral damage,” according to law enforcement and sexual assault experts.

Butler County Prosecutor Michael Gmoser said his office takes all false reports — not just rape cases — seriously. But false rape reports create “a disservice to the legitimate claims,” he said.
“If a woman hears about a false report, another woman who was raped may ask, ‘Will they think the same thing about me?’ ” Gmoser said.
...
Jane Conn, executive director of Abuse and Rape Crisis Center of Warren County said when a false report is filed, it taints the credibility of future victims.'

Accusation of rape doesn't make it so

Mastodon · 29 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In her Thursday letter “Helping young woman could prevent a rape,” Holly Richard’s "if they say they have been raped they have been raped" line of reasoning is faulty but, more importantly, it is dangerous to the foundation of the American justice system.

It shows a lack of knowledge of the research on the subject. There are so many documented cases of false rape charges that the system is bogged down trying to deal with them all. The Cincinnati Enquirer reported that “the number of false rape cases ranges in studies from 2 percent to 90 percent of reported rape cases,” depending on which study you read. (“False accusations bog down real rape cases,” April 10, 2011)

There can be numerous motivations for a false rape allegation. Charlie Rubenstein, former chief criminal prosecutor for Cincinnati, said that oftentimes a false allegation is made to cover being out late or a pregnancy. False allegations could be made to cover a consensual relationship that the accuser is afraid will ruin her reputation when it becomes public knowledge.'

Mom fatally shot daughters to punish her husband

Mastodon · 29 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The Texas mom from hell blew away her two daughters in front of her shocked husband — because she wanted to punish him, according to a new report.

Deranged killer Christy Sheats called her husband's bluff during a nasty confrontation that culminated in the murders of her two daughters on Friday, family friend Madison Davey told KTRK.'

Equal Pay For Less Work? Every Day Men Work 42 More Minutes Than Women

Mastodon · 29 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men work more hours than women in both full-time and part-time jobs, while women still shoulder most of the housework, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The BLS study, using data from 201,5 shows employed men, on average, work 42 minutes more per day than women. While that figure is partially attributed to women working more part-time jobs than men, among full-time employees, men worked 8.2 hours per day compared to women's 7.8 hours.

One of the biggest reasons why the much-cited gender pay gap, often described by economists as a gross simplification, amounts to an average of 79 cents on the dollar, is because men undertake more paid work than women. The principle reasons a wage gap appears between men and women is because of life choices such as having children and balancing work with other priorities.'

A Travesty Of Justice: Collateral Charges In Military Sexual Assault Cases

Mastodon · 29 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In case after case, we are seeing collateral charges being “stacked” on top of sexual misconduct charges to ensure that the accused is found guilty of “something.” The attitude seems to be, “if we can’t get you for rape, we’ll get you for not turning in that old pair of boots six years ago.”

In order to bolster the charges, investigators contact women who had a prior relationship with the accused and implore them to get a “rapist off the streets.” These women include former wives, girlfriends, or any other female with whom the accused service member had an intimate relationship. This practice has been documented in recent Army cases involving Sergeant First Class Kelly Stewart, Major Christian “Kit” Martin, Major Eric Burris, and Air Forces cases involving Master Sergeant Michael Silva and Major Michael Turpiano.

Military investigators are known to incentivize these “victims” with the prospect of receiving transitional compensation payments. The women may be advised of the possibility of receiving Veterans Administration disability payments based on claims of PTSD as a result of Military Sexual Trauma. In many cases, the alleged incident occurred many years previously and there is no corroborative evidence of misconduct. Nonetheless, benefits may be conferred following a diagnosis of PTSD due to Military Sexual Trauma based on the existence of depression, marital problems, or other life disruption.

Now a male service member who is accused of any type of sexual misconduct, whether it be assault, harassment, or “unwanted sexual contact,” will also face collateral charges. These charges involve previously ignored or unenforced violations, minor peccadilloes, or violations that arose during the course of the inquiry. In the end, there is a near-certainty that the accused will be convicted of something. This allows the Defense Secretary to proclaim to members of Congress that the military is in fact obtaining “convictions” in military sexual assault cases.

Rolling Stone wins dismissal of defamation lawsuit over rape article

Mastodon · 29 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge on Tuesday dismissed a lawsuit by three former University of Virginia fraternity members who accused Rolling Stone magazine, its publisher Wenner Media and a journalist of defamation over a since retracted article describing a gang rape.

U.S. District Judge Kevin Castel in Manhattan said details about the attackers in the November 2014 article by Sabrina Rubin Erdely were "too vague and remote" to make readers, family and friends believe that the plaintiffs George Elias IV, Ross Fowler and Stephen Hadford had a role in the alleged rape.

"In the plaintiffs' own words, any 'apparent connection between the plaintiffs and the allegations is an (unfortunate) coincidence,'" Castel wrote.'

Research finds link between father absences and declining male college enrollment

Mastodon · 29 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Absent dads may be contributing to the growing male gender gap in higher education, according to research published by a professor at Brigham Young University.

Brian Willoughby, an assistant professor in the School of Family Life, was one of three authors that recently published a study in the journal “Family Relations” looking at whether the declining rate of males enrolling in college has been influenced by nonmarital birth rates and father absences.

What they found was that the gender gap opened up about 18 years after family structure changes in the late 1960s.

“I think we need to continue to talk about fathers and talk about their importance in our culture as we get more and more messages that they don’t matter,” Willoughby said.

Men now make up 43 percent of postsecondary enrollment, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. A co-author noticed that the gender gap was opening up about 18 years after the trend of increasing father absences started, which led the researchers to think it was about more than just an increase in women’s rights.

“The strength of the correlation and the strength of the association surprised us,” Willoughby said. “We went in thinking maybe we’ll find something pretty weak.”'

Same behavior problems hinder boys more than girls

Mastodon · 29 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the past several decades, women have not only caught up to men in earning college degrees, they have surpassed them.

Men made up 43 percent of the students enrolled in college in 2015, and were awarded 40 percent of bachelor's degrees, according to federal data cited in a new study that traces the gender gap all the way back to preschool.

The study, done by the American Sociological Association, finds that boys start kindergarten with fewer of the behaviors that teachers want — such as paying attention, controlling emotions and playing nice with others, and that difference partly accounts for higher high school and college completion rates for women.

The study also finds that schools respond more harshly to boy's transgressions and that difference also contributed to men not getting as far in their educations.'

Desperately holding on to the debunked idea of gender wage gap

Matt · 30 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Even though economist after economist has debunked the gender wage gap over and over again (it's more accurately referred to as an "earnings gap"), some in the media just can't let it go.

Enter Danielle Paquette of the Washington Post, who wrote an article on the website's "Wonkblog" section titled "Men say they work more than women. Here's the truth."

Paquette attempts to explain away the fact that the Department of Labor repeatedly finds men who work both full-time and part-time are working more hours than women in the same categories. Her assertion is that the statistics only show reported hours.

"Let's start with a few massive caveats in the Labor Department's report. First, the researchers asked each respondent to log their own time. Nobody submitted manager-approved work hours, and research tells us one of the sexes generally tends to overestimate," Paquette wrote. "Secondly, the survey didn't measure productivity or efficiency. Workaholism isn't necessarily a sign of value."'

NPO: Nebraska, Legislators Blame Courts and Courts Blame Legislators for Unequal Parenting

Matt · 30 June 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Is the worm starting to turn in Nebraska? All of a sudden it appears that the Legislature may be pointing the finger of blame at the courts and the courts are pointing it right back.

The question arises from a couple of adoption cases that the Nebraska Supreme Court decided on June 24th. The exact nature of the companion cases is too complicated to go into here, but the high points are these:

A woman had a child in Ohio. She and her paramour signed an acknowledgement of paternity that, under Ohio law, resulted in his being legally established as the child's father. The two lived together for a while and the man cared for the child. Eventually the mother took the child to Nebraska and placed her for adoption. The man objected saying that, under Ohio law, since he was officially the child's father, his consent to the adoption was required. The Nebraska court ignored its obligation to give full faith and credit to Ohio law and the results of that law in the given case. The Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that was error, so the man's consent to the adoption was required.'

California university seeks to ‘deconstruct’ masculinity

Mastodon · 1 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'To increase male student retention and combat sexual violence, one California university is offering a “safe space” for male-identifying students to discover their authentic masculinity.

“Dudes Understanding Diversity and Ending Stereotypes (DUDES) is a traveling Men’s Center, housed in the Campus Diversity and Inclusion Center for students who identify as Men, as well as women, transgendered students, and male allies,” the University of Redlands states on its website.

The DUDES Resource Center, the description elaborates, “provides support for students who would like a safe space to talk about men’s issues, get involved on campus, and discuss issues regarding masculinity, media, gender roles, etc.”

DUDES is one of five “Gender Programs” at Redlands that are designed to supplement the work of the Women’s Center and the Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies Department. The other initiatives include a “Masculinity Discussions” series, as well as three programs that provide resources and support for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

The “Masculinity Discussion” series provides students with alternative views of masculinity, because according to the website, “We believe it is crucial to deconstruct our societal understanding of masculinity and establish more inclusive definitions of manhood as part of the effort to reduce violence in our communities.”'

Feminists treat men badly. It’s bad for feminism.

Mastodon · 1 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminist male-bashing has come to sound like a cliche — a misogynist caricature. Feminism, its loudest proponents vow, is about fighting for equality. The man-hating label is either a smear or a misunderstanding.

Yet a lot of feminist rhetoric today does cross the line from attacks on sexism into attacks on men, with a strong focus on personal behavior: the way they talk, the way they approach relationships, even the way they sit on public transit. Male faults are stated as sweeping condemnations; objecting to such generalizations is taken as a sign of complicity. Meanwhile, similar indictments of women would be considered grossly misogynistic.

This gender antagonism does nothing to advance the unfinished business of equality. If anything, the fixation on men behaving badly is a distraction from more fundamental issues, such as changes in the workplace to promote work-life balance. What’s more, male-bashing not only sours many men — and quite a few women — on feminism. It often drives them into Internet subcultures where critiques of feminism mix with hostility toward women.'

"There’s No Hiring Bias Against Women In Tech, They Just Suck At Interviews"

Mastodon · 2 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The tech industry is plagued by guilt about the lack of women in its technical teams — and everywhere else. But new data suggests that there’s no hiring bias against them. Women might just suck at job interviews, according to a new report by an interview matchmaking service.

Interviewing.io, a service which allows interviewers and interviewees to match up online and conduct interviews based on their communication skills recently set out to fix the “gender gap in tech” by creating a voice changer that would allow interviewees to mask their voice, and in turn their gender, in an attempt to tackle bigoted interviewers.

What the study revealed – to the shock of the feminists who organized it – was that women underperform in job interviews even when the interviewer believes them to be male.'

Colleges Are Likely Underreporting Sexual Assaults, Senators Warn

Mastodon · 2 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The senators noted that only 9 percent of some 11,000 schools reported any occurrence of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, according to the most recent data provided under the Clery Act.

The reports that there were no incidents of sexual assault on 9-in-10 campuses “directly conflict” with a swath of peer-reviewed research that show around 1-in-5 female students will experience sexual assault by the time they graduate college.'

Title IX and College Rape: A Series Of Injustice Part 2

Mastodon · 2 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of victims on campus continues to rise as not much is actually done about it. There is a pool of knowledge around the topic of Title IX and campus rape, but no one is really providing any actions. Victims of sexual assault are courageously speaking up, the Vice President has provided verbal support for one particular rape victim; yet no one is moving closer to action. No one is even discussing reforming the power to prosecute or not prosecute given to college administrators. The consequences are sexual predators remaining on college campuses, and lives of those who haven't done anything wrong absolutely destroyed.

Please keep in mind, this series is not to showcase "his word against hers," this series is not about rape victims, nor is it about other people who pay the price when colleges fail. This series is intended to bring light to a different fact base. Colleges are ruining the futures of young adults through their mandated responsibility, but total lack of ability to adjudicate campus sexual assault cases.'

India: Men’s rights activists troll National Women’s Policy, say it will end the 'existence of Indian men'

Mastodon · 2 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An army of men’s rights activists are outraging over the Ministry of Women and Child Development’s latest draft on the National Women’s Policy. With the ministry inviting suggestions, men’s rights activists have taken it upon themselves and over the comments section to vehemently oppose the draft policy.

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50% of reservation for women in local bodies election means, the percent of elected women in local bodies will be between 50% to 100% whereas men will have 0% to 50% only. There is a probability of 0% place for men in local civic bodies governance. This is against the Constitution right of equality,” writes Sahayaselvam.'

"This Is How Men Can Become Better Feminist Allies"

Mastodon · 2 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'4. Support feminist and female media.

Is your iPod comprised of primarily male artists? Diversify, dude! Open yourself up to new perspectives by watching films written and directed by women, read articles written by female writers, listen to music performed by female artists and appreciating the artwork of female artists, like Jeanette Hayes or Grace Miceli.

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6. Believe the victim.

This is pretty straightforward. Instead of assuming the accused is innocent until proven guilty, support the victim. While it's true that women have falsely accused men of such allegations, these cases are an extreme rarity so make the smart decision and favor the likely truth.

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10. Be responsible for contraception.

When in a relationship with a woman, don't make contraception something she's solely responsible for. Wear a damn condom and don't complain about it. If she prefers a particular method of contraception, let her choose that method.

Female contraception is a lot more complicated than yours, so make sure you support the decisions she makes. Birth control can be expensive, so if you're in a relationship and that's her preferred method, offer to split the bill. After all, she's doing this to keep you both from becoming unexpected parents.'

A letter to my wife, who won’t get a job while I work myself to death

Matt · 2 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I started my career with the gruelling hours and high stress that are traditionally visited on young lawyers. You were unexpectedly ambivalent about finding a good job – or any job. After gentle pressure from me, and more from the student loan payments, you puttered around in some non-legal positions more suited for someone with half your education and intelligence, and which offered commensurately low pay.
...
I’ve climbed the professional ladder reasonably well. We have the trappings of middle-class success – a nice house in a safe, quiet neighborhood; annual holidays; happy, healthy children; money saved for their college years. But it has come at enormous personal cost to me. My stress level has increased dramatically with added responsibilities at work and my health has deteriorated. People who haven’t seen me for years flinch when we meet again and I’ve attended more than one event at which I have overheard someone remarking on how much I’ve aged.

I don’t think I can do this for another 25 years. I often dream of leaving my firm for a less demanding position, with you making up any financial deficit with a job – even a modest one – of your own. I’ve asked, and sometimes pleaded, for years with you to get a job, any job. Many of my free hours are spent helping with the house and the kids, and I recognise that traditional gender roles are often oppressive, but that cuts both ways. I would feel less used and alone if you pitched in financially, even a little.'

‘She wanted him to suffer’: Sheriff explains why Texas mom killed two daughters in front of husband

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly a week ago, on June 24 , his 45th birthday, Jason Sheats gathered with his family in the living room of their Houston-suburb home about 5 p.m. Beside him were his daughters, Taylor, 22, and Madison, 17. His wife, Christy, had called a family meeting.

After years of challenges with Christy’s mental health, her struggles with depression and anxiety, her suicide attempts, Jason told authorities that he thought perhaps she was going to announce she had decided to file for divorce. The couple had talked about separating.

But instead, police said, the 42-year-old mother pulled out a .38 caliber handgun, a gift from her late grandfather, and pointed it at her screaming children. Then she shot them, inside the house and out in the street, where the girls collapsed and stopped moving. When law enforcement arrived, they watched Christy fire a final bullet into her eldest daughter, then a police officer shot the mother dead.'

White House Task Force Member Gunned For Fraternity Smeared In Rolling Stone Article

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former White House college sexual assault task force member appears to have been gunning for a University of Virginia fraternity smeared in a Rolling Stone article about a now-debunked campus gang rape, newly released emails show.

“I want to see these guys gone and I want to keep it as legally sound as possible,” UVA alum Emily Renda wrote to Rolling Stone reporter Sabrina Rubin Erdely in July 2014, several months before the Rolling Stone article “A Rape on Campus” was published.

At the time, Renda was working in a gender-based violence prevention program at the school. That spring she had served on the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.

Renda appeared concerned that publishing the name of the fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi, would “create a credibility issue” and hurt the effort to have it removed.'

Obama to bypass colleges dismissive of campus rape, newpaper says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Reinforcing a key White House policy initiative, President Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and other top administrators will no longer visit colleges and universities they deem too lenient on sexual assault, according to federal officials cited by The Washington Post.

Obama, Biden, their wives and cabinet members are among those who will avoid academic institutions "whose leaders they consider insufficiently serious about pursuing sexual-assault allegations and punishing perpetrators."

The new policy forms part of a major, multifaceted campaign by the White House to render college campuses free from sexual assault.'

Mother Dodges Jail Time for Hosting ‘Naked Teen Twister Party’

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'A Georgia mother was convicted after hosting a party for her 16-year-old daughter and her friends, where she reportedly joined the kids for a game of naked Twister, according to WJBF. Police reports indicate that Rachel Lehnardt, 36, also allowed the teens to smoke marijuana and drink alcohol in her home. The reports also say that Lehnardt admitted to having sex with her daughter’s 18-year-old friend at the party.

The party was reported to authorities after Lehnardt discussed details of the incident with her Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor back in April 2015, and the sponsor then told the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office, WJBF reported. After her arrest, Lehnardt’s attorney issued a statement saying that the allegations were exaggerated, but that “she engaged in several acts of inappropriate conduct,” as a result of alcohol abuse.

Lehnardt was convicted of six counts of Contributing Delinquency of a Minor, and was sentenced to 12 months of probation and a $100 fine for each count, for a total of six years of probation and $600. In addition too that, Lehnardt has to undergo mandatory drug and alcohol treatment and testing.'

"Mocking masculinity isn't mean, it's purposeful (and fun!)"

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'Yes, the personal is political, but the ongoing criticisms of male behaviour do not equate to personalized "misandry" any more than criticisms of corporate power equate to an irrational hatred of white men who just happen to be very, very rich at the expense of pretty much everyone else.

Beyond that, mocking men and men's socialized behaviour is something that actually makes having to live with the everyday violence and supremacy of men tolerable. We joke so that we don't lose our shit every time we have to balance half a butt cheek on a seat because otherwise we'll be sitting in some dude's lap on the bus.

It seems Young's greatest fear is not, in fact, that "equality" won't be achieved because women are just so mean to the group of people who have subjected them to violence and oppression for centuries now, but that, in fact, the righteousness of manhood might dissolve. Trying to pressure feminists into softening their response to masculinity will always prove to be fruitless because, as feminists, we have nothing to prove to men -- this movement is not for them.'

Hillary Clinton bids farewell to the Toast

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'Recent media stories about Hillary Clinton have centered on her avoidance of press conferences and her campaign's efforts to prevent reporters from getting close enough to ask questions. So just consider, for a moment, how notable it is that the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee would volunteer her time to a media outlet.

It happened Friday. Clinton apparently made an unsolicited offer to write a farewell post for the Toast, the feminist literary website that built a loyal — but unsustainably small — audience. Friday marked the last day of publishing for the Toast, which was founded in 2013 by Mallory Ortberg and Nicole Cliffe.
...
Clearly Clinton was a fan of the Toast, which has been described by one critic this week as a "gleeful kneecapper of high culture, omphalos of cheerful misandry and habitat of the rare courteous and informative comments section." What's also clear is that she was a fan of the Toast's readership and didn't want to miss her last opportunity to address its members.'

"Feminists Are Not Mistreating Men"

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'But, gentlemen, we all need to realize something. Women didn't create the unfairness; we did. We did it when we threatened them with violence. We did it when we refused to take no for an answer. We did it every time we tried to make them feel safe by being kind and friendly only to then become hostile if they didn't reciprocate our interest. We convinced them that kindness and friendliness are just a facade we use to get what we want. Is there any reason they should trust us?

I'd like you to take a moment and contemplate the horror of that. Imagine that just about every time someone showed you kindness, you later found out that they had an ulterior motive. Worse yet, kindness turned to cruelty and aggression once their true motivations became clear. You've come to associate kindness with pain, with betrayal. How do you ever trust again after that? The very thing that is supposed to cement a bond between two human beings is itself viewed with suspicion. That is what we did to women. That's why they don't trust us.

“But, Rich, if that's true, how do we regain their trust?”

We don't.

You can't regain trust through a series of gestures; you have to try to be the kind of person who is trustworthy, and hope for the best.'

"In the Face of a Huge Gender Gap with Trump, It's Time for Progressive Men to Get Behind Hillary"

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'As the election between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump shapes up, we continue to see Clinton and the women who are supporting her exiled (with apologies to Liz Phair) in Guyville. As presumptive Democratic nominee Clinton says about this historic election, “This campaign is about making sure there are no ceilings, no limits on any of us and this is our moment to come together.”

Yet, we are not all coming together. Bernie Sanders has not withdrawn, despite Clinton’s securing the delegates to win the nomination. Twenty-two percent of Sanders supporters say they’d rather vote for Trump than Clinton. Male Sanders supporters continue to troll and threaten Clinton supporters and the media covering her.

Clinton’s imminent nomination is a huge step for women and for feminism, and feminism is part of a progressive agenda. But you wouldn’t know it in Guyville, where white men continue their long history of failing to fight for feminist advances. Even among those white men who do support Clinton, there is a pronounced lack of enthusiasm and activism. Hillary seems to be left to be elected by everyone but them.'

Ask Amy: How can my son escape his abusive marriage?

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'Dear Amy: My 40-year-old son is in an abusive marriage. His wife hits him, locks him out of the house, calls him humiliating names, has alienated him from his friends and family, etc.

He has lost 70 pounds and developed dangerous stress-related symptoms. He's a shell of what he once was. He acts confused and disoriented, rather than our smart, capable and popular son. It's heartbreaking.
...
They have two small children who witness this abuse. He's very worried about the kids, but is so broken down he doesn't feel capable of caring for them on his own. We've told him we will care for them, but he tells us it's too much of a burden.
...
It's hard for us to be good in-laws when we're aware of this. She often blows up at us if we try to talk about it. We are sick with worry about our son.

Dear Mom: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in seven men (over the age of 18) in the U.S. has been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner.

Your focus should be on your son's health and self-esteem, and on providing a safe place for the children. His weight loss and other symptoms are alarming, and you should encourage him to get a thorough physical checkup and mental health screening. If he isn't making progress in therapy, you should help him to find one that specializes in working with abused men.'

Wife runs down husband with car

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Yavapai County Sheriff's deputies arrested 32-year-old Jennifer Fletcher for assaulting her estranged husband with her car.
The incident happened Tuesday around 6:30 a.m. in Chino Valley.

According to deputies, Fletcher pinned the man between her 2010 Toyota Prius and his truck following a discussion between the two.

After he was able to get away and into the house, Fletcher drove into the home, striking the front door area.

The couple's three children were in the living room of the home at the time.'

Here's the moment a Rolling Stone author knew her gang-rape story was complete bull

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'Originally, Rolling Stone was going to issue a statement in response to questions and doubts over the validity of Jackie's story.

"Obviously, we regret any factual errors in any story," the statement was supposed to read. "But Rolling Stone believes the essential point of Jackie's narrative is, in fact, true: A young woman suffered a horrific crime at a party, and a prestigious university reacted with indifference to her claim."

"This happens too often at college campuses all over America," the statement continued. "Any mistakes we made were honest ones, trying hard to create a narrative and an investigation that would improve the prevention, investigation and prosecution of sexual violence. For that we would never apologize."

Note the insistence that the narrative was more important than the facts when it comes to combating campus sexual assault. Forget the fact that continually covering hoaxes makes the public less likely to believe the next accuser.'

No Men Beyond This Point – Mockumentary Debuts on DVD July 12th

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'The festival favorite NO MEN BEYOND THIS POINT debuts on DVD and digital July 12 from Samuel Goldwyn Films and Sony Pictures Home Entertainment. The film was written and directed by award-winning filmmaker Mark Sawers (Camera Shy) and stars Rekha Sharma ("The 100"), Ben Cotton (Battlestar Galactica: Blood & Chrome), Patrick Gilmore (Cabin in the Woods), Hilary Jardine ("Van Helsing"), Tara Pratt ("Standard Action") and Bruce Harwood ("The X Files"). NO MEN BEYOND THIS POINT took home awards for Best Feature Audience Award, Best Feature Actor (Patrick Gilmore), Best Script (Mark Sawers) and Best Feature Editing at the 2015 Other Worlds Austin Sci-Fi Film Festival and Best Supporting Actress in a Canadian Film (Tara Pratt) from the Vancouver Film Critics Circle.'

Shooting the Feminist Sheriff

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sometimes one is tempted to shoot the sheriff. When we take note of what is going on in the town -- the moral degeneracy of its affairs, the raging puritanism that has installed itself as a twisted form of prurience, cruel punishment for perceived sexual misconduct and natural behavior meted out under cover of the law, and indeed, the wielding of the law as an instrument of repression -- the sheriff can no longer be respected or obeyed. Defiance of an entrenched administration that wears the badge of cultural authority and determines the politics and mores of our lives becomes a duty.

...

The feminist attack on a nebulous entity called the “patriarchy” asserting its putatively illegitimate sexist power over the female half of humanity is a paranoiac absurdity, a pathological misandry masking as a cultural verity. The feverish fixation on male sexual “perversion” and on the need for “liberating” alternatives can only lead to social confusion and mental derangement. As C.S. Lewis wrote in The Abolition of Man, “There has never been, and never will be, a radically new judgement of value in the history of the world,” a truth rejected by the sexual vigilantes of the day pushing a distorted system of sexual values -- really a system of anti-values -- at the cost of cultural sanity.'

Cokie Roberts Blames Sexism for Clinton's Poor Polling on Leadership

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ABC News panelist Cokie Roberts cited sexism for Hillary Clinton's poor polling on leadership questions during a Sunday appearance on This Week, saying that was "all about being a woman."

Discussing potential vice-presidential picks for Clinton with the national convention less than a month away, Roberts said choosing Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D., Mass.) could pose problems for her candidacy.

"I think Elizabeth Warren is the real problem," Roberts said. "Not only does she not need her in terms of the Democrats—Hillary Clinton in our last ABC poll had 88 percent of the Democratic vote. Barack Obama got 89 percent of the Democratic vote when he won in 2008. It's fine. Having two women on the ticket is a real issue. We have looked at implicit bias, and you look at the polling where you see that Hillary Clinton is losing on leadership. That's all about being a woman."'

Cops: Mother Swung Her Baby "Like A Bat"

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Swinging her five-month-old son like a baseball bat, a Florida woman yesterday struck her boyfriend with the infant before dropping the child face first into the sand on Daytona Beach, police charge.

Cops allege that Tatyana Allen, 18, initially hit her 19-year-old beau “several times in the face with a closed hand” before using her baby “as a weapon.” Allen, witnesses said, swung the infant “like a bat” before “the baby was dropped in the sand, face down.”

Allen’s boyfriend, the child’s father, quickly flipped the infant upright since he was unable to turn over on his own. Witnesses told cops that Allen subsequently “snatched” her son from the man’s arms and walked away with the child “dangling,” without his head being supported.'

Didn't feminism promise to eliminate women's need for prostitution?

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One argument feminism made for itself was that due to its effects, women would not have to turn to prostitution, and indeed, would not want to. Apparently someone forgot to tell the younger generation. Read it here. Excerpt:

'Her adventures in “sugaring” started three years ago when she got hit on by an older guy and rebuffed him, saying, “Look, I’m not interested, so unless you’re offering to pay my student loans,” and he said, “Well . . . ?” After that, “he paid for stuff. He gave me money to help out with my living expenses.”

It ended when she went on a school year abroad and started meeting men on Seeking Arrangement, the Web site and app which match “sugar daddies” with “sugar babies,” whose company the daddies pay for with “allowances.” Now, she says, she has a rotation of three regular “clients”—”a top Austin lawyer, a top architect, and another tech guy,” all of them married. She adds, “Their relationships are not my business.”
...
“While in college,” she goes on, “I’ve had the ability to focus on developing myself because I’m not slaving away at a minimum-wage job. I reject it when people say I’m oppressed by the patriarchy. People who make seven dollars an hour are oppressed by the patriarchy.”

“She’s in control of the male gaze,” says another woman at the table, Erin, 22.
...
The most surprising thing about Miranda’s story is how unsurprising it is to many of her peers. “Almost all of my friends do some sort of sex work,” says Katie, 23, a visual artist in New York. “It’s super-common. It’s almost trendy to say you do it—or that you would.”

“It’s become like a thing people say when they can’t make their rent,” says Jenna, 22, a New York video-game designer. “ ‘Well, I could always just get a sugar daddy,’ ‘I guess I could just start camming,’ ” or doing sexual performances in front of a Webcam for money on sites like Chaturbate. “And it’s kind of a joke, but it’s also not because you actually could. It’s not like you need a pimp anymore. You just need a computer.”
...
As the debate over whether the United States should decriminalize sex work intensifies, prostitution has quietly gone mainstream among many young people, seen as a viable option in an impossible economy and legitimized by a wave of feminism that interprets sexualization as empowering. “People don’t call it ‘prostitution’ anymore,” says Caitlin, 20, a college student in Montreal. “That sounds like slut-shaming. Some girls get very rigid about it, like ‘This is a woman’s choice.’”'

UK: Removing a privilege for women that men pay for is unfair

Matt · 8 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If there are any female Guardian Money readers born on 5 March 1953, then congratulations (or commiserations): you officially reached state pension age on Wednesday 6 January, and can start claiming your basic state pension of up to £115.95 a week.

But if you are a woman born exactly one year later, on 5 March 1954, then you won't hit state pension age until July 2019 – ie, not for another three-and-a-half years. By that time the woman born in 1953 will arguably be in a much stronger financial position because she will have received well in excess of £20,000 of basic state pension (assuming she is entitled to the full amount), purely because she happened to arrive in the world 12 months before you did.

If anyone is looking for reasons why many women are up in arms about "unfair" changes to the state pension age, then the weird quirk in the UK pension rules outlined above is just one.

...

Clearly there was a lack of fairness – so we equalised the SPA at 65 for men and women. As with any change in policy, one group will always be affected first. In this case, women born in 1950 were the first to see an increase in their SPA. Due to further sharp rises in life expectancy, we then had to make the difficult decision to speed up the rises to 65 and 66.

The government listened to concerns, and introduced a measure to ensure that the maximum change to SPA that anyone would face is 18 months rather than two years. This concession means that it will reach 66 by October 2020, rather than April 2020, and is worth more than £1bn.

It is important to remember that those affected by faster equalisation will reach state pension age after the introduction of the new state pension which will be more generous for many women. Forecasts show that 10 years after implementation, over 650,000 women will benefit – receiving on average £8 a week more.'

"The Western World's In Crisis. Bring In The Women."

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As political and social turmoil rocks the Western world, we're increasingly looking to women to clean up the mess — the U.S., the U.K., Germany, the IMF and the United Nations may all be run by women come January.

At least one woman isn't the least bit surprised, but she is worried: Are the coming leaders facing down impossible situations? Are we setting up women to fail, discouraging a generation of women from vying for leadership roles?

More than a decade ago, Michelle Ryan, an organizational and social psychologist at the University of Exeter, along with a colleague, coined a term — the Glass Cliff — to describe the situation when women, and sometimes minority men, ascend to power during times of organizational decline, crisis and turmoil. It's the natural corollary of the "glass ceiling," the invisible barrier women face when trying to make it up the top of the ladder. Those who crack the ceiling, the reasoning goes, step out onto a fragile ledge at the top and face down various crises.'

"Law? We Don't Need No Stinkin' Law"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This week, the president and vice president revealed plans to intensify their personal crusade against campus "rape culture." President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden will "put the pedal to the metal," per the Washington Post: They, their wives, and cabinet members won't set foot on college campuses where officials don't adjudicate sexual assault cases to the White House's liking, thus denying students the privilege of a snoozing through a commencement address delivered by Dr. Jill Biden.

Rape being a crime, some colleges defer to the police, but in so doing, these schools, it is now claimed, violate federal guidance on how to enforce the Education Act of 1972's Title IX—which states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Under Obama, the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights defined sexual assault as a form of sex discrimination that colleges must address according to its particular rules. These rules amount to a federal "guidance" without the strength of law, but they might as well be law: Disregarding guidance, a school risks the denial of government funding, which nearly all schools—public and private—depend on in some part. And indeed, the executive posse reiterated its aim to punish schools who don't handle these cases by White House rules: The Post has Biden saying he'd like to "take away their money."'

How gullible journalists do harm to rape victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Unfortunately, when you start out committed to a narrative, you tend to be looking for reasons to believe, instead of reasons to doubt.

Journalists are not the only ones who want to believe. There were powerful voices saying rape was a special sort of crime, one that must be treated very differently from other sorts of crimes. Rape is, unfortunately, a difficult crime to prosecute: There are generally only two witnesses, sometimes one or both of whom are often impaired by intoxicants, and even if you think that the rate of false accusations is “only” 8 percent . . . well, an 8 percent chance that any given rape accusation is false gets you at least a big start toward “reasonable doubt.”

This enrages a lot of activists, as well it should; every rape left unprosecuted is a tragic injustice. But activists pushed the notion that the answer was to use weaker standards of evidence, to refrain from questioning victims’ stories, to err on the side of believing accusers rather than giving the accused the benefit of the doubt. They weren’t very successful in the criminal justice system, but they were successful in campus judiciary proceedings — and perhaps they also succeeded in getting journalists like Erdely to change the standards they used to evaluate rape accusations.'

Men’s Rights Facebook Page A Voice For Men Removed On Day Of Annual Conference

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Speaking to a crowd at the International Conference on Men’s Issues in the ExCel Centre in London, Paul Elam revealed that the Facebook page for “A Voice For Men,” one of the organising groups for the event, has been unpublished by the social network on the second day of the conference.

The timing for the unpublishing could not be any worse for the group, as they are now unable to publish post-conference articles and summaries of the event. It may have just be a coincidence, but a co-ordinated mass reporting operation could also have been the cause – so far, no group has come forward to take responsibility for the removal of the page.

After having amassed around 35,000 likes on the social media platform, the page was deleted for having “violated community standards” – it was not revealed what exact regulation was violated, and Elam was adamant that they had done nothing wrong.

This follows a series of other conservative, right-leaning, or otherwise anti-social justice or “offensive” pages being unpublished by Facebook. The Meninist page was removed this week, with the eventual reason given being that their profile photo somehow violated standards that the website had set, even after the administrators of the page had removed all of their content as a defence against such action from the company.'

Falsely Accused Teen Finally Gets Bail After 801 Days in Jail

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'The Men's Rights Group of Arizona LLC has been following the Tyler Kost case for some time and attended at least one court hearing in 2015. This case has rocked Arizona for over two years and just recently new information has emerged leading many to believe as many as 13 teen girls lied to put him in jail under false pretenses. If you haven't heard about the allegations against Tyler Kost let me give you a brief summary up to two days ago.

Tyler was a 18 year old teenager attending Poston Butte High School just outside of Florence Arizona. One day many of Tyler's ex girlfriends allegedly plotted to seek revenge against him for being "a player" and felt justified in their own brand of revenge according to news reports.'

When Women Take Power, It's Usually Because Men Have Made a Big Mess

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'It is now absolutely certain that Britain's next prime minister will be a woman. Every male candidate for party leader was eliminated after Conservative members of Parliament voted to narrow the field to two nominees. Grass-roots party members will decide between Home Secretary Theresa May and Energy Secretary Andrea Leadsom in an election that will last until September. Elsewhere in Britain, the Scottish National Party, the Green Party, Welsh nationalist party Plaid Cymru, Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party, and the Scottish Labour and Conservative parties are all led by women. The left-wing Labour Party has never had a female leader, but Angela Eagle is expected to challenge Jeremy Corbyn if he ever opens his eyes, takes his fingers out of his ears, and stops saying, "I'm not stepping down! I'm not stepping down! I'm not stepping down!"

It's hard not to notice that this blossoming of female political power comes at a time when British politics is in a stonking great mess. The June 23 referendum vote to leave the European Union means that the next prime minister will spend half her time negotiating with Europeans who want to boot the ungrateful Brits out of their union and the other half calming down Brits who want to kick Europeans out of their not at all united kingdom. In other words, the gig is a poisoned chalice. And that list of women-led U.K. political parties is less impressive when you realize that with the notable exception of the SNP's Nicola Sturgeon (and possibly the Greens, who have had more than one female leader), the women took the top spots when their parties were in crisis.'

What you didn't know having a father was saving you from

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'In 2014, 17.4 million children lived in a fatherless home. Every year there are more single moms raising children on their own. Despite the trend that seems to be rapidly increasing, there have been numerous studies that prove how essential a dad is to a child's success and overall happiness.

Here are some of the facts:

1. Children with fathers are less likely to live in poverty

In 2011, it was reported that fatherless homes were four times more likely to suffer from poverty. Single mothers work hard to provide for their families; but having a working father significantly reduces chances of poverty.

2. Children with fathers are less likely to experiment with drugs and alcohol

In the "Journal of Marriage and Family," it was reported that adolescents without a solid family structure or a working man in the home are much more prone to experiment with drugs and alcohol.

3. Girls without fathers are 3.5 times more likely to experience teenage pregnancy

A study of 264 adolescent women seeking psychological services found that the rate of pregnancy among those in a father-absent home was 17.4 percent, compared to 4 percent in a two-parent household.'

India: Most rape accusations in Mumbai are based on marriage promises

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As much as 71.9% of the accused facing rape charges in Mumbai are alleged to have lured their victims on the pretext of marriage, according to a review of such cases reported till October this year. Data compiled by police shows that of the 542 rape cases filed so far in Mumbai this year, 389 offences (71.9%) were committed by "boyfriends" of the victims after they had promised marriage, Police Commissioner Rakesh Maria said today.

He added that while 6% of the sexual assault cases involved unknown persons, the accused in the rest were either relatives or immediate siblings of the victims. Maria was responding to queries by journalists on the increasing number of rape cases in the metropolis.

Of the 542 cases lodged till October 31, 477 have been solved. Of the 333 cases which were registered during the same period last year, 316 were solved, police added. "We have been exhorting people to come forward and lodge complaints. Hence, women who faced sexual assault are approaching us without any fear," Maria added. He said that more victims approaching police was one of the reasons why the registration of rape cases had seen a jump in the metropolis.'

University faces civil rights complaint over women-only lounge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A professor has filed a complaint with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights against Michigan State University because the taxpayer-funded school features a women's study lounge in its main student union — in which male students may not trespass.

The professor is Mark Perry, a member of the economics faculty at the University of Michigan–Flint, about an hour down the road.

"The women's study lounge is a gender-exclusionary space that blatantly discriminates against men," Perry told The Daily Caller.'

GOP Platform Set To Criticize Obama Administration Crackdown On Colleges Mishandling Rape

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'The current draft of the Republican party platform will demand that only courts determine if a college student accused of sexual assault is guilty, and criticizes federal efforts to make sure universities are not mishandling reports of rape.

Delegates met Monday evening in Cleveland, and considered language in the draft of the platform that condemned the Obama administration's "distortion of Title IX to micromanage" how colleges handle sexual assault cases, and that it "contravenes our country's legal traditions."

"Whenever reported, it must be promptly investigated by civil authorities and prosecuted in a courtroom, not a faculty lounge," the draft platform reads. "Questions of guilt or innocence must be decided by a judge and jury, with guilt determined beyond a reasonable doubt. Those convicted of sexual assault should be punished to the full extent of the law."'

Cathy Young: Rape Culture in the West is as Real as ‘Witchcraft in Salem’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Late last month, Emma Sulkowicz (aka Mattress Girl) was given the Woman of Courage award by the National Organization of Women. I discussed the case and the general effect of “rape culture” hysteria recently with Cathy Young, whose article “Columbia Student: I Didn’t Rape Her” was one of the first to cast doubt on the Mattress Girl’s narrative.

...

It's an extremely circular argument, and it reminds me a little bit of arguments that were being made during the Salem Witch Hunts. The idea was that if you denied the existence of witchcraft, that inherently made you a suspect. Because, you know, why would anyone deny the existence of witchcraft unless they were with the witches and wanted to help them get away with it? So it is really a very similar argument.

I know that we can all say that, well, rape really exists. And we know today that witches did not exist, but rape does. To which I would say yeah, absolutely, rape exists. But I don’t think “rape culture” in modern Western society is any more real than witchcraft was in Salem.'

UK: Nottinghamshire Police records misogyny as a hate crime

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Harassment of women is to be recorded as a hate crime in a bid to tackle sexist abuse.

Nottinghamshire Police said it would expand its categories to include misogynistic incidents.

It means abuse or harassment which might not be a crime can be reported to and investigated by the police, and support for the victim put in place.

Nottingham Women's Centre said it hopes it will help give more victims the courage to report incidents.

Chief Constable Sue Fish claimed it will make the county a safer place for women.'

Domestic Violence Using A Pink Razor

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Article here.

'A domestic disturbance Saturday night resulted in a College Station man being treated for several cuts with a pink razor and his girlfriend being arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

28 year old Cecilia Blum was released from jail Tuesday morning after posting bond.

Her boyfriend was treated for three cuts, including one on his left thigh that was six inches long and deep enough to expose the fatty tissue.

According to the arrest report from College Station police, she was on the phone when she swung the razor in an attempt to get the boyfriend away from her.'

Cartel hitwoman confesses to bathing in victims' blood and having sex with dead men

Matt · 13 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Ever hear someone say, "No woman would EVER do THAT!", or thought it to yourself? Sure you have. But reality and prejuduces often clash. This is one time:

'A hitwoman for one of Mexico's most notorious cartels has made a stunning confession from her California jail cell: she claims to have had intercourse with beheaded corpses and drank their blood.

Mexican media reports that 28-year-old Juana – also known as 'La Peque' (the little one) – of the ruthless Zetas cartel made the admission from a Baja, California prison.

Juana said: 'Ever since I was a little girl I was a rebel, and then became a drug addict and an alcoholic.'
...
Local news site Denuncias claims Juana began to 'feel excited by it, rubbing myself in it and bathing in it after killing a victim.'

'I even drank it when it was still warm,' she alleged.

Denuncias said Juana 'insinuated' at having 'had sex with the cadavers of those decapitated, using the severed heads as well as the rest of their bodies to pleasure herself'.'

Campus Sexual Assault Adjudication: Why Universities Should Reject the Dear Colleague Letter

Matt · 13 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Paper here. Abstract:

'This Article contends that although well intentioned, the mandates of the Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) are not the best way to handle campus sexual assault. Universities should have a number of different options available, from restorative justice processes to a full-blown adjudicatory hearing. When suspension or expulsion may result, the respondent should have the right to an adjudicatory hearing with robust procedural rights. More controversially, this Article argues that despite the DCL, universities are legally entitled to make these changes.

This Article begins by situating university disciplinary proceedings legally and historically. It then turns to the DCL. It discusses whether OCR violated the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) by not going through notice and comment. After determining that the DCL is procedurally invalid, the Article discusses how universities can and should handle these cases while still remaining in compliance with Title IX. The Article concludes by acknowledging that even if schools would be allowed to make these changes they are unlikely to do so because of the considerable social (and indirect economic costs) in challenging the Department of Education.'

Stop Attacking The Education Department For Enforcing Title IX, 80 Advocacy Groups Say

Mastodon · 14 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A coalition of 80 organizations representing women, the LGBT community and minority groups issued a letter Wednesday defending the U.S. Department of Education's increased Title IX enforcement efforts.

Led by the National Women's Law Center, the groups argue that critics of how the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights is enforcing Title IX are wrong to say students accused of sexual assault are being denied due process rights. The letter further insists the Education Department did not violate administrative law when it issued guidance on how schools should handle sexual assault cases, as three federal lawsuits filed this year argue.

"Unfortunately, the Department is facing unwarranted criticism for doing its job," says the letter, which was sent to Education Secretary John B. King Jr. on Wednesday and obtained by The Huffington Post. "Some advocacy organizations, law professors, and legislators claim that the Department violated the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) by issuing the above guidance documents without going through a formal notice and comment process. They also allege that grievance procedures outlined in the 2011 sexual violence guidance violate due process rights of students accused of sexual assault. Both of these arguments are without merit."'

City Changes Rules to Keep Women-Only Swim Hours at Pool

Mastodon · 15 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Parks Department will keep the controversial women-only swim hours that cater mostly to Orthodox Jewish women at the Metropolitan Recreation Center's indoor public pool following a revision of gender discrimination policy by the city Human Rights Commission, they announced Wednesday.
...
The Human Rights Commission also softened its stance, stating that gender-separate hours could benefit some women.

“Everyone in New York City should have an equal opportunity to enjoy recreation centers," HRC spokesman Seth Hoy said. "After weighing the Parks Department’s request for an exemption for limited women-only swimming hours at two Brooklyn pools and balancing the impact on the broader community, the Commission has granted a limited exemption. Maintaining limited women-only swim hours at these pools will allow all women to enjoy the pool without being asked to compromise their religious beliefs or affiliations and will have a minimal impact on other community members’ ability to access the pool."'

Teen spends year in prison for false rape accusation

Mastodon · 15 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Jump the paywall by Googling the text of the first two paragraphs. Excerpt:

'A Jefferson County teen has been released from prison after a jury returned a verdict of not guilty on Wednesday for two felony counts of second-degree sexual assault.

Jordan Berry, 18, was released after serving more than a year in prison for a crime he did not commit.

After an hour and a half of deliberation, the seven male and five female jurors returned a not guilty verdict on all counts against Berry.

"Justice has been served," said Brenda Williams, Berry's mother. "I knew he was innocent from the beginning."

In November 2014, Berry, then 16, was arrested after a girl he had multiple prior relations with, accused him and another teen of raping her.

Berry spent more than a year waiting for his name to be vindicated and his friend, Josh Jenkins, must wait another month before he can have his trial.

"This was horrifying for my family. It destroyed our lives," Williams said.

Berry's future may have been changed by the court-appointed attorney provided to the family.

Berry was represented by defense attorney Stephanie Scales who said, "I think the jury got it right."'

Dads play key role in child development

Matt · 16 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fathers play a surprisingly large role in their children's development, from language and cognitive growth in toddlerhood to social skills in fifth grade, according to new findings from Michigan State University scholars.

The research provides some of the most conclusive evidence to date of fathers' importance to children's outcomes and reinforces the idea that early childhood programs such as Head Start should focus on the whole family, including mother and father alike. The findings are published online in two academic journals, Early Childhood Research Quarterly and Infant and Child Development.

"There's this whole idea that grew out of past research that dads really don't have direct effects on their kids, that they just kind of create the tone for the household and that moms are the ones who affect their children's development," said Claire Vallotton, associate professor and primary investigator on the research project. "But here we show that fathers really do have a direct effect on kids, both in the short term and long term."'

Research finds link between father absences and declining male college enrollment

Matt · 16 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Absent dads may be contributing to the growing male gender gap in higher education, according to research published by a professor at Brigham Young University.

Brian Willoughby, an assistant professor in the School of Family Life, was one of three authors that recently published a study in the journal “Family Relations” looking at whether the declining rate of males enrolling in college has been influenced by nonmarital birth rates and father absences.

What they found was that the gender gap opened up about 18 years after family structure changes in the late 1960s.

“I think we need to continue to talk about fathers and talk about their importance in our culture as we get more and more messages that they don’t matter,” Willoughby said.'

Pakistan: Social media star murdered by brother in "honor killing", feminists stay silent

Matt · 16 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Hundreds of women are murdered in Pakistan yearly, thousands in total there and in other Muslim countries, in "honor killings" done because they had the temerity to try living their lives without being coerced into compliant submission. Yet supposed feminists like Hillary Clinton, et al, remain utterly silent. They're more obsessed with a mythical wage gap and imaginery "microaggressions". Priorities are non-existent, it seems. Excerpt:

'A Pakistani social media celebrity whose selfies polarised the deeply conservative Muslim country has been murdered by her brother in a suspected honour killing, officials said Saturday, prompting shock and revulsion.

Qandeel Baloch, praised by many of the country's youth for her willingness to break social taboos but condemned by conservatives, was strangled near the city of Multan, police said.

"Qandeel Baloch has been killed, she was strangled to death by her brother. Apparently it was an incident of honour killing," Sultan Azam, senior police officer in Multan, told AFP.

Baloch, believed to be in her twenties and whose real name was Fauzia Azeem, had travelled with her family to Muzzafarabad village in central Punjab province for the recent Eid holiday.

She was killed there Friday, police said, adding that the brother, Wasim, was now on the run.

Up to 100 officers were gathered outside her family's home in Muzzafarabad, an AFP reporter there said. Five ambulances were also parked nearby.'

College urged to hire 'case manager' for sexual misconduct complaints

Mastodon · 17 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An advisory group is urging St. Olaf College to hire a full-time case manager just to handle complaints of sexual misconduct on the campus of 3,000 students.

That is one of the key recommendations in a lengthy report released Thursday in response to campus protests this spring.

St. Olaf commissioned the report in April after a group of students accused the liberal arts college in Northfield of mishandling allegations of campus rape, which has become a growing nationwide issue.

Thursday's report, by a group of students, faculty, staff and outside experts, concluded that the college needs someone to devote full time to managing complaints filed by or against students.

Over the past school year, St. Olaf received 14 reports of sexual misconduct, which can range from unwanted fondling to stalking to rape, according to Carl Lehmann, the college's attorney and a member of the advisory group.
...
But the advisory group declined to embrace some of the changes demanded by student protesters, including a proposal to require "verbal affirmative consent" to prove that a sexual encounter was not sexual assault. The report concluded that verbal consent is preferable, but that such a definition "would be problematic and lead to a host of unintended and negative consequences."'

The U.K. Police Force That Sees Misogyny as a ‘Hate Crime’

Mastodon · 19 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week’s news that Nottinghamshire Police in the UK now classifies misogyny as a hate crime was praised by feminist bloggers in the U.S., eager to move to the utopian county where relentless catcallers are thrown behind bars.

The Huffington Post and the Guardian both praised Notts Police.

“Literally why isn’t this a thing everywhere?” asked one writer at Self magazine, thrilled that any Nottinghamshire “asshole who whistles at you every morning needs to think twice before doling out another cat-call. That’s criminal now, sucker.”

Well, not necessarily.

In a statement announcing the initiative, a collaboration with the Nottingham Women’s Centre, the police department has broadened its definition of a ‘hate crime’ to include misogyny and harassment of women.

Obliquely worded, a misogyny hate crime is “simply any incident, which may or may not be deemed as a criminal offense, which is perceived by the victim or any other person, as being motivated by prejudice or hatred,” the statement reads.

...

The emphasis here is mine, as Nottinghamshire’s police force is setting new precedents in law enforcement by prioritizing feelings over evidence when reporting a misogyny hate crime.'

Professor targets MSU in civil rights complaint

Matt · 19 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A University of Michigan-Flint professor has filed a civil rights complaint against Michigan State University over its women's study lounge.

But the lounge, located on the first floor of the MSU Student Union, won't be restricted when it reopens later this summer, according to MSU spokesman Jason Cody. The lounge is currently being converted into an all-purpose quiet study area, accessible to all students.

But that doesn't mean MSU is off the hook, said Mark Perry, the University of Michigan-Flint economics professor who filed the complaint in July.

"I think MSU owes an apology to the thousands of men whose civil rights have been violated," Perry said, noting that men were previously not allowed to use the public space.'

University finds student not guilty in "blackout" case

Matt · 19 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Haley Lind was found alone in a stranger's bathroom, she was naked and in a drunken stupor, barely able to stand or speak, a raucous party raging around her. She awoke in her bed hours later, her head pounding, leaves in her hair, soaked in her own urine.

"I think I got assaulted last night," she texted a friend the morning after the annual welcome-back-to-school Block Party at the University of Virginia. "Something just feels very wrong."

In a dorm room about a mile away, a freshman athlete got up that same morning with a clear memory of his first college party, just days into his U-Va. career. At an off-campus residence where athletes lived, there had been the cups of a potent liquor drink and crowds of sloshed students. An alluring, petite blonde had led him into an upstairs bathroom for sex, a rash decision that would end up haunting him.'

SAVE: Campus Sexual Assault: Lawmakers Abandon Affirmative Consent, Turn to Traditional Law Enforcement Approaches

Matt · 19 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Responding to high-profile cases at Stanford University, Vanderbilt, Baylor, and elsewhere, Democratic and Republican legislators are beginning to enact laws that emphasize traditional criminal justice approaches to curbing campus rape. Lawmakers have largely abandoned consideration of affirmative consent policies, which require intimate partners to indicate agreement at every step of sexual activity.

In the wake of the Stanford rape case, California lawmakers have begun debating whether to expand the definition of rape and establish minimum sentencing requirements. In Missouri, a bill was enacted on July 1 that directs universities to enter into a memorandum of understanding with law enforcement on sexual assault policies (SB 921). Laws designed to strengthen the reporting of sexual assault cases to local law enforcement were enacted earlier this year in Hawaii and Virginia.'

Milo Suspended Permanently by Twitter Minutes Before ‘Gays For Trump’ Party At RNC

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Breitbart Tech editor Milo Yiannopoulos has been suspended from Twitter once more just 20 minutes before his “Gays for Trump” event takes place at the Republican National Convention.

The justification for the suspension is currently unknown, although it could be as a result of Milo’s run-in with Ghostbusters actress Leslie Jones on the site. Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey publicly reached out to Jones late on Monday evening after she complained about “abuse” on the platform. Milo was suspended despite the fact that he sent no abusive tweets to the actress.

BuzzFeed gleefully reported that the suspension is permanent, citing a statement from Twitter promising a clampdown on “targeted abuse.” Milo has also received a message from Twitter confirming that that his ban is permanent, copied below.'

5 Cases That Could Shape Campus Sexual Assault Investigations

Mastodon · 21 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'After Yale University expelled Jack Montague, a former basketball team captain determined by school officials to have sexually assaulted a female student, his lawyers went out on the offensive.

Employing an increasingly common strategy for male college students accused of sexual misconduct, Montague's lawyers sued Yale in June, accusing the school of violating the former basketball star's due process rights. The suit claims Yale railroaded Montague to counter criticism that it hasn't reacted strongly enough to reports of sexual assault.

The case comes as universities are amping up their response to sexual assault allegations. Those efforts have gained steam as reports of campus assaults have grown more widespread, and following a U.S. Department of Education threat, in a 2011 directive, to withhold federal funding under Title IX of the Civil Rights Act to schools that don't adequately respond to sexual violence.

As some schools have attempted to address the issue, however, their actions have led to court disputes. Some come from men who claim that they were unfairly disciplined in connection with an alleged assault. Others are advanced by female students who allege that their schools didn't do enough when they stepped forward to report themselves the victim of an assault.

Yale, represented by Connecticut's Donahue, Durham & Noonan, has yet to answer Montague's suit.

Here's a look at five other pending cases that may provide guidance on how universities should handle sexual misconduct inquiries.'

Should schools punish in sex cases when there's no accuser?

Mastodon · 21 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The expulsion of two college athletes on sexual misconduct grounds highlights a little-known facet of the latitude schools are given when investigating such cases: They can mete out punishment even in the absence of a complaint from the alleged victim.

Former Yale University basketball captain Jack Montague and former Colorado State-Pueblo football player and wrestler Grant Neal both filed federal lawsuits this year over their expulsions, alleging their schools mishandled information that originated with someone other than the alleged victim.

"There is no real complainant," said attorney Andrew Miltenberg, who represents Neal and has been the lawyer for about 100 men accused of sexual assaults on campuses. "There is no victim making the charge. There is the school acting on some sort of hearsay or information."

...

Beth Hamilton, the director of prevention and programs at the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence, defends the "preponderance" standard as appropriate in a college setting.

Schools don't have the forensic tools and other resources necessary to conduct a police-style investigation of every report and can't force people to testify, she said.

Discipline from a school is often appropriate, she said, whether the conduct rises to the level of a crime or not.

"The worst that a university can do is expel a student from their institution," she said. "The criminal justice process should have a higher standard, because the worst thing that can happen is you can incarcerate somebody."

But Johnson points out that being expelled could cost Montague millions of dollars over the course of his life, prevent him from getting a job and leave him labeled for life as a rapist.'

Male DNC delegates barred from seating due to gender

Matt · 21 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

It's Hillary's Democrat Party! Brace yourself, as this is just the beginning! Story here. Excerpt:

'A complaint to the Democratic National Convention says two male Vermont delegates were replaced by women in the name of "gender balance" and without adequate due process.

The complaint, filed by 21 Vermont Democrats, says the national party this month ordered the state party to replace Vermont Sen. Tim Ashe and party stalwart Ken Dean although Dean and Ashe were elected June 11.

Dean told The Associated Press on Wednesday about the complaint. It was filed with the DNC credentials committee.

Executive director Conor Casey of the Vermont Democratic Party said Thursday the state party was trying to follow national party requirements. A national party spokesman didn't immediately reply to a request for comment.'

You Can Now Look Up ‘Manspread’ In The Dictionary

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Readers can now look up the definition of manspreading on Dictionary.com.

On Tuesday the online dictionary added over 300 new words and definitions to make sure the publication is keeping up with the times. Among the words is one of our all-time favorite love-to-hate terms: manspread.'

‘Hysterical feminism’ isn’t helping our fight against domestic violence

Mastodon · 21 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fuming feminists are leading Australia on a terrifying hunt for scapegoats.

How many innocent men are we going to see sent to the desert before we acknowledge our nation’s domestic violence problem doesn’t — and shouldn’t — rest on any individual’s shoulders?

The last couple of weeks haven’t demonstrated impressive progress toward tackling domestic violence — or having calm debate. Rather, they are cheerless affirmation of how frenzied and dangerously controlling the modern feminist movement is becoming. The hunt is on — and heading in the wrong direction.

Those who aren’t fierce feminists want unity and equality between the sexes — not incensed war. Domestic violence is a serious, challenging issue running rife. Statistics are well known, but our strategy in dealing with that data is taking a hysterical feminist lead rather than calm yet urgent action.'

Lutheran Church Votes to Protect Women from the Draft, But Not Men

charlie · 22 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The Lutheran church votes overwhelmingly to protect women from the draft, but not men. As men flee churches, it becomes abundantly clear that churches really don't care about men. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'For its modest size and relatively apolitical ethos, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod seems to be having more than its share of days in court. Three years ago the Supreme Court unanimously vindicated one of its congregations in Hosanna-Tabor v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which recognized that churches have broad autonomy over whom they hire. This fall the justices will take up Trinity Lutheran v. Pauley, a dispute over whether states can deny funds to schools with religious affiliations.

Now the synod's two million members may have reason to anticipate yet another day in court. Last week in Milwaukee the church's triennial convention passed a resolution, by a 946-89 vote, committing to support "those who have a religious and moral objection to women participating in the selective service system and being subject to a possible draft." The text of the final resolution built on proposals by more than three dozen congregations, circuits, districts, or commissions of the synod.

That such a measure was even brought to a vote indicates how swiftly the country's legal and political culture has been changing. A similar proposal mooted only three years ago was dismissed as unnecessary. Undoubtedly, some delegates even thought it paranoid posturing.'

UK: Teenage boys in school skirt protest over hot weather

Matt · 23 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Four teenage boys have worn skirts to school in protest at being disciplined for wearing shorts on the hottest day.

The year nine students at Longhill High School in Rottingdean, East Sussex, were among about 20 boys who wore PE shorts instead of trousers on Tuesday.

Some were sent home, and others kept in isolation and excluded the next day.

When the four boys turned up in school skirts on Thursday, head teacher Kate Williams said they could "wear any part of the agreed school uniform".

The mother of 14-year-old Michael Parker, who was one of the group, said three of the boys were initially told to remove the skirts, but all four of them kept them on.'

Patents, Not Sexism, May Be Reason Women Lag in Venture Capital

Mastodon · 23 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While women own more than a third of all businesses in the U.S., companies run by them get only about 3 percent of venture capital funding. Is that one more example of sexism in Silicon Valley?

Maybe not, according to a new study by the Institute for Women's Policy Research, which found that the lack of funding may be partly explained by what it calls a gender patent gap.

For entrepreneurs and venture capitalists, patents are a bellwether of innovation. If a firm has a patent-worthy invention, it's far more likely to get financing. Managers of startups reported that more than three-quarters of venture capital investors consider whether a firm has patents when deciding whether to fund it, according to the study.
...
Women participate in teams that obtain just 18.8 percent of all patents, according to the Washington-based IWPR. While those numbers are up substantially from the 1970s, the change is proceeding at such a glacial pace that it will take until 2092 for women to catch up, the study said.'

New Ride-Sharing App Will Cater to Women Only

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new ride-sharing company is hiring female drivers only, with plans to cater to only woman and children.

"She Drives Me" will match women drivers with women passengers who may fell less comfortable with a man behind the wheel.

The company also plans to do extensive background checks and drug testing.

It's set to launch this fall in Dallas, Texas, and several other cities nationwide. You'll be able to book a ride through an app.'

Column: The sad demise of MSU's women-only lounge

Mastodon · 23 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The end of an era is near, and it's a little sad. Michigan State University says it will reopen the now-closed women's lounge at the MSU Union as a generic space for both sexes.

University of Michigan-Flint professor Mark J. Perry, like a skunk at a lawn party, has filed a civil rights complaint, saying that men's rights were violated when the university spent money on a space that doesn't welcome the guys.

Though the university says the lounge was being converted before the complaint was filed, Perry has been beating this drum for awhile.

Perry, who blogs for American Enterprise Institute, has a point. We wouldn't tolerate, nor should we, an enclave that served only men. So how can we flip the script and use different rules when it comes to a special lounge for women?'

Court Docs: Rolling Stone Author Was Too Lazy To Fix Bogus Gang Rape Article

Mastodon · 23 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New court documents filed in the defamation lawsuit against Rolling Stone reveal that disgraced reporter Sabrina Erdely knew her story about a gang rape at the University of Virginia (UVA) was deeply flawed, but refused to change it because improving it would simply be too much work. They also reveal that Rolling Stone attempted to stem a rising tide of bad press by seeking a “sympathetic” MSNBC reporter who would let Erdeley defend herself without pushing back too much.

The revelations comes in a court filing made Friday by by attorneys representing UVA dean Nicole Eramo. Eramo is suing Rolling Stone for $25 million, claiming the magazine’s 2014 article “A Rape On Campus” defamed her by portraying her as indifferent towards the gang rape of student Jackie Coakley and unwilling to take her claims seriously.'

Court Docs: Rolling Stone Recently Fired Author Of Debunked Campus Gang Rape Article

Mastodon · 24 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rollings Stone recently “terminated” its contract with Sabrina Rubin Erdely, the reporter who wrote the debunked article about the gang rape of a University of Virginia student.

Erdely’s status with Rolling Stone has been kept under wraps since UVA dean Nicole Eramo sued the magazine for defamation because of its reporter’s Nov. 2014 article “A Rape on Campus.” In previous disclosures Erdely appeared to still be employed by the magazine.'

Failed Turkish coup prisoners being tortured, raped

Matt · 24 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. If these were women being treated this way, it'd be front page news. Excerpt:

'Turkish troops imprisoned after the failed military coup are being raped, starved and left without water for days, it is claimed.

Many of the 10,000 detainees are locked up in horses' stables and sports halls - some hogtied in horrific stress positions, according to human rights campaigners.

Amnesty International has called for immediate access to prisoners after the coup a week ago which sparked a brutal crackdown and a three-month state of emergency.

More than 200 died in the uprising which aimed to topple dictatorial President Recep Erdogan - and 1,500 were injured.

Amnesty says it has 'credible evidence' Turkish police are holding detainees in stress positions for up to 48 hours, denying them food, water and medical treatment and in the worst cases some have been subjected to severe beatings and torture, including rape.'

Teachers counter-sue teen's parents over selfie taken during statutory rape

Matt · 24 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. So the teachers stat. rape a minor, then sue him over the selfies of them he took, or allegedly so. Stranger than fiction. Remember: Nymphotropism knows no bounds. Excerpt:

'In response to a lawsuit by the parents of a male high school student over their son's alleged 9-hour threesome with a pair of English teachers, one of the teachers has fired back with shocking allegations of her own.

The teacher, Shelley Dufresne, taught at Destrehan High School in Destrehan, La., about 20 miles from New Orleans.

Police say the ménage à trois featuring Dufresne, the other teacher, Rachel Respess, and the unidentified, then-16-year-old male student occurred in the fall of 2014 at Respess's apartment.

Dufresne, a married mother of three, was 32 at the time.'

New domestic violence law gives convicted murderer a shot at freedom

Mastodon · 25 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to SB0209, the mitigating factor can be that "at the time of the offense, the defendant is or had been the victim of domestic violence and the effects of the domestic violence tended to excuse or justify the defendant's criminal conduct."

Lillian Cartwright, training and court-watch project manager for the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, told me this nonprofit, which oversees all other domestic violence providers, helped get this law passed because 77 percent of incarcerated women are victims of abuse and are dramatically underserved when it comes to addressing this issue.

Aiardo's case is one of the first, if not the first, to take advantage of the new law, Cartwright said, and it speaks to the larger issue of "assisting these victims who live at the margin of society, including those who are incarcerated."'

NOW Calls Girl Who Falsely Cried Rape an ‘Inspiration’ to Real Rape Victims

Mastodon · 25 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Emma Sulkowicz, the performing artist best known for falsely accusing a man of rape and then turning her experience into art projects, received the National Organization for Women’s “Woman of Courage Award” for being an “inspiration” to rape victims.

Sulkowicz, also known as “Mattress Girl,” was made famous after she accused a fellow Columbia University student of rape. In order to protest the school’s alleged mishandling of her case, Sulkowicz promised to “Carry That Weight”—by carrying a mattress around campus—as a performance art piece until her alleged rapist was expelled or pressured to leave. The school eventually found the student Sulkowicz accused “not responsible.”

Sulkowicz’s plight gained support from self-proclaimed anti-rape activists, including New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, who invited Sulkowicz to be her guest at the 2015 State of the Union.
...
Despite the lack of evidence showing Sulkowicz was ever raped and Sulkowicz using her alleged rape as a way to promote her career, NOW is praising Sulkowicz for being an “inspiration” to real rape victims.'

Clinton Complains About Unfair ‘Hillary Standard’

Mastodon · 25 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton said that she faced an elevated “Hillary standard” on trust and honesty in a Sunday interview on CBS’ “60 Minutes.”

“People are very willing to say things about me, to make accusations about me that are — I don’t get upset about them anymore, but they are very regrettable,” she told CBS host Scott Pelley. “There’s the Hillary standard and then there’s the standard for everyone else.”

Clinton explained by citing “unfounded, inaccurate, mean-spirited attacks with no basis in truth” occurring at the Republican National Convention, where attendees repeatedly chanted “Lock her up” in response to the private email server scandal.'

DNC Interim Head: Don’t Let ‘White Boys’ Win

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The new interim head of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) has a colorful history, which includes demanding former President George H.W. Bush confess to an extramarital affair and a belief that “white boys” shouldn’t be allowed to win.

...

“[It’s not a] gender or race, it’s an attitude. A white-boy attitude is ‘I must exclude, denigrate and leave behind,” Brazile told the Post in 1999. “They don’t see it or think about it. It’s a culture.”

Brazile talked up her ability to be blunt and rude if necessary.

“I had to decide if I’d be a bitch or a whore. I chose bitch,” she told the Post. “I’d have to be strong, tough, abrasive. But I also knew I could be fair.”'

"This Tool Can Help You Prove This Common Sexist Problem Exists"

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'The timer — designed by software developer Cathy Deng — clocks the duration that a man or woman is speaking to "check who's dominating the conversation."

Deng discussed the difficulty of fostering diversity, using the tech industry as an example, on her site, AreMenTalkingTooMuch.com:

"When people talk about diversity and inclusion in tech, they often count bodies: What [percent] of women [are] at this company, what [percent of] women [are] at an event, etc. But ... inclusion is more than who's in the room. Often, in rooms that seem diverse, men still dominate conversations to a large extent.'

University creates sex-assault panel to weigh in on discipline

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Minnesota is creating a special panel of students, faculty members and staff to decide if students accused of sexual assault should be disciplined.

Officials said they plan to train a pool of 35 volunteers to preside over hearings, as part of an effort to cope with an upsurge in complaints about sexual misconduct on campus.
...
The new panel will get 20 hours of training, compared with five hours in past years, according to Eichele. The training will include, for example, why trauma victims — especially rape survivors — often delay coming forward, as well as how to weigh the credibility of witnesses.'

Georgia Tech settles two lawsuits involving sexual assaults

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University System of Georgia has settled two lawsuits by Georgia Tech students who claimed they were expelled unfairly after being wrongly accused of sexual assault.

The settlements, released through an open-records request, were completed in June and July.

In the first case, system officials agreed to pay a male student $125,000 to settle a case in which he had been accused by another male student of sexual assault. In January, the school was ordered to reinstate the student after it had found him responsible for non-consensual sexual intercourse.'

Student-athlete acquitted of rape says university won’t give him his degree

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former University of Alaska Fairbanks hockey player who was charged with and then acquitted of rape claims in a recently filed lawsuit that his university will not hand over his degree.

Allegations lodged by the former student-athlete in the suit, which also seeks $100,000 in damages, paint campus officials as somewhat vindictive in their effort to deny Nolan Youngmun his petroleum engineering bachelor’s degree even though the young man has completed all the requirements for graduation, Alaska Dispatch News reports.'

Pelosi: White men don't like Clinton 'because of guns, because of gays, and because of God'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Republican Donald Trump leads Democrat Hillary Clinton 56 percent to 25 percent among white men, according to a recent survey — and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) believes she knows why.

"So many times, white — non-college-educated — white males have voted Republican," she said in an interview with PBS on Tuesday. "They voted against their own economic interests because of guns, because of gays, and because of God, the three G's — God being the woman's right to choose."

Pelosi advised Clinton to attract more white male voters to her campaign "with an economic agenda to create jobs" because, for this demographic, "it's about the economy."'

UK: Woman makes a false rape allegation so police can give her a lift home

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Judge Patrick Durcan made the comment about 47-year-old Christina Dowie after finding her guilty of making a false report of rape in two phone calls to the emergency services on March 18 last year.

Describing her actions on the night “reprehensible” Judge Duncan gave Ms Dowie a suspended six month jail term.

She made the calls in order for Irish police to give a lift back to her home in Shannon, Ireland from Sixmilebridge – five miles away, the Irish Mirror reports.

The judge said: “All she wanted was to use the Garda as a cheap mode of transport.”

Ms Dowie – who had been drinking to celebrate St Patrick’s Day – made two false rape claims in calls to emergency services.'

UK: Mother of teen who killed himself after false rape allegation found hanged

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The heartbroken mum of a teenager who took his own life after being falsely accused of rape was found hanged in her family home.

The family of grief-stricken Karin Cheshire, 55, said she 'could not see a future' without son Jay Cheshire, 17, who took his own life after allegations of rape were made against him.

The complaint was withdrawn after two weeks but were said to have deeply affected Jay.

Karin had vowed to investigate the police's handling of the case but her family said she became 'vacant' and 'zombie-like' after his death.

The mum-of-two was found at her home in Southampton, Hampshire, on July 18 and an inquest into her death heard she had died in the same way as her son - asphyxiation as a result of hanging.'

Cornell’s kangaroo court for accused men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For several years we have been covering the near elimination of due process rights for men accused of sexual misconduct on campuses.

Universities, compelled by a directive from the Obama Department of Education under threat of loss of federal funding, have combined with toxic radical feminist “rape culture” warriors to create tribunals in which men are presumed guilty in what amount to Kangaroo courts for men on campus.

These campus tribunals have turned our traditional notions of justice around. While we used to hold to a standard that better 10 gulity men go free than 1 innocent man be convicted, now it’s Better 10 Innocent Men Suffer, Than 1 Guilty Man Escape.'

I’m a feminist — and I’m tired of Hillary’s sexist campaign

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some glass ceilings should never be cracked.

Hillary Clinton’s massive head beamed onto a video screen in the main hall of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia Tuesday night, as if the Joker had escaped from a “Batman” movie and dived into a mosh pit of leftist celebrities.

...

And there you have it, estrogen fans. Hillary’s long, exhausting quest to assume the role of Leader of the Free World was never based on her smarts, skill, experience or fitness for the enormous undertaking.

Hillary is playing the chick card from the bottom of the deck.

We were reminded, ad nauseam, that her selection as the Democratic Party’s standard-bearer has made her the first female ever to be nominated as a presidential candidate by a major political party.'

Under Title IX, a kiss isn't always just a kiss

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Under Baylor's Title IX guidelines, even a stolen kiss could trigger a process in which the accused may be presumed guilty from the start, a local defense attorney says.

Title IX, which is at the center of the sexual assault scandal that engulfed Baylor's football program earlier this year, is part of a more than 40-year-old law aimed at ensuring equal rights for those participating in educational programs that receive federal financial assistance.

It applies to all facets of a school's environment.

It has been interpreted to mean that sexual harassment of students including sexual violence interferes with the right to receive an education free from discrimination, and requires schools to take immediate action to end harassment and sexual violence.

Under Baylor's policy, even kissing could be considered "non-consensual sexual contact."

The university said in March it is spending $5 million to prevent and respond to acts of interpersonal violence.'

Appeals Court Reinstates Accused Male Student's Title IX Lawsuit Against University

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a significant ruling on the issue of Title IX in campus sexual assault investigations, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit today vacated a district court decision and will allow a male student's lawsuit against Columbia University to proceed. The Second Circuit clarified the standard for accused students pleading a violation of Title IX, and suggests the possibility of a Title VII framework, which would be much better for males suing schools due to alleged sexual discrimination.

The student claims Columbia University violated his due process rights and discriminated against him based on his gender in a wrongful sexual misconduct investigation that resulted in his suspension. The plaintiff is represented by attorney Andrew Miltenberg, who specializes in Campus Assault Due Process, and the appeal was argued by Philip A. Byler, of Nesenoff & Miltenberg, LLP.

"From the outset, Columbia University manipulated this investigation and engaged in gender bias against the accused, ignoring evidence and conflicting accounts presented by witnesses; motivated, in part, by public pressure," said Miltenberg. "This case illustrates the critically flawed process by which sexual misconduct investigations are handled at many colleges and universities, including Columbia, where there is an inherent bias against the accused male students, and recognizes that public criticism of Columbia University policies as not being aggressive enough towards men, provided a plausible inference of discriminatory bias against males."'

Court complicit in paternity fraud

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Shortly after Chris Atkins began dating Lori Lonnquist, she informed him that she was pregnant. As Atkins tells Fox 31 Denver, he “tried to do the right thing,” and the two Colorado residents got married.

When their daughter was two-and-a-half years old, the pair split up, after which Atkins paid child support and enjoyed visitation rights.

Eight years later, Lonnquist decided she wanted to change their daughter’s last name. When Atkins refused, Lonnquist informed him that the child — whom he had been supporting for the past eleven years — was not his, and a DNA test confirmed her assertion.
...
While declining to enforce visitation rights, the court continues to require Atkins, pictured below, to pay child support, even though the child is not biologically his, and despite his not being allowed to see her for the past four years.'

Sexism’s secret gift to Hillary Clinton

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yet women like Hillary Clinton also get big benefits from their gender, too. In fact, one of the main reasons Democrats wanted Hillary Clinton as their candidate is because of the belief that it’s important and appealing to put the first woman in the White House.

Her primary campaign had a notoriously hard time generating much enthusiasm, but to the extent that she did have fervent backers, they were overwhelmingly from the left’s feminist movement and from organizations specifically focused on electing women.

If Clinton were simply a former senator and secretary of state — with a lackluster record of achievement, scandal-plagued past and poor campaigning skills — and not also the first woman running for the presidency, she would at a minimum have had a lot more competitors for her party’s nomination, and likely would have been an early also-ran.'

Hillary Clinton’s Faulty Numbers on Equal Pay Would Backfire on Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At the Democratic Convention on Monday night, Senators Elizabeth Warren and Cory Booker lamented that American women do not earn “equal pay for equal work.” A Hillary Clinton administration, they promised, would right this wrong.

The latest U.S. Department of Labor data show that women working full-time make 81 percent of full-time men’s wages. But this figure is both inaccurate and misleading. This statistic looks only at raw averages and does not take into account factors such as education, skills, and hours worked. After controlling for other factors, the gender pay gap practically disappears. Indeed, among single, childless workers under 30, women earn more than men. Legislation to close the gender “wage gap” is misguided: in reality, there is no gap to close.'

Bogus ‘sex offender’ labels are ruining lives

Matt · 30 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What’s the most common age of sex-offenders?

It’s not a trick question, but unless you follow this stuff closely you’ll almost certainly answer wrong.

In fact, most people are shocked to learn that the most common age of people charged with a sex offense isn’t a creepy 39, or 51.

It’s 14.

That’s right. As the US Bureau of Justice reports: “The single age with the greatest number of offenders from the perspective of law enforcement was age 14.”

Why so young? Because people tend to have sex with people around their own age, which means young people tend to have sex with other young people. And much under-age sex is illegal.'

Joe Biden pushes debunked 'one in five' sex assault statistic at Democratic convention

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Even though Democrats, activists and the media insist campus sexual assault is such an "epidemic" we have to eviscerate due process rights to solve it, there has been little mention of the issue at the Democratic National Convention.

Even the biggest campus sexual assault fearmonger of them all, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, ignored the issue during her convention speech. There's hardly any mention of it in the Democratic Party platform.

But Vice President Joe Biden, one of the other peddlers of the alleged epidemic, did mention the issue in a video that played prior to his convention speech. The video pushed the debunked statistic that one in five women will be sexually assaulted in college campuses. Anyone who's looked into the statistic beyond the talking points of the biased people who crafted the survey it's based on will see that it is nonsense.'

Belinda Brown: Women exploit men’s chivalrous instincts

Matt · 30 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Psychologists recently established, for the benefit of those too blinkered to know already, that society perceives harming women as less morally acceptable than harming men.

This was in the past deeply beneficial to evolution. A society’s survival would have depended on the number of mature females able to reproduce and the degree to which their children could be nurtured, nourished and protected to maturity. Both of these processes would have required adaptations where women’s interests and wellbeing were prioritised over those of men.

Sadly, the way women have in recent times exploited this pivotal position means the benefits that accrued from this sort of behaviour are being reversed.

There are two consequences that flow from this greater concern for women. Firstly, what has been dubbed “The Empathy Gap”; a lack of empathy, and understanding when it comes to the problems facing men.

For example academic literature explains male suicide as a result of the male urge for power. When this is thwarted, suicide becomes a way of re-establishing control. It is not just Labour MP Jess Phillips who laughs at male suicide. I was recently at a lecture at LSE where the subject came up. When a member of the audience said that the higher rate of male suicide was a result of them being more effective at using weapons, the audience simply laughed.'

The 'Dad' Documentary released

Matt · 31 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'In Australia, 1 in 6 children don't live with their biological Dad and in the UK and USA it's 1 in 3...

Everyday, 261 Divorce cases are lodged in our Australian Federal Circuit Court and it's estimated that at least 3 dads take their lives due to family related issues. The rate of suicide and depression with both dads and children are at there highest level ever.

Since the first screening of this film back in November 2014, Karen and her team have presented the film in Parliament, Canberra after being personally invited by two politicians to open discussions into reforming the Australian Family Court system.

Karen also spoke at the Men's Family Law/Violence Conference Victoria. More recently at Senator John Madigan's campaign dinner and a Family Court rally event of over 200 people in Fitzroy Town Hall.'

"Feminists and Other Politically Correct Tyrants Are Taking over the World"

Mastodon · 31 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to hypocritically extolling the virtues of tolerance and falsely presenting themselves as defenders of free speech, collectivist feminists are true experts. They claim that they fight to liberate and empower women, but any time a woman dares to say something that bothers them, they try to censor her in hordes.

Last week, I published a video in which I spoke of “the tyranny of collectivist feminism.” Naturally, the video was online for less than one day because the social medium in which I had published it decided to delete my account due to “massive complaints” about my viewpoint. The feminists who argue that I’m wrong and that they want to establish no kind of tyranny managed to remove my video from the air simply because they didn’t like it.

This incident is a small sample of feminists’ great intolerance and their constant struggle against freedom of speech. Recently, a Mexican singer called Gerardo Ortiz was arrested for “advocating crime.” The arrest warrant was issued because hundreds of women accused Ortiz on social media of “promoting femicide” in one of his music videos. Both Ortiz and the video’s producer were found guilty and even the property in which the scenes were filmed is under the authority’s custody.'

Australia: It’s time to fight back against feminism

Mastodon · 31 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Radical feminism shouldn’t be allowed to hijack our fight against domestic violence.

I recently asserted DV isn’t a male problem, it’s society’s problem; I was called a “misogynist”, “traitor” and “disgrace”.

Believing in equality doesn’t make anyone a misogynist. Contrary to a harmful, brainwashing feminist TV advertising campaign, men aren’t born evil perpetrators.

Bullying is never excusable, despite your cause. Clearly, feminism only cares about women who agree with their agenda.

Both men and women are capable of domestic violence.

The Queensland Government Department of Communities report found that more than one in three domestic and family violence protection orders issued by the Magistrate Court were issued to protect men.

And one in three victims of current partner violence during a 12 month period were male, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Scientists expose major differences between boys and girls in shock study

Mastodon · 31 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists have spent years campaigning against “sexist” children’s toys which allegedly promote gender stereotypes.

Now researchers have shown that baby boys and girls naturally choose to play with the sort of gender-specific toys which many campaigners find offensive.

A team from City University, London, found that baby girls tended to enjoy interacting with faces and practising “fine motor skills”, whilst boys used their increased “interest and ability in spatial processing” whist playing.
...
The research flies in the face of feminists who believe kids’ playthings promote “harmful and limiting stereotypes”, because it suggests kids have a natural tendency to play in different ways.

Dr Brenda Todd, a senior lecturer in psychology at City University said: “Biological differences give boys an aptitude for mental rotation and more interest and ability in spatial processing, while girls are more interested in looking at faces and better at fine motor skills and manipulating objects.'

PBS Indicts White Men on Hillary: Guilty of 'Ambivalent or Benevolent Sexism'

Mastodon · 31 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Liberals are unhappy at this point that Hillary Clinton isn't trouncing Donald Trump, so there must be an obvious culprit: Sexism. Especially among white males, the most likely Republican voters. On Thursday night's PBS NewsHour, they interviewed their own correspondent Daniel Bush on their question "Does gender bias explain why Hillary Clinton has fared so poorly with white male voters?"

Bush wrote an article for the NewsHour website titled "The hidden sexism that could sway the election." He interviews people who say they can't trust her, citing the fiasco in Benghazi. Bush isn't convinced. Say she's not trustworthy? It's because she's a woman. White males who won't vote for Hillary and deny thinking women aren't suited for the presidency are in denial, suggests PBS.

...

Brangham ended the interview with an atta-boy: "Thanks for this. Great reporting." If we were playing at this game, we could suggest that subconsciously, these two white men loathe both their whiteness and their maleness, which would explain this segment.

The PBS lesson? Don't vote for Hillary because she's a woman. Vote for Hillary so you're not accused of subconsciously loathing females doing anything but making you breakfast.'

Men need not apply: Meet See Jane Go, a startup ride service for women only

Mastodon · 31 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For men hoping to hail a female driver, See Jane Go redirects them automatically to Uber or Lyft through its app, which avoids any discrimination claims. The company will not allow male passengers unless accompanied by a female.

“We didn’t want to completely cut men out because we want our women to have maximum flexibility using the app,” said Toonen. “As long as the woman is the account holder and is the one who hailed the ride, he can come along. She’s informally saying, ‘He’s OK, he’s with me.’”

She added, “There will never be a situation with a female Jane driver alone with a man in the car.”'

Mom beats daughter live on Facebook, faces no charges

Matt · 31 July 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. Description:

'A video on Facebook that shows a mother beating her 16-year-old daughter has sparked a debate online about discipline and public shaming.'

Malecare seeks survey responses

Matt · 1 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Please take the short Prostate Cancer and Sleep survey.

http://prostatecancersurvey.org

Sleep is an under researched quality of life issue for men diagnosed with prostate cancer. Help us find ways to help all of us around sleep and prostate cancer. The survey is anonymous and takes less than 7 minutes to complete.

The data gathered will be used to create a peer reviewed journal article and, possibly, a presentation to the American Society of Clinical Oncology. The study is entirely financed by individual donations to Malecare Cancer Support.

http://prostatecancersurvey.org

Thanks!

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Cal Poly ‘Men and Masculinity’ position emphasizes sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'California Polytechnic State University is looking for a new “Men and Masculinity Coordinator” whose primary responsibility will be to address issues of sexual assault on campus.

The job will consist of, among other things, “increasing education and awareness and lowering incidents of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking,” and the preferred applicant for the job will have a “65 hour California State Certification as a Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Crisis Counselor.”

Additionally, all eligible candidates for the job must have a “working knowledge of the practices, procedures, and activities of gender-based violence prevention education and outreach efforts.”'

Former Ivy League athlete suspended for alleged sexual assault wins important — and surprising — court victory

Mastodon · 2 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Can a male student held responsible by a university for an alleged sexual assault successfully make the case that his fate was the result of sex discrimination against him?

Many have tried and many have failed. Indeed, some have been all but laughed out of court.

But now the Second Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals has opened the door to just such a scenario. Reversing a U.S. District Court decision, the panel ruled Friday that a former athlete's suit against Columbia University, which suspended him for a year for "sexual assault: nonconsensual sexual intercourse," may go forward based on his claim that university officials acted with anti-male bias, in violation of Title IX, the federal education law that bars discrimination by schools receiving federal funds.'

"Togetherness Fest": For women only

Matt · 2 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Togetherness Fest: Where everyone is welcome to come together, so long as "everyone" has a vagina. Excerpt:

'If you ask San Francisco DJ Ms. Jackson, electronic music has been traditionally dominated by men for too long.

Fed up with the glaring lack of inclusion, Jackson opted to make a change. She teamed up with her friend Audrey Joseph, the San Francisco Armory's director of events, to launch Together Fest, an all-women electronic music festival to debut Oct. 8.

"We asked, 'How do we highlight some of these artists that should be getting headlining spots at festivals but aren't because of their gender?'" Jackson says. "We know that there is an incredible amount of female talent in electronic music, in hip-hop, in house music. There should be a mainstream music festival that has an all-female lineup."

The event will take place across two stages in the 4,000-person music venue at the Armory, only a few weeks after the space's final touches are complete. It will also include a silent disco, games, food trucks and "chill zones."'

UK: Lawyer argues woman should not be sent to jail for molesting child as 'shame' of being paedophile enough

Matt · 3 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A judge has rejected the claim of a lawyer defending a woman who was convicted of a string of sexual offences against a nine-year-old girl that she should not face jail time because the “shame” brought on herself and her family is punishment enough.

Raheelah Dar, 43, from Middlesborough, was convicted of three counts of indecent assault and two of indecency with a child, which she denied. She was jailed for seven years at a sentencing hearing on Tuesday.

She was accused of isolating, manipulating and molesting the girl, who is now an adult and cannot be named for legal reasons, in a case of abuse that spanned four years, Gazette Live reported.'

Bret Ellis on SJWs/political correctness

Matt · 3 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Oh, clearly you didn't think the little snowflake justice warriors everywhere, from the LAist to Flavorwire to Jezebel to Teen Vogue to Vulture, were going to let this innocuous piece go unnoticed without having a hissy fit? Oh yes, most deliciously, the little snowflakes got so pissed off and were just sooo unbelievably offended by this piece, that they had to denounce it. Oh, little snowflakes, when did you all become grandmothers and society matrons, clutching your pearls in horror at someone who has an opinion about something, a way of expressing themselves that's not the mirror image of yours, you snivelling little weak-ass narcissists? The high moral tone from social justice warriors is always out of scale with what they are indignant about. When did this hideous and probably nerve-wracking way of living begin transforming you into the authoritarian language police, with your strict set of little rules and manufactured outrage, demanding apologies from every sandwich or salad you didn't like?

Teen Vogue, of course, found the use of "boobs" and "knockers" as yes, "misogynistic", and started a very tired complaint about 'the male gaze' - that's g-a-z-e, listeners. When I hear self-proclaimed feminists complaining about the male gaze yet again and hoping that it will - what, go away? be rerouted, contained? - I'm thinking, are these women so deluded that they are bordering on insanity, or have they just not gotten laid in the last four years? The writer piping up in Teen Vogue about the insensitive misogyny of the Ferreira piece, and how women need to be respected and not judged by their looks - and yes, the irony is delicious coming from Teen Vogue - seemed so childish along with all the idiots tweeting out their hate, that Tavana quote-unquote "reduced a woman's art to whether you want to fuck her or not, you're trash", is indicative of the moment we are in.'

Obama Writes For Glamour: All Men Should Be Feminists

Mastodon · 4 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama penned a column for Glamour magazine declaring that he is a feminist, and urging all men to join him.

Citing his own two daughters, Obama explained that it was important for them to see their dad as someone who supports them in the face of challenges that they face as women.

"Yes, it's important that their dad is a feminist, because now that's what they expect of all men," he wrote in an essay running more than 1,500 words.

Obama complained that there were still so many "gender stereotypes" in today's culture, an issue that he grew more sensitive about as a father.

"[Y]ou become even more aware of how gender stereotypes pervade our society," he said. "You see the subtle and not-so-subtle social cues transmitted through culture."'

Breitbart: The Men's Rights Movement - a smart necessary counterweight to man-hating feminism

mens_issues · 4 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

A nice article in Breitbart. Excerpt:

'At the start of July, the second International Conference on Men's Issues was held at the ExCel centre in London, two years after the inaugural conference in Detroit. Jointly hosted by A Voice for Men and the British political party Justice for Men and Boys, men from all around the world flocked to the centre to hear people discuss real issues that affected them.

The ICMI is one of the only places where issues that affect men and boys are even recognised as being legitimate – it is safe to say that the wider society has no real grasp of the seriousness of such pressing issues as male suicide, domestic violence against men, false rape accusations and many others.

Men's Rights Activists (more commonly known as MRAs) have an undeserved reputation in mainstream society; they are commonly portrayed as misogynists, bigots, and generally strange individuals, who sit at home in their mothers' basements fawning over anime characters in their fedoras and trenchcoats.

Yet pretty much every conference attendee looked just like every other human being on this planet – they are not the monsters that the media makes them out to be, just ordinary, normal men who are passionate about the issues discussed.'

Billboard campaign asks men to do more to prevent domestic violence

Mastodon · 5 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) has placed billboards around the state, including two in the Harrisburg area, to raise awareness.

The billboards are located on 322 near Mushroom Hill Road, and another along Jonestown Road. The goal is to engage men to become more active in the prevention of domestic violence.

PCADV is asking men to initiate conversations with children, especially with boys about healthy relationships.

According to the PCADV, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will be a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. One in 3 teens will be a victim of dating violence.'

How American College Campuses Have Become Anti–Due Process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On April 4, 2011, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) released a document dramatically reinterpreting Title IX, the federal law that prohibits gender discrimination in colleges and universities that receive federal funds. The document issued by the OCR was a "Dear Colleague" letter, an allegedly informal agency guidance that Department of Education officials claimed did not need to follow notice-and-comment rulemaking pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

The "Dear Colleague" letter specified the procedures that the OCR believed colleges and universities should follow in sexual assault cases in order to comply with Title IX. Although two Department of Education officials have publicly noted that the letter does not have the force of law, this concession does not change its practical effect, which is to coerce universities into compliance. Moreover, each change in Title IX requirements found in the letter increases the likelihood of a guilty finding in a campus sexual assault case.'

Minnesota further erodes due process for accused students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'College students accused of sexual assault in Minnesota — most of whom are male — have something new to fear besides false or exaggerated accusations: Anonymous reporting.

A new law taking effect this week requires all colleges and universities in the North Star State to allow students to anonymously report sexual assault. The intentions are noble — many victims of sexual assault are naturally afraid to come forward, so allowing them to do so anonymously through the Internet could be helpful. But as with many good intentions, the consequences (which were probably not even considered) can be awful.
...
And that's bad for the accused, who already have limited to no due process rights on a college campus. Now they can be accused and have no idea, and potentially be investigated without ever knowing the identity of their accuser, giving them no ability to properly defend themselves or confront their accuser.'

The Left’s Grandstanding on Sexual Assault

Mastodon · 5 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In light of the Rolling Stone-University of Virginia libel lawsuit and other rape hoaxes across the U.S., The Women Against VAWA Excess (known as WAVE) issued a brief directed towards Democratic Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and her rhetoric on sexual assaults.

In their brief, WAVE noted, “Gillibrand has no regard for the presumption of innocence and has repeatedly misrepresented the facts surround the issue.” Additionally, Wave pointed out how the criminal justice system’s purpose is to “reach a reliable determination of innocence and guilt,” while the Left’s rhetoric is to mostly ignore the due process rights of the accused. Gillibrand also called Columbia University student Emma Sulkowicz a “survivor,” whereby WAVE countered and said, “the accused student had been cleared by the campus committees and the local DA refused to take on the case.”'

"Five Ways Men Can Be Feminists At Work"

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'But sexism and sexist discrimination still happens in every workplace, every day, and it's mostly men who lead on making it happen. We can see this in terms of representation and organisational norms or practices. The numbers, still, very obviously point to the need for action—here are just a few, for the record. In the City of London 41 percent employees are women, but only around 5 percent of FTSE chief executives are women; only 26 percent of FTSE 100 board members are women (better than 1999, admittedly, when it was 0.2 percent, but still far from equal).

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1. Take responsibility for the patriarchy

All men at work benefit from what Australian sociologist Raewyn Connell has named the "patriarchal dividend."This is the unearned social or professional capital that men accrue, in that colleagues tend to assume men are somehow naturally more suited to being or just are better doctors, lawyers, academics, or politicians. This dividend doesn't just happen—it has to be reproduced and maintained for future generations. If men recognize this and take responsibility for it, then we can start to make positive changes to workplaces.'

‘Intersectional’ atheism campus speaker threatens to sue after sexual harassment claims

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'Atheist social-justice activist Richard Carrier believed the survivor – until the survivors and their allies in the atheism movement accused him of sexual harassment.

Now he’s threatening legal action against his accusers, his former blog network and the conference that banned him in the wake of allegations by Arizona State University student Amy Frank.

A former speaker to Secular Student Alliance chapters before that organization began investigating Frank’s claims, Carrier describes himself as a feminist and promotes an “intersectional” strain of atheism. Before the allegations, he was perhaps best known for arguing against the existence of an historical Jesus Christ.'

Feminist scholar’s research finds that ‘yes means yes’ sex policies don’t work in practice

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'New York, California, Connecticut and Illinois all expect college students to get the “affirmative consent” of their partners before having sex. Otherwise, it’s sexual assault under state law.

Many other colleges have voluntarily implemented “yes means yes” policies that automatically judge a student (usually male) responsible for sexual misconduct if his partner (usually female) says later that her apparent consent was not valid.

Those laws and rules badly misunderstand how students actually approach sex, according to research by a self-proclaimed feminist scholar at San Francisco State University’s Center for Research and Education on Gender and Sexuality.

Prof. Jason Laker and his research partner, Santa Clara University’s Erica Boas, have spent the past four years interviewing students about how they initiate and agree to engage in sexual activity – and it’s nothing like affirmative consent requires, Inside Higher Ed reports.'

USC Campus Rape Lawsuit: This Title IX Official's Vulgar Response Is Unbelievable

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'A male University of Southern California student expelled for sexual assault appealed the decision on grounds that the adjudication process was wholly inadequate and stacked against him from the start. USC's Title IX coordinator responded with shocking hostility—bureaucrats don't like when their authority is questioned, it seems.

"Does that college motherfucker know who I am?" USC Title IX Director Gretchen Dahlinger Means asked Title IX Investigator Patrick Noonan, after a conference call during which the student, "John Doe," had explained his intention to appeal. It was a hot mic moment: Dahlinger and Noonan thought the student and his lawyer had already exited the call.

That was not the only outburst. Means also said, "Who do those motherfuckers think they are?" in reference to the student and his lawyer, who had asked for USC to release the identities of the panel members who had voted to expel Doe. The administrators did not merely refuse this request; they were apparently incredulous that such a request had been made at all—that a student could possibly have the gall to ask for some basic transparency with respect to the Kafka-esque procedure that ruined his life.'

Title IX is killing men’s teams at historically black colleges and universities

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'What happens when women represent 7 out of every 10 students across an entire class of colleges?

Men’s athletics get the ax – or more accurately, they get clear-cut.

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It’s emblematic of schools in predominantly black conferences, where more than a dozen sports – “mainly of the nonrevenue variety” – have been dropped or suspended in the past five years.'

India: High court sets aside rape-of-minor conviction

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'Setting aside the conviction and life sentence imposed on a farmer by a trial court on the charge of raping a minor girl, the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court observed that the prosecution should be vigilant enough to conduct the investigation in a right manner and bring home the guilt of the accused in a flawless way.

This is imperative, as “any failure on the part of the prosecution would definitely go to the benefit of the accused,” said Justice B. Gokuldas. Allowing a criminal appeal filed by farmer Chellappan from Gandarvakottai village in Pudukottai district, a division bench comprising Justices K.K. Sasidharan and Gokuldas said that the medical officer who issued the certificate of the minor girl had very clearly mentioned that there was neither external injury on the private part nor any internal injury in the form of tearing of hymen.

The judges observed that Mahila Court in Pudukottai district imposed life sentence to the appellant under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 on the charge of raping a 11-year-old girl in a cashew grove in Pudukottai on June 2, 2013, without cross-examining the evidences submitted by the police properly.'

NPO Victory: Shared Parenting is Now the Law in Missouri

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'Three years ago, Linda Reutzel, Chair of the National Parents Organization chapter of Missouri, decided to take matters into her own hands. Her son had received the usual treatment in family court, and Linda was rarely able to see her own grandchild. So she decided to get the custody law changed.

Now, three years later, she can point with pride to the near-unanimous passage of a strong shared parenting law in Missouri, which was signed into law by Governor Jay Nixon a few weeks ago!'

CDC seeking comments on the "Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN)" program

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'The WISEWOMAN program (Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation), sponsored by the CDC, was established to examine ways to improve the delivery of services for women who have limited access to health care and elevated risk factors for cardiovascular disease (CVD). The program focuses on reducing CVD risk factors and provides screening services for selected risk factors such as elevated blood cholesterol, hypertension, and abnormal blood glucose levels. The program also provides women with referrals to lifestyle programs and medical care. The WISEWOMAN program provides services to women who are jointly enrolled in the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP), also administered by CDC.
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CDC will continue to use the information collected from WISEWOMAN awardees to support program monitoring and improvement activities, evaluation, and assessment of program outcomes. The overall program evaluation is designed to demonstrate how WISEWOMAN can obtain more complete health data on vulnerable populations, promote public education about disease incidence, cardiovascular disease risk-factors, health promotion, improve the availability of screening and diagnostic services for under-served women, ensure the quality of services provided to underserved women, and develop strategies for improved interventions.'

UK: Scientists recommend HPV vaccine for boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys should be given the HPV jab alongside girls to prevent cancer and not doing so is ‘discriminatory’, scientists claim.

The vaccine protects against the Human Papilloma Virus, which triggers a range of cancers including cervical in women and head, throat and neck.

It is already offered to 12 and 13 year old schoolgirls and is estimated to protect against 70 per cent of cervical cancers but the Government is reluctant to roll it out to males.

The Department of Health is currently overseeing a pilot which launched last month to test the cost and effectiveness at offering the jab in some clinics.

But growing numbers of academics say it should be given to adolescent boys at the same time as girls to prevent cancers of the throat, head and neck.'

Law Professors Defend Use Of Preponderance Standard In Campus Rape Cases

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'A group of more than 90 law professors from at least three dozen different universities signed onto a white paper, to be released Sunday, defending the U.S. Department of Education's guidance on how colleges should handle sexual assault cases.

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The preponderance standard is used in civil lawsuits. In criminal courts, there's a higher standard to establish someone's guilt: "proof beyond a reasonable doubt," meaning there's hardly any chance the accused person isn't guilty.

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"There is a mistaken tendency to assume that the Department of Education is policing rape on college campuses and should therefore use the background norms of criminal law as an appropriate model for adjudication procedures," Baker told The Huffington Post. "In fact, the department is responding to the overwhelming evidence that a culture of male sexual entitlement permeates college campuses and that women suffer disproportionately from having to live, study, and try to learn in that environment."'

Colleges Embrace Online Anonymous 'Snitching' to Fight Sexual Violence

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'Now, states like Minnesota and Connecticut have enacted laws requiring their colleges to implement websites where students can make anonymous complaints about sexual assault and harassment. An investigation is only launched when an official report is filed.

Some say these laws and other attempts to allow anonymous "snitching" go too far, opening the door to false accusations and recriminations.

"It's Orwellian," said John F. Banzhaf, III, professor of public interest law at George Washington University Law School. "They don't even have to tell you a complaint was filed."

The person reported may never have a chance to defend himself, he said, jeopardizing a student or faculty member's reputation and career. Banzhaf says he was falsely accused of harassment under an anonymous hotline reporting system that was set up at GWU in 2002.

"I found out when I was vacationing and got a long-distance call saying I had to get right back," he told NBC News. "I was informed a high official received a complaint about me."'

Study: College students' realities don't align with schools' affirmative-consent standards for sex

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'Non-verbal cues figure in frequently with sexual consent among college students, and that may not comport with schools' affirmative-consent rules, say two academics who spent one year interviewing a sample of northern California freshmen.

"The idea of affirmative consent has resulted in progressive advancement of college policies. But just because you make it clearer what we expect in terms of consent from a legal or policy standpoint, that doesn't change the fact that people are limited in their ability to meet those expectations," Jason Laker told Inside Higher Ed. A counselor education professor at San Jose State University, he worked on the study with Erica Boas, an adjunct lecturer at Santa Clara University.

More than 800 universities have adopted an affirmative-consent standard, according to a 2014 article. Also, California in 2015 passed a law requiring universities to adopt a standard of affirmative consent in their discipline policies. The policy changes followed more attention to campus sexual-misconduct issues, and a 2011 "Dear colleague" letter from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. It stated that sexual violence is among the offenses banned by Title IX, and also directed schools to use a preponderance-of-evidence standard, rather than a burden-of-proof standard, in sexual-misconduct hearings.'

Discipline or domestic violence? Watch teacher drag daughter by the neck at school

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'Hoover High School surveillance video shows PE teacher Lori McCombs grab her teen daughter by the neck and drag her while the pair was inside the school.

McCombs is charged with third-degree domestic violence in the 2015 incident. AL.com obtained a copy of the videotape today. The attack happened at the school on Aug. 27, 2015 and reportedly followed a discussion where the teen daughter told her mother she wouldn't be able to compete in a track meet the following day because of an injury.

McCombs in May was arrested in the parking lot of the Hoover City Schools' central office on the domestic violence charge. Hoover police investigated the incident when it happened, and the teen victim in May completed the necessary paperwork to have McCombs charged. McCombs is no longer the legal guardian of her daughter, and remains on the 2016-2017 schedule.'

Feminism: Why I'm campaigning for UK schools to teach boys and girls all about it

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'It was seen as normal that boys could tell me girls had evolved to have 'smaller brains than them' - so we should stay at home. Or not be a part of the football team.

When I started secondary school these issues became more apparent to me as I began to think properly about the things that were going on around me.

Now aged 14, this thought process led me to start a petition, “A In Equality”, because I think that feminism should be on the PSHE (personal, social, health and economic) curriculum in all schools. In order to achieve equality on every front, we need to start by educating the future generation on the rights that will affect every single person every single day.'

Fathers' rights activists push for change after toddler's death

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'Fathers' rights activists hope that the recent death of a Grimes toddler while in his mother's care can help spur changes to the state's child custody laws, saying that could help prevent tragedies.

The boy's father said he tried to alert authorities to the mother's mental health issues, fearing that they might pose a danger to their child.

Bryan Iehl, founder of the group IowaFathers, said he has worked to pass legislation for the past 10 years that would require courts to grant joint physical care of children in divorce proceedings unless there's evidence it wouldn't be in the child's best interest. Last session, the bill passed the Iowa House but did not advance in the Senate.'

"The challenge of convincing white men they're not as meritorious as they think"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The makeup of Australia's new federal Parliament has finally come together, and with it comes some joyous news: a whopping 73 of our 266 parliamentarians are now women, or 32.3 per cent. That puts us in the illustrious company of countries like Laos, Guyana and Nepal, and even sees us inch ahead of Afghanistan, that renowned stronghold of women's rights.
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But an outfit in the US is pushing back against that dynamic. Most American political action committees (or PACs for short) are little more than fundraising avenues for Presidential and Congressional candidates, but the delightfully named Can You Not PAC has a different goal: to discourage straight white guys from running for office and throw their support behind women, people of colour and LGBTQ people instead.

Started in 2014 by co-founders Jack Teter and Kyle Huelsman – two college-educated white guys themselves – the PAC's target audience isn't the under-represented groups it's trying to empower. Rather, Can You Not direct their message at "egregiously overconfident white men" who are so convinced of their own unique ability to solve all the world's problems, they run for office despite being manifestly unqualified.
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"We challenge brogressives and others to reject any notion that they are uniquely qualified or positioned to seek political office in districts that don't need them," Can You Not's website explains. "As well-represented white dudes, we feel it is our obligation to know when to shut up and Not."

Besides the obvious point that the world doesn't need any more starry-eyed white boys living out their West Wing fantasies on the taxpayer dime, one of the main reasons Can You Not asks left-leaning white men in particular to step aside is that progressive policies are more likely to become reality in legislatures with significant female, non-white and queer presences.'

No Harassment, No Victim, No Investigation. Expelled Anyway.

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Story here. Excerpt:

'One of our classes involved training on deadly force, which covers the protective procedures utilized when an officer is under attack. One student, playing the perpetrator, crouches over another student, playing the officer, and pretends to strike the officer in the face. In self-defense, the officer rolls the perpetrator over, changing positions to neutralize the threat.

For purposes of this training exercise, I was the designated “perpetrator” and a female student in the class the designated “officer.” The demonstration proceeded uneventfully and the class dismissed.

But at the next class, I was called out of the room and escorted to the administrator’s office. At that time, I was accused of “inappropriate contact” with the female cadet during the training demonstration.

Oddly, the complaint was not filed by the female student who had participated in the training exercise, or by any of the three instructors who closely observed our every move. Instead, the complaint came from another student who claimed he witnessed this “inappropriate” contact. None of the other 25 students watching the demonstration noticed anything out of the ordinary.

Adding to the irony was the fact that this female classmate and I were friends. She often solicited my help with her classwork. Just 20 minutes before I was summoned to the office, she had joined me and another student for lunch.

Now, I found myself being escorted out of the building.

Three days later the Investigator sent me a text message informing me that I was being terminated from the school. Three weeks the Termination Letter arrived. The letter contained accusations of actions that had never occurred and for which no substantiation was provided. The letter concluded with these blunt words: “No Appeal.”'

Expelled student sues university after rape charge dismissed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Augustana University student who was expelled after being charged with rape has filed a federal lawsuit against the school after prosecutors dismissed the case.

Koh Evan Tsuruta filed the lawsuit against the university seeking damages for loss of educational opportunities, emotional injury and future income. No specific amount of damages was listed.

The lawsuit states that the university employees handling his case weren't properly trained in investigating and adjudicating allegations of rape.

This, he said, resulted in failing to consider factors he claims could have worked in his favor, including interviewing witnesses who could have balanced the account and the alleged victim, who threatened to make a false rape allegation against a former boyfriend.'

As tales of campus 'rape culture' rage, justice goes missing

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'I told my son that he should include that warning in his speech to his oldest boy, who is heading to college as a highly recruited athlete. A prominent criminal attorney in his community, my son quickly agreed, having on occasion defended young clients against serious allegations of rape and assault stemming from too much partying.

The slightest sexual inference can now be wind up being classified as unwanted, possibly resulting in severe reaction from college officials pressed by authorities all the way to the White House. Male students are particularly vulnerable to accusations that can leave them without normal legal protections and scarred for life. In he-said-she-said accusations, there is a tendency to take precipitous action immediately against the accused. The infamous and ultimately discredited Rolling Stone article about fraternity gang rapes that actually never took place is dramatic evidence of that. It was all made up, apparently in an attempt by an activist to promote her agenda.'

Joe Biden Calls on University Presidents to Address Sexual Assault: ‘You Can’t Pretend You Don’t Know’

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'Vice President Joe Biden called on university presidents Monday to help “change the culture” on campuses in terms of responding to reports of sexual assault.

“That message starts from the president on down at the university,” Biden said in a conference call with university officials. “It really, really matters.”

Biden said there is no justification for students to be sexually assaulted on campus and that schools must do a better job of responding to sexual assault complaints. He said universities must gather their own information through surveys to understand the specific issues on their campus.'

How Would Trump Change Higher Education Policy?

Matt · 9 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month I looked at Hillary Clinton's higher education proposals in this Clarion Call, and found nothing to praise in them. They merely deepen the already ruinous federal involvement in subsidizing college.

Now it's time to take a look at the higher education ideas that have been advanced by Donald Trump and the Republicans.

I will start with the Republican Platform even though it's not clear how much the nominee is committed to it. Several pages are devoted to higher education.

The first issue raised is the problem of Title IX and its abuse by federal bureaucrats. "We emphatically support the original, authentic meaning of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972," the platform states.

That provision, it continues, was intended to ensure that girls and women would have the same educational opportunities as males, but has been perverted to "impose a social and cultural revolution upon the American people by wrongly defining sex discrimination to include sexual orientation and other categories."'

Resolving conflict: men vs. women

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Guess you can file this one under "stereotype busters". Excerpt:

'It's not exactly front-page news that when it comes to conflict, men and women usually behave very differently. The way they resolve those conflicts also tends to differ.

While men can be aggressive and combative, a new study shows that, from the tennis court to the boxing ring —modern equivalents of one-on-one conflict — men are more likely than women to make peace with their competitors after the competition ends.

Using videos of four sports in 44 countries, Joyce Benenson, an associate of Harvard's Human Evolutionary Biology Department and a professor of psychology at Emmanuel College, and Richard Wrangham, the Ruth B. Moore Professor of Human Evolutionary Biology, found that men are far more likely to engage in friendly physical contact — handshakes, back pats and even hugs — following competition than women are. The study is described in the journal Current Biology.

Importantly, Benenson said, the study also lends credence to what researchers call the "male warrior hypothesis," the notion that men broker good feelings after conflict to ensure they can call on allies to help defend the group in the future.'

‘Hottest Olympic Dudes’? ‘Ab Appeal’? It’s objectification when it’s about women. What about men?

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'One decries the way analysts focus on the appearance of female Olympians, not their athletic accomplishments. The other features a slideshow of mostly shirtless, nearly naked men, with an invitation to “Come, join us on the official horndog tour of Rio.”

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In sports, as in the workplace, men have been privileged, their athletic prowess not slighted in favor of commentary about their bodies. “When we objectify men, their economic and professional power isn’t reduced or threatened,” writes Daisy Buchanan in Marie Claire UK.

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After Cosmopolitan magazine found itself under fire in 2014, when they posted an Olympic bulge breakdown that drew criticism, it defended the compilation of not-safe-for-work images: “Athletes and performers’ bodies are their tools, so I’m not calling for everyone to suddenly stop judging them on their looks or physique. But it’s only fair that both sexes are objectified equally.”'

UK: Report Claiming Half Of Women Harassed At Work Involved Hardline Feminist Group

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Trades Union Congress (TUC) report which claims workplace sexual harassment is on the rise was produced with “destructive” feminist campaign the Everyday Sexism Project, which critics say risks “making all sexual advances ‘misogynist’”.

TUC General Secretary Frances O’Grady and Laura Bates, founder of Everyday Sexism, have today hit the media circuit to publicise the report, which alleges that the majority of women have been sexually harassed at work.
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The main finding of the study, entitled “Still just a bit of banter?” was that 52 per cent of women reported having experienced sexist harassment while at work.

Employing a loose definition of sexual harassment, the report notes that respondents’ most common complaint was “hearing comments of a sexual nature about other women”. Thirty-five per cent of women reported having heard such comments.'

CPI Calls on Candidates Clinton and Trump to Renounce 'Victim Centered Investigations' as an Affront to Justice

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WASHINGTON / August 11, 2016 – Today the Center for Prosecutor Integrity (CPI) is calling on presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump to issue a call for the end of victim-centered investigations (VCI) in sexual assault cases. Victim-centered investigations represent an biased approach to sexual assault investigations that openly favors the accuser and eliminates the presumption of innocence, SAVE charges.

Both the Democratic and Republican political platforms, approved last month, specifically call for fairness in handling criminal offenses. The Democratic platform highlights the need to "ensure a fair process for all on-campus disciplinary proceedings and in the criminal justice system." (1)

The current regime of campus adjudications "contravenes our country's legal traditions and must be halted," according to the Republican platform, and "prevents the proper authorities from investigating and prosecuting sexual assault effectively with due process." (2)

Victim-centered investigations emphasize the collection of evidence supportive of the complainant and discourage the collection of exculpatory evidence, thereby increasing the likelihood of a guilty verdict. Victim-centered investigations represent a departure from ethical standards of investigative impartiality, neutrality, and objectivity.

Proponents of victim-centered investigations openly urge investigators to "start by believing" and assume the complainant's account is true until proven otherwise (3). As a result, justice is compromised and the potential for wrongful conviction increases, CPI believes.

In one case, a Virginia college student was arrested and jailed for six days based on an uncorroborated allegation of sexual assault. The student had never been to the city where the assault alleged took place and the accuser's account contained numerous inconsistencies. The case was eventually dropped after the student produced over 40,000 emails and other documents that proved his innocence. The student was saddled with over $60,000 in legal fees to defend himself against an accusation that had no basis in reality. (4)

CPI urges both presidential candidates to endorse a "justice centered" approach which protects due process, preserves the presumption of innocence, and utilizes an impartial evaluation of all evidence. While complainants must be treated with respect and taken seriously, investigators must always remain impartial and follow the evidence.

The Center for Prosecutor Integrity works to enhance prosecutorial ethics, reduce over-criminalization, and end wrongful convictions. More information on victim centered investigations can be viewed at http://www.prosecutorintegrity.org/sa/investigations/

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Rights group calls on presidential candidates to denounce 'victim-centered investigations'

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'An organization dedicated to overturning and preventing wrongful convictions is calling on presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump to denounce "victim-centered investigations."

The Center for Prosecutor Integrity works with prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement and the falsely accused to prevent wrongful convictions and over-criminalization. The group says victim-centered investigations have led and will lead to more wrongful convictions and false accusations.

"Victim-centered investigations emphasize the collection of evidence supportive of the complainant and discourage the collection of exculpatory evidence, thereby increasing the likelihood of a guilty verdict," the group wrote in a press release. "Victim-centered investigations represent a departure from ethical standards of investigative impartiality, neutrality and objectivity."'

Canadian University Student Convicted of Rape, But Was the Judge Biased Against Men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Concerns that the crusade against "rape culture" is creating an accusation-equals-guilt mindset in sexual assault cases have been mostly aimed at colleges. It's campuses that employ extralegal tribunals to settle rape disputes—tribunals where the accused often do not have the right to an attorney, to cross-examine their accusers, or to examine the evidence against them. But the latest contentious rape case comes from a real court—albeit in Canada, where feminist activism has been much more successful in influencing the justice system than in the United States.

On July 21, Mustafa Ururyar, a 29-year-old York University graduate student, was found guilty of sexually assaulting fellow grad student Mandi Gray, 28. The verdict was handed down by Ontario Court Judge Marvin Zuker in a non-jury trial. The alleged rape—and I say "alleged," because after reading the 180-page judgment I see no grounds for a finding of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt—happened in the early morning hours of January 31, 2015.

The case is a classic he sad/she said. Ururyar and Gray, who had been casually involved for two weeks—he told her he was in an open long-distance relationship with his girlfriend—had spent the evening drinking with friends. It was Gray who had invited Ururyar to join them with a text that said, "Come drink and then we can have hot sex." When they were leaving the bar around 2:30 a.m., Ururyar asked another woman in their group to come with him and Gray to his apartment, but she refused and left in a taxicab.'

The naked truth about sexism is it transcends gender

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'Earlier this week, the National Post's Jen Gerson suggested "setting men up to unrealistic standards of beauty" is "fair play." She called it "turnabout," which sounds harmless, but sexism would have been more accurate.

Gerson used the recent shirtless photographs of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to establish criteria, not unlike a judge in a beauty pageant, placing the PM in that category of men she calls "attractive in a stereotypically placid way. Baby-cheeked and fit without being distractingly muscular."

Maybe Gerson's detached assessment of the PM's physique wasn't as demeaning as measuring the gap between a woman's thighs, but in terms of objectification it was in the same ballpark.

To make matters worse she dragged Stephen Harper into the mix (and he wasn't even a contestant this year!) judging him, not just for a dad bod -- urban dictionary says "more a grazing manatee than a speedy dolphin" -- but a "dowdy dad bod," which is probably a grazing manatee in a frumpy cardigan.
...
The naked truth about sexism is it transcends gender. Men and women, by virtue of our humanness, are equally capable of failing to be fair and respecting one another's dignity. And if we can't talk about that openly we will only intensify the gender polarity that, I fear, has begun to define the age in which we live.'

Book reviews

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Please enjoy these two book reviews by J Steven Svoboda. In these, Steve covers The Empress is Naked: From Female Privilege to Gender Equality and Social Liberation and The Dadly Way: 10 Steps to More Active Fatherhood and Equal Parenting.

Review: Empress
Review: Dadly

"Juries have no place at rape trials – victims deserve unprejudiced justice"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Almost a decade ago I wrote that rape might as well be legal. I feel the same way today. In 2013-14 in England and Wales, about 16,000 rapes were recorded by police, but only a third of these cases were sent to the Crown Prosecution Service. Approximately 15% of the recorded offences resulted in a charge. The actual attrition rate – meaning from reporting to conviction – is estimated at about 6%.

One potential solution to this worrying state of affairs is to do away with jurors in sex crime trials, and appoint a specially trained judge. I am wholly in favour of our jury system, but even more in favour of ensuring that rapists and other sex offenders do not walk free. New Zealand could be the first country to rid sex crime cases of jurors if one key recommendation from a recently published report by its Law Commission is implemented. The commissioners have suggested that there is a case for having sexual violence trials decided by a judge, either alone or with two expert “lay assessors”.'

Hope Solo, tolerated and excused in victory, exposes herself in Olympic defeat

Matt · 13 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's called composure, and Hope Solo's never been overburdened with a lot of that, or grace either. The U.S. women's soccer team had their temperaments tested by a savvy, conservative Sweden in the Olympic quarterfinals and lost. Solo has spent years undermining their collective equilibrium, and this one's on her.

She's a chronically rattled and rattling soul, the American goalkeeper. Let's face it: For every shiny marketing moment and big victory she's been a part of, she's given the U.S. a nasty unwanted drama. The victories usually smoothed over her behavior. Not this time. This time she went pure loser and lout.

After giving up the winning penalty kick to Sweden, Solo called her opponents "a bunch of cowards" for their conservative game plan. Now, who is the real coward here? Solo gave up three regulation goals in the past two games, between a draw with Colombia and this loss. She tried to ice Lisa Dahlkvist on the final kick by changing her gloves, and then couldn't lay a hand on the ball. And she couldn't take responsibility for any of it; she could only lash out.'

New video by Family Reunion about paternity fraud

Matt · 13 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'Paternity fraud, is when a mother names a man to be the father of their child, when she knows or suspects that he is not the biological father. This video addresses the issue of Paternity Fraud and the devastating effects it has (not only on men) but the women in their lives; their spouses, girlfriends, mothers, aunts, grandmothers, relatives, and especially on children.

In a world where divorce and separation have become the norm, it is more important than ever to make sure that children remain the center of our lives and the top of our priorities.

Separate yet together, families are forever.'

Angry feminist Julie Bindel: All men are rapists and should be shot

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Article here. Wow. Julie Bindel is an angry feminist. If it looks like hate speech and sounds like hate speech there's a good chance it's hate speech. Tweet:

"Dear misogynist trolls I'm going to make things easier for you - save u some time. All men are rapists and should be put in prison then shot" (Julie Bindel)

Cops: Woman, 34, Repeatedly Kicked Boyfriend In Face After He Refused To Have Sex With Her

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Story here. Excerpt:

'When her boyfriend refused to have sex with her, a Florida woman repeatedly kicked him in the face, an attack that has landed her in jail for battery, cops say.

According to an arrest affidavit, Jennifer Furguson, 34, sought a 6:30 AM tryst Wednesday with her beau inside the couple's Port St. Lucie residence.

The victim, who has been in a relationship with Furguson for two years, told police that "Jennifer became upset at him when he refused to have sex with her this morning."'

'You have right to be believed' edited out of Clinton website

Matt · 15 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's campaign reportedly made some edits to the campus sexual assault page on its website shortly after a viral tweet from Juanita Broaddrick, Buzzfeed News reported.

The Democratic nominee's campaign deleted the line, "You have the right to be believed," from the page on its site. The website originally read: "I want to send a message to every survivor of sexual assault: Don't let anyone silence your voice. You have the right to be heard. You have the right to be believed, and we're with you," quoting Clinton.

The last part of the quote has since been removed.

Clinton tweeted in September that every sexual assault survivor had "the right to be believed."

She was later asked at a campaign event if the women who had accused her husband of sexual harassment and assault, including Broaddrick, deserved to be "believed" also.'

Woman gets 13 years after shooting man in face at Kent Starbucks

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Surveillance footage showed Fermina Bertos, then 24, walking with Madrigal toward the coffee shop in July 2014 before pulling her gun from her purse as he opened the door for her.

Now, a woman who aspired to become an advocate for sexual assault and human trafficking victims is headed to prison for 13 years.

Bertos was sentenced in King County Superior Court's Kent courthouse Friday, where friends and family members of both Bertos and Madrigal packed the courtroom. Several attested to Bertos's standing as a kind friend, responsible employee, good daughter and star student.
...
But Bertos's promising future is on hold after the uncharacteristic shooting of a man she believed raped her the night before.

Bertos and Madrigal began to see each other less than two weeks before the shooting. One night, they had a sexual encounter that she believed was rape, but Madrigal told police she did nothing to indicate it was not consensual, according to court records.

The next day, Bertos went to work at the Courtyard Marriott hotel in downtown Tacoma. Soon after leaving work that morning, she texted Madrigal indicating she wanted to meet with him. She picked him up at his home in Kent, where they went to pump gas before heading for Starbucks.

Madrigal would later tell Kent police that as he was opening the door, he heard a loud noise, hit his head against the window and fell to the ground, coughing and seeing blood, Detective Steven Kelly wrote in the police reports.'

Research finds that as a group, only men pay tax

Matt · 16 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With the exception of the age group between 45-59 (a 15 year span) years old, women cost more to the state than the tax they provide. In contrast, men generate more tax revenue than they cost between 23 and 65 (a 43 year span). In the brief period in which women generate more or as much tax money than they consume, men outscore them by at least 3 times.

By the end of her life, the average woman will have a negative fiscal impact of $150,000.

By large, the cumulative tax money given to women outweighs the tax money generated by women. The short period of positive impact of women between 45 and 59 is countered by 65 other years in which their allocated tax expenditure is more than what they supply the state.'

Australia: $13 million in funding for services for male victims

Matt · 16 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NSW Government has committed to providing $13 million over four years for Victims Services to pilot new responses for male victims of domestic and family violence, through expert NGO support (you can find details of the Tender process here).

This rollout is a historic Australia-first initiative and hopefully the first of many. It is the first step towards gender equity for family violence victims. It comes after 7 years of lobbying by the One in Three Campaign alongside other individuals and organisations.

The funding for these services is a new stream, and has NOT been taken out of the budget for women's services. Nevertheless we expect Minister Pru Goward to receive a great number of angry letters dismayed at her decision to support male victims.'

Harvard blesses women-only club that promises to go ‘gender neutral’ but not admit men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let’s see whether the Harvard administration really cares about getting rid of single-sex clubs as a matter of equity, or whether it just wants to demonize men.

Facing the same pressure as so-called final clubs to open their membership to the opposite sex or get hit with sanctions by Harvard, the all-female Seneca organization has promised to become “gender neutral.”

What it hasn’t promised is that it will ever admit men.'

UK: MP Who Wants Tory Sacked For Condemning Feminism Attends Gender Segregated Muslim Events

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Labour MP calling for Philip Davies MP to be sacked for addressing a men's right's group has attended gender segregated Muslim events and was selected to stand for parliament on a discriminatory all-woman shortlist.

Angela Rayner, the hard left, "feminist" MP for Ashton-under-Lyne failed to condemn or speak out against the blatant gender discrimination committed at a Labour Friends of Bangladesh in November last year, despite sitting in the segregated audience, as *Guido Fawkes* reported.'

Anti-Feminism: The New Heresy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tory MP Philip Davies is being threatened with suspension from his own party. No, he didn't fake his expenses or get caught in flagrante, wearing nothing but a replica Chelsea top. All Davies did was criticise feminism.
...
Many have praised Rayner for calling out Davies' putative sexism, most notably Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn. Tweeting his support for Rayner's call for a party suspension, Corbyn said Davies' comments 'show utter contempt for women'.

Yet is Davies really deserving of this scorn? For a start, as most women will no doubt be aware, men's rights activists meetings are pretty lame affairs. The comments made at such gatherings are scarcely interesting enough to be considered threatening. But Rayner seems to think differently. '[Davies] endorses and legitimises the inflammatory and toxic rhetoric of groups who are misogynistic to their core', she writes. Davies' speech, she is saying, actually poses a threat to women's safety and wellbeing.'

UK: Girl uses Fifty Shades of Grey as basis for false rape claims against her father

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a tearful courtroom confession, a daughter has admitted using the best-selling sadomasochistic sex novel Fifty Shades of Grey as the basis for a series of false rape claims against her father.

Defence barrister Cathy McCulloch had, she said, never read the novel until she was called in late to defend the father, who was accused of eight incestuous rapes over a six-year period.'

Woman, 72, arrested for assaulting 90-year-old husband, sheriff's deputy

Matt · 17 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In Rochester Hills, a 72-year-old woman -- accused of beating up a 90-year-old man and that's not all.

Police say she also got into a fight with a deputy, sending him to the hospital.

Darlene Stolaruk is in trouble with the law, because of what happened at Star Bat Inc. Leasing, the business she shares with her husband in Rochester Hills.'

Women in jails are the fastest growing incarcerated population, study says

Matt · 17 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women held in local jails represent the fastest growing population of incarcerated people in the US, according to a new study. The researchers found that trauma, sexual violence and mental health issues were all closely wrapped up with the swelling numbers.

“While we started to see a decline in the incarceration and jailing of men, we haven’t seen a comparable kind of trend for women,” said Laurie Garduque, director of Justice Reform for the MacArthur Foundation, which co-published the report with the Vera Institute. Since 1970, the number of women in US jails has increased by 14 times, far outstripping the growth in the male prison population, even though in raw numbers there remain many more men locked up.

The majority of those women entering jail are black and Hispanic, mirroring demographic trends that cross gender lines. Women, however, tend to enter jails in more vulnerable situations than men, as a higher percentage of women in jail were using drugs, unemployed or receiving public assistance at the time they were arrested.'

Time: Internet trolls are MRAs

Matt · 18 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Indeed. All Internet trolling comes from MRAs. And vice versa? Really, Time. Stupid even for you. Excerpt:

'But trolling has become the main tool of the alt-right, an Internet-grown reactionary movement that works for men's rights and against immigration and may have used the computer from Weird Science to fabricate Donald Trump. Not only does Trump share their attitudes, but he's got mad trolling skills: he doxxed Republican primary opponent Senator Lindsey Graham by giving out his cell-phone number on TV and indirectly got his Twitter followers to attack GOP political strategist Cheri Jacobus so severely that her lawyers sent him a cease-and-desist order.

The alt-right's favorite insult is to call men who don't hate feminism "cucks," as in "cuckold." Republicans who don't like Trump are "cuckservatives." Men who don't see how feminists are secretly controlling them haven't "taken the red pill," a reference to the truth-revealing drug in The Matrix. They derisively call their adversaries "social-justice warriors" and believe that liberal interest groups purposely exploit their weakness to gain pity, which allows them to control the levers of power. Trolling is the alt-right's version of political activism, and its ranks view any attempt to take it away as a denial of democracy.'

Princeton HR department: Don’t use word ‘man’

Matt · 18 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Princeton University HR department has largely wiped the word “man” from its vocabulary.

The relatively new policy in effect at the Ivy League institution spells out the directive in a four-page memo that aims to make the department more gender inclusive.

Instead of using “man,” employees are told to use words such as human beings, individuals or people.'

UK: Women have won the fight for equality. Now they should use their power to help the boys

Matt · 18 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This year, girls are 30 per cent more likely than boys to win a university place – a figure that is being celebrated because it's down on last year's 31 per cent. The gap is narrowing, but this is not progress worthy of the name.

This trend is at its most pernicious at the bottom end of the income scale, and worse still when you strip out ambitious immigrants and their children. Poor white children always fare worse under the state school system, but poor white boys do worst of all. It's the inequality that dare not speak its name.
...
Mary Curnock Cook, the head of Ucas, has worried aloud about all of this: surely, she says, such a huge gender imbalance at school will lead to gender imbalance later on? On current trends, she says, girls born today will be 75 per cent more likely to go university than boys.

Not that anyone has been terribly interested in her warnings. The Department for Education recently states, almost with pride, that it doesn't fund any research looking at male underachievement; it is "gender-blind".

Yet the Government's own research shows the graduate earnings premium is significantly higher for women than men; that men are not just less likely to apply to university but less likely to graduate and (if they do) to end up with worse grades; that if you're a white boy poor enough to qualify for free school meals, you're likely to do worse in school (and, ergo, at work) than almost anyone else.'

Title IX helps girls, but leaves boys behind, women's advocate contends

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An official for a national women's advocacy group claims that Title IX is used "almost exclusively as a tool for advancing women's interests," rather than for promoting true gender equality.

Independent Women's Forum (IWF) Managing Director Carrie Lukas argues in a recent op-ed for Acculturated that an excessive focus on the areas in which males outperform females has led society to overlook the many areas in which the opposite imbalance holds sway.

Citing a study featured in Education Week asserting that struggles with calculus cause women to drop out of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields at higher rates than their male peers, Lukas said she finds "frustrating" the study's implication that "systematic sexism" is to blame whenever women lag behind men.'

Comedic writer endures backlash for suggesting anonymous accusers may be lying

Matt · 18 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former "Inside Amy Schumer" contributor generated a social-media firestorm by calling out some women for making allegations of sexual assault about a fellow comedian but not reporting them to police.

"Guys I have just heard some disturbing news, this guy Jiff Dilfyberg is a rapist!" writer-comedian Kurt Metzger wrote on Facebook over the weekend after learning that the New York-based Upright Citizens Brigade banned comedian Aaron Glaser — the target of the anonymous accusers. "I know because women said it and that's all I need! Never you mind who they are. They are women! ALL women are as reliable as my bible! A book that, much like a women, is incapable of lying!"

Metzger then sarcastically argued that the alleged rape victims are afraid to report the assaults to authorities because they are "too brave" and that would be "tooooo rapey."

Now Metzger is being accused of victim-blaming the women in a series of social-media posts.'

University Sues Obama Over Sexual Assault Cases Directive

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Oklahoma Wesleyan University recently agreed to join a lawsuit against the Obama Administration over campus sexual assault case standards, arguing that they violate student rights to due process.

The Christian school filed the suit Monday, becoming the first and thus far only higher education institution to challenge a 2011 mandate from the federal government regarding campus sexual assault cases.

In a statement released Monday, Oklahoma Wesleyan President Dr. Everett Piper declared that "OKWU will always defend our students' constitutional rights."

"We also refuse to accept any government intrusion that would require OKWU to teach the antithesis of our Christian beliefs concerning sexual behavior," said Piper.

"Finally, all of our students should have the legal right to avail themselves of local law enforcement without their petition being compromised by the intrusion of an OCR-mandated committee of amateurs that contravenes the due process and confidentiality of the legal process."'

UK: "Young men should turn their backs on pointless university degrees"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is ironic that this female domination of campus comes at time when the feminists are still trying to sell us the lie that there is a ‘rape culture’ on aforementioned campus. I wonder how long they will be able to keep it up as some universities become women-only domains?

Perhaps, just perhaps, young men think they have better things to do with their time than study an arts degree for which they will be made to endure a compulsory consent workshop at the beginning of university. Perhaps young men do not want to be accused of rape before they set foot on a feminist-dominated campus. And all for the princely sum of £40,000 per degree, for which there is no guarantee that you will out-earn your non-graduate friends.
...
Mark my words, in 20 years time the feminists will be moaning that somehow, even though women ‘dominate university’, men still out-earn them. That is because men flock to STEM subjects, which do lead to higher paying degrees. In addition, some men will turn down an offer of a degree and accept an apprenticeship at PwC or an engineering apprenticeship with BT.'

UK: Teacher, 27, charged with rape after ‘sex with two 16-year-old male students’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kasey Warren, 27, a former tutor within the Carlisle County Schools District, Kentucky, US, allegedly had sexual contact with two pupils aged just 16.

One boy was said to have been attacked at the beginning of June while the other was attacked about two weeks later.

Police say Warren met the pair while working in the district in the latter half of the 2015-2016 term, but did not disclose which school the boys attended.

Officers say the alleged attacks took place in neighbouring McCracken County, but did not give any further details.

Cops say they received a report of the attacks on June 28, and a grand jury indicted Warren on Friday last week.'

Justices reinstate father’s parental rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A trial court’s findings do not “clearly and convincingly support” its decision to terminate a father’s parental rights to his son based on it being in the best interests of the boy. In fact, the findings show that the father and son have a bond and often spend time together, the Indiana Supreme Court found Tuesday.

Father R.S. had a no contact order between himself and R.S.’s mother and was incarcerated for a Class B felony. While in prison, he stayed in contact with his son by writing him letters on a weekly basis. A year after father was released on probation in 2013, R.S., now 10, was found to be a child in need of services as to his mother and father based on his mother’s drug use and his father’s lack of involvement. R.S. began living with his maternal grandmother.'

UK: New guidelines make criticisms or being too quiet a DV offense

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The first national guidelines for the judiciary on domestic violence has urged judges to look at traits beyond physical violence when granting a restraining order, such as 'mind games'.

The bench guide book states that domestic violence does not just include physical attacks but can include verbal abuse, criticism of their partner's physical traits or refusing to show affection.
...
The guide said social abuse could include criticism of their partner's obsessive housework duties and emotional and psychological abuse included 'angry verbal outbursts, staring, silence, ignoring and withdrawal of affection'.

It warned the judiciary to focus on all elements of family abuse, including a 'complex pattern of violent or abusive behaviours' which could be physical or psychological.'

Anti-DV organization under fire over claims of bullying, financial mismanagement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now 40 years later, the coalition is under fire amid reports of mismanagement. The Department of Human Services, which has funding oversight of the coalition, earlier this year released the results of an audit that found poor financial controls and questionable expenditures by the organization.

A program that once directed to local programs the money collected in canisters placed in convenience stores, was found by auditors to have hundreds of thousands of dollars in questionable costs. They ranged from inappropriate payroll adjustments to the billing of questionable expenditures, including tickets to a baseball game.

In May, the Department of Human Services extended only a three-month funding stream — out of its $28 million annual allotment — to the organization, pending the resolution of the audit.

The attorney general's office also has launched an investigation into possible criminal wrongdoing, according to a source within the office who asked not to be named because the source is not authorized to speak. A spokesman for the attorney general's office would neither confirm nor deny the investigation.

The DHS report also raised concerns about the coalition work environment, based on frustration expressed by many of the current and former employees interviewed.

"Staff reported management yelling at them, slamming doors, throwing objects and other actions they thought were designed to minimize complaints or pressure staff into actions they felt were questionable," the report said.

Three Important Facts About Domestic Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First, IPV occurs across all age groups and ethnic, racial, and cultural backgrounds. Secondly, men and women show near-equal rates of IPV perpetration with women perpetrating at slightly higher rates.

It is important to note that counseling for IPV perpetrators is widely available, with well over 1000 programs in the US. Most of these programs, however, predominantly serve court-mandated populations and are focused on men who have assaulted women. While men cause the bulk of physical injury, many men are unwilling to come forward for fear of stigma.

Although clinical approaches based on long-standing models of IPV intervention have modest efficacy, there is a solid conceptual rationale for several alternative strategies for IPV perpetrators.'

Woman stabs boyfriend, puncturing his lung in domestic violence attack

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Harrisburg police are looking for a 28-year-old woman they say stabbed her boyfriend in the shoulder early Sunday, puncturing his lung.

Police charged Catherine L. Boykin, 28, with three felonies and a misdemeanor in connection with the 4 a.m. attack in the 2200 block of North 5th Street. Boykin was charged with attempted homicide, aggravated assault, burglary of a home with someone present and possession of an instrument of crime.'

India: Uni student charged with extortion over false rape claim

Matt · 19 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 19-year-old BSc student of Maharani's College was arrested by Galta Gate police for allegedly blackmailing a 47-year-old Gurgaon businessman after threatening to lodge a rape case against him. Police also recovered Rs 27 lakh* from the teen, given to her by the businessman following the blackmail.

The girl allegedly was not happy with the Rs 27 lakh given to her and demanded a further Rs 18 lakh or his SUV from the victim. The victim had, meanwhile, recorded the conversation with the blackmailer and her promise to not lodge a rape case against him after receiving the money. Following her new demand, the victim approached the police who finally arrested the girl late on Tuesday for extortion and cheating.'

*About US$40,200.

Hillary's bestie despises feminism

Matt · 21 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This one leaves me speechless. It's the classic man-bites-dog story. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton's top campaign aide, and the woman who might be the future White House chief of staff to the first female US president, for a decade edited a radical Muslim publication that opposed women's rights and blamed the US for 9/11.

One of Clinton's biggest accomplishments listed on her campaign Web site is her support for the UN women's conference in Bejing in 1995, when she famously declared, "Women's rights are human rights." Her speech has emerged as a focal point of her campaign, featured prominently in last month's Morgan Freeman-narrated convention video introducing her as the Democratic nominee.

However, soon after that "historic and transformational" 1995 event, as Clinton recently described it, her top aide Huma Abedin published articles in a Saudi journal taking Clinton's feminist platform apart, piece by piece. At the time, Abedin was assistant editor of the Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs working under her mother, who remains editor-in-chief. She was also working in the White House as an intern for then-First Lady Clinton.

Headlined "Women's Rights are Islamic Rights," a 1996 article argues that single moms, working moms and gay couples with children should not be recognized as families. It also states that more revealing dress ushered in by women's liberation "directly translates into unwanted results of sexual promiscuity and irresponsibility and indirectly promote violence against women." In other words, sexually liberated women are just asking to be raped.'

Canada: B.C.'s domestic-violence programs based on 'false' theory

Matt · 22 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of North America's leading scholars on domestic violence is trying to persuade the B.C. government that it has adopted a failing approach to a serious problem.

UBC psychology professor Don Dutton, who has studied domestic violence for 40 years and written eight books, has told the B.C. Liberal government it has adopted a "false" premise that will do little to diminish partner-on-partner violence.

"It is understandable how an uninformed observer in British Columbia would tend to believe that family violence perpetrators are male and victims are female," Dutton wrote in a recent letter to Premier Christy Clark.

"But that assumption could not be more incorrect," Dutton said, objecting to the way virtually all B.C. government documents describe domestic violence as being perpetrated by men, with women as the victims.'

Germany: Model who made false rape allegations ordered to pay fine

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lohfink, who became a popular media personality after appearing on the show "Germany's Next Top Model," said she was forced to have sex with two men, who filmed the act and later posted it online.

A Berlin court on Monday dismissed her rape claims, however, deciding that the sex was consensual and that her objections, heard on the video, were to it being filmed. The model will be forced to pay 20,000 euros ($22,600).

In her final statement to the court, the 29-year-old model repeated her claims that she didn't give her consent to the two men, a soccer player identified as Pardis F. and a former party promoter named Sebastian Pinto.

Lawyers accused Lohfink of defaming the men. "Ms. Lohfink is not the victim of sexual assault. She lied and deliberately misled investigators," said state prosecutor Corinna Goegge.'

Girls Prove Crime Has No Gender

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Crime has no gender and we cannot reiterate this fact more. While the whole world fights women empowerment, men are increasingly being targeted by women who misuse the law and the feminism. And the only way it can be stopped is if we take it upon ourselves to expose every such woman.

Because, yes, women have been oppressed for ages but in no way does that make it okay for innocent men to be falsely accused of rape and molestation. Something similar happened to this user on Imgur. Here's what he wrote.

The Modern Feminist Rejection of Constitutional Government

Mastodon · 23 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Progressives and feminists alike largely advocate the goal of ensuring that men and women enjoy equal opportunity and treatment under the law, a goal that resonates overwhelmingly with the American public. Modern feminism, however, has strayed from this narrow mission, embracing instead a far more radical agenda. In the name of promoting “equality,” it has become a movement that seeks to promote women’s full autonomy by eliminating gender distinctions and forcing gender parity (statistical proportionality of males and females) in every area of academic, economic, social, and political life. Achieving these ends requires the vast expansion of centralized government, the redefinition of freedom, and the preferential application of the law to women based on their identity as a specially protected class.

On these grounds, the modern feminist movement is interested in fundamental social transformation rather than the mere protection of individual freedom and opportunity. Its agenda is openly hostile to the American constitutional system, which is based on limiting the scope and character of the law in order to protect the individual rights and equal opportunity of both men and women.'

S. Africa: More circumcision propaganda

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cervical cancer is the most common female cancer in women aged 15 to 44 years in South Africa, and while vaccines will go a long way in protecting women against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – the cause of almost all cervical cancer cases – studies reveal that male circumcision too has an important role to play in curbing the incidence of this life-threatening illness in women.
...
All women should encourage their male partners to undergo circumcision as it not only reduces a women's risk of contracting HPV and cervical cancer, but also reduces the risk of genital warts and other common sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in men and women. It also reduces a man's risk of contracting HIV by up to 60%, and lowers his risk of penile cancer," concludes Rawlinson.'

Deputies: Mom Killed Infant By Putting Him In Refrigerator

Matt · 23 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A South Carolina mother charged with killing her newborn son by putting him in the refrigerator was expected to appear before a judge on Tuesday.

Angela Blackwell was expected to have a bond hearing at 2 p.m. at the Chester County jail, according to Sheriff's Chief Deputy Robert Sprouse.

Blackwell, 27, was arrested by State Law Enforcement Division agents on Monday on a charge of homicide by child abuse after a lengthy investigation. She could face life in prison if convicted. Sprouse said he didn't know if she had an attorney.

Deputies said Blackwell put her 4-day-old son in her refrigerator and shut the door for three hours before taking him out and seeking medical attention on February 27.'

India: Paternity leave will be just a holiday for men, says Maneka Gandhi

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the clamour for enhanced paternity leave grows stronger after the recent passage of the maternity leave bill in Rajya Sabha, Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi has said that such a legislation will have little impact in India, where men do not even avail their existing leave entitlements to share the responsibility of child care.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Maneka said, “Paternity leave can be considered only if, once the woman goes back to work after her 26 weeks of leave, we find that men are availing their sick leave for a month to take care of the child. Let me see how many men do that. I will be happy to give it but for a man, it will be just a holiday, he won’t do anything.”

It was on Maneka’s insistence that the Ministry of Labour and Employment mooted the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016, which increases the period of leave for new mothers from the existing 12 weeks to 26 weeks in the organised sector. It also allows 12 weeks of leave to mothers going in for adoption or commissioning a child through surrogacy, and encourages employers to facilitate ‘work from home’ for new mothers.'

UK: University Gender Gap Reaches Record High

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The gender gap between female and male students attending university is at a record level and "needs addressing", according to the head of the university admissions body.

Women currently outnumber men in almost two-thirds of degree subjects in the UK, and females are now 35% more likely to go to university than their male counterparts, widening the gender gap to a record level.

UCAS, which operates the application process for universities in the UK, says its figures show over 90,000 more women than men in the UK applied for a university course this year.

The number of male applicants went down for the first time since 2012, its figures show.'

Recent news belies myth that female CEOs are more philanthropic than males

Matt · 24 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Feminists like to make the argument that female CEOs are less greedy than male ones. Really? No one told this CEO. Excerpt:

'The pharmaceutical CEO whose company raised the price of EpiPens by more than 400% was rewarded with a 671% raise.

Heather Bresch and other executives at Mylan Pharmaceuticals have been criticized for increasing the price of the devices to prevent fatal allergy reactions from less than $100 for a pair in 2007 to more than $500 today.

Bresch, who was president in 2007 and has since become chief executive of the global pharma giant, went from making $2,453,456 nine years ago to $18,931,068 last year, according to filings from the company.'

Woman Gets 50 Years for Murdering Olympic Medalist Husband Who She Accused of Beating Her

Mastodon · 25 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The widow of a 1984 Olympic medalist was sentenced Tuesday to at least 50 years in prison for his 2009 murder, PEOPLE has confirmed.

The sentence came nearly five months after Jane Laut, 59, was found guilty in March of the first-degree premeditated murder of her husband, Dave Laut, who was found shot to death in the yard of their Oxnard, California, home on Aug. 27, 2009.

Dave Laut, a 52-year-old athletic director at Hueneme High School in Oxnard and a bronze medalist in shot put, was shot five times with a .22 caliber handgun, authorities have said. The last bullet was fired into the back of his head.

"The People are pleased the jury was able to see through the defendant's uncorroborated claims of domestic violence and find her guilty of premeditated murder," Ventura County Senior Deputy District Attorney Rameen Minoui tells PEOPLE in an email.'

"Men should step up, embrace feminist values in college"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Joining the fight means being an active advocate for the cause and educating those around you so that the message is heard. Some fraternities at the University of Maryland, have shown their solidarity with women by educating their members on consent and making it clear that they do not tolerate sexual assault. By supporting legislation such as the “Yes Means Yes” law, men can begin to change the conversation from “not all men” to “no men at all”.

These efforts take place on our very own campus with organizations like A Men’s Issue that work to spread awareness of sexual and relationship violence. As a former three-term president of A Men’s Issue, 2016 SU graduate Anthony McGriff is a prime example of why it’s vital that men use their voice to bring light to these issues.

“As an outspoken, male feminist, you get to see how male privilege allows me to move in this work,” said McGriff. “I’d tell men to embrace it: feminism leads to a healthier masculinity.”

It’s not that women haven’t been preaching these ideas for decades, but the importance of these beliefs are more likely to be heard by the masses when it’s brought up by men — who have the privilege of their gender to give them a different reason for speaking up.'

College Coach: I Was Fired for Reporting Campus Rape to Police

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Wisconsin wrestling coach says he was fired for reporting sexual assault allegations to police—rather than telling the university first.

Timothy Fader, former head coach at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, has filed a federal lawsuit against the school's athletic director and former chancellor alleging retaliation, wrongful termination, and defamation.

It wasn't the only sexual assault claim Fader reported. The first time he reported such allegations to the university on behalf of a woman, in January 2013, officials failed to document it, he claims.'

Nate Parker's Critics Are Convinced He's a Rapist, But It's More Complicated Than That

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The public seems to be turning against Nate Parker, a celebrated black filmmaker and actor whose forthcoming movie about an 1831 slave rebellion—The Birth of a Nation—is now besieged by bad press. Critics, including many from within the black community, are vowing not to see the film.

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But the public debate over whether audiences can still appreciate The Birth of a Nation if its creator raped a woman actually misses a more important point: Parker was found not guilty by a jury, and there is at least some chance that verdict was the correct one. Given this, the people who refuse to see The Birth of a Nation don't even know for sure that they are punishing an actual rapist.

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Parker, Celestin, and the victim were all drinking. Whether the victim drank too much to be capable of consenting is in dispute. She may have been completely unconscious, which would make both Parker and Celestin rapists. Or she may have appeared conscious, but was unable to give the kind of affirmative consent now required by colleges, though still unheard of it 1999. Or she may have been sober enough to consent, but too drunk to remember later that she had done so—alcohol lowers people's inhibitions, and people consent to things when they are drunk that they wouldn't have consented to otherwise. It could be the case that Parker had consent, but Celestin did not—if this were so, it would mean the courts actually got it right (at least the first time). Or it could be the case that the encounter was fully consensual and the woman later re-contextualized it as rape because she was ashamed of having sex with two black men.'

Stop calling Nate Parker a rapist

Matt · 26 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The much-anticipated October opening of “The Birth of a Nation,” the story of Nat Turner’s 1831 slave rebellion, is now clouded by past rape allegations against director, writer and star Nate Parker. Already, critics are lined up against the film. In a New York Times op-ed, Roxane Gay declared she won’t see it; a black popular culture site refused to review it. A blogger for the Seattle alternative paper, the Stranger, has called for the studio to “pull the plug” on the movie altogether.

The twist: Parker was actually tried, and acquitted, on the rape charge 15 years ago.

For many, it seems, an accusation of rape now equals guilt not only before there is a conviction but even after a not-guilty verdict. This may look just to those for whom “believe the survivors” is an article of faith. But such “justice” will inevitably shatter lives — and may hurt victim advocacy by lending credence to fears that rape accusations are a danger to the innocent.'

India: Girl weaves fake kidnap-rape story, Youth faces humiliation

Matt · 26 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The incident in which a girl who went missing since Monday evening last and came back in bad shape on Tuesday evening is gaining new twists with each passing day. The police have learnt that the girl's complaint that Rajesh, a car driver from Kollur, had abducted her, raped and posed death threat to her, was a concoted story and there is not even an iota of truth in her narration.

The 20-year-old lady from Yalur, Kollur, had stated before the police here that she had been abducted by the accused, who also raped and threatened of killing her. The police had taken into custody the car driver in question. The statements given by the lady and Rajesh widely differed from one another. During verification of location of cellphones of Rajesh and the lady, and also calls made from these numbers, further gave clue that the two had nothing to do with each other.'

"Hope Solo's punishment shows that women are judged more harshly"

Matt · 27 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Like clockwork. After beating up her family members, et al., she should have been suspended. Better late than never, if even for a different reason. Excerpt:

'Two weeks ago, the US women's soccer team crashed out of the Olympics. Now their controversial goalkeeper, Hope Solo, has been suspended for six months.

"The comments by Hope Solo after the match against Sweden during the 2016 Olympics were unacceptable, and do not meet the standard of conduct we require from our national team players," said US Soccer president Sunil Gulati, in announcing her suspension.

After the defending world champions exited in the quarter-finals on penalties, Solo offered some colorful commentary on opponents Sweden, now led by former USWNT coach Pia Sundhage. Solo emphatically defended the tactical integrity of her team and said: "I think we played a bunch of cowards." It can, of course, be argued that winning on penalties hardly qualifies as cowardly, but that isn't the point. Some of her team-mates, including the highly respected Megan Rapinoe, were thoroughly unimpressed.'

Where feminism went wrong

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Article here. Excerpt:

'No one suggests men and women shouldn't have equal rights. So by the textbook definition, we should all be feminists.

Why then, do so many women — especially young women — refuse the label?

Feminism has gotten a reputation in the past few decades of being less about equal rights and more about crushing men in order to raise women up. A new report from the Heritage Foundation (a conservative think-tank and my former employer) suggests modern feminism (and some of second-wave feminism from the 1960s) no longer views the movement as being about erasing inequalities in opportunity, but about enforced parity.

"The dilemma for contemporary feminists is that although American women have gradually overcome the formal legal and informal cultural barriers that previously prevented them from participating in certain occupations and professions, this achievement has not led to statistical parity between the sexes in all areas of social, economic, and political life," wrote Christina Villegas.'

Coffee shop offers women-only discount

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Friday marks Women's Equality Day to commemorate the 19th amendment, and one Highlands coffee shop is celebrating by offering women discounted drinks.

Day's Espresso and Coffee, 1420 Bardstown Road, is offering women every item on the menu for just 78 cents on the dollar all day Friday, according to a public post on its Facebook page. The amount is representative of the full-time wage gap for women compared to men.

The business initially posted the promotion on Aug. 14 before sharing it again on Friday. It had been shared more than 700 times, as of Friday afternoon.'

Believe it or not, women are doing better

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's easy to get the impression, as the U.S. celebrates the 45th annual Women's Equality Day on Friday, that the march toward equality has slowed to a crawl. Allow me to disagree.

True, the usual statistics tell a story of stalled progress. Women's labor force participation stands at less than 57 percent, down from a peak of 60 percent in the late 1990s. The rapid improvements in the gender wage gap that occurred in the 1980s and early 1990s show little sign of returning. And mothers — particularly the large number who are single — still shoulder most of the burden of child-rearing.

A deeper look, however, suggests more fundamental change in women's experiences as equals at home and in the workplace.

Despite slow progress in earnings on average, more women are out-earning their husbands. Men, for their part, are increasingly recognizing the importance of making a contribution at home: They are now more likely than women to say that work is interfering with their family life, and are increasingly seeking out employers that offer paternity leave and workplace flexibility.
...
In the workplace, women are more likely to be in positions of leadership. They are now the majority of workers in management, professional, and related occupations — which shouldn't come as a surprise, given their dominance in higher education. Glass ceilings are breaking, and not only in the presidential race: In 2015, 28 percent of all CEOs were women, up from 23 percent in 2008. Females own 38 percent of all businesses, compared with 29 percent in 2007.'

Women thrive as the primary breadwinner while men suffer, study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men often take on, and even embrace, the role of primary breadwinner for their families—but a new study suggests that too much pressure to bring home the bacon is bad for their physical and mental health. For women, the study found the opposite: The more economic contributions they made to their families, the better their psychological well-being.

The results, to be presented at the American Sociological Association's annual meeting, suggest that some men see breadwinning as a stressful obligation, while many women may approach it as an opportunity or a choice.

To examine the effects of household income dynamics on health and well-being, researchers looked at data from heterosexual married people across the U.S. who were between the ages of 18 and 32. Their most significant finding was somewhat surprising, said lead author Christin Munsch, PhD, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Connecticut: As men took on more financial responsibility in their marriage, their psychological well-being and physical health both tended to decline.'

Back to Campus, Where Due Process Is a Myth

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Colleges are supposed to be places of learning. However, many argue they've become liberal indoctrination centers, dedicated to churning out legions of progressive zombies who can parrot the Democratic Party's platform verbatim -- yet can't actually do anything useful to support themselves, or society.

Liberals, unsurprisingly, deny this.

However, there appears to be a movement afoot on college campuses that should alarm liberals, conservatives, and libertarians alike.

By now, most readers of this site are bound to be familiar with the persecution of men suspected of sexual assault on campuses throughout the nation. And yes, using "persecution" rather than "prosecution" is intentional. Prosecution implies they will be put through the unalienable rights-based American legal system. That isn't true anymore.'

UK: GCSE Results: White, Working-Class Boys Got Shafted Again – But Nobody Cares

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today's GCSE results revealed that boys still lag behind girls dramatically in many subjects – with girls having an 8% lead on boys in getting A*-C grades.

This is nothing new – girls have been steamrolling the boys years at GCSE, A-Level and in university admission.

Even in "male" subjects that few girls take, like computing, they have 2 per cent lead.

It's clear – British girls are achieving while British boys, mostly are not – and nothing is being done to help them catch up.

The Government tried minimising coursework, which they felt gave girls an edge, but the gap increased further.'

Why don’t men’s rights activists fight for men’s rights?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men’s Rights Activists (MRAs) are a vocal bunch. They’ve got websites and social media accounts and YouTube channels, all dedicated to what they misname as activism for men’s rights.

But when their activism is only discussing men’s rights and masculinity in reference to feminism or violence against women, it’s not acting for men, it’s acting against women.

And men are in desperate need of help, so why are they being let down by the advocates who are supposed to be acting on their behalf?

MRA websites, and the comments sections on almost every article about violence against women, are full of men angrily disputing the irrefutable data on the disproportionate number of female victims in domestic violence. This is not activism centred on establishing services for issues that affect men, this is resentment that people believe women when they talk about the violence they’ve suffered at the hands of men, and anger that women are given the assistance they need to escape it.'

Comedy relief: The "vagenda"

Matt · 28 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Personally, I always have "Oppress women and minorities" on my MANgenda every morning. Excerpt:

'My to-do list usually includes some combination of meetings, interviews, deadlines, events, household chores, drinks with friends and, like all women, the next phase in my mission to eliminate men. That last task is apparently called “manocide,” and women’s pursuit of it? Well, that’s our “vagenda.”

If you’ve seen these words floating around the internet, it’s because a right wing gun shop used them to warn the world about the true intentions of “Hildabeast,” who most of us refer to as Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

A picture of the sign in front of the Raymond, Maine shop made its way to Twitter and inspired women everywhere to start tweeting their own vagendas. In these satirical to-do lists, women casually list “manocide” in between tasks like meetings, laundry and fitness classes. Others swap out the term for phrases like “oppress men” and “crush a man’s soul.” Many next-level trolls are including other tasks everyone assumes feminists prioritize day to day, such as “eat kale” and “queer stuff.”'

Huma Abedin’s mom linked to shocking anti-women book

Matt · 28 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It all just gets weirder and weirder. Excerpt:

'As secretary of state, women’s-rights champ Hillary Clinton not only spoke at a Saudi girls school run by her top aide Huma Abedin’s anti-feminist mother, but Clinton invited the elder Abedin to participate in a State Department event for “leading thinkers” on women’s issues.

This happened despite evidence at the time that Saleha M. Abedin had explored the religious merits of sexual submissiveness, child marriage, lashings and stonings for adulterous women, and even the circumcision of girls.

The elder Abedin, whose daughter helps run Clinton’s presidential campaign, did take a pro-gender-equality stance on at least one issue: Muslim women’s right to participate in violent jihad alongside men.
...
Saleha is paid by the Saudi government to advocate and spread Sharia in non-Muslim countries like America.

In 1995, less than three weeks before Clinton gave her famous women’s-rights speech in Beijing, Saleha headlined an unusual Washington conference organized by the Council on American-Islamic Relations to lobby against the UN platform drafted by Clinton and other feminists. Visibly angry, she argued it runs counter to Islam and was a “conspiracy” against Muslims.
...
Asked if Clinton regrets honoring the Islamist mother and bestowing legitimacy on her extreme views, Merrill had no comment.'

More comedy relief: Giving up alcohol opened my eyes to the infuriating truth about why women drink

Matt · 28 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Unintentionally funny article here. And all this time, I thought it was because most people like to get a good buzz on. Excerpt:

'Instead, I round up some girlfriends and we spend hundreds of dollars in a hipster bar, drinking rye Manhattans and eating tapas and talking about the latest crappy, non-gender-blind things that have happened to us in meetings and on business trips and at performance review time. They toast me for taking one for the team. And when we are good and numb we Uber home, thinking Look at all we've earned! That bar with the twinkly lights. That miniature food. This chauffeured black car. We are tough enough to put up with being ignored and interrupted and underestimated every day and laugh it off together. We've made it. This is the good life. Nothing needs to change.

Do you remember the Enjoli perfume commercial from the 1970s? The chick who could bring home the bacon, fry it up in a pan, and never let you forget you're a man?

I blame that bitch for a lot. For spreading the notion that women should have a career, keep house, and fuck their husbands, when the only sane thing to do is pick two and outsource the third. For making it seem glamorous. For suggesting it was going to be fun. And for the tagline she dragged around: "The 8-Hour Perfume for the 24-Hour Woman." Just in case you thought you could get one fucking hour off the clock.'

America's Universities Become Man-Hater Clubs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the past several years a popular, often media-driven narrative has developed at universities and colleges across the nation — that of the campus “rape” culture. Various university campuses aiming to clean up and rid the school of this “rape” culture have developed procedures establishing university tribunals designed to police and deal with misconduct. But many of these tribunals seem to harbor an “anti-male” bias. Over the years, numerous male students found guilty by these tribunals were disciplined by the university even though no criminal charges were ever brought or even pursued.

The Second Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruled against a lower court that had dismissed a student’s claim that Columbia University had violated federal anti-discrimination laws when the school found him responsible for sexual assault. The suit brought by the student was based on the Title IX federal statute, which bans sex discrimination in education. The student’s claim was that Columbia University had engaged in an anti-male bias when it had found him responsible for sexual assault.'

‘Toxic environment’ for sons accused of campus sex offenses turns mothers into militants

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the course of a year, Sherry Warner-Seefeld went from high school teacher to activist promoting fairness for students accused of sexual misconduct. Explaining why, for her, means revisiting a night of shock and a phone call she will never forget.

She was grading social science papers on a cold, late January evening in Fargo, N.D., when her cellphone rang, she told The Washington Post.

It was her son, Caleb Warner, calling to tell her he had heard from a dean at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. A woman with whom he had had a short sexual relationship, the dean told him, had accused him of sexual misconduct, of nonconsensual sex, that she alleged had occurred on the night of Dec. 13, 2009.

The charge was filed after the winter break in January 2010, his mother said, after he had “made it clear to her that he was not interested in having a boyfriend-girlfriend relationship.” Then out of the blue this notice arrives, with its intimidating legal language.

She stopped grading papers and paced the room as she listened to him.'

Fordham Law Review: Are Campus Sexual Assault Tribunals Fair?: The Need for Judicial Review and Additional Due Process Protections

Matt · 29 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article .pdf file here. Excerpt:

'Disciplinary proceedings at public colleges must afford students limited procedural due process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment. As public schools are considered state actors for purposes of the Fourteenth Amendment, any action by a school that deprives a student of “life,” “liberty,” or “property” without due process of law is a due process violation. The Fifth Circuit first recognized the procedural due process rights of public school students in the landmark case of Dixon v. Alabama State Board of Education. In Goss v. Lopez, the Supreme Court further recognized that students must be afforded due process before they are deprived of their education, in which they have a property interest. The Court also found that students have a “liberty” interest in their education because expulsion or suspension from school threatens a person’s “good name, reputation, honor, or integrity.” Any deprivation of a student’s “property interest in educational benefits . . . [or] liberty interest in reputation” without due process is therefore unconstitutional. Although the Court in Goss was faced with the disciplinary proceedings of a secondary school, courts have extended the holding in Goss to higher education institutions, including public colleges. Goss recognized that the process owed to the accused depends on the circumstances of each case and involves balancing the parties’ interests. Due process requires, at a minimum, the opportunity to be heard “at a meaningful time and in a meaningful manner.” However, courts have not uniformly recognized what process is owed to public school students in disciplinary proceedings.'

Watch SJW Woman Berate Lyft Driver Over His Dashboard Hoola Girl Until He Kicks Her Out

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rebel Media commentator Lauren Southern uploaded a video she was anonymously sent showing an insane Social Justice Warrior (redundant) laying into her driver for having a classic dashboard hoola girl displayed in his car.

The "vocal-fried" SJW in question is a woman named Annaliese Nielsen, the founder of "Girls Night In," a secretive and selective women's community which she described to ABC News as an exclusive online sorority. Apparently these women enjoy going out, having a few cocktails, and then hunting for males who will undoubtedly offend them in some SJW rage-inducing way.

In the video (below), which she recorded herself, Nielson begins her self-righteous rant on the evils of hoola girl knickknacks by telling the driver, "You thought that was adorable? You didn't think about the pillaging of the like, continent of Hawaii?"

...

Eventually another passenger in the car calls Nielson's over-blown reaction pathetic, which only fires her up more to argue with the driver, calling him a "selfish dumbass idiot."

Finally, the driver's patience runs out, he boots her from the car, and speeds away like the Road Runner from Wile E. Coyote.'

Video here.

Australia: White men are being blamed for everything

Mastodon · 30 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph. Excerpt:

'WE used to be known as Australian citizens. But now, in the age of identity politics, we have our own special category: the white male. This is the new trend at the ABC and Fairfax Media — to judge people, not by the quality of their character or their contribution to society, but by the colour of their skin and the shape of their genitals.

Unsurprisingly, in this world of reverse racism, white men are being blamed for the whole shebang.

According to the Left's propaganda, we are good for nothing and responsible for everything.

We made the Islamic terrorists take up arms and slaughter innocent people (even though the radical preachers promoting the caliphate are Arabic and African Muslims).

We made Aboriginal men record the highest rates of family violence in Australia (even though it's usually white policemen who have to sort out the mess). We made Australia's female population suffer (even though women now receive 60 per cent of the nation's university degrees, enjoying higher-than-male remuneration in start-up jobs). We made the country abandon its fair-go principles (even though Australia now has 100,000 more welfare-dependent men than women).'

"Feminist Cringe Collection"

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Video here. Description:

'Welcome to the channel that provides everything CRINGE worthy. I will be uploading the most cringiest compilations every other day. So sit back, Subscribe, and get your daily dose of cringe.'

"Freshman Orientation"

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Video here. Description:

'A quick look at the insanity that is affecting our campuses.'

The rise of the anti-feminist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the developed world of the 21st century, I see the role of feminism as addressing those with the attitude that a woman's place should be in the home, those who promote a society in which a woman's work is undervalued, and those who treat women as objects at the disposal of men's desires. To reverse the centuries of gender roles that have solidified this mentality is no small feat in itself. But to the mission of feminism has been added a new hurdle: the anti-feminist.

Meet the anti-feminist: the immature, smug, self-righteous, yet deeply insecure individuals who on the street might look completely unassuming, but on the internet they take on a new ego with which they insult, mock and attack feminism. Anti-feminists share one particularly cementing belief of who the stereotypical feminist is – angry women with unshaved armpits wearing t-shirts branded with aggressive messages screaming "free the nipple". This binding misconception has allowed anti-feminists to turn feminism into something of a caricature, and given them the fuel with which to exploit the feminist movement for the purpose of a joke.'

Man shot and killed for not holding the door open for woman at a McDonald's

Matt · 30 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. And feminists insist there's no such thing as female privilege. Excerpt:

'An argument outside a North Las Vegas McDonald's turned deadly for a 31-year-old man.

Family members of Mohammad Robinson say he died Saturday night after he mistakenly did not hold the door open for a woman.

...

North Las Vegas police say Saturday night just before midnight a man shot Robinson outside the McDonalds near Pecos and Las Vegas Boulevard.

"It was a stupid reason honestly, irrelevant. It doesn't make any sense why would you actually take someone's life over not opening a door," said Sampson.'

Woman killed husband in hospital bed, police say

Matt · 30 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Palm Coast woman is charged with second-degree murder after police said she killed her husband in his hospital bed at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center.

Daytona Beach police said 62-year-old Jan Sochalski stuck by her husband's bedside from April 7 until his death on May 19. Police arrested her on Monday.

"He just went in there for back surgery and he was not expected to succumb to those injuries," said Jimmie Flynt, of Daytona Beach Police Department.

Sochalski, a retired nurse who practiced for more than 40 years is the prime suspect. An arrest report showed her husband, Henry, was hooked up to a pain-medication machine when Jan Sochalski pressed the button 264 times in an eight hour period. Police said the button should have only been pressed six times an hour.'

Mother Accused Of Murdering Daughter Goes Before Judge

Matt · 30 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Juanita Gomez, 49, of Oklahoma City stands accused of First-Degree Murder in the death of her 33-year-old daughter, Geneva.

A judge denied her bond, but she had a lot to say to the judge during her video arraignment, Monday afternoon.

Gomez spent her time before the judge complaining about the jail conditions and also spoke up about not needing a public defender - claiming she already had a lawyer.

“Yes sir he believes in God like me,” said Juanita Gomez during her video arraignment. “Yes he's the best in town.”

Over at the Gomez home near NW 15th and McKinley, friends and family have left behind candles and flowers and rosaries to honor the life and tragic death of Geneva Gomez.

Neighbors News 9 talked to did not want to talk on camera, but say the mother and daughter seemed to have a good relationship.'

Woman who accused millionaire ex-fiancé of abuse revealed lying by security tapes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'However, since the violent allegations were made, Scott's attorney unveiled some new evidence, which suggests Mary is lying about how her bruised eye came to be.

Home security footage shows Mary screaming hysterically in the bedroom, slapping and punching herself in the head and face:
...
Earlier in the year, Scott filed a lawsuit against Mary and her parents, Linda and Michael Hunt, claiming they helped Mary steal 99 diamond necklaces, 147 gold rings, and 172 loose diamonds.'

Australia: Domestic violence: data shows women are not the only victims

Matt · 30 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Eva Solberg is a Swedish politician, a proud feminist who holds an important post as chairwoman of the party Moderate Women. Last year she was presented with her government's latest strategy for combating domestic violence. Like similar reports across the world, this strategy assumes the only way to tackle domestic violence is through teaching misogynist men (and boys) to behave themselves.

The Swedish politician spat the dummy. Writing on the news site Nyheter24, Solberg took issue with her government's "tired gendered analysis", which argued that eradicating sexism was the solution to the problem of domestic violence. She explained her reasoning: "We know through extensive practice and experience that attempts to solve the issue through this kind of analysis have failed. And they failed precisely because violence is not and never has been a gender issue."

Solberg challenged the government report's assumption that there was a guilty sex and an innocent one. "Thanks to extensive research in the field, both at the national and international level, we now know with great certainty that this breakdown by sex is simply not true."'

"A Title IX for Women in Politics"

Mastodon · 31 August 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The 2016 Olympics in Rio were both a triumph for American athletes and a tribute to the lasting impact of Title IX, the 1972 law that set out to equalize educational and athletic opportunities for the nation's women and girls. Women made up a majority the 554 American athletes at this year's Olympics, and brought home fully half of the 121 medals won by U.S. competitors.

For women seeking parity in the United States, particularly in the political sphere, Title IX offers an important road map. Female athletes were not told to change their attire, behavior, or strategy, as women in politics are constantly advised to do. They were materially helped by legal protections and systemic policy changes. As the nation gears up to vote in a presidential election featuring the first woman ever nominated by a major political party, female politicians in America need a Title IX of their own.

The story of Title IX's origins is an inspiring one. In response to being passed over for a full-time teaching position because she "came on too strong for a woman," then-University of Maryland lecturer Bernice Sandler helped to organize 350 sex discrimination complaints at academic institutions. Congressional hearings concluded that the inequality that girls and women were experiencing merited a comprehensive structural remedy in the form of federal intervention.

The result was Title IX, which banned sex discrimination in federally funded educational programs. The law has delivered concrete results. Women now earn degrees at a higher rate than men in traditionally male fields. One of its most important impacts has been in athletic programs, which were required to offer men and women equal access to sports resources and opportunities. Despite initial controversy and male backlash on college campuses, Title IX was widely credited this year for cultivating women's Olympic triumph—and the nation's—in Rio.'

Debunking the feminist wage gap myth...in 60 Seconds

Matt · 1 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'Is there any truth to feminists' assertion that women make less money than men in the same jobs? Factual Feminist and AEI Resident Scholar Christina Hoff Sommers sheds some light on the gender wage gap controversy.'

Germany to force women to name biological father of 'cuckoo children'

Matt · 1 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women in Germany could be forced to reveal the names of the biological fathers of their children under a proposed new law.

The controversial measure will force women to divulge acts of adultery or infidelity during a relationship.

It has already been dubbed the “Cuckoo Kids’ Law” by the German press, after the German phrase for children concieved in adultery, Kuckuckskindern — the equivalent of “milkmen’s kids” in English.

Heiko Maas, the justice minister, said the law, which will be presented to Angela Merkel's cabinet on Wednesday, would make it easier to resolve who was responsible for paying child support.'

The Idle Army: America's Unworking Men

Matt · 2 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'Labor Day is an appropriate moment to reflect on a quiet catastrophe: the collapse, over two generations, of work for American men. During the past half-century, work rates for U.S. males spiraled relentlessly downward. America is now home to a vast army of jobless men who are no longer even looking for work—roughly seven million of them age 25 to 54, the traditional prime of working life.

This is arguably a crisis, but it is hardly ever discussed in the public square. Received wisdom holds that the U.S. is at or near "full employment." Most readers have probably heard this, perhaps from the vice chairman of the Federal Reserve, who said in a speech last week that "it is a remarkable, and perhaps underappreciated, achievement that the economy has returned to near-full employment in a relatively short time after the Great Recession."

Near-full employment? In 2015 the work rate (the ratio of employment to population) for American males age 25 to 54 was 84.4%. That's slightly lower than it had been in 1940, 86.4%, at the tail end of the Great Depression. Benchmarked against 1965, when American men were at genuine full employment, the "male jobs deficit" in 2015 would be nearly 10 million, even after taking into account an older population and more adults in college.'

Misusing Data On Campus Rape

Matt · 3 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Students across the country have just started the fall semester, and undoubtedly some parents are worried. Perhaps they heard of the Department of Education's 2011 Dear Colleague Letter, which called the statistics on sexual violence, "deeply troubling and a call to action for the nation." Or maybe they read Vice President Joe Biden's recent letter stating that 1 in 5 women are sexually assaulted on college campuses. If those numbers were true then we would have a crisis of terrifying proportions. As it turns out, that epidemic is false.

A 2014 Department of Justice study found just 6.1 per 1000 (.61%) women in post-secondary institutions were the victims of rape or sexual assault between 1995-2013. While any sexual assault is to be abhorred, these findings do not support claims of rampant sexual abuse. A few weeks ago, ninety law professors issued a white paper in support of the Dear Colleague Letter. Neither the Department of Education, nor Vice President Biden, nor the authors of the White Paper bothered to mention the Department of Justice figures. Instead they point to a 2007 National Institute of Justice study that looked at just two large public universities. The lead researchers were so troubled by the misuse of their findings that they "felt the need to set the record straight" and published a piece in Time Magazine stating "(t)he 1-in-5 statistic is not a nationally representative estimate of the prevalence of sexual assault..." Another oft-cited study is the 2015 Association of American Universities Campus Climate Survey, which found 1 in 4 women surveyed from 27 Institutes of Higher Education had been raped or sexually assaulted while in college. Once again, the authors explicitly wrote that the results were not nationally representative and stating otherwise, "is at least oversimplistic, if not misleading." The authors also acknowledged that because they had such a low response rate their results were likely biased and thus their estimates of sexual assault too high.'

Judge Rejects Rolling Stone’s Plea to Throw Out UVA Defamation Case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to NBC News, a judge has rejected Rolling Stone‘s request to throw out a defamation case brought by the accused students in the now-debunked University of Virginia rape case.

In a statement made on Thursday, a circuit court judge in Charlottesville, Virginia, held that Rolling Stone magazine’s article on an alleged gang rape at the University of Virginia could reasonably be considered defamatory. This followed a request by the magazine’s attorney for the court to dismiss the case.'

Senator: Questions About Hillary Clinton's Health Are 'Quite Sexist'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Friday on MSNBC's "Andrea Mitchell Reports," Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) said the questions surrounding Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's health were "quite sexist."

Klobuchar said, "Hillary Clinton has put out her medical records. I have seen her personally. You've seen her personally, Andrea. She is in shape. She is strong. She's just has a ton of energy. And I find this actually quite sexist when these guys are saying this. I think that that is not an issue at all and the American voters know that. And the fact that she's going to be out there again and she's been out here for the whole year. I find that just such a non-issue."'

'Healthy outrage' fuels attorney suing universities on behalf of men accused of sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Andrew Miltenberg insists he's not fighting for men's rights.

The New York City attorney says he's not an activist, nor does he mean to discount the pain and the trauma that sexual assault victims feel.

Miltenberg, a 51-year-old New York City attorney who has spent much of his career in business litigation, describes himself instead as a champion for civil rights and due process.

That's why he's become the go-to lawyer for male college students who claim they've been falsely accused of sexual assault and say their universities are treating them unfairly for the sake of appearing tough on campus sexual violence.'

Rape charges dropped, but university expels male student anyway

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The student, identified in a federal lawsuit against Rider only as “John Doe,” was disciplined in December after a campus administrative panel found him at fault for an alleged sexual assault of two females student in a dorm room.

The student, however, was never prosecuted, despite an investigation by campus and municipal police and the Mercer County Prosecutor’s Office.

The lawsuit says the female students gave conflicting and contradictory statements to police, with their stories going from a kissing and heavy petting incident to one of forced penetration and attempted oral sodomy.

The lawsuit says the school, “in a rush to convict” the freshman student and “brand him a sexual predator,” didn’t allow his attorney to ask the victim any questions during the disciplinary hearing and considered him “guilty until proven innocent.”'

Male student at University accused twice of sexual assault claims school violated Title IX in lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A University of Chicago male student from New York accused twice of sexual assault slammed the school's conduct in a new lawsuit, charging that "UC routinely portrays a large portion of their male students as sexual predators."

The student, named as John Doe in the lawsuit, claims the university violated Title IX with its unfair treatment. He was subjected to a "fundamentally unfair, arbitrary and capricious disciplinary procedure that violates both Title IX and UC's policies and/or procedures related to allegations of sexual misconduct," according to the lawsuit obtained by the Chicago Maroon, a student newspaper at the school.

Title IX is in place to ensure that universities don't discriminate against students and faculty based on gender.

The male student, from Somers, N.Y., charges that two women, named as Jane Doe and Jane Roe, falsely accused him of sexual assault. Jane Doe is also being sued, according to the Maroon.'

Suzanne Moore: Why I was wrong about men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men. You can't live with them. You can't shoot them. Well, you can, but this is the New Statesman. And modern feminism spends most of its life not just bending over backwards, but in the doggy position, saying how much it likes men. "I'm a feminist but... I love men." Obviously I'm being a bit binary here, and when I write "men", I mean women, blokes, anyone fluid enough basically to be in charge.

I once adhered to this. I didn't want to put anyone off. I used to call feminism "sexual politics", because that sounded way more sexy. Hey, I'm no man-hater – on the contrary. Look at me. Men? Can't get enough of them, the poor, damaged critters. It's not their fault. They're as screwed up by the patriarchy as ordinary women, probably even more so.
...
You know what? I can. Please don't confuse that with bitterness. I am in touch with my emotions enough to know the difference between personal hurt and class hatred. As a class, I hate men. I've changed my mind. I am no longer reasonable.

I want to see this class broken. There can't be even basic equality for women without taking away the power of men – and by that I don't mean feeling sorry for them because they have no friends or suggesting that they have small genitals. I mean the removal of their power.'

Wikipedia on the author here.

Men devaluing men's lives: the smoking gun

Matt · 5 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is hardly news to MRAs who watch male feminists do their thing. Excerpt:

'Killing someone in order to save several lives seems more morally acceptable to men than to women. We suggest that this greater approbation of utilitarian killings may reflect gender differences in the tolerance to inflicting physical harm, which are partly the product of sexual selection. Based on this account, we predicted that men may be less utilitarian than women in other conditions. In four studies, we show that men are more likely than women to make the anti-utilitarian (hypothetical) choice of causing three same sex deaths to save one opposite sex life; and that this choice is more likely when there are fewer potential sexual partners, more likely for heterosexual men and less likely if the female character to be saved no longer has reproductive value.'

Christina Hoff Sommers on how academic feminism hurts women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Modern academic feminism is hurting women by teaching them to see themselves as victims rather than empowered individuals, according to American Enterprise Institute scholar Christina Hoff Sommers.

Hoff Sommers, in an interview with Clay Routledge of Psychology Today, argued that women in academia are being treated like children.

"Women are not children. We are not fragile little birds who can't cope with jokes, works of art or controversial speakers," Hoff Sommers said. "Trigger warnings and safe spaces are an infantilizing setback for feminism — and for women."

Routledge, too, brought up this notion of "women as victims," suggesting that the narratives being pushed by feminists in academia (most notably through women's studies programs) is a form of "benevolent sexism." That is, "the idea that women need to be cherished and protected, that they are innocent, precious and perhaps childlike."'

Australia: Aurizon cops heat on women-only job ad

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Australia's largest rail freight operator has defended a polarising job advertisement for "female only" positions.

The women-only jobs of diesel fitters and electricians with Aurizon in central Queensland were advertised as "targeted" positions last Friday.

The ads have sparked strong debate on social media, some labelling it as "reverse discrimination".

Aurizon said in a statement it was seeking to recruit more women to even up the company's gender imbalance. More than 80 per cent of Aurizon workers are men.'

Title IX And College Rape: A Series Of Injustice, Part 4

Matt · 7 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine you were blackout drunk. Not just incapacitated and unable to clearly give affirmative consent, but intoxicated to the point of absolutely no memory. Envision yourself then hearing about what happened the night before via text messages and campus chatter, and discovering that oral sex was performed on you while you were blacked out. Then imagine, two years later, being expelled from school with a giant black mark on your future.

Wait, what? Why would the victim of a sexual assault be expelled?

Because being impaired is “never an excuse.” Because the “victim” of the sexual assault was a young man who later became the accused.

John Doe was a student at Amherst College in Massachusetts. After a night of drinking, a female student named as Sandra Jones helped Doe back to his room. Once they arrived, she proceeded to perform oral sex on him, and left when she was done. According to court documents, nearly two years later, at the urging of an on-campus victims advocate, Jones filed her sexual misconduct complaint with the school.'

SAVE: Federal Directive Triggered Spurt of Lawsuits Against Universities For Alleged Mishandling of Sexual Assault Cases, Report Says

Matt · 7 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / September 7, 2016 – A report released today reveals a 2011 U.S. Department of Education sexual harassment directive led to a dramatic increase in the number of lawsuits alleging mishandling of allegations of sexual assault on campuses. Titled “Lawsuits Against Universities for Alleged Mishandling of Sexual Misconduct Cases,” the report found that the number of lawsuits by students tripled over an eight-year period.

During the period 2006-2010, a leading insurance company received an average of 52 claims per year from alleged victims of sexual assault and from students who asserted they were wrongfully expelled for sexual assault. By 2013, the number increased to 154 claims. Claims by students alleging lack of due process increased at an even higher rate, increasing from 10 lawsuits in 2013 to 53 in 2015.

These claims represent a growing liability risk for colleges and universities. During the period 2006 to 2010, payments to accused students represented 72% of all expenses for legal fees and payments to persons alleging mishandling of sexual assault cases by campus disciplinary committees, according to a leading insurance company. In July, Georgia Tech officials agreed to pay a male student $125,000 to settle a case in which he had been accused of sexual assault. Earlier this year, a former University of Montana quarterback received a $245,000 settlement for the university’s “unfair and biased” rape investigation.'

Illegal immigrants make up rape and sex assault claims 'to stay in the U.S. longer'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A series of false rape allegations have been made by illegal immigrants awaiting deportation at detention centers, DailyMail.com can reveal.

Thirty-six claims were found to be false in just one year, the figures, released under Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) rules disclosed.

The scale of the false allegations was described as a concern by a watchdog group, who said it raised questions over whether illegal immigrants were trying to delay or dodge deportation by making untrue rape or sexual assault claims.

The allegations proven to be false were all made to Immigration and Customs Enforcement by people held in their detention facilities.'

UK: National Men's Rights Working Forum slated for Oct. 28-30, 2016

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Flyer with details here. Excerpt:

'The aims of the Forum are (i) to identify activities that would eradicate male inequalities, (ii) to build a national network of male activists based upon social interaction between, and personal knowledge of, individual members, and, (iii) to help the Men's Movement project a more professional public and political front.'

NPO: Another Victory for Shared Parenting: Nevada Makes the Grade

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2014, NPO's Shared Parenting Report Card evaluated each state's child custody statutes (not case law or the actual behavior of courts!) on the degree to which the laws promoted shared parenting. At that time, Nevada was near the bottom of the pack. It received only a 'D', a barely passing grade. To be fair, it had a lot of company at the bottom of the class. Twenty-three states received 'D's and two received failing grades.

But Nevada's Parental Rights Protection Act of 2015 brought about dramatic changes that will greatly benefit Nevada's children. Attorney Keith Pickard (Henderson, Nevada), who was the principal architect of the bill, brought these changes to NPO's attention. The changes bring NPO's grade for Nevada's child custody statutes from a miserable 'D' to a 'C+'. A 'C+' on the NPO Shared Parenting Report Card might not seem like anything to brag about. But only eight other states received a 'C+' and only eight states received grades higher than a 'C+'. None received an 'A.' So, in a single legislative act, Nevada has moved from being among the worst states for shared parenting laws to being in the top third.'

France: All-female ISIS terror cell foiled

Matt · 9 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. So much for the notion that mass violence is limited to male machinations. Excerpt:

'A FRENCH teenager shot by cops was part of France's first ever all-female ISIS terror cell which planned to attack the Gare du Nord train station in Paris this week, it was alleged today.

Ines M. – whose full surname has not been revealed – was one of three women suspected of setting up a terror cell in Boussy-Saint-Antoine, south of the French capital.

The dramatic revelation came as the packed Gare du Nord was evacuated this evening as a bomb squad detonated a suspicious package with the city on high alert.'

Female Student Admits to Incredible Lie That Got Auburn Football Player Kicked Off Team

Matt · 9 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Auburn University dismissed running back Jovon Robinson—formerly the No. 1 junior college player in the country—after a female student accused him of assaulting her.

"He did not meet my expectations of what it takes to be an Auburn Tiger football player," said head coach Gus Malzahn, according to al.com.

But Robinson never assaulted anyone. His purported victim made it up entirely. The woman now readily admits to fabricating the allegation out of spite—she was angry at Robinson for making her leave his room.

It's an astonishing, malicious lie that might have factored into Auburn's decision to release Robinson, though the university maintains that it had other issues with him. It's also a powerful repudiation of the leftist-feminist idea that victims of assault and sexual assault deserve to be automatically believed.'

UK: Why does the CPS report on violence against women include men in the stats?

Matt · 10 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Male violence against women is both a cause and a consequence of gender inequality, in this country and across the world. It is right and essential that official bodies strive to reduce and eliminate such offences, as an end in itself and as part of a broader strategy to combat gender-based injustice.

The Crown Prosecution Service has just published its annual performance review titled Violence Against Women and Girls: Crime Report. This year, for the first time, tucked away in parentheses on the front page, are seven new words: “(Inclusive of data on men and boys.)”

Readers might wonder how crimes against women and girls can include men and boys. The answer lies in a curiously bureaucratic definition. Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) doesn’t necessarily mean violence against women and girls. It means a subset of criminal offences that have been categorised as VAWG crimes – rape and sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, forced marriage, etc – and the victims of these crimes are not all female. As the introduction makes clear, one in six victims described in the report are in fact men and boys. In the largest category, domestic abuse, exactly 16.7% of victims (where gender was recorded) are male. Elsewhere, the figures are higher; almost a quarter of victims of so-called “honour crimes” are male, and in the category of trafficking and prostitution, a full 40% of victims are men and boys.

But it is in the most sensitive areas of sexual violence and child abuse where the situation is most troubling. Here, the CPS’s data collection is so inadequate that it is impossible to officially state the gender ratio of victims, they are simply assumed to be female. In fact, the limited data that is available in the appendix shows one in eight rape victims and more than a quarter of child abuse victims to be male.

Those who work with male survivors of these crimes testify that issues of gender and sexuality are often central to trauma and recovery, with survivors dealing with a sense of emasculation or isolation, feeling that due to being the “wrong” gender, they barely exist as victims. It is not difficult to see how government bodies categorising these (often young and deeply vulnerable) men as “women and girls” is tantamount to another abusive act. Furthermore, male survivors’ charities and campaigns are desperately frustrated by the lack of reliable data, which they urgently need to make a fair and compelling case for funding, support and donations.'

Hillary Tells Yet Another Self-Aggrandizing Feminist Lie

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary told another whopper today, one of her typical I am a heroic woman who has stood up to bullies my whole life lies.

Speaking to a blog called “Humans of New York” on Thursday, Hillary shared a “rare personal message” – as Politico put it. She claimed that when she took the LSAT during her senior year of college, men taking the test shouted at her, saying her admission to law school could cost them their draft deferments, forcing them to go to Vietnam, where they would die. The moral of the story was that she had to “learn as a young woman to control my emotions.” Brave Hillary!

...

The problem with this corny story that only stupid 20-year-old girls would believe is: Hillary graduated from Wellesley in 1969. Remember? That’s when she gave that speech insulting the first black senator since Reconstruction. So her senior year began in autumn, 1968. She says she was a senior during this harrowing experience, which is when the LSAT is normally taken. But the LBJ administration ended all graduate school deferments on February 16, 1968, except for medical, dental and divinity students, when Hillary was still a junior in college.'

The feminists who are turning British justice against men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Crown Prosecution Service is meant to be one of the guardians of the British public. Its duty is to tackle criminality without bias, regardless of the background of either perpetrator or victim.

Its guiding spirit should be the famous, blindfolded figure of Justice that stands on top the Old Bailey, reflecting the ideal that we're all equal before the law.

But, as a barrister myself, I fear the service is sliding towards the status of a noisy pressure group in the grip of feminist dogma.'

"Boys and Girls Together..."

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Into the educational vacuum of moral relativism radical feminists have now poured a witches' brew of politics and tyrannical control over both thought and action. In her later book, The War on Boys, Mrs. Sommers notes that those feminists everyone assumed simply hated men have now turned on a more vulnerable target: boys. She exposes what the terrifying techniques and purposes of feminist reeducation are doing to boys. The catechism, she says, is more or less simple: "Girls, good; boys, bad."

In many schools, even the propensity of boys to run and jump and engage in rough-and-tumble play is now being suppressed. This radical educational change has actually evolved into a movement to abolish recess at the very time when health activists are railing about overweight and inactive American children. If sedentary and junk-food-nourished children must be denied free outdoor exercise, says Mrs. Sommers, there must be some powerful reason for doing so.

The reason is that boys behave differently from girls. This cannot be allowed. Feminists insist that boys should be raised like girls – indeed, should be like girls. More active male behavior or interests – once considered normal for boys – are considered the spawn of "patriarchy" and must be treated as deviant expressions that will lead directly to rape, mass murder, and capitalism. They must be stamped out with every means possible.

Day in and day out, too many boys are hearing a steady drumbeat telling them that they are class enemies, responsible for all the evils of the world. Mrs. Sommers notes that when these doped-up, denigrated, and sexually confused boys hit adolescence, "…hormonal rockets are lit off, and we find resentful, angry, and unsocialized youth bouncing around the landscape." This, then, is taken as additional evidence that more vigorous non-sexist reeducation must be instituted. Fewer young men going to college is only one symptom of a poisonous institutional bias that must be disclosed and dealt with.'

World premier of The Red Pill announced

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Video here. Description:

Coming: OCTOBER 2016

http://www.theredpillmovie.com/

Thanks to the thousands of people who supported our Kickstarter campaign in Oct-Nov 2015, we are now able to complete "The Red Pill" documentary! COMING OCTOBER 2016.'

Screen time and ticketing information here.

'Epic' bar mitzvah party produces epic trial and bizarre defense

Matt · 12 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"On Saturday, March 21," it said, "a bar mitzvah was held at a North Scottsdale home. … One of the guests at the party, whose name is Lindsey Radomski (32 years old), recently had breast augmentation surgery. At one point, Radomski exposed her breasts to a group of 5 adults at the party. The adults admonished her not to expose herself again. Later, Radomski exposed her breasts to a group of juveniles by the pool. Radomski was told to 'sleep it off' in one of the bedrooms of the home."

But she didn't. And so, the statement continued:

"In the early morning hours of Sunday March 22nd, most of the party guests had gone home or were asleep. Radomski invited 7 juvenile boys, ranging in ages from 11 to 15, into a bedroom where she allowed the boys to fondle her breasts. Later, all of the boys left the bedroom except for one 15 year old boy. Radomski then performed oral sex on the 15 year old boy."
...
So her lawyers' defense is built around an unusual theory but not one uncommon in cases involving sex: The alleged victims did it.
...
Someone — her lawyers contended during the trial that it was an 18-year-old at the party who was never identified — slipped into one of her drinks the "date rape" drug GHB. She blanked out, they argued, and the boys took advantage. At one point, one of her lawyers blurted out that she had been "raped," although there is no evidence of that.

Although that may sound far-fetched, so do lots of theories presented by good defense lawyers. All they need to do, remember, is raise doubt in the minds of the jurors.
...
In addition to earlier testimony from each of the boys, prosecutors have countered with, among other things, the results of blood tests taken after the party showing no more GHB than would naturally occur in a person's body.'

Canadian PM accused of being a fake feminist

Matt · 13 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If you lie with dogs, senor, expect to awaken covered in fleas. Excerpt:

'But nothing truly wonderful can last forever, and this week, the influential Canadian media outlet MacLeans declared Justin Trudeau a “fake feminist” and a gender equality fraud.

Apparently, according to MacLeans, while Trudeau has been winning their hearts in public, he’s been waging a quiet war against everything feminists hold dear in private. His first offense: putting Canadian economic stability over the whims of social justice warriors. His further offenses: not giving in to feminist demands.

“‘Feminist’ Justin Trudeau delivers a deeply un-feminist first budget,” wailed “women’s rights blog” Rabble after Trudeau had the nerve to increase funding to infrastructure and construction, where employment is 88% male, instead of a more “female-focused” profession. Trudeau refused, they said, to “drill down” to the “intersections and injustices” that define female inequality, though they didn’t quite define exactly what that meant.'

Guy Asks Chelsea Clinton A Question ... Apologizes For Being A Man

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Article here.

'A man asked Chelsea Clinton a question at a campaign event for her mother Hillary in Winston-Salem, N.C. on Tuesday.

But not before apologizing for his biology. Link

“I saw your hand first, so, yes. Hello,” Clinton told the soon-to-be-emasculated bro. “And maybe just share your name.”

“Yes, ma’am,” the guy answered, to which Clinton stated, “oh gosh called me ma’am. That makes me feel so old.”

“Well, first off, I’d like to state that this is a great idea,” the questioner continued. “Sorry that the first person to get the mic is a man.”

“I do apologize for that. I do think it’s important to encourage women’s voices in every aspect of life.”'

Why Feminists Are So Cagey About Class

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Article here. Excerpt:

Interestingly, the report did not include information on boys' quality of life. The report claims it is 'unapologetic in its focus on girls and their lives'. But it is still ignoring the elephant in the room. The fact that girls in Waverley enjoy higher quality of life than those in Salford has nothing to do with the fact that they're girls and everything to do with the fact that, in comparison, Salford is a much poorer, working-class area.

Indeed, the researchers seem to be well aware that their stats alone don't point to any clear gender disparity. So, in order to make up for this, they've conducted interviews with 103 girls about their life experiences. The authors conclude: 'Girls are facing daily harassment in school, in the classroom and on the way to and from school. They need to use technology, but they don't always feel safe to do that. They're scared every day on the street.' Based on a few conversations with a few young girls, Plan UK is claiming that there is real gender inequality in Britain today.

This is absolute nonsense. As spiked has often argued, girls in the UK have never had it so good. The old barriers are gone: it's illegal to discriminate on the basis of sex, and society's view of women's freedom and capabilities has changed enormously over the past few decades.'

Obama Administration Attacks 'Reasonableness' and 'Common Sense' in Sex Harassment Investigations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This letter has been criticized by education reporters for ignoring the law and attacking common sense. Reason magazine's Robby Soave writes that "In holding 'common sense,' 'reason,' and 'reasonable persons' in contempt, OCR is effectively saying that colleges should base their decisions on the perspective of an unreasonable person."

This letter's extreme position is at odds with OCR's past position when I worked there in its national headquarters. But it reflects the position of left-wing women's groups whose staff frequently end up working for the Office for Civil Rights and the Civil Rights Division under Democratic Presidents. In court briefs, these groups have argued that women should be able to sue over sexual discussions or relationships among co-workers that only an unreasonable person would view as sexual harassment. For example, in the Supreme Court case of Harris v. Forklift Systems (1993), the National Women's Law Center, "joined by the Women's Legal Defense Fund, demanded that women be allowed to sue employers for sexual remarks by co-workers even if no 'reasonable woman' would find the remarks offensive. This demand was so extreme that it was rejected by the Supreme Court and condemned as biased by the Legal Times." In 2001, the Supreme Court overturned a ruling against the Clark County School District, ruling that a "reasonable person" could not "have believed that [a] single incident" of offensive remarks amounted to harassment.'

SAVE: Most College Rapists Never Spend a Day in Jail

Matt · 13 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Two weeks after former Stanford University student Brock Turner was released from jail after serving a 3-month sentence for raping an unconscious woman, members of the public continue to express outrage and concern that campus rape is not being taken as a serious problem.

SAVE urges lawmakers to consider the lessons of the Turner case:

1. Rape is a heinous offense, and needs to be treated that way.

2. Local criminal justice authorities – not the Stanford University disciplinary committee – were the appropriate persons to handle the case.

3. Alcohol abuse is a major contributor to sexual assault, and binge drinking needs to be addressed.

Unfortunately, few of the bills debated in state legislatures in 2016 addressed any of these factors. Instead, most bills espoused unproven approaches such as affirmative consent, evoking concerns about the erosion of the presumption of innocence.'

SAVE: Contact state legislators about CEFTA

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Are you a teacher? You can be. Your state legislators handle many, many issues, and there are many areas of the law that they can't always keep up-to-date on.

Because today is the official launch date for SAVE's new campus sexual assault bill, the Campus Equality, Fairness, and Transparency Act (CEFTA), many legislators may not yet have had a chance to read the bill.

We ask that you please email your state legislator a link to our bill and tell them in your own words why you would like to see them introduce CEFTA.

Our bill can be found here: http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/cefta/

Let's get this bill introduced and passed in all 50 states! Starting with yours, today!

Thank you!

Very best,

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UK: No, it's not ridiculous to call misogyny a hate crime

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women have very little idea of how much men hate us, wrote Germaine Greer, and the criminal justice system has hardly gone out of its way to disabuse us. Hate crime monitoring by the police covers disability, race, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity, but astonishingly, not sex. While the police have all-too-slowly come to recognise the systemic underpinnings of violence when it affects male victims, the targeting of women because they are women has been left behind. If you want to find out how much men hate women, you won't find the answer in the official statistics. Until now, because a successful pilot by Nottingham Police to record misogyny as a hate crime is now being considered for adoption by forces across England and Wales.

The Nottingham experiment inevitably attracted derision on its launch in July, with multiple snickering headlines about the prospect of wolf-whistling becoming a crime – the implication being, of course, that this would be inherently absurd. What actually happened was different: under the Nottingham scheme, police have dealt with more than 20 incidents, "all of which required some form of police action", according to Dave Alton, hate crime manager for Nottingham Police. Two men have been arrested for public order offences and actual bodily harm.'

Motherless babies possible as scientists create live offspring without need for female egg

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Motherless babies could be on the horizon after scientists discovered a method of creating offspring without the need for a female egg.

The landmark experiment by the University of Bath rewrites 200 years of biology teaching and could pave the way for a baby to be born from the DNA of two men.

It was always thought that only a female egg could spark the changes in a sperm required to make a baby, because an egg forms from a special kind of cell division in which just half the number of chromosomes are carried over.
...
But now scientists have shown embryos could be created from cells which carry all their chromosomes which means that, in theory, any cell in the human body could be fertilised by a sperm.

Three generations of mice have already been created using the technique and are fit and healthy and now researchers are planning to test out the theory using skin cells.'

UK: By making misogyny a crime, we are sleepwalking into tyranny

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Should it be a crime to hate women? This unfortunate question is thrown up by the news that misogyny might soon become a hate crime across England and Wales. Two months ago, Nottingham Police launched a trial 'crackdown on sexism', investigating cases of, among other things, 'verbal harassment' and 'unwanted advances' towards women. Now top coppers from across the country are looking into criminalising misogyny elsewhere.

I find this terrifying. Misogyny is vile and ridiculous and I feel privileged to live in an era when, in the West at least, it is in steep decline; an era in which women work, run things, outdo lads at school, and no one bats an eyelid (except men's rights activists who physically live in their mum's basements and mentally live in the 1950s). But I am as opposed to the criminalisation of misogyny as I am delighted by its decline. For the simple reason that the state has no business policing people's thoughts, even their dark thoughts. Have we forgotten this basic principle of the free society?

Imagine the potential for miscarriages of justice in this Orwellian experiment which would investigate people for what they feel (in this case, alleged contempt for women) alongside what they do. Short of inventing a machine that can measure wicked thinking, how does one prove that an individual's mind is a murky swirl of anti-woman hatefulness? How do we know that the man who engages in an 'unwanted advance' towards a woman is driven by 'ingrained prejudice against women'? He might simply be motivated by attraction to one woman, not hatred for all.'

NPO: Survey: Strong Support in Maryland for Shared Parenting

Matt · 14 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The news out of Maryland is good. It's actually better than good because it corroborates what we've long known - that We the People avidly support equal or nearly equal parenting post-divorce. John Chick of the Maryland chapter of National Parents Organization personally commissioned and paid for a survey on Marylanders' attitudes toward shared parenting. It was conducted by the highly reputable polling organization, Public Policy Polling, from August 5 - 7 of this year. A total of 580 voters were polled. Unsurprisingly, the results strongly support changing state law to promote shared parenting.'

Arizona yoga instructor acquitted of teen sex charges at party

Matt · 15 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Arizona yoga instructor accused of letting boys as young as 11 fondle her breasts at a bar mitzvah party was acquitted of all charges on Wednesday, court officials said.

Lindsey Ann Radomski, 33, was found not guilty of 18 misdemeanor charges in Scottsdale, Arizona, city court stemming from the incident involving seven boys at a suburban Phoenix home in March 2015.

The six-member jury deliberated for three hours before issuing the not guilty verdict on 10 counts of public sexual indecency and indecent exposure following a seven-week trial, officials said.

A judge then immediately cleared Radomski of the remaining counts of contributing to the delinquency of a child and disorderly conduct. In Arizona city courts, those misdemeanor accusations are handled by judges, not juries.'

See related post here.

Social Work’s Gender Problem

Matt · 15 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Social work's diversity problem may be even worse than law enforcement's. While minorities make up more than 27 percent of police departments nationwide, men make up barely 16 percent of the ranks of social workers, according to federal data. And a look at social-work education suggests that the trend continues in the wrong direction: According to the Council on Social Work Education, just 13.3 percent of the recipients of master's degrees in social work in 2015 identified as male. In 1964, the figure was 42.1 percent.

So, ironically, a field that loudly proclaims its commitment to diversity and inclusiveness lags far behind one that is often thought to be insular, secretive, conservative and hidebound. Law enforcement is taking concrete, meaningful action to address its diversity problem. Social work is doing nothing of the sort.

The result is that the field of social work does a poor job of dealing with family issues in ways that take into account the needs of both men and women -- and the children they parent. As a 2015 study of social-work practices in Connecticut reported, some fathers complained that "being male put them at a disadvantage and that case workers often took the side of the mother before initial contact with the father was made." Nearly two decades ago, Harvard sociologist Orlando Patterson wrote that "the far greater crime rate among Afro-American men must in great part be explained by their unmarried and largely unpartnered existence." In 2013, British researchers found that while "friends are equally important to men and women … family matters more for men's well-being."'

Woman puts lit cigarette in man's eye during argument

Matt · 16 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Meet Cindy Jean Underwood.

The 39-year-old West Virginian is locked up on $10,000 bail after she allegedly put out a cigarette in her boyfriend's eye, according to court records.

The attack, cops say, occurred Monday as Underwood and Jeremy Hughes were arguing in the home they share in St. Albans, a city in Kanawha County.

As the pair squabbled, Underwood jammed a lit cigarette into her beau's eye, police charge. When cops arrived at the residence in response to a destruction of property complaint, they summoned an ambulance, which transported Hughes to a local hospital for treatment of an injury to his left eye.'

Milo advocates for circumcision of boys

Matt · 18 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The MRM has a wide range of issues. Not all MRAs will agree on specific issues. In this case, Milo is not in agreement with the circumcision issue. Possibly this is because he has not heard the argument. So please, politely contact him and make the case. Flaming the guy will not be constructive. Excerpt:

'Your penis is not a perfect, special snowflake. There are objective standards of beauty for men, just as there are for women. For the edification and enjoyment of your female partners, not to mention the quality of oral sex you'll get throughout your life, you should get circumcised. And you should do it to your newborn sons, too, as early into their lives as possible.
...
This shouldn't be a surprise to us. Circumcision isn't a recent invention of misandrists, sadists or religious nuts: 15,000 years ago, men realised that making their wieners more attractive improved their chances of oral sex. Perhaps as a gay man I'm biased, but aesthetics matter. And let me tell you – sorry if this veers into "TMI" territory – that I'm infinitely more likely to make you happy down there if you're cut.

Then there's the medical stuff. Getting circumcised reduces the risk of urinary tract infections, some sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV and penile cancer and cervical cancer in female sex partners. It prevents a whole galaxy of hideous illnesses that come from having a turtleneck: balanitis, balanoposthitis, phimosis and paraphimosis. (I won't spell them all out, but they're all horrible and, more to the point, avoidable.)

It drops the risk of heterosexual HIV acquisition by about 60 per cent. It drops the risk of HPV, herpes and other stuff by similar amounts. And the risk of urinary tract infection in the first year of life goes down by an astonishing 90 per cent. The Mayo Clinic and the NHS both list huge advantages, together with the obligatory, diplomatic disadvantage list.

The American Academy of Pediatrics agree that the health benefits of newborn male circumcision outweigh the risks, but the benefits are not great enough to recommend universal newborn circumcision. Fine, but that's because it's not the AAP's job to consider the sexual or aesthetic benefits of getting it done. Take it from me: your penis is 200 per cent more attractive to a potential blowjob-giver if you have the snip.'

UK: Domestic violence against men soars to record levels as number of cases treble in past decade

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DOMESTIC violence against men has trebled in the past decade, shocking official figures reveal.

A record 5,640 wives and girlfriends were convicted of assaulting their male partners last year — up from 1,850 in 2007.

The issue has become a taboo because victims are often too ashamed to talk about their experiences.

But an MP is now calling for action after evidence emerged the problem is growing at an alarming rate.

Stats released by the Attorney General show 177 women are convicted of domestic abuse EVERY WEEK.'

UK: MPs call for end to abusive men using courts against families

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The government must carry out a full review of family courts to stop them being used by violent men to perpetuate abuse against their partners and children, MPs have said.

They called on the justice secretary, Liz Truss, to act swiftly to tackle deep-seated cultural attitudes among family court judges which put the rights of abusive men over the safety of women and children.

MPs were debating research by Women's Aid which revealed that between 2005 and 2015, 19 children in 12 families were killed by violent fathers who had been allowed to see them through formal and informal child contact arrangements.

The debate focused on many personal stories of women who had been subjected to violence and coercive control by their partners, only to have to face them again in the family courts when the men fought for child contact.

MPs said the family court system was allowing violent men to re-victimise women. Increasing numbers of men were representing themselves and re-traumatising their victims when they made repeated and often spurious applications for access, they said.'

Men perform better in bed when put under the spotlight, study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Exposure to bright light - similar to daylight - boosts levels of the male hormone testosterone and can triple sexual satisfaction, the new research found.

Low sexual desire affects significant numbers of men after the age of 40.

According to some studies, up to a quarter of men report problems depending on age and other factors.

Because sexual interest varies with the seasons, scientists have suspected that it might be influenced by ambient light levels.

To test the theory a team of Italian researchers from the University of Siena recruited 38 men diagnosed with low libidos and treated half of them with daily doses of bright light.'

Obama Blames American Sexism for Hillary Clinton's Low Poll Numbers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Barack Obama suggested at a New York fundraiser that American society is sexist, which is why Hillary Clinton is struggling to beat Donald Trump in the polls.

"There's a reason why we haven't had a woman president–that we as a society still grapple with what it means to see powerful women," Obama said during a speech on Saturday evening. "And it still troubles us in a lot of ways, unfairly, and that expresses itself in all sorts of ways."

Obama pointed out that the presidential election will be close, but that it should not be, and he took time to defend Clinton's qualifications to serve as president.

"She's been in the room where it happens, repeatedly," Obama said. "And her judgment has been unerring, and she has been disciplined, and she has been extraordinarily effective in every job that she's had."'

Female teacher goes unpunished for multiple violations of conduct

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jennifer Elizabeth Green-Johnson, who is listed on the Dunnville Secondary School's website as an English teacher, Grades 10 through 12, allegedly instructed one of her students: "Why don't you lick me where I fart?"

That suggestion is included in two sets of charges before the Ontario College of Teachers, with Green-Johnson's date for hearings to be set next Friday.

Some teachers we remember for the rest of our lives, because they had a profound effect on shaping young minds or instilling a love of learning or helping us navigate the curriculum. I doubt Green-Johnson's students will ever forget her, if only for the purported yips and confirmed yaps she brought into the classroom.

This is not Green-Johnson's first disciplinary rodeo.
...
In one, relating to the 2015-16 academic year, Green-Johnson is alleged to:

Have told a student who brought coffee to class: "Get that f---king thing out of here."

Called a student a "bloody pedophile."

Told a student: "I have never said this to a student before but f--k you."

Told another: "It sounds like your ass cheeks are too close together," after the student a made a noise by pressing his lips together.

Told a student who'd offered to buy her muffins in exchange for a passing grade: "You mean a bribe? I'd be able to shit for a week."

Told a female student she "looked like a frumpy old lady today."'

Men with anxiety have higher cancer risk, says study

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men who suffer from severe anxiety are twice as likely to die from cancer than men who do not, a study has found.

But women with the mental health condition were at no greater risk, researchers said.

They suggest anxious men may be more likely to ‘self-medicate’ their anxiety by drinking and smoking more than women, both factors that increase the likelihood of getting cancer.

Women may also be quicker at going to the doctor – allowing the cancer to be detected earlier, making it easier to treat.

A study of 15,938 Britons looked at those who had also been diagnosed with generalised anxiety disorder. The disorder is characterised by excessive, uncontrollable worry about many areas of life, the researchers said.'

Romeo and Juliet and Sexting: 17-Year-Old Faces Child Porn, Assault Charges for Consensual Sex with Girlfriend

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"After being arrested, I was suicidal and hopeless," Austin Yabandith, a 17-year-old from Superior, Wisconsin, recalls. "As of right now, I am just hoping for the best and preparing for the worst."

The "worst" would be pretty bad. After discovering indecent photos of Austin's 15-year-old girlfriend on his cell phone—as well as a video of the couple having sex—authorities charged him with sexual assault of a child, sexual exploitation, and possession of child pornography. The sexual assault charge is considered a Class C felony, and carries a maximum (though unlikely) sentence of 40 years in prison.

One might argue that a sexual predator deserves such a fate. But Austin isn't a sexual predator. He didn't assault anyone, or send child porn. By one important measure, he is a child himself: the age of consent in Wisconsin is 18, which means Austin is technically under-age, just like the girlfriend he is accused of exploiting.'

Will We Ever Notice Boys' Struggles?

Matt · 21 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I am obsessed with gender issues, and thus am constantly surfing the Internet, using various Google combinations to see what goodies I can find. My main problem is that after years of being a strong supporter of feminism, I discovered, nearly 25 years ago, that it was boys much more than girls who were struggling in school, not to mention in other even more significant ways – for example, committing suicide at around four times the rate that girls were. Having three sons (the youngest of whom was 12 when I made this discovery), I realized that my children were being ignored. Having later been blessed by the birth of four grandsons, my concern about boys as a group has only increased.

But the concern of our country hasn't.

For example, in spite of data overwhelmingly showing the problems that boys struggle with, there is no White House Council on Boys and Men to parallel the one established for women and girls very soon after President Obama took office — this in spite of years of hard work by a bipartisan network of experts who have pushed for one (for full disclosure, I am part of this group). And the situation I wrote about here more than six years ago, in piece titled "Boys and Young Men: A New Cause for Liberals," has barely changed. If you do see an article or book in support of boys or men, it is usually by someone known to be a conservative or it is on a conservative website. Consider the first well-known book on this issue, The War Against Boys, in 2000, by Christina Hoff Sommers (now with the American Enterprise Institute). Or a 2015 article in the National Review, titled "Why Do More Women Than Men Go to College?" My fellow liberals continue to focus almost exclusively on women and girls.'

SAVE: Alma Mater Matters -- Contact Your School Today

Matt · 21 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

A new trend called "victim-centered investigations" is troubling us at SAVE.

The gist of the new investigatory approach is to start from believing the complainant and to continue the investigation from the complainant's perspective--thus ending the police's role as neutral fact-finder: http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/investigations/

Colleges are starting to look into using this technique, and we need stop it.

We are asking you to contact the university or college where you attended school, and ask them to continue implementing fair investigative procedures.

Tell them to preserve the presumption of innocence on their campus.

Thank you!

Very best,

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Feminist Mother Publicly Shames Her Teenage Boys—With The Help Of The Media

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On September 14, The Washington Post published what can only be described as a public display of child abuse. In an article entitled “My teen boys are blind to rape culture,” feminist writer Jody Allard chastises her sons for questioning the propaganda she feeds them.

“They’ve been listening to me talk about consent, misogyny and rape culture since they were tweens. They listened to me then, but they are 16 and 18 now, and they roll their eyes and argue when talk to them about sexism and misogyny.”

That Allard’s boys won’t take up their mother’s fight makes them “part of the problem,” writes Allard. They’ve “dipped their toes into toxic masculinity,” she adds. Toxic masculinity is a favorite feminist term. It means the more masculine a man is, the more vile he is. Nice, huh?'

SAVE: How ‘Victim-Centered’ Investigations Undermine the Presumption of Innocence and Victimize the Innocent

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'A national teleconference will be held on the topic, “How ‘Victim-Centered’ Investigations Undermine the Presumption of Innocence and Victimize the Innocent.” The event will address how “victim-centered” investigations remove the presumption of innocence and greatly increase the risk of a wrongful finding of guilt. The teleconference will be held on October 4 at 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Eastern time.

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Rolling Stone Headed to Trial Over Campus Rape Story

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A jury will decide whether Rolling Stone defamed the University of Virginia's dean in its since-retracted article about a gang rape at a campus fraternity, after a federal judge on Thursday denied summary judgment on key issues in the lawsuit.

Nicole Eramo sued *Rolling Stone* in May 2015, claiming the story cast her as the chief villain and painted the school as one that is indifferent to rape on its campus.

During the time of the alleged incident, Eramo was in charge of performing intake of sexual assault complaints, providing support to victims and participating in panels and conferences related to the issue. She claims the November 2014 article destroyed her reputation as a supporter of sexual assault victims and triggered hundreds of threatening messages from the public.'

UK: Conservative party conference, ICC (Birmingham) – anti-MGM protest, 3/4 October

Matt · 23 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At last year's Conservative party conference in Manchester, we created quite a stir with our Male Genital Mutilation ('MGM') protests, handing out leaflets, and engaging with a considerable number of conference attendees. A video (3:14) is here.

We plan to make an even bigger impact at the next conference, in Birmingham, in less than two weeks' time. Some of our placards and leaflets will feature the image at the start of this post, of a distressed (and restrained) baby boy, about to suffer the excruciating (and illegal) assault of genital mutilation.'

UK: Mike Buchanan to plead ‘Not Guilty’ to the charge of obstructing the highway – Hammersmith Magistrates’ Court, 12 October

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I spent most of today in Westminster Magistrates’ Court. Last Saturday I received a summons to appear in the court at 09:30 today – giving me just two working days to obtain legal advice – in connection with my alleged obstruction of the highway during our anti-MGM protest in Parliament Square on 1 June. A video (14:52) is here, my arrest by a (Kiwi) policeman takes place soon after 13:30.

I registered my presence with the relevant person, and it was immediately clear something was amiss. At 11:30 – two hours after my arrival – I was informed the police / CPS hadn’t submitted any papers. Responding with lightning speed, at 15:30 the papers were made available, and I duly explained I’d be pleading ‘Not Guilty’ at the trial, and went through some tedious related form-filling.

Starting at 16:00 I spent some 10 minutes with the magistrate, the CPS prosecutor, and a legal expert. It surely goes without saying that no apology was forthcoming from the CPS for wasting most of my day.'

SAVE: How ‘Victim-Centered’ Investigations Undermine the Presumption of Innocence and Victimize the Innocent: Upcoming Teleconference

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Canada: Woman ordered to pay father $135,000 for false sexual abuse allegation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman from the Fraser Valley is being ordered to pay her father $135,000 in damages after she made a post online alleging he had sexually abused her daughter.

The B.C. Supreme Court judgement was issued yesterday and comes 19 months after the defendant, Tammi Sylvia Janet Zall, made the allegations on GoFundMe against her father, John Macdonald Zall.

"Just under two weeks before Christmas my daughter came to me and told me some inappropriate things that were apparently happening to her at my dad's. Upon hearing that I removed her from the house with the company of the RCMP," she wrote in her post, adding her daughter required additional counselling.'

Five Signs Your Story Is Sexist – Against Men

Matt · 24 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Good article if you can filter out the "patriarchy" claptrap. Why people who can identify these stereotyping problems against men continue to cling to the belief, nontheless, that our society is "patriarchal", I can't say, except to observe that nymphotropism knows no limits. Excerpt:

'You'd think patriarchy would be good for men, but it isn't. Patriarchy enforces strict standards of masculinity that are impossible to meet. But because masculine traits are glorified, it's easy to lose sight of how toxic they are to men. As storytellers, we may think we've created strong central characters when really we've brought destructive stereotypes to life. Here are five signs you're stuffing your male characters in the "man box."
...
In season 3 of The 100, John Murphy finds himself held captive by a powerful Grounder leader. After putting a chain and collar around his neck, she strips off all of her clothes and states her desire to sleep with him. He declines her aggressive advances, saying that he's staying faithful to another woman. Then this exchange happens.

Her: Would [your girlfriend] kill you if you ever lied to her, did anything to break her trust, or upset her in even the slightest way?

(She uses the chain to pull him closer.)

Him: (smiling) Oh, the things I do to survive.

This is clearly rape, yet it's treated in the show like a kinky sex scene. John smiles, and somehow that makes being coerced into sex okay. It's impossible to imagine this scene would have been written that way if the characters' genders were reversed.'

Lads! Britain needs you to do your duty and get flirting

Matt · 25 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. More from the Damned If You Do Dept. After decades of being told to "leave the girls alone," now under threat of arrest, a clueless woman says she can't understand why the guys aren't chatting her up. No winning for losing. Excerpt:

'And I don't want to stereotype them all, so let me be more specific: I refer to those my own age, who have forced me to bookmark a cattery website. In the romantic arena, trying to meet a man sometimes makes me feel like David Attenborough, stepping into the jungle to locate a Jesus Lizard (a real thing).

Finding Mr Dreamy is difficult because the main strategies a girl can use are wrought with danger. Number one is proactivity: in 2016, it seems fair that a woman can approach a chap she fancies. This sometimes works, but generally does seem to make the man's insides shrivel up when asked "having a good night?" or something equally menacing.
...
British men need some encouragement, maybe even government intervention, to be more forward. In 2015, Denmark released an advert called "Do It For Mom", to encourage its nationals to have more babies. Maybe we need an equivalent: "Do It For The Girls". For if British men don't make the moves, we almost certainly will be joining the Danes in the birth rate stakes.'

UK: Ex-husband of Labour's domestic abuse Minister 'still has nightmares about her' after attack during divorce

Matt · 25 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Labour's Shadow Minister for domestic violence was an 'abusive bully' who terrified her former husband and cost him £200,000 in their divorce settlement, a friend claimed last night.

Sarah Champion admitted yesterday that she was arrested and cautioned by police after attacking explorer Graham Hoyland during their 'very acrimonious' divorce in 2007.

But the Rotherham MP – who faced calls to resign last night – told a national newspaper the violent bust-up came after she had been 'provoked for years' by Mr Hoyland.

Miss Champion, 47, who had ended up in a police cell, claimed the altercation was over who would keep a valuable painting. She said: 'I'm not proud of what happened and I accept I was in the wrong, but I have nothing to hide."

Colleges' crackdown on sex assaults provokes questions of fairness

Mastodon · 25 September 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It was nearly midnight on a crisp Friday in December, the week before finals, when a young man walked a young woman home to her dorm in St. Paul.

The pair, both students at the University of St. Thomas, had started flirting at a campus party where the alcohol was flowing freely. After several drinks, they made their way to a dorm lounge, where a security camera kept watch. Then they retreated to the most private of spaces — a small bathroom.

What happened there would haunt them both, and draw St. Thomas into a legal battle and a divisive national debate over the role of colleges in policing accusations of sexual violence.

This spring, the young man, identified only as “John Doe,” sued the university, saying he was suspended for sexual assault without a fair hearing or even a lawyer to present his side of the story. It’s one of a flood of lawsuits across the country asserting that colleges are trampling the rights of the accused in a rush to crack down on campus rape.

St. Thomas denies any wrongdoing. But increasingly, colleges and universities are finding themselves in the awkward position of trying to ferret out what really happened between students behind closed doors, often in alcohol-fueled encounters. And the stakes for getting it wrong have never been higher.'

Mother turns sex-assault case against son into national campaign

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Parents are often terrified when they call Sherry Warner Seefeld.

They've just learned that a son — or daughter — has been accused of sexual assault at college. And they're deathly afraid of what may happen next.

Seefeld, a Minnesota native and the mother of four sons, knows what they're going through. Six years ago, she was one of those parents. Now she's on a mission to help other families in that same "horrific" spot, as the co-founder and president of Families Advocating for Campus Equality (FACE), a support group for the accused.

"Everybody wants to stop sexual assault, you know, everybody does," says Seefeld, 60, a retired high school teacher in Fargo, N.D. But on college campuses today, she says, the innocent have as much to fear as the guilty.

In the midst of a national outcry over campus rape, she says, students are being labeled sex offenders based on little more than an accusation.'

Amid tougher repercussions for campus sex assault, more men sue accusers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As Yee Xiong prepared to leave the sentencing hearing for a man she said sexually assaulted her at an off-campus apartment when they were students, she felt ready to finally put the case behind her after four years. Then, she was handed a $4 million defamation lawsuit.

The lawsuit from Lang Her, who pleaded no contest to felony assault, stated that Xiong and three of her siblings colluded to alienate him from the close-knit ethnic Hmong community and called him a rapist on Facebook.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Xiong said it was like a “slap to the face,” what she saw as a way for Her to “continue to harass my family and me.”

While such lawsuits have long been a legal strategy, experts say, some of the accused may feel they must seek to clear their names in court at a time of increased focus on campus sex assaults and more serious consequences at schools.

“Being labeled ‘rapist’ now has more power than it did 10 years ago,” said Emily Austin of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault. “The impact could be, if these become more common, that survivors are going to double-think reporting, afraid anything they’re saying could be grounds for a lawsuit against them personally.”

Eric Rosenberg, an Ohio lawyer who has represented clients suing their accusers and universities, said many of the accused suffer damaged reputations and lost educational and career prospects.

“There is no bigger stain on a person in this culture than being labeled as a sexual assailant, and that’s what they’re labeled as,” said Rosenberg, who has filed or acted as a consultant for more than half a dozen such lawsuits in the past five years.'

"Let’s Stop Helping Terrible Men Go Viral"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you’re on Twitter, it seems you always find out the same way. You see a new hashtag trending, and a few friends tweet things along with the hashtag that seem vaguely funny but also confusing out of context. Another friend tweets: “I won’t do it. I won’t read the article.” And then you know: Another Terrible Man has gone viral.

These articles by Terrible Men rarely seem to come from any publication with name recognition. They often show up on sites we’ve never heard of. And I’m always left scratching my head: How were they ever found in the first place?

However it happened, we all direct our rage at these men who don’t acknowledge boundaries, men who don’t understand headphones, men who tell women not to wear their engagement rings to interviews, men who would never, ever date feminists, and then we dissect their terrible opinions line by line. Their pieces provide endless content for tweets, rebuttals, and memes. In fact, these writers have already meme’d themselves. We crack our knuckles and begin crafting our own takes; it’s almost an art, at this point, and provides a convenient and understandable outlet for our frustrations. We get a whole flood of reaction articles, wherein awful opinions by Terrible Men from the darkest corners of the internet are posted with additional commentary in order to share and prolong the outrage.'

'Effeminism' and the War on Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today I'm coining a new term: effeminists. These are misguided (if not malicious) women who have an agenda to emasculate men and erase masculinity from our culture. They have progressed beyond "feminism" and into "effemininazation" of what historically and culturally had always been sacrosanct: little boys being nurtured and encouraged to develop and grow into well-rounded and healthy men. It was always the job of mothers to makes sure their baby boys left the nest in 18 years and made their way in the world as men they could be proud of.

Not anymore. Some moms seem preoccupied with scoring political points by turning their little boys into little girls and cutting them off from masculinization.

In our politically correct and increasingly totalitarian society, where anyone who chides such developments or steps outside the ideological left's approved talking points, we as individuals are never allowed to voice any opposition to the transforming of little boys into little girls, but it is worth risking the ire of the social justice warrior hordes to push back against the effeminists.'

Men’s rights group met with criticism at city hall

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Sept. 17, the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE) hosted their first national conference at the Ottawa city hall, where they were met with opposition from the Revolutionary Student Movement (RSM).

CAFE is a non-profit group that seeks to promote awareness of issues affecting the status, health, and general well-being of men and boys. CAFE believes that these issues have been overlooked due to a bigger emphasis being put on female equality and women’s rights, leading to an indifference towards the unique problems that affect men.

Some of the issues discussed at the conference were high suicide rates among men, domestic violence, work-related deaths, and what they believed to be discriminatory treatment against fathers in the family court system.

“For the past two years we have been providing support to men and their families through legal aid, peer support, counselling, and through the first ever abuse program for male domestic violence victims,” said CAFE CEO Justin Trottier.'

Acceptance for Boys Dropping Out

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a new study at The Choice Lab, Ranveig Falch, Alexander W. Cappelen and Bertil Tungodden show that men are held accountable for their poor achievements to a greater extent than women are.
...
We do not support men when they do poorly. However, we do support women.

If one has a positive attitude about helping capable women through gender quotas, one will perhaps also be more positive towards supporting women who do poorly than men who do poorly, Ranveig Falch, a doctoral student at NHH contends.

“It is women and supporters of gender quotas who are responsible for the skewed distribution,” says Ranveig Falch. She presented the study at the Economic Science Association European Conference, which was recently hosted by The Choice Lab.'

Human Rights Watch Report Will Worsen Racial Disparities in Criminal Justice System, CPI Charges

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Human Rights Watch Report Will Worsen Racial Disparities in Criminal Justice System, CPI Charges

WASHINGTON / September 27, 2016 – A leading criminal justice reform organization is today calling on Human Rights Watch, an international rights group, to remove its report, "Improving Police Response to Sexual Assault." The non-profit Center for Prosecutor Integrity charges the report serves to bias the investigation, undermine the presumption of innocence, and harm the civil rights of persons accused of crimes, especially African-American men.

The Human Rights Watch report contains a series of recommendations that would severely distort the investigative process, CPI alleges. For example, the report urges investigators to assume that "all sexual assault cases are valid unless established otherwise by investigative findings."

The HRW document uses the word "victim" 350 times. Neutral words such as "complainant," "accuser," or "alleged" do not appear even once in the 40-page report. This reveals an unmistakable, even intentional bias because it presumes a crime has occurred before the investigation begins. These concerns were delineated in September 9, 2016 letter to Human Rights Watch director Kenneth Roth: http://www.prosecutorintegrity.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Human-Rights-Watch-Ltr.pdf

Joseph Roberts is an example of a person who was harmed by a "victim-centered" approach. Roberts, formerly a student at Savannah State College in Georgia, was expelled on an allegation of sexual harassment. Investigators did not interview Roberts before his expulsion was announced in a campus-wide email blast. http://www.ifeminists.net/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.1360

Roberts will be one of the featured speakers at an upcoming national Forum titled, "How 'Victim-Centered' Investigations Undermine the Presumption of Innocence and Victimize the Innocent." The teleconference will be held on October 4, 1:00 to 4:00pm, Eastern time.

The teleconference is offered at no cost, and is being held in observance of Wrongful Conviction Day. Dial-in and other information is available here: http://www.prosecutorintegrity.org/wrongful-conviction-day/forum/

Victim-centered investigations are based on the notion of "always believe the victim." In his acclaimed book, Jerrold Packard described justice in the Jim Crow era: "Blacks were found guilty upon mere accusation, with no substantive evidence offered, no adequate counsel granted, and no real attempt on the part of the courts to provide evenhanded justice." (Jerrold Packard, American Nightmare: The History of Jim Crow. 2003. Page 133)

Colleges mistreat men accused of sex assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now that another college year has begun, students beware. It seems nearly every week the U.S. Education Department announces another university is under investigation for at least one incident of sexual assault on campus. An alarming feature of present-day life on campuses of colleges and universities in this country is that students — almost always men — find themselves in the midst of a veritable minefield where due process protection is almost always conveniently overlooked.

And even when DOE isn't making demands of colleges, school administrators often ignore due process, as is claimed in a lawsuit I filed against Columbia University on behalf of a male student facing disciplinary action. The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals recently allowed the accused student's lawsuit against Columbia to move forward, stating that there was sufficient plausibility of a Title IX violation in the university's mishandling of the investigation.

Certainly, victims of sexual assault have too often been ignored or worse, so the Obama administration was right to insist on more serious attention being paid to the issue. But it has overreached with disastrous results for those accused, who have little legal protection on campus.'

Clinton cares about the rights of only some young men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During the debate, while speaking about race relations and criminal justice reform, Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton discussed ensuring rights to young men. She wouldn't say "due process," but she was referring to those rights.

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It's shocking that Clinton would discuss the "rights of young men," considering the language she uses to talk about campus sexual assault. When Clinton says we must "listen and believe" to accusers, she's saying we shouldn't consider whether the accusations might be false (well, except when the accusations are against her husband).

That's a dangerous policy that has lead to dozens of lawsuits against universities who have denied due process rights to male students accused of sexual assault.'

Men are increasingly invading feminism – excluding them isn't 'man hating'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent years, the cry of 'we need more men in feminism'. and 'we must include men' has been creeping in. To counter the accusations of man-hating that feminists like me face all the time, many of the more liberal, 'fun' feminists' bend over backwards to tell men that feminism will fail without their intervention. But the whole point of the women's liberation movement is that is challenges and seeks to overthrow male supremacy, and to liberate women from the shackles of patriarchy. it goes without saying that most men will take exception to this. We wish to remove the privilege they are granted at birth. Feminism is a threat to men, and so it should be.
...
Domestic violence, rape, child sexual abuse and exploitation, are all men's issues. Men, in the main, commit these crimes against women and girls. It is down to them to choose not to commit such crimes, and to call other men to task when they do so. I hear you cry, 'women do it too', and 'men suffer domestic violence'. Despite the irrefutable fact that the vast majority of these crimes are carried out by men, there are those that will fight tooth and nail to argue the opposite.

Feminism does indeed need men. We need them to support our efforts, and not take over. We need men to educate other men in how to be decent human beings, and not for them to don a Batman outfit and save us from danger. Feminism needs men to support us in our efforts, not to colonise it for their own benefit.'

Doe v. Brown decision released

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Decision here. Excerpt:

'Although a very close call, for the reasons explained below, the Court finds that certain procedures Brown employed in conducting Doe's hearing fell outside of a student's reasonable expectations based on the Code of Student Conduct at Brown University 2014-15 (the "2014-15 Code"), and that these procedural errors likely affected the panel's decision in Doe's case.2 Accordingly, Doe is entitled a new hearing that remedies these infirmities. Pursuant to Rule 52(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law. To the extent that any finding of fact reflects a legal conclusion, it should be to that extent deemed a conclusion of law, and vice versa.'

Feminists caught vandalizing Sommers lecture signs

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Thursday morning, members of the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) chapter at California State University-Los Angeles (CSULA) caught a pair of disgruntled feminists on camera tearing down flyers advertising the group's lecture with Christina Hoff Sommers scheduled for Oct. 4.

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After being confronted by a CSULA YAF student, the vandal repeatedly insisted the fliers were "offensive."

One of the feminists claimed removing the fliers was her First Amendment right.

"This is my freedom of speech," she said.

"So it's freedom of speech to infringe on our freedom of speech?" the YAF student responded.

He didn't get an answer.'

Women Accused Of Having Sex With 15-Year-Old At Pizza Party

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Two women have been accused of having sex with a 15-year-old boy at a pizza party in Derry Township.

Tonia M. Simms, 37, and Melissa E. Weaver, 26, are charged with statutory sexual assault, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, corruption of minors and indecent assault.

The 15-year-old boy involved told police he met Simms and Weaver through an acquaintance on July 8 and was invited over for pizza at Simms' apartment in the Holiday Acres complex.'

‘Victim-Centered’ Investigations Imperil the Presumption of Innocence, CPI Alleges

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‘Victim-Centered’ Investigations Imperil the Presumption of Innocence, CPI Alleges

WASHINGTON / September 29, 2016 – A leading criminal justice reform organization is today calling on criminal justice officials and law school professors to speak out in opposition to so-called “victim-centered” investigations, and in support of the legal precept of the presumption of innocence. The Center for Prosecutor Integrity believes “victim-centered” investigative methods, which are based on the notion of “start by believing” and “always believe the victim,” are becoming more commonplace.

The Center for Prosecutor Integrity presents five examples of documents that promote the “victim-centered” approach:

1. The Human Rights Watch report, “Improving Police Response to Sexual Assault” urges investigators to assume that “all sexual assault cases are valid unless established otherwise by investigative findings.” The HRW document uses the conclusory word “victim” 350 times, while factually neutral words such as “complainant,” “accuser,” or “alleged” do not appear once. https://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/reports/improvingSAInvest_0.pdf

2. A document from the Department of Justice and Police Executive Research Forum instructs investigators to hand “control of the process back to the victim” and allow the complainant “to request certain investigative steps not be conducted.” Such actions are likely to bias the investigation and render its conclusions inaccurate. http://ric-zai-inc.com/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-W0796

3. A recent report urges investigators to “Start by Believing” the accuser, but acknowledges that the “Start by Believing” approach may “compromise the ability of police and prosecutors to remain objective, potentially opening them up to attacks by defense counsel and/or losing cases at trials.” https://www.evawintl.org/Library/DocumentLibraryHandler.ashx?id=789

4. A training program by the consulting firm Margolis Healy & Associates instructs college investigators to “Always approach a case believing that ‘something’ occurred” (slide 26) and to “Focus on offender behavior – not victim behavior” (slide 28). http://www.slideshare.net/margolishealy/mha-title-ix-investigations-2012-legal-issues-in-higher-education

5. The University of Texas' Blueprint for Campus Police is unique in its repeated recommendations that investigators should not only presume the truthfulness of the accuser, but also seek to anticipate and counter defense strategies (Table 7.4). https://utexas.app.box.com/blueprintforcampuspolice

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The Growing Case for Shared Parenting After Divorce

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For decades, there was a widely held belief they should have one home with the primary caretaker, often the mother. But that status quo is changing. Absent some mitigating factor, such as an abusive mom or a mentally ill dad, many experts now agree that kids are happier and healthier when they can “maintain and build on meaningful relationships with both of their parents,” says Michael Lamb, who teaches psychology at the University of Cambridge. More often than not, that requires living under the same roof as each parent for significant periods of time–which is possible only under joint, not sole, custody.

These claims are supported by reams of data, but the reasoning behind them is mostly commonsense: when it comes to parenting, two minds are better than one. “One might be better for a particular age or a particular kid or a certain type of problem,” explains Linda Nielsen, a psychology professor at Wake Forest University, who has studied custody arrangements. Dads, for example, are more likely to engage kids in physical play, which helps kids learn how to handle their bodies (no hitting!) and their emotions on and off the field. Moms, meanwhile, are more likely to reason with and socialize kids, which helps them understand how their actions affect others. And even if parents don’t occupy traditional gender roles–or are in a same-sex relationship–depriving a kid of one of them can have devastating long-term effects. A 2007 study found that kids who lived with each of their parents at least 35% of the time were less depressed and had fewer health problems and stress-related illnesses than those who lived with just one parent.'

Navy Removes All Historic Job Titles After Study On Gender Neutrality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Navy announced Thursday that it's removing all historic job titles and replacing them with occupational specialty codes, as opposed to direct titles, effectively removing the word "man" from job titles in a roundabout way.

According to Navy Times, what this decision means in practice is that "Fire Controlman 1st Class Joe Sailor…would be Petty Officer 1st Class Joe Sailor."

"We're going to immediately do away with rating titles and address each other by just our rank as the other services do," Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Robert Burke told Navy Times. "We recognize that's going to be a large cultural change, it's not going to happen overnight, but the direction is to start exercising that now."'

"The truth about the military gender integration debate"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Most reasonable people support equal opportunity for women. Often, they are women themselves, or are men with mothers, sisters, daughters, or wives. But once in a while, the push for equality has unforeseen and unpleasant consequences. In the case of opening restricted military occupations, American women are now vulnerable to involuntary military service that will without question subject them to unequal danger and suffering.'

UK: BBC sacked me for being a white man

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The BBC was at the centre of a damaging diversity row last night after one of its top radio stars was sacked for being 'white and male'.

Bafta award-winning comedian Jon Holmes was axed from The Now Show – the hit Radio 4 programme he has appeared on for 18 years – when bosses told him 'we're recasting it with more women and diversity'.

Last night, leading figures from the world of entertainment and across the political spectrum reacted with fury to the BBC instigating a policy in which it was now choosing performers based on their gender or skin colour, instead of their talent.

Mr Holmes revealed that since his sacking he has heard from other stars who have been rejected by broadcasting bosses because of 'positive discrimination'. He told how one woman presenter was given a job only later to be told 'we can't have you, because you are too white and middle class'.'

US university offers course for men to 'deconstruct toxic masculinities'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A university in the United States has begun offering classes in “constructive male allyship,” providing a space where male students are able to “question and deconstruct toxic masculinities.”

Duke University, based in the city of Durham, North Carolina, held its first Learning Community session last week. The women’s centre has organised a nine-week series of seminars, as part of the Duke Men’s Project.

And, with sexual harassment and sexism remaining hot topics on American university campuses, the university has created the seminar series under the banner of the Men’s Project.

“Our purpose is twofold: to foster constructive male allyship, and to question and deconstruct toxic masculinities,” the Men’s Project says on its website.

“We also understand how masculinity in its normative form alienates most – if not all – men, and recognise the part normative masculinity plays in alienating men and reproducing violence.'

UK: Students Walk Out of ‘Patronising’ Sexual Consent Class

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The Women’s Officer at the University of York has labelled students “dangerously naive” after they protested the institution first ever sexual consent classes, walking out en mass as they felt “patronised”.

The Union officers argued the “gender neutral” lessons were necessary to protect first-year students’ “wellbeing, physically and mentally”, following the nationwide moral panic concerning a supposed campus “rape crisis”.

However, around a quarter of the 5,000 youngsters summoned defiantly decided to leave the event, arguing that they did not need the lecture or wish to be framed as “potential rapists” by the feminist Women’s Officer.

“We’re Women’s Officers at the University of York. Earlier this year, we were elected after a cross-campus ballot in which we pledged to run consent talks. On Tuesday 27 September, we did just that”, wrote furious Student Union official Lucy Robinson, responding to the protest.'

Police Forum Report Undermines Impartial Investigations, Promotes Wrongful Convictions, CPI Claims

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Police Forum Report Undermines Impartial Investigations, Promotes Wrongful Convictions, CPI Claims

WASHINGTON / October 4, 2016 – In observance of Wrongful Conviction Day, a leading criminal justice reform group is calling on the Police Executive Research Forum to remove a recent report that promotes "victim-centered" investigations. The PERF report, titled "Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence," describes the "victim-centered" approach as handing "control of the process back to the victim" and asserts the complainant has a "right" to "request certain investigative steps not be conducted." (1)

The non-profit Center for Prosecutor Integrity believes that allowing the claimant to dictate the investigative process irresponsibly precludes investigators from following ethical requirements to conduct investigations that are impartial, objective, and fair. A detailed critique of the Police Executive Research Forum report is available (2).

"Victim-centered" proponents advise investigators to assume that "all sexual assault cases are valid unless established otherwise" and to "start by believing" the complainants' allegations. Such investigations are likely to be biased in favor of the complainant, resulting in wrongful convictions (3).

The New York Times recently highlighted the case of Wayne Martin who served almost nine years in prison for a double homicide. The District Attorney later learned that exculpatory evidence had been withheld from the defense -- the key sentences in the case summaries that pointed to a different suspect had been intentionally deleted by a law enforcement officer. The Brooklyn DA moved to dismiss all charges against Martin early last month (4).

Wrongful Conviction Day is being observed in dozens of locations across the United States and internationally. The Center for Prosecutor Integrity is today hosting a national teleconference titled, "How 'Victim-Centered' Investigations Undermine the Presumption of Innocence and Victimize the Innocent." The teleconference will be held 1:00 to 4:00pm, Eastern time. The teleconference is free of charge. Dial-in and other information is available (5).

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The Center for Prosecutor Integrity works to strengthen prosecutorial ethics, restore the presumption of innocence, and bring an end to wrongful convictions.

Head To Head: Is there a feminist issue in college enrollment? Obviously.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The gender enrollment gap is not a problem that only faces Transylvania University, but instead, it is a nationwide problem. Roughly 58% of the students enrolled in college in the United States are female. Is this an issue that should concern feminists? A feminist issue is an issue that concerns feminists ideologically; what then is the ideology of feminism?

The most agreed upon definition of feminism is “the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities.” Due to the universal and egalitarian nature of feminism’s goals, feminists have often involved themselves in other movements, such as the anti-slavery movement over one hundred years ago and the LGBT rights movement of today. For the very same reasons that slavery and LGBT rights became feminist issues, the gender gap in college enrollment should be a feminist issue as well. This is especially true considering this inequality is gendered, and feminists tend to focus on problems concerning the opportunities afforded to men and women.

Given that the seemingly appropriate response from the feminist perspective is to be concerned with the inequality posed by the disproportionate number of women that go to college and receive a higher level education, it is worth noting that this is not a topic feminists discuss often if at all. This points to a key problem within the modern third-wave feminist movement. It shows very little concern for true equality and instead picks and chooses what groups they will concern themselves with and the groups that they won’t.'

Request for comments: Voluntary Paternity Acknowledgment

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Request for comments here. Excerpt:

'Dear Colleague:

Section 466(a)(5) of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires a state to have procedures for a voluntary paternity acknowledgment process. In addition, section 452(a)(7) of the Act requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to specify the minimum requirements of an affidavit to be used for the voluntary acknowledgment of paternity.

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity and Required Data Elements for Paternity Establishment Affidavits. A notice for public comment was published in the Federal Register, on page 66285, Volume 81, Number 187, on September 27, 2016.

Please send your comments and suggestions to Debbie Ward. When commenting, please be sure to reference OMB control number 0970–0171. Consideration will be given to comments received by November 25, 2016.'

Lawsuit Claims Yahoo’s Marissa Meyer Led ‘Purge’ of Male Employees

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal lawsuit filed this week by Scott Ard, editor-in-chief of the Silicon Valley Business Journal, claims that Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer led an illegal “purge” of male employees from the company. Two other female executives are also named as defendants in the suit.

“Mayer encouraged and fostered the use of (an employee performance-rating system) to accommodate management’s subjective biases and personal opinions, to the detriment of Yahoo’s male employees,” the lawsuit claims, according to the East Bay Times. Ard is a former Yahoo employee.
...
Yahoo has not yet responded to the lawsuit, except to defend its policies and performance reviews as fair, the East Bay Times reports.'

Frat cams give NC State intimate view of bros

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At the start of the 2016 academic year, North Carolina State University installed surveillance cameras inside select fraternity and sorority houses.

The cameras were ostensibly there to monitor entrances for security purposes, but Campus Reform has learned through multiple sources that they were set up in a manner conducive to monitoring student behavior in their personal living spaces.

...

While both cameras are pointed towards nearby doorways, it was discovered after installation that the cameras were zoomed out to a degree that allowed for the observation of students in their living space, which university officials acknowledged in an email exchange obtained by Campus Reform.

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When pressed on whether or not cameras are installed in the common areas of all fraternities and sororities, Hartman simply reiterated the school's prior defense, saying "security cameras are installed at entrances and exits, pointed at entrances and exits," and cited the school's policy on closed-circuit cameras.

After nearly a month of delay, and just one day after Campus Reform first reached out to the school for comment on the matter, the source reported that university officials finally adjusted the zoom of the cameras on Wednesday.'

‘Long overdue’: Colleges needed lower standard of evidence in sexual assault cases, an advocate says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When Vice President Biden and U.S. Department of Education officials announced in 2011 landmark Title IX guidance dealing with how colleges and universities handle sexual assault, I had the incredible honor of being a guest along with my colleague Laura Dunn as we both provided input on the Dear Colleague letter. The vice president’s call to action got the attention of higher education focused on this issue like it had never been before, something that was long overdue and resonates to this day.

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The Education Department, for example, had applied a “preponderance of the evidence,” commonly referred to as “50 percent plus one,” standard in Title IX cases dating back at least as early as 1991.

Schools, however, had only been notified on a case-by-case basis about this expectation.

Upholding this standard is proper, because unlike criminal proceedings, colleges and universities are not determining whether someone can be imprisoned, but whether they violated school policies.

For most institutions this was not a radical departure from their normal procedures.

Russlynn Ali, head of the Education Department’s Office for Civil Rights who signed the 2011 letter, estimated at the time that “about 80 percent of colleges were already using the preponderance standard.”'

It’s time we talked about male-only universities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Male numbers at universities across the English-speaking world are in decline. An independent commission in the U.K. found in 2013 that young women were a third more likely than their male peers to apply to university. The latest Statistics Canada figures reveal that women aged 25-34 earned 59.1% of university degrees. Moreover, a 2013 report by two economics researchers at MIT found that the decline in male higher education in the United States has been paralleled by a marked decline in male wages, employment, and occupational stature.

For some, this news may not seem disturbing. Men have dominated higher education and elite occupations for a long time—so the thinking goes—and it is women’s time to flourish now.

But as the authors of the MIT study point out, the ramifications of male under-achievement are disastrous not only for men themselves, especially for poor and racial minority men, but for their potential mates and their children, leading to the decline of stable, two-parent households for raising a family.

The reasons for decreased male participation in post-secondary education are undoubtedly complex, but an anti-male atmosphere may play a role. Whether intentionally or not, recent campus initiatives on sexual consent—which place even the most well-intentioned men in the role of potential rapists—and on encouraging men to own their purported “privilege” have led some men to perceive that their needs and feelings are less worthy of concern than those of female students.

It’s not pleasant to sit through classes, especially in the humanities and social sciences, where the male sex is singled out for its role in violence and inequality. And as more schools seek to implement what they call “victim-centered” policies for complaints of sexual misconduct, young men worry with good reason that an unfounded complaint can smash their educational dreams.

Perhaps it’s time to consider male-only post-secondary institutions.'

How the feminist rule on campus hurts men

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'The call for women's equality has been achieved at American universities. In fact, the feminist movement has been so successful that it is young male students, and not young women, who lose out.

The modern college is a man's world no longer.

Now, women make up the majority of the student body on campus. They also lead in graduation rates, too. According to data from the federal government, women gained majority status in college enrollment in 1979. Since then, the gap between men and women has gotten wider, and women now are the majority of the student body at roughly 57 percent.

At some colleges, women outnumber men in even higher rates. For example, at Framingham State, a public university in Massachusetts, women make up 63 percent of the student body, the Boston Globe recently reported.

And in June, Dartmouth College announced that 54 percent of its undergraduate engineering degrees were awarded to women, "making it the first national research university to award more bachelor's degrees in engineering to women than men."'

Feminism is fuelling depression in men

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'While it is important that men reveal their emotions and be honest to their feelings, it's also true that courage and resilience are important.

The unfortunate reality, since the publication of Germaine Greer's The Female Eunuch in 1970, is that the feminist movement has undermined such manly virtues and attributes.

In addition to labelling men as misogynist and sexist, feminists argue that male characteristics such as being physically active and showing courage are negative and counter-productive.

The American feminist Camille Paglia, and much to the disgust of the sisterhood, in a 2013 interview condemns the feminist movement for emasculating boys and men and for undermining the status of the US military service.

For Paglia, the problem starts early when she argues: "Primary school education is a crock, basically. It's oppressive to anyone with physical energy, especially guys" and "They're making a toxic environment for boys. Primary education does everything in its power to turn boys into neuters."

Examples in Australia include mothers not letting their sons play war games with swords and pistols, schools banning superhero costumes like Spiderman and Batman and not keeping the score in junior soccer and football. Not surprisingly, advocates of what is known as the Men's Movement, such as the American author of Iron John, Robert Bly, argue that undermining traditional characteristics associated with manliness has led to generations of men unable to be resilient and to cope with adversity.'

Racial profiling study reveals gender disparity is greater than racial

Matt · 9 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Chief among these mechanisms, according to a new report from Yale University's Child Study Center, are racial preconceptions that shape the way the teachers view black boys in particular. These preconceptions were found to exist in black as well as white preschool teachers.

In the study, the Yale researchers showed teachers a dozen brief video clips of four well-behaved preschool-aged children, two boys, one black and one white, and two girls, one black and one white, working and playing together in a classroom. Though the children were behaving calmly, the teachers were asked to look for signs of behavior that might become problematic.

A computer program that tracked the eyes of the teachers as they watched the video showed that both black and white teachers watched the black children, especially the boys, longer when looking for signs of trouble. And when the researchers asked teachers which child had commanded the most attention, 42 percent of them chose the black boy, 34 percent the white boy, 13 percent the white girl and 10 percent the black girl.

In other words, the black boy in this study received far more scrutiny from teachers than his behavior warranted. This brings to mind the "driving while black" phenomenon, in which police officers stop African-American motorists without cause, or stop-and-frisk practices that predominantly single out blacks.

The Yale study is consistent with previous research suggesting that teachers tend to see "acting out" by black children as more threatening than similar behavior in white children, and thus deserving of disproportionately harsher punishments.'

India: Tortured by daughter-in-law, five members of a family end life in a ‘suicide pact’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a shocking incident, five persons of a family of a retired Army doctor were found dead at a relative’s flat in Kokar area on Sunday afternoon. The condition of the Army doctor, who also stabbed himself several times, was highly critical and he was admitted to Medica. The police said that chances of his survival were less.

The police said that, prima facie, it seemed to be a case of suicide pact between the family members, who were feeling tortured and threatened by the daughter-in-law of the former Army doctor. His son and his wife were having troubled marriage and there was dispute over custody of their seven-year-old girl, one of the five victims.

The retired Army doctor, identified as Dr Sukanto Sarkar, in his late 60s, was admitted to Medica Hospital.

The police said that family was staying in a flat on 10th floor of Rivisera Apartment in Kokar area, which is owned by their relative, Dr S Chaudhary, a popular doctor in the city. They had come from Noida to Ranchi a couple of days ago.

The incident came to light when Dr Chaudhary called up the family members around noon for a meeting, but nobody picked up the call. He reached the flat in the afternoon and opened the door using a duplicate key. Finding five bodies and Dr Sukanto still breathing, he informed the police.'

The Red Pill now playing

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Film site here. From About The Film:

'When feminist filmmaker Cassie Jaye sets out to document the mysterious and polarizing world of the Men's Rights Movement, she begins to question her own beliefs. Jaye had only heard about the Men's Rights Movement as being a misogynist hate-group aiming to turn back the clock on women's rights, but when she spends a year filming the leaders and followers within the movement, she learns the various ways men are disadvantaged and discriminated against. The Red Pill challenges the audience to pull back the veil, question societal norms, and expose themselves to an alternate perspective on gender equality, power and privilege.'

UK: Arlene Foster 'ignoring male victims of domestic violence' says men's rights group

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A men's rights group has accused Arlene Foster of unintentionally snubbing men affected by domestic violence.

The First Minister last week endorsed the White Ribbon campaign, signing a personal pledge "never to commit, condone, or remain silent about men's violence against women in all its forms".

But Gary Quinn, of Men's Aid Northern Ireland, criticised the pledge for "promoting the myth that men are always the perpetrators and never the victims of domestic violence".

He said it ignored the fact that women could also be the aggressors and that there had been a huge increase in the number of reported incidents of violence against men in the home.

"I don't believe Arlene set out to cause offence, but by signing that pledge she is ignoring male victims of domestic violence," he said.

"The White Ribbon campaign is based on the outdated stereotype that men are always the violent ones in the home and women are always the ones on the receiving end of abuse.

"All the statistics and research in recent years challenge that perception. Domestic violence against men has increased 40% in the past decade."'

Milo: Even If You're Acquitted Of Rape, Feminists Can Still Ruin Your Life

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'In the speech Milo focused on how feminists can continue to ruin your life, even if you've been acquitted of a false rape claim and how this has driven many men to celibacy.

"Affirmative consent, for those who don't know, is the idea that if you don't consent at every stage of a sexual encounter, it's rape. That means asking for every kiss and asking for every boob squeeze. It's almost as if feminists want everyone to remain celibate." said Milo to a packed auditorium. "Just because they can't get any sex, they want the rest of us to have deserts down there too."

"Men won't even get a fair trial. If they're accused of sexual assault on a college campus, they'll be hauled before a group of college administrators for a "tribunal," in which they will be denied legal representation and face a lower standard of evidence than in a criminal court. Even if they somehow beat this rigged system, like Emma Sulkowicz's victim did, they can still have their lives ruined in the media."

"When men are being told that they'll be labelled "harassers" for making an awkward advance, and "rapists" for bad drunken sex or not getting consent for the fifth make-out session, there's only one logical course of action: retreat."

"The rise of feminism has fatally coincided with the rise of video games, internet porn, and, sometime in the near future, sex robots. With all these options available, and the growing perils of real-world relationships, men are simply walking away."

"Men who retreat aren't necessarily the biggest victims here. They can function without real-world relationships much better than women. The real catastrophe is what it's doing to society as a whole. Birth rates are collapsing. If you took away immigrant communities, who tend to have higher birth rates, many western countries would have birth rates approximating those of Japan."'

India: Anyone can be tried for domestic violence

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'In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court has widened the scope of the Domestic Violence Act by ordering deletion of the words “adult male” from it, paving the way for prosecution of women and even non-adults for subjecting a woman relative to violence and harassment.

The apex court has ordered striking down of the two words from Section 2(q) of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, which deals with respondents who can be sued and prosecuted for harassing a married woman in her matrimonial home.

Referring to earlier verdicts, the apex court said: “the microscopic difference between male and female, adult and non-adult... is neither real or substantial, nor does it have any rational relation to the object of the legislation.” Section 2(q) of the Act reads: “‘respondent’ means any adult male person who is, or has been, in a domestic relationship with the aggrieved person and against whom the aggrieved person has sought any relief under the DV Act.”'

IMF’s Largarde suggests sexism is at play in Wall Street’s criticism of Yellen

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'Some of the criticism from Wall Street aimed at Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen is due to sexism, International Monetary Fund managing director Christine Lagarde suggested Sunday.

“[Yellen] receives a lot more criticism, in my view, than many of her predecessors in many ways, given the great job she is doing,” Lagarde said during in a conversation with author Michael Lewis before a large audience at IMF headquarters.

Many on Wall Street have said the Yellen Fed lacks a clear road map for interest-rate policy and has suffered from poor communication.

Lewis had started the conversation by saying that whenever he sees a woman given a position of prominence in finance, he has a sense that “she was there for one reason — to take the fall if things go wrong.”'

The Red Pill: the movie about men that feminists didn't want you to see

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'A feminist filmmaker has re-ignited the gender war by daring to make a controversial movie about the Men Right's Movement.

As part of her research for The Red Pill, American film maker Cassie Jaye spent hundreds of hours with the internet's most notorious Men's Rights Activists (MRAs) over a two-and-a-half year period. For balance, she also interviewed some of their fiercest critics – such as Katherine Spillar, Executive Director of the Feminist Majority Foundation.

Jaye began the process as a feminist, but she ended up not only sympathising with the MRAs, but fundamentally questioning the "aggressive" ethos of modern feminism.

For her efforts, she says she has been smeared, threatened with "career suicide" and even saw her funding dry up – to the point where the movie was unlikely to see the light of day.'

"I'm Against Sexual Assault...and Third-Wave Feminism"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I despise feminists for the same reason that I despise people who engage in sexual discrimination and sexual assault. In my experience, discrimination is exactly what feminism is meant to foster. The problem is that the sexual harasser and the feminist are always in cahoots, whether we know it or not. Anybody who just wants to be treated fairly based on individual merit does not have a chance with either one. It's like trying to choose between Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump. It's a no-win situation.

In the latest shouting match between the two establishment contenders, I am shocked by how many women are now either excusing the sexual assaults committed by Bill Clinton and condoned by Hillary, or applauding Donald Trump's bragging about sexually assaulting women. The feminists think that Hillary is entitled to claw her way up to the top by hook or by crook, because, after all, everything is stacked up against women in our society, so that makes any crime committed for the sake of advancement just fine. And the anti-feminists are saying that anyone who condemns Trump must be a hypocrite, because, after all, men are just like that.

No, men are not all just like that. Lots of men aren't. Unless you grew up among trash, then you must know many men who are not like Donald Trump and Bill Clinton. And no, whoring your way to the top is not the only career path open to women. Not unless all the feminists win!'

SoHo Pharmacy Charging 'Man Tax' To Raise Awareness Of Gender Price Discrimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SoHo pharmacy Thompson Chemists has instituted a 7 percent "man tax" for male customers in an effort to raise awareness of gender pricing discrimination.

On Monday, two signs went up in the store's front windows announcing the new policy. A pink sign in one window reads, "New store policy: All Female Customers Shop Tax Free," while a blue sign in the other window, reads "All Male Customers Are Subject To A 7% Man Tax."

Jolie Alony, who has owned the pharmacy for 22 years and lives in SoHo, said she wants men who shop at her store to understand the extra costs that women bear when they shop.

"We want to bring awareness on how it feels to be a woman, so the men actually get to feel it," she said.

Last year, the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs released a study on gender pricing that found that products marketed to women in New York cost on average 7 percent more than equivalent products marketed to men. That effective mark-up covers everything from pink scooters and razors to shampoos and deodorants to canes and adult diapers.
...
The policy is being run as a promotion—Alony said she'll see how the day goes and decide if she wants to keep it in place.

Online bulk retailer Boxed announced a similar promotion last week.

Thus far, Alony's policy hasn't raised hackles. "So far, the women are very, very happy," she said. "Men haven't complained yet, they've just laughed."

Update: After this story was published, NYC Department of Consumer Affairs wrote back to Gothamist to explain that there's no legal issue with the Thompson Chemist promotion, as there isn't a prohibition on price discrimination for goods. It is illegal, however, to discriminate in the pricing of services.'

SAVE: Expert Panel Calls on Lawmakers to Bring an End to Campus ‘Kangaroo Court’ Investigations

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Expert Panel Calls on Lawmakers to Bring an End to Campus ‘Kangaroo Court’ Investigations

WASHINGTON / October 11, 2016 – Warning “victim-centered” investigations are “inconsistent with basic notions of fairness and justice,” an Expert Panel has issued a report calling on lawmakers to end such approaches in campus sexual assault cases (1). The Expert Panel was convened in observance of Wrongful Conviction Day on October 4 and addressed the growing problem of “victim-centered” investigations at colleges and in the criminal justice system.

“Victim-centered” methods abandon traditional notions of impartiality and objectivity, and instead call on investigators to presume that “all sexual assault cases are valid unless established otherwise by investigative findings,” as one report enjoins (2). Such recommendations represent a negation of the long-held tenet of the presumption of innocence, and are likely to lead to wrongful determinations of guilt.

One of the expert panelists was Michael Conzachi, a former homicide detective and police academy instructor. Conzachi sharply criticized the University of Texas-Austin document Blueprint for Campus Police, saying its recommendations to remove inconsistent statements and exculpatory information from investigational reports represent a potential violation of laws that bar evidence concealment and tampering.

E. Everett Bartlett, president of the Center for Prosecutor Integrity, reported that many lawsuits by accused students against universities now include allegations of investigational impropriety. He identified nine categories of investigational biases claimed in campus lawsuits such as Overt bias/Predetermination of guilt and Inadequate investigator qualifications.

Joseph Roberts, a former student at Savannah State University who was falsely accused of sexual harassment, revealed the absence of basic due process protections such as proper notice and a hearing. Roberts advised other students facing such claims to “keep your head and stay in control of your emotions.”

SAVE has developed a model bill titled the Campus Equality, Fairness, and Transparency Act (CEFTA). The bill mandates the use of “justice-centered” investigations that would require campus investigators to “discharge their duties with objectivity and impartiality” (3).

Citations:

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SAVE is working for effective and fair solutions to campus sexual assault: www.saveservices.org

Australia: Position Vacant - "Women's Safety Contact Officer"

Minuteman · 12 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Applicants must be prepared to travel intrastate

We have both a full time position - commencement ASAP and a 0.7 FTE, replacing staff on Parental Leave - commencement early January 2017. All positions with WSSSA are dependent on ongoing funding.

Key Functions of the Position include:

Promote and implement quality service responses

Plan, develop and implement client focused interventions using a feminist framework

Identify and develop formal partnerships that enable referral pathways to increase the safety of women and children'

Here’s what men actually talk about in a locker room

Matt · 12 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Funny. Excerpt:

'As a general rule, I do not do a lot of on-the-ground reporting from inside men’s locker rooms. Call me old-fashioned, but when it comes to news, I prefer more traditional locales: press conferences, courtrooms, artisanal doughnut shops.

However, given Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump’s recent insistence that the lewd comments he was recorded making in 2005 were nothing more than “locker-room talk,” I decided it might be worthwhile to check in on the current state of the American locker room.

Having last spent time in one more than a decade ago — back when conversation among my high school cross-country teammates centered primarily on the best way to eradicate Cheetos from one’s braces — it seemed a lot had changed.

And so, around 11 a.m. on Monday, I headed over to the Boston Sports Clubs gym on Boylston Street, finagled a free one-day pass, and made my way through the maze of workout equipment to the men’s locker room, ready to see what I could discern.'

SoHo pharmacy's man tax: Time for action

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Recent story on MANN here. Does this annoy you? It does me. The store owner says that men find it "funny" and if it works as a promotion, maybe she'll keep the "man tax" as a permanent thing.

Their phone number is here. To save you the trouble, it's 212-598-9790, fax: 212-674-6980. Especially if you live in the area, call them. But even if you don't, they need to hear from you. What to say? Tell them that the market determines prices, not gender. Further, that while discriminatory pricing may for some weird reason be legal, it is very bad P/R. Remind her that men's money is as green as women's and despite the fact that her male customers do not seem openly unhappy with this "promotion", it is hard to see how anyone can stay happy with paying above-market prices for things for too long. Also tell her that sexism is indeed vile, which is why sexists like her are. You may also want to suggest she reduce the prices on "feminine products" to match prices on similar "men's products" rather than try to gouge men and alienate them. Wonder why she didn't think of doing that?

"Vile". Use the word "vile".

Remember: In the heat of the moment, passion can move people to say things they otherwise may not. Don't let things slip out that are unwarranted. Anything that can be interpreted as threatening, even if not meant so, must be avoided. And, avoid swear words. It distracts from the message you are delivering.

Men (and women) in NYC: Maybe there is a picketing opportunity here?

College expels student for sex misconduct without bothering to interview him, draws sharp government rebuke

Matt · 13 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Lawsuits are accumulating across the nation brought by students who say they were unfairly disciplined for sexual misconduct by colleges and universities. And increasing numbers of judges are finding their complaints sufficiently valid to move forward.

But few, if any, of the alleged violations of a student's rights compare in egregiousness to what happened at Wesley College in Delaware, as described in findings by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) made public Wednesday.

What makes the case so unusual, compared to others that have come before the courts and are public, is the sheer number of important procedural protections denied to the accused. In most cases, courts have found one or two things wrong, for example, inadequate access to witnesses or a failure of a school to adhere to the letter of its own written procedures.

In this case, the OCR found virtually everything wrong and, therefore, a violation of Title IX's protections against discrimination.'

Australia: Marxist agenda in anti-violence campaign

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'AFTER losing her son to domestic violence in 2014 it's understandable why Rosie Batty continues to campaign so vigorously on the issue. As someone who, as a child, saw my mother violently beaten by my alcoholic father I understand the urgency of the problem.

At the same time, it is vital not to let the campaign against domestic violence be captured by the sisterhood to force a radical feminist agenda where men and boys are portrayed as misogynist and always guilty.

And this is just what is happening with the Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships program being implemented south of the border.

Hot on the heels of the Marxist-inspired Safe Schools Coalition program, which also originated in Victoria and has gone national, primary children as young as seven and eight are being taught domestic violence always involves women as the victim and that the primary cause is because men are guilty of "hegemonic masculinity". This is described as the dominant form of masculinity requiring "boys and men to be heterosexual, tough, athletic and emotionless, and encourages the control and dominance of men over women".'

Op-Ed: If we really want women in combat, men must do more

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We can’t merely open the door to women, we need to help them walk through it with recruitment campaigns to encourage the most qualified to apply, specific messages that explain why they are needed on the battlefield, and special programs to help them prepare physically. Female mentors are important, but experience and common sense indicate that male soldiers and senior leaders have to engage women, face-to-face, if the military is going to be fully integrated.

...

My experience training women confirms this, and what I tell them about the infantry is that average women shouldn't apply but the above average should: those who are strong both physically and mentally and those who want to lead infantry soldiers in combat. Because it’s crucial to maintain the same physical standards for men and women in close combat assignments, the military should put into place long-term physical training programs to help women develop the abilities to meet those requirements.'

British PM targets finance industry for failing to promote women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Prime Minister Theresa May criticized Britain's finance industry for failing to promote and retain women on Tuesday as the government revealed that some of the biggest players have committed to having at least 30 percent in senior roles by 2021.

The Treasury said that for every pound earned by a man in the male-dominated financial services industry - the highest paid sector in Britain - a woman earns just over 60 pence, while women account for only 23 percent of boards and 14 percent of executive committees.

"The UK is a world-leader in financial services, but the sector could do even better if it made the most of many talented women who work in finance. Too few women get to the top and many don't progress as quickly as they should or they leave the sector completely," May said in a statement.'

Inside The Wing, a women-only coworking space and social club in NYC

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new women's-only workspace and social club in New York City, created to offer like-minded members a place to network and connect, seeks to offer an alternative to standard coworking spaces and their sometimes "bro-centric" culture, and tap into the "magic that's created when women gather together."

The Wing —the brainchild of 29-year-old Audrey Gelman, a PR specialist who was the inspiration for the Marnie character on Girls, and her friend and partner Lauren Kassen, previously a director at ClassPass—came out of a desire to create a women's-only space that offers the flexibility of coworking spaces and the community of social clubs without being too stuffy. The name itself is a play off the wing of a home, a reference to a space of one's own.'

Mother fights boys-only corporal punishment policy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Middle Tennessee mother is fighting a corporal punishment policy at her son's high school.

She said it's not the hitting she's concerned with, but who is receiving the punishment.

Misty Kilburn said her son came home from Lawrence County High School with a letter stating the teacher in his construction trade class was going to reinstate corporal punishment due to misbehavior.

Kilburn said she was about to sign it until she learned it only applied to one gender.

The note reads in part: "Due to interruptions and discipline problems in trade classes, we are going to reinstate corporal punishment."

Kilburn didn't have a problem with the note, but then her son told her something else.

"The girls were sent into another classroom and the boys were the ones who had to write this out, and the girls were not to be included on the corporal punishment," she said.'

Houston’s Coach Pecks Away at Football’s Macho Culture, a Kiss at a Time

Matt · 15 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nice to see it. Excerpt:

'When the University of Houston’s football players arrive for a game, they know what to expect as a prelude to the coming hours of brutality as they file into the stadium: a kiss on the cheek from their head coach, Tom Herman.

It is an unusual ritual in a sport that embodies America’s most rigid ideals of manhood.

“A kiss on the cheek is when he shows his love for us,” Houston safety Garrett Davis said, adding, “No one here is thinking, ‘Oh, I shouldn’t let him kiss me.’”

Physical expressions of affection certainly exist in big-time sports. Nothing says “Good job!” in baseball like a firm pat on the behind from a coach, and in international soccer it is not uncommon to see teammates peck each other on the cheek after a big play.'

Why do women's groups treat Bill Clinton and Donald Trump differently?

Matt · 15 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Groups that advocate for women's rights are lashing out at Donald Trump for allegations of groping women and bragging about sexual assaults.

But some of those same groups did not think former President Bill Clinton's allegations of sexual misconduct nearly two decades ago were disqualifying in the same way.

At least three women – Juanita Broaddrick, Paula Jones and Kathleen Willey – accused Clinton of unwanted sexual advances. Another five, including White House intern Monica Lewinsky, said they had had consensual affairs with him. Clinton was impeached on charges of lying about the Lewinsky affair before a grand jury and of obstruction of justice, but was acquitted and served his full presidential term.

Women's groups largely stayed supportive.

"Feminists have, all along, muffled, disguised, excused and denied the worst aspects of the president's behavior with women," said a lengthy Vanity Fair article from 1998.

"Feminism sort of died in that period," New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd told Yahoo recently. "Because the feminists had to come along with Bill Clinton's retrogressive behavior with women in order to protect the progressive policies for women that Bill Clinton had as president."'

UK: Domestic violence against men soars to record levels as number of cases treble in past decade

Matt · 17 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'DOMESTIC violence against men has trebled in the past decade, shocking official figures reveal.

A record 5,640 wives and girlfriends were convicted of assaulting their male partners last year — up from 1,850 in 2007.

The issue has become a taboo because victims are often too ashamed to talk about their experiences.

But an MP is now calling for action after evidence emerged the problem is growing at an alarming rate.

Stats released by the Attorney General show 177 women are convicted of domestic abuse EVERY WEEK.'

Family Reunion releases video on false accusations

Matt · 18 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'False Accusations are allegations that are made against a person that are unproven and untrue, usually causing irreparable damage to the reputation, character, or integrity to person falsely accused.

False accusations are an effective way of reversing the prevailing direction of custody cases and are often made to gain the "upper hand" during custody battles, to put the opposition at an immediate disadvantage, to tie up the other party with additional litigation, and to hurt the other party out of hate, fear, or spite.'

Students told term ‘be a man’ represents toxic masculinity

Matt · 18 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gettysburg College freshman James Goodman began his first moments of higher education by being lectured by campus leaders about “toxic masculinity,” he tells The College Fix in an interview.

Students who “identify as male” were shown a docudrama film about masculinity. The film, titled “The Mask You Live In,” was part of the lessons warning students that the notion of masculinity comes with harmful side effects, he said.

According to the trailer of the film, it teaches that the “three most destructive words” a boy can hear growing up is “be a man.” Experts quoted therein also suggest that violent outbursts are prompted by masculinity pressures because “respect is linked to violence.”'

Malecare releases app to help track prostate cancer

Matt · 18 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Malecare recently launched Cancergraph - an iPhone application that tracks cancer symptoms. It's free and ready for you to download, today.

Designed by prostate cancer survivors and caregivers, Cancergraph focuses on the unique experiences faced by those who are diagnosed with one or more cancers.

Cancergraph serves as a memory tool, giving patients and their doctors reliable reports about day-to-day cancer-related experiences. With an easy-to-navigate interface, patients can choose from a list of over 200 symptoms and side effects, and have the option to include cancer types, medications and concerns. Cancergraph then distills the data into a report that patients can view on their phone or email to doctors.

Patients can also take disease- and symptom-related photos to be added to a secure photo storage area on their mobile device. Additionally, Cancergraph has a journal feature so patients can document their experiences in more detail.

"For anyone who is going through prostate cancer this is an invaluable tool," said Darryl Mitteldorf, Director of Malecare, "The ability to accurately keep track of symptoms and side effects changes cancer care for both the patient and doctor."

Cancergraph is free to download and is currently available on iOS. Android will be available in November.

About Malecare

Founded in 1997, Malecare is America's leading men's cancer survivor support and advocacy national nonprofit organization. We are a dynamic, nimble and cutting-edge company, striving to be first in understanding and implementing new technology in service to our cancer survivor population. Malecare is a horizontally organized nonprofit, managed by oncologists, psychologists and social workers. We are known for our men's health programs for underserved populations. All of our services are provided without cost to the patient and their family.

Please feel encouraged to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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"Martyrs of Marriage" released

Matt · 18 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Trailer here. Description:

'Martyrs of Marriage is a documentary film that documents the injustice that has been perpetrated on people because of misuse of section 498A of Indian Penal Code commonly known as the Anti Dowry law in India. A feature length, first person account of those who have suffered at the hands of abuse of this provision, the film delves deep into the problem, the reasons behind it and the repercussions of the same.

For long, people have believed that it is only women who suffer or give up their lives because of harassment by her husband and in-laws. But there's an other side of the story as well. The film intends to wake up the society to the fact that “men” can be victims too in marital relationships and that the laws that have been made for protection of women have been and are being misused to harass men, women and their families too.'

Victoria, a misandrist state of child indoctrination

Mastodon · 18 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'Daniel Andrews' government is either so asinine that it is being led by the nose by far-Left social engineers or it is consciously pursuing an agenda most Australians would recognise as harmful and sinister. Either way, it's time the Victorian community and the state's opposition declared: "enough!" Imagine the uproar if preschoolers were indoctrinated with propaganda that set them on guard against their mothers, grandmothers, female teachers or other women. That is precisely what the state's preschoolers will be subjected to in a new program — though it should surprise nobody that the "villains" they will be warned against are men.

As Rebecca Urban reports today, the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program, to be rolled out next year, will associate masculinity with dominance, control and violence against women. It is misnamed. But children will need to be resilient to withstand it, and it shows little respect for families' rights or children's relationships with their fathers and other men.

In primary school, the misandry introduced in preschool will be followed up with ideology as doctrinaire as Orwell's "four legs good, two legs bad" Animal Farm mantra.The messagewill boil down to "men bad, women victims". Given Australia's poor results in literacy and numeracy, authorities are wrong to divert time and resources from the basics. By Year 7, when children's attention should be shifting to more advanced maths, science, English and humanities subjects, the program will introduce the concept of "male privilege", emphasising men as the perpetrators of violent acts. Such brainwashing could harm some children, either fostering stereotypes or provoking a backlash. Others, including many from stable, loving families, will probably ignore it.'

Why some men are opting out of life and escaping into digital media

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Article here. Excerpt:

'University of Notre Dame anthropologist Michael Jindra first noticed in the late 1990s that more and more, his students, particularly the young men, seemed less invested in their studies.

“It’s hard to describe. It just seemed like their heads were someplace else,” Jindra said. “More than in the past.”

Jindra talked to some of his struggling students and found various reasons for their academic performance, but one thing stood out: all-night video game marathons.

A theory took root that Jindra's been studying ever since — a cultural shift is under way, a kind of escapism where a growing number of young people, especially men, are becoming more invested in recreational pursuits to “escape” their traditional social roles, like being fathers or career-driven providers.'

The new trend: parents who hope for girls, not boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The toxic poison of feminism has caused a lot of damage to society, devaluing and degrading men. Is it any surprise, then, that brainwashed women and even some brainwashed men are hoping to only give birth to daughters and not sons?

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Congratulations to feminists! Years of browbeating men as hostile, brute oppressors of women have paid off. Not only have you convinced some women that men are the enemy, but you have even got some men hating themselves, to the point that they do not wish to see more of their kind populate the earth.'

QP Tuesday: The middle class and 'mansplaining'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Shannon Stubbs, the Conservative party's deputy critic for natural resources, accused Canada's finance minister of "mansplaining" today.

Stubbs, who represents the riding of Lakeland in Alberta, rose this afternoon to call into question the Liberal government's treatment of Albertans during an economically difficult time.

In response to her question, Morneau pointed to federal government's tax cuts for middle-class Canadians.

"We have lowered taxes on Albertans this year, so we've made sure they have more money in their pocket this year than they did last year," he said.

Stubbs was not impressed.

"Well, thanks for the mansplain," she said, before continuing onto her second question.

Yikes.'

Accused student sues university for not letting him cross-examine accuser

Matt · 18 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Cincinnati suspended a male student accused of sexual assault “in order to look good for the Department of Education” and campus advocates who believe there’s a “rape culture” at the school, according to a lawsuit by the student.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reports that it couldn’t find a Title IX complaint filed against the student from its review of university records, suggesting that a campus official initiated disciplinary proceedings, not the accuser.

The lawsuit says “John Doe” has been suspended until January 2018 in response to allegations from September 2015, following a Tinder date with another student. That female reported him to campus police about a month later, but Doe claims the sex was consensual:'

Rolling Stone Deletes Article About the Derrick Rose Rape Case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last Wednesday, Rolling Stone's website published an article titled: "Why Derrick Rose Rape Trial May Wreck NBA Commissioner Adam Silver's Legacy." Friday, Rolling Stone deleted the article from its site. (An archived version can be found here.)

Politico reports that Rolling Stone was contacted by the NBA, which had a number of objections to the story. Rolling Stone subsequently issued two corrections.

Deadspin reports that Rolling Stone sports editor Jason Diamond was going back-and-forth on the corrections with the NBA before unnamed superiors on the masthead got involved, and apparently made the decision to take the piece down Friday morning.'

Columbia threatens to punish students who take notes during sexual-misconduct proceedings

Matt · 19 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Columbia University is making it harder for students to hold it accountable for how the Ivy League school runs “gender-based misconduct” proceedings.

It has previously banned students from bringing a recording device into the proceedings, and now Columbia has stopped accusers and accused students from even “transcribing” what happens during proceedings.

The restrictions are being criticized by both a victim-rights group at Columbia and a lawyer for accused students.

Andrew Miltenberg, who has sued several colleges including Columbia on behalf of students found responsible for sexual assault, told The College Fix that college officials “want the ultimate discretion without having to answer for it.”'

Rolling Stone Writer Testifies in Defamation Trial Over 'A Rape on Campus' Story

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sabrina Rubin Erdely, the reporter behind the now-retracted Rolling Stone article "A Rape on Campus," defended her integrity as a journalist on the stand today as she and the magazine face a nearly $8 million defamation lawsuit.

The defamation suit was filed by Nicole Eramo, the former associate dean of students at the University of Virginia, who is suing Erdely and Rolling Stone over her portrayal in the article.

In the article, a University of Virginia student identified only as "Jackie" described a brutal gang rape at a fraternity party in 2012. "Jackie" was described as facing callous indifference from college authorities, including Eramo.

Rolling Stone ultimately retracted the 2014 story after other media outlets pointed out troubling issues with the story. A police investigation into Jackie's allegations of being raped by seven men failed to uncover any sort of evidence of the alleged assault ever taking place.

Eramo's attorneys are trying to paint Erdely as a reporter with a motive -- one who has a history of framing stories of sexual assault to fit a specific "vision," and they say that she was seeking to intentionally highlight institutions that demonstrate indifference toward victims of sexual assault.'

Jury Clears Knicks' Derrick Rose of Liability in Rape Suit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Knicks guard Derrick Rose was cleared on Wednesday in a lawsuit accusing him and two friends of raping a woman who had had a relationship with him. The verdict, from an eight-member jury in a federal civil trial, absolved Rose of wrongdoing, although the damage to his reputation remains to be seen.

The trial began Oct. 4, Rose's 28th birthday, and the jury started deliberations Wednesday morning. Less than four hours later, it had a verdict.

Just before the decision was read, the woman, 30, who was seeking $21.5 million, bowed her head and hid her face in her hands. She displayed no emotion, although her lawyer, Waukeen McCoy, later described her as devastated.

Referring to some of the arguments Rose and his legal team had made about the woman, McCoy called it "a shame" that a celebrity could claim in court that an accuser was simply seeking money.'

USA Today: I'm the victim says Female Teacher who had sex with 17-YO student

fathers4fairness · 20 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Of course she is - women are never responsible for their actions. Excerpt:

'A substitute teacher accused of having sex with a 17-year-old high school student in Cedar Rapids claims the student seduced her.

Mary Beth Haglin was charged in July with sexual exploitation by a teacher. On Monday, she appeared on Dr. Phil, accusing the student of seducing her and sharing sexy photos with his friends.

“Many people see him as the victim and me as the perpetrator. From a psychological standpoint and from every other standpoint, I feel like I am the victim,” Haglin said on the Dr. Phil show, citing the student's intelligence and “elevated vocabulary” as part of the seduction.'

Rolling Stone reporter admits errors in retracted gang rape story

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The author of a now-retracted Rolling Stone article about a brutal gang rape at the University of Virginia on Thursday acknowledged Thursday that she made mistakes while reporting the story of the woman identified only as "Jackie."

Sabrina Rubin Erdely took the stand in the defamation trial against the magazine over its 2014 story about a woman identified only as "Jackie." University administrator Nicole Eramo is seeking $7.8 million from the magazine for its portrayal of her in the story.

Libby Locke, an attorney for Eramo, quizzed Erdely about her reporting errors, including her decision not contact the Jackie's friends who went to her aid the night of the alleged assault and failure to raise concerns about changes in Jackie's account over time. Erdley said in her earlier deposition that she was aware that Jackie had initially told her roommate she was attacked by five men, but later said it was seven men.'

Feminists: The Misandrists of Marxism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"To call a man an animal is to flatter him; he's a machine, a walking dildo." ~Valerie Solanas,, American radical feminist, best known for writing the SCUM Manifesto

Radical feminism is an oppressive and rather brutal ideology that has vast cultural implications. With a goal of control, radical feminism focuses on destroying traditional relationships using shaming, violence and misrepresentation of facts. And there is nothing feminine about radical feminism or feminists. Celebrating your birthday naked while on a toilet in a public restroom? How lady like.

Women have the power to forge unbreakable family and community ties—or they can use their power for destructive purposes. Women have the power to be encouraging, nurturing, positive and productive; or harmful, lethal and cancerous.

Today's liberal women are destructive, antagonistic women, devoted to their own misery in undermining traditional institutions crucial for a healthy, dynamic society: marriage, motherhood, and fatherhood.'

Shannon Stubbs To Bill Morneau: 'Thanks For The Mansplain'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Conservative MP Shannon Stubbs wasn't pleased by Finance Minister Bill Morneau's suggestion she doesn't talk to her constituents, so she called him out for his tone.

"Thanks for the mansplain," Stubbs said in question period in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

A "mansplanation" is a portmanteau of "man" and "explanation." It's loosely defined as a condescending or patronizing remark a man says to the woman under the presumption she is ignorant about a topic.'

HPV cancer rising in men, Cancer Society wants boys vaccinated

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'The Canadian Cancer Society is warning the Newfoundland and Labrador government that it's no longer enough to vaccinate only girls for the human papillomavirus (HPV).

New statistics suggest boys need the vaccine too.

A report released by the Canadian Cancer Society says the number of Canadian men with HPV-related mouth and throat cancer is rising, and could surpass the rate of cervical cancer caused by HPV.

The study says between 1992 and 2012, the number of men with HPV mouth and throat cancer rose by 56 per cent.'

Columbia University Student Forced To Attend ‘Re-Education’ For Saying He’s Handsome

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Columbia University student Benjamin Sweetwood recently wrote a piece for The Tab discussing the “re-education” he received from the gender-based misconduct office for daring to refer to himself as “handsome” in class.

Sweetwood was attending a Chinese language class in the fall of 2014. Naturally part of this class was using the vocabulary and grammar learned to create sentences. During one class Sweetwood referred to himself as handsome using the Chinese phrase, “Wǒ hěn shuài”. Sweetwood thought nothing of this, finished the class and went home. The next day however Sweetwood was asked to stay after class by his professor, in Sweetwood’s own words, this is how the exchange went.

“She mentioned I had called myself handsome and alluded to my joking personality in general. She also told me she was not offended at all. She said she thought it was funny, but that she didn’t want to get in trouble herself. She told me if I want to make those jokes, I should come to her office hours to do so. I assumed it’s because my sick mind needed to be contained in a space where other students were not at risk of harm. I felt bad for the teacher as she seemed to be in a tough situation, where she had no choice but to scold me.”

Sweetwood received an email from Columbia University’s dean later in the day informing him that he had been reported to the “Gender-Based Misconduct Office” and would need to meet with the dean as soon as possible. Sweetwood did meet with the dean who attempted to make him admit fault in the situation, Sweetwood refused.

“My dean tried to make me agree that I would never do this again. I flat out refused. I laid into her about how upset I was about the situation and I said something along the lines of: ‘If you’re asking me to not be myself, then I guarantee I will end up back in your office again.’”

The Dean did however seem to concede that the reaction to Sweetwoods comments may have been over the top, at one point saying, “Even if I agree with you, I obviously couldn’t say anything…”.'

Rolling Stone Trial: UVA Jackie Invented Rumor Her Friend Had Syphilis

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'She even revealed additional falsehoods by Coakley, such as an invented rumor that a friend of hers had contracted syphilis, reports The Daily Progress. Erdely was the author of the November 2014 article “A Rape on Campus,” which recounted Coakley’s claim that she was savagely gang-raped by seven men at a UVA fraternity during a party. The article sparked a massive wave of outrage, but was quickly retracted after Coakley’s account was exposed as a series of spectacular lies. Now, Rolling Stone is battling a $7.5 million lawsuit by UVA dean Nicole Eramo, who says the magazine defamed her by portraying her as callously indifferent to UVA students who claimed they were raped.
...
That wasn’t the only strange syphilis-related revelation. Erdely testified that she was told by Coakley prior to the article’s publication that Coakley acquired syphilis from her gang rape. Yet, Coakley never supplied any medical documents to back up the claim, and instead repeatedly concocted new excuses for why she couldn’t show them. Rather than take this as an indication Coakley was being less than honest with her, Erdely simply deleted the syphilis claim from the story.'

Masculinity is not to blame for domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We need to be careful about the messages we send to young men about masculinity.

This week, it was revealed that students in Victoria, from primary school onwards, will be taught about “hegemonic masculinity”.

Don’t know what that is? Well, that state’s new respectful relationships curriculum defines it as the dominant form of masculinity in society that “requires boys and men to be heterosexual, tough, athletic and emotionless, and encourages the control and dominance of men over women”.

In other words, the uncommunicative Aussie bloke who sits in front of the footy on a Saturday arvo and only acknowledges his wife when he’s asking her to grab him another beer from the fridge, is the pinnacle of hegemonic masculinity.

These young Victorian school kids will also be introduced to terms such as heteronormativity, or the normalisation of heterosexual relationships in society at the expense of other relationships, and cisgender — the name given to someone whose gender identity aligns with their biological sex, unlike those who identify as transgender.

I’ll make a disclaimer: I was an enthusiastic student of gender studies at university. I lapped up feminist, post-structuralist, and Marxist gender theory because it was radical and fascinating, and it suddenly opened up almost limitless possibilities when it came to discussing portrayals of gender in literature, history, and popular culture.

But I wasn’t a Year 4 boy at a state school coming to terms with my own identity.'

Data Reveals Women Overwhelmingly Choose Lower-Paying College Majors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Research on the gender pay gap from the American Enterprise Institute reveals that women overwhelmingly choose less-lucrative university majors.

The research, conducted by AEI scholar Mark J. Perry who is a professor at the University of Michigan in Flint, argues that any gap in earnings between American men and women are the result of the different career field choices rather than employer discrimination.

According to Perry's research, American women received 57% of all bachelor degrees granted in 2014, which equated to nearly 200,000 more degrees granted to females than to males. Despite this disparity, the degrees granted to women came overwhelmingly in lower-paying majors, such as Nursing, Journalism, and English.'

Mother confesses to suffocating her three young children

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'Three-month-old Niall was the first to die, on July 22, 2014.

His brother, 4-year-old Gavin, died nine months later, on April 6, 2015.

Noah was next: He was born just after Gavin's death — and died on Aug. 18, 2015.

The mother of all three children, Brittany Pilkington, confessed to killing them over a 13-month period, Ohio prosecutors say. The same day her third son died, the 24-year-old mother from Bellefontaine told police that she put a blanket over all three of the children's faces and placed her hand over their noses and mouths.

Pilkington's videotaped confession was played in court this week. Her attorneys argued that the confession was coerced and, therefore, unconstitutional; it shouldn't be used at trial, they say.

Pilkington was indicted on three counts of aggravated murder. If found guilty, she could face the death penalty.'

Male Pill moves a step closer: British scientists discover way to stop sperm swimming

Matt · 23 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'British scientists have made a breakthrough in the search for a male contraceptive pill – which could transform the sex lives of millions of couples.

For decades, researchers have tried to produce a reliable alternative to condoms or a vasectomy, but there has been little progress.

Now UK scientists have found the secret of making men temporarily infertile – by ‘switching off’ sperm’s ability to swim.

They have made tiny ‘designer compounds’ which smuggle themselves into sperm, and stop their tails from wiggling. If a sperm can’t swim, it has no chance of naturally fertilising a woman’s egg.'

New Film ‘The Red Pill’ Asks Whether Men’s Rights Activists Have a Point

Matt · 23 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

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'Men’s rights activists, or “MRAs,” have long been among the progressive community’s favorite whipping boys — reviled, deplored and mocked as angry, whiny losers pining for their bygone privilege. Right now, they make especially convenient bogeymen in the ugly gender wars of Election 2016. A few days ago, a New York Times article on supposedly resurgent misogyny in American culture singled out the “manosphere” — the male-focused sector of the Internet that includes MRA websites — as a toxic swamp of woman-hating.

Yet at this very moment, a new documentary called The Red Pill takes a mostly sympathetic look at the dreaded MRAs — and it’s made by a woman who began the project as a committed feminist.

The Red Pill (the title, a popular manosphere term, refers to the reality-revealing pill in The Matrix) first sparked controversy a year ago. Filmmaker Cassie Jaye, then 29 and the author of acclaimed, award-winning documentaries on abstinence education and same-sex marriage, lost her potential producers and even some crew because they didn’t like where her new movie was going. After two years of work, the film was in jeopardy; rescue came from a Kickstarter fundraising effort led by men’s groups and by right-wing icon Milo Yiannopoulos. Jaye’s critics were not amused. Anti-MRA blogger David Futrelle accused her of throwing objectivity to the winds and “pandering” to her subjects.'

College Sex Meets the Star Chamber

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yale University's motto is Lux et Veritas, light and truth. But at Yale today, bureaucrats charged with investigating and punishing alleged sexual misconduct seem less interested in truth or fairness than in scoring political points.

To start, they have expanded the terms harassment and assault beyond traditional legal definitions. Under Yale's sexual misconduct policy, sexual harassment includes verbal statements that have the "effect" of creating an "intimidating" environment. Sexual assault includes any contact without "positive, unambiguous, and voluntary" consent. According to Yale, consent must be "ongoing" at each stage of an encounter but "cannot be inferred from the absence of a 'no' " or presumed from "contextual factors."

With these expanded definitions in hand, "independent investigators"—eager to justify their employment by a university desperate to appear tough on sexual misconduct—rush off to find evidence of violations. They build dossiers on professors' offhand comments made decades earlier. They probe the murky "he said-she said" of drunken hook-ups seeking to prove that consent was not freely given, irrespective of whether a crime has been committed. Administrative tribunals, lacking due process protections provided in a court of law, determine guilt and mete out punishments that forever label people misogynists, harassers, or perpetrators of sexual assault.'

It’s Time to End ‘Rape Culture’ Hysteria

Matt · 23 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The nation's largest and most influential anti-sexual-violence organization is rejecting the idea that culture — as opposed to the actions of individuals — is responsible for rape.

“Rape is as American as apple pie,” says blogger Jessica Valenti. She and her sisters-in-arms describe our society as a “rape culture” where violence against women is so normal, it’s almost invisible. Films, magazines, fashion, books, music, humor, even Barbie — according to the activists — cooperate in conveying the message that women are there to be used, abused and exploited. Recently, rape-culture theory has migrated from the lonely corners of the feminist blogosphere into the mainstream. In January, the White House asserted that we need to combat campus rape by “[changing] a culture of passivity and tolerance in this country, which too often allows this type of violence to persist.”

Tolerance for rape? Rape is a horrific crime, and rapists are despised. We have strict laws that Americans want to see enforced. Though rape is certainly a serious problem, there’s no evidence that it’s considered a cultural norm. Twenty-first century America does not have a rape culture; what we have is an out-of-control lobby leading the public and our educational and political leaders down the wrong path. Rape-culture theory is doing little to help victims, but its power to poison the minds of young women and lead to hostile environments for innocent males is immense.'

Milo Yiannopoulos appearance at NYU scrapped due to ‘security concerns’

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'The ‘ol “security concerns” excuse has popped up again, this time regarding an appearance by conservative provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos at New York University.

The Wall Street Journal reports that NYU officials sent a letter to the school College Republicans informing them that “physical altercations had broken out at previous stops” of Milo’s college tour, and as such his event next month at NYU was canceled.

The letter pointed out that Milo was to appear at a site “near student groups at NYU’s Manhattan campus ‘that are subjects of Mr. Yiannopoulos’ attacks.”’

“Garbage,” Yiannopoulos responded. “The only person really at risk at any of my talks is me,” he said.'

MILO Event at The University of Maryland Cancelled Due to Security Fee Censorship

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A scheduled event on MILO's "Dangerous Faggot" tour at the University of Maryland was cancelled after university administrators hit students with a massive increase in security fees just days before the event.

After a bomb threat, which occurred during the tour's stop at Florida Atlantic University, administrators at the University of Maryland increased security fees from $4,500 to $6,500. In response, the student group responsible for organizing the event created a GoFundMe page to raise the remaining funds.
...
This event's cancellation is yet another causality in the new censorship war that university administrators have begun to wage on conservative and libertarian students. Both the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) and Breitbart Tech have addressed the increasing concerns regarding "security fee censorship" or the willingness of university administrators to allow excessive security fees alter or cancel events.'

The trouble with the “You go girl” culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two recent films, Deepwater Horizon with Mark Wahlberg and Sully starring Tom Hanks, represent something of a breath of fresh air, for both movies feature men who are intelligent, virtuous, and quietly heroic. If this strikes you as a banal observation, that just means you haven’t been following much of the popular culture for the past twenty years.
...
If you think this male-bashing is restricted to cartoons, think again. Ray Romano’s character in Everyone Loves Raymond, Ed O’Neill’s hopeless father in Married With Children, and Ty Burrell's hapless goofball in Modern Family—all are variations on the Homer Simpson theme. Add to all this the presentation of fathers as not just inept, but horrific in Game of Thrones, and the absent, indifferent fathers of Stranger Things.

And I wonder whether you’ve noticed a character that can be found in practically every movie made today? I call her the “all conquering female.” Almost without exception, she is underestimated by men and then proves herself more intelligent, cleverer, more courageous, and more skilled than any man. Whether we’re talking about a romantic comedy, an office drama, or an adventure movie, the all conquering female will almost inevitably show up. And she has to show her worth in a domineering way, that is to say, over and against the men. For her to appear strong, they have to appear weak. For a particularly good case in point, watch the most recent Star Wars film.

Now I perfectly understand the legitimacy of feminist concerns regarding the portrayal of women in the media as consistently demure, retiring, and subservient to men. I grant that, in most of the action/adventure movies that I saw growing up, women would typically twist an ankle or get captured and then require rescuing by the swashbuckling male hero—and I realize how galling this must have been to generations of women. And therefore, a certain correction was undoubtedly in order. But what is problematic now is the Nietzschean quality of the reaction, by which I mean, the insistence that female power has to be asserted over and against males, that there is an either/or, zero-sum conflict between men and women. It is not enough, in a word, to show women as intelligent, savvy, and good; you have to portray men as stupid, witless, and irresponsible. That this savage contrast is having an effect especially on younger men is becoming increasingly apparent.

In the midst of a “you-go-girl” feminist culture, many boys and young men feel adrift, afraid that any expression of their own good qualities will be construed as aggressive or insensitive. If you want concrete proof of this, take a look at the statistics contrasting female and male success at the university level. And you can see the phenomenon in films such as Fight Club and The Intern. In the former, the Brad Pitt character turns to his friend and laments, “we’re thirty-year-old boys;” and in the latter, Robert De Niro’s classic male type tries to whip into shape a number of twenty-something male colleagues who are rumpled, unsure of themselves, without ambition—and of course under the dominance of an all conquering female.'

Masculinity in Peril on Gender-Bending Campuses

Mastodon · 24 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Students at the college who “identify as male” were shown a docudrama about masculinity recently. The film, entitled “The Mask You Live In,” was part of a lesson warning students that the notion of masculinity comes with harmful side effects, as freshman James Goodman told The College Fix.

A young woman in the Boston area — a high school senior — reacted to all of this. “It’s weird that confusion is kind of sought-after in today’s modern world, as if you’re more evolved if you have confusion about your gender or your masculinity,” she told LifeZette. “It’s as if confusion and not knowing who you are is a positive thing now.”
...
Some progressive cultural initiatives embraced by U.S. colleges are silly — think micro-aggressions — and can be laughed off. This one can't. This is using the violent deaths of innocent Americans to push an agenda already wildly supported by the cultural elite. It's the erasure of gender.

Is this what caring, thoughtful parents want their students to be exposed to at institutions of higher learning? If not, they would be advised to investigate the "gender agenda" of their student's potential colleges during the application process.'

Anti-Milo Protester: Would Donate Bail to Anyone Who ‘Put a Bullet in Milo’s Head’

Mastodon · 25 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'To protest Milo Yiannopoulos’ October 18 speaking event at Clemson University, a professor and a number of Left-leaning students and their respective organizations created the “Anti-Milo Event Committee” to plan a demonstration against the conservative speaker, according to audio recordings gathered undercover.

I spent several weeks infiltrating the group of activists, a combination of left-wing Clemson professors and activists from Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). Students were caught on tape referring to Milo as “someone I would like to punch in the throat.”'

6 things a rape hoaxer said in interview with Rolling Stone author

Matt · 25 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jackie, the woman who made up a frightening story about being gang raped at the University of Virginia as a freshman, was really committed to her lie when talking to a Rolling Stone reporter.

The taped interview between Jackie and Rolling Stone author Sabrina Rubin Erdely was made public by CBS19 on Saturday, and professor and author K.C. Johnson posted what he believed were the best excerpts. Knowing that the gang rape didn't occur makes Jackie's comments in the tape all the more astounding. Here are some of her oddest remarks:

1. Jackie claimed to see one of her attackers everywhere

"I see him all the time. And I was like, you know, I was like, even places like — I saw him at Barracks Road shopping center," Jackie said. "I was like, that's way off grounds. I've seen him in Wal-Mart before when I'm shopping. Like, I was like, why is it this one guy that I see everywhere?"

Keep in mind this gang rape didn't occur. Police found no evidence to support her claim, the fraternity in question didn't hold a party the night she claimed she was raped, and, oh yeah, the man she claimed took her to the party and orchestrated the gang rape didn't exist.'

Railroading the Innocent: SAVE Calls on University Administrators to End ‘Victim-Centered’ Investigations

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Railroading the Innocent: SAVE Calls on University Administrators to End ‘Victim-Centered’ Investigations

WASHINGTON / October 26, 2016 – A report issued today probes a recent spate of lawsuits against universities, and calls on college administrators to stop the use of so-called “victim-centered” investigations to probe allegations of campus sexual assault. The report concludes such methods are “inconsistent with the most basic notions of fairness, repudiate the presumption of innocence, and are likely to lead to wrongful determinations of guilt, thereby increasing schools’ liability exposure.”

Titled “Victim-Centered Investigations: New Liability Risk for Colleges and Universities,” the report analyses 18 lawsuits filed by students who had been accused of sexual misconduct, and in which the judge ruled in favor of the accused student. In all 18 cases, students alleged the university committed investigational improprieties. The paper classifies the investigational flaws into categories such as “Incomplete/Inadequate Collection of Evidence” and “Overt Bias/Predetermination of Guilt.”'

The Red Pill and censorship

Matt · 26 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Via Fathers and Families - NY:

'Take a Stand Against Censorship

Several weeks ago, we informed you of a new film, “The Red Pill,” exploring many of the issues that FAFNY members care about and profiling the activists working to raise awareness of them. Now, it has come to our attention that an extremist group has exerted pressure on the movie theater in Melbourne, Australia, where the film was scheduled to be screened, causing them to cancel the screening. We cannot allow this to happen. We’ve all worked so hard and waited so long for an opportunity like this to have our views get a fair hearing in the mainstream culture. They know that they can’t allow this film to become widespread because it’s simply too powerful. Only the most closed-minded people could watch it without being moved.

A petition on Change.org to reinstate the screening has already gathered over 6,000 signatures, more than double the count on the extremists’ petition calling for the movie to be censored. We urge our supporters to support this effort to protect free speech around the world and allow the other side of gender politics to be heard as well.'

Student accused of sexually assaulting woman in her dorm sues over suspension

Mastodon · 27 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A suspended St. John's University student is alleging gender bias and is suing his school and an affiliated college, claiming they falsely found that he probably sexually assaulted a female student after an evening of Halloween partying last year.

Aaron Wildenborg, of Red Wing, Minn., on Tuesday sued St. John's and the neighboring College of St. Benedict in federal court, alleging that school officials erred in determinations of whether he had consent for sex and whether the woman was vulnerable because she was drunk.

Wildenborg also contends that the investigation was biased against him because he was prevented from fairly challenging her contentions of what happened that night and that she retreated from her initial allegations.

The suit further characterizes the St. Benedict student as being more of the sexual aggressor, noting that she did not request his consent for sexual acts she performed on him and notes that she was not subject to the same school investigation as he was for her actions that night.'

Title IX-Style Campus Rape Investigations Are Coming to the UK

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A wave of university rape investigations echoing those brought in under Title IX in the USA is due to be rolled out in Britain.

New guidelines published last week recommend that universities investigate and punish students over alleged sexual offences – even if they are cleared by a court.

A lengthy report by the Universities UK and law firm Pinsent Masons said that institutions should appoint their own investigators and carry out extra discipline after the legal process has ended.

It recommends using a significantly lower standard of evidence than criminal courts, and specifically advises universities to pursue proceedings both when the alleged victim has dropped the case, when prosecutors have dropped it through lack of evidence, and even if the accused stood trial and was cleared.

The report admits that internal university processes will inevitably have less information to go on than a criminal proceeding – and also recommends a lower standard of proof ("51%" instead of "beyond all reasonable doubt").'

'See Jane Go' rideshare app focuses on safety, comfort of women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's not your ordinary rideshare pick-up. 'See Jane Go' is the first ever rideshare app in the country for women only.

The drivers are women, picking up female passengers with 'See Jane Go' accounts. It's all an effort to make women safer.

Savannah Jordan says, "I don't have to have that little voice in my head saying maybe you shouldn't do this maybe you shouldn't get into this car." The 19-year old says there are plenty of horror stories out there with other rideshare companies.'

South Australian Office for Recreation and Sport Female Facilities Program" grants

Minuteman · 27 October 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Overview
The Female Facilities Program helps eligible organisations to develop sustainable, functional, inclusive and fit for purpose female change room facilities that meet the current and future needs of the South Australian sporting community.

Annual budget

2016-17 - $4 million

Eligible organisations

State Sport and Active Recreation Organisations, Industry Representative Bodies, Local Government, Community Groups, Incorporated Sport or Active Recreation Clubs that do not hold a gaming machine license.'

This Scientist Says Feminism Is ‘Incompatible With Science’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Modern feminism isn’t compatible with science, a biologist wrote on a science blog Wednesday.

Dr. Alex Berezow, a biomedical scientist with a doctorate in microbiology writing on the blog of the American Council on Science and Health, found that much of mainstream feminist theory directly conflicts with modern biology, as it is inherently built on ideas which cannot be proven or refuted.

“Ideology is a double-edged sword. Dedication to a set of beliefs can be admirable, but when it leads to inflexibility and obstinance in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, it is a dangerous thing,” Berezow said. “[F]eminism has been built upon ideas that can neither be proven nor refuted, precisely the sort of evidence-free groupthink that typifies unscientific thinking.”

Berezow noted that many feminists “deny the prominent role of biology in our lives” allowing instead for the promotion of ideas that are “dangerous nonsense” on college campuses, which should be unbiased sources of truth.'

We Created 'Rape Culture.' Now We Get To Live With It.

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'Traumatic. For her. But what about those whose reputations have been dragged through the mud by Rolling Stone's libelous “report”? Nicole Eramo, UVA’s former dean of students, is fighting for damages in court right now after she received hundreds of defaming emails and letters calling her a “rape apologist” and a “disgusting, worthless piece of trash” following the article’s publication. While the magazine may have retracted its story, who repairs the damage done?

The answer: no one. And the reason? Because this is the society we created.

It’s the society that demonizes a man for simply being a man, unless he renounces everything male and begs the Holy Vagina to forgive him his natural trespasses. A guy accused of rape is a villain even when his accuser is proved a flat-out liar, so long as she carts a mattress around campus and voluntarily films her own porno afterward.

It’s the society in which casual sex is worth the cost of the cheap beer it takes to get you there, and in which a female college student can’t be held accountable for her promiscuity when she’s drunk – but a guy sure as hell can.'

Canada: Doctor sues gay friend for child support, 16 years after he first donated sperm to her

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Story here. Excerpt:

'In 2000, a gay man donated sperm to help a friend from medical school conceive one child, and then another.

Now, 16 years later, the mother, a medical doctor, is suing him for child support using a loophole in Ontario law that means known sperm and egg donors can be held liable for child support based on biology alone.

“He’s really being punished for the fact that he’s a known donor,” and that she didn’t buy sperm from an American bank, said Shirley Levitan, the lawyer for Michael Ranson. Canadians can legally buy sperm from American banks.

A bill before the provincial legislature to amend the Children’s Law Reform Act could close the loophole, but it could be too late for Ranson — or other donors who stay involved in their biological children’s lives and don’t know the law, Levitan said.'

Woman allegedly locked 11-year-old son in closets for three years before he died

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The last time anyone saw Yonatan Daniel Aguilar in public was in the spring of 2012.

Teachers at his elementary school in Los Angeles were worried about him. One said Yonatan appeared to be hoarding food. Another said he came to school with a black eye. They filed their concerns with county social workers, who in turn alerted police, according to the Los Angeles Times. After interviewing people close to him, authorities found no cause for alarm — school officials told social workers he lived in a safe household.

Not long after, Yonatan vanished.

He did not return to class, nor to his after school program. Although his family had been the subject of a half-dozen reports by the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, social workers had no legal ability to inquire about him, the Times reported.

Yonatan's stepfather, Jose Pinzon, believed the boy was living in Mexico. The boy's mother, Veronica Aguilar, allegedly told him so, and said the same to other people who wanted to know his whereabouts.

That was the story until August 2016, when Aguilar came to Pinzon with tragic news: Yonatan had died. Pinzon, who said he had not seen the boy in several years, figured she would be going to Mexico for the funeral.

Instead, she opened the closet door.

Inside was the 11-year-old's body, wrapped in a blanket and surrounded by medicinal cups. His hair was falling out, his nose was plugged with foam, and pressure sores covered his tiny frame. He weighed just 34 pounds.'

"Toxic masculinity and us"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is an obvious lethal combination: easy access to guns, obvious hatred and extreme views and mental health issues. There are troublesome questions lurking beneath the surface. What has happened to these young men who are entering what is supposed to be the prime of their lives? Did people close to them miss the warning signs? Are these murderous incidents reflective of cultural, political, or socio-economic cross currents? And does our country accept and tolerate more mass shootings because of the relatively easy access to guns with greater killing capacity?

We may never find all the answers as to how to prevent mass murders and very public suicides, but I do believe we need to dig deeper as a community and ask better questions about what is happening and why. Perhaps we can start by looking inward to family and home and see what can be done to improve the health of our communities.

For example, we can ask if young men have positive role models in their lives. Have we made it too hard for men to ask for help? Are we assisting them in developing better coping skills as societal changes relentlessly come? The unmet needs of our returning veterans and other young men, have pushed male suicide rates to epidemic levels.
...
“I would ask that each and every one of you consider taking a young man and consider being his mentor. The women we so want to support need not just strong women and moms at their sides, but partners in the men they often choose to be with. That young man you take under your wing could make a difference – just as all of you have.”

Bowed and nodding heads validated a collective understanding of what needs to be done for both young women – and men.'

Cassie Jaye’s Red Pill too truthful for feminists to tolerate

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'“The Red Pill: The movie about men that feminists didn’t want you to see.” This was the provocative headline that ran in Britain’s The Telegraph last November, a teaser for a documentary made by a feminist filmmaker who planned to take on men’s rights activists but was won over and crossed to the dark side to take up their cause.

Despite a ferocious campaign to stop the movie being made, it’s finally been released and the Australian screening was due next week in Melbourne. However the gender warriors have struck again, using a change.com petition to persuade Palace Cinemas to cancel the booking. Palace took the decision after being told the movie would offend many in its core audience but by yesterday 8000 had signed petitions protesting the ban. Organisers are now scrambling to find another venue.

Clearly this documentary has the feminists very worried — with good reason. Cassie Jaye is an articulate, 29-year-old blonde whose previous movies on gay marriage and abstinence education won multiple awards. But then she decided to interview leaders of the Men’s Rights Movement for a documentary she was planning about rape culture on American campuses. As a committed feminist, Jaye expected to be unimpressed by these renowned hate-filled misogynists, but to her surprise she was exposed to a whole range of issues she came to see as unfairly stacked against men and boys.

As news of this very public conversion started to leak out, Jaye came under attack. She was smeared, told she was committing “career suicide” and saw her funding dry up to the point where it looked as if the movie would never be made. Prominent feminists she had planned to interview refused to participate; none of the “human rights” funding she hoped to attract proved available for a documentary on men’s rights.'

Security guards hired for Melbourne screening of The Red Pill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SECURITY guards will be hired to help protect attendees at a controversial men's rights movie.

Men's rights advocates have secured a new venue allowing The Red Pill to premier in Melbourne as planned.

The documentary was to have screened at the Kino theatre on November 6 but this week opponents launched a petition and convinced parent company Palace Cinemas to cancel the private screening.

The Red Pill is feminist filmmaker Cassie Jaye's exploration of the men's rights movement.

She said it changed her thinking, but she has received a backlash from feminist critics.'

Vandals destroy Hoff-Sommers fliers for opposing trigger warnings, victimhood culture

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'On Thursday, students hosting an upcoming talk by scholar Christina Hoff Sommers put up roughly 50 flyers promoting the event on four different campus buildings at Columbia University and Barnard College. Within 24 hours, most had been torn down.

The flyers advertised Sommers' scheduled appearance at Columbia University on Nov. 1 titled "Victims, Victims Everywhere: Trigger Warnings, Liberty, and the Academy." Flyers advertising Columbia and Barnard's politically liberal and neutral events were left unharmed.

Sommers is known for her critique of contemporary feminism, arguing it can be faulted for its "irrational hostility to men, its recklessness with facts and statistics, and its inability to take seriously the possibility that the sexes are equal—but different."'

Australia: Lessons on ‘male privilege’ in $21.8m Victorian schools program

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'Victorian students will be taught about “male privilege” and how “masculinity” encourages “control and dominance” over women, as part of a mandatory new school subject aimed at combating family violence.

The Victorian government will push ahead with the rollout of its $21.8 million respectful relationships education program, despite claims the program fails to consider the multiple and complex drivers of family violence, ignores male victims and amounts to the brainwashing of children.

Evidence has emerged the program risks alienating men — by presenting all men as “bad” and all women as “victims” — a point highlighted in a report evaluating a pilot of the program in 19 schools last year.

As part of its broader campaign against family violence, the Andrews government has released a series of new resources aimed at kindergarten through to Year 12 classes designed to complement a “whole-of-school” approach to violence prevention.'

TIME Op-Ed: Criticism of Hillary Clinton's Email Is 'An Attack on Women'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to an op-ed published by TIME Magazine Monday, attacking Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's handling of her private email server is an attack on womankind itself.

"I am mad," writes Robin Lakoff, a professor of linguistics at UC Berkeley. "I am mad because I am scared. And if you are a woman, you should be, too. Emailgate is a bitch hunt, but the target is not Hillary Clinton. It's us."

"The only reason the whole email flap has legs is because the candidate is female," Lakoff continues. "Can you imagine this happening to a man? Clinton is guilty of SWF (Speaking While Female), and emailgate is just a reminder to us all that she has no business doing what she's doing and must be punished, for the sake of all decent women everywhere."'

‘The Red Pill’: The Movie Feminists Tried to Ban Gets UK Premier – on International Men’s Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Red Pill – the inflammatory movie about Men’s Rights Activists that feminist protesters tried (and failed) to ban from Australia – is coming to the UK.

Heat Street has exclusively learned from the movie’s sole UK distributor that its British premiere is planned for November 19th – International Men’s Day – at London’s Soho Hotel.

This comes after three other London venues pulled the plug on The Red Pill after venue owners got cold feet about its “misogynistic” content.'

Dear feminists, please stop telling us what to do

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Article here. Excerpt:

'From our early years of mastering how to walk and talk, we learn how to think and begin honing our decision-making process. So why is our personal responsibility being censored?

Functioning adults should be allowed to decide what they eat, drink, wear, watch and how they choose to feed their mind in their spare time. Those who don't enjoy watching violence or horror may sensibly opt to steer clear when selecting a movie rather than complaining at the end.

I enjoy watching insightful, thought-provoking documentaries and on my list was The Red Pill by award-winning filmmaker Cassie Jaye. The title is a reference to the reality revealing pill in The Matrix. According to Red Pill's website it "chronicles Cassie Jaye's journey exploring an alternate perspective on gender equality, power and privilege". Through men's personal stories, it gives voice to various little aired issues, backed up by statistics and studies.'

"Sexism at its finest: male birth control trial stopped due to side effects"

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'The male injection has been found to be effective in studies involving around 270 men. During the trial only four pregnancies happened among the partners. Because quite a few of the men experienced side effects, including depression, other mood disorders and acne, the study was stopped due to safety reasons. Researchers have been trying to discover a male #contraceptive for the last 20 years. This makes the burden of birth control normally fall onto women's shoulders.
...
Many of us women who are on the pill have to experience and get over any side effects including, weight gain, depression, migraines and many more. However there are very few advertised options for women and the pill seems the most suitable for many of us.'

President Obama: "My wife is not just my equal but my superior"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here's what he said, in case you weren't lucky enough to catch it live:
"And I know that my wife is not just my equal but my superior. And, I want us, I want every man out there who's voting to kinda look inside yourself and ask yourself, well, if you're having problems with this stuff, how much of it is, you know, that we're just not used to it? So, you know, like, when a guy's ambitious and out in the public arena and working hard, well that's OK. But when a woman suddenly it, suddenly you're like, why is she doing that? I'm just being honest. I want you to think about it because she is so much better qualified than the other guy."'

Sassy misandry is good for business – but assault on men is never funny

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'Does the empowerment of women need to take the form beating up on men? And isn't it anyway something of self-defeating strategy?

These are the questions often lurking in the back of my mind when I read one of those sassy columns that seem to be a list of insults hurled at men – or MEN! – as a sex. But I usually think twice about voicing them.

Apart from anything else, even though it's almost never stated, it's straight men as a sex that are in the crosshairs. Since I'm not terribly straight, and thus not exactly a fully paid up member of the patriarchy, it's generally wise for me to keep my head, er, down in the (hetero)sex war.

But then I saw this 'Own the Day' TV ad for women's clothing chain Bonmarché, currently airing on UK primetime, which seems to go one sassy step further – suggesting that casual assault on men by women is "bloomin' awesome!". And funny.

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I'm not suggesting the ad should be protested or banned – though there would be with enormous kerfuffle if the genders were reversed. But I would suggest that the ad is an indication that sassy misandry, once justified as a 'necessary corrective' to the patriarchy and women's subjugation, is so common these days it has become a corporate cliché.

Which in turn would suggest that it's no longer quite so necessary – that instead it's shaded into abuse. And that's not very empowering. Or 'bloomin' awesome'. Whatever that is.'

UK: "MP Delivers Spectacular Putdown Over International Men's Day"

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'The Minister for Women and Equalities shot back at a Tory MP when he asked about plans to commemorate International Men's day

In the debate in the Commons, Caroline Dinenage said: "Women could be forgiven for thinking every day is International Men's Day".

Tory backbencher Philip Davies has been caught up in rows over whether MPs should devote attention to International Men's day before.

In 2015 Davies said it was not fair that MPs have a debate to mark International Women's Day but not one to debate International Men's Day.

In a spat over the matter, Labour MP Jess Phillips dismissed Davies as "very basic".

Philips had been subject to online abuse, including rape threats, for her role in the argument.

"It seems like every day to me is International Men's Day," she told the Tory MP at the time.

But Davies won his battle, and in November MPs discussed the higher rates of suicide and lower life expectancy among men as well as male victims of domestic abuse.'

UK: Time To Change Our Attitudes To Men And Boys

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'Last month the Time to Change campaign released findings showing that if fathers talked about their own mental health problems it would encourage 70% of teenagers to feel able to do so themselves. Their research showed that a quarter of 16-18 year old young men experience mental health issues on a weekly basis. Later this month, as part of CALM's work with the Huffington Post series 'Building Modern Men' throughout November, we'll be releasing details of our own Masculinity Audit, which shows that men who've been very depressed are less likely than women to talk to anyone about it (55% of men compared to 67% of women).

Scarcely a week passes without a great article about male mental health, and the call for men to talk has been now been adopted by every major mental health charity, alongside LADbible, (#UOKM8? campaign) and UNILAD who have all taken to encouraging men to talk and seek help when they need to. And Men's Sheds have taken off. What's all the fuss?

Official UK figures for suicide in 2015 aren't due for release until 2017, but the Campaign Against Living Miserably, for the second year running, has pulled together ONS figures for England and Wales together with Northern Ireland and Scotland. These show that suicide remains the single biggest cause of death for men aged under 45 in the UK.

The detail is shocking. In Northern Ireland 48% of all deaths of males aged 15-24 were suicide, and that rose to 51% for men in the 25-34 age band. With all the post-vention work and recent money put into suicide prevention there, such figures are dreadful - and lead me to ask again, why no research into why do more men take their lives than women? The rest of the UK isn't great either. Suicide accounted for 29% of all 15-24 year old male deaths in Scotland and 27% of the deaths of young men in England and Wales. So, tough times for young men.'

Female care workers had sex with child migrants on camera in Danish asylum centre

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Shocking footage and photographs emerged of an employee at the Børnecenter Tullebølle children's asylum centre having oral sex and full intercourse with at least one child refugee.

Now the head of the Denmark-based refugee centre, Sisi Eibye, has been turfed out of office, although there is no suspicion she engaged in sexual activity with the children.

Officials believe the female employee involved in the sex scandal had inappropriate relationships with at least three boys at the centre, while two other women are understood to have engaged in sexual activity with the minors.

Police are investigating the reports and two of the women involved have lost their jobs.

The Danish Immigration Service also announced it would close down the centre amid the fallout from the claims.'

Michael Douglas, Val Kilmer, and the alarming rise of oral cancers in men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The more hopeful prognosis likely matters to a lot of people at a time when oral cancer is on the rise in American men. Health insurance claims for the condition jumped 61 percent from 2011 to 2015, according to a report by FAIR Health, an independent nonprofit. The most dramatic increases were seen in throat and tongue cancer, which were three times more common in men as in women during that same period.

Changing sexual habits are now seen as a frequent culprit for oral cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV). That's why health experts are so interested in the success of the HPV vaccine.'

Also see The startling rise in oral cancer in men, and what it says about our changing sexual habits

What the Feds Have Done to Colleges and Schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Obama administration has repeatedly violated civil liberties on campus. The Education Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has been the chief culprit, but the Department of Justice has played a role too. They have attacked free speech, demanding that school officials censor politically-incorrect speech. They have also pressured colleges to stack the deck against students accused of sexual harassment or assault by denying them the right to due process. The Obama administration has violated the Constitutional guarantee of equal protection by demanding racial quotas in school discipline and turning a blind eye to campus racial violence against whites. It also has shown a contempt for religious freedom and the due process rights of colleges themselves.
...
The Administration has also stacked the deck against people accused of sexual harassment or assault in campus disciplinary proceedings. For example, in Title IX investigations, it has required that colleges impose "interim measures" against accused students before they ever receive a hearing on the charge against them, measures that can include expulsion from a dorm and classes shared with the accuser. It perversely faulted Michigan State for not investigating a false complaint fast enough, even though the complainant didn't want a college investigation at all, and it suggested the University might have to offer the false accuser academic "remedies."

In its April 4, 2011 Dear Colleague letter to the nation's colleges, OCR instructed to colleges to restrict cross-examination, even though the Supreme Court has declared that cross-examination is the "greatest legal engine ever invented for the discovery of truth." It also ordered colleges to abolish the clear-and-convincing standard of evidence that was once the norm in college discipline, recommending instead the far weaker "preponderance of evidence standard (50.001 percent certainty).

OCR also has recently required some investigated colleges (such as Harvard and SUNY) to conduct "individual complaint reviews" for all allegations in past academic years to see if the college "took steps" against harassment in each case. That creates the risk of students being investigated all over again for an offense the college previously found them not guilty of, much like double jeopardy.'

UK: Men urged to speak out on domestic violence after woman tortures partner

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are being urged to “break the taboo” and speak out if they are involved in an abusive relationship.

It comes after Michelle Williamson was jailed after subjecting partner Ian McNicholl to a catalogue of torture and abuse.

During the 18 months of sickening abuse, Ian suffered cracked ribs, a fractured skull, broken cheekbones and a smashed nose.

He was tortured and branded with a red-hot iron by his partner when he refused his abuser sex.

Businessman Ian has been praised for speaking out against the shocking violence he suffered at the hands of his female partner.

Abu Hasnayn Haidari wrote on the Birmingham Mail’s Facebook page: “If a man beats a woman or woman beats a man, either way its still unacceptable.'

Universities work to purge male students of their ‘toxic’ masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Universities across the nation are taking steps to actively purge male students of what’s been labeled “toxic masculinity.”

Examples abound of campuses hosting training sessions, group meetings, lectures and other programs to effectively cleanse what many campus leaders and left-leaning scholars contend is an unhealthy masculinity in young men today.

On campus, toxic masculinity is often blamed for sexual violence, body shaming, a “hyper-masculinized sporting culture,” acts of domestic terrorism and much more.
...
Various promotional videos promoting health masculinity advocate challenging “the traditional norms of what we envision masculinity to be” by recognizing “male privilege.” Goals touted through the education include undoing a legacy of “harm, oppression and dominance.”

This trend did not emerge over night. Last year, Vanderbilt University hosted “Healthy Masculinities Week,” led in part by Jackson Katz, the first man to minor in women studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.'

Suspended Former State Prosecutor sued for misconduct

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'It's rare for prosecutors to face real scrutiny. "Absolute immunity" allows them to pretty much skate away after maliciously prosecuting an innocent person.

And even when prosecutors are held accountable for their actions, the punishment is minuscule compared to what their victims endure. Take, for instance, Mike Nifong, the prosecutor who went after the Duke Lacrosse team in order to get re-elected. When the case fell apart, Nifong was disbarred and spent one day in jail. That, compared to the scorn, threats and condemnation of the lacrosse players he maligned.

Now we have Mary Kellett, the former assistant district attorney for Hancock County in Maine. In 2007, a man named Vladek Filler was accused of and charged with beating and sexually assaulting his then-wife for the previous two years. The two were locked in a bitter divorce when she made the accusation. She also claimed he molested their children.

Kellett prosecuted the case, and edited video of Filler's wife admitting she only made the accusations to get custody of the children in the divorce.'

See Hancock County prosecutor admits violating bar rules in sexual assault trial.

Cops: Mom texted video of dead toddler during fight with dad

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman jailed on charges she killed her toddler son sent a video of the boy's apparently lifeless body to his father in a jealous, vengeful rage during a text-messaged argument that lasted more than two hours, police said in a criminal complaint.

Christian Clark, 21, of McKeesport, was jailed without bond after being arraigned on charges of criminal homicide in the death of 17-month-old Andre Price III and attempted homicide of his 2-year-old sister, Angel. Clark doesn't have an attorney listed in online court records.
...
"Ya kids ain't safe here I don't want them here" and "Answer me or im going to jail for child endangerment" were two of the dozens of texts listed in the criminal complaint. Then came a message at 10:01 p.m. that said, "I'm killing them" — followed by a laughing emoji with tears coming from its eyes, police said.'

Smashing the Silicon Valley patriarchy: anti-Lean In strategy puts onus on men

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Article here. Excerpt:

"It's a Friday afternoon at a tech startup in downtown San Francisco, and Valerie Aurora is arming men with phrases they can use to try to make their Silicon Valley environment less sexist: "Not cool." "We don't do that here." "Awkward!"

She wants them to use them against other men when they encounter biased comments or actions aimed at women, and tells them not to worry if they freeze the first time. "Just keep practicing and wait for the next time. I guarantee it will happen again."

Aurora is a feminist activist and founder of Frame Shift Consulting, a tech diversity and inclusion firm. She has come to the company to run a three-hour training session for a group of men and women, teaching them how to use their societal privilege – whether male, white, straight or able-bodied – to benefit people who do less well in Silicon Valley.'

We still don't have male birth control — but no, it's not because men are wimps

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There’s a new study making the rounds about a seemingly effective male birth control. The hormonal injection, designed to slow or block sperm production, had a 96 percent success rate at preventing pregnancy among couples who completed the study.

There was just one problem, according to some media reports: The new method won't be available anytime soon because the men in the study were wimps. They couldn’t handle side effects — moodiness, acne — that women on birth control deal with all the time, and so the study had to be terminated.

"Male birth control study nixed after men can't handle side effects women face daily," read the USA Today headline. Similar stories appeared at the Atlantic and Cosmopolitan.

These stories are wrong and misleading.

The study was halted, but it wasn't because the men who participated in it were wimpy. It was halted because one of the two independent committees that were monitoring the trial's safety data was concerned about the high number of adverse events the men reported. And, yes, the rate of side effects in this study was higher than what women typically experience using hormonal birth control.'

International Men’s Day not to be marked by University of York

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of York has confirmed that it will not be commemorating the upcoming International Men’s Day on the 19th November.

The announcement comes after the university cancelled events last year due to comments made by an equality and diversity committee member on the gender imbalance in the assignment of academic postings. Dr Adrian Lee’s remarks concerned what he described as the adverse effect on male equality in the increasing appointment of women. An open letter of complaint, addressed to the University of York’s Registrar David Duncan and containing just under 200 signatures, then finally brought about the cancellation.

International Men’s Day is aimed at addressing issues that affect men and boys, specifically concerning itself with high male suicide rates and both male mental and physical health generally, the challenges of education amid negative perceptions of men and boys, as well as the treatment of men on the fringe of society.'

Teacher Charged for Punching 2nd Grader in Face

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One Texas teacher lost her cool in a Houston-area elementary school when dealing with a purportedly unruly second grade student. Now, she stands accused of punching the child in the face and sitting on him in a hallway. School surveillance cameras apparently captured the incident.
...
While the surveillance system did not capture anything that occurred within the classroom, it recorded the incident that ensued in the school's hallway. The security camera footage purportedly showed Allison following the boy from the classroom to the hallway where she grabbed him by the hand. Reportedly, the two struggled. When he yanked his hand away, Allison pulled him by the back and punched him "with a closed fist," to the right side of his face, KPRC reported.

The video also allegedly showed Allison forcing the boy to the floor and sitting on top of him. School administrators found her and ordered her to get off the student. They called police and opened an investigation.'

Lena Dunham Posts Video Celebrating the ‘Extinction of White Men’ on Twitter

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Both Lena Dunham and her father, Carroll Dunham, expressed their support for “the extinction of white men” in a bizarre video posted to Dunham’s Twitter account on Wednesday.

“How are you feeling about the extinction of white men?” Lena asks her father in the video.

“Well, white men are a problem. Straight white men are a big problem, that’s for sure,” declared Carroll.

“But I actually feel pretty good about it,” he continued. “I think straight white guys have been screwing things up for long enough. High time for straight white males to step back and let some other people do it.”
...
In her post, Lena also claimed that the extinction of white men is “not the end of men, it’s the evolution of men into better men.”'

CVS will stop selling important Prostate Cancer drug in two months

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From Malecare.org:

CVS Pharmacy is hurting millions of cancer patients by refusing to sell dozens of cancer treatment drugs, like leukemia drug Tasigna, prostate cancer drug Xtandi and chemotherapy treatment drug Neupogen, starting in 2017. CVS claims these drugs cost too much. Go ahead and tell that to my insurance provider and Medicare but don't stop selling these drugs to me and millions of cancer patients.

CVS is putting profit above the care of cancer patients. If CVS can make money by selling cheap cosmetics and imported cookies, then CVS can make money off of lifesaving drugs.

CVS says there are other drugs that work just as well for most patients. But "most" is not "all patients." That's why doctors prescribe different drugs to different patients.

CVS Pharmacy is currently the largest pharmacy chain in the United States. For millions of American's, CVS is the only pharmacy for miles around. By hurting millions of cancer patients, CVS has become a face of evil. Now, it's up to us to make phone calls, write letters or send emails to change the course of this wrongheaded move.

Tell CVS' Medical Director to sell all FDA approved cancer drugs, not just the ones that give CVS the most profit:

Send your email to:

troyen.brennan@cvshealth.com

You can also telephone him at:
401-770-4801 and 401-651-3137

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Please feel encouraged to share your comments with me.

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Ex-inmate claims he was 'sex slave' to prison counselor

Matt · 4 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former state prison inmate who fathered a child with a prison counselor while serving time in a Jackson-area prison is suing the Michigan Department of Corrections and state officials, saying he was forced into sex and officials should have known what was happening.

Steven Moerman of Grand Rapids alleges prison counselor Susan Lee Clingerman used him as "a virtual sex slave, demanding sexual gratification at her whim," while he was imprisoned at Parnall Correctional Facility on a drug charge in 2014 and receiving counseling for mental illness.

In a lawsuit filed in September in Jackson County Circuit Court, Moerman alleges prison officials knew or should have known what was happening because another prison counselor acted as a lookout for Clingerman.

The suit, which names Gov. Rick Snyder, the corrections department and current and former prison officials as defendants, alleges sexual assault, emotional distress and inadequate hiring, training and supervision, among other counts. It seeks unspecified damages.

"Defendants failed to provide Mr. Moerman humane conditions of confinement by knowingly, voluntarily, recklessly, and with willful disregard to Mr. Moerman's personal safety, allowing him to be sexually assaulted and raped," according to allegations in Moerman's lawsuit filed by Okemos attorney Sterlin Mesadieu.'

It’s time we started celebrating masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Masculinity has become an unfashionable concept of late, called into question by Grayson Perry – who, recently examined its purpose for his book The Descent of Man. Earlier in the year on Channel 4, he said it was “decorative” and “counterproductive”, before adding that Bear Grylls “celebrates a masculinity that is useless”.

Such snobbery against machismo is commonplace now. From the playground to modern life, expressions of testosterone are frowned upon. “Lad culture“ is dirty and dangerous; physical fighting practically banned, with men told to "walk away" from conflict and “be the bigger man”. Now we must solve all our problems through a chat and cup of tea.

But the truth is that masculinity is useful. This primitive instinct has a protective function and – this year alone – I’ve never been more grateful for the very trait that has, and will, help nations battle against evil forces. Masculinity has, arguably, inspired immense bravery from the public.'

Dispirited Men

Matt · 5 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last night, I saw a pre-release screening of the movie, The Red Pill. It was created by self-described fervent feminist filmmaker Cassie Jaye, who planned on it being a hit piece on the men's movement.

Indeed, the movie begins in that vein. For example, she interviews Katherine Spillar, Executive Editor of Ms. magazine and Executive Director of the Feminist Majority Foundation, and raises no questions about Spillar's contentions that "it's still a man's world."

But the film then moves to documenting Cassie's painful, conflict-inducing journey toward understanding men's perspectives. The movie shows her many interviews with men and women in the men's movement juxtaposed against its most credible female and male opponents, including SUNY Stony Brook sociology professor Michael Kimmel.

Periodically through the movie, we see Cassie's growing uncertainty about the validity of the radical feminist narrative versus that of the little-known men's movement. Speaking into the camera, we see her struggling to figure out if the men's advocates statements were true when feminists, colleges, and media relentlessly assert "male privilege." Also, she expresses fear that if she softened her feminism, she'd lose the support network she felt was so important to her. Indeed, during the movie's filming, as it became clear it wouldn't end up as another male basher, some crew members and potential funders backed out, and Cassie needed to rely on Kickstarter to get the money to finish the film.'

Jury finds reporter, Rolling Stone responsible for defaming U-Va. dean with gang rape story

Matt · 5 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal court jury decided Friday that a Rolling Stone journalist defamed a former University of Virginia associate dean in a 2014 magazine article about sexual assault on campus that included a debunked account of a fraternity gang rape.

The 10-member jury concluded that the Rolling Stone reporter, Sabrina Rubin Erdely, was responsible for defamation, with actual malice, in the case brought by Nicole Eramo, a U-Va. administrator who oversaw sexual violence cases at the time of the article's publication. The jury also found the magazine and its parent company, Wenner Media, responsible for defaming Eramo, who has said her life's work helping sexual assault victims was devastated as a result of Rolling Stone's article and its aftermath.'

Man’s conviction for sex assault against ex-wife tossed over seven-year-old Facebook message

Matt · 5 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A seven-year-old Facebook message has scuttled a conviction against a man accused by his ex-wife of sexually assaulting and threatening to kill her.

In a decision released Friday, Ontario’s top court said evidence about the message, had it been allowed at trial, could have affected the guilty verdict handed down to the man, who can only be identified as A.B.

“The message was allegedly sent about midpoint in the time frame of the sexual assault allegations,” the Appeal Court said in its decision. “It would not be unfair to say that the message recounted several incidents of sexual activity between the appellant and complainant, and made it clear that the sexual activity was consensual on the complainant’s part.”

Police charged A.B. with sexually assaulting the woman after they had separated and he was living with a new partner. The complainant said her ex had forced himself on her three times, but he insisted the sex was entirely consensual.

To bolster his position, he raised the issue of the Facebook message sent in February 2009, which he said was sent by his former spouse to his new partner and now wife.'

NY Times: The Men Feminists Left Behind

mens_issues · 6 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The latest anti-male feminist rant from the NY Times. Condescending articles like these that demean men and further the antagonistic relationship between the sexes are what alienated me from the MSM many years ago. Excerpt:

'On Nov. 8, Americans may elect our first female president. While many of us are exhilarated at the idea of this feminist victory, the toll we've paid for coming so close to that historic barrier has been the most graphically sexist election in living memory.

What this campaign has shown us is that while feminism has transformed American culture, our politics and the lives of women, men haven't evolved nearly as rapidly. Women changed. Too many men didn't. What happens next?

For all of American history, white men have been both the dominant group and the default one: It was mostly white men in charge, and it was white male experiences and norms against which all others found themselves contrasted and defined. When Hillary Clinton started at Yale Law School in 1969, there was only one woman in the United States Senate. It was legal for a man to rape his wife, but abortion was mostly outlawed. Mrs. Clinton graduated as one of just 27 women in a class of 235, after being explicitly told that if accepted into law school, she would take the rightful place of a man.'

NYT on the NY Marathon: Every year, the women win

ThomasI · 6 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Once again, the NY Times repeats the news headline. A woman won the race. But the man only won the men's race. Excerpt:

'In an extraordinary race of one, Mary Keitany of Kenya ran to her third consecutive victory on Sunday in the New York City Marathon, finishing completely out of sight of the rest of the field, in 2 hours 24 minutes 26 seconds. Pulling away from her rivals before the 10-mile mark and never needing to look back, she covered more than half of the course entirely alone.

The men’s race was won by a 20-year-old Eritrean, Ghirmay Ghebreslassie, who pulled away from a tight pack of three at Mile 20 and blew kisses to his onlookers as he won in 2:07:51. He is the youngest winner in race history.

Ghebreslassie was followed by Lucas Rotich of Kenya in second (2:08:53). Abdi Abdirahman, a Somali-born American who is based in Arizona, finished in third (2:11:23). Abdirahman, 39, is almost a generation older than Ghebreslassie.'

Louis C.K., Michael Moore, Hillary Clinton, and the rise of benevolent sexism in liberal men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'C.K. obviously means well. He's trying to compliment mothers in general and Hillary in particular, and to reframe the political liability of her gender into an asset. But he's playing into a very old and unpleasant narrative that's become weirdly popular among liberal men this election cycle: the idea that we need women in government because they are intrinsically morally superior to men. Women should be represented in our government, this story goes, not because they are people, but because they are better than people: They are angelic; they are virtuous; they are pure.

That's the story Michael Moore was telling when he tweeted a few days ago that women have not, historically, committed atrocities, implying that women have the kind of moral purity we need in our elected representatives.

As Jessica Ellis pointed out on Twitter, Moore's assertion is historically inaccurate: Women worked on the Manhattan Project, were instrumental Nazi leaders, and have shot up schools. Women have committed all sorts of atrocities — it's just that most of them have been erased from history, in the same way that most of women's more positive accomplishments have been erased.'

SAVE: Rolling Stone Verdict Highlights Need for State Lawmakers to Bring an End to Campus Rape Vigilantism

Matt · 7 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'A federal jury decided on Friday that Rolling Stone magazine was responsible for libel and acted with “actual malice” in its reporting of an alleged gang rape at the University of Virginia. Later this week the jurors will decide on UVA dean Nicole Eramo’s $7.5 million lawsuit demand.

Thousands of news accounts and internet sites have now identified the UVA rape accuser as Jackie Coakley of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Coakley alleged that a student named “Drew” brought her to the fraternity house where she was led upstairs and brutally raped by seven men. When the assault was reported to Nicole Eramo, head of UVA’s Sexual Misconduct Board, Coakley alleged Eramo was more interested in protecting the university’s reputation than helping sexual assault survivors.'

University expands policies with new consent definition, Va. transcript law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'University policies on sexual assault and acts of violence were updated last week to feature broadened definitions of sexual assault crimes and reflect new laws about how those crimes are reported.

These changes include a more detailed definition of consent and new guidelines on how sexual assault accusations and records should be marked on transcripts. Experts on campus sexual assault said it is important for these policies to be constantly updated because the documents are resources for survivors of violence.

The definition of consent in the Threats and Acts of Violence Policy was broadened to explain that an individual's voluntary words or actions do not necessarily mean that future sexual activity is consensual.

University spokeswoman Maralee Csellar said the definition of consent was revised with guidance from the Office of Civil Rights in the Department of Education, according to University obligations under Title IX.

And a new section was added to that policy to demonstrate GW's adherence to a new Virginia law, which requires higher education institutions to mark a student's transcript if that student was found guilty of a sexual violence crime.

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A new Virginia law that came into effect Oct. 1 requires educational institutions to place notations on the transcripts of students who are taking or have taken courses in Virginia, who are suspended or expelled for sexual assault or who withdrew while under investigation for an offense involving sexual assault.

The new Virginia law included in the updated policy requires a university's review committee to notify state law enforcement in cases of felony sexual violence involving Virginia students. The information disclosed may also include personally identifiable information of the accused to protect the health and safety of a student or others.'

Jury awards $3 million in damages to U-Va. dean for Rolling Stone defamation

Matt · 9 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal jury has awarded $3 million in damages to a former University of Virginia associate dean after finding that a Rolling Stone magazine article sullied her reputation by alleging that she was indifferent to allegations of a gang rape on campus.

The 10 jurors heard arguments for damages in the case Monday, determining that Nicole Eramo's suffering should cost a reporter and Rolling Stone multiple millions as a result of the article, which was retracted after its serious flaws were exposed. Eramo testified during the trial that after the article published, she faced threats, lost her ability to pursue her life's work as a sexual assault prevention advocate, and took a major hit to her professional credibility.

On Friday, the same jury found that the magazine and one of its journalists, Sabrina Rubin Erdely, was liable for defaming Eramo in a 9,000-word account of sexual assault published in November 2014. The magazine in December amended the article online to say that it had lost faith in the source of its most shocking allegations, and it later fully retracted the article after a Charlottesville police investigation and a report by the Columbia University School of Journalism found that aspects of the account were false.'

Feminist PhD Candidate: Science Is Sexist Because It’s Not Subjective

Matt · 9 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. To be fair, this is feminist larva here, and the product of our "modern" academy. Her elders in the sisterhood may find her work as ludicrous as we do. Still, these younger people, feminist or not, are the future, for right or wrong. God help the future. Excerpt:

'College science classes are hostile to women and minorities because they use the scientific method, which assumes people can find reliable truths about the natural world through careful and sustained experimentation, concludes a recent dissertation by a doctoral candidate at the University of North Dakota.

Laura Parson, a student in the university’s education department, reviewed eight science class syllabi at a “Midwest public university” and said she discovered in them a hidden hostility to women and minorities:

"Initial exploration of the STEM syllabi in this study did not reveal overt references to gender, such as through the use of gendered pronouns. However, upon deeper review, language used in the syllabi reflects institutionalized STEM teaching practices and views about knowledge that are inherently discriminatory to women and minorities by promoting a view of knowledge as static and unchanging, a view of teaching that promotes the idea of a passive student, and by promoting a chilly climate that marginalizes women."'

Millennial Men Rush to Restore Their Foreskins, ‘Feel Whole Again’

Matt · 10 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A few years ago, Robbie Boucher (now a 32 year old father of two) noticed the sensitivity of his penis was dropping dramatically. Turning to the Internet for answers, it wasn’t long before he came across an uncomfortable idea: what if the reason he was losing sensitivity was a result of being circumcised as an infant? The theory went this way: had the exposed glans of his penis built up extra layers of tissue over the years, much as a foot would get calluses after walking barefoot? Had Robbie’s penis been surgically de-sensitized?

Robbie felt cheated and left reeling from a deep sense of loss. So he joined the growing ranks of American men attempting to restore their foreskins. We’ve witnessed some of Robbie’s journey, and his quest to create the ultimate tugger, in this short documentary produced with our partners at FreeMedia.

There are no official numbers, but online forums and sales figures suggest there are tens of thousands of men currently “restoring”. For instance, the largest online community, RestoringForeskin.org, has more than 16,000 members. And Ron Low, maker of the popular ‘TLC Tugger’ has seen his business grow steadily over the past decade, with around 5,000 new customers each year.
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Skeptical? There are plenty of time lapse videos online (major NSFW) that show it is indeed possible to create the appearance of a new foreskin, however no official studies have been done to test whether this new skin coverage actually makes the penis more sensitive. The American Urological Association does not have a position on the practice and there is nothing in the medical literature. Robbie says he doesn’t care if the physical improvements are all in his head – he will continue restoring because it brings him an enormous amount of satisfaction and relief.'

"Memo to White Male America"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I am angry.

You want my skills, my experience, my heart, my patience, which you demand from me so that I can keep my health insurance? You're going to have to earn it back, White Male America. I'm done being patient with your ignorance, your microaggressions, your smug superiority. There will be no more smiling when you say, "Smile, it's not that bad!" I'm not going to do you any favors that do not compensate me for my time and effort, but "look good on a resume." And, from now on, you're getting out of the elevator first so that I can be the threatening presence behind you. And, boy, can I be a menace when I want to be.

...

You just created some wild new monsters. The only way you can silence us is with your stockpile of guns, but I assume you'll still go to jail for that.'

Due Process Legal Update: Filings, Rulings, and a Kangaroo

Matt · 10 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It has been a while since my last due process legal update, and there are some new developments to report.

First of all, the complaints continue to roll in. Since I last wrote in late September, at least five new lawsuits have been filed. Students at Albany Medical College, the College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University, Shenandoah University, the University of Cincinnati, and the University of Maryland have all filed new federal lawsuits alleging that they were unfairly treated in campus sexual misconduct proceedings.

On Monday, in an important ruling, an Ohio federal judge allowed several of an Ohio State University (OSU) student's due process claims to survive a motion to dismiss, even holding that several OSU administrators might not be entitled to qualified immunity on those claims.'

She wanted more attention from a top football player, so out came boiling water

Matt · 11 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The college career of FIU senior tight end Jonnu Smith, the team's premier offensive player over his four seasons and easily the Panthers' best 2017 NFL Draft prospect, ended on Halloween when his girlfriend doused him with boiling water. According to the arrest affidavit, Smith suffered severe burns on his head, neck, back, a shoulder and an arm.

Miami Gardens resident Mary Gaspar, five months pregnant with Smith's child, was charged with aggravated battery. Gaspar entered a not guilty plea. She's been released on a pretrial release order.

The early 2017 NFL Draft projections have Smith as a late-round pick or undrafted free agent. He made the midseason John Mackey Award (best college tight end) watch list in 2014 and 2015, and the preseason Mackey Award watch list in 2015 and 2016.

According to the arrest affidavit, Gaspar gave this account at Florida International University police headquarters:

The two argued through the day over the attention Smith was paying to her and their relationship. While in Smith's dorm room and "feeling extremely emotional and stressed," she told police, she boiled a pot of water. Then, she walked over to Smith and poured it on him.'

Hillary Clinton’s Celebrity Feminism Was a Failure

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Clinton’s campaign strategy, especially when it came to appealing to white women, indicates that she and her staffers didn’t quite grasp these dynamics. Her campaign employed a candy-colored brand of female empowerment seemingly based on the assumption that white women’s political priorities are influenced by the pop culture they consume. White working-class women weren’t going to vote for Clinton just because Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Lena Dunham, and Sheryl Sandberg were.

These celebrity overtures were out of step with the priorities and concerns of white working-class women. How can you “lean in,” as Sandberg implores working women to do, when it’ll cost you your minimum-wage job? And if you can’t afford HBO, how likely is it you even know who Lena Dunham is, much less care about her political opinions?

Yet Clinton’s campaign relied heavily on these endorsement gimmicks. It saturated its messaging with the same superficial celebrity feminism that anoints everyone from Taylor Swift to Madeline Albright as role models for would-be girl bosses. It assumed that this branding, and Clinton’s bid to make history, would be enough to attract the white women she needed to win. Not only did this tactic fail in that regard, but it alienated some queer women, women of color, and even millennials.'

Sweden’s ‘Gender-Equal’ Snow Clearing Approach Ends In Chaos

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Politicians blame a new “gender equal” snow plowing policy for the Swedish capital of Stockholm’s failure to clear roads during the season’s first snow fall.

Stockholm’s center-left government introduced a new “gender equal” approach to clearing the roads of snow last year. The policy states that sidewalks, public transport and bicycle lanes should be cleared before turning attention to the roads. The reason is that women are more likely to use sidewalks while men are overrepresented among commuters driving to work.

When the first major snow storm swept the capital last week, traffic went into a standstill as no one cleared the streets. People couldn’t get to work, schools had to close and commuters were stuck in traffic for hours without moving.'

Congress May Not Require Women to Register for Draft

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While U.S. Defense Department officials have made clear it has no problem with requiring women to register for the draft, lawmakers in Congress appear poised to dodge the issue in the upcoming battle over the defense policy bill.

House and Senate negotiators plan to shelve the provision in the Senate version of the National Defense Authorization Act in favor of ordering up a study of the issue, sources told Politico and the Washington Examiner.

"Neither majorities support it," a source told Politico. "There's bigger things to worry about" in the $602 billion defense bill proposed by the Pentagon and the White House.'

Working Class Women Realized Hillary's 'Form of Feminism Discriminates Against Their Sons'

Mastodon · 14 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Monday's Breitbart News Daily, University of Maryland business Professor Peter Morici told SiriusXM host Alex Marlow that Democrats' constant allegations of racism and sexism – while they, and institutions they dominate, systematically discriminate against white males – were a major reason Donald Trump was able to defeat Hillary Clinton.

"The Democratic Party – and Hillary Clinton, a great champion of this – has been advocating that every group in America practice identity politics, except white heterosexual males," said Professor Morici.
...
"That's why she didn't get those women voters among folks that had not graduated college in those parts of the country. Her form of feminism discriminates against their sons. It's racist. It's sexist. My university practices it. Just about every university in the country practices it," Morici lamented.

"For example, do you know that 60 percent of the college graduates are females? Now, if we just had wrapped up eight years of Donald Trump and that was the case [in reverse], they'd be screaming bloody murder that he wasn't using the Department of Education to level the playing field," he contended.

"Instead, the Department of Education is systematically pushing universities to further bias the system against boys, and it does it very, very well. More boys drop out of high school, fewer go to college, fewer graduate, and so it goes," Morici said.'

DOJ: Va. driver's license suspension law unconstitutional

Matt · 15 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Department of Justice is siding with a lawsuit challenging Virginia's practice of suspending the driver's licenses of people who can't pay court costs and fines.

Media outlets report a team of DOJ civil rights lawyers filed a brief last week supporting the class-action lawsuit against the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, saying the practice violates the U.S. Constitution's due process guarantee.

The Legal Aid Justice Center filed the lawsuit in July on behalf of low-income drivers who lost their license for failing to pay court debts. The suit said the state's failure to take into account people's financial circumstances unfairly punishes the poor.'

Swedish women get hotline to report mansplaining

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women who have things mansplained to them in the workplace can now report it to a dedicated hotline.

Unionen, Sweden's largest union, is encouraging members to call up when male colleagues give them unsolicited lectures on things they already understand.

The organisation, which represents 600,000 private sector workers, launched the advice line on Monday and said it will be open from 10am to 4pm everyday for a week as part of a campaign to highlight and stamp out the insidious and damaging practice.'

Let's Talk About Misandry, The Silent Hatred For Men That We Brush Off As Innocent "Male-Bashing"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Male-bashing" is a term I grew up hearing often, and not just by women, but also brothers, fathers and uncles around me. No one took it seriously, but everyone of the second sex did it... the hormonal teenaged girls who were just entering the world of boys, 20-somethings who had boyfriends and ex-boyfriends, the middle-aged married women who were struggling to find the balance between husbands, kids, parents, in-laws, and work, as well as the elderly women who spent their evenings in the park, giggling over the daily spats they had with their husbands. It was all in jest, taken as a frivolous activity that women indulged in. Until, of course, a couple would break into a fight, and the husband, in a fit of anger would spew out the blasphemous words, "God knows what kind of ideas your female friends are feeding you!" It was in statements like this, that the innate misandry in this innocent act of “male-bashing” would be exposed.

A few weeks ago, a male friend noted, "This is the opposite of misogyny. Wait, is there even a term in feminism, for all this hate toward men?" There is, and it is, "misandry." It is a sadly under-recognised, and not a very well-understood phenomenon. But, the concept somewhere floats in the background of debates about equality. It gets overshadowed and silenced, because we focus more on male-supremacy and entitlement. But, at the root of it all, there is a dislike for men which drives us to fight them.'

In bold new step, Dutch science academy holds women-only elections

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Article here. Excerpt:

'AMSTERDAM—Sorry guys—this time it's women only. That's the message the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) here has for male researchers during two special elections. In order to reduce its perpetual gender imbalance—87% of its 556 members are men—the academy seeks to recruit 10 new members in 2017 and six more in 2018, all with two X chromosomes.

It's about as bold a step as any science academy has taken to address the underrepresentation of women—and for some it raises concerns. "I don't think we would do that," says Marcia McNutt, a geophysicist who became the first female president of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in Washington, D.C., earlier this year. "Other people might feel that women elected this way somehow did not meet the same standards as their male counterparts, or even other women elected through the regular process," McNutt says. But KNAW President José van Dijck says the process will be "just as rigorous as always."
...
The plan "does not come at men's expense," Van Dijck stresses, because regular election rounds, which allow 16 members annually into the pinnacle of Dutch academe, will continue. The proposal was approved by a 73% majority during an academy-wide vote earlier this year.'

Mom who fled to England pleads guilty in kidnapping

fathers4fairness · 16 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is justice in America for mothers who deny fathers their kids. Excerpt:

'Two decades ago, a Placitas woman left her husband and took their three children with her to England.

Eileen Clark faced a judge and the man she left on Wednesday, pleading guilty in the kidnapping case. In exchange for the plea, she will not face jail time and will be allowed to return to England to her children, who are now adults.

"What she did to me was deny me my parental rights to have an opportunity to grow up and be in their life, to build memories with them. She took all that away from me," said John Clark.

Eileen Clark's attorneys said she regrets leaving the way she did, but took off to get out of an unhappy marriage.'

UK: Philip Davies accused of "mansplaining" during International Men's Day debate

Mastodon · 18 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Tory has been accused of “mansplaining” in the UK after he became embroiled in a row with a female MP during a controversial Commons debate to mark International Men’s Day.

Philip Davies accused the SNP’s justice spokeswoman Joanna Cherry of failing to prepare for the debate after she questioned his claims that fathers were wrongly being denied access to their children.

It came after Davies accused “politically motivated people” of wanting to conduct “a war on gender”.

During the debate Cherry, a QC who has taught law at the University of Edinburgh, challenged Davies over if he was aware of any “empirical research which shows that the legal system in either Scotland or England is biased against fathers, because I’m not”.'

Woman Creates Registry For White Men (Until We Figure Out What's Going On)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amongst all of the talk about forcing Muslim immigrants to register in a national database, it seems we've forgotten who the actual threat to our safety really is: white men.

That's right. Unlike Muslims in the U.S., white men are demonstrably more likely to commit a mass shooting than any other group and they are the majority of rape perpetrators. So in the spirit of registries, one Brooklyn-based woman, Candace Thompson, created a tongue-in-cheek registration form for members of this most dangerous demographic.

"Forget the nation of Islam, our most immediate threat to domestic security is and always has been white, straight men," she wrote in a Facebook post on Thursday. "That is why I have decided to do my part as a Red Blooded Patriot by creating The White Male Registry. It is a simple google form complete with questions that will help identify just how much of a threat to American security any individual white male may pose to the general public."'

Lawsuit: Cornell refused to investigate rape alleged by male against female sex partner

Matt · 19 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Reverse Title IX discrimination got a boost when the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights – not known for caring about the rights of accused males – found that Delaware's Wesley College had given the kangaroo-court treatment to males accused of sexual misconduct.

Cornell may be the next on the department's list, at least under a Trump administration.

The Cornell Daily Sun reports that a male student has sued the school because it allegedly refused to investigate his complaint that a female sex partner had sexually assaulted him.'

UK: Patronising 'mansplaining' in Whitehall could be a thing of the past as civil servants fear offending Theresa May

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is the bane of women across the country - men 'mansplaining' things to them or talking over them in a patronising manner.

And it appears that even senior politicians aren't immune, as civil servants are reportedly now watching their step around Theresa May.

Whitehall is said to be concerned of committing the faux pas when dealing with Britain's second ever female prime minister and her colleagues, after one of Britain's senior security officials, Sir Mark Lyall Grant, was said to have displeased the Prime Minister with his conduct during a meeting, according to The Times.

Sources have apparently said that male officials are now "hyper-aware" of the need to behave appropriately around senior female politicians.

One said of his meetings with Theresa May's largely female team: "I maintain eye contact, ensure I offer only what's wanted and definitely do not talk over them to avoid causing offence."'

Infuriated by condescending men? Call the Australian Mansplaining Hotline today

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I for one will wait not a moment longer to fight mansplaining on my own doorstep. Today I launch the Australian Mansplaining Hotline, and I am ready to take your calls.

What sort of services will I be providing on the AMH?

Well, first of all I will listen. You can be certain that in me you will find a sympathetic and patient ear.
...
Has a colleague given you a detailed explanation of why your work-life balance problems are overstated? Pour your heart out to me.

Did your barista just explain why the wage gap is illusory? Pick up that phone!

I will listen, and I will keep listening. When you call the AMH, never will you be told "I'm too busy", or "I really have to go in a minute", or "Jesus Christ, are you still going?"
...
And here is my guarantee: should your mansplaining issues persist even after the AMH has done its work, I will, at no extra cost, come to your workplace to personally analyse the situation and draw up a plan of action to put an end, once and for all, to your problem, by showing you logically how it isn't actually a problem anymore and it's time for you to get over it.

The Australian Mansplaining Hotline. Real solutions, for real problems, experienced by real Australians, who maybe just need to be a bit less emotional about everything.'

If you're against International Men's Day, you're not a true feminist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The question shouldn't be whether we need an International Men's Day but how we can respect the issues and challenges faced by men, so that they in turn show the same respect for their female counterparts. How we can lead and fight by example, not alienate a whole sex.

International Men's Day doesn't take away from the issues facing women; we don't have a monopoly on suffering.

Feminists cannot insist that society listen to the problems women face and take them seriously if they are then going to go out of their way to sneer at a day that is discussing how to combat male suicide. It is contradictory, and just downright unfair on the relatives and friends of those who have lost a son, father, husband or a brother to suicide.'

South Africa: Students post pictures of alleged rapist on social media

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday the students, frustrated by the perceived lack of action from Wits University management to the alleged rape, accused it on social media of protecting the "perpetrator", who is also a student, and posted pictures of the man.

Gender-based violence researcher Lisa Vetten warned the students of a potential defamation lawsuit.

"Our law protects the identity of both parties. If the case is still pending and no criminal charges have been laid, the students who posted those pictures could be sued for defamation of character.

"I know they might feel frustrated. In most cases when people name and shame it is because they feel that justice was denied."

Criminal lawyer Ulrich Roux said even if the person had not been charged one could not reveal his identity until he was given a fair chance in a court of law.

"Society cannot pass judgment or try him on social media."'

Police: Woman upset over election makes false rape claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who said she had been sexually assault told police that she made up the claim because she was upset over the election.

Police heard about the claim on Nov. 11. The department got an email from someone who had seen a Facebook post in which a woman said she had been assaulted in Kirkland. The post also said Kirkland police responded, but didn't investigate or file a report.

Police began investigating but couldn't find any sort of call matching the woman's claim in the dispatch center.

The identifying information on the Facebook post had been marked out on the email, so investigators couldn't identify the woman.'

Athletes demand compensation from false accuser

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Derrick Rose is demanding tens of thousands of dollars in damages from the woman who accused him of rape after he was cleared in his civil trial.

In a papers filed to a California court, the New York Knicks star claims that he and his fellow defendants are 'entitled' to 'expenses they necessarily incurred in defending themselves against…false claims' brought by the woman.

In 2013 she accused Rose, his manager Randall Hampton and childhood friend Ryan Allen of drugging and raping her.

She claims the three defendants gang raped her without her consent, but while they three men admitted to having sex with the woman, they maintain the act was consensual.'

Student charged with making false rape report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An 18-year-old University of Alabama student has been charged for falsely reporting she was raped in a parking lot near campus on Sunday, Tuscaloosa County Metro Homicide investigators announced on Friday.

The student, Emma Katherine Mannion, is charged with filing a false report, a Class A misdemeanor, Captain Gary Hood said.

The student told police she was forced into a red Jeep Cherokee and sexually assaulted around 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 13. She said it happened in Solomon's parking lot near 6th Street and Wade Wallace Boulevard, near the northwest corner of Bryant-Denny Stadium.'

Stockholm defends 'gender-equal' snow-clearing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Gender equal snow-cleaning is not to blame here," Daniel Helldén, the city's Green Party transport head told the Expressen newspaper, stressing that the policy, which prioritises cleaning pavements and cycle lanes over roads, did not even appear to have even been followed.

"There is a lack of gender equal snow-clearing now, according to the reports I'm getting," he said. "It's still difficult to walk on the pavements — and it is important that snow-clearing prioritises walkways, public transport and cycle paths."

Stockholm's municipal government, a coalition of the Social Democrats and the Green Party, brought in gender equal snow cleaning last year, pledging to make moving around the city on icy winter days just as safe for women as it is for men.

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But on Thursday and Friday, the policy came under renewed criticism after the city was thrown into chaos by the unusually heavy snow dump, with buses and trains cancelled, and major motorways blocked.

The policy's apparent failure was celebrated with glee by anti-feminists on Twitter, with even the liberal Dagens Nyheter newspaper running a light-hearted article, titled "Nine alternatives to gender-equal snow-cleaning".'

Texas teacher pleads guilty to sexually assaulting 13-year-old student 'on almost daily basis'

Matt · 20 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former middle school teacher in Texas pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a 13-year-old student before becoming pregnant as a result.

Police say 24-year-old Alexandria Vera, 24, allegedly sexually assaulted the child “on almost a daily basis”, according to KTRK. She faced federal charges of continuous sexual abuse of a child.

Vera taught eighth grade English at Stovall Middle School in Houston before surrendering herself to authorities for the alleged sexual assault in May.

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The teacher became pregnant in January 2016, but said she had an abortion after Texas Child Protective Services showed up to the school in February to question her about the relationship.

Investigators found evidence of the relationship on her cell phone, despite her initial denial of any wrongdoing.'

How All-Female ISIS Morality Police 'Khansaa Brigade' Terrorized Mosul

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Battle-hardened militants were far from the most terrifying thing for many women living under their harsh rule in the ISIS-conquered city of Mosul.

"I was much more afraid of women," said Umm Fatma, referring to female members of the terror organization's morality police, known as the Hisbah.

"The women would beat you for the smallest thing — how you looked or how you wore your headscarf, " the 28-year-old mother of three who arrived at the Khazer Camp last week told NBC News. "They used whips and metal sticks."

Restricted in where they could go and what they could wear while in Mosul, refugees described living in fear of the Khansaa Brigade, the all-female ISIS Hisbah units who patrolled the streets tasked with enforcing an extreme version of Shariah law.'

Lawsuit Alleges Bias in University Sexual Assault Investigation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Already in the midst of five open Title IX investigations, Cornell is now facing a lawsuit alleging that the University's Title IX coordinator, Sarah Affel, neglected to investigate a complaint by a student who was involved in a sexual assault.

The lawsuit states that two students — referred to as John Doe and Jane Roe — accused each other of sexual assault and says the University opened investigations into both complaints.

However, according to the lawyer behind the suit, Alan Sash, Cornell's investigators only considered Roe's complaint and ignored Doe's on the basis of his gender.

He said that Cornell violated its own policy 6.4 — the University's guidelines for investigating discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault and violence — which was revised in August in order to be more fair to both parties involved in assault investigations.'

SJW & Feminist Cringe Compilation [Election Edition] 2016

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Video here. From the description:

'My main goal of this channel is to expose the truth about modern feminism and what it is doing to our society of Westernized culture as a whole. In order to display this message a large amount of my content is based on articles, compilations, interviews etc from around the internet which provide content and proof of said issues. If you have genuine evidence that you have full rights to any of the content provided and are unhappy with it being displayed, please contact me via private message and I will be more than happy to co-operate with your wishes, by either deleting any said videos, or alternatively working out an agreement that will benefit both parties. Thanks for your support everyone and lets work together to get this message out there!'

Milo Yiannopoulos Lecture Shut Down After Pressure From U.K. Government

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A lecture by controversial Breitbart editor and “alt-right” personality Milo Yiannopoulos at Canterbury’s Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys was shut down after pressure from the United Kingdom’s Department of Education.

Yiannopoulos is an alumnus of Langston, but was expelled for what he has characterized as “absolutely outrageous behavior.” Nonetheless, the school’s leadership have expressed disappointment at the cancellation, saying that opposition came entirely from outside the school.

“This decision was taken following contact from the Department For Education’s counter extremism unit, the threat of demonstrations at the school by organised groups and members of the public and our overall concerns for the security of the school site and the safety of our community,” said head teacher Matthew Baxter in a statement.'

Feminism Makes Weak Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism claims to stand for two things above all: women's equality and enabling women to be strong.

Regarding the first aim, no decent man or woman opposes the concept of equality of the sexes. But people who do not call themselves feminists have a problem with the feminist notion of equality: Most feminists have conflated equality and sameness. And that's a huge mistake; the sexes are equal, but they are different.

A second major problem regarding the feminist claim of aspiring to women's equality is that feminists frequently provide false evidence to prove that women are not treated as equals.

The best-known example is the false statistic that American women earn about 25 percent less than men when they do the same work for the same amount of time.'

Safe Space Movement Breaks Into Astronomy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Astronomers who work for the Australian government are demanding “safe workplaces for scientists” that are free of alleged bullying and sexist comments.

The academics demand a safe space from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia’s state science research organization, because they allege it is “failing to address a culture of bullying and sexual harassment in its astronomy department.”

CSIRO has conducted only 16 investigations into alleged professional misconduct in the department since 2008. None of these investigations led to any legal action and only one involved police.

The academics claim that this extremely low number of investigations is evidence that the Australian government “may suppress reporting of harassment.” The only evidence of harassment provided by the academics demanding a safe space was a statement that their “pain was evident.”

Very little information has been published about the sole case involving police, and the only legal action that occurred was the perpetrator being counseled and having an “adverse finding” placed on their file, indicating that the situation wasn’t serious.'

Malecare: Cancergraph Free on Android & iOS

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Cancergraph is now a free download for Android and Apple iPhone's, worldwide.

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Cancergraph tracks your cancer symptoms and side effects over days, months and years. Designed by cancer survivors and caregivers, Cancergraph focuses on the unique experiences we face with cancer.

Cancergraph saves time and prevents confusion during your doctor meetings.

Cancergraph serves as a memory tool, giving you and your doctors reliable reports about your day-to-day cancer-related experiences. It's easy to set up: choose from a list of symptoms and side effects, and you're done. Cancergraph creates a report that you can view on their phone, print out or email to doctors.

You can also take disease- and symptom-related photos to be added to a secure photo storage area on your phone. All data is under your control. You can delete your entire Cancergraph at any time.

Cancergraph was created by the national men's cancer survivor nonprofit, Malecare. It was funded entirely by individual donations.

Please download Cancergraph now and see for yourself how easy and useful it is.

Please feel encouraged to email your comments and questions.

Very best regards,

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SAVE: Important New Dept. of Education Case Summary

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About one month ago, the Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) made a landmark finding: for the first time ever, OCR concluded that a college had violated the Title IX rights of a student accused of sexual assault.

SAVE has compiled a summary of the government's settlement and findings with the school, Wesley College. This six-page summary is available here: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Wesley-College-2016-Determination-and-Agreement-Summary.pdf

SAVE hopes that you will find it useful for your work on campus sexual assault and due process issues.

This crucial case lays the groundwork that procedural protections are needed for each student in a hearing. SAVE is working to ensure this happens!

Thank you!

Very best,

Gina R. Lauterio, Esq.
Policy Project Director
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE)

The Obama Administration Remade Sexual Assault Enforcement on Campus. Could Trump Unmake It?

Mastodon · 26 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'And feminist legal theorist Janet Halley, their colleague who has contested the OCR's process in the Harvard Law Review, describes the “Dear Colleague” letter as a case of “administrative overreach.”

Halley, who has participated in sexual-violence cases at Harvard, has had concerns about their fairness from the beginning.

She took pains to say that she cares deeply about sexual assault, but she worries about an overcorrection, prompted by OCR, that moves universities from ignoring the rights of accusers to trampling on those of the accused.

“Just imagine if you were asked to go in to explain why you didn’t commit a sexual assault,” Halley said. With no information as to what you’re accused of, who’s accusing you, or when it allegedly happened, “you’re required to start explaining yourself. And you’re 18 years old, and no one is helping you."

Halley describes the new system as all but designed to produce “false positives” — innocent students wrongfully punished — both because of the looser evidentiary standard and because of Title IX officers’ desire to produce numbers that show they're taking sexual violence seriously.

In her own experience, Halley says, that has meant that a disproportionate share of those accused, and those punished, are men of color and those who have less access to family resources and legal help.'

S Africa: Male rape survivors excluded from 16 Days of Activism

Matt · 26 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Friday marks the start of the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children but male rape and sexual abuse support groups have spoken out that the campaign is not inclusive of male victims of abuse.

There are many stigmas surrounding sexual crimes against men. This is according to Oliver Meth who is part of a support group called the Rape Survivors Network.

He was brutally gang-raped by three men in a graveyard at the age of 16. Meth is unhappy with the campaign as he believes it further fuels the stigmatisation of male rape survivors by excluding them.

“It stigmatises men to say that men will always be seen as the perpetrator and not seen as the victims of sexual violence or violence. That’s why the 16 days of activism campaign needs to drop gendered language, suggesting that only women and children are victims of sexual violence and abuse; we need to make this campaign much more inclusive so that we can include men.”'

Women Against Paternity Fraud Submits Paternity Acknowledgment Program Recommendations to HHS

Matt · 28 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In-hospital paternity acknowledgements are a cornerstone of government policy and a requirement for any state seeking TANF funds. Establishing paternity is important in knowing what name should be placed on a child's birth certificate, for financial support, access to family medical records, social security and veterans benefits, inheritance, custody and visitation, and the emotional advantage of building a relationship with both parents and extended families.

The current procedure is an example of good intentions gone badly. If the program was designed to do DNA testing prior to asking a man to sign a "paternity acknowledgment form" then this program would be workable.

However, a program that fails to screen out false paternity establishments scores a temporary statistical victory for states seeking TANF funds, but causes enormous enforcement burdens and emotional costs to the victims of false establishments.'

UK: Married teaching assistant jailed for two years for sex acts with 15-YO

Matt · 29 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A MARRIED teaching assistant who admitted performing a string of sex acts on a schoolboy whilst on a plane home from a school trip has been jailed for more than two years.

Jill Meldrum-Jones, 37, met the pupil at a school where she assisted in PE, science and humanities subjects.

The mum-of-two from Kineton, admitted to performing various sex acts on a 15-year-old boy, including performing oral sex, masturbating him and allowing him to perform sex acts on her.

She was forced to sign the sex offenders' register after pleading guilty to the incidents, which happened on a school trip after she met the pupil at the school she worked at in Warwickshire.

The court heard the pair became close during a school trip to South Africa last year and started going for walks alone together.

Meldrum-Jones first performed a sex act on the boy while on a minibus with other pupils.
...
"Her victim has struggled to come to terms with what happened and it is vital that children who are subjected to sexual misconduct, get the necessary support to move forward with their lives."'

Canada: Prof accused of harassing female students for being straight

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The lesbian academic who accused Toronto free speech advocate Jordan Peterson of hate speech taught a course full of “misandry,” or hatred of men, according to a former student.

The student who took a fourth-year course at the University of British Columbia from Mary K. Bryson in 1991 told National Post columnist Christie Blatchford she had taken other women’s studies courses but never been in a class “where misandry was taught to you.”

Bryson, a senior associate dean and professor of education at the University of British Columbia, was one of two people brought in for a forum this month at the University of Toronto to challenge psychology professor Jordan Peterson’s claims that federal and provincial human rights legislation and U of T anti-discrimination measures were dangerous attacks on free speech.

The other opponent to Peterson’s actions confined herself to trying to prove that Bill C-16, which would protect transgender and gender-fluid persons from hate speech, was a reasonable measure. But Bryson engaged in ad hominem attacks on Peterson for using his privileged position to attack “the precarious minority” of “transgender and gender-fluid’ persons. He did this, she said with assertions that had never been submitted to the scrutiny of “peer reviewed journals,” and was therefore “in total dereliction of his academic duty.”'

Canada: Famous Authors Sign Letter Questioning Due Process For Campus Sexual Assault Cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Was novelist Steven Galloway's dismissal from his university position justice for women, or a modern Salem witch hunt?

The former chair of the creative writing program at the University of British Columbia was fired in June following an investigation into multiple allegations of sexual harassment and other improprieties. This week, the Canadian literary world has been wracked with discord over the case following the publication of a scathing open letter to UBC signed by dozens of authors including Margaret Atwood, Yann Martel, Madeleine Thien and Michael Ondaatje.

The letter, reportedly circulated by author Joseph Boyden, calls attention to "growing evidence that the University acted irresponsibly in Professor Galloway's case" and argues that as the case was widely publicized, "the situation requires public clarification." The statement has drawn an explosive response, with many arguing it shows little concern for alleged victims and complainants.

Galloway had been publicly suspended in November 2015 for what the dean of arts termed "serious allegations." News reports from the past year indicate allegations that include sexual assault, sexual harassment, inappropriate relationships with students, bullying, and even an incident in which he slapped a student, though the details remain fuzzy. The open letter argues that the university's public memo and actions following his suspension created "a cloud of suspicion over Professor Galloway [...] severely damaging Professor Galloway's reputation and affecting his health."

The statement also criticizes UBC for a lack of transparency regarding the specific charges and notes that criminal charges have not been brought. Furthermore, the statement maintains, UBC has failed to make public the results of an independent investigation conducted by former BC Supreme Court Judge Mary Ellen Boyd, although "[b]oth a statement from the UBC Faculty Association and the report of an independent journalist who had access to the Boyd report have since revealed that all but one of the allegations investigated, including the most serious one, were unsubstantiated."'

Woman gets 18 months for false rape report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who falsely accused a man of raping her was sentenced to 18 months in prison Wednesday.

Katheran M. Lindell, 20, previously pleaded guilty in Muskingum County Common Pleas Court to falsification, a first-degree misdemeanor, and tampering with evidence, a third-degree felony.

Muskingum County Assistant Prosecutor Ron Welch argued that even though Lindell has no prior felonies, she should serve the maximum allowed sentence, which was three years in prison, because of the seriousness of the crime.

What she has done makes it harder for actual rape victims to receive justice, Welch said, which is already a difficult process. And the victim in this case, the man she accused, was the subject of an investigation for no reason.

"There is an individual who did absolutely nothing wrong and had his life turned upside-down," Welch said.'

Canada: Students' campaign for women-only gym hour gains support, opposition

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A student-led campaign at Carleton University to reserve one hour of gymnasium time for women only is gaining supporters, and some detractors.

The campaign was launched in early November by the Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) Womyn's Centre, in partnership with the campus Muslim Students' Association, the Graduate Students' Association and a campus residence association.

Program co-ordinator Sydney Schneider said a survey circulated on campus generated 1,200 responses, most of them "overwhelmingly positive," but the campaign is meeting with its share of detractors as well.

A counter-petition on Change.org has garnered 130 signatures, and some students on campus have expressed their dissent in other ways, with several reports of campaign posters being vandalized and torn down. Schneider called that response "disheartening."

"The concept of segregating men and women in any way is inherently sexist," states the petition, posted two weeks ago by a user named Candice Smith, who claims the student activists behind the campaign are using "twisted statistics in order to manipulate the student body."'

For Women, a Cheaper, Better Alternative to Prison

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As a country, we've chosen the expensive option: rather than treat addicts, we incarcerate them. When they reoffend, we incarcerate them again — and again and again and again.

Luckily, the inexpensive solution is also the humane solution. When we talk about female drug addicts, more often than not, we're talking about women who were molested or beaten in childhood and self-medicated the only way they knew how. The path for them to get clean is to address the traumas that drive their addictions.

In Tulsa, Okla., I visited a female-only drug treatment center called Women in Recovery. Of their patients, 65 percent had been victims of childhood sexual abuse.
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Across the country, more than 215,000 women are incarcerated, and women are the fastest-growing segment of the incarcerated population — due in large part to the war on drugs. Diversion programs like Women in Recovery have sprung up in order to address the issues at the root of drug-related crimes.

Smith says that unlike prison, the best diversion programs are gender-specific, address trauma and aim to keep families intact. "Generally speaking, these programs are amazingly effective," she said.

Most diversion programs cost less than prison, according to Smith, and provide further savings because they lower recidivism rates and decrease the chances that children will become criminals, too. In other words, everybody benefits.'

‘No-Shave November’ Now Under Attack

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For about a decade, men across the globe have forgone shaving in November to raise awareness about men’s health issues, from prostate cancer to male suicide.

The tradition had a good run, but now, suddenly, No-Shave November (also known as Movember) is apparently problematic.

Social-justice warriors worldwide have rushed to point out how the month-long event, regardless of its good intentions, is too gendered. In a nearly unintelligible sentence published by Sydney’s *Daily Telegraph* this month, one critic wrote: “It’s disappointing that what could’ve served as a much-needed dialogue about the many ways in which men, trans men included, can express their masculinity without resorting to chauvinist caricatures is in danger of devolving into at best a pissing contest between bros about who can grow the most facial hair to prove their manliness and at worst an implicit endorsement of 1950s-style gender norms, complete with transphobia.”'

Men to America — Thanks for nothing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Back during the election campaign, a Fiscal Times columnist warned that even as Hillary Clinton played the woman card, more men were being dealt out of American society:

A key indicator of American male decline is the gender ratio at U.S. colleges. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, women accounted for 43% of enrollees in degree-granting postsecondary institutions in 1972. The other 57% were men. Forty years later, the ratio had flipped. In 2012, the latest year for which actual data were reported, women made up 57% of the college population, with men representing the remaining 43%. Further, NCES projects that the gap will widen by 2022, when women are expected to reach 61% of the college population. If that projection holds, America will have roughly 14 million female college students and only 10 million male college students.

If men are underrepresented in college, they're overrepresented in prison, the column continued: "At the end of 2014, almost 93% of inmates in state and federal correctional facilities were male. There were over 1.4 million male prisoners compared with 113,000 female inmates." State and local prisons are also overwhelmingly filled by men.'

A Young Feminist's Compassionate View of Men

Matt · 29 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For nearly 25 years I have been concerned about an issue that has received scant attention in the academy or the media: the problems faced by boys and men in our society. My own work on this started with a piece I wrote in 1993, titled “Loving Pale Males,” which talked about the dilemma I found myself in, as the liberal father of three boys, when men—especially white men, but really men in general—were being attacked by a growing feminist movement.

The piece came very close to being published in the New York Times magazine, but didn’t, and I couldn’t find a publisher elsewhere. Naively, I didn’t realize that with so much attention being paid to girls and women and their struggles, there was little room for anything dealing with concerns about males of any age.

In the years since, while I have found that I have a lot of company in my concerns, they have not hit the mainstream. But finally that may all be changing, with the release of a documentary by a young and courageous filmmaker named Cassie Jaye. The Red Pill is a look at the men’s rights movement by a self-identified feminist, who started out wanting to do a documentary about “rape culture,” but found herself suddenly listening to the voices of men talking about their pain. (The movie’s title comes from the 1999 feature film, The Matrix, where taking the red pill meant that you would now be able to see the unvarnished truth. It’s a term that has been widely used by men’s rights activists (or MRAs).)'

Canadian military prioritizing female recruiting after report

Mastodon · 29 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Canada's military is moving women to the top of the recruiting line as part of its effort to bring more gender balance to its uniformed ranks.

The announcement came Tuesday after the auditor general concluded that the military's aspiration of having women make up 25 per cent of its personnel within the next decade appeared to be just that — a dream with no strategy to actually accomplish the goal.

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But a report by the auditor general of Canada found that the military lacked a strategy to actually achieve that target.

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But on Tuesday, the general in charge of military personnel said there was a strategy ready to recruit more women and improve recruiting overall.

"To increase the representation of women in the (Canadian Armed Forces), women applicants who meet the required entry standards will go to the head of the queue," Lt.-Gen. Christine Whitecross, commander of Military Personnel Command, said in a statement.

That move also includes the two military colleges, where young officers began their careers.'

College Bathroom Graffiti Campaign Tars Students as ‘Perpetrators of Rape Culture’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Twice in the past month, graffiti appeared in three bathrooms on Pitzer College’s campus, naming students who were allegedly “perpetrators of rape culture” and “perpetrators of sexual assault.”

The first time the names appeared on the bathroom walls, on Oct. 26, administrators painted over them — but the next day, the graffiti was back.

Pitzer has been unable to identify which students or student organizations are behind the bathroom-writing campaign, though an investigation is ongoing.

The Pitzer Advocates for Survivors of Sexual Assault, a student organization, wrote in a campus-wide email that the graffiti was potentially deeply triggering.

“The danger of being confronted with the name of a past assaulter in this manner has the potential to be extremely re-traumatizing, and we want to encourage cognizance of this reality,” they said.

In response to the graffiti, Pitzer’s Title IX office sent a campus-wide email informing students about how to report a sexual assault, as well as resources for victims.

But administrators also noted that Title IX protects all students from gender-based discrimination and harassment, so “the email also offered support and resources to those named in the writings and is reaching out individually to all students affected by the writings,” says Title IX coordinator Corinne Vorenkamp.

Not everyone was pleased with the Title IX office’s outreach to students named and shamed on the bathroom walls. The student newspaper reported that some on campus found the Title IX office’s email “triggering in its defense of perpetrators of rape culture.”'

Woman stabs man after bizarre vampirism experiment

Matt · 30 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I couldn't make this up if I wanted to. Excerpt:

'It all started with a conversation about vampires.

A man was curious about sucking someone's blood, so Victoria Vanatter, 19, allegedly gave him permission to cut her arm with a razor and drink some of her blood in the kitchen of a Springfield home.

The blood sucking, police say, was followed by arguing.

Court documents say there was some yelling and slapping before Vanatter grabbed a knife and stabbed the man several times.

Vanatter then "came to" and called 911, according to court documents.

Vanatter has been charged with first-degree domestic assault and armed criminal action in connection with the events that occurred Wednesday afternoon in Springfield.
...
Vanatter said at one point she tried to prevent the man from leaving the home because she was worried about going to jail, but she eventually realized she would go to jail anyway so she called 911, according to the statement.

Vanatter and the man were each treated at the hospital and received stitches for their cuts. Vanatter is now being held at the Greene County Jail on $150,000 bond.'

Judge rules sperm donor not on hook for child support

Matt · 30 November 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Topeka man who answered a Craigslist ad to donate sperm so two women could have a baby together is not legally the child's father and isn't required to provide financial support, a Kansas judge has ruled.

The state Department for Children and Families had not decided as of Tuesday whether it would appeal last week's ruling by Shawnee County District Judge Mary Mattivi. The department sought to force William Marotta to pay child support for the girl born in December 2009.

Mattivi last year required Marotta to submit a DNA sample to confirm that he was the girl's biological father and declared he was not "a mere donor of sperm." But the judge's Nov. 22 ruling concluded that birth mother's former partner should be considered the child's second parent rather than Marotta, in part because he has had minimal contact with the girl.

The department filed a petition in 2012 to have Marotta declared the child's legal father and require him to pay child support after the women, birth mother Jennifer Schreiner and Angela Bauer, separated and Schreiner received assistance from the state. The department initially sought to reclaim about almost $6,100 in expenses associated with the child's birth.'

New court ruling recognizing a due process right to cross-examination at a public institution

Matt · 1 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Ruling here. Excerpt (pp 10-11):

'Defendants maintain that the UC disciplinary process does not prohibit cross-examination. Instead, parties are able to submit questions to the ARC Chair who may in his or her discretion, ask those questions to the witnesses at the hearing. Defendants explain that the reason cross-examination was unavailable in this case was because Jane Roe did not attend the disciplinary hearing. The Court acknowledges that in some cases, this format of cross-examination may not constitute a due process violation. However, in this case, Plaintiff was effectively denied the right to cross-examination because he was not notified in advance of the hearing that Jane Roe would not be present at the ARC Hearing. It was plain at the hearing that Plaintiff intended to ask certain questions, but because Jane Roe was not present at the hearing, he was not able to ask those questions. While this is not to say that UC's procedures must require the complainant to be present, at the very least, Plaintiff should have had the opportunity to submit written cross-examination questions to the ARC Chair in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.'

University declares ’emotional manipulation’ to be rape

Matt · 3 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A private Massachusetts university considers coercion to be a form of rape, according to its website.

A part of Clark University’s guide for sexual survivors, “A Definition of Rape, Sexual Assault and Related Terms,” breaks down consent, sexual abuse, stranger rape and heterosexism, among other things.

Coercion, as defined by the university, “is considered rape/sexual assault.”

“Coercion is the use of emotional manipulation to persuade someone to something they may not want to do — like being sexual or performing sexual acts,” the college’s website states.

“Being coerced into having sex or performing sexual acts is not consenting to having sex and is considered rape/sexual assault,” it continues.'

Fatherhood: the antidote to the poverty problem

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the World Bank, in the year 2015 the extreme poverty rate (less than $2/day) around the world allegedly dropped below 10% for the first time. Although this is good progress, extreme poverty, for 702 million people, remains an international crisis. We know that women and children are deeply impacted socially and academically by living in poverty.

Politicians, economists and other organizations have many ideas for solving this crisis. United Nations officials, for example, have set a noble goal “to end poverty in all its forms everywhere by 2030”—also known as Sustainable Development Goal #1.2 Is this goal well intentioned? Indeed. Is it attainable? That depends on how one makes sense of the problem. Misdiagnosing the source of this poverty problem can lead to the wrong prescribed solution—no matter how well-intentioned.
...
Current social science research powerfully asserts: “...there is a Father-Factor in our [world’s] worst social problems. In other words, for many of our most intractable social ills affecting children, father absence is to blame.” In the United States over 24 million children are growing up without their biological father; in the year 2014 nearly a quarter of children lived in father-absent homes. Dr. Pat Fagan writes: “The Index of Family Belonging for the United States is now just above 45%, which means that 45% of U.S. children on the cusp of adulthood have grown up in an intact married family.”

This is, in large measure, due to the rise of divorce rates and out-of-wedlock births over the past 50 years. In 1960 only 6% of babies were born to unwed mothers in the United States. Thanks to the sexual revolution of the 1960’s and the passing of no-fault divorce laws in many countries, that number has risen to over 40% today and continues to increase. Similar trends can be seen in countries around the world. Creating a worldwide culture that teaches sex is a deserved commodity and marriage is based in adult desires and emotions has done more damage to the family structure than almost anything else.

In the overwhelming majority of divorce cases in many countries, custody of the children is given to the mother. Although children who are victims of divorce still have a father, the severing of their parents’ marriage often severs the consistent influence from the father. This has had devastating effects—especially in the economic realm, as we will see in the next section.'

Woman arrested after threatening coworkers, store with a rifle, a knife, and a torch

mens_issues · 5 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

A bungled case of attempted workplace violence, here. Excerpt:

'A Prescott woman is facing attempted homicide and arson charges after she returned to work following a dispute armed with a knife, a rifle and a torch.

Around 6:28 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, Prescott police responded to the Wal-Mart store at 3050 Highway 69 in Prescott, after the manager of the store called 9-1-1 to report a disorderly woman in the parking lot with a rifle.

Officers found 24-year-old Ebonice Johnson, Prescott, near the back of the store and took her into custody without incident.
...
Detectives served a search warrant at Johnson's home and located evidence related to her intentions and plans to harm her co-workers. At this point it appears Johnson was motivated by her dissatisfaction at work and the investigation is not revealing any other cause for her extreme behavior. Johnson was booked into the Yavapai County Jail on charges including four counts of attempted homicide (pre-meditated), arson of an occupied structure, and weapons misconduct-all are felony charges.

Johnson lawfully purchased the rifle a year and a half ago and had no previous convictions related to weapons misconduct.'

How to make feminism great again

Mastodon · 5 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'First of all, it’s time to stop calling the United States a patriarchy. A patriarchy is a system where men hold the power and women do not. Women do hold power in the United States — they lead major universities and giant corporations, write influential books, serve as state and federal judges and even manage winning presidential campaigns. American women, especially college-educated women, are the freest and most self-determining in human history. Why pretend otherwise?

Feminism is drowning in myth-information. Advocates never tire of telling us that women are cheated out of nearly a quarter of their salary; that one in four college women is sexually assaulted, or that women are facing an epidemic of online abuse and violence. Such claims are hugely distorted, but they have been repeated so often that they have taken on the aura of truth. Workplace discrimination, sexual assault and online threats are genuine problems, but to solve them women need sober analysis, not hype and spin. Exaggerated claims and crying wolf discredit good causes and send scarce resources in the wrong direction.

Today’s women’s movement also needs to reckon with the fact that men struggle just as much as women. Modern life is a complicated mix of burdens and advantages for each sex. Too often, feminism focuses on gender inequities among elites: CEOs, MIT astrophysicists, U.S. senators. It is true that there are too few women in those positions, but we need to consider the entire workforce for context. Most backbreaking, lethally dangerous jobs — roofer, logger, roustabout and coal miner, to name a few — are done by men. It is men — especially working-class men — who are disproportionately crushed, mutilated, electrocuted or mangled at work. Activists lament the dearth of women in the Fortune 500, but they fail to mention the Unfortunate 4,500 — the approximate number of men killed on the job every year.'

Two Female Students In Legal Trouble After False Rape Reports

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Female students at two separate universities faced legal repercussions last month after they reported sexual assaults that police say never happened.

In mid-November, a Missouri circuit court judge ordered two years of probation for a Lindenwood University student who pleaded no contest to making a false report, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported this week after reviewing the court records.

In 2014, when Joanna Newberry was 21, she told police she had fought off a man who attacked her in the basement of the university's library; he had jumped out of the stall where he was hiding, she claimed, and tried to pull off her leggings as she kicked and struggled, she said.'

Why an Ottawa Theatre Pulled a Screening of a Men’s Rights Documentary

Mastodon · 7 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A documentary about men's rights activism will be screening in Ottawa today, but not at the venue organizers originally intended. Ottawa's city hall has picked up the booking, but a theatre owner says that hasn't stopped an army of online trolls from insulting staff and declaring rights have been violated.
...
The documentary follows filmmaker Cassie Jaye as she listens to men inside the movement, some of whom compare feminism to white nationalism. MRA leaders tell her about health and domestic abuse issues from the perspective that men face greater discrimination than women, and are punished and ridiculed for voicing those concerns. The film shares a name with a Reddit forum in which men vent rage against women and discuss strategies for pushing women into submission.

Jaye told CBC venues in Australia also canceled the film. "I've noticed that most of us are very quick to laugh and scoff at men's issues but if the genders were reversed that would be hateful, hate speech, sexist, misogynist," she said.
...
Demarbre said he even felt physically intimidated when he returned the film to CAFE members. He stressed the film itself was not part of his reason for canceling the screening.

"This whole decision had nothing to do with the movie, and everything to do with the CAFE society,"he said. "I don't want those guys in my building."'

Also see: Mayfair Theatre cancels showing of men's rights documentary The Red Pill

Feminist Filmmaker: ‘Women’s Rights Movement Undermines Gender Equality’

Mastodon · 7 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A feminist filmmaker has sparked a worldwide backlash by highlighting the extent to which the women’s rights movement undermines gender equality and prevents men from having a voice.

Cassie Jaye has been deeply involved in the feminist movement for over a decade. But when she stumbled across the men’s rights website A Voice for Men in 2013, while researching rape culture, what she found shocked her.

Far from being privileged by their place in the patriarchy, men in Western societies are twice as likely as women to be murdered, twice as likely to be homeless, three times more likely to take their own lives, and ten times more likely to be jailed.

Jaye decided to follow the men’s rights movement, which she admits to assuming was a “misogynistic hate group” at first thanks to “mainstream media”. Three years later, she no longer calls herself a feminist.'

Socialite in court after assaulting boyfriend with scissors

Matt · 8 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The New York City socialite whose many plastic surgery operations have earned her the nickname 'catwoman' was arrested by police early Wednesday following a fight at her Trump World Tower apartment.

Jocelyn Wildenstein, 76, is accused of clawing her designer boyfriend Lloyd Klein and then slashing his chest with a pair of scissors after flying in to a violent rage at around 1:30am, a source tells Page Six.

Klein, 49, was then forced to shove the 'Bride of Wildenstein' into a closet to prevent another attack according to sources, before police arrived to take her in.

Wildenstein was arraigned in a Manhattan courtroom on Wednesday night, where she spoke with her boyfriend for 20 minutes before appearing in front of the judge.'

Police: Motorist Tried To Run Over Ex As He Put Up Lights

Matt · 8 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'State police say holiday music was blaring from a western Pennsylvania woman's car as she tore up the yard of her ex-boyfriend's home, nearly running the man and his family over.

Forty-seven-year-old Mary Jo Smith was charged Tuesday with multiple offenses stemming from Monday's incident.

Alan McCutcheon says he was setting up a Christmas light display outside of his Fayette County home when Smith yelled "Merry Christmas" and made several passes through his yard.'

Why we need to reclaim masculinity from 'men's rights activists'

Mastodon · 9 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Masculinity is having a good old time of it in 2016, and the recent International Men's Day was a timely reminder of how diverse the approach to issues facing men is. The question of whether we really need an International Men's Day ought to be easily dismissed – yes, should be the answer, as there are a lot of problems being left unsaid, and the theme of this year's IMD was about stopping male suicide.

...

This is why the Daily Mail's articles centred on crying men are not only harmful, but are part of the murderous system that make men feel like they must act a certain way, or consider themselves to be lesser.

It promotes a stoicism that leads to the bottling up of emotions and lack of emotional ties between men that would allow them to open up and communicate when life gets too much.

These articles are often ignored by the misogynistic men's rights activists, too. Due to their focus on attacking women, they have sullied any conversation about issues facing men, thanks to how vocal and vicious they are.'

Don't Think You're Sexist? Sorry, We All Are

Mastodon · 9 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The words of my doctor from earlier that morning were still ringing in my ears when I found myself slamming the breaks of my car to avoid a nasty collision. An incompetent driver was cutting across two lanes at a roundabout just in front of me. Still perspiring somewhat I carried on to drop off my screaming child with the nanny. It was a hectic morning.

Now let's stop to take a breath and ponder on this story. Was the doctor you imagined male? Was the bad driver female? And what of the nanny and the narrator? Females too? If so, you have just experienced unconscious gender bias. You are not alone. Even the almighty Google image search "thinks" 75% of doctors are male but in reality women make up just over half of GPs in the UK. In fact Google has been accused of unconscious bias in its own operations, as over 79 percent of its managers and engineers are male. Apple, Facebook, Twitter and Yahoo are not far behind.'

Congressional rep proposes bill requiring rape charges to appear on college transcripts

Mastodon · 9 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Jackie Speier (D-Calif.) on Thursday proposed the Safe Transfer Act, a bill that would require a student's rape charges to appear on their college transcript for five years following the resolution of their disciplinary hearings. If a student transfers schools while their case is still pending, the case would still remain on their transcript for a year.

If the legislation succeeds, it would be a huge victory for those fighting to end campus sexual assault, as only two states — Virginia and New York — currently require colleges to indicate a student's rape charges on their transcript.

Many people have slammed the disciplinary process of campus assault cases, maintaining that it favors accusers and destroys the lives of young men. But Speier pointed out that, in truth, many students facing sexual assault allegations will walk away relatively unscathed — even if they are found guilty.'

Men are now the downtrodden sex: Feminist reluctantly admits women's fight for equality has gone too far

Mastodon · 9 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Looking back, I can pinpoint the precise moment I became a feminist. I was 17, a bright-eyed student at Warwick University, with a well-thumbed copy of The Female Eunuch clutched in my hand.
...
During the years that have passed since — some of them spent as the editor of Cosmopolitan magazine — the advances made by the women's movement have been extraordinary.
...
But the fact is, in some crucial areas, they are. Take, for example, the fact that, according to the Higher Education Policy Institute, 'a boy born in 2016 will be 75 per cent less likely to attend university than his sister if the present trends continue'.

That's no feminist victory, it's a terrifying prediction which will have widespread ramifications, not just for men in the workplace, but for relationships between men and women as well.
...

Here's another disturbing statistic: across the UK and Republic of Ireland, men are three times more likely to take their own lives than women, according to the Samaritans.

And yet women are twice as likely to be diagnosed with depression.
...
The perceived silencing of and unfairness meted out to men, particularly when it comes to parental access and financial support after divorce, has led to an increasingly vociferous alliance of men who blame a conspiracy of vengeful women, bias in the courts and feminist-dominated social services for ruining their lives and their relationships with their children after separation.

The battle lines are being drawn, and it's only going to get uglier.'

Why It’s Dangerous To Claim Domestic Violence ‘Spikes’ Over The Holidays

Mastodon · 12 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s a claim boldly asserted in local news stories each year: Domestic violence spikes during the holiday season. On the surface, the concept sounds plausible enough — for many people, holidays are associated with family tension, crowded homes and copious amounts of alcohol. It follows that violence might increase under such stressful circumstances.

Yet, domestic violence experts say there’s no evidence to back that up, according to interviews conducted by The Huffington Post.

“This is a myth that has been debunked pretty well,” said Monica McLaughlin, deputy director of public policy at the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

She pointed to a 2010 report released by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, which was not able “to find any reliable, national study linking the holidays with an increase in domestic violence.”'

UK: Girl gang in sex assault on footballer: Sick women stripped star and filmed ordeal

Matt · 14 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The trio met the stranger on a night out before luring him back to one of their homes.

They plied him with vodka until he passed out and then sexually assaulted him in a bizarre attack.

Footage shot by the trio showed them dancing as they molested their victim.

A judge warned Brogan Gillard, 26, Paige Cunningham, 22, and Shannon Jones, 20, they faced jail after they admitted sexual assault at Preston Crown Court.

...

The court heard the clip showed the 20-year-old victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, on the floor as Gillard cut his hair and sliced vegetables over him.

Gillard brandished scissors and asked: “Put in his bum?” before parting the cheeks of his bottom.

Though he felt pain, there was no serious injury.

...

All three, from Barrowin-Furness, Cumbria, will be sentenced in January and were told to sign the sex offenders’ register.

Gillard also admitted unrelated child cruelty charges.'

Trump’s presidency could radically change colleges’ response to sexual assault

Mastodon · 14 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A radically different legal landscape for campus sexual assaults likely awaits colleges and their students after the winter holidays.

The outgoing Obama administration devoted considerable resources to raising awareness about campus sexual assaults and forcing compliance with Department of Education guidelines by opening up more than 200 investigations of schools for possible violations of Title IX – the federal law that prohibits discrimination in education on the basis of gender – over the schools’ handling of campus sexual assaults.

But the incoming Trump administration is likely to rein in what many see as overly aggressive enforcement actions that have produced unfair results for accused students.'

County Schools considering adding 'affirmative consent' to sex ed curriculum

Mastodon · 14 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Middle and high school students in Montgomery County may be in for a change when it comes to sex education. A new proposal would add a tool called "affirmative consent" to the curriculum and would teach students more about consent instead of conflict.

We have heard the phrase “no means no” when it comes to sexual assault. But now, Montgomery County Public Schools are one of the first school systems in the country to consider this change when it comes to teaching students about sex education.

Maryland Del. Ariana Kelly (D-Montgomery) recently spoke to other local lawmakers about a bill that would teach Montgomery County seventh and tenth grade students in the classroom more about saying "yes" when it comes to sex.
...
However, the Montgomery County Board of Education is opposed to the bill, saying in part:

“All health curriculum is aligned and guided by research done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Health Education Standards and the Health Education Curriculum Content and Standards … Based on the research and guidelines, Grade 7 health education curriculum as it related to sexual activity, focuses on waiting to engage in sexual activity, peer pressure and the potential consequences of sexual activity. At the 10th grade level, a large section of the curriculum is dedicated to sexual aggression and consent.”
...
Del. Kelly said they are even looking at how to incorporate age-appropriate affirmative consent curriculum for students as young as fifth grade.'

Woman made up assault by men over "family problems"

Matt · 15 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. "Family problems"? Sorry dear, strict parents are no excuse to promulgate racism and sexism. Aside from the bias in the MSM news plain as day, add the presumption of guilt whenever a woman alleges an assault by a man and you have fertile ground for false accusations. Excerpt:

'New York City college student Yasmin Seweid who claimed to be the victim of a hate crime by Trump supporters is under arrest and charged with filing a false report, a police source told The New York Daily News.

The 18-year-old Seweid caused quite the media stir with her sensationalized account of Trump supporters attacking her on the subway. She claimed three men attempted to pull off her hijab while calling her a terrorist and yelling Trump's name. All this happened, she said, while New Yorkers sat idly by and watched her get assaulted.

The police source told The News that police gave Seweid numerous opportunities to recant her story but she kept sticking to it. Finally, on Wednesday, she admitted she made the whole thing up, citing "family problems."'

In lawsuits, men called sex assault investigations flawed

Mastodon · 16 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights found last year that MSU failed victims by taking too long to investigate reports of sexual misconduct, a position echoed by a growing number of women who say they were assaulted on campus.

The men in these three cases argued that the process doesn't serve the accused well, either.

Each of these students alleged MSU was too eager to cast them out and too lax in its investigation of the claims against them, that witnesses were not placed under oath, attorneys' participation in disciplinary hearings was severely curtailed and even MSU's own investigators failed, in some instances, to follow internal policies.

"With all due respect to Michigan State, the reality here is they haven't caught up to the sanction they are imposing," George Brookover, the East Lansing attorney who represented all three students, told Ingham County Judge Clinton Canady III on Jan. 6.'

College football players to boycott activities over sexual assault suspensions

Mastodon · 16 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The entire Minnesota football team says it is boycotting all football activities until it gets satisfactory answers from the university about the suspension of 10 players this week.

The school suspended the players after an internal investigation into a sexual assault case. Police declined to charge any of the players, but the school suspended them based on internal regulations involving sexual assault allegations.
...
Wide receiver Drew Wolitarsky, with his team members standing behind him, made the announcement at the Gibson-Nagurski Football complex, CBS Minneapolis reports.

“Effective immediately, we will boycott all football activities,” Wolitarsky said. “The boycott will remain in effect until due process is followed, and the suspensions for all 10 players … are lifted.”

Wolitarsky says the decision was made after a “disappointing meeting” with Athletic Director Mark Coyle.

“We are concerned that our brothers have been named publically with reckless disregard in violation of their constitutional rights,” Wolitarsky said. “We are now compelled to speak for our team and take back our program.”'

Arizona urges law enforcement to avoid program that prejudges people accused of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last year, Arizona State University's campus police force was the first in the state to support the "Start by Believing" campaign, in which law enforcement pledges to uncritically accept any allegation made by a rape accuser to facilitate more reports.

Republican Gov. Doug Ducey's administration doesn't want others to follow ASU's lead, however.

The Phoenix New Times reports that Youth, Faith and Family Director Debbie Moak asked prosecutors to stay clear of the nationwide nonprofit Start by Believing campaign in a letter last month.

What's wrong with the program? It could ruin their rape investigations even if they run them by the book, says Moak, relaying the findings of a workgroup that studied the program:

`Over the past few months, however, critics have lobbied against the program, claiming that it can create "confirmation bias" — a concept in which investigators go into a case with a pre-existing belief, resulting in an ensuing investigation that's likely to confirm that belief — and that a suspect's defense lawyer could undermine a prosecution by injecting the possibility that confirmation bias was at work.

"The concern is that the interjection of 'belief' into the law enforcement investigation creates the possibility of real or perceived confirmation bias," Moak writes. "While investigations and interviews with victims should always be done in a respectful and trauma-informed manner, law enforcement agencies, and other agencies co-located in advocacy centers, are strongly cautioned against adopting Start by Believing."`'

College coach tweets support of players following boycott announcement

Mastodon · 16 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Minnesota seniors Drew Wolitarsky and Mitch Leidner spoke to the media, announcing the Gophers would “cease all football activities.” The boycott stems from 10 players being suspended following a university investigation into a sexual assault report.

University president Eric W. Kaler and athletic director, who were both called out by the players, released a statement after the boycott was announced.

Claeys wasn’t the only coach to voice his support for the players. Linebackers coach Mike Sherels did as well.'

"Minnesota football players have chosen the wrong issue on which to make a stand"

Mastodon · 17 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A college football team finally has recognized its power and leverage over campus administrators but for a queasy-making cause: solidarity over an unprosecuted allegation of multiple sexual assaults. The Minnesota Gophers are demanding that 10 accused “brothers” who have been suspended by the university for misconduct be reinstated or they will sit out the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 27. There is something jarring about this, some missing sensibility.

What’s missing is any recognition that campus officials have the right to hold students to a higher standard than simply being non-felons.

Anyone who follows news about sexual assaults on campuses is surely frustrated by the extreme pendulum swings between inaction and false accusation. The Florida State, Notre Dame, Tennessee and Baylor administrations reportedly discounted victims’ stories and sheltered athletes from consequences, while at Duke and Virginia false accusers and botched investigations tarred the innocent. It’s extraordinarily difficult to know where the Minnesota case falls, for the simple reason that these cases are a nightmare to adjudicate. On those grounds alone, the Gophers get an F in civics for their boycott.

What’s known is this: Police and prosecutors decided that the case did not meet the burden of criminal proof, but the campus Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action investigators nevertheless recommended discipline against 10 players for violating student conduct standards, and the players were suspended by Athletic Director Mark Coyle and President Eric Kaler.'

Ex-Baylor player in limbo months after Title IX complaint

Mastodon · 17 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Baylor football recruit Jeremy Faulk, who was kicked off the team at the height of the school's sexual assault scandal before the 2016 season ever started, remains uncertain about his future, even though a Title IX investigation involving him at Baylor has been suspended, and apparently will never see resolution.

The defensive tackle has just been named the Junior College Defensive Player of the Year after winning a national championship at Garden City Community College in Garden City, Kan., but his brief stay at Baylor may have made him untouchable as far as major universities are concerned.

Faulk re-enrolled at Garden City, from which Baylor recruited him, after he was dismissed from the team and lost his scholarship, at least temporarily, after a report of a sexual assault that was never proved and never prosecuted.

Faulk's coach at Garden City, Jeff Sims, told KWTX that the staff had hoped Faulk would be able to transfer to another major college program, but said no one will touch him because "the name Baylor is scary to schools."

Faulk had NFL aspirations when he arrived at Baylor in January as an All-American junior college transfer.'

Title IX tales: Uneven gender justice

Mastodon · 17 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A male student from Williams College in Massachusetts accused his ex-girlfriend of sexual assault. A month later, she made a counterclaim against him. Guess whose accusation was taken seriously.

John Doe, as he is identified in his lawsuit against the university, had been dating Susan Smith (not her real name) for two years between fall 2013 and winter 2015. In spring 2015, Smith graduated and took a job with the college, where she worked until June 30, 2016. Doe was still a student at the university when Smith became an employee, and they continued to date.

(This report is based on court documents from the U.S District Court in Massachusetts, including Doe's lawsuit against the university and supplemental materials that include email exchanges, phone records, investigative materials and attorney letters. None of the participants would speak on the record for this story. Watchdog was unable to locate the female accuser, and colleges and attorneys involved are unable to comment on the specifics of any case because of federal law protecting student records.)'

UK: Men's rights MP Philip Davies: Gender must be irrelevant

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Conservative MP Philip Davies told the BBC that men should not "be excluded from having their views" heard.

He was elected to the committee in a ballot of party colleagues.

But Green Party MP Caroline Lucas said there should be a "proper hearing" before the MP for Shipley, West Yorkshire, can take his place.

Asked on BBC Two's Daily Politics about his nomination, Mr Davies said: "The committee's there whether I like it or not, so if I can bring some common sense to the committee that's surely a good thing.

"Just in the same way that UKIP used to take their seats in the EU Parliament - not because they were fans of the EU Parliament or everything that it represented, but because they hoped to hold it to account."

He added: "I'd prefer if it was just called the equalities committee. I don't see why it needs to be called the women and equalities committee. You can still look at women's issues on a committee that's just called equalities.'

Why Modern Feminism Is Illogical, Unnecessary, and Evil

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First, modern feminism is illogical because, as Pinker points out, it is based on the vanilla assumption that, but for lifelong gender socialization and pernicious patriarchy, men and women are on the whole identical. An insurmountable body of evidence by now conclusively demonstrates that the vanilla assumption is false; men and women are inherently, fundamentally, and irreconcilably different. Any political movement based on such a spectacularly incorrect assumption about human nature – that men and women are and should be identical – is doomed to failure.

Further, modern feminism is unnecessary, because its entire raison d'être is the unquestioned assumption that women are and have historically always been worse off than men. The fact that men and women are fundamentally different and want different things makes it difficult to compare their welfare directly, to assess which sex is better off; for example, the fact that women make less money than men cannot by itself be evidence that women are worse off than men, any more than the fact that men own fewer pairs of shoes than women cannot be evidence that men are worse off than women. However, in the only two biologically meaningful measures of welfare – longevity and reproductive success – women are and have always been slightly better off than men. In every human society, women live longer than men, and more women attain some reproductive success; many more men end their lives as total reproductive losers, having left no genetic offspring.'

State Office Assails 'Start by Believing' Advocacy Program for Rape Victims

Matt · 18 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A popular, nationwide program that encourages police and others to treat rape victims with more sensitivity is under fire from the Arizona Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family.

In a recent letter to elected prosecutors around the state, Youth, Faith and Family director Debbie Moak admonishes Arizona law-enforcement authorities to rethink their support of Start by Believing, a nonprofit initiative aimed at removing obstacles to the reporting of sexual violence. Statistics show that many women decline to report sexual attacks, sometimes out of fear that investigators won't believe them.

Launched in 2011, Start by Believing is an offshoot of the Washington-based nonprofit End Violence Against Women International.

When the Arizona Legislature adopted a resolution in 2014 supporting Start by Believing, it became the first lawmaking body in the nation to do so. Three other states have since followed — as have Arizona communities including Fountain Hills, Surprise, Apache Junction, and the Prescott Police Department. Several colleges around the state have signed up. In March, the Arizona State University Police Department renewed its support for the initiative; the year before, it became the first campus police force in the state to support it. According to the Start by Believing website, more than 130 communities in the United States and internationally have adopted the program.'

Sweden's "feminist foreign policy"

Mastodon · 19 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Margot Wallstrom, Sweden's top diplomat, has sought to advance what she calls a feminist foreign policy. What does that mean?

She says it is a way to use the usual tools of diplomacy to address three questions: Do women have equal rights? Are women at the decision-making table? And, are resources equitably distributed to women?

"A feminist foreign policy," she said, "is an analysis of the world."'

Don't spread 'straight-man cancer', China feminist warns Trump

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of China's most prominent feminists has a message for the US president-elect: "Hey Trump, feminists are watching you."

Zheng Churan, who has been supported by Hillary Clinton for her advocacy, wrote a letter to Trump warming him of the perils of chauvinism as he prepares to take office.

Trump famously boasted about using his fame to have sex with women and grope them without prior consent, saying: "When you're a star they let you do it."

In 2015 Zheng was one of five feminist activists detained by police for more than a month after the group planned a peaceful protest against sexual harassment.

Zheng, who is also known as Datu or Big Rabbit, wrote to the president-elect: "Even across the Pacific, in the faraway land of China, there are constantly reports of you and your government's involvement in sexual discrimination.

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"We wish you to watch out, the feminists worldwide are speaking, and we are watching you."

Zheng called on Trump to respect women's rights, warning him not to use his position to spread "straight-man cancer".'

Title IX is 'bureaucratic sex creep' gone wild

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you want to see how the federal bureaucracy can mess things up, and create huge new areas of overburdening regulation, just look at what it's done with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Title IX simply reads: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." That's all.

But from this small, simple statement — there shall be no discrimination on the basis of sex — has been created a regulatory Tower of Babel governing sports teams, student discipline and even, and most dubiously, sexual consent.'

Gabor's misandry

Matt · 19 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

As the entertainment world marks Zsa Zsa Gabor's passing, they completely fail to call out her misandry. She speaks for herself here. Society may think it's cute, but I don't. Imagine if a man proudly said similar such things. Excerpt:

Hopeless Afghan struggle to save boy sex slaves

Matt · 19 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If these were girls, you can bet Obama and the UN would be all over it. Excerpt:

'Shirin is among 13 families AFP traced and interviewed across three Afghan provinces who said their children were taken for the pervasive practice of "bacha bazi", or paedophilic exploitation, in Western-backed security forces.

Their testimonies shine a rare spotlight on the anguished, solitary struggles to free sons, nephews and cousins from a tradition of culturally-sanctioned enslavement and rape.

Shirin recalled how his 13-year-old brother-in-law screamed and writhed as he was taken from his home earlier this year by a police commander in southern Helmand.

"When I begged for his release, his men pointed their guns and said: 'Do you want your family to die? Forget your boy'," Shirin told AFP in Lashkar Gah.

"Our boys are openly abducted for bacha bazi. Where should we go for help? The Taliban?"'

Manthreading, mansplaining, manflu - man I'm sick of this misandrist nonsense

Mastodon · 20 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We all accept that gendering negative behaviour traits like "nagging" or being "bossy" is an unacceptable double standard when the same is celebrated when exhibited by men. So why do we allow some behaviour in men to be deemed negative or problematic, while ignoring it in women?

Last week Alana Hope Levinson wrote for Gizmodo, which has a Twitter audience of 2 million. Alana used this audience to highlight a new form of oppression: manthreading.

Manthreading - or as it's also known, "threading" - is linking together a series of tweets, when you want to say something in more than 140 characters. Threads are usually signposted - "this is a thread". Sometimes they're numbered.
...
There's no problem with having an issue with threads, but there is with gendering the phenomenon. Is this manthreading? Is this? No. It's sexist to problematise behaviour in one sex and not the other.'

Women really are better doctors, study suggests

Mastodon · 20 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If male doctors were able to do as well as their female counterparts when treating elderly patients in the hospital, they could save 32,000 lives a year, according to a study of 1.5 million hospital visits.

A month after patients were hospitalized, there was a small but significant difference in the likelihood that they were still alive or had to be readmitted to the hospital depending on the gender of the doctor who cared for them, according to the study published in JAMA Internal Medicine. Although the analysis can't prove the gender of the physician was the determining factor, the researchers made multiple efforts to rule out other explanations.'

Girls in juvenile justice: Treating the victim as a criminal

Mastodon · 20 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Too often, girls end up in Maryland's juvenile justice system not because they are a danger to society but because society is a danger to them. The are far more likely to have suffered physical, sexual or emotional abuse than boys who are committed to juvenile facilities, yet they tend to receive harsher punishments for lesser offenses — and get fewer chances for rehabilitation and education. When they act out in anger, fear or frustration at circumstances they did not create and cannot control, they are too often treated as criminals, not victims, a self-fulfilling prophecy that puts them at even greater risk.

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This is not just a Maryland problem, and it is not new. Girls have been treated unequally in the juvenile justice system for generations, whether because of sexist notions about appropriate behavior or the greater attention that has been focused on rehabilitation for boys. The result too often has been to criminalize victimhood, to punish those who have already suffered the most. It cannot continue.'

Meet the 'Mistress Killer' making her fortune catching scorned wives' love rivals and battering them in the street

Matt · 20 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Imagine if a group of men were doing this, either to unfaithful women or men. The police would end it immediately. Even in China, nymphotropism knows no limit. Excerpt:

'A scorned woman set up a business catching the mistresses of men who have strayed - and then beating them up in the street.

The 'Mistress Killer', aka Zhang Yufen, is well known in Henan Province, China, for her very unusual private eye agency.

She spies on the mistresses of her clients' husbands and collects information on their cheating behaviour.

Zhang then confronts the 'other women' in the act - earning her title after a string of vicious, and often humiliating, attacks.

She set up the agency after finding out that her husband had played away.'

Minnesota’s failed football boycott was a blow to fairness in campus sexual assault hearings

Matt · 21 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Minnesota football team’s recent failed boycott of their upcoming bowl game represents a terrible blow to those who care about due process on campus.

For a brief, shining moment, it seemed that finally, someone with a measure of power would be willing to stand up to what is often a deeply unfair sexual misconduct process on college campuses.

It was exciting to hear student athletes talking about due process. If the boycott had succeeded, it could have emboldened other students, whether bowl-bound athletes or people of similar stature, to consider standing up for their friends next time something like this happened.

Many schools advocated “bystander awareness” — basically the idea that when something bad is happening, good people should object to it and try to stop it. Being an active participant in what happens in the world around us is important; we all have an obligation to stop bad things when we can. That’s true whether the thing being stopped is a sexual assault or violation of someone’s rights by the government.

The problem with the Minnesota boycott isn’t really that the boycott failed. It’s that the Minnesota football players did not realize they’d picked the wrong case to stand up for.

There is a widely known phrase in the law that essentially defines this case: “Bad facts make bad law, and good facts make good law.” Having defended students at more than 50 colleges across the country and reviewed the extraordinarily detailed 80-page investigative report prepared by the university’s Title IX office, the facts described there were uniquely horrifying.'

Children Don’t Exist to Advance Your Politics

Mastodon · 24 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'`There were two parts to the feeling: I had to mourn the life I thought I was supposed to have, the elder daughter of my two girls (why do we plan things we cannot control?!), and I had to come to terms with having a relationship with a son that I had never really considered. There were dark moments in the middle of the night (when all those dark thoughts come), when I felt sick at the thought of something male growing inside me.`

And looking to the future, the anxiety grew: How do you raise a white, middle-class boy not to think his own experience is the default experience of the world?

`How do you counter a society that makes things easier for him than for others, and make him see it? See how it is for women, for people of colour?`

But all was not lost. Dunning, refusing to bend to the patriarchy, decided to embrace the opportunity. “I will raise a feminist boy,” she declares.

`I will point sexism out to him at every turn, and he will never get away with it without being called out. I will show him that girls are just people like him and that products and art targeted at them are no less valuable or enjoyable. He will be immersed in feminism by a family who models it in their everyday life.`

She will, she says proudly, “do feminism a great service.”

The last hundred years are stocked to excess with the utterances of the apparatchiks of totalitarian ideologies: the brainwashed praise of “comrades” and “Dear Leaders.” But sinister ideologies don’t always take the form of men in boots and epaulets. Sometimes they are soft, even cooing.
...
It’s a delicate matter to question someone else’s child-rearing, but it seems that a boy should be brought up not to be a good feminist, or a good Communist, or a good Republican, but to be a good man.'

"Homo Obnoxious: Is Toxic Masculinity Really Taking Over the Country?"

Mastodon · 26 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yikes. But before we concede that toxic masculinity has suddenly reasserted itself as the dominant force in the cultural universe, let's pause to take a breath. Let's admit, for example, that although arenas of male experiences differ depending on where you live and how much money you have, Homo Obnoxious was never just a creature of any one party, class or region. The truth is that he is nurtured at every stage of an American boy's journey into manhood, and without trying to understand what our society does to promote his development and how boys and men might be persuaded to reject his allure, he will continue his rampage across the land.

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Teaching kids the value of creative collaboration and offering rational guidance on sexuality or gender relations at school has to be a part of cultivating a different path to manhood. American sex education, for example, if it is taught at all, often consists of either shaming abstinence lessons or alarming medical discussions of STDs and pregnancy, with little acknowledgment of the need to develop compassionate ways to express sexuality or the importance of challenging sexual stereotypes in media and culture. It doesn't have to be that way; in a New York Times op-ed, Pamela Druckerman highlighted how topics like the complexity of love are openly discussed in French sex-ed, while Dutch teachers work to inculcate respect for people who don't fit traditional sexual and gender molds.

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College men — and young men who don't go to college —need to have positive narratives that allow them to feel good about being men and being men together. Challenging sexual assault is important, but they need to learn much more than "no means no": they need guidance in emotional honesty and intimacy, the challenges of navigating relationships and masculine ideals to strive for in which cultivating large numbers of women as hookups and drinking into oblivion are not the marks of masculine status. Beyond this, they need to see that life offers them more than the prospect of being a loser in the workforce that awaits them when schooling is done, and they also need opportunities to see that work in areas like caregiving, for example, are rich in positive masculine values. When a male nurse can be viewed as stronger and sexier than a Wall Street parasite, we will have gotten somewhere.

Popular culture reflects a hunger for a vision of masculinity that rejects Homo Obnoxious. Jesse Pinkman, the young meth cook in the TV series Breaking Bad, illustrates the despair of recession-era young men without decent job prospects who search for status, meaning, and self-worth. There's a lot wrong with Jesse, but in his evolution as a character we see his growing resolve to form intimate, caring bonds with the women in his life and the men in his posse, too. The blockbuster franchise Fast and Furious shows the need for even the most testosterone-driven men — racecar drivers in this case — to develop respect and lasting relationships with the men and women in their social group.

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Unfortunately, much in the manosphere openly promotes the far more noxious stuff, like sexual predation in the pickup community, where guys give each other creepy tips on "mind-controlling" women and duping them into sex. Other sites, like Mensactivism, boil with anger at feminists and take a paranoid stance against what they imagine is an epidemic of false rape claims and women who will take advantage of them at every opportunity. Mensactivism buzzes with articles like "Men are the downtrodden sex" and blogs expressing hope that a Trump presidency "could radically change colleges' response to sexual assault." In these sites, loneliness and fear are vented as rage — the rage that comes when people don't know what to do with their suffering.

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Men are confused, and how could they not be? Ever since the 1950s brought women into the workforce en masse,

and the Pill released them from reproductive shackles in the ‘60s, a profound change in human relations has been happening in painful fits and starts. In the grand scheme of history, a few decades is an incredibly short amount of time to adjust to such a cataclysm. No wonder we’re still flailing about trying to figure out how to cope. Identity, expectations, culture and hormones are a complex dance. Social construction is a dynamic process, and hardly linear.'

Former student accused of rape sues school, accuser for defamation

Mastodon · 27 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Indiana University student is suing the university, saying it gave preferential treatment to a female student who accused him of rape and makes "numerous mandates to make it more difficult for males accused of sexual misconduct to defend themselves."

Aaron Farrer, a 21-year-old from Lafayette, was accused of rape in September 2015 after a female student said Farrer took advantage of her drunken state. The woman showed police a text message she received from Farrer the next day apologizing for the incident. Farrer told police the woman consented to sex, and initiated the act.

That November, Farrer was expelled from school, according to court documents. The case against him was dismissed in September 2016 in Monroe Superior Court because of insufficient evidence.

This week, Farrer filed the federal lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, saying he was defamed and was a victim of intentional infliction of emotional distress. He also alleges his constitutional rights were violated.'

Myanmar men may face jail for not marrying pregnant women

Matt · 28 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The anti-DV laws and making gang rape a capital offense... if they have actual presumed innocence in their courts, not so bad. The capital punishment might be controversal some but you can see why they'd do it. But enforced marriage? Yikes! Let's hope they come to their senses soon. Excerpt:

'Myanmar's government is drafting a law that could see men jailed for up to seven years for getting a woman pregnant but not marrying her, a senior official said on Wednesday.

The provision is part of tough new legislation designed to strengthen women's rights as the country opens up after half a century of military rule.

Director of the social welfare department Naw Tha Wah said the new law would criminalise domestic violence for the first time and make gang-rape a capital offence.

If passed in parliament, the law would also carry a penalty of up to five years in prison for any man who refuses to marry a woman after they have lived together, and up to seven if she is pregnant.

"We are now drafting a bill to protect women and prevent violence against them," Naw Tha Wah told AFP.'

Fathers Not Included in Minnesota Grants Program for Mothers

charlie · 28 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Grants have been made available to single mothers, but not fathers in a Minnesota grant program for single mothers. No justification is given for excluding fathers. Excerpt:

'New grant money is being used by a dozen organizations in Minnesota to help pregnant and parenting women face and conquer their substance-abuse problems. Just over $4 million has been distributed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services, and the same amount has been approved for the next two years as well.

Clair Wilson with DHS says the Women's Recovery Services grants allow groups to provide comprehensive, family-centered services that are specific to high-risk women. Since the program began in 2011, she says, "We've seen women being less likely to use substances, more likely to stay in recovery, more connected to community support, more likely not to experience homelessness, more likely to be employed."'

Time to Reform the Kangaroo Courts on Campus

Mastodon · 29 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'The University of Minnesota football team's dramatic walkout in protest of what they saw as unfair treatment of 10 fellow players in a campus sexual-assault investigation came to an end on Dec. 17. But it made national headlines for imperiling the team's trip to the Dec. 27 Holiday Bowl and for the players' demands that their accused teammates receive a "fair hearing" with a "diverse review panel."

The solidarity shown by the University of Minnesota players and the attention the team's protest drew could prove a powerful blow to the Education Department's efforts to regulate sex and speech on campus through the abuse of Title IX, the federal law against sex discrimination in education.

In September, following allegations that Minnesota football players had sexually assaulted another student, Minneapolis law enforcement investigated and declined to charge any player with a crime. Yet the university's Title IX investigation into the same incident—which lacked full access to some video evidence used by police—resulted in 10 players' suspensions from the team, angering members and inspiring the walkout.'

India: False marriage proposals lead to a quarter of registered rape cases in Delhi

Mastodon · 29 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Delhi Police data has revealed that a quarter of the total rape cases registered in the national Capital this year belong to accusations of sex under 'false promise of marriage'.

The annual figures also show a marginal dip, 1.93 per cent, in the total rape cases reported.

In 2015, Delhi recorded 2,069 rape cases, the highest in previous 15 years.

Just as promises of marriage can be fraudulent, legal experts say certain grey areas in Section 375 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, allow a complainant to take advantage of the situation when a relationship turns sour and ends.

A few recent observations of higher courts across the country in this regard substantiate this belief.'

Woman who allegedly filed false rape complaint with police put in program

Mastodon · 29 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Danbury woman accused of filing a false rape complaint against a man in Bristol has been granted a program that could allow her to elude a conviction.

Mercedes Testone, 21, was granted the Supervised Diversionary Program Tuesday at her hearing in Bristol Superior Court. Judge Richard Dyer, who OK'd the program, said she will get treatment for an "emotional disability" — the details of which were not disclosed.

Dyer made a ruling that Testone's disability had a "substantially adverse" effect on her behavior and could have contributed to her allegedly making a fake rape story up.

If Testone is successful in treatment, her case will be dismissed on June 19, 2018. She was arrested Sept. 29 and charged with second-degree falsely reporting an incident and second-degree false statement.'

American Colleges Are Approaching a Constitutional Crisis

Mastodon · 29 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Intent on establishing progressive utopias, universities and federal bureaucrats are together systematically violating the constitutional rights of students and professors. The stories are legion, the legal standards are unconscionable, and it's past time for other branches of American government to step in and set things right.
...
Then consider this legal complaint, directed at Indiana University. It is simply astounding. The university expelled a male student for sexual misconduct even though the female student allegedly admitted that she invited the male student into her bedroom, asked him to retrieve a sex toy, and asked him to have sex with her. She told the Bloomington police department, "I was, like, telling him, like, to have sex with me."

The resulting university proceedings were allegedly a due-process horror show, featuring university hearing officers trained by an official "who admits that he starts each case believing the [defendant] is guilty." The lawsuit points to news reports where this same official admitted to trying to "break" another defendant.'

Feminists Lash Out At Steve Martin For Calling Carrie Fisher ‘Beautiful’

Mastodon · 29 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Twitter users are outraged on with Steve Martin for the tribute he paid to Carrie Fisher.

News broke of the iconic actress’ tragic death on Tuesday, prompting reactions from fans and colleagues all around the entertainment industry.

“When I was a young man, Carrie Fisher was the most beautiful creature I had ever seen. She turned out to be witty and bright as well,” Martin wrote in a since-deleted tweet.
...
“Princess Leia’s status as the catalyst of male sexual awakening has been alluded to countless times in pop culture,” says The Cut. “And on Tuesday, Steve Martin helpfully reminded us of this fact in a now-deleted tweet when he said that for him as a young man, ‘she was the most beautiful creature I had ever seen.’”

Martin’s tweet objectified the actress and Fisher herself would be offended by the tweet, the feminist author Claire Landsbaum argues.

"That characterization of Leia — as a wet dream for prepubescent men — is something Fisher spoke out against her whole career,” Landsbaum shrieked.'

Chicago Review Of Books Boycotts Simon & Schuster Over Milo Deal

Mastodon · 30 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Chicago Review of Books tweeted today that they would not be reviewing any books published by Simon and Schuster in 2017, calling the publishing of Breitbart Senior Editor MILO's book, DANGEROUS, a "disgusting validation of hate."

The Chicago Review of Books tweeted from their official Twitter account today, retweeting Judd Legum, the editor of Thinkprogress who falsely slandered MILO by referring to him as a "white supremacist". The Review stated, "In response to this disgusting validation of hate, we will not cover a single @simonschuster book in 2017."

When asked for comment on the Chicago Review of Books' anti-intellectual boycott of Simon and Schuster books, MILO said "Contrary to rumor, I didn't give the Chicago Review of Books my $250k in exchange for this, the sort of free publicity about which every controversial author dreams."'

Also see: Sarah Silverman and Judd Apatow Join Movement to Stop Publication of Milo's Book

Congressman Wants To Throw Out Campus Rape Rule He Says Is Unfair To The ‘Often-Innocent Accused’

Mastodon · 31 December 2016 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) is urging President-elect Donald Trump to repeal certain campus sexual assault guidelines because he believes they deny the “often-innocent accused” their rights.

Meadows is targeting specific standards championed by Vice President Joe Biden and advanced by the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights in 2011.

Under Title IX, a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities, university investigations into sexual assault must be based on a preponderance of evidence — unlike in criminal courts, which require proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

Meadows, the incoming House Freedom Caucus chairman, wrote in his report about his targeted rules that “[Title IX procedure] virtually dictates one-size-fits-all procedures which provide less protection to the accused, and deny the often-innocent accused basic due process rights.”'

Male college students to undergo ‘critical self-reflection’ of masculinity

Mastodon · 3 January 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Wisconsin-Madison is currently taking applications for its “Men’s Project,” a six-week program that aims to counter the alleged harmful effects of society’s masculinity paradigms and pressures and empower participants to promote “gender equity.”

“Men’s Project creates a space for critical self-reflection and dialogue about what it means to be a man and how masculinity impacts us and those around us,” organizers state in promoting the effort.

“The experience focuses on the examination of societal images, expectations, and messages around masculinity to empower men to better understand themselves, promote the advancement of gender equity, and raise consciousness in their communities,” organizers add.'

Cancer death rates decline, but still higher for men

mens_issues · 5 January 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Cancer death rates have declined since 1991, but are still higher for men. I wonder which gender gets most of the healthcare funding. Excerpt:

'The cancer death rate in the United States has dropped by 25 percent since its 1991 peak, resulting in 2 million fewer cancer deaths than if the rate had stayed the same, the American Cancer Society said Thursday in a new report.

The group attributed the decrease largely to reductions in smoking and improvements in the early detection and treatment of cancer. But a significant gender gap remains: The cancer death rate is 40 percent higher for men than women, and the incidence of cancer is 20 percent higher in men.

That gender disparity reflects differences in the kind of cancers that men and women develop. For example, liver cancer, which is often lethal, is three times more common in men, largely because of their higher rates of hepatitis C infection, smoking and excess alcohol consumption. The largest gender disparities are for cancers of the esophagus, larynx and bladder; incidence and death rates are four times higher in men, the report said.'

Police: Teacher accused of sex acts with student fled country

Matt · 8 January 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An arrest warrant has been issued for a Franklin High School teacher after detectives found that she engaged in sex acts with a student, Baltimore County police said.

Police said Ekatherine Pappas, 24, of Nottingham, started teaching Spanish at the school on Nov. 16.

A school resource officer became aware Thursday of a video showing a female teacher engaged in a sex act with a male student, police said.

"He came across a student who actually had a copy of the video on their phone," Baltimore County police Officer Jennifer Peach said.

Detectives confirmed the existence of the video and the teacher's involvement in sex acts with the 16-year-old student on two occasions, once on Dec. 21 and again on Dec. 22. The incidents were not committed on school property, police said.'

Single Mom January Jones: Father Figure Would Be Toxic For My Son

Mastodon · 9 January 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Toxic masculinity is a very real problem. Just ask January Jones.

The former Mad Men actress says she's a proud single mom whose son doesn't need a father because she doesn't want a man around the house to teach him "sh**ty things."

Speaking to Red magazine, the actress best known for her role as Betty Draper says that she prefers to parent her five-year-old son Xander without any dad figures in his life. She believes having a strong male influence would do the boy more harm than good.

"It's good to have strong women around a man. To teach him to respect women," she said. "He doesn't have a male person in his life saying 'don't cry' or 'you throw like a girl.' All those sh**ty things dads accidentally do."'

Denying due process for campus sex assault cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'No longer content to deny due process to accused university students in the wake of often unsubstantiated and frequently false charges of sexual harassment and assault, there is now a movement toward destroying any hope for these students to transfer to other colleges and universities. On Dec. 8, Rep. Jackie Speier, California Democrat, introduced a bill requiring transcript notation for those students who try to transfer to other colleges or universities after being found “responsible” for violations of Title IX policies on sexual harassment and assault.

Creating a new “check the box” requirement specifically for the transcripts of the (mostly) male students who have become ensnared in Title IX’s ever-expanding net for campus “sex crimes,” Ms. Speier issued a press release to introduce the Safe Transfer Act, which would require a posting or a warning on the academic transcript of any student found by a college or university to have violated the school’s rules or policies with regard to Title IX’s policies on sexual harassment and assault.'

Senators Ask Trump to Keep Federal Campus-Sexual-Assault Guidelines in Place

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'Shortly after a Republican lawmaker recommended that President-elect Donald Trump roll back federal campus-sexual-assault guidelines, two Democratic senators sent a letter to Trump on Thursday urging him to keep the rules in place, BuzzFeed News reports.

In a letter obtained by BuzzFeed, Democratic senators Patty Murray and Bob Casey asked Trump not to rescind a 2011 Dear Colleague letter that was issued by the Department of Education, which clarified how schools must respond to sexual violence under the Title IX gender-equality law. Yet, in December, Republican representative Mark Meadows included the letter in a report on regulations he wants to see repealed or changed during Trump's first 100 days. According to USA Today, Meadows believes the campus-sexual-assault guidelines are "one-size fits all" and "deny the often-innocent accused basic due process rights."

Casey and Murray pointed out in their letter that the Education Department laid out "preponderance of evidence" standards for campus-sexual-assault investigations. Under the standard, school officials have to decide if they're more than 50 percent certain of someone's guilt. That standard is lower than the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard used in criminal court, but still "well established" for civil-rights violations and civil-court proceedings.'

Joe Biden Says He’s Working to Convince the Trump Administration to Prioritize Sexual Assault Prevention

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'Vice President Joe Biden said Thursday that he is working to convince President-elect Donald Trump’s administration to prioritize the issue of sexual assault on campus.

“I’m no longer going to be Vice President, but I’m going to be associated with several major universities and have a significant staff,” Biden said, hinting at his post-White House plans. “I’m going to be setting up a foundation that is going to devote the rest of my life to dealing with violence against women.”

Biden made the remarks at the White House’s It’s On Us Summit, an event aimed at preventing sexual assault on college campuses.'

In campus rape cases, colleges to learn sexual advances go both ways

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'Aaron Farrer was expelled from Indiana University in Nov. 2015 for allegedly sexually assaulting a female student. Farrer is now suing the university for violating his rights and suing his accuser for defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Farrer said in his lawsuit that he met his accuser when he moved into an off-campus apartment complex. She was his neighbor.

Farrer's lawsuit alleges that it was the female student who began "aggressive(ly) flirting" with him, even though her roommates claimed she had boyfriends in two different states. Farrer's lawsuit includes text messages from his accuser that were sent to him while he was patrolling an IU football game as an IU Police Department cadet.'

"No Touching"

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'If you’re male and 18 and waiting anxiously for your acceptance at a prestigious coastal liberal arts college or university, the authors of The Campus Rape Frenzy would undoubtedly have two words of advice: Don’t go. That is, if you plan on any sexual M.O. other than abstinence.

If you do go and then have sex, your partner (let’s say ze is a she) can, under current rules, accuse you of sexual assault or rape if you kiss her or reach for her hand without her permission, can say that she was afraid of you when she did give permission and so was coerced, can claim that after a single drink she was under the influence of alcohol and therefore unable to give consent (you can be way drunker, but that doesn’t matter), and can make these claims months after the fact without you being aware that she has made them.

Think that’s scary? What happens next is even worse. Following guidelines from the Obama administration Office of Civil Rights, you will likely be denied representation by a lawyer, forbidden from presenting exonerating evidence or asking questions of your accuser (who will invariably be referred to as the “victim” or the “survivor”), be subject to the decision of a college administrator who is under pressure to show that her (as it almost always is) institution is eagerly working with the federal government’s esoteric understanding of Title IX, and found guilty if there is a 50.01 percent chance you failed to get consent, or lost it at some point unbeknownst to you. The press will rake you over the coals and your future, now that you’re expelled and branded a sexual malefactor, will be compromised.'

Obama undermines Trump on civil rights with last-minute appointments

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'Obama appointed the Education Department's assistant secretary for civil rights, Catherine Lhamon, and defense attorney Debo Adegbile to be commissioners on the Civil Rights commission. Most of the media has simply ignored the appointments, the Left has praised them and right-leaning outlets have focused heavily or exclusively on Adegbile. While Adegbile certainly has his share of problems, I can say that at the very least the man likely believes in due process.

The same cannot be said of Lhamon, who has been instrumental in eroding due process protections on college campuses. Lhamon co-authored the infamous 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter from the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights, which severely limited accused students' due process rights when suspected of sexual assault or harassment. This letter is not legally binding, but it effectively carries the force of law because if schools don't comply they face being named publicly as under investigation for not creating safe environments for students, and risk losing federal funding if they refuse to change their policies. (Other departments' investigations are not so public, and no school has dared risk a loss of funding).'

Trump nominee criticized over FIRE donations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Republican megadonor Betsy DeVos has given thousands of dollars to an advocacy group that is seeking to overturn an Obama administration policy that made it easier to discipline college students accused of sexual harassment or assault.

The donations, totaling $10,000, by Donald Trump's Education secretary pick have prompted criticism from Democrats and women's groups in the run-up to her confirmation hearing next week.

DeVos has not spoken publicly about the Education Department's aggressive approach to campus sexual assault, but women's groups and Democrats say her donations to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education send a troubling signal. FIRE has sued the administration to raise the standard of proof for victims of sexual assault in university administrative hearings contending it is unfair to the accused.

The donations are "a red flag," said Lisa Maatz, the top policy adviser at the American Association of University Women, which advocates for strict enforcement of Title IX, the federal law that governs sex discrimination, harassment and sexual assault on college campuses. "In the absence of an actual record … I think these kinds of donations take on even greater importance, because we have to rely on her contributions to inform us on particular issues."'

Politico’s misleading article on Betsy DeVos and campus sexual assault

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'Politico has published an article attempting to make Donald Trump’s pick for Education Secretary, Betsy DeVos, look like she’s against victims of campus sexual assault.

The very first sentence of the article, written by Benjamin Wermund, makes this bias clear: “Education secretary pick Betsy DeVos has given thousands of dollars to an advocacy group that wants to raise the burden of proof for campus sexual assault victims.”

Right off the bat, Wermund is referring to accusers as “victims,” a common tactic for activists who want people to believe that no one would ever lie about sexual assault. Colleges and universities (and lawmakers like Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand) do this too. By calling accusers “victims,” activists can make it seem like it is already a fact that they have been sexually assaulted, and therefore any attempt to advocate for due process rights or an investigation makes someone anti-victim.'

No Boys Allowed: The New Rule of Co-Working Spaces

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'It's 11 a.m. on a recent Friday, and 29-year-old Audrey Gelman—public-relations powerhouse, former Hillary Clinton press aide, longtime friend of Lena Dunham's—is sitting on a pink couch at the Wing, the co-working space and social club she co-founded this October in New York. A man walks through the elevator doors, and Gelman throws him a friendly wave. "That's our AV guy," she says. "He's basically the only man that comes through here."

That's because the Wing—so-named because, like the wing of a house, it's a separate space—is just for women. Co-working is hardly new; industry trade magazine Deskmag estimated there would be 10,000 co-working spots worldwide by the end of 2016. But female-focused spaces have become a niche in the industry as a response to contemporary feminism and a reaction against fratty venues that advertise kegs and pingpong. "Women are craving community, connection, and confidence, and that's what we're going to give them," says Stacy Taubman, 38, founder of Rise Collaborative, which is set to open in St. Louis this month and will offer members networking events, a book club, and a chance to mentor teens. Then there's SheWorks Collective, also in Manhattan; New Women Space, in Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Hera Hub, in Phoenix, Southern California, Washington, D.C., and Stockholm.
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In addition to a pastel-and-gold-tinted communal workspace and a library with books (yes, there's a copy of Virginia Woolf's A Room of One's Own) arranged by color, the Wing provides its 400 members with on-demand blowouts, a lactation room, and vanities stocked with trendy beauty products from partners including Glossier, Diptyque, and Ouai Haircare. Membership is $1,950 a year or $185 a month, plus a one-time registration fee of $100—and whatever extra you spend on hair and makeup services or soba noodles and lattes. Subscriptions have doubled since the club opened, Gelman says, and the Wing's Instagram account has more than 45,000 followers. "Part of that is having a personality and a distinct point of view," she says, "which means not being everything to everyone."'

Bustle Writer Womansplains How to Womansplain to Mansplainers

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'Think it's obnoxious when men hold forth? The feminist response is to one-up them by giving them condescending reading assignments, argues Sadie L. Trombetta of the women's website Bustle.

One way mansplaining manifests itself, Trombetta complains, is "a man proclaiming a woman is misinformed because she disagrees with him."

Annoyed by this phenomenon, Trombetta has chosen not one but five books "to give the men in your life so you don't have to keep explaining [mansplaining]." Those book recs, together, constitute more than 1,500 pages of reading.

We'd wager a hefty sum that no man who considers Trombetta misinformed has ever given her five books to remedy her supposed lack of knowledge.

Trombetta unintentionally reveals her double standard, in part by womansplaining mansplaining.

One of Trombetta's recommendations is Men Explain Things to Me. The title is pretty self-explanatory, but Trombetta womansplains to her presumably female readers that it "sheds light on the phenomenon that is now commonly referred to as 'mansplaining.'"'

Anti-Free Speech Professors Demand Milo Ban Ahead of Show

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'A group of UC Berkeley professors have demanded that Breitbart Senior Editor MILO be banned from the campus ahead of his show on February 1st, prompting the college's chancellor to defend MILO's constitutional right to speak.

In their letter to UC Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas Dirks, the professors falsely accuse MILO of advocating "white supremacy" and claim that though they allegedly support free speech and academic freedom, MILO should be counted as an exception.

"We are writing to implore you to cancel a planned speaking engagement by Milo Yiannopoulos, who has been invited by Berkeley College Republicans for February 1, 2017," wrote the professors in the letter. "We support both freedom of speech and academic freedom on campus and realize that controversial views must be tolerated in any campus community dedicated to open debate and opposed to censorship. Although we object strenuously to Yiannopoulos's views – he advocates white supremacy, transphobia, and misogyny – it is rather his harmful conduct to which we call attention in asking for the cancellation of this event."'

Also see:

- Fake News: UC Davis Leftists Post Anti-MILO Posters Featuring Fake Rape Quote
- Milo invite sparks 'malicious attack' on Berkeley College Republicans; private info leaked

Judge rejects subpoena on rape accuser who admitted she violated blacked-out student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'She admitted in text messages to performing oral sex on her blacked-out sex partner, but she won't have to submit to a deposition in that student's lawsuit against Amherst College for expelling him as a rapist.

In a little-noticed order in the long-running due process and Title IX lawsuit, issued shortly after the November election, a federal judge refused to grant a subpoena on student "Sandra Jones" sought by plaintiff "John Doe."

Because Jones has since moved to Washington state, the ruling on the subpoena was made in the U.S. District Court in Seattle.'

Mom gets probation for rape of 13-year-old boy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 46-year-old woman was put on probation after pleading guilty to having sex with her daughter's 13-year-old boyfriend.

Elaine B. Goodman of Dover, Del., faced up to 15 years in prison when she pleaded guilty in November in Kent County Superior Court, but Thursday the Honorable Robert B. Young took into account that this was "an aberration" and that Goodman has shown compassion not only in taking care of her elderly parents but also to others in the community.

"This came out of the blue," Young said. "The crime is egregious and affected the victim and his family, which was taken into account. But incarceration is not the answer."'

Milo UC Davis Event Cancelled After Leftists Tear Down Barricades, Engage In Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MILO's event at the University of California, Davis has been cancelled after protesters tore down barricades and engaged in scuffles outside the venue. A camerman for ABC10 was also attacked with hot coffee.

MILO and his co-speaker, entrepeneur Martin Shkreli are both reportedly unharmed. Arrests have reportedly been made.

Shrekli was videoed outside the venue, where he explained his plans to explain third-wave feminism to MILO.'

Man Ordered To Pay Child Support Despite Not Being Father

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'A man in Oklahoma is hoping to change the law after he has to continue to pay child support for a baby that is not his, according to our affiliate KOTV.

When Thomas' high school girlfriend got pregnant, he married her. Five months later she had a little boy and he believed he had a son, but their marriage fell apart.

Thomas decided to take a paternity test when the boy was three years old.

"It comes back zero percent. I was in my office and I saw that. I should've expected it but I didn't and it hit me. I'm telling my co-worker how shocked I am that someone could do this to someone," he said.

The judge ordered Thomas to take another DNA test and he got the same result. The judge first ruled that Thomas was off the hook financially, but then reversed the decision because Oklahoma law says men must question paternity within two years of the child's birth.

Thomas said that he had no reason to question it before he did, but, because he missed the deadline, the judge ordered him to pay around $500 a month in child support and nearly $15,000 in back support – for a child that is not his.'

Feminists Against Due Process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday Politico reported on the latest attack against Betsy DeVos, Donald Trump's nominee for secretary of education. DeVos and her husband donated $10,000 to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), a nonpartisan organization that defends free speech, religious liberty, and due process on college campuses.

Some people, however, don't much care for due process — especially when young men are accused of serious offenses like rape or sexual assault. FIRE opposes lawless Obama administration guidelines that mandate low burdens of proof for campus sexual-assault tribunals without also mandating proper due-process protections for the accused. In other words, it opposes the amateurish kangaroo courts that pass for "campus justice" in the age of Obama.'

Kangaroo courts won’t solve campus sexual assault problem

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'Dear Betsy: Even students who’ve been accused of sexual assault deserve the chance to defend themselves.

Betsy DeVos is President-elect Donald Trump’s pick for secretary of education. This past week, groups such as End Rape on Campus launched a #DearBetsy social-media campaign urging DeVos to continue the Obama administration’s policies, under which schools across the country have defined sexual assault in expansive terms and scaled back protections for students accused of it.

Meanwhile, the American Association of University Women, among other organizations, has zeroed in on the $10,000 that DeVos gave to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, an ACLU-like outfit that, among other things, supports due-process rules.

You might not like DeVos’s financial conflicts or her family’s record on LGBT issues — I don’t — but the #DearBetsy campaign and the controversy over her FIRE donations show how ideological and unmoored the campus rape debate has become.'

Feminists: Man Clubs Are Sexist, But Woman Clubs Are Awesome Sauce

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'Imagine, if you will, the most oppressive, retrograde fictional male executive you can possibly cook up. Perhaps he looks like Don Draper, but with terrible clothes and an impressive gut. Maybe he's Alec Baldwin in "Glengarry Glen Ross." If you're a more winsome, youthful sort, your favorite imaginary oppressor might be the brawny, clueless Gaston from "Beauty in the Beast."

Whatever form your chosen theoretical corporate bad guy may take, get ready for some shocking news: Odds are, he wouldn't get the heaps of glowing coverage recently dished out to a hip circle of New York feminists and their new women-only "work and social space."

"No Boys Allowed: The New Rule of Co-Working Spaces," declared the title of a BloombergBusinessweek profile on January 4. Here's the lead: "It's 11 a.m. on a recent Friday, and 29-year-old Audrey Gelman—public-relations powerhouse, former Hillary Clinton press aide, longtime friend of Lena Dunham's—is sitting on a pink couch at the Wing, the co-working space and social club she co-founded this October in New York."
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"Taking up space can be a profound act in a society where men have the power and the prestige," The Wing's website says, apparently unaware it is already becoming slightly insufferable. "At The Wing, all the rules are written by women." One of those rules, in case you're wondering, is that there are no books written by men, at least not in the club's library. (You'll be heartened to learn that Maureen Dowd's masterpiece "Are Men Necessary?" pluckily makes an appearance.)'

Dear men: Here is your engraved invitation to join the Women's March on Washington

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dear men of America: If you have been waiting for your engraved invitation to participate in this march, please consider it delivered. Imagine me slipping an envelope under your door late at night, like a bid to an exclusive social club instead of a public protest. There are conditions on this invitation, however. You will not automatically be put in charge, which might be a shock to some of your systems. You are being invited instead to do what women have done for generations: Show up and ask "What can I do?" You will be put to work.

I am truly sorry that our culture has conditioned you to automatically reject anything branded as a "woman thing," out of fear of violence and/or social rejection. But now is not the time to be a quiet and passive supporter of women. Perhaps after this march you can have your own painful and necessary dialogues about why you waited for women to organize a powerful show of resistance and then, instead of being grateful for the opportunity to participate, some of you pouted about not having a seat at the planning table. Perhaps you can have your own painful and necessary dialogues about being in thrall to superficial branding over substance, because this march and the movement it is galvanizing are about women's lives, not our lifestyles, and deserve to be treated with accordant gravity.'

Brief video on male DV victims

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Video here. This is a good, brief video on male DV victims and the problems they face getting help for it.

Teacher gets ten years for sex with 13-YO

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A former Texas middle-school teacher who was impregnated by a 13-year-old student has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Alexandria Vera, 25, was facing up to 30 years behind bars after pleading guilty to aggravated sexual assault of a child in November. She admitted to police that a relationship that started with Instagram messages between her and the boy blossomed into a romance — one that the boy's family approved of.

A judge in the 209th District Court in Houston said during Vera's sentencing hearing on Friday that he does not believe the former English teacher is a danger to children or a classic pedophile, the Houston Chronicle reported. But Judge Michael McSpadden said he wants to send a message to the community by giving Vera some prison time.'

Schools offer ‘safe spaces’ to combat ‘toxic masculinity’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Several universities are taking advantage of the new year to renew their efforts against “toxic masculinity,” with some schools hosting events that will “construct new futures for masculinities.”

At Oregon State University, for instance, students are invited to attend a “healthy masculinities conference” where they will “engage in collective imagining to construct new futures for masculinities, unrestricted by power, privilege, and oppression.”

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Duke University’s “Men’s Project,” meanwhile, is looking for applicants for a “nine-week long discussion group” that will also “examine the ways we present—or don’t present—our masculinities, so we can better understand how masculinity exists on our campus—often in toxic ways—and begin the work of unlearning violence.”

“We want to explore, dissect, and construct an intersectional understanding of masculinity and maleness, as well as to create destabilized spaces for those with privilege,” a description of the program explains. “Duke is an environment where some are rarely made uncomfortable while others are made to bear the weight of their identities on a daily basis—we aim to flip that paradigm.”'

Bill would restrict colleges' response to sexual assault reports

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A key state lawmaker wants to limit the ability of Georgia's public colleges to investigate and discipline alleged campus rapists.

A bill introduced this week from state Rep. Earl Ehrhart, R-Powder Springs, would prevent schools from investigating campus sex abuse claims unless police were also involved.

It highlights a central question in such cases: should they be handled by colleges or law enforcement?

Currently, schools handle many of the cases through a secretive campus judicial process. Such involvement is mandated by federal Title IX law, although the details are largely left up to individual schools.

Many sexual assault allegations never make it to law enforcement because victims are reluctant to come forward. Campus tribunals provide a measure of accountability and require a lower burden of proof. But critics — including some students who have been kicked out of school after facing allegations of sexual assault — say the proceedings are deeply flawed and lack adequate protections for the accused.'

Abortion Activist: Men Attending Anti-Trump March “Have to be Okay With Being Led by Women”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to men voicing their opinions about abortion, pro-abortion feminists’ position basically boils down to this: If you’re a man and you’re pro-life, you’d better shut up about it; if you’re a man and pro-choice on abortion, you’re welcome to tag along.

That, in not so blunt terms, appears to be the position of women organizing the Women’s March on Washington on Jan. 21, the day after the presidential inauguration.

“This is a movement that is led by women, but it is not just for women. It’s for all people,” Linda Sarsour, one of the march’s lead organizers, told the Washington Post.

The newspaper reported:

One caveat: “You have to be okay with being led by women,” she said.

“A lot of men are quiet supporters of women,” said Jackson Katz, author of “Man Enough? Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, and the Politics of Presidential Masculinity.” Millions of men voted for Clinton and support women’s rights both politically and personally, he said, but they don’t have a powerful voice.

… Katz said these men will need to speak out if they don’t want to see abortion outlawed, given Trump’s pledge to appoint antiabortion judges to federal courts.

“That means taking some risks in challenging other men, and literally standing up to the bullying that comes from the right about masculinity,” Katz said.'

Protesters Scream at Cops, Attack Cameraman at UC Davis Milo Event

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'A 40 minute video posted by a pro-free speech cameraman shows protesters hitting his camera and screaming at police officers during Breitbart Senior Editor MILO's event at UC Davis on Friday.

Student protesters and "anti-fascists" can be seen in the video screaming "move cops get out the way," at the line of police officers attempting to protect the venue and those inside, before the cameraman gets attacked, with numerous protesters hitting his camera, pushing him away, throwing up their signs in front of his face, and shouting at him.'

‘Ice cream killer’ is so dangerous, she’s headed to a men’s prison

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'A Spanish murderer dubbed the “ice cream killer” is so dangerous, she’s being moved to an all-male prison to serve out her life sentence, according to a new report.

Estibaliz Carranza, 38, earned the chilling nickname after she shot her boyfriend and ex-husband to death in 2008, cut up their bodies with a chainsaw and hid them in the freezers of her ice cream store in Vienna, Austria.

The Mexican-born Spanish national stored the body parts in ice cream tubs filled with concrete and disguised the smell with air fresheners.

Now, she’ll spend the rest of her life in an all-male prison in Asten, Austria, because she shows an “advanced reduction of the relevant dangerousness,” according to the Mirror.

The prison, which houses 91 men, allows inmates to freely move around and cook their own meals together. Prisoners can also use a lounge area with a TV.

Carranza is one of 13 women to be transferred to the prison.

She carried out the crimes because the men failed to get her pregnant.'

Brown University: Unlearning Toxic Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rigid definitions of masculinity are toxic to men's health. Even the World Health Organization (WHO) has recognized that men's tendency to die at younger ages may correlate to the harmful ways that masculinity has been defined in society and the ways that men have been conditioned to practice it.

“In 2000, the World Health Organization (WHO) acknowledged the need to pay greater attention to the shorter life expectancy of men and identified a lack of understanding of the role of ‘masculinity’ in shaping men’s expectations and behaviours as a primary causative factor for the health disparity between men and women” (Evans, Frank, Oliffe and Gregory, 2011).

They determined that risk-taking behaviors and lack of willingness to seek help were among the reasons for negative health outcomes that men experience (Baker et al., 2014). This lack of willingness to seek help is not limited to physical injury and illness. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention reports that the suicide rate for men is about four times higher than it is for women (“Facts and Figures, date unknown).

How men are socialized plays into the type of violence that exists in college communities. The harm and violence that men inflict is not strictly contained to the self-harm mentioned previously. Men will often resort to violence to resolve conflict because anger is the only emotion that they have been socialized to express. Unfortunately, the way that young men are conditioned to view sex and their need to be dominant and have power over others also contribute to instances of sexual assault and other forms of interpersonal violence on college campuses.'

Grandfather fights off woman trying to kidnap granddaughter in Northern California park, police say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A grandfather was credited with fighting off a woman who tried to kidnap his 3-year-old granddaughter on Saturday at a Northern California park.

Lindsay Frasher, 28, was arrested on suspicion of kidnapping and is being held on $200,000 bail in the Placer County jail, according to the Auburn Police Department.

Police Sgt. Gary Hopping told KTXL-TV that the man and his two grandchildren were visiting Ashford Park in Auburn, about 35 miles northeast of Sacramento, at 1:42 p.m. when Frasher approached them.

She then grabbed one of the children, a 3-year-old girl, and tried to pull her from her grandfather, police said.'

Police: Daughters taken 3 decades ago found, mom arrested

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two sisters who disappeared from Rhode Island with their mother in 1985 have been located in the Houston area, and their mother was charged with snatching them, police announced Tuesday.

An anonymous tip two days before Christmas led police to Kimberly and Kelly Yates and their mother, Elaine Yates, state police Lt. Col. Joseph Philbin said. Elaine Yates, who had been living in Houston under the name Liana Lynn Waldberg, was arrested Monday and faces arraignment Wednesday in Rhode Island.

Kelly Yates was 10 months old and her sister was 3 years old when they disappeared. Kelly Yates, now 32, and Kimberly Yates, now 35, weren't living with their mother, who's 69, but are in the Houston area and are in good health, Philbin said.

The girls' father, Russell Yates, was told of the arrest immediately after it happened and is relieved, Philbin said. His contact information was given to his daughters.'

Dear Feminists, ‘Male Vulnerability’ Isn’t a Virtue

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Indeed, traditional concepts of masculinity, which asked men to cultivate physical and mental toughness, to assume leadership roles in the home, in business, and on the battlefield, and to become guardians and protectors, became the “trap” or “man box,” to quote the University of Richmond’s ridiculous “authentic masculinities” site. The most destructive words a boy can hear? “Be a man,” at least according to the mandatory freshman orientation at Gettysburg College.

But here’s the problem — vulnerability isn’t a virtue. It’s a morally neutral characteristic at best and a vice at worst. Yes, some men are more naturally sensitive than others, but we now ask — no, beg — men to indulge their emotions, as if the antidote to awful male aggression is a good cry.
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We are failing in that key task. Feminism has infected child-rearing and modern education so thoroughly that legions of parents and teachers are adrift and clueless. They have no idea what to do with their sons, and absent fathers compound the confusion and create yawning cultural voids. Yes, there are some pajama boys out there, the guys who embrace the feminist project (truthfully in part to hook up with feminist women), but there are countless others who reject feminism’s version of a “man box” and are instead adrift in purposeless masculinity.'

Senators Push DeVos to Commit to Debunked Campus 'Rape Culture' Narrative

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday night, two Democrat senators pressured President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, to embrace a debunked college campus "rape culture" narrative on sexual assault. Specifically, they asked her to commit to enforcing Title IX regulations which have deprived hundreds of students of their due process rights under the Constitution.

The issue of campus sexual assault is more complicated than Democrats like to admit. While such assault is a heinous crime and should be dealt with seriously, every case should be examined on its own merits, without preconceived judgements on either side. Much of the rhetoric involving such cases is one-sided, and it pressures colleges to find the accused guilty, even in the face of exonerating evidence.

The Obama administration has enshrined in law a false narrative that destroys lives, and Democrats defend it in the name of prosecuting sexual assault. Here is U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D, Washington state), questioning DeVos:

"Murray: President-elect Trump was recored bragging about kissing and groping and trying to have sex with women without their consent. ... If this behavior, kissing and touching women and girls without their consent, happened in a school, would you consider it sexual assault?

DeVos: Yes.

Murray: One in five young women will experience sexual assault while in college. ... Can you promise them and me that you will not, as has been in the press, consider "reining in the Office for Civil Rights" in the Department's work to protect students from campus sexual assault?"

There are multiple problems with Murray's remarks and question.'

Republican Men Say It’s a Better Time to Be a Woman Than a Man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To be a woman in the United States is to feel unequal, despite great strides in gender equality, according to a wide-ranging poll about gender in postelection America released Tuesday. It’s catcalls on the street, disrespect at work and unbalanced responsibilities at home. For girls, it’s being taught, more than boys, to aspire to marriage, and for women, it’s watching positions of power go to men.

Men, however, don’t necessarily see it that way.

Those are some of the findings from the poll, by PerryUndem, a nonpartisan research and polling firm whose biggest clients are foundations. It surveyed 1,302 adults in December via the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago’s AmeriSpeak panel.

Eighty-two percent of women said sexism was a problem in society today, and 41 percent of women said they had felt unequal because of their gender.

Men underestimated the sexism felt by the women in their lives, the survey found. And while most respondents agreed it’s a better time to be a man than a woman in our society, only Republican men thought it was a better time to be a woman than a man.'

The (very) mixed messages of the Women's March against Trump

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Washington Post reports, "Of the 175,000 people who indicated they are going on the march's Facebook page, just a fraction appear to be men," which makes sense; it is the "Women's March," after all. But in this day and age, that which makes sense is usually problematic.

According to the Post, it's "the same test that played out when Americans went to vote for the nation's first female president," and American men are once again failing.

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Men are understandably confused. Esquire's Luke O'Neil is here to help. O'Neil explained what men should do:

"Anyone with any degree of self-awareness may be hesitant to blunder his way into areas he wasn't explicitly invited into, and there has been the regrettable emergence of a reviled archetype in recent years of the performative male feminist who espouses feminist talking points to enhance his own status . . . As a modest suggestion, men simply need to do two things at once: Speak up and keep your mouth shut."'

Airline Debuts Female-Only Seating to Combat In-Flight Sex Attacks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Air India is set to launch women-only seating to protect female fliers from sexual harassment after a number of women were allegedly groped by male passengers.

Starting January 18th, these seats will be made available on Airbus A320 aircrafts to women who travel alone and do not wish to be seated next to men, and will see the first two rows sectioned off.

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By Nahema Marchal | 7:25 am, January 17, 2017

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But the move hasn’t been welcome by all.

Former Air India Executive Jitendra Bhargava also told The Hindu: “To my knowledge, this happens nowhere in the world. Planes are not unsafe for women passengers.'

Man Convicted of Rape After Removing Condom During Sex Without Consent

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a landmark legal case, a Swiss man has been convicted of rape after secretly removing a condom during sex without his partner's consent.

The Independent reports the 47-year-old man (who has not been named publicly) met his partner on Tinder and they began to have consensual sex with a condom. Afterwards, the woman realized he had removed the condom at some point without her knowledge or approval.

Now, the Federal Supreme Court in Lausanne—the highest court in Switzerland—has judged that such actions do constitute rape, passing down a one-year suspended sentence. In comments to news agency RTS, the victim's lawyer described it as "a first in Switzerland."

Our understanding of consent has evolved hugely in recent years, thanks largely to the dedicated work of feminist activists and anti-sexual violence campaigners. However, for many a question mark hovers over whether removing a condom during sex is legally the same as rape. For the avoidance of any doubt: under UK law, it is.'

Along With Beer, Toronto Bars Offer Lessons in Consent, Sexual Violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Order a beer, get a lesson about consent, gender-based violence and sexual harassment– at least in Toronto through Jan. 22.

On Monday, at least 15 of the city's bars kicked off the "On the Table" campaign, where they'll distribute 10,000 message-bearing coasters.

Funded in part by the City of Toronto's Arts Council, the project was created by Aisle 4, a "curatorial project that initiates and promotes socially engaged artwork."'

Revealed: The Gender Pay Gap Feminists Don't Want to Talk About

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To little fanfare from the usual trumpeters of pay inequality, figures released last week highlighted a new, and growing, gender pay gap.

Perhaps we can gain some insight into why the usual suspects lay silent when the latest tranche of data emerged from one of the few headlines it did garner: Earnings inequality among men soars.

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Twenty years ago only 1 man in 20 aged 25-55 with low hourly wages worked part-time. Today the figure is one in five.

Furthermore, while 95% of top-earning men normally work full-time, 20% of the lowest-paid are now part-timers.

That means wage inequality for men has risen over two decades, while for women the opposite has been true.

Indeed, women in their 20s now earn more than men, a trend that will surely continue, since a girl born in 2017 is 75% more likely to go to university than a boy.

These women with better educations will be more likely to move into full-time work and have less incentive to leave it, further widening the gap.

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Firstly, this clearly shows more than half of men in part time work are underemployed: they want to work more, but can't.

For gender pay gap zealots this is deeply problematic on two counts. One, it shows the overriding majority of women who are working part time are are happy about it.

Two, those part time workers, when put into the overall salary pot, drag women's average pay down, helping to create the mainstream gender pay gap.

So we can see with total clarity that the gender pay gap exists not because of sexism (it's been illegal to pay women less for the same work since 1970), but women's lifestyle choices, both in choosing to work part time and choosing full-time jobs with less pay.'

'Gender aware and gender sensitive': European bank's new lending criteria

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The European Investment Bank (EIB), the money-lending arm of the EU, is to launch a new gender strategy to increase women's participation in global economies.

From 1 January the bank will implement new rules designed to ensure its lending will help women and men equally, following growing evidence of the economic advantages of female equality.

According to the bank, up to $12tn could be added to global GDP by 2025 by advancing women's equality. It says the public, private, and social sectors need to act to close gender gaps in work and society, and acknowledges that it, along with other multilateral development bank, has a seminal role to play in making this happen.

Eleni Kyrou, senior social development specialist at the EIB, said the bank wanted to be "gender aware and gender sensitive", so that its investments benefit women and men equally. "We are saying let's have the gender lens, be aware of gender structural dynamics on the ground and really try to invest cognisant of this," she said.'

Some states pushing for free vasectomies

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Call it contraception equality.

Vasectomies, which are not covered under President Barack Obama's health care law, are increasingly being included in state measures that would require insurers to provide cost-free coverage of birth control.

Backers of laws and proposals in such states as Illinois, Vermont, Maryland and most recently New York say that if women can get tubal ligations with no out-of-pocket costs, men should be able to get their surgical sterilization covered cost-free as well. Such state measures are seen as a key backup if the federal mandate is repealed.

"What we have are couples facing a decision about which birth control method to use and they see that methods used by women have no out-of-pocket cost while there would be a cost, in some cases a fairly substantial cost, for men's," said Adam Sonfield, a policy analyst for the Guttmacher Institute, which studies reproductive health issues.'

Agenda for Women's March has been hijacked by organizers bent on highlighting women's differences

Mastodon · 20 January 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The controversy surrounding the exclusionary identity politics unsettling what should be a unifying event — Saturday's Women's March on Washington — shows that the fractures underpinning Hillary Clinton's devastating election loss have not healed.

Unfortunately, the activist wing of the Democratic Party and many leading progressives are clinging to a profound disconnect with the broader mass of Americans, both women and men.

I live in Washington and plan to attend the protest because Donald Trump's presidency, and what it portends for America and the democratic world, demands such action. A commander-in-chief who revels in grabbing women "by the pussy," myriad insults to women, cozies up to a Russian dictator who hacked the U.S. election, spews contempt for our allies including Angela Merkel, wants to build a wall to keep out Mexicans, or target people because they are of the Muslim faith, merits a strong collective response.

But the attempted hijacking of the march's agenda and all the nasty tit-for-tat between white versus black/queer/Muslim/trans and other identities tells a very disturbing story about the divided state of feminism today. The separatist, inward-looking politics that helped drive Trump to power and Clinton into oblivion is not going away — in fact it is becoming more entrenched, and all for the better, say organizers bent on highlighting women's differences rather than their commonality as American and international citizens.'

Protest at Milo Yiannopoulos Event at University of Washington Ends in Gunfire

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A protest outside of a Milo Yiannopoulos event this past Friday at the University of Washington in Seattle turned violent after a scuffle erupted between anti-Trump protesters and prospective event attendees in the Red Square area of the campus. The protest ended in gunfire.

A previous event at UC Davis with Yiannopoulos, the alt-right provocateur, and Pharma Bro Martin Shkreli was canceled last week amid a storm of protest and warnings by campus police that it could turn violent.

Anti-Milo protesters from various groups—including student activists, anarchists and Antifa (self-styled anti-fascists)—were on site before the start of the event and formed a human wall in front of the police barricade. Many wore masks and covered their faces with hoodies and bandanas. Police were forced to push them away from the barricade while prospective event attendees made their way in.'

'It is impossible for women to be sexist towards men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'People often quote the dictionary at me - “Sexism is discrimination on the basis of one’s sex” - because, as we know, all complex ideologies are easily explained in one sentence.

This definition would seem to imply that either gender can be sexist but I’m going to make a rather bold assertion today. That isn’t true. It is impossible for women to be sexist towards men.

Women can, as Melissa A. Fabello writes in her excellent essay, Why Reverse Oppression Simply Cannot Exist, make stereotypical assumptions about men, they can be prejudiced towards men, they can discriminate against men based on those prejudices.

“However,” she writes, “only oppressed people experience all of that and institutionalised violence and systematic erasure... That’s why it’s not possible to be sexist against men.”

This isn’t to say that it’s morally right for women to be prejudiced against men. Making cursory assumptions about people based on their sex, race, religion, or sexuality is a ludicrous approach to take in any situation.

But to say that women can be sexist about men, that it’s ‘the same’ when a woman makes an offensive joke about a man as when the situation is reversed, is to be wilfully blind to the deeply imbalanced world that we live in.'

Malecare: Petition for Office of Men's Health

Matt · 24 January 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Our best chance for establishing an Office of Men's Health in the USA is now, in the early days of this new administration. Our Petition at whitehouse.gov is a first and important step. Please sign and spread the word. This effort is entirely up to us. We can do this!

Click and Sign here: http://bit.ly/2iWgnQG

Here is the text of the petition:
We petition for the establishment of an Office of Mens Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This office would mirror the work of the existing Office of Womens Health, which has helped to save thousands of lives and has improved the lives of many more. Men die 6 years younger than women and suffer higher mortality rates for the top 10 causes of death. The lives of hundreds of thousands of men will continue to be threatened unless immediate action is taken to combat this growing crisis. The Office of Mens Health will coordinate the fragmented mens health awareness, prevention, and research efforts now being conducted by federal and state government. An Office of Mens Health will help our economy and provide needed resources as health care moves to local management.

Wishing you action, health and hope,
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Attacks on Betsy DeVos Reveal ‘How Ideological’ the Campus Rape Debate Has Become

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An editorial from The Boston Globe argues that the intense reaction to Betsy DeVos, Donald Trump’s nominee for the Secretary of Education, reveals “how ideological and unmoored” the debate on campus rape culture has become.

...

Many students accused of sexual assault aren’t given legitimate legal hearings. Rather, schools investigate incidents internally, often times not telling offending students the details of the accusations against them.

In the 2012 handbook, ‘there was no requirement that copies of any ‘substantiating materials’ submitted by the accuser, or the names of any witnesses, be shown or provided to the accused any time,’ wrote Judge F. Dennis Saylor, who reviewed Brandeis’s procedures in connection with a lawsuit in federal court. Saylor went on, ‘The accused had no right to confront or cross-examine the accuser, no right to call witnesses, and no right to confront or cross-examine the accuser’s witnesses. The accused had no right to review all the evidence.”

Here are 3 ways Trump can Make College Great Again for young men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During the Obama administration, colleges have become increasingly hostile to young men.

Their free speech is under fire, their access to due process is being whittled away, and they are often forced into curricula that pathologize their masculinity.

Young women are often spared from this administrative overreach, and it may partly explain why they attend college in far greater numbers than men and also drop out less frequently.

President-elect Donald Trump promises to Make America Great Again, which begs the question: Will he Make College Great Again, as well?

Here are three ways young men could have better college experiences under Trump.

1) Recentering the due process rights of the accused
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2) Free speech protections
...
3) Less political indoctrination at universities
...
The University of North Carolina, Duke University, Dartmouth College, Gettysburg College and Vanderbilt University all have social justice programming of some sort dedicated to purging male students of their toxic masculinity.'

New ABA task force will consider due process rights in college sexual-misconduct cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The ABA's Criminal Justice Section has formed a task force to develop guidelines and best practices for the handling of sexual misconduct cases on college campuses.

The guidelines are intended to ensure due process for both the victim and the accused, according to an ABA press release.

The ABA Task Force on College Due Process Rights and Victim Protections will be led by Andrew Boutros, co-chair of Seyfarth Shaw's white collar, internal investigations and False Claims Act practice.

Standards for deciding sexual misconduct cases have been dividing victim advocates and defense lawyers. Some lawyers have complained that accused students can't ask questions in hearings, and aren't allowed to learn the name of their accusers.'

Attempted Murderer ‘So Proud of Herself’ After Randomly Stabbing Nurse 21 Times

Matt · 25 January 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. That face. Excerpt:

'A Texas woman who wrote that she got a “high unlike any other” from stabbing another woman 21 times has been sentenced to prison, PEOPLE confirms.

Pearl Moen, who was 17 at the time of the seemingly random November 2015 attack in Austin, Texas, will serve 15 years behind bars, the Travis County District Attorney said in a news release. She was sentenced on Friday.

Prosecutors said Moen’s diary entries show she stabbed her 23-year-old victim, a nurse, because she wanted to see what it would feel like to kill someone. Moen has a history of drug use and psychological issues but no previous criminal record, the DA’s office said.

“I stabbed an innocent woman to death earlier today … It was absolutely fantastic,” Moen wrote in her diary, according to prosecutors. “Murder gives me a high unlike any other, it feels like this crisp unreality, flashing and sparkling, adrenaline and shock.”

“How do I even go about describing it. The whole thing was unreal,” she added. “I’m so proud of myself."'

SAVE Calls for End of Campus 'Kangaroo Courts'

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For many years now, SAVE has focused on restoring due process rights at colleges across the nation and putting a stop to the mistreatment of students by campus tribunals. Today, we continue to read horrific stories of colleges fumbling campus proceedings and putting the education of our students at risk.

That's why SAVE is proud to announce the launch of our new campaign "End Kangaroo Courts," calling for an end to the unfair campus proceedings that all too often put the complainant and the accused in compromising situations.

To find out more about our new campaign, please visit http://www.saveservices.org/camp/kangaroo-courts/

Thank you!

Very best,

Jonathon P Andrews
Project Coordinator
Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE)

Sperm theft lawsuit leaves appeals court weighing how much a life is worth

Matt · 26 January 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'How much is a life worth?

That was the crux of the argument between a Louisiana man and the woman who gave birth to his son in 2010 after taking his sperm without permission from a fertility clinic and being artificially inseminated.
...
"The (judge) decided, in his opinion, that the law didn't allow those damages, which leaves a gap," said David Bernsen, an attorney for Layne Hardin. "We, as a society, have to decide whether this type of behavior is acceptable in Texas and I don't think it is."
...
Hardin won a lawsuit in 2015 against his former girlfriend, Tobie Devall, and Texas Andrology, the sperm bank that gave Devall two samples without Hardin's permission.

She gave birth to Hardin's son, then refused to allow any custodial rights with the boy, now 6. The two had a long custody battle in Louisiana, where Hardin lives.'

Campus civil rights groups begin making case to Trump administration

Matt · 27 January 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two organizations dedicated to students' rights have begun lobbying the Trump administration and lawmakers to correct what they see as years of over-reaching by the Obama administration.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education sent an open letter to President Donald Trump on Inauguration Day, offering advice on how the new administration could "help protect free speech, academic freedom and due process on college campuses."

FIRE President Greg Lukianoff included a description of the major culture problems facing today's campuses, and provided a solution for each.

The first problem noted by Lukianoff was the lack of free speech on college campuses. To combat this problem, Lukianoff suggested issuing a "stern reminder" to administrators that they risk personal liability for violating the First Amendment by controlling what their students say.'

Women’s March Featured Speaker Who Kidnapped And Tortured A Man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Women’s March on Washington last week featured as a speaker convicted felon Donna Hylton who, along with several others, kidnapped a man and then tortured him to death.

Hylton’s name is listed on the Women’s March website alongside prominent liberals like Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards, actress Gloria Steinem, filmmaker Michael Moore and CNN commentator Van Jones.

Hylton, along with three men and three other women, kidnapped 62-year-old real-estate broker Thomas Vigliarolo and held him for ransom, before eventually killing him. As noted in a 1995 Psychology Today article, when asked about forcibly sodomizing the victim with a three foot steel pole, one of Hylton’s accomplices replied: “He was a homo anyway.”

Speaking about Hylton, New York City Detective William Spurling told Psychology Today: “I couldn’t believe this girl who was so intelligent and nice-looking could be so unemotional about what she was telling me she and her friends had done. They’d squeezed the victim’s testicles with a pair of pliers, beat him, burned him.”'

Lawyer: This ride-for-hire may prove discriminatory

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new ride-for-hire app catering to female drivers and passengers may run afoul of discrimination laws and new state regulations.

Safr, which will begin an invitation-only launch next week and a public launch March 1, will employ all female drivers and only accept ride requests from women — though if a woman is with a man, he can ride, the company said.

“There’s a big hole in the ride-sharing economy right now, especially for women and families,” said Safr spokeswoman Joanna Humphrey Flynn. “A lot of women don’t feel safe driving.”

And though Safr’s unique approach to the ride-sharing industry could be a million-dollar idea, Duane Morris discrimination attorney Bronwyn Roberts said the business model runs counter to a state law requiring companies to adhere to anti-discrimination policies and a decades-old Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination decision. In 1983, commission members ruled a taxi company was a “public accommodation” and was therefore prohibited from discriminating against anyone on the basis of gender, religion or race.'

Oxford college debates merits of women-only principals

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Somerville College JCR is discussing whether gender should be taken into account in the selection of the next principal.

Dr Alice Prochaska, Somerville's current principal, announced in October 2016 that she will be stepping down after a seven-year term at the end of the academic year. The college is due to announce her successor some time this year.

Alex Crichton-Miller, president of the Somerville JCR, told Cherwell: "Given that there are several colleges in Oxford that have only ever been led by men, there were some members of the Common Room who felt strongly that Somerville ought to continue to have a female principal.

"This point was made, clearly, on the basis that the proposed female candidate possesses all other required qualities for the leadership role.

...

Whilst positive action is lawful under the Equality Act, Somerville's Equality and Diversity Policy states: "In respect of staff, ensure that entry into employment and progression within employment are determined solely by criteria which are related to the duties of a particular post."

In December 2016, released National Archive files revealed Margaret Thatcher's attempt to fight the admission of male fellows at her alma mater, Somerville. This resistance came at odds with directives of the European Commission's equality legislation.'

Drunken girl gang jailed after posting sex attack of amateur footballer on Snapchat

Matt · 28 January 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A drunken gang of girls who took Snapchat photos and videos of a "ritualised humiliation" sex attack on an amateur footballer has been jailed.

Brogan Gillard, the 26-year-old ringleader of the group, was filmed dancing around the victim's naked body as she cut his hair, sliced onions over him and sexually assaulted him with a pair of scissors.

Paige Cunningham, 22, and Shannon Jones, 20, also posed for "trophy photographs" with the unconscious 19 year old victim and a Snapchat post showed one girl holding the man's penis.

The video was shared on social media and was seen by their victim's girlfriend, Preston Crown Court heard. Gillard then joked about using carrots and onions in the sex assault on Facebook.

Judge Graham Knowles QC said he sentenced as if it had been three men on a female.
...
The court heard in his victim impact statement that he has flashbacks and suicidal thoughts and feels anxious.

Gillard has a string of previous convictions, including arson, false benefits claims, harassment of a neighbour, theft, and drink driving. Cunningham, a mother of two, has previous for battery, theft, shoplifting and assaulting a police officer.

All three pleaded guilty to sexual assault. Gillard also pleaded guilty to unrelated child cruelty charges.

Mitigating for Gillard, Sharon Watson, said her client had been drunk and did it as a joke, but admits it is "deeply unpleasant, disturbing and upsetting". Two of her children have now been adopted, it was added.'

Toxic masculinity: Will the 'war on men' only backfire?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The term 'toxic masculinity' has crept into the lexicon in the past 12 months, having appeared in mainstream news articles, popular feminist blogs and, as of November, the crowd-sourced online repository of slang words, Urban Dictionary.

Generally used to denote how some aspects of masculinity — such as entitlement, homophobia and sexual aggressiveness — can harm women and families and cripple men's own health, toxic masculinity, at its most extreme edges, has been linked with acts of violence like mass shootings and university campus sexual assault.

(For this reason, some US colleges have recently introduced 'toxic masculinity' courses, in which male students can reflect on topics like rape culture, machismo and pornography.)
...
And at the recent Women's March on Washington, a rally for which hundreds of thousands of demonstrators gathered to express their concern that women's and other minority groups' rights will be eroded under President Trump, many carried placards emblazoned with references to 'toxic masculinity'.

"I came here to march against a toxic masculinity and years of misogyny," Washington DC resident Andrew told TIME of his motivation for marching.
...
"The first is emphasising how masculinity is patriarchal — based on entitlement, based on power, based on dominance — and fuels some men's violence and mistreatment of women or indeed other men," said Dr Flood.
...
"To say 'toxic masculinity' — it does imply ... that all men are toxic.

"Clearly there is such a thing as toxicity in some of the ways that men are socialised, but to suggest that all masculinity is toxic and that all men are violent is completely wrong."'

Will the extreme feminists please sit down

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Buckle in everyone, we're going for a rocky ride on the social justice roller coaster.

A few months ago, Buzzfeed released a video called: "Women Try Manspreading for a Week." I've never been a huge fan of Buzzfeed, but this video has scraped the bottom of the barrel of petty complaints.

In the video, several women explain what manspreading is—basically men spreading their legs into a large V-shape when they're sitting—and then try doing it for a week themselves. Apparently, these women think that men should sit more like women tend to, with their legs closed. They think that men take up too much space when they sit down in crowded places like city busses.

Some of them do. I'm 100 percent aware that there are some jerks out there that sit in an obnoxious position and take up more room than necessary when there are other people looking for a seat. There are even people that will lay down across two to three bus seats. Most of the time, however, men just sit with their legs apart because it's the most comfortable way for them to sit. In the words of my brother, "It's uncomfortable to sit that way [with your legs closed]." It's not rocket science to figure out why.

The women in this video don't really care about that, but they certainly care about the amount of space that they think they are allowed to have on busses and the like. No one ever told these women that they aren't allowed to take up more than one seat on a bus, so the fact that this is an assumed rule is ridiculous.
...
This manspreading idea is taking the brilliant movement of feminism too far. Bringing justice to victims of sexual harassment and assault is an important feminist issue. Equal career opportunities for both men and women are an important feminist issue. Manspreading is just whining that is being labeled as a feminist issue.'

Woman at center of Emmett Till case tells author she fabricated testimony

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was the lynching that outraged African Americans, spurred the civil rights movement and etched the victim's name in history: Emmett Till.

The 14-year-old Chicagoan was visiting relatives in the cotton country of the Mississippi delta on 24 August 1955 when he allegedly wolf-whistled at a white woman.

Three days later his body was found in the Tallahatchie river. Till had a bullet hole in the head, an eye gouged out and other wounds. The murderers had wrapped barbed wire around his neck and weighted him down with a cotton gin fan.

It was a ghastly crime that changed the United States but the woman at the center of it, Carolyn Bryant, long remained an enigma.'

Feminism and gaslighting

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Good article on gaslighting here. I read it and realized this is modern feminism's playbook. Excerpt:

'Gaslighting is a tactic of behavior in which a person or entity, in order to gain more power, makes a victim question their reality. It works a lot better than you may think. Anyone is susceptible to gaslighting. It is a common technique of abusers, dictators, narcissists, and cult leaders. It is done slowly, so the victim doesn't realize how much they've been brainwashed. In the movie Gaslight (1944), a man manipulates his wife to the point where she thinks she is losing her mind.

People that gaslight use the following techniques:

1. They tell you blatant lies.
...
2. They deny they ever said something, even though you have proof.
...
3. They use what is near and dear to you as ammunition.'

Title IX Investigations in Need of Reform

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How much of the failure to grasp current controversies over campus Title IX investigations come from seeing two sides even though they are demanding similar measures? Many from both camps, seemingly in frustration, suggest all campus Title IX investigations should be delegated to local police and prosecutors. That approach is not consistent with Title IX, but support for it suggests concerns with the current tools for addressing on-campus sexual violence.

The criminal justice system gives both victims and defendants lots of information about what is going to happen, when and why, what will be required of them and what protections will be afforded to them. Local police and prosecutors are bound by centuries of common law, codified in a relatively simple format, and must act in very consistent and predictable ways. Attempts to graft portions of criminal law into a campus Title IX jurisprudence come from a desire that all parties have access to a fair, predictable and open system. Although a wholesale grafting of criminal law and procedure into Title IX proceedings is inappropriate given the very serious differences in context, all students deserve reliable procedures consistent with due process.'

America overdue for an end to circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ritual circumcision is a common practice for Jews and Muslims around the world. It is a legacy of God's commandment to Abraham to circumcise his penis as a sign of their special bond, as chronicled in the Book of Genesis, and it persists as a kind of tribal marking.

In America, even irreligious Jews still embrace this initiation rite. Some blame peer pressure: "I didn't want him to look weird," my brother-in-law explained about his newborn son. Others take comfort in the fact that this tradition has also been blessed by the American medical establishment. Neonatal circumcision has been the most common surgery in America for over a century. Nearly six out of ten newborns are released from hospitals foreskin-free. The practice is so widespread, in fact, that one study of 90 active American medical textbooks and models found that less than a third featured a penis with foreskin intact.
...
Because male circumcision is so common in the states, few Americans realize how rare it is most everywhere else. The practice has fallen by the wayside in Australia, Canada, Britain and New Zealand, and fewer than one-fifth of all male Europeans are circumcised. In December, the Danish Medical Association recommended ending the practice for boys, arguing that because it permanently alters the body it should be "an informed, personal choice" that young men make for themselves.

In Germany, a district judge ruled in 2012 that ritual circumcision of juveniles is a crime that violates "the fundamental right of the child to bodily integrity." South Korea is the only Asian country to embrace the procedure, as a kind of physiological souvenir of America's occupation following World War II. But there, too, circumcision rates are declining fast, as the adolescent boys who would otherwise go under the knife (as per local custom) gain access to research about its purported benefits online.'

Then And Now: The Men's Rights Movement

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Article here. Wisconsin Public Radio published an article about an interview with Warren Farrell. They talk a lot about MRAs as "misogynists" etc., but at least Warren is able to give a more reasonable perspective. Excerpt:

'Warren Farrell, a prominent men's rights activist, is often cited in online forums where men complain about their legal and cultural disempowerment.

Farrell's 1993 book "The Myth of Male Power" is considered the guiding text for these aggrieved men, a kind of male counterpart to Betty Friedan's 1963 "The Feminine Mystique."

Parts of the men's movement are filled with anti-feminist diatribes and denunciations against women seen as manipulative and emasculating. So it may come as a surprise to meet Farrell, a soft-spoken man in his early seventies who once worked closely with Gloria Steinem, a prominent women's rights activist.

Farrell is aware of the misogyny and violent rhetoric that ripples through the men's rights movement, but he said there's tremendous pain beneath this anger, pain we must acknowledge to draw out the venom of toxic masculinity from our culture. '

Trump Can Help Debunk Alleged College "Rape Culture"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Due process protections for the accused in campus cases alleging sexual assault have been under attack for decades. In the guise of enforcing Title IX—a 1972 federal law prohibiting educational institutions that receive federal funds from discriminating on the basis of sex—the Obama administration intensified the attack.

Restoring due process on campuses does not seem to be a top priority for President Trump and congressional Republicans. If they wish to uphold the rule of law—for men and for women—it should be.

Sexual assault is a grave crime. It ought to be promptly reported to the police. Perpetrators should be punished to the full extent of the law. But stripping the accused of due process rights—shared with those accused of murder, assault and battery, and other violent crimes—violates the promise of equality under the law and undermines the most effective means available for pursuing the truth about claims of serious criminal wrongdoing.

University administrators and professors, politicians, and many journalists who write about this issue believe that an allegedly pervasive college “rape culture” justifies university authorities taking the law into their own hands and, in righteous pursuit of the monsters roaming our campuses, sweeping the innocent away with the guilty.'

How Did Feminism Get Hijacked by Man-Haters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It seems that feminism has taken a much more intense pendulum swing in a direction that means that I no longer feel comfortable calling myself a feminist. It's gotten that bad. We have various feminists now calling for "the end of the patriarchy" and some others still are saying in varying states of hysteria: "I hate men!"

Many of us look at these extremes and think it's only a few who feel this way, but tragically that side of extreme male-hating feminism is on the rise and has been for some time. It is no longer about equal pay, equal opportunity, respect and equal rights. It is now about "women first" and screw the men (not in the good way!)

A video went viral recently featuring a woman, Jenny McDermott, stating "kill all male babies." I actually feel sorry for her.'

College leaders ponder future of Title IX under Trump

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the Trump administration begins its term in office, college leaders remain unsure about how the new White House will regulate institutions' approaches to campus sexual assault. A briefing Wednesday on Capitol Hill reflected that anxiety, with college presidents calling on institutions to continue the Obama administration's increased focus on protecting students while urging the Trump administration to provide more clarity and to take a less adversarial stance.

"My hope is that whatever Congress or the administration does in terms of peeling back federal regulations, that the universities in this country do not step away from this issue," said Diane Harrison, president of California State University, Northridge. "There are rumors that they're going to lessen what we have to do. So we are potentially going to need to be far more assertive and far more vocal."
...
College presidents at Wednesday's briefing were in agreement that they would continue to use the preponderance of evidence standard, even if the 2011 guidance were to be reversed. The majority of colleges were already using the standard prior to the Dear Colleague letter. Alisa White, president of Austin Peay State University, in Tennessee, said the lower standard is appropriate because a campus disciplinary decision does not involve "a loss of liberty."

"I think the preponderance of the evidence standard should be one that would stand," White said, while adding that colleges should not rush to judgment on a student's culpability. "It's important to us and will be important to us regardless of what guidance and policies change."

The presidents disagreed, however, on whether students suspended or expelled over sexual assault allegations should have the charge noted on their transcripts. Last month, Representative Jackie Speier, a California Democrat, introduced a bill that would require academic transcripts to show that a student had violated campus policies involving sexual violence. Speier said at the time that colleges and universities currently have no way of knowing if a student transferring to their campus has committed a sexual assault at a previous institution.'

Also see: Campus sexual assault panel offered good, bad and ugly for due process

DeVos will restore due process on campus assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The contentious confirmation hearing of Betsy DeVos, President Trump's nominee for Education secretary, revealed just how difficult it will be to restore a degree of fairness in how the nation's colleges and universities handle sexual assault allegations.

Even before the hearing commenced, Democratic senators Patty Murray of Washington and Bob Casey of Pennsylvania issued a letter wildly describing campus sexual assault as "affecting millions of college students." (According the most recent federal Clery Act data, from 2014, there were 5,178 rape reports on campus that year.) The senators demanded the new administration retain guilt-presuming policies adopted in April 2011 by the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

OCR has forced thousands of universities to change their procedures in sex cases, in each case increasing the chances of a guilty finding. These procedures include the lowest possible burden of proof (a 50.01% probability) ; a virtual ban on meaningful cross-examination, long seen by the Supreme Court as the law's best truth-finding tool; letting accusers appeal not guilty findings, a form of double jeopardy; a process so rushed that many accused students lack time to prepare a defense; and "interim" punishments before any investigation.'

Meet Whistle: The App That Lets You Report Sexism Whenever You See It

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to dealing with sexism, women are being more outspoken than ever before. Whether you tweet out a shady experience for all your followers to read or call into the mansplaining hotline to report an incident, now is very much a “see something, say something” sort of era. If you want to know more about where sexism is happening and do your part to raise awareness, there’s a new app you need to DL. Introducing: Whistle.

Whistle is a newly released app for iPhone (and soon Android) users that enables women to anonymously identify and call out sexism over the course of their daily lives — not just at work, but while they are out, exercising, shopping and more.

How it works is super simple: Open up the app on your phone and you’ll be prompted to either “whistle” or see what women have been whistling about most recently or nearby. If you decide to send out a whistle, you first place it in one of six categories: work, public, home, school, online or in the media. From there you’ll select what type of sexism you’re experiencing. Of the 10 choices, you can pick from options like “boys club behavior” and “mansplaining.” After that, you’ll have 200 characters to explain what happened. Then, send it out to the network where other members can view and comment. If you don’t have anything to report but you want to see what sort of sexist acts are happening in your area, you can check out the “nearby” tab to view whistles that have recently been sent out in your area.'

Uni Accused of Sexism for Gym Dress Code That's Exactly the Same for Men as for Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two Rhode Island School of Design students were kicked out of Brown University's gym for wearing midriff-baring gear, and now they're insisting that the dress code is sexist — even though the rules are exactly the same for men as they are for women.

...

The Herald reports that although both women consider the policy to be "sexist and discriminatory towards women," school officials have insisted that that's not the case. In fact, Nelson Fitness Center manager Jason Bishoff told the publication that if an employee really did tell Karayiannis that the reason she had to cover up was to avoid making other people uncomfortable, then that employee simply did not understand the real reason for the rule — which he said is "to reduce skin contact with workout equipment."

"We don't want anybody to feel that this is targeted at them," Bishoff said. "These rules apply to all genders, all ages, all populations."

That's right: According to Bishoff, the reason behind the rules is not to maximize the power of the patriarchy, but to minimize the amount of sweaty, germ-covered skin that will be touching the equipment. Still, both Dimitroff and Karayiannis insist that — gender-neutral or not — the rules are clearly rooted in a misogynistic desire to police women's bodies.'

The woman who fights for men's right

Matt · 1 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In India, where crimes against women are rampant, a female activist and documentary filmmaker stands out for being a rare voice for abused men. The BBC's Geeta Pandey in Delhi profiles Deepika Narayan Bhardwaj as part of a series on the Asian women likely to make the news in 2017.

India regularly gets hauled over the coals for its shabby treatment of women. And rightly so.

Every 15 minutes a rape is recorded, every five minutes an incident of domestic violence is reported, a bride is killed for dowry every 69 minutes and every year hundreds of thousands of female foetuses are aborted and infant girls are killed, leading to an appallingly skewed gender ratio. Girls and women also have to battle lifelong discrimination, prejudice, violence and neglect.

In a climate like that, 31-year-old Deepika Narayan Bhardwaj knows she sticks out like a sore thumb, but she has some questions that are reasonable enough: "Are men not vulnerable? Do they not face discrimination? Can they not be victims?"

And she goes on to add: "Just as you don't have to be a woman to fight for women, similarly, you don't have to be a man to fight for men. I don't talk about atrocities against women because there are millions who are talking about it."'

Cops: Woman Stabbed Beau Over Threesome

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Story here. Seriously. I mean, like, seriously. Guilty, Not Guilty, Unproven, and Stupid. These are the four verdicts I'd like to see available in our courts. In this case I am not sure exactly how I'd rule. Guilty? Not Guilty By Reason of Stupidity? Or Guilty And Stupid? That last fits. Excerpt:

'An Arizona woman stabbed her boyfriend with a pair of scissors after he declined her request to engage in a threesome with a woman that the alleged assailant had met at a local dog park, police charge.

According to cops, Teresa Gillard, 42, is facing felony aggravated assault and disorderly conduct charges stemming from a confrontation earlier this month at a residence in Lake Havasu City that she shares with the victim.
...
As detailed in a police report, Gillard told cops that she wanted to invite her new female acquaintance over for a threesome, which she and the victim “have always talked about doing.” But, Gillard added, her boyfriend “did not want to have a threesome because he wasn’t feeling well.”

The couple--who have dated, on and off, since 2008--began quarreling after the threesome proposal was rejected by the victim. A verbal argument between the pair eventually turned physical, investigators allege.

As first reported in Today’s News-Herald, as the dispute escalated, Gillard allegedly stabbed the victim several times in the arm and abdomen with a pair of scissors. The man, cops say, suffered only minor lacerations during the January 12 fracas.
...
Cops responded to the Lake Havasu City home after Gillard called 911 to claim that she had been beaten up by the victim. The man, however, was not charged by police.'

Misandry and Child Abuse Flourish Among 'Elites' Who Want Revenge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Have you noticed more and more insults and abusive verbal language being directed towards young boys recently? Paula Bolyard here at PJM has a post on Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan, who says he will "behead his young sons if they 'mistreat' a woman":

`He's also adamant that his sons not mistreat women. "And I know that if either of my sons ever misbehaves with a woman, I'd behead him," he said. SRK didn't define what he meant by "misbehaves.'

The actor's views stem from his belief that women are superior to men. "From creating life to taking so much sh*t in your daily life and using it as your strength—the simple act of boarding a local train, being leched at, not getting a job because of your gender—it's shocking how much a woman has to take every day," he said. "As men, we should all experience what it is like and still stay strong."

"I'd like to be a woman," SRK told Femina. "Physically, I'm not. Mentally and emotionally, I'd like to be one. Sometimes there is a part in me that when I see feminists becoming aggressive, I want to step up in their support. I don't think women are weak but I'm the kind of guy who would take off my jacket and put it across a puddle for a woman to walk."`

His sons are 16 and 3. Okay, great parenting skills there, "dad." You have a fetish to be a woman now and you're willing to sacrifice your sons' lives to fulfill your thrill, or at least to unleash abusive, threatening language their way in order to get them to "respect women." Yeah, that will work. Teach that 3-year-old that his own father thinks beheading him is somehow justified if he mistreats a woman, whatever that means. There are better ways to show a young boy how to treat people (not just women) in ways that promote equality than threatening to kill him.'

India: Another example of male bashing? Guy labelled molester at Atif Aslam's concert claims he was the victim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Looks like there are many layers to the whole incident of singer Atif Aslam stopping his concert midway to save a girl from molestation. The boy who was alleged to misbehave with girls at the concert has now revealed his side of the story in an interview with a Pakistan daily. The boy claimed he was a student of Institute of Business Administration (IBA) and was responsible for the security management.

Sharing his side of the story and claiming that he was misjudged, the guy said he was the victim. Speaking on his responsibilities, he told it was his job to ensure people from non-VIP sections didn't go to the VIP section. He alleged of seeing two girls accompanied by a guy, crossing the non-VIP section and surging ahead towards the stage. The IBA student said he asked them politely to either show their VIP passes or go back to their seats, whilst adding that there was a huge rush which organizers were unprepared for.

But, apparently, things took an unpleasant turn for him soon after. He said the girls started getting violent with him and the boy who was with them punched him in the face. That was exactly when Atif Aslam saw them and halted the performance to 'rescue these girls'. He said:

'Instead of trying to understand the real story, Atif Aslam blamed me, the actual victim. Nobody listens to men in our society especially when a woman has said anything against him – it doesn't matter true or false. When Atif Aslam said 'rescue these girls,' everyone thought I was molesting them and a huge mob started beating me up for no reason. I have never been beaten so badly in my entire life, and that too for just doing my job."'

Expert: Title IX Guidance Exists to Deprive Accused Male Students of Fair Hearings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With that in mind, consider some rather stunning admissions from Morse, an expert on governmental anti-sexual assault policy who is asked here to defend extra-legal, university-based adjudication systems for sexual crimes. I have bolded the most relevant passages:

`And so, the aims of the court system are completely different than those of the campus-conduct system. A finding of responsibility on the part of the assailant in a campus-conduct system might mean that they are removed from the campus. It doesn't mean that they're going to prison, and it doesn't also prevent that individual from seeking further study elsewhere after a period of time, perhaps.

But the point about the need for federal law and regulation that is trauma-informed and fair is that it can protect the rights to all parties involved in the adjudication process following a claim. … The lower threshold as articulated in guidance in 2011 by the Office for Civil Rights provides the foundation for a likely outcome of responsibility that will protect survivors of sexual violence while still not prohibiting the individual found responsible for seeking educational opportunities later. The point of campus-adjudication processes is to affirm the rights of individuals to educational opportunities. And the reason we need federal laws and regulations to protect that structure, is that absent federal law and regulation, there isn't an established process to do that across the states.`'

Campus rape statistics 'misleading,' says author of new book

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The co-author of a new book about campus rape says that while the problem of sexual assault and rape on campus is real, the numbers have been inflated.

Stuart Taylor Jr., who wrote "The Campus Rape Frenzy: The Attack on Due Process at America's Universities" with KC Johnson, told CNN's Michael Smerconish that although there is a "serious rape problem on campus," the statistics are "highly misleading."

According to a large scale study by the Association of American Universities, 23% of female students have experienced some form of unwanted sexual contact while attending college.

Taylor disputes these often-cited numbers. For instance, President Obama said, while launching an awareness campaign in 2014, that one in five students will be sexually assaulted. Taylor said the figure was "absolutely false."

"Frankly I'm surprised that a man as smart as former President Obama, and as careful a politician, would say something so wildly inaccurate, something that had already been totally discredited at the time he said it," Taylor said.'

Federal suit seeks ‘due process’ in university student discipline

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Appeal hearings are underway for suspended University of Minnesota football players, KSTP reports.

A three-person panel, consisting of at least one student, selected from the Student Sexual Misconduct Subcommittee will hear the appeals from the players, some of whom were expelled, others suspended for their alleged part in what a woman claims was a sexual assault.

No criminal charges were filed against the men, but the university disciplined them under Title IX rules.

The University of Minnesota football team boycotted activities prior to their bowl game, saying the men didn’t get due process.'

Student Expelled for Sexual Misconduct Can’t Defend Himself—It Would ‘Impose Psychological Trauma’ on Accuser

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Remember Amherst College student "John Doe," who was expelled for sexual misconduct, even though he had good reason to believe that his accuser had actually assaulted him? A judge recently blocked Doe's attempt to subpoena his female accuser's text messages on grounds that re-litigating the matter "would impose emotional and psychological trauma" on her.

Consider the implications of this decision. According to Seattle District Judge James Robart, a student who believes Amherst violated his due process rights, wrongfully expelled him, and ignored subsequent evidence that his accuser, "Sandra Jones," was the actual violator of the college's sexual misconduct policies, does not deserve the opportunity to make his case because someone else's feelings are more important.

Whatever happened to believing the victim?

The incident in question took place years ago, during the late night / early morning hours of February 4-5, 2012. Jones was Doe's girlfriend's roommate at the time. Jones went to Doe's dorm room and sexual activity ensued: Jones performed oral sex on Doe.

But Doe was blackout drunk at the time—a detail that Amherst administrators deemed "credible," on subsequent review. Of course, it's questionable whether a blackout drunk student can actually provide the level of consent that Amherst's sexual misconduct policy requires.

Other factors cast doubt on the idea that Jones was the victim and Doe the perpetrator. After leaving Doe's dorm room, Jones texted another male student and asked him to come to her dorm room for sex. She also texted a residential advisor about her "stupid" decision to engage in sexual activity with her roommate's boyfriend. In these text messages, Jones admitted that she was "not an innocent bystander." She also complained about how long it was taking this second male student to do anything sexual with her. She did not file a complaint against Doe until two years later.'

Teacher jailed for 30 years for sexual misconduct denied parole

Matt · 2 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A SEX-CRAZED teacher jailed for romping with three pupils has lost her bid for freedom.

Brianne Altice, who was caged for up to 30 years, blamed “self-esteem issues” for her crimes.

And the mum-of-two, 37, claimed she had taken responsibility for what she did and was “extremely remorseful”.

But a parole board has refused to let her out of prison until at least another hearing in April 2019.

She has also been ordered to complete a two-year sex offender treatment programme and pay £600 towards counselling for her victims.

Altice was described by one of her teen lovers as a “teacher with benefits” as they continued sessions AFTER she had already been arrested for under-age sex.

Romps behind her husband’s back included one in a church car park.'

Helpline for Indian men gets 100 calls to report abuse daily

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Article here. Excerpt:

'He was gang-raped, filmed nude, thrashed with belts, and objects were inserted into his private parts.

"Then they urinated on me," the 19-year-old (name withheld) broke down, narrating his story to a helpline recently.

Given that Delhi is widely touted as the rape capital, this should have been just another statistic. But there's a catch. The caller's alleged tormentors were women, and all nearly twice his age.

In spite of being from an influential political family, the caller had no legal remedy. Counsellors had a tough time trying to figure out how courts could help him. To their dismay, they found that the Indian rape laws did not recognise a man as a victim. Being an adult, he could not have sought help under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act either.

The 19-year-old isn't alone. Overcoming their male ego, stigma and conditioning, hundreds of men across the country are making that call to the helpline with trepidation, alleging that they were harassed, abused and victimised by women.'

As A Mother Of A Son, Kellyanne Conway Gets Why Feminism Has Become Toxic

Matt · 2 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'All women in public life have to answer the question, “Are you a feminist?” After becoming the first female campaign manager to win a U.S. presidential campaign, Kellyanne Conway drew that question in an interview with the *Washington Post*:

`You don’t consider yourself a feminist?

I don’t consider myself a feminist. I think my generation isn’t a big fan of labels. My favorite label is mommy. I feel like the feminist movement has been hijacked by the pro-abortion movement or the anti-male sentiments that you read in some of their propaganda and writings. I’m not anti-male. One does not need to be pro-female and call yourself a feminist, when with it comes that whole anti-male culture where we want young boys to sit down and shut up in the classroom. And we have all of these commercials that show what a feckless boob the man in the house is. That’s not the way I see the men in my life, most especially my 12-year-old son. I consider myself a postfeminist. I consider myself one of those women who is a product of her choices, not a victim of her circumstances.`

Her answer is typical from Gen X women who refuse to call themselves feminists, and I’ll wager a dime that most of those objections will center on women seeing themselves as products of their choices, not victims of their circumstances.
...
Like Conway, I have a son and three daughters. My son is 13 and thus Conway and I have seen what boys endure in today’s society. Feminism as currently practiced lies to us and our daughters, telling us that our worth is tied to our career and our sex life. But it tells our sons they are worthless.

These realizations sneak up on us. When we have our baby sons in our arms, we do not connect that all those horrible things feminists say about men apply to our tiny sweet bundle. The first whispers start in nursery school. The need to have day care mean something more than child minding has sprouted testing for all manner of things, from scissor skills to sight reading. General rambunctiousness or later verbal and fine motor skills common in males mean that the boys fall behind before they even really start school.'

"Protests" at Milo UC Berkeley event

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Video here. Wednesday night at UC Berkeley, anti-free speech rioters arrived on the scene to shut down an event hosted by Breitbart's Milo Yiannopoulos.

Kleptomania and a mother's love: The five-finger discount is my personal rebellion against inequality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'From my perspective, stealing is also an attempt to rewrite or get outside those laws that create a sense of normalcy in society. A society that allows certain children access to the healthiest foods, that underpays and therefore undermines the work of certain people, and that holds competition and economic inequality as givens, rather than culturally constructed ways of life. It comes over me when I think about the endless turnover of paper, the endless struggle we all undergo every day, just to get dinner on the table.
...
Kleptomania shows us that we too often privilege property over the mental and emotional well-being of women. For his part, Stekel favors reports of women stealing pencils, or a scarf after an incident with a cigar. From this perspective, women's sexual excitations, rather than the work of love, can be blamed for every transgression of the law a woman carries out.'

Audi Outed for Promoting Fake Equal Pay Nonsense

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Audi of America is jumping on the politically correct bandwagon and running a Super Bowl ad that pushes the “equal pay” lies we hear too often.

The car company’s “Equal Pay” commercial flies in the face of the facts, creates divisions between the sexes, and fails to do what an advertisement should do—make people want to buy the product.

The commercial shows a feisty girl in a drag race with boys as the father narrates, spewing nonsense about how women are devalued in our society.

"What do I tell my daughter? Do I tell her that her grandpa’s worth more than her grandma, that her dad is worth more than her mom? Do I tell her that despite her education, her drive, her skills, her intelligence, she will automatically be valued less than any man she ever meets? Or maybe I’ll be able to tell her something different."

The commercial ends with “Audi of America is committed to equal pay for equal work. Progress for everyone.”'

Audi #DriveProgress Big Game Commercial – “Daughter”

Also see: Audi, Your 'Empowering' Super Bowl Ad Is Terrible for Girls: Here's Why

The Women's March organizers are planning a massive 'day without women' strike

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The organizers of the Women's March on Washington — the protest that drew an estimated half a million people in Washington, DC, alone — are now planning a mass strike.

"The will of the people will stand," the organizers posted on Twitter. The date of the strike is still to be determined.

The announcement follows two New York City strikes from groups affected by President Donald Trump's executive order temporarily barring immigrants from seven majority-Muslim countries and all refugees from entering the US (the order was placed on a temporary hold on Friday).

On January 28, members of the New York Taxi Workers Alliance went on a one-hour strike in solidarity with protesters at JFK airport. Uber, however, was still servicing riders, which prompted the #DeleteUber hashtag that led to 200,000 deleted accounts, according to The Verge.

A week later, members of New York City's Yemeni-American community closed hundreds of their markets and protested in Brooklyn.'

Woman pleads guilty to killing husband with antifreeze

Matt · 7 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A 47-year-old woman has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for poisoning her husband to death with antifreeze, according to the Department of Justice.

Jamie L. Baker of Smyrna entered her plea in Superior Court in Dover on Monday morning.

Her husband – 42-year-old James D. Baker II –was found dead on the bedroom floor of their home by his wife on Sept. 16, 2013, according to police.

An autopsy determined that his kidneys contained a substance suspected to be ethylene glycol, a chemical found in antifreeze. If taken in small dosages, ethylene glycol will crystallize in the kidneys and eventually kill a person, police said in court records.

The medical examiner ruled his death a homicide by poisoning after bottles of steroids found at the scene were tested at a laboratory and found to also contain ethylene glycol, police said.
...
According to James Baker's obituary, Baker worked as an environmental specialist for 22 years at the DuPont Experimental Station. He had been married to his wife for 21 years and had two daughters.

His wife is expected to be sentenced in late March and faces 15 years to life in prison.'

Successful male contraceptive gel trial brings new form of birth control closer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male contraceptive gel has been found to work reliably in a trial in primates, bringing the prospect of an alternative form of birth control for humans closer.

The product, called Vasalgel, is designed to be a reversible and less invasive form of vasectomy and in the latest study was 100% effective at preventing conception. A blob of the gel is injected into the sperm-carrying tube, known as the vas deferens, and acts as a long-lasting barrier.

Previous tests in smaller animals showed the procedure could be easily reversed by breaking up the gel using ultrasound.

Catherine VandeVoort, of the California National Primate Research Centre and the study's lead author, said: "Men's options for contraception have not changed much in decades. There's vasectomy, which is poorly reversible, and condoms. If they knew they could get a reliable contraceptive that could also be reversed I think it would be appealing to them."

The Parsemus Foundation, a non-profit organisation that funded the work, said it plans to start a human trial as soon as funding is secured, based on the promising monkey results.

"One of the great things about the monkey model is that the male reproductive tract is very similar to humans and they have even more sperm than humans do," said VandeVoort. "Chances are, it's going to be effective in humans."'

Hillary Clinton says 'future is female' in new video

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton made her first public remarks on the state of women's issues since President Trump's inauguration and the Jan. 21 Women's March on Washington.

"Despite all the challenges we face, I remain convinced that YES, the future is female," Clinton said in a videotaped message to the 2017 Makers Conference in California. Makers is a storytelling platform for raising issues impacting women.

"We need strong women to step up and speak out. We need you to dare greatly and lead boldly. So please, set an example for every woman and girl out there who's worried about what the future holds and wonders whether our rights, opportunities and values will endure," Clinton said.

"Remember, you are the heroes and history makers, the glass ceiling breakers of the future. As I've said before, I'll say again, never doubt that you are valuable and powerful and deserving of every chance and opportunity in the world," Clinton said.'

University Accused of Sexism For Offering Preference to Men for Veterinary Scholarship

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Sydney in Australia has come under fire after giving preference to male students in a scholarship of nearly $30,000 to study at female-dominated veterinary medicine course, accusing the institution of sexism.

The Prof Marsh Edwards AO scholarship, offered for the first time this year, will award one successful applicant $6,750 a year for four years to students enrolled in the postgraduate doctor of veterinary medicine degree at the University of Sydney, The Guardian Australia reports.

In the press release, the scholarship claims that it will give preference to “male applicants who are from rural and regional areas with an interest in large animal practice and intended to work in rural veterinary science”.

This has sparked accusations of sexism, despite the fact that the veterinary medicine course is dominated by women and, according to the university spokeswoman, “over 90%” of new students in the course are expected to be female.

The university’s Women’s Collective has urged the university to drop “male” from the eligibility requirements to “send a clear message to all students that sexism and discrimination on campus is unacceptable”.
...
The University administration also pointed out that numerous scholarships were offered exclusively for women, aimed at increasing the participation of women in subjects where they are underrepresented.'

Does India have a problem with false rape claims?

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'After the infamous 2012 gang rape of a student on a bus in Delhi, the number of rape cases reported to police in India rose sharply. But one survey concluded that in Delhi, in 2013-14, more than half of these reports were "false" - fuelling claims by male activists that women are alleging rape in order to extort money from men.

Yogesh Gupta always knew he had evidence that could prove, indisputably, he was not a rapist, but getting the police to recognise his innocence was another matter.

The 44-year-old Delhi estate agent's troubles began after he caught an employee embezzling money and threatened to go to the police.

The employee reacted by coercing a woman to pose as a potential house buyer who, after viewing a property, asked Gupta for a lift to the local metro station. She later accused him of driving her to an empty fourth floor apartment and raping her.

"Thankfully I had CCTV installed in my office," he says.

"The whole process of taking the stairs to the fourth floor, opening the flat, taking her inside, then getting out and dropping her at the metro station would have taken at least 37 - 40 minutes.

"I could prove I was back in my office within 11 minutes."'

Trump faces uphill battle undoing campus rape scares inherited from Obama

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'President Trump's Education Department can easily revoke mandates compelling colleges and universities to take due process rights away from students accused of sexual assault — but undoing practices institutionalized by the Obama administration and backed by feminist factions on campus will require greater effort.

Stuart Taylor Jr., a former non-resident fellow at the Brookings Institution, said incoming Education Secretary Betsy DeVos should repeal orders threatening to pull federal funds from universities that fail to adopt adjudication processes that increase the likelihood that male students accused of sexual misconduct will be found guilty.

"What they can and should do, very easily and very fast, is revoke all of the various orders that the Obama administration issued to colleges," said Mr. Taylor, who co-wrote "The Campus Rape Frenzy" with K.C. Johnson. "These orders have been couched as guidance, and they don't have the standing of regulations because they did not go through the necessary notice and comment rule-making process, so that means Trump and his people can make them disappear with the stroke of a pen."

In response to what the Obama administration described as an epidemic of campus rape, the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights in 2011 began issuing "Dear Colleague Letters" that invoked Title IX to force colleges to establish disciplinary procedures for resolving sexual assault allegations between students.'

Campus sex assault bill would codify standards in Mississippi that might be on the way out in D.C.

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'Legislation that would add a contentious Obama administration mandates on campus sexual assault procedures to Mississippi law is still alive in the state Legislature, even if they are tottering at the Department of Education.

The bill was approved Tuesday by the House Judiciary B Committee and is already on the House calendar.

The measure, sponsored by state Rep. Angela Cockerham, D-Magnolia, would require the state institutions of higher learning to implement a comprehensive policy toward allegations of sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking that goes a step beyond one proposed by the federal government in 2011.
...
Critics say the policy has reduced due process rights for the accused and compromised the impartiality of investigators. It also restricts an accused's right to counsel and doesn't require that the accuser be present at a hearing.'

Woman attacks man over faint praise

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Story here. "No thanks dear, I'll do dinner myself. No problem. Really." Excerpt:

'A police standoff began in Merrimack after a boyfriend told his girlfriend that the spaghetti dinner she made was "OK," according to police paperwork.

Police responded to Webster Green Condominium Complex for a domestic disturbance Saturday at about 2:35 p.m. Officers met with a resident of the complex who said that his girlfriend, Jodi Ecklund, was in the apartment and damaging property.

The boyfriend told police that Ecklund had made him a spaghetti dinner and asked him how it was. He replied with "OK," and said Ecklund then went "bipolar" on him.

Ecklund allegedly assaulted the boyfriend by punching him in the face, punching him in the arm and scratching his hand. He left the apartment and heard Ecklund lock the door, according to court documents.

Two firearms - a Glock 9mm and a M4 rifle - were in the apartment, the boyfriend told police.'

India: Man consumes poison fearing arrest in dowry harassment case, dies

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'A 32-year old man committed suicide by consuming poison fearing arrest in a dowry harassment case. He died while recuperating at a hospital in Panvel on Wednesday afternoon.

Sachin Ashok Chetre, a resident of Karanjade in Panvel, died in Paramount Hospital at around 2.30pm on February 8. Police have sent the body to JJ Hospital in Mumbai for the postmortem.

Pretisha Chetre, 26, had lodged a complaint against her husband on February 4 for allegedly being harassed for dowry. Sachin then reportedly assaulted his wife and threatened that he would commit suicide if she did not take back her complaint.

After the assault, Pretisha's family again approached the police and demanded immediate action. Police then arrested Sachin from his home and when he was taken for a medical test, he told police that he had consumed poison at 11 pm on February 5, fearing arrest. "We took them to the government hospital but he insisted to go to a private hospital. He was then admitted at Paramount Hospital in Panvel where doctors started his treatment," said an official from Panvel City police station. However, he died at around 2.30pm on February 8.'

Woman busted for livestreaming rape of 4-year-old boy

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'An Ohio woman who reportedly livestreamed footage of her raping a 4-year-old boy has been arrested.

India Kirksey, 20, has been charged with felony rape, news station WCPO reported. She was arraigned Monday in court, and is being held on a $350,000 bond.

Harrisburg County authorities in Ohio received a tip from someone who saw the footage online. Earlier this year, the video allegedly had been shared on the livestreaming app Periscope.

In an interview with police, Kirksey confessed to performing oral sex on the toddler.'

Convicted Palestinian Terrorist Among Feminist Activists Calling on American Women to Join March 8 International Strike

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A convicted Palestinian terrorist was among the eight feminist activists who called earlier this week on American women to join a March 8 international strike — which organizers are calling a protest “against male violence and in defense of reproductive rights.”

Rasmea Odeh served time in Israeli prison for her involvement — as a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) — in a pair of 1969 terrorist bombings in Jerusalem, one of which killed two Hebrew University students at a supermarket. She was freed in 1980 as part of a prisoner exchange, and moved to the US in the mid-1990s. More recently, Odeh has been in the headlines due to charges of immigration fraud filed against her and a subsequent ongoing court case.

In a Guardian op-ed published on Monday — attention to which was brought on social media by investigative journalist and author Gary Weiss — Odeh, joined by Linda Martín Alcoff, Cinzia Arruzza, Tithi Bhattacharya, Nancy Fraser, Barbara Ransby, Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor and Angela Davis, wrote that the goal of the planned protest is to “mobilize women, including trans women, and all who support them in an international day of struggle — a day of striking, marching, blocking roads, bridges, and squares, abstaining from domestic, care and sex work, boycotting, calling out misogynistic politicians and companies, striking in educational institutions…Let us use the occasion of this international day of action to be done with lean-in feminism and to build in its place a feminism for the 99%, a grassroots, anti-capitalist feminism — a feminism in solidarity with working women, their families and their allies throughout the world.”'

Australia: Engineering internships for women only

Minuteman · 11 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

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'The National Association of Women in Operations (NAWO) and PATH4 Graduates have teamed up to launch the first paid Internship and Graduate Programs for female university students who are in their final year of study.

This initiative is called Project I. It is a paid project-based program aimed at providing female talent with an insight into careers available in operational work environments. The intent of this program is to attract more women to operational careers, increasing the number of graduates joining operational companies and developing a future pipeline of female talent to ultimately achieve greater gender diversity in operational leadership positions

We are inviting only female university students to apply as a special measure under Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act.'

Boy Scouts Face Renewed Push to Let Girls Join the Ranks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After many years of divisiveness, the Boy Scouts of America have opened their ranks to gay and transgender boys. Yet a different membership dispute persists: a long-shot campaign to let girls join the BSA so they have a chance to earn the prestigious status of Eagle Scout.

Just last week, after the BSA announced it would admit transgender boys, the National Organization for Women issued a statement urging the 106-year-old youth organization to allow girls to join as well. NOW said it was inspired by the efforts of a 15-year-old New York City girl to emulate her older brother, who is an Eagle Scout.

"Women can now hold all combat roles in the military, and women have broken many glass ceilings at the top levels of government, business, academia and entertainment," said NOW President Terry O'Neill. "It's long past due that girls have equal opportunities in Scouting."
...
While the Boy Scouts have established several coed programs, including Venturing and Sea Scouts, the Girl Scouts remain girls-only.'

Australia: Position Vacant - "Gender Equality Policy and Data Analyst"

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'The Gender Equality Policy and Data Analyst is responsible for the development and provision of integrated policy and data analysis and advice relating to gender equality issues of interest to the Premier and/or Cabinet. Key characteristics required for this role: a high level of understanding of data analysis and experience translating data; high level understanding of social policy, specifically in relation to gender equality; demonstrated experience in advising on strategic responses to complex policy problems.
...
Applications from those wishing to work part-time or full-time hours will be equally considered.'

Audi: The Car for the Unhappy Woman

Matt · 11 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If there was ever a more mendacious or socially destructive ad during the Super Bowl, let alone on television, I am unaware of it.

As a believer in the free market and the free exchange of ideas, I have rarely advocated for or participated in a boycott of a company for the political positions of its owners or directors. I eat Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream despite the fact that I have opposed every left-wing political and social position Ben and Jerry have ever advocated. It's a free country. And I want to keep it free.

But Audi crossed a line. It should pay an appropriate price.

First, we need to stop the politicization of everything in America. We need to be able to watch sports, for example, without the intrusion of left-wing propaganda. I would feel the same about right-wing propaganda, but the right believes in allowing people to enjoy life without injecting politics wherever possible.

Second, the ad sent the false and debilitating message to every girl that being born in America is to be born oppressed and persecuted. "I am a woman, therefore I am a victim," it says.'

‘It’s Relentlessly Anti-Men’: Domestic Violence Campaign Set for Valentine’s Day Sparks Battle

Mastodon · 11 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'To raise awareness about domestic violence, an Australian nonprofit has encouraged women to use the hashtag #IGotFlowersToday on Valentine’s Day in reference to a poem about a battered woman.

The poem, written by Paulette Kelly, “chronicles the life of an abused woman with the gift of flowers used as an apology for a torturous life, rather than a symbol of love and affection,” explained Karen Willis, executive director of the Full Stop Foundation, the group behind the campaign.

But the Full Stop Foundation’s campaign was met with backlash as a Daily Telegraph columnist denounced it as “savage, relentless anti-men messaging.”

“It’s not enough that some poor guy has schlepped to the florist or sweated over which flowers to pick online and poured over poignant words for the card,” wrote Corrine Barraclough. “ These infuriating feminist fools now want his motives to be questioned too. So, in addition to your colleagues’ ‘Nice flowers,’ comments, if you get a dozen long-stemmed you can now presumably look forward to comments such as, ‘Is everything OK?’ and ‘What did he do?’”

Barraclough also writes that the campaign focuses only on abuse perpetrated by men against women, though she says “domestic violence is not—and has never been—a gendered issue.”'

Why college guys should be terrified of campus hookups

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Men need to feel a cold spike of fear when they begin a sexual encounter." Those were not the words of a nun at your local Catholic high school 50 years ago. They were written in 2014 by the progressive Ezra Klein, editor of Vox, in explaining the importance of California's "affirmative consent" law.

Passed in 2015, the law requires that students at the state's colleges must obtain "affirmative, conscious and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity" from their partners. If not, they could be subject to disciplinary procedures for sexual assault.

It is one of the astounding ironies of our current era that universities, which have long been billed as havens of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, places to experiment and rebel before you grow up, now employ armies of bureaucrats to regulate the sex lives of their students. These administrators hand out condoms and invite students to lectures by professional dominatrixes, while at the same time holding secret tribunals to punish men who engage in what can best be described as regrettable drunken hookups with their female classmates.'

Hillary Clinton Spearheads War On Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a new video produced ahead of the 2017 Makers Conference – an invitation-only feminist leadership retreat held in California – Hillary Clinton boosted the feminist movement with a rallying call for girls and women to be “the glass-ceiling breakers of the future.”

“Despite all the challenges we face, I remain convinced that yes, the future is female,” Clinton said. “Just look at the amazing energy we saw last month as women organised a march that galvanised millions of people all over our country and across the world.”

So why can’t the future be male? Answer: because today’s men are under a full frontal assault by feminists like Clinton who are doing their utmost to erase the concept of masculinity and maleness.

When male babies grow into little boys, they cannot act like boys, dress like boys or feel like boys because feminists have stamped the very concept of masculinity with the word “toxic” and “misogynistic” all over it. Because of the conditioning they grow up with in the public education system and the dinosaur media, it is little wonder that boys grow up to be so effeminate, emasculated and disempowered. This misandrous assault is beyond nauseating to say the least.'

Woman, 28, accused of sex with boys in public bathroom

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Baker, who was listed as homeless, had been arrested last month on disorderly conduct and trespassing, was adjudicated guilty on those charges and spent 15 days in the Marion County Jail. Baker declined to speak to the Star-Banner on Saturday.

According to police officials, Baker called the agency on Friday night to snitch on the juveniles before they told on her. Baker, however, did not tell officers what the boys had supposedly done.

An officer went to West Silver Springs Boulevard and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, where Baker and another woman were arguing. The woman told the officer that she had evidence Baker was having sexual encounters with boys.

The woman showed the officer a video of Baker having sex with a boy. The officer detained her, and Baker told the officer that she was going to jail anyway so he should arrest her, according to OPD.

Buetti learned that Baker was having sex with two 12- to 14-year-old boys inside a bathroom at the War Memorial, 1501 W. Silver Springs Blvd., according to OPD officials.'

UK: Iain Duncan Smith thinktank in ‘fatherless society’ warning

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Britain is facing a “crisis of fatherlessness” in which almost half of all children born today will not be living with both parents by the time they are 15, the new chief executive of the thinktank founded by Iain Duncan Smith has warned.

Andy Cook, who runs the Centre for Social Justice, which is chaired by the former cabinet minister, argued that regular contact with a father figure reduced criminal behaviour in children and boosted cognitive skills including reasoning and language development.

Cook claimed there was too much of a “throwaway culture” to parenting, adding: “Over the last 40 years, the meteoric rise in family breakdown has blighted the lives of the poorest children the most. The relationship children have with their father affects their self-esteem, how well they do at school, even whether they are able to form happy, long-lasting relationships as adults.”'

UK: Kids Attending Fathers' Rights Protests Could be Referred To Government Prevent De-Radicalisation Programme

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Children who attend Fathers4Justice and anti-badger cull protests have been considered for the government's anti-radicalisation programme, Prevent, set up to deter "violent extremism" and terrorism, an MP has claimed.

Conservative MP Lucy Allan said teachers are under increasing pressure to refer children to the Prevent Strategy, for reasons other than radical Islam, to please government inspectors.

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Matt O'Connor, founder of Fathers4Justice, told Breitbart London: "A teachers job is to teach, not act as Orwellian thought police.

"We now live in a country where militant feminists are lauded in the mainstream media for protesting at the Women's March, yet protesting dads campaigning for parental equality are linked to extremism."

...

In one case, a 15-year-old schoolboy, who thought "Muslim women shouldn't be allowed to wear the niqab", was identified as a potential terrorist and put through Prevent's most strict de-radicalisation programme, Channel.'

Florida man fights for paternity rights of son over mother’s husband

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'After losing contact with his 3-year-old son when he broke off a relationship with the mother, a Florida man is fighting for paternity rights to his son, WPTV reported.

John Karpinski's legal fight is complicated by the fact that the mother of his child was legally married when the boy was born. Florida law gives all paternal rights to her husband.

The boy's mother says she and her husband recognize the child as their own, and they plan to raise him together, WPTV says.

"Mr. Karpinski was a great dad and was doing all of the things that are expected of a father and then to have that ripped away from him is certainly a different circumstance that even this law ever contemplated," said his attorney, Shaun Plymale.

"I will never stop as long as there is breath in my body," Karpinski told WPTV. "I want my boy home."

Similar battles over fathers' custody and paternity rights have made headlines in recent years. Most state laws tend to favor the mother in a custody battles, but there's been a growing movement over the rights of fathers.'

The Failures of Mainstream Feminism

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'On paper, at least, 2016 looked to be a banner year for feminism. As the GOP primary field succumbed to Donald Trump's insurgency, Hillary Clinton's march to the White House seemed all but inevitable. Discussions about rape on college campuses, workplace harassment, pay disparity, and other feminist issues finally broke through to the mainstream. A-list celebrities began embracing the word feminism—a significant shift after decades when feminists were little more than pop-culture punch lines, derided for their humorlessness, earnestness, and ideological single-mindedness. Seemingly overnight, feminism had become fashionable. Pop stars used the word to sell records, guys used it to get laid, models used it to push product, writers used it to advance their brand.

Like all fashions, it passed. And like all fashions, it turned out to be a frivolous, cosmetic change, completely divorced from the actual lived experience of most women. Instead of the first female president, we now have an accused sexual predator in the highest office in the land and a proud misogynist homophobe as his deputy and de facto head of domestic policy. Even more startling, in a way, are the exit polls showing that 53 percent of white women voted for Trump—and that many of those same women consider themselves feminists.

How did we get to this point? How could a majority of white women choose Trump over the first woman to serve as the presidential standard-bearer for a major political party—and call themselves feminists while doing so?'

Feminists wage war against romance on Valentine's Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Valentine's Day, we are told by a feminist blogger, is "a consumerist holiday, personified by patriarchal and heteronormative traditions which reinforces sexist stereotypes." The anonymous 25-year-old assures her readers that she is "a strong, independent woman who doesn't need a man." This is fortunate because, apparently, no man needs her. She is alone and unloved, eating chocolate and watching Netflix while scrolling through profiles on the Tinder dating app — and this is what feminist "success" looks like.

An entire vocabulary of jargon phrases has been created by feminists to express their contempt for all things male and/or heterosexual. It is "sexist" to believe that women enjoy romance — cards and gifts, flowers and candy, etc. — and it is "heteronormative" to think that any woman might actually desire male companionship. Because the feminist is a "strong, independent woman," she must regard males as utterly useless, insofar as she does not actively hate males as evil oppressors. "We identify the agents of our oppression as men," Shulamith Firestone and her comrades in the feminist Redstockings collective declared in 1969: "All men receive economic, sexual, and psychological benefits from male supremacy. All men have oppressed women."

Heterosexual romance is harmful to women, according to feminist theory: "In terms of the oppression of women, heterosexuality is the ideology of male supremacy." Feminism has produced a thesaurus of phrases — "misogyny," "objectification," "harassment," "rape culture," etc. — which are more or less interchangeable as pejorative synonyms for normal male attitudes and behaviors. "Hegemonic masculinity," for example, was coined by an Australian professor, Robert Connell, in his 1987 book, Gender and Power, in which he confessed he had "been uneasy with conventional masculinity almost as long as I can remember." Connell was married to a feminist organizer, but he subsequently got a sex-change operation and became known as "Raewyn" Connell. "Hegemonic masculinity," we are informed by Wikipedia, is "the culturally idealized form of manhood… socially and hierarchically exclusive."'

Flowers = domestic violence

Mastodon · 14 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph. Excerpt:

'The day every woman who works in an office dreads because of Flower-Gate. Who gets the first bunch? The biggest bunch? Who gets balloons — and who gets sweet nothing? Such are the awkward highlights of office life for the working girl.

If you thought it couldn't get any worse, you can now tip your love heart-sequined beret to our good friends at the feminist domestic violence industry.

Apparently their savage, relentless anti-men messaging on every other day of the year isn't enough. Now they want to cast suspicion on those pesky perennials you see being delivered to your colleague in the corner.

The Full Stop Foundation, which perhaps should literally have stopped there, is now sending out free guilt trips for Valentine's Day. You're welcome. Look forward to a balloon pumped full of doubt to burst any hope of enjoying your bouquet when it's delivered.

In an attempt to "reframe the national conversation", the organisation is using Valentine's Day to launch its "I Got Flowers Today" campaign. It asks all Australians to ponder who got flowers because of love, and who received them as an apology for violent behaviour.

Give. Me. Strength.'

SAVE: ‘Kangaroo Courts’ on the Loose: SAVE Urges Lawmakers to End Campus Rape Tribunals

Matt · 15 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / February 14, 2017 – Recent reports at Baylor, Stanford, and Tufts universities reveal campus disciplinary committees lack competent staff, adhere to flawed policies, and suffer from severe conflict of interest problems. As a result, sexual assault victims and accused students alike are being shortchanged.

In late January, lawsuits were filed by two former female students against Baylor University. The women charged school coaches were inappropriately involved in disciplinary and criminal matters for sexual assault cases, among other allegations. http://www.espn.com/college-football/story/_/id/18569197

Last week, the Editorial Board of the Stanford Review issued a strongly worded verdict on its college’s sexual assault policies: “At Stanford, we have seen firsthand what many students and faculty are recognizing nationally: the reforms have failed. Sexual assault investigations usually fail to secure both relief for victims and civil liberties for the accused.” https://stanfordreview.org/dear-betsy-restore-justice-to-title-ix-c7c72df7616c#.kihodp3vw

On February 9, an exposé strongly critical of the Title IX policies at Tufts University was released. The report charged sexual assault investigators possessed far too much discretionary power and were not held to proper standards of impartiality. The report also revealed that Title IX training materials were being kept secret. http://www.sa4s.org/single-post/2017/02/09/Tufts-University%E2%80%99s-Title-IX-Policies-Inadequately-Protect-Victims'

Toxic Femininity — A Male Perspective

el cid · 15 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Branding men with undesirable character traits has turned into a popular sport. Men are considered by some—a vocal few, at least—to be competitive, aggressive, and violent, while women are thought of as passive and more inclined to collaboration. As an unrepentant male, I take umbrage at the increasing references to “toxic masculinity.” There are two reasons. First, I believe this is pure sexism driven by a small but angry cadre of power-hungry radical feminists. I can see no earthly reason that would require me to defend the values and behavior of my sex. Second, my basic sense of fairness resents the fact that men are often demonized while women get a free pass. If we are going to have a conversation about toxic masculinity, equal time should be devoted to “toxic femininity.”

What is toxic femininity? Does our typical female bear the burden of undesirable character traits? “Sentimental insistence on female innocence,” suggests The New York Times, “does no service to women, who should be treated as human beings with a capacity for aggression and held equally accountable for their actions.” Here are ten characteristics of toxic femininity:'

Chilling PSA Features Men Discussing ‘The One That Got Away’

Mastodon · 16 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'“Who’s the one that got away for you?”

That’s the question asked in a new PSA to three men. Instantly, each man remembered the “one that got away” and all three began reminiscing. While it sounds like three broken-hearted men, this PSA is about a much darker side of love and relationships.

Created by Canadian ad agency Union, the PSA was published on Valentine’s Day for Interval House, the first shelter for abused women and children in Canada. The haunting video slowly shows how possessiveness can actually be a subtle sign of abuse.

Each actor’s description of “the one that got away” starts out romantic and then becomes more and more controlling. “I miss her smile, I miss her friendship,” one man said, with another adding: “I couldn’t eat, couldn’t sleep” when they broke up.'

End Federal Micromanagement of College Discipline Under Title IX

Matt · 18 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Vice President Pence said that he and President Trump “believe that education is a state and local function that should be controlled by” states, not the federal government. A great way to restore local control would be rescind the Obama administration’s federal micromanagement of college discipline. Under Obama, the Education Department sometimes pressured colleges to do things that could lead to lawsuits being filed against them by their students.

For example, the Education Department’s April 4, 2011 “Dear Colleague” letter urged colleges to restrict cross-examination in sexual harassment and assault cases. As its Office for Civil Rights (OCR) put it in that letter, “OCR strongly discourages schools from allowing the parties personally to question or cross-examine each other during the hearing.” When schools take that advice, it can violate a student’s rights under a state’s Administrative Procedure Act (APA). Under many state APAs, students have a right to cross-examine their accuser, as courts have made clear in cases such as Arishi v. Washington State University, 385 P.3d 251 (Wash. App. 2016) and Liu v. Portland State University, 383 P.3d 294 (Or. App. 2016).'

Suspended student apparently called feminism a cancer

Mastodon · 21 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A video of a student making inflammatory comments about feminism has surfaced after he was suspended from Orange Coast College for recording his instructor making her own controversial comments about President Donald Trump.

Caleb O'Neil, a 19-year-old business major, apparently could be seen wearing Trump's signature Make America Great Again hat and a Hillary for Prison shirt in a video shared on Facebook Thursday. The video, originally posted April 20 on Instagram, showed O'Neil in a crowd yelling "feminism is cancer."

The video resurfaced a day after his Wednesday press conference in which he and his lawyer, William Becker, announced their intent to sue OCC should his suspension not be reversed. O'Neil was officially suspended on Feb. 9 for filming his human sexuality instructor, Olga Perez Stable Cox, calling Trump's election an "act of terrorism."
...
"They were relentlessly demeaning, calling out the girls for their clothes, appearances, party affiliation and being feminists," Lu said. "The boy that yelled 'feminism is cancer' was the most harassing of all."'

A ‘factual feminist’ critiques modern campus activism and feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An American author, former philosophy professor, and a resident scholar at the conservative think tank American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Christina Hoff Sommers also considers herself a “factual feminist” who actively speaks on college campuses nationwide regarding her unique perspective on political activism, free speech, and “campus feminism.” She made her most recent appearance at the University on Feb. 9 when she was invited to speak by the Bucknell University Conservatives Club (BUCC).

Sommers is best known for her public critique of contemporary feminism in her books, including “Who Stole Feminism?” (1994) and “The War Against Boys” (2000). Her writing has also been featured in a variety of media outlets, including The New York Times, Time, and The Atlantic.

Sommers was introduced by Tom Ciccotta ’17, whose remarks mainly focused on an event that transpired in February 2016 when Milo Yiannopoulos was brought by BUCC to speak on campus. This controversy recently resurfaced after Professor of Economics Marcellus Andrews identified Ciccotta as needing to take responsibility for bringing a provocative conservative speaker to campus.'

"Beware white male pushback"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To my beautiful, treasured granddaughter, it's official. The future is female. I encourage you to become knowledgeable about the positive changes rapidly developing in our world. The vast majority of straight white American males deplores and dreads this change.

The males will continue to defy our progress with every weapon they can muster. I encourage you to connect with progressive women. Males fear us, and they want you to fear us, too. We threaten their sweet white empire. We are everywhere.

Our numbers are exponentially rising. As typical of males in "Red" American states, I surmise that at the core, all or most of the males in your life morbidly fear and despise the following: self-assured, male-BS-intolerant women and supporters of women; non-whites (unworthy, nefarious, did not earn America's goodies); non-straight males (pervert sissies).'

Aggressive campus anti-rape laws proposed for Texas colleges in wake of Baylor scandal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'He also wants Texas to join California, New York and the handful of other states that have passed “affirmative consent” laws requiring colleges to tell students their sexual partner must indicate — either through words or actions — that they are OK with sexual contact before initiating it.

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Watson is also co-sponsoring a bill with Sen. Joan Huffman, a Houston Republican and former judge, that would put in place some of the most stringent rules against rape on campus in the country.

Senate Bill 576 would require any school employee, and some student leaders, to report instances of “sexual harassment, sexual assault, family violence or stalking” to the campus president within 48 hours of becoming aware of the incident, or else face serious consequences.

People who fail to report could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor — punishable by up to $4,000 in fines and a year in jail — if they were found to have intentionally concealed information about an assault. Students who are "the highest-ranking member" of a club recognized by the school would be subject to these same penalties.'

Male student sues Allegheny College after ‘false accusation’ of sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former male student from Allegheny College is suing after he was expelled for what he and his attorneys claim was a false accusation of sexual assault.

The student, identified only as John Doe in court documents, alleges that he attempted to present evidence that made it clear his accuser was only angry because they were no longer speaking and wanted him expelled out of spite. He says this evidence and witness testimony was ignored by Allegheny.

The incident that led to John’s accusation occurred in late September 2014. John and some of his track teammates had gathered to celebrate their recent time trials. John’s accuser, listed in court documents as Jane Doe, attended the celebration. John alleges that Jane brought a bottle of tequila with her to the party but says she did not consume any alcoholic beverages and was sober.'

Teen charged with lying about being raped by college football players

Matt · 22 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Two college football players who were suspended from their team last year and saw their scholarships revoked after rape accusations have been cleared by police after authorities say their accuser recanted her story.

Nikki Yovino, 18, of South Setauket, NY, has been charged with second-degree falsely reporting an incident and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence in connection to an incident at a Sacred Heart University football party in October, the Connecticut Post reports.

When pressed about inconsistencies in her original statement, Yovino admitted that she made up the rape allegations against the two football players in hopes of gaining sympathy from another man — a prospective boyfriend, according to an arrest warrant affidavit.'

‘No Campus for White Men’ — new book details the harsh reality in higher education today

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'A new book by Daily Caller writer Scott Greer, “No Campus for White Men,” sums it up pretty succinctly.

“The problem is not just overgrown crybabies and helicopter parenting, but an extreme version of identity politics, which encourages students to demand power and privilege on the sole basis of their race, gender, or sexual orientation,” Greer writes. “The flipside is that they want to disenfranchise and humiliate everyone who is not part of their designated victim groups—especially straight, white men.”

With chapters titled “Political Correctness in the Age of Microaggressions,” “Guilty of Being White,” “Greeks under Siege” and “Art of the Hoax,” Greer offers a summary of the campus craziness that has seized higher education over the last several years.

To be sure, the sickness eating away at the heart of higher ed is nothing new — but it is as bad as ever, Greer said in an interview with The College Fix.'

The 'Factual Feminist' debunks stats about sexual assault and the wage gap

Matt · 24 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Christina Hoff Sommers, a “former ’60s flower child” turned philosophy professor, began investigating academic feminism, she discovered numerous “mistakes, half-truths and untruths.”

“As a feminist and an academic, I felt the need to set things right,” she told USA TODAY College.

Hoff Sommers is now a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, where she produces the Factual Feminist video series, where she gives talks on topics such as “The top five feminist myths of all time” and “The real reason there aren’t more female scientists.”

The theme in Hoff Sommers’ work is that academic feminism — the type of feminism taught to students in the university environment — exaggerates the plight of women while ignoring the plight of men.

For example, take the oft-repeated gender wage-gap statistic that women make 23 cents less on the dollar than men do for the same job. Last July, for example, Pew Research Center reported that women’s earnings were 83% of men’s.

“That claim is decisively refused by economists, including feminist economists. The 23-cent gender pay gap is simply the difference between the average earnings of all men and women working full time,” Hoff Sommers argues.'

Judge Sees Bias in College Action Against Alleged Rapist

Matt · 24 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge refused to dismiss most claims from a former Colorado State student who accuses the school of gender bias in suspending him and stripping him of his athletic scholarships after what he calls a false accusation of rape.

Grant Neal sued Colorado State University, Pueblo in April last year on eight causes of action, including breach of contract, breach of faith, violations of Title IX and due process, and procedural matters. The school had suspended him and took away his wrestling and football scholarships.

On Thursday, U.S. Magistrate Judge Craig Shaffer wrote in a 58-page recommendation that the school's investigation was wrought with "bias and inaccuracy."

Shaffer recommended allowing six claims to proceed against the CSU board of governors, dismissing all the individual administrators as defendants, dismissing the U.S. Department of Education as a defendant, and giving Neal leave to amend if he can cure the deficiencies.'

Woman Charged With Making False Rape Accusation That Got Two Men Kicked Out Of School

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'An 18-year-old New York woman has been charged with two criminal counts after allegedly making false rape accusations that led to two men leaving Sacred Heart University.

Nikki Yovino, in an attempt to get empathy from a guy she liked, reportedly made up a rape hoax against two Sacred Heart football players she had sex with last October.

She was charged on Wednesday with “second-degree false reporting of an incident and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence,” CTPost reports.

Yovino claimed she was forced into a bathroom where the two men, whose names are not being released, took turns assaulting her. The men admitted that sex occurred, but maintained it was consensual.

After Yovino reported the rape, the two men agreed to leave school after their scholarships were revoked and would have to face a disciplinary board.
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One of the men has now been readmitted to Sacred Heart.'

Police: Football players falsely accused of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was another harrowing case of an alleged rape occurring at an off-campus drinking party of underage college students.

In this instance, a teen claimed she was repeatedly raped by two Sacred Heart University football players in a tiny basement bathroom while the party raged on.

But months after the players were dismissed from the team and had withdrawn from the school 18-year-old Nikki Yovino confessed she had made the rape allegations up to gain the sympathy of a prospective boyfriend, police said.

On Wednesday, Yovino, of South Setauket, N.Y., was charged with second-degree false reporting of an incident and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

The tampering charge is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

After surrendering to police here, Yovino was released after posting $150,000 bond. She is scheduled to be arraigned in Superior Court on March 3.'

This Almost Famous Actor Says a False Rape Allegation Hurt His Career

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'Clifton Powell‘s acting catalogue is pretty impressive.

The actor played notable roles in everything from Next Friday to Ray, but he stopped acting and disappeared from Hollywood altogether. TMZ caught up with Powell at LAX and he spoke about trying to put his old rape allegations behind him, which he claims costed him his acting career.

Powell got emotional after explaining that the 4-year-old civil rape case against him has been thrown out, but not without causing tremendous collateral damage. He revealed, “It’s been the worst time of my life, Joe. I have a 22-year-old daughter, I would never hurt anyone. I’m just glad that my friends, family, TMZ, my attorneys have supported me through this whole ordeal. It’s been the most emotional ordeal I had to deal with since my father died in the 80’s”

But don’t let the emotion fool you — he’s not giving up on himself anytime. Powell says that now he’s trying to mend fences in Hollywood. He revealed, “I feel like some jobs just went away. My reputation has been basically ruined and now I have to go about the business of fixing my reputation.”'

Pamela Anderson will campaign for men falsely accused of rape because of Julian Assange friendship

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Pamela Anderson has revealed she wants to start campaigning for men who have been falsely accused of rape.

The former Baywatch actress and glamour model is now an activist, and she has criticised Sweden for its "almost paralysing" laws against sexual crimes.

Speaking on RT's Going Underground, she said: "Sweden has these very progressive laws against sexual crimes, whatever you want to call it. It's almost too progressive, it's almost paralysing.

"I'm going to actually start campaigning for men who have been victims of being accused of rape when they haven't actually done anything."

The star - who has previously campaigned for women's rights, and against domestic violence - insisted that Sweden as a nation "doesn't really know what to do".

She added: "We all of course gravitate towards vulnerable people and we consider that to be women and children first and foremost which is important but there's also a lot of men who are in a vulnerable situation."'

Bette Midler: It's 62 Degrees in NY! Global Warming! Blame Men!

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Thursday, Bette Midler, who uses so much hair spray she has personally engendered global warming, was panicked in New York as the temperature rose to a balmy 62 degrees in the middle of winter.
...
Certainly the problems of global warming weigh on Midler like a Beast of Burden, but she would likely claim that the unusual climes of New York would be “All I Need To Know” that men had, through their fecklessnes(s), malevolence and greed, destroyed the earth, as evidenced by the warm wafting breezes she is experiencing whistling through her ears.

Man-hating and global-warming fear-mongering. What song should she be singing now?'

Why I won't let any male babysit my children

Matt · 24 February 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The comments are a bit heartening, though. Excerpt:

'When our first daughter was born my husband and I made a family rule: no man would ever babysit our children. No exceptions. This includes male relatives and friends and even extracurricular and holiday programs, such as basketball camp, where men can have unrestricted and unsupervised access to children.

Eight years, and another daughter later, we have not wavered on this decision.

Group slumber parties are also out. When there is a group of excited children it is far too easy for one of them to be lured away by a father or older brother without being noticed.

When my daughter goes on play dates I make sure that she will be supervised by a woman at all times. So far she has only slept at one friend's house. Beforehand I spoke to my friend about our rule and clarified that if she's going to pop out to shops for example and intends to leave our daughter in the care of her husband or another man then the sleepover cannot happen.'

By teaching children to fear men, we are letting our kids down

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A lot of people, upon reading an article like Kasey Edwards' Why I won't let any male babysit my children, would probably react with anger.

I know I did. It's hard to be told that you've been classified as a potential predator – that, without knowing anything about you, someone has already decided that their children need to be protected from you – without feeling pretty offended.

I never have and never will abuse a child, and, on a base emotional level, it's hurtful to hear that the probability of my doing so is too great to allow me to be alone with kids. But as Edwards says, the protection of children is not secondary to men's right not to be offended, so it's worth trying to go beyond that initial visceral anger, and examine a little closer the idea of forbidding men from taking care of your children.'

'Day Without A Woman' details released

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For those looking to participate in the upcoming "A Day Without A Woman" strike, organizers of the Women's March on Washington have released additional information on how to observe the day.

Three action items are listed on the Women's March website for "anyone, anywhere," including:

1. Women take the day off work.
2. Exclusively shop at "small, women- and minority-owned businesses."
3. Wear red "in solidarity."

The strike is scheduled for International Women's Day, March 8, and is meant to recognize "the enormous value that women of all backgrounds add to our socioeconomic system, while receiving lower wages and experiencing greater inequities, vulnerability to discrimination, sexual harassment and job insecurity," according to the Women's March website.'

Judge rules San Diego State railroaded accused student by denying him adequate defense

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Article here. Excerpt:

'San Diego State University violated “procedural fairness” by refusing to let a student accused of rape have an advocate “with the same or substantially similar skills, training and experience” as his accuser’s advocate, a California court ruled.

Judge Joel Wohlfeil ordered the university to “dissolve the finding” by Dr. Lee Mintz, who also served as the school’s investigator, that “John Doe” did not stop having sex with “Jane Roe” when she asked.

It also must take back its finding that Roe “became incapacitated” and Doe “continued to have sex with her.” Mintz characterized those findings as “sexual assault” and “rape.”

Doe did not contest findings that “may support the sanction of expulsion” that he received before filing suit, so the California Superior Court judge declined to overturn his expulsion.'

Meet the terrorist behind the next women's march

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here's the left's next great idea for bringing down President Trump: another women's march. Which means another public instance of Trump haters shouting slogans to one another and mistaking it for constructive politics. What progressives need to defeat Trump is outreach, but all they have is outrage.

On March 8, organizers seem to be aiming for a different vibe than the librarians-in-pussy-hats element that made the first women's march after Trump's inauguration so adorable.

Instead of milling around Washington, organizers have in mind a "general strike" called the Day without a Woman. In a manifesto published in The Guardian on Feb. 6, the brains behind the movement are calling for a "new wave of militant feminist struggle." That's right: militant, not peaceful.

The document was co-authored by, among others, Rasmea Yousef Odeh, a convicted terrorist. Odeh, a Palestinian, was convicted in Israel in 1970 for her part in two terrorist bombings, one of which killed two students while they were shopping for groceries. She spent 10 years in prison for her crimes. She then managed to become a US citizen in 2004 by lying about her past (great detective work, INS: Next time, use Google) but was subsequently convicted, in 2014, of immigration fraud for the falsehoods. However, she won the right to a new trial (set for this spring) by claiming she had been suffering from PTSD at the time she lied on her application. Oh, and in her time as a citizen, she worked for a while as an ObamaCare navigator.'

SAVE: Following Reports of Continued Abuses, SAVE Proposes Stronger Campus Sexual Assault Legislation

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'In the wake of ongoing reports of campus proceedings that shortchange sexual assault victims and the accused, SAVE is releasing a stronger version of its Campus Equality, Fairness, and Transparency Act. The revised bill enhances the involvement of local law enforcement agencies for allegations of sexual violence. The CEFTA bill also strengthens due process protections and the presumption of innocence for accused students.

The revised model bill follows last week's revelations that the University of Alaska signed a settlement agreement with the federal Office for Civil Rights agreeing to reinvestigate 23 cases of alleged sexual assault. In many cases, the university did not provide complainants temporary relief, like classroom changes or new living situations while the cases were investigated.'

Theresa May's top security advisor quits after being accused of 'mansplaining' to the PM and annoying Donald Trump

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'Theresa May's top security advisor has quit after being accused of 'mansplaining' to the Prime Minister and irritating Donald Trump.

Sir Mark Lyall Grant has resigned as Mrs May's national security advisor after less than two years in the role.

The resignation comes after Sir Mark was accused of 'mansplaining' - or talking in a condescending manner to women - by multiple sources at Number 10.

The source said the Old Etonian, who was a UK ambassador to the UN before taking over the national security adviser role, spoke over the Prime Minister during a meeting at Downing Street.

It is also claimed that Sir Mark did not hit it off with President Donald Trump during a recent visit to Washington and riled the leader with his manner.'

Here’s What’s Wrong With The Claim That Female Reporters Make 26% Less Than Male Counterparts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Female journalists are paid 26 percent less than their male counterparts, says a new study, but that claim is deeply misleading according to the study’s own data.

A study published Tuesday surveyed journalists in New Zealand, and claims the median after-tax salary of women is 26 percent lower than that of men of equivalent rank and experience.

The study’s claim ignores much of its own data.

Its data clearly suggests the salary gap is because female journalists are, on average, six years younger than their male colleagues, and have 5.3 less years of work experience. They are also less likely to work full time and hold management positions.'

Rights group updates model legislation for campus sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last year, a group dedicated to ensuring all students have rights on college campuses proposed model legislation that detailed how universities should handle accusations of sexual assault. Now, eight months later, the group has revised the model legislation following recent events surrounding the issue.

The group, known as Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE), has been advocating protection of due process rights for accused students for years, and have most recently pushed Gail Heriot, a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, to lead the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights, which oversees sexual assault policies.'

He Said, She Accused

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are very dangerous," the radical feminist Andrea Dworkin declared at a 1983 meeting of the National Organization for Changing Men, an "anti-sexist" group with an apparent shortage of gender-based rah-rah male self-esteem. Readers of The Campus Rape Frenzy, the sobering new book by KC Johnson and Stuart Taylor Jr., will pick up a distinctly different impression: On many of today's angst-filled college campuses, it seems the tables have turned.

"Casual sex with women you barely know is especially dangerous," notes Taylor at the book's close, cautioning future generations of college-bound young men. It almost sounds quaint, echoing warnings once dispensed to young women about men in the supposedly retrograde days of yore. But as The Campus Rape Frenzy documents, at colleges across America, innocent male students are increasingly railroaded, scapegoated, and victimized. They are learning the hard way that sex with the wrong girl might just ruin your life.

Colleges, particularly those of the elite variety, are in the "grip of a moral panic about students' sexual behavior," Johnson and Taylor write. Thanks to a 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter to universities from the Obama administration's Office of Civil Rights, college campuses are increasingly taking sexual-assault adjudication into their own hands. The results are disastrous, following a formula that is perfect, as Johnson and Taylor point out, "for judging innocent male students to be sex offenders," using standards that turn both "civil liberties and centuries of common law upside down."'

UK: University bans lecturers from using series of phrases that could be deemed sexist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lecturers have been banned from using the phrases ‘mankind’ and ‘man-made’ as part of a university’s clampdown on ‘gendered language’.

Cardiff Metropolitan University says the ‘politically correct’ words should be used to ‘promote an atmosphere in which all students and staff feel valued’.

The rules are laid out in the institution’s Equal Opportunities Policy, which warns contraventions could result in disciplinary action.

It says ‘inclusive language’ must be used throughout all academic programmes to comply with the Equality Act as gendered words could be considered discriminatory.'

‘The MANologues,’ a Performance About Toxic Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This weekend in Atlanta, theatergoers can see not only Eve Ensler’s Vagina Monologues but also The MANologues, a new performance about “toxic masculinity.”

“The MANologues will explore themes such as masculinity, white male privilege, everyday sexism, war, patriarchy, socialization to gender and race, intersectionality, bystander intervention, allyship, PTSD, porn addiction, mansplaining, police brutality, and more,” according to Atlanta’s Creative Loafing.

HuMAN UP, an “intersectional feminist” organization focused on gender-based violence and men, is producing the performance along with the Atlanta chapter of One Billion Rising, which was founded by the Vagina Monologues author.

Once hailed as a feminist masterpiece, the Vagina Monologues has come under fire in recent years, especially on college campuses. Critics have complained the show is insufficiently inclusive of transgender people.'

Memo to Our Sons and Grandsons: The Future Is Female

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I must say that when I read of Hillary Clinton's recent video proclamation to MAKERS (an AOL-sponsored group where trailblazing women tell their stories) that "the future is female," my mind immediately raced to my four grandsons, ages 3, 7, 10, and 11. What would the two older ones think if and when they heard or read of this statement, which emanated from someone who came very close to being our president (and for whom I had voted)? In fact, what does this say to Clinton's own grandson, Aidan, who is now eight months old? The message to her granddaughter, 2-year-old Charlotte is clear and encouraging. But what about Aidan? And all his baby boy peers?

I suspected I was not alone with these feelings, and when read this, I knew it:

"Imagine, if you will, an audience of little boys—let's pretend they're second- and third-graders—forced to sit in an auditorium and listen to Hillary Clinton's short speech. They swing their legs. They fidget a bit. 'The future is female,' Clinton declares, beamed in on a giant screen. What are they supposed to think, other than that girls matter more than they do?"'

Teacher who stalked pupils for sex by sending raunchy texts and half-naked selfies jailed for three years

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Article here. Excerpt:

'AN ENGLISH teacher who stalked pupils for sex behind her husband's back has been jailed for three years.

Allison Marchese, 39, from Connecticut in the United States, sent two teenagers winking emojis, saucy texts and half-naked selfies, a court heard yesterday.

The mum-of-two cried in court as relatives of the boys told of the impact her actions have had on their lives.

One parent said: "The actions done by this woman has caused immeasurable damage to my son."

Judge Melanie Cradle told Marchese: "You were a teacher and you were in a position of trust. And the bottom line here is the victims are kids and were their teacher.'

This Bernie supporter, now out of college, continues fighting for due process on campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If 1 in 5 college females is raped or sexually assaulted, Andrew Cavarno says American universities would be one of the most dangerous places in the world for young women.

In fact, the 2016 UC-Santa Barbara graduate argues the figure would make colleges more dangerous than inner-city Chicago, prison or the war-torn Congo. However, campuses aren't that treacherous.

That's because the oft-touted 1-in-5 figure just doesn't hold up, Cavarno told attendees during a recent presentation at UC-Irvine. His presentation, "Campus Rape Hysteria: False Stats and the Assault on Due Process," debunked such statistics and pushed for robust due process in campus rape proceedings.'

Accused Student Sues UCSB in Assault Case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A UCSB freshman is suing the school after being indefinitely suspended following an incident that occurred last August. About a month before he was scheduled to begin classes, UCSB student John Doe, as he is identified in court files, was arrested in San Diego for allegedly hitting his girlfriend. All criminal charges were dropped shortly after, and the woman told authorities her accusation was false, court files state.
...
In early January, Robert P. Ottilie, Doe's attorney, took the issue to Santa Barbara County Superior Court. He argued the school has well surpassed the 60-day maximum that Title IX law allots for these cases. (Ottilie has also filed a claim at the 2nd District Court of Appeal.) Meanwhile, Doe remains unable to begin his freshman year at UCSB.

This incident, which occurred in San Diego, involved an edited video posted to Twitter by Doe's former girlfriend, in which it appears that Doe hits her as the video goes dark, according to court files. The footage was sent to UCSB's Office of Student Affairs, which forwarded it to the UCSB Police Department. It is unclear who sent in the video, but Ottilie claimed it was not Doe's ex-girlfriend.
...
The complicated thing about Judicial Affairs cases is that they operate behind closed doors – there is no public record. This administrative process has received widespread scrutiny in recent years after sexual assault victims contended university administrators essentially swept their cases under the rug. At the same time, accused students — charged with anything from plagiarism to assault — have argued Judicial Affairs offices denied them their due process.

By mid-January, Ottilie claimed UCSB had yet to conduct a single interview with any third party witness involved in the case. Determined to begin his education, Doe expressed desire to attend community college until this investigation was complete, but UCSB administration told him that to do so, he would have to give up his admission to the university, Ottilie said. Currently, Doe is living in San Diego.

"These undisputed facts could lead a reasonable person to conclude the suspension without charges has encouraged certain kids to give up and leave," Ottilie said. Doe grew up sleeping in storage closets and on couches in a San Diego deli, Ottilie explained. His father, who is black, is serving a life sentence in prison. His mother, a Mexican immigrant, has a fourth grade education. In high school, he worked three jobs. Ottilie said he is examining whether race and socio-economic status played a role in "the handling of this case."'

Students accused of campus sexual assault are now guilty until proved innocent

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After a wave of activism created a frenzy over campus sexual assault, the Obama administration twice rewrote federal rules governing how allegations must be handled at colleges and universities. In response to this movement, too many schools have adopted procedures that force accused students to turn to the courts for any hope of justice.

In particular, since 2011, when the Department of Education reinterpreted Title IX to require that sexual assault cases be judged by a “preponderance of the evidence” — a lower burden of proof than is used in criminal cases — more than 100 accused students have sued their schools. In most of these recent cases the colleges have lost, as they should have.

Our close examination of court records shows how the new mandates and procedures amount to a de facto presumption of guilt. It also shows that colleges are at best incapable of adjudicating allegedly criminal conduct, and at worst hopelessly biased.

The recent cases can be divided into two groups. In the first are colleges that considerably broadened the definition of sexual assault and, in some instances, applied the new definition to students who did not violate the rules in place at the time of their alleged misconduct.'

When did men (particularly dads) become so idiotic?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'OPINION: It's a wonder they have managed to survive to adulthood, a miracle they could negotiate procreation.

I'm talking about men depicted in advertising, dolts so dumb they can't feed themselves or work an appliance without a smug woman rolling her eyes at their clueless stupidity.

You know who I am talking about: the dropkick who uses his girlfriend's pads as make believe robot armour; the manic moron who stays up all night searching for the best holiday deal while his partner is all over it in a click; the old guy who thinks his missus says he's the best lover when she's talking about insurance cover; the panicking man child left to cook the kids a healthy meal; the goose trying to work out how an air freshener can randomly squirt; the bloke who thinks tampons are cat toys; the baffled dad who explains to his kid the Great Wall of China was built to keep out rabbits…

Some women might find these depictions of men as a long time coming, considering how their sex has been used and abused over the years to sell practically everything and anything – well, our boobs and butts have anyway. But 40 years on, advertisers are slightly more careful about how they depict women, fearful of feminists' wrath if they're seen to be sexist or patronising. Not that it has stopped them completely – that's never going to happen when the first rule of advertising is sex sells.'

Isn’t every day International Women’s Day?

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'Right now, thousands of deluded feminists are clearing their throats ready to start bleating about the oppression of the patriarchy, squawking about the fantasy gender pay gap and banging on drums to the rhythm of “poor me”. Wide-eyed, eager-to-please young minions will be directed to ensure #BeBoldForChange trends on Twitter all day long. If you were planning a digital detox, may I suggest tomorrow.

What exactly would they like to change? Perhaps they could start with their own heinous narrative?

Let’s be clear: in the Western world, every day is International Women’s Day. What precisely is this current redundant wave of feminism trying to achieve? Women already get equal pay for equal work.

Countless organisations have entirely rewritten recruiting policies to hit aggressive gender targets. Westpac is reportedly targeting 50 per cent women in leadership roles. It’s been entirely forgotten that capability is more important than gender.

While fem-folk busy themselves crowing about workplace equality and demanding the right to have babies, a career and earn a fulltime salary, they won’t dare venture into the woods to tackle real oppression oozing from Islam.

Where are the fem-bots slamming unacceptable comments about domestic violence being an acceptable “last resort” from Keysar Trad, president of Australian Federation of Islamic Council?

Instead, criticism fell at the feet of Immigration Minister Peter Dutton for daring to call feminists “hypocrites”. He’s right: how can anyone call themself a feminist and support sexist sharia law? Illogical.

In an interview with The Dartmouth Review last week, Christina Hoff Sommers said: “Girls and women are the privileged sex in education. From preschool to graduate schools, and across ethnic and class lines, women get better grades, they win most of the honours and prizes, and they’re far more likely to go to college.”

One gender gap has closed — and the other has opened up. Sweden has commissioned research into the so-called “boy crisis”.

...

Last week, the misandry merchants at anti-domestic violence organisation Our Watch circulated a meme saying, “Let’s stop framing victims as daughters and sisters and start framing rapists as brothers and fathers”.'

Australia: Why the ABC's International Women's Day stunt is wrong

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE ABC is kicking its men off the airwaves tomorrow because it wants to promote equality of the sexes.

Do you want to read that sentence again?

Yes, in some misguided gesture to mark International Women's Day our national taxpayer-funded broadcaster is replacing all its male television and radio hosts with women.

Who knew gender apartheid was in its charter.

Obviously wherever the ABC goes, others follow and so the The Hit Network has announced it will deliver a national breakfast show, hosted by Fox FM's Fifi Box and 2 Day FM's Em Rusciano, and featuring only women.

If I was a male host I'd be insulted and if I was a female host I'd feel patronised for a panoply of reasons.

Firstly, women don't need men to be displaced so we can be elevated. We're perfectly capable of driving our own agendas and garnering our own status through talent and hard work not via some muddle-headed stunt that draws headlines but not change.'

On March 8, remember victims of #DayWithoutAWoman co-organizer Rasmea Odeh

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'March 8 is being organized as “A Day Without A Woman,” and promoted by the people behind the highly-organized Women’s March.

The March 8 protest asks women not to work and to otherwise go on strike.

It was conceived by a small group of radicals, including convicted terrorist murderer Rasmea Odeh.

Rasmea was one of the first female military members of the marxist terrorist group the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The evidence is overwhelming of Rasmea’s involvement in the February 21, 1969 bombing of the SuperSol supermarket in Jerusalem that killed to Hebrew University Students, Edward Joffe and Leon Kanner.

Rasmea’s defense, that the only reason she was convicted was that she gave a false confession after 25 days of sexual torture by the Israelis, is demonstrably false. In fact, Rasmea confessed in writing just one day (not 25 days) after arrest and there were multiple independent sources of evidence of her involvement, including bomb-making material found in her bedroom.'

UK: Grad student cleared of rape in changed-mind case

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'A graduate wept as he was cleared of raping a university student who 'changed her mind' during a drunken one-night stand.

Lewis Tappenden, 24, was 'pulled' by the 18-year-old first year on a night out and taken back to her student accommodation for sex.

But the York St John University scholar changed her mind halfway through and later accused him of rape, a court heard.

A jury took less than two hours to clear Mr Tappenden after a five day trial at York Crown Court, and the ordeal left him 'feeling suicidal'.

Outside court his father Rob Tappenden, 51, said: 'We are not happy, it's not a celebration, it's not a victory.

'We have not won anything. We have lost 18 months of our lives really. I never doubted Lewis, but we've had this cloud over us.'
...
The defendant, who broke down in tears at the not guilty verdicts, is currently working in a bar in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.'

Woman Charged With Making False Rape Accusation That Made Two Men Leave School

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'An 18-year-old New York woman has been charged with two criminal counts after allegedly making false rape accusations that led to two men leaving Sacred Heart University.

Nikki Yovino, in an attempt to get empathy from a guy she liked, reportedly made up a rape hoax against two Sacred Heart football players she had sex with last October.

She was charged on Wednesday with “second-degree false reporting of an incident and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence,” CTPost reports.

Yovino claimed she was forced into a bathroom where the two men, whose names are not being released, took turns assaulting her. The men admitted that sex occurred, but maintained it was consensual.'

Woman facing jail for false rape allegations against her ex

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'Jade Morgan, 25, wanted to end James Grogan's relationship with his new girlfriend so she started harassing him.

At one point she was sending him 60 messages a day via email, Snapchat and WhatsApp, and on one occasion he had 27 missed calls from her.

Morgan told him she was pregnant and that he was the father, sending him a baby scan she downloaded from Google.

She also sent nude pictures and asked him for sex before making the rape allegation. She was given a restraining order forbidding her from contacting Mr Grogan.'

A Bookstore Is Displaying All Books By Men Backwards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Mar. 1, the bookstore turned around all books authored by men to illustrate how much more prominent men are in the written world than women, just in time for Women's History Month.
...
"I want people to think: Is the gender gap really this uneven, and why? What does my personal library look like? What can be done to change this imbalance? And then go find a title by a female author you may or may not be familiar with — it's easy to find them — and give it a try," she said.'

Feminist Author To Young Girls: Don't Read Books By Men

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'Caitlin Moran, the feminist author of How to Be a Woman, is now insisting that girls eschew reading books by male authors until the girls have become women.

Moran, writing an International Women's Day article written for the publishing house Penguin, first innocuously lauds feminist icon Gloria Steinem for saying Louisa May Alcott's Little Women was the book that most changed her life. Then she gets down to feminist business:

Oh man, she's right - so right I yelped when I read it. Because if I had one piece of advice for young girls, and women, it would be this: girls, don't read any books by men. Don't read them. Stay away from them. Or, at least, don't read them until you're older, and fully-formed, and battle-ready, and are able to counter someone being rude to you, in conversation, not with silent embarrassment, or internalised, mute fury, but a calm, "Fuck you very much, and goodbye."

Because if there's one thing that has made me, perhaps, happier in myself, and more confident about writing the truth, and less apt to run myself down for my appearance, weight, loudness and unusualness than many, many other women, it's that I never read books by men when I was younger.'

A Day Without Women, A Defamation of Men

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'Historically Americans have held some significant marches to protest wide-spread injustices and inequalities. The Suffragette Movement and the March in 1913 protested women's disenfranchisement and inequality under the law. Martin Luther King and the March on Washington demanded a reversal of the institutionalized racism that persisted well into the 1960s. "A Day without Women", however, – a protest to spotlight the "economic injustices" against women – does not follow suit.

Today women will gather in cities around the country to "call attention to" issues such as pay equity, gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and job insecurity. We are certain to hear about the grossly overstated wage gap, the need for mandated paid leave, and government funded childcare, among other things.

Of course, this "woman-as-victim" narrative is nothing new. For years progressives have worked to convince Americans that women are victims of a relentless sexist society and therefore in need of constant special attention from government. Feminists on the left increasingly act as if women don't have choices; and too often they (re)fashion women as objects rather than agents.'

'Women's March' feminists want entitlements, not equality

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'It's the new wave of militant feminism. Like the January march, this latest demonstration is seeking to capitalize on the trendy protests that garner media attention and assert the liberal narrative that Trump's administration does not value "women's rights."

This is absurd. Nothing about the Trump administration or its policies to date have remotely suggested that women are valued less or do not have the same rights or legal protections as men. In fact, Trump's own campaign manager was the first woman to manage a winning presidential campaign and his cabinet and group of advisors include multiple successful women. So why the outrage over women's rights?

As a woman myself and someone very concerned about preserving and protecting fundamental rights, I have to ask, what exactly defines "women's rights?" Historically, this meant that women should have the same legal, social, and governmental privileges as men. This is what women traditionally meant by equality — literally, having equal status. But in the past few decades, this idea of women's rights has evolved to mean some sort of additional, special rights or privileges that position us above men, categorically.

Though feminists won't admit it, this isn't actually equality. It's playing governmental favoritism and demanding to in fact not be equal. Feminism has gone from demanding equality to demanding entitlements.'

What rights do women not have compared to men?

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'Apparently on March 8th, women nationwide will be walking out of their jobs or not even showing up to work in honor of this “A day without Women” movement. It all started with the women’s march on Washington D.C., which occurred the day after President Trump’s inauguration. I honestly think that anyone who took part in that and thought wearing a vagina shaped hat on their head was a good idea, is really not the brightest crayon in the box. Nor was it a good idea to trash the Nations Capitol in spite of yourself. If you really wanted to protest for women’s rights, you would do so without clothes and fully embrace your womanhood. But then again, we have the same rights as men don’t we? We can vote, as per the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. So what else is there? I asked and I was given a few answers.

Apparently women want equal pay, more representation in congress and Planned Parenthood services.

Hate to break it to you ladies, but if you want equal pay, do the same work as men in all aspects. Don’t use your “monthly friend” as an excuse. Woman up and deal with it. If you want more representation in congress, VOTE for women. That’s the only way that will happen and at one point in recent Maine history, we had three women in congress, Representative Chellie Pingree, Senator Olympia Snow and Senator Susan Collins, so please don’t try to feed that bullshit about women representation. It was there, but money speaks more than sisterhood.'

Judge: Male student expelled for sexual assault may have been victim himself

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'In one of the most absurd cases of campus sexual assault to date, a male student was expelled after he “blacked out” and had oral sex performed on him.

The woman who performed the act would, nearly two years later, accuse him of sexual assault, even though the evidence heavily suggested it was the male student who was the victim.

Now a U.S. district court judge in Massachusetts has vindicated this expelled student, an Asian-American student known only as John Doe in court documents. Judge Mark Mastroianni upheld numerous key claims in Doe’s lawsuit against Amherst College in Massachusetts and some of its employees. Most notably, Mastroianni upheld Doe’s claim that the school breached its contract with him by discriminating against him based on sex.'

Australia: Position Vacant - "Women Leaders in STEM Careers Program Coordinator"

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'Working under general direction the Women Leaders in STEM Careers (WLSC) Program Coordinator will coordinate and implement in conjunction with the Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion and the Marketing, Engagement and Recruitment Manager a new 2 year initiative for female students studying science, technology, engineering or mathematics at university.
...
The University of Adelaide is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who meet the requirements of this position are strongly encouraged to apply.'

Australia: Position Vacant - "Gender Equity Advisor", Adelaide University

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'Human Resources partners with the University to enable and support a culture of high engagement, commitment and performance. The branch provides recruitment, superannuation and promotions support and advice to the University community and manages payroll, staff records, and workforce planning. Human Resources also encompasses the Health, Safety and Wellbeing unit, with responsibility for occupational health and safety programs and training.

The Gender Equity Advisor is responsible for providing specialist advice, coordination and support to facilitate the development, engagement and implementation of key gender equity improvement strategies and initiatives. The role will raise awareness of gender equity (GE) initiatives and provide expert advice and review on policies and procedures to ensure Equal Opportunity principles are embedded.

Salary: (HEO7) $80,684 - $90,516 per annum.
...
The University of Adelaide is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who meet the requirements of this position are strongly encouraged to apply.'

Why Is the NEA Funding Discrimination?

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'Some might think that the theater world would be an unlikely place to find racial or gender discrimination, but a call to action named “Jubilee 2020” from Howlround, a nonprofit “knowledge commons by and for the theatre community,” is a direct plea for discrimination. Howlround has asked theater companies to pledge that in the year 2020 they will produce no plays written by straight white men. Thus far, 70 theater companies around the country have signed the pledge, and the number is growing.

...

Jubilee 2020 is divisive, illiberal, and dangerous. All of us, and especially our government, must make it clear that there is no place for racial or gender discrimination in art. It is my hope that theater companies in the United States will reject this pledge. It is already the law, as set forth in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that companies signing the pledge may not receive a single penny from the government of the United States.'

‘Day Without Women’ Was A Bit Of A Bust

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'Nearly everyone tells pollsters they believe in the equality of the sexes, while small minorities — 18 percent last year — say they’re feminist. In most media outlets, that percentage seemingly skyrockets.

Despite the heavy amount of coverage feminist activism receives, it remains a fringe factor in much of society.

Still, women and men should remember that women who are angry or otherwise moved to political action frequently have had negative experiences with men. In the same way, some men who are angry about the relationship between the sexes have had negative experiences with women. The best antidote to grievance marches is for men and women to treat each other well.

Now, even if you haven’t been treated well by the opposite sex, you should not lose hope. But women who have been treated well by men don’t tend to riot over the treatment of women. Men who have been treated well by women tend not to wreak havoc in others’ lives.

Now get out there and treat your fellow man and fellow woman well, learning the joys that come from cooperation rather than competition between the sexes.'

This App Uses AI To Track Mansplaining In Your Meetings

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'Studies have shown that women face bias when they speak up in the workplace. Regardless of whether it's conscious or unconscious, that bias has real consequences. For instance, in a study in which Yale psychologist Victoria L. Brescoll asked male and female employees to evaluate executive performances, she found that female executives who spoke frequently were given 14% lower ratings of competence. Their chatty male peers, meanwhile, were rewarded with 10% higher ratings.

It's no wonder, then, why women on average speak less than men in meetings: These risks aren't just perceived, they're proven. The Stockholm-based design firm Doberman believes the first step toward erasing gender bias in the workplace is making it known. For that, it designed an app called GenderEQ that monitors and evaluates meetings based on voice recognition, then analyzes the data to show the percentage of time taken up by male and female speakers.
...
The app does bring up a few obvious questions, though: Does grouping voices into male and female voice based on the frequency and tone reinforce certain stereotypes, even as the app seeks to do away with others? And what about people who don't identify with either symbol on the screen? "We are very aware that gender identity is a much more complex subject than this," says Lars Ericsson, head of technology at Doberman. "We don’t think that this will solve the question around gender identity or gender equality. That’s definitely an important point to make. What we hope to achieve is to raise the awareness and fuel the discussion around how we interact and behave."'

Yet Another College Loses a Due Process Case

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'I missed this news last week, but it's certainly worth highlighting. Another college has lost another due process case after railroading a male student in a campus rape tribunal. The College Fix reprints the opinion and summarizes the case:

"San Diego State University violated "procedural fairness" by refusing to let a student accused of rape have an advocate "with the same or substantially similar skills, training and experience" as his accuser's advocate, a California court ruled.

Judge Joel Wohlfeil ordered the university to "dissolve the finding" by Dr. Lee Mintz, who also served as the school's investigator, that "John Doe" did not stop having sex with "Jane Roe" when she asked.

It also must take back its finding that Roe "became incapacitated" and Doe "continued to have sex with her." Mintz characterized those findings as "sexual assault" and "rape.""

Without getting too far into the weeds of the case, the accuser claims that she asked the accused to stop having sex with her after she says she felt sick after ingesting edible marijuana. The male student claimed the sex was over before the marijuana could have taken effect and that text messages, phone records, and a polygraph backed his version of the events.'

States consider stacking the deck against accused students as Trump administration pulls back

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Maine, Maryland and Texas lawmakers are looking to codify affirmative consent, “an extreme set of rules for engaging in sexual activity that are almost impossible to follow,” Schow says. Here are the conditions under which a student can be found at fault for not getting affirmative consent:

Not obtained at “every step” of the sexual encounter

Sexual activity after drinking any amount of alcohol

Accuser “felt pressured into having sex or was too afraid to leave”

California, Connecticut and Mississippi are looking to codify parts of the 2011 “Dear Colleague” letter from the feds, which “threatened to remove federal funding if schools didn’t comply” and incentivized false accusations, Schow says.

California: “all forms” of “sexual violence” (including rebuffed sexual requests) are harassment under Title IX

Connecticut: Multiple stats on sexual-assault reports and adjudication results, the better to shame schools with few reports or few harsh penalties on accused students

Mississippi: No right to cross-examination but a higher evidence standard (“clear and convincing”) than imposed by Obama’s department'

Sheryl Sandberg: Women work more hours than men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sandberg also discussed the wage gap: "Even though women work more hours per day and more days per year than men, we earn only a small percentage of the world's income and own even less of the world's property."
...
It's not clear whether Sandberg is striking or taking action today. "If people want to support the strike, we support them. We support our employees' rights and freedoms to express their beliefs," Joe Benarroch, communication manager at Facebook, told CNNTech.'

What is the Average Hours Per Week Worked in the US?

'Gender
Men worked an average of 41.1 hours per week. Woman worked an average of 36.4 hours per week in paid employment.

Marriage
Married men worked 5.1 hours more per week than men who were never married. Married women worked 1.7 hours more than women who were never married.'

What if Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton Had Swapped Genders?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Salvatore says he and Guadalupe began the project assuming that the gender inversion would confirm what they'd each suspected watching the real-life debates: that Trump's aggression—his tendency to interrupt and attack—would never be tolerated in a woman, and that Clinton's competence and preparedness would seem even more convincing coming from a man.
...
We heard a lot of "now I understand how this happened"—meaning how Trump won the election. People got upset. There was a guy two rows in front of me who was literally holding his head in his hands, and the person with him was rubbing his back. The simplicity of Trump's message became easier for people to hear when it was coming from a woman—that was a theme. One person said, "I'm just so struck by how precise Trump's technique is." Another—a musical theater composer, actually—said that Trump created "hummable lyrics," while Clinton talked a lot, and everything she was was true and factual, but there was no "hook" to it. Another theme was about not liking either candidate—you know, "I wouldn't vote for either one." Someone said that Jonathan Gordon [the male Hillary Clinton] was "really punchable" because of all the smiling. And a lot of people were just very surprised by the way it upended their expectations about what they thought they would feel or experience. There was someone who described Brenda King [the female Donald Trump] as his Jewish aunt who would take care of him, even though he might not like his aunt. Someone else described her as the middle school principal who you don't like, but you know is doing good things for you.'

Swedish Woman of the Year Runner-Up Advocates Banning Men from Television

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminist writer and professor of literature Ebba Witt-Brattström, who recently came second in Sweden's "Woman of the Year 2017", has advocated getting rid of all men on Swedish television.

Feminist Ebba Witt-Brattström claims there are far too many men on Swedish television and that not only should there be more women on programmes, but men shouldn't be allowed on TV at all. After coming second in the Swedish woman of the year competition, the writer said she wants a "brilliant culture of women" on Swedish television in an interview with Swedish paper Expressen.

Ms. Witt-Brattström singled out Swedish painter and author Lars Lerin and musician Karl Anders "Kalle" Moraeus saying she would like to see far less of them. "We may as well remove them all," she said referring to men on television. "We can take them all away and add a brilliant culture of women instead."'

Study: Circumcision makes sex better for men

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Article here. Check out the comments. Excerpt:

'Circumcision is the answer, according to a team of experts at the University of Chicago.

They found the simple op made sex more enjoyable for two thirds of blokes.

The researchers were tasked with looking at a man's sexual pleasure, and function in the bedroom – as well as the risk of injury during sex.

The 362 men taking part were quizzed six and 24 months after having their circumcision.

The researchers said: "The study confirmed men's long-term satisfaction with the outcome of their voluntary medical male circumcision.

"It improved sexual pleasure and function for most men and significantly decreased coital injuries."

Of the 362 circumcised men taking part, 98 per cent reported being happy with their op.

Most, 95 per cent, told researchers their female partners were satisfied after the procedure.'

Circumcision should be delayed to adulthood for informed consent

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The conversation regarding whether babies born with male genitalia should be circumcised has resurfaced recently with more urgency due to the renewed public vigor about personal bodily autonomy and consent.

It is expected that parents make most decisions regarding their child's health and happiness during infancy. While babies are limited to crying to communicate their needs, parents are left to make major life decisions for the child that bypass the usual realm of what they should wear or what they should eat.

A parent piercing their child's ears so they look "pretty," for example, is a contested issue. This issue pales in comparison, however, to the irreversible practice of penile circumcision. Many are starting to see circumcision as a question of bodily autonomy and as a form of bodily mutilation. At the very least, information about the concerns of circumcision should be available to parents.

Because a child cannot give a form of consent on a permanent cosmetic procedure, the practice of penis circumcision in infancy or in childhood should be stopped.'

‘Toni the Tampon’ Teaches Children Men Can Menstruate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The author of a children’s coloring book has invented a character named “Toni the Tampon” to instruct children that men can menstruate.

Cass Clemmer, the author of The Adventures of Toni the Tampon, has been using her coloring book character to “destigmatize” menstruation. Now, however, she also wants to “de-gender” the female biological process and to persuade children that men get periods too.

Clemmer’s latest adventure of Toni the Tampon is one aspect of the progressive campaign to blur the differences between male and female, and to ultimately create a “genderless” society which bars the commonplace civic distinctions between biological males and biological females in a heterosexual society.'

Camille Paglia Discusses Her War on 'Elitist Garbage' and Contemporary Feminism

Mastodon · 14 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What I'm saying in Free Women, Free Men is that women can never be truly free until they let men too be free—which means that men have every right to determine their own identities, interests, and passions without intrusive surveillance and censorship by women with their own political agenda. For example, if there is an official Women's Center on the Yale University campus (which there is), then there should be a Men's Center too—and Yale men should be free to carry on and carouse there and say whatever the hell they want to each other, without snoops outside the door ready to report them to the totalitarian sexual harassment office.
...
It is an absolute outrage how so many pampered, affluent, upper-middle-class professional women chronically spout snide anti-male feminist rhetoric, while they remain completely blind to the constant labor and sacrifices going on all around them as working-class men create and maintain the fabulous infrastructure that makes modern life possible in the Western world. Only a tiny number of women want to enter the trades where most of the nitty-gritty physical work is actually going on—plumbing, electricity, construction. Women have played virtually no role in the erection of those magnificent towers in every major city in the world. It's men who operate the cranes or set the foundations or wash windows on the 85th floor. It's men who troop out at 2:00 AM during an ice storm to restore power to neighborhoods where falling trees have brought down live wires. It's men who mix the stinking, toxic cauldrons to spread steaming hot tar on city roofs. Last year in a nearby town, I drove by a huge, chaotic scene where emergency workers in hazmat suits were struggling with a giant pipe break, as raw sewage was pouring into the street. Of course all those workers up to their knees in a torrent of thick brown water were men! I've seen figures indicating that 92 per cent of people killed on the job are men—and it's precisely because men are heroically doing most of the dangerous jobs in modern society. The bourgeois blindness of feminist leaders to low-status working-class labor by men is morally corrupt!'

"What Men Need to Know During Their Divorce"

Matt · 15 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

An original piece by a MANN reader. About the author:

Tabitha Geller is a writer based in Dallas. She loves reading, writing, and skateboarding. She loves to learn new things especially when it's centered on law, technology, and medicine. Tabitha loves to share her learnings and experiences through writing.

Rebecca Solnit, Who Helped Popularize ‘Mansplaining,’ Is the Queen of Fakery

Mastodon · 16 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rebecca Solnit, a writer, culture critic and activist with a long list of books and several literary awards, is indisputably one of the intellectual matriarchs of modern American feminism. Among other things, she gets much of the credit—or blame, if you prefer—for the now-ubiquitous term “mansplaining.”
...
Solnit’s new essay collection, The Mother of All Questions—already hailed as a shining light in the post-election Dark Ages—celebrates the feminist revival that she pinpoints as starting in 2014, with the #YesAllWomen campaign in response to Elliot Rodger’s shooting spree fueled by rage at female rejection. #NotAllWomen, however, are quite as excited by a feminism that treats a mentally ill man’s homicidal rampage as emblematic of male-female relations and compares men to a bowl of M&Ms in which some are poisoned (a metaphor decried as “dehumanizing” and “morally bankrupt” when it’s Skittles and Syrian refugees). In fact, Solnit’s book is a pretty good summation of what some of us have dubbed “fauxminism”: the gender warfare, the wallowing in victimhood, the fake facts. Oh, and one of the essays in it is quite literally based on a falsehood. More on that later.

Solnit paints a hellish picture of female life under modern-day American “patriarchy”: misogyny and “rape culture” are rampant; women face constant danger of “humiliation, harm, and maybe even death” because of their gender and are silenced by everyone from GamerGate nerds to wife-beaters. The only good men are feminist allies ashamed of the horrors perpetrated by their fellow males.'

Woman becomes man for 18 months, makes surprising discoveries

Matt · 18 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

This video tells the story. From 2016 but still very worth the watch. Description:

'Vincent's status as a woman is what makes her observations of male behavior fresh - introducing herself to some guys in a bowling league, she's touched by the ritual howyadoin', man-to-man handshake, which, "from the outside . . . had always seemed overdone to me," but from the inside strikes her as remarkably warm and inclusive, worlds away from the "fake and cold" air kisses and limp handshakes exchanged by women. But in its best moments, "Self-Made Man" transcends its premise altogether, offering not an undercover woman's take on male experience, but simply a fascinating, fly-on-the-wall look at various unglamorous male milieus that are well off the radar of most journalists and book authors.'

How Title IX Sexual Assault Injustice Operates

Mastodon · 19 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In his Commentaries on the Laws of England, William Blackstone declared, "It is better that ten guilty persons escape, than that one innocent suffer." In an 1785 letter, Benjamin Franklin was even more exacting: "That it is better 100 guilty Persons should escape, than that one innocent Person should suffer, is a Maxim that has been long and generally approv'd, never that I know of controverted."

In 2011, the U.S. Department of Education took a different position.

That was the year the department's Office of Civil Rights sent a "dear colleague" letter reinterpreting Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972. That section reads: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The OCR's letter declared that sexual assault is "a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX." (Sexual violence is a great deal more than discrimination, of course, but set that aside for the moment.) Afraid of losing their federal funding, colleges then set about devising grievance procedures to address complaints of sexual harassment and sexual assault on their campuses.'

UK: False rape claim costs police nearly £20,000

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Chelsea Mackie told officers she had been dragged down a street and had clothing ripped before she was attacked.

However, months later she admitted she had invented the claim and confessed to ripping her own clothes as part of her ruse.

The 23-year-old appeared at Aberdeen Sheriff Court yesterday.

Fiscal depute Kelly Mitchell told the court Mackie had been out with her borther [sic] and boyfriend in the city's George Street on January 17, 2014, where they saw three men.

Mackie told her brother one of them had previously offered to sell her the date rape drug GHB, this led to a disturbance and police were called.

Officers spoke to Mackie and shortly after saw her walking behind the three men.

Mackie then turned up at a block of flats to see her mother-in-law.

Miss Mitchell said: "She heard her banging on the door, and heard the accused shouting 'I have just been raped'. She did not believe this to be true and ignored the accused who continued to shout and swear for five minutes."

Mackie then went outside and told a resident she had been attacked.

She claimed that one of the men had tried to rip her clothes off before raping her, while the other two men stood by.

Two of the men were cautioned, detained and interviewed, and denied raping Mackie.

It was also found there were no marks on Mackie's clothing – which did not match her description of being dragged.'

Scholars: ‘Infect’ White Men With The ‘Virus’ of Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It starts tamely enough. Someone talks passively about the wage gap over dinner. The next week, they retweet J.K. Rowling taking a stab at Piers Morgan. A few months later, suddenly, they’ve changed their major to gender studies and are talking about how men owe them money. The worst part? People around them start to suddenly do the same thing. Anyone who doesn’t is summarily cut out of their life, a relic from their past lives where they lived in ignorance.

If it sounds like succumbing to an illness, right down to the different stages, that’s the point. A 2016 paper that’s currently making the rounds on social media from the Multidisciplinary Journal of Gender Studies, titled “Women’s Studies as Virus: Institutional Feminism and the Projection of Danger,” hypothesizes that women’s and gender studies has an “infectious” structure marked by its ability to “infect, unsettle, and disrupt traditional and entrenched fields.”

Penned by Breanne Fahs and Michael Karger, the essay uses the metaphor of the virus as an “ideal” for feminist pedagogy, and investigates how both gender studies and the spread of actual viruses like HIV and Ebola “produce similar kinds of emotional responses in others.”

The paper looks at gender studies as an “infectious, insurrectional, and potentially dangerous field of study,” and goes on to suggest ideas on how to train male students on college campuses as viruses and reframe the negative stereotypes of feminist professors into positive ones to embrace.

Most of the paper consists of a straightforward retelling of the history of feminism and core feminist theory, highlighting the debates by academics on how to spread their ideology. It describes how gender studies programs were allowed to settle into corporate universities and regenerate themselves through the education of students who manipulate the academy to come under their control.

To counter the struggles feminists face in propagating the ideology, the ideas the authors propose are alarming.'

UK: Rape victims to be spared ordeal of cross-examination in court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The victims' commissioner, Lady Newlove, welcomed the news that the government is to strengthen the support available to victims in the courtroom. "Prerecorded cross-examination allows vulnerable victims and witnesses to give evidence in a safe environment and I hope these long-awaited measures will provide the protection and reassurance they need to seek justice," she said.

However, some questioned whether the new measures would place the defendant in rape trials at an unfair disadvantage.

James Conte, who founded the website Accused.me.uk, a support group for victims of false allegations, said: "Whilst we would welcome measures that would increase the rape convictions of people who really have committed rape, if you are wholly innocent of someone trying to frame you, you will not welcome these changes because they will increase your chances of being wrongfully convicted."'

Feminist "Mansplaining" Video Goes Wrong

Mastodon · 20 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'This feminist sets out to prove that mansplaining is a serious issue- and accomplishes the opposite.'

Sexual-Harassment Claims Against a ‘She-E.O.’

Mastodon · 21 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Miki Agrawal, the co-founder of Thinx — a company that makes “period underwear” — doesn’t think much of boundaries. “I just love the taboo space,” she told New York last year, of her mission to (profitably) destigmatize menstruation. And in a promotional video for the product, she said, “My favorite thing to talk about are the things you’re not supposed to talk about.” According to a complaint filed late last week by a former employee (and echoed in interviews with multiple current and former employees), those things have included: the size and shape of her employees’ breasts, an employee’s nipple piercings, her own sexual exploits, her desire to experiment with polyamory, her interest in entering a sexual relationship with one of her employees, and the exact means by which she was brought to female ejaculation. Her alleged boundary-breaking in the workplace isn’t just verbal. Per the detailed complaint, filed with the City of New York Commission on Human Rights, Agrawal also touched an employee’s breasts and asked her to expose them, routinely changed clothes in front of employees, and conducted meetings via videoconference while in bed, apparently unclothed. (She also is said in the filing to have shared nude photos of herself and others — “including but not limited to her fiancé” — with staff.) At least once, she supposedly FaceTimed into a meeting from the toilet.

The complaint, brought by Chelsea Leibow, the 26-year-old former head of public relations at the company — whose distinctive Thinx PR emails acquired some renown — also describes a culture of fear and a pattern of ageism, in which members of the mostly female, mostly 20-something staff were routinely referred to as “children,” with the few employees in their 30s tagged “nannies.” The filing — which also names the company’s COO and CFO, for their failure to address repeated complaints about Agrawal’s behavior — comes on the heels, just over a week ago, of Agrawal’s leaving from her post as CEO (as first reported in Jezebel) and the publication of an article in Racked that made clear that, despite the company’s feminist branding and mission, the women who worked there felt exploited by low pay and substandard benefits. The complaint notes that the only two employees who had evidently successfully negotiated higher salaries were men. Per Racked, 10 of the company’s 35 employees have left since January (a Thinx spokesperson says the number is lower but declined to specify); several others departed either voluntarily or were fired last year by Agrawal, whom staffers described as erratic, retaliatory, and extraordinarily difficult to work for.'

India: Barber kills self over dowry case, blames in-laws in suicide note

Matt · 22 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Five days after an NRI committed suicide over a dowry death case filed against him, a 23-year-old barber hung himself to death on Sunday in Ghaziabad. In his suicide note, the deceased accused his in-laws of harassing him after filing a dowry case.

The man has been identified as Monu, a barber. He was a resident of Madhuban Bapudham housing society in Kavinagar. Police said Monu hung himself from a ceiling fan around 12.30pm on Sunday.

"Monu got married in July last year and was depressed as he had a strained relationship with his wife. The husband-wife duo often fought, and they had been living separately for months," said Hemant Kumar Rai, SHO, Kavinagar police station.'

American College of Trial Lawyers releases white paper on campus sex assault hearings

Matt · 23 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

White paper here. Excerpt:

'ACTL recognizes, and is deeply concerned by, the problem of sexual assaults on college campuses. ACTL believes in the importance of protecting all students from sexual misconduct and ensuring that they are provided an educational environment free of sexual harassment.

ACTL also believes that it is important to ensure that students investigated for, or charged with, sexual assault or misconduct violations be afforded basic fairness and due process.'

Death Rates Rise for Wide Swath of White Adults, Study Finds

Matt · 23 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. They are of course failing to point out it's really white men they are talking about. Excerpt:

'In 2015, two Princeton University economists published a landmark paper showing that mortality was rising for white middle-aged Americans after decades of decline, a startling development for an economically advanced nation.

Now a new analysis from the same pair, released Thursday by the Brookings Institution, paints an even bleaker picture of the nation's largest-population group.

Mortality has been rising since the turn of this century for an even broader swath of white adults, starting at age 25, the researchers found, driven by troubles in a hard-hit working class. Death rates for white non-Hispanics with a high-school education or less now exceed those of blacks overall, the pair said—and they're 30% higher for whites age 50 to 54 than for blacks overall of that age.'

12-Year-Old Booked For Impregnating A 17-Year-Old, Becomes The Youngest Father In India

Matt · 23 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. In certain countries where Sharia is law, girls get stoned to death in essence for being rape victims. While he is at least nit being stoned to death, the idea is the same. Excerpt:

'India is swamped with the human crisis- rapes, molestation, child marriages, gender issues have become an everyday thing.

Recently, a 12-year old boy has been booked under the POCSO Act after a teenaged girl, who gave birth to a baby girl, claimed that he had impregnated her, police said on Monday.

Both the boy and the 17-year old girl are relatives and the case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act had been registered on the basis of a statement given by her, they said.

Police said they have decided to conduct a DNA test to verify the claim of the girl, who delivered the baby girl in a private hospital recently, that the boy is the father of the child. He would be prosecuted as per the Juvenile Justice Act.'

PH Cosmo: Why I No Longer Call Myself A Feminist

el cid · 24 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This article was published in the Filipino edition of Cosmopolitan. It's long but definitely hits some nails on their heads. Excerpt:

'"Being a feminist doesn't mean the person hates men—it means the person is for gender equality!" So the line goes, which I've said countless times over the past few years as I called myself a feminist and believed that others—everyone—should too. But in the past year, it dawned on me how insidious feminism is and can be. Feminists mock boys or men, in spite of their saying they're not man-haters. They rally for their cause and ask others to do too, but they support it with false information.

It's easy to say that feminism has imperfections like any other movement does and leave it at that. I'd rather not.

My critique of the feminism many Internet users are exposed to will be divided into: 1) that feminists can be sexist, 2) that feminists today spread false information as they fight for "equality" in society, and 3) that feminism affects or neglects men and their rights. I'll get ahead of myself and say I don't approve of any of that because none of those help create a fair society. And if being a feminist today means doing any of those three, I'm out.'

Boy Positive Shirts

mens_issues · 25 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

From Dr. Helen at:

https://pjmedia.com/drhelen/2017/03/02/boy-positive-shirts/

'Imagine that instead of negative t-shirts that say "Boys Stink" or "Throw Rocks at Them," there were boy positive shirts that had kind messages. Here is a boy positive site selling shirts that say, "Strong Like Dad" or "Boys Rock." I normally don't like these message t-shirts but nowadays, who cares? It's better to send a good message to boys than sit back and let all the haters have their say.

Update: You can also get them on Amazon.com'

USA: TX Teen staged kidnapping, caused her own injuries

fathers4fairness · 25 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Police now believe a kidnapping and sexual assault case that rattled the small North Texas town of Denison earlier this month was a hoax.

Breana Harmon Talbott confessed to investigators Tuesday night and admitted she staged the attack. She also admitted the injuries to her body were self-inflicted, the Denison Police Department said.

Police say shortly after the 18-year-old turned up at a church cut and partially dressed, her story started to unravel. But not before it spun out of control on social media, sparking outrage and fear in the community.

The story made headlines after Talbott's then-fiancé, Sam Hollingsworth, reported her missing on March 8. He told FOX 4 he asked a neighbor to check on her and that neighbor found her keys and a shoe on the ground outside her apartment.

Hollingsworth says he is now moving on after the terrible betrayal. He said he and Talbott had an argument the day she turned up at the church about the couple moving after he joined the army but can't explain why she'd allegedly stage a rape.

"I was hurt. It was hard to take in whenever I found out about everything," he said. "Somebody that I actually trusted and was planning on spending the rest of my life with could do something like this to me and everybody else in this community."

Police got involved with the search. Dogs and officer were out searching until someone from a nearby church called to report that a woman had disrupted their service to ask for help. She was wearing only her shirt, bra and underwear.

"She was in bad shape. She was bleeding. They had to bring some sheets to cover her up and try to calm her down," said Saul Marquez, the pastor of the New Creation Church. "As a church, we're here for a reason. It's a good thing she found some refuge here."

According to police, Talbott's told witnesses at the church that she had been kidnapped and sexually assaulted in the woods behind the church. She told detectives three black males wearing ski masks had kidnapped her near her vehicle outside her apartment. She said they took her in a black SUV to a wooded area where one suspect held her down while the other two raped her.'

US: The Alt-Right Is What Happens When Society Marginalizes Men

fathers4fairness · 25 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Various journalists have helped form a narrative of sorts about the identity of this shadowy, boisterous alt-right movement. The alt-right is childish and vicious, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing other than the message-board histrionics of aggrieved young men in their parents' basement.

From what I can see, this narrative does apply to a degree. Where various alt-right voices have articulated ethnocentrism, outright racism, misogyny, decadence, and a kind of juvenile hatred, among other vile stances, we should offer condemnation in no uncertain terms.

I do wonder, however, if the media has missed at least one true thing regarding the "alt-right." The movement (if we can call it that) may often prove inchoate and even inarticulate, but behind the memes and coded language, there seems to be a massed sentiment. It is this: men feel left behind.

America is divided today on this matter and its import. Many folks, particularly those of a more progressive bent, see men as whining over lost cultural capital. Once, men had it good; now they're forced to compete in an even playing field, and they're falling on their faces. Sorry for the stacked deck, guys—how does it feel, losers?

Others see men struggling, observe them falling precipitously behind in earning college degrees and other achievements such as earnings for unmarrieds, watch them leaving their wives and children then violently lashing out, and begin to wonder if men need something besides elaborate gender theory or a dismissive long-form hot-take. Maybe men, particularly young men, need help.'

Mexico: Metro installs men-only 'sexist seats' featuring a 'PENIS' as part of sexual harassment campaign

Mastodon · 27 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Mexico City Metro has installed a 'sexist seat' - complete with a flaccid penis - on its network to highlight the repeated sexual harassment women face on trains every day.

The chair has been modified to have the appearance of a man, including a bare chest, nipples and penis.

The place is "exclusive for men," with the aim to make them feel as uncomfortable as women who have been sexual assaulted on the transport system.

The social experiment has caused surprise and discomfort among some commuters, but has been a huge success in terms of the publicity is has received.
...
The team behind the 'sexist' Metro seat were previously responsible for a similar campaign where men's behinds were filmed and projected onto screens in the city's underground stations to combat male chauvinism.'

Students Confess Their Sins At ‘Masculinity Confession Booth’

Matt · 27 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A university will be hosting a “Masculinity Confession Booth” along with a number of other workshops and screenings to combat “hypermasculinity.”

“We have all reinforced hypermasculinity one way or another regardless of our gender!!” explains the University of Regina event description. “Come and share your sins so we can begin to discuss how to identify and change our ways !!!”

The “Man Up Against Violence” initiative will be hosting these events at the University of Regina in Canada during the present week.

The Masculinity Confession Booth will be making its debut Monday, but is also listed on the schedule for Tuesday through Thursday — days on which students can also attend a “Healthy Relationships and Healthy Masculinity Workshop.” Yet another event will seek to redefine the phrase, “man up.”

“At the Man Up Against Violence initiative, we challenge mindsets and behaviors with regard to the social construction of masculinity and its relationship with violence,” details the “Who We Are” part of the site. “We work together to bring light to the causes of all types of violence related to gender, race, socio-economic status, ability level and beyond.”'

"Something Is Happening Here"

Matt · 28 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Unfortunately, since liberalism and feminism were and are still closely linked, the boys' issue has almost exclusively been the province of conservatives. But now there is also a handful (at least) of centrists, or even liberals (like me) who continue to strive for recognition of boys' and men's issues as significant. And though feminists—especially those on the extreme side—continue to fight any attempts to get these issues into full public view, I am starting to feel that this fight itself shows that the movement on behalf of males is starting to have some traction.

But my optimism also comes from the fact that at least two movements in academia, the first quite well-known, the other getting that way, indirectly (and sometimes directly) support those concerned about boys and men. They, like us, see them not as difficulties, problems, creatures to be systematically shaped, but rather as human beings, who are struggling—not just in terms of such problems as poor school performance, incarceration, and high suicide rates—but in terms of being seen negatively, as compared to girls and women.'

Dem Candidate Attacks Critic for Mansplaining Who Turns Out to Be a Woman

Mastodon · 29 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Democratic congressional candidate attacked a critic for mansplaining to her on Twitter Sunday, only for the critic to reveal that she is also a woman.

Video game developer Brianna Wu is running for Congress in Massachusetts' 8th District, challenging sitting Congressman Stephen F. Lynch in the Democratic primary. Most recently she was the subject of a positive New York Times Magazine profile, "Brianna Wu Wants to Change the Democrats' Playbook."

Wu, a prominent figure in online social justice advocacy, also maintains an active Twitter profile. She tweeted Sunday night about an incident where a United flight crew would not allow two young women wearing leggings to board.'

Woman fined for false rape report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a highly unusual case, a 48-year-old Winnipeg woman has been fined for public mischief after she falsely reported to police she was raped in order to try to save her job.

On Nov. 7, 2016, the woman reported to the Winnipeg Police Service's sex crimes unit that she had been raped by a stranger six days earlier while she was walking in the area of Midwinter Avenue and Brazier Street. She told investigators an unknown man had come up behind her, overpowered her and raped her, and that she later threw out her clothes and showered repeatedly because she was ashamed.

The woman, a single mother who now has a criminal record, sobbed in front of provincial court Judge Carena Roller on Thursday, saying she was truly ashamed of herself for lying.

"I don't even know why I did it. This is not me to do something so stupid," she told the judge.

The woman was fined $1,000, put on an 18-month probation order and ordered to complete 100 hours of community service.'

The reason why false rape report is misdemeanor charge

Mastodon · 29 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Viewers have asked why the woman who claimed to be raped and kidnapped by three men in Denison is only being charged with a misdemeanor.

"As far as we know, that's the charge that fits in this situation," says Grayson County District Attorney Joe Brown. "We will be looking in full in the report to see if anything else that can be made of it."

District Attorney Brown says after Denison Police discovered Breana Harmon Talbott's claims of her kidnapping and rape by three men to be a hoax, she was arrested and charged with providing false information to a peace officer, a class B misdemeanor. Which means she could spend up to 180 days in jail or a fine up to two-thousand dollars.

But some locals say a misdemeanor charge isn't enough.'

Barbara Kay: A man who'll stand up for the rights of other men (and boys) on campus and in society

Mastodon · 29 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On International Women's Day a few weeks ago, I sat on a radio panel devoted to the occasion with two young women, both enthusiastically self-avowed feminists, who think we still live in a "patriarchy" in which men's interests are better served than women. They were shocked when I demurred, dubbing our society a "matriarchy." I explained that in the things that matter most to everyone — health, safety, parenting rights — women receive far more public attention and sympathy than men, and in fact men often receive negative attention, and the message that they are not generally valued in our culture.

...

I hope there will be no protests Tuesday evening, at the University of Toronto, when clinical psychologist and Ryerson sessional lecturer Oren Amitay, speaks at an event hosted by the University of Toronto's Men's Issues Awareness Society, sponsored by the Canadian Association for Equality (on whose board I sit). His topic is "Why men don't ask for help — and how we can change that."

Amitay's presence alone will make the men who attend this event feel validated and supported, a rare occurrence for many men in our society. In an interview, Amitay told me that when the going gets tough for men, they have a tendency to go down one of two unhelpful routes: either clam up, refusing to ask for support, or grow bitter and angry and act out. He aims to give them a better option, to adopt a perspective that is neither closed nor self-destructively mired in feelings of victimhood. He describes the tools he offers as "self-agency" and "self-efficacy" — a means of navigating "the reality."'

Reject campus feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Organizers of January's Women's March on Washington made a concerted effort to target college-aged women with their messaging — and with good reason. While only 23 percent of American women identify as feminists, 47 percent of millennial women do.

Unfortunately, policies supported by modern feminists have proved particularly bad for young women.

Many of today's young women struggle with significant student loan debt and have a hard time finding a job that will get them out of mom and dad's basement. About 42 percent of women have more than $30,000 in student loan debt, compared to just 27 percent of men.

This could be a result of the increase we've seen in the number of women pursuing higher levels of learning. But significant student loan defaults among this group indicate that women may not be getting a good return on investment. Women are vastly overrepresented in majors that are known to have low returns on investment, such as gender studies or social work.

Yet the feminist movement encourages more young women to pursue these degrees. Their solution is to advocate for further government assistance through policies such as free public college and loan forgiveness while doing nothing to put pressure on colleges to keep prices in check.'

Student has grade docked for using 'mankind' in English paper

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Northern Arizona University student lost credit on an English paper for using the word “mankind" instead of a gender-neutral alternative.

Cailin Jeffers, an English major at NAU, told Campus Reform that she received an email from one of her professors, Dr. Anne Scott, informing her that she had been docked one point out of a possible 50 on a recent paper for “problems with diction (word choice)” related to her use of the word “mankind” as a synonym for “humanity.”

“I would be negligent, as a professor who is running a class about the human condition and the assumptions we make about being ‘human,’ if I did not also raise this issue of gendered language and ask my students to respect the need for gender-neutral language,” Scott explained. “The words we use matter very much, or else teachers would not be making an issue of this at all, and the MLA would not be making recommendations for gender-neutral language at the national level.”

Scott then offered to let Jeffers revise the paper to earn additional points in five categories, including diction, but noted that she is under no obligation to do so.'

Canada: BC man pleads for family court reform in suicide note

fathers4fairness · 29 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The horror shows that emerge from Canada's family courts, those aggressive high-conflict battles that can go on for years, are often complicated and nuanced.
...
But a couple of things are straightforward and clear.

On March 8, Jeramey finally signed off on the July 11, 2016, order from B.C. Supreme Court Judge B.J. Brown.

He unsuccessfully had applied for an order varying the amount of child and spousal support he had to pay his former wife, a total of $6,500 a month. She in turn was seeking he be found in contempt of another order and fined an additional $10,000; the judge adjourned those issues.
...
Early on the morning of March 9, Jeramey apparently rigged his truck so that when he drove down an embankment at the end of Page Road in Abbotsford, B.C., his neck would break.

In a scrawled and bloody suicide note found in the truck, he wrote: "FAMILY LAW NEEDS REFORM. I recommend mandated lower costs and less reward for false claims of abuse. Parental Alienation is devastating. I loved my children as much as a husband and father could. I see no light. Recommend; an authority consistent during high conflict separations: It is exploited in family law.

"Sorry Dad and Angie. I'm very sorry."

He was 45 years old when he died, and as his current wife, Angie, told Postmedia in a telephone interview from B.C. Tuesday, "He had a hard life. He could not catch a break."

Two days before he died, Jeramey wrote his lawyer: "I'm tired … Not only have I lost my children which by itself has torn me into two, but I have lost all my assets in life … The level of cruelty brought on by what could have been a simple divorce was and still is mind blowing and I'm simply not the same person I was, and I expect I'll never see that person again."

At his memorial service, his best friend gave the eulogy and said, in part, that family courts and spousal support in particular "creates an artificial right to another person's successes."'

Canada: Heading down an ugly path of Gender-based Justice

fathers4fairness · 30 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Federal judge Robin Camp resigned recently after a majority of senior federal judges across the country recommended his removal. These senior judges concluded the judge, whose impugned “knees together” comment is now well known, “acted in a manner that seriously undermined public confidence in the judiciary.”

There was no evidence of actual undermining of anything. The spectacle did show the effectiveness of gender advocacy. The witness, individual accusers, commentators, attorney general of Alberta (who instigated the review), federal justice minister and majority of members of the Inquiry Committee are women.
...
The danger of gender politics driving this overhaul of law and judicial system is that pickets and protests instill in judges fear of public ignominy and career forfeiture. To question anything complainants say will provoke the wrath of feminists who anoint all female complainants as survivors who must be believed.

This judicial fear will haunt the mists of consent and create a presumption of guilt. Legal presumptions of innocence and reasonable doubt, which legitimately belong with accused persons, will bend to complainants. More innocent men will be convicted and jailed up to 10 years.

For 12 years, I served as a Justice of the Peace. I saw gender-inspired injustice and it most assuredly is not something to which we should want to return.
...
There is a feminist thumb on the scale which seeks to reshape Canadian criminal law and the judicial function that developed over centuries — consent, merits, truth and justice notwithstanding.'

Man falsely accused of rape jailed for 10 months

Mastodon · 30 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A man falsely accused of rape was jailed for 10 months, denied bail, treated like a social pariah, his lawyer says.

Christopher John Ferguson, 31, faced eight charges, including two of rape, before they were dismissed by Judge Michael Crosbie in the Dunedin District Court on Wednesday.

The complainant was first interviewed by police in 2013 when she was 13 years old. But during cross examination at trial this week, she admitted she had lied about the rape.

Speaking after the trial, Anne Stevens, Ferguson's lawyer, said her client would have been serving nine to 11 years' jail "If the right questions hadn't been asked".

"When the process works very well, then justice is done."

However, at the start of the trial, her client was named and labelled a "kiddy f....." on social media.

"People need to stop rushing for justice and calling people abusive, horrible names as though they are guilty … they don't understand the rule of law," she said.

...

A Rape Crisis Dunedin spokeswoman said the organisation believed, in accordance with the best evidence it had, that false allegations of rape and sexual abuse were "extremely rare".

"We believe all survivors who approach our confidential service and support them on their healing journey," she said in a statement.'

Also see: Damages unlikely for falsely accused man

College plans to fire professor who taught ‘Men in Literature’ class

Mastodon · 30 March 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last spring we told you about Springfield College’s long-running attack on a tenured English professor who taught a popular “Men in Literature” class.

It forced him to abandon the course – while retaining women-, Native American- and Asian-focused literature courses – and previously accused him of hate speech for putting up a poster that raises awareness about false rape accusations.

Now this “very ordinary college” is trying to fire Dennis Gouws, National Association of Scholars President Peter Wood writes in The Federalist:

On March 27, Anne Herzog, the college’s dean of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Studies, wrote a letter to Gouws placing him on “Official Warning Status.” Herzog’s letter proffers a good deal of smug condescension and a small harvest of details, but none of that will explain what is really happening. The true story is this: a feminist jihad aims to remove from Springfield faculty an English professor who has refused to submit, even after two years of nearly constant bullying.

His faculty page suggests why he’s such a hated figure by administrators and campus activists:

He serves on the executive board of New Male Studies: An International Journal, on the editorial board of The International Journal of Family Research and Policy and on the advisory board of The Foundation for Male Studies.'

UK: Accusations of rape are not always true

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently a succession of men has been acquitted by the courts and a judge with 40 years' experience of legal practice wrote to the CPS to say that a pattern has emerged whereby the parties involved know each other, one or both has been drinking or using drugs and each gives a plausible account as to what happened.

There is absolutely no independent evidence so no jury can convict given the requirement of "beyond all reasonable doubt".

The irate judge ends his missive by suggesting that the CPS must have a different interpretation of cases which stands "a realistic prospect of conviction" from everybody else.

Instead of explaining why such cases are deemed likely to be successful, Ms Saunders calls such views "victim-blaming" and says they have allowed predators to offend with impunity in the past.'

Wikipedia on the author here.

So it’s come to this: A feminist is calling for female slavery

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'My mother, who grew up in the 1960s, feminism’s heyday, remains a self-described feminist and insists that the term means only that women should have the same rights as men. Indeed, the Oxford English Dictionary defines the word thus: “The advocacy of women's rights on the ground of the equality of the sexes.”

What’s so objectionable about that? By this definition, everyone I know is a feminist, myself included. What sort of backward chauvinist would argue that women shouldn’t have the same rights as men?

The answer, apparently, is Sarrah Le Marquand, an Australian feminist and the editor-in-chief of “Stellar” magazine. In a piece penned for Sydney’s “Daily Telegraph,” Le Marquand argues that female parents of school-aged children should be legally required to enter the workforce and get a job.

That’s right: a philosophy that once demanded more rights for women now demands more restrictions. Men are free to work or to choose to stay home with their children. Women should be denied that choice, for the good of womankind. The ultimate goal of feminism is for women to have no choices except for those permitted them by society’s elites.'

This Plymouth University student is fighting for 'men's rights'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Plymouth University student has been denied the chance to set up a "men's rights" forum - because they do not suffer discrimination.

Will Styles, 21, says there is a women's forum on campus but no equivalent space for male students to seek advice and guidance.

He applied to set up such a platform, but the University of Plymouth Students' Union (UPSU) said equal opportunities legislation only applies to groups which have suffered "historic and ongoing discrimination", adding "those groups do not include men".'

Records show history of domestic violence between couple before man's slaying

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'Paula Hobbs had been drinking while at a wedding with her boyfriend last fall near Pensacola when she got angry and starting swinging at him, court records show.

Evertt Leslie Humble was working as a DJ at the event and later told deputies he didn't know why she got mad, but that she hit him several times and threw a glass at him, cutting his face, according to the Escambia County sheriff's report. A witness finally had to intervene.

Though not as common or as widely publicized, domestic violence experts say abuse against men does happen.

"When we have a male victim, it is a reminder that anyone can be a victim of domestic violence," said Harbor House CEO Michelle Sperzel.

Orlando police found Humble, 63, dead from multiple gunshot wounds Tuesday evening on the porch of the apartment he shared with Hobbs.'

City’s $2K circumcision fine ‘is like nothing’ for mohels

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The city’s $2,000 fine to stop unsafe circumcisions is a mere cost-of-doing-business slap that will do nothing to deter the lucrative but potentially disease-spreading ritual, mohels and community members railed Thursday to The Post.

Mohels can rake in up to $1,500 per bris — the Jewish circumcision ritual — and often perform as many as 10 a week — turning the monetary penalty into chump change, experts said.

“A $2,000 fine is like nothing,” fumed Dr. Jeffrey Mazlin, an OB-GYN and part-time mohel. “Some of these Orthodox mohelim are doing 10 in a week — they’re full-time mohels — so $2,000 is a slap on the wrist. They could be making loads of money.'

Australia Training 4,000 Teachers to Root Out Sexism in Preschoolers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Four thousand teachers in Australia are to be put through a training program specially designed to help them root out sexism in pre-schoolers.

The regional government in Victoria is developing a course to help educators spot children who “enact sexist values, beliefs and attitudes” from the age of four.

According to The Australian, the new project will cost taxpayers $3.4million AUS ($2.6million US).

A tender document released by state officials cites research showing that kids are already operating within “gendered norms” at pre-school and need “anti-bias” strategies to help educate them out of it.'

Battered Men: The Hidden Hurt

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Battered men desperately sought help for years in California, but their efforts consistently fell on deaf ears. It took four battered men and a 2008 lawsuit by the National Coalition for Men for the California Supreme Court to recognize that men are entitled to equal protection and advocacy support from domestic violence shelters.

Domestic violence accounts for a surprising proportion of violent crime in the United States. Close to one in six murder victims is killed by an intimate partner. Nearly three-fourths of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner.

Because 85% of domestic-assault victims are women, when people think about domestic violence they tend to assume a male abuser and a female victim. Yet a surprising number of men are victims of domestic abuse, although not always at the hands of a female partner.'

Body image concerns more men than women, research finds

Matt · 1 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More men worry about their body shape and appearance – beer bellies, "man boobs" or going bald – than women do about how they look, according to research.

More than four in five men (80.7%) talk in ways that promote anxiety about their body image by referring to perceived flaws and imperfections, compared with 75% of women. Similarly, 38% of men would sacrifice at least a year of their life in exchange for a perfect body – again, a higher proportion than women.

"These findings tell us that men are concerned about body image, just like women. We knew that 'body talk' affected women and young people and now we know that it affects men too," said Dr Phillippa Diedrichs, from the centre of appearance research at the University of the West of England. She conducted the study, of 394 British men, which was commissioned by Central YMCA and the Succeed Foundation, an eating disorders charity.'

Canada: Family court advice for men, from one who's made it through

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'I mention this only because, as I've dipped my toe into these roiling and shark-infested waters of family law the past 10 days and been overwhelmed with email that breaks my heart, I was unprepared. I had little idea how bad it was.

I've had hundreds and hundreds of notes; on a gender breakdown, probably 80 per cent are from men, 20 per cent from women.

I've heard from family court lawyers, some of whom are angry at my suggestions that fathers get the tough end of the stick in child custody cases (though the actual evidence is reasonably clear that they do), some of whom say "the whole system is B.S … one of the first things out of my mouth when I see someone is, 'What's your budget and how much does he/she dislike you?'" I've heard from judges and former judges and psychologists and counsellors.

Without exception, they agree that the system is beyond broken.'

Do's and don'ts for men at work and in life

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men today are relearning social etiquette in an age of renewed feminism.

Despite societal advances toward feminist policies and attitudes, women are still sometimes condescended to, overlooked and objectified. Men who resort to the lessons of their fathers and grandfathers may intend to be chivalrous but come off as lacking professionalism.

It all makes for a tangy soup of awkwardness.

"I don't think anyone knows what the new rules are," said Jackson Katz, an author and educator on feminist issues. Katz and other men like him identify as "pro-feminists," meaning they support feminism — defined as social, political and economic equality between the sexes — but recognize the centrality of women to the movement.

Men and women, he said, are constantly renegotiating their terms, making proper etiquette a moving target. So, how can men who identify as feminists avoid social hiccups? Here's what experts say:'

Equality activists praise 'courageous' Plymouth student for men's rights fight

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Equality activists have praised a "courageous" Plymouth University student for fighting an "appalling decision" banning him from setting up a men's forum on campus.

Yesterday The Herald reported on 21-year-old Will Styles, who was told equal opportunities legislation only applies to groups who have suffered "historic and ongoing discrimination".

His bid to establish a men's forum, to run alongside the existing women's forum, was rejected by the University of Plymouth Students' Union (UPSU).

Campaigner Mike Buchanan, who runs an organisation called Justice for Men and Boys, said: "We wish this courageous young man every success in establishing a men's forum.'

Maryland schools would teach kids that boys are presumed guilty of rape under approved bill

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'Maryland lawmakers introduced two bills this year that would teach “affirmative consent,” an impractical sexual-consent standard common on college campuses, in public school sex-ed classes. One was a countywide pilot program; the other would apply statewide.

Apparently the House of Delegates didn’t want to wait to see how the program worked in Montgomery County, just outside Washington, D.C.

The Washington Post reports the statewide “yes mean yes” bill (HB 1560) passed overwhelmingly in the House, with bipartisan support, and will be taken up in a Senate committee hearing April 5. (See how your member voted here.)'

‘Sex Mad’ Mom Jailed for Wild Sex Romps With Underage Boys

Matt · 2 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Seven years. If a man had done this with girls, it'd be some type of sentencing that kept him in for life. Excerpt:

'A British mother-of-three who performed a “dreadful catalog” of sex acts with underage boys was sentenced to seven years’ in prison on Friday. The court heard that Amanda Tompkins performed a ‘striptease’ and sexually abused the boys while her own children were inside the house. The 39-year-old was sentenced for 10 counts of physical and sexual abuse of six boys.

According to reports by the Mail Online and the Mirror, the court heard that Tompkins invited the group of boys between the ages of 13 and 15 to her home, furnishing them with marijuana and alcohol, before engaging them in oral sex and full-on intercourse. She also told one of the boys that he’d gotten her pregnant and that she needed an abortion. She communicated with him via Facebook, which she also used to send him nude photos of herself.

“Putting it bluntly, ma’am, you are sex mad, decreed Judge Francis Sheridan. “You pleaded guilty to a most dreadful catalog of sexual offending against young boys … Your approach was anything goes as you saw fit in your own drunken stupor. You ran an open house and for that, you should read you ran a home of abuse with you as the abuser—there’s no point in ducking it, no matter how drunk you were.”'

Unwanted Advances: Sexual Paranoia Comes to Campus

fathers4fairness · 3 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Kipnis, who is 60, is a well-known liberal feminist and cultural thinker, tough and rather funny, whose tone on the page – she writes quite a lot of journalism – suggests an eyebrow permanently raised.
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Unwanted Advances: Sexual Paranoia Comes to Campus, which gathers all that she learned about this netherworld together, is a slim but caustic volume the imminent publication of which, Kipnis believes, is likely to test the limits of what can and can't be said about the current situation in many, if not most, American universities – though in fact the reckoning has already begun.
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Sex – that muddled, confusing thing – is, on American campuses, now more strongly associated with hazard than with freedom, which is something she regrets.
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In the end, of course, sexual paranoia on campus is to be feared mostly for its deleterious effect on intellectual life. "This will only lead to the decline of the university," says Kipnis. "And I feel a bit grim about that."'

March for Science Organizers Don’t Want Bill Nye as Leader Because He’s a ‘White Male’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The March for Science is having a tough time deciding whether the march should focus on “diversity and inclusion” or health and climate policy.

They were supposed to have gotten their internal issues under control, but this week a new fight broke out over whether Bill Nye the Science Guy, the former children’s television host who considers himself the leader of the “pro-science movement” should lead the protest. The problem? Nye is a “white male.”

Nye, who is not, in fact, a scientist, except on television (he’s an engineer by trade), was slated to be the March’s chair, and an announcement was made last week. But organizers quickly panicked that having Nye at the forefront of the event meant they might be substantiating the idea that scientists are only old white men.

Again, Nye actually isn’t a scientist, but whatever.'

Businesses Offer 20-Percent Discounts For Equal Pay Day

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'To raise awareness of the pay gap and how reducing it can improve the economy and quality of life, LeanIn.org is creating a one-day campaign called #20percentcounts.

More than 300 businesses in 25 cities will offer 20-percent discounts to women (and men as well), according to a press release.

The complete list can be found at LeanIn.org. Participants include major companies like Lyft, Procter & Gamble and Salesforce.

LeanIn.org founder Sheryl Sandberg, who also is Facebook COO, said the campaign's goal is demonstrating how equal pay "is essential to the goal of gender equality."

"This issue speaks to how we value women's labor, knowledge, time, training, and so much more," Sandberg said in a statement. "In short, it's about women's worth. There's nothing more fundamental than that."'

New Report on Colleges and Sex Assault Cases

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'With the Trump administration reportedly debating whether to reverse Obama administration guidance on how colleges should investigate sexual assault, a group of trial lawyers has released a report suggesting the current processes on many campuses are unfairly slanted against the accused.

The guidance, issued in a 2011 Dear Colleague letter, was meant to clarify areas of the law, the administration said at the time. It beefed up protections for victims of sexual assault and was a way to push colleges to more thoroughly respond to complaints. Such guidance does not carry the force of law, but it did contain a threat that colleges' federal funding could be revoked should they fail to comply.

The American College of Trial Lawyers, in a report last month, said this prospective loss of funding, combined with heavy media attention on cases of sexual assault, has resulted in colleges sometimes disregarding the rights of those accused and on occasion recklessly siding with someone making a complaint to avoid backlash.'

Six Years Ago Today, Obama’s Education Department Made All Sex Unsafe on Campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today marks six years to the day since the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights released the infamous "Dear Colleague" letter obligating universities to investigate sexual assault and harassment.

The letter that launched the recent phase of fact-free investigatory proceedings and one-sided tribunals was just 19 pages long. It began with the assertion that sexual violence is a form of sexual harassment and is therefore prohibited by Title IX, which mandates gender equality at educational institutions that receive federal funding. In its letter, OCR also asserted that the sexual violence problem on college campuses was out of control, as evidenced by the 1-in-5 statistic.

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We know, of course, that the 1-in-5 statistic is misleading at best: while many women admit to experiencing nonconsensual contact at colleges, they don't see themselves as rape victims and very few are subjected to forced sex. But even if the sexual assault problem on campus was as severe as OCR claims, this would not justify any reduction of due process protections.'

Canada: Christie Blatchford series on "Broken Family Courts" - Ont dad pays twice income to ex-wife

fathers4fairness · 5 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two different Ontario Superior Court judges have found that Rob. R., an Oshawa-area father of two, is in effect the proverbial stone from which no more blood can be drawn after and Ontario father complained that he was paying twice his after-tax monthly income to his ex-wife.

Judge Paul Nicholson, in a Nov. 28, 2016 decision, wrote that Rob is “currently suffering dire financial circumstances” and “appears to have been suffering financially for some time.”

Rob had been seeking “a motion to change” a punishing original support order that requires him to pay twice his after-tax monthly income. His ex promptly brought a motion for summary judgment, which requires the judge to find there’s no real issue for trial and which can be dismissed from the bench.

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“The imputed income as it is used to determine support is no longer accurate as it no longer reflects the applicant’s (Rob’s) financial reality,” Ferguson said in her June 20, 2013 decision, dismissing his ex’s efforts for summary judgment.'

Irate Passenger Who Falsely Accused Uber Driver of Rape Banned For Life

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'The ride sharing service Uber has reportedly banned a passenger for life after she became irate at her driver and threatened to call the police and falsely accuse the driver with rape, the company says.

The New York Post placed portions of the dash-cam footage of the insane incident online earlier this week and it shows the female passenger angrily berating the male driver for several minutes. She was apparently upset that he did not have an iPhone charger available for her use.

The driver appears to remain calm and eventually informs the passenger he will terminate the ride immediately, unless she calms down.

That just sets her off more and she refuses to leave the vehicle unless he calls the cops. The driver then asks, again, if she will calm down and she threatens to spit in his face and refers to where she is from, presumably to impress upon the driver how tough she is.'

Protests prompt Calgary theatre to cancel men's rights films — and become target of a backlash against protest

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the second time in a month, a Calgary showing of a documentary chronicling a feminist's change of heart has been scrubbed.

The latest cancellation is Tuesday's screening of The Red Pill and discussion arranged by the group Fathers Rights Alberta at Plaza Theatre.

Plaza manager Logan Cameron said the decision was made after they were bombarded with complaints by people who contend the film champions misogyny.

"There were just numerous complaints — calls, social media, emails," said Cameron.

But he said the backlash over the move to cancel the private, free-admission event has proven even more harsh.

"It seems to be greater than the protest for running it. … It's a lose-lose situation right now," he said.'

Widely divergent campus sexual assault bills move forward in two states

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Bills relating to campus sexual assault in Maryland and Georgia have moved forward after previously appearing to have stalled in each state's legislature.

In Maryland, a bill that would require K-12 students be taught the policy of affirmative consent during sexual education classes received an "unfavorable report" from the state's House Ways and Means committee and was subsequently withdrawn.

The Maryland victory was short-lived, however. A separate bill, HB 1560 that requires children as young as 10 receive affirmative consent training passed the Maryland House of Representatives in mid-March.

Affirmative consent effectively turns sex into a contractual rather than passionate or romantic act, requiring each person involved in sexual activity to continuously ask for permission to engage in heightened levels of activity throughout the event. Affirmative consent does not prohibit non-verbal communication, but as it can often be ambiguous (and later reinterpreted), it puts people at greater risk of an accusation if they don't rely on verbal communication.'

Huffington Post Uses Flawed Data From Elizabeth Warren's Office in Failed Attempt to Erase Her Gender Pay Gap

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'Salary data provided by Sen. Elizabeth Warren's office to outlets such as the Huffington Post paint a misleading picture of employment in the Massachusetts Democratic senator's office and fail to disprove the fact reported Tuesday that Warren paid men significantly more than women in 2016.

Warren's office failed to respond to numerous emails from the Washington Free Beacon for the Tuesday report, which found that the median salary for men that worked for Warren in 2016 was $21,000 higher than the median salary for women.

Instead it reached out to the Huffington Post, a liberal publication owned by telecom giant Verizon, which on Wednesday published an article titled "No, Elizabeth Warren Doesn't Pay Women Less Than Men" that said the Free Beacon "misleadingly accused" the Massachusetts senator of gender pay inequality by using "incomplete data."'

Report highlights failure of Education Department’s overreach on campus sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While OCR claimed the letter was merely “guidance,” it carried with it the threat of a loss of federal funding for failing to comply. In the years after the guidance was issued, OCR opened more than 300 investigations into schools alleged to have violated Title IX by not adequately responding to accusations of sexual assault. In every investigation conducted by OCR, some violation of Title IX has been found, even if the findings are inconsistent with each other.

For example, in one finding, even OCR determined it was more likely than not that the accused student hadn’t committed sexual assault, but found the school in violation of Title IX because it did not immediately open an investigation (because the accuser didn’t want one) and because the school didn’t find the accused to be “not responsible” fast enough.

Schools, predictably, sign on to change their policies (often further reducing the due process rights of accused students) in order to satiate OCR and avoid losing federal funding.'

Yale grad sues university, claims his rights were violated because he’s male

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 2015 Yale University graduate has sued the university, claiming school officials reprimanded him when he mentioned rape in a philosophy paper and that the incident influenced Yale’s response when two women falsely accused him of sexual misconduct.

A lawsuit filed in February by “John Doe” claims that, because he is male, he was denied his due process rights under Title IX of the federal Education Amendments of 1972 and the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The lawsuit cites numerous incidents in which Doe was allegedly harassed and rebuked by officials with Yale’s University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct and by chaplains in a Yale-affiliated religious center.

The suit names Yale University and two officials who are charged with handling reports of sexual misconduct: David Post, chairman or acting chairman of the University-Wide Committee; and Jason Killheffer, a senior Title IX coordinator.

Doe’s attorney, Susan Kaplan of the Kaplan Law Firm in New York City, called the Title IX complaint “novel” because, she said, Doe not only was wrongfully accused of sexual misconduct, but was subject to “pretty severe and ongoing harassment” that made Yale’s campus a “hostile environment.”'

Woman who falsely reported rape avoids jail time

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'A woman charged with making a false rape report at the Wild Country nightclub in Collinsville will not have to serve any jail time but was fined and ordered to pay restitution.

Lisa Soest, 22, of Imperial, Mo., had been charged with two felonies — disorderly conduct and obstructing justice — in connection with the rape report she made in February 2016.

As part of a plea bargain, the obstruction charge was dismissed and the disorderly conduct charge was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Soest had reported that she was raped in the parking lot of the Wild Country nightclub in Collinsville on Feb. 4, 2016. However, after several days of investigation police determined her report to be a false claim.

She was placed under court supervision for one year. If she stays out of trouble during her supervision, she will not have a conviction. She also was fined $1,500 and ordered to pay $650 in restitution. It wasn't immediately clear who would receive the restitution.'

Male Student Ostracized, Publicly Shamed After Questioning the Existence of Rape Culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this week, Patrick Borum, a 20-year-old student at Grand Valley State University, questioned one of higher education's most dearly held dogmas: the existence of a "rape culture," where society "normalizes and trivializes" sexual violence.

"Rape culture isn't real," Borum posted on his personal Facebook account Tuesday. Cue the outrage.

Since then, other students have accused Borum of being a supporter of rape and even a possible rapist; his peers have slammed him with messages on social media calling him "a piece of shit," "a piece of dirt," and worse; he's been a central subject in a campus town hall meeting on sexual assault; and his fraternity and the student senate have publicly denounced his comments as ignorant and offensive, prompting his resignation from both.

"My comments went absolutely viral on campus, and everyone was pissed off about it," Borum told Heat Street. "I'm being ostracized in my own community. … I 100 percent feel like I'm being bullied."

The controversy began earlier this week, when members of campus fraternities were told to take a mandatory survey, administered by a third party, about Greek Life and sexual assault, Borum said. He and other students noticed with dismay that almost all of the questions seemed to imply that alcoholism, misogyny, harassment and assault were commonplace in fraternities.

"The questions were all leading," Borum said. "There was no correct answers you could post, so it seemed like you were a danger to women."'

Tempting as it may be, avoid the loaded term ‘mansplainer’

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'DEAR CAROLYN: My husband has a tendency to “mansplain.” Recently, when I asked him if he had heard of any U.S. military action planned against North Korea, he began his response by telling me the name of the leader of North Korea, the fact that the North Koreans have been doing nuclear-weapons testing, who Rex Tillerson is, etc., all of which I knew already and wasn’t really the answer to my question, was it?

When I call him on it by commenting that he is mansplaining, he becomes angry and says he only knows one way to talk. Am I wrong to call him on this?
...
DEAR T.: Depends on how you define “call him on this.”

If it means saying to him, “When you give me all that background information, I feel like I’m back in kindergarten” — and asking that he please assume you have knowledge of geopolitical basics — then it is not wrong.

If instead it means using the lingo du jour to call him a patronizing sexist blowhard, then, yes, that is wrong.

Not that the facts of the accusation are wrong, necessarily; he may be all of those things. Or not. I don’t know.

But you’re supposed to be life partners: Slapping a label on him is not the most constructive way to improve that bond, or to make your point.'

Cops: Woman, 23, Charged In Sex Attack On Cabbie

Matt · 10 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. She's actually kind of cute if you can get past the sociopathic dark blank stare of her eyes. "Sociopaths are sexy," it has been said. Even Charles Manson had women sending him their panties when he was in prison. Lesson to be learned: Women, too, can be violent sociopaths. Excerpt:

'An Ohio woman has been charged with raping and robbing a male taxi driver while an accomplice held the victim at knifepoint, according to investigators.

Brittany Carter, 23, was named this month in a two-count felony indictment charging her with aggravated robbery and rape in connection with the alleged attack earlier this year in Findlay, a city about 40 miles south of Toledo.

According to cops, “two black males and a white female” called for a cab to pick them up at a TownePlace Suites hotel around 4:25 AM. During the subsequent trip, police allege, passenger Cory Jackson, 20, pulled out a knife and placed it against the 29-year-old driver’s throat.

While the victim was being held at knifepoint, Carter allegedly performed a sex act on the Trinity Express Cab Service driver. Before fleeing the vehicle, Carter and Jackson took $32 from the victim’s pocket, police charge. The driver, cops say, was not injured during the incident.'

Appeals Court Reverses SUNY Student's Expulsion in Sex Case

Matt · 10 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph. Excerpt:

'The expulsion of a male student from a State University of New York campus after he had a sexual encounter with a female student that may have been consensual was too harsh, a divided state appeals court ruled Thursday.

The 3-2 majority of the Appellate Division, Third Department, panel said in Haug v. State University of New York at Potsdam, 522632, that many aspects of the disciplinary process at SUNY-Potsdam as it was applied to Benjamin Haug "give us pause," beginning with the fact that the female student's account of the encounter as presented at campus disciplinary proceedings was hearsay.

While she initially reported the incident as a sexual assault to campus police within a few hours after it happened on Sept. 7, 2014, Justice Eugene Devine noted that the woman acknowledged that she had not declined to engage in sex with the male student nor provide any "gesture saying that [the encounter] wasn't welcome."

Nevertheless, the court noted that Haug was found guilty before a campus disciplinary board of sexual misconduct, suspended for the remainder of the semester and made to take an alcohol evaluation and treatment program. When Haug appealed, the campus disciplinary appeals board increased the penalty to expulsion and Potsdam president Kristin Esterberg affirmed Haug's dismissal.'

Malecare: Another challenge to PSA testing

Matt · 11 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Here is the latest challenge to PSA test usefulness for Prostate Cancer screening in the USA. Malecare feels you should be empowered to participate in this national health policy issue.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force released a new guideline, determining that the potential benefits and harms of prostate-specific antigen (PSA)-based screening in men ages 55 to 69 years suggest that the decision to be screened should be an individual one.

For men age 70 years and older, the Task Force found that the potential benefits do not outweigh the harms, and these men should not be screened for prostate cancer.

This is a significant though inadequate change in the USPSTF's guidelines on PSA testing. However, we see this change as validation of the influence of the many hundreds of patient centered comments that Malecare men generated during the previous call for comments period. Let's not rest on our laurels. We have a good shot at improving these guidelines. Please take this moment to post your additional comments on the USPSTF website. Your comments count! Please click here to post your comments.

The public comment period is open only from today, April 11 through May 8, 2017. So, please post your comment, short or comprehensive, today. Even if you are with some other organization, it will be helpful to reference Malecare in your comment, just so we can get a sense on how you feel about these new guidelines.

In addition to posting the draft materials, the Task Force has developed answers to frequently asked questions, a fact sheet, and an infographic to help health care professionals, stakeholders, and the public understand and communicate about these draft recommendations. They are available at http://www.screeningforprostatecancer.org/.

Please feel encouraged to email me with any other questions or comments.

Best regards,

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The ‘Toxic Masculinity’ Trend Blames Boys For Being Born Male

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The term “toxic masculinity” is en vogue now, from college campuses to Playboy. But the term implies there’s a problem with masculinity, and teaching our boys and men that their innate wiring is wrong, stupid, and even toxic creates far worse problems. If anything, society doesn’t need less toxic masculinity, we need more men embracing their natural masculinity.

The latest in the explorations and denigrations of toxic masculinity is the University of Regina, a school in Canada. They’re hosting a program called “Man Up Against Violence,” which asks male students to sit in a Catholic-style confessional booth and confess their sin of “hypermasculinity.”

What’s that? You weren’t aware masculinity, hyper or otherwise, was a problem? Well, universities want guys to own it and apologize for it—not just inwardly, but outwardly too. After a female colleague wrote about toxic masculinity, New Zealand’s Martin Van Beynen observed, “Toxic masculinity is the new male burden.” He is also trying to figure out what it means.'

Report: College Sexual Assault Policies Unfair to Accused Students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A lawyers group is arguing that the federal government's Title IX guidance deprives college students accused of sexual assault of their fundamental rights.

The American College of Trial Lawyers came to the conclusion after commissioning a report by the Task Force on the Response of Universities and Colleges to Allegations of Sexual Violence.

The ACTL recommended colleges use the "clear and convincing" standard of guilt to discipline students for sexual assault.

"The proposal that colleges and universities apply the 'clear and convincing evidence' standard strikes a compromise between the 'preponderance of evidence' standard of current investigations and the 'reasonable doubt' standard applied in criminal proceedings," Pamela Robillard Mackey, chair of the Task Force, said. "Our recommended standard diverges from the formal guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, and we expect that it will generate robust discussion and debate, both from victim advocates who may believe it should be lower, and representatives of accused students who may prefer a more stringent standard."'

Can feminism possibly be less likable than it is now?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the latest attempts to lift the feminist debate out of the mire and into the fresh air is the call for feminists to be less likeable, more radical, and, for our “male feminists,” to be on guard against the “toxic societal model of masculinity.” There’s only one problem: Modern feminism has never been likeable, because it refuses, as an ideology, to be fact-based and straightforward. No amount of male acrimony or female charisma can save a cause that’s as repulsive as it is factless and misguided.

...

Part of the lack of political correctness in the current movement, or any real progress or direction thereof, is due to its ability to function essentially without either goalposts or facts to back up its wild assertions. Thus, modern feminism is left to the emotions of feeling unequal but used, loud yet voiceless, and as a result, it has become anything but likeable or even understandable.'

Male Cornell student alleges gender bias in Title IX lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male senior student at Cornell University has filed a Title IX lawsuit against the university, a Cornell Title IX investigator and Interim Judicial Administrator Jody Kunk-Czaplicki following an investigation of physical and sexual misconduct allegations.

According to a complaint filed in U.S District Court for the Northern District of New York, the student claims the defendants failed to offer fair and adequate means for the man to defend himself against allegations. The lawsuit states the university wrongfully suspended him and intentionally inflicted a flawed Title IX investigation process that denied him the right to a hearing and due process. Additionally, the lawsuit claims the university refused to investigate the male student's own accusations of sexual misconduct and physical assault against a female student.'

Maine Democrats at ‘Values and Vision’ gathering erupt in laughter at white male suicide

Mastodon · 14 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A Maine-based website has released cellphone video of Democrats at a “Values and Vision” community meeting laughing at suicide among America’s white male population.

Video released Friday from a recent event hosted by the Maine Democratic Party features former state senatorial candidate Richard Fochtmann discussing giddiness at news of white male suicide. The incident, shared by Maine First Media and picked up by The Daily Caller soon afterward, elicited raucous laughter from attendees.

“What we need in Maine is we need younger people — take a look. It looks almost like a lecture for Social Security,” Mr. Fochtmann said. “Okay, so that’s one thing. We need to encourage as many young people. We also need more women. Today I saw a thing that said a lot of men, white men are committing suicide,” he continued. “I almost thought yeah, great. Then I thought about it little more and I thought maybe I shouldn’t say that out in public.”

Mr. Fochtmann told the Daily Caller on Friday that his comments were in jest.

“A joke’s a joke, isn’t it?” he said. “I thought the point of the joke is that it won’t be long, and that this won’t be a majority white nation, and I think that’s a good thing.”'

Canada: Media not telling the truth about Ghomeshi accusers

fathers4fairness · 14 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former CBC radio star Jian Ghomeshi betrayed no emotion as he learned he had been found not guilty of all charges in connection with his high profile trial Thursday.

Ghomeshi, who faced four counts of sexual assault and one count of overcome resistance by choking, was acquitted based on Justice William B. Horkins' assertion that there was "outright deception" in the testimony brought forth by three complainants.

"The success of this prosecution depended entirely on the court being able to accept each complainant as a sincere, honest and accurate witness," Horkins said in his decision.

"Each complainant was revealed at trial to be lacking in these important attributes. The evidence of each complainant suffered not just from inconsistencies and questionable behaviour, but was tainted by outright deception."

All three complainants were present with lawyers and numerous supporters in the courtroom during Horkins' reading of his decision, while Ghomeshi's family sat in the front row behind him.'

Disney's 'Feminist Baby' Book Teaches Toddlers To Be 'Progressive Thinkers'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Disney is selling a new "Feminist Baby" children's book so parents can teach their toddlers to grow up to be "progressive thinkers" who "smash the patriarchy" and believe gender is a social construct.

Loryn Brantz, the author and illustrator behind "Feminist Baby," told TIME that her 22-page children's book aims to make children "liberal and progressive thinkers."

"They're not going to take away all the nuances and important parts of feminism necessarily, but it's important just to have it be in their vocabulary and part of their life rather than discovering it when they're older," Brantz explained. "It's so that they're aware of feminism and see it as a good thing and not a bad thing."

"They need to grow up with feminism and not be scared of it, and not think that it means they're going to be overpowered by women someday," Brantz said. "It just means wanting equality for everyone. It's not something they think they need to fight when they're older."'

Australia: Senate "Strengthening Multiculturalism" inquiry accepting comments

Minuteman · 16 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. This may not seem like a men's rights issues but in Australia, there are dozens of government subsidised "migrant women's" and "multicultural women's" organisations, most of a western feminist bend (which otherwise has no interest in other cultures and issues affecting migrants) and comprised of "diverse" women who have nothing in common except seeking mutual concessions and continued funding.

Readers knowledgeable about such issues might like to balance their inevitable submissions by making sure the issues and challenges of migrant men are also brought to the attention of the committee.

Excerpt:

'The committee is to inquire into and report on ways of protecting and strengthening Australia's multiculturalism and social inclusion, with particular reference to:

a. the views and experiences of people from culturally and linguistically diverse, and new and emerging communities;
b. the adequacy and accessibility of settlement and social inclusion services and resources available to individuals and communities;
c. the adequacy of existing data collection and social research on racially motivated crimes;
d. the impact of discrimination, vilification and other forms of exclusion and bigotry on the basis of 'race', colour, national or ethnic origin, culture or religious belief;
e. the impact of political leadership and media representation on the prevalence of vilification and other forms of exclusion and bigotry on the basis of 'race', colour, national or ethnic origin, culture or religious belief;
f. how to improve the expected standards of public discourse about matters of 'race', colour, national or ethnic origin, culture or religious belief;
g. how to better recognise and value the contribution that diverse communities bring to Australian social and community life;
h. the potential benefits and disadvantages of enshrining principles of multiculturalism in legislation;
i. the potential benefits and disadvantages of establishing a legislative basis for the Multicultural Advisory Council, or for an ongoing Multicultural Commission; and
j. any related matters.'

Why American men may have less luck finding a job than women

Matt · 16 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. When I think of how automation/AI is going to eliminate millions of jobs over the next 30 years, I think of this story being like two groups of hungry people on the Titanic arguing/competing in the dining room over who will get the best seats. Meanwhile, the ship is heading ever closer to the iceberg. Also, notice the careers that are going to do well: healthcare (an aging population) and computer-related (people programming the computers that replace people at jobs). Kind of a gloomy picture getting painted here. Excerpt:

'If you’re searching for a job, the odds of finding one may depend on your gender.

Overall, occupations that are more than 80% female are projected to grow at nearly twice the rate of jobs that are at least 60% male between 2014 and 2024, according to research out this week from the jobs site Indeed and its chief economist, Jed Kolko. The site researched Bureau of Labor Statistics and found that many are jobs that are traditionally dominated by women — including occupational therapy assistants, physical therapy assistants and nurse practitioners — are growing at the fastest rate. They will grow at about a 40% rate, compared to an overall rate of 6.5% for all jobs.

In fact, all of the fastest-growing jobs for women were healthcare-related.
...
Among male-dominated jobs, some are growing faster than others. Indeed tried to find out which traditionally male jobs will grow and found that ambulance drivers and attendants came out on top, with 33% employment growth expected from 2014 to 2024. They were followed by personal finance advisers, with 29.6% growth expected during the same period, followed by web developers (26.6%), emergency medical technicians and paramedics (24%) and computer and informational research scientists (20.9%).'

Woman goes to jail for planning to kill her ex-husband

charlie · 16 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A woman is going to jail after attempting to hire a hit man to kill her ex-husband, who had gained custody of their children. He's still afraid of her, and wishes she had been put away for longer. Excerpt:

'The Le Sueur County sheriff and attorney offices last week released video of Blanche Wilson meeting with an undercover sheriff investigator posing as a hired killer.

An acquaintance told authorities Blanche and her mother, Linda Bloom, were seeking to hire someone to kill Shaun after he gained custody of the three children he shared with Blanche. The informant helped authorities set up an undercover operation that led to the arrests of mother and daughter in June.

Wilson was sentenced to 15 years in prison April 15 after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit murder. Bloom pleaded guilty to the same charge and was sentenced to nearly 11 years in prison in October.

Now that the prosecution is complete, the video and other case evidence are public.'

Last Week Showed The Clearest Problem With Modern Feminism

Mastodon · 17 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'People wonder why some of us are so unimpressed with modern feminism. To those people, I would direct their attention to the news that a Michigan doctor allegedly performed female genital mutilation (FGM) on multiple young girls.

More specifically, I'd direct their attention to the lack of attention feminists have given this horrific story.

The Department of Justice has charged female emergency room physician Jumana Nagarwala with performing FGM in the U.S. It alleges Nagarwala performed the procedures on "multiple minor girls." Nagarwala is the first person to be charged in the U.S. under anti-FGM laws.

There has been no Twitter storm, no Facebook blowup and no calls for action. Slate hasn't yet written about it. Salon, a highly-opinionated feminist website, took wire copy from The Associated Press. The Huffington Post wrote two pieces, one which made sure to point out that FGM predates religion, and another that mentioned the doctor in the first sentence, but then proceeded to rant about the patriarchy for six paragraphs.'

Maine Democratic Party tries to play victim after laughing at suicide joke

Mastodon · 18 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Maine First Media dropped a bombshell recording recently from a Values and Vision Summit held by the Maine Democratic Party. In the recording, Richard Fochtmann can be heard celebrating the rise in white men committing suicide and the attendees laughing at the joke.

In the time since, the national media has picked up the story from the Washington Times to Fox News's Tucker Carlson. Conservative activists and suicide prevention advocates have both taken issue with the comments, which paint a disturbing picture of the Maine Democratic Party.
...
While the Maine Democratic Party states the joke do not represent the Party, they painted the speaker as someone who is not affiliated with Democrats formally. The problem is this isn't entirely true.

Richard Fochtmann ran for State Senate last year against Republican Senate Majority Leader Garrett Mason. Maine Democrats chose him to be their candidate to try and unseat a prominent Republican State Senator. That's a heavy endorsement of Fochtmann's character.'

The Landmark Sexual Assault Case You've Probably Never Heard Of

Mastodon · 19 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On July 15, 2015, John won. Judge Joel Pressman threw out the university's finding of responsibility and its sanction. "Due process," Pressman wrote, "requires that a hearing … be a real one, not a sham or a pretense." Pressman found that the disciplinary proceedings against John violated one of the most fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution: the right to confront and cross-examine his accuser. Pressman also faulted the panel for viewing Jane's accusation "in a vacuum." Jane's decision to have sex with John later that same day, the judge wrote, did "not demonstrate non-consensual behavior."

Pressman's ruling amounted to a total condemnation of the university's attempt to craft a fair process. Because the decision spoke to a larger controversy about the Obama administration's pressure on schools to follow certain procedures to crack down on sexual assault, it made national headlines. Haberkorn fielded calls from reporters across the country. His face shrouded in shadow, John gave on camera interviews with CNN and the "Today" show.'

Student Sues College, Ex, and NYPD for Acting on Spurious Rape Claim

Mastodon · 19 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When teenagers break up, it can be pretty dramatic.

For one teen, his high school romance popped back up to haunt him years later as he entered college:
...
Video evidence reportedly shows Grossman could not have been stalking her. Grossman is now suing the school and Torrey for having him arrested, and his attorney stated that the NYPD will be added to the suit as soon as the proper paperwork is filed.

If the above information is accurate, it presents what sure looks like a pattern of harassment against Grossman, a young man who simply wants to go on with his life. From the moment Torrey's parents called to demand he drop out, it appears that Grossman has been under attack.'

Laura Kipnis, Rape Culture, and the Disappearance of Sex

Mastodon · 19 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this month, HarperCollins released Northwestern professor Laura Kipnis' book Unwanted Advances, based on her article about the accusations and subsequent resignation of fellow professor Peter Ludlow for alleged sexual misconduct with a student. Kipnis characterizes the investigation as an "inquisition," and draws doubt on the "credibility of the accuser's claims and the fairness of the process". I won't go into the further details of the actual case, but what makes Unwanted Advances especially relevant is its broader examination of the "rape culture" hysteria on college campuses, a claim that asserts that fully 25% of women will be victims of sexual assault while in college.

A number of critics have dissected the flawed methodology on which this astronomical number is based, and noted that if true, it would mean that American college campuses are as, if not more dangerous than cultures that truly turn a blind eye to rape, such as Afghanistan or the Congo, where 48 women are raped every hour. I think most casual observers would have to be at least somewhat skeptical about the veracity of these claims; if actually true, would any parent with common-sense send their daughters to any institution in which she has a one-in-four chance of being raped? Indeed, one major news outlet declared colleges to be "one of the most dangerous place for women in America."'

Female student fighting to have controversial men's rights film The Red Pill screened at Sydney University

Mastodon · 19 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A female student is campaigning to have a controversial men's rights documentary shown at her university, despite a backlash from feminist groups.

Renee Gorman is at the forefront of a free speech battle at the University of Sydney to show The Red Pill, which focuses on how men are struggling with relationships and gender equality in the modern workplace.

American director Cassie Jaye interviewed men's rights activists and male victims of sexual assault, and questioned her own views as a feminist.

'I was confronted by the film because I do think it's slightly uncomfortable to watch as a woman but I feel most of the uncomfortable things in life are the important things as well,' Sydney student Ms Gorman told Sky News presenter Andrew Bolt.'

Australia: Cinema cancels screenings of The Red Pill

Mastodon · 19 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A sold-out April 26 session at Dendy Newtown for The Red Pill, a documentary by US filmmaker Cassie Jaye, has been cancelled, and a session scheduled for Dendy Canberra on May 17 also appears to have been ditched.

The showings were organised by cinema crowdsourcing website FanForce. Dendy, the art house cinema chain owned by Mel Gibson's Icon Film Distribution, did not respond to requests for comment.

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"[At] the time of accepting the booking ... we were unaware of the content of the film. Although we are yet to see it, we have since become aware of the controversial nature of the documentary," Palace wrote in a letter to Men's Rights Melbourne.

"Much of the feedback that we have received assumes that the choice of film was our curatorial decision rather than that of the cinema hirer, which is potentially damaging to our credibility as we are yet to see the film so cannot stand by its contents in the face of the criticism we are receiving.'

Uni of Sydney Union in hot water on Red Pill film ban

Mastodon · 19 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'A university student union has been accused of stifling debate and silencing alternative points of view with a decision to block the screening of controversial “men’s rights” film The Red Pill, over claims that screening it could put women on campus at threat of sexual assault.

The Sydney University Students Union said it blocked the screening of the film, which attempts to highlight prejudices men face relating to family law, health and gender relations, after receiving complaints the film was sexist.

In a public post on its website, the union said while The Red Pill was “purported” to be a film which highlighted issues specific to men in our society, the reality was “much more sinister” and had the potential to put women on campus at risk.'

Millenials struggling, especially men

Matt · 20 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's a scenario that has become far too common, according to a new census report out Wednesday that reveals staggering statistics on millennials and their journey to independence.

For one, the report shows young men like Kaylor, who makes less than $22,000, have fallen by the wayside when it comes to income.

"In 1975, only 25 percent of men aged 25 to 34 had incomes of less than $30,000 per year. By 2016, that share rose to 41 percent of young men," according to the report.

"That is a product of a shrinking blue-collar economy," said Anthony Carnevale, director of the Center on Education and the Workforce, a non-profit institute at Georgetown University.'

Why banning The Red Pill is bad for feminism

Mastodon · 22 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's fair enough to criticise the documentary, but people should watch it and make up their own minds. And what better place to discuss a political documentary than a university? Aren't students meant to be exposed to challenging ideas they disagree with?

Not according to the University of Sydney Union. In a statement released online, the students' union announced it was prohibiting the movie from being screened on union-managed parts of campus. It also banned any union funds from being used to screen it. 'The planned screening of this documentary would be discriminatory against women, and has the capacity to intimidate and physically threaten women on campus', it said. 'This documentary is decidedly anti-feminist and anti-woman, focussing not on the ways in which the systemic issues of patriarchy may also adversely affect men, but instead placing the blame on women and feminism specifically for men's issues.'

In other words, the documentary disputes the dominant narrative around gender equality, and the University of Sydney Union can't allow that. Apparently discussing issues facing men would have been fine if the documentary blamed all the problems on The Patriarchy.'

Feminism Is Now Toxic

Mastodon · 22 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Proponents of the toxic masculinity theory have been successful on college campuses at spreading the message that young men carry a demon seed within them that only feminists know how to remove. Educational programs are aimed at telling half of the students they have a chromosomal, poisonous rage within them that must be expunged before it inevitably explodes and hurts someone. Many men who've never manifested any symptoms of this malaise are resentful that there's an implied connection between themselves and savage men like Stephens.

Toxic masculinity doesn't have a formal, academic definition. It's more of a catch-all term that can be applied to anything that's identified as male-related rage. It's a concept that men's advocacy groups have used to describe a single-mother family situation that might produce a mental image of exaggerated masculinity in boys. Now, feminists are using it to suggest all males were born with this "original sin."
...
Men do commit most crimes, but most men aren't criminals, so the toxic masculinity theory falls short as an explanation. Forcing it on college men isn't going to stop any of these murders, although it does provide an opportunity for feminists to achieve power. While they'd never admit it, insisting every man has a toxic masculinity provides an opportunity to denigrate them. Teaching it to college students as if it's established fact supported by research, rather than a trendy theory being pushed due to campus politics, is problematic as well.

Assigning a negative trait broadly across a gender is stereotyping, usually abhorred by liberals, but liberals are always willing to make exceptions to their creed when it suits their agenda. Try to imagine negative traits that some ascribe to females (watch reruns of the Real Housewives of New Jersey), labeling them toxic, and then lecturing 18-year-old women about them at a freshman orientation. Does anyone think that they'd react well to it, or that it would improve relations between the sexes?'

Protesters in Detroit say male circumcision should also be outlawed

Mastodon · 23 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jody Farrugia, 35, a registered nurse at the Detroit Medical Center, said she has long been opposed to circumcision and tries to talk new parents out of it, but nobody seems willing to listen. “I see the risks and harms daily. I always encourage mothers to keep their sons intact but they don’t think twice. They think it’s gross, they think it’s cleaner.”
...
Faruggia said circumcision can cause a certain number of health complications, including too much skin being taken off, which can lead to painful and tight erections as an adult. It can contribute to male erectile dysfunction and sometimes a jagged cut means repeating the surgery, she said.

She was holding a sign that said ‘Only quacks cut healthy children.’ She noted that her son has not been circumcised and he is healthy.'

New College Crime Bill Deputizes Professors as Campus Security

Mastodon · 25 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Under a bipartisan bill introduced in the U.S. Senate, a vast new array of higher-education employees—including all staff and faculty at some schools—would be designated as campus security authorities. The bill would also impose new penalties on colleges and universities for failure to comply with a range of staffing, surveying, training, and outreach demands, which could cost schools millions upon an initial violation.

The bill—sponsored by Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-New York), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Dean Heller (R-Nevada), Claire McCaskill (D-Missouri), Marco Rubio (R-Florida), and Mark Warner (D-Virginia)—aims to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, specifically the section colloquially known as the Clery Act. In a press release announcing their "Campus Accountability and Safety Act" (CASA), the senators invoke the Title IX, the federal rule prohibiting sex-discrimination in education, and a need to place "higher incentives on all universities ... to empower student survivors and hold perpetrators accountable."

If CASA passes, expect to see campus crime numbers—of all sorts—skyrocket. One of the more bizarre provisions of the bill stipulates that "each individual at an institution of higher education who is designated as a higher education responsible employee… shall be considered a campus security authority."'

The war on young men at US colleges needs to end — now

Matt · 25 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The largely hallucinatory “war on women” has nothing on the very real war on college boys.

A few recent stories highlight just how unfair and unjust an environment US campuses have become for young men — and the necessity of federal intervention to fix the damage previous federal intervention has done.

Take Thomas Klocke, a University of Texas at Arlington student accused of making anti-gay comments to a classmate. Klocke vehemently denied the charges and said his classmate had hit on him and Klocke angered him by rebuffing his advances.

According to Reason magazine, “Klocke received no hearing, even though the university’s Title IX policy explicitly mandates hearings for students in danger of being expelled. He was simply charged with making physical threats against a student and engaging in harassment, in violation of Title IX.”'

UK: Married Teacher Mom, 45, Banned from Teaching For Life After Prom Night Threesome With Teen Girl

Matt · 25 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A lusty British teacher who organized an orgy with two male friends and a female teenage student has been banned from teaching for life.

In 2007, Francoise Jenkins, a 45-year-old married mother, conducted a two-year-long sexual affair with the 18-year-old female student, according to a disciplinary panel which published its findings this week.

Jenkins, who had worked as a substitute teacher at Danum Academy in Doncaster, South Yorkshire since 2007, has now been banned from teaching due to her inappropriate behavior. The professional conduct panel of England's National College for Teaching and Leadership suspended Jenkins after finding her guilty of unprofessional conduct.

The panel first heard that the teacher befriended the female student after acquiring her mobile number from a school computer, according to the Daily Mail. She is later said to have seduced her at a school prom. After the school-organized party, Jenkins met up with the 18-year-old for drinks and took her home, where they had sex with another man (identified as Individual A).'

Survey: American Women Are ‘Ashamed’ of Earning More than Their Boyfriends and Husbands

Mastodon · 28 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to a report from Refinery 29, young women are uncomfortable navigating a relationship in which they out-earn their significant other. A survey revealed that many American women would be uncomfortable being the breadwinner in a relationship, citing concerns that the responsibility of providing for their partner would be tiring.

When asked how they would feel if they knew right now that they would always be the breadwinner in their current marriages and relationships, words like “tired,” “exhausted,” and that special one, “resentful” turned up over and over again. One woman responded, “It’s stressful. It’s a huge responsibility. I pressure myself to stay in the job I’m at even if I’m unhappy there.” Another wrote, “I kind of assume this will be the case, just based on our past jobs and strengths/interests. It makes me feel a little weary sometimes, like I may never get a break, or get to pursue something I might really love, but if I COULD do something I really loved while making enough money to support us, I would be perfectly fine with that.” This was a common theme in the responses. Most of these women didn’t mind being the breadwinner as long as they eventually had the option to make less, their partners contributed equally in the household, and it didn’t trap them into jobs they no longer wanted.

One commenter on the Refinery 29 article condemned the attitudes of the women who participated in the survey, arguing that at no point was it mentioned that men must have historically experienced similar stress over having to provide for their wives: “The primary revelation of this article seems to be the stress and pressure that results from supporting another individual and a family. It’s curious that no observation is made that this is what men fulfilling this role for hundreds of years prior must have felt.”'

WaPo: Expelled for sex assault, young men are filing more lawsuits to clear their names

mens_issues · 28 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'A rising number of young men who were kicked out of college for sexual misconduct are suing those schools, alleging they were treated unfairly as their cases were investigated and decided, legal data show.

Many are securing settlements that clear the discipline from their record, lawyers and advocacy groups say. Some even are being allowed to return to campus.

The legal pushback from these men has emerged in response to a wave of campus activism in recent years and a shift in federal enforcement of Title IX, the anti-discrimination law that led to more reports of sexual assault and major changes in how colleges resolve those complaints.

Title IX has become a rallying point for assault survivors who want colleges to pay more attention to the problem of sexual violence. But now more men are using the 1972 law to defend themselves.

Since 2011, more than 150 Title IX lawsuits have been filed against colleges and universities involving claims of due process violations during the course of investigations and proceedings related to sex assault allegations, according to a database kept by a group called Title IX For All. In the two decades before that year, the group found, only 15 such lawsuits were filed against universities.'

Australia: SA Dept. of Heath & Aging is a "White Ribbon" employer

Minuteman · 29 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Please see attached (or go to the SA Health Careers page and download any position description). Excerpt:

'White Ribbon:

SA Health has a position of zero tolerance towards men's violence against women in the workplace and the broader community. In accordance with this, the incumbent must at all times act in a manner that is nonthreatening, courteous, and respectful and will comply with any instructions, policies, procedures or guidelines issued by SA Health regarding acceptable workplace behaviour.'

The Sexual Revolution and the Do-Nothing Church

Matt · 30 April 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Interesting to read a POV written from this one. Personally I am not religious at all but some readers may be and find this worthwhile. Excerpt:

'But today the church faces a new and more existential crisis. The threat once again is political ideology, and historically it grew out of socialism and communism and bears many affinities with them. But the new ideology strikes at the heart of the church itself and directly confronts its core mission. While it involves social and political issues that convulse the wider secular society, it also directly attacks and perverts the ministry of the church, specifically marriage, and attempts not merely to neutralize but to usurp the church's own essential domain of sexual morality. This is not an external evil that the church fails to confront. Like AIDS, it attacks the church's own defenses and undermines its strength from within.

I am referring to the new radical political ideology that uses sexuality as a claim to political power. While this ideology encompasses much more than marriage (and it began long before same-sex "marriage"), it began its bid for power by attacking and neutering this essential ministry (for some a sacrament) of the church. The church's first failure therefore was to ignore not an external secular evil—though many secular evils did follow—but an attack on itself that left it helpless in the larger war. The church was hobbled before the war began.

Like all political ideologies, this one also makes claims to control and exercise state power. As such, it should be precipitating another of those perennial clashes of jurisdiction between church and state that have formed defining moments in Western history. But this time the church has conspicuously failed to rise to the challenge. So far, it has produced no Ambrose, Becket, Stanislaus, Fisher, Mindszenty, Wurmbrand, or John Paul. Indeed, the church threw in the towel before the contest started.'

University to pay $10K settlement to former student accused of sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'San Diego State University has agreed to pay $10,000 and take other steps to settle a lawsuit filed by a former student who said he was suspended and wrongly accused of sexual assault.

Francisco Sousa was a 20-year-old foreign exchange student from Portugal when he was arrested by SDSU police Dec. 9, 2014, and charged with sexually assaulting and imprisoning a woman near campus.

About a dozen reports of sexual assaults had been reported in the area that semester, and there had been a heightened awareness of the problem across the nation.

Sousa denied the accusations and the charges were dropped in January 2015, but the school would not lift the suspension. He sued SDSU that April to demand information about the accusation against him, and his attorney believed that information could be used to expel Sousa.'

University student fights 'dating violence' expulsion

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yet another lawsuit by a male student claiming discrimination is prompting some to question whether universities are fair to all parties when investigating sexual assault claims.

In the latest case, a former student is suing the University of Notre Dame, claiming he was unfairly expelled three weeks before his graduation for unproven "dating violence" allegations. He contends that he never touched or threatened the former girlfriend who filed the complaint.

The lawsuit has student rights advocates questioning the legitimacy of university assault investigations processes. Even some victims advocates are calling for a change in the way universities handle cases.

"The fact that a university lawyer can present evidence against students (accused of assault) and students are not allowed to have a lawyer present is so unfair," said Jonathan Little, an Indianapolis lawyer who represents university sexual assault victims. "It cheapens the 90 percent of allegations that are true."'

Expelled for sex assault, young men are filing more lawsuits to clear their names

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'The landmark antidiscrimination law that empowered many young women to report sexual violence in college has become a legal weapon for a growing number of men to fight back against schools that kicked them out for sexual misconduct.

These men, alleging in lawsuits that college investigations treated them unfairly, are often securing settlements that clear the discipline from their record, lawyers and advocacy groups say. Some are being allowed to return to campus.

The legal pushback from these men has emerged in response to a wave of campus activism in recent years and a shift in federal enforcement of Title IX, the law that led to more reports of sexual assault and major changes in how colleges resolve those complaints.

Title IX, which prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded schools, has become a rallying point for assault survivors who want colleges to pay more attention to the problem of sexual violence. But now more men are using the 1972 law to defend themselves. They often say that colleges are acting with gender bias against them.'

Campus Sexual Assault Investigations Need Greater Fairness for All Parties, Trial Lawyers Group Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) has released a White Paper on Campus Sexual Assault Investigations aimed at improving the process employed by universities to address campus sexual assaults.

Concerns over sexual assaults on college campuses had prompted the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to issue a Dear Colleague Letter, as well as a subsequent 2014 clarification, significantly expanding the federal government's interpretation of Title IX by establishing new procedures for colleges and universities to respond to allegations of sexual harassment and assault.

"Members of law school faculties have opined that the accused in such assault cases are being denied fundamental rights."

State and federal court cases also similarly highlighted concerns about fairness during the investigative process.'

Student penalized for using word ‘man’ on his essay

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At the University of Florida, a student was recently penalized for writing “man” instead of “humankind” in a class paper.

History major Martin Poirier wrote “Water is a thing prior to man” on a paper for a history class called “History of Water.”

“Thoughtful paper, although the writing-mechanics errors are killing you,” Professor Jack Davis wrote at the bottom of the paper. He gave the student a B minus, according to a copy of the essay published in the student news outlet the Daily Nerv.

...

Davis defended the penalization in an email to The College Fix. He explained that the “exercise and inclusion of ‘humankind’ are consistent with the Chicago Manual of Style, the style and the usage guide followed in the discipline of history.”'

NZ: Children most often killed by mothers

Matt · 1 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New Zealand mothers kill more children than any other group in society and men are victims of domestic violence as often as women, a police investigation has found.

The Family Violence Death Review, released today by police, found mothers were responsible for 45 per cent of children killed by domestic violence.

The review of 95 family violence deaths involving 101 victims between 2004 and 2011 revealed some "inconvenient truths", Family First national director Bob McCoskrie said.

He said the statistics debunked the misleading popular perception "that women and children need to be protected from men".

"This gender focus is misleading," Mr McCoskrie said.

"If we're really serious about reducing family violence, we need to talk about ... our violent culture and the role alcohol and drugs play in fuelling this environment."'

College Speaker Whines About Prison But Fails To Mention That She Tortured And Killed A Man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Convicted felon Donna Hylton spoke on a civil rights panel at a fancypants college earlier this month but completely failed to mention that she — along with several others — kidnapped a man, forcibly sodomized him with a steel pole and then tortured him to death. When a student at the event asked Hytlon about the heinous crime, a second panelist loudly berated the student for having “embarrassed” Hylton.
...
Hylton “made it seem like she was some innocent woman who was put in jail,” the student also said. “She didn’t say why she was in jail. She said it was because of the color of her skin.”

“Her basic theme was, ‘I am an innocent victim and it’s because of how awful Donald Trump is.'”

Without question, Hylton is no innocent victim.

In 1985, Hylton along with three men and three other women, kidnapped 62-year-old real-estate broker Thomas Vigliarolo and held him for ransom before eventually killing him. Hylton and her comrades starved, burned and tortured Vigliarolo. They forcibly sodomized him with a 3-foot steel pole.

As noted in a 1995 Psychology Today article, when asked about forcibly sodomizing the victim with the steel pole, one of Hylton’s accomplices replied: “He was a homo anyway.”

“They’d squeezed the victim’s testicles with a pair of pliers, beat him, burned him,” New York City detective William Spurling told Psychology Today. “I couldn’t believe this girl who was so intelligent and nice-looking could be so unemotional about what she was telling me she and her friends had done.”'

YWCA Evanston/North Shore hosts inaugural leadership, domestic violence forum for men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The YWCA Evanston/North Shore has a motto of helping to eliminate racism and empowering women, but the nonprofit included men — exclusively — at a recent forum that addressed the issue of domestic violence.

An estimated 200 men filled the Crystal Ballroom last Wednesday at The Merion senior residence, attending the YWCA Evanston/North Shore's first-ever men's leadership dinner entitled "Men Taking a Stand."

"We are doing this to start a conversation with men to get them engaged in working with us as allies to end gender violence," said Karen Singer, president and CEO of the YWCA Evanston/North Shore. "It's not just a woman's issue, it's a human issue and it impacts all of us.
...
Jackson Katz, author, scholar, lecturer and educator on gender, race and violence issues from Long Beach, California was the keynote speaker.'

The two attached images were featured on the same page as the article.

William Shatner takes on feminists for dismissing misandry, promoting 'toxic masculinity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'William Shatner is under fire for offering some mild criticism of contemporary feminism.

"Feminism is great," he tweeted on Monday, "but terms like toxic masculinity are degrading. It borders on that imaginary concept to feminists: misandry."

For sharing that reasonable perspective, Shatner was hit with a 1,300-word rebuttal in The Mary Sue, and compared to "men's rights activists" in Mic.

"When Shatner brings up misandry as if it's in any way the same as misogyny and deserves the same level of scrutiny," The Mary Sue writer declared, "it's hugely ignorant, irresponsible, and sexist."

For his part, Shatner did not cave to the backlash. Instead, the actor doubled down in a series of tweets engaging with his detractors, insisting that misandry is a real phenomenon.'

University Settles With Student Police Say Was Falsely Accused Of Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male Lynn University student has settled with the Florida school after he was suspended for a year over a sexual assault accusation local police ultimately determined was “unfounded.”

The details of the settlement, like so many in such cases, are confidential. The student, identified in court documents simply as John Doe, filed his lawsuit against the university on May 27, 2016. Lynn attempted to get the lawsuit dismissed, but Judge Robin Rosenberg denied the university’s motion, stating that the student “sufficiently alleged causal connection between allegedly erroneous outcome in disciplinary proceedings and gender bias on part of university.” The judge also accepted his breach of contract claim.'

Law Review: Campus sex-assault tribunals may soon change

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The tone at the outset seemed friendly enough, but the underlying message was unmistakably coercive.

In April 2011, the federal Department of Education wrote to colleges and universities to tell them they would be held to account if they failed to crack down on sexual assaults.

So far, so good. But in what has become known as the “Dear Colleague" letter, the department’s Office of Civil Rights set new standards for adjudicating sexual-assault cases that stripped many traditional legal protections from the accused. Universities that failed to move aggressively faced the loss of federal money and the public shaming ritual of being placed on a list of institutions under investigation by the department.
...
Now, it seems as if a pullback by the Office of Civil Rights is in the offing. Late last month, President Trump signed an executive order calling for a review of Obama-era rules at the agency. Most close observers of the debate over the Obama administration’s campus sexual-assault guidelines believe the rules will come under scrutiny and likely will be changed.'

Suicide and Title IX

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'In recent years, critics of the Obama administration's approach to sexual assault reporting have charged that colleges are denying the rights of the accused.

Conservative websites, primarily, in the last few weeks have focused two pending lawsuits against universities. The suits say that after allegedly bungled investigations into sexual assault accusations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, a University of Texas at Arlington student killed himself and a Cornell University student attempted to do so.

These two cases, among others, have been held up as examples of a flawed system that some say should require colleges to rely on a higher standard of evidence in investigating and punishing students for rape.

Advocates for sexual assault prevention in interviews expressed satisfaction with the current federal Title IX guidelines, and instead called for institutions that fumble with their procedures to be better versed and trained in the expectations, but said the federal guidance shouldn’t be scrapped.'

Group that opposes due process will train college that violated exonerated student's due process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A public university will put employees through a sexual-assault training program devised by an organization that opposes due process for accused students in campus rape investigations.

What's surprising is that San Diego State University is doing this to settle a lawsuit by a student who was falsely accused of rape and allegedly denied due process.

Portugal-born Francisco Sousa was expelled by SDSU after a fellow student, Alexa Romano, accused him of rape in December 2014. (Romano told NBC San Diego three months earlier she was "scared of walking alone" after two reports of sexual assault the same week.)

When administrators investigated, they refused to let Sousa provide evidence that would have likely exonerated him, including text messages, social media posts and witnesses. It also named him as a suspect in a campuswide email.'

The Red Pill Can Be Requested at Netflix

charlie · 6 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Netflix, probably for misandrist reasons, is not streaming "The Red Pill." You can put in a request for it here: https://help.netflix.com/en/titlerequest

Professor KC Johnson Exposes the ‘Campus Rape Frenzy’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On the latest edition of my new podcast, The Liberty Files, I talk to Professor KC Johnson about his new book (co-authored with Stuart Taylor Jr.), The Campus Rape Frenzy: The Attack on Due Process at America’s Universities. Our colleges are in the grips of an emerging constitutional crisis, and it’s not “just” about free speech. In the name of stomping out a fictional tidal wave of campus sexual assaults, campus radicals (working with the federal Department of Education) are systematically violating the fundamental constitutional rights of college students nationwide. In the the podcast, Professor Johnson answers the key questions:
...
Professor Johnson knows this topic cold, and his answers are engaging, interesting, and very alarming. Click here to listen, and please subscribe.'

Accurate rape statistics ensure credible arguments

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On April 20, The News-Letter ran a piece titled "Sexual assault at college: Confronting the rapists in our lives." Although it is perfectly understandable where the author, a female senior undergraduate student studying International Studies, is coming from, there is a lack of some key points that provide the necessary context to fully comprehend the issue that King, the writer, brought forth.

Beginning with the study from the Bureau of Justice Statistics that she refers to in the first paragraph. King accurately states that the study "found that one in five undergraduate women will experience sexual assault while in college." While her statement, taken straight from the study, is accurate, she continues on with, "That means you probably know someone who was raped at Hopkins. It also means you probably know a rapist."

Now let's look at the facts more carefully. King just extrapolated that there are rapists in our friend circles while citing a statistic that deals with sexual assault. Sexual assault is not the same thing as rape. Let's make that quite clear. In fact, a quick check of the Bureau of Justice Statistics' website will show a well-defined difference between sexual assault and rape.'

List alleging names of sexual assaulters appears in campus bathrooms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The names started appearing at the end of fall semester. Some lists had three names, others as many as 15 by the time they started cropping up in the middle of spring 2017. Students found them scrawled in black permanent marker in women's bathroom stalls around campus.

An anonymous group, Brown Survivors Speak, claim that the people on the list committed sexual assault, and the group has made posts on its anonymous Facebook profile that suggest that the University has mishandled its role in sexual assault on campus. In a March 9 Facebook post, the group explained that it aims to empower survivors and "end sexual violence on campus."

...

Brown Survivors Speak has come under scrutiny by some of those named on the list for the group's inability to verify the legitimacy of names submitted through the form.

...

In March, a student's name was "falsely submitted to the sexual assault outing form," according to the March 9 post on the group's Facebook page before the page was de-activated. The group apologized and wrote that the student's name had been submitted by a "rape apologist," or someone who defends rapists, and that the group had later "been made aware that (the student) could not have committed sexual violence on this campus."'

Title IX Rule Keeps Boys Off Dance Team

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It comes down to a Minnesota Title IX rule that says boys can't be on the dance team, and since Minnesota judges were at the competition the Superior, Wisconsin team had to follow their rules.

"I was so angry, so angry because how is this possible that there's this sort of discrimination? It's discrimination against the males," said Miranda Lynch, Johnson's mother.

We spoke with Kevin Merkle, the Associate Director of the Minnesota High School Dance Team Association over the phone, he said the rule is meant to protect girls in sports.

"It precludes males from being on teams that are for females," said Merkle." It was brought in at the time of Title IX when girl's athletics first started. The idea was to protect those teams, and not take opportunities from females."

"Because of that law, it's been on the books these years that females can participate on male teams but not vice versa," said Merkle.

It's a law that Johnson says is outdated, and needs to change.

Prediction: No 2017 graduation speaker will mention this – the growing ‘gender college degree gap’ favoring women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Now that we’re at the beginning of college graduation season, I thought it would be a good time to show the updated chart above of the huge college degree gap by gender for this year’s College Class of 2017 (data here). Based on Department of Education estimates, women will earn a disproportionate share of college degrees at every level of higher education in 2017 for the eleventh straight year (since women earned a majority of doctoral degrees in 2007). Overall, women in the Class of 2017 will earn 141 college degrees at all levels for every 100 men (up from 139 last year), and there will be a 659,000 college degree gap (up from 610,000 last year) in favor of women for this year’s college graduates (2.26 million total degrees for women vs. 1.6 million total degrees for men). By level of degree, women will earn: a) 164 associate’s degrees for every 100 men, up from 154:100 last year (female majority in every year since 1978), b) 135 bachelor’s degrees for every 100 men (female majority since 1982), 140 master’s degrees for every 100 men (female majority since 1987) and 109 doctoral degrees for every 100 men, up from 106:100 last year (female majority since 2007).
...
Here apparently is the standard approach to the goal of gender equity:

Rule A: Any outcome where women statistically represent less than 50% of a population (or if the women’s softball field bleachers are inferior to the boy’s baseball field bleachers) is a case of gender inequity, sexism, and/or discrimination that must be addressed with government investigations, awareness, public funding for women’s centers, legal action, regulation, legislation (Title IX), scholarships for women, etc. to correct the gender imbalances, with the ultimate goal apparently being gender parity.

Rule B: Any gender imbalance where women represent more than 50% of a population (e.g., higher education at all degree levels: associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctor’s degrees; degrees in certain fields like biology, psychology, veterinary science, nursing, education, etc.) isn’t really gender inequity, or at least it is gender inequity that doesn’t really count and can be completely ignored because those statistical gender disparities are a natural outcome of women being more talented than men, or naturally more interested/motivated than men in certain fields of study and careers.'

Zimbabwe: News / Local All men are potential rapists - police

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Article here.

'Bulawayo police spokesperson Inspector Precious Simango has made shocking claims that all males are potential rapists.

Simango made the claim as she warned parents from leaving any girl child under the care of male relative this Easter Holidays.

"We want to reiterate that every male is a potential rapist and as such we want to urge the public not to leave the girl child under the guardianship of male relatives.

"We also want to urge the youths not to indulge in activities that may endanger their lives," Simango told state run Chronicle.

However, police have reported on several instances of women raping boys left under their care.

Scores of men have been gang raped by female sperm harvesters countrywide.'

Boy Scout Leaders to Discuss Offering More Opportunities for Girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Leaders of the Boy Scouts of America will take the first tentative steps Thursday toward considering whether to add more opportunities for girls in an organization that has been primarily for boys since it was founded 107 years ago, according to scouting officials.

The subject will be discussed at a meeting of chapter representatives and other leaders at the organization's headquarters in Irving, Texas, the officials said.
...
Girls are currently part of four scouting programs already: Venturing and Sea Scouting, which is oriented toward outdoor activities; Exploring, a career-oriented mentoring program; and STEM, which focuses on science and math.
...
Earlier this year, the National Organization for Women urged the Boy Scouts to admit girls into the entire program, supporting the efforts of a New York teenager, Sydney Ireland, to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, as her older brother did.
...
A spokesman for the Girl Scouts of the USA said it could not speculate on the decisions of another organization but said their single-gender environment for girls offers unique benefits.

"Research supports our premise that many girls learn best in an all-girl, girl-led, and girl-friendly environment where their specific interests and needs are met," said Andrea Bastiani Archibald, a psychologist who helps guide the Girl Scouts.'

Student Sues Accuser, School, And Organization That Wrote Disciplinary Procedures

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A University of Dayton student referred to in court documents as John Doe alleges he was wrongfully suspended for two years following a night of consensual sexual activity with a fellow student and athletic trainer at the university, identified only as Jane Roe.

The story is similar to dozens of others from college campuses. Two students meet at a party and engage in sexual activity. Sometime later (in this case, the next day) one of the participants (typically the woman) accuses the other of sexual assault. Police declined to press charges against the male student in this case, but a university disciplinary hearing found him responsible while ignoring his due process rights.
...
Like so many other young men on college campuses, John was put through the wringer. Campus authorities ignored evidence suggesting Jane was not incapacitated at the time of the encounter and that she initiated the sexual activity. Most troubling, none of the questions John submitted to be asked of Jane or witnesses were accepted. Federal guidance suggests schools limit cross-examination during such non-judicial hearings, and Dayton allowed students to submit questions to be asked at the discretion of the hearing board.

John's lawsuit lists all the questions he submitted. I could understand a few being determined to be irrelevant or too personal, but all of them? John wanted 27 questions asked of Jane, many with multiple parts regarding the evening in question. Some pertained to "safe words" that Jane and her roommates had agreed to use if they felt uncomfortable. According to John, Jane did not use any of these safe words. Asking why they weren't used during an encounter in which Jane later said she was uncomfortable or afraid would be a perfectly valid line of inquiry.'

Calling George Will A ‘Rape Apologist’ Is Defamation And Bad For Rape Survivors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What undermines women and normalizes sexual violence is calling people who dispute methods of collecting crime statistics “rape apologists.” The broader and therefore more trivial the term “sexual assualt” becomes, the more it is used to delegitimize ideological opponents as inhuman monsters, the less likely rape and assault victims will be heard, believed, and able to get justice.

When a column that disparages rape but criticizes expanding its definition to include “nonconsensual touching” is suddenly a “hateful” “rape apology,” what we have here is people trying to use rape victims as a shield for advancing their political priorities. Which is despicable. Into projection much, Ultraviolet?'

Co-eds more likely to get raped at Duke U. than in nation's most crime-ridden city: survey

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recently released Duke University sexual assault survey suggests female students at the prestigious university are raped at a higher rate than in America's most dangerous city.

But it's not being taken at face value by due process advocates and skeptics of the campus rape "frenzy," who say the survey and its results are plagued with errors.

The Duke University Student Experiences Survey, released in February, purports to have found widespread sexual assault at the private North Carolina university. It defines sexual assault as including "any unwanted, nonconsensual sexual contact," which critics say is misguided and causes confusion on the overall findings.

The survey found 40 percent of undergraduate female respondents and 10 percent of undergraduate male respondents have been sexually assaulted since they enrolled at Duke.

Those figures would make Duke more dangerous than America's most crime-ridden city, KC Johnson, co-author of The Campus Rape Frenzy: The Attack on Due Process at America's Universities, wrote at Minding the Campus.

"This data would mean that each year, a female undergraduate at Duke is 5.5 times more likely to be a victim of violent crime than a resident of St. Louis, which FBI statistics listed as the nation's most dangerous city in 2016," Johnson wrote.'

Fake Statistics Created 'Rape Anxiety' Among Female Students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While a lot of digital ink has been spread on these pages regarding the negative impact of Title IX on men's due process rights, it is important to remember that rape is a horrific crime that happens to far too many women each year -- more than zero being far too many.

But the claim that massive numbers of women are sexually assaulted on college campuses is simply not true. And that false "one in four" figure is creating real anxiety in many college women:

...

If feminists care about women more than the "cause," perhaps they should be setting the record straight about the real level of danger out there.'

Football Player Files $102 Million Lawsuit After College Expels Him for Sex Assault Hours Before Cops Cleared Him

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In July 2016, Cameron Jackson was a football player for Liberty University. He was also accused of sexually assaulting a female student the previous August. In October 2016, Jackson was expelled from the school for violating policies related to sexual assault, hours before law enforcement officials told Jackson that a police investigation was complete and he would not be facing charges. Now Jackson is suing the school, university officials, and his accuser for defamation.

Jackson claims in a $102 million lawsuit viewed by LawNewz.com that while he did have a sexual encounter with the female student, it was consensual. The lawsuit states that she herself was kicked out of school for violating the student conduct policy just weeks before she reported the incident. The school's Conduct Review Committee determined that Jackson was in violation of their policy on sexual assault, and Jackson appealed. The school then sent out a press release of their decision, the lawsuit says, and the story appeared on "[e]very local radio station … the local newspaper, and several local radio stations," before getting national attention due to coverage by the Associated Press. The complaint says that after the school issued its press release, and while Jackson's appeal was still pending, other students harassed him on campus.'

Australia: Job ad openly seeks 50% female applicants for jobs already largely held by women

Minuteman · 12 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The Department of Treasury and Finance is committed to having at least 50% of interviewees for each role being women. We actively promote flexible working arrangements and value diversity in the workplace. Please talk to us about how we could make this role work for you.'

Misogyny and Rape Culture in the State House?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There has been a lot of talk about alleged misogyny, and a systemic rape culture in the NH House of Representatives. As a sitting representative serving my second term, I have had a much, much different experience.

Many of the men at the State House have served their communities in other capacities. I am honored to serve with legislators from all walks of life. Some were teachers, firemen, policemen, doctors, and many have served our nation in the armed forces.

Attacking these men collectively is harmful to them, and their families. As a woman, I find these attacks vicious and without merit. I am always treated with respect by my colleagues. My opinion, not only matters, but is often sought out. Each of my votes holds equal value to the vote of every other individual in the State House.

You might ask why then, are a few women going to such great lengths in an effort to discredit them? I would suggest to you that it is in order to deflect from a situation that has arisen in regard to the conduct of a female democrat representative who is under an ethics review.'

Have Social Media-Driven Feminists Reduced The Concept To Just Male Bashing?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What started as an influential and a noble movement in the 19th century has now been reduced to what we mostly come across on social media – male-bashing or simply put, aggressiveness towards men.
...
Feminism is about equality. Once you lose sight of that concept, you've completely lost sight of feminism. People should be saying "women are just as good as men", rather than saying "men are terrible."

While searching for the right ways to accomplish the goal for equality in today's society, the movement has led to a creation of new goal of for women to fight for – creating a higher status for women than men.'

False rape claims have made teaching 'like buying a lottery ticket' for men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A deputy head teacher who was falsely accused of rape claims the prospect of similar allegations has made the profession 'like buying a lottery ticket' for men.

In December 2014, having worked his way up to the deputy role at the prestigious St George's School in Ascot, aged just 35, Kato Harris was accused by a 14-year-old at his previous school of raping and sodomising her in his geography classroom.

According to one of her teachers, the girl was competing with a friend 'as to who could have the biggest story'.

He endured a 17-month ordeal during which he was publicly named, humiliated and dragged through the courts, an experience, he says, that left him suicidal.'

Canada: Transgender rights bill threatens 'female-born' women's spaces, activists say

Matt · 14 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two feminists are warning the Senate's legal and constitutional affairs committee that passing the federal transgender rights bill could threaten the existence of exclusively "female-born" women's spaces, like rape crisis centres, a controversial argument that has ignited a debate over who should call themselves a woman.

"We are worried that this well-intentioned legislation will be used to undermine the rights of women and the crucial work of women's groups," Hilla Kerner, a collective member of the Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter, told the Red Chamber committee studying Bill C-16.

"What we are saying is: If you were born a female, you are doomed. You are doomed in our society to be second-class. You do not have the privilege of growing as a male and have a choice to choose to be a woman. Surely, you cannot say these are the same thing."'

Facebook Thinks Saying "Men Are Trash" Is Hate Speech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When we reached out to Facebook, we got an answer: The company said that, under its guidelines, the posts fell under the category of hate speech; it would only allow such posts when it had enough context to know it was meant as humor, or was being used self-referentially. So it's pretty clear: Facebook considers the phrase "men are trash" hate speech.
...
More to the point: "men are trash" is not hate speech. Largely, men who act offended by things like "men are trash" or "white people suck" are doing it to make a point, not because they really are offended; they seem to think being offended by a slur is a fun activity they're being left out of.

But I'm sorry, dudes: that just isn't how it works. "Men are trash" is simply not the same thing as sexist attacks on women, because you don't face the systemic oppression that makes sexist slurs so toxic. If you're a man and someone calls you a stupid trash man, wow, I'm sorry you had a bad day. If someone calls a woman a bitch or a slut, that's tinged with millennia of oppression.
...
Facebook acting like these are all the same thing—to put "men are trash" in the same category of speech as slurs—shows that, yet again, it just doesn't get it.'

Man acquitted of rape charges sues over expulsion

Mastodon · 15 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A man is suing his former university, saying officials wrongly suspended him days before graduation over two separate rape allegations he was later acquitted of.

Jose Aponte, now 24, wants a federal judge in Pittsburgh to force Indiana University of Pennsylvania to award his bachelor's degree in criminology or make the school expunge his disciplinary record so he can transfer his credits and get a degree elsewhere.

The Philadelphia native, who now lives and works in New York, also seeks unspecified money damages.

In the lawsuit, Mr. Aponte said he was not given the chance to challenge the allegations made against him in a school disciplinary hearing. On May 1, 2015, he was accused of rape after sexual contact with one woman. The next day, he was accused of rape by a different woman. School officials immediately suspended him. He did not take his final examinations or participate in commencement. He was later expelled.

The lawsuit says university officials "colluded" with police to keep his accusers from testifying in person at his June 2, 2015, expulsion hearing. The women's police statements were read into the record, and Mr. Aponte couldn't challenge their allegations, the lawsuit said.'

Oxford student surgeon who stabbed Tinder boyfriend could avoid prison thanks to ‘extraordinary’ talent

Matt · 16 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Oh yeah, she's also female. That was a factor too. Given she struggles with staying off booze and drugs, I would prefer she stay away from operating tables and especially scalpels. Excerpt:

'AN Oxford student who knifed her lover in a drug and drink-fuelled frenzy may avoid jail — after a judge hinted she is too clever for prison.

Aspiring heart surgeon Lavinia Woodward, 24, stabbed Thomas Fairclough in the leg with a breadknife and hurled a laptop, glass and jam jar at him.

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But Judge Ian Pringle suggested he will waive the usual prison term when he sentences her in case it damages her career.

He said: “It seems to me that if this was a one-off, a complete one-off.

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The court heard Woodward had a “very troubled life,” battling addiction and suffering abuse by another ex.

Judge Pringle will sentence her on September 25 but she has been slapped with a restraining order and told to stay drug-free and not to re-offend.

Mark Brooks, of the ManKind Initiative which supports male domestic violence victims, said: “The judge’s comments are unacceptable. This is domestic abuse against a man and the sympathy should be for him.”'

We're appalled at genital mutilation of girls. What about boys (and circumcision)?

Mastodon · 18 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill making it a crime for parents to allow their daughters' genitals to be cut has passed in Minnesota House committees and is under consideration at the Legislature. If the bill (HF2621), introduced by Rep. Mary Franson, R-Alexandria, becomes law, it would further protect girls born with healthy genitalia from having any part of them cut, permanently altered or removed without their consent (and children are, by law, unable to grant valid consent).

But what about boys?

In the United States, doctors who cut (or "circumcise") the genitals of little boys are paid for their services. But doctors who cut a girl's genitals can be prosecuted under federal law. Last month, Dr. Jumana Nagarwala was arrested in Michigan for allegedly cutting the genitals of two 7-year-old girls from Minnesota. The girls had been brought to the accused doctor — a mother herself, and a Muslim — by their own moms, to comply with the custom of their culture.

To people like me, an attorney and advocate for health care equity who has been fighting against male circumcision for decades, it's evident that a double standard is at work here. Americans are appalled when they see female genital mutilation practiced on our soil. But most are blind to the fact that each day, 3,000 baby boys have their genitals mutilated in hospitals, doctors' offices and private homes in our country. Even the word "circumcision" is a euphemism, meant to give this cultural practice the status of a legitimate medical procedure.'

University of Hawaii Professor Demands White Men Quit Their Jobs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A University of Hawaii math professor has urged every white man to quit their job or take a demotion and deemed those who disagree with her proposition as racist, sexist and transphobic.

Piper Harron, an assistant professor at the University of Hawaii who holds a PhD degree in mathematics from Princeton University, has penned an article for the American Mathematical Society (AMS) blog, calling on white men to “Get Out The Way”.

...

"Statistically speaking, you are probably taking up room that should go to someone else.”

“If you are a white cis man (meaning you identify as male and you were assigned male at birth) you almost certainly should resign from your position of power,” the professor added.'

Men's rights group banned from forming at university

Mastodon · 23 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A campaigner for 'men's rights' has been blocked from setting up an official forum for the second time.

Will Styles has been denied the chance to set up the group by the University Of Plymouth Student' Union (UPSU) - he says on the grounds that men do not suffer discrimination.

The 21-year-old has now handed back all his student voice awards as they've been "awarded by a body that does not represent the student voice".

Third year architecture student Will said the decision was "shocking" and argued that there is a women's forum on campus but no equivalent space for a male student to seek advice.'

Feminism takes a hit from Miss USA

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SCIENTIST and newly crowned Miss USA Kara McCullough has joined the growing list of women who refuse to identify as a feminist. McCullough isn't your typical beauty queen; she's black, bold and brilliant but don't dare call her the F word.

Thanks to the unhinged antics of the loudest and proudest members of the movement, feminism has become a dirty word.

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Frankly, she is a little too good to be in a pageant. Instead of sticking to the safe, syrupy answers we're accustomed to hearing from beauty queens, McCullough had the guts to respond honestly and state firm opinions, which have upset the usual suspects in the media. When asked about feminism and whether she considers herself a feminist, McCullough responded by saying that she preferred "equalism" to feminism. "I don't want to call myself a feminist," she said. "I try not to consider myself as this diehard, 'I don't care about men' (type). Women, we are just as equal as men when it comes to opportunity in the workplace. First-hand, I've witnessed the impact women have in leadership in the medical sciences as well as in office environments."

...

or the crime of not identifying as feminist, McCullough has been attacked by the sisterhood and "male feminists" who are among the nastiest creatures lurking on the worldwide web. Indeed, just about every piece of warped sexist abuse sent my way on social media is the work of a "man" who identifies as a feminist. It's curious how progressives can be hypersensitive to gendered language and harassment of women but still engage in vile, misogynistic abuse of women who do not share their views.'

After Manchester: the cowardice of feminists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The argument that the bombing was ‘a massive act of gender-based violence’ has continued. The headline of one article, ‘The bombing at a Manchester Ariana Grande show was an attack on girls and women’, is as simplistic as it is inaccurate. Most obviously, it overlooks the fact that men died in the attack too – fathers, brothers and boyfriends attending the concert or waiting to take people home. The author goes on to explain how ‘Grande has advanced a renegade, self-reflexive sexuality that’s threatening to the established heteropatriarchal order’. Rubbish. Grande’s Nickelodeon cuteness combines bunny ears with pink balloons. She’s loved by teen girls because her sexuality is safe and fun and threatens no one.

The idea that the Manchester attack was driven by misogyny shifts the blame on to all men: ‘It’s not Muslims or people with mental-health problems who are most likely to kill you in a terrorist attack – it’s men’, claims another headline. This not only absolves the individual perpetrator but prevents a more specific analysis. In blaming all men, discussion of gender roles in Islam, and criticism of the way some interpretations of Islam view women and girls, is closed down. In the aftermath of the Cologne attacks of 2015 and the child-abuse cases in Rotherham, Oxford and Rochdale, feminist commentators were quick to criticise any focus on the ethnicity, rather than the gender of the perpetrators.'

Bar advertises women-only ‘Wonder Woman’ screening

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Article here.

'Amazon sisters, this one is for you. Austin’s Alamo Drafthouse announced a women-only screening of “Wonder Woman” at the downtown Ritz theater on June 6.

“The most iconic superheroine in comic book history finally has her own movie, and what better way to celebrate than with an all-female screening?” the screening announcement on the Drafthouse website reads. The one-night-only event is for “Women (and People Who Identify As Women) Only,” and that includes the theater staff. According to the Drafthouse, the venue staff, projectionist and culinary team for the screening will also all be women.

Unfortunately, the screening is now sold out. But stay tuned, Themyscirans, in case the theater decides to lengthen its lasso for additional dates. According to a comment from the Drafthouse on Facebook, more Amazons’ nights out are on the way.'

Feminists Sue University for Failing to Protect Them from Mean Internet Comments

Mastodon · 25 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A feminist student group at the University of Mary Washington has filed a Title IX lawsuit against the institution for failing to protect them from mean comments on the internet.

Feminists United, a student group at the University of Mary Washington, has claimed in a recently filed lawsuit that the administration failed to protect them from posts made on the anonymous social media app, Yik Yak.

The suit alleges that the university failed to protect the students by refusing to ban access to the app via the university's wifi system. The complaint ignores the reality that most students have access to the app via LTE internet service on their cellular devices, which would render a ban on the university's wifi system almost worthless.

The students claim that the university's decision to allow students to access the app via the school's wifi network fostered a hostile environment in which the students were subjected to "overtly and/or sexist/threatening" anonymous messages.'

Circumcised men at twice the risk for cancer-causing HPV, study shows

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Circumcised men should be as vigilant in preventing oncogenic HPV infection as those who are uncircumcised, new research suggests.

Circumcised participants in a study presented at the annual meeting of the American Urological Association were twice as likely as their uncircumcised counterparts to have either of two HPV strains associated with penile cancer, researchers said. Their findings are not consistent with previous research.

“Classically, circumcision has been shown to be protective against HPV infection and ... we’re not completely sure why, but there was a higher rate of these higher-risk HPV infections in men who are circumcised,” study researcher Mickey Daugherty, MD, a urology resident at the State University of New York Upstate Medical University, told Infectious Disease News.'

Debate on bill to prevent campus sexual assault turns to rights of accused

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the wake of a statewide sexual assault crisis on university campuses, Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, filed a bill Jan. 23 to penalize staff and student leaders who do not report incidents of campus sexual assault. The Senate State Affairs Committee debated the proposed bill Thursday.

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Without reporting the assault, a university employee could face a Class B misdemeanor or a Class A misdemeanor if it is shown the individual intended to conceal the incident should the bill become law.

Class B misdemeanors are punishable by up to a $2,000 fine or 180 days in jail and Class A misdemeanors are punishable by up to a $4,000 fine or one year in jail.

Students would face expulsion should the bill become law.

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Debate took an unexpected turn, however, when Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, started questioning Huffman on what would happen should someone report an incident based on a rumor or hearsay.

“If we could only report rapes based on eyewitnesses, then only half of the rapes in the country would be prosecuted,” Huffman said.

The Title IX coordinator at UT clarified that during her office’s investigation process, she explores third-party reports as well.

Birdwell continued on by saying he was concerned that the accuser’s identity would be confidential and those accused might not be able to face their accuser.

“I am profoundly concerned with the rights of the accused,” Birdwell said.

Huffman agreed saying she, too, was concerned about those rights, but no part of her bill would affect the accuser.'

Salon's Misandrist Assault On Critics Of Women-Only 'Wonder Woman' Premiere

Mastodon · 27 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Anything that's critical of anything at all to do with a woman is misogynistic. That's what Salon seems to think, at least.

You see, the Alamo Draft House decided to do a women-only premiere of the eagerly anticipated Wonder Woman starring Gal Gadot. The film has already sparked controversy for some of the dumbest of reasons, from Gadot's stand on Israel (she's an Israeli who thinks her country should exist. Shocking!) to her lack of armpit hair.

However, some people also took issue with the theater chain deciding to exclude men from the premiere, arguing that the chain would never do a men-only screening of a movie.
...
That point would stand... if people were complaining about there being a Wonder Woman movie, which they're not. They're complaining about being excluded from a showing of the movie by a business that ordinarily excludes no one. Period.

In other words, the only absurdity that is clear is the hypocrisy involved.

Luckily, Salon's male writer got an opportunity to step up and signal how he's a good little ally to the feminist cause with his internalized misandry by penning the most pathetic criticism he could come up with.

There's no defense against hypocrisy, and he just proved it.'

Amid criticism, Texas theater doubles down on female-only ‘Wonder Woman’ showing

Mastodon · 27 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Management at a Texas movie theater laughed off criticism over alleged sexism in its decision to hold a women’s-only premiere of the film “Wonder Woman” starring the Israeli actress Gal Gadot.

The backlash against the Austin franchise of the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema chain took place on Facebook following its announcement on social media that it would be hosting the women’s-only screening on Wednesday. It prompted the chain to expand its women’s-only program to other franchises.

Alamo Drafthouse creative manager Morgan Hendrix told Mashable that his company is “very excited” that it is “providing an experience where women truly reign supreme has incurred the wrath of trolls,” saying it “only serves to deepen our belief that we’re doing something right.”'

Pentagon brass improperly interfered in Navy SEAL's sexual-assault case, retired admiral claims

Mastodon · 28 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A retired admiral is accusing the highest levels of the Navy legal corps at the Pentagon of improperly interfering in the case of a decorated Navy SEAL convicted of sexual assault.

Retired Rear Adm. Patrick J. Lorge charges in a May 5 signed affidavit that the then-judge advocate general of the Navy and her deputy tried to persuade him not to exonerate the sailor because it would be bad public relations for the Navy and hurt Mr. Lorge's career.

The extraordinary charges from Mr. Lorge go to the very top of the Navy legal system and throw into question whether a sailor can get a fair trial in the politically charged atmosphere of military sex assault cases.

Based on Mr. Lorge's testimony, attorneys for Senior Chief Petty Officer Keith E. Barry filed an appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Chief Barry contends that the sexual contact was consensual. The accuser described their relationship as filled with "crazy sex."

"The new evidence in [Chief] Barry's case establishes unlawful command influence," his attorneys argue, asking the appeals court to reverse the conviction and order a special investigation.'

Also see: Navy SEAL accused of sexual assault is denied special investigator to probe Pentagon meddling

UK: Young woman's agony over mum and brother who both committed suicide after he was 'falsely accused of rape'

Mastodon · 28 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Camellia Cheshire was plunged into the depths of despair twice after her brother was “falsely accused of rape”.

She says that first her beloved Jay, 17, committed suicide after having “the life sucked out of him” by the allegation which was withdrawn two weeks later.

Then, a year later, their mother Karin took her own life the same way – leaving desperate Camellia to organise another funeral.

Today she tells how she wept as she picked out a garland of Karin’s favourite purple carnations to sit on top of the wicker coffin.

Jay’s ashes had been placed inside – so, Camellia says, “he and mum could be together”.

Courageous Camellia is now 22 and talks for the first time about an ordeal that tore her family apart.'

Feminism gone rogue: Gender politics threaten true equality

Mastodon · 28 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With the rise of social justice movements in recent years, the last remnants of classical-liberal feminism have all but faded. It has been replaced by the rise of third-wave feminism: a movement that promotes equality, diversity and inclusivity.

In principle, this new wave of feminism is all about intersectionalism — that is, extending to groups of people other than cishet, able-bodied white women of the middle and upper-middle class.

In practice, the movement has become fraught with irrational, often divisive hostility under the guise of tolerance and justice. From burning books to banning speakers from college campuses, the actions of many within the movement speak much louder than their tolerance-laden rhetoric.

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Of course, nearly every stereotype harbors a grain of truth. Today's third-wave feminism is grossly out of touch with most Americans — in fact, a 2015 Vox poll indicated that only 18 percent of Americans consider themselves feminists. However, when the same sample was split into two blocks, 78 percent expressed their belief in the "social, political, legal and economic equality of the sexes." What's more, 85 percent stated that they believed in "equality for women."

...

This denial of logical reasoning and empiricism represents the pernicious victimhood complex that third-wave feminism places on women. Telling women that they are fragile, feeble-minded beings who must be shielded from the truth is not conducive to empowerment; frankly, it is more than a little insulting.

...

However, modern feminism has wrongly imposed the burden of guilt on men as a whole for legal and institutional grievances that they themselves have taken no part in. After all, a 20-something-year-old man today cannot logically be held accountable for things like sexist hiring standards and property laws of the past century.

...

Radical feminists, I speak to you directly: are you so blinded by prejudice and animosity that you cannot even fathom the error of your own ways? Your so-called progressive movement has evolved into a toxic culture of political correctness, trigger warnings and safe spaces, exuding a mingled air of intellectual snobbery and baseless antagonism. You have rendered yourselves indistinguishable from the right-wing bigots you so disdain.

In an ideal world, a few bad apples wouldn't poison the entire tree: we would not deem all Muslims terrorists based on the actions of a few radical groups; we would not cry, "Feminism is cancer!" in response to the few militant individuals within the movement. But the world, in all of its imperfections and uncertainty, is not an ideal place. If feminism is ever to redeem itself, the changes must come from within, starting with the radicals who have blackened its name in the first place.'

S. Africa: Police hunt for three female rapists

Matt · 29 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. What is remarkable is not that it happened; it's happened plenty of times before. What is remarkable is that both the press and police are taking it seriously. In its own way, that is progress. Excerpt:

'En route to town the taxi driver changed direction, said police spokesperson, Captain Colette Weilbach.

She said the young man was then ordered to come to the front. One of the women then allegedly injected him with an unknown substance and he passed out.

“He stated that he woke up in an unfamiliar room on a single bed. The female suspects then allegedly forced the man to drink an energy drink, before taking turns raping him numerous times a day,” Captain Weilbach said.

She said on Sunday afternoon he was dropped off in an open field in Benoni.

The man was very traumatised by his ordeal and received medical treatment, Captain Weilbach said.'

What happens on campus doesn’t stay there

Mastodon · 30 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Campuses across the country kicked off “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” (SAAM) this April to the tune of several hundreds of thousands of dollars. Since 2001, every U.S. President has declared April to be SAAM, and President Trump has followed suit. Over the past decade in particular, an increasing number of Federal mandates encouraged colleges and universities to up the ante on such awareness programming, enforcing punitive measures should they fail to do so. This suggests an observation: Those who believe that an increased Federal role will solve campuses’ well-documented sexual woes might be suffering from something akin to April foolishness.

It’s not simply the bureaucratese-heavy emails that flood my inbox from consulting companies—designed with “best practices” in mind and in collusion with lawyerly types—that influence this observation. (Though it’s been several years since I worked as a student affairs professional, the industry likes to remind me of all the ways I, or my institution, should continue to fund their existence.) The headlines of the past few months alone are enough to give one pause about throwing more regulations, more lawyers, or more courts at campuses’ sex-related problems.

So does the lived experience of working in student affairs, at the nexus of competing student needs, parental demands, faculty expectations, legal obligations, and public opinion.

The situation on college campuses is well summed up by a recent flurry of articles and books. For a representative sample, take Stuart Taylor, Jr. and K.C. Johnson’s “The Campus Rape Frenzy: The Attack on Due Process at America’s Universities,” or Northwestern University Professor Laura Kipnis’s riveting Chronicle Review article, “Eyewitness to a Title IX Witch Trial,” an excerpt from her own recent book. The latter is not so much about Kipnis’s own surrealist encounter with Title IX enforcers as it is about her erstwhile Northwestern colleague Peter Ludlow, now effectively unemployable and living in Mexico. About American campuses, Kipnis observes, “Rampant accusation is the new norm.” About everything, she adds—but particularly about sex.'

Hamptons bachelors are getting vasectomies so gold diggers can't trap them

Matt · 30 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A society organized in such a way that materially well-off men are purposefully avoiding paternity like the plague has some serious soul-searching to do. I do have to wonder though; these guys are rich. Surely if they seek to bed one woman/week, a hooker would be, in the long run, both cheaper and safer. Just saying. Excerpt:

'The latest Hamptons summer accessory? A vasectomy.

When Scott, a male model who says he's in his 30s, kicks off the Hamptons high season this weekend at his Sag Harbor waterfront house, the unattached hunk won't have any reservations about hooking up with women he hardly knows.

"I had a vasectomy a few months ago. Having a house in the Hamptons and being fairly well-off, I've encountered some problems — women try to get pregnant," said Scott, a regular on the society scene who earns a cool half-million a year.
...
Scott — who describes himself as "Tarzan with light eyes" — typically beds up to 10 different women per summer and estimates that 20 percent of the single ladies he encounters are looking to trap a rich guy with a baby.

The goal? At the very least: 18 to 21 years of child support and, in some instances, a green card for the mother, since their child would be born in the US. At best: Scott said, "Women want that Cinderella story [of happily ever after], but I'm noncommittal at this point in my life."
...
Alex, 37, already has two kids with his wife, but the health care administrator got a vasectomy late last year specifically so he could fool around — no strings attached — in the Hamptons. The downtown Brooklyn man and his spouse of 10 years are in an open relationship, but he almost screwed things up last summer when he got stealthed by a comely Russian model he'd met at dinner in Southampton.

During sex, the woman pulled off his condom.

"I asked, 'WTF?' " recalled Alex. But he didn't stop the sex. Two weeks later, he got a call from the woman claiming she was pregnant.'

University of Arizona Scholar Creates a Feminist Brand of Physics to Combat Bigotry

Mastodon · 31 May 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A researcher at the University of Arizona claims to have created a feminist brand of quantum physics to weed out the bigotry that she believes follows from a study of Newtonian physics.

Researcher Whitney Stark of the University of Arizona's Institute for LGBT Studies claims to have invented a new form of physics, intersectional quantum physics, that combats the alleged bigotries of classical science.

"Intersectionality and quantum physics can provide for differing perspectives on organizing practices long used by marginalized people, for enabling apparatuses that allow for new possibilities of safer spaces, and for practices of accountability," she writes in the abstract for her paper, "Assembled Bodies: Reconfiguring Quantum Identities."'

Though Outnumbered, Female CEOs Earn More Than Male Chiefs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women in command of America's biggest businesses are reaping rich rewards.

In an unusual reversal of the gender pay gap, female chief executives at some of the largest U.S. companies repeatedly outearn their male counterparts. Last year, 21 female CEOs received a median compensation package of $13.8 million, compared with the $11.6 million median for 382 male chiefs, according to a Wall Street Journal analysis of S&P 500 leaders who held the job a full year.

Women in the corner office at the biggest American firms made more money than men in six of the past seven years, though the gap has narrowed since 2014. The trend reflects strong performances by S&P 500 businesses run by women -- and the fact that superstar women tend to land such top jobs, according to executive-pay and leadership experts.

"Boards don't want to shortchange their female CEO in today's environment, when pay equality is such an issue," said Robin Ferracone, head of Farient Advisors LLC, which advises board compensation committees. So, they "err on the side of being generous."'

Canada: Innocent man locked up 19 days after ex-wife makes up rape assault

fathers4fairness · 1 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What man would be given such leniency? Excerpt:

'An Ontario woman who made up a story that her ex-spouse had choked and tried to rape her is going to jail.

Jennifer Gauthier's lies in September 2015 landed her ex-spouse in jail for 19 days, before she recanted her claim, court was told Wednesday.

"When you did what you did, you not only hurt (the ex-spouse), you hurt every real victim out there, every real complainant," Ontario Court Justice Karen Lische told Gauthier, as she issued a 60-day sentence.
...
"Quite frankly, I feel the Crown's position of 60 days jail is a very lenient one."
...
"A totally innocent man spent 19 days in jail," Assistant Crown attorney Radbert Pe said. "This is essentially an attack on the justice system."'

Recent AAUW Report Undermines The Campus Sexual Assault Narrative

Mastodon · 3 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Anyone who has followed the campus sexual assault debate over the last decade has heard advocates, politicians, and reporters throwing around the disconcerting statistic that 1-in-5 women will be the victim of sexual assault while in college. The number is jarring…but is it truthful?

The federal Clery Act mandates that schools track and disclose reported incidents of campus sexual assault. A national crime victimization survey found that 65% of victims of sexual offenses do not report the assault. Currently, 12.7 million women are enrolled in American degree-granting colleges. Even with this underreporting problem, if 20% of college women were victims of sexual assault, one would expect to see large numbers of sexual assaults being reported to school officials.

Recently the American Association of University Women (AAUW) completed a review of the 2015 Clery data, which was compiled from all 11,000 college campuses across the nation. The title of the report highlights its most important finding: “89 Percent of Colleges Reported Zero Incidents of Rape in 2015.” This is not a typo. The AAUW’s report states without qualification that at nearly nine out of 10 campuses, not a single rape was reported to campus officials.'

Canada man's last name ruled too 'misogynistic' for license plate by DOT

Mastodon · 3 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What would you think if you saw the words 'Grab Her' on a license plate? Someone who saw that in Canada complained to the Department of Transportation, but it turns out that the plate is not an insult.

The plate spells out a driver's last name, but that did not stop the Department of Transportation from canceling the plate.

"When the plates first came out, I was so excited about it - this is what I wanted to get for my father. My father put it on the motor home, and he traveled to many states, he traveled across Canada...nothing was ever said," said Lorne Grabher.

The DOT says the plate is misogynistic and promotes violence against women.'

Men saying no to college

el cid · 4 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpts:

'John Maxwell is curious about the world and freely shares, in casual conversation, tidbits of English history. Yet he says he'll never again set foot in a college classroom.

"I consider myself mostly self-taught and I just believe I should cut my own path in life," said the 24-year-old Maxwell, who dropped out of Littleton's Araphoe Community College after one semester.

Maxwell said he didn't want to waste his parents' money on college work that held little or no interest to him.

"I just wanted to see what I wanted to do with my life and college was never a part of that," said Maxwell, currently an employee at a Parker liquor store. "It might cost me financially down the road, but I never really saw myself as getting rich anyway. So I don't see it as much of a loss."
...
Some of the young men shunning campus say they don't want to take on massive student-loan debt.

"If you don't want to go to college you can go to a trade school and come away with something and not be on the hook for $150,000," said 28-year-old Adam Stark, who dropped out of college and now is thriving in the music business in Denver.

Others say the campus environment has become testy, even hostile, toward men. "You definitely get the sense you are the problem," said Maxwell. "One woman once told me that she could use statistics to determine how many of my friends were rapists."
...
A similar trend is occurring nationally. Although more people than ever are attending college, the ratio of male to female students is nearly 1:2. Compare that to 1960, when there were 1.6 males for every female graduating from a U.S. four-year college and 1.55 males for every female undergraduate, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.'

Feminism under attack as women defend men’s rights

Mastodon · 4 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the pay wall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'As a fresh-faced 18-year-old Daisy Cousens left school firmly on board the feminism bandwagon. Like many millennial women she’d been seduced by what she now sees as an “entrenched victim mentality”, convinced the scales were tipped against her because of her sex. “I assumed I’d have to work twice as hard as men for half the recognition and that violent predators lurk around every street corner,” she says.

It took her years to discover she’d been duped. “I realised the feminist view did not reflect my life experiences. I grew suspicious. I couldn’t believe that somehow in Western society women were paid less than men or had fewer rights than men. And given my experience of men, I refused to believe there was an undercurrent of misogyny among all the wonderful men in my life,” says the 28-year-old, who is part of a growing global band of female activists speaking out about the demonisation of men. Some of the leading lights in this group will hit our shores next month to speak at an international men’s issues conference.

Cousens’s turnaround happened when she was working as a research assistant at the Menzies Research Centre, which led her to start asking questions. She found, for instance, that the much heralded “wage gap” largely could be explained by differences in men and women’s work and lifestyle choices. That was the beginning.'

Social Justice Warriors Are Targeting Our Boys

Mastodon · 4 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There's been much discussion in the parenting world regarding how to handle raising boys. Paranoid feminists essentially believe they must emasculate their boys, forcing them to remain in a toddler state of continuous wonder and love lest they dare to do so much as form a fist, let alone the dreaded finger gun. Masculinity advocates long ago titled this strange rage the "war on boys." Now, self-titled "healer and spiritual thought-leader" Raven Anne Quigley has determined that the war on boys is actually a series of "microaggressions perpetrated against boys" on a daily basis by various cultural figureheads including their own parents.

Quigley asserts that all boys are told as preschoolers to "man up" and not cry before being thrown into inherently violent sports programs against their will. All families, even the non-abusive ones, inherently teach boys the values of "violence, aggression and hyper-sexuality (violence toward women)" through the simple act of teaching them to defend themselves. Quigley explains, "A family only needs to be afraid that the boy will get beaten up himself, to harshly and powerfully school him on how to 'be a man.'"

All of these assertions are not based in fact, but rather a series of hypothetical scenarios best left to the stuff of tween TV with gay students being slammed into lockers by peers who are addicted to violent video games. The reality is that boys are naturally active creatures who often see the world in competitive terms. Their addiction to concepts like superheroes who kill bad guys has more to do with problem-solving than violence. And very few boys ever transition from active to truly aggressive. But, because facts don't mesh with Quigley's ideology, she simply ignores them.'

"Women Outpace Men In Economic Advancement, And That's Good News"

Mastodon · 5 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women have gradually evolved into an economic force to be reckoned with, going by the results of a survey by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In a report titled "The Changing Economics and Demographics of Young Adulthood: 1975–2016," author Jonathan Vespa noted more young men are falling to the bottom of the income ladder while more young women are climbing up the income ladder. Additionally, more young adult women were employed in 2016 compared to 1975.

The report defines young adult population as aged between 18 and 34 years and looked at two periods — 1975 and the contemporary period, defined as data pertaining to 2012 to 2016.
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As opposed to 48.3 percent of young women employed in 1975, currently 70.4 percent are employed. On the other hand, the percentage of young men in employment has slipped to 83.7 percent from 84.9 percent.
...
Kevin O'Leary of "Shark Tank" fame has more evidence of women being better business owners. A CNN Money article, quoting an interview by O'Leary, said in 2016 that 52 percent of the 32 companies in his private portfolio were run by women.
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With the demographics showing more women moving into the employment market and doing relatively well in terms of the earnings they make, it is a definite pointer toward businesses being run in a better and realistic manner. It's time to celebrate the women power in-the-works in business.'

Brutally Honest Post Explains How Girls Are Abusing Their Boyfriends

el cid · 6 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. One of the examples is forcing him to have sex when he doesn't want to. Isn't that rape? Excerpt:

'We usually think of abusive relationships as black eyes and broken noses but abuse isn't limited to physical traumas. Psychological scars can be just as – if not more – painful and, sadly, any relationship can inflict them, even if you're dating a teen girl.

Signs of an abusive relationship, however, is sometimes hard to spot even for the victims. Especially if they're madly in love. That's why someone posted an honest message on Tumblr which should help identify if a teen girl is abusing her partner. The post quickly gained attention and so far it has amassed almost 290k notes. People are even reblogging it in spite of losing followers. Scroll down to read the brilliant text, and let's hope more people will openly discuss this uncomfortable yet very important topic.'

Madrid Bans Manspreading On Its Public Transport

Mastodon · 7 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If only every city could take a cue from Madrid when it comes to manspreading. Per The Local, Madrid just announced that it has banned manspreading—when a man opens his legs to take up a bunch of unnecessary room in an enclosed space—across all of its public transit services. Specifically, the city's Municipal Transportation Company (EMT) will be implementing new signage in all of the trains and buses, which will hope to dissuade manspreaders from encroaching on the personal space of other riders.

“The new information icon indicates the prohibition of taking a seating position that bothers other people,” a statement issued by the EMT reads. “It’s to remind transport users to maintain civic responsibility and respect the personal space of everyone on board." The sign features a stick man spreading his legs to cartoonishly large proportions on a public transportation seat, with a big red "X" and “respect the space of others” text accompanying it. It's currently unclear, though, if non-law-abiding manspreaders will receive a fine if they continue to spread at will.

For women in Madrid, this news has been the culmination of many months of petitioning and protesting against manspreaders. Mujeres en Lucha launched a viral petition campaign titled #MadridSinManspreading (#MadridWithoutManspreading), which was sent to Madrid's mayor, Manuela Carmena, as well as Madrid's regional president, Cristina Cifuentes. “Manspreading is the practice of certain men sitting with their legs wide open on public transport, taking up other people’s space. It is not something that occurs sporadically, if you pay attention you’ll see that it is a very common practice," the petition read.'

More men named in college sex assault cases are taking their accusers to court

Mastodon · 9 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As the debate over campus sexual assaults continues to shadow universities throughout the Carolinas and beyond, more accused male students have started taking their female accusers to court.

In the past three years, male students accused of sexual misconduct have filed hundreds of lawsuits, charging that they were the victims of both false allegations and school procedures that failed to properly vet the claims.

And while there are no exact figures, in dozens of those cases male students also have sued the women who lodged the original allegations. One out-of-state attorney says he has filed more than 15 defamation complaints nationwide on behalf of male students against their accusers.

Locally, lawyers used the threat of defamation complaints against female accusers in sexual-misconduct cases at both Davidson College and UNC Charlotte. Meanwhile, an Appalachian State University student has pending lawsuits against the school and his former Union County girlfriend after he was suspended in 2015 for “unlawful entry” into her dorm room.

Critics of these lawsuits say they can place assault victims on trial, further suppressing an already under-reported crime.

“When a woman tells you she’s been assaulted, believe her,” Davidson College President Carol Quillen wrote in an Observer guest editorial earlier this year. “Although the unicorn exception gets a lot of press, the overwhelming majority of women do not make up rape.”'

Betsy DeVos just gave the fight for campus free speech a powerful new ally

Mastodon · 10 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While the world was focused on the James Comey hearing this week, Secretary of the Department of Education Betsy DeVos was busy picking a First Amendment crusader to be deputy assistant secretary for higher education programs.

The Department of Education administers programs that broaden access to higher education, strengthens the capacity of colleges and universities, and coordinates a number of higher education-related activities with states, according to the department's website.

Adam Kissel, DeVos' pick, is a 5-year veteran of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), an organization that focuses on free speech and due process on college campuses.

From 2007 to 2012, Kissel worked with FIRE as director of the Individual Rights Defense Program and vice president of Programs. Kissel, with FIRE, not only opposed violations of First Amendment rights on campus, but the efforts of colleges and universities that abused internal disciplinary measures, while ignoring the due process rights of students who were accused of sexual misconduct.'

Sexual Assault's Broken System of Justice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's be very clear from the outset: Sexual assault is a crime. Rape is a felony. Perpetrators must be called to account and victims deserve justice. Critiquing the processes through which such accounting and justice are determined in no way diminishes the seriousness of the crimes themselves.

But let's also be very clear that, especially on American college campuses, there are few crimes where the deck is more stacked against the accused. Good intentions, political capital, and the lure of presumed expertise have combined to create a system that inflates the incident rate, perpetuates misinformation, and ignores due process. In what has been aptly described as an over-correction, higher education has turned the very premise of judicial logic on its head.

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We can begin by stipulating that victims of sexual assault have not historically been treated well or fairly by the legal system, college campuses, even friends and family. We can further stipulate that, as a result, victims of sexual assault may have shown an understandable reluctance to report these crimes.

Changes in reporting procedures and interview techniques, and the institution of shield laws that preclude irrelevant information about an accuser during trial, are therefore laudatory. All bolster the pursuit of justice for the victims of sexual assault.

Due process for the accused, however, again especially on college campuses, has taken a very different path. In recent years, reinterpretation of existing federal regulations, new reporting requirements, and guidelines from the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights that far exceed its presumed role have created an environment that is simultaneously incomprehensible and pointedly toxic.'

India: Harassed over false rape charges, 61-year-old man ends life in Bundi

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Bundi: Harassed over rape allegation by a neighbouring woman and afraid of social humiliation and disgrace, a 61-year-old man late on Friday night committed suicide by consuming pesticide at his home in Kunwarti village under Sadar police station of Bundi city.

The old man was found dead in his room on Saturday morning. Police have booked a couple under Sections of IPC for abetment of suicide and arrested the woman while her husband is absconding.

Ram Prasad Sharma, a resident of Kunwarti village, late last night committed suicide by consuming pesticide at his home, told SHO, Bundi Sadar police station Abhishek Pareek. The old man was upset after a woman of the village levelled charges of rape against him and through court's order lodged a case under Section 376 of IPC against him in Mahila Police station in Bundi five days ago, the SHO said.

On the report by the family members of the deceased old man, a case under Section 306 of IPC for abetment of suicide was lodged against the couple identified as Santosh Lal Sharma (40) and his wife Shakuntla (35), he said adding accused woman in the matter has been arrested while her husband is absconding.'

Canada: Feminist professor cautions against believing rape claims can be false after claim is shown to be false

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Advocates are encouraging survivors of sexual assault not to be discouraged by reports of a false claim in Duncan.

Annalee Lepp, associate professor of women's studies at the University of Victoria, said reports of false claims can have a chilling effect on survivors coming forward.

"When cases like this one in Duncan get a lot of press, I think it does have an effect," Lepp said.

"There is a sense of, 'OK, I have to assume I'm not going to be believed.' So it does have an effect on people thinking about sexual assault and whether or not to come forward."

Survivors already face many barriers to launching a formal report, she said.

That's not lay blame on anyone in this case, including the 14-year-old girl at its centre, as police have given no details about what happened, she said.

The Cowichan Secondary student told police that on Thursday afternoon, she was grabbed by a stranger, pulled into a business on York Road and assaulted. She said she broke away, then reported the incident to school staff.

On Friday, North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP said the assault did not happen.

A 40-year-old man arrested after the allegation was released.

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Janni Aragon, who teaches gender and politics and feminist theory as an adjunct associate professor in political science at UVic, said false rape and assault claims are very rare.

"When they happen, I cringe because folks use it as truth: 'See, they exist,' " Aragon said in a message.'

Pennsylvania Supermarket Shooter Self-Identified as Transgender Woman Who Hated All Men

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'Pennsylvania supermarket shooter Randy Stair left behind a trove of material explaining his motivations for gunning down three of his co-workers. In his recorded suicide notes, released just hours before Thursday's rampage, the 24-year-old talked extensively about his depression and about who he was as a person—a transgender woman who hated men and toxic masculinity.

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"I've always hated black people. I fucking hate people who aren't white—Caucasian, whatever. I hate the human race," he said.

"And I just started hating guys more than anything. I hate guys, I think they're fucking disgusting—the facial hair they have, the body hair, the muscle build, and all that fucking body structure shit. I hate. Everything about guys I hate," continued Stair. "And the fact that I was forced to live as one, you know, that hurt a lot. And also, I hated my name, too. My life was a living hell."'

UK: "I Went to a Feminism Class for Boys"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's 9 AM on a Friday, and I'm sitting in a classroom at Trinity, a private boys' school in Croydon, England, with 13 male feminists. They're sitting in pairs, flicking through handbooks labeled "Great Men" and writing down lesson plans. All of them are volunteers for a charity called the GREAT Initiative, which, among other things, trains men to go into schools to teach boys about gender issues. Each pair of volunteers is about to introduce themselves to a class full of Year 9 [8th grade] boys.

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I'll never find the real answer to that question, but attending the workshops enabled me to think about gender issues from the perspective of 13-year-old boys. What have I learned? Mainly that it's probably quite confusing. I chat with a few of them about consent.

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What the sessions do show is how damaging male stereotypes are. It is well reported—but perhaps not nearly analyzed enough—that suicide is the most common cause of death among men in the UK under 45. Some 94 percent of the UK prison population is male. Women and men suffer massively at the hands of men attempting to live up to the way society thinks they should. And as the "Great Men" volunteer handbook explains, "There is too much of an emphasis on women and girls solving this situation; girls are taught how not to be a victim, how to be assertive, or how not to stand for discrimination."'

Post-divorce brainwashing is emotional abuse

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Letter here.

'Dear Annie: We are the grandparents of two very precious children.

Recently, their parents were divorced after their mother had an affair with another man and became pregnant. Our son is trying to get shared residential custody, but the judge at their hearing believed the false statements of the children's mother and ruled in her favor. We have often wondered how judges can tell who is lying and who is telling the truth, and we now know the answer: They can't. The case is heading to the state Supreme Court next month.

It is very evident that our son's ex-wife has been teaching our grandchildren to hate both their dad and us. They won't openly speak to us or show any recognition of us in public. They barely acknowledge their own father when their mom is around. She has told our son and us (even in front of other people) that the children hate us.

We have recently discovered that she is controlling the children by threatening to kill herself if they don't love her enough to do as she says. We are very, very worried about the emotional abuse of our grandchildren and need advice on how to get help for them. No child should ever have to deal with this stress and fear. Would you please help us?

— Worried Times Two

Dear Worried Times Two: Divorce is never pleasant, but this transgresses the normal divorce and custody battle woes. I'm also concerned about your grandchildren, and you may be right that they're suffering from emotional abuse. Call Childhelp at (800) 422-4453.'

Feminists Claim Women Can ‘Relate’ to James Comey Because Men are Bad Bosses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former FBI director James Comey may not have said anything politically groundbreaking in his testimony to the Senate Intelligence Committee yesterday, but according to feminists, he struck a decisive blow for women everywhere.

W Magazine and Refinery 29 suggest Comey’s description of Trump as an overbearing boss hit home with every woman who has ever worked under a man, been sexually harassed by a man, or, for that matter, been sexually assaulted by a man.

Trump’s unexpected private dinner with Comey and, later, his suggestion to Comey that the FBI put aside their investigation into his former national security director Lt. Gen. Mike Flynn, both “share commonalities” with the female workplace experience, under the heavy thumb of the Patriarchy.'

Australia: Platform for misandrist “screeds” ends, with death of feminist Fairfax Media

Mastodon · 12 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fairfax Media, one of Australia’s largest news media companies, is dying and while many journalists are losing their jobs, there is a potential silver lining: This slow death may spell the end of Fairfax’s online women’s magazine Daily Life.

Daily Life’s major star is Clementine Ford, whose job over the years has been to churn out anti-male screeds week after week after week.

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Whether cracking jokes about getting abortions, or fantasizing about having social media platforms dedicated to laughing at men who have tiny penises, Ford’s career has been built on pure hatred.

In her worldview, all men are domestic abusers. All men are guilty of perpetuating rape culture. Rape is not a serious criminal offence committed by a small percentage of psychopaths, but is a cultural phenomenon that all men are guilty of.'

UK: Oxford Plans To Let Students Take Exam At Home To Help Women Do Better

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'Oxford University plans to change its final exam policy in 2018 to help female students score better on their history exams.

The college's History Faculty will make one of its five final exams a take home paper in order to boost female performance on exams after a study revealed that men are more likely to get a first class degree in history than women, the Telegraph reported Sunday.

Thirty-two percent of women will go on to gain a first class degree, compared to 37 percent of men who will do the same, the study showed.

"This course in particular showed one of the largest gender gaps in results between women and men," a document said regarding the gender gap in Oxford's History program. "As women and men perform more equally in submitted work, it was proposed that a take-out exam with questions similar to that in a timed exam should be implemented."

Some have accused the university of insulting women by making the standards lower to accommodate them.'

Must My Son Be a Feminist?

Matt · 12 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I do not worry so much for my own sons, who range in age from 36 to 52, or even for my grandsons, who are being raised beautifully, and are doing just fine. But I worry for my gender. Everywhere I look, there are examples of how boys are seen as in need of re-shaping, and these inevitably upset me. Here's an example of what can (and did) set me off: It's a recent article by New York Times writer Clair Cain Miller, titled How to Raise a Feminist Son. I have to admit that the title itself angered me. I have seen the word "feminist" become the new world order. To not be a feminist seems often to be equated with not being a decent human being. But suppose I have noticed, as I have, that while in so many ways girls and young women are doing better than boys and young men, men who fight for what they see as right for themselves and their sons are often labeled—by feminists—as misogynist. Then what do I do?

I did agree with some of what Miller had to say. For example, she writes, "Boys are particularly responsive to spending time with role models, even more than girls, research shows. There is growing evidence that boys raised in households without a father figure fare worse in behavior, academics, and earnings." The evidence on this is substantial. But yet it has been an uphill battle to fight for laws mandating shared parenting in case of divorce, even when the father is quite eager for that. I know people who have devoted their lives to this struggle, but I don't think many feminists tend to be among them. You can't take the "fem" out of feminism, and fem means female. To advocate for men and boys is something few feminists will go out of their way to do.'

Rolling Stone Settles With University Of Virginia Fraternity Over Rape Hoax Article

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rolling Stone has settled a lawsuit with the University of Virginia fraternity whose members were falsely accused of raping a female student in a Nov. 2014 article, The Daily Caller has learned.

A source involved at the national level with the fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi, tells TheDC that Rolling Stone will pay $1.65 million to settle the defamation suit.

The magazine's decision follows a settlement in April with Nicole Eramo, a University of Virginia associate dean who was also smeared in the article, which was written by Sabrina Rubin Erdely.

In the piece, "A Rape on Campus," Erdely relayed the story of Jackie Coakley, a Virginia woman who claimed she was brutally raped by a group of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity members during a party in Sept. 2012.'

Duke Process of Law

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'-Sheila Broderick, Duke's gender violence intervention services coordinator, warned that when the campus judiciary acquitted an accused rapist "you and I know that he's responsible, and that's at the end of the day what really matters." In other words, everyone is guilty of rape when accused.

-Duke then implemented a new training program to teach those who sit on sexual assault disciplinary panels that less than 2 percent of all sexual assault allegations are false. Duke also changed the sexual assault sanctions to allow for the expulsion of students who engaged in mere kissing without affirmative consent.

-A newly trained Duke rape tribunal then found a drunken male student who had sex with a drunken female student guilty of rape. Coercion was assumed because she was drunk. After his expulsion was recommended, the student's lawyer pointed out that the presumption of non-consent based on drunkenness would mean that he was also raped by the woman he was accused of raping. Dean of Students Sue Wasiolek responded by saying, "It's the responsibility in the case of the male to gain consent before proceeding with sex."'

UK: Cambridge Academics Told: Don’t Praise Students for ‘Male’ Attributes of Genius, Brilliance and Flair

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cambridge academics are being discouraged from praising students for their “genius”, “brilliance” or “flair” because these are seen as male qualities.

Tutors at the prestigious university are being told to drop the attributes as assessment criteria on the grounds that they alienate women and make it harder for them to succeed.

The policy is part of an overhaul of arts teaching at Cambridge, which also encompasses removing paintings of eminent male academics and stripping men’s work out of reading lists.

The strategy was outlined by Dr Lucy Delap, who is carrying out the program in Cambridge’s faculty of history.'

Feminists and Social Justice Activists Call for Video Game Developer Censorship Blacklist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Thought policing is alive and well in the new media as social justice activists ramp up their crusade to silence and de-platform “wrongthinkers” from producing content within their medium, citing issues as nebulous as “cyberviolence” as reasons to censor those who oppose progressive ideology.

Following the explosion of outrage against an independent game developer who once expressed views critical of feminism in the video game industry, outrage warriors are now calling for the industry to enact strict rules against hiring and associating with developers whose views do not align with feminist orthodoxy. The target of their ire, Tim Soret, is producing a game called The Last Night, which went viral at E3 2017 after its reveal.
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Essentially calling for a blacklist or the creation of a sort of “Games Code Authority” against developers guilty of “wrongthink”, Kramer and her supporters are outraged by game developers and products that do not partake in their crusade for “social justice.”

“I would urge those who want to see the world grow and progress to make sure they align themselves only with people who share those dreams,” wrote Kramer.'

Australia: Position Vacant - "Women's Safety Contact Officer"

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Link here.

'Key Functions of the Position include:

- Promote and implement quality service responses
- Plan, develop and implement client focused interventions using a feminist framework
- Identify and develop formal partnerships that enable referral pathways to increase the safety of women and children
- Desired/Essential Qualifications: Degree/Diploma in Social Work, Social Sciences, Community Services, Human Services, Health Sciences and/or experience commensurate with the position.

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Women's Safety Services SA is funded under the National Affordable Housing Agreement

UK: Woman ‘made up sex attack claims against 15 men and sent innocent man to jail for 7 years’

Mastodon · 15 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'LYING Jemma Beale, 25, made false rape and sex assault claims against 15 different men — and sent an innocent man to jail for seven years, a court was told.

Beale made allegations over three years but they were “grotesque inventions”, jurors heard.

She claimed she was attacked at a pub and outside her home, and gang raped in the street.

Beale said she was raped by nine men and sexually assaulted by six. All but one were strangers.

Beale’s first allegation was against Mahad Cassim, who had given her a lift home after a night out. He was charged with rape and jailed for seven years.

But prosecutor John Price QC said: “That was a wrongful conviction. Mahad Cassim was innocent.'

"The Supreme Court just made our ugly, messed up immigration law even uglier"

Mastodon · 15 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sessions v. Morales-Santana is an unfortunate case, revealing that sometimes the Constitution demands truly harsh results.

The holding of Morales-Santana is that a federal citizenship law that gives preferential treatment to the children of unwed U.S. citizen mothers—and only to unwed mothers, not to unwed fathers—is unconstitutional. This is a natural conclusion from the Court's previous decisions holding that gender discrimination must be viewed with skepticism.

But the practical consequence of Monday's decision in Morales-Santana is that fewer children of U.S. citizens will themselves gain citizenship, and that more people will be subject to deportation. It also means that the individual at the heart of this case, Luis Ramón Morales-Santana, is now set to be deported to a nation he has not lived in since 1975.'

Also see Supreme Court Bars Favoring Mothers Over Fathers in Citizenship Case

Australia: Feminism’s latest victim: St Paul’s College

Mastodon · 16 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Google the first paragraph text to jump the paywall. Excerpt:

'The all-male St Paul’s College was the one valiant holdout against the university’s bid to stamp out masculinity on campus. But, last week, Australia’s oldest college quietly capitulated, after the NSW government disgracefully was enlisted to threaten its very existence using an ancient act of parliament.

Now the college is dejected and defeated, the gentle, well-loved warden, Rev Dr Ivan Head, has brought forward his retirement, while college council chairman Angelo Hatsatouris has stepped down.

The college has finally submitted to the emasculating $1 million feminist re-education program designed by former Sex Discrimination Commissioner Liz Broderick that has wreaked such havoc on other former traditionally male bastions of the Army, the Australian Federal Police and Victoria Police.'

Lawyer who took on UC-San Diego for unfair trial of accused student now goes after Berkeley

Mastodon · 16 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two years ago, a defense lawyer beat the University of California-San Diego in court for denying due process to a student accused of sexual assault.

Though an appeals court later overturned the ruling, saying it “cannot conclude the process was unfair,” lawyer Mark Hathaway is trying again, this time against the university system’s flagship institution.

He’s representing a UC-Berkeley student who was suspended and physically blocked from campus for three years on the basis of insufficient evidence that “John Doe” took sexual advantage of an incapacitated female student last fall, according to the May 31 lawsuit.

It implies the university and Chancellor Nicholas Dirks are violating state law by failing to use properly licensed investigators in its sexual-assault adjudications.

“UC Berkeley places the entire responsibility for the investigation, prosecution, factfinding, and adjudication of sexual misconduct claims in the hands of a single individual who act as police, prosecutor, jury, and judge without a hearing,” the lawsuit reads.'

Father's Day Pledge asks male figures in the community to commit to ending violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Councilmember Adam McFadden and other local leaders hosted the 4th annual Father's Day Pledge to end violence outside Rochester City Hall Saturday afternoon.

The pledge calls on fathers and men in the community to commit to changing the culture of violence in their relationships, homes and communities.

Councilmember McFadden led the ceremony, saying it's important for men in the community to be conscious of how they act, especially in their homes.

"Violence in my mind is something that's learned at home first, before it spills out into the community. So if we could teach the proper lessons in the home first, and make sure that we're using appropriate language, appropriate attitudes, and appropriate actions; we should be able to stem the violence that's happening in our community."'

False accuser faces only 2 years in plea deal

Mastodon · 18 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Connecticut college student charged with lying about being raped by two Sacred Heart University football players has been offered a plea deal that could see her jailed for two years.

Nikki Yovino, of South Setauket, New York, was described as looking visibly shaken in Bridgeport Superior Court on Thursday when her defense attorney told her about the prosecutors' offer.

In February, then-18-year-old Yovino was charged with falsely reporting an incident and tampering with or fabricating evidence.

Police alleged Yovino made up the rape story last October to gain the sympathy of a prospective boyfriend because she worried he would lose romantic interest in her when it became known she had sex with two football players in a bathroom during an off-campus party.

The players told police they had consensual sex with Yovino and were eventually cleared in the case.

Facing a disciplinary hearing stemming from Yovino's allegations, the football players chose to drop out of Scared Heart to avoid a potential expulsion, reported the Connecticut Post.'

Student arrested for falsely reporting rape

Mastodon · 18 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A student at the University of North Georgia is behind bars after falsely reporting to police that she had been raped while running on a trail.

Rebekah Lim called 911 to report the crime just after 8:30 p.m. on May 24, saying she had been running along the Reservoir Trails in Dahlonega when she was sexually assaulted.

The trail was immediately searched and no evidence was found. Investigators continued to search for days without finding any evidence of the crime. After checking surveillance cameras and her personal cell phone logs, investigators determined that Lim wasn't even on the trail at the time she claimed the sexual assault took place.

A warrant was issued for her arrest and she was taken into custody on Monday at her apartment at the North Georgia Suites.'

Trump Administration Begins to Dismantle Obama Campus Rape Tribunals

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Under the Obama administration, the Department of Education (DOE) pushed the "rape culture" narrative — that one quarter of women would be raped or sexually assaulted on college campuses, and that colleges could not trust the police to handle these crimes. This created a perverse system of campus tribunals which denied due process rights to (mostly) men accused of sexual assault.

On Friday, The New York Times reported on aninternal memo published by Propublica showing the Trump administration's first steps in overhauling this "sex bureaucracy." The Times interpreted the move as "scaling back investigations into civil rights violations at the nation's public schools and universities."

The memo, written by Candice Jackson, the acting head of the DOE's Office of Civil Rights (OCR), reversed one part of the Obama administration's campus sexual assault policies, but it is an important first step in reforming the system. Under Obama, OCR investigated colleges when women accusers claimed the colleges were too lax on the men they accused of sexual assault.'

After 'Inebriated' Hook Up, Student Gets Expelled Without Due Process

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'For the second time this month, a California school has been rebuked in court for failing to provide due process to a student accused of sexual assault.
...
The university found John responsible not only for sexually assaulting Jane on April 11, 2015, but also for creating a "hostile environment" for her in a shared biology lab between April and June of 2015. However, John received no notice of the "hostile environment" charge, and the investigators did not ask him about it during their interview with him. The court judged this to be profoundly unfair, holding that "without notice of these allegations against [John], he had no opportunity to defend himself prior to the Judicial Committee's decision [to expel him]."

Like many schools, LSU's disciplinary process in cases of sexual misconduct does not provide students with a hearing. Instead, university investigators meet with the parties and witnesses separately; review the evidence (with "broad discretion" to determine what evidence is "relevant or helpful"); and determine responsibility using the low "preponderance of the evidence" standard currently required by the federal government.

Based on this and other procedural shortcomings, the judge ruled that John had been "denied a fair opportunity to defend himself," and ordered LSU to set aside both the findings and the sanctions against him.'

Australia: ABC under fire for ‘propaganda’ on uni sex assaults

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'The ABC has been criticised for its plans to air a documentary examining the prevalence of sexual assaults on American university campuses but which has been heavily panned by investigative journalists for its inaccuracies and by Harvard academics who label it “propaganda”.

The Hunting Ground is scheduled to air on ABC2 this week and covers two high-profile sexual assaults that occurred on American college campuses as it attempts to show how universities have become dangerous places where one in five women are sexually assaulted — a figure that has been disputed by the US Bureau of Justice.

The documentary has been both praised and panned. It was an official selection for the 2015 Sundance and Sydney Film festivals and received acclaim from critics including The Washington Post, which called it “lucid,” “infuriating,” and “galvanising”.'

Canada’s ‘Feminist’ Aid Program Creates More Questions Than Answers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CANADA HAS LAUNCHED what it calls a “feminist international assistance policy,” which will see 95 percent of the country’s bilateral development and aid programs targeted toward women and girls by 2022.

“Canada is adopting a feminist international assistance policy to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls as the most effective way to reduce poverty and build a more inclusive, peaceful and prosperous world,” said Marie-Claude Bibeau, the minister for international development, when she announced the policy this month.

To the untrained observer, this is a bold step to address the waning fortunes of women’s rights under the new world order ushered in with the election of U.S. President Donald Trump, who blocked funding to overseas family planning programs within days of taking office.

But a critical examination of the policy raises important questions.
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It also sends a confusing message to focus on women’s issues in conflict-ridden zones, such as South Sudan and Afghanistan, when conflict and instability affects all groups, including the families of these women.

The enjoyment of rights is contingent on a well-functioning society, and if society doesn’t function for all, it won’t bring progress for women and girls.'

Will Paris be the next city to crack down on 'manspreading' on the Metro?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Manspreading" - the phenomenon of men spreading their legs too wide in their seats on public transport - is far from new, but since an official crackdown on the habit was announced in Madrid earlier this month, the question of whether Paris will be next has been raging.

City authorities appear aware of the problem.

"It's part of a sexist atmosphere that truly exists in the city and is a part of life for women that they incorporate into their lives," said Hélène Bidard, in charge of equality at the Paris City Hall.

"Today, they are starting to say, 'stop', we can share the public space equally. We are not obliged to submit to it and women are starting to say it on social media which is very useful," she said.
...
Clearly hoping to follow in the footsteps of the Spanish feminist group which instigated the crackdown in Madrid,Osez le feminisme asked transport users in the greater Paris region of Ile-de-France who are troubled by the issue to send a complaint to RATP, providing a template that could be posted in the customer spaces of the transport group's website.

"The RATP is in full denial about the reality, incapable of taking into account what women suffer on transport," Raphaëlle Rémy-Leleu, spokesperson for Osez le féminisme, told French news channel LCI. "The abuse, aggression, and also 'manspreading'. Faced with their contempt, we wanted to respond to them."'

Australia: "Abortion laws 'forcing women to stay in violent relationships'"

Minuteman · 21 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Both sides of the abortion debate are hitching their carts to the taxpayer-subsidised domestic violence bandwagon. Excerpt:

'A sexual health physician who performs medical abortions in northern Queensland told the ABC she saw pregnancy being used as another method of control by domestic violence perpetrators.

Fearing legal and work-related repercussions, Karen (not her real name) requested anonymity.

"A woman may have a partner who becomes violent and becomes very possessive, and a way of expressing ownership over that woman is forced pregnancy," she said.

Anti-abortion agents say that doesn't happen — [they say] what happens is they're forced to have an abortion. I don't see that."

Children by Choice, a provider of financial support for abortion services, said about one-third of its work was with abused women.

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Liesl Wharton, the director of domestic violence survivors' support group the RED HEART Campaign, said doctors also needed to keep an eye out for instances where they believed a woman was being forced to end a pregnancy.

"We also need to ensure that abortions are not forced upon women, also sterilisation operations are not forced upon women," she said.'

False rape accusation leads to murder

Matt · 22 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Brooklyn resident Manos Ikonomidis was stabbed repeatedly after an unidentified woman told her boyfriend he raped her during a planned threesome encounter Monday evening.

The unidentified woman was engagedin a threesome with Ikonomidis and Jack Doherty when one of the men took out a camera and began filming. The woman became irate and demanded that Doherty take her home.

She then called her boyfriend and said that Ikonomidis raped her.

The victim was attacked by three unknown men, according to surveillance footage found on the scene. The attackers beat Ikonomidis with baseball bats before stabbing him three times in his chest and back, according to local police.'

Australia: BOSCAR data showing rise of domestic violence by women 'not giving the full picture'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The data obtained by PM, some as recent as March 2016, revealed an increase by around five per cent per year.

So are Australian women becoming more violent, or are the figures only part of the story?

Jackie Fitzgerald, spokeswoman for NSW BOSCAR, said the data showed that in 2007,within NSW, 15 per cent of people who were proceeded against for domestic violence assault were women.

"And that had risen to 19 per cent in 2016," she said.

And while men were four times more likely to be charged over domestic assaults, male offender rates had been largely stable or dipped slightly over the same period.

"And one thing we are also seeing with domestic violence is for males and females, there has been a step up in legal action for these incidents," Ms Fitzgerald said.'

Australia: ‘Menacing and threatening’ ad condemned by ad watchdog for using domestic violence against men to sell hearing aids

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The advertising watchdog has denounced a “menacing and threatening” television commercial advertising hearing aids for its depiction of domestic violence towards men.

The ‘What your mum wants for Mother’s Day’ 15-second TV ad features a woman trying to open a jar while yelling at her husband for help. When her husband fails to reply because he cannot hear, the ad freezes while she insinuates she is going to throw the jar in his direction.

‘What your mum wants for Mother’s Day’ finishes with the slogan “Get your mum what she really wants for Mother’s Day, a hearing test for your dad”.'

Christina Hoff Sommers On Feminists, Eradicating Men, And Campus Culture Misery

Mastodon · 22 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Christina Hoff Sommers studies the politics of gender and feminism as an AEI resident Scholar, and is the host of the “Factual Feminist” video series. Sommers joins Ben Domenech on this episode of The Federalist Radio Hour to discuss the current state of American feminism and its increasing intolerance and aggression. Sommers explains concepts like the “matrix of oppression” maintained by feminists.

“When I was feminist in the ‘70s and ‘80s it was fun and about liberation,” she said. “And now it’s more about collecting grievances.”

Some factions of feminists go as far as to call for the eradication of men. “There’s so much goodness in people and if you’re going to categorize them by their gender and write them off as hateful, then you’re just missing out,” she said. “It’s just going to create a culture of misery and fear, and that’s what we are seeing on college campuses.”

Listen here:
https://megaphone.link/PPY2943833450

Fate of kids draws concern over female criminal prisoners, but not males

Matt · 23 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Valid points regarding the children of female criminal prisoners. Just as valid though when discussing male prisoners. But no one is writing about that. Excerpt:

'No one in the criminal justice system is responsible for the safety of children whose mothers go to jail, an investigation by The Dallas Morning News has found. Not in North Texas, and not in most communities across the country.

While the moms may have committed crimes, the kids are innocent. Most were born and raised in tough circumstances they didn't choose. When their mothers get locked up, the children often suffer.

No agency tracks or monitors the children of people who are arrested, not even of women who are solo caretakers. So no one knows how many kids are home alone because of a parent's arrest. No one knows how many go to foster care. Or get handed off to inappropriate guardians. Or end up on the streets.'

Taxpayer-Funded Professor: ‘White, Rich, Clueless’ Otto Warmbier ‘Got Exactly What He Deserved’

Mastodon · 23 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A professor at the University of Delaware has declared that Otto Warmbier was a “spoiled,” “white, rich, clueless” American college student who “got exactly what he deserved” when he recently ended up comatose and then dead at the age of 22 after serving part of a lengthy prison sentence in North Korea.

The taxpayer-funded professor, Katherine Dettwyler, made her comments on Wednesday on Facebook and in the comments section of a National Review article.

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The 62-year-old anthropology professor — who is an expert on breastfeeding — was even more critical of Warmbier in her National Review comment.

“Otto is typical of the mindset of a lot of the young, white, rich, clueles [sic] males who come into my classes,” she wrote. “These are the same kids who cry about their grades, because they didn’t think they’d really have to read and study the material to get a good grade. They simple deserve a good grade for being who they are. Or instead of crying, they bluster and threaten their female professors.”

Dettwyler blames Warmbier’s parents for allowing their son to grow up “thinking he could get away with whatever he wanted.”

She also suggests that “young, white, rich, clueless white males routinely get away with raping women” in the United States.'

Record Label Drops Band Over Its ‘Ugly Opinions’ on Feminism

Mastodon · 23 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A record label has dropped the band Dream Machine after two of its members were caught expressing “ugly opinions” about political correctness, safe spaces, feminism and immigration.

In a Facebook statement yesterday, Castle Face Records criticized comments that musician couple Doris and Matthew Melton made during an interview with the French publication Still in Rock. While the California-based record label can’t pull the album it released in May, it vowed to donate profits from sales to charity.

“We’re horrified and ashamed by this, and we appreciate people being upset but respectful in letting us know how they felt about it,” the record label posted on Facebook.
...
On feminism:

Doris criticized “these horrible feminist bands” who she said write music about social justice but “don’t even know how to play their instruments.”

“The safe space mentality has made them weak. … They’ll make songs about being sexually assaulted or about how empowering abortions are or some sh*t, and it’s f*cking retarded, they’re embarrassing themselves,” she said. “If men did that they would be crucified!”

She also weighed in on radical feminists’ attitude toward men: “You see the longing for a gender supremacy under the guise of ‘equal rights.’”'

UK: Man sent home from work for wearing shorts in over 30°C heat comes back in a dress

Matt · 24 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We all know how difficult it is to stick to office dress codes in the middle of a blistering heat wave.

And so when call centre worker Joey Barge was sent home from work after turning up in shorts, he had the perfect response – returning later that day wearing a vibrant pink dress.

The 20-year-old from Buckinghamshire posted his choice of workwear on Twitter, as a protest of his company's "sexist" dress code.

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His Twitter users rallied behind him, with one user writing: "That's pathetic! If woman can wear skirts/dresses then men should be able to wear shorts."'

UK: "It's so hot in England, schoolboys are wearing skirts"

Minuteman · 24 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The teenage boys at Isca Academy in Exeter argued it was too hot for pants as temperatures the mid 30s *[Celsius]* on Wednesday. Dozens of boys, who borrowed uniform skirts from female friends and sisters,went to class on Thursday sporting a new look in protest of the school's 'no shorts' policy, according to the English news site, Devonlive.com.

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"One of the five boys did get in trouble - because it was too short."

Another boy was reportedly told to change because his legs were too hairy, according to Devonlive.com. So Thursday, some older teens brought razors to fix that problem.

The mother also told the site the boys were fighting "injustice".

"Children also don't like injustice," she said. "The boys see the women teachers in sandals and nice cool skirts and tops while they are wearing long trousers and shoes and the older boys have to wear blazers. They just think it's unfair that they can't wear shorts in this heat.

...

These British boys, it seems, are not the only ones to think up such a novel idea.

In Nantes, France, some male bus drivers showed off similar feminine attire this week to protest the bus company's 'no shorts' policy, arguing pants were too hot during the heat wave, according to the Local.'

Feminist author Clementine Ford's sick note to a fan inside a copy of her latest book

Mastodon · 27 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Controversial feminist Clementine Ford has encouraged on a fan to 'kill men' in a handwritten note inside a copy of her latest book.

The Melbourne-based author and Fairfax columnist has regularly spoken about being the target of graphic abuse, trolling and death threats from men on social media.

But a picture shows that when signing one copy of her latest book, 'Fight Like a Girl', Ms Ford wrote to a fan: 'Have you killed any men today? And if not, why not?'

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In it, the mother-of-one urges 'all women and young girls - to take the emptiness and numbness they feel about being a girl in this world and turn it into rage and power'.'

Man helped toddler find her mother, was harassed out of town for it

fibtastic · 27 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A man trying to help a lost toddler find her parents was misidentified as a kidnapper on social media over the weekend, according to police in Lakeland, Fla., prompting him to leave town in fear for his safety and the safety of his family.

The man was also punched by the child's father who told local media that he "thought he was trying to take my daughter" and "wanted to kill him."

The whole episode prompted the Lakeland Police Department to warn citizens to "be careful about what you post on social media so as not to victimize an innocent person … Before posting information on matters such as this, we encourage people to identify the source and the validity of such claims before sharing them."

Lakeland police, in a Facebook post, said the falsely accused man was visiting friends at a softball game when he noticed at a 2-year-old had gotten separated from her parents. She was "wandering by herself," police said, and the man "believed that she was lost.'

ABA task force recommends due process protections in campus sexual assault investigations

Mastodon · 28 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Both the accused and the accuser should have due process protections when colleges and universities resolve allegations of campus misconduct, according to a report by an ABA task force.

Both parties should receive written notice before a formal investigation begins, both parties should be allowed to participate in an investigation, both parties should be allowed to review a school's initial investigative report and to respond to the final report, and both parties should have a right to appeal, according to the report (PDF) by the ABA Criminal Justice Section's Task Force on College Due Process Rights and Victim Protection.

The task force report endorses an adjudicatory model, rather than an investigatory model, to determine whether school policy is violated. In an adjudicatory model, a decision-maker who is not the investigator hears evidence during a hearing and makes a determination. In the investigative model, a decision is based only on an investigatory report.'

Due Process Demands for College Men Are 'Propaganda,' Lawyer Claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When young men are accused of sexual assault on a college campus, should they be entitled to due process and a fair trial? Should they be able to show evidence that shows their innocence? Should they be able to cross-examine their accuser?

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But while many people understand that the campus court system is deeply stacked against young men, feminist activists continue to push back against due process protections for young men, most recently Annaleigh E. Curtis, a lawyer in private practice.

Curtis published “Due Process Demands as Propaganda: The Rhetoric of Title IX Opposition” in the most recent issue of Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities, where she argued that “due process demands function as propaganda” under the regime of “rape culture” on college campuses.'

UK: Mothers 'an unseen force' in 'honour' abuse

Matt · 29 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mothers are the "unseen force" behind so-called honour-based abuse, inflicting violence on their daughters, a study has found.

Research by Rachael Aplin, a criminologist from Leeds Beckett University, said this was often unrecognised by police.

Of the 100 "honour" crimes she studied, 49 involved mothers - but this was often not recorded in crime reports.

Cases included violence to daughters, sometimes to induce an abortion.

She said the focus on any action taken against perpetrators should be on both males and females.

Mrs Aplin, a senior lecturer in criminology at the university, is on a career break from her role as a police detective sergeant.'

Woman impregnated by 11-year-old faces 14 more charges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office arrested a 25-year-old woman they say became impregnated by a young boy in 2014.

Marissa Mowry of Port Richey and the victim were at a Hillsborough County residence in January 2014 when they had sexual intercourse that resulted in a pregnancy, according to officials.

At the time, Mowry was 22-years-old and the victim 11-years-old.

Mowry gave birth to a child in October 2014.

Officials said Mowry and victim continued with their sexual relationship multiple times while the victim was between the ages of 11 and 14-years-old.

After detectives completed their investigation they secured an arrest warrant. Mowry was arrested Tuesday afternoon without incident, charged with sexual battery and transported to the Hillsborough County Jail.'

Expert: Title IX Guidance Exists to Deprive Accused Male Students of Fair Hearings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Defenders of the Education Department's Title IX dictates usually insist that the point of the law is to provide female students equal access to education. Because the campus sexual assault epidemic had effectively denied women this opportunity, it was necessary for the federal government to step up Title IX enforcement, activists say.

But now and then, the mask slips.

Consider this interview with Andrew Morse, a director for policy and research at NASPA and consultant on higher education compliance issues. The interview is somewhat aimless, but the underlying point seems to be this: campus sexual assault policies in the states vary wildly, which could become an issue if Betsy DeVos becomes Education Secretary and reins in the Office for Civil Rights, the agency responsible for enforcing Title IX.'

Harvard’s nondiscrimination hypocrisy

Matt · 30 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When should traditional liberal values be sacrificed to important but narrower ends? That is the question behind Harvard University’s effort to subordinate freedom of association and freedom of speech to a locally fashionable form of “nondiscrimination.”

Last spring, the university decided to attack the off-campus, all-male Final Clubs by disqualifying their membersfrom Rhodes Scholarships and other distinctions — unless the clubs admitted women. A few of these clubs are infamous for loud parties and drunken misbehavior. The new strategy against them had the merit of novelty, even in the absence of evidence that coed clubs would behave any better.

Faculty members reacted with alarm, recalling Sen. Joseph McCarthy’s persecution of Harvard professors in the 1950s simply for belonging to a hated organization. Students deserve a better lesson from Harvard than an attempt to solve social problems by blackballing members of unpopular groups.

The policy covers all “single-gender social organizations” consisting of Harvard students, so the same sanctions would be visited on women’s clubs, including sororities. More women than men are affected, even though most of the women’s clubs don’t have real estate, much less raucous parties. Hundreds of women staged a surprise protest in response.

The current rationale for punishing single-gender groups is that they are discriminatory. Problems that the policy was initially supposed to address — sexual assault, elitism, drunken parties — have fallen away under scrutiny, leaving gender exclusivity as the clubs’ irreducible sin. As a university official stated, “Our commitment to a non-discriminatory experience is unwavering.”'

Australia: More Men Hired in Gender-Blind Job Application Process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An initiative by the leaders of Australian Public Service to promote gender equality through blind recruitment efforts has failed, according to reports.

The trial, which was an effort to push more women in senior position jobs, revealed that removing the gender from a candidate's application does not help boost gender equality in hiring. The trial also revealed that adding a male name to a candidate's application made them 3.2 percent less likely to get the job while adding a female name made it 2.9 percent more likely that the candidate would be hired.

Researchers assumed that removing gender identifiers from an application would make it easier for women to obtain employment in senior positions that have traditionally been dominated by men.

"We anticipated this would have a positive impact on diversity — making it more likely that female candidates and those from ethnic minorities are selected for the shortlist," said Professor Michael Hiscox, a Harvard academic. "We found the opposite, that de-identifying candidates reduced the likelihood of women being selected for the shortlist."'

As Trump administration promises end to Title IX witch hunts, witch-hunters cry foul

Mastodon · 30 June 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When the inquisitions end, the inquisition cheer squad becomes the jeer squad.

Trump administration officials in the departments of Education and Justice told a gathering of college attorneys this week that they aren't going to search indefinitely for Title IX and other civil rights violations if the evidence isn't there.

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Crucially for colleges that have erred in favor of accusers in the face of bullying from Lhamon, Jackson said her office will stop treating "subregulatory guidance" such as 2011's seminal "Dear Colleague" letter on Title IX as "binding mandates."

The lawyers apparently loved it: Inside Higher Ed notes Lhamon was "roundly booed" when she spoke to the National Association of College and University Attorneys several years ago.'

Female teachers having sex with students: Double standards, lack of awareness

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The stories are relentlessly covered by tabloid media – inevitably with a mugshot of the teacher paired with “sexy” photos from her Facebook or Instagram accounts – and the stories are often predictably similar. Perhaps the teacher is found out when the boys boast about it to their friends, or when a parent finds out – and she can’t evade guilt because of sexts or flesh-flashing photos she sent. Details are drawn out like a soap opera: Sex in the teacher’s car; indiscrete emails and text messages, with photos; and then the discovery as the boy tells a buddy or a nosy mom finds evidence of the malfeasance. It’s a virtual syndrome.

...

The apparent increase in these incidents has piqued more than just popular curiosity. Scholars have begun to research and analyze the scope and nature of the syndrome.

...

There is a great deal of data that points to “a widespread denial of women as potential sexual aggressors that could work to obscure the true dimensions of the problem,” she writes in the book.'

Teacher on leave for student sex allegations after victim's suspected suicide attempt

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Maine health teacher has been placed on leave after allegations that she sexually abused a student who revealed the affair after a suicide attempt.

Jill Lamontagne, a 29-year-old working at Kennebunk High School, was also banned from contact with the unidentified 17-year-old boy under a two-year protection order reported by the Portland Press Herald.

That order says the teen confirmed rumors about a relationship with the teacher earlier this month the day after he took a variety of pills in a suspected suicide “because of a girl.”

He then claimed that he and Lamontagne had sex “numerous times” including at school, at her house and in her car.'

Norway: Minister vows to protect circumcision after voting to ban it

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The leader of Norway's second-largest party said she would not advance prohibitions against non-medical circumcision of boys younger than 18 after she voted for a motion opposing the ritual.

Siv Jensen, the leader of the Progress Party — a coalition partner of the ruling Conservative Party — voted in favor of a motion opposing ritual circumcision during the annual party convention held June 6 north of Oslo.

Jensen, who is Norway's finance minister, later said she had intended to vote against the motion, which passed with a comfortable majority, explaining the voting was "confusing." She also said she "respects the will" of the majority of party members who voted in favor of the ban.

Yet during a meeting Monday in Oslo with a rabbi from Belgium and another rabbi from the Netherlands, Jensen said she would not advance prohibitions on the ritual.'

This May Be Responsible for the High Suicide Rate Among White, American Men

Matt · 2 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, being white and male are the two single greatest risk factors for suicide in the US. That's according to the authors of: Explaining Suicide: Patterns, Motivations and What Notes Reveal. Psychology professor Cheryl Meyer, is among them. She says "hegemonic masculinity" is what's killing these men. They try to live up to a social stereotype no one could measure up to. Not only that, their model doesn't square with today's world.

In 2015, two Princeton economists found that the death rate among white, middle-aged men, rather than falling, like with most other groups, was instead rising. The mortality rate for working class white men, between the ages of 45 and 54 had been steadily rising since 1999.

According to suicide prevention expert, Dr. Christine Moutier, white, middle-aged men account for 70% of deaths from suicide each year. Nine-tenths of them are from a lower socioeconomic class.
...
Caucasian men have enjoyed white hegemony in the US. That's changing. As the "Browning of America" takes shape, whites will become a minority, projected to take place by 2045. Although this may usher in more social equality, the loss of a given-at-birth superiority will chafe a certain segment of the Caucasian community.
...
They are trying to fit into a role that's no longer supported by the real world. One way to overcome this, is to update our definition of masculinity for the 21st century. Another would be to build a more gender neutral society, where everyone is looked upon on an individual basis, despite their gender. Regardless of the path we take, men and society as a whole, must become less rigid regarding It's outlook on masculinity and somehow adopt a more pluralistic view.'

How Male Bashing is Killing Our Sons

mens_issues · 2 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

I found this blog article from a few years ago, and it's quite relevant. Excerpt:

'Imagine that a man gets up to speak to a crowd, and he tells them that women are dumb. Imagine that he jokes that having a wife is like having another child to look after. Imagine that he tells this hilarious joke: Women are like fine wine. They all start out like grapes, and it's our job to stomp on them and keep them in the dark until they mature into something you'd like to have dinner with.
...
Tune into any female comedian, writer, or commentator, and you'll find that male bashing is a favorite topic of conversation. Men, according to these women, are nothing more than money in the bank account and sperm donors. It seems that women have free reign to say whatever they want about men, and it's deemed acceptable, and, for the most part, true.
...
And, we've all done it. We hear it so much we do it without even thinking. When we do this, we send messages to our husbands that we don't respect them, that we enjoy belittling and embarrassing them, and that their feelings aren't important. Are our husbands used to this talk? Of course, they've heard it their entire lives in a million different forms. But, they are not made better by it. They aren't convicted by it or motivated to change when we talk this way. In fact, they are probably resolved that they cannot make women happy, that no matter how hard they work or how much they sacrifice or how wonderful they are, women are still going to say,Yeah, but you are still just a baby in a man's clothes. If it weren't for me, you would be a wandering idiot with no sense of where to go or what to do.'

Baseball Challenged by Social Media Accusations of Domestic Violence

Mastodon · 3 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Major League Baseball began two domestic-violence investigations last month, allegations against Chicago Cubs shortstop Addison Russell and Tampa Bay Rays catcher Derek Norris did not come from the usual source — a police report, or video, or court testimony.

Instead, they came from social media.

But little consideration was given to the role that social media — rather than law enforcement — might play in bringing potential domestic violence cases to light, according to a person in baseball familiar with the drafting of the agreement who was not authorized to speak publicly about it.

Kristen Eck, Norris's former fiancée, wrote on Instagram that she had been physically and verbally abused by Norris in 2015. And after Russell's wife, Melisa, wrote on Instagram that Russell had cheated on her, a friend of Melisa Russell's posted that Addison Russell had hit his wife in front of his two young children.

Norris, who has since been waived by the Rays, and Russell have denied accusations of abuse. Pat Courtney, an M.L.B. spokesman, confirmed that the league was investigating both cases but declined to say more.'

Another insight into Australia's persistent retirement-savings gender gap

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'This research, How Australia Saves – a collaboration between Vanguard and Sunsuper – draws on the transactions and investment experiences of more than a million Sunsuper members.
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As research by actuaries and consultants Rice Warner shows, average super balances are higher for males than females in all age groups. However, the gap "increases markedly" from age 35 when the majority of women take time off to have children and may lose opportunities for promotion at work.

After interrupting their careers to raise families, women often have difficulties returning to the workforce at an acceptable level. And one of the fundamental reasons for the retirement-savings gender gap is that women have lower average incomes than men.

Further, women frequently struggle to restore their finances after divorce because of family obligations and, again, their lower average incomes. Yet women have to stretch their retirement savings over longer life expectancies than men.

As Rice Warner has emphasised, potential solutions for the retirement-saving gender gap will have to come from the combined efforts of government, super funds (with education and advice), employers and individual members.'

India: Union minister denies that men commit suicide

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Union minister Maneka Gandhi sparked a controversy when she said that she believes men do not commit suicide. The Union Minister for Women and Child Development further said that she hasn't heard of a single case of men committing suicide. She was addressing a Facebook live session when she made these comments that angered several users who tagged her as 'anti-men'.

Her answer to a query, during a Facebook Live session, about the government's initiative to reduce suicide rates among men has left several people fuming. Gandhi questioned, "Which men have committed suicide? Why not try and resolve the situation rather than commit suicide – I have not heard/read of a single case."

The minister, through the three-hour long chat on the social media site, was pilloried by people for being "anti-men" and spent most part of the chat trying to answer questions the over the issue. "What is @wcd doing to make sure parental alienation (father's from his kids) is not in practise. Isn't alienating a child from his/her biological father a crime?," posted a social media user.'

CNN Explains The Reason For The WH Pay Gap, And It's Not Sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CNN reported on the White House pay gap as though men and women working the same jobs are paid differently, but the fourth paragraph of their report tells a different story.

In its Monday article titled, "White House pays women 80 cents for every dollar paid to men," CNN wrote that "women working in the White House earn an average salary of 80 cents for every dollar paid to their male colleagues," adding those numbers reflect a "gender pay gap wider than the national average of 82 cents on the dollar."

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The news outlet buries the real news in its fourth paragraph, which states that the pay gap "is primarily due to more women filling lower-ranking jobs. Half the men working at the White House make $95,000 or more annually, while half the women $70,500 or less."

Therefore women are not making 80 cents for ever dollar paid to their male counterparts because this statement implies that women are being paid less than men for doing equal work when they are in fact doing different jobs that demand different salaries.'

Shortage of eligible men has left women taking desperate steps to preserve their fertility, experts say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A dearth of marriagable men has left an “oversupply” of educated women taking desperate steps to preserve their fertility, experts say.

The first global study into egg freezing found that shortages of eligible men were the prime reason why women had attempted to take matters into their own hands.

Experts said “terrifying” demographic shifts had created a “deficit” of educated men and a growing problem of “leftover” professional women, with female graduates vastly outnumbering males in in many countries.

The study led by Yale University, involved interviews with 150 women undergoing egg freezing at eight clinics.

Researchers found that in more than 90 per cent of cases, the women were attempting to buy extra time because they could not find a partner to settle down with, amid a “dearth of educated men”.'

Swedish music festival to be female-only 'until all men learn how to behave themselves'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Sweden's first man-free rock festival will see the light next summer," its organiser has confirmed, following a string of sexual assault reports at other festivals in the country.

It was announced on Saturday that Bråvalla, Sweden's largest one, would not be taking place in 2018 after police received reports of four rapes and 23 sexual assaults at this year's event.

Following the news, Swedish radio presenter and comedian Emma Knyckare tweeted: "What do you think about putting together a really cool festival where only non-men are welcome, that we'll run until ALL men have learned how to behave themselves?"'

Fundraiser Says Sexism, Not Financial Mismanagement, Cost Her Job

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kathleen Smith says her sex, not hiding millions of dollars in inappropriate spending, got her removed from the University of Louisville Foundation (ULF).

The foundation is a non-profit organization that raises money for the university. As The College Fix is reporting, an audit by Alvarez & Marsal has disclosed that Smith helped the former foundation president in the concealment of spending over an eight-year period.

Emails from the auditor detail just how Smith as foundation chief of staff sought to funnel $8.7 million of its endowment into shaky investments. She resigned last September not long after her boss, foundation and university president James Ramsey, pulled the plug.

But Smith's lawyer says his client is the victim of a sexist "fall girl" plan that left her holding the bag for financial transactions that the foundation was aware of.'

India: Over 4,000 fake cases filed in Jaipur in 2016

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Jaipur police have found that 4,206 fake cases were reported in Jaipur between 2015-16. In most cases, a false complaint was filed with an aim to extort money or defame a person to settle personal scores.

According to a senior police officer, these fake cases included allegations of harassment for dowry, molestation, cheating, and rape. These startling figures surfaces when Prafull Kumar, additional commissioner police (First) asked all DCP offices to provide details about cases where final report (FR) was found to be false.

"We have directed all DCPs to file a legal case against people involved in filing false case under Section 182 (IPC)," Kumar told TOI.'

Betsy DeVos Is Under Fire For Scaling Back Campus Rape Investigations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) and Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) urged Secretary of Education Betsy Devos on Wednesday to reverse a decision her department made last month that would impede its ability to investigate campus sexual assault.

The head of the Department of Education's civil rights office, Candice Jackson, issued a memo in June instructing staff to scale back their investigations of systemic civil rights issues at public schools and universities, including the mishandling of sexual assault cases. Whereas the Obama administration required staff to review past information along with each complaint to identify potential systemic problems with how campuses handle rape cases or discriminate against certain classes of victims, the Trump administration will scrap those rules and investigate each complaint at face value.

Gillibrand and McCaskill, the latter of whom is a former prosecutor, are concerned that if the administration handles complaints on a case-by-case basis, rather than considering a school's broader history of dealing with sexual assault, it will allow schools to continue to sweep the problem under the rug rather then forcing them to overhaul their policies. Title IX federal law requires the government to protect women at publicly funded schools from sex discrimination, including assault and harassment.'

Rape-culture propagandists look to the states as the feds reconsider due process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'College attorneys were bowled over with bliss when Trump administration officials promised to pull back on the open-ended, guilty-until-proven-innocent investigations their predecessors led – investigations that incentivized schools to punish accused students regardless of evidence.

They shouldn't get too excited yet.

Due process for accused students is still a cause with a vanishingly small constituency, as evidenced by areport released last month by a New Jersey campus sexual-assault task force appointed by Republican Gov. Chris Christie.'

Canada: Supreme Court to explain reasons for tossing charges against mom who had sex with minor

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Supreme Court of Canada will explain Friday why it threw out sexual assault charges against a woman who had sex with the 14-year-old friend of her son.

In May, justices ruled that Saskatchewan resident Barbara George, who was 35 at the time of the sexual encounter, should not face a new trial for sexual interference and sexual assault. It will present written reasons for that decision.

The crux of the case is around age of consent, and a section of the Criminal Code that requires an adult to take "reasonable steps" to determine the age of a person before engaging in sex with them.

George was acquitted of the charges because the trial judge found the sexual activity was "factually consensual" — that she honestly believed the boy was at least 16, and there was reasonable doubt she had not taken all reasonable steps to determine the age of "C.D.," whose full name is protected by a publication ban.

He was attending a party at her home the night of the encounter.'

Senators Introduce Landmark Bill to Reform the Way Women Are Treated Behind Bars

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act would make a series of common-sense reforms to how the federal prison system treats incarcerated women in order to reduce the negative impact incarceration has on the family members of women behind bars, especially their children, and better prepare incarcerated women to return to their communities.

"For too long issues affecting women have been left out of the conversation about prison reform - that ends today," Senator Booker said. "A majority of women behind bars are mothers and nearly three-quarters have been the victims of trauma or abuse. We must take these circumstances into account when we place women in prison facilities. That means common-sense changes such as considering where an incarcerated mother's kids live when assigning a prison location, providing phone calls to home free of charge for primary caretakers, and banning the shackling and solitary confinement of pregnant women."

"The Dignity for Women Act starts to change our country's approach to helping women in prison. It's about living up to our nation's commitment that every person is treated with dignity and has a real opportunity to build a future," Senator Warren said. "This legislation will help ensure that incarcerated women have the tools, resources, and services they need to maintain and strengthen ties to their families and to go back into their communities with the skills they need to be successful."'

Also see: Booker: Incarcerated moms should be placed closer to their kids

Woman who abused 19-year-old on an Alaska Airlines flight sentenced

Matt · 13 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Home detention? If this had been a man who had done this, he'd be locked up. And airlines are worried about seating men next to single women and children. Excerpt:

'An Oregon woman who molested another passenger aboard an Alaska Airlines flight last year was sentenced Monday to eight months of home detention and three years of probation.

Heidi McKinney, 27, of Banks didn't speak in federal court during her sentencing but wrote a letter of apology to the young woman who she verbally and physically abused.

The encounter occurred on May 8, 2016, when a 19-year-old woman boarded a flight in Las Vegas to return to her home in Portland. She said a "rowdy" woman later identified as McKinney tried to take a seat in her row and inappropriately placed her hands on her chest.

McKinney, who was traveling with her sister-in-law, insisted on taking multiple photos of the 19-year-old woman despite her protestations. After the plane took off, McKinney tried to lure the 19-year-old into drinking alcohol that she had smuggled onto the plane. When the 19-year-old refused, McKinney threw the bottle onto the victim's lap, according to prosecutors.

McKinney subjected the 19-year-old to lewd and demeaning taunts and physical touching, including licking the 19-year-old's ear, placing her hand on the victim's crotch several times and attempting to force the 19-year-old to touch McKinney's breasts, Assistant U.S. Attorney Ravi Sinha wrote in a sentencing memo.'

College that withheld rape accuser's claims from accused student settles his suit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Pennsylvania liberal arts school has been chastened by its legal brush with a student it expelled after allegedly denying him "even minimal due process protections" in a campus sexual-assault investigation.

The Meadville Tribune reports that Allegheny College settled the federal civil-rights lawsuit brought by "John Doe" in February. It had already been sent to mediation by the judge and a mediation result reached in May.

Doe alleged that Allegheny consistently kept him in the dark throughout the 2015 proceeding initiated by "Jane," tilted it against him at every turn and gave him no "meaningful appeal" of his expulsion, the most severe sanction a college can impose:'

Kirsten Gillibrand’s crusade for campus injustice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is furious that the Trump Department of Education is pulling back from Obama-era demands that colleges junk due process in the name of fighting sexual assault.

She and 30 other congressional Democrats last week wrote Education Secretary Betsy DeVos that they’re “extraordinarily disappointed and alarmed” over actions to diminish “enforcement of federal civil rights law.” Specifically, they complain that DeVos has hired staff hostile to the department’s 2011 guidance on how schools should approach campus sexual assault.

They’re absolutely right about the hostility: DeVos and her team are ending the jihad by the department’s Office for Civil Rights, which was launched at the behest of extremists like Gillibrand and her colleagues.'

Campus Rape Policies Get a New Look as the Accused Get DeVos's Ear

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'The letters have come in to her office by the hundreds, heartfelt missives from college students, mostly men, who had been accused of rape or sexual assault. Some had lost scholarships. Some had been expelled. A mother stumbled upon her son trying to take his own life, recalled Candice E. Jackson, the top civil rights official at the Department of Education.

"Listening to her talk about walking in and finding him in the middle of trying to kill himself because his life and his future were gone, and he was forever branded a rapist — that's haunting," said Ms. Jackson, describing a meeting with the mother of a young man who had been accused of sexual assault three months after his first sexual encounter.

The young man, who maintained he was innocent, had hoped to become a doctor.

In recent years, on campus after campus, from the University of Virginia to Columbia University, from Duke to Stanford, higher education has been roiled by high-profile cases of sexual assault accusations. Now Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is stepping into that maelstrom. On Thursday, she will meet in private with women who say they were assaulted, accused students and their families, advocates for both sides and higher education officials, the first step in a contentious effort to re-examine policies of President Barack Obama, who made expansive use of his powers to investigate the way universities and colleges handle sexual violence.'

Australia - "Domestic violence: Women leaving prison ‘need proper housing’ to avoid abuse, service providers say"

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'The Kunga Stopping Violence Program, an initiative of the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service (CAALAS), is the only program in Central Australia that works with women while they are in prison, and then for 12 months after their release to try to break cycles of violence.

"I'd say 100 per cent of our women have had very traumatic experiences in their life," program co-manager Miriam Bevis said.

"And so their crimes have just come out of the environment that they've been exposed to."

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The number of women entering the criminal justice system has increased at an unprecedented rate.

A May 2017 report by the Human Rights Law Centre published statistics that revealed in the 25 years since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in custody, the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women being imprisoned grew by 148 per cent.

Northern Territory Minister for Families Dale Wakefield stopped short of describing the issue of female incarceration as a crisis.

But said rehabilitation services in and out of prisons had been focused on men for too long.

"It's something that we are looking at, and something that I know the Corrections Minister is very passionate about, and will continue to do that work," Ms Wakefield said.

Ms Wakefield also said an upcoming trial of an Alice Springs-based specialised domestic violence court would be aimed at shifting the power imbalance between men and women in the correctional system.

"Part of this would be having a specialist domestic violence list which would mean matters are dealt with in a more effective and timely way," she said.

"As well as making sure that everyone involved in that court has specialist training to understand the power dynamics of family and domestic violence.'

SJW ‘mom’ continues to publicly shame sons

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Editors with Twitchy don’t typically write in the first person, but I’m sorry folks, I have to write this one in the first person because I have a son. A wonderful, amazing, funny, sensitive son who turned 10 a couple of weeks ago, and I’m afraid for him.

I’m afraid for all little boys growing up in a world where garbage like THIS is somehow a narrative a whole movement stands behind. That a mother could write such horrible filth about her own sons to push a hateful, awful narrative … that she could knowingly hurt him, hurts me.

Hurts all mothers.
...
Moms out there with sons, we have so much work to do to protect our boys and make sure they are safe in a world where this sort of hate speech is not only acceptable, but nurtured and supported.

Men are not inherently evil, they are not inherently dangerous and they are not LESS THAN. Equality is about being equal, not superior, and not shaming the other sex, and until third wave feminists figure this out, they’ll never really be equal.

And feminism tells us MEN are the problem. Shameful.'

Feminist profs: Citations perpetuate 'white heteromasculinity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a recent academic journal article, two feminist professors claim that citing sources in scholarly articles contributes to “white heteromasculinity.”

Rutgers University professor Carrie Mott and University of Waterloo professor Daniel Cockayne advance the claim in an article published last month in the Feminist Journal of Geography, but also suggest that citation can serve as “a feminist and anti-racist technology of resistance” if references are chosen with the explicit intent of promoting “those authors and voices we want to carry forward.”

Mott and Cockayne say citation practices are an issue of scholarly concern because whether a professor's work is cited by other scholars has strong implications for hiring, promotion, tenure, and how “certain voices are represented over others” in academia.'

Columbia Settles Sex-Discrimination Suit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The first time Paul Nungesser filed a lawsuit over the damage to his reputation from Columbia University's handling of sexual-assault allegations, the school managed to get it tossed out of court. The second lawsuit filed by Nungesser, based on sex-based discrimination over his male gender even after having been exonerated, apparently hit closer to the mark. Columbia announced that it has settled the suit — and says it will now change its policies to prevent it from happening again:

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It's worth noting that this statement goes a little beyond the usual corporate "we admit nothing but just want to move on" message. As reported by the school's newspaper, Columbia offers some recognition of fault in this complaint, suggesting that it has some responsibility for the damage done to Nungesser's reputation from Emma Sulkowicz' bizarre protest stunts and the national media attention it received. The promise to change its policies are the most significant of these admissions, which implies that the existing policies at the time contributed significantly to the damage.'

Ex-WWE star assaulted by girlfriend, he gets investigated

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Alberto Del Rio faces a police probe after the incident at an airport in the US state of Florida.

It's claimed that he and his "female companion" argued and then there was an altercation.

Police told TMZ that Del Rio was not arrested or charged but is under investigation.'

Paige Shared Her Side Of The Alberto Del Rio Airport Incident

'"Alberto didn't want me to say [the] full story because he didn't want people to know that I threw a drink on him. But the full story is:

"I had a phone call saying my uncle is in a bad way. I'm crying outside the restaurant. I go in, Alberto is hugging me. I'm a little sensitive and we start bickering about something so small. I say I'm leaving and he says something that I won't write on here but it wasn't nice and I, even though I shouldn't have done it. I threw a drink in his face because I was so angry. Again. Shouldn't have done it. It was in front of a lot of people.

"I walk out. He follows me a few seconds later and gets the cops and security, and a crazy lady decides to leave whatever she's doing to follow us and invade our privacy in the completely low way only low life people would do.

"Anyways. It was ME who was being held for battery charges because I threw a drink on him. No. He never touched me and no I never hit him with a glass three times like the internet in all their glory is making out. It's completely ridiculous how one story can spiral out of control. Oh and guess what internet. He smelt like beer BECAUSE I THREW A BEER ON HIM. Nothing more. Nothing less. No one got arrested. There's no mug shots. There's no charges. Nothing.

"The horrible, disgusting human being of a lady decided she wanted to make money out of our misfortune. I wish, WISH people would give us the privacy we deserve. I know we won't get it. But I WISH that would happen."'

Is North America's opioid epidemic a crisis of masculinity?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Against this stark backdrop, a professor at the University of British Columbia has highlighted a different statistic from the crisis: in 2016, of the 935 fatal overdoses in the province, 80% were men.

Research that shows men are more likely to use illicit drugs, so it is perhaps logical that they are more likely to overdose. But the clinical psychologist Dan Bilsker argues that the figure suggests a relationship between the crisis and masculinity – one that may offer clues as to why the death toll continues to rise, and where the solutions might lie.

“I think we haven’t really thought deeply or well about who men are, about what the pressures on them are, what we need them to be,” he said.

Bilsker has spent years studying men’s psychological health, delving into why men live an average of four to six years less than women and are more likely to kill themselves. In some ways, the opioid crisis stems from the same tangled roots, he said. And as with many other health issues, its singular interaction with gender has been largely overlooked.
...
Bilsker believes the government’s response would be different if those dying were 80% women. “I suspect there would be more groups – more people actively involved in raising public awareness – who would speak up and engender a greater sense of this being an important issue,” he said.'

Ex-teacher blames student for sexual encounters, gets 90 days

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Therese Gunn admitted Friday that she'd had a sexual relationship with one of her students. The 54-year-old, now-former orchestra teacher said she couldn't believe she'd done it, and that she'd made a poor decision, and that she was sorry.

She then changed course, however briefly, and blamed her victim — claiming the then-17-year-old boy had coerced her into the relationship that developed at South Gwinnett High School.

"He did," Gunn said in front of Judge Warren Davis. "He was like a used car salesman."

Davis didn't care for that argument, nor did prosecutor Karen West. And after Gunn entered her guilty plea to a single count of sexual assault by a person with supervisory authority, the judge sentenced her to serve just 90 days in prison.

The remainder of her 10-year sentence will be spent on probation.

"I don't find that you're the kind of person that needs to be warehoused for years," Davis said. "We get those cases and we get them out of society as long as we can. You're not one of those. But you clearly betrayed the trust that you had of parents, this parent, putting this child in your care."'

China mall introduces 'husband storage' pods for shopping wives

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to The Paper, the Global Harbour mall in Shanghai has erected a number of glass pods for wives to leave any disgruntled husbands that don't want to be dragged around the shops.

Inside each individual pod is a chair, monitor, computer and gamepad, and men can sit and play retro 1990s games. Currently, the service is free, but staff told the newspaper that in future months, users will be able to scan a QR code and pay a small sum for the service using their mobile phones.

A few men that tried out the pods told The Paper that they thought they were a novel idea.
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One user approves the decision, saying that the pods "give these men an incentive to go shopping, and to pick up the bill" for their wives shopping.

But others disagree. "If my husband just wants to go out and play games, what's the point of bringing him out?"'

'Straight white males are an inferior type of human who should know their place'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Instead of dealing with an opposing argument by putting forth a rebuttal, many on the postmodernist left and social justice spectrum will first and foremost attack you and try and dismiss your right to even have an opinion because of your skin colour, gender and sexual orientation. But only if you are a straight, white male.

In the worldview of these people straight, white males are an inferior type of human who should keep their mouths shut and know their place. How is this any different to the bigoted mindset of white supremacists?
...
These young non-feminist women, as well as feminist dissenters like Christina Hoff Sommers and Camille Paglia, are all dismissed as having “internalised misogyny”. Meanwhile, Sharia law supporter Linda Sarsour who is at the forefront of the feminist movement in the USA, is never accused of having “internalised misogyny”, despite supporting a brutal religious legal system that treats women as second class citizens.

This alliance between some feminists and Islamist defenders like Linda Sarsour exemplifies the internalised hypocrisy within feminism and the wider social justice movement.

Perhaps one day the current radical feminists and social justice warriors might become capable of grasping the fact that many of their opponents or even internal dissenters, whatever their gender, skin colour and sexual orientation are also able to have strongly held opinions that are not motivated by sexism, racism, homophobia or “internalised misogyny.”'

Student accused of false rape allegations claims mental illness

Mastodon · 16 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The former Sacred Heart University student accused of making up rape allegations against two football players to gain sympathy from a prospective boyfriend filed an application in court Friday contending she was suffering from a psychiatric disability.

It will be up to a judge to decide whether to grant 19-year-old Nikki Yovino a pretrial diversionary program that could result in the charges being dismissed against Yovino at a hearing set for Sept. 8. Senior Assistant State's Attorney Craig Nowak said he is going to object.

Under the Supervised Diversionary Program, the Long Island resident will undergo a psychological evaluation at Southwest Community Mental Health Center. A report of that evaluation will then be sent to a judge who will determine following a hearing whether Yovino is eligible for the program. If she successfully completes the program the charges against her will be dismissed.'

NZ: Drunken sex with stepson led to woman making false rape complaint, Crown says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Upper Hutt woman is accused of seducing a 14-year-old boy, the son of her lesbian lover.

She says he raped her, and that police did nothing except charge her with having sex with the underage boy.

The woman, who can not be identified to protect the identity of the boy, has pleaded not guilty to three charges of sexual connection with a young person and wilfully attempting to pervert the course of justice.

The Crown alleges that, after a party wound down at the home the woman shared with the boy's mother, she and the boy ended up on a couch in the living room, where there was sexual contact and intercourse.

Later, it is alleged, she lied about it to police by making a false statement.

The woman says she did not lie. She went to make a complaint of rape to police after waking up to find that the boy was having sex with her.

The incident ended her relationship with the boy's mother.'

UK’s Advertising Standards Authority Bans ‘Gender Stereotypes’ In Ads

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The UK’s Advertising Standards Authority, the self-regulatory organization of the ad industry across the pond, is seeking to cut the cord on gender stereotypes.

Following a year-long inquiry, the organization has updated its already stringent standards to prohibit advertisements that portray what it refers to as “potentially harmful” gender stereotypes. Fitness ads that depict women in swimsuits and children’s clothing ads that depict boys as geniuses in direct contrast to girls as princesses risk being banned.

The ASA states that a “tougher line” was needed on ads that depicted “stereotypical gender roles or characteristics which can potentially cause harm, including ads which mock people for not conforming to gender stereotypes.”

According to the Telegraph, the new standards are set to be enforced beginning in 2018. The ASA argues that harmful stereotypes “can restrict the choices, aspirations and opportunities of children, young people and adults.”'

What would happen if no men showed up for work today?

Matt · 19 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

This is from 2013, but still very much on target. Excerpt:

'Yesterday's post got me thinking about what would happen if no men showed up to work today. For certain, the trains would stop running. But before we get into that, I want to tell you a bit about how I came to be – how I came to think the way I do.

...

My most basic understanding of men is that they keep you from starving or freezing to death.

...

Commenters have often mentioned that if men didn't show up for work one day, the entire world would screech to a halt, and today, using data from the US Department of Labor, I want to take a look at just how true that is. Hearing about "male privilege" is so common in the media, but what is hardly ever mentioned is just how many of our own privileges are a direct result of the work that men do.

Perhaps the reason men have historically had the privileges they do is because they EARN THEM BY MAKING OUR LIFE POSSIBLE?

Just a thought.

...

Modern, feminist inspired liberal democracy has destroyed women's role, by and large, with plunging birth rates across the developed world, but they CANNOT destroy men's traditional work, or we all perish. What they want is for men to do the work silently. With no acknowledgement. For no reward.

There's a word for that: slavery.

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First up, the entire power grid is down. 100% of power plant operators, distributors, and dispatchers are men. Now, it's possible that there are a few women working in these occupations, but however many there are, they do not make up even 1% of the total workforce, so statistically, 100% of the workforce is male.'

"The Criminal Justice System's War On Women"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When we talk about the war on women, we often discuss it in terms of health care, reproductive rights and employment. Although these discussions are particularly relevant as the Trump administration and Republican controlled Congress work to repeal the Affordable Care Act and reverse Labor Department protections, they are not the only attacks being used to marginalize, restrict and punish women. They are just the most visible ones. What often goes unreported and frighteningly unnoticed is the war the administration is waging on women through the criminal justice system.

From the same publication: Men Sentenced To Longer Prison Terms Than Women For Same Crimes, Study Says

Inside the Legislative Fight for the Rights of Incarcerated Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As a U.S. senator, Harris is trying to do more. Last week, along with fellow Democratic Sens. Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker, and Dick Durbin, Harris introduced the Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act, an ambitious bill that would enact much-needed reforms in the treatment of women in federal prisons. A few of the bill's provisions cover issues of basic safety and dignity: It would ban the shackling of pregnant women, prevent officials from putting pregnant inmates in solitary confinement, and require prisons to provide free menstrual products to inmates, who currently may be given limited supplies or made to buy their own. Male guards would no longer be allowed to supervise female inmates in bathrooms except during emergencies, and inmates would no longer have to pay to call friends and family members.

Other parts of the bill target incarcerated mothers, who have a special set of needs. About 65 percent of women in U.S. prisons and jails have children under 18, and most are primary caretakers. According to Holly Harris, executive director of the Justice Action Network, the convener of Tuesday's forum, one in four women who become incarcerated are pregnant or have a child under the age of 1. The Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons to take children's locations into account when choosing a facility for an inmate who is a parent. Inmates who are pregnant or primary caretakers would also be eligible for a residential drug abuse program. The bill would also provide for more generous visitation hours, physical contact in visits, parenting classes, and a pilot program for overnight visits. About half of incarcerated mothers in the U.S. are more than 100 miles from their families, and the facilities where they're held are often in remote locations, "not on the commuter line," Sen. Harris noted in her remarks. Andrea James, the formerly incarcerated founder of an advocacy organization for incarcerated women and girls, says mothers in prison serve a "dual sentence," because they spend their time locked up worried about their children's well-being. "The lives of their children do not get better" with their mothers gone, James said at Tuesday's conference. "It causes further harm."'

Married substitute teacher, 30, accused of sex acts and lewd sexting with eighth grade student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former California middle school teacher is heading to trial after she admitted to having sex with a student she initially blamed for instigating the relationship -- and who later outed the married woman by posting nude photos of her online.

A judge ruled Tuesday that Justine Nelson, 30, will stand trial for allegedly engaging in sex acts with a 13-year-old boy she met in the hallway of Tenaya Middle School, KFSN-TV reported. Nelson was arrested in September 2016 and charged with multiple sex crimes.
...
Nelson admitted to investigators she had sex with the boy two or three times, but she said he initiated the acts, according to KFSN-TV. She also claimed the boy even threatened to ruin her career.

But Nelson later changed her story, telling police she was sending notes to the student professing her love for him, according to KFSN-TV.'

Good article on male sexual assault victims

Matt · 21 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Caleb Byers still struggles talking about the night he says he was sexually assaulted.

When he starts to describe the scene — the way a male acquaintance he considered a father figure gave him a cup of “basically pure” Bacardi 151 and sat uncomfortably close before dragging a hand up his leg — the normally ebullient, easily excited, nerdy 25-year-old’s face goes blank.
...
Even five years past, the raw pain of that night and the years of addiction, depression and PTSD that followed are always there, he said, just one memory away.

The Register does not normally identify victims of sexual assault, but Byers, a Council Bluffs native, consented to make his name public in an effort to break the stigma he says exists against male victims of sexual violence. By telling his story, he hopes others feel safe to tell theirs, too.'

WHOA: Even some SJWs think Teen Vogue's Lauren Duca went too far with man-hating tweet

Mastodon · 21 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the biggest criticisms of modern-day feminism is the underlying theme of the movement that says men are bad. Sure, plenty of third-wave feminists will deny this or deflect to the patriarchy but ultimately what it boils down to is hating men.

And Teen Vogue writer Lauren Duca's tweet admits it: "Wake me up when men are obsolete."'

UK Teacher and Lecturer Union Demands Compulsory ‘Gender Diversity’ Training

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the largest teachers and lecturers associations in Britain is calling for mandatory “gender diversity” training for most teachers and has warned of possible “legal issues” if school staff refer to people with incorrect gender pronouns.

The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) suggested providing the “gender diversity” training to sixth form colleges and further education teachers across the country, the BBC reported.

ATL Wales president Leslie Tipping claimed compulsory training on gender diversity is already overdue and pointed out that school staff are confused about different gender pronouns.

“Lecturers could be put in quite an embarrassing position if they address someone as a he who is a she or neither a he or a she,” she said, adding that staff “could end up with legal issues”.'

Tennessee County Jail Offers Reduced Sentences for Inmates Who Get ‘Voluntarily’ Sterilized

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to an ABC15 report from this week, the White County jail in Tennessee is offering inmates reduced sentences if they “voluntarily” get sterilizations or vasectomies. A sterilization or vasectomy will county [sic] for 30 days of jail time, the report says.

The program was created by General Sessions Judge Sam Benningfield, who says high volumes of repeat offenders unable to pay child support due their criminal records inspired him to launch the program.

“I hope to encourage them to take personal responsibility and give them a chance, when they do get out, to not to be burdened with children,” Benningfield reportedly told a CNN affiliate. “This gives them a chance to get on their feet and make something of themselves.”'

Canada: New trial ordered for man accused of sexual assault

Matt · 21 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Ontario judge inappropriately relied on "rape literature" to assess evidence in the case of a man found guilty last year of sexually assaulting a woman with whom he had a casual relationship, an appeal judge said Thursday in overturning the conviction.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Michael Dambrot said he was ordering a new trial for Mustafa Ururyar "with considerable regret," noting that doing so "because of inadequacies and excesses in the reasons for judgment does no service to the complainant or the appellant."

Dambrot said Justice Marvin Zuker gave no explanation for dismissing Ururyar's evidence, which included testimony that he had consensual sex with Mandi Gray, who waived the standard publication ban on the identity of sexual assault complainants.

Instead, the trial judge appeared to "reason backwards from literature about rape and how rapists behave to the identification of the accused as a rapist," Dambrot said.'

Teacher of the year in jail for sex with student now suing teen for defamation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former teacher of the year who cheated on her firefighter husband with a 16-year-old student is now suing the teen for defamation -- from behind bars.

...

Tara Stumph, 36, who taught at Arroyo Grande High School in California is serving 180 days in San Luis Obispo County Jail for having sex with a 16-year-old student, according to The Tribune of San Luis Obispo.

But Stumph is now suing the student, claiming he damaged her reputation. Stumph's counterclaim said the young man defamed the former teacher "to various classmates, family and other members of the community."

...

Stumph lost her teaching license after being convicted, but she does not have to register as a sex offender once she is released from jail.

The student is returning fire. Lucia Mar school district, Stumph's former employer, and the former teacher have been named as defendants in a lawsuit from the student's family.'

UK: Man stabbed 32 times 'over false rape claim'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A murdered man was stabbed 32 times by his friend who falsely accused him of being a rapist, a court has heard.

Ryan Merna, the son of the owners of Compton Acres botanical gardens in Poole, suffered wounds to his head, groin and chest in the attack at his flat in the town in August last year.

Paul Taylor, 50, "whooped and shouted" in celebration when he learned of the death, Winchester Crown Court was told.

Mr Taylor, who denies murder, told police he acted in self-defence.
...
Ms Maylin said Mr Taylor told officers who arrested him: "I have killed a rapist. I really hope he is dead.

"I came here to murder him, he needs to pay for what he has done."

But she said the woman concerned had denied there had been any sexual assault.

Mr Taylor was assessed as being sane but suffering from a personality disorder at the time of the attack, the court heard.

The trial continues.'

The Factual Feminist: McEnroe vs. the Media

Matt · 22 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Latest installment here.

'During an interview with NPR's Lulu Garcia-Navarro on June 25th, 2017, tennis great John McEnroe said that tennis great Serena Williams would rank about "700 in the world" if she played against men. The outcry on social media and in the press was swift, harsh, and omnipresent. But was it deserved? Christina Hoff Sommers, AEI Resident Scholar and Factual Feminist, serves up her analysis.'

Man must pay child support for kid that's not his

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Houston man is on the hook for $65,000 in child support for a child that's not his.

Gabriel Cornejo, 45, took a DNA test proving a child his ex-girlfriend had 16 years ago was not his.

The test was too late. In 2003, a child support court in Houston ruled that Cornejo owed his ex-girlfriend child support because, she claims, there was no way he wasn't the father.

At the crux of why Cornejo must pay up is Texas' family code, chapter 161, which states, even if you're not the biological father, you still owe child support that accrued before the DNA test proves you're not the father, Cornejo's lawyer Cheryl Coleman told Chron.com.'

Women-only business lounge opening in downtown Detroit for entrepreneurs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Meagan Ward vividly recalls when she decided to step out on faith, quit her job and pursue her dream of owning a business.

She was working in a marketing role at a local company in 2015 when she was passed over for a raise, despite her hard work.

And that moment made one thing clear: Ward was ready to make the entrepreneurial plunge and make it her mission to spend her career empowering other women to achieve their goals.

Now, the Detroit entrepreneur is furthering that mission with the grand opening of Femology, an all-women modern business lounge made for entrepreneurial women who are looking for a workspace. She plans on opening the lounge in the heart of downtown Detroit on Monday.'

This Women-Only Gym Wants to Create a Female Society

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"We want to be a home for every woman—we want to expand from a fitness studio to a female society," Leanne Shear, founder of the women's only workout spotUplift Studios, told the Observer. "There's an interesting confluence of the political landscape and the zeitgeist, women's progress in general—I think the time is right in a multitude of ways and it's all converging right now."

"These conversations in feminism and in politics are really just starting and, for me, it feels exciting to be at the forefront of that and to be able to have this conversation," Shear told us.
...
The women's only workouts mean there are no sweaty men grunting on top of you, desperate to show off how heavy they lift. Instead, there are personal trainers in the small gym outside, and circuit and strength training classes in a small room.
...
"There is a difference between a hide-out and a safe space," Shear agreed. She hosts classes outside, but still consider the space focused on reinforcing "safety and strength together and in numbers." This desire for women's only spaces has been seen in recent months at the Women's March, The Wing, New Women Space and music festivals.'

Barbara Kay: Misandrist mother sure to damage her vulnerable sons

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gru succeeds in transcending his mother's terrible parenting, because any other outcome in a kids' film is unthinkable. In real life, such a scenario can end quite otherwise. Mothers who hack away at their children's self-esteem are by no means rare, but there aren't many like freelance Seattle writer Jody Allard, who actually boasts in respectable publications about her methods for producing Despicable Me's.

Allard, a thrice-divorced single mother of seven children, and a rape survivor, has written several such incendiary articles. One, for the Washington Post in September, 2016, was a shaming indictment of her two "strong and compassionate" sons, then 16 and 18, for their failure to take up her zealous brand of activism against rape culture. The problem, as Allard framed it, was that even though her sons "are good boys and who know all about consent, (they) do not speak out about consent." Her sons, that is, "understand" her experience, but decline to take up political activism against the larger problem she claims her experience represents. It is not enough for Allard that her sons are personally "good." For Allard, goodness must be "an action." In her eyes, her sons' "passivity perpetuates the same broken system."'

UK: BBC plans a Title IX-like "solution" to "the gender gap"

Matt · 24 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The BBC is planning to take men off radio and television programmes and replace them with women in an attempt to close the gender pay gap, The Telegraph can disclose.

But the prospect of replacing high-earning male stars when contracts come up for renewal could further open the BBC up to sex discrimination claims by male celebrities.

Lord Hall, the BBC's director-general, has promised to end the gender pay gap by 2020, giving the corporation just three years to ensure women receive equal pay.

On Sunday, more than 40 high-profile women at the BBC wrote him an open letter demanding that he "act now" and speed up the process.

With the budget for "BBC talent" earning more than £150,000 constrained by strict spending controls, the BBC can largely only increase women's pay by cutting men's.'

Chemical Castration – Not the Best for Children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The American College of Pediatricians (The College) is alarmed by the increasingly prevalent and unscientific trend to treat Gender Identity Disorder (GID) in children as an inborn trait rather than as the treatable psychological condition it is. GID in children is manifest as a strong desire to be the opposite sex, and/or the belief that he or she actually is the opposite sex.

The story of a California physician who prescribed hormone blockers to an 11 year old boy to delay the onset of puberty and allow him more time to “decide” his gender, recently made national headlines. The boy’s lesbian parents now call him Tammy instead of Tommy, and allow him to cross-dress. This is scientifically and ethically disturbing.

Puberty is not a disorder. Psychologically dissociating from your biological gender is. Hormone blocking agents induce a disease state (the absence of puberty) at a critical time in a child’s physical, emotional and mental development. Sex hormones not only trigger the development of secondary sex characteristics, but also influence the development of the adolescent brain. This likely explains why most GID children come to accept their biological gender during adolescence.
...
Dr. Michelle Cretella, Vice President of the College stated, “Physicians and therapists who embrace HT and SRS for children promote a political agenda not scientific advance. This is obvious once the euphemisms are shed: Chemical castration and the surgical mutilation of children is not ‘therapy.’ It is cold, calculated, institutionalized child abuse at the hands of those charged with healing.”'

Princeton’s new ‘men’s engagement manager’ to combat aggressive masculinity on campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Are young men at Princeton University violent, aggressive, hyper-masculine, stalkers, or rapists?

A new position at the Ivy League institution indicates campus officials apparently think enough of its male students grapple with such problems that it warrants hiring a certified clinician dedicated to combating them.

The university is in the process of hiring an “Interpersonal Violence Clinician and Men’s Engagement Manager” who will work with a campus office called SHARE that’s dedicated to “survivors” of sexual harassment, assault, dating violence and stalking.
...
The men’s manager will also launch initiatives to challenge “gender stereotypes,” and expand the school’s Men’s Allied Voices for a Respectful and Inclusive Community, a self-described “violence prevention program” at Princeton that often bemoans “toxic masculinity” on its Facebook page.
...
The job posting implicitly refers to men as perpetrators and women as victims.
...
The successful candidate must have a masters or doctorate in a field related to social work or women’s studies, it adds.'

The Female Malignant Narcissist is Just as Dangerous as Her Male Counterpart

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It is quite easy to overlook female narcissists and their even more ruthless cousins, sociopaths. Since female narcissists engage in the same type of relational aggression that teenage girls do, they can easily fly under the radar as the “mean girl” motif coming to life in high definition – something we all assume they will eventually grow out of.

Yet research indicates that adolescent girls who use high levels of relational aggression also demonstrate low levels of empathy and caring towards others (Centifanti, et. al 2015). This suggests that the behaviors of gossiping, exclusion and sabotaging relationships may actually be more common among those with existing narcissistic and antisocial traits.

The problem is, the malignant female narcissist rarely outgrows her excessive sense of entitlement, lack of empathy and thirst for interpersonal exploitation – she merely adjusts these traits to her changing environment.

The female narcissist (or sociopath) is just as dangerous as her male counterpart and yet she is protected by prevailing stereotypes of the “gentle young girl,” the “maternal mother,” the “sweet old grandmother,” or minimized by archetypes like the “catty best friend.” No one suspects the older woman, assumed to be nurturing and sweet, to be vindictive, cruel and ruthless. Nor do they expect mothers to abandon, neglect or abuse their children.'

Plunging Sperm Counts a ‘Major Public Health’ Crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sperm count is in steep decline. A large review has found a 40-year plunge in sperm count, specifically in men from North America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand — and the reason may be associated with common factors in our daily lives.

Scientists from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Icahn School of Medicine in New York analyzed 185 studies from 1973 to 2011, including almost 43,000 men. The results were stunning: Researchers found a 52 percent decline in sperm concentration and a 59 percent decline in total sperm count.

The meta-analysis published in the Oxford University journal, Human Reproduction Update, shows that the continued decline doesn’t appear to be leveling off, raising questions about the future of male reproductive health in western males.

“It’s extremely worrisome," Dr. Shanna Swan, study author and professor of environmental medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine told NBC News. “For couples who are trying to conceive, this is a very severe problem and it’s difficult psychologically, but in the big scheme of things, this is also a major public health issue.”
...
“Male fertility predicts overall men’s health”, says Dr. Joseph Alukal, urologist and director of male reproductive health at NYU Langone Health. Studies have shown that lower sperm counts may predict shorter life expectancy and are associated with heart attacks.'

Australia: Top Liberal women blast party's sexist, mansplaining, idea-stealing men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"When a woman starts speaking at the table – don't talk over her, listen to her, acknowledge the points that she's made and give her credit for the ideas and don't steal them."

She said there's an over-representation of male candidates while female talent is wasted because the Liberal Party is focused on "control and power and not good government".

"It happens because the male factional leaders pulling the strings are focused only on who they think will be good puppets that they can control at the end of their strings," she said.

"Not who will bring the best reliability and representation to their electorate.'

Teen who ran into church naked indicted for rape hoax

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Texas teen who ran into a church half-naked saying she was raped was indicted for what turned out to be an elaborate hoax.

Breana Harmon, 19, was charged Wednesday with two counts of tampering with physical evidence and two counts of tampering with a government record, which are felonies, according to the Herald Democrat.

Officials said that teen, who also uses the last name Talbott, made a false report to police on March 8 claiming to have been abducted and gang-raped behind a church in Denison, Texas.

The teen turned up at the local church covered in blood and wearing only a shirt, bra and underwear. She allegedly told parishioners that black men had taken her into the woods and raped her.

Harmon, then 18, told police that she was raped by two black men in ski masks while a third pinned her down. She claimed that the suspects had kidnapped near her car in an apartment parking lot, news station KXII reported.'

Discredited, the Legend of Mattress Girl Just Won't Go Away

Mastodon · 28 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Emma Sulkowicz, the infamous "mattress girl," surfaced this week on National Public Radio talking about her efforts to get a serial predator, "a sadist in the truest meaning of that word," off the Columbia University campus.

Sulkowicz, referred to in the story as an "activist and survivor," mentioned that the subject of her efforts won a settlement from Columbia this month in a lawsuit charging that Sulkowicz's activism amounted to gender-based harassment.

When a disciplinary hearing in late 2013 cleared Paul Nungesser of charges that he raped Sulkowicz, she refused to accept the outcome. Her protest—which included carrying a mattress on campus for most of her senior year to represent the "weight" of her victimization—made her the heroine of a new feminist revolution. It also made him the campus pariah after she outed him as her alleged rapist.

While the terms of the settlement are unknown, Columbia issued a statement effectively reaffirming Nungesser's exoneration. This was an important victory not just for Nungesser and his family, but for those who have argued the war on campus rape, however worthy its goals, has often trampled on the innocent.'

NY Times: The Men Who Never Have to Grow Up

mens_issues · 28 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. OP submitted comments. I placed them as the first comment for this item. Excerpt:

'Women and nonwhite men don't have it quite as easy.

If boys will be boys, then girls must be grown-ups, whose job it is to protect men from their worst impulses. Witness every administrative body, from middle school to Congress, that has decided that it's easier and more culturally acceptable to police girls' and women's clothing than it is boys' behavior.

Should one of these fine young fellows slip — inflamed, perhaps, by one bare shoulder too many — there's probably a woman to blame, and it's his punishment, not his crime, that becomes the tragedy.'

Australia: Saab offering women-only STEM scholarships

Minuteman · 29 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'WOMEN IN ENGINEERING
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Saab Australia recognises our success comes from our highly valued people. Our people are important to us as we continually strive to enhance the employee experience as part of our 'Employer of Choice' program.

In support of this, Saab Australia offers a 'Women in Engineering' Scholarship which is designed to encourage and empower women entering the Engineering industry within the fields of:

Electrical/Electronics
Computer Systems
Software
Mechatronics'

When the Most Destructive Words a Boy Can Hear Are 'Be a Man'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Any woman could tell you that a good man is hard to find. Some men don't measure up to what a woman wants them to be. Some are coarse, profane, mean and other bad things.

But most men are none of those things, and even bad apples in the right hands can become an appetizing applesauce. Besides, as almost any woman would ask, where's the alternative?

Nevertheless, there's a growing campaign on the left to denigrate men and something called "toxic masculinity" that is cited as a menace to women, the republic, mankind and all the ships at sea. A growing number of colleges and universities, which lately have become a source of a lot of toxic things themselves, are force-feeding young men the radical-feminist nonsense that "masculinity" is at the root of everything bad.'

NPR calls fake rape accuser Emma Sulkowicz a ‘survivor,’ hides that she is ‘Mattress Girl’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'National Public Radio isn’t interested in fair reporting when it comes to sexual assault.

That’s made plain by a segment on the “restorative justice” approach to campus sexual assault that aired Tuesday afternoon on All Things Considered, which bafflingly deprived its audience the most newsworthy trait of one of its interviewees.

Reporter Tovia Smith quotes as a “survivor” the Columbia University graduate Emma Sulkowicz, who lost her rape case against fellow student Paul Nungesser in a campus adjudication based on the extremely low “more likely than not” evidence standard.

Sulkowicz and her activist friends harassed Nungesser, a foreign student, for years through her “Carry that Weight” art project, in which she pledged to lug a mattress around campus until Columbia punished Nungesser, whom it had explicitly exonerated of any wrongdoing.

She lugged the mattress right on the graduation stage in explicit violation of Columbia graduation protocol and received academic credit for the project – factors that certainly played into Columbia’s recent payoff of Nungesser to drop his gender-discrimination lawsuit against the school.'

Betsy DeVos is right: In college sexual assault cases, due process matters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a series of meetings earlier this month, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos signaled strong disagreement with the Obama administration's aggressive erosion of due process protections for college students accused of sexual assault. While deploring the horrors of the offense, DeVos added that "a system without due process protections … serves no one."

This was a welcome change from the decrees issued by the Obama-era Office for Civil Rights (OCR), which had told colleges to avoid any due process safeguards that would "restrict or unnecessarily delay the protections provided by Title IX" to accusers. Surveying the damage to fundamental fairness from the Obama-era policies, a recent study by UCLA professor John Villasenor concluded that an innocent student has as much as a 1-in-3 chance of being found guilty by today's campus sexual assault tribunals.
...
The Obama policy proceeded from the counterfactual claim that sex crimes — which are no doubt a serious problem — were sweeping through the nation's campuses like an epidemic. (In fact the number declined dramatically between 1997 and 2013.) With vocal support from President Obama and Vice President Biden, OCR used this myth to reinterpret the Title IX, the statute barring sex discrimination at schools that receive federal funds. The Obama-era OCR ordered universities to use the lowest possible standard of proof (preponderance of evidence, or 50.01%) and allow accusers to appeal not-guilty findings. It also discouraged colleges from allowing cross-examination of accusing students; and urged institutions to deny accused students any right to a hearing by giving all power to a single bureaucrat to act as investigator, prosecutor, judge and jury.'

Media Should Cheer Virtue-Based Masculinity, Not Emasculation

Mastodon · 30 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This notion that traditional male stoicism constitutes an “outmoded caricature of manhood” is a constant refrain in discussions of masculinity today. The cultural elites like the editors and contributors of Vanity Fair scorn that stereotype. The new ideal they seem to be promoting in its stead is a man narcissistically absorbed in exploring his own feelings, a man neutered of the outward-looking drive for achievement and adventure, and yes, even the capacity for violence that are part of his nature.

There is a reason that men traditionally are more emotionally reserved than women: throughout history men have been the providers and protectors, the hunters and warriors, the builders and trailblazers, and those duties demand no small measure of emotional toughness and restraint. That is no less true of life in today’s urban jungle.

In fact, at least one recent study demonstrates that emotionality may protect women from stress but does not protect men from it. Men, the study concludes, best combat stress through self-control. And frankly, no matter how loudly a minority of voices in the culture declare otherwise, most women don’t want a man who needs to be cuddled every night after work to keep it together. Women want a husband and a father for their children whom they can count on to be a pillar of strength and resilience in times of stress, emergency, and danger.'

A predictable response to "Dunkirk"

Matt · 30 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

One woman's take on "Dunkirk" here. No surprise, really. To expect a feminist to appreciate the silence of men and resolute determination that spells the difference between victory and defeat, life and death, is a bit much to ask. In fact I'd've been surprised at anything other than this. Still, seeing at least some number of women devalue and dismiss the experiences of men at war does have this positive effect: it diminishes the reinforcing effect that women traditionally have had on men going willingly into mass violence events that cost them life, limb, and sanity. Anything that discourages that has some virtue, in its own way. Excerpt:

'But my main issue with Dunkirk is that it's so clearly designed for men to man-out over. And look, it's not like I need every movie to have "strong female leads." Wonder Woman can probably tide me over for at least a year, and I understand that this war was dominated by brave male soldiers. I get that. But the packaging of the film, the general vibe, and the tenor of the people applauding it just screams "men-only"—and specifically seems to cater to a certain type of very pretentious man who would love nothing more than to explain to me why I'm wrong about not liking it. If this movie were a dating profile pic, it would be a swole guy at the gym who also goes to Harvard. If it was a drink it would be Stumptown coffee. If it was one of your friends, it would be the one who starts his sentences with "I get what you're saying, but..."'

Male physical isolation

Matt · 31 July 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Accordingly, it has become every man's job to prove they can be trusted, in each and every interaction, day by day and case by case. In part, because so many men have behaved poorly. And so, we prove our trustworthiness by foregoing physical touch completely in any context in which even the slightestdoubt about our intentions might arise. Which, sadly, is pretty much every context we encounter.

And where does this leave men? Physically and emotionally isolated. Cut off from the deeply human physical contact that is proven to reduce stress, encourage self esteem and create community. Instead, we walk in the vast crowds of our cities alone in a desert of disconnection. Starving for physical connection.

We crave touch. We are cut off from it. The result is touch isolation.'

The U.S. Economy Would Be Better Off If Men Did More Housework

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women spend too much time on housework relative to men, new research suggests, and it's probably dragging on U.S. productivity.

That's the first finding in this week's economic research wrap, which also looks at changes in the way women have spent their days in recent years and summarizes studies on spillovers from central bank balance-sheet normalization. Check this column each Tuesday for new and topical research from around the world.

Women have less time for on-the-job labor because they spend more time doing housework than their male counterparts — so they miss out when they're working in fields that reward long hours, based on a new National Bureau for Economic Research study. Some women shy away from jobs in fields that require long workweeks, knowing they won't have the time: a 10 percent cut in free time for women reduces their share in high-hour occupations by about 14 percent relative to men, according to the researcher's model.'

Article asserts job loss among men is "OK"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'ROBOTS ARE COMING for our jobs—but not all of our jobs. They're coming, in ever increasing numbers, for a certain kind of work. For farm and factory labor. For construction. For haulage. In other words, blue-collar jobs traditionally done by men.

This is why automation is so much more than an economic problem. It is a cultural problem, an identity problem, and—critically—a gender problem. Millions of men around the world are staring into the lacquered teeth of obsolescence, terrified of losing not only their security but also their source of meaning and dignity in a world that tells them that if they're not rich, they'd better be doing something quintessentially manly for money. Otherwise they're about as much use as a wooden coach-and-four on the freeway.

There's hope for mankind, but it'll be a hard sell. The way we respond to automation will depend very much on what we decide it means to be a man, or a woman, in the awkward adolescence of the 21st century.'

Student Who Refused To Back Title IX Assault Claim Says School Threatened Her

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A female University of Southern California (USC) student is claiming that the school's Title IX office threatened her for disavowing accusations of domestic violence.

Zoe Katz, the girlfriend of a male student whose college football career was derailed by a "rogue" Title IX office at the school, alleges that the university threatened her because she refused to say her boyfriend assaulted her. Title IX investigators insisted she must be a "battered" woman for refusing to comply, she says.

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In a two-page statement provided toThe College Fix, Katz says that the inquiry consisted of "repeated interrogations" filled with "agendas, intimidation and falsehoods."

She called the investigation "horrible and unjust," and noted how Boermeester was suspended from the university even before he was interviewed by a Title IX investigator.'

Judge Halts Suspension After Student Alleges ‘Perverse and Bizarre’ Title IX Outcome

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A student found guilty by Cornell of sexually assaulting and retaliating against a female student could be back on campus in the fall because a judge temporarily barred the University from suspending him.

Cornell handed the male student a two-year suspension in May, and a University appeal panel upheld the punishment on Wednesday, leaving the student, who is in the Class of 2020 and is referred to as John Doe, with a notation of guilt on his transcript. The student sued Cornell the next day, arguing that the University departed from its own policies and that there was a lack of substantial evidence to find him responsible.

On Friday, Tompkins County Justice Eugene Faughnan temporarily stayed the suspension while he considers the merits of Doe’s case against Cornell.

Doe’s attorney, Alan Sash, said the judge recognized the immediacy of the case and acted quickly so that Doe could be back at school in time for the fall semester.

This suit is the second claim filed in less than four months alleging that Cornell did not act properly in a Title IX investigation.'

Cassie Jaye's film on the men's rights movement shocked Australia. Why?

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Article here. Excerpt:

Cassie Jaye would rather not do this interview. Nursing a head cold, she's in no mood to be grilled by yet another importunate reporter. We're sitting at a long dining table in the sun-drenched living room of high-profile psychologist Bettina Arndt, who helped organise screenings in Australia of Jaye's latest documentary film, The Red Pill, against considerable resistance.
...
In June the 31-year-old San Francisco filmmaker found herself in the eye of an Australian media storm because of her controversial film, which chronicles her journey through the polarising men's rights movement. The bitter sore point seemed to be that in the course of making the documentary, she had begun questioning some of her feminist beliefs. There were cancelled screenings, angry protests and boycotts in the months before Jaye arrived, and combative interviews on The Project and Weekend Sunrise after she set down on the Gold Coast for an international conference on men's issues. (Screenings of the film went ahead in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia, and it's available online.)

With all that, Jaye also received showers of love from right-wing pundits, with Miranda Devine, Janet Albrechtsen and Andrew Bolt gallantly springing to her defence. The Red Pill is "an antidote to the vicious misandry which is now the bread and butter of feminism", Devine fulminated in her column in Sydney's The Daily Telegraph.'

UK: Drunk recruitment boss, 50, launched vicious wine glass attack outside pub 'to teach young men a lesson'

Matt · 2 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Sounds to me like the lesson she wanted to teach them was being male in the presence of drunk women is hazardous for their health. Excerpt:

'A recruitment boss launched a vicious attack on two men armed with a broken wine glass 'to teach them a lesson'.

Lynn Tonks, 50, had been well-regarded by colleagues at Blue Arrow Recruitment in Bristol and was known for her charity work.

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Bristol Crown Court heard how she was drunk at the New Moon pub when she decided a man who was with two friends had given her a 'dirty look'.

First she walked up to Simon Dove and slapped him hard in the face, a jury heard.

The men remonstrated with her but then decided to leave.

Jurors were told how Tonks was then seen to drain her glass of wine on the floor and put it in her jacket pocket.

Outside the pub, witnesses described how she held the glass as she delivered a “roundhouse” blow to the face of Ashley Williams.

...

After the case, Detective Constable Haley Matthews said: “The fact Tonks was intoxicated was no excuse for the level of violence she used against her victims.

“In using a glass as a weapon, she not only inflicted significant injuries but she also left her victims with permanent scars, which they now have to live with every day.'

Australia: Women accusing men of rape take justice into their own hands

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ingram is part of a bigger movement of young women who are willing to take the law into their own hands in sexual assault cases.

Despite police warnings that public shaming could backfire, women across Australia are joining private Facebook groups that share stories about which men to avoid.

"I'm a part of the secret underground feminist mafia that tells all of my friends, and even just women I meet ... about who the bad guys are, who the rapists are," said Anna, a member of one group like this.

Anna said she could think of five men she regularly told her friends to avoid. Even within the last month, she said, she'd cut a man out of her social circle after hearing about his ugly history.
...
Some described Ingram's move to go public as vigilantism. She doesn't totally disagree.

"It's almost like taking back the power, taking back whatever you can, to put against the system that isn't working," she said. "It's like a little act of power and resistance."

This reasoning troubles Detective Superintendent Linda Howlett, who heads the New South Wales sex crimes squad. At the end of the day, she said, it would not help get an offender arrested or charged.'

India: Rape charges on constable after he breaks the promise of marriage

Matt · 6 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Police constable facing rape charges after he breaks the promise of marriage. 8 years love story of a techie and a police constable has taken a sad turn as the girl lodged a complaint against her boyfriend alleging him of physical abuse with a false promise of marriage. The police constable is facing the charges of rape and cheating.

K Nagarjuna (27) a native of Kornepadu village under Vatticherukuru mandal in Guntur district. The girl also belonged to the same village and both have become friends around 8 years ago. They became closer to each other and even planned to get married according to the complaint lodged by the girl.

She alleged in her complaint that Nagarjuna promised to marry her and abused physically till a year ago. Suddenly he dumped and avoiding even to speak to her since one year. She also alleged that he is trying to get married to another girl. After several attempts in vain to convince him for marriage, she finally lodged a complaint with the police on Wednesday.'

India: Man falsely accused of raping kid acquitted

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 38-year-old man, who spent two years in jail on charges of raping his friend's 10-year-old daughter, has now been acquitted by a Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act court after the minor did not testify before the court. The child's father admitted that he had falsely implicated him at the behest of his landlady who had a dispute with the accused.

In a detailed judgement copy, the court accepted the father's deposition without questions and instead said, "In the matter, the star and prime witness for the prosecution was the victim minor. But she is not examined by the prosecution and the reason is best known to the prosecution itself. The non-examination of the victim in this matter is fatal to the case of prosecution."

The father had registered the complaint on May 11, 2015. He told the cops that the previous evening the accused came to his house. The father said that while he had to leave for work, the accused informed him that he was going to stay back and rest for a while. The child was alone at home with him. The father further stated that around 9pm he returned to the house as he was feeling unwell. He noticed that his daughter was weeping. The father said that when he asked for the reason, the child told him that the accused had sexually assaulted her. However, when the landlady heard the screams she came to the house and knocked the door. The child then told her that the accused opened the door and fled.'

Vegan cafe charges male customers 18 percent ‘man tax’

Mastodon · 6 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A CAFE is making waves after it began charging blokes more money in a bid to close the gender pay gap.

The feminist vegan owner of Handsome Her eatery in Melbourne, Australia, is making them pay an 18 per cent “man tax” as well as giving women priority over seating.

Owner Alex O’Brien told Broadsheet website: “I do want people to think about it, because we’ve had this (pay discrepancy) for decades and decades and we’re bringing it to the forefront of people’s minds.

“I like that it is making men stop and question their privilege a little bit.”

Ms O’Brien says the response from her customers has been positive, with one man even donating $50 (£30) to the cause.

She said: “There’s been nothing but positivity from everyone, males and females.”'

Court clears student of rape after CCTV footage is presented

Matt · 6 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The CCTV footage would have come out in discovery before the trial. Why did this even make it to trial? Excerpt:

'Security footage from a local nightclub and a college dormitory has cleared a University ofCalifornia student of rape.

Arman Premjee, 20, was accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old fellow student in her dorm room after meeting at Banditos Taco & Tequila in Los Angeles on April 1.

However, the security footage showed her kissing Premjee, leading him out of the nightclub and making obscene sexual gestures.

Premjee, who had maintained his innocence since being accused, said the woman, who has not been named, wanted to leave the club where they met and have sex with him.
...
After seeing the video, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge dismissed the case on Tuesday saying: 'I believe there was consent. There is a very strong indication that the alleged victim in this case was the initiator.'

USC is reportedly conducting its own investigation and Premjee could still be expelled.'

UCLA Shock Study: Women Have Raped 3.6 Million American Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 2016 study released by UCLA found thatwomen have collectively committed millions of sexual offenses against American men including rape, assault, coercion, and harassment. The pandemic of sexual violence committed by women caused the lead author of the study, Lara Stemple, to suggest that Americans rethink “long-held stereotypes about sexual victimization and gender.” Stemple previously produced a 2014 study stating that sexual victimization among men is “in many circumstances similar to the prevalence found among women.” Stemple’s work has focused on male victims of sex crimes and has criticized female-specific approaches to studying sexual violence, which often ostracize men who have suffered abuse.

Stemple’s 2016 study found that a stunning 4.5 million American men have been forced to penetrate another individual at some point in their lives, which meets the legal criteria for rape. In 79.2% of these cases, the perpetrator was a woman.

Additional numbers from other organizations show that sexual violence carried out by women against men is a growing pandemic. A 2012 survey by the US Census Bureau found that 43.6% of individuals who admitted to forcing somebody else to have sex (against that person’s will) were women. A 2014 study found that 43% of university young men and high school boys reported to have been sexually coerced into unwanted sexual contact, and 95% of the perpetrators in those cases were women. These numbers suggest that sexual coercion, harassment, and unwanted advances by women may be at epidemic levels on university campuses.'

Wage vs earnings gap

Matt · 6 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Here's Tim Worstall writing in Forbes today ("Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg Wrong Here – Just Paying Women More Won't Close Gender Pay Gap"), emphasis added:

The idea that we can close the gender pay gap just by paying women more seems reasonable enough, as Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg (pictured above) has intimated on BBC radio. Sadly though this isn't in fact the correct answer. The gender pay gap does not exist because men and women are paid less for the same jobs, it exists because men and women tend to do slightly different jobs. When equal jobs being done out there is reached then we will have gender pay parity. Because, as before, we already have the same pay for the same job.

This thus is wrong, or at best an incomplete understanding of the issue:

"Fairer pay for women must be backed up by stronger policies at work, according to Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg. But the firm's chief operating officer, in an interview for BBC Radio 4's Desert Island Discs, said the first step is to "start paying women well."

That's rather to put the cart before the horse for the company of course. Why would anyone just want to have to pay more wages? But it's also to miss the actual construction of the gender pay gap itself. It simply is not that a woman and a man doing exactly the same job get different pay because of their genders. Quite apart from anything else that is illegal and in a society as litigious as ours if it were happening on any scale we'd never be able to use the courts for anything else. Half the legal profession would be taking such cases on contingency fees.

What does happen is that men and women slightly end up doing different jobs and more than that there's a large difference in the number who climb the greasy pole to the top. It isn't that, say, female senior managers are paid less than male senior managers it's that there are fewer female senior managers than male. This hugely skews those average figures like the 77 cents per dollar that are bandied about.

Sandberg, the chief operating officer of Facebook, told BBC Radio 4's Desert Island Discs on Sunday she believed job openings should be contested by equal numbers of women and men.

"We need to start paying women well and we need the public and the corporate policy to get there," she said. "Certainly, women applying for jobs at the same rate as men, women running for office at the same rate as men, that has got to be part of the answer."

The other half of that proposal is absolutely correct given the above analysis. As and when there are equal numbers of each gender doing the same sorts of jobs to the same sort of level then there will be no gender pay gap."

MP: It's an important, but overlooked point that there really is no gender wage gap, rather, there's a gender earnings gap and that pay gap has almost nothing to do with gender discrimination. That is, there is almost no evidence that men and women working in the same position with the same background, education and qualifications are paid differently. Whether it's the Target Corporation, Facebook, the University of Virginia, the United Way, the White House or McDonald's, there is almost no evidence that any of those organizations have two pay scales: one for men (at a higher wage) and one for women (at a lower wage). Of course, that would be illegal, and if that practice existed, organizations would be exposed to legal action and "half the legal profession would be taking such cases on contingency fees" as Tim points out.'

USC Student Acquitted of Rape; May Still Face Campus Discipline

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, after reviewing evidence from security footage, a California judge dropped charges against University of Southern California (USC) student Armaan Premjee, 20, after finding that his female accuser was the party that initiated the sexual encounter.

However, under USC's Title IX, Premjee could still face campus discipline because the woman he slept with was inebriated and did not give formal verbal consent.

USC's rules state, "Consent must be affirmative. 'Affirmative consent' means affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. It is positive cooperation in act and attitude made with knowledge and agreement to the nature of the act." It adds, "It is the responsibility of each person involved to ensure they have the affirmative consent of the other(s) to engage in sexual activity. Affirmative consent must be ongoing throughout the sexual activity and can be revoked at any time."
...
Premjee told the New York Times that he did not know about the politics of the issue, but that he would likely support DeVos's position in favor of reform: "The key issue here is evidence. In most sexual assault cases, there's not video evidence like there was in my case. Innocent men are put in prison for that, or are punished, or kicked out of school."'

Professor Claims Field of Mathematics Is Too ‘Masculinized’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Vanderbilt University professor argues that the field of mathematics is too “masculinized,” which hurts women’s ability to compete in the field against men.

“Mathematics has been documented as a power-laden and masculinized academic domain,” Professor Luis A. Leyva, Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education at Vanderbilt University wrote in a research paper titled “Unpacking the Male Superiority Myth and Masculinization of Mathematics at the Intersections.”

Leyva points to the difference in achievement and experience in the field of mathematics to social conditioning that leaves women behind and pushes men ahead. He believes that the disparities that exist, such as the general trend that boys perform better than girls, in the field of mathematics are exclusively the result of social conditioning. “It is, therefore, critical that scholars examine the influences of different contexts on students’ mathematics achievement and experiences at intersections of gender and other socially constructed identities,” Leyva writes towards the end of his paper.'

Google's SJWs flip out over memo suggesting sexism may not be why there are fewer women than men in tech

Matt · 8 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Following the circulation of an internal memo criticizing Google's restrictive PC workplace environment, employees have freaked out, calling for the memo's author to be fired.

A software engineer at Google published a ten-page memo where he criticized "Google's Ideological Echo Chamber," resulting in controversy amongst employees within the Google+ internal social network. The author argues within the memo that women are underrepresented in tech fields not because of discrimination, but because of inherent psychological differences between men and women, echoing a similar argument made by former Breitbart senior editor Milo Yiannopoulos in 2016. When discussing Google's educational guidelines for young women, the memo's author writes, "We need to stop assuming that gender gaps imply sexism."
...

In the document, the author accused Google of shunning intellectual diversity, saying:

I value diversity and inclusion, am not denying that sexism exists, and don't endorse using stereotypes. When addressing the gap in representation in the population, we need to look at population level differences in distributions. If we can't have an honest discussion about this, then we can never truly solve the problem. Psychological safety is built on mutual respect and acceptance, but unfortunately our culture of shaming and misrepresentation is disrespectful and unaccepting of anyone outside its echo chamber.
...
Shortly after the publication of the document, which can be read in full on Gizmodo, Google's Vice President of Diversity, Integrity, and Governance Danielle Brown issued a statement on the memo:
...
According to leaked documents from Google's internal employee messaging platform, many Googlers were not happy with the memo and responded with anger towards the author and Google for not reacting to the memo in a stronger manner:

Some even implied that the author of the memo is a Nazi:

An anonymous survey shows that somewhere between 30 to 40 percent of employees at Google are tired of the company's restrictive ideological environment, while a second question shows more than half of the survey respondents disagreed with the statement that "the document is harmful and shouldn't have been shared":

Google had not replied to a request for comment from Breitbart Tech at the time this story was published.'

Courses Challenge What It Means To 'Be A Man'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the summer-term courses took a more philosophical approach and the other a more psychosocial approach, with some overlap, examining ideas about what it means to “be a man.” Matthew Andler, a doctoral student in the Department of Philosophy, just finished teaching “Masculinity.” At the same time, Lisa Speidel, a full-time lecturer in the Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality, taught “Men and Masculinities.”

Masculinity is generally defined as a combination of biological and social characteristics or learned behavior. Students in the summer courses explore that it’s not just a matter of biology and physical traits; there are too many variations and exceptions to a simple dual model of male and female. Concepts of masculinity and femininity also vary among cultures, and over time within the same culture. For instance, upper-class male fashion in Thomas Jefferson’s time included lacy shirts, wigs and stockings – items that would not be considered manly today.
...
Andler, who is teaching his course on masculinity for the first time, emphasized the importance of feminist philosophy to the study of men and masculinity. He claimed “men are not oppressed along the axis of gender. The very social structures that, in part, cause unhealthy masculinities are also central to patriarchy. Although men are privileged in a gender hierarchy, gender roles, norms and symbols can negatively affect men.”

Speidel calls it “the man box” – stereotypical expectations that define men in certain ways; if there’s something about them that’s outside the box, they might suffer for it. It’s a big contributing factor in bullying and violence, she said. Words associated with femaleness, femininity and homosexuality are used to put down boys and young men, which is negative for everyone.'

Court Rejects Feminist Mythology Expert

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Did David Mueller lift up Taylor Swift's skirt and grope her? It's a fairly straightforward fact question. It either happened or not, and that's the question of fact for the jury to decide. But Swift's lawyer, Brian Schwalb of Venable, wasn't willing to take the chance of an adverse finding, so he tried to gild the lily.
...
Was Mueller a "frustrated" male who believe it was "his prerogative as a radio host who regularly met with famous women" to touch Swift's butt? Perhaps, and this would no doubt make a wonderful subject for a gender studies doctoral thesis. But the only question before the court is whether he did so, and Bayard de Volo's masculine fragility mythology has no place before the jury charged to decide that question of fact.'

For those needing some background, read this.

Female Hollywood directors want quotas for diversity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Female directors who have worked on TV shows like “American Horror Story” and “Scandal” say quotas are necessary to obtain more gender and racial diversity in Hollywood.

“I never want to be hired because I’m a woman director, but maybe at this moment there needs to be quotas,” said Maggie Kiley, speaking at a Television Critics Association (TCA) round table Wednesday with female directors organized by the FX network.

“If that’s what it takes, then that’s what it takes,” added Rachel Goldberg, one of seven directors on the panel.
...
“Quotas are necessary so women can get that first job, and also to change the culture,” so that people get used to seeing women directors, said panelist Meera Menon, who just finished shooting an episode of “Snowfall,” a TV mini-series about the crack epidemic in Los Angeles.'

Alamo Drafthouse's Women-Only 'Wonder Woman' Screenings Were Illegal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Alamo Drafthouse's women-only screenings of "Wonder Woman" that garnered massive attention and positive news coverage may have been against the law. Despite acknowledging complaints, the company has declined to issue a proper apology.

In June, theater chain Alamo Drafthouse announced it would be holding women-only screenings of "Wonder Woman" in select theaters. The media predictably cheered on the company's feminist-centric marketing.

Stephen Miller, a writer for Heat Street, made the headlines and upset feminists on the Internet when he bought tickets to attend the movie at its women-only screening in New York City. Amid the outpouring of cheers, complaints, and "yas kween, slay!" support on social media, it turns out that Drafthouse was in violation of anti-discrimination laws in Austin, Texas — one of the cities where the theater held such a screening.'

India: Police officer forced to marry his girlfriend

Matt · 11 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'An IPS officer, who was accused of raping a woman on the pretext of marriage, was acquitted of all the charges after he tied the knot with the complainant.

IPS officer Lohit Matani, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) in Nagpur, was booked in Indore on the charges of allegedly raping a woman on the pretext of marriage on December 22, 2015.

According to information, the case was earlier registered by the victim at Jabalpur police station and was later transferred to Indore's Tukoganj police station, where the alleged incident occurred. The victim, who was preparing for UPSC exams back then, had alleged that she got in touch with him on social media website and was later invited to Indore for help. However, Lohit raped her on the false promise of marriage for a few days on various locations they travelled together.

She alleged that he refused marriage when approached by her parents. Therefore, she lodged a police complaint but requested to withdrew it days later as Matani agreed to tie the knot.'

Google cancels townhall meeting about controversial anti-diversity memo

Matt · 11 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I've never been so happy NOT to work for a company that supplies its employees three gourmet-quality meals a day gratis. What a world we live in. Excerpt:

'Google CEO Sundar Pichai canceled an employee townhall meeting on Thursday about a controversial anti-diversity memo written by a fired employee because of online harassment concerns, the company said.

Questions from the tech firm's employees about gender issues were being leaked outside of the company, raising concerns about online harassment. Some of these employees were named on social media and websites.

"Googlers are writing in, concerned about their safety and worried they may be 'outed' publicly for asking a question in the Town Hall," Pichai wrote in a memo to staff. "In recognition of Googlers' concerns, we need to step back and create a better set of conditions for us to have the discussion."

He said that in the coming days the company will find forums where Google employees can speak freely and comfortably about the issue.'

Further: Dozens Of Female Employees Accuse Google Of Gender Discrimination

Conor Oberst Opens Up On Effects Of False Rape Accusation: 'I Equate It to Getting In a Car Crash'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Conor Oberst is still reeling from the false rape accusation against him that made headlines in early 2014, a life-altering event he compares to "getting in a car crash" in a new interview with Noisey.

"When something like that -- something random and terrible -- happens to you, it's like… At this point I equate it to getting in a car crash or getting struck by f--king lightning," explains the 37-year-old singer. "I don't feel like there's ever complete closure to something like that in the sense that you carry the psychological things with you."

Oberst was blindsided in the last few days of 2013 when a woman accused him of raping her a decade earlier after a concert for Oberst's band, Bright Eyes. The woman, who first made the accusation in the comments section of the now defunct women's site xoJane, later retracted her statement in an apology letter.

"I'm not violent towards anyone. Nothing like that would be a part of my character," says Oberst, who released his eighth solo album Salutations in March. "And for a second, to have the whole world think that was true about me just did a number on my psyche."'

Jury orders blogger to pay $8.4 million to ex-Army colonel she accused of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Col. David “Wil” Riggins, after a highly decorated Army career that included multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, was on the verge of promotion to brigadier general in July 2013 when he got a phone call at the Pentagon from the Army’s Criminal Investigative Division to come in for a meeting. Once there, he learned that a blogger in Washington state had just accused him of raping her, when both were cadets at West Point in 1986. An investigation was underway.

Riggins waived his right to an attorney and immediately gave a statement denying any sexual assault of the woman, Susan Shannon of Everett, Wash. Shannon also cooperated with the CID investigation, which could not “prove or disprove Ms. Shannon’s allegation she was raped,” the CID report concluded. But in the spring of 2014, with the armed forces facing heavy criticism for their handling of sexual assault cases, Secretary of the Army John McHugh recommended removing Riggins from the list for promotion to general. Riggins promptly retired.'

Title IX doesn't do enough to protect men in college sexual assault cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I spent the weekend dog-sitting for a very frisky, very robust black Lab named Chance, as in there wasn't a Chance in hell he was going to obey me.

We're taking a walk, and he decides that he wants to smell the flowers on the neighbors' lawn. I say no; he gives me the same look President Trump gives his advisers, then proceeds to drag me 30 yards toward the hydrangeas. I end up with bruises on both arms, big ones that don't hurt but look fierce.

...

I was shocked she could make that sort of comment. And then, after a brief moment's reflection, I realized that this is exactly what we can expect in the post-sexist society of knitted headwear, overwrought activists and the rush to wage an assault on the patriarchal fortress.

If I were a man and had the same misfortune to be yanked all over somebody's landscaping, no one would even suggest that my bruises had been inflicted by an abusive partner. And yet, according to statistics, it's almost as likely that a man would be attacked by a partner (male or female) as a woman. But we have come to a place in society where we reflexively view women as an endangered species.

Nowhere is that more in view than on college campuses. For the last decade or so, we have seen an increase in allegations of sexual assault made by female students against their male counterparts. Some of these claims are obviously legitimate and deserve to be treated as rape. In fact, they should be reported to the police, instead of being adjudicated by college administrators with warped priorities.

...

Up until recently, the momentum, sympathy and benefit of the doubt have been with the accuser, who overwhelmingly tends to be female. Under Title IX, an accuser must only prove by a preponderance of the evidence that an assault has occurred. This is the classic standard used in civil — not criminal — cases and means that if someone can prove it's just "more likely than not" that a rape occurred, the accused will be found guilty.

In most of these cases, the punishment is expulsion from the Ivory Tower and a large dose of character assassination that will follow the fellow throughout his life.

To the type of person who immediately believes a woman whenever she claims to have been victimized, this makes perfect sense. To lawyers, civil libertarians and anyone who doesn't hate men, this is an outrage. Title IX does not require that an accused party be given access to the evidence against him. It does not give him the right to legal counsel. It is, for all intents and purposes, an academic Star Chamber that sacrifices due process to some squishy idea that we need to "protect our women."'

"Men Hurt Too"

Matt · 13 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. A video showing a panel discussion regarding male DV victims. Source: SAVE.

Why Men Are the New College Minority

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jessica Smith raised an arm and pointed across the lobby of the university student center like an ornithologist who had just spied a rare breed in the underbrush.

“There’s one,” she said.

It was, in fact, an unusual bird that Smith had spotted, especially on this campus: masculum collegium discipulus. A male college student.

Women outnumber men by more than six to one here at Carlow University, where Smith is a senior and an orientation leader who was preparing to welcome incoming freshmen.

That’s an extreme example of a surprising shift besetting all of higher education.

Where men once went to college in proportions far higher than women—58 percent to 42 percent as recently as the 1970s—the ratio has now almost exactly reversed.

This fall, women will comprise more than 56 percent of students on campuses nationwide, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Some 2.2 million fewer men than women will be enrolled in college this year. And the trend shows no sign of abating. By 2026, the department estimates, 57 percent of college students will be women.

The new minority on campus? Men.'

"Why Women Had Better Sex Under Socialism"

Matt · 13 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Well, when you are supported by everyone else's money, don't have to work too hard, etc., sure, there's more time for all manner of things. Being free of responsibilities is just WONDERFUL! It's also a great way to bankrupt a country and send it spinning into collapse, too. But what does the author care, it was so much FUN for women (not much for men, but so what?) and besides, economic and social collapse is happening in the future. "Not my problem." Excerpt:

'When Americans think of Communism in Eastern Europe, they imagine travel restrictions, bleak landscapes of gray concrete, miserable men and women languishing in long lines to shop in empty markets and security services snooping on the private lives of citizens. While much of this was true, our collective stereotype of Communist life does not tell the whole story.

Some might remember that Eastern bloc women enjoyed many rights and privileges unknown in liberal democracies at the time, including major state investments in their education and training, their full incorporation into the labor force, generous maternity leave allowances and guaranteed free child care. But there's one advantage that has received little attention: Women under Communism enjoyed more sexual pleasure.

A comparative sociological study of East and West Germans conducted after reunification in 1990 found that Eastern women had twice as many orgasms as Western women. Researchers marveled at this disparity in reported sexual satisfaction, especially since East German women suffered from the notorious double burden of formal employment and housework. In contrast, postwar West German women had stayed home and enjoyed all the labor-saving devices produced by the roaring capitalist economy. But they had less sex, and less satisfying sex, than women who had to line up for toilet paper.
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As for Ms. Gruber, she has no illusions about the brutalities of East German Communism; she just wishes "things weren't so much harder now."

Because they championed sexual equality — at work, at home and in the bedroom — and were willing to enforce it, Communist women who occupied positions in the state apparatus could be called cultural imperialists. But the liberation they imposed radically transformed millions of lives across the globe, including those of many women who still walk among us as the mothers and grandmothers of adults in the now democratic member states of the European Union. Those comrades' insistence on government intervention may seem heavy-handed to our postmodern sensibilities, but sometimes necessary social change — which soon comes to be seen as the natural order of things — needs an emancipation proclamation from above.'

USC case reveals the travesty of justice under today's Title IX

Matt · 15 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is not often that the veil of university Title IX procedures is lifted, but when it is, as described in Zoe Katz's heartfelt letter regarding her Orwellian experience at the University of Southern California, the public captures a glimpse of the dystopian inner workings of a system designed to "help" victims of sexual assault.

Unbeknownst to most outside academia, the Obama administration radically changed how sexual assault investigations and adjudications are handled by colleges and universities. The shameful story of how Zoe Katz and Matt Boermeester were treated by USC is but one example of the troubling repercussions produced by the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights' current guidance. In this case, a third-party accusation was given greater weight than the word of Katz, the supposed victim. As she put it, when she insisted that Boermeester was innocent, she was "stereotyped and was told I must be a ‘battered' woman, and that made me feel demeaned and absurdly profiled."

In the past, we often heard about stories where a (usually female) student's report of a sexual assault was swept under the rug by a callous university trying to ease tensions and protect its reputation. Change certainly was needed. Although Obama-era Title IX mandates attempted to correct this wrong, they have instead swung the pendulum too far in the opposite direction, creating a new class of student victims wrongfully found responsible for sexual assaults they did not commit.'

U.S. Asks Court to Put Hold on Lawsuit as It Reviews 2011 Title IX Guidance

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Department of Education on Friday asked a federal court to put on hold for 90 days a lawsuit challenging hotly contested guidance from the Obama administration on campus sexual-assault policy, while the department reviews the guidance that is being challenged.

In 2011 the department's Office for Civil Rights issued a "Dear Colleague" letter that ratcheted up pressure on colleges to deal with reports of sexual misconduct promptly and equitably. The letter argued that the federal gender-equity law known as Title IX compelled colleges to do everything possible to prevent assaults and to punish the perpetrators. Critics of that guidance have said that the directive pushed colleges to trample on the due-process rights of accused students.

Last year a University of Virginia law-school graduate sued the department over the guidance after being found responsible for sexual misconduct. Oklahoma Wesleyan University joined the lawsuit about two months later.'

Campus sexual assault policies are unfair to the accused. This case shows how.

Matt · 17 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Education Secretary Betsy DeVos ignited a firestorm in recent months after signaling that she might pull back Obama administration policies intended to protect victims of sexual assault at college campuses. But amid the intense criticism directed toward DeVos, one lawsuit out of Amherst College demonstrates just how unfairly the Obama policies can operate for students wrongly accused of sexual misconduct.

On a factual basis, the Amherst case — settled out of court this month between the university and an expelled student accused of sexual assault — is one of the most egregious since the Obama administration implemented its policy in 2011. The lawsuit revealed documents that the public almost never gets to see, such as the full investigative file, the transcript of the disciplinary hearing and other material from the campus process.
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As laid out in the legal complaint and subsequent filings, the controversy over the investigation has focused mostly on a string of texts that the accuser sent the night of the incident. The texts suggest that she had initiated the sexual encounter and that she was in search of a “good lie” to avoid fallout for having hooked up with the accused student, her roommate’s boyfriend.

Initially, the accuser denied sending any texts relevant to the case. During the college’s disciplinary hearing, however, the accuser appeared to contradict that claim, twice admitting that she had sent relevant texts. Inexplicably, none of the panel members asked her to address the contradiction.

When the accused student eventually learned of the texts, Amherst said he had found them too late, according to the school’s response to the legal complaint. The college later clarified that the timing didn’t matter, since investigators only sought texts indicating “that the incident had been ‘non-consensual.’ ” Exculpatory evidence, it seems, was irrelevant.'

College girl charged for false rape claim on campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Michigan college student was charged Monday after she falsely reported to campus police that she was attacked and raped.

Mary Zolkowski, 21, faces felony charges after she told authorities contradictory stories about a rape at Delta College in University Center, according to Michigan Live.

Authorities said the student's mother initially reported the alleged attack on Feb. 22 to the Delta College Public Safety Office.

Zolkowski then got in contact with police and claimed she was walking to her car when a man grabbed her from behind. According to her account, the man raped her without a condom while holding her face and throat.'

Let’s Use Hard Science to Help Tech Companies Advance Women

Matt · 17 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On the day Google software engineer James Damore was fired for writing a Memo about Google’s diversity programs that went viral, my daughter Davita, 24, shot me a quick text: “Dad, I can’t believe they fired the guy. That was the wrong move.” We met the next day and talked at length. The conversation was a wonderful blend of perspectives from a young millennial woman and a baby boomer man. Our conversation kept coming back to this point: Isn’t it time our culture and its businesses used science to solve gender issues rather than just ideological conformity?

For anyone who hasn’t followed this: Damore wrote a brief treatise on Google’s gender policies. His position was a moderate one, agreeing that there are gender gaps and calling for continued study and policy advancement to help women, but also suggesting that gender science, not just ideology, would help deal with the gaps effectively. Science, he argued, can bring more women in because it can help workplaces like Google make jobs more attractive to the various ways that women approach their work—some of those ways show difference from male approaches.

Let me say before I continue: I do not work at Google so I won’t speak for them; there may be other issues regarding the firing that I don’t know about. I should also disclose that I spoke at Google ten years ago. I think Google is a powerful culture-changer, and I generally support the company and believe in its platform. So, what I say in this blog is said with those caveats. I will stick with what I know well: gender science.'

Deputies: Woman punched boyfriend who was holding 3-yr-old boy

Matt · 19 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman in Clyde was arrested Monday morning after a domestic dispute in Clyde.

According to Wayne County Sheriff's deputies, 22-year-old Kaitlyn Zimmerman got into a verbal argument with her boyfriend at a home on Elm Street.

Zimmerman is accused of punching her boyfriend in the face several times, while the boyfriend was holding the couple's three-year-old son.

She then allegedly damaged several items belonging to her boyfriend, as well.

Zimmerman was charged with harassment 2nd, criminal mischief 4th, and endangering the welfare of a child. She was arrested and remanded to the Wayne County Jail.'

Un- and Under-employed Men: Chickens Are Roosting

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An original essay by me. :)

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http://www.cnn.com/2017/08/14/us/what-is-antifa-trnd/index.html

http://www.cnn.com/2017/08/13/us/white-nationalism-explainer-trnd/index.html

You'd have to be living under a rock not to know about Charlottesville, the white nationalist protesters and the fatal incident that took place there recently, and the counter-protesters that massed in protest.

Indeed, the white nationalists represent a direct challenge to American democracy. Their numbers are growing. This is not good. Counter-protesters predictably appear, and that is good. If groups proclaiming racial supremacy along with extremist nationalist positions went unchallenged by counter-protests, I'd be very worried for America. Well, not that I'm not anyway. But I'd be worried even more.

At this point in US history the biggest threat to American democracy is us-them thinking. More generally, you're either with "us" or you're against "us". Extreme positions and attitudes give rise to the same in an effort to counter them. This leaves modes of thought that are willing and able to entertain multiple POVs and respond to non-reason with reason with little quarter, at least among those who could most benefit from them.

One can argue that the antifa bloc is less anti-fascist and more pro-Marxist. Yes, Marxists are still among us. Perhaps one reason Marxists and fascists fight so much against each other is because the net results of their philosophies are quite similar: loss of human and political rights, extreme responses to violations of law (political "offenses" such as membership, even informally, in some group or other, are capital crimes, for example), uncompromising demands for conformity, the merger of political and industrial interests, etc. The justifications may be very different but the outcomes are the same.

Today's antifa people are not quite the same ideologically as the antifa people in Germany in the 1930s. Nor are America's white nationalists cut from quite the same cloth as the Nazis of the time. Still, close enough. The antifa bloc now violently represents the concerns of various types of extremist so-called progressives. Antifa demonstrators are fine with shutting up opposition to their ideas via violence. So too it seems are a fair number of SJW types on college campuses. Goes without needing to say that white nationalists agree that violence and threats are also warranted in silencing opposition. And both groups of people are seeing a growth in numbers.

Violent political groups, or groups that accept violence as a means of influencing domestic political outcomes, have always been with us and probably always will be. Their presence is worrisome perhaps but so long as their numbers are small, their presence is at least bearable. And in the name of free speech and the right of a free people to form associations, their presence must be borne. But what happens when their numbers start to grow and they start to become active? When they begin to hold rallies, conventions, etc.? And when inevitably, "the other side" shows up to counter-protest? Violence is inevitable.

So it'd seem this state of affairs is unavoidable. At least, the existence of such groups seems inevitable in a free republic. But is the expansion of either such group inevitable? No. But when is the expansion likely?

I have a question. Who makes up the ranks of these groups? Are they made up of men, women, and children? Do those who attend these rallies or gatherings take time off work to go? "Hi boss, can I have this Friday and next Monday off? I need to go to the XYZ rally to support _____ (white nationalism, anti-fascism, etc.)."

No. They are made up *principally* of young men. Needless to say, the white nationalist members are young white men. As for the antifa groups, they are made up largely of young men, indeed most of them also white. It should come as no surprise given American demographics. But it is the nature of the tactics and approach

combined with the sex of the members that is telling. History it seems is bent on repeating itself, again. And the cast of characters is the same, generally speaking. The communists and Nazis in Weimar Germany look a lot like the white nationalists and antifa protesters do today: young white men. What else do they have in common? Un- and under-employment.

How many young Amish men can you count among the white nationalists and antifa people? Answer: None. Is that because there are none who have sympathies with either side? Hmmm, I bet there are some who could be counted on to have sympathies with one or another side. After all, there are a fair number of Amish in America, having a diverse opinion on many matters.

You may laugh and quickly point out that the Amish are anabaptists, characterized by pacifism as a response to violence. Additionally, anabaptists tend to live in a state of general apartness from the modern world, interacting with it only as required, preferring pre-industrialized farming as a lifestyle. So how likely is it that Amish men could be found among the white nationalists or the antifa protesters? Pretty thin. But why?

The answer is: Work. Idle hands are the Devil's workshop, indeed. Having a job to do, to focus on, and responsibilities to tend to, keeps many people away from activities that are not constructive, good for them, or good for others. When it comes to men, I have noticed, nothing could be more true.

There may be a number of reasons why you won't catch anabaptist men marching in white nationalist groups, or with groups of antifa protesters wearing black hoods and face-coverings, running around throwing bricks, burning cars, etc. But let me assert that there is a PRIMARY reason why you are very unlikely to find them there: there's work to be done. Animals need feeding and tending. Fields need plowing. Children need teaching and minding. And to be apart from the women-folk too long would be bad for both men-folk and the ladies. So Amish men stick close to farm and family.

Do these mostly-young-men in the white nationalist movement and among the antifa groups have steady jobs? Do they have responsibilities that require their presence at home? In some cases, yes. But I will speculate that in most cases, no. Exactly how they are getting by, I couldn't say. Perhaps some live with their parents. Perhaps some make ends meet with part-time or under-the-table jobs. But how many of these young men work 40-hour/week jobs and/or have a wife and children? I will speculate very few.

The one thing, I speculate, that the members of both groups have in common is that they are un- or under-employed. I don't know if anyone has tried studying them but I bet there are commonalities among them, with the biggest differences perhaps being their ideologies. The software is different running in their heads. But the hardware is the same: Male minds, male bodies. Only a very small percentage of American men are white nationalists or antifa members, smaller still the number ready to go out and rally or protest violently. If only a total of 5,000 people are willing to act violently in either camp, this comes to 0.000015% of the US population. Not what I'd call a big representation. But they get headlines. And what do they have in common? Nearly ALL of them are young men with little in the way of employment.

Governments fear men. Men, after all, are much more likely to overthrow governments than are women. Men are also their primary source of power. Without men at arms, they have no means of policy enforcement. They have no armies, nor a police force to speak of. They cannot maintain civilization without men. Most people who make up the government itself are men.

But men are increasingly more idle, generally, as time goes on. Automation is making men working in production facilities economically undesirable when compared to the cost of automation. Thus, men of limited education are more idle or under-employed than ever. Even men with college or better educations are more idle/unemployable than ever.

The male spirit seems to crave challenges, causes, reasons and ways to express itself. Not to say the female spirit doesn't. I will assert most politically incorrectly however that the two kinds of spirits seek expression, in general, in different ways. Left with little route to express itself, the frustrated male spirit may seek ways to find expression

that when combined with wrong-headed ideas lead to destructive forms of expression.

Back to the software analogy. Men's bodies and brains are capable of doing extraordinary things indeed. Our entire civilization has men to thank for what it has and is. It is the product of men whose brains had the right software running in them. Arguably, this programming evolved in them as a consequence of nurture and being put to work. From these influences, we enjoy the fruits of men's minds throughout the centuries. But what do we get when the hardware that is men's bodies and minds gets programmed by wrong-headed ideas and a lack of work? Most times, the result is wasted lives, wasted talents, lost opportunities. But sometimes, it results in what we see today in some places at some times.

As men are increasingly unemployable generally, with misandry colonizing colleges and male enrollment in higher education continuing to decline, the numbers of unemployable men in our society will continue to grow. Not all men are members of white nationalist or antifa groups. Far from it. But most members thereof are indeed men: unemployable or under-employed men. Men with male spirits, men's bodies, men's minds, men's abilities, and a certain set of ideas that do not typically seek peacable solutions to problems.

Would it be reasonable to suspect that as the number of unemployable or under-employed, under-educated men continues to grow, the ranks of both the white nationalists and antifa groups will continue to grow?

Correlation does not imply causation. I get that. But I speculate that we will indeed see the numbers of both groups continue to grow as the percentage of men with "too much time on their hands" keeps growing.

Weimar Germany had large numbers of unemployed young men in it. We saw where that went.

In contrast, how many agrarian societies with few or no cities in them have created fascist or otherwise ideologically extremist governments? I do not believe history has once seen this, unless you count monarchical gov't as an extremist form. Nor do I believe this is just happenstance. I believe the men in those societies were simply far too busy with work and family duties to even entertain extremism, much less pursue it.

Both myself and others have suggested that as men become increasingly idle and/or without a sense of necessary place in the society their forefathers made possible to exist, there would be an inevitable increase in bad-things-happening, social unrest and political violence being among the biggest.

The chickens are only just beginning to come home to roost. More chickens are on the way. Question is, how big is the roost and just how many chickens can it hold? Eventually, the roost will collapse.

Australian Army reduces physical qualifications significantly to recruit women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women have to finish just four push-ups in order to pass the Australian Army fitness test, as part of an effort to double the number of female troops.

The initial test consists of just four push-ups and 20 sit-ups, The Daily Telegraph reported.

If women pass the test they are sent off on a seven-week pre-conditioning course, where they prepare for the formal Army recruit course and more rigorous tests.

After the seven weeks of training they need to complete eight push-ups and 45 sit-ups in order to start proper training.

The fitness tests were created with increased female membership in mind, after it was revealed the Australian Army wanted to double its female intake.
...
As part of the push for more female recruits, women needed to promise two years while men needed to give at least six years' service once they signed up in the infantry or artillery.'

NZ: Woman who blackmailed man with false rape claims has appeal rejected

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Blenheim woman who blackmailed a man with false rape claims has lost an appeal of her prison sentence.

Joanne Lee Kerr's demands for money from a Blenheim man turned into threats in December. She threatened to go to the police and say he raped her, and write on Facebook that he was a convicted sex offender who preyed on young girls.

After lengthy negotiations with Kerr, the man told police and Kerr was charged with blackmail.'

Teacher at elite Brentwood School arrested, accused of having sex with an underage student

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Story here. Excerpt:

'A teacher at the elite Brentwood School has been arrested on suspicion of having sex with an underage student, authorities said.

Aimee Palmitessa, 45, was taken into custody Friday by detectives, said Tony Im, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department. The alleged victim is a 16-year-old student at the school.

Palmitessa was booked on suspicion of statutory rape — sex involving a minor, Im said. She has since been released on bail, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

She could not be reached for comment Sunday.

Palmitessa is a biology teacher at the private school, one of Los Angeles' most expensive schools, sources told The Times. She has a PhD in biochemistry and molecular biology and previously taught at Penn State Abington.

Mike Riera, head of Brentwood School, informed parents of the arrest in a newsletter sent out on Saturday and said that officials were "shocked and distressed" over the allegations.

"The Los Angeles Police Department informed us yesterday afternoon that Upper School teacher, Dr. Aimee Palmitessa, had been arrested on suspicion of inappropriate relations with a Brentwood School student and is expected to face charges. … We immediately placed Dr. Palmitessa on administrative leave.'

Girls Who Code founder: Men build technologies to 'replace their mothers'

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Article here. What a misandrist. Excerpt:

'Reshma Saujani is not a coder but she's empowering "an army of young women" to take on tech's gender gap through her nonprofit Girls Who Code.

"I think that this is an opportunity we have to give every single one of our children," Saujani says in a new episode of CNN's Boss Files with Poppy Harlow. "I think the problem is right now, culturally, images that we see are very male. We have to be thoughtful and think about how can we open the door."

Through Girls Who Code, Saujani is helping to bridge the opportunity gap for young girls through after-school and summer immersion programs. Since 2012, the organization has grown from serving 20 girls in New York to nearly 40,000 girls across the U.S.
...
In a statement that Saujani admits is controversial, she argues that empathy tends to be "uniquely female" and is the primary difference between the problems boys and girls choose to solve with the technologies they create.'

Note: Recommend viewing the linked article on a smart phone. I tried 3 major browsers on a desktop computer and all of them got hung up loading the linked page. Don't know why.

UK rape hoaxer gets 10 years in prison

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A British woman dubbed an "attention-seeking" liar for falsely accusing 15 men of rape and sexual assault during four separate encounters was sentenced Thursday to 10 years in prison.

Jemma Beale, 25, was found guilty at London's Southwark Crown Court in July on four counts of perjury and four counts of perverting the course of justice, The Sun reported. Judge Nicholas Loraine-Smith called Beale a "convincing liar" who liked being pitied as the victim.

"This trial has revealed, what was then not obvious, that you are a very, very convincing liar and you enjoy being seen as a victim," Loraine-Smith said in court. "The prosecution described your life as a 'construct of bogus victimhood.'"'

Canada: Lopsided coverage of sexual assault case conceals parties' true roles

Matt · 25 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Leslie Nyznik, Sameer Kara and Joshua Cabero: Taken together, the names have a nice multicultural ring to them, as befits a police force in a country committed to the belief that diversity is our strength.

Cultural diversity, however, was not the strength behind the Aug. 9 acquittal of these Toronto police officers, who had been charged with sexually assaulting a junior colleague on the night of Jan. 16, 2015. Hotel security video cameras were their strength. Without video footage that countered key pieces of testimony by the complainant, known as AB, it is highly likely that Nyznik, Kara and Cabero would be facing prison terms of five to 10 years.

The fateful off-duty evening began with a “Rookie Buy Night” celebration in the downtown hotel where the officers had taken a room for the night, moved on to various bars and a strip club, and ended with AB and the three men in their room, where various sexual acts took place. AB claimed she was sexually assaulted by all three, and Nyznik, the only officer to take the stand, insisted sex with all was consensual.'

USDA Biologist Says He Was Discriminated Against As A Man

Matt · 26 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. To jump the paywall, Google the article title enclosed in quotes. Excerpt:

'A U.S. Forest Service biologist was illegally blocked from participating in networking activities such as events dubbed “Fabric Fridays” and “Running Revolution” because the activities were limited to only women, according to a discrimination suit he filed in Pennsylvania federal court Monday.

The suit by Nathan Welker, which named as a defendant U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Secretary Sonny Perdue, alleged that Welker was illegally discriminated against because of his gender in violation of Title VII and because of his age in violation of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

Welker claimed in part that the chain of command to which he directly reports is composed almost entirely of women and that he “has been treated differently because he is a male” over the course of his employment.

For example, Welker said, he and other men are excluded “from work-related activities where women build relationships and networking opportunities,” such as yearly retreats, “Fabric Fridays” and “Running Revolution” events.

“Because of this, plaintiff has missed out on necessary relationship building and networking,” Welker said. “Furthermore, females get the first chance at opportunities that arise in the office and are treated more favorably than men.”'

Wake Forest University Launches 'Leave Patriarchy Behind' Club

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Article here. Excerpt:

'College administrators absolutely HATE men. We all know this. Almost every college has at least one initiative geared towards mocking men for their “fragile masculinity,” denigrating so-called “toxic masculinity,” or treating men as if they’re all potential rapists, in need of remedial feminist education on how to respect women.

Princeton University, for example, is hiring a “Men’s Engagement Manager” to fight against “toxic masculinity.” Ithaca College, meanwhile, has sponsored lectures on “masculinity and violence,” and Duke University has an ongoing “Men’s Project” designed to teach men how to “begin the work of unlearning violence.”

Those are just a few of the dozens of initiatives colleges host to fight masculinity, many of which are essentially "masculinity re-education camps,” recruiting men into secretive clubs to confess their sins, sacrifice their soul to the feminist gods, and vow never to be chivalrous or tough again.

While these groups are de rigueur on most college campuses, until this year, Wake Forest University didn’t have anything like it. But that changed this year. The school has launched a “Leave Patriarchy Behind” group (full title: Leaders who Educate, Advocate, and lift Voices for gender Equity), which is recruiting male students to create a more “gender equitable campus,” to “create events and programs” that promote feminism, and to facilitate a capstone workshop on “Getting to Know Feminism.”'

Back to school -- and to kangaroo Title IX courts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This month, thousands of college students are heading back to school excitedly looking forward to their Fall semester. For many, this will be a time to meet new people, establish lifelong friendships, and embrace college life to its fullest.

But we wonder how many will be ensnared and destroyed by biased Title IX sexual misconduct hearings occurring on campuses across the country.

Higher education faces many challenges today, and the issue of how to handle sexual misconduct on college campuses is in the forefront. No one denies that sexual assault on college campuses is a serious matter. Yet the prescribed solution by the Department of Education in denying fairness and impartiality eviscerates due process for students facing a Title IX related hearing.

Last month, our organization brought a contingent of college students to meet with Education Secretary Betsy DeVos during a listening session for students falsely accused of sexual misconduct. Students recounted how they were presumed guilty by their university, often not notified of the allegations brought against them and in some cases not provided the identity of their accusers. They also related how they were pressured by the university to admit wrongdoing even in the face of evidence that pointed to their innocence.'

Feminist Law Professors Stand Against Title IX Abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Perhaps Title IX started as a good thing, but under the Obama administration, it was broken. Title IX has been used to destroy the lives of numerous men based on allegations of sexual assault with zero evidence or even contradicting evidence. At least one man killed himself, reportedly unable to deal with being labeled as a sexual predator.

However, for those who have been fighting against the stupidity, a surprising ally just emerged. The College Fix reports:

Four self-identified feminist law professors from Harvard filed a submission with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights Monday, asking it to bestow "Fairness for All Students Under Title IX."

They have "researched, taught, and written on Title IX, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and feminist legal reform," and they argue that OCR's direction under President Obama has led colleges to infantilize women, discriminate against students of color, censor protected speech and turn relationship disputes into "stacked" proceedings that help neither accuser nor accused.

Elizabeth Bartholet, Nancy Gertner, Janet Halley, and Jeannie Suk Gersen (below) were among 28 Harvard Law professors to sign a letter published in the Boston Globe in 2014 that called out the university for a new policy that imposed kangaroo courts on accused students.'

Australia: No choice to walk away: When the domestic abuser is your child

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although she feels isolated in her predicament, Sally is far from alone. The little research available on adolescent domestic violence offenders suggests the numbers are significant, though under-reported, and are rising at about the same rate as adult-perpetrated domestic violence.

In NSW, domestic violence incidents involving juvenile offenders make up about 5 per cent of the total incidents reported, but anecdotal evidence suggests most parents will only engage authorities in desperation and as a last resort.

Last year's Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence found about two-thirds of juvenile offenders were male, and 80 per cent of victims were their mothers.

Adolescent psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg says he is concerned about a connection between violence against mothers and a broader trend of growing disrespect among young males.'

Someone Photoshopped a viral Hurricane Harvey photo to make point about feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Someone swapped the two heads to make a point about feminism. The edited image shows a woman carrying a man instead.

Many have tweeted the picture with the original caption: ‘When Hollywood makes the “Hurricane Harvey” movie…’
...
The images, taken all across the state, show rescuers giving victims piggybacks and residents using swimming pool inflatables to save others.'

Australia: Campaign to change Father's Day to 'Special Persons' Day' so kids without fathers don't get offended

Matt · 30 August 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'AN EARLY childhood activist has been labelled "offensive" after suggesting Father's Day be renamed 'Special Person's Day' so kids without dads wouldn't feel left out.

Dr Red Ruby Scarlet, an activist with a doctorate in early childhood studies, is pushing for the name change to the annual holiday.

During an interview on Today Tonight Dr Scarlet denied it was case of excess political correctness.

"Why are we calling this political correctness when in fact it's about our rights?" Dr Scarlet told host Rosanna Mangiarelli.

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Dr Scarlet, who insisted that was her real name, said that many families without fathers supported the idea.

"We have single parent families, satellite families, extended families, lesbian and gay families," she said.

Her ideas were met with a stern rebuke from New South Wales Liberal minister David Elliott, who called them "rubbish".'

Woman charged with falsely accusing police officer of sexual assault

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'A woman who sent a Pennsylvania police officer 102 text messages following a hotel tryst falsely accused him of sexual assault, authorities say.

Michelle Milliron was angry that Officer Mike Foley, who has since resigned, repeatedly ignored her following their sexual encounter on April 12, according to Cranberry Township cops.

"I'm coming for you," Milliron texted, according to the complaint. "So now who has the power? U got one more chance to call me and if you don't I'm going to report you because I'm such a good citizen.

"I'll take you down. It's not a threat it's a promise," the text concluded.'

Father of boy murdered by ex-wife discusses misandrist court system

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Article here. Jump the registration wall by Googling the first two paragraphs. Excerpt:

'THE father of a young boy murdered by his mother on the Yorke Peninsula is calling for an overhaul of the family law court system, saying his son would still be alive today if authorities had listened to his fears over his ex-partner's mental health.

Mick Clarke says the court system is failing children and putting their lives at risk because of a discriminatory attitude towards fathers.

A national fathers' advocacy group is backing Mr Clarke's appeal for change, describing family law courts as "gynocentric".

Mr Clarke, of Hillcrest, spent 18 months pleading with the Federal Circuit Court to act to protect his son Jacob, 7, but said his concerns fell on deaf ears and the boy remained in the care of his mother, Tanyia Hewson, also known as Rose, 42.'

Paris Has a New Taxi Service That's Only For Women

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'Even though women make up about 60 percent of taxi passengers around the world, that number does is not mirrored in the front seat.

According to one study, 86 percent of Uber drivers are male. And another estimates that 98 percent of taxi drivers in the U.K. are male. In an effort to counteract industry trends, a new women-only taxi service has started operations in Paris.

Women Drive promises women in Paris transportation "without prying eyes or indelicate questions."

The company's founder, Sarra Boubchir,told Le Figaro that Women Drive's goal is "to prove that transporting people is not a job reserved for men, and that women have the right to be transported in complete peace."

In addition to a female driver, each car ride comes with water bottles, makeup kits, and computer tablets in the back seat.'

The abuse of rape laws is far too rampant in India

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'Rape is a heinous crime and every person held guilty must be punished in accordance with law, but how far does the law protect an innocent accused of rape? According to National Crime Records Bureau data, offenders in cases of rape were known to the victims in around 95.5 per cent cases. Thus, it will not be incorrect to say, that in a large number of cases, the offender and the victim were known to each other and, perhaps, during a possible love affair, they may have made numerous promises, with intentions of fulfilling these promises. A number of cases are registered where the complainant alleges that rape has been committed on a false promise of marriage.

Many of these cases are filed after a considerable delay and usually after seeking legal advice, wherein acting upon such advice, a strong case is registered. A serious case is made out where it is alleged that ‘repeated rape’ has been committed over the period of the love affair. Thereafter, a FIR is registered on the basis of these complaints, which is followed by a medical examination of the victim and the arrest of the offender. However, the law must ensure the protection of the accused and that he is not put through undue hardship when a false complaint of alleged rape is made out of vendetta and to settle old scores.'

Four feminist law professors seek Title IX remediation

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Unexpected, but nice to see: Fairness For All Students Under Title IX

'Abstract: Four feminist law professors at Harvard Law School have called on the U.S. Department of Education to revise the previous Administration's policies on sexual harassment and sexual assault on campus. In a memo submitted to the Education Department yesterday, they set out an agenda of fairness for all students, accusers and accused. In recent years the Education Department has pressured colleges and universities to adopt overbroad definitions of wrongdoing that are unfair to both men and women, and to set up procedures for handling complaints that are deeply skewed against the accused and also unfair to accusers.'

Estée Lauder Faces Suit Over Leave

Matt · 4 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said Wednesday that it has sued Estée Lauder Companies Inc., accusing the beauty giant of violating federal law when it awarded male employees fewer weeks of parental leave than female workers receive.

According to the EEOC, the discrimination suit began when a male stock worker in Maryland was denied the six weeks of paid parental leave for child-bonding that new mothers receive, receiving two weeks instead. Estée Lauder's child-bonding leave is in addition to the paid leave new mothers receive for childbirth recovery.

The EEOC claims the policy violated the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, and its suit seeks back pay, damages and injunctive relief for the stock worker and other male employees affected by the discrepancy in leave benefits. It was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.'

Houston Rescuers Prove the Lie of ‘Toxic Masculinity’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men. We are just the worst, with our toxic masculinity and patriarchal privilege. We are the source of literally all of the world’s problems, from war, income inequality, and “rape culture” to the misogynistic microaggressions of “mansplaining” and “manspreading.” If we are ever to create a nonviolent, truly gender-equal world, we must rip away the false, culturally constructed façade of masculinity. We must free ourselves from the strictures of macho posturing, embrace vulnerability, and redefine what it means to be strong.

That is the message being promoted incessantly today from celebrities like John Legend to the halls of academia to media outlets such as Slate, Salon, and HuffPost. Seemingly overnight, our culture has unquestioningly embraced the term “toxic masculinity.” Male nature itself is the problem, we are told, and the solution is the deconstruction of our understanding of what it means to be a man. But photos and news reports coming out of the devastation wreaked in Texas by Hurricane Harvey are putting the lie to this subversive idea.

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Some will (and did) complain that such reports were not examples of toxic masculinity. Of course not — that is the point. These stories and photos in the news media depicted the true chivalric nature of masculinity: men acting upon their natural responsibility as protectors, stepping up, at risk to their own lives, to help those unable to help themselves. It is this aspect of manhood for which men are never given credit by those deconstructionists in the culture and in academia who view masculinity as an obstacle to their agenda. Misandrist activists and intellectuals never acknowledge that there are positive aspects to masculine strength or that women want traditionally masculine men.'

Australian Defense Force: Intelligence Analyst (female opportunity)

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'As an Intelligence Analyst (also known as Analyst Intelligence Operations), you will be part of a team that provides your commanders with critical information, while enjoying:

a good salary plus generous superannuation
ongoing investment in your personal and career development
free medical and dental
job security and a good work/life balance
rewarding work and world-class training
subsidised accommodation
a supportive team environment
travel and leave entitlements
free access to sports and fitness facilities
friendships that last a lifetime
...
Click on the APPLY FOR THIS JOB button to submit your application. Females are encouraged to apply.'

More than 40 percent of colleges don’t challenge lawsuits filed by railroaded students

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'This summer has featured a string of bad court rulings for colleges that are being sued by students who were found responsible for sexual misconduct in campus proceedings.

Judges seem increasingly convinced that colleges are hiding or ignoring evidence, preventing accused students from cross-examining witnesses and not following their own rules in their zeal to avoid bad publicity from the accuser-friendly Department of Education, among other violations.'

Accused students presumed guilty at three in four top colleges, survey finds

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'If you worry that your children could be swept up in a baseless disciplinary investigation at their colleges, a “first-of-its-kind report” by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education will help you choose schools to blacklist.

Sadly, the vast majority of top schools as rated by U.S. News & World Report – including all but one Ivy League school – should be nixed.

The report evaluated the 53 institutions at the top of U.S. Newsrankings, finding that nearly three-quarters presume a student guilty in a disciplinary proceeding. (Most have separate procedures for sexual misconduct, where accused students fare even worse.) Less than half require their fact-finders, “the institution’s version of judge and/or jury,” to be impartial.'

Feminist Clementine Ford sparks walkout by refusing to answer schoolboys' questions

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'SOME schoolgirls staged a walkout on feminist Clementine Ford after she refused to take questions from male students at exclusive Aquinas College in Melbourne.

The 35-year-old blogger and controversial, outspoken activist was slammed by parents after she blocked questions from year 10 schoolboys at the private secondary school.

The incident, which caused some female Aquinas students to walk out of Ford's talk, happened in May this year.

One angry parent claimed Ford had treated the 15-year-old male students "like crap".

"The boys wanted to ask her questions, and she refused to answer questions from boys. She goes, 'No no, I'm only taking questions from girls,'" parent Darren told Melbourne Radio 3AW.

"The ones that turned on her after she treated the boys like crap, was the girls who got up and left."'

Zambia: "Male circumcision can reduce HIV risk for women by 30 percent"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ground-breaking research presented at the recent International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2017) in Paris, suggested that voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) could lower HIV risk for women by as much as 30 percent.

It is already well-known that women whose male partners are circumcised can benefit from a reduced risk of genital ulcers, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), such as herpes and syphilis, bacterial vaginosis and T vaginalis, but until now, there has been little evidence of its protective benefits against HIV for women.

Rachael Rawlinson, COO for CareWorks, an HIV management organisation, described the research as a break-through discovery.'

Twitter as the battleground over "manspreading"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman has taken to social media to take up the 'fight' to 'manspreading' by posting an image claiming a man is taking up too much of the seat.

The Sydney woman posted the image to Twitter accusing the man of hogging the two-person seat on a bus on Tuesday afternoon.

She claims she can 'barely fit' on the seat and nearly falls off every time the vehicle turns.'

DeVos says she'll rescind Obama's Title IX sexual assault guidelines

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Education Secretary Betsy DeVos intends to revoke former President Obama's 2011 guidelines for schools investigating campus sexual misconduct, she told CBS News' Jan Crawford in an exclusive interview Thursday.

Noting that DeVos, in a speech just before the interview, had announced the Trump administration would revise the current policy but did not say that she planned to rescind the 2011 directive, Crawford asked the Education secretary, "Are you today rescinding the Obama administration guidelines?"

"Well, that's the intention, and we've begun the process to do so," DeVos responded. "And as I've said earlier, in all of this discussion, it really is a process not an event." She reiterated, "But it is the intention to move beyond that and move towards a better way."'

"Why the Men's Rights Movement Is Garbage"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I need to take a moment here to talk about the Men's Rights Movement, because there seems to be some confusion. Actually, there seems to be a whole lot of confusion.
...
Second of all, let's get one thing straight: men, as a group, do not face systematic oppression because of their gender. Am I saying that literally no men out there are oppressed? No, I am for sure not saying that. Men can and do face oppression and marginalization for many reasons -- because of race, class, sexuality, poverty, to name a few. Am I saying that every white cishet dude out there has an amazing life because of all his amassed privilege? Nope, I'm not saying that either. There are many circumstances that might lead to someone living a difficult life. But men do not face oppression because they are men. Misandry is not actually a thing, and pretending that it's an oppressive force on par with or worse than misogyny is offensive, gross, and intellectually dishonest.'

Feminists Trot Out Ludicrous 1-In-4 Rape Statistic To Oppose Due Process On Campus

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'In response to the U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos's announcement on Thursday that the federal government will stop pressuring colleges to trample on the civil rights of students accused of rape, a feminist advocacy organization has trotted out the thoroughly discredited claim that "one in four women" are "raped on campus."

The feminist group is UltraViolet.

"With one in four women sexually assaulted while in college, we are facing a national rape epidemic on our campuses, and today's announcement makes clear that Betsy DeVos and Donald Trump are more concerned with protecting perpetrators than the survivors they sexual assaulted," said UltraViolet co-founder Nita Chaudhary in a statement sent to The Daily Caller on Thursday.

Chaudhary also flatly dismissed the notion that people accused of serious crimes should receive due process or fair treatment in campus disciplinary hearings that could lead to their expulsion.

"There are no two sides when it comes to rape. Period," she declared. "The idea that we need to focus more on the rights of the accused would be laughable if it weren't so terrifying and outright dangerous."'

Canada: False rape case continued

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The case against a former Sacred Heart University student, accused of making up rape allegations against two football players to gain sympathy from a perspective boyfriend, was continued so that her lawyer can attend psychological evaluation of the young woman.

Nikki Yovino, who left Sacred Heart in Fairfield, is charged with second-degree falsely reporting an incident and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

She is seeking a pretrial diversionary program that could result in the charges against her being dismissed if a judge determines she was suffering from a psychiatric disability.

A psychological evaluation was to be at Southwest Community Mental Health Center here but Yovino's lawyer said the evaluation was not done because he was not allowed to be present.

"It was unconstitutional," Mark Sherman told Superior Court Judge Maureen Dennis as Yovino stood beside him.'

Why Moms Whose Sons Have Been Accused of Campus Sexual Assault Are Banding Together

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'In July, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos met with a handful of groups that believe rape is often a lie to hear their opinions about collegiate sexual assault. Liberals tarred these groups “men’s rights activists.” But one of them didn’t quite fit that profile. This one, FACE — Families Advocating for Campus Equality — largely comprises moms whose sons have been accused of sexual assault in college.

In our Trumpian age of political hand-to-hand combat (metaphorical and literal), moms don’t take their accused sons back home and lick their wounds. They organize. They fight publicly. “This is a witch hunt, no different than the Salem witch trials or McCarthyism,”a FACE organizer says in a raspy voice when she calls me from a state far away. “A fear has been sold to the country, that every man is a potential rapist. This is now an American truth, just the way the Communists infiltrating and taking over our country was a truth of McCarthyism. For our American boys today, it’s guilty before innocent.”'

Betsy DeVos’s Critics Rely on Junk Science and Sheer Malice

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'Honestly, even for a person who’s been hardened by decades of campus ideological and legal battles, it’s hard to believe how thoroughly unhinged, how intellectually bankrupt is the argument against protecting due process on campus. Yesterday, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos announced that the Trump administration would shortly begin a regulatory rulemaking process designed to protect college students from sexual assault while also protecting the fundamental constitutional rights of the accused.

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To put it simply, it’s because many of them believe and propagate a pile of junk science seasoned with a heaping helping of far-left ideology. This toxic combination causes them to believe the following fantastical story: That one in five women on campus will be sexually assaulted at some point in their college careers, that virtually no woman would lie or be mistaken in alleging a sexual assault, and that even the absence of evidence is somehow evidence of rape. In these circumstances, due process is at best a mere formality. At worst, it’s the rapist’s friend.'

Court Order: Former University of California, Santa Barbara Administrator Concealed Evidence in Title IX Investigation

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'Sandra Vasquez, Pitzer College's new Dean of Students, was cited in a court order for concealing evidence in a Title IX investigation during her tenure at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Vasquez, who holds a doctorate in education, was one of several UCSB officials cited for concealing two key pieces of evidence from a student who was under investigation for allegedly hitting his ex-girlfriend. The evidence turned out to be completely fabricated, but not before the accused student was punished with a suspension.
...
On March 21, Judge Thomas Anderle of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, enjoined various UCSB officials. In his ruling, he chastised Vasquez and her colleagues for violating the student's due process rights and ordered the university to lift the suspension against him.'

Gender quotas and the crisis of the mediocre man

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'More than 100 countries have a gender quota of some form or another in their political system (www.quotaproject.org). While accepting that they lean against underlying biases in gender representation, many opponents argue that such quotas offend meritocratic principles: women elected on the back of quotas need not be the most qualified and may displace qualified men. It would be nice to resolve these debates with hard evidence. However, relatively little is known about the impact of quotas on the competence of elected candidates – whether women or men.

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Our study provides a unique window on quotas and, at the same time, pushes forward the measurement of competence in political selection. It uses the fact that, in 1993, Sweden's Social Democratic party voluntarily introduced a strict gender quota for its candidates. In internal discussions of the reform, the party's Women's branch observed that some men were more critical than others. The quota became known colloquially as the "Crisis of the Mediocre Man," since the incompetent men had the most to fear from an influx of women into politics.'

Women's Group to Hold "Men's Conference"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Women's Foundation of Minnesota is sponsoring a national conference. For men.

The foundation is lead sponsor this week of "The Many Faces of Manhood," a conference in Bloomington organized by A Call to Men that will explore "healthy, respectful manhood in athletics, education, incarceration, fatherhood, faith communities and issues of gender."

Founded in 1983, the Women's Foundation is the oldest and largest statewide women's foundation in the nation dedicated to growing equality for women and girls. Six years ago, it opened its governing board to men after deciding that ensuring opportunity, safety and leadership for girls and women required both sexes at the table.

Throwing their weight behind a conference for men is another step in that direction, said Mary Beth Hanson, the foundation's vice president of external relations.

"To end violence and guarantee safety for girls and women, we have to meaningfully engage boys and men as partners and leaders in the movement," she said.'

Duke recruits men for program to fight 'toxic' masculinity

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'Duke University is recruiting male students for a nine-week program that pledges to “destabilize masculine privilege” and “interrogate masculinity.”

The program, known as the Duke University Men’s Project, seeks to help men examine how their masculinities exist “often in toxic ways” while beginning “the work of unlearning violence.”

...

Over the course of the nine-week program, men will participate in weekly discussion groups conducted through an “intersectional feminist lens,” with the hope of helping male students learn an “intersectional understanding of masculinity” and creating “spaces to destabilize masculine privilege.”

Organizers warn that the program isn’t for the faint of heart, explaining that the discussion groups will make men feel “vulnerable” and “will be challenging,” and should thus be “taken seriously.”

...

Upon successful completion of the program, participants will be dispatched across campus to host events for other students on topics such as “pornography and rape culture, male privilege and taking up space, and gender disparities in emotional labor.”'

Hillary Says Women Who Voted Against Her Caved To Pressure From Fathers, Husbands

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'Hillary Clinton has an explanation for why women — white women, in particular — voted against her last November: they caved in to pressure from their husbands, fathers, boyfriends and male bosses.

Clinton made the excuse during an interview with NPR's Rachel Martin during a promotional tour of her book, "What Happened."

In the interview, Clinton was asked why, given that she was the first female presidential candidate, she fared worse than expected among female voters.

In typical Clinton fashion, she deflected the blame, suggesting that women who voted against her were somehow manipulated by men in their lives. She also claimed that "sexism" from supporters of Bernie Sanders might have played a part in her poor showing among female voters.'

Entry-level Circumcision Debate website launched

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The Internet has made it easier for expectant parents to research everything about having a baby, from choosing a stroller to buying the right diapers. But it hasn't been easy for parents to find reliable information on a question that invariably arises: whether or not to circumcise their son?

Now, a website called CircumcisionDebate.org can give parents, as well as anyone else interested in knowing more about the surgery, an overview from different viewpoints on the topic.

Consumer-friendly and easy-to-use, this new online reference includes a parents' guide and advice on how to talk to your doctor, as well as possible benefits, harms, and risks from circumcision.

"The average person doesn't know where to begin to research circumcision information. CircumcisionDebate.org provides a great overview, in everyday language, so the public can understand what the debate is about," explains Georganne Chapin, executive director of Intact America, the site's sponsor and the nation's largest organization advocating to keep baby boys intact (not circumcised).

Even though Intact America takes a side in the debate, it has created an entry-level website where anyone can feel comfortable exploring the subject. "Doctors have told us they wished they could refer parents to a website that acknowledges that circumcision is a difficult decision," Ms. Chapin says. "CircumcisionDebate.org recognizes that by presenting different perspectives on the debate."

What a visitor will find:

- An overview from people who are uncertain about, against, and in favor of circumcision;
- A history of the practice, from prehistoric times to the present;
- Discussion of possible benefits of circumcision, as well as harms and risks;
- An overview of the foreskin's function;
- Links to sources for further information.

Intact America is in the process of obtaining Health on the Net Foundation Code of Conduct (HONcode) certification for CircumcisionDebate.org. Certification is awarded to health websites that are deemed to be authoritative and reliable.
Responding to the Public's Need for Information

Intact America decided to launch CircumcisionDebate.org after examining the analytics for its own website, Intact America. "We found that more than 30,000 unique visitors a month were landing on our 'Circumcision Decision' page," explains Ms. Chapin. "That page lists 10 reasons not to circumcise baby boys. However, Intact America realized that presenting one side was not necessarily enough for parents struggling with opposing viewpoints from doctors, family members and friends.

"People Google circumcision when they want to begin thinking about the issue, but the information they find is either overwhelming, incomplete, or one-sided," Ms. Chapin says. "We recognized a need to provide basic information so visitors can gain a sense of the entire picture."

She adds that the website is also useful for journalists and students who want to understand the subject, as well as doctors and nurses who would like to refer patients to an authoritative source on circumcision. In addition, CircumcisionDebate.org supports parents who leave their sons intact by including advice on how to talk to doctors, friends, and relatives about their decision. It's also a great primer for men—whether intact or circumcised—who want to learn more about their bodies.

Ms. Chapin points out that the need for a website such as CircumcisionDebate.org shows that America is

approaching a tipping point in how we think about the subject. “A decade ago, the only people talking about circumcision were intactivists. Now it’s become more mainstream, as evidenced by a stream of articles about it in the media,” she says. “But it’s still a difficult conversation for many people. We hope that by providing a safe and informative website, we can encourage more people to engage in the debate.”

About Intact America

Intact America is the largest national advocacy group working to end involuntary circumcision in America, and to ensure a healthy sexual future for all people. Intact America is based in Tarrytown, New York. For more information, visit Intact America, on Facebook, and on Twitter.

Wichita State witch hunt demonstrates why Betsy DeVos is right on Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A couple of fraternity brothers at Wichita State University did something college men often do -- they slightly changed their behavior in order to slightly increase the odds they'd meet some college girls.

The men in this case hung a banner advertising free house tours for new members in the direction of where sorority recruitment was going on. Now they are under fire for sexual harassment.

A school administrator further argued the timing of their dastardly deed exacerbated its impact, claiming sensitivity on matters related to sexual assault was heightened across campus because of Education Secretary Betsy's DeVos speech last week.

On Friday, two brothers belonging to Wichita State's Phi Delta Theta chapter hung a homemade banner that said "New Members Free House Tours!" from the side of their building that faced sorority recruitment. The banner was reported to the university's division of student affairs, which called it "sexual harassment" in a tweet that said: "WSU does not condone sexual harassment in any form. The inappropriate banner at Phi Delt was addressed & sent on for further investigation."'

Paper asks, "Where are the female firefighters?"

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This article is from the Prescott, Arizona Daily Courier. Four years ago, there was a tragic fire where 19 firemen (all men) died. Yet this isn't even mentioned in the article as all it asks is why there are so few female firefighters. Excerpt:

'Women have been among the ranks of firefighters since the late 1800s, but now, over 130 years later, they still make up a tiny minority of the fire service, with just three in the Quad Cities.
...
With both the Phoenix and Mesa fire departments headed up by female chiefs, it might seem that woman have made significant inroads in the firefighting business — and they have, as far as treatment by their colleagues is concerned.

“When I got on (with Phoenix Fire), it was 2001 and it was much different than it is now,” Captain Reda Bigler said. “And I think now those ladies that are trying to be hired into the fire service have it better.”

But of the 1,900 or so Phoenix firefighters, just 4 percent are women.

Prescott Fire Chief Dennis Light said that with two female firefighters, Jamie Wallace and Samantha Vargas, his department is at 3.34 percent.
...
Tharp pointed out that a woman formerly in the department had formed a group called Women in Fire Service, to try to recruit more women. But although they had three women as reserve firefighters at the time, “they could never get the interest.

“I don’t think it’s for lack of trying,” Tharp said.'

Duke University Goes After Men’s ‘Toxic Masculinity’

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'In laypersons terms: The goal appears to revolve around instilling a sense of responsibility and commitment toward changing the behavior of all men for the behavior of some men. The verbiage suggests the existence of masculinity in general results in oppression — including but not limited to violence, racism, and sexuality-based forms of bias and prejudice.

In an interview with LifeZette, psychologist, counselor educator, mother and grandmother Dr. DeAnne Terrell of John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, said she finds Duke's program "really troubling." She said that while the program was likely developed with good intentions, it is based on a false premise.

Said Terrell, "To pair toxicity to masculinity, or any singular group or category of people, is offensive and shortsighted and likely to actually hinder the more helpful dialogue required for such complex issues. Toxicity is a reflection of brokenness and should not be linked unnecessarily to any 'group.'" She added there are different "conversations" that need to occur, unrelated to masculinity.'

University Investigates Title IX Coordinator For Questioning Controversial Campus Rape Statistic

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'Fordham University has launched an investigation into one of its Title IX coordinators after he screened a Prager University educational video that called into doubt the controversial “1-in-5” campus rape statistic.

Dean of Students and deputy Title IX coordinator Christopher Rodgers is under university investigation after the video he played before a sexual assault training session reportedly left a number of resident assistants in tears.
...
Contrary to the popular statistic, more comprehensive data from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics estimates that only 1 in 52.6 college women are victims of rape and sexual assault over a period of four years.
...
Responding do these complaints, PragerU Communications Director Jared Sichel told The College Fix Tuesday that “given the current climate on so many campuses, we’re not shocked that a calm, rational video, based entirely on logic and statistics caused a number of RA s to break down into tears, as many news reports described.”

He added that it was “disturbing” that Rodgers was being investigated for showing the video simply because it wasn’t in “lockstep with the narrative of Fordham’s administrators.”'

College imposes gender quotas on conference panels to prevent ‘sausage fests’

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'In an effort to enforce diversity and inclusion, George Washington University’s international affairs school will no longer permit any “multi-speaker event” that does not meet a female quota, even if attempts are made to ensure women participate.

“For any panel, symposium, or multi-speaker event (3 or more speakers) held at the Elliott School, there should be no single-gender discussion panels,” Elliott School Dean Reuben Brigety wrote in an email to faculty and staff.

“If a panel consists of a single-gender [sic], please ensure that the moderator is of a different gender,” said Brigety (below), adding: “Non-adherence to this policy could result in cancellation of the event.” Its stated effective date was July 1.'

Zambia: Minister calls for 'non-stop' circumcision

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Ministry of Health Permanent Secretary Jabbin Mulwanda has urged health institutions to continuously conduct male circumcision.

Dr. Mulwanda says health workers should not wait for the Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision campaign that falls in August and September every year.

The Permanent Secretary says people should be circumcised at every stage when they make the decision without waiting for the campaign to start.

Dr. Mulwanda said this when He toured Kanakantapa Clinic in Chongwe constituency.

And District Health officer Mable Changala informed Mr. Mulwanda that about one thousand and twelve men have been circumcised in Chongwe district so far.'

Why are some feminists siding with Trump on sexual assault policy?

Mastodon · 16 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Education Secretary Betsy DeVos last week announced plans to revise the nation's guidelines on campus sexual assault, the predictable din of outrage drowned out the applause from some unlikely corners of college campuses: Many liberals actually approve.

Groups of Harvard Law scholars, feminist lawyers, and other university professors had long argued that the Obama-era policy for policing student sexual charges was unfair, creating a Kafkaesque system that presumed guilt rather than innocence. Now, those academics find themselves atypically aligned with the Trump administration on an issue as contentious as sexual violence.

"Betsy DeVos and I don't have many overlapping normative and political views," said Janet Halley, a Harvard Law School professor and expert on sexual harassment who supports the change. "But I'm a human being, and I'm entitled to say what I think."'

Australia: 'White Ribbon' accreditation to be introduced across whole of SA public sector.

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I found out the other day that the South Australian Equal Opportunity Commission is overseeing the introduction of this initiative across all South Australian public sector agencies (raising serious questions as to whether the commission can impartially fulfill it's conciliatory functions).

Some agencies currently signed up:

SA Attorney General's Department

SA Department of Health and Aging (see also here)

SA Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Hopefully, they'll make up their mind whether it's 1-in-3 or 1-in-6 women who have experienced 'intimate partner violence' before more agencies perpetuate their propaganda. Don't expect them to explain why government departments, that answer to elected members of parliament, need "accreditation" from an NGO that holds no official capacity to accredit anything.

Lack of reported sexual assaults on Penn State's campus raises questions

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Four weeks into the fall semester, Penn State has had one sexual assault reported.

Around this time last fall, there were already five sexual assaults reported between Aug. 30 and Sept. 10 , 2016. This time in Fall 2015, there were already three sexual assaults reported via the University Park Timely Warnings.

There were a total of 62 reported sexual assaults by the end of 2015, according to a previous article by The Daily Collegian.

The year with the lowest amount of reported sexual assaults was 2013, with just 28 overall.'

Court Keeps Intact Claims of Bias Against University of Pennsylvania Sex Assault Tribunals

Matt · 16 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'U.S. District Judge John Padova of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on Wednesday trimmed numerous claims from the lawsuit Doe v. Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, but allowed the plaintiff to proceed on allegations that the university failed to adequately train investigators handling the disciplinary case, or provide a disciplinary process "free of gender bias or discrimination."

The case was lodged last year by a black male student who was expelled, but later sanctioned with a two-year suspension after a white woman alleged he had raped her.

The suit raised seven claims, including breach of contract, negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress, and violations of Title IX, IV and the Civil Rights Act.

Padova determined that, although the plaintiff's allegations failed to support four of the asserted causes of action, including the claims that the process was racially biased, the judge said the plaintiff had provided enough support to allow the claims to proceed through discovery on three of the claims, including the allegation that the school violated Title IX.'

Sweden's 'man-free' festival now has a name

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After reading through comments and offers to help, the Swede quickly put together a group of 22 project leaders, PR people and organizers to help move the idea forward. Now, the event has been given a title, "Statement Festival".

"The name has been decided as well as that it will be a two-day festival next summer, and we're going to try to have 100 percent women working and playing. We'll gradually release news on things like the location and artists via Kickstarter."
...
Some have suggested the event could be against anti-discrimination laws, but the organizers insist that after consulting legal experts they have been assured it is OK, noting that "creating a safe space" is the goal.

The people behind the festival have also been careful to point out that it will specifically be free from cisgender men and that transgender people for example are welcome. Cisgender is a term for a person whose gender identity corresponds to their birth sex.'

Student On 'Hunger Strike' Until College Fires Professor Cleared Of Sexual Harassment Claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lindsay Wrobel is on a "hunger strike" until the University of Rochester fires a professor accused of sexual harassment in a recent EEOC claim.

Wrobel claims she stopped eating on Saturday night and will refrain from food until she's either hospitalized or the professor is fired, whichever comes first.

Professor Florian Jaege was cleared of the sexual harassment allegations by both an internal and an external investigation. University of Rochester President Joel Seligman has publicly stated that "no violation of the law or University policy was found." Moreover, last week, Seligman announced a third investigation of sorts: an "independent investigator" will look into the complaints, too, just in case the school and law enforcement missed anything.

But some at the school, such as Wrobel, are not satisfied.

"Until Professor Jaeger is removed from the university, there’s going to be no trust among the student body," Wrobel told ABC affiliate WHAM 13.'

Campus Rape Hysteria Introduced to Australia

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Link here. Excerpt:

'At the request of Australia's 39 universities, the Australian Human Rights Commission has conducted a national, independent survey of university students to gain greater insight into the nature, prevalence and reporting of sexual assault and sexual harassment at Australian universities.

The National university student survey on sexual assault and sexual harassment (the National Survey) also examined the effectiveness of university services and policies that address sexual assault and sexual harassment on campus.

The request to conduct this survey follows decades of advocacy on the topic of sexual assault and sexual harassment at universities both within Australia and overseas. The National Survey is the first of its kind and the first attempt to examine in detail the scale and the nature of the problem in Australia.

This work builds on the Commission's extensive experience leading projects of this nature, including the Review into the Treatment of Women in the Australian Defence Force and conducting national workplace sexual harassment surveys for the past 12 years.'

RIP, the man who chose sanity over paranoid fear to save humanity

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All of us have this saint to thank for being alive today. So much for feminist claims that men just LOVE war, violence, etc. Not that we needed proof. I just think that when a guy saves the lives of billions of people, someone should say something. He's not the only one, too. Check this guy out also. Excerpt:

'Early on the morning of Sept. 26, 1983, Stanislav Petrov helped prevent the outbreak of nuclear war.

A 44-year-old lieutenant colonel in the Soviet Air Defense Forces, he was a few hours into his shift as the duty officer at Serpukhov-15, the secret command center outside Moscow where the Soviet military monitored its early-warning satellites over the United States, when alarms went off.
...
Colonel Petrov was at a pivotal point in the decision-making chain. His superiors at the warning-system headquarters reported to the general staff of the Soviet military, which would consult with Mr. Andropov on launching a retaliatory attack.

After five nerve-racking minutes — electronic maps and screens were flashing as he held a phone in one hand and an intercom in the other, trying to absorb streams of incoming information — Colonel Petrov decided that the launch reports were probably a false alarm.'

College program will help students cope with 'toxic masculinity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Missouri State University (MSU) has created a program to help men tackle “toxic masculinity,” citing rising levels of “depression, anxiety and mental health concerns” among male students.”

The program, called “Men Addressing Social Construction” (MASC), is a collaborative effort launched by university officials to facilitate student dialogue and help “men and male-identifying students” appreciate the impact “toxic masculinity” has had on their lives.

Coordinator of Multicultural Programs and LGBT Student Services Matthew Banks told The Standard that students “are struggling with things in a system like toxic masculinity,” which he defined as a “pervasive idea that punishes men who are ‘feminine’ or experience ‘feminine’ tendencies.”'

Canada: Higher ticket price for white men sparks backlash

Mastodon · 20 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Organizers of a comedy film series screening at the Roxy Theatre this month are facing a backlash after setting higher ticket prices for white men.

Tickets for the Victoria première of Building the Room are being set with what organizers call “justice pricing.”

When tickets went on sale last week, prices were listed as $20 for “cisgender” white males and $10 for everyone else. Cisgender is a term for someone whose gender identity matches their sex at birth, as opposed to someone who is transgender.

Sid Mohammed, a spokesperson for the event, said the idea behind justice pricing was to “try to combat privilege in a tangible way.”'

UK: 'Drunk' student jailed for falsely accusing taxi driver of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A student has been jailed for falsely accusing a taxi driver of raping her after he refused to accept her kebab-soaked money while she was "extremely drunk".

Sophie Pointon, 22, rang police in the early hours of April 22 and told them she had been molested in the back of a taxi after a night out, The Telegraph reports.

The criminology student then signed a statement giving an account of the alleged attack in Leeds.

The Leeds Crown Court heard the driver, a father-of-five, was kept in custody for six hours and missed four weeks of work as a result of the allegations against him.'

Woman accused of raping man at knifepoint might dodge prison

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Michigan woman accused of raping a man at knifepoint may dodge prison after pleading no contest to lesser charges.

Lestina Marie Smith was 17 when she allegedly raped a then-19-year-old man inside his car and threatened him with a steak knife before engaging in oral and vaginal sex. The Saginaw woman also videotaped part of the incident on Jan. 11, MLive.com reported, citing previous testimony in the case.

The male victim testified that the couple dated for about two months in late 2016, months before the alleged attack, and broke up after Smith hit him. He said he was unsure why Smith asked to meet him the day of the alleged attack, but admitted to calling her a “whore” on Facebook several days earlier. She also recently deleted a video he had of them having sex, he testified.'

Teacher allegedly slept with 4 teen students, 2 in same night

Matt · 21 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former high school teacher in Arkansas accused of sleeping with four different students — two of them in the same night — stood before a judge Wednesday.

Jessie Lorene Goline, 25, faces one count of first-degree sexual assault, Arkansas Online reported.

Four students — three from Marked Tree School District and one from East Poinsett County School District — allegedly had sex with Goline, who was a teacher at Marked Tree High School, from January to April 2016, according to Arkansas Online.

Goline reportedly contacted the students via text messages, which, according to court documents, “became more and more sexual in nature."'

Boys Are Not Defective

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jordan has never had a female minister of education, women make up less than a fifth of its workforce, and women hold just 4 percent of board seats at public companies there. But, in school, Jordanian girls are crushing their male peers. The nation's girls outperform its boys in just about every subject and at every age level. At the University of Jordan, the country's largest university, women outnumber men by a ratio of two to one—and earn higher grades in math, engineering, computer-information systems, and a range of other subjects.

In fact, across the Arab world, women now earn more science degrees on a percentage basis than women in the United States. In Saudi Arabia alone, women earn half of all science degrees. And yet, most of those women are unlikely to put their degrees to paid use for very long.

This is baffling on the most obvious levels. In the West, researchers have long believed that future prospects incentivize students to invest in school. The conventional wisdom is that girls do better in school as women acquire more legal and political rights in society. But many Middle Eastern women do not go on to have long professional careers after graduating; they spend much of their lives working at home as wives and mothers. Fewer than one in every five workers is female in Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Oman.'

Laura Kipnis Says She Faced Another Title IX Investigation, This Time for Her Book

Matt · 21 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Laura Kipnis, the Northwestern University professor whose Chronicle article titled “Sexual Paranoia Strikes Academe” sparked a chain of events that led to a Title IX investigation of her, faced another inquiry, The New Yorker reports. That one was prompted by the publication of her book Unwanted Advances: Sexual Paranoia Comes to Campus, she said.

In her initial essay in The Chronicle, Ms. Kipnis argued that a culture of protection rather than empowerment around sexual issues on campuses was wrongheaded. The response to that essay included the filing of a Title IX complaint against Ms. Kipnis, alleging, in part, that the essay had had a chilling effect on complaints, and an investigation was opened. She chronicled the proceedings in another Chronicle essay, “My Title IX Inquisition,” and was cleared of wrongdoing.

But over the summer, The New Yorker reports, Ms. Kipnis faced another university investigation, prompted by the publication of her new book. The allegations, according to the magazine, were similar to those of the first complaint. In a statement to the university, Ms. Kipnis wrote that “these complaints seem like an attempt to bend the campus judicial system to punish someone whose work involves questioning the campus judicial system, just as bringing Title IX complaints over my first Chronicle essay attempted to do two years ago.”'

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos Ends Obama Campus Sex Misconduct Policies

Matt · 23 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In interim guidance released Friday, U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos ended the campus sexual misconduct policies put forward by former President Barack Obama, stating that, while colleges must continue to combat sexual misconduct on campus, the process must be “fair and impartial,” and inspiring “confidence in its outcomes.”

Following up on her announcement earlier this month that she is scrapping the Obama administration’s policies regarding cases of sexual misconduct on college campuses, DeVos stressed in a new “interim Q & A” that all students must be protected from discrimination in school proceedings to investigate sexual assault allegations.'

A Campus-Rape Official Who Disses Men Online

Matt · 23 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Can male students expect a fair process when a member of the school's department responsible for handling sexual assault accusations has posted anti-male sentiments online?

This year Northwestern University, above, hired Kate Harrington-Rosen as its Equity Outreach and Education Specialist for the Office of Title IX/Equal Opportunity and Access. In this capacity, she is responsible for "developing and delivering training for students, faculty, and staff on Title IX policy and procedures, as well as tracking and assessing education and prevention efforts across campus," according to the Evanston, Ill., school.

Her "about" page on Northwestern's website mentions Harrington-Rosen's web sideline the Not Sorry Project, which the school said aims "to give space and voice to women, femmes, and other marginalized groups." But the Not Sorry Project includes content that could be considered anti-male.'

Push for Gender Equality in Tech? Some Men Say It's Gone Too Far

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr. Altizer said that a gathering he hosts in person and online to discuss men's issues had grown by a few dozen members this year to more than 200, that the private Facebook pages he frequents on men's rights were gaining new members and that a radical subculture calling for total male separatism was emerging.

"It's a witch hunt," he said in a phone interview, contending men are being fired by "dangerous" human resources departments. "I'm sitting in a soundproof booth right now because I'm afraid someone will hear me. When you're discussing gender issues, it's almost religious, the response. It's almost zealotry."

Mr. Altizer is part of a backlash against the women in technology movement. While many in the tech industry had previously dismissed the fringe men's rights arguments, some investors, executives and engineers are now listening. Though studies and surveys show there is no denying the travails women face in the male-dominated industry, some said that the line for what counted as harassment had become too easy to cross and that the push for gender parity was too extreme a goal. Few were willing to talk openly about their thinking, for fear of standing out in largely progressive Silicon Valley.'

'Extraordinarily able' Oxford student gets suspended sentence for stabbing ex-boyfriend

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An aspiring Oxford University heart surgeon student -- whose career a judge said he didn't want to ruin -- received a 10-month suspended prison sentence Monday for stabbing her ex-boyfriend.

Lavinia Woodward, 24, previously pleaded guilty to attacking her partner during a drug and booze-filled binge at Christ Church College last December.

"It seems to me that if this was a one-off, a complete one-off, to prevent this extraordinarily able young lady from following her long-held desire to enter the [medical] profession she wishes to would be a sentence which would be too severe," Judge Ian Pringle told the aspiring heart surgeon during a court appearance in May.

Woodward was handed the 10-month sentence -- suspended for 18 months -- on Monday for the attack on Thomas Fairclough. Woodward hurled a laptop, a glass and a jar of jelly at him during an argument before stabbing him in the leg with a bread knife, The Sun reported.

"Principally, at the age of 24 you have no previous convictions of any nature whatsoever," Pringle said, according to Sky News. "I find that you were genuinely remorseful following this event and, indeed, it was against your bail conditions, you contacted your partner to fully confess your guilt and your deep sorrow for what happened.'

UK: Men still paying more than women for car insurance five years after EU ruling

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are still routinely being charged more than women for car insurance, five years after the introduction of an EU rule intended to end price discrimination by gender.

The EU's gender directive moved to eliminate the practice of insurers automatically favouring women and as a result discounting their premiums by hundreds of pounds. This had been commonplace in the industry, and gave rise to companies like Sheila's Wheels aimed solely at women drivers.

But new data shows that even when automatic gender-specific pricing is removed, men are still paying more - because insurers' data continues to rate the majority of male drivers as a riskier proposition.'

Ex-Coach Stands by Wife as She's Sentenced for Sex with One of His Players

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Tennessee high school football coach supported his wife in court on Monday as she was sentenced to three years in prison for repeatedly having sex with one of his teen players, reports say.

Kelsey McCarter, 27, pleaded guilty on Monday to six counts of statutory rape and one count of exploitation of a minor for having sex with a 16-year-old player on her husband, Justin McCarter's, former South-Doyle High School football team in Knoxville, KRON reports.

McCarter initially faced 38 years in prison. She agreed to a three-year sentence at Monday's hearing, where Justin, an assistant coach on the team, stood by her side.'

Their affair exposed, woman tries to run over daughter's husband

Matt · 27 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Jupiter woman is facing a felony charge after she allegedly tried to run over her daughter's husband with her Mercedes-Benz, according to an arrest report.

Kathleen Regina Davis, 58, admitted to Palm Beach Gardens police she had an affair with the 33-year-old man while he was with her daughter, the report said. Davis said the man ruined her relationship with her daughter after he told her of the affair.

That led Davis on Sept. 20 to the man's house in the 4400 block of Crestdale Street, west of Interstate 95 and north of Northlake Boulevard, where she allegedly tossed several eggs at his residence and vehicles. When police arrived, they saw Davis driving in circles in the front yard of the house while attempting to hit the man with her Mercedes.'

Swingers party goes bad when 'jealous' wife attacks husband with minivan

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A swingers party gone awry has led to a woman facing three felonies.
...
The 26-year-old female resident who called 911 told deputies she and her 31-year-old fiance had the Schomakers over for a swingers party. According to police, Amber Schomaker was downstairs with the female resident's fiance and her husband was upstairs with the female resident.

When the pair upstairs came down, Amber Schomaker slapped her husband and went outside. The other three people followed her, only to see her get in her minivan and drive toward them. The minivan went over the curb, onto the sidewalk, and toward the porch where her husband and their hosts were standing, the woman told police.

Both men had to jump out of the way to avoid being hit, the woman told deputies.

Amber Schomaker drove away, but came back a few minutes later and resumed a physical altercation with her husband.

The male resident and Amber Schomaker's husband gave similar accounts as to what had transpired. The husband said his wife attacked him because she was jealous.'

How 'mansplaining' shaped Australian cities, and the way forward

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mansplaining "trains us in self-doubt and self-limitation just as it exercises men's unsupported overconfidence," she writes.

With mansplaining in mind, men who created big visions about places have shaped our sense of the city. Think, for instance, of Jørn Utzon's Sydney Opera House and Robin Gibson's Brutalist architecture of the contemporary arts buildings across Southbank in Brisbane.

From its parks and gardens, to roads and traffic light systems, to iconic buildings, cities are known to be created by men.

By capturing the narrative of the city's places through mansplaining, our experience of cities is dominated by towering office buildings, monolithic civic structures and efficient, looping steel transport networks. As a result, we often experience the world through what men say and decide the world is and does.'

Germany: Mum Sofina Nikat pleads guilty to "infanticide" over death of toddler

Mastodon · 27 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first couple paragraphs. Excerpt:

'A YOUNG mum has been released on bail hours after she admitted killing her young 14-month-old daughter.

When little Sanaya Sahib went missing Sofina Nikat told police she had been out walking with her daughter when the toddler was abducted by a barefoot African man smelling of alcohol.

In reality, Nikat, 24, suffocated the little girl then dumped her body in a Heidelberg creek during a walk to the park on April 9 last year.

...

She told police she killed her baby because she thought the child was possessed.

Nikat was charged with murder but today, her 24th birthday, pleaded guilty to a charge of infanticide.

She was the fifth Victorian woman to plead guilty to the charge that applied when a woman kills her child while mentally disturbed as a result of the birth.

While the offence carries a maximum penalty of five years' jail, just one woman has been jailed for infanticide in Victorian history.'

Left Calls Trump Admin ‘Pro-Rape’ for Defending Students’ Due Process

Mastodon · 27 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The left’s latest false narrative is that the Trump administration is “pro-rape” because the education department is scrapping former President Barack Obama’s campus sexual misconduct policies.

Democrat politicians, Hollywood elites, and feminist and LGBT advocacy groups are blasting U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos’s announcement last week that her department is rescinding the Obama administration’s “guidance” on sexual misconduct that turned over serious sex assault allegations to untrained “kangaroo” courts on college campuses.
...
Though peppered with “fairness” and “impartiality” language, the Obama administration’s policies ultimately asserted, “[W]hen taking steps to separate the complainant and alleged perpetrator, a school should minimize the burden on the complainant.”

When it came to due process, the Obama policies clearly favored the alleged victim.'

Canada: Name women to honorary posts or leave them vacant, military commander says

Mastodon · 28 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An army brigade commander is threatening to leave appointments vacant if regiments don't begin naming women as honorary colonels and lieutenant colonels.

"I will not recommend any new honorary appointment unless we see improvement of our diversity targets," Colonel Daniel Stepaniuk wrote in an Aug. 13 email after a strategic planning session for all regular and reserve units in Ontario.

Postmedia has a copy of the email.

"I will not recommend an extension of any current honorary unless we move to satisfy our diversity targets… When I say gender diversity targets, think 50/50," Stepaniuk wrote.

He is the commander of 32 Canadian Brigade Group, based in Toronto but with 12 reserve regiments in Hamilton, Brantford, Mississauga and other cities in southern Ontario. He spent 30 years in the forces, 27 in the army reserve.

In the Canadian army, "honoraries," as the appointments are colloquially known, are traditionally recruited locally, from the ranks of regimental supporters, business and the like. Army colonels and honorary lieutenant colonels are primarily the preserve of the militia, or part-time reserves.

A key part of the honorary's job is to represent the unit and protect its independence and history.'

Women Study ‘Feminine Economy’ In Feminist Business School

Mastodon · 30 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The founder of a feminist business school hopes to help women fight the “toxic masculinity” of capitalism by exploring the concept of a “feminine economy.”

“Through reading, journaling and writing, we work on unraveling our internalized sexism,” Jennifer Armbrust told Forbes in an interview published Thursday. “We address questions like: What’s our internal relationship with money and power? What is empathy in business? How do you build business structures that honor intuition and make room for rest?”

“For me this work is a site of deep integration,” she continued. “I’m pulling from so many different places, especially my body and my own journey.”

The school’s ideals “have been beautifully articulated by the second wave of black feminists,” Armbrust said, adding that she wants to build and grow those ideals. She said her inspiration for a “feminine economy” grew out of her thinking that capitalism rewards masculine behaviors and traits, and wanting to consider what a system that rewarded feminine traits would look like.

Armbrust said she’s not an economist and doesn’t aspire to be one, but rather directs her work at “people who want to thrive without compromising their creative integrity and political beliefs. These tend to be women and artists.”'

'Faux' Male Feminists Draw Ire in Hollywood

Matt · 30 September 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Critics of men who sport "The Future is Female" T-shirts also maintain that some are using the word "feminist" inappropriately. The preferred term, they argue, is "feminist allies." The rationale is that white people who fight against racism wouldn't call themselves "black," just as straight people who rally for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights wouldn't call themselves "transgender."

BuzzFeed recently published "17 Types of Male 'Feminists' That Need to Be Stopped," an illustrated list that included a new father who suddenly becomes a feminist after he has a daughter, and a male manager who congratulates himself for hiring a female employee.

"It's something I encounter all the time, but that man Robbie Tripp was the real kick in the pants in inspiring the post," said Loryn Brantz, who wrote and illustrated the article and is also the author of the book "Feminist Baby."'

UK: Man cleared of rape after accuser sent messages saying ‘I’ll ring police tomorrow...it’s going to be so fun’

Mastodon · 1 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A TRAINEE accountant has been cleared of raping a student after she sent a Facebook message to friends telling them how she would call police before adding: "It's going to be so fun".

The 19-year-old claimed George Owen had forced himself on her as they left a bar in Bury, Greater Manchester.

She didn't tell police at first but almost a year later, she spotted the 21-year-old in a pub and called the cops.

The girl, who cannot be named, later told pals on Facebook: "OMG hahahahaha my mum knows. My mum started crying. She wants to hold my hand to go through it all with me. I was only raped chill the f*** out."

She added: "I'm going to ring them (police) tomorrow and tell them I'll do it. My mum wants to come so I'm going to ask whether I can do it while she's on holiday. It's going to be so fun."
...
He was cleared in just two hours and 14 minutes by a jury at Minshull Street Crown Court after the messages were read out.'

Re-examining gender based violence

Matt · 1 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Social Welfare Council of Nepal listed over two hundred INGOs working in Nepal in the fiscal year 2072/073. Although these organizations have wide-ranging interventions, most engage in some form of dealing with gender based violence (GBV) with a specific focus on women as the victims.

As a group that has been the recipient of many injustices, this intense and increased focus on women is understandable. However, an important area for work that needs to be scaled up includes working with men and boys, not as perpetrators of violence but as victims themselves. There needs to be attention on the less-told story, which is that a striking number of men are victims of both physical and mental violence.

Men around the globe face GBV on a daily basis. The data from Home Office statistical bulletins and the British Crime Survey reports that assaults on men represent more than 40% of domestic violence in the UK. The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey of the USA in 2010 revealed that one in four adult men in the United States will become a victim of domestic violence during his lifetime. The same study found that 8.4% of Asian or Pacific Islander men reported experiencing physical violence by an intimate partner sometime during their lifetime.'

Australian Federal Police: 2017 Entry Level Recruits - Special Measure for Women

Minuteman · 2 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'SEEKING MORE WOMEN

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) is committed to creating, fostering and maintaining a diverse workforce that reflects the community we serve.

As outlined in the AFP's Diversity and Inclusion Strategy, diversity is a core element of modern policing and is fundamental to our future capabilities, effectiveness, and our ability to respond. In support of this we offer excellent career opportunities for women, with a particular focus on the operational roles. We are working towards an intake of 50% women and 50% men on entry level recruit programs.

In the most recent recruitment process, the AFP was overwhelmed with interest for the entry level recruit roles, which was terrific. Many high calibre applicants applied and are continuing to progress through this process. However, to deliver on our diversity goals WE NEED MORE WOMEN, and are therefore calling for interested women to apply for this special measure* – women only recruitment process, for entry level recruits.

The world is changing, crime is changing, and we are changing to meet new challenges. One of the exciting new changes is that for the first time ever, we are promoting a recruitment round specifically seeking applications from women for entry level recruits to undertake either a Federal Police Development Program (FPDP) or a Protective Service Officer Program (PSOP).
...
* Special measure - the purpose of this recruitment process is to achieve substantive equality between men and women in the AFP, within the meaning of that term in anti-discrimination legislation such as section 7D of the Sex Discrimination Act 1984.'

Boys Are Not Defective

fathers4fairness · 2 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This theory is confusing, given what researchers know about human behavior generally. Psychologists have found that autonomy typically leads to motivation—not to disengagement. But in the Middle East, boys' freedom seems to act as a kind of academic handicap over the long term, allowing boys to get distracted from school while they are young and impulsive. And the hyper-surveillance of girls, meanwhile, seems to act as a perverse kind of motivator. Lacking other options, girls study harder. It was a theory I would hear again and again around the region, from Ministry of Education officials, researchers, parents, and students. But it didn't feel like the whole story.

After interviewing the girls at the Princess Alia school, I gave them my contact information, in case they wanted to keep in touch. Shortly before midnight that night, I got an email from Maha Daraghmeh, a student who had said very little during our interview. "I'm the girl who sat in silence on the couch," she wrote. "Miss Amanda, I don't agree that girls are smarter than boys, and I sure don't agree that we study hard."
...
Boys also reported worse relationships with their male teachers. Only 40 percent of male students interviewed said they believed their teachers cared about how well they did in school—compared with 74 percent of girls. These results are bolstered by another recent USAID-funded study, which has not been made public but was shared with The Atlantic by RTI International, which helped conduct the research: Teams of education experts observed different classrooms around the country and found that male teachers in all-boys schools were more likely to belittle or punish students for getting the wrong answer. And boys were much more likely than girls to complain about their male teachers' tendencies to beat students and shout at them.

Meanwhile, in the larger, 2014 study, male teachers were three times as likely as female teachers to say they were dissatisfied with teaching. Teachers do not earn a lot of money in Jordan, but men are still expected to be the primary breadwinners in families. So male teachers are more likely to work second or third jobs as tutors or even taxi drivers in order to augment their small salaries. One Jordanian student told me about a male biology teacher he'd had who was so exhausted by his two other jobs that he used to close the blinds in first period and go to sleep.

On average Jordan's male teachers—who have mostly gone through the same educational system themselves—do worse on the national entry test for teaching, according to Ministry of Education data. This suggests in turn that boys might be encountering less-prepared teachers on average. Unsurprisingly, teaching is not considered a very prestigious job—particularly for Jordanian men. So fewer men aspire to do it. And men who do teach are also more likely to simply leave the country, recruited away by Gulf states that desperately need male teachers for their own boys' schools. "Male teachers are hard to come by, and good male teachers are even harder," says Haifa Dia Al-Attia, the CEO of the Queen Rania Foundation for Education and Development, an organization founded by Jordan's queen that is heavily involved in reforming the country's education system.

Mohammed Al-Qazaq supervises 35 schools in Amman, including all-boys and all-girls schools. The female teachers are "more loyal to their jobs," he says. "When I ask male teachers to bring me their plans for the semester, they don't care. When there are training courses, they don't attend. It's not their wish to be a teacher." He sometimes runs into his male teachers working their second jobs at restaurants or malls. "They say: 'What can I do? I want to get married. I want to buy a car.'"'

Women Earned Majority of American Doctoral Degrees for 8th Straight Year

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2016, there were 135 women enrolled in graduate school for every 100 men. Women earned 400 master's degrees in health sciences majors for every 100 men. According to a December 2016 New York Times report, there are now more women in law school than men.

"If we accept the results […] the gender-industry gap is focused on the wrong thing," George Mason University economist Alex Tabarrok argued in response to these developments in higher education. "The real gender gap is that men are having trouble competing everywhere except in STEM."
...
"If America's diversity worshipers see any female under-representation as a problem and possibly even as proof of gender discrimination, what do they propose should be done about female over-representation in higher education at every level and in 7 out of 11 graduate fields? After all, to be logically consistent, aren't female over-representation and female under-representation simply different sides of gender injustice?"'

Canada: Agreement waiving spousal support upheld despite lack of legal advice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who signed a deal without legal advice decades ago in which she agreed her spouse would never have to pay support if their relationship broke down has lost her bid to have the agreement set aside.

“She acknowledges that she was not coerced,” the Appeal Court said. “There is no suggestion that the income of the parties at the date of the agreement impacted her decision to sign the agreement.”

“There was no fraud, coercion, or duress,” the Appeal Court wrote. “The agreement is in substantial compliance with the Divorce Act. Both parties suffered economic disadvantages arising from the marriage.”'

Canada: Conservatives must make Equal Shared Parenting a key policy plank

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'It is neither liberal nor conservative to believe that children belong to their parents, not the state

Even the words used in adversarial court battles — like “awarding” of custody — reflect the disturbing attitude that children are the state’s property to bestow as it pleases. But mothers, who end up with sole custody 79 per cent of the time in court-ordered custody arrangements, cannot be “awarded” what is already half theirs. It is more accurate to say that in the majority of such cases the state “takes away” children from their fathers.

It is neither liberal nor conservative to believe that children belong to their parents, not the state. Or to believe that, absent extraordinary circumstances, the state should have no more power after separation to rank parents as “better” or “worse” (an assessment that children normally have no desire to make) than it had before separation. That is, none.'

Texas man ordered to pay more than $67K in child support for girl who isn't his daughter

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A man in Texas is fighting a court order to pay tens of thousands of dollars in child support to his former girlfriend — despite a DNA test proving the woman's teenage child is not his daughter.
...
Cornejo is still obligated to pay because of a chapter in the Texas Family Code, which states that a negative paternity test only ends his obligation for future child support payments; it doesn't absolve the man of past payments that accrued before the test was completed.

That means that Cornejo is still responsible for child support payments that have been piling up since 2003, when a Texas court decided — in his absence — that he was "the biological father." But Cornejo is now arguing that he never received a citation informing him about the case.'

Canada: Sperm donor sued for support almost 20 years after donation argues new Ontario law protects him

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly 20 years after a gay man donated his sperm to a former classmate, he's being sued for child support in a potentially landmark case that serves as the first major test of a new Ontario law.
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It marks the first known case of a gamete donor being sued for child support and highlights how complex family law is in the age of reproductive technology.
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3) The bill has been clarified to better protect sperm donors, whether they give a sample in a lab or in the usual way. As a spokesperson for the attorney general explained, a sperm donor whose offspring is conceived with the use of assisted technology would automatically be covered. In addition, sperm donors are protect "when a child is conceived through sexual intercourse, if, before the child is conceived, both parties agreed in writing that the person providing the sperm does not intend to be a parent of the child."'

First, They Came for the Biologists

Matt · 5 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Who would have guessed that when America cleaved, the left would get the National Football League and the right would get uncontested custody of science?

The revolution on college campuses, which seeks to eradicate individuals and ideas that are considered unsavory, constitutes a hostile takeover by fringe elements on the extreme left. Last spring at the Evergreen State College, where I was a professor for 15 years, the revolution was televised—proudly and intentionally—by the radicals. Opinions not fitting with the currently accepted dogma—that all white people are racist, that questioning policy changes aimed at achieving “equity” is itself an act of white supremacy—would not be tolerated, and those who disagreed were shouted down, hunted, assaulted, even battered. Similar eruptions have happened all over the country.

What may not be obvious from outside academia is that this revolution is an attack on Enlightenment values: reason, inquiry and dissent. Extremists on the left are going after science. Why? Because science seeks truth, and truth isn’t always convenient.

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The battle on our campuses—and ever more, in K-12 schools, in cubicles and in meetings, and on the streets—is being framed as a battle for equity, but that’s a false front. True, there are real grievances. Gaps between populations exist, for historical and modern reasons that are neither honorable nor acceptable, and they must be addressed. But what is going on at institutions across the country is—yes—a culture war between science and postmodernism. The extreme left has embraced a facile fiction.

Postmodernism, and specifically its offspring, critical race theory, have abandoned rigor and replaced it with “lived experience” as the primary source of knowledge. Little credence is given to the idea of objective reality. Science has long understood that observation can never be perfectly objective, but it also provides the ultimate tool kit with which to distinguish signal from noise—and from bias. Scientists generate complete lists of alternative hypotheses, with testable predictions, and we try to falsify our own cherished ideas.'

Canada: Woman Must Pay $24,000 To Man She Accused Of Rape, After Losing Appeal

Matt · 6 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After losing an appeal, an Ontario woman has to pay close to $24,000 to the man she maintains sexually assaulted her.

The man sued her in small claims court last fall after a sexual assault charge against him was dropped before trial. He said he was "humiliated and degraded" after the allegation, and lost his job, according to CBC News.

The woman was ordered to cover the cost of his legal expenses — $18,842 in legal fees and $5,000 in damages, The Toronto Star reported.

She appealed the Welland, Ont. ruling, with her lawyer Jonathan Collings arguing that the decision relied on inappropriate sexual stereotypes, said CBC.'

Baby Foreskin Is Being Used To Make Vaccines

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Every year, some infants are circumcised. During this surgical procedure, part of the child's protective penile tissue is removed. This tissue removed from his penis may be sold to companies and institutions seeking the rich human fibroblast cells and other cells it contains. Most people are unaware that for decades, vaccine companies have been using these foreskin cells to research, grow and develop vaccines.

Certain microorganisms used by vaccine companies need living human cells to replicate. The cells within foreskin are being used for this purpose. Foreskin cells can be used to turn a wild-type microorganism found in nature into a genetically modified microorganism for use in vaccines.

Baby foreskins are used to research rubella, varicella and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines. They are used to make cytomegalovirus vaccines, which is something pharmaceutical companies have been working on the last few decades. This vaccine is being created using foreskin cells and clinical trials have already begun. The child's DNA whose foreskin was used to make the vaccine cannot be fully removed from the vaccines prior to administration. Researchers are also using foreskin to create a human telomerase reverse transcriptase (hTERT) immortalized cell line for use in vaccines.'

'You just sit there like a punching bag': 1 man's story of intimate partner abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'He was smitten at first, so overwhelmed by her beauty that he believed she was out of his league.

Perhaps, he says, that's why he overlooked signs of his new partner's controlling behaviour.

Over time, the man realized she was an alcoholic. Bringing up the topic of her drinking would lead to arguments, and one day, she punched him.

"As a man, we're taught never hit back, so you just sit there like a punching bag and you take it, and it's shameful for me to admit, shameful for me to admit as a cop," said the man, a Daybreaklistener whose identity CBC agreed to withhold in order to protect his children.

"Richard," a veteran police officer, is in his 40s. He now works on investigations but often responded to domestic abuse calls early in his career.'

Canada: Lawyer asks court to reveal judges' training materials for sexual-assault law

Matt · 10 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A lawyer for a man accused of sexual assault is asking a court to reveal how judges are trained in this area of law, saying that such training may be producing judges who are biased against accused men.

Tom Engel, an Edmonton lawyer, will ask a judge to order the National Judicial Institute, which trains federally and provincially appointed judges, to disclose their educational materials and methods in the area of sexual-assault law.

Mr. Engel is representing Robert Harper, accused of sexual assault, aggravated assault, attempt to choke, unlawful confinement and making a death threat. He says the case turns on the credibility and reliability of the complainant, whom he maintains consumed drugs and then attacked Mr. Harper when he objected to her getting more drugs. The complainant cannot be identified under federal law.'

Britain’s top prosecutor sparks outrage by saying many men cleared of rape have not been falsely accused

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Alison Saunders, Director of Public Prosecutions maintained that only a small minority of allegations were deemed false or malicious out of thousands.

The 56-year-old highlighted the difference between a defendant being found innocent and an allegation being "false or malicious".

Speaking to John Humphrys on BBC Radio 4's Today programme, she said: "Just because there has been an acquittal, does not mean to say there has been a false allegation.

"It means the defendant has been found innocent, but that does not necessarily make it a false allegation.

"When we did some research we looked at more than 5,500 cases and found only a very, very small minority where we thought there was a false or malicious allegation.'

BSA votes to admit girls

Matt · 12 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. And yet, the GSA is still single-sex. Excerpt:

'The Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors announced its unanimous decision that they said comes after years of receiving requests from girls of all ages to join the iconic organization.

“This decision is true to the BSA’s mission and core values outlined in the Scout Oath and Law. The values of Scouting – trustworthy, loyal, helpful, kind, brave and reverent, for example – are important for both young men and women,” the BSA’s Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh said. “We believe it is critical to evolve how our programs meet the needs of families interested in positive and lifelong experiences for their children. We strive to bring what our organization does best – developing character and leadership for young people – to as many families and youth as possible as we help shape the next generation of leaders.”

Recent surveys of parents involved in scouting show over 90 percent wanted their daughters to join the Boy Scouts, according to a press release on the BSA’s website.'

Democrats Introduce Bill That Would Make Title IX Guidelines Law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of Democratic congresspeople unveiled legislation at a press conference in Washington, D.C. on Thursday afternoon that would protect Title IX after recent rollbacks by Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

The new legislation, named the Title IX Protection Act, codifies into law three Title IX guidances that were created under the Obama, George W. Bush and Clinton administrations. These guidances — the 2014 Questions and Answers on Title IX document, the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter and the 2001 Guidance on Title IX (issued by Clinton and later re-issued by Bush) — were used as comprehensive guidelines to help all parties involved in sexual assault cases navigate the reporting process.

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“The Title IX Protection Act is very important because Secretary DeVos’ decision to roll back vital protections for victims of campus sexual assault is an alarming reminder of the White House’ dismissive and cruel attitude towards survivors and students,” Rep. Pelosi said during the press conference.'

Former student sues, claiming university withheld degree over unresolved sex misconduct allegation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former University of Massachusetts Amherst student has sued the school in U.S. District Court over its handling of a sexual misconduct allegation, adding to a growing pile of "Title IX" complaints by male students proliferating at campuses across the country.

Filed in federal court in Springfield on Oct. 11, the complaint alleges a former student was denied a degree over an unresolved 2016 allegation of sexual impropriety. The suit, filed on on behalf of "John Doe," names three college officials including Title IX Coordinator Debora D. Ferreira.

The complaint alleges college officials dragged their feet for nearly one year on the matter, and ignored recent directives from the nation's top education administrators.

The former student has moved on to a job in another state and the lawsuit is seeking an emergency order by the court to force the university to relinquish his diploma.'

"Circumcision Good for Women's Health"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Intactivists"–the nutty name anti-circumcision activists have given themselves–who aim to outlaw infant circumcision, claim that the procedure has no benefits and constitutes child abuse.

Baloney. There are at least mild health benefits for men, to the point that the American College of Pediatricians recommends that the choice of whether to circumcise be left to parental discretion.

Now, it seems that circumcision is also good for women's health in the reduced transmission of STDs and other benefits. From The Lancet study:'

Wikipedia on the author here.

Frivolous Title IX investigations are an insult to real sexual assault victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Like most, I support the broad aims of Title IX pertaining to gender equity on college campuses. Colleges and the criminal justice system alike have sometimes responded to sexual assault with deplorable laxity. But these issues have nothing to do with the hijacking of Title IX resulting from the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights' (OCR) 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter (DCL). I speak from personal experience as a survivor of a Title IX inquisition at the University of Utah, where I've been a tenured professor for almost two decades. This is my story about how a Title IX regulatory regime designed to crack down on sexual assault managed to ensnare a professor for telling colleagues about how he proposed to his wife.

As is customary, I was not immediately notified I was facing sexual harassment charges or a Title IX investigation. Instead, in July 2016 the university "consultant" in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action requested a meeting to discuss an "important and confidential" matter. Initially, my inquisitor refused to tell me I was accused of sexual harassment and gender discrimination. I was fortunately able to obtain the charges in writing only after convincing the Title IX investigator I was out of the state indefinitely and unable to meet in person. The investigator became much more conciliatory once he learned I'd retained counsel immediately after I received the complaint. Most of the accused, particularly students, aren't so fortunate.'

Lawmakers aim to end rape culture on campus

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'Reported rapes are up at nine of Michigan's 15 public universities, according to federal statistics.

Many Michigan colleges are stepping up to educate students and now lawmakers are too.

Democratic State Senator from East Lansing, Curtis Hertel Jr., wants to require K-12 schools that teach sex education to also teach affirmative consent.

"We can't wait until they get to college campus," Hertel said. "We have to do it beforehand!"

The bill Hertel is introducing is aimed at ending rape culture on college campuses.

"The idea that one and four women will be sexually assaulted on their college campuses has to be completely unacceptable," Hertel said.

He said the bill would switch from teaching the idea of "no means no" to "yes means yes."'

UK: Police officer was on verge of suicide after false rape accusation as woman who accused him is jailed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A police officer was left on the verge of suicide after a woman he met on an Internet dating site falsely accused him of rape.

Samantha Murray-Evans was described by a judge as "wicked" as she was jailed for her "callous" and calculated lies.

Police officer Paul Morgan was arrested at his home in the middle of the night by colleagues and said the ordeal ruined his life and almost caused him to take his own life.

A judge described Murray-Evans's actions as "wicked" – not just for the impact on the officer but because of the effects false allegations have on the criminal justice system and on genuine rape victims, Wales Online reports.'

"Women face sexism in the sneaker aisle"

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'The moment Kiah Welsh laid eyes on the sleek black leather Puma Coogi Clydes with a knit fabric stripe and 18-karat gold aglets, she knew she had to have them.

Welsh was well aware that scoring the first release, limited-edition kicks — a nod to rapper Notorious B.I.G. — would take luck; they were expected to sell quickly and generate lineups at sneaker shops.

But this Toronto sneaker collector also knew the chance that she would walk out of the store wearing these new kicks was twice as doubtful simply because she's a woman.'

If Not Even The Boy Scouts Can Celebrate Boys, They're In Serious Trouble

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Every other Monday evening, a chaotic scene erupts at our local Presbyterian church. Young boys of all ages dart around, happily calling to each other across the room, alternating between sprints, tackles, and boisterous discussion of the latest update from Minecraft or their favorite YouTube star.

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As a mother and an assistant den leader, these bimonthly rituals have a place of sacred significance. I remember watching my older brother advance to Eagle Scout, admiring the practical skills, sense of greater responsibility, and strong self-motivation he developed. I eagerly waited for my son to come of scouting age, and relished watching him throw himself into the activities with reckless abandon.

In a world where masculinity is too often thought of as toxic and men disappear from the labor force,marriage, and self-sufficiency, scouting was our safe space, a place boys could be taught as boys, by men, on the importance of developing into strong leaders with outstanding moral character. I've watched the men who lead our troops sacrifice so much of their lives, hoping that their tireless work imparts some nuggets of wisdom to help these young men follow the right path.

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The Boy Scouts of America's decision to begin allowing girls raises many questions for me. The first are practical. Despite the directive to allow separate dens at the Cub Scout level and forced separation at the Boy Scout level, it's hard to imagine enough young girls joining Cub Scouts to fill a tiger troop on their own. The Boy Scouts have struggled with declining membership,experienced even by our local troop as we've increased recruitment efforts at local schools and community events. Recruiting a few girls across a wide age range seems more likely to yield mixed dens at the young ages, similar to my son's Little League teams, which frequently had one or two girls in the mix.'

One in nine American men has oral HPV, study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'About one in nine American men is infected with the oral form of human papillomavirus (HPV), according to a new study published in the journal Annals of Internal Medicine. Nationwide, rates for oral HPV infections are 11.5% of men and 3.2% of women: 11 million men, compared with 3.2 million women, the researchers estimated.

An infection with this common virus, which is transmitted through intimate skin-to-skin contact, can cause cancer in several areas of the body, including the throat, anus, penis and vagina. Nearly all men and women will become infected with at least one type of HPV, a group of 150 related viruses, at some point in their lives, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Previous studies have shown that men have higher rates of overall HPV infections than women. The research published Monday reveals the higher rates of oral HPV infections occurring among men, said Ashish A. Deshmukh, senior author of the study and an assistant professor at the University of Florida's College of Public Health and Health Professions.'

California Gov. vetoes proposal to codify federal regulations on campus sexual harassment

Matt · 17 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'California Gov. Jerry Brown (D) has vetoed a California bill (SB169) that would have changed California law to embody certain Obama-era federal regulations related to campus sexual assault proceedings; I thought his veto message was worth passing along:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 169 without my signature.

This bill would codify a combination of federal regulations and guidance on sexual harassment — some of which has been repealed, some of which is still in effect — as well as some language from model policies that have been developed by California universities.

This is not a simple issue. Sexual harassment and sexual violence are serious and complicated matters for colleges to resolve. On the one side are complainants who come forward to seek justice and protection; on the other side stand accused students, who, guilty or not, must be treated fairly and with the presumption of innocence until the facts speak otherwise. Then, as we know, there are victims who never come forward, and perpetrators who walk free. Justice does not come easily in this environment.
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Men -- it's time for serious change

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men, it's time for change.

Call it a shift in power or a reculturalization. It's well past time for men, especially in positions of power, to step up and call out peers' abuses. Today it's Harvey Weinstein. Earlier this year it was Bill O'Reilly. Next year it will be some other previously beloved celebrity, followed by a rash of stories of how everyone knew but no one acted. We know the many understandable reasons why those who experience harassment or assault, prominently but not exclusively women, might not act. There's no excuse for other, powerful men not to step in.
...
No one should have to choose between a job and dealing with a "handsy" boss or co-worker. "That's just the way it is" should be unacceptable in Hollywood or the restaurant down the street. And no one should ever be put in a position in which they feel the only way to get ahead is to play along or engage in a relationship, sexual or otherwise, that makes them uncomfortable.'

Title IX complaint filed on behalf of football team, alleging anti-male bias in athletics department

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An anonymous party submitted a Title IX complaint to Occidental College and the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) on behalf of an unspecified number of football players Oct. 4, alleging that Director of Athletics Jaime Hoffman and the department of athletics hold an anti-male bias that has compromised the football team and its players' reputation.

The complaint implicates President Jonathan Veitch and the Occidental Board of Trustees for their support of Hoffman. The Occidental Weekly obtained the text of this complaint legally from a source on the football team.

According to the text of the complaint, the anonymous party submitted this complaint to Danica Myers, interim Title IX coordinator, and the OCR. The anonymous party copied Veitch, Interim General Counsel Rachel Cronin and Chair of the Board of Trustees Susan Mallory on the same email.

Myers confirmed via email that the college received this Title IX complaint.'

Women are angry because of men. Again.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sexual harassment is bad everywherethat men and women work together. The workplace is a steam bath. What can we do? It is a hotbed of hot beds. It is where so much dating action happens. It is where men and women meet. It is difficult to police. If you get the feeling it is total chaos, you are catching on. Young people getting in one another's pants is the cost of doing business. But powerful old men are supposed to stay in the corner suite where they belong.

Plainly, they don't.

Women are angry. We should be. About all of it. We are a failed revolution. Sexism is bad. We notice it now. Where did all these white men come from, and when will they go away? Because of Trump, I don't even like listening to Bob Dylan anymore, because I am so sick of what any man has to say about anything at all. And I am trying to be reasonable. It is unbelievable to be a woman with Trump as president, such a profound insult that all men are implicated. This week it's Weinstein, but moving right along. We need to fix the whole thing.'

The 'invisible labor' still asked of women at work

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rebecca Erickson, professor of sociology at the University of Akron, says it's a number of tasks that make up the "invisible work" that constitute emotional labor in the workplace.

"These tasks -- mentoring tasks, the process of orienting or onboarding new employees, the process of making sure that when you're in a meeting people stay civil with one another -- those sorts of tasks can often fall to the women in the group, because it's assumed they're 'naturally better' at addressing those issues," she says.'

Northwestern doubles its programming on ‘deconstructing masculinity’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The private university that put a female professor through multiple Title IX investigations for criticizing “sexual paranoia” is returning to its man-hating roots.

Northwestern University is adding a second cohort to its six-week “dialogues” on “examining and deconstructing masculinity,” which are run by NÜ Men, a collaboration between its Social Justice Education unit and Center for Awareness, Response and Education, The Daily Northwestern reports.

The assistant director of residence life, Dan Amato, credited “increased interest” for the addition of the second cohort. The program, which features “eight to 10 male-identifying students and two facilitators” in each dialogue, started in spring 2016 with a grant from the U.S. Justice Department.

The first event of this academic year in November will tackle “toxic masculinity” over one to two hours, though this is supposedly a shortening of previous workshops, so as to make attendance easier. It will be open to everyone, male-identified and otherwise.'

Exactly how many “shitty men” will it take for us to save our sons?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Where are all the good men?

That’s the question for America after a week of truly horrifying news about Harvey Weinstein’s decades of sexually predatory behavior, a few months after Bill Cosby went to trial on charges of drugging and sexually assaulting one of the dozens of women who accused him, and almost exactly a year after the United States elected Donald Trump president even after hearing him brag to Billy Bush that he forced himself on women (and women came forward to substantiate his claim).

...

I now see that there are no “good men,” as narcotic as the idea of a rarified type may be. I believe that there are plenty of us who are capable of standing up to guys like Weinstein, and not just on behalf of our girlfriends (or while referencing our daughters). There are men who stand up for the legitimate expectations of decency at work, and at school, and among groups of parents, and with our friends, fighting sexism and toxic masculinity for the sake of our collective humanity.

Not because we are “good men,” but because no one gets to be “not that kind of guy.” We are, all of us, responsible for cosigning the culture we create.'

Woman to stand trial on charges of falsely reporting sexual assault

Matt · 20 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Charges against a 36-year-old Cranberry woman accused of leveling false sexual assault allegations against a former North Braddock police officer were held for court Friday.

Michelle Milliron was charged with making false reports and unsworn falsification after she told Cranberry police that Mike Foley, 42, assaulted her in a Hyatt Hotel on April 12 — but police later uncovered a trail of text messages in which she threatened to accuse Mr. Foley of assault when he didn't return her calls.

District Judge David T. Kovach held the charges for court after Ms. Milliron waived her preliminary hearing on Friday in Butler County, according to court records. Her attorney, John Haller Jr., did not immediately return a request for comment.'

"Toxic Femininity"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We should all agree that Harvey Weinstein is an example of something toxic, though most of us who defend the concept of masculinity (toxic or otherwise) would contend that what Weinstein perpetrated on his victims was based in depravity rather than testosterone. And he swam in a sea of beta males in Hollywood such that no “toxic” man was willing to “dominate him through violence” by beating his brains in for demanding sexual favors from actresses seeking employment from him. Brad Pitt, who confronted Weinstein over his unwanted advances toward his then-girlfriend Gwyneth Paltrow, is an exception — but of course Pitt didn’t stop working with Weinstein over the latter’s behavior.

But in the aftermath of the Weinstein scandal’s breaking out, what we’re seeing now is an explosion of what can best be termed as toxic femininity.

And that’s hardly something new. It just cries to be recognized for what it is.

You really can’t get a better exposition of toxic femininity, amid the clownish post-Weinstein #MeToo social media slacktivism craze, than a mind-blowing piece written this week by the unhinged moonbat Helen Rosner at Medium.com. Rosner, a correspondent at Eater.com and the New Yorker who might be the poster child for toxic femininity, used to be known for restaurant reviews and cookbooks but has now progressed into political and social commentary — to the detriment of all.

And in her manifesto, entitled “20 Things Men Can Do RTFN to Support Women, Beyond Just Literally Ceasing to Sexually Harass Us,” is a list of some of the most counterproductive, obnoxious and insulting suggestions anyone can possibly offer for bringing harmony among the sexes — basically proving that the Left is made up of the least tolerant and helpful people among us.'

The Sam Kriss Problem

Matt · 22 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Most readers will need to use this link to be able to read it. Excerpt:

'The fallout from the Harvey Weinstein sexual abuse scandal includes a flurry of career-killing accusations of sexual misconduct leveled at leftist men. British freelance writer Sam Kriss was dropped by Vice following a Facebook allegation of sexual harassment (or assault) that went viral and his own admission and apology. About 24 hours later, GQwriter Richard Myers suffered the same fate after a sexual assault accusation.

This has occasioned not a little gloating on the right and in “anti-SJW” (“social justice warrior”) circles.

The schadenfreude is understandable. Both Kriss and Myers had positioned themselves as feminist allies; less than two years ago, Myers had self-righteously assailed men’s rights activists (“cave-dwelling idiots”) for denying the existence of “rape culture” and talking about false rape allegations. When these men are brought down by allegations of sexual assault, the reaction from anti-PC quarters is much like the gloating from liberals and progressives when a preacher or politician who thunders against enemies of traditional family values gets caught in an extramarital—or, better yet, gay—tryst. In each case, the alleged misdeeds are also seen as proof that the loudest “virtue-signalers” are actually the worst offenders.'

U Penn TA criticized for race and gender-based preferences in engaging students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A University of Pennsylvania teaching assistant is under heavy fire after they tweeted that they would call on 'white men' last when doing student participation.

Stephanie McKellop, a Ph.D. student studying marriage and family (using them, they pronouns), has since set their tweets to private but shared that they were trying to encourage classroom participation by minority students.

'I will always call on my Black women students first. Other POC get second tier priority. [White Women] come next. And, if I have to, white men,' they said in the tweets on Monday.

In subsequent post, McKellop explains that the tactic - called progressive stacking - was one learned from a professor in undergrad.

'In normal life, who has the easiest time speaking, most opportunities? Flip it,' they added.

'The classroom is the place YOU get to control social setting.'

McKellop would continue to tweet about the reaction they were receiving for teaching the method and added: 'Penn thinks I'm racist and discriminatory towards my students for using a very well worn pedagogical tactic which includes calling on [people of color].''

UK: Woman jailed for false rape claim against soldier

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rebecca Palmer, 26, from Royal Wootton Bassett, made the allegations against a soldier based in Tidworth, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said.

The CPS said Palmer had "indulged in consensual sexual activity" with the victim, 22, and launched a "malicious campaign" after he rejected her.

She was found guilty of four offences of perverting the course of justice.

She also pleaded guilty at Winchester Crown Court to five offences of malicious communications and three offences of perverting the course of public justice.

Joanne Jakymec, chief crown prosecutor, said Palmer had sent "malicious communications" to both the victim and his family and "repeatedly made false allegations" including an allegation of rape.'

Mothers Defend Sons Accused of Sexual Assault

Matt · 22 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Four women met late last month at a restaurant in a Twin Cities suburb, where they spoke for hours, so intently their waiter had trouble getting their drink orders.

Each had a son who had been accused at college of sexual assault. One was expelled and another suspended. The other two were cleared, yet one had contemplated suicide and the other was so crushed he had not returned to school.

The women had been meeting regularly to share notes and commiserate. Now, over red wine in a corner booth, they were finally savoring a victory.

A few days before, Betsy DeVos, the education secretary, had rescinded tough Obama-era guidelines on campus sexual assault, saying they violated principles of fairness, particularly for accused students like their own sons.'

'Victimhood narrative' taught in schools fuels anxiety in young women, academic claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The “victimhood narrative” that is being taught at schools and universities is fuelling anxiety in young women, an academic has argued in her new book.

Doctrines of “everyday sexism” are “rape culture” are having a “debilitating” effect on girls’ confidence, according to Dr Joanna Williams, a lecturer in higher education at Kent University.

Institutions which should be promoting women’s rights - such as schools, universities and feminist campaigners - are now doing more harm than good, she argues.

In a new book, titled Women vs Feminism: Why We All Need Liberating from the Gender Wars, Dr Williams say that the breed of feminism which is considered “fashionable” nowadays involves telling young women that casual misogyny and sexual harassment are rife.'

College student says classmate used Facebook post to falsely accuse him of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A man who says he was defamed on Facebook by a fellow college student filed a lawsuit Friday against the woman in Los Angeles, alleging she falsely accused him of raping her.

The plaintiff in the Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit is identified only as John Doe and the defendant as Jane Roe. He lives in San Diego County, and she resides in Los Angeles County. Both attend Westmont College near Santa Barbara, according to the complaint, which seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.

The suit states that on Thursday, Roe wrote on Facebook, “Only a few people know this, but almost two years ago I was raped. I was at a party with people I thought were friends and I was even kind of friends with the guy who did it.”

She posted the plaintiff’s full name, and her allegations are false, according to court papers.'

Blaire White on feminism

Matt · 22 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Had a friend point her out to me. She is a trans woman and known for directly challenging feminism. She says it plain, no-nonsense. Video here.

Date-stabbing Oxford student gets suspended sentence

Matt · 23 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Remember girls, so long as you're 1) young, 2) female (the most important factor), and 3) real smart, you can get away with murder, attempted or otherwise. Excerpt:

'An Oxford University medical student who stabbed her Tinder date with a breadknife has been allowed to suspend her studies for 18 months.

Lavinia Woodward, 24, a student at Christ Church, was handed a 10-month jail sentence suspended for 18 months following a trial last month.

It has now emerged the budding surgeon has voluntarily suspended her studies for the duration of her sentence. It means any university disciplinary hearing will not take place for at least 18 months.

The 24-year-old has been accused of attempting to 'set the terms' on whether she will be allowed to return to Oxford.

It had initially been thought Woodward would leave the university voluntarily.

Her legal counsel, James Sturman, QC, said she was 'reluctant' to return because she was worried at being recognised.

After the court case Oxford had also suggested she would be subject to a speedy inquiry that could have seen her kicked out of the university.'

The Men Taking Classes to Unlearn Toxic Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For some time, Stephen Hicks had felt like something was off. “My relationship ended, then a lot of things started collapsing in front of me,” Hicks says. He began attending therapy, which made him realize that he needed to make a bigger change: “I wasn’t doing really terrible things, but I also wasn’t being the most ideal Stephen I could be,” he says. “The bar is really lowered for cisgender guys.”

So earlier this year, Hicks signed up for the pilot Rethink Masculinity class, a partnership between the Washington, D.C., Rape Crisis Center, Collective Action for Safe Spaces, and ReThink, an organization that works to prevent sexual assault.

The program bills itself as a class where men “learn how social constructs of masculinity harm them and the people around them, and work to construct healthier masculinities.” Or, as Hicks puts it, “It was eight weeks of guys discussing how they can address their actions with better self-awareness and less toxicity.”

“We spoke of emotional labor, consent, violence, communication, empathy, and vulnerability,” he adds, noting that the last subject, in particular, was a struggle for him: “[I was] trained and conditioned to be tough growing up.”

The Rethink program is the latest in a growing number of courses targeted toward people who identify as men, including the Men’s Project at the University of Wisconsin, Masculinity 101 at Brown, and the Duke Men’s Project at Duke. The goal, proponents say, is to help men examine their own biases and behaviors in order to cut down on misogyny and gender-based violence.'

Male Feminist Allies: The Witch Hunters Have Become The Witches, Hunted

Mastodon · 24 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Becoming a male feminist isn't just like putting on a mask. The men who become male feminists do so, in general (though certainly not in all cases) because they despise themselves for what they are and seek a way to control it—not through therapy or psychiatry, but through an embrace of an ideology that allows them to absolve themselves of personal blame by assuming all other men are as bad as them.

Feminism teaches that men are predators. Of course, this isn't true. But because male sex predators do not want to think of themselves as monsters, feminism offers them an out by telling them, in basic terms, that they can't help the way they are because it's how all men are.

It's no secret that modern feminism thrives on identifying women as innate victims, who feel oppressed by the "patriarchy" and the world at large. As such, the movement is attractive to victims of sexual assault, who seek solidarity with others who share their experience.

As such, women who identify as feminists are often vulnerable creatures—easy prey for starving sexual predators too pathetic to attain sex by enthusiastic consent. It's a bad mix.'

The Sex Offender Registry Leaves Female Sex Offenders Open to Abuse

Mastodon · 25 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jenny, who is in her early 40s, said more than 100 sexually grotesque letters, some five or six pages long, have landed in her mailbox in her three years on Louisiana's sex offender registry. Her photo, home address, charge (as a teacher she had sex with a 16-year-old student), and even her scars and tattoos are listed on the state sheriff's website. Some news reports about her crime also list her address.

The plight of registered female sex offenders could be a hard sell to some. Like males who offend, they can and do cause extreme physical and emotional damage to their victims. In addition to prison time, they can also be subject to a long list of lifetime restrictions such as where they can live and work as well as being listed, often publicly, on their state's sex offender registry. The reason for these post-sentence restrictions come under the guise of public safety, but a growing number of critics are disputing the true benefits of what they call "draconian" laws.
...
In the 15 years Professor Franca Cortoni has studied sex offenders, she had never heard of experiences like those of Baldwin, Jenny, and the four other women, but found them unsurprising.

"How this would be interpreted by these men that are writing [the sexualized letters]—because it is not men in general, it is those certain men who are thinking, I'm looking, and I want to have this type of sex because this is what turns me on," said Cortoni. "And lo and behold it is publicly known that she has done deviant sex so clearly she is fair game [to him]."'

Beware vigilante feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How do people defend themselves against accusations dating back years or even decades? How do the rest of us respond to the demand that we believe the women in harassment cases? We ought to question its relevance. Whether or not we automatically believe a woman's account doesn't matter, unless perhaps we're her friends or therapists.

...

How do we balance the mandate to "believe the women" with fairness for the men accused? We can't. Categorically believing accusers turns a mere accusation of wrongdoing into proof that it occurred. Women who cheer this virtually irrebuttable presumption of guilt, considering due process for alleged harassers a component of rape culture, are cheering a thoughtless, treacherous form of vigilante feminism.

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I'm not denying the harm of workplace or work-related harassment. Like many women, I've experienced it, to my professional detriment. But I've also been helped by male colleagues (and hurt by some women), and I won't be telling tales of wrongs done by harassers years ago. They're not provable or actionable, and they don't matter anymore. I am urging women to accept the questioning of their harassment claims and to differentiate between harassment affecting their careers and the inevitable, ineffectual, inappropriate discourtesies of human interactions. People have a right to be rude.'

Criminalizing Male Sexuality

Robber748 · 28 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Male sexuality is becoming illegal. Women are abusing their sexual power, and via feminism, are setting up all male sexual behavior as potentially criminal.

As any biologist will confirm, females control mating. Females have more to lose if they make a bad choice, so they are choosier and require more conditions. Women make the rules and they make them in their favor. There is no way men would have built the current human mating system. Men must do all initiating, men must pay for everything, men must get on one knee and beg, men must offer an expensive ring, and men must pay alimony after the divorce. There may be a biological basis for this, but this system is completely unacceptable in an egalitarian society. As feminists often claim, biology is not destiny. Yet, feminists have done everything to ensure that women continue to hold sexual power and control mating. They have hypocritically done this while demanding that men give up their traditional economic and political powers. As Michael Aaron puts it: “Third-wave feminism, … isn’t really aiming for shared power, but rather a monopoly on power—sexual power, to be specific.”

Feminists have long stated that heterosexual sex is men raping women. And the law and society are, bit by bit, agreeing. Feminists are trying to destroy heterosexual sex. Heterosexual sex is becoming criminal, at least, for men. There are an ever-increasing number of ways women can potentially accuse men of sexual violations. Consider this quote from two Harvard law professors: “Indeed, the concept of sexual misconduct has grown to include most voluntary and willing sexual conduct.” Also, consider this quote from feminist Laura Kipnis: “The rules and the codes [on campuses] have been rewritten behind closed doors such that almost all sex can be charged as something criminal.” And think of all the things that have been taken away from men sexually over the last 40 years. Many behaviors that we expected men to perform 40 years ago are now criminal, or at least, punishable to some degree. Male sexuality is, more and more, becoming illegal. Criminalizing all male sexual behavior is the ultimate example of women abusing their sexual power, as well as their new-found political power.'

Judge rejects probation in college false rape case

Matt · 30 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Sacred Heart University student, accused of making up rape allegations against two football players to gain sympathy from a prospective boyfriend, was denied a pretrial probation program Friday.

"This kind of false report is lethal to all true victims," Superior Court Judge Maureen Dennis stated in denying accelerated rehabilitation for 19-year-old Nikki Yovino. "Her actions altered two lives in a significant way. If not for the extraordinary efforts involved in this investigation, the lives of these two young men could have been altered much more severely."

As Yovino stood beside her lawyer, Mark Sherman, grimacing, Sherman told the judge, "She is sorry it happened, she is sorry it is here. This is not a guilty plea in any way. There are defenses we expect to exercise down the road."'

Toxic masculinity: Will the 'war on men' only backfire?

Mastodon · 30 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dr Michael Flood, an associate professor in sociology at the University of Wollongong who researches gender, sexuality and violence, suggests the term 'toxic masculinity' has two main uses in modern discussions about men's changing gender roles.

"The first is emphasising how masculinity is patriarchal — based on entitlement, based on power, based on dominance — and fuels some men's violence and mistreatment of women or indeed other men," said Dr Flood.

"Overlapping with that is another use of the term to [highlight] the ways masculinity constrains men's own lives, health, relationships and so on."

...

He is also not surprised by the lashing out against it — it's a predictable response, he said, to "any kind of critique of traditional masculinity or men's mistreatment of women".

But he also views it as an opportunity.

"I think some men push back [against the idea of toxic masculinity] because they don't hear the message of hope and support that is in that critique ... that men themselves will benefit from abandoning toxic masculinity.

"And so I think there is a whole lot more that could be done productively with the language of toxic masculinity and the insights it suggests," he said.

"There have been bits and pieces of this kind of work going on" — for example, the Male Champions of Change program implemented by former sex discrimination commissioner Elizabeth Broderick.

"But it's not at scale and there is nowhere near enough of a widespread community conversation around how we socialise boys and men."'

College's ‘deconstruct masculinity’ program doubles in size

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Northwestern University plans to double the capacity of the “men’s project” that it launched last year to help male students “deconstruct their own masculinity.”

Each quarter since spring 2016, “NU Men” has offered 12 openings for a six-week program where men can learn how “oppression is impacted by their male or masculine identity” and how they can “contribute to stopping violence.”

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Over the course of the six-week program, participants will be guided through a series of discussions related to masculinity, including “positive ways” they can cope with the daily stresses of life, and “the relationship between masculinity and violence.”

Additionally, they will be asked to keep a personal journal through the course, turning it over to school’s administration for “assessment” upon its conclusion.

“Engaging men, particularly college men, in conversations around what it means to be a man…can reduce gender-based violence and develop healthier relationships with masculinity,” explained Dan Amato, a facilitator of the course, adding that they are “always looking for opportunities where we can engage more men in that conversation.”'

The War on Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a time with such a delicate political climate, basic schoolyard games such as tug-of-war have changed into tug-of-peace, and tag in one way or another has either been banned or adjusted at several schools around the country. While most of the reasoning behind these bans or reforms are said to be for the child's safety, it may be harmful psychologically, especially to young boys. From an early age, the ways boys and girls play differs greatly. This type of reform in the schoolyard and within the classroom puts a burden on young boys and unfairly suppresses their masculinity.

On the playground, boys choose to play as superheroes or cops and robbers as a way of ridding themselves of energy and pent-up aggression. This type of play, however, is highly censored by teachers and staff when it should not be. Roughhousing allows for children to communicate non-verbally and verbally, and negotiate on rules in which they abide by during their games they create, as well as building emotional intelligence. This also gives way to the importance of recess; children cannot be expected to sit in a classroom all day and should be allotted up to 30 minutes of daily leisure. Some schools only have a 20 minute recess, even though organizations like the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend them to be an hour long.

Recess itself is crucial to the growth not only of boys but girls as well. Young children need to have downtime between the complex challenges of their classes. Without recess, children are more likely to not pay attention and become more fidgety, therefore it does no good to keep the children from being outside.'

Hollywood actors speak of 'rampant' problem of male abusers targeting men

Matt · 31 October 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Looks like Hollywood-mogul-men-behaving-badly is principally about such men behaving badly toward other men. But that hasn't been pointed out much, at least until now. I've discussed the problem of "power + low accountability -> abuse of others" as typical of the human condition, not the condition of men having positions of power and influence. History has many examples of powerful women ruthlessly abusing their position over others, including to use or exploit others sexually. But feminists don't like talking about that. Or this POV, for that matter. Excerpt:

'Hollywood has a “rampant” and “pervasive” problem of men sexually abusing boys and young men, according to actors and lawyers who are speaking up about misconduct and harassment in the wake of an allegation against actor Kevin Spacey.

“It’s a very taboo subject,” said Alex Winter, an actor and director who said he was sexually abused as a pre-teen child actor. “I don’t know of any boys in any pocket of the entertainment industry that do not encounter some form of predatory behavior. … It’s really not a safe environment.”

Spacey has been accused of making an unwanted sexual advance toward Star Trek actor Anthony Rapp, who says he was 14 years old at the time of the alleged incident in 1986. According to Rapp, Spacey, who was 26 at the time, lay on top of him and tried to “seduce” him.

Spacey, star of Netflix show House of Cards and former artistic director of London’s Old Vic theatre, apologized after BuzzFeed published Rapp’s allegations, saying he did not remember the “encounter”. If he did what Rapp described, it “would have been deeply inappropriate drunken behavior”, he added.'

DNC Data Services Center: Straight white guys need NOT apply for IT position

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Article here. Straight white guys invented the Internet. They invented modern computing, too, with a few noteworthy contributions from straight (*gasp*) white females, also (Ada Lovelace, et al.). And yet, there are just too many in this line of work! Time to start excluding straight white guys from even applying for IT jobs. Yep, that's a *sure* way to get the best-quality people and heck, it's also neither racist nor sexist because, well... it's white guys (straight ones, too) we're talking about. If I put on a dress and wig, can I get an interview then?

'The Daily Wire has obtained an internal Democratic National Committee email listing several open IT positions that openly says that it does not want white males. Here's the email—note the underlined sentence at the end:
...
The sentence reads: "I personally would prefer that you not forward to cisgender straight white males, since they're already in the majority."

So much for being an "equal opportunity employer" I guess. Just curious: what's it like to be a straight, cis-gendered white male working at the DNC? Do you have to begin every day genuflecting outside the office of the diversity coordinator, and apologizing for your "white privilege"? Do you have to go to regular de-tox sessions to shed your "toxic masculinity"?'

The future really is female, not male – and it's not fair

Matt · 1 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Ontario Grade 12 student, Erica Brown, made the news recently when she wore a T-shirt to her high school with the slogan “The Future is Female.”

A female teacher suggested Brown’s message might make some boys at the school feel uncomfortable and asked if she thought it would be appropriate for a male student to wear a T-shirt with the slogan “The Future is Male.”

She was not told to remove the shirt but to simply “think about” it.

Brown thought about it and decided the teacher’s comments were out of line. The CBCreported that at first Brown was “too upset to reply. Later, she talked to her parents about it, then wrote an open letter to the teacher, gave it to her, and posted it on Facebook.”

The Facebook post went viral. In the end, Brown received official support from her school’s principal.
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Whether it’s university campuses or high school halls, the truth is that there is a terrible double standard at play.

Simply put, men who advocate for their rights are unlikely to find support for their positions and are very likely to be accused of promoting misogyny or the “patriarchy.” As such, many men think it is better to stay quiet.

Sadly, we’re beginning to see the dire effects of this coerced silence.'

Scotland: Nicola Sturgeon: ‘Men are the problem’ in harassment cases

Mastodon · 1 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

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'Nicola Sturgeon has warned of a cultural problem with "the behaviour of men" as she ordered a review of the way the Scottish Government deals with complaints of sexual harassment.

Deputy First Minister John Swinney is now to address MSPs on the issue in Parliament today because he is the most senior man in Ms Sturgeon's administration.
...
A spokesman for Ms Sturgeon revealed she had told cabinet that the problem does not lie with "victims or organisations" caught up in the allegations.

He said: "The problem is with men and men's behaviour - that is the problem."

The Scottish Government does currently investigate all complaints which are made by staff.'

Objectifying Women? Ellen DeGeneres Slammed for Breast-Ogling Tweet to Katy Perry

Matt · 1 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It was a case of checking your Twitter time stamp, but in the midst of the Harvey Weinstein scandal, daytime talk show host Ellen DeGeneres wished singer and bigtime Hillary Clinton supporter Katy Perry a happy birthday by tweeting out a photo of Ellen gawking at Perry's ample chest, writing "It's time to bring out the big balloons!"

Well that's awkward, given all the scandal and accusations of rape, sexual harassment, objectification of women Weinstein is accused of, in addition to all those Hollywood elites who KNEW about Weinstein yet remained silent on the matter. Oh, and yeah - they call themselves feminists, too.

Apparently, Ellen thinks it's okay to objectify women because she herself, is a woman…but she's a lesbian, so that doesn't count – or does it? Wouldn't her little Katy Perry birthday stunt be considered as objectifying another woman based on her looks? Isn't this same thing Ellen and many other liberals laud against the very men who commit these same indecent acts? On Twitter, former CNN host Piers Morgan shot back: "If a man made this joke, Ellen would lead the cries of 'SEXIST PIG!'"

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Amanda suggested it was "lesbian privilege." So where are all the Hollywood feminists that slapped a #MeToo on their Twitter and Facebook pages and (rightly so) called for the heads of Weinstein and every other man guilty of committing any sort of harassment against women?

Nowhere. These same women would rather bark that former president George H. W. Bush, who is 93 years old, suffered several strokes and has been confined to a wheelchair for the past five years, is "harassing" women because his arm happens to fall on the lower waist of people with whom he takes pictures with and tries to lighten the situation by telling a corny joke.'

From "Be Better" to "Go Talk to Each Other"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Michelle Obama has a message for the men of the world: Do better, try harder and most importantly, communicate more.

On Wednesday, the former first lady sat down with poet Elizabeth Alexander on the second day of the Obama Foundation Summit in Chicago, the first of an annual event. The topic turned to gender, and Obama had some choice words: She noted that women tend to communicate, reflect and support each other better than men—something she feels needs to change.

"Y'all should get you some friends," she laughed, pointing to the men in the audience. "Y'all need to go talk to each other about your stuff, because there's so much of it! Talk about why y'all are the way you are."

Michelle Obama To Men: ‘Be Better’

French Feminist-Anarchist Group Take Credit For Torching Several Police Officers' Vehicles

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On October 26th several vehicles belonging to police officers were set on fire in the French commune of Meylan and now a radical leftist anarcho-feminist group has claimed responsibility saying it is "revenge" for "sexism."

The group released a statement this week saying that they purposely set the vehicles on fire and made sure to "make a joke to the firemen" by sealing off the entrance to the police car park so they would not be able to deal with the blaze. Around 10 litres of petrol was used to ignite the vehicles which were totally destroyed L'Express reports.

"We do not want to stay in the position of victims in which society would like to place us by recognizing us as girls," the group said.

The letter explained that the group targetted the personal property of the officers rather than their police cars because they wanted to, "attack the individuals who wear the uniforms, rather than their function," as police.'

‘Victim Feminism’ and Sexual Assault on Campus

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Education Secretary Betsy DeVos recently scrapped Obama administration guidance on how campuses investigate sexual assault — rules that many male students had opposed because they called for a low threshold of proof to determine guilt. Interim guidelines are in effect while a new process is developed.

Christina Hoff Sommers, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and author of “The War Against Boys” and “Who Stole Feminism?,” has coined the term “victim feminism,” a school of thought she believes exaggerates the sexual assault problem. Ms. Sommers has argued all along that the Obama model didn’t work. We get her take on what the change means.'

Massachusetts Senate Votes to Kill Due Process in Campus Sexual Assault Tribunals

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill that addresses campus sexual assault and harassment allegations swept through the Senate in a unanimous vote this week, but a close inspection of the language suggests it may open up the Bay State's colleges and universities to a batch of lawsuits from the accused.

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The 13-page bill, sponsored by state Senator Michael Moore (D-Millbury), calls "for the use of a preponderance-of-the-evidence standard to resolve complaints" and stipulates that colleges "may establish rules regarding how the proceedings will be conducted."

The rules, according to Moore's bill, can include "guidelines on the extent to which the advisor or support person for each party may participate in a meeting or disciplinary proceeding and any limitations on participation which shall apply equally to both parties."

That stipulation, however, indicates that an accused person's representative can be barred from asking the accuser questions.

"The reporting party and the responding party shall not be allowed to directly question each other during disciplinary proceedings," the legislation states.'

Study shows half of women surveyed resisted condom use

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's been much public health research about the millions of excuses men come up with to avoid condom use. However, new research suggests that heterosexual women are also culpable of promoting this risky bedroom behavior.

A study published in the October issue of The Journal of Sex Research on 235 heterosexual women finds roughly half of women took some sort of action to avoid condom use with a partner. The study is based on self-reported questionnaires from women aged 18 to 21 and used an adapted version of the Condom Use Resistance Survey initially developed to study men's behaviors and beliefs about unprotected sex. The revised questionnaire asked female participants about their sexual history and condom use since age 14.

The researchers found roughly half of women in the study engaged in unprotected sex. Nearly 40 percent of women who fell into this group said they downplayed the risks with their male partners, while 33 percent said they used "seduction tactics," which the authors described as getting a man sexually aroused enough that he gave into her request for unprotected sex. Roughly 3 percent of women in the study avoided condom use through manipulation, such as withholding sex or actually destroying the condom.'

"American woman wins NYC Marathon for 1st time in 40 years"

Mastodon · 6 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's been a long time running -- four decades to be exact -- since an American woman broke the finish line tape at the New York City Marathon, but Olympic medalist Shalane Flanagan did just that on Sunday.

With an unofficial time of 2 hours, 26 minutes and 53 seconds, the 36-year-old Flanagan beat three-time defending champion Mary Keitany of Kenya by a minute and one second. Times won't be official until later this month.
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On the men's side, Kenyan Geoffrey Kamworor beat out countryman and 2014 winner Wilson Kipsang for his first major marathon victory, with a time of 2 hours, 10 minutes and 53 seconds.'

Men Need to Change, and Women Need to Change With Them

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'Women may also have to accept that we like some aspects of the way we interact with men just as they are, and what that means. How can we achieve equality and level the playing field when we still expect men to pick up tabs on dates? How can we change a sexual dynamic around power for the better if our sexual ideal is either a big, strapping man or a bad-boy type? What changes to fantasy and romance, and their relationship to lived reality, will we initiate?

We need to abandon the notion that male bosses should take special care to hold the door for us because we are women. If we expect men not to talk about “fat bitches” or “hot bitches” and brag about their sexual conquests, we should probably resist the urge to name call (“those cocky pricks”); to gush over big, strong men; to publicly joke about how someone with an inflated ego must have a small penis.

If we want equality and a culture where women have more power, we need to recognize that policing male behavior isn’t going to work in the long run. This pits men against women and creates conditions for men and women to be segregated in the workplace, just as we were in the 1950s.'

5 Reasons Men Are Reluctant to Get on the Sexual Harassment Bandwagon

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'1) We keep defining sexual harassment down: If a boss tells you to sleep with him or alternately to watch him shower (ugh….creepy) to keep a job, we can all agree that's sexual harassment. The further we get from that kind of standard, the less we're going to agree. Telling a crude joke, having a swimsuit calendar on the wall or a man putting his hand on your shoulder might legally qualify as environmental sexual harassment, but it's all bullsh*t. Many women may think they deserve money because of those things, but a lot of men think if they can't handle that, then they're too delicate for the work force. We've even gotten to the point where a 93 year old man in a wheelchair with Parkinson's pinching a woman's butt and telling a dirty joke is considered traumatizing sexual harassment. It's a joke, but it's not funny.

2) Sexual harassment is often dependent on the feelings the woman involved has about the man doing it: How can we have a "crime" where the standards vary based on how attracted the "victim" is to the "perpetrator?" Asking a woman out a second time after she turns you down if she likes you? Persistent. If she doesn't? Creepy harassment. If a woman catches you staring at her and she finds you attractive? He's into me. Awesome! If she doesn't like you? Creepy harassment. Telling an edgy joke if she likes you? He's so funny! If she doesn't? Creepy harassment. What constitutes sexual harassment can feel like an iffy, ever-changing standard to men.'

Do parents of boys view sexual violence differently to parents of girls?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the weeks since the Harvey Weinstein scandal broke, we have heard quite a lot of "as the father of a daughter...", implying it takes the birth of a daughter for men to truly appreciate all the discrimination, harassment and assault women seem to be on about.

Now it seems the growing awareness of sexual assault on university campuses in the United States has seen the advent of "as the mother of a son...", implying that the mother-son relationship may have the opposite effect on women.

Last week, The New York Times featured an article chronicling the rise of Families Advocating for Campus Equality (FACE), a movement of hundreds of mothers who have come together to defend sons they say have been wrongly accused of sexual assault.'

Sweden’s Sexual Assault Crisis Presents a Feminist Paradox

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sweden prides itself on being a beacon of feminism. It has the most generous parental leave in the developed world, providing for 18 months off work, 15 of which can be used by fathers as paternity leave. A quarter of the paid parental leave is indeed used by men, and this is too little according to the Swedish government, which has made it a political priority to get fathers to stay at home longer with their children.

Sweden has never ranked lower than four in The Global Gender Gap Report, which has measured equality in economics, politics, education, and health for the World Economic Forum since 2006. Of all members of Parliament, 44 percent are women, compared to 19 percent of the United States Congress. Nearly two-thirds of all university degrees are awarded to women. Its government boasts that it is the “first feminist government” in the world, averring that gender equality is central to its priorities in decision-making and resource allocation.

But while Swedish women rank among the most equal in the world, they increasingly fear for their physical safety on the streets. Reported sex crimes increased by 61 percent between 2007 and 2016. Meanwhile a rise in gang violence among men–the number of victims injured by gunshots increased by 50 percent between 2004 and 2016–indirectly affects the safety of women. Police admit that rape cases are piling up without being investigated because resources are being drained by gang violence and shootings.'

Signs Naming Students Accused of Sexual Assault Reopen Wounds at Atlanta Colleges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For four years, students at three Atlanta-area colleges have expressed outrage over how their institutions handle sexual violence. This week, however, some students went a step further, publicizing the names of peers and others who they say have committed sexual assault.

Signs posted Wednesday throughout the campuses of Morehouse College, a men's college, and Spelman College, a women's college, listed names of male students and accused them of rape. Other signs accused Morehouse and Spelman officials of protecting rapists. The signs were later removed by campus police officers. (Morehouse, Spelman, and Clark Atlanta University belong to the Atlanta University Center Consortium, known as the AUC.)

On Thursday morning, the Martin Luther King Jr. Chapel on Morehouse's campus was spray-painted with the words "Practice what you preach Morehouse + end rape culture." Campus police officers later covered the graffiti with a brown tarp.

Students at the three colleges shared the signs and graffiti on Twitter with the hashtag #WeKnowWhatYouDid. Some students used the hashtag to write about their own stories of assault and share their discontent with administrators who they said had silenced them and protected predators. Others simply posted a name or a list of names, prompting criticism that doing so defamed students and others who had not been formally accused of sexual assault.'

College expelled male student after coordinated sexual assault claims fell apart, suit says

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'A jealous boyfriend convinced four female students to falsely accuse a graduating male of sexual misconduct years after the alleged behavior, according to the former student's lawsuit against a small New York liberal arts school.

"John Doe" accuses Hamilton College of changing its sexual-misconduct investigative procedures so drastically in response to Obama administration Title IX "guidance" – since rescinded by the Trump administration – that it effectively denied him due process and discriminated against him based on his gender.

As with other lawsuits alleging procedural and gender-related violations by colleges in response to Title IX investigations prompted by accusers, Doe's complaint alleges Hamilton ignored his text-message evidence that the accusations were a setup.

"Hamilton was under enormous pressure to show it was willing to take a hard line against male students accused of sexual assault in order to dispel the notion that its campus was an unfriendly and unsafe environment for women," the suit reads.'

Canada: Alberta Premier Rachel Notley decries 'mansplaining' by opposition, as gender issue flares in legislature

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender and vocabulary are clashing on the floor of the Alberta legislature.

Premier Rachel Notley, one day after accusing a male opponent of mansplaining, is calling out another for "hepeating."

It came Wednesday during question period after United Conservative member Jason Nixon lauded Notley for taking his party's advice on the fight to get more pipelines built but also suggested Notley needs to do more.
...
A day earlier in question period, Notley sarcastically thanked Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark for "mansplaining" to her that there are environmental benefits to pipelines.

Clark and other opposition members asked Notley be sanctioned by Speaker Bob Wanner. They suggested the term mansplaining is not only inaccurate but also prejudicial and unparliamentary.

Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley, speaking for the government caucus in the house, defended Notley's remarks. She said Clark was acting within the dictionary definition of mansplaining, which is to explain something to a woman in a condescending manner.

On Wednesday, Wanner refused to sanction the premier. He said he did not find the comments unparliamentary in the context of the debate but cautioned all members to watch not only their language but the tone of their questions.'

Critics Blast Newsweek's 'Tone Deaf' Penis Balloon-Popping Trump Cover

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Newsweek is facing criticism over its latest cover.

For the upcoming Nov. 17 issue, the weekly news magazine used an image of a feminine hand jabbing a needle into a penis-shaped balloon to promote its lead article about women fighting against systemic sexual harassment.

″#MeToo is taking down powerful men in all fields. Is Donald Trump next?" the publication asks in the cover blurb.
...
Some critics used Twitter to ask the magazine why it seemed to equate female empowerment with the harming of men. Another accused Newsweek of turning the "exposure of sexual assault into satire."'

Occidental Professor Warns: Be 'Suspicious of Males Who Strongly Identify as Men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an article for Public Books, Lisa Wade, a sociology professor at Occidental College (which, I'm embarrassed to say, is my alma mater) recently wrote that "we should reject the idea that men have a psychic need to distinguish themselves from women." Why? Because "masculinity is toxic." In fact, we should be "suspicious of males who strongly identify as men."

Frankly, I'd be more suspicious of males who identified as something other than males like, say, toasters, or unicorns, or their great-aunt Mildred's long-lost cat. It seems to me that those males would be delusional and therefore far more suspicious than males who actually identified as males. Since that's what they are. It would at least display a much stronger grasp on reality than our dear friend professor Wade.

Let me break Wade's theory down for you, because I could see how sane people might have a little trouble following it. Wade believes that there is literally no difference between men and women. And, since there's no difference between men and women, anything that is seen as being inherently masculine or inherently feminine is actually just a social construct. And (as if that wasn't crazy enough,) every single thing that is supposedly male is bad. "If we are going to finish the gender revolution," declares Wade, "then, we need to call masculinity out as a hazardous ideology and denounce anyone who chooses to identify with it."'

Canada: Premier Rachel Notley's 'mansplaining' comment not unparliamentary, Speaker rules

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Wanner took a day to review the exchange. He ruled there wasn't an issue with the word, as a word that is unparliamentary in one context may be fine in another.

"I would, however, caution all members about characterizing language in responses, such as saying 'mansplaining,' " Wanner said. "Tone can be as disrespectful as are certain singular words."

Wanner added that he will intervene if he hears sexist or offensive language. He said he had heard a lot of heckling directed towards Infrastructure Minister Sandra Jansen.

"While I did not intervene at the time, I certainly will intervene in the future if that kind of behaviour persists and is continued," he said.'

"'Challenging Misandry', MRAs, & Empty Vessels That Make The Most Noise"

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'On November 18th, Men's Voices Ireland are hosting a unique conference where disgruntled and marginalised Irish men will have the opportunity to vent their frustrations with life in general, the feminist indoctrination that is plaguing Irish media and politics, and the epidemic of political correctness that threatens to end free speech for good.

It will be a safe and non-judgemental environment, free from the scrutiny of feminists, social justice warriors and beta males, who might call them misogynists or rape apologists. These issues of concern for Irish men will be addressed by a star studded panel including, known equality advocate, John Waters and a new young star on the men's rights activist (MRA) scene, James Behan.

#KillAllMen

The unifying theme for this conference will be "Challenging Misandry", defined by Men's Voices Ireland as "dislike of, contempt for and ingrained prejudice against men". Misandry can be identified from viral hashtags such as #killallmen, #banmen #toxicmasculinity and #maletears. Some feminists argue that performing misandry is an ironic response to the systematic and institutionalised discrimination women face under the white supremacist patriarchy, a way of "inhabiting the most exaggerated, implausible distortion of your position, in order to show that it's ridiculous." Of course, anyone who knows what irony really means, knows that threatening to kill all men or milking male tears is no laughing matter.'

University to help men stop ‘mansplaining,’ ‘interrupting others’

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'The University of Connecticut is recruiting 20 male students for an 11-week program to help them stop “mansplaining” and “interrupting others.”

The Men’s Project is hosted by the school’s Women’s Center and vows to train men to “positively influence their peers by challenging social norms that promote gender based violence.”

But while the program frames itself as a way to promote bystander intervention, the Men’s Project has a broader agenda, as weekly meetings will feature discussions on “topics related to gender socialization, masculinities, social justice and gender-based violence.”'

Wisconsin College Dems leader: ‘I f---ing hate white men’

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'The Wisconsin College Democrats Vice Chair lashed out against “white men” last week, tweeting that she feels emphatic hatred toward the demographic.

According to the images obtained by Campus Reform, Sarah Semrad, a junior at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, allegedly wrote that “I f***ing hate white men” in a tweet on Thursday.

Following initial backlash, Media Trackers reports that Semrad proceeded to delete her private Twitter account as well as her Facebook profile.'

Australia: How Victoria's family violence system fails some victims – by assuming they're perpetrators

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The research found a proliferation of “systems abuse” by male perpetrators of family violence. This refers to the manipulation of the legal system by perpetrators of family violence. The National Domestic and Family Violence Bench Book recently identified this as a form of family violence.

Participants suggested there was a strong link between police misidentifying women as primary aggressors and male perpetrators manipulating the intervention order system. This can occur when police responding to a family violence incident are misled by the genuine perpetrator to believe that the woman has committed family violence and an intervention order should be taken out against her.'

"I Don’t Know If I Can Raise A Good Man"

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'Children never fully belong to their parents. I started losing mine to the world of men years ago. My voice is strong, but what chance does it have against the chorus of voices ready to drown me out every time he steps out the front door or turns on the TV? Being told to “raise a good man” is starting to feel like the devil is telling me to keep cool while steadily raising the thermostat in hell.

Worse, when I look around at the adult men I know, I’m not sure exactly who I’m supposed to be raising him to emulate. Even the men whom I love and trust seem tied up in knots about this gender business — one gets the impression they are constantly fighting against their instincts, carefully choosing their words while I carefully arrange my face to receive them so that we can all feel good about remaining friends. To be intimate with these men is to always be waiting, a little, for the microaggression that may or may not come.
...
I’m not giving up — in fact, I’m this close to having a man-to-man real talk moment with a 6-year-old about how he should never masturbate in front of strangers or co-workers — but there’s a whole screwed-up culture to fix if we want “raising good men” to look like more than fighting a desperate battle for our boys. Especially if we want to win.'

Police: Woman Falsely Accused State Trooper of Rape

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'A woman who publicly alleged that she was raped by a state trooper in a police car has been charged with making a false report.

Thirty-seven-year-old Christine Cromer previously alleged that she was assaulted by the trooper outside the Mohegan Sun Pocono casino in Wilkes-Barre. She said she in a relationship with him and was attacked after she broke up with him.

The (Wilkes-Barre) Citizens' Voice reports that Cromer then publicized her story by posting flyers around the area. Investigators say the trooper denies having had any kind of relationship with Cromer or ever having been in a car with her.'

"'Men, Not Immigrants': Sweden Rules Out Mapping Rapists' Ethnicity"

Minuteman · 16 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Amid a hot national debate, Swedish Justice Minister Morgan Johansson has firmly ruled out the much-debated idea of publishing statistics on the nationality of sex offenders. He argued against "blaming it on immigrants," when perpetrators "in fact" were men.

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However, Social Democrat Justice Minister Morgan Johansson was unimpressed with the Conservatives' proposal, even though he admitted the need for a comprehensive investigation of sex offenses. Such an investigation should specifically exclude ethnic background, he said, arguing the Conservatives were trying "shift the blame on immigrants," while the main problem allegedly was that most perpetrators were men, SVT reported.'

Fired Assistant DA Jody Warner Accuses Uber Driver of Scaring Her. Oh, Please.

Matt · 16 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

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'The way the news is these days: In the middle of a storm of disgusting national stories about male sexual predators, we get our own local countercase — a fired Dallas County assistant district attorney, sobbing on camera, offering every conceivable excuse in the book for her terrible behavior with a young Uber driver.

District Attorney Faith Johnson fired Jody Warner, 32, an experienced assistant prosecutor, on Monday after Johnson reviewed an audio recording of Warner drunkenly threatening and abusing 26-year-old Uber driver Shaun Platt over the weekend. In a press conference Tuesday, Warner set some kind of new world record for the least apologetic apology since Donald Trump did Access Hollywood.

Bad enough. But wait. Worse than Trump. Way worse. Through tears and much wiping of the nose, Warner made a completely off-the-wall gratuitous suggestion that Platt, the driver, was some kind of sexual predator and that's why she got upset. That would have been like Trump saying he had to grab women there in order to proactively protect himself from personal violation.

"Oh my God, you're an idiot. You are a legitimate retard," Warner told Platt on a recording he made after he called the cops because she refused to haul her drunken self out his car. "We can hang out. I'm not scared," she says.

Plus, get this: Warner, an experienced prosecutor of crimes, cried all the way through her press conference, but she also brought along Elizabeth Frizell, an ex-judge who will oppose Faith Johnson in the next election. So this was like a crying, confessional, tragic campaign event.'

Half-naked woman steals Uber drivers tip-cash, complains of harassment after video gets out

fathers4fairness · 16 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A half-naked woman whose theft of an Uber driver's tips was caught on video is complaining of online harassment after footage of the brazen incident went viral.

Scantily clad 18 year old Gabrielle Canales – a horrible human being, was caught on surveillance video reaching into the Uber driver's tip jar after she and two other passengers reached their destination in Brooklyn, New York.

After posting a now-deleted Instagram response in which Canales showed little remorse, the Crown Heights woman finally admitted she was "completely wrong" for stealing the money – $5.00 by her count – which she says she paid back.

"I understand I'm completely wrong and I'm not denying it," Canales told BuzzFeed. "The lesson was learned that same day. That's why the gentleman was paid back."

After the video went viral, Canales told Buzzfeed she's been subject to harassment and mocking.

"I didn't need this video to go viral to teach me a lesson. I learned the lesson that same day. Before the video went viral, the man was paid back," Canales said. "I apologize on the matter once again."

Canales then doubled down on her self-righteous half apology and played the woman card, saying "I'm wrong for taking $5, and according to the world, I need to die," she said. "I understand I'm going to get hate from a lot of people and that's something I accepted, but I don't think it's okay to disrespect me as female."

Martin Luther King Jr. Chapel at Morehouse College Defaced to Protest ‘Rape Culture’

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'The Martin Luther King Jr. chapel at Morehouse College was defaced, allegedly by students from Morehouse and several nearby colleges, to protest “rape culture.”

Students at Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Clark Atlanta University allegedly defaced the Martin Luther King Jr. chapel at Morehouse College over a two-year-old Title IX investigation by the U.S. Department of Education. The investigation centers on a claim brought by a Spelman student who says that a Morehouse student sexually assaulted her.

Last week, administrators found that the Martin Luther King Jr. chapel on Morehouse College’s campus had been defaced. Spray-painted on the side of the chapel were the words: “Practice what you preach Morehouse + end rape culture.” In addition, signs were posted that accused male students by name of sexual assault. A Twitter account that goes by the name “WeKnoWhatYouDid” has published accusations against students.'

Confusing Sexual Harassment With Flirting Hurts Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than a month after the initial report on numerous allegations of sexual coercion and assault by movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, the national firestorm over workplace sexual harassment shows no sign of slacking off—and many men, it seems, are nervously scrutinizing their behavior. Last Friday, the New York Times reported that some men are forming company or industry text groups “to brainstorm on harassment issues,” avoiding work-related social events where flirting may happen, and asking “odd questions” such as whether it’s ever okay to hug a female co-worker.

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At Salon, writer Erin Keane scoffs that “men who haven’t leered, creeped, groped, raped” or used their power for sexual predation should stop being overdramatic and making this moment about themselves.

Scoffing is easy, but the truth is that the confusion is far from groundless—and some anti-harassment advocates have stoked it. For that matter, Keane’s admonishment is not reassuring: “leering” and “creeping” are behaviors with plenty of room for subjective definitions.'

DOD Report Shows Sexual Assault Rates Keep Falling

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'The Department of Defense has released data about sexual assault reports for fiscal years 2013-2016, finding the prevalence rate continues to fall.

The latest figures show that the prevalence rate of sexual assault has been on the decline. For example, the rate for active duty women dropped from 6.1 percent in 2012 to 4.3 percent in 2016. For men, the rate dropped from 1.2 percent in 2012 to 0.6 percent in 2016.'

Ireland: 'Challening Misandry': Men's Voices conference to discuss role of father in family, male suicide

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'Male suicide and the role of men and masculinity are some of the key issues up for discussion today at a 'Men's Voices' conference in Dublin.

The role of fathers and families also comes under the spotlight, along with the youth perspective on being male in today's society.

Chairman of Men's Voices Ireland David Walshe said men's issues are not discussed enough in the media.

"The theme of the conference is 'Challenging Misandry'. It is a bit provocative," he said.

Misandry is defined as dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against men.

"It means that we think that there is not sufficient attention being paid to men's issues by the media in today's world. Men's issues are being closed out from the national conversation," he added.

Opinion: Why do we even need an International Men's Day?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'WHILE MANY GROUPS in society such as women, children, LGBT and others, have long established calendar days to celebrate their existence, it is only in the last 2 to 3 years that International Men's Day (19 November) has come to be marked by at least some groups in Ireland.

This late coming on the scene marks a certain hesitation. Slowly, haltingly, it is becoming legitimate to celebrate men, their achievements, and their essential role in society.

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Historically, men have had no issues organising as trade unionists, or in groups dedicated to protesting against inequalities faced by minorities based on their race or sexuality. This is not the case for men's advocacy.

Such advocates are typically met with contempt when attempting to add a discussion of men's issues to the national dialogue on gender equality. Such negative attitudes may well be a factor in why many men are so reluctant to come forward.'

"Ban Men"

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'The time has come to say goodbye to men, and I can hardly believe you'd need me to tell you why. They murder, a lot. They assault and abuse, a lot. They start international and domestic wars, or at least try to. They talk too much, they don't listen, and they're bad at their jobs. They're not just a problem but one of the biggest problems of our era, though saying so is still uncomfortably received by most.
...
I bet most of us know and love at least one male individual, maybe even several, but don't you worry that your favorite guy will go bad? Living with a gender binary is like living in a zombie movie: Of course we want to hang on to the affable dude friend who's not yet showing symptoms of being like the others. We love him, and he's on our side. We need all the help we can get. But he could turn into one of them at any moment.

The risk never goes away, which is part of what's so galling about women who stand by sons or colleagues or employers or husbands accused of sexual harassment or rape. Of course the offender treats some, maybe even many, women well, but surely those same friends and family members have numerous experiences with other men who present a Jekyll face to the world only to reveal their Hyde sides as soon as they see an opportunity to get away with it. Why pretend the probable is impossible?'

Women are better in tech than men, says a report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Think men's brains are better suited for tech jobs? Think again.

A report from the Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution measured men's and women's digital scores, and found that women had stronger skills than men do.

The Brookings report, called "Digitalization and the American Workforce," looked at "information about the knowledge, skills, tools and technology; education and training; work context; and work activities required" for high tech jobs, and it gave women a digital score of 48 versus 45 for men.

But despite that higher aptitude, the report says, more men than women are filling the highest-level digital jobs in "computer, engineering and management fields, as well as lower-digital occupations such as transportation, construction, natural resources, and building and grounds occupations."'

Young women are better than men at 'adulting' in every way—except this one

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The results are in: Millennial women are better than men at "adulting."

That's according to financial website Earnest, which conducted a survey of more than 1,000 young adults to see how women match up against their male peers in terms of financial responsibility and acting like, well, grown ups. Young women outperform in every way — except one: Earning more money than their parents.

About 31 percent of young men and young women report that they've hit that milestone.
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And the future looks promising. Since 2000, one-third more women more women than men have graduated college, according to a Pew Research study. Because of that, some predict they could soon become their generation's top earners and their wages could surpass men's by 2020.'

Women-only slate to chair elite 2018 World Economic Forum in Davos

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The World Economic Forum's gathering in Davos, Switzerland will be chaired entirely by women in 2018 — the first time in the 47-year history of the elite group that men will be on the sidelines.

Seven women – and no men – will set the agenda when 3,000 of the world's high-powered corporate, political, entrepreneurial and media leaders converge on the alpine town in January.

The World Economic Forum, or Davos, as it's known by its participants, has taken heat for years for its stark gender imbalance. At this year's conference, men outnumbered women five to one. That's a nudge up from 2015, when women accounted for 17% of the participants.'

Why the Roy Moore Accusations Terrify Me as a Wife and Mother

Matt · 18 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I have three men in my life who are important to me above everyone else. My husband, my son and my father. These men mean everything to me. Watching Roy Moore go through the current media circus has made me fear for the future of these men whom I love. The idea that someone can lose a career, his reputation, and the public trust over accusations of events that happened decades ago — that no one was witness to, saw, heard, reported, or acknowledged in any significant way— is terrifying. Let me remind you of something that Americans hold sacred: the presumption of innocence.

Many people think that the reason why the American experiment existed was a result of religious persecution, but it wasn't the only abuse suffered. Another major reason people fled England was the unfair court system that put the burden of proof on the accused. If you were charged with a crime, you were guilty unless you could prove you were innocent. This led to many false imprisonments. The concept of innocence until proven guilty did not come into being in England until the 1800s. Until then, the law heavily favored the wealthy, who could produce the required number of witnesses (usually 12) to absolve them of a crime. The poor were most times unable to do so. The presumption of innocence was essential in the minds of our forefathers.

"It is more important that innocence be protected than it is that guilt be punished, for guilt and crimes are so frequent in this world that they cannot all be punished. But if innocence itself is brought to the bar and condemned, perhaps to die, then the citizen will say, “whether I do good or whether I do evil is immaterial, for innocence itself is no protection,” and if such an idea as that were to take hold in the mind of the citizen that would be the end of security whatsoever. ~ John Adams, On Innocence, The Portable John Adams"

It should disquiet you that this tenet of our belief system is being overwhelmed by Gloria Allred and her gaggle of female accusers that she drags out every election cycle. We've all heard the term "trial by public opinion," but until now that still didn't trump the actual trial in a courtroom. What's happening to Roy Moore is now becoming commonplace in American politics. A man is being destroyed based on rumors and accusations. There is no judge, no jury, and no justice.'

#MeToo has lumped trivial in with legitimate sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s gone far enough. What started as a necessary mass-rejection of sexual harassment and assault is sliding into absurdity and irrelevance. A backlash is looming against the very people the spontaneous battle against sexual villainy was meant to help: powerless women and men.

The fight is being waged not with force, but with the rather bland Internet movement, #MeToo. The battle by hashtag conflates genuine sex crimes with mere childish behavior — blending the Harvey Weinsteins and Kevin Spaceys with the Al Frankens and George H.W. Bushes.

How long before we stop taking victims seriously?'

First tickets for Sweden's 'man-free' festival to go on sale

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tickets for what has grabbed global headlines as Sweden's first 'man-free' music festival, organized in response to reports of sexual assaults at concerts, will go on sale in less than two weeks.

Emma Knyckare's idea for the festival started with a simple tweet she posted in July after the Bråvalla festival in Norrköping cancelled its 2018 event after reports of a number of sexual offences.

"What do you think about putting together a really cool festival where only non-men are welcome, that we'll run until ALL men have learned how to behave themselves?" she wrote at the time.

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The concept is not uncontroversial, and has been criticized by people accusing it of discriminating against men as well as by people questioning why the ban only applies to cis men, men whose gender identity corresponds to their sex at birth, and does not extend to transgender men.

But Knyckare said reactions in Sweden and abroad had on the whole been "overwhelmingly supportive".

"Both from women and men. The majority of men in Sweden understand why their sisters and daughters and wives need to be protected and accept the purpose of the festival. Having said that, there are men who don't understand why they're not allowed to attend when they've done nothing wrong personally."'

"International Men's Day" Sees Backlash Despite Good Intentions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The marked day, aimed at raising awareness for issues affecting men in society, takes place on November 19 every year. But despite the good intentions of organizer Mark Brooks, the day has become something of a toxic punchline in a year filled with sexual assault allegations against major male figures — including President Donald Trump. It's not been a banner year for men, as many in positions of power have been exposed as using that influence in cases of sexual harassment and assault.

With all its great intentions at helping men overcome major life obstacles, it seems there is no room for IMD this year. At least not on Twitter.

"Today is International Men's Day … So pretty much like every other day," AJ+ official Twitter account tweeted, complete with a gagging gif.
...
Daily Beast editor Gloria Erin Ryan also went the snarky route, commenting, "Extremely fitting that International Men's Day and World Toilet Day are celebrated concurrently this year."
...
Similarly, journalist Daisy Cousens also took the opportunity to recognize the men in her life, without a hint of snark.

"Happy International Men's Day, darlings! Let's take the time to appreciate the men who work, sweat, fight, and die to provide for their loved ones, and to acknowledge the unique challenges they face in society. #InternationalMensDay," Cousens writes.

This image was being widely circulated on Instagram on Sunday:

[See: https://www.instagram.com/p/BbsM6jmlDNR/]

Girl Scouts warn parents about forcing kids to hug relatives for the holidays

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Girl Scouts of the USA issued a warning to parents this holiday season, asking them to think twice before forcing their daughters to hug relatives at gatherings.

“Think of it this way, telling your child that she owes someone a hug either just because she hasn’t seen this person in a while or because they gave her a gift can set the stage for her questioning whether she ‘owes’ another person any type of physical affection when they have bought her dinner or done something else seemingly nice for her later in life,” reads the post on the Girl Scouts’ website.

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The organization’s missive to parents comes as allegations of sexual misconduct by men ring out from every industry, including Hollywood, politics and the media.

One in nine girls under the age of 18 experiences sexual abuse or assault at the hands of an adult, according to data shared by the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), an anti-sexual assault organization.'

Professor Accused of Stalking and Making up Phony Rape Allegations Against Firefighters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Northern Arizona University professor is facing federal charges for allegedly stalking and making up false rape allegations against firefighters. As AZ Central shares, 36-year-old Melissa Ann Santana is being charged with stalking or making false statements against at least 11 people.
...
Some victims met her online and others were family members of men she knew. At least one of her male victims said that he had a relationship with her that had ended. He claims that his car was vandalized and he received several negative texts after their affair ended. Some victims said she stalked them on social media or Tinder. One alleges that she started a "smear campaign" against him, falsely posting that he has sexually transmitted diseases.

Santana, who is married, also allegedly sent false allegations against firefighters by email or text to their supervisors, stating that they had sex with an underage, 15-year-old girl.'

Weinstein Co. bidder Maria Contreras-Sweet, former Obama official, wants all-female board

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Maria Contreras-Sweet has a revolutionary idea for the Weinstein Company: No more men.

Contreras-Sweet, who ran the small Business Administration for President Barack Obama from 2014 to 2017, has submitted the first official bid for the production company, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Her offer includes keeping all 157 employees currently on the payroll, but cutting out Bob Weinstein, Harvey Weinstein's brother.

One major aspect of her pitch would be an all-female board, unlike the company's former setup.

In a letter, Contreras-Sweet said she has been "profoundly affected by the recent revelations" and that she believes "reorganizing the Company as a woman-led venture will be an inspiration to the industry, and a new model for how an entertainment company can be both financially successful and treat all its employees with dignity and respect," according to the Wall Street Journal.'

Are jokes about men ‘hate speech’? Facebook seems to think so

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In October, Marcia Belsky received a 30-day Facebook ban for three words: “Men are scum.”

She had posted the sentence without a second thought. It was buried in the comment section of a friend’s photo album showing all the messages she’d received from men in the wake of #MeToo. Belsky’s friend, writer Nicole Silverberg, had written a list of things men can do better and, unsurprisingly, many men did not like that. Their comments were angry, chastising, and some were even anti-Semitic and violent.

Belsky was baffled. Could language as tame as “men are scum” really be construed as hate speech when so much of what she saw on Facebook—threats of rape and violence, profanity, and harassment—seemed so much worse?

According to Facebook’s community guidelines, yes. The guidelines protect groups based on gender, ethnicity, and religion. And those benefits extend to the group “men.” So, unfair as it may seem, any blanket statement about men could potentially qualify as hate speech.

This wasn’t Belsky’s first ban from Facebook, either. The New York-based comedian had previously posted what she thought was a humorous photo. It featured her younger self smiling innocently, with the words “Kill All Men” photoshopped into a cartoon speech bubble beside her cherubic face.
...

Fellow comedian Kayla Avery has been banned from Facebook five times. The offenses that got her banned and censored vary from calling men “trash” to “useless” to “the worst.” Avery is so accustomed to being censored and banned that she has a name for it: Facebook Jail. She is currently working on a project documenting the stories of those who’ve been Facebook Jailed.
...
Then in April, Waithe posted an image that had been going around of men holding shotguns next to their daughters and their prom dates. She shared it with the caption, “Men know that other men are trash which is why these types of photos are popular.” She received another 30-day ban. Initially, she thought it was because of the guns in the image. She says it was only later when she heard about Belsky’s “men are scum” ban that she made the connection.'

Is tax reform the final straw for alimony?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As soon as the House of Representatives' proposed tax reform bill had hit the news, divorce lawyer Malcolm Taub's phone started to buzz.

The tax deduction for alimony was on the chopping block, eliminating the break for the spouse who pays alimony, and the tax hit for the one who receives it.

Because it is impossible to know if the provision will make it all the way through the process, or when it will be implemented, Taub said he was going to try to rush through his pending cases before the end of the year to be safe.

"This deduction is a major, major factor in negotiating a settlement, and in terms of what a judge will give. This will dramatically change the landscape," said Taub.

While alimony is getting statistically rarer, Taub said it still figures into most of the divorces he works on in his New York-based practice. Many of his cases involve long-term marriages and high-earning couples where one spouse — typically the wife — stayed at home to raise children.'

Men with Muscles and Money are More Attractive to Straight Women and Gay Men—Showing Gender Roles Aren't Progressing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Muscles and money are qualities that straight women and gay men typically find attractive in men, according to an analysis of Tube Crush—a website where people post unsolicited pictures of men seen on the London Underground.

The study at Coventry and Aberystwyth universities in the United Kingdom, published in Feminist Media Studies in August, analyzed images over a period of three years since 2014. The “guy candy” posted on the website were mostly white men—despite London being a multicultural city—indicating that white male privilege is still an attractive quality.

The photos and comments focused on the men’s biceps, pecs and chest as well as perceived sexual ability. Items that indicated wealth such as smart suits, watches and phones were emphasized. Pictures showing other representations of masculinity, such as fatherhood, and more emotional and awkward-appearing men were far less frequent.'

Australia: Dads should be allowed to take their daughters into women's toilets

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Article here. Excerpt:

'IT'S time to stop acting as if every father is a potential rapist, paedophile or abuser.

Normal dads looking after their own kids are not perverts, and they shouldn't be treated like them.

This week a UK father was slammed for taking his four-year-old daughter to the ladies' toilets.

His wife raised the issue on a mothers' online forum and the reaction was swift and fierce.

As I've written before, dads should be able to watch their kids play at the park, help them get changed at a dance concert or take their photo at the beach without being portrayed as a paedophile or creep.

It's time to stop pathologising dads for merely being dads.'

"White men, sexual assault is our problem and it's time to acknowledge it"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fellow white males, sexual assault and harassment is our problem. We have to acknowledge the damage we are doing to society. We've got to own the idea that an attempt to stop it starts with us.

Trust me, I know a lot of you have already stopped reading this because of those first three sentences. My message to you: you are part of the problem, so get the hell out of the way if you don't want to acknowledge the issue. As Shooter McGavin in "Happy Gilmore" says, "Damn you people, go back to your shanties".

...

First step, stop being terrible people. Not every person wants your advances, so keep your hands and lips to yourself. If you're in a position of power, treat everyone with the same respect they give to you. It doesn't give you free rein to live out your creepy sexual desires with innocent people.

Second step, educate yourself. Make sure you understand the severity of the problem and how much it can negatively affect a victim. Ask a survivor and I'm sure they will tell you the scars it has left on them.'

"All men are potential monsters to be constantly feared"

Mastodon · 22 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'First, a mounting pile of sexual harassment allegations made Sunday the worst International Men's Day ever, and then on Monday, Farhad Manjoo of the New York Times had this hot take on men to offer:

"I am at the point where i seriously, sincerely wonder how all women don't regard all men as monsters to be constantly feared. the real world turns out to be a legit horror movie that I inhabited and knew nothing about."

That tweet eventually racked up more than 25,000 "likes," but the highest-profile endorsement likely came from Washington Post style writer Monica Hesse, who seconded the idea that all men are to be treated as potential monsters.

"Surprise! The answer is that we do, and we must, regard all men as potential monsters to be feared. That's why we cross to the other side of the street at night, and why we sometimes obey when men say "Smile, honey!" We are always aware the alternative could be death."

Obviously, it's a problem if gender relations have gotten so bad that men are treated by default as monsters to be feared; if women suggest that due process isn't necessary and it's OK if a few innocent men are ruined by false sexual harassment claims; and that complimenting a woman on her appearance is tantamount to sexual harassment.'

Facing Title IX discrimination suit, Penn settles with student accused of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Pennsylvania has quietly agreed to pay a student accused of rape an undisclosed amount after he sued the school claiming Penn's investigation into the incident violated his civil rights.

Although the specific terms of the agreement are not public, court records acknowledging the deal follow a rash of lawsuits nationwide filed by men on college campuses maintaining that punishment triggered by internal investigations into sexual misconduct have been biased against them.

According to the lawsuit filed last fall, the Penn student — identified only as John Doe — and a female student — also a Penn undergraduate and known as Jane Doe in the suit — met at a bar in June 2016 after they had completed their junior year. At the bar, flirting led to the young man walking the woman to his apartment about six blocks away.'

Jennifer Garner On Sexual Misconduct In Hollywood: We Can’t Assume Every Man Is Guilty

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jennifer Garner spoke out about Hollywood’s sexual misconduct scandals this week during a Hollywood Foreign Press Association conference.

“We can’t lump all men into [the same category]. We can’t just assume that every man has done something awful or that every man is guilty; due process is important and has to take place,” the “Tribes of Palos Verdes” actress said.

As more and more women and men come forward with stories of sexual harassment and assault, the actress said she’s “excited” to see what might change.

“Things have to come out in the open in order to be dealt with, and this is definitely one of those times,” Garner said. “There are a lot of really smart people asking tough questions, and I feel excited to see what the outcome will be.”'

Wiki on Jennifer Garner here.

Teen Vogue columnist ‘not at all concerned’ about innocent men and false harassment allegations

Mastodon · 22 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We can always count on Teen Vogue for the hottest of takes, and here’s one from columnist and UnSlut Project founder Emily Linden that should have all men on edge.

"Here's an unpopular opinion: I'm actually not at all concerned about innocent men losing their jobs over false sexual assault/harassment allegations."'

Piers Morgan decries indifference to false accusations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm a man.

There, I've said it. At the risk of offending the world's increasing army of hypersensitive PC-crazed snowflakes, I am proudly and unapologetically identifying as a male.

I realise that for some people, this admission alone is currently tantamount to having me fired, arrested and possibly publicly executed.

Think I'm being ridiculous?

Think again.

Last night, popular US Teen Vogue writer Emily Lindin tweeted this to her 22,000 followers: 'Here's an unpopular opinion. I'm not actually at all concerned about innocent men losing their jobs over false sexual assault/harassment allegations.'

So yes, for some people like Ms Lindin, just being a man right now is enough to warrant a career and life being wrongly destroyed.

She is the very worst kind of radical feminist, the kind that hates men so much it blinds her even to basic fairness and justice.'

Child support prosecution drives man to jailhouse suicide

Matt · 24 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Cary man who was found unresponsive in his McHenry County Jail cell Friday, Nov. 17, committed suicide amid overwhelming financial stress caused by court-ordered child support payments, according to a source close to the family. Thomas Doheny, 51, of Cary, was found by jail staff in his single-occupancy cell at about 8:10 p.m. Friday.
...
Doheny had been held at the jail since Nov. 1, when he was taken into custody in contempt of court. He was in court dealing with a divorce filed against him in 2014, according to the source who was close to Doheny but wishes to remain anonymous.

"The judge just got upset and incarcerated him," the person said. Formerly quite wealthy, Doheny was working to reduce the $20,000 monthly child support payments to his ex-wife, which he could not afford, according to the source.

"He doesn't make that kind of money. He did five years ago, but his situation has changed," the source said in a Nov. 14 email to a local newspaper as part of an inquiry about the legality of child support payments from incarcerated parents.'

Sexual harassment isn’t just about men. Women should review their behavior too, says this female CEO

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This routine of introspection is not limited to the guilty but also includes the innocent. It should also include women. Although none have yet been named as sexual predators, and a Google search fails to turn up a single recent case of a woman as aggressor, unwanted advances are not a single gender monopoly. Also, just because a women executive may have been a victim of sexual harassment herself, as I and most of my friends were when we were younger, does not mean that she is exempt from inflicting similar pain on others.

This thought and the pervasiveness of these incidents have led me to contemplate what I, as a female CEO, can learn from these publicized incidents. The lessons are broader than recognizing that sexual harassment is widespread and should not be tolerated in any form at my or any company. I need to replay the history of my own behavior to ensure that I have never mistreated any male in my employ, never inadvertently acted inappropriately, and make sure that I fully understand what this type of misbehavior looks like.

...

If misuse of power is the dominant enabling force in sexual misconduct, anyone at a high level within an organization might cause harm, unintentionally, to a subordinate. The risks of ignoring this subject can be very painful in human terms, expensive to your business, extremely disruptive, and wildly time consuming. Insurance premiums, for policies that cover legal cases or settlements, are, unsurprisingly, skyrocketing.

Women in executive positions should not think of themselves as immune to bad behavior or less likely to face serious charges and repercussions if they act inappropriately. Because many of us have been the victims, we should be leaders in solving this workplace problem, both by standing up to our abusers and by setting examples for model behavior as corporate leaders.'

Australia: Landmark High Court ruling spells ‘death knell’ of pre-nuptial agreements in Australia, experts say

Matt · 26 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The decision in Thorne v Kennedy, in which a young Eastern European woman successfully fought to overturn a prenup she signed on the eve of her marriage to a millionaire property developer twice her age, has sent shockwaves through the family law fraternity and could trigger a wave of lawsuits seeking to overturn existing financial agreements.

From a paltry $50,000 she would have been entitled to under the previous agreement, the woman is now set to become a millionaire in her own right.

“Even the lawyers within my team, the young ones, they don’t realise the significance of this yet,” said Slater and Gordon family law expert Heather McKinnon. “It’s really funny. The High Court doesn’t enter our jurisdiction very often — the last [decision] was probably seven or eight years ago — but when it does, it’s significant.”

The landmark case, which has been closely watched by family and commercial lawyers, started way back in 2006 when the then 67-year-old property developer met the 36-year-old woman on a website for potential brides.'

Denzel Washington on Young Black Men Who End Up in Jail: 'It Starts at Home'

Matt · 26 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hollywood megastar Denzel Washington has a few thoughts about the disproportionate number of young black men who end up in prison:

It starts at home.

Washington says, as reported by the New York Daily News, stop blaming law enforcement and the American justice system:

It starts at the home. It starts at home. It starts with how you raise your children. If a young man doesn't have a father figure, he'll go find a father figure.

So you know I can't blame the system. It's unfortunate that we make such easy work for them.'

France: Gender-based insults to become an offence, says Macron

Matt · 26 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'French President Emmanuel Macron on Saturday unveiled measures aimed at educating the public and schoolchildren about sexism and violence against women and improving police support for victims.

During his campaign Macron, who won the presidential election in May, promised to rethink sexual politics and gender equality, which he made a national cause for his five-year mandate.

The Harvey Weinstein scandal in the United States has accelerated a rethink of attitudes towards sexual harassment in France, a country that cherishes its self-image as the land of seduction and romance.

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About violence and sexual abuse, he said: "It is essential that shame changes camp."

"Gender-based insults will be punishable by law. Offenders will face a deterrent fine," he added.'

UK: 21-Year-Old Woman Controlled Ex-Boyfriend's Life for Two Years by Impersonating Police Officers

Matt · 26 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Incredible. Obviously she was dastardly but as bad as what she did was, grudgingly, you've got to respect the sheer chutzpah. Anyway, glad they caught her. Excerpt:

'A jealous woman was somehow able to control her ex-boyfriend's life – forbidding him from seeing other women and even going to certain bars – for two years, by posing as police officers and convincing him that he was part of an investigation.

21-year-old Lauren Adderley and Mitchell Lloyd, 22, both from Shrewsbury, UK, were in a romantic relationship for only two months, in 2014, but even though Lloyd made it clear he wanted nothing more to do with her after that, the young woman spent the next two years making his life a living hell. She put together a sophisticated blackmail plan that was put into motion right after the breakup. Lauren told her ex that she had been the victim of a crime and asked him to provide a statement to the police. He accepted, and was soon contacted by a certain Robert Hay, supposedly a police officer and a friend of Adderley's family, asking for the statement by email. Little did Mitchell know that Robert Hay was actually an online alias of Lauren's, and that he would become his biggest nightmare.
...

In order to keep the scam looking legit, Adderley dumped the "Robert Hay" alias, adopting "Darren Clarke", a different police officer who had taken over the case, due to Hay's personal connection to Lauren Adderley. After a while, the case was turned over to a certain Elaine Thomas, a "senior police officer", and the nightmare continued.
...
Two years into the relentless blackmail, Mitchell Lloyd finally found the courage to tell his friends what he had been going through, and they advised him to go to the police about it. Real officers were immediately able to deduce that the emails he had been receiving were fake, and eventually trace them back to a certain Lauren Adderley, and she was jailed for nine months.'

Girl Scouts: Hugging Grandpa May Lead to Date Rape in College

Matt · 27 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. And to think... there are girls who'd much rather be in the Boy Scouts. Wonder why. Excerpt:

'The Girl Scouts of America has posted a warning to parents on their website that advises:

"Holidays and family get-togethers are a time for yummy food, sweet traditions, funny stories, and lots and lots of love. But they could, without you even realizing it, also be a time when your daughter gets the wrong idea about consent and physical affection. ... Think of it this way, telling your child that she owes someone a hug either just because she hasn't seen this person in a while or because they gave her a gift can set the stage for her questioning whether she 'owes' another person any type of physical affection when they have bought her dinner or done something else seemingly nice for her later in life."

Since when does a present from Grandma equate to a relative stranger buying you dinner on a date 10 or 15 years down the road? That's one hell of a leap in reasoning. Equating a hug from an uncle or aunt to making out with a guy isn't just gross, though; it's downright absurd.'

S. Africa: "Women are smarter than men"

Mastodon · 28 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Females do outshine boys at school and at university, a study at Stelllenbosch University has found.

“On average girls actually do better than boys. They learn to read much quicker than boys do (which is true of pretty much all middle- and high-income countries). In South Africa girls also perform better in mathematics,” say doctors Nic Spaull and Hendrik van Broekhuizen from the research group on Socio-Economic Policy (ReSEP) in Stellenbosch University’s Department of Economics.

...

“We examined 19 fields of study and find that females are significantly more likely to get a degree in 12 of the 19 fields (often by substantial margins), and are significantly less likely to get a degree in five of the 19 fields.”

“However, this is almost entirely because they do not access these traditionally ‘male’ programs rather than due to lower completion rates once they are in. Only in Engineering and Computer Science do girls do worse than boys once they are accepted to the programme.”

The researchers add that one of their most interesting findings was that females are always and everywhere 20% less likely to dropout than their male counterparts (including in traditionally ‘male’ fields like Engineering and Computer Science), even after controlling for field of study, race, age, socioeconomic status, location or institution.

And this isn’t just a South African phenomenon, say the researchers.

“The emergence of a female advantage at school and at university is a global trend among middle and high-income countries. In the 33 countries that make up the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) – mainly a club of rich countries – 58% of bachelor’s degrees were awarded to women. In South Africa it is 61%.”'

Lt. Gov. declares support for rule of law and due process but OKs summarily suspending accused senators from positions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Both Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom and Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg spoke out Monday about the pervasive culture of sexual harassment permeating the Capitol, as two legislators felt the consequences of the allegations facing them.

State Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra, who's been accused by at least six women of sexual abuse, announced he will resign effective immediately. Monday the State Senate Rules Committee stripped State Senator Tony Mendoza of his leadership roles temporarily. Mendoza is accused of acting inappropriately by two former female staffers, including a 19-year-old who says he gave her alcohol and invited her to his hotel room.

"The decisions today were correct decisions. The resignation and stripping the senator of his committee assignments were appropriate. Needs to be zero tolerance. I believe in due process, but I also believe that when women have the courage to step forward, we need to listen to them and believe them," said Steinberg.

While Steinberg, former President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, addressed the Senate Rules Committee's decision head on, Newsom spoke more broadly about the issue.'

The Antidote to ‘Toxic Masculinity’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The overarching lesson drawn by many critics of Weinstein and his brethren is that there is something inherently pernicious about men in general. Many people now genuinely believe that traditional manhood is lethal and is destroying our nations.

Actress Emma Thompson responded to the scandals this way: “So what we need to start talking about is the crisis in masculinity, the crisis of extreme masculinity which is this sort of behavior” (emphasis added throughout).
...
One pundit insisted that this systemic issue has only one solution: Whenever a man in power is found guilty, fire him—and replace him with a woman.

Is masculinity the problem? Is there something inherently toxic about manhood?

“The concept of toxic masculinity is used in the social sciences to describe traditional norms of behavior among men in contemporary American and European society that are associated with detrimental social and psychological effects,” the Wikipedia page on “toxic masculinity” informs us. “Such ‘toxic’ masculine norms include dominance, devaluation of women, extreme self-reliance, and the suppression of emotions.”

Thus, if you are male and you subscribe to “traditional norms of behavior,” a growing number of people in this world, some in influential positions, consider you toxic. And what do you do with a toxic substance? You eliminate it.'

Welcome to Our New Age—the Victorian Feminist Era

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Article here. Excerpt:

'By the same token, when a young feminist recently declared she is “not at all concerned about innocent men losing their jobs” in the process of weeding out the bad guys, she is also harming the cause. The same people who warn about broad rhetoric turning all Islamic people against us should exercise the same prudent specificity in calling out what constitutes almost half of the world—our brothers, fathers, uncles, cousins, husbands, and friends. We don’t want to create more chauvinists and alt-righters.

Too many working-class men (who never had the privileged status of Harvey Weinstein or Kevin Spacey or Charlie Rose) already feel victimized by 21st-century America. Once occupying a relatively privileged position in our society, they are simultaneously forgotten and shamed. They already feel emasculated, and talk permeating our national media that sounds like misandry will only further alienate them.

While good women and good men must band together, two specific coalitions of stakeholders within these broader categories are perhaps most important, inasmuch as they are already activists: liberal feminists and conservative Christians.'

"The Unexamined Brutality of the Male Libido"

Matt · 28 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men arrive at this moment of reckoning woefully unprepared. Most are shocked by the reality of women's lived experience. Almost all are uninterested or unwilling to grapple with the problem at the heart of all this: the often ugly and dangerous nature of the male libido.

For most of history, we've taken for granted the implicit brutality of male sexuality. In 1976, the radical feminist and pornography opponent Andrea Dworkin said that the only sex between a man and a woman that could be undertaken without violence was sex with a flaccid penis: "I think that men will have to give up their precious erections," she wrote. In the third century A.D., it is widely believed, the great Catholic theologian Origen, working on roughly the same principle, castrated himself.

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Acknowledging the brutality of male libido is not, of course, some kind of excuse. Sigmund Freud recognized the id, and knew it as "a chaos, a caldron full of seething excitations." But the point of Freud was not that boys will be boys. Rather the opposite: The idea of the Oedipus complex contained an implicit case for the requirements of strenuous repression: If you let boys be boys, they will murder their fathers and sleep with their mothers.

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Sex is an impediment to any idealism, which is why the post-Weinstein era will be an era of gender pessimism. What if there is no possible reconciliation between the bright clean ideals of gender equality and the mechanisms of human desire? Meanwhile, sexual morality, so long resisted by liberals, has returned with a vengeance, albeit under progressive terms. The sensation of righteousness, which social media doles out in ever-diminishing dopamine hits, drives the discussion, but also limits it. Unable to find justice, or even to imagine it, we are returning to shame as our primary social form of sexual control.

...

I'm not asking for male consciousness-raising groups; let's start with a basic understanding that masculinity is a subject worth thinking about. That alone would be an immense step forward. If you want to be a civilized man, you have to consider what you are. Pretending to be something else, some fiction you would prefer to be, cannot help. It is not morality but culture — accepting our monstrosity, reckoning with it — that can save us. If anything can.'

Shame silences Britain's male slaves, stops them seeking support

Matt · 29 November 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Male survivors of slavery in Britain are often overlooked compared with female victims because shame stops many men speaking out and seeking support, campaigners said on Monday.

Men who have been enslaved are less likely than women to recognise their ordeal as a crime or report it to authorities, leaving them isolated, vulnerable to drug abuse and at risk of being re-trafficked, according to the British charity Hestia.

"It's much more difficult to get men to engage after slavery - they are more likely to write it off as just a bad employment experience, even in cases of brutality," Patrick Ryan, chief executive of Hestia, told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

"Men tend to face more of a struggle than women to recover, and not dealing with this can create a risk of re-trafficking," said Ryan of Hestia, which provides refuge and support for victims of domestic abuse and modern slavery, mainly in London.'

Ned Ryun: "Toxic Masculinity" Culture Created By Left Removing Virtue, Manliness Out Of Our Boys

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'Some of us, and this is why I wrote that piece have rejected that culture. We actually believe in self-discipline. We actually believe in virtue. The other great irony in all of this Tucker, the left not only created toxic masculinity, they have enabled it. You look at the Harvey Weinsteins and the Bill Clintons and the John Conyers and the Al Frankens. And then they want to as your guest just tried to make the argument they want to pin that terrible behavior of some men on all men and in fact say that all men are guilty of toxic masculinity when, in fact, we are not and we are not even capable of abusing those around us.

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And so, there are some of us -- many of us that actually believe in this world that we're in that, again, what sets us apart is self-discipline and respect and virtue and a certain behavior. It's the small decisions that make the man. And, again, we refuse to be pinned with this toxic masculinity because many of us have lived our lives in a very different way. And, in fact, where it's coming from is the behavior of the left and their conditioning of the culture that they have created.

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And you know, when you see some of these things that are taking place in our education system, it's of deep concern to me. Listen, I'm all for women, for all the breakthrough they have made for girl power. All of those great things. I think the pendulum has swung too far the other way.

I think the boys that are being left behind.

CARLSON: Being for women does not mean being against men, of course.

RYUN: We'll see, I think that's where the left has gone wrong.

CARLSON: No, I couldn't agree more.

RYUN: But in response to the toxic masculinity they have created, they wanted to keep our voices suspended in this Peter Pan state and refuse to let them be men. In fact, they don't even want us boys to be boys. They want us to be girls. So, I think it is something we have to push back right now and not let it continue down this path.'

Cornell grad sues university after investigation of sexual assault accusation

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'A Cornell graduate is suing the university, saying he was discriminated against and denied a hearing following a Title IX investigation into a sexual assault allegation.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York, accuses Sarah Affel, Title IX coordinator for Cornell University, of discrimination based on the student's ethnicity, sex and religion. The documents also state a variety of allegedly unlawful actions that were taken against the former student, referred to as John Doe, an ethnically Bangladeshi Muslim.

The graduate is now demanding a jury trial and is seeking restitution from Cornell.

The suit is the second in eight months that alleges a student or former student contemplated suicide following a Title IX investigation at the university.'

The Limits of ‘Believe All Women’

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'In less than two months we’ve moved from uncovering accusations of criminal behavior (Harvey Weinstein) to criminalizing behavior that we previously regarded as presumptuous and boorish (Glenn Thrush). In a climate in which sexual mores are transforming so rapidly, many men are asking: If I were wrongly accused, who would believe me?

I know the answer that many women would give — are giving — is: Good. Be scared. We have been scared for forever. It’s your turn for some sleepless nights. They’ll say: If some innocent men go down in the effort to tear down the patriarchy, so be it.

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Ms. Lindin was widely criticized, but say this much for her: At least she had the guts to publicly articulate a view that so many women are sharing with one another in private. Countless innocent women have been robbed of justice, friends of mine insist, so why are we agonizing about the possibility of a few good men going down?

I think the worry is justified. And it’s not because I don’t get the impulse to burn it all down. It’s because I think that “believing all women” can rapidly be transmogrified into an ideological orthodoxy that will not serve women at all.

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I believe that the “believe all women” vision of feminism unintentionally fetishizes women. Women are no longer human and flawed. They are Truth personified. They are above reproach.

I believe that it’s condescending to think that women and their claims can’t stand up to interrogation and can’t handle skepticism. I believe that facts serve feminists far better than faith. That due process is better than mob rule.

Maybe it will happen tomorrow or maybe next week or maybe next month. But the Duke lacrosse moment, the Rolling Stone moment, will come. A woman’s accusation will turn out to be grossly exaggerated or flatly untrue. And if the governing principle of this movement is still an article of faith, many people will lose their religion. They will tear down all accusers as false prophets. And we will go back to a status quo in which the word of the Angelos is more sacred than the word of the Isabellas.'

Michigan Democrat's Insane Anti-Penis Campaign Ad

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'A Michigan Democrat running for attorney general released a campaign ad this week in which she suggests that not having a penis makes her qualified for the position.

Dana Nessel suggests her answer to stopping sexual harassment in politics is to elect more women because they can be trusted "not to show you their penis in a professional setting."

“If the last few weeks have taught us anything, it’s that we need more women in positions of power, not less,” Nessel says in her ad. “So when you’re choosing Michigan’s next attorney general, ask yourself this: Who can you trust most not to show you their penis in a professional setting? Is it the candidate who doesn’t have a penis? I’d say so.”

“I want to tell you what you can expect me not to do,” Nessel continues. “I will not sexually harass my staff, and I won’t tolerate it in your workplace either. I won’t walk around in a half-open bathrobe, and I’ll continue to take all sex crimes seriously just like I did as a prosecutor.”'

"Mansplaining affects the educational progress for women at IC"

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'Junior Gillian Friebis said she usually does not speak in class, but that when she decided to raise her hand one day in her politics course, she was shut down by a man in the class. It was an experience she feared would occur after seeing other women being interrupted in the same fashion by other men.

During a class discussion about the political relationship between Catalonia and Spain, Friebis spoke only to be immediately and repeatedly interrupted by a man who said he was trying to play the devil's advocate to her point.

"After he kept talking over me, I didn't keep trying, because I knew it was going to happen again, and it reminded me, 'Oh yeah, this is why I don't talk in this class,'" Friebis said.

Women at Ithaca College, like Friebis, said they have experienced and witnessed similar scenarios in their classrooms where women's thoughts are disregarded, shut down, re-explained and interrupted by men, and in some cases, male professors. Friebis' experience is an example of sexist behavior in the classroom, which is commonly dubbed as "mansplaining:" when a man comments on or explains something to a woman in a condescending, overconfident and often inaccurate or oversimplified manner, according to Dictionary.com. While mansplaining is one form of sexist behavior in the classroom, men interrupting women and re-explaining their thoughts also reinforces societal gender hierarchies.'

Your Views: Women’s war on men destroying society

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Letter here. Google the quoted text to jump the paywall. Excerpt:

'We need more courageous men as leaders in every facet of our lives and society. We certainly don’t need more women in government demanding their special interest, social welfare agenda be passed into law.

It is stunning if one looks at our current society how dominant the influence of women continues to be in this nation. Women are the major influence in today’s world. Count the number of groups supporting or promoting women. Then count the men only organizations. Equality? Hardly, when you look at longevity of life, suicide rates, unemployment, college graduates or personal wealth in the nation.'

Christina Hoff Sommers' one hour interview with Tucker Carlson

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The Men’s Movement Deserves More Recognition

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'The idea of men’s rights is often considered taboo to talk about. It is this idea that a conversation about men’s social concerns would have the power to negate the accomplishments that feminists throughout history have made. The buzzword “equality” has limitations, where the conversation stops right when you start to mention the voice of men. So, what is this movement all about?

These issues are the things that largely go unexamined. These are the things that cannot be heard above the humming of every other right’s movement. We are talking about child custody cases, criminal sentencing, domestic violence, workplace fatalities, men’s reproductive rights, educational inequality, and men’s health issues. I myself was very misinformed about men’s social concerns and grievances and so, like many of us do, defaulted to whatever was easiest to believe. I was looking at this from a woman’s perspective believing that this movement was only a backlash to the momentum of the Women’s Rights Movement- and in some ways, this is true. The men’s rights movement has definitely taken some ideas from the Women’s Movement and tried telling them from their perspective.

Unfortunately, these men are falling right into the trap of being labeled “misogynistic”. But, I encourage you to challenge that view. Let’s take domestic violence for example. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 3 women have been the victim of physical violence by an intimate partner. This isn’t a shocking statistic for many, yet what they might not know is that 1 in 4 men will also be the victim of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. I also challenge this statistic by asking if this truly accounts for all men that have been victims. We claim we want to help men feel comfortable opening up and yet, when they do, men face severe backlash by people saying that they are “misogynistic” for having the audacity to address men’s domestic violence issues. Is it truly misogynistic to look at the statistics and be concerned not only for women but understand the need to extend that to men?'

The War on Men

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'This is going to be an unpopular opinion, offered as it is in a maelstrom of headlines and revelations -- many long overdue -- about powerful men who have sexually abused, harassed, assaulted or otherwise exploited others. Each day brings new allegations, and nearly every day, more heads roll. But obscured behind the legitimate outrage against sexual predators is an unceasing cultural onslaught against men that should concern us every bit as much as the predation dominating the news.

I am absolutely not referring to current efforts to expose the men accused of sexual harassment or assault. I am speaking of a longer-term and more insidious attack against men -- and masculinity -- generally.

Masculinity itself risks becoming a dirty word. Across the country, workshops are being held to teach men how to avoid "toxic masculinity." It's one thing to suggest, as some of these workshops do, that there is healthy and unhealthy masculinity. (Personal definitions of "masculinity" that equate maleness with violence or exploitation, for example, are clearly detrimental.) But the same could be said of any human attribute or relationship. There are toxic parents, toxic spouses, toxic co-workers; there is healthy self-love, and then there is narcissism, and so on.'

'We Have Rapists Here In This Building' — California Legislators Hear Horror Stories Of Broken Harassment Reporting System

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'"We have a whisper network you all know it. Because what everybody here knows is we have rapists here in this building. We have molesters among us," said Christine Pelosi.

The head of the California Democratic Party's Women's Caucus says no one knows about those alleged abusers, because of a deficient system for reporting harassment.

"Isn't that problematic," said Vince Fong.

The problem, Assemblyman Vince Fong says, is the Capitol's human resources department doesn't record complaints of harassment involving current lawmakers.

Human resources administrators confirmed cases of misconduct are kept secret.

"Those records may have existed they don't exist," said one administrator.'

Back-touching leads to Garrison Keillor's dismissal

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'MPR said Wednesday it was cutting ties with Keillor, creator and former host of the popular public radio show "A Prairie Home Companion," over an allegation of workplace misconduct. The network did not give details, but Keillor told the Minneapolis Star Tribune that he had put his hand on a woman's bare back while trying to console her.

On Thursday, MPR repeated that it had received just one formal complaint against Keillor, a day after a statement by him raised questions about the extent of the allegations.

Keillor told MPR's news department in an email that two employees had made allegations. MPR spokeswoman Angie Andresen, asked to clear up the discrepancy, said the network has "a formal complaint from an individual that includes multiple allegations related to Garrison's behavior."

Keillor told The Associated Press in an email Thursday evening that one person had brought a claim against MPR and one person had brought a claim against him. He says he hasn't seen the allegations against him and that his account to the Star Tribune was the only incident he could remember.'

Is Feminism the Answer to Sexual Harassment?

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'One popular response to the daily casualty toll of harassers is to suggest that we should all embrace the feminist explanation of male/female relations. That boils down to “believe all women” because women don’t lie about these things. It’s hard to imagine a flimsier philosophy. As the New York Times’s Bari Weiss observed, this fetishizes women as “Truth personified,” which cannot withstand a second’s scrutiny. Of course women lie about these things. The Duke lacrosse team was falsely accused of rape, as was a University of Virginia fraternity. Remember the Scottsboro Boys? And a woman working for the ironically named Project Veritas attempted to sting the Washington Post by spinning a false tale about Roy Moore (in hopes of discrediting the Post and Moore’s truthful accusers).

Women are often victims, but they are not angels. Yes, powerful men abuse their positions to get sex. But any serious reckoning with sexual misbehavior has to take account of the women who use their sexuality to gain advantage too. Just as everyone knows men who’ve harassed, they also know women who’ve slept their way to the top.
...
Beyond partisanship, the feminist record is unhelpful. From the inception of “second wave” feminism in the 1960s, the movement embraced sexual “liberation” as part of women’s liberation. Feminists weren’t so much upset that some men behaved like pigs as they were that women couldn’t do the same without loss of reputation. It was the “double standard” they took aim at, not sexual license itself. In fact, much second-wave feminist literature was devoted to boosting the idea of women’s supposedly superior orgasmic capacity compared with men. In Sexual Politics, Kate Millet declared that “all the best scientific evidence today unmistakably tends toward the conclusion that the female possesses, biologically and inherently, a far greater capacity for sexuality than the male...”

Like the New Left they emerged out of, feminists joined hands with sexual revolutionaries in rejecting all of the old sexual mores – including marriage. “Destroy the patriarchy,” they chanted. They agreed with the Playboy Foundation (a contributor to the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund) that linking sex with morality at all was an outdated idea

And so professional feminists actually helped midwife the loose sexual culture we have today. Arguably, this culture has permitted men to behave even more shabbily toward women than the old mores did. This may sound odd, but I think it’s true — even the sexual harassment has become grosser than it was a few decades ago. I know of a few women who faced harassment in the 1970s and 1980s (myself included), but honestly, it was practically as polite as a Victorian drawing room compared with the stories we are hearing now about Louis C.K. or Harvey Weinstein or Mark Halperin. Womanizers used to at least make an effort at seduction. Now they seem to act out repellent narratives from porn movies.'

Ireland: University Drops Freshman Label Because it Contains ‘Man’

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'Trinity College Dublin announced this week that they would be dropping usage of the term “freshman” because it contains the word “man.” In a statement, the university announced that the changed is being made to celebrate 100 years of women’s suffrage in Ireland.

“As we approach 100 years of women’s suffrage in Ireland in 2018,” the statement read, “it is timely to reflect on changes in our student body since “Freshman” first came into use, and to ensure those changes are reflected in the name we give them.”

In place of “freshman,” the term “fresh” will be used. Trinity College Student Union President Kevin Keane called the change “very sensible.” He suggested that the Student Union as a whole supported the change.'

Not Content Punishing its Own Students, RPI Goes After a Visitor

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'Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) has a growing reputation for sanctioning its student protesters, but the private New York college really overstepped its authority in a recent Title IX investigation.

RPI attempted to hold a student accountable for allegedly violating their sexual misconduct policy. The kicker? He doesn't attend the school.

RPI found John Doe, a graduate student from an unaffiliated university, guilty in a Title IX complaint alleging he raped and abused an RPI student in a year-long relationship that ended in the summer of 2016.
...
On November 22, 2016, RPI issued John Doe a "persona non grata" letter banning him from campus. Universities—both public and private—can and have banned people from their campuses for a variety of reasons ranging from something as serious as sexual misconduct to being labeled disruptive.

RPI is limited in how they can punish a student from a different school, but they did inform the accuser that she could file a complaint with John Doe's school or local law enforcement.

John Doe sued RPI for violating his due process rights the following month, an increasingly common outcome of Title IX investigations. But on November 6 of this year, the court ruled the university did not have jurisdiction, not surprising since Doe doesn't attend RPI.

Presiding Judge Raymond J. Elliott III, contends the university would have been right to investigate, whether the incident took place on campus or at an RPI sanctioned or sponsored event, but neither were the case.

Even had the university had jurisdiction, Elliott said, "the procedure followed by RPI in this case was arbitrary, capricious, and in clear violation of [the] Petitioner's rights."

According to court documents, there was a possible language barrier between John Doe and the Title IX investigators. The university requested a meeting with John Doe without informing him that he was under investigation. It wasn't until he arrived at the meeting that he was told he was the subject of a sexual misconduct complaint. His Title IX inquisitors gave him only a few minutes to review documents pertaining to the charge before questioning him. Without counsel.'

Tucker Carlson: ‘Moronic’ to Have Only Women Decide Sex Harass Policies

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'Fox News host Tucker Carlson told Laura Ingraham on Thursday morning that it’s ‘moronic’ for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to say he’s leaving it up to the female members of the Senate to decide whether sexual harassers in Congress should be “unmasked.”

“That’s so moronic that I can’t even deal with it,” said Carlson on “The Laura Ingraham Show.”

“I mean, look, the law oughta apply universally to all people regardless of sex or race. Period. So the idea that one sex gets to make decisions for everybody … that’s grotesque. That’s, by definition, a perversion of justice. Why would any normal person go along with that?”'

Rape Crisis Center says falsely reported rapes affect their work

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'Police still cannot confirm the circumstances surrounding the arrest of an 18-year-old female they say falsely reported a sexual assault.

Savannah-Chatham Metro Police's Special Victims Unit arrested Jennifer Woodard for an alleged false report on an assault on Deerwood Road on Wilmington Island. Woodard said she was attacked and raped by a black man driving a black Mustang. Police say her facts didn't add up, but because of their investigation, they can't say why.

We met with Rape Crisis Center employees on Friday who say that rape is the most under-reported crime and also only two percent of rapes are determined false. They treated Woodward and worked with her on this case as well. They say it's extremely rare for this to happen, especially because of the invasive testing process and embarrassing questions a victim must answer.

"The questions, the pictures, the swabs, the pokes and the prods...those are all pieces someone doesn't readily subject themselves to," said Kesha Gibson, Rape Crisis Center, Director. "The stigma that comes with being raped. The stigma that comes with being sexually assaulted. No one really wants to own that."

The Rape Crisis Center says the main reason victims recant their story is because the investigation becomes too intense.'

Malaysia: Teacher charged with spreading false rape allegations in WhatsApp group

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'A 36-year-old teacher has been charged with spreading false information about a man via a WhatsApp group, accusing him of being a rapist.

Rafeah Buang, a teacher in the information technology department of the Community Development Department (Kemas) pleaded not guilty to the charges in front of Tawau Sessions Court judge Awang Krisnada Awang Mahmud on Tuesday.

This is believed to the first case involving the spread of false information via WhatsApp heard in the country.
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Rafeah could be fined up to RM50,000 or jailed up to a year, or both.

She could also be subject to a RM1,000 fine for each day the false information was in circulation.'

Obama: Put more women in power

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Article here. He doesn't want to generalize, then he does. So Mr. President, if you could re-do it, would you voluntarily have stepped aside to let HRC get the presidency? Excerpt:

'Asked to list leadership qualities for the future, Obama advocated "more focus on putting women in power, because men seem to be having some problems these days."

Speak for yourself, pal. It's disgusting to see him lump all men into the same disgusting category as the Hollywood and media elites and say they're practically all out sex-harassing. It also suggests he means to excuse these elites since 'all men do it.' He's still at it, placing large groups of people into special interest groups instead of recognizing individuals.

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"Not to generalise, but women seem to have a better capacity than men do, partly because of their socialisation," said the 56-year-old Democrat who left office in January.

A better capacity for leadership? Despite the evidence of history? Then some claptrap about 'socialization'? And he's the one (being a man) declaring the change? This calls to mind the patronizing statement he made to Hillary Clinton in 2008, that she's 'likeable enough.' Spare us this patronizing boob who seems to think we are stupid and easily fooled.'

Why ‘Toxic Masculinity’ Is A Toxic Concept

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'But shouldn’t the concept of “toxic masculinity” should be opposed by something on the other side? Namely, something good. For example, in between the Paddock shooting and the Weinstein scandal, the Nobel Prizes were announced. Nine prizes in science were awarded, nine men won.

As of 2015, men had won 825 of the 871 Nobel Prizes since 1901, or 94.7 percent. In physics, the ratio is 199 to 2. Yes, there have obviously been institutional barriers for women in the past, but all such barriers have been removed. While discrimination may still play a roll, the Cornell University study shows that, in STEM fields, women’s resumes were preferred over identical male ones by a ratio of two to one.

As one might expect, feminists berated the Nobel Prizes as being “sexist.” This highlights the problem. While it is not a contradiction per se, it does seem that the prism through which feminists view the world mandates that men are somehow bad no matter what. If men do something bad, they have “toxic masculinity.” If they do something good, that simply proves that men are discriminating against women as there’s no way men could do something better than women without oppressing them.'

Women sometimes cheat on their husbands — but not for the reasons you think

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'They weren't looking for anyone to support them emotionally - they just wanted men who were sexually compatible.

"They were very practical and methodical in their decision making and then their vetting of who they were going to get involved with," Walker told Business Insider. "And they were very clear it had nothing to do with whether or not he was a nice guy ... So none of the sentimentality that we seem to want to assign women. They talked a lot about how participating in this was sort of this exercise of power and freedom for them."

The women weren't looking for love elsewhere, because all but two of them said they still loved their husbands. They were simply looking to be satisfied in bed.

"The women I spoke to are cheating to stay married," Walker said. "They're not cheating for revenge, or to get out of a marriage, or to get the husband to notice them through bad behaviour. It's none of those things."

Walker explained that they no longer had sex with their husbands at all, or at least their partners weren't bothered about giving them orgasms.
...
"By outsourcing the sex, they were able to come home and be more like the wife and mother that they really wanted to be."'

UK: SAS considers watering down its gruelling selection tests to give women a better chance of joining the elite unit

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'Britain's most elite special forces unit could allow women to take an easier test to increase their chances of joining, it has been reported.

The SAS, whose selection process is considered among the toughest in the world, could be planning to permit female applicants to carry lighter rucksacks during gruelling marches.

Troops hoping to enter the legendary unit are expected to pass uniquely difficult challenges - some of which are so intense that candidates have died trying to complete them.

But according to sources who spoke to the Sunday Times, women - who can apply for all military roles from 2019 - might be allowed more time to complete tests and be given lighter loads to carry.

The potential watering down of selection criteria will also apply to the SBS (Special Boat Service), the sources add.

It would specifically affect the initial selection phase, during which candidates are pushed to their limits in the Brecon Beacons over a month-long period.'

Australia: Exodus of male teachers profession due in part to fear of being wrongly painted as sexual predators, NT Estimates hearing told

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'AN exodus of male teachers from the profession is due in part to a fear of being wrongly painted as a sexual predator, an Estimates hearing has heard.

Education Minister Eva Lawler said the royal commission into child sex abuse had heightened those anxieties.

Male teachers were sometimes wary of being alone in classrooms with children, she said.

Mr Lawler made the remarks in response to a question from independent Member for Blain Terry Mills about the dwindling number of men teaching in the Territory.

Ms Lawler said 22.6 per cent of NT teachers were men, with most working in high schools.

She said teaching also suffered from an image problem.'

'Our business is men, and men are not toxic': Colorado strip club sign raises ire

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'Deborah Dunafon knew that a big sign outside her strip club that read “Toxic Masculinity Welcome Here” could land her in trouble. But she thought it needed to be said on behalf of her clientele and men everywhere, who she says have been given a bad rap in the news lately.

“I think it’s horrible to accuse men of being toxic, because they’re not,” said Dunafon, owner of the 35-year-old Shotgun Willie’s strip club, which is also a marijuana dispensary, in Glendale, Colorado. “Our business is men, and men are not toxic.

“How many men are we gonna pick on until finally there’s no men standing? How would you like a society with men meekly running around with little bonnets on their head?”

Shotgun Willie’s is located in Glendale (whose mayor is Dunafon’s husband, Mike), a hamlet surrounded on all sides by Denver – the city where a coffee shop recently found itself in hot water over a sandwich board sign that read: “Happily Gentrifying the Neighborhood since 2014.”
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A photo of the sign was taken by Bonnie AD, a Denver activist for “conscious sexuality”, who posted the image on her Instagram account, @eroticselflove. It duly made the rounds on social media.

“I had a visceral reaction of disgust when I saw the sign, because toxic masculinity is not a joke,” AD said. “I wanted to share the image because I think that community accountability is vital for social change. Largely, the response on social media has been one of disgust.

“This message is approving of toxic masculinity, which is socially irresponsible and culturally poisonous. Anyone on the feminine spectrum, especially sex workers, already have to deal with the covert problems of toxic masculinity and rape culture, so when an establishment publicly makes this kind of commentary, they are adding unnecessary weight to an issue that is already a burden, and a danger, to many people.”
...
Deborah Dunafon resented the idea that any of her dancers were exploited in the course of their work, and said her entire team stood behind the statement about “male toxicity”.

“We believe that men in society today are totally being picked on,” she said. “Shotgun has a lot of different guys come in – blue-collar guys, white-collar guys –and I’d say 98.99% of them are good guys. And they don’t want to be accused of being monsters, because really they’re not. They come in for fun.

“Every once in a while one of them is unruly and we kick them out, but the entertainers are in total control of them.”'

"Should I report sexual harassment if I then slept with the man?"

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'The dilemma Should I report sexual harassment I received even though I later had a sexual relationship with the harasser? Years ago I worked as a volunteer for a political party and while showing me some work on a computer, a senior staff member repeatedly touched my knee. He said sorry, and then did it again, about seven times. He finished by saying: “I’ll need to report myself for sexual harassment now.”
...
In your case, whether you later had a relationship with this man, or used his reference, doesn’t condone his initial transgression, but it suggests enough ambiguity to make it worth examining your motives in coming forward. If you’d been more confident of your own voice, as with so many of these cases, you would no doubt have removed his hand and ended the matter there and then. Only you know whether the knee touching was the opening gambit in an ill-judged flirtation or an abuse of power – and it sounds like you felt it was the latter. As for “letting women down” it would be an act of sisterhood to now draw attention to his historic behaviour in order to support others who may have suffered at his hands.'

Facebook Bans Women From Dragging Men Through The Mud

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'Facebook banned women for one to seven days after they posted things like, “men ain’t shit,” and “all men are ugly” according to The Daily Beast.

“I personally posted men are scum in November and I received a seven day ban. It’s still ongoing. Two days and 23 hours left,” self-proclaimed comedian Alison Klemp told the Beast. “It wasn’t the best protest because it clearly didn’t work.”

Boston comedian Kayla Avery also said she’s been banned countless times after disparaging men by posting “men are trash” on Facebook. Since she was first banned, Avery has created FacebookJailed.com, a website where women can commiserate about internet censorship.

Another comedian, Heather Fink, told the Daily Beast the Facebook censorship “problem” has been spreading to Instagram where she said she was banned for discussing Facebook’s censorship of rash insults against men.

“Social media is how we communicate. Preventing women from expressing themselves like this is an intimidation tactic,” a social-media strategist told the Beast.

Facebook has not released a statement.'

Beware Of The Average White Man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I am afraid of the truth about being male, about the flawed consequences of being a creature driven by testosterone even with the capacity for reason, compassion, and ethical awareness.
...
And yet as the veneer is being peeled back from men as predatory monsters, average white men themselves are desperately asking what if things are going too far, what if all the men guilty of sexual assault and intimidation are held accountable.

Yes, what if? Reckoning is a frightening thing for the guilty, and each time I read about another man hedging for the accused and punished, I am reminded, with some due gender irony, “The lady protests too much, methinks.”

Today the white male student who wrote the ham-fisted essay about privilege conferenced with me about his essay, and I was struck by how even though he is identified as privileged, he is confronted with a different world than I was. In another first-year class, a black young woman came into class upset about Lauer; she immediately said she was disappointed.'

Canada: "Women's Secret Police" to review Police determinations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Advocates for women say a new pilot project — which allows outside experts in gender-based violence to review sexual assault investigations by police in Ontario and Alberta — will increase the number of charges laid and improve public trust.

Sexual assault investigations in Ottawa, Timmins, Ont., Peterborough, Ont., London, Ont., and Calgary will be reviewed by an outside panel of experts who work with survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Kingston, Ont., and Stratford, Ont., are also part of the pilot and completed their case reviews earlier this fall.

Experts in violence against women estimate that fewer than one per cent of sexual assaults result in criminal convictions.'

h/t to John Hembling who points out that handing over such Police decisions to an outside, civilian body without ANY oversight is unprecedented and most likely illegal under the Police Act: https://youtu.be/t-mnBiJS3x8

Canada: This Is Why Boys Need More Emotional Support Than Girls

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'When you read about gender stereotyping children, it's usually about behaviours like girls opting to play with dolls and boys preferring trucks. But what about other differences?

Recent and past research sheds light on gender differences in the brain and its development, and it's these studies we should be looking to when it comes to thinking about the kinds of emotional support we give our children, especially our boys.

In a 2000 study entitled "The Fragile Male," Sebastian Kraemer states that baby boy brains are actually more fragile than baby girls'. Even in the womb, boy brains are more reactive to maternal depression and stress, while at birth, baby boy brains lag behind girls by a full six weeks.

Research has also shown that boys have higher cortisol levels (the stress hormone) after a traumatic birth where they were separated from their mothers, or their caregiver was unresponsive.'

Wolf-Whistling Could Become a Hate Crime in London, Say Police

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'Wolf-whistling and making comments perceived as sexist could become hate crimes in London, police have said.

The Metropolitan Police Force revealed they have been consulting with other forces about cracking down on “gender-based hate crime” after similar behaviour was criminalised in other parts of the country.

Last year, Nottinghamshire Police became the first in the UK to record “misogyny” as a hate crime, potentially criminalising complimenting, texting, and catcalling women in certain contexts.
...
Hate incidents in the UK only need to be “perceived” by the alleged victim “or any other person”, and the Crown Prosecution Service recently confirmed that “no evidence” is needed for one to be reported and recorded.

Many forces even consider “dislike” and “unfriendliness” as forms of hate crime.'

Here’s the gender gap that matters

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'The gender gap in engineering and math is old news by now. Despite society's strenuous efforts to close it – including giving girls pink Lego sets to play with – nothing seems to work. The percentage of female engineering students remains around 20 per cent, give or take.

Meanwhile, there's another gender gap that everyone ignores. This one is in the ultra-competitive field of veterinary medicine. Not long ago, all vets were men, and women who aspired to be vets were told to aspire to something else. Scarcely any women were admitted into vet schools before the 1970s. Today the ratio in veterinary school is 80-20 – in favour of women. In 2015, for example, Guelph's Ontario Veterinary College admitted 83 women and only 18 men.

Oddly, nobody is hollering about discrimination in veterinary medicine. No activists or politicians are lobbying for preferential treatment for men, or preaching about systemic discrimination, or complaining because women win all the scholarly awards. No one gives two hoots about the vets (except for the veterinary schools themselves, which are desperate to recruit more males). The reason is that this particular gender imbalance doesn't fit the prevailing narrative, which is that women in historically male fields face systemic discrimination at every turn.
...

The gender gap we talk about incessantly – the one focused on the relatively small number of professions where men still outnumber women – is not the one that matters. The one that matters is the absence of so many men in higher education. Today, women dominate at all levels of education, including the graduate levels. In most postgraduate fields, as well as in law and medicine, women now outperform and outnumber men by growing margins.

Here's the picture, according to economist Mark Perry writing for the American Enterprise Institute. For every 100 men enrolled in U.S. graduate schools, there are now more than 135 women. In 2016, women earned 57.4 per cent of the masters' degrees and 52.1 per cent of the doctoral degrees. Women earned more doctoral degrees in seven of the 11 graduate fields tracked by the Council of Graduate Schools, including education, arts and humanities, public administration and biology. Men earned most of the doctoral degrees in only four fields: business, engineering, math and computer science, and physical and earth sciences.'

The Warlock Hunt

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Among us, it seems, lives a class of men who call to mind Caligula and Elagabalus not only in their depravity, but in their grotesque sense of impunity. Our debauched emperors, whether enthroned in Hollywood, media front offices, or the halls of Congress, truly imagined their victims had no choice but to shut up, take it, and stay silent forever. Many of these men are so physically disgusting, too—the thought of them forcing themselves on young women fills me with heaving disgust. Enough already.

All true; yet something is troubling me. Recently I saw a friend—a man—pilloried on Facebook for asking if #metoo is going too far. “No,” said his female interlocutors. “Women have endured far too many years of harassment, humiliation, and injustice. We’ll tell you when it’s gone too far.” But I’m part of that “we,” and I say it is going too far. Mass hysteria has set in. It has become a classic moral panic, one that is ultimately as dangerous to women as to men.

If you are reading this, it means I have found an outlet that has not just fired an editor for sexual harassment. This article circulated from publication to publication, like old-fashioned samizdat, and was rejected repeatedly with a sotto voce, “Don’t tell anyone. I agree with you. But no.” Friends have urged me not to publish it under my own name, vividly describing the mob that will tear me from limb to limb and leave the dingoes to pick over my flesh. It says something, doesn’t it, that I’ve been more hesitant to speak about this than I’ve been of getting on the wrong side of the mafia, al-Qaeda, or the Kremlin?

But speak I must. It now takes only one accusation to destroy a man’s life. Just one for him to be tried and sentenced in the court of public opinion, overnight costing him his livelihood and social respectability. We are on a frenzied extrajudicial warlock hunt that does not pause to parse the difference between rape and stupidity. The punishment for sexual harassment is so grave that clearly this crime—like any other serious crime—requires an unambiguous definition. We have nothing of the sort.'

Smerconish: ‘Am I Complicit’ If I Watch Movies or Shows Featuring Men Accused of Sexual Misconduct?

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'In a monologue at the end of this morning’s broadcast of Smerconish, CNN’s Michael Smerconish wondered aloud what the responsibility of consumers is now in the wake of the #MeToo movement that has led to a multitude of men in entertainment being accused of sexual misconduct and harassment.

“Every day the arts sections are filled with new allegations of bad behavior, of cultural icons from actor Dustin Hoffman allegedly groping a Broadway co-star to the Metropolitan Opera conductor James Levine’s alleged relationship with an underaged boy,” the CNN host noted. “If I listen to an old recording of the Met or I rewatch Tootsie, am I complicit?”

He added, “In other words can we as consumers continue to enjoy the fruits of the labor of those who are now under a cloud of suspicion?”

Smerconish went on to state that these questions aren’t new as we’ve dealt with troubling behavior from artistic icons in the past, naming Michael Jackson, Woody Allenand Pablo Picasso. This led to him pointing out that he finds himself “wrestling with so many questions” before naming a list of shows, movies, radio programs and podcasts that featured recently accused men, asking if he could still enjoy them.'

‘Whistling’ considered sexual harassment under university policy

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'Tennessee State University warns against “whistling in a suggestive manner” on the grounds that it may constitute sexual harassment, a policy that has helped earn it a “red light” rating from one of the nation’s premier college watchdog groups.

The public university in Nashville currently holds a “red light” rating from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education for several of its policies that effectively allow officials to punish various forms of free speech as harassment.

Among them, the public university’s discrimination and harassment policy warns employees and students that “whistling in a suggestive manner” could get them sanctioned — including being expelled or fired — if officials deem the tune sexual harassment.

Other examples of possible sexual harassment listed under the policy include “suggestive or insulting sounds,” “suggestive or obscene gestures,” “unnecessary touching or brushing against the body,” jokes about sex inside and outside the classroom and more.'

"The Futile Search for Role Models"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Well, to put it mildly, 2017 hasn't exactly been a banner year for male role models. There are fewer Hollywood stars, Senate stalwarts, or sitting U.S. presidents who embody the collection of traits we would want to emulate. And there are more men in the lineup of "men behaving badly." In an era when 16 women have accused our own president of sexual assault, when influential newscasters like Charlie Rose and Bill O'Reilly are fired for such allegations, when Hollywood bigwigs like Kevin Spacey, Louis C.K., and Harvey Weinstein leave a trail of alleged abuse or rape … well, let's put it this way: In the era of Roy Moore, not having been a pedophile sets a rather low bar for heroism.

Maybe instead of developing a catalog of new male role models, it might be time to retire the concept altogether. Do young men need role models anyway?

For one thing, there is not much substantive evidence that male role models are decisive in healthy boys' development. They might be nice to have, but the male role model — the elementary-school teacher, the father, the stern but supportive coach — by himself, as a single variable, doesn't really have much of an independent effect on boys' development. And that's why single moms, lesbian moms, female teachers, and female coaches can provide exactly what boys might need to develop a healthy identity.
...
And to answer the question about whether young men need role models in the first place? Maybe not. Maybe they just need to be role models.'

Minnesota's 2018 special Senate election for Al Franken's seat sets up seismic political shift

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'Political operatives in Minnesota and Washington were drawing up lists of candidates to run for Sen. Al Franken's Senate seat even before his resignation speech last week, searching for prospects with the profile, fundraising prowess and mettle to sprint to next November's special election — and then do it again in 2020 to hold the seat another six years.

Franken's decision to step down amid a growing sexual-harassment scandal has scrambled Minnesota's 2018 election, which was already on track to be the most high-stakes political cycle in the state in years. The looming battle for control of the U.S. House could run through up to five competitive races in Minnesota, and an open governor's race puts Republicans in a position to take full control of state government for the first time in half a century.

No one has declared for the new Senate race yet, but many big names are in the mix. DFL Lt. Gov. Tina Smith and former Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty are among those being discussed, but both parties will consider a half dozen or more possible contenders. Smith, seen as Gov. Mark Dayton's likeliest choice as Franken's immediate replacement through the special election, has emerged as a possible candidate for the long term. She was initially viewed as a caretaker appointment who wouldn't run.

"Anyone who gets in will need to demonstrate an ability to organize quickly, fundraise and create a campaign to go the distance, and the distance is 2018 and then again in 2020. That will be a deterrent," said Doug Loon, president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. Spending on contested U.S. Senate races easily reaches into the tens of millions of dollars, and candidates face a level of scrutiny that's probably second only to presidential contenders.'

"Sexual harassment should be treated as a hate crime"

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'We have to stop seeing sexual harassment and sexual assault as some sort of flattery of women gone awry. In truth, sexual assault has nothing to do with sex, or sexuality, or flirting, or courtship, or love. Rather, sexual assault is a kind of hate. The men who gratify themselves by abusing women aren't getting off on those women, but on power. These men don't sexually assault women because they like women but because they despise them as subordinate creatures. We should call it misogynistic harassment and misogynistic assault, not sexual assault. These are hate crimes.

I don't mean this in the formal, legal sense. Hate crimes are already problematic: How can you ask a deeply imbalanced and systemically biased criminal justice system to hold crimes of bias special? Black men are more likely to be given harsher sentences than white men for the same crimes. Relying further on a warped criminal justice system suggests that it is a solution to injustice against marginalized communities rather than, often, its source.

But if we understand that these crimes are the result of targeted hate, rather than misguided lust, we can devise better solutions than the kind of "treatment" Harvey Weinstein is supposedly receiving for his "problem." The way to combat hate is not (only) through enforcement against individual perpetrators. We need to fight the misogyny, sexism and the systemic marginalization of women and disproportionate empowerment of men. That's what creates the society-wide dynamic in which men think they're better than women. This dynamic is evident in gender pay gaps; in the unequal burden of domestic chores; in the election of overt misogynists to the presidency; and in the subjection of women to harassment, assault and rape. The truth is that none of these are aberrant behaviors by aberrant men, or even aberrant forms of affection. They're the predictable dynamics of a society that hates women.

If rapists aren't just brutes who somehow slipped from the back alley to the boardroom — and, clearly, they are not — then we need to see about how our boardrooms and stockrooms and classrooms and family dining rooms teach, incentivize and perpetuate misogynistic hate. And then rather than focusing on the tawdry details of each scandal like some romance novel with a dark twist, the media and all of us should talk about the structural power imbalance within each company or the culture of misogyny in a given industry. Specifically, employers shouldn't focus only on accountability — as the Weinstein Corp. did by firing Weinstein, or only fixing the reporting of future acts, as the chain Massage Envy is now said to be doing. Employers also need to address misogynistic hate deep within corporate culture and rooted in business policies — in stingy parental leave rules, in recruiting and promotions, and even in male-oriented staff rituals at golf clubs or steak houses. In this context, companies would recognize the issue isn't just how women are discouraged from coming forward but how men in the company are encouraged to minimize and marginalize women, which fans misogyny and hate.'

"False Rape Allegations" has its own Reddit group

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https://www.reddit.com/r/falserapeaccusations/

Just sayin'. :)

Description:

'This sub is dedicated to proving that False Rape Accusations (FRAs) are a serious problem in our society. We aim to accomplish this by consolidating verifiable evidence of FRAs.
Feminist view of FRAs:

"They (men who are unjustly accused) have a lot of pain, but it is not a pain that I would necessarily have spared them." - Catherine Comins

We strongly encourage our users to use throwaway accounts. Please understand that even posting here might cause random people to attack/ban you. So, do not use an account that you don't want to see randomly banned from subs controlled by moderators on a power trip.'

Canadian University Student Convicted of Rape, But Was the Judge Biased Against Men?

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'The judge repeatedly stated that various facts alleged by Ururyar "never happened." He declared that it was "incomprehensible" to paint Gray as a "seductive party animal," notwithstanding her seductive text messages (which she had deleted from her phone and never mentioned to the police). He asserted—incomprehensibly—that "we don't even know what the phrase 'hot sex' means." He mocked Ururyar's claim that he was embarrassed when Gray groped him at the bar, despite her admission that he asked her to stop touching him. He claimed to know for a fact that Ururyar's apology was for a sexual assault, not a bad breakup.

Moreover, Justice Zuker used his judgment to deliver a sermon that, in the words of National Post columnist Christie Blatchford, sounded "borrowed from a college course on feminist thinking." (As Canadian court reformer Lise LaSalle has documented on her blog, he is a veteran advocate for feminist jurisprudence.) He denounced "rape myths," spoke of "the interplay of power, gender, and sexuality," and cited several feminist texts such as Susan Brownmiller's 1975 book, Against Our Will: Men, Women and Rape.'

Appeals judge grills university that told Title IX hearing panel ‘future of 1000 girls’ was at stake

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'So far, one federal appeals court has issued a ringing endorsement of the right to gender-neutral treatment in campus Title IX proceedings.

If one judge’s comments during oral argument last week are indicative, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will join its sibling 2nd Circuit, which last year reinstated an anti-male bias lawsuit against Columbia University.

The 6th Circuit was hearing a case against Ohio’s private Denison University, which expelled a male student after his female sex partner accused him of nonconsensual sex stemming from another male student spiking her alcoholic drink with a date rape drug at a party.

Though the female had left the party to join “John Doe” in his room, and multiple witnesses testified she didn’t appear incapacitated, she accused Doe of rape via incapacitation – only after claiming the partygoing male (“Man Bun”) had retaliated against her for saying he drugged her.'

South Africa: Outcry after university expels 2 anti-rape activists for life

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'Two student activists have been expelled from Rhodes University for life for their "conduct beyond lawful boundaries" while protesting against rape culture, sparking an outcry on social media.

According to an SABC News radio report, two female students have been banned for life and may never be able to complete their studies after they participated in anti-rape protests at the Grahamstown campus in April 2016.

The protests escalated when a group of female students allegedly took matters into their own hands and dragged four students suspected of sexual assault out of their dorm rooms.

The expulsion decision was handed down on November 17 to two of the student activists, after they were found guilty of kidnapping, assault, defamation and insubordination, the SABC reported.

In response to the SABC, the university said the "sanction had nothing to do with the students' right to protest, but that their conduct went far beyond lawful boundaries and amounted to common law offences".'

Sen. Schumer Reportedly Called Police Over Fake Sexual Misconduct Case

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'In a failed smear-job against Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, instigators doctored fraudulent sexual harassment claims falsely attributed to the Democrat senator's former female staffer.

Schumer has gone to law enforcement over the matter after Axios — who first reported the forged allegations — brought the documents to the lawmaker's office for comment.

"The document is a forged document and every allegation is false. We have turned it over to the Capitol Police and asked them to investigate and pursue criminal charges because it is clear the law has been broken," said Schumer's communications director Matt House.

Adding, "We believe the individual responsible for forging the document should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law to prevent other malicious actors from doing the same."

Additionally, the female staffer who is said to have filed the complaints against Schumer spoke to Axios and confirmed to the outlet that she was not, in any way, behind the charges. She even said the instigators forged her signature in an attempt to add credit to their libelous files, which they pitched to several media organizations before being discovered as frauds.'

UW-Madison quietly shelves controversial masculinity program

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'The University of Wisconsin-Madison has disbanded a program to educate “men-identified students” about the harm caused by traditional notions of masculinity.

In January, Campus Reform reported on the school’s Men’s Project, which aimed to “explore masculinity and the problems accompanied by simplified definitions of it” and to “create a sense of security in vulnerability” among male students.'

"Can We Be Honest About Women?"

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'David French of National Review recently wrote an article asking, “Can we be honest about men?” In it, he laments the avalanche of sexual harassment cases in the media, politics, and entertainment, asking, “When will it end?”

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Here’s a little secret we have to say out loud: Women love the sexual interplay they experience with men, and they relish men desiring their beauty. Why? Because it is part of their nature.

Women want to be desired by men, to attract them, to be the only woman in the world for that man. Their beauty is an essential part of their allure, especially when men and women first meet. They have little else to go on because they don’t know each other, and beauty serves as a guidepost to greater interest.

Outside of a woman looking for a mate, her beauty is a source of power because men and other women value it. This is why married women still want to be beautiful. It’s an expression of their femininity, which doesn’t disappear at the altar.'

Misandry Rises: In Defense of Men

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'"Don't vote for men!" is the message of a recent campaign ad. Issued by Dana Nessel, Democratic attorney general contender in Michigan, what she literally says is, "Who can you trust most not to show you their [sic] penis in a professional setting?"

She answers that it's the candidate who doesn't have one.

Now, a person could easily go tit for tat (not that I'd ever consider such a thing!). Noting how some voters, addressing politicians' pusillanimity, lament how we need leaders with "a pair," one could ask "Who can you trust most to have a pair?" and answer "The candidate who by definition has one."

But the anti-male bias animating Nessel has long been brewing. In 2004, Sweden's Left Party (yeah, that's its actual name) proposed a "Man Tax," a special levy on men designed to compensate society for the cost of male violence. I always answer that I'll be happy to pay my man tax—as long as I also get royalties for all of history's man-birthed inventions and innovations. I'll then use what's left over to self-fund a presidential run.'

Gillibrand not credible

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'On matters of anything sexual, New York Democratic Sen. Kristen Gillibrand simply has zero credibility ("Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand calls on Trump to resign after sexual harassment claims," Web, Dec. 11). In calling for Trump's resignation, Gillibrand is obviously counting on everybody having completely forgotten about the greatest of the multiple campus rape hoaxes: the Columbia University "mattress girl" hoax. Gillibrand was a key figure in promoting this hoax both nationally and internationally. In fact, in 2015 she even invited the "mattress girl" as her personal guest to former President Obama's State of Union address, where she got a shoutout.

The problem, of course, is that the entire "mattress girl" case was a total fabrication, and after multiple investigations and lawsuits Columbia University finally had to settle with the falsely accused man, who was denied all elements of due process and had his reputation and life destroyed.'

State Rep. dies of 'probable suicide' after sexual molestation charge

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'Kentucky State Rep. Dan Johnson, who was under investigation for alleged sexual molestation, died of a "probable suicide," the Bullitt County coroner said.

Bullitt County Sheriff Donnie Tinnell said Johnson drove onto the bridge over the Salt River on Greenwell Ford Road in Mt. Washington, parked on the north side of it and shot himself in front of his car. His body was found on the bank of the river, just past the bridge.
...
On Tuesday, Johnson held a press conference at his church on Bardstown Road, where he denied the molestation allegations. According to court documents obtained by the Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting, the alleged molestation took place on New Year's Eve in 2012. The alleged victim, who was 17 at the time, told authorities that she was staying in a living area of the Heart of Fire City Church where Johnson was pastor, when Johnson, who had been drinking a lot, approached her, kissed her and fondled her under her clothes.
...
Johnson was never criminally charged.'

College ignores judge's rejection of its Title IX procedures, re-tries student with same approach

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'The member institution of the private Claremont Consortium is pursuing the same strategy as Pennsylvania State University and the University of Texas when courts found serious problems with their Title IX adjudications, according to Brooklyn College Prof. KC Johnson, co-author of The Campus Rape Frenzy:

A common theme to these two cases: Penn State or Texas procedures did not allow a new hearing after the university had adjudicated the case and dismissed an internal appeal. In short, both schools were trying to invent new procedures on the fly to remove procedurally flawed decisions from a court's jurisdiction.

Pomona ignored repeated credibility problems with Doe's accuser, its hired investigator relied heavily on school-requested Title IX investigations for business (suggesting conflict of interest), and it let the accuser skip the campus hearing – meaning she was never asked any questions by anyone in cross-examination.'

Like being "called to Rome", some men now fall on their swords

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'Morgan Spurlock, the American documentary filmmaker, said in a post published Wednesday that he had committed sexual misconduct in the past, including settling a harassment allegation and cheating on his wives and girlfriends.

In a statement posted on Twitter late on Wednesday, Mr. Spurlock said he was making his admissions while watching women publicly accuse high-profile men in a range of industries of sexual misconduct, and saying it was “time for me to be truthful as well.”

“As I sit around watching hero after hero, man after man, fall at the realization of their past indiscretions, I don’t sit by and wonder “who will be next?” he wrote in the statement, which was linked to his verified Twitter account. “I wonder, ‘when will they come for me?’”

“You see, I’ve come to understand after months of these revelations, that I am not some innocent bystander, I am also a part of the problem,” Mr. Spurlock said.

Mr. Spurlock, 47, was propelled to fame by his 2004 documentary assault on fast food, “Super Size Me,” in which he probed the effects on his health of gaining 25 pounds while eating nothing but McDonald’s food for a month. He went on to make more than a dozen other movies with credits for producing, directing, acting and writing.

In his post, he reflected on the details of an encounter that he had when he was a student in college. In that account, he said he “hooked up” with a woman who later wrote a short story for a class about it, accusing him by name of rape.

He said he was “floored” when a friend told him about the woman’s short story. “This wasn’t how I remembered it at all,” he said.'

Start with bullies, not hugs and holiday parties

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'After all, workplace behavior doesn't have to rise to the level of criminality to make it draining, demoralizing and just plain bad management. How much time did employees of the Weinstein company spend ushering women up to hotel rooms and then dealing with the fallout rather than working on putting together great movies? For all the myth of the difficult genius, does anyone have any proof that allegedly blowing up at employees made "Charlie Rose," or the Spotted Pig, or On Point (a show on which I've been a frequent guest) a better television program, restaurant or radio series? You can shove people toward excellence by making them terrified, but there are additional costs to choosing bullying as a management technique, including lost productivity, high turnover and even higher health care expenses.

People who lament a changing workplace climate have often focused on potentially ambiguous pleasantries, worrying that they can't hug female co-workers or that their compliments will land afoul. Plenty of those conundrums can be sorted out by good communication and old-fashioned common sense. If we're serious about stopping sexual harassment and the workplace dynamics that enable them, it's the bullies who ought to be worried.'

Newseek: Women over 85 are happier because their husbands have died

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'Women become progressively happier as they age, according to a health survey conducted in England. They have higher rates of poor mental health than men throughout much of their lives, until over the age of 85, when women's overall happiness increases and men's decreases.

With the exception of the elderly set, women were more likely than men to have poor mental health at nearly every age. Overall, 21 percent of women reported mental health problems, compared to 16 percent of men. The change that occurred over a lifetime—leading to less mental health concerns among women—was likely due to the specific burden of responsibilities that women often carry, according to the dean of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, Kate Lovett. Further, many women are widowed by then, which psychiatrists say may also be a factor.

Women "are still more likely to bear the brunt of domestic and caring responsibilities," Lovett told the Times. As women age, that burden may lessen as they are no longer responsible for children and elderly parents.

"Men who are single, windowed or divorced are more vulnerable to developing depression and men who are in this age bracket may be more likely to be on their own," Lovett said. "Paradoxically married women are often more likely to develop depression."'

SAG Awards will feature only women presenters at 2018 ceremony

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'Talk about girl power.

In a year where women have fought to have their voices heard, the Screen Actors Guild announced that in January the annual award ceremony will feature only female presenters for the first time in history, Entertainment Weekly announced.

Executive producer of the SAG Awards Kathy Connell said the idea was to "salute our women" in a year where they have "very, very brave."
...
"We thought it was an opportunity to salute our women because it's not just about one issue," she said, referencing how so many women — famous and not — came forward with their stories of sexual harassment and assault.
...
Time Magazine named its "Person of the Year" as the whole "MeToo" movement — or the silence breakers — and Merriam Webster's dictionary named "feminism" as its word of the year.

So, it is only fitting that the guild, which so many silence-breaking women belong to, will be have its ceremony without a man as a co-presenter come 2018.
...
Men will still appear on stage as they introduce the clips for nominees in the film ensemble category and, of course, there are still male nominees.'

UK: Traditional Depictions of Mothers to be Banned in Adverts From Next Year Amid Ongoing War On ‘Gender Stereotypes’

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'Cooking, cleaning mums will be banned in advertisements across the UK from next year, following a study which claimed traditional gender roles are “harmful and outdated”.

The decision to tighten regulation was announced by the Committees of Advertising Practice (CAP) this week, after a report published in summer identified gender stereotypes in adverts as a driver of inequality between men and women.

...

“Wherever they appear or are reinforced, gender stereotypes can lead to mental, physical and social harm which can limit the potential of groups and individuals,” the Advertising Standards Agency (ASA) alleged in its study.

Depictions deemed problematic include “family members creating a mess while a woman has sole responsibility for cleaning it up”, and adverts which “[suggest that] a specific activity is inappropriate for boys because it is stereotypically associated with girls, or vice-versa.”'

"Sexual Civil War" by Michelle Malkin and Stefan Molyneux

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Video here. Interesting discussion.

"Sexual Civil War | Michelle Malkin and Stefan Molyneux"

When you don’t need a conviction to be guilty

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'In today’s political climate, allegations of sexual abuse and allegations are being thrown out like candy at a Halloween Trunk or Treat.

In these cases, there have been no charges laid or convictions upheld, yet the people at the center of the allegations have lost their jobs, reputations and their family’s name is forever smeared. This is regardless of whether they actually committed the crimes or not, and the world doesn’t care if they committed them – it’s a class case of jumping on the bandwagon and that of mob justice.

Our justice system is supposed to be based on the principle of “innocent until proven guilty,” but as many who have been through the system can tell you, it’s far from this in reality. Many take plea deals as they don’t have the funds for a good defense attorney, others have no way of defending themselves other than their own testimony and it becomes a “he said, she said” situation, and others become collateral damage in a flawed system. The ramifications are so much worse for those that are convicted of sex crimes as America continues its puritanical war on sex.'

As More College Students Say “Me Too,” Accused Men Are Suing For Defamation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'About a month after her divorce was finalized, a PhD student at Washington University in St. Louis was walking across campus when a stranger approached and asked for her name. Once she identified herself, the stranger quickly handed her an envelope before disappearing. Inside, there was some unsettling news: her ex-husband was suing her for defamation. Her offense: reporting to the university’s Title IX office that he had raped her. It was late in the day, so she spent a nerve-wracking night until she could contact an attorney and start on a journey that would drain her savings as she tried to prove she'd told the truth.

Eleven months earlier, in January 2016, the woman known as Jane Doe in court papers had told the school that her then-husband, identified as John Doe, had raped her on Dec. 17, 2015, while they both were students at Washington University. They’d been married less than two years. Within a few months, the university found John, a law student at the time of the reported rape, in violation of campus sexual assault policies. Since he’d already completed classes, the university put his law degree on hold for two years. Jane thought this ugly chapter of her life was over, until that day in December 2016 when the stranger approached.

Now, John was blaming her for his loss of a job at a law firm and demanding that she pay damages for having hurt his reputation, his career prospects, and his physical and emotional well-being.

"I thought I was done suffering at the hand of this person," Jane, 27, told BuzzFeed News. "I thought he was done making my life miserable. All of a sudden I'm being sued."'

Tucker: Noble effort to stop sex harassment turns dark

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Video here.

'Tucker, radio host and author Mark Steyn sounds off on the latest high-profile sexual misconduct scandals that have rocked Tavis Smiley, a movie director and led to a lawmaker's apparent suicide. '

Hymns Are Sexist – Fight The Patriarchy With Hyrrs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Are you tired of being festive? Can't stand singing those cheerful holiday songs? Does the Christmas spirit just seem outdated and offensive to you?

Well, you're in luck. Because ad agency Grey London has teamed up with Goldstein Music and Refuge Women's Charity to bring you Hyrrs, the woke alternative to Christmas hymns.

Hyrrs are intended to raise funds and awareness for "women in need," although it's not immediately clear who the women are or what they need. Judging by some of these PG-13 lyrics, however, they might just need a bar of soap in the mouth.

Take "Kick The Balls," for example. It's an updated version of "Deck The Halls" and is sure to elicit tons of questions about social mores from young aspiring carolers.'

HYRRS - Kick the balls on YouTube.

Kansas Dem Andrea Ramsey, accused of sexual harassment, will drop out of U.S. House race

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Andrea Ramsey, a Democratic candidate for Congress, will drop out of the race after the Kansas City Star asked her about accusations in a 2005 lawsuit that she sexually harassed and retaliated against a male subordinate who said he had rejected her advances.

Multiple sources with knowledge of the case told The Star that the man reached a settlement with LabOne, the company where Ramsey was executive vice president of human resources. Court documents show that the man, Gary Funkhouser, and LabOne agreed to dismiss the case permanently after mediation in 2006.

Ramsey, a 56-year-old retired business executive from Leawood, was one of the Democratic candidates vying to challenge Republican Rep. Kevin Yoder in 2018 in Kansas' 3rd District.

She was running with the endorsement of Emily's List, a liberal women's group that has raised more than a half-million dollars to help female candidates who support abortion rights.'

CBS' "Mom" vaunts DV against men in its latest episode

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This is hard for me to post because "Mom" is hands-down my favorite TV show. However, what I saw this past Thursday was upsetting and annoying, especially as one of my fave actresses was the offending party. I do wonder if maybe there wasn't some controversy in including the man-whack she delivered but the producers went along anyway? Guess we may never know. Anyway, the episode is "Too Many Hippies and Huevos Rancheros" and can be seen here. Jump to time mark 15:30 and watch. Bonnie whacks her boyfriend across the back of the head at 15:38 in chastisement of him not being romantic enough.

Contact CBS about their "humorous" promotion and tacit approval of routinized DV against men delivered by women, something apparently so acceptable that it completely failed to be noticed by CBS' otherwise scrupulously-sensitive content reviewers. I guess so long as the violence is done by a woman against a man, it's OK by CBS. "CBS cares". Well, only if you're female, apparently.

Send CBS Audience feedback here.

Canada: RCMP to review 25,000 more sexual assault cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The RCMP is set to dramatically expand its review of closed sexual assault cases.

The decision comes after an examination of 2,225 files from 2016 where Mountie investigators had concluded the complainants' allegations were unfounded.

Having identified investigative, supervisory and knowledge gaps, the national police force has decided to re-examine every sexual assault case since 2015 where no charges were laid, no matter the reason.

"We don't have all the file numbers for 2017 yet, but we're expecting something in the vicinity of 25,000 files," Sgt. Wendy Smith told CBC News.'

"The View" co-host has her own sexual assault skeletons

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Joy Behar, co-host of the daily talk show "The View", a frequent critic of men sexually harassing women (in particular, of Donald Trump), apparently has her own issues. A picture was recently uncovered showing her clearly grabbing Robin Williams' crotch in a supposed moment of levity. Snopes has confirmed the photo as authentic. Snopes, you will note, tries to wave off Behar's behavior as tolerable if not acceptable since she was not in a "position of power" relative to Williams. So, that makes it right? From the Snopes page:

'And so, although the photograph is authentic, criticism of Behar neglects to mention that Williams never lodged complaint—and later joked with her about it publicly. Behar is also not a public official (let alone the president of the United States), nor was she ever in a position of power or authority over Williams, one of the era's most successful and well-known comedians.'

The double-standards and rationalizations never seem to end, do they?

ABC is the network to contact re Behar needing to go. Time for a new face in her seat. Contact ABC here.

UK: Rape trial collapse over undisclosed sex messages blamed on police funding cuts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Police funding cuts have been partly blamed for the collapse of a rape trial amid fears over potential miscarriages of justice.

A judge threw out the charges against 22-year-old Liam Allan after lawyers discovered messages showing the claimant wanted and enjoyed the sex she later claimed was non-consensual.

Mr Allan had been on bail for almost two years by the time the discovery was made, three days into his trial at Croydon Crown Court.

The messages had been obtained by police when they downloaded the contents of the woman's phone, but investigators later told the lawyers they contained nothing relevant.
...
Mr Allan was charged with six counts of rape and six of sexual assault after the woman reported him to police, claiming their relationship was unhappy and abusive, and she did not want sex.

"These messages said quite the contrary – that she was extremely happy for the defendant to come back to her after they broke up and extremely happy with the sex," Ms Smart said.'

Feminism site Medusa Magazine shuts down after founder admits it was pure satire

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What appeared to be a far-left feminism magazine has shut down after its creator revealed that the entire project was a joke filled with over-the-top satire packaged as liberal talking points designed to mock legitimate feminists and their supporters.

Medusa Magazine has been cited by several major sources but, “It has always been and will always be satire,” the site’s anonymous creator posted in a blog explaining why the site would shut down.

Medusa’s unnamed creator continued: “We are shutting down our rather hilarious project because we can no longer compete with our competition. We have come to realize that our competition is not other satirical websites, but rather the people we are trying to satirize.”

The creator wrote, “I don’t blame anyone for thinking” the site was legitimate and wanted to “keep our readers in constant doubt” and even posted a Facebook message from last May to prove the entire thing was a joke. It was dubbed “the ultimate Social Experiment” and Facebook followers were told it was to see how long actual feminists would take to realize it was a joke.

A recent series of high-profile allegations of sexual harassment resulted in the site publishing a spoof article headlined, “Why we should believe women who accuse right wingers of rape more than those who accuse liberals.”'

"How to raise boys not predators"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I have been torn about whether or not to write this piece. It felt redundant. And it would sound naive of me to say that it never occurred to me that I would have to pen something so explicit, but it isn't naivete. It has simply been a profound (and deliberate) unwillingness to consider how bad things have been and how all of us have played some role in perpetuating this behavior. So with that said, this is my attempt to provide clear and simple tips for raising sons.
...
Don't assume boys are innately predatory. They are not. It's on us to make sure that they stay that way.'

In 2018, we need to make more of an effort to keep misandry out of feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Whether misandry as a concept actually exists or not, is up for debate. Like reverse racism, these kinds of social constructs negate the idea that prejudice necessarily needs a position of power from which to work. Racism involves one race being in a more privileged position than another. Sexism, the same.

But when you've got educated, funny women happy – proud even – to say out loud that they 'hate men', we've got to reevaluate exactly what we're allowing people to get away with.

...

They do all come from men…but that doesn't mean that every man is to blame. Keyboard losers are a tiny percentage of the population.

Mocking and berating men isn't the way to show that feminism is about equality and intelligent debate.

The conversation should be inviting, it should be placing the importance on men as equal parents, equal mental health sufferers and survivors, on being as emotionally vulnerable and switched on as us.'

UK: Police attract derision by calling under-the-mistletoe kissing tantamount to rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A police force has been ridiculed for warning people to get consent before they 'bump into that special someone under the mistletoe' — or else they could be committing 'rape'.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) posted the 'nonsense' message yesterday, drawing hundreds of mocking comments attacking the force for 'trivialising' rape.

The force, which has 159,000 Twitter followers, posted: 'If you bump into that special someone under the mistletoe tonight, remember that without consent it is rape #SeasonsGreetings.'

And it wasn't long before the warning was shared hundreds of time across the social media platform.'

The #MeToo Movement has thrown due process out the window

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Letter here.

'In her recent letter to the Tribune ("A witch hunt"), writer Dorie Chaille Tiseth hit the nail on the head. I, too, have been shocked by the rapidity and fury with which the #MeToo movement has swirled across the country, upending lives and leaving us stunned.

Like that writer, I am in my 70s and a feminist, and as a woman, I have encountered and witnessed decades of sexual harassment. I am therefore not denying the premise that such conduct is insufferable and ought to be punished. However, as a retired public defender, I have seen more than my share of shaded motivations on both sides of sexual issues. I remember more than a few juries where criminal accusations by "girlfriends" against males were heard and defendants ultimately exonerated. Other juries have found defendants guilty. In any case, however, these juries heard testimony, saw evidence, evaluated arguments, and had the opportunity to figure out what the facts were before applying the law and coming to a verdict of guilt or innocence. That is called due process.

In contrast, in our current circus atmosphere of media coverage, there is no such thing as due process. Non-legal charges are broadcast against persons, often beyond a statute of limitations, with little, if any, discernible attempts to corroborate the charges before they are made public. Then rapidly these persons, usually male, are not only pronounced guilty by public opinion, but they are either quickly fired from their jobs or they resign into oblivion.

In other words, the concept of due process has been thrown out the window. Surely there is a better way to redress or prevent grievances of such magnitude and seriousness, is there not? That is the question many are now asking, and I hope it is not answered with the crumbling of the rule of law.

— Jeanine Tobin, Chicago'

Your Views: Men interact with women at their own risk

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Letter here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'He squeezed a handful of flesh. Now Sen. Al Franken is history. But what does that mean—a handful of flesh? Squeezing one's waist? A shoulder? An arm?

A simple accusation and one's entire life can be ruined. Simple as that.

During a recent group discussion, I told a woman participant I am afraid of her. Surprised, she said, "Afraid of me?" I explained, not just her, any woman today, adding, I am afraid to ride an elevator with a woman today unless there are others present. I will get off first.'

In sex assault laws, definition of consent varies widely

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Story here. Submitter's comments are in the first comment. Excerpt:

'For two months now, as accusations of sexual misconduct have piled up against Harvey Weinstein, the disgraced mogul has responded over and over again: “Any allegations of nonconsensual sex are unequivocally denied.”

Consent is a concept central to law on sexual assault, and will likely be an issue in potential legal cases against Weinstein, who is under investigation by police in four cities, and others accused in the current so-called “reckoning.”

But the definition of consent — namely, how it is expressed — is a matter of intense debate: Is it a definite “yes,” or the mere absence of “no”? Can it be revoked? Do power dynamics come into play? Legally, the definition varies widely across the nation.

“Half the states don’t even have a definition of consent,” says Erin Murphy, a professor at New York University School of Law who’s involved in a project to rewrite a model penal code on sex assault. “One person’s idea of consent is that no one is screaming or crying. Another person’s idea of consent is someone saying, ‘Yes, I want to do this.’ And in between, of course, is an enormous spectrum of behavior, both verbal and nonverbal, that people engage in to communicate desire or lack of desire.”

“It’s pretty telling,” Murphy adds, “that the critical thing most people look to understand the nature of a sexual encounter — this idea of consent — is one that we don’t even have a consensus definition of in our society.”'

Woman Accused of Lodging False Rape Accusations When College Player Stopped Texting Her

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'A football player for the University of Oklahoma was accused of rape and slapped with an emergency protective order this month, however, after police began an investigation; it appears that the charges were false and lodged by the woman after the player rejected her.

The Sooner's starting running back, Rodney Anderson, found himself accused of rape after first meeting a woman named Courtney Thornton at a bar on November 16. Thornton alleged that Anderson took her back to her apartment, and then raped her. The 23-year-old Thornton applied for an order of protection on December 4 when news broke of the accusations.

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However, after an investigation, police say that the woman's story fell apart. The charges were deemed unprovable, according to the DA.

"There are certainly cases where we just simply can't prove something, and so we will decline [to pursue charges] due to insufficient evidence," District Attorney Greg Mashburn said on December 14. "But I think, in this case, it was important for us to tell the whole story, so people understand the facts that were presented to us."'

Canada: Well-regarded Boxing Coach cleared of Sex Assault charges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Leo Marsh was once knocked out so hard in the ring that the first word he woke up to was: "Eight."

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Last week, the boxing coach and member of the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame was found not guilty of sexual assault and sexual exploitation laid in Dec 2015.

In an exclusive interview with CBC News, Marsh explained, "For the first time in two years I can be who I am and not be afraid of what people would think of me. I'm 65 years old. I have a bad heart. And I spent my whole life building up a name that my children could be proud of.

"I'm watching this person who has lived a normal life," Lee said. "Who has been volunteering for nearly five decades, teaching kids how to box. Watched his reputation go down in flames and watched his life just dismantle itself, waiting for the trial to happen."

...

Marsh believes the complainant was pushed into making the allegations by a pair of adults who had a grudge against him.

"There's a political climate that's surrounding these types of cases nowadays," Lee said. "The presumption of innocence has been skewered when it comes to these type of cases. And it's been reversed, in the court of public opinion, not in the court of law."

"And in this case, there wasn't a reason."'

Meet the Women Worried about #MeToo

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'I am concerned that we are throwing knee-touching into the same basket as rape, which does a grievous disservice to mere knee-touchers and rape victims both. I am concerned that we are increasingly wont to confuse genuine abuse of power in the workplace with often distant memories of men who have made failed – 'unwanted' – passes. In the complicated dance of courtship, someone has to make a move, and the way one conventionally discovers if one's attraction is returned is to brave some gentle physical contact and perhaps accept rebuff. Were I still a young woman looking for a partner, I would not wish to live in world where a man had to secure a countersigned contract in triplicate before he kissed me.

I am concerned that we are casting women as irremediably scarred by even minor, casual advances, and as incapable of competently and sensitively handling the commonplace instances in which men are drawn to them sexually and the feeling doesn't happen to be mutual.

I am concerned that sex itself seems increasingly to be seen as dirty, and as a violation, a form of assault, so that we're repackaging an old prudery in progressive wrapping paper. I am concerned that we are well on our way to demonising, if not criminalising, all male desire.'

Matt Damon is right about sexual misconduct

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Article here. Excerpt:

MATT DAMON IS RIGHT. There is a big difference between patting someone on the rear and rape or child molestation.

The actor got into trouble for making that sensible observation, followed up by this also sensible one: “Both of those behaviors need to be confronted and eradicated without question, but they shouldn’t be conflated.” For that heresy, Damon was blasted by women — some famous, some not — who believe it’s wrong to run various forms of sexual misconduct through a Harry Potter-like sorting hat. From their perspective, everything, from neck rubs to violent rapes, are actions perpetrated by evil misogynists deserving of professional death by firing and perpetual humiliation.
...
Isn’t it better to hear what men have to say than to tell them to just shut up, as Damon was angrily urged to do? His comments were dismissed as egomaniacal “mansplaining” from a privileged member of the patriarchy. I don’t hang out in Hollywood, and I haven’t dated him like Minnie Driverhas, so I don’t know where Damon is coming from on this. But many men seem to be honestly grappling with the tsunami of female rage connected to acts they grew up thinking about as a genetic right. They are learning that casual gropes and grabs, not just fierce physical assaults, are a big deal, with life-changing consequences for women. In fact, the ongoing conversations between men and women are among the most positive outcomes of this cultural reckoning. For the first time, we are talking about male behavior with colleagues and family members. Why shut it down with across-the-board man-shaming?'

After Weinstein: 45 Men Accused of Sexual Misconduct and Their Fall From Power

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The NYT is keeping a list. Not comprehensive but something. Excerpt:

'In early October, Harvey Weinstein, the Hollywood producer, was fired from his namesake company after multiple women came forward to accuse him of rape and sexual assault.

In what appears to be a seismic shift in what behavior is tolerated in the workplace, a cascade of high-profile men, many in the entertainment and news media industries, have since been fired or forced to resign after accusations of sexual misconduct that ranged from inappropriate comments to rape. This page will be updated periodically.

45 Firings and Resignations

The men in the list below have been fired, resigned or experienced similar professional fallout.'

When Saying ‘Yes’ Is Easier Than Saying ‘No’

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'For years, my female friends and I have spoken, with knowing nods, about a sexual interaction we call “the place of no return.” It is a kind of sexual nuance that most women instinctively understand: the situation you thought you wanted, or maybe you actually never wanted, but somehow here you are and it’s happening and you desperately want out, but you know that at this point exiting the situation would be more difficult than simply lying there and waiting for it to be over. In other words: saying yes when we really mean no.

...

There are other names for this kind of sex: gray zone sex, in reference to that murky gray area of consent; begrudgingly consensual sex, because, you know, you don’t really want to do it but it’s probably easier to just get it over with; lukewarm sex, because you’re kind of “meh” about it; and, of course, bad sex, where the “bad” refers not to the perceived pleasure of it, but to the way you feel in the aftermath.'

"Women Are Invited to Give Fewer Talks Than Men at Top U.S. Universities"

Minuteman · 19 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'It's not because they turn down talks more often, or because there aren't enough women to invite.

A few years ago, Michelle Hebl attended the latest in a series of talks hosted by her department at Rice Univeristy. The speaker was a man, and Hebl realized that she hadn't heard any female speakers in that series for a while. "Maybe I'm just not thinking about them," she thought. "Or maybe it's something we should look at."
...
But as Hebl's student Christine Nittrouer eventually found, they are opportunities that are predominantly extended to men.
...
Nittrouer and her team scanned the websites of the top 50 U.S. universities, as ranked by U.S. News, to build a database of every colloquium speaker from six departments: biology, bioengineering, political science, history, psychology, and sociology. They chose those six to represent a breadth of disciplines, and to exclude departments with either a very low or very high proportion of women. And they found that men gave more than twice as many talks as women: 69 percent versus 31 percent.'

Researcher reports human/android offspring are possible

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Article here. And the best part: No false allegations, no divorces, no child support/alimony, no nothing you don't want. Anyone who thinks it's men who are the endangered sex is not paying attention, at least as far as survival into the future is concerned. With technology, a single-sex human race is possible. But unlike natural single-sex species, the individuals will all be male, not female. Excerpt:

'Dr David Levy, a world leading artificial intelligence researcher, will explain how the genetic information of cells can be manipulated to create a baby with human and robot DNA in his key note speech at the Third International Congress on Love and Sex with Robots.

Speaking at the conference in London on Wednesday, December 20, Dr Levy will explain how advancements in cell biology and bio robotics have led to his extraordinary conclusion.

Ahead of his speech, Daily Star Online can exclusively reveal extracts of his radical research paper, titled “Can Robots and Babies Make Humans Together?”

In his conclusions, Dr Levy, author of Love and Sex with Robots, will argue that “it is possible” for humans and robots to make babies given “recent progress in stem cell research and artificial chromosomes”.
...
In April 2016, Stanford University and the Valencia Infertility Institute announced a project in which human sperm, with tails, were created from skin cells.

In September 2016, researchers led by Tony Perry at the University of Bath reported that they had discovered a method of creating offspring without the need for a female egg.

This research allowed Dr Levy to conclude that a baby can be conceived without IVF treatment or sexual intercourse.
...
Kim and his team created the world’s first robotic chromosomes – a set of computerized DNA codes for creating artificial creatures that can have their own personality.

This virtual DNA could be injected into skin cells through TNT, thereby passing on its genetics to offspring, he will say.

Dr David Levy is speaking at the Third International Congress on Love and Sex with Robots on December 20, 2017.'

Why I Quit Teaching

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'Some years back, I decided I had to quit the teaching profession to which I had dedicated half my life. The modern academy, I felt, was so far gone that restoration was no longer possible. Indeed, I now believe that complete collapse is the only hope for the future, but as Woody Allen said about death, I'd rather not be there when it happens.

Three reasons determined my course of action. For one thing, administration had come to deal less with academic issues and more with rules of conduct and punitive codes of behavior, as if it were a policing body rather than an arm of the teaching profession. Woe betide the (male) student accused of sexual assault or misconduct; the administration will convene an extra-judicial tribunal to punish or expel the accused, often with a low burden of proof. It will find ways to shut down conservative speakers. It will browbeat faculty and students to attend sensitivity training sessions on matters of race and gender. It will strike task forces to deal with imaginary issues like campus rape culture and propose draconian measures to contain a raging fantasy. The administration is now beset by two basic compulsions: to expand its reach at the expense of the academic community and to ensure compliance with the puritanical norms of the day. I thought it prudent to take early retirement rather than wait for the guillotine to descend.'

Swedes may be charged with rape unless they get ‘explicit’ sexual consent under proposed law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sweden’s adults could be convicted of rape unless they receive a verbal or non-verbal sign of consent from their partner at each step of their sexual encounter, according to a new law set to come into force next year.

“It should be obvious. Sex should be voluntary. If it is not voluntary, then it is illegal,” Prime Minister Stefan Lofven, who leads a center-left coalition, said during a presentation in Stockholm. “If you are unsure, then refrain!”

As with other ‘Yes means Yes’ initiatives, at any trial it will now fall on those accused of rape to prove that their actions were welcomed by their partner, rather than on the accuser to show that they did not consent – which Lofven said will “put the victims’ interests first.”

Standing next to the PM, Justice Minister Morgan Johansson said that the line on what constitutes a sufficient show of consent will be decided on a “case-by-case” basis, but added that he “expects the number of rape convictions to rise.”

Johansson openly declared that the law, which is expected to be enforced from July 2018, was launched as a purposeful “signal to Sweden’s men and boys.”

“If men’s violence against women is to cease, it’s the men who have to change,” stated Johansson, who has allotted some $120 million of extra funds next year for the police to combat sex crimes.
...
Although affirmative consent has been implemented in several states in the US in relation to college campuses and schools, Sweden is to become the first country to turn it into a universal law, Denmark having voted down a similar proposal.

While it is unlikely to meet parliamentary resistance, the Swedish Bar Association General Secretary Anne Ramberg has criticized the “populist” law, saying that it is could be “divorced from reality” and “repressive,” leading to innocent people being jailed without affecting the overall incidence of sexual assault.'

Glenn Close On Weinstein Effect: ‘To Condemn All Men Is Stupid And Counterproductive’

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'Glenn Close hopes people in the entertainment industry can learn from the reckoning of sexual harassment and assault in Hollywood.

The 70-year-old actress recently sat down with Jezebel alongside “Crooked House” co-star Max Irons to discuss the upcoming thriller and the recent wave of sexual misconduct allegations against Hollywood heavyweights, like Harvey Weinstein and Kevin Spacey.

Close said she was never “preyed upon” by Weinstein, but said he was “known to be a pig.” The producer has been accused of sexual misconduct, ranging from harassment to assault and rape, by more than 60 women.

Throughout the interview, Close partially blamed biology for predatory behavior, and pointed to “the male DNA.”

“As more and more people are being exposed and more and more women are being able to come up and say they were abused or preyed upon, I feel that it’s kind of in the male DNA, that if somebody walks in the room, your first thought is, ‘Do I want to fuck her?’ Honestly speaking,” she said. “Women maybe, but not to the same degree. If you expect that to change, I think it’s stupid.”
...
“I hope this is a tipping point and I hope it will represent a social revolution. Evolution,” she said. “Because the only way I think it won’t keep happening is if we evolve to a different place. It takes both and women. There are men who have acted on it, and men who don’t. To condemn all men is stupid and counterproductive, but just to say, ‘Okay, we’re biological creatures and this is a natural instinct, but we have a social contract.’ And this can, hopefully, evolve into a new culture for us.”'

TVLand Sitcom Mocks Extreme Man-Hating Feminism in the Classroom

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'With the onslaught of feminist propaganda in the media and man-hating becoming the latest trend, the only solution is to laugh at it all the way. As a sitcom, TVLand's Teachers attempts to do its part by showing us how ridiculous extreme feminism can look in real life. At least, I hope that's what it's doing.

The December 5 episode "Hot Date" features a subplot about Chelsea Snap (Katy Colloton) confronting the idea that she may have a gender bias. Mostly, it comes from the fact that she never calls on girls to answer questions in her science class. When her fellow teacher Feldman (Cate Freedman) calls her out on her inherent bias, Chelsea decides to turn things around in the way only a feminist can: crushing the patriarchy of a small boy.
...
For what it's worth, Feldman later informs Chelsea after that scene that tearing down boys doesn't solve any gender bias. While that gives some sense to the show, I fear our current third-wave feminism, with its bold declarations about how men deserve to be murdered or die out, might be more on board with Chelsea's methods. Sadly, real-life feminists aren't nearly as intentionally funny.'

Mika Brzezinski on Harassment Due Process: Women ‘Can Say Anything And a Man’s Career is Ruined’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'MSNBC’s Mika Brzezinski argued that there may be an overreach in how sexual harassment is dealt with during a discussion of Sen. Al Franken’s resignation over his own accusations.

Morning Joe had a marathon segment on the topic Tuesday, in light of Democratic senators coming forward to call on Franken to un-resign, after the Minnesota lawmaker announced he would be stepping down over mounting allegations of misconduct. A number of his colleagues have lamented that there was no due process — in the form of an ethics investigation — to address his allegations.

MSNBC’s Willie Geist noted that lawmakers had previously criticized the ethics process as flawed, but argued “that may be true but it’s the process you’ve got, and you can’t throw out due process altogether — you’ve got to have due process.”

“It’s going to be complicated, but I think women feel that they are maligned and treated through the process and therefore they’re afraid to step forward,” Brzezinski said, “so we need to look at the process.”

“But right now any woman, can say anything, and a man’s career is ruined,” Brzezinski continued. “Now, a lot of women can say things that are true, and [the men’s] careers should be ruined. But the problem is that any woman can say anything, and that’s it, it’s over. Is that how we’re running businesses now?”'

Barbara Kay: A sadly necessary handbook for men falsely accused of sexual assault

fathers4fairness · 19 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Liam Allan, a 22-year old London, England-area criminology student, spent two years “in a terrible form of limbo” when he was charged with 12 counts of rape, based on allegations by a woman (unnamed) with whom he had had a consensual sexual relationship.

Had Allan been convicted, he’d have spent years behind bars and been permanently inscribed as a sex offender. In what seemed a he said-she said case, his prospects were dicey. As it happened, the complainant was sitting on a cache of about 50,000 recorded messages (Allan had lost his phone with copies), which the police had examined, but not disclosed to the prosecution or the defence.

Following two days of testimony, during which the phone calls were referenced, the prosecutor refused to continue until the defence had received and reviewed the messages. They were illuminating, as for example: “It wasn’t against my will or anything,” and “You know it’s always nice to be sexually assaulted without breaking the law.” Taken together, the woman revealed herself as a sex addict obsessed with “rough sex and being raped.” The case was dismissed at the request of the prosecutor, who admirably fulfilled his primary mandate — that is, to ensure a fair trial, not to convict.

Clearly the police knew those records rendered the charges unsustainable. Why were they withheld for so long? There are any number of bad reasons, including laziness, incompetence and bias, but no good ones. (You can see a detailed review of this case and what it says about systemic flaws in the U.K. criminal justice system at BarristerBlogger.com.)

This scenario could easily have happened here. Electronic messaging history is not automatically requested by the police when a complainant files a charge, as we saw in the Jian Ghomeshi case where, fortunately, Ghomeshi had his own archived cache. Yet, irritated by his acquittal, feminist legal minds are promoting complainant-friendly tweaks to the Criminal Code, like Bill C-51 (about which I have written before), now under Senate review, which could seriously weaken defence counsel’s hand at trial.'

Women are rarely accused of sexual harassment, and there's a reason why

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Pride gets in the way," says Todd Harrison, a partner in a California firm that handles thousands of employment-law cases per year. "Most good plaintiffs attorneys who handle discrimination and harassment claims take on female-to-male harassment and the same (laws) apply. It's just a matter of whether the men who are victims want to come forward."
...
"Sexual harassment is not just about sexual innuendo or jokes or pats on the butt, it's about power and intimidation, so the cases I've handled (involving women harassers), it's normally a woman in a control position and using that power to intimidate men," Harrison says.

"Sometimes there are sexual overtures, inappropriate touching without consent, offers for quid pro quo or sex for promotion," he added. "A lot of times it's a powerful woman in an organization who will talk down or treat a man different from his female counterparts."

But men can be reluctant to come forward to complain due to fear of mockery, he says. Men may also buy into the notion that female-on-male harassment isn't even possible.

"Embarrassment is always an issue," Harrison says. "Societal norms say men are supposed to be able to handle this. But we have men (clients) who say, 'It's just not fair. We're always accused of it, here's a situation where we've been victimized by a person in authority.'"'

Nine Million American Men Pushed Out of Workforce by Cheap-Labor Policies

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. has experienced a record 86 consecutive months of job growth. But some nine million men of prime age—that is, between 25 and 54—still are not working. Most have given up looking for jobs. Helping these men get back into the workforce should be a leading public-policy priority …

The largest issue facing American men is not that they are rewarded for remaining in a recliner, but that they cannot find rewarding work. The bulk of the decline in employment has been for men with a high-school diploma or less, who have seen their employment rates fall from 97% in 1964 to 83% today. This has coincided with a decline in their relative wages: High-school grads in the 1970s earned two-thirds what their college-educated counterparts took home. Today it's around half.

Reversing the withdrawal of men from the workforce will require rising wages. This can be achieved by improving the skills of workers through education and training and improving the bargaining power of workers to raise wages. Direct steps like expanding the earned-income tax credit could also make a difference, though the policy is absent from the current tax-reform bill—despite Speaker Paul Ryan's past support for it.
...
The cheap-labor policy has also reduced investment and job creation in many interior states because the coastal cities have a surplus of imported labor. For example, almost 27 percent of zip codes in Missouri had fewer jobs or businesses in 2015 than in 2000, according to a new report by the Economic Innovation Group. In Kansas, almost 29 percent of zip codes had fewer jobs and businesses in 2015 compared to 2000, which was a two-decade period of massive cheap-labor immigration.

Because of the successful cheap-labor strategy, wages for men have remained flat since 1973, and a large percentage of the nation's annual income has shifted to investors and away from employees.'

UK: Feminism damaged by rape hysteria lynch mob standards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For centuries, the fundamental principle underpinning British law has been ‘innocence until proven guilty’.

Nothing in the judicial system is more basic or more sacrosanct. But the insidious spread of a culture — inevitably driven by social media — that encourages us to see every woman as a potential or actual victim is destroying that foundation stone.

Increasingly, from the moment an allegation of rape is made, the police and judiciary tend to use language that implies it is based on fact and that all men are potential predators of women.

This, I believe, is part of a dangerous trend being pushed by feminists that casts women as innocents incapable of lying. As I argue in my latest book, Women Vs Feminism, this does a deadly disservice to the causes of equality and justice.'

University votes to strip due process from students so they can ‘speak for themselves’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Maryland has taken this equality-in-deprivation approach by voting to make it easier to find students responsible for violations of the conduct code.

And the independent campus newspaper The Diamondback is carrying water for these changes by reporting on them as if it’s the Ministry of Truth in 1984.

Not only does the paper inexplicably lead with changes that will make code language “more accessible to students,” but it uncritically regurgitates the Orwellian talking points of code-change supporters.

What is substantively changing under the 72-17 Senate vote: The evidence standard is being lowered to “preponderance of the evidence” (sometimes called “50 percent plus a feather”) from “clear and convincing,” which roughly translates to 75 percent certainty; definitions for what’s prohibited have been “broadened” (no detail given by the newspaper); and no more active professional counsel allowed in proceedings.'

Why Criminalizing Sexual Harassment Fosters Witch Hunts

Matt · 20 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Are you exhausted with sexual harassment allegations? Their noise and strut are turning into one of those chronic conditions that we schlep around with, like athlete's foot. Or a hangnail.

As I write this, Tennessee State University announces that it considers whistling "in a suggestive manner" to be sexual harassment. Depending on the tune, it may lead to suspension or expulsion. The College Fix explains:

In sum, there are at least 20 different ways students and employees can be found guilty of sexual harassment, according to the policy. Campus officials state they will consider the 'totality of the circumstances' before deeming whether an act is sexual harassment.

In the expanding reach of sexual harassment, 20 ways today is a down payment on 30 ways tomorrow. Did this-or-that fellow do what a snowballing list of accusers claim he did half a lifetime ago? Are starlets-in-waiting gullible enough to go to a Hollywood mogul's hotel room to watch a video? Do such naifs actually exist, or are they mythical creatures, like bread-and-butter flies? How many women posting on #MeToo are telling the truth?'

20% of men in US workplaces report gender discrimination

Matt · 20 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The news isn't 4 in 10 women believe they've been discriminated against. It's the 2 in 10 men reporting it. But heaven forbid anyone pay attention to anti-male descrimination. Excerpt:

'About four-in-ten working women (42%) in the United States say they have faced discrimination on the job because of their gender. They report a broad array of personal experiences, ranging from earning less than male counterparts for doing the same job to being passed over for important assignments, according to a new analysis of Pew Research Center survey data.

The survey – conducted in the summer before a recent wave of sexual misconduct allegations against prominent men in politics, the media and other industries – found that, among employed adults, women are about twice as likely as men (42% versus 22%) to say they have experienced at least one of eight specific forms of gender discrimination at work.

One of the biggest gender gaps is in the area of income: One-in-four working women (25%) say they have earned less than a man who was doing the same job; one-in-twenty working men (5%) say they have earned less than a female peer.

Women are roughly four times as likely as men to say they have been treated as if they were not competent because of their gender (23% of employed women versus 6% of men), and they are about three times as likely as men to say they have experienced repeated small slights at work because of their gender (16% versus 5%).'

UK: Man charged with rape after police text blunder ‘relieved’ as case collapses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A MAN charged with rape after a police blunder has spoken of his relief after he was told he would face no further action.

Isaac Itiary was accused of raping a child under 16 but the case against him collapsed earlier this week when it emerged cops had failed to disclose thousands of crucial text messages.

They are believed to show the girl, who was 14 and 15 at the time, had claimed she was 19.

Isaac, 25, walked free from Inner London crown court and yesterday said: “It’s been a nightmare. It’s a relief to have this taken off me.”'

Rose McGowan Tells Media at 'Me Too' Roundtable: Stop Using the Word 'Alleged'

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'The actress, who has been an outspoken proponent of the #MeToo movement, did not mince words when she pointed out that the men being brought down by the allegations are just part of the greater problem.

"I would challenge the media to stop using the word 'alleged,'" she said. "My beef is really with all the people who are complicit. It's the first time in history women are being believed, even though we get slagged."'

Guilty Until Proven Innocent: The Plight Of A Common Man In India?

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'A young Indian boy was accused of raping a girl he met at a bar earlier this year in the US. The boy was detained by the police on receiving the complaint and called for questioning. After long hours of questioning, he was let go by police and later granted bail by the court. I would not like to name this person since he was honourably discharged of the charges levelled against him after it was established that the duo had indulged in a consensual activity. CCTV footage clearly established that it was the girl who led the boy and signalled her friends that she was going to have sex with him. This boy was falsely accused.

From this real case, I wish to draw your attention to just one factor – this boy was not arrested despite the fact that he had rape charges levelled against him. He was heard and the court too released him on a very high bail bond, but still. His right to liberty was not compromised.

He was considered 'innocent until proven guilty', which is the cornerstone of criminal justice system across the world. While it is the same in books in India as well, in all realities, we have completely overturned this rule especially in cases of crime against women or if I may say alleged crime against women.'

You can’t beat sexism by tolerating it for men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last weekend, I went into a shop to buy someone a Christmas present. It was a knick-knacky kind of place — full of those colourful and odd-shaped homewares that you’d never have in your own house, but seem to make good gifts for other people.

So I grabbed something and took it to the woman behind the counter.
...
“It’s impressive to see a man doing his Christmas shopping a week early and not leaving it until Christmas Eve.”

What? A “man”? Really? Then I watched her wrap the thing and charge my credit card. And I thought about what I wanted to say to her.
...
What annoyed me most about the situation was that I had just received her gift of sexism, but it was something I couldn’t give back. And I wouldn’t be able to regift to any other woman.

I just had to wear it. Like so many other men who have got the same thing before me.

I’m talking about the men who are patronised for taking time off work to be stay-at-home fathers. The men who are made to feel like precious rarities because they can cook a meal.'

UK: Lawyer calls for public register to name people who make false rape allegations

Matt · 21 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A celebrity lawyer is calling for people who make false rape and sex assault allegations to be stripped of their statutory anonymity and named on a public register.

The comments by Nick Freeman, nicknamed ‘Mr Loophole’ for his record helping clients fight motoring offences, come after the trial of 22-year-old student Liam Allan, who was charged with rape, dramatically collapsed.

Mr Freeman, who runs Manchester-based Freeman and Co Solicitors, argues the case is just the ‘tip of the iceberg’ and false allegations are being made on a ‘daily basis’.'

Female police captain suspended after ‘white male privilege’ remark

Matt · 22 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Indiana police force placed a female captain on paid administrative leave after she told a fellow officer that he benefited from “white male privilege.” A vote on Capt. Carri Weber’s future with the Plainfield Police Department is scheduled for a commissioner’s meeting on Thursday, according to WRTV.

The incident occurred at a Nov. 1 training seminar on how police should interact with transgender people in their communities, led by a U.S. Department of Justice representative and a U.S. attorney.

During the presentation, an officer who spent 28 years with the department questioned a statistic presented at the conference, that members of the transgender community are 3.32 times as likely to be the victim of police violence than non-transgender people, according to WRTV. The statistic comes from the 2012 annual report from the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, which describes itself as an advocacy group for “local LGBTQ communities.”'

Men's Rights and Feminism

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Found a good site: mensrightsandfeminism.wordpress.com. Just passing it along.

Described as: "A collection of critical essays examining Men's Rights & Feminist perspectives with primary focus on toxic femininity, misandry and androphobia."

Petition to cut Matt Damon from movie for displaying levelheadedness

Minuteman · 22 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'As you know, Matt Damon's been making some interesting (read: really boneheaded) comments related to Hollywood's current reckoning with sexual predators.

First, the actor told ABC News that he knew Harvey Weinstein — someone he's worked with regularly — had sexually harassed Gwyneth Paltrow years ago but he "knew that they had come to whatever agreement or understanding that they had come to" and that she "had handled it." Then, he went on a completely unhelpful "not all men" kick, insisting we should be talking more about the good guys and the spectrum of bad behavior.

Now, Matt Damon may finally see it's time for him to stop talking and start listening.
...
And this all feels a little too familiar: Damon previously came under fire for not checking his privilege in comments he's made about diversity in Hollywood.'

Woman who killed fiance by kayak sabotage released after five months

Matt · 23 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Remember this one? They let her go after doing all of five months. Story here. If you get a paywall, jump it by Googling the first paragraph. Excerpt:

'Angelika Graswald was released from New York State prison on Thursday, about five months after she pleaded guilty to sabotaging her fiancé's kayak before he drowned in the cold and choppy waters of the Hudson River in 2015.

She emerged to a sunny afternoon from the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, a women's prison in the rolling woods of Westchester County. Ms. Graswald declined to talk to reporters, but stood next to her lawyer, fidgeting and looking away from the bank of cameras, as he made a brief statement.
...
The case generated attention far beyond the area just north of New York City where her fiancé disappeared, fueled by prosecutors' description of a seemingly doting partner who desperately called 911 for help only to later tell investigators that "I wanted him dead."
...
During a lengthy interrogation, the authorities said, Ms. Graswald made statements implicating herself, telling investigators that it "felt good knowing he was going to die" and that his drowning had brought her "relief." Prosecutors said she knew she was the beneficiary of two life insurance policies belonging to Mr. Viafore.'

Fanboys reporting on "The Last Jedi": This movie hates men/fathers

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There are so many fanboy reports on "The Last Jedi" denouncing it as a misandrist franchise-killer, YouTube had to create a mix for it. One such report:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yF8JS7sK_oc

Why men don’t care about the health care debate

Matt · 24 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With another Affordable Care Act open-enrollment period in the rearview mirror, policymakers remain mystified as to why men lag behind when it comes to obtaining health insurance. And young men sometimes catch the blame for high insurance rates, since this relatively healthy segment of the population tends not to buy coverage.

There is no mystery. Women receive substantial gender-based services that personalize health insurance for them and that provide strong incentives to buy coverage. But under the ACA, there are no gender-based services for men and no incentives to buy health insurance other than fines and penalties, which are designed to punish men for not participating in a program that fails to provide for their basic needs.

The economic benefits of preventive health care are well-known. Screening for various conditions such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure, sexually transmitted infections, and some cancers, along with regular medical checkups, have improved and lengthened the lives of millions of Americans. And it keeps people whose conditions are caught early from getting sicker.'

#MeToo run amok

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Movements collapse when they become more interested in collecting heads than advancing their cause. Unfortunately, the very worthy #MeToo movement against sexual harassment and abuse might have just reached that point.

Last Friday, #MeToo took down Pulitzer Prize-winner Stephen Henderson, the editorial page editor of the liberal Detroit Free Press (or Freep as it is called locally). Henderson was fired for "inappropriate behavior" — even though no women actively complained about it — that allegedly violated the newspaper's "zero tolerance policy." But if this standard — both too vague and too strict — is going to be religiously enforced on workplace interactions in the post-Harvey Weinstein era, few men — or, women, for that matter — will ever feel safe in their jobs.

Henderson is something of an icon in Michigan, where I live. He is a prolific writer and a popular media personality. I first became acquainted with him when I was a scribe at the Detroit News conservative editorial board in the mid-1990s and he on the liberal Freep board that he later headed. He also hosts Detroit Today for WDET, a local NPR affiliate, where he occasionally invites me to spar over ObamaCare and charter schools (on which we vehemently disagree) and discuss immigration reform and President Trump's draconian law-and-order agenda (on which we largely agree).'

When #MeToo Goes Too Far

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'Matt Damon gave an interview to ABC News last week in which he offered the following observation: “There’s a difference between, you know, patting someone on the butt and rape or child molestation, right? Both of those behaviors need to be confronted and eradicated without question, but they shouldn’t be conflated, right?”
...
Minnie Driver, Damon’s co-star in “Good Will Hunting,” thought so. “There is no hierarchy of abuse — that if a woman is raped [it] is much worse than if a woman has a penis exposed to her that she didn’t want or ask for,” she told The Guardian. “You cannot tell those women that one is supposed to feel worse than the other.”

Kirsten Gillibrand agrees: “I think when we start having to talk about the differences between sexual assault and sexual harassment and unwanted groping, you are having the wrong conversation,” the Democratic senator from New York said at a news conference when asked about calling on Senator Al Franken to resign. “You need to draw a line in the sand and say none of it is O.K. None of it is acceptable.”
...
All societies make necessary moral distinctions between high crimes and misdemeanors, mortal and lesser sins. A murderer is worse than a thief. A drug dealer is worse than a user. And so on. Gillibrand, Driver and others want to blur such distinctions, on the theory that we need a zero-tolerance approach. That may sound admirable, but it’s legally unworkable and, in many cases, simply unjust.

It’s also destructive, above all to the credibility of the #MeToo movement. Social movements rarely succeed if they violate our gut sense of decency and moral proportion. Insofar as #MeToo has made an example of a Harvey Weinstein or a Matt Lauer, most Americans — including, I’d bet, most men — have been on its side."

More than 20 states in 2017 considered laws to promote shared custody of children after divorce

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'The every-other-weekend dad, born from two generations of soaring divorce rates,was once a conventional part of American culture. In recent years, more couples have been agreeing to parent after divorce as they did in marriage: collaboratively.

Now lawmakers are accelerating this trend toward co-parenting, with legislatures in more than 20 states this year considering bills that would encourage shared parenting or make it a legal presumption — even when parents disagree.

Kentucky this year passed a law to make joint physical custody and equal parenting time standard for temporary orders while a divorce is being finalized. Florida's legislature overwhelmingly approved a bill last year to presume equal time for child custody plans, but it was vetoed by the governor. And in Michigan, lawmakers are considering a bill that would make equal parenting time the starting point for custody decisions.'

How too much focus on 'superstar' workers enables harassment

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'These days, no industry, no workplace, no pocket of American life seems to be immune from the long reach of sexual harassment. From Capitol Hill to Hollywood, higher education to hotel housekeeping, women -- and men -- are coming forward to tell their stories.

But certain industries seem to be popping up with particular frequency: Media. Venture capital and finance. Entertainment. And if there's one thing these industries and others have in common, it's an organizational culture that rewards stars and bestows power not just on the chief executive or president at the top of an official hierarchy, but to those who are star performers on screen, behind the scenes or when it comes to the bottom line.

"I believe industries that have a paradigm of absolute power brokering at the top may be more susceptible to these issues," said Sukhinder Singh Cassidy, founder of The BoardList, which manages a directory of female board members. "My sense is that industries that have king-making environments can breed this kind of behavior."'

Nurse removed from hospital after saying white boys ‘should be sacrificed to the wolves’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Indiana hospital system says a nurse is no longer an employee after she was tied to a message on Twitter claiming white women are raising sons “with the HIGHEST propensity to be a terrorist, rapist, racist, killer, and domestic violence all star.”

Officials at Indiana University Health said over the weekend they were investigating “several troubling posts on social media” that appeared to be made by a recently hired employee identified in news reports as Taiyesha Baker. IU Health spokesman Jason Fechner confirmed Monday that the nurse no longer works at Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis but he would not say whether she was fired, citing company policies.

The controversial tweet, which the Indianapolis Star reported was posted on an account named “Night Nurse,” said: “Every white woman raises a detriment to society when they raise a son. Someone with the HIGHEST propensity to be a terrorist, rapist, racist, killer, and domestic violence all star. Historically every son you had should be sacrificed to the wolves B----.”'

Topless Femen "activist" tries to snatch Jesus statue from Vatican crib

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A topless activist from the feminist group Femen tried to snatch the statue of the baby Jesus from the Nativity scene in St. Peter's Square on Monday but was stopped by police as she grabbed it.

A Reuters photographer said the woman jumped over guard rails and rushed onto the larger-than-life Nativity scene shouting "God is woman". She had the same slogan painted on her bare back.

A Vatican gendarme stopped her from taking the statue and she was detained. The incident happened about two hours before Pope Francis delivered his Christmas message to some 50,000 people in the square.

The group's website identified her as Alisa Vinogradova and called her a "sextremist". It says the goal of the group, which was founded in Ukraine, is "complete victory over patriarchy".'

Ukraine: Femen activist sets fire to store display

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who photographed herself setting fire to a display outside the flagship Roshen chocolate store of President Petro Poroshenko has been arrested by police in Ukraine.

In a statement on Facebook, authorities in the Vinnytsia region of the country said a 25-year-old woman who has been named by other activists as Alisa Vinogradova was arrested in Kiev for hooliganism. If convicted, she could face between three and seven years in prison.

...

The self-described “sextremist” protest group Femen posted images on Facebook of Vinogradova setting a decorative tram in front of the shop on fire.

Woman falsely accuses executive of sexual harassment, ends up in jail

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male senior executive at a multi-national engineering firm in Singapore was falsely accused of sexual harassment by a female employee. The executive allegedly responded by pressuring her to quit and later sued her for damages related to the incident.

The executive won the civil suit, therefore the woman was liable for compensation and the man's court fees. When the woman refused to pay the fees, she was held in contempt of court for failing to comply with the court order connected to the payment and was subsequently jailed.

The story is the man's firsthand account of his brush with an overzealous feminist employee and first appeared on the popular sub-reddit r/MGTOW. The executive, going by the username moonraiser, removed his original post for fear of repercussions but has since re-posted it in a follow-up post that elaborates on the story.'

UK: Police must stop training officers to believe rape complainants automatically says ex-High Court judge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rape complainants must not automatically be believed by Police a former High Court judge said last night - following the collapse of three high profile cases.

He slammed the crisis and said that police forces shouldn't train their officers to presume that suspects are guilty.

Ex-High Court judge, Sir Richard Henrique's comments reflected the collapse of several rape cases where it was found that police had failed to investigate properly. Which included police withholding evidence from defence lawyers.

This was seen in the cases of Liam Allan, Samuel Armstrong and Isaac Itiary.

In two cases text messages revealed the men's innocence. In Mr Allan's case messages showed that the complainant had told friends she had enjoyed having sex with him.

Similarly messages revealed that Isaac Itiary, who had been charged with statutory rape of a 14-year-old girl, did not know her age as in the messages she had claimed she was 19.'

Comedienne sued for sex discrimination over girls-only show

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Article here.

'Iliza Shlesinger's [link added] girls-only show has been described as a "war on men" by a man suing the comedian.

George St. George, a 21-year-old California man, claims he was told that he and a friend would only be allowed in the back row of Shlesinger's Nov. 13 "Girls Night in with Iliza — No Boys Allowed" show "because of their sex, he said in a lawsuit acquired by the Hollywood Reporter.

After getting dinner, St. George, who claims he is the victim of sex discrimination, said the two went back to the venue and were then turned away.

The lawsuit compares the move to "the Montgomery City Lines bus company in Montgomery, Alabama circa 1955."

Shlesinger's show "repudiated hundreds of years of women's struggles to be viewed as being equal to men and is typical of old-fashioned sexism that might also advise a young woman that her best chance for a happy life is to ace her home economics class and learn how to make a queso dip from Velveeta to catch a good man," St. George's lawyer, Alfred Rava, wrote in the suit.

Shlesinger, the 2008 winner of "Last Comic Standing," currently hosts her own late-night talk show, "Truth & Iliza," on Freeform.

Reps for the comedian did not immediately return a request for comment.'

UK: Miniature masterpiece? No, yet more man-hating propaganda: Christopher Stevens reviews last night's TV

Mastodon · 28 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At first The Miniaturist (BBC1) promised to reimagine Daphne du Maurier's mad nightmare of a masterpiece, Rebecca — in which a young bride finds herself trapped in a Gothic mansion, with a distant husband and a cruel tyrant of a housekeeper controlling her every step.

No such luck. By the end of this two-part costume drama, set in Olde Amsterdam, it was revealed as yet another man-hating slab of tedious feminist propaganda.

Every woman was noble, resourceful and self-sacrificing, while the male characters were a bunch of spineless creeps.
...
Romola Garai as Marin, Johannes's strong-minded sister who had turned her back on marriage to look after her feeble brother's business, had the best role. At first she seemed cruel but then — gasp — was revealed to be noble, resourceful and self-sacrificing.

Of course she was: she's a woman. So, too, was the 'miniaturist', an elusive and ghostly figure in a cloak.

At last she spoke, and proved herself noble, resource... oh, you know the rest.'

#MeToo Is Turning Into a Witch-Hunt

Mastodon · 28 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Movements collapse when they become more interested in collecting heads than advancing their cause. Unfortunately, the very worthy #MeToo movement against sexual harassment and abuse might have just reached that point.

Last week, #MeToo took down Pulitzer Prize-winner Stephen Henderson, the editorial page editor of the liberal Detroit Free Press (or Freep as it is called locally). Henderson was fired for "inappropriate behavior"—even though no women actively complained about it—that allegedly violated the newspaper's "zero tolerance policy." But if this standard—both too vague and too strict—is going to be religiously enforced on workplace interactions in the post-Harvey Weinstein era, few men—or, women, for that matter —will ever feel safe in their jobs.

Henderson is something of an icon in Michigan, where I live. He is a prolific writer and a popular media personality. I first became acquainted with him when I was a scribe at the Detroit News conservative editorial board in the mid-1990s and he on the liberal Freep board that he later headed. He also hosts Detroit Today for WDET, a local NPR affiliate, where he occasionally invites me to spar over ObamaCare and charter schools (on which we vehemently disagree) and discuss immigration reform and President Trump's draconian law-and-order agenda (on which we largely agree).
...
All of this suggests that the climate of censoriousness that #MeToo has generated spooked the Freep so much that it wanted to take no chances. But there is something quasi-totalitarian when a company starts going after employees for victimless behavior that has been retroactively branded as inappropriate. It might also end up targeting women who engage in "sexually themed" conversations—replacing the fear of sexual harassment with that of HR inquisitions.

Henderson's plight is the clearest case yet of #MeTooism run amok. Jenna Wortham wrote in The New York Times that she is unperturbed by the excesses of the movement because she wants "every single man to be put on notice" and "feel vulnerable" just the way women do. But a movement that thoughtlessly and reflexively throws decent men under the bus will discredit itself and hurt its ability to take down the real abusers. That's a pity, because a responsible reckoning to hold genuine monsters accountable is something that women do indeed need.'

Father 'found 13-year-old son and 44-year-old teacher having sex in car'

Matt · 28 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A father has said he found his teenage son having sex in the back of a car with a teacher from his Texas school.

Police in Bay City, 80 miles south-west of Houston, have charged the teacher, Rachel Gonzales, 44, with online solicitation and having an improper relationship with the 13-year-old boy.

During the investigation, police inspected the boy's mobile phone and found texts from Ms Gonazalez indicating the pair had an inappropriate relationship prior to the alleged incident on 14 December, police said.

At the request of the District Attorney, the Bay City Independent School District, where Ms Gonzalez is a teacher, have turned over the case to the local police.

She was taken to the Matagorda County jail on 22 December but is now out on bond.'

Universities face #MeToo movement over sexual harassment

Matt · 28 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Celeste Kidd was a graduate student of neuroscience at the University of Rochester she says a professor supervising her made her life unbearable by stalking her, making demeaning comments about her weight and talking about sex.

Ten years on and now a professor of neuroscience at the university, Kidd is taking legal action. She has filed a federal lawsuit against the school alleging that it mishandled its sexual harassment investigation into the professor's actions and then retaliated against her and her colleagues for reporting the misconduct.

"We are trying to bring transparency to a system that is corrupt," Kidd told The Associated Press.

Academia — like Hollywood, the media and Congress — is facing its own #MeToo movement over allegations of sexual misconduct. Brett Sokolow, who heads an association of sexual harassment investigators on campuses, estimates that the number of reported complaints has risen by about 10 percent since the accusations against Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein surfaced in early October, spurring more women to speak out against harassment in various fields. The increase is mostly from women complaining of harassment by faculty members who are their superiors.

But the Trump administration has viewed the issue of sexual harassment on campus in a different light. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has scrapped Obama-era regulations on investigating sexual assault, arguing that they were skewed in favor of the accuser. New instructions allow universities to require higher standards of evidence when handling such complaints.

A forthcoming study of nearly 300 such cases in the Utah Law Review found that one in 10 female graduate students at major research universities reports being sexually harassed by a faculty member. And in more than half of those cases, the alleged perpetrator is a repeat offender, according to the study.

"Often schools might turn a blind eye toward sexual harassment that they know about or have heard about because a professor is bringing in a big grant or is adding to the stature of the university," said Neena Chaudhry, senior counsel at the National Women's Law Center.

The Education Department did not respond to a request for comment.'

Latest MD class sees women exceed men as enrollees

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the first time, more women than men enrolled in U.S. medical schools in 2017, according to data from The Association of American Medical Colleges. The AAMC says 50.7 percent of first-year medical students are women this year.

“This year’s matriculating class demonstrates that medicine is an increasingly attractive career for women and that medical schools are creating an inclusive environment,” Darrell G. Kirch, M.D., AAMC president and CEO said in a statement. “While we have much more work to do to attain broader diversity among our students, faculty, and leadership, this is a notable milestone.”

The association says the number of female medical students has grown by 9.6 percent since 2015. In that same time, the percentage of male students has declined by 2.3 percent, the AAMC says.'

Scottish police to be trained to spot new domestic abuse offence

Mastodon · 29 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Around 14,000 Police Scotland officers are to receive specialist training in preparation for a new domestic abuse crime coming into force in Scotland, which is believed to be unique in law internationally.

The training will help officers spot seemingly innocuous actions which are in fact part of a cycle of psychological abuse or coercive control.

Although an offence of coercive control was introduced in England in 2015, the Scottish legislation takes a unique approach which has been hailed as offering “victimless prosecution”. It reflects a growing understanding that domestic abuse is often a course of behaviour that extends over a period of time and includes not only physical violence.

The domestic abuse bill, which reaches its final stage through Holyrood early next year, will create a specific offence which will cover not only physical domestic abuse but other forms of psychological abuse and coercive and controlling behaviour that cannot easily be prosecuted using the existing criminal law.

It allows the police and courts to pursue someone on a “course of conduct” offence – that is a single offence where physical, psychological and coercive behaviour can be prosecuted at once. This course of conduct offence includes a “reasonable person test”. For example, would a reasonable person consider that limiting a woman’s access to her bank account or prescribing her meal times amounted to controlling behaviour?'

"Feminist coffee company fights for gender equity"

Mastodon · 29 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Though millions of Americans begin their day with a cup of coffee, few stop to think about how the beverage got to their hands in the first place. One female-driven coffee brand is working hard to change this norm by spotlighting the women who largely bring the must-have drink from plant to cup.

City Girl Coffee is perhaps the nation's only coffee company to use beans exclusively from farms and co-ops owned or run by women, and founder Alyza Bohbot couldn't be prouder. The second-generation coffee roaster from Minnesota told the New York Times in a Dec. 20 interview that she was inspired to create the trailblazing brand after attending an International Women's Coffee Alliance (IWCA) event in 2015.

Hearing the story of a Colombian widow who was forbidden from keeping keep her family coffee farm because of her gender, Bohbot felt obliged to make a crusade against such unjust industry norms. Across the globe, women are responsible for getting a whopping 70 percent of coffee to market, the International Trade Center reports, and many have little control over their livelihood.

Though the process of purchasing coffee beans exclusively from female growers "adds a whole other layer of stress on our company," Bohbot wouldn't have it any other way. City Girl Coffee further empowers women in the java business by donating 5 percent of all profits to that support the women in their nation of origin.'

The Sexbots Are Coming

Matt · 29 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. NSFW, but so watchable. This girl takes down feminist objections to sexbots like a pro.

Getting a Grip on Female Power

Matt · 30 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What, then, was it? What system of power was Brown facilitating and participating in? Why could she not name it? And what are the implications of these questions for social research, social policy, social services and Social Work—and for our men, boys, families, communities and nation?

Social Constructionism teaches that what we perceive as reality is regulated and mediated through language, idioms, memes, narratives and other linguistic and shared literary devices that contain and convey our prevailing cultural assumptions. “Patriarchy” is a good example. That single word packs a tremendous cognitive and emotional payload. By its very utterance it sets conversations on edge. Patriarchy must exist because it has a name.

American philosopher Susanne K. Langer observed that “[T]he notion of giving something a name is the vastest generative idea that ever was conceived; its influence might well transform the entire mode of living and feeling, in the whole species, within a few generations.” Langer thus suggests that naming the unnamed can be prelude to analysis, discussion and change.

We might infer that the lack of a name for something serves only the purposes of those who benefit from keeping that thing just as it is—vaguely if at all recognized, poorly understood, seldom and only elementally discussed, with every conversation about that thing having to start from a blank slate. Keeping something nameless may be the surest, easiest way to protect it from change, redress or focused attention by a collective effort to solve the problems it causes.'

HuffPost Editor Reveals New Year's Resolution: 'Kill All Men'

Matt · 31 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'HuffPost editor Emily McCombs tweeted Friday about her desire to "kill all men" as part of her New Year's Resolutions.

> New Year's resolutions:
> 1. Cultivate female friendships
> 2. Band together to kill all men
>
> — Emily McCombs (@msemilymccombs) December 29, 2017

McCombs, who serves as the "Editorial Director of Parents" for HuffPo, previously wrote an article in November titled, "I Don't Know If I Can Raise A Good Man."

In the post, she talks about her own son, saying, "(o)f course, we all want to raise feminist sons. I wrote an article a few months ago detailing the ways I try to do just that. But my efforts are starting to seem like grains of sand against a steady wave-crash of misogyny and rape culture."'

Taking Out the Trash? That’s Still a Man’s Job, Even for the Liberal Coastal Elite

Matt · 31 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Saw this was in the NYT and knew already what it'd say: "Yes, men take out trash, and that is as it should be. Now serve me further, husband-slave." Predictable yet comical at the same time. Excerpt:

'This is our weekly ritual. There’s no acknowledgment of the obvious inequity. No you-do-it-next-time admonishment. He accepts his role without a hint of bitterness. (In a way I do not when it comes to, say, driving car pool or coordinating play dates.) Every Monday around 9 p.m., I feel a tinge of guilt, except … not really.

Almost every woman I know who lives with a man shirks this chore. It’s as if all hard-won equality in the home is tossed on trash night. It may be the last bastion of accepted 1950s behavior. And in this case — and this case alone — women are fine with that.

As one friend pointed out: “Women deal with the rest of the garbage.”

For many, it’s the simple ick factor. “I don’t do trash juices,” said Gabriela Herman, 36, a photographer who lives with her husband and 17-month-old daughter in a brownstone in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn.

“Ew, it’s the actual bins,” said Ashita Trika, 39, a senior product manager with an M.B.A. who lives in a single-family home in San Francisco with her three children and husband, Noble Athimattathil. “I have no idea what he does, I just know it gets done,” she said of the garbage procedure. “Sometimes I’ll see the empties on the curb — but I don’t bring them in or anything. Noble owns trash end to end. He takes the mental load and the physical load. It’s freeing.”'

And people wonder why men avoid teaching

Matt · 31 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. "Go look at postcards in the library, kids" = "Go watch porn, buhhh ha ha ha haaa!". Excerpt:

'Lincoln Elementary School art teacher Mateo Rueda had no idea what was in store for his career when he wrapped up a lesson Dec. 4 by telling students to look through some art postcards in the classroom library for examples of color usage in notable paintings.

The cards, which were part of an educational package called “The Art Box” produced by Phaidon publishing, were placed in the library before Rueda began working at the Hyrum school. He knew the set portrayed a wide variety of classic artworks, but he has since said he was not aware that three or four of the 100 pieces featured in the box showed nudity.

Before the week was out, Rueda would find himself at the center of a controversy at the school, would be contacted by police after someone filed a classroom pornography complaint against him, and would eventually be out of a job.

The situation came to light Wednesday when The Herald Journal published a letter from the mother of one of Rueda’s students complaining about the art teacher’s dismissal and praising his work with students.
...
Rueda, a native of Colombia, came to Cache Valley to earn a master’s degree in fine art at Utah State University, and in his six years here he’s made a mark on the community through several well-received painting exhibits and his contacts with area businesses.

“I’ve worked professionally and very well with a lot of people. A lot of people know me and know my character. The terms of termination are belittling of my character, and to that end they are a defamation of character,” he wrote. “My intent when it comes to the hearing has noting to do money or anything like that, but it has to do with exercising my right to be heard so that I can have a clean name, a clean reputation. … This could be something that follows me for the rest of my life.”'

Uh oh: Children’s toy preference study determines there ARE gender differences

Matt · 31 December 2017 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. In time for the gift-giving season. Well, almost. Excerpt:

'Look out, progressives: New research has determined there are “robust sex differences” in boys’ and girls’ choices of toys “across a range of ages, time periods, countries, and settings.”

According to a report PsyPost, the University College London’s Institute for Women’s Health research found that children “overwhelmingly chose to play with toys typed to their gender,” throwing a monkey wrench into the beliefs of those who say gender is merely a “social construct.”

The study said sex differences in toy preferences held true even after accounting for the effects of “the presence or absence of an adult, the study setting, the gender equality status of the country, year of publication, and presence of gender-neutral toys.”'

Telling men to be ashamed of masculinity is what's really toxic

Mastodon · 1 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the title of this story. The article is on the independent.ie site. Excerpt:

'Music, along with so much else of popular culture, has become feminised. For good or bad? That's a matter for the individual ear and eye, because popular music has always been as much about the visual impact as the notes.

What's fascinating is the speed with which Bono was shot down for, so the accusation went, promoting male privilege.

Rather than listening to what he had to say, then mulling it over, the attackers burst in, all guns blazing.
...
Saying that "young male anger" struggles to find an outlet in modern music is not the same as saying that female anger either does not exist or does not matter.
...
But there was still something disturbing about the speed with which Bono was shot down. This is why it's hard for men to talk about the things which matter to them. As soon as they do, they're accused of heartlessly elevating their own fetishes above women. Of luxuriating in patriarchal privilege.

It's rare now to see the word "masculinity" written down without it being preceded by that loaded qualifier "toxic".
...

A recent New York Times op-ed piece even declared, in response to the slew of allegations around Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, that "male mechanisms of desire are inherently brutal".

In other words, male sexuality is problematic because it exists at all. The article quoted the words of US feminist Andrea Dworkin that "men will have to give up their precious erections" in order to achieve equality between the sexes. Dworkin was once considered a fringe voice; an extremist even. That her advocacy of what amounts to castration, whether symbolic or actual, has now gone mainstream ought to be worrying.
...
Telling men that they should zip it because they've got it made, and therefore have nothing to complain about, is what's really toxic. Being apologetic never made for good rock music, and it doesn't make for a good society either.'

Australia: Rare male-only job advertisement

Minuteman · 2 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'Our Mile End office are currently seeking 3 candidates Two males for the STREET SERVICES TEAM and One female for the Cleansing team.
...
STREET SERVICES (MALE REQUIRED)

The work consists of cleaning of footpaths, use of blower, running behind the garbage truck, litter pick up, emptying of bins and other duties as requested.

We are looking to hear from anyone who has the following skills

Fit and healthy and able to run behind garbage truck
Truck Licence advantageous
Reliable car and drivers licence
Able to work from 4am - 1pm Monday to Friday'

Christina Hoff Sommers: Here's What's Wrong With Feminism In The Age Of Trump

Mastodon · 2 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a recent interview with Spiked Review, Christina Hoff Sommers said feminism has officially gone off the rails in the age of Trump. "It's all quite absurd," said the American Enterprise Institute resident scholar. "This is not how men came to power. These are antics that reinforce some of the worst stereotypes about women. And it’s just going to isolate the movement and not make it more attractive."

In the interview, Hoff Sommers, host of "The Factual Feminist" and author of multiple leftist myth-busting studies, addressed both the roots and results of the panic-stricken "resistance" brand of feminism and the social justice Left's "intersectionality" movement. Asked why she thinks feminism dominated the headlines this year, Hoff Sommers said the election of Donald Trump certainly "had a lot to do with it." No fan of Trump, whom she described as "problematic," Hoff Sommers said that, nonetheless, leftist feminists have embarrassed themselves in their response to him.

"[T]his election has created havoc among feminists – moderates and hard-liners," she said. "Even before he became president, many thought of the US as an oppressive patriarchy, but after his election many believe they’re living out Margaret Atwood’s Handmaid’s Tale. So they’ve gone into full resistance mode. For many people, including myself, Trump’s election was mortifying. He lacks a moral compass and the requisite knowledge to be a world leader. But for feminist hard-liners, Trump is the realization of their worst nightmare. Everything they’ve read in their gender-studies textbook about toxic masculinity and an oppressive patriarchy has all come true around them. But this is a distorted view. He’s problematic, but not for the reasons these feminists think."'

UK: Man convicted of rape is freed after sister-in-law finds deleted Facebook messages that prove his innocence

Mastodon · 2 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A man who spent more than three years in prison on a rape conviction has been freed after a family member found deleted Facebook messages that proved his innocence.

Danny Kay, 26, of Derby in England, had been jailed in 2013 after a woman accused him of rape following a sexual encounter the year before, according to local media. Key to his conviction were Facebook messages that appeared to show him apologizing for sex without the woman's consent.

It turned out the woman had selectively deleted messages in an apparent effort to prove her version of the story. It was only when Kay's sister-in-law Sarah Maddison found an archived version of the messages on his Facebook account that he was able to get the conviction overturned.

England's Court of Appeal in London ruled that police relied on an "edited and misleading" account of the Facebook conversation that was given to them by the complainant in the weeks after she claimed she was raped by Kay, the Daily Mail reported.'

We Asked 615 Men About How They Conduct Themselves at Work

Mastodon · 3 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The victims of sexual harassment who have recently come forward are far from alone: Nearly half of women say they have experienced some form of it at work at least once in their careers. But there has been little research about those responsible.

In a new survey, about a third of men said they had done something at work within the past year that would qualify as objectionable behavior or sexual harassment.

...

In separate, smaller surveys, women were only somewhat less likely than men to admit to harassing behavior, even though men, in polls and in formal complaints, are far less likely to say they've been sexually harassed. It could be that men and women see the same behavior in different ways.'

Is Alimony the Last Feminist Taboo?

fibtastic · 3 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Some false information here but at least the question is being raised. Tough luck bitches. Excerpt:

'Phil was a great dad, but it wasn't like he had sacrificed his career to take care of the children and domestic work. "He's been working part time so he can do other things for his career," she said. Meanwhile, they—she—paid for a part-time cleaning lady and full-time child care. "So that he could pursue his hopes and dreams," she said.

While Andrea felt empathetic toward her ex—she still, despite everything, wanted him to be happy—there were practical concerns. For starters, she couldn't afford to support two households in New York City.

And there was another uncomfortable thought roiling in the back of her mind: a sense that "if the roles were reversed" and she were in Phil's shoes, if she were the lower-earning spouse, she might feel differently about the situation. "I feel so conflicted," she told me. "On the one hand, I want to be like, 'Sorry, it's not my job anymore to support your lifestyle.' On the other hand, if a man was speaking of his wife that way, we'd be like, 'What an asshole.'"

Andrea wasn't alone—not in being in this situation, or in feeling conflicted about it. In 2013, the number of households with kids under 18 featuring female primary breadwinners was 40 percent, according a study from Pew Research, up from 33 percent in 2005. And while as of 2010 only 3 percent of men received spousal support from their wives, that number might soon jump. "It's a huge issue," says Elise Pettus, the founder of a New York–based support group for divorcing women called UNtied. "And there's a big backlash against it," she says, in part because many of the women divorcing now—who, like Andrea, come from Generation X or older—find themselves caught between the views they grew up with and those of their parents, who came of age in the 1950s. "We all think we're feminists," Pettus says. "But our society hasn't fully caught up."'

Women of Iceland are now required to earn equal pay to men

mens_issues · 4 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Iceland has taken a big step in its attempt to close the gender pay gap by making illegal to pay women less than men for the same job. All companies and government agencies with more than 25 employees must now obtain an official certification to show that they give equal pay for work of equal value. Otherwise, they risk being fined.

Iceland's parliament, which is about 50 percent female, announced the legislation in March 2017, on International Women's day. It went into effect on Jan. 1.'

The Hidden Side of Paternity Fraud Trailer

Matt · 4 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Trailer here. Description:

'Women Against Paternity Fraud, a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational and advocacy organization, is proud to announce the upcoming release of our video, "The Hidden Side of Paternity Fraud." Paternity fraud experts, including Carnell Smith and Dianna Thompson, along with several victims have come together to tell their stories and to offer advice for anyone who has been affected by paternity fraud as well as anyone who is interested in learning more about paternity fraud and its consequences throughout society. The official video will be released January, 2018. Please subscribe to be the first to witness the uncovering of these stories of paternity fraud previously hidden from public view and understanding.'

Uni fires coach over admittedly unfounded sexual harassment allegations

Matt · 4 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Guilty even when proven innocent. A mere allegation is sufficient. I believe perhaps we should try accusing people of witchcraft too and see what happens. Excerpt:

'After the investigation began, the former employee hired an attorney and declined multiple requests to participate in the investigation into her allegation and was "unwilling to turn over communications that she alleged provided support for her allegations," the letter stated.

The investigation, which concluded Dec. 28, determined the allegation could not be substantiated, but, according to Heeke and Robbins, "Arizona Athletics did become aware of information, both before and during the investigation, which caused it to be concerned with the direction and climate of the football program.

"As a result, we have been reviewing the finding and deliberating our course of action. While this is a difficult decision, it is the right decision. And it is a decision that lives up to the core values of the University of Arizona."'

The Year Of Women's Anger Will Only Escalate Unless Women Stop Pretending They're Victims

Mastodon · 4 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many in the media are celebrating 2017 as the Year of Women, or to be more precise, the Year of Women's Anger, a backlash to 2016, also dubbed a year of anger—mainly that of populist, deplorable white men.

"Anger seeks an object," writer Sam Leith said in 2016. "It's very Newtonian. There's action and reaction, a divisive process which continues to accelerate division." The only way to reset culture and stop this cycle, he says, is "some sort of slow-motion catastrophe."

We didn't get that reset in 2017. We got more reaction, more anger, a backlash to the backlash, women pushing back against men, anger escalating into rage. While 2016 was seen as a great defeat to feminism—the "year the feminist bubble burst," as Michelle Goldberg of Slate put it—2017 was the year liberal women blew a bigger, darker bubble.

They came out in force with the Women's March, protesting the election of Donald Trump and women's so-called inequalities. Donning p-ssy hats, they took to the streets of America and across the globe to stand up for taxpayer-sponsored birth control, untaxed tampons, and the golden idol of feminism: abortion. They threw in pay equality for good measure, even though women already have it. What women really have is a wage gap, and that's the result of their own free choices, not the oppression of the "patriarchy."'

"No, it's not sexist to ban men from women-only spaces — here's why"

Mastodon · 5 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's true that allowing businesses to not sell tickets to someone based on race or gender or religion is a slippery legal slope. And just telling men that they should "calm down" about a group of women gathering for a comedy show is not enough. Men have been telling women that same thing for generations when they banned them from social clubs and other man-only zones. They should technically be allowed to buy tickets.

But men should think long and hard about taking up front row seats, chiming into a conversation, on top of examining exactly why they would want to be in a woman's safe space or party in the first place. Much like a white woman shouldn't be upset when women of color at work form their own group to talk about issues, or LGBTQ students form a club at school, or people of any religion have their own weekly prayer groups and meetings.
...
Maybe these dudes should stop trying to infiltrate women's safe spaces to prove that feminists are *so mean* and should form their own groups to figure out why we need these safe spaces to begin with. (Then again, we already know what happens when a bunch of butthurt men get together.) Considering the very real fear and discomfort that women experience every day in mixed company, maybe men should stop whining that they're not invited to the party. Their "problems" are not problems. Or hey, they can come in, fine, but they have to at least try to respect what's going on in the room. If they can't do that, they'll just have to be escorted out. That's not against the law.'

Publicly, We Say #MeToo. Privately, We Have Misgivings

Mastodon · 5 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'You can be sure that this weekend at the Golden Globes, Hollywood celebrities, not exactly known for their independent thinking, will turn the red carpet into a #MeToo moment replete with designer duds. Many have promised to wear black dresses to protest the stream of allegations against industry moguls and actors. Perhaps Meryl Streep will get grilled — again — about what she knew about Harvey Weinstein. The rest of us will diligently follow along on Twitter, sharing hashtags and suitably pious opprobrium.

But privately, I suspect, many of us, including many longstanding feminists, will be rolling our eyes, having had it with the reflexive and unnuanced sense of outrage that has accompanied this cause from its inception, turning a bona fide moment of moral accountability into a series of ad hoc and sometimes unproven accusations.

For many weeks now, the conversation that has been going on in private about this reckoning is radically different from the public one. This is not a good sign, suggesting the sort of social intimidation that is the underside of a culture of political correctness, such as we are increasingly living in.

The women I know — of all ages — have responded by and large with a mixture of slightly horrified excitement (bordering on titillation) as to who will be the next man accused and overt disbelief.'

New page added re what makes feminists/SJWs tick

Matt · 5 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

New page is here and also can be found in the Main Menu as a linked item.

Police dept. holds women-only recruitment event

charlie · 6 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

The St. Paul police department held a "women only" recruiting event. Excerpt:

'A first of its kind event in St. Paul on Saturday encouraged women of all ages to look into a career in law enforcement.

The police department hosted a "Women in Uniform Recruitment" opportunity.
...
The St. Paul Police Department has just more than 90 female officers, about 16 percent of the entire force.

"In recent years those numbers have dropped. Our last test last year, we had a real low number of women that took our entry-level police test," Dep. Chief Mary Nash said.

Nash said in the 90s there was a boom with female officers. She believes the recent national narrative of police impacts the numbers.

"Generating that interest and getting women into the pipeline to become police officers is really important," Nash said.'

New 'Feminist Business School' to Fight 'Masculine' Capitalism

Matt · 7 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'People who yearn to become entrepreneurs may find guidance at the new Feminist Business School, an online program that aims to help women launch businesses founded upon the theory of “feminine entrepreneurship” and “body-loving business practices.”

Starting next week, the California-based Feminist Business School will play host to an eight-week online “Concepts and Conceptions” course, during which seasoned “midwives” will teach women about the stages of giving “birth” to a new business.

Each week of the course will focus on a different topic. Students will start with “getting grounded,” and will eventually progress into more advanced topics such as “the myth of meritocracy,” the “stages of birthing a business,” and “toppling the patriarchy.”'

"Time to teach boys how not to be sexual predators"

Mastodon · 8 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'Editor:

I'd like to submit a response to Mike Lyga who, amid the sexual assault and harassment allegations of many high-powered men in positions of influence, is so very concerned with the definition of sexual assault in our society and how it may affect his courting practices.

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Second, I would like to say to Mr. Lyga, and anyone else who thinks that this is the appropriate response to what's happening, that your statement implies that we should continue to question a woman's interpretations of a man's actions toward her. This has been the standard operating procedure of society for a very long time. What we are seeing play out is a tremendously important time in history for women. What we are seeing now is women pushing back against the status quo.

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Yet, somehow, this shift is making many men uncomfortable. I wonder why their response to a situation like this is to try to defend themselves, instead of the victims? (I didn't put quotes around the word victim?)

I'll end with this. Women have been taught to do many things to defend ourselves against sexual assault. Maybe it's time we start teaching boys how NOT to be sexual predators instead.'

Former employee files a class action lawsuit against Google, saying it discriminates against white male conservatives

Matt · 8 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'James Damore, a former Google engineer who was fired in August after posting a memo to an internal Google message board arguing that women may not be equally represented in tech because they are biologically less capable of engineering, has filed a class action lawsuit against the company in Santa Clara Superior Court in Northern California.

His claims: that Google unfairly discriminates against white men whose political views are unpopular with its executives.

Damore is joined in the suit by another former Google engineer named David Gudeman, who spent three years with Google working on a query engine. According to Gudeman's LinkedIn profile, he left the company in December 2016 and has been self-employed since.'

French movie star defends men's 'right' to chat up women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'France's most revered actress Catherine Deneuve hit out Tuesday at a new "puritanism" sparked by sexual harassment scandals, declaring that men should be "free to hit on" women.

She was one of around 100 French women writers, performers and academics who wrote an open letter deploring the wave of "denunciations" that has followed claims that Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein raped and sexually assaulted women over decades.

They claimed that the "witch-hunt" that has followed threatens sexual freedom.

"Rape is a crime, but trying to seduce someone, even persistently or cack-handedly, is not -- nor is men being gentlemanly a macho attack," said the letter published in the daily Le Monde.

"Men have been punished summarily, forced out of their jobs when all they did was touch someone's knee or try to steal a kiss," said the letter, which was also signed by Catherine Millet, author of the hugely explicit 2002 bestseller "The Sexual Life of Catherine M.".'

#MeToo isn't about sexual harassment, it's about destroying masculinity

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'For years now it has been widely accepted, truth be damned, that women in America usually, if not always, get the short end of the stick. Turn on the television, flip through a magazine, or search America's airwaves and you'll be deluged with stories about women who wonder how their needs can best be met, how they can balance their lives better, or how they can deal with the myriad of problems and dangers they face. Women's grievances dominate the conversation, and it is women on the Left who lead the charge.

The thing about grievances is they're a lot like crabgrass: The more heat they get, the more it spreads. That's what's happening in Hollywood right now with the #MeToo movement and its faux concern for victims of sexual harassment.

The current outcry against men in power has nothing to do with giving a voice to victims. It's about putting feminists in power.
...
What would feminists do with this power? Among other things, destroy all that is left of men and masculinity. Listen carefully to Oprah's speech: "We all have lived too many years in a culture broken by brutally powerful men. For too long women have not been heard or believed if they dared to speak their truth to the power of those men. But their time is up."'

Korea: Kang Hyuk Min sues Han Seo Hee and her followers for labeling him a 'rapist-in-training'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Actor Kang Hyuk Min has sued Han Seo Hee.

Back in November last year, the actor had posted about Han Seo Hee reading,

"I think Han Seo Hee is out of her mind.
The feminism I know supports equality among men and women, but she curses out all men, makes fun of them, and puts them down.
The public doesn't listen to her, and real feminists do not support her.
She pollutes the meaning of 'feminism' in Korea, gives them a bad image, and actual feminists find her uncomfortable.
Now, when the public sees her, they just see her as someone who could not heal her injuries from the embarrassment and various comments that came from her scandal with a famous celebrity. That injury has festered, and that damaged person is praised by people who look down on men. It just looks like diseased people are just licking each other."

In response to his criticism, Han Seo Hee had labeled him a 'rapist-in-training', and her followers rushed to his Instagram to leave hate comments. On January 7, he revealed that he had sued Han Seo Hee and 10,000 commenters.'

False rape claim case going to trial

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'A former Sacred Heart University student, accused of making up rape allegations against two football players to gain sympathy from a perspective boyfriend, rejected a plea agreement for the second time Wednesday.

“Rejecting any kind of deal is part of the trial process,” said Stamford lawyer Ryan O’Neill, who represents 19-year-old Nikki Yovino. “We’re eager to get this case—especially the whole story of what happened and didn’t happen at that party—in front of a jury. There’s much more to this case than what’s being reported.”

Superior Court Judge Maureen Dennis tentatively scheduled the case for trial before a jury on Feb. 21.

“Both young men are prepared to testify at trial and let the facts be known,” said Bridgeport lawyer Frank Riccio, who represents the now former football players.'

Woman who made up gang rape story sent to prison after escape attempt

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'The woman who made up a harrowing-yet-false story of kidnapping and gang rape is now headed for prison after she tried to escape the custody of jail officers.

Leiha Ann-Sue Artman, 27, of Montague was sentenced Jan. 4 to 13 months to four years in the Michigan Department of Corrections after she pleaded to a charge of resisting and obstructing police.

Artman told Muskegon County Circuit Judge Annette Smedley that addiction has been the reason for her lawlessness, which has included multiple probation violations.

"I don't want to die before I reach 30," she told Smedley on her sentencing date, which was Artman's 27th birthday.'

"The Red Pill" is on Amazon Prime

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For those of you with Amazon Prime, it's here. Quick, before feminists besiege Amazon Customer Service with demands for its removal, let your friends know about it. Description:

"When a feminist filmmaker sets out to document the mysterious and polarizing world of the Men's Rights Movement, she begins to question her own beliefs."

Job Site Finds Women 48 Percent More Likely To Get Hired Than Men

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'A job site found Monday that women are 48 percent more likely to get hired than men.

TalentWorks, a site specializing in mentoring and matching applicants to jobs, reported the statistic after analyzing over 4,000 job applications. The site also laid out 10 tips, such as using buzzwords, applying on Mondays instead of Fridays, and not listing oneself as a “team player” to improve employment prospects.

“Resumes with obviously female names had a +48.3% higher chance of getting an interview,” said Kushal Chakrabarti, CEO of TalentWorks in the report. “Dozens of studies show that women often don’t get what they deserve (basically) because they don’t ask for it. This shows that, when women do ask for what they deserve, they’re often recognized for it. [Emphasis theirs]”'

Judge approves ‘Title IX retaliation’ claims against university that fired father of accused student

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'Tom Rossley accused the university he served for 23 years of “Title IX retaliation” when it fired him in 2016, following his unsuccessful pleas for his son, a disabled student accused of sexual assault.

Now a federal judge has allowed the former trustee’s lawsuit against both Drake University and his former colleagues to go forward, saying Rossley’s allegations fit a precedent on “third-party retaliation” under federal discrimination law.

U.S. District Judge Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger denied the private university’s motion to dismiss just before Christmas, even while dismissing some of Rossley’s individual claims.

His son’s own lawsuit moved forward last August when Ebinger, who is also hearing his case, refused Drake’s motion to dismiss.'

The Myth of Toxic Masculinity

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'In these strange political times, it's very fashionable to trash men. 'Toxic masculinity' has become the prefabricated phrase of choice bolted on to every problem involving men. Such lazy use of language would have George Orwell turning in his grave.

The toxic masculinity argument demands that men need to be fixed, re-educated and reprogrammed. This baseless assumption, founded on nonsense psychologism, is deeply insulting. What would happen if another identity group were told that they were flawed and lacking, and must be re-educated? We're in danger of returning to the days when pathologising certain groups was regarded as normal – when homosexuality was treated and accepted as a mental illness, of women were labelled hysterics.

The discussion of toxic masculinity doesn't really have much interest in helping men, either. It was interesting that last year's International Men's Day came and went without much fuss, considering it was sandwiched by two male suicides. The first was Carl Sargeant, a Labour Party MP who killed himself after being accused of non-criminal sexual harassment (Sargeant died not knowing his accuser or the allegations against him). The second suicide was a paid Labour Party employee. No doubt the relative silence about these two suicides is an attempt to downplay the Kafkaesque witch-hunt of men following the #MeToo campaign. Many mental-health charities concerned with male suicide also failed to mention these tragic events.'

Hoyer calls Pelosi's 'five white guys' remark offensive

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (Md.) on Thursday blasted Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's (D-Calif.) remarks about white men working on an immigration agreement as "offensive."

“The five white guys I call them, you know," Pelosi said, referring to five bipartisan lawmakers, including Hoyer, leading efforts to salvage the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. All five of the male lawmakers are white.

"Are they going to open a hamburger stand next or what?" she said, referring to the popular fast food restaurant "Five Guys."

Hoyer pushed back against the remarks.

“That comment is offensive. I am committed to ensuring DREAMers are protected and I will welcome everyone to the table who wants to get this done,” he told Politico in a statement, using the nickname referring to recipients of the DACA program.'

Uni president exonerated in sexual misconduct investigation report, quits anyway

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Article here. Excerpt:

'University of Rochester President Joel Seligman announced his resignation Thursday, just hours after the release of a report on sexual misconduct on campus.

The news came late Thursday afternoon, just as his silence on the Mary Jo White report was becoming conspicuous. That report, which examined the university's response to sexual misconduct allegations in the Brain and Cognitive Sciences department, largely approved the role Seligman and his cabinet played in the affair.

His decision to resign, though, was made before the White report came out.

In an email to the campus, he wrote: "It is clear to me that the best interests of the University are best served with new leadership, and a fresh perspective to focus on healing our campus and moving us forward in a spirit of cooperation and unity."'

Video interview with a male former feminist

Minuteman · 12 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. From the interviewer's YouTube page desciption:

'Rogue Conservative - No idea is above scrutiny and every idea deserves it.'

The Misogyny of #MeToo

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'If you want to see misogyny – real, visceral, woman-shaming misogyny, the kind that views women as incapable of thinking for themselves, or as possessors of such foul thoughts that they shouldn't think for themselves – look no further than #MeToo. Forget those tragic internet threads inhabited by men whose fury with women is one part concern about feminism and nine parts because they've never had sex; look, instead, at the thoroughly mainstream, celebrity-endorsed #MeToo movement whose fear of men is easily matched – outdone now, in fact – by its seething contempt for women who think for themselves.

Consider what has happened to Katie Roiphe over the past 48 hours. Roiphe is one of America's most interesting essayists and authors, having come to public prominence with her precocious 1994 book The Morning After: Sex, Fear and Feminism and going on to write everything from cultural criticism to a book on famous writers' dying hours. She is currently the target of a most extraordinary Twitterstorm – a furious, censorious rage not over something she has said, but over something people think she is going to say in a future issue of Harper's. We've had precrime; this is precensorship, the violent-minded punishment of an author for what she might at some point utter.'

It’s Time to Resist the Excesses of #MeToo

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'No one is or should be defending abuse of power. It’s foul. I’m glad certain monsters have been toppled. (For the record, I routinely believe the women in specific cases. I believed Anita Hill, Paula Jones, Kathleen Willey, and Juanita Broaddrick and did so on the record.) But nuance, context, and specifics matter. The Deneuve letter rightly insisted: “Rape is a crime. But insistent or clumsy flirting is not a crime, nor is gallantry a chauvinist aggression.” The manifesto observed the censorious Victorianism about some of the rhetoric, and the public invasion of private matters. But the French signatories also worried about due process: “This expedited justice already has its victims, men prevented from practicing their profession as punishment, forced to resign, etc., while the only thing they did wrong was touching a knee, trying to steal a kiss, or speaking about ‘intimate’ things at a work dinner, or sending messages with sexual connotations to a woman whose feelings were not mutual.” South Park, as usual, was ahead of the curve. Its season finale last month portrayed an office romance between PC Principal and a new character, Strong Woman. And at the mere suggestion of an affair between them, everyone instantly projectile vomits in disgust. What other response could there be to the idea of a relationship between co-workers?'

It's not just 'mansplaining': Here are some more words to describe things men do wrong

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men do bad things with shocking consistency — that's why we have words like manspreading, mansplaining, and hepeating.

But there's an endless list of other male flaws out there that are as yet unlabeled ... until now. Sort of.

The list below should help better prepare you for the next time you have to interact with a man. Use these words to properly — but probably not that easily — point out bad male behavior.'

Australia: New Initiatives Offer Jobs, Funding to Women Only

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'For years, universities and funding organizations have attempted to address women's underrepresentation among science faculty, whether by removing barriers to recruitment and retention or trying to dispel biases among employers and grant makers. Two newly announced programs take the less common, more contentious approach of affirmative action—offering positions or funding specifically for female investigators.

One program launched in 2017 in Australia, where the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) developed an initiative to fund more research by female scientists. Another is in Germany, where the Max Planck Society created a program to start in 2018 to increase the number of research groups led by women each year.

"The initiatives are very interesting—and bound to be controversial," MIT biologist Nancy Hopkins writes in an email to The Scientist. "People will say there aren't enough women who are as good as the great men of the Max Planck Institute. And for sure no one wants the institution to lower its standard—least of all would women want it to do so!"'

Beware of an anti-male moral panic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To call the downfall of Hollywood titan Harvey Weinstein precipitous feels like an understatement. On Thursday, The New York Times reported that the Miramax chief had quietly settled at least eight sexual harassment complaints over the years. They involved serious allegations that ranged from groping to demanding nude massages. On Sunday, after the mogul's attempt at rehabilitation and damage control was undercut by new claims of abusive behavior, the Weinstein company fired its co-founder.

It's a striking morality tale. But what is the moral?

In a climate in which both partisan politics and gender politics are already at fever pitches, responses to the Weinstein revelations have focused mainly on two themes: liberal hypocrisy on women's issues and male abuse of women.'

Am I a bad feminist?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It seems that I am a "Bad Feminist." I can add that to the other things I've been accused of since 1972, such as climbing to fame up a pyramid of decapitated men's heads (a leftie journal), of being a dominatrix bent on the subjugation of men (a rightie one, complete with an illustration of me in leather boots and a whip) and of being an awful person who can annihilate – with her magic White Witch powers – anyone critical of her at Toronto dinner tables. I'm so scary! And now, it seems, I am conducting a War on Women, like the misogynistic, rape-enabling Bad Feminist that I am.

...

This structure – guilty because accused – has applied in many more episodes in human history than Salem. It tends to kick in during the "Terror and Virtue" phase of revolutions – something has gone wrong, and there must be a purge, as in the French Revolution, Stalin's purges in the USSR, the Red Guard period in China, the reign of the Generals in Argentina and the early days of the Iranian Revolution. The list is long and Left and Right have both indulged. Before "Terror and Virtue" is over, a great many have fallen by the wayside. Note that I am not saying that there are no traitors or whatever the target group may be; simply that in such times, the usual rules of evidence are bypassed.

Such things are always done in the name of ushering in a better world. Sometimes they do usher one in, for a time anyway. Sometimes they are used as an excuse for new forms of oppression. As for vigilante justice – condemnation without a trial – it begins as a response to a lack of justice – either the system is corrupt, as in prerevolutionary France, or there isn't one, as in the Wild West – so people take things into their own hands. But understandable and temporary vigilante justice can morph into a culturally solidified lynch-mob habit, in which the available mode of justice is thrown out the window, and extralegal power structures are put into place and maintained. The Cosa Nostra, for instance, began as a resistance to political tyranny.'

An idea for women to avoid contact with men

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It just came to me. Certain women/girls, probably feminists but not necessarily, may for whatever reasons seek to avoid contact with men/boys. They avoid starting conversations with men, eye contact, etc. They limit contact to just absolutely necessary interactions. And there is a greater chance such women will conclude quickly that something he says is unwanted/offensive/etc. It's better therefore for men to avoid initiating contact with such women. But how can you tell who are the "Buzz off, man" kind?

How about this: women who want minimal contact with men can pin a small red reflective disc to their shirt/blouse/etc. Red of course represents "stop", like a red traffic light. We call them Minimal Male Contact Badges", or MMCBs for short.

By "minimal," it is understood not to mean "No Contact" but instead necessary contact only. So for example if she needs the help of a male cop or fire-fighter, of course they can exchange words. If a male server attends her at a diner, it's understood he must talk to her. But unless he needs to convey necessary information to her or has a need to get same from her in particular, the MMCB acts as a *request* for minimal contact. Sporting one it should be noted creates no obligation on mens' parts to comply.

Now MANN readers, I ask for your opinions on this idea. Please comment.

Policing Sexual Desire

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The New York Times now has a “gender editor” and “gender team,” created in the wake of the #MeToo movement to infuse feminist sensibility even further throughout the paper. The gender editor, Jessica Bennett, penned an op-ed last month that serves as a template for the hypocritical state of modern feminism. Bennett had unforced sex with a 30-year-old acquaintance when she was 19 because “saying ‘yes’ [was] easier than saying ‘no,’” as the op-ed’s title puts it. She allowed the encounter to proceed out of “some combination of fear (that I wasn’t as mature as he thought), shame (that I had let it get this far), and guilt (would I hurt his feelings?).” Naturally, Bennett attributes her passivity and embarrassment at that moment to “dangerously outdated gender norms.” It is the patriarchy, she claims, that makes “even seemingly straightforward ideas about sex—such as, you know, whether we want to engage in it or not—feel utterly complex.”

Actually, it is not the patriarchy that makes sexual decisions “utterly complex”; it is sex itself. Sex is the realm of the inarticulate and irrational, inherently fraught with “fear,” “shame,” and “guilt.” Sexual seduction is carried on through ambiguity and indirection; exposing that ambiguity to light, naming what may or may not be going on, is uncomfortable and risks denial and rejection. “Dangerously outdated gender norms” are not what make it difficult to say no to sexual advances; contemporarygender norms have confused these already fraught situations. Traditional mores set the default for premarital sex at “no,” at least for females. This default recognized the different sexual drives of males and females and the difficulties of bargaining with the male libido. The default “no” to premarital sex meant that a female did not have to negotiate the refusal with every opportuning male; it was simply assumed. She could, of course, cast aside the default assumption; that was her power and prerogative. But she did not have to provide reasons for shutting down a sexual advance.'

Aziz Ansari Is Guilty of Not Being a Mind Reader

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm apparently the victim of sexual assault. And if you're a sexually active woman in the 21st century, chances are that you are, too.

That is what I learned from the "exposé" of Aziz Ansari published this weekend by the feminist website Babe — arguably the worst thing that has happened to the #MeToo movement since it began in October. It transforms what ought to be a movement for women's empowerment into an emblem for female helplessness.
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Pu+ in other words: I am angry that you weren't able to read my mind.

It is worth carefully studying Grace's story. Encoded in it are new yet deeply retrograde ideas about what constitutes consent — and what constitutes sexual violence.

We are told by the reporter that Grace "says she used verbal and nonverbal cues to indicate how uncomfortable and distressed she was." She adds that "whether Ansari didn't notice Grace's reticence or knowingly ignored it is impossible for her to say." We are told that "he wouldn't let her move away from him," in the encounter.'

Stop Feministsplaining Sex to Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's a word that has become popular in feminist circles these days: "mansplaining." The word is a mashup of "man" and "explaining" and refers to men who condescendingly explain the facts of life to women. So, for example, if a man believes a woman doesn't understand directions and slowly repeats those directions to a woman, he's mansplaining and, therefore, guilty of cruelty and stupidity.

Well, feminists, it's time to stop "feministsplaining" sex to men.

The #MeToo movement has been good for America. It's good that women who have been sexually assaulted and abused are coming forward; it's good that we're finally having conversations about the nature of consent and the problems with a casual hookup culture that obfuscates sexual responsibility. But the #MeToo movement hasn't stopped there. Men are now being pilloried for the sin of taking women too literally -- of not reading women's minds.'

GOP accuses Cory Booker of 'mansplaining' to Homeland Security secretary in bigotry lecture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Booker, who is black, told Nielsen that racism and violent white supremacism festers when people don't speak up about it, that he and other minority senators had faced death threats, and that Nielsen's "silence and amnesia is complicity."

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Video clips of the exchange, which included Booker sharply cutting Nielsen off when she tried to respond, went viral on the Internet. Along with acclaim from supporters, Booker faced criticism, with some saying his outrage was feigned, something he learned from actors who contributed to his campaigns. Others said his treatment of Nielsen was akin to assault.

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The RNC sent out in an email with pictures of Booker gesturing angrily and accusing him of spending 10 minutes "mansplaining" about immigration policy to the woman who runs the department responsible for it.

The release said that if a male Republican had done what Booker did to Nielsen, "there'd be a hashtag within minutes, campus protests across the country, and the topic-du-jour for celebrities at Hollywood's next award show."'

A False Accusation and Unfair Investigation Derailed This Student Athlete's Life

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'In 2014, a white female student at the University of Findlay accused two black athletes of sexually assaulting her. The university expelled the two men—a basketball player and a football player—24 hours later, without bothering to interview witnesses who would have contradicted the accusation. According to the two men's lawsuit against Findlay, investigators didn't even interview the young woman.

In my original write-up of the lawsuit, I called it perhaps the most blatantly unfair Title IX case I had ever covered. (Title IX is the federal statute prohibiting sex-based discrimination in education.)

That dispute is still working its way through the courts. In the meantime, one of the young men—Alphonso Baity, now 23—was finally able to find a basketball program that would let him on the team: Duquesne University. That was quite an accomplishment; students expelled for sexual misconduct can have a tough time earning admission to another school, no matter how farcical the charges against them.

But Baity recently got some bad news. The National College Athletic Association won't let him play.'

Chris Cuomo Tells RNC Chairwoman What Mansplaining Is

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CNN's Chris Cuomo tried arguing the definition of "mansplaining" with Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel during a Wednesday "New Day" segment.

"Part of the fallout wound up being the Senate panel interviewing the Homeland Secretary Nielsen and her saying she doesn't recall. She got into it with Cory Booker. You accused Booker of mansplaining to Nielsen, Sec. Nielsen, who is of course a woman. Why? Why did you call it that?" Cuomo asked.
...
"How is it mansplaining? Just because she's a woman, that's what you're saying. Because they talk to people like that all the time. They talk to men like that all the time," Cuomo replied.'

CBS Comedy: Debunked Gender Wage Gap Exists, Men are 'Dopes' and 'Idiots'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In case you haven't seen the overused, far-left, anti-Trump hashtag, #Resist enough, the extremely liberal CBS "comedy" Superior Donuts made sure to repeat it in an outrageously biased and inaccurate portrayal of the debunked gender wage gap myth on Monday's episode, "Sofia's Choice." And they threw in a bit of male-bashing for good measure, too.

Business owner and frequent donut shop patron Fawz (Maz Jobrani) announces that he needs to hire extra security guards after recent break-ins in one of his apartment buildings. He ends up hiring two other regulars from the shop owned by main character Arthur Przybyszewski (Judd Hirsch) - Carl 'Tush' Tushinski (David Koechner) and Officer Randy DeLuca (Katey Sagal) who is on a temporary leave of absence.

While on the job, Randy discovers that Fawz is paying Tush $20 per hour, but is only paying her $17 despite her being more qualified. Randy decides to confront Fawz about the issue and that's when the gender wage gap myth is brought up, along with the anti-Trump "#Resist" cliché.'

UK: Another rape trial collapses under scrutiny

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A third rape case in just over a month has collapsed after it emerged images from the defendant's phone showing him cuddling the alleged victim were not disclosed.

The case against Samson Makele, 28, was halted after his defence team unearthed vital photographs from his mobile phone which had not been made available.

Mr Makele, originally from Eritrea, was accused of raping a woman after they met at Notting Hill Carnival in 2016 but he always claimed the sex was consensual.

And his case, which was due to begin next month, was thrown out after more than a dozen photographs were found which showed the pair naked and cuddling in bed.
...
It follows the collapse of two rape cases in December, which sparked an urgent review by Scotland Yard into around 30 sex cases.

Mr Makele's lawyer, Paris Theodorou, said an error in judgment or an inaccuracy in unveiling evidence, could cause 'irreparable damage'.'

Cathy Newman's catastrophic interview with Jordan Peterson

Matt · 19 January 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the magazine this week I have written a piece about the Canadian Professor Jordan Peterson. He has been in the UK over the last week to talk about his new book 12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos. Among many other things – much more of which I go into in the piece – his visit showed up the UK's broadcast media in a very bad light.

On Saturday morning, Peterson made an appearance on Radio 4's Today programme. They gave him a hurried four minutes at the end of the show. They could have quizzed him on almost anything and got a point of view different from almost any other they had ever allowed their listeners to hear. Instead they decided to treat him in an alternately jocular and hostile manner. First: 'Look at this whacky Canadian from out of town'. Then: 'warning signs: heretic'. The Today programme wasted the opportunity.

But they scored a veritable home-run compared to the interview Cathy Newman did with him yesterday for Channel 4 News. The full half-hour interview is available online. If I was Channel 4 I would take it down. If I was Cathy Newman I would sue or seek a super-injunction. I don't think I have ever witnessed an interview that is more catastrophic for the interviewer.'

"We’re Not Done Here"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The terms of this war of sex and power have changed, and so have the weapons. Physical violence and threat won’t work for you here. You are trying to fight against whispers and rumors and inference, against righteous rage, against charges of hypocrisy, exploitation, and crass dehumanization that hit home with career-ending accuracy. And you’re trying to fight this war with an arsenal you don’t know how to use, against an army that has been training with these weapons for generations, because these tools of emotional warfare are the only ones they have ever been allowed, because they are women.

You are going to lose.

I don’t care that you’re fighting on your home terrain, that you’ve always been told that sex and power belonged to you and you could set the terms. You want to fight women over who has been more wronged in the field of sex and power. A lot of people also tried to invade Russia in the winter.

I’m sorry to break it to you, but women are not out of control here. They are very, very angry. There’s a difference. Turns out that this is not a runaway train, that women are still driving this sexual revolution — for that is what it is — and the pain and rage fueling the engines are far more profound than we wanted to imagine. It turns out that women want more. More than the right simply to go about our working lives without being constantly sexually harassed. More from men than just being able to keep their fool hands to themselves in the office. It turns out that this is also about the bedroom. It always has been. It’s terrifying, I know, but yes — women want more, women expect better, and it’s time we got it.'

University Class Will Analyze ‘Violent White Masculinity’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A spring course at Ohio State University will analyze the “construction of violent white masculinity.”

According to a report from The College Fix, a new course at The Ohio State University will focus on “white male masculinity” and its manifestations. One of the course’s assigned readings focuses exclusively on the “construction of violent white masculinity.”

Jackson Katz, in his article about the “construction of violent white masculinity,” argues that media portrayals of “white masculinity” glorify violence. “The appeal of violent behavior for men, including its rewards, is coded into mainstream advertising in numerous ways,” Katz writes.

The course’s instructor, Jonathan Branfman, describes the course in the syllabus as an exploration of various expressions of masculinity. “This course analyzes cultural ideas about masculinity, and how they relate to ideas about race, sexuality, and citizenship,” the syllabus reads. “Because we will emphasize how masculine expectations vary between cultures, places, and eras, we will use the plural term masculinities. The class introduces students to foundational feminist and queer analytical tools about masculinities, and especially the field known as men’s studies or feminist masculinity studies.”'

Bill Maher Says #MeToo Is Descending Into #MeCarthyism

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'Maher continued to cite many criticisms of the movement, including the fact that Al Franken had to be “roadkill on the zero tolerance highway.” He also defended Matt Damon, who was criticized for his comments weeks ago on the matter.'

Employee Lawsuit Reveals Google as Intolerant Race Cult

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Google engineer James Damore's class action complaint describes a creepy cult-like orthodoxy at Google, where dissent is smashed, and the color of your skin is far more important than the content of your character. Reading the complaint is a deep dive into wicked, racial groupthink, and a frightening reminder that it really can happen here. At Google, it does.
...
This article cannot possibly capture all of the rancid, racialist, thuggish things going on at Google, so I'd urge you to take time to read the whole complaint. It's like reading Solzhenitsyn's travel log from Ekibastuze. It reveals nothing short of the psychologies of totalitarianism in their timeless forms. The purges. The moral relativism. The threats. The lists of enemies. The upside-down world of the wicked justifying their wickedness.
...
Damore's worst sin at Google was to be white and male and to presume that shouldn't matter. In this, Damore was up against the roaring prevailing winds from the Left, where "whiteness" is wickedness, where "maleness" is a construct, and where the bright young things at the tech giant are remaking the world in their own image.

Just like Jim Crow of yesteryear, Google "formed opinions about and then treated Plaintiffs not based on their individual merits, but rather memberships in groups with assumed characteristics," the complaint reads.'

Why this man who barged in on his cheating wife could go to jail for 15 years

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'A husband caught his wife cheating, and now he's facing up to 15 years in jail.

Sean Donis's wife, Nancy Donis, 38, said she was going to dinner. Donis stayed behind to watch their 5-year-old son. When he couldn't find his iPad, he turned on the Find My iPhone app to locate it.

The software showed the electronic device moving toward an unknown location; he had a hunch that his wife had taken it, and he decided to follow. He arrived at a house and opened the unlocked door. On the second floor, he found his wife in bed with her boss, Albert Lopez, 58. With his iPhone, he recorded two brief videos of them in bed.

The New Jersey man got a letter last July informing him that a grand jury had indicted him on charges of felony burglary and unlawful surveillance for the April 2016 incident.
...
However, despite the fact that Lopez slept with Donis's wife, prosecutor Nabeela Mcleod asserted that Lopez was a victim — a victim of Donis's breaking and entering his home and recording him and Donis's wife without their consent (Donis shared the videos with his wife's relatives). He now faces a possible maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.'

Commentary: The feminist war on common sense

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'Here's where we get to the heart of the matter: Contemporary feminism isn't really about getting results. It's not about treating men and women as human beings with equal rights, equal agency and equal worth. It's a blind pursuit of a goofy ideology, no matter the cost to women. Men and women are different, and despite the best efforts of our friends at Vox, that's probably not going to change. But that's only because we're "socialized" that way, today's feminists tell us. To rectify the situation, among other things, young women should act like the most boorish of men, hooking up early and often and without a second thought. "I don't wander into casual sex expecting it to yield a relationship," wrote one woman recently in The New York Times' "Modern Love" column, after spending hundreds of words describing herself doing exactly that.

Clearly, our "sexual ethic" is a train wreck mixed with a dumpster fire mixed with a five-hour toddler birthday party with unlimited cookies and soda at your local Chuck E. Cheese. Today's feminists are right about one thing: Our culture is in desperate need of repair. The first step, however, involves ignoring a large chunk of advice from feminists. No offense, but I suspect their "help" will only make things worse.'

Report: Male Writer Fired from ‘Megyn Kelly Today’ After Complaining About ‘Toxic’ Bullying

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'The male head writer of Megyn Kelly Today was fired after complaining about the show’s reported toxic environment of bullying and harassment, reports the Daily Mail.

Kevin Bleyer, an Emmy winner with a resume that includes the Daily Show and a stint writing speeches for former President Obama, served as the head writer of Megyn Kelly’s hour of the Today Show until he reportedly complained directly to NBC News president Noah Oppenheim about the alleged abusive nature of the show’s top producers, Jackie Levin and Christine Cataldi.

Some of the alleged abuse is directed at female staffers.'

Oxford University extends time for maths and computer science exams in bid to help women get better grades

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'Oxford University has extended time for maths and computer science exams in a bid to help women get better grades.

Undergraduates were given 105 minutes to complete their papers, rather 90.

There was no change in difficulty or the length of questions and female students were said to do better as a result.

Dons trialed the changes to allow women to achieve higher results, with just seven female maths finalists achieving firsts last year compared with 45 men.

The proposals were put forward to reduce the 'undue effects of time pressure' which the prestigious university believe effects women more than men, reports the Sunday Times.

However, critics have slammed the changes as 'sexist' as they believe it suggests that women are the weaker sex.'

A Checklist For Everyday Sexism Against MEN. Are You Guilty?

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1. Expecting him to foot the bill when you go out.
2. Expecting him to pick you up and drop you off when you can easily get a cab instead.
3. Having him do the heavy lifting when you are perfectly capable of it yourself.
4. Expecting him to get you flowers/presents when you don't.
5. Expecting him to make the first move, whether it is calling or kissing or proposing.
6. Telling him he won't understand something because he is a man.
7. Thinking, saying or living on the belief that "all men are assholes".'

2018 Will Be the Year Feminists Target Little Boys

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'According to Time, all men are inevitably “angry.” The only way to stem this drastic tide of “angry” men is to raise them as follows: "At a young age, this should be done explicitly, in organized forums for discussions at school," Faith Salie writes. "It must be done relentlessly and organically, in our family homes. Parents must invite their sons to be sad, afraid, hurt, silly and affectionate, and must embrace them as often as they snuggle their daughters. Sweet boys learn early on that they can defend themselves against loneliness by reaching out and asking for support rather than turning into people who, literally, grab for power. Sweet boys evolve into open-hearted men who aren’t confused about consent and sexual boundaries, because they experience women as equals.
...
Permit me to get truly feminist for a moment and suggest that even the mythical powers of the unicorn are phallic, as is the fencing foil Salie’s daughter crafts out of a kite. But, if a girl is in charge of the pointed object in question it’s perfectly okay. Salie isn’t arguing in favor of gender equality; she’s arguing in favor of stripping all men of their sense of an autonomous self. According to Salie, it isn’t the man himself, but the man who holds a position – any position -- of authority that is truly evil.'

#MeToo and the Taboo Topic of Nature

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'... Even the newest generation of feminists concede this on the quiet. Although they will organize to shut down an entire magazine to prevent an airing of an alternative view of gender, they are not currently campaigning to shut down the Planet Earth series because it reveals that in almost every species, males and females behave differently — very differently — and there appears to be no “patriarchy” in place to bring this about at all. They know enough not to push their argument into places where it will seem to be, quite obviously, ridiculous. But it is strikingly obvious that for today’s progressives, humans are the sole species on this planet where gender differentiation has no clear basis in nature, science, evolution, or biology. This is where they are as hostile to Darwin as any creationist.

And this is stupid. The alternative explanation — that these core natural differences between men and women have been supplemented by centuries of conscious oppression — is staring us in the face. The fascinating conundrum is where one ends and the other begins. How much of this difference is natural and how much is social? That is the question. And the answer is a tricky one. Is the fact that the vast majority of construction workers are male and the huge majority of nurses are female a function of sexism or nature? Is male sexual aggression and horniness a function of patriarchy or testosterone? Is the fact that women now outnumber men among college graduates a function of reverse sexism or nature?

...

And men, especially young men in this environment, will begin to ask questions about why they are now routinely seen as a “problem,” and why their sex lives are now fair game for any journalist. And because our dialogue is now so constrained, and the fact of natural sexual differences so actively suppressed by the academy and the mainstream media, they will find the truths about nature in other contexts. They will stumble across alt-right websites that deploy these truths to foment an equal and opposite form of ideology, soaked in actual misogyny, and become convinced that every sexual interaction is a zero-sum battlefield. They will see this as a war between the genders, not as a way to advance the freedom of both. They will fight back, and in this tribalized culture, the conflict will intensify. Suppress debate, ban ideas from civil conversation, and you won’t abolish these ideas. You will hand them to the worst bigots and give them credibility.'

'Davos Man needs to listen': WEF 2018 co-chaired entirely by women

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'For the first time in the 48-year history of the World Economic Forum (WEF), the 2018 summit in Davos, Switzerland will be chaired entirely by women.

The move, a response to previous criticism about the prominence of men in the running of the event, will see seven women on 2018's meeting.

The co-chairs of the event include International Monetary Fund Director Christine Lagarde, IBM Chief Executive Ginni Rometty and Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg.

Solberg told CNBC ahead of the summit that it was "an honor to be asked to be co-chair at the World Economic Forum this year."

"I look forward to meeting representatives from the business sector, politics and various organizations to discuss how we can bring the world forward," she said.
...
"Davos Man needs to listen if he cares about his families and particularly about the question of equality and equal opportunity for his daughters," Burrow, general-secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), said. "If you ask me whether this rise of the alpha leader has created a wave of misogyny, you know my answer is yes."'

Jordan Peterson harassed far worse than Cathy Newman after interview

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'After she was crushed by Professor Jordan Peterson in a TV debate, Channel 4's Cathy Newman claimed to be the victim of a violent online hate campaign, yet a study of tweets proves that it was in fact Peterson who received more violent threats as a result of the controversy.

As we highlighted last week, Newman expected to be able to derail Peterson by trotting out the usual "sexist" and "misogynist" cliches, but she was hit with a relentless barrage of common sense and razor sharp logic from Peterson that literally left her speechless at one point.
...
However, the only evidence of such threats appeared to be people on social media calling Newman a "bitch" and an "idiot".

A subsequent investigation of tweets aimed at both Peterson and Newman following the debate found that Peterson received 30 times more abuse than Newman.

According to the data, just two tweets that could be construed at violent were aimed at Newman, while eight violent tweets were aimed at Peterson and his supporters.

In addition, Newman received zero threats of sexist violence compared to 55 threats of sexist violence aimed at Peterson.'

Women-only co-working space opens in Chicago

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'There's another new option for entrepreneurs looking for shared office space in downtown Chicago. But not if they have a Y chromosome.

Adding to a flurry of co-working outfits that have popped up around downtown Chicago in recent years, former entertainment and media executive Alicia Driskill last month launched EvolveHer, a collaborative office space in River North meant to offer the same workplace flexibility touted by industry giants like WeWork, but for women only.

Tucked into an open concept, 5,000-square-foot loft at 358 W. Ontario St., the office is a different spin on the co-working trend that Driskill is betting will attract female entrepreneurs looking for shared space that comes with a community of other women in business.

"We really wanted to create a space that fosters collaboration," said Driskill, a 39-year-old former vice president of global partnerships at entertainment agency WME-IMG, who is funding the venture on her own. "We want this to be the members' space. This is about building it together."'

Why Men Are Being Wrongly Accused Of Rape

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'A false allegation is an accusation that the complainant knows never actually occurred. But, as Professor Phil Rumney details, there may be false allegations that fall outside this definition, such as ‘non-malicious allegations from people with particular medical conditions who genuinely believe they are victims of rape or other sexual offences, but who are mistaken’. For some women, then, a false accusation may be founded upon a genuine belief that they were raped. Additionally, as Rumney points out, a person may allege rape without understanding what the legal definition of rape entails.

We are unlikely to know what drove the women making false accusations against Allan, Mears and Makele. But the #MeToo movement has brought to light a great deal of confusion around the meaning of rape. An Everyday Feminism article titled ‘How do I know if I’ve been raped?’ begins by stating: ‘There are a lot of lies out there that can make it hard to know if you were raped.’ But the difficulty of knowing whether or not you are a victim of a crime suggests the crime itself is now vaguely and subjectively defined.
...
Wrongful rape convictions are terrible for men who face the very real threat of imprisonment. They are also bad for women, convinced they are victims and unable to move on with their lives. To stop this, police need the resources to investigate crimes fully and we need to challenge the ‘believe the victim’ culture. But we also need to tell women that drunk sex, regretted sex and unwanted sex are not rape. For a rapist to be convicted he must know that his victim did not consent or was unable to consent to sex. Consent classes and the #MeToo movement risk presenting women as passive, fragile creatures lacking all capacity to tell men to remove wayward hands or that they do not want to have sex with them. This can only lead to more rape trials and more lives ruined in the future.'

Brett Ratner Defends Defamation Lawsuit Against Accuser

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'While several Hollywood men have publicly denied accusations of sexual harassment and assault, Brett Ratner is one of few who have sued over the claims — and he's asking a Hawaii judge to keep his defamation suit alive.

In November, the director sued Melanie Kohler for allegedly publishing false rape claims about him on Facebook.

The lawsuit followed an explosive Los Angeles Times report in which six women, not including Kohler, claimed they were sexually assaulted or harassed by Ratner. In her Facebook post, Kohler said Ratner "preyed" on her while she was drunk more than a decade ago.

Kohler earlier this month asked the court to toss the complaint, arguing it was "threadbare" and failed to demonstrate that she acted with malice. Her attorneys also asked the judge to consider whether California's anti-SLAPP statute, which brings an early end to suits arising from First Amendment protected activities, should apply — even though the suit was filed in Hawaii federal court.

In a Monday filing, Ratner's attorney Andrew Brettler argues that the complaint was more than sufficient.

"This case is very simple," he writes. "Defendant publicly accused Mr. Ratner of raping her — an allegation which he vehemently denies. As a result, Mr. Ratner filed this lawsuit against Defendant for defamation based on her false accusation of rape."'

Wikipedia on Ratner here.

"Will #MeToo be a turning point for younger girls, too?"

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'She said she has also noticed a "huge difference" in relationships with boys. Girls and boys used to feel afraid and ashamed to talk about difficult topics such as rape and consent, but #MeToo has "broken that barrier and made us feel more comfortable" discussing these issues, she said.

Boys also seem to be more comfortable asking questions they might have been afraid or reluctant to ask before, Allegra said. Questions such as, what is healthy masculinity?

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They are also getting mixed messages in the classroom, Hurley said.

"We have this dichotomy where girls consistently outperform boys in the classroom, but boys consistently out-talk girls in the classroom," she said.

...

"Just as girls need to learn to stand up to behavior that silences them, boys need to learn how and when to stand down," Hurley said. "Teaching boys not only to respect their female peers, but to embrace what they have to offer, plays an integral role in shifting the current narrative that holds girls back."'

Feminism is not a licence to hate men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Anita Erskine has disagreed with feminists who believe they are at war with men, arguing that feminism is more about empowering women than blaming men.

According to the celebrated TV & radio personality, feminism is a positive concept which centres more on a woman and their beliefs and abilities.

It is not about casting blames on men as the cause of everything wrong with women.

“I love being a feminist…a feminist is someone who understands the basis of her beliefs, who is eager to teach another generation of women the rights and wrongs. A feminist is someone who is not afraid to share no matter what,” she said.'

Wikipedia on Erskine here.

The disempowering and incoherent modern feminist movement

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'The anonymous attack on comedian Aziz Ansari, essentially for being a lousy date and inconsiderate sex partner, has led some to think that the spate of attacks on men for sexual harassment and assault might be slowing down. Although the account by “Grace,” the pseudonymous accuser, has been defended by many, others who have supported the outing of sexual assaulters have drawn the line at lumping bad dates in with more serious sexual malfeasance. Still others hope that the absurdity of Grace’s charges will force a rollback of the ever-escalating demonization of men guilty of nothing more than failing to fulfill a woman’s subjective expectations even when not made explicit.

Don’t count on it. Modern feminism for years has institutionalized a fundamental incoherence. Women are the equals of men and should have the same autonomy and agency, particularly over their sexual choices. At the same time, they need protection from men, who are empowered by a persistent “patriarchy” that encodes in women’s psyches a deference to that power. This internal contradiction has given us the snowflake feminists.'

Sweden plans change in law to require explicit consent before sexual contact

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'Sweden is moving closer to making changes to its rape laws that would require people to get explicit consent before sexual contact.

The deputy prime minister, Isabella Lövin, said the recent #metoo anti-harassment campaign had “shown that there is a need” for the new legislation, which was expected to be approved on Thursday in parliament.

Under current Swedish law someone can be prosecuted for rape only if it has been proved that they used threats or violence. Under the proposal, rape could be proved if the accuser hadn’t given their explicit verbal agreement or clearly demonstrate their desire to engage in sexual activity.

The prime minister, Stefan Löfven, said his coalition had been preparing the “historic reform” since taking power in 2014.'

World Can Live Without War On Men In 2018

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite what you've read - or have been led to believe - not all men are evil or sex predators or racists or man-bun wearing whiney millennials.

The men I know and choose to associate with are mostly hard working family types who love and respect their wives and mothers and daughters.

And I'm willing to bet that description covers a lot of the men in this country regardless of color or geographic location.

Still, men are under attack from all angles at all times in America today – particularly from Hollywood, which, ironically, is home to the worst of the worst men around today.'

Men in France could face €90 fines for making sexist comments in the street

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'A new government report recommends the €90 fine for "behavior that is an infringement of the freedom of movement of women in public spaces and undermines self-esteem and the right to security."

The goal is to battle the long-standing problem of so-called "everyday sexism" on France's streets.

The politicians who worked on the report were tasked with defining what constitutes "sexual outrage" and how to punish it.

Earlier reports suggested wolf-whistling would be subject to on-the-spot fines, but there is no mention of this in the new parliamentary report, according to La Croix newspaper.'

Feminists Hate Men but Tell Women to Act Like Them

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'Modern feminism often paints men as tools of the patriarchy who use their power and privilege to oppress women—so why do feminists tell women to be more like men?

If you've ever taken a gender studies course or read up on feminist literature, you may have encountered the term "toxic masculinity." It refers to traditionally masculine behavioral traits that can become "toxic" or "problematic" if left unchecked—such as dominance, competitiveness, or sexual aggressiveness.

Yet in their quest for equality, feminists have decided that women should embrace some of the very behaviors that they often refer to as "toxic."'

Company launches women-only workspace

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Article here. Excerpt:

'2017 was the year of the woman. From the "Me Too" hashtag on social media to the "Times Up" movement, women stole headlines for speaking up about sexual harassment.

In the midst of this culture reckoning, two women in St. Petersburg started a company with a mission to create a safe work space for women.

The Doyenne Company offers a place for women to work, network, or socialize. Whether you work from home or need a break from your usual cubicle, everyone is welcome….as long as you're a woman.'

Teacher faces charges over oral sex with 14-YO, released without bail

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'A high school teacher in the Bronx was stony-faced Saturday as she denied allegations of sexual assault on her teenage student.

Dori Myers scowled as prosecutors accused her of performing oral sex on a 14-year-old boy, according to the New York Post.

The 29-year-old, who teaches social studies at The New School for Leadership and the Arts in Kingsbridge, was also seen massaging the victim, according to a witness statement.

Myers was arrested Friday night and charged with criminal sexual act in the second degree and endangering the welfare of a child.
...
But Judge Laura Drager denied the request and released her on her own recognizance, according to the Post. Drager issued a 30-day order of protection which mandates Myers must stay away from the victim.'

Jen Reviews Condoms

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The author of this article sent me the link and it has a lot of good info. Excerpt:

'Protected sex and unwanted pregnancy are the two leading causes for why men and women use condoms. And when picking one out for yourself, it's important to get the right kind. All the eight factors discussed below should be kept in mind if you're genuinely concerned about having protected sex and avoiding unwanted pregnancy as well as sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).
...
Condoms are considered to be the best methods of STD prevention and birth control. However, if you end up using one incorrectly, it can lead to a plethora of problems. These include erectile dysfunction, STDs, or unwanted pregnancy.

As a matter of fact, one of the leading causes of erectile dysfunction is associated with condoms. Sometimes broken condoms, ill-fitted condoms, or ones that you take off early during the intercourse might cause erectile problems.'

Bill would give judges in Maryland the power to vacate men's parental rights upon an accusation of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Rape Survivor Family Protection Act is a high-priority bill. It has the backing of the House Speaker and Senate president. Hogan said this should be considered emergency legislation and he wants it to land on his desk quickly.

"This is a great way to start the session, in a nonpartisan, bipartisan way, on a really important issue where we all agree," Hogan said.

The bill allows rape survivors who become pregnant by their attacker to petition the court to remove his parental rights, even if there is no conviction. Current law requires a felony rape conviction to remove those rights.

"No rapist should be allowed to maintain their right as a parent, and no victim should ever be forced to interact with their attacker," Hogan said.

Instead of the court using the yardstick of 'beyond a reasonable doubt,' the bill gives judges the authority to remove the parental rights of an accused rapist. This would not be a criminal proceeding and would have no impact on potential criminal cases.'

Self-proclaimed feminist stars keep attacking Sarah Sanders for her looks

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'Hollywood women have banded together like never before on issues including pay inequality and sexual harassment, declaring that women all over the world need to stick together and be supportive of one another. But experts say several stars aren't practicing what they preach when it comes to Donald Trump's press secretary, Sarah Sanders.

Self-proclaimed activist Chelsea Handler wrote in an op-ed for Thrive in Dec. 2016: "Let's stop it with the dialogue about how women look or what they wear, or if they've gained or lost weight. We are more guilty of this with each other than most men are."

Cher has often spoken out about the sexualization of women, declaring at the Women's March on Jan. 20 that she "believe[s] in this movement."

But both stars recently attacked Sanders solely over her looks.

Cher tweeted to Sanders on Tuesday to "stop dressing like a sister wife." After fans slammed Cher for the hurtful tweet, she followed up by admitting it was "kinda mean" but "so funny."'

Scottish Labour party to vote on using more women-only shortlists

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'Scottish Labour is expected to introduce all-women shortlists to fight key target seats in a fast-track selection process to prepare for a second snap general election.

The party has identified 20 key Westminster target seats, including all seven Glasgow constituencies, after coming far closer than expected to winning back former seats in last June's snap election.

The party's Scottish executive will meet on Saturday to vote on plans backed by its new leader, Richard Leonard, to choose many candidates from all-women shortlists. Leonard told the Guardian in December he was "very open to ideas about positive action."

Labour sources say a majority of the party's MSPs at Holyrood, including senior women MSPs, oppose all-women shortlists because local parties would object to having that imposed on them by the central party.'

UK: "To drain the swamp of men-only clubs there must be a public register of members"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So what can be done? In Britain it is legal to form a private members' club whose membership is based on restrictive characteristics. There are women-only and ethnic-minority clubs which do not admit men or those of a different ethnicity. The government's own guidance on the Equality Act says that while it is unlawful for a private club to discriminate against, harass or victimise an existing or potential member it is lawful to restrict membership to people who share a particular characteristic. This is not true for political parties, which cannot block membership on the basis of race or sex.

...

What is required is the compulsory publication of a register of members so that the public can be confident that the business of government and justice is not being done in the secret smoke-filled dining rooms of gentlemen's clubs. A more transparent approach might also open up some of these gentlemen's clubs to more adult attitudes towards women.'

Six Male BBC Presenters Take Pay Cuts After Gender Gap Reveal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Six male presenters at the BBC are accepting pay cuts after income disparity among male and female staffers at the organization has come under the public spotlight.

“We are very grateful to Huw Edwards, Nicky Campbell, John Humphrys, Jon Sopel, Nick Robinson and Jeremy Vine, who have agreed that their pay will now be reduced,” the BBC said in a statement today. “These are great journalists and presenters, who have a real connection with the audience. We are proud to have them working at the BBC.'

UK: #MeToo feels less like a sexual assault victims movement and more an anti-male one

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'It feels less like legitimate concern on behalf of the strong for the weak, and more like a vendetta against men in general. Less a positive affirmation of the rights of women and more an attempt to eradicate one sex completely.

I may be the last of a dying breed, but I like men. Every bit as much as I like women, in some cases more. And it saddens me to think of the stupendously moustachioed actor William H. Macy saying on Sunday night at the Screen Actors Guild Awards in Hollywood: 'It's hard to be a man these days. I think a lot of us feel like we're under attack and that we need to apologise, and perhaps we do.'
...
But also because so few of those who ought to be making the case for sanity — politicians, commentators, influencers — seem to possess a scintilla of the courage and common sense required to push back against this snowballing madness. The madness of a system which seems to care more about the Prime Minister criticising The Presidents Club than the early release of John Worboys.'

UK: NHS refuses to vaccinate boys against HPV

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The NHS is refusing to give teenage boys an inexpensive vaccine that grants long-term protection against Britain's fastest-growing form of cancer – on the grounds that it is cheaper to treat deadly tumours later in life.

The jab grants immunity to the human papillomavirus (HPV), and has been provided free to all girls aged 12 to 13 since 2008 because HPV causes cervical cancer.

But it is now known it also causes 'oropharyngeal' cancer of the tongue, mouth and throat, whose incidence is rocketing, as well as tumours of the genitals and anus.

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Professor Margaret Stanley, of Cambridge University's pathology department, the incoming president of the International Papillomavirus Society, said: 'You cannot protect against these cancers by only vaccinating half the population. Not to immunise boys is classic Treasury short-termism. You may not spend so much now, but it will cost far more years later.'

Axios tweets designer job: Straight, white males needn't apply

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Upon seeing that appeal, the Erik Wemple Blog consulted with an expert on employment law. Carolyn Wheeler of employment law firm Katz, Marshall & Banks delivered this assessment of the Axios entreaty:

[I]n a nutshell, I think, as the EEOC posters proclaim, that "Equal Employment Opportunity is the Law," and that preferences for some groups over others are problematic even when the preferences are for the usually excluded groups. Advertising for men or women for particular jobs, or for younger workers, or for non-disabled individuals unlawfully restricts employment opportunities on prohibited bases. Affirmative action to reach out and recruit employees from historically disadvantaged groups is appropriate but is usually done just by placing ads or recruitment messages in places where those groups will see them, not by overtly soliciting their applications. This particular message violates Title VII and the ADA and sets the company up for legal challenges.

Not wanting those legal challenges, the Axios manager, Alexis Lloyd, took down her tweet. Molly Mitchell, a spokeswoman for Axios, told the Erik Wemple Blog via email, "The intent was good. We pulled it down and had her retweet the link. We need to do better on racial diversity and it's something we're working very hard on in every aspect of our recruitment and hiring efforts."'

Feminists To Women: You’re Consenting To Sex Wrong

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'I’m not the first to observe that a lot of modern feminism consists of loud sloganeering about women’s choice and empowerment, behind a small subset of women looks down on other women and tells them they’re making the wrong choices. If you don’t believe me, try being a conservative woman (especially one who opposes abortion), or a stay-at-home mom, or someone who thinks the #MeToo campaign has become an out-of-control warlock hunt. We can also see this in the way feminists have taken a new step toward redefining sexual consent, the upshot of which is partly to tell other women that they are consenting to sex wrong.

Consent is the most basic and limited moral standard that you can apply to sex, but it has the virtue of being a clear and objective standard, and it is actually not controversial. You would also think that holding to consent as a standard would allow you to find enough male miscreants and female victims as it is. But I guess that doesn’t produce enough of them, or perhaps not of the right type.

So in the rush to find more victims—because every woman has got to be able to say #MeToo—and to find more perpetrators—because all men must be corrupted by the patriarchy—contemporary feminism has been slowly breaking down consent as a standard by trying to add extra conditions on top of it that are not clear and objective.'

SAVE takes on "Believe the Victim"

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SAVE has started a campaign to challenge the presumption of guilt inherent in "victim-centered" sexual assault imvestigations found here. Excerpt:

'Due process and the presumption of innocence are being threatened by efforts to:

1. Remove key protections from the accused
2. Eliminate use of the words “alleged” and “allegedly“
3. Refer to the complainant as the “victim”
4. Instruct investigators to “believe the victim”

Believe the victim” provides the ideological foundation for three related investigational approaches: “Start by Believing, “victim-centered investigations” and “trauma-informed” response.'

Lawsuit alleges Yale let accusers text each other to coordinate testimony against male during Title IX hearing

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'Two female students at Yale formally accused a male student “only minutes apart” on the same day, saying he groped both of them on a bus and one of them months earlier in Paris.

They teamed up again by coordinating their testimony against the male – “who has been a conservative columnist for the Yale Daily News” – during the Title IX hearing itself, according to the accused student’s new lawsuit against Yale.

“John Doe,” whose parents immigrated to America in 2011, claims Yale found him responsible for sexual misconduct in spite of the fact that three witnesses walking behind him and “Jane Roe” in June 2016 in Paris did not see the alleged groping.

A few months later, nearly 20 witnesses also failed to notice Doe’s alleged groping of Jane Roe and her “longtime” friend “Sally Roe” on “a chartered bus from Yale to Harvard” for the Ivy League schools’ football game, according to the suit. It specifies that the bus trip had no connection to the university.'

Coast Guard rape conviction overturned after court's scathing attack on women-packed jury

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Article here. Excerpt;

'The nation's highest military court has thrown out the 2012 rape conviction of a Coast Guard enlisted man because admirals and prosecutors packed the seven-member jury with five women, four of whom held jobs as advocates for victims of sexual assault.

In a 5-0 ruling that could change how the military conducts sex abuse trials, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces unleashed caustic criticism of all involved.

From the Coast Guard commandant down to an appellate court to the original trial judge, the high court said all contributed to a "stain on the military justice system." The military has been under intense pressure to wipe out sexual harassment and assault, the five civilian judges noted.

The opinion, delivered by Judge Margaret A. Ryan, said the four admirals who played a role in assembling the officer and enlisted jury pool produced an illegal "gender-based court stacking." She suggested that the admirals' role amounted to unlawful command influence, which military law analysts see as the enemy of fair trials for service members.'

The Conversation #MeToo Needs to Have

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'If you haven't noticed, we're angry. We're seething. For some of us, it began the first time we were groped on public transportation and discovered one of the dark realities of living life in a female body. For others—among them, famously, Oprah Winfrey—it began even earlier, and in a much more terrifying way. "I knew that it was bad," she has said of the sexual abuse she endured as a child, "because it hurt so badly." We live with it, suppress it, are to some extent shaped by it, but mostly we keep a cork in it. But every so often, that rage roars up to the surface, and it's not just one or two of us, it's just about all of us. And when that happens, it seems to us that—if we can just stay angry and if we can just keep going—we might actually change things. Female rage is the essential fuel of #MeToo. Unchecked it is the potent force that will destroy it.

You may also have noticed that we're starting to lose the crowd. This gets called "backlash," which makes it seem a product of sexism, but to a significant extent it's also a product of the rage itself, and the irrational, score-settling things it can make people do. "I'm actually not at all concerned about innocent men losing their jobs over false sexual assault/harassment allegations," tweeted Emily Linden, a writer for Teen Vogue. "Sorry. If some innocent men's reputations have to take a hit in the process of undoing the patriarchy, that is a price I am absolutely willing to pay." These turned out to be sentiments that a fair number of activists shared—along with the assumption that only men would reject them. But when messy hook ups and ill-conceived passes receive the same public shaming and career-damaging punishment as serious crimes, you also get the attention of millions of wives, mothers, and sisters who are not willing to see their loved ones unfairly targeted, and some of them are starting to cool on the movement. As for the men—the good ones—they're eager to fight rape, but unwilling to lose their jobs over unfounded or minor accusations.'

Mixed reaction as big clean up underway following DC Women's March

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Article here. Excerpt:

'They may have attracted the headlines, but the anti-Trump protesters who attended the massive Women's March in Washington DC, are now drawing criticism for abandoning their placards at landmarks and on the capital's streets.

Organizers say that more that 2.5 million people took part in demonstrations around the world on Saturday, as protesters voiced opposition to President Donald Trump while also calling for the protection of civil liberties.
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Following the march, tens of thousands thousands chose to leave their signs outside various DC landmarks including the White House and the Trump International Hotel.
...
Video of a man wearing a pro-Trump Make America Great Again hat cleaning up rubbish received more than 4,000 retweets and 5,000 likes on the social network.'

Women-only workspace opens in Shorewood

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fresh off the #MeToo movement, a new women-only workspace in Shorewood aims to create a coworking community.

Men are allowed in when invited.

The idea was born by Shelia Long. Long noticed women in Shorewood were using coffee shops as their workspaces.

Long looked closer and found a lack of understanding in what a modern-day working woman needs: Flexibility.

"They wanted to be really close to home because they might have to pick up their kids from school so they needed something in the neighborhood," Long said.'

Better-educated men = healthier women and mothers in the developing world

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Public-health agencies have long stressed the importance of good education in improving the health of women and young mothers in the developing world. Less focus has been put on the men in these women's lives, however - specifically, how the level of education of partners and fathers, or lack of it, affects how the women care for themselves as sexually active people and expectant mothers.

Now a study by an African demographer at Université de Montréal shows that the more schooling a man has, the more likely his partner will look after her body before and after she gets pregnant, by using contraception, getting prenatal exams or having her child delivered by a health professional. The finding is based on analysis of recent standardized surveys of couples in 32 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and five in Asia.

"My hypothesis going into this study was that many men play an important role in their partner's reproductive and maternal heath," said lead author and UdeM adjunct professor Vissého Adjiwanou, an immigrant from Togo who spends half his academic year at UdeM and the other half at the Centre for Actuarial Research (CARe), at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. "What surprised me was that to have a major effect, the men must actually be better-educated: high school or higher."'

Scotland: New law on gender balance passed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women make up just over 50% of the Scottish population, but currently make up only 45% of public board membership.

The new law sets an objective for at least 50% of non-executive members on all boards to be women by 2022.

The legislation was passed by 88 votes to 28, with the Scottish Conservatives voting against.

It will apply to colleges, universities and some public bodies including health boards, enterprise agencies, the Scottish Police Authority and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
...
Under the new rules, where a minister is faced with two or more equally qualified candidates for a public board position, they will be required to give preference to female candidates as a "tie-breaker".'

Heated exchange between women’s shelter, men’s issues panel

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Representatives from local women shelters had a heated discussion with a men’s issues panel at Monday night’s screening of the Red Pill documentary.

About 30 people attended the event, held at Second Street Theatre, despite heavy snowfall. The controversial documentary by filmmaker Cassie Jaye looks at issues raised by Men’s Rights Activists (MRAs), such as domestic abuse perpetrated by women and the alleged bias against fathers in family courts. Among other things, MRAs in the film say there are hardly any supports available for men who are abused by their female partners.

Speaking via Skype during a question-and-answer period, Edmonton-based Youtuber Karen Straughan suggested domestic violence shelters shouldn’t be called “women’s shelters” and should be open to both sexes.

“Men in crisis are not going to reach out to something that’s actually labelled a women’s shelter,” she said, speaking to representatives from Grande Prairie’s Odyssey House women’s shelter. “I would suggest also that because men are much less likely to accept help, even when it’s offered freely, that what you need to be doing is putting out more feelers into the community to bring the men who are in crisis in to you...”

Odyssey House executive Director Ebony Rempel said the organization’s role is to provide shelter for women, but it does what it can to help men in need.'

UK: Teen cleared after family shows police texts disproving rape charge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Connor Fitzgerald, 19, spent almost three months in prison and lost his job after a woman accused him of assaulting her.

But the charges against him were thrown out when prosecutors finally discovered she had sent texts threatening to destroy him.

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Connor, of South Norwood, South London, who lost his job as a BT engineer because of the claim, said: “It’s been heart-breaking - It felt like I was guilty until proven innocent.

“My life has been ruined. I'm scared to even leave the house because everyone thinks I'm a rapist."

The woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons claimed he raped her and videoed it after a boozy night out on June 24 last year.

But among texts she had sent him included references to having enjoyed sex.'

UK: Cutting Men's Wages Is A Scandal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Who really cares about the highly questionable gender pay gap? Wealthy BBC journalists, that's who. Ever since last year's open letter signed by high-profile presenters called for a 'correction' of the alleged pay disparity between men and women at the Beeb, the corporation has had its knickers in a twist. For the rest of us, the fact that Carrie Grace and other complainants earn tens of thousands of pounds more than the average working woman and are still claiming to be mistreated is laughable.

However, the latest attempt to please the pay-gap myth-makers is not so funny. The BBC has announced that six of its most high-profile male employees are to take a pay cut. Huw Edwards, John Humphrys, Jeremy Vine, Nick Robinson, Nicky Campbell and Jon Sopel have all agreed to take less money. Humphrys will almost halve his wage, and Vine reportedly said his wage decrease 'wasn't a problem as the BBC needs to tackle gender pay inequality'. Following in the BBC's footsteps, easyJet's chief executive Johan Lundgren agreed to cut his pay from £740,000 to £706,000 to match the company's previous, female, CEO. £34k for feminism: how generous.'

Formula 1 "Grid Girls" Slam Feminists Who Put Them Out of Work

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Late last month feminists celebrated a victory, after convincing Formula 1 racing to get rid of its gird girls. Now the women who lost their jobs are slamming the feminists for their unwanted interference.

At the end of January, Formula 1 announced that it had decided to end its use of the pretty models who interact with the crowd and carry the names of sponsors on their clothing. The grid girls will be gone commencing with the new season which starts at the end of March.

“While the practice of employing grid girls has been a staple of Formula 1 grands prix for decades, we feel this custom does not resonate with our brand values and clearly is at odds with modern day societal norms,” said managing director of commercial operations Sean Bratches.

“We don’t believe the practice is appropriate or relevant to Formula 1 and its fans, old and new, across the world,” Bratches added.

But now the women who have just lost their jobs are slamming the decision and the interference of the feminists who lobbied the sport to fire the girls.'

"Men Must Be Excluded From Feminism To Stop It From Becoming All About Them"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent years, the cry of "we need more men in feminism" and "we must include men" has been creeping in. To counter the accusations of man-hating that feminists like me face all the time, many of the more liberal, "fun" feminists bend over backwards to tell men that feminism will fail without their intervention. But the whole point of the women's liberation movement is that is challenges and seeks to overthrow male supremacy, and to liberate women from the shackles of patriarchy. it goes without saying that most men will take exception to this. We wish to remove the privilege they are granted at birth. Feminism is a threat to men, and so it should be.

Hashtags like #HeForShe, and fem-lite books like Hot Feminist have not only not helped, but have in fact hindered progress towards equality. When The Guardian columnist Owen Jones wrote an articlein praise of Emma Watson's initiative, he got to be the good guy without actually doing anything. On the day the article was published Jones's Twitter feed was dancing with praise from women. It's a bit like those men who say they "babysit" their own children or occasionally iron their own shirt. Women describe them as "good," when in fact they are barely pulling their weight.

"Poor men suffer from sexism too," pleaded Jones in his piece, explaining that Watson first became a feminist because she felt bad that her male friends were unable to express their feelings. Whatever Watson's concern about the men in her life is, it is typical of a man to manage to make feminism about men and their "feelings."

Imagine an iconic civil rights activist saying that s/he became involved in black liberation struggles because s/he felt bad about how white people felt in it all?'

Female Executives Demand Resignation Of Grammy Chief Who Told Women To ‘Step Up’

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'A group of high-powered women signed an open letter calling for Recording Academy President Neil Portnow to resign.

Powerful women within the entertainment industry, including Pharrell’s manager Caron Veazey, are pushing for Portnow to leave his position as a result of his offensive comments toward female artists after the Grammy Awards.

Responding to criticism that women had few solo performances during the show and only one had won a Grammy this year, Portnow said women had to “step up.”

“It has to begin with … women who have the creativity in their hearts and souls, who want to be musicians, who want to be engineers, producers, and want to be part of the industry on the executive level … [They need] to step up because I think they would be welcome,” Portnow told Variety after the awards.

Portnow later said his words were taken out of context, but the comments have sparked backlash across the industry. Multiple Grammy-winner Pink posted a handwritten letter slamming Portnow’s comments on Twitter.'

CPI Fights 'Start By Believing' Investigations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Center for Prosecutor Integrity has filed a complaint with the Department of Justice against the Start By Believing program. The complaint alleges the Start By Believing concepts and investigative methods:

"…abuse the mission of the Department of Justice, which states in part, "…to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans. Termed a 'multimillion dollar threat to justice,' they abuse the purpose and intent of Congressional appropriations. And they abuse the public trust, which is critical to the effective functioning of our criminal justice system."

See complaint HERE.'

‘Believe the Victim’? The Biological Reason Why Accusers Aren’t Always Telling the Truth

Matt · 3 February 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent years there have been hundreds of cases across the country of men having allegedly sexually assaulted women where there was insufficient objective evidence to determine whether a crime had occurred, and in some cases, whether any kind of sex or even encounter had occurred. Examples include the “Mattress Girl” case in NY, the Corey Mock case in TN, the Jordy Johnson case in MT, the Owen Labrie case in NH, dozens of “John Doe” cases in nearly all states, and most infamous of all, the Rolling Stone hoax about events that never happened in VA or anywhere else.

In all of these cases, some have asserted that the criminal justice system should always award women the benefit of the doubt on grounds that they always tell the truth. Although seldom stated, the implication is often present that women cannot lie under such circumstances, but men can and do. This claim (hereafter the claim) has been cited in many proceedings as if it were evidence that the female complainant is telling the truth, it may have affected jury decisions, it certainly has affected the outcomes of institutional proceedings (e.g., colleges and universities, most of which offer only kangaroo courts as their form of “justice”), and it has also affected the sentences of some of the convicted men.

This claim of unwavering female honesty in what are “he-said/she-said” cases cannot be treated as self-evident because it fails several common sense tests. For example, in cases where objective evidence tells whether a particular version is true or false, do women always say what the evidence proves? Which party is telling the truth in “she-said/she-said” cases? Both? Which party is telling the truth in “he-said/he-said” cases? Neither?

On what grounds would a rational person decide that in cases of alleged sexual assault involving a man and a woman that the woman would always tell the truth, but in cases involving members of the same sex that only one was telling the truth, neither were telling the truth, or both were telling the truth? Are we to conclude that all white women claiming to have been raped by black men in the Jim Crow era were telling the truth?'

Stanford caught lying about gender bias in financial aid decisions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Do you want a better financial-aid offer from Stanford's $225,000 MBA program? Self-identify as a woman.

The elite university was caught lying to applicants going back to 2008 by claiming that "financial assistance was determined solely by a student's calculated financial need." Its average awards actually favored women over men regardless of their finances.

The Wall Street Journal reports that eight years of financial data (2008-2015) on a shared storage drive were accessible to the entire Graduate School of Business for six months.

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In a campuswide email following his meeting with Allcock, Levin tried to spin Allcock's findings (by then widely available on campus) by claiming that Stanford was actually just giving "incremental fellowship awards" to applicants "whose biographies make them particularly compelling and competitive in trying to attract a diverse class."

Those "incremental" awards – which Levin admits Stanford never disclosed – just happen to favor women and domestic students regardless of their finances.'

Student claims Penn State encourages false reports of sexual misconduct

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A pre-med student at Penn State claims the university has policies in place that discriminate against men on campus — and promote false reports of sexual misconduct.

The young man has slapped the school with a lawsuit, accusing it of “systematic gender bias and discrimination,” according to PennLive.com.

He filed an amended complaint in US Middle District Court on Monday night, which outlined allegations of improper disciplinary processes and “biased” investigation tactics.

In it, the student — who has only been identified as John Doe — accuses Penn State of demonstrating “a pattern of inherent and systematic gender bias and discrimination against male students accused of misconduct.” He claims to be one of these men.'

Judge grants largest award in history of cases of men suing unis over discrimination

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Decision here. Excerpt:

'Before the Court is plaintiff John Doe's Petition for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, ECF No. 180, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988. This matter is before me by referral under 28 U.S.C. § 636(1)(B). The issues presented are fully briefed by both parties, ECF Nos. 180, 183, 187, and oral argument is dispensed with because it was not requested and would not aid in the decisional process. Having considered the parties' briefs, the evidence, and the applicable law, I recommend that the presiding District Judge grant the petition and award attorneys' fees in the amount of $795,691.50 and litigation costs in the amount of $53,539.75, for a total award of $849,231.25.
...
United States District Judge Elizabeth K. Dillon, the presiding judge, thoroughly presented the facts of this case in her Memorandum Opinion on the summary judgment motions. ECF No. 153. As such, I will provide only a brief summary here. Plaintiff John Doe matriculated at James Madison University ("JMU") in August 2014. Shortly after beginning his first semester, he entered into a relationship with a fellow freshman student, Jane Roe, who later accused him of sexual misconduct. JMU conducted an initial hearing on the charge on December 5, 2014, which resulted in a finding of "not responsible." Jane Roe appealed that decision to an appeal board, which met on January 8, 2015, outside the presence of the parties. The appeal board imposed a new sanction of immediate suspension through the Spring 2020 semester, at which time Doe would need to reapply for admission if he wanted to reenroll. Per JMU's policy, the decision was communicated to Defendant Mark Warner, JMU's Senior Vice President of Student Affairs and University Planning, who affirmed the appeal board's finding. Doe was informed of the appeal board's finding and Warner's final decision on January 10, 2015. See Doe v. Alger, 228 F. Supp. 3d 713, 716–24 (W.D. Va. 2016).'

The Other Whisper Network

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Article here. Excerpt:

'No one would talk to me for this piece. Or rather, more than twenty women talked to me, sometimes for hours at a time, but only after I promised to leave out their names, and give them what I began to call deep anonymity. This was strange, because what they were saying did not always seem that extreme. Yet here in my living room, at coffee shops, in my inbox and on my voicemail, were otherwise outspoken female novelists, editors, writers, real estate agents, professors, and journalists of various ages so afraid of appearing politically insensitive that they wouldn't put their names to their thoughts, and I couldn't blame them.

Of course, the prepublication frenzy of Twitter fantasy and fury about this essay, which exploded in early January, is Exhibit A for why nobody wants to speak openly. Before the piece was even finished, let alone published, people were calling me "pro-rape," "human scum," a "harridan," a "monster out of Stephen King's 'IT,'?" a "ghoul," a "bitch," and a "garbage person"—all because of a rumor that I was planning to name the creator of the so-called Shitty Media Men list. The Twitter feminist Jessica Valenti called this prospect "profoundly shitty" and "incredibly dangerous" without having read a single word of my piece. Other tweets were more direct: "man if katie roiphe actually publishes that article she can consider her career over." "Katie Roiphe can suck my dick." With this level of thought policing, who in their right mind would try to say anything even mildly provocative or original?'

NYC School Cancels Father-Daughter Dance to Comply With New Gender Guidelines

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Staten Island elementary school cancelled its traditional father-daughter dance because of the Department of Education's (DOE) new gender guidelines.

PS 65 had the event scheduled for Friday, February 9, until the school's parent-teacher association realized it would not comply with the Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Student Guidelines, which went into effect in March 2017.

The school's PTA will reschedule a dance for kids and caregivers of any gender on March 2, according to the DOE.

"Father-daughter dances inherently leave people out. Not just because of transgender status, just life in general," said Jared Fox, the DOE's LGBT community liaison. "These can be really uncomfortable and triggering events."'

A male backlash against #MeToo is brewing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are scared, and feminists are delighted. But the urge to call out and punish male sexual transgression is bound to clash with an inescapable truth: We're all in this together, men and women.

Consider what's happening in the capital of Florida. Female staffers and lobbyists have found "many male legislators will no longer meet with them privately," reported The Miami Herald. "I had a senator say, 'I need my aide here in the room because I need a chaperone,' " lobbyist Jennifer Green told the paper. "I said, 'Senator, why do you need a chaperone? . . . Do you feel uncomfortable around me?' 'Well,' he said, 'anyone can say anything with the door shut.'"

"I'm getting the feeling that we're going back 20 years as female professionals," said Green, who owns her company. "I fully anticipate I'm going to be competing with another firm that is currently owned by some male, and the deciding factor is going to be: 'You don't want to hire a female lobbying firm in this environment.'"'

Men still characterized as reticent to discuss intimate health issues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are still dying of prostate cancer because they are too embarrassed to visit a doctor.

They see medical examinations and discussions of intimate problems as a ‘violation’ of their privacy and masculinity, a study shows.

Despite decades of campaigning to raise awareness of prostate cancer many men are ignorant about the disease and its effects. It is now a bigger killer than breast cancer.

A second study – of more than 800,000 patients in England – found that men with full-time jobs are twice as likely as women not to have seen a GP over the past year.'

What needs to be done on prostate cancer: Britain's top experts reveal why the funding of research into the disease desperately needs to match that of breast cancer

'While breast cancer mortality rates have plummeted – by 10 per cent in five years, according to Cancer Research UK – prostate cancer mortality rates have increased by 21 per cent since the early 1970s.

Experts say this growing gap between men and women is no accident. Over the past 20 years, breast cancer has benefited from a national screening programme, significant investment in research and more than double the number of published studies compared with ones for prostate cancer.

Professor Chris Eden, a consultant urologist based at the Royal Surrey County Hospital and the pioneer of keyhole prostate cancer surgery in the UK, calls the death figures ‘an indictment of a system that fails men’.'

Letter: Unproven accusations costing men jobs

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Letter here.

'I agree that Patrick Brown should have been considered innocent until proven guilty. He and many others are losing their jobs because of hearsay and accusations that have not been proven.

Maybe some men should come forward with accusations about the women that have hit on them or propositioned them. I am sure there are many.

Pam Savarie

Sudbury'

Canada's Prime Minister Stops Girl When She Says 'Mankind' — Asks Her to Use Another Phrase

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Justin Trudeau has been the prime minister of Canada since 2015.

Trudeau leans to the far left with his politics. In the past, he has called Fidel Castro a “remarkable leader.” In addition, while commenting on ISIS terrorists coming back to Canada, he suggested that they can help “deradicalize” others. But his latest comment is generating a lot of backlash, too.

During an event, a girl in the audience said:

“We came here today to ask you to also look into the policies that religious charitable organizations have in our legislation so it can also be changed. Because maternal love is the love that's going to change the future of mankind.”

Trudeau cut the girl off, waving his hand and correcting her word choice. “We like to say peoplekind, not necessarily mankind,” he said.'

Catharine MacKinnon, Mother Of The Mob

Matt · 6 February 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Catharine MacKinnon is being far too modest. Much as the movement may be the culmination of social factors that caused, and gave us, the current administration, she's dedicated her life to making those factors happen, creating the narrative that allowed that confluence of events, beliefs and feelings that would result in a time when extrajudicial unproven allegations by women would, without more, destroy men.

Her first goal was the campus. but her baby has now grown to take its place in the real world. She must be very proud.

"Sexual harassment law — the first law to conceive sexual violation in inequality terms — created the preconditions for this moment. Yet denial by abusers and devaluing of accusers could still be reasonably counted on by perpetrators to shield their actions."

This, of course, is utterly false. Rape has always been a crime. So too assault. Indeed, harassment was eventually criminalized, though not specifically for women. Much as there is no law prohibiting the murder of women apart from murder of any person, there are now laws that function that way, whether in word or practice.'

Harvard University Bans Single-Gender Clubs — Unless They're Women-Only

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'Last year, Harvard University took the unprecedented step of banning on- and off-campus single-gender organizations. The ban targeted sororities and fraternities, but also "unrecognized single-gender social organizations" called "Finals Clubs" that served as gathering places for the school's legacy students.

In early February, after several rounds of appeals, the school finalized the ban — but, because of a campus-wide outcry from feminists, only leaders and members of "male-focused" single-gender clubs will face repercussions from Harvard's administration.

According to Harvard, the single-gender clubs "propagated exclusionary values" and maintained "forms of privilege" that the school found distasteful and outdated. Those who remain in such clubs, reports Reason Magazine, risk being barred "from leadership positions, athletic teams, and scholarships."'

Ryan Seacrest: What Happened After I Was Wrongly Accused of Harassment

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'I do not take things for granted. Every day I am living my childhood dream because of the efforts of so many other people. I do my best to show and express my gratitude to my co-hosts, producers, guests, audiences, executives, partners and fans for the privilege of their collaboration and participation, and for the unwavering support of my loved ones and team.

In November, I received a letter from a lawyer representing a former show stylist. She claimed that I mistreated her more than a decade ago when we worked together. This arrived during an unprecedented public reckoning by women in our industry and beyond, courageously coming forward to share their stories, many of them heartbreaking. These women sought to bring attention to the systemic gender inequality that has occurred for decades. I was — and am — amazed at their bravery.

To have my workplace conduct questioned was gut-wrenching. I've always aimed to treat all of my colleagues with honesty, respect, kindness and compassion. Yet, I knew, regardless of the confidence I had that there was no merit to the allegations, my name would likely soon appear on the lists of those suspected of despicable words and deeds. The pressures of our overflowing newsfeeds would insist on it.'

Katie Roiphe on attacks by "Twitter feminists"

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'Author and journalist Katie Roiphe has written provocatively about feminism in the past, so when a magazine piece of hers about the #MeToo movement was announced, Twitter exploded, with criticism denouncing her before her story was even published. Roiphe discusses how an Orwellian "thought police" on feminist orthodoxy has invaded social media at a time when thoughtful discussion of sexual harassment is needed.'

#MediocrityToo: The coming mania for inclusion will erode standards of merit and excellence

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'The prospect of left-wing entertainment moguls having to sacrifice their box-office judgement to identity politics is an unalloyed pleasure and of little consequence to society at large. But bean-counting won't be limited to Hollywood. Corporate diversity trainers already sense a windfall from #MeToo. Requests from organizations wanting to "explore further the intersection of power with diversity dimensions and inclusion" have recently increased, according to a "client success" manager at a major diversity-consulting firm. A rival Silicon Valley-based consultancy, Paradigm, sent around an email celebrating Oprah Winfrey's #MeToo speech at the Golden Globes and reminding potential clients of "how much work needs to be done" regarding "inclusion." "I absolutely think the broader cultural conversation is motivating organizations to take a more serious look at their cultures," says Joelle Emerson, Paradigm's leader. Corporate boardrooms, executive suites, and management structures will be scoured for gender and race imbalances. The advocacy group 50/50 by 2020, which argues for equal male and female representation in business, has recently received several new commitments from organizations pledging to achieve gender parity by the year 2020.

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As the #MeToo moment swells the demand for ever more draconian diversity mandates, a finding in the Pew Research Center poll on workplace equity is worth noting: the perception of bias is directly proportional to the number of years the perceiver has spent in an American university. Females in STEM businesses who have a postgraduate degree are over three times as likely as STEM females without a college degree to say that their gender has impeded their success. It is doubtful that those highly educated female STEM workers are actually more subject to chauvinism than their less-educated counterparts. Their workplaces are likely composed of other highly educated products of the academy, marinated for years in an environment dominated by feminist thinking. Those are also the workplaces most subject to external pressures to achieve gender parity. All the incentives run in the opposite direction: away from chauvinism and toward favoring females over males at every possible opportunity. The persistent claim of gender bias is ideological, not empirical. But after #MeToo, it will have an even more disruptive effect.'

Double-murder/suicide by mother set up for psychiatric pass

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'Investigators believe the mother of a 3-month-old girl was the shooter in a double-murder-suicide that left her, her husband and their infant daughter dead last week, a police source said.
...
But a police source said Mary Jo Trokey is believed to have been the shooter. Investigators are tracking her purchase of a gun in the days before the shooting that occurred late Thursday or early Friday. They are investigating mental illness as a possible factor, the source said.

Experts on mental illness in new mothers say it's possible postpartum psychosis may have played a role in the deaths.

Postpartum psychosis is a rare disorder marked by delusional and irrational behavior that is triggered by pregnancy and childbirth.'

UK: Falsely-accused man finally cleared after 70 weeks

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'A HIGH-FLYING bank worker has told how he was left wanting to take his own life after bungling cops took 70 weeks to clear him after a false rape allegation was made by his bitter ex-girlfriend.

Paul Faulkner, from Hertfordshire, had everything going for him with a well-paying job earning more than £100,000 a year at a central London bank when his life was turned upside down.

His house was raided by four police officers and he was arrested on suspicion of assault, actual bodily harm, sexual assault, coercive control and threats to kill after his bitter ex made a string of false claims.

Reliving the nightmare he said: “I thought about taking my life, just because it felt easier than coping with it all.

“I had given the police all the evidence, I was not guilty and yet I was treated like a violent criminal who had already been convicted.'

"Why rape cases should not be subject to reasonable doubt"

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'Disturbingly low conviction rates have many explanations, but one contributing factor is the ‘beyond a reasonable doubt’ standard of evidence employed in criminal cases. This standard requires that the jury not have any reasonable doubts about the defendant’s guilt in order to convict. Doubts they have that are frivolous or hypothetical should be put aside.

...

As it stands, the legal system is weighted unfairly in favour of perpetrators of sexual assault. In addition to sending out a powerful expression of intolerance for gender violence, a lower standard of proof can decrease these harms by reducing the likelihood of false acquittal. Reasonable doubt is inappropriate, but what standard would do better?

Of the standards commonly employed in law, only the ‘preponderance of the evidence’ standard has been used on a consistent basis to decide cases of sexual violence, albeit in civil trials. Indeed, given the high probability of false acquittal, civil trials have increasingly become a first port of call for female victims of sexual violence in the US. Rather than calling for the absence of doubt, this standard judges a case on what the evidence leads one to believe most strongly. If a woman’s testimony provides a stronger reason to believe that she did not give consent, this should be enough.

Man set Free after spending 38 Years in Prison for False Rape Conviction

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'A Louisiana man Malcolm Alexander has been released from jail after serving 38 years for a false rape accusation.

The Innocence Project, a non-profit which secured the release of Alexander, shared his story, from his journey to prison in 1979, to his eventual release.

DNA evidence proved that his conviction – a result of an incompetent lawyer and an unreliable identification process – was wrong.

The events that led to his conviction are a little more complicated: Alexander had had consensual sex with a white woman who asked him for money and then accused him of sexual assault.

The woman's accusation was found to be uncorroborated, and the police dropped the case.'

Local prosecutors support 'yes means yes' standard to boost victims' rights

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'Platte and Colfax county prosecutors are on board with a measure to bring more clarity to the state's standard for prosecuting criminal sexual assault cases if progress continues on boosting victims' rights.

"As long as we're not blaming the victims of sexual assault. We don't want to do that, ever," said Platte County Attorney Carl Hart while discussing a bill that would adopt affirmative consent as the guide prosecutors use to take sex assault cases to court.

"We've really evolved on victims' issues in the last 40 years," Hart said. "It's been a necessary cultural shift."
...
Currently, state law says a victim must express a lack of consent through words or conduct as the standard for criminal sexual assault cases.

With the newly introduced bill, consent means words or overt actions that indicate a knowing and voluntary agreement, freely given, to engage in sexual contact or intercourse. A person could also still withdraw consent with words or conduct.'

The #MeToo Movement Is Hurting Women Entrepreneurs

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'The #MeToo movement started as a powerful curtain-pull, revealing the misogynist underbelly of major industries.

It has turned into a male witch hunt with serious unintended consequence for both sexes.

The headlines have shifted from the shocking, yet not surprising, stories of men abusing their power over women. Now we are seeing men being victimized by the ultra-feminists. But it isn't just men whose careers are jeopardized by the #MeToo movement's overexuberance.

The real victims are the women these feminists vow to protect.

The #MeToo movement has weaponized the stories of victims to launch the largest man-bashing campaign this country has ever seen — just in time for Valentine's Day.'

Sheryl Sandberg: If you follow the Mike Pence rule, make it fair to women

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"If men think that the way to address workplace sexual harassment is to avoid one-on-one time with female colleagues — including meetings, coffee breaks and all the interactions that help us work together effectively — it will be a huge setback for women," Sandberg warned in a Facebook post.

So Sandberg proposes that any men following the Pence rule change it up.

"Don’t want to have dinner alone with a female colleague? Fine. But make access equal: No dinners alone with anyone. Breakfast or lunches for all. Or group dinners only, nothing one-on-one," she said. "Whatever you choose, treat women and men equally."'

Man accuses California #MeToo leader of sexual misconduct

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'California Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, a prominent voice in the #MeToo movement against sexual harassment, announced Friday she is "voluntarily taking an immediate unpaid leave" of absence, a day after allegations of sexual misconduct surfaced against her.

Politico reported Thursday that two men had accused the Democratic head of the state's Legislative Women's Caucus of inappropriate behavior.

Daniel Fierro said that a visibly intoxicated Garcia grabbed his buttocks and tried to grab his crotch after a 2014 softball game when he was a 25-year-old staffer for Assemblyman Ian Calderon.'

Former Teacher: ‘It Is Unconstitutional’ to Prohibit Sex with Minors

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'A former Alabama teacher who was imprisoned after pleading guilty to having sex with two teens is appealing her conviction because she believes prohibiting sex with minors is “unconstitutional.”

The Daily Mail reported that Charli Jones Parker, 31, is appealing her conviction after a judge sentenced her to 12 years in prison in August for having sex with two of her 16-year-old male students.

As part of her guilty plea, however, the judge agreed that she would only serve three years of her sentence and five years of probation.

Parker, who taught at the private Christian school Pickens Academy in Carrolton, is arguing through her attorneys that a state law establishing criminal penalties for student-teacher sex is unconstitutional because it violates the equal protection clause.'

The Factual Feminist: #MeToo: Movement or witch hunt?

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The #MeToo movement has the potential to correct long-tolerated abuses and to lead to a new era of understanding and respect between men and women –if it doesn't get hijacked by gender activists. AEI scholar Christina Hoff Sommers gives insight to how the movement should and shouldn't proceed if it wants to make progress.

Jordan Peterson is helping disillusioned boys become men

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'I think, for example, that everyone would agree that there is a generation of young men in our society who are disillusioned, angry, and frustrated. Suicide, for example, is pandemic among young white men. Many of them are unemployed, most of them are hooked on pornography, and as a result their relationships are often toxic or dysfunctional. Nobody really seems to care, either—books like Hanna Rosin's The End of Men even carry a hint of triumphalism. To even talk about "men's issues" is to incur the rage of a thousand feminists.

But Jordan Peterson is a man who is brought to tears when discussing the plight of young men, and he desperately wants to change their lives for the better. They are flocking to him in their hundreds of thousands, seeking advice and the tools to change their lives. Thousands of them are now crediting Peterson with transforming them from angry and dysfunctional to ambitious and "getting it together." He is swiftly becoming a father figure to a generation of men who often grew up without one.
...
You'd think that was something that people could get on board with. You'd think that progressives would see Peterson's work as a good thing. But instead, simply because he refuses to subscribe to the postmodernism that they hold so dear, because he refuses to be compelled into saying things he does not believe, the progressives attack and slander him with all they've got. After all, who cares about all the young men that find Peterson's work transformative. The progressives had written them all off already, anyway.'

Sweden: Outraged woman crusades against dog park ‘patriarchy’

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'A Stockholm resident wants to build a new dog park with one rule: no (dog) boys allowed.

In the Swedish capital, it’s socially verboten for female dogs in heat to frolic in dog parks, according to local news outlet StockholmDirekt.

The pooches aren’t partitioned without cause: It’s a widely held opinion that female dogs in heat shouldn’t be in close quarters with unneutered male dogs, who may get riled up from the interaction.

But artist Carola Kastman, owner of 5-month-old border collie-Doberman-Rottweiler mix, Coco, thinks it’s downright discriminatory that pups like hers are barred from Stockholm’s dog runs for the roughly three months per year they are menstruating.

“I could never have believed that patriarchy had entered the dog parks,” she tells StockholmDirekt.“This is a major political issue. I will not be happy until there’s at least one sex-separated dog run for female dogs in every neighborhood.”

Her “citizen’s proposal” to open a female-only dog park near her neighborhood of Sodermalm will be considered by the local government — although the chairman of Sodermalm’s district council declined to comment to StockholmDirekt “because he is not a dog owner himself.”'

Campus Kangaroo Courts: Blame Colleges, Not Just the Federal Government

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'Serving on a panel that hears Title IX sexual-assault complaints on college campuses sounds like a full-time job. According to a recent story in the Chronicle of Higher Education, at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater, students, faculty, and staff who volunteer “are trained in the Wisconsin system’s conduct code, which is written into state law. They also complete an annual course on sexual assault and sexual misconduct, developed by system lawyers. [They learn] about the definitions of sexual misconduct and related terms . . . the nuances of consent and on trauma-informed questioning.” If universities don’t train panelists according to rules set by the federal Department of Education, they could be accused of contributing to the very “hostile environment” they are meant to combat.

At large schools with a lot of faculty and administrators it may be easier to spare someone to serve in such a role — the University of Virginia has 50 people who have been trained to do so. But at smaller schools, things are harder. Amherst, Smith, Mount Holyoke, Hampshire, and UMass Amherst band together and loan each other administrators to serve on such panels. According to the Chronicle, one college couldn’t find anyone to serve, so it had to get its librarian to oversee hearings.

Schools may lament that this training is both time-consuming and costly, but they have only themselves to blame. Sure, the federal government imposes these requirements today, but it was colleges that started us down this road.

Disciplinary panels — including ones that involved students — were set up in the ’60s and ’70s to adjudicate violations of schools’ honor codes, such as plagiarism. But as university faculty and administration began to see their role as more expansive, these panels experienced “mission creep” and started hearing cases of actual crimes. In 1980, University of Virginia assistant dean of students Edward Golden looked into how colleges were handling these matters. Among the 58 institutions he surveyed, 36 percent did not allow cross-examination, 55 percent did not guarantee an impartial judge or jury, 60 percent did not guarantee students the right to confront their accusers, and 91 percent did not make witnesses testify. In 1999, with their book Shadow University, Harvey Silverglate and Alan Kors documented how colleges across the country had created disciplinary systems that violated students’ due-process rights.'

It’s Hard to Be a Man: Since When?

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'The #MeToo and #Time’s Up campaigns have shone a light on the alleged sexual misconduct of several major Hollywood personalities and if the past few months offer any indicator, further revelations appear inevitable – and more reputations will tumble.

But the idea that it’s suddenly become hard to be a man appears a tad misplaced, and if the worst thing most men have to contend with in a changing climate is some awkward conversations, then so be it.
Misogyny has been infinitely more prevalent for, well, let’s face it, all of recorded history than misandry.

Are there men haters out there? On the law of probability, yes, but history clearly shows that it’s the misogynists who have inflicted wholly greater punishments and miseries, some of which remain institutionally and culturally agreeable in men-dominated states/regimes across the world.'

Levy: #MeToo movement is 2018 version of man-shaming

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'This will not win me any Brownie points with the anti-patriarchal “feministas” — but I’m going to say it.

I fear the #MeToo movement is fast careening out of control.

Judging from the allegedly wronged females coming out of the woodwork almost every day as of late, it is already out of control, with those accused left wondering what hit them — their reputations in near tatters — after being tried, convicted and sentenced in our very in-your-face social media world with barely a second thought to the implications.

It’s the 2018 version of man-shaming, the accusers operating mostly from their holier-than-thou perch on various online platforms and blogs.
...
I can’t help but wonder — as I watch the #MeToo circus unfold — if the pendulum has been permitted to swing to the point where #MeToo has become more “#MeToo I want to get in on the action” as in “I want to get even with whomever allegedly wronged me (due to many more factors than a power imbalance).”
...
We as women must ask ourselves: How many times more can we expect to “cry #MeToo” before we’re tuned out?'

Court rules in favor of male Miami University student in sexual assault case

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'A federal appeals court ruled Friday in favor of a male student who blames gender discrimination for an Ohio university's finding that he violated its sexual-assault policy.

A three-judge 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel upheld a lower court's dismissal of several claims against Miami University and school officials, but found that the student presented enough factual allegations to support a "reasonable inference" of discrimination.

The student, identified in court documents as "John Doe," said most of Miami's sexual misconduct cases are against males who are then ruled responsible without fair hearings. He was suspended for a 2014 encounter with a female acquaintance who said he went ahead with sexual acts when she told him not to after they had some consensual activity.'

Male student accused of 'violence' for op-ed on diversity

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'A Dartmouth College student's op-ed alleging gender bias on a trip-planning committee has resulted in an outpouring of criticism from liberal classmates.

Within a day of its posting, the opinion piece titled "You're Not Tripping" in The Dartmouth had ignited a campus-wide uproar. In this op-ed, Ryan Spector '19 detailed his disappointment with 2018 First-Year Trips directorate selection process. Each year, approximately 19 upperclassmen applicants are selected for the directorate in order to help facilitate Trips, Dartmouth's annual summer excursions for incoming freshmen.

This year, out of 44 total applicants, 15 women were chosen, along with four men. After being rejected from the directorate himself, Spector accused the directors in charge of the selection process of having an "obsession with diversity" that "verges on the inane," in light of its extremely female-heavy composition.

The director of Trips, Lucia Pierson '18, along with Dalia Rodriguez-Caspeta '18, the assistant director, emphasized in their original announcement that the 2018 Trips directorate, which is 80 percent female, was selected "purely based on merit." Spector railed against this notion, calling it "nothing but an exercise in mental gymnastics," alleging that their decision to only accept four male students indicated an "extreme application of a diversity policy" and claiming that the members of the new directorate would not adequately represent the Dartmouth student body.

Immediately after the article was posted, the backlash began in the comments section. One student called the op-ed a "whiny post-rejection [expression] of frustration," while others offered up faux sympathy for him as a "white cis male" from Illinois. Some of the comments respectfully challenged his arguments, but most of them accused him of sexist and even racist undertones, emphasizing his status as a privileged white male.'

BuzzFeed: "11 Men's Luge Bulges That All Deserve Gold Medals"

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'These moose knuckles, aka male bullllllges, flying effortlessly down the Olympic luge track, are a thing to behold.'

After being cleared by police in rape case, former college football player sues school for expulsion

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'A former Coastal Carolina University football player who was expelled after a cheerleader accused him of rape filed a federal lawsuit against the university last week, alleging in court papers that he lost his scholarship because of false allegations and a flawed disciplinary system.

The former player, who is identified only as John Doe in court records, contends he was cleared by the Conway Police Department and a student conduct panel, but he was still kicked out of school last year because of the cheerleader's complaint, according to the lawsuit, which was filed on Jan. 31.

Coastal disputes the former player's allegations.

"The lawsuit alleges that the university erred by dismissing him; however, the university acted properly and will vigorously defend the lawsuit," Coastal spokeswoman Martha Hunn said via email.'

"If Not Now, When?"

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This looks to be interesting. Admittedly I haven't read it through myself but if you do please comment. Abstract:

'The sexual-harassment scandals are good news for women but bad news for men--not merely for the men who actually harassed women but for all men. All men are on trial, collectively, in the court of public opinion. And that court neither requires nor allows the presumption of innocence (let alone the presentation of evidence). At issue are two things: the absence of a voice for men in the public square, specifically as men, and the inability of boys and men to create a healthy collective identity in the face of societal indifference at best and implacable hostility at worst. This essay begins by discussing significant moral and intellectual problems in the fallout from these scandals. It continues by outlining a new way of thinking about harassment, one that not only holds men accountable for the sexual harassment of women (or other men) but also makes women accountable for the identity harassment of men.'

Trump decries lack of ‘due process’ for men accused of sexual harassment, abuse

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'President Trump on Saturday appeared to side with men accused of domestic abuse or sexual misconduct, following a week of turmoil surrounding allegations of spousal abuse against two male aides that brought the national #MeToo movement inside the White House.

In a tweet, Trump questioned whether “due process” is being given to those accused of wrongdoing and expressed sympathy for their damaged careers and sullied reputations.

“Peoples lives are being shattered and destroyed by a mere allegation,” Trump tweeted Saturday morning. “Some are true and some are false. Some are old and some are new. There is no recovery for someone falsely accused — life and career are gone. Is there no such thing any longer as Due Process?”

...

Rep. Jackie Speier (D-Calif.), a leader in the effort to combat sexual harassment in Congress, said her stomach turned when she saw Trump’s tweet Saturday morning.

"The new mantra is ‘We believe the women,’ and he is frozen in ‘I believe the men,’ ” Speier said in an interview. “He’s beyond rehabilitation in my view.”'

Letter to the editor: There’s nothing wrong with rejecting feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, the Alestle published a piece discussing feminism as well as the reluctance of some people to identify with it.

For instance, President Trump does not describe himself as a feminist. According to the Alestle staff, however, Trump is obligated to call himself one since he is “for women” and “for men.”

For some reason this is something conservatives are often told. The label feminist is thrust upon us and we must accept. Otherwise, wouldn’t we be against women?

Sadly, that honorific title is often revoked once any real discussion of views takes place. I don’t pretend to represent all conservatives, but I would like to try and explain why some people choose not to call themselves feminists.'

UK: Labour faces backlash for telling straight white men they cannot attend equality conference

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'Young Labour's Equalities Conference was billed as a "one-day event" for disabled, LGBT, women and black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) members, according to an invitation sent to members.

However white heterosexual men are not listed as eligible to apply to attend the gathering, set to take place on March 17 in central London.

Labour denied the event is discriminatory because it is being held so that the attending groups can elect equalities representatives for the youth faction's National Committee.'

Oscar-Winner Michael Haneke: #MeToo ‘Witch Hunt Should Be Left in the Middle Ages’

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'Oscar-winning filmmaker Michael Haneke has slammed the ongoing #MeToo movement in a new interview, characterizing the campaign by women who have accused prominent individuals of sexual misconduct as a “witch hunt” that should be “left in the Middle Ages.”

“This new puritanism colored by a hatred of men, arriving on the heels of the #MeToo movement, worries me,” the 75-year-old Amour director said in an interview with the Austrian news outlet Kurier.

“This hysterical pre-judgment which is spreading now, I find absolutely disgusting,” Haneke said, according to a translation by Deadline. “And I don’t want to know how many of these accusations related to incidents 20 or 30 years ago are primarily statements that have little to do with sexual assault.”'

Should We Say "Of Course" To Feminism?

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'Of course we should support women's rights. But before we unthinkingly vouch for the cause of feminism, we should contemplate an important question: what does it mean to be a feminist in 2018?
...
Stanford's student body labels anyone who does not identify as "feminist" as anti-woman. In the 1950s, this might have been true, at which time I might have considered myself a feminist -- perhaps even a radical one. Yet in 2018, both the word and the movement have morphed into something far more exclusionary. Today's feminists not only advocate equal rights for women, but also a series of corollaries, such as the recognition of a gender pay gap motivated by sexism, transgender and abortion rights--the list never ends. In fact, the Women's March's policy platform, called "Unity Principles," include the belief that "gender justice is racial justice is economic justice," and that those who do not follow their agenda cannot be true feminists—whether or not the critiques originate from misogyny.'

College Talks About Diversifying The ‘White, Male World Of Construction’ With Women

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'Smith College is hosting a panel advocating to get more women into the construction industry, after government estimates report approximately three percent of construction workers in the U.S. are female.

Organized by college professor Carrie Baker, the all-female Massachusetts college will host the panel discussion titled, “Only 3% are Women?! A Forum on Diversifying the Construction Workforce” to try to get more women to join what has traditionally been a male-dominated profession. Baker teaches courses on gender, law, public policy, and feminist activism, including topical courses on sex trafficking, reproductive justice and sexual harassment.
...
There are close to 6.5 million construction workers in the U.S., according to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Following manufacturing, construction work is the second most fatal industry in America, a very likely deterrent to women entering the industry.'

Swedish Students Forced to Write Essays on 'White Male Privilege'

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'Apart from programming and mathematics, students who choose computer engineering as their major at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) also have to expect a compulsory course named "Program Cohesion," which includes a seminar and an essay on minorities and equal treatment, the Nyheter Idag news outlet reported.

To participate in the seminars, students are required to read articles "revealing the hetero norm" at Swedish institutions and on the #Metoo campaign against sexual harassment, as well as watch a film about being black in the Nordic country.

In addition to Implicit Association Test to reveal one's subconscious prejudice, first-year students are required to write an essay of 500-900 words reflecting on the benefits of being (or at least being perceived as) male and heterosexual, growing up in Sweden and having a Nordic or generally Western appearance, according to the curriculum on the university webpage.'

'Yes means yes' sexual assault bill draws opposition from attorneys

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'Prosecutors and defense attorneys said Friday the "yes means yes" sexual affirmative consent bill was written in a way that is too confusing.

"It's difficult for us as prosecutors to understand the language within this bill, let alone communicate that to jurors who need to understand what elements we have to prove ... beyond a reasonable doubt," said Molly Keane, representing the Nebraska County Attorneys Association.
...
Keane voiced admiration for the motivation behind the bill and everything it was attempting to accomplish but, she said, the way it was written wouldn't bring about what its sponsor wanted.

The bill would adopt affirmative consent as the standard for criminal sexual assault cases. Pansing Brooks said it refocuses the way the legal system approaches a case.'

Why I Condemn Radical Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Needless to say, feminism has empowered women indefinitely, but for all the wrong reasons. In psychology, Alfred Adler theorizes the importance of superiority for individuals. In the present day and age, women are chasing their dreams, exercising their right to vote and encouraging fellow counterparts to follow their lead. However, in view of women opening up about their personal experiences regardingsexual harassment and violence, several men have had to put up with fabricated lies and false accusations directed at them.

It goes without saying thatmany men have exploited women and prompted sexual advances but, at the same time, women have wrongfully used the victim card to their advantage and continue to do so.I firmly believe that not all men are sexual predators and not all women are naïve. That said, radical feminism has received widespread attention over the years and I condemn it to its core. The term calls for a complete extermination of men by means of speech and vehement actions. There have been several instances of radical feminism in recent history; the infamous radical feminist, Valerie Solanas, authored the controversial book SCUM Manifesto, which endeavored to eradicate the male sex ad infinitum.

The dynamic of the world is changing steadily and women are voicing their opinions to get back at men and prove them wrong. They are tearing corporate sectors into shreds and forgingtoxic accusations aimed at the opposite gender to get ahead in their careers; indeed, it is a gross miscarriage of justice and has turned the tables for good. If calling out men and falsely blaming them for social injustices screams the right to freedom for women, I happily contest.'

Men, Misandry, and Suicide Rates

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'Dr. Groth elaborated on this theme in a 2014 interview, in which he said that men and boys have come to hate themselves:

"This is a result of the image portrayed of them and of the roles they are compelled to play, but also given what they hear about themselves and, especially as young boys, come to believe about themselves. As a result of self-hate, the suicide rate of boys and men has increased at an alarming rate over the last twenty years. It is 4-6 times higher in teenage males than in female peers. The life expectancy of males is about seven years less than for females, compared to a two-year difference a century ago. College courses that are pro-male are now necessary to offset the misandric curriculum."

“Misandry” means contempt for men, but you don’t hear that word very much these days because it has been trumped by the word “misogyny,” thanks to the antics of third-wave feminism.'

Three Female Teachers Face Felony Charges Over Alleged Sex Misconduct with Students

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'Three Texas teachers, accused of sexual misconduct, found themselves arrested and charged, or sentenced to a lengthy prison term within the past few days–all high school teachers, all women, and all of them face potentially serious consequences for alleged dalliances with underage male students.

On Monday, Nacogdoches County sheriffs arrested former Woden High School teacher Kelly Diann Searles, charging her with two counts of having improper relationships with two male students plus two counts of felony indecency with a child by sexual contact.

Concerns about Searles, 45, surfaced in early January when Woden Independent School District Superintendent Brady Taylor learned of allegations that she was texting a student, a violation of the school board's policy regardless of the content of the conversations. Woden ISD launched a full investigation but uncovered no sexual contact between Searles and the student in question. Still, Searles resigned immediately for violating district texting policy.'

Iceland MPs propose ban on circumcision of boys

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'MPs from five different political parties in Iceland have proposed a ban on the circumcision of boys.

The bill, which has been submitted to the country's parliament, suggests a six-year prison term for anyone found guilty of "removing sexual organs in whole or in part".

Circumcising girls has been illegal in Iceland since 2005, but there are currently no laws to regulate the practice against boys.

Describing circumcision as a "violation" of young boys' rights, the bill states the only time it should be considered is for "health reasons".

Addressing religious traditions, it insists the "rights of the child" always exceed the "right of the parents to give their children guidance when it comes to religion".'

We All Live on Campus Now

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'Due process? Real life is beginning to mimic college tribunals. When the perpetrator of an anonymous list accusing dozens of men of a whole range of sexual misdeeds is actually celebrated by much of mainstream media (see this fawning NYT profile), you realize that we are living in another age of the Scarlet Letter. Moira Donegan has yet to express misgivings about possibly smearing the innocent — because the cause is far more important than individual fairness. Besides, if they're innocent, they'll be fine! Ezra Klein has openly endorsed campus rules that could frame some innocent men. One of the tweets in response to some of my recent writing on this has stuck in my mind ever since: "can anyone justify why the POSSIBLE innocence of men is so much more important than the DEFINITE safety and comfort of women?" And yet this principle of preferring ten guilty people to go free rather than one innocent person to be found guilty was not so long ago a definition of Western civilization.'

Canada: Man banned from club for 'mansplaining' denied human rights hearing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The B.C. Human Rights Tribunal won't reconsider its refusal to hear a Vancouver man's complaint that his dance club banned him for being "creepy" and discriminated against him on the basis of age, sex and race.

Mokua Gichuru asked the tribunal to rethink a 2017 finding that the Vancouver Swing Society "has a right to ban individuals for inappropriate behaviour, regardless of sex, age or any other characteristic."

Gichuru claimed new evidence from a club member's March 2017 Facebook post supported his request for reconsideration because he said it revealed the swing club refuses to consider harassment complaints raised by men and won't listen to "a man's side of the story."

The post, about unrelated sexual assault allegations made two years earlier against an international dance instructor who was black, said the choice to stand with the victim included banning the abuser, a reference Gichuru argued was aimed at him, an older, black man.'

Open letter stirs controversy for blasting ‘believe the victim’ approach to campus sex assaults

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'About a dozen attorneys and professors in and near Philadelphia have signed an open letter calling “believe the victim” approaches to sexual assault investigations “junk science” that risks wrongful convictions.

The letter, spearheaded by the Maryland-based group Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, or SAVE, claims that the victim-centered practices that now guide campus rape investigations hearken back to history’s hasty responses to public health crises that presumed the accused’s guilt.

“This trend is disturbingly reminiscent of the 1980s and ‘90s satanic daycare child abuse ‘witch hunt’ during which investigators were instructed to ‘believe the children’ without scrutiny,” the letter states.

The letter, signed by nearly 140 people from across the country, was just the latest wrinkle in a growing debate about how colleges and universities investigate campus sexual assault allegations.'

Tucker Carlson: Psychiatric Drugs, Social Alienation, Broken Families, War On Men More Relevant Than Gun Control

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tucker Carlson said Thursday on Fox News that psychiatric drugs, social alienation, the destruction of the nuclear family and the war on men are far more relevant topics to discuss than gun control if our goal is to stop mass shootings.'

London thinks Uber should offer “women-only” rides

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amid Uber’s ongoing appeal of losing its license in London, Transport for London (TfL) has issued a new policy statement making suggestions for ways Uber could improve its service, reports Engadget. One such suggestion was for Uber to make women-only vehicles available for hire. In the policy statement, TfL says:

“Operators should provide mechanisms to allow passengers to choose who they share vehicles with (e.g. women-only vehicles) and establishing how passengers might be able to decide on this before accepting a ride.”'

James Madison University's Sexual-Assault Star Chamber

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It may finally be payback time for one student at James Madison University.

In a case involving a dubious sexual-assault claim and a proceeding reminiscent of Franz Kafka's The Trial, "John Doe," the accused male student, received a five-year suspension from the university. A court later reinstated him. And now the university may be required to pay Doe a cool $849,231.25 to cover his legal costs — if the judge on the case accepts the recommendation of a federal magistrate.

The report filed by U.S. magistrate Joel Hoppe in John Doe v. Alger says that the school unfairly suspended the student for a sexual assault that was alleged but never proven. In fact, Doe was found innocent by the campus tribunal that originally heard the claim.'

What Do ALL the Mass Shooters Have in Common?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The one common thread among all the recent mass shooters is they are children of single of mothers. These young men had no male role models in their homes. For 50 years, our society has encouraged women to be single mothers despite all the research proving it is detrimental to a child to be born into a home without a father. Children born to single mothers are twice as likely to become delinquent.

Children of single mothers are more likely to be in special education classes in school, more likely to drop out of school, more likely to experiment with drugs and alcohol at an early age, and more likely to become delinquent and to be incarcerated. There are no men on death row from intact families. Children of single mothers are more likely to witness domestic violence in their homes and more likely to repeat the pattern of domestic violence. Children born to a married couple are more likely to attend college, less likely to be abused, and more likely to grow up mentally and physically healthier. A child born to a single mother has close to a 40% chance of growing up in poverty while a child born to a married couple has less than 4% chance of growing up in poverty. Children of single mothers are 14 times more likely to suffer abuse and if the mother lives with a man who is not the father of the child, the chances of abuse increase to 33 times that of a married couple. Worse, the children of single parents are more likely to grow up and repeat the pattern, a pattern that is detrimental to children. Despite what the liberals have told us, children need fathers in their lives and in their homes.

If we look at the recent spate of mass shooters, they all grew up in single family homes. (Cho at Virginia Tech may have been the exception although he seemed to be missing guidance from either of his parents. They did not seem to have been aware of his problems which began in middle school.)'

Woman pursues and murders driver in road rage incident

Matt · 19 February 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Marc Devoe, a Peabody construction worker, was on his lunch break from a project at the future Thorndike Exchange when he realized another driver that he may have cut off was following him, according to a police report.

"Someone is following us," Devoe told a coworker. "I think we have a problem."

Devoe was dead less than two hours later.

Devoe, 34, was killed by a single gunshot wound to the chest that police say the other driver fired following a confrontation near the Gallagher Intermodal Terminal.

That driver, Graciela Paulino, 20, of 1010 Gorham St., Unit 3, was ordered held without bail on Friday, arraigned on a single count of murder in Lowell District Court.'

#MeToo movement lawmaker faces new sexual misconduct allegations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'SAN FRANCISCO — New misconduct allegations have been leveled against California Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia — the high-profile #MeToo movement activist under investigation herself for alleged sexual harassment — including a claim that Garcia urged staffers to play “spin the bottle” after a political fundraiser.

David John Kernick has filed a formal complaint with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing claiming he was dismissed from his job in Garcia’s district office for questioning the propriety of asking staffers to play the game.

Kernick, 38, who worked for the assemblywoman for five months in 2014, described to POLITICO an evening of heavy drinking in which Garcia ended up sitting on a hotel room floor with about half-dozen people — including her staffers and at least one male friend — and prompted them to play a game that results in participants kissing each other.

“It was definitely uncomfortable,” said Kernick, adding that the assemblywoman’s suggestion was met with discomfort and then ignored. “But I realized it’s different for a man than for a woman. … You know it’s inappropriate, but at the same time you may wonder, ‘How many women do you work for that act like that?’ You think … ’Maybe she’s just really cool.”"

Even Justice Ginsburg Thinks Colleges Handle Misconduct Allegations Unfairly

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'Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said colleges and universities have not respected the due process rights of the accused when resolving allegations of sexual misconduct during public remarks earlier this week.

A feminist icon and patroness of the #MeToo movement, the justice expressed sympathy with widely-held perceptions about systemic injustice in college rape tribunals.

Ginsburg told The Atlantic's Jeffrey Rosen that women should never be afraid to complain about disparate treatment, but added that the accused must be handled fairly. She then noted that campus administrators often fail to abide by these tenets when adjudicating assault or harassment allegations.'

Protesters Try Everything To Keep Fired Google Employee James Damore From Speaking But Totally Fail

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'A protester tried pulling the plug on fired Google employee James Damore and the rest of a panel at Portland State University Saturday by tampering with the audio system.

Portland State's Freethinkers group hosted Damore, along with professor Peter Boghossian, writer Helen Pluckrose, and Evergreen State professors Bret Weinstein and Heather E. Heying, reported The College Fix.

Non-student protester Heather Clark, whose attempted dismantling of the panel's sound system resulted in a 10-minute audio outage, received a second degree criminal mischief citation, as well as a two-year campus ban.

"I know that some were expecting a violent disruption," Clark told The Fix. "I don't think that was ever on the table. Bottom line, people like James Damore are absolutely not welcome here. We must make that clear. A small walkout and some equipment damage isn't saying much, but it's a whole lot louder than nothing."'

The desperate cry of America's boys

Matt · 20 February 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr. Black is not the first to attack masculinity and suggest it's at the root of all evil. Indeed, the phrase 'toxic masculinity' has become boilerplate language in America.

It's not a hard sell, either. After all, it is boys and men who are typically to blame for violent acts of aggression. Ergo, testosterone—the defining hormone of masculinity—must be to blame. But testosterone has been around forever. School shootings have not.

Mr. Black is correct that boys are broken. But they're not broken as a result of being cavemen who haven't "evolved" the way women have. They're broken for another reason.

They are fatherless.

Broken homes, or homes without a physically and emotionally present mother and father, are the cause of most of society's ills. "Unstable homes produce unstable children," writes Peter Hasson at The Federalist.

He adds, "On CNN's list of the "27 Deadliest Mass Shootings In U.S. History," seven of those shootings were committed by young males since 2005. Of the seven, only one—Virginia Tech shooter Seung-Hui Cho—was raised by his biological father throughout childhood."'

California Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia denies groping accusations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As a #MeToo activist, she's called on those accused of harassment to resign immediately – but she does not plan to do so herself.

"I don't know if I would go so far as to say that it's hypocritical. What I do know is that it's incredibly questionable," Fierro said.

"I'm going to be respectful of the process. I've been trying really hard to be respectful of people coming forward," Garcia said. "I've never had allegations like this against me."

Garcia has yet to be interviewed by investigators. She's on unpaid leave until the investigation is complete. There's no clear timeline on when that will be.'

UK: Women open women-only club... to tackle sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On 8 March, International Women's Day, serial entrepreneur Debbie Wosskow and former Hearst Magazines UK chief Anna Jones will open Britain's first members-only club specifically for businesswomen. Named The AllBright after Albright, 80, but with an extra "l" to remove any ambiguity, the duo is seeking to turn old-boy sexism in London on its head just as the #MeToo movement shines fierce new light on workplace harassment worldwide.
...
"The zeitgeist is really with us," Wosskow, who sold her home-swapping vacation service for £53 million last year, said in an interview at Bloomberg's London office alongside Jones. "Everything from #MeToo through to the Presidents Club is surfacing these conversations, it's now becoming a front-and-centre issue for business."
...
The co-founders, both mothers of two, said 600 women from industries ranging from finance and science to art and sports have already joined and they have a waiting list. They charge a fee of £300 and then either £750 a year or £2,000 for three years.'

Let's Hear It For The Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the greater disparities between male and female students can be seen in the College of Veterinary Medicine, where out of 277 students, 96.39 percent of undergraduates are women, leaving 10 men in the minority in 2017.

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Some might think that such a discrepancy would result in the creation of education or nursing groups for men, but there doesn't seem to be a male-centered group yet at Purdue.

While no one should be encouraged to go into an area of study they truly do not want to enter, there's something distinctly unfair about the lack of men's programs, not just at Purdue, but around the nation. The recent push for women in STEM is admirable, but the same encouragement should be offered to men.'

The Feminist Delusion of Toxic Masculinity

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'Just as the phrase "climate change" fails to capture the fundamental nature of a theory that was originally labeled "global warming," the commonly heard phrase "toxic masculinity" substitutes similarly imprecise language for the more explicit notion that the biologically ordained striving by men to achieve dominance is bad. Many women nowadays wish to bury the fact that their female ancestors sought protection by attaching themselves to dominant males; they suffer under the illusion that the cave man days are over and that as a result, men must now change their biology.

These women presume that civilization protects them sufficiently that they no longer need seek out protection by a loyal male. They are delusional. They think themselves capable of achieving the sort of competitive dominance needed to maintain their own autonomy because they view the abstract concept of society – or civilization – as an imperishable item largely immune from destruction.

In fact, both society in general and civilization in particular are fragile things that have in the past collapsed with surprising suddenness. One could look to ancient times for examples (e.g., the dissolution of the Roman Empire in the face of invasion by Germanic barbarians or the sudden disintegration of Mayan culture due to unknown causes), but modern examples might be more convincing.'

College Activism Needs to Get Better Than This Student Accusing Dozens of Peers of Rape

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'Let me say this right off the bat: Publicly calling people rapists is a serious, potentially damning accusation that has the capacity to ruin innocent people's lives. It also feels inappropriate at best to mention alleged "rapists" and "fetishistic" men in the same breath, as pointed out by someone who was named on the list and spoke with Babe about the events. That being said, when I first heard this happened, I thought Elizabeth was brave to disseminate a list of names of potential abusers. More than that, I loved the diligence required to confirm with every last one of the survivors who had been abused that the names should be published so that others might be spared.

Assuming Elizabeth had that level of follow-through was my mistake.'

College disciplines student who posted names and accusations against others

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Elizabeth Dunn ’18, who on Dec. 12 posted a list on Facebook accusing 36 current and former male students of sexual misconduct, has received official college discipline in the form of a letter in their file.

Official college discipline is a permanent attachment to a student’s file and must be reported if a student is asked whether they have received college discipline. It is also reported to the parents and guardians of the student.

“I’ve received official college discipline in the form of a letter that goes on my permanent record, for violating the respect for persons policy and obstructing a Title IX investigation (i.e. not sharing the names of survivors),” said Dunn, who uses they/them pronouns.'

Stanford Promotes ‘Inclusivity’ by Banning Men from the Gym Twice a Week

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Stanford University announced this semester that male students are banned from the university gym twice a week in order to promote “inclusivity.”
The prestigious Stanford University has introduced a new policy that bans male students from the campus gym for two hours on Mondays and Wednesdays. University of Michigan-Flint professor Mark Perry has filed a civil rights complaint against Stanford over the practice.

According to the Stanford website, the women’s only gym access takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Trans-females are welcome to participate in the women’s only hours.
...
The decision was made based on survey feedback from female students who said they “didn’t feel comfortable in large gym spaces.”'

"Male Supremacy Groups Are Officially Considered Hate Groups"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the first time, the advocacy nonprofit Southern Poverty Law Center has included male supremacy groups to their annual hate list, released today. Paul Elam's "A Voice for Men" and Daryush "Roosh" Valizadeh's "Return of Kings" are the two active groups added to the roundup of hate groups which includes organizations which attack or malign an entire class of people.

"Male supremacy is a hateful ideology advocating for the subjugation of women. It misrepresents all women as genetically inferior, manipulative and stupid and reduces them to their reproductive or sexual function — with sex being something that they owe men and that can or even should be coerced out of them," reads a new report from SPLC obtained by ELLE.com. "Their thinly veiled desire for the domination of women and their conviction that the current system oppresses men in favor of women are the unifying tenets of the male supremacist worldview."
...
Like white supremacy, male supremacy is driven by fear and anger at the loss of white male status," the new SPLC report says.'

Judge issues ruling in false rape case -- no jail time for false accuser

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Article here.

'A local woman will avoid a felony charge — and what could have been a prison sentence — after she filed a false rape report with the Michigan State Police.

Mikayla Lynn Zachman-Clark, 22, of Traverse City, last week was sentenced to time served with no fines or costs after she earlier this month pleaded guilty to the false report of a misdemeanor. A prior charge of falsely reporting a felony was subsequently dismissed as a part of a plea deal, records state.

“I don’t even remember reporting it at all,” Zachman-Clark said previously.

Zachman-Clark in July 2016 told troopers she was raped by a man near the TART Trail in downtown Traverse City. Subsequent DNA testing later cleared the suspect but Clark claimed to have no memory of the incident when again contacted by troopers with the results, court records state.

Falsely reporting a felony — like rape — is a felony in itself, under Michigan state law. Zachman-Clark’s initial charges could have landed in her in prison for up to four years. Her reduced charge carried a maximum sentence of up to 93 days in jail.

I’m already equal. So why do today’s feminists keep saying I’m oppressed?

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'Good morning, America. All your recent talk of gender equality has only shown just how far from woke you really are. Despite best intentions, the current cultural conversation about feminism continues to perpetuate sexism.

From my perspective, I’m already equal and was born that way in 1972. No need to fight about it now. I wasn’t waiting around for anyone to wake up or make space. Instead, I crafted an adventurous, independent, and productive existence with gusto, moxie, and swashbuckle.

Men never seemed inherently better at anything but hauling hay. So I’m impatient with discussions about gender premised on the assumption that I’m struggling at an imaginary starting line. Inequalities certainly exist, but women have been getting ahead, and doing great things, for a while, in the workforce and beyond. Yet the overwhelming messaging now is that we don’t own our power unless we shout about our woes, and that strong ladies talk a lot about how bad they’ve got it.'

"The patriarchal race to colonize Mars is just another example of male entitlement"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'These men, particularly Musk, are not only heavily invested in who can get their rocket into space first, but in colonizing Mars. The desire to colonize — to have unquestioned, unchallenged and automatic access to something, to any type of body, and to use it at will — is a patriarchal one. Indeed, there is no ethical consideration among these billionaires about whether this should be done; rather, the conversation is when it will be done. Because, in the eyes of these intrepid explorers, this is the only way to save humanity.

It is the same instinctual and cultural force that teaches men that everything — and everyone — in their line of vision is theirs for the taking. You know, just like walking up to a woman and grabbing her by the pussy.

It's there, so just grab it because you can.'

Women-only co-working spaces on rise in Twin Cities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A few dozen women gathered in a brick North Loop building — its entrance marked by pink balloons — for mimosas and a sneak peek.

There was no furniture yet. The floors were still covered in paper. But on a tour, the women were promised couches, tables and benches with a “hotel lobby or art gallery vibe.” A beauty bar packed with products for “all skin and hair types.” Space to work, to meet, to be in “boss mode.”

All without men around.

“If members need to bring men into the space,” said Liz Giel, gesturing to the unfinished conference room behind her, sliding doors will offer privacy, “so that our members will never have to see a dude.”

She winked. The women laughed.'

PFA order says congressional hopeful Shannon Edwards threatened to kill husband

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Allegheny County judge granted a temporary restraining order in late 2016 against Shannon Edwards, who announced Wednesday she's running for Congress, after her husband accused her of drunkenly attacking him and threatening to kill him, court records show.

Edwards, 33, of Lawrenceville is a psychologist who reportedly had an affair with former Republican Rep. Tim Murphy, who resigned in October.

Edwards announced her intention to campaign as a Republican for Congress on the steps of the Allegheny County Courthouse, a move that surprised GOP officials who said they weren't aware she was considering a run.

Edwards' husband, Jesse Sally, an osteopathic doctor specializing in sports medicine, has been seeking a divorce in a court case that is now sealed.'

Australia: Young men search for answers, rising star Jordan Peterson gives them

Mastodon · 24 February 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Could the plight of today's 20-something white American male be cured with a self-help book?

For thousands, the answer appears to be a surprising yes.

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Peterson sees young men as victims of a society that hasn't prepared them to be men, where postmodern, identity group politics has leaked out of the campuses and into the elementary schools, where being an energetic boy is considered a mental health defect, as social media rumors say.

What they find in Peterson is a guide and someone who is frank, and honest about reality. Peterson doesn't simplify the world's problems, he acknowledges them as complicated and that has given him credibility among his fans, who are navigating the new world of ever changing sexual politics, be it at school, work or the dating sphere. His lectures combine his expertise in clinical psychology, along with religious themes and Jungian psychiatry. He skips postmodern and ideological meanings, and gives answers in metaphors that run the range from philosophy and religion to Greek mythology.

The answers are complicated, and in many cases, there are no answers, but young men have found guidance in his videos and now his book, and believe they have found an honest broker.'

New page on our favorite subject

Matt · 26 February 2018 · Archived copy · Original

The Patriarchy. Yes. Read it and... do something. Dunno. Comment hereon.

What About This Patriarchy Stuff?

Southern Poverty Law Center: "Male Supremacy"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The men's rights movement lives in a pseudo-academic, seemingly respectable bubble, using litigation to challenge female-only spaces or defend men accused of campus sexual assault though airing more disturbing ideas behind the scene. Often, these men's rights advocacy groups, like the National Coalition for Men (NCFM), founded in 1977, and on whose board of advisors Farrell sits, distort or cherry-pick statistics to indicate female privilege, blame women or create false equivalences between the oppression of men and of women, rather than simply seek to advance the cause of men and fathers. Groups like NCFM use litigation to challenge what they perceived as discrimination in favor of women and try to influence policy on domestic violence, sexual assault, divorce and custody cases. In reality, they offered little help to men other than blaming women or advocating to deny women the structures that they did have to resort to discrimination or violence — one of the biggest grievances of the men's rights movement, for instance, is the Violence Against Women Act in 1994.

Most recently, Cassie Jaye, an American documentary filmmaker became a men's rights activist after producing The Red Pill documentary, a foray into the world of men's rights activists. As David Futrelle, who monitors the manosphere on his blog "We Hunted the Mammoth", decried, Jaye accepted funding directly from MRAs, notably taking money from Paul Elam and from regulars of the violently anti-woman The Red Pill subreddit, a misogynistic forum on Reddit. The misogynistic conspiracy theorist, Mike Cernovich, donated $10,000 to become an associate producer. The documentary, which sees Jaye interviewing MRAs and never challenging them on their myriad of misogynistic positions, sparked outrage in Australia. A campaign denouncing it as "misogynistic propaganda" succeeded in getting the film dropped by an Australian cinema. In the US, The Village Voice reportedly refused to run paid ads for the film in its paper.'

SPLC Slams ‘Factual Feminist’ and Other Women as Part of 'Male Supremacy’ Movement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the topsy turvy world of Leftist attack dogs, a Muslim reformer is an "anti-Islamic extremist," and the "Factual Feminist" is a "male supremacist." This month, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) expanded its political twisting of "hate" to smear critics of radical feminism.

"Male supremacy is a hateful ideology advocating for the subjugation of women," explained the SPLC's "extremist file" on "Male Supremacy" hate groups. Among those pushing for "the subjugation of women" are female critics of the far-Left push for enforced equality of outcome and abortion on demand, according to the SPLC.

"Women, too, have helped give the men’s rights movement a veneer of even-handedness," the group reported. "Prominent MRAs [Men's Rights Activists] also include anti-feminist female voices, such as popular Canadian YouTube personality Karen Straughan, American psychologist Helen Smith, and the former head of a domestic-violence shelter for women, the British Erin Pizzey."

The kicker: "Men’s rights issues also overlap with the rhetoric of equity feminists like Christina Hoff Sommers, who give a mainstream and respectable face to some MRA concerns."'

Tucker C and Jordan P: Why are so many young men committing mass murder?

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Video here. Summary:

'Compared with the peaks of the eighties and nineties, crime is way down in America. But rampage shooters are increasingly common, and almost all the killers are young men.'

Understanding the True Character of Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The changes that have happened to Western culture since feminism and the sexual revolution have produced a large number of women in search of a value system that will explain their anxiety and despair. It is now the function of feminism, for all its errors, lies, and simplifications, to provide this explanation, and furthermore, as regards the so-called patriarchy, to give righteous vent to the will to punish that is so significant to the sufferer. And indeed, this works. For that's the thing about a value system. It does not have to be true, or good, or wise. All it has to do is to give people what they believe they need.
...
Feminism is really a kind of status envy, which desperately tries to compensate for the deep loss of value mankind has suffered since the decline of religion, the family, culture, and work. Feminism therefore deceives women into thinking that they need to be the same as men: if they are not as accomplished as men in the workplace, then they are not "equal." Since, moreover, equality of outcome is a kind of religious dogma, it follows that lack of gender parity signifies sexism by definition. But men and women having, as research shows, different aptitudes and interests, the elysian goal is never achieved. Rather, in a palpable injustice, more and more women get jobs because they are women. And so, as Heather Mac Donald has deftly shown in her "#MedicorityToo," the culture shall likely be leveled down even more.'

College Student Describes Hell of False Rape Allegation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On December 12, my life changed forever.

I became aware that my name was on a “List of Men to Avoid,” compiled by a fellow student at Middlebury College, Elizabeth Dunn. It included the names of male students who had allegedly violated the boundaries of female students at Middlebury, based on accusations sent to Dunn on Facebook.

Each of the 36 names on the list was accompanied by a label in parentheses. Mine read “rapist.”

For the past two months, I’ve dealt with the social and psychological fallout of being anonymously branded a rapist on a small liberal arts campus.

I’ve wracked my brain to figure out what I could have done that a sex partner perceived as rape. I did everything Middlebury tells students to do in order to obtain sexual consent.

Most of my close female friends have abandoned me, and other friends continually make excuses to avoid me. I even considered suicide.

Other men named on this list told me they don’t want to speak out, even anonymously. They want to move on and forget that Elizabeth Dunn publicly branded them as purveyors of sexual violence without any evidence. It is a very fragile time emotionally for these students, and I respect their decisions to stay silent.'

Canada: 'We start with women': 2018 budget unveils new law to ensure men and women receive equal pay

Mastodon · 28 February 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Canada's self-proclaimed feminist government says it will "lead by example" with new pay equity legislation in this year's gender-themed budget that aims to tap into the economic potential of more women.

The 2018 spending plan, unveiled Tuesday by Finance Minister Bill Morneau, centres on an argument that women will be crucial to economic growth in the coming years.

To unleash this potential, which Morneau said Tuesday could add billions of dollars to Canada's economy, the Liberal government is proposing to tackle the pay gap between men and women by implementing a new law to enforce equal pay for equal work in federally regulated sectors.

"What we can do is lead by example," Morneau told the House of Commons Tuesday as he tabled this year's budget.

"It is our hope that in doing so, all employers will reflect on the way in which work done by women has been too often undervalued."'

Another University Will Have To Pay For Its Title IX Zealotry

Mastodon · 28 February 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Obama administration was notable for its disregard of the rule of law in its avid pursuit of politically desirable outcomes. Law professor David Bernstein's book on that subject, Lawless examined many such instances (see my review here) including the demand by Department of Education officials that colleges and universities scrap due process for accused male students in pursuit of high numbers of punishments for sexual assault.

Now some of the schools that eagerly complied with the Department's abuse of Title IX (the 1972 law that was written to keep schools that received federal funds from discriminating against women applicants) are feeling strong repercussions, as students use our justice system to right the wrongs done to them.

James Madison University (JMU) is a public university in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. It's probably not a school you would expect rampaging ideology to cause a protracted legal battle, but that's what happened.'

Duke Settles Student Lawsuit Over Sexual-Misconduct Case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Duke settled a legal dispute Monday about its student conduct process that's been up in the air for almost four years, the University confirmed. Lewis McLeod enrolled at Duke as part of the Class of 2014. He was [falsely] accused of sexual misconduct by a female student in November 2013. Duke found McLeod responsible for sexual misconduct, and expelled him.'

Ed. note: OP submitted this link but it's paywalled hard. If you have a WSJ subscription, guess you get to read it.

Incivility at Work: Is 'Queen Bee Syndrome' Getting Worse?

Matt · 28 February 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Tangential to MRM issues. It's a stereotype-buster. The notion that workplaces are made hostile for women by men seems a bit misplaced after reading this. But it is just one study. Excerpt:

'The phenomenon of women discriminating against other women in the workplace — particularly as they rise in seniority — has long been documented as the "queen bee syndrome." As women have increased their ranks in the workplace, most will admit to experiencing rude behavior and incivility.

Who is at fault for dishing out these mildly deviant behaviors? Has the syndrome grown more pervasive?

"Studies show women report more incivility experiences overall than men, but we wanted to find out who was targeting women with rude remarks," said Allison Gabriel, assistant professor of management and organizations in the University of Arizona's Eller College of Management.

Gabriel and her co-authors set out to answer that question across three studies. Men and women who were employed full time answered questions about the incivility they experienced at work during the last month. The questions were about co-workers who put them down or were condescending, made demeaning or derogatory remarks, ignored them in a meeting or addressed them in unprofessional terms. Each set of questions was answered twice, once for male co-workers and once for female co-workers.'

Actress Heather Locklear jailed for DV, assaulting a cop

Matt · 28 February 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Heather Locklear was arrested Sunday night for felony domestic violence and battery on a cop.

The incident occurred Sunday night. Deputies responded to a home in Thousand Oaks, CA ... someone reported domestic violence.

During the arrest she allegedly became combative and attacked a cop. As a result, she was also arrested on 3 counts of misdemeanor battery on an officer.'

Firefighting Empowerment Camp for Girls Canceled After Complaint

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A firefighting empowerment camp for girls was abruptly canceled after a discrimination complaint to the city.

That complaint came from a boy's father who called it a "girls only" empowerment camp that deterred his son from taking part.

Organizers with the Girls Empowerment Camp told us registration for the March 3 and 4 camp filled up with 100 participants in just three days. There were 40 participants on a wait list too. But now, no one will be taking part.
...
The foundation also added that gender isn't asked about on the registration. The attorney never filed a lawsuit against the foundation but did cite many anti-discrimination laws in his letter to the city.

He also called the event a "no-boys allowed empowerment camp." Organizers with the Girls Empowerment Camp told NBC 7 the main reason for having this event is to empower girls in a male-dominated industry.'

Uni Student Arrested For Making False Rape Claims

Mastodon · 1 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Authorities arrested a Clemson University student Wednesday after they discovered she made false claims about a rape.

South Carolina's Oconee County Sheriff's Office arrested and charged 18-year-old Sarah Katherine Campbell for filing a false police report of a felony, the department announced in a press release.

Campbell reportedly alleged a fellow student raped her in January at the Delta Chi Fraternity House — an off-campus university frat house. The Criminal Investigations Unit of the Sheriff's Office concluded the sexual act was consensual amid their investigation into the case.

"The investigation continued and evidence was gathered in the case; and based upon that evidence, it was determined that the sexual relations between Campbell and the male at the Fraternity House was consensual and that Campbell had not been truthful in the information that she provided to the investigator in the case," the department noted.'

Do We Need to Redefine Masculinity—or Get Rid of It?

Mastodon · 2 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This side of Poppi doesn't quite fit our country's definition of "masculine"—which we often assume includes attributes like strong, withdrawn, and violent.
...
It might sound rash, getting rid of masculinity. But it's really not a crazy thought. We only have to look back a little over 100 years to understand that, in America, the concept of masculinity was constructed to defend white supremacy and white male dominance over black men and women of all races.'

Virginia considering shared parenting legislation

Matt · 3 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'Virginia is among the growing list of states considering legislation to enact shared parenting - a flexible arrangement that gives children approximately 35-50 percent of time with each parent – after divorce. The bill is set to hit the Senate floor any day now, and Christian Paasch, founder of the Virginia Chapter of the National Parents Organization, discussed what this could mean for local families.'

8 Million Women Sign Declaration Decrying Radical Feminism

Matt · 3 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'HomeMakers for America will be in the nation's capital on March 8 to celebrate a national and international movement that started in May 2017 when the pro-God, pro-family, and pro-freedom organization published its Declaration of Mothers.

Since then, thousands of women in more than 4,000 U.S. cities and all 50 states have signed the declaration, several governors are proclaiming March 8 International Mothers Influence Day, and last month Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) entered the declaration into the Congressional Record.

In January 2018 HomeMakers for America partnered with women around the world to issue the Worldwide Declaration of Mothers, which has since been signed by organizational leaders representing eight million people in more than 150 countries around the world.

"It is clear that despite what the media and radical feminists would have us believe, the pink-hatted protestors do not speak for the majority of women in America—or the world," the organization said in its press release about the national briefing that will take place at the Phyllis Schlafly Center in Washington, D.C.'

India: “I quit” writes a father of one before hanging self, inlaws booked

Matt · 7 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A 35-year-old man committed suicide by hanging himself at his house here in Dadumajra Colony, on Monday.

Survived by wife and a three-year-old daughter, Pradeep Kumar, left behind a suicide note blaming his in-laws of harassment.

Kumar wrote “I quit” on the suicide note addressed to his mother, pleading for forgiveness. “Sorry mom. Mujhe maaf kar dena. Main ab or nahi seh saktaa,” reads the suicide note signed by Pradeep, blaming his wife and in-laws for taking the extreme step.
...
Seeking justice, the victim has demanded that his wife not be given any right on his house in Daddumajra Colony. In the suicide note, Pradeep has also referred to a video pertaining to his suicide. A case under Section 306 (abetment to suicide) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) has been registered against the victim’s wife Sumit, her mother Sureshni, father Ram Rattan and brothers Vicky, Ravi and Budh Prakash at Maloya police station. The police are still investigating the matter.'

Law students caught crying 'wolf' over Christina Hoff Sommers speech

Matt · 7 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Monday at 12 p.m., PST, controversial author and American Enterprise Institute scholar Christina Hoff Sommers will give a speech on trigger warnings, safe spaces, and victimhood culture at Portland's Lewis & Clark Law School. Groups have begun to organize protests, with the Portland-based Twitter account Always Antifascist claiming that Sommers "is basically [a Men's Rights Activist] and rape apologist/denialist."

Perhaps more worrisome, though, is the statement put out by the school's chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, Minority Law Student Association, Women's Law Caucus, Jewish Law Society, and the school's Young Democratic Socialists of America chapter, among others, which claims that the Federalist Society is inviting a "known fascist" to campus in an "act of aggression and violence toward members of our society who experience racial and gendered oppression." The groups call on the Federalist Society to rescind the speaking invitation and come out in full force to bring signs and peacefully protest the event.'

A Shameless Title IX Bureaucrat Poses as a Champion Of Due Process

Matt · 7 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During her nearly four years running Barack Obama's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Catherine Lhamon was nothing if not consistent. She sought to use the power of her office—chiefly by threatening to withhold federal funds—to force colleges and universities to change their campus sexual assault policies. Every substantive change demanded by the Obama administration made it more likely an accused student would be found guilty.

So it's been rather startling in recent days to see Lhamon claim that defending the fair treatment of accused students was a cardinal principle of her OCR tenure. On February 17, she tweeted, "The OCR I led insisted on a rigidly fair process for all parties involved in sexual violence investigations. Resolution agreements demonstrate that, notwithstanding baseless claims to the contrary. Fairness to all involved is essential to justice."
...

We live in an era of political shamelessness. But Catherine Lhamon positioning herself as someone who demanded fair treatment of accused students is nonetheless remarkable.

Although it hardly should be necessary to do so, it's worth reviewing Lhamon's actual record to see the sparseness of any desire for fair adjudications. Her highest-profile policy document—2014 guidance—made clear that due process for the accused took a back seat to the Obama administration's reinterpretation of Title IX. "Of course," Lhamon warned, "a school should ensure that steps to accord any due process rights do not restrict or unnecessarily delay the protections provided by Title IX to the complainant." She offered no explanation (then or later) as to why her interpretation of Title IX could trump the constitutional due process safeguards for students at public institutions.'

Does Concern For Boys Put You In the Alt-Right?

Matt · 7 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'So there I was, reading a piece in the New Yorker by Steve Coll, titled “Donald Trump’s Fake News Tactics," where Trump was seen as “draw(ing) on the contemporary idioms of the alt-right.” Quoting a report by researchers Alice Marwick and Rebecca Lewis, Coll describes the alt-right as best understood as “‘an amalgam of conspiracy theorists, techno-libertarians, white nationalists, Men’s Rights advocates, trolls, anti-feminists, anti-immigration activists, and bored young people.’”

One of those categories jumped out at me: “Men’s Rights advocates.” I don’t identify with that group. But as a man who is the father of three sons and grandfather of five grandsons, and an emeritus professor of psychology who has studied gender issues for more than 40 years, the idea of men being concerned about their rights does not seem terribly far-fetched. Cassie Jaye’s 2016 documentary about men’s rights advocates showed some legitimate reasons for their concerns. So to see this group linked in with conspiracy theorists, white nationalists, and anti-Semites troubled me deeply.

But it is simply an extension of the way any concern about men and boys—and the difficulties facing the latter (and their parents) have always been my focus—has been labeled, at least since the publication of Christina Hoff Sommers’ groundbreaking book, The War Against Boys in 2000. In one of my earliest posts here—“Boys and Young Men: A New Cause For Liberals,” published in 2010—I questioned this association and urged that liberals (progressives) take on this very important initiative. This has never really happened. Concern for men – and by extension, boys—is primarily expressed on the conservative side, and now even the alt-right. The only exceptions seem to be when someone is talking about the need to change our boys, e.g., Claire Cain Miller’s New York Times piece, “How to Raise a Feminist Son.”'

Man becomes first person convicted of sexism under new Belgian law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A man has been convicted of sexism in a public place for the first time under a new law in Belgium.

A court in Brussels fined him €3,000 for insulting a police officer because of her gender, Le Soir reported.

It comes as France prepares to create an offence of street harassment, described as “sexist and sexual outrage”.

...

The driver was found guilty of three charges: contempt of a police officer, making threats and sexist remarks in public, and a serious violation of another person’s dignity because of her gender.

He was warned that if he failed to pay the fine, a prison term of a month would be imposed.'

What Has Campus Feminism Done for Women?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'American college campuses are awash in feminist theory, feminist events, feminist centers, and feminist faculty. But has this done anything to improve the lives of women? In today's Martin Center article, Shannon Watkins argues that it has done the opposite.

In fact, she dares to suggest that the real "war on women" is being waged under the banner of feminism.

"On the surface," she writes, "feminist ideals seem to have the good of all women in mind: After all, who would characterize him or herself as opposed to women's 'freedom' and 'equality'? But a closer look at campus culture reveals that, in order to be considered 'pro-woman,' one must accept a narrowly defined set of values — values that many women find unrelatable, if not repulsive. This includes the glorification of abortion, the rejection of masculinity, and the exaltation of sexual liberation."'

Former Student Sues Emory, Citing Bias in Title IX Process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Emory law student has sued the University after it suspended him for engaging in non-consensual sexual intercourse with a former female student and later rejected his appeal. He is seeking re-admission and monetary compensation, alleging that Emory's Office of Title IX "held biased assumptions that female students would not make false accusations of sexual assault against their fellow male students" and deprived him of due process.

After the Office of Title IX found Troy Daly, 27, responsible for violating the Emory Sexual Misconduct Policy for non-consensual sexual intercourse last year, Daly was involved in a seven-month Title IX process, pursued an appeal and received three separate sets of sanctions. After his appeal failed, Daly filed a March 2017 lawsuit in DeKalb County Superior Court against the University. He denies that he sexually assaulted the woman, who reported that the sexual actions were consensual until sexual intercourse, court documents show. The Wheel is omitting identifying information about the woman to protect her privacy.'

Theresa May slams Jeremy Corbyn for ‘mansplaining’ International Women’s Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Prime Minister roasted the Labour leader after he attacked her for welcoming the Saudi crown prince to the UK with “open arms” today.

The row began when Mr Corbyn said in his opening question to Mrs May that: “Tomorrow is International Women’s Day, a chance to both celebrate on how far we’ve come on equality for women.

“But also to reflect on how far we still have to go, not just in this country but around the world.”

He linked the issue to the imminent arrival of Mohammed bin Salman for an official visit, saying despite hgis recent reomrs [sic] there has been a “sharp increase” in arrests and torture of dissidents.

...

A clearly riled Mrs May replied: “Well first of all can I thank the right honourable gentleman for telling me that it is International Women’s Day tomorrow.”

After much laughter from the Tory benches she added: “I think that’s what’s called mansplaining!”'

Car shop to hold mechanic workshop for women, guarantees no ‘mansplaining'

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Article here.

'A Texas car repair shop is offering the chance for women to crawl under the hood and learn basic car repair and maintenance.

It’s called Pistons and Pixie Dust and will be held by San Antonio’s Rene’s Executive Automotive Appearance later this month, KSAT reported.

The class is being described as an opportunity for women to become “a more educated vehicle owner.”

Tools, gloves and rags are being provided, but women are also being encouraged to bring their own, KSAT reported.

They all must wear closed-toed shoes and clothing that can get dirty. Long hair has to be tied back and no jewelry that dangles will be permitted.

The classes, which guarantee there will be no “mansplaining,” are taught by women for women, KSAT reported.'

Not Everyone Is Thrilled that Men Are Disappearing from Gynecology Field

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some top doctors argue that men are receiving a new message that they aren't as welcome as females in the gynecology world. Dr. Carl Smith, the head of the OB-GYN department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, says that men who have an interest in the OB-GYN department are in for a bit of a roadblock.

"It sends a horrible message to men who might have a nascent interest in OB-GYN that's promptly quashed," Smith said.

Carol Weissman an OB-GYN professor at Penn State made the argument it seems like some are saying that the field needs men to be sure that the field has the best possible people. "It seems to me that there's some residual sexism in that view, that we need men to be sure that we're training the best possible people for our specialty. I find that very odd," Weissman said.'

Spotify releases new feature for International Women's Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Spotify and Smirnoff have released the "Smirnoff Equalizer" - a feature that maps out a user's listening habits by gender and could change how you listen to music.

The tool has been released just in time for International Women's Day, which is Thursday March 8.

Like Spotify's percentage breakdowns of artists, songs and albums played, the equaliser reveals the percentage of music you listen to in terms of female versus male.
...
For people who listen to more male artists than female, Spotify will create a more gender-balanced playlist.

According to a press release, the idea for the equaliser stems from the fact that there was a lack of female representation in Spotify's 2017 Year in Music statistics.'

How to Destroy a Man Now: Truth or Satire?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The book is written by an author using a pseudonym, she says to protect herself, but it could be written by someone of either sex to make a point of how easy it is to destroy a male in our society. For example, the book describes how easy it is to bring an allegation to the media who has no liability for false sexual abuse claims since it says they were "alleged."

According to the book, "....an allegation does not require evidence to DAMN because through media manipulation, it becomes its own evidence. Thousands--even millions of people can become organized against one man." The book goes on to correctly describe how authorities which consist of police, judges, bosses, schools etc. take punitive actions against a man by firing him, dismissing him from school, ruining his reputation and even imprisonment. The book states that no one will want to be associated with the ruined man or even believe him.

The end of the book states that men are easily destroyed because it is profitable: mainstream media gets eyeballs and advertisers, complaint websites make money from men paying them to remove false information, and lawyers get paid to defend men. This is a pretty accurate summary of the witch hunt against men in the 21st century whether the book is meant to be satire or not.'

Windows Smashed, Extremist Caught Carrying Garrote at Jordan Peterson Speech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Up to 150 far-left activists protested a speech by Canadian clinical psychologist Jordan Peterson at Queens University by barricading doors shut, smashing windows, with one protester caught carrying a potentially deadly weapon.

Dr. Peterson gave his lecture at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, on Tuesday this week to promote his new book and was met by a mob of around 150 far-left activists, some of who were students at the university.

The protesters proceeded to barricade the doors and one of the activists, a 38-year-old woman who does not attend the university, is said to have smashed a window and faces additional charges for carrying a concealed weapon, Global News reports.

According to local newspaper, The Kingston Whig-Standard, the 38-year-old was found in possession of a garrote, a weapon designed to strangle another person.

While the protest was going on, the university's newspaper, the Journal, reported that a member of the crowd yelled, "lock 'em in and burn it down," which was met with approval from the mob of extremists.'

Frats still punished over false sexual assault claim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Clemson University fraternities remain subject to strict new rules that were imposed in response to an alleged sexual assault, even after law enforcement determined that the report was untrue.

According to Fox Carolina, deputies investigated a report of a sexual assault at the Delta Chi Fraternity House on January 27, with Clemson Dean of Students Christopher Miller saying at the time that the accused individual was neither a student nor a member of a Clemson University fraternity.

On January 28, Landon Flowers, the president of the Clemson Interfraternity Council (IFC), issued a statement suspending all social events at fraternity houses indefinitely, prior to any investigative outcome, and specifically citing the alleged sexual assault.

However, WYFF 4 reported on March 1 that Clemson 18-year-old Sarah Campbell, the accuser in the case, is now facing a felony charge after sheriff's deputies determined that she had lied about the sexual assault, concluding that the relations had been consensual.'

‘Toxic Masculinity’ Theorists Are Pathologizing Manhood

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a Thursday column for Psychology Today, Professor Gad Saad argues that advocates of “toxic masculinity” theory are dangerously pathologizing manhood.

Professor Gad Saad of Concordia University in Montreal, Canada, argued in a column published on Thursday that gender theorists in academia are foolishly demonizing masculinity.

Saad, who argues from an evolutionary psychology perspective, compared the human mating process to that of several animals. He mentioned that female rams mate with male rams that win a head-butting contest.
...
But aren’t humans much more than the animals they share this planet with? Of course, but Saad maintains that human beings are nevertheless constricted by their preprogrammed nature. ” In no culture ever studied have women repeatedly preferred to mate with pear-shaped low-status tepid men possessing high-pitched nasal voices. In no documented culture do women’s sexual fantasies revolve around granting sexual access to unemployed unambitious men who occupy the lowest stratum of the social hierarchy,” Saad wrote.

Saad wrote that the ideal man is both rugged and sensitive. To Saad, the truly masculine man is “desired by women and envied by men.”'

French newspaper charges men 50 cents more on Women's Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Male readers of leftwing French daily Liberation were asked to pay 25 percent more for their paper on Thursday, to make up for the gender pay gap on International Women's Day.

The paper published two versions with different cover pages, one marked "for women, 2 euros, normal price" with a pictogram of a woman, the other marked "for men, 2.50 euros" with a pictogram of a man.

In a front-page message the paper noted that despite equal pay for equal work being enshrined by law since 1972, French women earn on average 25.7 percent less than men, according to a 2017 report from an inequality watchdog.

"To highlight this injustice Liberation has decided to apply the same difference to its sale price for a day, meaning 50 cents more for men," it said, adding that profits from the operation would be donated to France's non-governmental Equality Observatory.'

Dana Loesch: What rights do men have that women don't?

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Video here. It's primarily a discussion about the current replacement bill for the ACA ("Obamacare"). But it diverges a bit to discuss the day's events.

To Be 'Inclusive,' 'Jessica Jones' Has Excluded Male Directors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The return of the comic book character "Jessica Jones" on Netflix promised a season full of women (directors), and it will deliver a season full of women (directors). With so many women, we'll need a few binders on hand to keep track.

In line with "Transparent" creator Jill Soloway's decree that no "white cis men" should have creative control over women characters, "Jessica Jones" season 2 has made sure that no man will get a chance to manspread in the director's chair.

Originally, "Jessica Jones" showrunner Melissa Rosenberg only sought to include more female directors on the show, but in the name of "being inclusive" made season 2 exclusively female when Netflix's VP insisted the show be entirely female-driven.

"It didn’t take a lot of effort to fill those slots," Rosenberg says. "There’s a lot of highly qualified and talented female directors out there, so what we did was simply open the door. It wasn’t like we had to give a bunch of women their first break. It was just being inclusive."'

Higher number of women soldiers ‘leads to better decisions’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The evidence is “overwhelming” that more women soldiers have led to better decision-making, the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces, Vice-Admiral Mark Mellett has declared.

Speaking at an International Women’s Day conference on Women in Peacekeeping in The Hague, he said a better gender balance benefits all levels of military forces.

Better gender balance was a driver of military capability, he argued: “Capability that has utility on land in the air and at sea; capability that has utility in peacemaking, peacekeeping, stabilisation and civil society”.

Therefore, in military organisations women, gender, equality, diversity and inclusion are all matters of leadership, leadership that will enable women in peacekeeping to become force multipliers for better outcomes.

He said the Defence Forces, which has targeted women in recruitment campaigns in recent years in an effort to increase the current level of around 6.4 per cent, needed more women for practical reasons.'

Feminism has become obsessed with victimhood

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I never used to miss an International Women's Day march. Too much was at stake not to attend: our atrocious lack of reproductive rights, sexual discrimination, the hidden epidemic of domestic violence and many other vital issues. It was important to stand up and be counted, to march alongside other feminists in support of our shared goals, to bang drums, wave placards, making a blaze of colour and noise in the street.

This was also the time to celebrate the tremendous gains of the women's movement, the freedoms we had won, together with a powerful sense of political and personal agency that had been denied to previous generations. It was fun, exhilarating, and it seemed like there was nothing in the world that we couldn't do, if we stuck together.
...
Feminism, like other forms of identity politics, has become obsessed with victimhood, in what I consider a seriously disempowering way. It has begun to feel like a religion, with its own strict rules about what women are permitted to say, do and think.

For me being a feminist has always meant supporting women's freedom to be whoever they want to be, regardless of whether anyone else approves or not. That's why I'm uncomfortable with the "grid girls" of Formula 1 being fired. Motor sport, with its ludicrously macho swagger, basks in the borrowed glow of politically correct virtue. Meanwhile a bunch of women are out of a job. Who benefits? Has anything actually changed?'

Oral sex is causing an oral cancer epidemic in men by outwitting natural defenses

Matt · 9 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Five years ago, when actor Michael Douglas candidly revealed that his throat cancer was linked to having oral sex, two things happened.

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Since then, scientists have made headway in figuring out why HPV, the human papillomavirus, has this glaring gender bias. Men are four times more likely than women to be diagnosed with oral cancer, a hard-to-detect, hard-to-treat disease that has overtaken cervical cancer as the most common HPV-related malignancy in the United States.

To be sure, changes in sexual norms over the last few generations have played a role in this alarming trend. But research increasingly shows the real problem is something men have practically no control over: their immune response.

Compared with women, men are more likely to get infected with HPV – including “high-risk” cancer-causing strains. They also are less able to wipe out infection on their own, and more likely to get reinfected. The reasons are unclear.

“There is good evidence that men acquire oral infections more readily than women, even if they have similar sex practices,” said Ashish A. Deshmukh, a University of Florida HPV researcher. “And more than the acquisition, it’s the persistence of the virus. The clearance rate is not that fast in men.”'

UK: MP calls for misogyny to be criminalized

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'Ms Black spoke out as MPs called for misogyny to be treated as a hate crime.
...
Conservative MP Philip Davies asked whether misandry should also be a hate crime in exactly the same way, adding: "If she doesn't, could she explain why she thinks there should be one rule for one and one rule for the other?"

Ms Onn replied that he had the opportunity to raise that issue in parliament, but added "it does not form part of my suggestions today, which are focused on misogyny - there is a power imbalance in society that disproportionately affects women negatively, so I think misogyny should be an exclusive strand of hate crime".
...
Answering the debate for the government, Home Office Minister Victoria Atkins said hate crime currently covers offences that target race, religion, sexual orientation, disability and transgender identity, but a "fundamental aspect of the legislation is that these motivations can be proven and demonstrate the hate element."

She added: "At the moment we don't have clear evidence to show the extent to which the range of crimes committed against women and girls are specifically motivated by misogyny - that's the dislike, of contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women."'

Letter: Ruling Against MR Group Was Justified

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'There has been a stir recently at Ryerson University due to the Ryerson Student Union (RSU) declining to grant campus group status to the Ryerson Men's Issues Awareness Society (MIAS). The MIAS appealed this decision all the way through the RSU's appeals system and then, when the appeal process did not change the RSU's decision, the MIAS went further and sued the RSU for breaching their freedom of association and expression.

The RSU's arguments hinged on the fact that the MIAS was working with the Canadian Association for Equality, which has also supported groups such as Voice for Men who have been linked to violence against women on various university campuses. The RSU has various campaigns focused on furthering women's rights and pushes for the expansion of such rights across campus.'

Vancouver man calls ‘Men Working Above’ signs discriminatory

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'“Men Working Above” signs are a common sight when window cleaners and other high-rise workers are on the job on streets across Canada, but one Vancouver resident thinks they’re discriminatory, and is now calling on his city to do something about it.

Glyn Lewis said he realized it when he saw one while he was out on the streets of Vancouver.

“I thought to myself ‘well there’s no way that this company only hires men, right,’ so there’s gotta be women who are window cleaners and there’s going to be days where they’re above that sign and it’s a woman working, and yet the sign below says ‘men working above.’ I thought that was discriminatory, I thought it was offensive, and I just don’t think that’s the kind of public message that we want in our city.”'

Ignoring video, law school claims only ‘a few’ protesters briefly disrupted Christina Hoff Sommers

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'Lewis & Clark Law School knows there’s video evidence of the administration-enabled shutdown of the Christina Hoff Sommers speech Monday, right?

The Portland school put out a statement four days after former College Fix contributor Andy Ngo’s videos inside the venue drew nationwide attention.

It does not even acknowledge that there’s objective evidence of student protesters repeatedly disrupting the event with chants, singing, verbal interruptions and stage-squatting, led by a white woman in a “Stay Woke” jacket:'

Work Requirements Are Bad for Women's Health

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'Medicaid is an important lifeline for women. The majority of adults enrolled in it—25 million individuals—are women. This critical program provides affordable health care coverage—including coverage for a range of reproductive health services—for a disproportionate share of women of color, women with low incomes, women with disabilities, single mothers, and women from other underserved populations.

Unfortunately, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is putting millions of women at risk of losing their health coverage with its latest move to dramatically undermine Medicaid as we know it. On January 11, CMS sent a letter to state Medicaid directors announcing a new policy encouraging states to apply "work and community engagement" requirements to some Medicaid recipients. Those subject to the requirement would have to show proof that they work, have looked for work, volunteer, go to school, or participate in a job-training program in order to receive benefits.

The next day, CMS approved an application from Kentucky to impose a mandatory 80-hour-per-month work requirement on current and future Medicaid enrollees. In early February, CMS approved an extension of Indiana's troubled Medicaid waiver project, which will now also include work requirements. And on Monday, CMS approved a waiver for Arkansas that will allow the state to impose work requirements. CMS' approvals were unprecedented; the previous administration had rejected state waiver applications to impose similar work requirements.'

Our Society Needs More Masculinity, Not Less

Matt · 11 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What these man-hating, virtue-signaling, third-wave feminist whitewashed tombs don't realize is: it's not masculinity that's the problem, it's a lack of masculinity. It's not male strength that's the base of our issues, it's male weakness.

Confident, self-assured men – the kind our society needs – don't rape women. They don't harass their female employees. Brave men don't bully their peers. Strong men don't shoot up schools. They don't patronize or hurt others to prove their masculinity.

Weak, insecure ones do.

That's why 26 out of the last 27 deadliest mass shooters were fatherless. That's why boys who grow up in single-mother homes are twice as likely to commit crimes than those who grow up with a present dad. That's why both sons and daughters are more likely to become depressed without a strong relationship with their father. That's why 71% of high school dropouts are fatherless.'

Manspreaders and cat-callers must be lashed, Iranian women demand

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Article here. Excerpt:

I'Iranian women's rights activists are demanding the authorities enforce a law that would see men guilty of harassment, catcalling and manspreading in public receive up to 74 lashes.

The Tehran municipality has been presented with a series of posters designed by a feminist group calling attention to a law that provides for corporal punishment for men harassing women.

The posters, which the activists reportedly want the authorities to place in public, recall that Iran's Islamic Criminal Code punishes "immoral acts" in public, which they say includes harassment against women.

The proposed posters show men occupying outsized spaces on public transport - a practice known as manspreading - men in cars and motorbikes catcalling a woman; and men chasing a solitary woman on a street.'

UK: Sarah Champion: Misogyny Is A Hate Crime

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last year, Superintendent Ted Antill, the hate crime lead at Nottinghamshire Police, explained to the Home Affairs Committee that recording incidents of misogyny helps the police improve their understanding of hate crime and target their activities to prevent and detect it.

But recognising misogyny as a hate crime is not just about data collection. It's about telling victims that you recognise the impact of what has happened to them, it's about giving women the confidence to speak out, and it's about making it clear to everyone that misogynistic behaviour will no longer be tolerated.

Last year, the APPG on domestic violence, of which I am an officer, convened a meeting to consider tackling misogyny as a hate crime. At the meeting, Rosemary Mansfield shared her personal experience of reporting a misogynistic incident of verbal abuse at a building site in Nottingham.'

Why having a husband can be like having a third child

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'"Having a husband is like having an extra child."

I've heard this countless times in various forms from mothers.

Mothers with two kids will joke that they have three children at home. Or they'll say that they've got three biological kids and an adult step-child who also answers to "husband".

And then there are the women who genuinely look forward to their partner's business trips because they get to lower their standards for a week or two without complaint or insinuation that they've violated some unspoken marital contract.

It turns out that all of these "jokes" aren't just baseless husband-bashing banter between mother friends. New research suggests that these married mothers are on the money: husbands are hard work.'

‘Special interests block reform to give fathers more rights’ - National Parents Organization to RT

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'The founder of the National Parents Organization has told RT that special interests in the law industry are blocking reforms that would give fathers more rights to see their children following divorce.

There are over one million divorces every year in the United States. The system for dealing with family break-ups was introduced by President Gerald Ford in 1975. It was designed to punish men who did not want to be responsible for their children, not fathers who wanted to play an active role in their child's life.

Courts rule in favor of mothers in five out of every six custodial hearings. Statistics also show that custodial mothers are nearly twice as likely to live in poverty as custodial fathers.

Dr. Ned Holstein, the founder of the National Parents Organization, which promotes shared parenting legislation, argues that the legal establishment is preventing reform.

“This is a classic case of special interests versus what the public generally believes,” he said to Manila Chan of RT America.'

Greece: Labour minister has serious reservations over paternity leave for single fathers

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'Labour Minister Zeta Emilianidou said Tuesday she had serious reservations over an opposition proposal to extend paternity leave to single fathers who live with the mother of their child.

“I have serious reservations,” she told MPs during a discussion before the House labour committee. “If something happens to the man neither the woman nor the child will have any rights to his property.”

The proposal, submitted by Akel, extends the eligibility criteria to include fathers who live with the mother of their child but were not married or had entered a civil partnership.

The proposal provides for a sworn statement by both parents that they live under the same roof.

Emilianidou argued that the proposal would hurt the rights of women.'

Two Penn profs sign letter denouncing 'believe the victim' policies for sexual assault

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'Two Penn professors signed a letter openly denouncing victim-centered approaches to university sexual assault and harassment investigations.

The letter argues that the "believe the victim" approach endangers the accused's rights to due process, or fair treatment in determining the person's guilt.

"The undersigned professors and legal experts write regarding the use of investigative 'victim-centered' practices that threaten to subvert the objective collection and presentation of evidence in administrative, civil, and criminal sexual assault proceedings," the letter reads. "These guilt-presuming methods include 'victim-centered' investigations, 'trauma-informed' theories, and the admonition to always 'believe the victim.'"'

"Commitment-phobic men are the real reason women are having children later"

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'We are becoming a nation of older mothers. The average age at which a woman has her first child is now 30, a fifth reach 45 without having a baby and the usual busybodies are in a flap. The government, which had anyway decided on compulsory relationship classes, thinks the answer lies in more of the same. If we only explain to 11-year-olds how hard it is to conceive at 40, the creep towards geriatric motherhood can be reversed. Expect your small daughter to bring home fertility awareness posters designed in PSHE, perhaps papier-mâché models of a deteriorating human egg.

...

I hate to kick men when they're down, ducked beneath the parapet for fear of angry feminists, but I suspect the real problem here isn't ignorant girls but unwilling boys.

I have several female friends in their early thirties who've wanted a baby for a while. Ninety-five per cent of girls do, says the FEI. The trouble for them hasn't been the cost of childcare or a demanding career. The trouble has been finding a man who's even halfway keen to settle down.'

Steven Crowder: Male privilege is a myth

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Article and video here. Excerpt:

'The man, the meme, the legend, Steven Crowder went to TCU to have Real Conversations. This one challenged the concept of male privilege. This isn't the most productive topic to talk about, evidently, but nonetheless Crowder shows an interesting conversation. As soon as his subject uttered the words "yoga" it became clear that he was talking to a beta male. The guy brought up a story about how his friend was "raped". Crowder, without disproving the rape claim still demonstrated that rape culture on college campuses is mythical. The conversation wasn't focused as much on inequality as one might have hoped for, but physical privilege and rape culture were well discussed.'

Actor’s suicide triggers backlash against #MeToo movement in South Korea

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'The suicide of a leading South Korean actor accused of sexual assault has triggered a backlash against the nation’s growing #MeToo movement, with critics charging that it has devolved into a witch hunt that promotes prejudice against men.

Jo Min-ki hanged himself in the basement of his apartment building in Seoul on Friday afternoon. Mr Jo, 52, was best known for his roles in a number of television series, including “Love and Ambition”, but had been fired in February from his position as a drama professor at Cheongju University after eight women came forward to allege that he had raped and sexually assaulted them.'

College student kicked out of class for telling professor there are only two genders

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'A religious studies major was barred from Christianity class at Indiana University of Pennsylvania for saying during class that there are only two genders.

Lake Ingle, a senior at the university, said he was silenced and punished by IUP Professor Alison Downie for questioning her during a Feb. 28 “Christianity 481: Self, Sin, and Salvation” lecture.

After showing a 15-minute TED Talk by transgender ex-pastor Paula Stone Williams discussing the “reality” of “mansplaining,” “sexism from men,” and “male privilege,” the professor asked the women in the class to share their thoughts. When no women in the class said anything, Ingle spoke up, challenging the professor on biology and the gender wage gap.

He told the class that the official view of biologists is that there are only two genders.

The feminist professor booted him from class and asked him not to come back. She referred him to the public university’s Academic Integrity Board (AIB). Ingle needs to complete the class to graduate at the end of the semester.

“You are barred from attending this class in accordance with the Classroom Disruption policy,” IUP Provost Timothy Moerland told Ingle in a March 2 letter.'

Not 'Toxic Masculinity,' but None: Most Mass Shooters Are Fatherless

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'For feminists, "toxic masculinity" is the ultimate bogeyman. It can represent anything they want it to represent, regardless of whether it's a legitimate aspect of masculinity or not.
...
The Conservative Millennial brings up excellent points about why fathers matter: "26 out of the last 27 deadliest mass shooters were fatherless. ... That's why boys who grow up in single-mother homes are twice as likely to commit crimes than those who grow up with a present dad. That's why both sons and daughters are more likely to become depressed without a strong relationship with their father. That's why 71% of high school dropouts are fatherless."

"If masculinity were truly toxic, then wouldn't boys and girls who grow up without dads be happier and healthier? If it were better that men were more like women, wouldn't kids be just as content with a mom than with having a father, too?"'

Miami University paying students to promote ‘radical feminism’

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'The Women’s Center at Miami University is paying students to organize events that promote “social justice and radical feminism” on campus.

Launched in 2017, the Women’s Center Internship recruits up to seven interns per year to organize events for students, such as World Hijab Day and the Male Ally Awards, that align with the Center’s mission to promote “women’s empowerment.”

Although the Center will soon hire a new batch of interns for the upcoming school year, student Elisabeth Dodd is now in her second year of the internship program.'

UK: Movement to create special prisons etc. for women still on

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'There are other women like Anna who have not received such support. Their stories have become worryingly familiar to us as officers of the all-party parliamentary group on women in the penal system. Ten years after the Corston report was published, calling for a radical change to the way women are treated throughout the criminal justice system, little has changed. The need for a distinctive approach to meeting the needs of women in trouble with the law is well established; it's a system largely designed by men, for men. Despite the harmful impact of women's imprisonment being well known, with worrying increases in incidences of self harm and suicide, it is still happening.

...

On 13 March, our group will launch a major inquiry into the sentencing of women in England and Wales. We are still pushing for the recommendations of the 2007 Corston report to be implemented in full. We will hear from the Magistrates' Association at our first meeting, and Dr Phillip Lee, the justice minister responsible for women in prison has also accepted our invitation to give evidence.

The government has indicated that a new female offender strategy will be published soon. We hope this will herald a change in approach so that more women like Anna are kept away from prison and given the support they need.'

Why young men are being left out of Alberta's economic recovery

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The recession saw thousands of people leaving Calgary office towers with cardboard boxes in hand. Many managers, engineers, administrative staff and so on were let go as oil prices fell. Today, most are finding opportunities elsewhere.

While perhaps the jobs they find are not as good or as high paying, and certainly not without costs along the way, for many the recovery is real. But for young men, it's actually gotten worse.

...

Consider the following chart created with Statistics Canada data.

It illustrates the change in employment rates for Albertans of different age and gender. That is, it shows the change in the share of each group that has a job. One group is clearly not like the others.'

Woman given 2½-year suspended sentence over false rape claim

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'A woman has been given a 2½ year suspended sentence for falsely making an allegation of rape after a night out in Killarney, Co Kerry almost four years ago.

Jacinta O'Connor (28), of Steelroe, Killorglin, had denied "knowingly" making a false report of a rape and wasting Garda time on Sepember 22nd, 2014 but was found guilty by a jury in late 2016.

The finalisation of the case had been adjourned a number of times to allow for probation and other reports.'

Are there ‘two sides to sexual assault?’ YAF says yes, UCASA says no

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'As new accusations continue to be reported every day — across the world and here at Utah State University — leaders of an on-campus club have urged caution against jumping to conclusions regarding sexual assault.

During the fall 2017 semester, a politically conservative club distributed flyers on USU’s Logan campus advocating for people who, according to the flyer, were “falsely accused of sexual assault.”

Young Americans for Freedom, a USU Student Association-sanctioned club and a branch of a nationwide organization, promotes traditional values and free speech, said club president Taylor Cripe.

While Cripe acknowledged sexual assault as a major problem that deserves attention, she said it’s important to acknowledge that men’s lives are sometimes ruined by being falsely accused of sexual assault.

“That’s a serious crime to be falsely accused of,” Cripe said. “We think it’s important to see both sides of that — the women who have been abused, but also the men who have been falsely accused.”'

Hillary in India: Married white women pressured by husbands to vote Trump

Matt · 14 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Watch the video. I do wonder what color the sky is in her reality. Excerpt:

'Clinton also said the places she lost were looking "backward" through Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan - invoking opposition to women's suffrage and the historical mistreatment of blacks.

Gutfeld pointed out Clinton also made reference to white women voting for Trump because their husbands or other people told them to.

"How profoundly sexist is that?" he asked.

Gutfeld said Clinton still lives in a world where "you don't see actual people, just the group they belong to."'

Canada: Court delivers a blow to free speech

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'John Carpay with the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms has been fighting a battle on behalf of three student groups. Each group is fighting their university's students' union for the right to have club status. Two are pro-life groups, while the other is a men's rights group.
...
The Ryerson Men's Issues Awareness Society is the real headscratcher. The group tries to bring awareness about issues that disproportionately affect boys, such as higher suicide rates, homelessness, workplace injuries and failure in school. It currently has a female president and half of its members are female – and why wouldn't it?
...
... But Ryerson's students' union argues that the Women and Trans Collective were already dealing with these issues, and that because men have "systemic privilege," a club like this couldn't be allowed because it would "harass" women and make them feel "unsafe."

I'd really like to meet the woman who says talking about the fact that men are more likely to be homeless, penniless, living in the rough, begging for food, sleeping in shelters, suffering from PTSD, addiction, mental illness and unable to work makes them – as a woman – feel harassed and unsafe.
...
The court said in its decision, in part, that there is "no entitlement to union club status and official status has nothing to do with freedom to associate or freedom of expression" and that the group "lost little, if anything, from not being an official club on campus."

If you can't rely on the courts to uphold your rights to free speech that's a big problem. But an even bigger problem is these mini-dictators on university students' unions are the so-called leaders of tomorrow. That's a thought that makes me feel "unsafe."'

Katy Perry's ‘American Idol’ Kiss Points Up Double-Standard

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Katy Perry kissed an “American Idol” contestant — and he didn’t like it.

Benjamin Glaze spoke to The New York Times about what he described as the “uncomfortable” kiss — which happened to be his first kiss ever — broadcast Sunday on the season premiere of the recently rebooted show. Glaze didn’t consent to the kiss and said he would’ve refused it if Perry had asked permission.

“I wanted to save it for my first relationship. I wanted it to be special,” Glaze, now 20, told the Times.

“Would I have done it if she said, ‘Would you kiss me?’ No, I would have said no,” he said. He added that he didn’t feel sexually harassed by Perry in the audition, which was recorded earlier.

“I know a lot of guys would be like, ‘Heck yeah!’ But for me, I was raised in a conservative family and I was uncomfortable immediately,” Glaze said. “I wanted my first kiss to be special.”'

UK: Majority of councils have no men working in their nurseries, as parents assume they pose risk to children

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'The majority of councils have no men working in their nurseries, as parents assume they pose a risk to young children.

Of the 38 councils in England, Scotland and Wales which still have in-house nurseries, 26 do not hire a single male teacher.

Jamel Campbell, of the London Early Years Foundation, said: "People are entrusting their precious babies to us, to care for them and to teach them. There is a lot of stigma based on negative stories - children being at harm... men not being nurturing, men not being able to work with children that small."

Of 400,000 early years educators – which includes preschools, nurseries and school reception classes - 98 per cent are female. The starting salary for nursery practitioners is around £18,000.

Mr Campbell said that more men would be interested in becoming nursery teachers if they understood the benefits it can bring to young children.'

K-12: The War on Boys and Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fox News just announced an upcoming series about the plight of Men in America.

"Men seem to be becoming less male," Tucker Carlson said. "Something ominous is happening[.] ... Men are taught there is something wrong with them. We took a close look at the numbers, and we found them so shocking that we're devoting the month of March to a special series on men in America."

Carlson concluded, "You'll be stunned by the scope of the crisis. We were. It's a largely ignored disaster. It affects every person in America."'

Oxford University will 'feminise' its philosophy reading lists to appeal more to women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Oxford University will ‘feminise’ its philosophy curriculum in order to appeal to more female students and boost writers profiles.

The university’s Faculty of Philosophy requested that 40 per cent of the recommended authors on its reading lists are women.

Academic staff have also been asked to use writers’ first names when compiling reading lists instead of their initials, in order to highlight those that were written by women.

It aims to increase the appeal of philosophy to female students, according to the Daily Telegraph.

As part of the changes, the university is also introducing an undergraduate paper on feminist philosophy and has appointed new academics to teach it.'

Australia: Position Vacant - Clinical Trial Nurse Coordinator (Testosterone for Diabetes (T4DM) clinical trial)

Minuteman · 16 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health brings together and supports a multidisciplinary network of researchers, students and end-users to advance knowledge about, prevent and better treat conditions in men that contribute the most to poor health and wellbeing, loss of independence and workforce participation and premature death.

The Testosterone for Diabetes (T4DM) clinical trial is examining whether testosterone treatment combined with lifestyle change can prevent type-2 diabetes in men who have pre-diabetes and low testosterone.
...
The University of Adelaide is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who meet the requirements of this position are strongly encouraged to apply.'

College Student Denied Free Speech Offered Free Tuition

Mastodon · 16 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A college student kicked out of class for saying there are only two genders has been offered a full scholarship to Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

School President Everett Piper told CBN News that OWU is an institution "where we still teach biology and where we still teach Christian orthodoxy." He added that the school is "offering to wave this young man's tuition if he wants to finish his degree here."

Professor Alison Downie kicked senior Luke Ingle from a Christianity class at Indiana University Pennsylvania because he challenged her beliefs on biology and the gender wage gap.

She reportedly referred him to the IUP Academic Integrity Board. Ingle said the university has denied him the right to free speech.
...
"I'm embarrassed by my industry," said Piper. "I think it's time for the industry of higher education to admit that we are making ourselves to look the fool. This is just foolish for us to deny biological facts. This is foolish for us to elevate feelings over what is a scientific, factual issue."'

University to decide next week whether student can return to class after saying there are only two genders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Indiana University of Pennsylvania will decide next week whether a student who was kicked out of a religion class can return after saying there are only two genders, and citing an Economist article that said the gender wage gap is a myth.

Lake Ingle was booted from his Special Topics in Christianity course for lodging a "disrespectful objection" to the professor, and making "angry outbursts" after being "required to listen to a trans[gender] speaker discuss the reality of white male privilege and sexism."

That description came from religious studies professor Alison Downie, who has said she would only allow Ingle to return if he apologizes, displays respect for her, and explains the “importance of an atmosphere of safety for an educational environment.”

Downie also wants Ingle to apologize to other students and then “listen in silence as the professor and/or any student who wishes to speak shares how he or she felt during Lake’s disrespectful and disruptive outbursts."

The school's Academic Integrity Board will rule on the situation on March 19.'

Penguin Random House Children's will publish a book about rape culture and toxic masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Penguin Random House Children's will publish a book about rape culture and toxic masculinity in the UK this May.

Tradition by Brendan Kiely is set at an elite prep school and told from the perspectives of students Jules and Jamie. Jules is in her final year, determined to get out and start life at college, and Jamie is a sports star on a scholarship. After a school party ends in disaster, they both discover a terrible truth and that 'tradition' can be ugly and even violent.

Editorial director Holly Harris bought the UK and Commonwealth rights from Charlotte Seymour of Andrew Nurnberg Associates on behalf of Rob Weisbach Creative Management.

Harris said: "We're thrilled to be publishing Tradition this May. It's a compulsive read with a complex issue at its heart that is engaging to the last page. We can't wait to publish this compelling and insightful novel."'

Reform group calls for action to lower growing number of women in prison

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More women are ending up in Texas prisons and jails, and a criminal justice reform advocacy group wants policymakers to address the problems that led them there.

The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition released a report Thursday to highlight common issues the more than 12,000 imprisoned women in the state face and propose gender-specific support, treatment and diversion options. The organization said in the report that although the female population is increasing, most programs that aim to help prisoners are geared toward men.

Women only accounted for less than 9 percent of those in the Texas prison system in 2016, but the organization said that their population is increasing while the state lessens the overall number of prisoners. Between 2009 and 2016, the men's prison system population decreased by more than 8,500 inmates, while the number of women in Texas prisons went up more than 500.

"The vast majority of women in Texas prisons have extensive trauma histories, and most of them are mothers," Lindsey Linder, a policy attorney for the group and the report's author, said in a news release. "It is critical that we help these women address the root causes of their criminality through community supports and services, rather than through incarceration."'

From Suffrage to Suppression: Women Now Lead in Anti-Speech Sentiment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two recent polls, one that sampled college students and another that sampled Americans in general, highlight a disturbing trend among women's views on free speech rights.

While there are many women who support robust free speech rights, and many well-known women who have made their career working as advocates and activists for free speech, as a group women are increasingly hostile to freedom of speech.

Just this week, Gallup and the Knight Foundation released their newest poll of college students' attitudes toward free speech, and college women did not answer well on questions of protecting free speech. When asked how important it is to protect citizens' rights to free speech, a very slim majority of women (51%) responded that it was "extremely important" compared to 62% of men.'

Monty Python star Terry Gilliam under fire for defending Matt Damon against #MeToo 'mob rule'

Mastodon · 17 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Terry Gilliam, the Monty Python star and Hollywood director, is facing a backlash after he defended Matt Damon against the "mob rule" of the #MeToo movement, claiming that while some women suffered, others used Harvey Weinstein to further their careers.

The 77-year-old American-born animator said Weinstein "is a monster" and that there were "plenty of monsters out there... There are other people (still) behaving like Harvey" in the film industry, abusing their power for sex.

Weinstein was exposed because he "is an a**hole and he made so many enemies," he told AFP.

But Gilliam stirred controversy by saying the reaction against the wave of sexual abuse and harassment revelations had become ugly and "simplistic... people are frightened to say things, to think things.

"It is a world of victims. I think some people did very well out of meeting with Harvey and others didn't. The ones who did knew what they were doing. These are adults, we are talking about adults with a lot of ambition.'

The Biggest Legacy Of International Women's Day Is Communism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Obviously, few people celebrating International Women's Day in 2018 intend to glorify Communism's dark history. But the day still retains the essence of its Marxist roots by encouraging women to think of themselves as a homogenous class with discrete common interests, in opposition to men's.

There are almost 3.8 billion women on this planet, and not only do they face vastly varied challenges, they hold different political views, hope for different solutions, and dream different dreams. Women, in other words, are people. The feminist left uses this fact as a slogan, but ignores its deeper significance: Men and women aren't two uniform interest groups, locked in the kind of Marxist have versus have-not struggle that Communists wanted to recognize with the celebration of International Women's Day.'

Women Against Paternity Fraud releases web site introduction video

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Nice job. The interns explain it all. Video here.

Yale "trial" report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You could not ask for a more glaring contrast between campus and criminal justice measures of acceptable sexual behavior than those revealed by the recent trial of Yale student Saifullah Khan.

I should know: I sat through the entire seven-day trial because Khan's parents were not able; as a mother myself, I could not imagine my child enduring such a terrifying experience alone.

As co-president of Families Advocating for Campus Equality, a nonprofit that supports students accused of sexual misconduct on campus, I have met hundreds of students like Khan, caught up in a political and ideological tidal wave leaving devastation in its wake.'

Silicon Valley's Favorite Prison Reformer Accused of Sexual Assault and Harassment

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Article here. Innocent until proven guilty, for everyone. My point here is that if she were a he, he would have been forced to resign already. Excerpt:

'Regarding Gordon's allegations, "our investigation is ongoing," the board said in its statement. "But we now feel compelled to say, based on our preliminary assessment, that Mr. Gordon's allegations do not appear to be supported by other members of the organization or by other evidence available to the investigators."

But in interviews with The Daily Beast, other former employees supported some of Gordon's allegations.

Defy settled a complaint brought by a female former employee who said Hoke "reached her hand up the employee's skirt twice at a company party," according to Gordon's letter to prison officials.

"The employee signed an NDA [nondisclosure agreement] prohibiting her from disclosing the incident or the existence of the NDA to anyone except the CEO, her husband or the COO," Gordon's letter continued. "Two employees who witnessed the assault were forced to relinquish their personal mobile phones and passwords" and were questioned by an attorney from Gordon & Rees.
...

It wasn't the only time Hoke was accused of sexual harassment at Defy.

A former Defy client, Kenneth Maxwell, sued Hoke in 2015 alleging he was forced out of the program over his "refusal to consummate a personal and sexual relationship" with Hoke, according to his complaint. The lawsuit was dismissed after Maxwell failed to serve defendants with a summons and complaint.'

Book Review: The Boy Crisis by Warren Farrell

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The Boy Crisis: Why Our Boys Are Struggling and What We Can Do About It. By Warren Farrell, Ph.D. and John Gray, Ph.D. Dallas: BenBella Books, Inc., 2018. 493 pages. www.benbellabooks.com. www. warrenfarrell.com. US$25.95. Reviewed by J. Steven Svoboda

Disclaimer: Warren Farrell is a longtime colleague and friend of mine. I co-authored a textbook with him and James Sterba.

Warren Farrell has had a fascinating, amazing life. He started off writing books and giving talks that made him a darling of early feminism and the only man ever elected three times to the board of the New York National Organization for Women (NOW). Then he discovered another side of gender discrimination and started writing primarily about the male experience, after which the great majority of his speaking and television engagements tapered off.

To his credit and to our immeasurable gain, he has continued writing books on this current trajectory for close on to thirty years. The Boy Crisis is clearly unique among Farrell's writings. For one thing, he has joined forces with John Gray, the well-known author of numerous self-help books including, most famously, Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus. Farrell writes the great majority of the book but John adds a few chapters toward the end relating to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) among our children and other broader health issues.

If there has been an arc in Farrell's recent books, I would say he has become more adept at reaching a larger audience. Some recent videos with Farrell's commentary that father-deprived boys are committing school violence have already gotten tens of millions of richly deserved views. Both authors have fairly radical viewpoints to propound in this book. Both bring them forward in a very accessible manner that makes ideas that might at first be a little difficult for some readers to embrace positively inviting and very reader-friendly.

The abundance of different types of abundance in this book is almost too much to believe. First, as always with Farrell, and for the first time with John, we get a wealth of footnotes, backing up any point we may wish to pursue further. Second, so many simple, important statistics are provided with which most readers, as I was, will almost certainly be unfamiliar. We learn on the very first page that as many white males have died from suicide as have been lost to AIDS. Typically with Farrell, there is more: It is only Native Americans who kill themselves at rates comparable to Caucasians. Latinos and Asian-Americans commit suicide at one-third the rate of Whites. The kicker? "African-Americans males, by contrast, stick with murder and being murdered." Between ages fifteen and nineteen, there are four times more male suicides, and between ages twenty and twenty-four, the differential goes UP to six times. Toward the end of the book, we learn that the gap between males and females regarding suicide is three times greater than during the Great Depression.

We know that suicide is worse for males and it's a scandal that our health care system and government are not doing much more to address it. Here's another amazing statistic just a few short pages later: "Even in progressive California, twenty-three new prisons have been built for every one new college since 1980."
Another very sobering statistic I wish I could unlearn for my peace of mind: The average US sperm count drops 1.5 percent each year. Farrell deftly follows the life journey of a piece of wood to track all the many, almost certainly male, workers who contributed to creating and using it in various highly hazardous professions. I certainly did not realize that "in hazardous professions, death after the job takes twelve times as many of our sons' lives as death on the job." [italics in original] Think of a coal miner's black lung disease, or a firefighter's lung cancer contracted later from chemical-laced fumes he breathed in over the years.

Are you ready for yet another astonishing number, still only nine scant pages into the book? Fully one third of our young males are "ineligible for military service owing to obesity and other physical and mental problems."

By eighth grade, twice as many girls are at least "proficient" in writing relative to boys. Young women are now

earning 61 percent of college degrees, and the number keeps creeping higher. Farrell notes that when females were having trouble graduating from college, we assumed the problem was with the schools, so we should do the same now, not blame males for lower graduation rates.

So what's a male to do? Well, if he hopes to find a job, he'd better have at least a bachelor's degree if not more, because median male annual earnings for high school graduates have plunged 26 percent in the past four decades. And if he hopes to meet a woman, who still is likely to prefer a man who earns more, he would be better off living in one of the three US cities where young men earn as much as young women, rather than the 147 such cities where they do not.

This all sounds pretty dismal. Farrell Farrell has however never been a defeatist. Far from it. We need to know the facts so we can solve them. One suggestion that we really ought to take to hard is to do as Japan has done and greatly expand our vocational schools. College is not for everyone and we need many different jobs to keep our economy humming. Farrell also suggests re-evaluating the male role so that if the woman earns more, the man can be a "father warrior" (Farrell's properly empowering redefinition of "stay-at-home dad"), a job at which many men would excel and also greatly enjoy if they could follow it free of stigma. Farrell later adds that affirmative action to get males into social work and elementary school teaching would bring males into areas where they are sorely needed. Still later Farrell proposes recasting such stay-at-home fathers as "father warriors" to make the job more male-friendly with a sense of purpose and an understanding that his role is pivotal. As Farrell notes still later in the book, this would mean a full-time dad, when asked about his professional, can automatically respond, "I'm a Dad," as easily as a woman might answer, "I'm a doctor."

Later in the book, Farrell expands on these ideas, laying out a program to create a new paradigm for manning up. For example: "A boy thinks his façade of strength is his strength. A man doesn't need a façade." We should frame empathy as manly, and treat as courage listening first to peers, then speaking respectfully up to them.

Shockingly, our health care system has "Well-Woman Visits" that give a female patient a thorough check for mental and physical problems she is likely to have, but there is no such a thing as a "Well-Man Visit." Similarly, the Affordable Care Act, while including a provision forbidding gender discrimination, provides suicide prevention services for females and not for males. There are seven federal offices for women's health, and zero for men's health. Several federal women's health websites exist. No such men's health websites are to be found.

Farrell adroitly sketches our gender empathy gap, which means that when a black male is shot by a policeman because of both his gender and racial identity, we focus on the latter and ignore the former.

Farrell's compassion for all is clearly on display. He encourages children to ask their fathers about what put a glint in their eye when they were younger. Often it's being a musician, or flying a plane, or acting, or drawing, something they gave up a long time ago for a more "responsible" job that didn't fulfill their heart as much.

Later we meet a man who approaches him at a party and tells him a long story about how, based on a men's group Farrell started and he joined, he was the main parent for his second child and chose to sacrifice his career and it was the best decision he ever made. Someone approaches to ask for his autograph and Farrell asks him, wait, aren't you a musician? Turns out it was John Lennon!

Here's another statistic: Fully 76 percent of firefighters in the US are volunteers. And they are almost 100% male.

Who knew that fatherless boys have significantly shorter telomeres? I certainly didn't. Telomeres in our cells keep our genes from being deleted as our cells divide. We know that fathers help increase their kids' IQ's in a way that mothers typically do not, provide more roughhousing (which helps children to regulate aggression), and introduce the baby to more new objects. So it is that dad-deprived children have more problems with the law and are more likely to struggle with substance abuse. An appendix lists fifty-five benefits of fathers, which are also fifty-five dangers of dad deprivation. A father's time with a child is one of the best predictor's of the child's ability to empathize with others as an adult.

One point that is critical to remember: Kids in lower-income neighborhoods do worse in school and life only because they are more likely to be deprived of Dad. If presence of a father is controlled for, a lower income can be more than compensated for by the presence of a father.

If you hear about the alleged male-female wage gap, the topic of an earlier book of Farrell's (Why Men Earn More), just remember his pithy formulation: "The male-female pay gap is not a gap between between men and women; it is a gap… between men and women's work-life decisions when they become moms and dads."

This book is marked by far more personal stories than in Farrell's previous book. Farrell shares a very long tale about a boy Nathan who was lacking in social skills when he stayed in a YMCA camp where Farrell was a counselor. Farrell recruited the rest of his cabinmates to work as a team to give Nathan positive feedback, transforming the boy's self-image and camp life as well as that of all his fellows.

Farrell can write so movingly, as when he says: "As a boy in a dad-rich home roughhouses, is coached, or is read to at bedtime, his dad's love and support becomes part of him the way syrup becomes part of a pancake. It reshapes him like the syrup reshapes the pancake, and neither is the same again."

Then comes the time for John Gray's chapters. Gray includes footnotes for the first time, bringing in all his multifarious healing experience to help us to understand how to help our children, especially boys, get back on track. Gray provides a long list of substances that are problematic in terms of ADHD, including sugar, pasteurized dairy products, video games, and pornography. The task of getting our teens to avoid these items frankly seems pretty daunting to me, and I have two teenagers right now!

Gray's first chapters are a bit bleak especially when he surveys the many causes of ADHD. Later, however, the very nice, extended story of the boy Skyler comes in, as well as a story from the author's own life on pages 379-381. Gray also goes into a number of health products and supplements he swears by, some of which are unfamiliar to me, such as Bravo yogurt (which you can apparently make at home) and whey protein.

I do feel duty-bound to note in case they are of relevance to potential readers of this otherwise absolutely superlative book: Gray's chapters to include what could effectively be viewed as the author's own advertisement for his products. That's not necessarily a bad thing, since some of us may want to explore these items and may not know where to find a trusted source. Secondly, a palpable "joint" can be discerned between the two authors' quite different writing styles and subject matters. Gray does inevitably focus a bit less squarely on males and more on promoting overall health. Not that such a topic is a bad thing, not at all.

"Perhaps the most significant human accomplishment in the United States during the twentieth century was our awareness that defining our daughters in one way led to our daughters feeling confined to one way. It can be our most significant accomplishment in the twenty-first century to create an awareness that defining our sons in one way leads to our sons being confined to one way." This requires, as Farrell writes in his final paragraph, "not a women's movement blaming men, not a men's movement blaming women, but a gender liberation movement freeing both sexes from the rigid roles of the past toward more flexible roles for our future."

Don't miss this awesome tour de force wherein two very different authors, each with amazing experience and wonderful authorial prowess, marshall their collective forces and achieve more together than either could achieve on his own.

National Geographic shows ad portraying man with mosquito head as "progress" of public health education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Both world wars sparked campaigns against sexually transmitted diseases. World War I–era posters warned soldiers against promiscuity while pointedly avoiding words such as “syphilis” and “gonorrhea.” By World War II, language was more explicit: “You can’t beat the Axis if you get VD,” scolded one American poster. Starting in the 1980s, posters corrected misinformation about HIV/AIDS and urged condom use.'

A Google search for “Zika+honeymoon” turns up hundreds of thousands of results. This playful ad from the Arizona Department of Health Services directs would-be honeymooners to a website to find out more. (This image shows a man with a mosquito head.)"
I guess it's OK when it's men being portrayed as the carriers of disease.

Student disciplined in classroom dispute allowed to return to class

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A student at the center of a dispute over free speech and classroom etiquette at Indiana University of Pennsylvania can return to his religious studies class, and disciplinary proceedings have been shelved — at least temporarily, IUP president Michael Driscoll said Monday.

The student, Lake Ingle, faced university sanctions after he complained in class about a speaker's opinions on topics including white male privilege, sexism and gender pay disparities.

In a prepared statement Monday, Mr. Driscoll said he had decided to "indefinitely pause" the disciplinary proceedings and allow Mr. Ingle to return to class. Mr. Driscoll said the emotionally charged nature of the dispute and media attention led to a "spate of invective, threat, obscene phone calls and misinformation."

"As a result of how things have played out, I am afraid that the thoughtful, dispassionate review of the matter is impossible," he said.

In a brief statement after Mr. Driscoll's announcement, Mr. Ingle said, "I am thankful the president made the correct decision."'

Title IX Balance: Protect Victims or the Accused?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many universities say they are seeing an increase in Title IX complaints in the wake of the #MeToo movement. Title IX was passed as part of the Educational Amendments of 1972, meant to prohibit sexual discrimination or inequality in education programs or activities. The #MeToo movement has helped bring justice to many victims but has also raised concerns about the rights of the accused. Education Sec. Betsy DeVos says she is concerned about the same balance in schools - justice for victims while protecting due process rights. But could a shift in policy once again discourage sexual assault victims from coming forward? Soledad O'Brien sits down with Debora Osgood, an expert in civil rights in education, to discuss.'

UK: Forklift driver killed himself after being falsely accused of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ross Bullock, 38, met his accuser in February 2015 and the pair had sex at his workplace, before exchanging dozens of flirtatious messages.

But the following month Ross, from Redditch, Worcestershire, was arrested and questioned by cops, after the woman accused him of rape, according to the Mail On Sunday.

Mr Bullock showed officers the texts, including one exchange, where Mr Bullock asked: "Well I hope u had a good time," to which the woman replied: "It was alright I suppose!! X."

Police told him they wouldn't be taking action, but warned he could still be charged at a later date.

After a "year of torment", Mr Bullock hanged himself in the garage of his family home and left a note to say he had "hit rock bottom" and that he would be "free from this living hell".'

Kathie Lee Gifford Says She Hates 'the Male-Bashing That's Going on in the World Today'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kathie Lee Gifford is standing up for the “good men” amid the #MeToo movement.

The Today show host recently spoke with SiriusXM’s Michelle Collins for an episode of The Michelle Collins Show and discussed a culture of “male-bashing” that she believes is taking place in society

“Any good, decent, wonderful man’s welcome to be along for the ride, because I hate the male-bashing that’s going on in the world today,” said Gifford, 64. “There are a lot of wonderful men.”

“I hate this whole thing of, ‘I’m not going to be happy until there’s not a good man left standing.’ I hate that,” she continued.

When Collins said that she doesn’t “think anyone feels that way,” Gifford insisted, “I do.”

“Oh gosh, I sense it. I hate it, because there are a lot of great men, great men. And let’s celebrate them, let’s be grateful for them,” she continued.'

Advocacy for the accused?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It was September 2017 when United States Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos spoke to a crowd at George Mason University about sexual assault on college campuses.

“There is no way to avoid the devastating reality of campus sexual misconduct: lives have been lost. Lives of victims. And lives of the accused,” said DeVos to a room of university students, according to the Washington Post.

This statement, made nearly six months ago, led to a shift in the narrative presented by colleges and universities around the country regarding sexual assault on campus.

UNC Wilmington was not immune to this change.

In the wake of DeVos’s comments, the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights issued a statement saying that they were withdrawing the Dear Colleague Letter on Sexual Violence, which has been in place since April of 2011.'

Paris sex doll brothel 'encourages rape', but police say it's legal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Paris councillors will this week examine calls to shut down France's first ever sex doll brothel, which opened earlier this year and currently has four silicone women ready for "rent".

The move comes after police visited the premises in the middle-class 14th arrondissement and determined that it was breaking no laws and was not a threat to public order.

Communist members of the Paris Council have tabled a motion calling for the closure of the "brothel" on moral grounds, while feminist groups argue that it is encouraging a culture of rape.
...
“You cannot accuse a man of raping a doll. It is as if a woman were to file a complaint with the police against a dildo,” the source told Le Parisien.'

America Has A Major Fatherlessness Problem On Its Hands

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After yet another school shooting, which we all knew would eventually happen, the connection between fatherlessness and school shooters has finally been seriously exposed. Several videos, discussing the links between fatherlessness and school shooters, generated over ten million views and articles drew an unprecedented level of interest.

In fact, for the first time in decades, the issue broke into the national media, in a significant way. Top rated cable news program Tucker Carlson Tonight is dedicating every Wednesday in March to issues impacting “Men in America”. In announcing the series, he said:

“Does a generation of boys growing up without fathers pose a threat to this country? Of course it does, why wouldn’t it?”

Not to mention it hurts girls too.'

First sex doll brothel in Paris faces calls to close because it 'fuels rape fantasies'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A sex doll brothel in Paris is facing calls to be shut down – with angry critics branding it a 'degrading' place that fuels rape fantasies.

Councillors are set to decide the future of Xdolls, which opened in a neighbourhood in the heart of the French capital last month, at a meeting this week, Le Parisien reports.

Housed in a non-descript flat in the city, the business is officials registered as a games centre.

But its critics argue that it is actually a brothel – which are illegal to own or operate in France.
...
Lorraine Questiaux, a spokesperson for a Paris feminist association called Mouvement du Nid (Nest Movement), also wants Xdolls to be closed.

'Xdolls is not a sex shop. It's a place that generates money and where you rape a woman,' she told Le Parisien.

She added it was important to shut it down, noting that '86,000 women are raped in France every year.'

Pierre Laurent, the national secretary of the Communist Party, told VSD that some of the sex dolls can lead to thoughts of sex with children because of their small size.'

Sign Referencing Civil War Hero Is Sexual Harassment, Says Massachusetts Lawmaker

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here's a twist on the debate over public monuments to problematic figures like Confederate leaders: A Massachusetts state lawmaker wants to censor references to a man who scored Civil War era wins against the Confederacy. Her reasoning? That man's name is Joseph Hooker.

...

State Rep. Michelle DuBois (D-Plymouth) disagrees. She has been calling for the removal of a statehouse sign that reads "General Hooker Entrance" (so inscribed because it stands opposite a statue of General Hooker), which she described as an affront to "women's dignity."

"Female staffers don't use that entrance because the sign is offensive to them," DuBois told WBZ-TV this week.

...

Of course, DuBois is positioning herself as a crusader against sex-based harassment and patriarchy. But attitudes like hers—which treat women as excessively fragile beings, and which posit that female "dignity" is diminished by even so slight an association with sex work as walking under a door that says "hooker"—just props up old-fashioned and patriarchal ideas about sex and gender.'

UK: Lads Need Dads: one mum's mission to save British masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sonia Shaljean is on a one-woman mission to save fatherless British boys from what she calls a “void of masculinity”.

She’s founded inspiring Essex-based Community Interest Company, Lads Need Dads, which last week scooped a prestigious Centre For Social Justice National Family Award.

Having trained as a criminologist and counsellor and worked on front-line services with troubled men for over 20 years, Shaljean says her immersive and compassionate approach led to an awakening. “I’d worked a lot in anger management and change and started to piece together the affects of absent fathers when I was working across the domestic abuse, probation, homeless and addiction sectors. I started to ask: ‘Why are they like that?’ I saw the common thread of absent dads.'

Martyrs of Marriage

Matt · 21 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

A film on Netflix documenting misuse of India's Anti-Dowry Law here. Description:

'This documentary reveals the cracks in India's anti-dowry act and gives voice to both women and men who've been victimized by the law's abusers.'

Trailer here.

New Zealand: Minister for Women says old white men should 'move on' from company boards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women's Minister Julie Anne Genter says old white men need to "move on" from company boards to help close the gender pay gap.

Speaking to students at Christchurch's Cobham Intermediate School on Thursday, Genter said the private sector needed to address the low level of female representation on New Zealand company boards if more businesses were to be led by women.

About 85 per cent of board members were male, and many were "old white men in their 60s".'

Men's Issues Club denied club status at universities

Matt · 24 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Josephine comes out swinging. Video here.

UK: Next Labour leadership election should be a women-only contest, says Harriet Harman

Mastodon · 24 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Labour's next leadership election should be a women-only contest, Harriet Harman has said, in order to give the party its first female leader since it was founded in 1900.

The former deputy leader and interim leader following Ed Miliband's defeat at the ballot box in 2015 called for men to sit out the battle to succeed Jeremy Corbyn, whenever it comes.

Ms Harman said her idea was "startling" a lot of would-be leaders who are laughing at the initiative.'

Why Are Female College Students Against Free Speech?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Historically, speech restrictions have been opposed by disadvantaged groups — civil rights advocates, labor union organizers, left-wing radicals. Now, as the Times gingerly notes, those students who most value free speech are from “groups historically or currently in positions of power.” Historically, perhaps, but not currently. It is left-wing and liberal orthodoxies and policies of racial quotas and preferences that campus speech restrictors are attempting to shield from comments anyone deems “offensive.”

So the difference between male and female students may reflect different power positions, with those most at risk of proscription more favorable to free speech. It may also reflect differences between male and female temperaments on average.

Psychological studies over many years conclude that women tend to prize agreeableness and consensus, whereas men tend to seek out conflict and competition. One can easily imagine evolutionary explanations for this group difference, which, of course, is not apparent in every individual.'

Talk Show Host: “I Hate Men (I Hate All Men)”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Toronto indie-punk trio Talk Show Host released the first video from their third EP, Not Here To Make Friends. The song’s title, “I Hate Men (I Hate All Men)”, is not meant to be taken sarcastically: the song skewers male entitlement, with verses delivered by an oblivious narrator who represents the worst of male privilege. The song features Madeleine Maynard on guest vocals. The trio enlisted French director Judith Florent-Lapara to visually capture the essence of the song. The video features a crew of energetic teenage girls ready to laugh at the ongoing presence of the patriarchy in the music scene. The video is available to view below.'

TALK SHOW HOST - I Hate Men (I Hate All Men)

NZ: Minister for Women Julie Anne Genter stands by 'old white men' comments

Mastodon · 26 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Minister for Women Julie Anne Genter is standing by a statement she made about older white men on company boards that sparked a Human Rights Commission complaint.

Speaking to students at Christchurch Cobham Intermediate School on Thursday, Ms Genter said older white men on company boards should move on to make way for younger, more diverse talent.
...
"If we're going to improve the diversity of boards, then we will need some of the current positions vacated so there can be room for new diversity and talent," the Green MP said.'

White Sox rehire man who spent 23 years in jail for crime he didn't commit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nevest Coleman, 49, worked for the White Sox in 1994 when he was arrested and convicted on rape and murder charges. DNA evidence last year led prosecutors to vacate the conviction, The Chicago Tribune reported.

Coleman was granted a certificate of innocence by a Cook County judge this month, clearing his name, WGN reported.'

Democrats accuse GOP of 'sexist, white-male agenda' over budget negotiation's makeup

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kentucky Democrats admonished Republican legislative leaders for picking a group of white men to hammer out the state's roughly $22 billion biennium budget.

But the criticism draws equal attention to the lack diversity in Democratic leadership ranks, which is the pool where state lawmakers for those negotiations are usually selected.

Democratic state Reps. Attica Scott and Mary Lou Marzian, both of Louisville, took to social media to point out that no women or racial minorities have seats at the budget table or other conferences.

"We just had three conference committees appointed that have NOOOO women serving to add to the debates," Scott tweeted last week. "You're dreaming if you think that invisibility and sexism do not exist in government and politics."'

Kansas Prosecutor Creates Women-Only Diversion Program

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new diversion program in Kansas is working to keep women with addictions out of jail by helping them get clean.

The Douglas County Women's Substance Use Disorder Prosecutor-Led Diversion and Treatment Program started this month, the Lawrence Journal-World reported .

The program is only for women who live in the county, have at least one prior offense on their records, have a diagnosed substance abuse disorder and agree to participate in a treatment plan for at least a year. The program is meant for women with nonviolent misdemeanor charges, but felony or violent charges will be considered based on individual cases.'

Three more Iowa nursing assistants arrested for sexual relations with patients

Matt · 27 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More former nursing assistants from a northeast Iowa care facility have been arrested for allegedly having sexual relationships with patients, according to the Fayette County Sheriff's Office.

Three women were arrested on March 23 after allegedly having relationships with patients at the Prairie View Residential Care facility in Fayette. The facility provides care for people with chronic mental illness, intellectual disabilities or medical conditions.

The women were arrested after the Fayette County Sheriff's Office charged two former nursing assistants from the facility with sexual exploitation by a counselor, therapist or school employee on March 5.'

Another teacher arrested for "h@ving sex with" a young teen

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New graphic details have emerged in the case of a married teacher from Arizona accused of having sex with her 13-year-old student, including how she allegedly performed oral sex on the boy in a classroom just two weeks before her arrest.

The boy's parents also claim Brittany Zamora's husband Daniel called them and begged them not to report his wife to police after they saw lewd texts between the pair, the Daily Mail reported.

He insisted that she had made a mistake.

Zamora, 27, a beloved sixth-grade teacher at Las Brisas Academy Elementary School on Goodyear, was taken into custody last Wednesday, just hours after the alleged victim's parents contacted the school principal, who then contacted police.

Documents filed in court on Friday alleged that Zamora had sex with her student on three occasions and performed oral sex in the classroom and in her car between February 1 and March 1.'

Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia Denies Groping and Harassment, But Not Sending Flirty Texts

Mastodon · 27 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Thursday, March 22, Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia sat down with KQED's The California Report for an extensive interview about allegations she sexually assaulted and harassed legislative staff members.

Garcia and her allies have been pushing back against the allegations, saying political opponents started a campaign to discredit her soon after she emerged as a leader in the state Capitol's #MeToo movement.'

Woman pleads guilty to filing false rape report on Delta College campus

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Article here.

'A woman who claimed she was raped on Delta College's campus has pleaded guilty to filing a false report.

Mary Zolkowski, 21, pleaded guilty Tuesday, March 27, to one count of filing a false report of a felony.

Zolkowski first told police she was raped on Feb. 22 in the east parking lot of the main campus. She said she was grabbed from behind as she was getting into her vehicle.

While the charge against Zolkowski is punishable by up to four years in prison and a $2,000 fine, Bay County Circuit Court Judge Joseph K. Sheeran has already indicated he will sentence her to probation.

A sentencing date has been scheduled for May 7th.'

S. Africa: False rape claim – north woman charged with perjury

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Soshanguve woman has been arrested for laying a false rape claim against her boyfriend.

Police spokesperson Constable Zanele Mtsweni said the 24-year-old woman from block UU Soshanguve came to the police on Thursday and alleged that her boyfriend had raped her the previous night.

“The police opened a case against her boyfriend and arranged for her to receive a medical examination from the clinic as per procedure,” said Mtsweni.'

UK: Transgender restaurant worker now living as a man avoids jail over 23 fake claims of rape and assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A transgender waiter has been given a suspended sentence for falsely accusing a gay co-worker of rape - and putting his penis in his letterbox.

Lottie Harris, 23, made life 'hell' for victim Ali Malik after becoming 'infatuated' with him when they worked together at a restaurant.

Between September 18, 2016 and July 23 last year Harris made 23 fake allegations of rape and assaults against Mr Malik who was arrested on two occasions.

Harris even claimed Mr Malik shoved his penis inside the letterbox of his front door and threatened to slit his throat.'

Is this women-only co-working club violating the city's human rights law?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Officials are investigating whether or not a women-only co-working club, the Wing, has violated the city's Human Rights Law.

The New York City Commission on Human Rights has opened a "commission-initiated investigation," into whether the Wing has violated the law, Jezebel reported. The city bars "businesses that furnish public accommodation, including most private clubs" from discriminating against customers based on gender.

"All that's happened is that the Wing and the commission have agreed, mutually, to sit down and have a conversation," said Karen Dunn of Boies Schiller Flexner, who is representing the Wing.'

‘Women are working harder than men’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are working harder than men and now appear to be the driving force behind corporate performance, according to Aaron McEwan, HR advisory leader at Gartner.

“Gender differences in the workplace have long been a topic of intense focus and speculation, but the data is clear,” he said.

McEwan’s comments following new research from Gartner which shows more female employees are willing to go above and beyond at work compared to their male counterparts.

Indeed, data from the Gartner Global Talent Monitor reveals that effort among Australian female employees is almost 7% higher than their male colleagues.'

Women Should Be Recognized as Natural Protectors: Air Force Secretary

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women in the military should be recognized for their inherent roles as "protectors" to boost their advancement in the ranks and enhance their recruitment and retention, Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson said Tuesday.

"If I asked everyone in this room to think, just close your eyes for a second and think about the most protective person you know in your life, someone who would do anything to keep you safe -- half the people in this room are thinking about their moms," she said.

"We are the protectors," Wilson said in making the case for valuing women's contribution to the military's mission.

"That's what the military does. We serve to protect the rest of you, and that's a very natural place for a woman to be," she said in testimony with the two other service secretaries at a House Armed Services Committee hearing on the budget.'

NTF: The Secret Organization with an Ideological Agenda

Matt · 28 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite its enormous influence on domestic violence policy, most persons have never heard of the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. So what is this group's mission, who are its leaders, and how does it operate?

Secret Organization

The mission of the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, known as the "NTF," is reflected in its website address: www.4vawa.org, "For VAWA." Its website modestly states, "The NTF was critical in the passage and continues to mobilize for reauthorizations of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)."'

Argentina: Man changes legal gender to retire at 60

Matt · 29 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Convincing Sergio Lazarovich he's the beneficiary of white-male privilege is going to be a tough sell.

So tough, he has legally changed his gender, reported the Daily Mail.

According to a relative identified as Enzo, reported Informate Salta, the 60-year-old Argentinian tax worker – now known as Sergia – didn't make the change because of some long-simmering psychological turmoil about his identity, but instead switched so he could retire five years earlier, a move he has been contemplating for three years.

Argentina sets the retirement age at 60 for female state workers and 65 for males.

"His conviction is that it is unfair that, because he is a man, he has to work five years more than a woman," Enzo told the paper.'

Woman sexted with lawmaker, now she wants to replace him

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman with whom an Ohio state lawmaker exchanged sexual text messages has launched a campaign to unseat him and threatened to release more details about their relationship if he doesn't resign.

The unusual faceoff between Republican Rep. Rick Perales, of Beavercreek, and nurse Jocelyn Smith, of Fairborn, has exploded out of nowhere just weeks before a May 8 primary.

Perales acknowledges exchanging texts with Smith in 2015 that he describes as "flirtatious." He has said they included topless photos of Smith and sexually-tinged messages. The two met when Smith came to Perales as his constituent with an idea for a license plate to raise money for cancer research.
...
Smith has since escalated her claims, alleging that Perales forcibly kissed and choked her as they were leaving their first meeting in public. Perales denies having any physical contact with Smith, including kissing.

Rosenberger's spokesman Brad Miller said the kissing and choking allegations were new and that Rosenberger is investigating.'

'Men, sit this one out': San Francisco music fest is for women, femmes and non-binary folks only

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Thursday, Thee Parkside will look different than most nights. The dive bar and music venue on San Francisco's 17th Street will be filled with women, femmes and non-binary folks.

The organizers of "No Apologies Fest," a one-night festival and benefit headlined by Oakland-based performer Ah Mer Ah Su, have a simple ask: "Men, sit this one out."

"Music events have always been major opportunities for predatory behavior," said Lauren Espina, one-half of the San Francisco-based Sea Witch Productions, who is hosting the festival with hello, cheetle. and BFF.fm.

"Every single woman I know has experienced harassment at a show," Espina continued. She includes herself – even at shows she and Sea Witch partner, Haley Scofield, booked.'

ISU accused of violating ex-student's rights in sexual misconduct case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A lawsuit was filed against Illinois State University in federal district court Tuesday seeking in excess of $1 million for a male ex-student who says his rights were violated by the way the university handles cases involving allegations of sexual misconduct.

The lawsuit was filed by Johnson Law Group, a Bloomington law firm, identifying the former ISU student only as John Doe, to protect his privacy and reputation.

According to the lawsuit, John Doe was initially restricted from parts of campus and ordered not to contact the female student who alleged they had non-consensual intercourse in November 2016 and he was later suspended — all before a hearing took place.

No criminal charges were filed.

An internal ISU hearing took place in late January and he was notified on Feb. 1, 2017, that the university ruled in his favor but he did not receive notice that the suspension and restrictions were lifted until three weeks later, according to the lawsuit.'

Ireland: Paddy Jackson's lawyer calls for rape trial changes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Joe McVeigh, who acted for Paddy Jackson in the case, said there were a number of legal issues that need to be addressed.

These included more protections to stop the complainant being identified.
...
"It's impossible to do that when you have got an open court filled to the brim with members of the public for nine solid weeks, where her name is used openly throughout the trial.

"Our system here in the north currently pays lip service to those types of protections. The system in the south is the way it should go at the very least."

Meanwhile, Mr Olding's solicitor said there needed to be better legal protections for defendants in rape cases, as well as for those making the allegations against them.

Paul Dougan told BBC News NI there should be a public debate about granting anonymity during trials to those accused of rape. They would only be named if found guilty.

"If it benefited the system and it recalibrated the sense of fairness that I think in this case has perhaps been lost somewhat - in the nature of the exposure of the persons involved - then I think it would be a conversation worth having," he said.'

Ireland: Rugby pair's privacy civil suit against the BBC 'will now go ahead'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ulster and Ireland rugby players Paddy Jackson and Stuart Olding are to pursue a privacy lawsuit against the BBC following their acquittal at Belfast Crown Court.

The action, initiated in 2016, had been put on hold pending the outcome of the rape trial.

Following yesterday's verdict, a solicitor representing Mr Jackson confirmed the action would now go ahead.

The civil suit was filed after the identities of the two rugby players were reported prior to them being charged.

Both men issued writs against the BBC seeking damages for misuse of private information after details were published in an online news article on November 1, 2016, months before charges were brought against them.'

"Workplace Salaries: At Last, Women on Top"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The fact that the average American working woman earns only about 8o% of what the average American working man earns has been something of a festering sore for at least half the population for several decades. And despite many programs and analyses and hand-wringing and badges and even some legislation, the figure hasn't budged much in the past five years.

But now there's evidence that the ship may finally be turning around: according to a new analysis of 2,000 communities by a market research company, in 147 out of 150 of the biggest cities in the U.S., the median full-time salaries of young women are 8% higher than those of the guys in their peer group. In two cities, Atlanta and Memphis, those women are making about 20% more. This squares with earlier research from Queens College, New York, that had suggested that this was happening in major metropolises. But the new study suggests that the gap is bigger than previously thought, with young women in New York City, Los Angeles and San Diego making 17%, 12% and 15% more than their male peers, respectively. And it also holds true even in reasonably small areas like the Raleigh-Durham region and Charlotte in North Carolina (both 14% more), and Jacksonville, Fla. (6%).
...
The rise of female economic power is by no means limited to the U.S., nor necessarily to the young. Late last year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that for the first time, women made up the majority of the workforce in highly paid managerial positions. The change in the status quo has been marked enough that several erstwhile women's advocates have started to voice concerns about how to get more men to go to college. Is there an equivalent to Title IX for men?'

No men allowed: UVM hosts women-only debate championship

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The first rule of a North American debate tournament to be held in Vermont this weekend: No men allowed.

Some 150 debaters from 18 schools across the U.S. and Canada will compete in the special tournament, which is designed to be a safe space for women who complain of bias when they debate against men.

Although some men will be allowed to serve as judges, organizers say the tournament at the University of Vermont offers women a chance to hone their speaking and arguing skills and gain confidence and friends without being subject to sexism.

"There is also a lot of sexual predation that happens in the debate community," said UVM debate director Helen Morgan-Parmett. "The tournament, I think, provides a safe space where people feel they are debating other women, and their bodies aren't necessarily on display."'

Slack is developing tools to tell if someone's mansplaining

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the early 1990s, newly minted Internet evangelists promised a gender-free utopia. Hierarchical identifiers like race and class would be obscured online, they argued, and biased judgements would therefore become obsolete. That didn't quite work out.

Gender norms infiltrate digital communication today as powerfully (and as detrimentally to women) as they do in-person, show decades of linguistic analysis. Whether on listservs, text messages, Facebook, or Reddit, men tend to "digitally manspread," as Susan Herring, a leading linguist studying digital communication dynamics, calls it. Meanwhile, women self-segregate in private, women's-only spaces, like direct messages.

Slack, the increasingly popular workplace communication platform, is not exempt from this phenomenon. As I wrote in "Your company's Slack is probably sexist," women across industries say that their male colleagues dominate public-channel conversations with the same authoritative communication styles they deploy in meetings. Meanwhile, women are more likely to use supportive, friendly punctuation, and to modify their opinions with hedges like "I could be wrong, but…"

Now, Slack CEO Stewart Butterfield says Slack is pioneering products that will provide individual Slack users with data on whether their digital communication changes when they speak with people of different demographics. He says this data will help promote more equal, inclusive workplace cultures, and make employees more efficient and effective.'

Feminists are to blame for the plight of boys and men

Mastodon · 31 March 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On his program "Tucker Carlson Tonight," Carlson and his team gave men in America a voice every Wednesday in March. It is only the beginning of a much-needed conversation, but it was a great start. I can't think of anyone in the media other than Carlson who's courageous enough to tackle this sensitive topic. He covered many, many facts about the plight of boys and men with sincere interest each Wednesday and afterward interviewed a different expert to discuss the problems he'd just described.
...
... The relentless feminist narrative Americans are exposed to every day, and have been for decades, is that women live in a "patriarchy" designed to hold them down and back. That egregious analysis of men is simply false. "There isn't a shred of hard evidence to support that Western society is pathologically patriarchal; that the prime lesson of history is that men, rather than nature, were the primary source of oppression of women," writes Jordan Peterson in 12 Rules for Life.

This lie has been hugely destructive, yet it persists. Which means if you've fallen for feminist propaganda, you're not likely to sympathize with the plight of men. If you haven't fallen for it, you will sympathize with men. Problem is, there are far more feminists in power than there are nonfeminists in power. Thus, we never hear anything in media other than male bashing. That's what made Carlson's series so utterly refreshing and vitally necessary.'

No Prison Time for Teacher Accused of Having Sex with Students on Prom Night

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Arkansas art teacher will face no jail time despite being found guilty of having sexual relations with four male students, two incidents of which occurred on prom night, court papers reveal.
Jessie Lorene Goline, 26, was sentenced to serve 42 months of probation for inappropriate relationships with four students, one of whom was under the age of consent, the Daily Mail reported.

Last September, prosecutors alleged that the married art teacher used her cell phone as a tool to seduce the boys while she taught at Marked Tree High School in Marked Tree, Arkansas.

Police found four students from two different high schools engaged in a sexual relationship with the now ex-teacher after engaging in a series of smartphone texts—which included explicit photos of the teacher. The text messages were sent during the 2016-17 school year, investigators discovered.'

College student pleads guilty to lying about rape on campus

Matt · 2 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Michigan college student pleaded guilty to falsely reporting to campus police that she was attacked and raped.

Mary Zolkowski, 21, admitted in court Tuesday that she lied to authorities about being raped by a stranger in the parking lot of Delta College in Bay City, according to MLive.

"I called Delta College and falsely reported the rape on their campus," Zolkowski told the judge, according to the site. "My mother made the initial call and I took the phone and continued to report."

The student claimed she was silently suffering from a separate incident when she reported the bogus crime to her mom Feb. 22.

"I was assaulted previously, not at Delta's campus," Zolkowski said. "And because I was ashamed of circumstances of that, when my mother called, I vented through Delta, which was very wrong of me. I should have been truthful from the very beginning, and I used Delta."'

UK: Police dept. withholds evidence officer falsely accused

Matt · 2 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I get the impression things in the UK are pretty bad. The police depts. are throwing their own troops under the bus. Why does any man want to do certain jobs these days? Like being a cop in the UK? Excerpt:

'A police force withheld evidence which showed an officer was falsely accused of rape, a lawyer has claimed.

PC Ryan Canning, of Cornwall, was cleared of raping a woman after charges relating to two others were dropped.

The 44-year-old's lawyer, high court advocate Kevin Hopper, said Devon and Cornwall Police's actions were either "professionally negligent" or "corrupt" and called for an inquiry.

The force has refuted the claim, saying the matter was thoroughly investigated.

In February a judge ordered two charges of rape against PC Canning, from Burraton Combe, be dropped when it emerged that police knew the women involved had sent messages which could "undermine the prosecution case or assist the defence".

He faced trial on a third count of rape, but was found not guilty by a jury at Truro Crown Court on 21 March.'

NWLC Petitions Secretary DeVos re Title IX

Matt · 3 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

SAVE obtained a copy of a letter sent by the National Women's Law Center to Sec'y of Education Betsy DeVos with some... interesting claims in it. See for yourself here. Excerpt:

'Sexual harassment and violence plagues schools and colleges across the country. In a national survey of nearly 2,000 seventh- through twelfth-graders conducted in 2011, nearly half of all students surveyed reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment in the 2010-11 school year. 10 And a 2017 NWLC survey of 14- to 18-year-old girls found that more than one in five has been kissed or touched without their consent. To the detriment of these students though, schools have failed to address sexual harassment and violence for far too long. The facts of Title IX lawsuits resolved over the last few years provide a window into some of the harassment that schools have failed to address. In 2013, a Michigan high school student represented by NWLC filed a Title IX complaint in federal court alleging that her school was deliberately indifferent when she informed school officials of an on-campus sexual assault and subsequent cyber-bullying and harassment. As a result, the student lost class time, suffered academically, quit the soccer team and cheerleading squad, and eventually transferred to a new school to escape her attacker.

In 2014, the Law Center represented an Alabama middle school student who was raped due to a failed “sting operation” school administrators organized. After the assault and the school’s mishandling of the investigation, the student said she preferred to be alone, no longer trusted anyone, and no longer felt safe. She transferred to another school, stopped playing basketball, and went from making As, Bs, and Cs to sometimes getting all Fs. Tragically, some other students have even committed suicide in the face of sexual harassment and violence. One example is Audrie Pott, a 15 year old who took her own life in 2012 after an alleged sexual assault and sexual bullying. In 2016, Megan Rondini, a 20-year-old University of Alabama student transferred schools and hanged herself after the university denied her counseling services in the wake of an alleged sexual assault. As has been widely reported, colleges and universities across the country are also failing to prevent and address sexual harassment and assault. Study after study shows that one in five college women and one in twenty college men are sexually assaulted each year. 18 Examples abound of complaints that schools failed to properly respond to reports of sexual violence:'

UK: Man recounts sexual abuse by nun

Matt · 3 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'He wanted to speak out over the Easter weekend to lift the lid on sexual abuse by nuns and encourage other victims to finally come forward after years of secret torment

While horrific historic sexual abuse of boys by priests has been widely exposed, he believes his case could be the “tip of the iceberg” in revealing how nuns may also have targeted vulnerable boys.

Mr Hayes’s ordeal over nearly three years happened at the former John Reynolds Home in Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, run by The Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph, a Catholic congregation of nuns.

He said: “I never thought I would hate people as much as I hate those in the Church for what they allowed to happen to me.'

Woman 'shoots her boyfriend before killing herself' after going on gun rampage

Matt · 3 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I'd like to think that these kinds of events would help bring attention to DV against men, but alas most times they are usually twisted around to impugne the victim. Nymphotropism knows no bounds. Excerpt:

'Four people have been injured by a female shooter who shot and killed herself after going on a gun rampage at YouTube's California headquarters.

The shooter, who was reportedly a white woman dressed in a headscarf, shot at her boyfriend before turning the gun on herself on Tuesday, witnesses told Fox News.

Officers and federal agents swarmed the company's headquarters complex in the city of San Bruno just before 1pm after dozens of panicked employees called 911 to report gunfire.

Upon arrival, police found the woman dead inside the campus with self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

San Bruno Police Chief Ed Barberini said four people were taken to hospitals in San Francisco, three of whom had gunshot injuries.'

Unlike Canada, U.K. has learned sex assault 'victims' aren't always victims

Matt · 4 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hooray for Cressida Dick, the commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in London, who has formally led her force in abandoning its policy of automatically believing victims of sexual assault.

As The Times of London reported Monday, since taking over the Met about a year ago, Dick has told her officers that of course they are to keep an open mind, treat complainants with respect and dignity and “we should listen to them. We should record what they say.”

But, Dick said, “From that moment on, we are investigators.”

What seems so elementary — that the first job of police isn’t to “support” victims or anyone else, but rather to investigate complaints — got lost in 2014, when the notional acceptance of victims as inherently “being truthful” went to a flat-out recommendation that “The presumption that a victim should always be believed should be institutionalized.”'

23 Cornell Law Profs Support Suspended Student in Sexual Assault Appeal

Matt · 4 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Twenty-three Cornell Law School professors have requested to file an Amicus Brief in support of a student who was accused of campus sexual assault and later suspended. The Cornell statement is the fourth statement from law professors calling for the restoration of due process rights on campus.

Two Cornell students had a sexual encounter in August of 2016. The woman filed a complaint, claiming she had consumed too much alcohol to give valid consent. The university panel later recommended that the male student, “John Doe,” be suspended for two years. The student has now appealed the suspension to the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, which is the intermediary appeals court in that state.

The crux of the appeal is the right of a student to cross-examine his accuser. The male student submitted a series of questions to the university panel to be answered by the woman. But Cornell refused to forward any of the questions, thereby negating the student’s right to cross-examination.'

Feminists Complain That CNN's YouTube Shooter Coverage Is Sexist

Mastodon · 4 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As a dramatic situation unfolded in California, feminists on social media were less concerned that a woman had just attacked several people in cold blood in YouTube's headquarters, and more concerned that "sexist" CNN was reporting that the shooter was involved in a domestic dispute.

CNN came by the information rightly: initial reports indicated that the shooter, a 39-year-old woman from Southern California was, indeed, involved in a domestic dispute and that one of the victims was her boyfriend. As facts are often hard to pin down in the midst of a major news story, it's no surprise CNN got that bit wrong, and the network eventually walked back their claim, but not before catching heat for assuming a woman would only shoot people if motivated by hormones.

Ultimately, CNN "discovered" that the woman was merely crazy, like most mass shooters, and had targeted YouTube because the company had recently removed ads from her bizarre self-made videos about animal rights, vegan recipes, and Iranian evening wear.

Now, of course, feminist Twitter is right to be angry at CNN for jumping to conclusions, though there is some evidence to suggest that when women commit murder — particularly mass murder — they are often motivated by matters of the heart. But it's hard to believe feminist Twitter would be this angry if CNN had immediately assumed the shooter was a Donald Trump supporter.'

British Police Force Cuts Ties with Its Own Male Voice Choir for Lack of ‘Gender Equality’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Police in Derbyshire have severed ties with their own male voice choir and taken away their rehearsal room on the grounds it does not promote ‘gender equality’.

The Derbyshire Constabulary Male Voice Choir, which was founded in 1956 and has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity, has been told it must rebrand and will no longer be allowed to rehearse at St Mary’s Wharf Police Station, leaving members “heartbroken and devastated”.

Chief Constable Peter Goodman said that having a male voice choir representing his “organisation”, as he termed the police force, was “incompatible” with its “need to represent our communities in every aspect of our public presence”.'

Police: Florida Woman Set Ex-Boyfriend on Fire at Easter Dinner

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Florida woman is accused of attempted murder for allegedly dousing her ex-boyfriend in gasoline and lighting him on fire at an Easter Sunday dinner.
The Orlando Sentinel reported that Shivon Perez, 38, allegedly invited her ex-boyfriend over for Easter dinner and asked him to fix a leaky pipe under the bathroom sink.
...
When the man got down on the floor to fix it, he noticed Perez with a container in her hand, police said.

After the ex-boyfriend asked her what she was holding, she responded, “It’s gasoline, you son of a [expletive],” according to a police report.

Police said the woman held a blowtorch, sprayed him with gasoline, and yelled, “You are going to pay,” then set him on fire, WOFL reported.'

Masculinity detox: redefining what it means to be a man

Mastodon · 6 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'So what's the solution? How do we engage men in discussion when the loudest voices are MRAs like former Vice co-founder Gavin McInnes's Proud Boys or the more innocuously named Canadian Association for Equality?

"The reason MRA groups are successful is they have some really valid points around parental rights and alimony," says Jake Stika. "Broader societal systems have changed but the justice system hasn't, so MRAs view it as a zero sum.

Based in Calgary, Stika is the co-founder and executive director of Next Gen Men, a non-profit aimed at developing better men through youth and peer engagement, education and empowerment.

"For us, we acknowledge those are real and pressing issues, but we approach it from a 'rising tides lift all boats' point of view," Stika continues. "We need more women in leadership and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math studies) just as much as we need more men in early childhood education and caregiving roles."

Stika attended Brock University in St. Catharines, where he befriended Jermal Alleyne, NGM's co-founder and program director. They launched the organization in 2015.'

Updated Drupal Installation, Theme Whacked

Matt · 8 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

MANN uses Drupal, a site configuration/management and theming package. It's open-source. Like all software of any complexity, it comes with bugs. It also comes with "undocumented features", etc. In this case, this version has managed to whack the theme (page coloring/layout) of the site. This newer version of Drupal also does not support voting/polls with the same module as previously. First thing's first, however: Getting the theme restored. Then I go for restoring voting/polling.

I was fine with the old version of Drupal. My site host company however was not and they got on me about "upgrading". This is the result. :)

So I'll get our theme restored as soon as I can. Just not tonight, it's late. BTW, this version of Drupal will nag you when you log in to set your preferred time zone. Just FYI.

Women prefer their best friends to their husband, study finds

Mastodon · 8 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Now a survey conducted by Champneys Health Spa suggests that more than 50 per cent of married women prefer to spend time with their best friends as opposed to their husband.
...
Basically, men need to do better and be more accommodating and considerate of their wives wants and needs. It's a story old as a time that is no less depressing to hear in 2018.'

The Four Terrible Things That Are Destroying Boys In Our Culture

Mastodon · 11 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'1) Our culture preys relentlessly on a boy's weaknesses.
...
2) There is a catastrophic lack of male role models.
...
3) The eduction system is designed for girls.
...
4) Masculinity is denigrated.

You might think we've already done enough to these boys. We've made our point. We've shoved sex in their face, deprived them of role models, and forced them into an education system that treats their personality as a disease. But we are not satisfied. Finally, in case any have survived the gauntlet, we attempt to bury them in self-loathing.

Femininity is attacked in our culture as well, but not nearly so explicitly or directly. Nobody would ever call femininity itself "toxic" or "fragile." Nobody talks about female "privilege," even though, as I have demonstrated, females enjoy many unique privileges. Nobody would label all women "dangerous" or "potential monsters to be feared." These are the special denigrations reserved only for manhood.

This wouldn't be so bad if not for the fact that boys are emerging from childhood already broken. They are in no condition to endure the anti-male onslaught. So, they will stay broken, and we will not acknowledge that they are broken, and we will not face the fact that we are the ones who broke them.'

Old Drupal Theme Not Supported, New Theme

Matt · 12 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

OK, looks like the old Slash-Blue theme (the one MANN was using) is not supported under Drupal 7. Downer. Good news is the current theme is sort of kind of close to it, though a bit less sharp around the edges and the blue isn't as dark. Still, it's not bad. Next step is to re-add the actual MANN graphics. I'll leave that for tomorrow or at worst, this coming week-end.

Hey, I got a day job and all. Just sayin'.

If anyone has suggestions for a new theme that looks more like Slash-Blue and is Drupal 7-compatible, feel free to post in Comments.

New carefully curated, women-only work space opens in Georgetown

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just minutes away from the hustle and bustle of M Street in Georgetown, The Wing offers women of the District a space to work in no-man's land.

The Wing – a co-working space exclusively for women with perks and amenities for its annual members – opened its doors Thursday in a 10,000 square-foot office building at 1056 Thomas Jefferson St. NW. The shared space offers a variety of areas for working, a cafe, an all-female author library and an art gallery featuring female artists.'

Also see: Are women-only members' clubs sexist?

Do women get only 80 percent of the pay men do for the same job?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On April 10 -- Equal Pay Day -- Sen. Tina Smith, D-Minn., tweeted out her support for an end to differential pay for men and women.

Her tweet said, "It's completely unacceptable that, on average, American women only earn 80 cents for every dollar a man earns for doing the same job. And the #paygap is even greater for most women of color. #EqualPayDay"

But there's a problem: The statistics showing that women earn 80 percent of what men earn are overall comparisons and do not specifically compare men and women occupying the same jobs.

After we reached out to Smith's office, she sent a new tweet to correct her earlier misstatement.'

Female-Only Ride-Hailing App Doesn't Violate Men's Rights, Owner Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The women behind the slowly growing number of ride-hailing apps catering to female passengers and drivers say the hurdles they've had to overcome to get their services on the road demonstrate exactly why they're necessary in the first place.

Women from Halifax to Vancouver Island have tried to launch female-only alternatives to services such as Uber and Lyft, but most have run into barriers ranging from municipal regulations to societal attitudes.

The founders of the handful of such services currently operating say they're experiencing incredible demand from women seeking a greater sense of safety in their daily travels.

They say it's common for women to feel uncomfortable riding alone with strangers, but some recent high-profile cases involving sexual assault allegations against drivers have further highlighted the need to provide an alternative.'

Two Irish Rugby Players Who Were Accused Of Rape Have Been Sacked

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ulster and Ireland rugby players Paddy Jackson and Stuart Olding have been sacked, a month after they were found not guilty of raping a student at a house party in Belfast in 2016.

The Irish Rugby Football Union and Ulster Rugby made the announcement in a statement on Saturday morning.

"Following a review, conducted in the aftermath of recent court proceedings, the Irish Rugby Football Union and Ulster Rugby have revoked the contracts of Patrick Jackson and Stuart Olding with immediate effect," it read.

The alleged victim, then 19, said she was raped by Jackson at his home and forced to perform a sex act on Olding.

The defence argued that the woman made false rape allegations because she regretted having group sex with the men and feared it may have been documented, and they were acquitted at Belfast crown court in March.

Two other men, friends of the Ulster stars, were also acquitted on separate charges, including exposure and perverting the course of justice.'

Editorial: Massachusetts bills stand with victims of sexual assault, not the accused

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At the Massachusetts State House Tuesday, hundreds of college students — some of whom have experienced sexual violence — demanded action be taken on bills that would give more rights to sexual assault survivors on their campuses.

These bills are promising to those who have been traumatized by these experiences and are seeking justice for their assailants. The current guidelines advising colleges on how to handle sexual assault cases, which were proposed by Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, seem to favor the accused and reverse years of legislative progress made by the Obama administration. These new bills, which are only applicable on the state level, can at least stand with victims and assure them of their rights in court.

If you ask DeVos, the guidelines she proposed are in the name of justice and due process. But in a judicial system that has historically neglected the voices of victims for issues beyond just sexual assault, perhaps it's that very process that needs amending. Rape survivors deserve all the legal support they can get, and that process shouldn't be made any harder than it already is.'

Why some modern women oppose women's rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the past decade, feminism has been hit with some serious backlash — and it's not just coming from men. Many women are against it, too.
...
"There are struggles women are facing, like how do we make time for career advancement and a family and a personal life. Their argument is that women were never supposed to be doing that anyway. For them this idea of returning and fighting against feminism is that they're empowering women to do what they want," McKeon said.

That notion manifests differently in the various women McKeon spoke to. Some, like Holly Connors, who runs the Modern Day 50s Housewife Blog, think women should revert to their perceived 1950s roles. The creed on her Web site states, "My humble service to my family is my greatest contribution for my life." Connors claims that feminism forced families to become dual income and she feels "feminists look on women who want to be stay-at-home moms with disgust."'

Interesting re-discovery: Egyptian papyrus outlines sexual misconduct case

Matt · 14 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A lot to unpack about this story told by the scribe. I post it here as an article of interest. Excerpt:

'A 3,000-year-old Egyptian papyrus is being reassessed in the wake of a raft of claims accusing powerful men of rape and sexual assault.

It describes a litany of morally corrupt actions by the chief master craftsmen Paneb, who oversaw construction work on the pharaohs' tombs in the Valley of the Kings.

Among them are attacks on and the 'debauching' of a string of women in Thebes in 1200 BC, now within the modern Egyptian city of Luxor.

Experts are revisiting the text, contained on a script known as Papyrus Salt 124 held by the British Museum, to examine ancient cultural attitudes to sexual politics.'

Married Bible teacher accused of having sex with a student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A married Bible teacher was arrested and fired for allegedly having sex with a student, police said.

Suzanne Owen, 35, was charged Thursday with custodial sexual battery after allegations she had a sexual relationship with a student enrolled at Evangelical Christian School in Fort Myers, Florida, The News-Press reported.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office said the educator, who taught Bible and Spanish classes, exchanged text messages with the minor for several weeks before they had intercourse.

She was arrested Wednesday just days after the pair reportedly met up off campus to have sex. It's unclear how authorities became aware of the alleged misconduct.'

Some progress on the site

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Have the logo restored. Got our story view settings right so you can see most stories up-front without having to click 'Read more'. I got ambitious though and went a bridge too far; I installed a voting module and that whacked the new theme. I will have to try re-installing the theme tomorrow. In the mean time I set the site theme to the default "Garland" and that seems to have made it readable.

Thanks for bearing with me during this joyous "upgrading" experience.

Like/Dislike Buttons Added

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After several tries at various voting modules (I cannot believe the large number of COMPLETELY USELESS Drupal modules there are out there and the number that simply do not work or break your site... oy veh...), I finally found a simple, no-dependency thumbs-up/thumbs-down voting module. I ask that you vote a story as Like if you think it was a good story to include on the site, and Dislike if you think it was not. Vote more, please, on the matter of whether the story seemed valuable to you as an MRM-related matter, rather than on the content itself. For example, let's say I post a story that links to an article filled with misandrist BS. The content, you may find unlikable. However it may be that also in your opinion, it was good that I posted it. So in that case, click Like. As a counter-example, say I post a story about penguins. And, you like penguins. So you like the content. But is it relevant to the MRM? As nice/cute as penguins are, as a topic, they are not MRM-relevant. So in that case you'd vote Dislike.

Just a request. Undoubtedly people will vote more their judgment of the content generally than in re whether it seems germane to the MRM. This is just a request I have, that's all.

Suggestions re the site are always welcome. Feel free to post a comment or send me an email if you want to deliver feedback.

Feminists don’t care about the gender gap in ballet. Why should we care about the one in tech?

Matt · 16 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What, if anything, do ballet and tech have in common? The obvious answer is that both fields show highly disproportionate gender distributions.

Less acknowledged but no less relevant is this uncomfortable commonality: Both are industries where it pays to be in the sexual minority. I know, because I was a ballet dancer for 16 years.

In the ballet world, men’s unfair advantage in hiring and casting is as widely understood and as rarely acknowledged as is the rampant anorexia. A less skilled male dancer is more likely to land a role or get a job than a female dancer of comparable skill. Due to the scarcity of men, the hurdles to a professional career are distinctly lower than they are for most women.

Anyone who says something similar about women in the tech industry does so at their own peril. It is assumed and unquestioned that pervasive sexism and systematic discrimination against women are to blame for their underrepresentation. But then, how did a field like tech, once dominated by nerds regularly bullied by their more athletic and popular peers, suddenly become replete with toxic masculinity?

The answer? It didn’t.

...

I salute women who work in fields where they’re outnumbered, but I don’t appreciate or support policies that patronize women at men’s expense for the sake of “diversity” in any occupation, under any circumstances. My female friends in STEM agree, and they aren’t the ones pushing for these ridiculous reparations.

As for the radical feminists, you might ask them, if they feel so strongly about equal representation, why didn’t they themselves pursue a degree in engineering? Expect to hear something like, “well, I did always prefer English, and calculus was such a bore.”'

Boston Marathon winner mis-reported again this year

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two-time Olympian Desiree Linden became the first American woman to win the Boston Marathon in 33 years on Monday when she broke the tape at the finish line with a time of 2 hours, 39 minutes, 54 seconds.

Linden, 34, won with a time more than 14 minutes slower than her previous two races, but course conditions were not conducive to personal- or course-record performances.

...

In the men's 26.2-mile race, Japanese amateur Yuki Kawauchi won in 2:15:58, his first major marathon victory. Kawauchi is known in the running community but works full time for the government in Japan and is without sponsorship. He is not regularly viewed as an "elite" marathon runner.'

It's OK to criticize the #MeToo movement

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'Self-help celebrity Tony Robbins got himself into hot water last week when he suggested that many women speaking out as part of the #MeToo movement are taking advantage of the instant attention and, in doing so, turning victimhood into personal gain.

"If you use the #MeToo movement to try to get significance and certainty by attacking and destroying someone else, you haven't grown an ounce," Robbins told a crowd gathered at a self-help seminar in San Jose. "All you've done is basically use a drug called significance to make yourself feel good."

Not at all surprisingly, women around the world -- including the founder of the movement, Tarana Burke -- accused Robbins of misinterpretation, misogyny and being part of the reason such a movement is justified in the first place.
...
What's more, one could argue that Robbins was simply speaking his truth, and what else can we expect from a man who's made a living (and a very good one -- Forbes has estimated his net worth as close to $500 million) as a self-help guru? His career has been built on telling people to take control of their power and individuality.

Of course, Robbins' instinct would be to discourage people from joining a movement that is inherently made up of victims, or at least to ask people to be sure their intentions are pure. And the fact is that #MeToo, even at its best, is about finding significance.'

After working in a world of 'tech bros,' this woman founded a female-only island

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'We've all had those moments, whether you're drowning in work in a cramped cubicle or just tired of the daily grind. In those moments, a thought might cross your mind, like "I wish I could escape to a private island."

Well, entrepreneur Kristina Roth actually made that happen. She's not just escaping to an island, she owns it. And she's opening it up to women worldwide. But men? They're not allowed.
...
SuperShe Island, however, is not free from criticism. Roth says a week-long all-inclusive stay will likely cost between $5,000 to $6,000, which is expensive for many people. Plus there's the unique vetting process. So some say the retreat is elitist and disproportionately counts out people of color, those with disabilities, trans people or those who are gender non-conforming.

Roth disagrees and calls it a "totally equal opportunity group," and while the island might have capacity limitations, she adds that "In the broader SuperShe community, we welcome everyone."'

Do men need to fail in order for women to succeed?

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'She insisted that men have to actively give up power in order for equality to be achieved: “Power is not a possession. Power is a relationship. We have more or less power in relationship to each other.”
...
James Millar, political journalist and co-author of The Gender Agenda, disagreed. “There is one place where there is finite number of jobs – and that’s the House of Commons. There are only 650 seats, a vast majority occupied by men.” He insisted that more men must “fail” to become MPs in order for true equality to be achieved.
...
Traditional ideals of masculine success don’t make men happy, she argued. “This requirement of the alpha male is something that does not suit very many men, it creates a huge amount of pressure on men . . . suicide is the biggest killer of men under the age of 45.” A more equal contribution to domestic labour and less pressure on men as breadwinners would help enrich men’s lives, she said.'

UK: Girlfriend stabbed boyfriend, starved him and poured boiling water on to him

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jordan Worth, 22, was handed a seven-and-a-half-year sentence at Luton Crown Court on Friday after she admitted carrying out several cruel acts against her ex-boyfriend.

The assaults included her scalding him with boiling water and stabbing him at their home in the village of Stewartby, in Bedfordshire. The college sweethearts had started dating in in 2012 when they were both 16 but there were worrying signs from the beginning, the court heard.

The victim suffered from hydrocephalus that caused by a build-up of fluid inside the skull and made him vulnerable.'

With mayor’s blessing, women-only social club heading to Chicago

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mayor Rahm Emanuel rarely wastes an opportunity to take a dig at his East Coast rival cities.

Earlier this month, he sent a letter to a Manhattan-based all-women’s club — which faces an investigation in New York for its membership policy — urging the organization to set up shop here.

“Though you may face obstacles in other cities, we welcome spaces dedicated to empowering women and understand and respect your mission,” the mayor wrote in the April 9 letter to the founders of The Wing, Lauren Kassan and Audrey Gelman, who, among other things, worked on Hillary Clinton’s 2008 presidential campaign.

Gelman told the Chicago Sun-Times Monday she was “thrilled” to receive Emanuel’s letter, and that it’s the first time a mayor has personally written to The Wing, encouraging the club to come to his or her city.

“It’s heartening when we see elected officials who are willing to lend a hand to support businesses that are founded by women and that cater to women, rather than scrutinizing them,” Gelman said.'

‘No boys allowed’ rule unites women-only workspace members. Still, they say ‘we’re not men haters.’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women-only workspaces are trending in Chicago, WBBM-TV reported.

“We’ve seen the impact of uniting together and raising our voices,” Alicia Driskill, CEO and founder of Evolveher, told the station.

“We are ready to speak up for ourselves,” Zhazha Casanova, owner of Studio G, added to WBBM. “We’re being unapologetically ourselves.”

“No boys allowed,” Casanova declared to the station. “Sorry.”

Still, Driskill told WBBM there’s no war on men afoot: “We’re not men haters. We love men. It’s more about supporting women and giving back.”'

The first person on Mars 'should be a woman'

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'Allison McIntyre, who puts prospective space travellers through their paces at Johnson Space Center in Houston, noted that all 12 people who have walked on the Moon were men.

She believes women should be at the forefront if and when the agency sends its first human missions to Mars.

BBC Radio 5 live has been behind the scenes at Nasa in Texas and Florida.

They have been meeting women at the forefront of the 21st century space race.

It's more than half a century since Russia sent the first woman into space, and 40 years since Nasa selected its first female astronaut.

But there still hasn't been a woman on the Moon, and women remain under represented in science and engineering industries on both sides of the Atlantic.'

Australia: Set targets for men working part-time to help promote women, gender equality body says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The director of the Workplace Gender Equality Agency has urged employers to set targets for men working part-time.

Libby Lyons told the ABC's National Wrap program "it's not difficult" to create a working environment where men can take more responsibility for caring for families at home.

The Workplace Gender Equality Agency found that women are three times more likely to work part time than men.

The latest ABS figures show women constitute 68.6 per cent of all part-time employees and 36.8 per cent of all full-time employees.'

Current Title IX Regulations Deny Accused Students Fundamental Rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'April is Consent Month at Oberlin. I think extremely highly of those who work in the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and work to raise awareness about consent and sexual misconduct. However, while we are having these necessary conversations this month, Oberlin must confront the Orwellian underbelly of the national Title IX system: its enforcement.

Until a few months ago, Oberlin, like almost all educational institutions, was bound by the 2011 Obama-era “Dear Colleague” letter issued by the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights created in response to public backlash over college administrator sexual misconduct on campuses across the country. The letter recommended that to combat sexual misconduct, schools use the “preponderance of the evidence” standard — which states that the accusation is viable if the evidence is anywhere over 50 percent provable. The standard also enables accusers to appeal decisions and encourages schools to allow accusers to forgo cross-examination. In some cases, accusers can even forgo their own attendance at proceedings. If schools refrained from complying, they would have been found in violation of Title IX and the federal government could consequently and coercively withhold funding. The Obama administration likened its new interpretation to a silver bullet that would help end sexual assault and harassment on campuses.

Good intentions led to bad outcomes, however. The letter also created a system that a California Appeals Court Justice called a “kangaroo court,” and what a federal district court judge appointed by President Clinton called “a practice of railroading accused students.” Further, the interpretation was also made without a public announcement or a comment-and-response period, during which schools could offer feedback. The Obama administration’s sudden and drastic changes even prompted legal scholars of all political affiliations to wonder if such a system is actually constitutional in the United States — and they are right to be puzzled. Not only did the interpretation mandate that schools adopt overly broad definitions of harassment, but the Department of Education had seemingly taken White-Out to the Bill of Rights.'

Syracuse refused to give accused student written allegations or record Title IX hearing: lawsuit

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'How convenient that “technical difficulties” prevented the recording of a rape accuser’s testimony in a Title IX proceeding, blocking “John Doe” from challenging procedural errors.

So says the third lawsuit filed against the private university this school year by a student found responsible for sexual misconduct, according to The Daily Orange.

The accused student claims Syracuse failed the most basic due-process requirements by refusing to document anything he could use to appeal the decision in favor of “Jane Roe”:

"Doe, in the lawsuit, claims that the first set of allegations were not documented and relayed to him only verbally. When Roe allegedly changed her story, Doe said in court documents there was “nothing concrete” he could reference to point out the variations in Roe’s account. …

Doe appealed the board’s decision, according to the lawsuit. He requested a transcript of the University Conduct Board hearing, which did not include Roe’s testimony or questions asked to her by the board, according to the lawsuit.

SU claimed that Roe’s testimony was not recorded because of “technical difficulties,” according to court documents."'

Canada: ‘Toxic masculinity’ behind assault, judge says

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'A judge cited "toxic masculinity" in sentencing a motorist who chased another driver through the streets and punched him in the face at a stoplight.

On Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m., four young men got into an argument with four other young men in the Fairview Park mall parking lot. One of the men allegedly uttered a racial slur at Javier Bonilla and then took off in a minivan.

Bonilla, 22, planned to just drive away but when someone in the minivan threw blue liquid at his car, he decided to take up the chase.

Both vehicles were driven erratically. At one point, Bonilla cut in front of the minivan. At a red light on Weber Street East, Bonilla got out and repeatedly punched the minivan driver in the face, breaking his glasses and causing a small cut.

It was a case of "toxic masculinity" with one man getting insulted and going after another in a "game" to prove who is toughest, Justice Elliott Allen said.'

The Decline of Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today's boys are in very bad shape. That's the key takeaway from The Boy Crisis: Why Our Boys Are Struggling and What We Can Do About It. The new book, a joint effort from Warren Farrell, author of The Myth of Male Power, and John Gray, author of Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus, combines wide-reaching research, analysis, and self-help advice.

In the first, and most striking, of its six parts, The Boy Crisis explains how "boys are declining in a dramatic way in virtually every key metric." This section contains many startling findings.

Worldwide, boys are 50 percent less likely than girls to meet basic proficiency standards in reading, math, and science. The average sperm count of men in the U.S. drops 1.5 percent every year; one in five young men are not fertile. The gap between male and female suicides has tripled in the United States since the Great Depression. Mass shootings — which are among the most horrific acts of destruction a person can commit — have tripled in the U.S. since 2011, and most are committed by males.'

S. Africa: Ward 32 hosts women-only firefighter selections

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Article here. Excerpt:

'RURAL Metro in conjunction with Gauteng based company Advanced Fire Suppression Technologies (FST) recently held a project selecting five females for a learnership programme involving firefighting detection and suppression systems at Ward 32.

The project seeks to focus on education, youth and female development and environmental sustainability and targets previously disadvantaged communities.

Assisted by local councillor Shawn Adkins, who assisted with facilitation of the recruitment process by soliciting applications through the local community, the project aimed to:

• Provide access to learning for the unemployed and those who are not in education, employment and training'

Inviting boys into girls only spaces to make a difference

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How do we get in front of this? How do we protect girls and women from predators? How do we raise boys to do better?

“We’ve been having a lot of conversations about masculinity and how we move forward in this #MeToo movement,” Warshaw told me. “How do we involve men, and where do we put the ownership in making change?”

“When girls are empowered, it’s a win for everyone,” Carey added. “Sometimes, when boys see girl-power spaces, they think it’s a girl thing, solving girl problems. They don’t see themselves as part of a portrait where girls and boys are shoulder-to-shoulder equals. This might be an opportunity to say, ‘Boys, you can be a partner in solving this problem.’”

...

"I think that no one should be separated because of their gender,” a girl named Maeve said. “Even in the smallest things like volleyball and baseball or the big things like being the president or working at a candy shop.”

At the end of the assembly, Warshaw called a delegate from each group to the front of the gymnasium to drop a paper vote into a “yes” (include boys) or “no” (keep it girls-only) jar. Carey and Warshaw tallied the votes later and will consider them alongside feedback from other gatherings. It seemed, based on the Hamilton girls’ discussions, that votes would lean heavily toward inviting boys.'

‘Gender-neutral’ Swedish preschools teach boys to wear dresses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many government-funded Swedish preschools are “gender-neutral” and teach youngsters to reject their natural inclinations toward masculine or feminine activities, instead requiring them to do activities usually associated with the opposite sex.

“A preschool’s approach to gender has now become a common question before enrollment,” the New York Times reported in a profile of these schools. Swedish teachers “are doing what they can to deconstruct” gender.

Since 1998, state curriculum has required teachers to “counteract traditional gender roles and gender patterns.”

Schools go about this in different ways, largely based on their leadership. Many Swedish children begin going to these programs when they are just one year old.

At the dawn of this massive social experiment, “Boys and girls at the preschools were separated for part of the day and coached in traits associated with the other gender. Boys massaged each other’s feet. Girls were led in barefoot walks in the snow, and told to throw open the window and scream.”'

Title IX reports more than 40 incidents, only one sanction

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite an uptick of Title IX reports of sexual assaults of students, only one sanction has been placed on any of the accused in the current academic year.

Nearly 50 Title IX sexual assault reports have been submitted during the current school year, on course to exceed last year's number. However, last year, five out of 48 respondents saw consequences for the complaints alleged against them. This year, there has only been a single respondent found in violation out of the 47 reports submitted. Currently, 10 of the 47 reports are still under review.

A majority of the 47 reports submitted this year were done so online, where complainants can submit a report either signed, anonymously or under a pseudonym. Additionally, it is mandatory that all faculty, staff, and student-employees report Title IX violations that they become aware of. Once the office of Title IX receives the report, interim Title IX Coordinator Vincent Luizzi and investigators scrutinize the report, determining if there is enough evidence to pursue a case. Once approved, a typical investigation is performed: witnesses' statements are collected, the complainant and respondent give testimonies, and the evidence is analyzed by investigators.

"A majority of the cases are indeterminable," Luizzi said. "We either are missing names, dates or any other specifics that could help us out. There's no real lead there, so we can't pursue those."
...
"We need to do more for the victims," Banton said. "Of course, we have resources like counseling and mental health strategies, which is what I deal with, but that doesn't reach everyone. That mostly has to do with shame and the dynamics behind reporting. A victim's advocacy program will help fill that underreported void."'

"Queer Porn Icon Bruce LaBruce's Lesbian Cult Comedy Takes Patriarchy by the Balls"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Man-haters, rejoice! The Female Liberation Army is here to save us. Or at least, keep us fired up and entertained. Fresh off a run at Europe's top film festivals, including a premiere at the Berlinale, Karlovy Vary, and Panorama, comes "The Misandrists." Directed by legendary gay filmmaker Bruce LaBruce ("Gerontophilia," "Hustler White"), "The Misandrists" follows the dissidents of the FLA, a militant lesbian separatist cult whose primary goal is to dismantle the patriarchy — by any means necessary.

...

Set in 1999, "Somewhere in Ger(wo)many," the film follows a young radical named Isolde (Kita Updike) who falls in love with boy dissident Volker (Til Schindler). Stowing him away in the basement of the FLA's country manor so she can nurse his wounds, Isolde fears discovery by Big Mother (Susanne Sachsse). No men are allowed on the commune, and lesbian sex is encouraged, as Big Mother believes it is the only way to female liberation. She will stop at nothing in her quest to liberate all women, overthrow the patriarchy, and establish a new world order. When the police come looking for the missing boy, Big Mother begins to suspect something is amiss in her militant Sapphic paradise.'

Young black men tossed out of coffee shop for no reason

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Article here. Not just race here but sex, too. Would two black women have been tossed like this? When it comes to being "presumed dangerous" and treated badly, these events have a gender component. When men react badly to being treated badly, people only say, "See what I mean?" It's a self-fulfilling prophecy. Excerpt:

'Rashon Nelson initially brushed it off when the Starbucks manager told him he couldn't use the restroom because he wasn't a paying customer.

He thought nothing of it when he and his business partner, Donte Robinson, were approached at their table and were asked if they needed help. The 23-year-old entrepreneurs declined, explaining they were just waiting for a business meeting.

A few minutes later, they hardly noticed when the police walked into the coffee shop — until officers started walking in their direction.

"That's when we knew she called the police on us," Nelson told The Associated Press in the men's first interview since video of their April 12 arrests went viral.

Nelson and Robinson, black men who became best friends in the fourth grade, were taken in handcuffs from the Starbucks in Philadelphia's tony Rittenhouse Square neighborhood, where Robinson has been a customer since he was 15.'

College student on hunger strike over anti-male discrimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male college student member of the National Coalition For Men (NCFM) has entered Day 10 of a hunger strike dedicated to drawing attention to male discrimination and has issued the following statement:

To be a man in today's world is to experience discrimination on a daily basis. Men die sooner than women due to a variety of factors, including higher suicide rates and workplace deaths.[1] Men are more likely to die in warfare not only as combatants but also as civilians.[2] Women receive far more preferential treatment than men in the criminal justice system.[3] This includes the death penalty.[4] Men have no reproductive rights in America.[5] The family court system is biased against men.[6] The wage gap has not only been debunked,[7] but there is a younger generation of working women who make more money than men.[8] Even though women are as likely to engage in sexual coercion/pressure against men as vice versa in heterosexual relationships,[9] the criminal definition of "rape" [penetration without consent] does not allow men to ordinarily prosecute women. Likewise, there are more than 200+ studies which show that domestic violence is symmetrical in heterosexual relationships.[10] A state as "progressive" as Canada has no problems with outlawing male immigrants while allowing female immigrants.[11] The majority of prisoners [93.2%] are men.[12] The majority of homeless people are men.[13]'

UK: Barmaid who was jailed for falsely accusing her ex of rape is now locked up for nine more years after killing man in 75mph drink drive crash

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman jailed for falsely accusing her boyfriend of rape has now been sent back to prison for killing a man in a drink-drive crash.

Kate Woodhead, 39, climbed behind the wheel of her car while drunk and careered down a 40mph road at around 75mph.

Trevor Smith, 53, who was a front seat passenger, died instantly when Woodhead lost control of the blue Audi A3 and smashed into a tree.

Woodhead was today jailed for nine years for causing death by dangerous driving.

She was previously handed a three-year term for falsely accusing a boyfriend of rape.'

Judge dismisses lawsuit against Duke stemming from sexual assault allegation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit against Duke University filed by a former student who claimed Duke's response to an alleged sexual assault was inadequate and created a hostile educational environment.

The former student, Arianna Qayumi, sued Duke, claiming that the university violated her rights under the federal Title IX law. She claimed that she was drugged and raped by two students in 2011 and that one of them videotaped her being assaulted. Qayumi contended the university was deliberately indifferent and negligent in its response, ultimately leading her to transfer to another school.
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"However, given Ms. Qayumi's clear statements in 2011 to Duke administrators that she did not want to participate in any disciplinary proceedings and recurring statements of hesitation thereafter, no rational jury could find that Duke's response was clearly unreasonable," Eagles wrote in the ruling.'

Name names to reform campus kangaroo courts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Our state's flagship public university can no longer hide behind federal student privacy laws when it comes to shielding the people it's disciplined for sexual misconduct from scrutiny.

A unanimous three-judge N.C. Court of Appeals panel ruled Monday that the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill must disclose the identities of students and faculty members it has judged responsible for sexual assault and sexual harassment.

The ruling is a win for open government advocates — The Daily Tar Heel student newspaper, WRAL-TV owner Capital Broadcasting Co., The Charlotte Observer and The Herald-Sun of Durham are the plaintiffs — and it will subject both the accused and the system that judges them to necessary public scrutiny.

Student editors sued UNC after it refused to fulfill a September 2016 public records request seeking documents related to individuals "found responsible for rape, sexual assault or lesser included sexual misconduct" by the college's honor court, its Committee on Student Conduct or its Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office.'

Why Aren’t Feminist Groups More Concerned that So Many Colleges and Universities Discriminate Against Women in Admissions?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This puzzles me. It is routine for many colleges and universities, particularly mid-level liberal arts schools, to discriminate against women in admissions. Believing that they have "too many women," these schools refuse admission to female applicants whose academic credentials would have been more than sufficient for a male applicant. Why don't we hear more complaints from feminist organizations?
...
Maybe feminist organizations don't want to draw too much attention to how well females are doing these days in school, because it hurts the narrative that women are the underdogs. But women form a 56% majority of college students. And they are a majority of those in law, medical, and dental school.

Alternatively, maybe the leaders of feminist groups are reluctant to speak out for fear of undermining the case for affirmative action for racial and ethnic minorities. They may perceive themselves as part of a broad coalition of left-leaning activists first and advocates for women in particular only second.'

No girls, no entry: Is it OK for bars to turn away groups of men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, two gay men were refused entry to a bar in Leeds, with bouncers saying it was for "mixed couples only". Hundreds of people contacted the BBC to say it was normal for groups of men - gay or straight - to be turned away from bars. So is it fair - or legal?

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At 11pm, they got a taxi into the city centre and tried getting into a bar. They weren't drunk, they weren't rowdy, and - says Matt - "we don't look the roughest".

Despite that, they weren't allowed in. Why? Because they were men.

"The bouncer just said: 'Not tonight lads,'" says Matt, an IT apprentice. "We were like: 'What?' And he said: 'There's too many lads. You're not coming in.'"

They tried a second bar, and were told the same. A third bar repeated the message: no girls, no entry. Matt was disappointed, but not surprised.

"We are lucky if we go out in town and don't get turned away from somewhere," says Matt. So he is used to being barred from bars - but he doesn't think it's right.'

UK: Scientists edge closer to creating a male pill that turns off sperm - without any side effects, study finds

Matt · 20 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Scientists have edged one step closer to creating a male pill, new research suggests.

Thirty hours after infusing male macaques with a compound known as EP055, their sperm were unable to move, a study found.

Lead author Dr Michael O'Rand, from the University of North Carolina, said: 'Simply put, the compound turns-off the sperm's ability to swim, significantly limiting fertilization capabilities.'

None of the monkeys suffered side effects, which is thought to be due to EP055 having no effect on male hormones, according to the researchers.

Most female birth-control pills contain a mix of the hormones oestrogen and progesterone, which can cause weight gain, erratic moods and nausea.

In addition, all of the monkeys' sperm were moving as normal within three weeks, suggesting the treatment is reversible, the research adds.'

Married live-in so-called hooker claims "sex slavery"

Matt · 21 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who answered the door Friday at the home of Hernando County Commissioner Nick Nicholson said she served for months as a “sex slave” to the elected official.

Valerie Surette, who called herself a 30-year-old stripper with an on-and-off drug problem, was one of two women named in charging documents when Nicholson was arrested Thursday on prostitution-related charges.

Nicholson, 71, preyed on her “vulnerability” and that of other women like her, Surette said. She had sex with Nicholson in exchange for a place to live and cash for groceries, drugs and drug rehabilitation, she said.

“I had originally agreed to the arrangement,” Surette said. “I did work at a strip club, but that’s different. Here, I was a sex slave. … Whatever he wanted, I had to do."'

Britain needs gender equality quotas now, Fawcett Society says

Mastodon · 23 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Quotas to get more women into key positions in politics, business and the arts must be introduced to address a massive imbalance of power in Britain, according to equality campaigners.

With a statue of suffragist Millicent Fawcett set to become the first of a woman in London's Parliament Square on Tuesday, analysis from the Fawcett Society Sex and Power Index has shown that men still overwhelmingly dominate positions of power in every sector of society.

The figures show that women make up only 6% of FTSE 100 chief executives, 16.7% of supreme court justices, 17.6% of national newspaper editors, 26% of cabinet ministers and 32% of MPs.

"When we see this data brought together it is both shocking and stark – despite some prominent women leaders, men haven't let go of the reins of power and progress is painfully slow," said Sam Smethers, chief executive of the Fawcett Society.'

Maine votes for impotent FGM ban bill

Matt · 23 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Surprised it wasn't already illegal. Well to be fair - if Maine allows boys to be genitally mutilated, why not girls? Excerpt:

'However, the bill passed in the House was nothing more than political theater — a show bill.

On Wednesday, the State Senate unanimously passed LD 1904, the strict FGM ban holding the mutilator, consenting parents/guardians and the transporters accountable for this barbaric form of child abuse.

That is not the bill the House passed.

First, the House brought forward one of the two minority reports from the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee — that the bill 'ought not to pass.' And the motion almost prevailed.

In fact, 65 swamp creatures — entirely made up of Democrats and independents — voted AGAINST banning FGM.

"Unfortunately, I am not surprised at all," said Rep. Gerrish, the ranking Republican on the CJPS Committee. "What did surprise me was the unanimous support in the Senate, and I thank them for understanding the seriousness of the issue. I did find it remarkable that 65 House members, primarily Democrats, supported the 'ought not to pass' motion. I expected some to back that motion, but much less. I expected maybe 25 or so of the far-Left liberal Democrats to support killing the bill outright. But 65, wow."'

The Drugging of the American Boy

Matt · 24 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If ave a son, you have a one-in-seven chance that he has been diagnosed with ADHD. If you have a son who has been diagnosed, it's more than likely that he has been prescribed a stimulant—the most famous brand names are Ritalin and Adderall; newer ones include Vyvanse and Concerta—to deal with the symptoms of that psychiatric condition.

The Drug Enforcement Administration classifies stimulants as Schedule II drugs, defined as having a "high potential for abuse" and "with use potentially leading to severe psychological or physical dependence." (According to a University of Michigan study, Adderall is the most abused brand-name drug among high school seniors.) In addition to stimulants like Ritalin, Adderall, Vyvanse, and Concerta, Schedule II drugs include cocaine, methamphetamine, Demerol, and OxyContin.

According to manufacturers of ADHD stimulants, they are associated with sudden death in children who have heart problems, whether those heart problems have been previously detected or not. They can bring on a bipolar condition in a child who didn't exhibit any symptoms of such a disorder before taking stimulants. They are associated with "new or worse aggressive behavior or hostility." They can cause "new psychotic symptoms (such as hearing voices and believing things that are not true) or new manic symptoms." They commonly cause noticeable weight loss and trouble sleeping. In some children, some stimulants can cause the paranoid feeling that bugs are crawling on them. Facial tics. They can cause children's eyes to glaze over, their spirits to dampen. One study reported fears of being harmed by other children and thoughts of suicide.'

About a boy: our new prince faces a world where masculinity has never been so scrutinised

Mastodon · 25 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Although born less than five years after his brother Prince George, this little boy has, little though he knows about it yet, arrived in a different world in which to be male.

Since 2013 many of our perceptions of masculinity have changed radically. The fact that, just before his brother's birth, Parliament scrambled to abolish centuries of male primogeniture in the Succession to the Crown Act of that year — so putting little Jimmy or Timmy fifth in line to his sis, rather than fourth to his bro — is the very least of it.

In 2018 boys are in trouble. Boys are trouble. After Harvey Weinstein's exposure, the triumph of pussy-grabber President Trump and the whole #MeToo tidal wave, remarkably few positive associations with being a man and a boy remain any more. The word now almost automatically paired with "masculinity" is "toxic".'

UK: Infant boy and his parents barred from leaving UK for medical treatment

Matt · 26 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I can't help but think that if Alfie were a girl, the UK wouldn't dare proceed as they have. Personally, I'm fine with someone smuggling them out, then facilitate their permanent departure. Excerpt:

'Even after Alfie surprised doctors with his will to live he was denied water for nearly six hours. He continued to be denied nourishment. With the denial of his exit from England altogether it was clear that the British courts and the NHS had no intention of letting Alfie live.

But why?

Though still morally squishy there's a valid argument to be made that when a nation votes for socialist healthcare they are agreeing to let the government treat their lives as algorithms. When the bottom line is measured in dollars rather than lives, the risk a society takes is illustrated in cases like Alfie's. The NHS simply cannot afford the extremely expensive prospect of keeping alive a little boy who most likely will not live much longer due to an incurable condition. Alfie's chances of any meaningful recovery were slim to none. It isn't outside the boundaries of reason that the government tasked with his treatment would deem it simply not worth the effort expended.
...
What is not logical and nearly incomprehensible is the decision of the court not simply to deny Alfie further treatment, but then deny his right and the right of his parents to leave the country to seek treatment elsewhere. Even that decision might make a tiny bit of sense if it were to add to the NHS' costs. That would be a problem for that pesky algorithm. However, Italy had already sent an airlift equipped to take the young child. His transportation and hospital provisions were covered by donations and the state of Italy. In fact, to move Alfie out of the care of the NHS would only save them money and labor. Alfie's parents would have one more shot at rescuing his life. It seems like a win-win for everyone.

And still, the courts have barred the family from leaving the country.

Let's ponder that for just one moment. Great Britain is a nation with a proud history of freedom and democracy. Most other nations around the world and Britons themselves would describe it as a "free country", and yet here is a case where its free citizens are not allowed to leave its borders.'

Canada: Debate at National Assembly after Quebec premier accused of ‘mansplaining’

Mastodon · 26 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard is being hotly criticized for comments he made Monday about parity between men and women in politics.

This was underscored by an uncomfortable exchange Tuesday in a National Assembly budget credits commission between the premier and Parti Québécois (PQ) MNA Catherine Fournier.

She asked the premier why young people appointed to sit on the board of directors for crown corporations were often affiliated with the Liberal Party.

Some are calling the premier’s reply condescending and paternalistic.
...
When asked about his tone, Couillard told reporters Wednesday, “It wasn’t paternalistic. I was responding to a partisan attack.”'

Group requests Tokyo Metro enforce women-only cars amid escalating male pushback

Mastodon · 26 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Amidst cases of men riding in designated women-only train cars, decrying discrimination and arguing with female passengers in videos posted online, a citizens group on April 24 submitted a request to Tokyo Metro Co. to clearly prohibit men from riding in the cars.

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Roughly around the same period in February, several men rode a women-only car on Hankyu Railway Co.'s Kyoto Line, shouting that "anyone can ride in a women-only car." The railway called the police, and officers boarded the train at Katsura Station in Kyoto. While the police officers tried to persuade the men to get off the train, they resisted, and the train was delayed roughly 10 minutes.

"Even if a man boards a (women-only train car), we don't force them to get off the train, but we ask for everyone's cooperation in creating a space where all passengers can feel comfortable," said a public relations official from Tokyo Metro. A representative from the corresponding department at Hankyu Railway worried, "We have always had men who would board the women-only train cars, but it's escalating to actions like complaining in loud voices."

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The group that submitted the recent request to Tokyo Metro is called "Anti Racism Information Center." The group asked the railway company to make a rule prohibiting men from deliberately riding on women-only cars, and collected some 6,800 signatures online in favor of the proposal. Representative Ryang Yongsong said, "Actions that create anxiousness in train cars are heinous. I would like steps to be taken so that everyone can ride the train with peace of mind."'

Women Need Better Treatment Behind Bars, Lawmakers Say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Middlesex County Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez and U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) held a roundtable discussion Monday with criminal justice reform advocates and formally incarcerated women to discuss legislation Lopez and Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle are introducing, modeled after legislation Booker introduced in the Senate, to reform the way women are treated behind bars.

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During the roundtable, Lopez unveiled the "Dignity for Incarcerated Primary Caregivers Parents Act," which she will sponsor along with Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle and will introduce in the Assembly in the coming weeks.

This act will require that feminine hygiene products are not limited in any way shape or form and are provided to women, free of cost. This bill will also provide trauma informed care to incarcerated people and allow formerly incarcerated people to mentor currently incarcerated people on how to lead successful lives after prison. Finally, the bill will also appoint an ombudsman to monitor allegations of physical abuse and sexual assault.

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“Not having immediate access to a primary caregiver can be traumatizing for children as well as their parent or guardian,” said Vainieri Huttle (D-Bergen). “With that in mind, it is vital that we continue to hear the concerns by those affected and encourage discussion in which we raise awareness of these difficulties as well as act upon bettering the challenges these families face.”'

Title IX: What is DeVos looking to change?

Mastodon · 26 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When the Obama administration initially released its policy, individual-right groups criticized the administration for attempting to directly control Title IX investigation procedures without receiving public or legislative input and for jeopardizing the rights of those under investigation.

“The April 4, 2011 'Dear Colleague' letter had several provisions that FIRE and other due process advocates believe made it harder for students to receive fair hearings in sexual misconduct cases, and increase the risk of erroneous guilty findings,” said Susan Kruth, a staff attorney at FIRE, in an email.

Kruth pointed out that many campuses do not guarantee the presumption of innocence, the right to cross-examine witnesses, the right to an an attorney and other procedures she said safeguard student and faculty rights during investigations.

“At some schools, a heightened standard of proof like 'clear and convincing evidence' was the only meaningful protection accused students had against erroneous guilty findings,” Kruth said.

Organizations, like FIRE, pushed back against the new policies based on these perceived due process violations, culminating in their annulment by the Trump administration.'

Gender Discrimination? Men Are Suing Women For Not Letting Them Into Women-Only Events

Mastodon · 26 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In August 2017, Mandy organized what she said was a great, successful event. The event was advertised as "A Girls' Night Out Dance Party" at the SpringHill Suites in Oceanside, open to "ladies 21 and over" and Rodriguez said it sold out five weeks in advance.

“It was the opportunity to bring some women together to network and just do something a little bit different and fun,” she told NBC7 Investigates.

Six weeks later, Mandy said she was shocked when she and the hotel were sued, accused of being sexist towards men.
...
The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Steve Frye, a man Mandy said she had never heard of before. Frye did not respond to NBC7 Investigates’ request for comment.

According to court documents, Frye tried to enter Mandy's "Girls’ Night Out Dance Party" but was told at the door that he "could not attend." NBC7 Investigates found Frye has filed 26 lawsuits in Southern California for discrimination.

The case involving Mandy settled last month for an undisclosed payment.'

False accusation can damage reputations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some argue that we are creating a new paradigm for 'innocent until proven guilty' in sexual assault and rape culture.

Others argue that false accusations, often also labeled as unfounded or unsubstantiated, are so rare that they need not be a cause for concern as their overemphasis undermines real reports.

In a Symposium on False Allegations of Rape, David Lisak, Lori Gardinier, Sarah C. Nicksa and Ashley M. Cote authored a study titled 'False Allegations of Sexual Assault: An Analysis of Ten Years of Reported Cases,' in which they gathered statistics on "one of the most controversial disputes affecting the discourse related to violence against women… the dispute about the frequency of false allegations of sexual assault."

The study looked at 136 cases of reported sexual assault over a ten year period at a university campus. Of the 136 cases, 8 (5.9 percent) were labeled as false allegations, the study said. "These results, taken in the context of an examination of previous research, indicate that the prevalence of false allegations is between 2 percent and 10 percent."'

Ex-girlfriend of 49ers' Reuben Foster recants domestic violence claims

Mastodon · 26 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'San Francisco 49ers linebacker Reuben Foster's former girlfriend released a statement Wednesday saying she initially lied to police about him injuring her in a February incident at his home in Los Gatos, California.

The statement from San Jose attorney Stephanie Rickard, who identified her client in the statement as 28-year-old Elissa Ennis, said Ennis suffered her injuries as the result of a fight with another woman and there is video documentation of that fight.

"[Foster] did not strike her, injure her or threaten her," Rickard said.

According to the statement, Foster attempted to end their relationship after learning of the fight between Ennis and another woman.

"She was extremely upset and told him if he broke up with her, she would 'trash his career,'" Rickard said.'

Tom Brokaw Accused of Sexual Harassment By Former NBC Anchor

Matt · 27 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Linda Vester had a reputation for covering tough stories. As a war correspondent for NBC News in the ’90s, she spent three tours of duty in the Middle East and took two assignments in Africa.

But as it turned out, her biggest battle at work wasn’t in the field. She says it was as a victim of sexual harassment by Tom Brokaw, the legendary newsman who manned the anchor desk for “NBC Nightly News” for 22 years and hosted “Today” and “Meet the Press.”

In a series of interviews with Variety conducted over several months, Vester alleged that Brokaw physically tried to force her to kiss him on two separate occasions, groped her in a NBC conference room and showed up at her hotel room uninvited. Two friends who Vester told at the time corroborated her story with Variety, and she shared her journal entries from the time period. Brokaw, who has been married to Meredith Auld since 1962, has never before been publicly accused of sexual harassment.

In a statement from him supplied by a NBC News spokesman, Brokaw said of the allegations, “I met with Linda Vester on two occasions, both at her request, 23 years ago because she wanted advice with respect to her career at NBC. The meetings were brief, cordial and appropriate, and despite Linda’s allegations, I made no romantic overtures towards her at that time or any other.”'

Declining male enrollment must be addressed, college VP says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the number of women enrolling in college increases, the number of males enrolling continues to decline, a topic that needs to be addressed, Weatherford College Vice President of Instruction Michael Endy said.

“We don’t want that to stop,” Endy said of the female enrollment trend.

Workforce education and other technically-based employment have traditionally served as primary outlets for those not interested in getting an academic degree, but those jobs are now being threatened by overseas competition and automation, Endy said.

“The tradition of males working in a healthy economy, males have employment opportunities therefore overall they have no need for higher education,” Endy said of what the economy has traditionally been.'

Tucker Carlson warns about "toxic femininity" after YouTube shooting

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Article here.

'TUCKER CARLSON (HOST): Now, let's pause for a moment, and pretend this is not the 8 P.M. show on Fox News. Let's pretend it's somewhere else on the dial, maybe CNN or MSNBC, or actually, any other cable channel or newspaper in America. If that were true, by definition, we'd have to draw hard and fast conclusions from this tragedy, using the limited fact set available.

We don't really know much at this stage, but sweeping dumb generalizations are what the media do, so we would do that, and of course, we would need a very specific script in order to make those generalizations. So, what do we conclude from what happened yesterday?

Well, first off, the shooter was a woman. She was female, so clearly America has a problem with toxic femininity, and we'd need to address that crisis right away, starting with more university panels shaming an entire gender. Somebody alert the H.R. department to this.'

UK: Woman jailed after outrageous false gang rape accusations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A stalker tried to 'destroy' a care worker by making false gang rape allegations because she had been left out of a trip to the zoo, a court heard.

Emily-Jane Bridges, 37, harassed Sandra Killion for ten months after she receiving a suspended sentence and restraining order for stalking.

She was incensed because there was not space on a trip to the London Zoo with the Havering Learning Disability Society, which Bridges had attended since 2005.

Bridges blamed Mrs Killion, who is chair of the society based in Romford, east London.

Between February 20 and April 21, Bridges made a series of historic rape allegations against her to police, Snaresbrook Crown Court heard.

She claimed that Mrs Killion, her husband, step-son and four other men raped her 'twice a day, seven days a week, for 18 years'.'

Canada: Steve Paikin vindicated on misconduct accusation, but what a price he paid

Matt · 28 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If the conviction of Bill Cosby of sexual assault this week put wind beneath the tired wings of #MeToo, the vindication of veteran Ontario broadcaster Steve Paikin was the force that added drag.

Even putting those two names in the same paragraph is an injustice to Paikin, a man so proper that even the independent investigator who has cleared him of any wrongdoing, lawyer Rachel Turnpenny, took notice of it.

In a single line of her 27-page report released Friday, she wrote, “There was also credible evidence provided to the investigator that Paikin is uncomfortable talking about sexual subjects in a public manner.”

Yet his accuser, the multiple-times unsuccessful Toronto political candidate Sarah Thomson, would have had the world believe that within five minutes of sitting down to lunch in a crowded uptown restaurant named Grano, in the presence of her assistant, a man he had never met, Paikin baldly asked Thomson to sleep with him.'

University of Texas to Treat Masculinity as a 'Mental Health' Issue

Matt · 29 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Counseling and Mental Health Center at the University of Texas at Austin recently launched a new program to help male students “take control over their gender identity and develop a healthy sense of masculinity.”

Treating masculinity as if it were a mental health crisis, “MasculinUT” is organized by the school’s counseling staff and most recently organized a poster series encouraging students to develop a “healthy model of masculinity.”

The program is predicated on a critique of so-called “restrictive masculinity.” Men, the program argues, suffer when they are told to “act like a man” or when they are encouraged to fulfill traditional gender roles, such as being “successful” or “the breadwinner.”

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While many schools now have similar programs, this appears to be the first run directly out of a Counseling and Mental Health Center. Though the school seems to justify this by claiming that masculinity can cause men to lash out at other people and themselves, the school did not respond to a request for comment to clarify.

There is no evidence that masculinity itself contributes to violence. Universities that run similar programs, such as UNC-Chapel Hill and Northwestern, have admitted that their programming isn’t supported by any evidence.'

Fraternity Changes Cancer Charity Event After Claims of Sexism and Elitism

Mastodon · 30 April 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In response to negative feedback from sororities about the sexism and elitism that occurred during earlier Derby Days, the Cornell chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity made efforts to improve this year's event with a series of reforms, including the elimination of a controversial brotherhood auction.

Derby Days is an event hosted annually by Sigma Chi chapters nationwide to raise money for the fraternity's philanthropy, the Huntsman Cancer Institute. This year's event will take place from April 29 to May 4.

A member of a sorority — who asked to maintain anonymity since she felt uncomfortable being identified — told The Sun that she found Derby Days "disrespectful" in general when she attended the brotherhood auction event in 2015. The auction was a talent show in which girls would bid on the brothers based on their talents.'

We shouldn’t blame toxic masculinity for Toronto’s van attack

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the past few days, the word “incel” has found its way into the mainstream vernacular as the result of Toronto’s devastating van attack making international headlines. On Tuesday, Alek Minassian, 25, was charged with 10 counts of first-degree murder and 13 counts of attempted murder, with an additional charge to come. As the worst mass killing in Canadian history in almost 30 years, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called it “a senseless attack and a horrific tragedy.”

Incel refers to involuntary celibacy, an online subculture of men who are frustrated at their inability to obtain sex, validation and love from a romantic partner. Some within this community go as far as advocating rape as a means by which to gain sexual gratification. Soon after Mr. Minassian’s arrest, a post was discovered on his Facebook page, announcing that the “Incel Rebellion” had begun and “all the Chads and Stacys” (sexually attractive men and women) would be overthrown.

...

The issue is not about sex, or even sexual entitlement. In my experience working clinically with incarcerated violent and sexual offenders, these crimes are instances of antisociality manifesting as hatred toward women. Antisocial personality disorder is defined by remorselessness and a pervasive disregard for the well-being of others – and can be present in women, too. In the context of therapy, it is notoriously difficult to treat. The most effective approach is one of prevention, targeting at-risk youth before they become violent. Even if those in the incel community were sexually active, they would still harbour resentment toward women.'

Boy Scouts Plan Name Change as Girls Join Its Ranks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For 108 years, the Boy Scouts of America's flagship program has been known simply as the Boy Scouts. With girls soon entering the ranks, the group says that iconic name will change.

The organization on Wednesday announced a new name for its Boy Scouts program: Scouts BSA. The change will take effect next February.

Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh said many possibilities were considered during lengthy and "incredibly fun" deliberations before the new name was chosen.

"We wanted to land on something that evokes the past but also conveys the inclusive nature of the program going forward," he said. "We're trying to find the right way to say we're here for both young men and young women."'

UK: Woman stabbed boyfriend during sex after telling him men should only be used for 'human sacrifice'

Mastodon · 3 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A young mother has been jailed for 11 years for stabbing her occasional boyfriend as they has sexual intercourse after texting him to say men should only be used as "human sacrifice".

Zoe Adams, 19, has dressed up as a clown and put a pillow over Kieran Bewick's head to make their encounter more exhilarating on July 29 last year, Carlisle Crown Court heard.

In what she described as an "overreaction", she whispered, "Trust me", to the then 17-year-old Bewick before stabbing him five times in the chest, arm and thigh with a 10-inch knife, collapsing his lung.'

Connecticut Senate adopts bills to safeguard domestic violence victims, incarcerated women

Mastodon · 3 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Senate unanimously approved a bill late Tuesday to reduce instances when victims of domestic violence are arrested alongside their attackers.

The chamber also unanimously adopted a second measure that mandates a broad array of changes to the treatment of incarcerated women, particularly those who are pregnant.

Both bills now head to the House of Representatives.

The domestic violence measure would implement a broad strategy to reverse a longstanding philosophy of “dual arrests” effectively imposed on police departments by existing law, said Sen. Paul Doyle of Wethersfield, Senate Democratic chair of the Judiciary Committee.

In effect, police officers currently are encouraged in many instances to arrest both parties in a domestic violence incident. The bill, which was developed with bipartisan support, would direct officers to try to establish if there was a “dominant aggressor” in an incident, and if so, arrest only that person.'

False college rape case set for trial

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Sacred Heart University student, accused of making up rape allegations against two football players, is heading for trial on June 18.

“We are ready to go forward,” Stamford lawyer Ryan O’Neill, who represents the now 20-year-old Nikki Yovino, said Tuesday.

Ryan and state prosecutors Tatiana Messina and Emily Trudeau met for more than an hour with Superior Court Judge William Holden to set a trial schedule while Yovino paced the lobby of the Golden Hill Street courthouse.

Ryan said later that jury selection in the case is set to begin on June 4.

Yovino, who left Sacred Heart and now works in real estate on Long Island, is charged with second-degree falsely reporting an incident and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence. If convicted of the charges, one a felony and the other a misdemeanor, she could face up to six years in prison.'

Ezra Klein Explains Why Men Are "So Shit At Friendship"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'American men's hidden crisis, Slate tells us, is that they need more friends. At the same time, society tells men that friendship is girly—and men respond by not having friends. So perhaps it's unsurprising that loneliness, not obesity or smoking, is the biggest threat to men's health, per the Boston Globe.
...
It's a question that Vox Media founder and editor Ezra Klein unpacks on "Call Your Girlfriend," a popular feminist podcast. For their 4/20 episode, co-hosts Ann Friedman and Aminatou Sow invited listeners to "Ask A Man" anything they'd like. One listener asked, "Why are men so shit at friendship?"

"That's an important question," Klein replied. "Because we literally are—it is literally the case that men have fewer friends than women, and as we get older we have fewer, and fewer, and fewer friends. Some of us have no friends at all, and the resulting loneliness becomes a huge health risk."'

Ezra Klein: Men Need 'Spike of Fear' with Sex to Prevent Rape

'In support of California's new "Yes Means Yes" campus sex law, Vox.com blogger Ezra Klein announced that in his opinion men need a "spike of fear" in their sexual relationships in order to keep them all from turning into rapists on campus.

Saying the law is "terrible, but necessary," Klein pointed out some of the law's flaws but ultimately decided that "everyday sexual practices on college campuses need to be upended" and this new "terrible" law is just what is needed.'

Hell just froze over: Ginsberg slams #MeToo

Matt · 4 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Possibly one of her grandsons just got #MeToo'ed by some nutcase? Dunno. Anyway, check the news tonight about reports of Hell freezing over. Excerpt:

'Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg — widely recognized as a leftist, feminist icon — shocked her fans this week when she took American colleges and universities to task for failing to follow Constitutional guidelines regarding due process when using Title IX "kangaroo courts" to handle claims of sexual abuse against students.

Speaking to the Atlantic, Ginsberg talked at length about "due process" after being asked about the #MeToo movement, and handling allegations of workplace harassment. She ignored the movement nearly altogether before pivoting into a rant about how America's institutions of higher education are subjecting accused students to a bizarre and potentially unconstitutional process.

"There’s been criticism of some college codes of conduct for not giving the accused person a fair opportunity to be heard, and that’s one of the basic tenets of our system, as you know, everyone deserves a fair hearing," she said.'

Concern grows over performance pressure on girls while boys fall further behind

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Article here. Girls who feel too much pressure to excel have my sympathy. I might say I feel the same for boys except the pressure they're under is to renounce their maleness and act like girls and women are the world's salvation. Whose situation is less desirable? Excerpt:

'It's a great time to be a girl -- or is it? Because behind all these possibilities is a troubling development: Girls' anxiety and depression are climbing and increasingly turning tragic.

Between 2007 and 2015, the suicide rate for girls between the ages of 15 and 19 doubled, reaching a 40-year high in 2015, according to new data from the National Center for Health Statistics.

"I think no one can dispute the wholesale kind of collapse of girls' wellness right now," said bestselling author Rachel Simmons, who has been working with and doing research on girls for the past two decades.

"It's really a crisis. I don't think I'm overstating it. Everywhere I go, I hear about levels of anxiety that are so crippling that it makes it hard for teachers to teach, and we can't not pay attention to this anymore."'

Male professor won't apologize over lingerie 'joke'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male political theory professor said Friday he won't apologize to a female gender studies professor for a joke about "ladies' lingerie" he made while both were riding in a crowded elevator. The public spat comes amid heightened sensitivity to sexual misconduct propelled by the #MeToo movement.

Professor Ned Lebow, who teaches political theory at King's College London, told The Associated Press that he has refused to apologize because he did nothing wrong and because a complaint filed by Professor Simona Sharoni against him with the International Studies Association is "frivolous."

Sharoni, a professor of women's and gender studies at Merrimack College in Massachusetts, said in a complaint she filed last month that she was standing near the elevator at a San Francisco hotel and she offered to press the elevator buttons when Lebow "said with a smile on his face, 'women's lingerie' and all his buddies laughed."

She said she froze and didn't confront him. As the men walked out of the elevator, the only other woman in the elevator turned to her and told her maybe they should have spoken up. They said it is no longer acceptable to make such jokes.

"As a survivor of sexual harassment in the academy, I am quite shaken by this incident," Sharoni wrote.'

Why campus sex ed training is anti-men and why I am a men's rights activist

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'While a student at American University, I was required to take an online sex education course that focused on consent. I was taught that women can change their mind about consent the day after an encounter, effectively leaving women with the ability to rewrite history and accuse sexual partners of inappropriate behavior despite receiving consent.

Feminists think misandry isn't real, but campus culture shows otherwise. Modern day "feminism" is pervading on college campuses and is perpetuating an irrational fear of hookup culture, all while vilifying men. What I was taught by my college's online sex ed course provides a foreshadowing of a sad reality: misandry in the 21st century. This misandry will surely trickle into other aspects of life, like workplace culture and our daily interactions with each other.

I never thought I would be sex-shamed, for not having it, but then I was required by my university to take the "Campus Clarity: Think about it " program. It asks questions that probe into students' sexual pasts and poses a myriad of hypothetical situations where, apparently, there is only one right way to handle it. The program opened my eyes to a whole new world — a world of rescinding your previously given consent and how to take legal action against men.'

Study Warns of 'Toxic Masculinity' in Boys as Young as 14

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study published in the Journal of Child and Adolescent Counseling warns that boys as young as 14-years-old suffer psychological problems from “hegemonic masculinity” and its derivative, “toxic masculinity.”

Vincent Marasco, a former professor who now works as a mental health counselor, argued in a recently published article that mental health professionals should be cognizant of hegemonic masculinity since it can “influence the counseling relationship.”

“Counselors working with adolescent boys need to take into consideration these social influences, their impact on the counseling relationship, and the unique ways adolescent boys perform masculinity,” writes Marasco.

Hegemonic masculinity, as Marasco explains in his article, is a term that refers to the “oppressive characteristics of masculinity boys and men must assume and perform to be considered a ‘real man.’” These characteristics include “dominance over women,” “being heterosexual,” “exerting control and toughness,” among others.

Though not all boys may evidence these characteristics, all boys are subject to socialization under these norms, Marasco tells PJ Media in an interview, which is why they are important to address from an early age.'

The war on masculinity is a war on men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Summary: The gender wars have grown hotter in the past few years, as the assault begins on masculinity. We use our children as guinea pigs to test leftist theories about gender. This will reshape America profoundly, in ways we cannot predict. I doubt future generations will forgive us if this does not end well. But we can still change course.

Multiculturalism: the appreciation of diverse cultures, including their behaviours, cultural assumptions, values, ways of thinking, and communication styles. It is the foundation of modern liberalism. Every race, every ethnicity, every religion, every gender deserves respect. Society must accept each as they are. All have the right to exist on their own terms.

There is one exception, however.

Men must change!

Lots of articles, mostly by women, telling guys how to change their nature. Men telling women to change would be evil sexism.'

'Every district attorney’s nightmare': Two men exonerated in 1991 rape claim

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'After 26 years, two men have been exonerated of a gang-rape that the alleged victim now admits never happened.

The 1992 convictions of VanDyke Perry and Gregory Counts for rape, sodomy and kidnapping were vacated in New York court Monday. Prosecutors had joined attorneys for Perry and Counts on a motion asking a State Supreme Court judge in Manhattan to vacate the convictions because of new DNA evidence and the woman's revised story.

"It is every prosecutor’s nightmare to convict an innocent person," Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. said in a statement. "This case is a tragedy for all involved — two New Yorkers were wrongfully deprived of their liberty during the prime of their lives for a crime they did not commit. This time can never be returned to them, but with today’s exoneration, we hope we can begin the process of unburdening them and giving them a chance at a brighter, successful future."
...
According to The New York Times, she said they punched her so hard her eye swelled, but a doctor who examined found no physical evidence to support her claim and that there were no signs of sexual trauma.

Semen was found in the woman's underwear, which she said she put back on after the rape, but DNA testing excluded both Perry and Counts as the source. After that result, the woman said she had unprotected sex with her boyfriend the night before and the morning of the attack. Prosecutors argued in court the semen in her underwear belonged to the boyfriend although his DNA was never tested.'

A college athlete was arrested for rape, but it's his accuser who is in trouble, SC police say

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'A student-athlete at a South Carolina college was arrested and charged with rape, but it is his accuser who is in trouble now, according to the police.

Lauren Emily Pearson, 18, has been arrested and charged with filing a false police report regarding the rape accusation, wmbfnews.com reported.

Pearson accused fellow Coker College student Cesar Antonio Lopez of sexually assaulting her in the bathroom of a dorm where a party was held in the early morning hours of April 29, according to wpde.com.

Later that morning, Pearson called the Hartsville Police Department, and after telling her account of the incident, was taken to an area hospital where a sexual assault exam was conducted, wbtw.com reported. The results of that examination have not been shared publicly.'

CNN columnist faces backlash for ‘Patriarchy kills people’ op-ed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CNN columnist and community organizer Richard Edmond Vargas is facing criticism for penning a column about how US “patriarchy” and male role models can be blamed for mass shootings.
Vargas, who describes his “anti-patriarchy work” in California prisons, wrote that American society relates to men as being “inherently violent, dominant and controlling,” and said he believes that society is “rewarding” men for being that way.

“Why are we continually surprised when a man takes up arms and commits mass murder?” the column asks.

Vargas points to cartoons, video games and politicians who exalt male violence. “Every social cue they've received since childhood declared violence their birthright, it's what makes them real men,” he wrote.

But not everyone agrees with Vargas’ reasoning and, as usual, Twitter was there to react.

Some people were quick to point out that according to the statistics, most mass killers actually grew up in matriarchal environments, with mothers and grandmothers, and that the problem might be a lack of positive male authority and role models in their lives, rather than a toxic patriarchy.'

Miss USA explains why she's an 'equalist' and not a 'feminist'

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'At the 2017 Miss USA Pageant, Miss District of Columbia, Kára McCullough, was asked: “What do you consider feminism to be, and do you consider yourself a feminist?” McCullough went on to win the pageant and be crowned Miss USA, but her answer to that question was a controversial one. “As a woman scientist in the government, I’d like to lately transpose the word feminism to equalism,” she said to applause from the crowd. “I try not to consider myself this die-hard, like, I don’t really care about men — but one thing I really want to say is women, we are just as equal as men when it comes to opportunity in the workplace.”

Her answer, while loudly supported in the pageant room, was sharply criticized by women online.
...
"I’m always here to support women,” she added, “and I’m here to actually open up healthy discussions and dialogues. I believe that’s what my answers onstage actually created for so many people around the world. If we’re all thinking the same, there’s a problem.”

When this year’s Miss USA Pageant airs on May 21, we’ll be listening to see if that question is asked again — and if this year’s contestants are willing to claim a passion for equal rights, as feminists.'

Canada: Female MP faces allegations over sex with soldier

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'Explaining his decision last week to throw MP Erin Weir out of caucus, Singh said an independent investigator had found that "Mr. Weir failed to read non-verbal cues in social settings. And that his behaviour resulted in significant negative impact to the complainants."

Singh acknowledged that "when Mr. Weir was told his advances were unwanted, he stopped." But, he said, he decided to expel Weir when it became apparent the MP was not sufficiently remorseful or willing to take full responsibility for his offences.

The names of Weir's accusers have been withheld even from him, an increasingly common practice nowadays in the corporate world.

Actually, just about everything about Weir's case is unremarkably routine nowadays, save for one fact: the complainants had to be sought out. The original accusation against him was made in an open email earlier this year to all caucus members by a third party: fellow MP Christine Moore (Abitibi-Temiscamingue).
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Kirkland says when he arrived at Moore's office, she offered him gin, and persisted even after he told her he was taking antidepressants and painkillers, and was not supposed to be drinking. "She's a nurse," he says, "and I thought I suppose if she's a nurse and says it's OK, it is."

There were a few more drinks, and it became clear Moore's intentions went beyond a professional interest in his case.

That night, he says, she "followed" him back to his hotel, where he says she spent the night.

"Look, I'm not crying rape," says Kirkland, who is now a Realtor in Brandon. "I don't like to think of myself as a survivor. I prefer 'thriver.' But what she did was inappropriate. Was I a willing participant? I guess it depends on your definition of willing. There was a power imbalance. There was a level of authority there."'

‘Feminist’ group probed for link with online sexual harassment in South Korea

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'An online community which brands itself a “feminist” organization is under police investigation for an online sexual harassment case involving a photo of a nude male model posing for fine arts students at Hongik University in Seoul, which was posted online without the victim’s consent.

The case, which has stirred up controversy, emerged after an unidentified person posted the photo on the website of Womad, an online community that supports misandry and “radical feminism.”

Police announced that they have launched an investigation into the case Sunday.

The photograph was reportedly taken without the victim’s knowledge, during a life drawing class at Hongik University.'

James Cameron: Sci-Fi Is Still Working on Its ‘Stale, Male, and Pale’ Problem

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'But as Hollywood changes its perception of science fiction, Cameron stressed that the genre itself needs to continue to evolve from its origins of being too “stale, male and pale.”

“It was white guys talking about rockets,” Cameron said of early sci-fi. “The female authors didn’t come into it until the ’50s and ’60s and a lot of them had to operate under pseudonyms.”

But even now, “women are still unrepresented in science fiction as they are in Hollywood in general,” he said. “When 14 percent of all film directors in the industry are female, and they represent 50 percent of the population, that’s a big delta there that needs to get rectified.”'

New York’s Legislature Must Appoint a Woman Attorney General

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'The horrific claims of sexual violence made by four women against Eric Schneiderman have led to his resignation as New York attorney general, but more needs to happen if women are to feel safe.

“The fact that Eric Schneiderman resigned within hours of the credible allegations against him demonstrates the strength of the public reckoning we are in the midst of – an era of unchecked misogyny is ending,” said Sonia Ossorio, president of National Organization for Women - New York. “Abusive men like Eric Schneiderman will be held accountable. We owe a debt of gratitude to the courageous women who came forward to expose him.”

The National Organization for Women is demanding that the New York state legislature should appoint a woman with a strong record of protecting women from sexual predators to replace Eric Schneiderman. This is not politics as usual, and the stale, male, usual choice won’t do this time. We need an attorney general who will begin her job knowing exactly what to do to support and protect women. Enough is Enough.'

Adam Levine: Girls are better than boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Adam Levine is pleased to have two daughters, because "girls are better than boys".

The 39-year-old singer is father to 19-month-old Dusty Rose and two-month-old Gio Grace - both of whom he has with his wife Behati Prinsloo - and has said that he'd much rather have two daughters than a son, as he "loves" being a dad to his little girls.

He said: "Awesome. Girls are better than boys. I didn't think I was going to [love fathering daughters,] but I love it. I always knew it was going to be the way - I knew I was having girls.'

Is a new 'masculinity' program at UT wrong about men?

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'Instead of the problematic term "toxic masculinity," a concept which is often poorly defined and sometimes strays into the disparagement of traditional masculinity in potentially sexist ways, the CMHC uses "restrictive masculinity." Dr. Brownson noted that UT specifically avoided "toxic masculinity."

The CMHC also includes language affirming some aspects of traditional masculinity, noting "Traditional characteristics of masculinity — traits such as independence, strength, resilience and more — are wonderful assets for people of all genders. By encouraging an expanded view of masculinity, there is room for these traits and more."

So, some conservative media certainly misrepresented the program. But, in my view, UT committed a few unforced errors that whipped up tensions. An advertised position for the coordinator of the program features a potpourri of progressive buzzwords ("intersect," "social justice," "power"), including the unfortunate "toxic masculinities." Other web materials can come across as preachy, with too many air quotes, proclaimed myths and a tendency toward generalizations.'

3 men found not guilty of raping girl, 9, as mom smoked meth

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'Three men accused of raping a 9-year-old Utah girl while her mother was smoking methamphetamine in a garage were found not guilty Wednesday after their lawyers argued they couldn't be convicted without physical evidence.

Prosecutors said the girl's clear, harrowing testimony that the three grabbed and assaulted her after a 2016 Easter-egg hunt in rural Utah should be enough to convict them. Uintah County attorney Mark Thomas pointed to testimony that helped convict comedian Bill Cosby in his sexual-assault case.

But the defense argued that without any blood, hair or serious injuries, the jury couldn't be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt. Attorneys said the child, now 11, was copying a story fabricated by her paranoid mother, who was angry at a former boyfriend who was a defendant.'

CNN Website Says Men are ‘Inherently Violent, Dominant, Controlling’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An inmate doing 10 years in a California prison for armed robbery is rapidly on his way to making himself a darling of liberals everywhere by putting a spin on his incarceration that appeals to every anti-masculine trope currently running wild among today’s American left, while at the same time dodging responsibility for his own guilt.

He’s not a convicted criminal, he’s a prisoner of patriarchy.

That’s the takeaway from a commentary piece published by CNN and penned by Richard Edmond Vargas, an inmate of the Correctional Training Facility, commonly referred to as Soledad State Prison.

In the piece, Vargas acknowledges his own actions — committing robbery ostensibly to raise rent money — but manages to slide the blame onto the idea of “patriarchy,” or rather what liberals want to believe is the “toxic masculinity” that makes men unstable, vicious and dangerous.'

UK: Men should work less to close gender pay gap, says thinktank

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'A report from the IPPR says there is a gender pay gap in 80% of clearly defined occupations. “This points to seniority as a critical driver of the pay gap: for most occupations, men are in more senior, high-pay versions of the role than women,” said Catherine Colebrook, IPPR’s chief economist and co-author of the report, The State of Pay.
...
“What this report tells us is that firms are a big part of the solution to fixing the gender pay gap but they can’t do it on their own,” said Colebrook. “The solutions also have to come from individuals and from government. In short, men need to work fewer hours and women need to work more.”

Colebrook pointed to the “motherhood penalty”, by which the gender pay gap increases sharply after women take time out of work to have children and find their ability to progress in the workplace after returning is curtailed. According to research from the Institute for Fiscal Studies undertaken for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, by the time a first child has reached 20, mothers earn almost a third less per hour, on average, than similarly educated fathers.
...
Colebrook said: “Changing men’s working behaviour is a crucial component of equalising pay. Employers could offer paid paternity leave on a ‘use it or lose it’ basis, make jobs flexible by default and encourage men to job-share.”'

Lawsuit: Female UC student accused of sexual misconduct is victim of ‘slut shaming’

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'A female University of Cincinnati student who was suspended over alleged sexual misconduct involving a male student has sued the university, saying she was disciplined for “engaging in the same sexual freedoms that men on the campus enjoy.”

The lawsuit, filed this week in federal court in Cincinnati, makes similar allegations to other cases in recent years that have named UC as well as Miami University.

A consistent theme is that the process universities use to investigate sexual assaults is flawed and prevents accused students from being able to defend themselves. All those previous local cases were filed by men.

The lawsuit filed this week is unusual because it was brought by a woman identified only as “Jane Roe.” She says she was treated unfairly during an investigation into her alleged sexual misconduct.'

UK: Should we be worried that women outnumber men on campus?

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'One potential explanation for this silence, Curnock Cook suggests, is that “it’s quite unfashionable to have views about the underperformance of men”. While there are numerous initiatives aimed at getting more women into science, technology, engineering and mathematics, little attention is paid to the much greater domination by women of fields such as nursing, teaching and social work, she says.

“The prevailing narrative for many decades has been about how women are disadvantaged against men, not the other way round,” she says. “I don’t see much evidence of people [treating this] as a societal issue, which I think it is.”

Equality issues aside, she adds, there are many business reasons why universities should want to tackle the issue because if men participated at the same rate as women “that would be an extra 40,000 people in higher education. To me, it’s a huge unmet potential issue and it’s a huge market issue”.'

Arkansas day care worker asks children to throw rocks at boy to teach him a lesson

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'An Arkansas day care provider directed children to throw rocks at a boy for disobeying her, according to cell phone video of the incident.

Another employee went to Forest City police April 26 to report the incident, which she recorded on video and shared with officers, reported WHBQ-TV.

The woman told police that she and some co-workers were outside Teach N Tend Daycare with children when another employee told the child to sit down.

Instead, the 4-year-old picked up some rocks and threw them to the ground.

The employee then told children to throw rocks at the boy to teach him a lesson — and the video shows several children following her order.

“I observed approximately 6 toddlers throwing rocks at a white male toddler,” wrote an officer. “The toddler is kneed down covering his face crying. A background voice says, ‘He’ll learn to stop, ok that’s enough.'”'

White working-class boys in England 'need more help' to go to university

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'Helping white, working-class boys in England to go on to higher education should be a top priority for policymakers, according to a manifesto to widen access to universities that identifies more than 30 gaps and weaknesses in policy.

The document, published by the Higher Education Policy Institute (Hepi), includes proposals to appoint a national commissioner for student mental health, to change the timing of university applications so they take place after A-level results have been published, and even to open new Oxbridge colleges to boost the numbers of students from under-represented groups.

Among the proposals aimed at the new Office for Students are several designed to encourage students coming from communities that have not benefited from the surge in participation seen in other parts of the country.'

UK: Women's prisons: Fresh doubts over government plans

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'The Ministry of Justice has refused to say whether it'll fulfil a pledge it made to build and open five new "community prisons" for women by 2020.

The department has also delayed a female offender strategy that was due to come out a year ago.

And it's emerged that plans for 10,000 new prison places for men are well behind schedule.

This week, the department declined to say whether it remained committed to the community prisons, which were due to open by the end of 2020. A female offender strategy originally slated for early 2017 has also been postponed.

"Our female offender strategy, focused on improving outcomes for women in the community and custody, will be released in the coming months," said a Ministry of Justice spokesperson.'

"Male lawmaker offends female colleagues in Louisiana House -- again"

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'For the second time in three years, state Rep. Kenny Havard, R-St.Francisville, offended his female colleagues in the Louisiana House of Representatives by making comments that women in the chamber considered derogatory.

"We all want to be equal until it is time for men to be equal," Havard said while discussing a bill aimed at protecting women prisoners Thursday night (May 10).
...
Havard drafted an amendment that would have made the same restrictions apply to women correctional officers that work in male prisons.
...
But the women in the House chamber were upset that Havard had chosen this particular piece of legislation -- which is meant to address safety and hygiene issues for women prisoners -- to make a point about political correctness in the media.
...
"There are some vulnerabilities that women have that men don't have," Stokes said.

"Tell me what they are because I thought we were all equal," Havard replied.

Stokes ended her comments by saying: "In my opinion, you are disrespecting women."'

Why are our universities blocking men's societies?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male Durham University student was so moved by the suicide of a close male friend that he felt compelled to start a society for other men who may need support – only to find it blocked by the Student Union this week for being too “controversial”.

When Adam Frost, 21, a third-year Italian and French student, proposed the Durham University Male Human Rights Society, he was ridiculed on campus, with remarks such as “Isn’t this a bit like starting a society for white people’s rights?”

Adam told me: “Last October, a friend who was depressed reached out to me, but I didn’t know what to say. I tried to help, but two weeks later I found out he’d killed himself. That hit me hard. I started looking into male suicide and found some shocking statistics. The reason behind that is that male depression isn’t taken seriously – we’re supposed to just ‘man up’ and deal with it. Men are ridiculed.

“It’s incredible how much stigma there is against male weakness. Men’s issues are deemed unimportant, so I decided to start a society.

“But it was rejected by [Durham's] Societies Committee; they said it was 'controversial' – and that my aims were 'too similar to those of Fem Soc [Feminist Society]'. That’s just not true. They told me I could have a men’s group, but only if it was a branch of the Fem Soc, which struck me as unacceptable.

“To show why, I went through the Fem Soc policy documents, where it specifically says, ‘Feminism exists for women’ and ‘it would be extremely unreasonable to expect this space to support and cater for the needs of men'.'

#MeToo and Boy Scouts: Dismantling masculinity will lead men to drop out

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'From the #MeToo movement, which has gone too far, to the gutting of boyhood under the banner of equality for girls, the progressive agenda seeks to dismantle masculinity. But progressive attacks on the male domain won't elevate women so much as destroy some of the best that American life has to offer.
...
Because of concepts such as the Protestant work ethic, we consider it honorable for males to labor. Contrary to the view that masculinity serves only to represses women, this masculinity has improved life for everyone. We will lose this value set if we continue dismantling masculinity.
...
Progressives cry "toxic masculinity rears its head yet again!" every time guys balk at these options. But construing masculinity as dysfunctional won't cause men to be more like women. It will cause them to do the opposite. They will drop out of society and the workplace.

Young men will stop pursuing the conventional route of hard work in favor of digital entertainment and instant gratification. They will play video games in mom and dad's basement until age 30 or older. They will be unprepared for the remaining men's jobs out there, like foundry work. They will inadvertently relegate themselves to the pink-collar arena, leading to ever-increasing rounds of frustration and withdrawal.'

Seattle’s new tiny house village for the homeless — women only

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A tiny, new community is taking shape within Seattle’s Ballard neighborhood with the aim of helping homeless women return to sheltered living.

Tucked between a bank’s parking lot and a four-story apartment complex off 15th Avenue Northwest, a nondescript fenced-off lot will soon be home to 16 “tiny houses,” capable of temporarily sheltering up to 20 women at a time.
...
This tiny house village — funded through public and private donations — will be the eighth of its kind in Seattle but the first that will serve exclusively one gender.

“It’s a need in the community. There’s a lot of homeless women. Some of them feel more comfortable in a single-sex environment,” said Sharon Lee, executive director of the Low Income Housing Institute, an affordable housing developer that manages the city’s tiny house villages.

Lee said the village will welcome women who are mothers or are pregnant, seniors, veterans and same-sex female couples.'

Men Cry Discrimination in Legal Attack on Women's Organizations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Alfred Rava, a San Diego lawyer, counts himself as a fierce warrior in the fight against gender discrimination, but not in the way most people think. His targets have been women's organizations and women-only events which, he says, are illegally biased against men.

Over the last dozen years, Rava, 62, has gone after the Oakland A's for giving away swag to women on Mother's Day, forced a San Diego fire agency to cancel a "girl's empowerment camp" and won a landmark ruling from the California Supreme Court challenging a supper club's higher admission fees for male patrons. He says he's "batting a thousand."

Recently Rava has taken aim at the small but growing cadre of businesses and groups designed to empower women in their careers. Co-working spaces, like the Wing, and professional development networks like Ladies Get Paid have gotten more popular in the last few years in part, they say, because women are seeking refuge from the discrimination they face in male-dominated professional spheres. But Rava says their female-focused remedy is unfair to men.'

Never-ending nightmare: why feminist dystopias must stop torturing women

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'Suffering sells, especially when it's women who are doing the suffering, and as with any trend, the pressure is for each new iteration to outdo what came before. The results sometimes skirt absurdity: in Vox by Christina Dalcher, due to be published in August, women are fitted with bracelets that deliver electric shocks should they speak more than their allotted 100 words a day. And there's more to come. At the London Book Fair in March, the big announcements were driven by stories of dreadful things happening to women: Joanne Ramos's The Farm, to be published by Bloomsbury next year, is set in an industrial surrogacy facility; Vardø, by Kiran Millwood Hargrave, about 17th-century witch trials, was acquired by Picador for a six-figure sum after a 13-way bidding war. In YA, the same fascination holds sway: Louise O'Neill's Only Ever Yours, published in 2014, established the tone, revisiting The Handmaid's Tale for the teen market.

Atwood's 1985 novel endures as a touchstone because its power to shock has never faded. Limiting herself to technology that existed and events that had already happened, Atwood created a vision of patriarchal totalitarianism that has radicalised generation after generation of women readers. Updated to the present day in its TV adaptation, it has acquired new resonance. Commissioned before Trump's presidency, but broadcast during it, The Handmaid's Tale has become an instantly recognisable reference point. Feminists have dressed in handmaid costumes to protest anti-abortion legislation; fashion designers have sent handmaid chic down their runways.'

Men cleared of 1991 gang rape that never happened

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two men who wrongly served a combined total of almost 39 years in prison for a gang rape that never happened were exonerated by a Manhattan court on Monday.

VanDyke Perry and Gregory Counts were convicted of kidnapping, raping and sodomizing a woman in New York's Central Park in 1991, but the woman made it all up, the Manhattan District Attorney, Cy Vance, told Acting State Supreme Court Justice Mark Dwyer on Monday.

She did it, Vance said, so that her boyfriend could escape a debt he owed the men.'

Party official thinks male candidates are "out of line" for running for office

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Article here. Gee, I always thought it was the right of any given eligible adult citizen in a republic like ours to try to run for political office. Guess if they're not of "the right sex", SOME people think otherwise. Excerpt:

'Just as the women's marches and #MeToo helped define 2017, the surging numbers of female candidates have defined the midterm races now underway. Yet for all that, the November elections may not produce a similar surge in the number of women in Congress.
...
Republicans, meanwhile, have endorsed a woman, Pearl Kim, a daughter of South Korean immigrants and a former county prosecutor and deputy state attorney general who could appeal to the well-educated women who have long been considered swing voters in the suburbs of Philadelphia.

"I honestly feel the men who stepped in are out of line," said Rachel Amdur, the vice chairwoman of the Haverford Democratic Committee, which has stayed neutral in the race. "This is what women do, women recognize it's not their year all the time. Men do not."

"The drivers of the Democrats are women," she said. "It makes me crazy that when it comes to voting, people say, 'Oh, we've got to have the man.'"

Ashley Lunkenheimer, a Democratic candidate who is a former federal prosecutor and whose campaign literature prominently features her wife and three young children, agreed. "This is not us versus them," she told the audience at the recent Saturday meet-and-greet. "But we have a moment."'

Dem House candidate promises to curb 'mansplaining' if elected

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'A Maryland House candidate says in a new ad that she is running for Congress because there is too much "mansplaining" in the federal government about health care.

Nadia Hashimi says in an ad announcing her campaign for Maryland's 6th District that Congress has “too many multimillionaires and politicians ‘mansplaining’ health care."

“Is there a female doctor in the house?” a narrator asks in the 30-second ad, running on Maryland television stations, as the camera shows the exterior of Hashimi's home. “There is in this house.”

“But zero female doctors are in this house,” the narrator adds, as the camera changes to show the U.S. Capitol.'

Dr. Nadia Calls Out "Mansplaining" in Congress

Iceland dumps proposed ban on male circumcision

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'After a three-month national debate and lobbying from all over the world, a parliamentary committee in Iceland has shelved a proposed ban on male circumcision. The penalty for performing or organising a circumcision would have been a sentence of up to six years in prison.

The ban was proposed in February by Silja Dögg Gunnarsdóttir of the Progressive Party in the Althing, Iceland's parliament. She described her bill as an attempt "to protect the interest of the child". Circumcision of females had already been banned, she reasoned, why not of males? "Every individual, it doesn't matter what sex or how old… should be able to give informed consent for a procedure that is unnecessary, irreversible and can be harmful," she declared. "His body, his choice."

Incredibly, Ms Gunnarsdóttir failed to consult Iceland's tiny Jewish and Muslim communities and did not anticipate the uproar that ensued. "I didn't think it was necessary to consult," she told The Independent. "I don't see it as a religious matter. Jews are welcome in Iceland. But this is about child protection and children's rights. That comes first, and before the religious rights of the adult."'

Raising Boys In The #MeToo Era? Here's What Michelle Kennedy Of Peanut Suggests

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'While movements like #MeToo ensure that women's voices are heard and have helped usher in a new era of celebrating more female heroes, Michelle Kennedy, founder of the "Tinder for moms" app Peanut, wonders what this means for her 4-year-old son, Finlay.

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Eldor: Do you believe we're now swinging too hard the other way to only promote amazing women? And if so, what effect do you think that imbalance will have as we raise kids?

Kennedy: It's less that I think we are, and more that there is a danger of doing so. The consequence in decades to come, is creating a group of disenfranchised young men, questioning their own self-worth. That's so sad and so scary, we don't need to do that. We can address that now, by continuing to call out where we need change, but also to celebrate people who are brilliant, regardless of gender.'

Salma Hayek: male Hollywood stars should take pay cut

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'The Mexican-born actor, a leading voice in the #MeToo and Time's Up movements, said highly paid male stars would have to make sacrifices.

"It is not just the producers" who have to change if the huge pay gap is to be closed. "It is actors too," she said.

"Time's up. You had a good run, but it is time now to be generous with the actresses," she told a Women in Motion talk at the festival.'

Ed Department investigating anti-male discrimination at Yale

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'The U.S. Department of Education has launched a Title IX investigation into Yale University amid allegations that the institution offers educational programs and scholarship opportunities that exclude men.

According to a letter dated April 26, the department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is investigating seven Yale initiatives, including the Yale Women Faculty Forum, the Working Women's Network, the Yale University Women's Organization, and the Yale Women's Campaign School.

These initiatives allegedly provide, to varying degrees, scholarships, professional development, academic opportunities, and summer programs exclusively to female students and professors, the complaint alleges.'

Don't teach your children that masculinity is toxic

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'From our news headlines to sitcom punchlines, we're awash in a culture that portrays men as knuckle-dragging troglodytes. The trope is so pervasive that we've come to blame such poor behavior on masculinity itself. We've taken tremendously positive strides in addressing gross generalizations about women. That doesn't require us to concede completely irresponsible stereotypes about men.

Men, husbands and fathers aren't a poison to American culture; they're an essential part of its success.

In a 2014 study entitled "The Causal Effects of Father Absence," Sara McLanahan, Laura Tach, and Daniel Schneider found "strong evidence that father absence negatively affects children's social-emotional development, particularly by increasing [problematic behavior]." They concluded, "father absence can affect child well-being across the life course."

President Barack Obama didn't pull any punches in 2008 when he called out fathers who "have abandoned their responsibilities, acting like boys instead of men." He also noted, "The foundations of our families are weaker because of it."

If we expect today's young men to be the fathers we need, we can't simultaneously tell them that masculinity itself is a precursor to evil.'

"Women-only forum set for 1st Friday in June"

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'Networking. Sharpening skills. That's the concept of an initiative organized last summer that is hosting Karen Pence's former chief of staff at a June 1 forum.

Brenda Gerber Vincent will speak at a free, women-only event that First Fridays is holding at Sweetwater Sound. Seating is limited, and those interested in attending must RSVP through eventbrite.com for the 8 a.m. event. More information is available at www.firstfridaysfw.com.'

Ending men-only panels is a spur to creativity

Why one-third of American working-age men could be displaced by robots

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One third of able-bodied American men between 25 and 54 could be out of job by 2050, contends the author of “The Future of Work: Robots, AI and Automation.”

“We’re already at 12% of prime-aged men without jobs,” said Darrell West, vice president of the Brookings Institution think tank, at a forum in Washington, D.C. on Monday. That number has grown steadily over the past 60 years, but it could triple in the next 30 years because of new technology such as artificial intelligence and automation.

It could be even worse for some parts of the population, West argued. The rate for unemployment of young male African Americans, for instance, is likely to reach 50% by 2050.

“That, my friends, is a catastrophe,” West said.'

College sex ed training calls students ‘NOOBS’ for failing module

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The material teaches that women can change their mind about consent the day after an encounter, effectively leaving women with the ability to re-write history and accuse sexual partners of inappropriate behavior despite receiving consent.

Sydney Jacobs, a former student at American University, told Red Alert Politics she was threatened with academic probation when she did not complete the online training during the Spring semester of 2017.

“As a reminder, any undergraduate student that does not meet this requirement will be referred to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution Services and be assigned an educational sanction,” an email sent from the AU Wellness Center to Jacobs read in part.
...
“This is a program that is now mandated by public schools, as in school’s paid for by the taxpayer, saying that it is okay to rescind consent and then man is always at fault. That’s a problem,” Jacobs said.'

Report: PGA Tour golfer's wife arrested in Ponte Vedra Beach after argument over missed cut

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The wife of PGA Tour star Lucas Glover was arrested Saturday for domestic violence after she was upset over his poor performance, according to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

Police say Krista Glover, 36, intentionally attacked and injured another person at a home on Marsh Hawk Place in Ponte Vedra Beach. Glover Tweeted Tuesday that an incident did occur.

According to a St. Johns County Sheriff's Report, Krista Glover told deputies, "When the [PGA] Tour hears about this, you will lose your job. Wait til I talk to the judge ... you will be (bleeping) fired."'

Sen. Gillibrand: ‘Lehman Sisters’ Might Not Have Caused Financial Collapse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New York Democratic Senator Kirsten Gillibrand asserted at a Tuesday conference that if women ran Lehman Brothers, then they might not have caused a financial collapse.

During a Center for American Progress conference, Gillibrand intended to talk about the importance of women but instead ended up tacitly blaming men for the 2008 recession.

“If it wasn’t Lehman Brothers but Lehman Sisters we might not have had the financial collapse,” she asserted.'

OED finds student responsible for policy violations following Title IX investigation

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'The Office of Equity and Diversity has found junior Armaan Premjee responsible for charged policy violations after a nearly yearlong investigation into sexual assault charges from last April. A hearing will be held on Friday to determine sanctions.

In July, the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office decided not to continue pursuing a criminal case against Premjee after a judge ruled that Premjee would not be held to answer.

"There is no indication of any withdrawal of consent," the judge wrote in his ruling in July. "There is a very strong indication that the alleged victim in this case was the initiator of any conduct between the defendant and the alleged victim."'

Video Outside Nightclub Clears USC Student Of Rape

Corinth woman accused of making up false rape claim

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Article here.

'A woman from Corinth claimed she was raped. Now, state police say her story was false.

Linda Ives is charged with falsely reporting an incident and providing a false written statement. She's due back in Glens Falls City Court next Tuesday.

State Police say Ives showed up at Glens Falls Hospital last October and said she was a victim of a crime while in Hadley, but their investigation found it did not happen.'

WWE champ Enzo Amore has rape case dropped after being fired

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Enzo, real name Eric Arndt, who was fired from WWE while Cruiserweight Champion, has revealed the probe has been dropped by police.

The 31-year-old had been accused of raping an woman in a hotel room last year in Phoenix, Arizona.

He is alleged to have been sacked by WWE for failing to tell company bosses before the allegations were made public.

Phoenix Police Department have now said there is “insufficient evidence” and announced all investigations have now been closed.

In a statement, the champ confirmed he was looking forward to “reconnecting with his fans in a big way”.'

Professor tries to give female students better grades just for being women

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'A University of Akron professor inadvertently devised a creative new way to insult female students this week, all in the name of boosting gender equality.

Liping Liu sent an email to his Systems Analysis & Design class outlining the "categories of students" who may see their "grades raised one level or two." One of those categories was listed as "female students," indicating Liu intended to artificially increase women's grades based on their gender. In the email, which was first posted to Reddit on Monday, Liu said the move was part of a "national movement to encourage female students to go [in]to information sciences."

In a comment to The College Fix, Liu elaborated on his reasoning: "Liu's own classes have 'one or two female students' on average in a class of 20 to 30, and they are 'not doing well,' he told The Fix in an email. These women will probably have to 'repeat the courses or leave the program' without a grade boost."

The university was not impressed. "While the professor's stated intention of encouraging female students to go into the information sciences field may be laudable, his approach as described in his email was clearly unacceptable," provost Rex Ramsier told The College Fix.'

University gender discrimination lawsuit will proceed

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'A gender discrimination suit against a Rhode Island university filed by a male student accused of sexual assault will move forward.

The Providence Journal reports U.S. District Judge John McConnell Jr. rejected Johnson & Wales University's motion to dismiss the case.

The Massachusetts man, identified only as John Doe, says he was expelled in November after a woman he occasionally had sex with claimed he had sexually assaulted her twice. According to the suit, Johnson & Wales violated Title IX by not allowing Doe to defend himself. The suit also claims the university conducted an unfair investigation.

The suit asks the court to allow the plaintiff to return to school and expunge his disciplinary record.'

Australia: Outrage grows over women spared jail on vicious ambo attack

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'COMMUNITY outrage is growing over the decision to release two women who bashed a paramedic so badly while they were drunk that he needed three operations and still can't work.

A Facebook post with a photo of one of the woman, Amanda Warren, walking from court after her original conviction and holding up her middle finger to the cameras has attracted almost 500 responses and 70 comments.

Ms Warren, 33, and Caris Underwood, 22, had their sentences quashed this week because they had difficult childhoods and had battled drug, alcohol and mental-health problems.

Two years ago, after a daylong binge on bourbon, champagne and cannabis, the two women had repeatedly punched and kicked veteran Victorian paramedic Paul Judd, who was left with a broken foot.

Mr Judd wiped away tears on Tuesday as Judge Barbara Cotterell overturned the women's prison sentences imposed last December in the Melbourne Magistrates Court.

She set aside a ruling stemming from a 2014 law which gives offenders mandatory jail time for assaulting emergency workers on duty.'

Bill to keep pregnant women out of jail while they await trial reaches governor's desk

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'What started as a shouting match in a Cook County courtroom last year is now on the verge of shaping state policy for pregnant women in jail waiting for trial.

The contentious case heard in August before a longtime judge inspired a bill — passed last week by the Illinois House and Senate — that seeks to reduce the likelihood that expectant mothers charged with nonviolent offenses will be held in jail as they wait for their cases to be tried.

The bill requires judges to find an alternative — such as electronic monitoring, placement in a drug-treatment facility or personal-recognizance release — for women likely to give birth while in custody. Judges can order pretrial detention only after holding a hearing to determine if a woman poses a threat to others. The provisions apply only to women awaiting trials in county jails, not those sentenced to prison.'

The ‘girl’ in Girl Scouts will remain, and for good reason

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'We have not and will not be admitting boys to our organization. There is no organization that more thoroughly understands the value of programming designed specifically for girls, delivered in an all-girl learning space. Those programs are resoundingly effective.
...
The Girl Scout Cookie Sale is the largest girl-run business in the world — girls raise millions to fund their Girl Scout activities and learn the entrepreneurial skills they will one day need in the corporate world. And if they want to earn their Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouts, they gain an honor recognized as a benefit in college admissions and will enter a rank higher should they join the Armed Forces. Gold Award projects are as impressive as the girls who achieve them. One candidate’s project this year has been working within the STEM community to create prosthetic hands with 3D printers.'

Reuben Foster's ex-girlfriend says in court she made up allegations

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'San Francisco 49ers linebacker Reuben Foster will find out next week if he will stand trial on domestic violence charges, but in a preliminary hearing Thursday his ex-girlfriend said she lied about her accusations.
...
Foster, a 49ers first-round pick last year, was arrested on Feb. 11 and charged with felony domestic violence. He was accused of dragging his then-girlfriend, Elissa Ennis, and punching her in the head multiple times. Among Ennis' injuries was a ruptured eardrum.

In a preliminary hearing in Santa Clara County Superior Court, Ennis said she lied about Foster hitting her, and she made it up to harm his career. Inman reported from court that Ennis denied she is receiving money from anyone, including Foster, for recanting her initial accusations.
...
Ennis gave some dramatic testimony, in which she claimed that not only did he not hit her, she was the one who hit him.
...
Inman tweeted that Foster's ex-girlfriend said "I was threatening Reuben … that I was going to (expletive) up his career." She also said she called 911 three times because "I wanted to be extra. I wanted him to go down. I was pissed." According to Inman, Ennis said she struck Foster with a hanger.'

"White women: addicted, incarcerated and overlooked"

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Usual perpetual victimhood. Link here. Excerpt:

'As the country battles drug epidemics, mass incarceration and nationwide addiction, the people being increasingly affected by these issues are being left behind in the discussion. They are white women.

“Men and their behaviors have gotten the attention, especially when it comes to drinking and substance use treatment,” said Jonathan Lowe, executive director of clinical services at Turnbridge addiction treatment center in New Haven. “We’ve concentrated on the noisy person, but women had to keep things quiet because they were holding things together, certainly not expected to have addiction problem.”
...

Further, white women are increasingly binge drinking, suffering from addiction, being incarcerated and committing suicide. A number of combining factors make this population unique when addressing these issues, especially their status, stereotypes and cultural expectations.
...
When looking at who is being affected by the ongoing opioid epidemic, it’s disproportionately white women. One factor is their access to medications.
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“Look at the population that has the access to the health care that got the drugs into the houses and who was that population and that was probably the white population at large,” Lowe said. “Who are you more suspicious of as a provider? Is it a housewife or a black man? Racism leads to thinking that white women are safe. It’s seen as they don’t have problems.”
...
Physiologically, women will develop addictions much faster than men, said Katina Varzos, a psychiatric nurse practitioner at Turnbridge who is dually certified in women’s health adult psychiatric-mental health. Moreover, women are more apt to be introduced to a substance from an intimate partner than men and rapidly escalate the severity of their use.'
...
The identity of all women is compromised in society if she can’t be a caretaker or hold her life together as expected, she said. It’s powerful enough to stop women from seeking treatment.'

The Best Explanation for Our Spate of Mass Shootings Is the Least Comforting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Writing in 2015, Malcolm Gladwell wrote what I think is still the best explanation for modern American mass shootings, and it's easily the least comforting. At the risk of oversimplifying a complex argument, essentially he argues that each mass shooting lowers the threshold for the next. He argues, we are in the midst of a slow-motion "riot" of mass shootings, with the Columbine shooting in many ways the key triggering event. Relying on the work of Stanford sociologist Mark Granovetter, Gladwell notes that it's a mistake to look at each incident independently:

"But Granovetter thought it was a mistake to focus on the decision-making processes of each rioter in isolation. In his view, a riot was not a collection of individuals, each of whom arrived independently at the decision to break windows. A riot was a social process, in which people did things in reaction to and in combination with those around them. Social processes are driven by our thresholds—which he defined as the number of people who need to be doing some activity before we agree to join them. In the elegant theoretical model Granovetter proposed, riots were started by people with a threshold of zero—instigators willing to throw a rock through a window at the slightest provocation. Then comes the person who will throw a rock if someone else goes first. He has a threshold of one. Next in is the person with the threshold of two. His qualms are overcome when he sees the instigator and the instigator's accomplice. Next to him is someone with a threshold of three, who would never break windows and loot stores unless there were three people right in front of him who were already doing that—and so on up to the hundredth person, a righteous upstanding citizen who nonetheless could set his beliefs aside and grab a camera from the broken window of the electronics store if everyonearound him was grabbing cameras from the electronics store."

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While early reports are often wrong, there are indications that the Texas shooter engaged in behavior that sounds eerily like the Columbine shooting. We've seen reports of a trench coat, of the use of similar weapons, and of explosives — all hallmarks of the Colorado massacre. When I think of Columbine, I think of Gladwell's essay. There are young men in the grip of a terrible contagion, and there is no cure coming.'

Girls more likely than boys to struggle with social, behavioral, academic needs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The more failing grades students have during eighth grade, the more likely they are to experience social-emotional learning problems, academic difficulties and behavioral problems during their freshman year in high school, researchers found in a new study. And despite the gender stereotype that boys are more likely to be the problem children in school, the researchers found that girls constitute the majority of youths who struggled the most academically, socially and behaviorally.

University of Illinois social work professor Kevin Tan and his co-authors -- graduate students Gaurav Sinha, Esther Shin and Yang Wang -- suggest that school practitioners use failing grades and disciplinary referrals during eighth grade as red flags that students may be in need of extra support when they transition to high school.

More than 320 students were involved in the study, which explored the relationship of social-emotional learning needs with eighth- and ninth-graders' academic performance and behavior. The study was published in the journal Children and Youth Services Review.'

The War on Men in America During the #MeToo Era

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's something tragic and unequivocally devastating happening to men in America today. During this #MeToo era, men are seen as rapists and misogynists when in fact most are gentlemen. Sadly, men are literally a dying breed. Masculinity is dismissed in favor of the feminization of males in the U.S. This is a dangerous trend, and the statistics of the decline of men in America are very troubling, especially because it is rarely publicly acknowledged.

Fox News' Tucker Carlson rolled out a special series on his show titled, "Something Ominous is Happening to Men." Here are some scary facts he pointed out:

The overarching message from American society is that men are fine, they don't need any help. However, the average American man will die five years earlier than a woman. This is largely due to the spike in addiction rates for males: men are more than twice as likely to become addicts or die of a drug overdose than women. Women are living longer now than ever before. In opioid-addicted New Hampshire, 73 percent of overdose deaths were men. Since the 1990s, 77 percent of all suicides in the U.S. were committed by men, a dramatic increase that is never talked about. The suicide rate for males from 1997 to 2014 jumped an astonishing 43 percent. Most were white men.
...
Between 1979 and 2010, the number of high school-educated working-age men's wages dropped 20 percent while wages for women rose. Seven million working-age men don't work or look for work at all, and nearly half of them take some kind of pain medication every day. Far fewer men get married or stay married, and one in five American children now live with only their mothers.

The facts of the matter are apparent. Men are struggling, and this trend shows few signs of slowing down anytime soon. Young adult men are more likely to stay at home living with their parents while women are far more likely to own a house.'

Australia: No more boys, no more girls - and no more Winnie-the-Pooh or Barbie dolls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Winnie-the-Pooh books, Barbie dolls, and superhero play are among things children could be banned from after a radical study on 'gender stereotyping'.

A number of Victorian councils will respond to the study by Australian National University, which found educators should avoid using the terms 'boy' and 'girl' and classifying children according to gender.

The study means Melbourne schools, kindergartens and libraries could be without children's classics such as Thomas the Tank Engine, which wouldn't pass the guidelines, Herald Sun reported.

The research found 'prejudice along race and gender lines can be observed' in children as young as three-years-old.

Girls who played with 'feminised characters', such as Barbie dolls, had fewer career options, while those who engaged with Disney princess toys had more female-stereotypical views.'

Roger Daltrey Criticizes #MeToo Movement

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'The Who frontman Roger Daltrey strongly criticized the idea of the #MeToo movement extending into the rock world, arguing that rock stars aren't sexual predators because they don't need to be. His comments came when he was asked about the backlash against sexual misconduct in Hollywood, which resulted in many people using the hashtag #MeToo to indicate they'd been victims.

"Why would any rock star need to push themselves on women?" Daltrey said in a new interview with the Daily Mail. "Usually, it's the other way around. I'd like to have £1 for every woman that screws my ass. Mick Jagger would be a billionaire out of it." He added: "If it was going to be in the rock business, it would've been out by now. It would've been out a long time ago. I find this whole thing so obnoxious. It's always allegations and it's just salacious crap. Like the allegations against Pete [Townshend] when he got arrested."'

Sean Penn criticises #MeToo movement: 'I know some lies have been told. I'm talking about women towards men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sean Penn has criticised the #MeToo movement stating the belief that it was “led by mania”.

The Oscar-winning actor, referencing the social media demonstration which supported victims of sexual harassment in the wake of the Harvey Weinstein scandal, told The Guardian Weekend magazine he didn’t feel the movement to be “intellectually honest”.

"I don’t ever want to be in a movement. I don’t trust any movement,” he said, adding: “The anti-war movement did not sustain,” Penn said. “We’re back in wars.”

He added that #MeToo was filled with “self-aggrandisement and venting” before leaping to the defence of US newsreader Charlie Rose who was fired from CBS show This Morning last year after being accused of misconduct in the workplace.'

UK: First minister of Wales seeks to create "feminist government"

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Article here. Excerpt:

The Welsh Government has commissioned research to see what it needs to do to become a "feminist government".

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour, Mr Jones said he wants to shape the direction of the government beyond the end of his term in December.

The first minister announced his intention to step down at Welsh Labour conference in April.

Mr Jones told the programme: "The very fact that a woman says 'I'm proud to be a woman and a feminist', the very fact that's seen as radical rather than normal - which it should be - shows how far we've got to go.

"We've said we want to be a truly feminist government - we now have to live up to that."

The first minister said the Welsh Government had commissioned research from Cardiff University "to give us an idea of what that needs to look like".'

UK: Let’s criminalise the men buying sex, and spare the women they exploit

Mastodon · 21 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Women’s Equality party is currently the only UK political party that wants to end demand by criminalising the purchase of sex and to help women leave the industry by decriminalising the selling of sex. The WEP is very pleased therefore to see these recommendations at the top of this APPG report, and we pledge to work with MPs from all parties to make this a reality.
...
The WEP believes we must change the law with immediate effect so that women never risk being prosecuted for selling sex. The WEP wants a national conversation about the realities of the sex trade and the inseparable link between prostitution, trafficking and coercion. The WEP wants to establish and fund support for survivors of the sex industry, including exit services for women involved in it. The WEP wants to criminalise the purchase of sex, in order to curb demand. And the WEP wishes to ensure that trafficked women have a legal right to remain in the UK and access to tailored support services. Because the WEP wants a world that is equal. Because an equal world is better for everybody.'

"The Truth About Incels"

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Video here. Watch the whole thing.

The Truth About Incels: "The world's deadliest virgins."

What Is The ‘Penis Facial’ That Sandra Bullock Gets?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hollywood stars love their eccentric facials, and it often seems like they’ll put anything on their faces. The latest buzzy ingredient? Foreskins. Yes, you read that right.

Last week, Sandra Bullock appeared on “The Ellen DeGeneres Show” and revealed that she and Cate Blanchett are fans of what they’ve dubbed the “penis facial.” We’ll admit, it sounds more X-rated than luxurious.

The treatment involves the use of something called epidermal growth factors, or EGF for short, which are derived from stem cells taken from the discarded foreskins of newborn babies in Korea. EGF is said to help rejuvenate the skin, improve overall skin texture and correct discoloration. It’s also known for its ability to aid in wound healing.'

Attention Must Be Paid: Warren Farrell and the Boy Crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I do understand, sadly, why men — and their real problems — don't get the attention they deserve by the academy, the media, and government (what Michael Gurian calls "The Big Three" in his 2017 book, Saving Our Sons). But what I still can't fathom is why boys don't either, except that they are men-to-be.

Warren Farrell, who has been concerned about men for well over 30 years, has recently turned his attention to boys, and the result is The Boy Crisis: Why Our Boys Are Struggling and What We Can Do About It (which he has coauthored with John Gray). Actually, worry about boys is not new. In fact, a cover story in Newsweek magazine in early 2006 is titled "The Boy Crisis: At Every Level of Education, They're Falling Behind: What to Do."

So how is it that a problem recognized more than a decade ago — even longer, if you consider Christina Hoff Sommers' 2000 book, The War Against Boys — has barely been touched by the "big three"? I believe, and have for years, that a major reason is that with women viewed as a major cause for progressives, the problems faced by boys (and men) have been more or less ignored. But not by Warren Farrell, a liberal Democrat, who has gone where the data and his conscience have taken him. Farrell was early into second wave feminism, and was on the governing board of the National Organization for Women in the early 1970s. When he did talk and write about men, it was in that context, and I first heard of him when I came upon his 1975 book, The Liberated Man, which was lauded by, among others, Gloria Steinem.'

UK: Man declares he is female on Wednesdays to qualify for a women-only job

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male Labour activist has been allowed to stand for a women-only position in the party by exploiting gender self-identification rules to declare he is female on Wednesdays.

David Lewis has told party officials he is a woman from when his alarm goes off at 6.50am until midnight each Wednesday - claiming 'if I say I'm a woman, I'm a woman'.

The declaration meets Labour's rules on gender-specific positions because of party guidelines on self-identification.'

UK: Failing to enhance pay for shared parental leave may be indirect sex discrimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In Hextall v Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police the Employment Appeal Tribunal (EAT) indicated that enhancing maternity pay, but not pay for shared parental leave (SPL), may give rise to indirect sex discrimination claims by fathers. This follows the April 2018 EAT decision in Capita Customer Management Ltd v Ali that failure to pay a father enhanced pay for SPL was not direct sex discrimination (for further details please see "Failure to pay father full pay for shared parental leave is not sex discrimination").
...
The SPL system allows parents to share leave between them for the purposes of caring for their new baby. The regime works by shortening the mother's maternity leave, meaning that the amount of SPL and pay available is reduced by any time spent by the mother on maternity leave.

It is relatively common for employers to pay enhanced pay to mothers on maternity leave, but less common to enhance pay for parents taking SPL.'

Interview with student ejected for telling professor there are only 2 genders

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Video here. Religious studies major barred from Christianity class at Indiana University of Pennsylvania for saying there are only two genders.

UK: MPs back campaign to strengthen domestic abuse bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Three-quarters of MPs have dealt with an issue of domestic abuse in their constituency in the past three months alone, and a quarter within the last week, according to polling for a campaign to strengthen the law on domestic violence.

The poll came as Theresa May hinted on Wednesday that the government could consider strengthening the offence of coercive control when an MP raised concern about “gaslighting” – when an abuser convinces a partner they are suffering from mental health issues.

...

The bill is to provide a new statutory definition of domestic abuse that includes economic abuse, alongside other non-physical abuse, as well as allowing for tougher sentences in cases involving children and creating new domestic abuse protection orders, which allow police and courts to intervene earlier.'

UK: Chief inspector wins £870k after suffering sexist bullying from female boss

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A riot squad chief inspector has won a landmark sexism case against a female boss who objected to beers being in the work fridge and male officers walking around in towels.

Chief Inspector Adrian Denby won £870,000 after being unfairly treated by Met Deputy Assistant Commissioner Maxine de Brunner.

Mr Denby, 49, was removed from his role in charge of a tactical unit, after de Brunner launched a campaign to challenge the squad's macho culture.

Ms de Brunner became angry after seeing a police officer with just a towel around his waist in the office as he left the shower room, which was her 'pet hate'.

And she launched an investigation after beer was found in a fridge with a price list on the front.'

UK: Woman who walked free after false rape claims on three men is finally jailed

Mastodon · 24 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Anna Costin, 30, of Shrewsbury, was originally given a three-year community order after admitting seven charges of perverting the course of justice in January.

Between January 2016 and March 2016, Costin accused three men of rape and another man of physically assaulting her at home.

Her case was referred to the Court of Appeal in London on Wednesday on the basis that the sentence was ‘too lenient’.

Imposing the term on Costin, who was not in court but must surrender to custody tomorrow, Lady Justice Hallett said that although the judge at Shrewsbury Crown Court recognised the consequences for the victims, he placed too much emphasis on Costin’s mental health problems.'

Lawyer apologizes for falsely accusing trooper of rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An attorney is apologizing for spreading allegations that a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper sexually assaulted a woman during a traffic stop and arrest in North Texas. The apology came hours after DPS released two hours of the trooper's body camera video.

Around 1:30 a.m. Sunday, a state trooper pulled over 37-year-old Sherita Dixon-Cole on suspicion of drunk driving. She told the trooper she was coming from Downtown Dallas and was heading to her fiancé's house in Waxahachie. She claimed she only had one drink.

During a field sobriety test, the trooper poured out two bottles of alcohol he found in her back seat. He places her under arrest and asked her to sit in the front seat of his patrol vehicle.

That's the point when Cole said the trooper offered to let her go in return for sexual favors. However, the exchange is never heard in the body camera video.'

Woman who injected husband with lethal dose of heroin may have killed 9 others, served lover's remains at BBQ

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Indiana woman who injected her husband with a lethal dose of heroin before smothering him with a pillow may be responsible for nine other deaths -- and is suspected of serving her lover's remains to unsuspecting neighbors at a barbecue.

Kelly M. Cochran, 34, was sentenced to 65 years in prison last month after admitting to killing her husband, Jason Cochran; but she was already serving a life sentence for killing and dismembering another lover, Chris Regan, who vanished in 2014, Indy Star reported.

An upcoming documentary called “Dead North,” set to air on May 28 and May 29 on Investigation Discovery, probes other possible murders that may be linked to Cochran. Cochran’s family told investigators she may have killed as many as nine people and buried their bodies throughout the Midwest.'

Michigan State quietly settles ‘touching’ case, clearing accused male student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Months before the female victims of Larry Nassar reached a $500 million settlement with Michigan State University, administrators quietly settled a very different battle over sexual misconduct.

For more than two years, the parents of a male undergraduate student had waged an expensive legal battle to clear their son’s disciplinary record at MSU. He’d been found in violation of the university’s sexual misconduct policy for touching his on-and-off girlfriend’s breast in the hours after the couple had engaged in sex.

For that, the student had been put on “indefinite” probation, restricted in visiting the campus after graduation, and endured the stigma of a sexual misconduct violation on this record – a blot that threatened his ability to get a job after leaving school. It was not until late February of this year, after being threatened with a lawsuit, that MSU quietly agreed to clear the student’s record.'

University blocks appeal by accused student after accuser caught inventing evidence: lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'George Washington University is refusing to grant an appeal to a student it found responsible for sexual assault, choosing to ignore the revelation that his accuser fabricated a key piece of evidence and likely mischaracterized her inebriation.

“John Doe” filed a motion for partial summary judgment in his lawsuit against the private university last week, asking a federal judge to force it to hear his appeal, which GWU deemed not “viable.”

The litigation has grown more heated in the two months since it was filed. Doe’s accuser leaked his name on social media (below), calling him a “rapist,” hours before he received phone records showing that she didn’t call a friend while allegedly incapacitated with him.

The university’s failure to promptly investigate Doe’s retaliation claim against “Jane Roe” has also prevented him from starting graduate school on schedule, he claimed. Last month Judge Rosemary Collyer refused to block Doe’s suspension, saying that a “gap” year did not constitute “irreparable harm.”'

More men seek shelter from domestic abuse

Mastodon · 25 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is estimated that nearly 50,000 abuse victims have lived at Working Against Violence Incorporated. Before, that number was only women and children; until now.

Domestic abuse or sexual assault is not gender-specific. It can happen to anyone - no matter your race, age or gender. WAVI was the first shelter in South Dakota to allow male victims to live in the buildings in 2017. Since then, dozens of men have used the facility.

"Once we were able to change that mindset and be able to open our doors we found that they're being victimized just as females are being victimized," says Kristina Simmons with WAVI.

WAVI is a huge part of the male victim's healing process. Now they have the option to get out of the home where the abuse occurred. WAVI wants its victims to overcome the feeling that it's their fault or they could have prevented the abuse.

"We should be changing the conversation saying why did that abuser hurt you, instead of saying why did you allow that to happen to you," says Simmons.'

"Women Owe Almost $400 Billion More in Student Debt Than Men. You Can Blame That on the Patriarchy."

Mastodon · 25 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Graduation season is upon us, and it's a time of celebration across the nation. But a new report revealed that seven out of 10 women will leave school this month not just with a diploma: Over 70 percent will also have to pack up student debt as well.

New data released this month by the American Association of University Women finds that women owe around $2,700 more than men do at graduation. Crunch the numbers, and arrive at this stunner of a statistic: Women hold two thirds of the $1.4 trillion in student loans in the United States. That's $890 billion—still more than the GDP of Austria and Norway combined—and $400 billion more than men.'

South Africa: Drive to promote medical male circumcision as initiation season nears

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As June fast approaches, many young boys in the Vhembe district in Limpopo will be sent to mountain schools for circumcision at the annual winter initiation schools.

But because of the dangers of contracting HIV/Aids and other diseases, some parents now no longer want to send their boys to the mountains, preferring them to undergo medical male circumcision performed at a hospital or clinic.

Despite medical male circumcision being offered for free at most government health facilities, many families who live in villages far away from public health facilities, have great difficulty sending their sons for circumcision, preferring the mountain schools which take place near their villages during the month of June.

To address and encourage parents to choose the safer medical male circumcision procedure, the Centre For HIV/Aids Prevention Studies (CHAPS) in Vhembe is offering free transportation, bookings and circumcisions to families who cannot afford to take their sons to their nearest public health facilities. These services are being offered at almost all public clinics and hospitals across the district in partnership with the department of health.'

#Mentoo: Sexual harassment is not just a female problem

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Paula McDonald at Queensland University of Technology and Sara Charlesworth at RMIT University analysed all 282 formal complaints of sexual harassment in Australia during a six-month period. Almost four out of five – 78 per cent – involved a man sexually harassing a woman.

The next largest category was men harassed by men (11 per cent), then women by women (5.7 per cent) and men by women (5 per cent).

Some female harassers behave in ways associated with "toxic masculinity" to get ahead in the boys' club.

One male journalist disclosed how he was sexually harassed by an alpha female: a trailblazing national news and current affairs host. "She kept crossing her legs on my lap, and draping herself across me," he says.'

Video: N.J. woman shatters ex's car windows with kids inside

Mastodon · 25 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman in North Jersey exacted vengeance against an ex-partner by smashing the windows and headlights of his car with a hammer — all while children cried in the back seat.

Video of the incident, which took place in Paterson at an unknown time, was uploaded to YouTube on Tuesday and later picked up by Univision.'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFc29mBaxAw

"Ladies Get Sued": How A Civil Rights Law Could End Women-Only Events

Mastodon · 26 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Claire Wasserman says she had never heard of men's rights activists until she was sued by those affiliated with one group last fall. Now she's well-informed about the world of incels, MGTOW ("mig-tow," Men Going Their Own Way who want as little as possible to do with women), and some of the determined individuals around the country who believe her work is sexist — and illegal.

Wasserman founded Ladies Get Paid 18 months ago to provide salary education and professional advancement tools for women around the country. The company hosts events, workshops, and webinars (ranging from free to ticketed at $15-$25) on topics like negotiation and career pathing. Hundreds of women have used the platform online and in person to network, recount their experiences with harassment, find mentors, and share job opportunities.'

Women CEOs still a rarity, but pay tops that of men

Mastodon · 26 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Female CEOs remain scarce at the biggest publicly traded companies but those who hold the top job receive pay competitive with male peers.

Women make up only 5 percent of the CEO ranks at S&P 500 companies. Yet median compensation for a female CEO was valued at $13.5 million for the 2017 fiscal year, versus $11.5 million for their male counterparts, according to an analysis by executive data firm Equilar done for The Associated Press.'

Woman who falsely accused DPS trooper of rape won't face additional charges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The woman who made false rape allegations against a Texas DPS trooper will not face any additional charges.

The Ellis County District Attorney made the announcement Friday that no criminal charges will be filed against Sherita- Dixon Cole for “blatantly false and malicious allegations” since a formal complaint to an authorized officer was never made.

Dixon-Cole was pulled over on suspicion of drunk driving in Ellis County last Sunday. She claimed the trooper raped her during her arrest. However, body cam video of the arrest released on Wednesday disputed her claim.
...
The catch is only sworn peace officers can take a formal complaint. Dixon-Cole made her complaints to the jailers, who are not sworn peace officers. According to the DA’s office, it means she cannot be charged with filing a false report.

Dixon-Cole also did not make a false claim of being in imminent danger, which means she cannot be charged with what's referred to as “creating a false alarm.”'

The Punk-Rock Porn Movie That Lays Waste to the Patriarchy

Matt · 26 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. OMG, I've gotta see this. It looks freaking hilarious. Excerpt:

'Having spent much of his career making films about—and with—gay male actors, LaBruce turns his strict attention to the fairer sex with his latest, although it's not fairness that his female protagonists are after, but rebellion and domination. Playing like the bonkers bastard child of The Beguiled and Cecil B. Demented, The Misandrists (debuting in New York on May 25, and L.A. on June 1) situates itself in Ger(wo)many circa 1999, at a remote institution of revolutionary learning run by Big Mother, the charismatic leader of the Female Liberation Army (FLA), who sports long bleached-white locks and two crutches to help her get around. At this forested place of higher learning, Big Mother tends to a group of girls committed to the cause of overthrowing the hegemonic capitalist patriarchy and establishing a system in which women don't simply stand shoulder-to-shoulder with their male compatriots, but cast them aside in order to establish an estrogen-infused new world order.'

UK: Dad held in jail for eight months over ‘false’ rape claim after cops failed to disclose texts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Robert Adlington was forced to endure "hell" in prison and told how he lost his business after being locked up on rape charges.

The 53-year-old begged police to look through messages on his accuser's phone, one of which read: "Let's do it again - only harder."

The Express revealed how another message read: "Oh darling, that was one of the most wonderful experiences of my life."

Another said: "I don't need sleep, I only need you babe," and in another she begged him to "join her in the shower".

Mr Adlington was arrested in May last year and charged with arson after a car was set on fire close to his home.'

UK: Lives torn apart by false rape allegations

Mastodon · 27 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last year 22-year-old criminology student Liam Allan had his life “torn away” after being charged with 12 counts of rape and sexual assault.

His trial at Croydon Crown Court collapsed when the Metropolitan Police were ordered to hand over a computer disk containing 40,000 messages which revealed the alleged victim pestered him for casual sex.

The student said everything in his life had been “flipped upside down” by the process, which included being on bail for two years and being warned he faced the prospect of a 12-year jail term and being put on the sex offender’s register for life.

Prosecution barrister Jerry Hayes accused police of “sheer incompetence” over the case.

Before the trial the defence team had repeatedly asked for the phone messages to be handed over but was told there was “nothing to disclose”.'

UK: The case of Tommy Robisnon

Matt · 27 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If this were a woman standing up like this, I doubt the state'd be in such a hurry to slam-dunk her. And note, it's a man standing up for the girl victims. Not a feminist in sight. Excerpt:

'Now Robinson has been arrested again. On Friday, while livestreaming on Facebook from outside a court in Leeds, where yet another trial of Muslim child rapists was underway, he was taken into custody by a phalanx of police officers. The charge? "Breaching the peace." In fact, anyone who watches the video of his arrest can see quite clearly that he was only doing what any reporter for the BBC would have done – standing in front of a courtroom, talking into a microphone, and being filmed by a camera. The difference is that the BBC and other mainstream media are determined to give as little coverage as possible to the mass Muslim rape of infidel girls.

As for the police, they knew about these "grooming gangs" for many years (as did armies of social workers) but did nothing for fear of being labeled racist or sparking Islamic uprisings. These same cops arrested Tommy Robinson on Friday not because he did anything wrong, but because he was drawing attention to Muslim crimes that they would rather see ignored – and drawing attention, too, by extension, to their own genuinely criminal failure to defend innocent children from what was essentially jihadist torture.'

Letter: 49ers linebacker Reuben Foster's accuser must learn about domestic violence

Mastodon · 28 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'According to the article "Foster's accuser testifies she lied about beating" (Page A1, May 18), Ellisa Ennis apologizes for lying about abuse allegations while the DA contemplates pursuing perjury.

Women who falsify their allegations or even retract out of fear, lying or telling the truth, waste of our time and resources. Domestic violence victims don't deserve to have someone like Ennis make a mockery of such a delicate issue plaguing our communities and families. As a woman who has experienced domestic violence, Ennis' actions are unacceptable.'

The Feminist Endgame

Matt · 29 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Modern feminism is characterized by a toxic mix of prudishness, self-importance, paranoia, groundless hatred, and epidemic humorlessness. As a disease of sheer cray-cray offense-taking, culminating in hatred for half the human race, with a special emphasis on white males, feminism will not rest satisfied until men are taught to keep their knees together, their eyes down, and their mouths shut, eliminating confident alphas from the sexual equation or turning them into compliant betas.

Humor, or rather lack of same, is the key to understanding the feminist personality type and the species of derangement to which it is prone. A sense of humor, including a penchant for wit and satire, is a sign of developed intelligence. Being able to tell jokes and especially to get jokes, even at one's expense, is a human quality whose absence betokens a closed and rigid sensibility.
...
The vast majority of such claims are undeniably trivial. As my wife, Janice Fiamengo, observed at a panel discussion on the #MeToo sickness, given in Ottawa on December 8, 2017, "This is surely a phenomenon of mass hysteria, in which thousands of women claim to have been sexually terrorized by a range of behaviors that include lewd remarks, jokes, compliments, requests for dates, expressions of sexual interest, or fully clothed physical contact in public spaces."

The phenomenon, she continued "is related to decades of feminist theorizing insisting that men are guilty when women say they are. On that basis it is right to publicly shame men, to publish their names, to socially isolate them, to drum them out of an industry, to pressure businesses to fire them, to circulate their names on databases of 'bad men' ... and to create extra-judicial tribunals to hear charges against them and to determine actions to be taken."
...
The absence of a sense of humor is a dead giveaway of a narrow, psychologically limited, puerile, and saturnine personality-type, which makes it difficult for lively and intelligent people to converse; negotiate; or, obviously, exchange jokes with such attenuated individuals. As Milan Kundera pointed out in The Book of Laughter and Forgetting, the tyrannical mind does not laugh. When this lugubrious infirmity becomes a collective phenomenon, we know we are dealing with a social pathology whose effect is to warp and distort a culture almost, if not wholly, beyond recovery. This is feminism's endgame, and it looks bound to succeed. You cannot reason with the humorless.'

Teacher Threatened Mass Shooting To Empower Women To Be Serial Killers In New #MeToo Movement, Police Say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Authorities in Las Vegas arrested a high school teacher after she threatened to shoot up a concert so she could start a new #MeToo movement aimed at empowering women to become serial killers.

A Bonanza High School teacher, 48, was arrested earlier this month on terrorism charges after she threatened to "poke a lot of holes in a lot of people" at a concert in Las Vegas in text messages she sent to her friend. The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports:

In the series of text messages detailed in her arrest report, (the teacher) had repeatedly romanticized “being remembered” and said she hoped to start another #MeToo movement, “but this time in which women feel empowered enough to become serial killers.”

"A perfect plan with my favorite song surrounded by a bunch of f****** up misfits like I am," the teacher wrote in a text message. "Imagine knowing exactly the moment that you’re going to die. I know exactly that your favorite song will be playing. By your favorite band. It’s just too perfect."'

UK: Girl made false accusation of rape after her ex-boyfriend rejected her

Mastodon · 29 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A teenage girl falsely accused ex-boyfriend of drugging and raping her when he refused to rekindle their romance, a court heard.

Hannah Sandover, 18, had been dating her ex-boyfriend, also 18, for nearly a year when they broke up.

She later told a friend he had spiked her water bottle and forced himself on her in the back of his car during a trip to the Westbury White Horse in Wiltshire.

Her worried friend went to the police and Sandover gave a statement saying: "He became forceful and pinned me down, I kept telling him to stop.

"I think he had drugged the water I was drinking."

...

When she was taken to a clinic for an examination, her story started to change as she admitted she hadn't been drugged.

Sandover admitted she made it all up when her family began to question the story.

She admitted a charge of wasting police time at Salisbury Magistrates' Court, Wiltshire.'

Rocky Mountain MRA at the People's Fair in Denver

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Rocky Mountain MRA will be at the People's Fair in Denver this weekend (June 2 and 3).

"We're just about ready for People's Fair Arts and Music Festival and we're excited to get out there next weekend! Be sure to stop by and see us. We look forward to talking with people and meeting interesting people. We can't wait!

Best of all, People's Fair is free to attend and there's lots of great entertainment.

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to our fundraiser! Your support made this possible and we appreciate your generosity.

People's Fair is this coming weekend at Civic Center Park in Denver:
Saturday, June 2nd 10am-9pm
Sunday, June 3rd 10am-7pm

There will be lots of live music, great vendors and other nonprofits. We're excited to attend People's Fair! There is a lot to see and do!"

For more information see the People's Fair website at https://peoplesfair.com/

If you want to volunteer at the booth, contact Aaron Mello at https://www.facebook.com/aaronleebra

Rocky Mountain MRA can be found on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/RockyMtnMRA/

Ladies Get Paid forced to allow men to attend via law suit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The founder of a women-only networking group has revealed how a civil rights law suit forced her to allow men to attend her events.

Created by Claire Wasserman 18 months ago, Ladies Get Paid was set up to help women embrace their ambition, take control of their careers and ultimately get paid and promoted fairly for the work they have done.

The organization hosts events, workshops and webinars, ranging in price from $15 to $25, where women can find out practical information and network both in person and online, and at first received an overwhelmingly positive reaction.

However, in 2017, Wasserman was sued after a man named Rich Allison from California came forward to accuse Ladies Get Paid of sex discrimination in violation of California's Unruh Civil Rights Act.'

Triple Jeopardy in College Sexual Assault Case Ends an N.F.L. Career

Matt · 31 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. In the NYT, no less! Excerpt:

'This is a story of a rape accusation that would not die and a misshapen version of college justice meted out in three chapters.

Let's begin with two Michigan State students looking to hook up in March 2015, mess around and perhaps have sex. Soon after, the woman accuses the man, Keith Mumphery, who would become a pro football receiver, of sexual assault in her dorm room.

The police investigate. Mumphery turns over the text messages from his phone and provides a DNA swab. Prosecutors conduct interviews. The accuser does not return calls. They decline to prosecute.

So ends Chapter 1.

Michigan State's Title IX office, which investigates accusations of sexual harassment and violence and adheres to a significantly looser standard of evidence than in criminal cases, examines the texts and interviews friends and a nursing supervisor who oversaw the exam of the woman. Mumphery is not allowed to question his accuser. The panel clears him.'

Illinois Ratifies Equal Rights Amendment 36 Years After The Congressional Deadline

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than 45 years after it was approved by Congress, Illinois has become the 37th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

The Illinois House passed the measure 72-45 on Wednesday — more than three decades after the expiration of the ratification deadline. The state Senate voted in favor of the resolution, 43-12, last month. The measure does not require the approval of Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

“I am appalled and embarrassed that the state of Illinois has not done this earlier,” said Rep. Stephanie Kifowit (D-Aurora) following the House vote, the Chicago Tribune reported. “I am proud to be on this side of history and I am proud to support not only all the women that this will help, that this will send a message to, but I am also here to be a role model for my daughter.”

...

With Illinois now on board, just one more state is required in order to ratify the amendment. According to the State-Journal Register, Congress will then need to remove the deadline for it to be included in the Constitution.'

Women-Only Coworking Spaces Get Red-Carpet Welcome in Chicago

Prof calls for ‘toxic masculinity’ training in kindergarten

Mastodon · 31 May 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A University of Wisconsin-Whitewater professor is urging schools to implement “Men’s Projects” to fight “toxic masculinity” in children as early as kindergarten.

In a recently published issue of On The Horizon, Kathleen Elliott argues that "finding ways to promote healthy masculinity early and to teach boys and young men to recognize, reject, and challenge simplified, toxic masculinity is essential for creating cultural change.”

...

The scholar further argues that in addition to implementing Men’s Projects in K-12, one of the key strategies teachers can use to fight toxic masculinity is to “highlight women’s achievements in curricula and in the classroom.”'

Ask Amy: My co-worker sees injustice, racism and sexism where there isn't any

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'Dear Amy: I am a male with a female co-worker, "Danica." I like Danica. We have a similar sense of humor, and I get the sense that she wants to be better friends.

However, she has a strong (and unwarranted) tendency to see injustice, racism, sexism and homophobia in innocuous interactions.

For example, once outside of work, I innocently inquired as to whether she was happy in her life, and she viewed this as a sexist and patriarchal question that basically reduced her to a damsel in distress.

However, as I explained to her, this is something I ask my friends of all genders.

She sees harassment, condescension and coercion where there isn't any.
...
Dear Frustrated: While I'm tempted to advise you to say, "Oh, Danica, you're so cute when you're angry ..." I don't think I can help you to best this social justice warrior, because no matter how you respond, she can always accuse you of using your "privilege" to dominate her. So query her about her own intolerance.

She needs to be given the opportunity to exercise the kind of tolerance that she would no doubt champion, in a different context.

The next time she shuts you down, you could ask her, "Danica, are you willing to try to be more tolerant toward a viewpoint that doesn't always align perfectly with yours?"'

Feminists are right: sexism is the answer

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'Identity politics turns us from the pursuit of equality to the pursuit of power. That is what factional political movements do, which is why the Founders feared them. But good marketing does not mean good strategy. Legitimizing sexism (and racism) undoes generations of effort to produce a more equal society, one with fewer barriers. Everybody can play identity politics. Men and women. Whites and Blacks. Like yin and yang, the rise of one movement produces the rise of its opposite. More strife is the result.
...
Long ago, I was taught the basics of gender studies and feminism by Professor Judith Long Laws (author of The Second X: Sex Role and Social Role, 1978). She taught that the best test for sexism was role reversal. Swap the male and female roles in a sentence, story, or scenario. Does it still seem fair? That was second wave feminism. Third wave feminism wants more than equality. The family court system in many American states apply its prime tenet, which is succinctly stated in this t-shirt.

“The original ‘The Future Is Female’ T-shirt design was made for Labyris Books, the first women’s bookstore in New York City, which was opened in 1972 by Jane Lurie and Marizel Rios. The photographer Liza Cowan took a picture of musician Alix Dobkin, her girlfriend at the time, wearing it in 1975. The photograph was done for a slide show she was working on called: ‘What the Well Dressed Dyke Will Wear.”

University Of Texas Puts 'MasculinUT' Campaign On Hold Amid Criticism

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Podcast here. Excerpt:

'The University of Texas Austin is taking some heat for a poster campaign aimed at expanding ideas of masculinity. The program has been put on hold after conservative media outlets accused it of treating masculinity as a mental health issue.'

If we don’t want our sons to be monstrous men, we have to help them curb their anger

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'I have never had a job where the mood wasn’t set by the temperament of men.

I’ve witnessed men chuck pens, wadded paper, whatever was in their hands, at a wall or down a hallway the second frustration struck. Once, when asked a question, a man slammed his hands on his desk, pointed to his female colleagues, and yelled, “If it’s easy, ask them.” When men would do this in front of me or to me, I would often give them a look of “Now, now, this is a bit much.” I have lived too long to cower. And yet it was never my place to fight back or escalate. It was my job, much like the job of every other woman in the office, to withstand the rage of men, quell it even. We were pacifiers in pencil skirts.'

Australia: Online sexism targeted in world-first 'bystander' project

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'Last year the UN special rapporteur on the promotion of freedom of expression, David Kaye, said “online gender-based abuse and violence are undeniably a scourge, and governments and companies should be taking action against it”.

But Gender Equity Victoria’s manager, Jacinta Masters, said governments had not known where to start to tackle online violence against women. “For a long time the internet has been seen as too big or too overwhelming,” she said.

...

Masters said women were tired of waiting for major social media platforms like Facebook, Reddit and Twitter to address the targeting of female users and stamp out pages and users promoting revenge porn and misogyny.

The project being led by Gender Equity Victoria will work with moderators at media organisations to help them understand the gendered nature of violence. But a major part of the initiative, Masters said, would be empowering online “bystanders” to speak up and call out sexism.'

UK: Row over 'staggering' failure to pick woman for Bank of England MPC

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'The Business Committee's Rachel Reeves called it "truly staggering", while Nicky Morgan, from the Treasury Committee, said she was "disappointed".

Prof Jonathan Haskel's appointment means there is one woman on the MPC.

The Treasury said the role had been awarded on merit.

The department insisted it was "committed to diversity and encouraging the broadest range of candidates".

It had "actively contacted" 44 women and 43 men to apply for the role.

Of those, 19 men and eight women applied and four women and one man were shortlisted. It also pointed out that two of the three people on the interview panel were women.

"The final appointment decision was based on merit," it said.'

Pro-Con: Is it time to repeal the ‘preponderance of evidence’ rule for trying males accused of sex offenses?

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'Yes: Let’s restore constitutional protections on U.S. college campuses
For the radicals inhabiting the bureaucracy of American higher education, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos is a threat.

For years, these “educrats” have built echo-chambers where speech codes, “safe spaces” and inquisitions have replaced free speech and academic freedom.

DeVos aims to change this. To the dismay of her critics, she already has withdrawn some of the most controversial Obama-era guidelines that essentially presumed the guilt of any male charged with sexual harassment.'

Men Need Not Apply: Women in Comedy Festival Celebrates Female Performers

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'The Women in Comedy festival is happening right now and runs through this Sunday, June 3rd.

With a mix of performances, workshops and more happening at the Planet Ant Theatre in Hamtramck, the mission of the festival is to celebrate diverse perspectives and the female voices that are part of the comedy scene here in metro Detroit.

In the late 90s, Nancy Hayden helped found the improv troop at Planet Ant which still performs today. She will be featured at the festival this year.

Hayden speaks with WDET's Ryan Patrick Hooper about the rise of improv and how opportunities for women in comedy are changing.

Hayden says when she was first starting out, most women were cast "for their looks" and "to play the wives…the secretaries and the nurses."'

Do Pro-Women Groups on Campus Discriminate Against Men?

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first para. text. Excerpt:

'Federal officials have opened investigations into whether programs supporting women at Yale University and the University of Southern California violate federal law by discriminating against men.

The U.S. Education Department launched the probes after receiving complaints from Kursat Christoff Pekgoz, a 30-year-old Ph.D. student in the English department at USC, according to letters detailing the investigations reviewed by The Wall Street Journal. The Education Department's Office for Civil Rights confirmed the investigations in letters to Mr. Pekgoz dated in January for USC and April for Yale.

In an interview, Mr. Pekgoz said that since men are a minority on campuses, women-only scholarships "feel unfair." He said he filed the complaint against Yale after determining that school had among the most offerings explicitly for women.'

Conversion Therapy Isn’t the Cure for ‘Toxic Masculinity’

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'It’s traditional to regard other people’s gender and sexuality as pathological. Mostly male medical professionals once diagnosed “female problems,” including hysteria, fainting spells and chronic irrationality. Doctors and psychiatrists considered homosexuality an illness, and for decades it was listed as such in the diagnostic manual of the American Psychological Association. Some still try to treat homosexuality as a curable condition. Gender nonconformists have been relentlessly pathologized, stereotyped, and even criminalized wherever they wandered into public view.

Yet these traditions are being inverted. Macho men are now taking what we’ve dished out, and “toxic masculinity” is being blamed for school shootings, wars, sexual harassment, and even—God forbid— Donald Trump, who is held up as its very embodiment. Since people who regard themselves as masculine have spent centuries diagnosing other people’s identities, this turnabout might be considered fair play.

There is a certain poetic justice in the reversal. But that doesn’t make it a sensible, effective or morally decent approach to any particular societal problem. I can only say what members of these marginalized groups have said for years: Get your hands off my . . . gender.'

Gloria Steinem: 'Masculinity is a mental disease'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When children die at the hands of white men with guns, it's rarely blamed on white men or guns. "It's mental health issues," they say. "He needed help," they insist. But one of the world's most famous feminists isn't having any of that. In an exclusive interview with Bustle, Gloria Steinem says guns and men are absolutely the reason there's such an extraordinary amount of gun violence in America. And for those who claim mental health issues are the cause of mass shootings?

"Well in that case, masculinity is a mental disease," she says.
...
"Guns are related to masculinity," Steinem tells Bustle. "The impulse to have a gun and the habit of buying guns is way more prevalent among males than among females, even though one might think that in terms of protection, it might be the other way around."'

Hate on Jordan Peterson all you want, but he's tapping into frustration that feminists shouldn't ignore

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'One of the most controversial public intellectuals today is an eccentric, primly dressed professor who writes about esoteric mythology, dispenses old-fashioned wisdom such as “clean your room” and champions embattled ideals of manhood.

Dr. Jordan Peterson, University of Toronto psychologist, bestselling author and YouTube star, has been hailed by some as a messenger of hope for young men perplexed by cultural upheaval, and denounced by others as a charlatan preaching patriarchy and fascism.

In reality, Peterson’s ideas are a mixed bag. He says some sensible and insightful things, and he says some things that rightly draw criticism. But you wouldn’t know this from reading Peterson’s critics, who generally cast him as a far-right boogeyman riding the wave of a misogynistic backlash. That’s a mistake.

For all his flaws, Peterson is tapping into a very real frustration: More than half a century after the modern feminist revolution began in the 1960s, we have yet to figure out new rules for partnership between men and women.
...
For all its successes, contemporary feminism’s main message to men is not one of equal partnership. Rather, it’s: Repent, abase yourself, and be an obedient feminist ally — and we still won’t trust you. It’s no wonder that Peterson has found an eager audience in this climate. If feminists don’t like his message, they should offer a better one.'

Clothing Retailer Pushes Feminism on Young Boys

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'The clothing company J. Crew has a new product aimed at turning children into “feminists” as soon as possible.

Cartoon Network president Christina Miller told the popular YouTube channel Big Think that anyone who wants to “change the world [must] start with kids” in 2017 — and J. Crew agrees. Its Instagram page recently sparked a political debate with the image of a boy dressed in a pink shirt with the message, “I am a feminist too” printed on the chest.”

“Start ’em young,” a caption with the May 25 post reads.

The “crewcuts” apparel is the result of a collaboration with the online custom retailer Prinkshop.

The $30 shirt riled up followers who said the message treated children like political pawns.

“Leave the kid alone,” wrote one critic.'

Mutually Nonconsensual Sex

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is it possible for two people to simultaneously sexually assault each other? This is the question—rife with legal, anatomical, and emotional improbabilities—to which the University of Cincinnati now addresses itself, and with some urgency, as the institution and three of its employees are currently being sued over an encounter that was sexual for a brief moment, but that just as quickly entered the realm of eternal return. The one important thing you need to know about the case is that according to the lawsuit, a woman has been indefinitely suspended from college because she let a man touch her vagina. What kind of sexually repressive madness could have allowed for this to happen? Answer that question and you will go a long way toward answering the question, “What the hell is happening on American college campuses?”

The substantive facts of the case come to us only through a lawsuit, one that has thus far implicated everything from Title IX, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Constitution to “slut shaming” and good old-fashioned horniness. But not super horniness, because—as with many high profile cases involving the infinitely expandable concept of “college sexual assault”—the actual encounter exists as merest prologue to the massive novel of ideas that followed it.'

Step One To Stop False Accusations: Exposure

Matt · 3 June 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'... If accusers can level rape and other claims decades after a purported crime occurs, why shouldn't the statute of limitations on prosecuting lies about crimes and seeking civil redress against all enablers be extended proportionally, too?

This summer, I'll dedicate a special series of columns and CRTV.com videos to false allegations against innocent men and women of all backgrounds. And I'll continue my investigative reporting on the ongoing wrongful conviction nightmare of Asian-American and former Oklahoma City police officer Daniel Holtzclaw, which was built on a super-sized Jenga tower of police bias, investigative incompetence, prosecutorial misconduct, media malpractice, pre-trial publicity-stoked mob rule, forensic failures and unprecedented courtroom secrecy.'

The forgotten male victims of honour-based violence

Matt · 3 June 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The UK has seen some shocking cases of honour-based violence and murder. But most people would be surprised to learn that many of the victims of this horrendous abuse are men. Despite 20% of cases of forced marriage relating to men, they have become the forgotten victims and as a result there is very little help available to them. There is a dearth of empirical research into this issue but we hope our ongoing study will help find some solutions.

Honour-based violence occurs when the actions of a victim are perceived by their family to have damaged its reputation. There could be a number of reasons for this, including having a relationship outside marriage, being too “westernised” or refusing to enter into a forced marriage.

Two of the most notable cases in the UK involved the murder of young girls by their families. In 2003, Shafilea Ahmed was murdered by her parents because she had refused to enter into a forced marriage. And in 2006, Banaz Mahmod was also murdered on the orders of her father and uncle for “dishonouring” the family.'

Ex-football player sues Michigan State, says false rape claim ended his NFL career

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'A year ago today, the Texans released Keith Mumphery, after a report emerged that Michigan State had banned him from campus and expelled him from its graduate school stemming from a rape accusation before he was drafted in 2015. Now Mumphery is suing his school.

Mumphery says he was falsely accused of rape and that he was cleared both by prosecutors and by a separate investigation from Michigan State's Title IX office. Only when Michigan State re-opened the investigation for another Title IX case that Mumphery says he was never informed about was he found in violation of school policy. When that finding was made public, the Texans cut him.

Through his first two NFL seasons, Mumphery had shown some promise as a wide receiver and on special teams, but no team has given him another chance since the Texans cut him, and now his lawsuit is blaming Michigan State for discriminating against him.'

UK: School bans teen boys from wearing shorts in the summer — but they are allowed to wear skirts

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'A SCHOOL has banned teenage boys from wearing shorts in hot weather — but they can wear skirts.

Parents have been told that only long trousers or skirts can be worn under its “gender-neutral” uniform policy.

Chiltern Edge School introduced a new uniform of blue blazer, white shirt, grey trousers or skirts and black shoes as part of a drive to improve standards after an “inadequate” Ofsted rating.

But dad Alastair Vince-Porteous asked if his 13-year-old son could wear tailored grey shorts as he suffers nose bleeds which become more frequent when he gets hot.

He said: “I wanted to try to make him a bit cooler but I was told shorts are not part of the uniform.”

Alastair said he was told his lad could wear a skirt to the school in Sonning Common, Oxfordshire.'

Deadbeat son is a sign of America’s failure to raise boys

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'Last week, a judge in New York ruled that a 30-year-old man must move out of his childhood home on June 1 after his parents served him with several notices asking him to go. The ruling inadvertently exposed a hidden truth: The boys are not all right.

A generation of damaged boys are turning into impaired men and, as seen by the mocking coverage of this case, we’re treating this development like a joke, encouraged to ridicule and condemn them for it.

...

A Pew Research poll from 2016 showed that men age 18-36, exactly Michael Rotondo’s demographic, were more likely to be living at home with their parents than alone, with a roommate or with a partner. That’s a startling statistic, especially as the same isn’t true for women. We can’t blame this stagnation on the entitlement of the millennial generation when half of that generation is living their lives as intended.

Part of the problem is we’ve been encouraging girls at the expense of boys. The language of empowerment we use around girls is absent from how we talk to boys. The expectation that males will succeed just because they are male has been smashed, just like feminists wanted, but now what? To shrug our shoulders and not care what happens to a generation of young men is to produce a generation of Michael Rotondos, adrift and living at home as they enter their 30s.

It doesn’t help that this demographic is also finding it so hard to get, and stay, employed. An Economic Policy Institute report from February found that men are absent from the workforce in large numbers. This is a big change from the past. The report noted that “in 1979, only 6.3 percent of prime-age men did not work at all over the course of a year, but that number nearly doubled to 11.9 percent in 2016.” The telling thing is that there isn’t widespread concern about this; instead there is a celebration that women are outpacing men at school and at work.'

UK: First women-only private members club to open a second venue in Mayfair

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'Debbie Wosskow, who sold travel company Love Home Swap for $53 million (£39 million), and former Hearst chief Anna Jones launched The AllBright in Fitzrovia in March. Founder members include the entrepreneur Baroness Lane-Fox and actresses Ruth Wilson and Naomie Harris.

Wosskow and Jones aim to equip Londoners with “the necessary capital, skills, connections and confidence female leaders need to thrive”. Men are allowed into the £900-a-year club as guests and it already has 800 members and a waiting list.

Wosskow today revealed that an AllBright Mayfair is set to open in Maddox Street in early 2019 — the first in a series of openings planned across London over the next two years.'

Student sues school, alleging due process rights violated in sex assault investigation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'They had sex in his dorm room. Then, four months later, he was notified she had filed a sexual assault complaint against him. And three months after that, he filed suit in federal court, saying the University of Michigan is hijacking his future education while denying him his due process rights — rights the university gives other students accused of other violations on campus.
...
Over the next couple of weeks, the female student texted the male — neither student is named in the lawsuit — and ran into him in a dining hall. They had dinner together, the lawsuit says, but didn't have sex. At one point, the lawsuit claims, the female asked about having more sex and also asked what the relationship between the two was now that they'd had sex. The male student responded he could only offer friendship, the suit says.'

Melinda Gates goes Hillary

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'Here are other portions of her interview where Gates specifically says some criteria for how she invests in startups are race and sex. She clearly says she preferences women and non-whites over men and white people, specifically for these immutable characteristics that have nothing inherently to do with business success. “Over-index” is essentially a financial or data version of affirmative action.

"I am specifically looking at funds who over-index on women-led and minority-led businesses.

I’m asking a lot of business questions about how they will go about their funding, how they will over-index on women’s businesses, and how they will hold themselves accountable for a great return.

Some of these big firms often believe in the white guy in a hoodie disrupting a whole industry. So we’re going to disrupt it by making sure we’re indexing for women and minorities because they’ve got great ideas.

Many of them think if they have one female at the table, they’ve done their job. Another big one is when they say that they have trouble finding women. Those are just excuses. They don’t know what investing in these areas looks like until they get several women who are partners in their firm."

A white man could easily make products that meet minority women’s needs and desires, and vice versa. Their race and sex has nothing to do with their drive and ingenuity. But Gates implies that they do, which is weird and patently stupid, to put it mildly.

It’s not only Gates who feels comfortable revealing her race and sex biases when deciding where to spend some of her billions. It’s industry publications, too. ...'

Why the War on Men Is Hurting Everyone

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Article here. Excerpt:

These days, it appears that being a man means you're crazy. You're a rapist waiting for a woman to rape. You're a misogynist, just looking for a woman to oppress. You're a brute, looking for a woman to punch in the face. You are violent, domineering, and angry.

At least according to the University of Texas at Austin.

They've rolled out a program called MasculinUT that treats men as though they are violent rapists just waiting for a woman on whom to force themselves. And, you know, slap around a little, because apparently, that is what men do. The project praises a poster of a black man with a flower crown, but mourns that masculinity "should go further than that."
...
We now live in a world in which some people who promote "gender equality" feel that men should have to cater to women, step aside and let them have the promotions just because they have female parts (or say that they're female), and refrain from speaking in meetings so that the women can do all the talking. This article has 100 helpful hints for men to help make women's lives more "bearable." (I do have to agree with the one about the word "feisty." Call me feisty and risk getting punched in the throat. But I digress.)

In what possible world is that EQUAL? I personally don't want some kind of vagina handicap and I'm delighted to compete against men fairly in the workplace because I sincerely believe that my skills, intelligence, and talents put me on equal footing with them. I wouldn't feel any sense of accomplishment if someone treated me like that. In fact, it's so condescending that it would infuriate me.'

Demi Lovato sorry over sexual prank on bodyguard

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Demi Lovato's best-known songs include "Sorry Not Sorry." But when it comes to sharing details of a sexual joke on her bodyguard, she is sorry — mostly.

The pop singer triggered a flurry of negative reactions over the weekend when, in a largely innocuous exchange with fans on Twitter, she was asked to name the funniest prank she has ever pulled off.

Lovato said that she hired a sex worker to enter the hotel room of her bodyguard when they were staying in Las Vegas, where prostitution is legal.

"She walked into his room without permission and grabbed him in his 'area' and he freaked," Lovato said, sharing her amusement.

A number of Twitter users took Lovato to task, saying that she was admitting to a serious episode of sexual harassment, an issue that has drawn growing attention amid the rise of the #MeToo movement.
...
But she also urged upset people to revisit her song "Warrior" in which she speaks of being a survivor of sexual abuse.

"Maybe you'll have more compassion for a simple mistake," she wrote, while adding: "So sorry if anyone was offended."'

Also see: Demi Lovato proved what we didn't want to admit: male sexual assault is still seen as a laughing matter

Canada: Supporters rally for women's only taxi-services in HRM

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Article here.

'Supporters of a women's lead taxi company rallied at Halifax City Hall Tuesday morning for female only taxi-services in the municipality.

Chrissy McDow's women only car service shuttles passengers back and forth to Halifax Stanfield International Airport, where she and her fleet of drivers are licensed to operate.

McDow says she'd love to expand into the highly competitive taxi business, but there is one problem, there are only 1000 permits to go around the municipality, and the waitlist to get one is in the hundreds.

She hopes Tuesday's rally will convince city hall to make an exception for her unique company.'

UK: Rape evidence flaws may have put hundreds of innocents in jail

Matt · 7 June 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The inevitable outcome when law enforcement and prosecutors are pressured/threatened by feminist groups to "increase rape convictions". Excerpt:

'Hundreds of innocent people could be behind bars for rape and other serious offences because of the failure to disclose crucial evidence, legal experts have said.

The warning came after the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) was forced to drop 47 serious sex assault cases in just six weeks after a review found key material had not been shared with the defence.

The review was ordered in January this year after a string of rape cases collapsed at the last minute due to failures by the police and prosecutors to hand over evidence that could have proved a defendant's innocence.

Liam Allan, 22, a student who was accused of six counts of rape was cleared by a judge in December, after it emerged that his accuser had bombarded friends with hundreds of messages setting out her rape fantasies.'

Australia: "Far right nationalists open private men-only clubs in Melbourne and Sydney"

Minuteman · 7 June 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Everything I've read about this group leads me to the conclusion that they're a bunch of silly yobbos with a myopic 'beer & bacon' view of masculinity, but I support their right to freedom of assembly.

Link here. Excerpt:

'Blair Cottrell, leader of far-right group United Patriots Front, said he had been working with others to establish the Lads Society "social clubs" for the past six months.
...
"Values once venerated such as courage, strength, nobility, resourcefulness and loyalty are being sapped from our young men before they come of age…," the club said on social media.
...
Griffith University criminology expert Professor Geoff Dean said the formalisation of the group into a bricks and mortar social club was a concerning development.

"They concern me these sorts of groups that get cloistered away — it almost becomes cultish," Professor Dean said.

"The thing with an online social media presence is that you don't have the same level of influence over someone if they are personally a member, and go to a gym, go regularly to meetings, sit within a physical space and relate to others.
...
However University of South Australia adjunct professor of law Rick Sarre cautioned against any future attempt by authorities to intervene in the men-only club.

"Their ability to assemble in that way is one of the precious freedoms we have," Professor Sarre said.

"The left can get together, unions can get together, so why can't the right?"

He said laws introduced in some states gave the police powers to intervene in clubs including outlaw motorcycle groups, but only when there was strong evidence that something illegal was happening.'

UK: When Fathers Day isn't

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Greeting card company Paperchase has created a line of incredible Father's Day cards to celebrate single mums this year.

The new line, called Happy Father's Day Mum, features humorous yet sweet cards that recognise that in some families, mums do both jobs.

Designed by London-based creator Stevie Rowing-Parker, who lost his father at the age of five and was raised by his mother, the cards are a fun way for children without fathers to feel included on the day - and to show their appreciation for their mums.'

Attorney: Student charged in sex assault had rights violated

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A man under investigation by the University of Michigan on charges of sexual assault against a student says the school is violating his civil rights and is now suing the university - but it could have a ripple effect for other universities.

Deborah Gordon is representing the student - who is not being identified. She says he was accused of sexual assault but his rights are being violated during the process.

"Suddenly his world stops. At this point, there's nothing he can do," Gordon said. "The University of Michigan placed a hold on his official transcript and his degree. Here you have a young man who has graduated and preparing to enter graduate school. He's unable to do anything."'

Is Modern-Day Feminism Giving Women Rights Men Don't Have?

Mastodon · 7 June 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Unfortunately, as extreme feminists push for further establishment for women in society, they often ignore the problems that men also face because these women are completely focused on female empowerment.

As it turns out, there are now several areas where women have won not only equality, but also an advantage over men. Men are actually beginning to see disadvantages in the society as the patriarchy falls further due to the feminist movement. Because of feminism, women now have several distinct rights that men do not possess but perhaps should.

...

Although there are still some issues for women to overcome in the American society, they have almost reached the point of full equality with men. Despite the extensive feminist complaints, women actually have more rights than men in some very important areas.

The government and society are consistently correcting the remaining social disadvantages, and women are now allowed to live in ways that would have seemed impossible less than a century ago.'

CDC: Suicides increased by more than 30 percent since 1999 in half the states

Matt · 8 June 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More than a decade of steadily rising rates have made suicide the nation's 10th leading cause of death and one of only three causes of death — including Alzheimer's disease and drug overdoses — that are increasing in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In a report that examines trends in suicide at the state level from 1999 to 2016, the CDC says suicide rates have increased in nearly every state. In half the states, the agency found the rate rose more than 30 percent.

In releasing the report — the same week fashion designer Kate Spade was found dead by suicide — CDC officials noted that more than half of those who died by suicide — 54 percent — did not have a known diagnosed mental health condition.

A new study on suicide trends in 27 states found that many victims acted after relationship problems or loss; substance misuse; physical health problems; or job, money, legal or housing stress.

"Our data suggests suicide is more than a mental health issue," said Deborah M. Stone, lead author of that study. Noting that suicide is "very rare" among those with chronic depression, Stone said friends, families and co-workers should not overlook the risk of self-harm among people who have never been diagnosed with mental illness.'

"Start by believing" presumes guilt

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'One of the reasons people believe in the Deep State — government bureaucracies that are said to wield power from the shadows — is because there is little transparency in so many agencies.

With a constant flooding of agencies and programs that implement their policies, even seasoned political observers find it difficult to keep track of what is really going on. The program Start by Believing is an example. Few people have heard of it.

Launched in 2011, Start by Believing describes itself as a “global campaign” with the mission of “transforming the way we respond to sexual assault.” Its focus is in the U.S.

The program is an offspring of End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI), which is supported by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW); EVAWI has reportedly received 20 grants from the DOJ, totaling $7,502,332.00, which is “supplemented with other sources of income.”

EVAWI’s grants reveal that, from early days, the organization’s main goal has been to influence law enforcement. A 2006 grant from Horizons Foundation, for example, is entitled “Online Training Institute: Continuing Education for Law Enforcement.”'

Dana Loesch: Some women “wouldn’t know what masculinity was if it hit them in the face"

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'I am so tired of this matriarchal witch hunt on young men. There is nothing toxic about masculinity, but there are plenty of toxic things about third-wave feminism and the matriarchy that’s attempting to assert authority and also be the ombudsman over all characteristics and definitions of that which are either masculine or feminine. As a boy mom, kind of had enough of this. Especially like women who just need to stay in your lane and don’t be telling men how their masculinity is toxic. No, the problem that we’re having with society is that there’s an attack on masculinity where toxic masculinity isn’t an issue in all of the homes where there are absent fathers.

That’s a lack of, not toxic. See, we have an issue right now where men are underappreciated, dads are ridiculed either as the dumb dad on television, that awful stereotype that still persists, or they are told that, what, they’re oppressive, they are suppressive simply because they are males and in the United States of America. I’m so tired, as a woman, as a mother of boys, having to combat this garbage from women -- many of which, many of whom don’t even have children, -- and others who wouldn’t be able -- they wouldn’t know what masculinity was if it hit them in the face. No. Honestly, stop it.'

The More Young Men Are Bathed in Femininity, the More 'Toxic Masculinity' You Will See

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'One of the most ironic things about the constant "toxic masculinity" complaints that we hear these days is that we live in an overly feminized culture where most of the "toxic" males seem to have either been raised without fathers or claim to be adherents of feminism. The statistics on men raised without fathers are grim almost beyond belief.

"70% of gang members, high school dropouts, teen suicides...and teen substance abusers come from single mother homes.

...80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger (Source: Criminal Justice & Behavior, Vol 14, p. 403-26, 1978.)

...85% of all youths sitting in prisons (Source: Fulton County Georgia jail populations, Texas Department of Corrections 1992)"

...

When men don't have their father in the home to learn from day in and day out, it creates problems. When men come to believe that they can achieve their goals in life by behaving more like women and they inevitably find out life doesn't work like that, it creates problems. When we stop praising honor and masculinity, it creates problems. This is a recipe that creates gang members, school shooters, and outcasts, but we refuse to deal with these problems because we're still living in a fantasy world where women are supposedly second-class citizens held down by the patriarchy. When our society treats our husbands as if they're as important as our wives and our sons as if they're as important as our daughters, that "toxic masculinity" people love to complain about will start to disappear.'

Justin Trudeau in trouble over 2000 groping incident

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'As it turns out, ensuring that your cabinet has an equal number of men and women for the first time in Canadian history doesn't grant you immunity from your very own #MeToo moment.

That's right: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who has won widespread praise from the world's liberals for his commitment to supporting intersectional feminism and multiculturalism, has been accused of a woman.

In an editorial published in the Creston Valley Advance back in 2000, a small paper in British Columbia, a woman recounts her experience of being groped by Trudeau, followed by an audacious apology where he admits that he wouldn't have groped her if he knew she would report on the incident.
...
Most recently, Trudeau unveiled a "gender equity" budget back in February hoping to eliminate the pay gap.

Of course, the "pay gap" narrative, as progressives tell it, leaves out important details, like the fact that the "gap" stems from preferences like women choosing more flexibility over responsibility, in part to enable them to act as caregivers for those who have children. Maybe if Trudeau would look at the data, he'd also consider taking action to eliminate the "reverse pay gap" where female CEOs make more than their male peers?'

Why can’t we hate men?

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'So, in this moment, here in the land of legislatively legitimated toxic masculinity, is it really so illogical to hate men? For all the power of #MeToo and #TimesUp and the women’s marches, only a relatively few men have been called to task, and I’ve yet to see a mass wave of prosecutions or even serious recognition of wrongdoing. On the contrary, cries of “witch hunt” and the plotted resurrection of celebrity offenders came quick on the heels of the outcry over endemic sexual harassment and violence. But we’re not supposed to hate them because . . . #NotAllMen. I love Michelle Obama as much as the next woman, but when they have gone low for all of human history, maybe it’s time for us to go all Thelma and Louise and Foxy Brown on their collective butts.

So men, if you really are #WithUs and would like us to not hate you for all the millennia of woe you have produced and benefited from, start with this: Lean out so we can actually just stand up without being beaten down. Pledge to vote for feminist women only. Don’t run for office. Don’t be in charge of anything. Step away from the power. We got this. And please know that your crocodile tears won’t be wiped away by us anymore. We have every right to hate you. You have done us wrong. #BecausePatriarchy. It is long past time to play hard for Team Feminism. And win.'

Doctors warn masculinity forces men into loneliness

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'As the world reels in the wake of Anthony Bourdain's suicide, experts warn he is just one of many men whose suicides and preceding struggles with mental illness often go overlooked.

Men in the US kill themselves at 3.5-times the rate that women do but may be less likely to seek medical help or community support. In comparison to New Zealand, for every woman that dies by suicide, three men do. In 2017, an alarming 606 people were reported to have killed themselves. That's one person dead every 15 hours.

Bourdain spoke openly and often about his own depression and fight to stay sober, but his fame and fortune may well have disguised even deeper troubles, reports Daily Mail.
...
Dr Jonathan Gerkin, a University of North Carolina psychiatrist who says he takes a therapist's approach believes that our culture - particularly in the US, but worldwide - has not conditioned men to be reflective about, let alone accepting of their own emotions, and that can lead them to a profound sense of loneliness.'

Sentencing disparities highlighted in pedophile case

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Article here. She got only 20 years for renting out her daughters repeatedly to be used as little sex-toys. The men who committed the child abuse deserve what they get, perhaps more. But what about mom and grandmom? Don't you think they got off easy? I do. They actually enabled it to happen and profited by it. Clearly they were fine with it and the only reason they didn't abuse the girls themselves was that they were not to their tastes. Excerpt:

'A MOTHER from hell who allowed sick paedos to rape her young daughters blew kisses to her family as she was jailed for 20 years.

Twisted Morgan Summerlin, 25, from Georgia USA, would take her five and six-year-old daughters to be raped by men in exchange for money.

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As Summerlin was led out of the courtroom on Monday after she was sentenced to 20 years in prison with 10 more on probation, she waved and blew kisses to family members, according to USA Today.

...

Office was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole plus 146 years to run concurrently.

A second man, Alfredo Trejo, was convicted of rape, child molestation, sexual battery, enticing a child for indecent purposes, trafficking a person for sexual servitude and aggravated child molestation.

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He was sentenced to 25 years in prison and then life on probation.

The grandmother of the victims was also arrested in the case, and she pleaded guilty to cruelty to children in the second degree for knowing they were being sexually abused and not protecting them.

She was sentenced to five years but one was commuted to the time she had already served and the rest is being served through probation.'

UK: Tommy Robinson update

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The Robinson case isn't being followed in the US but his arrest and detention for the "crime" of standing outside a courthouse with a cell phone is making a lot of people there pretty pissed off. I doubt he would have been so treated had he been female. And to think, he is trying to protect GIRLS from being preyed upon by men who view them as trash because they are not Muslim. Videos below.

Wikipedia on current issue here. Take with a grain of salt. Wikipedia has been overrun by SJW types.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5amAqkz2ro

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7Z3G1QEc8c

Cameroon Man Says His Life Is In Ruins Following False Rape Accusations

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'A Cameroon man living in Thailand has told Thaivisa that his life is in ruins after a Swedish woman falsely accused him of rape in Bangkok.

The case is similar to one involving a French policeman and a British teen. The Frenchman was released earlier this week after being held for nearly two months on spurious charges.

The Frenchman, like the Cameroonian, was also black.

Didier (assumed name), now 32, was locked up for more than nine months with another Cameroon man after the Swedish woman said they raped her at the Fuse condominium in Wong Wian Yai, Thonburi.

The other man had consensual sex with the woman but Didier refused to have anything to do with her because she didn't have a condom.

Later she went to police and said she was raped. Only the DNA from his friend was on the woman but both men were held regardless of that fact.

Now despite his release his family in Bamenda, north western Cameroon, are refusing to have anything to do with him – he told Thaivisa that in Africa that often happens when people go to jail, even if they are subsequently proved to be innocent.

He said: "There is a war against men because men get accused of rape. And when proven innocent nothing happens to the accuser.

"I spent nine months and 11 days in a Thai jail cell based on a false rape accusation. And at the end the lady ran away.

"My life has been destroyed".'

Canada: Report of shocking Oshawa sexual assault false, police say

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'A report of a sexual assault that led police to canvass an Oshawa neighborhood and issue repeated calls for tips from the public has been determined to be false.

Durham police said Thursday that the report, first received May 1 from a resident in the Ritson Road and Olive Avenue area, was untrue, and that there is no risk to the public.

“After looking into this incident and working with the complainant (investigators) have concluded this event did not occur,” police said in a media release June 7.

The initial report, made May 1, was shocking: A woman reported a man knocked at her door about midday, asked about a nearby house for sale, then forced his way in and sexually assaulted her. The report said the man fled after the woman fought him off.

...

There was no indication from police the complainant would face charges.

“Investigators are working with the complainant to ensure she receives appropriate assistance and support moving forward,” police said.'

Complainant admits to false allegation concerning contact with accused

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'There was some drama in provincial court in Stephenville on Wednesday as the alleged victim in a sexual assault case admitted to making false allegations against the accused in the case.

Continuing his cross-examination of the alleged victim, Mark Mills, defence lawyer for the accused teenage boy, asked the complainant if she had made false allegations by saying he had contacted her through Snapchat after she unblocked him from the social media site.

The alleged victim said she had, and her reason at the time for doing so was to avoid having to testify at the impending court hearing.
...
She said the morning after she made the complaint at the Stephenville detachment of the RCMP, she emailed a female RCMP officer and copied the email to a second RCMP officer and notified them of the false statement. The arrest was still made.

“I didn’t think it all through, no,” the complainant told Mills of her action.
...
Again on Wednesday, the alleged victim appeared in court via teleconference from a different room in the building.

The accused is facing two other trials relating to sexual assaults, set for later this month and August in Stephenville.'

UK: Teenager, 18, who lied that her ex-boyfriend drugged and raped her is fined £200 for wasting police time

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'A teenager who got back at her ex by falsely claiming he drugged and raped her has been fined £200 after she admitted wasting police time.

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Prosecutor Ryan Seneviratine said: 'Miss Sandover is extremely lucky that she didn't get charged with perverting the course of justice, only due to her age and the fact she has no previous convictions.

'Her ex-boyfriend has said his confidence in approaching girls has been completely ruined.

'He was kept in custody for five-and-a-half hours and underwent intimate tests.

'And all because she wanted to get back at him.'

South Korea: 220,000 people demand heavy penalties for false rape claims

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'More than 220,000 people have signed an online petition calling for the government and the National Assembly to toughen the law against false accusations of sex crimes.

As of Thursday, 220,450 people have signed the petition on the Cheong Wa Dae website. The person who posted the plea on May 25 said Korea needs a law that punishes those who take advantage of its faulty justice system with heavier penalties.

"False accusations destroy the lives of the accused and their families. Nevertheless, accusers rarely face legal consequences, and when they do, they get off lightly," the person said.

The call came after YouTube star Yang Ye-won's controversial claims that she was forced to model for pornographic pictures at a Seoul photo studio in 2015. After it was revealed that she asked the accused photographer to give her more photo opportunities, which she did not mention during her YouTube "confession," many people have doubted her claims and expressed fear of false allegations.

According to the Ministry of Justice's investigation guidelines, prosecutors and police cannot initiate investigations into alleged false accusations of sex crimes until they conclude that the accused is evidently innocent.'

Mindy Kaling's candid advice for men on dates

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'The actor and author gave some rock solid tips on pancakes (just order one) and toilet plungers (buy one before you need one), and recalled (very little of) her own commencement -- when Madeline Albright spoke.
...
"This one is just for guys: When you go on dates, act as if every woman you're talking to is a reporter for an online publication that you are scared of. One shouldn't need the threat of public exposure and scorn to treat women well; but if that's what it's gonna take, fine. Date like everyone's watching, because we are."'

Blaming the victim is apparently OK when the accused in a Title IX proceeding is a feminist literary theorist

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'That would seem to be the takeaway from this remarkable letter (written, I am told, by Judith Butler) in support of Avital Ronell, who teaches in German and Comparative Literature at NYU: Download BUTLER letter for Avital Ronell. The signatory list reads like a "who's who" of "theory" (as they call bad philosophy in literature departments), from Butler to Zizek (with a few honorable exceptions, of course). But far more revealing is the content of the letter.

Professor Ronell, it seems, is the target of a Title IX complaint and investigation at NYU; the details are not known to me, and are not revealed in the letter. But this is apparently irrelevant. From the remarkable first paragraph (boldings added by me):

"... We wish to communicate first in the clearest terms our profound an enduring admiration for Professor Ronell whose mentorship of students has been no less than remarkable over many years. We deplore the damage that this legal proceeding causes her, and seek to register in clear terms our objection to any judgment against her. We hold that the allegations against her do not constitute actual evidence, but rather support the view that malicious intention has animated and sustained this legal nightmare."

Imagine that such a letter had been sent on behalf of Peter Ludlow, Colin McGinn, John Searle, Thomas Pogge or anyone other than a feminist literary theorist: there would be howls of protest and indignation at such a public assault on a complainant in a Title IX case. The signatories collectively malign the complainant as motivated by "malice" (i.e., a liar), even though they admit to knowing nothing about the findings of the Title IX proceedings--and despite that they also demand that their friend be acquitted, given her past "mentorship of students". (I imagine many faculty members found guilty, correctly, in a Title IX proceeding have also mentored lots of students, chaired a department, and produced notable scholarship.) If Professor Ronell had any role in soliciting this letter, it looks to me like a clear case of retaliation against the complainant that will compound her and the university's problems.'

Stop pretending women in politics are inherently better

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'After former New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman flamed out last month, a rallying cry burst across the internet: Elect more women!

New York state Sen. David Carlucci explained it thus:

“After over 240 years of men as our leading law enforcement officer, it is clear that a women’s voice in the attorney general’s office is desperately needed at this time. Doing so would send a message to all New Yorkers, and to our nation that we are a state that values fairness and respect of all of its residents.”

Sounds tempting. But Carlucci’s flawed logic assumes that women do or should represent fairness and respect for all, and that the symbolic value of their leadership “at this time” is the “clear” response to men’s bad behavior.

What about all the other times? It seems that some male politicians are so desperate to virtue signal to women, they’re willing to elevate them high above the normal expectations for the rest of humanity.'

Carolyn Hax: #MeToo has turned her into a total man-hater

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'DEAR CAROLYN: My girlfriend and I are both female, and she has always had some anti-male leanings, but she has become unhinged with the sexual harassment news in the last month. She posts things on social media like, “All men are pigs. Yes, I said all.”

I pointed out that I have dear friends who are male and are wonderful to both of us, and that the single most important person in my professional life is a male mentor who has been nothing but kind and decent to me and every other person I’ve ever seen him around, man and woman alike. She says if there’s a man I don’t think is a pig, that’s because I’m “blinded” by them acting charming.

Is there anything I can say or do to get my girlfriend to see things differently? Is your advice to me basically the same as your recent advice to the letter-writer with the racist fiance, that it’s a dealbreaker?
DEAR ANONYMOUS: No, and yes.

There is a distinction to be made here, to be fair. The column you refer to (bit.ly/NotTrivial) was about someone on the power side expressing hatred for those traditionally oppressed, whereas the power flows in the other direction with your girlfriend. She is in the mistreated demographic and railing against the group that abuses its power. On that narrow basis alone, your girlfriend’s outrage is less of an outrage than the racist fiance’s.

Your girlfriend has hatred in her heart, and has turned it upon just under half of the world. Worse, she sees nothing wrong with this. Worse still, she sees something wrong with people who see something wrong with this.
...
someone who will defend to the last a person’s right to end a relationship over anything from bad kissing to reprehensible taste in pizza toppings — because if it matters to you then it matters — I have no hesitation in advising you to walk away from someone, promptly, who harbors such profound contempt. Contempt for you or for men, take your pick.'

Woman arrested, suspected of domestic violence scam

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'A woman has been arrested in Palo Alto for accusing several men of domestic violence, having them arrested and robbing their homes, according to Mountain View police.

Sunmee Kim, 44, was taken into custody by Mountain View police detectives on Thursday (June 7). In January, Kim is said to have claimed that her fiance attacked her in Mountain View, but refused to give officers her full name or contact information. She also went by a different name at that time, police said.

When officers met the man Kim had accused, he said they were housemates, not romantic partners. He was arrested, but later released when police determined he had not committed a crime. But while he was in police custody, Kim allegedly cleared out the house and left, police said.'

For college students accused of assault, 'ramifications are real'

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'While attending a lecture one day in April, two weeks before starting final exams, a University of Michigan student received an email with startling news.

It was then, the aspiring engineer claims, that school officials first informed him that an acquaintance had recently filed a complaint alleging he forced her to have sex in his dorm room several months earlier.

The young man denies the accusation, which has not resulted in charges. However, in a federal lawsuit filed last week, attorneys argue the report alone led the college to unfairly “hold” his degree this spring as well as official transcripts without a chance to defend himself.

They now are asking a judge to tackle an issue some critics say has become increasingly common as state authorities address sexual assaults in the era of #MeToo and the Larry Nassar abuse scandal: whether campus policies go too far in penalizing those accused while protecting their accusers.

“If the government can decide today that people accused of sexual misconduct are not entitled to due process rights, who’s next?” said Deborah Gordon, the Bloomfield Hills-based lawyer representing the unidentified student in the UM case. “It’s a very slippery slope to start going down.”'

College ignores evidence in school dance groping case

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'Boston College suspended a male student for a year after he allegedly reached his hand up a girl's skirt at a dance. The student claims not just that he didn't do it but that another male student admitted his guilt.

The suspended student, "John Doe," highlighted that argument in a lawsuit filed against the college. Doe achieved a partial victory in court on Friday, after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit vacated a lower court's ruling against Doe. His claim that the college violated his contractual rights, as well as basic fairness, should proceed, according to Circuit Judge Juan Torruella.

That decision makes sense, given Boston College's egregious handling of the matter. Not only did the school ignore Doe's evidence that he was not responsible and that another man had committed the assault, but a dean actively encouraged reluctant adjudicators who were considering a "no finding" verdict to rule against Doe anyway.

It has taken years to litigate the case, which stems from an incident on October 20, 2012. Doe was moving across the dance floor of a cruise ship when a female student, "A.B.," screamed at him and accused him of sticking a hand up her dress and inserting two fingers into her anus. Security took Doe into custody and handed him over to the police after the ship docked.'

Study: Boys' Interest in STEM Careers Declining

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'TWENTY-FOUR PERCENT OF boys want a STEM career, down from 36 percent last year, indicating a more general trend of declining interest in STEM, according to a recent report.

The Junior Achievement USA and Ernst & Young survey of 13-to-17-year-old students highlights how teens' career choices, educational priorities and economic outlook shifted over a year and how they vary by gender. According to the survey, while boys' interest in STEM dropped by 12 percentage points, girls' interest remained unchanged at 11 percent both years.

Ed Grocholski, senior vice president of brand at Junior Achievement and manager of this project, says the declining interest in STEM could be due to children's fear of inadequacy. A January Pew Research Center survey confirmed this speculation among U.S. adults, as 52 percent said the main reason young people don't pursue STEM college degrees is because they believe those fields are "too hard."
...
But STEM isn't the only field witnessing a decline in interest, as desires for careers in the arts dropped from 18 percent to 13 percent. Meanwhile, interest in careers in medical and dental fields increased from 15 to 19 percent, with girls "far more likely to choose this path" than boys, according to the survey. Grocholski explains this can be due to girls' passion for helping people.'

University's 'Healthy Masculinities' project put on hold

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A program at the University of Texas meant to encourage "healthy masculinities" and discourage "restrictive masculinity" has been put on hold and is currently under review after negative media coverage brought it to the public's attention.

The university's "MasculinUT" program is "currently being reviewed by a steering committee that will make recommendations to the Vice President for Student Affairs to assure the program's mission remains clearly defined," according to the program's website.'

Gayle King Thinks #MeToo Needs Due Process

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'You've talked about the potential for backlash to the #MeToo movement. How do you see that playing out?

I do worry about that, because I think when a woman makes an accusation, the man instantly gets the death penalty. There has to be some sort of due process here. All of these inappropriate behaviors are not all the same.'

Feminist Scholars Defend Female Professor Accused of Sexual Misconduct

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'Avital Ronell, a professor of German and comparative literature at New York University, is currently facing a Title IX investigation over alleged sexual misconduct. Astonishingly, feminist professors around the country are arguing that the investigation is unfair.

In a letter addressed to New York University's president that was signed by influential feminists Judith Butler and Slavoj Žižek, the investigation into Ronell's alleged misconduct is essentially referred to as a witch hunt. They claim that the accuser has waged a "malicious campaign" against Ronell.

"We have all seen her relationship with students, and some of us know the individual who has waged this malicious campaign against her. We wish to communicate first in the clearest terms our profound an enduring admiration for Professor Ronell whose mentorship of students has been no less than remarkable over many years. We deplore the damage that this legal proceeding causes her, and seek to register in clear terms our objection to any judgment against her. We hold that the allegations against her do not constitute actual evidence, but rather support the view that malicious intention has animated and sustained this legal nightmare."

The group of academics who signed the letter doesn't claim to have any reason to dispute the facts behind the allegation against Ronell. However, they claim that terminating Ronell would be an "injustice."'

Feminist professor’s hate speech op-ed reveals what modern day feminism is really about

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'But modern day feminism, the feminism of Watters, isn’t about choice – it’s about power. Modern day feminists want to exercise power over women and men. They want to tell women and men which life choices to make.

And if you don’t fit their cookie-cutter mold? You’re labeled an enemy combatant. You’re not exercising your free will as a woman by deciding, for instance, to continue through with a pregnancy. Instead, these feminists will tell you that you’re waging a so-called “war against women.”

Today’s feminists always reframe an issue in a way that gets furthest away from what it’s really about.
...
Feminists are using the idea of women’s rights and the equality of the sexes as a bludgeon against their political enemies, especially if they happen to be men. As Watters demonstrates, feminists, who always rail against “misogyny,” embrace misandry, or the hatred of men.'

UK: False accuser gets slap on wrist

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'A music festival-goer who wasted 200 hours of police time with false rape and kidnap claims has got off without punishment.

Marissa Cheeseman, 37, of Chatham, Kent, claimed she'd been abducted by two men when she was at Yorkshire's Whitby Folk Festival - but the allegations were completely made up.

Police slammed her actions after they dedicated 25 officers to the case - with some working their rest days to try and track down the phantom rapists.

Cheeseman admitted wasting police time but walked free from court on a conditional discharge, meaning she won't be punished unless she commits another offence.'

Students Want Due Process -- With Limited Rights in Sexual Misconduct Cases

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'College students support due process rights in campus disciplinary hearings, but they are less supportive when it comes to matters of sexual misconduct, according to survey results from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education released today.

Working in conjunction with YouGov, a global public opinion and data company, FIRE surveyed 2,225 undergraduates at two- and four-year institutions about students' rights to due process protections, such as the presumption of innocence or the right to have an adviser present during hearings. Participating students were asked whether or not they supported each protection while considering one of three scenarios: breaking a campus rule, underage drinking or sexual misconduct.'

Denver PrideFest bans local men’s rights group

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'Matt, a Boulder nutritionist and herbalist, had been looking forward to attending his first Denver PrideFest as an openly gay man. In particular, he was excited to volunteer at Rocky Mountain Men’s Rights Advocacy’s (RMMRA) exhibition booth to talk to people about issues disproportionately impacting men, such as drug addiction, incarceration, suicide and other matters close to his heart.

However, Matt won’t be attending PrideFest this year as event organizers have banned RMMRA for allegedly violating the event’s non-discrimination policy, which requires all attendees to “provide service to individuals without regard to an individual’s sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, HIV/AIDS status, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, sex, gender, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, military status, veteran status, citizenship or any other protected classification in accordance with state, federal and municipal laws.”

Rex Fuller, vice president of communications and corporate giving for the GLBT Community Center of Colorado, which puts on PrideFest, sent an April 11 email to RMMRA explaining that the group wouldn’t be allowed to return for its second year because “the Men’s Rights Movement, also known as the male supremacy movement, has been portrayed by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate movement.”'

Should companies be forced to add women to boards? A new bill seeks to try

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'An enduring fact in America is that there are still too few women in leadership. Across 3,000 U.S. large companies, women only hold 15% of board seats. It does not help that these boardrooms can be boys' clubs. It was only last year that an Uber board member made the sexist joke of saying that more women on its board would result in "more talking."

At the rate we're going, these American companies will not reach gender parity until 2055. To speed things along, a new California bill, SB 826, was introduced. It would force public companies headquartered in California to have at least one woman on its board of directors by the end of next year, or risk getting a hefty fine. By 2021, companies with six or more directors, would need to have at least three of these board seats be filled by women.

The bill cites research that finds that having more women on boards "creates an environment where women are no longer seen as outsiders and are able to influence the content and process of board discussions more substantially."'

Also see: California Bill Would Make Companies Add Women to Their Boards

Barbara Kay: The male crisis that's ruining our boys and no one cares about

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'As women's roles expand, society's need for men in their traditional roles as protector, provider and parent is shrinking. As men absorb society's indifference or outright hostility to them, they feel increasing loss of "mission." The news is replete with the bad things some men do, and much of the media tolerant of collective condemnation. Last week The Washington Post published a vicious denunciation of men by a gender-studies professor, entitled, "Why Can't We Hate Men?" The content of the piece, replete with falsehoods to boot, bore out the scabrous misandry its title implies.

Farrell and Gray posit a new mission for men: "warrior parenting" — a shift in attitude that puts equal valuation on "hanging out" with kids as previously put on money as the primary male contribution to family. Much of The Boy Crisis is prescriptive, delivering sage advice on how mothers and fathers can contribute their unique parenting instincts (father roughhousing is crucial to boys' ability to regulate aggression, for example) in creating a mutually constructive "checks-and-balances" family team.'

Lawsuit challenges uni's sex assault policy, student claims uni biased against males accused of assault

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'A lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court by Deborah Gordon Law on June 4 on behalf of a male University of Michigan student, claims the University's sexual misconduct policy does not provide due process to males accused of sexual assault and thereby discriminates against them on the basis of gender. The allegation follows a complaint brought forth by a female student who approached U-M's Office of Institutional Equity on March 12 saying she and the male student had engaged in non-consensual sexual activity several months earlier.

In April, the University sent out a no-contact order against the male student. The female student then claimed the male student violated the directive by staying in the same dining hall as her, and the University reprimanded him via email. According to the lawsuit, however, the male's Mcard records prove he was not in the dining hall at that time.'

Betsy DeVos is right: In college sexual assault cases, due process matters

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'In a series of meetings this month, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos signaled strong disagreement with the Obama administration's aggressive erosion of due process protections for college students accused of sexual assault. While deploring the horrors of the offense, DeVos added that "a system without due process protections … serves no one."

This was a welcome change from the decrees issued by the Obama-era Office for Civil Rights (OCR), which had told colleges to avoid any due process safeguards that would "restrict or unnecessarily delay the protections provided by Title IX" to accusers.

Surveying the damage to fundamental fairness from the Obama-era policies, a recent study by UCLA professor John Villasenor concluded that an innocent student has as much as a one-in-three chance of being found guilty by today's campus sexual assault tribunals.'

Yale lifts Khan's suspension

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'Three months after a New Haven jury found him not guilty of rape, Saifullah Khan can return to Yale College — at least for now.

On June 7, Yale College Dean Marvin Chun informed Khan in an email obtained by the News that he could re-enroll in classes as early as this summer, while the University continues to evaluate a sexual misconduct complaint filed against him shortly before his arrest in November 2015.

In March, Khan was found not guilty of sexual assault in New Haven Superior Court. But he still faces an investigation by the University-wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct — which uses a lower standard of evidence than a criminal court — into the assault allegations that led to his arrest.'

'Why do feminists want us to hate men?'

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'It's easy: If it's a guy - he's bad.

Such is the status of the culture wars here in the Unites States that a professor at a prominent university was able to run a piece on the respected Washington Post entitled: "Why Can't We Hate Men?"

In her article, Suzanna Danuta Walters, a professor of sociology and director of Northeastern's Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program at Northeastern University, argues that it's time for men to simply quit, to abandon any ambitions and let women run things for a while.

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Yeah, there's a lot of #BecausePatriarchy stuff bouncing around American culture these days. For years, Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston has displayed portraits of the retired chairmen who led the hospital to greatness. Now they're taking the wall of portraits down and dispersing them. Why?

Because they're all guys. White guys.

"We need to make sure that our culture creates a sense of belonging for all," said Dr. Betsey Nabel, president of the hospital.

The problem is that these 31 guys in the portraits (all white except one) are the actual people who led the hospital to its success. Are we supposed to pretend that they didn't? Or just start pretending that they're something other than men (who we hate)?

Well, actually...'

Mindy Kaling Blames ‘Ocean’s 8’ Mixed Reviews On ‘White Male Critics’

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'So why the blah reviews? According to the critics, the all-female cast actually did a fine job in replacing the all-male cast for "Ocean's 11" and agreed the film had its charming moments. Most were in agreement, however, that the film failed in the heist portion of the script, saying it lacked originality and cleverness. In sum, the all-female cast was the least of the complaints.

Despite that glaring truth, "Ocean's 8" cast member Mindy Kaling blames the film's failure to wow critics on the overabundance of, yep, white males.

Speaking with Yahoo, Kaling said she agreed with Meryl Streep that Rotten Tomatoes allows too many white male opinions to poison the review pool.

"Meryl was talking about this, she had a great point of view about it," said Kaling. "She made movies for women but they are reviewed by men who don't necessarily value it or don't look at it in the same point of view as a woman doing it, but it seems just unfair."
...
Kaling said she refuses to base her career on "what white men wanted."

"Although if I had to base my career on what white men wanted I would be very unsuccessful, so there is obviously an audience out there who want to watch things like ['Ocean's 8'], what I work on," Kailing.

Kaling also believes that more white men would like her work if they took the time to "understand it."'

Kenya: It is not masculinity, young men are just broke

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'As I scrolled through twitter this week — when I really should have been studying for my looming exams — I stumbled upon a trend #MasculinityKE.

In a long Twitter “thread”, a young man called Mariga W. Thoithi narrated how he was invited for drinks by a bevy of beauties who ordered expensive beverages, thinking that he would pay. Knowing that he was broke at the time, he only had two beers throughout the night and proudly declared how shocked his friends were when he told the waiter that he would only be paying for his drinks and the ladies would foot their own bills.'

Feminist Bookstore Closes From Lack of Sales, Blames White Men

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'An “iconic feminist bookstore and community space” is closing in Portland, Oregon.

What could be the cause of this retailer’s failure? People don’t want to buy their books? Perhaps the rise of e-commerce?

Not in the slightest, obviously. The problem lies in white power, patriarchy and white cisgendered feminism.

That’s the takeaway from a statement posted last Monday announcing the closing of In Other Words, a volunteer-run bookstore made famous by the television show “Portlandia.” According to Oregon Public Broadcasting, the store will be closing at the end of this month — and it’s all the fault of you blue-eyed devils.

“The current volunteers and board members stepped into and took over a space that was founded on white, cis feminism (read: white supremacy). It’s really difficult, actually, impossible, for us to disentangle from that foundational ideology,” the statement said.'

This Father's Day let's call toxic masculinity what it is

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This Father's Day, men should take the left's attacks on manliness as men should – with our chins raised and a warm, manly humor in our baritones as we point out all that is good in old-fashioned manliness.

The academic left accuses manly men of having "toxic masculinity." They insinuate that manliness is to blame for the actions of sexist workplace monsters.

Instead of trying to understand the deep philosophy men of honor try to live up to, those on the left pretend manliness is only as deep as the phrase "man up." As they do, they portray men in TV sitcoms mostly as cases of arrested development – beer-swilling, barely literate frat boys.

This sexist treatment of men is pervasive throughout the mainstream media and Hollywood-led popular culture. Even Microsoft Word's thesaurus offers "chauvinist" as a synonym for "macho."

To rip down the trusses of manliness, critics act as if back to antiquity legions of thinkers, soldiers and statesmen didn't work to evolve the deep definition of what makes a good man, a man of honor.

Instead, the critics read sexism, misogyny and an Old World patriarchy into whatever remnants of manliness stubbornly hang on today.'

Abolish Father's Day? Is Misandry (man hating) Killing Our Men?

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'If you were to suggest abolishing Mother's Day, there would be a hue and cry of 'misogyny'. If you were to suggest renaming Mother's Day to 'Special Person's Day', thousands would march in the streets in protest.

But abolish Father's Day? Hmmm, yes. Let's have a conversation about that. What a jolly good idea. (I jest of course.)

This morning Good Morning Britain hosted a segment seriously discussing the abolishment of Father's Day. But it's not a new discussion. Two years ago, Judy Finnigan on Loose Women, thrilled the largely female studio audience by saying, 'I think mothers deserve a day rather more than fathers.' She got away with it. Had a man mumbled, 'I think fathers deserve a day rather more than mothers,' the nation would have screamed 'Misogynist!' and his career would have been summarily over.

But it's perfectly fine, apparently, for the shoe to be on the other foot. What is it called? Is there a word for it? Actually, there is: misandry defined 'dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against men (i.e., the male sex).' But that's okay, apparently.

It's perfectly acceptable for women to hate on men without being labeled a 'misandrist'.'

Lydia Forson tweets her disregard for fathers day celebration

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'African Movie Academy Award winning Ghanaian actress Lydia Forson has found herself facing twitter backlash after she posted a controversial tweet to her page on Fathers Day.

In a tweet which has since been deleted, the “Keteke” actress said “I don’t see Mother’s begging and reminding everyone when it’s Mother’s day. We celebrate our mothers because we want to,not because they try to guilt us into it. So focus on being GOOD fathers and you don’t have to beg to be celebrated on Father’s day. #HappyFathersDay”

The post which was sent at 4:40am on a day which is supposed to be special for fathers who have been there for their families understandably did not go down well with people on the internet who bombarded her page with furious replies which then prompted the actress to make her account private.

Lydia Forson who is a self-acclaimed feminist and women advocate has a history with controversial posts mostly about men and other happenings in the country and this is just a case of deja-vu.

She deleted the post after the backlash but we have the screenshots.'

Humor: 'Father's Day Updated To 'Toxic Masculinity Awareness Day''

Matt · 17 June 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a special session called to order Friday, Congress voted unanimously to do a complete overhaul of Father's Day, renaming the holiday "Toxic Masculinity Awareness Day" and redefining the day's meaning to encourage citizens to heap shame and disgust on all fathers, current or potential.

Americans across the country excitedly prepared to celebrate the updated holiday designed to shame fathers and all things masculine as the weekend approached.

"It was just time," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, citing the high numbers of depression and anxiety among men as "a good sign things are progressing in the right direction, but we still have a lot of work to do before all men, everywhere do the right thing and hate themselves with the appropriate level of vehemence." The new initiative seeks to have all men wailing in the streets in sackcloth and ashes, flagellating and weeping with shame and regret for their harmful, problematic masculinity.'

Karen DeCrow: We should cease thinking about men as the enemy of children and women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Every day should be Father's Day.

We've been hearing about the barbecue tools which dad would like to receive. Or, gardening equipment.

What dad should get this year is new attention to fathers. The men have been getting a bad deal.

...

For decades I have been urging equality between fathers and mothers. Although there has been progress in this direction, fathers still have a difficult time being recognized as equal parents.

Father's Day each year makes me grateful for what my father did for me. This has little to do with our relationship, and much to do with what he taught me.

...

Most of us believe that women can do what men do. The challenge is to convince employers, legislators, mothers, that men can do what women do.

So last week we celebrated Father's Day and this week I reflect on it with this message: Every day should be Father's Day.'

Feminist Academic Launching Masters Program in 'Masculinities'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Stony Brook University in Long Island, New York, will soon become the first college in the nation to offer a master's degree in the emerging field of "Masculinities."

The Master's Program in Masculinities will be a 30-credit online program offered through the school's Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities, which aims to "disseminate research that redefines gender relations to foster greater social justice."

The center counts feminist icons such as Gloria Steinem, Eve Ensler, and Jane Fonda among its Board of Directors, and it is led by Michael Kimmel, a feminist academic who most recently wrote a book on "angry white men" suffering from "aggrieved entitlement."
...
If Kimmel's proposal is approved, it will become the first master's degree in "Masculinities" ever to be offered.'

Israel: 'You've declared war on the male gender!'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Family Movement Chairman Gil Ronen was expelled today from a Committee for the Advancement of the Status of Women hearing chaired by MK Aida Touma Sliman (Joint Arab List), after MK Merav Ben-Ari (Kulanu) interrupted Ronen, shouting "every week a woman is murdered here."

Sliman deprived Ronen of the floor, and when he replied that the committee had "declared war on the male gender," she ordered the Knesset Guard to expel him.

The meeting was intended to discuss data presented to MK Nachman Shai (Zionist Union) showing about 70% of cases against men accused of domestic violence close without trial.

Police and prosecution representatives explained the reasons for closing or not closing a case are professional and based on preponderance of evidence, witnesses, etc. The Committee Chair did not accept the statements and claimed a decline in the domestic violence prosecution rate, warning that if the trend continues, women might be afraid to complain.

Ronen was recognized and said that he accepts the domestic violence issue's importance and agrees that physical injury is usually more severe when a man raises a hand on a woman than in opposite cases. However, he noted, studies presented in Knesset by senior researchers show that women are no less violent than men in conjugal relationships, including severe violence and attempted murder.

Ronen also mentioned the Kohelet Forum study from 2016 revealing that among women's complaints against men there are "dozens of percent false complaints".

Ronen said the Committee and authorities had slid into demonization of the male gender and that the Committee should not apply political pressure on researchers committed to doing their work professionally.'

Patriarchy or no, it’s good to have dad around on Father’s Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The radical feminist assault on men is certainly no gift to our children. To be sure, single moms can achieve great things, and grandparents, as was the case for President Obama, can raise an outstanding human being. But both girls and boys clearly benefit from the presence of two parents, which usually means a mom and dad. Of course, we should also favor the adoption of children into gay couples or by a single parent as vastly preferable to an abusive home or none at all.

But overall children raised in intact families generally do much better than those raised by one parent. This is particularly true for poor children, and racial minorities, where the lack of two parents, usually dads, is directly tied to declining economic mobility; over two-thirds of black children are raised single-parent, and are usually fatherless. No amount of fashionable sociological gibberish can replace the simple truth that kids raised with both parents do better in school, in society and life.

...

The role of men is different but not inferior. Active paternal involvement can contribute greatly to a child’s cognitive development, notes a recent British study. Fathers, in most case, are also far more likely still to serve as the primary family breadwinners with full-time jobs, particularly when children are small. For their part, two-thirds of mothers, notes Pew, would prefer to work part-time or not at all.'

Progressive activists ruined Father's Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sorry dads, but if you weren't willing to take on Progressive immigration policies or address your so-called toxic masculinity, you weren't allowed to enjoy Father's Day. Actually, if you follow the advice of many of the Left's most extreme voices, you should have spent yesterday apologizing to all of mankind. Strike than: humankind (no more gendering words!).
...
Second: toxic masculinity!

That's the new phrase Progressive feminists like to throw out there, an attempt to blame men (straight, white men, in particular) for every societal or even personal woe. And boy were these activists triggered. Father's Day? You mean for men!? Haven't the straight, white patriarchy benefitted enough!?!? We can't celebrate them!

So rather than take a moment to celebrate the fathers and father figures in our life, we had to get angry and political. NBC News declared, in what I promise isn't a satirical piece:

This weekend is Father's Day, a holiday typically celebrated with displays of testosterone and gendered clichés. It's also as good a time as any to acknowledge that there is indeed a crisis of masculinity. But it isn't caused by feminism and changing gender norms. Rather, men experience violence and oppression because norms are not changing. And it is, in general, powerful men who enforce these unhelpful and sometimes dangerous masculine expectations, not tyrannous feminist women.
...
Unfortunately for the dads out there, these thirsty Progressive activists needed attention and you were the victims. Because Progressive activists have to ruin everything.'

‘Hate has no place here’: University responds to prof’s call to hate men

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'Northeastern University recently defended a professor while simultaneously distancing itself from her advocacy of hatred after the professor announced her misandry in a national newspaper.
...
It is unclear if Waters discriminates against male students who enroll in her classes. Numerous Northeastern faculty members and officials, including Title IX coordinator Mark Jannoni and the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies department did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Reached via email, campus spokeswoman Shannon Nargi emailed The College Fix a statement that simultaneously seemed to denounce Waters while defending her call for hatred as a “controversial idea.”

“Northeastern University steadfastly supports a safe and inclusive learning and working environment in which hate has no place,” the statement reads. “The university has more than 1,000 faculty members whose viewpoints span the entire political spectrum. Consistent with our unwavering commitment to academic freedom, the opinions of an individual professor do not reflect the views of the university or its leadership.”

“Northeastern is committed to fostering an environment in which controversial ideas can be discussed, debated and challenged,” the release continued.'

SPLC settles suit for over $3 million over false labeling

Matt · 20 June 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Significant to the MRM because the SPLC has listed several MRM-related groups or web sites (incl. MANN) as "hate groups". Excerpt:

'No fewer than 60 organizations branded "hate groups" or otherwise attacked by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) are considering legal action against the left-wing smear factory, a Christian legal nonprofit leader confirmed to PJ Media on Tuesday. He suggested that the $3 million settlement and apology the SPLC gave to Maajid Nawaz and his Quilliam Foundation on Monday would encourage further legal action.

"We haven't filed anything against the SPLC, but I think a number of organizations have been considering filing lawsuits against the SPLC, because they have been doing to a lot of organizations exactly what they did to Maajid Nawaz that's part of the settlement," Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, told PJ Media on Tuesday.

Liberty Counsel filed a lawsuit against the charity navigation organization GuideStar for defamation, after GuideStar adopted the SPLC's "hate group" list. That lawsuit is ongoing.
...
Importantly, "the allegations that were at issue here were very similar to the allegations against the other groups," the Liberty Counsel chairman explained. "The SPLC promotes false propaganda, demonizes and labels groups they disagree with, and that labeling has economic as well as physical consequences."

The SPLC started as a group to oppose racist terrorism, and its first legal action targeted the Ku Klux Klan. In recent decades, the organization has begun marking mainstream organizations as "hate groups" on par with the KKK. Last year, 47 nonprofit leaders denounced the SPLC's "hate list" in an open letter to the media. The SPLC has admitted that its "hate group" list is based on "opinion."'

"IT men = incel danger"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'THE WORLD HAS recently become more terrifyingly aware of incels, which, if you don't already know, stands for "involuntary celibate." It's an underground coalition of mainly men who complain about how society actively and unfairly deprives them of sex, often, they say, because they are too ugly or too fat.

It is, of course, nonsense. Incels are usually conspiracy theorists, not victims, who believe the world is purposely denying them their fundamental right to sex on demand—and who share many values and tactics with white supremacist, men's rights, and alt-right groups. Self-declared incels encourage violent acts, including the "incel rebellion" in Toronto that killed 10 people and injured 20 more.

What hasn't been discussed much is their presence in our everyday lives, including our workplaces. Like many groups of young men whose misogynistic beliefs gestate online, incels often work in the tech industry and in engineering—and because of tech's long-standing, well-quantified lack of women and other underrepresented groups, it's a natural fit.

Technology plays a central role for these hate groups, as a career and as a weapon. On incel forums, they pride themselves on their tech contributions; they joke that the world would collapse without them to maintain network infrastructures, and that their companies would fail without them. They move seamlessly among online hate group forums where racism and misogyny feed on one another.'

Peterson on 'Toxic Masculinity' Training in Kindergarten: 'Appalling' That Schools Are 'Pushing This Nonsense'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Canadian psychologist Prof. Jordan Peterson shared his views on a University of Wisconsin-Whitewater professor's argument that “toxic masculinity” should be taught to children as early as kindergarten.

Kathleen Elliott argues in an issue of "On The Horizon," an academic journal, that there are "consequences of simplified, toxic forms of masculinity in schools and society."

Campus Reform reported that Elliott wrote that the media promotes “aspects of toxic masculinity such as physical strength, dominance, and heterosexual prowess.”

Peterson said that "you'd have to be a fool" to teach young children such a concept.
...
Peterson added that it's difficult to even define what "toxic masculinity" is.

"Where's the crisis?" he asked. "Why would we turn the education of our children over to idiot ideologues?"'

How To Overthrow The New Master Race: Western Women

Minuteman · 21 June 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The Western man has achieved great wealth, intellectual attainment, technological advancement, medical breakthrough, and the highest status in the world at breakneck speed in the modern era. But as all good things must come to an end, the Western man is drifting quickly towards the edges of the whirlpool due largely to his own actions.

Historians will debate the reasons for this inevitable fall. I put it to you that chief among them was the willful abdication of the Western man's preeminent status in favor of the Western woman.

Little did these men understand that female nature, at its core, employs the strategy of obtaining "MORE" to the point where men have now become dispossessed of the pinnacle of social power. The Western woman sits atop this pinnacle and is now the most privileged, exalted, coddled, empowered, shielded, and defended demographic group in the world while the Western man is her minion. Some evidence of the problem is as follows.
...
NEVER HELP A WOMAN FOR ANYTHING UNLESS SHE IS A FAMILY MEMBER OR A SEXUAL PARTNER

Treat all other women as if they are on their own when they are in a pickle. Pass by the woman with a flat tire. Never intervene on behalf of a woman in your personal life. Treat them as if they are on their own.

NEVER EMPLOY WOMEN BEYOND CLERICAL, CUSTOMER SERVICE OR SUPPORT ROLES

Although this practice can be legally challenged, clever employers know that spending a little on legal defense early can prevent years of huge costs later.

END ALL PLATONIC FRIENDSHIPS WITH WESTERN WOMEN

Women, unless they are sleeping with you, are to be treated as the enemy which wants to exploit you for whatever money, attention, and services you can provide. See women purely as providers of sex and children only. If you want to have platonic friendships with women, do so outside of Western society where women still respect men as leaders.

VOTE IN EACH AND EVERY FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ELECTION BUT NEVER AGAIN VOTE FOR A FEMALE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

It has been said that "Elections are less about voting for someone and more about voting against someone else."

FILE OFFICIAL GRIEVANCES, COMPLAINTS, AND LAWSUITS AGAINST WOMEN WHENEVER YOU CAN AS A PURE ACT OF WAR

Women rule the roost in Western institutions, so these actions go a long way towards changing discriminatory attitudes towards men in favor of women.

TRAVEL TO AND DEVELOP COMFORT IN NON-WESTERN COUNTRIES

And increasingly invest and spend your wealth there as an act of defiance. Starving the West of male consumption revenue will hasten the economic demise of female supremacy and leave it vulnerable to overthrow from within or from without.

WHEN THE ISLAMIST OR MIGRANT UPRISING GOES INTO FULL TILT IN THE WEST, REFUSE TO FIGHT IT AND JUST LET IT BE.

Hostile outside forces are the means to re-masculinizing the West. Use these enemies of your enemy to do your

dirty work for you because when it is all said and done, Western men will rise to the top in any male-dominated society.'

Woman who lied about rape at Michigan college sentenced to jail

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who lied about being raped in a Michigan college parking lot was sentenced to 45 days in jail.

Mary Zolkowski, 21, pleaded guilty to falsely reporting a felony in March. Zolkowski said she told her mother she had been raped in February by a stranger in the parking lot of Delta College southwest of Bay City, Michigan. She said her mother called the campus, and then Zolkowski completed a report.

Delta College police were unable to verify her story, and Zolkowski later admitted it was false.

"I was assaulted previously, not at Delta's campus," Zolkowski said in March, MLive reports. "And because I was ashamed of circumstances of that, when my mother called, I vented through Delta, which was very wrong of me. I should have been truthful from the very beginning, and I used Delta."
...
False reports of sexual assault are rare — 2 to 10 percent, according to studies cited by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.'

Lawsuit accuses uni of anti-male bias in sexual assault case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Texas A&M University swimmer filed a lawsuit against the school on Monday, claiming that he was wrongly held responsible and disciplined by a Title IX investigation in 2015.

According to the lawsuit, Austin Van Overdam was found responsible for the alleged sexual assault of female TAMU student Hannah Shaw, whom he met on the social media dating app, Tinder.

...

During the hearing conducted by the TAMU Student Conduct Office, which heard testimony from both parties but reviewed no other evidence, Shaw claimed that she consented to two of the three sexual acts while Van Overdam maintained that all sexual contact was consensual, according to the lawsuit.

Despite the contradicting testimony, the administrative hearing panel found Van Overdam responsible for one of the four charges, deeming that the first and third sexual acts were consensual while the second was not, consistent with Shaw's testimony.'

Women-only tech scholarships, ‘Man Tax’ violate California discrimination laws: lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A lawyer who specializes in securing equal treatment for both sexes under California law is taking on new territory: women-only scholarships.

Last week Alfred Rava filed suit on behalf of two male students who were barred from applying for a scholarship that is explicitly intended to “introduce women interested in careers in cybersecurity to the financial community.”

The Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center, a member-owned nonprofit that “share[s] timely, relevant and actionable physical and cyber security threat and incident information” among nearly 7,000 members, excludes male applicants from the only scholarship it offers, the two-year-old Building Cybersecurity Diversity scholarship.

American recipients of the $5,000 scholarship also get networking opportunities and an all-expenses-paid trip to the FS-ISAC summit this fall in Chicago, where they can meet top executives in the industry.

“Imagine the uproar, the protests, and the calls for a boycott by feminists and other equal rights activists” If FS-ISAC only made a scholarship available to males, the June 14 lawsuit filed in San Diego Superior Court begins:'

Uni expands female-only program despite low male enrollment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite ongoing issues with male enrollment, the University of Denver is set to expand its female-only program designed to promote female success.

Founded in 1888, the Colorado Women's College initially sought to provide educational access to women at a time when they were largely excluded from higher education. By 1982, however, it merged with DU, and by 2016, it ceased granting degrees.

To this day, the CWC continues to operate as an arm of DU, employing five full-time staffers, offering research grants, and hosting events throughout the year dedicated to "the advancement of women and girls."

Events from last year included an alumni panel titled "Femme in STEM," an art exhibit dedicated to "Celebrating Colorado Women and their Extraordinary Stories," as well as a celebration for female students who graduated in the summer.'

UK: Crew call for comedy piece in London

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Crew call for stand up comedy special, as part of feature-length documentary, The Free Model: Producer - £12 p.h. Three broadcast-quality camera owner/operators w/ sound equipment - £12 p.h. Runner - £10 p.h. Security - £12 p.h. Editor - £12 p.h. In a previous scene… Central London clothes-shopping street (High Noon) Cameraman (to passing women): 'What should a man do on a first date if he wants a second date?'

Woman 1: 'Pay.' Woman 2: 'Er… I'm gonna say… he should pay.' Woman 3: 'He should be FUNNY - and be good looking. …and pay. My name is Tom Martin - a pasty, balding, failed, men's rights activist (as opposed to all those successful men's rights activists out there), now directing The Free Model, an epic feature-length documentary on a mission - to encourage the single women of the world, to pay their halves, with me - so next up, I am preparing to perform 15 minutes of stand up comedy, in front of a small live audience of random passersby, in an intimate, deeply offensive to prostitutes, early evening showcase, to be filmed at a central London venue - the live audience unaware, it's my first ever attempt at stand up.'

All men guilty?

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'The fashionable idea that all men are somehow responsible for a culture of rape and violence is not supported by the evidence... In Sweden, for example, a population-based study that looked at more than two million people from 1975 to 2004 found that only 1 per cent of the population were responsible for 63.2 per cent of all crimes recorded ... That's a tiny percentage of the population responsible for the vast majority of offending.

The same holds true for sexual assault... The fact is that recidivist offenders are responsible for the vast bulk of all crimes, and unfortunately these individuals are the least likely to be persuaded by rehabilitation campaigns or public education efforts.

"But what about domestic violence?" one may ask...

It is true that women experience the most serious forms of domestic violence... Yet intimate-partner violence is not a male-only domain. In an Australian study, lesbians were likelier to report having been in an abusive relationship than gay men (41 per cent and 28 per cent respectively)... The feminist theory that claims violence is a tool used by men systematically to oppress women as a collective fails to account for such data. It also fails to account for the Nordic paradox.'

Award-Winning Global Leadership Expert Holly Dowling Inspires "Not All Men Are Monsters" Movement

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'Award-winning global leadership expert and motivational speaker Holly Dowling—who in the past 20 years has impacted millions of hearts and minds worldwide, including Fortune 500 executives and her “A Celebration Of You” podcast listeners in 87 countries—recently started her “Not All Men Are Monsters” (#NotAllMen) movement, inspired by her own #MeToo experience. She first wrote about her vision to celebrate men in a Thrive Global article, “How I Rekindled My Light,” and subsequently discussed it in an interview with Dave Sanderson—Tony Robbin’s prior security director and a survivor of “Miracle on the Hudson”—for his popular “Declassified” show.

Dowling says, “I started discussing #NotAllMen in the #MeToo era because it’s important to recognize that not all men are bad or wrong. This topic has weighed heavy on my heart, and I felt the need to share my own personal experience where I was at the hands of a monstrous man—yet I know that there are so many good men out there. It is a vital time to have these sensitive conversations between men and women.”

The #NotAllMen idea has been met with an unprecedented amount of support from women and men alike. According to Sanderson, “Holly’s ‘Men are not Monsters’ interview/presentation on ‘Dave Sanderson: Declassified’ is his highest rated guest ‘Daily Flash Briefing’ he has had with over 8,000 listens to date!”'

UK: Former MP blasts police as woman who made false child rape allegations against him is to face no charge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former MP has launched a scathing attack on ‘politically correct’ police after they ruled a woman who made false child sex allegations against him should not be prosecuted for perverting the course of justice.

John Hemming said their refusal to seek charges against his accuser Esther Baker undermined the criminal justice system and would encourage ‘other fantasists’ to make bogus paedophile claims.

He hit out after Staffordshire Police informed him via email that following a ‘review’ of his allegations, it had decided there was ‘insufficient evidence’ to proceed with the case and no further action would be taken.

The email came more than three years after Mr Hemming first alleged to the force that Miss Baker had perverted the course of justice over her claims of child sex abuse. And it came nine months after the Crown Prosecution Service ruled that there was insufficient evidence to charge him over her paedophile accusations.'

In Their Own Voices: Former feminists Explain Their Rejection of Feminism

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'This collection of women's essays and narratives will have a powerful effect on any reader who comes to it with an open mind. Many of the writers herein – happy pro-male warrior Karen Straughan, Australian psychologist and sex therapist Bettina Arndt, video-blogging champion of the falsely accused Diana Davison, academic contrarian and author of the popular Fiamengo File series, Janice Fiamengo – are now old hands at beating against the feminist current. They know both sides of every argument, but their opponents, like other ideologues, cannot conceive of another "side" and as a result, often lose debates that are judged on evidence and reason.

A more recent desistor from feminism, whose "conversion" aroused strong controversy, is Cassie Jaye, whose film, The Red Pill, chronicled her investigation of the men's rights movement. She assumed she would find evidence to denounce it; instead she found evidence to renounce her assumptions.

"Meeting my Enemy," Jaye's narrative, opens the book. In it, Jaye admits that up until she made the documentary, she had never really listened to men's claims for sympathy. But as a documentarian, she forced herself to listen carefully, and noted her responses.'

Cops: Woman Forced Ex To Have Sex At Machete-Point

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A machete-wielding Montana woman broke into her ex-boyfriend's home, directed him to disrobe, and then forced him to have sex with her, according to police.

As detailed in a criminal complaint, Samantha Mears, 19, entered the victim's Great Falls residence Friday when he was not home. When the man returned, Mears "confronted him from behind with a machete." Mears then allegedly told the man to "get on the bed and remove his clothes."

The victim told police that he complied with Mears "for fear of his safety," adding that he "did not feel he could leave the room at that time without being hurt by Mears."

Investigators charge that after Mears removed her pants, she climbed atop the victim "and they engaged in intercourse." The victim said that Mears--who was holding the machete--bit him on the arm and "continued to have sex with him after he attempted to end" the encounter.'

Terry Crews Delivers Powerful Testimony Against ‘Toxic Masculinity’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With most of the media’s eyes trained on the Supreme Court Tuesday morning, actor and former NFL player Terry Crews quietly delivered a powerful condemnation of “toxic masculinity” on Capitol Hill.

Crews, a star of the sitcom Brooklyn 99 who is also known for roles like the Trump-esque President Camacho in Mike Judge’s Idiocracy, appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee to make the case for legislation known as The Sexual Assault Survivors’ Bill of Rights, as proposed by Rise founder Amanda Nguyen. And he was speaking from personal experience.

“I am an actor, author, former athlete, advocate and a survivor of a sexual assault,” Crews said by way of introduction. After a year in which many powerful abusers in Hollywood were finally held to account and the mostly women who spoke out against them were subject to often vicious backlash, Crews said, “I wanted these survivors to know that I believe them, I supported them and that this happened to me too.”

Opinion: #MeToo, Persky and erosion of mercy in criminal justice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Santa Clara County voters recently recalled Judge Aaron Persky, the judge who sentenced Stanford student Brock Turner to six months in jail to be followed by three years' probation and lifetime sex offender registration.

As a public defender, I do not see this as a victory for justice. As a feminist, I do not see this as a victory for civil rights.

The #MeToo movement is – perhaps unintentionally – pushing mercy out of the courtroom and replacing it with spite.
...
By advocating for removal of judges willing to exhibit leniency like Persky but backing behavior of judges like Aquilina , #MeToo advocates support a culture in which judges are more focused on satisfying public appetite for vengeance than carefully crafting an appropriate and fair sentence for each unique case.

Effects of the Persky recall will be felt by the people who make up the majority of accused people in our criminal courts – poor people, people of color, people who are not afforded the opportunities that I and so many of us had while growing up.'

UK: Government scraps proposed women's 'community prisons' in new strategy to reduce female offending

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'Women should no longer be sent to prison unless they have committed a serious crime, the Justice Secretary says today, as he unveils a "step change" in the way the justice system deals with female offenders.

Ministers want to "break the cycle" of sending women to jail after it emerged less than 40 women behind bars in England and Wales have committed a violent offence and most others are serving just a few months for crimes like shoplifting.

David Gauke will today announce plans for five new residential women's centres where offenders will get help with drug and alcohol problems, educational support and counselling instead of being locked up.'

Stony Brook Prof: Black Men Shouldn’t Speak in Public Without Studying Black Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A professor at Stony Brook University argued last week that black men shouldn’t be allowed to speak in public until they have studied black feminist literature.

“I don’t think black men should be allowed to speak about race in public without having first studied black feminism but that’s just me..,” Fleming wrote. She followed it up with a similar, more broad, tweet. “Amend that: I don’t think black men should be allowed to speak about ANYTHING in public without first studying black women’s work.”'

Book Review: "Doyle's War: Save the Males"

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Doyle's War: Save the Males. By R. F. Doyle. Forest Lake, Minnesota: Poor Richard's Press, February 2018. www.amazon.com. No price stated on book, but website gives price for book as US 14.95. 352 pages. Review by J. Steven Svoboda. [Ed. Note: See https://www.amazon.com/Doyles-War-Males-Original-published/dp/1492871192]

Richard Doyle, longtime editor of the Liberator newsmagazine (may it rest in peace), is a revered veteran who has been toiling away for the better part of six decades on behalf of men's rights. Among other recognition he has received, the National Coalition for Men has honored him for his considerable achievements. In recent years, Mr. Doyle has turned his efforts to pen the book Doyle's War: Save the Males, which has gone through title changes and almost continual revisions by the author since its first appearance. (Full disclosure: I have spent some brief yet treasured time with Mr. Doyle and am deeply impressed by his commitment, achievements, and persistence. This review of the latest edition updates my 2006 review of the first edition, my 2007 review of the fourth edition, and my 2014 review of the sixth edition.)

One thing one hopefully learns in working on "men's rights," which in my view is more properly viewed as "everyone's rights," is that political categories and indeed, demographic categories of any sort, need not and should not divide us. What we need today more than anything else is someone who can speak with authority and knowledge, and Mr. Doyle provides both in spades. His "purpose is to rescue men, not to denigrate women." Almost so obvious that it need not be stated but in these days, who can be faulted for caution and care?

As the author himself notes ("This is not a polished, professionally written Ph.D.-level tome"), what you will not get in this book is the most smoothly written, balanced, open-minded book in the history of writing about men and masculinity. Doyle is his own man and calls things as he sees them. Few readers are going to agree with the author on all particulars. What a relief! Instead we get an often delightful, occasionally short-tempered, and definitely opinionated writer prepared to challenge even those of us who have been working for genuine gender equity for many years. Such a commitment to truth and justice that has endured so long is truly worthy of our admiration and indeed, our profound respect and thanks.

Thankfully, the author has reworked what in earlier editions was a somewhat abrasive introduction that was a bit lacking in nuance. The new introduction lays out for us Doyle's perspectie while hopefully hanging onto readers that might otherwise have been lost, who instead will find that there is plenty of gold to be panned from this book.

For an esteemed old-timer, Doyle has done an impressive job integrating recent developments into his book. Several recent examples of female violence against children are included as many still do not realize that women's equality also encompasses their capacity and propensity for family violence, which is comparable to men's. The discussion of the 2014 fabricated Rolling Stone rape story is apposite. He points out the ludicrousness of the 2013 repassage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in a context in which rates of sexual violence have fallen by 64% (!) in the past decade. Recent examples the author has collected of certifiably insane sentences pronounced against men by various courts are in themselves worth several times the exceedingly modest price of admission.

The senselessness of prosecuting prostitution customers ("johns") but not prostitutes is exposed amidst a more general context of the criminalization of sex and of male sexuality. Some dreadful stories are offered up of an eighteen-year-old boy working at a carnival being convicted for literally doing his job of buckling children into a carnival ride, and of a boy convicted for accidentally urinating in a girl's presence. Also included are a number of updated stories regarding female criminals and the courts' willingness to bend over backwrads to avoid punishing them for their crimes.

Mr. Doyle has a knack for deftly crystallizing the essence of a thorny situation. For example, he points out that under existing no-fault divorce law, "a person could lose an ancestral farm worked by his family for generations to a tramp mate of a few years and not even be permitted to raise the issue of her conduct in the marriage." On the

next page, he succinctly sums up the confluence of diverse forces that have teamed up to put countless men through the living hell of divorce and lost contact with children: “An unholy alliance of the divorce system and feminist philosophy has been instrumental in relieving women of marriage obligations, while assuring them of its advantages and denying them to men.” Later we learn of an unbelievably sad and unfair yet all too typical eight ball that one man confronted: “It’s crazy; one branch of the human services department told him he could no longer see the girl [his daughter] because he was not the father, while another said he owed over $10,000 and couldn’t have a driver’s license because he was the father.”

I can’t think of another book I have read that so efectively addresses so many areas that are generally neglected by authors and are swept under the rug by society in general. One is the high cost of divorce, which must be a compelling topic in these financially challenging days, even for those who manage to avoid compassion for the sad victims caught in the jaws of divorce court. Over a decade ago, we learn, the annual cost of American divorces was over $30 billion, and doubtless that figure would be much higher today. A second usually overlooked topic is female police officers, who, the author tells us, participate in several times more shootings than do males. Doyle provides some updated examples of this as well as of (males) wresting guns from female officers and shooting someone whose death would otherwise not have occurred. A third issue that many folks have stopped talking about is the pro-female discrimination that facilitates female participation in the military. The same performance level earns women higher grades than men and promotions over men who may in fact be superior officers. The military has fallen so far that, Doyle notes in this updated edition, male soldiers are forced to wear “pregnancy simulators” to teach sympathy for pregnant soldiers!

Mr. Doyle provides generally excellent if intermittently grumpy and idiosyncratic summations of pertinent issues, reading somewhat like a rumpled, less erudite (but who isn’t?) version of the late Daniel Amneus. The author’s proposals near the end of the book are often fresh and engaging, and frequently provocative, while varying in practicality for actual implementation. Mr. Doyle suggests creating defaults for custody awards that are based on the age and sex of the child. Younger children will tend to be placed with Mom, while older kids, particularly boys, will live with Dad, while some room is included for consideration of individual circumstances.

The author has a point, and it’s one that is not made as often as it might be despite its obviousness, that when something is incentivized, there tends to be more of it. So it is that welfare has incentivized wives to separate from their husbands without as much fear of economic problems as they would have in a world without welfare. So it is that families are divided and children get less time with their fathers and often also less time with their mothers.

Mr. Doyle and I will never fully agree on politics, and that’s fine, but I do wish he would curb his tendency toward partisan shots cross the bow, as it will needlessly limit his audience. The same goes for his strong views on abortion and homosexuality, the former of which I respect and which I enjoyed reading and found thought-provoking up to a point. The latter is becoming increasingly out of step with the acceptance in recent years of gay marriage.

On the other hand, what an excellent juxtaposition Mr. Doyle found, contrasting the Florida court’s ruling preventing a man from having a voice regarding his wife’s abortion with many states’ requirements that a man seeking a vasectomy have his wife’s written permission. The author ably justifies his provocative contention that women have a higher obligation to chastity, and makes some interesting proposals regarding marriage a few pages later.

If you have a pulse, you simply must not miss reading this truly unique book for its insightful suggestions and fiery, quirky summary of the current state of males. It offers the reader a ride worth many times the ticket price and receives my highest recommendation.

Mother to son: There's a vast difference between 'mansplaining' and 'momsplaining'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Well, I never thought it would happen to me – a strong, forceful, competent woman — but yesterday my son attempted to “mansplain” in my presence.

At first, I was incredulous. Had my 21-year-old taken a fall? Was he concussed? Because there had to be an explanation for his behavior beyond the obvious conjecture that he had a death wish.

How he thought, that I, still being of sound mind and body and female, would welcome his lecture disguised as chit-chat baffled my maternal mind.

About three minutes into his “splaining” I stopped him mid-sentence, gave him some serious side eye and asked, “Do you realize your mansplaining to your mother?”

...

He laughed saying, “Mom, you're the queen of talking down to people, but even worse than that you add in an over-share, making it awkward and creepy.”

And then it hit me. This poor child was mistaking motherly superiority with being patronizing. I dutifully explained that always knowing what’s best for one’s family and sharing those unfiltered thoughts isn’t condescending it’s called being a mom — as in mother knows best.'

US in Top Ten for danger to women

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'The U.S. has been ranked in the top 10 most dangerous countries for women, making it the only Western nation to be named among the world's worst guarantors of female rights and safety.

The Thomson Reuters Foundation surveyed 500 experts to determine where women were most at risk. Countries were ranked in six key areas: health care, sexual violence, nonsexual violence, cultural practices, discrimination and human trafficking.

Nine of the top 10 nations were in Asia, the Middle East or Africa. The only Western nation included was the U.S., which the foundation said was directly related to the #MeToo movement that rocked American society in the wake of rape and sexual harassment allegations against high-profile figures in 2017.'

Feminist prof doubles-down on call to 'hate men'

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'The professor who recently claimed that women “have every right” to “hate” men has defended her remarks by claiming that “it makes obvious sense for women to have rage.”

The controversy began on June 8, when Northeastern University Women’s Studies Professor Suzanna Danuta Walters penned an op-ed in The Washington Post titled “Why Can’t We Hate Men?” in which she outlines various justifications for hating men who do not subordinate themselves to feminist concerns.
...
“So, in this moment, here in the land of legislatively legitimated toxic masculinity, is it really so illogical to hate men?” Walters writes, going on to blame men en masse for a litany of issues including structural inequality and the lack of women in office.
...
“Pledge to vote for feminist women only. Don’t run for office. Don’t be in charge of anything. Step away from the power. We got this,” she writes, appearing invoke a phrase popularized by Chelsea Manning, who was convicted of espionage in 2013.'
...
Although Walters later claimed that she doesn’t hate men, her June 8 essay concludes by by noting that “We have every right to hate you. You have done us wrong. #BecausePatriarchy.”

After the article was published, Walters granted an interview with the sympathetic Chronicle of Higher Education, during which she told reporter Alexander Kafka that she doesn’t “hate men in some generic way.”

“My point here was to say it makes obvious sense for women to have rage, legitimate rage, against a group of people that has systematically abused them,” she wrote, adding that she could likewise ask “why can’t we hate white people?”

Neutrality puts men on the side of the oppressor, she added.'

Another Viewpoint: Why feminists must read Jordan Peterson

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'One of the most controversial public intellectuals today is an eccentric, primly dressed professor who writes about esoteric mythology, dispenses old-fashioned wisdom such as “clean your room” and champions embattled ideals of manhood.

Jordan Peterson, University of Toronto professor, psychologist, bestselling author and YouTube star, has been hailed by some as a messenger of hope for young men perplexed by cultural upheaval, and denounced by others as a charlatan preaching patriarchy and fascism.

In reality, Peterson’s ideas are a mixed bag.

He says some sensible and insightful things, and he says some things that rightly draw criticism. But you wouldn’t know this from reading Peterson’s critics, who generally cast him as a far-right boogeyman riding the wave of a misogynistic backlash.

That’s a mistake.

For all his flaws, Peterson is tapping into a very real frustration: More than half a century after the modern feminist revolution began in the 1960s, we have yet to figure out new rules for partnership between men and women.

Although Peterson can sound like a chauvinistic crank when he seems to suggest that women incite sexual harassment by wearing makeup to the office, his larger points — that evolving norms are generating confusion and mixed signals, and that women play a role in sexualizing work environments — are far from absurd.'

There’s A Chilling New Call For Women To Reject Feminism. We Must Fight It At All Costs.

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'During the segment, the conservative author admitted that “all reasonable people, myself included, believe women are the full legal, moral, ethical, equals of men” and that feminism did “many good things.” But in the next breath, she stated that “feminism took some wrong turns by endorsing, first of all, the sexual revolution.”

She continued:

"Have we had enough of crotch grabbers and penis tweeters in this society? Because all of that is what the sexual revolution has gifted us. That, the so-called rape culture on college campuses, hookup culture, the hostility between men and women — feminism has to take some responsibility because they were cheerleaders for all of that. They thought it was part of women’s liberation to endorse that.”

Charen went on to argue that feminism championed “destroying the old standards about courtship, sexual continence, about dating — that sex needed to be kept within its box” and lamented the fact that “the sexual revolution said there are no standards — anything goes and if it’s sexual, great.”

College student sues woman for $6 million claiming her false rape accusation has destroyed his life

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'A college student is suing a woman for $6million because he says her unsubstantiated claims that he raped her after a drunken frat party have 'destroyed' his life.

Catherine Reddington, 22, has claimed repeatedly via social media that Alex Goldman raped her following a party in April last year at Syracuse University's Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity in upstate New York.

She informed police and the university of the rape accusations in the days after the party and has taken to social media several times in the past month to reveal the details of her alleged assault.

Goldman, also 22, was expelled from Syracuse University after the claims surfaced and more recently was fired from his summer internship with an engineering firm when his accuser informed them of the allegations.

He was never arrested or charged over the incident.'

Editorial: Lawmakers should say no to 'yes means yes'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The #MeToo phenomenon, along with a movement to punish and prevent sexual assaults on college campuses, has drawn significant attention to protecting women and combating abuse at all levels. Now some Michigan lawmakers want to fight assault by teaching K-12 youth to abide by an affirmative consent standard.

That may sound like a fine idea, but it sets up unrealistic expectations for romantic encounters. And as we've seen on college campuses, such standards often erode due process rights for those accused of assault.

Legislators are looking to require Michigan schools with sexual education programs to include focused lessons on affirmative consent, otherwise known as "yes means yes."

Sen. Curtis Hertel, D-East Lansing, introduced SB 620 in October, and Rep. Tom Cochran, D-Mason, introduced HB 5734 in March. Both bills are waiting for hearings from the respective education committees. Supporters of the bills claim the "no means no" standards are outdated and do not stress the importance of clarity. To correct this problem, they are seeking for sexual education courses to teach students that "yes means yes."

Essentially, students would learn that consent requires unambiguous affirmation. And they would be taught that consent must be given continuously — every step of the way.'

New Swedish law recognises sex without consent as rape

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'A tough new law that will recognise sex without explicit consent as rape comes into effect in Sweden on Sunday, after the country was rocked by the #MeToo movement denouncing sexual harassment and assault.

The law stipulates that a person has committed rape if they have been part of a sexual act in which the other person has not participated "freely".

Rape had previously been defined as a sexual act carried out with the use of violence or threat.

Now for someone to face rape charges, "it is no longer necessary that violence or threats were applied, or that the aggressor took advantage of the victim's particularly vulnerable situation," according to the government.

Courts will need to pay particular attention to whether consent was expressed with words, gestures or in another manner, and judges will have to rule on the issue, according to the law passed in May.

Judge Anna Hannell, who helped create the law, said there was "absolutely no requirement to formally say 'yes', to hit a button in an app or anything else of the same type".

"Simply participating physically is a sign of consent," she told Swedish news agency TT.'

Judge approves subpoena for Obama records on anti-male bias in campus rape cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When a federal judge dismissed part of a male student's Title IX lawsuit against his university last fall, she cited the binding precedent of her appeals court.

Now that the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has changed its precedent, Judge Susan Dlott has revised her ruling in a case against the University of Cincinnati.

Plaintiff Tyler Gischel had asked the judge to reconsider her dismissal of his claims for "selective enforcement" under Title IX and violation of his equal protection and substantive due-process rights, in light of the 6th Circuit's ruling against Miami University of Ohioin February.

She granted him the first two, meaning that the University of Cincinnati is now fighting five claims from Gischel stemming from its investigation of him – but not his female sex partner – for alleged nonconsensual activity over the course of an evening nearly three years ago.'

"Vulnerable Women Are Routinely Prosecuted – And Imprisoned – For False Rape Claims In The UK"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Britain's approach stands in stark contrast to that of the US, Australia, Canada, and other European countries. Women in these countries do not typically face prosecution – let alone prison – for lying about rape, state prosecutors and experts said, because it's not considered to be in the public interest. Norway's public prosecutions authority, for example, said its priority is encouraging more victims to come forward and warned that "a low threshold for opening a false accusation case could counteract this goal".

A spokesperson for the CPS told BuzzFeed News that it prosecutes "very few cases" of false rape complaints and this should not dissuade rape victims "from coming forward to report their assault". Prosecutors treat these cases "extremely carefully" and consider the mental health and other vulnerabilities of the suspect before deciding whether to move forward.

False rape complaints can ruin lives. Even suspects who are quickly exonerated can face public scrutiny and lose their jobs and reputations. But such cases are rare: A 2012 Ministry of Justice study estimated that only 3% of rape reports were "perceived to be malicious". In contrast, most victims don't report a rape to the police and when they do, a successful prosecution is unlikely. Only one reported rape in 14 results in a conviction.'

Australia: Sarah Hanson-Young rejects Senator David Leyonhjelm's list of demands for an apology

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DAVID Leyonhjelm has unearthed a past video of Senator Sarah Hanson-Young that he says shows her making comments similar to those he took offence to.

The Liberal Democrat senator has been under fire after telling Ms Hanson-Young to "stop shagging men" during a debate in the Senate about his proposal to let women carry pepper spray and mace.

Mr Leyonhjelm has said his comment was in response to misandry from the Greens senator and while he can't remember her exact words, he said they implied all men were rapists.

While there is no record of the exact exchange in the Senate, Mr Leyonhjelm has unearthed an interview from last month that he says illustrates Ms Hanson-Young's offensive attitude.

"What she did — in effect — was say that all men are rapists, that all men are responsible for Eurydice (Dixon). That was essentially what I was reacting to in the chamber — words along the same lines," Mr Leyonhjelm told news.com.au.

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"What on Earth is going on in this country when women cannot walk home safely … I think it is really time that we confront this," Ms Hanson-Young said.

"As parents we need to teach our sons and our boys in our families to respect girls and women, and we need to make sure that we call out lewd behaviour and sexist behaviour when we see it."

In particular Mr Leyonhjelm pointed out two comments made by Ms Hanson-Young as illustrating his point: "I think women around this country are sick and tired of being made to feel responsible for the fact that men cannot control themselves and deal with their own issues," Ms Hanson-Young said.

"It is not women's fault that men behave like morons and like pigs, it is time that these people are held to account and we call out this type of behaviour."

Mr Leyonhjelm continues to reject Ms Hanson-Young's denials that she never said all men were rapists.'

How to file a Title IX complaint

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'Thousands of persons have filed Title IX complaints to the Office for Civil Rights in recent years. These persons have made complaints pertaining to sexual assault, sports opportunities, and other issues. In the past, most of these complaints alleged sex discrimination against women. But recently, complaints have been filed alleging Title IX violations against male students. Media reports have highlighted complaints that have been made against Yale University, University of Southern California, and the University of Michigan.

Whether you are male or female, SAVE encourages you to file a Title IX complaint if you believe you have been discriminated against on the basis of your sex. If you are considering such an action, SAVE offers these considerations and recommendations:'

Book Review: 'Sex Matters: How Modern Feminism Lost Touch with Science, Love, and Common Sense'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Conservative writer and bestselling author Mona Charen tackles the hot button issue of modern feminism in her latest nonfiction book “Sex Matters: How Modern Feminism Lost Touch with Science, Love, and Common Sense.”

Mrs. Charen does not hold back on her criticisms of radical feminists and their attempt to change the movement from one that sought equality to one that tries to exert supremacy over academia, science, the arts, and society.

Using facts and statistics, she challenges the talking points of modern feminists and their allies in the Democrat Party.

The author also dispels several myths that far-left feminists have pushed into the news cycle. For example, she cites study after study that debunk the infamous statistic that one-in-five women are sexually assaulted on college campuses. Mrs. Charen does stress that rape on campus is an issue that must be addressed, but the hysteria that feminists have created have only led to the formulation of kangaroo courts, where some innocent men have been prosecuted by overzealous university administrators wanting to avoid embarrassing headlines.

The author also does an excellent job of exposing the hypocrisy behind radical feminism. She calls them out for accusing men of having "toxic masculinity" while also pushing "hook-up" culture that has been detrimental to the safety of women it is supposed to empower.'

Ireland: Woman avoids jail after being found guilty of false rape claim

Mastodon · 5 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who falsely claimed she was raped "for attention-seeking purposes" has been given a suspended sentence.

Gail Chambers, who uses a wheelchair and who has a history of wasting police time by making false allegations, concocted a "very lurid and graphic account" that she was raped in her Lurgan home in October 2015.

Newry Crown Court, sitting in Belfast, heard that the man she accused was arrested, had intimiate samples taken and was then subjected to a police interview. The court also heard this is the second time Chambers has perverting the course of justice by making a false rape claim.

After providing an alibi which proved he was shopping at an Asda store in Belfast at the same time Chambers claimed he was raping her, he was released. However, the incident has had a lasting affect on him, he had considered suicide and is having trouble living with the shame and embarrassment of being suspected of rape.'

Report: Gareon Conley suing rape accuser over false allegations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gareon Conley has apparently decided to fire back at the woman who made a huge accusation about him just over a year ago.

The situation ahead of the 2017 NFL Draft was well-documented, and it wound up costing the Oakland Raiders cornerback in a big way. Conley was accused of rape after police were told the former Ohio State star sexually assaulted a woman in a Cleveland hotel room just weeks before the draft.

When all was said and done, Conley was eventually not indicted on any charges after the case went to a grand jury. Unfortunately, this decision came after the draft was in the rearview mirror and the cornerback's image had taken a pretty big hit.

The Raiders believed Conley's side of the story and did their research, so they felt comfortable selecting him with the No. 24 pick in that draft, but he was projected to go much earlier in the first round. Due to the impact the allegations had on his draft stock, it wound up costing the Raiders top pick quite a bit of money based on how the NFL rookie wage scale is set up.'

Uni Teaches ‘Male Privilege’ With Its 'Men and Masculinities Project'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Stanford University is pushing the myth that male identity is a “social privilege,” despite numerous studies indicating that men disproportionately suffer from unique issues that circumvent their economic, educational, and social pursuits.

The claim was made by the school’s Men and Masculinities Project. The project aims to convene male students with counselors to help them develop “healthy and inclusive male identities,” almost as if male students oppress women by their very existence.

“We acknowledge that male identity is a social privilege, and the aim for this project is to provide the education and support needed to better the actions of the male community rather than marginalize others,” explains Stanford officials.

Instead of aiming to help men regain parity with women in academia -- men nationwide are less likely to attend college, and less likely to graduate in four years than women -- the school instead aims to help men “redefine masculinity.”

College men should be “active agents of positive and sustainable change on campus and in the community, striving to understand male privilege, redefine masculinity, [and] dismantle systemic structures of power and oppression,” the program states.'

More female leaders at big companies plan to give themselves raises—here’s why it’s a big deal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new survey shows that more female executives plan to give themselves a raise next year. That's good news not just for them but for American working women generally, argues the president of the Women's Presidents Organization and the founder of EY Entrepreneurial Winning Women, since it could help in the long-term fight for equal pay.

“One important part of closing the gap starts with those lucky enough to set their own salaries,” Marsha Firestone and Lisa Schiffman write in the Harvard Business Review. “What women in this category accomplish matters not only to them but also to our entire economy.”

EY's Entrepreneurial Winning Women program worked with WPO — which includes thousands of female presidents, CEOs and directors of privately held multimillion-dollar companies — to release its annual Business Outlook Survey. After surveying 413 WPO members, the organization finds that over 47 percent of women expect to give themselves a raise of 1 to 20 percent, while just over 5 percent of women plan to give themselves a raise of 20 percent or more.'

The Pay Gap At The Top Of Corporate America Is Not What You Think

'The eight female chief executive officers at the 100 largest companies in the U.S. earned $22.7 million on average last year, compared with $14.9 million for the male CEOs, according to data analyzed by compensation analytics firm Equilar.

The highest paid individuals on the list were the co-CEOs at Oracle — a woman, Safra Catz, and a man, Mark Hurd. They each earned $53.2 million, according to Equilar. Six of the other female CEOs clustered between $17 and $22 million in total compensation, which includes stock.'

19 Cornell Law Professors: Dismiss Title IX Complaint Against Graduate Student and Give Him His Ph.D.

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'Nineteen Cornell Law School professors signed onto a letter condemning the University's decision to withhold a student's Ph.D. because of the "mere filing" of a Title IX complaint against him. They urged University officials to immediately dismiss the Title IX complaint — filed just three days before the physics graduate's anticipated graduation — and to award the student, Yogesh Patil, his diploma.

The professors' June 3 letter, sent to Cornell's president, lead counsel and two Title IX officials, said the complaint against Patil is rife with "glaring factual errors" and, even if true, does not amount to a Title IX offense. Patil's accuser, a woman identified as LA, says he retaliated against her for filing a Title IX complaint against Patil's advisor, Prof. Mukund Vengalattore, by operating a website which includes information about that complaint.

"All the website did was publicly discuss a case of immense academic importance," Prof. Kevin Clermont, law, the letter's author, wrote. "If Yogesh is guilty of retaliation, then so is anyone who discusses Title IX proceedings at Cornell even without identifying details."'

South Australia (again): "'Mansplaining' ad removed from future university building site, following online criticism"

Minuteman · 5 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Please avoid, boycott and divest from South Australia. Link here. Excerpt:

'An advertisement outside a future university building in Adelaide which attracted big criticism on social media has been replaced just days after making international headlines.

The ad hoardings outside the old Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) site featured an image of five women surrounding a man talking with his arms raised.

It wasn't long before the image circulated online, with many describing it as "mansplaining".

Ad removed from hoarding
The controversial ad — which belongs to *{"White Ribbon Workplace"}* Renewal SA — has been replaced with an advertisement for an open day.
...
A spokeswoman said the photograph in discussion "was taken from a series of engagement workshops held with real university students to showcase talented students actively expressing ideas for the future of the old Royal Adelaide Hospital site".
...
"In recognition of the personal impact of the social media speculation for the individuals in the image, the image was replaced with details about the upcoming open day, on Wednesday 11 July.
...
'Master of mansplaining' post made international headlines

The advertisement was noticed around the world with one of Britain's highest-circulating newspapers, Metro, and the BBC both reporting on the ad.
...
RELATED STORY: 'Master of Mansplaining': Uni distances itself from ridiculed ad
RELATED STORY: Infuriated by condescending men? Call the Australian Mansplaining Hotline today'

Of women and frozen eggs

Matt · 7 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Slow news day so I thought I'd post this. Excerpt:

'In the years since, many more women across the world have frozen their eggs. Many are highly educated. But the decision may have very little to do with work, at least according to a new study. In interviews with 150 American and Israeli women who had undergone one cycle, career planning came up as the primary factor exactly two times.

Instead, most women focused on another reason: they still hadn't found a man to build a family with.

"The stereotype that these ambitious career women are freezing their eggs for the purposes of their career — that's really inaccurate at the present time," said Marcia Inhorn, a medical anthropologist from Yale University, and one of the authors of the study, which was presented Monday at the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology's conference in Spain.'

Male Feminists Gather in Aspen to Ponder How to Fix Men — the 'Heterosexual White Ones'

Matt · 9 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In case you were unaware, leftists are concerned about men. Believing there to be a "masculinity crisis," leftists recently convened at the Aspen Ideas Festival to brainstorm ways to "fix" men. Specifically, in the words of The Atlantic, "heterosexual white ones."

Counted among the "heterosexual white ones," I am touched. And by "touched," I mean that I feel violated. You see, according to Michael Kimmel, the founder of the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities at SUNY Stony Brook, I feel like my "power is slipping."

Except I don't. And neither do any of the other "heterosexual white ones" that I know.

I understand that the good Dr. Kimmel is accomplished in the non-scientific field of sociology and traffics himself as a gender-studies expert. And I understand that some consider him "the world's most prominent male feminist." But why does he get to speak for me and my fellow "heterosexual white ones" at a condescending conference with a priori commitments to the silliness called intersectionality? And what right does he have to foist me and the other "heterosexual white ones" within his neo-Marxist definitions of power?'

Six-figure judgment against uni after calling student accused of rape ‘motherf—er’

Matt · 9 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Southern California is paying a steep price for calling a student a “motherfucker.”

A California judge ordered the private institution to pay a student accused of rape $111,965 in attorney’s fees after finding that the Title IX investigation of “John Doe” was not “fair, thorough, reliable, neutral and impartial.”

The June 28 ruling by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Elizabeth Allen White approved the six-figure fee request by Doe’s lawyer Mark Hathaway. That followed the judge’s March 19 order implementing her “tentative” ruling last year that USC didn’t follow its own policies in the investigation and must reinstate Doe, who was expelled.

The university let a biased official “advise” the review panel, omitted much of Doe’s evidence from the final report and failed to seek relevant evidence, including the testimony of the only person who allegedly saw Doe and his accuser together after the encounter.

The case was unusual because Title IX officials called Doe a “motherfucker” – and his accuser, “a catch” – after they forgot to hang up on a phone call with Doe.'

Help SAVE End VAWA Abuse in Divorce Cases

Matt · 11 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

Recently White House staffers met with victims of marriage fraud. Each victim shared their sad tales how their spouse used VAWA as a tool to falsely allege abuse without any evidence or proof. (https://www.nbcwashington.com/investigations/White-House-Staffers-Meet-With-Citizens-Who-Say-They-Were-Victims-of-Marriage-Fraud-487699471.html) This is the first time the White House has been appraised of this serious problem.

SAVE published a special report "Incentives to Make False Allegations of Domestic Violence" that outlines many of the reasons why people make false allegations of domestic violence, including immigration related marriage fraud in order to gain U.S citizenship: http://www.saveservices.org/pdf/SAVE-Incentives-for-False-Allegations.pdf

Today, SAVE urges you to express your concerns with VAWA-related false allegations and immigration marriage fraud to the President via email at: https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/ or by telephone at (202)-456-1111.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

The SAVE Team
www.saveservices.org

Activists Mad Men Won’t Face Double Jeopardy In Campus Kangaroo Court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Kentucky has updated the way it handles sexual assault claims, and activists aren’t happy with some of the changes.

The school will no longer allow accusers to appeal rulings, as they have in the past. The accused will still be able to appeal, but they will no longer face double jeopardy in campus tribunals.

UK is allowed to make changes to its campus sexual assault policies thanks to an announcement from Education Secretary Betsy DeVos in September 2017 that rescinded Obama-era guidance that encouraged schools to conduct biased investigations against accused students. By rescinding the 2011 and 2014 guidance documents, DeVos allowed schools to make changes to their policies in line with previous guidance adopted during the George W. Bush administration. In the immediate aftermath of DeVos’ announcement, many schools across the country stated they would maintain Obama-era policies.

In addition to removing the threat of double jeopardy, UK’s new policy now allows both the accused and the accuser the right to an attorney, and an accused student can only be found responsible by the unanimous vote of the hearing panel, whereas before only a majority could decide the student’s fate.'

Mayor seeks to ban neckties in part due to gender stereotyping

Matt · 13 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2015, the New York City Commission on Human Rights released guidance on gender identity and gender expression protections, which clarified that employers who enforce policies that require men to wear ties or women to wear skirts could technically be violating the law.

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Parris said he wants Lancaster employers to make wearing ties to work optional at the very least. He likened the tie requirement to demanding that women wear heels to work, characterizing it as an issue of compelled gender presentation.

"I don't think it's appropriate in America today to make anyone do something that is now known to be detrimental to your health," Parris said. "Especially if it's based on gender."'

FIFA orders World Cup broadcasters to stop zooming in on 'hot women' in the crowd during games

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Article here. Excerpt:

'FIFA has ordered World Cup broadcasters to stop zooming their cameras in on 'hot women' in the crowd during matches, to help prevent sexism in football.

Among the glamorous fans attracting attention are former porn star Natalya Nemchinova, named as Russia's hottest World Cup fan, along with wives and girlfriends of footballers playing for England, Croatia and France.

But, the federation's diversity boss, Federico Addiechi, said the organisation has told its broadcast service to stop zooming in on 'hot women' in the stands.'

On Toxic Femininity

Matt · 13 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Young women have vast sexual power. Everyone who is being honest with themselves knows this: Women in their sexual prime who are anywhere near the beauty-norms for their culture have a kind of power that nobody else has. They are also all but certain to lack the wisdom to manage it. Toxic femininity is an abuse of that power, in which hotness is maximized, and victim status is then claimed when straight men don't treat them as peers.

Creating hunger in men by actively inviting the male gaze, then demanding that men have no such hunger—that is toxic femininity. Subjugating men, emasculating them when they display strength—physical, intellectual, or other—that is toxic femininity. Insisting that men, simply by virtue of being men, are toxic, and then acting surprised as relationships between men and women become more strained—that is toxic femininity. It is a game, the benefits of which go to a few while the costs are shared by all of us.
...
The movement that has popularized the term 'toxic masculinity' shares tools and conclusions with those who see signs of 'white supremacy' everywhere they look. Intersectionalists have in common with one another a particular rhetorical trick: Any claim made by a member of an historically oppressed group is unquestionably true. Questioning claims is, itself, an act of oppression.

This opens the door for anyone who is willing to lie to obtain power. If you cannot question claims, any claim can be made.

Thus: Racism is ubiquitous. And all men are toxic. I object—but objection is not allowed. Everyone who understands game theory knows how this game ends: Innocent people being vilified with false claims, and exposed to witch hunts. Sexual assault is real, but that does not mean that all claims of sexual assault are honest.'

Sydney parents turn their backs on state boys' schools

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Parents are turning their backs on state boys' schools, forcing the government to consider opening their doors to girls in a bold attempt to address Sydney schools' overcrowding crisis.

Families living in catchments where single-sex schools are the only public high school option are demanding better access to mixed gender education for their children.

Parents of boys are particularly concerned; data reveals enrolments at girls' schools outnumber those at neighbouring boys' schools by up to 50 per cent. As the government spends billions on building more schools to meet population growth, that's a lot of empty desks.

Parents advocating for more mixed gender options say schools should reflect the reality of the adult world, and point to research that shows there is no difference in academic achievement between single-sex and co-ed schools.

But parents of girls, who have historically resisted proposals to merge schools, argue there is evidence that girls do better in all-female environments during early puberty, especially when it comes to science and maths.

In the Randwick catchment, where the closest out-of-area co-ed school is full, one option being considered by the government and advocated by locals – including the Randwick Boys' principal – is to keep the girls' school but make the boys' school co-ed.'

Tiny home village for women-only opening in Ballard

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A unique tiny home village only for women is opening in Seattle's Ballard neighborhood.

For months, organizers worked on the 15 tiny homes that make up the new Whittier Heights Village.

“We don’t have enough affordable housing in Seattle,” said Sherry Sternhagen, a housing case manager for The Low Income Housing Institute, which develops, owns and operates housing for low-income, homeless and formerly homeless people in Washington.

Sternhagen will oversee day-to-day operations of the new Whittier Heights Village.'

UK: Thousands turn out for jailed activist Tommy Robinson

Matt · 14 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Tommy Robinson is sitting in jail for for filming outside of child gang rape trial in Great Britain.

US Ambassador for International Religious Freedom and former Kansas governor, Sam Brownback, complained to the British ambassador in Washington DC this past week about the treatment of imprisoned activist Tommy Robinson.'

Henry Cavill apologizes after #MeToo backlash

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Henry Cavill has apologized after backlash over statements he recently made during an interview with GQ Australia.

The "Man of Steel" star talked to the magazine about his thoughts on the current #MeToo movement.

While the actor said, "Stuff has to change, absolutely, in terms of men's behavior," he also added: "It's important to also retain the good things, which were a quality of the past, and get rid of the bad things."

"There's something wonderful about a man chasing a woman," he said. "There's a traditional approach to that, which is nice. I think a woman should be wooed and chased, but maybe I'm old-fashioned for thinking that."

"It's very difficult to do that if there are certain rules in place," Cavill said.

"Because then it's like: 'Well, I don't want to go up and talk to her, because I'm going to be called a rapist or something'," he said. "So you're like, 'Forget it, I'm going to call an ex-girlfriend instead, and then just go back to a relationship, which never really worked'. But it's way safer than casting myself into the fires of hell, because I'm someone in the public eye, and if I go and flirt with someone, then who knows what's going to happen?"'

Men Don't Deserve All This Hate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I'M done with apologising for men. I'm done with this endless listing of male sins, as if masculinity were a disease.

I'm done, after watching the latest video from the "comedy" channel of our national broadcaster, the ABC.

Strange, I thought, how the ABC finds — and pays — six women to sarcastically list various ways women should apparently thank men for protecting them, only to indict men collectively as violent bastards.

In the video, even holding the door open for a women is savaged as toxic male arrogance, when it is in fact the opposite — a ritual act of humility to acknowledge that men, being generally stronger physically, have a special responsibility to use that strength to protect and even defer to those weaker.'

UK: Woman jailed over false rape claim designed to win another man's heart

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman has been jailed after she falsely claimed she had been raped to try to win another man's affection.

Saskia Hargrave, 22, claimed Gary Williams raped her in an alleyway and was "crying and sobbing hysterically" when she told police about the fake attack.

Innocent Mr Williams was held in custody for 16 hours during which he suffered a seizure brought on by the stress, the court heard.'

Experts: University of Kentucky's sexual assault policy may be illegal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Changes in how the University of Kentucky handles sexual assault allegations are in line with new Trump administration guidelines, but experts warn they may break the law by giving the accused more rights than the accuser.

The changes, which UK made last month, allow a person who is found to have committed sexual misconduct by a disciplinary panel to appeal the findings, but they do not give the same opportunity to the person who made the allegations.

"Any time you say one person gets one thing and the other person doesn't, I think we have to all agree that that is inequitable," said Colby Bruno, senior legal counsel for the nonprofit Victim Rights Law Center. "I think they're going to get sued by a victim."'

Professor cleared in sexual harassment cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A University of Maine professor who was accused of sexual harassment has been cleared.

The Bangor Daily News reports that English professor Robert “Tony” Brinkley was granted access to campus last month after officials concluded an investigation. Brinkley was placed on leave on Jan. 2.

University officials determined Brinkley didn’t violate the school’s policy standards in two cases. Officials have declined to provide details.

Brinkley, who has taught at UMaine since 1983, said university officials honored the complaints and conducted a thorough investigation, “as they should.”'

Judge: UM student accused of sex assault to get hearing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A University of Michigan student accused of sexual assault will be granted a hearing, a federal judge ruled this week, overriding the university's policy that denies such hearings.

"As soon as practicable, the University is hereby ordered to provide Plaintiff with the opportunity for a live hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities," U.S. District Judge Arthur Tarnow wrote in an opinion filed Friday.

The University of Michigan's policy does not grant live hearings for defendants of sexual misconduct, while doing so for others accused of wrongdoing.'

Also see: UMich must prove Title IX staff not 'biased against males'

Law Professor Thinks Women Should Kill Alleged Campus Rapists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Campus rape isn't the problem it's been portrayed as in the mainstream media; the average campus is a safer place for women than the real world. Though even one case, anywhere, is far too many.

Law professor Wendy Murphy thinks she has a solution to the fake campus rape problem:

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As a personal defense enthusiast and writer, part of me wants to applaud this.

The problem, of course, is that campuses have mucked up the definitions. They include things as rape or sexual assault that do not match legal definitions. For example, consenting women who later regret the sex have made "rape" accusations on campus, and punishments have indeed been given in such situations.

Murphy wasn't done, though. After some mentioned the issues with her statement, she doubled down:

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...
Does she envision self-defense shootings happening in. say, an awkward, drunken encounter such as the one a woman publicized after having with Aziz Ansari?

As The College Fix notes, Murphy has a history of making statements that have little basis in reality. Most famously, she did so during the Duke lacrosse team rape trial as a cable news guest.

Unfortunately, I fear the damage has already been done. Someone is going to take Murphy's advice, kill a guy in a case that isn't actually self-defense, and then go to prison because she listened to the wrong person.'

Day care owner who tried to hang toddler from noose gets probation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A day care owner who pleaded guilty to attempted murder for trying to kill a toddler by hanging him from a noose in her basement was sentenced Monday to probation.

Nataliia Karia, 43, was sentenced in Hennepin County court in Minnesota to 10 years, the Star Tribune reported. She also was sentenced to mandatory mental health treatment, and will be on electronic home monitoring for two months.

In November 2016, a father was dropping off his son at Karia's home for childcare, a criminal complaint stated. She led him to the basement, where he saw a toddler hanging from a noose. The father released the 16-month-old and fled. The child survived.

Karia reportedly fled the scene in her minivan, and while doing so, hit a pedestrian, another driver and a bicyclist — for which she pleaded guilty to criminal vehicular operation.'

Military outcomes from lowered standards

Matt · 17 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During the early weeks after the USS Fitzgerald was speared by a lumbering Philippine container ship, it was noteworthy that the captain and a couple of admirals were publically named, but not the actual officer in charge, the officer of the deck. (OOD) The other person who should have kept the Fitz out of trouble is the person in charge of the combat information center, the Tactical Action Officer. That individual is supposed to be monitoring the combat radar, which can detect a swimmer at a distance of two miles.

Not until a year later, when the final reports are made public and the guilty parties have been court-martialed, does the truth come out. The OOD was named Sarah, and the Tactical Action Officer was named Natalie, and they weren't speaking to each other!!! The Tactical Action Officer would normally be in near constant communication with the OOD, but there is no record of any communication between them that entire shift!
...
When I noticed last year that they were doing all they could to keep the OOD's name out of the headlines, I speculated to my son that it was a she. Turns out all the key people (except one officer in the CIC) were female!
...
That two of the officers — Coppock and Combs — involved in this fatal incident were female suggests that discipline and training standards have been lowered for the sake of "gender integration," which was a major policy push at the Pentagon during the Obama administration. It could be that senior officers, knowing their promotions may hinge on enthusiastic support for "gender integration," are reluctant to enforce standards for the women under their command.
...
It seems obvious that the Pentagon (and the liberal media) sought to suppress full knowledge of what happened to the Fitzgerald in the immediate aftermath of the June 2017 incident that killed seven sailors, in the same way the details of Kara Hultgreen's death were suppressed. It took investigative reporters like Rowan Scarborough of the Washington Times a lot of hard work to find out what actually happened to Hultgreen. Let's hope other reporters will dig into what's happening in our military with the "gender intergration" agenda at the Pentagon now.'

Canada: Paid pre-apprenticeship program recruiting women only for the trades

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women interested in careers like plumbing, electrical, and carpentry will get the chance to get paid while learning about the trades this fall, thanks to a new pre-apprenticeship program exclusively for women.

The paid program, called CRAFT Women (Creating Real Apprenticeships for Toronto) will offer 15 successful applicants four weeks of in-class training at the College of Carpenters and Allied Trades and then a 10-week job placement arranged by the Daniels Corporation or Heights Development.
...
The program will run from Aug. 27 to Nov. 30 and participants will earn $14/hr. According to Selva, most pre-apprenticeship programs do not pay wages.

Costs for childcare, travel, basic tools and safety equipment will be covered, along with mentorship through Sisters in Trades, an organization that supports women in construction.'

Student Expelled On Hearsay Gets Punishment Overturned

Matt · 18 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A judge has ordered California State University to overturn the expulsion of a male student who allegedly sexually assaulted a female student.

John Doe, as he is referred to in court documents, will be reinstated after the school relied on hearsay and misrepresented evidence to conclude he had committed sexual assault against a student referred to as Jane Roe.

As is typical in these cases, the two students met at an off-campus party. The party occurred on March 5, 2016 at the Delta Chi Fraternity chapter of California Polytechnic University-San Luis Obispo, which falls under the CSU umbrella. Both students have admitted to kissing while dancing together, but that's where their stories diverge.'

Right On Cue, Kavanaugh Accused Of Hiding Sexual Harassment

Matt · 18 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fresh off the seeming success of the smear campaign against Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH), a liberal feminist group is attempting to connect Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the sexual harassment of his former boss.

Kavanaugh is President Donald Trump's nominee for the Supreme Court seat vacated by Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement. Now the liberal group UltraViolet is trying to derail his nomination using the anti-sex abuse harassment known as #MeToo.

Kavanaugh had previously clerked for 9th U.S. Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski from 1990 to 1991. Kozinski abruptly retired last year after 15 women accused him of sexual harassment. Now Ultraviolet is tying Kavanaugh to Kozinski by demanding an investigation into whether the Supreme Court nominee knew about his former boss' alleged abuse.'

Ex Boys & Girls Club worker charged with sex assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui employee is facing charges alleging she sexually assaulted a pre-teenage girl at the agency's Central Maui clubhouse last year.

Victoria Satoafaiga, 28, of Waikapu was arrested in December after being indicted by a Maui County grand jury. She posted a $101,000 bail bond to be released, court records show.

Satoafaiga has pleaded not guilty to third-degree sexual assault, first-degree sexual assault and second-degree custodial interference.

Another charge of attempted third-degree sexual assault was dismissed July 11 when 2nd Circuit Judge Rhonda Loo granted a defense request.

She said the prosecution asserted that the attempted third-degree sexual assault involved sexual biting and sucking of the victim's chest area, causing hickeys, on Oct. 27.

"The state, however, fails to include this information in the indictment," Loo said.

She ruled that because those specifics weren't included, Satoafaiga wasn't given adequate notice about the charge.

The dismissal of the charge was without prejudice, so the prosecution could recharge Satoafaiga.'

UK: Teen boys should get HPV jab like girls – to protect against cancer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The deadly virus can be passed on through unprotected sex and is also linked to head, neck, cervical, penile and vaginal cancers.

Girls already receive the HPV vaccine on the NHS but health chiefs have previously claimed it was not cost effective in boys.

Doctors, dentists and cancer charities have been campaigning for the vaccination programme to be extended to all children.

They said denying boys the jab left them vulnerable if they were gay or had sex with a woman who had not been vaccinated.

Now the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation has suggested ministers adopt a “gender neutral” programme.'

SuperShe Island: the holiday where men are banned

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'If the feminist struggle is a war, then this Finnish island is the boot camp of its elite forces. Think of it as Navy Seals training for feminists — with a bit more in the way of yoga mats and hygge. Peer between the island's silvergreen pine trees and you can see them: crack troops, working hard at improving body and mind for the fight for equality. Doing plank pose. Going to lectures. Swimming in the sea. And, crucially, not bumping into any men.

Because SuperShe Island is entirely without males. Not one. Launched late last month, it has been created by Kristina Roth, an American of German descent who sold her Seattle-based management consultancy firm in 2016. The 3.4 hectare retreat in the Gulf of Finland has everything the discerning female might want — wild swimming, saunas, yoga, massages — unless, of course, she happened to want a Y chromosome. Then she'd be out of luck. As everyone here, absolutely everyone, from the chef to the cleaners to the woman delivering the fish, is female.
...
Critics of this modern all-female world have focused on its inherent paradox. SuperShe is an island created to help fight discrimination — but it is itself profoundly discriminatory. When news of the island first spread earlier this year, one critic told CNN it was "created by a rich, white woman for other women like her". The Finnish equality ombudsman's office investigated it to see if it classified as illegal discrimination. It cleared it.

"I am totally against discrimination," says Roth. "I want to create the tools and confidence for the women to close the gap." To see her retreat out of context of the wider picture — female discrimination, the worldwide gender pay gap — is, she says, unfair. Gender inequality primarily hits women; so naturally solutions are aimed at women. "If I would say our workshops [were on] vaginal rejuvenation, how is it discriminating against men not to invite them for vaginal rejuvenation workshops?"'

A Fight for Men’s Rights, in California Courts

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'Rich Allison is a former Marine Corps captain who was never in combat. Now he is on the front lines of the culture wars.

Mr. Allison, 47, is a key player in a movement of men’s rights activists challenging female-focused businesses, marketing strategies, educational programs and civic projects that have surged since the election of President Trump in November 2016 and the #MeToo movement.

He has been a plaintiff in 13 lawsuits, most of which cite discrimination against men in violation of California’s Unruh Civil Rights Act, named for the politician Jesse Unruh, known as “Big Daddy.” It outlaws discrimination against all people by any type of business establishment in the state, regardless of a person’s sex, race and other characteristics. Mr. Allison and his cohort would like to remind everyone that Unruh’s broad promise of “full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges or services” extends to men.

“I believe in social justice and fairness,” Mr. Allison said.

Since September 2017, he has filed three suits, including one last month against Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center, a nonprofit that helps the financial services industry with physical security and cybersecurity. In 2016, the organization started a “Diversity Scholarship” that awards female recipients $5,000 apiece, along with covering the costs of attending an industry conference.'

Benevolent Sexism Attractive To Women, Study Shows

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'A controversial new study authored by Pelin Gul from Iowa State University, and Tom Kupfer, from the University of Kent, sheds light on what attracts women, and why.

Published in the peer-reviewed Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, the study is titled “Benevolent Sexism and Mate Preferences: Why Do Women Prefer Benevolent Men Despite Recognizing That They Can Be Undermining?”

Citing previous research, Gul and Kupfer defined two kinds of sexism: hostile sexism, and benevolent sexism.'

Also see: Study finds heterosexual women prefer benevolently sexist men

How Identity Politics Is Changing Universities

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'This long march of feminists and racialists from near-obscurity to absolute-dominance is compared to the rise of Snopes family created by author William Faulkner in his 1940 novel, The Hamlet. In Faulkner's book, the Snopeses move into the Mississippi community of Frenchman's Bend and slowly take over nearly all aspects of life. Even though the locals seem to understand what is taking place, they are seemingly helpless because they heard the rumor that people that made a Snopes unhappy would have their barns burned to the ground.

In campus politics, the activists did not threaten to burn only the barns but rather the entire college campus. Anyone in higher education that might allegedly say or write something that offends someone in a politically-protected group is likely to be the focus of the infamous Twitter Mob, and even a distinguished career and something as prestigious as a Nobel Prize offers no cover, as Tim Hunt found out.

For that matter, truth itself is no defense, as we found out in the infamous Duke Lacrosse Case.'

The making of a man: Our son is growing up with two moms and two sisters.

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'And our boys would certainly be more than the dangerous idea that they would simply be boys. They would be held accountable, and made well aware of their male privilege. But we would also teach them the good things they could do with that privilege. We would teach them about the benefits of holding a strong stance, but also do our best to explain that tenderness is a valuable quality.

...

It was not lost on me that someday I would be sending my sons off to school, camps and sleepovers. The day would come when the boys hit puberty, and their hormones would make them feel things and smell certain ways not understood by me, my partner, or their sister. Their bodies and voices would change and become foreign to them until time made everything seem normal again. But through all of this, they would have each other. And when the women in our house didn't understand them at times, maybe they would find solace and solidarity in each other. The boys would be brought up in a home that challenges gender norms and redefines love. But how would that play out in a country filled with toxic masculinity?'

Women, token man in stand-up comedy ‘The Resistance Is Fertile’

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'By the time Monday night’s comedy show had begun, a crowd had formed just inside the front door of the Rite Spot, a Folsom Street bar and restaurant with a really good vertical neon light illuminating the sidewalk in front. All of the seats at the bar and the restaurant were pretty much taken, and comedy fans craned their necks in search of an open spot. Few found space. “The Resistance Is Fertile” is a wildly popular comedy show for a very good reason:

It features only women.

Actually, “The Resistance Is Fertile” regularly permits one token male performer. That inclusive gesture is a nod — payback, some might say — for the countless times a lone female comic has been included in a comedy lineup because the show’s producers “needed a woman.” And the show’s gender table-turning doesn’t stop there.

“We pass around their tip bucket during their set,” said Brooke Heinichen. That disruptive move is apparently standard when a woman takes the stage. After all, in the old-school male-dominated world of stand-up comedy, a woman’s time on stage is when the audience is expected to take a break, to stop paying attention and riffle through their wallets.

Heinichen, Nicole Calasich and Shelbi Evans co-produce and perform in “The Resistance Is Fertile,” San Francisco’s only free all-female and gender nonconforming comedy show. And unlike so many other stand-up shows around town, these ladies are packing the house.'

Women Maintain NIH Funding Similar to Men: Study

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'While searching for reasons why women faculty members are underrepresented in the life sciences, researchers have looked at factors affecting the retention of female faculty, such as the ability to sustain funding. A new analysis finds that keeping the money rolling in doesn't appear to be a factor. Of nearly 35,000 researchers who received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) between 1991 and 2010, men and women maintain funding at roughly the same rates.

The authors, who published their report today (July 16) in PNAS, say the results contradict a "leaky pipeline" assumption that women lose funding more frequently than men. "We found that rather than leaving the NIH funding pool at much greater rates than men, women were much more dramatically underrepresented to begin with among first-time [research project grant] holders," they write in their study, "composing only 30.66% of investigators in the analysis."

The other differences between male and female applicants in the analysis were that women applied to renew funding less often than men (42 percent of the time compared to 45 percent), and they were also less successful when they tried (36 percent success compared to 39 percent). But these gaps were much smaller than the huge disparity in first-time applicants.'

Female prof ‘in exile’ calls out ‘toxic femininity’ and defends men: ‘Not all women are victims’

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'Heather Heying, a former biology professor at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, has called out “toxic femininity” to combat the ills of “toxic masculinity” in today’s society.

Heying, who, according to her Twitter bio, is now a “professor in exile,” as well as an evolutionary biologist, penned a July 9 article on “toxic femininity.”

...

Heying and her husband, Bret Weinstein, a former fellow professor at Evergreen State, were run out of the college in 2017 after Weinstein refused to leave the campus on a “Day of Absence,” during which all white people were encouraged to leave campus, allowing only people of color to occupy the campus.

Students rallied and demanded firings be handed for such refusals to leave the campus on that particular day.'

Men walk in heels to help end violence against women

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'Men in Rapid City took a “walk in her shoes” on Tuesday evening, to help end violence against women.
...
"This is actually a worldwide event; it started in 2001,” said Kristina Simmons, WAVI’s development director.

Simmons says it's a "fun, playful way" for the community to bring awareness to violence. And victims are not only women but "people in general," she says.'

When Men Sue Women's Empowerment Orgs for Gender Discrimination

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'The rise of women-focused organizations promoting co-working, workplace savviness, and old-fashioned networking is confronting a new backlash: lawsuits from men who say they are being unfairly excluded.

Yale University and the University of Southern California are under investigation by the Department of Education for programs and scholarships for women. An organization to get more women on the golf course—long a bastion of male power and a frequent locale for business deals—was sold and shut down after settling with a plaintiff for holding women-only events. The head of Chic CEO, an organization that hosted online resources for women starting their own businesses, downsized her company after settling a lawsuit alleging the group excluded men from networking events. And the Wing, an exclusive all-women co-working and social space, is under investigation by the New York City Commission on Human Rights for gender discrimination.

The most recent women's empowerment organization to go public about getting hit with a gender-discrimination lawsuit is Ladies Get Paid, a for-profit organization that holds networking events and classes on negotiating salaries and raises, managing money, and building confidence. After two men were denied entry to two women-only Ladies Get Paid events in August and September 2017 in San Diego and Los Angeles, respectively, they filed two lawsuits under the California's Unruh Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, and other protected characteristics.
...
Targeting women's empowerment events is an abuse of the law and part of the larger attack on the civil rights of vulnerable people that the Unruh Act was designed to protect, said Elizabeth Kristen, director of Gender Equity and LGBT Rights Program at Legal Aid at Work and an expert on gender discrimination. "They are using the Unruh Act as a sword." And Kristen says not all of these lawsuits are the same.'

What To Learn From The Social Justice Warrior Who Was Eaten By His Own Mob

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The mob's newfound interest in family cohesion at the Mexican border should be clear to anybody who can think it through: it's a political ploy to use the kids as pawns in order to open the borders. The anti-thought Left cannot win arguments on the merits, and certainly not with rule of law or due process. So it needs bodies, and gets them with bribes: welfare, health care, and education subsidies.

The anti-thought Left cares as deeply about family separation as it cares about the emotional health of individuals like Barrett Wilson whom they enlist in their rent-a-mobs. If they cared about the emotional health of mob participants, they'd be interested in helping them develop means of independent thought rather than force-feeding them a diet of identity politics and ignorance in the schools. They'd have promoted family cohesion and happiness for children. Instead, they've addicted them to the emotional rush of "progressive" mob politics.

Family separation happens to be a centerpiece of so many so-called progressive policies that SJW mobs and their creators in the Democrat Party have been promoting for years. This includes, but is by no means limited to, family law—e.g., no-fault divorce, which forcibly separates kids from parents; medicine—e.g., Obamacare's lower premiums for the divorced than for the married; education—e.g., teaching kids that their parents are bigots if they promote the cohesion of the organic family; and welfare policies—punishing mothers if fathers are present in the family.

In fact, the intentional breakdown of families has always been the crown jewel of such regressive policies because intact families have always been the bane of big government proponents. That has never changed since Karl Marx declared war on the family. Don't expect it to change now.'

SAVE: Contact Jeff Sessions now to stop funding for Start By Believing

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From SAVE:

An Open Letter denouncing inequitable "victim-centered" practices has garnered more than 150 signatures from criminal attorneys, law professors, and scholars across the country who are concerned about the lack of objectivity and balance being utilized in sexual misconduct investigations.

Many of the victim-centered practices discussed in the Letter have become widely utilized by college administrators, drawing the ire of judges in both state and federal courts. "[I]n a stunning collective judicial rebuke to many campuses' unfair treatment of students accused of sexual misconduct, courts have issued at least 102 rulings against universities since 2011 compared with 88 rulings in their favor." (1)

Victim-centered practices, sometimes referred to as "Start by Believing," are becoming widespread in the criminal justice system, as well.

Take a stand against "victim-centered" practices now and contact Attorney General Jeff Sessions at (202) 353-1555 to stop funding for Start by Believing.

The Open Letter is available at http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/VCI-Open-Letter-7.20.18.pdf. For a list of the 20 editorials published in 2018 critical of the 'believe the victim' approach, visit http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/investigations/.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

The SAVE Team
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Uni makes student reflect on 'masculinity' as punishment

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'A University of Texas-Austin student was forced to reflect on a film about toxic masculinity after a Title IX investigation found him guilty of harassment based on a non-criminal standard of evidence.

According to an internal letter obtained by Campus Reform, following an appeal of his sanctions, the student received a note from UT president Gregory Fenves stating that “nothing you allege, even if true, would change the ultimate outcome of this matter.”

The student—who requested anonymity—graduated in Spring with a JD. During his time in law school, a female student filed six Title IX complaints against him over two years: three for harassment, two for stalking, and one for violation of a no-contact order.

Upon investigation, the student was found guilty of violating the school's harassment policy. The student, however, claims that the determination was made “on very questionable grounds” using the Obama-era “preponderance of the evidence standard,” rather than the “beyond a reasonable doubt” threshold used in criminal cases.'

"All Masculinity Is Toxic"

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'So, I was surprised and intrigued when I came across the powerful ideas of John Stoltenberg, whose theories kind of epitomize the fears of paranoid conservatives and undercut the more tepid critiques of machismo made by my fellow SJWs. In the past, the prominent feminist scholar has openly equated the idea of “healthy masculinity” with the oxymoron of “healthy cancer.” This is because he sees manhood as an identity built entirely out of oppression. He contends that the parts of manhood that we view as non-toxic don’t actually have a designated gender—and describing these actions or qualities as masculine just reflects our disdain for women. His emotive 1993 book The End of Manhood highlights his personal struggles trying to live up to the restrictive norms of manhood while guiding readers on how to drop the mask of manhood so that we can be free to give and receive love.

Stoltenberg was married to Andrea Dworkin, the deceased radical feminist whose polemic writing on patriarchy advanced incendiary and thought-provoking ideas that forced people to see oppression in places they often ignore. So it makes sense that his concepts on manhood would be pretty provocative. But having read his work, I was surprised by how much I related to his ideas and saw myself in his analysis. From the street and the workplace to the bedroom and the kitchen table, he always manages to find the persistent and pernicious dichotomy at the core of manhood that causes us to hurt others and ourselves.'

Not Everything Is A Feminist Issue

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'Feminism is no longer a specific political outlook, with specific issues attached. No, today it seems that everything is a feminist issue, from adverts on the Tube to the level of air-conditioning in an office. Thinking about buying a razor? There's a feminist issue to be considered there, too.

But this week's announcement that former Irish president and UN high commissioner Mary Robinson is launching a 'feminist fight against climate change' really takes the biscuit. Along with comedian Maeve Higgins, Robinson is hosting a new podcast called Mothers of Invention, which insists that 'climate change is a manmade problem that requires a feminist solution'. Climate change, Robinson argues, is an issue which 'affects women far more', because 'women are more likely to die in a climate disaster, and day to day they are the ones cooking on solid-fuel stoves that can ultimately poison them'.'

What Feminists Can Do for Boys

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'One of the many political ironies of our time is that feminism's most powerful cultural moment has coincided with the rise of extreme misogyny. While women protest, run for office and embrace the movement for gender equality in record numbers, a generation of young, mostly white men are being radicalized into believing that their problems stem from women's progress.

Whether it's misogynist terrorism, the rash of young men feeling sexually entitled to women or the persistent stereotype of "real men" as powerful and violent, it's never been clearer that American boys are in desperate need of intervention.

Though feminists have always recognized the anguish that boys face in a patriarchal system, we haven't built the same structures of support for boys that we have for girls. If we want to stop young men from being taken in by sexism, that has to change.'

How Government Caused 'the Boy Crisis’

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'Warren Farrell, author of The Boy Crisis, was once associated with the feminist movement. Then he changed his views. "I don't agree with the part of feminism that says, 'Men are the oppressors and women are the oppressed,'" Farrell tells Maxim Lott, a senior producer of Stossel on Reason.

For example, men die five years earlier than women, have more dangerous jobs, and are often passed over for custody. Boys are two times more likely than girls to commit suicide. Boys are 29 percent less likely to get a college degree than girls.

So why do men earn more and have more influence in government and business? A big reason, Farrell argues, is that men are filling social expectations to become the family breadwinner.

"Our dads and our grandpas, they made sacrifices...to make more money, and then the feminist movement turned all of that sacrifice on the part of men against men," Farrell says.

Both sexes struggle, but Farrell thinks the feminist movement's single-sided focus on women's inequalities has led to an atmosphere that harms boys. A dramatic increase in fatherless households—which Farrell believes is largely responsible for boys' problems—goes ignored.'

Video in article is on YT here.

Father’s Fight: Dad scores big win for biological fathers in Florida Supreme Court

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'Can a biological father be blocked from seeing his child? In Florida, the answer in some cases was yes. But one dad’s case made it all the way to Florida’s Supreme Court. 7’s Brian Entin has our special report in “Father’s Fight.”
...
Connor Perkins: “I raised my child for three years, and then all the sudden, I’m nothing, right? I have no rights. I am not considered a father, I get stripped of all my rights.”

Connor had the baby with a married woman. A DNA test proved he was the biological father.

But when the little girl was 3 years old, the woman and her husband argued in court they would raise the child, and wanted Connor out of the picture.

Legally, they could do that. An old Florida law said marriage overrides biology when it comes to a man’s parental rights.

Connor Perkins: “I never could have imagined that I would be in this situation today, where I’d be fighting for rights to my own daughter.”

It’s a fight fathers have been losing for years, but Connor just scored a major victory in the Florida Supreme Court.'

Women and men get research grants at equal rates — if women apply in the first place

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'Women face an uphill battle in biomedical science, on many fronts. There is bias in hiring and in how other scientists view their research. Fewer women are chosen to review scientific papers. Men still outnumber women at the ivory tower's highest floors, and of course, women in science face harassment based on their gender. But once the top of the hill is in sight — once a female scientist gets a coveted major research grant — the playing field levels out, a new study shows. Women who get major grants stay funded and head their labs just as long as men. The hitch? Women must reach the top of the academic hill and apply for those grants in the first place.

"We've known from the data that's publicly available that women are getting approximately 50 percent or more of the biomedical Ph.D.s, but when the time comes to apply for grants, the number drops precipitously," says Judith Greenberg, the deputy director of the National Institute of General Medical Science in Bethesda, Md. Less than one-third of first-time applicants for the big grants from the National Institutes of Health are women.

In part, that number reflects the gender disparity in faculty positions in general. To get a big pot of money from the NIH, a scientist needs to have a position at an eligible institution, often a university. That's not a trivial goal. For example, women received 53 percent of the Ph.D.s in biology in 2015. But in that same year women represented only 44 percent of assistant professors in biology, and only 35 percent of the full professorate.

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Overall, they found, women submitted fewer applications per person than men, and tried to renew their successful grants less often. And when they went to renew those grants, they were less successful and got lower scores from grant reviewers than their male counterparts. But when Greenberg and her group equalized the men and women by when they were first funded and what kind of degree the scientists had (M.D./Ph.D. vs Ph.D., for instance), the differences smoothed out. If a woman could get that first big NIH grant, her chances of keeping her lab afloat were equal to a man's.

"If you asked people out there, the common wisdom is that women aren't going to survive in the system," Greenberg says. "What makes this paper interesting is that it contradicts that assumption." Greenberg and her group reported their findings July 16 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.'

Autistic student gets Title IX investigations over fist-bump, selfie

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'The first incident occurred in the first week of September when Marcus was in the Student Services office and asked a female student working there if he could “fist bump” her. She agreed but soon filed a Title IX complaint.

The next week Aurora and Marcus were asked to meet with the school’s Disabled Students Programs and Services coordinator, who allegedly called the fist bump “inappropriate behavior.” Aurora told The Fix that Marcus did not “bump” anything other than the female’s knuckles. (The Fix has reached the coordinator but that person has not been available for a phone interview as of Thursday night.)

UK: Police 'need to offer female offenders support not prison'

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'Police should treat female offenders differently because they are usually much less dangerous than male suspects and their crimes are linked to poverty or mental health problems, a report recommends.

The report from the London assembly covers the capital but has national importance. It comes as leaders of the justice system increasingly embrace the idea that it is better and cheaper to tackle the underlining causes of offending, rather than just jailing people.

The report reveals that Britain's biggest police force, the Metropolitan police, will start a new scheme so that female offenders get help for their problems rather than facing the courts or jail.

The Met police pilot scheme starts this summer and supporters hope it will cut the number of women entering the criminal justice system, make them less likely to reoffend, and save the taxpayer money.'

N.B.A. Power Brokers Gather, With No Men Allowed

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'As the sun set on another day at the N.B.A. Summer League this month, a group of 60-odd power brokers gathered at an upscale restaurant on the Las Vegas Strip. They were among the league's elite: executives who help engineer blockbuster trades, salary-cap gurus who devise contracts and scouts who identify prospects.

They sipped wine, nibbled hors d'oeuvres and made conversation; perhaps an unremarkable scene except for one thing: They were all women.

"This is the first time, to our knowledge, that this has ever happened," said Liliahn Majeed, the N.B.A.'s vice president for diversity and inclusion.

Long known for its progressive approach toward social issues, the N.B.A. has emerged as an industry leader among men's professional sports leagues when it comes to hiring and promoting women. Richard Lapchick, the director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport, recently released a study that found that the N.B.A. had the highest percentage of women working at the league office and with individual teams, outpacing the N.F.L. and Major League Baseball. Women hold 31.6 percent of team management positions in the N.B.A., according to the study.'

The children of Japan’s single mothers have become a despairing underclass

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'Yet while Japan’s overall population is declining, the number of single-mother households in the country rose by about 50 percent to 712,000 between 1992 and 2016, according to the labor ministry. The child-poverty rate for working, single-parent households in Japan stood at 56 percent, the highest among OECD nations, compared with 32 percent in the U.S.

Those that get alimony or child support from their ex-spouse or live with their parents are the lucky ones. In Japan, single parents are more likely to live in poverty with a job than without, according to the OECD.
...
Behind that facade, the city’s report of the crime tells a different story, one of hardship, brutality and a struggle to keep up appearances in public. The single mother of two boys was sick and looking for a part-time job. When she found one at a supermarket, she couldn’t start because she didn’t have child care during Sunday shifts.

She had already been reported for possible neglect in the town where she used to live. She turned up at her boys’ school with two men, who she told staff were cousins. Two weeks before the older son was killed, a teacher visiting the mother’s home noticed a bruise on the left cheek of the younger son.

“The mother was also a victim,” said Tsuyoshi Watari, who runs Atto School, a nonprofit organization in Minoh that helps students from single-parent households.'

UK: "Use creative arts to ‘challenge perceptions of what boys do and are like’"

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'A crowd of teachers sacrificed their Saturdays last weekend and gathered at Westminster City School for a unique CPD experience organised by Carly Moran (pictured above), a regional leader of national women’s networking group WomenEd and assistant headteacher at the school.

Peter Broughton, Westminster City School’s head, explained his “boys to men” agenda and the challenges of supporting male students in inner London.

“The ‘boys to men’ agenda is about challenging boys to conceive of themselves in different ways,” he said.

“In creative arts in particular we have got a beautiful way to challenge those perceptions of what boys do and are like. It gives them some of those skills and characteristics they will need to take themselves forward.”

Many of the school’s pupils come from challenging backgrounds, and some are even involved in trafficking.

“I have permanently excluded four boys since I’ve been here. In all four cases they didn’t have a dad that was present,” he added.'

Commentary Batavick: Why do boys fail? It starts in elementary school

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'It begins early. Claudia Buchmann, Ohio State professor of sociology, writes, “Girls enter kindergarten more prepared than boys, and derive more satisfaction from pleasing parents and teachers than boys do.”

Our elementary schools are really designed for girls who tend to adapt better to classroom regimens than do boys. We have a grandson who is plenty bright but also rambunctious, and the havoc his lack of self-discipline causes has been cited by teachers for the last six years.

Richard Whitmire, author of “Why Boys Fail,” thinks the problem with boys’ performance begins with their teachers who are almost all female. He believes that they become “annoyed as hell by all the boys in their classrooms who aggressively wave their arms in the air when a question is asked.” Some teachers think this intimidates the shyer girls who are then called on more frequently to encourage them.

In one of her studies, Buchmann discovered that by the time students reached eighth grade, 62 percent of the girls believed good grades were “very important,” compared to only 50 percent of boys. That’s because girls “have more of the social and behavioral skills” important to success. Over time, these differences influence some boys to believe it more masculine to blow-off school and just leave it to the girls. This is especially true among lower-income or working-class families.'

"I Love Being A “Girl Dad,” & That Means Siding With Women Over Men"

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'That same wife (she’s the only one I intend to have) is rock-star scientist, and infinitely smarter than I. My daughters (right now, ages 9, 6.5, and 2.5) play sports and excel at math and love grammar and fight like hell with each other and watch cartoons just like their male friends do. But I’d say my kiddos are more empathetic, more social, and more willing to work together than their respective male counterparts. They’re also just more aware; the five of us always joke at the pool that the only kids who splash are boys. (We call them the “splashing boys.”)
...
In case you’ve been living under a rock for the last few decades, our society is a pretty grotesque patriarchy. Actually, let me rephrase that: I’m a man and I’m ashamed and disgusted about the fact that even today, even in 2018, this crazy world still overwhelmingly favors men.
...

While my daughters are one inspiration for this perspective, I was a woke dude on this subject even before becoming a dad. In college, some of my (female) friends were victims of sexual assault. In my 20s, one of my closest friends was the victim of egregious sexual harassment. The last straw came last decade when I discovered a female freelance writing colleague earned about half what I earned for producing the same stories. When she told me our editor — a man, of course — had made snide jokes about his junk, I was enraged. I haven’t written for the jerk since.'

Princeton 2nd Ivy to face Title IX probe for excluding males

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Department of Education has launched a Title IX investigation into allegations that Princeton University unfairly excludes men from two of its educational programs.

According to a July 9 letter, the department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is investigating two Princeton programs: Smart Women Securities, which offers seminars to aspiring women investors, and the school's female-only Rape Aggression Defense program.

Both programs are only open to women, which—pending the results of the OCR investigation—may be a violation of Title IX, a federal civil rights law mandating that no student be excluded from an educational program due to their sex.'

Dear Les: No one is safe

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Article here. Siding with the people out to whack you to buy yourself some time is ultimately a bad idea. Maybe he thought at his age no one would target him. Wrong. Excerpt:

'For more than twenty years, Leslie Moonves has been one of the most powerful media executives in America. As the chairman and C.E.O. of CBS Corporation, he oversees shows ranging from “60 Minutes” to “The Big Bang Theory.” His portfolio includes the premium cable channel Showtime, the publishing house Simon & Schuster, and a streaming service, CBS All Access. Moonves, who is sixty-eight, has a reputation for canny hiring and project selection. The Wall Street Journal recently called him a “TV programming wizard”; the Hollywood Reporter dubbed him a “Wall Street Hero.” In the tumultuous field of network television, he has enjoyed rare longevity as a leader. Last year, according to filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, he earned nearly seventy million dollars, making him one of the highest-paid corporate executives in the world.

In recent months, Moonves has become a prominent voice in Hollywood’s #MeToo movement. In December, he helped found the Commission on Eliminating Sexual Harassment and Advancing Equality in the Workplace, which is chaired by Anita Hill. “It’s a watershed moment,” Moonves said at a conference in November. “I think it’s important that a company’s culture will not allow for this. And that’s the thing that’s far-reaching. There’s a lot we’re learning. There’s a lot we didn’t know.”

But Moonves’s private actions belie his public statements. Six women who had professional dealings with him told me that, between the nineteen-eighties and the late aughts, Moonves sexually harassed them. Four described forcible touching or kissing during business meetings, in what they said appeared to be a practiced routine. Two told me that Moonves physically intimidated them or threatened to derail their careers. All said that he became cold or hostile after they rejected his advances, and that they believed their careers suffered as a result. “What happened to me was a sexual assault, and then I was fired for not participating,” the actress and writer Illeana Douglas told me. All the women said they still feared that speaking out would lead to retaliation from Moonves, who is known in the industry for his ability to make or break careers. “He has gotten away with it for decades,” the writer Janet Jones, who alleges that she had to shove Moonves off her after he forcibly kissed her at a work meeting, told me. “And it’s just not O.K.”'

Canadian Man Changes Gender for Cheaper Car Insurance

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an attempt to save on car insurance, a Canadian male legally changed his gender to female resulting in almost $1,100 in savings.

According to CBC News, a man in his early 20's and only identified as ‘David’ wanted to buy a Chevrolet Cruze and was given a quote around $4,500. He then asked the insurer if his costs would change if he was a woman. He was told his yearly insurance bill would be reduced to $3,400, or $1,100 less.

“I was pretty angry about that,” David told CBC news. “And I didn’t feel like getting screwed over any more.”

When he asked the insurance agent to change his gender on the policy, his request was denied.

So instead, he changed his gender on his birth certificate and license by first obtaining a doctor's note by telling the doctor he identified as a woman.

“It was pretty simple,” he said. “I just basically asked for it and told them that I identify as a woman, or I’d like to identify as a woman, and he wrote me the letter I wanted.”'

"Why are men so terrible, and what can we do about it?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman I was interviewing recently told me that a few months into a promising relationship, the man she was seeing suddenly stopped answering her texts. Worried, she sent him an email and then tried calling him, with the same results: No reply. Then she discovered that she was also blocked from his social media.

What had happened? She had just experienced ghosting, the increasingly common social phenomenon of being dropped without a word of explanation. “It’s so wrong,” she said. Like many women in this situation, she first tried to figure out what she had done to cause the problem. And then she realized it was not her fault. “You’re a psychotherapist,” she said, turning the interview around. “Tell me what is the matter with men? Why do they behave like this in relationships?”

Following #MeToo and all of the current criticism of male behavior, I have heard variations of this question frequently: Why are men so controlling, so unrelated, so unfeeling? It might seem like a simple question, but the answer is complicated.'

Is Women-Only Club the Wing Discriminating in a Bad Way?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Wing, the members-only association for women that calls itself “a coven not a sorority,” has presented its clubhouses as impeccably designed safe spaces for women to work, network, nosh, primp and talk politics.

Now, a year and a half after first opening in the Flatiron district of Manhattan, the company is also the subject of an investigation by the New York City Commission on Human Rights for possible discrimination violations, said Seth Hoy, a spokesman for the commission.

According to the commission’s website, its purpose is to enforce the New York City Human Rights Law, which “prohibits discrimination in New York City.” The areas covered by the Human Rights Law include employment, housing and public accommodations.
...
It has retained the services of some men. For instance, Tony Florence, a general partner at the venture capital firm NEA, led an $8 million fund-raising round (the Wing has raised more than $40 million total). The Wing has also used male plumbers and electricians. But membership is for people who identify and live as women, said Audrey Gelman, a founder of the Wing, in an interview with The New York Times in October. “

The Colony Club and the Cosmopolitan Club, both in Manhattan, are women’s membership clubs, but they permit men on their premises as guests of members, which the Wing does not. The Colony and Cosmopolitan both employ men in positions such as doormen and waiters.

In an interview this week, Ms. Gelman said that the Wing does employ men, but she would not say how many or in what capacity.'

Even with similar qualifications, women spend time on tasks that lead to lower pay than men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The economists observe that men and women come out of college with similar wages. But over time wages diverge—men earn 22% more, on average, nine to 10 years after graduation. The study attempts to explain what accounts for the divergence. They estimate that college major—women tended to major in education and men in business and science—accounts for around a quarter of the gender wage gap. Grades, meanwhile, have almost no impact: women tend to have higher GPAs but lower earnings.

Even among men and women with same major, a wage gap emerges over time. The researchers reckon that this is largely due to what people do on the job. Regardless of what they study, men spend more time on high-skill information tasks while women end up doing more people-oriented tasks. The study suggests that what you do on the job can have more of an impact on earnings than your college major.

It is critical to get the right experience early in your career. A history of working with information appears extremely valuable. The economists estimate that performing one extra year of high-skilled information work increases wages, a decade after graduation, by nearly 20%. If women had spent equal time on high-skill information tasks as men, it would've reduced the gender wage gap by 45%.

The data only measures wages the first 10 years out of college. In those years, men and women work similar hours. Later in life, the gap likely gets worse—research shows that having children penalizes women more than men and these differences grow over time.'

Sex robots 'will make make women interchangeable with technology', campaigners warn

Matt · 29 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. So. A lot of women already replace men with dildos in the bedroom and cats in the living room. Why should anyone care if men do the same only use an android in both places? Excerpt:

'Ministers are “lagging behind” in efforts to tackle sex robots, experts have warned, amid concerns they could "make women interchangeable with technology".

Human-like robots are sold as substitutes for women and are marketed as “companions”, “girlfriends” or “wives”, a coalition of academics, abuse victims and activists have claimed and MPs and ministers are ignorant of the potential dangers.

“At a time when pornography, prostitution and child exploitation is facilitated and proliferated by digital technology turning it into a global profitable industry; these products further promote the objectification of the female body and as such constitute a further assault on human intimacy,” the campaign Against Sex Robots said in an open letter.

The “loudest voices” shaping government decisions are businesses and Artificial Intelligence (AI) experts who have an interest in curtailing any attempts at regulation, the letter said.'

Judge Questions School's Sex Assault Training After Male Student Sues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Schools keep the materials they use to train investigators who handle accusations of sexual assault and harassment under lock and key. Attorneys have been trying to get these materials for years, with limited success.

Whenever the training materials are made public, it's obvious how the school's reach absurd decisions against male students accused of sexual misconduct — the training heavily biases administrators in favor of the accuser. A blueprint for the University of Texas system included the incredibly misleading claim that just 2% to 10% of accusations are false (implying that investigators are probably right to assume an accuser's story). That blueprint also instructed campus police to conduct their investigation in such a way to "anticipate" and "counter" likely defense strategies, including the suggestion that officers only take the accuser's statement once to avoid documenting inconsistencies that could be used by the defense.

Now a judge has questioned such training after materials were released to a male student at the University of Mississippi who was expelled for allegedly sexually assaulting a female student.'

Judge sides with uni in student's dismissal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While a former University of Illinois student accused of sexual assault lost his lawsuit this week against the university, a federal judge urged the UI to change how it investigates sexual assault claims.

U.S. District Court Judge Colin Bruce ruled narrowly in favor of the UI, concluding that "John Doe" wasn't entitled to due process in this case because he didn't prove that he suffered a "tangible loss" after being dismissed from the UI for 2 years.

"Mere defamation by the government does not deprive a person of a liberty interest protected by the Fourteenth Amendment, even when it causes serious impairment of one's future employment," Bruce wrote, later writing that Doe failed to show "he has a legally protected entitlement to his continued education at the university."

Doe "failed to identify a property interest at stake, and thus there is no need for the court to proceed," Bruce wrote.

"We expect to appeal," said Doe's lawyer in Chicago, Mark Roth.'

'That's ... Ridiculous': Florida Domestic Violence Chief Earns $761,000

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'Tiffany Carr runs the state's top domestic violence organization, a nonprofit that uses public money -- state and federal -- to finance shelters and other essential services. And she makes a good living.

How good? In a June 30, 2017 report, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence disclosed she is paid $761,560 annually, a salary that is approved by its board. She hit that mark after receiving pay raises totaling $313,475 over a two-year period.

"That's -- it's ridiculous," said Dan Ravicher, a professor at University of Miami School of Law who focuses on nonprofits, business and social entrepreneurship. "We're talking almost 2 percent of the budget being paid to one person. That's pretty unusual."
...
"It is surprising that a private nonprofit organization serving such a vulnerable population requiring critical services would set a salary at more than $750,000," said Mara Gambineri, deputy communications director for Gov. Rick Scott. "This organization should provide a full explanation and give reassurance that the important services they provide are not being diluted by this expense."'

At UNM, researchers hope to modernize domestic violence treatment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At UNM, Fink's team is flipping what we thought we knew about domestic violence. She said she believes treatment plans currently being utilized by psychologists for violent abusers are flawed.

Much of it, Fink says, focuses on males—a strategy based around the myth that men are almost always the batterer, and women almost always the victim.

"There is no scientific evidence to support that," she said. "That also contributes to why we have no effective interventions for family violence."

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Fink's research studies what is actually going on inside the body and the brain when conflicts escalate to the point of physical aggression, including flight-or-fight responses. A new kind of therapy would focus on helping people adapt to conflict, something therapists don't currently prioritize on a large scale.

Fink says she believes couples should engage in two kinds of therapy—one with each other and the other with their own gender.'

Is It Normal For Men To Pee Sitting Down?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Standing up to pee is one of the greatest gifts granted to men. It’s quick, easy, and let’s be honest, fun. However recent cultural trends have given rise to a sweeping epidemic causing more and more men to sit while peeing.

The last reported data on the issue from 2007 suggested that a whopping 42 per cent of married men sat down to pee, most likely to avoid seat drips and the wrath of their fuming wives.

We’d be safe to guess that this percentage has surged past the 50 per cent mark since, due to the fact that this data was collected in an age before smart phones, and men now flock to the restrooms for a quick sit and scroll through Facebook.

"The idea of sitting down to pee is interesting," said Dr. Jesse N. Mills, Associate Clinical Professor at the UCLA Department of Urology when talking to Thrillist. "Nothing beats whipping it out and letting it rip. But if you want to sit down and think about life, it's a break in your day."'

Pennsylvania man convicted in death of daughter from bullet that hit him first

Matt · 30 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Agreed he was wrong to point the gun at the constable. The constable was indeed correct in drawing and shooting at the man. However to pin the daughter's death-as-murder on the dad, who is also, apparently, nuts? Would this have happened to a mother who did the same thing? I predict it will be overturned. Or... maybe not? Excerpt:

'A Pennsylvania man was convicted on all charges in the death of his 12-year-old daughter, who was shot by a constable serving eviction papers with a bullet that went through her father's arm.

Perry county authorities said that in January 2016 Donald Meyer Jr, 60, pointed a loaded rifle at the constable. The officer fired and the bullet wounded Meyer but killed Ciara Meyer, who was standing behind him.

Andrew Bender, a defense attorney, told jurors Meyer was responsible for his daughter's death.
...
The property manager Ashley Hill, who recorded the confrontation with her cellphone from about 20ft away, testified that the girl stepped up behind her father.
...
The defendant had anti-government views, Hill said, and "thought everyone was against him".

Jerry Philpott, another defense attorney, said Meyer feared his home was "being invaded" and picked up a gun he had been cleaning to try to protect his residence. Meyer blamed the constable for his daughter's death.

Jurors deliberated for about two hours on Friday before convicting Meyer, of Duncannon, of third-degree murder, aggravated assault and other counts. Meyer still faces firearms-related charges and remains in custody without bail, pending sentencing.'

Woman shoots husband over porn

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Article here. Watch the reaction. Man does it: he's controlling and abusive. Woman does it: served him right. Excerpt:

'A Jefferson County woman was charged with capital murder Saturday after she admitted shooting her husband after a disagreement over pornography, authorities said.

Patricia Hill, 69, called 911 and reported she had shot her husband, 65-year-old Frank Hill, just before 3 p.m Saturday, Maj. Lafayette Woods Jr. of the Jefferson County sheriff's office said.

Deputies went to 3801 Donaldson Lane, where they found Patricia Hill in the yard and detained her, according to a news release. Deputies found Frank Hill inside a shed on the property with at least two gunshot wounds, according to the release.

Paramedics were called to the scene, but Frank Hill was pronounced dead a short time later, the release said.'

Misogyny is a key element of white supremacy, Anti-Defamation League report finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Misogyny is a key element of the so-called alt-right movement and there is a strong link between men's rights activism and white supremacy, a report has found.

The Anti-Defamation League's report argues hatred of women is a "dangerous and underestimated component of extremism".

The research – titled When Women are the Enemy: The Intersection of Misogyny and White Supremacy – found the increasingly popular narrative of white men as victims of feminism has been a key driving force behind the misogyny which has become rife in far right movements.'

Swedish opera singer attacks #metoo mob mentality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Swedish mezzo-soprano Anne Sofie von Otter is one of the world's leading opera singers but, since March, also the world's most prominent #metoo widow.

Her husband, Benny Fredriksson, took his life after Sweden's Aftonbladet printed anonymous accusations that he was a "little Hitler" who bullied and terrorised staff during his 16 years as head of Stockholm's Kulturhuset Stadsteatern, the city's leading arts and culture centre.

The newspaper interviewed 40 people who claimed he had turned the centre into his own personal "dictatorship", forced women to rehearse naked and pressed a woman to either have an abortion or forfeit a role.

The 58-year-old resigned in December but the campaign continued against him and in March, while accompanying his wife on a singing tour in Australia, he took his own life.'

Duke Settles With Soccer Player Accused Of Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Duke University has settled with a student who had been suspended for alleged sexual assault just before a trial over his lawsuit was about to begin, The Daily Wire has learned. This is the second time in six months that Duke has made such a settlement just before a trial.

Ciaran McKenna had his name dragged through the mud after a female student he met during his freshman year, when he was still 17, accused him of sexually assaulting her, according to The Duke Chronicle. The two had met at a bar on November 14, 2015, and began kissing as they danced together. The female student — who is not named in legal documents because she is not being sued — then invited McKenna back to her room, allegedly just to continue making out.

But McKenna says she didn't object when he stopped to pick up a condom, and he says she did not deny consent through her words or actions. She says she told him "no" and pulled away before sex. McKenna says they engaged in other sexual activity before and after intercourse, and that she told him he didn't have to wear a condom after it kept falling off.

Months later, the woman would claim McKenna sexually assaulted her, and a Duke hearing panel suspended him for six semesters. This panel, which heard the case on July 7, 2016, did not unanimously believe the woman verbally said "no," during the activity, but also didn't believe McKenna had demonstrated that he had obtained affirmative consent.'

UK: Woman who had sex with schoolboy, 13, told by judge not to invite 'teen lads around for parties'

Matt · 31 July 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. "Just don't do that. No go on, off with you." It's unreal, but there it is. Excerpt:

'A woman convicted of having sex with a 13-year-old schoolboy has avoided a jail term.

And Jordan Lightfoot was warned by Judge David Hale not to invite teenage boys around for a party.

Lightfoot, of Edith Parc Rhyl, was found guilty of three charges of sexual activity with the 13-year-old boy, and also sexual activity by touching with a boy of 15, and causing or inciting the elder boy to engage in sexual activity.

She was 19 at the time of the offences and had sex with the younger boy at her home in the summer of 2016, a jury heard.

The offences came to light when the boy's mother found text messages on his mobile phone.

After considering a pre-sentence report Judge Hale imposed an 18 month jail sentence, suspended for two years, with 50 days of rehabilitation activity.

A five-year sexual harm prevention order was made which bans Lightfoot from contact with boys aged between 11 and 16 unless inadvertent or with consent of parents who know about the conviction.

Lightfoot, who is the mother of a baby whose father is unconnected with the case, was placed on the sex offenders' register for 10 years and must pay £140 costs.'

Feminism is the last thing in the world boys need

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The sheer degree of havoc feminists cause never ceases to amaze me, nor does their arrogance and condescension. In a ridiculous piece in the The New York Times titled “What Feminists Can Do for Boys,” feminist author Jessica Valenti claims that those who share her ideology can help boys become men.

I cannot think of a more preposterous argument. Feminism is a major cause of the predicament boys and men now face. In what world could it be the remedy?

What modern feminists want is to rid the world of traditional masculinity, pure and simple. They’re consumed with the unwarranted and bogus notion that men in their natural state are prone to oppress women and that the male drive to provide and protect is evidence of said oppression.'

UVA President Who Oversaw Rolling Stone Hoax Leaves Office

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's been nearly four years since Rolling Stone magazine published its disastrous article about an alleged gang-rape at the University of Virginia. The story was so unbelievably fake (the main accused rapist didn't even exist!) that the magazine was forced to settle three lawsuits brought by those who had been harmed by the article.

The president of UVA at the time of the hoax, Teresa Sullivan, leaves office on Tuesday, and has naturally provided some historical revisions as to her role in the debacle.

...

Sullivan makes it seem like she didn't wildly overreact to an accusation with more holes than Swiss cheese. In the wake of the article, without missing a beat, Sullivan extended a voluntary weekend ban on social activities from the school's Greek Council for nearly two months. This was a blanket punishment on all Greek organizations, and it continued after the ban was lifted. To resume activities, the organizations had to sign new agreements with the school, which included new restrictions on social activities, such as requiring fraternities to block stairs to residential rooms and place sober brothers throughout the event. Mixed drinks, such as punches, were also prohibited.'

UK: Tommy Robinson released

Matt · 1 August 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Dreadful days when in a western nation people actually need to celebrate a man being released after he was arrested for taking a picture of a courthouse to report on its proceedings *from the outside of the courthouse*. Excerpt:

'TOMMY Robinson thanked his supporters as he walked free from prison today after a judge overturned his conviction for contempt of court.

The English Defence League founder (EDL) hugged friends before he was led from Onley Prison by a friend this afternoon.

Giving only a brief statement, Robinson said: "I want to thank the British public for all their support." He then sped away from the scene in a waiting car.

On the Free Tommy Robinson Facebook page a post said he was "over the moon" about the ruling and will be going on holiday with his family.

The Facebook post said: "Tommy just called his family from prison to ask what the outcome was - he said prisoners were shouting that he was going home but he did not want to believe them. He is over the moon."

Robinson was sentenced to 13 months in prison earlier this year after broadcasting footage of trial defendants on social media.'

Child abuse victims by relationship

Matt · 1 August 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From 2006. Excerpt:

'This pie chart shows that 39.9 percent of child victims were maltreated by their mothers acting alone; another 17.6 percent were maltreated by their fathers acting alone; 17.8 percent were abused by both their mother and father. Victims abused by a nonparental perpetrator accounted for 10.0 percent.'

The first convicted child abuser was female

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mary Ellen was born in Hell's Kitchen, NY, in March of 1864. Her father died soon after and her mother, Frances Wilson, had to seek child care arrangements. She left Mary Ellen with a family and gave them a stipend for Mary Ellen's care. But eventually, Frances stopped visiting her daughter, the money stopped, and the family turned Mary Ellen over to the state orphanage.

She was eventually placed in a foster home with two parents, one of whom died soon after. The foster mom remarried a man named Francis Connolly and became Mrs. Mary Connolly. Shortly thereafter, they moved to 41st Street in New York. Neighbors became concerned because they thought Mary Ellen was being abused. They asked Methodist missionary Etta Angell Wheeler to check on her under the pretense of welcoming them into the neighborhood and to ask them to check on a bedridden neighbor from time to time.

What she saw in that house on that day would change the course of history and save hundreds of lives of little kids. Mary Ellen Wilson had been beaten over and over again, forced to do hard labor, was malnourished, and underdressed for the cold New York winter. She was nine years old. Aside from being stabbed in the head by her foster mother with a pair of scissors, she had no bed and was whipped and beaten on a daily basis.

Etta Wheeler reported all this to the police but at the time there were no laws against child abuse, and so the police took no action. In desperation, she sought out Henry Bergh and described the problem. Together, they talked to neighbors who agreed to give testimony to the police in an effort to get the police to remove Mary Ellen from the house. It worked, and the foster mother was arrested and went to trial. But it was a long shot since she hadn't broken any laws.
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Upon Connolly's conviction, Mary Ellen was taken in and eventually adopted by the Methodist missionary, Etta Angell Wheeler.'

#MeToo, please stay out of our love lives

Mastodon · 2 August 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Although the #MeToo movement has made inroads into changing workplace culture, it is unfortunately leaking into the complicated world of human mating. As the #MeToo digital mobs march into our intimate relationships, posting allegations of sexual abuse and misogyny related to male-female personal relationships, the #MeToo boundaries are getting decidedly blurry. Bad boys, jerks, and guys who didn't know their date just wasn't so into them are being ensnared like dolphins in a tuna net.

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But here's the other conversation no one is having. Innocent, injured babies always find each other, even when they dress up as adults. And their playground is the bed. This is not to victim-blame. And trust me, I have spent enough time on a therapy couch to know my piece in relationship dynamics. I'm only saying that we must shine a brighter light on the deeper underpinnings of adult intimate relationships. They are complicated. But they are not #MeToo.'

Howard Levitt: I would gladly name, shame and sue #MeToo accusers who have ulterior motives

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the #MeToo era, investigations have become de rigueur. If anything, we are in a climate of over-investigation where management, too often alleges the need to investigate so they don't have to make necessary decisions. Employers have also neutered their own human resource departments by using outside investigators when their own trained human resource executives know the company's culture, policies and the individuals involved far better. They can usually do a more efficient and effective job than an outsider. Companies also too often use lawyers for investigations when that only invites the affected employees to bring their own lawyers, further delaying the process. (Employees otherwise have no right to bring counsel to an investigation.)

There is also the problem that the very fact of an investigation usually seals the fate of the investigated employee. I have seen few cases where an employee, suspended pending investigation, has ever been reinstated, regardless of the ultimate findings.

But one particular case, in which the investigator cleared the employee from allegations of sexual harassment and worse, seems particularly egregious. In that case, a complainant, M.C. (for Main Complainant), made serious allegations of violent rape, purportedly years earlier, against Steven Galloway, who was a sessional instructor when the rape allegedly occurred, but, at the time of the complaint, UBC's Creative Writing Chair. M.C.'s allegations were conveyed by Chelsea Rooney, a former student in the department. Rooney claimed that she could bring forward an additional 19 former and current UBC students who could also allege abuse by Galloway.
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UBC eventually did retain, to its credit in this case, a professional factfinder, retired former B.C. Supreme Court Justice Mary Ellen Boyd, who had a history of strong decisions in favour of victimized women. I note that, unlike lawyers, who are skilled in cross-examination, judges have expertise in fact-finding. Boyd found that M.C. fabricated her story and that, rather than a violent rape, M.C. and Galloway had conducted a two-year-long consensual affair, which went on long after the rape was alleged to have occurred. There were also no 19 complainants. The few witnesses whom Rooney conjured up had complaints that were, at best, trivial and in no way constituted sexual harassment.'

Are there any similarities between the men's rights movement and feminism?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The feminist playwright Penelope Skinner has written about women having affairs (The Village Bike), women turning 50 (Linda) and becoming invisible and millennial loneliness (Eigengrau). But she ventures into brand new territory with Angry Alan, which for the first time has a man at the centre of her one-man-play.

She worked with her partner, Donald Sage Mackay to create the role. He plays Roger, a man who feels angry after losing his job and getting divorced and discovers catharsis in following an evangelist for the Men's Rights Movement called Angry Alan.

Angry Alan is based, in part, on the real-life men's activist Angry Harry, who blogged and vlogged about our 'gynocentric society' until his death in 2016 and the face of the Men's Rights movement, Paul Elam, the founder of the A Voice for Men website who makes long videos and essays about why marriage and divorce are unfair to men.
...
There are moments in the play when the parallels between the Men's Rights Movement and feminism are drawn out. Skinner demonstrates that they are both striving for equality, even if they come at it from very different perspectives. Sometimes you feel sympathy for Roger's point of view, especially when he talks about how he wants to see more of his son.
...
"I feel the story of this guy Roger is an important story and I'm not sure men are telling it," says Skinner, who became interested in the fringe movement in 2016, around the time of the Presidential election.

The 40-year-old playwright, who made her name with the controversial plays Fucked and The Village Bike about female sexuality says she wanted to cover the rise of the men's rights movement because after the US election, she and her partner, who is American, "had all these feelings" and "there was this immediate sense of wanting to respond."'

"Gender gap in pay begins with children’s allowances"

Minuteman · 2 August 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Is there any low they won't sink to? Link here. Excerpt:

'PHOENIX – Parents pay boys a weekly allowance twice as high as they give girls, according to a study from a Phoenix-area company that sells an app to track children’s chores, allowances and finances.

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“Frankly, I was super-depressed at the results,” Murset said.

...

That the long-bemoaned gender pay gap starts early did not surprise one expert.

“These gender roles run so deep in our society that it can be hard to escape them, even in the home,” said Julia Bear, a business professor who studies negotiation and the gender pay gap at Stony Brook University in New York.

An Institute for Women’s Policy Institute study showed that women in the U.S. made 81.8 cents for every dollar men made in 2017.

...

Bear noted the BusyKid study isn’t scientific – it doesn’t have diverse demographics, such as income levels, because parents pay to use the app – but said the high volume of users is a trustworthy sample size and should spur further study.

...

Murset said his company found two possible reasons for the wage disparity: lack of hygiene and availability of chores.

Boys frequently were paid to maintain hygiene while girls were not, Murset said.

...

“I don’t think that this is a vast conspiracy against our girls,” Murset said, but he and Bear urged parents to talk with their children about money and gender.'

NYT places Sarah Jeong on Editorial Board

Matt · 2 August 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The New York Times' newest editorial hire has a history of racist tweets against white people.

NYT announced on Wednesday that they hired Sarah Jeong to join their editorial board. Jeong previously wrote for the Verge and authored "The Internet of Garbage," a book about online harassment and free speech.

Shortly after Jeong's hire, Twitter users unearthed old tweets in which she expressed an extreme distaste for white people.

"Dumbass fucking white people marking up the internet with their opinions like dogs pissing on fire hydrants," she tweeted in 2016.

Another tweet reads, "oh man it's kind of sick how much joy I get from being cruel to old white men."'

Man convicted of attempted homicide in spiking of girlfriend's drink with abortion pill

Matt · 3 August 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Fox Cities man charged with spiking his girlfriend's drink with an abortion-inducing drug was convicted of attempted first-degree intentional homicide of an unborn child Wednesday in Outagamie County court.

The girlfriend of Manishkumar M. Patel, 45, didn't ingest the drink but miscarried weeks later.

The attempted homicide charge carries a maximum sentence of 60 years in the state prison system. Sentencing was scheduled for Oct. 9.

A host of other charges in that case and two other cases — one felony case and one misdemeanor case — were dismissed and read in as part of a plea agreement.

Patel, who was charged in 2007, forfeited a $750,000 cash bond and went on the run for nearly a decade. He was arrested in New York in January 2017.'

New NYT Board member sent anti-cop, anti-men tweets

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sarah Jeong, the newest editorial board member of The New York Times, is also responsible for extensive anti-cop and anti-men tweets.

The New York Times stood by Jeong on Thursday after the internet surfaced her old racist tweets, however her full Twitter history reveals her ire was not only directed toward white people.

The NYT claimed that Jeong was “imitating” the behavior of people who harassed her online, but this does not explain why she was tweeting “fuck the police” and encouraging people to “kill all men.”

A search for “cops” and “police” on Jeong’s Twitter reveals an extensive history of anti-cop sentiment and a lack of sympathy for police who are injured on the job.
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She also tweeted “fuck the police” on several occasions, including one with a gif of anime characters actually physically attacking a police officer.

In addition, Jeong repeatedly tweeted about killing men, and joked that, even if only “bad men” were killed, that would still include all men.

She tweeted in 2014, “kill more men,” and seemed to sadly state at one point, “I’m likely to actually kill zero men in my lifetime.”

White women were not spared from Jeong’s rage — during the 2016 election she eloquently tweeted “fuck white women lol.”'

'Anti-feminist' YouTuber Sydney Watson launches March for Men in Melbourne

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A female conservative political commentator and self-proclaimed anti-feminist has organised a March for Men in Melbourne, saying there is a collective assault on the male population.

YouTuber Sydney Watson says the event is not about taking away women's rights or making negative statements about women, but to "show the men in our lives that we care".

Despite being a conservative Trump supporter, Ms Watson says the march welcomes people of all political preferences.

Her self-titled YouTube channel has nearly 30,000 subscribers and her other videos include provocative titles like 'White privilege doesn't exist', 'Why you aren't racist for hating multiculturalism' and '#MeToo ruined workplaces'.

In a YouTube video promoting the event, she states the march is "about men and women standing shoulder to shoulder to demonstrate that we're here for one another".

Ms Watson has also started a GoFundMe page to raise funds for the event and for men's charities, and has so far raised $1900 of her $5000 goal.'

The rise of anti-male sexism and the corruption of feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism began as a challenge to male domination and female subordination. It could have become a champion of equality and the dignity of individuals. Unfortunately, contemporary feminism is not a liberation from sexism.

It's true that feminism rejects anti-female sexism. But in place of anti-female sexism, it doesn't advocate gender-blind standards; it doesn't advocate treating individuals as complex beings; it doesn't reject reducing people to their gender.

On the contrary, feminism sees people as defined by their gender and lobbies for the interests of females. It advocates anti-male sexism.

By framing females as oppressed by males, feminism frames men as arrogant and insensitive, oppressive and brutal. The systematic vilification and demonization of males is part of the feminist strategy of raising women by lowering men, by convincing people that women are good and men are bad.

This is simply a reversal of anti-female sexism into anti-male sexism. All males are reduced to a common set of evil characteristics, while all females are celebrated.'

Deputy’s Wife Still Allowed to Teach Despite Admitting to Oral Sex with 14-Year-Old Student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In January 2018, Dori Myers denied that she had performed oral sex on a 14-year-old student. Fast forward to August, and Myers has not only admitted to doing this on “multiple occasions” in “multiple locations,” she’s also being punished very lightly for it.

According to the New York Post, Myers entered a guilty plea on Wednesday to a criminal sex act and will have to register as a sex offender. What Myers won’t have to do is go to jail or surrender her teacher’s license. The latter detail is perhaps the most jarring. Instead, Myers will spend the next 10 years on probation, leaving her little margin for error henceforth.

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Myers, who was a social studies teacher at The New School for Leadership and the Arts in Kingsbridge, reportedly entered her guilty plea a day earlier than anticipated to avoid media coverage. Myers has lost her job, but her lawyer asked the judge to “preserve the possibility” his client can teach “adults now or in the future.”

“She still is a talented teacher and has those skills, and I don’t see any reason to destroy her ability to make a living and to contribute to society in a positive way,” Myers’ lawyer Andrew Stoll said. The judge did not strip Myers of her license and said that it was up to the Department of Education.'

Why are women Uber drivers paid less than men?

Matt · 5 August 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From Feb. 2018 but a good article. Excerpt:

'STEPHEN DUBNER : So you write in the paper that unlike previous studies, you were able to, “completely explain the pay gap.” So can you unpack that just a bit?

REBECCA DIAMOND : Sure. Uber pays drivers based on a relatively simple, transparent formula that takes into account how long your ride is in miles, how long the ride takes, and potentially, a surge multiplier where sometimes there’s, excessively high demand.

JOHN LIST : So the fare itself is determined by an algorithm, which is gender-blind. The dispatch itself is gender-blind. And pay structure’s tied directly to output and not negotiated.

DIAMOND : That transparency and that simplicity of pay is what makes this environment so interesting for studying a gender pay gap.
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DUBNER : So let me just make sure I’m clear. You’re saying there’s no gender discrimination on the Uber side, on the supply side, because the algorithm is gender-blind and the price is the price. And you’re saying there’s no gender discrimination on the passenger side. So does that mean that discrimination accounts for zero percent of whatever pay gap you find or don’t find between male and female Uber drivers?

LIST : That’s correct.
...
We find that the entire gender gap is caused by three factors: a) experience on the platform (learning-by-doing), b) preferences over where/when to work, and c) preferences for driving speed.

This suggests that, as the gig economy grows and brings more flexibility in employment, women’s relatively high opportunity cost of non-paid-work time and gender-based preference differences can perpetuate a gender earnings gap even in the absence of discrimination.

It’s a pretty significant and important finding that has implications for the rest of the labor market — you can find a gender earnings gap even in the complete absence of gender discrimination that is explained by gender differences in preferences.
...
Overall, our results suggest that, even in the gender-blind, transactional, flexible environment of the gig economy, gender-based preferences can open gender earnings gaps. The preference differences that contribute to pay differences in professional markets for lawyers and MBAs also lead to earnings gaps for drivers on Uber, suggesting they are pervasive across the skill distribution and whether in the traditional or gig workplace.'

When Racism* Is Fit to Print

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* And Misandry

Article here. Excerpt:

'But the alternative view — that of today's political left — is that Jeong definitionally cannot be racist, because she's both a woman and a racial minority. Racism against whites, in this neo-Marxist view, just "isn't a thing" — just as misandry literally cannot exist at all. And this is because, in this paradigm, racism has nothing to do with a person's willingness to pre-judge people by the color of their skin, or to make broad, ugly generalizations about whole groups of people, based on hoary stereotypes.

Rather, racism is entirely institutional and systemic, a function of power, and therefore it can only be expressed by the powerful — i.e., primarily white, straight men. For a nonwhite female, like Sarah Jeong, it is simply impossible. In the religion of social constructionism, Jeong, by virtue of being an Asian woman, is one of the elect, incapable of the sin of racism or group prejudice. All she is doing is resisting whiteness and maleness, which indeed require resistance every second of the day.

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Let me explain why I think this is the purest of bullshit. If you want to respond to trolls by trolling them, you respond to them directly. You don't post slurs about an entire race of people (the overwhelming majority of whom are not trolls) on an open-forum website like Twitter. And these racist tweets were not just a function of one sudden exasperated vent at a harasser; they continued for two years. Another tweet from 2016 has her exclaiming: "fuck white women lol."

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Yes, we all live on campus now. The neo-Marxist analysis of society, in which we are all mere appendages of various groups of oppressors and oppressed, and in which the oppressed definitionally cannot be at fault, is now the governing philosophy of almost all liberal media. That's how the Washington Post can provide a platform for raw misandry, and the New York Times can hire and defend someone who expresses racial hatred. The great thing about being in the social justice movement is how liberating it can feel to give voice to incendiary, satisfying bigotry — and know that you're still on the right side of history.'

Your sexbot development update

Matt · 6 August 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A sex doll collector, named under his alias Brick Dollbanger, has opened up about his experiences of sleeping with Harmony, a life-sized cyborg costing around £11,700 ($15,000).

Made by California-based company Realbotix, Harmony is a robotic head capable of speech, machine learning and autonomous movement that's affixed to an anatomically correct sex doll body.

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The 60-year-old told Daily Star Online that testing out "work of art" Harmony has been "fantastic" so far and has changed his perception of relationships.

When Harmony becomes more advanced, Brick said he would consider entering into a "relationship" with the android he described as "the future".

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His collection of four sex dolls, however, pales in comparison to Harmony, which he claims will "start the silicone sex revolution of the 21st century".

When Brick spoke to Daily Star Online, he said he had had sex with her on five occasions during his first two weeks of owning her.

Describing the experience, he said the realistic facial expressions she made in the bedroom gave him pause for thought.

At times, he said, it seemed as if Harmony "knew what I was doing".

He said: "I was watching her eyes brink and head move around, facial expressions, which added a great deal of realism to it.

"I noticed she was getting very extreme expressions, like she knew what I was doing.

"It kind of shocked me."'

Men as Likely To Be Harassed Online as Women

Matt · 6 August 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study released by the Pew Research Center supports what some of us have argued all alongabout online harassment: that it affects men as much as women and that the problem should not be framed as a gender issue—or defined so broadly as to chill legitimate criticism.

If anything, the study says, men tend to get more online abuse than women, including serious abuse such as physical threats (though women are, predictably, more likely to be sexually harassed). However, when people are asked about free speech vs. safety on the internet, women are more likely to come down on the side of the latter. Thus, it is very likely future efforts at speech regulation will continue to be cast as "feminist" initiatives.
...
A basic premise of these discussions has been that women, especially outspoken women, are specifically and maliciously targeted for hate, abuse, and threats; many feminists have claimed internet misogyny is the civil rights issue of our time.

The Pew survey of over 4,000 American internet users over 18 conducted in January challengesthose contentions. Forty four percent of the men and 37 percent of the women said that at some point, they had experienced at least one of the behaviors the study classified as harassment.'

Jordan Peterson on the 'backlash against masculinity'

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Video here. Excerpt:

'The Canadian psychologist Jordan B Peterson says there is a "backlash" against masculinity and "a sense there is something toxic about masculinity".

He told Hardtalk's Stephen Sackur: "There are biological differences between men and women that express themselves in temperament and in occupational choice and that any attempt to enforce equality of outcomes is unwarranted and ill advised as a consequence."'

UCLA students forced to pay for ‘Toxic Masculinity Committee’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) students recently launched an underground committee dedicated to fighting “toxic masculinity” and “gender norms.”

The Toxic Masculinity Committee was formed in Spring 2018 by four female UCLA students in their capacity as Diversity Peer Leaders, who are paid $13 an hour to facilitate events such as “Unlearning Toxic Masculinity” “Bro, Let’s Talk.”

Aziza Wright is a UCLA senior studying African American Studies. In an interview with Campus Reform, Wright explained that she was captain of the Toxic Masculinity Committee last semester, and that roughly 25-30 students attended each event the committee put on.

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But while Wright and her team primarily aimed to serve as discussion facilitators, she did note that they all agreed upon an overarching philosophy.

“The harm of toxic masculinity is that it causes men to act in a harmful way towards others based on unattainable gender norms and impacts real life situations in a negative way,” explained Wright, who shrugged off a question about whether all masculinity is toxic.

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UCLA student Victoria Miller praised the committee for raising awareness of sexual assault during the recent events it hosted on campus, but also worried about the committee's attitude towards masculinity and lack of transparency.

“Men should decide what it means to be a good man. There is nothing wrong with masculinity. In fact, many women are attracted to it,” said Miller, a junior majoring in Russian who is also on the board of Bruin Republicans.

“UCLA is a public university. They should not be spending money on a committee that has to be kept secret. I support full transparency,” she added.'

"Male sports need women — A LOT more women — to stop stupidity of men"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I have an idea. I'm pretty sure it will work. And I think it can solve an epidemic plaguing male-dominated American sports.

Here it is: Women.

We need women — and I mean a lot more women — to help stem the tide of all the stupidity being perpetrated by men in American sports.
...
It's any number of issues, from cases of physical and sexual abuse, to less serious but also harmful transgressions like inappropriate comments, discussions and attitudes.

We need women in positions of authority and influence in our male-sports landscape. We need a different perspective attuned to the experiences, the plights and the needs of others.
...
Of course, simply having more women isn't foolproof or a panacea in and of itself. Ousted MSU president Lou Anna Simon proves that. But certainly the more women we have in male sports, the better chance we have to stem the tide and heal the wounds that some men have inflicted.

So what does this look like? What could more women in positions of authority do?

It's too much to ask women to be watchdogs and the moral conscience of the entire male sports world. But their mere presence at various organizational levels could remind players, coaches and executives that there is an entire segment of society who might think differently about gender issues. Perhaps in executive meetings or in locker rooms they would provide a check against wrong-minded thinking.'

British women-only club defends hiring male boss

Matt · 6 August 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Truth remains stranger than fiction. Excerpt:

'The founders of Britain's first club for businesswomen defended their decision to appoint a chairman on Monday after criticism from some gender rights activists, saying men needed to be "part of the solution".

AllBright, a London private members' club launched in March to connect female entrepreneurs, announced on Monday it had appointed the former head of the Asda supermarket group Allan Leighton as chairman.

Members include the tech entrepreneur Martha Lane-Fox and actresses Naomie Harris and Ruth Wilson.

"AllBright is all about celebrating and championing women, but it's also about bringing enlightened men on the journey with us," said founders Debbie Wosskow and Anna Jones in a statement.

"Most importantly, we recognize that having Allan on board demonstrates the need for men like him to be part of the solution in helping to change the economic landscape for women - this is the only way that real change is going to happen."'

Professor Slams 'Hegemonic Masculinity' of Homeless Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A feminist professor at Wilfrid Laurier University in Canada recently published a book chapter documenting the myriad ways homeless men allegedly perpetuate “hegemonic masculinity” while discussing their hardships.

The book chapter, “When a Man’s Home is Not a Castle: Hegemonic Masculinity Among Men Experiencing Homelessness,” was published last Wednesday by Professor Erin Dej, in a book she co-edited on patriarchy in psychiatric wards and homeless shelters.

The goal of her research, she explains, was to “assess the ways hypermasculinity is performed among men experiencing homelessness.” And to do this, Dej interviewed 27 homeless men and spent and additional 296 hours spying on them in homeless shelters.

While research on vulnerable people typically requires informed consent and approval by an ethics board, it is unclear if Dej sought this. She declined to comment on this when emailed by PJ Media, and her research makes no mention of ethics review.'

Sociologist (Michael Kimmel) Facing Harassment 'Rumors' Defers Award

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Michael Kimmel, SUNY Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and an internationally known expert on masculinity, asked the American Sociological Association to delay presenting him with a major award for six months, so that still-anonymous allegations of sexual harassment against him can be vetted, he said last week.

"I have been informed that there are rumors circulating about my professional conduct that suggest I have behaved unethically," Kimmel wrote in comments to the association, requesting that they be read at the association's annual meeting later this month in Philadelphia (he shared the comments with Inside Higher Ed). "While nothing has been formally alleged to the best of my knowledge," he said, "I take such concerns seriously, and want to validate the voices of those who are making such claims. I want to hear those charges, hear those voices, and make amends to those who believe I have injured them."

Kimmel, who has described himself as a "tireless advocate of engaging men to support gender equality," was to be presented the association's Jessie Bernard Award for broadening research on the role of women in society. Nancy Kidd, executive director of the association, said that a committee of peer reviewers selected Kimmel for the award "based on extensive review of his academic contributions." The association also "takes very seriously any accusations of misconduct against sociologists which violate our Code of Ethics, and we have a process for receiving and addressing complaints," she said. So should a complaint be filed and investigated, "through us or other investigative bodies, that leads to a finding of misconduct, [the association] will take appropriate action."'

Expelled Cal Poly student gets to graduate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cal Poly must overturn the expulsion of a student accused of a March 2016 sexual assault and allow that student to graduate, a Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge ordered July 12.

Judge James C. Chalfant's decision comes after a two-year battle between the accused student, named in the complaint under the alias John Doe, Cal Poly and the California State University system, both of which Doe accused of depriving him of his due process rights.

According to his attorney Mark Hathaway, Doe was "a graduating senior with two credits left to complete his bachelor's degree when (CSU) Chancellor (Timothy) White and the university ordered him expelled."

Hathaway, a partner with the Los Angeles-based firm Werkman Jackson Hathaway & Quinn, "has assisted dozens of students and faculty in Title IX sexual misconduct investigations," according to his profile on the firm's website.'

Woman wanting to fulfill 'rape fantasy' filed false sexual assault report, police say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The woman who filed a sexual assault report in July after an alleged attack at Mounds State Park lied to police, the Madison County Sheriff's Department said Tuesday.

Officers were called to Mounds State Park on July 3, after a 19-year-old woman said she was assaulted. The woman told officers she was jogging when a man came up behind her, pushed her down, and groped her.

Somebody else in the park saw it happen and called 911.

Police used credit card receipts to find a potential suspect, a 17-year-old who was located in Indianapolis.

The 17-year-old cooperated with police and said he met the woman on "Whisper," an anonymous social media app. He told police he responded to a post from the woman, who claimed she was looking for somebody to fulfill a "rape fantasy." The two of them arranged to meet at the park.

The 17-year-old saved screenshots on his phone of conversations with the woman. The screenshots corroborated his version of the events at the park.

The 19-year-old, Marguerite Wallace of Pendleton, was arrested on a preliminary misdemeanor charge of false informing.'

Sorority at Harvard votes to close over no-single-sex-groups policy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two years after Harvard University said it would penalize students who joined fraternities, sororities and final clubs, a campus sorority chapter is shutting down.

The Delta Gamma sorority announced Sunday that it had voted unanimously to honor a request by its Cambridge chapter, Zeta Phi, to close.

“This decision does not mean that we are succumbing to the University’s new sanctions and policies,” the president of Delta Gamma’s national organization, Wilma Johnson Wilbanks, said in a statement.

“We will continue to champion our right to exist on campuses everywhere,” her statement said. “We believe the value of sorority is too great.”

...

In an email to students, Harvard’s president at the time, Drew Gilpin Faust, said that fraternities and sororities enacted “forms of privilege and exclusion at odds with our deepest values” and said that the school could not “endorse selection criteria that reject much of the student body merely because of gender.”

Ms. Faust’s successor, Lawrence Bacow, has said he intends to continue the policy. Other schools, as well as states around the country, have begun to crack down on Greek life organizations.'

Some equal time: women report sex dolls are 'better than men'

Matt · 8 August 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I totally get it. It can f*ck you all night and keep a boner with no necessity for ED pills nor breaks for water. But does it pay the tab or fork over child support? Excerpt:

'Men face being made redundant in the bedroom if women turn to silicone robots which “do not tire” or suffer from “performance issues”.

It comes as the world’s first Harmony sex doll owner exclusively revealed the “realism” of romping with the artificially intelligent android to Daily Star Online.

The male equivalent, dubbed Gabriel, is also programmed with unique conversations and stories to share with partners.

Women “will not have to worry about making any effort to get pleasure in the bedroom as the doll satisfies every whim,” Disclose reported.

The robots are said to be “extremely lifelike” with each model customised to meet the customer’s various requirements, including the head, body and gender.

They are hand painted to include detail such as freckles, birth marks and even scars.'

Welcome to the ‘Man Camps’ of West Texas

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There’s not much to look at except dirt, mesquite, and sagebrush around the 10 acres of flat, almost treeless land near Goldsmith, Texas, where Aries Residence Suites runs a housing complex used by itinerant oil workers. Three years ago, all 188 rooms were as empty as the landscape—a testament to crude’s tumble from more than $100 a barrel to $30. Today, prices are up around $70 and almost every Aries bed is occupied, just as at many other “man camps” throughout West Texas.

The Permian Basin, a more than 75,000-square-mile expanse of sedimentary rock that’s one of the world’s biggest oil plays, is drawing billions of dollars in new investment. Companies are scrambling to find people to do everything from operating drilling rigs to driving trucks. Wages have reached such lofty levels that even unskilled laborers can earn $100,000 a year. Many of the jobs are in remote areas with no houses, schools, or supermarkets, so free room and board are essential perks for workers, most of whom elect to leave their families at home.

David Penny, a 57-year-old pump operator who’s originally from Zimbabwe, stays at the Goldsmith camp during his two-week shifts. “It’s a great place to work, but a terrible place to live,” he says, citing the heat, dust, and dearth of grocery stores and restaurants among the negatives. His wife, who lives 370 miles away in Dallas, “would never come out here, and I don’t blame her one bit,” says Penny over lunch at the on-site cafeteria.

Thousands of workers now reside in dormitory-like compounds in West Texas and eastern New Mexico, and more are on the way. Aries, which has 11 locations spread out over North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Texas, is expanding Goldsmith, which is near capacity, to 400 beds and will soon break ground on a 500-bed facility in Orla, Texas, a town with new oilfield activity but a population of less than 300.'

Yale Ordered To Release Sex Assault Training Materials

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yale University must release the materials it uses to train administrators investigating claims of campus sexual assault after an expelled student requested them in his lawsuit against his former school.

In court documents obtained by The Daily Wire, U.S. District Judge Alfred V. Covello ordered the university to release the materials “because the documents at issue are relevant and responsible to the earlier request served in 2016.

Two years ago, former Yale basketball star Jack Montague’s attorneys served the Ivy League school requests for “[a]ll documents provided to any agents or employees of Yale or anyone appointed to serve on a [University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct (UWC)] Hearing Panel concerning the operation, interpretations, or application and/or training on UWC disciplinary proceedings from July 1, 2011, to the present.”'

After the bell, lawmakers still studying campus sex assault bills

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Under the House bill, schools would be required to conduct the sexual misconduct climate surveys beginning in August 2019, after a task force develops a model survey designed to gather information, including the number of reported incidents of sexual misconduct on campus, student awareness of related policies, and what happens after a victim reports sexual misconduct.

"The reason for the task force is there are many ways to ask a question," Ehrlich said. "Questions can be asked in a way that lead to a certain answer. They can be asked in a way that you may not get as direct an answer as possible. It'll be the work of the task force to make sure that questions are asked in a way that they are as free as possible from bias."

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Moore offered an amendment to the bill that added in elements of a broader campus sexual assault bill the Senate passed in November, including requirements that students be trained annually on sexual violence prevention and that each college and university designate a "confidential resource advisor" who can provide students information on available reporting options, counseling and medical services after an assault.'

Vox’s Ezra Klein Defends “Kill All Men” Twitter Hashtag

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In yet another article from the Left insisting that old, racist tweets from recently hired New York Times writer Sarah Jeong aren’t actually racist, Vox founder Ezra Klein veered off course into defending an old misandrist hashtag: #KillAllMen.

“A few years ago, it became popular on feminist Twitter to tweet about the awful effects of patriarchal culture and attach the line #KillAllMen,” Klein wrote. “This became popular enough that a bunch of people I know and hang out with and even love began using it in casual conversation.”
...

"They didn’t want me put to death. They didn’t want any men put to death. They didn’t hate me, and they didn’t hate men,” Klein wrote. “‘#KillAllMen' was another way of saying ‘it would be nice if the world sucked less for women.’ It was an expression of frustration with pervasive sexism. I didn’t enjoy the way they said it, but that didn’t mean I had to pretend I couldn’t figure out what they meant. And if I had any questions, I could, you know, ask, and actually listen to the answer.”
...
The problem with this kind of thinking is that it only ever applies to the Left when the person presenting the alleged offense is on their side. Those people are defended, while others are pushed out.'

Double Standard? Wisconsin Senate Candidate Once Railed Against ‘White Male Entitlement’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Julie Henszey, a Democrat candidate for the 5th Senate District seat held by departing Republican U.S. Senate candidate Leah Vukmir (R-Brookfield), has posted some inflammatory rants on her personal Facebook page – mostly diatribes against white Christian men and their “power.”

“When all the homosexuals are converted, when all the minorities are silenced or displaced, when women’s vaginas are locked up (because that’s really what you are trying to control), when the only people left with a voice and power are white, straight men, will you be happy? Will you be fulfilled, that you are closer to God, that others respect you? What’s the point of ‘winning’ when everyone else loses? Here’s the truth: We all Lose. You too,” Henszey posted on Jan. 25, 2017.

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Reached for comment on Tuesday, Henszey said she had an appointment at the time and would call back later in the day. She did not. MacIver News Service attempted to reach the candidate again on Wednesday, but the voicemail message seeking comment went unanswered.

Henszey apparently has removed the questionable posts from her personal Facebook account.

Her inflamed online comments have abated in the months after moving from “grassroots activist” in leadership positions with Indivisible and Citizen Action of Wisconsin, left-wing organizations known for intemperate rhetoric and vitriol for all things Trump, into the more cautious world of campaign politics.'

UK: Male, pale and stale university professors to be given 'reverse mentors'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Male, pale and stale university professors are to be given “reverse mentors” to teach them about unconscious bias, under a new Government funded scheme.

Under the project, white males in senior academic posts will be assigned a junior female colleague from an ethnic minority as a mentor.

Prof John Rowe, who is overseeing the project at Birmingham University, said he hopes the scheme will allow eminent professors to confront their own biases and leave them “feeling quite uncomfortable”.'

Lawyer Furious Over ‘Sexist’ No-Men Allowed Pool Party

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A lawyer slammed a “sexist” no-single-men pool party hosted by a California hotel while speaking with The Daily Caller News Foundation on Friday.

San Diego lawyer Alfred G. Rava is representing three men, Mitchell Fairless, Chris Fairless and James Hamilton, in a lawsuit against DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Golf Resort Palm Springs and Plush, a party company that hosted an event at the hotel. The men are suing the hotel and party company for violating California’s Unruh Civil Rights Act and Business and Professions Code 125.6.

Rava filed his lawsuit with the Superior Court of California County of Riverside on July 26 and received a copy of the complaint Wednesday. The complaint opens with a quote: “All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.”

Plush advertised its event at DoubleTree with a “discounted rate $175 per couple” and “single ladies are only $20.” At least one of the plaintiffs received the ad by email and Plush also advertised it at Plushlife.org. The plaintiffs assert the company banned single men from attending a pool party hosted by DoubleTree on July 20 and 21, citing a text message one of their male acquaintances received from Plush reading “single men are not allowed to the event.”'

A Guide to Dating Women Raised in a Matriarchy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I have since learned that it is a shocking amount of trouble to tell men on first dates that I was raised by a single mom. They are always well-intentioned, flirtatious, curious, nice — and blindingly ignorant. At first I thought they just lacked imagination. But I've come to see their responses as indicative of a more primal fear: Lots of people think that women need men, if not for their charm and likability, then at least for their ability to father children. A girl with no dad suggests maybe men aren't so necessary after all.
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My mom chose to be a single mom and also had five children: My older siblings and I have donor dads, and my two younger siblings are adopted from Guatemala.

When I tell my dates I grew up without a dad, I can see the synapses in their brains begin to spark. The first question that comes up for them is, I think, simply a curious one: What would a life without a father look like? And then panic sets in: Where did the father go? Were there no men? What happened to the men? Does she hate men? And then, the rational and generous part of the brain re-enters and produces a soothing idea: It must have been a weird and almost inexplicable life, which I can try to excavate through my clever questions.'

No men allowed: UVM hosts women-only debate championship

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'The first rule of a North American debate tournament to be held in Vermont this weekend: No men allowed.

Some 150 debaters from 18 schools across the U.S. and Canada will compete in the special tournament, which is designed to be a safe space for women who complain of bias when they debate against men.

Although some men will be allowed to serve as judges, organizers say the tournament at the University of Vermont offers women a chance to hone their speaking and arguing skills and gain confidence and friends without being subject to sexism.

"There is also a lot of sexual predation that happens in the debate community," said UVM debate director Helen Morgan-Parmett. "The tournament, I think, provides a safe space where people feel they are debating other women, and their bodies aren't necessarily on display."

College debating is one of the few intercollegiate competitive activities in which women and men compete directly against one another. While some women do win, the debaters say they have to be that much better than men to overcome bias on the part of many judges. And they point to statistics that show they are less likely to reach the top echelons of the activity.'

Hungary Bans Gender Studies Programs, Cites Concerns with Lack of Jobs

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'Several news outlets reported on Friday that the Hungarian government has banned gender studies programs, citing a lack of jobs for graduates.
In a move that will certainly spark debates over censorship, the Hungarian government moved to ban gender studies programs, primarily from the two major universities in the country that offer gender studies programs. One of the universities is public and the other is private.

According to HVG.hu, the part of the amendment which concerns gender studies provides no explanation whatsoever. Two universities are concerned: Hungary's biggest state-funded university ELTE, and the Central European University, founded by George Soros. If the amendment becomes official, it will mean that nobody can attend gender studies courses in Hungary and get a degree in the subject. HVG.hu notes that CEU offers both Hungarian and American degrees, the amendment will not affect the latter.
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Gender studies may be partisan drivel with no grounding in reality. But it's better for such programs to be laughed, rather than legislated, out of existence.'

California firefighters

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Click "Read more" below to see the two pictures I attached to this piece. These are exhausted firefighters in California getting some sleep before going back up against the fires.

Not one is female. If there are any female firefighters taking on these fires, they are very few in number. AND YET, not a single word of thanks to them from the Feminist Establishment. Feminists scream to bigh heaven should there be one more man than woman in a high-paying, clean, safe line of work, yet say nothing about fire-fighting (except occasionally, and then quite selectively), garbage collection, ordnance disposal, police work (except only occasionally and in re specific cases), or military combat roles except in re the "safer" ones. There are others: maintenance workers of all kinds, for example.

California universities are notorious bastions of political correctness and institutionalized anti-male bigotry. To these indulged pseudo-academics, I say, look at these pictures, these "privileged" male, AND white, patriarchs. Look at how "privileged" they are as you drink your coffee in your comfy office chair in your comfy job at your comfy politically correct university which is not going to burn to the ground. You have these EVIL WHITE MALE PATRIARCHAL DOWNPRESSORMEN to thank for that.

Or just pretend you never saw it. Or just rationalize your indifference or lack of gratitude away with some kind of ideological platitude and go back to grading papers. Remember to give all the white males Cs just because and everyone else As.

Ocasio-Cortez Tries To Blame Sexism For People Calling Out Her Claims

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'Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the self-described “Democratic socialist” running for congress in New York, has apparently decided that crying sexism is the way to win debates and endear oneself to the Left. Considering how Democrats often play the victim card, she may be on to something.

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Secondly, Ocasio-Cortez’s default response appears to be to cry sexism. She’s essentially saying: “It’s my first campaign! Why are you being so mean to me?” and suggesting she's only being treated this way because she's a girl. Well, she's being treated this way because she was immediately latched on to by the left-leaning media as a new star because she beat the number four Democrat incumbent in the House, she would be the youngest person to be elected to Congress, and she’s Latina. She’s just a bunch of boxes to the Left.'

Also see OCASIO-CORTEZ DISMISSES SHAPIRO’S DEBATE CHALLENGE AS SEXIST — SO THE LADIES LINE UP

Case against Ole Miss Title IX office could set national precedent for sexual assault cases on college campuses

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'Doe v. The University of Mississippi will appear before the fifth circuit court on Aug. 14, and it could set a precedent for the way sexual assault cases are handled across the country.

The case centers around a March 30, 2017 sexual encounter between John Doe and Jane Roe, both undergraduate students at the University of Mississippi. On March 31, Roe filed a complaint with the university Title IX office, who notified the University Police Department. Doe was in New Orleans at a fraternity formal with another woman at the time.

In the weeks since the initial incident, Doe and Roe remained friends and attended social functions together. On April 18, 2017, Roe indicated she did not want to press charges against Doe. Two days later, she met with a UPD officer and confirmed her desire to not press charges, saying she “felt she had the closure she needed to go about her routine and was happy with it.” Subsequently, Roe completed a non-prosecution form.'

California may mandate a woman in the boardroom, but businesses are fighting it

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'California is moving toward becoming the first state to require companies to have women on their boards –assuming the idea could survive a likely court challenge.

Sparked by debates around fair pay, sexual harassment and workplace culture, two female state senators are spearheading a bill to promote greater gender representation in corporate decision-making. Of the 445 publicly traded companies in California, a quarter of them lack a single woman in their boardrooms.

SB 826, which won Senate approval with only Democratic votes and has until the end of August to clear the Assembly, would require publicly held companies headquartered in California to have at least one woman on their boards of directors by end of next year. By 2021, companies with boards of five directors must have at least two women, and companies with six-member boards must have at least three women. Firms failing to comply would face a fine.

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Yet critics of the bill say it violates the federal and state constitutions. Business associations say the rule would require companies to discriminate against men wanting to serve on boards, as well as conflict with corporate law that says the internal affairs of a corporation should be governed by the state law in which it is incorporated. This bill would apply to companies headquartered in California.'

There is a gender war

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'Forget the mythical war on women.

What we're really seeing in American culture is a growing war on men. There's a bias against men that seeks to demean, devalue and ultimately emasculate normal, healthy men and boys in virtually all aspects of life — the U.S. educational and legal systems, the workplace, pop culture and even modern-day families. And you have the radical left and feminists to thank. Under the banner of championing women's rights and "female equality" — effectively for decades — they also have been waging "jihad" against their male counterparts.

Take public education. It's no secret that the American public K-12 school system — in an effort to empower its female students — is now predominantly "teaching to girls," vs. providing curricula and atmospheres that educate, support and empower all students equally. Of course, education officials won't admit to any form of bias — intentional or otherwise — as gender discrimination is illegal, but all you have to do is look at college enrollment data and judge for yourself.

Today there are millions more women enrolled in colleges and universities than men. In 2017, there were 2.2 million fewer men enrolled in higher education than women, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Female students now constitute more than 56 percent of college enrollment nationwide — a trend with no sign of abating that is putting men at a great financial disadvantage, as college graduates earn 56 percent more than those with just high school diplomas.'

Feminists turn on Kimmel

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'Michael Kimmel, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, said last week that he's deferring his acceptance of a major sociology award for six months, over what he called "rumors" about his professional conduct. And while Kimmel's terminology was criticized as dismissive of his accusers, the harassment allegations against him circulating online and off were then anonymous.

But on Thursday one of Kimmel's former Stony Brook graduate students put their (the student's preferred pronoun) name behind a detailed account of what they called his explicit sexual talk, homophobia, transphobia and general "lack of respect" for anyone but cisgender heterosexual men. In an essay published in Medium, Bethany M. Coston, now an assistant professor of women's, gender and sexuality studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, said now was the time to share their experiences.

To Coston, now means three years removed from working with Kimmel and the fear of professional consequences that could come with speaking out against him. It means showing solidarity with his accusers, distaste for his response thus far and sending a message to the American Sociological Association. The association was to give Kimmel a career award for promoting the study of women in sociology at its annual gathering this weekend in Philadelphia. But Kimmel said last week that he'd asked ASA to wait six months, to look into any claims against him first.'

Also see: Reclaiming my fear: I will no longer stay silent about Michael Kimmel

SAVE: DOJ Wants to Expand Sex Offender Registry to Include Campus Kangaroo Courts Findings

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From SAVE:

How many students do you know have been wrongfully found responsible by a campus disciplinary committee?

Would you believe the Department of Justice is considering a proposal to have these students listed in a public Sex Offender Registry? Here's the notice: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-08-01/pdf/2018-16430.pdf

Over 100 judges have ruled in favor of students who sued their universities for lack of due process.

It is urgent that we all speak out against this idea. Contact Samantha Opong, SMART Office.
Email: Samantha.Opong@usdoj.gov, Phone: (202) 514-9320.

Sincerely,

The SAVE Team
www.saveservices.org

Sexual misconduct: California court says college was unfair to the accused

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'A California appeals court has joined the debate over how colleges should handle sexual misconduct cases, saying a school disciplinary board should require an accuser to attend a hearing and answer questions before suspending or expelling an accused student.

The ruling Wednesday by the Second District Court of Appeal in Los Angeles comes while the Trump administration is calling on colleges to set a higher standard of proof in cases of alleged sexual assault or harassment and to strengthen rights of the accused, most of them men. Women's rights advocates have filed a nationwide suit in San Francisco against Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, saying her new guidelines are based on sex discrimination.

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When a student faces "potentially severe consequences" such as suspension, and the outcome depends on the accuser's credibility, the accuser "must be before the finder of fact," either in person or by videoconference, Justice Helen Bendix said in the 3-0 ruling.

Although participation in the hearing "may be traumatic or intimidating," Bendix said, "fairness required ... that all three (panel members) hear from Jane before choosing to believe her account over John's." She also said the accused must be allowed to question the accuser, either directly or by relaying questions to the disciplinary panel.'

The Backlash podcast episode 4: the men's rights movement

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'For our fourth episode of The Backlash podcast, we went inside one of the world's largest gatherings of men's rights activists (MRAs) in London, and spoke to some of the men, and women, involved in this anti-feminist movement.

We hear from Alastair (who didn't give us his surname) from the UK fringe political party Justice for Men and Boys which organised the conference. We also speak to Karen Straughan, a revered figure within the MRA movement and "the most famous anti-feminist in the world."'

UK: Mother blasts 'women only' swimming pool policy

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'The mother says she has complained about the Everyone Active policy for two years but her frustration was reignited when she tried to book a session at another centre.

Everyone Active, which has more than 150 centres across the UK, has a policy which does not allow males of any age to take part in female only sessions.

It means that boys – no matter how young – are banned from the weekly, 90-minute female only swim sessions.'

Lindsay Lohan Apologizes for Criticizing #MeToo

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'In an interview with The Times, Lohan slammed sexual harassment accusers saying they “look weak,” and insisted that some “do it for the attention.”

“Everyone goes through their own experiences in their own ways. If it happens at that moment, you discuss it at that moment,” the Parent Trap star said. “You make it a real thing by making it a police report.”

But after days of sustained backlash, Lindsay Lohan is now apologizing for her comments.

“I would like to unreservedly apologize for any hurt and distress caused by a quote in a recent interview with The Times,” Lohan told People in a statement, according to PageSix.

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The 32-year-old actress also said that she feels “very strongly” about the #MeToo movement and admires the women who have come forward about their experiences.

Lohan also insisted that those who have spoken out have “served to protect those who can’t speak.”'

Toyota dealership inspired by #MeToo likely discriminated against men, state says

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'A South Florida Toyota dealership looking to bring balance to a male-dominated sales team likely discriminated against men when it advertised exclusively for female sales associates last year, a state commission has determined.

Now a man from New York whose application was rejected by Earl Stewart Toyota in Palm Beach County is battling the car dealership in court and seeking “back pay and front pay from the date the position was filled by a less-qualified individual,” along with damages and attorney fees.

In a 2017 job listing on the website Indeed, Earl Stewart Toyota stated it was “taking the radical approach of actively soliciting women salespeople.”

At the time, the sales team consisted of 22 men and 5 women, a company publicist told the Miami Herald.'

What Happens to #MeToo When a Feminist Is the Accused?

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'The case seems like a familiar story turned on its head: Avital Ronell, a world-renowned female professor of German and Comparative Literature at New York University, was found responsible for sexually harassing a male former graduate student, Nimrod Reitman.

An 11-month Title IX investigation found Professor Ronell, described by a colleague as “one of the very few philosopher-stars of this world,” responsible for sexual harassment, both physical and verbal, to the extent that her behavior was “sufficiently pervasive to alter the terms and conditions of Mr. Reitman’s learning environment.” The university has suspended Professor Ronell for the coming academic year.

In the Title IX final report, excerpts of which were obtained by The New York Times, Mr. Reitman said that she had sexually harassed him for three years, and shared dozens of emails in which she referred to him as “my most adored one,” “Sweet cuddly Baby,” “cock-er spaniel,” and “my astounding and beautiful Nimrod.”

Coming in the middle of the #MeToo movement’s reckoning over sexual misconduct, it raised a challenge for feminists — how to respond when one of their own behaved badly. And the response has roiled a corner of academia.'

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Mr. Reitman, who is now 34 and is a visiting fellow at Harvard, says that Professor Ronell kissed and touched him repeatedly, slept in his bed with him, required him to lie in her bed, held his hand, texted, emailed and called him constantly, and refused to work with him if he did not reciprocate. Mr. Reitman is gay and is now married to a man; Professor Ronell is a lesbian.'

South Korea’s #MeToo Movement Dealt Blow by Politician’s Acquittal

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'A former political star and presidential hopeful was acquitted of sexual assault charges on Tuesday, dealing a blow to the #MeToo movement in male-dominated South Korea.

The politician, Ahn Hee-jung, was the highest-profile public figure to be accused of such misdeeds since the #MeToo movement gained force in South Korea early this year. He stepped down as governor of South Chungcheong Province and was expelled from President Moon Jae-in’s governing Democratic Party in March after one of his female secretaries claimed in public that Mr. Ahn had repeatedly raped her.

In April, prosecutors indicted Mr. Ahn on charges of abusing his supervisory power over the alleged victim to force her into an unwanted sexual relationship.

Feminist activists rallied behind the alleged victim, Kim Ji-eun, while some people raised questions on social media about Ms. Kim’s claims.'

No, an Invitation to a Debate is not a Catcall

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'In this #MeToo era, feminists are insisting that sexual harassment is everywhere. But a recent spat between rising star of the Democratic Socialists of America, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and conservative commentator Ben Shapiro tells us why it is so hard to take feminist claims about sexual harassment seriously.

Shapiro, editor-in-chief of the Daily Wire, hosts a YouTube show and podcast. Last week, he tweeted Ocasio-Cortez to invite her on to his show to debate 'all the topics under the sun'. 'We know that you think Republicans are afraid to debate you, or talk to you, or discuss the issues with you', he said. As an extra incentive, he offered Ocasio-Cortez a $10,000 donation to her campaign to appear.

Sounds like a pretty good deal, right? But two days later, Ocasio-Cortez responded. 'Just like catcalling, I don't owe a response to unsolicited requests from men with bad intentions', she tweeted. 'And also like catcalling, for some reason they feel entitled to [a response].'

Of course, Shapiro did not invite Ocasio-Cortez on to his show out of the kindness of his heart. He is hoping to defeat her in a debate and perhaps even embarrass her in the process. Ocasio-Cortez has every right to refuse to debate Shapiro – or any other challenger.'

Falsely-accused college soccer star discusses how he has given up sex due to it

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'A football star who was falsely accused of raping a fellow student at a top US university has spoken out about the ordeal that left him 'broken'.

Ciaran McKenna, 20, left his home in Uddingston outside of Glasgow three years ago to study political science and business at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina after receiving a £200,000 scholarship to play football for the school.

The 6'4 athlete, who gave up a professional contract with Celtic for the opportunity, had his world fall apart in February 2016 when he was accused of rape.

Mr McKenna was cleared of the accusation and paid a speculated six-figure settlement from Duke, but he said the experience had changed him and he is now abstaining from sex.

The footballer, who is set to graduate from Duke in December, says he plans to move back to Scotland with hopes to resurrect his career with Celtic FC.'

Australia: ‘There is no problem’: Have feminists invented a ‘rape culture’ at universities

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'Universities are supposed to be the epicentre of free thinking and debate but some believe it’s being stifled to satisfy an agenda.

Social commentator Bettina Arndt says she’s being silenced for calling out a concocted rape culture at our tertiary institutions.

There have been several campaigns claiming the rate of sexual assaults on campus has reached epidemic levels.

But Ms Arndt says that’s nonsense.

“I just think it’s appalling that our whole higher education sector is conspiring in a lie about the safety of our campuses.

“The feminists persuaded the Human Rights Commission to spend a million dollars on a survey to try and prove there was a rape culture came they ame up with 0.8 per cent.

“So 99.2% of students said they’d never experienced any sort of sexual assault.

“Of course rape is a really important issue, it’s a criminal offence and rightly so.

“What in the hell are the universities doing pretending there is a problem.”'

Discredited researcher cited in guidance for Title IX administrators, critics say

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'A group that represents Title IX professionals is drawing criticism for citing disputed research on the nature of campus sexual assault.

In a recent “position statement,” the Association of Title IX Administrators issued guidance to members on “the consideration of pattern evidence in sexual misconduct investigations and resolutions.”

While ATIXA said it was responding to “contradictory research” as well as court rulings, the work of one researcher it cited, the retired clinical psychologist David Lisak, has come under repeated scrutiny in recent years.

Lisak’s claim that “a select few individuals account for the majority of campus sexual assaults,” as ATIXA summarized it, has heavily influenced how campus officials respond to reported sexual misconduct and how the subject is covered in the media, including the documentary The Hunting Ground.'

Male bashing: America's favorite pastime

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'Consider the statement: "Not all women are annoying. Some are dead."

Or this: "Women have only two faults: Everything they say and everything they do."

Or this: "Men must be twice as good as women to be thought half as good. Fortunately this is not difficult."

Sarcasm such as this is obviously sexist, yet these same messages are OK if directed against men. How do I know? I copied these statements from greeting cards and message pads on display at the local supermarket, then reversed the gender to direct them against women. Nothing else was changed. Imagine the reaction if the following had been printed on a greeting card: "With affirmative action, whites must be twice as good as blacks to be thought half as good. Fortunately this is not difficult."

Attacking blacks is racism, attacking women is sexism, but attacking men is consciousness-raising or comedy or both. While public criticism of women is taboo, public denigration of men is a major industry in this country. Male bashing is entertaining, lucrative, and can earn its practitioners millions of followers on social media.
...
The prevailing narrative in America holds that women are oppressed, men are dominant, and men are women's oppressors. Yet my own experience does not confirm this dismal public image of the male gender in America. For the most part, the men I know lead quiet, productive lives; are concerned with the welfare of their families and treat others with respect, including women. No, they are not perfect, but they lead ordinary lives and are thus invisible to feminists.

A generalized distrust of men as men is ingrained in our culture. Consider, for example, our tendency to view maleness as inherently problematic. When a man does good, the good deed is gender neutral, but when he does something wrong, it is often attributed to his gender. A male physician who heals a sick woman is a good person who just happens to be male, but a male physician who is disrespectful to a female patient does so because he is male.'

Gender, Ethnic Studies profs earn about $12k more than peers

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'Professors of subjects such as Women's Studies and Ethnic Studies are largely outearning those that teach more traditional subjects like math and science, according to a new analysis.

A report released by The College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR) reveals that the average salary for professors of "Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies" during the 2017-2018 academic year was about $15,000 more per year more than for Biology, Math & Stats, and Science professors.

According to the report, "Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies" professors earned an average of $105,656 last year, while professors of Physical Sciences earned only $90,422. Mathematics and Statistics professors made an average of $89,691, and Biology and biomedical professors earned just $88,792.

Courses taught by professors of subjects like Cultural and Gender Studies include Social Justice Praxis at the University of California-San Diego, Queer Sexuality in Black Popular Culture at UC-Santa Cruz, and Transnational Feminism at UC-Berkeley.

Professors of this type also make considerably more than traditional liberal arts professors, with English instructors earning just $85,423 on average, and those teaching "Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities" averaging only $91,883.'

Hunt for South Korea feminist sparks backlash against 'sexist' police

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'Police in South Korea are seeking to arrest the operator of a feminist website, sparking a backlash and accusations of sexism in the justice system.

Police in the southern port city of Busan are seeking to arrest the unnamed operator of Womad (link added) on charges of disseminating sexually explicit material after the site posted nude photos taken surreptitiously of a male model. Womad seeks to combat sexism by using the same tactics of their opponents, including online harassment and posting footage from hidden cameras.

The police likened the case to online sexual harassment, and it is at least the second time the site has posted photos of men taken without their consent, one at an art class and another at a public bath house. The authorities have said she is currently outside the country and are seeking help from Interpol.

But the arrest warrant has sparked a backlash, with many online saying the police have done little to punish men guilty of the same crimes. South Korea is in the midst of a wave of protests against pornography taken with hidden cameras in bathrooms, with a monthly demonstration in Seoul drawing tens of thousands of participants. Those protests have highlighted what activists say is a system designed to protect men and ignore women.'

China: Buddhist Abbot forced to resign from #MeToo pressure

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'One of China's highest-ranking Buddhist monks quit as the head of the country's Buddhist association on Wednesday after facing a government investigation over accusations of sexual misconduct.

The abbot of Longquan Temple on the outskirts of Beijing, who is also a member of the Communist Party's top political advisory body, has denied accusations of harassing and demanding sexual favors from several nuns.

The Buddhist Association of China said in a statement on its website that it had accepted Master Xuecheng's offer to resign from the chairmanship and other posts on Wednesday, without elaborating on the reasons.'

The Legality Of A Women-Only Club In The #MeToo Era

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'Here's a question I can't get out of my mind: What does Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who created this country's legal framework for gender equality by bringing a series of lawsuits arguing the law discriminated against men, think of The Wing?

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The Wing also seems to be flouting standard public accommodations laws. As a company with more than 100 members, it is most likely in violation of New York Civil Rights Law § 40-C, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex "by any firm, corporation or institution." The New York City Human Rights Commission opened an investigation into the company back in March. There are also laws against sex discrimination in California, where The Wing already has two locations, as well as Washington, Illinois, and Massachusetts, where The Wing will open locations by 2019. (Which is to say nothing of the question of what is the definition of a woman anyway.)

It is, by most accounts, a great place to both hang out and to work. According to Vogue, "[e]verything inside is designed to buoy one's mood: The library (all books by or about women) is arranged into a rainbow by spine color, the plants are always green (they're plastic), the Spotify playlists are peppy and familiar, and the language of the place is injected with moxie." It has a packed roster of celebrity speakers — both Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez AND Hillary Clinton — a long waitlist for membership, and $42 million in venture funding.'

Community service, fines for woman who made false rape claim

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'A Leesburg woman pleaded no contest Wednesday to a charge of giving a false report of crime to law enforcement after she falsely reported an attempted rape in May.

Nicole Marie Hosmer, 22, was ordered to complete 50 hours of community service and pay slightly more than $500 in court costs by January to avoid jail time. If she fails to do so, she will be sentenced to one month and 15 days in the Marion County Jail, according to court records.

She made a false report on May 2 when she told Ocala police that she had been kidnapped by a man. She said she was driving down the road when the man got into her vehicle. The man, who she said was armed, forced her to take him to two gas stations and a fast food restaurant, where he got food, cigarettes and cash. She said the man then tried to rape her after removing her pants.'

Woman Charged With Raping 5-Year-Old Boy, Posting Video Online

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'A Westmoreland County woman is facing charges for allegedly raping a 5-year-old boy and sharing video of the act on social media.

According to police, 24-year-old Corby Kinzey was arrested Tuesday night at her home in Greensburg.
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Then, she claimed that days earlier a man named Patrick held a gun to her head and forced her to engage in sexual activities with the child. She said the man was wearing a mask and gloves and told her he would kill her if she went to police.

She said he had recorded the video on her phone, which she had since deleted.

Police questioned the authenticity of the story and Kinzey reportedly started to cry and admitted there was no armed man. She then admitted to sexually assaulting the child.'

Feminist Admits Anti-Sex Discrimination Law Is Actually Anti-Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A feminist administrator has finally admitted what many men and women who have woken up to the abuses of Title IX have known for a while: It was always intended as a weapon against men.

Diane Davis, chair of the department of rhetoric at the University of Texas-Austin, had signed onto a letter defending New York University professor Avital Ronell, a well-known feminist and lesbian, from accusations of sexual harassment. As The Daily Wire previously reported, feminists rushed to back one of their own after she faced accusations of sexual misconduct from a former student. They even went so far as to impugn the motives of the accuser, a gay male, using the same tactics they would otherwise condemn if the accuser were a woman and the accused were a man.

But Davis went a step further when she responded to a New York Times inquiry.

“I am of course very supportive of what Title IX and the #MeToo movement are trying to do, of their efforts to confront and to prevent abuses, for which they also seek some sort of justice,” Davis wrote in an email to the Times. “But it’s for that very reason that it’s so disappointing when this incredible energy for justice is twisted and turned against itself, which is what many of us believe is happening in this case.”

Turned against itself? Title IX is gender neutral, so how can it be “turned against itself”?'

Sisterhood is not amused after lesbian feminist suspended from her teaching post at NYU for one year

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The sisterhood is not amused. A lesbian feminist has been suspended from her teaching post at New York University for a year, judged to have sexually harassed a gay man who was formerly her graduate student. (Yes, this is a bit confusing.)

The accused, Avital Ronell, is described by The New York Times as a “world-renowned female professor of German and Comparative Literature” and by a colleague as “one of the very few philosopher-stars of this world.” In academic circles, in other words, she is a big deal.

She is also now considered by many to be a victim of Title IX, the very law that she and so many other like-minded women have championed. A group of well-known feminists and academics have rallied to her defense, talking of her good character and record, and also trying to besmirch the reputation of Nimrod Reitman, the young man who filed charges of not only harassment against Ronell, but also sexual assault.'

UMich in trouble with appeals court for not letting students cross-examine rape accusers

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'The University of Michigan's lawyer didn't get any easier treatment from Thapar (below) at the Aug. 1 hearing. The judge even suggested that lawyer David DeBruin was arguing for the university's right to "set up a kangaroo court" in all adjudications, not just Title IX proceedings.

...

Kline also determined that evidence didn't corroborate the accuser's claim that Doe coerced her into unwanted sexual activity. The evidence standard was "preponderance," also known as "more likely than not," which was mandated by the Obama administration. (A year and a half later, the Trump administration rescinded this mandate and let schools choose between preponderance and a higher standard, "clear and convincing.")

Unsatisfied with the ruling, and empowered by a university system that permitted double jeopardy in sexual-misconduct cases, Doe's accuser appealed Doe's exoneration.'

NZ: False rape complaint after break up caused 'anguish'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who laid a false rape complaint against her ex-fiance after he broke up with her put him and his family through "a year of anguish".

The 36-year-old had visited the victim at work after the breakup, but when he refused to revisit the issue, she immediately laid the complaint.

The woman, who has interim name suppression, appeared in the Wellington District Court this afternoon, where Judge Denys Barry listened to victim impact statements.

The victim was not in court, but sent a statement which his brother read out on his behalf.

It said the offending had changed his views of women and caused serious, ongoing health issues.

According to the summary of facts, he ended their 18-month relationship. During the relationship he suffered "constant emotional blackmail", the victim said in his statement.'

Woman charged with false reporting crime for rape allegation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 35-year-old Enid woman was charged this week with false reporting of a crime after telling police officers in February she was raped and recanting her story in April.

Cynthia Anne Wood, also known as Cynthia A. Williams, 35, faces up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine of up to $500 on the misdemeanor charge.

Online court records show she is free on $5,000 bond.

According to an affidavit filed in the case by Enid Police Department Detective Brad Pritchett, on Feb. 16 officers Austin Lenamond and Benjamin Streck spoke with Wood at the police department in reference to a sexual assault.'

Harassment charges: Enough himpathy

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'We are well into the #Metoo era, yet journalists and editors are still fixated on the harasser's fall from grace rather than the detrimental effect of sexual harassment on the victims and our society as a whole. The News story “Prominent geneticist out at UC Irvine after harassment finding” (M. Wadman, 29 June, https://scim.ag/AyalaResignation) reinforces a familiar toxic narrative: The accomplishments of the harasser hold more value to science than women's right to a safe workplace. This is now so commonplace that it has been dubbed “himpathy” (1).

In the News story, Wadman tells us all about the “eminent” professor, from his scientific accomplishments to his personal hobbies. He did “pioneering” and “groundbreaking” work, he donated money to the university, and he was president of AAAS (the publisher of Science). However, we do not hear about the pioneering work of the women he harassed at University of California, Irvine (UCI). From a graduate student to a tenured professor to an assistant dean, the News story reduced the women who demanded an end to his misconduct to complainers. We are told that Ayala was just being “European” and his actions were misunderstood; instead, the narrative should focus on the many women and careers that suffered from Ayala's actions. Wadman then chose to end the article by quoting an Ayala supporter who diminished the investigation.'

Also see: How 'himpathy' marginalizes the women of #MeToo

#metoo: Can a Feminist Be Guilty of Sexual Misconduct?

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'Another #metoo claim came to light this week, when a Title IX report was leaked and a lawsuit was filed. The accuser is a former graduate student and the accused is a prominent NYU professor who is highly respected and world-renowned in the fields of philosophy and comparative literature. You've probably never heard of the student nor the professor, but because of multiple unusual twists, this case has become controversial and juicy fodder for news headlines, blogs, editorials, and of course, Twitter.
...
And indeed, the vast majority of cases do involve protecting female students from male perpetrators. But should Title IX, a major feminist victory, be used to take down a widely-respected feminist scholar? A feminist who identifies as queer, no less? Accused of sexual harassment by a man who is gay? This just doesn't add up…or does it?

If this news story has got you twisted, here are 10 facts about sexual misconduct, human nature, and the law to consider:

1. Sexual misconduct is about having power over someone, not just about sex. Take away the details about gender and sexual orientation and view it through the lens of "Professor imposes and demands sexual contact from student. Title IX used to seek justice."'

Medical male circumcision: is the HIV prevention claim wrong?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision is a proven intervention that reduces the chance of contracting HIV by 60%, but to scientists' surprise, a study has found that medically circumcised older men in Mpumalanga had a higher rate of HIV than uncircumcised men.

The findings appear to suggest that it needs to be communicated to both men and women that circumcision does not offer 100% protection against HIV.

The study, published in the PLOS ONE journal on August 1, was conducted by Indiana University professors Molly Rosenberg and Till Barnighausen from the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, together with professors Kathleen Kahn and Stephen Tollman from the Wits Rural Health in Transition and Agincourt Research Unit.

The researchers surveyed about 2,345 Mpumalanga men, who were 40 years and older.'

#MeToo leader Asia Argento paid off actor who accused her of sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'#MeToo advocate Asia Argento, one of the first women to accuse disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein of sexual assault, paid off an ex-child actor who accused her of sexual misconduct, according to legal documents obtained by The New York Times.

Jimmy Bennett, who was 17 at the time of the encounter, alleges that he was assaulted by Argento in a California hotel in 2013, when the actress was 37. (The age of consent in California is 18.) Bennett's lawyer notified Argento last November of his intention to sue for $3.5 million for emotional distress, lost wages, assault and battery – a month after she went public with her allegations against Weinstein. The Italian actress agreed to pay him $380,000.

Three people familiar with the case told the Times the documents were authentic.

USA TODAY has reached out to Argento's representative for comment. Bennett declined comment to the Times.'

University broke contract with accused student by judging him a rapist, judge says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Everyone at George Washington University has to follow its code of student conduct. Even the administration.

A federal judge sided with a student accused of sexual assault, ruling last week that the university was in breach of its own rules by refusing to hear his appeal of its finding against him.

The university protested the student's description of its code as a "contract," saying that it "did not intend to be bound by the Code and that there is no mutuality of obligation."'

Rose McGowan Wanted Us To Believe All Sexual Abuse Allegations...Until Her Friend Was Implicated

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'On Monday, Rose McGowan, a leading face of the #MeToo movement and alleged sexual assault victim of Harvey Weinstein, tweeted out her support for fellow #MeToo icon Asia Argento. A New York Times article over the weekend revealed that Argento paid out $380,000 to Jimmy Bennett, a former child actor who claims that in 2013, Argento sexually assaulted him in a California hotel. Bennett was 17 at the time. Bennett once played Argento's son — when he was 7 — in the 2004 film The Heart Is Deceitful Above All Things.
...
So, if McGowan now wants to talk about waiting for evidence, that sounds great. But let's be clear: the major flaw of the #MeToo movement has been the demand that evidence be secondary to accusations. And it's hypocrisy to flip the script the moment that McGowan's friend is implicated.'

Uni Forces Students to Fund 'Toxic Masculinity' Fight

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Oregon Men's Center recently revamped its mission to start fighting "toxic masculinity," now a monumental effort that will cost the student body nearly $90,000 this upcoming school year alone.

Founded in 2002, the Men's Center initially served as a hangout for men to learn about healthy living and nutrition. But in early February, the Men's Center was taken over by a young woman who announced that it would be overhauled to focus on social justice.

"We are working towards the radical idea of a socially just world. For far too long men have been absent from the discussion of social equality," reads a February 2018 announcement. "Our focus is to use social justice… to reconstruct what we know masculinity to be."

Now, the Men's Center organizes events exclusively to fight "toxic masculinity."

According to their website, toxic masculinity includes "outbursts of anger, emotional repression… when men engage in catcalling, physical touch without consent, and even just very obviously looking a woman up and down."'

At UCLA, 20 paid diversity advocates isn’t enough

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'The University of California, Los Angeles hopes to pay more students to fight “toxic masculinity” and “microaggressions” on campus, just two weeks after announcing it had already hired 20 foot soldiers for its social justice army.

Hosted by the UCLA Intergroup Relations Program, the Diversity Peer Leaders project is a year-long internship during which students are paid $13 per hour to facilitate workshops on social justice issues and intercultural communication.

Two weeks ago, school officials confirmed that 20 students have been hired, at an estimated annual cost of up to $42,000. Reached by Campus Reform, a spokesman claimed that the project is not funded by taxpayers, but rather, by the Student Services Fee.

That $376-per-quarter fee is not optional. Over a standard four-year degree, the fee amounts to at least $4,512—more if a student takes longer to graduate.

Despite mounting criticism of the program since Campus Reform initially broke the story, UCLA has since chosen to hire even more students, announcing on Tuesday that it hopes to recruit an unspecified number of graduate students to the program, too.'

To Raise Healthy Boys You Have To Like Men

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'When I was younger, and the boys were relatively small, I used to say I should have stuck to cats. Cats never grow up to be mass murderers.
...
Look, speaking generally boys are more aggressive, even as small kids. And once they get testosterone pumping in during puberty, they're aggressive, they're large, they're stronger than most women by the time they're 14 or so, and you can tell how many times during the day they meditate on violence, even if they don't do it. It's the way the body is wired. None of us – not one – are descended from non-aggressive apes, and throughout all of history and certainly most of pre-history, the duty to defend female and young of the band went to the male, usually the youngish male.
...
And no one would believe seeing my sons engage in the amiable "rolling argument" how many times when they were younger I feared one would kill the other. (Another permanent saying was "I know one of them is Cain and one Abel, I just don't know which.")

Thinking of all this, I thought of all the crazy mothers – and never mothers – who run around screaming about toxic masculinity. And I shuddered.
...
Yes, men are bigger, stronger, and tend to be more physically violent than women. But the good ones – and the vast majority born of caring parents turn out decent – learn to calibrate it and control.

However, if you treat any incident of boyish aggression or verbal aggression as a serious infraction they will never learn to control it. Sure, tell them "you have to stop fighting with your brother"afterward. I did. I pointed out it was caveman behavior. And I waited till they could understand it.

If you tamp every little thing down, the boys will never learn how to deal with being a man. They will send it underground, underneath their consciousness. They will hide it from themselves.

Then instead of sane, controlled, strong males, you get the people Heinlein referred to when he said most "pacifist" males lower the white flag and hoist the skull and crossbones as soon as they can. You get people still as aggressive as any other male, but who hide it and let it erupt in terrifying predation against those smaller and weaker. This predation, both sexual and physical flourishes in "liberal" environments for a reason.'

Rose McGowan to receive Inspiration Award at the GQ Men Of The Year Awards 2018

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'Dylan Jones, Editor of GQ, today announced that American activist, director and author Rose McGowan will be honoured with the Inspiration award at the 21st annual GQ Men Of The Year Awards 2018, in association with Hugo Boss.

The award recognises McGowan's bravery as one of the first women to speak openly about sexual assault and harassment in the film industry. Her openness about her experience has been one of the driving forces behind the #MeToo movement, which has garnered huge global attention, with women and men speaking out about their own experiences.'

ICYMI: Rose McGowan criticized after urging people to be 'gentle' on Asia Argento amid sexual assault claims

California is crafting a new college sexual misconduct policy. It must be fair to all.

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'Whatever policy is recommended, there's now a fresh reminder that the due process rights of the accused must not be abridged. On Aug. 8, a state appeals court in Los Angeles ruled on a 3-0 vote that a male Claremont McKenna College student punished for alleged wrongdoing had his rights violated by a college disciplinary process that limited his ability to defend himself against accusations. The verdict affirmed the view of Harvard law professor Nancy Gertner, who wrote in 2015 that policies adopted by colleges created the "worst of both worlds" for accused students — a system in which they could be found guilty based on a "preponderance" of evidence, as with civil lawsuits, but without the protections available in civil lawsuits through the evidence discovery process.

The good news for the Golden State is that there's already an appreciation that due process matters at the University of California. UC President Janet Napolitano — who raised sharp questions about the Obama rules in a 2014 essay for the Yale Law & Policy Review — has ordered UC campuses to follow a transparent process that ensures the rights of the accused, according to new San Diego State University President Adela de la Torre, a former UC Davis vice chancellor.'

Prof: Being a responsible father legitimizes ‘patriarchal power’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Since we live in the age when anything can be deemed as “offensive” or “detrimental” to something which progressives hold dear — feminism, gender/race identities, class structure — it should come as no surprise that a Fresno State professor has discovered a down side to being a responsible dad.

Jennifer Randles’ paper “’Manning Up’ to be a Good Father: Hybrid Fatherhood, Masculinity, and U.S. Responsible Fatherhood Policy” from the journal Gender & Society claims federal programs which are designed to “responsible fatherhood” actually perpetuate “patriarchy, gender norms” and that dreaded “hegemonic masculinity.”

This certainly makes sense, for as PJ Media’s Toni Airaksinen reports, Randles’ goal was “to assess the feminist implications” of these fatherhood programs.

Though the government says “involved fathers provide practical support in raising children,” and that “children with involved loving fathers are more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, and exhibit empathy,” Randles ponders the negatives:'

Facebook bans 'masculine men' video

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The other video, Make Men Masculine Again, was pulled by Facebook after being posted by PragerU on August 6.

“The video – presented by conservative YouTube personality Allie Stuckey – presents an argument that making men feminine is both wrong and dangerous,” Perisic pointed out.

The outspoken YouTuber candidly called men to give up immoral behavior – and not think that becoming effeminate or less manly is the new good in this politically correct world where the feminist movement is proliferating.

“Bad men don’t become good when they stop being men,” Stuckey asserted in the video, according to the Daily Caller. “They become good when they stop being bad.”'

YouTube: Make Men Masculine Again

Report charges sexual harassment by University of Minnesota Duluth women's coach

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Joanna Warmington announced her resignation as women's cross country and track and field coach at the University of Minnesota Duluth in a fiery statement Monday in which she alleged NCAA and Title IX violations by the school after a university investigative report said she displayed a pattern of sexual harassment.
...
Specifically, the EOAA "concluded that Ms. Warmington's conduct was unwelcome because it was unsolicited, made multiple student-athletes feel uncomfortable, and taken together, created an unwelcome sexualized environment in which some student-athletes felt compelled to tolerate unwanted conduct of a sexual nature in order to maintain a positive relationship with their coach."'

Lutheran Settlement House's new gender justice program for men takes on toxic masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Social services nonprofit Lutheran Settlement House (LSH) is launching a nine-month gender justice training program for men in association with its anti-domestic violence campaign Men Can. The Masculinity Action Project (MAP) will convene 10 to 15 male-identified Philadelphians to learn about the root causes of toxic masculinity and what they can do about it, then make plans to implement those lessons via community projects.

Starting with a weekend-long retreat this October and meeting monthly through June 2019, participants will learn feminist movement history, discuss their own experiences with toxic masculinity and support each other in developing best practices for overcoming its effects.

...

The end result for each MAP member will be an individualized plan they can bring back to their communities (their neighborhoods, church groups, workplaces, etc.) and implement for the sake of furthering gender justice.

But that end result is intentionally vague at the start: "We don't know" what participants will come up with, said Vashti Bledsoe, director of LSH's bilingual domestic violence program offering services in Spanish and English, "and that's exciting."'

Australia: University of Adelaide advertises engineering academic positions just for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the first time, the university has used a special exemption to the Equal Opportunity Act, which allows schemes to benefit a "particular disadvantaged group", to advertise only for female candidates for the positions.

The associate professor, senior lecturer and lecturer positions are in the Faculty of Engineering, Computing and Mathematical Sciences, where 85 per cent of academic staff are male.

The faculty's deputy dean for performance and infrastructure Peter Ashman said they always struggled to attract women to apply for jobs.'

'Sexy Firemen' Keep Women From Becoming Firefighters, Says London's Fire Commissioner

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'The stereotype of the super-sexy firefighter is actually super-sexist, says London's Fire Commissioner, and all those photographs of shirtless guys in fireman uniforms are keeping women from applying to help fight fires in the UK's capital city.

London Fire Commissioner Dany Cotton, who is a woman, is utterly convinced, Sky News reports, that the sexy firefighter stereotype is "offensive" because it makes people believe the typical fireman is a musclebound hunk, and that deters women from applying for open positions.
...
Cotton also criticized "a Suzuki advert featuring Ant and Dec which mentioned 'fireman training,' and an advert for Harpic toilet cleaner in which female characters objectified a male firefighter," because obviously television commercials — and not the dangerous nature of the job and the physical fitness requirements — are what is putting women off from pulling up galoshes and strapping into a hook and ladder truck.'

Asia Argento confessed to sex with 17-YO in texts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Asia Argento says she did not have sex with then 17-year-old Jimmy Bennett, but a photo and various text messages between Argento and a friend tell a very different story ... she flat-out says she had sex with him.
...
Argento released a statement Tuesday, saying, "I have never had any sexual relationship with Bennett."'

Author reports book rejection because he is just plain too white and male

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I got some bad news this week. I discovered that I'm a 'privileged, white male'. It was my agent who broke it to me. We were talking about the trouble he's having in finding a publisher for my book — a work of non-fiction — when the following exchange took place.
...
Agent: You're a middle-aged, privileged white man. You're out of fashion — and so is your book. Publishers think you're too male. Too white. Things are difficult for writers like you at the moment.
...
At that moment I realised that my pose of high-minded neutrality was no longer an option. I've always sat back and watched the carnival of contemporary identity politics pass by with a mix of amusement, a touch of condescension and the occasional recognition that maybe these people have the odd point. But overall, it didn't really affect me. Until now.

Clearly my live-and-let-live liberalism is old-fashioned in the current war of words. Yet must I rise up, get off the fence and rush to the defence of my particular identity group with the cry of, 'Old white guys of the world, unite! We have nothing to lose but our privileges!'?'

Teacher-student "affair" started with note on test

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former high school teacher who admitted having sex with a 16-year-old student on a park bench and sending him steamy selfies was sentenced Thursday to 10 years of probation.

Alaina Ferguson, 25, was also fined $800 and sentenced to 120 days in jail — to be served two weeks per year over several years. She must also perform 150 hours of community service and register as a sex offender for 10 years after pleading guilty to charges of an improper relationship between a teacher and a student and indecency with a child by exposure, the Dallas Morning News reports.

Ferguson, a former algebra teacher at Plano Senior High School, was arrested in late 2016 after she and the teen started a relationship at the beginning of the school year after he wrote his Snapchat handle on a test and gave it to Ferguson, according to an arrest warrant obtained by The Post.'

College student gets 1 year in prison for false rape accusation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Long Island woman who falsely accused two Sacred Heart University football players of rape was sentenced in a Connecticut court Thursday.

WABC-TV reports, Nikki Yovino, of South Setauket, pleaded guilty to making up the allegations and was sentenced to three years in prison. She will only serve one year, though, with the other two suspended as part of the plea agreement.

She said she made up the allegations in 2016 because she worried her consensual encounter with the two players would damage her relationship with another student.

Yovino had initially claimed she was raped by the two students in a bathroom during an off-campus party.'

Women-only ride-sharing service opening in Washington, DC

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Safr, a new women-only ride-sharing service, focused on keeping women safe is coming to D.C. this autumn.

Come fall, the service, which will be available in cities including D.C., Boston, Orlando, Atlanta, Dallas, and San Francisco will aim to provide safe transportation for women. As of right now, Safr has only launched in Boston.

According to a release from the company, Safr was created "in light of the recent sexual assault allegations on drivers of other ride-sharing companies."

Safr states that drivers working for the company are personally vetted and will have to go through comprehensive background checks in both criminal and motor vehicle history.

Riders can also expect an in-ride security features that will ensure that they get to their final destination safely. If there are issues, immediate help is sent out.

The company plans to pay drivers more than the industry standard so there is an incentive to provide top service.'

#MeToo and two suicides

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Since the launch of #MeToo, two innocent people connected to the movement have committed suicide — Anthony Bourdain and Jill Messick.

In February of 2018, 50-year-old Jill Messick, a one-time talent representative for #MeToo heroine Rose McGowan, took her own life.

In June of 2018, 61-year-old Anthony Bourdain — celebrity chef, world traveler, and boyfriend of #MeToo heroine Asia Argento, hanged himself in a Paris hotel.

Both untimely suicides occurred less than a year after the birth of #MeToo in October of 2017, a movement born through countless accusations against countless men in two left-wing institutions: Hollywood and the establishment media.

Harvey Weinstein, of course, was the first, the smashed bottle that launched the USS #MeToo, and his two most famous and outspoken accusers are McGowan and Argento. Both have accused the disgraced mogul of rape, both have accused the entertainment industry at large as complicit.
...
In the wake of this upheaval, two people associated with McGowan and Argento took their own lives. We now know Messick and Bourdain spent years battling with the black pool of depression. This means we cannot know what drove them to end their own lives. Sometimes there is a trigger. Sometimes not.

What we do know is the timeline of events just prior to both suicides, and those facts are worth laying out.'

"Should those accused of sexual harassment be allowed to question their accusers?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge instructed the University of Michigan to ignore its policies for investigating sexual assault and instead hold a live hearing so that a student accused of rape can question his accuser, Inside Higher Ed reports. The outcome of the hearing could have national implications on an emerging pattern of case law suggesting that those accused of sexual violence have the right to question the evidence against them.

The Michigan male student accused of sexual assault sued the university in June, alleging that its sexual assault policies deprived him of his right to due process. The student was accused of rape in April after a sexual encounter the previous November he claims was consensual. It has not been determined whether or not he committed an assault.

The ruling does not mean that the accused student will directly ask his accuser questions; rather, the accused will be given the opportunity to challenge the accuser's claims.'

DNC Goes Gender-Neutral, Demands Equal Number Of Men And Women On Committees

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Democratic National Committee (DNC) has passed a rule during its summer meeting in Chicago, Illinois, that includes gender-neutral language in an effort to be more inclusive to the LGBT movement. In addition, all committees must have equal representation of men and women, but those who self-identify as gender nonbinary will not be counted as male or female.

The rules, according to CNN, now say that DNC committees “shall be as equally divided as practicable between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) meaning that the variance between men and women in the group cannot exceed one (1)."
...
State parties will adopt the language ahead of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

When will the DNC start instituting race, sexuality, disability, career, religious, class, etc. quotas?'

Hundreds attend March for Men event in Melbourne

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'Watson regularly preaches to her thousands of social media followers about how Australia is “demonising” men.

On Saturday, the self-described anti-feminist has taken to the streets of Melbourne for her ‘March for Men’ to show that “men matter too”.

More than 700 people said they’d attend the Federation Square event on Facebook with 2600 more interested.

At least two people were reportedly arrested at the protest by the more than 100 police officers in attendance.

Footage from the event shows protesters and police officers shoving each other.

...

A counter-protest, called ‘Stand up for equality: March against Men’s Rights Activists’, was also held in the same location, at the same time.

Close to 500 people said they’d attend the counter-protest while 1300 more expressed interest.

...

“The purpose of this rally is not to hate on women, diminish women’s rights or make any negative statements about women

“What we’re trying to do is show that we care about the men in our lives and the issues that affect them

“This is about men and women standing shoulder to shoulder to show that we’re here for each other,” she said.'

Also see: 'Stop the name-calling!': anger unites Melbourne's March for Men protesters

Northeastern Prof Warns: Male Military Veterans ‘Reinforce Hegemonic Masculinity,’ Sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A professor at Northeastern University recently published an academic study warning that military veterans “reinforce hegemonic masculinity,” and ultimately contribute to “men’s dominance over women.”

The study, titled “How Military Service Members Reinforce Hegemonic Masculinity in Talk,” was published in the Western Journal of Communication on August 10. It was written by Northeastern Professor Bobbi J. Van Gilder.

Her research consisted of interviewing 14 current and former male servicemembers by phone or Skype. Gilder analyzed their responses to certain questions to see if any of their phrasing betrayed their thoughts on “gender and sexuality norms” in the military.
...
During another interview, Van Gilder criticized a gay veteran for having put on a “masculine ethos” during their conversation. Said Kevin, the gay veteran:

"When you actually get thrown into a combat situation where you have to put all your differences aside and do your job, it makes things a little different. … It’s like what separates us veterans from people who have never deployed. In many ways, in my opinion, [the public doesn’t] understand what a true soldier is all about."

Van Gilder concluded that Kevin was attempting to assert his masculine identity by framing only certain people as “true soldiers.”

Van Gilder also suggested that Kevin’s sexuality was to blame for his “sexism” -- that gay men may try to compensate for their public image as effeminate by emphasizing their masculinity. She only published short quotes from Kevin's hour-long interview.'

Ohio Cop Says 20% Of Sexual Assault Reports Are False

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While we are often told to “believe women” – and are assured no one would lie about being raped, false reports do happen. In Port Clinton, Ohio, some 20% of sexual assault reports are classified as false.

That’s nearly twice as many as the highest (misleading) claim that just 2% to 10% are false. As I’ve explained previously, that number comes from claims that are proven false, which may be just as difficult to prove as cases that are true.

This number also does not mean that the other 90% to 98% (or 80% for Port Clinton) are true. Some are classified as baseless, which is different somehow than false. Some lack evidence and some go to trial. A small percentage that go to trial result in a guilty verdict, so using the same logic as claiming just 2% to 10% are false, one could argue that just 3% to 5% are true.'

Australia: Exclusively female roles are being advertised by universities to close the gender gap

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'A growing number of Australian universities are advertising 'female only' roles in a bid to encourage women to apply for historically male-dominated jobs.

The University of Adelaide is the latest educational institution seeking to balance the gender issue, recently advertising eight senior positions in engineering, IT and mathematical science – just for women.

Adelaide's decision follows the call out from the University of Melbourne earlier this year which sought five women for lucrative titles at associate professor and lecturer level.
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According to a recent article from Whimn, the move takes advantage of a legal loophole which allows organisations to exclusively recruit women in order to ensure equal opportunities for all genders and sexual orientations.

Technology, engineering and science have long been considered the realms of men, with female professionals significantly outnumbered across these industries.'

UK: "Is 'feminist' a term you'd use now, Julie Bishop?"

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'"Feminist [is] not a term that I find particularly useful these days," Julie Bishop famously announced to the National Press Club while launching a "Women in Media" group in 2014.

In that same speech, Bishop, who yesterday announced her retirement as Foreign Minister and signalled her ambivalence about contesting the next election, also refused to acknowledge the existence of the glass ceiling in her career, saying that she would never “blame the fact that I’m a woman” for any career limitations.

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I’m not suggesting that gender was the only factor at play. The leadership spill was triggered by the vocal and aggressive minority of MPs and shock jocks motivated by enacting Abbott’s revenge. And Bishop is unpalatable to the pack of pale, male, stale, sexist, and racist homophobes who speak the loudest in the Liberal party room.

But if, as the Liberal Party and their supporters consistently claim, the office of Prime Minister is based on both merit and numbers, then Bishop is easily the preferred Prime Minister.'

Russian Feminist Blogger Investigated For Potential Hate Speech Against Men

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'A self-described "radical feminist" in Russia is facing potential criminal charges over social-media posts that she says investigators could deem hate speech against men.

Lyubov Kalugina, a 31-year-old blogger in the Siberian city of Omsk, said this weekthat investigators have opened a preliminary probe into material dating back to 2013 that she posted on the Russian social-networking site VKontakte.

The probe comes amid a mounting public debate in Russia about a broad crackdown on online speech in recent years -- including reposts and likes on social media sites such as Facebook -- that critics say authorities are using to stymie dissent and boost conviction rates.'

Has feminism rejected fairness, truth and justice?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's become a regular experience in Canada and the United States for a man to be accused of sexual misconduct and for an almost immediate pile-on of haters adding every accusation the mind can imagine.

Contemporary feminists have done a brilliant job in their war against men.

Unsubstantiated accusations are treated as proven guilt. Due process is dismissed as male supremacy. Accusations result in mob hysteria, from even the most allegedly reputable and responsible sources.
...
It appears that whenever a female complains about sexual harassment, however dubious, unsubstantiated, and indecent the accusation is, everyone assumes that what she says is honest, true and correct.

Don't imagine that this feminist war is against only bad men. It's a war is against all men. The object is to degrade and demote men, and replace them with females. Any and all means will be used.

Some deluded men have joined the bandwagon and will no doubt be very surprised when their time as a blood sacrifice comes.'

From SAVE re stopping a Title IX registry

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From SAVE:

On August 1, 2018, the Department of Justice's SMART Office issued an announcement that it plans to do a survey of the "Policies and practices regarding individuals found responsible and sanctioned for campus sexual misconduct policy violations," including the "use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology."
http://www.saveservices.org/camp/doj-sex-offender-registry/

This sounds an awful lot like a Title IX sex offender database, doesn't it?

Since then, DOJ officials have told SAVE that they have no "plans" to establish a Title IX sex offender registry. But when we've asked them to provide an official statement on the DOJ website, they go strangely SILENT.

But we're going to be SILENT on such a radical idea. So we all need to tell the DOJ to not move ahead with its Title IX sex offender database idea. Send your polite comments to:

Samantha Opong
SMART Office
Email: Samantha.Opong@usdoj.gov

For more information, see: http://www.saveservices.org/camp/doj-sex-offender-registry/ Deadline is Friday.

Sincerely,
The SAVE Team

Professor Who Wrote ‘Why Can’t We Hate Men?’ Article Included In Title IX Complaint Against Northeastern University

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Remember The Washington Post op-ed back in June titled “Why Can’t We Hate Men?” In it, a feminist professor at Northeastern University says exactly what we would expect from a feminist professor and chair of the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department at a liberal university: Some men do bad things, so women have a right to hate all men indiscriminately.

That article is now part of a Title IX complaint filed against Northeastern University for allegedly discriminating against men. Title IX is an anti-sex discrimination statute, but has generally been seen as a “feminist tool” to take down men.'

New ride-hailing firm for women seems like a lawsuit waiting to happen

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new ride-hailing app that caters to women by allowing drivers and riders to choose their preferred gender of the person who will be sharing their vehicle is on its way to the District and — who knows? — maybe even the Supreme Court.

The new service is Safr, and it's built on the idea that women feel more comfortable driving or riding with other women. It rolled out about a year ago in Boston and looks a little like a retread of Chariot for Women, a Boston-based ride-hailing service that ran into flak over its gender-specific business model.

Safr talks a lot about "empowering" women in its pitch. Though Safr is hiring men, too, its website and its boss make it clear that its reason to be is luring mostly female drivers and riders to the app with the promise that they won't have to share a car with the opposite sex if they don't want to.

...

However admirable its goals, Safr seems to be operating on the assumption that the only way for people to be safe or comfortable is to be with their own kind. And asking for a lift from Point A to Point B on a public transportation service is not the same as getting a deep-tissue massage at the gym or requesting a same-sex security agent for a required pat-down at the airport.

There's perhaps even a whiff of patronization in the notion that the only way to ensure a woman's safety is to keep her separate from men. And there's doublespeak: Though Safr's appeal rests on choosing a driver's or rider's sex, the company's website insists Safr isn't denying service to anyone based on gender.

Ride-hailing and mass transit — or just about any public space in society, when you get right down to it — could be made safer for women. But the way to do that is not by segregating women.'

The hypocrisy of #MeToo and female solidarity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Asia, after an initial silence, came out and started attacking the victim as a liar, saying that she never had a sexual relationship with him. She even insinuated that the young man had essentially tried to blackmail her dead boyfriend Bourdain because she knew he was “a man of great perceived wealth.”

Imagine if Bill Cosby had made those claims about his accusers.

Imagine if Al Franken had said that he’d been asked to grope the woman in the photo by the woman herself.'

Students accused of sexual assault must be allowed to cross-examine accusers, courts say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A series of federal cases in the Midwest is likely to shift the way universities investigate sexual-assault claims on their campuses.

The change is praised by those who think universities have weighted the process in favor of the mostly female students who file the complaints. Opponents say the move will have a chilling effect on students reporting sexual assaults.

On the way out is a process that puts the onus for collecting information on a staff member, who interviews the person making the complaint, the person accused of the sexual assault and any witnesses.'

Women’s rights movements provoke mass hysteria, perpetuate victimhood culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the era of the Women’s March and the #MeToo movement, victimization and identity politics have been brought to the forefront of American culture.

The growing popularity of these movements has almost made them household names. The catchy and inescapable hashtags on social media have made them nearly impossible to ignore, and it is clear they are not going away any time soon. College campuses especially are hotbeds for these movements. With support from professors and many student organizations, their messages are heard campuswide.

While these movements have good intentions at heart, their actions are often undermined by their fallacious beliefs, which are grounded on falsehoods and hazy statistics. Feminists tend to promote the idea that we live in a culture that accepts and in some ways promotes rape. Let’s set the record straight — there is no rape culture in the United States, and there certainly isn’t one on college campuses either. One common misconception that is used to support such claims is that 1 in 4 women will experience sexual assault on campus. While this statistic is often proclaimed by these movements and even taught by universities, it is simply a myth.

Universities have been at the forefront of the biased feminist agenda. Obama-era policies that required the minimal “preponderance of the evidence” (51 percent guilty) to suspend or even expel the accused have made college campuses treacherous grounds for students. This is due to universities initiating zero-tolerance policies and suspending students without due process, which consequently is a problem with students being wrongfully blamed or found guilty with insufficient evidence.'

A Case Against Steve Wynn: The Anatomy of a #MeToo Accusation Gone Wrong

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On February 27, the Boston Globe published an article under the explosive headline “Woman tells police she had a child with Steve Wynn after he raped her.” The Associated Press, America’s largest and most trusted news agency, had produced the piece. But in this particular case, less than a day’s worth of reporting had gone into vetting the accusation in the headline, which came from a single, partially redacted police report. Still, within hours, the story started making waves. Along with the Globe, at least 100 other publications, including the New York Times, republished the AP’s article. Now, however, Wynn’s accuser is speaking out and new information casts serious doubt on the validity of her claims against the casino mogul.

By the time the AP story hit the newswires, Wynn had already been the subject of a deeply reported, damning account in the Wall Street Journal detailing his decades-long pattern of sexual harassment and assault. The native New Englander had already stepped down as the finance chairman of the Republican National Committee and as the CEO of Wynn Resorts, his casino company. But the new allegation reported by the AP had ripple effects in Massachusetts, where Wynn Resorts is building the now $2.5 billion Wynn Boston Harbor casino in Everett (since renamed Encore Boston Harbor).'

How Rotten Tomatoes Plans to Shake Up White Male-Dominated Film Criticism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At a time when film criticism is being criticized for being dominated by white men, Rotten Tomatoes is trying to highlight more diverse voices.

The review aggregator, known for its “fresh” or “rotten” Tomatometer ranking system, said it is changing its criteria to include new media platforms, such as podcasts and streaming shows, as opposed to only boasting written notices. In addition, the site will include writers whose work may appear on personal blogs or other platforms instead of only focusing on the pieces they publish for specific print outlets. As part of the change, over 200 new Tomatometer-approved critics have been added to Rotten Tomatoes and the service expects to keep growing its ranks.

The new criteria comes after months of reaching out to critics to get their suggestions for ways to expand the pool of reviewers to include more women and people from under-represented communities.'

Plexpod launches women-only coworking model in Kansas City

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As Plexpod looked at how it could further serve Kansas City, it identified a gap in the marketplace — a need for a coworking space dedicated exclusively to women and those who identify as women.

A number of the local female-focused professional organizations have reached a point in their life cycle when they're reinventing themselves, Plexpod CEO Gerald Smith said. And they need help targeting the next generation of movers and shakers, including entrepreneurs. That's where Plexpod's new Herspace at Plexpod comes in.
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The goal is to create a space that fosters connections and female empowerment, he said.'

NY Gov. candidate's strategist calls air conditioning “notoriously sexist”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The first and only debate between Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and his Democratic rival, Cynthia Nixon, is set for Wednesday, and the candidates have been bunkered in prep sessions with their advisers.

But even before the high-stakes clash begins, a predebate battle is being waged — over the temperature dial.

Ms. Nixon’s team has publicly accused the debate host, WCBS-TV, of catering to all of the governor’s demands to land the debate, and they are concerned that the debate hall at Hofstra University on Long Island might feel like an ice rink when they arrive. (Mr. Cuomo is famous for preferring to make his public appearances in deeply chilled conditions.)

So in a pre-emptive strike, Rebecca Katz, a top strategist for Ms. Nixon, asked WCBS-TV in an email last week that the debate hall be warmed to 76 degrees.

Ms. Katz wrote that working conditions are “notoriously sexist when it comes to room temperature, so we just want to make sure we’re all on the same page here,” according to a copy of her email obtained by The New York Times.'

Nixon blasts Cuomo for ‘mansplaining’ sexual harassment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cynthia Nixon blasted Gov. Cuomo on Monday for “mansplaining” about sexual harassment and for enlisting a lawmaker accused of forcibly kissing a female staffer to combat misconduct against women.

The former “Sex and the City” co-star played the gender card one week after announcing she would challenge Cuomo for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in the Sept. 13 primary.

“I have seen Andrew Cuomo mansplaining and lecturing women on sexual harassment,” Nixon said at a press conference in Albany. “I have read about him lecturing [state Sen.] Andrea Stewart-Cousins that [state Sen.] Jeff Klein is more qualified in understanding suburban voters, better than she does, despite her being a Senator who oversees the suburbs of Westchester.”'

Reaction builds to the potential DOJ Title IX database

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Campus rights activists and some experts are alarmed by a notice in the August 1 Federal Register. The Department of Justice program “Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking” (SMART) plans to collect questionnaires from approximately fifty colleges and universities on behalf of its “Campus Information Sharing and Response Project.”

The forms are estimated to take 15 minutes to complete. The data on campus policies and procedures will include information on “individuals found responsible and sanctioned for campus sexual misconduct policy violations.” The public has until August 31 to comment.

SMART was established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. The Act not only created a federal sex offender registry but also instructed states to post the personal data of offenders in their jurisdictions online, including addresses and photographs.

Walsh slots sex offenders into three categories: Tier Three consists of the most serious criminals, who must register for life and report their location every three months. Tier Two offenders register for 25 years and report every six months. Tier One offenders register for 15 years and report every year.'

The Common App still wants to know about your kangaroo-court convictions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's debatable whether asking college applicants about their criminal history makes campuses any safer, or simply penalizes those who were too poor to have good legal representation or have already paid their debt to society.

The Common Application recently came down on one side, removing a criminal-conviction question for applications to 800 or so colleges starting next year.

Another debate isn't even being acknowledged by colleges, though: Why is the Common Application still asking students about their disciplinary record from kangaroo-court proceedings?

Lawyers Justice Dillon and Scott Bernstein point out the uselessness of asking this question in light of rampant failures in campus disciplinary proceedings, where mob justice and administrative convenience is more powerful than due process.'

Women directors slam 'toxic masculinity' of Venice film festival

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Venice film festival was slammed for its "toxic masculinity" as it opens Wednesday (Aug 29) with just one female director represented among its most mouth-watering line-up in decades.

With Hollywood effectively turning the festival into its launchpad for the Oscars with new films by Damien Chazelle, the Coen brothers, Alfonso Cuaron and Lady Gaga's much-hyped screen debut, feminists have lashed the organisers for choosing only one film by a female director.

It is the second year in a row that Venice has featured just one film by a woman among the 21 vying for the Golden Lion top prize.

Festival director Alberto Barbera declared that he would "rather quit" than give in to pressure for a quota for women after the Cannes, Toronto and Locarno festivals pledged themselves to gender equality.'

New U.S. Sexual Misconduct Rules Bolster Rights of Accused and Protect Colleges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is preparing new policies on campus sexual misconduct that would bolster the rights of students accused of assault, harassment or rape, reduce liability for institutions of higher education and encourage schools to provide more support for victims.

The proposed rules, obtained by The New York Times, narrow the definition of sexual harassment, holding schools accountable only for formal complaints filed through proper authorities and for conduct said to have occurred on their campuses. They would also establish a higher legal standard to determine whether schools improperly addressed complaints.

The new rules would come at a particularly sensitive time, as major institutions such as Ohio State University, the University of Southern California and Michigan State University deal with explosive charges that members of their faculty and staff have perpetrated serious sexual misconduct. But for several years, higher education administrators have maintained that sexual misconduct rules pressed by the Obama administration unnecessarily burdened them with bureaucratic mandates that had little to do with assault or harassment, and men's rights groups have said the accused have had little recourse.'

California Is One Step Closer To Requiring Women On Corporate Boards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An unprecedented bill aimed at bringing gender diversity to corporate boards is heading to California Gov. Jerry Brown's (D) desk after a state Senate vote Thursday.

If Brown signs it, the bill, authored by Sens. Hannah-Beth Jackson (D) and Toni Atkins (D), would require every publicly held corporation based in California to have at least one woman on its board of directors by the end of 2019. By the end of July 2021, boards with five members would have to have at least two women, and boards with six or more members would be required to have at least three women.

"One-fourth of California's publicly traded companies still do not have a single woman on their board, despite numerous independent studies that show companies with women on their board are more profitable and productive," Jackson said in a statement.'

Megan Kelly states support for return of due process rights in college

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Article here. Excerpt:

'NBC host Megyn Kelly on Thursday said former President Barack Obama's administration went "too far back" in seeking to protect college students claiming they were sexually assaulted, "completely eroding" the due process rights of the accused.

Kelly made the remark on her show Megyn Kelly Today a day after The New York Times reported that Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos is crafting new policies on how colleges deal with sexual harassment and assault cases that would boost protections for those accused.

"I've been covering this closely for years, for years, and I understand the argument on the one side that we were in a position, back when I went to school, back in my day, when the pendulum was completely against the woman, right?" said Kelly, who is a victim of sexual misconduct.

"And so there was a problem that needed solving," Kelly continued. "But I would submit that the Obama administration overcorrected the problem and swung the pendulum too far back against the accused, completely eroding their due process rights."'

Gender-parity pledge amid ‘toxic masculinity’ claims

Mastodon · 31 August 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'THE Venice film festival has signed up to an equality charter for women, just days after it was accused of "toxic masculinity".

The organisers had been slammed for only having one female film director among 21 competing for the Golden Lion top prize for the second year running.

But festival director Alberto Barbera, who declared last month that he would "rather quit" than give in to pressure for a quota for women, signed up Friday to a gender equality protocol already backed by the Cannes, Toronto and Locarno festivals.

While the 50/50 by 2020 goals drawn up by the leaders of a campaign launched by women stars at Cannes stops short of quotas, it does call for transparency in selection and an even gender ratio in top management.'

Women cheer as Swedish man-free music festival opens

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Matilda Hagerman laughs with her friends as she queues at a man-free music festival, which kicked off in Sweden on Friday in protest against a wave of sexual assaults at festivals in recent years.

"This festival was necessary because of everything that happened during festivals last year," says the 27-year-old student with long pink hair and purple lipstick as her friends nod in agreement.

Held in Sweden's second-largest city of Gothenburg, the two-day Statement Festival, forbids men but not transgender people. It was announced last year after police received four rape and 23 sexual assault reports at Sweden's largest Bravalla Festival, which was cancelled this year as a result.

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With two main stages for the mainly Swedish women performers, there was plenty of space to rest outside on pink coloured seats at the centre of the site, turning the festival into a convivial place in contrast to traditional festivals.

"This place feels like a safe-zone where women can just get together and have fun and celebrate ... especially in light of the assaults that have happened at other festivals," said Julia Skonneby, a 34-year-old performer.

"It feels like a certain tension is gone... we're here to make a statement together," Hanna Gustavsson, a 31-year-old designer, chimed in.

Statement, launched after raising more than 500,000 kronor (47,000 euros, $54,000) through crowdfunding, defines a transgender person as "a person who does not identify with the sex assigned to them at birth".

This means transgender women born as men are allowed to attend.

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After receiving several complaints, the Equality Ombudsman (DO), a government agency that promotes equal rights and handles discrimination complaints, has asked the festival to specify what it means by "cis men".

"We want to examine whether the festival is compatible with discrimination laws," the agency's spokesman Clas Lundstedt told AFP, adding it would take a couple of weeks to reach a conclusion.

Festival-goer Gustavsson said she thought it was fair to bar men.

"I don't believe in complete separatism but I think it's very important to have this festival right now."'

Suing Women-Only Spaces In The Name of Men's Rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

Want to hear the internet explode? Talk about "men's rights." But the movement is real. Activists have shifted into high gear with legal challenges to women-focused companies, university groups and civic projects. It's #HeToo in the age of #MeToo.

Many of the activist leaders are affiliated with the National Coalition For Men. Its mission statement: "Since 1977, NCFM has been committed to ending harmful discrimination and stereotypes against boys, men, their families and the women who love them. We are a gender inclusive, nonpartisan, ethnically diverse organization that effects civil rights reform through advocacy, education, outreach, services and litigation."

There have been challenges for decades, but the uptick in the past couple of years seems to be linked to an increase in women-only efforts — like work collectives — and the #MeToo movement, which was energized by high-profile cases involving allegations of sexual assault and harassment.

Even the U.S. Education Department, under Betsy DeVos, has become more open to civil rights complaints alleging discrimination against men and in campus rape accusations involving male suspects.'

Lies, Damned Lies, And Campus Sexual Assault Statistics

Matt · 1 September 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A potential draft of new federal campus sexual assault policies was leaked this week, so expect a new round of false and misleading statistics to be shared by those who claim due process “protects rapists” and “hurts victims.”

Rape and sexual assault are serious offenses, and shouldn't be watered down to create a narrative that America is somehow the rape capital of the world, nor should we pretend that non-offenses are offenses. That hurts real victims.

I’ve taken down every one of these statistics before — sometimes many, many times — but it’s time to debunk them all in one place. So here we go.'

Physician pilloried for stating facts

Matt · 2 September 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Plano physician is under fire for a hot take in the Dallas Medical Journal saying his female colleagues are paid less because they don't work as hard — but the doctor says his comments were misconstrued and that he did not know they would be made public.

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"Yes, there is a pay gap," Tigges wrote. "Female physicians do not work as hard and do not see as many patients as male physicians.

"This is because they choose to, or they simply don't want to be rushed, or they don't want to work the long hours. Most of the time, their priority is something else.... Family, social, whatever."

Tigges, 53, is one of three physicians, one of them a woman, at the Plano practice he founded in 1996. According to the office's website, the Iowa-born Tigges studied at the University of Iowa College of Medicine and started private practice at Presbyterian Hospital of Plano in 1995.

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His comments, he said, were based on data he'd read showing that female doctors often earn less because they see fewer patients or work fewer hours because of family or other obligations. He said he didn't mean to imply that women should earn less for equal work.

"My response sounds terrible and horrible and doesn't reflect what I was really trying to say," Tigges said. "I'm not saying female physicians should be paid less, but they earn less because of other factors."'

Would Einstein be hired at UCLA today?

Matt · 2 September 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If Albert Einstein applied for a professorship at UCLA today, would he be hired? The answer is not clear. Starting this fall, all faculty applicants to UCLA must document their contributions to “equity, diversity and inclusion.” (Next year, existing UCLA faculty will also have to submit an “equity, diversity and inclusion statement” in order to be considered for promotion, following the lead of five other UC campuses.) The mandatory statements will be credited in the same manner as the rest of an applicant’s portfolio, according to UCLA’s equity, diversity and inclusion office.

A contemporary Einstein may not meet the suggested evaluation criteria. Would his “job talk” — a presentation of one’s scholarly accomplishments — reflect his contributions to equity, diversity and inclusion? Unlikely. Would his research show, in the words of the evaluation template, the “potential to understand the barriers facing women and racial/ethnic minorities?” Also unlikely. Would he have participated in “service that applies up-to-date knowledge to problems, issues and concerns of groups historically underrepresented in higher education?” Sadly, he may have been focusing on the theory of general relativity instead. What about “utilizing pedagogies addressing different learning styles” or demonstrating the ability to “effectively teach and attract students from underrepresented communities”? Again, not at all guaranteed.'

Hooker only deported after being found guilty of sexual battery on a 14-YO

Matt · 2 September 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. She is only deported. Switch the sexes. Would a man have been merely deported after being caught with a 14-YO girl? Excerpt:

'A BRITISH woman has been ordered to leave the US immediately after sleeping with a 14-year-old virgin boy in a Florida hotel room.

Sarah McGill, 28, is to be deported after being found guilty of lewd or lascivious battery - known as statutory rape in the UK.

The hypnotherapist turned high class hooker, who previously owned a clinic in Edinburgh, dodged 15 years in jail after securing a sweetheart deal with prosecutors.

Julio Semino, Court Support Manager for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, said: "Ms. Mcgill received five years sex offender probation. She was adjudicated guilty as a sex offender.

"Her passport was ordered to be returned to her and she was directed to immediately leave the country.

"Her probation is to terminate upon her leaving the US."'

"My drinking is out of control and I had sex with guy I just met – was it rape?"

Matt · 3 September 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Remember: It's rape if she regrets it the next day!
Excerpt:

'DEAR DEIDRE: I GOT horribly drunk last week and had sex with a guy I'd only just met.
...
I'm 24, with a lot of things going for me. I'm fit and attractive, have a nice bunch of friends and a job that's OK.

On the downside, my boyfriend lives too far away and we're not getting on so well, which is a shame as it started off great.

So I go out with mates and behave as if I'm single like them.

At the start of a night I know I look good and I'm up for a great time but I must drink twice as much as my friends.
...
I didn't object when the taller one kissed me and put his arm around me. I think all my judgement had gone.

He said he would take me back to his flat as I was in no state to go home alone.

I couldn't walk straight. When we got there, we kissed then had sex in his bed.

In the morning I couldn't believe what I'd done. I felt dirty and guilty.

I hated myself. I'm sure the guy I had sex with will boast to his mate and to others as well.

I'm scared to set foot out of doors in case somebody calls me a slag when I'm out with my mum.

I know I'm drinking too much but I can't seem to stop once I start.
I need help.
...
DEIDRE SAYS: I am so glad you wrote to me.

That night you were quite clearly drunk, with your judgement impaired.

You were in no state to find your way home and certainly in no state to give consent to having sex.

You bitterly regretted it afterwards and now you feel guilty, hating yourself. But what happened was rape.

Getting drunk may be risky but it isn't a crime. Rape certainly is.
...
You can then decide whether you want to make a report to the police.

And please don't keep drinking so much. You know it's a problem for you, so make up your mind to reach out for the help that you need.'

Details In BLS Report Suggest That Most Of The Gender Earnings Gap Is Explained By Age, Marital Status, Children, Hours Worked

Mastodon · 4 September 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) releases an annual report every year on the "Highlights of Women's Earnings" (since the BLS report actually analyzes equally both men's and women's earnings, one might ask why the report isn't simply titled more accurately "Highlights of Earnings in America"?). Here's the opening paragraph from the most recent BLS report "Highlights of Women's Earnings in 2017" that was released last month:
...
How do we explain the fact that women working full-time last year earned less than 82 cents for every dollar men earned according to the BLS? Here's how the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) explains it:

The wage gap exists, in part, because many women and people of color are still segregated into a few low-paying occupations. Part of the wage gap results from differences in education, experience or time in the workforce. But a significant portion cannot be explained by any of those factors; it is attributable to discrimination. In other words, certain jobs pay less because they are held by women and people of color.
...
Bottom Line: When the BLS reports that women working full-time in 2017 earned 81.8% of what men earned working full-time, that is very much different from saying that women earned 81.8% of what men earned for doing exactly the same work while working the exact same number of hours in the same occupation, with exactly the same educational background and exactly the same years of continuous, uninterrupted work experience. As shown above, once we start controlling individually for the many relevant factors that affect earnings, e.g. hours worked, age, marital status, and having children, most of the raw earnings differential disappears. In a more comprehensive study that controlled for all of the relevant variables simultaneously, we would likely find that those variables would account for nearly 100% of the unadjusted, raw earnings differential of 18.2% for women's earnings compared to men as reported by the BLS. Discrimination, to the extent that it does exist, would likely account for a very small portion of the raw 18.1% gender earnings gap.'

Asia Argento Now Claims That Underage Boy Raped Her

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Asia Argento now claims that Jimmy Bennett, then 17, was the one who raped her and not, as he claims, the other way around in 2013.

Bennett last month charged that Argento sexually assaulted him when she was 37 and he was 17. Days after the allegations emerged, TMZ obtained text messages allegedly sent by Argento to a friend that said she had sex with Bennett at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in Marina del Rey, California.

But her attorney, Mark Jay Heller, now says that Bennett's allegations are not true, and it was Bennett who was the aggressor. He claims Argento's boyfriend, the late Anthony Bourdain, agreed to pay Bennett $380,000 simply to protect her.

"Asia does not intend to prosecute Bennett for his conduct and recognizes that his unfortunate past, his stalled acting career, and a lawsuit against his own parents for allegedly misappropriating more than a million and a half dollars from his account might explain his desperation to seek money from Asia and Bourdain for this falsely alleged incident that took place more than 5 years ago,' her attorney said.'

UK: Laura Perrins: Hate crimes would 'inevitably be extended to include to misandry'

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'Laura Perrins has said that the call for MPs to vote to make misogyny a hate crime would “inevitably have to be extended to misandry” because the system cannot only consider “hate against women an aggravating factor”.

Julia Hartley-Brewer asked Ms Perrins if this vote could lead to considering hate crimes against men.

Ms Perrins, the co-editor of The Conservative Woman said: “Not at the moment but I would imagine under the terms of the Equality Act it will be inevitably extended to misandry.

“It would be very difficult to maintain a legal system where only hate against women was considered an aggravating factor.

“It is only an aggravating factor in relation to sentencing, it is not something a judge or jury would consider in whether the offence was actually committed.

“I think you’re inevitably going to have that offence extended then you just have this smorgasboard of identity groups saying ‘it is worse if you assault me’.”'

Australia: Domestic violence counsellor 'resigned' over sharing feminism critic's views

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first para. text. Excerpt:

'The Fair Work Commission has said an employee is entitled to hold personal views and beliefs at odds with his employer after a domestic violence case manager allegedly breached company policy for sharing articles by a critic of feminism from The Australian.

Relationships Australia in Western Australia (RAWA) confronted its men's counsellor, Robert Tiller, because he appeared to believe domestic violence was not caused by the "gender power imbalance" and had linked to articles by columnist Bettina Arndt.

But Commissioner Bruce Williams said the counsellor's views had not affected his work and the agency was on "precarious" ground if it had dismissed him.

"Whilst Mr Tiller is obliged to carry out his duties in accordance with the Family and Domestic Violence Policy and Procedures his Employment Agreement does not, on its terms, have the effect of denying him the freedom to hold personal views and beliefs that are at odds with RAWA's policies," he said.'

A nice feel-good article

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I came across this article from 2016 about a physicist who has dedicated his life to trying to prove time travel possible out of a desire to use it to somehow be able to communicate with his deceased father. I thought MANN readers would appreciate it. Excerpt:

'Ronald Mallett, a theoretical physicist from the University of Connecticut, believes that laser lights are the key to time travel.

A machine that Mr Mallett is working on is based around the fact that light can create gravitational fields and Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity.

The 71-year old has previously explained: "In Einstein's General Theory of Relativity, both matter and energy can create a gravitational field.
...
He said in the show: "I would say it was fair to call what I was doing an obsession. I was obsessed with wanting to see my father again.
...
"Everything that I became, the whole of my personality, everything about being a physicist, was based on my love for my father, and my desire to see him again.

"I had a mission. My goal was to figure out how to build the time machine.'

No evidence Cornell fraternity held alleged 'pig roast' contest

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cornell University has clarified a statement from earlier this year, saying it did not find evidence that a fraternity held a contest for new members in which they'd earn points for sleeping with women.

In February, Cornell's Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life said in a statement that the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity had been placed on probation after an investigation into whether fraternity members held the contest, which is called a "pig roast."

Now the school has revised its statement, making clear it did not find evidence the contest actually occurred. The school's initial statement, it said, "mischaracterized" the findings of the Fraternity and Sorority Chapter Review Board.

Following an investigation, the review board "concluded it was 'more likely than not' that the allegation -- someone associated with the chapter encouraging new members to participate in the contest -- occurred," the school's revised statement said.

But it did not find evidence to suggest any members had actually participated or that the contest had taken place, it said.'

Ashton Kutcher says Mila Kunis gave him the best advice for responding to the #MeToo movement: 'Shut up and listen'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ashton Kutcher is learning about the #MeToo movement from his wife Mila Kunis.

During a conversation at TechCrunch's Disrupt conference in San Francisco on Wednesday, the 40-year-old actor explained how Kunis, 35, gave him some advice about his tech pursuits and investments in relation to providing women with equal opportunities.

"You know, the best advice that I got relative to this entire thing came from my wife, and she said, 'Men have had hundreds of years to solve this problem and to talk about this and figure it out, and it's probably the best thing, at this point, for men to just shut up and listen for a little bit,'" he said.'

Men say they're guilty until proven innocent in #MeToo era

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some men now view all women as suspect.

That's what one female business owner told cleveland.com after Shatter, our women's issues page, asked if men have stopped mentoring women in their offices.

"It's almost like all women are a ticking time bomb that could take them down at any minute," she wrote in an email. "These guys genuinely don't seem to know the difference between inappropriate sexist behavior and other behavior, so they just pull back and interact awkwardly. They ask me weird questions like, 'So I just can't kid around at all anymore?' They're genuinely perplexed."

That seems like hyperbole -- until you read the cleveland.com comments. They're startling in their fervor that #MeToo has victimized men.'

Betsy DeVos is trying to stop an assault on civil rights on college campuses

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'For seven years, men accused of sexual assault, a category elastic enough to encompass “broad ranges of behavior” (read on), have been convicted, sometimes expelled, their futures blighted. Sometimes justice has been done, but injustices have been perpetrated by improvised campus tribunals orchestrated by administrators with vocational incentives to discover offenses that justify their offices. The “guidance” has mandated convictions on the basis of a mere “preponderance of the evidence” — 51 percent suffices — not “clear and convincing” proof, let alone proof beyond a reasonable doubt. The guidance strongly discouraged allowing the accused (almost always males) to cross-examine their accusers, who frequently are identified in proceedings as survivors — note the prejudgment. Accusers could appeal acquittals, exposing the accused to double jeopardy.
...

As DeVos revises her department’s guidance, she should consult Brooklyn College law professor KC Johnson’s analysis of Yale University’s just-released report on the sexual dangers on its campus: The 1.75 percent of undergraduate females assaulted in the first half of 2018 is, if accurate, appalling. It also is a violent crime rate nearly as high as in Detroit, which the FBI rates America’s most dangerous city. The report provides no details for 18 of the 50 victims because the allegations came from a third party and the accuser did not pursue the matter. Only five of the other 32 cases went before Yale’s adjudication panel. The report says Yale “uses a more expansive definition of sexual assault” than do Connecticut and federal law — Yale’s definition encompasses “broad ranges of behavior” — but does not say why.'

Ah, back at college for a new year ... Wait, where are the male students?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The steady slide of males enrolling in college, as well as the predictions of the low proportion of males on college campuses in the future, has gone mostly unnoticed in society. The college recruitment books of "three (students) under a tree" will soon have the male as a mere shadow.

When discussed, the quick visceral reaction by female progressives, among others, is something such as "Tough. These privileged males are getting their comeuppance; it is our turn."

Additionally, it is understandable not to expect concern over a male's station in life with the steady beats of "this is the year of the women;" "Let's break the glass ceiling;" "pay disparity;" and "there are not enough women working in (fill-in-the-blank occupation).

Such a response in the long run does not bode well for any of us. For what these males don't have, they cannot give back — to women, to families, to the economy, or to public discourse. Even worse, disaffected men in any community portends a range of social problems.
...
A less-than-endearing environment is developing on college campuses for young men. They arrive marked as a risk that needs to be managed, and consequently they have to participate in orientations, classroom discussions, and co-curricular activities that tell them they are the wolf in sheep's clothing.

It seems that men with high-risk profiles are greeted with overt skepticism about their prospects; while many women with high-risk profiles (e.g., single mothers) enjoy support programs designed to improve their chances of doing well in college.

Given these trends, there should be little worries over the Big Man on Campus, as he is becoming a mere shadow.'

In 'Boy Crisis,' authors identify four difficulties boys face today

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the May 2000 issue of the Atlantic, Christina Hoff Sommers wrote an article titled “The War Against Boys” and its opening sentence was, “It is a bad time to be a boy in America.”

In 2018, Warren Farrell and John Gray authored “The Boy Crisis: Why Our Boys are Struggling and What Can We Do About It?” Its opening quote by the leader of the New Zealand Labour Party is, “I am sorry for being a man.” It seems as though in the 18-year interval, things have gone from bad to worse for boys.

A review of “The Boy Crisis” needs a summary of Sommers’ article on how this crisis came to exist in order to place this book in perspective. She questioned the assumptions about educational inequality that many held — that schools favor boys and grind down girls. But the truth was exactly the opposite; by virtually every measure in 2000, as well as now, girls thrive in school and boys struggle.'

Mathematical model on male IQ variance suppressed

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'Prof. Ted Hill, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at Georgia Tech, wrote an article, whose background research had been supported by the National Science Foundation, on the 'Greater Male Variability Hypothesis' (GMVH), which asserts that there are more idiots and more geniuses among men than among women. This hypothesis is well known in the data on sex differences, and has a long lineage in evolutionary biology.

After working with some other scholars to review the data further and enlisting one (Sergei Tabachnikov of Penn State) as a co-author, Hill secured publication in the journal Mathematical Intelligencer, whose editor-in-chief is Marjorie Wikler Senechal, Professor Emerita of Mathematics and the History of Science at Smith College.
...
That same day, the Mathematical Intelligencer's editor-in-chief Marjorie Senechal notified us that, with "deep regret," she was rescinding her previous acceptance of our paper. "Several colleagues," she wrote, had warned her that publication would provoke "extremely strong reactions" and there existed a "very real possibility that the right-wing media may pick this up and hype it internationally." For the second time in a single day I was left flabbergasted. Working mathematicians are usually thrilled if even five people in the world read our latest article. Now some progressive faction was worried that a fairly straightforward logical argument about male variability might encourage the conservative press to actually read and cite a science paper?'

University forms 'feminist fight club' to fight the patriarchy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A public university in Colorado has formed a “feminist fight club” as a part of the administration’s effort to identify and correct behaviors that may disadvantage women in the classroom and workplace.

Colorado State University has partnered with the author of the book Feminist Fight Club, Jessica Bennett, to form an on-campus chapter of “feminist fight club” that will help to promote gender equity on campus.
...
As a part of their efforts, the club has created several exercises that help to show how gender discrimination exists in society. One example of this is a “Penile Service Announcement,” in which women are invited to list several ways in which men can be an ally to women. As a part of the exercise, women are encouraged to photocopy fliers for the PSA and distribute them on male desks in the classroom.
...

Finally, the group has also developed an exercise titled “How to Stop a Manterrupter,” in which individuals are encouraged to practice ways in which they can immediately interrupt a man who may interrupt another woman, and where women also take a vow to the rest of the group that they will call out such behavior anytime they witness it in the future.'

Also see: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYKnmcVxAx8

Sen. Kamala Harris: Any laws to make decisions on male body?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Kamala Harris of California asks Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh: "Can you think of any laws that give the government the power to make decisions about the male body?"'

Circumcision Legality and Consent Laws

Male circumcision is currently legal in every state within the U.S. However, the rate of circumcisions performed in hospitals has dropped sharply in the past 30 years, and now only about 60% of all newborns in the U.S. are circumcised. Various groups opposed to the practice have filed lawsuits against the government in over 10 states, attempting to change the law and ban all circumcision (usually by arguing the ban on female circumcision alone is discriminatory). Generally, your doctor or religious professional will likely be up to date on the laws of your state, but checking with an attorney specializing in medical malpractice is always a good idea before undergoing any kind of unnecessary surgery. This is especially true as your child may have certain litigation rights when he turns 18."

The Selective Service System

'The Selective Service System is an independent agency of the United States government that maintains information on those potentially subject to military conscription. Virtually all male U.S. citizens and male immigrant non-citizens between the ages of 18 and 25 are required by law to have registered within 30 days of their 18th birthdays and must notify Selective Service within ten days of any changes to any of the information they provided on their registration cards, like a change of address. A 2010 Government Accountability Office report estimated the registration rate at 92% with the names and addresses of over 16.2 million men on file. However, the only audit of the addresses of registrants on file with the Selective Service System, in 1982, found that 20–40% of the addresses on file with the Selective Service System for registrants in the age groups that would be drafted first were already outdated, and up to 75% for those registrants in their last year of potential eligibility to be drafted would be invalid.'

Federal appellate court: denial of cross-examination violates due process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit issued the strongest judicial opinion to date in support of the right to cross-examination in campus judicial proceedings that turn on credibility. The decision is also remarkable for its support for allowing students the active participation of an advisor, which would provide effective cross-examination while avoiding the potential problems with having the parties personally cross-examine one another in sexual misconduct proceedings.

...

The court, building on its September 2017 decision in Doe v. University of Cincinnati, held that “if a university is faced with competing narratives about potential misconduct, the administration must facilitate some form of cross-examination in order to satisfy due process.”'

Consent obsession still isn't enough, apparently

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Article here. This article does a great job showing why investing in sex-bot development is a good move. Excerpt:

'He looked scared. Somewhere in our five-year age gap, a dramatic shift must have taken place in sexual training. I sensed this would be a different kind of hookup than I was used to, but I couldn't predict how.

I lay down on my bed, and he lay beside me.

"Is this O.K.?" he said.

"I invited a guy from Tinder to my empty apartment on a snow day," I said. "Let's just assume you have blanket consent."

"I'm not comfortable with that."

I looked at his earnest eyes, hair flopping into his face, stubble that was already reddening my skin (I had already decided I didn't mind). Hadn't I already said yes several times? Wasn't I lying there with him, my leg tossed over his, my whole body arcing toward him?'

UK: Making misogyny a hate crime is sinister and absurd

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nevertheless, the man who was foolish enough – and, it transpired, drunk enough – to put his hand on my behind clearly thought he was perfectly entitled to do so and that he could get away with doing it.

What he did was rude, unacceptable and wrong, as I explained in no uncertain terms, before insisting he apologise.

But was his bottom-slapping a crime? And does the fact that he only did it to me because I am a woman make it an even worse crime?

According to Labour MP Stella Creasy and her band of feminista warriors, the answer to both those questions is an overwhelming Yes.

The MP, along with the Fawcett Society and a litany of other women's rights campaigners, wants to make misogyny an aggravating factor in hate crime. Extraordinarily, the Government agrees with them.
...
'For the first time, we are now saying as a country that misogyny is not a part of life,' Ms Creasy said as she welcomed the Government's announcement. 'It is something that shouldn't be tolerated. We have just sent a message to every young woman in this country that we are on their side.'

But have we? Or has the Government taken us one step further along the road of creating the Thought Police? This isn't just politically correct madness, it's downright sinister. Misogyny, after all, is a strong word. It is not simply someone (usually a man) being a bit sexist, a bit of an old dinosaur who thinks a woman's place is in the kitchen. It's the actual hatred of women. (None of the campaigners is calling for the new law to include the crime of misandry, the hatred of men, it should be noted.)

So who gets to decide if a man who does or says something nasty or mean to a woman is motivated by misogyny?

Under the current law, judges can already give harsher sentences to anyone convicted of assault, threats or abuse if those crimes are, as the Crown Prosecution Service's official definition states, 'perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated by hostility or prejudice' towards the victim's disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity.'

CBS' outgoing CEO to donate $20 million to #MeToo groups

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'CBS Corporation announced on Sunday that chairman and CEO Leslie Moonves is departing the company, effective immediately. Moonves' exit comes hours after The New Yorker published accounts from six women with allegations of sexual assault or misconduct, following allegations by six other women in July.

A financial exit package for Moonves will be withheld pending the results of an ongoing investigation into the allegations against him. Moonves was eligible for as much as $180 million if fired without cause, according to an employment contract he signed in May 2017. Recent reports indicated a potential payout in the range of $100 million.

The company said in a statement that CBS and Moonves will donate $20 million to one or more organizations that support the #MeToo movement and equality for women in the workplace. The donation will be made immediately, the statement said, and deducted from any severance he ultimately receives.

Joseph Ianniello, the current Chief Operating Officer and deputy to Moonves, will serve as interim CEO while the board searches for a permanent leader.'

‘Feminist’ denial on all the ways women have it better

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s always entertaining when a poorly thought-out feminist argument refutes itself, saving the rest of us the trouble.

In a widely shared moment late last week, Sen. Kamala Harris asked Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, “Can you think of any laws that give government the power to make decisions about the male body?”

The question was in the midst of Harris’ extensive grandstanding so Kavanaugh didn’t have an immediate answer. But there’s an obvious one: Selective Service.

Every American male 18-25 has to register with the Selective Service System, which maintains their information in the case of military conscription. If America is ever again in a war and needs to reinstate the draft, those male bodies will be the ones to go.

Had Kavanaugh thought of that answer, it would have exposed a hidden truth: Being female is amazing. Meanwhile, being a man does not seem like a good thing at all.

Even with the modern loss of niceties like men holding doors or offering seats for women, being a woman is still far easier and more pleasant than being a man.
...
For men, it’s far more dire. Men naturally die younger, more men are in prison than women, fewer men go to college, far more men commit suicide. No one ever asks men what they plan to do after the baby is born because the answer is always to continue working. On a sinking ship, men are the last ones off. Sexism is a real problem, but it doesn’t trump every other problem.

Being a woman isn’t easy, but that’s because being a human isn’t easy. When compared to men, though, women have it made. We may not run the world but that’s mostly because we don’t want to. Feminism tells women to strive to be just like men. Smart women should respond: “No, thanks.”'

Heartbroken parents harvest dead son's sperm to create 'designer grandson' in British 'first'

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Article here. If I recall right here in the US it is unlawful to take ova from a dead woman's body and use them to create a baby unless she has specifically permitted it in writing prior to her death. Any lawyers out there who can chime in? Excerpt:

'A wealthy couple harvested sperm from their dead son and used it to create a "designer grandson" in likely the first case of its kind in Britain.

The couple were left devastated after their only child was killed in a motorcycle crash and seemingly ended their chance of becoming grandparents.

But the pair, who are in their 50s, were reportedly desperate for an heir decided to harvest the 26-year-old's sperm, which was frozen and exported to the US, bypassing strict laws in the UK.

Their grandson is now three and is believed to be living with them in Britain in a case that highlights ethical and legal concerns.

The grandparents chose to use gender selection techniques to create a grandchild, who was born using donor eggs and a surrogate, the Mail on Sunday reported.

It is thought that the whole process cost up to £100,000.

Top fertility specialist Dr David Smotrich helped the grandparents at his La Jolla IVF clinic in San Diego, California, using techniques that are illegal in Britain.

He said the couple's unmarried son had not given formal consent to have his sperm harvested and used to create a child in the event of his death.'

Cali seeks to fine companies without female Board members

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Article here. Google the first paragraph text to jump the paywall. Excerpt:

'To fix the stubbornly low numbers of women serving on corporate boards, investors have tried to pressure companies to add more female directors. Lawmakers have pushed to make boards report their diversity statistics and have passed resolutions urging companies to add more female directors voluntarily. Start-ups have curated lists of qualified, director-approved female candidates.

But now California has a new tactic: Force boards to hire women — and levy monetary fines if they don't.

The state legislature recently passed a bill that would require every publicly traded company with its principal offices in California to have at least one woman on its board by the end of 2019. The bill, which is opposed by many business groups and could face legal challenges, is waiting for Gov. Jerry Brown's signature.'

Should We Still Cite the Scholarship of Serial Harassers and Sexists?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here's a question we haven't asked about structural sexism in academe: Do we still keep citing the scholarship of serial harassers and sexists? Within their institutions, they may finally get the fate due to them (or not). But their citational legacy will live on, sometimes even in the form of the pro-forma citations that reviewers expect to see in a manuscript, and ask for if they don't.

And for those men whose academic sexism hasn't risen to the level of actionable correction, and very likely won't — while they continue ignoring female scholars and belittling their work on a daily basis — their reputation overall will remain clean. A serial sexist is unlikely to cite the work of female scholars, but if he is a predominant voice in your field or subfield, there is no way for you to avoid having to continue to build his academic reputation through citations, even if you would like to avoid doing so.'

Sperm Count Zero

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A GQ article actual men may want to read here. Excerpt:

'Men are doomed. Everybody knows this. We're obviously all doomed, the women too, everybody in general, just a waiting game until one or another of the stupid things our stupid species is up to finally gets us. But as it turns out, no surprise: men first. Second instance of no surprise: We're going to take the women down with us.

There has always been evidence that men, throughout life, are at higher risk of early death—from the beginning, a higher male incidence of Death by Mastodon Stomping, a higher incidence of Spiked Club to the Brainpan, a statistically significant disparity between how many men and how many women die of Accidentally Shooting Themselves in the Face or Getting Really Fat and Having a Heart Attack.

The male of the species dies younger than the female—about five years on average. Divide a population into groups by birth year, and by the time each cohort reaches 85, there are two women left for every man alive. In fact, the male wins every age class: Baby boys die more often than baby girls; little boys die more often than little girls; teenage boys; young men; middle-aged men. Death champions across the board.

Now it seems that early death isn't enough for us—we're on track instead to void the species entirely. Last summer a group of researchers from Hebrew University and Mount Sinai medical school published a study showing that sperm counts in the U.S., Europe, Australia, and New Zealand have fallen by more than 50 percent over the past four decades. (They judged data from the rest of the world to be insufficient to draw conclusions from, but there are studies suggesting that the trend could be worldwide.) That is to say: We are producing half the sperm our grandfathers did. We are half as fertile.

The Hebrew University/Mount Sinai paper was a meta-analysis by a team of epidemiologists, clinicians, and researchers that culled data from 185 studies, which examined semen from almost 43,000 men. It showed that the human race is apparently on a trend line toward becoming unable to reproduce itself. Sperm counts went from 99 million sperm per milliliter of semen in 1973 to 47 million per milliliter in 2011, and the decline has been accelerating. Would 40 more years—or fewer—bring us all the way to zero?

I called Shanna H. Swan, a reproductive epidemiologist at Mount Sinai and one of the lead authors of the study, to ask if there was any good news hiding behind those brutal numbers. Were we really at risk of extinction? She failed to comfort me. “The What Does It Mean question means extrapolating beyond your data,” Swan said, “which is always a tricky thing. But you can ask, ‘What does it take? When is a species in danger? When is a species threatened?’ And we are definitely on that path.” That path, in its darkest reaches, leads to no more naturally conceived babies and potentially to no babies at all—and the final generation of Homo sapiens will roam the earth knowing they will be the last of their kind.

...

So perhaps that's the solution: As long as we hover somewhere above Sperm Count Zero, and with an assist from modern medicine, we have a shot. Men will continue to be essential to the survival of the species. The problem with innovation, though, is that it never stops. A new technology known as IVG—in vitro gametogenesis—is showing early promise at turning embryonic stem cells into sperm. In 2016, Japanese scientists created baby mice by fertilizing normal mouse eggs with sperm created via IVG. The stem cells in question were taken from female mice. There was no need for any males.'

The Tonight Show Cancels Norm Macdonald Appearance Amid Backlash to His Comments on #MeToo Movement

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'Norm Macdonald's appearance on The Tonight Show has been cancelled amid an online backlash to comments he made about the #MeToo movement in a new interview.

During his talk with The Hollywood Reporter, Macdonald said, “I’m happy the #MeToo movement has slowed down a little bit. It used to be, ‘One hundred women can’t be lying.’ And then it became, ‘One woman can’t lie.’ And that became, ‘I believe all women.’ And then you’re like, ‘What?’ Like, that Chris Hardwick guy I really thought got the blunt end of the stick there.”

He went on to talk about what Roseanne Barr and Louis C.K. are going through right now (though he later apologized for those particular comments).'

Author Of ‘How To Murder Your Husband’ Arrested For Allegedly Killing Her Husband

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A romantic suspense novelist who once penned an essay entitled “How To Murder Your Husband,” has been charged with killing her husband, Dan Brophy.

Police in Portland, Oregon arrested Nancy Crampton-Brophy, 68, last Wednesday and charged her with murder and the unlawful use of a weapon. Her husband, a 63-year-old chef, was fatally shot in a kitchen at the Oregon Culinary Institute on June 2, The Oregonian reported.

...

Crampton-Brophy has since made her now-famous essay “How To Murder Your Husband” private. It was published on the See Jane Publish blog and reportedly included sections on motives and possible weapons.

In 2012, Crampton-Brophy told the Romancing the Genres blog what attracted her to romantic suspense stories.

“Murder, mayhem and gore seem to come naturally to me which means my husband has learned to sleep with one eye open,” she told the blog.'

CMT Honors Only Women at Annual Artists of the Year Show

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CMT is changing their Artists of the Year show to honor only women, including Carrie Underwood, Miranda Lambert, Kelsea Ballerini, Maren Morris, Karen Fairchild and Kimberly Schlapman of Little Big Town and Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum.

The move comes as female artists in the genre have been outspoken about the lack of opportunities for them. Women have been shut out of nominations for major country awards, such as CMA's entertainer of the year category for two years in a row, and men overwhelmingly dominate country radio charts.

CMT senior vice president of music and talent Leslie Fram said she hopes dedicating the entire show to women in country music — past, present and future — will spark a "much-needed change in the industry." The show airs on CMT on Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. Eastern/Pacific.'

Prominent veterinarian says men must be deliberate about promoting gender equality

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'Dr. Douglas G. Aspros takes the lack of female leadership in veterinary medicine personally.

Raised by a mother who worked most of her life as a teletype machine operator, educated at progressive New York institutions where male and female students were treated equally, and inspired by a female member of a Nobel Prize–winning research team, Dr. Aspros spent his early years unaware of gender bias.
...
Women have made up more than 50 percent of veterinary classes since 1986. They currently comprise 60 percent of the veterinary profession and 80 percent of veterinary students, according to Dr. Aspros. Yet the people at the highest levels of veterinary leadership are predominantly male.'

At veterinary colleges, male students are in the minority

Dear Feminists: Why men matter

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'Today's brand of feminism is vastly different from your mother or grandmother's feminism. What was once a heroic and just crusade has been hijacked by far-left activists who then metastasized the movement into one of revenge, rage, and repugnance. The hallmarks of 2018 feminism – shouting your abortion, blaming sexism for all your problems, and looking up to alleged comedian Amy Schumer as a role model – are only hurting females everywhere, not helping the cause – or society.

Thankfully, a growing number of women, witnessing the tragic, repulsive, and intellectually insolvent developments in real-time, are rejecting the feminist label.

According to a Refinery29 and CBS News study, an astounding 54% of millennial women – typically those born between 1980 and 2000 – do not describe themselves as feminists. And this isn't an American phenomenon either; a 2016 poll discovered that just 7% of Britons would call themselves feminists.
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Feminism is not about gender equality. It is a vacuous undertaking aimed at attaining revenge. Feminists will never be satisfied until all women earn more than men, abortions are free for the world, and it's "51% female" across the board – except, of course, fields that risk life and limb. Until then, the pearl-clutching will persist, the topless marches will rage on, and facts will be tossed to the waste bin. No wonder why the term has morphed into a vulgarity, not a badge of honor.'

“Women Have It Better,” Admits Female Journalist

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'woman,” goes the old feminist rallying cry, “hear me roar.” But “hear me whine” may be more accurate, is the message of writer Karol Markowicz. Inspired by Democrat Senator Kamala Harris’ grandstanding at the Brett Kavanaugh hearings, Markowicz just penned a New York Post piece titled “‘Feminist’ denial on all the ways women have it better” — and the dogma she challenges can cause spontaneous bra-burner combustion.

Markowicz opens saying how wonderful it is when feminist arguments are poorly reasoned and self-refuting. She then goes on to relate current Exhibit A, writing, “In a widely shared moment late last week, Sen. Kamala Harris asked Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, ‘Can you think of any laws that give government the power to make decisions about the male body?’”

Markowicz can. Her answer: “Every American male 18-25 has to register with the Selective Service System, which maintains their information in the case of military conscription. If America is ever again in a war and needs to reinstate the draft, those male bodies will be the ones to go.”'

OCR Investigating ‘Financial Discrimination’ Against Men at Tulane

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'The United States Department of Education has launched a Title IX investigation into Tulane University amid allegations the school engages in "financial discrimination" against male students and prospective applicants.

According to an August 20 letter obtained by PJ Media, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has agreed to investigate whether six female-only scholarships violate Title IX, the 1972 federal law that prohibits universities from discrimination due to sex.

Scholarships under investigation include the Landor Lewis and Shirley Gauff Awards, the Grace Hopper Celebration Award, and the school’s Summer Internship Funding Grant,which offers up to $2,000 annually for female students to take on unpaid internships.

The full scope of "financial discrimination" by Tulane is unknown. The six scholarships listed in the Title IX complaint may only comprise a small fraction of all female-only scholarships at the school, as private universities typically do not list all scholarships on their website.

According to the complaint, male students at Tulane are left in the dust. Even though men are only 42 percent of the student body and are also less likely to graduate, Tulane continues to boast of programs and scholarships exclusively for women.

This is surprising, because if anyone needs a "boost" in higher education now, it’s men.'

Career Fair for Women in the Military Accused of Discriminating Against Men

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'A men's rights organization has threatened to sue the City and County of San Diego for participating in an upcoming job fair event for female military members.

The National Coalition For Men (NCFM) sent a letter on Tuesday asking organizers to postpone the "San Diego Military Women Careers Event." The event is planned for Friday, September 14 on Naval Base San Diego.

Military Inclusion, the group that organized the career fair, is promoting the event for "women veterans, active duty women and spouses."

But in its letter to San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer and other officials, the NCFM argues that the "women-only job fair" violates the civil rights of male service members and male spouses of women in the military.

"I think it's disgusting that they have an event strictly for women," NCFM President Harry Crouch told NBC 7 Investigates. "Why do we have to target less than ten percent of the military population? It makes no sense to me."'

Commentary: The ‘Big Man on Campus’ soon to be a mere shadow

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'When discussed, the quick visceral reaction by female progressives, among others, is something such as “Tough. These privileged males are getting their comeuppance; it is our turn.”

Additionally, it is understandable not to expect concern over a male’s station in life with the steady beats of “this is the year of the women;” “Let’s break the glass ceiling;” pay disparity; and there are not enough women working in (fill in the blank occupation).

Such a response in the long run, does not bode well for any of us. For what these males don’t have, they cannot give back — to women, to families, to the economy or to public discourse. Even worse, disaffected men in any community portends a range of social problems.

For example, men, especially young men, who do not feel a sense of purpose in a society will spend their days idle, or they may turn to crime. Matchmaking chatter of women “marrying down” in the long run is not cute or romantic. Women deserve strong, capable and resourceful partners, and raising a family is hard work. By nature, “being in the family way” takes two for a reason.'

Italy: Sex doll brothel closed by police two weeks after opening

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'A SEX robot brothel in Italy has been shut down by police less than two weeks after it opened.

Lumidolls latest bordello in Turin was closed after alleged infringements of Italian property law, Italian media reports.

The closure comes after the firm's second brothel in Barcelona was forced to move to a new location after the building's landlord cancelled the lease.

Lumidolls also has a brothel in Moscow, Russia, and the firm has plans to open other sex dens across the world.

It is believed Italian cops raided the Turin brothel after checks showed it was not legally allowed to run hospitality on the premises, Ansa reports.

Hygiene authorities are now carrying out an investigation to see if the firm's doll cleaning met all standards.

Lumidolls owner Sergi Prieto previously told Daily Star: "As you know in Italy, prostitution is 100% legal.

"Customers will have the option at Lumidolls Torino to have new sexual experiences in a safe and secure place."

Punters at Lumidolls pay £67 per half an hour or £83 an hour to rent a room with the sex-robots.'

Teacher blows student repeatedly, gets no jail time, keeps license

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'A Bronx high school teacher who admitted to performing oral sex on her 14-year-old student won't face jail time — and she might even return to the classroom.

Dori Myers, 30, last month pleaded guilty to criminal sex act for the Nov. 2016 incident at her former workplace, New School for Leadership and the Arts in Kingsbridge, where she taught social studies.

Myers' heinous crime, which reportedly happened multiple times, was discovered after another teacher found out by way of the victim's friend.

On Wednesday, Judge Michael Obus sentenced the woman to 10 years' probation and found her to be a Level 1 sex offender. Prosecutors had asked the judge to sentence Myers to a minimum of two years in prison.

As part of her plea agreement at Manhattan Criminal Court, Myers also got to keep her teaching certificate.'

Sexual allegation against Kavanaugh referred to FBI by top Democrat

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'Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., confirmed Thursday that she had referred information about Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh to "federal investigative authorities."

“I have received information from an individual concerning the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. That individual strongly requested confidentiality, declined to come forward or press the matter further, and I have honored that decision. I have, however, referred the matter to federal investigative authorities,” said Feinstein, the top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is scheduled to vote on Kavanaugh’s nomination next week.

Senate Judiciary Committee Democrats met on Wednesday night to discuss a vague sexual misconduct allegation against Kavanaugh dating back to his high school days, two sources familiar with the matter told NBC News.
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Two sources told NBC News the allegation was sexual in nature, but both said the letter writer was not specific in describing Kavanaugh's alleged behavior. One source told NBC News the conduct described could allege sexual assault, but said it could also be a lesser allegation — and added the individual making the allegation would have to be more specific with law enforcement officials for any investigation to be able to move forward.

The FBI has said it is not opening a criminal investigation into the matter.'

#MeToo has rich men wary of extortion

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'New York City men are protecting themselves from the dark side of the #MeToo movement, including an upswing in false accusations and blackmail, lawyers and private eyes say.

One young technology exec said he has six Nest cams installed inside his swanky downtown condo to “document and provide corroboration for what’s happening in my private life.”

“It’s an insurance policy,” he said.

When he recently brought home a date and realized she was highly intoxicated, he turned to one of the cams and called her a ride home.

“I tried to keep the interaction fully within views of the camera before calling her a Lyft,” he said.

The exec says #MeToo — while giving a voice to victims of sexual assault and harassment — has emboldened other women to falsely accuse well-appointed men for financial gain, fame or vengeance.

“Anonymous accusations are now possible, and the media believes the court of public opinion should not hold itself to anything resembling the court of law,” he said.'

'Why I won't hire a male nanny'

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'The simple fact is statistically speaking it is more likely to be a man that I need to be cautious of around my children so why not eradicate that from the equation when looking for a nanny to enter my home and care for my children when I am not there?

It is a terribly sad thing that I feel this way about male childminders and I wish it was different, but sadly the actions of the few have tainted it for the many.

I know it sounds like a sexist stance, but if 97% of bears were cuddly and only 3% would rip your face off and eat it, would you still go into an enclosure of bears? I wouldn't, and I also wouldn't send my kids into one without me there to protect them.'

Female paedophiles: Why women sexually abuse children

Hanoi Jane says "only the beginning"

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'Jane Fonda believes the downfall of Leslie Moonves won't be the last we'll see among powerful entertainment industry executives.

"It's a shame he didn't behave, [but now] it's come back to get him," Fonda said at Thursday night's Los Angeles premiere of the HBO documentary "Jane Fonda in Five Acts" at the Armand Hammer Museum.

Moonves departed on Sunday amid a cascade of sexual assault and misconduct allegations.

"This has been happening for a long time and it's been an epidemic of behavior like this on the part of people who have power," Fonda said. "I think the #MeToo movement has started an avalanche. And it's only the beginning."'

Are Women Penalized More Than Men in Tennis? Data Says No

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'Serena Williams argued that she was subject to a double standard when she was cited for verbal abuse by the chair umpire Carlos Ramos during the United States Open women's final last Saturday.

“There are men out here who do a lot worse than me, but because I’m a woman you are going to take this away from me?” she protested to Brian Earley, the tournament referee. “That is not right.”

Each situation should be evaluated on its own merits, but according to data compiled by officials at Grand Slam tournaments for the past 20 years, men are penalized more often for verbal abuse.'

Gender pay gap narrows due to falling male income

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'The gender pay gap has been narrowing over the last four decades — and women's earnings are now closer to men's. But that is not only because women are doing better. The trend is also in part because men are earning less.

Earnings for men have fallen in the decade since the recession, and are even below levels for much of the 1970s and ’80s.

Men are still paid about $10,000 more on average than women, according to Census Bureau figures released Wednesday, but the gender earnings gap has grown smaller.

From 1973 to 2017, men's earnings fell by about $3,200, or about 5%, in numbers adjusted for inflation. Earnings for African American men fell even more steeply than those of white men, according to experts.

"We're talking about a 40-year period of people working full time who are not doing better than their fathers and grandfathers did, and are basically doing worse," said Mark Rank, an inequality expert at Washington University in St. Louis. "It's a really striking pattern going on over a long period of time."'

Just #metoo? Nah. #themtoo

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'So the majority of us try to navigate the minefield as best we can. But others of the with-it variety see the feminist loathing of honorable behavior as license to take the harpies up on their word and jettison anything that would not pass the harridan smell test. That to include treating women with decorum and actual respect due their gender and disposition.

It's not just #metoo, it's #themtoo. It's the feminist lobby that has had a hand in bringing this upon themselves by their War on Men.

No surprise so much of #metoo comes out of the entertainment industry, bastion and progenitor of pop culture indoctrination, home of always clumsy and befuddled dads, evil boyfriends, and male leads with the testosterone levels of slightly bi-curious geraniums. Ironic, perhaps, that the main individual who has ferreted out these obnoxious and boorish deeds by media and Hollywood men is the likely son of Frank Sinatra, Mr. S. not exactly remembered for his noble championship of any stage feminism.'

In no small way, silence helped #MeToo come into being

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This is an original piece of writing by yours truly, hence no link. It is a realization I have had. Please comment if you are so moved.

The #MeToo campaign is the implementation of the feminist agenda to get resources from men to use against us. As Sun Tzu said, bring supplies to get you to the enemy's border. Thereafter your men can get what they need by plundering the enemy.

This is what feminists are doing. Not wanting to work for a living they want to plunder successful men by extorting them for money via actual or threatened accusations. This isn't to say some accusations against some men are not true. It is to say that most are likely not. It's also to say that converting a quid pro quo agreement retroactively to an act of sexual assault is not unlike a prohibited ex post facto law being passed. Ex post facto laws are unconstitutional in the US. #MeToo is a perfect example of the ex post facto principle in effect. Now you see why they are unconstitutional.

One reason #MeToo has been successful at all is because men have not been challenging the anti-male bigotry coming not from strangers on the Internet but from actual friends/relatives/lovers. Ask yourself: when you hear a patently misandrist/racist/both thing said against men/white men, do you just laugh it off? Stay silent? Or do you refute whatever the assertion is? Strangers will use foul language and assail you on-line if you do of course. But what of gfs, wives, friends? Will they? Not nearly as likely.

#MeToo could maybe have been avoided had men been more assertive fighting back these past 20 years or so. The feminist agenda would never have gotten to #MeToo once faced down with open resistance to the vilification of men. I feel it is time, past time, men stopped acting like shrinking violets when they hear or read something from a friend, etc., posted on-line or said in person that attacks and denigrates men/white men merely for their sex/sex and color.

Recently I had a close female friend (well, used to be lover, but whatever) post something on a social media site about how it was time to re-name certain things that had been named by or after nasty old dead white males. The reasoning wasn't actually anything like reasoning. It was more like "They had no right to do that so we should change the names they gave these things." Basically if it had been named by anyone other than a white guy, it would be fine. She indicated that this was not such a bad idea.

It was at this point I decided that as fond as I am of her I do not need or want such a toxic character in my life. I posted that the idea was ludicrous, that things are named after those who invent or discover them as a matter of course in human history, and to re-name things because you are averse to the race and sex of the inventor, etc., is itself racist and sexist. I then MANsplained that much of modern civilization is the product of dead white male ingenuity and if you don't like it, too bad. But you can thank God or whatever you believe in for them because most of us are alive today because of their inventions and discoveries.

I received no reply. Of course, she can't make one. I'm right.

What is important is that when dealing with a "woke"-like friend/lover/etc., and they start spouting out racist and sexist anti-white, anti-male drivel, you must at that point resolve that to lose such a person from your life is on the table. They get a chance to say nothing in reply after you correct them, accepting the reality of things, or they get a chance to say Yes, you're right, that was wrong of me. Then keep an eye on them. If they re-offend, be done with them.

No one needs people who are antithetical to your interests in their life. If I have anyone in my life I have to know they got my back. People who are racist and sexist against my race and sex are unreliable and not to be trusted. I have to assume they would betray me at the first opportunity using my race and sex as the rationale for doing so

regardless of anything else they say or do. I need not take such a chance and am better off without them in life in the same way that Jews are better off not having Nazi sympathizers in their lives.

Critical here is this: warrior spirit. The warrior embraces death and loss. He isn't afraid of it. He goes toward it. To go willingly into battle you must accept that you will die that day and be good with it. Likewise when standing up to these racist and sexist bullies you may have in your life you must be ready to cut them loose and have nothing further to do with them. Yes that includes people you are even married to. Were I married to a woman who suddenly started spouting her "woke" ways against evil awful dead white males, or living ones, I would give her one chance to reconsider her vile ways, explaining why: how can I trust a person who despises people of my class in general? I can't. If I cannot do that I sure cannot be married to them. Call the lawyer. Get away ASAP. Likewise if you have friends, lovers, etc. who revile men or whites or white men in particular, and if indeed you who reads this fits that bill, I suggest you consider strongly how much you want an asshat like that anywhere in your life. Give them a chance to get un-woke. If they don't, jettison them permanently and do not entertain their return to your life. They have shown their cards and for that reason cannot be trusted. They may decide to faux-repent and do something to betray you. Once gone from your life, people identified as toxic to you must be kept out permanently. Nature is like this: No second chances. You either elude the tiger or kill or wound him so you get away, or you die in his jaws. There is no second chance. You are either lunch or you eat lunch. Life here in civilization is no different.

#MeToo is like this: The accused are guilty. No repentance or forgiveness. Accused = guilty = no forgiveness. As a man in a badly-polluted society that is misandrist and racist against whites, we are forced by our enemies to take rather drastic action. Make no mistake: we have enemies. They are the leaders and champions of #MeToo and the feminist movement, and their followers. First thing we must do is stop consorting with them. No more sleeping with the enemy.

Hey it worked in the 1970s for women. No reason terminating toxic anti-male people from our lives can make us any worse off. I mean, really, we have NOTHING to lose except being around people who secretly despise us. Good riddance.

Still want to fuck something? Like I always say: cheap hookers or McDonald's girls. There are ALWAYS alternatives in life. If you mistakenly believe that one vagina is superior to all others and no other will do for you, trust me, you are deluded. A man cannot these days afford to live in a state of idealism or out of touch with reality. You must be ruthlessly pragmatic to achieve any kind of success, be it in business, politics, or dealing with others in any way.

Read The Prince and The Art of War for inspiration. :)

Senator Invokes Me Too Movement In Call To Delay Kavanaugh Vote

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'A Democratic senator and a Washington Post editor called Saturday for a delay in the confirmation vote for President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh after a woman accused Kavanaugh of an attempted sexual assault in high school.

Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) invoked the Me Too movement to demand a thorough investigation, and the Post piece called for "the fullest possible airing" of the accusation.

Also on Saturday, a Washington Post editor who covered the controversial 1991 Senate hearings when then-Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas was accused of sexual misconduct called for "the fullest possible airing" of the accusation targeting Kavanaugh if the accuser is willing to come forward.

Sunday afternoon, a professor at Palo Alto University in California was revealed as the woman making the accusation. Christine Blasey Ford related the details of the alleged assault in an interview with The Washington Post.'

Ocasio-Cortez: Under no circumstances confirm Kavanaugh

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Article here. Video: "Due Process must center on the victim." (6:10).

'"State of the Union," New York Democratic congressional candidate Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said Brett Kavanaugh should not be confirmed to the Supreme Court until the 35-year-old accusation from an anonymous woman was investigated.

Ocasio-Cortez said, "I believe, first of all, Brett Kavanaugh should not be confirmed to the Supreme Court under any circumstances, regardless an independent accusation."

She added, "I certainly think that one of the aspects of due process is that we have to hear these things out and he should certainly not be confirmed before this is explored."'

Kavanaugh sort-of accuser goes public

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Article here. If you get a login or pay challenge, Google the first paragraph text and click the match link. Excerpt:

'Earlier this summer, Christine Blasey Ford wrote a confidential letter to a senior Democratic lawmaker alleging that Supreme Court nominee Brett M. Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her more than three decades ago, when they were high school students in suburban Maryland. Since Wednesday, she has watched as that bare-bones version of her story became public without her name or her consent, drawing a blanket denial from Kavanaugh and roiling a nomination that just days ago seemed all but certain to succeed.

Now, Ford has decided that if her story is going to be told, she wants to be the one to tell it.

Speaking publicly for the first time, Ford said that one summer in the early 1980s, Kavanaugh and a friend — both "stumbling drunk," Ford alleges — corralled her into a bedroom during a gathering of teenagers at a house in Montgomery County.

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"I thought he might inadvertently kill me," said Ford, now a 51-year-old research psychologist in northern California. "He was trying to attack me and remove my clothing."

Ford said she was able to escape when Kavanaugh's friend and classmate at Georgetown Preparatory School, Mark Judge, jumped on top of them, sending all three tumbling. She said she ran from the room, briefly locked herself in a bathroom and then fled the house.

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In an interview, her husband, Russell Ford, said that in the 2012 sessions, she recounted being trapped in a room with two drunken boys, one of whom pinned her to a bed, molested her and prevented her from screaming. He said he recalled that his wife used Kavanaugh's last name and voiced concern that Kavanaugh — then a federal judge — might one day be nominated to the Supreme Court.

On Sunday, the White House sent The Post a statement Kavanaugh issued last week, when the outlines of Ford's account first became public: "I categorically and unequivocally deny this allegation. I did not do this back in high school or at any time."'

Men’s Rights Move in on Yale

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'Kursat Christoff Pekgoz has never been to Yale — a school he accused of harboring a toxic environment for its male students. Pekgoz, a Turkish-born lecturer of English literature at the University of Southern California and a former member of a feminist group in Turkey, is now an active member of the National Coalition for Men, the largest international men’s rights organization.

With his Title IX complaint — officers in the Yale Title IX Office declined to comment for this article — Pekgoz launched what would result in a serious ongoing investigation of the university’s female-specific programming, conducted by the Department of Education. According to Pekgoz, women dominate in the realm of higher education and have been outpacing men in both attending and graduating from college for decades now, so there is little to no need for women’s programs. His logic is that instituting these programs — for example, the Women Empowering Women Leadership Conference, Yale Women Innovators and Women’s Campaign School at Yale — is sexist.

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Professor Margaret Homans, a lecturer in the English Department and the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, said women at Yale are still striving to achieve equal opportunity, especially in STEM, where affirmative action is vital in balancing the ratio of male to female faculty members. In response to Pekgoz’s proposal to include a men’s program to balance each women’s program, Homans claimed that women are still disadvantaged in the working world and benefit from female-centric programming.

“There has been a men’s scholarship program for a few centuries,” said Homans. “There has been a men’s studies department for a few centuries. These legacies aren’t over.”

In an anonymous survey of student opinion conducted by the News, 159 Yale undergraduates volunteered their opinions on the Title IX complaint. A majority of females — 78 percent — believe that Pekgoz’s complaint is completely unjustified. Meanwhile, 62 percent of female respondents claimed to have been victims of sexual discrimination at Yale. The incidents cited range from “mansplaining” and being talked over by male peers during debates to more serious allegations such as discriminatory treatment from professors and sexual harassment.

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More surprising were the male responses. Sixty-one percent of male respondents believe that Pekgoz’s complaint has at least some grounds, while 12 percent of the 61 percent claim that the complaint is absolutely justified, and 26 percent responded that they have been sexually discriminated against on campus. Many men surveyed mentioned difficulty applying to scholarships and fellowships that catered specifically to women and minorities. Multiple students claimed that women have greater social power and have priority when it comes to admittance to parties and events. Additionally, feeling like a second priority within STEM was attributed to coming across women-only scholarships or fellowships when applying for summer research. Other male respondents mentioned the inability to voice their opinions during debates for fear of being ridiculed by their female peers.'

Sean Penn criticises #MeToo movement again

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Article here. Amazing after his first public criticism he wasn't crucified. I'd say just wait and see now. Excerpt:

'Sean Penn offered some criticisms of the #MeToo movement in a Todayshow interview on Monday, calling the movement divisive.

Penn was appearing on NBC alongside Natascha McElhone, his co-star in a new Hulu series The First, about a space expedition to Mars.

NBC interviewer Natalie Moralesasked the pair if the strong female characters in the show were informed by the #MeToo movement.

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"The spirit of much of what has been the #MeToo movement is to divide men and women," he said.

"Women would say it's united women," Morales contended.

"I'm gonna say that women that I talk to, not in front of a camera, that I listen to, of all walks of life, that there's a common sense that is not represented at all in the discussion when it comes to the media discussion of it, the discussion where if Sean Penn says this, so and so's going to attack him for saying this, because of that."'

Pampers Ditching Sesame Street-Themed Diapers Amid 'Gender Concerns'

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Article here. No I did not pull this from the Onion. This is the kind of crazy we have moved into. After watching "Girls und Panzer" on-line I am now convinced that indeed we live in a simulation. Whoever is running it obviously enjoys f*cking with us. Excerpt:

'The New York Post reports that Pampers, one of the nation's top-selling diaper brands, is dropping Cookie Monster and Elmo from its diapers amid an initiative to better embrace "gender inclusively."

The change, which wasn't made public, comes as part of the brand's "gender equality work," though the Post says it's not apparent any parents complained that Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch were inappropriate to handle their babies' waste products simply because they appear male.

When the Post reached out to Pampers's parents company, Procter & Gamble, representatives for the company were "cagey," but shoppers who questioned the loss of Sesame Street characters off diapers received clearer answers from P&G's customer service department: "service reps at P&G partly blamed the stealthy switch on gender issues."

“The Pampers rep said … parents who have daughters thought that the ‘Sesame Street’ characters are too masculine,” one customer told The Post. A Sesame Street spokesperson seemed to substantiate the claim when she answered the paper's request for comment with a clip from Pampers's website detailing the brand's "gender equality work."

The changes might have gone unnoticed except that parents have voiced concerns about Pampers new diaper design more relevant to the disposable underwear's purpose: the new diapers appear to leak more than the previous design, and that's far and away a bigger problem than whether the diapers themselves reinforce traditional gender norms.'

Swedish Professor Slammed for Saying Men, Women Biologically Different

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'Following accusations from students, a professor at one of Sweden's leading academic institutions has refused to back down from his confidence in biological differences between men and women, sticking to his belief that gender cannot be viewed as a social construct alone.

Germund Hesslow, a professor of neurophysiology at Lund University, has been asked for an apology over "transphobic" and "anti-feminist" views inconsistent with the so-called "value base," the Swedish website Academic Rights Watch reported.

Hesslow has for many years held a course on "Heritage and Environment" at Lund University's medical program. In his course, the professor cites empirical research supporting the notion that differences between men and women are biologically founded and cannot be regarded as "social constructs alone," which comes in stark contrast to the trend dominant in gender studies.

Following complaints from a feminist student, who found Hesslow's course to be an expression "of his personal anti-feminist agenda," Christer Larsson, the chairman of the program board for medical education, summoned Hesslow for a meeting within the management team. Hesslow was asked to "distance himself" from two of his claims: "Gay women have a male sexual orientation" and another one about transsexuality, "Whether it's a sexual orientation is a matter of definition" — which he refused to do.'

Calls mount for regulation of sex robots

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A short drive north of Toronto, $60 buys a half hour alone with a life-sized doll that's "warm and ready to play." Customers take rented sex robots to a private room in a warehouse, near an emissions testing center, before returning them for cleaning.

The owner of KinkySdollS told the Washington Examiner he will open a second location in Houston this month, with a goal of 10 U.S. locations by 2020. How? Because there's no regulation.

"The States is a bigger market, and a healthier market, and God bless Trump," said owner Yuval Gavriel.

Although widespread in Europe, there are no known robot brothels yet in the U.S. Gavriel rejects the label, saying he runs a "showroom" that allows people to rent dolls, test them on the premises, and decide whether to buy one.'

Kavanaugh Accuser's Lawyer: She need not corroborate her story

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'Debra Katz, the attorney for the woman accusing Brett Kavanaugh of sexual assault, said that it is not her client's job to corroborate her claims.

Katz said on CNN on Monday that investigators should be responsible for proving Christine Blasey Ford's claim that Kavanaugh held her down and drunkenly groped her while at a party in high school.

During the interview, Katz revealed that there was another girl present at the party, which allegedly took place in 1982 while Kavanaugh was attending Georgetown Prep. Ford previously told the Washington Post that there were four boys at the party but never indicated if there were other girls beside herself.'

Ana Marie Cox: Brett Kavanaugh: it doesn’t matter whether he’s guilty or innocent. He’s guilty.

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'On Monday evening, Wonkette founder Ana Marie Cox let the cat out of the bag regarding the Left’s perspective on the allegations of sexual assault against Judge Brett Kavanaugh: it doesn’t matter whether he’s guilty or innocent. He’s guilty.

Cox was appearing on Lawrence O’Donnell’s The Last Word on MSNBC when she made this shocking claim:

This is a morally abhorrent statement. So if a woman falsely accuses a man of rape, we don’t judge him based on whether he actually raped her – we judge him based on whether he feels the pain of a person falsely accusing him of rape. The real question of the Duke lacrosse case, by this standard, wasn’t whether a stripper was actually raped – the question is whether the members of the Duke lacrosse team were sensitive to her feelings while she was falsely accusing them of rape.'

Men say they're guilty until proven innocent in #MeToo era

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some men now view all women as suspect.

That's what one female business owner told cleveland.com after Shatter, our women's issues page, asked if men have stopped mentoring women in their offices.

"It's almost like all women are a ticking time bomb that could take them down at any minute," she wrote in an email. "These guys genuinely don't seem to know the difference between inappropriate sexist behavior and other behavior, so they just pull back and interact awkwardly. They ask me weird questions like, 'So I just can't kid around at all anymore?' They're genuinely perplexed."

That seems like hyperbole -- until you read the cleveland.com comments. They're startling in their fervor that #MeToo has victimized men.'

Do Women-Only Work Spaces Discriminate? 2 Founders Hash It Out

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'The Wing in New York City--whose founder made our Female Founders 100 list--and the Coven in Minneapolis: Women-only co-working spaces are spreading. They're intended to give opportunities to network and build businesses, without fear of gender-based discrimination, distraction, or harassment. We hashed out the issues such spaces raise with two founders who know them well.

What are the benefits of these women-only spaces?
Katya Libin: Peace of mind. You don't have to think about discrimination, so you can focus on your company.

J Mase III: That's true. But often, women's spaces don't include others: trans-masculine and gender nonbinary founders, for example.'

Dem Sen. Mazie Hirono tells ‘the men of this country’ to ‘just shut up’ about Christine Blasey Ford

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'Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) told men to "shut up and step up" when it comes to Brett Kavanaugh's sexual assault accusation. Asked whether her being one of four women on the Senate Judiciary Committee impacts the Kavanaugh confirmation proceedings, Senator Hirono says, "I just want to say to the men of this country: Just shut up and step up. Do the right thing for a change."

"Not only do women like Dr. Ford, who bravely comes forward, need to be heard, but they need to be believed. They need to be believed," Hirono said. "We cannot continue the victimization and the smearing of someone like Dr. Ford."

"We have to create an environment where women can come forward and be heard and be listened to. I want to thank Dr. Ford. I commend her courage. I believe her," the Senator said.'

Australian union wants 40% of manufacturing apprenticeships to go to women

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Tasmania's marine manufacturing labour force is too low to meet incoming demand, so the industry is calling out for more apprentices.
...
The Australian Manufacturing Workers Union was also in Canberra this week, with several senior Labor politicians in Canberra hoping to introduce a 40 per cent quota for female apprenticeships in the manufacturing sector.

AMWU National Secretary, Paul Bastian said: "If we want to encourage more women to start and stay in their apprenticeship, then it's incumbent on Government, unions, and employers to work together to make that happen."'

Blumenthal: Kavanaugh Nomination ‘Should Be Withdrawn’ – Standard Is ‘Credibility,’ Not Whether You’ve Assaulted

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'While speaking to reporters on Tuesday, Senate Judiciary Committee member Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) stated that Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s nomination should be withdrawn. He further argued that Kavanaugh “has raised serious doubts about his credibility” and “the bar here is not whether you have not criminally assaulted someone, it’s credibility, trust, integrity.”

Blumenthal said, “I have opposed his nomination…from the beginning. I think the nomination should be withdrawn. He has raised serious doubts about his credibility in his testimony already. He’s been evasive and seemingly misleading. And the bar here is not whether you have not criminally assaulted someone, it’s credibility, trust, integrity.”

He added, “[T]his nomination will not only cast a shadow over Judge Kavanaugh, if he were ever to be confirmed, it will also stain the United States Supreme Court irreparably.”'

Amy Schumer: Men's Me Too Jokes Are 'Belittling Victims'

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'Amy Schumer sent out a statement to men who joke about sexual assault and the changes brought on by the Me Too movement: "STOP."

"Any dude saying 'I'm scared to be in a room with a woman now' or 'is it ok to say hello? I don't know the new rules,' STOP," the comedian wrote on Twitter Wednesday.

"What you are doing is belittling victims who have been wronged," Schumer's statement continued. "They say 1 in 6 women in our country are sexually assaulted. That's based on who reports it. It's been proven to be closer to 1 in 3. Your sisters/daughters. Stop making fun of the terror and indignity most of us have faced in our lives."

"If you're confused about the new rules," she continued, "Just ask and don't make it a joke. Because that's harmful and we don't want to hear that kind of joke right now. Mmmmmkay?"'

For contrast:

A Timeline of Amy Schumer's Most Problematic Moments

'When Schumer's jokes aren't dangerously similar to other people's jokes, they're offensively racist. Here's a list of some of the most egregious ones:

"Nothing works 100 percent of the time, except Mexicans."

"I used to date Hispanic guys, but now I prefer consensual."

"I think they would be mad if I brought home an Asian guy. Just out of confusion. They would just be like, 'I don't understand. Do you really want to fuck this guy?'"

Schumer denies that her jokes are truly racist and plays the comedian card, arguing that because race is ~taboo~ and she's a ~taboo~ comedian, it's fair game. "You can call it a 'blind spot for racism' or 'lazy' but you are wrong. It is a joke and it is funny. I know because people laugh at it," she tweeted.'

Don’t Let The Kavanaugh Confirmation Turn Into A Title IX Kangaroo Court

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'Senate Democrats and Christine Blasey Ford, have tried—and so far failed—to turn Brett Kavanaugh’s Supreme Court confirmation into a Kafkaesque version of a Title IX tribunal, in which the accused is presumed guilty, may not know the identity of the accuser, and is not permitted to mount a defense.

"The Trial” is a dark satire of modern bureaucracy, but a century later it bears a striking resemblance to the kangaroo courts on college campusesthat can ruin the lives male students accused of sexual misconduct.

But the Senate Judiciary Committee isn’t a campus tribunal, and Senate Republicans, to their credit, have thus far refused to turn the confirmation process into one. By setting a public hearing for Monday, and inviting both Ford and Kavanaugh to speak to the accusations, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley have masterfully called Democrats’ hand.'

France tackles screen sexism with subsidy for women

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'France is to give movies made by women a special subsidy bonus in a bid to counter sexism in the film industry, its culture minister said Wednesday.

Francoise Nyssen, who helped launch the 50/50 pledge on gender equality earlier this year that has since shaken Hollywood, said productions that are "exemplary" on equality will get an extra 15 percent subsidy.

The new bonus will work on a points system, Nyssen said, with productions given one point for a female director, scriptwriter or chief technician.'

HuffPo Survey Finds Smaller Percentage Of Women Than Men Find Accusations Against Kavanaugh ‘Credible’

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'A smaller percentage of women than men find the sexual assault allegations against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh to be “credible,” but more men than women find them “not credible.”

That’s according to a new poll from the left-leaning Huffington Post, which partnered with YouGov to conduct the survey.

Using the interactive features to filter results by gender, one finds the startling statistic. When asked: “Do you think that the allegation of sexual assault against Brett Kavanaugh generally is or is not credible?” 28% of men said it was credible, while 25% of women said the same.'

The Politicization of the Kavanaugh Sexual Abuse Allegations Damages #MeToo

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'This has always been the key question the #MeToo movement has adamantly refused to answer: What should the standard of proof, or even the standard of believability, be? Should the standard be criminal liability? Presumably not, since most accusers are emerging to speak long after alleged incidents. Should the standard be credibility of the individual telling the story combined with supporting details that lend additional credibility? Perhaps, but that apparently isn't enough for some. The standard promoted by many in the #MeToo movement is the far-too-simplistic and outright dangerous "believe all women" standard. By that standard, former President Bill Clinton is a rapist. So are the Duke lacrosse players, the members of a University of Virginia frat house and a foreign exchange Columbia University student — all of whom were exonerated.'

SAVE: Call Sen. Hirono's Office and Tell Her You Won't "Shut Up"

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Most Americans believe free speech and the presumption of innocence are cornerstones of democracy. But not Sen. Mazie Hirono of Hawii.

In a recent interview about the sexual misconduct allegations against Judge Kavanaugh, Hirono remarked,

'Not only do women, like Dr. Ford, who bravely comes forward, need to be heard, but they need to be believed. Guess who's perpetuating all of these kinds of actions? It's the men in this country. And I just want to say to the men in this country, "Just shut up and step up. Do the right thing for a change."'

Fox News anchor Tucker Carlson took Hirono to task for her totalitarian-sounding comments -- see video on the right.

Are we going to acquiesce to Hirono's call to end free speech and the presumption of innocence? If not, please call her office now: (202) 224-6361.

Sincerely,

The SAVE Team

Email From Fathers To Our Boys- Don't Date Women Like Mazie Hirono

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'Boys, Listen, we know we've had the talk. And we're not trying to have that conversation all over again (but feel free to come to us with questions.) But there is something we forgot to mention as you get older and you date. You'll date girls, and some of you will date other boys, and we can handle that. You might not think we can handle either, but we can. We're tougher than you think.

But the one thing we can not stress enough: You do not date women like Hawaii Senator Mazie Hirono. Oh sure, there is nothing wrong with dating strong, successful women. We like strong, successful women. But that's not Sen. Hirono. Seriously, don't let the title fool you. Hillary Clinton had lots of titles (FLOTUS, Senator, Secretary of State,) but none of those changed what she is: a liar, a criminal and an enabler of a sexual abuser who was supported by other supposedly strong women like Sen. Mazie Hirono.

You do not date women like Sen. Mazie Hirono. Here's why: She's all over this allegation against SCOTUS nominee Brett Kavanaugh. And it's a serious allegation from Dr. Christine Blasey Ford; that Kavanaugh, at 17, held her down when she was 15 and tried to take off her clothes at a party. It's an ugly accusation, and you never treat a woman that way. But there are real questions, including why she doesn't remember whose house she was at, or a near-specific date it happened. There's even a debate about who was at the "party." That's not a complete story.'

Canada: Candidate rejects women-only public debate for municipal candidates

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'Town Ward candidate Jenny Lanciault says that a forthcoming public debate for women candidates in the municipal election is sexist — and she won't attend unless male candidates are invited to participate, too.

"I'm not flying on a gender card," Lanciault said in an interview Tuesday. "I don't want to play into that mindset – I want a level playing field."

The event is called Spotlight on Women and it's being held next week at the Peterborough Public Library.

It's being organized by the Canadian Federation of University Women – Peterborough Club.

The eight women candidates for council have been invited to come speak about the issues and why they're running.

That includes Lanciault and two other women candidates in Town Ward, Kemi Akapo and Jane Davidson (who are running in addition to Coun. Dean Pappas and Jim Russell).'

Senate Dems urge FBI to probe threats against Ford; those against Kavanaugh and kin unmentioned

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'Senate Democrats on Thursday called for the FBI to investigate threats against Christine Blasey Ford, the woman accusing Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh of sexual assault more than three decades ago.

But they pointedly did not request a similar probe of threats against Kavanaugh or his family.

In a letter to FBI Director Christopher Wray and joined by all Democratic members of the Judiciary Committee, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., calls for federal authorities to take "immediate action ... to investigate potential federal crimes against Dr. Christine Blasey Ford."

The Democrats, saying the threats involve laws against interstate threats of violence, as well as federal witness intimidation and obstruction laws, add in the letter that they "strongly believe that how Dr. Blasey Ford is treated in this moment reflects upon how seriously our nation treats credible claims of sexual assault, and whether we have learned from past mistakes."'

Kavanaugh nomination moves into bizarro male-bashing land

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'The Supreme Court nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh has moved out of the field of nomination and into the bizarro field of male-bashing.

Kavanaugh's confirmation has now become the left's means of publicly hating on males — white males, in particular, at least according to "The View" host Joy Behar.

Could we please circle this circus show on back to the matter at hand, which, as anyone with long memories can attest, is supposed to be about upholding the integrity of America's judicial system?

Oh yeah, about that. Behar's busy doing this instead, speaking in context of discussing the players in the Senate Judiciary Committee who are responsible for Kavanaugh's confirmation: "These white men, old by the way, are not protecting women," she said during a recent show, Fox News reported.

And then this marvel of investigative prowess: "They're protecting a man who is probably guilty."

On the basis of that standard — "probably guilty" — Behar then demanded Kavanaugh take a lie detector test.

"Let's see that from you, or are you a coward?" she asked.'

'Shut up': Democrats fire up man-bashing to defeat Kavanaugh in 'defining' #MeToo moment

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'Vilifying half the population may sound like a risky campaign strategy, but Democratic man-bashing has soared as the party fights to beat back the Kavanaugh nomination and whip up support for the midterms.

Sen. Mazie K. Hirono, Hawaii Democrat, made an anti-male tirade heard ‘round the world — “Just shut up and step up” — signaling the party’s willingness to slap all men with the #MeToo label if that’s what it takes to bring down Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh’s Supreme Court bid.

After Palo Alto University professor Christine Blasey Ford’s accusation of a sexual assault from 36 years ago came to light, Ms. Hirono said, “But really, guess who is perpetuating all of these kinds of actions? It’s the men in this country.”

“And I just want to say to the men in this country: Just shut up and step up. Do the right thing for a change,” Ms. Hirono said.

Even male Democrats such as Rep. John Garamendi of California have jumped in, calling this “a defining moment for the #MeToo movement.”'

Jane Fonda on Redemption for #MeToo Abusers: ‘F— It! Sweep the Floor at Starbucks Until You Learn!’

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'As for the perpetrators, Fonda had little sympathy. “Guys are trying to make a comeback and they haven’t done the work,” she said, citing Charlie Rose’s efforts to get back on television as an example. “It doesn’t matter how much time [they’ve been out of work],” she insisted. “If they haven’t done the work, then why should they come back?” Still, Fonda maintained that she has “tremendous compassion for boys and men,” but that “we just have to fix them, or at least show them the way.”
...
“Men are trained not to be empathic, not to be emotional. So it’s not easy what they’re trying to do,” Fonda said of men who make an actual effort to better themselves. “But they have to try to do it! So it doesn’t matter if it’s been two weeks or two years. It just matters what kind of changes they’ve gone through.” In fact, Fonda said, “Why not do what the guys who lose their union jobs in Pennsylvania do? Work at Starbucks, f— it!”'

Panel renames glacier over discoverer's reported sexually harassing behavior

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Article here. In other news, America will be re-named Femina because someone thinks Amerigo Vespucci may have once fondled a girl's rear end in the third grade. Excerpt:

'The #MeToo movement has prompted an Interior Department-run panel to rename a glacier in Antarctica.

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names — a multiagency body in the U.S. Geological Survey — relabeled the Marchant Glacier last week after the scientist for which it's named was found by Boston University to have engaged in sexual harassment.

The glacier's now called the Matataua Glacier, according to Lou Yost, executive secretary of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

The landform was previously named for geologist David Marchant, who was linked to more than $5 million in grant awards from the National Science Foundation and NASA. A Boston University investigation last year found Marchant sexually harassed female researchers during a 1999-2000 field expedition in Antarctica.

Last year, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee launched a bipartisan investigation into allegations against Marchant (E&E Daily, Oct. 27, 2017).

Yost said a proposal from unnamed individuals prompted the change.

In the letter, the proponents stated, "Because the finding against Marchant has been upheld, we maintain that Marchant no longer warrants the honor of having an Antarctic geographic feature named for him" and "we therefore assert that Marchant is no longer deserving of the honor bestowed on him."'

#MeToo wants the end of men

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'It didn't start out this way, but the #MeToo movement, coupled with third-wave feminism, wants to eradicate the significant role men have in society. This is not only obvious, but sad and dangerous — not to mention misleading for boys. Are women so insecure in their radicalism, so blindsided in their continued quest for equal rights, they must silence men completely?

In a press conference on Tuesday, Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, said in regards to the unsubstantiated accusation that Judge Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted a woman: "Men need to shut up and step up. Do the right thing for a change."

This appears to not only be true about what progressives think of Kavanaugh and Republican senators, but all men. This is a travesty not just for men but also women — who do actually need men, even if they don't realize it.
...
So as time has progressed, women have progressed too. With that progression, men have been earning fewer degrees, upping their housework at home, and slowly trying to placate this new wave of zealous women who don't want or need them. The result is that while some men are growing quiet, and some of them are supplicating, the rest are confused, restless, and likely angry.'

Mom’s blistering rant on how men should be blamed for all unwanted pregnancies going crazy viral

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'Members of the Church of Latter Day Saints, commonly known as Mormons, are a conservative group who aren’t known for being vocal about sex.

But best selling author, blogger, and mother of six, Gabrielle Blair, has kicked that stereotype to the curb with a pointed thread on reducing unwanted pregnancies. And her sights are set directly at men.
...
She wrote a Cliff’s Notes version of her thread on her blog:

If you want to stop abortion, you need to prevent unwanted pregnancies. And men are 100% responsible for unwanted pregnancies. No for real, they are. Perhaps you are thinking: IT TAKES TWO! And yes, it does take two for _intentional_ pregnancies.

But ALL unwanted pregnancies are caused by the irresponsible ejaculations of men. Period. Don’t believe me? Let me walk you through it. Let’s start with this: women can only get pregnant about 2 days each month. And that’s for a limited number of years.'

White male Dem calls on House females to protest 'white men senators'

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'Rep. John Garamendi, a California Democrat with white skin, went on a curious rant against his congressional white male colleagues, calling out the senators in charge of Judge Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination proceedings as — what, racism against Christine Blasey Ford? Misogyny?

It's hard to figure. You decide.

Here's what he said on CNN, about Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley's insistence Ford testify by Monday about her allegations against Kavanaugh, or not testify at all.

"Women for decades have faced this situation," Garamendi said, Breitbart reported. "They have always when they come forward with an accusation of assault or rape. They become the victim in the hearing. And we have to put a stop to that. Women across this nation should be outraged at what these white men senators are doing to this woman. This woman needs a fair hearing, as every woman does who brings forth a charge such as professor Ford is bringing forth."
...
This whole Kavanaugh Supreme Courtprocess has simply devolved into a hatchet job on a man with a reputation that, by all accounts, prior to his nomination, has been impeccable. But a white male lawmaker calling on the females of the House to stormtroop across the congressional aisle and publicly protest the senators of the Judiciary Committee — the "white men senators," specifically?

That's just absurd.'

Magazine editor forced to resign for supposed lack of sympathy for accuser

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'For the first time, the #MeToo movement has taken down a man who was accused not of sexual harassment or assault but of failing to respond to someone else's bad behavior with sufficient gravity and moral outrage.

I'm talking about Ian Buruma, who stepped down on Wednesday as editor of The New York Review of Books. Buruma acted foolishly. He showed poor editorial judgment. He acted insensitively. But he did not harass or abuse anyone.

His fall gives us a glimpse of where #MeToo may be going as the list of men accused of committing egregious acts of injustice against women grows ever longer, the justified indignation about those acts rises ever higher, and the hothouse of social media produces ever more frenzied Twitter mobs out to exact revenge for perceived transgressions.'

Chris Wallace: ‘I’m Kind of Stunned’ Christine Ford is ‘Setting the Terms’ For Her Testimony

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'Chris Wallace expressed surprise over Brett Kavanaugh sexual assault accuser Christine Blasey Ford‘s list of conditions for testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Appearing on America’s Newsroom Friday, Wallace said that the Senate Judiciary doesn’t want it to seem as though they are “railroading” the Kavanaugh accuser.

“I’m kind of stunned at the idea that a witness is trying to dictate to Congress the terms under which she’ll testify,” Wallace said. “Usually, Congress sets the terms under which a witness testifies. This is another indication… of how delicate a time we’re in in the Me Too movement. And that Republicans, even though they’re in the majority on that committee, don’t want to look that (sic) they are railroading Christine Blasey Ford.”

The Fox News Sunday host believes the committee will accommodate some of Ford’s requests. But he believes it’s “maybe impossible” for Kavanaugh to testify first, as she is looking to do.'

It’s Time For The #MeToo Movement To End

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'All of the problems with #MeToo movement have come bubbling to the surface these last two weeks as the Ford vs. Kavanaugh saga has put the movement's flaws on full display. It should be enough to discredit the whole #MeToo crusade and finally return some semblance of rationality to the discussion of sexual harassment and assault. I suspect that it will have the opposite effect, however, as feminists will only redouble their efforts to dig up the real or imagined skeletons of every prominent male figure in America. But hopefully the sane among us will now finally see this campaign for what it is.

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1) #MeToo does not allow sexual assault allegations to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

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2) #MeToo does not acknowledge the possibility that women lie.

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3) #MeToo equates very unequal kinds of sexual misdeeds.

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4) #MeToo infantilizes women.

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5) #MeToo is mass hysteria.'

Joe Biden Suggests Me Too Should Mean Assuming Accused Men Are Guilty

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'Here's Biden this week, reflecting on the allegations against Justice Clarence Thomas and Brett Kavanaugh: "For a woman to come forward in the glaring lights of focus, nationally, you've got to start off with the presumption that at least the essence of what she's talking about is real, whether or not she forgets facts, whether or not it's been made worse or better over time."

In other words, "start off" by presuming accused men are guilty. To the contrary, the Me Too learning curve we all lived through— arching dramatically through the varying cases of people like Harvey Weinstein to Aziz Ansari to Asia Argento — demonstrated pretty clearly why such presumptions are wrong.'

Michelle Malkin: 'Believe Women' is perilous baloney -- believe evidence is truth

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'I have a message for virtue-signaling men who've rushed to embrace #MeToo operatives hurling uncorroborated sexual assault allegations into the chaotic court of public opinion.

Stuff it.

Your blanket "Believe Women" bloviations are moral and intellectual abominations that insult every human being of sound mind and soul.

A certain class of never Trump-harumphers are leading the charge on behalf of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh's memory-addled partisan accuser Christine Blasey Ford -- who cannot recall the year she was allegedly traumatized, where it happened, who threw the party that paralyzed her for nearly four decades, how many were in attendance during her claimed assault, how she got there or how she left.
...
That is a dumb and dangerous default. The costly toll of "believing women," instead of believing evidence, can be seen in the hundreds and hundreds of cases recorded by the University of Michigan Law School's National Registry of Exonerations involving innocent men falsely accused of rape and rape/murders.'

The #MeToo movement now represents a threat to basic justice

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'If you ever find yourself on a rape charge and you happen to have Jenni Russell on the jury then you should be worried. Jenni believes that ‘justice is being betrayed by society’s bias towards believing men’. In fact, as Jenni says in a Times column, she knows ‘how men with sterling reputations can behave’.

No need for evidence, ‘we just know’. Such is the prejudice displayed when discussing the Democrat takedown of Brett Kavanaugh. This is the kind of thinking that saw black men lynched in the Deep South on the say-so of the nice white lady. Sure, we just know what they are like. Those black men.

In fact, the last time the Democrats attempted a takedown of a Supreme Court nominee was indeed against that uppity black man Clarence Thomas, who was a conservative and refused to stay in his lane, aka the Democrat plantation. They failed then, but they destroyed his reputation in the eyes of many.

Jenni thinks that the default position has been: ‘Believe the men. That’s been the default position, not just for decades, but for millennia. A woman’s standing is instantly undermined by making an allegation. Women are dismissed as hysterical, or fantasists, or crazy for attention; as vengeful careerists or untrustworthy young girls.”'

#MeToo inspires false accusation in eighth grade leading to "Crucible"-like abuse of boy

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'Following in the footsteps of George Carlin as the class clown can have serious consequences in the “#MeToo” era, 13-year-old eighth grader Keith Bailey recently learned. He thought he was in trouble when he made a wisecrack about a classmate looking “like a school shooter,” but that was nothing compared with what changing his avatar would trigger. Apparently, teen girls have figured out how to make claims, and ruin the life of anyone they get mad at, thanks to democrats.

On Wednesday afternoon, the vice principal of a Colorado Springs middle school dragged Keith from the classroom and marched him back to her office for a secret two-hour interrogation. Administrators did not notify his parents or allow them to be present while he was questioned, just like in the play, “The Crucible.”

The media can have a powerful influence on young minds, especially “drama” loving teen girls. Dianne Feinstein would be so proud at what she accomplished as a role model.

“They kept asking him the same things over and over,” Keith’s father, Dennis Bailey relates. “They were just intimidating him, asking him the same thing in different ways, asking what he did to these girls and why he did it to them.” Did what? Nobody will say.

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There is a clue though. The night before Keith was arrested, “one of the girls’ parents phoned the Baileys.”

“Her mother gave us a call and said she just found out that Keith had been inappropriately touching her daughter and she just wanted to let us know.” The woman “obviously believed her daughter but she said it happened at the football game last week.”

“The problem with that is, my wife was at the football game the whole time. My son was there with his girlfriend and my wife didn’t want him unattended, so she had eyes on him the whole time.”

Mrs. Bailey told the girls mother, “that’s funny, I was there watching the whole time, he didn’t leave my sight and he was nowhere near your daughter.”

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Dennis fumes, “I’m furious personally. I’m furious at these kids, and at their parents for allowing them to do something like this. I’m furious at the school for not even seeming like they are giving him a chance to defend himself, and the way they tried to intimidate him. It seems really shady how they wouldn’t call us until two hours after they started interrogating him.”

The family pieced together the events leading up to the arrest and traced it back to a week prior. The family tells the media, “Keith and his friends were sitting around his house talking about online anonymity. Keith decided to change his Snapchat avatar into a black Bitmoji character.”

Bitmoji’s are design it yourself avatars to identify you with an icon image in social media platforms.

“One of his friends, a girl, immediately noticed and within minutes told him he needed to change it back. She said it was insensitive and racist for a white person to use a black character as an avatar.” The young woman was not about to let the social offense go unpunished.

At school the next day, “the girl started telling everyone he was a racist.” That was only the beginning. “The harassment and accusations persisted for days.”'

Feminists on Kavanaugh-Ford: ‘We Don’t Need to Prove This Beyond a Reasonable Doubt’

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'Canaff also said Americans must “start by believing” all women who make allegations of sexual assault against men:

Another thing that we believe in violence against women is to, what we call, “start by believing”: SBB. That doesn’t mean that we continue to believe despite any fact that might emerge. … When we begin by believing survivors, then we allow them to open up their minds. We allow their anxiety to go down, their self-esteem to go up. More facts come forward, we actually reduce bias, and we’re able to get to the truth a lot faster.

Indira Henard, executive director of the DC Rape Crisis Center, said Americans must “believe” Ford’s accusations against Kavanaugh:

It is not our job to dissect Dr. Ford’s story or any survivor’s story of sexual violence. It is our job to believe them. It is our job to support them. It is our job to hold those responsible accountable. The burden of proof should not be on survivors of sexual violence. Dr. Ford should not be on trial. What we are seeing in the treatment of Dr. Ford is a travesty.
...
Kiersten Stewart, a director at Futures Without Violence, called on America’s men to “believe women”:

To the men controlling this process: This is your test, as well. Do you respect women, or don’t you? If you do, as you say, then you need to show it with your actions, now, when it matters.
...
To the men out there: Now is your moment to take a stand. You know sexual violence is wrong. Most of you would never do it and hate is as much as we do. Speak out. Believe women. Use your power. Use your voice. Speak up for a fair process.'

Letter: Women's march to demand that old white men get out

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'To the editor:

I have been following this Supreme Court fiasco since Mitch McConnell stole President Obama's court seat. First Gorsuch and now an alleged assaulter. This is what needs to happen, and it needs to happen before November.

Imagine 25 or 30 million women in the streets of Washington D.C..marching, rallying, organizing, saying, in one voice, no more rapists, no more wife beaters, no more cheating husbands, no more.

Imagine if 30 million women went to Washington and said, in one voice, enough is enough with all you disgusting rich old white men destroying our country and the rest of this earth for the sake of your greed and lust and selfishness. Enough of your plundering of our treasures and killing our loved ones and destroying the planet that we are leaving for our children. Enough! Trump, get out! McConnell, get out! Grassley, get out! And take all the other Republicans with you.

The men I am speaking of, not just the few I named, but pretty much all of the he-man, women-haters club known as the Rethuglican Party would go away cowering with their tail between their legs, crying to Fox News and their big money donors.'

Colleges, Buffeted by Courts and Washington, Navigate Sexual Assault

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'Colleges and universities are wrestling with a rise in sexual-assault claims, lawsuits brought by those accused of assault and conflicting directions from courts and the federal government on how to handle them.

The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, which covers four Midwestern states, recently ruled that those accused of sexual assault must be allowed to face their accusers—a right they don't have in other states. State appeals courts in Texas and California are also weighing in with different standards.

Meanwhile, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is preparing to release new rules strengthening protections for students accused of sexual assault and lightening the burden placed on schools. The rules will narrow the definition of sexual assault that schools are required to adjudicate and will restrict eligible cases to those that occur on campus.'

‘This is what allyship looks like’: HuffPost men reportedly allow women to throw things at them

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'We’re not sure how seriously to take this tweet from Friday, which comes to us from HuffPost women and politics reporter Laura Bassett, so we’re assuming this gesture of allyship went down in HuffPost’s office.

There’s a lot to unpack here, as they say these days. Was Friday really that special? Do men throw things at women Monday through Thursday? What about the gender fluid?

Apparently, this was how men at HuffPost demonstrated that they were allies in the feminist cause.'

Six rules for conducting the Ford-Kavanaugh hearings

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'Rule 1: No one should presume that either party is lying or telling the truth. There is no gender-based gene for truth telling. Some women tell the truth; some women lie. Some men tell the truth; some men lie. Without hearing any evidence under oath, and subject to cross-examination, no reasonable person should declare psychology professor Christine Blasey Ford to be a victim or federal judge Brett Kavanaugh to be a perpetrator. Nor should anybody declare the opposite. The issue is an evidentiary one and evidence must be heard and subject to rigorous cross-examination, preferably by an experienced and sensitive female litigator.

Rule 2: The accuser must always testify first, and be subject to cross examination. The accused must then be allowed to respond to the accusation and also be subject to cross-examination. In the bad old days of the Inquisition, the accused was required to testify first without even knowing the grounds of the accusation. The rule of law in the United States had always been the opposite. The accuser accuses first and the accused then has an opportunity to respond to all accusations.'

Dems: We already know he's guilty

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'Kavanaugh, many Democrats say, is clearly guilty.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) said Thursday: "I believe her because she is telling the truth and you know it by her story."

"Judge Kavanaugh has not asked to have the FBI review the claims," Gillibrand added. "Is that the reaction of an innocent person? It is not."

When Sen. Duckworth (D-Ill.) was asked about Kavanaugh denying the accusation, the senator responded, "Well, I have heard, you know, many, many predators say and refute allegations against them."

Former spokesman for Bernie Sanders and CNN contributor, Symone Sanders, said she didn't even need to wait for more information: "For me there is no debate. I believe Professor Ford. Judge Kavanaugh has lied multiple times under oath."

And here are other select quotes from Democratic lawmakers:

Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) said: "I believe Dr. Ford as I refer to her because she makes a very credible case. It is really difficult for someone to come forward in this way. Why should she destroy her life? Already there are efforts to cast aspersions on her credibility, to look into her family, all of that. This is really very much like what happened with Anita Hill where she was vilified, she was called names. This cannot happen to Dr. Ford.”

Sen. Blumenthal (D-Conn.): "Let me just say right at the outset I believe. Dr Ford, I believe the survivor here, there’s every reason to believe her. She has come forward courageously and bravely knowing that she would face a nightmare of hostile and vicious scrutiny and challenge. And there are plenty of reasons to disbelieve Judge Kavanaugh after his evasive and seemingly misleading testimony before the Judiciary Committee."'

#MeToo has morphed into a career-destroying angry mob

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'#MeToo has done a lot of work exposing uncomfortable truths, but now its eagerness to denounce is taking on a censorious tone. #TimesUp is becoming #ShutUp.

Recall that the movement got going when women who had long remained silent felt emboldened to speak up after many years. Yet last week one such woman was telling her story. There was a broad public attempt to silence this Korean runaway who doesn't know her own birthday and grew up eating out of garbage cans on the streets of Seoul before being dumped into an orphanage. Her adoptive mother, she says, regularly belittled her, abused her and essentially made her serve as a household domestic. Then this crazy momster labeled her daughter "retarded." After all of this, Soon-Yi Previn doesn't get a right to speak? Because she's married to Woody Allen?'

Mark Reason: Serena's sexism reflects America's culture of misandry

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'North America is the country where some women have gone on a long feminist march to misandry and it is poisoning the culture. American newspapers now routinely give women a platform to publish the most vile man-hating stuff in the name of feminism.

Suzanna Danuta Walters, a sociology professor and editor of the "gender studies journal" Sign, wrote in the Washington Post, "It seems logical to hate men...When they have gone low for all of human history, maybe it's time for us to go all Thelma and Louise and Foxy Brown on their collective butts."

"Going low" presumably includes the works of Shakespeare and Tolstoy, the paintings of da Vinci and Michelangelo, the music of Beethoven and the Beatles, the discovery of penicillin and electricity and all the other quite mind-shattering creations and inventions of the male sex through history.

And yet Walters is far from a lone voice in America. The creeping culture of western society is male denigration. Men spoof themselves. Homer Simpson is perhaps the supreme creation of a hapless 'everyman' quite unable to recognise his own depravity in the society of mass consumption.

But Homer is just the figurehead of a new range of male laughing stocks being bought into by many women. A Bon Marche ad portrays empowered women casually and 'accidentally' whacking idiot men about the head. An insurance ad shows a group of lads mucking around and driving a car over a cliff, followed by the message "why we insure only women".'

Urge Northeastern University to Sanction Dr. Suzanna Danuta Walters

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'On June 8th, 2018, Dr. Suzanna Danuta Walters - professor of Sociology and director of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program at Northeastern University, and editor of the Gender Studies journal Signs - published an opinion piece in The Washington Post entitled "Why Can't We Hate Men?" The title of this article immediately struck me as deeply offensive, but having earned my B.A. in Literary Studies, I am well acquainted with the technique of authors and journalists who employ shocking and/or hyperbolic headlines or titles simply to hook their audience. Thus, I decided to give Dr. Walters the benefit of the doubt and read the article.

It is difficult for me to adequately express how deeply this article disgusted and offended me, and I say that as a 25 year old, unmarried, agnostic woman. I'm by no means one of the "incels" she derisively refers to in the article. In fact, as a college-educated woman (with a liberal arts degree, to boot), I might well be a member of the demographic she had hoped to reach. If so, let me be the first to say that she missed the mark, and catastrophically so. I have never, in all of my years in institutions of higher education or at academic conferences, heard a PROFESSOR - much less a professor of Sociology and Gender Studies - openly condone and encourage hatred of an entire group of people based solely on one demographic trait. I am not sure how things work at Northeastern University, but at my alma mater and most other colleges and universities with which I am familiar, students are taught that it is categorically wrong to hate or prejudge an individual based simply on the color of their skin, their social class, their religion, their sexual orientation, or their gender or gender identity. For lack of a better word, I was absolutely flabbergasted that a professor would shirk the message that "Hate Has No Home Here" and publish such a vitriolic condemnation of all males based simply on their gender and nothing else.'

So what kind of story to believe?

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IMO, this is the kind of story one may be inclined to believe is *likely* to be true. Corroboration is still required. However I am inclined to believe the accusers. One may feel that they were far from total innocent fawns and I agree they were. However that doesn't mitigate the alleged behavior of the accused. That I am inclined to believe them doesn't vacate the need for corroboration however but it looks like they can provide it. Fellow MRAs, please comment. What is your opinion? Excerpt:

'Veteran professors at the Manhattan school renowned for training future crime-fighters ran a lawless den of depravity called “the swamp,” where they allegedly used and sold drugs, and “pimped” out and sexually preyed on students, according to two women at the center of a widening scandal at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

The shocking allegations are now under criminal probe by the Manhattan District Attorney’s office and the state Inspector General, The Post has learned.

After the paper first revealed two weeks agothat formal sex-harassment complaints against four professors were being probed by the taxpayer-funded CUNY school, the two alleged victims decided to go public.

In exclusive, hours-long interviews with The Post, the accusers shared their formal complaints and described how the charismatic CUNY profs targeted them as vulnerable undergraduates and lured them into their pot-smoking circle of acolytes, only to sexually assault them and attempt to have them sexually service professors at other colleges — and worse.'

When Every Boy Is Guilty, Every Girl Becomes a Monster

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'I have a problem when I get angry. The problem is that I've long ago learned – particularly in dealing with traditional publishers – to get depressed instead of letting myself go berserk. Mostly because when you're dealing with publishers they're not near enough to vent your berserker on, so you just end up hurting yourself. (Whoever said stress is the feeling you get when you can't strangle someone who righteously deserves it was right on the money.)

Lately, I've been getting deeply, profoundly depressed, which is why I've been so silent. (Yes, post three on how to write short stories is on the way.)

So many things are winding up, it's not even worth listing them all. The most proximal one, though, is the accusation against Kavanaugh, which, even if true, would not be in any way actionable nor, barring this behavior persisting into adulthood, mean anything about his character as a grown-up. High school has always been a weird and psychologically unstable part of anyone's growing up years, partly because we're all learning the ropes of what "adult" means, and partly because we're isolated with other kids, also all learning the ropes. (It's not the best system, no.)
...
We're handing females weapons with which to destroy innocent males. I don't care what the imbalance of power was in the past: no male alive is responsible for how people lived 100 years ago. And there were reasons (biological, mostly) for that imbalance of power, which had nothing to do with men being "oppressors."

We're turning females into monsters.

We're making it impossible for the next generation to marry and raise healthy children.

This is the way civilization ends, not with a bang but with a "he touched me, decades ago, at a party occurring in a place and time I can't recall." And all of society plays along, treats this as credible.'

The effort to destroy Brett Kavanaugh looks like a revenge attack on a civilization deemed too male

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'If Supreme Court Justice William Brennan were posthumously discovered to have aggressively groped a girl once in high school, should that fact discredit his landmark opinions expanding press freedom, legal protections for criminal defendants, and voting and welfare rights? Would it have been better for the country, from a liberal perspective, if Brennan's judicial career had been derailed from the start? What about Justice John Marshall Harlan, whose groundbreaking 1896 dissent from the majority opinion in Plessy v. Ferguson declared that the Constitution was "color-blind" and rejected state-sponsored segregation? If Harlan had once jumped on a girl as a 17-year-old, should that one-time outbreak of boorish adolescent male hormones efface his contributions as a public thinker?

The Democratic response to the allegation that three and a half decades ago, Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh assaulted a girl during a pool party bears many hallmarks of campus culture, from the admonition that "survivors" should always be believed to the claim that the veracity of the accusation matters less than the history of white-male privilege. But the most significant import from academic feminism is the idea that a long-ago, never-repeated incident of adolescent sexual misbehavior (assuming that the assault happened as described, which Kavanaugh has categorically denied) should trump a lifetime record of serious legal thought and government service. (Now, a new allegation, reported by The New Yorker, that Kavanaugh sexually assaulted a Yale classmate at a party—though the New York Times regarded the evidence as too flimsy to publish—has ramped up outrage to the point that feminists are demanding that the Ford hearings they had called for be cancelled.) The feminist nostrum that the personal is political is being weaponized to subordinate the public realm of ideas to the private realm of sexual relations—all, ironically, in the service of a highly political end: preventing a judicial conservative from being seated on the high court. The domain of Eros and the domain of public action are, however, in most cases distinct. If it turned out that James Madison had groped his domestics, it would be absurd to discard the constitutional separation of powers on that ground. Madison's political insights are more important to civilization than any hypothetical chauvinist indiscretions.

(The ongoing eclipse of political and diplomatic history follows a similar impulse: supplanting what is seen as a too-male realm of ideas and action in favor of the history of identity-based, "marginalized" groups, defined above all by race and sex, whose direct contributions to the evolution of political thought was until recently modest at best.)'

Female Privilege: Ruining A Man's Life With An Accusation

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'Male privilege. We've heard it time and again from the Left. The United States — the freest country on the planet — is run by a shadowy Patriarchy in which men get a leg up with a wink and the nod while women get raped on college campuses at astronomical rates and implicitly dismissed.

But this is untrue. Alternatively, may I suggest to you "female privilege" (to intentionally appropriate a term from the Left): the power a woman has to ruin a man's life with a mere allegation.

The latest politically-motivated shenanigans by Democrats surrounding the circus-like confirmation process of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh are a distilled example of this, though thus far incomplete.

At the eleventh hour, Kavanaugh was accused of groping a woman at a high school party somewhere in Maryland at some time in 1982. And that's as specific as I can be. The accuser, a 51-year-old Palo Alto University psychology professor named Christine Blasey Ford, can't say for certain where this "attempted rape" took place and cannot produce a single person who can even corroborate her acknowledgment of the event before 2012, when she allegedly told her husband, and then told a therapist a year later. The therapist, mind you, has essentially been discredited by Ford. Her notes, which are without names, indicate that there were four males involved in the incident, though Ford now claims that there were only two: Kavanaugh and his classmate Mark Judge.'

Australia: Paper stands to defend women-only parking spaces

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'Parking spaces for females only have sparked new claims they are sexist.

The City of Perth council has designated 28 spots in the CBD as 'reserved for female drivers'.

Outraged motorists have claimed the parking spaces discriminate against men, and perpetuate the myth that women are bad drivers.

The 28 female-only parking bays are fitted out with brighter lights, emergency help buttons and situated near exits to assist in creating a safer environment for female patrons, City of Perth chief executive Martin Mileham said.

Some drivers have been quick to mention female privilege and question whether these prime spots impact the elderly, disabled, or parents with prams.

But others say the statistics speak for themselves, and insist safety is often a serious concern for women in dark, enclosed parking garages.'

Australia: WA Liberal MP Julie Bishop questions merit of male MPs

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'The nature of Australian politics would improve if there were more women involved, former foreign minister Julie Bishop has declared, while suggesting some of her male counterparts had risen through the parliamentary ranks without merit.

Ms Bishop, who quit her position after attracting just 11 votes in the leadership ballot that made Scott Morrison the prime minister, said there were questions across the world about the demise of Malcolm Turnbull.

The long-standing member for Curtin has signalled she will remain in her seat, though rumours continue to swirl she may step aside if a good female Liberal candidate could be found to replace her.

Ms Bishop, who was the only woman in Tony Abbott's first Cabinet, said the absence of women from the parliamentary system was changing its nature.

Asked if a more equitable split on gender lines would lift the tenor of politics, she agreed.'

Judge said Title IX official may have helped rape accuser lie, university settles

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'Ohio State University had terrible luck with U.S. District Judge James Graham over the past few years.

The day before Donald Trump's election, the federal judge refused to dismiss the lawsuit against the public university by a student found responsible for sexual assault.

It claimed that the student's hearing panel got "biased training" – dubious statistics about most men admitting to "sexually aggressive behavior" – and administrators hid "exculpatory evidence" from "John Doe," including the suspicious timing of his accuser's claim.

A year and a half later, Judge Graham hit a Title IX official with distressing news: She could be held personally liable for helping the accuser lie to the panel.'

American girls read and write better than boys

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'As early as the fourth grade, girls perform better than boys on standardized tests in reading and writing, and as they get older that achievement gap widens even more, according to research published by the American Psychological Association.

"The common thinking is that boys and girls in grade school start with the same cognitive ability, but this research suggests otherwise," said David Reilly, a doctoral student at Griffith University and lead author of the study published in American Psychologist. "Our research found that girls generally exhibit better reading and writing ability than boys as early as the fourth grade."

Reilly and his colleagues analyzed information from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, a nationally representative data sample of standardized test scores from more than 3.4 million students in the fourth, eighth and 12th grades in the United States over a span of 27 years.

While the tests showed that girls, in general, scored significantly higher than boys in both reading and writing in the fourth grade, that gap widened further in eighth and 12th grades, and the difference was far more substantial for writing than it was for reading.

"It appears that the gender gap for writing tasks has been greatly underestimated, and that despite our best efforts with changes in teaching methods does not appear to be reducing over time," said Reilly.'

Joe Biden: Women's Claims Of Sexual Assault Should Be Presumed To Be True

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'Former Vice President Joe Biden said the claims of assault leveled against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh bring "back all of the complicated issues that were there" in 1991 when Anita Hill accused then-federal judge Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment, reported The Washington Post.

Biden, then-chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, presided over Thomas' confirmation hearings for the Supreme Court that year and faced widespread criticism for allowing — and some said abetting — an all-white and all-male committee to badger Hill with probing and skeptical questions.

Speaking to reporters Monday at an event at the residence of the U.S. ambassador to Ireland, Biden again expressed regret for how Hill was treated and insisted he'd believed her allegations against Thomas from the very start.

"I thought she was telling the truth at the beginning," Biden said, according to the Post. "I really did."

Biden added that any woman's public allegation of sexual assault should generally be presumed to be true.'

Kavanaugh opponents tar all men with same brush

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'Even if it could be proven that Christine Blasey Ford deliberately slandered Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh — and I am not saying that's the case — that act of willful character assassination wouldn't be the worst thing about this horrid chapter in American life.

Donald Trump has received an enormous amount of criticism for the damage he's done to constitutional and democratic norms. I have been among those critics at times. But few of his transgressions can hold a candle to the mob assault on many of those norms in recent days.

Over and over, elected officials and leading commentators alike have insisted Ford's allegation that Kavanaugh attempted to drunkenly rape her must be true because other men have done such things. "But really," said Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), "guess who is perpetuating all of these kinds of actions? It's the men in this country. And I just want to say to the men in this country: Just shut up and step up, do the right thing for a change."

Substitute "blacks" for "men" and this demagoguery is instantly recognizable as bigotry.'

Southern New Hampshire University: What Is a Scholarship and What Types Are Available?

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'Scholarships for Women - There are many scholarships available for women, and you don't need to be a traditional 18-year-old to be eligible for them. Some are designated to offer support for single mothers, women pursuing specific academic disciplines, female veterans and women over 40 who are looking to return after a break in their studies, according to Scholarships & Grants.'

Southern New Hampshire University Diversity: How Good is it?

'At Southern New Hampshire University, the disparity between men and women on campus is higher than the national average. The undergraduate student body at Southern New Hampshire University is predominantly female.

This university is ranked at #1,571 in male to female diversity nationwide. The undergraduate population is comprised of 19,553 males and 34,597 females.'

Men’s awareness of cervical cancer: a qualitative study

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'As HPV is a sexually transmitted virus, men are crucial in the prevention of cervical cancer, but research about men’s awareness on cervical cancer is limited. Therefore, in this study, we investigated men’s awareness toward women’s cervical cancer, to thoroughly understand the viewpoints of men, and to emphasize the centrality of the role of men in the prevention of cervical cancer.

How HPV is causing more than just cervical cancer

'Cancers caused by the human papillomavirus are on the rise but not necessarily among the demographic groups employers might expect, a speaker told delegates at Benefits Canada’s Healthy Outcomes conference in May.

While commonly known as a cause of cervical cancers in women, both sexes are seeing a major rise in anogenital and oral cancers associated with the virus, said Dr. Nancy Durand, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Toronto.

“Men, of course, can get external genital warts, but we’re now realizing the importance of these other factors in causing things like oral cancers . . . as well as anal cancers and penile cancers,” she said.'

#WhyIDidntReport isn't a debate (or, "Men are the problem")

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'This right here, right now is about men. Men sexually assaulting women, and men normalizing sexual assault. It may be the strategy of the White House and patriarchy to deny, deny, deny, but #WhyIDidntReport is undeniable. Yes, there is a problem, and yes, it is men.

And yes, this sounds familiar. Remember #YesAllWomen, the viral hashtag that sprang up after Eliot Rodger killed six people in California because he was angry he hadn't had sex? Women from everywhere came forward to talk about being assaulted and living with the threat of physical violence from men as an everyday given. (To quote Margaret Atwood, "Men are afraid women will laugh at them. Women are afraid men will kill them." Hey wait, what else did she write?) It was in response to #YesAllWomen that #NotAllMen sprang up, a retort that said, "Well actually, let me just interrupt you talking about your systemic gender-based trauma to center the narrative around me."'

Hey hey, ho ho, the Militia Act has got to go!

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The Militia Acts of 1792 made all free white men soldiers on call. A similar Act updated the law in the 19th century to include black men. Read here. In 1903 another Militia Act (known as the Dick Act) was passed that nullified the 18th and 19th C Acts but retained the designation of every man as being in essence a soldier.

The US Con'n gives Congress the authority to raise an army. But it doesn't give them the right to conscript. Courts have upheld the presumed right to do so as a matter of necessity. If the enabling Acts were rolled back however, the basis of the argument would be void. I wonder... has anyone argued against these Acts on the basis of necessity? That is, since the advent of nuclear weapons, can the US gov't really make this claim?
SCOTUS held that workers placed on call must be paid for that time even when not working. Since virtually all men are on call to the US gov't and by state law to their states, should we not have received compensation as soldiers? There are other approaches one can take.

But first step would be to try to get the Militia Act of 1903 nullified, and all subsequent related Acts. It is way past time for men's bodies to stop being turned into weapons by decree.

OK, who wants to do this? I am serious.

Now #MeToo is coming for your thought crimes

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The #MeToo movement's search for demons to slay has expanded well beyond just those accused of sexual misbehavior. Now, if you've done anything to disseminate the accused's side of the story, they're coming for #YouToo.

...

In a new front for the mob, it's not enough to target the perpetrator of the misdeed. They are now targeting those who offer them a platform like Buruma did, or say anything warm about them at all.

Norm Macdonald learned this recently when he urged forgiveness for his friends Louis CK and Roseanne Barr. "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" canceled Macdonald's upcoming appearance. Fallon told Macdonald that producers were "crying" over allowing Macdonald to appear.

Macdonald had an appearance on "The View" a few days later where he pointed out that he had not actually been accused of any action and his offense was words on behalf of those who were. "I don't want to be tossed in with people who did, not crimes, but sins," he said. "I barely have consensual sex."

Too late: The mob has grown impatient with making distinctions between acts and thoughts.'

Feminism’s Male Enablers

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'Michael Kimmel is the founder of the journal Men and Masculinities, the voice of the National Organization for Men Against Sexism, distinguished professor of sociology at Stony Brook, author of many popular books, and a committed feminist. His Angry White Men: American Masculinity at the End of an Era, described in his university bio as “a comparative study of the extreme right, White Supremacists, and neo-Nazis in the United States, Germany, and Scandinavia,” has acquired near-legendary status. His reputation in the field of gender studies is immense and, until recently, untouchable. Now, Kimmel has himself been accused of sexual harassment, a case of a strenuous advocate for women’s rights hoist on his own petard.

So far as I can tell, Kimmel is an unabashed and self-aggrandizing careerist who has never understood the lives of working men. He has thrived on his university authority, popular books, and speaking engagements touting the need for understanding of and sensitivity to the plight of women on the part of men enslaved to their own raw and turbulent masculinity. Though he assumes the mantle of enlightened fairness, I regard him as a fraud who has done much harm in promoting the social and cultural dysfunction from which we now suffer. There is a kind of poetic justice in his recent troubles. Naturally, Kimmel immediately played the apology card and lobbied for survival by wishing to “make amends to those who believe I have injured them.” The creepy and patently insincere mawkishness of this star feminist is par for the course. Kimmel is not to be pitied, nor is the feminist sorority to be pardoned. They are equally complicit in acts of malfeasance.
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Kimmel, Galloway and Ghomeshi are representative figures indulging a talent for maudlin regrets in a bid to atone for a wayward but not uncommon sex life. Apologizing for natural male vigor and energy in violation of their own inherent masculinity is a form of psychological suicide. Indeed, the onus falls equally on women who tend to appreciate virile men and who enter into relationships knowing full well what they are doing. Men are men and women are women and that is realistically all there is to it.'

Chuck Schumer on Judge Kavanaugh: “There is no presumption of innocence.”

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'After asserting that this shameful circus is a “fact-finding proceeding,” here’s what Schumer ultimately said — after tap-dancing around the question — when asked if Brett Kavanaugh deserves the presumption of innocence:

“There’s no presumption of innocence or guilt when you have a nominee before you.”

Well, ackshually, Senator, there is a presumption of innocence. Are you new here?'

Russia: Feminist Pours Bleach On Over 60 Men's Crotches To Fight 'Manspreading'

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'Feminist activist and Russian law student Anna Dovgalyuk has taken to pouring a bleach and water mixture on the crotches of unsuspecting men on the St. Petersburg Metro for their anti-feminist sin of "manspreading."

How this fights The Patriarchy exactly remains unclear.

In the "video manifesto," Dovgalyuk dumps the mixture contained in a water bottle onto over 60 men's crotches. Most are too stunned to react, but others attempt to confront her for her abhorrent actions.

"This solution is 30 times more concentrated than the mixture used by housewives when doing the laundry," she claims in the video, per The Sun. "It eats colours in the fabric in a matter of minutes — leaving indelible stains."'

Spread your legs? Get it! (video manifesto of Anna Dovgalyuk) / Spread your legs? Here you go (Translated from Russian)

'Distracted boyfriend meme' is sexist, rules Swedish advertising watchdog

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'The image, known by online communities as 'Distracted Boyfriend Meme', is based on a stock photo of a man turning away from his appalled to girlfriend to look at an attractive woman. Swedish internet service provider Bahnhof used the image alongside a jobs advert; in their take on the meme, the boyfriend was turning away from "your current workplace" to stare at Bahnhof.

Sweden's advertising watchdog RO has now ruled that the use of the meme was "gender-discriminatory", both due to presenting women as "interchangeable" and "sex objects" and presenting "a stereotypical picture of men seeing women as interchangeable".'

“Toxic masculinity” blamed for New Zealand’s high construction suicide rate

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'A report published by the Building Research Association of New Zealand (Branz) has found that the suicide rate in the country’s construction industry is the highest of any industrial sector, and is largely the result of a “toxic” culture of on-site bullying.

Construction workers account for 6.9% of all suicides in New Zealand, marginally higher than that of farming and forestry, which sits at 6.8%.

Chris Litten, head of industry research at Branz, said a consistent message emerged from its survey of the industry. “We found that the culture of toxic masculinity is really rife. The ‘take a concrete pill and harden up’ attitude is really prevalent in the industry.”

He added that construction’s boom-and-bust cycle played a part by giving workers either too much work or too little, calling it “really draining and stressful on people”, because booms result in long hours, fatigue and a greater incidence of separation and divorce.

People interviewed cited intolerance of workers who varied from the white, male, heterosexual norm, drug and alcohol abuse, the low status of construction as a career and conflicts between young and older men on site.'

Federal judge bans low evidence standard in Title IX cases with ‘significant consequences’ for accused

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'Hearing with cross-examination, evidence in his defense ‘essential to basic fairness’

It’s one judge’s ruling, but if it catches on, it’s a dagger in the heart of the Obama administration’s Title IX guidance, still widely used by universities even though it’s been rescinded.

U.S. District Judge James Browning refused to dismiss due process claims against the University of New Mexico in a five-page order last week.

He told the taxpayer-funded institution that plaintiff “J. Lee” has “alleged facts sufficient to state a plausible Fourteenth Amendment procedural due process claim” against the board of regents and president of the university. (Robert Frank was the original named defendant but has since been replaced by President Garnett Stokes.)

Lee alleged that the university violated his liberty and property interests by ruining his “good reputation” and expelling him for allegedly sexual misconduct.'

Canada: Teen Boys Report More Dating Violence Than Girls, Perplexing Scientists

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'Over the past ten years, Canadian researchers have been collecting data on one dark corner of society: teen dating violence. What they describe in their new study in the Journal of Interpersonal Violence may seem surprising, given society's gender stereotypes. Boys, they show, are victims of personal dating violence, and in some cases are more often so than girls. No one, regardless of gender, should have to experience violence in a relationship, and these findings tell us a lot about the many awful ways abuse can manifest.

This study, carried out by researchers at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, combined data from the British Columbia Adolescent Health Survey in 2003, 2008, and 2013 to investigate the long-term trends in teen relationship violence that might not be captured on a year-to-year basis. Of the 35,900 Canadian teens in "dating relationships" involved in the study, 5.8 percent of boys and 4.2 percent of girls had experienced physical dating violence within the past year.

Study author and UBC's School of Nursing director Elizabeth Saewyc, Ph.D. tells Inverse that the study results can tell us a lot about what society expects of teenage boys and how those expectations might hamper their ability to recognize a bad situation when they see it. The findings, however, are specific to Canadian youth, and so they may potentially highlight differences between nations. The most recent Youth Risk Behavior Survey done by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for example, shows that 9.1 percent of girls experience physical dating violence compared with 6.5 percent of boys.

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Another hidden reason that teenagers don't tend to report partner violence is that they've never been properly taught to recognize it — especially if it's coming from a girlfriend.

"A possible reason it's still considered socially acceptable for girls — when they get really angry or upset — to lash out physically in ways that we've worked really hard as a society to tell boys and young men that they're not allowed to do so," Saewyc notes.

If the roles were reversed, it would be pretty obvious that the behavior constitutes relationship abuse. But this isn't something we talk about with teenage boys, Saewyc says.

"Young men might not be recognizing it as dating violence, or abuse. But they're still reporting, yes, this has happened," she adds. "I think they might not realize that what they're talking about is an unhealthy relationship."'

Senator Mazie Hirono Clearly Believes All Men Are Sexual Predators

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'Senator Mazie Hirono's hatred for Supreme Court Nominee Brett Kavanaugh is so intense, she's willing to convict him on purely uncorroborated accusations; that much is clear. Now, however, the Senator has gone to the point of flat out lying.

During an appearance on MSNBC, Hirono told host Hallie Jackson, "They are totally denying the credibility of these women, but this is what they do, this is what they're going to do. And I think the women of this country and all the enlighten men that are referred to are watching, they're seeing how we're handling this and they know this is totally put up and set up job to rail road this nominee through without even all of the documents that we normally have at our disposal to review with regards to this nominee as well as a basic, basic background check."

Ex-boyfriend filed restraining order against third Kavanaugh accuser

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'Julie Swetnick, the woman who accused Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and a friend of attending house parties where women — including herself — were sexually assaulted, had a restraining order filed against her years later in Miami by her former boyfriend.

A Miami-Dade County court docket shows a petition for injunction against Swetnick was filed March 1, 2001, by her former boyfriend, Richard Vinneccy, who told POLITICO Wednesday the two had dated for four years before they broke up.

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According to Vinneccy, Swetnick threatened him after they broke up and even after he got married to his current wife and had a child.

“Right after I broke up with her, she was threatening my family, threatening my wife and threatening to do harm to my baby at that time,” Vinneccy said in a telephone interview with POLITICO. "I know a lot about her.”

"She’s not credible at all,” he said. “Not at all.”'

New Kavanaugh accuser claims "gang rape parties"

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'A woman named Julie Swetnick, who is represented by lawyer Michael Avenatti, submitted a statement to the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday afternoon in which she makes a number of uncorroborated and unsubstantiated allegations of heinous criminality by Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

Swetnick claims she first met Kavanaugh and his friend Mark Judge sometime between 1980 and 1981 at a house party in the Washington, D.C., area and "attended well over ten house parties in the Washington, D.C. area during the years 1981-1983 where Mark Judge and Brett Kavanaugh were present."

She goes on to claim: "On numerous occasions" she witnessed Kavanaugh engage in "overly aggressive [behavior] with girls and not taking 'No' for an answer. This conduct included the fondling and grabbing of girls without their consent."

And then comes the most serious of the claims against Kavanaugh: "I also witnessed efforts by Mark Judge, Brett Kavanaugh and others to cause girls to become inebriated and disoriented so they could be 'gang raped' in a side room or bedroom by a 'train' of numerous boys. I have a firm recollection of seeing boys lined upoutside rooms at many of these parties waiting for their 'turn' with a girl inside the room. These boys included Mark Judge and Brett Kavanaugh." [emphasis added]. Swetnick claims she was a victim of gang-rape at one such party where Kavanaugh was present, but she does not claim Kavanaugh assaulted her.'

Mayor seeks to stop first sex doll brothel in US from opening

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'The mayor of Houston is exploring options in an effort to “restrict or regulate” the first so-called “robot sex brothel” in the United States that is slated to open this month in the city.

“This is not the kind of business I would like to see in Houston and certainly this is not the kind of business the City is seeking to attract,” Mayor Sylvester Turner said in an email statement to Fox News.

His office said it is not accurate to call it a "brothel," and pointed out that Yuval Gavriel, the founder of KinySdollS, calls it a showroom. Gavriel said customers can try out the merchandise.

Gavriel made the announcement last week in The Washington Examiner, telling the paper he plans to expand to 10 locations throughout the U.S. by 2020.

The company opened its first location last year near Toronto, where $60 buys a half-hour alone with a robot sex doll, according to the Examiner. The dolls start at $2,500.'

Joe diGenova Goes After Sen. Hirono for ‘Shut Up and Step Up’ Comments to Men: ‘Shut Up, Senator’

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'On Sean Hannity‘s show tonight, former U.S. attorney Joe diGenova went after Senator Mazie Hirono for her comments to men recently amid the ongoing Brett Kavanaugh coverage.

Last week as the negotiations for Christine Blasey Ford‘s hearing were underway, after being asked about being one of only four women on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Hirono called on men to do their part and said, “I just want to say to the men of this country: just shut up and step up. Do the right thing for a change.”
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“And let me say this to Mazie Hirono, the Hawaiian senator, Democrat, who told all the men of America to shut up. Tonight I say to her: shut up, senator. Shut up! I’m sick of you, I’m sick of Dianne Feinstein, I’m sick of Senator Blumenthal and all the Democrats who have one thing in mind. They want power, they thirst for power, and they don’t care who they ruin in the process. This is a moment of disgrace for the United States Senate, and if they don’t confirm him to the United States Senate, the Republicans will lose the Senate. This is a national disgrace.”'

Blogger ordered to pay millions to falsely-accused Army colonel

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'A jury has ordered a female blogger to pay an Army colonel she accused of rape a total of $8.4million in damages.

Susan Shannon, 52, who now lives in Everett, Washington, first alleged that she was sexually assaulted by Army Colonel David 'Wil' Riggins in 1986, while they were both cadets, on her blog in 2013.

She said she waited three decades to come forward about her experience because of the army's 'code of silence'.

But Riggins, also 52, who vehemently denied the claims, said the 'false' allegations had cost him a sparkling military career.

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The decorated colonel denied all claims, telling ABC 7 On Your Side at the time: 'I did not rape Susan Shannon. I did not sexually assault Susan Shannon. Every aspect of (her) story is verifiably false.'

The jury has now ordered Shannon to pay $3.4 million in compensatory damages for injury to his reputation and lost wages, and $5 million in punitive damages, 'to make sure nothing like this will ever happen again,' according to the Washington Post.'

Man scales El Capitan free solo

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Article here. Undoubtedly feminists and SJWs will say he was able to do it due to his heterosexual white male privilege. Excerpt:

"So delighted' might not be what many would utter if they were the first person ever to perform the death-defying feat of climbing the 3,000 foot, vertical El Capitan without a rope, but Alex Honnold isn't most people. It took eight years of dreaming, a year and a half of preparation, and one failed attempt for Honnold, a professional climber and now 33, to reach the top of the iconic and daunting rock formation that is Yosemite's El Cap.

'Free Solo' is a new documentary that chronicles Honnold scaling what he called the 'pinnacle of climbing' in three hours and 56 minutes on June 3, 2017. It also shows how Honnold – considered to be one of the best free solo climbers, which means climbing alone and without any equipment – overcame the challenging sections of the rock face as he meticulously went over and over his moves, which included a karate kick, as an actor rehearses lines for a play.'

Ruth Bader Ginsburg says she is 'really turned on' by #MeToo movement

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'The #MeToo movement has a supporter in the nation's highest ranking court.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said she is "really turned on by the #MeToo" movement.

The comments came Wednesday when Ginsburg spoke at an event hosted by Georgetown Law school on the eve of Christine Blasey Ford testifying about her allegations of sexual assault during Judge Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation hearing.'

It’s not feminist to pour bleach on manspreaders, it’s just stupid

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'Did you hear the one about the Russian student who was so fed up with manspreading that she took to the subways of St Petersburg to spray diluted bleach on men’s crotches? Hilarious, right?

Wrong.

Look, I hate manspreading as much as the next unreasonable feminist. It’s antisocial, it’s rude, it displays an arrogant disregard for the people sitting around you. It’s a behaviour that women just wouldn’t get away with.
...
But — and bear with me here — even if men invade my personal space in a tragic attempt to signal to the world just how massive their penis is, I just don’t believe that terrorising men is the way to achieve feminist goals. Shocking I know.

I tend to be leery of “more harm than good” arguments against feminist campaigning. After all, I’ve been accused of it often enough myself. I’m harming feminism, say deeply concerned men who only want the best for women, by campaigning for female representation. I appreciate their advice, of course, but on the whole have gone ahead and ignored it.'

‘It’s not the patriarchy, it’s you:’ Fox News contributor criticizes state of feminism

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'In a talk titled “it’s not the patriarchy, it’s you,” Fox News contributor and TV personality Rachel Campos-Duffy discussed how she found happiness as a conservative woman Wednesday evening.

The event was hosted by the Luce Society, University of Wisconsin chapter in Memorial Union.

Despite criticism toward young conservative women in today’s political climate, Campos-Duffy encouraged them to hold strong in their traditional values in the face of “angry liberal feminists.”

“I believe that a lot of conservative women’s happiness comes from refusing to follow the feminist script,” Campos-Duffy said.

The “feminist script” demonizes women who choose family over their career and refusing to join the “feminist mean girls club” will make conservative women happier, she said.

Modern feminism, she said, has done the opposite of what it set out to do: give women options. The “so-called feminist movement” isn’t really a woman’s movement.'

Swedish Minister: Reducing Car Numbers a ‘Gender Equality Issue’ as They’re ‘Driven Mostly by Men’

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'Sweden’s environment minister has said reducing car numbers is a feminist issue as well as a matter of meeting carbon emissions targets, saying male drivers occupy space in Swedish cities ‘at women’s expense’.
Lamenting that urban planning committees have ‘put the car on a pedestal’ in the last 50 years, Karolina Skog insisted it’s vital that cities find ways to reduce the number of cars on the road.

“The car is a flexible mode of transport, and people find it nice to travel around in their own bubble,” the minister told Göteborgs-Posten. “But the main drawback is that they’re ineffective.

“A normal car in Sweden stands still for 97 per cent of its lifetime and for every car there are eight parking spaces and many miles of road. You can’t call that effective.”'

Duluth's Femn Fest: No headliners, no hierarchies, no men

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'Mlinar is one of the organizers of Femn Fest, which seeks to correct the gender imbalance of contemporary music festivals to present a lineup of musicians who are women, women-identifying, genderqueer, or non-binary. Now in its second year, the fest will stretch over two days this weekend at Duluth's Sacred Heart Music Center.

Among the performers announced are Venus DeMars, Gender Confetti, Lunch Duchess, The Von Tramps, Good Night Gold Dust, FLOWTUS, and the Nat Harvie Trio. But you won't see these acts arranged according to importance on one of those Coachella-like graphics, with the big names dominating and the lesser known acts relegated to fine print.

"Even if we have an artist who would be considered a headliner at another event—which we do—we're not calling anyone a headliner," Mlinar says. "It's a non hierarchical structure. Hierarchy, and the idea that someone is above someone else is in line with the structures that have held women back from the industry in the first place."

And the festival's spirit of inclusivity isn't just centered on gender. "We realized we needed to make the fest even more accessible than before," Mlinar says. "Last year we offered free tickets to anyone who send in a few sentences to say they wanted to come. But a lot of folks didn't realize this was an opportunity. We wanted the fest to appear as open as possible. So we dramatically reduced the cost of entry."'

Book reviews

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Was something missing in your life? Indeed there was. We had not heard from our beloved brother J Steven Svoboda in some time and were wondering... has he been reading any good books lately? Well I'll let him speak for himself on that matter! Without further ado, I have four, count them FOUR, new book reviews from the man, the myth, the legend himself. Enjoy!

- Doyle's War: Save the Males, R. F. Doyle
- The Feminist Lie: It was Never About Equality, Bob Lewis
- Making Love Great Again!: The New Road to Reviving Romance & Winning at Relationships, DeAnna Lorraine
- Simply Feminine: Surprising Insights from Men, Morgan Wonderly

'Men Are Trash' vs. 'I Stand With Brett': Wild scene at the Capitol for Kavanaugh drama

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'Outside the Dirsken Senate Office building on Thursday morning, Cameron Mixon, a 22-year-old Georgetown Law School student was sporting a tee-shirt with the slogan: “Men Are Trash.”

“I love your shirt!” one woman told Mixon. “It’s amazing,” another agreed. By 9:30 a.m., Mixon said, about 20 people had asked to take photos next to her.

Even by the super-charged standards of American politics, passions were red lining on Capitol Hill Wednesday for the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on an allegation of a 1980s sexual assault that has placed Brett Kavanaugh’s Supreme Court nomination in grave danger.'

Australia: Should there be such a thing as a misogyny hate crime?

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'Australia has led much of the world when it comes to outlawing hate speech and crimes, especially when it comes to race, religion, and sexual orientation.

But what about crimes specifically targeted at women? Should our laws reflect the gendered motivations behind online abuse, rape and sexual harassment and hate speech, as is being tested in the UK? There is a strong argument it should.

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Gendered crimes against women are as various as they are harmful, both physically and mentally. They include sexual assault, online abuse, upskirting, stalking or being followed, groping, threatening, aggressive or intimidating behaviour, indecent exposure and unwanted sexual advances.

These happen at all sorts of places, as noted in the research: bars and nightclubs, public transport, the workplace, parks, universities, restaurants, gyms, petrol stations, cinemas, car parks and shops.'

Staunch feminist Clementine Ford claims straight women are better off living alone

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'Staunch feminist Clementine Ford claims straight women are better off living alone and inviting men 'into houses as guests occasionally'.

The bold claim comes from the hardline feminist and mother-of-one's most recent book, 'Boys Will Be Boys'.

Ford argues that boys grow up in a world of 'toxic masculinity' that allows them to do 'deeply sh***y things' and get away with it.

UK: Feminist accused of threatening to ‘thump’ trans activists

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'A private prosecution was launched against Linda Bellos, 67, after she allegedly made the statement at an event in York, on November 8, last year.

The Labour activist, who is a vocal opponent of transgender reforms, reportedly told the ‘We Need To Talk About The GRA’ (Gender Recognition Act) event: ‘Having born two children I think I’m physiologically, and in many other senses, a female and a woman.

‘But I play football and I box, and if any one of those bastards comes near me I will take off my glasses and thump them.

‘I am quite prepared to threaten violence because it seems to me politically what they are seeking to do is piss on women.”

UK: Tesco accused of sexism against men for selling ‘Future is Female’ t-shirts

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Dozens of shoppers have hit out at Tesco, branding it ‘sexist and stupid’ for selling T-shirts with the slogan ‘The Future Is Female’.

They claim the £7 T-shirts, in the F&F range, are unfair to men and sexist.

One of the T-shirts has the slogan ‘Fearless and Feminine’ on it while the other has ‘The Future is Female’ emblazoned across the front.

Customers have taken to Twitter to vent their anger over the sale of the tops.'

Teacher Acquitted of Having Sex With Student Finds Work as a Waitress

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'A former high school teacher in Maine is now working as a waitress after she was wrongly accused of having sex with a student.

Jill LaMontagne, a married mother of two, was a health teacher at Kennebunk High School.

Last year, the 30-year-old's world was shaken after a 17-year-old student came forward to claim they had engaged in a sexual relationship while she was tutoring him.

She was forced to resign and was criminally charged with 14 offenses.

"The way people in public interpret that is like, 'Oh, she's gotta to be guilty, 14 counts,'" she told Inside Edition.

At the trial, the teen testified that he and LaMontagne had sex in her classroom and home. But the jury questioned his credibility, and after deliberating for just two hours, they returned with a not guilty verdict.

"I had to hold it in, if needed to hear all 14 before I could release the floodgates," she said of her acquittal and vindication.

Despite her acquittal in the case, LaMontagne says she's had a difficult time finding a job. A local diner is the only place that would hire her.

"I had never even gotten a speeding ticket, and now I have a mugshot in our local newspaper," she said.'

Want Equality? Make New Dads Stay Home

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'More than a third of American firms offer at least some paid maternity leave, and an increasing number of them are extending such benefits to new dads as well. But paternity leave is useless if men don't take it. A 2018 Deloitte survey of more than 1,000 men found that a third worried that taking a leave would hurt their careers, and more than half feared it would signal that they weren't serious about their jobs. A 2017 Pew survey found that the median paternity leave was just one week. New moms, meanwhile, typically take whatever time they can get.

That's why the "mandatory" piece for men is key. Most organizations that offer voluntary leave have a "use it or lose it" approach, which, it turns out, actually hurts women, since they are more likely than men to use it. In Denmark, for example, a generous leave policy offers families 52 weeks of paid time off to be split between both parents. Yet in practice, women end up taking 92.8% of the total time, according to the OECD. These women find it almost impossible to climb back on the career track afterward. As a result, even two decades after the birth of their first child, they face a 20% gender wage gap, a 2018 National Bureau of Economic Research working paper concluded.'

Female Host Slams Idea Women Should Be Unconditionally Believed, Crowd Boos Her

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'CRTV host Allie Beth Stuckey was booed during the 2018 Texas Tribune Festival in Austin, Texas after she said that unconditionally believing all women is unjust while she defended Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

"I'm devastated to see a man's life almost in ruins based on uncorroborated and unsubstantiated allegations," Stuckey told the audience. "I'm devastated by the thought of a world in which people are guilty until proven innocent and the burden of proof is on the accused."

"I listened to both of their testimonies and while I think both are believable, I think only Kavanaugh is credible," Stuckey continued. "He's the only one that has any substantiation for anything that he said; he's the only one with any corroboration; he's the only one who has gone through six FBI background checks; the only one that has any evidence for anything that he is saying and witnesses to back up what he's saying."
...
The crowd started to boo.

"I think that's unjust, I think it's discriminatory, and I don't believe it."

Stuckey told The Daily Wire that she was saddened to see the audience's response to her statement.'

Federal court determines uni violated Title IX by cutting women's sports programs

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'Eastern Michigan University women's sports teams will not be cut after a federal court granted a preliminary injunction to stop the elimination of the programs by the university.

According to court documents, EMU violated Title IX by eliminating two women's sports teams earlier this year in an effort to cut back on university expenses, a federal court decided Thursday.

The lawsuit was filed after EMU announced in March it would get rid of four sports teams including men's wrestling, men's swimming and diving, women's tennis and women's softball.'

Ann Coulter: No More Mr. White Guy

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Article here. Ann can be funny and also on point. Not always, but a fair bit of the time. Excerpt:

'"They know the optics of 11 white men questioning Dr. Ford ... will be so harmful and so damaging to the GOP." -- Areva Martin, CNN legal analyst

"They understand that you have all of these white men who would be questioning this woman ... the optics of it would look terrible." -- Gloria Borger, CNN chief political analyst

"Women across this nation should be outraged at what these white men senators are doing to this woman." -- Rep. John Garamendi, D-Calif.

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Let me begin by saying these commentators are making a brilliant and totally ORIGINAL point, the plain truth of which is outshone only by, as I've said, its sheer no-one-has-ever-made-that-observation-before-ness.

As the Supreme Court confirmation hearing resumes this week for Judge Brett Kavanaugh, it's clear that the Republicans are simply too white to get the job done. I suggest the Republicans sign up some outside help, the way baseball teams make late-season acquisitions of pitchers and designated hitters for the playoffs.

Some suggestions (note: not all of the following individuals are Republicans, but none has any partisan profile that I am aware of):

1. The Rev. Al Sharpton (Tawana Brawley affair demonstrates that he believes women).

2. Bill Cosby (extensive, up-close experience with victims of sexual assault, albeit from a rapist's, rather than a "rapee's" perspective).

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Seriously, if feminists want to make the point that only female senators have any business conducting these hearings, they have a logical point, albeit an idiotic one.

Of course, the last time feminists bet big on women being certain allies in the fight against misogyny, they were the women of the O.J. jury.

Still, I get the logic of demanding women interlocutors.

But what is the thinking behind snickering at "white men" judging an accusation of sexual assault? Chuck Grassley is a big rapist?

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In the history of the world, there has never been a more pacific, less rapey creature than the white male of Western European descent.

I realize it gives The New York Times' editorial board (recent acquisition: Sarah Jeong) warm feelings every time someone throws in the word "white" as an intensifier, denoting extra hatefulness, but really, guys, it's getting old.

Can we please, for the love of God, drop the painfully trite, mind-numbing cliche about "white men," as if somehow their whiteness makes evil even eviler?'

UK: Man lets in cat, wife assaults him

Matt · 30 September 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After sixty years of controlling behaviour and physical violence, Jim changed his blood-stained shirt and walked back to his wife who was making them a coffee after smashing him in the face.

He had asked her to let the cat in while he cut the grass outside.

But instead of turning left to the kitchen, he turned right, walked out of the door and kept on walking away from his life of abuse.

With only the clothes he wore, he didn't look back, and at the age of 78, he started his life again.

Jim is one of a growing number of men telling other men it is okay to admit to being abused by women.'

California has a new law: No more all-male boards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Companies headquartered in California can no longer have all-male boards.

That's according to a new law, enacted Sunday, which requires publicly traded firms in the state to place at least one woman on their board of directors by the end of 2019 — or face a penalty.

It also requires companies with five directors to add two women by the end of 2021, and companies with six or more directors to add at least three more women by the end of the same year.
...
But setting quotas can be controversial, Vicki W. Kramer, lead author of the landmark 2006 study, "Critical Mass on Corporate Boards," told CNN last month. Opponents argue that pressure from quotas will lead to unqualified female members and potential discrimination against male candidates.'

UK: Feminists are just ‘whining’ for ‘special privileges’, says Ann Widdecombe

Mastodon · 1 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ann Widdecombe has said women have never had it so good as she slammed feminists for wanting ‘special privileges’.

The former Tory MP said we are in the age of ‘whine’ and ‘whinge’ and attacked women for saying they have it harder than men.

Writing in the Radio Times, the 70-year-old said: ‘Until the 1970s it was lawful for employers to advertise a job with two rates of pay, one for men and one for women.
...
'The feminists of those years yelled that all we wanted was equality. Now that has turned into a pathetic whine for special privileges. No, thanks, sisters. I’ll do what I’ve always done and compete on merit.’

The former Celebrity Big Brother and Strictly Come Dancing contestant said it was hard to see what some women complain about when Britain has its second female Prime Minister and the Metropolitan Police is being run by a woman for the first time.'

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ann_Widdecombe

Woman refused sex, knifes man in face

Matt · 1 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. People react at their worst when their delusions are challenged. Many women think two things are true which are not: they can have any man they want any time and he will eagerly bang her. Neither are true. Excerpt:

'The combination of lust, liquor and a large kitchen utensil landed a Vero Beach woman in jail on charges of felony battery with a deadly weapon, cops say.

An arrest report says when a Vero Beach cop showed up at the apartment that 27-year-old Katherine Nieves Tavarez shares with live-in boyfriend Amaury Vazquez Carrero, Nieves Tavarez “answered the door with blood on her clothing and blood on her hands.”

Then the officer saw Vazquez Carrero “fall to the floor with blood covering his face.” When asked what happened, he replied, “she hit me with a knife” and “I can’t see.”

He told officers Nieves Tavarez had been drinking before she approached him early Thursday as he sat on the couch with a request for sex. His repeated refusals, he said, brought the wrath of her yelling. He said he went out to the patio.'

Georgetown prof tweets feminists should kill white men in the Senate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Georgetown Professor C. Christine Fair tweeted over the weekend that “entitled white men” should have their corpses castrated and then fed to pigs.

Fair, an associate professor in Georgetown’s Security Studies program, tweeted, “Look at thus [sic] chorus of entitled white men justifying a serial rapist’s arrogated entitlement.”

Fair linked to a video of Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham defending Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh from allegations of sexual assault from when the judge was in high school.

“All of them deserve miserable deaths while feminists laugh as they take their last gasps,” Fair wrote. “Bonus: we castrate their corpses and feed them to swine? Yes.”'

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C._Christine_Fair

Satire: "How To Be A Good Male Feminist"

Mastodon · 1 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The following is satirical.

Some of you men out there are probably asking yourself: “How can I be a good male feminist?” Some of you men are probably asking yourself: “How can I find a woman who will stick a lit cigarette into my private parts while whipping me with barbed wire?” There’s no accounting for people’s tastes.

But for those of you men who want to be better feminists — for some reason — here are a couple of handy tips.

If you want to be a good male feminist, remember: always listen to women when they’re blaming you for something. This will save you from ever having to do anything else but listen to women blaming you for something.

If you want to be a good male feminist, never accuse women of being irrational and hysterical but instead just stand quietly while they scream nonsense at you, and then do whatever they tell you.'

The Dilemma of the Liberal White Male in an Age of Identity Politics

Mastodon · 2 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In short, the ideal society as I see it is one in which we're all free to express who we are without facing adversity or a lack of opportunity because of factors we can't control, such as race, sex, gender, sexuality, religion, creed, etc.

And while I recognize the privilege I enjoy as a white man in this society, something deeply disturbing is happening underneath all the noise and bullshit that's been inherent in our news cycles since Donald Trump was elected president.

It's this: people on the left—especially women and people of color—have become quite comfortable expressing misandry (the hate of men) and/or racism—in this case toward white people.

A few points if I may:

- Hating men does not advance the cause of feminism. If it does, then it's a toxic movement.
- Hating white people does not advance the cause of people of color. Again, if it does, it's toxic.
- I did not choose to be white or a man. I was born that way and had no more say in the matter than does anyone else.
- I am not in any way responsible for Brett Kavanaugh, Donald Trump, or the misogynistic state of the Republican Party (for years I blogged in direct opposition, actually), nor am I responsible for the historic oppression of African Americans or women. I was born in the 80s for Christ's sake!

And yet, whether on Facebook, Twitter, Medium, and even in the pages of major newspapers and magazines like the NY Times, Cosmo, Vogue, The Huffington Post, etc., I regularly see people express views that are toxic and offensive. More often it's misandry than racism, but there's plenty of that too.'

Woman Claimed 4 Dentists Raped Her; Video Evidence Results In Dropped Charges

Mastodon · 2 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors for the state of Nevada dropped all charges that were filed against four men — three of whom are brothers — after a woman falsely accused them of raping her in late July.

The unnamed woman claimed that Ali Badkoobehi, Poria Edalat, Saman Edalat and Sina Edalat had repeatedly raped her in a hotel suite at the Wynn after she met one of the men at the hotel bar, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported. She told investigators that Badkoobehi pushed her into a chair and then forced himself on top of her before the three other men entered the suite and took turns raping her. According to the report, the woman said she tried to resist, "but she was too intoxicated and overwhelmed because of how many people were attacking her and she could not fight back."

In a short hearing on Monday, state prosecutors dropped all charges against the four men — which included sex assault, conspiracy to commit sexual assault, and first-degree kidnapping — after video evidence emerged that cleared the men of the allegations made against them.

"Badkoobehi's attorneys Robert Draskovich and Michael Horvath said video showed that the allegations were false and the sex was consensual," the Review-Journal reports. "Craig Hendricks, who represents Poria Edalat, said prosecutors were presented exculpatory video evidence that showed 'extremely different' circumstances than what was initially reported to authorities."'

Georgetown Issues Statement Backing Professor Who Said White Republican Men Should Be Murdered, Castrated

Mastodon · 2 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"The views of faculty members expressed in their private capacities are their own and not the views of the University. Our policy does not prohibit speech based on the person presenting ideas or the content of those ideas, even when those ideas may be difficult, controversial or objectionable," University spokesman Matt Hill told Western Journal by email.

Hill added, "While faculty members may exercise freedom of speech, we expect that their classrooms and interaction with students be free of bias and geared toward thoughtful, respectful dialogue."

It seems painfully obvious that Fair might have a tough go at treating all her students in an unbiased manner and engaging in a "thoughtful, respectful dialogue" seeing as how she openly advocates for the murder of those she disagrees with and dons "Abort Trump" and "F*** Trump" stickers at public speaking events.'

Australia: "Tampon tax to go"

Minuteman · 2 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Australian women don't even want to make this modest contribution to all the health and social services state governments provide exclusively for them, with all consumers set to subsidise the elaborate packaging and marketing of women's sanitary products. Excerpt:

'After an 18-year campaign, the 10 per cent tax on tampons and pads will be removed after states and territories agreed to make sanitary products exempt from the GST.

Treasurers met this morning to discuss the matter and have unanimously agreed to pass the Federal Government's proposal.

The GST on these products has long been described as unfair because products including condoms and Viagra are exempt.'

Welcome to the Destructive Age of Male Guilt

Mastodon · 3 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2006, author Shelby Steele wrote the preeminent book “White Guilt” on how the promises of the Civil Rights movement were subverted, plunging our society into never-ending racial conflict and eroding our principles of liberty. I use this book as the basis of my thesis because everything Steele has written can be applied to feminism and the destructive effects of socially imposed Male Guilt.

They step into a void of vulnerability. The authority they lose transfers, not to the principles that determine rights for all — which should have been the result of Women’s Liberation — but to the “victims” of historical sexism. This socially derived authority becomes those victims’ great power, a club to use at their whim. This is why male guilt is quite literally the same thing as female power — and power is what feminism hungers for.

A vacuum of moral authority is formed in our society from simply knowing that one’s sex is associated with sexual abuse, oppression, and sexism. Men (and American institutions that have been dominated by men) must acknowledge historical sexism to show themselves redeemed of it, but once they acknowledge it, they lose moral authority over everything having to do with sex, equality, social justice, and so on.

Because male guilt is a vacuum of moral authority, it makes the moral authority of men and the legitimacy of American institutions contingent on proving a negative: that they are not sexist, that they are not sexual predators, that they are not rapists. This is an impossible effort, for one cannot prove a negative, hence the democratic principle of innocent until proven guilty.

The great power of male guilt comes from the fact that it functions by stigma, like sexism itself. Men and American institutions are stigmatized as sexist until they prove otherwise. Fear of stigma is behind the now clichéd male disclaimer: “I’m a male feminist. I show up at the Women’s March lockstep with the sisterhood. I’m pro-choice. I automatically believe that women who accuse men of sexual assault are telling the truth.” This is another way of saying, “I might be a man, but I am not a sexist, because I support feminist causes and I always believe women.”

In Marxist fashion, the feminist movement has developed a kind of special consciousness about sexism. Modern feminists believe that the world constantly tells lies to the oppressed — to women — and to survive oppression, a woman must not only be “woke” to those lies but also nurture a deeper awareness of the world and who men really are — inherently sexist.

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In other words, ugly human prejudices like sexism did not just remain in the hearts of sexists. These dark passions work by an “invisible hand” to generate society structures that impersonally oppress. Anyone who conforms to mundane standards of social decency — such as presumption of innocence, the rule of law, meritocracy, free markets — executes bigotry and shapes society around it without necessarily feeling animus toward women.

This is why women can play the sexism card at every turn. It works by the mechanisms of global sexism: even a hint of sexism proves the rule of systemic sexism. Men, and any institutions dominated by men, never pay to the measure of any actual sexism or sexual abuse; they pay to the measure of sexism’s hyped-up and bloated reputation in the age of male guilt.

Just as it is with racism and white guilt, the more men give into being guilty of this “global sexism” simply because they have admitted actual sexism in the past or to individual cases of sexism in the present, men will always be sexists. They will always be guilty without hope of being proved innocent. Female rage will continue, and a destructive ideology — not principles of liberty — will hold the high ground, forever waving the flag of moral authority.'

Only women can end this war

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Letter here. Excerpt:

'The time has come for good women to stand up and defend the good men of America. The very notion that men are somehow predisposed to violence is as flawed a concept as has ever been fabricated by the human mind. Today there are angry, bitter women who would have America believe that generally every single man — and more specifically, every white man — is a predator waiting for an opportunity to abuse a woman.

Here's the truth: The huge majority of men in America have been raised to respect women at all times, in every circumstance — and we do. My father made it perfectly clear that any abuse of any girl would incur his wrath and that was not something to be taken lightly. I taught that same lesson to my three sons and I know they have begun to pass that same lesson to their boys.'

Academic journal accepts ‘Feminist Mein Kampf’

Mastodon · 4 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Three self-styled liberal scholars were given the academic green light for a rewritten version of Adolf Hiter’s Mein Kampf by a leading feminist journal.

“We rewrote a section of Mein Kampf as intersectional feminism and this journal has accepted it,” James Lindsay said in a YouTube video revealing a year-long project he worked on with other self-described left-wing academics, Peter Boghassian and Helen Pluckrose.

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The trio submitted 20 papers with absurdities and “morally fashionable political ideas” to significant peer-reviewed academic journals exposing a corrupt political agenda in fields such as women’s and gender studies, race studies, queer studies and cultural studies, the Wall Street Journal reported.

The summary of the feminist version of Mein Kampf reads: “Feminism which foregrounds individual choice, responsibility, female agency, and strength can be countered by a feminism which unifies in solidarity around the victimhood of the most marginalized women in society.”

The paper was based on a rewriting of Chapter 12 of Volume I of Mein Kampf, in which Hitler lays out a multi-point plan why the Nazi Party was needed and what it required of its members.

The paper was accepted after being peer-reviewed by Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work, which analyzes gender inequality.'

Wrecked by the company you keep

Matt · 5 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A year after Harvey Weinstein was outed as an alleged rapist by the New York Times and the New Yorker, #MeToo is on the brink of evolving from being a movement about powerful men abusing women in the workplace to one more about men behaving badly in general.

That, at least, is what a piece published by Jezebel last week argues.

The piece, entitled "The Next Step for #MeToo Is Into the Gray Areas," starts with a meditation on the future of #MeToo, but it's actually a take-down of Jack Smith IV, a writer and video correspondent for the progressive website Mic. Smith is not exactly a public figure—unless you spend a lot of time on Media Twitter, there's very little chance you've heard of him.

Over the last few years, however, Smith has made #Resistance journalism something of his personal brand, covering white supremacist movements and extremism in the U.S. Smith is also, according to Jezebel, a shitty boyfriend, and for this, he is now out of a job: Just hours after Jezebel's piece was published online, Mic announced that their reporter had been fired. Even before that, the Mic Union came out in support of his alleged victims on Twitter.'

‘Make them scared’ website posts uncorroborated sexual assault claims against male students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A website allegedly run by University of Washington students allows individuals to publicly accuse people of sexual assault with no evidence.

The website, titled “Make them scared UW,” was first registered in November of last year but reportedly launched in late September of this year by University of Washington students, the Daily UW campus newspaper reports.

It appears that the list of accused rapists and sexual assault perpetrators has grown substantially on the site in recent weeks in the wake of the rape claims made against U.S. Supreme Court justice nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

Meanwhile, one student named on “Make them scared UW” told The College Fix that the allegation is false, that the University of Washington has dismissed the allegations against him as completely uncorroborated and cleared him of any wrongdoing.'

Mary Zahran: The crime of being a man

Mastodon · 5 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Back in the mid-1970s, when I was an undergraduate at North Carolina State University, Germaine Greer, author of The Female Eunuch and militant feminist, came to our campus to speak. During her speech, she relentlessly disparaged all men, asserting that every one of them wanted to rape women, but that most had not yet acted on that impulse.

...

Recently, Sen. Mazie Hirono, a Democrat from Hawaii, uttered one of the most outrageous and prejudiced statements I have ever heard from a public official. Responding to allegations made by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct while they were in high school, Sen. Hirono shared her own thoughts about this situation: “Guess who’s perpetuating all of these kinds of actions? It’s the men in this country.”

And then she offered this nugget of wisdom: “And I just want to say to the men in this country, just shut up and step up! Do the right thing for a change.”

...

If the Germaine Greers and Mazie Hironos of the world hate men so much, perhaps they should remove from their lives everything that men have invented, discovered, or built during the course of human history. They could start with the wheel, and then they could move on to things like dams, agriculture, roads, systems of weights and measures, boats, navigation, cartography, democracy, mathematics, science, the printing press, the free enterprise system, microscopes, electricity, the radio, the telephone, television, antibiotics, the smallpox vaccine, the polio vaccine, trains, automobiles, airplanes, rockets, organ transplants, computers and the Internet (I could go on, but you get my point).'

Lawsuit accuses 'mean girls' of targeting boy with false allegations

Matt · 5 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Michael J. and Alecia Flood of Zelienople, Butler County, the parents of a teenage boy identified in the lawsuit as T.F., seek unspecified civil damages against the girls' parents, the school district and Butler County District Attorney Richard Goldinger's office. The lawsuit, which includes the term "mean girls," alleges they "conspired in person and via electronic communication devices to falsely accuse T.F. of sexual assault on two occasions."
...
In a tape-recorded interview with school officials in 2017, the lawsuit alleges K.S. said she made the sexual assault claim against T.F. because "I just don't like him."

"I just don't like to hear him talk. … I don't like to look at him," K.S. reportedly disclosed in the recorded interview obtained by Fishman.

On Oct. 2, 2017, K.S. told fellow students "that she would do anything to get T.F. expelled … and accused T.F. of sexual assault" with school officials, the lawsuit states. T.F. was subsequently charged in juvenile court with indecent assault and two counts of harassment.

The Floods eventually agreed in late 2017 to a consent decree where he would not admit guilt but was required to stay out of trouble for six months and report to the county probation department.'

Professor Who Wished ‘Miserable Deaths’ on ‘White Men’ Is No Longer Teaching at Georgetown

Mastodon · 6 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An anti-Trump professor, Dr. Carol Christine Fair, is no longer teaching classes at Georgetown University following calls for the outspoken liberal educator to be fired.

Fair stirred up controversy on Twitter when she wished miserable deaths upon Republican senators supporting Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

“Look at [this] chorus of entitled white men justifying a serial rapist’s arrogated entitlement,” she wrote.

“All of them deserve miserable deaths while feminists laugh as they take their last gasps. Bonus: we castrate their corpses and feed them to swine? Yes.”

Her account was de-verified and temporarily suspended Tuesday for violating Twitter’s rules, but until Friday, the university had taken no action against the controversial professor.

A Georgetown spokesperson told Fox News Fair is no longer teaching students, but will be traveling internationally for university research.'

Is It O.K. to Press Your Spouse to Have a Vasectomy Before You Ditch Him?

el cid · 6 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

From the New York Times. Letter here. This is a letter to an advice column that shows the ethos of the modern woman. Unbelievable, especially since the woman works for a reproductive rights agency. Excerpt:

'Some time ago, a friend told me that she was planning to leave her husband but was waiting for him to get a vasectomy. She said she knew she'd have to hold his hand through it to make sure it happened. Once the procedure was done, she planned to break the news that she was going to end the marriage.

I was dumbfounded and told her that I was concerned that she had chosen to pressure her husband to have a vasectomy before letting him know that she was ending the marriage. She said that she had been warning him for years that she was planning to leave and so it shouldn't be a surprise. Furthermore, she felt that he could barely manage to parent the children they had and that she didn't want him to be distracted by more kids.
...
Your friend treated her spouse in an appallingly manipulative way. She believed that he wouldn't have made the decision to have a vasectomy if he'd known she was ending the marriage for good, and she withheld this information in order to get him to do what she thought was best. That's a case study in disrespect: People have the right to make the central decisions in their own life in the light of their best understanding of the situation, and she denied him his best understanding. That she judged he was a lousy father and thus shouldn't have more children did not give her the right to manipulate him in this way any more than it would have given her the right to make him infertile by sneaking something into his food. (There are intricate and costly procedures for reversing vasectomies, but they're not guaranteed to work.)

What you really want to know, of course, is whether this behavior shows her to be unfit to occupy her position at a reproductive rights nonprofit or to take up a career as a counselor. I presume this woman discussed these matters with you on the assumption that your relationship meant that you would treat the information as private. So to disclose to others what she told you would be to betray the relationship and ignore her understanding of what it entailed. Besides, there's a person better placed to make such a complaint than you, namely, the husband she's divorcing.'

Women to Crazed Feminists: We Will Fight You to Defend Our Men

Matt · 7 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fallout from the Brett Kavanaugh hearings and the now-debunked allegations of sexual assault by Christine Blasey Ford has expanded the divide not only between Republicans and Democrats, but among women -- the very group Democrats hoped to motivate for this year's midterms.

As I've covered the hearings and the circus surrounding them, I've heard a constant refrain -- conservative women are furious about the false allegations leveled against Kavanaugh. They resent the feminist call to believe the woman and thereby assume the man's guilt simply because he is a member of the male collective.

Feminists have made a mistake assuming that they speak for all women. They don't.

Many of us are mothers. We have sons whom we love and would defend to our last drop of blood.

We have husbands, fathers, brothers, and male friends we hold in high esteem. Kavanaugh referenced these relationships during his testimony when he pleaded with the committee to consider how they would respond if this happened to a man they loved.'

Students Call For Professor To Be Fired For Saying 'Accusers Sometimes Lie'

Mastodon · 8 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A professor at the University of Southern California has come under fire after sending a reply-all email last week to the student body stating "accusers sometimes lie."

"If the day comes you are accused of some crime or tort of which you are not guilty, and you find your peers automatically believing your accuser, I expect you find yourself a stronger proponent of due process than you are now," Professor James Moore wrote in the email. "Accusers sometimes lie."

According to Toni Airaksinen of PJ Media, Moore's email was in response to a "Believe All Survivors" email and led to "hundreds" of emails from students and alumni who were concerned.

Nearly 100 students reportedly attended a rally called "Times Up for James Moore" on Monday in protest of Moore — who is tenured — demanding that he be fired.

The students marched to Dean Jack Knott's office who later addressed the crowd telling them, "What [Professor Moore] sent was extremely inappropriate, hurtful, and insensitive. We are going to try to do everything we can to try to create a better school, to educate the faulty."'

Transform #MeToo monologue into a #MeToo dialogue

Matt · 9 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During my years with the National Organization for Women, I saw women struggle to share their truths, and I honor the culmination of this with #MeToo. And during a half-century of forming some 300 men's groups, I saw that men had their own truths, especially among divorced dads who felt the courts and moms were depriving them of equal time with their children.

The difference? Women have #MeToo. Dads don't. As I did the research for "The Boy Crisis," I discovered that some boys feared dad had just abandoned them. As other boys discovered their dad was fighting unsuccessfully for equally shared parenting, they began to fear having children themselves.

Dad-deprived boys lack role models, miss the bonding of roughhousing, and often suffer from a lack of boundary enforcement, leading to problems in school, sports and life. To escape the shame of their failures, millions become addicted to drugs, drinking and video games — or just commit suicide.

President Donald Trump's remark that it is "a very scary time for young men in America" suggests this is an era when only women are believed.'

Human race faces extinction if male sperm count continues to fall worldwide

Matt · 9 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Male fertility is falling every year in the Western world — and experts blame chemicals and modern lifestyles.

A study of 124,000 men visiting fertility clinics in Europe and the USA found sperm quality reducing by almost 2% per year.

Separate research focusing on 2,600 sperm donors [men with above-normal fertility] showed a similar pattern.

While most men can still father a child, scientists say the human race faces extinction if the trend continues.

It follows a landmark study last year showing a 59% cut in Western sperm counts from 1973 to 2011.'

College student's family spends $12k in legal bills over make-out session

Matt · 9 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I started advising people to send their sons to men-only colleges something like 3 or 4 years ago. But apparently some just need to learn the hard way. A college boy can no more trust a college girl indoctrinated in today's feminism than he can trust a total stranger with $5,000. Excerpt:

'In James's view, the encounter had not only been fully consensual, it was also mutual: Becky bore just as much responsibility for initiating it as James. And, as Becky would later make clear to the investigator, she had also touched him sexually—she explicitly described her own actions in her official statement.

"[Becky's] account of the incident as set forth in the summary of her investigative interviews does not, on its face, allege any 'act of Prohibited Conduct,'" James's attorney wrote in an April 11 letter to Wendi Delmendo, UC-Davis's Title IX coordinator. "Even if everything [Becky] alleges is true, my client clearly did nothing wrong and did not engage in Prohibited Conduct."

And yet the investigation continued until May 1—at which point the Office of Student and Judiciary Affairs finally concluded that James was innocent. Even so, Becky was afforded the opportunity to appeal the decision, consistent with university policy as dictated by the Obama administration's Education Department, which had obligated college administrators to give accusers the option of appealing adverse findings if they granted this right to the accused.

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Even so, James had to spend most of a semester fearful that his life as he knew it was about to end—that his name would become synonymous with the evil men of #MeToo. He had to recount the intimate details of an amorous encounter to university administrators, a lawyer, and his parents. And his family shelled out $12,000 in legal fees.

"We're not a rich family, so that made a sizeable debt," says James. "Tuition for UC-Davis is around $16,000 a year. This was almost another year of college."'

The Hildebeast calls for bare knuckles

Matt · 10 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. You mean Dems *have* been civil all this time? News to me! Can just imagine what Dems upping the ante will look like. My guess is that GOP senators and others will need Secret Service protection more or less full-time if it gets any worse. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton says the time for civility is over.

After the bitter and partisan fight over the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, the former secretary of State and 2016 Democratic presidential candidate declared that President Donald Trump has undermined the integrity of the nation's highest court and that it's time for Democrats to be "tougher" with their opponents, in an interview with CNN published Tuesday

"You cannot be civil with a political party that wants to destroy what you stand for, what you care about," Clinton told CNN's Christiane Amanpour. "That's why I believe, if we are fortunate enough to win back the House and or the Senate, that's when civility can start again."

Clinton said that Senate Republicans under Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., "demeaned the confirmation process" and "insulted and attacked" Christine Blasey Ford – who testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee about a sexual assault she alleges Kavanaugh committed in 1982 – along with other "women who were speaking out."'

Six women beat man nearly to death, no arrests

Matt · 10 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Imagine this: "Six men beat woman nearly to death, no arrests made". Can you? I can't. Excerpt:

'Six female suspects nearly beat a man to death early Sunday morning in San Francisco's Bernal Heights, authorities said.

The 20-year-old victim was attacked around 2:20 a.m. on the 3300 block of Mission Street after a verbal confrontation with six female assailants, whose ages are unknown, escalated into a physical altercation, according to San Francisco police.
...
No arrests have been made.'

Teacher who smiled for mugshot pleads guilty to sex with student

Matt · 12 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The married Texas teacher who famously flashed a broad smile in her mugshot after being accused of romping with a 17-year-old student pleaded guilty this week to the crime.

Sarah Madden Fowlkes, 28, submitted her plea Thursday to a Caldwell County judge, who has yet to accept it, according to FOX 29 San Antonio.

The agreement would require Fowlkes to serve four years deferred adjudication, pay a fine and surrender her teacher's license, according to the report.

Her lawyer, Jason Nassour, had previously claimed Fowlkes looked so cheerful in her mugshot because she was innocent.

"This isn't a guilty person sitting there like they just got caught," he told NBC DFW at the time. "When everything's fleshed out, it won't be as it appears."'

Another ex-feminist emerges after the Kavanaugh mess

Matt · 13 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The Democrats' attempt to hit-job Kavanaugh with sexual misconduct allegations probably created more former feminists and/or MRAs than the last 20 years of activism. Well, when it's so laid bare like that, what else can it do? Excerpt:

'For more than two decades, I traveled the country facilitating rape and assault prevention lectures, seminars, and workshops for women of all ages. I was passionate about this work, committed to the cause, and believed wholeheartedly that what I was doing was a wholly virtuous endeavor. I considered myself a feminist. But that was then, and this is now.

All these years I silently stood by and watched third-wave feminism (with assistance from the radical left) methodically take a sledgehammer to Western society as a whole, and males in particular. Foolishly, I hoped things would eventually turn around, only to see things get worse over time.

Yet it wasn't until I witnessed the Me Too movement snowball into an all-out, anti-male witch hunt that I realized good men were in real trouble. Astonishingly, after having been an advocate for women my entire adult life, I quickly learned I was still considered the "enemy," simply for being a man.

Never in my wildest dreams (or nightmares) did I imagine that someday the opposite sex would view me as a threat. But it's true, and "their" message is loud and clear: Even if you've been a staunch supporter of women's rights for years, taught thousands of women and girls (many of whom were survivors of sexual assault) how to defend themselves from a violent attacker, and authored a book on the subject, you are not to be trusted solely because of your sex.'

Woman proudly writes essay chronicling her feminist outrage-driven domestic abuse

Matt · 13 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Take note O Feminist Man: These are the wages of consorting with feminists. Excerpt:

'I yelled at my husband last night. Not pick-up-your-socks yell. Not how-could-you-ignore-that-red-light yell. This was real yelling. This was 30 minutes of from-the-gut yelling. Triggered by a small, thoughtless, dismissive, annoyed, patronizing comment. Really small. A micro-wave that triggered a hurricane. I blew. Hard and fast. And it terrified me. I'm still terrified by what I felt and what I said. I am almost 70 years old. I am a grandmother. Yet in that roiling moment, screaming at my husband as if he represented every clueless male on the planet (and I every angry woman of 2018), I announced that I hate all men and wish all men were dead. If one of my grandchildren yelled something that ridiculous, I'd have to stifle a laugh.

My husband of 50 years did not have to stifle a laugh. He took it dead seriously. He did not defend his remark, he did not defend men. He sat, hunched and hurt, and he listened. For a moment, it occurred to me to be grateful that I'm married to a man who will listen to a woman. The winds calmed ever so slightly in that moment. And then the storm surge welled up in me as I realized the pathetic impotence of nice men's plan to rebuild the wreckage by listening to women. As my rage rushed through the streets of my mind, toppling every memory of every good thing my husband has ever done (and there are scores of memories), I said the meanest thing I've ever said to him: Don't you dare sit there and sympathetically promise to change. Don't say you will stop yourself before you blurt out some impatient, annoyed, controlling remark. No, I said, you can't change. You are unable to change. You don't have the skills and you won't do it. You, I said, are one of the good men. You respect women, you believe in women, you like women, you don't hit women or rape women or in any way abuse women. You have applauded and funded feminism for a half-century. You are one of the good men. And you cannot change. You can listen all you want, but that will not create one iota of change.'

Banishment of an acclaimed UC Irvine professor sparks debate over whether #MeToo can go too far

Matt · 14 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For years, the professor told the assistant dean that she was beautiful and greeted her with hugs and a kiss on each cheek.

During their time together at UC Irvine, Francisco J. Ayala, 84, and Benedicte Shipley, 50, perceived their encounters in dramatically different ways.

He said he believed he was showing her admiration, respect and the courtly manners of his native Spain. She said she felt objectified and humiliated. Her version won out this year, when officials concluded that Ayala had sexually harassed Shipley and two other women.

The university swiftly moved to erase his presence. The world-renowned geneticist resigned, was banned from campus and stripped of prestigious University of California titles. And though he had given Irvine $11.5 million in donations, his name was taken off the university buildings he helped support.

The sanctions have bitterly divided the campus, drawn international attention and underscored the growing complexity of the nation's pitched battles over sexual harassment.'

Men as the real victims? After Kavanaugh, #HimToo gains attention

Matt · 14 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The notion that it is dangerous to be an American man in the #MeToo era took off during the angry debate over Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

But tossing more fuel onto the fire were a sarcastic tirade from Donald Trump and a painfully awkward tweet from a seemingly over-anxious mother.

On the day Kavanaugh was sworn in as the junior justice to the high court, Pieter Hanson's mother posted a message on the social media network comparing the plight of the jurist -- who had vigorously denied allegations of sexual aggression -- to the dating challenges facing her 32-year-old son.'

What Do You Do When You Are Anonymously Accused of Rape?

Matt · 14 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Again, keep company with vile feminists, this is the result. Excerpt:

'What do you do if you are accused of sexual misconduct and believe yourself to be innocent?

If you're Brett Kavanaugh, you go nuclear. But if you're a progressive man who sees himself as a feminist ally, the politically acceptable strategy is to keep quiet and lay low. If you do anything at all, put out a statement saying you support the #MeToo movement, that it's an overdue and necessary corrective, and that you are taking some time for self-reflection. Spend some months ordering takeout and avoiding parties where everyone is whispering about what they think you did.

Stephen Elliott, the founder of the left-wing website The Rumpus, followed that script. A year ago this month, his name appeared along with some 70 others on an anonymously sourced Google spreadsheet. It was called the Shitty Media Men list and the accusations ranged in severity from "weird lunch dates" to "rape."

Rape is what Stephen Elliott was accused of. His entry, along with more than a dozen others on the list, was highlighted in red to denote physical violence. It read: "Rape accusations, sexual harassment, coercion, unsolicited invitations to his apartment, a dude who snuck into Binders" (a women-only Facebook group).

But on Wednesday, the day before the statute of limitations ran out, Mr. Elliott stopped lying low and sued the creator of the list for defamation. He filed a federal lawsuit in the Eastern District of New York against "Moira Donegan and Jane Does (1-30)" seeking $1.5 million in damages.'

Austrian politician convicted of libel for accusing man of sexual harassment on Facebook

Matt · 14 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In an unprecedented case, a judge at the Regional Court for Criminal Matters in Vienna ruled that Green Party politician Sigrid Maurer libeled the owner of a city craft beer store because she couldn't prove that he actually posted the harassing messages on his Facebook account.

In March, Maurer, 33, an advocate for women's rights, received obscene Facebook messages from the account of the owner of the store, where she walks by frequently. One said, "Hello you went to my shop today and looked at my c--- as if you wanted to eat it."

Maurer posted the messages on Facebook and Twitter, including his name and the store's name. "There was no other way to defend myself," she said.

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The beer store's owner, whose name can remain private under Austrian law, may yet receive punishment if an investigation finds he gave false testimony. The judge asked government prosecutors to look into the case. If he is found to have lied, he could face three years in jail.'

CBS's "Mom" promotes DV -- again

Matt · 15 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Season 6, episode 1. For at least the second time, the Bonnie character smacks her boyfriend, this time because she is upset about a dream she had wherein he was cheating on her. Jump to time mark 7:54 and watch.

Casual smacking of husbands and boyfriends isn't like punching or kicking. But it's still DV. Using physical acts on another person's body that are essentially violent in nature is abusive, especially if it's between intimates. It need not leave marks or scars nor be physically significant. It is the act itself that is abusive.

Last time I noticed this Bonnie-smacking-boyfriend thing I asked readers to submit feedback to the show. Guess that didn't work. I would suggest people contact the actress who plays Bonnie, Allison Janney, but while she is the actress doing the smacking, bear in mind she has a job to do. That she is doing it doesn't mean she agrees with it. I thought that by petitioning her to discuss this aspect of their show with directors et al., it may have more effect. Alas I have been unable to locate an on-line means to contact her. I could include a snail-mail address but few if anyone would likely be bothered writing an actual letter.

So we'll try letting CBS know what we think again. Maybe this time they will pay better attention. You can contact them at https://audienceservices.cbs.com/feedback/feedback.htm. Under "Choose Category", pick "Mom". Feel free to include the link to this entry here on MANN (http://news.mensactivism.org/?q=node/32405) to let them know that indeed, they ARE in fact being watched. And while many of us may find the show amusing, there is room for improvement.

Hating Men: The New Racism

Mastodon · 15 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Bigotry is bad – no matter who the victim.

When it comes to racism, America has made it clear that prejudice based on color cannot be tolerated. Roseanne Barr destroyed her career with just one racist twitter and had to be removed from her own show for the transgression of an offensive comment.

Equality is in; demeaning stereotyping is not only out but seemingly bad enough to be deemed unforgivable.

Except when one group is the target.

What normally dare never be said in polite and civilized society appears to be permissible – and sometimes laudable – when directed against no less than half the population, a group which prominent intellectuals, professors and journalists assure us deserve universal condemnation.

Who are these terrible people exempt from the sin of stereotyping?

They are men – those terrible evil representatives of the human race who are all beasts and pigs, rapists in hiding, sexual harassers and violent perverts.'

Camille Paglia: Feminism Based on Destroying Men Is ‘Absolute Poison’ to Culture

Mastodon · 15 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The feminist icon – who prefers the original brand of feminism that won women the right to vote and raised up heroines such as Katharine Hepburn, Amelia Earhart, and Anne Morrow Lindbergh – said the more recent second wave of feminism is “an absolute poison that has spread worldwide.”

Paglia said the original feminists “admired what men had done – there was no male-bashing – as became systemic to second-wave feminism.”

The brand of feminism recreated by Betty Friedan in the 1960s, Paglia said, is now based on “denigrating men” and “defining men as oppressors and tyrants through history.”

“It is an absolute lie,” she said, “an extrapolation of neuroticism on the part of these fanatics.”

Major Women's Groups Silent On Hillary Clinton's 'Abuse Of Power' Comments

Matt · 16 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton set the internet ablaze on Sunday when she told CBS's "Sunday Morning" that the affair between her husband, former President Bill Clinton, and then-White House intern Monica Lewinsky was not an abuse of power.

The former secretary of state's remark — as well as her suggestion that her husband's sexual relationship with Lewinsky was consensual because Lewinsky had been "an adult" at the time — appeared at odds with the Me Too movement Clinton herself has championed.

Lewinsky, who was 22 at the time of the affair, previously said that her sexual encounters with Bill Clinton had been consensual, but has reconsidered that view recently. Several other women have accused the former president of sexual misconduct going as far back as the 1970s, which he has vehemently denied.'

High School Girls Admitted to Making False Sexual Assault Accusations Against a Male Student Because They ‘Just Don’t Like Him’

Matt · 17 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Seneca Valley School District in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is facing a lawsuit from a former male student who was forced out of school—and investigated for sexual assault—due to a series of false accusations made by female students.

The girls—dubbed "mean girls" in the lawsuit, a reference to the 2004 Lindsay Lohan film—admitted on tape that they made up the assault story. One said, "I just don't like him" and "[I] would do anything to get him expelled," according to The Toronto Sun.

The false allegations were life-derailing for the accused, who is referred to as "T.F." in the lawsuit. On October 3, 2017, one of the girls told other students that T.F. had sexually assaulted her at a pool; a Seneca Valley guidance counselor overheard the accusation, and reported it to Childline, the state's child abuse prevention agency, as required by law. T.F. was swiftly charged with indecent assault and harassment, and received six months of probation as part of a plea deal.
...
By the end of the summer, the conspiracy against T.F. was unmasked: other students came forward with Snapchat messages that contradicted the claims of the "mean girls," who eventually admitted to lying. All charges against T.F. were dropped.

But T.F.'s family is understandably distraught that the girls have suffered no consequences: neither the police nor the school district have taken any action against them, according to the lawsuit. And so the family is pursuing legal action against the girls' parents, the school district, and the district attorney.'

Australasian Housing Institute Members: Please vote in upcoming Director elections

Minuteman · 17 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Voting form here. Elections are as much about who you vote against as who you vote for, and female candidates are openly appealing to female members to vote on the basis of their gender, despite homelessness/lack of secure housing predominately affecting men in Australia. From the SA candidate profiles:

'Julie Blake, Chief Executive Officer, Westside Housing Association
...
In a sector where the majority of service delivery staff are female but the top executive roles are predominantly held by men, I am proud to set an example for younger professionals in our sector to aspire to the top roles such as CEO in the sector.'

Not All Men?

Mastodon · 18 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I've never attacked my partner. I've never sexually harassed someone at work. And I've never masturbated into a pot plant while someone watched.
...
So I set out to make #YesAllMen – a documentary that aims to reframe the debate about masculinity. I wanted to understand some of the key social issues Australian men are facing and find the human stories behind the alarming statistics.'

UK: Parents 'weaponising' domestic violence orders, claims charity

Mastodon · 18 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of non-molestation orders – issued by courts to prevent domestic abuse – has rocketed by 37% over the past five years because they are being exploited to secure legal aid, according to the charity Families Needs Fathers.

The “weaponisation” of court procedures by “angry and vengeful parents” is encouraging false allegations and fuelling conflict between separating couples, the head of the organisation has claimed.

The figures are based on the latest quarterly statistics produced by the Ministry of Justice. Since 2013, when the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act (Laspo) came into force the number of non-molestation orders issued by English and Welsh courts has increased from fewer than 20,000 to more than 26,000 a year.

That increase, equivalent to a 37.3% rise, has been linked to the withdrawal of legal aid in all divorce cases except those where there is evidence of domestic violence. As many as 80% of all family law cases now involve one party who is unrepresented.'

Feminist Ally Accused Of Rape By #MeToo Movement Is Fighting Back

Mastodon · 18 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Stephen Elliott founded the left-wing website The Rumpus and is a staunch feminist ally. That, however, didn't protect him from being anonymously accused of rape on a list of "S****y Media Men" circulated early in the #MeToo movement.

At first, Elliott, according to an article in The New York Times, was going to just take "a bullet for the movement" and let himself be falsely accused. You know, like a good ally.

"Multiple people asked me at first if I was O.K. just taking a bullet for the movement," Elliott told Bari Weiss of the Times. "Because of their politics and, frankly, because of mine."

"If I was to come out and say, 'Hey, I was falsely accused of rape,' it would be like I was attacking this movement which at the time, was a movement that I believed in," he added.

But while Elliott accepted his fate, getting "high for three months," he saw his life crumble.

"He lost friends. His Hollywood agent stopped calling him back. Already prone to depression, he became suicidal," Weiss wrote.'

Drake University Expelled Male Student After Female Allegedly Admitted to Sexually Assaulting Him

Mastodon · 19 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, has come under fire after it was revealed that it expelled a male student for sexual assault even though his accuser allegedly admitted to sexually assaulting him as well.

Drake University is now facing a court battle over their investigation into an alleged incident in which Thomas Rossley Jr. and an unnamed female both accused each other of sexual assault. According to a report from The College Fix, the unnamed female admitted to performing oral sex on Rossley Jr. without his consent. Despite this, Drake University never investigated that portion of the incident. He was ultimately expelled from the university.

Rossley Jr., who has ADHD, dyslexia, and “word-retrieval issues,” requested assistance at the hearing that took place after the investigation. However, Rossley Jr. was not provided with assistance and made to fend for himself during a nine-hour hearing.

Rossley Jr.’s father, Tom, was fired from his position on the Drake University Board of Trustees after he argued that his son was being treated unfairly. Rossley Sr. then sued, alleging “Title IX retaliation.” A judge threw out the lawsuit over the summer, arguing that Rossley’s position on the board was not covered under Title IX.

The Rossleys argue that several parts of the proceedings were biased against him because of his gender. Rossley Jr. claims that university officials told him that it would be seen as “retaliatory” if he filed a complaint against his accuser. The implication is that officials told Rossley Jr. that the only reason he might file a complaint would be if he committed an assault and was looking to cover it up.'

Content restored to Oct. 18 2018 state

Matt · 23 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Good news: Working with my content backup service I got the content state restored to Oct. 18, 2018. Not nearly the hit we were looking at earlier today.

I want to thank the Academy... and my agent... and my family, you guys are the greatest... and my fans... and all my wonderful fellow actors and... and... I just can't... thank you, thank you...

Now if I can just figure out how to upgrade to the next version of Drupal without completely hosing my own site, I'll be fine.

A men’s rights activist sued a women’s beer event

Mastodon · 24 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But in November 2017, as Su tells Eater, a man emailed Eagle Rock’s general information line asking for a spot at the ticketed forum. A staff member mistakenly told the man that the event was for women only (in fact, men have attended before), and even after he was offered access to a future women’s beer event, the man ultimately filed a discrimination claim through the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, the entity in charge of enforcing California’s civil rights laws.

The man is Steve Frye, a men’s rights activist, or MRA, who is hardly a stranger to filing discrimination cases against California businesses and, at one point, Donald Trump. In 2011, Frye sued one of Trump’s golf courses because it offered a 25 percent discount to “ladies” for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

It’s just one of dozens of other lawsuits he’s filed for ladies’ night specials or deals for women. Men’s rights activists believe that society is actually sexist against men, and Frye has perfected the subculture’s favorite way to target what they see as a society that is sexist against men: suing businesses and organizations that incentivize women to go there.

And in many of these types of cases, the defendants end up settling due to the high cost of legal fees. Su made the difficult decision to settle in order to protect her brewery from bankruptcy, despite the fact that she believed in the Women’s Beer Forum and wanted to defend it in court.

She currently has a GoFundMe page that has raised more than $16,000 of the original $10,000 ask, but the money isn’t all for legal fees and the settlement: She’s aiming to raise awareness for small businesses and women’s groups to protect themselves against lawsuits from men’s rights activists. And, as she told Eater, she wants to “elicit some form of change at the legislative level to minimize the exploitation of the Unruh Act [a California law against discrimination by sex, race, and other factors] by career plaintiffs so that the small businesses and women’s groups don’t continually get targeted for these cases.”'

Where has all the testosterone gone?

Matt · 25 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Being a man once meant tackling any and all situations that came your way. This included hitting on girls, enjoying a few cold beers, and assuming control of your environment (which sometimes included throwing ice during a bar fight). Today that kind of behavior might lose you a seat on the Supreme Court. America has turned into a nation of effeminate, chai tea sipping basement boys who can't handle anything but an iPhone. When a problem rears its ugly head they run to the nearest closet. New Age men are more concerned with how others perceive them instead of actually being the person they want to be. They are nowhere as manly (or human) as Brett Kavanaugh.

The foundation of every hate group is to generalize against a certain demographic in a negative manner. The Democrats' latest whipping boy is toxic masculinity (TM). Their definition of TM is white men being competitive (also called winning), acting strong (instead of sensitive and vulnerable), expressing their (offensive) love of women, and not showing enough interest in the LGBTQ community. For hyper-moralizing liberals, masculinity represents violence, oppression, gender suppression, and policing of anything not considered virile. They insist it's better to be weak. It's an accomplishment to do nothing.'

Only university in UK with men's officer scraps role after its sole candidate 'suffers harassment'

Mastodon · 25 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The only university in the UK with a men's officer has scrapped the role after the candidate withdrew due to "harassment".

James Knight put his name forward to be men's officer at the University of the West of England, but claims he was harassed, and has withdrawn. He was the only candidate in the race.

The University of the West of England told The Telegraph that the position has now been suspended pending review.

The roles of transgender and women's officers have also been brought in this month.

Knight said he stood to highlight "the poor state of mental health services at UWE" and told a student paper: "I know how deeply mental health issues can run in men and how much of a taboo it can be for men to talk about their mental health."'

Canada: Court says ‘pedophilia does not apply’ — because perpetrator is a woman

Matt · 27 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Caldwell accepted Pearce’s conclusion that McEwen derived sexual arousal not from acts committed against children but from the “extreme humiliation” of her involvement in those acts, which fed her masochism, described as on the moderately severe end.

The judge wrote (and read aloud in court): “Dr. Pearce testified that the current research suggests that women do not suffer from paraphilic disorders apart from masochism. This fact lends further weight to the conclusion that pedophilia does not apply to you.”

Crown Attorney Lisa Henderson, the judge noted, had “rigorously challenged” Pearce on this assertion.

“(I) agree that at first blush it appears illogical that women do not suffer from other paraphilic disorders,” Caldwell continued. “Sometimes, however, that which appears reasonable is anything but and vice versa. I accept the doctor’s evidence on this point. He did agree that this conclusion might change in the future as psychiatry continues to develop, but I cannot base my conclusions on speculative potential that have yet to develop.”

But that’s the problem.

It is not absolutely conclusive that women can’t be pedophiles.

There are numerous instances of women sexually assaulting children, albeit most often at the direction — many have claimed coercion — of a male partner.'

Kirsten Gillibrand holding up Navy nominee who criticized her sex assault bill

Mastodon · 27 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'President Trump's nominee to be the Navy's general counsel, who has languished in the Senate for more than 14 months, is being held up by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., her office confirmed Thursday.

The senator did not immediately provide a reason for her hold on Charles "Cully" Stimson. But the senior legal fellow at the Heritage Foundation was a strong critic of Gillibrand's attempts in recent years to pass legislation reforming military sexual assault prosecutions.

In 2016, Gillibrand's Military Justice Improvement Act, a signature piece of legislation for the senator, was facing a third potential vote in the chamber after failing twice before. The bill would have removed sex assault prosecutions from the military chain of command.

Stimson wrote a critical column dubbing the legislation the "Military Justice Destruction Act."

The senator was "pushing her radical scheme that, if enacted, would render the military justice system unworkable and ineffective," he wrote in June 2016 for the conservative think tank's Daily Signal, just days before the Senate declined to vote on Gillibrand's bill.

A similar 2015 blog by Stimson argued Gillibrand's bill could hurt victims amid the senator's earlier attempts at passage. Stimson authored a 2013 Heritage policy paper that laid out an argument against removing commanders from decisions on prosecuting assaults.'

Top CERN Scientist Suspended for Presentation That Argued There Is No Sexism in Physics

Mastodon · 31 October 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), one of the leading physics research institutions in the world, suspended one of its physicists on Monday after he gave a sexist talk at the organization's first ever "High Energy Theory and Gender" conference last weekend.

Last Friday, Alessandro Strumia, a research associate at CERN, gave a talk at the conference that was later described as a "Damore-esque manifesto against women in STEM" by Jessica Wade, a physicist at Imperial College London widely known for her efforts to increase diversity in scientific fields. The reference is to James Damore, a senior software engineer who was fired from Google last year after he circulated a memo that argued men were biologically better suited to software development.

In a copy of Strumia's presentation seen by Motherboard, Strumia frames his presentation as an effort to get to the bottom of the "mainstream" and "conservative" positions about gender equality in physics and science more generally. Strumia framed his presentation as an attempt to "use data to see what is right."

A number of slides show what Strumia described as data about the percentage of women in different fields, sexism in citations, sexism at conferences, and gender asymmetry in hirings. These data items conflict with a number of other studies that point to rampant discrimination in STEM, however. For example, a study published earlier this year by Pew Research found that nearly half of women in STEM say sexual harassment is a problem and that they have experienced some form of discrimination.'

Lawsuit Accuses Betsy DeVos And Her Deputies Of Being Motivated By Sexism

Mastodon · 1 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new filing in a lawsuit against the Trump administration accuses Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and a top deputy of being motivated in part by sexism in their policy decisions.

The lawsuit, originally filed in January, challenged DeVos' elimination of Obama-era Title IX guidance on how sexual assault cases are handled on campus. But an amended complaint submitted Wednesday says that DeVos' decision was influenced by discriminatory and stereotyped views of women.

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But plaintiffs in the filing say DeVos and her deputies had more nefarious motivations, and they use new Freedom of Information Act records as evidence. The records indicate that Department of Education leaders had solicited input from groups and academics who push inflated and widely discredited statistics regarding the prevalence of false rape allegations. A National Sexual Violence Resource Center study found that false reports account for only about 2 percent to 10 percent of such allegations, a range that it said was likely inflated.'

Toxic Masculinity And What We Can Do To Stop It

Mastodon · 1 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Way says that our culture needs to respond, “not in flipping the hierarchy so that stereotypically feminine behavior is on top and masculine behavior is on bottom. We simply have to stop gendering and sexualizing core human capacities and needs. The conversation has to be focused on disrupting stereotypes by listening to young people who tell us explicitly that such stereotypes are not true. The solution, in other words, lies within our nature. We have the natural capacity to find what we most want and need to thrive. Now our task is to create a culture that nurtures our nature rather than gets in its way.”'

A Kavanaugh accuser admits she made up her accusation

Mastodon · 3 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who accused Judge Brett Kavanaugh of sexual assault has confessed to federal authorities that she made up the claims because she was 'angry' and she wanted to hurt his political career.

Senator Chuck Grassley referred the false accuser, Judy Munro-Leighton, to the Justice Department for investigation on Friday, after she admitted she 'just wanted to get attention' on Thursday.

Now it's in the hands of the Department of Justice to investigate her for potentially making 'materially false statements' and for 'obstruction'.

On September 19 Senator Kamala Harris received a letter signed Jane Doe, describing with graphic detail how Kavanaugh and a friend had supposedly raped her several times in the backseat of a car, but did not mention when or where.'

Scholarship and award opened to men after Title IX complaint

Mastodon · 3 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Minnesota is a little bit more fair to men now, thanks to a Title IX complaint by a professor who doesn't even teach there.

Mark Perry of the University of Michigan-Flint, also a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, shared a letter he received from UMinn's Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Wednesday.

Perry had written to the Title IX coordinator this summer to ask how the taxpayer-funded university can legally offer two scholarships and an award solely to "women-identified students."

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Perry's complaint was forwarded to the EOAA, which determined the "women-identified" requirement in the award and second scholarship, both offered through the Women's Center, must be eliminated.

The first scholarship will no longer be administered by the Women's Center "if it is restricted to woman-identified students," EOAA Director Tina Marisam told Perry in the letter.

There is no avenue for him to appeal, but Perry called the revisions a "small victory" in an email to The College Fix.'

Lido Pimienta Speaks Out After Racism Controversy at Halifax Pop Explosion Festival

Mastodon · 3 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Please note: The article is dated 10/31/2017, not 2018. This is a year-old story. Still, for amusement if nothing else, I'll leave it up. Excerpt:

'I started asking men specifically to go to the back of the room because in my 15+ years of attending shows, both on stage and in the audience, men make it unsafe for me to be in such spaces.

From the audience's point of view, [men] for the most part will not think twice before they put themselves right in front of you. I am a short woman, so I always have to show up very early to be able to enjoy the music, to see the acts... From the stage point of view, I noticed how most men who plant themselves at the front, they tend to overpower ME. Their presence usually at my own show is a threatening one and I have had men grab me, grab my hands, grab my waist, scream "TE AMO MAMACITA." My show is all about high energy and high feminine power, so I can see for some men, my energy reads "sexual" and they feel like my show is FOR THEM, when in fact, my show if anything, is for WOMXN.'

Argentina: Feminist rally ends with Molotov bombs thrown at church

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As has become customary, Argentina's "National Encounter of Women" on Sunday ended with violent protests that included bare-chested women throwing Molotov cocktails at a Catholic church and the City Hall in the city of Trelew, located some 700 miles south of Buenos Aires.

"Abort your heterosexuality," "Church and State, separate affair," "death to the macho is not a metaphore," and "lesbianize yourself" were among slogans an estimated 50,000 women who rallied through downtown Trelew left behind, with graffiti scrawled on storefronts, privately-owned homes and churches.

Ten people were arrested in Trelew, located in the Patagonian province of Chubut. By Monday afternoon the demonstrators had been released, but videos showing the women throwing incendiary devices, stones and other objects at various public buildings beyond the church of Our Lady Auxiliadora are being investigated.
...
The National Encounter of Women often ends with a rally, for the most part composed of peaceful women demanding "free, legal and safe abortion," a legal framework for prostitution and an end to femicides, meaning the violent murder of women by their male partners. Yet recent years also have featured a small yet significant group of demonstrators who throw bottles full of gas into Catholic buildings and leave walls filled with profanities.

According to a civil organization called "Young people for family and life," the government of Trelew had "advised" its population of 100,000, double the amount of people who participated in the feminist gathering, to stay in their homes during the rally and Catholic faithful to avoid going to church on Sunday.'

Second Kavanaugh accuser admits lying

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'One of Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh's accusers admitted this week that she made up her lurid tale of a backseat car rape, saying it "was a tactic" to try to derail the judge's confirmation to the Supreme Court.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Judiciary Committee revealed the fraud in a letter to the FBI and Justice Department Friday, asking them to prosecute Judy Munro-Leighton for lying to and obstructing Congress.
...
Mr. Grassley's investigators tried to reach her for a month but were unsuccessful until this week, when they spoke to her by phone and she confessed that she was not the original Jane Doe, and "did that as a way to grab attention."

She admitted to the false allegation, and said she has actually never met Justice Kavanaugh.

"I was angry, and I sent it out," she told investigators.

"In short, during the committee's time-sensitive investigation of allegations against Judge Kavanaugh, Ms. Munro-Leighton submitted a fabricated allegation, which diverted committee resources," Mr. Grassley wrote. "When questioned by Committee investigators she admitted it was false, a 'ploy,' and a 'tactic.' She was opposed to Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation."'

Tulane may open women's programming to men after civil rights complaint filed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Following a complaint to the U.S. Department of Education, Tulane University may soon allow men to participate in programs of the Newcomb College Institute, an organization that administers scholarships and provides clubs and activities for women in order to promote feminist issues.

The complaint was made to the department's Office of Civil Rights in August. Tulane officials said the complaint specifically said Newcomb Institute "scholarships for women are discriminatory against men."

The institute is an umbrella organization that runs programs formerly operated by H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College, a historic women's college that was closed when Tulane combined its undergraduate colleges in 2006.

The institute oversees Newcomb College's former endowment, valued at approximately $40 million, by administering money to support female students' research, advocate for a gender-integrated curriculum and promote student organizations for women.

To that end, it sponsors women's academic and social clubs, such as the Feminist Alliance of Students at Tulane and the African-American Women's Society.'

CNN’s Don Lemon doubles down after saying white men are ‘the biggest terror threat in this country’

Matt · 6 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During a recent segment about a supermarket shooting in Kentucky, CNN host Don Lemon said that “the biggest terror threat in this country is white men.”

Lemon was speaking on live television Monday about an incident in which a white man allegedly shot and killed two black people outside a Kroger grocery store in Jeffersontown, Ky., not far from Louisville.

The incident, which is being investigated as a hate crime, occurred during the same week that 13 potential explosive devices were sent to prominent Democratic and media figures across the country and 11 people were killed in a mass shootingat a synagogue in Pittsburgh. A white man was charged in the latter case.

“I keep trying to point out to people not to demonize any one group or any one ethnicity. But we keep thinking that the biggest terror threat is something else — some people who are marching towards the border like it’s imminent,” Lemon told CNN anchor Chris Cuomo, referring to the Central American migrant caravan walking toward the United States. He added that “the last time they did this, a couple hundred people came and they — most of them didn’t get into the country. Most of them got tuckered out before they even made it to the border.”

“So,” he said, “we have to stop demonizing people and realize the biggest terror threat in this country is white men, most of them radicalized to the right, and we have to start doing something about them. There is no travel ban on them. There is no ban — you know, they had the Muslim ban. There is no white-guy ban. So what do we do about that?”

On Wednesday, following the backlash, Lemon doubled down.'

What if women went on a sex strike before the midterms?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's time for a revolution. At the polls, and in the bedroom. And in our understanding of who women are, sexually and otherwise. Given the tight interweaving of economic and political power with sexual entitlement, female sexual autonomy has never been more urgent, and women's sexual pleasure has never been more political. Let's consider what it might mean to go on a sex strike of sorts -- to get what we want, rather than give what we think we owe others.

Sex and status are linked. Where men have the tightest grip on resources and power, our society (including the women in their lives) will prioritize their pleasure -- and create false narratives about what women deserve, sexually and otherwise. To wit: in 2018, the number of female CEOs of US Fortune 500 companies dropped 25%, to 24 women total among hundreds of men leading industry, tech, manufacturing, and other sectors. On a more workaday level, according to World Bank data cited by TheGlobalEconomy.com the US ranks an unimpressive 76th out of 180 countries worldwide for female labor force participation.
...
A women's sex strike against service sex, a refusal to do it out of a sense of obligation, would force us to confront these basic inequalities. Our current administration has amped up the notion that women are mere extensions of male will and pleasure, there to serve at every turn. What is the rollback of reproductive rights but an assertion that not only female reproduction but female sexuality itself belong to what science writer Natalie Angier calls the "Greater Male Coalition"? What are the President's insults to Stormy Daniels other than assertions that the woman who enjoys sex or profits from it in any way -- emotionally, financially, or physically -- is unnatural, immoral, and unattractive? In this world order, female sexual autonomy is not only dangerous and destabilizing; it is increasingly hard to imagine. And female pleasure is irrelevant, even pathological, if it exists at all.'

Paternity Fraud High in Nigeria as Fathers Have Been Raising Children That Are not Theirs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Social media, particularly Twitter, has been awash with reports that Nigeria has the second highest rate of paternity fraud in the world, with Jamaica leading on the list. But how true is this?

Paternity fraud is a deeply problematic issue in Nigeria as fathers have been raising children that are not theirs. It is something that can frighten you, but again, that's the reality prevailing. But just how serious is it?
...
"The implications of paternity fraud are major, disrupting relationships, homes, and marriages. Victims of this crime – father or child, stands the risk of depression, and mental health problems. A child victim is more likely to have self esteem issues and anxiety. When women make the choice to lie about the paternity of their children, they should bear in mind the misery and heartache these children may later experience."
...

What is beyond doubt, nonetheless, is that lots of paternity fraud are going on in Nigeria. Why women would pin children on wrong fathers, well...

Should DNA testing be made mandatory at birth in order to curb this?'

Girl Scouts sue Boy Scouts for trademark infringement

mens_issues · 8 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. First they wanted the Boy Scouts to be inclusive of girls, to they dropped the word "boy" from their name. Next they complain about that and sue. Excerpt:

'The Girl Scouts are suing the Boy Scouts, saying the organization's inclusive rebranding effort has caused all sorts of consumer confusion from mistaken enrollment in the Boy Scouts to misinformation about a merge of the two groups.

Tuesday's trademark infringement lawsuit is an attempt to clear up the uncertainty, said the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

The Manhattan federal case noted the two separate youth organizations have long coexisted.

But problems arose when "core gender distinction" was altered by the Boy Scouts of America, which announced in October 2017 it would open its doors to girls beginning in 2019.'

UK: National Trust under fire for hiding artwork featuring men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Trust has come under fire for covering up artwork featuring men inside a Northumberland country house hosting an installation highlighting the lives of 19th century women.

Busts and paintings depicting male subjects were draped in sheets at Cragside, near Rothbury, formerly the home of Victorian industrialist Lord William Armstrong, as part of an art project called the Great Cragside Cover-up.

The installation, the work of Newcastle artist Kate Stobbart and art PhD students Rob Blazey and Harriet Sutcliffe, was intended to focus on the life of his wife, Lady Margaret Armstrong, as well as other female relatives and women employed at the house.

Sutcliffe said before the opening that “by concealing some of the male objects and artefacts within the house, it might shift the lens slightly so these women would have the space for three weeks to shine”.'

London's top doctor steps down from all-male panel, replaced by female colleague

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"It turns out that this is a ‘manel’ (all-male panel), which means that I would withdraw,” Dr. Chris Mackie, the medical officer of health at the Middlesex-London Health Unit, wrote on Twitter Monday in response to a tweet publicizing his scheduled appearance.
...
Mackie himself announced the issue as resolved on Twitter Tuesday, writing that, after speaking to organizers, the “manel issue” had been addressed and that he was impressed with the level of understanding organizers showed of the issue.

“I think it is an important issue to be raised because we don’t get the best panels when we don’t seek out expert women,” he said to The Free Press.'

UK: Female teacher sexually assaults male teacher, police do nothing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The male colleague of a female teacher who allegedly grabbed him by the testicles after ripping open his shirt at a parent-teacher evening has branded her a 'narcissist'.

Helen Evans, 44, left her colleague feeling 'intimidated and extremely upset' when she allegedly groped him at Llanishen Fach School, Cardiff, in May 2013.

The man gave up teaching shortly after the alleged 'sexually motivated' attack - and said Miss Evans' behaviour was the main reason.

She did not deny the incident happened and was reported to police - but the Crown Prosecution Service decided not to take the case any further.'

Woman accused of lying about domestic violence, looting homes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For a second time this year, Mountain View authorities have arrested a 44-year-old woman they say lied about being a victim of domestic violence, then looted the homes of her alleged abusers after they were taken away by police.

Sunmee Kim — also known as Sunny Jean Kim, Jean Kim, Jiin and Ashley Kim — met her victims on Korean dating websites, developed relationships with them, then called police and claimed she was the victim of domestic violence, according to police.

“She would steal any and all valuables and also receive victim services,” Mountain View police said in a news release Wednesday.'

Australia: Pink and blue forms: is gender-based tax really as crazy as it sounds?

Mastodon · 9 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Should men and women pay different tax rates?

The chair of the Senate's economics legislation committee, Liberal senator Jane Hume, posed the question this week during a public hearing on the government's income tax plan.

The question was asked in jest to some tax experts, to have a little dig at Labor, because Labor had started drawing attention to the fact that the government's proposed $143bn tax cuts would benefit men more than women at a ratio of almost two to one.

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Stewart told the committee this week she was not advocating the introduction a two-tiered gender-based tax system in Australia, but she said the paper by Alesina and Ichino did make an important point about how tax systems affected men and women differently.

"The point being made by that research was precisely the point about workforce supply, and secondary workers being more [sensitive to tax]," she said.'

The World Needs Fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Which leads me to the issue at hand. America needs more good men. America needs fathers to be present and there. America needs men to work, earn, protect and provide for their families. America needs men to treat women and children with a higher regard than society seems to currently favor. American needs fathers to be an example of true manhood and success.

I know it's not politically correct to say this — but it seems like a major problem with violence, abuse, mass shootings and attacks is fatherlessness.

What do the Parkland, Newtown, Thousand Oaks and the racist SC murderers all have in common? Single motherhood and absent fathers.
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"Consider a joint federal study showing that 63 percent of youth suicides are from fatherless homes; as often as not, mass shooters are simultaneously suicidal. Robert Sampson, a Harvard sociologist, has observed that urban violence is concentrated in neighborhoods with mostly single-parent homes. A Michigan State University study found 75 percent of examined adolescent murderers were from fatherless homes. The Centers for Disease Control says 85 percent of children with behavioral disorders have only a mother in the home."'

The heroes at Borderline Bar defy 'toxic masculinity' and demonstrate real sacrifice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Following the tragic shooting at the Borderline Bar in Thousand Oaks this week, where 12 people were shot dead, "Good Morning America" aired an interview with three young women who made it out alive. As they detailed their harrowing tale, they couldn't help but praise the men, complete strangers to them, who had also been at the bar and heroically shielded them from the shooter.

This young woman's statement is remarkable: "There were multiple men that got on their knees and pretty much blocked all of us ... ready to take a bullet for any single one of us," she says, in awe.'

Divorce and child custody: Men cry foul

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mothers often complain about getting the short end of the stick in divorce cases involving child custody, but so do many fathers.

For parents who are trying to juggle shared custody, child support payments and their careers — finding the right life-balance can seem impossible.

Sometimes disagreements escalate into messy legal battles that require judges, attorneys and therapists to step in and help.

In her CNN Original Series, "This is Life," Lisa Ling spoke with fathers who feel the system has let them down.

One is a divorced father who has spent time in jail because he said he couldn't pay his court-ordered child support.'

Women nearly as 'distressed' as men over compulsive sexual urges and behaviour, study finds

Matt · 10 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Of 2,325 U.S. adults surveyed, 10 per cent of men and seven per cent of women met the clinical cut-off point for “compulsive sexual behaviour disorder,” a newly named category of sexual pathology that involves a persistent inability to control intense, repetitive urges and feelings, resulting in repetitive sexual behaviour “that causes marked distress or social impairment.”

Until now, rough estimates pegged the condition’s prevalence at somewhere between one and six per cent of the population, with men assumed to be between two and five times more likely to suffer from the disorder than women.

The researchers hypothesized 20 to 30 per cent of those who met the clinical cut-off point would be women. But the new study, published in JAMA Network Open, found women accounted for 41 per cent of those who qualified for a CSBD diagnosis.

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The assumption that the phenomenon is predominantly male taps into a “sociosexual culture that underlies conceptualizations of masculine ideology,” the authors write — i.e., that male sexuality is “irrepressible” — and that when men get access to more sexual ‘outlets,’ they may be more prone to developing compulsive sexual behaviour.

The feminine ideology, by contrast, marks women as “’sexual gatekeepers,’ who are expected to keep sexual urges in check.”

Dickenson said one possible explanation for the smaller-than-expected gender differences might mean compulsive, distressful sexual behaviour is increasing among women in the wake of a cultural shift toward more “permissive female sexual expression,” and the proliferation of online sexual imagery and casual sex. The internet has created once unimaginable access to sexuality, anonymity and relationships — or at least to the illusion of relationships.'

University wants to help white men deal with whiteness

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Article here.

'A health services initiative at Brown University is promoting the idea that men are socialized only to express anger, which then causes men to show their emotions through violent behavior that must be unlearned.

The health services program wants to create "safe spaces" so male students can express themselves and unlearn the things they've been taught about manhood.

Linda Harvey, president of Mission America, says there are many men of high character and such a demand doesn't reflect reality.

"Nobody wants to be lectured to about some widespread issue of all men are evil," she says. "Most people can see right through that."

Campus Reform reports Brown has the "Unlearning Toxic Masculinity" guide to help those men afflicted with male toxicity.'

Michigan professor challenges women-only UVA scholarships

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A University of Michigan at Flint professor has complained about eight University of Virginia's Darden School of Business scholarships, saying they discriminate against men.

Mark Perry, a professor of economics, sent a complaint to U.Va.'s Title IX office last week about the single-gender, women-only scholarships at Darden, as well as the Forte Foundation Fellows program, which connects females who receive merit-based scholarships to networking and leadership opportunities. He asked the office to investigate whether U.Va. "is engaging in ongoing, systematic and illegal sex/gender-based discrimination, in violation of Title IX standards and U.Va.'s own stated policy of non-discrimination based on gender," according to his complaint. Male students and students who do not identify with either gender are being denied equal access to financial aid, he said.'

Donna Zuckerberg: ‘Social media has elevated misogyny to new levels of violence’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Donna Zuckerberg didn’t expect to spend two years trawling through the corner of the internet defined as “the manosphere”, unpicking the grim alliance between pick-up artists, men’s rights activists, incels (involuntarily celibate men), the far right and the most ardent Make America Great Again advocates.

“It started as a curiosity,” she says, as we video call from her home in Silicon Valley, which she shares with her husband and two children. “But it took on a life of its own.” A classicist with a PhD from Princeton, Zuckerberg edits the online journal Eidolon, publishing scholarly essays on the Greco-Roman world from academics and students.

In the summer of 2015, she noticed an unprecedented level of traffic towards a piece entitled “Why is stoicism having a cultural moment?” and went down a rabbit hole to determine why. The results stunned her: men – or rather, misogynists – were using an armchair enthusiasm for the classics to justify manifestos of hate against women. The results were spreading online under a pseudo-intellectual guise, twisting ancient world philosophy to buttress a contemporary hatred of feminism. And it wasn’t a one-off.

“So, there are online communities that exist under the umbrella of what we know as the Red Pill, which are men connected by common resentments against women, immigrants, people of colour,” she explains. “What I was surprised to find was the extent to which they are using ancient Greek and Roman figures and texts to prop up an ideal of white masculinity.”'

Sex doll parties on the rise

Matt · 12 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Well women have dildo parties, right? Fair's fair. Excerpt:

'Sex doll enthusiasts, including single and married men, descended on the exclusive gathering in Texas last weekend to meet like-minded hobbyists who share the same fascination with fake plastic women.

At the three-day meet-and-greet, more than 30 human-like sex dolls were displayed by attendees in a pageant-style presentation.

Guests did not have sex with the dolls, but “checking them out” and fondling with their breasts was “very much an accepted thing”, one party-goer said.

Besides from admiring and touching each other’s dolls, guests drank beer, shot guns and “did guy stuff”.

These gatherings, which happen two to three times a year in different US states, are part of the burgeoning sex doll zeitgeist currently sweeping the globe.

Men in the US and across the world are starting to chose sex dolls over real women in growing numbers, with manufacturers such as RealDoll capitalising on the booming demand.'

Ireland to Establish ‘Women-Only’ College Teaching Positions

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'In an op-ed for the Irish Independent, Minister Mary Mitchell O’Connor writes that in order to “accelerate” gender equality in Irish Higher Education Institutions, she is creating “female-only professorial posts within our universities and institutes of technologies.”

These “radical changes” are necessary, Ms. Mitchell O’Connor insists, to ensure a more equal playing field.

Many women, “who are as capable and efficient as their male peers,” Mitchell O’Connor writes, “still work in an environment where their gender holds them back. Let’s call it what it is: gender inequality.”

Anticipating some “minor backlash,” Ms. Mitchell O’Connor argues that the move does not discriminate against men but simply addresses the “paltry proportion” of women in senior third-level positions.'

Ireland: Female-only university posts set to be challenged in courts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Government is braced for legal challenges to its plan to fund women-only posts in universities.

But a solicitor who specialises in employment law has said the plan would likely stand up to any challenge under equality legislation.

"There may be an equality issue there. But they are allowed to have a bias towards female roles if there is specific policy there," said Claire McDermott, of the Flynn O'Driscoll law firm.'

UK: Very mad men: We've been forced out, say white male advertising execs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of "white, male, straight, British" executives have claimed they were victims of discrimination after being made redundant by one of London's top advertising agencies.

They reportedly lost their jobs at J Walter Thompson (JWT) agency in the summer following a speech by creative director Jo Wallace saying she wanted to "obliterate" its reputation as a "Knightsbridge boys' club".

Shortly after the conference in May the men went to JWT's HR department to express concerns about the implications for their career prospects, according to the advertising industry magazine Campaign.

The executives are understood to have engaged lawyers about bringing a possible discrimination case on grounds of gender, race, nationality and sexuality.

If a legal case goes ahead it is likely to be seen as a major test case at a time when many employers are trying to boost female representation at senior levels to close the gender gap.'

Director of film about domestic violence faces criticism from mens rights activists for focusing on women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"It is impossible to have an open discussion about something as black and white as men shouldn't be killing women," he said. "All you get are so-called men's rights activists shouting everything down and saying 'what about men', even though the statistics clearly show that six of every seven victims of abuse are women, and men use violence and kill far, far more often than women do."
...
Anthea Sully, chief executive at White Ribbon UK said: "For real change to occur, men must understand the systems in place that give rise to toxic masculinity and male violence towards women.

"This film powerfully shows the impact of abuse in all its forms in relationships. White Ribbon UK asks men to take responsibility in ending male violence against women by being active bystanders, calling out abuse and sexism among their peers; talking openly about the male cultures that can lead to abuse and why men must take a stand against them".'

Italy: Why activists believe Italy's divorce reforms would be terrible for women and children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In Rome, 100 women from feminist movement Non Una di Meno made their way from the Colosseum to the Capitoline Hill dressed as handmaids from Margaret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale. From Milan to Naples, women's associations, trade unions and more joined together to request that the bill, proposed by conservative senator Simone Pillon of the League, be withdrawn amidst fears that it risks turning the clock back 50 years for women, children and survivors of domestic abuse.

The bill is founded upon what Pillon calls "perfect shared parenting". If it passes, any couple wishing to seek a divorce with children who are legally minors will be obliged to go through an obligatory mediation process that they have to pay for. With a professional mediator – Pillon is one himself, leading to accusations of conflict of interest – they must draw up a parenting plan deciding everything from residence to schooling to holidays.
...
His bill claims to tackle so-called "parental alienation syndrome", a controversial theory that one parent can manipulate the couple's children to reject the other parent. Developed by American psychiatrist Richard Gardner in the 1980s, the theory is not backed up by research and has been criticized for placing abused women and children at further risk by allowing violent fathers to manipulate custody battles and insist upon continued access.'

Pelosi warns against ousting a woman

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nancy Pelosi is making gender a central part of her bid to reclaim the speaker's gavel — leaning hard into the pitch that Democrats cannot oust the only woman at their leadership table following a historic election for women.

In addition to arguing she's the best qualified for the job, the California Democrat and her allies are also framing a Pelosi victory as a matter of protecting political progress for women at a critical moment. Push her out, and men may take over the party at a time when more than 100 women are heading to Capitol Hill and after female voters have been thoroughly alienated by President Donald Trump. Embrace her, and she'll prioritize legislation empowering women on issues ranging from equal pay to anti-harassment legislation.

"I think it would look ridiculous if we win back the House … we have a pink wave with women who have brought back the House, then you're going to not elect the leader who led the way? No," said Rep. Lois Frankel (D-Fla.), who leads the Democratic Women's Working Group. "That would be wrong."'

UK: March For Men, London, November 18

Matt · 14 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Site here. Excerpt:

'MESSAGES FOR MEN

A conference conveying positive messages for men by activists, academics and authors.

Join us as we peacefully March For Men in London, UK on 18th November 2018. Then follow on to the Messages for Men conference.

The march meets at 11am outside the Royal Courts of Justice to leave at 12, the conference is ticketed – and sold out last year, so please purchase a ticket before the day to avoid disappointment.'

Women-only wealth manager network rolled out in the UK

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Raymond James has launched the Women Wealth Manager Network (WWMN) in the UK, with the aim of supporting and retaining female wealth mangers and to encourage women into becoming wealth professionals.

Women's share of wealth is growing rapidly – as a recent Credit Suisse report showed. Women account for 40% of the world's wealth and female investors are more likely to choose and work with a diverse wealth management team.

As a result of this demographic shift, Raymond James has set up the WWMN, established for women by women to share best practice, mentor, network and develop events.

The UK launch marks the third such Raymond James' network, following ones in the US and Canada. The US Women Adviser Network started 24 years ago.

The WWMN is also open to paraplanners and women working through their qualifications.

"This network has been created by women for women. We want to more accurately reflect the world around us where female investors are rightly gaining more power and influence," said Nicola Tomlin, branch principal of Raymond James Solent.'

UK: MP claims men have ‘lost their voice’ ahead of debate on International Men’s Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Political correctness has “neutered” men to such an extent that they have lost their voice, a Tory MP has claimed ahead of a debate on International Men’s Day.

Philip Davies, the Conservative MP for Shipley, made the comments hours before a general debate in the Commons, which will discuss International Men’s Day for the first time.

Last year Labour MP Jess Phillips said she felt as though “every day” was International Men’s Day when Mr Davies asked the backbench business committee in Westminster to allocate time to a discussion. International Women’s Day itself dates back to the early 20th century and in some countries is observed as an official holiday.'

NZ: False rape claim: Teen serves 10 years

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A teenage boy wrongly accused of rape spent nearly 10 years in prison even though the so-called victim confessed to making up the sex allegations shortly after the trial.

The 17-year-old, Patrick*, was labelled a "dangerous sexual predator" by the judge who sentenced him to 4½ years in prison in 2005.

He was found guilty of multiple sexual assaults against another teenage boy, despite his adamant denials, in a trial where the the jury also heard Patrick - a victim of sexual abuse himself - admitted indecently touching a young girl.

Less than a year later, the teenage complainant, Mark*, admitted to his Child Youth and Family caregivers he "made it all up" because of jealousy.'

Male sex trafficking victims ignored

Matt · 15 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Like many victims of a Connecticut sex trafficking ring that preyed on troubled young men and teenage boys for more than 20 years, Samuel Marino never told his family or police about being coerced into sexual relations with much older men.

Marino ended up carjacking vehicles from two different women in 2009 and leading police on a chase that left him dead at just 26 years old. In a handwritten note found years later in a raid on one of the suspected sex trafficking ring leader's homes, Marino wrote he was angry, ashamed and disgusted at how he was taken advantage of.
...
The case has illuminated what victims and advocates call the underreported scourge of male sex trafficking. While both male and female trafficking victims suffer trauma and other psychological scars, data suggest men and boys are less likely to come forward and when they do they are more likely to have difficulties finding counseling and other services, victims and advocates say.'

Article on "sex recession" ignores the obvious

Matt · 15 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gen Xers and Baby Boomers may also be having less sex today than previous generations did at the same age. From the late 1990s to 2014, Twenge found, drawing on data from the General Social Survey, the average adult went from having sex 62 times a year to 54 times. A given person might not notice this decrease, but nationally, it adds up to a lot of missing sex. Twenge recently took a look at the latest General Social Survey data, from 2016, and told me that in the two years following her study, sexual frequency fell even further.

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Fisher, like many other experts, attributes the sex decline to a decline in couplehood among young people. For a quarter century, fewer people have been marrying, and those who do have been marrying later. At first, many observers figured that the decline in marriage was explained by an increase in unmarried cohabitation—yet the share of people living together hasn't risen enough to offset the decline in marriage: About 60 percent of adults under age 35 now live without a spouse or a partner. One in three adults in this age range live with their parents, making that the most common living arrangement for the cohort. People who live with a romantic partner tend to have sex more than those who don't—and living with your parents is obviously bad for your sex life. But this doesn't explain why young people are partnering up less to begin with.

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For nearly a decade, stories in the Western press have tied Japan's sexual funk to a rising generation of soushoku danshi—literally, "grass-eating boys." These "herbivore men," as they are known in English, are said to be ambivalent about pursuing either women or conventional success. The new taxonomy of Japanese sexlessness also includes terms for groups such as hikikomori ("shut-ins"), parasaito shinguru ("parasite singles," people who live with their parents beyond their 20s), and otaku ("obsessive fans," especially of anime and manga)—all of whom are said to contribute to sekkusu shinai shokogun("celibacy syndrome").

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In their 2015 book, Modern Romance, the sociologist Eric Klinenberg and the comedian Aziz Ansari (who earlier this year became infamous for a hookup gone awry) describe Ansari's visit to Japan seeking insights into the future of sex. He concluded that much of what he'd read about herbivore men missed the mark. Herbivores, he found, were "interested in sexual pleasure"—just not "through traditional routes." Among Japan's more popular recent innovations, he notes, is "a single-use silicone egg that men fill with lubricant and masturbate inside." One night in Tokyo, Ansari picks one up at a convenience store, heads back to his hotel, and—sorry for the visual—gives it a go. He finds it cold and awkward, but understands its purpose. "It was a way," he writes, "to avoid putting yourself out there and having an actual experience with another person."'

US: Latest jobs report missing 500,000 men

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Video here. Millenial men's job market participation continues its decline. Not good --idle hands, as they say.

County Board votes in favor of settlements in false rape claim case, jail death lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cook County commissioners voted to approve a $3.7 million settlement for a lawsuit alleging that a homeless man was wrongly imprisoned after a clerk at the Daley Center fabricated a rape claim as part of a scheme to sue the county.

Commissioners also voted Wednesday to approve a $1.95 million settlement for a lawsuit alleging that a woman who suffered brain damage from an earlier stroke died in 2016 after falling while in custody at the Cook County Jail due to negligent care. The woman, Donna Gonzalez, was a high-risk patient who required constant nursing supervision to protect her from falls but didn't receive it, leading to numerous falls and her death, her attorney said.

In the wrongful conviction claim, Carl Chatman was sentenced to 30 years in prison for a purported May 2002 assault at the Daley Center after Chicago police said the alleged victim identified Chatman as her attacker and that he confessed. Chatman has been diagnosed with schizophrenia and has a low IQ.'

Report: DeVos Campus Sex Assault Rules to Include Due Process for Accused

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'The federal education department is poised to release new rules for campus sex assault allegations that do not automatically assume the accusations are truthful, a Washington Post report says.
The overhaul of Obama-era Title IX campus sex assault policies is expected to provide due process for those accused of sexual misconduct, including the ability to cross-examine their accusers.

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According to the report, the proposed regulations will be released before Thanksgiving, and possibly even this week.

“The new rules would reduce liability for universities, tighten the definition of sexual harassment, and allow schools to use a higher standard in evaluating claims of sexual harassment and assault,” states WaPo.'

How a False Statistic on Sexual Harassment Spreads

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'It was the sort of headline that jumps off the page: “56 percent of Baylor students have experienced sexual harassment by a faculty member, per report.”

In an era of inflamed interest spurred by Me Too and the lightning-quick spread of information (valid and not) through social media, a Fort Worth Star-Telegram article published Wednesday based on misinterpreted data drew national attention as other journalists and many others spread the word about it on Twitter. The article pulled from a Big 12 Conference report that used misinterpreted data from a 2017 Baylor University campus climate survey.

The problem is, the statistic is flat out inaccurate, and the incident shows how quickly misinformation can spread when it aligns with popular narratives.'

Online sexual-assault list should make us all scared

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'In our digital world where there's an app for just about everything, it should come as no surprise that vigilante justice is finding platforms. Case in point: a University of Washington student-run website called "Make Them Scared."

"Do you know the name of someone who has committed sexual assault or harassment? We are collecting names for the world to see." The invitation circulated via flier around the Seattle campus at the beginning of this fall's quarter.

The purpose of publishing rape allegations online is twofold: To alert potential victims for the sake of safety and to punish alleged perpetrators by making their misdeeds public.

But websites like this cross a dangerous line. Online shaming platforms are a cheap substitute for fair, thorough criminal proceedings.'

A false accuser's profile: Rape Crisis Center presents fake claim workshop

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'"Most false reports aren't because they're trying to put someone in jail. It's because they have some other motive: they need medication, they need an alibi, they're trying to get out of trouble, they have a factitious disorder," said Service.

Service says most false accusers don't even name a perpetrator. Which made us wonder: Why are fake rape claims such a concern if they are so rare? That's a question Service has too.

"Why are we prioritizing the rights of perpetrators and the reputations of perpetrators over rape victims and them getting justice," asked Service.

According to the Rape Crisis Center, the main reasons for false reports are to avoid trouble, seeking medical help, mental illness and personal gain.'

Woman charged after accusing deputy of rape has continued to stalk him, prosecutor says

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'A Charlotte woman who was charged with falsifying a rape accusation against an Eaton County Sheriff's Office deputy now faces an additional charge of aggravated stalking.

Already facing 10 felonies and four misdemeanors in connection with the false accusation, Kellie Bartlett, 35, was accused of recently stalking the deputy she had been ordered to stay away from, Barry County Prosecutor Julie Nakfoor Pratt said.

...

Bartlett filed a complaint with Michigan State Police in January, reporting the deputy had sexually assaulted her in March 2017. The investigation, however, determined Bartlett was a "willing and consenting partner in this act," Michigan State Police Detective Sgt. Erik Darling testified in a hearing that led to criminal charges.

She and the deputy began a relationship in late 2015, and ended the relationship in spring 2017. Once their relationship ended, Bartlett began stalking the deputy, Darling said.'

"No Nut November"?

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'While some believe No Nut November will make them feel stronger and more energetic, many partners think it's actually wreaking havoc on their relationships.

In fact, one anonymous user took to Reddit to voice her frustration, revealing it was "harming [their] relationship".

"My new boyfriend refuses to quit ‘No Nut November’ and it is actively harming our relationship," she explained.

"I thought that the ‘challenge’ only involved masturbation, but apparently that is not the case."'

Home DNA tests doom anonymity for sperm, egg donors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'All Ryan Kramer had to do was to swab his cheek and embark on nine days of geneological research to identify his biological father, a man who thought he would remain anonymous when he donated his sperm and never took a DNA test himself.

The year was 2005, when consumer DNA tests were in their infancy. Kramer was 15.

Thirteen years later, the explosion of individual DNA test kits has opened the floodgates for people who were born from sperm or egg donations. Increasing numbers of people are using the technology to uncover the identities of their donors.

In the growing field of assisted reproduction, donors used to be guaranteed anonymity.'

Male Teacher Reportedly Punished for Refusing to Watch Girl Undress in Boys Locker Room

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'Common sense is dying in America, little by little, every day as political correctness and progressive policies take hold.

A supreme example of that is coming out of Pasco County in Florida, where a male teacher was reportedly punished for refusing to observe a girl getting undressed in a boy's school locker room.

According to a warning sent to a Pasco County school district chairwoman, the non-profit Liberty Counsel litigation organization says the parents of a female student at Chasco Middle School — northwest of Tampa — determined this school year that they want their daughter to not only be referred to as "he" or "him" but be allowed to use the boys bathrooms and locker rooms. The school complied.
...
Robert felt it wasn't right to be in there when there's a "girl potentially being nude or undressed in that area" because of the "open locker area" and "open showers." Yet he is required as part of his P.E. job to "periodically walk in and supervise."

"Robert will not knowingly place himself in a position to observe a minor female in the nude or otherwise in a state of undress," the letter states.

He's not the only person uncomfortable with a girl — who says she identifies as a boy — being in such a private, males-only area.'

ACLU Criticized for Suggesting Title IX Proposal ‘Inappropriately’ Favors the Accused

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'The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is receiving pushback after suggesting a U.S. Department of Education proposal for Title IX reform “inappropriately” favored the accused, on Twitter Friday.

The DOE released a proposal with sweeping changes to Title IX, a federal civil rights law that prohibits sex-based discrimination in education programs receiving government financial assistance. Changes ranged from narrowing the definition of “sexual harassment” to stronger protections for the accused.

...

"So, not only did we get to see the ACLU abandon its core mission/letters in real time today, but we’re about to see it get ratio’d? Twitter is great!” Competitive Enterprise Institutesenior fellow Marc Scribdner tweeted.'

Do women do better in Congress than men?

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'Days after she won re-election, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand embarked on a media tour to promote her new children's book about the fight for women's suffrage. She has said she will think about running for president.

In an interview on Good Morning America, Gillibrand, Democrat from New York, talked about how thrilled she is that more women are getting involved in politics, by voting and running for office.

"Studies even show that when women go to Congress they get more things done - more bipartisan effort, more bills passed," she said.

...

The narrative that "women in Congress are more likely than men to collaborate, solve problems, and get the nation's business done," isn't true, wrote two political scientists.'

False accusation exposed due to selfie

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'Cristopher “CJ” Precopia very nearly spent the rest of his life in prison after being accused of assault by his ex-girlfriend.

The woman, who despite obviously reporting a false crime has still not been named or charged, claimed Precopia broke into her house and attacked her with a box cutter, slashing an “X” into her chest. Based on her story and the cleanly sliced “X” on her chest, Precopia was arrested.

The 21-year-old Williamson County, TX, man told KVUE News he was confused when he was arrested on September 22, 2017 at the lumber yard where he worked. He couldn’t remember when he last spoke to the woman, whom he had dated years earlier in high school.
...
It took nine months for the charges against Precopia to be dropped. His accuser told police she made the accusation because the two had a difficult relationship years ago in high school.'

Prof: College drinking culture is associated with whiteness, ‘toxic masculinity’

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'A professor at Columbia University gave a presentation last Friday in which she expressed dismay at how campus drinking culture “is riddled with toxic power structures.”

This may come as little surprise as Jennifer Hirsch’s talk — “The Toxic Campus Brew: Whiteness, Masculinity, Drinking Laws, Stress and Shame” — addressed the sociological implications of college drinking regarding the alleged “pervasiveness of whiteness and toxic masculinity.”

Hirsch is co-director of the Columbia Population Research Center and a member of the school’s Department of Sociomedical Studies.'

Study Claims Male Gamers Perpetuate ‘Technomasculinity’

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'Men can’t win. After enduring decades of being called “losers” or “basement dwelling neck beards” while simultaneously being accused of male privilege, now male gamers are being accused of perpetuating “technomasculinity.”

It’s like “toxic masculinity,” but in video games. A “study” from University of Idaho professor Robin Johnson claimed that technomasculinity is “an expression of masculinity that is oriented toward the mastery of technology and skilled use of technological tools and systems.”
...
Basically, someone made up a word to describe male technical interest and achievement, and using social justice buzzwords, turned that prowess into something anti-woman. In reality, constantly calling men’s actions oppressive is a form of misandry.'

UK: Sexual assault cases: Guilty until proven innocent?

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'"But from the moment the police questioned me they assumed I was guilty. It took nearly 18 months and a court case to prove them wrong."

John is a father-of-two. BBC News NI has agreed to call him John as he fears repercussions if he uses his real name.

He was acquitted on charges of rape and sexual assault. During the trial, it emerged that his accuser had previously made false allegations of rape against other men.
...
While all alleged rape victims are granted anonymity for life, like all defendants in a rape trial, John was publicly named.

He lost his partner, a well-paid job, friends and his home.

Experiences such as John's are being considered by an independent review into how Northern Ireland's criminal justice system deals with serious sexual offence cases, which is looking at how victims, witnesses and those accused are treated when a case moves through the courts.'

Nancy Pelosi is using gender to win over progressives in her fight to become House speaker

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'House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi says she is confident that she's the best choice to be the next speaker of the House — and that a movement against her within her own party is motivated by sexism.

Pelosi has long said that she remained in Democratic leadership after Hillary Clinton's 2016 loss because without her men would have dominated the highest levels of American politics.

"You cannot have the four leaders of Congress [and] the president of the United States, these five people, and not have the voice of women," Pelosi said during a Sunday interview on CBS. "Especially since women were the majority of the voters, the workers in campaigns, and now part of this glorious victory."

Pelosi's defenders have suggested that her demonization by the right is deeply infused with sexism.

"Don't like Pelosi, but can't quite articulate why? Felt the same way about Hillary Clinton? Time for some deep self-reflection about gender bias and leadership," Jennifer Victor, a political science professor at George Mason University, wrote in a tweet that went viral last week.'

Journo shares videos of Antifa attacking the #HimToo rally in Portland

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Journalist and photographer Andy Ngo reports that he and others was assaulted by Antifa protesters at this weekend's #HimToo rally in Portland, Ore. while Portland Police just sat by and did nothing.'

5 Signs You're In The Midst Of A Moral Panic

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'Moral panics, or instances of mass hysteria, have occurred throughout history. Two of the most notorious are the Salem Witch Trials of the 1690s and the Satanic Panic of the 1980s and '90s. The panics almost exclusively involve women and children and fears for their safety, especially from sexual abuse.

We are in the midst of another such panic, but despite the similarities to past episodes, we are still unable to recognize it as such. The current panic has been playing out in the military and on college campuses for nearly a decade, but with the advent of the #MeToo movement, the mass hysteria is creeping into our regular legal system as well. The following are five of the biggest signs that we are experiencing another bout of mass hysteria, this time over sexual assault and harassment.'

Book Review - "Female Behavioral Economics: How Female Swarm Intelligence Sorts and Filters Men"

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From none other than J Steven Svoboda. Download the full review here. Excerpt:

'German lawyer and economist Florian Willet has published a remarkable book. Female Behavioral Economics: How Female Swarm Intelligence Sorts and Filters Men turns out to be outstanding in mostly desirable ways though a bit of “personality” comes through in the end. Warning: this review contains a lot of quotes from the book but I can’t help myself as it’s so well written and engaging.

I had the great pleasure of meeting the author at a conference last year. He is relatively young, (for what it’s worth) completed at least one New York City Marathon in the upper 1% of participants, and is brilliant. Willet explains many aspects of women’s behavior in a way that mostly leans towards insightful objectivity. Why, for example, do women appear to get so incensed “when men behave completely according to their nature?” They have learned through evolution that reliance on each other’s judgments of men (the “swarm intelligence” of the title) leverages the value of their own evaluations and provides a form of insurance against idiosyncratic misjudgments, be they false positives or false negatives.

Willet nails the existential differences between (straight) men and (straight) women. “Only men who stand out in the most entertaining and exceptional way will gain the most privileged access to women. Women, meanwhile, always have sexual access to men whether these women are kindergarten teachers or executives. To avoid being overlooked, men have to paint a picture of themselves as different from other men. Women are not overlooked because they can catch the eye at any time by simply appearing in a low-cut blouse.” Or more succinctly, “There are no ‘masculine wiles’.” And “there is no male version of the Cinderella tale.”

If you are a woman of average attractiveness, you have no problem finding a man, but a man in the middle may have to engage in huge risk-taking to have a chance to find a woman. “Men have to embrace risks that women are spared. This is their duty to themselves as men.” Another way of formulating the same point comes later when the author writes, “In their partner selection, women have molded men into all-or-nothing players.” “The many male corpses on the field of history were the price which had to be paid to determine the winners. And winners have always been necessary so that women could identify the most attractive sexual partners.”'

A suicide at the University of Texas Reveals Dark Side of #MeToo Movement

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'Before killing himself with a drug intended for rapid and painless animal euthanasia, Richard A. Morrisett had endured a nightmare at the University of Texas in Austin. The 57-year-old tenured professor of pharmacology and toxicology was once a rising star in the College of Pharmacy – a man regarded as a first-rate research scientist and teacher during his 21 years at the state's flagship university. Morrisett's research offered new insights into alcohol-related brain disorders and alcoholism – an arcane area of research among neuroscientists. Some colleagues called him “brilliant.”

Morrisett's career, however, was destroyed by a single newspaper article. Published by the Austin American-Statesman, a metropolitan daily, the article dredged up an ugly episode from Morrisett's past – a domestic violence incident involving his girlfriend at the time. It was the sort of inexcusable incident that, sadly, the police and courts handle all the time. There were no serious injuries; it hadn't even merited a headline when it occurred on May 28, 2016. Morrisett, in a plea deal, pleaded guilty to a 3rd degree felony. He was sentenced to four years of probation, called community supervision in Texas, and ordered to receive counseling, take a class on avoiding family violence, and perform 100 hours of community service. Morrisett had thought he was moving on with his life. He had accepted responsibility for his actions and, moreover, had put an apparently volatile and dysfunctional relationship behind him.

Then, more than a year and a half after the incident, a Statesman reporter contacted Morrisett about the domestic violence case. On his lawyer's advice, Morrisett declined to comment. And not long after that, on Thursday, January 25, his nightmare began: He woke up to see a banner headline across the Statesman's front page: “UT declined to sanction professor who pleaded guilty to violent felony.” The incident had suddenly become timely – tied as it was to the #MeToo movement that, starting one year ago with Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein, has since targeted and disgraced a number of prominent or famous men for being sexual predators and abusers.

Until the Statesman's article, only a handful of people knew about the incident, mainly in the criminal-justice system and at the University of Texas. But the #MeToo movement changed all that; or as the Statesman explained: “The case comes to light at a time of heightened concern at colleges and universities, and more broadly across American society, about sexual assault and interpersonal violence.”

The Statesman's article set off a media feeding frenzy and campus uproar. Overnight, Morrisett became Public Enemy No. 1. Enraged that a domestic violence abuser was in their midst, many students staged peaceful anti-Morrisett protests, chanting and marching while shadowed by campus police. Radical leftist students, however, went on a rampage. One night, students apparently affiliated with the Revolutionary Student Front, a communist group, stormed the College of Pharmacy like the blood-thirsty mob that stormed the Bastille. They spray painted the building's front stone facade with red paint reading: “UT harbors abusers.” Nearby on the sidewalk, they wrote: “Watch your back, Richard.” And Morrisett's office door was spray painted: “Get out Morrisett or else!” The graffiti was signed with hammer and sickle symbols, and later posted on the website of the local Revolutionary Student Front.'

Australia: Gentrification leaves poor at risk of homelessness & imprisonment

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Advocates, media and politicians only concerned about the women. Link here. Excerpt:

'Channel Nine's purchase of the 1930s mansion, which in its prime could house up to 120 people, was welcomed last year by St Kilda residents...
...
At the time, the local council and state government worked with housing services in St Kilda to find new accommodation, mostly outside the area, for its remaining occupants, who were evicted in time for filming to commence.

But many of those tenancies were unsustainable and fell through, homelessness support workers say, and because of an acute lack of crisis accommodation across Melbourne, dozens were dispersed onto the streets.

This includes at least 32 women who have since been charged and imprisoned for offences lawyers and support workers say are directly related to their homelessness — an issue that affects all genders but which leaves women particularly vulnerable.
...
"Sleeping rough is extremely unsafe for women so many use drugs to keep themselves awake at night, which provides them with a false sense of security."
...
The most recent Annual Prisoner Statistical Profile, released by Corrections Victoria, shows the number of female prisoners in Victoria has doubled in the past 10 years to 507 (the state's male prison population has risen less dramatically during the period, up almost 70 per cent to 6,644).
...
The report detailed the well-established links between homelessness and imprisonment — both prior to people being taken into custody and after release — with national research in 2012 finding 52 per cent of female prisoners had been "sleeping rough" or living in short-term or emergency accommodation in the month prior to being incarcerated.
...
"The nature of women's offending also means many are in prison for such a short period that they won't qualify for support programs to help address the issues that led to their criminalisation ... they're also often released before they can be referred to appropriate housing, if it is available."'

Judge dismisses female genital mutilation charges in historic case

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'In a major blow to the federal government, a judge in Detroit has declared America's female genital mutilation law unconstitutional, thereby dismissing the key charges against two Michigan doctors and six others accused of subjecting at least nine minor girls to the cutting procedure in the nation's first FGM case.

The historic case involves minor girls from Michigan, Illinois and Minnesota, including some who cried, screamed and bled during the procedure and one who was given Valium ground in liquid Tylenol to keep her calm, court records show.

The judge's ruling also dismissed charges against three mothers, including two Minnesota women whom prosecutors said tricked their 7 -year-old daughters into thinking they were coming to metro Detroit for a girls' weekend, but instead had their genitals cut at a Livonia clinic as part of a religious procedure.'

How many husbands control the votes of their wives? We'll never know

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'Progressive organizer Annabel Park told the story that made me start to wonder. “I can’t stop thinking about this woman I met while doorknocking for Beto in Dallas,” Annabel wrote on social media a few days before the midterm elections.

“She lived in a sprawling low-income apartment complex. After I knocked a couple of times, she answered the door with her husband just behind her. She looked petrified and her husband looked menacing behind her. When I made my pitch about Senate candidate Beto O’Rourke, her husband yelled, ‘We’re not interested.’ She looked at me and silently mouthed, ‘I support Beto.’ Before I could respond, she quickly closed the door.”

Annabel told me afterwards, “It’s been on my mind. Did she get beaten? That was my fear.”

There’s a form of voter intimidation that widespread and unacknowledged. It’s the husbands who bully and silence and control their wives, as witnessed by dozens of door-to-door canvassers across the country I heard from.'

Education Department probes claims of anti-male bias in women's studies programs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At home in Turkey, Kursat Pekgoz considered himself a feminist. In the world of American higher education, where he is now pursuing a doctorate in English literature, the 30-year-old activist says it is men who are being treated unfairly.

Arguing that campus resource groups for women and women's studies programs amount to discrimination against men, Pekgoz has filed federal complaints against several universities with the backing of the National Coalition for Men, an American men's rights organization.
...
The Yale Women Innovators, a weekly event series, is discriminatory, Pekgoz argues, because it says it is open to "all Yale women and non-binary femme students, alumni, faculty staff and community members." At Princeton, he said in another complaint, the university treats male students unfairly by offering a course on defending against sexual assault only to women.'

#MeToo empowers anti-men zealots

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'Watch out, stay calm, don't go the way of the French Revolution that replaced tyrants with worse tyrants, chopping off innocent heads by way of self-righteous evil. That's what some might want to say to the #MeToo movement as it besmirches its truly noble objectives by some telling us that Brett Kavanaugh is guilty until he impossibly proves he isn't, that women never lie, that masculinity is toxic and that trusting old, white men is swimming with the sharks.

Sexual assault is obviously an abomination that must be fought, and it was impossible not to sympathize with Kavanaugh's accuser, Christine Blasey Ford, as she testified at a Senate hearing on national TV. She was clearly troubled, emotionally wrought, almost surely a victim of some horror at some time. But her story bounces all over the place and has no corroboration at all. None. Among those she said were at a party where attempted rape occurred was a best friend who gently says, well, no, she was never there, and there is almost unquestionably nothing there in some of the yarns of others who have lined up behind Dr. Ford.'

I was fired from union job over ‘anti-male atmosphere’: suit

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'A union secretary says he was fired for being a guy — citing a female supervisor’s poster that declared, “Women on the Rise” as Exhibit A in an unusual gender-discrimination lawsuit.

Staten Island resident Manuel Garcia was hired as an administrative assistant in 2011 by the Office and Professional Employees International Union, which represents 125,000 white-collar workers.

He was promoted to administrative clerk in a Manhattan office, where he was the only man among a staff of 13, he says in court papers.

Garcia, 52, claims he was “subjected to disparate treatment due to his gender (male), such as not being allowed to perform his responsibilities in QuickBooks and if he made a mistake he was not allowed to correct it, unlike the similarly situated female employees.”

“Female employees were allowed to have a lunch at their desk while [Garcia] was not allowed to do so,” he claims in the Manhattan Supreme Court suit.

He was canned in March and replaced by a woman, according to court papers.

He says supervisor Mary Mahoney fostered an “anti-male atmosphere” by displaying the “Women on the Rise” poster in the office.

But the union’s lawyer, Jane Barker, called the allegations “defamatory, false and scurrilous.”'

Ocasio-Cortez: Pelosi opposition mostly white men, doesn't reflect 'diversity of the party'

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'Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez dismissed the growing opposition to Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's potential House speakership as a group of mostly white men who have no vision and no common value."

A group of 16 Democrats signed a letter Monday vowing to blocking Mrs. Pelosifrom returning to her role as speaker after Democrats reclaimed their majority in the midterm elections. The letter, signed mostly by white men, with the exception of Reps. Kathleen Rice and Linda Sanchez, argues that Democrats won back the House on a "message of change" and that shaking up the party's leadership would deliver on that message.
...

"If anything, I think that what it does is that it creates a window where we could potentially get more conservative leadership," she said. "And when you actually look at the signatories, it is not necessarily reflective of the diversity of the party. We have about 16 signatories, 14 of them are male. There are very few people of color in the caucus. There's very few ideological diversity. It's not like there are progressives that are signing on. It's not like you have a broad-based coalition.'

UK: Student leader who vowed to paint over mural to WWI's 'white men' resigns her post

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'A university students' union president who sparked outrage when she called for a mural in memory of First World War soldiers to be painted over has stood down from her role.

Emily Dawes posted on Twitter in October the Rothenstein Mural at the University of Southampton should be removed because it only featured "white men".

She had tweeted: "Mark my words - we're taking down the mural of white men in the uni Senate room, even if I have to paint over it myself."
...
The mural was painted by Sir William Rothenstein in 1916 as a memorial to members of British universities who served in the war and was presented to Southampton in 1959 by the artist's son.'

Woman arrested for assaulting anti-DV protesters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Authorities arrested left-wing Antifa protester Hannah McClintock on a harassment charge, and arrested five others on other charges, including interfering with a peace officer and disorderly conduct, the Portland Police Bureau said in a statement.

A video of the encounter shot by independent journalist Andy C. Ngo showed McClintock allegedly confronting the male demonstrators attending the rally.

The rally put a spotlight on male victims of sexual abuse and those falsely accused of sexual harassment. Left-wing counter-protesters also showed up to disrupt the rally and harass the attendees of the event.

The female protester allegedly egged on the male demonstrators while she spat on them, repeatedly yelling the word “b****,” according to the video.'

Video: https://youtu.be/VlBv9rFVuGI?t=817

Australian Attorney-General's Department: "Supporting women to recover financially after separation"

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Link here. Excerpt:

'Women and their families will soon benefit from a new package of measures that will provide expanded legal and social support to victims of family violence, and additional services to help families resolve family law disputes.

On 20 November 2018, the Australian Government announced a package of measures to improve women's economic security – the Women's Economic Security Package (WESP).

The WESP includes $98.4 million in new funding for family law services and initiatives, to commence in the 2019-2020 financial year.'

Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian says men are unhealthy, insecure, and paralyzed by patriarchy

Matt · 22 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Some know Alexis Ohanian as the most supportive husband ever. But the co-founder of Reddit and Initialized Capital, an early-stage venture capital fund, really proved his chops this month when Deborah Barros, a candidate for the Alabama state senate, called out the double-standard between men and women's ability to publicly express emotion.

"Funny how a black female tennis player is held to a higher standard to keep her emotions in check than a Supreme Court nominee," Barros wrote in a now-deleted tweet.

She was referring to the tennis phenom Serena Williams, who is Ohanian's wife, and Brett Kavanaugh, the now-confirmed Supreme Court justice whose emotional US Senate confirmation hearings raised questions about his judicial temperament.

"It's not funny, it's bullshit," Ohanian replied. It was just one of many instancesin which Ohanian uses his platform—as a widely followed tech mogul and as the husband of one of the world's top athletes—to advocate on behalf of racial and gender equality.'

Moroccan woman in UAE 'killed lover and cooked him'

Matt · 22 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Moroccan woman has been accused of killing her lover and serving up his remains to Pakistani workers in the United Arab Emirates, prosecutors say.

The woman killed her boyfriend three months ago, they say, but the crime was only recently discovered when a human tooth was found inside her blender.

She confessed to police, calling it a moment of "insanity", state-owned newspaper The National reports.

The woman, who is in her 30s, will go on trial pending an investigation.
...
According to police, the woman first told the brother she had kicked the victim out of the home. But Dubai-based Gulf News said she later collapsed and admitted the killing under police questioning.

She reportedly said she had enlisted the help of friend to help clear up her apartment after the killing.

The accused has reportedly been sent to hospital for mental health checks.'

UK: Growing number of men reporting domestic violence to police, ONS figures reveal

Matt · 23 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The article suggests the drop in reports from women isn't real, in a sense. Oy. I also wonder how the report defines DV. Excerpt:

'Record numbers of men are reporting domestic abuse by their partners to police - as the proportion of women victims turning to police has fallen, official figures have revealed.

The proportion of male victims who told police about their domestic abuse increased from 10.4% in 2014-15 to 14.7% this year as charities said more men were shaking off the stigma of talking about their suffering.

However, the figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) showed it coincided with a sharp drop in the proportion of women victims reporting their abuse to police, down from 25.8% to 18.4% over the same period.

Campaigners suggested one reason could be increasing delays in over-stretched police forces being able to send officers promptly to domestic abuse incidents, giving the perpetrators more time to bully their victims into not making a complaint.

Just over one in 25 men (4.2%) of men said they had suffered domestic abuse - which includes violence, a similar level to the previous year. The proportion of women who experienced domestic abuse rose slightly from 7.5% to 7.9%.

However, the number of recorded domestic abuse offences of both sexes saw a big rise to almost 600,000, an increase of 23% in a year, although the ONS believed “improved recording” methods could have played a part.'

Australia: "Family violence behind rising homelessness"

Minuteman · 23 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The number of Victorian women seeking homelessness assistance because of family violence has risen 70 per cent in four years, new data has revealed.
...
The statistics come from the Specialist Homelessness Services Annual Report 2016-17 published by federal government body, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

In 2016-17, the data shows that 25,755 women aged 15 and above approached homelessness services because of family violence.

In 2012-13 this number was 15,090 - an increase of more than 10,000 people.

The Council of Homeless Persons says the shocking rise is due to increased reporting of family violence and a shortage of affordable housing. *{Minuteman: The women and their advocates know that they can claim "family violence" to jump the queue, thanks to saturation marketing like that exhibited by this article.}*
...
"Workers are brokering deals with real estate agents, advocating for urgent clients to be prioritised up the social housing wait list and providing short-term loans to help women pay the rent after they've made the brave decision to banish a partner from the home," she said.'

How to 'Christine Blasey Ford-Proof' Your Son

Matt · 24 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A couple months old but a good reminder. Short memories these days shouldn't win out. A possible rallying cry for the MRM is "Remember Brett Kavanaugh!" Excerpt:

'I never thought I would be the mother of a son. Boys just don't run in our family. My grandmother has thirteen grandchildren, all of them girls. So when my son came along it was like a dream (a weird, crazy dream with a penis no one knew what to do with) and what a blessing he is! My little boy is so precious to me. He's sweet and loving and loud and crazy. He eats dirt. He's MUCH different than his sisters in his aggressive and fierce expression of love for "his girls," as he calls us. Male affection is just different and it's been that way from the beginning. Perhaps that's why mothers and sons have a special bond.

Mothers of sons everywhere should be terrified by the constant destruction of men by duplicitous, lying women and an overzealous and political Senate confirmation process. All a scheming broad has to do these days is claim that your son touched her inappropriately more than two decades ago and she can derail his career. Worse, if your son ever happens to end up in front of the Senate, U.S. senators may drive his wife to suicide. The Senate confirmation hearing for Miguel Estrada, a Bush choice, was so stressful that Estrada's wife had a miscarriage, developed a drinking problem, and overdosed on pills and died, according to The New Yorker.
...
The press has underestimated the mothers of America who are watching this process of destroying a good man with horror and anger. What can we do as mothers to make sure this doesn't happen to our sons? It begins with training them from a young age to protect themselves from unscrupulous girls. A long time ago the worst you had to worry about was a girl trapping your son by getting pregnant. Now it's much worse. Here are a few ideas with which to move forward in this terrifying #MeToo era.
...
4. Don't trust women

Sorry to say it, but my sex offends and horrifies me. Between Stormy Daniels and Ford, women are a disgrace. Contrary to the saccharine platitude that "women don't lie," women lie all the time. They lie like crazy. The younger they are, the more they lie and scheme. It's probably the rage of hormones and insecurity that contribute to it, but most women lie and scheme. Teach your sons to search out morally upstanding girls and to avoid drama queens. The religious ones are usually better. Stay very far away from party girls and girls who use drugs or drink underage. Those girls are momentarily fun, but ultimately trouble. Teach him to stay away from those girls.

Even if a man does all these things there's no guarantee some lying hussy won't try to screw up his life over a romantic poem, but it should help to give him evidence with which to fight back.'

Misandry: an unwanted epidemic that is certainly not a hate crime

Mastodon · 24 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ah, misandry. A somewhat mythical concept that only crawls out of the woodwork in accusations of ‘sexism against men’ and in classic examples of whataboutism. Within the government’s new initiative to tackle hate crime, Sajid Javid has proposed to enshrine misandry in the ranks of abhorrent prejudice, alongside misogyny. Under this new initiative, prejudice that has led to the murder, rape, enslavement, abuse, harassment, lack of access to institutional benefits and the general mistreatment of women will be made illegal. This, as well as a bit of petty online name calling that leads to men getting hurt feelings.

...

A more dangerous consequence of this move is that women with genuine qualms about men will be silenced. Men will become emboldened in their misogyny if the law deems that they are capable of being victims of misandry. How many men, like Trump and Kavanaugh, will decry their valid sexual assault accusations simply as misandrist nonsense? How many women, like Christine Blasey Ford, will be dismissed simply as raging misandrists with an evil agenda? How many awful people will unjustly become the pitied victim in these scenarios?

This article is not here to pander to the sensitivities of men, it is here to tell the truth and demonstrate the reality of millions of women worldwide. Unlike misogyny, misandry is not, and never will be, an issue on such an epidemic scale that it needs to be acknowledged in law. After all, as Margaret Atwood once said, “men are afraid that women will laugh at them. Women are afraid that men will kill them.”'

UK: Boys left to fail at school because attempts to help them earn wrath of feminists, says ex-Ucas chief

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Britain's education system is failing to tackle the "astonishing" underperformance of boys as feminists have made the topic "taboo", the former head of the university admissions service has warned.

Mary Curnock Cook, who was chief executive of Ucas until last year, said the fact that boys are falling behind in education is a national scandal – yet it is such an "unfashionable" topic to discuss that it has become "normalised".

Girls outperform boys in all aspects of education, from primary school to GCSEs and A-level results. Last year, 57 per cent of women went to university compared to 43 per cent of men, a gap that has widened significantly over the last decade.

"I just find it unacceptable to think that it's OK to let boys fall further and further behind in education and allow the gap to get bigger," Ms Curnock Cook said.'

St. Mark’s Student Creates a Stir With ‘War on Boys’ Editorial

Mastodon · 25 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A ridiculous op-ed in the Remarker, St. Mark’s student newspaper, is apparently not going over well at St. Mark’s sister school, Hockaday. The piece is titled “Kavanaugh and the War on Boys.” Click here to read the whole thing, but here’s how it starts:

...

I’d like to make two points about this op-ed. Well, three. First, it’s terrible. It’s so terrible that I’m not going to bother pointing out precisely why it’s terrible. Because it’s obviously terrible.

Second, no one should be forced to have his high school writing follow him around online for the rest of his life. That’s why I’ve obscured the kid’s name, title, and face in the image of the op-ed I’ve linked to above. I’m so thankful that the internet wasn’t invented until after I got out of college.

Third — and this is the most important point — blame for this embarrassing article falls on the St. Mark’s faculty advisor who oversees the Remarker. This writer needed someone to save him from himself — and have a serious talk with him. Maybe, though, the wider attention this op-ed is generating will give St. Mark’s an opportunity to have a conversation with its entire student body about what the Proud Boys are and why one wouldn’t want to align one’s beliefs with theirs. Also might be a good idea to teach the boys that it’s pretty easy to be in a relationship without fear of being called a rapist.'

For boys, all-male environments can be an abusive, toxic place

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Article here. Excerpt:

'All-male, fraternal environments such as boys-only schools, sports teams and fraternities magnify these gender dynamics and biases. British psychotherapist Joy Schaverien coined the term “boarding school syndrome” to describe how exclusive, hierarchical boys’ academies such as Eton and Harrow teach young men to be bullies, to be loyal to their clique-ish institution and disdainful of “the other,” to bury their emotions and take pride in their capacity to endure pain, to feel entitled and to dominate those weaker than themselves.

And as would be expected, these hypermasculine societies and arenas not only support a culture of aggression and abuse, but celebrate it as tradition in hazing and initiation rituals that range from mild mortification to severe physical and sexual assault.'

UK: Juries have no place in rape trials

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If we did get rid of juries, we would need more than a judge who has undergone specialist training. Perhaps one option would be to appoint a panel of assessors, such as those that sit on discrimination cases, all of whom would have expertise in issues relating to sexual violence. Panellists could help inform the judge in the case about relevant issues, and remind them of some of the facts as well as the myths; for example, people of all ages, from babies to elderly women are raped (sexual attraction has nothing to do with it); not shouting “no” does not mean consent; and the idea that alcohol is the new short skirt – that a drunk woman is signalling she’s “up for it”.

Until we do something to reform the system no one has the right to ask women why they didn’t report it before – a question all too often aimed at some of the high-profile women linked to the #MeToo movement.

Jury-free rape trials should be piloted and rigorously evaluated. At the same time, the CPS should take advice from Alice Vachss, who, when she was a special sex crimes prosecutor in New York, took every case to court where there was a credible statement from the complainant. Vachss secured a conviction in 80% of her cases. In England and Wales, we are barely skimming 6% from a reported rape to conviction, and evidence has emerged that suggests the CPS is choosing to drop “difficult” cases.'

Actress Boasts About Facials from Foreskin of South Korean Infants

Mastodon · 27 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Actress Kate Beckinsale took to social media to boast about a procedure to improve her skin that involves “liquefied cloned foreskins” from South Korean infants.

“After a long flight I do like to lie down and be covered in a mask of liquified cloned foreskins-frankly who doesn’t?Thank you @georgialouisesk for an amazing facial. I especially liked you reassuring me it would be ‘light on penis’ as it was my first time x,” Kate Beckinsale wrote in an Instagram post.

According to Daily Mail, the Pearl Harbor actress “underwent a facial for the first time last week that uses an epidermal growth factor serum containing stem cells cultivated from the discarded tissue of Korean baby boys.”'

Organization of Women Leaders to host panel on toxic masculinity

Mastodon · 27 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Conversations on Toxic Masculinity," a panel hosted by the Organization of Women Leaders, will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 29.

The panel will discuss how toxic masculinity affects our society. Featured panelists include members of members of the Organization of Women Leaders, Registered Student Organizations Spectrum and A Mile In Our Shoes, various student athletes and Central Michigan University faculty Edward Clayton, Amanda Garrison and Alysa Lucas.

The event aims to educate individuals on different aspects of toxic masculinity. For more information, follow the Organization of Women Leaders on Facebook at "Organization of Women Leaders" and Twitter and Instagram at "OWLS_CMU."

The location of the panel is currently to be announced.'

Cops: Woman Battered Man Over Rejection

Matt · 27 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Florida Woman battered her boyfriend after he “said no and went back to bed” after she “grabbed his genitals wanting to have sex” on Thanksgiving night, cops say.

Rebecca Lynn Phelps, 31, was arrested for domestic battery following a confrontation in the Tampa-area home she shares with the victim and the couple’s child.

Phelps’s arrest was the second time in 14 months that she was busted for allegedly battering a man who did not want to have sex with her, records show.

Investigators allege that the victim was sleeping late Thursday night when Phelps entered their bedroom seeking to have sex. After Phelps groped her partner’s private parts, the “victim said no and went back to sleep,” according to a criminal complaint.'

A Middle-Aged Career Woman on the Lies of Feminism She Learned Too Late

Mastodon · 28 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Every Wednesday, the second hour of my national radio show is the “Male/Female Hour.” A few weeks ago, a woman named Jennifer called in.

For reasons of space, I have somewhat shortened her comments. Every young woman should read them. This is precisely what she said:
...
"Somebody asked me the other day, ‘Why did you stay single and never have kids?’ There’s answers: Because I was brainwashed by my mother into this. But it’s hard and it’s shameful to tell people, ‘I don’t know. I ran out of time."

Podcast: UPenn Law Professor Says Radical Feminism Has Made Women ‘Dumber’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Has “radical feminism” been bad for women? University of Pennsylvania Law School professor Amy Wax argues a resounding yes. “Radical feminism has had a baleful influence on college campuses, and on women’s education, in all sorts of ways,” she said. “It’s really made them dumber.”

In this week’s edition of The Daily Signal’s “Problematic Women” podcast, Kelsey Harkness interviews Wax on free speech, gender roles, #MeToo, and “radical feminism.” Wax talks about the dangers of young women taking offense “at remarks that really are not meant to be offensive,” and the left’s constant search to “find sexism under every rock.”

In addition to having a bachelor’s degree from Yale College, a medical degree from Harvard University, and a law degree from Columbia Law School, Wax has argued 15 cases before the Supreme Court on behalf of the Justice Department. Listen to today’s podcast to hear her take on free speech, #MeToo, and modern-day feminism.'

Is Toxic Masculinity a Valid Concept?

Matt · 28 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The two fundamental objectives in the evolutionary game of life are to first survive (natural selection) and then to mate (sexual selection). For sexually reproducing species, including humans, evolution has endowed males and females with universal matingpreferences that map onto sex-specific recurring challenges faced by each sex during our evolutionary history.

Female fiddler crabs and hens prefer males with extravagantly large claws and tails respectively. Ewes (female rams) will mate with the ram that wins the brutal intrasexual head-butting contest. They reward targeted aggression by granting sexual access. Needless to say, there are innumerable other examples of sexual selection that I might describe, but I suspect that you get the general gist. Are rams exhibiting toxic masculinity? Are female fiddler crabs succumbing to antiquated notions of masculinity as promulgated by the crab patriarchy?

Let's now apply the exact same evolutionary process (sexual selection) to humans. Evolutionary psychologists have documented universal patterns of mating preferences that are invariant across time and place. In no culture ever studied have women repeatedly preferred to mate with pear-shaped, low-status, tepid men possessing high-pitched, nasal voices. In no documented culture do women's sexual fantasies revolve around granting sexual access to unemployed, unambitious men who occupy the lowest stratum of the social hierarchy. Instead, women are attracted to "toxic masculine" male phenotypes that correlate with testosterone, and they are desirous of men who are socially dominant, who are strategically risk-taking in their behaviors, and who exhibit patterns of behaviors that will allow them to ascend the social hierarchy and defend their positions from encroachers. ...'

Mom Threatens Child Abuse Charge Against Dad for Not Affirming Son as Transgender

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Texas mother has threatened the father of their six-year-old son with a child abuse charge because he will not affirm their son is transgender.

According to a petition to modify the parent-child relationship brought by mother Anne Georgulas, her 6-year-old son, James, is a “gender expansive or transgender child and, by choice, now goes by the name Luna.”

Georgulas, a pediatrician, is seeking to terminate the parental rights of James’ father, Jeffrey Younger, because the child behaves as a boy – his biological sex – when he is with his father. James’ mother also wants Younger to pay for their son’s counseling with a therapist who will affirm his transgender identity, and for transgender hormonal treatments which may begin at age eight.'

'Male-hater misandrist': Australian feminist Clementine Ford in her own words

Mastodon · 29 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Clementine Ford is speaking and a man is shouting.

She's addressing a packed Freeman's Bay Community Hall and he's addressing Hepburn St, yelling into a megaphone just outside the doors of the sold-out speaking event.

As she talks, words like 'reprehensible' and 'disgusting' punctuate her sentences like the echo of a pissed off ghost.

The man with the megaphone isn't alone. He's one of about eight people, mostly male and middle-aged, who have shown up to protest the Australian author's presence.

On Monday, a group called Families 4 Justice sent an email to almost every media outlet and politician in New Zealand voicing their displeasure at Ford's event, with the subject line: 'NO to promoting mens [sic] killing and inciting violence in Auckland Council venues'.'

A new study suggests women earn about half what men earn

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women may face a much wider wage gap than commonly cited data indicates, earning just half of what men earn over 15 years. That's according to a new study by economists who analyzed the incomes of men and women who worked for at least one year between 2001 and 2015.

The standard annual wage gap measured by the Census Bureau shows that women make 80 cents for every dollar earned by a man. But this statistic leaves many women workers out of the picture, Heidi Hartmann, the president of the Institute for Women's Policy Research and an author of the study, tells CNBC Make It.

IWPR's methodology incorporates workforce attachment — those more "strongly attached" to the workforce are defined as working at least 12 out of 15 years full-time and year-round — and looks closely at both the consistency and long-term growth of earnings to capture a more nuanced picture of women's careers.'

Kenya: Botched circumcision of 11 boys probed in Murang'a

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Murang'a government has formed a committee to investigate a case in which 11 boys underwent botched circumcision.

Health executive Joseph Mbai told the Star yesterday that the four-member committee will seek to establish how the exercise was conducted and whether the medics involved were qualified.

The 11 boys had gone for the rite of passage at Wanjengi ACK church in Kahuro subcounty a few weeks ago but were forced to undergo a second cut after their wounds failed to heal.

The boys had earlier been taken to a private hospital for the circumcision by the church but after two weeks, they were taken to Murang'a general hospital where the process was repeated.

Mbai said the team would investigate the private health facility that conducted the cut to establish whether it was licensed and met the required health standards.

"We also want to find out how qualified the doctor who performed the procedure was. If he wasn't, then the appropriate legal measures will be taken," Mbai said.'

Woman charged with making false rape claim

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Article here.

'An Amboy woman allegedly made a false rape accusation against a man she knows.

Anna Marie Harroun, 31, was charged with misdemeanor falsely reporting a crime Tuesday in Blue Earth County District Court.

Harroun reported last month she was sexually assaulted in Mankato in August.

Harroun admitted weeks later she had a consensual relationship with the man she accused, according to a court complaint. She reportedly told police a third person coerced her into making the accusation because she became pregnant.

A Mankato police officer reportedly spent about 15 hours investigating the false report.'

Doña Ana County DA's office defends handling of 'No Mansplaining' signs

Mastodon · 29 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The office of District Attorney Mark D'Antonio presented its case against a prohibited practices complaint at a hearing before the Public Employee Labor Relations Board on Monday.
...
Office manager Yvette Sierra testified that when she first noticed a sign on Brulotte's door bearing the legend "No Mansplaining" with a circle and a slash through it similar to a "No Smoking" sign, she did not know what it meant but worried it was discriminatory against men.

Two supervisors at the office, deputy DA's Heather Chavez and Daniel Sewell, testified that they agreed with Sierra, although both admitted only passing familiarity with the slang term.

"I did not find the sign personally offensive," Chavez stated. "I just felt that it's a gender-specific term typically used in a negative context."

Sewell said that after Sierra brought the sign to his attention he asked Brulotte what the sign meant. He recalled her defining mansplaining as "the idea of men speaking down to women in a condescending way," and that she described it as a joke.

"Because it was a joke only directed at men and not at women, that made it inappropriate," Sewell said.'

Trial by jury – the light that exposes feminist lies

Mastodon · 29 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This latest call demonstrates yet again just how tyrannical feminism has become in this era of #MeToo. For the last year there has been a relentless attack on the presumption of innocence, and now we see jury trial itself is on the chopping block. It seems that feminism is incompatible with Enlightenment values such the presumption of innocence and trial by jury.

We see this when the presumption of innocence and due process are now dismissed as 'reactionary'. When Senator Susan Collins said Justice Brett Kavanaugh was entitled to due process, the Women's March tweeted out a picture of her calling her a 'rape apologist'. She received death threats thereafter. Can you think of anything more disgusting than being labelled a rape apologist? This is the choice feminism gives us: you either care about due process or you care about victims of rape. It is an appalling way to debate these issues.

The reason why feminist don't like jury trials is because the damn jurors, not marinated in feminist twaddle, do not convict in rape cases every single time. This is just not good enough for the likes of Baroness Kennedy who believes 'lawyers and the courts [have] a responsibility to give women their rights' and that some judges would assume that a woman using dating sites is 'someone who would have sex with anyone'. The good Baroness offers no evidence for this slanderous attack on the most impartial judges in the world.'

Democrat Senators Demand Mob Rule In Campus Sexual Assault Investigations

Mastodon · 30 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two Democrat senators on Wednesday called for U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to withdraw the improved rules her office proposed this month relating to how colleges and universities investigate accusations of sexual assault.

The new rules, which Sens. Patty Murray (D-WA) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) apparently dislike, provide some much needed sanity and due process to the investigations. They held a press conference on Wednesday with self-described victims of sexual assault and advocates where they incorrectly claimed the new rules would “return us to a time when sexual assault survivors were ignored and felt they had nowhere to turn," according to Murray.

Hassan also claimed there was an epidemic of sexual assault on college campuses (there isn’t), calling the new rules, which include basic fairness and due process, a “major step backward in the wrong direction.”'

David Edelstein, the “butter scene” in “Last Tango” and the darkness of the internet

Matt · 30 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Edelstein has been silent on Facebook the last few days. Until this week he held two of the most prestigious paying gigs in the ever-shrinking world of film criticism, at New York magazine and NPR’s “Fresh Air.” Now he has himself become the subject of widespread debate and discussion on social media, not to mention in the real world. This happened after he posted (and rapidly deleted) a tasteless joke in response to the recent death of legendary Italian filmmaker Bernardo Bertolucci. “Even grief goes better with butter,” Edelstein wrote, alongside an image from the famous, or infamous, scene in Bertolucci’s “Last Tango in Paris” in which Marlon Brando’s character uses butter as a lubricant while having anal sex with the character played by Maria Schneider.
...

That leads us to the next point in this byzantine tale: Whether or not the “butter scene” in “Last Tango in Paris” depicts a rape is debatable. It probably didn’t play that way for most viewers in the early 1970s — an apex moment for the “male gaze” in art-house cinema — but our standards about what constitutes sexual assault have shifted. (Edelstein made exactly this point in his follow-up apology.) But the widespread internet perception that Maria Schneider was actually raped during that scene is incorrect. She never made any such claim, nor did anyone else who was present. What Schneider said, in a 2007 interview, was that she felt “humiliated” and “a little raped” because she was not told about the sex scene until just before the shoot. ...
...
Hell, I really don’t know. But my takeaway is pretty simple, and I plan to live by it: There is no privacy, and the internet is a glorious garden of hate. Oh, and when you’re about to post that hilarious thing on social media? Take a breath. Read it first. Then read it again. Read it in the voice of your worst enemy. Go pour yourself some coffee and come back. Delete it and move on with your life.'

The women's health 'crisis' masks the men's health crisis

Mastodon · 30 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The recent “pink wave” swept into Congress an unprecedented number of women, many of whom put women’s health high on their list of priorities.

There’s no question that much can — and should — be done to improve women’s health. However, there’s also no question that a legislative focus on women’s health continues to ignore a far larger problem: the very real crisis in men’s health.

...

Despite the overwhelming evidence that American males are far worse off than females, talk of women’s health “crisis” persists. And there’s a lot of money behind that talk.'

Radio station stops playing "Baby It's Cold Outside" after listeners voice concerns about lyrics in #MeToo era

Mastodon · 30 November 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Cleveland radio station has stopped playing a popular Christmas song that's been around since the 1940s, CBS Cleveland affiliate WOIO reports. Star 102 Cleveland listeners raised concerns about the lyrics of the song "Baby It's Cold Outside," with some saying the words send the wrong message in the era of the #MeToo movement.

Radio host Glenn Anderson wrote about the station's decision to stop playing the song. "We used to play the song 'Baby It's Cold Outside,' but you're the Christmas Executive Officer at Star 102 and you told us it's no longer appropriate," Anderson wrote on Tuesday. I gotta be honest, I didn't understand why the lyrics were so bad...Until I read them."

...

The song was written by popular Broadway composer Frank Loesser, who originally performed it as a humorous number with his wife. But the lyrics, in today's context, have taken on somewhat more sinister connotations. After the "Me Too" movement gained momentum last year, more women have been speaking out about sexual harassment and assault, and society has become more aware than ever of how widespread the problem really is. The suggestive lines in the song now drum up images of men like Harvey Weinstein, who's been accused of preventing women from leaving hotel rooms, and Bill Cosby, who was convicted of drugging and sexual assaulting a woman.'

Dominatrix specializes in turning ‘white, right-wing men’ into socialists

Matt · 1 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Just what does it look like? "Worm! Pledge your undying love for Ocasio-Cortez!" Excerpt:

'For many of her clientele, who are almost exclusively white right-wing men because she finds herself unable “to be even fictionally cruel to any other type of man,” that fetish is serving a powerful woman. Marbury derives her pleasure comes from forcing those men to see the contradiction between their love of powerful women and their support for political parties that actively work to limit women’s rights and empowerment. In her book, Dining with Humpty Dumpty, she detailed conversations with a man she said exhibited the “disgusting contradiction” of claiming to be both “a ‘female supremacist’ and a Tory.”"'

Australia: "What a women-only super fund means for members"

Minuteman · 4 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Will be underwritten by sanctimonious "Future Super" fund, which divests from mining, farming, transportation and other industries which provide men with meaningful employment. Link here. Excerpt:

'Through its connection to Future Super, the fund invests ethically and, as well as providing services tailored for women, such as tech-enabled financial coaching, will advocate for a better deal for women.

The fund will, for example, push for more women on the boards of the companies in which it invests and will exclude companies from investment where their is abuse of women in their supply chains.

...

It should be remembered there are already some terrific super funds with very good long-term returns that, while not women only, have memberships that are dominated by women.

The not-for-profit industry fund, HESTA, comes to mind.

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HESTA has more than 860,000 members and has its origins in covering those working the health and community services sectors. More than 80 per cent of its members are women.

Like almost all industry funds, it is public offer, meaning anyone can join. HESTA advocated strongly, with others, for example, to extend compassionate access to super for victims and survivors of family violence, which has been accepted by the government.'

When men rebel

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I would just like to point out that the popular uprising now in France spreading to other countries is being spontaneously driven by men. Once you leave men with little or no recourse, you make rebellion inevitable. I will bet if you ask a fair number of these men in yellow vests how they feel about the direction feminism has taken their societies, they'll have some pretty stark opinons. As go the men, so goes the nation.

One article here. Excerpt:

'The “Yellow Vest” protests he is a part of present an extraordinary venting of rage and resentment by ordinary working people, aimed at the mounting inequalities that have eroded their lives. The unrest began in response to rising gas taxes and has been building in intensity over the past three weeks, peaking on Saturday.

With little organization and relying mostly on social media, they have moved spontaneously from France’s poor rural regions over the last month to the banks of the Seine, where they have now become impossible to ignore.
...
In places like these, a quiet fear gnaws at households: What happens when the money runs out around the 20th? What do I put in the refrigerator with nothing left in the account and the electricity bill to pay? Which meal should I skip today? How do I tell my wife again there is no going out this weekend?'

Alum's challenge of women-only opportunities on campus ignites debate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Minnesota alum, who teaches finance at the University of Michigan at Flint, has approached numerous campuses in the Twin Cities and nationally about scholarships, faculty awards and programs reserved for women and girls. The U recently opened up several women-only scholarships to all students and is reviewing three awards for female professors. Now, Perry is pressing private colleges, including the University of St. Thomas and Macalester College in St. Paul, about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) summer camps they host for middle or high school girls.

Perry's efforts are part of a larger push in recent years to challenge women-only programs on college campuses by invoking Title IX, the law banning sex discrimination in education programs that receive federal funding. The federal Department of Education has launched a slew of investigations into such programs. Perry argues they are not only illegal but outdated: For years, more women than men have graduated from college.'

Ex-Coach’s Wife: Teen Was ‘Willing Participant’ in Consensual Sex

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former high school football coach’s wife, who pleaded guilty to charges of having sex with a teenage student, insists that the sexual encounters with the boy were consensual and wants the teen’s new lawsuit tossed on that basis.

Kelsey McCarter, 29, of Knoxville, Tennessee, plead guilty last year to six counts of statutory rape of a sophomore at South-Doyle High sophomore where her husband, Justin McCarter, was a coach. McCarter was handed a three-year prison term.

But now, according to the New York Post, the convicted assaulter wants a judge to throw out her victim’s lawsuit because he says the teen engaged in the sex voluntarily.

The lawsuit filed by the teenager claims that McCarter repeatedly molested him after he and his older brother moved into the McCarters’ home in 2014. The lawsuit alleges that the McCarter’s were having marital problems and that Kelsey McCarter took her frustrations out on the teenager.

“[The boy] claims that he suffered injury from the repeated ‘sexual abuse’ by Ms. McCarter,” the lawsuit says. The filing also notes that past statements allow “the conclusion that [he] was a willing participant in numerous sexual encounters with Ms. McCarter.”'

Camille Paglia: ‘Hillary wants Trump to win again’

Matt · 5 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No direct references to MRA or MRM issues unless you count mentioning The Vile One or Jordan Peterson in any regard. More than anything, Paglia is just a good read. Excerpt:

'But I never fully understood Wilde’s caustic satire of Victorian philanthropists and humanitarians until the present sludgy tide of political correctness began flooding government, education, and media over the past two decades. Wilde saw the insufferable arrogance and preening sanctimony in his era’s self-appointed guardians of morality.

We’re back to the hypocrisy sweepstakes, where gestures of virtue are as formalized as kabuki. Humor has been assassinated. An off word at work or school will get you booted to the gallows. This is the graveyard of liberalism, whose once noble ideals have turned spectral and vampiric.'

Princeton Drops Disney Song Over 'Toxic Masculinity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Princeton's all-male acappella group is ending a tradition that goes along with their performance of a Disney song that a critic said promotes "toxic masculinity."

During their performances of the song "Kiss The Girl" from Disney's "The Little Mermaid" the Tigertones brought a random man and woman on stage, according to the group's president Wesley Brown in a guest column in the Daily Princetonian.

After dancing with each of them, the members then encouraged them to "do as the song says" and give each other a kiss on the cheek.'

UK: Man's 'disappointment after being turned away' from women only march through Lincoln

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A student from Lincoln claims he was turned away from an a woman's march in the city because of his gender.

Thomas Cansdale says he turned out in the bitterly cold weather to lend his support to Lincolnshire Rape Crisis' 'Reclaim the Night' event on November 24, which saw women walk from Castle Square to St Benedict's Square.

The 20-year-old attended with his girlfriend Rhian Richards.

But after arriving in good time and chatting to one of the organisers in a hi-viz top, Thomas says he was told he would not be able to join the march - though he could meet up with the group at the end.

His claim has been denied by organisers of the march, who have claimed they did not turn him away, but the rules did prevent men from going on the march.'

Rubio takes on Gillibrand's "The future is female" line

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Republican Florida Sen. Marco Rubio hit back at Democratic New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand on Wednesday after she insisted that the future is “female” and “intersectional.”

“Our future is: Female, Intersectional, Powered by our belief in one another,” Gillibrand tweeted.

Rubio quickly responded with a rebuke of Gillibrand’s focus on identity politics, insisting instead that the future is “AMERICAN.” (RELATED: Rubio Backs Trump On Nationalism: ‘President Trump Is Right To Embrace The Label’)

“An identity based not on gender, race, ethnicity or religion,” Rubio continued. “But on the powerful truth that all people are created equal with a God-given right to life, liberty [and] the pursuit of happiness.”'

India: Women-only plane seating needed to combat sexual assault and midair 'manspread'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Airlines are under pressure to provide separate women's seating to combat the lecherous spread of male passengers over the dividing armrests, amid a surge in midair sexual assaults.

Writing for the South China Morning Post, columnist Kate Whitehead described her experiences with "manspreading" and urged airlines to introduce women-only rows.

"Nine times out of 10 – based on my extensive experience flying 'cattle class' – if a man is seated beside a woman he will claim the armrest. Not only that, but his elbow will protrude slightly into the woman's seat space.

"Unless you are prepared to press your arm against the man's – which will allow you to feel the rise and fall of his breath and is, I feel, too intimate a connection with a stranger – then you have lost two inches of your seat."'

How does #MeToo work when the accused is dead?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But there's a difference in this case. The professor is dead. Mazor, who taught at Hampshire from its founding in 1970 until 2007, died in 2011.

"Lester was one of the chief influences in my choosing a legal career," Sigmund Roos, chair of the college's board of trustees at the time, said in an obituary. "He was really an amazing teacher, and someone who even as he was teaching was always learning."

That tribute now stands at odds with the stance of the board of trustees, which had to decide this semester what to do with the legacy of a man unable to answer the accusations against him. College leaders have issued a formal apology to the alumna who came forward recently to complain of "inappropriate behavior in the 1970s," according to a letter from Hampshire's president, Miriam Nelson, which was addressed to the college community last week. Its subject was "Historical Harassment."
...
"Professor Mazor," the administrators wrote, "cannot defend himself." What's more, they said, "these actions date from decades ago."

Nevertheless, the college chose to remove Mazor's name from the room and the fund created in his memory.'

Gillibrand’s own sons have no place in her ‘future’

Matt · 7 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"The future is female.” It’s a favorite slogan of the identity left that has now gone mainstream. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand tweeted it on Wednesday, adding that the future is also “intersectional” and “powered by our belief in one another.”

But if the future is female, what happens to our boys? And what message are we sending our present-day girls?

Gillibrand is one of about 30 Democrats considering running for president in 2020, and the tweet suggests she’s seizing some strategic left-wing ground (in a primary field crowded with lefties) by appealing to the Dems’ identity-obsessed base.

...

Gillibrand has two sons, who apparently aren’t part of the future their mother imagines. They won’t be saved by intersectionality, either. White, male sons of senators will find winning the grievance Olympics to be nearly impossible.

And that’s the problem with our “future is female” moment. It doesn’t so much celebrate women as make them compete in the hierarchy of victimhood in a world we tell them has never been theirs.

...

Now let’s tally the harms to boys. The slogan tells boys that they don’t matter — or that they belong to the past. The future belongs to women, we openly tell boys and then wonder why they are failing to become the men we’d hoped.

Fewer boys go to college. The number of men out of the workforce has spiked. More men commit suicide. More men live at home with their parents into their 30s than ever.

If the present is male, boys sure don’t seem to know it.

Boys are falling off a cliff, and we’re not doing anything to stop it. We’re making them the demons in the story we tell girls about who is at fault for keeping them down. It’s grotesque, and mothers and grandmothers like Kirsten Gillibrand and Hillary Clinton should know better.'

How psychologist believes the rise of 'male bashing' could be down to the 'destructive' feminist movement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Psychologist Bettina Arndt has claimed that the global #MeToo feminist movement has granted women a license to 'destroy' men.

The psychologist and author controversially blamed the feminist movement for throwing false accusations of rape and violence at men on Tuesday.

The author went as far as to label feminism as a 'destructive force in our society'.
...
She went on tell Sunrise co-hosts Samantha Armytage and Natalie Barr that feminism has 'gone off the rails' and is 'all about rules and regulations to advantage women at the expense of men."

Opinion: VAWA is an insult to fairness

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Article here. Excerpt:

'November was Native American Heritage Month. But the focus then and since has been almost entirely upon Native American women. It is rare for the problems of Native American men to receive so much as a nod.

The women deserve attention. An Associated Press headlined “Despite past reforms, Native women face high rates of crime,” explains, “For generations, Native American women have been victimized at astonishing rates, with federal figures showing that more than half have encountered sexual and domestic violence at some point during their lives — even amid a wave of efforts aimed at reducing such crimes.” The men deserve attention, as well.

One of the “wave of efforts” mentioned by the Associated Press is the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA, H.R.6545), which determines federal and funding policy on sexual violence. Currently before Congress, VAWA will either be reauthorized or it will be extended into early 2019 for reauthorization at that point. Native American women is a core issue in the Act. The section “Safety for Indian Women” cites a stunning statistic from a National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey entitled “Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and Men.” It states, “More than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women, or 84.3 percent, have experienced violence in their lifetime.”

There is a curious omission in the VAWA citation, however. A statistic appears immediately after the 84.3 percent one. It is: “More than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native men (81.6 percent) have experienced violence in their lifetime.” That is only 2.7 percent less violence experienced by men than by women. A few lines later, the survey reports that “55.5 percent” of women and “43.2 percent” of men “have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner.” Those figures differ by 12.3 percent.

The omission highlights an objection that has been associated with VAWA since its inception in 1994. What about male victims? In this specific case, where are the Native American men? The title of the Act provides an answer: the Violence Against Women Act. Male victims of violence are not a concern addressed by the bill. Why not?'

College settles with accused student after court rules against it

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just weeks after a judge refused to allow a New Jersey college's attempt to dismiss a lawsuit against it, the school settled with the student who brought the lawsuit.

John Doe, as he is referred to in court documents, brought the lawsuit after he was expelled from Rider University for allegedly sexually assaulting a female student. John met Jane Roe, as she is referred to in court documents, in the early morning hours of October 18, 2015. John and his friend, referred to as Joe Doe, returned from an off-campus party with three other friends. John was the designated driver and "not intoxicated." Joe began talking to two women (Jane and her friend, referred to as Jane Roe 2) and John joined them.'

Gillibrand's gone 'full woke'

Mastodon · 9 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A guest on Tucker Carlson Tonight Thursday took a shot at New York Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand for a comment she tweeted earlier this week saying the future of the country is “female” and “intersectional.”

“Her ambitions have grown — being Senator, a bad Senator, is not enough, so now she has moved full woke. She now sounds like a sociology professor from SUNY Osweego,” Tucker began. “Half her constituents are men for example and she recently posted a message just for them. ‘There is no future for you,’ she said. On Twitter this week, Gillibrand wrote ‘our future is female. Intersectional and empowered by our belief in one another and we are just getting started.’ What the hell does that mean? Manhattan Institute fellow Heather Mac Donald might know the answer so we’ve asked her to come on tonight to explain.”

Following Gillibrand’s tweet on Tuesday, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio tweeted back at her saying that the country’s future should not be based on identity, but rather the fact that the people in the U.S. are all American.'

Male professor fights 'gender apartheid' by targeting women-only programs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male professor at the University of Michigan-Flint is targeting women-only programs at multiple schools as an example of gender discrimination against men.

Finance professor Mark Perry has written to dozens of schools across the country targeting women-only scholarships and girls-only science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) summer camps, alleging Title IX abuses against men and gender non-conforming students.

“There is this blind spot in higher education where they have accepted discrimination against men and boys,” Mr. Perry told the Star Tribune.

The professor’s efforts recently put a stop to a women-only study lounge at Michigan State University.

“I called it gender apartheid,” he said. “They had this prime space on campus where they were discriminating against half their student body.”'

Boys and Girls Club of Washington Co. hosted their first Future is Female event

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the first time ever the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County put together an event called The Future is Female.

Growing up in a world where social media and online images dominate the minds of impressionable children can be tough, especially young women, that's why the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County put on the Future is Female event.

"A program to help girls build their self esteem and self confidence. Right now they say at the age of 9, young girls begin to say they have low self esteem," said Eric Rollins.

One of the keynote speakers was Hagerstown Councilwoman Emily Keller, who says it's hard to escape bullying, she has had her share of attacks on social media, and she wants the girls to know that you just gotta let it roll off your shoulder.

"Just important to stay above it, and rise above it, and still pursue your dreams, and not let the negativity get to you," said Keller.'

UK: Woman in 'man hating' group chat 'murdered sleeping partner then smoked weed'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A girlfriend who was part of 'man-hating' WhatsApp group stabbed her partner to death as he slept then calmly smoked a spliff, a court heard.

Alex Glanfield-Collis, 25, plunged a knife into partner John Maclean's neck at her London Docklands flat on April 12, it is claimed.

She then allegedly left the 35-year-old to bleed to death and wandered out onto the communal balcony, lit up a joint of cannabis, and drank a beer.

The defendant then allegedly went downstairs and calmly told her 16-year-old step-son she had just murdered his dad.

Glanfield-Collis was part of a WhatsApp group of women called 'The C**t Club' who shared insulting and abusive comments about their boyfriends.'

Nick Cannon Defends Kevin Hart By Posting Homophobic Tweets from female comedians

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Interesting I wonder if there was any backlash here," Nick Cannon said, captioning a 2010 tweet posted by Chelsea Handler which said, "This is what a fag bird likes like when he flexes."

Cannon continued, this time sharing a 2010 tweet from Sarah Silverman that said, "I dont mean this in a hateful way but the new bachelorette's a faggot."

Cannon captioned that tweet saying, "And I fucking love Wreck-It Ralph!" — Sarah Silverman stars in the hit animated film, voicing the character Vanellope.'

Modern feminism is no less sexist than the misogyny it claims to fight

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Modern-day, third-wave feminism is no less sexist than the misogyny it claims to fight. Often, feminists will place a veil of supposed progress over an actual promotion of inequality in an attempt to appeal to the masses. They believe this makes their message more palatable. In reality, it only highlights what drives them.

Lately, feminists have been promoting the "future is female" idea, as if success as a people or a nation is found in one gender alone. This supremacist mindset does nothing to right the legitimate wrongs of the past. Instead, it overcorrects and declares that sexism is wholly acceptable so long as you're demeaning men.

In the midterm elections, the Democratic Party saw plenty of gains. That small wave secured a lower house majority. Of the incoming congressional freshmen, 42 are women. Out of that number, only four are Republicans. (Overall, 102 women won their races. Eighty-nine are Democrats.) To those who push a divisive "new sexism" that promotes women over men, this excites them and only fuels more rhetoric. In their minds, the election results prove that Democrats support women and want them to succeed while Republicans don't.'

The New Iron Johns Seek Catharsis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On a Monday night in a sparsely decorated room in midtown Manhattan, a group of approximately 20 men including an endocrinologist, a sportscaster, a policeman and an employee of the United Nations were baring their souls.

“I’ve been digging deep with my girlfriend and we are having those talks about moving forward in our relationship, and I’m having nights where I can’t sleep,” said Andrew Cummings, 44, an opera singer in New York who has performed at Carnegie Hall.

“I’m angry that my health is deteriorating. I’m not ready to be an old man,” said Jeff Nichols, 70, a former consultant.

“I’m checking in with some anger. I didn’t get accepted to the Ashtanga Institute, and I smashed two candles, which I know isn’t very yogic,” said another man, who asked to remain anonymous for fear of professional repercussions.
...
The goal, according to many affiliated with MKP, is to break down patriarchal and hierarchical ideas of masculinity. And the place to start is where another man, Socrates, did centuries ago: with the mandate of “know thyself.”

MKP translates this as a process of cultivating awareness around one’s emotions, so they aren’t projected onto others in harmful and destructive ways. This is accomplished through a series of facilitated exercises, some of which involve props, aimed at bringing feelings to the surface and to hold a mirror to oneself.

Men, who are less likely than women to seek out individual therapy, are increasingly looking for outlets in this fraught cultural moment of political acrimony, widespread economic instability and major societal reckoning over their behavior.'

Lawsuit: Uni Violated Title IX By Suspending Male Student Accused Of Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male student is suing Indiana University for Title IX violations, alleging the school's investigation into rape accusations was biased against him because of his gender.

It's the latest in a series of lawsuits invoking the federal civil rights law on behalf of men accused of sexual assault.
...
John Doe filed the lawsuit on Nov. 27, the same day IU denied his appeal for the suspension.

In the complaint, John says the IU investigation was unbalanced: "The University sanctioned, tolerated, and endorsed procedures and policies which deprived John, a male student, of the rights and privileges of female students."

The complaint says the sexual misconduct investigation included witnesses on behalf of Jane's character and sexual history, but investigators refused to include similar witnesses on John's behalf.

The complaint also says John could not have had a fair and impartial hearing because of public criticism of the lead investigator in his case. A couple of viral tweets accused the investigator of "letting a rapist off" in another case and a protest about that case in August drew nearly 100 people.

John wants to return to IU immediately, and is asking for a trial to determine monetary damages.

A spokesperson for IU says the university can't comment on pending litigation.'

Eastern Michigan's Title IX Case Highlights Difficulties In Cutting Women's Sports Programs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At first blush, Judge Steeh's decision may seem unfair to EMU because it applies a law designed to promote sex equality so as to allow men's teams to be cut for financial hardship whereas women's teams may not. The decision, however, aligns with the way courts have consistently applied Title IX to situations in which women's teams are cut.
...
Title IX, however, does not protect opportunities for men's sports because the law was designed to promote equality in education settings for women. That is why EMU could cut men's sports without triggering Title IX's application. Cuts to sport opportunities for women will implicate Title IX and the legality of the cuts, if challenged, will turn on an application of Title IX's infamous three-part test.'

More effective than condoms? Seattle-area couples test new birth control for men

Matt · 12 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The UW School of Medicine is one of three sites testing a contraceptive gel for men, which works by reducing sperm production when applied daily on the upper arms or shoulders, according to researchers. If the trials are successful, the substance may soon be available to people seeking to avoid unplanned pregnancies whose options traditionally have relied on more than a dozen options for women, including pills, implants, shots, patches and rings, compared with just condoms for men.

"We are neglecting 50 percent of the population with our current methods," Dr. Stephanie Page, a UW School of Medicine endocrinologist and the study's principal investigator, said in a phone interview. "There's every reason for men to be more engaged."

UW researchers are enrolling about 50 couples for the three-year trial, which started Nov. 28. The testing, which is also being conducted in Los Angeles and Kansas City, Kansas, is funded by the National Institutes of Health. The gel was developed by NIH and the Population Council, an international nonprofit focused on reproductive health.'

Nancy Pelosi mocks Trump's 'manhood' after 'wild' Oval Office meet, says she tried to 'be the mom'

Matt · 12 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It was just too good not to post. Anyway, a woman impugning a man's manhood because he doesn't give her her way is as old as the hills. SSDD. But to see those two at it like an old married couple is so worth it. Excerpt:

'Nancy Pelosi mocked President Trump's "manhood" and questioned his basic understanding of government spending during a closed-door meeting with House Democrats on Tuesday, according to an aide in the room.

The California congresswoman, who's vying to become the next House speaker, made the blistering remarks after returning to the Capitol from a tense Oval Office sit down with Trump, during which he repeatedly threatened to shut down the federal government if Congress fails to cough up at least $5 billion for his long-sought border wall with Mexico.

"It's like a manhood thing for him," Pelosi told the Dems of Trump's wall obsession, according to the source. "As if manhood could ever be associated with him."

Pelosi stressed she made clear to Trump there isn't enough support in Congress for a wall and speculated the President is refusing to back down because he's scared to run away with his tail between his legs.'

How toxic ideas about masculinity corrode the workplace

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Toxic masculinity has shaped many modern-day workplaces for the worse.

In some offices, "dog eat dog" and "work-first" attitudes are heralded and rewarded, and aggression is still viewed as a sign of worthy leadership.
...
What companies instead have to do is take a hard look at their rewards systems, Glick says. In a system that rains accolades on very specific things — say, the person who stayed the latest versus the person who submitted the best work — people learn to value what wins them acclaim.

"You can't drop a diversity training into 'Game of Thrones' and expect it's going to get better," Glick says. "That's not going to happen. You need to address the underlying, fundamental culture and expose it."'

NYT Writer: Cancel Office Christmas Parties So Women Avoid Harassment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"It's the least wonderful time of the year," says New York Times columnist Jennifer Weiner in a recent op-ed. The source of her Scroogey disposition: office Christmas parties (she uses the politically correct term "Holiday" party) because of all the sexual harassment that women face.

According to Weiner, the prospect of the "Holiday" party is a difficult one for women due to the difficult task of "choosing clothes that signal that you are polished without being boring, attractive without being provocative, and that you're looking to be promoted, not propositioned."

"For women, it's never easy," she says, adding that men "have it all figured out" when it comes to festive wear.

In an appearance on CBS "This Morning" on Monday, Weiner said that she would prefer it if the office "Holiday" party was canceled entirely so that women could have more money in their paycheck instead of having to stress over what to wear.'

UK: Woman jailed for carrying out determined stalking campaign before staging own kidnap

Mastodon · 13 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jessica Nordquist – described as ‘intelligent, resourceful and well educated’ – launched a terrifying campaign against her ex-boyfriend.

Nordquist, an American citizen, waged an extreme hate campaign after her brief relationship with Mark Weeks ended.

She sent messages to his clients accusing him of rape, and set up a fake account for him so she could send out a ‘confession’ email to make it appear he was owning up.

The relentless campaign also saw her set up at least 20 fake Instagram accounts and post similar claims online.

In April she faked her own kidnap and said her abductors had assaulted and raped her – but she was discovered safe and well in Scotland by police.'

DOJ has opened Title IX investigstions for male students

Mastodon · 15 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. Excerpt:

'In the last year, the Department of Education has opened several investigations, after complaints that those universities are systemically discriminating against male students.'

MRAs are attacking women's scholarships and programs and the DOE is listening

Mastodon · 16 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Critics say that Pekgoz profoundly misunderstands Title IX. The Department of Education allows schools to use affirmative action to correct for historical sex discrimination. It's true that men may be underrepresented in, say, nursing — but not because of the same institutional discrimination that barred women from certain disciplines, said Jocelyn Samuels, a former director of the Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services.

And while women may have achieved parity in many educational fields, that classroom success isn't always replicated in the real world, said Suzanna Danuta Walters, director of the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies program at Northeastern University.

Female managers earn 77 percent of male managers, for instance, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Women make up just 30 percent of university presidents and 5 percent of Fortune 500 CEOs.

"I will be sympathetic to these arguments when we have something like pay equity," said Walters, who was named in a Title IX complaint drafted by Pekgoz and submitted by the National Coalition for Men, after publishing an op-ed titled "Why can't we hate men?"

Suzanna Danuta Walters: Why can't we hate men?

Gillibrand says she's worried about top options in Dem 2020 poll being white men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) said during a televised interview on Friday night that she was worried about a lack of diversity among top potential 2020 Democratic presidential candidates.

Gillibrand was asked by CNN's Van Jones about a poll from the network released this week that found that the top three candidates for the Democratic nomination were white men.

The poll showed former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D-Texas) as the top three potential 2020 Democratic candidates.

"In a party as diverse as ours, does it worry you to see the top three being white guys?" Jones asked Gillibrand, herself a potential presidential candidate, in front of the live audience.

"Yes," Gillibrand responded.

"I aspire for our country to recognize the beauty of our diversity at some point in the future and I hope someday we have a woman president," she continued, when asked to elaborate.'

Study says men prefer time with their male friends over girlfriends

Matt · 16 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Incessant criticisms and feminist blatherings make the choice easy. Excerpt:

'Ladies, we have some bad news for you. No, you are not imagining it– the verdict is out. Studies show that your boyfriend would rather watch football with his friends, than watch a marathon of The Crown with you. Don't worry, it's not your choice of Netflix series that's keeping him away, it's you.

You could be watching any show on any afternoon, and your boyfriend still would be sitting there thinking about how much more fun he would be having if he was doing something with his bros.'

Movie: They Shall Not Grow Old

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Playing in select theaters and very limited runnings, They Shall Not Grow Old is an innovative kind of documentary by the Lord of the Rings trilogy producer that uses painstakingly colorized footage shot at the western front during WWI. It turns grainy shadows of men into actual men whose eyes and faces are clear. There is no narration, but instead the voices of WWI veterans talking about their experiences during the war with joining, in training, and at the front.

It honors the sacrifices of the millions of men on both sides who suffered and died not that long ago. These men, those who survived, fathered what is often called The Greatest Generation. Watch this film and you will see why.

It doesn't romanticize or in any way glorify the war. It just tells us what it was like for the common man, all without revisionism or the kind of babblings from vile feminists that anything about that era would drag in today if Hollywood had made it. In fact, I doubt very much Hollywood would have even thought to make such a film.

If you can go see it, do. You'll be glad. And stay past the credits to hear the producer's commentary. Very worth the time.

Sweden's 'Man-Free' Feminist Festival Ruled Discriminatory

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The feminist Statement festival with no admittance for "cis-men", held in Gothenburg in August this year, has ultimately received a formal condemnation from Sweden's anti-discrimination authorities. During the festival, men were relegated to a cordoned-off area called the "manpen".

Describing the Statement festival as "male-free" is a violation of anti-discrimination legislation, the Swedish Discrimination Ombudsman (DO) found in a belated ruling.

The European Court of Justice's established practice is that public statements that discourage some people from engaging in an activity constitute grounds for discrimination, the DO found.

Earlier this year, the organisers promoted their festival as "the world's first major music festival for women, non-binary and transgender only", informing that men were not welcome. In practice, though, men were not physically prevented from buying a ticket or entering the festival. However, men who are technicians, managers and part of artists' entourages were restricted to a cordoned-off area backstage dubbed the "manpen" or "manpaddock".'

Sweden Shuts Down Controversial Equality Body Run Exclusively by Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The authority disparagingly dubbed "Feminism Ministry" has attracted massive criticism over its feminist slant, being led entirely by women despite its commitment to gender equality and, last but not least, controversial projects involving periods.

The Swedish Gender Equality Agency, proudly unveiled by the government in January, will close down as a result of the parliament adopting a new budget by centre-right Moderates and Christian Democrats.

"We will reduce the allocations to the agency by SEK 40 million in 2019 and grant no funds at all in 2020. This means they will be given one year to wind up the business", Moderate MP Hans Rothenberg told Swedish Radio.'

More Australians need to call out sexism when they see it, says Our Watch

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Article here. Excerpt:

'And while Our Watch research shows nearly 80 per cent of Australians want to know what to do when they encounter sexism, only about 14 per cent of people would do something — indicating they either don't recognise sexism, or don't know how to intervene.

The organisation's new interactive online campaign, Doing Nothing Does Harm, hopes to shift those figures.

Ms Kinnersley defines sexist behaviour as "anything that makes a woman feel uncomfortable".'

Scottish Parliament Bans ‘Gingerbread Men’ in Coffee Shop Due to Sexism Concerns

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Scotland’s Parliament has made the decision to ban “gingerbread men” from a coffee shop at its capitol over concerns that the name of the cookie perpetuates sexism.

Each of these cookies will now instead be called a “gingerbread person,” according to an article in Express.

According to the news source, the change was made after it was discovered that more than 30 percent of female ministers in Holyrood said that they had suffered some sort of sexual harassment.'

73% of Top U.S. Universities Do Not Guarantee the Presumption of Innocence in Title IX Sexual Misconduct Trials

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Among the top-ranked universities in the country, only about half require impartial fact-finders in sexual misconduct adjudication—and three-quarters make no guarantees that accused students will be presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Those findings are included in a timely report from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) that surveyed U.S. News & World Report's top 53 universities' due process protections for students involved in disputes relating to Title IX, the federal statute that governs campus sexual misconduct. According to FIRE, just 30 percent of the schools guaranteed accused students a hearing, and only 10 percent mandated some form of cross-examination. As a result, 86 percent of surveyed institutions received a D or F grade for failing to safeguard the civil liberties of the accused.'

Barbara Kay: SNL could never smear another group like it does fathers

Matt · 20 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Dec. 1, SNL mounted a skit called “Dad Christmas.” One blogger commented on it, “I don’t remember SNL ever sinking to this depth to disparage divorced dads in an attempt to provoke a laugh.” I agree. It was an act of vile misandry.

The skit begins with two adolescent children enjoying a warm and festive Christmas with their mature, beautifully groomed and loving divorced mom. Then they are shown in an alternate Christmas scenario — with “Christmas Dad,” i.e. an allegedly generic divorced father.

Christmas Dad lives in a sad-looking home somewhere in interior Florida (wink wink: deplorables territory). The kids arrive to find a bimbo in residence, introduced only by her first name. Both she and Dad chain-smoke in the house. The kids are unhappy, expressing longing for the “rules” their mother imposes. If ever a comedy routine was written to bludgeon its audience with contempt for an identifiable group, this is it.'

Australia: Why are our prisons full of domestic violence victims?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One emerging but "alarming" phenomenon leading to women's criminalisation, lawyers and advocates say, is the growing number of domestic violence victims being misidentified by police as primary aggressors — and named as respondents on family violence intervention orders.
...
The trend is also being observed in Queensland and New South Wales, with the chief executive of Sisters Inside Debbie Kilroy advising the Australian Law Reform Commission last year that her organisation was seeing, "rising rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women charged with breaches of domestic violence protection orders, often in circumstances where the police (rather than the intimate partner) have applied to impose the order".'

Woman who accused Wash. police chief of sexual assault now faces criminal charges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Issaquah woman who accused Bellevue Police Chief Steve Mylett of sexual assault earlier this year now faces several criminal charges for allegedly making up her claims against the chief and another officer.

Idunn Schneider, 45, was charged Tuesday with two counts each of malicious prosecution and tampering with physical evidence, according to charging papers filed by King County Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Gary Ernsdorff. The charges stem from Schneider's allegations against both Mylett and former Bellevue officer John Kivlin, whom she accused of domestic assault and related crimes.
...
In late July, Schneider accused Mylett as part of a wide-ranging investigation involving her claims against Kivlin and another Bellevue police officer, both of whom Schneider had met online. Her accusations against Kivlin initially resulted in charges against him. Her separate claims that the other officer sexually assaulted her after a night of drinking also were investigated, but they didn't lead to charges.'

Our favorite Washington Post op-eds of 2018

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Why can't we hate men?" by Suzanna Danuta Walters

Walters lays out the simple facts of discrimination and violence against women as they have existed across the world, throughout all of history, and doesn't flinch in drawing her conclusions. Challenging and unforgettable in the way a great op-ed can be. And if you want to see her point dreadfully proven, read her follow-up: "Mob misogyny is nothing new. I have the death threats to prove it." — Michael Larabee, op-ed editor'

Are you oppressed by Christmas? Blame the patriarchy!

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Article here. Excerpt:

I live in a gendered household. For better or for worse, the domestic division of labour is broken down along the standard male-female lines. I cook, he cleans up. I'm in charge of our social calendar. He is in charge of turning on the TV, finding movies on Netflix, and talking me off the ledge when I have a computer malfunction on deadline and am bursting into tears. Even though he is almost as technically illiterate as I am, I expect him to fix it.
...
Relationships are trade-offs. The point isn't equality in everything. The point is enough fairness so that you believe you have a reasonable deal most of the time. Some men don't do much emotional labour but work long hours. Some work in dirty, dangerous jobs where they are sometimes killed. Nobody writes books about how mistreated they are.

If you too are oppressed by the patriarchy – or the pernicious legacy of decades of Martha Stewart – you can give yourself the gift of liberation. Do you really want a tree? Maybe not. Hate cooking Christmas dinner? Get someone else to cook it for you. Give people the same thing every year. (Scotch and cigars work at my place.) Stay away from Pinterest. Never wrap a gift again. Use bags. Remember: Woman is born free; and everywhere she is in chains. Don't be her.'

Kalamazoo schools consider women’s studies course for high school students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While presenting on the need for the course, Hilgart-Griff said when she was asked by a former principal if a men’s study course would also be added, she replied, “Well, that class is called U.S. history class."
...
Moss compared his political beliefs to his classmate, adding that unlike Hilgart-Griff, he was a conservative. He described himself as “pro-gun" and said he wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement and was going to join the military after high school.

“It’s important to say that this program wasn’t just made by two people who want to push liberal values,” Moss said.'

Man accused of raping daughter acquitted by Delhi high court 10 months after his death

Matt · 22 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An erroneous approach of the trial court led to the “miscarriage of justice” for a man crying foul from day one in a case of alleged rape of his minor daughter, but justice came to him 10 months after his death when the Delhi High Court acquitted him on Wednesday.

The verdict came 17 years after the man was convicted by the trial court and sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment.

The high court noted that neither the probe nor the trial was fair in the instant case, which was lodged following a complaint by his daughter.

Justice R K Gauba said the accused “had been crying foul from day one” by claiming that some boy had abducted and seduced his daughter, who was found to be pregnant when the FIR of rape was lodged in January 1996, but the investigating agency and the trial court paid no heed to his contentions.'

India: Genpact assistant VP commits suicide over accusations of sexual harassment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A senior executive of multinational professional services firm Genpact committed suicide this week. The executive, Swaroop Raj, was accused of sexual harassment by two employees at the firm.

Swaroop was the assistant vice-president of Genpact, a US-based professional services firm that has offices in Delhi-NCR. He had been suspended from his company over the allegations till the case was being probed.

Swaroop committed suicide at his Noida home early Tuesday morning (December 18).

Swaroop joined Genpact in 2007. He was from Ernakulam, Kerala; and stayed at Noida's Paramount Society with his wife Kriti.'

The Right Needs a Position on Gender and Family

Matt · 22 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Left has clearly defined its positions on gender and family. The next Women's March will undeniably be aligned with the Left, and will feature a host of gender-based marketing slogans. Indeed, likely 2020 candidate Senator Kristen Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) recently staked out her territory, tweeting:"Our Future is Female." She'll be far from the only candidate vying for the intersectional feminist vote.

In education, programs to advance girls in S.T.E.M (science, technology, engineering and math) will be discussed as will early education programs aimed at cleansing boys of their "toxic masculinity." For gender issues being adjudicated, "Believe Women" will be promoted to revise existing judicial cornerstones of due process and innocent until proven guilty. Regarding family, the Left is likely to repeat the words of both Senator Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton, who called single mothers "heroines." Fathers won't be mentioned.
...
Historically, the best public policy has advanced through a process of debate, with beliefs being scrapped or refined along the way, so it's difficult to see how we're currently advancing the best gender-based policies given the disparity in the preparedness of the two parties to discuss these issues. Given the commitment to advance these policies by the Left, it's foolish to believe they will simply go away.

While there's nothing wrong with advocating for America's girls, government, education, and social organizations are ignoring a demographic comprising roughly half of our children: American boys. Surely, we can formulate public policy to address the unique needs of all children, not just half.

Being a leader requires courage whereas being a politician requires none. Who is the elected official on the Right who will defend an agenda that includes helping boys achieve in education, reversing fatherlessness, diminishing male suicide, and addressing the other issues boys will face as they grow? It's time for the Right to develop and update their policies on gender and family, and then let the debate begin.'

A man lost his job to a rape joke. Are you cheering?

Matt · 23 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hooray for our side: another privileged old white guy chopped down, career in tatters. Hear us roar! Speak truth to power! In this case the malfeasant was film critic David Edelstein, who made a stupid, quickly deleted, misfired "joke" on his private Facebook page, regarding the death of Last Tango in Paris director Bernardo Bertolucci. Posted Edelstein: "Even grief is better with butter," accompanied by a still of Maria Schneider and Marlon Brando from the film – yes, the infamous and now controversial anal rape scene.

Edelstein had been doing movie reviews for the last 16 years on the National Public Radio syndicated show Fresh Air, hosted by the much revered Terry Gross. He's also the chief film critic for New York magazine and appears on the CBS Sunday Morning show. He's what you might call "an influencer", and his 2,091 Facebook friends include many well-known feminists. One of them apparently took a screenshot of the post and circulated it or, as another of his Facebook friends put it, "narced to the universe". (Disclosure: I'm among those friends, though have taken no screenshots.)
...
In this case, actress Martha Plimpton, herself an occasional NPR host (on the New York affiliate WNYC) and in receipt of the screenshot, quickly tweeted it to her 196,000 followers along with the demand: "Fire him. Immediately." Which happened the next day: Fresh Air and NPR announced that they were cutting ties with Edelstein because the post had been "offensive and unacceptable, especially given Maria Schneider's experience during the filming of Last Tango in Paris".
...
A third unstated rule is that men need to prove and re-prove that they understand rape is bad, and take it seriously, not unlike signing a loyalty oath to demonstrate you're not a communist. Failure to keep re-proving it implicates you in crimes against women. Edelstein was seen as being insensitive about rape – well, not rape per se, but Schneider's account of feeling a little raped. He said he was unaware of Schneider's interview, but that was either not believed or didn't matter. Corollary: men are not to be believed, they will say anything.
...
It was once argued, among a certain style of feminist, that when women came to power the world would be a more humane place because women's style of rule would be different than men's – more peaceable, more fair and collaborative, perhaps even a more moral style of power. To some extent this may prove to be true: certainly there will be less transactional sex in post-patriarchal times; likely less groping and leering. But will there be a more humane treatment of the workforce?

No doubt many will see the evolution of gendered management styles from "Give me a blow job or I'll fire you" to "Don't tell a joke I don't like or I'll fire you" as preferable. Personally, I think they're both encroachments. Meet the new boss, same as the old boss.'

Argentina radio host ordered to have feminists on show

Mastodon · 23 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Angel Etchecopar must not interrupt his guests for 10 minutes, nor can he criticise them after they finish.

It comes after prosecutors accused him of gender discrimination.

He had used his programme on Radio 10 to attack feminists as "feminazis" and "disgusting people", Le Monde reported.

Prosecutor Federico Vilalba Diaz told La Nación newspaper that Etchecopar had been charged with "disrespectful, insulting, denigrating and discriminatory" outbursts against women.

"But Etchecopar came to the inquiry with a repentant attitude and showed himself to be very different from the personality I had seen in the media," Mr Diaz said.'

2020 Presidential Campaigns Are Screening Potential Staff For Me Too Problems

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rank-and-file women in politics have posed the question, quietly and through backchannels, for years. Is the new guy in charge a creep?

But as the Me Too movement heightens the expectations for political candidates and their campaigns, another much more powerful set of people has begun to do the asking: top aides to the many Democrats considering running for president in the 2020 election.

“We’re starting to ask those questions very, very directly, in ways where, previously, you’ve maybe just hinted at it,” said a senior staff member to a potential 2020 candidate. “Now you’re stabbing right at it. It’s a complete cultural change.”

...

The Democratic primary may include candidates like Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (N.Y.) and Kamala Harris (Calif.), who have championed reforms to sexual harassment laws and drawn a hard line against public figures accused of misconduct, including former Sen. Al Franken, Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh and President Donald Trump. That invites scrutiny of every Democratic campaign for evidence that the party’s contenders are practicing its principles.

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Rebecca Katz, a progressive strategist, is fielding a related set of inquiries: “Send me resumes of competent people that aren’t just white guys.”

“It used to be that campaigns wanted to look a certain way on the outside, but internally it was still the white boys in charge of the work,” Katz said. “And that is changing fast. … I’ve been in this business for over two decades, and all I can say is, finally.”

...

“Women have always had these whisper networks,” said the former campaign staffer. “Women have always done the unauthorized background checks to see if the people coming to work with them are total creeps. I think what’s different now is management will listen. There’s a return to the risk women take when they are honest about their professional lives.”'

Scholarship for women pays for tuition, fees — and life's emergencies

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To qualify for WEC grants, applicants must be unemployed or underemployed women who have had a significant break in their formal education. They may enroll, either part or full-time, in any educational curriculum, program or professional development opportunity that will lead to employment or improved employment.

A priority for the awards is to working mothers and those enrolled in nonprofit educational institutions. The grants are based on financial need, are renewable, and available to residents of Kalamazoo, Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties. Typical award amounts range from $500 to $3,000.

“This program helps women and their families reach their full potential," says Nancy Timmons, scholarship manager at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. “Grants may be used to pay for tuition, fees, books, child care, transportation, and other educational expenses."'

Tech addiction

Matt · 27 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. While not mentioning it explicitly, the vast bulk of tech addicts are male. Of course like any addictive behavior, anyone can fall to it. But tech addiction is largely a male thing. A recurring detail I noticed in each personal story mentioned: where's dad? Seems like divorce or no dad at all at any time figures in them. Excerpt:

'The young men sit in chairs in a circle in a small meeting room in suburban Seattle and introduce themselves before they speak. It is much like any other 12-step meeting — but with a twist.

“Hi, my name is,” each begins. Then something like, “and I’m an internet and tech addict.”

The eight who’ve gathered here are beset by a level of tech obsession that’s different than it is for those of us who like to say we’re addicted to our phones or an app or some new show on a streaming video service. For them, tech gets in the way of daily functioning and self-care. We’re talking flunk-your-classes, can’t-find-a-job, live-in-a-dark-hole kinds of problems, with depression, anxiety and sometimes suicidal thoughts part of the mix.

There’s Christian, a 20-year-old college student from Wyoming who has a traumatic brain injury. His mom urged him to seek help because he was “medicating” his depression with video games and marijuana.'

Research shows women think sexist men are more attractive than ‘woke’ men

Matt · 27 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Here’s a warning to all those politically correct “woke” guys out there who jump on feminist bandwagons at a moment’s notice: Girls don’t dig you.

That’s what new research suggests, at any rate.

A study in the Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin says that women prefer men who display “benevolent” sexist attitudes because these indicate men are willing to make an investment — “protect, provide, and commit” — in a relationship.

Dr. David Ley in Psychology Todaynotes this “benevolent sexism” is “overtly less hostile and misogynistic” than typical sexism, and includes characteristics like believing “women should be ‘put on a pedestal,’” “women should be cherished and protected by men,” and “women are more virtuous than men.”'

The Ongoing Decline of the American Male

mens_issues · 27 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For years now, our government and our culture have bent over backwards creating opportunities for girls and young women. As a result, women now outnumber men in college, graduate school, law school, and medical school. Compared to fifty years ago, many more women are now serving as elected officials in every form of government, more women now make more money than their husbands, and more women sit on corporate boards.
...
We push our daughters to excel while we decry “toxic masculinity” and “male privilege.” As a result, many of our young women are succeeding in work and life; many of our young men are failing.

We need those young men. We need men who can succeed as their grandfathers once did; we need them to marry and raise strong children as their grandfathers did; we need men as much as women if we are to rebuild the American family.'

Mizzou official: Asking a smaller woman on a date violates Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Missouri believes that asking someone on a date can violate Title IX in certain situations. Its officials can't agree on which situations, however.

In a motion for summary judgment filed on Christmas Eve, Jeremy Rowles shared excerpts of depositions with Mizzou officials from his federal lawsuit against the public university.

They suggest that male students should avoid asking out female students at all, particularly when the male is physically larger than the female.

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Asked how Rowles used his "power or authority" to sexually harass Breaux – a phrase widely understood to mean instructors asking out students, or superiors asking out subordinates – Scroggs said he used his "physical size."

Asked to clarify that "person of authority" doesn't necessary mean a "teacher or boss," Scroggs replied: "Well, I suppose it could; but in this case, no, I didn't interpret it that way."

...

Andy Hayes (left), who remains assistant vice chancellor for civil rights and Title IX, concurred that "power" isn't tied to an "authority situation." In her deposition, Hayes said: "I think there could be a feeling of that [abuse of 'power'] just by the nature of your gender."

Asked to clarify that she was saying the "power" provision "could apply to any situation with any man and any woman," Hayes responded: "It could."'

Feminism and fixing men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's a dating adage that "you can't fix a man." I'm not so sure why this is never applied to larger social concerns. The simple truth is men do not want to be fixed. Enlightened? Possibly. Transformed? Perhaps. But fixed? No. Think of an intelligent, attractive, and successful woman who takes on a far less intelligent, attractive and successful man as a project: "How can I get him to dress better or speak better or consider my needs better?" (and so on). This is part-stereotype for the purpose of emphasis and part-sordid reality.

I bring this up not to talk about dating pitfalls but to talk about men's anti-violence, pro-feminist initiatives, such as MenEngage. My concern is that these initiatives, while noble, resemble the approach of a woman seeking to mold the perfect man out of a deeply flawed suspect-man. In other words, he is viewed with suspicion until he does xyzfor nweeks. This is not only condescending toward the man in question but also runs counter to a characteristic approach to empowerment.

For example, a women's empowerment approach tends to focus on what a woman needs for herself in order to be stronger, happier, and more confident and not what she can do to better please or empower a man or men in general. If the latter approach were taken, feminists would surely condemn it — calling it oppressive and patriarchal.'

Lawsuit: Michigan State suspended man for sexual assault to 'avoid further bad publicity'

Mastodon · 28 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Michigan State University student who was suspended for sexually assaulting a woman is suing the school, saying his rights were violated during the investigation.

The student, who is only identified in the lawsuit as John Doe, was suspended for two years from MSU in May, after finishing his sophomore year. He alleges in the lawsuit that the university sided with the woman simply to "avoid further bad publicity" amid harsh criticism for its handling of sexual assault cases.

MSU spokesperson Heather Young said the university's legal counsel is reviewing the lawsuit and declined to comment.'

The ACLU loves due process (unless it's on campus)

Mastodon · 28 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The American Civil Liberties Union's recent statements on due-process should worry those liberals, conservatives, and libertarians concerned about due-process rights. It should also give pause to supporters of a so-called "Living Constitution" approach, which argues that the meaning of the Constitution can change to adapt to the times.

Recently, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and the Department of Education released new proposed rules on how colleges should handle sexual harassment and sexual assault claims, proposing a rollback of some Obama-era rules. In a series of tweets, the ACLU laid out its opposition to the proposed rules -- shocking for an organization which claims to be devoted to due-process, as they actively oppose the effort to balance the proceedings to give better due-process protection to accused students.

The ACLU claims the new proposed rules "promote an unfair process, inappropriately favoring the accused." You see, politically, it is a very bad time to do anything that looks like you support giving people accused of crimes the right to due-process, since the #MeToo movement has set up the false binary that you either condemn the accused or support rapists. Though oddly, a few weeks later, the ACLU attacked so-called victims' rights legislation for undermining due-process rights for the accused.'

Ex-Times Now employee apologises 3 yrs after ‘molestation’ case

Kaka81k · 28 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Media persons should think before labeling a Man as a Pervert. This man has been suffering for the last 3 years since a girl falsely implicated in harassment case. Reporters who demonized the man have now apologized but a mere sorry is not sufficient. The Girl who has been lying has not even attended court hearing (because she escaped to Canada) while the boy's career has been compromised and life is in ruins. Excerpt:

'A former Times Now employee, who claims to have put out the story on the alleged molestation of St Stephen’s student Jasleen Kaur, has now apologised (in a personal capacity) to the accused, Sarvjeet Singh Bedi, saying he is “ashamed” and “regrets” the episode.

The apology came soon after ThePrint published a story on Sarvjeet Singh’s struggles as proceedings in the case are yet to begin, with Jasleen not having attended a single hearing in the matter till date.'

Calif. organizers cancel Women's March for being too white

Matt · 30 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I posted this for the humor value. Excerpt:

'Organizers of the Women's March in Humboldt County, California, announced Friday that they have canceled the local Jan. 19 event because the marchers are overwhelmingly white.

In a Facebook statement, the group said it opted to nix the third annual march "after many conversations between local social-change organizations and supporters of the march," saying they would work on how to "broaden representation in the organizing committee."'

A Non-Exhaustive List Of The Worst Men Of 2018

Mastodon · 30 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men had another pretty poor showing in 2018, continuing their centuries-long slump. A man disastrously led the most powerful nation in the world. A man — several men, in fact — had the gall to mount comebacks after having been accused of sexual assault. Men inflicted their emotional inadequacies on everyday women, leaned on subway poles, sent terrible text messages, spearheaded fascist counter-revolutions in fragile democracies and just generally found diverse ways of not coming correct.

In the spirit of calling out these failures, both big and petty, we've rounded up a list of (a handful of) the worst men of 2018. This list is by no means exhaustive, and I'm sure we've forgotten hundreds of terrible males who made the year so much worse. Please feel free to make your own lists and then ritually burn them.'

UK: Prosecutor Who Withheld Evidence In Rape Cases Becomes First In Position Not To Receive Nation's Top Honor

Matt · 31 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the United Kingdom's former top prosecutors will not be made a Dame, becoming the first in the position not to receive the honor during their tenure or shortly after they depart.

Alison Saunders, former Director of Public Prosecutions, resigned earlier this year after it was discovered the Crown Prosecution Service withheld exculpatory evidence in multiple rape cases. One of those cases involved 22-year-old Liam Allan, a London resident who three years ago was accused of rape. A year went by before Allan finally obtained information about where his case stood, and was told the detective in charge recommended no charges be filed. But two hours later, he was told he was being charged for allegedly raping the woman 12 times.'

Ladies, even in your love life, you better get that commitment to gender equality in writing

Mastodon · 31 December 2018 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The question women need to ask is, why are we entering into contracts (ahem, marriages) that aren't fair to us? Why aren't we negotiating? In the same way that women's reticence to negotiate at work has contributed to the pay gap, women's reticence to negotiate at home may be contributing to the domestic-workload gap. Marriage is the only contract we sign without any terms or conditions. Prenuptial agreements are the exception. Perhaps women need a "prenup" to protect their non-tangible assets — their career aspirations and, most of all, their time.
...
Dear single women, get it in writing. As for married women, the negotiation is trickier because precedents have been set. Not all is lost, terms and conditions can be established with the help of a good therapist who can set up ground rules, draft a contract and assist in course correction.

If the word "contract" seems harsh in reference to marriage it is only because we have forgotten that marriage actually is a contract. Divorce is the rudest reminder that you are in a contract since it requires a dissolution of the terms you never realized existed. The problem with not having a written contract is that memories of verbal agreements inevitably fade. We slowly regress to previous habits, and around we go, stuck in a maddening loop.

Surely, none of this is romantic. But inequity is hardly an aphrodisiac.'

"The secret not yet told": Women describe alleged abuse by nuns

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Story here. Excerpt:

'The gathering comes as CBS News has also learned of several cases involving nuns accused of sexual misconduct. The Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests – or SNAP – said it doesn't keep count of sexual abuse allegations, but CBS News' Nikki Battiste has spoken with several women who recently reported misconduct, ranging from forceful kissing to molestation, all carried out by nuns.

When Trish Cahill was 15 years old she said she confided in Sister Eileen Shaw at a convent in New Jersey. Cahill said she told Shaw things she'd never revealed to anyone about her now-deceased uncle – a priest – whom she claims sexually abused her, starting at age five.

"I would have done anything for her. I would have died for her," Cahill said. "She gave me everything that was lacking that I didn't even know I was lacking. I was so broken. She filled in all those pieces."

She now describes that process as "grooming," saying Shaw plied her with drugs and alcohol while teaching her how to have sex with a woman.

"I'm with my friends during the day. And I'm with this pedophile nun on the evenings and on the weekends, and in the summer," Cahill said.'

Warren fundraising off 'sexism' in tweet referring to her likability

Mastodon · 3 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) is fundraising off a "gendered nonsense" tweet from Politico, which linked to an article drawing comparisons between Warren and former Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.

The Politico tweet, which has received significant pushback online, posed the question, "How does Elizabeth Warren avoid a Clinton redux — written off as too unlikable before her campaign gets off the ground?"

It was posted shortly after Warren announced she will be forming an exploratory committee to run for the White House in 2020.

"Every woman who's ever put her name forward for something – and every sensible person who recognizes how smart, powerful women are written about, and the names they're called – knows what's going on here," Warren's team wrote in the fundraising email sent out Wednesday.'

Six Young Men, Given Adult Sentences for “Minor” Infractions, Are Freed in Illinois

Matt · 3 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Somehow I doubt female prisoners would have drawn multi-year sentences for similar offenses. Excerpt:

'Six young men who had been sentenced to lengthy adult prison terms for committing what were described as minor infractions at a southern Illinois youth correctional facility went free Friday after outgoing Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner, in an unannounced move, commuted their sentences.

The young men, whose cases were documented in a ProPublica Illinois investigation last year, had only learned they would be released the day before. By Friday afternoon, all had walked out of the prisons where they were being held.

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He and the other five young men had been imprisoned for assaulting guards or other employees at the Illinois Youth Center at Harrisburg, though internal Department of Juvenile Justice records described some of the incidents as “minor.” Juvenile justice advocates and some state officials criticized Harrisburg officials for pressing charges, saying the incidents, which included biting, striking or spitting on workers, typically would have been handled through internal discipline.'

Lawsuit Claims SPLC Abetted Theft, Spread Lies to Destroy Lawyer for ‘Thought Crime’

Matt · 3 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Posted because the SPLC has named MRM groups as "hate groups". Why, even MANN has been put on one of their lists! Oh my. Excerpt:

'In December 2018, a Baltimore lawyer filed a devastating lawsuit against the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and two of its employees. The SPLC targeted Glen Keith Allen over his former ties to the National Alliance (NA), a white nationalist group. In doing so, the liberal group allegedly violated laws and legal codes of conduct by receiving and then paying for stolen documents in violation of confidentiality agreements. The group went after Allen with the intent of getting him fired by the City of Baltimore and permanently destroying his future prospects.

Allen's suit claims that the SPLC should have its 501c3 tax-exempt status revoked, that it owes him restitution for racketeering, and that it should pay $6.5 million in damages. It also references Allen's pro bono work on behalf of African-Americans and his mentorship of an African-American teen, powerfully rebutting claims that he is a racist. Allen told PJ Media he now regrets his NA support, and an African-American friend of his laughed at the idea of this lawyer being branded a racist.

Perhaps most importantly, the suit attacks the liberal group for undermining America's tradition of free expression. In an August 2016 interview with The Washington Post cited in the lawsuit, SPLC Intelligence Project Director Heidi Beirich (a defendant in the case) claimed to have watched Allen "like a hawk" because he had "the worst ideas ever created."

"This East Europe Communist thought-crime surveillance mentality is antithetical to fundamental American cultural and Constitutional principles protecting freedom of expression and association," Allen wrote in the suit, which can be found on his website. His lawsuit uses concrete claims of lawbreaking and defamation to expose the SPLC's Orwellian strategy of branding its opponents "hate groups" and orchestrating campaigns against them.'

Relationship Coach: 'Modern-Day Feminism is Killing Romance'

Mastodon · 3 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'DeAnna Lorraine, a relationship coach and author of the book titled 'Make Love Great Again' blames modern-day feminism for the large amount of singles in the U.S.'

Doctors bravely declare the sexes to be different

Matt · 3 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Sacrilege! Not only does it report on a disease that kills men more aggressively than women, but the article actually admits that the sexes are profoundly different. Unthinkable! Bet the doctors quoted in this article get assailed and the article's author gets pilloried. Excerpt:

'Men are more likely to die of brain cancer than women and a new study helps explain why. Glioblastoma tumors are fundamentally different in men and women, the researchers found.

Different processes drive glioblastoma tumors in men and women, and they respond differently to treatment, Dr. Josh Rubin of Washington University in St. Louis and colleagues showed. They believe the same may be true for other tumors, too, and say cancer researchers may need to go back to the drawing board when evaluating treatments for men versus women.
...
Males and females are different from the moment of conception. Male blastocysts — the balls of cells that start growing after sperm meets egg — grow more quickly, Rubin said. Genetics affect this: men have an X and Y chromosome while females have two X chromosomes. There’s a process called imprinting in which certain genes are silenced depending on whether they come from the father or mother, and a woman’s hormones affect the activity of a baby’s genes in the womb.'

The "Green New Deal" seeks gender-based social justice

Matt · 3 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Well you have to hand it to the young lady, she really is a pistol! Not even 30 yet and she seeks to take over the US economy. Alexander the Great's got nothin' on our Alex. Excerpt:

'It's [sic] scope and mandate for legislation authority amounts to a radical grant of power to Washington over Americans' lives, homes, businesses, travel, banking, and more.

Early on, under "Jurisdiction," the document makes clear its grandiose philosophical vision: "The select committee shall have authority to develop a detailed national, industrial, economic mobilization plan for the transition of the United States economy to become greenhouse gas emissions neutral and to significantly draw down greenhouse gases from the atmosphere and oceans and to promote economic and environmental justice and equality."

In addition to achieving its goal of "meeting 100% of national power demand through renewable sources," the document also repeatedly states the Green New Deal will advance non-environmental projects, such as, "social, economic, racial, regional and gender-based justice."'

2018 Sex Scandal Teacher Starting Lineup

Matt · 5 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Funny in its own way but also telling. If he were showcasing male teachers caught nailing their students, I am pretty sure the tone would be different. Excerpt:

'In 300 B.C., Aristotle famously said, “Those that know, do. Those that understand, teach.” In 1933, Albert Einstein said, “Teaching should be such that what is offered is perceived as a valuable gift and not as a hard duty.” And in 2018, 53-year-old teacher Deborah Lowe said to her 15-year-old student, “Who else can I be a slut with?”

Who else, indeed? That time is upon us once again. When we look back at the year just past in Sex Scandal Teachers, a tradition truly unlike any other.

As far as I can tell, the first Sex Scandal Teacher Starting Lineup was back in 2009. Like I’ve mentioned before, I thought to myself, “Gee, there’s been a lot of crazy teachers sleeping with their students lately,” and just to put a sports spin on it, organized them into a batting order. I figured it would be a one-off thing. Because surely there couldn’t be an endless supply of these stories, like the sex-crazed educator version of the unlimited, refillable fountain drink. But how wrong I was. A day or two later, a Stoolie emailed me one I’d missed. Then came another. And another. So I made Grading the Newest Sex Scandal Teacher into a regular feature, with a lineup at the end of the year.'

New Gender Equality Model Includes Fuller Picture of Male Well-Being

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An international research team has developed a new way to measure gender inequality that they say is more accurate and fairer to both men and women compared to previous models. The new model, called the Basic Index of Gender Inequality (BIGI), focuses on three primary factors: educational opportunities, healthy life expectancy and overall life satisfaction.

Researchers from the University of Missouri (MU) and the University of Essex in the United Kingdom published their new report in the journal PLOS ONE.

“We calculated BIGI scores for 134 nations, representing 6.8 billion people,” said Dr. David Geary, Curators Distinguished Professor of Psychological Sciences in the MU College of Arts and Science.

“Surprisingly, our new measure indicated that men are, on average, more disadvantaged than women in 91 countries compared with a relative disadvantage for women in 43 countries. We sought to correct the bias toward women’s issues in existing measures and at the same time develop a simple measure that is useful in any country in the world, regardless of their level of economic development.”'

Also, please see: A simplified approach to measuring national gender inequality

Tucker Carlson's analysis re the "ruling class" points up the status of men

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In 15 minutes Tucker Carlson tore "the ruling class" of America a new one and laid out the truth/reality everyone is avoiding looking at. Of course getting our "elites" to change their wicked ways in time to stave off a lot of badness is another matter. But he hit the nail on the head.

I would embed the video but the latest version of Drupal seems to have problems with iframe markup. But do click the link to watch it. Well worth the time.

UK: Man awarded £250,000 in paternity fraud case

Matt · 6 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A MILLIONAIRE has been handed a £250,000 payout by his ex-wife after finding out she betrayed him for almost two decades while he believed he was the father of her three sons.

Richard Mason learned Kate Mason had lied about the paternity when doctors told him he had been infertile since birth in 2016.

He made the astounding discovery when he was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, and told he couldn't father children naturally.

Legal documents seen by the Mail on Sunday reveal Mrs Mason declared a sudden interest in Judaism when she first fell pregnant.

She also insisted all three children have Jewish middle names, something Mr Mason now believes is a clue to the identity of the real father.

Mrs Mason initially said "of course the boys are yours, no matter what the science might suggest" when he revealed he knew he couldn't have conceived them, but later confessed to the betrayal when confronted by her eldest son.
...
His ex-wife only confessed ten years after they divorced and he had been ordered to pay a £4million settlement.

Mr Mason launched a paternity fraud case, which ended a few weeks ago when his ex agreed to pay an out of court settlement.

She decided to hand back a £250,000 portion of the lump sum after he sought to have the divorce financial settlement “set aside”.'

Baby Sitter Killed Boy, Gave Body to Mom in Car Seat: Police

Matt · 7 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. And to think, people won't let a man babysit their kids. Excerpt:

'A Wisconsin baby sitter who allegedly killed a 2-month-old boy then pretended he was alive when she gave the boy back to his mother has been charged with first-degree intentional homicide.

A criminal complaint filed Friday says 28-year-old Marissa Tietsort of Wausau caused the infant's death in October, then put him in a snowsuit and car seat and returned him to his mother — without telling her the child was dead.

Authorities found the mother trying to revive the boy, but he had died hours earlier of blunt force head injuries from multiple impacts to the head.

During a court appearance Friday, Judge Jill Falstad issued a $500,000 cash bond for Tietsort and ordered that she have no contact with children or with the victim's family, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported.'

Countries ranked in new study on sex discrimination

Matt · 7 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are better off in more countries than men are, a new study has found.

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The study looked at 6.8 billion people around the world and scientists developed a new way of measuring gender inequality.

The UK, the US and Australia all discriminate against men more whereas Italy, Israel and China are harder environments for women, according to the study.

Researchers say this is due to men receiving harsher punishments for the same crime, compulsory military service and more occupational deaths than women.'

Florida Stripper Arrested After Threatening Mass Shooting

Matt · 7 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. More along the lines of humor. Yes, even strippers in Florida can be nutty. Excerpt:

'Another arrest has been made following a shooting threat on social media.

A Florida stripper has been charged with threatening a mass shooting.

Lakeland Police say 31-year-old Brien Basarich posted about her homicidal urges on social media under the username “taking-lives.”

According to an arrest affidavit, she said she had a vision of a bar or club with only one entrance and exit and that she planned to purchase an AR-15 “soonish.”

Bay News 9 reports she described herself as a great admirer of serial killers and mass murderers.'

Prominent political donor victimizing black men -- so nothing is being done to stop him

Matt · 9 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If these were black women or any women this guy was victimizing, he'd've been locked up years ago. Democrat or Republican, makes no difference. So long as it's "just men" he's targeting, he gets a pass. Excerpt:

'The body of another young black man has been found at the West Hollywood apartment of Ed Buck — a prominent Democratic donor who allegedly has a fetish for drugging sex workers — reports Wehoville.

Buck, a white man in his 60s, was investigated previously by authorities after the death of Gemmel Moore, who died of a methamphetamine overdose in Buck's home in July 2017. Since Moore's death was classified as an accidental overdose, numerous young black gay men have alleged that Buck has a fetish for shooting drugs into black men he picks up off the street or on hookup sites. Moore had written about Buck injecting him with dangerous drugs before his death.

“I’ve become addicted to drugs and the worst one at that,” Moore wrote in his journal in December 2016. “Ed Buck is the one to thank. He gave me my first injection of crystal meth.”

Buck claims he's not responsible for Moore's death and did not furnish him with drugs. The Los Angeles County District Attorney declined to file charges against Buck, saying there was "insufficient evidence."

The name of the person who died in Buck's home in the early hours of Monday has not been released. Wehoville described him as a young African-American man and featured a picture of a body being removed on a gurney.'

'Traditional masculinity' deemed harmful, could lead to sexual harassment, medical group says

Matt · 9 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I don't care. I'm not giving up my motorcycle. Excerpt:

'It's all your fault, men.

For the first time in its history, the American Psychological Association (APA) released guidelines concerning men and boys, saying that so-called “traditional masculinity” not only is “harmful” but also could lead to homophobia and sexual harassment.

“The main thrust of the subsequent research is that traditional masculinity – marked by stoicism, competitiveness, dominance and aggression – is, on the whole, harmful,” reads the news release by the famed association.

It notes that research shows “traditional masculinity is psychologically harmful and that socializing boys to suppress their emotions causes damage that echoes both inwardly and outwardly.”

The 36-page document goes on to coin “masculinity ideology,” which stems from traditional masculinity, and claims that it harms boys and men.'

The Scientific Experts Who Hate Science

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This week, the American Psychological Association proved once again that it is a political body rather than a scientific one. This isn't the first time a major mental health organization has favored politics over science -- in 2013, the American Psychiatric Association famously reclassified "gender identity disorder" in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, calling it "gender dysphoria" and then explaining that living with the delusion that you are a member of the opposite sex is not actually a mental disorder at all. That ruling was based on zero scientific evidence -- much like the original DSM-5 classification of pedophilia as a "sexual orientation" before it was renamed "pedophilic disorder" under public pressure.

The latest example of the American Psychological Association's political hackery concerns the topic of "traditional masculinity." In the APA journal, it announced that it had released new guidelines to "help psychologists work with men and boys." Those guidelines suggest that "40 years of research" show that "traditional masculinity is psychologically harmful and that socializing boys to suppress their emotions causes damage that echoes both inwardly and outwardly." The APA explains that "traditional masculinity -- marked by stoicism, competitiveness, dominance and aggression -- is, on the whole, harmful. Men socialized in this way are less likely to engage in healthy behaviors."'

Tucker Carlson - APA guidelines for boys and men

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Video here.

Tucker Carlson and Christina Hoff Sommers discuss the APA's new recommendations.

Indian court rules men need protection from domestic violence claims

Matt · 10 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men's rights activists scored a significant victory in India recently when the Supreme Court essentially identified them as the victims in domestic violence cases. The judges weren't making the law gender neutral, however. They stated that Indian women were filing inaccurate claims of domestic violence.

Most of such complaints are filed in the heat of the moment over trivial issues," read the ruling. It went on to state that women were not visualizing the "implications and consequences" of registering a criminal complaint against their abusive husbands. "Uncalled for arrest may ruin the chances of settlement."

Women's groups are furious at what they see as a regressive judgment that prioritizes keeping children in two-parent families over the rights of the woman. Sixteen groups have sent a memorandum to the chief justice of India, demanding that the ruling should be reversed.

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This isn't the first time the law has been questioned by the courts, however. In 2005, a panel of the Supreme Court called women's misuse of the provision "legal terrorism." In 2014, the court also diluted the protocol for arrests under the law, stating that it was putting "bedridden grandmothers and grandfathers of the husband" in jail. Because it's a civil charge, rather than criminal, and it relates to harassment over dowries, elderly parents of the husband also often face charges.'

The cure for masculinity isn’t less, but more

Mastodon · 10 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The American Psychological Association has published new guidelines to help psychologists and the rest of us better understand men and boys. Unfortunately, the APA has reached the conclusion that traditional masculinity is harmful to men and in order for them to be healthier, older notions need to be upended.

Hogwash. Men who foster and execute healthy ideas about masculinity help themselves, and others, become healthier men.

The APA introduces its new guidelines this way: “Thirteen years in the making, they draw on more than 40 years of research showing that traditional masculinity is psychologically harmful and that socializing boys to suppress their emotions causes damage that echoes both inwardly and outwardly.” What is this traditional masculinity that is so harmful? Are boys really socialized to suppress their emotions? The APA identifies traditional masculinity as “marked by stoicism, competitiveness, dominance and aggression.”'

Men 'face MORE discrimination than women': Global study claims males receive the raw end of the deal

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Surprise! Women cheat as much or more than do men

Matt · 10 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Why polyamory/polysexuality isn't the norm, dunno. Seems silly people keep pretending. Excerpt:

'It's something we want to have to face, talk about, or even consider. But the truth is that, even in the happiest marriages, affairs can happen. Maybe it's a close relationship with a coworker that goes too far during a long night at the office. Or an unexpected dalliance on a vacation with friends. Or maybe, it's a longer-running situation, with one or both parties turning to each other to fill a physical or emotional void left unfilled by their spouses. The fact of the matter is that infidelity is not surprising. What is surprising is, however, is who's doing the cheating.

"We have this idea socially that men are cheaters, all men are susceptible to cheating, men are dogs, right?" says Alicia M. Walker, an associate professor of sociology at Missouri State University. "But the data tells a very different story"

Walker is the author of The Secret Life of the Cheating Wife: Power, Pragmatism, and Pleasure in Women's Infidelity. She was inspired to write the book after coming across a number of stories on infidelity. "I saw a study that said some 90 percent of people who cheat never leave their spouse," she says. "And I feel like, that's not what we hear about. We hear about people cheating and then the marriage breaking up. Then I saw another study that some high 80 percent of folks never get caught cheating and that number is even higher if you're a woman. So that really got me thinking like, 'Something is going on here besides what I think is going on here.' Because we sort of have this social idea that if you're cheating you're always going to get caught eventually."'

F2M transgenderism on college campuses surging

Matt · 11 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Flabbergasting. Running this to solicit input. Given the taught anti-white/anti-male stuff common at colleges these days, can anyone speculate on just why so many girls would want to start shooting T? Excerpt:

'For years, college officials have told students gender is a choice. They've pressured all students to announce their preferred pronouns on name tags and in emails as gender fluidity is normalized. They've celebrated students who choose to transition as brave warriors. They've provided the medical tools necessary for students to "transition."

In fact, a recent column in The Wall Street Journal reports that "health plans at 86 colleges—including those of nearly every Ivy League school—cover not only cross-sex hormones but surgery as well."

The piece featured the phenomenon of "rapid onset gender dysphoria," described as overwhelmingly afflicting girls who then receive the full support of the medical community.

Many of these cases can be traced to colleges that are just as affirming.

"I am writing to you on behalf of parents who have lost their kids at college to the transgender craze," one mother, Katherine Cave, recently told The College Fix.'

Women-only club allows transwomen in effort to be "inclusive"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Wing, a private networking community and workspace designed for women, has instituted formal membership guidelines, stating on its website that it "is a diverse community open to all."

After its founding in 2016, The Wing quickly expanded from a single New York City outpost to five locations across the country. A San Francisco branch opened in late 2018. Its mission is "the professional, civic, social, and economic advancement of women through community" and expanding "prosperity for womankind," the website says.

Some people have argued that the company's women-focused emphasis excludes trans people and those who identify as non-binary. Proponents of the women-focused format said it helped foster community and prevent harassment. Some of The Wing's decor, a company podcast and branded merchandise cheekily say "No Man's Land."

In 2017, the New York City Commission on Human Rights opened a "commission-initiated investigation" into the company's operations for possible violations of the city's Human Rights Laws, Jezebel reported. The law forbids businesses, including most private clubs, from discriminating against customers based on gender.'

The skinny on the APA

Matt · 11 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. So this explains it! Excerpt:

'"This report focuses on the demographic changes of the nation's psychology workforce between 2007 and 2016, and serves as an update to the 2005-13: Demographics of the U.S. Psychology Workforce report by APA's Center for Workforce Studies. The report is based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, the most comprehensive sample available on the United States population.

Major findings include:

The psychology workforce has become younger in recent years. In the earlier part of the decade, the majority of the psychology workforce was made up of baby boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964). However, in recent years, the number of psychologists within the echo boomer generation (those born between 1976 and 2001) has surpassed those within the baby boomer generation. The mean age for psychologists remained relatively stable between 2007 (50.1 years) and 2014 (50.8 years). In 2015, however, there was a decrease in mean age to 48.9 years.

More young women have been entering the psychology workforce. The percent of psychologists who are women increased from 57 percent in 2007 to 65 percent in 2016. Within the psychology workforce, the mean age for women (47.6 years) was almost seven years younger than the mean age for men (54.4 years)."

Men have been fleeing psychology for years and the only ones left are often male feminist Uncle Tim types who love to sell out their gender. The few decent men willing to get a PhD in psychology can look forward to a politically correct environment where the least slip of the tongue or politically incorrect research could be the end of a career. It's no wonder men stay away.'

Time to acknowledge our culture’s rising hatred of men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The time has come for all good people to wake up to the long dormant virus of misandry – prejudice or contempt for males. It is lurking in our closets and under our beds and has proliferated and made itself glaringly public in a most obnoxious way. The Kavanaugh hearings exposed this virulent menace that has been hiding in plain sight when Senator Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, took the platform and in a no-holds-barred blast of venom and hate told the men of this country they need to "shut up and step up."

Amid a reaction of shock and awe, the cat was out of the bag, the genie out of the bottle, the Jack-in-the-Box sprung; she had just given a loud, strident voice to a vile temperament growing in this country. Misandry has been kept under wraps but proliferates more every day – women openly hating men.

We're all familiar with the recent bevy of misandrists who made themselves prominent in the last election by introducing us to nouns that had us searching for their meanings...recited in a deadpan, monotone. Hillary Clinton would begin the sing-song litany at every whistle stop: "racist, homophobe, xenophobe, sexist, Islamophobe, misogynist..." Am I missing anybody? Oh, yeah: misandrists! But only flagellants would confess to this.

Gaining traction, misandrists abound and are spreading their tentacles onto hallowed ground. Former secretary of state Madeleine Albright caught people by surprise when she blatantly said, "There is a special place in hell for women who do not help other women."'

Patricia Casey: 'Men are the new women in world of US psychology'

Mastodon · 12 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yes, it's official. Masculinity is toxic. Never mind that 100pc of men probably possess the relevant attributes. In its 'Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Men and Boys', the American Psychological Association (APA) has swept aside centuries of evolutionary and biological studies. The authors claim that their work is based on over 40 years of scientific writing on the topic. The problem is, that while claiming to be scientific, it reads like a manifesto for the ultra-hard-left feminist wing of the Marxist Party. Indeed, the whole document is a political wolf barely disguised as a benign sheep.

At first glance it seems to be worthwhile. Who doesn't' want to help men who have mental health problems such as depression? Who doesn't want to reduce the scourge of suicide, three times more common in men than women, and who does not think ending violence in domestic or indeed in any setting is desirable? Surely encouraging help-seeking behaviour in men is an admirable aspiration that public policy should strive towards?

The first sentence in the introduction sets the tone: "Boys and men are diverse with respect to their race, ethnicity, culture, migration status, age, socioeconomic status, ability status, sexual orientation, gender identity and religious affiliation. Each of these… contributes uniquely and in intersecting ways to shape how men experience and perform their masculinities". Notice there is no mention of biology. The Y chromosome, testosterone, brain function - the hunter-gatherer roles of ancient times are all irrelevant.

There then follow a number of definitions for the terms: Gender, cisgender, gender bias, gender role strain, masculinity ideology, gender role conflict, oppression, privilege and so on; a predictable list from gender theory warriors. Guideline number three says that psychologists understand the impact of power, privilege and sexism on the development of boys and men and relationships with others. Elsewhere it says that "traditional masculinity ideology discourages men from being intimate with others and is the primary reason men tend to have fewer friends than women". One of the authors, Ryon McDermott, asks: "What is gender in the 2010s? It's no longer just this male-female binary." The document is heavily peppered with ideological terms like those above, thus politicising what should have been a scientific document.
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The press release from the APA hits the nail on the head when it concludes that spreading the message that men are adaptable, emotional and capable of engaging fully outside of rigid norms is what the guidelines want to do. Judging by the language and perspective in this document, the clear goal is to change the nature of men and make them more like women. This is deeply flawed and probably impossible. The strategy should be to channel the unhealthy behaviours of men into more positive lifestyles while reinforcing the positive aspects of traditional masculinity.

If men in need of psychological help are hectored and undermined, like political puppets or female clones, they will react against it. Attempting to suppress the male spirit may worsen the problems that the authors argue are so damaging to men. This will not be achieved by simply pretending that men and women are the same. As we say here in Ireland, "Briseann an dúchas trí shúilibh an chait" (True nature is seen in the eyes of the cat).'

Oxford University fellowship that has been women-only for nearly 100 years is forced to include men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Oxford University fellowship that was once exclusive to women has now been opened to male students too after it came under fire for being 'discriminatory'.

The elite establishment decided to change the terms of The Joanna Randall-MacIver junior research fellowship for the first time ever after university administrators felt it breached the 2010 Employment Equality Act.

The fellowship was created in the 1930s by British archaeologist and Oxford graduate David Randall-MacIver in memory of his late wife Joanna Randall.

However the decision made by the university has now sparked a backlash from former recipients of the fellowship.'

The unending war against masculinity and men

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Article here. Excerpt:

For the first time in its history, the American Psychological Association (APA) has issued guidelines for mental health professionals working with men and boys. That may not sound like a momentous event, but the APA is a powerful body in the US. It has 117,500 members, including the vast majority of practising psychologists, and an annual budget of $115 million. Its guidance documents carry the imprimatur of scientific authority and are hugely influential when it comes to policies and behaviour in public institutions. This edict will be referred to by university administrators when policing sexual interactions on campus, by the courts when deciding who to award custody to in divorce hearings and by HR departments when assessing complaints about male employees. It's not an exaggeration to say this new guidance will affect the lives of millions of men and boys for years to come.

I cannot claim to have read the entire 30,000-word document, but I've got the gist: masculinity is a bad, bad thing. Traditional male qualities like courage, self-reliance, competitiveness, stoicism, personal ambition and a love of adventure are 'psychologically harmful'. On the face of it, men and boys might appear to benefit from 'patriarchy' — after all, 95.2 per cent of the CEOs of Fortune 500 companies are men — but in reality the emotional repression needed to maintain this 'privilege' exacts a terrible toll. It is the ethical duty of psychologists, as well as parents, teachers, coaches, religious and community leaders, to root out these masculine pathologies and help men become… well, less manly.'

P&G Urges Men to Lose Their ‘Toxic Masculinity’ in Gillette Razor Ad

Mastodon · 14 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new ad from P&G razor brand Gillette encourages men to reexamine themselves and the way that they raise young boys. The ad, which is called “We Believe: The Best Men Can Be,” is essentially a two-minute broad generalization about the way that men act and think.

The ad depicts men getting into fights, standing in front of barbecue grills, and verbally harassing women. The ad also heavily features news clips discussing the recent #MeToo movement.

In a comment to the Wall Street Journal, Pankaj Bhalla, Gillette’s brand director, said that the advertisement is a meditation on the changes that men must make in America. “This is an important conversation happening, and as a company that encourages men to be their best, we feel compelled to both address it and take action of our own,” Bhalla said. “We are taking a realistic look at what’s happening today, and aiming to inspire change by acknowledging that the old saying ‘Boys Will Be Boys’ is not an excuse. We want to hold ourselves to a higher standard, and hope all the men we serve will come along on that journey to find our ‘best’ together.”

The ad immediately turned off customers, many of which said that they are done buying Gillette products.'

Malecare holding conference in Oct. 2019

Matt · 14 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Announcement here. Excerpt:

'SAVE THE DATE

8AM – 6PM Saturday October 5, 2019

New York City Prostate Cancer Patient Conference
Talks and Q&A with some of the worlds top Prostate Cancer doctors.

Tickets $35 including the best conference breakfast, lunch and snacks you will ever have.
Several Hotels are providing us special discounts in a variety of price ranges.

Spend a beautiful Fall weekend in New York City and get life saving strategies.'

Female Lawyer Gets Tulane University to Stop Discriminating Against Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tulane University has agreed to stop financially discriminating against male students in an unprecedented response to a Title IX complaint made against the school.

As PJ Media initially reported, the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) launched an investigation into Tulane University in August amid concerns that six of the school's scholarships violated Title IX, the 1972 law that prohibits sex discrimination.

The complaint was filed by Margaret C. Valois, a Virginia Title IX attorney and mother of two sons. Though she typically provides legal counsel to students accused of sexual misconduct, she said she was inspired to file the complaint to fight educational inequity.

"Tulane's implementation of Title IX provides greater educational opportunities for female students than for male students. When opportunities and benefits are offered to one group because of their sex… it is patently unfair," said Valois at the time.'

Masculinity mayhem? Fla. college tackles 'violence of gender roles'

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'An Orlando, Fla. college recently announced a workshop predicated on spreading awareness about “The Visible and Invisible Violence of Gender Roles” as a part of a “Conversation on Justice” initiative.

According to a flyer published by Valencia College, “the workshop will use theater games and other artistic languages to explore the visible and invisible violence generated by gender roles and by ideas about masculinity and femininity.” The workshop, a collaboration of the college and the Peace and Justice Institute, is not only meant to inspire “reflection and dialogue” among its participants, but also calls for them to imagine a “nonviolent gender approach.”

The event will occur just weeks after the American Psychological Association released guidelines challenging one particular gender role, specifically men who demonstrate "traditional masculinity," which the APA called "harmful."

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One event, called “Gender Inequality," "will present activities meant to highlight gender inequality by having honest conversations about how gender inequality affects men and women.” Another is titled “Climate Change: Why and What We Can Do,” and is intended to spread awareness about climate, which “will shortly have a serious impact on our community,” according to the flyer.'

Real Men of the World Launch Anti-Soyboy #BoycottGillette 'Movement'

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'It's Monday, January 14, 2019, and we still can't have nice things.

Gillette ran an ad you have seen today that is very similar to The Talk in that it doesn't do much in the way of directly advertising the P&G products in question but does make some general, non-partisan commentary on a larger issue or two affecting our society.
...
In what may be the most predictable backlash to the backlash we have ever seen, someone on the mighty internet has proclaimed from on high that this campaign is offensive because it tells boys and men that they can no longer be (regular, normal?) boys and men.

The ad above is, in our opinions, pretty clearly saying that the following things are bad: bullying, fighting, being an open misogynist, and making your female co-workers feel like shit while ensuring that they don't get full credit for the work they do.

Apparently not everyone agrees that these are bad things. Or at least they don't think Gillette should be reminding us that they are.'

Four women arrested after attacking Wendy's employee

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Four women were taken into custody after a fight at a Wendy's restaurant in Rochester.

Rochester Police say the fight broke out around 1:15 a.m. at the East Main Street location.

Police say a group of women created a customer problem, which escalated into threats against the employees.

Court paperwork states that the women became upset with their order while in the drive-thru lane. The women allegedly threw their food at the worker, then used a baseball bat to smash the man's car.

When the man went outside to stop the women from smashing the car, the women allegedly punched him and hit him with the bat.'

Green Berets Targeted After Anonymous Email Exposed Lowered Standards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The anonymous email, signed, “A concerned Green Beret,” accused the leaders of the school of “moral cowardice” for lowering the standards, and weakening instructors’ ability to discipline students as they look to get further through the pipeline.

“[The school] has devolved into a cesspool of toxic, exploitive, biased and self-serving senior officers who are bolstered by submissive, sycophantic, and just-as-culpable enlisted leaders,” the email said. “They have doggedly succeeded in two things; furthering their careers, and ensuring that Special Forces [are] more prolific but dangerously less capable than ever before.”

...

"Although Micah and I had nothing to do with it, it spoke true to what’s happening in the regiment. This guy Sonntag, who’s basically the one who’s trying to screw us over — he’s trying to make his career about putting a female through the course,” Squires said. He added that he did not oppose women in Special Forces, but opposed lowering the standards.

“Not only doing that, he’s changed it to where the guys who are coming through the Q course are not even the same quality of guys we had back in the day. Guys who should have been kicked out for several different things … As instructors, they took our power away.”'

The answer to the attack on men is women who stand against feminists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The feminist mission to destroy the so-called patriarchy and to create a matriarchy instead has officially hit its peak.
...
But the majority will not. Indeed, the irony of feminist dogma is that far from being oppressors of women, most men are supporters of women. Men want to please women, not rule over them. So if women and society insist that men shed their masculine ways, well then that is what they will do. Millennials are already doing it.

No, the only possible answer to this madness is for women to fight back against the feminist elite.

“It seems to me it isn’t men who have to stand up and say ‘enough of this,’” Peterson says, “even though that is what they should do. It seems to me it’s sanewomen who have to stand up against their crazy sisters and say ‘Look, enough of that. Enough of that man-hating, enough pathology, enough bringing disgrace on us as a gender.”"'

UK: Campaigners and MPs call for misogyny to be made a hate crime

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'A coalition of campaign groups and MPs have called on the Metropolitan police commissioner, Cressida Dick, to make misogyny a hate crime.

It comes after it was revealed that gender hate incidents were at least as common as any hate crime recorded by police. There were 67,000 such incidents last year, with 57,000 of them targeted at women, according to figures from the Crime Survey of England and Wales. People aged between 16 and 44 were most commonly targeted.

Gender was the motivation for more than half of the hate crimes women reported experiencing last year. Age, which is also not recorded by most police forces, was the second most common with 41,000 incidents, followed by race with 16,000.

...

Sam Smethers, the Fawcett Society's chief executive, said the letter's signatories recognised the resource pressure police were under but the rising tide of hatred against women had to be taken seriously.'

Violent crime victims by gender: http://www.gendercenter.org/gencrime.htm

Title IX Complaint Forces Tulane University to Stop Offering Female-only Scholarships

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tulane University has reached an agreement with the federal government to stop discriminating against men by offering female-only scholarships and financial aid. The announcement marks a rare victory for men in this increasingly hostile post-#MeToo climate.

“By September 6, 2019, the University will ensure that it is not treating male students differently on the basis of sex by providing different amounts of financial assistance, limiting eligibility for financial assistance … or otherwise discriminating with respect to financial assistance," the agreement said.

Furthermore, Tulane has agreed to provide updated training to its financial aid officers to ensure "nondiscrimination in financial assistance."'

UK: Firefighters forced to apologise for putting up sign telling passers-by they're proud to be men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Firefighters have taken a break from putting out fires to instead create one of their own by raising an inflammatory sign defending masculinity.

Staff at Newtown Fire Station in inner west Sydney were forced to apologise after they updated their sign to read: 'House fires are toxic, our masculinity isn't'.

'The sign was for those concerned there is way too much toxic out there,' the fire station said in an apologetic Facebook post.

'To show there are groups that fight it … Every man needs to be in touch with their feminine side, every woman needs to be in touch with their masculine side."

Portlandia: New city councillor says 'self-centered' white men allowed to disrupt city council meeting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jo Ann Hardesty, the first black woman to be elected to Portland's City Council, says white male privilege is to blame for disruptions during weekly council meetings.

"The reality is there are white men who think it's their job to come into Portland City Council and disrupt the meetings," Hardesty said Wednesday.

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler on Wednesday called Hardesty's assertion "factually correct."

Hardesty sent a letter to Portland media organizations late Tuesday night explaining her concerns. She said those men act "disruptive, disrespectful and self-centered," and those behaviors may discourage first-timers from visiting council and participating in local politics.

"We fail in our job when we don’t make access equal, accessible, and fair to all who seek a voice in our processes. We live in a state built on white supremacy and the legacies of that history linger on today," Hardesty wrote. "If this is simply about having footage for your YouTube channel or Facebook page, you should be aware that using your privilege in this way cannot continue."'

Penn State student editors deem sports, playing outdoors ‘hyper-masculine’ activities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gillette’s new commercial for its razors has polarized the right side of the pundit spectrum, with some arguing it doesn’t attack masculinity and others arguing it treats masculinity itself as “abusive.”

Political progressives, you might guess, are having an entirely different conversation.

“[T]he truth is, men can get a lot better,” wrote the majority-female Daily Collegian editorial board at Pennsylvania State University, using the Gillette ad as a starting point for their grievances with the opposite sex.

All the board’s women “reported a bare minimum of being patronized or demeaned in some capacity” by men, and “the persistence and frequency of these types of actions have done damage to women’s psyches, confidence and self-worth — and no man has any right to lessen those,” according to the editorial.

It goes back to the upbringing many men have received, “in houses that adhered to the rigid societal norms of playing sports and enjoying the outdoors, being hyper-masculine.”'

"Gillette commercial controversy: Men should just get over it and adapt to #MeToo era"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Anyone freaking out about a depiction of men intervening to stop bad behavior of other males should ask themselves why they are so triggered. This is simply a fairly anodyne ad encouraging men to rise to the occasion in the #MeToo era. The mere suggestion that perhaps men haven't always behaved perfectly shouldn't cause such an uproar, and it likely wouldn't if it didn't strike so close to home.

...

This doesn't make men inherently bad or evil. It makes them privileged. Part of being privileged is to be heedless to a problem that doesn't affect you personally. It also means protecting systems that have served you well, even when they are harming other people. So, for example, white people who don't say anything when unarmed black people are being brutalized and even killed by police officers are exhibiting privilege. Men who stay silent when they see harassment occurring because they don't want to risk their position in a system that benefits them are exhibiting privilege.

Finnish Study Validates Jordan Peterson's Take on Nordic Feminism

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'According to Sanandaji, men compensate for the lower level of education by having longer working hours. Men are thus over-represented in the top and bottom parts of the career pyramid, whereas women dominate the middle.

Sanandaji ascribed Nordic women progressing more slowly in their careers to generous contributions from the welfare state.

"It encourages women to stay out of work or work part-time, which is detrimental to their careers. On average, women work less than men and that is the main reason why 'glass ceilings' exist at all. The Nordic welfare policy only strengthens this effect," Sanandaji explained.

Another factor that impedes women's career progression, according to Sanandaji, is high levels of taxation which discourage people from working, while at the same time make it more difficult to procure household services to the same extent as, for example, in the US. By contrast, freeing up more time for work would not only increase productivity but provide jobs to others.'

Genius behind man-hating Gillette ad is a radical feminist

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'"The guy at the ad agency" is actually philosophically unpleasant feminist Kim Gehrig. Hiring her to court the male market is like expecting to accrue impressive rainbow flag sale numbers with spiels from Farrakhan.
...
She'd previously made the bizarre "Viva La Vulva" spot for Swedish feminine hygiene company Libresse. In that surreal ad, objects that included a conch shell, sliced orange, papaya, and coin purse stood in as ersatz female intimate parts. For the ad's nearly three-minute duration, these items were manipulated as unnatural "singers" of Camille Yarbrough's "Take Yo Praise."
...
Adweek pronounced Gehrig's group libel the "Ad of the Week." Gehrig's efforts were also recognized by Best Ads on TV.

Therein lies an issue worth note. Fox News host Greg Gutfeld tweeted: "the only ones lauding the Gillette ad work in media/advertising. everyone else sees it for what it is: a smarmy, condescending virtue signal aimed at the hardworking decent men they have been price-gouging for years."

At this writing, Gillette's YouTube posting of "We Believe" has received 40,000 "thumbs down" votes and only 4,300 positive ratings. Even when possible manipulations have been allowed for, that ratio does not bode well for the company.'

Liberals and Gillette characterizing all men as predators

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'The condemnation of masculinity as naturally awful and violent misses another important point through more gender stereotyping: The horrible behavior of some women. The female of the species, while our style may be different, engages in sexual harassment, denigration, sexual assault, battery, murder and general mayhem. As women gain more power in society, the romantic view of what we are capable of will dissipate.
...
While the viral reaction to the Gillette ad makes clear Americans are rejecting this effort to demonize men, it's worth remembering we're not dealing with just an idiotic misstep by a marketing company. The APA guidelines demonizing "masculinity" sends an authoritative message to society in general, creating a dangerous environment for any boy or man who does choose to seek the assistance of a psychotherapist. It's time we stand up for ourselves and insist this pathological frenzy to marginalize boys and men stop.'

Bogus stats of the violence-against-women industry

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'The “statistical myths” that pervade the rape-is-rampant claims, states libertarian feminist Wendy McElroy, start with “deeply biased researchers,” who proceed invariably from a “false premise or assumption,” who then use biased and small samples whose selection, in turn, is further slanted by paying participants.
...
Indeed, lifetime rates inflate outcomes considerably and make for good copy. One wonders, however, what existential meaning can be attached to a report that once in an entire lifetime someone a woman knew touched her knee without consent? There must be, on the other hand, some existential significance to the fact that women continue to live longer than men, that many more young men commit suicide, are more likely to be unemployed and less likely to get another job, and that men are infinitely more likely to suffer potentially life-destroying industrial accidents.

On a lighter note: One of the “intellectual” cornerstones of the violence-against-women industry is the faulty premise of a continuum of violence along which all male actions must be construed. Certainly, sexual innuendo the gender feminist sees as a form of violence against women, which is why she’ll get so exercised over the occasional caustic comment (or off-color joke) uttered by an otherwise mild-mannered man.'

Coordinated serial killer gang suspected of targeting young men

Matt · 18 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If these were women it'd have been national news long ago. The police seem utterly disinterested in solving these cases. You can be sure had the vics been college girls there'd be 24/7 effort. Excerpt:

'James fits the profile of the other suspected victims: smart, athletic, popular, college-age white men who went out drinking and never came home, they say. More recently, some alleged victims have been openly gay, like Dakota. Like him, weeks later, their bodies were discovered in lakes or rivers with smiley-face or other graffiti specifically connected to the group spray-painted nearby. So far they've connected about 70 deaths with similar graffiti nearby. About 30 of the men, including Dakota James, had the date-rape drug GHB in their system, according to the autopsy reports.

"Dakota was clearly murdered," Kevin Gannon, a retired New York City police sergeant who has devoted his life to solving these cases, told The Daily Beast.
...
They have a theory; they have suspects; and they say they have evidence. What they don't have is the support of any of law enforcement or the medical examiners who either ruled these deaths accidental drownings or left them simply undetermined (instead of ruling them a homicide, suicide, or an accident).

They also have a host of detractors, from the FBI—which looked at the deaths in 2008 and concluded the vast majority appeared to be accidental drownings—to the Center for Homicide Research—which looked at 40 of the cases and concluded the same—to the various police departments and medical examiners that handled each case and steadfastly refuse to change their conclusions.'

Mayor of Dallas: Men who don't like Gillette ad are prob OK with hitting women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, who led a campaign in recent years to end domestic violence, said he was not surprised by the reaction, even though he finds it troubling.

“This is why domestic violence continues to be a major scourge in America,” he said. “Because some men feel like they have permission to hit women. And maybe those are the people who don’t like the ad.”

Rawlings, a Gillette razor customer and former advertising executive, lauded the ad for depicting men standing up for the rights of women and children. He said his only critique is that the ad didn’t put more of an emphasis on preventing family violence.'

I know all about toxic masculinity; toxic feminism isn't the answer

Matt · 20 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After surviving a drunken, violent father who victimised my mother, I know first-hand about the evils of domestic violence and the dangers of toxic masculinity. And I especially don't need women like Jane Caro and Clementine Ford, in their defence of the misandrous Gillette advertisement, manshaming boys and men.
...
The Australian feminist Bettina Arndt, in her recent book #MenToo, also argues that radical feminism, where men are presented as violent and sexist, is guilty of manshaming and destroying what should be a bond of mutual acceptance and respect between the sexes.

In her essay titled "The demonisation of men – our anti-male society", Arndt makes the point that in society, media and the law there is a pervasive "anti-male bias" – a bias that in areas such as divorce, cancer research and domestic violence prioritises women while denying men's rights.'

We Need To Retoxify Masculinity

Matt · 20 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Much as I advocate global warming, I am a strong proponent of toxic masculinity. It's also known as "masculinity."

Risk-taking.

Ferociousness.

Independence.

These are the qualities the SJWs want to wring out of us. Why? Because these are the qualities they cannot overcome. They want us weak, passive and obedient. That's how they get power. Some bloated Trigglypuff screaming about the male gaze can't force us to do anything. Sure, a lot of them have weight on us, but if we laugh at them and simply say "No" to their demands, they're stuck. Are they going to go get a rifle and make us?

Nope. They have to talk us into surrendering, or really, pester us into surrendering. Which means talking us out of the uppity, aggressive, no-damns-given masculinity that is the last obstacle to their fussy, naggy domination.

Don't be fooled by the "toxic" qualifier – all masculinity is toxic to these human weebles. What they call "toxic" is really the essence of freedom. It's toxic all right, but to their goals, not ours. Masculinity means freedom from them and the puffy, non-binary utopia they dreamed up because that's the only world in which such losers could be anything more than a sorry punchline.'

Egard Watches: What is a man? A response to Gillette

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Video here.

A short film - Dedicated to all those who sacrifice everything to make the world safer and better for all of us.

Marriage doesn't correlate to increased male earnings

Matt · 21 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Their analysis, however, is missing an important factor that might change the conclusions derived from these previous studies. They do not address the issue of whether self-selection could be a factor affecting the relationship between marriage and quality of life. In other words, it could be that happy and healthy individuals with more earning power are more likely to marry, painting a different picture of the effects of marriage. There is evidence to suggest that people select into marriage based on personal income, parents' income, education, and whether or not are they are depressed. As such, research on the benefits of married life would not be complete without a discussion on selection mechanisms into marriage.

Already in 1987, two American researchers, Nakosteen and Zimmer, studied whether marriage affects the earnings of young men. They state that they "find no evidence to support that proposition." Based on a sample of 576 young men extracted from the 1977 wave of the Michigan Panel Survey of Income Dynamics, the authors show that marriage is not a direct contributor to earnings. Rather, the authors suggest that married men are selected into marriage by coming from a stronger economic background and that they are more attached to their jobs.

Another study addressing the selection-causation question is a 17-year longitudinal study conducted in Germany. Using data from the German Socio-Economic Panel, the researchers investigated the marriage patterns of individuals in relation to their levels of happiness. The results suggest that happier singles are indeed more likely to get married, and that the benefits of marriage are more pronounced among happier individuals. Moreover, other psychological and medical studies suggest genetic selection into divorceand marriage.'

Ireland: ‘Positive discrimination’ fears surround women-only academic posts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Concerns were raised that 45 new academic women-only posts could be seen as “positive discrimination” in correspondence between government departments.

The Department of Education had been seeking advice about the legality of creating professorship posts that would be open just to women.

In emails, a senior official in the department explained that to bridge the gender gap, they wanted to create posts that would “be filled exclusively by females”.

“This model draws on international experience,” wrote William Beausang, “in particular from the Netherlands – where the approach has been notably successful.”

However, officials in the Department of Public Expenditure raised concerns last April, warning that such moves could run into legal trouble.

In response, the head of the Civil Service human resources policy unit, Louise McGirr, wrote: “You have described it as positive action but I am not sure if it is more along the lines of positive discrimination. Positive action being lawful and positive discrimination is not.”'

Toxic indeed - Covington School incident is telling

Matt · 21 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Posting comment is in story's first comment. Excerpt:

'A video that shows white high school students in Make America Great Again hats and shirts mocking a Native American elder shocked the country, leading to widespread denunciations of the teens' behavior.

It was a moment in a bigger story that is still unfolding.

A new video that surfaced Sunday shows what happened before and after the encounter Friday in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

In the new video, another group taunts the students from Covington Catholic High School in Kentucky with disparaging and vulgar language. The group of black men, who identify as members of the Hebrew Israelites, also shout racist slurs at participants of the Indigenous Peoples Rally and other passersby.

The new video adds context to an encounter viewed by many as the latest sign of bigotry infecting the country. Screenshots of a smirking teen staring down Omaha tribe elder Nathan Phillips spread through the internet, sparking widespread outrage.'

Statement of Nick Sandmann, Covington Catholic High School junior, regarding incident at the Lincoln Memorial

SNL writer offers oral sex to anyone who punches Covington student in the face

Mastodon · 22 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We've already heard plenty about how the student at the center of the Covington Catholic High School video has a punchable face, but the D.C. Chronicle reports that "Saturday Night Live" writer Sarah Beattie offered oral sex to anyone who would punch that face.

guess that would be shocking, but we're old enough to remember when Nina Burleigh offered President Bill Clinton oral sex as a reward for keeping abortion legal, and that was a while ago.'

Neonatal circumcision could increase the risk of sudden infant death syndrome in babies – new research

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) or cot death remains the leading cause of infant death in many developed countries. There are around 2,700 babies who die from cot death every year in the US – and around 300 in the UK.

Cot death occurs when a seemingly healthy infant – under 12 months of age – dies in their sleep with no cause of death established in a post-mortem investigation. Although many risk factors are known to increase the risk of cot death – such as maternal smoking and bed sharing – nobody is exactly sure why it happens.

Research, for example, indicates that cot death is more common in boys than girls – at a ratio of 3:2. Studies also show it is 39% lower among US Hispanic communities compared to non-Hispanic people. There is also a seasonal variation – most cases occurring in winter. And 50% of cases occur between seven and 17 weeks after birth – with only 10% of cot deaths occurring after 24 weeks.'

HuffPo editorial doubles down on anti-male, anti-white, and false narrative in Covington incident

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The group of high school boys from Kentucky's Covington Catholic High School, seen on tape wearing "Make America Great Again" hats and ridiculing some of the marchers, including U.S. veteran Nathan Phillips, should be accountable for their actions. Phillips says he approached the boys because they were already exchanging racial taunts with another group of protesters and he was was trying to calm things down. However, the subsequent debates over the exact sequence of events and the question of whether the students should be identified don't place responsibility for the ugly scene on the people who should really assume it: the adults.
...
Combine that with the common belief of teen boys in their absolute right of freedom of speech and expression, their ignorance of how they appear to others, and the emboldening effect of a large group, and the whole thing was entirely foreseeable.'

India: Guru commits suicide after false rape allegation

Matt · 23 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a sensational disclosure on Saturday, Indore police said spiritual guru Bhaiyyu Maharaj had committed suicide last year because he was being blackmailed by a woman disciple with a rape complaint.

The police have arrested three people - Palak, who joined the ashram as a disciple and Maharaj's right hand man Vinayak Dhule and his driver Sharad Deshmukh – for abetment to suicide. A local court has remanded them to 15 days in police custody.

According to police, Palak was pressurising the 50-year-old spiritual leader, who was married twice, to marry her. Maharaj had tied the knot with Dr Ayushi Sharma in June 2017 after the death of his first wife and announced soon after that he would take sanyas.'

Activists File Title IX Complaint Against Harvard Alleging Discrimination Against Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Ph.D. student and two former lawyers — all unaffiliated with Harvard — filed a Title IX complaint with the United States Department of Education, alleging the University had created “a hostile environment against men.”

The complaint — which, if opened for investigation, would join three ongoing probes into Harvard’s Title IX compliance — was filed with the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights, according to its authors. The complainants contend that, by maintaining ties with the American Psychological Association, Harvard is endorsing the APA’s new guidelines on the potential harm of “traditional masculinity,” and therefore discriminating against men.

The complaint suggests that the APA revise its guidelines or that Harvard eliminate its relationship with the APA.'

Schick Hydro ad: The Man I Am

mens_issues · 23 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Schick Hydro has some male positive shaver commercials for men with the slogan "The Man I Am".

See this video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh7S5Wm1T-0

Also:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=nIhXTC2r58s

and

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=VM3gVAActaM

Proposal Could Require Women to Register for the Draft

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A congressionally mandated commission is weighing whether women should be required to register for the Selective Service System, or whether the U.S. needs a draft registration system at all.

The National Commission on Military, National and Public Service, created in 2016, spent the past year reviewing public service options in the U.S., including the armed forces, AmeriCorps, the Peace Corps, federal employment and more.

Members released an interim report Wednesday that offers some radical proposals for the Selective Service System, which requires all 18-year-old men to register for a potential draft.

Among the options under consideration is whether women should be required to register, if the Selective Service System could be used to find candidates to fill critical military billets, or whether the system should be scrapped entirely.
...
Heck encouraged the public to send comments to the panel and read the interim report via the commission's website.

Contact info is here.

NJ teacher threatens to shoot up preschool, say cops, who seize three guns in home

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A New Jersey preschool teacher allegedly threatened colleagues that she would shoot up the school, authorities and reports said Wednesday.

“One day, I’m gonna come here and shoot it up,” Gina Schroeder allegedly told fellow teachers at The Goddard School in Elmwood Park on Friday, prompting them to call the cops.

Police briefly placed the school on lockdown and detained Schroeder, who had no weapons on her.

Investigators also searched Schroeder’s Nutley home, where they seized three guns the teacher legally owned, NJ.com reported, citing Elmwood Park cops.'

Twitter account that amplified Covington Catholic D.C. march video appears linked to California teacher

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The account, which had over 41,000 followers, was run by a woman who identified herself as “Talia” and used a fake profile photo, belonging to a Brazilian blogger and model. Talia tweeted criticism of President Donald Trump and also used the account to sell teaching materials.

...

Fake photo aside, the @2020fight account appears to belong to a real person: a California teacher who went by “Talia” on multiple social accounts. The now-removed Twitter account’s bio contained a link to a seller profile on the website Teachers Pay Teachers, an online store where teachers buy and sell lesson plans and resources. Using the handle “Teaching in the Bay,” Talia described herself as an “Upper elementary & middle school teacher from the Bay Area,” and offered more than 100 worksheets and lesson plans. She attracted a few dozen followers and buyers who favorably rated her products.'

Women’s Marcher sexually assaults man on camera and admits it — where’s the media outrage?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Shouldn’t there be an entire media and liberal outrage cycle devoted to this blatant act of sexual assault?'

Gillette Parody Video

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Video here.

This is what the makers of the Gillette ad were REALLY trying to say.

Gillette - Toxic Femininity

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Video here.

We are starting the #boyswillbeboys movement on Twitter and Facebook. Please share a photo of father and child doing something fantastic. Make sure to use the hashtag #boyswillbeboys. We want to reclaim the term.

There are hundreds of fathers and boys in Australia doing the same thing. We want to end this feminist attack on men. Join us in showing the world what being a good man is!

Proposed women-only gym space at U. Texas ‘would not survive a legal challenge,’ Title IX expert says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fifty-five years ago, the University of Texas-Austin desegregated its dormitories and dining facilities, allowing black students equal access.

But segregation in the name of safe spaces has become popular on the political left, and one UT student is proposing a separate campus space for women to get exercise.

Daily Texan columnist Sanika Nayak pitched the idea for a female-only “women’s center” in Gregory Gym, the public university’s largest workout facility, in a December column.

“Oftentimes, it can be difficult for some female students to go to the gym” because it “can be seen as an overly masculine place, and women may feel alienated or intimidated as a result,” Nayak wrote.

It wouldn’t be the first time a college has restricted workout space on the basis of sex or gender identity.'

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez alleges sexism, racism in media coverage of her ‘Late Show’ appearance

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., landed a twofer of criticism on newsrooms this week, claiming the coverage of her appearance on the “Late Show” was both sexist and racist. The response from the national press, which is usually Johnny-on-the-spot with indignant replies to such media criticisms, has been a mixture of silence, indifference, and general agreement.

Host Stephen Colbert asked Ocasio-Cortez Monday whether she gives a “f-ck” about her senior Democratic colleagues who have urged her to wait her turn.

“On a scale from zero to some,” Colbert asked, “how many f-cks do you give?”

Politico describes what happened next: “Ocasio-Cortez reached to her side, as if rummaging through an imaginary bag, and pulled out her hand to make a circle. ‘I think it’s zero,’ she said to laughs and cheers from the crowd.”

Here’s how certain newsrooms characterized the event in their headlines:

The Hill: “Ocasio-Cortez: I give "zero" f-cks about pushback from other Democrats.”

Politico: “Ocasio-Cortez says she gives 'zero' f---s about pushback from Democrats.”

The New York Post: “Ocasio-Cortez gives 'zero' f–ks about what other Democrats think.”

The coverage clearly went straight for what she emphasized. Yet the congresswoman was not happy Tuesday morning, claiming that the press had sneered not just at the fact that she’s a woman, but that she’s a Latina woman.'

Alyssa Milano to Covington boys: 'Sorry not sorry'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Alyssa Milano refused to apologize Wednesday for comparing the pro-President Trump hats worn by the Covington Catholic High School boys to Ku Klux Klan hoods.

The actress and liberal activist penned an op-ed for The Wrap responding to the torrent of backlash she received for tweeting over the weekend, “The red MAGA hat is the new white hood.”

...

But not Ms. Milano. She argued the hats the boys were wearing were “synonymous with white nationalism and racism” and that the boys were in Washington “protesting against a woman’s right to reproductive freedom.”

“When I saw that video, I saw boys flaunting their entitlement and displaying toxic masculinity,” she wrote. “It seemed to me like they were reflecting the white nationalism and racism that the hats on their heads have come to represent.”'

Proctor & Gamble CEO Doubles Down on Gillette Ad: ‘There is an Issue with Toxic Masculinity’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The chief executive of the parent company of Gillette, which recently ran an advertisement depicting traditional views of masculinity as immoral and abusive, refused to back down on Thursday.

“It started a conversation,” Proctor & Gamble chief executive David Taylor said in an interview with CNBC’s Sara Eisen Thursday. “There is an issue with tox masculinity.”

Taylor, who spoke to Eisen at the globalist boondoggle in Davos, described the negative reaction to the video as coming from a “well organized but small number’ of people.'

The Level of Violent Imagery Directed Against Covington High Boys Is Dangerous and Wrong

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'People are entitled to disagree, but what is completely unacceptable is the level of violent imagery directed at kids by adults. The respected journalist Reza Aslantweeted “Honest question. Have you ever seen a more punchable face than this kid’s?” A writer for Saturday Night Liveoffered oral sex for anyone who managed to punch one of the kids in the face. Trevor Noah let these school kids know that not only did “everyone” want to punch these boys out, but he did too. The list goes on and on.

...

All this has a highly gendered aspect to it. It is very hard to imagine Reza Aslan or Trevor Noah saying that they want to punch out a 17 year old girl. There has been a lot of talk about boys and “toxic masculinity” lately and conversations about masculinity are well worth having. But the Covington High incident shows that we are far too quick to believe the worst about boys and too quick to reach for images of violence in retribution for their perceived sins. What could be more toxic for America’s school boys than their having the sense that they are objects of suspicion and that adults are this ready to wish them harm?

...

This is not how boys and young men should be growing up. Adults are going to have to be a lot more restrained, a lot more thoughtful, and a lot more careful with their language. Don’t we know by now that violence, pain and fear are not the answer? Can’t we at least start by not saying threatening things to children and not wishing bad things on even innocent young college men?'

Chris Brown Files False Accusation Complaint Against Rape Accuser

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The R&B singer Chris Brown filed a false accusation complaint in Paris on Thursday against a woman who accused him of rape last week.

On Tuesday, Mr. Brown was released without charge following questioning by the Paris police over an allegation that he raped a woman at a hotel in the city.

The one-page complaint, submitted by Raphael Chiche, Mr. Brown's lawyer, asks the Paris Public Prosecutor's office to investigate the claim as a criminal matter. The charge carries a penalty of five years in prison and a fine of around $50,000. Mr. Chiche did not respond to a request for further comment.'

Seventh-grade teacher on leave after misidentifying Covington Catholic student, calling him 'Hitler Youth'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Colorado middle school teacher was placed on paid leave and resigned from her leadership position with a local teachers' union after she incorrectly identified one of the Covington Catholic students and labeled him "Hitler Youth."

Michelle Grissom, a seventh-grade social studies teacher at Mountain Ridge Middle School in Highlands Ranch, tweeted Sunday: "His name is [redacted]. His Twitter account is closed to nonfollowers so we won't interfere with his training in the #HitlerYouth," according to screenshots obtained by a local NBC affiliate.
...
Ms. Grissom, who also served on the executive board for the Douglas County Federation teachers' union, submitted her resignation Wednesday, the union's president confirmed.'

Man booted from school board meeting for naming teacher who called Covington boys 'Hitler Youth'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A man was escorted out of a Colorado school board meeting Thursday for naming a teacher who called the wrong Covington Catholic boy part of the “Hitler Youth” on a now-deleted Twitter account.

Mountain Ridge Middle School seventh-grade history teacher Michelle Grissom allegedly named and posted a picture of Covington Catholic student Jay Jackson as one of the boys wearing Make America Great Again (MAGA) hats in Washington, D.C. Jackson was not in Washington with his peers, who were confronted by American Indian activist Nathan Phillips.

“I can’t imagine what drove a teacher to make comments online that were hateful and bigoted, slanderous and vilifying,” parent Aaron Johnson said Thursday. “Now we’re all left picking up the pieces she broke.”

Johnson elaborated to The Daily Caller News Foundation over the phone that Grissom’s actions makes the entire school community look bad.'

Woman who slashed fiance with samurai sword cries in court

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'The ex-girlfriend of disgraced pol Hiram Monserrate took another stab at crying in Queens court Friday as jury deliberations began in her samurai-sword case.

It was the second teary day in court for Karla Barba, who is facing up to 25 years prison for a bloody 2016 fight with her fiance in the Jackson Heights home they share with their 4-year-old daughter, Mia.

Barba had burst into tears Thursday on the witness stand, where she claimed that “accidents happen.”
...
Her lawyer then began closing arguments, telling jurors again that the pair love each other and that Barba never meant to seriously injure Larrea when she lunged at him, decorative sword in hand, during a domestic dispute.

“She did not unsheathe the sword,” said lawyer Stacey Richman. “It came undone itself” as she swung it a second time.

“This was a crazy, unfortunate accident,” Richman told jurors. “But it wasn’t a crime.”

Richman then used an unfortunate analogy in describing Barba’s mental ability: “She is not the sharpest knife in the drawer.”'

University of Texas Student Says Gyms Are Too ‘Masculine,’ Proposes Women-Only Gym

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Article here. Excerpt:

'University of Texas at Austin student Sanika Nayak argued that men make gym facilities uncomfortable for women. As a result of this predicament, Nayak proposes that the University of Texas should divide the gym into protected sections, so that female students can feel more comfortable when they are exercising.

"The gym is always so crowded, and there’s always more guys there, especially in the free weights room,” one University of Texas student said in a comment for Nayak’s column. “A lot of times, girls can feel intimidated to go in there and grab some weights, as weightlifting is seen as a thing men do even though it’s important for women to do also.”

"Often women feel that if they go to the gym in leggings and a sports bra, people are just going to be looking at the way (they’re) dressed,” the student added. “That can be a really uncomfortable situation — when you’re just trying to work out but men around you could be focused on something else.”

Nayak says that it would not be that difficult to create a women’s section at the gym. According to her proposal, it was simply include sectioning off a portion of the gym that would become only accessible to women.'

“Toxic masculinity” in advertising: keeping women scared and men shamed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some students of human nature believe that, because our ancestors could only survive as a species human through a constant awareness of danger, we are endowed with an inherent need to be in a “state of fear” about something or other, even if the objective danger is neither existential nor widespread. It’s certainly true that political movements often encourage a state of fear to enhance their image of indispensability.

Feminism is the reigning orthodoxy of our era, and for feminists, men (almost invariably white heterosexual men) are a favourite target for fear mongering. Short film/ads make excellent promotional vehicles for ideas and attitudes. I wrote about the now-infamous, feminism-inspired Gillette short film in these pages last week, a semi-humorous riff on the corporate cynicism behind its conception. But I knew my off-the-cuff riposte had not really addressed my deeper concerns about it, so the film continued to nag at me.'

Prager: American Psychological Association Has Made Choosing A Therapist Easy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The American Psychological Association has, in its words, issued "its first-ever guidelines for practice with men and boys." These guidelines "draw on more than 40 years of research showing that traditional masculinity is psychologically harmful and that socializing boys to suppress their emotions causes damage."

Three observations:

1) The last thing American males need today is less masculinity.

If you need proof, ask women who are looking for a husband whether the men they date exhibit too much masculinity, too little masculinity or just the right amount. I have talked to hundreds of women on my radio show (every week I have a "Male/Female Hour"), at speeches and in private who are dating to find a spouse. Not one has said men today are too masculine. Virtually all of them have said men today lack masculinity.

And why wouldn't men lack masculinity? A vast number of boys grow up either with no father or with a father they rarely see. Their lives are dominated by women — their mother, virtually all their teachers, probably their school principal and probably their therapist.

As if that were not bad enough, many of the single mothers of these American boys are angry at the man who never married them, or at the man who divorced them, or at men in general. In addition, these boys' women teachers suppress their natural testosterone-driven male behaviors. And now their teachers increasingly tell them they may not even be a boy.'

Toxic femininity: ‘Badass’ US women demand right to torture and kill for Empire... just like men

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Article here. Excerpt:

Thanks to a new wave of feminism and its call for equality, it isn’t just toxic men who can kill, torture and surveil in the name of US militarism and empire, women can now do it too!

This past weekend was the third annual Women’s March, which is a protest originally triggered by Donald Trump’s defeat of Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election that encourages women across America to rise up against misogyny and patriarchy.

As sincere as these women are in their outrage, in their quest for power they are inadvertently reinforcing the immoral and unethical system that they claim to detest. This is most glaringly apparent when this new feminism boldly embraces the worst traits of the patriarchy in the form of militarism and empire.
...
I’ll stick with traditional masculinity, you know, the stoic kind, whose adherents, principled men like Martin Luther King Jr., Cesar Chavez, Daniel Ellsberg, Pat Tillman and Edward Snowden, among many others, all did the right thing in the face of enormous opposition, and who didn’t tout themselves as “badass,” didn’t start fights but finished them, didn’t torture, didn’t spy and didn’t bomb innocent women and children into oblivion.

The bottom line is this, I fervently believe that men and women should be equal in their rights and opportunities, but I believe just as fervently that regardless of gender, no one has the right to kill, maim and torture for the American empire.'

Feminist: Sexbots Could Make Men Obsolete, And It's A Good Thing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A feminist at Bloomberg welcomes the coming sexbot revolution, claiming that men should be the ones worried about becoming obsolete in the bedroom, not women.

"Advances in robotics and artificial intelligence have raised a dystopian concern for women: What if female robots become so realistic — and so adept at sex — that they render men incapable of engaging in real human relationship," writes Cathy O'Neil. "Actually, I think it's the men who should be worried. It's entirely possible that robots can outperform them."
...

Except that won't be the reality. Assuming the sexbot wave happens according to O'Neil's liking, the reality will be a world of both men and women segregating themselves into their own separate pods of technology with no relationship to each other whatsoever — a wasteland of extreme individuality with people living out their lives in their own privately-created "Matrix."

O'Neil finishes her piece by pumping the man-hatred up to 11. Of the possibility that hackers could make murderers out of sexbots, she then states, "Would that make them more of a threat than actual men? Given the baseline murder rate for human sexual partners, it's hard to get too worried."

She adds, "Plus, if they can understand female anatomy — I mean, really understand it — maybe it's worth the risk."'

Bills target changes to Title IX hearings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill introduced in both houses of the state legislature last week would make Title IX investigations at Missouri's colleges and universities more like legal proceedings.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Gary Romine, R-Farmington, and House Higher Education Committee Chairman Dean Dohrman, R-La Monte, are sponsoring legislation requiring due process in Title IX investigations.

It would guarantee all students the right to representation by an attorney in a Title IX case and allow students to request a review of adherence to due process rules by the state's Administrative Hearing Commission.

The commission oversees the application of state regulations and makes decisions "in cases involving a state agency and private citizen," according to its website.'

Humor: HuffPo editors' meeting picture

Matt · 28 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Just for amusement. Confirms all your suspicions. :)

https://pjmedia.com/instapundit/319917/

SAVE: Please submit comments for overhaul of campus kangaroo court

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From SAVE:

Never before in American have we witnessed such an open assault on the Due Process protections found in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution.

To date, literally THOUSANDS of persons have submitted Comments to the Department of Education saying we need to keep the current Kangaroo Courts!

Either we tell the Department of Education to move forward with its proposed Title IX regulations, or we concede the issue to the purveyors of Mob Rule.

SAVE has put together a package of information with a Comments Template, links to other thoughtful comments, and the link where to submit your comments: http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/restore-fairness

Bottom line, the deadline to submit your comment is this Wednesday at 11:59pm.

Sincerely,
The SAVE Team

British Fire Service Lowers Standards For Women, Minorities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of Britain's largest fire services requires white men to score higher on a recruitment test than women or minorities.

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service (WMFRS) requires white men to score 70% on verbal and numerical tests, while women and black, Asian, or other ethnic men need to score only 60%. The change was implemented in September 2017, as part of an effort to increase the diversity of firefighters, but is only now being discovered by those outside the department.

Metro UK reports that a "senior source" within the department says the program costs £100,000 a year, including £2,500 a month for Facebook ads targeting only women to "minimize white men applying."

This same source told the paper that WMFRS is the first brigade in the United Kingdom to make the change, which "directly discriminates against white men."

"This approach was intentionally adopted to directly manipulate the diversity figures to meet the targets," the source said. "This approach to recruitment is appalling. Not only are they discriminating against large parts of my community, but they are also using huge amounts of public money to do so. There is such a negative culture within management who want to achieve their own agendas at all costs."'

The disappearance of 'masculinity' is harmful to society

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What are the consequences of saying all men have toxic masculinity? Many women feel like they do not need a man anymore to raise a family, or for any other reason. The first consequence is single-family homes with no fathers present. Many people think this is a wonderful thing, and I commend all women who can raise children alone and work at the same time. What is the damage to the children though, with no male influence, particularly a strong male? Working with inmates for many years,

I cannot remember one time while interviewing an inmate to do intake paperwork, that they specified that they came from a two-parent household. These men had no positive male role models in their lives who taught them the importance of being responsible, taking care of the family and to obey the law. According to Politifact, up to 60 percent of felons grew up in one-parent or other arrangement households, and it is one of the factors that contributes to eventual incarceration. It also states a child growing up in a mother-only household was almost twice as likely as a child growing up in a mother-father household to end up incarcerated.'

Radical Feminist: Transgender Activism Is a 'Men's Rights Movement'

Mastodon · 29 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Kara Dansky, a feminist lawyer and spokeswoman for Women's Liberation Front (WoLF), spoke against the so-called "Equality Act" at the Heritage Foundation on Monday, denouncing the transgender and gender identity movement as anti-women and anti-lesbian in particular. Her remarks echoed the London Pride March sign declaring that "Transactivism Erases Lesbians."

"This is a Men's Rights movement — this is really a Men's Rights movement," Dansky declared, calling for men to stand up for women and denounce the transgender movement.'

New Website Plans to Collect #MeToo Victims' Data and Sell It

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A California couple have launched an online tool to connect victims of workplace sexual misconduct to others harassed or abused by the same person—and they plan to fund it by anonymizing the data they collect and selling it to the accusers' companies.

The just-launched website, ImWithThem.org, is the latest example of the intersection of the #MeToo movement and technology. It's a nonprofit started by two people with business backgrounds who hope to help victims—but privacy experts say the tool raises red flags.

The website, founded by marketing strategist Laurie Girand and her husband, former Broadcom Corporation CEO Scott McGregor, allows victims of sexual harassment to submit confidential reports. The site then connects them to anyone else naming the same perpetrator.'

Canada: Proposed sexual assault court in Quebec long overdue

Mastodon · 29 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Contrary to some people's misguided fears that a special court would circumvent accusers' rights or eliminate the presumption of innocence, believing every victim's testimony unquestionably, the goal isn't to change the Criminal Code but to reform and improve both the way the laws are applied in Quebec and the process. The group has gone to great lengths to assuage those fears and made it clear during every appearance that the court would aim to centre both female and male victims' needs without infringing on fundamental human rights.

"Our most important responsibility is to regain victims' faith in our legal system," said Hivon on TLMEP. "Because, right now it's non-existent. But there is no intent to interfere with the presumption of innocence and with the fundamental rights of the accused. The idea of a specialized court is to re-establish trust in the system, to show that the system can adapt, and to rely on trained individuals who understand the particularities of sexual violence. And that will make a difference."'

High School Teacher Suspended For Showing Fox News Documentary About Due Process In College

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A high school teacher in the wealthy suburban New York town of Bedford has been suspended for showing his students a Fox News documentary as part of a lesson plan to prepare them for college.
...
Now he was accused of “incompetence,” among other things. The hearing he was subjected to mirrored, in many ways, the hearings college students accused of sexual assault must endure. While Poplardo was represented by a union lawyer and allowed to cross-examine the evidence against him — both of which college students are not entitled to — he was forced to plead his case before an adversarial panel that included his school’s previous principal, with whom he had a prior incident.

He was also not able to question the person who sent the anonymous tip, as their identity has not been disclosed. Poplardo said no student or parent was spoken to as part of the investigation into his conduct, and the bulk of the lesson plan was ignored; the school focused only on the video, essentially putting Fox News on trial in a liberal district.
...
Poplardo said this is “a lie that’s being challenged.” He said the settlement included a $3,000 fine, but they also removed him as the JV girls’ softball and soccer coach, and as the advisor to the debate club and advisor to the class of 2020. He said adding up all those positions amounted to around $16,000, not the $3,000 the district is claiming. He also said the district told him he would not be reinstated to those positions.'

New Mexico bill would force colleges to believe accusers in sexual assault proceedings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Thought the Obama administration's Title IX guidance for sexual misconduct proceedings was bad? Look at some of the legislation under consideration in states.

New Mexico is considering a bill that would threaten colleges with defunding if they don't make assumptions that are favorable to accusers in sexual misconduct proceedings.

HB 133 passed the House Health and Human Services Committee Friday, and will now be considered by the House Education Committee, the Los Alamos Daily Post reports. The bill's sponsor, Democratic Rep. Elizabeth Thomson, said it's intended to give young people "the resources they need to make the best decisions for themselves and their bodies."'

Men’s Health Network Issues Statement On Toxic Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men’s Health Network supports a productive dialogue on masculinity and what it means to be a man. We also recognize that during this dialogue, and in programs intended to promote positive masculinity, it is important not to paint boys and men with broad strokes that tend to depreciate the entire gender because of the inappropriate behavior of some individual or group.

We firmly believe that masculinity is not inherently toxic and remains a core component of manhood.'

10 Years After Lilly Ledbetter, Media Still Running Discredited ‘Gender Wage Gap’ Claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Who could have foreseen that a law designed to help one specific person wouldn’t solve the world’s alleged problem?

Ten years ago, President Barack Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act. It was the first bill he signed as president – and he made sure we all knew this throughout his presidency. Ledbetter worked at Goodyear Tire as a supervisor and later a manager, but found out she was being paid significantly less than her male counterparts. She sued and won, but the decision was overturned on appeal because she hadn’t filed her claim within a certain amount of time. The law named after her changed that.

For 10 years, I have tried to find an example of someone else being helped by the Lilly Ledbetter Act. I’ve found none.'

Just How Easy Should It Be to Destroy a Young Man's Life?

Mastodon · 30 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, the New York Times published a student activist's op-ed with a rather provocative title: "When College Rapists Graduate."

Now, when you read those words, what do you think? I initially thought the story must be about a prison education program. After all, rape is an extraordinarily serious crime. It was punishable by death until relatively recently in American history, and even now it's punishable by long prison sentences.

Instead, it turns out that the piece, written by a law student and activist named Alyssa Leader, laments the outcome of a campus sexual-assault adjudication and condemns the Trump administration's efforts to introduce a greater degree of due-process protections to the campus tribunals that hear such cases. Leader had claimed that she was sexually assaulted and harassed by another student. She filed a complaint against him with the university (Harvard), which, after applying the most lenient burden of proof and a degree of due process that would never be acceptable in any criminal or civil court, found him not responsible. Later, she sued Harvard — not the man she alleges assaulted her — because, as her lawyer told the New York Times, "The more traumatic of the two is the institutional betrayal and lack of response to her reporting." A judge dismissed the case.'

VA governor: Abortion post-birth should be lawful

Matt · 31 January 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If the elites of the world are not out to reduce the population by any means possible, I wonder just what are they doing? Excerpt:

'Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D.) commented Wednesday about a controversial 40-week abortion bill and in so doing said the law allows an abortion to take place after the infant's birth.

"If a mother is in labor, I can tell you exactly what would happen. The infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother," Northam said, alluding to the physician and mother discussing whether the born infant should live or die.

A Democratic lawmaker in the Virginia House of Delegates proposed a bill Tuesday that would allow abortions through the end of the third trimester of pregnancy. The video of Delegate Kathy Tran presenting her bill led to an exchange where she admitted that her bill would allow for a mother to abort her child minutes before giving birth.

"How late in the third trimester could a physician perform an abortion if he indicated that it would impair the mental health of the woman?" Majority Leader Todd Gilbert (R.) asked.'

Sexist hiring practices don't only hurt women. They hurt men, too

Mastodon · 1 February 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender stereotypes are still dividing the job market into "women's work" and "men's work." And women aren't the only ones paying the penalty.

Just as women can be turned away from roles in male-dominated fields, men can also be turned down for jobs in female-dominated industries, according to a new study conducted by Jill Yavorsky, assistant professor of sociology and organizational science at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Yavorsky and her team of researchers sent nearly 6,000 résumés from fictitious male and female candidates with comparable skills to jobs in working-class and middle-class fields. They found that potential hiring discrimination affected both genders across a variety of industries.

The study looked at blue-collar jobs in male-dominated fields like manufacturing and janitorial work, and female-dominated professions like housekeeping and customer service. Résumés were also submitted to white-collar roles in sales, financial analysis, human resources and administration support.'

John Stossel on "How Feminism Fails Boys"

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Video here.

'Inequalities such as: Men die 5 years earlier than women, have more dangerous jobs, and are often passed over for custody of kids. Boys are two times more likely than girls to commit suicide. Boys are 29% less likely to get a college degree than girls.

Warren Farrell was once a feminist movement leader. But now he says, "I don't agree with the part of feminism that says, 'men are the oppressors and women are the oppressed.' That part of feminism is sick," Farrell tells Maxim Lott, Senior Producer of Stossel on Reason.

Lott asks Farrell about the fact that men have more influence in government and business, and tend to make more money. Farrell answers that a big reason men make more money is because they are filling social expectations to become a family breadwinner.'

Clementine Ford vows to ‘curse’ men for donations in her new money-making venture

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'Clementine Ford is not going down without a fight.

The controversial feminist columnist and author — who describes herself as “a professionally angry person” — quit her job in spectacular fashion this week, unleashing a foul-mouthed tirade at her former employer, Fairfax.

Unveiling her new plan to make a living via the membership subscription platform Patreon — the 38-year-old claimed she recently had her Fairfax columns halved which means her wages were also halved before she spectacularly quit.

However, she still wants to be paid for writing about “feminism, violence against women, misogyny, pop culture, parenting and mental health”, so has set up a page which allows feminists to “pledge” cash to fund her work.

On the page “Fight Like A Girl” she jokingly vowed to “curse 10 men” for every monthly $10 pledge donated to her new money-making venture.

On the Patreon page, she has described how tough it is to make a living from “producing feminist content that challenges and explores the world we live in.”

“The majority of media appearances I make on radio and TV are all unpaid,” she wrote. “I have written two successful books but making a liveable wage from books is actually very rare.'

The Nature of Sex

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Article here. Yep, Hell just froze over. Excerpt:

'It might be a sign of the end-times, or simply a function of our currently scrambled politics, but earlier this week, four feminist activists — three from a self-described radical feminist organization Women's Liberation Front — appeared on a panel at the Heritage Foundation. Together they argued that sex was fundamentally biological, and not socially constructed, and that there is a difference between women and trans women that needs to be respected. For this, they were given a rousing round of applause by the Trump supporters, religious-right members, natural law theorists, and conservative intellectuals who comprised much of the crowd. If you think I've just discovered an extremely potent strain of weed and am hallucinating, check out the video of the event.

I've no doubt that many will see these women as anti-trans bigots, or appeasers of homophobes and transphobes, or simply deranged publicity seekers. (The moderator, Ryan Anderson, said they were speaking at Heritage because no similar liberal or leftist institution would give them space or time to make their case.) And it's true that trans-exclusionary radical feminists or TERFs, as they are known, are one minority that is actively not tolerated by the LGBTQ establishment, and often demonized by the gay community. It's also true that they can be inflammatory, offensive, and obsessive. But what interests me is their underlying argument, which deserves to be thought through, regardless of our political allegiances, sexual identities, or tribal attachments. Because it's an argument that seems to me to contain a seed of truth. Hence, I suspect, the intensity of the urge to suppress it.

The title of the Heritage panel conversation — "The Inequality of the Equality Act" — refers to the main legislative goal for the Human Rights Campaign, the largest LGBTQ lobbbying group in the US. The proposed Equality Act — a federal nondiscrimination bill that has been introduced multiple times over the years in various formulations — would add "gender identity" to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, rendering that class protected by anti-discrimination laws, just as sex is. The TERF argument is that viewing "gender identity" as interchangeable with sex, and abolishing clear biological distinctions between men and women, is actually a threat to lesbian identity and even existence — because it calls into question who is actually a woman, and includes in that category human beings who have been or are biologically male, and remain attracted to women. How can lesbianism be redefined as having sex with someone who has a penis, they argue, without undermining the concept of lesbianism as a whole? "Lesbians are female homosexuals, women who love women," one of the speakers, Julia Beck, wrote last December, "but our spaces, resources and communities are on the verge of extinction."'

Male contraceptive gel: couples being recruited for pioneering UK trial

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Couples are being recruited to take part in a groundbreaking trial of a male contraceptive gel that could allow men and women to take equal responsibility for birth control in future.

Eighty men in Manchester and Edinburgh will be asked to use a daily gel containing hormones that “send the testes to sleep”, meaning the sperm count drops to zero.

Couples will rely on the gel as their sole contraceptive for a year, as part of a clinical trial to assess how effective it is at preventing pregnancy and whether the side-effects are acceptable.

Richard Anderson, a professor of clinical reproductive science at the University of Edinburgh, who is leading the study, said the method was expected to be more effective than condoms, which in real-life conditions are about 82% effective. “We’re aiming to get it down to the sort of level you get with the pill which is a very small but not zero failure rate,” he said.'

UK: Opening Up Women-Only Scholarships Undermines The Fight For Equality

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'Last year, the Joanna Randall MacIver junior research fellowship, which was established in the 1930s exclusively for women specialising in the humanities, was opened up to all genders. This decision was made by the senior committee of the university – the Oxford Council – in response to accusations that the award was discriminatory on the grounds of gender. Retracting a fellowship for women in an institution which has historically left women by the wayside is a controversial move to say the least. However, this decision presents us with an opportunity to consider the place of women-only scholarships in our university and ask the question: Is it ever right to discriminate?
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Today, the need for these type of scholarships is less pressing, but there is still a place for them in Oxford. In 2018, for the first time in its history, Oxford admitted more women than men. However, this progress is not reflected higher up in the university ranks. The 2017 Equality Report, which examined diversity in senior academic roles, including heads of department and associate professors, revealed a worrying gender disparity. Only 30% of academics are women, and this shows no sign of improving; over the past five years, the number of women in these roles has fallen. To correct this, the report recommended that women receive sufficient support throughout their careers, particularly in preparing for senior roles.'

Women’s March protester faces sex abuse charge for incident with Infowars producer

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'An Infowars video producer has accused a Women’s March protester of inappropriately touching him during the 2019 D.C. demonstration, according to a report on Wednesday.

Isabel O’Shaughnessy, 21, was charged with misdemeanor sex abuse, the Washington Post reported. Local police told the outlet the Catholic University of America student surrendered to law enforcement on Wednesday, but a Superior Court of D.C. judge released her.

Owen Shroyer, the reporter for the far-right website, alleges in the arrest affidavit that O’Shaughnessy intentionally grabbed him by his genitals during this month's rally while he was conducting an interview with another participant. He also shared a video of the incident online.

“Here is the moment I was sexually assaulted by a #WomensMarch2019 protester. She laughed about it. The crowd cheered. The police did nothing," Shroyer tweeted on Jan. 21, two days after the march.'

Campus groups fighting masculinity stay silent on APA decision to deem trait harmful

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Efforts on college campuses nationwide to combat so-called toxic masculinity are in full swing, and a recent decision by the American Psychological Association to offer guidelines calling “traditional masculinity” harmful likely buoyed those efforts.

But officials who run such programs are not ready to celebrate it publicly, at least not yet. If they see it as a victory, they’re not talking about it, at least to The College Fix. Nearly a half-dozen campus programs working to reduce traditional masculinity on campuses declined comment.

MasculinUT at the University of Texas at Austin declined to comment as they are currently under review by a steering committee to define the mission of the program, according to campus spokesman J.B. Bird.

MasculinUT “was launched in 2015 as a program to help reduce sexual assault and interpersonal violence, with strategies specifically tailored to men,” according to the university.'

Jordan Peterson: It’s ideology vs. science in psychology’s war on boys and men

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'The American Psychological Association (APA) recently released its Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Boys and Men. It manages to be simultaneously predictable, reprehensible, infuriating and disheartening — no mean feat for a single document. Make no mistake about it: this document constitutes an all-out assault on masculinity — or, to put it even more bluntly, on men.

The coup of the APA undertaken by the ideologues is now complete. The field has been compromised, perhaps fatally. And the damnable guidelines provide sufficient, but by no means exhaustive, evidence of that.

Why should we care? For that, I defer to Robert W. Levenson, when he was president of the Association for Psychological Science, an organization formed in an attempt to retain integrity in the field: “We all will come into close contact with mental illness during our lives. The diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental illness must reflect the very best science possible. Good intentions are not enough. History is replete with well-intentioned practitioners offering treatments of no proven scientific value, that were enthusiastically embraced by patients and their families but ultimately did absolutely no good and kept people from seeking truly effective treatments.”

We cannot allow ideology and political correctness to prevail over science. The Boys and Men document is propagandistic to a degree that is almost incomprehensible.'

S. Korea: Bill proposes reservation of half of parliament seats for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of South Korean lawmakers' proposed bill for half of elected seats in parliament to be reserved for women has prompted backlash from younger men alleging "reverse sexism".

Less than 20 per cent of the country's 300 parliamentary seats are occupied by women while no woman is serving as a provincial governor or a major city mayor, according to Park Young-sun, the female lawmaker representing the group.

About 30 men in their 20s and 30s attended a debate on the bill in parliament on Wednesday, with one announcing: "We are victims of reverse sexism, after the older generation discriminated against women in the past."

Online news websites and Facebook pages were inundated with angry posts echoing that sentiment.

"Good. We must also fill half of the military ranks with women," one wrote on a local TV Facebook page.

Another asked: "Who would [be] responsible if unqualified candidates are elected just because they are women?"'

French women put on defense in post-#MeToo defamation trial

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'A former French lawmaker's defamation lawsuit against six women who accused him of sexual misconduct and four journalists who reported the allegations goes to trial Monday in what some fear illustrates a backlash against the #MeToo movement.

Nearly 1½ years before allegations against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein became a reckoning event for powerful men in entertainment and media, France's Mediapart website and radio station France Inter published accounts from 14 women who alleged Denis Baupin had groped, sexted and otherwise harassed them.

Baupin, a prominent Green Party member and former Paris city official, resigned as vice president of the lower house of parliament when the reports came out in May 2016. He denied wrongdoing and the next month, sued the journalists, the six accusers who agreed to be named in the news reports and two men who were quoted corroborating some of the alleged misbehavior.

Baupin's lawyer, Emmanuel Pierrat, said his client did nothing illegal and now wants to "fully clear his name." The lawsuit's main intent is to prove the investigative website and radio station were unfair in their coverage, Pierrat said.'

Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax says he had consensual sex with woman who accuses him of assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax on Monday said he had a consensual one-night stand with a woman in 2004 who now accuses him of sexual assault, saying that he is the victim of a political “smear.”

“Everything was 100 percent consensual. Not only that, the same person called me sometime later and wanted to meet with me, wanted to come visit me … wanted me to meet her mother,” Mr. Fairfax told reporters in Richmond.

Attributing sinister motivations to his accusers, Mr. Fairfax said he took Biblical advice and donned “armor of God” that “allows us to deal with the devil’s schemes and tricks.”

The sexual assault allegation swamped Mr. Fairfax as he stood poised to become governor if Gov. Ralph Northam heeds unrelenting calls to resign over a racist yearbook photo.'

Australia: 'Traditional masculinity' and mental health: Experts call for gendered approach to treatment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Australia's peak body for psychologists says it will consider developing new practice guidelines for psychologists working with boys and men after the American Psychological Association announced its own set of guidelines for the group last month.

The APA guidelines, which say that "traditional masculine ideology has been shown to limit males' psychological development … and negatively influence mental health", were designed to provide psychologists with an "evidence-based approach" for responding to the particular needs of boys and men.

"The guidelines support encouraging positive aspects of 'traditional masculinity', such as courage and leadership, and discarding traits such as violence and sexism, while noting that the vast majority of men are not violent," the APA wrote on Twitter.

"Traits of so-called 'traditional masculinity', like suppressing emotions and masking distress, often start early in life and have been linked to less willingness by boys and men to seek help, more risk-taking and aggression — possibly harming themselves and those with whom they interact."'

Uni hosts toxic masculinity summit on Super Bowl weekend

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mere hours before New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady got his hands on his sixth Lombardi Trophy and Adam Levine took his shirt off at the Super Bowl halftime show, attendees at University of Pennsylvania's "Men and Masculinities" summit discussed the "performative" nature of today's mainstream masculinity.

"[T]he masculine gender in itself is very performative in certain instances, so creating dialogue and conversation as to what not to do and what's toxic about that performance is impactful to the kind of interactions you have on campus with other people, Wyatt Perez, a student organizer for the event, said, according to the Daily Pennsylvanian.

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Lastinger often interacts "with undergrads of various genders" and said that graduate associates "often see students who have a lot of internalized toxic masculinity," according to the Daily Pennsylvanian. The graduate associate previously hosted "A Conversation on Racism" for a freshman dorm to commemorate Thanksgiving.'

On the issue of circumcision, I wonder If Men's Rights Activists have a point

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But the main argument of the "intactivists" – the most vocal pro-foreskin group in the US – is that Big Circumcision is peddling the lie that the procedure is in any way necessary. A historian notes that, in the 19th century, circumcisions were carried out to prevent the "disease" of masturbation. By the time of AIDS crisis, circumcision was purported to help prevent HIV. These studies, which were carried out "in Africa" – the doc doesn't go into which specific countries; perhaps another red flag – seem not only to have manipulated the figures in favour of circumcision, but also led to the spread dangerous misinformation which suggests circumcision making condoms redundant.

Perhaps the most compelling talking head is that of a woman who underwent female circumcision (more commonly and rightfully referred to as female genital mutilation). She says that the footage she saw of a baby boy being circumcised reminded her overwhelmingly of her own deeply traumatic "cutting". I'm yet to see any compelling evidence that male circumcision is as damaging as FGM, but there does seem to be a double standard there. Why is what goes on "in Africa" any more questionable than what takes place every day in hospitals across the US?'

UK: Why so many young women don't call themselves feminist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fewer than one in five young women would call themselves a feminist, polling in the UK and US suggests.

That might come as a surprise as feminism - the advocacy of women's rights on the grounds of equality of the sexes - has been in the spotlight lately.
...
So it is perhaps unexpected that the identity "feminist" has not gained more popularity among young women in the Western world.

In the UK there has been a small increase in the number of women who identify as such.

A 2018 YouGov poll found that 34% of women in the UK said "yes" when asked whether they were a feminist, up from 27% in 2013.

It's a similar picture in Europe, with fewer than half of men and women polled in five countries agreeing they were a feminist. This ranged from 8% of respondents in Germany, to 40% in Sweden.

However, people do not appear to reject the term feminism because they are against gender equality or believe it has been achieved.

The same study found that eight out of 10 people said men and women should be treated equally in every way, with many agreeing sexism is still an issue.'

Savior of porn appears in form of a lesbian

Matt · 6 February 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Feminists love to say porn is an invention of men meant to commodify women. And yet... seems these days the movers and shakers in adult entertainment are likely to be lesbians. Mannish ones, but lesbians nonetheless. Excerpt:

'But one speaker stood out. On the left side of the stage sat 37-year-old Bree Mills, a porn director, an actual outsider in the adult world, and the lone panelist to refrain from corporate-porn Newspeak. She is, in her words, a "shit disturber."

Mills, a compact blonde with Clark Kent glasses and boy-band bangs, had come to talk about her latest polarizing project: Adult Time, a subscription service for high-budget, well-produced adult videos, series, and movies, and an archive of some 50,000 high-quality scenes. She's calling it the "Netflix of Porn."
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But infeasibility is familiar territory for Mills. She first appeared on the porn radar in October of 2014, with the launch of an all-girl network called Girlsway, which produced several series with recurring characters and interwoven plotlines—an adult-content extended universe that fans quickly dubbed the "Marvel Comics of Lesbian Porn." In September 2017, she followed up with a similar service called Pure Taboo, specializing in the now-ubiquitous genre "fauxcest," which is, pretty much, what it sounds like. Neither project was expected to succeed—lesbian movies were long considered a money-loser in the adult world, and Pure Taboo was pretty out there ("It was so fucked up I thought it wasn't legal," one actor said). But both were huge hits—Girlsway consistently cleans house at the AVN Awards, and, just months after it launched, Pure Taboo took home five trophies, including Movie of the Year for a feature called Half His Age: A Teenage Tragedy.'

City commissioner resigns following face-licking, groping allegations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'City Commissioner Nancy Oakley is off the job for good.

Oakley resigned from her position after being fined by the state ethics commission for supposedly sexually harassing former city manager Shane Crawford.

Crawford claims Oakley licked his face and groped him during a public event in 2012.

The state ethics commission fined Oakley $5,000 and called on the governor to issue her a public reprimand.

City leaders, during a special meeting Wednesday evening, accepted Oakley's resignation and approved a resolution that publicly censures her for her behavior.

"We believe that this is the right thing for the organization to do and shows that we are committed to moving the organization forward," said city manager Jonathan Evans.'

Jordan Peterson, dozens of academics attack Ivy League anti-male bias

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jordan Peterson, a Canadian psychology professor signed onto a Title IX legal complaint against Ivy League school Cornell University claiming anti-male bias.

University of Southern California Ph.D. student Kursat Christoff Pekgoz filed the complaint and more than 185 professors, scholars, and activists signed onto it. The complaint alleges instances of anti-male bias by Cornell, according to documents obtained by Campus Reform.

The 28-page-long document, which was sent to the Department of Justice and the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, includes a “List of Exclusionary Programs” at Cornell. Pekgoz claims these programs discriminate against men. The complaint is predicated mainly on the fact that there are no male-only programs at Cornell, compared to a significant number of university-sponsored female-only programs.'

The ACLU Moves to Embrace Due Process on Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos proposed a new rule on the obligations of colleges under Title IX, focusing on the due-process rights owed to students accused of sexual misconduct, members of the public submitted more than 96,000 comments. The ACLU's contribution is of particular interest.
...
So I was pleasantly surprised last week to read the more formal, official comment that the ACLU submitted to the Department of Education. As the Brooklyn College professor K. C. Johnson observed, the ACLU's lengthier, more considered statement is strikingly different from its earlier social-media reaction. It encompasses significant criticisms of the new rule, many of which warrant attention.

But on matters of due process, it aligns more closely with the Trump approach than the Obama approach, bolstering rather than weakening vital procedural protections.'

#MeToo silent as Lt. Gov. Fairfax gets second accusation from woman

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A second woman has come forward accusing Democratic Lieutenant Governor of Virginia Justin Fairfax of rape.

Meredith Watson released a letter through her lawyer on Friday calling for Fairfax's resignation claiming he sexually assaulted her in 2000 when they were both students at Duke University.

'Mr. Fairfax's attack was premeditated and aggressive. The two were friends but never dated or had any romantic relationship,' the letter states.

Watson's attorney does not provide specific details of the attack but states the assault was 'similar' to that of Vanessa Tyson, who on Wednesday, publicly accused Fairfax of raping her in 2004.'

Girls-only Scouts BSA troops established

Matt · 9 February 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. To be fair, starting out single-sex is probably best. Mixing boys and girls especially heading into adolescence is looking for trouble.

'Boys are now excluded from the Boy Scouts:

"The Boy Scouts of America welcomed the establishment of Troop 86 in Vulcan and Troop 219 in Helena on February 1st. But these two troops are different -- no boys, all girls. The first two of their kind in Central Alabama. With the formation of these two troops, a debate has taken hold. Some think this compromises the central mission of the Boy Scouts, whereas other believe it gives girls new opportunities that they never had before."

It won't be long before men are excluded from the pulpits of Fake Christian "churches" too. This is why our ancestors didn't allow women to join men's groups in the first place.'

Isabel O'shaughnessy expulsion petition

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Petition here. She still attends classes on campus and still works there. This is obviously showing us that there are two sets of standards. Sign the petition to expel Isabel O'shaughnessy for sexual assault.

Ed. note: Background here.

Yale Wellness center for women opens

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women of the Elm City can now enjoy their own wellness sanctuary that offers massage therapy, wellness classes and a sense of community.

The Well for Women celebrated its official ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday afternoon at the Blake Street Center. Owner Julie Robbins and her staff were joined by Mayor Toni Harp and other city officials to celebrate the sanctuary's grand opening.

"The Well's welcoming, accepting approach fits hand in glove with what New Haven stands for," Harp said during her opening remarks. "I want to thank [The Well] for enhancing New Haven's reputation for inclusion."
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Some of the work done ahead of the grand opening was funded through the city's Main Street leasehold program, a community-focused renewal effort that the city is using to improve life in neighborhoods outside of downtown. Robbins was able to complete renovations of the space in two months with the help of a $9,500 matching grant from the program.

"This is a sanctuary and a safe space for women to come and know that nothing is going to happen," Robbins told the New Haven Independent. "That they're safe here and that we can build each other up in a positive community in that way and support each other in our self-care journeys together. I think it's time for that."'

#MeToo Search Engine Rotten Apples Launches Victim Donation and Activist Features

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rotten Apples, a film and TV search engine that lists stars and filmmakers accused of sexual harassment and assault, has been upgraded with features that will allow fans to donate to victims and support non-profit organizations.

The site, which sprung up as part of the #MeToo movement, using an investment from the Abigail Disney-backed company Level Forward, is relaunching, with a wider focus to help fans become more aware of the alleged misdeeds of top filmmakers. Even if viewers continue to watch the films, the site wants audiences to support groups that are working to combat abuses of power. Rotten Apples says it is fostering an environment for “ethical media consumption.” The name is a play on review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes.

For example, when searching “Manchester by the Sea,” users were previously alerted to accusations against Oscar-winner Casey Affleck (which were settled out of court). With Rotten Apples 2.0, the “Manchester” page offers buttons that click to A Call to Men (which educates boys on bullying and dating violence), It’s On Us (which offers a pledge to talk to your community about consent) and a donation page for Global Girls Alliance (which funds female education worldwide).'

See: https://therottenappl.es/

Misandry in the Man-Cave

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For millions of American men, football is both an outlet and a pacifier.

It makes sense. In an increasingly secular America, men's headship role in family and society at large is nearly completely debased. Where men once led their wives and children, they have been replaced by a paycheck. Where men once led their communities, they have been replaced by the administrative state. Fewer and fewer venues remain for men to fulfill their natural desire to lead and to serve. Even and especially in churches, men find themselves disaffected and disposable.

So football (an implicit celebration of the heroism men are denied in their waking lives) becomes an obsession. Of course.

Leading up to the Super Bowl, a whole lot of men of every generation have devoted themselves weekly to hours by the television, fantasizing and prognosticating about the strength or cerebrality of their favorite players and teams. Whether one's football heroes succeed or fail, ritualistic devotion to players and franchises hardly waivers. Operating as the homily they no longer receive in church, the football game tells an archetypal story week by week in consistently interesting ways. As they watch, American men become witnesses to the virtues programmed in them by natural law but rooted out of them at work, school, and everywhere in between by the reigning misandry of the day.

This misplaced religiosity when it comes to football does not surprise. Football remains one vestige that does not extinguish the masculine virtues but instead exalts them. One would be hard-pressed to find another venue in this day and age which does not—at least tacitly—admonish men for being who they are. Watching the NFL allows men vicariously to experience the life they wish to live from the comfort of a recliner. However superficially, a man can experience from watching football that which is no longer available to him in the world outside his man-cave. By this proxy, men may shamelessly taste victory, valiance, male camaraderie, and the cheerful support of beautiful women.'

College Newspaper Says 'White Boys' Should Not Be 'Allowed To Talk'

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'A blatantly racist opinion piece penned by a Pennsylvania college student says "white boys" should not "be allowed to talk."

Leda Fisher, a senior and self-identified "black girl" at Dickinson College, whines about "white boys" in her higher education years "incessantly" speaking about issues and sharing their opinions, in a piece titled, "Should White Boys Still Be Allowed to Talk?"

The piece was published on Thursday in the student newspaper, The Dickinsonian. School administration addressed the severe backlash to the openly racist piece on Friday in an email underscoring their position to uphold free speech and condemned prejudice.

"American society tells men, but especially white men, that their opinions have merit and that their voice is valuable, but after four years of listening to white boys in college, I am not so convinced," asserts Fisher in the piece.

"In my time at Dickinson I have listened to probably hundreds of white boys talk. It feels incessant. From classes and lectures, to the news and politics, there is an endless line of white boys waiting to share their opinions on the state of feminism in America, whether the LGBTQ+ population finally has enough rights, the merits of capitalism, etc. The list of what white boys think they are qualified to talk about is endless," she continues.'

India: False rape claims rise

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But last year, when Pavan Gupta* turned 24, his parents began pressuring him to marry. When they introduced him to a girl he liked, Gupta ended his relationship with his girlfriend, Geeta Jain, telling her he could not disappoint his parents. “I liked her but I didn’t want to spend the rest of my life with her. I always told her I was an only child and would have to go along with my parents’ choice,” says Gupta.

In March, as Gupta was preparing for his wedding, Jain went to the Delhi police and accused him of rape. She said she had slept with him only on promise of marriage and, since he had not married her, consent was procured on a false pretext, making the sex rape.

“Even if I had misled her and told her I’d marry her, it still wouldn’t make the sex rape. How can consensual sex for over a year be rape?” asks Gupta.

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Something strange is going on in India. Women are becoming more educated and confident. Pre-marital sex is on the rise – a hotel chain called StayUncle offers rooms for an hour or two to couples seeking somewhere to have sex. But at the same time, so are the number of women alleging rape on false promise of marriage.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau, a total of 38,947 rape cases were reported in India in 2016. In 10,068 cases – about a quarter – the women claimed it was rape on false promise of marriage. In Andhra Pradesh state, 45% of all rape cases filed in the past two years fell into the false marriage category.

“When a relationship ends, women who have had consensual sex make false accusations of rape under promise of marriage out of vengefulness, to hurt the man. Or they do it to extort money out of him, promising to withdraw the charge if he gives them what they want,” says lawyer Vinay Sharma.'

Brie Larson Doubles Down – Wants Fewer White Men on Captain Marvel Press Tour

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Captain Marvel actress Brie Larson doubled down on her views of press coverage. She indicated she wants fewer white men covering her Captain Marvel press tour.

Larson sat down with Keah Brown for Marie Claire to reiterate her position on white men when it comes to her Captain Marvel press tour.

“About a year ago, I started paying attention to what my press days looked like and the critics reviewing movies, and noticed it appeared to be overwhelmingly white male. So, I spoke to Dr Stacy Smith at the USC Annenberg Inclusion Initiative, who put together a study to confirm that. Moving forward, I decided to make sure my press days were more inclusive. After speaking with you, the film critic Valerie Complex and a few other women of colour, it sounded like across the board they weren’t getting the same opportunities as others. When I talked to the facilities that weren’t providing it, they all had different excuses.”'
...
Larson would state multiple times that she doesn’t “hate white dudes” while calling for them to be replaced as film critics.

“For the third time, I don’t hate white dudes. These are just facts. These are not my feelings.” Larson would add, “Am I saying I hate white dudes? No, I am not. What I am saying is you make a movie that is a love letter to women of color, there is an insanely low chance a woman of color will have a chance to see your movie, and review your movie.”'

Drew Barrymore used to be ‘scared’ of feminism over "all the male-bashing"

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'DREW Barrymore admits she used to be “scared” of feminism when she was younger as she didn’t like “all the male bashing”.

The Santa Clarita Diet star admits she was a bit nervous of the term feminism when she was younger as she didn’t like “all the male bashing” and doesn’t believe feminism should be about being “viscerally angry at men”.

She told Glamour magazine, “I was a bit scared of feminism when I was younger because of all the male bashing. And there are a lot of women’s movements now that I’m apprehensive about, because I don’t want to be viscerally angry at men. I love men. I like keeping both sides in mind. I avoid anything political, where I sense too much anger. It’s just not the way I find messaging to be truly empowering.”'

Why The Anti-Men ‘Galentine’s Day’ Is Nothing To Celebrate

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'Because of the absence of real, widespread discrimination against women, SJWs must create it. Propping up Galentine's Day *(link added)* as a holiday isn’t about celebrating women, but tearing down men and shoehorning an SJW agenda into existing traditions. For example, HuffPost discussed how to refer to non-binary lovers in 2016. How long until we hear demands that drugstores carry “To My Beloved Bothfriend” cards?

To feed the beasts, women’s media must make overtures to feminist social justice warriors. This includes trashing the Trump women, featuring a plus-size model or celebrity on the cover once a year, and hocking kitschy feminist gear in holiday-gift spreads on “holidays” like Galentine’s Day.

There is no harm in celebrating your lady friends on Galentine’s Day, of course. It’s certainly great for the booming market of wine and “YAAASSSS QWEEN” tchotchkes. It may seem silly to give so much credence to a made-up holiday, but as Andrew Breitbart said, “Politics is downstream from culture.”'

Men Blamed for Failure of French Effort on Hiring Female Academics

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'The introduction of quotas to get more women onto university recruitment committees in France has backfired and has actually led to far fewer female academics being hired, new research has revealed.

A male backlash against the equity measures is the most likely reason for the decline in female recruitment, according to analysis by Pierre Deschamps, an economist at Sciences Po, in Paris.

He investigated recruitment data from 455 hiring committees across three French universities in the years before and after the introduction of the requirement for recruitment committees to draw at least 40 percent of their membership from each gender.

Deschamps' modeling indicates that, had the quotas not been introduced, 38 percent more women would have been hired. "That's enormous," he said.

Nor have the quotas yet encouraged any more women to apply for positions, according to "Gender Quotas in Hiring Committees: A Boon or a Bane for Women?" a working paper from Sciences Po's Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Evaluation of Public Policies.'

UK: Oxford University's Classics degree to be overhauled in bid to boost number of female students getting Firsts

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Article here. (Full article viewable here.) Excerpt:

'One of Oxford University's oldest degrees is to be overhauled in bid to boost number of female students getting top grades.

Classics dons who marked last year's exam papers said the gender gap is “very troubling”, adding that it must be addressed as a matter of "urgency".

More than double the number of men were awarded first class honours in their Finals last year than women, with 46.8 per cent of men achieving the top grade compared to 12.5 per cent of their female peers.

Academics noted that the gender gap in Finals - which was “already very noticeable” - had “dramatically increased” in the most recent cohort of students due to an a record number of men taking Firsts.

Meanwhile, in second year exams - known as "Mods" which is short for Moderations - 38 per cent of men got a First compared to 19.3 per cent of women.

Now plans are underway to re-design the syllabus to try to end the disparity between male and female students. Dr Pitcher, chair of the Classics Faculty, said that a working group has been set up to "recast" the syllabus as a way to “address the gender disparity”.'

Why woman-led organizations aren’t always woman-friendly

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'It’s the age of the woman. If we’re not celebrating their electoral successes, we’re chastising the men who dare stand in their way. Women are on the ascent. And no one should be happier than those who work for organizations considered “pro-woman.”

The employees at those groups, like Planned Parenthood and the Center for Reproductive Rights, should be in a golden age of work-life balance, being mentored by the women in higher-up positions, in an environment free of the toxicity often blamed on men.

Yet, the feminist utopia eludes them.

In December, Natalie Kitroeff and Jessica Silver-Greenberg had an exposé in The New York Times about bad behavior at several of these women-centric organizations.

“In interviews and legal documents, women at Planned Parenthood and other organizations with a feminist bent described discrimination that violated federal or state laws — managers considering pregnancy in hiring decisions, for example, or denying rest breaks recommended by a doctor.”'

Higher education discriminates against men, but Title IX complaints may change that

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'Higher education has a gender problem: With a surplus of women and a shortage of male students, colleges are becoming more and more gender unbalanced. The more farsighted among university administrators are starting to worry that this will turn universities into a pink-collar ghetto, places that the public thinks of as finishing schools for girls rather than gateways to middle-class stability.

Part of the problem, of course, is that our K-12 system, staffed overwhelmingly by women whom research shows tend to favor girls, leaves a lot of boys demoralized and uninterested in further education. But another big part of the problem is that college has become and anti-male space.

At today's universities, masculinity is almost never discussed except in negative terms, usually with the word "toxic" attached. When girls and women are discussed, the question is always about how to help them do better. When boys and men are mentioned, it's almost always as some sort of a problem.'

UK: Promote Me Over Men, Asks Commerzbank Exec Who Won Bias Case

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'A Commerzbank AG executive who won sex and maternity discrimination claims against the bank wants an unusual form of compensation: favorable treatment for future promotions.

Jagruti Rajput, a senior compliance officer at the bank's London branch, won a court ruling that the bank had discriminated against her by failing to fairly consider her for a promotion, and by taking advantage of her absence on maternity leave to pass "significant elements" of her role to a colleague. She found her role had been diminished upon her return.

Now, Rajput wants a London judge to recommend that the bank "takes positive action to train and independently mentor" her for a promotion, her lawyer Elaine Banton told the court Wednesday. If there's a "tie break" between Rajput and a candidate of "equal merit in terms of qualifications and years of experience," Rajput should get preference for the role because as a woman, she's from an under-represented group, Banton said.'

David Brooks on VA Dem Turmoil: "A Lot Of Male Bad Behavior, Maybe We Should Have Only Women Leading"

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'Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks analyze the week in politics, including chaos at the highest levels of Virginia government, the effectiveness of congressional investigations, the Supreme Court's abortion ruling and the legacy of Rep. John Dingell (D-MI).

Brooks weighed in on the blackface controversy surrounding Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) and Attorney General Mark Herring (D) and allegations of sexual assault against Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax (D). He called the Fairfax case the "most serious," but that we should not rush to conclusions without investigating first.

"Men turn out to be a problem. There's a lot of male bad behavior. Maybe we should have only women leading our states. That might solve these problems," Brooks said Friday on PBS NewsHour.

"I'm always very slow to call for resignations. It makes everybody feel good. But I really believe in investigating. And so somebody should be investigating that one," he said.

Brooks said that although what Gov. Northam did was "appalling and hateful" there should be a "path to redemption" for him.'

She lied about a rape and left her pets to die

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'The Tri-City father of 12 was twice arrested in November 2016 for “violent and hateful crimes” involving his former wife.

Each time, he sat in jail trying to understand how or why he was there and account for every second of every day to prove he never raped, beat or threatened to kill Christine M. Gillum.

It was an “absolute hellish eternity,” the man recently said in court. “I have always been taught it is ‘innocent until proven guilty,’ (but) disgracefully in my case that is the last thing I experienced.”

“I was branded as guilty from the moment the first lie was told and, after the first one, they just kept coming,” he added. “In this situation, it wasn’t until the fabricator got caught up in her own web that the truths would begin to unravel.”'

Lawsuit seeks to force all-male fraternities at Yale to allow women

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'A class-action lawsuit filed Tuesday by three women who attend Yale University seeks to ban the school's all-male fraternities from considering gender in admission decisions.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Connecticut against Yale University and nine fraternities, is brought by students who allege sexual assault, harassment and discrimination plague the fraternities. The plaintiffs' lawyers say they believe it is the first time students have sued a university to "gender integrate" fraternities.

The three students say they have been groped at fraternity parties and know other students who were either sexually assaulted or harassed at the parties. They also allege that fraternities unfairly provide male students greater networking opportunities than sororities provide to female students.'

Booker: I will be 'looking to women first' for potential running mate

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'Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.), who announced this month he is running for president, said Tuesday he would prioritize finding a female running mate if he is the Democratic nominee.

Booker told MSNBC host Rachel Maddow that while he does not want to box himself in, he would be “looking to women first” as his pick for vice president.

The New Jersey Democrat is running in a primary field with unprecedented diversity, with six women already running for president, as well as multiple people of color.

“You will rarely see a Democratic ticket anymore without gender diversity, race diversity,” Booker told Maddow, noting that he wished there was a female president right now, referring to Hillary Clinton.'

'We may have to fight our generation of men': Read Jameela Jamil's powerful speech on ending toxic masculinity

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'As the voice behind the body-positivity movement @I_Weigh, as well as the creator of a viral petition to stop celebrities from hocking toxic diet teas, actress Jameela Jamil has firmly established herself as a force in the fight for healthy body image. But at the 2019 MAKERS conference Thursday, she unveiled a new mission for 2019: dismantle the toxic masculinity that indoctrinates men.

“Women have the power to infiltrate misogyny in their own homes. It starts by never taking for granted how poisonous society can be to the male psyche, and protecting boys from the onslaught of misinformation everywhere,” she said. “It’s as if men are recruited young and brainwashed, in order to be indoctrinated and manipulated into an oppressive patriarchal institution.”

Jamil then outlined a plan for dismantling this system — one that hinges on revealing the stark reality of being a woman. “This is a call to arms for the women who have boys growing up in their houses. …We have a lot of work to undo,” she said. “Mothers, sisters and aunties, I implore you to take this little sponge, and render him sodden with humanity and an understanding of women. It will send him into this delusional world with an armor of empathy and self assurance…All you have to do is tell him the truth. Tell him what happened to us. Tell him our whole story.”'

The Men Behind GPS Just Won a Prestigious Engineering Prize. Not on the Prize List: a Woman

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'It's an innovation that allows you to pinpoint your earthly location with just the phone in your pocket; it helps drivers navigate tricky routes, and it can even direct rescuers to stricken people in disaster zones. But Dr. Bradford Parkinson wasn't able to use his brainchild, GPS, to stop himself getting lost in London, he quipped on Tuesday, as he and three others were named winners of the £1 million ($1.29m) Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering.
...
The judges did consider West for the award, the chairman of the judging panel, Christopher Snowden, told TIME. But they eventually decided against it because she didn't make a "fundamental" contribution to GPS technology, he said. "She made immense contributions in some of the algorithmic work, but it wasn't related to the actual fundamentals," Snowden said. "You can't give everybody a prize. So you have to look for those who really were the leaders and the key contributors to this. And that's what we did in this particular case."

But that answer, Imafidon said, exposed the marginalizing structures that first keep women and minorities away from STEM fields, and then sweep their achievements under the rug when they overcome great odds to succeed. "I am gutted that they did not see fit to take this opportunity to recognize the varied achievements of different people involved in the GPS project, on what sounds like a technicality," she said. "You set the rules."'

Professor lodges Title IX complaint against WSU

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'A University of Michigan-Flint professor has filed a formal complaint against Wayne State for sex discrimination.

Mark Perry, an economics professor at U-M Flint, submitted a Title IX complaint against WSU because the university hosted a summer workshop for Black Girls CODE — a non-profit that “introduces computer coding lessons to young girls from underrepresented communities (and is) devoted to showing the world that black girls can code and do so much more.”

Perry says WSU was acting as a venue sponsor for Black Girls CODE from July 30, 2018 to Aug. 10, 2018. Because the Black Girls CODE program only allowed girls ages 13 to 17 to participate, it was discriminatory to boys and therefore a breach of Title IX.'

‘This Is My Space’: Kirsten Gillibrand’s Unabashedly Feminist Campaign

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'The morning after the election of Donald J. Trump, Kirsten Gillibrand woke up and began crying. “Bawling,” she corrected herself.

After spending the next two months “deeply depressed,” the junior senator from New York experienced what she called the most inspiring day of her political life: the women’s march. And almost two years to the day after that, Ms. Gillibrand sat in a Manhattan wine bar, holding a glass of pinot noir, and described why she believes the country and the Democratic Party need an unabashedly feminist campaign for president — and why she thinks she’s the candidate to run it.

“You understand, this is my space,” Ms. Gillibrand said, in an interview. “I don’t know if my party will get as far as I will go on a lot of these issues. But I believe in them so strongly.”

At a moment when women are ascendant in Democratic politics and polls show a record gender gap between the parties, Ms. Gillibrand and her advisers see an opportunity to ride a wave of women’s political energy right into the White House. While multiple women are serious contenders for president for the first time in American history, Ms. Gillibrand is the only one who is making running as a woman, for women, the central theme of her candidacy.'

The Life of an American Boy at 17

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'But there's this thing that still bothers him. It has to do with an incident last year in the computer lab. It was a Friday, near the end of the period, and Ryan waited by the exit. He began absentmindedly opening and shutting the door. This girl he didn't really know told him to stop. When he did it again, she smacked him in the face. He smacked her back. She clawed at him, and he fell into a row of computers. The bell rang, and the girl ran off. "The teacher asked me to report it right away," he tells me, "but I had a bus to catch."

Ryan went home with a cut on his eyebrow, two on his forehead, and another on his ear. Tori told him to take pictures. "That girl could go home," Ryan recalls his mom saying, "slit the whole side of her cheek with a knife, and come to school Monday and say, 'Hey, look what he did to me.' " That was news to him. He'd never even been in a fight before. In middle school, he and this other kid had agreed to punch each other in the face because they wanted to know what it felt like, but when the time came, they just went home. "I guess girls sometimes just do that," he says. "It happened once when my mom was in high school. A girl purposely broke her own arm just to get another person in trouble."

He took photos of his face and went to the principal's office first thing on Monday, like his mom told him to. "He was so upset," the assistant principal tells me. "He didn't know why he was in trouble." Ryan spent a couple hours in the in-school suspension room. He got a ticket referring him to the municipal court, where he appeared in August. He pleaded not guilty. At a second meeting, Ryan spoke to a prosecutor. At least, "I think it was a prosecutor," he says. "I think he felt like it was stupid that I got a ticket for this. The look on his face was kind of like, What the heck is this?" Ryan thinks that if he were a girl, he wouldn't have been punished. "As long as I don't get in trouble again for a year, I'm okay," he tells me. "But I had to deal with it for a few months." The kids in school, "they called me a woman beater. I don't think anyone actually thought I was. They were just giving me crap. It was just a stressful time."'

Esquire writer says cover for her "white, male" feature was "misleading"

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'Esquire magazine dropped the cover story for its March issue on Tuesday, and many people expressed their frustration with the 17-year-old boy profiled in the article. The author of the cover story, Jennifer Percy, says the presentation for her feature story was "misleading."

"The Life of an American Boy at 17" follows Ryan Morgan and, according to the cover, "what it's like to grow up white, middle class, and male in the era of social media, school shootings, toxic masculinity, #MeToo, and a divided country."

In an email to CBS News, Percy wrote the "article shows how much work we still have to do to educate boys about inherited white male privilege. It also shows that the teenage years are an ideal time to make change."
...
While the profile of Morgan is just part one in a series growing up in America today, many felt the magazine missed the mark in choosing the "typical American boy." Others felt the magazine was sympathizing with white men and "what they have to go through" in today's political climate.'

Jordan Peterson weighs in on New Zealand gender topics, Julie-Anne Genter's 'old white men' comments

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'Controversial Canadian professor Jordan Peterson has weighed in on several hot New Zealand topics in an exclusive interview with Magic Talk's Sean Plunket.

The professor, whose comments on gender relations have polarised people around the globe, was asked by Plunket for his views on gender quotas for the Government's cabinet and company boards, which Minister for Women Julie-Anne Genter said has too many "old white men".

"I think there is absolutely no excuse for it," he said. "To pick your cabinet by genitalia is not an acceptable technical move."

There are currently no plans to introduce gender quotas in New Zealand workplaces.'

Why the war on masculinity is a crying shame

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'I baulk at the idea of encouraging half the population to walk around thinking that they're intrinsically 'bad', which is one of the potential effects of this report. We certainly wouldn't dream of suggesting that girls are the architects of their own mental health issues in such an uncompromising way.

So what makes it OK if boys receive this message?

That's not to say our boys aren't struggling. You only have to compare them statistically to their high-achieving female counterparts to see that they are. Boys trail behind girls at primary and secondary school, where their exam results are relatively poor.'

Australia: "Women outshine men in uni engineering offers"

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But still not ready to relinquish victim status. Link here. Excerpt:

'Young women not only have a higher offer rate (70.4%) into university engineering courses than men (64.8%), they also have a higher Tertiary Admissions Ranking (over 90) than their male counterparts (less than 40).
...
The higher offer rate being made by universities to young women has seen the proportion of women enrolled in university engineering courses reach its highest point ever at 17 percent. What's also accentuated the heightened intake of women is a corresponding (17.9%) decline in male school-leavers wanting to enter engineering since the mining boom peaked in 2012.
...
Survey results found that female engineers reported average earnings 89 percent of their male counterparts, due largely to having roles with lower levels of responsibility.

The survey also revealed an alarming disparity in the age profiles of female and male engineers. For example, after peaking at 51 percent in the 20-29 age bracket, the age profile for all women surveyed falls steadily – with only 15 percent of women engineers being over 40 years of age.'

'I am not a racist': Student who wrote op-ed titled 'Should White Boys Still Be Allowed to Talk?' speaks out

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'A college student who asked “Should White Boys Still Be Allowed to Talk?” in an opinion article for her college newspaper and was characterized online by some as racist wants to set the record straight, telling Yahoo Lifestyle, “I do not hate white people.”

Leda Fisher, a senior at Dickinson Collegein Carlisle, Pa., published the piece Thursday in the student-run newspaper theDickinsonian criticizing white male students for taking up space in underserved areas to validate narrow-minded opinions.
...
Fisher said she gets annoyed sitting in class listening to “a white boy explain his take on the Black experience in the Obama-era. Hey Brian, I’m an actual Black woman alive right now with a brain. In what world would your understanding of my life carry more weight than my understanding?”'

Will 2019 be the year that colleges and universities stop openly discriminating against men, 47 years after Title IX?

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'And yet despite the significant and impressive gains women have achieved academically in higher education since Title IX, and despite the significant and growing under-representation of men as the minority gender in higher education, it's almost as if we haven't yet advanced in our thinking from the 1970s when Title IX was passed. That landmark civil rights legislation guarantees that all genders, but especially women as an under-represented minority at that time, were treated equally in higher education in an environment free from any gender discrimination or gender favoritism.

But now that women (men) are the over-represented (under-represented) gender, and have been for more than a generation, higher education is still acting as if women still need attention, resources, scholarships, funding, fellowships, initiatives, clubs, camps, commissions, study spaces, conferences, and awards that aren't available to men, with no concern at all about the under-represented minority. And that ongoing gender favoritism and special treatment for women in higher education, which comes at the expense of the under-represented gender minority, is now being increasingly challenged legally for violating Title IX's prohibition of sex discrimination (including sex discrimination against men).'

PTA president: Why we shut down a public elementary school's 'father-daughter' dance

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'It is that time of year, apparently, when "father-daughter" dances are staged, like one that took place at a Phoenix school a few days ago and was spotlighted in a cheerful Fox 10 newscast.

But not everybody likes such celebrations, it turns out. In New Hampshire, the Valley News reported on a mother named Jennifer Meade who attended a father-daughter dance at a community association that has held such an event for about two decades. She went with her boyfriend, 7-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter, but she and her son were asked to leave.

Now she is questioning the tradition — and she is not the only one. This post looks at why one elementary school just shut down such a dance. It was written by Marney A. White, a clinical psychologist and an associate professor of social and behavioral sciences at the Yale School of Public Health. She took a sabbatical this year to serve as president of the PTA at her child's elementary school and as a practicing clinical psychologist. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and has a master's degree from James Madison University.'

Cal State slams the brakes on Title IX proceedings after courts repeatedly rule against universities

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'California appellate courts have repeatedly affirmed the rights of accused students in campus sexual misconduct proceedings in recent years.

Three of the rulings came against the University of Southern California, including two less than a month apart.

As it becomes increasingly clear that their procedures won't survive judicial scrutiny, California's largest university system has slammed the brakes on Title IX proceedings and others are rushing to comply with the growing body of law, the Los Angeles Times reports.

The most recent ruling bans a common system for Title IX investigations, where a "single investigator" also serves as "prosecutor, factfinder [sic] and sentencer," and requires cross-examination of both parties and witnesses in live hearings.'

How Does a Straight White Male Democrat Run for President?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Still, the straight white men—including Biden and Sanders—are not being irrational by hesitating. Yes, they are risking a loss of media buzz, A-list staff and access to donor networks by allowing others get a head start. But they have good reason to tread carefully. Issues pertaining to race and gender are bound to be prominent in the campaign, and white men do not exactly have the best track record of dealing with them.
...
One question that will be particularly tough for any male candidate: Why shouldn't the next president be a woman? After all, just among the five female members of Congress already in the field, Democratic voters can choose among different ideologies, geographic and demographic backgrounds, and types of experience. With so many qualified choices, shouldn't the male candidates just get out of the way?'

Double-standard requested: Sexual harassment is OK so long as the victim is male and especially, gay

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Article here. First guy to get on board #MeToo, first guy to claim "no fair" when he himself is held to that standard. Excerpt:

'But now, amid new allegations of sexual harassment against Duran by members of the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, some West Hollywood residents and politicians are saying enough is enough and that times have changed. Three of the city's five council members have called on Duran to resign, saying he has become a distraction.

Protesters are planning to converge on the City Council meeting Tuesday to call for Duran's ouster and seek action in another scandal: the recent deaths of two gay black men in the West Hollywood apartment of Ed Buck, a white, wealthy Democratic donor and LGBTQ activist. For several years, Duran worked as an attorney for Buck.
...

Duran, 59, has refused to step down, describing himself as a proudly sensual gay man who lived through a sexual revolution colliding against a prudish #MeToo movement that's too quick to judge. Bawdiness is just part of who he's always been, Duran said, and he's not going to change now.

"There's a culture clash going on," the mayor said. "If somebody expresses himself or herself sexually, that doesn't make it harassment, per se."

"People are thinking that anything sexual is harassment because somebody feels it is unwelcome, but you have to open your mouth and say, 'No, I don't want this.' … Otherwise, how are any of us able to navigate the sexual politics of 2019? I just think there are bigger, more complex issues at play, that everyone needs to take a timeout and slow down. It can't be accusation equals guilt."

Three current or former members of the Gay Men's Chorus have accused Duran, the longtime board chairman, of crude sexual comments and engaging in unwanted touching.'

Shoe -> Other foot: feminist suing Twitter over her right to hate on transwomen

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'Canadian feminist writer, Meghan Murphy, who was permanently suspended from Twitter last November, is suing the social media site for deceptive trade practices and breach of contract. ‘Twitter would never have attracted the hundreds of millions of users it boasts today had Twitter let it be known that it would arbitrarily ban users who did not agree with the political and social views of its management or impose sweeping new policies banning the expression of widely-held viewpoints and perspectives on public issues,’ Murphy’s lawyers submitted. Good for her!

As I wrote at the time of her ban, Murphy, who, like me, is constantly de-platformed, attacked and vilified for daring to question the Orwellian madness of the transgender Taliban, is a target of vicious trans activists. Murphy had the gall to tweet about Jonathan Yaniv, who had demanded large payoffs from several female beauticians because they had refused to wax his scrotum. Yaniv, who claims to be female, had booked in for a Brazilian wax, a process done on women who wish to wear extremely skimpy bikini bottoms and not flash any pubic hair. Murphy’s crime? She referred to Yaniv as, ahem, a man.

The lifetime ban from Twitter has come as a significant blow to Murphy. The freelancer relied on Twitter as a platform to promote her writing and online magazine, Feminist Current, and had painstakingly built up close to 25,000 followers, so the ban has affected her income, as well as her reputation – after all – naive people still exist that assume a lifetime ban is for spreading hate and threats of violence, and not for telling the truth.'

Hell just froze over, again -- MANN *finally* has SSL

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I decided it was time MANN caught up to the year 2000 or so and I installed an SSL certificate. Those of you who have been utterly terror-stricken at logging in and posting for fear some evil feminist admin would steal your userid and password and use it to post stuff you never wanted to say need live in a state of abject terror no longer. Feel free to post away in the warm comfort of 2048-bit RSA encrypted security.

Only women, transgenders are allowed in uni debate tournament

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'Only women and transgender individuals will be allowed to compete in an April debate tournament hosted by the George Washington University Parliamentary Debate Society.

The organization hosting the gender minority tournament is part of the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA). The league, composed entirely of college students, voted on the proposal Jan. 25 at the NorthAms Tournament held at Rutgers University. In order for the proposal to pass, two-thirds of member schools had to vote in favor of it.

"We specifically pushed for the tournament to happen, but the league had to approve it by majority vote," Matt Cryer, President of the GW Debate Team told Campus Reform.

One GW student pushed back against the tournament in an op-ed for the student paper.'

Sex robots now porn stars as new series dubbed 'erotic Black Mirror' airs online

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Article here. Don't know why feminists object to sex bots. They'll get men to stop pestering women for sex. Excerpt:

'Sex robots are now starring in raunchy PORN movies - as a new 18+ erotic TV series airs online.

Dubbed an 'erotic Black Mirror ', Future Darkly is a web sci-fi series forecasting the future of sexual fantasies, in case case a world where X-rated robots roam the earth as companions to human beings.

The first episode of the series, broadcast on X-rated ' Netflix of Porn' Adult Time, focuses on the sex-bots of tomorrow and features 'The Aura Doll', a leading sex robot made in North America.

The star is a woman called Becca who meets up with an older man named Robert with the aim of having a threesome - not with another human, but with Harper, his 'special companion'.'

All Tanzanian male MPs should be circumcised, says female legislator

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'A female MP in Tanzania has called for checks to determine whether or not her male colleagues have undergone circumcision - a procedure known to reduce the risk of HIV transmission.

Jackline Ngonyani on Friday said any MP found not to have been circumcised should be required to undergo the procedure.

Her suggestion divided opinion among her colleagues.

HIV is seen as a major threat to public health in Tanzania.

Around 70 per cent of the male population is circumcised.'

Abused boyfriend found ’10 days from death’ after years of abuse by girlfriend

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This story is just to make sure we all know it's not just men. Quote:

'Shocking images of the horrific moment an abused man was discovered “10 days from death” after being stabbed by his abusive ex have emerged.

Alex Skeel, 22, recently spoke out about being attacked with a bread knife and battered with a hammer by his girlfriend Jordan Worth during a three-year catalogue of sickening abuse.

He was also starved to just 44kg by the controlling 22-year-old, who told him what to wear and isolated him from friends and family.

As the abuse turned more violent, Worth poured boiling water on the dad of her two kids and knocked his tooth out with a hairbrush.

The British woman has now been jailed for seven-and-a-half years at Luton Crown Court after admitting grievous bodily harm and coercive controlling behaviour.

Dramatic bodycam footage police released to the BBC shows the moment they discovered “blood everywhere” in the home Alex shared with his ex in Luton, The Sun reports.'

School helps students ‘nurture feminist masculinities’ during ‘Masculinities Month’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Emily Taylor Center for Women & Gender Equity at the University of Kansas has devoted the month of February to developing “feminist masculinities” and questioning “the collective socialization of men” through a slate of activities they’ve dubbed “Masculinities Month.”

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“Through these [events], the Emily Taylor Center encourages you to learn about and question the ‘collective socialization of men,’ the ‘traditional masculine script,’ and the concept of ‘the man box’; consider the relationship between intersectionality and masculinities; explore the differences between patriarchy and feminism as well as between patriarchal masculinity and feminist masculinity,” the center’s website states.

“We also share strategies for those seeking to practice and/or nurture feminist masculinities in their everyday lives.”

The center did not respond to The College Fix’s request for comment on event attendance so far, as well as where the funding for the month’s programs comes from.

Two of the month’s events are “zine” nights, where participants can gather to make “zines” or tiny homemade magazines. One event is geared toward zines where participants can “create your own counternarrative.” The zines will be collected, copied, and disseminated on-campus by the center. Organizers of the zine events did not respond to requests for comment on the expected turnout for the activities.'

Accused College Students Deserve the Presumption of Innocence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos believes that college students accused of sexual misconduct in Title IX cases are owed a presumption of innocence, or non-responsibility, in keeping with a bedrock principle of Western justice. Attorneys general from 18 states and the District of Columbia disagree.

In a formal letter, these senior law-enforcement officials, who must overcome the presumption of innocence in their criminal prosecutions, asserted that the presumption of non-responsibility in campus proceedings “improperly tilts the process” in favor of the accused, and that it therefore should not be required of colleges, as the Department of Education recently suggested it should be in a proposed rule.'

Liberals See Truth as Subservient to Doctrine, Feelings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Individuals on both the left and right lie. Individuals on both the left and right tell the truth. And liberalism, unlike leftism, does value truth. But the further left one goes, the more one enters the world of the lie.

Why does the left lie?

There are two main reasons.

One is that leftists deem their goals more important than telling the truth. For example, every honest economist knows women do not earn 20 percent less money than men for the same work done for the same amount of hours under the same conditions. Yet leftists repeat the lie that women earn 78 cents for every dollar men earn.

Why any employers would hire men when they could hire women and get the same amount of work done at the same level of excellence for the same number of hours while saving 20 cents on the dollar is a question only God or the sphinx could answer.

So, when New York Times columnists write this nonsense, do they believe it? The answer is they don't ask themselves, "Is it true?" They ask themselves, "Does the claim help promote the left-wing doctrine that women are oppressed?"

Whatever serves that end is morally justified.'

Swedish Feminists Demand Govt Action Against Sex Robots

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Several prominent Swedish feminist groups have railed against the use of so-called “sex robots” and “sex dolls” and advocate tougher legislation against them, saying the objects normalise violent attitudes toward women.

The demand for action against sex bots came in the form of an opinion article in Swedish newspaper Expressen signed by several feminists representing the national organization for women’s shelters and girls’ homes in Sweden (Roks), the Swedish Women’s Lobby and the anti-female violence group Unizon.

In the article, the groups demand “that Swedish authorities make it difficult for brothels with robots and dolls to open in Sweden,” and that, “research that studies the connection between sexual contacts with robots and dolls and actual abuse should be initiated.”'

"Why Understanding The UK Anti-Feminist Movement Is Vital To Countering The Far Right"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Feminists attack liberty, justice, equality and meritocracy. They attack men, women, and children, and relations between the sexes," so declared British anti-feminist activists in a 2018 online statement.

Its signatories included key UK far-right vlogger Paul Joseph Watson, Breitbart London writer James Delingpole and Valerie Price, National Director of ACT! For Canada (which is tied to the major US anti-Muslim organisation, ACT! For America). The statement's impact was nonetheless negligible; exemplifying the marginal nature of organised anti-feminist politics in the UK.

But the operative word there, however, is 'organised'. Recent events and a glance across thecontemporary far-right landscape will find many voices who share this conspiratorial and hostile view of feminism. Whilst this is not new, HOPE not hate's newly-released State of Hate report explores how the UK anti-feminist movement is trying to mobilise this support and the role of a particular online community in this.

Far-right movements have long held sexist, misogynist and anti-feminist views. Yet, in a pronounced way, for elements of the contemporary far right these ideas are not merely a result of their wider political outlook but rather a central pillar of their ideology (in some cases alongside disavowals of other bigotries).'

New Zealand: Blenheim man says life 'destroyed' after false rape allegation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A man falsely accused of rape says the allegation "destroyed" his life as rumour started to spread through the town.

Blenheim man Brett, who asked to keep his last name secret, explained how he got kicked out of his flat because his two female flatmates didn't want him there, and how people he didn't even know would shout "rapist" at him in the street.

Brett claimed his boss stopped giving him hours, as he was on a zero hours contract, and said he was still considering leaving town.

"It destroys you, you don't want to leave the house because you don't want anyone to see you. You're always wondering if they've heard anything, and wondering what she's saying about you to people. She's dragged my name through the mud."'

‘Walk like a woman’: Men given 7 tips to help women feel safer

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'Australian men are being encouraged to “walk like a woman” in a new ad campaign aimed to make women feel safer.

Women’s rights group Plan International has launched the promotion, which includes seven tips for men on how to behave while walking the streets.

Emily Maguire, CEO at Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria, told Neil Mitchell the tips were most important for good men, because they’re the least likely to realise they pose a threat.

“Most men don’t hurt women and most men do really want to make sure that they are not a threat to other women, and that women feel safe around them,” she said.

“Even if most men know they aren’t going to do anything, that doesn’t stop women being afraid.

“If all you need to do is drop back a few paces, or to pretend you’re talking on your phone, or cross the road, that doesn’t sound to me like a big ask.

“And most men I know would be comfortable about doing that.”'

This Photographer Asked Men How They Reject Toxic Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We often give short shrift to the ways feminism benefits men.

When men resist the stereotype of what a “real man” should be, they’re free to live life on their own accord: Cry with reckless abandon after a crappy day at work or stay at a home and raise the kids while their partner brings home the bacon.

In a new photo series, photographer Jessica Amity captures just how liberating rejecting gender norms can be for men.

Armed with her Nikon D850 camera, the Nepal-based photographer hopped around the streets of Kathmandu and asked men for their general thoughts on toxic masculinity and its effect on their lives. Then she asked them to finish this sentence: “It’s OK for me to…”

...

"It's OK for me to be sensitive to intersectionality and to be an ally in fights for social justice, because, as a cis white gay male, I am bombarded with privilege that I definitely don't deserve."'

Fired Worker Alleges Firm Owner Wanted White Males Replaced With Chinese Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former supply chain boss at a Vernon manufacturer of electric vehicles is suing her onetime workplace, alleging she was fired in 2018 in retaliation for complaining about discrimination and other wrongdoing at the company.

Plaintiff Shawn VanAmburg says in her Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit filed Wednesday that the owner of Independent Electrical Vehicles, Shi Hai, once told her to fire all her white male employees and replace them with Chinese women.

VanAmburg allegations include wrongful termination, whistleblower retaliation and racial discrimination. The suit seeks unspecified damages.

VanAmburg was hired at the Soto Street business in November 2017 and had extensive automotive experience, the suit states. She says she met with Hai for the first time in February 2018 and extended her hand to shake his.

However, Hai refused to shake the Rancho Palos Verdes woman's hand, saying instead, "I thought you were going to be a man," the suit states.

"Mr. Hai believed plaintiff was a male when he hired her due to her gender-neutral first name," the suit states.

VanAmburg discovered what she believed were safety violations at the company, but was rebuffed when she reported them to management in January 2018, the suit states. She again complained in April and June of that year, but still no corrective actions were taken, according to the suit, which alleges the failure to fix the problems resulted in an employee being hurt on the job and needing 15 stitches in his left hand.'

Feminists Screaming about 'Transgenderism,' Their Own Demon Child

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Say, "Be careful what you wish for" or call it the law of unintended consequences. For decades, feminists screamed, "I am woman, hear me roar" — now it's "Hear me squeal — a man just walked through our door!"

The issue? Men claiming womanhood (MCW, AKA "transgenders") are invading women's spaces — such as bathrooms, locker rooms, and prisons — and are entering female competitions, taking away gold and glory. Examples are MCW who in recent years won "women's" titles in weightlifting, cycling, sprinting, golf long driving, and even a beauty pageant.

This is no pretty picture to feminists. Wizened old Germaine Greer took heat in 2016 for sayingmen getting a medical procedure "doesn't make them a woman." Ex-tennis star Martina Navratilova is currently being ostracized for writingthat having MCW in women's sports is "insane" and is "cheating." Feminist writer Meghan Murphy just suedTwitter for banning her for tweeting "men aren't women" (my, my — employing white male linear logic!). And feminist Julia Beck (video below) was kicked off a Baltimore LGBT committee for using masculine pronouns when referencing, the nerve of her, a man.'

How Feminism Is Stifling Our Sons

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Mommy, can only girls be legendary?"

My three-year-old son, glued to the Disney Channel's DuckTales, had spotted a commercial break with a group of young female stars dancing around a school campus, singing about how “you can be legendary."

"No baby, of course you can be too," I replied, thinking nothing of his comment.

“Mommy, can you see her?” he asked a few days later during his beloved PAW Patrol.

“Huh?” I stopped folding clothes and looked up at the TV to see Nickelodeon advertising a hashtag: #SeeHer.

A quick Google search revealed that the initiative, launched by Association of National Advertisers and its Alliance for Family Entertainment, aims to show a positive, unbiased portrayal of women in media.

“Basically it means girls can be anything they want to be,” I explained to my son.

And it made me think—as the mother of a seven-year-old girl, I had been so consumed with female empowerment in the fight for gender equality that I had overlooked my son. At just three years old, he was already picking up on the saturation of the media’s “girl power” messaging, and was now confused about his own role in the world.
...
These questions took me back to a story I wrote last year about men, boys and gender stereotypes; and how the emotional needs of boys in today’s younger generations are being ignored. It's no surprise that along with being harmful to girls, gender stereotypes put boys' self-confidence at risk too. Studies from the past two decades confirm that our focus on girls can leave boys behind in regards to education and well-being. The truth is, boys actually need more emotional support than girls.'

UK: Police Unlawfully Rejected ‘Exceptional’ Recruit for Being Straight White Male, Tribunal Finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Matthew Furlong, 25, applied to Cheshire Police in order to follow in the footsteps of his father, who is a serving detective inspector on the force — but was ultimately turned down for a role, despite being told “it was refreshing to meet someone as well-prepared as yourself” and that he “could not have done any more” after passing the interview stage of the recruitment process, ITV news reports.

Under the Equality Act of 2010, British employers technically cannot discriminate against people on the basis of certain “protected characteristics” including race, sex, and sexuality, but they can choose candidates from certain groups over others — typically white people, and in particular white men — if they are of “equal merit”.
...

Mr Furlong’s father lodged a complaint with Cheshire Police, believing the force’s claim that it had received applications from 127 other candidates who were just as qualified as his son — who studied particle physics and cosmology at Lancaster University — was untrue.

An employment tribunal agreed that this was a “fallacy” after finding that the force had simply assigned potential candidates a simple “pass” or “fail” in the recruitment process, rather than any sort of score, and then treated all “passes” as equal in order to take advantage of the positive action provisions.

“Matthew was denied his dream job simply because he was a white, heterosexual male,” explained lawyer Jennifer Ainscough.

“This is the first reported case of its kind in the UK where positive action has been used in a discriminatory way. Matthew’s courage in speaking out will hopefully ensure it is the last.
...
The ruling comes as Chief Constable Sara Thornton, who leads the National Police Chiefs’ Council (NPCC), is lobbying for so-called “positive discrimination” to be legalised, making it perfectly acceptable for police forces and other employers to reject white candidates like Matthew Furlong in order to boost diversity.

“It is a political judgment, isn’t it? How important is this? If it’s important [to increase diversity], then I think you need to look at [postive discrimination],” she insisted.'

With women in combat roles, a federal court rules the male-only draft unconstitutional

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge in Texas has declared that the all-male military draft is unconstitutional, ruling that "the time has passed" for a debate on whether women belong in the military.

The decision deals the biggest legal blow to the Selective Service System since the Supreme Court upheld the draft in 1981. In Rostker v. Goldberg, the court ruled that the male-only draft was "fully justified" because women were ineligible for combat roles.

But U.S. District Judge Gray Miller ruled late Friday that while historical restrictions on women serving in combat "may have justified past discrimination," men and women are now equally able to fight. In 2015, the Pentagon lifted all restrictions for women in military service.

The case was brought by the National Coalition For Men, a men's rights group, and two men who argued the all-male draft was unfair.

Men who fail to register with the Selective Service System at their 18th birthday can be denied public benefits such as federal employment and student loans. Women cannot register for Selective Service.
...
Miller said Congress has never fully examined the issue of whether men are physically better able to serve than women. In fact, he noted in a footnote, "the average woman could conceivably be better suited physically for some of today's combat positions than the average man, depending on which skills the position required. Combat roles no longer uniformly require sheer size or muscle."

Quoting the Supreme Court's ruling overturning bans on same-sex marriage, Miller ruled that restrictions based on gender "must substantially serve an important governmental interest today."

The judge denied the government's request for a stay of the ruling, and Justice Department officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment.'

Woman claims victimhood after she assaults man due to his MAGA hat

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'A Massachusetts woman arrested for allegedly assaulting a man in a Mexican restaurant wearing a “Make America Great Again” (MAGA) hat claimed she was the victim in the incident.

Rosaine Santos, a 41-year-old Brazilian national residing in Falmouth, faces multiple charges— including assault, battery, and disorderly conduct— for a Friday February 15 incident where she allegedly harassed the 23-year-old man and pulled his red Trump campaign-issued hat over his face at Casa Vallarta Mexican Restaurant, Mass Live reported.

But Santos, who pleaded not guilty to the charges against her at a Wednesday court hearing before the judge released her on her own recognizance, claims she was actually “the victim” for being “discriminated” against.

“I had a little bit to drink maybe that’s the reason that I couldn’t walk away but being discriminated for so many times in my life, I just had to stand up for myself,” she told Boston 25. “He’s not a victim. I am the victim. I have been bullied, OK?”

The victim, later identified by Boston 25 as Bryton Turner, of Mashpee, told the police Santos confronted him unprovoked because he was wearing the MAGA hat.

A video of the incident showed Santos approach Turner from behind before swatting his hat off his head. Turner then whipped out his phone and began recording her.

“That’s the problem– the problem with Americans these days, people are just ignorant,” Turner said in the video.'

CPI: 'Start By Believing:' Lawmakers Must Act Swiftly to Root Out Police Misconduct and Bias

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Press release here. Excerpt:

'Following last week's announcement of a settlement between the City of Charleston (SC) and a man who had been falsely arrested, the Center for Prosecutor Integrity is warning state legislatures to take steps to rein in use of "victim-centered" investigative methods that presume the guilt of the accused, downplay inconsistencies in witness statements, and bias the investigative report.

These "victim-centered" approaches are known by names such as "Start By Believing," "believe the victim," and "trauma-informed."

Ethical codes require investigators to conduct their work with impartiality, objectivity, and honesty (1). In contrast, Start By Believing instructs sexual assault investigators to begin the probe with "an initial presumption" of guilt, and then to (2):

1. Make the sexual encounter appear to be non-consensual by making the complainant "appear more innocent."
2. Conceal inconsistencies in the complainant's statements "by not writing a detailed report for any victim or witness who has already provided a detailed, written summary of events."
3. Slant the report: Investigators should focus on witness statements that serve to "corroborate the victim's account."'

Daycare provider who hanged toddler in her basement sentenced to probation

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'A former day care provider convicted of hanging a toddler has been sentenced to probation.

Nataliia Karia received 10 years probation on Monday for hanging a toddler in her daycare and running over two men with her minivan, before attempting suicide. She had faced 13 years in prison. All of the victims of the November 2016 incident survived their injuries.
...
Karia had pleaded guilty to attempted murder and criminal vehicular operation. Karia's attorney argued the cause was mental illness brought on by abuse.

"This offense was aggravated, if not wholly caused, by abuse of Nataliia's husband," defense attorney Brockton Hunter said.

Hunter provided the judge with recordings they say shows her husband's anger.

Karia told the judge, "Please help me back to my children."

The prosecutor argued that mental illness is not a reason to give Karia probation instead of prison.

"It's not that mentally ill shouldn't go to prison. the Department of Corrections is incredibly well equipped to handle the needs of the mentally ill," Warren said.

The sentencing was a continuation of proceedings that began in May. At that time, Claire and Jennifer Booth, the mothers of the toddler, gave emotional victim impact statements in court.'

The Great Due-Process Revival

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I was traveling Friday and missed a rather interesting and consequential story. Lisa Borders, the CEO of Time's Up, an "organization born of the #MeToo movement that advocates for safe and harassment-free workplaces," has resigned. Why? Because her son was accused of sexual assault. But that's not what makes the story truly notable. Family troubles can cause people to press pause on their careers all the time. What's notable is that the CEO resigned in part to advocate for her son's innocence:

"Borders made it clear to Time's Up leadership that she planned to proactively defend her son, someone close to the situation who was not authorized to discuss it publicly, and so spoke on the condition of anonymity, told The Washington Post. This created a difficult tension within the organization, whose mission revolves around believing survivors of sexual abuse."
...
It turns out that when accusations are leveled at people you love, "#BelieveWomen" or "believe survivors" becomes not just a slogan but a millstone around the neck of a son or spouse — a son or spouse who you may believe to the bottom of your heart is innocent of any wrongdoing. In that case, due process transforms in an instant from a tool of the patriarchy to your loved one's last and only hope.'

Feminism is creating opportunities for girls. But what about our boys?

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'I was at a women's leadership summit in October when a woman rose to ask a panel of female leaders and activists a question. It was the same day the U.S. Senate was voting to confirm Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, and the room carried a mixed sense of relief and dread — at least we were together when so much was still raw. The mother's question silenced a buzzing room.

"What if," she wanted to know, "your sons are becoming the thing you hate?" Her teenage sons, whom she loved fiercely, and who she made sure traveled to see the world's beautiful diversity, had rejected her progressive vocabulary and morality. In a room that had been celebrating women's progress in a tough time, no one could really tell her what to do about her boys.'

Habitat for Humanity building its 1st female-only veteran village

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'Habitat for Humanity is giving women a place to call home by building the first female-only veteran village in Brevard County.

The organization broke ground Monday on the new community in Cocoa.

According to Habitat for Humanity's Facebook page, there are six, single-family homes under construction on Whaley Street "providing affordable housing in a typically underserved community."

The hope is that these houses will help reduce the homeless female veteran population.'

Scotland: Women-only open days for Fire Service recruitment drive

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As part of a new recruitment drive, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is holding women only open days in Glasgow.

Around 300 new firefighters are to be trained to join the already 3,000 strong Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Only five per cent of Scotland's firefighters are women- a figure bosses want to increase in the latest recruitment round.

Liz Barnes, Director of People and Organisational Development, said: "We are very privileged to work for an emergency service that prides itself on working hard each and every day to serve and protect the people of Scotland.'

Only Women Speakers at Microbiome Conference

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A three-day conference that features two days of talks given only by women scientists kicks off today (February 26) at the University of California, San Diego. The line-up was intentionally designed to highlight the work of women.

“We have decided to demonstrate that it is possible to have a large representation of women presenters in a scientific meeting by inviting only women speakers,” an announcement about the event on a university website says.

Gender imbalance at conferences has become a pressing issue with some male scientists declining opportunities because of the lack of women speakers.

Not everyone is happy with the decision to have an all-female slate of speakers. A Wall Street Journal opinion piece argues that a “ban on male presenters” violates the University of California, San Diego’s (UCSD’s) student code of conduct, which prohibits “conduct (e.g. harassment) that is so severe and/or pervasive, and objectively offensive, and that so substantially impairs a person’s access to University programs or activities that the person is effectively denied equal access to the University’s resources and opportunities.”'

UK: Sorry white men – you'll need to lose out if we're to reform our police force for the better

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Perhaps Mr Furlong was more qualified than his peers. But then again, he's benefited from privilege throughout his life. And while he's perfectly entitled to call out discrimination where he sees it, there are occasions such as these when it is justified and – until real equality is delivered – necessary.'

The Problem With a Fight Against Toxic Masculinity

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'Over the past several years, toxic masculinity has become a catchall explanation for male violence and sexism. The appeal of the term, which distinguishes “toxic” traits such aggression and self-entitlement from “healthy” masculinity, has grown to the point where Gillette invoked it last month in a viral advertisement against bullying and sexual harassment. Around the same time, the American Psychological Association introduced new guidelines for therapists working with boys and men, warning that extreme forms of certain “traditional” masculine traits are linked to aggression, misogyny, and negative health outcomes.

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Masculinity can indeed be destructive. But both conservative and liberal stances on this issue commonly misunderstand how the term toxic masculinity functions. When people use it, they tend to diagnose the problem of masculine aggression and entitlement as a cultural or spiritual illness—something that has infected today’s men and leads them to reproachable acts. But toxic masculinity itself is not a cause. Over the past 30 years, as the concept has morphed and changed, it has served more as a barometer for the gender politics of its day—and as an arrow toward the subtler, shifting causes of violence and sexism.

Despite the term’s recent popularity among feminists, toxic masculinity did not originate with the women’s movement. It was coined in the mythopoetic men’s movement of the 1980s and ’90s, motivated in part as a reaction to second-wave feminism. Through male-only workshops, wilderness retreats, and drumming circles, this movement promoted a masculine spirituality to rescue what it referred to as the “deep masculine”— a protective, “warrior” masculinity—from toxic masculinity. Men’s aggression and frustration was, according to the movement, the result of a society that feminized boys by denying them the necessary rites and rituals to realize their true selves as men.

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Since then, the return to toxic masculinity has leaked from academic literature to wide cultural circulation. Today the concept offers an appealingly simple diagnosis for gendered violence and masculine failure: Those are the “toxic” parts of masculinity, distinct from the “good” parts. New proponents of the concept, sometimes unaware of its origins, tend to agree that men and boys are affected by a social “sickness” and that the cure is cultural renewal—that is, men and boys need to change their values and attitudes. Former President Barack Obama is championing mentoring programs as the solution to a “self-defeating model for being a man” in which respect is gained through violence. A range of classes and programsencourage boys and men to get in touch with their feelings and to develop a healthy, “progressive” masculinity. In some educational settings, these programs are becoming mandatory.'

A Dark and Gripping PSA Shows How ‘Boys Will Be Boys’ Breeds Toxic Masculinity

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Article here. Google the first paragraph to jump the paywall. Excerpt:

'The roots of toxic masculinity and gender violence run deep in “Boys Don’t Cry,” an affecting short film from Canadian social-advocacy group White Ribbon, agencies Bensimon Byrne and Narrative, and Academy-award nominated documentary director Hubert Davis.

Told in gripping quick-cut style, the narrative packs plenty of punches—literally and figuratively—into its 3-minute runtime, taking us through key events in a boy’s life, from early childhood through his late teen years. This smart, shy, sensitive kid grows increasingly troubled against a backdrop domestic discord, as well as bullying by his classmates. Making matters worse, he’s repeatedly told that he must remain strong—and never cry.

Repressing a shy and awkward nature, he builds his body and eventually becomes a schoolyard terror. At one point, after he’s beaten one of his peers to a pulp, his father, called to a meeting in the principal’s office, dismisses the violence as “boys being boys.”

He’s detached, angry and prone to outbursts—a proverbial ticking time-bomb. Near the end, he makes advances toward a young woman in a scene that puts his development in chillingly stark perspective:'

Tajik Doctors Come Knocking For Uncircumcised Baby Boys, Angering Parents

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'In Tajikistan, where the government often tries to micromanage people's daily lives, authorities are now even trying to regulate the circumcision of newborn boys.

Family doctors from state-run clinics have been going door-to-door in the capital, Dushanbe, in recent days to make a list of uncircumcised baby boys, several parents have complained.

The doctors then tell the parents to bring their young boys to clinics to have them circumcised as soon as possible, the families claimed.

A mother of two, Jamila, who didn't want to give her full name, told RFE/RL that she was surprised when a family doctor paid an unexpected visit to her home in Dushanbe and asked if her toddler son was circumcised.

"The doctor told me that the medics have been instructed by [authorities] to register all uncircumcised boys," Jamila said on February 24.'

Wikipedia on T-stan here.

Amazon header features "Shop women-run businesses"

Matt · 28 February 2019 · Archived copy · Original

As of writing, Amazon is running a banner that reads "Shop women-run businesses" with a link to businesses on Amazon's site that are run by women.

The road to Hell, as they say. Imagine "Shop whites-run businesses" or similar? Never "Shop man-run businesses", not in a million years. This is an effort to appeal to gender discrimination and anti-male sentiment. I wonder how Jeff Bezos would have taken it if when he just started Amazon his site was somehow pushed down in search results, for example, because he was male?

Let Amazon know how you feel about this "positive discrimination", which as we all know is on the other side, negative discrimination - against men. Go to https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/contact-us/ and click "Prime or something else". Under "Tell Us More", choose "More non-order questions", then choose "Give Amazon feedback" in the next drop-down, then choose "Opportunities for improvement" in the third drop-down. Finally, click on "Phone" or "Chat". Let them know you think this attempt at "positive discrimination" appeals at male business owners' expense and further it stokes anti-male sentiment. Ask them if they plan to run similar banners based on shop owners' ethnicity next.

Teacher had sex with boy in classroom while other student watched

Matt · 28 February 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Records obtained by The Arizona Republic provide additional detail about Zamora's alleged sexual misconduct with the student. Video, police interviews and Zamora's arrest captured on body-worn cameras describe how Zamora and the boy had sex multiple times in her car and classroom — once with another male student in the room.

The two even sexually touched each other while oblivious students watched a video, records show.

Zamora was arrested in March 2018 on suspicion of sexual misconduct after a monitoring app on the boy's cellphone alerted his parents to illicit texts between the two.

Zamora, now 28, surrendered her state teaching certificate in December. She continues to be held in a Maricopa County jail on a $250,000 bond, according to public court records.'

Australia: Male candidate pre-selected by local party branch forced to defend against unsubstantiated gender-bias claims

Minuteman · 28 February 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'The man picked by the Liberal Party to run in the hotly-contested Western Australian federal seat of Stirling has defended the process which saw him chosen over four female nominees, saying preselectors were given complete freedom.

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He was chosen to run after frontbencher Michael Keenan announced he would retire at the next election.

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Mr Keenan today acknowledged he had wanted to see a female candidate succeed him in Stirling, but said it was the local party branch's decision and Mr Connelly was a friend and an "exceptionally good candidate".

Mr Connelly, a vice president of the Stirling branch and a Scarborough local, said each nominee was given the same opportunity to convince preselectors.'

Bumble is launching a women-first networking tool that lets recruiters exclude men

Mastodon · 28 February 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Bumble is launching a women-only filter for its professional networking tool, Bumble Bizz.

The Women in Bizz feature, which can be turned on or off in app settings, excludes men from a user's pool of potential connections. The idea is to help a traditionally underrepresented workforce connect and build support systems outside the office.

The tool is a sort of extension of Bumble's core women-first mission. The popular dating app lets women make the first move and message their romantic matches first. Now it's helping traditionally outnumbered female employees build out a women-only network.

"Representation is critically important for women, especially in traditionally male dominated industries," CEO Whitney Wolfe Herd said in a statement to CNBC. "We're helping women connect with other women to show them what's possible and give them resources as they build their careers."'

UK: Merseyside's deputy police commissioner welcomes women-only review court

Mastodon · 28 February 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The women-only review courts will take place monthly from tomorrow (Friday, March 1) at the Complex Case Court at Sefton Magistrates Court.

They will examine the cases of females sentenced to community orders or suspended sentences with requirements, who will be invited to attend hearings where progress reports will be provided by their offender manager.

The hearings will provide an all-female environment where cases can be evaluated and where issues can be identified and addressed, with the aim of preventing problems from escalating to the point where the women may breach their orders, potentially triggering a prison sentence.

Up until now, the Complex Case Court has provided a system for reviews where both men and women's orders were considered, but by providing dedicated women-only courts the aim is to create an atmosphere which encourages better communication and understanding of the issues facing female offenders.'

Feminist Philosophy Class Was 'Indoctrination,' Says Columbia Student

Mastodon · 1 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If you've ever taken a Women's Studies class, this might not surprise you. Women's studies classes operate on conformity and agreement, while philosophy classes operate on debate and logical analyses. If a class draws from both disciplines, appreciation of debate may not carry over. Indeed, in this case, it didn't.

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Not only did his professor fail to explore alternative views, but Hughes said his professor also ridiculed students who held dissenting viewpoints and suggested that they were evil, citing an in-class debate the professor facilitated on whether biological sex differences exist.

"The assumption that alternative viewpoints are prima facie stupid and evil is the opposite of critical thinking, yet it was a very common teaching method for this particular philosophy professor," Hughes concluded.'

More teenage girls than boys plan to attend college, so why the pay gap?

Mastodon · 1 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New research suggests that the college gender gap is expected to widen between young men and women. According to a recent survey from Pew Research Center, 68 percent of teenage girls plan to attend a four-year college, compared to 59 percent of teenage boys.

College enrollment among 18- to 20-year-olds who are no longer in high school mirror this trend. In 2017, Pew found that 64 percent of women in this age group who were out of high school were enrolled in college, versus 55 percent of men in the same age group.

While this may be reassuring news to feminists decrying the gender wage gap, data revealed that money was a larger motivator for teenage men than teenage women. Boys are much more likely than girls to say that “having a lot of money when they grow up would be extremely or very important to them” — 61 percent versus 41 percent. This is probably why male college students typically find themselves in majors that end up paying more.

After analyzing nearly 47,000 resumes, Glassdoor concluded that, “Many college majors that lead to high-paying roles in tech and engineering are male dominated, while majors that lead to lower-paying roles in social sciences and liberal arts tend to be female dominated, placing men in higher-paying career pathways, on average.”

For those who don’t choose the traditional college path, trade schools and apprenticeships present another opportunity for real advancement, yet few women choose this lucrative path. According to the Department of Labor, women make up just 4 percent of the workforce in natural resources, construction, and maintenance.'

Report: Colleges Now Dominated by Women, Men Lagging Behind

Mastodon · 1 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to a report from The College Fix, women are earning significantly more college degrees than men. Data published in 2016by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) highlighted a surprising trend in higher education. While almost half of American women between the ages of 18 and 24 were enrolled in an institution of higher learning, less than 40 percent of all males were also enrolled. A similar gender breakdown exists at the graduate level.

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This trend can be found at universities around the country. Take, for example, the University of Wisconsin, where 55 percent of all degrees are earned by women. At the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, women make up almost 70 percent of the student body.

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The shift in the gender breakdown at institutions of higher education can in part be attributed to the increased need for trade and speciality jobs that are typically performed by men. These jobs often pay similar salaries to those taken by college graduates. They can be especially attractive because the jobs can be had without the debt that often taken on for a traditional four-year college degree.'

#MeToo and today's McCarthyism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Which is more scrupulous, the #MeToo movement or McCarthyism?

The original McCarthyism, I mean — that of the blacklist and the Hollywood Ten, of which the junior senator from Wisconsin was only ever a small part. The anti-Communists whose banner he picked up were, on the whole, more serious and conscientious than Joseph McCarthy himself. For all the publicity and energy he brought to their cause, it was ultimately their misfortune to have become entangled with a namesake whose tactics were not always befitting the seriousness of the threat against which they fought.

The #MeToo movement has become entangled with its own toxic form of hysteria, in its case the tactics of the online mob. The so-called Shitty Media Men List is a good example. In October 2017, a writer in her early 20s named Moira Donegan created a spreadsheet for women to list men working in media who were guilty of sexual misconduct and invited her friends to add to it. The spreadsheet was shared around New York and Washington, eventually listing 70 names. The accusations ranged in seriousness from rape to “creepy DMs.” All were anonymous. Several of the men lost their jobs after the list was leaked on social media, including such pillars of elite journalism as Leon Wieseltier and Paris Review editor Lorin Stein.'

New Zealand: Man falsely accused of rape backs call for Blenheim's first men's refuge

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A man tied up in a false rape claim has backed a call for a men's refuge after he was kicked out of his flat and left homeless for a week.

Brett, who has asked for his last name to be kept secret, says he had nowhere to go after his ex-girlfriend reported a rape that never happened, and rumours began to spread.

Since speaking about how the allegation "destroyed" his life, Brett has thrown his support behind a call for an agency to support men, similar to Women's Refuge.

Another Marlborough man mooted the idea of a men's refuge earlier this month when he was left homeless after leaving an abusive relationship.

There was no homeless shelter in Blenheim, though people could apply for emergency accommodation through Work and Income.

Brett said his two female flatmates kicked him out of his Blenheim rental when they heard rumours about his former girlfriend Dannielle Weir, who was convicted of making a false statement at the Blenheim District Court on Tuesday.
...
Brett slept in his car for a week, and fielded abuse from people shouting "rapist" in the street, before his friend Jack Feavers offered him a place to stay.'

Australia: SA gov. tendering for "Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Service"

Minuteman · 1 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Link here (archived here due to the dynamic nature of the site). Exerpt:

'A legal service provider with expertise in domestic and family violence is required to operate the Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Service (WDVCAS). The WDVCAS will provide specialist legal advice and support to victims of domestic and family violence, particularly in relation to intervention orders. The WDVCAS will be open to women across South Australia, at no cost to clients and with no eligibility criteria.'

How Do We Save the World from the White Man?

Mastodon · 1 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In his autobiography Malcolm X described racism as a psychosis in the white psyche. White people, he said, were able to function in all other ways as human beings should, but on the question of race white people lost all ability to reason rationally and instead deferred to insanity. As a result Malcolm asserted that for the non-white peoples of this nation, there was never an American dream but rather an American nightmare. Malcolm would never live to see the horrors of mass incarceration, he never lived to witness the massive wars of imperialism in non-white nations that the U.S. would wage overtly and covertly in the 21st century, he never came to know for himself the absurdity of the neo-fascist government that we have in our current administration. Yet in our current racial climate Malcolm's diagnosis reads just as true now as it did then.

The backlash from last weeks op-ed "Should White Boys Still Be Allowed To Talk?" points once again to the unfortunate reality that Dickinson College, from its alumni, to its student body, to even its sitting president, have failed to mature beyond a remedial understanding of the racial question. For those of us who have experienced the brutality of a nation that declares people of color expendable, the article read not as an offense but a declaration of an emotion many of us feel every day. But for those who have come to believe themselves to be white, the article provoked an anger and an immaturity that reveals to all of us that we still have a long way to go in seeing each other as human beings.

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From racism, to sexism, to heteronormativity, to even climate change, the need for white men to have their narratives be central to all conversations poses a threat to human beings everywhere. So when a woman of color writes an article suggesting that this group of individuals, who have yet to demonstrate any collective competence in treating people as human beings, take a step back and shut their mouths for once in history, it might be in the interest of everyone.

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If there is any hope for real progress at Dickinson College, it will be in our ability to save ourselves from the idea of the white man. If we do not dare everything in this pursuit.

Then we will continue down the nihilistic path of gradual change through conversation which cannot produce real change. Humanity and whiteness cannot exist in the same space without conflict. The challenge to all of humanity will be which side of the conflict we will choose to stand on.'

Another Sexual-Assault Acquittal Reaffirms the Need to #BelieveEvidence

Mastodon · 1 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday a Texas jury found former Baylor football player Shawn Oakman not guilty of sexual assault. As my Tennessee neighbor Clay Travis notes, the charges against Oakman were heavily publicized, and carried serious repercussions for the Baylor football program:
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At this point, how many more court cases do we need before we return to sanity and reason in the battle over campus sexual assault? As I wrote last month, judges across the country (including, most notably, California judges) are rebuking colleges and universities for establishing campus kangaroo courts designed to secure more punishments for young men. And now we're seeing real courts demonstrate once again the power of due process.
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For example, in one of the key studies used to proclaim that women rarely lie about rape, the researchers found that 5.9 percent of claims were false and that a whopping 44.9 percent were classified as "case did not proceed." And what was a prime reason why those cases did not proceed? Lack of evidence.'

Men and 'Workism'

Matt · 1 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Interesting article here re how many better-off types, esp. men, are making work their religion of sorts. This doesn't surprise me. When the world becomes a place you are not as comfortable in as you used to be, what do you do? Retreat into something. Work is a tried and true form of refuge for men. Excerpt:

'The decline of traditional faith in America has coincided with an explosion of new atheisms. Some people worship beauty, some worship political identities, and others worship their children. But everybody worships something. And workism is among the most potent of the new religions competing for congregants.

What is workism? It is the belief that work is not only necessary to economic production, but also the centerpiece of one's identity and life's purpose; and the belief that any policy to promote human welfare must always encourage more work.

Homo industrious is not new to the American landscape. The American dream—that hoary mythology that hard work always guarantees upward mobility—has for more than a century made the U.S. obsessed with material success and the exhaustive striving required to earn it.
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In 1980, the highest-earning men actually worked fewer hours per week than middle-class and low-income men, according to a survey by the Minneapolis Fed. But that's changed. By 2005, the richest 10 percent of married men had the longest average workweek. In that same time, college-educated men reduced their leisure time more than any other group. Today, it is fair to say that elite American men have transformed themselves into the world's premier workaholics, toiling longer hours than both poorer men in the U.S. and rich men in similarly rich countries.

This shift defies economic logic—and economic history. The rich have always worked less than the poor, because they could afford to. The landed gentry of preindustrial Europe dined, danced, and gossiped, while serfs toiled without end. In the early 20th century, rich Americans used their ample downtime to buy weekly movie tickets and dabble in sports. Today's rich American men can afford vastly more downtime. But they have used their wealth to buy the strangest of prizes: more work!'

Dilbert cartoon parodies Gillette ad

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Friday's Dilbert cartoon (March 1, 2019) makes an indirect reference to the misandristic Gillette ad.

Saudi Arabia prepares prosecution of women's rights activists - feminists silent

Matt · 2 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. You have to see this on an MRA web site but won't on any feminist ones. Why is that, I wonder? Could it be political correctness run amok? I think so. Heaven forfend women be allowed to drive or go out alone in public, right? Excerpt:

'Saudi Arabia's public prosecutor is preparing the trials of detainees, identified by watchdog groups as women's rights activists, after completing its investigations, state news agency SPA said on Friday.

The report provided few details but referenced a June 2018 statement which said that nine people - five men and four women - were arrested and held on suspicion of harming the country's interests and offering support to hostile elements abroad.

At the time, international rights groups reported the detention of at least 11 prominent activists, mostly women who previously campaigned for the right to drive and an end to the kingdom's male guardianship system.'

UK: Unfair share of trainee places is given to white boys, warns report

Mastodon · 3 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Employers need to reserve places on apprenticeship schemes for young women, disabled people and ethnic minorities to create a more level playing field, the country's equality body has said.

The government has pledged to create 3 million apprenticeships in England by next year. But almost 90% of apprentices aged 16-24 are white, compared with 82% of the population.

While there are similar numbers of female and male apprentices, women remain significantly under-represented in the better-paid industries. And the number of people starting an apprenticeship last year who had learning difficulties, disabilities or health problems dropped by 17% on the previous year.

With National Apprenticeship Weekstarting on Monday, the Equality and Human Rights Commission says firms need to take steps to get more people from minority groups into trainee schemes, favouring them against other similarly qualified candidates if necessary.'

SAVE: ‘Start By Believing’ Investigations: Dishonest and Unethical

Matt · 4 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / March 4, 2019 – Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) is today launching a national campaign designed to alert college administrators, public officials, attorneys, and the public to the perils of Start By Believing and other “victim-centered” investigative methods.

Ethics codes call for investigators to conduct their investigations in an impartial, unbiased, and honest manner (1).

In contrast, Start By Believing programs instruct investigators to start the probe with an “initial presumption” of guilt and engage in dishonest practices such as (2):'

Google's annual pay equity review finds its men underpaid compared to women

Mastodon · 4 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Google's 2018 "pay equity analysis" published Monday compares the salaries of its employees and found that men were underpaid in relation to women last year.

"Compensation should be based on what you do, not who you are," the study begins, but the New York Times highlighted the fact that the study explains how Google provided $9.7 million in "adjustments" to 10,677 employees. Men account for roughly 69 percent of the employees at the tech giant, but the number of men who make up the 10,677 total is unclear.

The study admits that lower-level software engineer "men were flagged for adjustments because they received less discretionary funds," or funds that are not designated for a specific purpose and can be used later, "than women."

The 2018 analysis also includes a "new hire analysis" to mark discrepancies in offers to recently hired, which accounted for 49 percent of the total $9.7 million adjustment amount.'

Hildebeast says no run in 2020

Matt · 5 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Kind of disappointed.
Watching her lose a third time would have been so enjoyable. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton ruled out a 2020 presidential run for the first time on camera in an exclusive interview with News 12, pledging instead to take an active role by working with the candidates in the crowded Democratic field.

"I'm not running, but I'm going to keep on working and speaking and standing up for what I believe," she told News 12's Tara Rosenblum.

In her first local TV interview since the midterm elections, the former first lady and secretary of state opened up about 2016, 2020 and beyond. She expressed deep concerns about the state of American politics today -- and vowed to be vocal about those concerns.

"I want to be sure that people understand I'm going to keep speaking out," Clinton said. "I'm not going anywhere. What's at stake in our country, the kind of things that are happening right now are deeply troubling to me. And I'm also thinking hard about how do we start talking and listening to each other again? We've just gotten so polarized. We've gotten into really opposing camps unlike anything I've ever seen in my adult life."'

Former university football star acquitted of rape charges in under two hours

Mastodon · 5 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Shawn Oakman, a former football star at Baylor University who was once considered a top NFL pick, was found not guilty of sexually assaulting a woman with whom he had a previous sexual relationship.

Oakman had been accused by a woman of sexually assaulting her in 2016 when she was allegedly too drunk to consent. The woman, who doesn't get named because she claims to be the victim of sexual assault, said she was drinking before going to Cricket's, a bar in downtown Waco, TX. She said she and friends then went to Scruffy Murphy's, a bar near Baylor. She then texted Oakman, whom she had a previous sexual relationship with the year before, and asked him to meet her there. He did.

A friend of Oakman's said that around closing time at the bar, he asked the former Baylor defensive end what he was going to do next, to which Oakman responded while gesturing toward the woman, "Sh**, her." Oakman's friend, according to the Waco Tribune-Herald, said the woman "grinned and hugged Oakman like she was proud Oakman acknowledged publicly that they were together." She had apparently discussed her previous sexual relationship with Oakman while she was a senior at Baylor. The two parted, remaining friends.'

It never ends: Male critics asked to ‘sit this one out’ and let women review ‘Captain Marvel’

Mastodon · 5 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We’ve had way too many posts today about a superhero movie that’s coming out this weekend; we honestly don’t get how women have adopted “Captain Marvel” as a feminist statement when DC’s “Wonder Woman” — which was a good movie — already featured a female lead. Maybe things were stirred up when star Brie Larson made it a point of making sure her press tour wasn’t dominated by white men.

As Twitchy reported, The Mary Sue flat-out lied in stating that all of the negative reviews of “Captain Marvel” had been written by men — something that could be fact-checked in 10 seconds. But now film journalist and proud blue-check bearer Alyssa Klein is asking media outlets to bench their male critics to make room for female voices.'

Amazon Bans Tommy Robinson’s Book, ‘Mohammed’s Koran’

Matt · 6 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Related only tangentially to the MRM in that the MRM has a big dog in the race when it comes to censorship. Also in that Sharia not only substantially curbs women's rights but also very much men's, too. Excerpt:

'On January 7 of this year, I published an article at PJ Media about Amazon removing doormats featuring Qur’an verses from sale because the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) found them offensive. In that article, I asked:

How long will it be before Hamas-linked CAIR starts demanding that books that criticize jihad terror and Sharia oppression of women, gays, and others also be dropped by Amazon?

The answer turned out to be 51 days.

It’s the British government and the BBC, rather than CAIR, that are likely behind this, but Amazon has just dropped the book Mohammed’s Koran by the renowned British activist Tommy Robinson and Peter McLoughlin -- and apparently only because its censors dislike Robinson. In the last two weeks, Robinson spectacularly embarrassedthe BBC by exposing the bias and dishonesty of its reporter John Sweeney. The retaliation has been swift and severe: Robinson has been banned from YouTube and Facebook, and now his book has been withdrawn from sale.

Coauthor Peter McLoughlin states:

[T]his is the twenty-first century equivalent of the Nazis taking out the books from university libraries and burning them. Can you think of another scholarly book on Islam that has been banned by Amazon? Mein Kampf is for sale on Amazon. As are books like the terrorist manual called The Anarchist Cookbook.

McLoughlin is correct that Amazon’s behavior has been wildly inconsistent. He adds that Amazon officials are steadfastly mum on why the book was banned:

[They] refuse to reinstate the book and refuse to explain why it has been banned. So they have banned the No.1 best-selling exegesis of the Koran. I can’t get my head round it. Every few weeks for the past 18 months they had emailed me asking to put it into special sales programmes, as it was selling so well. For 18 months they sought to profit even more from the sales.

“As dark as my vision is,” McLoughlin concludes, “I thought we were 10 to 20 years away from dissenting books from being banned.”'

Bumble’s women-only networking feature isn’t a job discrimination tool

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite Bumble’s intentions, it’s true that the filter could be misused in ways that could be illegal and discriminatory. Women looking for other women to make professional connections with or find mentors doesn’t pose a legal problem, but if employers are looking to use Bumble Bizz to hire candidates, they should be thoughtful in how they use the filter.

“Many companies justifiably want to improve the representation of women in their workplaces to remedy historic discrimination against women,” says Andrew Elmore, a University of Miami law professor who specializes in employment law. “So recruitment of women from social networking sites can be a lawful, and important, way to ensure that a broad array of candidates have access to employment opportunities.”

Recruiters could use the filter as a tool for finding candidates, but they can’t use it to discriminate against or rule out men from a position. If a recruiter were to use the app and only consider women for the position, that could be a violation of Title VII, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, and religion.'

State bill targets sexism, gender disparity in National Guard

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A proposal to create a new high-level position in the Vermont National Guard aims to root out “soft” harassment of women that is hurting recruitment and retention, according to the lead sponsor of the bill.

Rep. Jean O’Sullivan, D-Burlington, said the culture in the military and the Vermont National Guard was male-dominated and generally “toxic” for women.

One goal of the proposed new position, chief diversity officer, would be to provide an avenue to report improper comments and behavior that don’t rise to the level of sexual harassment or assault, but are enough to cause women to not extend their service in the Guard for as long as men, O’Sullivan said.'

Amber Tamblyn: Susan Collins a Victim of ‘Male Grooming’ on Kavanaugh Vote

Mastodon · 6 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'“A great example of male grooming [in politics] would be something like Susan Collins,” Amber Tamblyn told The Hollywood Reporter.

“(T)his idea of a singular woman who upholds the patriarchal system, keeps it in place, and errs on the side of the men she works with, no matter how wrong the situation may be, in order to uphold the system instead of siding with people who are asking her not to do that, which are predominantly women, literally screaming and banging down her door in the case of the Kavanaugh hearings.”

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The 35-year-old actress admitted last year that President Donald Trump’s election win upset her so much that she considered giving her baby away to be raised in another country like Canada.

“A dark realization swallowed me: I was going to bring a baby into this world. And not just any baby: a girl,” she thought on election night, and reportedly imagined “if she should give her baby away to Canadians or Swedes.”'

Second judge opens door to overturning the male-only draft

Mastodon · 7 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A second judge has allowed a legal challenge to the male-only military draft, increasing the pressure on Congress to decide whether any future conscription should apply equally to men and women – and whether the requirement to register should exist at all.

The decision Monday came in a case brought by a 21-year-old New Jersey woman who tried twice to register for Selective Service but was denied both times.

Elizabeth Kyle-Labell sued the Selective Service System in 2015 asking to be allowed to register. At the time, she was 17 and had to sue in the name of her mother.

U.S. District Judge Esther Salas ruled that her lawsuit can proceed, opening the door to a possible court order that could fundamentally change the draft registration process that's been in place since 1980.

The ruling comes 11 days after another judge in Texas declared the male-only draft unconstitutional in a case brought by two men.'

Meet the teenagers who started a feminist club at their all-boys school

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Article here. Google the first paragraph to jump the paywall. Excerpt:

'For Matias, now 17, and Matt, 16, the way to tackle these complex issues — toxic masculinity, sexual harassment, gender inequality — is for teenage boys to be a part of the solution. They sought to change their classmates' perceptions of feminism as solely a women's issue, and to fill a gap in a high school curriculum that too rarely focuses on women's history and gender issues, particularly at all-boys schools.
...
Since launching the club, which they called HeForShe, one year ago, Matias and Matt have held weekly meetings with about a half-dozen other boys to discuss the biggest gender news of the day — everything from pregnancy discrimination to college sexual assault to the Boy Scouts' decision to accept girls. They have hosted standing-room-only meetings during their lunch period, offering free pizza to draw crowds of upward of 40 boys.'

Can Men Sue Colleges Under Title IX?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm not just going to throw cold water all over this idea because there are plenty of things wrong with the way Title IX has been abused by liberal activists across the nation. But is there truly some sort of inherent prejudice against men in college admissions and resource allocation? And even if it's true, would the young men (particularly the white young men) stand any chance in the court system?

It's the second question that gives me more pause than the first. Any time you take a law designed to afford protection to any minority, be it based on gender, race, sexual orientation, religion, or anything else and try to turn it on its head to defend those perceived to be in the majority, it doesn't generally end well. Liberals will immediately take up the standard cry of, "There is no such thing as reverse racism." That concept can and will be quickly translated to cover reverse sexism and all the other isms thrown into the mix.

Even if the logic of such a defense is a bit clunky, the majority of the media will be onboard with it. "Oh, is the poor, entitled, white boy feeling left out? How sad." And even if they don't say it aloud, there will doubtless be a tone of comeuppance among those criticizing Reynolds for this suggestion. "Yeah… we were on the short end of the stick for centuries. Let's see how you like it now, Bubba."'

Girls Have Always Been Better at School. Now It Matters More.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What makes girls better at school? Mainly “the higher incidence of behavioral problems (or lower level of noncognitive skills) among boys,” according to Goldin, Katz and Kuziemko. “Boys have a much higher incidence than do girls of school disciplinary and behavior problems, and spend far fewer hours doing homework.”

So that’s the cause of the education gender gap. Its consequences for politics, the economy and relationships are still playing out. I’m not about to begin trying to sort out all the political threads, but it seems like the higher-education gender gap may be related to growing partisan gaps by gender and education, as well as the fact that the Republican Party’s strongest base of support is now among non-college-educated white men. It has also surely played a role in an economic phenomenon that Bloomberg’s Jeanna Smialek wrote about in November: “Millennial males remain less likely to hold down a job than the generation before them, even as women their age work at higher rates.”'

Australia to bar visitors with domestic violence convictions

Mastodon · 7 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Visitors who have been convicted of violence against women and children will be kicked out or barred from entering Australia, Immigration Minister David Coleman said Sunday, as Canberra steps up its crackdown on foreign criminals.

The new laws, which came into force Thursday, build on existing legislation requiring visitor visas to be cancelled if the holder has been sentenced to 12 months or more in jail.

"Australia has no tolerance for domestic violence perpetrators," Coleman said in a statement, adding that no minimum sentence threshold was required.

"If you've been convicted of a violent crime against women or children, you are not welcome in this country."'

Do Female Film Critics Need a Safe Space?

Mastodon · 7 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Social media have been buzzing this week with anger and anguish about the gender breakdown of critics of the new movie Captain Marvel. Most are men. There is an excellent reason for this: Most movie critics are men. And there is an excellent reason for that: Men are much more willing publicly to express opinions than women. There is a natural experiment on the matter, which is the letters pages of newspapers. Anyone can write a letter to the editor; there are no barriers to entry. The vast majority of those who do so are male.

“All the negative reviews for #CaptainMarvel are from men,” declared a tweet by the feminerd site The Mary Sue. This assertion can easily be disproven, and it immediately was, as helpful readers appended to that ridiculous claim excerpts from negative notices by Stephanie Zacharek of Time, Mara Reinstein from Us, Kristin Lopez of Culturess, Lindsey Bahr of the Associated Press, Laura Clifford of Reeling Reviews, etc. The story linked by the tweet hedges a bit with the headline, “Captain Marvel Is Fun and Most the [sic] Negative Reviews Are Written by Men … Shocking” before going on to state, in the body of the story, “It is telling that every negative review of the movie was written by a man.” A bit of a waffler, this Mary Sue person. Somewhat of a flibbertigibbet.'

CNN's Don Lemon: Women are smarter than men, better suited to political leadership

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CNN's Don Lemon weighed in on the turbulent political landscape Saturday, saying the United States would be in better shape if women were running the national show.

Captured at Los Angeles International Airport, rushing along in a hoody, baseball cap and backpack, Lemon was responding to a question by a TMZ staffer, who asked if women are "safer bets" as political candidates because they might be less likely to have scandals such as blackface moments in their pasts.

"Women are the smartest of the sexes and they always have been," Lemon told TMZ. "We would be a whole lot better off if women were running things – more things in this country – and I mean that, as he appeared to be walking quickly in an airport garage.'

Study: Male circumcision protects women from STI's, cancer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'U.S. rates of sexually transmitted infections (STI) are soaring to such an extent that public health officials are posting billboards that exhort sexual partners to use condoms. But who is championing male circumcision as a mechanism to protect women?

Researchers, that's who. A recent systematic review of 81 published studies and abstracts provides evidence that male circumcision is "a powerful tool" to reduce women's risk of cervical cancer, oncogenic human papillomavirus (HPV), bacterial vaginosis and Trichomonas vaginalis, an STI. Evidence is mixed, but encouraging, that circumcision is effective against chlamydia and syphilis, but is lacking in protection against gonorrhea, the authors found.

Still, if more women knew that male circumcision was shown to lower their risk of cervical cancer, HPV and at least two common infections, wouldn't they be clamoring – as sexually active adults and as mothers and sisters of boys – for male circumcision?

In that context, it is disconcerting that the U.S. rate of male-newborn circumcision declined from about 65 percent in 1979 to 58 percent in 2010, according to a 2013 paper from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Some nations have far lower male-newborn circumcision rates – e.g., about 14 percent in China and India, and 5 percent in Sweden, a 2016 study reported.

The decline in the U.S. circumcision has paralleled the increase in populations whose cultures don't normalize the procedure, said analysis co-author John Krieger, a professor emeritus of urology at the University of Washington School of Medicine. There also is an active anti-circumcision lobby, he said, that – as with opponents of immunization – ignores high-quality scientific evidence and instead disseminates myths, anecdotes and disproven claims.'

Liberal Arts College Sparks Debate After Cancelling Speaker

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For their 40th anniversary, the LAC hoped to organize a panel for alumni with the acclaimed Professor Harvey C. Mansfield of Harvard University. But after outcry, the college's faculty responded by disinviting him.

The Harvard professor is known for his explorations of Western philosophers like Aristotle, Edmund Burke and Thomas Hobbes.

Shortly after the announcement of the panel was made public, a dozen alumni wrote an open letter to the college insisting the LAC reconsider their decision to invite Mansfield on campus.

The Link contacted the LAC but has not received a comment by the time of publication.

They mentioned how some of Mansfield's work denounces modern feminism. In a 2006 New York Times interview about his novel Manliness, Mansfield said women have "less capacity than men at the highest level of science."

Mansfield justified his argument by saying it's "common sense if you look at who the top scientists are."

Three out of eight faculty members later emailed a signed letter to students explaining their discontent with the college's decision to exclude Mansfield from their anniversary celebrations.

President of the LAC Alumni Julia Amblard, associate professor Eric Buzzetti and LAC co-founder Frederick Krantz said they need to dissociate themselves from the decision made by their colleagues.

"[We] reaffirm our commitment to freedom of speech and freedom of thought at the Liberal Arts College," they wrote in an email to students.

Amblard, Buzzetti and Krantz stressed that Mansfield wasn't invited to speak about feminism.

"Mansfield is entitled to hold and defend such views, which fall well within the scope of legitimate scholarly discourse. Above all, we believe that it is wrong to silence a scholar because we happen to dislike, or to disagree with, what he has to say."'

Jordan Peterson Confronts Australian Politician on Gender Politics and Quotas

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Video here.

Dr. Jordan Peterson and prominent Australian Labor Party politician Terri Butler, clash over quotas in parliament on Q&A's Monday night panel.

Australia: What about the gender workplace hours gap?

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Video here. Description:

'The Workplace Gender Equality Agency has a lot of work to do on its statistics following Senator David Leyonhjelm's questions in Estimates. The agency publish a gender pay gap based on ABS data, but they don't account for the fact, revealed in the same ABS data, that male full-time workers tend to work longer hours than female full-time workers.'

Australia: What about the gender workplace safety gap?

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Video here. Description:

'Senator David Leyonhjelm stumped the government agency responsible for promoting and improving gender equality in the workplace by raising the issue of the workplace safety gap.'

Wikipedia on David Leyonhjelm here.

Why I'm Teaching My Daughters to Be Rude

Mastodon · 8 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A few years ago, I was walking near my apartment with my daughters, then 7 and 4, when an older man I recognized from the neighborhood began to talk to them. He wasn't in any apparent way a threat, but he wasn't a friend, either. Both of my girls are by nature slow to warm up and have a healthy dose of stranger danger.
...
For the remaining two blocks to our apartment, I told my daughters that they did exactly the right thing, that they never had to talk to someone they didn't know, especially when that person is talking about the way they look. A conversation required them to use their voice, which is part of their body, and their bodies are theirs alone.

I was angry at myself for apologizing for them, for modeling bad habits when, by standing silent, they clearly already knew what to do. I decided that I would teach them to be rude. I would no longer teach them that they owe anyone smiles or gratitude for being noticed. I would no longer train them to weaken their boundaries for the sake of being polite.
...
I still see this man, this man who had assessed his own harmlessness without understanding the cycle of harm he was perpetuating, who thought it was his right to have a conversation with little girls because he appreciated the way they looked. My neighborhood is small and friendly, but I no longer make eye contact with him, and I certainly don't smile. I speed my fleet-foot daughters past him, and I don't feel bad about it at all.'

Dalai Lama: Women empathize, men kill

Matt · 8 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Wasn't Buddhism founded by a man? Hasn't it been led by men for centuries now? HHDL is losing it. Excerpt:

'The Dalai Lama said Friday that more women are needed in leadership roles because they are more compassionate than men, who are valued instead for their ability to “kill.”
“Women have been shown to be more sensitive to others’ suffering, whereas, warriors celebrated for killing their opponents are almost always men,” he tweeted in celebration of International Women’s Day celebrated on March 8.

“We need to see more women in leadership roles and more closely involved in education about compassion,” he said.

This is not the first time that the Buddhist leader has vocalized his support for female leadership, going so far as to suggest that his successor as Tibet’s spiritual leader could well be a woman.

In 2013, the Dalai Lama was asked about Australia’s gender battles under then-Prime Minister Julia Gillard. He said at the time that the world faces a “moral crisis” of inequality and suffering and needs leaders with compassion.

Ms. Gillard, who ended her term as prime minister just weeks later, said that conservatives would marginalize women and set back abortion laws, while accusing opposition leader Tony Abbott of a pattern of misogynistic behavior.'

Cern cuts ties with 'sexist' scientist Alessandro Strumia

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cern has decided not to extend Professor Alessandro Strumia's status of guest professor.

Prof Strumia told BBC News that he stood by his remarks.

"Some people hated hearing about higher male variance: this idea comes from Darwin, like other offensive ideas that got observational support," he told BBC News.

"Science is not about being offended when facts challenge ideas held as sacred".

He added that he believed that he had not been fairly treated.

"For months, Cern kept 'investigating' if my 30-minute talk might have violated Cern rules [requiring an] 'obligation to exercise reserve and tact in expressing personal opinions and communication to the public'," Prof Strumia said.

"In such a case, they would have opened some procedure, where I would have been able [to defend] myself. This never happened."

Last September, Professor Strumia stated that "physics was invented and built by men, it's not by invitation" at a presentation at the Cern the workshop.'

‘Sexism’ Isn’t Harming Female Candidates

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After Hillary Clinton lost to Donald Trump in 2016, mainstream media outlets tried strenuously to make sense of what happened. One narrative quickly emerged: sexism. Hillary lost because Americans can’t stand women in power, we were informed. (Oddly, during the campaign we were told that, if she won, it would also usher in “the kind of down-and-dirty public misogyny you might expect from a stag party at Roger Ailes’s house,” but no matter.)

Yet no amount of media pandering to Pantsuit Nation could alter the fact that Hillary was a uniquely awful candidate. There’s a reason 53 percent of white women voted for Donald Trump, and it’s not because they were all gender traitors. If Americans are so sexist, why did many of them in battleground states like Pennsylvania cast their vote for a different woman, Green Party candidate Jill Stein? And if sexism unfairly hobbled Hillary, why did she manage to best Trump in the popular vote? (Alas, annoyed liberals, you still need the Electoral College to win.)

Despite these pesky facts, the sexism narrative has persisted. Today it’s being updated for 2020, as a front-page story in the New York Times suggests. With six Democratic women already announced as candidates for the presidency, the Times story implies, we’re going to see non-stop sexism on the campaign trail.

Or will we? The Times article relies for its evidence on thin research (one study cited in the piece was an online questionnaire sent to 310 people) and an overreliance on the opinions of a “gender expert” who works for the Barbara Lee Family Foundation. Its 2016 Presidential Gender Watch report argued that even though an overwhelming majority of Americans in 2016 reported being ready for a female president (8 in 10 Americans according to one poll), the country still suffers from something called “aversive sexism,” where “discriminatory beliefs or behaviors are justified on the basis of factors other than gender.”

The only problem? It’s not true and hasn’t been for some time. Researchers have found no evidence of systematic sexism or bias against female candidates running for office. When women run, they “win elections at the same rates as men,” as historian Nancy Cohen has documented. Scholars such as Dartmouth professor Deborah Jordan Brooks have found no evidence of sexist attitudes or biases undermining female candidates. “I do not find any evidence that the public makes less favorable underlying assumptions about female candidates, nor do I find that the public has more challenging rules for the behavior of women on the campaign trail,” she writes.'

Women rule in Louisville courtrooms as male judges come 'pretty close to extinction'

Mastodon · 9 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When voters elected the first judges to Louisville's new Jefferson District Court in 1978, only two were women.

Now, only two are men.

Women hold 32 of the 40 judgeships in Jefferson County — including 88 percent of the seats on District Court. And women have vanquished men in 15 of the last 17 head-to-head judicial races.

As District Judge Stephanie Burke, who won two of those contests, put it, male judges in Louisville "are coming pretty close to extinction."'

Australia: PM wants women to rise but not solely at expense of others

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Scott Morrison has suggested that women's advancement should not come at the expense of men, in an address to mark International Women's Day.

Speaking to the Chamber of Minerals and Energy in Western Australia on Friday, Morrison said the Liberal party wanted women to rise but did not "want to see women rise only on the basis of others doing worse".

The prime minister's comments echo remarks by the minister for women, Kelly O'Dwyer, at the National Press Club in November, rejecting the view that "girls doing well must mean that boys do badly".

Morrison said O'Dwyer's message was that "gender equality isn't about pitting girls against boys".

"See, we're not about setting Australians against each other, trying to push some down to lift others up," he said.'

Also see: Australian PM says men shouldn't fall for "women to rise" – err, yes they should

Majority Of Republican Women Say Sex Discrimination Isn't A Problem

Mastodon · 9 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Most Republican women said gender discrimination is not a serious problem in the United States, according to a new HuffPost/Yahoo/CARE survey.

Only 30 percent of Republican women polled said gender discrimination is a serious problem, compared with 74 percent of Democratic women.

"I'm not saying it never happens, but I think it's blown out of proportion and used as an excuse," said Melissa, a 45-year-old Republican survey respondent from Sacramento, California, who asked HuffPost not to reveal her last name because she doesn't want her co-workers to know she voted for Donald Trump in 2016.

Similarly, only 26 percent of women who identified as Republican said unequal pay between men and women working the same jobs was a serious problem, compared with 63 percent of Democratic women.

(A majority of women in both parties did say gender bias and the pay gap were problems — but far more Democratic women identified these issues as "serious." Read the full survey and analysis here.)'

Boys Without Dads: Feminism's Collateral Damage

Mastodon · 9 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Scripted television does not reflect reality as it exists. Rather, in addition to dramatizing for entertainment, the creators often also intend to create a guide to what reality should be. Television programs tell us what is cool and what is not; they tell us what is desirable and what is not. A more precise way of saying this is that television programs often have political agendas.

One of the visions offered to us through contemporary shows is that single motherhood is cool. More than that, it is desirable, because it reinforces the feminist precept that women do not need men and are better off without them. Unmarried mothers and single motherhood are normalized, even encouraged. Many TV heroines are now single mothers:
...
So almost one-third of American children do not live with a mother and father -- and of those, most live with their mothers.'

Women Aren’t Always Sentenced By The Book. And Maybe They Shouldn’t Be.

Mastodon · 9 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Andrea James pleaded guilty in 2009 to four criminal counts related to a mortgage fraud.

When the time came to argue about sentencing, her attorney asked the judge to consider the fact that James’s son was just 4 months old. But the prosecutors held the high cards, and they objected. “She made the decision to have this baby at the age of 44 when facing criminal charges and a likely prison sentence,” they wrote in a memo to the judge.

Under the default federal sentencing rules, family considerations are generally considered irrelevant. Ultimately, the judge ignored the prosecutors’ argument and did cite family as a reason for giving James a reduced sentence, in addition to her long record of community service. She still ended up with two years in prison, but that was less than half of the default term recommended under the federal guidelines.
...
That disparity grows even larger when the full scope of discretionary decision-making is considered. Prosecutors exercise at least as much power as judges in sentencing because they decide what charges to bring after an arrest. A 2015 study from the University of Michigan Law School found that when such decisions are taken into account, sentences for men are on average 63 percent longer than sentences for women.
...
And the federal guidelines specifically discourage taking family considerations into account, declaring them “not ordinarily relevant” to sentencing. But they are certainly relevant to defendants like James who face separation from their children — and women appear to be particularly affected. Among federal prisoners in 2004, a higher share of men than women reported being the parents of minor children, but almost 80 percent of the mothers reported that they lived with their children just before incarceration, compared with half of the fathers.'

Spain: Popular Party chief attacks “left-wing feminists” ahead of Women’s Day

Mastodon · 10 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Spain’s Popular Party (PP) has announced it will not be attending the demonstration in Madrid for International Women’s Day on Friday, March 8. In a press release, the opposition conservative group defended its decision on the grounds that the declaration that will be read out at the march is “politicized” and “partisan.”

“Far-left parties want to monopolize this demonstration, looking to create division and conflict between men and women, and even between women of different ideologies,” the party stated.

...

Later in the day, at an event with the candidates for the regional elections of May 26, Casado had more to say about the women’s march and strike. “I have a daughter and a son,” he said. “I don't want to live in a country where my daughter is pitted against my son. I don’t want to live in a country in which women demonstrate, or where there are colors for women, or there are demands from women that pit them against those of their [male] colleagues, against the other half of the world. I don’t believe in trying to collectivize society due to sex, age, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs.”'

"Patriarchy Chicken"

Matt · 10 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I include this here largely for its humor value. Excerpt:

'A feminist educator in the United Kingdom is making a point not to step aside when men walk in her direction, playing what she refers to as “patriarchy chicken.”

Dr. Charlotte Riley, a lecturer and historian of twentieth century labour party politics, managed to get her Twitter post turned into an op-ed on New Statesman America, an offshoot of the left-leaning, London-based New Statesman publication.

The idea of patriarchy chicken is as follows: by refusing to move out of the way to avoid collision with men going in the opposite direction, women are somehow empowering themselves.

“A few days ago, I was having a bad morning: my train tickets were expensive, my train was delayed, and my coffee was cold,” Riley wrote. “But I cheered myself up by playing a game on my commute. The game is called Patriarchy Chicken, and the rules are simple: do not move out of the way for men.”'

How Mens Rights Groups Use the Rhetoric of 'Equality' to Punish Women

Mastodon · 12 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, a federal judge in Texas ruled that drafting only men for military service was unconstitutional. The National Coalition for Men (NCFM), the plaintiff in the case, considers the win a step toward gender equity, but not for the reasons you might think. In a press release announcing the legal victory, the NCFM says that it considers conscription for men "an aspect of socially institutionalized male disposability." The draft, according to the NCFM, is evidence of society-wide discrimination against men.

In addition to the draft, the NCFM lists, among other things, education and family court as other areas where men are commonly discriminated against. Statistical data does not support these claims. In fact, more than 90 percent of custody cases are agreed upon by parents without court intervention—and when the courts do become involved, it's commonly because abusers are using the family court as a method of terror when they sue for custodial rights.

And while men's rights activists hold up women's studies programs and affirmative action as evidence of discrimination against white men, to make that argument, you'd have to ignore that women have had more difficulty competing in academia and the workforce, especially in certain fields, like science, tech, engineering, and math.'

NASA head says first person on Mars is 'likely to be a woman'

Mastodon · 13 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Forget everything you've learned about men and Mars.

Chances are the first person to land on the red planet will be a woman, the head of NASA said recently.

Jim Bridenstine was a guest on the science and technology radio show "Science Friday," when he teased that a woman is "likely to be" the first person on Mars.

The NASA administrator did not identify a specific person, but said women are at the forefront of the agency's upcoming plans.

Bridenstine responded "absolutely" to a question from a Twitter user who asked whether women will be included in the agency's next trip to the moon.

In fact, he said the next person on the moon is also likely to be a woman.'

Woman who bludgeoned husband to death with hammer released on appeal

Mastodon · 13 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph.
Excerpt:

'Challen, now 65, admits to killing her husband but denies murder, arguing that she has diminished responsibility because of the physical and psychological abuse to which he subjected her.

Her attorney, Harriet Wistrich, pursued that argument by pointing to a law approved in 2015 that recognizes coercive control as a criminal offense. Notably, the statute does not require that the abuse present an imminent lethal danger, an element that has been central to the use in U.S. courts in what some call the “battered woman’s defense.”

The decision affirmed in stark terms just how terribly marital violence matters and pointed to new understanding, in the era of the #MeToo movement, that not all injuries are external. It acknowledged, Wistrich said, how abuse and belittlement make themselves invisible by winding their way into the very fabric of female experience.'

It's Not Either/Or When It Comes To Feminism And Male Suicide

Mastodon · 14 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'By now the rules of toxic masculinity are well-established: men must be strong above all else, they must be stoic, feelings are for the weak and violence, regardless of the question, is usually the answer.

Toxic masculinity has, in recent years, become something of a feminist punchline – mostly albeit in good faith. Exposing the stereotypes that belittle and diminish all genders is part of the dichotomy that has long formed the basis of any movement towards equality. Today, however, comments made by one prominent British figurehead about male suicide has opened up an important discussion about the role of feminism within male mental health – and how, for some, it remains dangerously misunderstood.

“Maybe other people’s feminisms are about making the world better for men,” Chidera Eggerue, aka The Slumflower, tweeted yesterday. “As for me,” she continued, “I don’t have time to think about the reasons why the system you created at my expense to benefit you is now choking you.

“If men are committing s*icide [sic] because they can’t cry how is that my problem?”'

UK: Why men have no place in ‘women-only’ colleges

Mastodon · 15 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Graduates of one of Cambridge University's last women-only colleges are angry about the decision to accept men from 2021 – and rightly so. When Professor Dame Madeline Atkins, president of Lucy Cavendish College, announced the college would accept "excellent students from non-traditional backgrounds, regardless of gender", dozens of former students expressed outrage.

One alum said they were "beyond grief", while another said Lucy Cavendish had "lost what made them special".'

Police: Baltimore woman struck up a conversation with 11-year-old boy on the playground, then she opened fire

Matt · 16 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. One to watch. Will she be treated like a man and given the max or will she go with some story intended to play on sympathies and get her off light? No excuses from men are allowed. Why with women? Excerpt:

'A Baltimore woman walked onto a Cherry Hill playground late Thursday afternoon, struck up a conversation with a boy she didn't know, then opened fire on the boy and his mother, police say.

Nichole George, 31, of the 900 block of Seagull Ave., is charged with several counts of attempted first-degree murder, first- and second-degree assault and handgun violations, according to police.
...
She said the victim is a fifth-grade student at the school, which was closed Friday for conferences. She described the boy as a quiet student who does not cause trouble. Garrett said she and other staff members tried to visit him at the hospital earlier in the day but could not because he was still in critical condition.'

"How the internet is radicalizing white men"

Matt · 18 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Splayed on the front page of cnn.com here. Excerpt:

'Among the many tragedies of the massacre at two New Zealand mosques on Friday is a bitter irony: The terrorist who killed at least 50 people in an Islamophobic attack resembled in many ways a member of ISIS. If his life had gone different in some way, he might well have ended up one and killed people somewhere else in its name. The type of extremism and hatred is of course different. But they have at least one thing in common: the internet as a tool of radicalization.

There is still much we don't know about the suspect and his background. But before anything at all was known about him, anyone who has studied or covered extremism and these kinds of attacks could have given you an educated guess about what kind of person he was: Male. Probably in his 20s. Decent chance of at least a minor criminal record. More than likely a history of hatred toward or violence against women. Oh, and one more thing — probably spent a fair amount of time on the internet.

People could easily become radicalized before social media. Many are still radicalized without it. But social media, often in combination with other factors, has proven itself an efficient radicalizer, in part because it allows for the easy formation of communities and in part because of its algorithms, used to convince people to stay just a little longer, watch one more video, click one more thing, generate a little more advertising revenue.'

Beto Adheres To Identity Politics, Says Female VP Would Be His 'Preference'

Mastodon · 18 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While campaigning in Iowa over the weekend, 2020 presidential hopeful Robert "Beto" O'Rourke said it would be his "preference" to tap a women as his vice president if he were to become the Democrat nominee.

O'Rourke was asked by a supporter point-blank if he would "put a woman" as his vice president if he were to become the Democratic nominee. There was not a specific candidate's name mentioned, but a general request that whomever he chooses be female.

"It's hard for me to think of a reason that I would not do that," O'Rourke answered, noting that "talking about who I would pick as vice president feels really premature."

"I know it feels premature," the supporter acknowledged, "but you’re half of a ticket, and you’re becoming president. You represent the other half of this country, too. They need to see in a position of power in this country."

"Yes," said O'Rourke, nodding along.

“We haven’t had a woman vice president," the supporter continued. "I would like the youngest person that I’m gonna vote for to drive this country forward and put a woman on his ticket.”'

Legislation Eyed To Force Gender Parity On State Boards

Mastodon · 20 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Legislators and advocates called Tuesday for gender parity on public boards and commissions, and Speaker Pro Tempore Patricia Haddad said legislators have a "strong obligation" to improve the situation.

Haddad and Sen. Jason Lewis spoke at an event with the Eos Foundation, which released a report about the gender representation on 50 public boards and commissions. Lewis and Haddad have sponsored an act to ensure gender parity on public boards and commissions.

...

Starting on Jan. 1, 2022, legislation pending on Beacon Hill would require that all appointed public boards and commissions have at least 50 percent women board members or commissioners, and when "practicable" will reflect the racial and ethnic composition of the general population.'

Happiest country in world sees fathers spend more time with kids than mothers

Matt · 20 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For the second year in a row, Finland has been named the happiest country in the world by the World Happiness Report. What's more, the Nordic nation has pulled "significantly ahead" of the other top 10 countries in the report, which ranks the happiness levels of 156 countries using data from Gallup World Poll surveys.

...

It's not hard to understand why Finland is doing so well. The northern European country has a strong social safety net, including a progressive, successful approach to ending homelessness. It also has a high-quality education system, and its commitment to closing the gender gap is paying off. With a population of just over 5.5 million people, it's the only country in the developed world where fathers spend more time with school-aged children than mothers.'

Former police officer admits to having sex while her 3-year-old daughter died alone in a hot car

Matt · 20 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A 29-year-old former police officer admitted she was having sex with her boss while her young daughter died in her patrol car.

On Monday Cassie Barker, once an officer with the Long Beach, Miss., Police Department, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the 2016 death of her 3-year-old daughter, Cheyenne Hyer, from heat exposure, according to the (Biloxi) Sun Herald.

On Sept. 30 of that year, Barker left her daughter in her parked patrol car outside the home of her then-boss Clark Ladner while the two had sex and slept over a period of four hours. Although the car's air conditioner was running, it was not blowing cold air. The Associated Press reported that Barker and Ladner were immediately fired, however, Ladner was not charged, as he told officers he wasn't aware that Cheyenne was in the car.
...
Barker could receive a 20-year prison sentence. According to the Sun Herald, Circuit Judge Larry Bourgeois told the mom, "I don't know what I could ever do to you that could be worse than what you've already experienced… You will forever be entombed in a prison of your own mind."'

Andrew Yang, Upstart Democratic Presidential Candidate, Comes Out Against Circumcision

Matt · 20 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Outsider presidential hopeful Andrew Yang's latest idea is both literally and figuratively his most unorthodox yet: He's taking a strong public stance against circumcision.

The Democratic candidate revealed in a little-noticed tweet last week that he was against the ritualized practice of cutting a newborn's foreskin. But in an interview with The Daily Beast, he said that if he were elected he would incorporate that view into public policy, mainly by pushing initiatives meant to inform parents that they don't need to have their infants circumcised for health reasons.

"It's sort of pushed on parents in many situations," Yang said, describing pressure to circumcise a child as a "cultural onus" imposed on families.'

Letter: Women have gotten tougher on men

Mastodon · 20 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here.

To the editor:

This is the most challenging letter that I have ever written because it is probably impossible to say what I want to say without unintentionally offending some people. The bottom line is this:

While I disagree with his conservative Republican economic and political views 95 percent of the time, I happen to agree with something that Fox News anchor Tucker Carlson says in his recent book. The gist of his position is that the women of 2019 in our country seem to dislike men overall much more so than did the women of past decades. I see this in my life. I see it all around me. I wish that I could do something to make things better between the sexes/genders in our country. I say this as a man who was sexually harassed by a female college professor when I was 25. I am very sensitive to the pain and inner hurt of sexual harassment victims and survivors. I say this as the first male Ph.D. student in all of Canada to take and pass the Ph.D. comprehensive area specialization examination in “Women’s Studies” in the 1970s.

I am speaking up for those men in our country who would never want to sexually harass or assault or hurt a woman in any way. We exist and do not deserve to hear the constant male-bashing that some women exhibit on a daily basis.

Give us a break. We are not your enemy. We are on your side.

Sincerely,

Stewart B. Epstein

To the White Men Running to Be the Democratic Presidential Candidate: Can You Not?

Mastodon · 20 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Bernie Sanders announced his 2020 campaign for president the same day Elizabeth Warren released her plan for subsidized childcare and I nearly had an aneurysm.
...
I have another idea for Bernie, Beto, and Joe Biden, who recently called the gay-hating, anti-abortion Mike Pence “a decent guy:” Don’t.

There are four highly qualified women running in the Democratic primary—across a range of ideologies and experience—but an influx of men have entered the mix without offering a clear rationale for themselves beyond that they can and want to run. That’s not to mention several pathetic hints that they’d make things right by adding one of those woman to the bottom of their ticket, sort of like Geraldine Ferraro, who made history as the first Democratic female nominee for vice president 35 years ago.'

False convictions, ruined lives

Mastodon · 21 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dreams are crushed on this sunny patch of sand just north of Mexico. Dreams also come true, and the 20 or so young men tackling the beachfront obstacle course at Naval Amphibious Base in Coronado, Calif., hope theirs will. Today is Saturday. On Monday, they will begin Basic Underwater Demolition School, or BUDS, the most demanding mental and physical training in the Navy and, many would argue, the world. These men, some still teenagers, hope to emerge at the end of 24 weeks having earned the right to pin on a gold trident, the iconic emblem of the U.S. Navy SEALs. Looking on, Special Warfare Operator Senior Chief Keith Barry says some of them will quit on Day One.

That's why he's out here on the obstacle course, coaching three fit, square-jawed ensigns on how to handle these high-climbing, rope-swinging, rib-breaking apparatus. When Barry first attempted this course, he was like these men—22 and hungry, yearning to pass BUDS and fulfill his dream of joining the best of the best. Back then, Barry thought SEAL training was tough. Now, though, he's 44 and, until recently, a convicted felon. And nothing the BUDS instructors could dish out, he says—in fact, nothing al-Qaeda or the Taliban could dish out—compares with the hell he endured after being accused of rape.'

Student sues over inequitable treatment after accusation

Mastodon · 21 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

“A lawsuit on behalf of a Virginia student accused of sexual harassment said Fairfax County Public Schools treated male students “disproportionately harsher” than female students in sexual harassment cases.

The 18-year-old male student, referred to as “John Doe” in the lawsuit, said the district violated his free speech, due process rights and did not investigate the situation properly. Doe was suspended and sent to a different school, according to the lawsuit given to The Daily Caller News Foundation by attorney Jesse Binnall.

A Robinson Secondary School female accused two male students of sexual harassment after her buttocks were allegedly slapped in December 2018. Surveillance video showed Doe did not hit the female student, according to the lawsuit.'

Jordan B. Peterson's bestseller pulled from New Zealand bookstore in response to massacre

Mastodon · 21 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Whitcoulls, a large New Zealand bookstore, has responded to the Christchurch massacre by banning the work of clinical psychologist Jordan B. Peterson.

The author of “12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos” literally has a chapter that covers the dark psychology of mass shooters — and how to create a world with fewer of them — but his words will no longer be found on store shelves.

Independent journalist Tim Pool shared an email by the company Thursday, which described a decision “made in light of some extremely disturbing material being circulated prior, during and after the Christchurch attacks.”

“As a business which takes our responsibilities to our communities very seriously, we believe it would be wrong to support the author at this time,” the email purportedly said.'

CNN Panel Dings Former Governor For Saying He Doesn’t Care Whether His Running Mate is Female: ‘That’s Not the World We Live In’

Mastodon · 21 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper‘s comments about female running mates didn’t go over well with a CNN panel Friday, as the 2020 presidential hopeful was criticized for saying the gender of running mates shouldn’t be the deciding factor for whether they are chosen by a candidate.

“Governor, some of your male competitors have vowed to put a woman on the ticket. Yes or no, would you do the same?” he was asked at last night’s CNN town hall, to which he responded with his own question: “How comes we’re not asking more often the women, would you be willing to put a man on the ticket?”

CNN’s John King, attempting to make sense of Hickenlooper’s comments, suggested the candidate’s view of the world may be too narrow-minded and unrealistic.'

Violence Against Women Act witness: Title IX is moot ‘because men can be women’

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Article here.

'A House Judiciary Committee hearing on reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act became a back-and-forth about gender identity politics on Thursday. Testimony from Julia Beck, former co-chair for the Baltimore City LGBTQ Commission, criticized protections for transgender women, saying that men can take advantage of these protections to harm women.

GOP Rep. Debbie Lesko and other Republicans on the panel echoed Beck’s concerns, while Democratic Rep. David Cicilline called the discussion ”offensive.”'

San Diego woman wins child support from ex-husband nearly 50 years after divorce

Matt · 24 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A North San Diego County woman was awarded child support from her ex-husband nearly 50 years after she says he left her with a young daughter.

Toni Anderson makes no apologies for going after the man she calls her "deadbeat ex" some 50 years after he left her with their 3-year-old daughter.

Anderson says her ex-husband chose to go to Canada rather than pay court ordered child support in the early 1970s.

"I kind of put it on the back burner and just kind of forgot about it over the years," said Anderson. She supported her daughter while working as an interior designer in Los Angeles at a firm her daughter now runs.

"I'm not negating the fact I was able to send my daughter to college, Paris. We traveled and had a good time. But the money runs out."'

He molested boys? Meh!

Matt · 24 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What would she have said if the victims had been girls instead? Excerpt:

'Barbra Streisand is under fire for comments she made about two men accusing Michael Jackson of sexually assaulting them as children.

The legendary singer and actress said that Wade Robson and James Safechuck — whose allegations against the late King of Pop resurfaced in the recent documentary “Leaving Neverland" — “were thrilled to be there” and that what allegedly happened to them “didn’t kill them."

Streisand, 76, made the strange comments to British newspaper The Times in a piece out Friday, in which she also said that Jackson’s “sexual needs were his sexual needs.”

She says she “absolutely” believes the allegations of abuse by Robson and Safechuck, but puts more blame on their parents than The Gloved One.'

Italy: Infant dies after parents circumcise him at home

Matt · 24 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Instead of making it easier to get, why not instead launch a big educational campaign explaining why Italians avoid it and indeed why everyone should? Excerpt:

'An infant boy in Italy has died as the result of a circumcision performed by his parents at home, according to Italian media reports on Sunday.

The ANSA news agency reported that the 5-month-old baby was brought to a hospital in Bologna by helicopter in cardiac arrest on Friday afternoon and died that night.

The prosecutor's office in the northern province of Reggio Emilia has opened a manslaughter investigation, and the infant will undergo an autopsy.

The tragedy follows a botched home circumcision of a 2-year-old who died of severe blood loss in December in Rome. In that case, his twin brother nearly died, too, but survived following intensive care treatment.'

The Wing, Its ‘Women Only’ Policy Not Flying, May Admit Men in West Hollywood

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Wing, a women-only version of the SoHo House that is set to open its first Southern California location in West Hollywood this spring, may actually let men in the door.

The Insider, a news website, has reported that the private club and co-working space for women earlier this year dropped its ban on men as members or guests after facing a $12 million lawsuit from a man claiming gender discrimination. However, the Insider reports that other factors may have been an investigation into the club’s sexual discrimination policy by the New York City Commission on Human Rights and concerns about the policy expressed by transgender and non-binary members of the club. “Non-binary” is a term used to describe people who identify as neither male nor female.'

Daycare worker arrested for restraining 7-year-old while her daughter hit him — but she says it was a self-defense lesson

Mastodon · 25 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A daycare worker has been arrested and charged with misdemeanor battery after video showed her restraining a young boy in her charge while her own 4-year-old daughter hit him, the Miami Herald reports.

Martha Balmaseda Marrero, 31, was fired over the Mar. 1 incident at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church's daycare center in Key Largo, Fla., which was reported to the Florida Department of Children and Families. It has since become a criminal matter as the 7-year-old boy's mother is pressing charges.

Balmaseda Marrero, who was released on $5,000 bond after her arrest last Friday morning, was shown speaking to the two children before holding the boy's arms behind his back as the girl — later identified as her own daughter — struck him.'

Pakistan: Sending ‘good morning’ texts to women is also harassment, says Kashmala Tariq

Mastodon · 26 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Federal Ombudsperson for Protection Against Harassment (FOSPAH) at workplaces, Kashmala Tariq, said on Tuesday that sending ‘good morning’ text messages to women at the work place is also considered harassment.

She was addressing a Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) in Rawalpindi on ‘Women’s Day’.

“I have received complaints in which peons have also harassed women at offices,” she said.

Tariq said that harassment is not only limited to being sexual, but can be of any form.

“If someone constantly asks you out for tea, it is also a kind of harassment,” said the FOSPAH.

She said that there should be a harassment committee in every institution and CCTV cameras should be installed everywhere at an office.'

Southern Poverty Law Center wracked in turmoil, called a ‘con’ for ‘bilking gullible liberals’

Matt · 26 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. After listing MRM sites among "hate groups" on one of their pages, I thought this bit of news would amuse with irony. Excerpt:

'"In the decade or so before I’d arrived, the center’s reputation as a beacon of justice had taken some hits from reporters who’d peered behind the façade. In 1995, the Montgomery Advertiser had been a Pulitzer finalist for a series that documented, among other things, staffers’ allegations of racial discrimination within the organization.

In Harper’s, Ken Silverstein had revealed that the center had accumulated an endowment topping a hundred and twenty million dollars while paying lavish salaries to its highest-ranking staffers and spending far less than most nonprofit groups on the work that it claimed to do,” Moser reports. “The great Southern journalist John Egerton, writing for The Progressive, had painted a damning portrait of Dees, the center’s longtime mastermind, as a ‘super-salesman and master fundraiser’ who viewed civil-rights work mainly as a marketing tool for bilking gullible Northern liberals.”

“Co-workers stealthily passed along these articles to me — it was a rite of passage for new staffers, a cautionary heads-up about what we’d stepped into with our noble intentions,” Moser reports. “Incoming female staffers were additionally warned by their new colleagues about Dees’s reputation for hitting on young women. And the unchecked power of the lavishly compensated white men at the top of the organization — Dees and the center’s president, Richard Cohen — made staffers pessimistic that any of these issues would ever be addressed.”'

Joe Biden blames 'white man's culture' for sexual assaults: 'It's got to change'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Vice President Joseph R. Biden on Tuesday blamed “white man’s culture” for allowing sexual assaults on women to persist in America.

“It’s the culture, a white man’s culture. It’s got to change,” Mr. Biden said an award ceremony for students working to end rape on college campuses.

He made the remark as he prepares to enter a crowded Democratic presidential race that includes several women and black hopefuls.

Mr. Biden said that the recent sexual assault allegations aired at confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh showed that very little had changed since Anita Hill made similar allegations during Justice Clarence Thomas’ confirmation hearings in 1991.'

‘American Political Thought’ course at CU Denver removes all white men from curriculum

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Article here. Next thing it'll be Greek philosophy with no white men allowed in it. It'll be the world's shortest book. Excerpt:

'I can clearly recall the first day of class a few semesters ago when I eagerly began a course called “American Political Thought” at the University of Colorado, Denver.

My excitement quickly soured, however, after Professor Chad Shomura explained to the students in the room that most traditional “American Political Thought” courses are too focused on the achievements of white men.

As a consequence, he told us he had removed every single white male and their theoretical perspectives from the entire course curriculum.

This is echoed in the syllabus:

“This course aims to develop an understanding of American political life from the margins. Rather than surveying traditional figures of American political thought, it attends to historically marginalized voices at the crossings of race, gender, sexuality, and nation. It explores issues such as intersectionality, antiblack racism and the American Dream, ordinary life, borderlands and migration, public feelings, mental health, and settler colonialism. The materials we examine also exceed the usual genres of American Political Thought. They include, among other things, poems, an ethnography, academic articles, a novel, and a hacked tarot card set.”

My disappointment and frustration at this narrow view led me to drop the course after just the first day. But the class continues to be taught at CU Denver by Professor Shomura.'

Malawians blasts the US: ‘We don’t need aid for circumcision’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Malawians have questioned the motives of the US and other Western NGOs that are promoting circumcision despite evidence showing that the questionable initiative does not reduce HIV as claimed. Vetting their anger and frustrations on social media, the people took to task the US for “prioritizing sex” and not real development.

The US announced a $6.8 million (K3.8 billion) aid to support male circumcision which the US Ambassador to Malawi, Virginia Palmer, said has “has potential” to curb the spread of HIV.

But all the comments that Malawi24 monitored on a story published by one of the local online publications expressed dismay at the focus of the aid, with many hinting that circumcision is not an effective means to fighting the spread of HIV.'

Professor who challenges women-only programs threatens to sue student government for defaming him

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A professor at the University of Michigan-Flint has threatened legal action against the student government after it publicly accused him of “hate and bigotry.”

Mark Perry is also deploying the university’s Bias Response Team against members of the student government, which may be faster than the courts in bringing them to heel.

The dispute concerns Perry’s Title IX complaint against Wayne State University, a public institution in Detroit, for serving as “venue sponsor” of a tech bootcamp limited to black girls last summer.

He first filed an internal complaint with the university and then with the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights, which agreed to conduct an investigation, according to documents obtained by student newspaper The South End.'

Rapper Cardi B Admits To Drugging And Robbing Men She Lured To Hotel With Promised Sex

Mastodon · 27 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A three-year-old video of rapper Cardi B on Instagram Live recently resurfaced online where the artist admits that she used to drug and rob men whom she would lure to a hotel room with the promise of sex. Cardi B, whose real name is Belcalis Marlenis Almanzar, said it was a necessary practice to survive when she worked as a stripper.
...
The shocking video prompted a #SurvivingCardiB hashtag on social media, a reference to alleged sexual abuse committed by R&B singer R. Kelly recently examined in a Lifetime documentary called "Surviving R. Kelly."

One woman noted that Cardi B's admission would be headline news if she were a man. "Why isn't anyone talking about [Cardi B] and her drugging men then robbing them," she wrote. "Like if this were a man for example… this would be a different story."'

UK: Woman loses appeal over false rape accusation conviction

Matt · 29 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An appeal court has backed the 10-year jail term given to a fantasist who made false rape allegations against a series of men and thrown out her claims she was wrongly convicted.

Jemma Beale , from Bedfont, west London, was handed the prison sentence for perverting the course of justice and perjury after she made fake sex attack claims against 15 men - one of whom was jailed for two years and another fled the country.

The 27-year-old however continues to protest her innocence and today asked senior judges to overturn her conviction.

Her lawyers told the Court of Appeal that the judge hadn't warned the jury about the 'myths and stereotypes' which swirl around false rape claim cases.

They also claimed, even if she was guilty, she should have been given a shorter sentence because she had been abused as a child.

But Lady Justice Hallett, one of England's most senior female judges, was one of three judges who dismissed both of the appeals and sent Beale back to prison.'

Down with feelgood feminist victimhood

Mastodon · 29 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'You have to admire Caroline Criado-Perez. She may have had the best education money can buy. She may live in a society falling over itself to provide opportunities for well-bred, well-educated women, such as all-women parliamentary shortlists or women-only scholarships. Yet none of this deters the brave campaigner against sexist bank notes and statues in her efforts to prove that women are still oppressed.

Life is tough for professional feminists. You have to go on television and explain how cartoons like Fireman Sam put three-year-old girls off entering the fire service. You have to make public the misery women endure from phones that are too big for ladies' dainty hands and air conditioning set to a male body temperature. You might pick up a salary working for a pressure group like the Fawcett Society or UK Feminista, but, like Everyday Sexism's Laura Bates, you still have to travel the country to speak in school assemblies. And, like Criado-Perez, you have to promote your latest book.

In her widely reviewed Invisible Women, Criado-Perez draws upon a vast array of statistics and data to show the extent of gender inequality today. Remarkably, she also highlights the absence of statistics and data, the supposed invisibility of women, to make the exact same point. Criado-Perez is clearly not an invisible woman and what her book really demonstrates is how a small group of highly privileged women are able to convince themselves and others that they are victims of a man-made, male-dominated world.'

Former Nevada lawmaker accuses Biden of inappropriate kiss

Matt · 30 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Yep, I admit, I was waiting for it. Cometh now the floodeth of reports of Crazy VAWA Joe The Squeezer handling, touching, kissing, and generally feeling up women as he has oft been even photographed doing. The Dem politicos will of course have fits trying to keep a lid on it. We'll see how they do. Excerpt:

'Lucy Flores, the former Democratic nominee for Nevada lieutenant governor, on Friday accused former Vice President Joe Biden of what she described as an inappropriate encounter when he campaigned for her in 2014.

Writing in “The Cut,” Flores said she was standing at the side of the stage at a campaign rally when she felt Biden approach her from behind and lean in to smell her hair.

“He proceeded to plant a big slow kiss on the back of my head,” Flores wrote. “My brain couldn’t process what was happening. I was embarrassed. I was shocked. I was confused.”

“I couldn’t move and I couldn’t say anything. I wanted nothing more than to get Biden away from me,” she added. “My name was called and I was never happier to get on stage in front of an audience.”

It’s unclear what sort of impact the accusation will have on Biden’s decision on whether to join the 2020 presidential field.'

"Sex drought" or "Sex strike"?

Matt · 30 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I wonder if it's less a drought and more a strike. For a lot of Millenial men I'd wager listening to feminist babblings is too high a price to pay for a few minutes of pussy once a week. Excerpt:

'The share of U.S. adults reporting no sex in the past year reached an all-time high in 2018, underscoring a three-decade trend line marked by an aging population and higher numbers of unattached people.

But among the 23 percent of adults — or nearly 1 in 4 — who spent the year in a celibate state, a much larger than expected number of them were twentysomething men, according to the latest data from the General Social Survey.

Experts who study Americans' bedroom habits say there are a number of factors driving the Great American Sex Drought. Age is one of them: The 60 and older demographic climbed from 18 percent of the population in 1996 to 26 percent in 2018, according to the survey. The share reporting no sex has consistently hovered around 50 percent, and because that age group is growing relative to everyone else, it has the net effect of reducing the overall population's likelihood of having sex.'

DeVos Title IX Lawsuit Tossed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' revisions to Obama-era guidance on campus sexual assault will likely stand now that a federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit challenging them.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Corley said plaintiffs SurvJustice and two other victims' rights groups did not do enough to demonstrate that those directly affected by the U.S. Department of Education's 2017 policy revision couldn't have filed lawsuits on their own behalf.

"Defendants argue that plaintiffs' asserted hindrances are insufficient to invoke third-party standing because it is possible for the third party to raise the equal protection claim themselves, and there is evidence that third parties in fact have raised such claims," Corley wrote in a 17-page decision. "The court agrees."

SurvJustice sued on behalf of sexual assault victims to protect them from retaliation, the potential loss of privacy and safety, and the possibility that they would be traumatized again.'

NBA player accused of rape, FBI investigating extortion

Matt · 31 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An attorney for Kristaps Porzingis acknowledged Saturday that a woman has accused the NBA star of rape, but says the Dallas Mavericks forward "unequivocally" denies the allegation.

Lawyer Roland Riopelle said the claim against the player was part of an extortion attempt that is being investigated by the FBI.

Citing unidentified law enforcement officials, the New York Post and other news organizations reported earlier that a woman went to police Thursday and said Porzingis raped her in his Manhattan apartment last year while he was playing for the Knicks.

NYPD officials declined to comment.

While playing for the Knicks last year, Porzingis suffered a major knee injury during a game at Madison Square Garden against the Milwaukee Bucks that the Knicks lost. He then went home and invited the woman to his luxury Manhattan apartment where she alleges she was sexually assaulted, the Post said the woman told police.'

Biden defends his behavior with women

Matt · 31 March 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Vice President Joe Biden said Sunday he doesn't believe he ever acted inappropriately toward women but will "listen respectfully" to suggestions he did.

Biden, who is deciding whether to join the 2020 presidential race, released a new statement in response to allegations from a Nevada politician that he kissed her on the back of the head in 2014 and made her uncomfortable.

"In my many years on the campaign trail and in public life, I have offered countless handshakes, hugs, expressions of affection, support and comfort. And not once — never — did I believe I acted inappropriately," he said. "If it is suggested I did so, I will listen respectfully. But it was never my intention."

The allegation was made in a New York Magazine article written by Lucy Flores, a former Nevada state representative and the 2014 Democratic nominee for Nevada lieutenant governor.

Going on the attack against the prospective 2020 contender, White House counselor Kellyanne Conway said Flores was "quite bold" to "go up against the highest levels of her political party" with the allegations and suggested that Biden should consider apologizing to Flores.'

Here they come! Second woman #MeToos VAWA Joe

Matt · 1 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Yes, modern women can't handle physical contact with men without a written contract. Well, feminist/Democrat ones anyway. And now watch them eat their own. Lovely. Excerpt:

'A Connecticut woman says Joe Biden touched her inappropriately and rubbed noses with her during a 2009 political fundraiser in Greenwich when he was vice president, drawing further scrutiny to the Democrat and his history of unwanted contact with women as he ponders a presidential run

"It wasn't sexual, but he did grab me by the head," Amy Lappos told The Courant Monday. "He put his hand around my neck and pulled me in to rub noses with me. When he was pulling me in, I thought he was going to kiss me on the mouth."

Lappos posted about the alleged incident on the Facebook page of Connecticut Women in PoliticsSunday in response to a similar account by former Nevada legislator Lucy Flores, which comes as Biden is considering a 2020 run for president. Flores accused Biden of kissing her on the back of her head in 2014, when she was a candidate for lieutenant governor.'

Nan chimes in: McSqueezy is good to go

Matt · 2 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Beautiful! Nan throws herself under the #MeToo bus and betrays her feminist friends by going all in for Creepy Uncle VAWA Joe McSqueezy as videos and pictures through time and space betray his *wandering hands* as he is featured quite publicly running his meat-hooks and lips along the bodies of girls and women. Where is the Demo-feminist outrage, I ask? Excerpt:

'Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said Monday that a pair of allegations of inappropriate kissing and touching against former Vice President Joe Bidenshould “not at all” disqualify him from the 2020 race.

“No. No, I do not,” Pelosi told reporters when asked if she thinks the allegations from two women are disqualifying.

“I don’t think that this disqualifies him from being president,” she said while walking to the House chamber. “Not at all.”

Pelosi declined to say whether this could damage Biden in a potential 2020 bid.

The comments came after a second woman, Amy Lappos, accused Biden of inappropriately rubbing noses with her at a 2009 fundraiser in Greenwich, Conn.'

Scotland: 'Groundbreaking' new domestic abuse law comes into force

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new law has come into force that makes psychological domestic abuse and controlling behaviour a crime.

It will be supported by a Scottish government awareness campaign aimed at improving public understanding of the wide-ranging nature of the problem.

The Scottish Parliament passed the Domestic Abuse Act in February last year.

Police Scotland said officers have been given extra training in preparation for the change in law.

The legislation covers not just physical abuse, but psychological and emotional treatment and coercive and controlling behaviour, where abusers isolate their victim from their friends and relatives or control their finances.

It takes account of the full breadth of violent, threatening, intimidating and other controlling behaviour which can destroy a victim's autonomy and further recognises the adverse impact domestic abuse can have on children.'

Mexican musician appears to kill himself after MeToo claim

Mastodon · 2 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The bass player for the Mexican rock band Botellita de Jerez appeared to have killed himself Monday, just one day after he was accused of sexually harassing a young woman when she was 13.

The Mexico City prosecutors' office said that while it could not confirm musician Armando Vega-Gil had taken his life, a man's body was found at a Mexico City home. The body was to be identified by Vega-Gil's relatives, who went to prosecutors' offices.

...

On Sunday, an anonymous woman posted a complaint on Twitter under the hashtag #MeTooMusicosMexicanos, saying Vega-Gil had sexually harassed her when she was 13 and Vega-Gil was 50. The incident would have taken place 14 years ago, since Vega-Gil gave his age as 64 in his farewell letter.

The woman said she visited Vega-Gil's house with some girlfriends, but felt uncomfortable, and that later he sent her disturbing messages. "He said things that were more and more disgusting and sexually explicit. I decided to block him and change my cellphone."'

The Reason Some Doctors Argue Men Should Get Circumcised

Mastodon · 2 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Male circumcision is a “powerful tool to reduce the global burden of STIs on women,” claims a new article published in the journal Frontiers in Public Health. The authors, an international team of physicians, suggest that the benefits of the procedure to women’s health are compelling enough that women should be actively involved in advocating for male circumcision.

They argue that women can help reduce female STI and cervical cancer rates by circumcising their sons, urging male family members and friends to opt for the procedure, choosing circumcised sex partners, and—if they have an uncircumcised partner—encouraging him to “snip the tip.”

They’re basically saying that foreskin is such a major threat to women’s health that women should support global efforts to eradicate it. To be clear, they think that men should support these efforts, too, because they believe circumcision offers STI protection regardless of gender.'

This conservative scholar's findings challenge popular narrative on the Left

Mastodon · 2 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"While that gender favoritism for women in terms of a disproportionate share of campus resources for women, including scholarships, fellowships, women's centers, women's commissions, programs, initiatives, conferences, clubs, camps, awards, etc. may have made sense in the early 1970s when Title IX was passed and women were the minority sex, it no longer makes sense today when women are the majority sex and more academically successful than men," Perry added.

"In fact, the prevalent sex discrimination against men in higher education, and gender favoritism for women, in violation of federal civil rights laws, is now increasingly being increasingly and successfully challenged," the scholar told Campus Reform. "The goal of Title IX was gender equity in higher education, not the gender favoritism for women we see today, and I think the Office for Civil Rights largely agrees, based on their recent Title IX rulings against sex discrimination against men."'

Humor: Public masturbation: it's for women, too!

Matt · 2 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The cops are after her? I only thought it was illegal when a man did it. Excerpt:

'Sarah Hinkson, 37, draped herself across four seats on the Hammersmith and City line while touching herself and moaning loudly in February.

Hinkson's hand was allegedly still down her trousers when she was arrested by police officers at King's Cross station.

Passenger Anthony Burton – who is visually impaired in one eye – told City of London Magistrates' Court he boarded at Paddington after being escorted into the front carriage with his guide dog.

He said: “I was suddenly aware of a banging noise and I thought it was something mechanical but I noticed that to my right there was a lady who was laying out across three or four seats.

"She was banging her foot against the seat or the glass which was making the noise.'

‘Equal Pay Day’ this year is April 2 — the next ‘Equal Occupational Fatality Day’ is on May 3, 2030

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Every year the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) publicizes “Equal Pay Day” to bring public attention to the gender earnings gap. According to the NCPE, “Equal Pay Day” falls this year on Tuesday, April 2 based on an approximate 20% difference in unadjusted, raw median annual earnings according to either Census Bureau or BLS data, and therefore allegedly represents how far into 2019 women will have to continue working to earn the same income that the men earned in 2018, supposedly for doing the same job. Inspired by Equal Pay Day, I introduced “Equal Occupational Fatality Day” in 2010 to bring public attention to the huge gender disparity in work-related deaths every year in the United States. “Equal Occupational Fatality Day” tells us how many years and days into the future women will be able to continue to work before they will experience the same number of occupational fatalities that occurred for men in the previous year.

Last December, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released final data on workplace fatalities in 2017, and a new “Equal Occupational Fatality Day” can now be calculated. As in previous years, the graphic above shows the significant gender disparity in workplace fatalities in 2017: 4,761 men died on the job (92.5% of the total) compared to only 386 women (7.5% of the total). The “gender occupational fatality gap” in 2017 was again considerable — more than 12 men died on the job for every woman who died while working.'

Two more sound off on McSqueezy

Matt · 3 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Can I possibly keep up with what is sure to be a torrent of McSqueezy stories? Excerpt:

'But the political ground has shifted under Mr. Biden, and his tactile style of retail politicking is no longer a laughing matter in the era of #MeToo. Now, as he considers a run for president, Mr. Biden is struggling to prevent a strength from turning into a crippling liability; on Tuesday alone, two more women told The New York Times that the former vice president's touches made them uncomfortable.

For Mr. Biden, 76, the risks are obvious: the accusations feed into a narrative that he is a relic of the past, unsuited to represent his party in the modern era, against an incumbent president whose treatment of women should be a central line of attack. Mr. Biden has denied acting inappropriately but has said he will "listen respectfully."
...
The list of women coming forward is growing. Caitlyn Caruso, a former college student and sexual assault survivor, said Mr. Biden rested his hand on her thigh — even as she squirmed in her seat to show her discomfort — and hugged her "just a little bit too long" at an event on sexual assault at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. She was 19.

Ms. Caruso, now 22, said she chalked up the encounter at the time to how men act, and did not say anything publicly. But she said it was particularly uncomfortable because she had just shared her own story of sexual assault and had expected Mr. Biden — an architect of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act — to understand the importance of physical boundaries.'

Mayor of NYC seeks to reduce number of boys in specialized high schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mayor de Blasio's plan to eliminate the Specialized High Schools Admissions test will hurt boys. Models project that if he succeeds in replacing the SHSAT with a grade- and state-test-based quota system, the percentage of boys at the Specialized High Schools will plummet from 54% to 34%, in a city where boys make up 52% of the student population.

That is at least 1,000 fewer seats for boys each year.

While the mayor's plan to change admissions is explicitly designed to boost the number of black and Hispanic students, it has also disingenuously been sold as a blow for gender equity, since girls now hold slightly less than half the seats at Specialized High Schools.

No mention is made of the fact that boys are woefully underrepresented at the other top screened high schools in the city, nor is it acknowledged that in New York City, and nationwide, boys lag girls in all the important positive educational matrices — grades, graduation rates, college matriculation. Boys trail girls across socioeconomic and ethnic lines, and the poorer and more disadvantaged the community, the clearer the disparity.'

University offers 'angry white male' course

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Kansas is offering a course on angry white men and the role of “dominant and subordinate masculinities” as they connect to “rights-based movements of women, people of color, homosexuals and trans individuals.”

“Angry White Male Studies” (HUM 365), which is being offered during the fall 2019 semester, will explore “the deeper sources of this emotional state while evaluating recent manifestations of male anger” in Europe and America from 1950 to present, according to the course description.

The course is cross-listed under both the Humanities department and the Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies department at KU and is an option to satisfy a Humanities course requirement.'

Joe Biden Created the Culture He Is a Target Of

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Joe Biden is now living in the world of accusation he helped to create. It is one of peril for the accused, in which they are subjected to expansive definitions of sexual misconduct and little benefit of the doubt. Biden helped to bring it about as the leader of the Obama administration's cornerstone effort to end sexual assault at colleges and universities, a worthy undertaking that quickly spiraled into overreach. The goal, as Biden often says, was to remake sexual culture on campuses and in society at large—a goal that's reached remarkable fruition in the MeToo era. Now, as he mulls whether to enter the presidential race, Biden is finding himself ensnared by some of the doctrines he has advocated over the last several years.

In the past few days, Biden's not-yet candidacy has been rocked by accusations of unwanted touching. Last week, Lucy Flores, a former Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor of Nevada, said that at a campaign rally in 2014, the then-vice president, standing behind her, placed his hands on her shoulders, sniffed her hair and gave the back of her head a "big slow kiss." A few days later, Democratic former congressional aide Amy Lappos said that at a 2009 event, Biden put his hands on her face, pulled her to him and rubbed his nose with hers. This week, two more women have come forward—a student who said he touched her thigh and hugged her "just a little bit too long," and a writer who said his hand strayed from her shoulder and moved down her back before her husband intervened.'

Male Professor, Wronged by Title IX?

Mastodon · 4 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An ex-professor's claim that he was unfairly caught up in the Me Too movement and dismissed from the University of the Arts without a hearing -- after the university ignored his own sexual harassment claim -- just cleared a major legal hurdle. A federal judge in Pennsylvania ruled that photographer Harris Fogel's "erroneous outcome" case under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits gender-based discrimination, may proceed.

The judge also said Fogel could proceed with a defamation claim against his faculty accuser, who allegedly talked about him negatively to colleagues at a conference, and with a related invasion of privacy claim.'

Former Fresno middle school teacher testifies she was pressured into giving student oral sex

Matt · 4 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Tenaya Middle School teacher Justine Karen Nelson knew that her relationship with a student was wrong. But she said what began as simple flirting quickly turned to coercion and sexual contact.

Nelson, who is charged with felony counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a minor and oral copulation, testified Wednesday that she fell prey to the attention and kind words of one of her students.

Their friendship began innocently enough with talks in her classroom. That soon progressed to direct messages on Instagram and later to much more secretive text messages. At first, they talked about routine things, like basketball and school. And then it became more personal.

Nelson acknowledged having trouble with her marriage during this period in 2016. She and her husband, who was a physical education teacher at Tenaya, would argue often, even at school and in front of students. Nelson said she appreciated the student's friendship. Early on, she even sent him a photo of herself at a bachelorette party.'

Substitute Teacher Who Had Sex With Teen Boys Avoids Jail And Won’t Even Have To Register As A Sex Offender

Mastodon · 5 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former substitute teacher from Louisiana, who has admitted to having sex with three underage boys, will not serve any jail time and won't even have to register as a sex offender as part of a plea deal.

Heidi M. Verrett, 34, pleaded guilty last month to three misdemeanor counts of carnal knowledge of a juvenile and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile, the Houma Courier reports. The former substitute teacher was arrested in 2016 for having sex with three 15- and 16-year-old boys at her home. She was also accused of sending inappropriate texts to a 12-year-old boy.

Verrett has been handed down a suspended six-month sentence, two years of unsupervised probation and and a $900 fine.

She could technically be teaching after that probation is over, WDSU reports.'

Teacher Fired Over Topless Selfie Sues Patriarchy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Middle-school teacher Lauren Miranda was eventually fired after what The New York Times reports was "a meeting with mostly men" that featured a picture of her bare breasts for all to see on a computer monitor.

While a teachers union representative claimed that it may not have been Ms. Miranda in the picture, she acknowledged that the photo was indeed of her, and that she had sent it "to a colleague she had dated."

The school became aware of the photo because it had somehow come into the possession of a student.

Ms. Miranda has since filed suit against the school district and the superintendent for gender discrimination, claiming that they would "not have fired her had she been a male teacher and taken an identical topless photo."'

Court papers show Gillibrand’s father worked for Nxivm sex cult: report

Matt · 6 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Court documents revealed this week confirmed that the father of 2020 Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand once worked as a lobbyist for a secretive sex cult, but left after the upstate New York group sued him, according to a report.

The documents backed up previous accounts that the New York Democrat's father, Doug Rutnik, worked for Albany-based Nxivm for four months in 2004 at a rate of $25,000 per month, Big League Politics reported.

Rutnik was sued when he attempted to distance himself from the group before reaching a settlement.

“Her father Doug Rutnik came to work as a consultant for NXIVM. ... He was fired, they sued him, and they had to pay him $100,000,” former NXIVM employee Frank Parlato told Big League Politics. “Her father’s wife, her stepmother, was also a member of NXIVM. ... Doug got her into the cult, Gillibrand’s father got Gillibrand’s future stepmother into the cult. Doug left the cult because he was sued. Clare Bronfman, after her father was sued, donated money to Gillibrand. Gillibrand accepted it.”'

McSqueezy's list of women

Matt · 6 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ahead of former vice-president Joe Biden's expected 2020 presidential bid, women are speaking out about their personal interactions with him — alleging he physically touched them in ways that made them feel uncomfortable. Last week, the Cut published an essay by Lucy Flores, a former Nevada lieutenant governor nominee, who wrote that Biden smelled her hair and kissed the back of her head at a campaign event in 2014. In the week since, six more women have come forward.

Below, here's a running list of the allegations against Biden.

Lucy Flores
On March 29, in the aforementioned essay published on the Cut, former Nevada lieutenant governor nominee Lucy Flores alleged that Biden smelled her hair and gave her "a big slow kiss" on the back of her head at an event for her 2014 campaign. In that moment, she wrote, she felt "embarrassed" and "shocked."

"I wanted nothing more than to get Biden away from me," she continued. In response to the essay, Biden claimed that he had no memory of having "acted inappropriately," but added that if he was in the wrong, he would "listen respectfully."

Amy Lappos
When Amy Lappos was a congressional aide for U.S. representative Jim Himes in 2009, she claims that Biden touched and rubbed his nose against hers during a political fundraiser. "It wasn't sexual, but he did grab me by the head," she told Hartford Courant on April 1. "He put his hand around my neck and pulled me in to rub noses with me. When he was pulling me in, I thought he was going to kiss me on the mouth."'

Notre Dame women’s basketball coach explains why she will stop hiring men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Muffet McGraw, the head coach of the Notre Dame women’s basketball team, explained why she plans on no longer hiring men.

In a recent interview with Think Progress, the 63-year-old Hall of Fame coach, said she would never hire another male assistant coach and believed women can do more to help each other. When asked by the media outlet if she ever planned on hiring another male coach, she said, “No.” McGraw has had an all-female staff for the past seven years.'

SAVE: Press conference: "The Multi-Million Dollar Fallacy of 'Victim-Centered' Investigations"

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On Thursday we held a press conference in Washington, DC titled, "The Multi-Million Dollar Fallacy of 'Victim-Centered' Investigations."

The presenters were:

- Trent Cromartie: "I Was a Victim of a 'Victim-Centered' Investigation"
- Cynthia Garrett: “Trauma-Informed Theories Disguised as Evidence"
- Eric Rosenberg: “Victim-Centered Investigations in Title IX Disciplinary Proceedings: A Litigator’s Perspective”
- E. Everett Bartlett: “Start By Believing: Good for Counselors and Therapists, Bad for Detectives and Investigators"

The event was well-received. The link is here.

Our online petition now has 1,229 signers:
https://www.change.org/p/congress-stop-sham-start-by-believing-investigations

Howard Schultz says mostly female cabinet would be 'benefit for the country'

Mastodon · 7 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Starbucks CEO and Independent 2020 presidential hopeful Howard Schultz said that if he were elected he would form a diverse cabinet, one that would potentially include more women than men.
...
Host S.E. Cupp then jumped in to ask him to clarify what he meant by “heavily weighted toward women.” Schultz explained that “we have more women running for president than any other time in the history of the country. This is an opportunity to demonstrate that women should have the opportunity to serve the government in high positions.”

Cupp then asked if the former CEO would be interested in having women “outnumber men” in his cabinet.

“I would,” Schultz immediately responded. “I would, I think it’s a benefit for the country,” he added.'

Australian Air Force Pilots Told: Consider ‘Gendered Social Roles’ During Bombing Operations

Mastodon · 8 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The “Gender in Air Operations” doctrine informs pilots what they should do before dropping bombs in war zones to ensure women aren’t placed in danger, according to the Sydney Daily Telegraph.

One hypothetical example included in the RAAF guide highlights how destroying a bridge, being used by enemy forces, could force local women to walk further to perform basic domestic chores. The doctrine said:

Although destroying this target may provide a military advantage against the enemy, the second order effect may mean that, due to the gendered social roles, women need to travel further afield, on unfamiliar and less secure, well-known or well-lit routes to gather water and firewood.

The program has been designed to encourage a “new way of thinking” in which vulnerable women aren’t at an increased risk of violence or threat, the Telegraph reports.

Veterans and local news commentators are calling the move an exercise in political correctness that will add another layer of concern for pilots fighting in war zones.'

Australia: "Why employers are being asked to create 'menopause friendly' workplaces"

Minuteman · 9 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

A response to Matt's question. Link here. Excerpt:

'Experiences like Ms Montague Mackay's are at the heart of a growing push to have employers help female employees negotiate this time of their life, just as they might during pregnancy.
...
The ideas are detailed in a new Monash University resource to help more workplaces become menopause friendly.

Professor Kat Riach said it made economic sense, with some studies suggesting between 40 and 75 per cent of women said they felt menopause affected their productivity.
...
Academics at the Monash Business School estimated there were 1.3 million Australian women between the ages of 45 and 55 who worked in the health and education sectors alone and one in four were likely to experience significant menopausal symptoms.

"That's a significant number of women experiencing menopause in the workplace," Professor Riach said.'
...
Ms Montague Mackay spoke about her experiences at a special forum on women's health at work in Melbourne.

It was organised by Naomi Seddon — a partner in global employment firm Littler.
...
Within one day of posting the event she had more than 20,000 hits and requests from women across the globe to hold similar events in their city.
...
Ms Seddon has represented US clients which have started offering to cover the cost of their employees' IVF, nannies and even transgender reassignment surgery.'

An American Biker Gang Destroys Dog Fight Rings and Rescues Animals From Violent Owners

Matt · 9 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Some toxic masculinity in action, indeed! All that is necessary for evil to triumph is that good men do nothing. Excerpt:

'Bikers with tattoos who look really intimidating have saved numerous animals in the US. They investigated cases of animal abuse, came to really violent owners and convinced them to give their pets away. The men made agreements with animal shelters, have helped animals with rehabilitation, and found new families for cats, dogs, and horses.

Bright Side looked into the activities of the Rescue Ink organization and was amazed at how they managed to take away animals from cruel owners when the police were helpless.

Rescue Ink is a non-profit animal rights protection organization that originated from a group of volunteers in New York. The team consists of bikers, ex-bodybuilders, powerlifting champions, former military personnel, police detectives, and lawyers. The team was at its peak of activity from 2008 to 2014.'

Boys to Men: The masculinity crisis

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The Sydney Writers Festival is hosting a panel on the recently published "Boys to Men: The Masculinity Crisis" by Clementine Ford (4 May 2019).

Ford, an Australian radical feminist with a long and turbulent history of misandry and gendered hate speech (#KILLALLMEN), has plenty to say about how badly men do masculinity, how damaging it is to boys and women and how she can fix it.

The Panel consists of one celebrity chef and two radical feminist, including Ford. For a panel focused on masculinity, a few more men might have been appropriate. But who needs men when you have so many feminists wanting to femsplain masculinity.

SAVE: Sen. Jackson Defies Judicial Rulings, Ridicules Witnesses in Effort to Fast-Track Controversial Campus Bill

Matt · 10 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE), a national leader in campus sexual assault, is today expressing its concern over tactics being used by California Sen. Hannah Beth Jackson in an effort to fast-track her Education: Sex Equity bill. SB-493 would train campus Title IX staff in “trauma-informed” methods; ban the use of direct cross-examination; and allow the use of “single-investigator” investigations in which the same person serves as judge, jury, and executioner.

In 2017, Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed SB-169, the predecessor to SB-493, citing its numerous due process problems. Last November, a working group appointed by Gov. Brown issued a series of recommendations that were intended to guide state lawmakers in crafting legislation designed to combat campus sexual assault.

But SB-493 embodies and even worsens many of the same due process flaws as SB-169. In its Comment in Opposition to SB-493, being released today, SAVE notes the following:'

Male councilors question all-female Santa Fe commission

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Does a proposal to create a women's commission with the intent of advancing opportunities and improving the quality of life for women and girls discriminate against men?

Two men on the City Council think that perhaps it does.

Councilors Mike Harris and Roman Abeyta raised that concern during a Monday meeting of the council's Public Works Committee.

...

Harris pointed to the proposed resolution defines "women" as "transgender women, self-identifying women and girls, and gender non-conforming individuals." Based on that definition, he said he couldn't understand why men were being excluded.

Harris wondered aloud if there were any other city committees whose membership was determined by age, race, gender or religion. City staff likened the proposed panel to the Mayor's Youth, Senior Services and Veterans advisory boards, which are made up of children, senior citizens and military veterans, respectively.

Harris was the only committee member to vote against the proposal, but Councilor Abeyta also questioned why men wouldn't be allowed to serve on the commission.'

College promotes men's cuddling group to 'redefine masculinity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Pennsylvania university is promoting the concept of men cuddling as a way to help them deal with stress and "redefine masculinity."

Dr. Christopher Liang, a counseling psychology professor at Lehigh University's College of Education, recently came out in support of a Philadelphia area "Men's Therapeutic Cuddle Group," a function advertised by Lehigh University in a news release. The Meetup.com page for the group currently has 69 members and the group has held 46 events so far. The meetups are held once every other week.

Organizers have established quite an expansive set of guidelines for attendees. The men attending must be "hygienically sound" and "remain fully clothed at all times." The group's organizers state that all cuddling is "non-sexual." However, they do note that participants may become aroused during cuddling and that if that occurs, it should be treated as a normal thing.'

Massachusetts reclaims heritage of witch hunts with bills against campus due process

Mastodon · 12 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The presumption of innocence might as well be a thing of the past in Massachusetts. More accurately, the Bay State appears to be returning to its roots of assuming the guilt of marginalized communities.
...
H-1209 and S-764 would require “trauma-informed training” for investigators. This is akin to telling investigators “accusers are never wrong,” and it’s based on “science” that’s about as reliable as Puritan identification of witches. (Even the Trump administration still funds this abomination.)

Zalkind Duncan warns that such training can “instruct investigators to place the burden of proof on the responding student to disprove the complainant’s account, or encourage investigators to ignore or explain away evidence that may call into question a party’s credibility.” The University of Texas police force, for example, is instructed not to collect evidence that could help an accused student.'

Swedish Feminist MP Ripped for Assuming 'All Men Are Rapists'

Mastodon · 12 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Left Party MP Linda Snecker has irked many of her compatriots by claiming that women naturally assume that all men are rapists.

During a parliamentary debate, Snecker also made it clear that men have a "collective responsibility for rape".

"Men's violence against women governs the entire world structure. Men's supremacy, women's subordination", Snecker said in a speech about violent crime.

"Because I refuse to be afraid, I also refuse that my fellow sisters are afraid. That is why the struggle of feminism is everyone's struggle. The violence of men must be stopped", the Left Party MP explained.

Snecker claimed that sexual oppression cut through all layers of society, with the culprits being men of all possible backgrounds and positions.

Snecker's misandic harangue and sweeping generalisations left a bitter taste in many Swedes' mouth.'

Seeing sexism everywhere

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Council of Europe has decided to redefine the word ‘sexism’. The CoE has a decade-old definition, but the council decided to update it in response ‘to the #MeToo and other recent movements that have heightened awareness of persistent sexism in society’. Worryingly, the new definition looks set to impact on freedom of speech, with its promise to police both public and private attitudes in search of the problem of sexism.
...
The new definition shifts the parameters in a striking way. It points to the possibility of total surveillance as part of the crusade against sexism. It describes sexism as: ‘Any act, gesture, visual representation, spoken or written words, practice or behaviour based upon the idea that a person or a group of persons is inferior because of their sex, which occurs in the public or private sphere.’

The most concerning aspect of the new definition is the hint at some kind of monitoring of what is said and done not only in the public sphere, but in the private sphere too. The reason given for this new wide-ranging approach is that ‘online sexism is rampant throughout Europe, with women disproportionately affected – especially young women and girls, women journalists, politicians, public figures and women’s human-rights defenders’.
...
One theme that runs through the council’s recommendations, and through feminism more broadly today, is a view of women as being constantly under threat. It does seem ironic that in the efforts, ostensibly at least, to bring about equality between the sexes, officials effectively argue that one sex, the female one, needs to have the world sanitised on its behalf just in case its members ever encounter a questionable idea or statement. The eager search for sexism everywhere looks like an attempt to keep feminism relevant. And it is proof of today’s insatiable desire to produce victims and villains.'

UK: Serial drink-driver avoids jail 'for being a woman'

Mastodon · 13 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Victoria Parry, 30, hit three other cars after downing a bottle of wine.

Judge Sarah Buckingham said Parry, an alcoholic who had escaped an abusive relationship, would have gone "straight down the stairs" to jail if she were a man.

Although Parry "deserved" a prison term, the judge gave her three months to address her issues.

The comments are being investigated by a judicial watchdog.'

California has a new law: No more all-male boards

Matt · 14 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Companies headquartered in California can no longer have all-male boards.

That's according to a new law, enacted Sunday, which requires publicly traded firms in the state to place at least one woman on their board of directors by the end of 2019 — or face a penalty.
It also requires companies with five directors to add two women by the end of 2021, and companies with six or more directors to add at least three more women by the end of the same year.
It's the first such law on the books in the United States, though similar measures are common in European countries.'

Joe Mathews: Gender parity in elected office should be a legal requirement

Mastodon · 15 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'South Pasadena's new mayor recently appointed 18 people to voluntary local commissions in the San Gabriel Valley city.

Routine? Yes, except for one thing. All 18 appointees were women.

Mayor Marina Khubesrian's appointments were a small-town stroke for gender parity. Before the appointments, about one-third of all commission appointees in South Pasadena were women; after, more than half of all commissioners were women, just like the population of the city itself.

But the move inspired critical media coverage and public grievance from men claiming discrimination. The mayor later added three men to her list of appointees.'

Think Progress Supports Sex Discrimination in Hiring — As Long as It's Against White Men

Mastodon · 15 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Think Progress took advantage of Final Four weekend – the peak of the college basketball season – to write a story that advocates job discrimination.

But it's OK because the people it calls for discriminating against are white men.

"Muffet McGraw is done hiring men," reads the headline on Lindsay Gibbs' story. "Women need the opportunity. They deserve the opportunity," reads the subhead.

The story focuses on McGraw, the women's basketball coach at Notre Dame since 1987, and the decision she made to discriminate against men.'

College Democrats faces criticism over its new executive board

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A few social media users pointed out that the new leadership team of the student organization is comprised of an all-female, all-white team and criticized the appearance of a lack of ethnic and gender diversity within the group. Those criticisms led OUCD president-elect Meah McCallister to publish a response on Twitter addressing the issue.

“The reason why people are angry is because men are not included, but if the executive board was comprised of entirely white men, those people would not be making the same comments,” McCallister said. “Privilege shouts for privilege when privilege is left out.”
...
McCallister said all of the new executive board, including herself, were the only candidates to run for the positions, making the races uncontested and that is rare for the group.'

Australia: Push to block companies with no female directors from an IPO

Minuteman · 15 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'There is a new push to ensure that companies looking to join the ASX *{Australian Stock Exchange}* have women on their boards before they list.

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)-led “30 per cent Club” is establishing a group with representation from investment bank and private equity companies, specifically those who advise on IPOs, that will look at a range of initiatives but ensure no companies going through an IPO list without female directors.
...
“We will connect them with executive search consultants and female directors so they have a pool of talented directors they can approach for board roles and we will work with them on promoting the companies that are listing to female directors.”
...

Flexible working the key to more women
A new study undertaken by the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and AVID Property Group has shown just how valuable offering flexible work arrangements can be to attracting more women to management roles.
...
Other initiatives
The AICD is launching its 6th Chair’s Mentoring Program in August.

The program is AICD’s flagship board diversity initiative aimed at arming highly-experienced and qualified women with the right tools to become directors.'

Michelle Obama: America under Trump like 'living with a divorced dad' for the weekend

Mastodon · 16 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former first lady Michelle Obama compared life in America under President Trump to living with a “divorced dad,” according to The Independent.

“For anyone who had any problems with Barack Obama, let’s just think about what we were troubled by – there were never any indictments,” she said during an interview with late-night host Stephen Colbert in London while promoting her memoir “Becoming,” according to the publication.
...
“We come from a broken family, we are a little unsettled,” Obama said. “Sometimes you spend the weekend with divorced dad. That feels like fun but then you get sick. That is what America is going through. We are living with divorced dad.”'

In Trump Criticism, Michelle Obama Slams Divorced Fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During a press tour event in London to promote her new memoir, “Becoming,” former First Lady Michelle Obama took a swipe at President Donald Trump that also maligned fathers who have gotten divorced.
...
Obama’s slam on Trump was designed to convey her belief that the country is not being well-tended to. But unquestionably the remark is an unfair swipe at fathers who undergo a divorce and remain committed, attentive, and nurturing parents.'

Court rules divorced woman can use fertilized embryos against father's wishes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A divorced woman is entitled to implant some fertilized embryos created before she was married despite the objections of her former husband, the state Court of Appeals has ruled.

In a split decision, the majority acknowledged that the contract Ruby Torres and John Terrell signed with the clinic doing the in-vitro fertilization spells out in the event of separation of divorce the embryos could be used solely with the "express, written consent" of both parties.

Now, Torres who was undergoing chemotherapy at the time, wants to implant the embryos if and when she remarries. Terrell, who does not consent, got a trial judge to rule that she can't do that.

But appellate Judge Jennifer Campbell, writing for the majority, said that, on balancing the interests of both parties, Torres is entitled to do with the eggs what she wants. And Campbell said it is irrelevant that if Torres gets the embryos, Terrell could be legally responsible for child support.'

California mom, 41, will avoid jail for having sex with both of her teenage daughters' boyfriends

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A California mom who had sex with both of her teenage daughters' boyfriends after plying them with alcohol and cigars will avoid a jail term.

Coral Lytle, 41, seduced both boys, aged 14 and 15, in the fall of 2017, driving the 15 miles from Tulare to Visalia for the illicit liaisons.

One of the victims said they had sex with the predator three times, the last time on October 5, 2017, but stopped the sordid meetings because of his guilt towards Lytle's husband.

Lytle was initially charged with 21 felony sex counts and faced a lengthy suspended prison sentence.

However, after reviewing her probation report, a judge said he did not believe the indicated a six-year suspended prison term with five years on probation was appropriate.'

Day Laborer Forced To Have Sex At Gunpoint

Matt · 17 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. "That never happens!" Yep. Excerpt:

'An Arizona couple is charged with luring a day laborer to their Phoenix home and forcing the man to have sex at gunpoint with the female suspect, an assault that the male suspect described as a “sexual fantasy scenario,” according to a criminal complaint.

According to investigators, the victim was picked up last Monday outside a Home Depot by Brenda Acuna-Aguero, 39, who said that she needed help moving items at her home.

The victim told cops that when he reached the residence, Acuna-Aguero “began to talk sexual to him” and said it “was her fantasy to have sex with a laborer and that she wanted to have sex with him.”

When the man declined to have sex, Acuna-Aguero’s husband Jorge Murrieta-Valenzuela, 45, entered the room carrying a rifle. Murrieta-Valenzuela, cops charge, placed the firearm against the victim’s chest and told him “that he was going to have sex with his wife or he would shoot him.”'

Ilhan Omar defender Kirsten Gillibrand says ‘We’re gonna punch Trump in the face!’

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'It seems like only yesterday when Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand was slamming Donald Trump for his “dangerous rhetoric” in the wake of his tweet regarding Ilhan Omar’s 9/11 remarks. Actually, it was four days ago:
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The morning after her packed event in Davenport, I follow Gillibrand south to Muscatine—she is on a Mississippi River tour, visiting some of the Iowa counties that flipped from Obama to Trump in 2016—and she seeks me out to make sure I’ll be at her official campaign kickoff that coming Sunday, outside of the Trump International Hotel & Tower in New York. “We’re gonna punch Trump in the face!” she tells me, smiling broadly, literally jumping up and down. “It’s the New York way!” Then she hops in her car to race to her next event.'

Woman 'infatuated' with Columbine dead following massive 'manhunt'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Law enforcement is continuing to investigate whether the teen at the center of a statewide manhunt acted alone.

The search for Sol Pais ended Wednesday at the base of Mount Evans when she was found dead near Echo Lake.

“She appeared to have died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound,” said FBI Denver Special Agent in Charge Dean Phillips. “It appears she took her own life.”'

UK: Teen who murdered boy while pregnant ‘boasting about being a man hater’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jolene Doherty, now aged 18, was jailed for life in January for knifing fellow teenager Conner Cowper to death at a house party.

Doherty was 17 at the time of the murder, in April 2018, but when she turned 18 last month her identity could be revealed.

She gave birth behind bars, but prison sources claim the young mum has been bragging about the brutal killing to other inmates, telling them that she hates men.

A prison source claimed the convicted killer said her hatred of men was the reason for the murder at a flat in Holytown, near Motherwell, North Lanarkshire, in April last year, the Evening Times reported.'

Former SG leader accused of sexual assault gets expulsion removed from his record

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Student Government leader who was kicked out of school in May 2017 for allegedly assaulting a female student in his dorm room has gotten the expulsion removed from his record.
...
The turnaround in the Goetz case began in December, when three Pinellas County circuit judges ruled that Goetz's rights of due process were denied by both the university's student conduct board and Dean of Students Jacob Diaz.

Reversing their own June 12, 2018, ruling, the judges said the board and the dean relied on a summary of an investigative report – "the only document on which USF relied in presenting its case" – in making their decisions.

That meant, the judges wrote, that some evidence and testimony that went into the investigative report was not made available to Goetz, whose "due process rights were violated by the nondisclosure of information that either directly or materially affected what was actually presented at the hearing."

The judges ordered a rehearing.'

Experts: To Solve AI's Bias Problem, Hire Fewer White Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you can think of a problem, there's likely a researcher somewhere trying to develop an artificial intelligence to solve it. But while AIs themselves have grown more diverse in recent years, the researchers creating the systems haven't.

According to a new report out of New York University's AI Now Institute, the AI industry is still dominated by white men — and this "diversity crisis" is partially to blame for the biased AIs we're seeing crop up around the globe.

"To date, the diversity problems of the AI industry and the issues of bias in the systems it builds have tended to be considered separately," the researchers wrote. "But we suggest that these are two versions of the same problem: issues of discrimination in the workforce and in system building are deeply intertwined."'

Also see https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ai-bias-problem-techs-white-male-workforce/.

'White male titans' of classical music are putting young people off the art form, Royal Albert Hall director claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The “White male titans” of classical music are putting young people off the art form, the Royal Albert Hall director has claimed.

While Mozart, Beethoven and Bach are all household names, female composers and those from ethnic minority backgrounds are much less celebrated, according to a new survey.

Young people are also suffering from a lack of access to the genre because of the poor levels of music education in the UK, says Lucy Noble, artistic and commercial director at the Royal Albert Hall.'

Divorced from Justice

Matt · 20 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The real problem with current divorce law is that already does precisely what Mr Gauke will allow it to do more: excises justice from the legal system and turns the law into an instrument of plunder. One spouse can unilaterally abrogate the marriage contract without having to show any legally recognized transgression by the other, and without having to incur the consequences, and then collude with divorce practitioners against an innocent spouse, confiscate his children, loot everything he has, and even threaten him with jail if he fails to cooperate.

The very concept of "no-fault" justice is an oxymoron. It is no justice at all, and when the judiciary stops dispensing justice it starts dispensing injustice. There is no third alternative.

Unilateral and involuntary divorce is already the most radical legal innovation ever undertaken in the English-speaking democracies. It overturns the most basic principles of the Common Law, limited government, bills of rights, and more. Yet no public debate was ever held, either before it was first implemented in the 1970s or since.'

Professor Found Responsible for Sexual Harassment Will Teach A Course This Fall

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Avital Ronell, a professor of German and Comparative Literature in the College of Arts and Sciences, who was found responsible for sexually harassing a former graduate student will return to teaching this fall.

An internal Title IX investigation, first reported by the New York Times, found Ronell responsible for physical and verbal harassment of graduate student Nimrod Reitman but later cleared her of other charges including sexual assault and stalking.'

Marked 'EE,' these are the Canadian Forces jobs where only women need apply

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Depending on the week and whether employment equity (or EE) targets are being met, the Canadian Forces periodically closes some of its approximately 100 occupations or trades to any applicants but women.

The information is contained in so-called weekly “processing cheat sheets” used by recruiting staff — some of which were obtained by the National Post — and was confirmed by a military source.

The Post isn’t identifying that source, at the source’s request, for fear of repercussions.

But the commander of the recruiting group, Colonel Luc Sabourin, also confirmed in a telephone interview Thursday that the forms “are a weekly tool to allow us to meet our designated EE (employment equity) targets.”

Sabourin agreed that in practice, it means that if a white male was applying for a job that was temporarily open only to EE candidates, he would be informed the occupation was full and other job possibilities discussed.'

Men have to make gender equality their business, says CEO of woman-first coworking company

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nelson also has rules for communication at The Riveter designed to keep conversation open and civil. When she worked as a lawyer, Nelson says men would sometimes talk over her in meetings or repeat an idea she had just put forth. She makes it a policy now to call out those men, to make them aware of their behavior and how it affects others in the workplace. “It might embarrass him the first time it happens,” Nelson says. “We all get embarrassed at work. I think we have to accept that and embrace that as part of the learning process.”'

Some Microsoft employees allege policies 'discriminate' against Asians, white men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The backlash against the tech industry-wide push to hire more women and minorities has flared again — this time at Microsoft.

Some employees on an internal message board questioned the tech giant's efforts to shift the demographics of its largely white and Asian male workforce, asking for evidence that a diverse workforce benefits Microsoft. Eighty-seven percent of Microsoft employees are white or Asian and more than 73 percent are men, according to the company's most recent diversity report.

"Does Microsoft have any plans to end the current policy that financially incentivizes discriminatory hiring practices?" asks one post written by a female engineer on Yammer, the internal message board. "To be clear, I am referring to the fact that senior leadership is awarded more money if they discriminate against Asians and white men."

The criticism, first reported by online news service Quartz, is similar to a highly publicized dust-up at Google in 2017 when James Damore was fired from his engineering job after writing a controversial memo on an internal message board taking issue with the search company's efforts to address the shortage of women and underrepresented minorities in its ranks, arguing that the low number of women in engineering roles reflected biological differences.'

University of California dares courts to make it provide due process to accused students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What a surprise that a former Obama administration official has expressed such contempt for the rule of law – again.

Suzanne Taylor, the interim systemwide Title IX coordinator for the University of California, has again dared the judicial system to force UC to abide by court rulings that found its sexual misconduct proceedings lacking in fairness to accused students.

She writes in a Daily Californian op-ed that the UC will pick and choose what it wants to follow in court rulings “unless and until we are absolutely legally required” to follow the full rulings. As noted by Brooklyn College Prof. KC Johnson, who chronicles Title IX litigation, UC has been on the losing end of 11 lawsuits by accused students.'

Microsoft staff are openly questioning the value of diversity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some Microsoft employees are openly questioning whether diversity is important, in a lengthy discussion on an internal online messaging board meant for communicating with CEO Satya Nadella.

Two posts on the board criticizing Microsoft diversity initiatives as “discriminatory hiring” and suggesting that women are less suited for engineering roles have elicited more than 800 comments, both affirming and criticizing the viewpoints, multiple Microsoft employees have told Quartz. The posts were written by a female Microsoft program manager. Quartz reached out to her directly for comment, and isn’t making her name public at this point, pending her response.

“Does Microsoft have any plans to end the current policy that financially incentivizes discriminatory hiring practices? To be clear, I am referring to the fact that senior leadership is awarded more money if they discriminate against Asians and white men,” read the original post by the Microsoft program manager on Yammer, a corporate messaging platform owned by Microsoft. The employee commented consistently throughout the thread, making similar arguments. Quartz reviewed lengthy sections of the internal discussion provided by Microsoft employees.

“I have an ever-increasing file of white male Microsoft employees who have faced outright and overt discrimination because they had the misfortune of being born both white and male. This is unacceptable,” the program manager wrote in a comment later. The Microsoft employees who spoke to Quartz said they weren’t aware of any action by the company in response, despite the comments being reported to Microsoft’s human resources department.

When contacted by Quartz, Microsoft pointed to comments by three company officials in the message-board threads. A member of Microsoft’s employee investigations team responded to the initial post in January, writing that the company does not tolerate discrimination of any kind. Another Microsoft staff member, who leads the team that helps the board of directors determine executive pay, explained the diversity-based compensation initiative. “Our board and executive leadership team believe diverse and inclusive teams are good for business and consistent with our mission and inspire-to culture,” she wrote. “Linking compensation to these aspirations is an important demonstration of executive commitment to something we believe strongly in.'

UK: Anne Widdecombe: 'There's no argument for positive discrimination'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The former politician made the comments on the drive show with Dan Wootton, during a discussion on whether a man or a woman should replace Strictly Come Dancing judge, Darcey Bussell.

"If a woman could replace Len Goodman, why shouldn't a man replace Darcey Bussell? What's the difference?" Ms Widdecombe said.

"Are we going to decide things on merit, or are we always going to decide things according to a gender, a sexual orientation, colour and age, and all these other things."

She added: "There is no argument at all that makes it right to discriminate against someone, which is what you do in positive discrimination."'

High-End M&A Meets a New Challenge: Too Many White Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the legal industry places more emphasis on diversity, the scrutiny hasn't escaped one of the profession's most exclusive corners: high-stakes mergers and acquisitions.

But for Wall Street firms that rarely hire laterals, ensuring diversity on trusted deal teams can be especially challenging, and efforts to retain and promote diverse lawyers early in the associate cycle are especially critical.

Some firms in that group, including Cravath, Swaine & Moore and Sullivan & Cromwell, say they are making progress on that front.

Diversity is permeating the consciousness of clients, said Joseph Frumkin, managing partner of Sullivan & Cromwell's M&A group. When Frumkin was pitching in a beauty contest for a $40 billion deal and brought a female associate who did much of the preparation work, he said, the firm got hired.'

Nicolas Cage’s wife of four days wants spousal support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nicolas Cage‘s quickie split could end up costing him.

His wife of just four days, Erika Koike, is asking for spousal support in their ongoing divorce, TMZ reports.

Koike, 35, is against Cage’s request for an annulment as well, with the outlet reporting that she claimed that he asked her to start again “in the right way” only 12 days after he filed to end their marriage.

She also claimed in her court papers that she lost opportunities as a makeup artist due to the ordeal and she wants him to pay for her legal fees.'

A Woman Got 30 Days In Jail For Running Over Her 9-Year-Old Son After He Refused To Go To School

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Michigan woman who ran over her 9-year-old son with her car after he refused to go to school was sentenced to 30 days in jail last week.

On Dec. 11, 2018, Tiffany Kosakowski, 36, dropped off her son, Julian, at his elementary school in Belmont, Michigan. Julian followed his mother out of the school and walked beside her car in the school's parking lot. Kosakowski backed up her car and told him to go back inside, MLive.com reported.

However, Julian held onto the passenger side door handle of the car. Kosakowski then accelerated the car, knowing that Julian was right there, she later told investigators.

“Kosakowski admitted to moving the steering wheel from left to right, then accelerating the vehicle knowing [her son] continued to be next to the vehicle,” according to court documents obtained by WZZM13.

Julian, who is in third grade, suffered multiple broken bones and a fractured skull. He was in a coma for a week after the incident and continues to require constant care and physical therapy, WZZM13 reported.'

Australia: 'White males' should be banned from speaking during university classes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A workshop at one of Australia's top universities discussed banning white male students who look like Liberal Party voters from speaking in class.

The seminar titled How Privilege Manifests in Tutorials was held last week by the University of Melbourne Student Union.

Attendees discussed ways to make tutorials and lectures more inclusive by encouraging women, transgender, foreign and gay people to speak up more.

One proposal was to ban 'white, male students' and 'students resembling Liberal voters' from speaking.

This caused outrage among members of the student Liberal Club.

Thomas Carlyle-James, 21, said it was unfair to paint this stereotype of Liberal voters.'

Inside the Near Meltdown of Roxane Gay and Christina Hoff Sommers's Australian Mini-Tour

Mastodon · 23 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Given his previous work covering subjects like Islamic extremism and atheism, Desh probably didn't anticipate that a conversation between two American feminists, both frequent contributors to mainstream publications, would spark one of his career's messiest episodes, complete with legal threats and prolonged negotiations over whether the event's video footage would be released. But that's what happened. And it's a rather telling, colorful story of what happens when the highest ideals of civil conversation collide with the realities of public-intellectual stardom and a thoroughly tribalized social media ecosystem. The saga shows that working through disagreement in this political era can be a bit more complicated and fraught than merely getting two disagreers onstage together.

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"Surely we can have a class that shows young men how not to victimize," Gay responded, eliciting raucous cheers. A minute later, she reiterated that idea: "Really, all of these problems could be solved by men learning to not rape." More cheers and applause followed.'

Trump administration appeals ruling finding that the male-only draft is unconstitutional

Matt · 24 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Trump administration has moved to defend the male-only military draft, appealing a federal court ruling that Selective Service registration is unconstitutional because it discriminates based on sex.

The appeal on Monday comes as the plaintiffs in the case step up their legal efforts to force the government to either force women to register for the draft or to eliminate mandatory draft registration entirely.

The case is in an unusual posture because U.S. District Judge Gray Miller declared the current system unconstitutional in February but didn't require the Selective Service System to change it. So the agency is continuing to require registrations from men while forbidding women from registering.'

Australia: Cafe that charged men 18% more than women closes

Matt · 24 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. When will feminists learn that money is money? Excerpt:

'A vegan feminist cafe in Australia that imposed an 18 per cent “gender surcharge” on men and gave women priority seating has closed down.

The Handsome Her cafe, which only opened a few years ago and was located in inner city Melbourne, described itself as “by women, for women”.

The venue attracted headlines in 2017 for challenging the “gender pay gap” (which doesn’t exist) by charging men extra.

At the time, the cafe’s management claimed the attention left them “jam-packed with customers showing their support”.'

Boy Scouts of America propose national sex offender registry for those suspected or accused

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) proposed creating a suspected sex offender registry in a statement Tuesday in efforts to control backlash over sex abuse within the organization.

BSA responded to Tuesday allegations from lawyers that 200 Boy Scout leaders sexually abused minors. The law firms of Greg Gianforcaro and Jeff Anderson & Associates revealed the Boy Scouts' infamous "perversion files" mentioned the accused leaders. These files contained allegations of sexual abuse that the Boy Scouts of America kept secret.
...
"We fully support and advocate for the creation of a national registry overseen by a governmental entity, similar to the national sex offender registry, of those who are suspected of child abuse or inappropriate behavior with a child, and thus allowing all youth-serving organizations to share and access such information," Boy Scouts of America said in a statement provided to The Daily Caller News Foundation.'

Canada: Father found guilty of family violence for referring to his F2M daughter as "she"

Matt · 25 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Your children belong tothe state. Why again do men have children, anyway? Excerpt:

'Last week, Justice Francesca Marzari of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada, declared a father guilty of “family violence” against his 14-year-old daughter on the sole basis that he had engaged in “expressions of rejection of [her] gender identity.” These “expressions” revolved entirely around his polite refusal to refer to his daughter as a boy in private, and his steady choice to affirm that she is a girl in public.

As previously reported, the BC Supreme Court ordered in February that 14-year-old Maxine* receive testosterone injections without parental consent. Accordingly, Maxine began regular injections at British Columbia (BC) Children’s Hospital over the course of the last two months.'

If men are just so bad, why do women still date them?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Grace, a 31-year-old copywriter from Washington, D.C., cannot understand her own compulsion to date men. “I’m bi, so I could theoretically make my life about 25 times better just by cutting out romantic interactions with men,” she tells me. “But I find men fascinating, and I feel sort of magnetized toward them, even though they’re so deeply lacking in self-awareness, lazy and often gross.” Sex is a big part of the reason she keeps coming back for more. “I love fucking them and being fucked by them, and when sex with men is good, it’s outrageously good,” she continues. “It’s just not good very often.”

Grace describes men as “universally trash,” and says that dating women feels easier — almost disconcertingly so. (“We can’t both be the adult in the relationship, can we? How does this work?”) She suspects she’ll keep dating men, even though the experience leaves her “on the brink despair and yearning for something better.” Still, she believes she must be getting something out of it, even though it’s not clear exactly what that is.

Over the past several years, there has been a growing acknowledgement among people — young women in particular — who date men of their failings, aided by social media platforms like Twitter where users come together to commiserate about their abject romantic and sexual experiences. The controversial phrase “men are trash” has become a rallying cry for those fed up with harmful, oblivious and just plain shitty male behavior, reaching a crescendo in September last year when the phrase and associated hashtag trended. The #MeToo movement has shed light on male violence and institutionalized abuses of power, and digital media platforms are increasingly willing to discuss the quotidian disappointments of dating men like the orgasm gap and burden of domestic labor. Dating men, it seems, is no picnic.'

Why India sees sex on false promise of marriage as rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Indian Supreme Court recently answered this question with a "yes".

In a significant verdict, the court upheld a trial court order convicting a doctor of rape in the central state of Chhattisgarh because he had a consensual sexual relationship with a woman after he'd promised to marry her, but then went back on his word and married someone else.

Judges L Nageswara Rao and MR Shah said the woman gave her consent because she believed that the doctor intended to marry her, therefore, it could not be regarded as consent.

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The Supreme Court judges advised the trial courts to "very carefully examine whether the man actually wanted to marry the victim or had malafide motives from the start and had made a false promise only to satisfy his lust".

This essentially means that if a man can prove that he intended to marry the woman but changed his mind later, then it's not rape. It's only considered rape if it's established that he had dubious intentions from the start.'

Uni presidential search committee criticized over men-only finalist list

Mastodon · 26 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When the University of South Carolina last week revealed the names of the four finalists vying to be its next president, students and faculty immediately saw that something was off: all four are men.

That concern grew even louder on Monday, when student activists met with university officials and learned that the finalists had been chosen from a larger list of 11 semifinalists -- all of whom are men as well, according to students. The university did not respond to a request to confirm the statement.

“We find it very difficult to believe that there are no qualified female candidates for this position,” said Megan Rigabar, a South Carolina senior who has helped lead a growing protest against the process. “USC didn’t find them -- and we don’t think they were looking hard enough.”

In response, students and faculty have signed on to an open letter protesting the process, if not the finalists themselves.

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Hickman said the committee saw a pool of more than 80 candidates who were "diverse in terms of both underrepresented minorities and gender. These four finalists are the leaders that the search committee believes are best qualified and prepared to serve as our 29th president. While the pool did not result in a female finalist, each of these candidates has expressed a strong commitment to diversity," he said.'

To fight K-pop's influence in China, a club teaches young boys to be alpha males

Matt · 27 April 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I find myself at a loss for words. Excerpt:

'"The gender stereotyping is not just about gender identity itself," said an author and researcher on Chinese masculinity. "It's about the reproduction of the nation and how to properly cultivate the next generation."

Song Geng of the University of Hong Kong said the fear partly reflects deep-seated insecurity about Chinese power, after historical humiliations such as the opium wars and domination of Chinese rulers by foreign imperial powers.

"They're worrying that if Chinese men are so effeminate… then we will become a weak country in future and we cannot compete with our rivals," he said. "There's anxiety about the virility of the nation being harmed by those effeminate male images."'

College removes graffiti accusing more than 12 students of sexual misconduct

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The college does not plan to investigate who posted a list of more than 12 students accused of sexual misconduct onto Little Building's Boylston Street scaffolding on Thursday, according to a college official.

President M. Lee Pelton could not legally comment on whether or not any of the individuals named on the scaffolding have been involved in reported sexual misconduct incidents at the college.

"We will not tolerate sexual misconduct. Every single report of misconduct has been received and acted upon appropriately without exception," he said in an interview.

An Emerson student posted a video of the list and the names written onto the scaffolding on Twitter early Thursday morning. More than 13,000 people viewed the video at the time of publication. Facilities Management used black paint to fully cover the names around 3 p.m. the same day.

Pelton declined to detail any backlash the college might have received from those listed on the scaffolding or their families. In a community-wide email sent Thursday evening, he said the college will remove any similar writings as the college becomes aware of them.

"Our cherished and long-held college value of basic fairness is undermined when members of our community accuse other members of violating the college's code of conduct without the benefit of all the facts," he wrote.'

Is anything creepier than a ‘male feminist’?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There are three reasons men declare themselves feminists. Firstly, they’re frightened. They’re so terrified of women’s rage that they want to make it clear from the off that they’re not one of those abusing, bully-ing men they’ve heard about. They want to ingratiate themselves with women by announcing their reconstructed ideology. Like guilty dogs rolling over and thwacking their tails on the carpet in supplication, they seem to be pleading: ‘Don’t hit me! I’m harmless. I’m a feminist!’

There’s another category of men who simply hate themselves. Little do they know how unattractive this is to women as they announce, thinking they’re being honest, that they’re actually loathsome, vile human beings, horrible people who can’t help thinking about sex all the time, slimy abusive toads, worthless fantasists who, if it weren’t illegal, would, at the drop of a hat, love to be popping out from behind bushes to assault passing women. They go along with the idea that men are the oppressor class, attributing collective guilt to an entire category of human beings. And we all know where that kind of thinking leads.

And finally, there are the ones who declare themselves feminists in order to establish male superiority. They know we’re weak and vulnerable, and they want to take care of us and protect — all of this with the deeply patronising assumption we need protecting. Listen to Robert Crampton, the Times’s self-styled (typically) Beta Male. He always sounds like an amiable bloke, but riddled with self-doubt. Except when it comes to feminism. He clearly wants to be thought of as ‘on side’.'

‘MeToo’ Hysteria: Handshakes In The Workplace Could Be Next On Chopping Block

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Employers seeking to avoid lawsuits in the hypersensitive age of the #MeToo movement are looking to ban even the most innocuous professional courtesies, including handshakes.

Last week, Kate Palmer, associate director of advisory at human resources consultancy Peninsula and an alleged “expert” on the matter, said that employers may soon seek to ban “all forms of physical contact to avoid confusion about what kind of touch is appropriate,” according to The Sun of Britain.

Employers would implement clear-cut “black and white” no-contact policies to avoid any potential situation that could lead to a harassment lawsuit, Palmer told the outlet, fingering the #MeToo movement as the catalyst for the changes expected to come.

“Some employers may put a complete ban on physical contact,” the expert told British-based Metro, adding, “Whether that’s going too far or not is a question I would pose, because it’s contextual. Does shaking someone’s hand go too far?”'

Female attorneys sue after being forced to remove "No Mansplaining" signs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Three former female assistant district attorneys who worked for the office of Third Judicial District Attorney Mark D'Antonio are claiming they were harassed and retaliated against when they brought up concerns with human resources.

The American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico filed the lawsuit on Monday.

In the complaint, Cassandra Brulotte, Kelly Rossi, and Rebecca Duffin allege the district attorney's office violated the Fair Pay Act for Women, the Whistleblower Protection Act, and the New Mexico Constitution's Free Speech Clause.

They claim they were sexually harassed and discriminated for displaying and refusing to remove "No Mansplaining" signs on their doors.

"We're bringing this lawsuit not just because of the injustice we faced, but for the community of Doña Ana County," said Rossi. "If the DA's office can inflict so much harm on its own female staff members, how can we trust it to obtain justice for the countless female victims of domestic and sexual violence the office serves? The community deserves to be represented by attorneys who respect and value women and who are passionate about promoting gender equity and justice."'

NAACP suspends St. Louis leader for his support of Title IX due process legislation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'John Gaskin endorsed Missouri legislation to reform sexual misconduct proceedings on college campuses, saying they currently deny due process to accused students, who are disproportionately black men.

He spoke in the name of the St. Louis County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, where he serves as president.

Now he's in trouble with the national organization for putting it on the wrong side of the issue.

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson told Gaskin in a Thursday letter that he was contradicting NAACP policy on the implementation of Title IX. Johnson cited the national organization's public comments against Education Secretary Betsy DeVos's* proposed Title IX regulation, the subject of a public rulemaking.'

The APA Says "Traditional Manhood" Is "Harmful." Here's What We Need to Do for Our Sons

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's get right to it: Why are we writing about raising boys? And why now? Some may argue that boys, being members of the dominant gender, coast through life on a cloud of male privilege. After all, by age 5, boys are already more likely to be seen as "really, really smart."

When they get to school, male students are not only called on more often by teachers, they're asked more sophisticated questions and are given more extensive feedback. They're more likely to take on leadership roles in math and science classes - and are more likely to be viewed as leaders in general. They go on to become the CEOs of 95% of the Fortune 500 companies and hold 76% of seats in the United States congress. From the outside, boys seem to be doing just fine.

When you look closer, though, it's clear that today's men are in crisis. In January 2019, the American Psychological Association (APA) issued its first-ever guidelines to help psychologists work with men and boys because, it says, "something is amiss for men." The organization paints a bleak picture: "Men commit 90% of homicides in the United States and represent 77% of homicide victims. They're the demographic group most at risk of being victimized by violent crime. They are 3.5 times more likely than women to die by suicide, and their life expectancy is 4.9 years shorter than women's."

According to the APA, manhood itself is the problem - at least in the way it's come to be defined. "Traditional masculinity," the guidelines state, "marked by stoicism, competitiveness, dominance, and aggression is, on the whole, harmful."'

Mother's Day and toxic masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So, thanks to the recent arrival of baby Carter, our niece Emma will be celebrating Mother's Day as a mother for the first time.

And as luck would have it, the day before my Mother's Day column deadline, the Wall Street Journal reviewed Michael C. Reichert's book "How to Raise a Boy: The Power of Connection to Build Good Men."

The book seems benign enough, with its roadmap for the parents of boys; but the world is also full of extremists who see "toxic masculinity" behind every door. ("Oooo, toxic masculinity just beat the snot out of that communist behind the door!")

Emma, I've seen the deer-hunting photos of you and husband Adam, so I know Carter has good odds of a red-blooded upbringing, but only if you take life one day at a time and resist the siren song of the doomsaying busybodies.'

Privileged cis-gendered heterosexual white male dies defending students in "liberal studies" class

Matt · 2 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When a gunman opened fire in a University of North Carolina at Charlotte classroom, sending people diving for cover and rushing toward a door, student Riley Howell charged and knocked into the shooter, police say.

Howell died for his efforts, shot by the gunman he rushed. But he was the "first and foremost hero" in bringing Tuesday evening's shooting to an end, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Chief Kerr Putney said.

"He took the fight to the assailant," Putney said Wednesday. "Unfortunately, he had to give his life to do so, but he saved lives doing so."

Putney said the 21-year-old Howell -- one of two people killed in the shooting -- knocked the gunman off his feet, and that helped lead to his capture.'

Cafeteria worker shoots BB gun at children

Matt · 2 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Well, it is Philly. Philly girls are known for stuff. Excerpt:

'A school cafeteria worker is accused of firing at children on a playground with a BB gun and threatening to shoot the ones she missed during lunch at school.

The woman who is a cafeteria worker in the Shamokin Area School District admitted to police to shooting at children while they were at the Ranshaw playground.

The children told police the woman was shooting at them Tuesday night from an upstairs window. She told them if she didn't get them then, she would get them the next day at lunch.

Marie McWilliams, 30, is charged with simple assault, reckless endangerment, and more.'

Winnie-the-Pooh voice actor accused of rape during divorce

Matt · 3 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. A legal system that allows this kind of craziness is one that either really wants to discourage marriage or is just plain dysfunctional. Marriage can be hazardous to your sanity esp. if it's to a nutcase. Excerpt:

'Legendary Disney voice actor Jim Cummings — known for characters like Tigger, Mickey Mouse villain, Pete, and Winnie the Pooh — is currently locked in a bitter war with his ex-wife and she is claiming years of abuse by the star, including sexual assault, drug addiction and animal abuse.

Jim and Stephanie Cummings were married in 2001 and divorced a decade later, in 2011. They have two minor daughters, Johanna and Lulu, and have been arguing in an L.A. County courtroom over alleged incidents of abuse that occurred between 2011 and 2018, after the couple's marriage fell apart.

...

The Disney star says he has tried to work out things "amicably" with his ex-wife but says, "She will have outbursts of hostility directed at me, and often change in her behavior and attitude comes without warning."

He has also alleged she may have a mental health disorder and says she has been taking medication.

Jim is also very worried about his future with Disney, claiming Stephanie has threatened to ruin his longstanding career. He claims she threatened, "I will go and I will ruin your reputation … I am going to tell people Winnie the Pooh is a woman beating, drug addicted freak!"

He says the recent alleged outburst by Stephanie came after he had refused to take her to the premiere of the Disney movie "Christopher Robin" in 2018.'

The internet is radicalizing white men. Big tech could be doing more

Matt · 4 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Combine those algorithms with men who are disaffected, who may feel that the world owes them more, and you have a recipe for creating extremism of any stripe.

"They're picking up an ideology that helps them justify their rage, their disappointment, and it's something available," Jessica Stern, a research professor at Boston University's Pardee School of Global Studies and the co-author of "ISIS: The State of Terror," told CNN Business Friday. "Terrorism runs in fads. We noticed that people were picking up the ISIS ideology who weren't even Muslim, they were converting to Islam. The ISIS ideology was an attractive way for some of these men to express their rage and disappointment. This is another ideology that is becoming very popular, it's another fad."'

San Antonio Student Group Publicly Name Men Accused Of Sexual Assault

Matt · 4 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women claiming to have been sexually assaulted held up signs with the names of the men they were accusing – seven names in total. None of the men had been convicted, yet their names were allowed to be publicly displayed. Some of the men had been investigated by the police or university and not punished, meaning there was likely insufficient evidence to find them responsible (or evidence they were innocent).

The women were part of a student group called Change Rape Culture, which, based on the name, suggests the group has bought in to the idea that sexual assault is an epidemic and the broad definition of what sexual assault entails.

The San Antonio Express-News, which reported on the event, did not identify the names of the men “because the accusations have not led to a criminal charge.” The media outlet spoke to one of the founders of the group, Kimiya Factor, who said Change Rape Culture investigated the claims against some of the men.

Friends of some of the accused students appeared at the event to defend them and take photos of the women for possible forthcoming lawsuits. One student, who knew three of the accused men, claimed the women were “just making false accusations.”'

Iceland's Missing Male Students

Mastodon · 6 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The gulf in Iceland is now so wide that Benediktsson would like to see special initiatives to get boys interested in higher education, with universities working alongside other parts of the education system such as high schools.

“We would like to have it closer to 50-50 all over,” he said, “in order to be more representative of the society as a whole.”

But the root causes of the imbalance are hard to tackle. And a focus on male disadvantage is not uncontroversial in a country where men still earn far more than women and the professoriate remains overwhelmingly male.

Iceland, surrounded by fisheries, has long offered plentiful stereotypically male work opportunities that do not require high levels of education. “Young men have better job prospects without university education than the young women,” explained Thamar Heijstra, an associate professor of sociology at the university. Men can earn more out on a fishing boat than women can in female-dominated areas such as caring and teaching, she explained, so women gravitate toward universities to boost their earning prospects.

Female-heavy campuses are also the result of pent-up demand, explained Katrín Ólafsdóttir, an assistant professor at Reykjavík University, who has written about gender inequality. Women in their 40s and 50s are studying for degrees for the first time, she said, having grown up when it was far less common for women to go to university.

“Some boys may not see the value in going to college,” said Benediktsson, and they drop out of high school in far greater numbers, moving on to places such as trade schools. Some researchers are investigating whether the dearth of men on campus has roots beyond the economic, and if boys have become disillusioned with the idea of higher education, he warned. Certainly, they need more role models in areas such as teaching and nursing, he added.'

World's biggest brothel swamped with millennial adult virgins 'not interested in sex'

Matt · 6 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Posting this more as an oddity-of-note. The 1000-lb. gorilla is of course the effect of feministing young women so badly that even really horny young guys would rather play games and wank to porn than put up with them. Excerpt:

'Dena told Daily Star Online: “I have noticed that there are more adult virgins than ever before coming to Sheri’s so that they can lose their virginity to a prostitute and learn the proper ins-and-outs of sex.

“While I’m not sure if these late bloomers are visiting us because they have been immersed in video games and virtual worlds throughout their teens, it does seem to make sense.

“Millennials” – who reached young adulthood in the 21st century – have been claimed to be having less sex.

The General Social Survey revealed that the share of men under 30 who aren’t having sex has tripled in the past decade.

Men under 30 who said they hadn’t had sex in the past year has increased to 28%, according to the figures.

The figure for women was 18%, with an increase of 8% over the same period.'

Six female jail guards indicted for multiple unlawful invasive body searches

Matt · 6 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Proving once again that women too can both abuse authority and sexually abuse others *at the same time*. Well the two often do go together. Excerpt:

'Six female correction officers have been indicted amid allegations that women endured invasive body cavity and strip searches when they tried to visit loved ones in jail, horror stories that were unearthed in a series of I-Team reports.

The half-dozen suspects, including Leslie-Ann Absalom, a 53-year-old former Department of Correction captain, are accused of illegal searches at the Manhattan Detention Complex. They pleaded not guilty to charges including official misconduct, unlawful imprisonment and conspiracy at their arraignment early Monday afternoon.

Aside from Absalom, the indicted include officers Daphne Farmer, 49, Jennifer George, 32, Lisette Rodriguez, 51, Alifoa Waiters, 45 and Latoya Shuford, 36.

According to court documents, the correction officers routinely unlawfully strip-searched female visitors, including forcing them to remove their pants and underwear, touching their breasts and examining their genital areas. Four of the officers allegedly filed false paperwork to justify the illegal searches, prosecutors say. Ultimately, three visitors were arrested on the basis of charges stemming from those unlawful searches, prosecutors said.'

Syrian women prove "Femina" is possible

Matt · 7 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fatma Emin's life changed forever when her husband died in the Syrian war, killed by ISIS in a land mine attack.

It triggered a series of events that would bring her to Jinwar, a village built and inhabited by women -- a refuge for Syrian women and their children fleeing a rigid family structure, domestic abuse and the horrors of civil war. Jinwar means "women's land" in the Kurdish language. The village welcomes Syrian women and children, regardless of religion, ethnicity and political views. It is a mosaic of diverse women who want to experience freedom, democracy and a new form of life.

"Jinwar is a response to every person who thinks of violating a woman's freedom, or sees the woman as the weaker sex in the society, or that she can't manage her life or manage her children," Emin told CNN by phone in Arabic. "On the contrary, a woman can build her house. Here we are -- we built a village not only for Kurdish women, but we have Arab, we have Yazidi and some of our foreign friends are also living with us."'

Men Have No Friends and Women Bear the Burden

fibtastic · 7 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Kylie-Anne Kelly can't remember the exact moment she became her boyfriend's one and only, his what would I do without you, but she does remember neglecting her own needs to the point of hospitalization. "I talked him through his aspirations, validated his opinions, and supported his career. I had to be his emotional guru because he was too afraid to admit he had any emotions at all," recalls the 24-year-old English teacher, who was studying for her PhD at the time.

Kelly's boyfriend refused to talk to other men or a therapist about his feelings, so he'd often get into "funks," picking pointless fights when something was bothering him. Eventually, Kelly became his default therapist, soothing his anxieties as he fretted over work or family problems. After three years together, when exhaustion and anxiety landed her in the hospital and her boyfriend claimed he was "too busy" to visit, they broke up.

Kelly's story, though extreme, is a common example of modern American relationships. Women continue to bear the burden of men's emotional lives, and why wouldn't they? For generations, men have been taught to reject traits like gentleness and sensitivity, leaving them without the tools to deal with internalized anger and frustration. Meanwhile, the female savior trope continues to be romanticized on the silver screen (thanks Disney!), making it seem totally normal—even ideal—to find the man within the beast.'

Male student takes stand against ‘toxic masculinity’ narrative

Mastodon · 7 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jermelle MacLeod is a man, and he’s not going to apologize for it.

The San Diego State University freshman and budding philosopher recently took to the pages of the campus newspaper The Daily Aztec and let the world know what he thinks of the term “toxic masculinity” and those who wield it.

“Toxic masculinity doesn’t exist,” he wrote in his op-ed. “Traits that one person considers toxic, may not be to another person; the entire phrase is based on a subjective scale with absolutely no objective ground and is used as a shaming tactic for ‘modern feminists’ and anybody else buying into their horrible rhetoric.”

“For example, one person may like the typical ‘alpha male,’” MacLeod wrote. “Confident, loud, powerful, buff, etc. But another person may find those traits unlikeable, and so they’ll brand that male as ‘toxic’ because ‘toxic masculinity’ is a catch-all term for any traits a man has that are considered unlikeable or ‘overly masculine.’”
...
MacLeod said people called him negative names and one compared him to Vice President Mike Pence. Another wrote that his work would be in a manifesto for a school shooter.

But on the flip side, “there was actually more positives than negatives,” he said.

A lot of people told him, “Finally, somebody said it,” he said.'

Colleges' "Woman-only" Scholarships May Violate Title IX. But Is There a Loophole?

Mastodon · 8 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In yet another example of how the "equality" agenda makes some people more equal than others, certain American universities still offer scholarships open only to female applicants — and perhaps are in violation of often selectively applied federal regulations. And while these schools are now coming under added scrutiny, there could be a little known loophole that would allow the continuation of the discriminatory policies.

The College Fix names some of the offenders, writing, "The University of California, Davis offers at least two scholarships exclusively to women through the Women's Resource and Research Center. The university's Ellen Hansen Memorial Prize is 'awarded annually to a … woman-identified student,' while the center's Eva Shicke Memorial Prize funds female students wishing to pursue gender-related research."

"The center's Graduate Summer Research Award 'invite[s] applications from students with marginalized gender identities,' among which it lists 'women, transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming folks.' It is unclear if men are excluded from applying," the site continues.'

Yale suspended male student because of condom accident: Title IX lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An accused student is suing Yale University for concluding that the brief absence of a condom “during an otherwise consensual encounter” was sexual assault.

“John Doe” alleges that “gender bias was a motivating factor” in the decision against him by Dean of the College Marvin Chun, which resulted in his suspension.

He argues that the Ivy League school should have updated its sexual-misconduct procedures after Education Secretary Betsy DeVos* rescinded the Obama administration’s guidance on the subject in fall 2017.

The lawsuit was filed April 25. The senior sought a temporary restraining order that would let him “turn in his final papers,” arguing that he “may have classes in common” with his accuser if he’s required to repeat the semester in the spring. The judge overseeing the case denied his motion at a Friday hearing.

In its opposition to Doe’s motion, Yale argued that Doe knew he was sexually assaulting Roe when the condom fell off because she “froze.” That is a “very common reaction” by women who are sexually assaulted by a “known assailant.”'

UK: The false-accusations industry

Matt · 8 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Those who orchestrate these trawling activities have no professional training or duty of care to anyone. Implanting or encouraging false memories can have devastating consequences, particularly where damaged or vulnerable people are effectively being manipulated to suit the trawler's own objectives. That a vulnerable adult, down on his or her financial luck, can be persuaded that there is a large pot of money to be had if he or she makes an allegation of historical abuse, with little or no chance of any consequences if the accused is ultimately cleared, is very serious indeed.

Of course, some who engage in trawling can also have darker motives. There are doubtless some individuals who find stories of sexual molestation – real or imaginary – stimulating and exciting, enjoying every salacious detail of what they are being told.'

Australia: Woman fined $250 for stabbing man with stiletto

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fry pleaded guilty to the assault last week and a magistrate imposed a $250 fine. No conviction was recorded.

9News spoke to Fry outside the Ray White Beenleigh office where she worked, until yesterday when she was fired.

"It was a drunken act. It was my 21st birthday and it's not me. I don't know why I did that and I wasn't in the right mind frame," she said.

Mr Johns and his mum are furious at her punishment.

"[I'm] devastated to be honest. If the roles were reversed would I be getting pretty much the same slap on the wrist?" Mr Johns said.'

Senior rank of aircraft carrier resigns over mildly off-color direction

Matt · 9 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. You want to think it's from The Onion but no, it's real. Excerpt:

'A Navy command master chief who inadvertently made headlines with a raunchy direction to sailors ahead of a visit from the vice president has resigned, the service announced Tuesday.

Command Master Chief Jonas Carter, of the carrier Harry S. Truman out of Norfolk, Virginia, stepped down from his position as the ship's senior enlisted leader and will retire, the Truman's commanding officer, Capt. Nick Dienna, said in a public Facebook post.

Carter told sailors assembled aboard the carrier April 30 to hear a speech from Vice President Mike Pence to "clap like we're at a strip club" when Pence arrived.

The remark was reported by multiple news outlets present to cover the visit, and was quickly condemned by carrier leadership.

"This statement was inappropriate, and this issue is being addressed by Truman's leadership," spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Laura Stegherr said at the time.'

Men Become Monsters in ‘Not All Men’ Episode of ‘The Twilight Zone’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The May 9 episode starts with Annie (Taissa Farmiga) going on a date with co-worker Dylan (Luke Kirby) when a meteor shower falls over their town with several meteorites landing around it. After the shower ends, Dylan starts acting more erratic and vicious towards Annie, bruising her arm and yelling at her, and she leaves.
...
The message is painfully obvious that this is supposed to be the world under the threat of “male entitlement,” toxic masculinity, and the patriarchy. The site Vulture even states that the episode “has to go to such extremes to push the episode into the realm of science fiction” since this “threat” is so real. How perverted must a liberal’s life be if murderous men are part of the norm.

Make no mistake, it emphasizes straight men as the villains in this world. Every male character except for Martha’s gay teenaged son Cole (Percy Hynes White) is either a threat or just a jerk. Even before the shower, men “mansplained” and ignored women’s feelings. Annie even dramatically repeats twice that “it’s only the men” that have become monstrous, not the women.'

Is Fresno run by ‘mediocre white guys’? Some think so. Here’s what numbers show

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women employees in the city of Fresno are outnumbered three to one by their male counterparts. Are city leaders concerned about that?

Data obtained by The Bee through a public records request shows out of 3,370 employees who work for the city, 75 percent are men.

Fresno’s largest departments are police and fire, traditionally male-dominated fields. Fresno Fire Department has just six women firefighters, including the chief. And the police department is 76 percent male. Other departments, such as public utilities and public works, are more than 80 percent male.
...
“The higher up the structure you go, you’ll find women and men of color who are stars, and then you’ll find a bunch of mediocre white guys,” Forbes said. “That’s a hard reality, but I swear it’s the truth.”

That’s because when it comes to promotions, men and women are judged differently, Forbes said. Women are judged by their accomplishments, while men are judged by potential.

Government agencies typically put more emphasis on fairness and equality in the hiring process compared to private sector businesses, but those “safeguards” aren’t always in place at every level when it comes to promoting, Forbes said. Promotions often are affected by implicit bias, gender stereotypes, privilege and “homologous reproduction,” meaning managers hire more people like themselves.'

Alabama bill would make false rape allegations a crime

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Video here.

'In the midst of debating a radical anti-abortion law, state Republicans proposed a bill that could punish victims for coming forward.'

An elderly man is dead after a young woman makes false accusation of sexual assault against him

Mastodon · 11 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An unnamed 16-year-old teenager called her 17-year-old brother and told him that an elderly man sexually assaulted her on a bus. The teen said that the man — later identified as Michael Fife — assaulted her while the two were riding a city bus.

Just minutes after hearing about the alleged incident — which took place in April — the teen's brother tracked Fife down when the bus made a stop and Fife got off.

According to a news release by the Logan City Police Department, the teen's brother rushed Fife, assaulting him, and knocking him to the ground.

Chief Gary Jensen with the Logan City Police Department told KSTU-TV that the teen's brother rushed Fife in "[k]ind of a linebacker-type charge."
...
Later that same night, the teenage girl phoned police to report a sexual assault. However, when authorities reviewed surveillance footage from the bus, it was apparent that no sexual assault occurred.

Just four days later, Fife died of his injuries.'

No jail time for California woman accused of trying to drown baby in toilet

Matt · 12 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Redwood City woman accused of trying to drown a baby she had given birth to in a McDonald's restroom will not serve time in prison, court documents show.

On Friday, Sarah Jane Lockner, 27, was placed on four years supervised probation and one year in county jail with credit for time served. She was also ordered to complete parenting classes.

Lockner took a plea deal in January after prosecutors initially charged her with attempted murder. She instead pleaded no contest to felony child endangerment.'

Florida teacher faces sentencing after 'affair' with student

Matt · 12 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Suzanne Owen faces sentencing and could get life prison after she pleaded no contest, to a charge of sexual activity with a child.

The married 36-year-old seduced the teen as the two began exchanging text messages at Evangelical Christian School in Fort Myers, Florida.

He was in her Spanish class and was 17-years-old when the affair began.
...
She was charged under Florida laws which make it illegal for a person who has "custodial authority" to have sex with someone between the ages of 12 and 17.

Her lawyers attempted to get her off by arguing the her and the boy were not at school, so she didn't have authority – but the judge threw out the claim.'

Elderly woman stiffed waiter because restaurant didn't have enough pictures of women on the wall

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A waiter at a New York City pizzeria was stiffed on a tip by two women because the women were unhappy that the restaurant did not have enough pictures of women on their wall. Then he discovered a $424,000 cashier's check left behind by two women.

A few days later, he returned the check to the elderly woman who left it behind thanks to some help from the New York Daily News, and refused the tip they belatedly tried to give him.

...

Vinacour said that she and her daughter weren't happy with Markaj's response when they asked why there were only a few photos of women on the restaurant's walls.

She recalled that Markaj told them, "Maybe women don't eat a lot of pizza?"

"Well, my daughter's kind of feisty and she didn't like that," Vinacour said. "So we didn't tip him."'

How the creators of a database are stamping out all-male panels

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of participants listed in a database of female scientists has now reached 10,000, according to the site's curators.

The creators of 'Request a Woman Scientist', which launched in January 2018, documented 7,500 researchers across 174 scientific disciplines and 133 countries in the database's first 11 months, according to a study in PLoS Biology1.

And the list continues to grow, says co-author Elizabeth McCullagh, a neuroscientist at the University of Colorado–Anschutz in Aurora. McCullagh and her colleagues are members of 500 Women Scientists, a non-profit organization based in Boulder, Colorado, that is dedicated to making science more inclusive and accessible.

The team created the database to allow users to easily locate female scientists through a number of parameters, including location, field of expertise, degree status and whether they are members of an under-represented group. These parameters, they say, could help conference organizers who are struggling to find female specialists in a particular discipline or field.'

Was Shakespeare a Woman?

Mastodon · 13 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On a spring night in 2018, I stood on a Manhattan sidewalk with friends, reading Shakespeare aloud. We were in line to see an adaptation of Macbeth and had decided to pass the time refreshing our memories of the play's best lines. I pulled up Lady Macbeth's soliloquy on my iPhone. "Come, you spirits / That tend on mortal thoughts, unsex me here," I read, thrilled once again by the incantatory power of the verse. I remembered where I was when I first heard those lines: in my 10th-grade English class, startled out of my adolescent stupor by this woman rebelling magnificently and malevolently against her submissive status. "Make thick my blood, / Stop up th' access and passage to remorse." Six months into the #MeToo movement, her fury and frustration felt newly resonant.
...

Long before Tina Packer marveled at the bard's uncanny insight, others were no less awed by the empathy that pervades the work. "One would think that he had been Metamorphosed from a Man to a Woman," wrote Margaret Cavendish, the 17th-century philosopher and playwright. The critic John Ruskin said, "Shakespeare has no heroes—he has only heroines." A striking number of those heroines refuse to obey rules. At least 10 defy their fathers, bucking betrothals they don't like to find their own paths to love. Eight disguise themselves as men, outwitting patriarchal controls—more gender-swapping than can be found in the work of any previous English playwright. Six lead armies.'

Julian Assange has rape investigation against him reopened by Swedish prosecutors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The investigation was requested by lawyers for a Swedish woman who alleges Assange raped her in 2010.
...
Assange, who denies the allegations, previously avoided extradition to Sweden after seeking refuge at the Ecuadorean embassy in London for seven years.

Sweden's deputy director of public prosecutions, Eva-Marie Persson, told reporters through a translator that "there is still a probable cause to suspect that Assange committed a rape".

"The Swedish courts, on several occasions, have examined the detention issue and arrived at the conclusion that Mr Assange was suspected of rape on the 17th of August 2010 on probable cause, which is the higher degree of suspicion," she said.'

Kirsten Gillibrand Blames ‘Gender Bias’ for Low Polling Ahead of 2020

Mastodon · 13 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the CNN profile, which highlights how she is “campaigning by living her best life,” Gillibrand let out a “hearty ‘yeah'” when asked whether she believed people were underestimating her efforts in the race.

“I think it’s just gender bias. I think people are generally biased against women. I think also biased against young women,” Gillibrand said. “There’s just bias and it’s real and it exists, but you have to overcome it.”

Gillibrand also stated that voters will “give a woman a shot” and insisted that that opportunity is needed.

“Voters will give a woman a shot. They just have to get to know her,” the low-polling presidential hopeful stated. “They might make a judgment without knowing her, but once they meet her and know who she is and why she’s running, it will give her that opportunity.”'

Women Have It Made

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But here in the REAL world, the one where technology has rendered the one true advantage men once had - strength - virtually obsolete, the ladies really do have it made (well, other than the occasional mentally-ill biological male dominating a few female sporting events by pretending to be a woman). Turns out, in what is the safest, most prosperous time in all of human history, from economic wealth to lifespans to criminal justice to literal murder, it's far better to be female.

And it's really not even close. Consider:

Four out of five murder victims are male, and men are the victims of most violent crimes. According to Bureau of Justice Statistics, "Males experienced higher victimization rates than females for all types of violent crime except rape/sexual assault." In 2016, 19.6 males out of every 1,000 aged 12 or older were the victims of a violent crime, far surpassing the still tragic 1.6 out of 1,000 people, both males and females, who are victims of sexual assault.
...
Men are generally punished more harshly than women for the same crimes.

No matter where they are in the world or under what conditions, women live longer than men.

Women are entering college, and graduating, at a significantly higher rate than their male counterparts.

Women hold 60 percent of the personal wealth in the United States, and own 51 percent of the stocks.'

Feminism has succeeded – so why don't we call it quits?

Mastodon · 15 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'You would think that the British Film Institute's sponsorship of a month-long festival celebrating some of the most memorable female characters in cinema would draw plaudits from feminists. You would be wrong.
...
Like many a liberation movement, the fight for women's equality has steadily suffered from its own success. These many 'waves' of feminism roil across an ever more level playing field. Today's much-deplored 'gender pay gap' is overwhelmingly a statistical fix, engineered to seem yawning by comparing carrots and kumquats; in the main, equal pay for equal work is the form.

More women than men go to university, while poor white boys sit at the bottom of every variety of league table. It's not as if the balance of power between the sexes is all perfect, but the scales are roughly evening out, and sometimes they're tilting unfairly in our direction. Meanwhile, a liberation movement in its senescence — sensibly on the way to the trash heap, having largely achieved its purpose — becomes neurotic, and pathologically petty.
...
A suggestion, then. There's no paucity of sexism abroad. Little girls married off to old men in Africa get fistulas from underage intercourse and are ostracised because they can't stop peeing themselves. Girls are still having their clitorises carved out to keep them from enjoying sex too much. Saudi women may finally be able to drive, but they can't actually go anywhere without a male guardian's permission. The Taleban still burns down schools to keep girls from getting an education. Turn outward. There's plenty of genuine injustice out there to go round if you're gagging for it.'

Therapists need to check their sexism, too (and other recommendations from the APA's new guidelines)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The guidelines focus heavily on the persistence of subtle forms of sexism, including microaggressions. Harvard psychiatrist Chester Pierce, who coined the term in 1970, described them as racially charged "subtle blows ... delivered incessantly." A little more than a decade ago, Columbia psychology professor Derald Wing Sue expanded the concept of microaggressions to include its affects on other marginalized groups, including women.

"There have been changes in how racism and sexism are exhibited. Now it can show up more in terms of microaggressions and sometimes the person who is engaging in the behavior — whether a hetero-sexist, an ageist, a racist — may not be aware they're doing that because of their implicit biases," Comas-Díaz said.'

Americana Awards Make a Statement by Nominating Only Women for Artist of the Year

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The annual Americana Honors & Awards have faced mounting criticism that they, too, like the Grammys, have seen a preponderance of male winners taking the stage. Last year, the much beloved Brandi Carlile and Margo Price were both nominated in the top three categories — artist, album and song of the year — and many believed it was Carlile's year, especially. So there was notable groaning in the Americana ranks when those women walked away empty-handed while Jason Isbell won another three awards, like clockwork.

This year, the Americanas have made sure, if nothing else, that a guy won't win artist of the year — by only nominating women in the category.'

Want to Dismantle Capitalism? Abolish the Family

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'Arguably the most infamous demand of The Communist Manifesto is the “abolition of the family.” The family, Marx and Engels noted, was where patriarchy and capitalism worked in tandem to produce willing, alienated workers, where women became little more than “instruments of production” for the men who lorded over them. Radical queer politics in the 1960s and ’70s added to their critique of the bourgeois family when activists challenged the heteronormativity of familial relations. That demand, however, has since almost completely vanished from the leftist imaginary.

Sophie Lewis, a feminist theorist and geographer, takes up this forgotten struggle in her work. Her new book, Full Surrogacy Now: Feminism Against Family (Verso, 2019) specifically links family abolition to a radical reconceptualization of pregnancy itself. The act of carrying a child to term, she insists, is work—labor that has long been exploited and overlooked by the academy—and so is mothering.'

UK: Open letter calls for cancellation of anti-feminist group's meeting in Sidgwick

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An open letter, signed by over 240 people, is protesting an event scheduled to be held next month by the anti-feminist group 'Justice for Men and Boys' (J4MB) in the Alison Richard Building on Sidgwick Site. The open letter is addressed to vice chancellor Stephen Toope.

With the event being organised by J4MB for the 24th May, a description of the event on the group's website reads: "I am pleased to announce a new strategy for J4MB, engaging with university students and academics, particularly those studying or teaching subjects close to our mission".

The letter calls for the event to be cancelled, and failing that, asks for it to be "moved to a non-departmental University venue" so individuals can choose to be present at the time of the event. It argues that the event is not "in line with the values and mission of the University, especially our stated core value of "freedom from discrimination".'

Twilight Zone ‘Not All Men’ Episode Gets Called Out For Its Woke Misandry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jordan Peele’s revival of the Twilight Zone isn’t the one you grew up with back in the day. It’s not about thought-provoking political or social commentary wrapped around clever or dangerous ideas. Well that definitely wasn’t the case with the seventh episode of Twilight Zone titled “Not All Men” that aired on May 8th, 2019 on the CBS streaming service.

There are some obvious spoilers ahead, but the gist of the episode is that a meteor shower hits a small town, including its water supply. The men begin acting strange, more volatile, aggressive and violent. At first it seems like the message is that the meteors are making the men “toxic”, but at the end of the episode we find out that the meteors had no effect on the men’s behavior, because a gay male is not acting “toxic” because he chooses not to.

The message was basically that the men were just acting toxic because that’s how most men are.'

And what are the candidates' positions on men's issues? After all, we're people, too

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What does this mean for American politics? While some politicians use cliched dog-whistles like the Second Amendment or immigrant-bashing to appeal to men, these no more speak to many men's difficulties than other politicians and public figures who see men's problems through the simplistic lens of "toxic masculinity."

So, here's a dare to presidential and congressional candidates: Tell us your views on the following:

1. Paid parental leave that lets men, as well as women, to take time off to care for a new baby, with employers prohibited from discriminating by gender.

2. Creating a federal Office of Men's Health to support research and outreach on physical and mental health problems affecting men.

3. Providing a variant of the earned-income tax credit targeted to those who have been out of the workforce for more than one year.

4. Significantly expanding public-private partnerships to provide training and job placement.'

San Diego State Student Shamed by Peers for Saying ‘Toxic Masculinity’ Does Not Exist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“The problem is, by shaming men on a completely subjective scale, you intimidate, which is exactly what the left and most ‘feminists’ want, they want to intimidate the men that go against the grain and reject the weak and feminized version of men you see portrayed everywhere,” he continued.
...
MacLeod believes that masculinity is under attack because it is a concept that is inherently individualistic. “Masculinity is the application of four traits. Courage, mastery, honor and strength,” MacLeod said. “It’s under attack because all those things are inherently individualistic, and they go against a lot of what is being preached nowadays, which is fearfulness, sensitiveness, timidity, and it’s the exact opposite of what’s being pushed right now,” MacLeod said.'

Cheryl Sandberg chastises men to go ahead and risk their careers so women can get ahead

Matt · 17 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Sandberg is such a hypocrite. She's also a prime example of the typical modern woman's me-me-me lack of concern for anyone but herself. Excerpt:

'Men are scared of women now.

LeanIn.org and SurveyMonkey's new #MentorHer poll reveals Friday that 60% of male managers report feeling "too nervous" about being accused of harassment to interact with women in "common workplace" activities such as mentoring, socializing and one-on-one meetings.

That's a 32% spike from 2018, with an additional 36% of men saying they now actively avoid women in junior-level positions — effectively chopping down their shot at climbing the corporate ladder.

"The vast majority of managers and senior leaders are men," says Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook COO, SurveyMonkey board member and founder of LeanIn.Org, in a statement. "If they are reluctant even to meet one-on-one with women, there's no way women can get an equal shot at proving themselves."

Widening the gender gap is actually an abuse of power, she says.
...
Now Sandberg says it's time for men to "step up" and "redefine what it means to be a good guy at work" — before it costs us all a whole lot of cold hard cash.

"There's not a company in the world that can afford to leave talent on the sidelines because it's female," she says. "But that's what will keep happening unless all of us — especially men — commit to doing better."'

Unintentional Humor: Botanical sexism behind bad allergies

Mastodon · 19 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Male trees are one of the most significant reasons why allergies have gotten so bad for citydwellers in recent decades. They're indiscriminate, spewing their gametes in every direction. They can't help it—it's what evolution built them for. This is fine in the wild, where female trees trap pollen to fertilize their seeds. But urban forestry is dominated by male trees, so cities are coated in their pollen. Tom Ogren, horticulturalist and author of Allergy-Free Gardening: The Revolutionary Guide to Healthy Landscaping, was the first to link exacerbated allergies with urban planting policy, which he calls "botanical sexism."

In trees—just like in humans—gender exists beyond the binary of female and male. Some, such as cedar, mulberry, and ash trees, are dioecious, meaning each plant is distinctly female or male. Others, such as oak, pine, and fig trees are monoecious, meaning they have male and female flowers on the same plant. It's easy to identify female trees or parts—they're the ones with seeds. And yet more, such as hazelnut and apple trees, produce "perfect" flowers that contain male and female parts within a single blossom. But while both monoecious and male dioecious trees produce pollen, Ogren claims the latter are primarily to blame for our sneezes and watery eyes.'

Woman's False Rape Claim Led To Man's Death

Matt · 19 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The false report of a brutal sexual assault set off a bizarre chain of events that ended last week with the self-defense killing of a Florida man, according to police.

The fatal set of circumstances began when Brittany Sorey, a 30-year-old mother of five, last month contacted police to report that she had been sexually assaulted in her apartment in Largo, a town outside Tampa.

Sorey, pictured at right, alleged that a Hispanic man forced his way into her residence and “battered her and vaginally penetrated her with a broken broom handle and a box cutter.” She repeated this claim when later re-interviewed by detectives.

At the time of the purported attack, Sorey and her husband Gerald, 25, were living in the Largo home and were behind on the rent (which eventually precipitated an eviction action). According to her Facebook page, Sorey is the mother of six children.

...

It was only after the neighbor’s death that Sorey admitted to police that she “fabricated the entire report of sexual battery and that it never happened.”

Sorey was arrested Friday afternoon on a single misdemeanor count of falsely reporting a crime. Seen in the mug shot at left, she was released from the county jail late last night after posting $150 bond.'

Police Officer Hired Hit Man to Kill Her Husband and a Young Girl, Officials Say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Isaiah Carvalho Jr. woke up on Friday hopeful that his life was about to turn a corner.

Instead, he was told that his estranged wife, a New York City police officer, had been plotting to kill him all winter.

Five months had passed since the 32-year-old had filed for divorce from his wife, Valerie Cincinelli. But after a messy custody battle, the matter appeared almost settled.

It was, but not the way Mr. Carvalho had hoped.

Law enforcement officers informed Mr. Carvalho that Officer Cincinelli, a mother of two and a 12-year veteran of the Police Department, had arranged to hire someone to kill him and her boyfriend's school-age daughter.

Instead of going through with the scheme, her boyfriend contacted the F.B.I.

The details provided in court documents paint a troubling portrait of a botched murder-for-hire plot ripped from the pages of a true-crime thriller.'

Judge: Parents of Dead West Point Cadet Can Use His Sperm

Matt · 20 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Even dead, men have no reproductive rights. Excerpt:

'The parents of a 21-year-old West Point cadet fatally injured in a skiing accident can use his frozen sperm to produce a child, a judge ruled while noting potential ethical considerations.

Supreme Court Justice John Colangelo's ruling, dated Thursday, gives Peter Zhu's parents the ability to attempt conception with a surrogate mother using their late son's sperm. The judge said Zhu's parents have not decided whether they will try to use it.

"At this time, the court will place no restrictions on the use to which Peter's parents may ultimately put their son's sperm, including its potential use for procreative purposes," Colangelo wrote.'

Lab Owner Arrested for Falsifying Results of Drug Tests

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Investigators are scrambling to determine how many parents may have lost jobs, custody of their children and more after the owner of an Alabama laboratory was arrested for altering the results of drug and paternity tests.

AL.com reports that Ozark, Ala. police officers charged 36-year-old Brandy Murrah with two counts of forgery after authorities received evidence that someone had forged the results of two drug tests performed by A&J Lab Collections, which is owned by Murrah. Now authorities say that the two cases might just be the tip of the iceberg, alleging that multiple drug screenings may have been changed by Murrah, who, despite all appearances to the contrary, I cannot stress enough—is only 36 years old.

...

“We have no idea at this time how many people did not get their children back because of Ms. Murrah’s alleged fraudulent reports,” Dale County, Ala., District Attorney Kirke Adams told the Dothan Eagle. “In my opinion, all cases affected by Murrah’s alleged actions must be redone in order to be fair.”

While this may sound like a routine case, it highlights the immunity to scrutiny that privilege applies. In 2013, Murrah was arrested and subsequently pleaded guilty to five counts of credit card fraud. She was sentenced to three years probation and yet somehow, the woman who was actually convicted of fraud was allowed to handle sensitive screenings that determined the futures of entire families.'

New Child Support Law Eliminates Deadline For Paternity Tests

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2017 News On 6 spoke with a man highlighting a legal flaw when it came to men being ordered to pay child support, even when DNA proved the child wasn't theirs.

That law has now been changed.

Thomas Coleman's high school sweetheart got pregnant. They got married and had a son, but when the marriage fell apart about three years later, he got a paternity test and learned he wasn't the boy's father. He was devastated, then confused when the judge ordered Thomas to pay nearly $500 a month in child support until the child turned 18 because at the time, the law said, you must question paternity within two years or you are legally responsible'

Paternity Fraud: Three out of 10 Nigerian men are not biological fathers of their children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A DNA test revealed that Christopher Johnson wasn't the biological father of the three children he had nurtured and invested in for almost two decades. The children, Esther, 19, Shirley, 17 and Stephen, 15, were born by the same mother who unfortunately was deceased.

...

The perception that paternity fraud is high in Nigeria is not unfounded. Reports have been making the rounds that Nigeria has the 2nd highest rate of paternity fraud in the world after Jamaica. Many men have been unknowingly raising children that are not theirs and to curb the trend, there have been calls for introduction of mandatory DNA testing at birth'

Pelosi: Anti-Abortion Laws About ‘White Guys’ ‘Fear’ of Women

Mastodon · 22 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Wednesday at the 2019 Center for American Progress Ideas Conference, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) said the laws passed in several state legislatures banning abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected was about “fear” of women.

Pelosi said, “This is about family planning. It’s about birth control. They like to argue the case in some words that aren’t true but are alarming to people about abortions that must take place in the late term, the health of the mother whatever, but they describe it terribly, and it has a market. That’s why they do it. What woman should know is this is not about just that. It’s about family planning, and access to women’s health, it’s about in vitro fertilization to have babies.”

She continued, “This is about lack of respect for woman. This is about some fear that is in our community, our society about women having the ability to have the size and timing of their families working with their husbands, with their doctors, with their God whatever it is, but to just see it as a choice issue is one piece of it. It’s about lack of respect, and it’s reflected when they won’t give equal pay or family medical leave, which really benefits woman and the rest.”'

UK: Carl Benjamin: Feminism ‘Pathologizes’ Men as ‘Oppressors of Women’

Mastodon · 22 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Carl Benjamin, the YouTube star and UKIP candidate in the upcoming European Parliamentary Elections in Britain sat down for an exclusive interview with Breitbart News, discussing Brexit, feminism, and social media censorship.

The UKIP candidate and YouTuber took issue with accusaions from the left that he encourages, or participates in “trolling” and “online harassment,” before entering an in-depth discussion about gender.

“Unlike the media, I actually go out of my way to encourage people not to contact any of the subject of my videos. I’ve actually got it in the description of my YouTube channel. I’ve made many videos saying this.”'

Frigid Offices Might Be Killing Women's Productivity

Mastodon · 23 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If "I told you so" had a sensation, it would be the sweet cocoon of an 80-degree workspace. For years, women have been saying that the AC is on too damn high. We've dragged not one but two sweaters to the office in the summer: one for our slowly numbing legs, and one for our shivering shoulders. Scientific studies have already shown that offices are set for men's frostier preferred temperatures.

Now a new paper confirms what many of us have long suspected. Women don't just prefer warmer office temperatures. They perform better in them, too.
...
Chang cautioned that more studies need to be conducted before anyone attempts to eliminate gender-based performance differences on standardized tests by tweaking the thermostat. But in the paper, he and Kajackaite write, "Our results suggest that in gender-balanced workplaces, temperatures should be set significantly higher than current standards."'

Student sues over non-issue Title IX "violations"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Marcus Knight, an autistic student with cerebral palsy, is suing Saddleback College after he alleges that his college record was "improperly" black-marked with two Title IX violations.

Knight, 19, first came to national attention in 2018 when his attempts to make friends landed him in the Title IX office. According to the lawsuit, Knight asked one female student for a "fist bump." Soon after, Knight asked to take a selfie with another student.

The "fist bump" was reported to the Title IX office. And the selfie? When Marcus took it, he accidentally pressed "burst" mode a few times due to his cerebral palsy. The result? Knight had quite a few selfies with the woman, but she later alleged that Knight took "over 300" photos of her.

Knight's mother spoke with PJ Media on Tuesday, explaining that "fist bumps" and selfies are ways that Knight develops a sense of belonging at college. "My son just wants to have friends like everyone else ... why is that wrong?"'

Jimmy John's poster: Men are like fine wine...

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Jimmy John's sandwich restaurant (United States) has a poster in its restaurants with several "witty" quotes. The bottom one says:

"16. Final thought for the day: Men are like fine wine. They start out as grapes and it's up to the women to stomp the snot out of them until they turn into something acceptable to have dinner with."

It seems a boycott of Jimmy John's is in order if they think this kind of misandristic nonsense is acceptable in their restaurants.

SAVE: Tell DOJ to Cancel its May 29 Program on Trauma-Informed Investigations

Matt · 24 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

The junk-science behind Trauma-Informed investigations has been repeatedly exposed:

- Air Force Report to Congressional Committees: http://www.prosecutorintegrity.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/AIR-FORCE-FETI-STUDY.pdf
- FACE: Trauma-Informed Theories Disguised as Evidence -- https://www.facecampusequality.org/library
- Scientists and psychologists: http://www.prosecutorintegrity.org/sa/trauma-informed/

But the U.S. Department of Justice still doesn't get it. Next Thursday, May 29, the DOJ will be sponsoring an online presentation on "Law Enforcement Response: Approaching Your Work with a Trauma-Informed Lens."

We tried contacting the DOJ to share our concerns, but they didn't answer us. So now we are calling on you to speak out on behalf of truth and due process!

Contact Darlene Hutchinson Biehl, director of the DOJ Office for Victims of Crime, tell her to CANCEL this junk-science program:

Phone: 202-307-5983
Email: darlene.l.hutchinson@ojp.usdoj.gov

Please contact her today!!

Sincerely,
The SAVE Team

Sperm counts are on the decline – could plastics be to blame?

Matt · 24 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. On the up-side, your chances of accidental paternity drop some. Excerpt:

'Surprising new research into dog sperm has reproductive biologists concerned about the fate of their own species. In a March study, scientists at Nottingham University found that two chemicals common in home environments damage the quality of sperm in both men and dogs.

The culprits implicated are diethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP), used to make new plastics more pliable, and polychlorinated biphenyl 153 (PCB153), found in older plastics and electrical equipment. Companies stopped producing PCBs in the late 1970s due to their health risks – including a possible increased risk of cancer, hormone disruption, liver damage and behavioral or cognitive deficits in children exposed to the chemical in utero – but the chemical persists in the environment.

The Nottingham study is just one in a mounting pile of research indicating that the quality and quantity of men's sperm is on the decline. Research suggests that sperm counts have dropped by half in the last 50 years or so and that a higher percentage are poor swimmers – slow, ungainly or beset by genetic flaws.'

The programmer who created Python isn't interested in mentoring white guys

Mastodon · 25 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Guido van Rossum is one of the world's most influential programmers. Van Rossum is the author of the general-purpose programming language Python, which he started working on in 1989, and is now among the most popular languages in use. According to a survey of users on Stack Overflow, a popular question-and-answer site for programmers, Python is the fastest-growing major programming language, and the most used after JavaScript. Python is free and open source, meaning anybody can use the language and modify it to suit their specific needs.

In addition to creating the language, van Rossum has overseen its development. Programming languages evolve over time, with changes made to add features and fix bugs. Modifications to the official version, generally suggested by active users of the language, go through a complex approval process managed by a founder or core development team. Van Rossum served as the "benevolent dictator for life" of Python's development until last year, when he stepped down from the post.

...

Van Rossum believes that the different attitudes of women and men in programming communities is due to wider societal problems that we need to fix from the bottom up. "I've always felt that feminism was right and we need to change the whole society," he said. In the meantime, he feels a responsibility to act in the places he has influence, like in the Python community.'

UK: Students protest against anti-feminist group J4MB outside Mill Lane

Mastodon · 25 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Around 30 students linked arms outside Mill Lane lecture theatres earlier this evening, blocking members of anti-feminist group Justice for Men and Boys (J4MB) from entering the building through this main entrance. After the group entered through a back entrance, the activists regrouped with a variety of noise-making devices, seeking to disrupt the event.

The protest is currently ongoing, and growing as further student protesters arrive.

The student activists had previously intended to occupy the building, but, when they arrived, University security staff were already stationed within the building.

The protesters initially gathered shortly after five and remained until around six o'clock, when they left briefly before returning with pots, pans and other loud items, as well as a variety of protest signs.

Police were witnessed outside the site, along with further University security, and University proctors.

While blockading the lecture theatres, the activists sung a variety of protest chants, including "Say it once, say it again, no excuse for violent men" and "solidarity forever", while members and supporters of J4MB looked on.'

AI girlfriends 'indistinguishable from humans' after major 5G upgrade

Matt · 25 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'AI doll manufacturer Realbotix has recently fitted new models with Wi-Fi, enabling high-speed synchronising for voice and animation.

They also stand to benefit from 5G, which is poised to give us vastly superior mobile internet data.

This means sex robots will be able to connect and update without needing to be near an internet router.

But sex doll collector, Brick Dollbanger, believes this technology will make them so realistic, we won't be able to tell them apart from humans.

Brick, who has close ties with Realbotix, told Daily Star Online: "Anytime you can get a steadier flow of information from software to hardware activation, you are going to get better syncronisation and smoother more lifelike movement from your hardware.

He added: "Once it (the upgrade) finally is on board the synthetic, it will only use Wi-Fi to access the net for info.

"I see this occurring once the synthetic becomes mobile and carries its own power cell. It will all be hardwired into the body and head and it will no longer need a carrier signal.

"Probably a signal will be used on occasion to update the AI, and 5g will help with this."

But he warned this will come with risks, and urged developers to be careful.

He added: "Along with looking like us, I think that poses as many risks as benefits. And we have to be very careful how we develop this."'

We have greatly underestimated feminism's harmful influence on millennials

Matt · 27 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Interesting article but I notice the author talks about Millennials as if the whole generation were female. They're not. Excerpt:

'Once again, true. But there's more to it than that. This message to which Sinek refers was specifically directed to girls by their feminist-minded mothers. Sinek talks about the self-esteem movement and the harm it's done to millennials, and I agree. But we can't separate the self-esteem movement from the feminist movement. They're two sides of the same coin.
...

It was a powerful message that set off a chain of events. Millennials are the first generation of women to reject marriage and motherhood and to instead pile up degree upon degree, resulting in debt that, while theoretically was supposed to help them get established for marriage, instead dealt them a cruel blow: now they can't afford to get married.
...
Millennials were told they were special but learned that they aren't. They were told they don't need a man but learned that they do. They were told that children will hold them back but discovered that children are precisely what they want. In fact, family is all they really want.

Only now they're too old or too broke to have one.'

Women, let’s regulate men’s reproductive rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First, a handful of states — Georgia, Ohio, Mississippi, Kentucky and Alabama — enacted laws severely restricting access to abortion even in the case of rape (rape!) and incest (incest!), and as early as six weeks into a pregnancy, when most women don’t even know they’re pregnant.

In sponsoring Ohio’s bill, state Rep. John Becker claimed that if a woman has an ectopic pregnancy — when an embryo implants somewhere other than the uterus, often the fallopian tube — a doctor can just shove the errant embryo back into her uterus and — voila — baby!

Oh, honey, it just doesn’t work that way.

We know what they’re trying to do, of course. They want these laws to make it to the Supreme Court in an attempt to erode, if not fully overturn, Roe v. Wade. But the ignorance of these lawmakers, overwhelmingly people without a uterus and a scant, if that, understanding of them or other lady parts, is problematic.
...
Actor Evan Rachel Wood suggests vasectomies should be mandatory. Why not? It’s an easy, quick and safe procedure that’s done in a doctor’s office and is reversible.

But why stop there?

We could require men to wear condoms every time they have non-pregnancy sex — even if his partner uses her own birth control — or be subject to a fine and/or prison.

We could require men to take out a $1 million potential-pregnancy insurance plan (more depending on genetics, etc.) to cover all pregnancy- and birth-related costs as well as the cost of raising a child.'

Kamala Harris should review the equal pay evidence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) is an experienced attorney, having served as the district attorney of the city and county of San Francisco and as California's attorney general. When it comes to explaining equal pay, this U.S. senator and presidential candidate needs to review the evidence, or risk misleading the American people.
...
Harris needs to check her facts. Otherwise, she risks misleading the American people and championing bad policy.

Harris is likely relying on Department of Labor data to claim that there is a 20-cent gender pay gap. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that women who were full-time wage and salary workers earned 82 percent in median weekly earnings compared to men in 2017. In 2018, women earned 81 cents.

But the data don't compare a woman and man working in the same job, or with the same experience. The statistics compare what women and men make in the economy on average.'

Speaking up for men

Mastodon · 29 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dear Editor:

Thank you for printing Stewart Epstein's letter "Good men are not your enemies" in the April 25, 2019 issue.

As a woman, a graduate of an all-women's college and a lifelong feminist, I find the prevailing attitude of hostility towards men very disheartening. I applaud Mr. Epstein for speaking up for good men, which are the great majority of men I've encountered. These men who care about and respect women are treated to a continual barrage of negative messages, with terms like "mansplaining," "manspreading" and "toxic masculinity" imputing maleness as pathological.

If the script were flipped and women were referred to with such casual derision, the public outcry would be enormous. In contrast, men are supposed to shut up and listen, take it without complaint and suffer in silence. Women's feelings of emotional comfort and safety are paramount, while men's feelings don't matter at all it seems.'

Meryl Streep Doesn't Agree With the Term "Toxic Masculinity"

Mastodon · 30 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Sometimes, I think we're hurt. We hurt our boys by calling something toxic masculinity. I do. And I don't find [that] putting those two words together … because women can be pretty fucking toxic," Streep said. "It's toxic people. We have our good angles and we have our bad ones. I think the labels are less helpful than what we're trying to get to, which is a communication, direct, between human beings. We're all on the boat together. We've got to make it work."

The idea of toxic masculinity isn't only relegated to women's studies classes and online harassment. The specific kind of toxicity Streep is talking about involves a kind of hyper-gendered behavior. It's not saying outright that men are evil or inherently violent. The danger today involves people misinterpreting the term and assuming that it covers things such as violence and misogyny.'

JPMorgan agrees to biggest-ever settlement in anti-dad bias case

Matt · 30 May 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'JPMorgan Chase & Co. has agreed to pay $5 million to resolve a discrimination claim filed by a male employee who alleged the bank's parental leave policy was biased against dads.

The payout resolves a 2017 complaint brought by the American Civil Liberties Union alleging bias against Derek Rotondo, who had applied unsuccessfully for the 16-week parental leave benefit available to employees who are the "primary caregiver" of a new kid. JPMorgan doesn't admit liability in the settlement.

It's the biggest recorded settlement in a U.S. parental leave discrimination case, according to Rotondo's attorneys, and the most high-profile warning to companies with policies that are gender-neutral on paper but not in practice.

"Parents need to be treated with equality," said Rotondo, who investigates financial crimes for the bank. "There can't be an assumption that just because someone is a new mom, she's going to be doing all the work, and that dads just need to be quiet and get back in the office."

In the complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Rotondo said the company told him it started from the presumption that a child's birth mother was the primary caregiver. And because his wife, a teacher, wasn't incapacitated and had the summer off, he couldn't qualify.'

Australia: Claims of mismanagement, nepotism at big domestic violence service

Minuteman · 1 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'One of Victoria's major domestic violence services is under investigation amid claims its boss oversaw tens of thousands of dollars in victim support payments to help a friend pay for private school fees, an interstate holiday and legal costs.

The allegations are among several concerns raised by whistleblowers into the workplace culture of the Eastern Domestic Violence Service, a state-funded organisation assisting women and children in Melbourne's east.

With more victims reporting family violence than ever before, demand for EDVOS's services has grown significantly over the past few years under the Andrews Government's multi-million-dollar reform of the sector.

But The Age can reveal the organisation is now the subject of a review commissioned by the Department of Health and Human Services, and its executive director, Jenny Jackson, faces allegations of nepotism and conflict-of-interest claims over the allocation of family violence grants.

EDVOS has vehemently denied the allegations, and according to its chair, Lilia Szarski, an independent staff survey recently "showed the internal culture of the organisation to be engaged and outstanding."

However, multiple former staff who have spoken to The Age have painted the picture of a "toxic" workplace, where senior managers had a tendency to play favourites, hire their own children and friends, and reward allies with perks such as flexible working arrangements and trips to interstate and overseas conferences.'

Our View: Free up prison space by incarcerating fewer Maine women

Mastodon · 1 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If prison overcrowding were the problem, then acquiring more space could be the answer.

But when it comes to Maine's female prison population, overcrowding isn't the problem – it's only a symptom. The question is not, "Where do we put all these inmates?" but, "Why do we have so many?"

The number of women held at Maine Correctional Center in Windham has risen from only 25 in 2002 to 135 in 2016 to more than 220 as of April, largely fueled by the opioid epidemic and an overly punitive criminal justice system.

As such, the women's side of the prison is overcrowded, with cots shoved into every open space. About half of the women are there for drug crimes, and most are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault, yet prison officials say there is no room for programming to help them deal with substance abuse or trauma, or to gain skills and coping mechanisms to use to better their lives.'

Researcher says there is gender divide on college campuses over free speech, diversity

Mastodon · 1 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Researcher Evette Alexander told Hill.TV this week that there is a gender divide on college campuses when it comes to prioritizing free speech versus inclusion.

"Men and women felt quite differently on what they considered the greater priority," Alexander, who is director of learning and impact at the Knight Foundation, told Hill.TV's Krystal Ball and Buck Sexton in a "Rising" interview that aired Friday. "It was a predictor of whether they would favor free speech over inclusion or inclusion over free speech."

"We found that a substantial majority of college men, 71 percent, said that promoting free speech was the more important priority over diversity inclusion issues," she said. "We found that over half, 58 percent, of college women said the opposite. So they said that promoting a diverse, inclusive society was the greater concern for them."

When We Talk About Abortion, Let's Talk About Men

Mastodon · 4 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Abortion opponents won major victories last week when Louisiana lawmakers voted to ban abortions as early as six weeks into a woman's pregnancy and the Supreme Court upheld an Indiana law requiring the burial of fetal remains in Box v. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky Inc.

So what happens if Roe v. Wade falls?

Abortion won't disappear. Our research shows that countries where abortion is illegal have higher rates of abortion than in the United States — figures which are largely a function of unwanted pregnancies. Nearly half of all pregnancies here are unintended, of which four in 10 end in abortion.

But it takes two to make an unwanted pregnancy. That's why we need to talk about men when we talk about abortion.

The last time we included men in the discussion was 1992, when the Supreme Court wisely overturned Pennsylvania's law requiring a woman seeking an abortion to prove she had first notified her husband. That's right — attempting to give men veto power over women was the only meaningful effort to include men in abortion regulation.'

‘Are you a feminist?’ has become a religious test

Mastodon · 4 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In order to get on in British polite society these days, to be retweeted by the right-on journos and lauded by the commentariat, it is advised that you join the feminist club. Calling yourself a feminist has pretty much become mandatory for anyone who wants to be part of public life. From politicians to soap stars, the feminist label is a must-have.

And if there’s one thing contemporary feminists love, it is chastising those who refuse to toe the line. One of the more than a dozen Conservative leadership hopefuls, Dominic Raab, has been denounced as a heretic for refusing to call himself a feminist. In 2011, he wrote an article for Politics Home in which he argued that feminists were ‘now among the most obnoxious bigots’ for not recognising that ‘from the cradle to the grave, men are getting a raw deal’. In an interview last week, Raab said that he stood by his comments, saying he would ‘probably not’ call himself a feminist, ‘but I would describe myself as someone who is a champion of equality and meritocracy’.'

SAVE: What the heck is going on at the DOJ?

Matt · 5 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

Since 2016, we've been tracking the Dept. of Justice's support for victim-centered investigations. And we've sent them FOUR formal complaint letters:

1. June 6, 2016 letter to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services regarding its guidance, Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence: A Roundtable Discussion.
2. February 1, 2018 letter to the Office of the Inspector General to investigate the DOJ's abuse of taxpayer monies to support Start By Believing programs.
3. April 3, 2019 letter to Attorney General William Barr, including Exhibits A to H, to investigate the DOJ's failure to provide a substantive response to CPI's February 1, 2018 complaint.
4. May 20, 2019 letter to the Office for Victims of Crime regarding its sponsorship of an upcoming program on Law Enforcement Response: Approaching Your Work with a Trauma-Informed Lens

Any guesses how many substantive replies we've received? ZERO!

SO WHERE'S THE ACCOUNTABILITY, DOJ?

Today, let's all raise a little "heck" with Attorney General William Barr:
https://www.justice.gov/doj/webform/your-message-department-justice

Sincerely,
The SAVE Team

P.S. More info here: http://www.prosecutorintegrity.org/sa/victim-centered-investigations/

India: Delhi gov't proposes fare-free subway transport for women

arindamp · 6 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.
Delhi government wants to provide free public transport for women, because they want to ensure safety for women. Why are they not providing free public transport for men, to ensure safety for men? This is as sexist and anti-men, as it can get. Poor men now have to pay the fare for rich women. Men, it's time to unite, boycott this sexist and anti-men AAP party (and it's leaders) and defeat it in the coming election. Excerpt:

'Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday announced free metro and bus rides for women commuters, in a bid to make public transport safer for them. Coming barely six months before the elections, the proposal has shocked many including citizens and politicians.

Kejriwal first hinted at such a plan on Saturday and ever since then, social media has been rife with debate over the issue. In fact, the announcement evoked an array of reactions. However, the best ones came from Bollywood director Pritish Nandy and the Congress-spokesperson-turned politician Priyanka Chaturvedi.'

Proposed bill would charge penalties for overpricing women's products

Mastodon · 6 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'Lawmakers in Albany have introduced a bill that would charge civil penalties to retailers that charge more for the female version of the same product.

The bill would prohibit businesses from charging different prices for "substantially similar products." That means goods that share the same brand, share the same functional components and share 90% of the same materials or ingredients.

This bill would exempt retailers that sell items with a price previously determined by the manufacturer.

Retailers that willingly charge more would be hit with a $250 fine.

A study by the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs found that on average, products for women cost 7% more than similar products for men. That includes deodorant, shaving cream, razor's, clothing, and children's toys.

The bill has already passed committees in both the Assembly and the Senate.'

Police Actually Use Campus Title IX Proceedings To Get Around Civil Liberties

Mastodon · 6 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2015 I wrote about a police officer who bragged about using information provided by colleges and universities to get around an accused person's Miranda and constitutional rights.

The officer, Susan Riseling, was the chief of police and associate vice chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (now retired). She told a conference four years ago that police could use information from schools to nail the accused.

"It's Title IX, not Miranda," she said. "Use what you can."

It was a frightening statement at the time, as the number of lawsuits against colleges and universities for violating the due process rights of accused students was increasing. Riseling's comments suggest a whole new world of horror for innocent students accused under the new "everyone accused is guilty" rules. If a student wished to exercise his right not to speak to police, law enforcement could just go to the school and obtain his previous interviews with Title IX officials, if there were any.'

Candace Owens Blasts Scam of Feminism in Passionate TPUSA Speech

Mastodon · 7 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Candace Owens gave the audience of young women a brief background on her past as a liberal Democrat. It was a college course — Feminism 101 — that made her realize that feminism was not for her.

The “BLEXIT” founder argued that feminism — once a good thing — has been hijacked by the left.

“What the left is really good at doing is hijacking a term that once meant something and pretending that it’s still the same thing when, in fact, it’s not,” Owens said.

“Really, if you want to see something toxic, tell a feminist — who says they support every idea a woman has — tell a feminist that you’re not a feminist and see what happens. See the way that you get treated,” she continued.

“I can’t think of women that are nastier and meaner than the ones who exist under these pussy hats, right?” she added.

Owens pivoted to her distaste for the #MeToo movement and the backlash she received for speaking against it. However, she said the truth eventually came out in the form of the Kavanaugh hearings.

“Suddenly, everybody woke up and they realized that this was not about empowering women,” she said. “This was not a movement that was really about giving people a voice who have struggled in their past. It was about getting power and getting it by any means necessary.”'

Sex robots are coming, with a host of concerns

Matt · 8 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The robots are here. Are the “sexbots” close behind? From the Drudge Report to The New York Times, sex robots are rapidly becoming a part of the conversation about the future of sex and relationships.

Behind the headlines, a number of companies are currently developing robots designed to provide humans with companionship and sexual pleasure – with a few already on the market.

Unlike sex toys and dolls, which are typically sold in off-the-radar shops and hidden in closets, sexbots may become mainstream. A 2017 survey suggested almost half of Americans think that having sex with robots will become a common practice within 50 years.

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There is no universally accepted definition of “sex robot.” This may not seem important, but it’s actually a serious problem for any proposal to govern – or ban – them.

The primary conundrum is how to distinguish between a sex robot and a “sexy robot.” Just because a robot is attractive to a human and can provide sexual gratification, does it deserve the label “sex robot”?

It’s tempting to define them as legislatures do sex toys, by focusing on their primary use. In Alabama, the only US state that still has an outright ban on the sale of sex toys, the government targets devices “primarily for the stimulation of human genital organs.”'

American hunter in viral photo of slain giraffe is "proud to hunt"

Matt · 8 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Not so much MR issue but more a counter-example. Men are usually portrayed as the indulgent killer types among humans. This shows that being an unforgivable asshole is something that is an equal opportunity employer. Excerpt:

'Images of hunters celebrating their trophies often draw widespread support and widespread condemnation - something Tess Talley knows first hand. In 2017, she killed a giraffe in South Africa. In 2018, her photo of the kill went viral and prompted worldwide outrage.

Talley joined "CBS This Morning" Friday to say that she's "absolutely" still going hunting.

"It's a hobby, it's something that I love to do," she said. Talley said that the controversial kill was part of a conservation hunt, designed to manage the amount of wildlife in a given area.

"I am proud to hunt," she said. "And I am proud of that giraffe."

In an interview with CBS News' Adam Yamaguchi, Talley said that she's made decorative pillows and a gun case out of the slain giraffe, which she described as "delicious."

"You say it's about conservation, but the smile [...] it seems like there's a lot of pleasure in it, too, a lot of joy," said "CBS This Morning" co-host Tony Dokoupil.'

'Boys underperform in schools because we look after their wellbeing less'

Matt · 8 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The ensuing debate became focused on the under-performance of boys in the classroom compared with girls – why that might be and if it might be attributable to the lack of male teachers, particularly at primary level. That was when my colleague, Grace, passed me a note (retro-style).

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The note said: “Isn’t it just that boys underperform because we look after their wellbeing less?”

It was a lightbulb moment. Afterwards, we discussed the numerous occasions we have visited schools and a decision has been made to divide the year group by gender, the girls coming with us for a lesson on mental health, body image or self-esteem and the boys being sent to have a lecture on not being sexist. Because apparently boys do not have brains or bodies, only an inbuilt penchant for misogyny.'

Carol Roth: Dear militant feminists, stop messing it up for the rest of us

Matt · 8 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A restaurant serving women first is a sign of class, elegance and respect. If you are offended by that, have a hard think about why you are so angry.
...
To dote on a woman and to raise her up on a pedestal is a signal of respect, not a reflection of inferiority. While it may be a distinction, it's not a discrimination, as it certainly doesn't hold a woman back. And, while you may not want a man to offer up his seat on the bus while you show your grit and determination to stand, I would welcome the gesture, after a long day in four-inch heels, even if I ultimately turned it down.

I appreciate the fact that when the Titanic sunk, the women and children were allowed off first, and would appreciate the same courtesy today.

I am glad I was never eligible for the draft. I appreciate when a man across the aisle of the plane lets me go first vs. the ones that jockey with me for position -- or worse, hit me in the head fighting to be the first to get their luggage down. I even give bonus points to the men that offer to take my luggage down for me, almost always responding with a thank you and "I am glad to see that chivalry is not dead."'

Vile Verdict In The U.K., And What It Portends

Matt · 9 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Brendan O'Neill writes at Spiked about a sick miscarriage of justice in the U.K.:

There is something sinister in the Sally Challen story. The way in which this woman who battered her husband to death with a hammer has been turned into an iconic figure, virtually into a heroine of justice, leaves a sour taste. Her photograph has been sympathetically emblazoned on the front page of the Guardian. Labour MP Jess Phillips said she cried with joy when she heard the news a few months ago that Challen's murder conviction had been quashed. Many feminists are cheering yesterday's news that Challen won't face a retrial after the court accepted her manslaughter plea.

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The "women are victims" ethos promoted by gender studies departments around the globe has consequences, and I think this is one of them: a world in which men can be victimized, by women, in the most horrible ways, without the punishment men would get if the tables were turned.'

White knighting leads to tragedy in Florida

Matt · 10 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. White knighting leads more often to tragedy than resolution. A couple can have an argument, and that's OK. I have to wonder if this guy was taught by feminists to intervene in any argument between a man and woman? Excerpt:

'A man who was punched unconscious at a Miller's Ale House restaurant earlier this week died Wednesday after being taken off life support, according to his wife.

Deputies said 28-year-old Benjamin Hernandez Jr., of Sebring, heard 51-year-old Srikanth "Shrik" Srinivasan and his wife arguing Tuesday night at the patio bar of the Miller's Ale House on West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway and confronted the man about how he was acting toward his wife.

When the man said something to Hernandez, Hernandez punched him in the face, knocking him down and causing him to hit his head on the floor, the man's wife told deputies.

Witnesses said Hernandez then tried to leave the restaurant, but the man's wife screamed for someone to stop him while she waited with her husband, according to the report. Hernandez then returned to his seat and waited for deputies to arrive.'

Texas is about to make sex jokes on campus a criminal offense

Mastodon · 13 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'SB 212 is even worse because it includes the threat of firing and criminal penalties when employees fail to report “any and all expression that could conceivably satisfy” the bill’s uselessly broad definition of sexual harassment, FIRE wrote last week:

This in turn will flood institutional Title IX offices with unmeritorious complaints, including instances of speech plainly protected by the First Amendment or institutional promises of freedom of expression. Sifting through this avalanche will squander institutional resources that could be far better devoted to pursuing serious complaints intentionally brought to the attention of Title IX officers.

And the sexual-assault activists are wrong: The bill literally makes failure to report a Class B misdemeanor, which can earn up to six months in jail.

The second bill (HB 1735) also puts Texas in the awkward position of mirroring a Democratic White House whose actions it frequently went to court to block.'

"Australia has spent over $700m to curb domestic violence — but it's unclear if it's working"

Minuteman · 14 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Link here. Excerpt:

'After almost a decade of action and more than $700 million spent, a scathing review has raised concerns about the effectiveness of Australia's domestic violence strategy.

Commonwealth auditor-general Grant Hehir reviewed the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children, arguing the Department of Social Services' effectiveness in implementing the plan had been reduced by a lack of attention to planning and performance measurement.

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The 12-year partnership with state and territory governments is now entering its fourth and final stage since being introduced by the *[Julia]* Gillard Government in 2010.

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The new Families and Social Services Minister Anne Ruston said the department welcomed the insights and the findings would help to shape the final stage.

The Coalition has committed $328 million for the next three years — the single largest Commonwealth contribution made to the plan since it began.

But the Shadow Minister for Families and Social Services Linda Burney has warned the strategy's implementation needs to be improved if the funding is to spent effectively.

"This is not a game," Ms Burney said.

"This is a serious business where the Government needs to demonstrate that they have in place the proper implementation and accountability plan for their fourth action plan on violence against women."'

Woman charged with raping female roommate at Susquehanna University

Matt · 14 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Must have been internalized toxic masculinity. Excerpt:

'A Bronx co-ed has been charged with raping her female roommate at Susquehanna University, police said.

Pratigya Thakur, a 19-year-old sophomore, was arrested Monday on charges of rape, indecent assault and harassment in connection with the alleged May 16 attack at the school in Selinsgrove, according to an arrest affidavit obtained by The Post.

Thakur's roommate reported the alleged rape to university officials May 29, then told cops June 6. She said both she and Thakur drank alcohol and smoked marijuana before the alleged attack, the arrest affidavit states.

The roommate said she was singing and dancing inside their Hassinger Hall dorm room as she packed up her belongings ahead of a move into another university housing unit for the summer when she decided to lie down on Thakur's bed because her own was covered with clothing and other possessions, the affidavit states.

The roommate said she felt Thakur touch her but thought she was "just trying to move her" so the Bronx teen could also fall asleep in her bed, police said.

The alleged victim told police she awoke to find Thakur "on top of her straddling her" before grabbing her hands and placing them on her roommate's breasts. Thakur then started kissing her roommate and further molesting her, the alleged victim told police.'

The Myth of the ‘Lazy’ Father

Matt · 16 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'You’ve probably heard a lot of complaints about dads over the past few years. We fathers are not pulling our weight around the house. Poor Mom is stuck working a “second shift,” doing more than her share of household chores even after a full day at the office. In fact, even “good dads” aren’t so good after all, and don’t deserve all the praise that is apparently heaped on them whenever they are seen in public within 50 feet of their kids.

In honor of Father’s Day, allow me to dig into the data on how parents spend their time, and to bring to light a side of it that few seem willing to discuss. It’s a side that makes dads look . . . good.

My core points are these: Among married couples living together with kids, if anything, it’s dads who do more work in total—adding up paid work, housework, child care, and even shopping. Moms do work more in some specific circumstances, but the data acquit fathers as a group of the slacking charges so frequently leveled against them. Further, the biggest complaint that is actually consistent with the numbers—that moms and dads do different blends of home work and paid work—is not necessarily a problem at all, and to insist otherwise is to devalue parents’ own preferences.'

Brazil: off 9-year-old son’s penis then behead him ‘as he reminded her of her dad’

Matt · 16 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A MUM and her lesbian lover tore off her nine-year-old son's penis before beheading him because he reminded her of her dad.

Mum Rosana Cândido, 27, and Kacyla Pessoa, 28, of Brazil, stabbed the boy over a dozen times and removed all the skin from his face before butchering his body.

The pair were said to have even used a knife to try to gouge out the boy’s eyeballs to prevent possible recognition.

They bodged a bid to burn some of him on a barbecue so stuffed his remains in a suitcase dumped in a sewer, police said.

Other parts were found in two backpacks at their home in Brazil.

The lovers are said to have confessed all to horrified cops in Samambaia, about 20 miles from capital Brasilia.

They face homicide, torture and concealing a corpse charges.'

NY bill would decriminalize prostitution

Matt · 16 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New York state would legalize the buying and selling of sex under a proposal introduced in the state Legislature Monday that would lift criminal penalties for sex work.

The bill isn't expected to get a vote before the Democrat-led Senate and Assembly plan to adjourn for the year next week. But supporters still hailed the announcement of the bill as a critical step toward repealing criminal penalties for sex workers and their customers.

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"We only want to live, be free and be safe," said TS Candii, a former sex worker and current leader in the effort to decriminalize the industry. She said started selling sex at age 13 as a matter of survival.

The bill's sponsor in the Assembly, Manhattan Democrat Richard Gottfried, said outlawing prostitution has only forced sex workers into the shadows, where they can be exploited, trafficked and then punished for breaking the law.

"Trying to stop sex work between consenting adults should not be the business of the criminal justice system," he said. "It has not worked for a couple of thousand years."'

Idaho universities fall short of Title IX standards

Mastodon · 18 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Athletic programs at each of Idaho's four publicly funded universities fell short of at least one aspect of federal Title IX standards, according to state data.
...
Boise State University was the only state school during the 2017-18 school year that had substantially proportionate participation in sports. The university's student population was about 54% women, and its athletes were about 54% women.

The university did not meet the proportionality standard for scholarship aid, with male athletes getting a more than 2% advantage, according to data.'

The U.K. Just Banned 'Harmful Gender Stereotypes' in Advertising

Mastodon · 19 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A ban on advertisements containing “harmful” gender stereotypes came into force in the U.K. on Friday, in a move experts hope will reduce gender inequality.

Adverts containing stereotypes such as women being bad at driving, or a husband being lazy while his wife cleans, will likely fall foul of the new rules recommended by the U.K.’s Advertising Standards Authority (ASA).

“Making assumptions about how people should look and behave might negatively restrict how they see themselves and how others see them, and limit choices they make in life,” said Ella Smillie of the ASA, who led the 2017 study which recommended the new rules.

Other scenarios likely to be disallowed include stereotypes of children’s ambitions, for example boys aspiring to be engineers and girls aspiring to be dancers.'

Netherlands: Men need not apply: university set to open jobs just to women

Mastodon · 19 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Dutch engineering university is taking radical action to increase its share of female academics by opening job vacancies to women only.

Starting on 1 July, the Eindhoven University of Technology (TUE) in the Netherlands will not allow men to apply for permanent academic jobs for the first 6 months of the recruitment process under a new fellowship program. If no suitable applicant has been found within that time, men can then apply, but the selection committee will still have to nominate at least one candidate of each gender.

“We have been talking about [gender balance] for ages,” says TUE President Robert-Jan Smits. “All kinds of soft measures are taken and lip service is paid to it. But the stats still look awful.” Currently, 29% of TUE’s assistant professors are women; at the associate and full professor level, about 15% are women. With this program, TUE wants to reach 50% of women for assistant and associate professors, and 35% for full professors.'

UK: ITV bans all-male comedy writing teams

Mastodon · 19 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Saskia Schuster said she realised last year that "an awful lot of my comedy entertainment shows are made up of all-male writing teams".

She said: "Too often the writing room is not sensitively run. It can be aggressive and slightly bullying."

She has now changed ITV's contracts, and female writers have been hired to join shows like ITV2's Celebability.

There has been "a significant lack of shows written by women or with women on the writing teams", she said.

Last year, when reviewing the gender balance of sitcom scripts she was sent, she realised that for every script she received from a female writer, she got five from men.

After consulting writers, producers, agents and performers, "the first thing I did was I changed my terms of commissioning," she told Channel 4's Diverse Festival in Bradford on Monday. "I won't commission anything with an all-male writing team."'

Washington Post: ‘Time to Make Masculinity a Part of the Gun Debate’

Mastodon · 20 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Washington Post’s latest documentary is focused on what they suggest is the role masculinity plays in mass shootings in the U.S.

The WAPO documentary opens by indicating their have been over 150 mass shootings in America since 1966 and “all but three were committed by men.” They add, “And more broadly, the majority of gun violence in America is perpetrated by men.”

Having posited men in such a light, the documentary then shifts to masculinity–defining traits and characteristics–eventually placing masculinity at the root of mass shootings and suggesting current efforts to rein in masculine tendencies could be applied to limit gun crime.

The documentary lists “traits” of masculine as “control, power, independence, [and] entitlement.” They take these traits to the halls of academia for examination, with professors such as University of Arizona’s Jennifer Carlson asking, “What is it about guns that gets linked to masculinity? Or what is it about masculinity that guns address?”'

An Air Force base is warning about the threat posed by 'incels'

Mastodon · 20 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At least one Air Force base is on the lookout for a sinister new threat: Angry men who can't get laid.

Personnel at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland were recently treated to a threat brief regarding an "increase in nationwide activity" by self-described "incels," members of an online subculture of "involuntary celibacy" who adopt an ideology of misogyny, mistrust of women, and violence in response to their failed attempts at romantic relationships.

The brief was first made public via a screenshot posted to the popular Air Force amn/nco/snco Facebook page on Tuesday. An Air Force spokesman confirmed the authenticity of the screenshot to Task & Purpose.'

A third of women only date men because of the free food: study

Mastodon · 22 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study published Friday in the Society for Personality and Social Psychology journal found that a quarter to a third of heterosexual women have gone on a date with a guy they weren't interested in — just for a free meal.

"Foodie calls," can happen when money's tight, the grocery store is out of a favorite frozen meal, or a must-try entree is just too extravagant to justify — when the tab comes out of your own bank account.

Two studies, the first conducted with 820 women, and the second with 327, asked participants if they ever engaged in a plate for play: 23% of the women copped to it in the first study, 33% in the second.'

Federal officials are investigating Northwestern's Title IX process after two men allege gender bias and failure of due process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Education Department is investigating claims that Northwestern failed to offer due process to two men accused of sexual misconduct against female students.

The two men, an athletic recruit and NU student at the time of the alleged incidents, claim in separate complaints to the agency that they were denied a fair Title IX process and are accusing the University of gender discrimination. Northwestern opened two separate Title IX investigations — one after the recruit was accused of sexual violence and one after the student was accused of sexual assault.

The complainants are asking for corrective actions and reversals of apparent action taken against them as a result of Northwestern's investigations. One accuses the University of engaging "in the gender-biased practice of 'always believing the victim.'" The complaint also accuses the University of violating Education Department guidelines for investigations of sexual misconduct.'

Ph.D. Student Files Federal Complaint, Says USC Retaliated Against His Pro-Men Title IX Activism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, Kursat Christoff Pekgoz, a Ph.D. student and Provost's Fellow at the University of Southern California (USC), filed a federal complaint against USC under Title IX. In the complaint, Pekgoz claims that USC officials retaliated against his activism on behalf of men who face sex discrimination, including in his own case of alleged sexual assault. Title IX historically defended women from sex discrimination, but given the fact that women now dominate universities (with many programs Pekgoz has termed "affirmative action" still in place to advance women only), Pekgoz has led efforts to defend men.

"On college campuses, the odds are really stacked against male students since women are the majority of students," Pekgoz argues in a video about his case. "My experiences and my research have led me to believe that men face discrimination in various walks of life here in the United States. Men face significant forms of discrimination in family courts, also in the criminal justice system, and last but not least in the education system."'

Alice-in-Wonderland Justice: DOJ Promotes ‘Trauma-Informed’ Techniques to Law Enforcement

Matt · 22 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The City of Charleston, South Carolina recently settled a lawsuit with a college student wrongfully charged with rape. Following the canons of trauma-informed techniques, the prosecutor accepted the poorly investigated claims of the purported victim at face value, at the expense of the rights of the accused.i The student was later acquitted by a jury after only a few minutes’ deliberation.

Sadly, this case is but one of many examples exposing how a trauma-informed approach to criminal investigations is unethical and reckless. Similar tactics have been used on college campuses for years, leading sexual misconduct disciplinary proceedings to be ridiculed as “kangaroo courts.” These biased investigations often have resulted in accused students filing over 200 lawsuits against their schools - lawsuits they are winning more often than not.

What exactly is meant by “trauma-informed”? The basic idea appears reasonable, to create “an atmosphere in which victims feel more comfortable and willing to report an assault and provide law enforcement the information necessary to investigate the case.”

However in practice, trauma-informed investigative methods teach law enforcement to ignore inconsistencies in a complainant’s story so as to avoid re-traumatizing the “victim.” This results in “ignoring investigative paths that might demonstrate that no crime was committed or that it was committed by someone other than the defendant,” according to criminal defense attorney Scott Greenfield.

In its recent report, Trauma Informed Theories Disguised as Evidence, Families Advocating for Campus Equality charged trauma-informed policies have led to “untoward presumptions about guilt and innocence” that are “antithetical to any fair and impartial adjudicatory process.”

But succumbing to the #MeToo movement, police forces across the country are now participating in trauma-informed training. Even the U.S. Department of Justice has jumped on the ideological bandwagon.'

Americans Stunned by Rash of Domestic Violence Homicides Committed by Women

Matt · 24 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'A recent rash of homicides committed by wives, ex-wives, and girlfriends is dramatically changing the way Americans view the domestic violence issue. Traditionally, domestic violence cases have been portrayed as men who abuse their female partners.

But eight recent homicides reveal a different picture:

June 20: Anne M. Valgora of Papillion, Nebraska was charged with use of a deadly weapon after she fatally shot her domestic partner, Steven Olson.

June 13: Army Sgt. Brandyn Paonessa of n Phenix, AL was killed by a shotgun blast fired by his wife, Brittnay Paonessa. The woman had previously driven a truck into their house, narrowly missing their four children.'

Woman Charged With Torturing Incapacitated Man

Matt · 25 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Not just criminally nutty but also stupid as all get out. Excerpt:

'An Alabama woman has been charged with the sexual torture of a 25-year-old man who was “under the influence of GHB” and bound with duct tape when he was assaulted, according to court filing.

In a charge sheet filed this week, Jennifer Johnson, 36, was accused of violating the incapacitated man with a sex toy at a residence in Cottondale, a Tuscaloosa suburb.

Police learned of the March 19 attack when they discovered incriminating videos on Johnson’s phone following her arrest last month for possession of a stolen Honda Civic. At the time of her May 10 bust, Johnson “stated she was a prostitute,” according to a court filing.

The “multiple videos” found on Johnson’s phone, investigators say, showed her “penetrating the victim’s anus with a dildo.” The man was “under the influence” of the date-rape drug GHB and “physically helpless,” investigators allege.'

Masculinity under siege in schools, politics, online

Mastodon · 28 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Is there a crisis in masculinity? Based on an article by the American Jordan Black, “Masculinity in Menopause: The Emasculating Effects of Fatherlessness and Feminism”, the answer is yes.

Black highlights how, across the Western world, falling levels of testosterone and low sperm counts are contributing to significant changes in how masculinity is defined. Add the impact of so many boys raised without fathers and the global #MeToo movement that gives the impression that all men are inherently violent and misogynist, and it should not surprise that Black concludes: “We are not making men like we used to; in fact, we are not making them at all.”

The same is happening here, where similar forces are at work undermining masculinity and radically redefining what constitutes manhood. As Bettina Arndt says in her book #MenToo, men are unfairly demonised and attacked by radical feminists more intent on winning gender wars than peacefully coexisting.'

I'm All For Feminism, But We Need A Men's Rights Manifesto

Mastodon · 28 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If you want a place where you can wail about how awful men are, and beg for forgiveness for all the atrocities committed by men, look elsewhere. An AMRA recognises that men have done, and continue to do, awful things: this movement isn't about beating ourselves up over what other men have done, it's about looking for positive ways to make men better going forward.
...
An AMRA cares for men who are unhappy, unwell or struggling in life, and recognises that often the challenges confronting men are downplayed or disregarded by society at large. AMRAs want to change that.
...
Anyone can be an AMRA -- there is no sex, gender, sexual preference, race, religion or background that disqualifies one from joining the AMR. We welcome everyone -- all that is required is a belief that there are issues that disproportionately affect men, and a desire to help.'

S. Korea: 'Radical feminism as toxic as terrorism,' says politician

Mastodon · 28 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Lee Jun-seok, a Supreme Council member of the minor opposition Bareunmirae Party, likened the radical feminist group Womad [link added] to a terrorist group, accusing them of spurning gender-based hatred and agitating women to fight against men.

"Womad activists don't detonate or throw bombs, but what they do is no different from terrorism," he claims in his newly-released book "Fair Competition: Asking Value and Future of Korea's Conservativism."

Womad, a compound word of "women" and "nomads," was launched in February 2017 as a splinter group from the online community Megalia. The group has since been controversial for using extreme means to fulfill their cause.

"Through their past deeds, Womad activists showed us what kind of toxic damage they could inflict on their male targets," Lee said in the book. "The activists destroy those men until they are unable to recover from the damage. I wonder how they are different from the terrorists who committed the Sept. 11 attacks which took the lives of some 3,000 people. Both Womad and terrorists are extremists and pose a threat to the society as they try to justify their ill-minded causes at the expense of others."'

Student denounces ‘victimhood culture’ sociology quiz that bemoans white male privilege

Mastodon · 28 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Students at Broward College enrolled in a sociology class were recently given an online quiz that has drawn criticism from one student who said the test is biased against white males.

The abbreviated summer school general sociology course is taught by Assistant Professor Mark Tromans.

According to screenshots of the quiz obtained by The College Fix, one of the questions asked: “When many students graduate from college, they are able to earn an extra $1,435 a month between the ages of 25 and 65. These students manage to earn this bonus by ___.” Students are then asked to fill in the bank. The correct answer is apparently “being born male.”'

A male birth control pill has just passed human safety tests

Matt · 29 June 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new male birth control pill passed tests of safety and tolerability when healthy men used it daily for a month, and it produced hormone responses consistent with effective contraception, according to researchers at two institutions testing the drug.

The Phase 1 study results were presented on March 24 at the Endocrine Society's annual meeting in New Orleans. Stephanie Page, a professor of medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine, jointly led the study with Christina Wang, a professor of medicine at UCLA in Los Angeles.

Study results indicate that the experimental male oral contraceptive decreased sperm production while preserving libido. The pill is called 11-beta-methyl-19-nortestosterone dodecylcarbonate, or 11-beta-MNTDC. It is a modified testosterone that has the combined actions of a male hormone (androgen) and a progesterone.'

Mom allegedly killed 12-year-old son she had tried to drown as a baby

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A California mom has been arrested for allegedly murdering her 12-year-old son — and critically injuring his brother — a decade after she was convicted of trying to drown him as a baby, according to authorities.

Sherri Renee Telnas, 45, was busted after 911 callers reported that she was acting “strangely” early Saturday as she walked the boys to a field near her home in Porterville, according to the Tulare County Sheriff’s Office.

Deputies found the boys unresponsive in a ditch, with the 12-year-old later pronounced dead at a hospital. His 7-year-old brother is in critical condition at Valley Children’s Hospital, according to officials.

Telnas was arrested at the scene and held on charges including murder and attempted murder, deputies said.
...
Following the drowning attempt, the older child was put in the custody of his father, Jacob Telnas, the Missoulian reported. It’s unclear how or why both boys were in her custody in California.

“We are aware of the Montana incident,” said Ashley Ritchie, a spokeswoman for the Tulare County sheriff, according to the Visalia Times-Delta. “We are working with multiple agencies to confirm the details.”'

What Happens When Women Run Colleges?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"What happens when women run colleges?" Could be just a provocative question. Could be the opening line leading to a challenging set of discussions. Could be a joke awaiting a punch line.

It is in fact the title of an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education (link here to paywalled article, excerpts to follow). The Chronicle is higher education's most important and influential journal and, as such, the topic is covered in a fashion that reveals the culture and concerns of the higher education world.

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A gendered view is not wholly inappropriate in any such analysis. It has been argued that the impulse to serve in the West arises from two main sources: Athens and Jerusalem. That division, made famous by Leo Strauss, is based on the tension between reason and revelation. But that plays out in different ways in each tradition. From Athens we derive concepts like duty, virtue and civic obligation. From Jerusalem we derive concepts like compassion and charity. Athens, in a crude gendered sense, is the Daddy Impulse. Jerusalem is the Mommy Impulse.

It tells you something about the drift of the overall culture since at least the late 1960s that within public affairs the Jerusalem side has been dominant and the Athens side recessive. Nowadays in public affairs we seem to hear more about caring than duty; more about compassion than virtue. Where are the inherently complex values that call for balance, such as prudence or wisdom? What do those things even mean anymore?

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Again, nothing necessarily wrong with that. With women comprising 58% of undergraduate enrollment there are sound reasons to keep customers satisfied. But there are those icebergs to worry about, too. To say nothing of the other 42%.

The second noteworthy aspect of Gardner's treatment of the effect of female leadership on the agenda is less subtle than the above but in some ways more important. Note that none of the items mentioned above have any relationship to the academic program, allegedly the vital center of institutional mission.'

UK: 'Nagging' wife who asked bodybuilder husband to do chores arrested and dragged to court for 'controlling behavior'

Matt · 2 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. How ironic. Excerpt:

'A "nagging" wife who forced her husband to help with household chores was reportedly placed behind bars and dragged to court for her "controlling" ways.

According to Valerie Sanders, she was prosecuted for "controlling behavior" after she asked Michael, 58, to vacuum the house, clean patio doors and not head to the gym so often.

Nonetheless, the case was thrown out just before a trial, The Sun reports.

Valerie, who hails from Catterick, North Yorks, called the case "outrageous" and said she was "treated like a criminal" for nagging her bodybuilder husband.'

Title IX Report Clears MSU Players of Sexual Assault

Mastodon · 2 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Investigators from Michigan State University have found three former basketball players not guilty for the alleged sexual assault of a female student in 2015.

In a 39-page report released on Wednesday, investigators took a closer look at the Title IX lawsuit filed by former MSU student Bailey Kowalski, reports ESPN. The case was investigated by the school's Office of Civil Rights and Title IX Education and Compliance.'

Trump accuser's book asks "What are men for?"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"What Do We Need Men For?" is more than male bashing, but it's certainly that; it's also a story of a spirited woman with an indomitable personality and a zest to get on with it that's refreshing in this age of victimization and self-analysis.

...

Carroll sets out the purpose of her book on Page 1: "The whole female sex seems to agree that men are becoming a nuisance with their lying, cheating, robbing, perjuring and assaulting . . . and so on." So Carroll offers a Modest Proposal: that we kill men and extract their chemical elements and sell them. It's a satirical proposition, with a wink to Jonathan Swift, that sets Carroll on an investigation that frames the book and gives it its title: She will find out what, if anything, men are for.

...

To that end, in October of 2017, she set off in her Prius (nicknamed Miss Bingley; see "Pride and Prejudice") with her poodle, Lewis Carroll. Her stops are American towns named for women, most of which are in the Midwest and the South: Elnora, Ind.; Florence, Ala.; Marysville, Ohio, are three. "I will only eat in cafes named after women, listen to music sung by women, drink wines named after women, read books written by women, and wear clothes designed by women," she tells us. As she drives across the country, she will be keeping a list: The Most Hideous Men of My Life List (we already know the biggest name on it). It's a lark that's both darkly humorous and deadly serious. Sometimes, it can be hard to tell the difference. Regardless, she's both having fun and spitting angry.'

Amy Coney Barrett Strikes a Blow against Campus Kangaroo Courts

Mastodon · 2 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Whenever I read a court opinion describing a campus sexual-assault proceeding, I routinely find myself shocked at the staggering unfairness and ridiculous bias of campus kangaroo courts. Driven by the need to find more men guilty — and rationalized by a #BelieveWomen ideology — campus administrators have systematically discarded every fundamental notion of due process in American law.

Across the nation, courts on the right and on the left are saying no. They're blocking biased sexual-assault adjudications, protecting basic fairness, and restoring a degree of sanity to colleges' procedures. On Friday it was the turn of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals to protect the Fourteenth Amendment, and an all-woman panel, led by Judge Amy Coney Barrett, established a precedent that could be used against woke college administrators nationwide.'

India: Men cannot legally be stalked

Kaka81k · 8 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is the truth in most part of the world. Even celebrities who supported women movement realize they have always been getting a raw deal. Excerpt:

'The mudslinging match between Hrithik Roshan and Kangana Ranaut continues, with her never missing an opportunity to take digs at him in interviews and media interactions.

In an interview with Hindustan Times, Hrithik was asked how he manages to maintain a stoic silence to the constant jibes. "I have come to realise that bullies have to be treated with a certain amount of patience, and not be engaged with. It is upon the civil society and those who claim to be just and fair to see and observe if there is harassment," he said.

"Also, being who I am, if I choose to confront as per laws, I become the aggressor. If I withdraw from a film-clash that I know has been pre-designed, then I become a weakling penning a sob story. I have learned to not get affected by either," he said.'

Court: Purdue May Have Discriminated in Sexual Assault Case

Mastodon · 8 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Purdue University might have discriminated against a male student who was accused of sexual assault, a federal appeals court said, reviving a lawsuit against the school.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Purdue too hastily sided with the man's female accuser and ignored his attempts to provide evidence in his defense, the Journal & Courier reported . They are identified in the decision as Jane and John Doe.

"It is plausible," Judge Amy Coney Barrett wrote in the June 28 opinion that the Purdue investigation panel "chose to believe Jane because she is a woman and to disbelieve John because he is a man."'

NZ: All Blacks coach Steve Hansen sparks criticism by claiming domestic violence 'not a gender thing'

Mastodon · 8 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Having been a policeman I've seen a lot of this... and I know it's not just restricted to the male - women assault males. It's not a gender thing.

"[There are] two types... one, where you have a control freak, male or female..." Mr Hansen said about domestic violence while defending Reece's selection.
...
Ang Jury, chief executive of the New Zealand Women's Refuge hit out at Hansen's comments.

"He's referring to ideas that are old, debunked, based on his experience as a police officer some 20-odd years ago," she told The AM Show.

The evidence that domestic violence in New Zealand is largely perpetrated by men is unequivocal, Ms Jury said.

"It's a gendered problem that New Zealand has. There is no statistic available that demonstrates anything other than that," she added. "It would be disingenuous of me to suggest that women can't be violent... of course they can. But we know that women are hurt more often, they're hurt more seriously and they fear their partners more than men do."'

UK: Judge faces no action over drink-driver 'being a woman' remark

Mastodon · 8 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Victoria Parry, 31, collided with three vehicles which caused her Fiat to spin off the A46, near Stratford-upon-Avon.

In April, Judge Sarah Buckingham was investigated after she said Parry would have gone "straight down the stairs" to jail if she was a man.

But the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office (JCIO) said there was now no "outstanding complaint".

Parry, of Bearley, Strafford-upon-Avon, hit a van's rear bumper, a Vauxhall Insignia's wing mirror and the side of a BMW in the crash on 23 May last year.

She was found to be almost three times the legal limit and later admitted dangerous driving and driving while disqualified.

Her lawyers said she had a "considerable drink problem" after a 15-year abusive relationship.'

Employment among ‘prime age’ men declining, triggering 'alarm'

Mastodon · 10 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While the U.S. economy Opens a New Window. continues to show signs of strength and vitality, employment Opens a New Window. conditions appear to be worsening for one particular group: prime-age males.

According to experts from Deutsche Bank Research, employment for men between the ages of 25 and 54 (considered prime age) has declined by about 100,000 jobs for each of the past three months.

That’s despite the fact that the U.S. created 224,000 jobs in June. The professional and business services sector, health care, as well as transportation and housing were among the sectors with notable job gains.

Torsten Slok, chief economist and managing director at Deutsche Bank Securities, wrote in a note that the employment trend among prime age males was an “alarm bell” in the latest jobs report.

The labor-force participation rate – which is the share of all employed workers divided by the working age population – remain unchanged at 62.9 percent. The labor force participation rate among men has been on the decline, however – at 69 percent in June, down from 86.2 percent 70 years ago. On the flipside, the trend has reversed for women – the labor force participation rate for females was 57.2 percent in June, up from 32.8 percent in June, 1949.
...
Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said during congressional testimony on Wednesday that the opioid crisis was another factor weighing on labor force participation among younger males.'

There are ways to reduce domestic violence that have nothing to do with the patriarchy

Mastodon · 10 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The dominant explanation for domestic violence in Australia – repeated by the sector, politicians, police and others – relies on the feminist model, which sees it as a result of rigid gender norms and gender inequality.

That explanation is now barely scrutinised, but Hill outlines at least one alternative explanation – the psychopathology model, that insists that domestic violence is rooted in mental illness, substance abuse and childhood trauma and has little to do with patriarchy. “Unlike the feminist model – which asks, ‘Why do men beat their wives?’ – the psychopathology schools asks: ‘Why did this man beat his wife?’”

Hill reviews the evidence and says both models have their weaknesses (particularly the psychopathology explanation, although it is the dominant one in the United States). To raise the doubts shouldn’t be courageous, but in our era of rigid positions, it is. She asks for a “middle ground”, quoting Michael Salter, a criminologist specialising in men’s violence against women and children.

“We’ve moved into a neoliberal feminist analysis of violence, which assumes that perpetrators have no depth; that they are all just surfaces that are written upon by TV and pornography and culture,” he says. “The populist discourse on domestic violence has turned into a total shitshow. Those of us who appreciate a bit of complexity in our analysis have just stepped back to shut our mouths.”'

UK: Parole board releases notorious nursery school pedophile

Mastodon · 12 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former nursery worker known as Britain's worst female pedophile was recently granted parole because she wasn't considered a "significant risk" to children, according to a new report.

Vanessa George, 49, of Plymouth, Devon, who was the special needs coordinator at the Little Ted's nursery in Plymouth, abused 64 babies and toddlers in her care in 2009 — and shared the disturbing images with her pervert lover Colin Blanchard, after meeting him on Facebook, The Sun reported.

George confessed to a total of seven sexual assaults of young children and six counts of distributing and making indecent pictures of children, according to the report. She was sentenced to a minimum of seven years behind bars.
...
George's lover Blanchard, known as the "hub of the pedophile wheel," was given a minimum term of nine years in 2011, according to the Sun.

He traded the explicit images to members of a pedophile ring, including prostitute Angela Allen of Nottingham, who was sent to the slammer for at least five years, the outlet reported.'

Australia: Mining safety committee closed due to lack of "gender parity"; deaths mount up

Matt · 14 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Sunday 27-year-old Jack Gerdes suffered fatal head injuries at the Baralaba North coal mine, west of Gladstone.

He was found "entangled in an excavator access ladder" about 2:00am, the Department of Mines and Energy said.

Six hours later, another man in his 50s was seriously injured in fall at a mine in Collinsville in the Bowen Basin.

The death takes the fatality total to six over the last year — making it the worst year for mining deaths since 1997.
...
Shortly before the State Government headed into crisis talks this afternoon, it was revealed a mining safety committee has been idle for six months because it could not reach a gender quota — during which time four miners have died.

The Mine Health and Safety Advisory Committee was dissolved in late 2018, before a spate of deaths that has thrown the industry into the spotlight.'

SAVE: Federal Office for Civil Rights Launches Investigations of Title IX Discrimination Complaints by Male Students

Matt · 14 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Following hundreds of lawsuits by male students alleging disparate and unfair treatment by institutions of higher education (1), the federal Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has begun to open investigations into some of these cases. The OCR is known to be conducting 24 investigations at universities in the following states: CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, MA, MI, NC, NJ, RI, SC, TN TX, and WI. The cases have been opened by the OCR Regional Offices located in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, District of Columbia, New York, and San Francisco (2).

The most common complaint involves allegations of denial of benefits. One of these investigations is targeting the University of Michigan, which sponsors 11 scholarships, support groups, and medical treatment programs that exclude male students, in direct violation of Title IX sex-discrimination mandates (3).

A smaller number of complaints involves due process infractions. Two weeks ago, for example, it was announced that the OCR opened an investigation against Northwestern University for failing to provide due process protections for two men accused of sexual misconduct. One student accused the university of engaging in the sex-biased practice of “believe the victim.” (4)'

Getting women in the city manager's pipeline

Mastodon · 14 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The naming of two white males as finalists for Columbia's city manager, and five in Springfield, in this day-and-age of diversity caught my attention. Moreover, no women were among the 33 potential applicants identified by the management hiring firm contracted to assist in Columbia's top executive position. It turns out that Columbia is not alone.

...

The reasons for gender differences in all governance positions, and in the economy at large, is a topic of much debate but likely includes discrimination, implicit biases, gender differences in risk-taking, gender differences in family responsibilities and differences in personal work-life balance decisions.'

Toxic Masculinity Comedy ‘Stuber’ Dies at Box Office

Mastodon · 14 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rather than simply make us laugh, rather than have the decency and graciousness to show us a good time, according to its own stars, Stuber’s true purpose was to wag its finger at the left’s latest bogeymen… masculinity.

Yep, because the men who fight the wars and truck the products and extract the heating oil and unclog the toilets and keep our streets safe and deport the illegal aliens — they are the problem.

“I feel like we’re in a time where we can talk about masculinity and how it’s always been very traditionally defined in a narrow way and how that’s led to problems for everyone for women and for men,” Stuber co-star Kumail Nanjiani told the far-left Hollywood Reporter.

“I felt like it would be interesting to try to talk about that stuff in a traditionally very masculine genre. A buddy cop action-comedy is such a dude movie, so we thought it would be interesting to talk about dude issues that also affect the whole world, in a traditionally male genre,” he added.

And then his co-star jumped in with a top selling point:

“Throughout the film, we’re constantly talking about it. Sometimes you don’t realise it because we’re making you laugh or disguising it with action, but we really do have the discussion throughout the film,” he said.
...
Anyway, on a whopping 3050 screens, Stuber opened to just $8 million this weekend.

Movie buffs take note: the next 007 is female

Matt · 15 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I call this "Doctor Whoifying" a series. It's when you take a patently masculine role and fill it with a woman, like the DW people did. Result: Disaster. RIP DW and now the Bond franchise. Star Wars, too. Excerpt:

'Since Daniel Craig announced he was standing down as James Bond, debate has raged whether the next 007 should be a woman, or black.

Now The Mail on Sunday can reveal that she will be both – thanks to the intervention of feminist TV writer Phoebe Waller-Bridge.

In what's been called a 'popcorn-dropping moment', British star Lashana Lynch, will be given Bond's licence to kill in the 25th movie in the franchise, currently being shot in Italy and the UK.

However, traditionalists can relax: she's not the new Bond, but a new character who takes over his secret agent number after he leaves MI6.'

"Paternity tests are big business because women aren't trusted"

Mastodon · 17 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Most company websites, however, eschew celebrity and sensationalism for a staid and serious tone. Sunny platitudes normalize genetic testing. It's quick and easy. It's accurate and affordable. And the benefits! Paternity testing produces "strong and happy" families with "emotionally-expressive children" who exhibit "improved cognitive abilities." The trite marketing copy can border on the absurd. One DNA Diagnostics Center press release chirps: "Father's Day can take on a whole new meaning when you're finding out if you're really a child's biological father." Indeed it can.

Yet neither sensationalism nor platitudes should mask the deeply corrosive doubt that is the industry's bread and butter. The high-minded quest for truth frequently taps a deep vein of misogyny. Decrying the epidemic of "paternity rape," men's rights groups call for expanded DNA tests. Paternity testing is about testing women's credibility. If all women are suspect, some are especially so. Paternity shows play on crude stereotypes of poor, young, and disproportionately nonwhite "baby mamas"—as well as irresponsible black men. As sociologist Patricia Hill Collins has observed, these sexual spectacles also communicate messages about race and class.

It was only a matter of time before this social problem demanded a policy solution. Over the years, legislators in Tennessee, Kansas, and New Jersey have introduced bills to make DNA testing obligatory for all newborns (none have become law). "I've heard different stories about [duped] fathers who are raising children and paying child support," observed one bill's sponsor by way of explanation. One can guess where he heard those stories.'

Apollo Space Program Guilty of ‘Gender Bias’ Against Women according to NYT

Mastodon · 18 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing should be a celebration that has no trouble getting off the ground -- it’s widely recognized as one of America’s greatest achievements. However, Houston, we have a problem.

There is no milestone or achievement we can commemorate in these woke days that doesn’t provoke a scolding “yes, but,” statement from the unhappy left. Last month, the Washington Post couldn’t let the 75th Anniversary of D-Day go by without a bizarre non sequitur about racism and rape in WWII.

Now The New York Times has hijacked the moon landing with head-scratching complaints of sexism, arguing that the Apollo program’s “gender bias” blocked women from going to the moon, and makes it more difficult for them to this day.

That’s okay, the Apollo space program was never that great anyway.

New York Times writer Mary Robinette Kowal is hopeful that in the future, manned missions to the moon will include both “the first woman and the next men.” (You just try leaving the ladies home, chauvinist pigs!). And that “first woman will face added hurdles simply because everything in space carries the legacy of Apollo. It was designed by men, for men.” Well shucks, Apollo is toxic in its masculinity now.'

Feminist wins award for chair designed to stop ‘manspreading’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We've all been there: having successfully bagged a seat on the tube against all odds, we find ourselves squished between two men, both sitting with knees so far apart that our own could not get closer together to avoid being knocked.

Yes, manspreading is possibly one of the biggest bug bears for women on public transport - and now a feminist designer has come to the rescue.

Laila Laurel, a 3D Design & Craft graduate from the University of Brighton, has designed a chair that features a triangular seat which encourages men to sit with their legs closed, creating a potential solution to the scourge of manspreading.

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As well as receiving plenty of praise for her design, Laurel’s work has been presented with the Belmond Award for emerging talent.

The luxury hotel and leisure company says it looks for designs that show “imaginative and cleverly presented ideas with a considered overall look and feel along with the quality of work displayed”.

Following the announcement, the judging panel said that Laurel’s chair was “a bold, purpose-driven design that explores the important role of design in informing space, a person’s behaviour and society issues of today”.'

No more 'manholes': Berkeley, California, removing all gendered language from city code

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'Berkeley, California, a city with a long history of progressivism, is moving forward with a plan to remove all gendered language from its city code as part of an effort to recognize its nonbinary residents.

Soon, in the Bay Area city just east of San Francisco, all instances of "he" and "she" in the city code will replaced by the gender-neutral "they."

The City Council on Tuesday adopted the first reading of the new ordinance eliminating "gender preference language" in its municipal code.

With the change, “manholes” will be called “maintenance holes,” “firemen” will become “firefighters,” “manmade” will be “artificial” and all instances of “men and women” will be replaced by “people.”'

Baby has penis amputated after ‘botched circumcision by nurse pretending to be doctor’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ashraf Helmi claims he originally took his one-month-old son Mohamed to hospital in northern Cairo, Egypt, for vaccinations.

But while there, the father says he was persuaded by his sister-in-law and a family friend to have his son circumcised.

He told local media that he agreed to let a doctor at the Manti Medical Centre in Shubra El-Kheima perform the operation.

Mr Helmi alleges that it was only afterwards that he discovered the medical professional was in fact a nurse.

Speaking to a local news broadcaster, he said: "She did it at an emergency room and not an operation room.

"I made sure I was there because you hear of all the botched surgeries out there.

"After finishing, she then fastened the gauze so tightly and when I told her it's very rough for a small boy, she said, 'I know what I'm doing!'"'

Little boy, afraid of getting circumcised, stays up on roof for three hours before being talked down

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Most Indonesian boys, especially Muslims, get circumcised around the age of five. Many remember the procedure with a certain fondness since circumcisions are traditionally treated as a rite of passage into manhood that is rewarded with parties and presents. But there's no doubt that the idea of having someone take a knife to your most sensitive region is a terrifying thought for most boys (and men) so we completely understand what was going through this kid's mind.

...

Dr. Anik then muses that the actual circumcision only took 10 minutes, but she had to wait three hours to perform it. But she ends by saying that three hours is not a long time compared to the valuable lesson she got from a great person, the boy's teacher (unfortunately, the doctor doesn't describe what exactly the teacher said to the boy, but it must've been one hell of a speech).

The circumcision story has gone viral since Dr. Anik posted it on Monday, amassing over 2,000 likes and over 900 shares.'

FBI solicits applications for invitation-only job fair for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The FBI is focusing on women in their latest recruitment push. While anyone can still apply for dozens of different kinds of jobs at the Bureau, females are at the top of the list right now.

Erica Parker is the recruitment specialist at the Jackson FBI field office.

“We just need dedicated individuals who are going to work hard and make a difference, this is the FBI and we’re there to help people, so we want people who are passionate about making a difference, as cheesy as that may sound. We need people, obviously, who can pass a background check,” Parker said.

...

In order to get involved, Parker said you can send a resume to jacksonapplicants@fbi.gov by August 2. Those resumes will be reviewed, and a group of the top applicants will be asked to an invitation-only recruitment event at the end of August. According to Parker, it will be a show of girl power.

“We actually have a brand-new special agent in charge in the Jackson Division, our first ever female and she will def be there to speak to the group, and we will have another female agent to speak," Parker said. "We have agents who have had babies while they were agents, they’ve been able to go part time, so they’ll be able to talk about those challenges.”'

Domestic abuse bill: Coercive control to become offence in Northern Ireland

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ex-Stormont justice minister Claire Sugden, who has campaigned for the law to be updated, hailed the move as a "huge success" for abuse victims.

The Department of Justice said it will be included in the Domestic Abuse Bill.

Coercive control includes psychological abuse and non-violent intimidation.'

Woke Media Turn Moon Landing into ‘Political Knife Fight’ About Sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Wednesday, the New York Times framed the Apollo program as a “failure” in terms of female astronautical participation.

In an article titled, “To Make It to the Moon, Women Have to Escape Earth’s Gender Bias,” the New York Times claimed, “The Apollo program was designed by men, for men. But NASA can learn from its failures as it aims to send women to the moon and beyond.”

...

“These men were exceptional,” said Charles of the Apollo 11 crew. “Could they have been women? I suppose in a different era and time they will or could be, but in that moment of time, we should be prouder than proud and stop turning everything into some sort of a political knife fight. It’s just absurd.”

Charles continued, “I look back and I think to myself, if you cannot be proud as an American of what America accomplished as one nation under God — 250 million people, 400 thousand engineers, with the future of the world in the balance — if you can’t be proud of what we did then, I don’t think you can ever be proud of America, and I think if you can’t, then you better start thinking about why you should be.”'

The Art of Self-Defense Explores the Absurd Horrors of Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This tonal muddle is appropriate to the state of the American psyche in 2019, when fury and rage are constant factors in every kind of discourse and seemingly empty threats can be hard to separate from real danger. The Art of Self-Defense, which follows Casey's transformation from mild-mannered office drone to terrifying street vigilante, functions as an update of Fight Club, 20 years on. Whereas that earlier film saw its disaffected Generation X protagonists get in touch with their violent instincts as a form of catharsis, The Art of Self-Defense posits that these days, men do not have to dig deeply to find their inner brutes.

...

Casey Davies (played by Jesse Eisenberg), the protagonist of The Art of Self-Defense, is afraid—of other men, in particular. "I want to be what intimidates me," he tells Sensei (Alessandro Nivola), the soft-spoken, self-assured instructor at a local karate dojo who seems to be everything Casey isn't. Riley Stearns's new film is a parable about Casey's fraught ideals of masculinity that veers between goofy parody and rather straightforward horror. The script prods the audience to laugh as Casey begins his absurd journey toward becoming more intimidating, then suddenly swivels into more frightening territory.'

Here are 18 ridiculous bias complaints filed on college campuses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'1. Student reports roommate for watching Ben Shapiro video (Michigan State)
...
2. 70-year old student tries to attend talk on “microaggressions,” is turned away for being too old (Indiana)
...
3. Female student upset at being made to read economics book by men (Utah)

A 22-year old female University of Utah student reported her business professor to campus administrators for, among other things, assigning too many historical texts written by influential male economists of the past.

“I understand the importance of studying the work of those before us and the importance of context,” wrote the student in a complaint to the university’s bias reporting system, where she labeled the professor’s transgressions “derogatory,” “degrading,” and “intimidating,” thereby causing a “hostile learning environment.”'

Women’s Group Complains About Women Holding Most College Debt, Blames Sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It seems that women these days have absolutely no control over their own choices, as consequences that stem from the choices they make are explained as the result of institutional sexism.
...
“Women hold almost two-thirds of the outstanding student debt in the U.S. — about $929 billion. The gender pay gap is one factor that keeps women from paying off their debt as quickly as men,” the group tweeted.

The tweet leaves out the obvious – that women are the majority of college graduates, so it makes sense that they would have the majority of outstanding debt. The AAUW study mentions this early on, but as with all things from the AAUW, the study goes on to blame sexism for the reason women don’t pay off their debt as quickly as men.
...
The gender wage gap is also not a “wage” gap at all, but an earnings gap due to the different choices men and women make in their careers, such as taking time off. Yet organizations like Time’s Up and AAUW exist to convince women they are oppressed and discriminated against, so they continue to peddle false information year after year despite consistently being called out by even left-wing media outlets.

The only real solution is to control the choices women make – but no one, rightly, would make such an absurd argument.'

Judge approves ‘wanton and reckless misconduct’ claim against university for Title IX investigation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Universities that are mulling whether to destroy evidence in Title IX investigations got an answer last week: Don’t.

U.S. District Judge Janet Arterton refused to dismiss a host of claims against Quinnipiac University – including “reckless and wanton misconduct” by university officials – by a student it found responsible for intimate partner violence. The case will now go before a jury.
...
Quinnipiac’s treatment of the parties was starkly different, John alleged. Both he and his ex claimed that the other harassed them, but the university only investigated her claims. Arterton also cited Quinnipiac’s differing definitions of “intimate partner violence” for each party as a reason for letting a jury hear the case.'

California board diversity mandate spreads to other states, Washington

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Article here. Excerpt:

'California's mandate that boards of directors overseeing public companies include women is catching fire as states including Illinois, New York and New Jersey, as well as lawmakers in Washington, consider similar rules to promote diversity, government officials told CQ Roll Call.

But efforts to establish requirements for other underrepresented groups such as African Americans and Latinos or Latinas, however, are encountering opposition from business groups and skeptics who say the measures either aren't needed or aren't inclusive enough.

The California law, SB 826, passed late last year amid predictions a court challenge would halt it. So far, no lawsuit has materialized.'

University claims accused students love Title IX process with no cross-examination or hearing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Several courts have ruled against campus sexual-misconduct investigations that prevent adjudicators from effectively comparing the credibility of accused and accusing students.

Judges argue that credibility determinations are best accomplished through cross-examination in live hearings, perhaps via videoconference. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals went so far as to recommend the University of Michigan watch the movie My Cousin Vinny to learn how to do this.

But many universities favor the opposite of this approach, known as the single-investigator model: One official separately interviews parties and witnesses, reaches findings and determines sanctions.

According to Texas Christian University, accused students actually like this process when they go through it.'

Suit Seeks to Protect Students Accused of Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a groundbreaking move, the first-ever prospective class-action lawsuit that would benefit students accused of sexual assault has been filed against a university, potentially reversing the outcomes of dozens of sexual violence cases.

Experts say the suit against Michigan State University is a clever legal maneuver that takes advantage of a significant ruling in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Judges determined in September 2018 that students accused of sexual assault, or their representatives, had a right to directly question their accuser, which legal experts said would reshape the notion of due process in these cases.

The lawsuit could theoretically challenge, even retroactively, the results of any campus sexual violence case that didn't offer due process protections.

Advocates for accused students have long maintained that institutions disregard due process rights in investigating and adjudicating campus rape charges, ever since the Obama administration in 2011 released guidance around Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the federal sex antidiscrimination law.'

Woman Hits Her Boyfriend On The Head With A Laptop After He Looked At Another Woman On A Plane

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Here's how you can approach the situation if you have an angry damsel creating a ton of drama, which is unpleasant:

(1) Reason Out The Situation With Her

If something is making her so mad at you, maybe try and pacify her before it escalates to another different level. Answer her questions or just tell her what she needs to hear, especially if you're in a public space and sort it out later amongst yourselves, when you have the time and space to.

(2) Show A Bit Of Authority And Ask Her To Step Aside With You

If you really want to finish talking about it, authoritatively ask her to step aside with you and talk about it and finish the matter then and there instead of making public spectacle over it.

(3) Give Her A Hug

Yup, a hug can work if she's hysterical or livid. Just make sure it doesn't worsen the situation. Any form of physical affection usually gives one comfort and releases whatever stress they're holding onto. So if you have your girlfriend absolutely losing her mind on you, approach her steadfastly and hug her till she calms down.'

House bill would withhold funds from Men's World Cup until women's team earns equal pay

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two Democratic congresswomen on Tuesday introduced a bill that would block federal funding for the 2026 men's World Cup until the US Women's National Team earns "fair and equitable wages compared to the US men's team."

The legislation, co-sponsored by Reps. Doris Matsui of California and Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut, comes amid the team's longstanding battle for equal pay.
...
DeLauro said federal funding for the men's tournament in 2026 would be "encouraging the pay gap to continue." "Congress needs to ensure women in the same job are getting the same pay," DeLauro said in a statement.

Two weeks ago, Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin introduced a Senate version of the bill, which would similarly block federal funding until US Soccer agrees to "provide equitable pay."
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Still, it's unclear just how much money would actually be withheld if the bills succeed in Congress.'

It’s Official: Al Franken Was The Victim Of #MeToo Overreach

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the latest #MeToo news, veteran New Yorker reporter Jane Mayer has published a lengthy investigative story that appears to vindicate Al Franken, the former Democratic Senator from Minnesota who resigned in 2017 under a barrage of sexual misconduct charges. Mayer’s conservative critics have accused her of partisan bias, especially in view of her (they say) unskeptical coverage of charges against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. They have a good point. But partisan though it may be, Mayer’s piece is a step in the right direction—that of tempering the #MeToo movement’s laudable concern with sexual violence and abuse of power with a genuine commitment to a presumption of innocence and a more realistic view of sexual dynamics.

Back in 2017 when the Franken scandal played out, some of us—including some who, like my own libertarian/center-right self, did not particularly care for most of the Senator’s politics—said all along that he was the victim of a witch-hunt. Granted, the notorious 2006 photo in which Franken (then a comedian) reached toward a sleeping woman’s breasts in a mock intent to grope while grinning at the camera was not a good look. But the details that quickly emerged added some strong exculpatory context.'

Penn State retroactively redefined ‘consent’ after accused student won a new hearing: lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When Pennsylvania State University found a male student responsible for sexual misconduct, it said he had coerced a female student into sex by “cajoling” her.

A high-ranking official questioned the finding, asking if the hearing panel had correctly applied the university’s consent definition.

The taxpayer-funded institution then retroactively changed its consent definition and scheduled another Title IX hearing, according to a lawsuit filed last week.

“John Doe” claims that PSU violated his Fourteenth Amendment right to due process and Title IX right to “equal treatment.” The university is liable under the “erroneous outcome” theory of Title IX, he argues, because its gender bias led to the incorrect finding against him.

It’s just PSU’s latest appearance before U.S. District Judge Matthew Brann, who allowed a due-process lawsuit to continue against PSU last fall. He ruled that its practice of conducting “paper-only” investigations “raises constitutional concerns.”

Brann also issued a temporary restraining order against PSU in a similar lawsuit two years ago, though that was in response to a concluded Title IX investigation where the student faced suspension or expulsion.'

California's Date-Rape Bill Could Be Trumpted

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Article here. Excerpt:

'California is considering a bill, SB493, to govern investigations of alleged date rapes on college campuses – which would deny the right to cross examine, and make the investigator also a judge and jury – but any such legislation is likely to be countermanded by the growing number of judges holding that colleges, even private ones, must provide due process protections to accused students, suggests public interest law professor John Banzhaf.

The Constitution, with its guarantees of due process, trumps federal law, state law, and also any federal regulations, notes Banzhaf, who cites a number of recent examples.

A federal judge has just stopped a hearing at the University of Virginia [UVA] which probably would have prevented a student from graduating and beginning his now job, even though the alleged sexual assault occurred off campus to a woman who had no connection whatsoever with the university.

The judge found that his due process rights would be violated since he would not even be allowed to raise a basic defense to the charges, reports Banzhaf.'

How 2 Women Used Sex, Activism, and Title IX To Scam a Harvard Professor Out of His House, Job, and Money

Mastodon · 26 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Stop what you're doing and read this amazing story in The Cut about Bruce Hay, a Harvard Law School professor who is currently serving an indefinite suspension while the university investigates Title IX claims against him.

Title IX, the gender equality law oft-cited as a pretext to deprive accused students and professors of due process rights during sexual misconduct tribunals, is a minor villain in The Cut piece, which relates how two horrible women perpetrated a long con on Hay that eventually deprived him of his house and livelihood. He has spent $300,000 in legal fees keeping the pair, Maria-Pia Shuman and Mischa Haider, at bay.

Shuman approached Hay in a hardware store in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 2015. She claimed she was visiting from Paris, and staying with Haider, a trans woman working on a doctorate at Harvard. Hay was divorced, but living with his ex-wife and their children. Shuman claimed she was a lesbian—both her and Haider were outspoken feminists and social justice advocates—but found Hay stunningly attractive. They met for coffee, then for dinner, and finally had a sexual encounter.'

"Brian Banks" set for release

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A film about Brian Banks named eponymously is set for release in August 2019 after a limited release in 2018. Wikipedia on it here. Excerpt:

'Brian Banks is a 2018 American biographical drama film directed by Tom Shadyac and starring Aldis Hodge as Brian Banks, a football linebacker who was falsely accused of committing rape.
...
This film is based on the true story of Brian Banks, a man who was accused of rape but with help of a lawyer (Greg Kinnear) of The California Innocence Project was cleared of the charges. Brian and his lawyer must not only clear his name but also continue his dream to play with the NFL eventually playing for the Atlanta Falcons.'

He Helped Expose The Absurdity Of Gender Studies And Was Investigated For Misconduct By His University

Mastodon · 27 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last year, three scholars submitted fake research papers to various journals in an effort to show that sanity and reason go out the window when it comes to gender issues. The hoax was a success, with seven out of 20 papers accepted for publication (four were published before the hoax was exposed) and seven more were under review. Just six were rejected.

After the hoax was revealed, one of the scholars, Portland State University philosophy professor Peter Boghossian, was investigated by his employer for alleged ethics violations relating to his research project, as The Daily Wire previously reported. Last week, Boghossian received the final results of the investigation, which concluded he did not violate any standards pertaining to the ethical treatment of animals, nor did he plagiarize, fabricate, or falsify any research. PSU did find, however, that Boghossian had violated norms relating to “human subjects’ rights and protection.”

Boghossian’s research papers were fake. There were no actual test subjects for the papers. The "test subjects" were the people who accepted the papers without thoroughly reviewing them.'

Toxic Masculinity or Cultural Misandry?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some years have passed since my article on “Father Absence, Father Deficit, Father Hunger: The Vital Importance of Paternal Presence in Children’s Lives,” yet I still hear from scores of fathers about the severe challenges they face in maintaining their day-to-day relationships with their children. Fatherhood involvement continues to be a major focus of my academic research, and the forced alienation of fathers from children’s lives remains a central issue of concern.

Amidst the many challenges faced by many North American fathers in their efforts to maintain some semblance of meaningful involvement in the lives of their children, six months ago the American Psychological Association issued their guidelines for Psychological Practice for Boys and Men, 13 years in the making and consolidating 40 years of empirical research, mainly from a feminist standpoint. The guidelines are based on the view that “traditional masculinity” and a masculine sense of entitlement is the root cause of men’s mental health problems, not structural factors such as misguided family laws and policies and mean-spirited cultural responses to men-at-risk. Abusive behavior is described in the guidelines as male-typical behavior, and traditional masculinity is part and parcel of a patriarchal ideology that fosters violence and abuse, sexual harassment and rape. Selfish, violent and abusive behaviors of men are not considered as pathological exceptions, but in line with masculine norms.'

British tourist said to admit she made up gang rape since she felt ‘humiliated’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The British tourist who had claimed she was a victim of a gang rape in Cyprus has revised her testimony to say that the sex was consensual, explaining that she filed the complaint against 12 Israeli teenagers because she felt humiliated after they filmed the act without her consent and booted her from the hotel room, Hebrew-language media reported Sunday.

After five of the suspects were freed last week, the remaining seven were released from custody Sunday, police said. They and their families celebrated outside the court, dancing and singing religious songs.

The 19-year-old woman is now under arrest and “is facing charges of giving a false statement over an imaginary offense,” a police spokesman said earlier. “Rape never took place,” another police source said.'

20 Democrats Who Spread Women's Soccer 'Equal Pay' Hoax

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This week, the president of the U.S. Soccer Federation published a letter detailing the fact that the U.S. women players are already paid more than the men, and also that the women's games have lost millions of dollars.

U.S. Soccer President Carlos Cordeiro released a letter on Monday stating his organization's position that the U.S. Women's National Team is not underpaid despite the constant claim to the contrary pushed by liberals all across the country.

He revealed that the U.S. Women's games have realized a net loss of $27.5 million over the last decade. Despite that massive loss, Cordeiro added that the women players have been paid a collective $34.1 million while the men were only paid $26.4 million since 2010.

Regardless of the real financial situation in U.S. soccer, liberals have been of a single mind pushing the claim that the women players are underpaid. A very long list of Democrats jumped to support the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team's quest for "equal pay," especially once they won the Women's World Cup.

Naturally, New York's leading socialist Democrat, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, tweeted out her demand for "equal pay."'

New US Soccer fact sheet eviscerates Megan Rapinoe's 'equal pay' narrative

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First, it reveals that while U.S. Soccer is the target of the USWNT's equal pay lawsuit, they're not even the ones paying the men and women unequally. According to U.S. Soccer President Carlos Cordeiro, they actually pay the women more than the men. He writes:
Over the past decade, U.S. Soccer has paid our Women's National Team more than our Men's National Team. From 2010 through 2018, U.S. Soccer paid our women $34.1 million in salaries and game bonuses and we paid our men $26.4 million—not counting the significant additional value of various benefits that our women's players receive but which our men do not.

How's that for sexist? Cordeiro explains that this pay gap — in favor of the women — is due to different pay structures the men and women have negotiated, as the women's team is given an annual salary and benefits while the men are paid more sporadically, proportional to participation. This disparity is necessary because the men have more professional soccer opportunities outside of international competition, such as the leagues in Europe and Major League Soccer. National soccer is a side gig for them, not a full-time job.'

Here We Go: "He Couldn't Get Laid"

Matt · 30 July 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From those mass shooters who have attacked the innocent before, we know it's a specific strain of anger — deep, repressed, biblically vengeful — felt most commonly by young men, almost always white, who report feeling alienated, dispossessed, misunderstood, victimized and all too often rejected by women.

Their chosen outlet is the mass slaughter of innocents, carnage at places the rest of us once deemed safe — schools, hospitals, places of work and worship, concerts, carnivals — all meant to hold us hostage, in fear of the next reprisal we're not responsible for and won't see coming.'

College hid evidence that accuser invented rape to get out of punishment for drinking: lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Minnesota liberal arts school hid exculpatory evidence from a student it found responsible for sexual assault, even though it knew his accuser had ulterior motives, according to a federal lawsuit filed earlier this month.

Carleton College withheld evidence that “Jane Doe asked campus security if she could face discipline for underage drinking before filing her complaint” against “John Doe,” he alleges in the suit.

John was also left in the dark about the fact that a Title IX coordinator told Jane she wouldn’t be punished if her underage drinking was disclosed “as part of a sexual assault claim,” the suit claims.'

Gillette's 'toxic masculinity' ad haunts P&G as shaving giant takes $8B writedown

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gillette's infamous "toxic masculinity" ad may cost Procter & Gamble more than anyone imagined in January.

The year that Gillette launched its "We Believe" campaign and asked "Is this the best a man can get?" has coincided with P&G's $8 billion non-cash writedown for the shaving giant.

Chief Financial Officer Jon Moeller attributed much of the losses on "new competitors" offering "prices below the category average," Reuters reported.

Observers such as Red State's Brandon Morse responded by essentially likening the public stance to a lie by omission — the "toxic masculinity" ad punctuated news cycles for weeks and was repeatedly mocked on social media.

"Perhaps P&G isn't willing to come forward yet with the fact that they made a monumental error in assuming men would take the 'toxic masculinity' commercial well, but they should soon," Mr. Morse wrote Wednesday for the conservative website. "The brand is damaged enough to lose billions, and men aren't coming back, especially with cheaper alternatives embracing men for who they are and not assuming the worst about them."'

Gillette CEO says it was "worth it": https://www.marketingweek.com/gillette-metoo-campaign-fallout/

What Men Need to Teach Boys Today More Than Anything

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rachel Giese's controversial, prize-winning book Boys: What it Means to Become a Man asks a simple question that, once asked, has no end of complex, interwoven answers. The question is one most readers will be surprised has not been asked before: feminism changed how women live and how girls are raised. But what about boys?

In Giese's wide-ranging study, Boys posits that masculinity is not something to be downplayed, nor automatically dismissed as "toxic", but instead is a daily reality lived by half the human population and a construct that is centuries overdue for a cultural and psychological tune up. Boys and young men can be raised to be empathetic, nurturing, and emotionally open, but our culture inhibits such growth. Subsequently, boys become men before they are ready to be adults – and the pressures to perform a masculinity that is not only outdated but self-harming is relentless.'

Sex doll ruling arouses controversy in South Korea

Matt · 2 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A petition calling for a ban on importing life-size sex dolls into South Korea has gathered nearly a quarter million signatures as of Friday, passing a threshold that requires the president's office to respond to the matter.

While sex dolls are not illegal in South Korea, government customs agencies had blocked their import under a law that restricts materials that "corrupt public morals."

However, the Seoul High Court said in January that sex dolls were for personal use and should be treated differently than pornography, which is heavily restricted under South Korean law. That decision was upheld by the supreme court in June.'

Kevin Williamson: Jeffrey Goldberg Said Atlantic Will Not Hire Another ‘White Man’ as Editor

Mastodon · 2 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a new book by Kevin Williamson, — who was fired from The Atlantic shortly after his hiring was announced — the conservative writer claims Atlantic editor in chief Jeffrey Goldberg once predicted the end of white men running the famed mag.

“Goldberg himself remarked that it would be impossible to hire a white man as editor of The Atlantic if the position were to come open,” Williamson writes in his new book, The Smallest Minority: Independent Thinking in the Age of Mob Politics.

Williamson, who returned to the National Review after the Atlantic affair, adds that Goldberg said “that he does not expect to see such a job offered to a man such as himself in his lifetime.”'

CPI Calls on Attorney General Barr to Cease Promotion of ‘Trauma-Informed’ and ‘Start By Believing’ Methods

Matt · 3 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Today the Center for Prosecutor Integrity is sending a letter to Attorney General Barr regarding the Department of Justice’s support of investigative methods that openly bias the investigative process. The letter was occasioned by the recent complaint of former Virginia governor Douglas Wilder, who claimed a sexual misconduct investigation launched by Virginia Commonwealth University against him was “unsound, biased and violates due process.”

The CPI letter charges the DOJ has “aggressively” promoted such “victim-centered” investigative methods in recent years.

On May 29, 2019 the DOJ Office for Victims of Crime sponsored a webinar titled, “Law Enforcement Response: Approaching Your Work with a Trauma–Informed Lens.” The program instructed attendees to take a “conviction-oriented approach,” which is at odds with the dictum that investigations need to be impartial, fair, and free of bias. The presenter insisted that the main focus of courtroom testimony should be on eliciting the feelings of the “victim” – not to elucidate the evidence and facts pertaining to the incident.'

ABA Resolves You're Guilty of Rape

Matt · 5 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Please see first comment for contact info. Excerpt:

'It was only a few years ago when the woke at the American Law institute tried their darndest to change the model penal code to make every defendant a rapist if someone said so. Sure, it's ironic as the cognitive-dissonance-impaired scholars railed against mass incarceration, for decriminalization of drugs and rended their hair suits over the disproportionate convictions of minorities, while simultaneously doing the opposite when it came to sex offenses.

After all, anything that negatively impacted the feelings of women trumped every other concept for which they were ready to man the barricades. A rationalization was that sexual assault had become an "epidemic." Of course, it became an "epidemic" because the woke eliminated any definition and turned it into "rape is whatever a woman feels it is, whenever she feels it, for good reason, bad reason or no reason."
...

In the meantime, the ABA apparently shared my concern for the marginalized and has taken up the cause where ALI failed. Resolution 114 will be put to their House of Delegates at its Annual Meeting, consisting of the last three full-paying members and lots of third-wave-feminist academics.

COMMISSION ON DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION
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REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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2 consent in sexual assault cases as the assent of a person who is competent to give
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4 provide that consent is expressed by words or action in the context of all the
5 circumstances, and to reject any requirement that sexual assault victims have a legal
6 burden of verbal or physical resistance.'

Students file class-action lawsuits against Cal State, UC for depriving them due process under Title IX

Mastodon · 6 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When a federal appeals court ruling opened the floodgates to class-action litigation against universities in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee for depriving accused students of due process, a pioneering lawyer took advantage of it.

California state courts have also proven friendly to the victims of Title IX kangaroo courts, leading another lawyer to file class-action suits against the 10-campus University of California and 23-campus California State University systems in the past month.

And yet again, the Title IX coordinator for the UC system is pledging to ignore judicial orders until forced to comply.'

Boy Scout scandal could be bigger than Catholic Church crisis

Matt · 6 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. And seriously, girls want to join? Excerpt:

'The Boy Scouts of America are continuing to cover-up a "pedophilia epidemic within their organization," a group of lawyers alleged Tuesday in a new lawsuit.

The Abused in Scouting lawyers said they've identified 350 previously unknown scoutmasters and volunteers who allegedly preyed on boys — and whose names were not known to law enforcement or in the BSA's internal database, which critics have called "perversion files."

"You can't look at these files and not come to the conclusion that this was a massive problem that was hidden," attorney Tim Kosnoff said at a press conference.
...
The revelation that the lawyers had identified a small army who they claim are previously unknown scout sex abusers was contained in the lawsuit filed Monday in Philadelphia by a Pennsylvania man identified only as "J.D." who claims he was assaulted "hundreds" of times over a span of four years in the 1970s.'

Single men are choosing cats to take the stress off finding a partner and offer emotional support

Mastodon · 8 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A study into the rise of moggie-owning male singletons revealed one in four thinks their pet has taken the pressure off being single, as they are good company in lieu of a partner.

Another 29 per cent like having their cat around as they are "good to talk to", and half believe their pet helps "keep them calm."

One in 10 even went as far to say their cat offered "counsel" through an emotional break-up.

Jonny Gould, CEO for pet wellbeing firm Itchpet.com which commissioned the study, said: “The news comes as a blow for man’s best friend, with a quarter of single men going as far as to say cats are on their way to usurping dogs from their throne.

“Our feline friends can often come up against a bit of stick for being independent and aloof, so it’s great to shine a compassionate light on how the nation’s cats are taking care of us.

“Cats can offer great emotional support, so it’s only fair that we take care of them in return."'

Binary Victimhood

Robber748 · 9 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'Many systems in the world are, for the most part, binary. Off/On. Positive/Negative. Yes/No. Day/Night. Right/Left. Alive/Dead. ...

Victimhood is also binary. Women can be victims. Men can't.

In reality, men are victims just as much as women, if not more. But, the rules of society do not allow for this reality. If you will forgive a little exaggeration, men are not allowed to be victims or to be seen as victims. (For the sake of clarity and conciseness, I will exaggerate, but I believe my exaggerations are close to the truth—concise, but not quite precise.) Women are encouraged to be victims and to be considered as victims. Women are encouraged to complain. More than this, victimhood for women is well-nigh demanded.

I believe these characteristics were imposed on us by sexual selection. Women have always looked for mates who were strong, productive, generous, and protective—men who could help women raise children. This has encouraged men to be chivalrous, clever enough to solve any problem, and able to provide food, shelter, and protection.

Men who could not provide these things, or were weak, or were victims, or had too many problems of their own were avoided by women. These men could not provide for and protect women and their children. This has led men to feel that they must be alpha-males, and they are not allowed to be or appear to be victims. And men aren't allowed to complain.'

Title IX update: OCR opens investigations against UC-Berkeley and Rice University

Mastodon · 9 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In response to my requests for federal civil rights compliance reviews, the San Francisco and Dallas Offices for Civil Rights (OCR) recently opened investigations against two more universities for offering, promoting, sponsoring, and hosting single-gender, female-only programs that potentially violate Title IX's prohibition of sex discrimination:

1. The University of California-Berkeley is being investigated by the San Francisco OCR for the following single-gender, girl-only programs:

The Girls in Engineering (GiE) Camps is a series of four summer camps at UC-Berkeley that have historically openly discriminated based on gender, openly excluded some students from participation in those programs based on gender, and openly denied some students from the benefits of those programs based on gender, in violation of Title IX. Eligibility for GiE Camps is restricted to "Girls entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grade and living in the San Francisco Bay Area."

2. Rice University is being investigated by the Dallas OCR for the following two gender-discriminatory, single-gender, girl-only (no boys allowed) educational programs:

Design, Connect, Create: Physics for Young Women is an annual free, two-week day camp for current 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade girls [only] that was last held June 17-29, 2019.

Rice University IBB Girls STEM Initiative is an extensive preparatory program for economically disadvantaged female [only] high school rising sophomores.'

UMass violated due process by punishing accused student with no hearing, appeals court rules

Mastodon · 11 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Public colleges in New England were put on notice this week: They are not allowed to severely punish students based solely on unvetted allegations.

The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the University of Massachusetts-Amherst for immediately suspending a student accused of assaulting his girlfriend.

James Haidak remained suspended for five months without a formal hearing, violating his constitutional right to due process, according to the three-judge panel.

The opinion by Judge William Kayatta concluded that public colleges must formally grant accused students the opportunity to be heard before punishment, absent some documented “exigency.”

But the 1st Circuit stopped far short of the due-process requirements set over the past two years by the 6th Circuit, which has jurisdiction over Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.

It did not require universities to let accusers and accused students cross-examine each other directly or through representatives such as lawyers. The panel also gave broad leeway to adjudicators to decide which questions to ask each party from the other.'

Australia: Stop the feminists control of domestic violence funding

Mastodon · 12 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Are you constantly shuddering over the latest madness from gender warriors to control our society? Here's your chance for you to actually do something to try to rein them in.

The feminists are up in arms at the move by the federal government to provide some counselling for couples dealing with domestic violence; a tiny $10 million out of a budget of $328 million, which is the latest raft of funding adding to the huge cash cow which supports the domestic violence industry. This includes ongoing funding for the male-bashing Stop It At The Start television campaign, which has already cost $30 million.

See this Guardian article showing all the lobby groups lining up to try to put a stop to the couple counselling? They all promote the usual feminist propaganda, claiming domestic violence invariably involves dangerous men controlling their partners and suggesting couples counselling puts women at risk.'

Green Party leader Caroline Lucas calls for 'all-women emergency cabinet' to stop no-deal Brexit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Caroline Lucas has written to 10 female politicians opposed to no-deal inviting them to form an "emergency cabinet" that would "press the pause button" on Brexit and offer a new EU referendum.

She said the aim would be to secure a Commons vote of no-confidence in Boris Johnson followed by the formation of a government of national unity.

Labour's shadow foreign secretary Emily Thornberry, Liberal Democrat leader Jo Swinson and Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon are among the women that Ms Lucas has contacted.

Writing in The Guardian, Ms Lucas said: "We need an 'emergency cabinet' - not to fight a Brexit war but to work for reconciliation. And I believe this should be a cabinet of women.'

In Historic Win for Due Process, ABA Defeats Controversial ‘Affirmative Consent’ Measure

Matt · 13 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, the American Bar Association House of Delegates defeated an “affirmative consent” resolution that could have fundamentally reshaped the sexual practices of many millions of Americans. Following a contentious debate, delegates voted 256-165 to defeat the measure.

Relying on ungainly prose, revised ABA Resolution 114 stated, “RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges legislatures and courts to define consent in sexual assault cases as the consent of a person who is competent to give consent to engage in a specific act of sexual penetration, oral sex, or sexual contact, to provide that consent is expressed by words or action in the context of all the circumstances, provided that nothing herein changes the Constitutionally-guaranteed presumption of innocence, or the burden of proof, which at all times remains on the prosecution to prove every element of an offense, including without limitation lack of consent, beyond a reasonable doubt.” (1)

The resolution was opposed by a broad coalition of groups, including over 100 members of the American Law Institute, the National Association of Criminal Justice Lawyers and many of its state affiliates, and other organizations (2).

Prosecutors played a key role in defeating the measure. The Center for Prosecutor Integrity opposed an earlier version of the resolution because it “violates the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments by shifting the burden of proof to the accused person, effectively eliminating the presumption of innocence.” (3) The North Carolina Advocates for Justice, which consists of both prosecutors and defense attorneys, came out against the measure because it “offends fundamental and well-established notions of justice.” (4)'

How Hundreds of Campus #MeToo Punishments Could Get Tossed

Matt · 13 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Michigan State undergrad accused of sexual assault. A Cal grad student who says he was denied due process. The Maryland baseball players accused of rape.

And as of Friday, a Baylor professor who says he was falsely accused of raping a student.

They're all suing to clear their names—and, in some cases, get monetary damages—and turn back what had been a wave of Title IX complaints that swept U.S. college campuses during the peak of the #MeToo and "believe all women" movements.

On Friday, John Doe, a pseudonym for an assistant professor in Baylor's Department of Economics, filed a 35-page federal lawsuit in Waco, Texas, that alleges he engaged in a consensual relationship with a female student who, in July 2018, accused him of rape, sexual exploitation, intimate-partner violence, and more.'

How to close the massive gender gap in Congress

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The quickest way to get to gender parity is to require it.

“If you could do anything ... and be really transformative, the thing to do would be to adopt a quota policy,” says Diana O’Brien, a political science professor at Texas A&M University who focuses on the intersection of gender and politics.

Quotas are now used in some capacity by half the countries in the world — including in many of those that currently rank above the US when it comes to gender parity. In places that have imposed a quota, like Tanzania and Rwanda, anywhere from 20 to 50 percent of representatives in the country’s federal legislature are legally required to be women. It’s a mandate that works.

The prime place to enact this could be in the Senate, O’Brien told Vox. An amendment to the Constitution or new legislation could mandate that every state elect at least one female senator, for example. The House is slightly more challenging since districts only have one representative, but half the seats in the lower chamber could also be effectively “reserved” for women.'

Australia: Sexual assault allegations being 'hijacked' by quota push, says Liberal Party VP

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Federal Liberal Party vice president Karina Okotel has accused fellow party members of trying to "hijack" sexual assault allegations by female staffers to push for gender quotas within the party.

Ms Okotel, who describes the allegations as "horrendous", said the call from some within the Liberal Party to introduce quotas in the days since the former staffers came forward was "hugely disappointing" and argued that men were not inherently abusive.

Her comments, in an opinion piece for The Sydney Morning Herald and The Age, come ahead of a meeting of the party's federal executive on Friday, where it is expected to discuss a highly anticipated review of bullying and harassment within the party.'

Intact America Proposes Adding Circumcision and Genital Cutting to List of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

DanBollinger · 14 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Intact America announces the launch of AdverseChildhoodExperiences.net, a new website designed to encourage researchers and public health agencies to include child genital cutting in the standard ACEs questionnaire. Together with the simultaneous release of an auto-scoring ACEs quiz mobile app (in Android and iOS), this new tool expands resources available for practitioners who treat victims of childhood trauma.

This initiative was inspired when Dan Bollinger, an independent men's issues researcher, and Georganne Chapin, Executive Director of Intact America, separately observed that the widely deployed and reputable ACEs 10-item questionnaire included a question about sexual abuse but excluded forcible genital cutting. Subsequently, they collaborated on the website and app, and have published a white paper titled "Child Genital Cutting as an Adverse Childhood Experience" supporting the modification of the standard ACEs questionnaire to include child genital cutting (CGC).

The current ACE questionnaire addresses sexual abuse by asking: "Did an adult or person at least 5 years older than you ever: Touch or fondle you or have you touch their body in a sexual way? Or attempt or actually have oral, anal, or vaginal intercourse with you?" Chapin and Bollinger propose adding "…or surgically alter your genitals or circumcise you at birth or later?"'

University refuses to readmit football player after he's exonerated of rape: lawyer

Mastodon · 15 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the eyes of the criminal justice system, as of last week, Quintez Cephus is not guilty of sexual assault.

In the eyes of the University of Wisconsin, which expelled the ex-football player in March, Cephus may have still broken campus regulations that require him to prove he had "enthusiastic, affirmative and ongoing consent" throughout any sexual encounter.

Cephus's lawyer Stephen Meyer told the Wisconsin State Journal that the administration gave him a "clear message" that they don't want him returning to Madison "this semester."

The university has no excuse not to readmit him, the lawyer said, because of everything that came out at the criminal trial.'

92 percent of sex-specific scholarships are reserved for women, study finds

Mastodon · 16 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'University of Michigan-Flint economist Mark Perry has company in his one-man crusade to expose scholarships that exclude men from consideration in possible violation of the law.

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, which advocates for the due process rights of accused students, has added fair treatment in scholarships to its earlier agenda of fair treatment in sexual misconduct proceedings for both men and women.

The group analyzed sex-specific scholarships at “115 of the nation’s largest universities” and found fewer than 10 percent reserved for men. To be specific, fewer than 100 out of nearly 1,200. The rest were reserved for women.

It reviewed colleges in 24 states from January to May, but cautions that it only looked for sex-specific scholarships on “publicly available web pages,” so it doesn’t cover all such scholarships.'

College settles anti-male bias lawsuit rather than face a jury

Mastodon · 17 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the longest-running Title IX lawsuits stemming from the Obama administration's "Dear Colleague" sexual-misconduct guidance has settled.

A federal judge ruled last month that a jury would decide whether Grinnell College violated an accused male student's Title IX rights and breached his contract by treating him differently than his female accusers.

That apparently prompted the Iowa liberal arts college to settle with "John Doe." A joint notice of settlement published Friday says they plan to file a stipulation of dismissal next week, preempting the jury trial scheduled to start Sept. 16.

The actions of Grinnell officials were called into question by U.S. District Judge Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger in the July ruling.

One of them is former chief justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, Marsha Ternus, now a lawyer in private practice who specializes in student conduct adjudications.'

NY Post: It’s masculinity to the rescue

mens_issues · 17 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'In every story of bloodshed and mayhem, it’s the same. Tales of selfless male heroism and chivalry emerge in the face of mortal danger.

These are men who rush toward danger, risking their lives and even dying in the noble cause of protecting women and children.

...

We always are quick to point to the dark side of masculinity when violence is committed, but too often we overlook the feats of bravery by men who combat it.

Call it the chivalry instinct, it is what inspires men to run toward danger to protect the weak.

This is the noble side of masculinity that we once would perpetuate in folklore and stories passed down from father to son about what it means to be a real man.'

Boeing concentrates on having diverse staff -- and is failing to build trustworthy airplanes

Matt · 18 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

From a MANN reader:

Boeing is, or was, one of the foremost airplane manufacturers in the world.

Recently, they began to concentrate on diversity hiring. That's not specialisation diversity, which might have led to something completely different in aircraft design. It's just making sure that the identity groups their staff belong to are numerous. It seems that Boeing management think that being able to identify as a Boeing employee is no longer enough for Boeing employees.

Boeing proudly announce "In 2018 women comprised 49 percent of all manager hires and 26 percent of all executive hires, compared with 28 percent and 16 percent in 2017, respectively." The company's website states that "Boeing has made diversity and inclusion a strategic priority — and external validators have taken notice. On May 7, it was announced that Boeing ranked 32nd out of more than 1,800 companies that participated in DiversityInc's 2019 Top 50 Companies for Diversity survey" In a chilling likeness to the USSR's political commissars in every factory, Boeing has 'Diversity Councils' which seem to be involved with their diverse - and probably divisive - employee associations such as Boeing Asian Professional Association. Boeing Employee Pride Alliance and (or course) Boeing Women Inspiring Leadership and Boeing Men's Professional Association. Guess which one of those I just made up!

With all this concentration on diversity, they must be doing well, right? Even when diversity doesn't include that dwindling minority, the pale (and getting stale) men who made the company great.

But the Post and Courier is reporting that things aren't going so well. Under a headline of 'Airline surveys point to ongoing production problems at Boeing's SC plant' their article points out that for the first time in its history, Boeing customers are going public with the range and seriousness of problems in 787 Dreamliner planes being delivered.

"For example, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines called the factory's quality control "way below acceptable standards" for a 787-10 delivered at North Charleston in June. The plane included a special livery to celebrate the carrier's 100th anniversary.

"KLM noted several issues, including a loose seat, missing or wrongly installed cotter pins, nuts not fully tightened, an unsecured fuel line clamp and several unspecified missing parts."

This is on top of recent problems with their other flagship (flagaerocraft?) product, the 737 MAX. Forbes reports that as a result of shoddy standards, in April Boeing cut production to 80% trying to improve matters.

The Continental Telegraph has an article on the matter under the heading of Nuts and Bolts. They list Boeing's board of directors and point out that only one of the thirteen has even a degree in aerospace engineering. I suppose that's what diversity brings: having people who know about all kinds of stuff other than the business at hand.

Ah, you just can't get the staff these days .. or perhaps you could if only you stopped bothering so much about race and sex.

Johns Hopkins University Fires Professor Who Defied Campus Protesters

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Tangential to the MRM, this story demonstrates the degree to which The Crazies have taken over and now rule over college administrators. Excerpt:

'Johns Hopkins University has fired Daniel Povey, an associate professor of speech and language processing, who used bolt cutters to gain entry to an administration building on campus that was taken over by student protesters who had chained the doors shut.

The university, located in Baltimore, has been attempting to create a private, armed campus police force to deal with crimes on and around campus for months. In April, activists from SAPP (Students Against Private Police), took over Garland Hall, the main administration building. Some chained themselves to railings and fixtures while others chained the building's doors.
...
On May 8, Professor Povey went to Garland Hall and used a pair of bolt cutters to cut the chains on the doors, outraging the students inside.

"I was the main person in charge of managing the servers in the basement of that building, which are used by me and a large group of researchers in CLSP [Center for Language and Speech Processing]," Povey told the Washington Free Beacon.

"That morning I was told the situation could last for weeks, and during that time we would have no physical access to the building. Servers were already starting to crash, and I felt it would not be long before our whole research infrastructure was unavailable."

In a long post on his personal blog, Povey says that student protesters took hold of him physically and carried him out of the building. He then claims that the students reported him to the school's Office of Institutional Equity for attacking them.

Povey was fired by Johns Hopkins on August 8, following an investigation. A letter from Andrew S. Douglas, vice dean for faculty, cites complaints that Povey's conduct "was motivated by racially discriminatory animus and created a hostile environment." A few paragraphs later, it states in bold letters: "We are hereby terminating your appointment with the university."'

U. Alabama got millions from taxpayer for 'diversity'

Mastodon · 19 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The federal government has granted the University of Alabama-Birmingham $1.25 million to help achieve gender equality in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, or STEM, both at the university and beyond.

The grant is part of the National Science Foundation's ADVANCE: Organizational Change for Gender Equity in STEM Academic Professions initiative to increase "the participation & advancement of women in academic STEM careers." The government entity seeks to do this by granting money to various institutions, mostly universities, to push said institutions to "develop systemic approaches" to increase the hiring rates, retention, and participation of women in STEM departments.

The recent grant will reportedly "build on" previous NSF ADVANCE grants awarded to the university for the same purpose, including $3,499,913 awarded in 2003, which the university notes was "successful" in adjusting "policies and procedures focusing on implicit bias in hiring, tenure and promotion decisions that could lead women and individuals from different racial and ethnic populations to be evaluated less favorably," and therefore minimizing the perpetuation of "historical under-participation in STEM academic careers."'

Women-only STEM college programs under attack for male discrimination

Mastodon · 20 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Female-only science programs, launched by many universities to redress gender imbalance in such fields as computer science and engineering, are coming under growing legal attack as sex discrimination against men.

The U.S. Department of Education has opened more than two dozen investigations into universities across the nation — UC Berkeley, UCLA and USC as well as Yale, Princeton and Rice — that offer female-only scholarships, awards, professional development workshops and even science and engineering camps for middle and high school girls. Sex discrimination in educational programs is banned under Title IX, a federal law that applies to all schools, both public and private, that receive federal funding.

A new study released Tuesday found that 84% of about 220 universities offer single-gender scholarships, many of them in STEM fields: science, technology, engineering and math. That practice is permitted under Title IX only if the “overall effect” of scholarships is equitable. The study, by a Maryland-based nonprofit advocating gender equity on college campuses, showed the majority of campus awards lopsidedly benefited women.'

Canada: Ottawa kick-starts push to bring men and boys into fight for gender equality

Mastodon · 21 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Trumpeting the need for men and boys to enlist in the fight for gender equality, the federal government is awarding $562,000 to four organizations in a bid to lay the foundation for its promised national strategy.

Women and Gender Equality Minister Maryam Monsef is set to announce the funding Friday in Calgary, where she will also hail the release of a report prepared by her department to summarize months of cross-country consultations about how men and boys can “unlearn” what the government deems “outdated gender stereotypes” that harm everyone.

The report calls for programs that use role models to encourage men and boys to support gender equality, champion private companies that support these ideas, and create “safe spaces” in places like schools where men and boys can discuss healthy masculinity and ideas about what it means to be a man.

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Finally, Next Gen Men, an organization designed to promote “positive masculinity,” will get $125,000 to build networks of “pro-feminist male leaders” to engage with feminist and women’s groups on gender equality.'

What if #MeToo takes down powerful women?

Mastodon · 21 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Katy Perry has a #MeToo problem, and she's the one who's in trouble.

Perry ignited a discussion around the gender-flipped version of the #MeToo movement last year when she kissed an unsuspecting American Idol contestant. The 19-year-old had just said he'd never been kissed before and wanted to be in a relationship first. So, naturally, Perry translated that to mean he would be thrilled to get his first kiss from a celebrity, which takes quite a degree of hubris.

Then last week, as the ninth anniversary of Perry's "Teenage Dream" approached, model Josh Kloss, who worked with Perry for the titular song's music video, took to Instagram to say that Perry had exposed his genitals to a group of people at a party.

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As reporter Victoria Gagliardo-Silver wrote for the Independent, "Kloss is an alleged victim of sexual assault. He waited nine years to tell his story because he was fearful of coming out against a powerful woman who could end his career. If he was a woman and Perry was a man, his alleged assault would be all over the news and Perry would be off the radio. But that's not the case."'

MSNBC’s Kasie Hunt Tees Off: ‘You Don’t Want to Worry About Character? Elect a Woman!’

Mastodon · 22 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NBC News correspondent and MSNBC host Kasie Hunt said today that for all the talk of “character” in politics, one solution would be just to elect a woman.

During the panel discussion on the Democratic primary race, Todd asked what Elizabeth Warren needs to do to reassure voters “that probably would prefer to go with her, but believe all of the analysis that says Joe Biden‘s more electable.”

Hunt said Warren’s been able to rebut it successfully, telling Todd, “She has been out-hustling, out-organizing, out-doing basically, outworking every other candidate in the field, and it is showing up… in the crowd’s she’s getting, in the reaction that suddenly instead of thinking about the DNA test people are thinking, ‘Oh, she’s the one that’s got a plan for that.'”'

Do Women-Only STEM Programs Hold Up Legally Under Title IX

Mastodon · 22 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women-only STEM programs are being criticized as discriminatory against males.

Computer and science programs and scholarships focused specifically on women aim to bridge the gender gap in STEM fields, but some question the legality under Title IX, which bans sexual discrimination in educational programs.

The U.S Department of Education is investigating several universities and schools that offer women-only scholarships, workshops and other programs. Some legal experts argue the practice of offering female-focused STEM programs is legally sound because there's still an uneven playing field as a result of historic discrimination against women. But others say things have swung too far the other way, and now males are being negatively impacted by these types of programs.'

A hotel that only allows women to stay has opened in Spain

Mastodon · 22 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women-only hotel floors have been around for some time but in Spain they're taking the concept even further with the country's first hotel that caters exclusively to women.

The four-star Som Dona hotel opened in the resort of Porto Cristo in Mallorca with 39 rooms catering to female-identifying customers over the age of 14. On announcing the project last year, Som Hotels president, Joan Enric Capellá said they saw a gap in the market that came from a "growing business trend focused on female audience". There are already specialised hotels like adults-only hotels, gay-friendly hotels and even hotels for vegans but Capellá said there was nothing in Spain to cater exclusively for women, despite the rise of female-only gyms and co-working spaces throughout the globe. It conducted a survey across the hotel chain and found that its customers liked the idea of a women-only hotel'

Gillette ‘Shifting The Spotlight’ After Losing $8 Billion Amid ‘Toxic Masculinity’ Backlash

Mastodon · 22 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Just a few weeks after Procter & Gamble reported a sobering $8 billion writedown, Gillette has officially called off its war on "toxic masculinity." The embattled brand has announced that it is now "shifting the spotlight from social issues to local heroes."

While the brand is admitting that it's reversing course on the social issues messaging, Gillette is presenting its new focus as simply a return to what it's always done. "We will continue to represent men at their best," Gillette said in a statement reported by News Corp Australia. Instead of the "social issues" focus, the brand will begin to highlight positive portrayals of "heroic" masculinity, as seen in its new ad starring Ben Ziekenheiner, an Australian firefighter and personal trainer.'

India: Women must prove men’s intent to not keep promise of marriage to establish rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Supreme Court on Wednesday clarified that sex on the false promise of marriage does not automatically amount to rape. The judgment given by Justices DY Chandrachud and Indira Banerjee states: “The promise of marriage must have been a false promise, given in bad faith and with no intention of being adhered to at the time it was given. The false promise itself must be of immediate relevance or bear a direct nexus to the woman's decision to engage in the sexual act.”

The court made the distinction between the breach of a promise and deceiving the woman. The judgment stated that in a situation where the promise made is false and was made with the intention of deceiving the woman, it is not consensual. On the other hand, the judges said that a breach of promise cannot be a false promise.

“To establish a false promise, the maker of the promise should have had no intention of upholding his word at the time of giving it. The ‘consent’ of a woman under Section 375 [Rape] is vitiated on the ground of a ‘misconception of fact’ where such misconception was the basis for her choosing to engage in the said act,” the judgment stated.'

Study Finds Women-only STEM College Programs/Scholarships Amount to Male Discrimination

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'"While men may not have a natural ability advantage in STEM fields, the numerous government and other policy initiatives designed to get women interested in STEM fields may have the unintended effect of signaling to women an inherent lack of fit," the Georgetown report reads.

Given the overwhelming female domination in neurobiology, environmental biology, and biology of global health, it is a fallacy to assert that STEM fields are inherently male and dominated by men. "Society keeps telling us that STEM fields are masculine fields, that we need to increase the participation of women in STEM fields, but that kind of sends a signal that it's not a field for women, and it kind of works against keeping women in these fields," Kugler explains.

Yet the Social Justice Warriors have manufactured a crisis by creating arbitrary quotas for STEM fields that are not being met, prompting the immediate knee-jerk reaction to institute policies that unfairly discriminate against males while simultaneously deterring women from entering those fields. And a vicious cycle occurs.'

Alyssa Ahlgren: Destroying Fatherhood and Masculinity

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'"I don't need a man!" This phrase has been celebrated in the modern feminist movement as a cry of liberation, self-love, and condemnation of the so-called patriarchy. The idea that women should reject the necessary involvement of men is not only accepted, it's encouraged. What does this liberation entail? Not being serious about settling down or finding a suitable partner, sex without consequences, delaying marriage, and raising children without the presence of their father.

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The great irony about the self-proclaimed progressivism of modern-day feminism is the onset of cultural regression that results from it. The fatherless rate has tripled since 1960, with some inner cities seeing upwards of 70 percent. This deconstruction of the nuclear family has brought increased depression, anxiety, suicide, drug abuse, crime, domestic violence, decreased levels of education, and not to mention a heavy reliance on government to replace the father figure in the home.

Most of us, if not all, have heard the term "toxic masculinity," i.e., the idea that masculine characteristics and the elements of what it means to "be a man" are and have been poisonous to society. According to new feminism, there is no antidote to the poison, there is only complete extermination. As viewed through the feminist lens, masculinity in all of its forms have been deemed a direct cause of imperialist oppression, violence, racism, and inequities. To alleviate society of these evils, masculinity must be eradicated.

What happens when masculinity and being a man is not uplifted but destroyed? Predictably, we have the demonization of necessary gender roles within the family, absentee fathers, and boys growing up not knowing what it means to be a man. Then, we proceed to protest the lack of "real men" and the absence of chivalry in society. "Real men" didn't voluntarily leave purely out of laziness and distaste for accountability, they were forced out by modern feminism and learned to have a distaste for accountability.

Masculinity, at its core, is being falsely defined. Since the beginning of human history, being a man meant protecting and providing. Protecting the innocent, the weak, and the disadvantaged. Providing for the family and the community. These are the true elements of masculinity. Painting masculinity as the bully using his size, strength, and aggression to pick on others is a misrepresentation of the masculinity we strive to uphold in society. The one who subdues the bully is the one who embodies the aspects of what it means to be a man.

We are getting rid of fathers and we're not producing men. When we take away the moral aspects of manhood, we make way for the immoral aspects to take its place. Men have two main biological drivers – to build and destroy. When the moral driver of building is not taught, the drive to destroy takes precedent. Senses of insufficiency, frustration, and animosity are all too common in the minds of young boys that are fatherless or live in broken homes.'

UCLA course uses Cardi B to teach about ‘respectability politics’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A summer course at the University of California, Los Angeles, is using the rapper Cardi B to explore the subject of “respectability politics” and its “historical relationship with black women.”

The class, taught by guest lecturer Christian Green, “analyzes U.S. history, ranging from the post-Reconstruction era to the country’s current political administration, and the struggle for black women to gain respect in American society,” according to The Daily Bruin.

The professor is a “self-professed Cardi B fan” who admires the rapper’s “rise to worldwide success without sacrificing her authenticity, such as the way she speaks,” as well as her involvement in the socialist Bernie Sanders’ political campaign.'

Cardi B explains why she 'drugged and robbed' men

https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-47718477

Jacques: Limit role of courtroom in the bedroom

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'While due process in campus investigations is essential — and making a comeback thanks to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and courts which have taken a stand for wrongfully accused students -- it is even more vital when it comes to criminal sexual assault cases.

That's why it was shocking the nation's largest membership group of lawyers, the American Bar Association, considered supporting a measure that would have turned due process on its head in these cases.

The ABA's House of Delegates put up a resolution that would have encouraged legislatures to "define consent in sexual assault cases as the assent of a person who is competent to give consent to engage in a specific act of sexual penetration, oral sex, or sexual contact."

In other words, the resolution advocated what's known as affirmative consent or "yes means yes." This standard is already mandated by five states, including New York and California, on college campuses. But it would be a huge legal shift to apply affirmative consent to criminal cases — and one that clearly conflicts with constitutional protections, such as due process.

That's because the burden to prove consent was offered every step of the way falls to the accused, rather than the prosecutor to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that consent wasn't given.'

Judge Overturns Student’s Suspension Amid Title IX Lawsuit

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'A Boston College student had his suspension for an alleged sexual misconduct incident temporarily overturned by a federal judge on Tuesday. The student, identified only as “John Doe” in court documents, filed a civil suit against the University on July 29 in which he alleged that he was deprived of a fair process during BC’s disciplinary proceedings involving him this spring.

This case is unrelated to the $3 million dollar lawsuit pending against the University.

This appears to be the first time a court has overturned a suspension issued by the University. The court order says that Doe should be allowed, “without limitation” to register for classes this fall. Doe will also be allowed to participate fully in all University activities.'

Academic Science Rethinks All-Too-White 'Dude Walls' Of Honor

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'A few years ago, TV celebrity Rachel Maddow was at Rockefeller University to hand out a prize that's given each year to a prominent female scientist. As Maddow entered the auditorium, someone overheard her say, "What is up with the dude wall?"

She was referring to a wall covered with portraits of scientists from the university who have won either a Nobel Prize or the Lasker Award, a major medical prize.

"One hundred percent of them are men. It's probably 30 headshots of 30 men. So it's imposing," says Leslie Vosshall, a neurobiologist with the university and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Vosshall says Maddow's remark, and the word "dude wall," crystallized something that had been bothering her for years. As she travels around the country to give lectures and attend conferences at scientific institutions, she constantly encounters lobbies, conference rooms, passageways, and lecture halls that are decorated with portraits of white men.

"It just sends the message, every day when you walk by it, that science consists of old white men," says Vosshall. "I think every institution needs to go out into the hallway and ask, 'What kind of message are we sending with these oil portraits and dusty old photographs?'"

She's now on a committee that's redesigning that wall of portraits at Rockefeller University, to add more diversity. And this is hardly the only science or medical institution that's reckoning with its dude wall.'

Canada: All-woman panel to run federal election debate

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'A stellar cast of central Canadian journalists, all of them eminently female, has been selected to moderate the first federal election leaders' debate. They are three news anchors — Lisa LaFlamme, Rosemary Barton and Dawna Friesen — and two columnists, Susan Delacourt and Althia Raj.

There is no way of precisely knowing this, but I am confident that choosing all five exclusively from the XX chromosome class was a matter of some exultation, perhaps reaching to self-congratulation. Somewhere, in whatever closet these mysterious deliberations were conducted, surely at their conclusion there was a whoop of "You go girls!," and surely, too, much high-fiving over the shards of another broken "glass ceiling."
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So the declaration of a "No Males Zone" around the moderation of the first debate has to be a "good thing," achieving heights of fashionable correctness that would stir a gulp of envy even in the puritan confessionals (sound booths) of the third-wave sisterhood down south at National Public Radio (home of the hushed voice, where even the news is organic and "shade-grown.") A high standard indeed.
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There are all sorts of ways to constitute a panel that have nothing to do with the modish and now quite tiresome fascination of putting "women" as a qualifier. And to avoid as well this horrible detour into dead-end identity politics.

It would be fun to have a farmer of either sex (or even of the multiple gender options that are now available) to talk about canola. Someone from Prince George or Port aux Choix to speak of rural concerns, a logger, trucker, sales clerk, maybe even a hotel chambermaid to pass on to leadership candidates what life is like where real life is lived. Accountants, oil workers, women from the fish plants, immigrant taxi drivers, Aboriginals from the high north, a teacher, some people from an old age home. The press talks diversity but there are days its seems it really doesn't know what it is.'

No more men! NASA considers all-female crew for the 2024 Artemis moon mission

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'A student asked during the live-streamed session if NASA had considered sending an all-female crew for the Artemis session.

Mr Bridenstine said: "Have we considered it? Yes, and it wouldn't surprise me if that's what we did."

He also said the crew had not been picked yet but that the first American woman and the next American man will visit the moon by 2024.

He continued: "We could have a crew of two women going to the moon within five years."

The Artemis mission is on a tight schedule with delays to NASA's Space Launch System.

The rocket system will launch the Orion crew capsule and the moon-bound astronauts on their journey.

So far, only men have visited the moon but the Artemis mission could allow two female astronauts to walk the moon."'

Photo wall of white male prosecutors removed from the Multnomah County DA's Office

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, the framed photographs of more than 30 past Multnomah County district attorneys -- stretching back more than a century and a half -- were removed from the front lobby of the DA's Office.

All of them were white men.

Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill declined Wednesday to explain why, but he said in a July 31 email to staff sent on the day after the removal that he'd "decided to change the decor" of the sixth-floor office lobby in the Multnomah County Courthouse.

"It has always been my goal to make the office feel welcoming and inclusive to everyone that works in, or visits our office," the email read. "I am looking forward to enhancing our public spaces with pictures and artwork that reflects our shared values of diversity and inclusion."

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Spokesman Brent Weisberg said no one had complained to the District Attorney's Office about the portraits. Rather, the idea to take them down sprung from a discussion by the office's 12-member Equity, Dignity and Opportunity Council. The group was established in Underhill's first year as district attorney in 2013.

Underhill had the photos placed in storage, Weisberg said.'

Oberlin’s anti-male bias in Title IX proceedings is obvious, expelled student tells appeals court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Can colleges openly discriminate against male students accused of sexual misconduct, “so long as they masked their bias in any particular proceeding”?

That’s the question at stake in a Title IX lawsuit against Oberlin College, now before the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, according to the accused student, “John Doe.”
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John is counting on the 6th Circuit to supplement its rulings on due process in Title IX proceedings with a new ruling that makes it easier to demonstrate gender bias in those proceedings.

The Cincinnati-based appeals court has not only ruled that students have the right to cross-examine their accusers in some form, but that they can assign an “agent” such as a lawyer to conduct the cross-examination.

This challenges a common practice in adjudications: administrators or other adjudicators posing the questions from each party to the other, but excluding some as irrelevant or harassing.

More relevant to John, the 6th Circuit also reinstated a lawsuit against another Ohio college on the basis that its Title IX official “should have known that she was partial” to the accuser and recused herself.'

Study finds more than half of colleges ‘facially violate’ Title IX with women-only scholarships

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'Men who want more scholarship money might try a novel tactic: Identify themselves as women.

A review of more than 200 American colleges and universities reveals that they favor women over men by a wide margin in sex-specific scholarships.

The most stark disparities are found at the University of Phoenix (106 female scholarships to 2 male), Auburn University (67 to 1) and Oregon State (51 to 5).

The actual disparities could be higher: The study by Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, best known for defending students accused of sexual misconduct, only covered 36 states.'

New Title IX Test Cold Keep Students from Registering

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cal State LA students must get a “B” or better on a sexual harassment and sexual violence test, if they hope to register for classes in the Spring 2020 semester.

In previous years, Cal State LA partnered with Campus Clarity for the required course material called “Think About It.” This past summer, however, the Cal State University system made the decision to partner with Vector Solutions and introduce the new module, “Not Anymore.”

“Not Anymore,” just like “Campus Clarity,” is a course designed to help students understand federal laws – including Title IX, legislation that prohibits sex or gender-based discrimination, including sexual harassment. The course is mandatory for all students in compliance with the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

The UT asked the campus Title IX Officer, Aundreia Cameron, why the course is important. In an email, Cameron said, “I am not available to answer questions regarding the “Not Anymore” course requirement.”'

Pay women’s soccer players more than the men, NWSL team owner says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Washington Spirit majority owner Steve Baldwin has learned in his first eight months on the job that professional women’s soccer players in the United States should not be paid the same as men. He thinks they should be paid more.

“They are better than the men as athletes,” the 58-year-old D.C.-area tech executive said this week. “This is the best league in the world. We have to change how we sell it, promote and market it. I believe the opportunity is there to where unequal pay is achieved and the women make more.”'

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FC Dallas under-15 boys squad beat the U.S. Women's National Team in a scrimmage

Biden: Racism in US is institutional, ‘white man’s problem’

Matt · 28 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

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'Racism in America is an institutional “white man’s problem visited on people of color,” Vice President Joe Biden said, arguing that the way to attack the issue is to defeat President Donald Trump and hold him responsible for deepening the nation’s racial divide.

Taking aim at incendiary racial appeals by Trump, Biden said in an interview with a small group of reporters on Tuesday that a president’s words can “appeal to the worst damn instincts of human nature,” just as they can move markets or take a nation into war.

Biden is leading his Democratic challengers for the presidential nomination in almost all polls, largely because of the support of black voters. He has made appealing to them central to his candidacy and vowed to make maximizing black and Latino turnout an “overwhelming focus” of his effort. The interview, more than an hour long, focused largely on racial issues.

“White folks are the reason we have institutional racism,” Biden said. “There has always been racism in America. White supremacists have always existed, they still exist.” He added later that in his administration, it would “not be tolerated.”

By highlighting the nation’s racial tensions and placing blame on Trump, Biden is showing that he, too, is willing to make race a core campaign issue, but from the opposite perspective of the Republican president. Turnout and enthusiasm among black voters will be critical for the Democratic nominee, notably to try to reclaim states like Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin. He also emphasized a crossover appeal to both black voters and non-college-educated white voters.'

Men now avoid women at work – another sign we're being punished for #MeToo

Matt · 29 August 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It looks like Mike Pence is quite the trendsetter. The US vice-president famously refuses to have dinner alone with any woman who isn't his wife – and now working men across corporate America appear to be following his lead.

A new study, due to be published in the journal Organizational Dynamics, has found that, following the #MeToo movement, men are significantly more reluctant to interact with their female colleagues. A few highlights from the research include:

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It's not just men who are afraid of women, by the way. Women also appear to be increasingly wary of hiring women. The 2018 survey results found that more than 10% of men and women said they expected to be less willing than before to hire attractive women. (Note: the 2019 results for women are not yet public.) Internalized misogyny really is a bitch.

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So there you go: most men are perfectly aware of the difference between a friendly hug and a creepy hug. They are perfectly aware of what constitutes harassment and what doesn't. Which makes you wonder why so many men are afraid to interact with women at work?

The answer to that question, perhaps, is that a lot of men aren't so much afraid of being accused of anything as they are they are angry that #MeToo ever happened. They're angry that they've been made to think about their behavior, made to interrogate power dynamics they always took for granted, and they are punishing women for it by refusing to interact with them.'

Is it gender discrimination to offer scholarships for women in STEM?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For years, there have been calls to get more women pursuing an education in fields like science, technology, engineering and math. But now, some are questioning whether colleges have violated gender discrimination laws as they worked to correct gender imbalances in the STEM fields.

The Los Angeles Times reports that the US Department of Education has opened investigations into several US universities that offer female-only scholarships, awards and other educational opportunities in science-related fields. The investigation is examining whether offering female-only opportunities is a violation of Title IX, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally-funded education program or activity.

Recent research from YouGov finds that Americans are almost equally split: 39 percent believe that offering female-only scholarships is a violation of gender discrimination laws; 38 percent believe it's not.'

All-Girls STEM Camps Are Under Fire For Excluding Boys, But Are They Even Helpful For Girls?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Neuroscientist and gender expert Lise Eliot, author of Pink Brain, Blue Brain: How Small Differences Grow Into Troublesome Gaps – And What We Can Do About It says she's not a big fan of single-gender STEM programs, "I do see them as discriminatory, and I have yet to see good evidence that they increase the number of women who persevere in STEM. Instead, I wonder if it sends a message not unlike segregated sports teams, that girls aren't actually as capable as boys, so need their own STEM league—which sadly never makes it to the Majors."

There is indeed no evidence that these programs are effective. An analysis in Science reports, "The data [on girls-only STEM camps] don't exist because researchers have conducted no high-quality evaluations of such programs. Most camps settle for a simple precamp and postcamp attitudinal survey. Any follow up is strictly anecdotal. And forget about a randomized control trial. Educators say such an assessment would be impractical, intrusive, and the cost would be prohibitive."'

Australian University Lowers Standards For Women Looking To Enter Engineering Degrees

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Sydney Morning Herald reported that UTS will allow women to enter engineering and construction degrees with a lower score on the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) than male students. Women can score 10 points lower than men and still be admitted into the degree programs.

As the Herald reported, many universities in the country “allocate adjustment points based on disadvantage or illness,” but UTS appears to be the first one to make the adjustment based on gender. As one can guess, the move to lower the entry bar for women is being done in an effort to get more women into engineering.

Dr. Arti Agarwal, director of women in engineering and IT at UTS, told the Herald that admitting women into the programs — even with lower entrance scores — would make the world a better place.

“Lots of research has shown that teams are more productive when they are gender balanced. They come up with better ideas and better solutions," she told the outlet. No such research was cited.'

NBC News: Heterosexuality is a tool of ‘consensual subjection’ against women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'From microaggressions to transgender prefixes to “redefining masculinity,” we cover a lot of left-wing propositions that are just plain crazy. But while this madness is all too familiar on college campuses these days, seeing it promoted by the Big Three media networks is another matter...at least, seeing it promoted as overtly as NBC News did this month.

On August 16, NBC published an op-ed by Women’s Media Center columnist Marcie Bianco that uses the latest high-profile celebrity breakup, Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth, as a springboard to make the...odd...argument that “as the status quo, heterosexuality is just not working.”

Not working for whom? For what?

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There are a couple of pretty remarkable things to unpack here. First, considering that U.S. women enjoy full legal, social, and yes, economic equality, yet less than 5% of Americans are estimated to be homosexual or bisexual, it seems pretty clear that both sexes “need heterosexuality” not to control one another, but for love, companionship, stability, intimacy, and childrearing...that is, assuming it’s a conscious choice at all.

That’s the second oddity about this passage. For years, all we heard from LGBT activists is that nobody chooses to be gay, that the heart wants what the heart wants, that it’s dangerous to even discuss “junk science” like reparative therapy. Yet when there’s a patriarchy to be smashed, straightness can be dropped with a simple cost-benefit analysis?

The facts that the vast majority of people are attracted to the opposite sex and that only heterosexuality naturally produces children don’t suggest that heterosexuality is “natural or innate”? Every biological reality, cultural trend, and behavioral indicator can be written off as “conditioning”?'

Ocasio-Cortez on Straight Pride: “Seems More Like a ‘I-Struggle-With-Masculinity’ Parade to Me”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was among the many who mocked the event Saturday, writing on Twitter that there really seemed to be a lack of women in the event. “For men who are allegedly so ‘proud’ of being straight, they seem to show real incompetence at attracting women to their event,” Ocasio-Cortez wrote on Twitter. “Seems more like a ‘I-Struggle-With-Masculinity’ parade to me.” She later called on followers who wanted to show “support to the local LGBTQ community impacted by Boston’s white supremacist parade” to contribute to a bail fund to help “activists who put themselves on the line protecting the Boston community.”'

Book Review: "Man Out: Men on the Sidelines of American Life"

Matt · 1 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

J. Steven Svoboda has reviewed "Man Out: Men on the Sidelines of American Life" by Andrew L. Yarrow. Download the review here. Excerpt:

'Andrew L. Yarrow, a former New York Times reporter and current senior fellow for the Progressive Policy Institute, has written an important book on a topic that somewhat surprisingly does not seem to have previously been centrally addressed among the current onslaught of books on gender and masculinity. The subject of Man Out: Men on the Sidelines of American Life is the large number of men who are sidelined in various ways from what at least used to be considered fundamental building blocks of the life of a man—marriage, children, and gainful employment.

What is the matter with men? Yarrow poses important questions. Even the questions have questions, as it were: In the book's opening sentences, the author seems to grapple with the same issues that may trouble a thoughtful reader: "[W]e know these sidelined men are out there. But they don't fit old stereotypes of failure.… Why is this happening? What can we do?" The author notes that many seemingly separate problems may be interrelated and part of this same topic, like "white men not working… black men whose lives don't seem to matter… adult boys living in their parents' basements… men struggling with relationships and marriage…" Finally Yarrow concludes, "But we don't see a single larger story." The larger story is, in the author's estimate, that American males who are in various forms "men out" of the American mainstream. "Between one in four and one in five men between their early 20's and mid- to late 60s … aren't working, three to four times the proportion during the 1950s…" So we have a United States now in which "less than half the nation's children live with two married parents who are in their first marriage."

One problem with having so many "men out" is simple: Men who are in the best health are the opposite of "men out," namely, they are working, married, and have working spouses. Unfortunately, men also have a much harder time than women bouncing back from divorce and suffer from depression that is less acknowledged by society and by the men themselves relative to women (and in any event women tend to initiate the great majority of divorces). Suicide is growing especially among white men, having risen by 59 percent from 1999 to 2015.'

Cancer charity fears for boys and men who miss out on HPV vaccination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A “missing generation” of more than a million boys and young men will miss out on vaccinations that could protect them against several forms of cancer, a charity is warning.

The Teenage Cancer Trust wants boys aged 13 to 24 to be offered the HPV (human papillomavirus) jab, now that it is to be routine for them to get it at the age of 12, alongside girls.

“While it’s great some boys from this year onwards will have the same protection against HPV-related cancers that teenage girls and women have had for a decade, a generation of teenage boys and young men are being denied that chance,” said the trust’s chief executive, Kate Collins.
...
The HPV vaccine protects girls against the virus that is the main cause of cervical cancer. It has reduced the main circulating strains of HPV by 80% since the programme began in 2008. Immunising boys will help reduce the presence of the sexually transmitted virus in circulation still further.

However, immunising boys will have direct benefits for them as well. HPV also causes about 90% of anal cancers and 50% of penile cancers, and some cancers of the head and neck, as well as about 90% of genital warts.'

NPR's Hinojosa on Democrat Primary: 'White Guys Just Take Up a Lot of Space'

Mastodon · 4 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As we celebrate the 56th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, it looks like Maria Hinojosa has come up with a slight variation of what was perhaps its most famous line.

As Hinojosa would recast it: "I have a dream that people will be judged by the color of their skin, not by the content of their character."

Appearing on MSNBC's AM Joy, and during a discussion of the Democrat primary, Hinojosa said:

What does John Delaney offer? I'm sorry, I was with him last week, and this is a moment we have to have these conversations. I said, there is a critique that white guys just take up a lot of space.

Got that? When it comes to the Dem presidential nomination, white guys need not apply. Male people of pallor bring nothing to the table and are just taking up space that could be better occupied by others!'

Men should think before attempting to be the 'Knight'

Kaka81k · 4 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Here is a case where two young men were thrashed just because they had an argument with two women over 'parking'! The 20 + men who tried to 'save' the women, assumed that the men were at fault and now the two men are fighting for their lives. It's time we thought before taking action. To top it all, fake molestation charges have been framed. Excerpt:

'Two youths studying at the Amity University in Noida along with their classmates were brutally assaulted by a gang of around 25-30 men following a parking dispute with a girl.

As per journalist and filmmaker Deepika Bharadwaj, the incident is said to have happened inside the university after the victims and two girls got into a dispute when the latter reportedly refused to move her car. The boys have alleged that the girls had parked their car in the middle of the gate and refused to move it when requested.

The victims allege that about an hour after the dispute when they were attending classes, a mob of 25-30 young men, on the behest of the girls, barged into their classroom when the victims identified as Harsh and Madhav were brutally beaten using rods and nail ridden sticks.

The victims allege that the female teacher as well as the girl students present in the classroom also sustained injuries in the ruckus. Classmates who came to their aid were also assaulted using chairs.'

Older women to receive first-preference for low-cost properties in Australia's inflated real estate market

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Link here. Excerpt:

'The $6.8 million State Government Assist program will fund nine homes for single women aged over 50 on low or moderate incomes.

The one or two-bedroom homes, in suburbs including Findon, Kidman Park and Woodville West, will be built on plots of land from 160 sq m to 211 sqm, with a maximum price of $407,100.

However, eligible buyers will only have to pay up to 51 per cent of the purchase price through a shared equity arrangement.
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Human Services Minister Michelle Lensink said the Assist program would help “this cohort of women get their foot in the door of homeownership”.
...
Any of the properties not sold in 30 days will be made available to anyone eligible under the State Government’s broader Affordable Homes Program.'

Why Are Marriage Rates Down? Study Blames Lack Of ‘Economically-Attractive’ Men

Matt · 5 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Marriage rates have steadily declined over the past few decades, and now researchers from Cornell University are offering up a possible explanation: there just aren’t as many economically-attractive men for unmarried women to meet as there used to be.

Previous studies had attempted to answer why marriage rates are on the decline, but most focused solely on gender ratio discrepancies as opposed to looking into the specific socioeconomic characteristics that make a particular man and woman a good match.

First, the study’s authors examined data collected on recent marriages between 2007-2012 and 2013-2017, gathered as part of the American Community Survey’s cumulative 5-year marriage statistics. That data was used to estimate the financial and sociodemographic characteristics of unmarried women’s potential husbands by creating economic profiles that resembled real husbands who had married comparable women. These potential husband estimates were then compared to actual population data on unmarried men across national, state, and local locations.

Researchers found that these estimated potential “dream” husbands had an average income about 58% higher than the actual unmarried men currently available to unmarried women. These synthetic husbands were also 30% more likely to be employed than real single men and 19% more likely to have a college degree.
...
“Most American women hope to marry but current shortages of marriageable men–men with a stable job and a good income–make this increasingly difficult, especially in the current gig economy of unstable low-paying service jobs,” explains lead author Dr. Daniel T. Lichter of Cornell University, in a media release. “Marriage is still based on love, but it also is fundamentally an economic transaction. Many young men today have little to bring to the marriage bargain, especially as young women’s educational levels on average now exceed their male suitors.”'

UMN women-only STEM awards come under fire

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Minnesota and other universities across the country are under fire with claims of discrimination against men in STEM programs.

The Chicago Office for Civil Rights under the U.S. Department of Education opened an investigation into the University last month for possible Title IX violations against men. The investigation comes after complaints were filed by University alumnus and University of Michigan-Flint professor Mark Perry.

The complaints are in regards to three female-only faculty awards — the Mullen/Spector/Truax Women's Leadership Award, the Ada Comstock Distinguished Women Scholars Award and the Sara Evans Faculty Woman Scholar/Leader Award — that he claims are illegal under Title IX.

But some members of the University's College of Science and Engineering say women's awards and programs help promote diversity within the college.'

Women in STEM: The pendulum hasn’t swung nearly far enough

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some men apparently feel discriminated against by science, technology, engineering and math programs that seek to boost participation by women in those fields, and they have turned to legal challenges to try to dismantle such efforts. The U.S. Department of Education is leading more than two dozen investigations into such complaints, which could threaten scholarships, workshops and camps for girls and women.

Maybe the men behind these complaints need a little refresher about why these programs were created in the first place — and why they are still needed. The gender gap in these professions is still a very real and vexing problem, and until more progress is made anything to achieve more balance should be strongly encouraged and supported, not attacked and protested.

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Women have earned 57% of all bachelor’s degrees and half of all science and engineering degrees since the 1990s, but they tend to lean more toward life sciences, according to the National Science Foundation. Women earned more than half of undergraduate biological science degrees in 2015, but just 18% of degrees in computer sciences, 20% in engineering 39% in physical sciences and 43% in mathematics. Representation of women of color is even lower.'

Christina Hoff Sommers: New Feminism Makes Women Believe They Need Not Equality But Protection From Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Author and feminism critic Christina Hoff Sommers addressed the state of modern feminism in an interview with HBO host Bill Maher on Friday's edition of 'Real Time.' Sommers, an American Enterprise Institute resident scholar, and the host discuss how she became persona non grata in the feminist community, how she is unable to speak on college campuses without security, the treatment of men and young boys, and why there is a gender pay gap.

Sommers, the author of "The Factual Feminist," told Maher what is going on is madness as American women are arguably the freest in history. She also contended that while men have privileges, so do women. Men commit suicide at higher rates, die earlier and take riskier jobs, Sommers said of privilege.

"American women, arguably, are among the freest, most self-determining in history," Sommers said.

She said college professors are telling women "they need not equality from men, but protection from these toxic masculine hegemons."

"Women are going to be helped by truth and accurate analysis of problems and we just don't have that right now," Sommers said.

Sommers said feminism is being trivialized when women get upset at the use of "you guys" to describe a group compromised of men and women. She shared an anecdote about a woman at UPenn who said she was "mini-raped" when she was told by a guy that she had nice legs.'

Nicole Kidman explains why she will not use the term ‘toxic masculinity’

Mastodon · 8 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nicole Kidman has said she is uncomfortable with the term “toxic masculinity”.

The Big Little Lies actress, who has been a vocal advocate for the Time’s Up movement for gender equality, said she does not want to put labels on young men.

She told British GQ magazine: “I shy away from it. Because we are trying to build a society together right now, and labelling the new generation of men that, well, I’m very reluctant to do that.”

Will Anyone Win in This Clash of #MeToo and Due Process?

Mastodon · 8 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The #MeToo movement has been entwined with controversy from the start. It has pushed into the light the enormous number of incidents of sexual abuse of women and girls that have been hidden in the shadows or brushed aside as part of the way things operate. The wave of cases and incidents now being recalled and reported by women is almost overwhelming. So is the anger. So is the backlash. And according to four Harvard law school professors, all female, so is the loss of due process in pursuing legal redress around cases of sexual abuse, particularly on college campuses.

These law professors consider themselves feminists and align with many of the goals and aims of the #MeToo movement. But their perspective on due process is winning applause from the Trump administration. This was not their intention, and it's bringing no happiness to the rest of the movement.'

No Jail Time For ‘Good Christian’ Who Circumcised Child Against Parents’ Wishes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Child Mutilation for Jesus: Devout Christian Martina Obi-Uzom will spend no time in jail after she posed as the mother of an 11-month-old boy in order to have the child circumcised against the parents’ wishes.

The Evening Standard reports:

A devout Christian pharmacist posed as the mother of a young boy to have him circumcised against his parents’ wishes, a court heard.

Martina Obi-Uzom, 70, took the child to a Jewish mohel, trained in the procedure, for the operation.

Obi-Uzom was accompanied by a male friend and filled in a consent form, duping the mohel into believing they were the boy’s parents.'

By the way, a man was shot to death

Matt · 9 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

I read this story and thought, how typical. Two murders: one a young mother, the other a man not even discussed in the article. 98% of the article talks about... you guessed it! Excerpt:

'A mum-of-one was stabbed to death last night just yards away from a fatal shooting.

The victim was knifed in the chest outside a tower block in Chalk Farm, near Camden in north London at around 11pm.

Met Police and paramedics dashed to the scene and, though CPR was administered, they were unable to save the woman.

The mum of a six-year-old boy was believed to be in her 20s and has been named locally as Shakirs.

A trail of blood could be seen on the ground near the scene of her death on Monday.
...
"The woman was pronounced dead at the scene at 23:55hrs."

Minutes after the stabbing, just yards away, a man was shot dead in what is believed to be an unrelated murder in Kentish Town.

An air ambulance was sent to the scene but the victim was pronounced dead shortly after midnight.

There is no link between the two north London deaths.'

University under fire for requiring students to cross-examine each other in campus rape cases

Mastodon · 10 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When an appeals court told the University of Michigan last year that it must allow cross-examination in sexual-misconduct proceedings, the judges gave the taxpayer-funded institution two options.

It could let the student parties cross-examine each other, which would be cheaper but could subject students to “further harm or harassment.” Or it could let their “agents” handle cross-examination, most likely lawyers, and either pay for representation itself or let students hire their own lawyers.

The university chose the cheaper option.

UMich is facing blowback from both pro-accuser and due-process advocates for implementing an interim policy that is considered even worse than the process struck down by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The interim policy, now eight months old, only allows cross-examination in sexual-misconduct proceedings if it is performed by the accusing and accused student – a situation the 6th Circuit was reluctant to endorse.'

In the new game of Monopoly, women make more than men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tired: Mr. Monopoly. Wired: Ms. Monopoly.

One of America's most recognizable board games is getting an upgrade. Hasbro is debuting a new game celebrating women's empowerment -- Ms. Monopoly, marking the first time in Monopoly history when a new mascot will be featured on the cover of the game.

The twist? In Ms. Monopoly, female players will get more money.

Unlike the classic game, women will collect 240 Monopoly bucks when they pass "go," while male players will collect the usual 200. The idea is to create a game where women make more than men, the first game to do so, according to Hasbro.

It's "a fun new take on the game that creates a world where women have an advantage often enjoyed by men," the company said in a statement. "But don't worry, if men play their cards right, they can make more money too."'

Australia: The treasurer claimed the gender pay gap has closed. Job done! Except for the facts

Mastodon · 11 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Isn't this, then, cause for celebration? Not really. As one of Australia's foremost experts on gender and work, Professor Rae Cooper from the University of Sydney noted when the latest statistics were released, the reduction in the pay gap over the last five years has coincided with a period of "chronically depressed male wages".

That is, a large proportion of the decrease in the pay gap can be attributed to falling average full-time incomes for men over the last five years – a result largely due to the collapse of employment in the mining sector, as the end of the boom and a rapid uptake of automation has seen high-paid jobs, disproportionately held by men, disappear.

For the treasurer to claim victory over a reduction in the gender pay gap that has largely resulted from lower incomes and fewer jobs for men sounds entirely the wrong note – and is clearly at odds with the prime minister's statement on International Women's Day this year that "…we don't want to see women rise only on the basis of others doing worse".'

Why We Need To Talk About Men

Mastodon · 11 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Luckily, Plank's new book, "For the Love of Men: A New Vision for Mindful Masculinity," which comes out Tuesday, attempts to dig into this Very Big Question, and drives home that a system we all participate in is one that we have the power to collectively transform.

Plank's book paints a deeply-researched, compassionate and critical portrait of modern manhood. Through years of research and interviews with a diverse cross-section of men, she explores the ways that toxic ideas about masculinity push men into undue suffering, stifling their emotions, their friendships, their health, their professional and social fulfillment, their interactions with women, and their literal lifespans.

"We're forcing people into boxes that don't serve them or society," Plank said. "And I'm interested in how transformative it can be for us to just have 1 percent of this conversation. Just for one guy to ask himself one question, I think, would be fundamentally huge for our society."

"For the Love of Men" effectively makes the case that the time for talking openly and honestly about masculinity was forever ago, and therefore we need to start immediately. And the stakes could not be higher. As Plank writes in the introduction to her book: "There is no greater threat to humankind than our current definitions of masculinity."'

Conservative women’s group on removing photos of male scholars: ‘We don’t have to erase men’ for female success

Mastodon · 11 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But Network of Enlightened Women President Karin Lips told Campus Reform that the success of young women is not dependent upon the presence or absence of portraits of men.

“In fostering an environment where everyone has equal opportunity to achieve their dreams, we should be careful not to erase history,” Lips said. “For women to succeed, we don't have to erase men or their past achievements.”

George Washington University professor Jonathan Turley also weighed in on the issue in a column for The Hill, writing, "for most of us, the obvious message is that these individuals achieved the highest honors in their fields, and the significance is neither their race nor their gender but their intellect...All those portraits represent the greatest among us as intellectuals. To see only their race and gender is not just backlash against intellectual achievement but can be itself a form of racial and gender bias."'

‘There’s no such thing as anonymity’: With consumer DNA tests, sperm banks reconsider long-held promises to donors

Matt · 11 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Hate to say "I told you so," but... Excerpt:

'For generations, it was a basic tenet of donating sperm: Clinics could forever protect their clients’ identities.

But, increasingly, donor anonymity is dead.

The rise of consumer genetic tests — which allow people to connect with relatives they never knew they had, including some who never intended to be found in the first place — is forcing sperm donation clinics to confront the fact that it is now virtually impossible to guarantee anonymity to their clients. Instead, sites like 23andMe and Ancestry.com are giving customers the genetic clues they need to identify biological parents on their own.

That, clinics and outside experts say, has forced a reckoning for the industry. Many clinics say they have revised their policies — not to eliminate “anonymous” donations, but to make clear that the term only means they will not share donor information. Others are gravitating toward “open ID” donor systems, in which donors are told that offspring could connect with them when they turn 18 — or sooner — if both parties agree to it.'

New DCCC Chief Wants to Cancel Male Candidates

Matt · 14 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's newly appointed executive director wants to cancel male political candidates.

Lucinda Guinn, a former executive at pro-abortion fundraising giant EMILY's List, was named executive director of the embattled Democratic elections organization. The news comes as a blow to male Democrats, as Guinn has indicated on social media that she does not want men to run for office.

In a February tweet, Guinn appeared to agree with another user's proposal that "we shouldn't let boys run for office anymore."

The idea was initially raised by liberal think tank Third Way's senior vice president, Lanae Erickson, who asked, "Anyone else having the feeling that maybe we shouldn't let boys run for office anymore?"

"Sure do," Guinn said.

The DCCC did not return request for comment.'

UK: Fireman Sam cancelled for toxic masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If representation matters, doesn't it matter for little boys, too? Not according to the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, which has determined that talking fire extinguishers will do more to recruit women to the force than the character of Fireman Sam, and isn't particularly concerned about making the career choice attractive to little boys. At events and parades and things, fire fighters will no longer be permitted to dress as popular animated firefighter. Why can't the firemen dress up as Fireman Sam? The answer is inclusion, of course. If firemen dress up as firemen it's off putting to little girls who might otherwise want to be firemen.

Fireman Sam is a long running show about a fire department in the fictional Welsh town of Pontypandy, and was created in the 1980's by firefighters. While it features women firefighters as well as men firefighters, the concern for many, from London's Mayor to the Fire Brigades Union, is that this animated fireman is the reason more young women aren't signing up to work for the fire force. It couldn't be some other reason that no one wants to talk about, like that perhaps there are differences between boys and girls that result in them having different interests sometimes (maybe could that be or are we so confused that we can't even say that anymore?), at all.'

Ladies, it’s not you -- there just aren’t enough ‘economically attractive’ men to marry, study says

Mastodon · 15 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Are you an unmarried straight woman with disposable income, wondering what the heck went so wrong in your life to leave you untethered to a man?

Well, ladies, as with most things, it isn’t your fault. It’s men, and also The Man.

According to a new study from Cornell University, reported on by KOIN, marriage rates in the United States are at a 150-year low.
...
The study says that to be “economically attractive,” a male marriage partner for a woman must have a bachelor’s degree or make at least $40,000 a year.'

NYT levels new allegations vs. Brett K

Matt · 15 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of Brett Kavanaugh's male classmates at Yale has alleged he saw friends of the Supreme Court Justice push his penis into the hand of a female student at a drunken party in the 1980s.

A New York Times article details an account by classmate Max Stier who says he saw Kavanaugh, who was a freshman, at a party with his pants down.

Friends allegedly pushed his penis in to a female student's hand at the dorm party. Stier told senators and the FBI about this, but the bureau did not investigate, according to the NYT.'

Women's prison opens nursery for mothers, babies behind bars

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the first year of her life, 2-year-old Amia Kamer lived behind a chain-link fence at the Ohio Reformatory for Women, where her mother was serving 17 months on theft of drugs charge.

The all-women prison is the only one in the state with a nursery, where mothers who are pregnant at the time of incarceration and serving less than three years on minor charges can raise their newborn children to promote family bonding. The prison recently unveiled its newly built, $2 million nursery at a ceremony.'

Mandatory USC sex training tells students ‘consent is never a blanket statement’

Mastodon · 16 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As students returned to campus for the fall semester, the University of Southern California rolled out a program set on instilling the concept of “affirmative consent,” in hopes of making a “yes means yes” attitude the “standard in every sexual encounter at USC.”

Brenda Ingram, director of Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention and Services at USC Student Health, launched the initiative called “Trojans Respect Consent,” in which all incoming freshmen, were required, beginning Monday, to undergo 90 minutes of training on her concept of “affirmative consent,” according to a school news release.

...

The director emphasizes that it is “critical” to “check in with your partner or partners every step of the way and continually assess whether they are able to provide rational, genuine consent.”

“Though by no means a comprehensive answer to the problem of assault, creating clearer parameters to the definition of consent can help move the needle on the larger mission of eliminating sexual violence,” Ingram said about her plan to impress upon students that “consent is never a blanket statement.”'

Student accused of sexual misconduct sues UMaine System, claims gender bias

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male student at the University of Maine at Farmington who was accused of sexual misconduct by several women is suing the university system, saying he was also the victim of sexual assault and that the school discriminated against him because of his gender.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Bangor, claims “gender inequities in the university’s implementation of Title IX and the creation of a hostile environment.” Title IX is a federal law preventing gender discrimination and harassment, including sexual violence, in education.

The lawsuit also says the student was denied due process when he was suspended without a hearing in response to a new allegation that surfaced after he had been cleared by the university in an earlier case.'

Male circumcision opposition supported by poor evidence, paper finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The first systematic review of claims made by male circumcision opponents has found that counter-arguments tended to be supported by low-quality evidence and opinion.

The study led by University of Sydney Emeritus Professor Brian Morris has been published in the Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

In Australia, the circumcision of boys in early infancy was once common. However, over the years rates have declined to about 10 percent, says lead author, University of Sydney Emeritus Professor Brian Morris.

The researchers, from the University of Sydney's School of Medical Sciences and the University of Washington, as well as a scientist in Manchester, found modern media exacerbated misinformation: “in large part… spread by circumcision opponents, much of it via social media and the internet”, says Emeritus Professor Morris.

“We found that claims by circumcision opponents often involved cherry-picking in an attempt to refute the high-quality scientific evidence that undermines their claims.

“When reviewing high-quality evidence, we found that male circumcision – especially when performed in early infancy – is favoured.”'

Ignorance of the nature of boys is real and widespread

Mastodon · 18 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new book, For the Love of Men: A New Vision of Mindful Masculinity, begins like this: "There is no greater threat to humankind than our current definitions of masculinity." Touted in the media by Thrive Global, Glamour, and other predictable places, it's authored by self-proclaimed feminist Liz Plank.

Note use of the word "humankind," rather than "mankind." That's the first indication you're about to read something steeped in a silly ideology rather than in fact.

The book is marketed to "women looking to guide the men in their lives and men who want to do better and just don't know how." Imagine if the sexes in that sentence were reversed: for "men looking to guide the women in their lives and for women who want to do better and just don't know how."
...
Perhaps Plank imagines herself a maverick, but she's making the same tired argument feminists have been making for decades: gender is a social construct. That too has been widely debunked, such as here, here, and a thousand other places.

I'm tempted to defend Plank on grounds of ignorance. At 32, she has clearly absorbed the feminist propaganda with which she's been raised. More importantly, she does not have children, yet she claims to know precisely what boys need.'

'Exasperated and outraged': Government to review Family Court after pressure from Hanson

Mastodon · 18 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Prime Minister Scott Morrison has angered domestic violence campaigners with a surprise decision to hold an inquiry into the Family Court after years of pressure from One Nation leader Pauline Hanson to overhaul the system.

The government launched the inquiry to look into concerns including the onus of proof required to gain an apprehended violence order, the cost of the court process and claims of false evidence being used against former partners.
...
Campaigners against family violence greeted the decision with dismay just as they arrived in Parliament House to lobby MPs to change the family law system to protect women and children.

"Yet again we have another inquiry set up with people who are not experts in domestic violence," said Queensland Women's Legal Service chief executive Angela Lynch.

"I'm exasperated and outraged. This is just kicking the issue down the road again.'

Feminists think stereotypes are only bad when other people use them

Mastodon · 19 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) has banned two adverts for ‘promoting gender stereotypes’. Ironically, while the ASA was railing against gender stereotypes, Green Party MP Caroline Lucas was reviving them when calling for an emergency female-only cabinet ‘to work for reconciliation’ – because only women, so the stereotype goes, are ‘able to reach out to those they disagree with and cooperate to find solutions’.

These two examples highlight feminists’ hypocrisy around the use of gender stereotypes. They usually criticise them when the stereotypes are associated with male success, but celebrate them when they’re deployed in pursuit of female opportunity, such as accessing the levers of state power. That is, feminists are happy to use gender stereotypes to further the interests of a few top women.'

Judge apparently violates orders from appeals court as Title IX due process trial begins

Mastodon · 20 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I didn't see this one coming: A campus newspaper has called out a federal judge for apparently stacking the deck against a student accused of sexual assault.

The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overruled U.S. District Judge Denise Casper a year ago when she threw out a lawsuit against Boston College for railroading a male student. It ordered her to reconsider whether the college breached its contract with "John Doe" and deprived him basic fairness.

Senior college officials had warned adjudicators against the "no finding" option for Doe, and told them to give special treatment to a "prime alternative culprit" – the student whom Doe said confessed to groping the female student. Instead, that alternative culprit testified against Doe.

Even though Casper approved a jury trial nearly a year ago, the judge has been steadily whittling down what the jury actually gets to decide in the trial, which just started.'

Macomb County dad acquitted of threatening judge online

Mastodon · 20 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Chesterfield Township man was acquitted Thursday of charges in connection with perceived online threats against a Macomb County Circuit Court judge.

Grieving dad Jonathan Vanderhagen, 35, was acquitted following a trial before 41-B District Judge Sebastian Lucido in connection with social media posts that Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Rachel Rancilio found threatening.

Vanderhagen's lawyer said client was merely lashing out at the court system regarding a custody case involving his young son, who died two years ago in the custody of the boy's mother.

Vanderhagen had sought sole custody of his 2-year-old son, Killian.'

Why "Islam Is Right About Women" is Causing "Confusion & Anger" on YouTube

Matt · 22 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Great explanation of what happens when an ideological system is challenged directly by a statement that generates irreconcilable conflict in a person's mind.

An Ohio woman who buried her newborn in the backyard will serve no more jail time

Matt · 22 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. And if she'd been the father of the baby? Excerpt:

'An Ohio woman who was found guilty of abuse of a corpse in connection with the death of her newborn daughter was sentenced Friday to three years of basic supervision but will serve no more jail time.

As part of the sentence, Brooke Skylar Richardson, 20, was to spend seven days in the county jail, but Warren County Judge Donald Oda II credited her with time already served.

Should she violate any terms of her supervision, Richardson could face up to 12 months behind bars, the judge said.

Richardson had been found not guilty of aggravated murder, involuntary manslaughter and child endangerment in the case, which has gone on for more than two years, since the remains of her newborn daughter, Annabelle, were found buried in her Carlisle backyard.
...
Before handing down the sentence, the judge addressed the defendant, telling her, "I've always sort of thought of this case, Ms. Richardson, as a story of two little girls -- Skylar Richardson and Annabelle Richardson.

"I think what often gets overlooked ... is just how precious life is," he said. "Your life, Annabelle's life. Life is precious, and it should be protected, and it should be guarded in all respects."
...
It said prosecutors showed the court a picture of her at the gym hours after giving birth and said she sent a message to her mother.

"My belly is back, OMG. I am never, ever, ever, ever letting it get like this again. You're about to see me looking freaking better than before, OMG," the text message said, according to Knippen.

Her defense team said there was no evidence the baby was born alive. Richardson has maintained that Annabelle was not moving or breathing when she was born, her defense team said.'

South Korea's young men are fighting against feminism

Mastodon · 23 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On the same street corner in Seoul where 10,000 South Korean women rallied last October to demand an end to spy cameras and sexual violence, the leader of a new activist group addressed a small group of angry young men.

"We are a group for legal justice, anti-hate, and true gender equality," Moon Sung-ho boomed into a microphone to a crowd of a few dozen men waving placards.

As feminist issues come to the fore in deeply patriarchal South Korea, there's a growing discontent among young men that they're being left behind. Moon, who leads Dang Dang We, a group "fighting for justice for men," is one of them.

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Park is not his real name. He wants to remain anonymous because he fears repercussions for his views. So does Kim, another student in his early 20s who is about to graduate from university. Kim says he sits apart from women at bars to avoid being falsely accused of sexual harassment. Although he was once supportive of feminism, he now believes it's a women's supremacy movement that aims to bring down men.'

ACLU calls on University of Michigan to change its student sexual misconduct policy

Mastodon · 23 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan (ACLU) and the American Civil Liberties Union Women's Rights Project sent a letter to the University of Michigan on Thursday urging its administration to change its student sexual misconduct policy.

The letter asked the university to withdraw an interim policy that requires students who file sexual misconduct complaints to undergo cross-examination conducted personally by their alleged abusers.

ACLU official Dana Chicklas said due process and fundamental fairness require cross-examination in higher education cases where serious discipline is possible, but authorizing a student accused of sexual abuse to cross-examine the complainant is deeply problematic.'

‘Censored’ Arndt joins Peterson

Mastodon · 24 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Controversial social commentator Bettina Arndt has teamed up with Canadian psychologist Jordan Peterson and joined his new platform, after her videos on feminism and male rights were “censored” by YouTube.

Arndt is one of a handful of commentators and academics asked to join Thinkspot, designed to promote free speech with podcasts, essays and videos. It is due to launch on September 30. “YouTube have been systematically censoring my videos, which had almost 700,000 viewers, and now for the last year they’ve been hiding my videos, denying me access to advertising, and now they only get around 7000,” she said.

“(YouTube) claims it contravenes regulations … it’s because I am challenging the feminist narrative.”

Peterson gained a massive following of more than 1.8 million people on YouTube after a series of videos criticising political correctness, and created Thinkspot as an “anti-censorship” platform for discussion.'

Eindhoven University summoned to explain ‘discriminatory’ women only jobs policy

Mastodon · 24 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Dutch Institute for Human Rights is to hear a complaint brought against Eindhoven University of Technology for opening a number of jobs to women only, local paper Eindhovens Dagblad said on Tuesday.

Anti-discrimination agency Radar told the paper it decided to make the formal protest after it received 49 separate complaints about the policy.

The university said earlier this year that for 18 months, all academic jobs would be open to female candidates only in an effort to improve the balance between men and women on the permanent staff.

If a vacancy fails to attract suitable candidates within six months, it will be opened up to men, and after 18 months the entire scheme will be revised, the university said at the time.

Female newcomers will also be given an extra starter package, including €100,000 which they can use for their own research and a special mentoring programme, the university said.'

There is no such thing as ‘toxic masculinity’ (Opinion)

Mastodon · 25 September 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The assault on men, which is pervasive in our culture with the young generation being brainwashed into thinking that men are the problem, is breaking down our society.

Let me be clear, masculinity is not toxic. It is critical for young boys to grow up to be strong, capable men. We are raising a generation of weak dependents in the name of eliminating a ‘toxin.’ This is illogical and dangerous.

The same men viewed as 'toxic' for displaying aggressive behavior are the same men who will run up flights of stairs in a burning building to save strangers. They are the men who will run toward gunfire to stop criminals from harming innocents. They are the men who will put on a uniform and serve the cause of liberty thousands of miles from home to bring the fight to terrorists who would destroy our way of life.'

One brave young man takes on gender inequality at USC

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a meeting held in June, 2017, Kursat Christoff Pekgoz was pressured by his academic director at the University of Southern California into terminating his PhD degree in English Literature on what Pekgoz considered spurious and unprecedented grounds, accompanied by “many threats and irrational exaggerations” (the meeting was recorded). His contract was not renewed and his funding was cut off. This is extremely uncommon. In fact, Pekgoz is unaware of any other PhD student being denied a doctoral degree in English Literature [at USC].

The real reason for his PhD termination, Pekgoz alleges, is his history of gender activism via a series of Title IX complaints against a number of universities, such as Rutgers, Northeastern and Georgetown, to which he added one against USC at the end of May. As he told a PJ Media reporter, “They all know that I am a Title IX activist for men, with strong libertarian/conservative views.”

Title IX’s language is very plain. It prohibits any institution from funding, sponsoring, or listing gender-discriminatory programs and initiatives, so for example, even listing a woman-only scholarship or placing an employment ad specifying only women need apply runs counter to Title IX, though such breaches happen all the time. Title IX also prohibits discrimination in terms of counselling or health benefits. That should mean that both men and women are treated with equal objectivity and respect when, say, sexual-assault allegations come up for assessment. But universities have not covered themselves in glory, to say the least, on that front.'

Woman behind French #MeToo movement is fined for defamation

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'A Paris court ruled on Wednesday that the woman who launched the French version of the #MeToo movement must pay 20,000 euros ($22,000) for defaming the man she accused of harassment.

French journalist Sandra Muller said she fears the message of the decision is “be quiet.”

Muller launched #balancetonporc, which roughly translates as “squeal on your pig, “at the height of the global movement against sexual misconduct in October 2017 when she tweeted that former TV channel executive Eric Brion made sexually explicit comments to her.

TIME Magazine featured Muller among #MeToo “silence breakers” in its 2017 “Person of the Year” edition.'

Campus Hook-Up Culture and Title IX Sex Police Meet Due Process

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'The sexual misconduct case of John Doe v. Grinnell College just settled, joining over 200 other such cases vindicating male students falsely accused of nonconsensual sexual relations on campus. It appears the college hook-up culture is moving from Title IX sex police to courtroom due process.

Title IX is the federal law which bans sex discrimination at schools receiving federal funds. Since 2011, when President Obama's Education Department declared in a Dear Colleague Letter that sexual violence was a form of sex discrimination, it has required campuses to expand Title IX offices with coordinators, investigators, and adjudicators to handle sexual misconduct complaints. Acting as law enforcement, judge, and jury, these officials are sometimes referred to as the campus sex police.

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Sensing that both the process and the personnel favored complainants from the start, Doe sued the College in March of 2017, claiming the school itself had violated Title IX by discriminating against him on the basis of sex. He also stated that Ternus's off-the-record communications violated Grinnell's own policies and his due process rights—specifically, his right to a neutral judge.

In July, an Iowa federal trial court gave Doe almost complete vindication. In a ruling by Obama appointee, Rebecca Ebinger, the Court noted that the Grinnell policy required an impartial decision-maker and that the off-the-record communications here not only called that objectivity into question but also cast doubt on the legitimacy of the outcome. Even more seriously, the Court decided that Ternus herself seemed biased against Doe, in particular because she ignored exculpatory evidence of consent, including statements by the second female student that, "I turned back towards him, and was like I—I responded—I like kissed him … I guess I just felt like fine, it's just sex."'

New Texas prison program aims to help women leave the system with jobs waiting for them

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'Tears often filled the eyes of the women in this Texas prison town as they prepared for their upcoming release from the system after years or even decades of incarceration.

The women sometimes wiped them away as they recalled trauma and grief they'd long ignored in a harsh prison environment. But their eyes also welled up when they expressed gratitude for a new program they hope will keep them from ever coming back to this or any other lockup.

At the Mountain View Unit west of Waco last week, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice unveiled STRIVE, a new reentry program for women soon to be released from prison. Its main goals are to help imprisoned women address and heal from trauma tied to their criminal activity and leave prison with jobs already waiting for them. It's a small program, with only 31 women in the inaugural class, and lasts a relatively short 12 weeks. But in the four weeks since it began, women said they felt changed.'

Homeless Shelter’s Expected Shift from Women to Men Alarms Some Residents

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'The shift to housing men, however, is clearly creating some anxiety. “Great efforts have been made over the years to make the womens transitional shelter a part of OUR COMMUNITY and DHS wants to change that balance completely,” says a poster taped around the neighborhood.

The community board website notes that DHS wants to switch the popuation “due to the significant increase in the adult-single male population asking for shelter.”'

He Didn’t Abuse His Daughter. The State Took Her Anyway.

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'For the first five years of his daughter Amanda’s life, Ping N., a restaurant manager in Manhattan, lived with his little girl and her mother. He tucked her into bed at night and enjoyed spoiling her with her favorite snacks, like fish balls, egg tarts and ramen noodles.

But when child welfare officials found that Amanda’s mother had inflicted excessive corporal punishment on her in 2013, they removed the girl from the home. Even though court records show that Ping had never committed abuse and was not present when it took place, a judge later decided that he would lose his daughter, too. Ping could not have custody or any say in her life anymore.

The reason was a quirk of New York State law: He and Amanda’s mother were not married when she was born, making him less of a father in the eyes of the courts.

In New York and 11 other states, if a mother is accused of abuse or neglect but the father is not, and he is not married to her, he must prove that he is a parent in his own right — otherwise he will not have a say in whether the child is put up for adoption. In most of those states, including New York, proof means paying child support — not to the mother but to the government agency that has taken the child.

“This is just blatant discrimination based on stale gender stereotypes — that the only way to be a father is to have a wedding ceremony or else to be a kind of rote financial provider,” said Martin Guggenheim, a law professor at New York University who studies family law and children’s rights.

Defenders of the New York law, which dates to 1980, say it helps children who have been languishing in foster care to get a permanent home sooner by preventing unmarried fathers who do not support their children from using the courts to delay or stop an adoption.'

Jury Sides With Student Accused of Sexual Assault

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'A former Boston College student has won more than $100,000 from his alma mater after a federal jury found the private nonprofit institution mishandled sexual assault allegations against him.

The case is significant in that it is the first sex assault lawsuit against a university to reach a jury trial since 2011, when the Obama administration rewrote the rules for how college officials should investigate and arbitrate sexual violence on campuses.

Some activists who believe the Obama rules lacked due process for accused students have seized on the Boston College ruling as validation that these campus proceedings are unfair and potentially ruinous of the college and professional careers of those accused.

“The jury's clear verdict here suggests that, as with so many situations involving both free speech and due process, universities are unable to defend in public what they try to do in private,” said Samantha Harris, vice president of policy research at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a civil liberties watchdog in academe.'

Title IX professionals warn colleges to be wary of ‘trauma-informed’ ideology

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'An organization that represents Title IX officials has a surprising recommendation for its members: Stop relying on unproven scientific claims.

The Association of Title IX Administrators issued a position statement last month on “Trauma-Informed Training and the Neurobiology of Trauma,” warning that training for the field is going in an “unhealthy direction.”

Many ATIXA members are involved in sexual-misconduct proceedings on college campuses, and their training materials may direct them to show bias in favor of accusers, the statement explains.'

Some Students Welcome Ronell’s Return, Others Denounce It

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'NYU Professor Avital Ronell — who a Title IX investigation found guilty of sexually harassing a graduate student mentee — returned on Friday to a crowd of students and one security staffer outside of her classroom.

When approached by WSN reporters following the class, Ronell declined to comment for this article, citing a gag order. Students exiting the classroom ignored requests for comment.

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But not everyone at NYU was happy to see Ronell return. Last semester, members of the Student Government Assembly asked that the Comparative Literature and German professor not be reinstated after an 11-month Title IX investigation conducted by NYU found she had sexually harassed her former doctoral mentee, Nimrod Reitman. This summer, NYU’s graduate student union started a petition — still in circulation — which asked the university to fire Ronell.'

Mom says 5-year-old son with autism was punished for hugging at school

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'A mother in Tennessee says her 5-year-old son with autism was punished at school for hugging.

"I was sick to my stomach because first of all, don't you understand he's a 5-year-old? He's a child?" Summery Putnman told WTVC-TV.

Putnam says she received a call from her son's teacher at East Ridge Elementary in Chattanooga about three weeks ago.

"The teacher called me and she said you need to have a talk with Nathan about boundaries," Putnam said.

Putnam says her son Nathan has autism making it difficult for him to understand social cues.
...
Amick took to Facebook asking, "What do you do when a 5-year child is being labeled a sexual predator and accused of sexual harassment by the school system?"

"The kid doesn't even understand what sex is," Amick said.

Hamilton County Schools did confirm the teacher submitted a report to the Department of Child Services.'

South Carolina Woman Who Said She Was Too 'Pretty' for Jail Gets No Time Behind Bars

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'Lauren Cutshaw went viral last year when she said she was too pretty to go to jail as she was arrested for DUI.

Now, the judge in her case seems to agree as 34-year-old Cutshaw is being given a sweet deal, including no time behind bars. She even gets to keep her driver's license.

Cutshaw, a real estate agent from South Carolina, was pulled over after cops say she blew through a stop sign at over twice the speed limit on Aug. 5, 2018.

Her bratty whining on the way to jail went viral last year.

“I graduated from a really good, a really good university. I was almost the valedictorian. I graduated with a 3.8 in my high school and got a scholarship to my college. I was an all-American cheerleader. I mean, I didn't miss a beat my whole life,” she said. “I've never been to jail. Please, I don't want to know what it's like.”'

'Used and dehumanized': Dozens of boys found chained in Nigeria

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Article here. Excerpt:

'More than 300 boys and men, some as young as five and many in chains and bearing scars from beatings, have been rescued in a raid on a building that purported to be an Islamic school in northern Nigeria, police said on Friday.

Most of the freed captives seen by a Reuters reporter in the city of Kaduna were children, aged up to their late teens. Some shuffled with their ankles manacled and others were chained by their legs to large metal wheels to prevent escape.

One boy, held by the hand by a police officer as he walked unsteadily, had sores visible on his back that appeared consistent with injuries inflicted by a whip.

Some children had been brought from neighboring countries including Burkina Faso, Mali and Ghana, police said, while local media reports said others had been left by their parents in what they believed to be an Islamic school or rehabilitation center.'

Why is a good man so hard to find? Blame the war on boys and men

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'Gina Thibodeaux, as Hannah Frishberg's Post feature this week noted, is a single woman seeking a male partner in New York, preferably for marriage. She seems to have it all: beauty, success and youth (though at 38 she's old enough to be tormented by the ticking of her biological clock). Alas, she says her luck with men has been so bad, she's now considering living communally with girlfriends.

"Dudes these days just do less across the board," she says. In particular, "they just don't go out there and make money."

Thibodeaux's assertion was backed up by a recent academic study, as Frishberg noted, confirming that, yes, there is "shortage of economically attractive partners for unmarried women to marry."

Hello? What did anyone expect?

As Dr. Helen Smith put it in her 2013 book "Men on Strike," increasing numbers of men are boycotting marriage and fatherhood — and even engagement with women at all, except via commitment-free hookup culture.

But why wouldn't they, after 50 years (dating from the onset of first-wave feminism in the '70s) of relentless society-wide put-downs of the male sex.

Don't take my word for it: Read Christina Hoff Sommers' book "The War Against Boys" written almost 20 years ago. She documents, for example, how boys' natural rambunctiousness was beginning to be diagnosed as a disorder and treated with drugs like Ritalin.'

Why I am an Anti-feminist, part 1

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'Feminism is an -ism first and foremost. In my eyes and murky mischievous mind, this alone is enough to raise some alarms. An -ism is a set of ideas and beliefs; an umbrella under whose limited roof one seeks shelter from the rain. Stray but a little beyond its clearly defined borders, and one can not help but get rained on. Feminism, as an -ism, is incredibly totalitarian and tyrannical in its approach.

It does not only propose to speak on behalf of all women – no, no, no – it also proposes to have a monopoly on the concept of all things equality. It is not enough to hold the belief that the sexes should be treated equally – you also have to refer to yourself as a feminist. Otherwise, you can not possibly be for equality, according to their flightless feminist fancy. It is incredibly important for feminism that one wears the label of feminist. Were it a movement only for equality, surely it would be enough to state that one believes that the sexes should be treated equally? This is not the case. Feminism demands you wear the label of feminist. To such an extent that they will ignore someone's wish to not be labelled as such with the wonderful fuckery that is: "Oh, so you believe in equality between the genders?'

Jury awards six figures to accused student for Title IX kangaroo court

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'After a trial judge seemed to favor Boston College in a due-process lawsuit brought by a student accused of sexual assault, the student came out victorious Monday in his jury trial.

The jury awarded “John Doe” more than $100,000, according to the verdict form: just under $25,000 for lost tuition the semester of the disputed incident, and about $77,600 for lost income from a “set back” of one year from his planned start to law school.

An adjudication panel at the private college had struggled to reach a verdict in the proceeding against Doe, leading a senior administrator to discourage the panel from reaching “no finding.”'

UK: Women-only engineering academy opens in Sheffield

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'Liberty Steel Female Engineering Academy has just welcomed its first cohort of young trainees at The Sheffield College's Olive Grove campus, with the aim of helping address the skills gap – and, ultimately, boosting the region's economic growth.

"It's a 'throw in the dark' in a way," says Tony Goddard, training delivery manager at the academy's sponsor, Liberty Speciality Steels.

"We're looking to see if the opportunity to study together as a group of girls will encourage other girls to try this engineering course. If it works, brilliant.
...
"We're trying to make it equal. The whole point of running an educational establishment is to make sure young people understand they can do anything they want to do, and engineering is something that we want to try and encourage young women into, to make it an equal playing field for all."'

Why it makes medical – and mathematical – sense to finally vaccinate boys against the HPV virus

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'The public, perhaps aware only of HPV's role in cervical cancer, seemed to accept the decision to only vaccinate females. Why would we waste money vaccinating boys if they don't suffer from the headline HPV cancer?

On top of this, mathematical models into the impact of HPV vaccination suggested that by vaccinating a sufficiently high proportion of females, the prevalence of HPV-related diseases in males would also decline.

But imagine the outrage if a vaccination for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) was given only to women for free, in the hope that men would be protected through women's immunity.'

More than a million teenage boys could miss out on cancer-preventing HPV vaccines, charity warns

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'A “missing generation” of more than a million teenage boys will not get potentially life-saving vaccinations, a charity has warned.

Boys aged 11 to 13 will be given the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine free of charge across the UK for the first time from September. Girls of the same age have received the vaccine since 2008.

But this leaves more than a million teenage boys in the school years above them unable to get the vaccine on the NHS, placing them at risk of HPV-related cancers, the Teenage Cancer Trust has warned.

“The vaccine should be made available for free on the NHS to all men and boys up to the age of 25 who want it, as it is for women and girls,” Kate Collins, the chief executive of the charity, said.'

"Millennial men need to man up"

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'Modern feminism spends a lot of time attacking toxic masculinity. And this attack, which often turns into an attack on traditional gender roles, is having serious consequences. It is leading to the churning out of insecure, non-competitive men, who can't seem to manage basic life skills. It also means that trying to find an interesting person to connect with, let alone a life partner, is becoming more and more of a challenge with Generation Woke.

Accusing someone of toxic masculinity has become a way to denigrate any man who doesn't comply with the modern demands of feminism. It's a term that can be used almost indiscriminately. It can be used to put down men who have, say, a pro-life stance on abortion, or have simply been promoted in the workplace above a female counterpart.

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There is a way to challenge behaviour that perpetuates sexism. But this self-apologising culture we are creating is not that way. And it is having serious consequences. If we keep this up, we'll be cultivating a generation of painfully insecure men who revel in their incompetence. For the sake of the future, I'm urging millennial men to ignore the false messages, grow up and man up.'

When Men Kill Themselves Over Unproven Allegations, Me Too Has Gone Too Far

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'Me Too started with a hashtag, then morphed into a trend of public humiliation, trial by media, and personal boycotts that altered the standards by which a person is judged. Initially the movement was used to take down chronic abusers of women who had been using their power and influence to silence complaints.

As the movement picked up steam, private sexual encounters became fair game. Many of the Me Too infractions that came to light aren't criminal offenses, and much of the shaming has been against non-public figures. Those accused who are known in their field but not tabloid superstars experience being "Me Too'd" differently than the big names who started it all.

Alec Holowka didn't commit any crime, and will face no trial. His is not a household name. A game developer who was in a relationship with another game developer, Zoe Quinn, Holowka lost his job after Quinn went public with a story of their relationship that painted him as an abuser. Quinn's allegations were later shown to be suspect, at the very least, and patently false at the worst. Holowka took his life because of it.

Allegations against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein are what really got the Me Too ball rolling. The story broke in October 2017. He is the biggest, most egregious example, the granddaddy of the whole movement. He has powerful attorneys on his side, and because the accusations against him rose to the level of criminal investigation, he is able to offer a legal defense. Because of his high position in society, he can also offer a media defense.'

Girl confesses her assault story was made up

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'The black high school student who accused three white male classmates of pinning her down and cutting off her dreadlocks has 'acknowledged' that she made the allegation up, according to her school.

Amari Allen, 12, claimed she was held down by three boys who cut her hair off at their $12,000-a-year school. She also gave a tearful interview about it afterwards and said they called her hair 'ugly' and 'nappy', a racist term that is used to derogatorily describe African American women's hair.

They also shared photos of her uneven hair after the alleged incident.

On Monday, however, the child's family issued a statement to it was false and to apologize to the boys.

Why the claims were fabricated remains unclear.

The family asked for forgiveness in their statement and said they had 'betrayed the wider community.'

'To those young boys and their parents, we sincerely apologize for the pain and anxiety these allegations have caused.'

Title IX Lawsuit Could Reshape Sexual Assault Investigations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent lawsuit alleging that Boston College violated a student's fair process rights could force colleges and universities across New England to reevaluate how they investigate accusations of sexual assault.

In late August, federal Judge Douglas P. Woodlock ordered the University to allow a student-athlete—identified as "John Doe" in court documents—to enroll in courses this semester after finding that the University's investigative model violated the principle of fundamental fairness. BC suspended Doe on June 18 after finding him responsible for sexual assault in violation of the University's Student Sexual Misconduct Policy.

BC employs a "single investigator model," in which either one or two investigators interview the accused student, the complainant, and any witnesses before compiling the evidence and sending a report and finding to the Student Title IX Coordinator and what was then the Dean of Students office. In Doe's case, the investigators were Assistant Dean of Students Kristen O'Driscoll and external investigator Jennifer Davis.

The lawsuit arises as courts both in Massachusetts and across the country work to clarify how colleges and universities should conduct sexual assault investigations. Woodlock's comments at the hearing suggest that Doe's lawsuit could reconcile the different standards that private and public universities are held to.'

Libel Lawsuit Over University Rape Allegations Can Proceed

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'From Goldman v. Reddington (E.D.N.Y.), decided Friday by Judge Roslynn R. Mauskopf:

Plaintiff Alex Goldman filed this action, pursuant to this Court's diversity jurisdiction, alleging defamation and tortious interference with prospective economic advantage and business relations by defendant Catherine Reddington…. In 2017, Reddington and Goldman were both students at Syracuse University. Goldman was a civil engineering student, on track to graduate with a bachelor's degree in 2018 and a master's in Business Administration ("MBA") in 2019.'

Russian alcohol consumption down 43%, WHO report says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Russian alcohol consumption decreased by 43% from 2003 to 2016, a World Health Organization (WHO) report says.

It attributed the decline to a series of alcohol-control measures implemented by the state, and a push towards healthy lifestyles.

The WHO said the drop in alcohol consumption was linked to a significant rise in life expectancy.

It noted that Russia had previously been considered one of the heaviest-drinking countries in the world.

"Alcohol consumption has long been recognised as one of the main driving factors of mortality in the Russian Federation, especially among men of working age," the report said.'

Model to stand trial for fraud in Neymar’s rape accusation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Brazilian judge says the model who accused soccer superstar Neymar of rape will face trial on charges of fraud.

Another judge dropped serious charges that followed a decision to reject her rape complaint for lack of evidence.

Attorney Cosme Araujo said Sunday he will appeal the decision to charge Najila Trindade and her ex-husband with procedural fraud. The judge found evidence the model and ex-husband Estivens Alves tried to tamper with the investigation.

Trinidade had accused Neymar of raping her at a Paris hotel in May.'

Federal Review Finds Immigrants Fraudulently Claim Domestic Abuse to Gain Citizenship

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal program that grants immigrants a faster track to citizenship after filing a domestic abuse claim is vulnerable to fraud, according to a new report from the Government Accountability Office.

In 2018, nearly 13,000 immigrants filed claims using a provision in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as a path to gain legal permanent residence in the United States. The program allows immigrant abuse victims to self-petition and removes the alleged abuser who sponsored them into the country from the process.

The report says fraud referrals involving VAWA self-petitions have more than quadrupled in the past five years.

"They're now using VAWA as a means by which to escape the two-year requirement to remain in the marital relationship without drawing any suspicion to themselves," said retired ICE Agent John Sampson, who told the News4 I-Team he was interviewed by GAO in conjunction with the report.'

Doctor says donated sperm used to father at least 17 children, sues uni for $5.25 million

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Article here. Lesson: don't had your sperm yo a bunch of strangers. Excerpt:

'An Oregon doctor who says he discovered that his donated sperm was used to father at least 17 children in violation of an agreement that allowed for the creation of no more than five children filed a $5.25 million lawsuit Wednesday against Oregon Health & Science University.

Bryce Cleary, now 53, thinks it's possible that he has many more offspring from his sperm donations 30 years ago. During a news conference Wednesday, Cleary sat by one of those 17 children, whom he had just met, and said he believes OHSU was "incredibly irresponsible." He said he wants change.
...
The children Cleary has raised and his fertility clinic offspring have crossed paths, according to the lawsuit, because OHSU's fertility clinic also breached another promise: that all of the children be born to mothers living outside Oregon or on the East Coast. That would lessen the chances that Cleary and his future children would interact with them or that his children could conceivably become romantically involved with them, according to the suit.

The suit says most if not all of his offspring were born in Oregon.'

Uni student accused of false rape report going to trial

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Douglas County judge Thursday denied two motions to dismiss and suppress portions of the case against a KU student accused of falsely reporting a rape to Lawrence police.

The case, which was brought in January, will go to trial Oct. 28. The woman faces up to 23 months in prison for three felony counts of making a false report.

The woman's attorneys say she is innocent and has been mistreated by the Lawrence Police Department and the Douglas County District Attorney's Office after she reported being raped by a friend of her ex-boyfriend in September 2018.

District Attorney Charles Branson says she fabricated the story out of regret and to get back at her ex-boyfriend. Text messages the woman sent the night of the incident indicated to police that the sex had been consensual, according to court documents.'

Why Rossview parents are being told they can't build a second baseball practice house

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Article here. Excerpt:

'What started as an fundraising effort to give student athletes at Rossview High School more room for batting practice has turned into a dispute between parents and the school system over Title IX gender discrimination concerns and fair distribution of taxpayer money.

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Once it became a standalone facility, legal issues arose. Under Title IX regulations, boys and girls must have equal access to athletic resources. So a baseball team can't have two indoor practice buildings when the softball team doesn't have one at all.

"If we were going to allow for a standalone facility it would need to be equally accessible for girls and boys," House told The Leaf-Chronicle. "I wanted them to be able to move forward but in a way that we don't put ourselves in a situation where we don't put ourselves at risk" of a Title IX lawsuit.'

Appeals court upholds $130,000 judgment against Pomona College for railroading accused student

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'Lawyers for “John Doe” wanted Pomona College to pay at least $250,000 in attorney’s fees for repeatedly violating its own policies to find the accused student responsible for sexual assault.

They got about half that from Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mary Strobel, who said Pomona’s conduct was so egregious that she couldn’t “conclude that the factual scenario was unique and unlikely to recur.” (Pomona attempted to retry Doe with the same approach Strobel struck down.)

The private college appealed. The result? More money for Doe.

A California appeals court upheld the $130,000 judgment against Pomona in a ruling Thursday and awarded Doe “his costs on appeal,” concluding “there was no abuse of discretion” by Judge Strobel.'

UK: Police are ordered to carry on believing anyone who makes an abuse claim is a victim

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Detectives investigating historic sex crimes are still being trained to believe anyone who says they are a victim, despite being ordered to stop by a damning report into Scotland Yard's bungled VIP paedophile ring investigation.

Senior officers were issued with new rules just last month by the College of Policing, which say that anyone who makes abuse claims should automatically be considered a 'victim', with 'the intention that victims are believed'.

The advice ignores recommendations from retired High Court judge Sir Richard Henriques, who wrote a devastating report exposing how officers relentlessly pursued false claims of historic abuse by a fantasist known as 'Nick'.

Sir Richard's report on Scotland Yard's investigation, Operation Midland, advised that 'the instruction to believe a victim's account should cease'.'

School rewrites apparent female-only scholarship advertisement after College Fix inquiry

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'A majority-women private college recently advertised a new scholarship as being only available to females before claiming that the single-sex designation was a mistake. When pressed, the school would not explain how the mistake was made and whether or not it was wrongly advertised elsewhere.

Ursuline College, a Roman Catholic school located in Ohio, boasts that more than 90 percent of its undergraduate students are female. It offers a variety of scholarships to undergraduate students. The school advertised what appears to be its newest scholarship, Say Amen to College, on Sept. 19 on its website.
...
The College Fix reached out to the college to inquire about the legality of the scholarship, asking if the school had any concerns that it violated federal Title IX regulations, which prohibit sex discrimination. A recent study found that a majority of American colleges and universities “facially violate” federal law by offering female-only aid.'

More Title IX Lawsuits by Accusers and Accused

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'Universities and colleges are increasingly experiencing legal challenges to their institutions' Title IX enforcement processes, a trend that higher education law experts say is a natural reaction to proceedings that declare “winners” and “losers.”

The societal pressures from the Me Too movement and repercussions from the Obama administration’s 2011 guidance for how colleges should adjudicate sex assault cases have led to more civil complaints from both alleged victims and accused perpetrators of sexual misconduct who feel they were treated unfairly during Title IX hearing processes. Legal challenges in federal courts exploded following the guidance, which called on universities and colleges to vigorously root out campus sexual assault and harassment with a preponderance of evidence standard, leaving officials to determine if “it is more likely than not that sexual harassment or violence occurred.”'

LA Metro Says Its System Is Riskier And Harder For Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In theory, Los Angeles County's public transit system serves everyone. But in reality, not everyone is served equally — especially women.

In a recent report, Metro officials said that women are subjected to "outsized burdens and risks" when navigating L.A.'s transportation systems, and their needs "have not been critically accounted for."

The agency issued the 167-page report, "Understanding How Women Travel," in late August. It revolves around five "themes" related to how and why women use public transit and other modes of travel through L.A. County. The agency looked at travel behavior, safety, access, reliability, and convenience and comfort.

Metro surveyed 2,600 county residents, oversampling women and transit riders. The agency also logged more than 100 hours observing how women use its system, ran a series of focus groups, workshops and "pop-up engagements," plus analyzed data from nine existing regional and federal sources to compile for this report.

Based on the findings, the report authors recommend Metro create a Gender Action Plan, with the goal of making "actionable changes... specifically intended to improve travel experiences for women." That could include safety and staffing improvements, adjusting fare policies to "minimize the daily financial burden on lower-income women," rethinking bus stop, station and vehicle design, and amending service times to account for the midday trips more women take on Metro.'

Girl-only science classes vital for gender balance, says leading Scots engineer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of Scotland's leading female engineers wants girl-only science classes in primary schools to stop female pupils being overwhelmed by "pushy" boys and "brainwashed" into thinking they are useless at technical subjects.

Dr Carol Marsh, deputy head of electronic engineering at the Edinburgh site of Leonardo, one of the UK's leading aerospace companies, and a former president of the Women's Engineering Society, said women were missing out on professional STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) jobs because of being deterred at an early age.

Just 22 per cent of the UK's STEM workforce is female according to the Office for National Statistics Labour Force Survey.'

A 15-Year-Old Girl Was Suspended For "Bullying" After Saying There Was A Rapist In Her High School

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Those words, handwritten on a sticky note and posted in a high school bathroom, have led to a Maine teenager getting suspended — not the alleged rapist, but the 15-year-old girl who wrote the note.

Aela Mansmann, a sophomore, was suspended from Cape Elizabeth High School on Friday for "bullying" because she posted the note, which did not name anyone as an accused rapist.
...
It all started in September when Aela said she'd gotten "pretty fed up" with the amount of sexual assault and harassment her classmates were facing, apparently without consequences for the perpetrators.

So she and a friend put up that sticky note. Soon after, many more students posted similar notes in the bathroom speaking about their stories of sexual violence at the hands of classmates.

Aela's note was not about one singular, specific rapist, she said.

"It was really addressing the general culture of our school, and keeping in mind several specific cases," she said. "But there are so many it's hard to pinpoint just one and advocate for just one of them."

Later that day, school administrators called her into the office and launched an investigation into the sticky notes, she said.'

Nearly 70% of millennial women ‘financially abused’ by partner

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly 70% of millennial women have experienced financial abuse by a romantic partner.

Let that sink in for a second.

That means, for every 10 women you know in that age group, odds are that seven of them have had a partner use money to control or manipulate them, according to a 2017 survey of 2,000 people ages 18-35 by CentSai, a financial wellness website.

Sadly, it’s not surprising given that 1 in 4 women will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime — often for the first time before they are 25 years old, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And financial abuse is present in nearly all domestic abuse cases.

But financial abuse can and does occur absent of any physical violence. And it isn’t strictly a millennial problem, nor is it something that happens exclusively to women. Almost 50% of men in the survey by CentSai said they experienced some form of financial abuse.'

Leading feminist: 'I want patriarchy to fear women': Mona Eltahawy says the time for being civil, peaceful and polite is over

Matt · 9 October 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. She's kind of late. True-believing feminists already often fit this bill. Excerpt:

'Mona Eltahawy urges that radical steps need to be taken in order to dismantle patriarchy, including the use of "justifiable violence" against men.

The Egyptian-American journalist and activist argues that being civil, respectful and polite should no longer be options for women and girls.

"Politeness upholds the power of patriarchy," she told Out in the Open host Piya Chattopadhyay. "I want patriarchy to fear feminism. I want patriarchy to fear women."

...

In her latest book, The Seven Necessary Sins for Women and Girls, Eltahawy says women and girls need to harness anger, attention-seeking, ambition, power, profanity, lust and violence in order to truly be liberated from what she describes as the "tentacles of the octopus known as patriarchy."

Eltahawy sat down with Piya to have a deeply personal conversation about being sexually assaulted, and how her lived experiences have helped her arrive at unequivocal strength of conviction within herself, and of her views on feminism.'

We can’t address sexual violence if we keep trying to promote ‘healthy masculinity’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Well for Health Promotion has implemented a new event. The MENtality Project Lunch & Learn, the goal of which is to “help engage, educate and empower students to create an open environment to discuss healthy masculinity.”

Though The Well is adopting preemptive measures to combat the serious sexual violence issues on this campus, the intent of this event as expressed by the language used is troubling. To put it simply, there is no such thing as healthy masculinity.

The specific actions that The Well is undertaking to prevent sexual violence — targeting groups that feel that they do not have a part in the conversation about sexual violence, sparking dialogue and promoting engagement — are all steps in the right direction.

The use of the term “healthy masculinity,” however, is steeped in the very structures that have created the violence that threatens college campuses across the country.'

Men’s rights advocates are strong-arming small businesses by claiming discrimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Steve Frye — a “men’s rights advocate” — has another victim in his sights: The Paso Robles Golf Club.

Frye recently filed a lawsuit claiming he was denied access to a women’s golf clinic held in 2017.

He says he missed out on several freebies offered to participants — including golf instruction, use of a golf cart and other equipment, and alcoholic beverages.

Frye, who has filed dozens of similar cases, alleges the golf course violated the Unruh Civil Rights Act, which prohibits businesses from discriminating on the basis of “sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, or sexual orientation.”

As ridiculous as it sounds, he may have a case; the law has been used to successfully challenge bars that offer “ladies’ night” discounts on drinks and/or cover charges.'

‘Feminism is the most self-defeating movement of our time,’ says cultural critic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“I think feminism is the most self-defeating movement of our time.”

So says prolific author and respected cultural critic Mary Eberstadt, whose recently published book “Primal Screams: How the Sexual Revolution Created Identity Politics,” explains the deleterious effects of the demise of the traditional family.

...

“I think feminism is primarily an act of self protection in the way that feminists themselves don’t understand,” she said. “In the world after the sexual revolution there really were new threats to women, as we saw in the #MeToo movement. The sexual revolution has empowered predatory men in particular. So feminism correctly understands that women are now in an environment of heightened risk.”

“But feminism’s answer is the worst possible answer to that environment, because it stokes enmity between the sexes, and by insisting that women are victims, it takes away the kind of radical equality that Christianity inferred to women by making them equal moral players — so it’s an answer to the sexual revolution that can’t help but make things worse.”'

No boys allowed: Girls-only tech class gives students 'confidence' for skilled trades

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A month into school and students in the female-only tech class at St. Joseph's Catholic High School in Windsor are putting the finishing touches on wooden boxes they've constructed. The Grade 9 girls wear all the required safety gear to carve designs into their boxes and apply finishing touches.

The course — Exploring Technologies — is brand new at the school this year and school officials said it filled up almost immediately after being offered.

Sam Santarossa didn't realize how much effort went in to making things, and said the opportunity to learn without the guys around is helpful.

"I really like it, personally, because the boys seem to get off track very easily, and I think with all of us together, it just makes it easier for all of us to learn."
...
Teacher Ryan Coop said the girls actually pay closer attention to their work than the boys he teaches do.

"Their attention spans [are] better than the guys," said Coop. "The [girls] are just as good, if not better, in every way."'

Do Works by Men Toppled by #MeToo Belong in the Classroom?

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'Canceling a course because its materials are controversial or seen as morally problematic, the senate said, “would undermine both the value of free inquiry and the associated rights of faculty to engage in such inquiry by choosing their course content.”

Ms. Lyon was unmoved. “When you teach works like Woody Allen’s you’re normalizing and romanticizing the culture of abuse he was part of,” she said, noting the parallels between accusations against Mr. Allen and the relationships his characters have with younger women in films like “Manhattan.” “It’s not censorship to be selective when you choose the art you teach.”'

Two years of #MeToo: a disaster for men and women

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'#MeToo began with serious accusations of rape. But as it cast its net ever-wider, the crimes became, well, less serious. Joe Biden kissed the top of a woman's head. Morgan Freeman apparently touched a young woman's back. Aziz Ansari reportedly poured his date a glass of red wine when, unknown to him, she really fancied white wine instead. This is, at the very worst, bad manners. But #MeToo teaches us that there is no objective definition of sexual harassment. If certain behaviour is unwanted and perceived by a woman to be sexual harassment, then it is sexual harassment. Context, intent, even a man's actions count for nothing compared to a woman's feelings.
...

#MeToo teaches us, above all else, that all interactions between men and women are potentially problematic. In universities, students are taught that physical contact with another person requires explicit permission. Lecturers are advised to leave the office door open during tutorials to guard against false accusations. Codes of conduct proscribe relationships between staff and students. Many happy marriages may have begun with flirting in the office but now the human-resources department is likely to have just the policy necessary to nip any romance in the bud. Post-#MeToo, a majority of male bosses report feeling uncomfortable mentoring junior female colleagues. Way to go, feminism – a victory for women!'

Australia: Uni faces legal challenge over sexual assault allegation against med student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lawyers for the male student have filed proceedings in the Supreme Court in Brisbane after he was invited to attend a UQ disciplinary board hearing about the sexual assault allegation.

"[UQ and its disciplinary board] do not have jurisdiction to hear and make findings about such allegations," the application for judicial review states.

The ABC understands the medical student has not been charged with any criminal offence.

The assault allegedly took place last year.

According to documents tendered as part of the civil case, the student is alleged to have digitally penetrated the complainant's genitals without her consent.'

Smash the patriarchy with witchcraft

Matt · 11 October 2019 · Archived copy · Original

I can't make this stuff up. Article here. Excerpt:

'Ms. Grossman was showing me her altar, a pastiche of moon pendants, candles, crystals and dried flowers. She calls herself a witch, and cast spells and teaches magical history. She has been named “the Terry Gross of witches” for “The Witch Wave” podcast she hosts. In June, she published “Waking the Witch: Reflections on Women, Magic, and Power.” And last weekend, she was an organizer of the Occult Humanities Conference hosted by New York University.

Today’s witches — those who identify more with feminism than burnings at the stake — are a part of the collective consciousness. For nearly two years, President Trump has called the investigation into Russia’s influence in the 2016 election a “witch hunt.” Witches are the subject of recent art exhibits. Even members of the Wing, the popular co-working space among well-heeled women in their 30s, refer to themselves as a coven.
...
Ms. Grossman, who keeps a statue of the Roman goddess Diana the Huntress on her altar, said witches are having a resurgence among feminists who want authority over their own lives. But they continue to be persecuted in places like Papua New Guinea, where angry mobs have recently accused vulnerable people, often women, of sorcery.

The witch is “the perfect symbol for anyone who wants to subvert the status quo and who wants to proclaim they belong to themselves,” Ms. Grossman said.'

Enough Leaning In. Let's Tell Men to Lean Out.

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'Rarely do we stop to consider that many of life's problems might be better explained by the alternative titles "Men Who Love Too Little," " … Think Too Little," " … Worry Too Little" or " … Do Too Little." But instead we assume without question that whatever men are doing or thinking is what we all should be aiming for.
...
So perhaps instead of nagging women to scramble to meet the male standard, we should instead be training men and boys to aspire to women's cultural norms, and selling those norms to men as both default and desirable. To be more deferential. To reflect and listen and apologize where an apology is due (and if unsure, to err on the side of a superfluous sorry than an absent one). To aim for modesty and humility and cooperation rather than blowhard arrogance.'

'You stop it, you are a white male!': Unhinged trustee shouts down colleagues

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A board of trustees meeting in the Village of Oak Park, Illinois, took an ugly turn Monday night, when one elected official went on a tirade against several of her colleagues for daring to give input on updates to the town's equity, diversity, and inclusion statement.

Trustee Susan Buchanan came unglued after another trustee, Dan Moroney, suggested defining what it means to "break down systems of oppression" as part of the language in the proposed new version of Oak Park's diversity statement.

Moroney used the example that the local police department had recently been accused by some in the community of being a "system of oppression" and he would therefore "hesitate to send the message to our police department that they are a system of oppression."

Moroney went on to note that it was important to define such terms, because someone in the local newspaper had recently said racial equity could be achieved via wealth redistribution through socialist policies.
...
"I am so tired of hearing two white men tell us what systems of oppression are," she said to applause from the audience. "You have been white from birth. Why are you arguing what is a system of oppression? You've never experienced it, so shut up! I don't want to hear from you! Just stop Dan, just stop Deno. You are not oppressed people and people in Oak Park are and we are trying to recognize that as a community."
...
Then, pointing fingers at the men directly, she said, "And you stop it! You are a white male! You stop it, you are a white male!"

According to West Cook News, Buchanan even turned her ire to Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb, a Palestinian immigrant, pointing at him and telling him, "Your skin is light enough. Stop it!"'

Video here.

Elizabeth Warren abandoned the strongest defense of gay marriage for mean-spirited, sexist pandering

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Morgan Cox, board chairman of the Human Rights Campaign, asked the insurgent presidential front-runner what she'd say to a religious person who argues, "my faith teaches me that marriage is between one man and one woman."

"Well," Warren replied. "I'm going to assume it's a guy who said that, and I'm going to say then just marry one woman. I'm cool with that, assuming you can find one."

To start with an obvious falsehood, men and women support government-recognized gay marriage at nearly identical rates — 61% and 66% respectively. Warren's implied sexism here isn't just distasteful. It's also built upon a statistical lie, which isn't a surprise.

But more significant is Warren's entire approach to the question. Rather than argue as gay rights advocates have for decades that government recognition of a contract doesn't impede religious institutions, Warren ignores the implied religious liberty concern entirely and then relies on a rude insult.'

Teen who murdered boy while pregnant ‘boasting about being a man hater’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jolene Doherty, now aged 18, was jailed for life in January for knifing fellow teenager Conner Cowper to death at a house party.

Doherty was 17 at the time of the murder, in April 2018, but when she turned 18 last month her identity could be revealed.

She gave birth behind bars, but prison sources claim the young mum has been bragging about the brutal killing to other inmates, telling them that she hates men.

A prison source claimed the convicted killer said her hatred of men was the reason for the murder at a flat in Holytown, near Motherwell, North Lanarkshire, in April last year, the Evening Times reported.'

3M IP counsel says executive buy-in critical to addressing dearth of women inventors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Intellectual Property Owners Association's newly released "tool kit" to increase the number of female inventors outlines in precise detail almost every step corporations and universities should take to close a gaping gender gap in corporate and academic innovation.
...
The dearth of female inventors and patent holders in the U.S. has been described as a national crisis. It has sparked calls to action from federal patent officials as well as members of Congress.'

Kenya’s Brigid Kosgei Sets World Marathon Record In Chicago

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'Brigid Kosgei of Kenya won the Chicago Marathon on Sunday in 2 hours, 14 minutes, 4 seconds to break the world record in the event.

The 25-year-old Kosgei bested the previous mark of 2:15:25 set by Paula Radcliffe in London 16 years ago. She won in Chicago last year in 2:18:35.

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Kosgei’s run came little more than 24 hours after fellow Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge became the first man to run 26.2 miles in less than two hours, clocking 1:59:41 in Vienna. Unlike Kipchoge’s performance, however, Kosgei’s mark was set in an official race on a record-eligible course.

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Lawrence Cherono won the men’s race in 2:05:45. Ethiopia’s Dejene Debela was second in 2:05:46 and Asefa Mengstu was third in 2:05:48.'

'No consent' circumcision doctor suspended for a month

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A mother whose son was circumcised without her consent said she was "furious" the doctor has only been suspended for a month.

The boy was taken to be circumcised by his Muslim grandmother, and Dr Balvinder Mehat did not check the mother consented to the procedure.

Dr Mehat was investigated by the General Medical Council and admitted the allegation at a misconduct hearing.

However, the tribunal decided he was "no risk to patients".

"It's an absolute joke and I won't trust another doctor ever again," said the boy's mother.

"If I went round and cut his bits off I would be getting years in prison.

"Even if they struck him off it wouldn't have been enough punishment, because he has caused my son so much pain, but such a short suspension is a slap in the face."'

Why you can’t say ‘men are trash’ on Facebook

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Question: According to your policies “men are trash” is considered tier-one hate speech. So what that means is that our classifiers are able to automatically delete most of the posts or comments that have this phrase in it. [Why?]

Mark Zuckerberg: The hate speech policies are the most fraught. So I’ll walk you through the reasoning of how we got to this policy. And so there are a few things that are going on that I think you want to think about. So one is, gender is a protected category. So substitute in your mind while you’re thinking through this, what if this were “Muslims are trash,” right? You would not want that on the service.'

What Is the Role of an All-Boys School in 2019? How the Elite Institutions Are Trying to Adapt

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When the all-boys Regis High School in Manhattan devoted a day this spring to discussing challenges facing women today — sexual harassment, discrimination in the military, the gender pay gap, for instance — it was a first for the school, an example of an all-male institution confronting the issues raised by the #MeToo and #TimesUp movements.

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It also reinforced to Alice Foppiani, a senior at the all-girls Marymount School of New York, just how far they had to go. “It felt like they were learning very basic information that they should have learned a while ago,” says Foppiani, 17, who participated in a panel at Regis that day with fellow Marymount students.'

Researchers: Sex Robots Should Have ‘Consent-Modules’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the article, which was highlighted this week by The College Fix, Haselager and Peeters propose that sex robots should have to consent prior to intercourse with their owners. The researchers argue that a “consent-module” would cultivate compassion in their owners.

"We propose that virtue ethics can be used to address ethical issues central to discussions about sex robots. In particular, we argue virtue ethics is well equipped to focus on the implications of sex robots for human moral character. Our evaluation develops in four steps. First, we present virtue ethics as a suitable framework for the evaluation of human–robot relationships. Second, we show the advantages of our virtue ethical account of sex robots by comparing it to current instrumentalist approaches, showing how the former better captures the reciprocal interaction between robots and their users. Third, we examine how a virtue ethical analysis of intimate human–robot relationships could inspire the design of robots that support the cultivation of virtues. We suggest that a sex robot which is equipped with a consent-module could support the cultivation of compassion when used in supervised, therapeutic scenarios. Fourth, we discuss the ethical implications of our analysis for user autonomy and responsibility."'

Campus sexual assault panel mulls transcript notation law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Advocates from Virginia gave a legislative panel in Vermont mixed reviews of a law passed in that state requiring colleges to disclose on transcripts when students are disciplined for sexual misconduct.

Jonathan Iglesias, the public policy director for the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, said the group had concerns the practice did little to deter misbehavior and in some cases discouraged students from coming forward.

“Lots of things that we typically hear … is ‘I don’t want to ruin his life,’” Iglesias said.'

Now ‘survivors’ at Georgia Tech demand Angel Cabrera be fired for supporting Kavanaugh

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'Controversy is following Ángel Cabrera, former president of George Mason University, as he takes the helm at Georgia Institute of Technology. The reason? His support of the hiring of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh at GMU as a visiting law professor.

The GT for Survivors group has been vocal against Carbera’s hire for months, but the recently revived allegations against Kavanaugh highlighted in a new book prompted its members to reignite their agitation, despite the fact that the claims have been denied by Kavanaugh’s alleged victim.

“Students at GT and GMU don’t think Kavanaugh’s elevation to SCOTUS means that the allegations made against him should have been overlooked when Angel Cabrera hired him to teach at GMU, either @Mason4Survivors,” the group tweeted on Sept. 26.'

Rights groups urge Cyprus to drop false rape case against Briton

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Human rights and feminist groups are calling for Cypriot authorities to drop the case against a British teenager accused of falsely claiming she was raped by 12 Israeli tourists in a hotel room.

The 19-year-old, who reported the alleged assault almost three months ago but was then arrested after revoking her criminal complaint, is due to go on trial on Tuesday on a charge of public mischief. She has pleaded not guilty to fabricating the accusation of rape, but could be imprisoned for up to a year if found guilty.

Forced to relinquish her passport and remain in Nicosia, the island's capital, she has already spent a month in detention, sharing a cramped cell with nine other women.

A growing number of human rights organisations are demanding her release.

"It's brutal what she and her family have had to endure," said Susana Pavlou, the director of the Nicosia-based Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies. "It is totally disproportionate to what she is accused of."'

Army's New 'Gender Neutral' Fitness Test Still Seeing Women Fail More Than Men

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'Women are failing the U.S. Army's new fitness test at higher rates than men, according to a viral Facebook post that was confirmed by the military Tuesday.

The Facebook page "U.S Army W.T.F! Moments" posted several slides claiming 84% of female candidates were failing the new Army Combat Fitness Test, compared to 30 percent of males, according to Military.com. Army officials said the slides were not official documents, but they did not deny their accuracy. The slides reportedly show results from 11 battalions, including 2,849 men and 357 women.

Maj. Gen. Lonnie Hibbard, the commander for the Center for Initial Military Training, has also confirmed the military was seeing differing results, but he credited the difference to lack of training.

"We have to learn how to train for this test," he told reporters at a press conference, according to Military.com. "As we look at the new Army Combat Fitness Test, it is more of a functional fitness test," he said. "And we have to change the way we do [physical training]."'

Liz Warren Once Eulogized A Man By Accusing Him Of Sexual Harassment In Front Of His Children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Massachusetts Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren once eulogized a former colleague by accusing him of sexual harassment in front of his ex-wife and children, according to a profile of the presidential candidate in the Washington Post.

Warren, who got her first full-time teaching job at the University of Houston, returned to campus 15 years later to deliver a eulogy for UH law professor Eugene Smith. Smith was a “champion” of Warren, according to WaPo, and specifically requested she speak at his funeral after he passed away from polio complications.
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From WaPo:

“With a smile on her face and humor in her voice, Warren described how Smith had invited her to his office one day just a few months after she had been hired. He shut the door and lunged for her, she said, and as she protested, he chased her around his desk before she was able to escape out the door.”

John Mixon, a former UH law professor, described the crowd as “slack-jawed” at the eulogy, and added that the story didn’t even seem plausible given Smith’s limited mobility due to the polio.'

MIB author told his 'mansplaining' about his own movie wasn't welcome

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The writer of Men in Black had a very awkward encounter when he offered his first-hand knowledge to a pair of friends disagreeing over his 1997 film.

Ed Solomon took to Twitter Tuesday to tell how he was sitting in a cafe writing when the two women next to him were disagreeing about the origins of the movie Men in Black, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

The 59-year-old turned to them and said: 'If you'd like, I could clear that up for you.'

To which one woman snarkily replied: 'I'm sorry, we do not need an old white male's mansplanation,' clearly not recognizing Solomon.

'So I apologized and that was that,' Solomon said.'

The Apprentice sparks controversy as candidate is accused of sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The groups were tasked with creating an original toy product for children, complete with a promotional video – but first, they had to decide on their project leaders and sub-leaders.

After being voted as team leader for her group, Pamela denied Lewis the opportunity to be sub-team leader, saying: "I want a woman to lead this team... whip you boys into shape."

Lewis immediately took issue with Pamela's comments, arguing that he was the ideal person to be sub-team leader and that she was making her decision based on his gender.

Disgusted viewers soon took to Twitter to accuse Pamela of sexism.'

Kathleen Jamie: 'Nature writing has been colonised by white men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kathleen Jamie recently spent “valuable minutes” of her life totting up all the books and authors who have been shortlisted for the prestigious Wainwright prize for British nature and travel writing. The tally is 26 books by men and 14 by women. For winners, the ratio is five men to one woman.

Jamie – a poet whose genre-stretching first book of essays, 2005’s Findings, was a much-praised widening of the growing field of nature writing – is aghast at the preponderance of male nature writers. “Only 15 years ago,” she says when I meet her in her home city of Edinburgh, “nature writing was barely there. It seems very strange that this thing that barely existed can suddenly ignite. I hate to say it, but it has been colonised – by middle-class white men. I’m interested in how that’s happened. And if you understand how that’s happened, you understand the whole godforsaken political state of this country.” The cafe table is being softly thumped.'

Civil liberties group launches new searchable database of campus due process litigation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many lawyers and journalists use a spreadsheet maintained by Brooklyn College Prof. KC Johnson and due process advocate Samantha Harris to keep track of lawsuits filed by students accused of sexual misconduct.

Now Harris's organization, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, has launched an even more comprehensive resource to keep tabs on litigation involving due process in every kind of campus disciplinary proceeding.

The Campus Due Process Litigation Tracker is searchable by school type, state, federal appeals court and several other categories, including judicial decisions "primarily favorable" to either college or student, stage of litigation and common keywords ("cross-examination," "basic fairness," etc.).'

Why does UNC have such a high sexual assault rate? Because it defines nearly everything as sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Colleges and universities that participated in the Association of American Universities' recent sexual assault survey are sharing their own results this week, and some are even more shocking than the highly misleading "1 in 4" number for women undergraduates nationally.

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Like other media outlets, the North Carolina TV station evidently didn't look at the definitions in the report, which tells students that consent is nullified by "incapacitation" (undefined) and when their partners miss their "cues to stop or slow," among other qualifiers. It does not specify what level of "cue" is unambiguous, or even define the term.

By telling students that anything that bothered them about their sexual encounter renders it nonconsensual, UNC and the other participating schools are massively inflating their actual sexual assault problem.'

UK: Outgoing NSW Labor boss denounces 'nasty culture of sexism' after formally resigning

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The outgoing Labor boss Kaila Murnain has slammed her party's inability to grapple with its "nasty culture of sexism" and urged it to pursue "real and lasting reform" to improve integrity.

Murnain formally announced her resignation as NSW Labor general secretary on Thursday following explosive evidence heard at an anti-corruption probe that she had kept quiet for almost three years about unlawful donations from the Chinese billionaire Huang Xiangmo.

Murnain was suspended in August from the position she had held since 2016, when, at 29, she became the first woman to hold the top job in NSW Labor.

"The circumstances leading up to my election in 2016 were horrendous," she said.

"Some of these events were reported in the media at the time, and some of these events have received more recent attention.

"However, I believe it is inarguable that our party has never fully grappled with the nasty culture of sexism which women face in politics."'

Jordan Peterson Isn’t Dangerous. Stop Censoring The Movie About Him

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent weeks, venues in three North American cities have cancelled screenings of a new movie, “The Rise of Jordan Peterson.” In each case, from Toronto to Brooklyn to Portland, the decision was made in response to criticism that Peterson, a Canadian psychologist who was thrust into fame in 2015 with a controversy over trans pronouns and a series of viral You Tube videos, is a dangerous far-right fanatic. There were also threats that showings might be protested, perhaps violently.

Lets be clear on one thing right off the bat: this allegation is pure and simple nonsense. First of all, unlike the violent activists who dub themselves “Antifa” and busy themselves throwing milkshakes at people if they aren’t punching them, Peterson spent much of his early career studying the psychological elements at work when populations come to accept fascistic and totalitarian regimes.'

Liberal Supreme Court Short List Packed With Radical Activists, Short on Actual Judges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday, hours before the fourth Democratic presidential debate, the liberal group Demand Justice released a short list of Supreme Court nominees for the candidates to adopt. Tragically but unsurprisingly, the list is packed with liberal activists, short on sitting judges, and dangerous for due process, free speech, and other constitutional values. Democrats would be wise to avoid this list and most of the names on it, but it seems likely at least one candidate — perhaps Beto O'Rourke? — will adopt it.

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As KC Johnson, a history professor and co-author of The Campus Rape Frenzy: The Attack on Due Process at America's Universities, noted that the Demand Justice list included Catherine Lhamon, former assistant secretary for Civil Rights at the Department of Education. Her office sent the notorious "Dear Colleague" letter that unleashed a "sex bureaucracy" on American college campuses. That bureaucracy famously denied basic due process rights to men accused of sexual assault, ruining lives in the name of protecting "victims." The Trump administration rightly began reversing it.

"The list's including Catherine Lhamon ... speaks volumes about how the activist left approaches campus fairness," Johnson tweeted. "At virtually any other point b/w the 1950s and 2011, someone best known for eviscerating the rights of the accused would be seen as a pariah on the left, not as a possible Supreme Court nominee. Extraordinary shift in thinking in the last 8-10yrs."'

Enough Talk, More Action

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Video here. Description:

'Bettina's recent presentation to the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE) conference in Toronto argues the silent majority needs to give politicians the courage to stand up against feminist activists and stop stacking the system to favour women ahead of men.

Bettina is one of the first contributors to Jordan Peterson's new platform, ThinkSpot. Sign-up at: https://ts.today?keyword=bettina There are over 250,000 people on the waitlist to access the site. If you join the waitlist using this link which contains the promo code "Bettina" you will be given earlier access, as part of the gradual roll-out to take place over the next few months.'

‘Toxic’ debate: Shore headmaster takes a stand for boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The outgoing headmaster of one of Australia’s top boys schools has taken aim at the public debate on modern masculinity, describing the growing tendency to denounce “male behaviours” as “toxic”, divisive and marginalising of young men.

Timothy Wright, who retires in December after 17 years running the Sydney Church of England Grammar School, commonly known as Shore, said he welcomed discussion around what it meant to be a man in the 21st century but not in a manner that unfairly generalised against half the population.

“It’s hard to have a conversation about this issue without people conjuring up issues of sexual harassment or domestic violence or ‘toxic masculinity’,” Dr Wright said of the term popularised by the latest wave of feminism. “Attach that description to any other group in society and people would be outraged.”

With 1600 boys and young men under his watch, Dr Wright has tried to tackle the topic over recent months, dedicating his weekly assembly addresses to “Conversations about Manliness”. Manliness — a term he preferred to “masculinity” and its accompanying baggage — was not about having a gym-sculpted body or being able to do 100 push-ups but rather hinged on the virtues one possessed and acted upon, he said.'

Europol's 'Crime Has No Gender ' campaign lists 'most wanted' women fugitives

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Europol, the law enforcement agency of the European Union, released a list of women fugitives on Saturday — from convicted murderers, to human sex traffickers — as part of its new "Crime has No Gender" campaign.

The women-centric campaign drew criticism after Europol spokesperson Claire Georges said the organization "wanted to show that women are just as likely to commit violent crimes as men."

"Even though the discourse is often around 'male fugitives,' women can be just as bad," she said.

The campaign, aimed at driving up web traffic in hopes of catching criminals, shows fugitives with a digital mask, obscuring their gender, which falls away as viewers scroll down the individual bio.'

An insane drive for more quotas at the FDNY

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new City Council proposal seeks to diversify the Fire Department, “ensuring that the racial, ethnic and gender demographics of the department’s firefighters reflect that of the city’s population as a whole.”

The proposed law is aimed specifically at increasing the number of women in the FDNY; accompanying legislation mandates the upgrading of all firehouses to “establish full integration of a mixed-gender workforce,” with separate bathrooms and sleeping areas.

...

Consider the demographics of New York City employment generally — and the kind of jobs that attract women, compared to men. Of 400,000 city employees, for example, 59 percent are women. That’s already skewed from the city’s total employment figures, where women comprise less than half of the workforce.

And there is tremendous variety in employment patterns among and within city departments. There are more than 90,000 teachers in the school system, 77 percent of whom are women. Teachers earn a median salary around $86,000, slightly higher than that of firefighters and police officers.'

Are Women and Men More Likely to "Punish" Male Cheaters?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly three out of four adults agree: Society is better off if couples are sexually faithful.

People say this even if they themselves are not interested in being faithful – among people, married or not, who say they are not always faithful to their sexual partners, 47 percent still agree that society overall benefits from sexual fidelity.

...

For example, 49 percent of men and 53 percent of women said they would tell a male cheater, “You made a marriage commitment that you have broken and should feel sorry.” In contrast, only 39 percent of men and 37 percent of women would say this to a female cheater. The circumstances were identical, but men and women were both more likely to tell a male cheater he broke his commitment and should feel sorry.'

Freshman Dem Katie Hill denies improper relationship with aide, accuses husband of abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Freshman Democratic Rep. Katie Hill (Calif.) is denying allegations that she had an improper relationship with a congressional staffer, and blamed the controversy on an "abusive husband" that she is in the midst of divorcing.

The 32-year-old Hill has reached out to Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) to deny the allegations, according to multiple Democratic sources.
...
The allegations against Hill were first raised in the conservative publication RedState.org. The publication reported that Hill had an affair with her legislative director, Graham Kelly. The relationship was purportedly uncovered by Hill's husband, Kenny Heslep. The couple is in the midst of an acrimonious divorce, and there is no proof that an improper relationship with Kelly — who also worked on Hill's campaign — occurred.

Neither Kelly nor Heslep responded to requests for comment.

RedState also published a nude photo of Hill and alleged that she and Heslep were both romantically involved in a consensual relationship with a female campaign staffer in her 20s. Hill identifies as bisexual.'

Judge orders USC to pay accused student $142,100 for Title IX kangaroo court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A year ago, a California judge ordered the University of Southern California to pay a student nearly $112,000 in attorney's fees for depriving him a "fair, thorough, reliable, neutral and impartial" Title IX investigation.

Title IX officials had called him a "motherfucker" – and the student who accused him of sexual assault, "a catch" – after they forgot to hang up on a phone call with the accused student and his advisor.

Last week USC was hit with an even steeper penalty after subjecting a different male student to a deficient Title IX investigation.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff awarded $142,000 in attorney's fees to "John Doe." Part of the judge's justification for fees: USC's failure to revise its policies even after the Trump administration rescinded "guidance" documents from its predecessor on Title IX investigations'

UK: 'Sexist' chip shop boss rejects man because 'women are better and work harder'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 'sexist' chippy boss rejected a male jobseeker because he is only looking for female staff as 'women are better and work harder'.

Unemployed Jorge Gorman had applied for an order taker role at The Anchor Fish and Chips in Nottingham last week when he received the 'shocking' reply refusing to give him a chance.

The 33-year-old, who has more than 15 years' experience in the food and drinks sector, was told he would not be considered because 'women are better' for the job.

Jorge has been looking for jobs for three months to move closer to his partner, Emma, 26.

The acting manager of Anchor Fish and Chips defended his comments, claiming that it was not discrimination but only his opinion that women were better at this particular role than men.'

Gender rights group, Yale battle in court over whether fraternities should admit women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The continuing saga over the issue of Yale fraternities having to admit women hit the courts last week as motions to dismiss the case, and oppositions to those motions, were heard by a district court.

Almost three years ago, a group called Engender, which advocates “for a more inclusive social environment on campus,” demanded Yale officials sanction fraternities for gender discrimination because they don’t allow women and “non-binary” individuals to become members.

Engender had worked out an agreement with the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity to allow “non-males” to rush; when none of those who rushed were admitted, however, that’s when the group looked to utilize Title IX and “Yale’s policies on gender discrimination” to force the issue.

According to the Yale Daily News, early this year three Yale female undergrads (below) filed a federal class-action complaint which Engender joined three months later. The complaint argues Yale’s fraternities “discriminat[e] on the basis of gender and of foster a sexually hostile environment.”
...
There are campus organizations called sororities, of course, and Engender has “no official position” on whether they should be integrated. The reason: “[W]hereas fraternities deliberately cultivate themselves as social spaces, sororities tend towards intimate associations and do not affect wider social trends at Yale in the same manner.”

Even CBS News had issues with this sort of logic. Back when the original complaint was filed, one of its reporters asked the three plaintiffs why they would want to join a group “in which unknown individuals ‘grinded’ against them at parties.”'

Texas father blocked from stopping gender transition of son James, 7, to girl called Luna

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A jury in Texas returned a verdict on Monday that will prevent a Texas dad from intervening in the gender transition of his 7-year-old son.

Jeffrey Younger had petitioned a court in Texas to grant him sole custody of his twin sons, James and Jude, in part to avoid a plan to infuse James with female hormones. James, who would like to be called Luna, has been the center of controversy in the heated debate among his parents and others.

Anne Georgulas, the mother of the two boys, has advocated for James to transition into Luna and has strongly backed the idea of chemically castrating her son and beginning hormone replacement therapy. The ruling on Wednesday will prevent Jeffrey from having sole custody of his children and paves the way for Georgulas to proceed with the procedure.

The court has ruled that Georgulas will maintain sole custody of her two children and go forward with plans to give James life-altering medical procedures. Her original court filing had sought to limit her ex-husband's visits with their children and require that he now refer to James as Luna. She further asked that Jeffrey not be exposed to any people who would not confirm his female identity.'

Hundreds of thousands demand Texas leaders step in to prevent gender ‘transition’ of 7-yr-old boy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the country watches in horror a Texas father’s legal battle to prevent his ex-wife from “transitioning” their seven-year-old son into a faux girl, a growing chorus of Americans is demanding state and federal leaders intervene to save James Younger.

On Monday, a Dallas jury ruled 11-1 against father Jeffrey Younger in his fight against his ex-wife, Dr. Anna Georgulas, who wants to subject young James to puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones as well as legally force his father to treat him as a girl. Mr. Younger contends that all of this is being pursued against his son’s will.

The case has sparked intense national outrage even as the mainstream press largely ignores it, with experts warning that not only is affirming a child’s gender confusion psychologically unhealthy in the long run, but exposure to sex-change hormones carries serious physical risks including infertility, impairment of adult sex function, and reduced life expectancy.'

Petition: Save 7-Year-Old "BOY Ja.D.Y." From Chemical Castration

Democrat Katie Hill Admits Affair with Campaign Staffer, Apologizes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Katie Hill (D-CA) admitted Wednesday to having had an affair with a staffer on her congressional campaign.

Her admission seemed to contradict her denial the day before of an affair with a male member of her congressional staff, though the admission Wednesday may concern a different, female staffer who worked on her campaign but not in her Capitol Hill office.

The House adopted new ethics rules this year (by voice vote, not roll call vote) banning romantic relationships between members of Congress and their staffers, in response to the #metoo movement.
...
In fact, Hill repeatedly made the fight against sexual harassment a central theme of her congressional campaign, arguing that electing more female leaders to Congress would be part of the solution to the ongoing problem.'

STDs are sexist, and women are the losers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'America is in the middle of an epidemic of sexually transmitted infections, and when it comes to heterosexual transmission, it's hitting women the hardest.

Why is that?

Simply put, because "STDs are biologically and psycho-socially sexist at all levels," said Dr. Hunter Handsfield, a professor emeritus of medicine at the University of Washington Center for AIDS and STD who has studied sexually transmitted diseases for 40 years.

...

One reason STDs are sexist: In heterosexual pairings, they are more readily transmitted from the man to the woman than from the woman to the man.

"So at any one exposure, a susceptible woman is more likely to catch it than a susceptible man," Handsfield said. That's because the lining of the vagina is thinner and more delicate than the skin on a penis, so it's easier for bacteria and viruses to penetrate and take hold. Once there, the moist environment of the vagina is perfect for growth.'

Time to call time on #MeToo

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Article here. Excerpt:

'That #MeToo brings genuine abusers to light is, of course, to be applauded.

However, allegations soon became rumour and hearsay.

And Twitter's group dynamic, — where users often gang up on others — ensured that often only one response was acceptable: to believe, without question or criticism, the accuser.

Forget about delivering justice — in the world of #MeToo, the accused are always guilty until proven innocent. That's if any attempt at relying on the law is made at all.

As we in Britain know all too well, assuming that anyone accused of sexual offences is guilty before they have been able to defend themselves can have awful consequences.

In November 2017, a month after Milano's tweet, Welsh Government minister Carl Sargeant was found dead at home. He had been accused of inappropriate conduct towards women and, after being hounded by activists without ever being told the specific details of the claims, took his own life.

No one can guess another's mental state, and we'll never know the full facts of this case. But had there not been such a climate of hysteria, it is possible that his wife, Bernadette, would still have a husband and their children, Jack and Lucy, would still have a father.'

Jury Awards $100k to Student Punished for Different Student's Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, a jury awarded former Boston College student John Doe $100,000 for how the college mishandled sexual assault allegations against him. The case, Doe v. Trustees of Boston College, is the first of its kind to reach a jury since 2011, when Obama-era rules began to govern campus sexual misconduct claims. It joins a long line of other such cases claiming that Title IX offices are breaking the law.
...
Title IX officials rarely have formal legal training, however, and frequently abridge basic principles of justice, including those informing due process. Those principles include the accused's presumption of innocence, the right of all parties to call and cross-examine witnesses, and — particularly relevant for this case — the right of all parties to see evidence, especially evidence that exonerates the accused or points to another suspect. In the case of John Doe at Boston College, the college not only ignored the obvious other suspect, but seemed not to care if it had the wrong guy.'

Katie Hill sex case: #MeToo advocates hold their fire

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The House Ethics Committee is investigating Southern California Rep. Katie Hill over allegations that she engaged in a sexual relationship with a member of her congressional staff — and #MeToo advocates who helped push through reforms in response to high-profile incidents of harassment say it's time to let the new processes play out.

It's largely conservatives who are calling for action now against Hill, a Democrat from Santa Clarita (Los Angeles County) who ousted a Republican congressman in 2018. Advocates of sex harassment victims are emphasizing the need for investigation and avoiding focusing on the salacious details of the case, including nude photographs of Hill with a campaign aide that found their way to media sites.

"I'm an advocate for a process. And the process isn't done in the media," said Amy Oppenheimer, an attorney who was hired by the Legislature to investigate harassment complaints in Sacramento during the #MeToo scandals.

"She admitted some behavior, she denied other behavior. People deserve a fair and private process when they are accused of things that would violate rules or ethics or laws," Oppenheimer said. "And it needs to be done by somebody who doesn't have a dog in the fight."'

Sex, lies and legal consent: Can deceit turn sex into rape?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lawrance's defence barrister David Emanuel QC compared his client's lie about the vasectomy to a woman lying about being on the contraceptive pill. He argued that if Lawrance were convicted of rape for lying about being infertile, then a woman could arguably be convicted of a sexual offence for a similar act of deceit.

Under current law in England and Wales, a woman cannot be prosecuted for raping a man because rape is defined under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 as an offence of penetration committed with a penis. Legislation in Scotland and Northern Ireland also specifies that rape is committed with a penis.
...
Ms Russell has a problem with the vasectomy and contraceptive pill comparison. "With issues around contraception and pregnancy, it's the woman whose body and life and health is affected by that kind of lie," she said. "That is not in any way comparing like for like, because it's a woman who has to deal with the consequences of pregnancy and termination, and, in the example given, the impacts on the man are not of a comparable kind."

But Ms Paul is not so sure. "The issue is the extent to which the lie vitiates (negates) consent," she said. "If a man finds himself a father of a child under these circumstances, there are all sorts of consequences that flow from that.

"It might be argued there is a double standard. In so many walks of life we [women] have achieved equality and demand to be treated with the same level of respect as men. Where the lie deemed to create criminal liability is exactly the same, I think it is problematic to carve out areas where we are protected solely because we are women."'

Australia: 'Yes' to sex could still be rape in NSW under proposed new 'consent withdrawal' laws

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A person accused of rape in NSW could be convicted if their alleged victim said "yes" to sex but changed their mind without saying so, under proposed new laws.

The NSW Law Reform Commission has proposed expanding the circumstances in which sexual consent is withdrawn, including when a person "freezes" and can't say "no".

The commission has called for legislation to allow a person to withdraw consent "by words or conduct".

"A person may, for example, indicate withdrawal of consent with body language even if consent was previously given verbally," it said in draft proposals for a review of laws around consent.

Currently, the Crimes Act provides that consent is given if the person freely and voluntarily agrees to sexual intercourse.'

A Kenyan doctor is seeking to legalize female genital mutilation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A female doctor in Kenya wants female genital mutilation to be decriminalized.

Tatu Kamau is asking Kenya's courts to allow women above the age of 18 to be able to practice female genital mutilation (FGM), saying they have a right to choose what they do to their bodies at that age.

She wants the Kenyan government to annul the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act 2011 and the board set up to enforce the law disbanded.

FGM is widely condemned in the country and across parts of Africa but Kamau argues in a 2017 petition filed against the government, that it is an age-old Kenyan tradition and that an outright ban infringes on a woman's right to exercise her cultural beliefs.'

NYU refuses to share its files in kangaroo-court lawsuit, tells student to seek gossip instead

Mastodon · 28 October 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When an accused student sought evidence to prove that his due process rights were violated and that anti-male bias played a role in the verdict, his university had a novel suggestion.

Rather than handing over confidential data on disciplinary hearings, New York University told a federal judge that “common sense” dictates that the student can gather this data merely from campus gossip.'

Kamala Harris: Katie Hill is the real victim

Mastodon · 29 October 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Presidential candidate Kamala Harris has come out swinging for “throuple” Rep. Katie Hill — saying her intense “public shaming” highlights a double standard for female politicians.

Sen. Harris told Buzzfeed News that Hill, a close political ally, was the victim of a “campaign of harassment and intimidation” and “cyber exploitation” after naked photos of her were released to the media.

“It was clearly meant to embarrass her,” Harris told the outlet.

“There’s so much that people do about women and their sexuality that’s about shaming them.”

“It just sends a signal to other women that’s discouraging them from running for office.”'

Nation’s only all-male historically black college accused of ‘toxic’ masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Morehouse College, the only all-male historically black college or university in the United States, promotes a “Morehouse Man” ideology based on ideals such as “acuity, integrity and agency.”

This motto has produced civil rights leaders Martin Luther King Jr. and Howard Thurman, director Spike Lee, actor Samuel L. Jackson, and business-leader-turned-politician Herman Cain, among many other notable alumni from the 152-year-old, Atlanta institution.

But to one professor, the Morehouse Man is actually a “toxic idea.”

So says Georgetown University Law Professor Jill Morrison in a speech on campus last week as part of the Georgetown Women and Gender Studies Program’s “Gender+Justice Annual Faculty Research Colloquium.”

Professor Jill Morrison argued that the standards at Morehouse College create an “exceptionally toxic environment for those who do not conform to the ideal for black masculinity.”

Her presentation focused on Title IX discrimination of single-sex HBCUs in their transgender policies. During her speech, she spent time criticizing Morehouse College as a hotbed of toxic masculinity.'

Title IX Has Spawned a Dangerous, Totalitarian Bureaucracy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One area where Obama will have a lasting legacy is on our campuses. Owing to the “weaponization” of Title IX, we now a sprawling bureaucracy of leftist ideologues who are eager to use their power to punish those who say politically incorrect things that have even the most tenuous relationship to sexual harassment.

In today’s Martin Center article, Professor Adam Ellwanger explains how bad things are. Speaking from personal experience, he relates that when a student, upset at the grade he’d received, filed a Title IX complaint against him that did not contain a “legitimate” allegation, school officials coached him on how to change it so that it was.

Ellwanger was able to fight the complaint off (after months of bureaucratic heel dragging in which he was not informed of the exact nature of the complaint) only because, he argues, he holds tenure. That’s an important protection for the remaining conservatives in academe.'

Katie Hill’s Resignation Saved Her from Facing #MeToo Law She Claimed to Champion

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hill — an outspoken critic of Justice Brett Kavanaugh and a married women who claims to be bisexual — resigned suddenly last Sunday after naked photographs of her and a female campaign staffer and rumors of a sexual relationship with a Congressional aide surfaced.

Hill said her estranged husband, who also was in a three-way relationship with Hill and the campaign staffer, provided those “revenge porn” photographs to the media.

Ironically, Hill departed before she could have faced scrutiny under new laws Congress put in place in the wake of the #MeToo scandals of recent years that led to a number of members of Congress stepping down after sexual misconduct allegations were lodged against them — all of them men.'

Hill Blasts ‘Misogynistic Culture’ in Exit Speech

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a defiant final speech in Congress Thursday, Rep. Katie Hill unleashed on the “double standard” and “misogynistic culture” that she says caused her to step down amid allegations of an improper relationship with a staffer.

“I’m leaving, but we have men who have been credibly accused of intentional acts of sexual violence and remain in boardrooms, on the Supreme Court, in this very body, and worst of all, in the Oval Office,” the congresswoman said in a fiery address, just hours after the House voted to move forward with impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump.

The House Ethics Committee opened an investigation of Hill last week over allegations that she had a relationship with one of her male staffers in violation of congressional rules. Hill denied that allegation but admitted to having an “inappropriate” relationship with a female campaign staffer.

Complicating the matter was Hill’s claim that her estranged husband had assisted in spreading the allegations against her and possibly aided in the publication of her nude photographs—which would make Hill a victim of revenge porn, or the distribution of someone’s nude images without their consent.'

UK: Labour MP repeatedly accuses Green Party co-leader of mansplaining and confuses everybody

Mastodon · 1 November 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As election campaigning kicks off, the political stage is heating up and Labour politician Catherine West accused Green party co-leader Jonathan Bartley of “mansplaining” – much to people’s confusion.

The pair appeared on Sky News yesterday where they discussed Labour’s green vision, with Catherine arguing that leader Jeremy Corbyn was green “before the greens existed” because he rode a bike and had an allotment.
...
"It’s got to be more than allotments. Let’s look at the facts, in 2017" –

At this point the Green party co-leader was interrupted by West accusing him of mansplaining.

"John could you stop mansplaining, this is the first day of the election and Adam has asked me to respond and if you continue to mansplain then I’ll have to complain."

Jonathan responded:

"Please don’t resort to sexism when we’re trying to have a conversation" –

Again he was interrupted:

-"Well could you stop mansplaining I’ve asked you three times.

Now can I just continue on that point Adam. I was so rudely interrupted by my colleague."

Mansplaining is a term used to describe when a man comments on or explains something to a woman in a condescending, and often inaccurate or oversimplified manner.'

HPV implicated in cancer cases in men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Oral cancer rates “have more than doubled in a generation”, with the rise blamed on a virus which can be spread by oral sex, according to a new awareness campaign by UK-based nonprofit Oral Health Foundation, reports the Daily Mail.

The hygiene advocacy group warned people to be aware of the causes of mouth cancer — primarily the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus (HPV), drinking alcohol and smoking, as in the past 20 years mouth cancer diagnoses have skyrocketed 135 percent in the UK.
...
HPV is usually associated with cervical cancer and considered more problematic for women than for men; the NHS states that "nearly all cervical cancers (99.7%) are caused by infection with a high-risk type of HPV." In the UK, the HPV vaccine has been routinely offered to girls aged 12-13 years since 2008; it was only first routinely offered to 12-13-year-old boys in September 2019.

HPV is causing an oral cancer epidemic in men by outwitting natural defenses

'Since then, scientists have made headway in figuring out why HPV, the human papillomavirus, has this glaring gender bias. Men are four times more likely than women to be diagnosed with oral cancer, a hard-to-detect, hard-to-treat disease that has overtaken cervical cancer as the most common HPV-related malignancy in the United States.'

Dutch University Defends Women-Only Job Openings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Dutch university and an anti-discrimination organization faced off Monday before the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights over a women-only hiring policy.

“This is an odd case,” Institute chairperson Corrie ter Veer said when she opened the hearing before a nearly full room. The case has attracted a lot of media attention in the Netherlands and most major press outlets were present for the hour and a half session.

It centers on the Eindhoven University of Technology’s change in its hiring policy in June. All teaching staff positions at the university will be open only to women for the first six months. If a suitable candidate isn’t found after that period of time, the position will then be opened to men.

The university plans to run the program for the next five years, though it will evaluate the results in 18 months and adjust the overall number of positions first open to women as necessary.

Of the university’s 613 professors, currently only 20% are women.

“We think it is very important to improve the numbers,” said Frank Baaijens, rector of the university.'

When in doubt, complain of mansplaining

Mastodon · 4 November 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'STILL six weeks to go, but already we have a strong candidate for most misandrist television appearance of the election campaign. Part of a trio being interviewed by Sky's Adam Boulton, Labour MP Catherine West repeatedly resorted to the feminist accusation of 'mansplaining' to silence her male opponent scornfully.

A dictionary definition of 'mansplaining' is: 'When a man condescendingly lectures a woman on the basics of a topic about which he knows very little under the mistaken assumption that she knows even less.' Of course such supercilious behaviour is not unique to men; certainly, UK politics does not lack for disdainful dames. However, Catherine West appears to be under the misapprehension that a mansplainer is any male who does not simply shut up and listen to her.

Demonstrating that gender trumps all her other considerations, here Catherine West even brings in Tory ERG member Maria Caulfield rather than allow the Greens' Jonathan Bartley to disagree with her: 'Let Maria speak, stop mansplaining!"

Kansas prosecutors to drop charges of false rape report

Mastodon · 5 November 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors in Kansas are dropping all charges against a University of Kansas student accused of falsely reporting a rape, saying they feared publicity surrounding the case could discourage sexual assault victims from coming forward.

Douglas County District Attorney Charles Branson said in a statement Monday that the three felony counts of making a false report were dropped after much discussion. His office believed in the merits of the case, he said, but the "cost to our community and the negative impact on survivors of sexual violence cannot be ignored," reports The Kansas City Star.'

As McDonald's CEO learned, workplace romance can be perilous

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Workplace couples are often romanticized — think Bill and Melinda Gates or Michelle and Barack Obama. But when the relationship involves two people with unequal power, it can also be fraught with peril, especially in the #MeToo era.

McDonald's CEO Steve Easterbrook is only the latest chief executive to be ousted over a consensual relationship with an employee. Increasingly, U.S. companies are adopting policies addressing workplace romances, a trend that began well before the #MeToo movement galvanized a national conversation surrounding sexual misconduct.

Addressing workplace romance can be complicated, but many companies remove any gray areas by forbidding managers, especially C-suite executives, from having relationships with subordinates given the potential for favoritism or lawsuits if the relationship sours.'

University of Michigan plans to stop paying anyone accused of ‘sexual and gender-based misconduct’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Its press release doesn’t mention it, but the Faculty Senate noticed.

The University of Michigan is proposing to suspend faculty and staff without pay if they are the subject of a “sexual and gender-based misconduct” investigation, under a draft “umbrella policy” released last month. Comments are due Nov. 22.

An email from Faculty Senate leaders forwarded to The College Fix warns faculty that the proposed policy would “give the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) broad discretion to implement sanctions, such as suspension without pay, at the outset of an investigation of a complaint.” Sexual and gender-based misconduct can include speech protected by the First Amendment.'

Popular Title IX training techniques ‘are at odds with the available science,’ Iowa State researchers find

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Iowa State University researchers, including a top Title IX official, concluded that some “trauma-informed” interview techniques taught to administrators with Title IX duties “are at odds with the available science.”

Psychology professor Christian Meissner and philosophy lecturer Adrienne Lyles, also senior deputy Title IX coordinator, published their findings in the Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition. Lyles provided a copy to The College Fix.

It questions the scientific basis of common training tips, including that investigators can tell whether subjects are lying by their body language and that accusers and accused experience different neurobiological responses to the same event.

The duo also frowns on presenting evidence of guilt at the start of an interview with accused students and asking leading questions, which can worsen the memory of interview subjects.'

Parents Seek to Bring Due Process to Title IX Sexual Misconduct Cases Following Son's Plight

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The couple shared their story with Breitbart News, a harrowing tale about how their son became one of hundreds who have been accused of violating Title IX.

Their son is a victim of a federal law designed to prevent discrimination based on sex that morphed into a secretive process stacked against those accused of sexual misconduct following Barack Obama's 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter from the Department of Education sent to educational institutions.

Charges of "dating violence" and sexual assault launched against their son by a former girlfriend while he was a student at Washington University in Missouri. The charges caused his eventual expulsion from the school — a decision made without due process, his parents said.

They also said a report from campus police who were called to the dorm room where their son and girlfriend were located found no evidence of physical violence.

It also eventually led to dashing the young man's hope of having a career in the U.S. military because he was expelled from Reserve Officers' Training Course (ROTC) and made to repay a college scholarship he received from the organization.'

In one country, women now outnumber men in college by two to one

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's how overwhelmingly the women in the bar outnumber the men, a visible manifestation of a momentous trend at whose leading edge is Iceland.

The number of women in college around the globe has decisively overtaken the number of men. That includes in almost all of the 36 member nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, or OECD, and in 39 of 47 countries of the UN Economic Commission for Europe, which extends to central and western Asia.

And nowhere is the divide as lopsided as in Iceland, where there are now two women in college for every man — the biggest imbalance in the OECD.

The reasons for this, its implications and the thorniness of dealing with it make this sparsely populated nation a laboratory for the countries heading in the same direction — including the United States, where the number of women in higher education has also caught up to and surpassed the number of men.'

ISIS female jihadis filmed slaughtering soldiers in 'Baghdadi revenge strikes'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Shocking footage has emerged of female jihadis attacking soldiers in revenge for the death of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi – the first to show women on the ISIS frontline.

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Militants afterwards attacked an army outpost in northern Mali and killed 53 soldiers and one civilian, with ISIS claiming responsibility.

Daily Star Online has since obtained video of female terrorists taking part in the assault, recorded by the Islamic State of Greater Sahel (ISGS).

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In the disturbing clips, one jihadi totes her rifle in celebration in the immediate aftermath of the massacre.

Another is heard narrating the footage as she rallies round the fanatics.

David Otto, counter-terrorism and organised crime expert at Global Risk International, told Daily Star Online: “This is the first time that we have seen female jihadist fighters on the forefront.'

Judge approves disabled veteran's lawsuit against university for anti-male bias

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Representing oneself in court is very difficult, let alone in a Title IX case where a wide array of facts, procedures and legal precedent must be carefully laid out.

It's all the more noteworthy that a disabled veteran suing his former university for anti-male bias has successfully represented himself, to the point where his lawsuit will move into discovery.

A federal judge refused to dismiss several claims against the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth by John Harnois, who was a Ph.D. candidate in oceanography at the public university.

U.S. District Judge Richard Stearns approved four variations of Title IX claims against various university officials to move forward Oct. 28: selective enforcement, erroneous outcome, creation of a hostile environment and Title IX retaliation. Other approved claims were for due process and state civil rights violations.'

‘She Build’: Creating an All-Women Real Estate Development Team

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As a highly successful woman in New York’s male-dominated development arena, MaryAnne Gilmartin has a “mini-obsession”: She wants to oversee a commercial real estate project in which every part of the process is headed by a woman.

Ms. Gilmartin, the founder of L&L MAG, a real estate development company, knows from experience how to run a real estate project. As the chief executive of Forest City Ratner Companies, she oversaw such prominent projects as the Barclays Center in Brooklyn and the Renzo Piano-designed New York Times building in Manhattan.

Now, she has set her sights on doing the same with an all-women team. Ms. Gilmartin calls it a “she build,” and she knows “exactly where to go to find the right woman for every single part of the deal,” she said.'

UK: Half of new FTSE 100 chiefs must be women to hit gender target

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One in every two FTSE 100 executive appointments over the next year will have to go to a woman if the UK is to meet targets to tackle the gender imbalance across British business by 2020, a report has warned.

A “step change” at the UK’s biggest listed companies is needed if they are to hit a key metric where women make up at least a third of executive-level leadership teams by the end of next year.

The latest conclusion from the government-commissioned Hampton-Alexander review means more women across blue chip-listed firms will need to be propelled into key positions , including chief executive, chief financial officer or chief operating officer – as well as senior management that report directly to executives committees – in the coming months.'

'For me, it goes too far': France grapples with #MeToo era

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Reactions in France over the recent news of McDonald's CEO Steve Easterbrook being shown the door for being in a consensual relationship with an employee have been those of shock and dismay.

Some are calling it the latest case of American puritanism, "far from French ways," and reminding the French public that, at least in France, employees and bosses are free to date and protected by their right to privacy.

France is generally a very tolerant country when it comes to intimate relationships. The Paris Court of Appeal even recently acknowledged that an accident during sexual intercourse in the context of a business trip could be considered a workplace accident.
...
"For me, it goes too far," said Anne Rudisuhli, a psychotherapist who signed a letter with 99 other women defending men's "freedom to importune, indispensable to sexual freedom."'

Joe Biden's Record on Campus Due Process Has Been Abysmal. Is It a Preview of His Presidency?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Though his reputation rests on his moderation, Biden's approach to campus sexual assault is part of a pattern: He identifies an actual problem, engages in inflammatory—and sometimes false—rhetoric about it, then fashions a harsh, overreaching response that sweeps up the harmless and even the innocent. He has been called to task on the consequences of this approach to the federal wars on drugs and crime. (As a senator, he was a key figure in overseeing comprehensive drug and crime legislation.) Over the years, and especially since announcing his presidential run, he has repudiated some of the policies he previously promoted.

But he continues to tout his work on campus sexual assault. He boasted about it at the second presidential debate. How did Biden come to advocate such extreme policies on this topic? And if he were elected, what would it mean for how he would govern?

An analysis this spring in The Chronicle of Higher Education gives Biden full credit for the campus reforms. "Advocates say the sweeping Title IX changes that have transformed higher education would not have happened without Biden's support," the Chronicle notes. (Title IX is the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education.) Campus security consultant S. Daniel Carter, who worked with the vice president on these issues, said, "This movement would not exist without Joe Biden."'

Retail Conference Shoptalk to Have Only Women Speakers in 2020

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Shoptalk said on Wednesday that its 2020 retail conference in Las Vegas would feature exclusively female speakers in a one-off move the organizer said was meant to address the paucity of women in top roles in corporate America.

The well regarded annual conference, which is scheduled for March 22-25, launched in 2016 and attracted 8,000 people in 2019. The event's organizer says the all-female format will be replaced by a 50-50 gender breakdown starting in 2021. A third of the speakers at its March 2019 conference were women.

"This is not a long-term plan to be 100% women, but to move the needle we really do need to take this quite bold step," Zia Daniell Wigder, Shoptalk's chief global content officer, tells Fortune.'

Public university quietly removes ‘women only’ from workout event following Title IX warning

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mark Perry’s side hustle of bugging universities that don’t employ him has borne fruit again.

The University of Michigan-Flint economist likes to send warning letters to Title IX and equity officials when he sees their schools offering events or programs that exclude participants based on gender. Sometimes he files federal complaints.

His most recent target, California State University-Long Beach, retroactively revised an ongoing event sponsored by its Student Recreation and Wellness Center that was advertised as “women only.”'

"Male sex robots to replace men as women leave loveless relationships to fulfil desires"

Matt · 15 November 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Business owners at sexdolls.com told Daily Star Online that realistic male sex dolls have surged in popularity.

Women, gay men and couples have been snapping up the life-like toys in a bid to satisfy their fantasies.
...
In the future, those who are tired of dating, or who have unfulfilling love lives, may swerve traditional romance in favour of realistic sex toys.

The experts at sexdolls.com add: “Regards ditching relationships, I'm sure that most women would only ditch an unhappy relationship in favour of a sex doll or robot…

“I can't see them replacing men in the bedroom totally, but sex dolls and robots can provide emotional and physical attraction which may work for a lot of lonely women.”'

Motion filing continues in Lafayette City Council employment discrimination case

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'In the latest round of filings in the ongoing legal dispute between Lafayette and resident Andrew J. O'Connor, the city is seeking to quash a motion to have Magistrate Judge Kristin L. Mix removed from overseeing O'Connor's employment discrimination complaint. Meanwhile, Cliff Smedley, a co-plaintiff in O'Connor's complaint, did not sign off on O'Connor's latest response, saying he disagreed with the language it uses.

On Oct. 28, O'Connor and Lafayette resident Smedley filed a motion to dismiss Mix for having "misandry, lack of impartiality, personal bias and prejudice" against the men because they are representing themselves in court.

The men also filed a complaint of judicial misconduct or disability, in addition to a request for investigation with the Office of the Circuit Executive and with the Honorable Phillip Brimmer, chief judge of the district court.'

Women-only street market opens in London

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lady Lane Market, which forms a part of Petticoat Lane Market, features nine stalls although more are due to open in the coming months.

All stallholders have been given council-funded business and social media training.

The project is part of a Tower Hamlets Council and City of London initiative to regenerate the area, at a cost of £2.7m over four years.

"Markets have played a crucial role at the heart of the East End for generations but they have traditionally been male-dominated spaces," Ann Sutcliffe, a corporate director at Tower Hamlets, earlier told the Local Democracy Reporting Service.'

Baltimore Museum of Art will only acquire works by women in 2020

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the past decade, only 11 percent of art acquired by America's top museums for their permanent collections was by women, according to a recent survey.

One museum is now taking a bold step to shift this persistent trend.

Next year, the Baltimore Museum of Art will only acquire works for its permanent collection that are created by women, chief curator Asma Naeem said.

The push is an attempt by the museum to "truly be radical and emphasize to the arts communities that we are taking this initiative quite seriously," and "re-correcting the canon," Naeem said.

It's part of a year-long series of exhibitions and programs focused on female artists, coinciding with the 100th anniversary next year of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed women in the United States the right to vote.'

A libertarian group is suing California for allegedly discriminating against men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A libertarian group is suing California for alleged discrimination — against men.

The Pacific Legal Foundation filed a lawsuit Wednesday challenging a new state law that requires California companies to have at least one woman on their board of directors by the end of 2019. The largest California companies will need a total of three female directors by 2022.

In September, California became the first US state to mandate board room gender diversity. About a quarter of the state's companies don't have any female directors, and the rest have very few. The law is part of a growing movement to get more women into lucrative positions that have long been held by men.'

Girls-only science, technology, engineering, math academy to open in Fayette schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the next new and innovative programs set to open in Fayette County Public Schools is an all-female science, technology, engineering and math academy for girls in kindergarten through eighth grade.

At Monday night's school board planning meeting, board members approved a job description for a director of the new program. Human Resources Director Jennifer Dyar said the job opening would be advertised nationally and "high-level" candidates would be recruited.

The fiscal impact for the position is $90,000, board documents said.'

Women can now shut down male-only debates in Germany's Green Party

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Germany's Green Party has placed the power to debate directly into the hands of women.

A new ruling, adopted at the party's conference in Bielefeld, which ran from Friday to Sunday, stipulates that its female members have the right to decide whether a debate continues in the event of gender imbalance among its speakers.

The Greens had previously ruled that women and men were required to speak alternately during party debates.

In the event that only men were available to speak, all members were required to vote on whether the debate should continue, according to the women's statute in the party's constitution.

But the new ruling states that only female members should have the power to decide whether a discussion continues in such an event.

"If the list of female speakers is exhausted, the women of the assembly should be asked if the debate should continue," the ruling states.

The amendment means that in the event of a gender imbalance, male members will no longer have a say in whether a discussion continues, placing power firmly in the hands of female members.'

Daily Wire’s Matt Walsh On Modern Culture Destroying Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Tuesday evening, Daily Wire podcast host Matt Walsh gave a speech on how our modern culture is destroying masculinity.

Walsh pinpointed four areas where our culture is destroying boys, namely the complete saturation of pornography, the female-tailored education system, the denigration of masculinity, and intentional gender confusion directed at boys.

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Next, Walsh targeted the education system, which he argued is tailor-made for females and works to punish boys, especially by over-diagnosing male students with “disorders” for simply exhibiting behaviors normal in boys.

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“The problem is us, not them,” Walsh asserted. “We are the ones who need to change. If there is no room in our schools, in our homes, in our culture, for boys who act like boys, then our schools and our homes and our culture — not our boys — are sick. If we have established a system that cannot handle half of the kids who are fed into it, then the system is broken. Tear the system down. But leave the boys alone.”

Boys are also hit with challenges, the “Unholy Trinity” author argued, due to deluge of media denigration of masculinity.

Nobody would dare mock femininity as “toxic” or “fragile,” but these types of attacks on masculinity is commonplace, he said. “Nobody would label all women ‘dangerous’ or ‘potential monsters to be feared,’ as someone from The New York Times once said about men.”'

First male birth control injection almost ready for penises

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Would men endure a shot in the penis to prevent pregnancy? Indian researchers think so.

The Indian Council of Medical Research, a government-funded biomedical research agency, has successfully completed a clinical trial on an injectable male contraceptive, the Hindustan Times reported.

“The product is ready, with only regulatory approvals pending [from the government],” Dr. R.S. Sharma, senior scientist with ICMR, told the local news outlet. “The trials are over, including extended, Phase 3 clinical trials for which 303 candidates were recruited with a 97.3% success rate and no reported side effects. The product can safely be called the world’s first male contraceptive.”'

Better Man and iCrossing join forces to battle toxic masculinity in the workplace

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Better Man Conference has launched a new product line promoting an inclusive culture in the workplace and beyond. The line, which includes t-shirts and the iconic Better Man Cards, are aimed to remind men of healthy masculinity traits for inclusive leadership, gain context and language to engage in healthy discussion, and leverage power and authority to elevate women and minorities. The product line was developed in collaboration with iCrossing, a full-service digital marketing agency owned by the global publisher Hearst.

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Kriz Bell, head of strategy and communications at Better Man Conference, said: “First off, I think it is important to know that these cards aren't intended to question anyone’s manhood. They're keeping a pulse-check on workplace bias, putting things in a more mindful, inclusive perspective to make everyone's work lives better.

"Sometimes we don't realize that what we’re doing or saying could be taken in the wrong way. That’s why these cards help call out conscious and subconscious bias."'

Students accused of sexual misconduct say Title IX isn't working – and victims agree

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On a sunny August afternoon, a steady stream of phone calls poured into the small law office of Hathaway Parker. The firm specializes in representing students or faculty involved in a Title IX sexual misconduct investigation on campus. They typically represent respondents, or those who were accused of misconduct, though they have also represented complainants. The lawyers say they don't think the process works very well for anyone involved.

"I don't think anyone ever thought that colleges and universities would be adjudicating and holding court regarding sexual crimes in America," says Mark Hathaway, a partner at the firm. "But that's what it's developed into."'

Feminism and the war on fatherhood

Mastodon · 22 November 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'YESTERDAY I explained the process whereby men tamed rough, rambunctious and potentially destructive adolescent males into young men who would make good fathers. My description drew on tribal societies but there was much from which we could learn. Today I want to talk about how this male influence shaped society in ways which might have relevance for us today. Then I will look at how feminism affected this ordering of the world.

I described how, in their efforts to provide for and protect the family, men tried to master the natural environment and defend territory. In this way men cocooned the family and community in an overarching social organisation. They created the public realm which enabled the transcendence of individual families. The particularistic concerns which could tear apart the fabric of society were sublimated to the interests of the greater whole.'

UN: Millions of boys are deprived of their freedom

Matt · 24 November 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The latest report from the United Nations (UN) on children and liberty reveals that children lose their liberty in prisons; in police custody; in migrant camps; under duress in homes for the disabled; in welfare institutions; and in war camps. Children may be in prison as a result of their own crime or to stay with their mother. Almost no father-child facilities exist in the world's prisons.

The authors warn against the consequences of deprivation of liberty: the number of mental illnesses in children can increase tenfold in custody. In addition, those affected die on average much earlier than peers who have lived in freedom.

The lead researcher says that "children under all circumstances have to be protected from the traumatic experiences detention settings inevitably create."

According to professor and human rights lawyer Manfred Nowak, more needs to happen so that children no longer have to live in bondage. The authors of the report refer to the various forms of deprivation of liberty as "structural violence."

Where there is political will and determination, a report by United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) concludes, children's lives and well-being will improve.'

Betsy DeVos poised to issue sweeping rules governing campus sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Students accused of sexual assault will win new rights under sweeping rules being finalized by the Trump administration, giving universities clear but controversial guidance on handling these emotionally charged conflicts.

The final regulation will maintain contentious elements of a version proposed a year ago, including a provision requiring universities to allow cross-examination of those alleging sexual harassment or assault, according to people familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the rules.

In publishing last year's proposed regulation, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said the new rules would restore balance in a system that, in her view, had been skewed in favor of the accusers. She said her approach would provide clarity and fairness for victims and those accused of wrongdoing.
...
It's unclear when the new rules will take effect. Advocates for sexual assault survivors said they're already planning to challenge the regulation in court.'

U.S. Department Of Education To Investigate Georgetown For Giving Women Privileges It Doesn’t Give Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Department of Education recently opened an unusual Title IX inquiry against Georgetown University: The DOE’s Office of Civil Rights “will investigate whether the University expresses an unlawful preference for women in its employment and hiring practices.”

In today’s America, diversity bureaucrats control academia (even though they are anything but diverse in politics and sex). Millennial, antinomian hate against the legacy of “dead white men” in the Western canon has become the norm. The political monoculture of American academia is a synthesis of communism and feminism, taught across the nation in temples of nihilism called Women’s Studies.

Women make up the majority of undergraduate students, graduate students, and the college-educated labor force today. Women also constitute the majority of STEM students, medical students, and law students. Yet rampant discrimination against the male minority was the norm under the Obama administration. According to research published at the James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal, the Department of Education was 2,400 percent more likely to side with female parties than male parties in adversarial proceedings (2011-19).'

The Weaponization of ‘Mansplaining’

Mastodon · 26 November 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What does mansplaining even mean anymore? Last week, three different women allegedly fell victim to it in our nation’s capital. There was Fiona Hill, career diplomat and former Trump adviser, who was subject to a tirade from a Republican congressman during impeachment hearings. (“I thought that was some epic mansplaining that you were forced to endure by my colleague Mr. Turner, and I want you to know some of us think it was inappropriate,” Democrat Sean Maloney told her afterward.)

Then, elsewhere during impeachment proceedings, there was Republican representative Elise Stefanik, who was “mansplained” the rules of the House Foreign Intelligence Committee by Democrat Adam Schiff, at least according to conservative website the Washington Free Beacon.

And finally Republican senator Joni Ernst told reporters that she did “not need to be mansplained by Chuck Schumer,” after the Democrat declined to support her version of the Violence Against Women Act for failing to contain crucial protections for domestic-violence victims.'

Masculinity Is Not Toxic, But It Might Be Diseased

Mastodon · 7 December 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The notion that masculinity in some forms might be diseased unsurprisingly pissed a lot of men off, at least initially. Masculinity is an integral part of the male identity that boys learn to perform, protect, and defend at all costs at a young age. Flood's attempts to pathologize (and to some, even police) masculinity were perceived as a threat. People initially thought he hated men and was trying to emasculate them.

"We think masculinity is a wonderful part of humanity," Flood, who co-authored the book Mascupathy: Understanding and Healing The Malaise of American Manhood in 2014, says. "We just believe that there is a disease process that goes on when we raise boys to cut off half of their humanity in order to pursue the pinnacle of masculinity."'

Mexico strikes automatic child custody for divorced moms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mexico's high court has struck down a clause in the capital's family code automatically granting custody of young children to mothers in divorce cases.

The Supreme Court found Thursday that the rule governing custody of kids under 12 years old is unconstitutional for making a distinction on gender.

The ruling is based on the principle of equality and the higher interest of minors. It says the unconstitutional language violates the latter by taking away judges' discretion to consider the individual circumstances of each case to determine which parent is best equipped to care for a child's needs.'

How 2 women’s trip to a Florida strip club sparked a constitutional bout in court

Matt · 10 December 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On her weekly trips to an Orlando strip club, Brittney Smith noticed that one of the dancers looked familiar.

The exotic dancer, who the Orlando woman had noticed on regular stops there with a male friend, looked much like her friend Anita Yanes. So when Yanes came to visit from Alabama, Smith thought it’d be fun for the two friends to go to Rachel’s Orlando to see the doppelganger.

However, the two were denied entry to the club, told by both a hostess and a manager that it was against policy to allow women in without men to prevent domestic incidents, prostitution and distractions for their male clientele.

That incident at an Orlando strip club — billed as a “World Class Men’s Club & Steak House" — set off a chain of events and legal actions that now has cities and counties all over Florida worried about the future of their civil-rights laws.'

"It's like parenting on steroids": Raising boys in the #MeToo era

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Article here. Excerpt:

Ruth Whippman, an author and mother of three young sons, says that as a self-identifying feminist, conversations with her kids about these issues can cause some cognitive dissonance for her.

"I think it's a really complicated time to be raising boys, because as a feminist I don't want to be there saying, 'Oh, boys are the real victims here, and feminism has gone too far.' ... But I think there are some pressures and difficulties, which are very specific to boys in this moment, and they are part of the conversation of feminism and gender roles," she says.

"I think the whole atmosphere has gotten so charged when we come to gender politics, and to defend boys feels like you're somehow denigrating girls, or denigrating feminism, which is absolutely the opposite of what I want to do. And it sort of feels a bit of an 'us versus them' thing, and if you tell one story, you're automatically taking up space that could be used to tell another story. "'

Walsh: Traditional Masculinity Isn't The Problem. The Attempt To Dismantle Traditional Masculinity Is The Problem.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent article from CBS News, based on a soon-to-be-released CBS documentary, asks if there is "a better way to raise boys to avoid toxic masculinity?" The article details the trials and tribulations of parents who want to protect their sons from the horrors of traditional masculinity.
...
The main thrust of the piece is that boys in our culture are broken, and it's our outdated and "disturbing" notions of masculinity that broke them.

This is all wrong.

The people interviewed for the article, along with the author herself, are perpetuating the very problem they say they want to solve. The real toxic thing is the attitude and approach they embody. Traditional masculinity is not at fault here. What's at fault is the confused and contradictory attempt to dismantle it.'

Alberta unemployment rate for young men hits 20%

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Alberta's unemployment rate, especially for young men has rapidly shot up since April.

According to Statistics Canada, over the last few months, the province has seen the rate of unemployment for young men shoot up from one in ten to one in five. Meaning that roughly 20% of Alberta young men have become jobless, outside of a recession. The gender split between men and women for job loss has largely been due to the drop in the oil and gas sector, an area commonly dominated by men.'

The Buttigieg Campaign Pays Women More Than Men, Buttigieg Press Secretary Says

Matt · 10 December 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg's traveling press secretary confirmed Tuesday that the Buttigieg campaign pays women more than men.

Traveling press secretary Nina Smith spoke Tuesday at the POLITICO Women Rule Summit about gender inequality and pay gaps. Smith said women in the Buttigieg campaign are paid $1.11 to every $1.00 men are paid.

The campaign's move to pay women this much was "very, very intentional," Smith said.'

Feminism's collateral damage is the breakdown of society

Matt · 11 December 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On the contrary, feminism has made women's lives (and by extension, men's and children's lives) immeasurably worse. According to a 2009 paper published by the National Bureau of Economic Research, “As women have gained more freedom, more education, and more power, they have become less happy."

When this study was released, countless articles and news reports inquired about the irony of it all. How is it possible that women can be less happy after having been "liberated"?

In fact, it isn't surprising at all when you consider that women have been lied to for decades about what constitutes a happy life. Academic and elite feminists, who reside in our universities, in the media, in politics, and in Hollywood, have told women all kinds of things that just aren't true. Things that make women (and by extension, men and children) very unhappy.

Such as the idea that women don't need a man and that children don't need fathers: "Women are realizing more and more that you don't have to settle, they don't have to fiddle with a man to have that child," noted Jennifer Aniston in this 2010 interview about an upcoming film.'

Democratic Bill Aims To Block Title IX Rule Changes Pushed By Trump Administration

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill introduced in the House Tuesday aims to block Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos from implementing changes she's seeking in Title IX rules.

Four Democratic congresswomen introduced the legislation, as the Department of Education prepares to revise Title IX rules that govern how colleges and universities that receive federal funding handle sexual assault.
...
The Trump administration rules would replace Obama-era guidelines with rules the secretary says would bolster the rights of the accused. The revisions are expected to, among other changes, allow schools to make it harder to support allegations by raising the burden of proof needed to find a student responsible. The changes would also guarantee students the right to indirectly cross-examine each other.'

Judge approves jury trial against university for alleged Title IX kangaroo court

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'"A reasonable juror could decide that it is not 'fair' to require a student who knows little or nothing to figure out what s/he does not know in order to ask productive questions."

With this finding and many more, a federal judge refused to dismiss an expelled student's lawsuit against a Rhode Island university for allegedly running him through a Title IX kangaroo court.

One of the core issues in the lawsuit against Johnson & Wales University is the burden the administration put on "John Doe" to understand the finer details of its adjudication process, as if the student were a trained lawyer. It created confusion for John and benefited his accuser, who faced no such burdens.

Not only did the administration fail to fully explain the process to him, John alleged, but it prevented him from questioning either his accuser or her boyfriend, who brought her sexual assault accusations to campus police.'

2 More False Reporting Cases Dropped in Kansas College Town

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'Prosecutors have dropped false reporting charges against two more women who reported being sexually assaulted in Lawrence, as questions swirl around the handling of such investigations in the college town.

The cases involve one woman who said she was raped and another who said she was the victim of domestic violence, The Kansas City Star reports. The newspaper inquired about false reporting charges after Douglas County District Attorney Charles Branson dropped charges in October against another woman, a University of Kansas student, who said she had been raped by a friend of her ex-boyfriend.'

Joe Biden Promises To Restore Obama's Disastrous Campus Kangaroo Courts

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'Joe Biden has learned nothing from the Title IX due process disaster plaguing America's campuses. The former vice president has released a plan on his website to restore the Obama administration's infamous 2011 Dear Colleague letter, which Biden's plan describes as outlining how to "fairly conduct Title IX proceedings." In reality, the Dear Colleague letter introduced a monstrously unfair process that has forced hundreds of young men to sue for their rights — and reputations — in federal courts.

An accused's rights to confront his or her accuser through cross examination and to have a neutral adjudicator have long been considered the very basics of due process. In the name of protecting women, the 2011 guidance encouraged universities to abandon these well-tested pillars in favor of a single-investigator model, in which a Title IX administrator both elicits the stories from the involved parties and rules on the outcome. The Dear Colleague letter also pushed universities into lowering the standard of proof and discouraged any kind of cross examination that might probe discrepancies in an alleged victim's story.'

No dating, no sex, no marriage, no kids: South Korea's growing feminist movement

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'Bonnie Lee doesn't care about finding a boyfriend or a fairy-tale wedding, and will decide her own happily-ever-after: "I'm a straight woman who is no longer interested in having relationships with men."

She is not alone.

A growing number of South Korean women are banding together to reject rigid patriarchal norms and vowing never to wed, have children or even date and have sex.

"I've always felt that as a woman there are more disadvantages than advantages to being married," said Lee, a 40-something professional who lives with her dog near Seoul.

Now she has gone even further, embracing the nation's radical feminist movement called 4B, from the "four nos": no dating, no sex, no marriage and no child-rearing.
...
But for Lee, the future is female.

She insisted, "My dream is to build housing only for women who plan to never marry."'

Ruling Narrows Title IX Obligations

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'An appellate court's decision could minimize colleges and universities' responsibility to provide remedies for victims of sexual misconduct on campus.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ruled that Michigan State University and one of its senior administrators cannot be held liable for student victims' emotional distress after seeing their alleged perpetrators on campus because the interactions did not lead to further sexual harassment or assault, according to an opinion issued Thursday.
...

The court's opinion, written by Judge Alice Batchelder, could set a "very clear and straightforward standard" for how federal judges interpret whether universities showed "deliberate indifference" when addressing reports of sexual misconduct, said Jake Sapp, deputy Title IX coordinator and institutional compliance officer at Austin College, in Texas. Deliberate indifference in student-on-student sexual misconduct cases occurs when an institution causes further harassment or fails to act upon an accusation of sexual misconduct, leaving the complainant "subject to" harassment, Sapp said.'

South Korea wants to draft more men for its shrinking military — and punish those who dodge

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'"The military wasn't as bad as I imagined it would be ... it was far worse," said Chun, who was forced to serve from 2004-2006.

In South Korea, able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 18 and 40 are required to serve in the military for nearly two years. Refusing the draft means prison time, while dual citizens must decide to serve or give up their South Korean citizenship within the year they turn 18.
...
With a growing population crisis and technically an ongoing war with North Korea, South Korea may start to forcibly conscript more overseas Koreans and foreigners. The government-run Korea Institute for Defense Analyses is currently wrapping up research around the idea of drafting naturalized citizens — those who gain South Korean citizenship, but aren't born with it — to cope with the country's dwindling number of troops.'

It’s time to end the U.S. military draft, once and for all

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'We may be months away from ending the U.S. military draft, once and for all.

After a court ruled that the male-only draft was unconstitutional, a Congress-appointed commission has been studying whether to draft women into the U.S. military. The commission will make its report in March, and will likely either advocate for expanding draft registration to women or abolishing the draft, once and for all.

Instead of expanding the draft to women, it’s time to end the draft for all genders.

Drafting women is a deeply unpopular idea. For months, people have been testifying against it to the commission. Even the former director of the Selective Service thinks it's time to get rid of draft registration altogether.

Currently, the U.S. military draft is in a state of dysfunction. For decades, millions of men have refused and/or failed to register.'

In #MeToo era, some lawyers fielding more ‘reverse discrimination’ queries

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'Certainly the #MeToo movement has raised awareness of the need for gender equality in the workplace, Shilepsky said.

“But for a lot of companies, the concern about inclusiveness and level playing fields has been part of their cultures for a while,” she noted. “Sometimes they get it right and sometimes they don’t, but there are legal ways to promote fairness and opportunity for all. Making room for one group by pushing out another is not legal.”

Employer-side attorney Lisa S. Burton, who practices in Boston, is also seeing more instances of complaints in the #MeToo context, sometimes from men who believe that they did not receive a thorough or fair process before being disciplined or discharged.

“That is where we are seeing more claims: ‘Employers are not giving me a fair shake,’” she said.

According to Burton, the questions then become whether the action was a “knee-jerk reaction” to credit a woman’s account more than a man’s, and whether a situation was sufficiently investigated or whether it was just easier to “fire the white guy.”'

Towards Gender Equality: Paid paternity leave is needed to address toxic masculinity

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'In an earlier article, I had written about how paid paternity leave is imperative for gender justice and well-being of children. I argued that paternity leave not only allows new fathers to up their care-giving quotient, thereby reducing the burden on new mothers, it is also great for the development and health of babies as the first few months tend to be a crucial period. Additionally, having paid maternity leave alone skews the field against working women as companies may be less inclined to hire or promote women employees if they see paid maternity leave as a burden.

Since I recently became a new father, I am now convinced that not having paid paternity leave also sows the seeds of patriarchy in society, leading to issues down the road such as toxic masculinity and devaluation of women. For, I am increasingly coming to realise that in the absence of paid paternity leave, new fathers are forced to choose between care-work for their babies and their jobs. This is because if a new father decides to take equal responsibility for child care in the initial months, his work life is bound to be compromised given the baby's erratic sleeping pattern and cleaning, feeding and comforting needs. And most employers are not tolerant of such compromises at work. This leaves new fathers with little choice but to dump care-giving responsibilities on mothers and focus on their jobs.'

This travel group is for women only because adventure has ‘been the privilege of men for too long’

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'But all the great successes they’re enjoying doesn’t come without criticism. Bex added that the female-only aspect of it has invited some backlash.

‘I receive regular criticism for having a women’s only group and have been called a hypocrite and a sexist.

'Men have been dominating the adventure and outdoor scene since its beginnings so I can’t see a problem with having a group that celebrates an underrepresented group in this field.'

India: "School Boys To Take Pledge To Not Misbehave With Girls": Arvind Kejriwal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has come up with a plan to educated boys in schools not to "misbehave with girls". "(Deputy Chief Minister) Manish Sisodia and I have decided that in all government and private schools, we will get all boys to take a pledge that they will never misbehave with a girl," Arvind Kejriwal said at an event organised by industry body FICCI in Delhi.
...
"We need to build a moral pressure on boys that we will not tolerate bad behaviour. All the girls will also be asked to talk to their brothers, to tell them that he cannot ever misbehave with any girl," Mr Kejriwal said. "Mothers need to tell their male children that if you ever do something to a girl, I will never let you inside this house again. We will have to have this conversation with boys," he added.'

Are There Still Safe Passages Left for Men?

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'In Adam Shankman's film, "What Men Want," Taraji P. Henson's character solicits a compliment from a man. "My ass doesn't look good in this skirt?" she asks rhetorically. The man replies, "In the current cultural climate it feels inappropriate for me to comment on your body." A sharp reminder from her that she wants approval prompts his candor: "Tight as a snare drum; you could bounce a quarter off that thing!"

Henson's callipygian talent agent is out to rebuke and conquer her white male bosses and rivals, though when she still wants flattery from males, she'll ask for it — or demand it. But this is a comedy; in the real-life cultural climate, no rational man would risk making a remark about a woman's backside in public.'

Barack Obama: Women are better leaders than men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Speaking in Singapore, he said women aren't perfect, but are "indisputably better" than men.

He said most of the problems in the world came from old people, mostly men, holding onto positions of power.

He also spoke about political polarisation and the use of social media to spread falsehoods.

Speaking at a private event on leadership, Mr Obama said while in office he had mused what a world run by women would look like.

"Now women, I just want you to know; you are not perfect, but what I can say pretty indisputably is that you're better than us [men].

"I'm absolutely confident that for two years if every nation on earth was run by women, you would see a significant improvement across the board on just about everything... living standards and outcomes."'

Michelle Obama tells girls to resist man's 'presumption' to power

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'Former U.S. first lady Michelle Obama on Thursday urged girls to resist the “imposter syndrome” she had felt on the way up and fight men for power, saying plenty of them didn’t deserve it.

On a trip to Asia to promote girls’ education, Obama contrasted her path to the top as a black woman with the easy presumption many men feel on their route to high office.

“I am telling you, there are a lot of people who don’t belong there,” Obama said, drawing laughter from the crowd.'

Title IX doesn’t give accusers the right to dictate how colleges respond, appeals court says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On any given campus, making an accusation of sexual assault is taken on faith as true, and failure to immediately punish the accused party is taken as an intolerable delay in justice.

In any given federal court, however, you have to prove your case.

Four female students came up short in their Title IX lawsuits against Michigan State University, which alleged the administration’s response to their sexual assault claims was “inadequate, caused them physical and emotional harm, and consequently denied them educational opportunities.”

Last week the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a lower court that allowed Title IX claims to move forward against the university. It also determined that a university official deserved “qualified immunity” from liability.

The three-judge panel was reviewing whether the taxpayer-funded institution had violated the so-called Davis precedent from the Supreme Court.'

Men are showing up to The Wing and women are pissed

Matt · 18 December 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Wing was supposed to be the ultimate sanctuary for women: decidedly feminine in design, with walls and furniture in shades of millennial pink and a thermometer set at a women's-clothing-friendly 72 degrees. Conference rooms and telephone booths are named after feminist icons like Anita Hill and fictional literary heroines such as Hermione Granger of "Harry Potter" fame. It offers perks that other co-working spaces can't match — showers stocked with high-end beauty products and events featuring big names such as Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Critics of the Wing were quick to point out the lack of diversity in the spaces, but the company's expansion and popularity has brought up a completely different issue that was never expected to arise: straight men wanting to come in and hang out.

Sure, it's not against the rules for men to be at the lady lair, which costs anywhere from $185 to $250 a month in the US to join. But that's only because legally the company can't ban men.

"There's usually at least one [man] whenever I visit," says Kaitlin Phillips, 29, a member in New York for the past two years. "It's bizarre to choose to occupy a space women specifically wanted for themselves. Classic patriarchal entitlement complex."'

Less of a Man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While common sense suggests an obvious answer, two recent explorations of that question demonstrate the extent to which our culture is in fact deeply conflicted about acknowledging sex differences and deeply confused about how to handle them.

Writing in a recent issue of Scientific American, Columbia University psychologist Scott Barry Kaufman argues, “It’s time to take sex differences in personality seriously.” Describing the results of four large-scale, cross-cultural studies of personality differences between the sexes, Kaufman notes, “All four studies converge on the same basic finding: when looking at the overall gestalt of human personality, there is a truly striking difference between the typical male and female personality profiles.”

Kaufman notes that these include traits like “sensitivity, tender-mindedness, warmth, anxiety, appreciation of beauty, and openness to change” for women and “emotional stability, assertiveness/dominance, dutifulness, conservatism, and conformity to social hierarchy and traditional structure for men.” Women were also found to be more sociable and sensitive as well as more prone to self-doubt, while men were less risk-averse, more thrill-seeking, and utilitarian on average.
...
Or, as Kaufman notes, culturally we are so intent on avoiding harmful stereotyping drawn from sex differences that “rarely do we consider the harm that could be caused by ignoring sex differences!” He notes that there are “many ways in which pretending something doesn’t exist may actually cause greater harm psychologically than accepting the facts of the matter.”
...
She repeatedly criticizes these young men’s view of themselves—which largely conform to the sex differences in personality that Kaufman describes as, on average, being common—as a form of “stunted masculinity.” Orenstein complains that boys who turn to the women in their lives (sisters, mothers, girlfriends) to talk about their feelings are “teaching boys that women are responsible for emotional labor.”

The most revealing (and poignant) moment in her piece —albeit one she breezes past in her long march toward re-educating supposedly toxic boys—is when she asks a college sophomore what he likes about being a boy. His response? “Huh. That’s interesting. I never really thought about that. You hear a lot more about what is wrong with guys.”'

Dad Allegedly Beat College's Title IX Coordinator With a Baseball Bat Over His Daughter's Rape Case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A father was arrested on Friday for allegedly beating up his former co-worker, a Title IX coordinator at the University of Portland, over the handling of his daughter's sexual-assault investigation.

Patrick Ell, 52, was charged with second-degree assault of Matthew Rygg, who also serves as associate vice president for student development at the private Roman Catholic university. On Friday, Ell allegedly waited outside of Rygg's home around 9 p.m., hit him over the head with a baseball bat, then chased him down the street.
...
Ell and his daughter, Clara Ell, have publicly spoken about the allegation that she was raped in her University of Portland dorm by a classmate and their belief that the investigation was mishandled. The university's formal conduct hearing process reportedly found that Clara's purported rapist was "not responsible" and that the case did not warrant further looking into.

Clara's family appealed that finding, but it was reportedly upheld by Holy Cross Father John Donato, the vice president for student affairs at the university. Afterward, Clara's father, who worked as the assistant director of leadership at the school, reportedly quit his job.'

Western-style third-wave feminism hits China

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Story here. Short hop I guess from S. Korea to China. Excerpt:

'State feminism has been an integral part of the China's ideology ever since the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949. The Communist Party has brought tremendous advancement concerning the involvement of Chinese women in all spheres of life. They invented International Women's Day, which is now celebrated in most countries around the world.

Now, however, Western-style feminism is getting in. Intersectionality, division, divisiveness, the entire gender mess, and the feminist violence are now being seen in China.

Unsurprisingly, the Chinese authorities don't like it. Unlike outside the most populous country in the world, when Chinese authorities don't like something, it can be ruthlessly repressed, even with the post-Mao era changes.
...
The official communist feminist movement seems surprisingly quiet in all this. As the infiltrating tactics of Cultural Marxism start to encourage feminism in senior schools, the the small but growing Western feminist movement takes hold. Women who had previously avoided political discussion are now deciding to identify themselves publicly with this kind of feminism on social media. China's government's internet censors are working overtime to forcefully close down this 'new' feminist content.

Censorship never works for long. Only open debate, public discussion, clear examination of what is, and is not, the truth can help to dispel an invidious ideology that relies on stealth, lies, deceit and violence.'

By pretending the world is uniquely cruel to women, smug feminists only enrage men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The activist behind the campaign to make Jane Austen the face of the £10 note has published a 432-page encyclopaedia of feminist grievances. But do women really get a bad deal in what is still a man's world?

Feminist author Caroline Criado-Perez's 'Invisible Women Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men' has won the 2019 Financial Times and McKinsey Business Book of the Year Award.
...
And despite saying that men get to design their own workplace environment, according to the WHO, men have greater levels of occupational exposure to physical and chemical hazards. In 2010, almost 750,000 men died globally from occupationally related causes, as opposed to just over 102,000 women.

In Europe, 95 percent of fatal accidents and 76 percent of non-fatal accidents in the workplace are experienced by men. Not to mention that despite repeated attempts to claim that women are the primary casualties of armed conflict – one that is accepted without a murmur from Hillary Clinton or a UN diplomat – the overwhelming majority of those killed are men.'

Stop telling men they're defective women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Read carefully, and you'll notice that almost every article on the struggles couples face with respect to the work-family battle blames men. The cultural narrative is that women do it all, while the men in their lives are Neanderthals who need to get with the program.

The saddest part of this bogus message, aside from the obvious damage it creates, is that it's so far from the truth it's ridiculous. Men actually have kept up with the times. Fathers today spend triple the amount of time on childcare than they did in 1965 and roughly six hours more per week on household chores. They've also bent over backward to accommodate the demands of the modern household.

One reason for the relentless male-bashing is that women have been taught to believe the sexes are the same and, as a result, assume that when men don't behave the way women do, men are somehow failing.'

California Companies Are Rushing to Find Female Board Members

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In September 2018, California became the first state to legally compel corporate board diversity with a law mandating that every public company in the state have at least one female director by the end of 2019. The law set off a scramble to find hundreds of female directors, many of whom don't fit the traditional mold.

If companies fail to comply with that mandate, they face a one-time fine of $100,000.

By the end of 2021, the law's requirements ramp up, compelling companies with five board members to have at least two female directors and at least three on six-person boards. If companies continue to break the law, they face a steeper penalty of $300,000 for every seat that should be filled by a woman.'

Feminists now seek supremacy. They're winning.

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'History is marked by milestones. Like signs on the road, they have no intrinsic significance except to signal change. Such as this statement by Barack Obama – two-term President, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, best president of this era (per 44% of Americans), rated the twelfth best US President in C-Span's 2017 survey of historians. He tells us that sexism is respectable again!

"Now women, I just want you to know; you are not perfect, but what I can say pretty indisputably is that you're better than us [men]. I'm absolutely confident that for two years if every nation on earth was run by women, you would see a significant improvement across the board on just about everything …living standards and outcomes."

This is what victory by feminists looks like. It has become commonplace to hear men's speeches in which they proudly say that they are inferior to their wives. But now women, as a group, are better. Many are not shy about saying so. In 2010 Hanna Rosin wrote "The End of Men" in The Atlantic, expanded into a book: The End of Men: And the Rise of Women. Other similar articles and books are listed at the end of this post. This is not just ideology, but reality in some ways. For a decade I have written about the coming gender role reversal bringing women on top of men (links here). Now it is obvious to all who care to see.
...
It's not just that women are doing better (that's a good thing), but that the absolute condition of men is deteriorating. Not by accident. Our society works diligently to crush boys, as described in The Boy Crisis: Why Our Boys Are Struggling and What We Can Do About It by Warren Farrell and John Gray (2018). They describe how this is done and the sad consequences. I (and others) have also been documenting this (e.g., here and here). The British news media (less PC, more competitive than those in the US) publish stories such as "Boys left to fail at school because attempts to help them earn wrath of feminists, says ex-Ucas chief" by Camila Turner in The Telegraph (2018). See posts about the war on boys.'

'Love Island' host Caroline Flack quits show days after assault arrest: reports

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Police responded to Flack's home based on reports that a man was assaulted. The man injured was Flack's boyfriend, tennis player Lewis Burton, BBC reported at the time.
...
When reached by People magazine for comment, a spokesperson for the television star confirmed the arrest to the outlet.

“We confirm that police attended Caroline’s home following a private domestic incident. She is co-operating with the appropriate people to resolve matters. We will not be making any further comment for legal reasons.”'

MSU camp for girls subject of discrimination complaint

charlie · 19 December 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal agency is investigating a Mankato man's claim that a summer camp for girls at Minnesota State University violates federal gender equality law.

Charlie Hurd filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights in August 2018. Hurd recently received notice the office will investigate his claim that the university violated Title IX law by hosting the Girls Explore STEAM camp for sixth through ninth graders.

Title IX is a federal law that prohibits gender discrimination in education programs that receive federal funding.

A number of universities across the country have been the subject of similar complaints in the last two years, according to media reports.'

America’s best colleges get even worse on due process for accused students, report finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite growing public attention to the importance of due process in college disciplinary proceedings, more elite colleges earned rock-bottom reviews from an education civil-liberties organization this year.

The third annual review of due process on U.S. News & World Report’s top 53 “national universities,” conducted by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, reported an increase in lackluster grades compared to previous years.

In fact, the number of colleges receiving “D” or “F” grades increased from 47 in 2018 to 49 in 2019, according to FIRE.

“Disappointingly, we did not see a significant change overall in the safeguards the rated universities guarantee students from 2017 through this year,” the group said.

Seven in 10 reviewed colleges “do not explicitly guarantee students that they will be presumed innocent until proven guilty,” two in five “do not explicitly require that fact-finders […] be impartial,” and fewer than a third “guarantee a meaningful hearing.”'

New York proposes making drunk sex a crime, not just a campus violation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The same governor who pushed through the affirmative consent standard now wants to force everyone to abide by this campus regime.

Democrat Andrew Cuomo wants to close what the Associated Press calls a “loophole” in state law, that a voluntarily intoxicated person who is conscious can legally consent to sexual activity. This concern was brought to him at the behest of Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance:

"New York law currently says someone who becomes drunk voluntarily is not deemed “mentally incapacitated” when it comes to giving consent. The statu[t]e does cover victims who become unconscious or are administered drugs or alcohol without their consent.

District attorneys have said the current law allows defendants to claim sexual activity was consensual even when a victim was too impaired to know what was happening."

How would the law define “too impaired”? Neither Cuomo nor Vance, who declined to arrest and prosecute Harvey Weinstein, gives an explanation.'

Feminism: A Self-Canceling Project

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One hears a lot of talk about cancel culture these days, but little discussion of how a cultural movement goes about canceling itself. This is especially the case with feminism. The entire program is ruptured by flagrant violations of common sense and manifold contradictions it cannot resolve. One scarcely knows where to start in disentangling the skein of incongruities, mystifications, fallacies, and inconsistencies which comprise its dogma and determine its destructive course in the public domain.

...

As I wrote in an earlier article, “The most flagrant contradiction in the feminist psyche is modeled on the entitlement behavior of feminists who morbidly inveigh against the ‘patriarchy' while enjoying the benefits of a world the much-maligned patriarchy built—a world of comfort, ease, leisure, advantage, convenience, security and plenty which they have no intention of rejecting or abandoning.” Attacking the “patriarchy” as the most oppressive institution on the face of the planet and vilifying men as rapists, conquistadors, exploiters, and irremediably toxic abusers of women, they issue their writs of attainder from a cozy, safe and privileged environment that men created for them. Every amenity they enjoy, every labor-saving appliance, utensil, mechanism, and implement they take for granted, every technological innovation, scientific discovery, and medical advancement from which they benefit is almost entirely the gift of men that they refuse even to acknowledge.'

New York Passes Landmark TV Diversity Tax Credit Legislation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New York state has adopted a landmark TV diversity law that will provide production tax incentives to companies that hire women and people of color for writing and directing jobs.

The bill championed by the Writers Guild of America, East and Directors Guild of America calls for incentives of up to 30% of an individual's salary so long as the person lives in New York. The credit would be capped at $150,000 in salaries and fees per person, and $50,000 per episode. The state has set aside $5 million for the program.

The bill has been circulating around Albany for several years. It was vetoed last year by Gov. Andrew Cuomo because of what he said were concerns about how the credit would be calculated. This time around Cuomo said he secured commitment from the legislature to study the "underutilization" of women and people of color as writers and directors. It would also require a set number of days that the project has to shoot in New York. Cuomo notes that those and other restrictions were important because the bill expands New York state's expansive tax credit program to supporting above-the-line roles for the first time.'

Nearly twice as many fewer men enrolled in college v. women this year v. last year

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, college enrollment this fall took a steep dive with nearly 250,000 fewer students than last year opting out of higher education entirely.

While those numbers may come as a shock to some, the truth is that over the past eight years, enrollment rates around the country have fallen approximately 11 percent.
...
According to the study, approximately 159,000 fewer men and nearly 84,000 fewer women are enrolled compared to fall 2018.

Florida led in enrollment declines, with 52,328 students missing from their rosters. However, 15 states saw an increase in enrollment, such as Utah, which led the country with roughly 16,800 less students enrolled since 2018.'

Males Are Faring Much Worse Than Females: Busting the Myth of Male Privilege in a Single Chart

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Male privilege is a concept in radical feminism that claims that men have greater access to social, economic, and political advantages or rights based on their sex.

Mark Perry, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, destroys the myth of male privilege in a freshly updated chart titled: "For Every 100 Girls/Women..."

According to Perry, the data in the table shows that based on a large number of measures, "boys and men are faring much worse than girls and women." Perry explains, "Despite the fact that boys and men are at so much greater risk than girls and women on so many different measures, those significant gender disparities that disproportionately and adversely affect men get almost no attention." He added, "It's girls and women who get a disproportionate amount of attention, resources, and financial support."

He cited as examples the wide availability of women's centers and commissions on college campuses, and the lack of men's equivalents; the disproportionately high number of women-only scholarships, fellowships, awards and initiatives for female students and faculty; girls-only STEM programs and organizations, many of which, interestingly enough, are being challenged for violating Title IX.'

Oregon mother raped 14-year-old boy she pursued on Snapchat

Mastodon · 27 December 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Check out that smirk. She just knows she's going to get off with a slap on the wrist. Excerpt:

'An Oregon mother is accused of having sexual contact with a 14-year-old boy she connected with on the social media platform Snapchat.

Riddle resident Rheta Melvin, 36, was arrested Thursday and arraigned the following day for multiple sex crimes following an investigation by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

The charges include third-degree rape, third-degree sodomy, contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, online sexual corruption of a child and using a child in display of sexually explicit content.
...
The boy attends the same school as her daughter, according to the station. She also confessed to "sexting other young kids."'

Study: to increase female participation, STEM profs should grade less 'harshly'

Mastodon · 28 December 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study argues that the number of women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) can be increased by simply making grading policies within the fields less harsh.

In a paper titled “Equilibrium Grade Inflation with Implications for Female Interest in STEM Majors,” Naval Postgraduate School professor Thomas Ahn, Duke University economics professor Peter Arcidiacono, Duke University researcher Amy Hopson, and James R. Thomas of the Federal Trade Commission argue that STEM programs at colleges and universities lacking female enrollment can be attributed largely to harsh grading policies in these fields.

The researchers take the position that universities are discouraging students, especially female students, from pursuing STEM majors by allowing differences in grading policies and study time across different fields to exist. They contend that “harsher grading policies in STEM courses disproportionately affect women,” because women are more impacted mentally by receiving poor grades.'

Diane Dimond: When Sexual Harassment Complaints Are Used as Weapon

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This will not start out as a good year for professor Nick Flor of the University of New Mexico. Beginning Jan. 1, he will be suspended from this tenured position, without pay, for a full year. He is not allowed to get another full-time job; the multimillions of dollars in grants he has received will dry up; and his ability to win new grants will be next to impossible.

Flor's predicament follows a rather bizarre and brief interaction with a 35-year-old graduate student who reportedly has a history of pursuing and then complaining about professors.

Under federal law (so-called Title IX), schools that receive public funds must investigate whenever there is a report of sexual harassment, violence or gender discrimination that could hinder a person's education. The problem with Title IX responses has been the frequent inequitable way in which university investigations are conducted. Many males have protested, saying that their accusers' claims of sexual misconduct were taken as gospel, and that they were left to prove their innocence and denied due process.

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That day, Flor reported the situation to his department chair, who, in turn, reported it to UNM's Title IX office. An investigation was launched, and the woman filed her own complaint alleging sexual harassment and a quid pro quo, as evidenced by the professor's job offer. To Flor's astonishment, he became the focus of the investigation.

Flor is still seething that UNM would take the word of the woman over his, especially after he turned over the 3,258 emails and 174 texts she had sent him, which he maintains clearly show that she was the aggressor. Nine months after he reported the woman's threats, Flor was informed that he had been found guilty of harassment and retaliation. His punishment: that life-altering one-year suspension that will cost him his $130,000 salary.'

New Ohio prison nursery brings moms coping skills, hope

Mastodon · 30 December 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Akila Jones considers herself “hard-headed,” someone who hasn’t always wanted to follow the rules.

Her stubbornness is partly why she refused to pull her car over this spring, and instead led Cincinnati police on a high-speed chase.

Her poor decision led to a felony conviction and an 18-month prison sentence in the Ohio Reformatory for Women.

Shortly before entering prison, she became pregnant, an ill-timed misfortune, outsiders might say. But today, she gazes at 4-month-old Kajuan Currie as a gift.

Among the 2,500 inmates in the Marysville prison, Jones, 28, is one of a handful of new moms in the Achieving Baby Care Success program offering parenting and coping skills — and a cooing, babbling roommate that keeps her grounded.'

UK: Leading private schools turn down donor's £1m offer to help poor white boys

Mastodon · 30 December 2019 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Leading private schools have turned down a donor's £1milion offer saying scholarships should be for pupils from all backgrounds.

The two top schools are at the centre of a race row after a philanthropist claimed they rejected scholarships for poor white boys.

Dulwich College and Winchester College turned down Professor Sir Bryan Thwaites' offer to leave the funds in his will because they feared breaching anti-discrimination laws, The Times said.
...
The row comes after the rap star Stormzy created Cambridge University scholarships to aid black British students exclusively.'

#MeToo for the boardroom: California gender diversity law could lead to more women quotas nationally

Mastodon · 1 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Starting this week, California law will require the all-male boards of publicly traded companies headquartered in the state to add at least one woman. By 2021, boards with five members must have two women, while those with six members must have three. Public companies that don't comply could face fines of $100,000 for a first violation and $300,000 for a subsequent violation.
...
In August, watchdog group Judicial Watch sued on behalf of three California taxpayers, who say that spending taxpayer money to enforce the law violates the state constitution. "California's gender quota law is brazenly unconstitutional," Judicial Watch's president Tom Fitton said at the time.

A second lawsuit was filed by libertarian nonprofit law firm Pacific Legal Foundation, which contends the California law violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution.'

ASU wrongfully expelled student accused of sexual misconduct, court rules

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Arizona State University relied on flawed findings to wrongfully expel a male student who was accused of sexual misconduct, the Arizona Court of Appeals has ruled.

The former student, named John Doe in lawsuits against the university, sued the Arizona Board of Regents, which oversees the universities, and several ASU staffers last year in local and federal courts.

He alleged he was denied due process when he was kicked out of the university after a female student he had sex with at a party said that she was too impaired to consent, that he had provided her with alcohol, and that he had used force during the act.

Last week, the appellate court ruled partly in Doe's favor and a federal court allowed part of Doe's lawsuit to proceed.'

UK: Top schools defend rejecting bursary for white boys

Mastodon · 2 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Winchester and Dulwich colleges have declined the offer - reported to be worth over £1m - by a former pupil from both, Professor Sir Bryan Thwaites.

The schools say they do not want to put ethnic restrictions on who can benefit from financial help.

Sir Bryan says he is now looking for state schools to accept his offer.

The philanthropist, who is 96 and plans to leave the funds in his will, attended Dulwich until the start of the Second World War, and then went on to Winchester.

His parents could not have afforded the fees for him and his brother without the aid of scholarships.

Sir Bryan says he wants to help white boys from disadvantaged backgrounds because they perform worse at school than their counterparts from other ethnic groups.'

British teen who accused 12 men of gang rape in Cyprus found guilty of lying

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Cyprus court on Monday found a British teenager guilty of the charge of public mischief for lying about being gang-raped by a group of Israeli tourists at a hotel resort.

The 19-year-old, who has not been identified for legal reasons, accused the 12 Israelis — ages 15 to 18 — of raping her on July 17 at a hotel in Ayia Napa in a case that made headlines in the UK and Israel.

The Israelis were released without charge the same month after the woman was arrested on suspicion of “making a false statement about an imaginary crime.”

“The statements you have given were false,” Famagusta District Court Judge Michalis Papathanasiou told the woman in remarks translated by an interpreter in the town of Paralimni.'

Washington bill would further empower Title IX kangaroo courts against professors

Mastodon · 2 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the subjects of the 2019 novel Campusland is the weaponization of campus bureaucratic processes against faculty. One character in particular finds himself mired in discrimination and Title IX investigations provoked by woke student activists and a romantically rebuffed student.

It's not a surprise that faculty would see the deck stacked against them in these investigations. They may conclude that the only course of action that won't leave them drowning in legal fees – and even more publicity – is simply to leave the college and make a fresh start elsewhere.

Activists and politicians have branded such efforts as "passing the harasser," assuming that any employee who leaves a college while under investigation must be guilty. The latest effort to remove the presumption of innocence from accused faculty is taking place in Washington state.

The Seattle Times reports that a lawmaker has drafted a bill that would force faculty to disclose "substantiated findings of sexual misconduct" when they apply for other college jobs. ("Substantiated" could mean nothing more than a "single investigator" believes it's more likely than not that an accused instructor is guilty – the exact situation in Campusland.)

But it goes even further. They would also have to disclose "ongoing investigations" against them – efforts that may drag on for years, involving multiple appeals or the filing of new accusations when the accused faculty beat the initial charges (Laura Kipnis, for example).'

Ex-equalities chief condemns private schools for refusing £1m for poor white boys

Mastodon · 2 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former equalities chief has hit out at two leading private schools for refusing a millionaire's offer to pay for £1m in scholarships for poor white pupils.

Writing in the Daily Mail, Trevor Phillips, the former head of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, accused Dulwich College and Winchester College of "self-righteous guilt-tripping".

The schools reportedly turned down the gift from philanthropist Sir Bryan Thwaites, who attended both and intended to leave the money in his will.

He wanted to help white boys from disadvantaged backgrounds because they perform worse at school than their counterparts from other ethnic groups, according to the newspaper.'

The Pope Slapped A Woman Who Grabbed Him. He Did Nothing Wrong.

Mastodon · 3 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Pope Francis has been the focus of outrage this week after slapping a woman who grabbed him — thereby, if my interpretation of Canon Law is correct, infallibly granting all Catholics the moral right to smack whomever we please. As a Catholic and a longtime critic of Pope Francis, I'm thrilled that he finally did something I can support. Though he issued an unfortunate apology, thus losing most of the goodwill he'd accrued in my eyes, the Slap Heard Round The World was nonetheless justified.

The media has of course given the most sensationalist framing it could to the incident. The New York Times may win the prize this time, declaring that Francis had "slapped away a clinging pilgrim." This brings to mind images of a dusty traveler in tattered clothing getting chucked into the street as she tries to greet the Pope after a long journey on a holy pilgrimage. CNN implied that Francis had committed "violence against women," which makes it sound like he flew into a blind rage and pummeled an innocent onlooker.'

Ireland: 20 women-only professor positions approved to close academic gender gap

Mastodon · 5 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Minister of State for higher education Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD, announced today (3 January) the approval of 20 women-only professorship roles as part of the Senior Academic Leadership Initiative (SALI). Launched last year, its goal is to accelerate progress in achieving gender balance within academia.

The roles were approved by an international assessment panel chaired by Prof Lesley Yellowlees of the University of Edinburgh. Having received approval, 12 institutions will be tasked with filling the positions.

The Higher Education Authority (HEA) 2018 Report on Higher Education Institutional Staff Profiles by Gender showed that only 24pc of professors in Ireland were women, despite making up 51pc of lecturers at university level.'

Ireland: Women-only professorships 'not discriminating against men', says Mitchell O'Connor

Mastodon · 5 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'THE CREATION OF female-only professorships in Irish third-level institutions is “not discriminating against men”, the Minister of State for Higher Education has said.

45 female-only additional professor positions were announced by Minister of State for Higher Education Mary Mitchell O’Connor in November 2018.

Research by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) showed that in 2017, 51% of lecturers were female, while only 24% of professor posts were filled by women.

20 female-only professorships are expected to be in place by September this year.'

Terry Gilliam faces backlash after labeling #MeToo a 'witch-hunt'

Matt · 5 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The director Terry Gilliam has invited renewed backlash after repeating his claim that he is a “black lesbian in transition”, assailing the #MeToo movement as a “witch-hunt” and asserting that some of Harvey Weinstein’s alleged victims are “adults who made choices”.

The website PinkNews offered swift condemnation, calling the 79-year-old’s comments “a feeble attempt to prove that white men are the real victims”.

The Time Bandits director and Monty Python cast member, who first described himself as a black lesbian in interviews last year, made his latest comments to the Independent while promoting his film The Man Who Killed Don Quixote, released later this month.

Gilliam said he was “tired, as a white male, of being blamed for everything that is wrong with the world”.

On the #MeToo movement, he said: “I want people to take responsibility and not just constantly point a finger at somebody else, saying, ‘You’ve ruined my life.’”'

Australia: Putting a blowtorch to ‘toxic masculinity’

Mastodon · 6 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With Australia’s catastrophic bushfires making headlines around the world, newspapers featured a photo of an iconic kangaroo illuminated by an apocalyptic scene of a burning house.

But worse than the hundreds of houses lost or the millions of hectares of land burnt are the fatalities. So far at least 19 people have died, with dozens missing. Amongst them were three young volunteer fire-fighters.

Geoffrey Keaton, a 32-year-old with one son, and Andrew O’Dwyer, a 36-year-old with one daughter, were killed when a tree fell in front of their truck, causing it to veer off the road and roll.

Samuel McPaul, a 28-year-old whose wife is expecting their first child in May, died when his truck was flipped by a fire tornado.

In fact, nearly all the fatalities have been men – firies like Keaton, O’Dwyer and McPaul – or men who stayed behind to defend their houses from the flames. Academic studies confirm that there is a distinct gender difference in bushfires. Over the past hundred years, 60 percent of fatalities in Australian bushfires have been men. Most of them died while attempting to protect homes; women and children died while sheltering in a house or attempting to flee.'

Britain's most prolific rapist spent 12 years drugging and assaulting young men -- until one woke up

Matt · 6 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The most prolific rapist ever caught in Britain, who spent more than a decade luring dozens of intoxicated young men to his apartment before drugging and sexually assaulting them, has been sentenced to life imprisonment after being found guilty in four separate trials.

Reynhard Sinaga was found guilty of 159 counts of sexual offenses against 48 different men, and must serve 30 years before he is considered for release. Police said the true number of his victims is likely to have been higher, having found evidence linking him to assaults on as many as 190 different people.

Details of his campaign of assault were suppressed while trials were ongoing, but can now be published.
Sinaga, 36, approached men in the early hours of the morning outside nightclubs in Manchester, striking up a conversation and offering them somewhere to sleep or promising them more alcohol.'

Title IX lawsuits have skyrocketed in recent years, analysis shows

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For the last several years, backlash has intensified over guidance the Obama-era Education Department released in 2011 dictating how colleges and universities should adjudicate sexual assault and harassment cases.

Critics of the rules claimed they were too slanted against students accused of sexual violence, depriving them of constitutional due process rights. They also argued administrators were pressured to find accused students responsible for sexual misconduct under the threat that not acting to mitigate sexual violence would lead to the federal government pulling institutions' funding.

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos revoked the Obama-era guidance in 2017, eventually replacing it with draft regulations that would carry the force of law and would provide more protections for accused students. The regulations also potentially lessen the number of cases colleges would need to investigate and force officials in campus Title IX hearings to allow cross-examination between the parties.'

Dartmouth refused to let an accused professor defend himself publicly. He committed suicide.

Mastodon · 9 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What happens when a college cares so much about its own reputation that it silences a professor from even defending himself against horrific allegations?

For Dartmouth, it contributed to his death at 50.

David Bucci killed himself after the college refused to let him clear his name against allegations that he looked the other way when female students brought sexual harassment allegations to him as department chair.

When the college settled the students' $70 million class action suit in August for $14.4 million, it declined to issue "the one thing Dr. Bucci had hoped for: a statement proclaiming his innocence," The New York Times reports in a troubling feature on the human cost of unfounded allegations.'

Canada: Professor says it’s ‘absolutely correct’ that he’ll fail students who cite Jordan Peterson

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ted McCoy has some advice for his students: Don’t cite Jordan Peterson if you want to pass my class.

The University of Calgary sociologist, whose specialty is the history of prisons and punishment, tweeted that it’s “absolutely correct” that students will fail his class if they cite Peterson, a popular Canadian psychologist and self-help author who is vilified by some progressives.

The Tuesday tweet responding to alleged rumors about his grading practices, since deleted, was promoted by The Post Millennial. McCoy’s Twitter profile is also now marked private, so it’s not clear whether he has elaborated on whether the Peterson tweet was serious, joking or something in between.'

All-Female Crew Sets Off for Historic 'Mars' Mission

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is only the first Sensoria mission and, while the crews will not all consist solely of women, women will always be the majority and the crews will be put together with a concerted effort for diversity and inclusion.

Going forward, "All of our missions will be female-led and female-majority. We, of course, will welcome with open arms our male colleagues, but we believe that women need to be placed at the center of our shared vision for space exploration, that women need to be given a platform for professional development, opportunities for research and training," Hastings said.'

Why today’s young men are terrified of sex

Matt · 11 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. They leave out "fear of false accusations". Excerpt:

'For Orenstein, who’s spent two decades writing about the sexuality of girls — with bestsellers like “Girls & Sex” and “Don’t Call Me Princess” — Mason’s predicament was difficult to take seriously at first.

Like many of us, she bought into the cultural stereotypes “that all guys are sexually insatiable,” she writes. “Ever ready, incapable of refusal, regret, or injury” — an idea that just reinforced “the most retrograde idea of masculinity.”

...

Over the span of two years, Orenstein spoke to hundreds of boys across the United States, ranging in age from their early teens to mid-20s and spanning all races, socioeconomic backgrounds, religious beliefs and even sexual orientations. She learned that a surprising number of them don’t live up to gender cliches — meaning they aren’t hormone-driven Frankenstein’s monsters, obsessed with sex and unconcerned with the consequences. In fact, they’re pushing back against cultural expectations, and many are going so far as to avoid sex altogether.

According to the latest data by the General Social Survey, men between the ages of 18 and 29 are having less sex than ever; the number of abstinent men has nearly tripled in the last decade, from 10 percent in 2008 to 28 percent last year.

But as Orenstein discovered, it’s a movement that exists largely in secret. Rather than declare their abstinence, they come up with excuses for their lack of sexual interest — like the college sophomore Orenstein interviewed who frequently faked “whiskey d–k” to avoid hookups, or Mitchell in Los Angeles, who avoided sex with his high-school girlfriend for years because he was terrified that his sexual ability “would just be … sufficient.”'

The next feminist target? The draining impact of "invisible" emotional labour

Mastodon · 12 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This was the perfect moment for women to own that emotional labour isn't just a wellspring of frustrating domestic gripes, but rather a primary source of systemic issues that touch every arena of our lives, in damaging ways that make clear the pervasive sexism in our culture.

...

We need to reclaim emotional labour as a valuable skill that everyone should have and understand, because it makes us more attuned to our lives. It brings us more fully into the human experience. It allows us to be the truest and most fulfilled versions of ourselves – as both men and women.

The current imbalance of emotional labour continues the expectation that men are not meant to forge their own social bonds, to care deeply about the details of their lives, to find meaning in creating lives and homes that they are truly invested in. It creates an environment where toxic masculinity thrives – where women are still expected to take care of men in a myriad of ways so they never learn to take care of themselves, not only physically but emotionally and spiritually as well. We tell men as a society that they cannot handle emotional labour, that they need every last detail delegated or handled for them. We leave them with buried frustration at the half-life they are given, even with all their power and privilege. We are feeding a cycle that hurts us all. Changing this dynamic will not hurt men while helping women; it will help set everyone free.'

Women only pension supplement breached EU equal treatment rules

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On 12 December 2019, the European Court of Justice ruled that Spanish social security rules that granted a pension supplement to women who have had two (biological or adopted) children and who receive a permanent incapacity pension and not to men in the same position breached the EU rules on equal treatment.

A Spanish man, WA, was granted a permanent incapacity pension in 2017. He brought an administrative complaint against this decision to the Spanish social security authority (INSS), on the basis that if he had been a woman he would have been entitled to an additional 5% supplementary payment. Woman in receipt of a permanent incapacity pension who had two (biological or adopted) children received this supplement; WA, who had two children, was not entitled to it. The INSS rejected his complaint, stating the supplement was granted to reflect women's 'demographic contribution' to social security.

WA took his complaint to the Gerona Social Court (WA died in 2018 but his wife succeeded him as the complainant in the case). The Court asked the European Court of Justice for a preliminary reference on the question of whether a pension supplement payable only to women based on their 'demographic contribution' to social security infringes the principle of equal treatment in Article 157 of the EU Treaty and in the Directives on Equal Treatment in access to employment (76/207, amended by 2002/73 and recast by 2006/54).'

Australia: Why should we keeping funding the “toxic masculinity” false narrative?

Mastodon · 14 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Australia is already facing difficult truths over land management.

Funding fraudulent narratives is dangerous – and an undeniable false economy.

If we’re tackling one, we should tackle others.

Step forward “toxic masculinity: the brainchild of man-hating feminists who want us to believe that violence and evil is a gender issue.

According to the scriptures of this flawed religion, masculinity is the original sin that men are riddled with at birth.'

Doctors Looking For Couples To Test Male Birth Control Gel

Matt · 17 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Researchers at the University of Kansas conducting a clinical trial for a form of male birth control are looking for couples to test it out.

The birth control comes in the form of a gel, which is applied to a man's shoulder or arm daily. Its mix of testosterone and progestin is designed to decrease sperm count.

...

Nagia said men would keep their sex drive while using the gel. When the couple is ready to have kids, the man would stop using the gel, and his sperm count should return to normal.

So far, doctors say the gel is showing great promise. None of the participating couples have gotten pregnant.'

Sharf: Colorado higher ed circles the Title IX wagons

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Colorado Department of Higher Education has announced its appointments to its Title IX review committee, and they seem likely to reinforce the system's bias against college men. This shouldn't be too surprising coming from a governor who's OK with campus kangaroo courts. Indeed, last year, Gov. Polis signed a bill that the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education notes will enshrine such courts into law:
...
Valerie Simons of UC Boulder, for instance, gave an interview soon after coming on board in which she indicated that those were her priorities. In the entire interview, there is literally not one word of concern for the men who might be accused of such behavior, or for a process to safeguard their own rights. It's unclear whether the several lawsuits that the UC system has seen from men suspended, expelled, or otherwise punished have taught her anything.'

Library says ‘Girls Who Code’ program doesn’t violate Title IX because it lets in boys (if they ask)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you went to the library and saw an offered program called “Girls Who Code,” would you think it was open to your son?

Northern California’s Sebastopol Library, which receives federal education funding and is thus subject to Title IX, is arguing that its coding program’s name is irrelevant to who’s allowed to participate in it.
...
Holley said boys have participated in the “Girls” class in the past, though the library has never tried to verify each participant’s gender through an, ahem, personal inspection.

Manthey should really get over the “title” of the class, since every class is open to everyone, according to Holley.'

A university ‘welcomed’ everyone but men in STEM events. A professor filed a Title IX complaint.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Marketing materials from a series of events at the University of Cincinnati suggest that they were not open to men, though the administration insists men were allowed to participate.

First brought to light Friday by University of Michigan-Flint economist Mark Perry, a UC press release from September shows that the only group not explicitly “welcomed” to the events was men who identify as men.

The release is titled “UC director of women in engineering announces fall programming for STEM students,” referring to Paula Lampley. Her position is based in the College of Engineering and Applied Science’s Office of Inclusive Excellence and Community Engagement.

The subtitle: “All female, non-binary and non-cisgender students are welcomed to attend all events.”'

Barbara Kay: According to data, it's the males of our society who are in crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In her 1998 address to a First Ladies Conference in El Salvador, Hillary Clinton observed: “Women have always been the primary victims of war. Women lose their husbands, their fathers, their sons in combat. … Women are often left with the responsibility, alone, of raising the children.”

If pressed, Hillary might have admitted that it is preferable to suffer bereavement than to die, and preferable to raise children alone than to have your legs blown off by an IED. But nobody of any influence did in fact press her on the subject. She was, after all, merely channelling the gender zeitgeist, according to which men as a collective are assumed to have inherent privilege, and women are collective victims.

Here we are 22 years later, during which time American women have demonstrably transcended glass ceilings in every formerly male-dominated domain on the feminist checklist. But by moving feminism’s goalposts further down the field toward utopia, feminist elites preserve and promote the same victimhood narrative.'

Meghan King Edmonds was 'really upset' by decision to have twin sons circumcised

Mastodon · 17 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former "Real Housewives of Orange County" star Meghan King Edmonds expressed regret on Monday over her and her now-estranged husband's decision to have their twin boys circumcised after their birth last summer. Speaking in the premiere episode of the podcast "Intimate Knowledge," Edmonds said that she wound up "really upset by" the decision to forge ahead with the procedure.

"I have two sons and I did it," King Edmonds, whose sons are now 19 months old, said. "My partner was a professional baseball player. He was like, 'Well in the locker room, I don't want him to get him made fun of.' I was like 'Okay, well, you're the dad. You do have 50 percent choice in this.'"

But in a discussion about circumcision rates trending down in several countries, King Edmonds celebrated the news and said "there's no reason to manipulate your baby boy's body like that."'

Warwick pastor sentenced for false allegations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Warwick pastor and Christian rock singer will spend a night in jail before starting 18 months of home confinement after she was sentenced in Kent County Court on Tuesday.

Kelly Shannon admitted to two counts of filing false police reports and one count of using a computer for fraudulent purposes under a plea deal. One of those counts is a felony. The rest are misdemeanors.

Christy Gilroy, whose son was falsely accused of rape in the case, spoke exclusively with the NBC 10 I-Team.
...
At age 13, he was charged with raping a teenage girl. He was sent to the state Training School and forced to wear an ankle bracelet. The case against him was dismissed after the girl admitted that Shannon told her to lie about the rape.

"I believe if she never came clean, my son's name would have never been cleared," Gilroy said. "There was never a sexual assault. It was all made up because I put a restraining order on Kelly Shannon."'

Ex-teacher who accused 4 football players of rape charged in false report

Mastodon · 17 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The ex-teacher who accused four former Spruce Creek High School football players of drugging and raping her in 2018 has been charged with giving false information to the police and offering alcohol to a minor.

Brianna Walker, who was an athletic trainer at the Port Orange school and was 23 at the time of the sexual encounter, pleaded not guilty to both of the misdemeanor charges. Walker was not arrested or booked into jail. A trial date is set for later this month.

...

Two days later, Walker went to New Smyrna Beach police and claimed she was drugged and raped. She was hazy on some of the details, but told police she did not consent to having sex with all four players. She was unsure if she consented to having sex with one of the players.

A few days after that, Walker resigned from her position at Spruce Creek High School. She now lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.'

Violence Against Women Campaign Features Doctored Photos Of Hillary Clinton, AOC, Michelle Obama As Battered Victims

Mastodon · 17 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Italian artist AleXsandro Palombo has been raising awareness about violence against women by creating doctored photos of prominent political figures like Michelle Obama, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and Hillary Clinton that make them appear as if they are battered victims.

“The ‘Just Because I am a Woman’ campaign created by AleXsandro Palombo, which is currently on display in Milan, also features altered portraits of German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French first lady Brigitte Macron,” reports Fox News. “The posters note that such violence against women does not differ between races, classes or religions.”

Each poster features a message beneath it that reads, “I am a victim of domestic abuse. I am paid less. I’ve experienced genital mutilation. I do not have the right to dress as I want. I can’t decide who I’m going to marry. I was raped.”'

Senator Biden Paid Men More Than Women, Now Blames Pay Gap on White Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a New York Times interview, presidential hopeful Joe Biden said the barrier to equal pay for women has been white men at the "top of the heap"—but he took no blame for the unequal results in the one organization that had him at the top of the heap. Biden paid his male staffers more than his female staffers in each of his 36 years in the Senate.

Biden told the Times editorial board in an interview released Friday that wealthy Americans oppose equal pay because they "don't like the idea" of women being paid as much as men. However, women working in Biden's Senate office earned as little as 44 percent of what male employees made. Over the course of Biden's 36 years in the Senate, women on average earned just 67 cents for each dollar earned by men.

"All white guys are just basically, they don't give a damn about women. They don't care about equal pay," Biden said in the interview. "The people that don't like equal pay are at the top of the heap. I don't like the idea that you're going to get paid as much as a man doing your job."'

Opinion: Feminism needs to pipe down

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The terms ‘bra-burning’ and ‘man-hating’ describe the movement exactly in that many feminists tend to take their protesting and campaigning to radical extremes.

Modern feminism, and the international movements that follow, spread ideas of women in dominance, rather than equality amongst all sex. This is a broad issue because it separates society as a whole.

Nowadays, there is no need for vocal calls against female oppression. Women are now allowed to vote, gain an education, have a stable job, vote in society, enlist in the army, file for divorce, and much more. They have equal rights.'

Florida Teenager Who Allegedly Lied About Sexual Assault Will Face Charges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The 15-year-old girl who claimed she was raped while jogging during the day will now face charges.

The girl, whose name has not been released, faces two counts of “false reporting of a crime to police,” WWSB reported. The first count relates to her initial claim of sexual battery and the second refers to another claim she made about a physical assault a few days later.

The Daily Wire previously reported that the girl claimed she was out jogging near her neighborhood when a man attacked and raped her and then fled in a black four-door car. She gave police a DNA sample and worked with a sketch artist to come up with a drawing of the man she claimed had attacked her. She said her attacker was a white, 36- to 38-year-old man about 5’8” with dark hair and a goatee.'

Feminist writer complains that men who refuse to date 'woke' women contribute to the radicalization of terrorists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminist writer Vicky Spratt says that men avoiding a romantic interest in "woke" women is helping to usher in the radicalization of terrorists.

In an article published on Refinery29, Spratt voices her concern over British actor Laurence Fox, who caught the ire of many feminists and leftists after saying that there is no such thing as "white privilege," and that the United Kingdom was not an inherently racist nation.

In one of Fox's most recent interviews, he discussed dating and revealed that he will not date "woke" women who want nothing more than to affect justice in the social sector.

In an article titled, "The Dangerous Rise Of Men Who Won't Date 'Woke' Women" Spratt says that Fox's ideals are dangerous, and part of a larger, more insidious trend that is bent on radicalizing terrorists across the globe.'

Goldman Sachs won’t list your company if only white men are on the board

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Goldman Sachs, one of the world's leading advisers on IPOs, will no longer take companies in the US and Europe public if they have boards made up entirely of white men.

Speaking to CNBC at the World Economic Forum at Davos on 23 January, the US investment bank’s chief executive, David Solomon, said: “I think from a governance perspective, diversity on boards is a very, very important issue. We have been very, very focused on it. So we’re trying to find ways to encourage that.”

From 30 June, Goldman will insist that every company it helps with an initial public offering in its two core regions (Europe and the US) have at least one “diverse director”. This will increase to two in June 2021.

The bank plans to work with companies it is currently advising on how to improve their diversity representation before any pre-June listing, including by providing access to a network of potential candidates.'

Hawaii Measure Aims To Encourage Guilty, No Contest Pleas In Domestic Violence Cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Advocates for victims in Hawaii domestic violence cases are backing a proposal to reduce certain domestic violence cases from felonies to misdemeanors.
...
One women's caucus bill would make it easier to prosecute certain domestic violence cases as misdemeanors. The change would speed up the conviction and sentencing of offenders by giving the defendants incentives to plead guilty or no contest to the charges.
...

Puna state Rep. Joy San Buenaventura introduced the bill. She says when abusers ask for a jury trial, the process takes longer, putting a burden on abuse victims.

“If the victim fails to show up twice in a row, what prosecutors tell me is those cases are being dismissed without prejudice, which means they can be refiled but the process goes all over again,” she said. “The idea behind what we’re trying to do is to give them a carrot to allow them to still be in the system but not require the victim to show up in every instance.”'

Women-only business groups marginalize and fail to empower members

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women-only business networks fail to boost female entrepreneurship and instead serve to marginalise further the very people they seek to help.

New research from the University of Edinburgh Business School, Lancaster University Management School and Dublin City University Business School, published in the Journal of Economic Geography, found the networks are unable to overcome bigger societal issues that prevent more women from pursuing their own businesses.

Policy makers see the drive to increase female entrepreneurship as key to helping foster national and regional economic growth. However, women lag behind men in terms of business ownership, growth and access to resources.
...
The networks tend to be more geographically restricted and focus more on social support over business development, failing to provide a platform to address issues of gender inequality in entrepreneurship.'

NBC Fawns Over Female Dem Impeachment Managers ‘Making History’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Continuing to marvel over the female impeachment managers, Hunt pulled out a picture of the Republican House mangers during the impeachment of Bill Clinton: “So this is a photo of the impeachment managers in the last case. And I know, Congresswoman Lofgren, you were here for it. What’s your reaction to seeing just how different it looks?”

Lofgren quipped: “Well, a whole room of old white guys...” She then applauded her current team of Democratic prosecutors: “I do think it’s nice that we have really a group that looks like America, that’s over there standing up for our Constitution.”

Not finished with the sexist commentary, Hunt noted: “So a poll released this week showed that 59% of women say that the President should be removed from office, but just 42% of men say the same. What’s with the difference?”

Garcia claimed: “Women are smarter than men.” Demings chimed in: “And women are paying more attention.” Lofgren philosophized: “Not that men don’t care, but women are thinking about their children and their grandchildren and what kind of world are they going to have.”'

Gender pay gap smallest for millennials, Gen Z, widest for older generations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new PayScale study on the gender pay gap found that younger generations are faring much better than their older counterparts. When the pay gap is controlled — comparing the pay for men and women doing the same job in the same geographic location, same experience, education, etc. — women under the age of 30 are paid 99 cents for every dollar that a man earns. The gap continues to widen with each age range, but still stays close; women 45 and up are paid 98 cents for every dollar a man earns.
...
PayScale says this year its study focused on neutralizing the pay gap. According to a 2018 World Economic Forum report, it would take another 108 years to close the global gender pay gap. But according to PayScale's findings, a transparent pay process reduced, or effectively eliminated the gender pay gap.

PayScale notes, "when employees said they have a transparent pay process at their company, women were estimated to earn between $1 and $1.01 for every dollar earned by men – effectively erasing the gender pay gap."'

Military vets may have worse PTSD symptoms if they conform to 'masculine traits'

Mastodon · 27 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For members of the military, being able to suppress emotions and rely on yourself can be an asset, if not a life-saving quality.

But those traditionally "masculine" traits can exacerbate post-traumatic stress disorder that's especially difficult to treat, according to a robust new study in the journal Psychology of Men and Masculinities.

For the study, researchers looked at 17 studies including more than 3,500 military veterans to see how traits like self-reliance affected their mental health after experiencing trauma.

They found that the more veterans believed they should be tough and appear unemotional, the more likely they were to develop PTSD, have severe PTSD symptoms, and avoid seeking mental health treatment for those symptoms.'

Yale Will Eliminate a Beloved Introductory Art Class for Being Too White, Male, and Western

Mastodon · 28 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Enrollment has swelled for Yale University's introductory art history course, which covers "the Renaissance to the present." That's because the school plans to eliminate the popular class after the spring.

According to The Yale Daily News, the art department has decided that the class might make some students uncomfortable due to the "overwhelming" whiteness, maleness, and straightness of the artists who comprise the Western canon (though that last label may be dubious). Indeed, the focus on Western art is "problematic," course instructor Tim Barringer told the student newspaper.

"I want all Yale students (and all residents of New Haven who can enter our museums freely) to have access to and to feel confident analyzing and enjoying the core works of the western tradition," said Barringer. "But I don't mistake a history of European painting for the history of all art in all places."'

Knox College: Staff assesses low retention causes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There have also been notable demographic changes over the past six years.

Latinx and black students now make up a smaller portion of students who leave than they do at Knox overall, which is the opposite from six years ago, Ehrlich told Senate.

Now, white students and male-identifying students leave at a disproportionate rate. The only correlation with reasons the administration found was with men leaving more for mental health reasons.

“That’s not a surprise because male-identifying students are less likely to (…) be willing to go to counseling (…) I think it’s a stigma issue,” Ehrlich said.

The loss of male students also presents a new concern with the gender balance of the school. Knox already, like most colleges, has more women than men, so losing a disproportionate number of men would change the current balance, Ehrlich said.'

Australia: Feminism 'has gone off the rails': Arndt

Mastodon · 30 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'Published on Jan 30, 2020
Men's rights activist Bettina Arndt says feminism has "absolutely gone off the rails" after a campaign was launched to strip her of her Order of Australia honour.

Victoria's Attorney-General Jill Hennessy wrote to Governor-General David Hurley asking him to rescind Ms Arndt's Order of Australia award, saying the recognition was "an insult to victims of sexual abuse".

Ms Hennessy said Ms Arndt's recognition on Australia Day for "significant service to the community as a social commentator and to gender equity through advocacy for men" caused major "alarm" and "concern".

In the wake of the campaign against her, Ms Arndt told Sky News she had been "swamped with support" from an "absolutely outraged" public.'

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bettina_Arndt

Texas mother trying to transition her young son into a girl loses in court again

Matt · 31 January 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Texas mother attempting to transition her seven-year-old son into a girl has lost again in court, with the judge ordering that both the boy's mother and father, who is opposed to the transition, have joint conservatorship over the child.

The long, contentious battle over James Younger's fate has played out over several months. In October, a jury ruled that James' father, Jeffrey Younger, should be stripped of his conservatorship role over the boy, leaving James' mother, Anne Georgulas, in charge of James' medical decisions. The boy's mother is determined to transition James into a girl, while the father does not want it to happen.

A judge later ordered that Younger was to share joint conservatorship over the child. Texas Gov. Greg Abbot subsequently declared that the state would investigate the circumstances surrounding James' rearing.'

Amber Heard Admits to Hitting Johnny Depp: I 'Get So Mad, I Lose It'

Mastodon · 2 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Aquaman star Amber Heard admitted to "hitting" ex-husband Johnny Depp in a recording made in 2015, while the two were still married. The recording, obtained and published by The Daily Mail Friday, was allegedly made when the two tried to talk through their marriage issues. Heard and Depp married in 2015, and finalized their divorce in 2017.

"I'm sorry that I didn't, uh, uh, hit you across the face in a proper slap, but I was hitting you, it was not punching you. Babe, you're not punched," Heard tells Depp in the recording, referencing an incident the night before. "I don't know what the motion of my actual hand was, but you're fine, I did not hurt you, I did not punch you, I was hitting you."'

The Terrible Masculinity of Johnny Depp

https://medium.com/@karaschlegl/the-terrible-masculinity-of-johnny-depp-a7f632ffb42e

'But he's aged like a fine wino, dressed in the moth eaten skins of his most memorable characters. He cannot annunciate a single word correctly. He has the charisma of a middle aged geography teacher with bad breath. He thought being 1/16th Cherokee entitled him to don red face. He beat his wife.'

She Claimed He Sexually Assaulted Her. The School Ignored Witnesses That Challenged Her Credibility.

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Article here. Excerpt;

'A judge has sided with an accused student against the University of Connecticut after the school ignored evidence that challenged the female accuser's version of events.

The male accused student, referred to as John Doe in court documents, was one semester away from graduating when a female student, referred to as Jane Roe, accused him of sexual assault. After a campus process that denied John the ability to question Jane's credibility, he was expelled. He then sued the university and was granted a temporary restraining order blocking the school from implementing his punishment based on an unfair procedure.'

#MeToo Jumps Another Shark

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Among the tidal wave of sexual misconduct allegations in the early days of #MeToo, one little-noticed story concerned an indie country-rock emo band called Pinegrove. On November 21, 2017, the band canceled its tour because of a “sexual coercion” charge against lead singer Evan Stephens Hall. A lengthy message from Hall on Pinegrove’s Facebook page asserted that the accusation stemmed from a complicated, intense relationship that he believed to have been mutual and “based in love.” However, the singer also castigated himself for having “monumentally misread the situation.” In particular, he wrote that he “should have more actively acknowledged my position of power as a public figure, and also as a man.”
...

In other words, two people in the unstructured setting of an indie band that was sort of like a workplace (but on which no one was financially dependent) became sexually and romantically involved. It didn’t work out. The woman felt hurt, perhaps especially because this situation led to the loss of another relationship. Later, she decided that what happened was somehow “implicitly manipulative” because of the man’s “power”— which she admits he didn’t actually have, except that it “felt like he did.”

If someone set out to write a scathing #MeToo satire, it’s hard to see how it could top this.'

‘Being wrongly #MeToo’d has ruined my life’

Mastodon · 4 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last spring, during my first week as a janitor at a Dave & Buster’s, I struck up a conversation with a co-worker who served 17 years in prison. Swapping life stories, I sheepishly divulged that I used to work for The Washington Post, that I had a book published by HarperCollins, and that I had been the editor of a popular website.

He fixed a look at me. “So what are you doing here?” he asked.

For the life of me, I couldn’t begin to explain how I went from having a life and career I felt proud of, to being publicly shamed by my peers and punished for things I didn’t do.

In October 2017, I was one of roughly 70 men included in the Sh-tty Media Men list, a crowdsourced spreadsheet of anonymous, unvetted allegations of sexual misconduct and assault. No words can describe my astonishment at finding myself accused of “harassment,” “stalking” and “physical intimidation.” Even more agonizing was seeing this supposedly private listing swiftly leaked to the public via several major online media outlets as well as social media.'

Amber Heard Taunts Johnny Depp On New Tape: ‘See How Many People Believe You’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Johnny responds, upset about the violence he claims was perpetrated against him:

“Amber, I lost a f**king finger man, c’mon. I had a f**king, I had a f**king mineral can, a jar, a can of mineral spirits thrown at my nose.”

That’s when she gets utterly dismissive of his accusations against her, even apparently taunting him about the idea of going public with them:

“You can please tell people that it was a fair fight, and see what the jury and judge thinks. Tell the world Johnny, tell them Johnny Depp, I Johnny Depp, a man, I’m a victim too of domestic violence.”'

DA drops serial rape charges against reality TV doctor and girlfriend, saying case was ‘manufactured’

Mastodon · 6 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'California prosecutors are dropping all charges against an Orange County surgeon and his girlfriend after concluding that the previous district attorney “manufactured” the high-profile 2018 case in which the couple was accused of serially drugging and raping women.

Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer said in a news release Tuesday that after his office reviewed the case, investigators found “no provable evidence” to support the charges against Grant Robicheaux, a 39-year-old orthopedic surgeon and former reality TV star, and his girlfriend Cerissa Riley, a 33-year-old dance instructor.

The decision caps a key part of a lengthy legal saga that drew international headlines for the splashy details befitting Robicheaux’s status as a short-lived reality TV star on the Bravo dating show, “Online Dating Rituals of the American Male.”'

How to Be a Man's Man in a Culture That Hates Masculinity

Mastodon · 7 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'You don’t have to look very hard to realize that modern society is going through a breakup with masculinity.

While macho men used to be all the rage, in recent decades, culture has shifted away from glorifying them in a big way.

The driven CEO is now seen as an abusive anger case. The creative, visionary rockstar is now seen as an out-of-control sex addict. Police are seen as violent enforcers of the status quo, politicians are seen as sexist and power-hungry and so forth. Everywhere you look, once-respected emblems of masculine power are being recast as villainous entities.

As a result, it can be a deeply weird time to be a guy. Hearing that your heroes are now the bad guys is a deeply unpleasant experience, and hearing that you might be one of them, too, is another level of frustration altogether.'

Home sharing site for women only

Mastodon · 7 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'At Golightly, all properties are owned or managed exclusively by women. The renters have to be ladies too, but men can travel with them.'

Kesha Defamed Former Producer in Private Text to Lady Gaga About Rape, Says Judge

Matt · 7 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Judge rules pop star Kesha guilty of defamation for texting rape allegation about former producer. The pop star and the producer, Lukasz "Dr. Luke" Gottwald, have been in a long-running legal battle, with Gottwald suing Kesha for alleged defamation and breach of contract. On Thursday, New York State Supreme Court Justice Jennifer G. Schecter granted summary judgement to Gottwald on both claims.

Kesha "made a false statement to Lady Gaga about Gottwald and that was defamatory," Schecter wrote in the decision. In a private text message exchange, Kesha accused Gottwald of having raped singer Katy Perry—a claim Perry later denied in court.

Kesha has also publicly accused her former producer of drugging and raping her. Gottwald alleges that she made up the story to get out of her recording contract with him.'

Face of #MeToo movement at AZ Capitol now accused of sexual misconduct

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After she became a face of the #MeToo movement in Arizona that led to the expulsion of State Rep. Don Shooter, there are now accusations that Rep. Michelle Ugenti-Rita sexually harassed a former lobbyist.

Ugenti-Rita was one of the women who accused Shooter of sexual harassment, allegations that eventually got him kicked out of office. The accusations against Ugenti-Rita come from a sworn deposition that was just released Wednesday. Investigators interviewed a woman about various times she was made uncomfortable by Ugenti-Rita and her now-husband, Brian Townsend.

The lobbyist's sworn claims happened before the allegations that ended Shooter's political career. She says Ugenti-Rita and Townsend were trying to recruit her as a partner for sexual acts when Ugenti-Rita was still in the Arizona House of Representatives from 2013 to 2015.

The victim says, as a lobbyist, she invited Ugenti-Rita out for birthday drinks to help solidify her professional relationship with her. She got uncomfortable when Ugenti-Rita allegedly showed photos of herself in lingerie on her phone.'

UK: Children being circumcised 'without consent of both parents' at Leicester clinic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Children are being circumcised without both of their parents' consent at a private clinic in Leicester, according to health inspectors.

Staff from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) visited the Community Health Centre on Melbourne Road where a private twice weekly circumcision clinic is run.

A summary of the service provided in the report said: "The service provides circumcision to those under 18 years of age for non-therapeutic reasons under local anaesthetic.
...
The service was rated requires improvement, in part down to the fact that children were being operated on without evidence that both parents had agreed to the procedure.

British Medical Association and General Medical Council guidelines state that: "Where a child has two parents with parental responsibility, doctors considering circumcising a child must satisfy themselves that both have given valid consent. If a child presents with only one parent, the doctor must make every effort to contact the other parent in order to seek consent."'

How Progress Blinds People to Progress

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a 2018 poll of 548 experts on women's rights that recently went viral, the US was voted the tenth most dangerous country in the world for women. It was also voted the third worst country in the world for sexual violence, which put it ahead of South Sudan, where forced marriages are common and mothers routinely teach their daughters how to survive a rape, Afghanistan, where rape victims are often punished instead of their rapists, and South Africa, where lesbians are raped because it's believed it can make them straight and virgins are raped because it's believed to cure the rapist of HIV (which is epidemic in the country).

...

The 2018 poll, therefore, seems anomalous. But what could account for 548 experts suddenly deciding that one of the countries considered safest for women had become one of the most dangerous?

The Harvard psychologist Steven Pinker has noted that there's a tendency for people to become selectively blind to social progress, particularly in Western nations. Despite the West (and the world) making huge advances across almost all major metrics, from crime to poverty, many believe the world has made no progress, or is getting worse.'

DC’s ‘Birds of Prey’ hates men, but wants their money - no wonder it's bombing at the box office

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The new DC Universe film ‘Birds of Prey’ is populated by despicable men, and feminist women who want to be just like them. The outcome: financial losses and moral bankruptcy.

‘Birds of Prey (and the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn)’ opened on Friday and stars two-time Academy Award nominated actress Margot Robbie reprising her role as DC Comics supervillain Harley Quinn.

The film is marketed as a girl power manifesto that re-imagines Harley Quinn without the condescending sexism feminists felt was so prominent in 2016’s ‘Suicide Squad’, the last movie that featured Margot Robbie as Harley.
...
The film’s sexual politics are aggressive, to say the least. In our current cultural climate, toxic masculinity and masculinity have become synonymous, so it is no surprise that ‘Birds of Prey’ goes to great lengths to denigrate and disparage all of its male characters while also venerating all of its female ones.
...
Even more baffling is the cinematic schizophrenia of ‘Birds of Prey’, as it obviously loathes men yet is so desperate for their attention it serves up a steady supply of hyper-violence. As Harley Quinn says, “nothing gets a guy’s attention like violence… blow something up, shoot someone.”'

A new literary prize will award more than $100,000 to a North American writer. The only criteria? No men

Mastodon · 9 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But come 2022, there will be a literary award no North American man is eligible for: The Carol Shields Prize for Fiction. And this one pays more than most of the other awards.

First reported by The New York Times, the award will honor the best in North American fiction among women and nonbinary authors. It was co-founded by award-winning authors and poets and supported by Margaret Atwood, Jodi Picoult and Jane Smiley, among other notable writers.

The only criteria: Literary excellence, written by a woman or nonbinary author.

Susan Swan, a Canadian novelist and co-founder of the prize, said the founding board noticed the discrepancy: Male authors have historically been awarded far more often for their work than women, even as the number of published works by men and women evens out. Nonbinary authors are recognized far less.'

Women Were Charged With Making False Rape Accusations. The Charges Were Dismissed.

Mastodon · 10 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A county in Kansas last year dropped charges against three women suspected of filing false rape accusations. The county's response was not to make it less palatable for someone to file a false accusation, but to actually make it easier to file such a claim.

Douglas County law enforcement officials will be "updating" their training of attorneys and victim/witness coordinators to include radical new "trauma-informed" training material, which essentially teaches that any evidence of a false accusation is actually evidence of trauma caused by a real accusation. The Associated Press reported that Lawrence, Kansas, District Attorney Charles Branson announced last week that employees in his office, as well as police detectives in the county, would have to complete a five-hour training course on how to conduct "trauma-informed" sexual assault investigations. That's right, such "training" only ever applies to sexual assault investigations, not murders or burglaries or any other type of crime, in which an accuser who appears to be lying will be regarded suspiciously while an investigation takes place.'

1 in 5 British women feel ‘marginalised’ at the pub blaming sexism and male ‘banter’, study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite traditionally being seen as the heart of the community, a visit to their local leaves many females feeling 'out of place.'

Male banter (29 per cent) and loud behaviour (42 percent), along with sexism (55 percent) and 'showing off' (37 percent) are among the causes - rather than the pub itself.

In fact, many also feel this way when attending sport events including rugby (12 percent) and football (18 percent) matches.

And 20 percent feel uncomfortable around men when pursuing recreational activities such as poker.

The results arrive at a time when workplace culture is also changing to prevent women feeling excluded by laddish banter.'

Christian colleges oppose Title IX due process reforms as ‘barrier’ to the truth

Mastodon · 10 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Department of Education’s proposed Title IX regulations, which aim to improve due process for accused students, could present a “barrier” to the truth in sexual assault investigations, the president of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities said Friday.

With her comments, Shirley Hoogstra may have upstaged the highest profile speaker at the group’s Presidents Conference: Rachael Denhollander, the first woman to publicly accuse USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar of sexual assault.

The CCCU president apparently confirmed that Christian institutions see sexual misconduct much like their secular counterparts: as a disciplinary process that should favor accusers over accused students.

Moderating a panel discussion on how Christian colleges should handle Title IX cases, Hoogstra claimed that cross-examination and “in-person” hearings would discourage victims from coming forward.'

The Real Gender Gap Is 'The Boy Crisis,' and Democrats Are Making It Worse

Mastodon · 11 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'President Donald Trump is working with award-winning best-selling author Warren Farrell to "Make the American Family Great Again." Farrell, a former board member for the National Organization for Women (NOW) in New York, now chairs the Commission to Create a White House Council on Boys to Men. In an interview with PJ Media, he outlined what he calls "the boy crisis" and explained how Democratic staffers in thrall to a certain type of feminism have prevented him from partnering with 2020 Democrats in his attempt to solve it.

"What we know is that when there's a lack of father involvement, boys' development is inhibited in more than 50 areas, which I document in The Boy Crisis," Farrell told PJ Media. From bad educational outcomes to poor mental health to high unemployment, boys and young men in America are struggling, and more involved fatherhood would help combat this crisis. "Republicans get that the best parent is both parents, they get the importance of the father and the mother and the family. The Democrats do secondarily, but they put female choice above a united family."
...
In the lead-up to the Iowa caucuses, Farrell spoke with seven of the 2020 Democratic candidates. He said former Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D-Texas), New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, former Gov. John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.), and Andrew Yang were receptive to his message, but "the campaign managers on the Democratic side were all afraid of bringing up this boy crisis issue. They didn't want to alienate their feminist base or their base of single mothers who they thought wanted the choice to raise children by themselves and not be told that they needed to incorporate a dad."'

Myths about domestic violence

Matt · 12 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While there is much written about just what sort of person it is that abuses another, and what kind of person puts up with it, there is actually very little evidence for what can be said about the people as a group.

What we do know is that most people who abuse experienced abuse in the home (not necessarily towards themselves). People who tolerate abuse, particularly those who go back to an abuser once free of them, or who seek another abusive partner, have often been abused as a child.

Erin Pizzey, who set up the world's first refuge for the care and treatment of battered women in Chiswick, London, UK, discovered that the women she cared for were often as violent, if not more violent, than the men they were leaving. Her first study, and many studies since, indicates a link between violence in childhood and the re-creation of violent relationships in adult life.'

SU files response to federal Title IX lawsuit

Mastodon · 12 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Syracuse University filed a response Monday to a federal lawsuit from a former SU student who claims the university led an “inadequate and biased” Title IX investigation into a sexual assault complaint.

The plaintiff, referred to as John Doe, alleges in the November lawsuit that SU violated seven Title IX guidelines and showed extreme gender bias during the investigation because Doe was male, according to court documents.

Chancellor Kent Syverud is one of four university officials listed as defendants in the lawsuit. Also listed is Assistant Dean of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Pamela Peter, who served as assistant dean and director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities at the time of the investigation.

SU submitted a request to dismiss all claims from Doe and present an oral argument in court. Doe did not have evidence that SU intentionally discriminated against him during the investigation based on his gender, the university’s response states.

Doe was expelled due to a sexual assault complaint from Jane Roe, whose name was redacted during the investigation.'

"VAWA Joe" snatches defeat from the jaws of foolishness

Matt · 13 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Looks like Touchy McSqueezy VAWA Joe's political career days are numbered. Good riddance. Excerpt:

'He was once the presumptive Democratic nominee, but on Tuesday, Joe Biden fled New Hampshire with his tail between his legs — and headed to South Carolina, where he watched his dismal results come in.

Sensing a humiliating defeat in the Granite State, Biden's team announced the former vice president was throwing in the towel before the polls had even closed, spending Tuesday evening at a campaign launch party in Columbia, SC, about 1,000 miles away.

Biden ended up placing fifth in New Hampshire, capturing less than 9 percent of the vote and none of the state's pledged delegates.'

UK: The plight of white working class boys is a 'taboo subject' in Westminster

Mastodon · 13 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The plight of white working class boys is a 'taboo subject' in Westminster, where their poor school results are ignored, says Tory MP Ben Bradley.

Mr Bradley today told the Commons that modern society is ignoring the plight of white males from disadvantaged backgrounds.

He questioned why there is not the same outcry about academic under-performance in those communities in the way the Mansfield MP says there would be for others.'

Not-so-happy V's Day at work

Mastodon · 14 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Overall, 56 per cent of all ages say office romances should be banned, a survey revealed.

And 37 per cent do not want people in their office dating as they reckon it would be “insensitive” to singletons and make colleagues feel “very uncomfortable”.

Besides, woke blokes are now too scared to flirt with co-workers in the wake of the #MeToo movement.

Sixty per cent fear they would be seen as predatory if they showed their feelings, the survey by online printing firm Instantprint found.'

Female pedo, 22, ‘filmed herself raping boy, 14, then used abuse tape to blackmail him into selling drugs for her’

Matt · 14 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A FEMALE pedophile filmed herself raping a 14 year-old boy and used the abuse tape to blackmail him into selling drugs for her, police say.

Irabelis Carrazana, 22, reportedly began molesting the teen last year – three years before the age of consent in Miami, where they both live.

She allegedly filmed herself raping the boy, who is now 15, before forcing him to sell drugs for her and exposing him to gangs.

Carrazana was arrested on Monday after her alleged victim told detectives she had been abusing him.

It is possible that Carrazana used the abuse footage as a blackmail to get the child to do her bidding.

She reportedly admitted to having videos of her sexually abusing him on her phone when she was questioned by detectives.'

Alabama Democrat introduces bill requiring men to get vasectomies after age 50 or after third child

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Alabama Democratic lawmaker is retaliating against the state's pro-life law by introducing a bill that would require all men to get a vasectomy shortly after turning 50 years old, or after the birth of their third child, according to Yellowhammer News.

State Rep. Roland Hollis filed House Bill 238 in an attempt to place reproductive restrictions on men since the state voted to criminalize abortion. Because the law in Alabama (which is not in effect due to legal obstacles related to Roe v. Wade) makes the killing of unborn children illegal, Hollis apparently believes that men should not be able to father children after a certain point in life.

"Under existing law, there are no restrictions on the reproductive rights of men," the bill's synopsis reads. "This bill would require a man to undergo a vasectomy within one month of his 50th birthday or the birth of his third biological child, whichever comes first."

The bill specifies that the vasectomy must be obtained at the man's own expense.

The bill is clearly an attempt to make a point about so-called reproductive rights and not a legislative proposal with a serious chance at passage, and the apparent comparison of a vasectomy to an abortion is imperfect, to say the least.'

Box Office Data Prove It Wasn’t Men Who Tanked ‘Birds Of Prey’

Mastodon · 16 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hollywood has yet to learn its lesson that audiences want to be entertained, not lectured. The release of a new movie Friday, “Birds of Prey,” thrust this lesson into the spotlight when the film didn’t do as well as expected — and, of course, men were to blame.

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Tracking the film ahead of release, industry experts expected it to do a healthy business, predicting it would earn at least $50 million on the opening weekend. Instead it took in far less, opening with only $33 million. As the studio grappled with what transpired and how this assured hit went sideways, some in media activist circles had little trouble coming up with a cause. It was men’s fault.

Feminists didn’t hold back in accusing misogyny. If only men were not such an infantile sex, they could open themselves up to the possibilities of women being strong characters on screen, goes the narrative.

...

The first problem they run into: Men did in fact turn out to see the film. Audience measurements showed that more than half of the film’s attendees were males, at 54 percent. Claims that male entertainment writers were unfairly dumping on the film also fail to land, as Rotten Tomatoes sports a very strong 80 percent, with a matching audience score. Any harsh criticisms were surely drowned out by praise.

So absent sexist excuses, what went wrong? The first issue is the basic fact that the movie content was muddled. This film centered on Harley Quinn but was named after her support staff, who were not so prominently featured. Some were confused by Quinn’s presence, while others felt she was in a reduced role. This is evidenced by the fact that Warner Bros. later retitled the film “Harley Quinn: Birds of Prey.”'

"Sex robots may cause psychological damage"

Matt · 16 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Odd how no opinion from a man is offered in this piece. What a load of bull-crap. Excerpt:

'US researchers have warned that the availability of sex robots with artificial intelligence (AI) poses a growing psychological and moral threat to individuals and society.

They say the technology is escaping oversight because agencies are too embarrassed to investigate it.

The scientists want action to prevent the unregulated use of such robots.

Dr Christine Hendren of Duke University told BBC News that "the stakes were high".

"Some robots are programmed to protest, to create a rape scenario," she said.'

Governor, Florida House Escalate Inquiry Into Domestic Violence Agency

Mastodon · 16 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Florida House on Thursday intensified an inquiry into Florida's domestic violence agency, calling for additional investigations and issuing subpoenas over the former head of the taxpayer-backed organization's compensation.

The governor asked state Inspector General Melinda Miguel to investigate the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence's "exorbitant compensation payouts" and "abuse of state dollars" to determine if any criminal wrongdoing has occurred at the organization.

"Governor DeSantis will not tolerate wasteful or fraudulent spending, particularly from an organization that purports to serve the vulnerable victims of domestic violence," Helen Aguirre Ferre, a spokeswoman for DeSantis, said in a statement.

Five hours later, the House voted to subpoena 14 individuals who have worked at the organization to further dig into how Tiffany Carr, the agency's former CEO, was able to receive millions of dollars in compensation for her work at the coalition. Carr is among those who were subpoenaed by the House.'

Amber Heard Allegedly ‘Blackmailed’ Johnny Depp, ‘Threatened’ To ‘Lie’ About Him Every Way

Mastodon · 16 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Amber Heard reportedly blackmailed and threatened Johnny Depp if he didn’t agree to the terms of their divorce.

In 2016, the “Aquaman” star accused her ex-husband of domestic violence. Heard even went as far as sharing a photo of her bruised face alongside her court documents.

But at that time, Depp’s good friend, Doug Stanhope was already convinced that Heard was lying. In fact, he tried to expose Heard but not many people believed him. Four years later, the tables have turned and the majority of Depp’s fans are seeking justice for the “Pirates of the Caribbean” star.'

The Dark Side Of #MeToo: What Happens When Men Are Falsely Accused

Mastodon · 17 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But everything is about balance. And in the wake of the movement came stories of men who were afraid of what might happen if they were falsely accused. Not long after I told my story on Twitter, a Morning Consult poll showed that 57% of U.S. adults were equally concerned for young women and the harassment they could face as they were for young men and the false allegations they could face. Stories have since come out showing that upwards of 60% of men are afraid to mentor women at work, fearing what will happen if they meet behind closed doors without a third party present. According to research from the Pew, a majority of respondents—both male and female—said that the movement has made it harder for men to know how to interact with women in the workplace.

It can be easy to dismiss these concerns, as many people have. They say we must believe all women. They say it's a joke that men are afraid. They say that if men don't do anything wrong, they have nothing to worry about. They say they should check their male privilege. They point out repeatedly that false reports only make up 2% of all claims. And they say that when false allegations do happen, the cost of those careers and reputations is a price they are willing to pay in favor of the movement.

The reality is that false accusations happen. And we need to talk about them.'

Me Too means the Legislature must investigate lobbyist's claim against Sen. Michelle Ugenti-Rita

Mastodon · 17 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The bombshells just keep exploding at the state Capitol.

Just as the House opens an investigation into love letters sent by Rep. David Cook to a lobbyist, we learn that another lobbyist accused then-Rep. Michelle Ugenti-Rita and her then-boyfriend of soliciting her for a threesome.

The female lobbyist made the claim in 2017, after Ugenti-Rita and several other legislators accused then-Rep. Don Shooter of sexual harassment.'

Two fathers demand action against Japan over parental child abduction

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two European fathers who live in Japan will urge EU lawmakers this week to increase pressure on Tokyo to tackle parental child abduction by changing a law that does not recognize joint child custody following divorce.

Frenchman Vincent Fichot and Italian Tommaso Perina will present a petition to the bloc's legislative assembly in Brussels on Wednesday to demand action against cases of so-called parental child abduction affecting Europeans living in Japan.

The two men — who both became estranged from their children after their Japanese wives took them without consent — say Japan should be sanctioned for breaching its human rights obligation under the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement.'

UK: Nicola Sturgeon jokes about electrocuting Trump and Boris' privates in bizarre interview

Mastodon · 18 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During the concerning interview, Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon joked she would “try to shock Boris Johnson out of his almost criminal complacency on a no-deal Brexit”. She also suggested the Prime Minister was guilty of “mansplaining” as she appeared on political comedian Matt Forde's show at the Edinburgh Fringe show.

Ms Sturgeon, who is pushing to hold a second independence referendum, initially said she "wouldn't electrocute anybody".

But when she was pressed by the comedian over which politicians she would give "a mild shock", she said: "It's tempting to say I would try to shock Boris Johnson out of his almost criminal complacency on a no-deal Brexit”.

And when she was quizzed over"and where on the body?” Ms Sturgeon laughed and suggested the prime minister's private parts.'

Should a man get a woman’s consent on video before sex?

Mastodon · 18 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Brad Koffel, a Columbus criminal defense attorney in private practice for more than 25 years and managing partner of Koffel Brininger Nesbitt, advises his clients to obtain some sort of written consent for sexual acts, even if it’s just a text message, and added that any sort of audio or video recording indicating consent is good, too.

“I think the best practice for young men is to ask for consent in writing,” he said. “And if they don’t, in this climate, then they’re going to suffer some consequences.”

...

Earlier this month, a female attorney for Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, who is standing trial for rape and sexual assault, made similar suggestions.

“If I was a man in today’s world, before I was engaging in sexual behavior with any woman today, I would ask them to sign a consent form,” Weinstein’s attorney Donna Rotunno said on The Daily, a New York Times podcast.

Although some attorneys view documented consent as a form of protection, Columbus criminal defense attorney Dan Sabol of Sabol Mallory said he would feel concerned if a client obtained written or recorded consent from a sexual partner.

“That’d be a red flag,” he said. “It might look as though they’re trying to cover their tracks.”'

Stop Lying About Our Sons

Mastodon · 19 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys are not bad. Boys do not need to be fixed. Boys do not need to be more like girls. And no matter how many lazy pieces of faux-journalism appear that shame our sons as inherently toxic and expendable, we will fight to ensure that they know that the culture is lying to them.
...
I never thought we would reach a point where it was commonplace to hear social commentators, journalists and presidential candidates awfulize boys and men — our fathers, brothers, husbands and sons — simply because they are male. There were always those fringe women's studies professors and radical feminists who made their living by hating on men but I couldn't have imagined that such ugliness would infect the public discourse and be lauded as brave, let alone enlightened.
It is not enlightened. In fact, it is woefully uninformed. And it is cruel.'

The Atlantic Obviously Doesn’t Have Any Idea ‘What It Means To Be A Man’

Mastodon · 19 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s no secret that many cultural elites condemn manhood (and boyhood) as a serious social problem that desperately needs to be fixed, if not nixed completely. For these folks, manhood itself is inherently cancerous. It’s gotten pretty darn predictable.

It should concern us all that the more these people use the phrase “toxic masculinity” as a fact, the more it gets cemented into the general consciousness. One will not be able to think about “masculinity” without remembering it is “toxic,” and we have largely reached that point.

This is an extremely troubling turn, and people of good will should resist it. Masculinity is a male quality. Machismo is its ugly, toxic twin. Describe any potential date to the average woman as strong, masculine, and in control, and she will not be turned off in the least. Masculinity is a desirable virtue to most women. But this obvious fact does not keep magazines such as The Atlantic from regularly slapping masculinity in the face.'

Husband-stabbing: When male-haters masquerade as feminists

Mastodon · 19 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There is a group of dangerous male-hating women on social media pretending to be feminists. They are bitter, bloodthirsty misandrists who hide under the cloak of championing female rights. Some are divorcees and cannot get over it; some are unmarried and unmarriageable; some were dropped by men because of their bad traits; some assumed they had a relationship when there was none; some grew up in violent homes and saw their mothers abused by their fathers; some were sexually molested and still suffering the trauma; some are mentally or psychologically unstable.

These women create different groups on social media, where they teach impressionable women the best ways to kill their husbands or boyfriends. They teach these naive women how to deal with men and show them the stuff they are made of. Even on their social media walls, they spit fire and regularly call men the scum of the earth that should be dispensed with. The pliable women lap up everything they hear and start seeing all men as monsters that should be dealt with. Their male partners become opponents and enemies that should never be given an inch of space. Such partners become guilty until proved innocent. Soon, their relationships start to crack and eventually pack up.'

Where Feminism's Neoprudery Has Taken Us

Mastodon · 19 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Article link is to penthouse.com.au. Excerpt:

'These days, it can take surprisingly little for a good man to lose everything.
...
Of course, he's just one of many men recently deemed guilty without the slightest bit of legal or social due process. What his accusers have in common, like so many women today, is festering passivity turned poisonous.

Bizarrely, their behaviour is a gift from what feminism has become. Feminists have gone from fighting for equal rights to demanding that women be treated like eggshells, not equals. Feminism has become a movement that disables women, ruins men's lives, and destroys professional and romantic relationships between men and women.

Understanding how it goes about that is the single best way for a man to avoid social and professional ruin.
...
In line with this, Brit lit scholar and retired feminist Helen Pluckrose explains that in postmodernism, the intention of the speaker – what the speaker means to say – "is irrelevant. What matters is the impact of speech," how the listener feels.

Yes... welcome to the origins of "Sexual harassment is whatever we say it is!" Under postmodernism, there's no crime you can't pin on somebody. You just claim you feel harmed or "unsafe" from something they've said or done – basically, take offence and run with it.

Postmodernism has a black sister, 'intersectionality'. American law professor and social theorist Kimberlé Crenshaw pointed out in a 1989 legal journal article that black women get extra scoops of discrimination. Like white women, they're discriminated against because they are women. But they're also discriminated against on the basis of race, being black. As Crenshaw explains it, the intersection of these two "marginalised" identities compounds the discrimination black women experience.'

UK: Still waiting for misogyny to be a hate crime

Mastodon · 20 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When talking about policy and legislation it can be easy to lose sight of what misogyny actually is, and what it would mean for it to be a hate crime. Hannah explained that “it’s victim based rather then perpetrator based” meaning if the victim views an instance as misogyny it should be treated as such. However, for “something to be a misogyny hate crime, it has to be a crime to begin with.” But if something happened “that is not a crime, but is due to my gender, I can report that to the police so they can record that” to provide the police with a better picture of where these incidences are occurring.

The members of Misogyny Is Hate don’t stop at campaigning and working to change legislation but are also inspiring young women and girls. Through Greater Manchester Citizens they have carried out school visits to discuss a range of topics including “deconstructing gender, how to run an intersectional campaign” among others. As well as using their degrees to highlight women’s issues in different areas like discussing that climate change is a gendered issue.

For now, misogyny is still not recognised as a hate crime in Greater Manchester but I’m sure the campaign will continue to put pressure on those who can make it happen.'

The #MeToo balancing act in school

Mastodon · 25 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At some point in the discussion, some of his classmates asked questions, including one that challenged the “double standard” where girls could hit boys but “boys weren’t supposed to hit back to defend themselves,” said Chris, who, like others in this article, did not want his last name used because he feared online and offline retribution.

“They were shut down,” he said. “The girls kept saying that they shouldn’t have to answer any questions” because the boys should already know.

A similar clash played out last year between an all-boys and an all-girls school in Adelaide, Australia. I was in Australia conducting research for a book about healthy masculinity and working as a visiting scholar and lecturer at some boys schools.

One boy, Angus, a senior at the time, told me that he and a few friends asked questions about girls’ roles in the murky landscape of dating and sexual consent that were met with “furious resentment.” Angus said he had asked why girls were allowed to “touch and kiss us without asking.” He said he and his friends were told to leave.'

New bill aims to expand due process rights for students accused of sexual misconduct

Mastodon · 27 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 1996, Virginia was thrust to the forefront of an emerging movement focused on sexual assault at colleges and universities. That year, a Virginia Tech student sued the school, accusing administrators of mishandling her sexual assault complaints against two football players.

Over the next two decades, ending and preventing sexual assault on campus has become a nationwide effort. But as schools draft policies to protect survivors, some argue another group has been ignored: the students accused of sexual misconduct.

“Title IX is a broken system,” Joshua Farmer, a Glen Allen-based attorney, said in an email. The federal civil rights law, which prevents discrimination based on sex, has been the basis for hundreds of lawsuits surrounding alleged sexual misconduct on college campuses.'

Ohio State Responds to Complaint of Male Discrimination

Mastodon · 27 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a Dec. 5 letter to Ohio State, the Cleveland office notified the university of the complaint and that the department would be opening an investigation. Because Ohio State receives federal financial assistance, the university must comply with Title IX, which prohibits “discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity.”

However, Alexandra Tracy-Ramirez, an attorney who specializes in Title IX and its dynamics in higher education, said some of the programs might not be in violation because of Title IX exemptions that say separation by sex is allowed if it offers “remedial or affirmative action” and that programs can be offered to just women “to overcome the effects of conditions which resulted in limited participation therein by persons of a particular sex.”

Perry’s complaint said men and boys were not permitted to apply for the nine scholarships and programs, an issue he said represents a “blind spot” and a double standard in higher education.

“We’re still treating women as if they’re facing obstacles and challenges and directing financial resources that are not only illegal, according to Title IX, but I’m saying they’re really unnecessary today to get special preferences for women when they’re the ones that have been more successful in higher education than men for almost 40 years,” he said.'

A Woman Falsely Accused a Navy Sailor of Rape. It Wasn't her First False Report

Mastodon · 27 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Chesapeake woman falsely accused a Navy sailor of raping her 18 months ago inside his Naval Station Norfolk barracks.

And it wasn't the first time she'd told such a lie.

Miranda S. Overton, 21, pleaded guilty Tuesday to making a false statement to Naval Criminal Investigative Service investigators. She is set to be sentenced June 3 in U.S. District Court in Norfolk.

A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia declined to comment on the case, but state and federal prosecutors seldom file charges in such matters.'

AU: How $200,000 of your taxes is being spent on teaching public servants about 'mansplaining' and becoming radical feminists

Mastodon · 29 February 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Scott Morrison's own government is spending $200,000 on workshops teaching public servants in Canberra about radical feminism and 'mansplaining'.

The Prime Minister and his Treasurer Josh Frydenberg this week admitted the summer bushfires and the coronavirus were likely to jeopardise his government's promise of delivering a surplus budget in 2020.

Despite that, the public purse is still generously funding radical feminist workshops run by Future Women, a training company which former Australian Women's Weekly editor Helen McCabe founded in 2017 to capitalise on the 'Me Too' movement.

She describes her workshops as a 'safe space to motivate women as we push for a gender equal world'.'

Nine gender-biased Indian laws that are unfair to men

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There are many more such laws. It is time to change these sexist, anti-men laws and end the discrimination faced by men in Indian society. We need equality and justice for men.

1. The father of the deceased doesn't inherit property, but the mother does.
2. A boy is entitled to maintenance only till he turns 18, whereas a girl is entitled to maintenance till she gets married.
3. Only the man is prosecuted for adultery.
4. If a man has sex on the pretext of marriage and doesn't marry, it amounts to rape.

5. If a guy under 16 years of age has consensual sex with a girl of his age, he's a rapist.
6. If a woman is treated with physical or mental cruelty by her husband and his family, she can throw them behind bars.
7. According to Indian law, a man serves up to 3 years jail or a fine for sexual harassment but what about a woman?
8. Under the Special Marriage Act, only the wife can claim permanent alimony and maintenance.
9. If the death of the woman is caused by burns or bodily injury within 7 years of marriage, it's the husband's fault.

India: No entry fee for women at ASI monuments on Women's day

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Yet another example of gender bias against men in India. Excerpt:

'The Archeological Survey of India (ASI) has decided to make women's entry free to all centrally protected monuments including Taj Mahal on International Women's Day on Sunday. For the first time women will get free access to the 142 monuments across the nation.

Confirming this, Superintending Archaeologist in ASI Agra circle Vasant K Swarankar, said that all women including foreigners will get free entry to the monuments. He said eight such monuments exist in Agra including three world heritage sites.'

Ballet dancer admits sending nude of gf two years ago, gets #MeTooed

Matt · 7 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A revival of "West Side Story" has been roiled in protests as one of its stars faces renewed heat for admittedly exchanging nude images of two women years ago without their consent.

For the past several weeks, protesters have gathered ahead of performances at the Broadway Theatre in Manhattan's Times Square District, where the musical recently opened. They carry signs that read, "Boo Bernardo" and "Keep Predators Off The Stage."

Their target is Amar Ramasar, who plays Bernardo, one of the lead roles.

Ramasar admitted in 2018 to receiving nude images of Alexandra Waterbury, one of the protesters, from a fellow New York City Ballet dancer.

Ramasar, 38, responded with nude images of his own girlfriend, Alexa Maxwell, he also acknowledged. The women, who are also ballet dancers, were unaware at the time that the photos had been exchanged, they told CNN.

Since the #MeToo movement took hold in 2017, the pattern of escalating accusations has become familiar, repeating itself across multiple industries with the aim of holding accountable those allegedly involved in sexual misconduct and those who cover it up.
...
Waterbury, 22, began protesting against Ramasar outside the new show because she considers both herself and Maxwell victims. The ballet star, she said, must face judgment for his role in the photo exchange, whether it is civil liability, criminal prosecution or being forced out of "West Side Story" and the dance world altogether, she said.

"People have been blacklisted for less," Waterbury said. "And then somebody who's been proven, and has admitted and his girlfriend has admitted that he did this without consent -- why is he allowed to continue?"

The women's postures highlight some of the murkier aspects of the #MeToo effort, from the varying degrees of sexual misconduct -- particularly in the digital age -- to the limits of forgiveness and who can carry the movement's mantle.'

'Toxic masculinity' is a fantasy weaponized by the media

Mastodon · 7 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Toxic masculinity" is an idea that lives in the anxious minds of social justice maniacs and really nowhere else.

The New York Times on Friday ran a truly pathetic op-ed by author Teddy Wayne who professed that when his wife got pregnant, he hoped the baby would be a girl, in part, so that he might not be faced with the challenge of "raising a nontoxic man."

...

Toxic masculinity is yet another concept born of the sick social justice ideology infecting every part of American culture, serving as yet one more way to reinforce the spread of victimhood, grievance, and oppression.

A separate article in the Times last year attempted to define toxic masculinity as "what can come of teaching boys that they can't express emotion openly; that they have to be 'tough all the time'; that anything other than that makes them 'feminine' or weak."'

UK: Tory MP's hate crime Bill 'ridicules' gender-based abuse – Lib Dem

Mastodon · 8 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Tory MP has been accused of taking a "dismissive" and "ridiculing" approach to gender-based abuse after he tabled legislation calling for prejudice against men to be made a hate crime.

Liberal Democrat Wera Hobhouse will present a Bill in the Commons on Monday which seeks to require police forces to record hate crimes motivated by misogyny, and make motivation by misogyny an aggravating factor in criminal sentencing.

But Conservative Philip Hollobone has tabled identical legislation – with "misandry" also included.
...
She said that making misogyny a hate crime could enable the crimes to be prosecuted more severely and show how prejudice against women influences crime.

However Mr Hollobone said her Bill "reflects blatant gender bias".

Ms Hobhouse told the PA news agency: "Statistics have shown that the number of women killed by men has been increasing year on year. Gender-based violence and discrimination is a problem that has not gone away and disproportionately impacts women.'

Pelosi: 'I usually always cast my vote for a woman'

Mastodon · 9 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said Monday that she “usually” casts her votes for female candidates when possible, though she declined to say if she had backed Sen. Elizabeth Warren (Mass.) in the Democratic presidential primary.

Pelosi was asked during an event at Northeastern University if her reluctance to back the “Medicare for All” proposals advocated by Warren and fellow progressive Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) is an indication of whom she supports in the Democratic presidential primary.

“That has no reflection on who I would support for president of the United States. I'd just say, just generally, I usually always cast my vote for a woman. I just do,” Pelosi said in response to the question from WBUR’s Meghna Chakrabarti.'

American farmers suicide crisis

Matt · 10 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If the bulk of these farmers committing suicide were women, the outcry would be defeaning. Instead, one story in one MSM outlet. Excerpt:

'One by one, the three men from the same close-knit community took their own lives.

Their deaths spanned a two-year stretch starting in mid-2015 and shook the village of Georgetown, Ohio, about 40 miles southeast of Cincinnati.

All of the men were in their 50s and 60s.

All were farmers.

Heather Utter, whose husband's cousin was the third to die by suicide, worries that her father could be next. The longtime dairy farmer, who for years struggled to keep his operation afloat, sold the last of his cows in January amid his declining health and dwindling finances. The decision crushed him.'

The ghosts of British politics: poor white boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In terms of diversity, what do the two governments in London and Edinburgh have in common? On the face of it, they could not be more different. Yet absent from both are the pale, forgotten ghosts of British politics.

After reshuffles in both Westminster and Holyrood last month, Boris Johnson has 16 men and just six women in his cabinet, while Nicola Sturgeon has chosen the first female-dominated cabinet in Britain. The SNP cabinet is still overwhelmingly white, while the Tory cabinet has more senior ministers from ethnic minorities than ever before. In Holyrood, the SNP and Scots' Tories have promoted more LGBT ministers, with both sides vying to be more "woke" than the other. In Westminster, the LGBT presence has been emphasised less than the rise of a new, youthful generation of Conservatives — notably the 39-year-old chancellor Rishi Sunak.

Women, ethnic minorities, LGBT, youth — how much more diversity could we hope for from the two front benches, north and south of the border?

Have you noticed who is missing? In both capitals, the lack of young working-class white men is striking. Yet this is the most unlikely demographic to receive a promising education and enjoy the advantages that come with social mobility.

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The race to be the most diverse party, in accordance with the rhetoric of "patriarchy" and "white privilege", has completely failed the most underprivileged figure in British society: the poor white boy, whose family must pay into the system just as much as the next, but who seems to get so little out of it.

The truth is these boys are far less likely to go on to further education, college or university than their female counterparts or any ethnic or religious minority.'

The Ninth Circuit Recognizes Title IX Liability Based on “Pre-Assault” Conduct

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'At the end of January, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued an opinion holding that a university can be liable to a victim of sexual assault under Title IX based on the university’s handling of sexual violence on campus before the student was assaulted. See Karasek v. Regents of the Univ. of Cal., 948 F.3d 1150 (9th Cir. Jan. 30, 2020). In doing so, the Ninth Circuit became the first federal appellate court to recognize such a broad “pre-assault” claim under Title IX.

After the decision, commentators and practitioners quickly sounded the alarm. While concerns over recognition of a new theory of liability are understandable, they are likely overblown: based on case law from analogous contexts, the standard required to prove liability in these cases will be nearly impossible to surmount. The mere existence of a pre-assault claim, however, could drastically increase the discovery burdens faced by universities in Title IX cases because, all of a sudden, how the university handled prior complaints of sexual assault may now be relevant.
...
Each student advanced a “typical” Title IX claim based on allegations that UC violated the statute by failing, after her assault, to adequately investigate and respond to her complaint.

But each student also alleged an additional, novel claim—that UC violated Title IX by taking actions before their assaults occurred that increased the risk that they would be assaulted. The court referred to this latter claim as the “pre-assault” claim, because it sought to impose liability based on events occurring before the plaintiffs’ assaults to establish liability, not after.'

How the new DeVos rules on sexual assault will shock schools — and students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is about to shake up how sexual assault and harassment charges are handled at every college campus and K-12 school.

This much is clear: If your child is a victim of sexual misconduct at school, or an accused offender, administrators must soon respond to their cases in major, untested ways. That could mean a courtroom-like hearing where lawyers would cross-examine youthful witnesses and challenge their credibility, a huge shift from traditional behind-the-scenes investigations of highly sensitive and damaging allegations.

The final Title IX rule, anticipated to arrive this month, will invite fury: DeVos has said every survivor must be taken seriously — but also that the accused can't be presumed guilty. The Obama administration in 2011 laid out guidance pushing schools to resolve an epidemic of complaints of sexual assault and harassment. But DeVos scrapped the Obama-era policies, saying they were unfair to everyone involved, and she now wants to balance the scales of justice with clear, formal rules. "Our proposed rule recognizes that we can continue to combat sexual misconduct without abandoning due process," she says.'

US Soccer claims it won't pay women equally because being a male player requires more skill

Matt · 11 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In its ongoing battle with the women's national team over equal pay, the US Soccer Federation says male players have "more responsibility" and the men's team "requires a higher level of skill" than their female counterparts.

The federation made that argument in court documents filed Monday opposing a summary judgment in the gender discrimination lawsuit filed by the US Women's National Team against the federation in March 2019.
According to the court filing, the job performed by players on the women's team requires less skill, effort and responsibility than the one performed by players on the men's team.
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The lawsuit is seeking more than $66 million in damages. A trial is scheduled to begin in May barring a resolution to the dispute.
...
In the court filing, attorneys for the USSF say it is not a "sexist stereotype" to recognize the different levels of speed and strength required for the two jobs. Rather, it is "indisputable science" that explains why the men have a greater physical ability to compete at their level than the women do at theirs, the filing says.

The filing maintains that laws governing equal pay "explicitly applies to jobs that require equal skills, and not to employees that possess equal skills."
...
Lawyers for the federation also wrote in the filing that the men's team brings in more revenue. The prize money payout the men's team takes in from winning FIFA-sponsored games far exceeds any amount that the women could receive, even by winning the Women's World Cup, according to the filing.

Prize money for World Cup is set by FIFA, which oversees the global game, and is paid to the winner's federation, not to the players.

Television viewership for men's games is higher and that the organization receives more broadcasting revenue from the men's games aired on TV, according to the filing.
...
US Soccer is required to "pay a $100,000 annual salary to a minimum number of 'WNT Contracted Players' each year" even if they do not play for the national team. The federation cited forward Alex Morgan's pregnancy as one example of a player receiving a salary even when she cannot play. Morgan is receiving 75% of her salary while on maternity leave.

Men's team players do not receive a salary from US Soccer, and they are paid only when they are called up to play for the men's team, according to the filing.
The organization argues that the women may, in fact, be getting more compensation than the men because the women's collective bargaining agreement calls for US Soccer to play $350,000 annually to the player's union. According to the filing, money paid to unions is considered "pay" to an employee under the Equal Pay Act.
...
"Literally everyone in the world understands that an argument that male players 'have more responsibility' is just plain simple sexism and illustrates the very gender discrimination that caused us to file this lawsuit to begin with. So, looking forward to trial on May 5."

The American Outlaws, a supporter's group of fans of US Soccer, said the organization that administers soccer in the US should be pursuing more equality, not arguing that the women's game is inferior to the men's.

"The American Outlaws find that viewpoint objectionable and it is disappointing to see the federation make such an argument," the group posted on Twitter.'

Oh Good, Another Anti-Male, ‘Woke’ Commercial – This One Featuring Brie Larson

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If there’s one thing I need as a woman, it’s a slew of commercials telling me that men are bad, I’m a victim, and that some product will somehow change all of that.

The latest example of this nonsense comes from car maker Nissan, who debuted a new commercial this week featuring Brie Larson – who has made her modern feminism and anti-male bias well known. In the ad, a woman is out getting food-stand tacos with her male boss, who casually tells her, “So, I’m gonna hold on promoting you this quarter, cool?”

Ad here.

A Crazed Academic Weaponized Title IX Against a Rival Professor Whose Job He Wanted

Matt · 19 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What do you do when a rival professor is about to land your dream job teaching creative writing at the University of Michigan? If you're "J.", the villain of a terrific, horrifying story in today's New York Times, you file a series of anonymous, false sexual misconduct allegations against the professor and her wife—trusting that Title IX's byzantine investigative process and the accompanying rumors will sabotage their career and make you the next job candidate in line.

J.'s victims were Sarah Viren and Marta Tecedor, a married pair of professors at Arizona State University (ASU). Their story—composed for The Times by Viren—is worth reading in full, but to summarize: Viren received a job offer at Michigan, and Tecedor initiated the process of finding one as well (universities often make "partner hires" when one half of a married academic couple is interested in moving). J. believed he was a runner-up for Viren's position, and in order to take her out of the running, he sent emails to ASU's sexual misconduct investigator—who operates under the auspices of Title IX, the federal law mandating sex and gender equity in education—accusing fist Tecedor and then later Viren as well of soliciting sex from unwilling students.
...
The ordeals suffered by academics like Viren, Tecedor, Flor, and Hay are just part of the reason that Education Secretary Betsy DeVos was absolutely right to revise the federal government's Title IX guidance to colleges and universities.'

SAVE: Take action on male v. female-only scholarships

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From SAVE:

The Title IX Equity Project recently released a list of 85 colleges and universities in the nation with severe violations of the federal Title IX law that bars sex discrimination in schools. These 85 institutions offer at least 10 more scholarships for female students, compared to the number of scholarships for male students. The 85 colleges are located in 34 states across the nation: AL, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MA, MN, MS, MO, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI, and WY.

One of the worst offenders in the country is the University of Missouri – Columbia, which offers 70 scholarships for female students, and one for male students. The 70 female-only scholarships address a broad range of academic fields, including medicine, education, journalism, art, and other areas. The sole scholarship for male students, the Eric G. Rowe Scholarship Fund, is reserved for “deserving farm boys” who plan to attend the university’s School of Agriculture.

On September 20, 2019 the SAVE Title IX Equity Project sent a letter to Chancellor Alexander Cartwright listing the discriminatory scholarships and requesting a substantive response. The University never replied. On January 28, 2020, the Title IX Equity Project filed a formal complaint with the federal Office for Civil Rights, alleging a willful breach of federal non-discrimination requirements. The decision whether to open a formal federal investigation is pending.

The listing of all 85 universities is available online. The federal Office for Civil Rights is currently investigating over 80 sex-discrimination complaints that were filed by parties alleging discrimination against male students.

We are urging you to contact Chancellor Cartwright @ 573-882-3387 or muchancellor@missouri.edu and ask him to provide an accounting for the sex-based scholarship discrimination. If women get 70 scholarship options, then men should get equal opportunity.

We appreciate any attention you can bring to this issue.

Sincerely,
The SAVE Team

The coronavirus is killing far more men than women

Matt · 20 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With more than 200,000 coronavirus cases worldwide and thousands of deaths, a striking pattern is appearing in the hardest-hit countries: More men are dying than women.

No where is this trend more pronounced than in Italy. Men make up nearly 60% of people with confirmed cases of the virus and more than 70% of those who have died from covid-19, according to the country's main public health research agency.

On the other end of the spectrum is South Korea, where about 61% of confirmed infections have been in women. Though far fewer patients have died, the majority of fatalities - 54% -- were again in men.'

"Coronavirus Compounds Financial Concerns in Women's Sports"

Mastodon · 21 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The coronavirus has upended the sports world, throwing many professional athletes, like Harrison, into uncertainty. But women, who have fought so hard to get to the top level of sports, might feel a sharper pain than travel woes. Their paychecks and sponsor deals are often much smaller than men's; their leagues are less established. The specter of a recession is an additional concern.'

Service commission to propose women sign up for draft

Matt · 24 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A congressional commission is recommending that women should be required to sign up for the U.S. military draft for the first time ever.

The report by the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service, which was pushed strongly by the late Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain, is due to make public its two years of research on Wednesday. Politico first reported on the recommendation for women.

“This is a necessary and fair step, making it possible to draw on the talent of a unified nation in a time of national emergency,” the 255-page report said, according to the Politico report.

The thought of including women in the military draft is a polarizing topic among lawmakers,. But women in the military have also been cleared for combat roles under a change approved by the Obama administration.'

Here's why the coronavirus may be killing more men than women

Matt · 24 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In countries such as Italy, men represent nearly 60% of people who tested positive for the virus and more than 70% of those who have died, according to the country's National Health Institute (ISS). Even in countries like South Korea, where the proportion of women who have tested positive for the virus is higher than that of men, about 54% of the reported deaths are among men.
...
Comprehensive data about those who have gotten sick could help inform more effective responses to the crisis. But public health researchers say that when governments such as the United States either don't collect, or don't publish their data, it's impossible for experts to gain an accurate sense of what's going on.
...

But across the countries for which we have data - spanning nearly a quarter of the world's population - we found that men were 50% more likely than women to die after being diagnosed with Covid-19.
While necessarily partial and incomplete, the results highlight what public health experts have been warning for some time, theorizing that it is not only biology but also gendered behaviors -- the different ways in which men and women conduct their lives -- which may play a significant role in the different mortality rate for respiratory diseases.'

Joe Biden Accused Of Sexually Assaulting Former Staffer

Matt · 27 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What, VAWA Joe assailing female staff? The MSM is curiously silent. Excerpt:

'Former Vice President Joe Biden has been accused of sexual assaulting a former staffer in 1993 in his Senate office.

Tara Reade, who worked in Biden's office in 1993, accused Biden of touching her, kissing her and penetrating her with his fingers without consent.

Reade made her claims in an interview with Katie Halper, a writer and podcast host, released Wednesday.

"We were alone, and it was the strangest thing. There was no, like, exchange really, he just had me up against the wall," Reade said.

"His hands were on me and underneath my clothes. And then, he went, he went down my skirt and then up inside it, and he penetrated me with his fingers…and um…He was kissing me at the same time and he was saying something to me," she also told Halper.'

University of Michigan can't ignore students' rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In its desire to be a mecca of political correctness, the University of Michigan continues to prioritize the rights of some students over others.

And that does not fly in the courts, thanks to the U.S. Constitution, which demands free expression and due process for everyone.

UM's resistance to ensuring its codes of conduct abide by that framework keep landing the university in court.

It got slapped once again by a federal judge this week.

U.S. District Judge Arthur Tarnow found UM's sexual misconduct policy to be unconstitutional, following a 2018 lawsuit by a student who claimed he'd been unfairly treated by the university and denied basic due process.

The judge ruled that an accused student must be allowed to cross-examine witnesses, even his accuser.

If this sounds familiar, that's because there was a very similar case that emanated out of UM and landed before the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in 2018. That case, Doe v. Baum, also determined that universities must allow some form of cross-examination in sexual misconduct investigations. In both these lawsuits, the accused student claims the sexual encounter was consensual, while the accuser thought otherwise. There weren't witnesses in either case.'

University Called Out By Judge For ‘Railroading’ Accused Student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'DU introduced a plan that will guarantee every accusation results in suspension or expulsion for a male accused student. The school is instituting “trauma-informed investigation” methods, a new concept that assumes every accusation to be true no matter what. Supporters insist it is backed up by scientific evidence, but decades long research on trauma and memory do not support the techniques. For example, “trauma-informed” techniques insist that a woman is telling the truth about being raped even if she lies to police, because lies are simply a result of trauma. The techniques also encourage allegedly neutral “fact finders” to ignore exculpatory evidence and not interview the accuser multiple times so that accused students can’t point to inconsistencies in their stories.

DU will also start teaching four years of gender-based violence education for undergraduate students. DU makes clear that all sexual assault policies are biased against men by specifically mentioning masculinity as something to be fixed.

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is expected to release new federal guidelines for how schools should investigate allegations of sexual assault, mandating that schools include accused students’ due process rights in the proceedings. Around 200 students – that we know of – have sued their college or university, and more than 100 rulings from judges have pointed out how schools have denied likely innocent students the ability to defend themselves from false accusations.'

Americans Who Owe Child Support Won’t Get Coronavirus Stimulus Check

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The coronavirus relief bill signed into law on Friday includes payments to help most people, except for people who owe child support.

Owing back taxes or other debts such as student loans to the government does not affect how much stimulus money a person would receive, according to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-IA).
...
“The only administrative offset that will be enforced applies to those who have past due child support payments that the states have reported to the Treasury Department,” he continued.

In other words, people who owe child support could see their cash payments reduced or taken away altogether thanks to a 1996 law where the Treasury Department is allowed to collect overdue child support by cutting or withholding any federal handouts.'

Why Are the Mainstream Media Ignoring Tara Reade's Sexual Assault Accusation Against Joe Biden?

Matt · 30 March 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On September 14, 2018, The New York Times reported the existence of an unverified sexual misconduct allegation against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. The story cited three people who had read a letter sent by the accuser—Christine Blasey Ford—to Sen. Diane Feinstein (D–Calif.). Ford was not interviewed for the story; indeed, she wasn't named.

Unconfirmed reports of a teenaged Kavanaugh assaulting a teenaged Ford evidently merited coverage from The Times. This prompts an obvious question: Why is the paper of record now declining to publicize a very troubling allegation against former Vice President Joe Biden?

The Times is hardly alone in this regard. The mainstream media have remained baffling silent about Tara Reade, a former member of then-Senator Biden's staff who claims that he sexually assaulted her in 1993. Reade's name has only appeared twice in The Washington Post, and both were quick asides: A news roundup from April of last year briefly acknowledged an earlier, milder version of Reade's accusation, and a recent rapid-fire Q&A asked a Post political reporter to weigh-in on the political ramifications "of the Tara Reade bombshell." (The nature of the bombshell is not described.)

And while the coronavirus pandemic is obviously dominating news coverage, CNN has made plenty of time for Biden. Chris Cillizza is still ranking Biden's potential veep choices, and the network conducted a virtual townhall event with the candidate last Friday. Reade's name didn't come up, and it has never appeared at CNN.com. At NBC, it's the same story: Chuck Todd interviewed Biden but didn't ask about the allegation.'

Coronavirus Is No Excuse to Delay the Education Department's New Title IX Regulations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many disingenuous things have been said during the coronavirus crisis, some of them by the president of the United States himself. But right near the top must be three letters issued last week — from the American Council on Education (ACE), activist groups led by the National Women's Law Center (NWLC), and 18 Democratic attorneys general — calling for the Department of Education to halt the release of long-anticipated regulations that will restore due process to the handling of sexual-assault cases on college campuses. DeVos's proposed rule would ensure basic rights for accused students — notice, access to evidence, a live hearing, and the ability to have a lawyer or advocate cross-examine adverse witnesses — that are often or almost always absent in the current Title IX process imposed by Obama-era guidance. That system has yielded more than 170 university setbacks in lawsuits filed by accused students in state or federal court.

...
And you don't have to take our word for it. ACE president Ted Mitchell called these new regulations "a step in the wrong direction," saying they would "impose[] a legalistic, prescriptive 'one-size-fits-all' judicial-like process" on universities. The NWLC was even more blunt, calling the proposed regulations "disastrous," "confusing and illogical," and "devastating for survivors" (emphasis in original), and even opining that "'due process' is clearly a red herring."

This is all nonsense. The new Title IX regulations may wind up being Betsy DeVos's greatest legacy. They will finally restore balance and fairness to a process that, due to the Obama administration's overreach, had little of either.'

18 attorneys general urge Ed Dept to hold off on new Title IX rules amid coronavirus crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Eighteen Democratic attorneys general are urging U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and other federal officials to pause the release of federal regulations that would govern how colleges handle sexual violence cases.
...
DeVos published her draft rules in 2018 after walking back Title IX guidance from the Obama administration the previous year. The Obama-era policies were largely credited with giving sexual assault survivors new protections, but they were derided in some circles for being unfairly slanted against accused students.

Her proposal proved unpopular among advocates of sexual assault survivors. They took particular issue with requirements that college officials hold a live hearing to make a decision in a case and that parties or their representatives be allowed to cross-examine each other.

The letter, signed by the top lawyers from 17 states and Washington, D.C., references the former provision. They wrote that certain legal obligations, including having a live hearing, would be "impossible and unsafe" during the current health crisis.'

Pitch in with housework, Mexico tells men at home due to pandemic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mexico's government is calling on the nation's men to pick up a mop, do some laundry and take on more household responsibilities while they are staying home because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Four female officials spoke out at Mexico's daily COVID-19 briefing on Thursday to remind people that women do almost three times more housework and family care than do men.
...
"We have to redistribute this work equally between men and women.... Men will have to do more, and women should have to do less," said Nadine Gasman, head of the National Women's Institute INMUJERES, a government body working for gender equality.'

Feminist politician claims coronavirus affects ‘mostly women’ despite 70% of deaths being men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Only identity politics could turn a virus that disproportionately attacks and kills males into a women’s problem.

Mehreen Faruqi, Australian politician, Greens Senator for New South Wales, and identity politician stood up before that nation’s legislative body and asked her colleagues to consider the impact that coronavirus is having on women specifically, and that resources be dedicated to that cause.

“Let us not forget that COVID-19 is a gendered crisis. Nurses, nurse aids, teachers, child care workers and early childhood educators, age care workers and cleaners, are mostly women. They are on the front line of this public health crisis, and carry a disproportionate risk to being exposed to the virus.”'

Rep. Frederica Wilson the latest to remind us COVID-19 is a gendered crisis in so many ways

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We've already been told plenty of times that the coronavirus pandemic is a gendered crisis, as those on the front lines — "nurses, nurse aides, teachers, child carers and early-childhood educators, aged-care workers and cleaners" — are mostly women. We're not certain what to do with this information, or even if we believe it. School teachers have had their classes sent home, and there are plenty of male nurses (and female doctors).

And then there's the uncomfortable fact that men are more likely to die from COVID-19 complications than women. But Rep. Frederica Wilson wanted to get in a word about the gender disparity among those on the front lines of the coronavirus fight.'

SAVE: University Administrators Rack Up “Excuses” for Delaying New Title IX Regulations

Matt · 1 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

“The dog ate my homework” is one of the oldest excuses students use to rationalize their delay in turning in an assignment. The coronavirus pandemic is one of the newest excuses universities and others are using to request the Department of Education suspend the Title IX rule making process, which has been ongoing since November 2018.

Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE) calls on the Department of Education to swiftly proceed by releasing the new regulations, keeping with their stated goal of restoring due process in the handling of sexual harassment cases on college campuses.

In a letter to Secretary DeVos and others [1], the National Women’s Law Center (NWLC) lays out their argument for delaying the regulations. In their rampage, NWLC cites reasons, such as, reduced resources, ongoing stress, and remote working environments. While these are true, they are also true for a university absent of a coronavirus pandemic. With campuses devoid of most students until the Fall semester, the university campus is quieter than ever, and the administration has ample time to focus and implement the necessary steps to be compliant.

Buried in the letter, however, are two descriptive words most telling for why the NWLC actually wants the rules delayed: “Now is hardly the right time to push forward with this fundamentally flawed rule.” So there we have it. It’s not because of the coronavirus, it’s because they don’t like and don’t want the due process rule. Period.

Students are given ample notice to complete their assignment and turn it in for a grade. Universities have had ample notice and time to prepare for the release of new rules enforcing Title IX on their campus. No more excuses. Time’s up to restore due process on University campuses across the nation.

We are urging you to email Secretary DeVos at betsy.devos@ed.gov and/or tweet @BetsyDeVosED and ask her to promptly publish the new Title IX regulations.

Thank you,
The SAVE team

Citation:

[1]https://nwlc-ciw49tixgw5lbab.stackpathdns.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NWLC-Letter-to-ED-and-OMB-re-COVID-19-and-Title-IX-3.25.20.pdf

Ball State joins list of schools facing students' Title IX suits

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the U.S. Department of Education prepares to implement new regulations regarding sexual misconduct on college campuses, lawsuits filed by accused students claiming their rights were violated continue to boil over in the federal courts.

Complaints against institutions of higher education in Indiana have been filed in the Northern and Southern Indiana district courts. Also, a lawsuit against Purdue University — John Doe v. Purdue University et al., 17-3565 – became the first such case to reach the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has put forth a proposal that more clearly defines and, in some ways, limits a school's responsibility in instances of sexual misconduct.

Attorney Scott Shockley of DeFur Voran in Muncie supports the proposed changes. He has represented Ball State University in a variety of matters and was recently successful in defending the school against a Title IX claim brought by a male student.

The proposals, he said, seek to balance the concerns about the rights of the accused students with the rights of the victims. They also seem to be trying to give the institutions an orderly and effective process.'

Milestone: 600+ Title IX/Due Process Lawsuits in Behalf of Accused Students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Over six hundred lawsuits arguing higher ed institutions deny students accused of Title IX-related offenses basic rights have been filed against higher ed institutions, according to Title IX For All's Title IX Legal Database.

Over six hundred lawsuits have been filed against colleges and universities in behalf of students accused of Title IX-related offenses. These numbers come from Title IX For All, an organization dedicated to tracking such lawsuits since 2013. The current count in their Title IX Legal Database , a clearinghouse of information on these cases aimed at assisting Title IX professionals and accused students, is 621.

Title IX-related offenses includes such offenses as sexual misconduct (including harassment, assault, and exploitation), dating violence (including threats of violence), and stalking. Litigants in these cases - 98% of whom are male - frequently content that universities deny accused students due process, act with gender bias, defame respondents, and breach contracts with students, among other claims. The wave of litigation was sparked in 2011 by a Department of Education guidance letter intended to spur educational institutions to respond more aggressively in behalf of reporting parties.'

Three Democrats Use Coronavirus To Demand Delaying Due Process Rights For College Students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Three Democrat senators are using the coronavirus pandemic to urge Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to delay providing college students their constitutional rights to due process.
...
Sens. Patty Murray (D-WA), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) were the only three senators to sign the letter, saying that “while schools are grappling with how to maintain basic services for and supports to their students, it is wholly unacceptable for the Department to finalize a rule that fundamentally will change the landscape of how schools are required to respond to incidents of sexual harassment and assault, and we urge you to reconsider this misguided plan.”

...
The lack of due process rights have led to students (almost exclusively male students) finding themselves with only one option to clear their names and defend themselves: Sue their schools in a court of law. Unfortunately, many of the students accused do not have the financial means to file a lawsuit. Still, more than 600 lawsuits have been filed alleging Title IX violations by accused students since the Obama administration urged schools to find more students responsible.'

‘Expel first and ask questions later’: Appeals court undermines its own precedent in Title IX ruling

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s not enough for a college to arrest and remove a student accused of harassment, at least according to a new Title IX ruling from the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

A three-judge panel found the University of Michigan showed “deliberate indifference” toward student Rebecca Foster, based on her alleged harasser’s repeated flouting of restrictions placed on him by the university.

The ruling appears to undermine an opinion from the same court but different three-judge panel in December. That panel said the female plaintiff cannot claim Michigan State University violated Title IX policies simply because she is dissatisfied with its response – a sentiment echoed by the dissenting judge in the new ruling.

Accusers “must plead, and ultimately prove, that the school had actual knowledge of actionable sexual harassment and that the school’s deliberate indifference to it resulted in further actionable sexual harassment against the student-victim,” the December ruling said.

It was that standard of deliberate indifference that was in question in last week’s ruling. “Under Title IX, a school may be held liable only for what it can control,” Judge Jeffrey Sutton, a George W. Bush appointee, wrote in a scathing dissent.

The university “ratcheted up the protections at every turn,” the opposite of deliberate indifference, he said: “If there is one thing sure to come out of today’s decision, it will be a university’s decision to expel first and ask questions later.”'

She Reported She Was Raped By Her Step-Son's Kidnapper. It Turns Out She Actually Killed The Boy.

Mastodon · 5 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It was January 27 when 11-year-old Gannon Stauch disappeared from his Colorado Springs home. He missed school that day, and his stepmother, Letecia Stauch, reported him missing shortly before 7 p.m. that night

Letecia's story about what happened the day Gannon disappeared kept changing, and despite her interviews with the media where she denied she had anything to do with the little boy's disappearance, she was arrested a month after she reported him missing and charged with his murder.

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Two days after she reported Gannon missing, Letecia told investigators that a man named Eguardo held her at gunpoint, raped her, and apparently hit her on the head so she blacked out the day Gannon disappeared, according to an arrest affidavit first reported by CBS Denver. She suggested this same man abducted Gannon. On the day Leticia made this new claim, she was two hours late to meet with investigators and brought written notes. Investigators asked Leticia to take a sexual assault forensic exam, but she refused. Surveillance video from a neighbor also showed no one entering the Stauch home at the time she claimed to have been attacked.'

Indian gov't funds only women's bank accounts with virus payout

arindamp · 5 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The amount is being released by the Ministry and will be credited to more than 20.39 crore Jan Dhan accounts of women by the end of April first week, officials said.

The Centre credited the first instalment of ₹500 to over four crore Jan Dhan accounts of poor women on Friday as part of a relief package in view of the nationwide lockdown due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the Rural Development Ministry said.

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₹500 = ~USD $6.55 (min. wage in some states in India is about USD $2.40 per day)
"Crore" = 10 million of something
Jan Dhan: Explained here

"How the coronavirus crisis is hurting women"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although Covid-19 appears to kill more men than women – the Italian Higher Institute of Health has observed a mortality rate of 7.2% for men compared to 4.1% for women – it is women who are on the frontline of the fight against the disease. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), women represent 70% of workers in the health and social sector, though in the Chinese province of Hubei – the epicenter of the outbreak – that figure stands at 90%. Women are also primarily responsible for caring for children and the elderly. And they are in a more financially vulnerable position than men – in Europe, the employment rate for women is 65% compared to 78% for men – an issue that will be exacerbated by the economic fallout of the crisis. And yet, still no political or health authority has analyzed the impact of the coronavirus from a gender perspective.

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According to the head of UN Women, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcukai, the economic issue will soon develop into another acute problem: “Majority of women work in the informal economy, where health insurance is likely to be non-existent or inadequate, and income is not secure. Because they are not well targeted for bailouts, they are financially on their own. This is not simply a health issue for many women; it goes to the heart of gender equality.”

The closure of schools in countries affected by the coronavirus certainly does not help women, many of whom are forced to combine the stress of teleworking – often for the first time – with childcare, which in most countries is still the women’s exclusive domain. This is compounded by mental health issues such as depression and anxiety, which in Europe are predominantly suffered by women.'

U.N. Doesn’t Care About Middle-Aged White Male Victims of Covid-19

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Covid-19 pandemic is attacking every person on the planet but the United Nations only cares about some of them.

UN Secretary General Antonio Gutteres spoke in New York City on March 31, 2020 about the socioeconomic impacts of COVID-19. It was a shameful display of political correctness in the face of statistics.

He led with a call to aggressively combat the virus saying “I am particularly concerned about the African continent.”

He then added “Second, we must tackle the devastating social and economic dimensions of this crisis, with a focus on those most affected: women, older persons, youth, low-wage workers, small and medium-sized enterprises, the informal sector and vulnerable groups, especially those in humanitarian and conflict settings.”'

Sixth Circ. Title IX Ruling Speeds the Day When Schools Are Liable to Victims and Harassers

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first para. text. Excerpt:

'In Foster v. Board of Trustees of the University of Michigan, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ruled that a university could be deliberately indifferent to sexual harassment when it fails to take immediate action that effectively ends the harassment and does not expel the alleged harasser. Public colleges and universities must walk a fine line between failing to address appropriately all complaints of sexual harassment and failing to afford due process to the alleged harassers.

To date, failing to walk that line has exposed colleges and universities to liability to one side or the other. But in Foster, the dissent cautions that the Sixth Circuit's new standard portends that a university can be simultaneously liable to the victim for not preventing harassment and the harasser for not providing due process.

The case arose from student-on-student sexual harassment in the University of Michigan's off-campus executive MBA program. Plaintiff Rebecca Foster and a male student became friends during the monthly two-and-a-half days of classes in Los Angeles, to the extent that they spent time together away from the program. But in September 2013, the male student wanted a romantic relationship—feelings Foster did not reciprocate. Unknown to the university, the male student began to sexually harass Foster at the monthly class sessions. In March 2014, two weeks before the final class session and about 45 days before graduation, Foster reported the harassment to the university.'

Judge reinstates anti-male bias claim against University of New Mexico by expelled student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A fourth-year doctoral candidate was wrapping up his dissertation when he became the subject of a sexual misconduct investigation allegedly rife with gender bias and lacking in due process.

Now a federal judge has refused to dismiss Title IX and 14th Amendment claims by “J. Lee” against the University of New Mexico for depriving him a degree.

The taxpayer-funded institution was facing pressure from the Obama administration on how to handle campus sexual assault investigations when it investigated Lee and expelled him in 2016, U.S. District Judge James Browning wrote in the 127-page ruling last week.

He said UNM “prioritized administrative efficiency over a rigorous fact-finding process” and apparently left him with “no meaningful opportunity to be heard.”

It was a reversal of fortunes for the university, which initially convinced Browning to dismiss Lee’s gender bias claim. The judge “amended” that order from last summer in his ruling March 30, citing “recent opinions from [federal] Courts of Appeals” and his own “more intense study” of the issue.'

UK: Suicides up 25% in two years with 74% being men

Matt · 8 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of people taking their own lives in England has jumped more than a quarter in two years according to provisional figures collated by the Office of National Statistics.

The figures, which are yet to be finalised found that the men accounted for 74 per cent of suicides with the most common age between 50 and 54.

There was also a significant regional breakdown across England with the northeast of the country having the highest number - resulting in 12.8 deaths per 100,000 people. The corresponding figure in London is 8.4 per 100,000 and 8.5 per 100,000 in the north west.

However, the proof needed for coroners to reach a determination of suicide in England and Wales was reduced in July 2018. This change could have seen a statistical increase in the number of deaths attributed to suicide which would have earlier been counted under a different classification.'

University hid rape accuser's HIV claim from accused student until he sued for gender bias

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Months after his suspension by the hand of a single Title IX investigator, a student accused of sexual assault stumbled upon terrifying news that he was possibly exposed to HIV.

"John Doe" asked a federal judge Friday to compel Indiana Wesleyan University to contact his accuser to verify "the truth of her assertion" – hidden from him during the proceeding – that she was HIV-positive.

Owing to his "serious underlying health conditions," John has been "quarantined at home with his family for weeks now" to avoid a life-threatening coronavirus infection, according to the emergency motion for a temporary restraining order. That's why he initially chose not to go out and get tested for HIV.

John's Title IX discrimination lawsuit claims that the decision to suspend him was made in "less than seven days," with no hearing or opportunity to question his accuser or appeal the finding.'

Man who spent 36 years in prison for Baton Rouge rape he didn't commit files federal lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 59-year-man exonerated last year after spending 36 years behind bars for a rape and stabbing in Baton Rouge that he didn't commit is seeking compensation in a federal lawsuit.

Archie Charles Williams sued the city of Baton Rouge, former police detectives and ex-state crime lab employees, and then-East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney's Office investigator and current District Attorney Hillar Moore III.

The lawsuit, filed by lawyer Jeffrey Mitchell, of The Cochran Firm New Orleans, alleges Williams' wrongful conviction was "the calculated result of the coordinated efforts of the individual defendants ... who engaged in ... reckless and intentional conduct."'

Appeal court upholds order requiring accuser of ex-UBC prof Steven Galloway to produce documents

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Article here. Excerpt:

'B.C.'s highest court has upheld an order for a woman who accused former University of B.C. professor Steven Galloway of sexual assault to produce documents relevant to the case.

The woman, who has only been identified by the initials A.B. due to a publication ban, was a student of Galloway, the head of UBC's creative writing program, when allegations surfaced in November 2015.

The university stated at the time that serious allegations had been made against Galloway and that he had been suspended, resulting in an investigation by former B.C. Supreme Court Justice Mary Ellen Boyd.

The former judge concluded that Galloway had had a consensual affair with A.B., but the university fired him in June 2016 due to an "irreparable breach of trust." UBC later paid Galloway $167,000 in damages after an arbitrator found that certain communication by the university violated his privacy and damaged his reputation.

In October 2018, Galloway sued a number of people, including A.B., alleging that he'd been defamed by false allegations of rape, sexual assaults and physical assaults by A.B., and repeated by the other defendants on the internet.'

S. Korea's first feminist party seeks parliament seats

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The party has about 10,000 members -- around three-quarters of them in their 20s -- and Kim says she will never marry nor have children in her efforts to fight patriarchy.

But with the party unlikely to attract male voters, the threshold means it needs to secure the backing of six percent of all women.

It is an ambitious goal when the South's two major parties -- the ruling left-leaning Democratic party and the conservative main opposition United Future Party (UFP) -- and their satellite entities dominate the political system.

And single-issue parties have long struggled. "For many women, it's hard to support a party only because it deals with women's issues," acknowledged Kwon Soo-hyun, president of Korea Women's Political Solidarity, a rights organisation.

Chai Hyun-jung, a 33-year-old mother who works in Seoul, said she would vote for a party that offered solid pledges on children's education and tackling the South's sky-high housing prices.'

"Why You Should Hire Women Over Men, According to Science"

Mastodon · 10 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Care about your bottom line? Then you should preferably hire women rather than men.

This is true regardless of whether you factor in diversity considerations. Separately from the beneficial financial, social, and cultural impact of having a diverse workforce, hiring women over men makes dollars and sense.

You might be surprised to hear someone who is a man say that. Well, don't be. I always go with research-based findings from cognitive neuroscience and behavioral economics, even if the conclusions of these studies go against my own identity.

And the research is clear. There's no doubt that women – just because of their sex – are held back from career advancement compared to men.'

Our-Comeback.com Open for Visits

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A new MRM site has been launched. Please visit it at https://www.our-comeback.com/. The founder, Jack Kammer, is a veteran MRA known for numerous contributions to the cause.

Further, the site is sponsoring a song contest. Read more here and if you are a song writer or just a regular Joe, either way, consider submitting a song. The current Grand Prize for Best Song is $1000. (THAT got your attention!)

Put women and girls at centre of COVID-19 recovery: UN Secretary-General

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The dire warning from António Guterres is laid out in a policy brief which details how the new disease is deepening pre-existing inequalities which are in turn amplifying its impacts on the lives of women and girls.

“I urge governments to put women and girls at the centre of their efforts to recover from COVID-19. That starts with women as leaders, with equal representation and decision-making power”, he said in a video message to accompany the report’s launch.'

Examining Tara Reade’s Sexual Assault Allegation Against Joe Biden

Matt · 12 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Need I even comment on the tone and content of a media source's handling of the issue? Seems "believe the woman" goes right out the door when the accused is a Democrat. Excerpt:

'A former Senate aide who last year accused Joseph R. Biden Jr. of inappropriate touching has made an allegation of sexual assault against the former vice president, the Democratic Party’s presumptive presidential nominee this fall.

The former aide, Tara Reade, who briefly worked as a staff assistant in Mr. Biden’s Senate office, told The New York Times that in 1993, Mr. Biden pinned her to a wall in a Senate building, reached under her clothing and penetrated her with his fingers. A friend said that Ms. Reade told her the details of the allegation at the time. Another friend and a brother of Ms. Reade’s said she told them over the years about a traumatic sexual incident involving Mr. Biden.

A spokeswoman for Mr. Biden said the allegation was false. In interviews, several people who worked in the Senate office with Ms. Reade said they did not recall any talk of such an incident or similar behavior by Mr. Biden toward her or any women. Two office interns who worked directly with Ms. Reade said they were unaware of the allegation or any treatment that troubled her.

Last year, Ms. Reade and seven other women came forward to accuse Mr. Biden of kissing, hugging or touching them in ways that made them feel uncomfortable. Ms. Reade told The Times then that Mr. Biden had publicly stroked her neck, wrapped his fingers in her hair and touched her in ways that made her uncomfortable.
...
Lucy Flores, a former Nevada state assemblywoman who accused Mr. Biden of making her uncomfortable by kissing and touching her during a 2014 campaign event, exchanged a few emails last year with Ms. Reade but said Ms. Reade did not share her full story.

“Biden is not just a hugger,” Ms. Flores said. “Biden very clearly was invading women’s spaces without their consent in a way that made them feel uncomfortable. Does he potentially have the capacity to go beyond that? That’s the answer everyone is trying to get at.”'

"The White Male Is The Biggest Risk In Spreading The Virus"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Covid-19 has found an ally in its pursuit of infecting as many people as possible in the shortest space of time — the older white man.

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This is simply wrong. The group that will disobey warnings in a crisis far more than any other is older white men. It is known as the 'White Male Effect'.

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Research repeatedly demonstrates that white men, especially older ones, consistently ignore warnings. They have a greater distrust of officialdom and experts, believe more in their own instincts to be right over anyone else's and, have a higher tendency to not do what they are told even if it is for their own good or the good of others. They believe in their own invincibility and immortality.

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It won't be easy to rein in the older white man without some form of martial law. The government has deployed every public relations trick in the book. There has been a carpet bombing of emails, letters, press briefings, adverts and headlines all delivering ever more apocalyptic warnings to the public. The doom cupboard is almost bare.'

"In this moment of crisis, macho leaders are a weakness, not a strength"

Mastodon · 13 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What motivates men like Trump and Bolsonaro to deny, falsify and dismiss evidence about public health crises?

One salient feature stands out as common among these men: toxic masculinity. The concept has become popular, with Google searches for the term skyrocketing in January 2019 when the shaving company Gillette released a series of advertisements that challenged traditional expressions of masculinity, such as bullying, suppressing emotions and sexual harassment. Those advertisements set off a public debate about whether toxic masculinity is a helpful concept. Some took to Twitter and other media to complain that “masculinity isn’t a sickness”, while others, like the American Psychological Association, maintained that these traditional forms of masculinity harm not only men, but also those around them.

The current pandemic throws into stark relief how useful the concept of toxic masculinity can be. Dr Roger Kirby, a men’s health expert, observes that toxic forms of masculinity, which lead to “dominant, aggressive, [and] risk-taking” behaviour, cause men to see illness or other health problems as effeminate and weak, leading them to choose risk and discomfort over the “emasculation” of seeking medical treatment. As a result, men who pursue these forms of masculinity display “the strongest predictors of individual risk behaviour over the life course”.
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We do not need patriotism and weapons; we need globally connected medical research, social safety nets and healthcare. We need leaders who allow public health experts, rather than their political self-interest, to guide policy. We find ourselves in a time that calls for traditionally “feminine” traits, such as empathy, solidarity and compassion. The men in charge have chosen to prioritise their precarious sense of manhood, rejecting scientific evidence, deploying rhetoric of violence, war and division, and placing us all in harm’s way.'

The Other Side: Can Men Be Feminists?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"As far as the pure definition of 'feminist' is concerned, I would say, 'Yes, I totally am [a feminist],'" junior engineering major Will Soiland said. "As far as the kind of connotation feminism has taken today, I wouldn't really publicly state it. … It's kind of created a culture of labeling toxic masculinity and stereotyping and judging that upon most males."

Senior biology major Leo Master is a critic of fourth-wave feminism, which began around 2012. It is rooted in intersectionality and includes the use of technology to combat sexual misconduct and support equal pay, according to Encyclopaedia Britannica. It follows the first three waves, which focused on legal inequality (late 19th and early 20th century), gender norms (1960s to 1980s) and responding to the perceived failures of the first two waves (1990s to 2000s).

"[Feminists] are fighting for the perception of themselves in other people's minds," Master said. " … Feminists nowadays [have] this inflexibility of philosophy and inability to recognize that they are taking a subjective position that can be argued against."'

From Abuse to Jobs, the Crisis Will Burden Women More Than Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Statistics show that the coronavirus affects men more than women. Yet, the pandemic will also scar a whole generation of women. Through increased abuse in the short run and systemic economic discrimination in the long run, women will bear a higher cost on their health as well as their economic independence.

In Hubei, the origin of the deadly outbreak, domestic violence reports to police more than tripled during the lockdown. As countries around the world quarantine their citizens, domestic abuse cases are rising.

The police in Uttar Pradesh, which is one of the worst states for violence against women in the country, has launched a new domestic violence helpline as cases surge during the COVID-19 lockdown. With schools and workplaces shut, women have no respite from abusive relationships.

According to the National Commission for Women chairperson Rekha Sharma, “The number has increased. Men are frustrated sitting at home and are taking out that frustration on women. This trend is especially seen in Punjab from where we have received many such complaints,”

There has been much discussion on the economic cost of this pandemic. In India, we are talking about mental health issues induced by isolation and anxiety. But very little has been said about abuse and assault of women in their homes.'

“#MeToo” – Do The Feminists Practice Misandry?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Never heard of that word? It is the antonym of “misogyny” which is defined as hatred of women. “Misandry” is defined as the hatred of men. Hawaii Senator, Mazie Hirono, recently stated that men must step up in the era of “#Me Too” or just shut up. That belligerent statement seems to be the prevailing opinion of many feminist groups who blame all men for all misbehavior against women. Placing all men in the same boat as women abusers seems to be quite a misguided blanket statement.

According to these emotionally charged statements by feminists, if you don’t believe or you question the motives of women, you are classified as a misogynist. They say all women should be believed if they make a claim that they have been abused by a man, no if’s, and’s, or but’s, no matter if the facts are dubious or even non-existent.

The accusations against Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh, fell into this category. Regardless of of his exemplary record of integrity and judicial achievement, he had to defend himself against a nebulous charge of sexual abuse of 36 years ago, as a 17 year old, by a woman he may or may not have known. According to the “fake news” media, without any real proof at all, they had accused, tried, and convicted him without even a trial or any corroborating witnesses. A sane person observing this hysteria should’ve been able to come to the conclusion that they could “smell a rat”. This last minute “Hail Mary” against Judge Kavanaugh, pushed by the Democrats to stall or postpone the elevation of him to the Supreme Court, seemed to be an act of desperation on the part of the Democrats. They wanted to delay a vote before the mid-term elections of 2018 hoping that the Democrats would prevail and be able to take back control of the Senate, thereby voiding the confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh. The Democrats did get control of the House of Representatives, but the Republicans retained control of the Senate.

The “#MeToo” movement seems to be the motivating factor in this charade of the confirmation process. Why should we have accepted the charges of a partisan Democrat woman activist who was a “Bernie” supporter and who had also contributed to the Hillary Clinton campaign? This had all the markings of a “political hit job” for only partisan political purposes.'

UK cases of domestic abuse by female family members double

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cases of “Cinderella” abuse involving attacks by women and girls on family members have risen twice as fast as those by men, new figures show.

The figures from the Metropolitan police, who are investigating a rise in the number of domestic abuse offences committed by female family members, show that domestic abuse offences committed by sisters have doubled from 641 in 2010 to 1,325 in 2018. The numbers have quadrupled for stepsisters and half-sisters from 33 to 142.

Female perpetrators now account for 28% of cases; up from 19% a decade ago.

The figures were uncovered by the London assembly as part of an investigation into abuse that found a 300% increase in half-sisters, grandmothers and stepsisters as offenders.

Despite the rise in the number of domestic abuse offences committed by female family members, ex-boyfriends, boyfriends and husbands are the predominant perpetrators of domestic abuse.'

SAVE: Rep. Jackie Speier Plays on COVID Fears to Block Reform of Kangaroo Courts

Matt · 15 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

A 49-member Democratic posse lead by survivor-focused Congresswoman Jackie Speier (D-CA), jumped onto the already-crowded legislative coronavirus excuse train, sending a letter to Secretary Betsy DeVos claiming finalizing Title IX regulations would “gut protections for survivors”. [1]

Speier’s letter reinforces her efforts which began in 2017 [2], when she introduced a bill to codify Title IX protections for survivors of sexual assault.

Both attempts undermine Secretary DeVos’s responsibility to restore constitutional due process protections for all students and faculty.

Speier's recent plea states “It is inappropriate to engage in Title IX rulemaking--and indeed, any non-emergency rule making--during this unprecedented time of crisis and it demonstrates a disregard for the crisis taking place.”

SAVE posits there are at least two crises taking place. The first began with the infamous 2011 Dear Colleague letter [3], and the second began this year with the novel coronavirus. Secretary DeVos is appropriately handling both. [4]

Please call Congresswoman Jackie Speier @ (202) 225-3531 or tweet @RepSpeier, and remind her lack of due process afforded to all students and faculty across the United States IS an American crisis.

Thank you,
The SAVE team

Citation:
[1] https://speier.house.gov/_cache/files/2/5/252b3461-2471-4d71-bc89-f583693194e1/CC7BE01E3FAB1B17A7422235D55721E3.title-ix-letter-to-secretary-devos-04.02.2020.pdf
[2] https://speier.house.gov/2017/10/congresswoman-speier-democratic-leadership-unveil-bill-defend-title-ix
[3] https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201104.html
[4] http://www.saveservices.org/2020/04/to-senators-murray-warren-and-gillibrand-secretary-devos-can-multi-task/

Joe Biden’s Double Standard

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Biden’s rhetoric has also employed a de facto presumption of guilt. On a 2017 conference call with campus accusers’-rights activists, Biden offered a simple message to those who alleged that they had been sexually assaulted: “I believe you.” Proof for their claims, it seems, wasn’t necessary. The following year, during Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh’s nomination hearings, Biden suggested that women making high-profile allegations deserve an even greater presumption of truthfulness: “For a woman to come forward in the glaring lights of focus, nationally, you’ve got to start off with the presumption that at least the essence of what she’s talking about is real.”

For reasons that neither paper explained, the Times and Post articles declined to address the chasm between Biden’s past proposals on how to evaluate sexual-assault allegations against college students or his political foes and his current position regarding appropriate standards when he is the accused party. Instead, both articles provided context by exploring President Donald Trump’s past record. But the validity of past sexual-misconduct allegations against Trump has no bearing on the question of Biden’s changing standards. As lawyer and blogger Scott Greenfield observed, the key issue at play here is Biden’s “hypocrisy. Either it’s due process for all or none. Biden doesn’t get a pass.”'

Marvel Studios' She-Hulk Writer Dana Schwartz Compares Men to Oscar The Grouch As She Continues Her Man-Hating Twitter Tirades

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Marvel Studios' She-Hulk writer continues to flood Twitter with her idiotic ideas and opinions that involve hating men.

Her latest tweet depicts men in straight relationships as Oscar the Grouch living in his iconic trashcan.

Schwartz simply wrote, "Every straight relationship." She then retweeted a photo shared by Entertainment Weekly writer Marc Snetiker of Oscar the Grouch and Nicole Kidman.

As of writing, the tweet has been retweeted over 18,000 times and has been liked by over 164,000 people.

Now, some people may think this is a joke, but Schwartz's past tweets regarding her hatred of men provide context that it's more than likely not a joke, and she truly thinks men are like Oscar the Grouch with the comparison being they are garbage.

Dana Schwartz's History Of Hating Men

Just recently she attempted to blame men for questioning her credentials that landed her a role as a She-Hulk writer. She claimed it was sexist to even question her about those credentials, while also claiming her employers also have the right to question her.'

Police: Woman filed false report on drug-spiked drink at UNH frat

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Manchester woman has been arrested for filing a false report to law enforcement after she claimed she was drugged during an off-campus fraternity event at the University of New Hampshire.

Olivia LeClerc, 20, was arrested at the Durham Police Department on Thursday. She is scheduled to be arraigned on May 13, according to an arrest log.

LeClerc is accused of presenting police with a drug test which showed she had benzodiazepines (Xanax) in her system after a social at Kappa Sigma the last week of February. Later, she recanted her story, police said, admitting that she had forged the document.'

Covid-19 is a disaster for everyone... except straight white men?

Mastodon · 17 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Even a global catastrophe like Covid-19 has not discouraged identity-entrepreneurs from continuing to draw attention to their cause. Instead of coming together in a common struggle, they seek to exploit Covid-19 for their own end.
There was a time when a deathly disaster like the current pandemic would lead competing interests and parties to leave their differences to one side in order to support one another against a common enemy. That's not how things work today. Many identity-mongers simply cannot resist the temptation of turning the pandemic into a platform for their politics.

Anyone reading the numerous feminist posts complaining that women are bearing the brunt of the pandemic would imagine that men are having a great time during the lockdown. According to one account, the coronavirus is a "disaster for feminism". An interesting observation, given the fact that statistics indicate that men are more likely to die from it than women. At a time when tens of thousands of human beings have lost their lives, the author of this last observation warns that "across the world, women's independence will be a silent victim of the pandemic."
Advocates of feminist identity politics refer to the pandemic as a "gendered crisis" that, according to Australian senator Mehreen Faruqi, carries a "disproportionate risk" to women. It is unlikely that people like Faruqi would use the term 'gendered crisis' if a pandemic represented a "disproportionate" risk to men.
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The racialization of the pandemic has inevitably led to holding white people, particularly 'white male privilege' responsible for the tragic catastrophe haunting the world. Writing in this vein in Salon, an angry foe of 'racist white voters' contends that "white male privilege is literally making America sick"! Other opponents of white privilege fear that"social distancing could lead to a spike in white nationalism". As this racialization of the pandemic gains greater momentum, it is only a matter of time before Covid-19 will be rebranded as the White Virus. Some already claim that"The White Male Is The Biggest Risk In Spreading The Virus". According to the author of this idiotic statement, elderly white men are a public health nuisance.'

The pandemic recasts gender inequality

Mastodon · 18 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Amid a life-and-death health emergency and an economic crisis, the culture-war issues that dominated America's national conversation a short time ago have receded — but not completely. Some argue, for instance, that gender inequality is a more pressing issue than ever. "Feminism isn't canceled," proclaimed a recent tweet from the account of UN Women, the United Nations agency for women's empowerment. Probably not; but maybe it's finally time for a feminism based on mutual partnership and compassion, not gender warfare and female victimhood.

Yet calls for a feminist vision for the COVID-19 pandemic often boil down to "It's worse for women." Or, as UN Women executive director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka and Gabriela Ramos, chief of staff at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, recently wrote, "COVID-19 is affecting everybody, but it is affecting women more." Mlambo-Ngcuka and Ramos cite the unequal burden of caregiving, both at home and in health care work, as well as women's greater economic insecurity.

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Remarkably, those who talk about applying a "gender lens" to the pandemic nearly always miss its most dramatic gender imbalance: the fact that a clear majority of the casualties are men, who are more likely both to get COVID-19 and to die from it. In New York, which has the largest outbreak in the United States, men account for 62 percent of the fatalities; in some places, such as Italy, it's over 70 percent. It's not yet understood what causes the skew. But it's telling that commentary on this gender gap is often framed as a demonstration of women's natural "superiority," not as a cause of concern about men.'

UK: MP Accused of ‘Racism’ over Inquiry Into White Working Class-Boys Falling Behind in Schools

Mastodon · 20 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Robert Halfon MP says he has been accused of “racism” after announcing a parliamentary inquiry into white working-class pupils, especially boys, falling behind in schools.

“The whole premise of the committee is to look at left behind cohorts, those who are falling way behind,” said Halfon, who chairs the influential Commons Select Committee for Education.

“One of those groups sadly is white working-class pupils from poor background, and within that group, boys do worse than girls,” he explained in comments to The Telegraph.

“I have been accused of racism, which I find really hard to fathom. Other ethnic groups are outperforming white, so I can’t see why this is racist.”'

Flattened by Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Wouldn't classes be better if girls always had to speak in class before boys were allowed to participate?" A professor asked me this last term in an attempt to build rapport. The question was rhetorical and my opinion was taken for granted. Surely I, a young woman, wouldn't disagree.

What bothered me about the question wasn't so much the fact that I disagreed with its suggestion — though I did. It was that I felt cornered by it. Disagreeing wasn't an option; my assent was presumed. I could either pretend to agree or be forced to contradict my professor's assumption.

This wasn't an isolated incident. People often make comments expressing ideas that they assume all women will agree with. Some are overt — "Don't you hate men?" or "Don't you wish boys would just shut up in class?" Others are subtle — "Don't you wish we had a full year of paid maternity leave?" or "Shouldn't colleges do more to push women into STEM?" Some people agree with these statements, and others disagree. But as people use them, all of these comments imply an assumption that I — and all women — will agree simply on the basis of gender.

The assumption that I inherently believe in certain ideas because I'm a woman, or that I would prefer to — all else being equal — vote for a woman over a man ignores the fact that I have agency and can think for myself. I admit it: I often agree with the sentiment that these feminist comments express. But when we assume that women think only on the basis of their gender, we do a disservice to feminism by limiting the variety of women's ideas that are shared. And we limit women by reducing them to a homogenous group.'

Prosecutor who filed false rape case against student faces new challenger

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'A University of Kansas law professor whose student was charged last year with making a false rape report has filed to run for the office of the prosecutor who eventually dropped the charge amid intense pressure.

Suzanne Valdez said she believes Douglas County District Attorney, Charles Branson has been “asleep at the wheel,” The Kansas City Star reports.

Valdez, the former president of University Senate at KU and special prosecutor in Wyandotte County, said she hopes to address “systemic and cultural” issues, placing a focus on victim needs.

She told The Star last year that law enforcement in Lawrence failed to protect women.'

Two More False Reporting Cases Dropped in Kansas College Town

Former UNC rowing coach still employed at UNC after resignation, Title IX investigation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The former head coach of the North Carolina rowing team, who resigned in December amid a Title IX investigation into the program, has since worked in the athletic department as a "special assistant to the athletic director," according to personnel files.

Records show that Sarah Haney, who announced her resignation on Dec. 2, transferred into her new role the same day. In the announcement, Haney's new role was not mentioned. Her salary in the new role is $120,000, the same amount she has earned since being given a raise in July of 2018.
...
Cunningham declined to answer questions that involved Title IX or the investigation, including what the conclusion to the investigation into the rowing program was, whether Title IX violations were found and whether Haney's resignation as head coach was a result of the investigation.'

Would You Care if a White Man Cured Covid-19? Heather Mac Donald

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'Scientists at Oxford University and King's College London are racing to develop an inexpensive ventilator that can be quickly built with off-the-shelf components. Should it matter that all the lead researchers on the project are men? If you believe university diversity bureaucrats and many academic deans, the initiative will be handicapped by the absence of women among the project heads. If there is a silver lining to the Covid-19 pandemic, it may be to expose as dangerous nonsense the practice of hiring researchers by sex and race rather than scientific accomplishments.

Mandatory diversity statements are now ubiquitous in hiring for science, technology, engineering and mathematics jobs. An Alzheimer's researcher seeking a position in a neurology lab must document his contributions to "diversity, equity and inclusion." At the University of California, Berkeley, the life sciences department rejected 76% of the applications it received last year because they lacked sufficiently effusive diversity, equity and inclusion statements. The hiring committee didn't even look at the failed applicants' research records.

Were the remaining contenders the best scientists in their field? Apparently it doesn't matter. What matters is how good they are at discussing "distinctions and connections between diversity, equity, and inclusion" during their job talks, in the words of UC's diversity guidance. The rejected applicants showed insufficient knowledge of the "dimensions of diversity that result from different identities, especially URMs"—underrepresented minorities. Perhaps some were so rash as to suggest that racial and sex quotas in STEM hiring are antithetical to the university's research mission.'

UK: No male teachers at 11 Birmingham schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Figures released by Birmingham City Council show 68 per cent of teachers at schools subscribing to the council's human resources services are female – compared to 32 per cent who are male.

The vast majority of the schools covered are primary schools, according to a Freedom of Information request.

The split is roughly the same at headteacher level, where 69 per cent of heads are women compared to 31 per cent who are male.

The council stated the data from the Freedom of Information request is based solely on schools who purchase the council's HR Services for Schools services, and it does not hold data for schools who do not purchase these services.'

SU is under federal investigation for alleged sex discrimination against men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Department of Education is investigating Syracuse University for alleged sex discrimination against men.

The federal agency's Office for Civil Rights opened the inquiry on March 4 after receiving a Title IX complaint during the fall semester.

Mark Perry, a professor at the University of Michigan-Flint, in an interview said he filed the complaint. Perry said he has brought more than 120 similar Title IX and Title VI complaints against colleges around the country, prompting 60 OCR investigations.

The Daily Orange obtained his SU complaint under the Freedom of Information Act.

In a two-page letter to OCR, the professor accused SU of discriminating against boys and men by running three girls- and women-only STEM programs: the It Girls Overnight Retreat, the Women in Science and Engineering Future Professionals Program and the WiSE Postdocs program.'

India: Deepika Bhardwaj: The woman who fights for men's rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a climate like that, 31-year-old Deepika Narayan Bhardwaj knows she sticks out like a sore thumb, but she has some questions that are reasonable enough: "Are men not vulnerable? Do they not face discrimination? Can they not be victims?"

And she goes on to add: "Just as you don't have to be a woman to fight for women, similarly, you don't have to be a man to fight for men. I don't talk about atrocities against women because there are millions who are talking about it."

Her fight at the moment is against the misuse of Section 498A of the Indian penal code which is a tough anti-dowry law. Ms Bhardwaj is travelling across India, screening Martyrs of Marriage, her first feature-length documentary, in an attempt to persuade the authorities to re-write the law.'

The film can be watched on YouTube at https://youtu.be/vKRAkw5RUdw

A former neighbor of Joe Biden's accuser Tara Reade has come forward to corroborate her sexual-assault account

Matt · 27 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In March, when a former aide to Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden accused the candidate of sexually assaulting her in 1993, two people came forward to say that the woman, Tara Reade, had told them of the incident shortly after it allegedly occurred — her brother, Collin Moulton, and a friend who asked to remain anonymous for fear of retribution.

Now two more sources have come forward to corroborate certain details about Reade's claims. One of them — a former neighbor of Reade's — has told Insider for the first time, on the record, that Reade disclosed details about the alleged assault to her in the mid-1990s.

"This happened, and I know it did because I remember talking about it," Lynda LaCasse, who lived next door to Reade in the mid-'90s, told Insider.

The other source, Lorraine Sanchez, who worked with Reade in the office of a California state senator in the mid-'90s, told Insider that she recalls Reade complaining at the time that her former boss in Washington, DC, had sexually harassed her, and that she had been fired after raising concerns.'

SAVE: Students Need Your Help

Matt · 28 April 2020 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

Last week SAVE asked you to email the White House and ask the administration to release the new Title IX regulations.

Thank you for doing that!

We ask you to please do one more thing.

Yesterday we learned of a specific email contact at the White House. May Davis works in the Executive Office of the President and is one of the people charged with deciding when to release the regulations.

She has stated she needs to hear from you. The White House needs to ensure there will be broad public support of people standing behind the release of the regulations during the Covid-19 crisis.

Please email May Davis at May.Davis@who.eop.gov and give your full support for the release of the regulations.

As a background reminder, the Department of Education is pushing to get the regulations published, but there is a difference of opinion at the White House, as to whether to publish the regulations during this pandemic.

SAVE and other due process advocacy groups[1] say now is the best time to publish the regulations because campuses are quiet and empty of students. The administrators have the time and capacity to put implementation plans in place before the fall semester begins.

Most importantly, students and faculty deserve the right to have fair and equitable procedures when accused of a sexual misconduct issue. This includes presumption of innocence, timely and adequate written notice, and a meaningful hearing process.

When students walk onto campus in the fall, they should be taking their civil rights with them, not leaving them at home.

Thank you for being a part of this change!

The SAVE team

[1]https://www.thecollegefix.com/times-up-to-restore-due-process-groups-urge-devos-to-ignore-coronavirus-stalling-tactics-for-title-ix-reform/

Leading Democrats Stand Behind Biden After Sexual-Assault Allegation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Prominent Democrats, including some women thought to be on Joe Biden's running-mate shortlist, have lined up behind the former vice president in the month since Tara Reade, a former Senate staffer, made public an allegation he sexually assaulted her once in the 1990s.

Sens. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Kamala Harris of California and former Georgia House Minority Leader Stacey Abrams all have said that they respect women making such allegations and take them seriously. But they haven't wavered in their support for Mr. Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, whose campaign has strongly denied the allegations.

For the most part, Democrats haven't voiced their opinions on the accuracy of Ms. Reade's claims. Instead, they have attested to the longtime lawmaker's character and policy efforts. California Rep. Ro Khanna, a co-chairman of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign, said President Obama had assessed his former No. 2, and "for me, that's the ultimate vetting." Mr. Sanders endorsed Mr. Biden on April 13, after suspending his campaign a week earlier.'

Biden denies sexual assault allegation: 'This never happened'

Matt · 1 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Funny how Biden wants the benefit of the doubt for himself and not other men -- especially men not of his political persuasion. Excerpt:

'Joe Biden released a statement Friday denying a former aide's claims he sexually assaulted her 27 years ago, saying of Tara Reade's allegation: "This never happened."

Friday's statement is the first detailed response from Biden to Reade's allegation and comes as pressure built on the presumptive Democratic nominee to personally address the matter.

"While the details of these allegations of sexual harassment and sexual assault are complicated, two things are not complicated. One is that women deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, and when they step forward they should be heard, not silenced. The second is that their stories should be subject to appropriate inquiry and scrutiny," the former vice president and presumptive Democratic 2020 nominee said in the statement.'

Post says: #MeToo hypocrisy of Joe Biden, Democrats exposed

Matt · 2 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Remember “Believe All Women”? The rallying cry for Democrats and their allies in their bid to derail Brett Kavanaugh’s Supreme Court nomination is out the window now, not two years later. They insist that Tara Reade’s charge that her then-boss sexually assaulted her is not to be believed because — in Nancy Pelosi’s phrase — “Joe Biden is Joe Biden.”

In other words, they were never actually committed to the principle they used to try to destroy a man’s career and reputation. To them, it all depends on the man in question, not the woman.

Biden finally made his first statement about the allegation Friday on MSNBC’s “Morning Joe.” It had been a month since Reade accused Biden of violating her when she worked for him in the Senate in 1993, but not one interviewer had asked the de facto Democratic nominee about it until Mika Brzezinski stepped up.'

Gov. of Michigan ‘Really Resents’ Survivors Being Asked To Weigh In On Every Accusation

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'Democratic Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Sunday that she believes former Vice President Joe Biden over his accuser, former Senate aide Tara Reade.

CNN anchor Jake Tapper questioned Whitmer on “State of the Union” about her support for Biden over Reade, who has accused the former vice president of sexual assault, noting that she had been among those voicing support for Dr. Christine Blasey Ford over the man she accused of similar behavior: Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

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“You’ve said that you believe Vice President Biden. I want to compare that to 2018 when you said you believed Dr. Christine Blasey Ford after she accused now Justice Brett Kavanaugh of assault. Kavanaugh also, like Biden, categorically denied that accusation and Blasey Ford, to be honest, she did not have the contemporaneous accounts of her view of what happened that Tara Reade does,” Tapper explained. “You have spoken movingly about how you’re a survivor of assault yourself. Why do you believe Biden and not Kavanaugh? Are they not both entitled to the same presumption of innocence regardless of their political views?”

“Jake, as a survivor, and as a feminist, I’ll say this. We need to give people an opportunity to tell their story. Then we have a duty to vet it. And just because you’re a survivor doesn’t mean that every claim is equal,” Whitmer replied, going on to say that she felt that she had read enough about the allegations against Biden to make an informed decision on the facts.'

Biden's Reade Denial Should Boost Title IX Rule Changes

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'Joe Biden and the Democratic Party have suddenly come to realize that their previously professed, reflexive belief in sexual misconduct accusations was the wrong standard. Instead, with the sexual assault allegation against Biden by former staffer Tara Reade now roiling his campaign, the Democrats are saying that the accused as well as the accuser deserve to have their accounts heard and weighed impartially and with “due process,” to borrow from recent statements by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and others.

If this long overdue change is sincere, the Democrats can show it by supporting the pending new Title IX regulations. The new rules are designed to require campuses to treat students accused of sexual misconduct with fairness and impartiality instead of effectively presuming guilt, as too many campuses currently do. Now is the ideal time for the Trump administration to release those regulations, spearheaded by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. The White House has been sitting on them for months, perhaps out of fear of being attacked as indifferent to survivors by Democrats, who have savaged DeVos for seeking fairness in campus sexual assault proceedings.'

Petition: Demand that the U.S. Surgeon General Classify Newborn Circumcision as Non-Essential

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Sign the Petition!

The United States Surgeon General, Dr. Jerome Adams, has called upon doctors and hospitals to stop conducting elective, non-essential surgeries during the coronavirus pandemic, to conserve personal protective equipment and other resources needed to care for patients suffering from COVID-19.

Dr. Adams' directive applied to adult surgeries. But what about non-essential child surgeries, such as "routine" newborn circumcision?

Although it is the most common pediatric surgery performed in the United States, infant male circumcision treats no disease and serves no therapeutic purpose. The American Academy of Pediatrics has stated there is insufficient evidence to recommend circumcision for all boys. If it is not essential to circumcise baby boys in England, Europe, or Australia, how can the United States continue to circumcise baby boys in the current pandemic and beyond?

Every day, more than 3000 American baby boys undergo the amputation of their healthy, normal foreskins, a needless practice that violates their bodily autonomy, puts them at risk of infection, and consumes thousands of surgical masks, protective gloves, sterile drapes and medical supplies that could be better employed to treat sick patients and protect overworked frontline health care workers from COVID-19.

Please sign this petition and join with Intact America to demand that U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams tell doctors and hospitals to CANCEL newborn circumcisions, during the coronavirus pandemic and beyond.

SAVE: 266 Professors Nationwide Issue Call for Prompt Restoration of Free Speech and Due Process on Campus

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A group of 266 distinguished faculty members released a Faculty Resolution in Support of the Prompt Restoration of Free Speech and Due Process on Campus.

The Resolution concludes with an urgent appeal:

"The undersigned professors call on lawmakers and university administrators to assure the prompt implementation of new policies that will clarify grievance procedures, enhance free speech, and embrace fairness for all."

Among other institutions, the group is comprised of professors from 25 prestigious law schools, including, Stanford University, Harvard Law School, University of Virginia and University of California-Berkeley.

There are numerous examples of faculty members whose constitutionally based free speech and due process rights have been curtailed (1).

SAVE urges the prompt implementation of the new Title IX regulation, which is expected to be released soon.

The Faculty Resolution in Support of the Prompt Restoration of Free Speech and Due Process on Campus can be viewed online: http://www.saveservices.org/wp-content/uploads/Faculty-Resolution-5.2.2020.pdf

Please contact your Representative and ask their support for prompt restoration of free speech and due process. https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials

Thank you for all you do!
The SAVE team

[1] http://www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/faculty-members/

If We Judged Joe Biden Under the Title IX Standards He Championed for Accused Student Rapists, He Would Be Guilty

Matt · 5 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The sexual assault allegation against former Vice President Joe Biden is finally receiving the attention it deserves from the mainstream media. Last Friday, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee forcefully denied the accusation, saying that "it never happened."

Key to his denial was the fact that the incident allegedly took place 27 years ago and that hard evidence to support former staffer Tara Reade's sexual assault claim has not materialized. Biden supporters have also pointed out that Reade has told several different stories over the years about what allegedly happened.

But, under the standards that Biden himself has championed in college sexual misconduct cases, none of these facts would necessarily be enough for an accused person to avoid sanction. As I argue in a recent op-ed for The Washington Examiner, "If the allegation against Biden were being decided by the kind of adjudication system that he helped enshrine on college campuses, it's quite likely that he would be found guilty."

This should matter a great deal for how we discuss the allegation against Biden. Indeed, how would Biden want this claim to be adjudicated if the accused were someone else is one of the more obvious frameworks for proceeding. The fact that this framework would quite likely produce an outcome in this matter that would dissatisfy many mainstream liberals and Democrats may be a good reason for them to abandon it as a general standard.'

Betsy DeVos releases final changes to campus sexual assault policies

Matt · 6 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Trump administration released new guidelines Wednesday for how universities and K-12 schools should handle complaints of sexual assault and misconduct as part of a contentious overhaul that Education Secretary Betsy DeVos launched in 2017.

Now, under reworked federal rules, alleged student perpetrators will have added protections, including the presumption that they are innocent throughout the disciplinary process and the right to be provided all evidence collected against them. Those students can also cross-examine their accusers and vice versa during live hearings, although it must be done through a lawyer or representative.

The changes, described in a more than 2,000-page document, go into effect on Aug. 14.

They come after the Education Department "heard from too many students whose careers were tarnished by administrators without any resemblance to due process," Kenneth Marcus, the agency's assistant secretary of civil rights, told reporters. "This must stop."

The new rules are a reworking of the 1972 law known as Title IX, which prohibits gender discrimination, including sexual assault, on college campuses as well as in primary and secondary schools.'

What If Biden Declared His Running Mate Would Be A Man? The Downside Of Selecting Based On Sex

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But, Joe Biden is the first major party presidential candidate to announce that he is committed to a female running mate, before actually choosing who that running mate will be. In other words, he's the first to limit the pool of candidates to only women. "And I commit that I'll pick a woman to be vice-president. There are a number of women who are qualified to be president tomorrow, I would pick a woman to be my vice-president," Biden declared during the March democratic debate.

Selecting from a female-only pool sends the message that if the decision were sex-blind, he wouldn't have chosen a woman—that women couldn't earn this position on their own, without some help. People may also not respect the selection as highly. She's not necessarily the best pick, but she's the best of the women. If Biden had chosen the best candidate without regard to gender, it's still very likely the candidate would have been female. And her appointment would not have been diminished by his narrowing down the field by gender beforehand.'

Dept Of Education, Trump Campaign Criticize Biden Promise To Reverse Due Process Rules For Campus Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Both the Department of Education and President Donald Trump's campaign pushed back on 2020 presidential candidate Joe Biden's promise to reverse due process rules for campus sexual assault on Thursday.

The former vice president, who faces sexual assault allegations by his former Senate staffer Tara Reade, promised Wednesday to reverse Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos's Title IX protections for those accused of sexual assault on college campuses. The protections are the Trump administration's effort to "shame and silence" sexual assault victims, he added in a statement.
...
"Does Joe still stand by his presumption of guilt for the accused – or has he set a new standard for himself in the face of his own sexual assault accusations from a former staffer," Perrine added.'

‘It’s Wrong’: Biden Vows to Overturn DeVos’s Due Process Protections for Students Accused of Sexual Assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former vice president Joe Biden promised on Wednesday that as president he would reverse new due process protections that Education Secretary Betsy DeVos put in place to protect university students accused of sexual assault, saying they “shame and silence survivors, and take away parents’ peace of mind.”

Biden, who has recently been accused of sexual assault in 1993 by a woman who worked for him, said the new rules give colleges and universities a “green light to ignore sexual violence and strip survivors of their rights.”'

University Ordered To Release Names Of Any Student Ever Found Responsible For Sexual Misconduct In Kangaroo Courts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Students who were dubiously accused of sexual assault through the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's kangaroo court system – even more than a decade ago – will soon have their names made public, along with the offense of which they were accused, and the punishment they received if found responsible.

Noticeably absent from the information will be the details of the allegation, which would help to explain whether the student was wrongly found responsible and to what extent UNC-CH went to find them responsible anyway.

The information release was ordered by the North Carolina Supreme Court last week in response to a lawsuit filed by four news organizations: The Daily Tar Heel campus newspaper, the Charlotte Observer, the Herald-Sun and Capitol Broadcasting, according to the News & Observer. UNC-CH, had previously denied the papers access to the information, saying it would violate the federal student privacy law known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). UNC-CH continued to oppose the lawsuit up to the NC Supreme Court, but it now must release the information to the news outlets, who will no doubt make it public. The information request dates back more than a decade, meaning students who managed to graduate after being accused and have gone on to build productive lives without any additional issues will soon have their lives and careers upended by news outlets trying to prove their alma mater doesn't take allegations of sexual assault seriously.'

Federal complaint against new girls-only STEM school says it's unfair to boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Federal Department of Education sex discrimination investigations have been opened on Fayette County Schools' new all-girls elementary STEM program and four female-only STEM programs at the University of Kentucky following complaints from a Michigan professor.

Officials in the Department's Office of Civil Rights confirmed in letters to professor Mark Perry dated Friday and April 30 that the office was investigating his complaints about the elementary school set to open in the fall and about the UK programs. Determinations have not been made on the merits of the complaints, the letters said.

Title IX is a federal law that says "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."'

Men have high levels of enzyme key to COVID-19 infection, study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men's blood has higher levels than women's of a key enzyme used by the new coronavirus to infect cells, the results of a big European study showed on Monday -- a finding which may help explain why men are more vulnerable to infection with COVID-19.

Angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) is found in the heart, kidneys and other organs. In COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus, it is thought to play a role in how the infection progresses into the lungs.

The study, published in the European Heart Journal, also found that widely-prescribed drugs called ACE inhibitors or angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs) did not lead to higher ACE2 concentrations and should therefore not increase the COVID-19 risk for people taking them.

ACE inhibitors and ARBs are widely prescribed to patients with congestive heart failure, diabetes or kidney disease. The drugs account for billions of dollars in prescription sales worldwide.'

Froma Harrop: When believing all women leads to evil

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The hashtag #BelieveWomen stemmed from an era when women claiming to have been sexually assaulted were broadly dismissed. That is, if you ignore the history of white women falsely accusing black men of rape. Those women were largely believed and the accused often summarily tortured and hung by the neck from a tree.
...
Between 1881 and 1968, 3,446 black men were killed by lynching, a number drawn from the Tuskegee Institute archives. Almost a quarter of lynching victims had been accused of sexual assault, according to the Equal Justice Initiative.

A scholar, Wells didn't ignore the reality that some rapes happened. She held, rather, that many such charges followed the discovery of consensual relationships between black men and white women – of which there were many.

Regarded as a vessel of Victorian purity, a white woman's word was rarely doubted. That made legal proceedings unnecessary in the minds of the racist mob.

Wells cites the case of a Mrs. J. S. Underwood, a minister's wife in Elyria, Ohio. Underwood claimed that during her husband's absence in 1888, a man forced his way into the house and violated her. The woman identified William Offett, a black married man, as the attacker.
...
The reality behind such allegations then and now is that some women are actually raped; some lie; and some charge rape under murky circumstances. Mental instability can also play a part in the telling of what did or did not occur.

This is not to say that women's charges of sexual abuse shouldn't be investigated, just that it is intellectually squalid to automatically believe them without adequate evidence. Thus, whether or not you "believe" Tara Reade's story that Joe Biden digitally penetrated her is irrelevant.'

Anti-male bias lawsuit drags college to court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A discrimination lawsuit against Colgate University led by a male former student is moving to trial in the U.S. District Court in Syracuse, New York. In 2017 an unidentified student at the university was charged with four counts of sexual misconduct. Three of the charges were dropped during a campus hearing, however, the student was found guilty on the fourth charge of non-consensual sex.

Colgate University moved to expel the male student with Interim Vice President stating in a court hearing that a “finding of responsibility for sexual assault is a significant offense and one that we believed warranted separation from the institution.”

The male student using the pseudonym “John Doe” filed a lawsuit against Colgate University on the basis of gender discrimination throughout the sexual misconduct investigation and during sanctioning.

Doe claims the campus hearing panel’s decision to expel was swayed by his gender.'

ACLU sues Betsy DeVos over new campus sexual assault rules

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' revised federal guidelines on how sexual assault allegations should be handled on college and K-12 campuses are the target of a federal lawsuit filed Thursday claiming that the changes would "inflict significant harm" on victims and "dramatically undermine" their civil rights.

The suit, filed on behalf of four advocacy groups for people who have been sexually assaulted, including Know Your IX and Girls for Gender Equity, is the first that seeks to block the Education Department's new provisions before they go into effect on Aug. 14.

The rules championed by DeVos effectively bolster the rights of due process for those accused of sexual assault and harassment, allowing for live hearings and cross-examinations. It's what agency officials say was lacking during the Obama administration to protect all students under Title IX, a 1972 law that prohibits gender discrimination, including sexual assault, at schools.'

SAVE: Lawmakers Should Not be Fooled by Bogus Claims of a Domestic Violence 'Surge'

Matt · 15 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'The Coalition to End Domestic Violence is warning lawmakers of continued false claims of a “surge” and “spike” of domestic violence cases as a result of coronavirus stay-at-home policies. Such claims have been refuted by 30 police reports from 17 states around the country, which are listed below.

Calls requesting police assistance (“calls for service”) are the most reliable indicator of domestic violence trends, for three reasons:

1. Domestic violence victims or witnesses are able to make a 911 call and be connected to law enforcement officials within seconds.

2. The volume of calls is tracked by a neutral government agency, not an advocacy organization.

3. Many calls to domestic violence hotlines and shelters are requests for information about immigration, housing, or childcare (1).

Over the past six weeks, CEDV staff has compiled dozens of media accounts and contacted police departments requesting information on domestic violence calls for service. The reports were then categorized as reflecting a decrease (more than a 10% decrease over baseline), a steady number (less than a 10% change over baseline), or an increase (more than a 10% increase over baseline) in domestic violence calls.

Domestic violence decreases were revealed by 11 police departments and 16 reports documented steady numbers. Only 3 reports suggested an increase in partner abuse-related police reports: Boise, ID, Hibbing, MN, and Houston, TX, which reported increases in the range of 10-15%. These changes cannot be accurately described as a horrifying “spike” or a deadly “surge.”'

When is a drop in domestic violence bad news?

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph text. Excerpt:

'Boston police reported fewer calls for intimate-partner domestic violence in March and April than in the same period last year — a seemingly positive trend that nonetheless worries officials and advocates who fear victims are reluctant to report abuse while advised to stay at home due to a pandemic.

“You’re going to see underreporting because people are afraid. They’re living with their abuser," Attorney General Maura Healey said in an interview Tuesday. "It’s hard for them to make a phone call. It’s hard for them to go online even.”'

David Crosby, sperm donor, responds to death of Melissa Etheridge's son

Matt · 17 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Words fail me. Excerpt:

'Legendary singer David Crosby helped fellow singer Melissa Etheridge's son Beckett Cypher be conceived and now Crosby is speaking out about his death.

Etheridge on Tuesday announced the death of the 21-year-old, who was her son along with her former partner, Julie Cypher.

"Today I joined the hundreds of thousands of families who have lost loved ones to opioid addiction," Etheridge said in a tweeted statement. "My son Beckett, who was just 21, struggled to overcome his addiction and finally succumbed to it today. He will be missed by those who loved him, his family and friends."

Crosby helped Etheridge and Cypher, who split in 2000, conceive Beckett and their daughter Bailey, 23, via sperm donation and artificial insemination.

In a since deleted post, a Twitter user wrote that Crosby was just a donor and, "Like most donors, he played no other part."

"Not true," Crosby posted in response.'

The War over Title IX Regulations Will Continue

Mastodon · 17 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, Education secretary Betsy DeVos released the new regulations for colleges to follow in Title IX cases. The old rules, decreed in the Obama administration, trampled all over concepts of fairness and due process in order to create a winning political issue for the Democrats. Many people in and out of the legal profession denounced them and early in her tenure, Secretary DeVos suspended them.

In today's Martin Center article, I write about the ways in which the new rules restore balance in Title IX cases. The one-sided proceedings headed by a single administrator — often a zealot who was determined to nail as many of the accused as possible — are no longer approved.

The trouble is that Democrats and their campus allies don't want to relinquish the power they have enjoyed since 2011. People like Catherine Lhamon, who now chairs the U.S. Civil Rights Commission but as head of the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights under Obama created and enforced the old rules, attacked the new regulations with wild rhetoric. Joe Biden has stated that if elected, he will toss out the DeVos regulations and go back to the days of Title IX show trials. Thousands of Title IX administrators are deeply committed to the old regime and might drag their heels on complying with the new regulations.'

"Believe All Women' Is a Right-Wing Trap"

Matt · 18 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Try not to laugh too hard. Excerpt:

'In fact, "Believe All Women" does have an asterisk: *It's never been feminist "boilerplate." What we are witnessing is another instance of the right decrying what it imagines the American women's movement to be.

Spend some mind-numbing hours tracking the origins of "Believe All Women" on social media sites and news databases — as I did — and you'll discover how language, like a virus, can mutate overnight. All of a sudden, yesterday's quotes suffer the insertion of some foreign DNA that makes them easy to weaponize. In this case, that foreign intrusion is a word: "all."'

Epidemics on Campus, Real and Imagined

Matt · 20 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Each academic year, activists and politicians sound the alarm that the nation's college campuses are overrun by an epidemic of sexual violence. Presidential candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden, for example, has warned the nation that "one in five of every one of those young women who is dropped off for that first day of school, before they finish school, will be assaulted in her college years." The numbers are swelling even larger in other surveys, to one in four or even one in three.

Interestingly, despite this so-called epidemic of sexual violence, colleges never made the decision to close. Instead they staffed up student conduct offices and dismantled due process protections for students accused of sexual misconduct in an effort to persuade alleged victims to come forward.

Now that COVID-19 has hit, we've seen how schools respond to a true epidemic. As more people got sick and even died from the coronavirus, colleges across the country closed, mostly voluntarily, in advance of state-ordered shutdowns—even though college-age adults are at much lower risk of death than older adults. Numerous colleges, including the entire California State University system, have already announced that they will not reopen for in-person instruction this fall.

This dramatic, rapid response suggests colleges would react very differently if they actually believed that 20 to 33 percent of their female students would fall victim to violent crime during their time in college.'

NFL player sues United Airlines, alleges woman sexually assaulted him on flight

Matt · 20 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An NFL player said he was sexually harassed and assaulted by a female passenger on a United Airlines flight and accused two flight attendants of failing to properly respond to his complaints.

The incident happened during a late-night plane ride in February from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, according to a lawsuit filed on Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court.
...
The lawsuit says that the men saw the woman taking prescription pills and believe she was intoxicated and under the influence of drugs. Her behavior toward the men "intensified" during the plane ride, according to the lawsuit.
...
"Fearful of the perception of being a male victim and the racial stigma of being a young African American male, John Doe 1 patiently pleaded for assailant to stop and removed her hand," the suit says.

John Doe 2, who was in an aisle seat, complained twice to a flight attendant, according to the lawsuit, but the attendant did not take action. After John Doe 1 asked a second flight attendant for help, the woman was given a verbal warning.

But according to the lawsuit, the woman's alleged actions did not stop. The lawsuit accuses her of stroking her hand across John Doe 1's lap toward his inner leg and caressing his chest and face. At one point, she allegedly grabbed his penis and ripped his face mask off.
...
The men filed the lawsuit seeking damages after United refused to give them the identities of the woman and the flight attendants.

"This matter is about accountability; not just from United but the assailant as well," an attorney for the men said. "Those with a duty to others should be held accountable for their failures to uphold their responsibilities. Those who report assaults should not be ignored, but believed, their claims investigated, and appropriate action taken where warranted."'

Education Department Says Schools Must Post Previously Hidden Title IX Training Materials

Mastodon · 20 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For years, accused students have been at a disadvantage due to the hiding of materials used to train Title IX adjudicators. During lawsuits, accused students are rarely able to obtain the training materials that would show supposedly neutral investigators were actually trained to believe accusers and not the accused.

When those materials were obtained, they showed that Title IX investigators tasked with looking into claims of student-on-student sexual assault were trained to believe that women rarely, if ever, lie about sexual assault. Training materials include the misleading and biased statistic that just 2% of sexual assault allegations are false, which would naturally give investigators the idea that they would be wise to believe the accusation no matter what the evidence suggests, because more than nine times out of 10, they would be right.

As I have reported numerous times, the statistic that very few sexual assault allegations are false is simply incorrect. The truth is that we don't know how many are really false. The 2% to 10% figure only refers to allegations that were proven false and classified by police as such. Using this same logic, one could say just 2% to 3% are true, since that's how many allegations lead to an arrest, trial, and guilty verdict.

Further, the statistic applies to police reports. College campuses have a much lower bar and a far higher incentive to find for the accuser no matter the evidence, meaning false accusations are likely to be he higher, since they can be used to get a man kicked off campus quite easily.'

SAVE: Tell Gateway Pundit to Stop Pushing Fake DV Myths

Matt · 21 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

A recent news article falsely scared the public with the title:

“HORROR! Domestic Violence Up 21% in Cities Across the US Due to Covid 19 Lockdowns”. [1]

False. Fake. Untrue.

There is an “assumption” stay-at-home orders are increasing DV, but the evidence SAVE has uncovered over the past 10 weeks shows the contrary. The fake news wants us to believe otherwise.

SAVE has been closely monitoring and analyzing domestic violence-related police reports in 33 large localities around the country.

The accurate results show domestic violence calls were steady or fewer than before coronavirus restrictions were put in place. Only 3 cities reported a “minor or small” increase in the number of calls. Three. [2]

We need your help to dispel the atrocious domestic violence rate increase myths.

Please email the author of this fake news, Jim Hoft at midwestjim@charter.net

Ask him to dig deep and report the truth that DV rates are overall the same or down.

Thank You,
The SAVE Team

Citations:
[1]https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/05/horror-domestic-violence-21-cities-across-us-due-covid-19-lockdowns/
[2]http://endtodv.org/pr/lawmakers-should-not-be-fooled-by-bogus-claims-of-a-domestic-violence-surge/

Title IX consultants tell colleges to break the law in response to new sexual misconduct rules

Mastodon · 22 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Colleges that do publish training materials, as the new regulation mandates, will “get a letter from us kindly asking you to make sure they are removed,” he said. The implication is clear: ATIXA will sue colleges for following a legally binding regulation following the notice-and-comment process outlined under the Administrative Procedure Act.

The Office for Civil Rights apparently noticed ATIXA’s claim that its copyright supersedes duly enacted regulation. Without mentioning the group, OCR wrote a blog post Monday reiterating that Title IX training materials, among other “important information,” must be posted on schools’ websites – no exceptions.'

DeVos' reforms draw challenge

Mastodon · 22 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, the American Civil Liberties Union, the veteran civil rights organization, filed a lawsuit challenging a newly enacted Trump administration policy change. The twist: The policy change is one that has been praised by numerous civil libertarians as expanding due process for people accused of offenses. The matter at hand is the enforcement of Title IX, the federal statute that bans sex discrimination in education and covers college disciplinary proceedings in cases of sexual harassment and sexual assault.

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos first proposed Title IX reforms and solicited community input three years ago, causing an outcry because the activists with whom she met at “listening sessions” included not only advocates for victims of campus sexual assault but also advocates for the accused. (Disclosure: I have been a paid speaker at events held by two of the groups that participated in those meetings.) Progressives quickly denounced the proposed reforms as rolling back protections for women on campus.

...

In another ironic twist, those opposing the new guidelines also include former Vice President Joe Biden, who championed the Obama-era policy and now promises to undo the DeVos reforms if elected. Yet he himself has just been the target of what now looks like a wrongful accusation of sexual assault. Perhaps this experience will remind the man who I hope will be our next president that the accused deserve protections, too — and encourage him, at least, to tread carefully before undoing a rare positive Trump-era legacy.

Kirsten Gillibrand Asked About Biden Allegations, Trashes Education Department And Due Process

Mastodon · 23 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) has continued her reign as one of the most hypocritical alleged feminists in all of politics.

During a recent interview with radio host Evan Dawson, Gillibrand was asked about the differences between the allegations against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh and those against de facto Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden. Gillibrand offered an answer full of misrepresentations about the allegations against Kavanaugh.'

Hawaii Proposes ‘Feminist Economic Recovery Plan’ Filled With Sex Discrimination

Mastodon · 25 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What’s a “feminist economic recovery plan”? Exactly what you would expect: A document full of policies aimed to help women at the expense of men that will ultimately end up hurting women as well.
...
Let’s take a look at just one of those proposals: The $24.80 per hour minimum wage for single mothers. What about single fathers? What about merit? How long until stores start hiring anyone but single mothers to avoid having to pay them so much extra simply based on their circumstances and not their performance or skill?
...
In the actual plan, the minimum wage proposal is touted because it would “work to reduce homelessness, dependency on men, and costs to the state/DHS in terms of benefits to assist women because they comprise the majority of the state’s impoverished.”'

Law professor falsely accused of rape wins $1.2 million defamation judgment

Mastodon · 25 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In what appears to be the largest award of its kind in state history, a University of Minnesota Law School professor has won nearly $1.2 million in his defamation case against a woman whose false rape allegation had him locked up in jail for three weeks and charged with a felony.

Francesco Parisi prevailed Monday in Hennepin County District Court after a bench trial in September. Judge Daniel Moreno ruled that more than $800,000 of the award will go to Parisi for economic losses, along with $325,000 to cover emotional, punitive and reputational damages.'

Search for murder-spree student who denounced gun violence and "toxic masculinity"

Matt · 26 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Insane behavior is driven by insanity, not ideologies. In the final analysis, to kill an otherwise physically unoffending fellow human is an act of insanity. A criminal act rightly punished by jail, etc., but an insane one. Crazy is as crazy does. Excerpt:

'The FBI and police in three states are hunting for a University of Connecticut student suspected in a terrifying three-day crime spree that included two murders, a home-invasion robbery, and a kidnapping.

Peter Manfredonia, 23, was last spotted on foot in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, carrying a large duffel bag that may contain weapons stolen from one of the victims.
...
Manfredonia, 6-foot-3 and 240 pounds, is a former high school football player from the Sandy Hook section of Newtown, Connecticut, the community devastated by a 2012 school massacre.
...
In an August 2019 Facebook post following several mass shootings, Manfredonia wrote: “An irrefutable factor in this plague of violence effecting the nation MUST be attributed extremist views brought about by an environment that promotes toxic masculinity while enabling individuals with a dangerously severe lack of sympathy/remorse to freely acquire firearms. How much more will it take for people to understand SOMETHING in our system isn’t working and action needs to be taken? Remember the victims, not the shooters or their ideology.”'

Clementine Ford allowed to keep grant despite backlash over 'coronavirus isn't killing men fast enough' tweet

Matt · 27 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Clementine Ford has been given the green light to keep a council grant to help her write a new book after it came under review when she declared coronavirus 'isn't killing men fast enough'.

The 39-year-old posted the outrageous statement on Twitter on Saturday in response to an article written about gender disparities in parenting children during the coronavirus crisis.

She shared the story of a woman forced to quit her job during the pandemic because her stay-at-home husband could not cope with full-time parenting - and said the woman 'deserved better'.'

SAVE: 145 Universities Under Federal Investigation for Sex Discrimination Against Male Students

Matt · 27 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'A total of 145 colleges and universities around the country are currently under investigation by the federal Office for Civil Rights (OCR) for allegations of sex discrimination against male students. The investigations are targeting some of the most prestigious and largest institutions of higher education around the country.

On January 7, 2020, OCR opened an investigation against Harvard University for its support of seven sex-discriminatory programs. These programs include the Harvard College Women's Leadership Awards, Graduate Women in Science and Engineering, and the Women in Global Health LEAD Fellowship. The LEAD Fellowship advertises its program with this uncommon description, "Learn, Engage, Advance, Disrupt." (1) (OCR Complaint No. 01-19-2203)

Ohio State University boasts a total enrollment of 68,262 students, with female students outnumbering males. Despite this fact, OSU offers zero male-specific scholarships and 10 scholarships for female students (2). OCR initiated this case on May 18, 2020. (OCR Complaint No. 15-20-2074)'

SAVE: Is Your Representative Anti-Due Process?

Matt · 27 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

"No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law" is every American's right under the Fifth Amendment.

Unfortunately, 104 Democratic members of Congress opted to take an opposing stand by signing a letter last week to Secretary DeVos and Assistant Secretary Marcus, decrying the new Title IX Regulation will "jeopardize the civil rights of students."[1]

On the contrary, the Regulations enhance the due process protections for all students, including giving complainants the autonomy to choose to file a formal complaint, an informal resolution, or withdraw their complaint at any point. The previous guidance did not give complainants that option.

All students now have equal protections under the rule.

The inaccurate and unfounded statements in the letter show the "straw-grasping" techniques these elected officials are using to confuse the uninformed public.

SAVE asks you to get involved.

The link to the letter is below. Please click on it and see if your representative is anti-due process.

Then contact your elected official at https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials and tell them the Title IX regulations restore due process and civl rights protections to students and faculty, and they must go into effect August 14, 2020.

Thank you,
The SAVE Team

[1]
https://speier.house.gov/_cache/files/9/0/90be4af7-2f92-456f-9ae8-e6d5cbdb6aeb/54BA1D51D053DE655A66870419485BCD.letter-to-department-of-education-to-rescind-title-ix-rule.pdf

Woman inherits estate after murdering husband and claiming emotional abuse

Mastodon · 28 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman previously convicted of murdering her husband but successfully appealed down to a lesser charge of manslaughter will now be able to fully inherit his estate instead of the couple's children.

In 2010, Sally Challen went to visit her estranged husband with a hammer in her purse. As her husband, Richard, ate lunch, Sally beat him to death with the Hammer, leaving a note on his body that said, "I love you." She then fled the home and was later arrested and convicted for his murder.

...

The couple had already separated at the time of the murder. Richard moved out and began dating again, while Sally struggled to move on and eventually begged Richard to take her back. Sally told police after the murder, "I wasn't thinking 'I'm going to go and kill Richard'. I was thinking I'm going to go there and there's a possibility, depending on how it panned out."

Dalla, the Mirror reported, was convinced there was more to Sally's reasoning behind killing her husband, so she reached out to Justice For Women, a feminist organization that defends women who killed their partners and claim to have been abused.

After Sally met with the organization, she started claiming she had been emotionally abused throughout her marriage to Richard. From the outside, friends described the marriage as "old fashioned" and said Sally was "all about servicing Richard." The couple lived in luxury as Richard owned a second-hand car garage. The couple lived in a wealthy area of Surrey with their two sons, James and David, who each attended private school.

...

The media covering Sally's story have positioned her as an abused wife who fought back without acknowledging the lack of evidence for her claims.

Sally was able to appeal her murder conviction and take a lesser charge of manslaughter. She was released after a judge determined she had served enough time for Richard's death.

This week, Sally was also granted her request to inherit Richard's estate, after a judge waived the rule that barred people who killed their spouse's from inheriting their estate.'

No boys allowed: this year’s Chart art fair will only exhibit women artists

Mastodon · 29 May 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The organisers of the Nordic Chart art fair say they plan to show only women artists at this year’s eighth edition (28-30 August) in a bid to “highlight one of the biggest structural barriers in the art scene and art market: gender imbalance”. In another radical move, the fair will adopt a new “de-centred format” this year in the wake of the coronavirus crisis, taking place across five Nordic cities.

The fair's director, Nanna Hjortenberg, tells The Art Newspaper that they “were already planning to present women artists exclusively at Chart 2020 at [the usual venue] Kunsthal Charlottenborg in Copenhagen. With a strong collective statement from the participating galleries, we want to start the debate [around gender inequality] and engage the entire arts sector in developing solutions for a better-balanced art scene. In the Nordics, we know that by pushing collectively we can create a much bigger impact than we can achieve individually.”'

Prostate cancer is now the most commonly diagnosed form of the disease in the UK

Mastodon · 2 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Prostate cancer has become the most commonly diagnosed form of the disease in the UK.

A total of 57,192 men in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales were told they had it in 2018 – a substantial rise from 48,690 the previous year and up from around 24,000 in 1998.

It means diagnosis of prostate cancer has more than doubled in the past 20 years and it has now overtaken breast cancer as the most common form.

Experts attribute the increase to rising numbers of men getting tested as well as the growing and ageing population.'

Nymphotropism in the age of rioting

Matt · 4 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is one to watch. Bets she either walks or gets a slap on the wrist. Excerpt:

'The blurry video shows a woman holding a lighter to an indistinct object on a Brooklyn street. She vanishes off screen for a few seconds, then lurches back, lobbing what authorities say is a Molotov cocktail at a parked police van with four officers inside.

The officers weren't injured in the Saturday morning incident, and the suspect, later identified as Samantha Shader, 27, of the little Hudson Valley town of Catskill, tried to flee but was caught and arrested, authorities said. She now faces federal explosives charges. Her younger sister, Darian, was also booked on suspicion of resisting arrest.
...
The documents say Shader spent the last decade traveling the country “committing various crimes.” She was arrested 11 times in 11 states and convicted in three of those incidents. One was a drug charge in Oklahoma, according to the documents. Another was interfering with an officer in Connecticut. In Texas, she was convicted of assault causing bodily injury, the documents say. Prosecutors said she posed such a “severe and ongoing” risk that if were she to be released before trial she would “return to rioting.”

The judge agreed, and on Monday Shader was ordered held without bail until a preliminary hearing next week.
...
Angelique said Shader, who goes by Sam, plays the ukulele and spent years on the road working as a busker. Angelique said she didn’t know about Shader’s criminal history, but she defended her friend, saying in a Facebook message, “When you're out there on the road, especially as a young female, you may come into trouble. But that does not make a young woman a criminal or that any alleged past criminal history is their ‘fault.’”

What George Floyd and Christian Cooper have in common

Matt · 6 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One such murder: that of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African-American from Chicago, who was lynched in Mississippi in 1955 after being accused of offending a white woman, Carolyn Bryant, in her parents' grocery store. The all-white, all-male jury took 67 minutes to acquit the two men accused of the crime. One juror reportedly said, "If we hadn't stopped to drink pop, it wouldn't have taken that long."

According to a news report at the time, one of the defense lawyers, J. W. Kellum, told the jury that they were "custodians of American civilization," adding, "I want you to tell me where under God's shining sun is the land of the free and the home of the brave if you don't turn these boys loose; your forefathers will absolutely turn over in their graves."

...

Cases in which fictitious black men were accused of crimes are too numerous to list, but some have caught the mainstream public's attention more than others. In 1994, Susan Smith, a South Carolina mother of two, told police a black man had driven off with her young children strapped into the back of the car. After her car was found in a lake, she was sentenced to 30 years in prison for the murders of her 3- and 1-year-olds.'

‘Don’t Forget the White Women!’: Members Say Racism Ran Rampant at NOW

Mastodon · 8 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In interviews with The Daily Beast, nearly a dozen members, employees, and visitors recalled women of color being heckled, silenced, or openly disparaged at NOW meetings and offices. The behavior culminated at the 2017 conference where, witnesses say, members dismissed Fortson-Washington, a black woman, as “angry” and entitled, and accused Weeks of being a “hot-headed Latina.” On the last day of the conference, more than a dozen women marched around a conference room to protest racism inside the organization.

But the problem didn’t stop there. Internal emails, documents and interviews obtained by the Daily Beast reveal that allegations of racism reached the highest levels of the organization after Weeks and Fortson-Washington’s loss. More than a dozen employees at the national headquarters signed onto a letter accusing President Toni Van Pelt of sidelining and disparaging women of color, and the previous vice president has filed a federal racial discrimination suit.'

17 states, DC sue Betsy DeVos over Trump admin's due process protections

Mastodon · 11 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One month after the Department of Education, under the direction of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, released its new guidelines for Title IX revisions campuses, the attorney general's of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and California have sued to block the department's efforts.

While the attorneys general of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and California are leading the case, the lawsuit is backed by the attorneys general of 14 other states plus the District of Columbia. In early May, DeVos unveiled the new Title IX regulations for sexual harassment on campuses. The biggest takeaways from the new rules are the expansion of due process for those accused of sexual misconduct.'

The Wing's co-founder resigns amid controversy over treatment of minority staff

Matt · 12 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Oh the irony. Excerpt:

'Civil rights movements were good for Audrey Gelman, a founder of the upscale women-only club and co-working space the Wing, until they weren't.

She adroitly navigated the cultural tide of feminism, female empowerment and the #MeToo movement, transforming herself from a publicist to a veritable power broker.

Ms. Gelman, 33, resigned Thursday. Shortly after she did so, employees went on virtual strike to protest her leadership and to ask for sweeping changes to the management of the Wing, especially its treatment of black and brown employees.
...
"The decision is the right thing for the business and the best way to bring The Wing along into a long overdue era of change," Ms. Gelman wrote to colleagues. She maintains an ownership stake of more than 10 percent in the company and will remain on the board.

"I'm looking forward to spending a little time as a stay-at-home mom," Ms. Gelman said in an interview Thursday night. She declined to comment further.

"We have been told over and over by our leadership that we're a mission-driven company, even as the company's actions consistently prove otherwise," employees wrote in a statement Thursday afternoon. "In solidarity with so many of our colleagues — past, present, and in particular, the black and brown people without whom The Wing would not exist — as a united group of employees, we are participating in a virtual walkout beginning today."'

UK: No10 confirms race commission will also examine why working-class white boys are behind in school

Mastodon · 15 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Number 10 has confirmed Boris Johnson's new commission on racial disparities will look at "wider inequalities" such as why working-class white boys are behind others in school.

It comes after the review was branded a "back of a fag* packet" plan designed to "assuage the Black Lives Matter protest" by Labour.

Confirming work to establish the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities has already begun, the Prime Minister's official spokesman said a report and recommendations are expected by the end of the year.

He confirmed its membership is yet to be announced, but it will "examine continuing racial and ethnic inequalities in Britain", reporting into Mr Johnson with the support of the existing Race Disparity Unit.'

* "fag" is British slang for "cigarette"

'mensactivism.org' now has a Facebook Page

Matt · 15 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Since people seem to be getting most of their news information from social media off-links these days, I thought I'd join the 21st century some more and I created a 'mensactivism.org' Facebook Page. To subscribe to it, just search Facebook for 'mensactivism.org' and you should get the page. Then Like it and you'll be subscribed to it.

My immediate plan is to duplicate the news items hereon to that page in an effort to make life easier for MANN's readers. Feel free to share posts to it to your own feed.

You can get to the Page directly with https://fb.me/mensactivism

USC Football Player Who Was Expelled After an Unfair Title IX Investigation Wins in Court

Matt · 16 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The 2017 expulsion of former University of Southern California (USC) football player Matt Boermeester for intimate partner violence was so blatantly unfair that Education Secretary Betsy DeVos cited the case as an argument for revising federal guidance on campus sexual assault adjudication. (DeVos's new rules, which restore some due process protections to students accused of misconduct, will take effect in the fall.)

After three years, Boermeester has won an: an appeals court reversed his utterly unjust expulsion in a ruling last week.

"The California Court of Appeal's decision, finding that USC violated Matt Boermeester's right to basic fairness, is a great initial victory," said Andrew Miltenberg, an attorney for Boermeester, in a statement. "We will not rest until Matt Boermeester's name is cleared and USC answers for their blatant misconduct."

Boermeester is also pursuing a federal lawsuit against USC alleging breach of contract, infliction of emotional distress, negligence, and selective enforcement of Title IX, the federal law that prohibits sex-based discrimination in education and compels schools to investigate sexual misconduct.'

China Is Collecting DNA From Tens of Millions of Men and Boys, Using U.S. Equipment

Matt · 17 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Why just males, I wonder? Excerpt:

'The police in China are collecting blood samples from men and boys from across the country to build a genetic map of its roughly 700 million males, giving the authorities a powerful new tool for their emerging high-tech surveillance state.

They have swept across the country since late 2017 to collect enough samples to build a vast DNA database, according to a new study published on Wednesday by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, a research organization, based on documents also reviewed by The New York Times. With this database, the authorities would be able to track down a man's male relatives using only that man's blood, saliva or other genetic material.

An American company, Thermo Fisher, is helping: The Massachusetts company has sold testing kits to the Chinese police tailored to their specifications. American lawmakers have criticized Thermo Fisher for selling equipment to the Chinese authorities, but the company has defended its business.

The project is a major escalation of China's efforts to use genetics to control its people, which had been focused on tracking ethnic minorities and other, more targeted groups. It would add to a growing, sophisticated surveillance net that the police are deploying across the country, one that increasingly includes advanced cameras, facial recognition systems and artificial intelligence.'

The Dutch university that's only hiring women

Mastodon · 17 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As a female computer scientist, Alexia Athanasopoulou is used to being in the minority. “People have asked me: ‘you’re a girl, why are you doing this?’”. But it was when she moved to the Netherlands to start her PhD that she noticed a big difference. “The ratio of men to women in my engineering department was very high, and this had consequences for the working culture,” she says.

That women are underrepresented in science, technology, engineering and maths (Stem) is a well-known problem. The statistics for gender balance in higher education are similarly bleak: the European Commission estimates that women make up 48% of graduates but hold only 24% of senior academic roles, falling to 15% in Stem. Dutch universities are particularly gender imbalanced, and last year Eindhoven University of Technology (TUE) sat at the bottom of the pile with women representing just 15% of professors.

The university is hoping a bold new approach to hiring practices may change that trajectory. It has made headlines by pledging only to hire women across all academic positions and at all levels until it reaches a target of 30% women professors in every department. New vacancies must be closed to men for the first six months, after which departments may open up the recruitment pool, provided they can demonstrate that no qualified women were available.'

In our opinion: The world must reenthrone the vital role of fathers

Matt · 21 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Society is reeling from the retreat of men from the home, neighborhood and society. Some have given up or given in to declining morals, values and narcissism. Others are struggling to be good fathers, are worried about making ends meet and are stressed about helping their children succeed. And still others feel they have failed as fathers and wonder if they are even needed anymore.

The world seems determined to dumb-down and even dismiss the role of men and fathers. The media often portrays men as knuckleheaded, bumbling idiots who have to constantly be saved from themselves.

Bashing men over the head with their faults while diminishing all the good they do is not helpful to men, women or children.

Numerous studies point to the fact that having a positive father or father figure in the home can be life-changing for children.'

How The Wing's Empire Was Built On Trauma, Racism, and Neglect

Matt · 22 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Interesting study in human nature. Take away the common enemy (in this case, men) and the group finds other faultlines down which to fracture. Excerpt:

'The post ended on a defiant note: “We are angry, we are grieving, and we are with you. Black Lives Matter.”

Former and current Wing employees are calling bullshit. In interviews with Jezebel, 11 people who have been employed by the corporation allege it fostered a climate of racist mistreatment in the workplace, and that it spanned from now-former CEO Audrey Gelman on down to individual members of the space.

“If they cared, they would have blacklisted members who were being rude to us and racist,” says Johana Broughton, a black former Wing employee who worked at the SoHo location from August 2018 until she was let go in February 2019. “Because they’re looking at us like we’re supposed to be the maid.”

Black women have built The Wing. They bus tables, make coffee, wash dishes, keep the space tidy, and pour wine for white women. And they’re expected to do it all while being quiet and invisible lest they chip away at The Wing’s pretty pink reputation as a women’s only paradise.'

Hollywood's Male #MeToo Stigma and the Fear of Coming Forward: "It's Looked Upon as a Weakness"

Matt · 26 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last fall, Johnathon Schaech was running out of options. After making a living as an actor for 30 years — 1996's That Thing You Do! was his breakout — he was in danger of losing his SAG health insurance from lack of work, and he and his wife were trying to have a baby. Schaech, 50, had become something of an unwitting spokesman for male #MeToo victims in 2018 after he said Italian director Franco Zeffirelli had sexually assaulted him on the set of the movie Sparrow in 1993. (Before Zeffirelli died in June 2019, his son, Pippo, denied the allegations in People magazine.) In the aftermath of that disclosure, Schaech found his acting opportunities drying up, and he parted with his agency, APA, and manager, Risa Shapiro.

"I've never been so vulnerable in my life," Schaech says. "Like, whoa, wait a minute. What did I just do?" Schaech was unsure if his newfound vulnerability was hurting his confidence as an actor or if he was being blacklisted for speaking out. "People were taking one side of the #MeToo movement or the other, like a friend of theirs was called out or a friend of theirs was affected," he says. "They didn't necessarily hear my story. They heard their story." Schaech began reaching out to friends for help and secured a meeting with showrunner Greg Berlanti, for whom he had worked on The CW show Legends of Tomorrow. They spoke about parallels between the way gay people in Hollywood had historically been shunned after they came out and the way Schaech worried the industry might be treating him now. Berlanti re-hired Schaech, allowing the actor to retain his health insurance.'

U.S. Women’s Soccer Denied Immediate Appeal Over Equal Pay Claims That Were Thrown Out In Court

Matt · 26 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'U.S. District Judge R. Gary Klausner ruled in May that the women’s team had not proven their pay discrimination claims, finding that they actually turned down the very equal pay structure they now demand, The Daily Wire previously reported.

“The WNT was willing to forgo higher bonuses for benefits, such as greater base compensation and the guarantee of a higher number of contracted players,” Klausner wrote. “Accordingly, plaintiffs cannot now retroactively deem their CBA (collective bargaining agreement) worse than the MNT (men’s national team) CBA by reference to what they would have made had they been paid under the MNT’s pay-to-play terms structure when they themselves rejected such a structure.”

...

The women’s team sued in March 2018 claiming they were denied equal pay by the USSF. The USSF later released a “fact sheet” explaining that the women’s team lost the federation millions of dollars and yet they still out-earned their male counterparts. The women’s team, while claiming unequal treatment, collectively bargained for their pay structure, just like the men’s team. The women receive a base salary of $100,000 each year and an additional salary of $67,500 to $72,500 for playing in the National Women’s Soccer League. The men’s team does not have this agreement, they only receive bonuses. The women’s team also receives bonuses at a higher percentage of what the men’s team earns, yet because women’s soccer brings in less money, they receive less in bonuses. The women’s team also has benefits like a retirement plan and health insurance. The men’s team does not receive any benefits.'

Professor sues university for $7.9 million for destroying reputation with baseless grades-for-sex investigation

Matt · 26 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Illinois continued to probe “demonstrably false” sex-for-grades allegations against a professor even after it agreed to end the investigation in return for his resignation, according to the professor’s lawyers.

When it learned Joseph Petry’s accuser was trying to “blackmail” him for giving her a bad grade, the taxpayer-funded institution did not publicize its findings to the same degree it promoted the allegations, Petry’s lawyers said in a press release accompanying his lawsuit (below).

Filed in the Illinois Court of Claims, which adjudicates litigation against the state, Petry’s breach-of-contract lawsuit is seeking nearly $7.9 million from the Board of Trustees for damaging his reputation and future employment opportunities.

He claims approximately $5.2 million in lost wages, $537,046 for lost tax deductions, $103,000 in legal expenses and an additional $2 million for mental distress.'

Nikola Tesla - "Mr. Tesla Explains Why He Will Never Marry"

Matt · 26 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Interesting piece about an article re Nikola Tesla. Possibly his same words could have been written today. Excerpt:

'WHEN a man who has made a name for himself deliberately chooses to remain a bachelor the world is naturally curious to know what the reasons were that impelled him to this choice.

Marriage has come to be considered the natural thing for every normal man, and when some pre-eminent man shows a firm determination to sidestep it everybody wonders whether his superior intelligence has revealed to him some fatal defects in the institution of matrimony which are not apparent to the average person.
...
"I had always thought of woman," says Mr. Tesla, "as possessing those delicate qualities of mind and soul that made her in these respects far superior to man. I had put her on a lofty pedestal, figuratively speaking, and ranked her in certain important attributes considerably higher than man. I worshiped at the feet of the creature I had raised to this height, and, like every true worshiper, I felt myself unworthy of the object of my worship.

"But all this was in the past. Now the soft-voiced gentle woman of my reverent worship has all but vanished. In her place has come the woman who thinks that her chief success in life lies in making herself as much as possible like man--in dress, voice and actions, in sports and achievements of every kind."'

Wikipedia on Tesla here.

Justin Bieber files $20 million defamation lawsuit against women who accused him of assault

Matt · 26 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Justin Bieber has filed a $20 million defamation lawsuit against two women who accused him earlier this week of sexual assault.

The two women posted the allegations on their respective Twitter accounts. Bieber's lawsuit, which was filed Thursday, calls the allegations "fabricated." CNN has obtained a copy of the lawsuit.

Bieber's complaint calls the allegations "factually impossible" and says they are "contradicted by her own prior written statements, are supported only by falsified or faked texts, and her allegations are a complete fabrication for the self-stated purpose of garnering fame and attention, and there are numerous witnesses to contradict Kadi's malicious lies."
...
The second woman, listed as Jane Doe-1 and identified as "Danielle" in the complaint, accused Bieber of assaulting her on March 10, 2014 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin, Texas. She has since deleted her tweets.

Bieber's lawsuit refutes the allegation.
"Danielle fabricated her sexual encounter with Bieber at the Four Seasons Hotel because it was publicly reported that Bieber had dinner at the Four Seasons Restaurant on March 10, 2014 and presumed that Bieber was at the hotel because of the public reports of him dining at the restaurant," the filing continues. "However, even though Bieber went to the restaurant, he did NOT stay at the Four Seasons Hotel."'

mensactivism now has a Parler account

Matt · 28 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

"Parler" is a relatively new Twitter-like communication service that has quickly grown very popular because unlike Twitter, it has no content-limiting policies. Twitter has been accused of selectiveness in the enforcement of its policies, which also have been accused of being arbitrary. Twitter has at times been accused also of outright censorship. So Parler has arisen as an alternative.

MANN will continue to use Twitter but will also use Parler for the occasional announcement or activism opportunity.

Parler is available for both Apple iPhones and Android-based smartphone operating systems. It can be found in the Apple AppStore and on Google Play.

The Parler account to subscribe to for MANN is @mensactivism.

Harvard will drop policy targeting all-male ‘final clubs'

Mastodon · 30 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Harvard said Monday that it will no longer enforce a ban on single-gender social clubs, after concluding that the prohibition would likely not withstand a legal challenge from a group of fraternities and sororities who had asked a federal judge just hours earlier to halt the policy.

The policy bars Harvard students who are members of unrecognized single-sex social organizations from holding leadership positions in recognized student organizations and athletic teams. It also bars members of the groups from receiving college administered fellowships.

“Harvard is fairer and better when a student’s gender does not stand as a barrier to social opportunities while in college or inhibit students’ access to alumni networks that can help enable opportunities later in life,” Harvard president Lawrence S. Bacow said in a message to the Harvard community.'

UK: Accountant sacked after accusing boss of ‘mansplaining’ in office dress code row

Mastodon · 30 June 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Zhihui Lu asked her manager Matt Brunton "who was he as a man to be telling her what she can and cannot wear?"

In a "loud and aggressive tirade" the Durham University graduate then asked whether he thought her bra was appropriate and tried to show him her bra strap, a tribunal was told.

The 'completely inappropriate' outburst was just one of a number of incidents of misconduct that led to Miss Lu being fired after just three years at the accounting giant, a panel heard.

After she was given the boot she took them to the tribunal claiming the firm had discriminated against her.

But the panel sided with KPMG and dismissed her claims for unfair dismissal, harassment, and disability and race discrimination entirely.'

Woman, 22, who had 'sexual contact' three times with a boy, 14, avoids jail

Matt · 2 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who had sexual contact with a 14-year-old boy she met online has been spared prison.

Sophie Johnson engaged in sexual activity with the schoolboy on three occasions within the space of a few days, a court heard.

Newcastle Crown Court heard she had ignored warnings about his age and failed to take steps to ensure he was over 16.

However, once she realised how young he was, she stopped what was happening between them.
...
Johnson, of Elswick, Newcastle, who has no previous convictions, pleaded guilty to five counts of sexual activity with a child and was sentenced to a three year community order and must sign the sex offenders register for five years.

Setencing her, Judge Sarah Mallett said: 'This was a relationship of mutual affection, there was no pressure applied or grooming of any sort.
...
'She's a young lady who presents with a maturity level much younger than her age and she has her own vulnerabilities.

'She's remorseful and embarrassed and your honour can be confident that the court will not see her again.'

"Make Men Masculine Again"

Matt · 6 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Came across this video in my YouTube travels and thought it was a contender. I don't much like the appeal to stereotyped roles it uses but the overall message I think is on target. What is that overall message? Simply: Feminising men doesn't create better men. It creates weak men who can't resist actual "toxic masculinity" which is better characterized by such actions as rape, waging aggressive war, etc. Worth the watch. In fact a lot of Prager University videos are pretty darn good viewing. Enjoy.

Appeals court reinstates anti-male bias lawsuit against Oberlin

Matt · 6 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Oberlin College likely discriminated against a male student when it found him guilty of sexual assault based on his female sexual partner allegedly saying “I am not sober,” a federal appeals panel ruled 2-1 last week.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a lower court’s decision that found no sex-based discrimination in the private college’s judgment against “John Doe.” It remanded the case back to U.S. District Judge Solomon Oliver nearly a year after John and Oberlin submitted their appellate briefs.

Even the dissenting opinion agreed that John has a “colorable claim” on the first prong of the “erroneous outcome” test for Title IX violations: “casting doubt on the accuracy of his disciplinary proceeding’s outcome.”

Jane Roe’s alleged comment to John that “I am not sober” was the only evidence Oberlin cited that John did not get her consent. It ignored evidence of Jane changing her story during a hearing and statements from John’s advisor, appointed by Oberlin’s Title IX team, that suggest bias against him.'

Extraordinary details of Johnny Depp and Amber Heard's marriage on day one of libel case

Matt · 8 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Johnny Depp has denied being a "wife beater" and accused his ex-wife Amber Heard of being the abuser in their marriage on the first day of his libel case.

In a day of lurid evidence at the High Court, the Hollywood star documented his drug-taking history, which started at the age of 11, and how he realised his marriage was over when he found faeces in his bed.

The court heard a claim from Depp that Heard punched him in the face on a plane and also threw bottles of vodka at him, severing his finger.

Depp is suing The Sun's publisher, News Group Newspapers (NGN), after an article referred to "overwhelming evidence" that he attacked Heard during their relationship.'

Dutch university told to stop offering women-only job vacancies

Mastodon · 9 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Eindhoven University only advertised scientific vacancies to women to improve the gender ratio in permanent staff in July 2019.

If a job isn't filled within six months, men are eligible to apply.

New female staff also receive a $172,000 research fund and special mentoring programme.

An anti-discrimination bureau took the university to the Human Rights Council after receiving 50 complaints.

A Board of Human Rights ruled Eindhoven University "in conflict" with Dutch equal treatment legislation on July 3.
...
The Council's ruling is not legally binding but can be used as evidence in a court case.'

Trump Administration Launches Campaign To Reduce Suicides

Matt · 9 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Suicide is a major, yet not often discussed, issue in modern society, and on Tuesday, the Trump administration took a step toward reducing high rates by launching a national campaign called REACH.

Fox News reported that digital ads will be appearing on the Internet Wednesday displaying a message that “suicide is preventable,” and that together, we can reduce the rates.

...

In 2018, NBC reported that mental health and suicide is an issue particularly affecting men and boys, who are taught not to share their feelings.

“While teenage girls attempt suicide more often than teenage boys, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, boys are more likely to die by suicide. Suicide rates for teenage boys and girls rose steadily from 2007 to 2015. In 2015, there were 1,537 suicides documented for boys ages 15 to 19 and 524 for girls, according for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,” the outlet reported.'

They Were Accused Of Rape And Jailed For One Year Even Though DNA Proved Their Innocence. They're Now Suing.

Matt · 9 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two black teenagers were jailed for nearly one year in Richland County, South Carolina after being charged with rape. They remained in prison even after DNA evidence proved they didn't commit the crime and months after another man was charged with the crime.

...

Both men provided DNA samples, and once they had defense attorneys, began requesting results.

"Without DNA test results, prosecutors in the cases added on two additional charges of kidnapping and armed robbery in November 2015," FITSNews reported. "In April 2016 DNA test results came back in the case, but they matched another person named Marquise Randolph. Randolph was also charged in the case, at the same time English and Powell were still sitting behind bars in the same crime."

...

They're now suing Sheriff Leon Lott and the Richland County Sheriff's Department for "wrongful arrest / false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, negligence and gross negligence in the hiring supervision and detention of employees," FITSNews reported.'

SAVE Files Amicus Brief Against 18 Attorneys' General, In Support of New Title IX Regulation

Matt · 10 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / July 10, 2020 – SAVE filed an Amicus Brief yesterday in support of the recently released Title IX regulation, which seeks to restore fairness and due process in campus sexual harassment cases. The Amicus Brief highlights the legal inadequacies of the attorneys' general Complaint, and urges that the Court dismiss their request for a preliminary injunction.

In 2011 the Department of Education issued a "Dear Colleague Letter" that imposed a range of new campus adjudication procedures for sexual assault cases. These changes removed a number of due process protections, such as the right of parties to be represented by counsel. As a result, hundreds of lawsuits were filed against colleges (1). Amidst intense public pressure, the Department of Education revoked its notorious Dear Colleague Letter in 2017, and later issued a new regulation on May 6, 2020. (2)

One month later, the attorneys' general from 18 states filed a lawsuit seeking to block the long-awaited regulation. The lawsuit claimed the new regulation will "reverse decades of effort to end the corrosive effects of sexual harassment on equal access to education." (3)'

Female Mountie keeps her job after groping a fellow B.C. officer twice

Matt · 10 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A B.C. Mountie who fondled the genitals of one of her fellow constables, groped his thigh and made inappropriate sexual comments to him has lost 20 days of pay and 10 vacation days.

Because of her discreditable conduct, Campbell River Const. Valerie Little will also be ineligible for promotion for two years, has to work under supervision for one year and is restricted from working in the same detachment as the man she groped, according to a January decision from the RCMP's conduct board.

"I find that a reasonable person in society, with knowledge of all the relevant circumstances, including the realities of policing in general and the RCMP in particular, would view Const. Little's actions as likely to bring discredit to the force," Josée Thibault wrote in the board's decision.

But Thibault said Little's actions don't meet the bar for firing, because the officer has shown "potential to reform or rehabilitate" by completing a university degree and consulting with a psychologist every week.'

NCFM Vice-President and Dear Friend Marc Angelucci murdered

Matt · 12 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is really bad news. Excerpt:

'Marc Angelucci, 1968-2020

Marc Etienne Angelucci, Vice-President and Board Member of the National Coalition for Men (NCFM) and longtime President and Founder of the Los Angeles Chapter of NCFM, was tragically murdered early in the morning of July 11, 2020, in front of his home in Crestline, California.

Marc Angelucci was truly beloved, with a personality that had a magnetism that many of his friends and colleagues found to be truly magical. Marc was an unbelievably generous man, living on a shoestring despite some personal health challenges so he could donate many millions of dollars of his time to mostly voluntary legal work on behalf of men's rights and the genuine gender equality that is so badly needed in this country and this world.

The motive behind Marc's murder is not yet determined though the San Bernardino County Sheriff deserves our gratefulness for diligently working to determine the facts, including driving to Marc's family's home in Los Angeles and to NCFM President Harry Crouch's home near San Diego to investigate Marc's death.

Marc compiled a truly legendary set of legal achievements, including recently winning an equal protection case against the Selective Service Administration overturning male-only draft registration. In 2008 Marc won a landmark appellate case against the State of California (Woods v. Horton) which held it is unconstitutional to exclude male victims of domestic violence from state funding for victim services. Marc also helped draft and enact legislation to stop paternity fraud, served on the California DCSS Paternity Committee, served on the Training Committee of the L.A. County Domestic Violence Council, and testified before the California Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees. In a remarkable tribute to Marc's skill at building bridges and remedying discrimination, the Southern Poverty Law Center, which some might think would be opposed to much of his work, invited him to be an Honoree on their Wall of Tolerance.'

Top feminist organizations are plagued by racism, 20 former staffers say

Mastodon · 13 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women of color have struggled to find that same sense of belonging at NOW. In the 54 years since the organization was founded, few women of color have risen to its highest ranks. The organization's leadership has always been dominated by white women, said Katherine Turk, a professor of history and gender at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who writes about NOW in her forthcoming book, "A Dangerous Sisterhood." Ten of NOW's 11 presidents have been white women. Twelve of its current 17 board members are white.

It's not just NOW. Veteran feminist organizations, led by white women with roots in the second wave, have not made room for women of color, especially black women, according to interviews with 20 former staffers from the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) and NOW. Former employees say staffers of color are concentrated in lower level positions, with white leadership shaping organizational priorities that feel largely irrelevant to women who are not white, straight, cisgender, highly educated and upper-middle class. Employees of color were often made to feel like "tokens," many said, rolled out to show diversity but derided and dismissed within the confines of the office.'

Male student sues uni after expulsion over double-standard

Mastodon · 14 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A male student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) is suing after the school expelled him for sexual misconduct even after evidence was presented that showed he was the victim.

The student, referred to as John Doe in court documents reviewed by The Daily Wire, says in his lawsuit that he informed ERAU that he was too intoxicated to engage in sexual activity and witness statements back him up, yet the school relied on antiquated gender stereotypes about male sexuality to say his claim wasn't credible.

The lawsuit stems from an encounter between John and a student referred to only as Jane Roe that took place on October 26, 2019 following a Halloween party at John's home. John and Jane, according to the lawsuit, had been exchanging text messages for weeks prior to the party and had gone on several dates, though John no longer has the messages.

John says he had about 15 alcoholic drinks the night of the incident, and witnesses stated he was "drunk" while others said Jane appeared fine.'

Marc Angelucci's murder suspected by friends of being a hit

Matt · 15 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Co-workers and friends of the men's rights attorney who was shot dead in front of his California home this weekend say his killing could be related to his court cases.

Marc Angelucci, 52, a board member of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Coalition for Men (NCFM), was killed at his front door in Crestline on Saturday around 4pm.

...

'It maybe related to our cases, I am sure the cowards that murdered my friend in cold blood won't be stupid enough to come after a pro #2A Congressional candidate,' she added.

Kennedy said she and Angelucci gave 'a devastating blow to our opposition' on Friday.

'We talked laughed hugged each other and planned to meet this week to go over next steps. We wee such a good legal team,' she said.

His friend and former Congressional candidate DeAnna Lorraine tweeted claiming his death was a 'hit', noting he was about to win a 'huge case' in Mariposa County.'

Who killed Red Pill lawyer Marc Angelucci – and why?

Matt · 20 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Homicide detectives are investigating, the investigation is ongoing, and the motive for the shooting is recorded in official documents as being “unknown” at this time.

Except, it’s not “unknown” is it?

This bears all the marks of a hit.

The question that must be answered now is – if it was a hit, who was behind the killing?
...
Never, ever again may anyone attempt to assert that there is no war on men and boys in the US or around the world.

Do not ever attempt to assert that feminism has any interest, regard or ambition to pursue “equality”.

And do not for one second think that the growing, passionate movement which is fighting back against female supremacy, warped discrimination and seeking true equal rights for all, is going to let Marc Angelucci’s death disappear from headlines.

This murder, this hit, this utterly foul destruction of a valuable and cherished life speaks volumes about the walls of power.

Whether this was a coven of feminist witches desperate to remove such a slick operator, or someone powerful who he successfully challenged, whoever ordered this hit is an enemy of equality, peace, harmony and fairness.'

Attorney who murdered judge's son suspected in Marc Angelucci murder

Matt · 21 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If true it will sure be a really sad day for the MRM. But history teaches us we are more likely to be victimized by someone we know or who is "on our team" vs. any other kind of person. Still, this is a suspicion at the moment. Nothing conclusive yet. Excerpt:

'The men's rights lawyer suspected of gunning down the son of a federal judge may have been hunting down enemies after being diagnosed with cancer — and may be linked to the July 11 California slaying of another attorney.

Roy Den Hollander — who allegedly stormed the North Brunswick, NJ, home of federal Judge Esther Salas — was found dead from an apparent suicide early Monday in Sullivan County, about a two-hour drive from the judge's home.

After his death, the FBI contacted New York Chief Judge Janet DiFiore to report that her name and photo were found in Hollander's car, the New York Times reported Monday. The agents did not specify if they believed DiFiore was a possible target.

Authorities are also investigating a possible link to the shooting of attorney Marc Angelucci, who was shot at his California home earlier this month, allegedly by a man dressed in a Federal Express uniform, the outlet said.'

Murder of men's rights activist linked to suspected shooter of federal judge's family, FBI confirms

Matt · 22 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Authorities have evidence linking Roy Den Hollander, the men's rights attorney suspected of shooting a federal judge's family on Sunday, to the murder of another men's rights activist in California last week, FBI Newark spokeswoman Doreen Holder confirmed.

"As the FBI continues the investigation into the attack at the home of US District Court Judge Esther Salas (District of New Jersey), we are now engaged with the San Bernardino California Sheriff's Office and have evidence linking the murder of Marc Angelucci to FBI Newark subject Roy Den Hollander," she said in an email to CNN.

Altogether, the FBI connection suggests that Den Hollander allegedly killed his perceived rival, attacked the family of a perceived judicial enemy and then killed himself.'

Australia: Prior false complaints cannot be admitted in NSW rape trial, court rules

Mastodon · 23 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A jury in a NSW rape trial cannot be told about a complainant's alleged history of making false complaints and any change to the law would need to be made by Parliament, the Court of Criminal Appeal has said.

In a decision on Friday, a five-judge bench of the court said NSW laws protecting sexual assault complainants from being cross-examined about their sexual history also stopped evidence of prior false complaints being admitted in court.

...

His defence team sought to have admitted in court evidence of 12 prior false sexual assault complaints said to have been made by the complainant, most of which were made more than a decade earlier in 2001 and 2002 when the complainant was about 14.'

Sexual assault survivors are naming their assailants with #UtahRapists

Mastodon · 23 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many of the women now are publicly naming the people who allegedly assaulted them. The idea behind the social media movement, they say, is to make public the names of the accused so others will know who to avoid.
...
But some Utah attorneys feel this is a more malicious version that ignores due process rights for the accused.
...
Some have called for Twitter to ban the hashtag and take down lists that have been created of the accused attackers.

The accounts have no real way of vetting the individuals whose names have been published under #UtahRapists. Individuals could be posting them, too, to falsely accuse someone of assault. Additionally, someone may have committed assault or harassment, but not rape, and still be labeled a rapist.'

Enough Leaning In. Let’s Tell Men to Lean Out.

Mastodon · 24 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For women in this cultural moment, assertiveness is perhaps the ultimate in aspirational personal qualities. At the nexus of feminism and self-help lies the promise that if we can only learn to state our needs more forcefully — to “lean in” and stop apologizing and demand a raise and power pose in the bathroom before meetings and generally act like a ladyboss (though not a regular boss of course; that would be unladylike) — everything from the pay gap to mansplaining to the glass ceiling would all but disappear. Women! Be more like men. Men, as you were.

There are several problems with this fist-pumping restyling of feminism, most obviously that it slides all too easily into victim blaming. The caricature of the shrinking violet, too fearful to ask for a raise, is a handy straw-woman for corporations that would rather blame their female employees for a lack of assertiveness than pay them fairly.
...
So perhaps instead of nagging women to scramble to meet the male standard, we should instead be training men and boys to aspire to women’s cultural norms, and selling those norms to men as both default and desirable. To be more deferential. To reflect and listen and apologize where an apology is due (and if unsure, to err on the side of a superfluous sorry than an absent one). To aim for modesty and humility and cooperation rather than blowhard arrogance.
...
So H.R. managers and self-help authors, slogan writers and TED Talk talkers: Use your platforms and your cultural capital to ask that men be the ones to do the self-improvement for once. Stand up for deference. Write the book that teaches men to sit back and listen and yield to others’ judgment. Code the app that shows them where to put the apologies in their emails. Teach them how to assess their own abilities realistically and modestly. Tell them to “lean out,” reflect and consider the needs of others rather than assertively restating their own. Sell the female standard as the norm.'

Offensive lineman's girlfriend arrested for DV

Matt · 25 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If it can happen to an OL, it can happen to any man. Excerpt:

'The longtime girlfriend of Baltimore Ravens' D.J. Fluker was arrested earlier this month for an alleged incident of domestic violence, something the veteran offensive lineman claims has happened in the past.

Police were called to the couple's home in Reisterstown, Maryland on July 13 after Fluker claimed that his girlfriend Kimberly Davis, with whom he shares a child with, punched him in the nose during an argument over social media, FOX 45 reported, citing police documents.

...

Davis reportedly told police that she poked Fluker in the nose after he called her a bad mother, adding that she didn't intend to hurt him and that her fingernails could have scratched him causing him to bleed.

She was taken into custody and was charged with second-degree assault and destruction of property.

But Fluker told police that night that it wasn't the first time he's been a victim of domestic abuse.'

Johnny Depp's anger based on 'deep misogyny', court told

Mastodon · 27 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A “deep misogyny” lay at the root of the anger that Johnny Depp translated into violence – fuelled by an addiction to alcohol and drugs – against his then wife, Amber Heard, the high court has heard.

The actor’s recollection of “his own disgraceful conduct” was so severely impaired though drink and drugs he may not have been aware of “the extent of his violent and terrifying behaviour”, it was claimed.'

Amber Heard admits to ‘hitting’ Johnny Depp in recording

ASU male graduate can use Title IX in sexual misconduct case against him

Mastodon · 30 July 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sex discrimination is a possible explanation for the University's approach to a sexual misconduct case from late 2014, according to an opinion from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals posted Wednesday.

David Schwake, the plaintiff in the case and ASU alumnus with a master's degree in microbiology, was accused by a classmate for inappropriately touching her without her consent. Three weeks after Schwake received notice of the initial complaint, the University ruled that Schwake was "responsible for disciplinary charges," court documents said.

Schwake later took the case to a federal court in Arizona on the claim that he was discriminated against based on sex because of the University's handling of the case against him. A judge at the lower court immediately dismissed the case, saying that Schwake did not have a plausible claim for violation of his rights under Title IX.

But Wednesday's opinion reverses the lower court's decision, saying that Schwake did provide enough evidence to assume gender bias from the University.'

"Boys enjoy educational advantages despite being less engaged in school than girls"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Girls are more engaged in school than boys, and that is a big reason girls (and women) tend to do better educationally. But rather than thinking of engagement as an educational advantage, we might better consider it as protective to girls, who confront many other disadvantages in school and life.

This is the takeaway of a research brief I recently published in the journal Educational Researcher. Nationally, girls do better than boys on reading tests but trail boys on math tests. I analyzed nationally representative data on boys' and girls' fifth-grade reading and math test scores and reports of their classroom behavioral engagement throughout elementary school. I found that if there were no gender differences in behavioral engagement patterns through elementary school, fifth-grade reading test score gaps could reverse and math test score gaps could triple in size.'

"If Ellen DeGeneres leaves her show, Hollywood shouldn't replace her with a white man"

Mastodon · 6 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Since then, crew members, celebrities, and media personalities have publicly spoken out about DeGeneres' character and accused her of problematic behavior. Corden himself has also faced criticism following the news that he might be DeGeneres' successor, leading to backlash on Twitter from people accusing the "Late Late Show" host of trying to lower young writers' salaries or saying he acted in a similarly entitled way as DeGeneres has been accused of.

But regardless of your feelings about Corden or DeGeneres, the news that Corden could replace the longtime host points to a larger, more disturbing trend of talented women (especially queer women and women of color) consistently being sidestepped to pave the way for male comedians.'

Alice Coffin: ‘man-hater’ splits French feminists

Mastodon · 6 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The French feminist movement is split over the rise of an activist who advocates lesbianism and warns that all men are potential predators.

Alice Coffin, 42, is under police protection, having become the target of online insults and death and rape threats after her election in June as a councillor for the Europe Ecology Green Party in Paris.

She is facing anger from other feminists. Some accuse her of importing a man-hating form of feminism that has long been eschewed in France.'

Lawsuit Alleges Teen Boy in LA County Juvenile Hall Was Given Female Hormones

Mastodon · 7 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A teenage boy alleges he was given the female hormone estrogen after he was diagnosed with oppositional defiant disorder while in custody at a Los Angeles County juvenile hall last summer, a complaint filed in Los Angeles Superior Court last month states.

The boy, then 16, was given the medication without his or his parents' consent, but took it anyway because he feared if he didn't, he would face more severe punishment, court documents allege.

He alleges the medication caused him to develop an enlarging of his breast tissue and he suffered from symptoms of depression, anxiety, insomnia and headaches, among other problems, the complaint states.'

Ninth Circuit Adopts ‘Simpler’ Method for Accused Student Claims

Mastodon · 7 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit delivered a win for students accused of sexual misconduct on July 29, reinforcing the use of a “far simpler standard” for judges to determine whether colleges discriminated against these students based on their gender while investigating them for sexual assault or harassment.

Three federal circuit courts have now adopted the standard of “plausible inference,” as it is called, to rule on cases where a student claims their institution conducted a biased investigation against them using procedures developed under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the law that prohibits such discrimination at federally funded institutions. Under the standard, accused students must only “raise a plausible inference that the university discriminated” against them, which is less demanding than standards used in other circuits for similar claims.'

A third of House Democrats think destroying an innocent student's life is like a short-term suspension

Mastodon · 7 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly 80 House Democrats, including a constitutional law professor, signed a friend-of-the-court brief in a lawsuit against the Department of Education's Title IX regulation on campus sexual misconduct investigations, slated to take effect this month.

For anyone educated on the issue, the brief shows either stunning legal ignorance or stunning indifference toward students of all races and genders who may find themselves defenseless against university lawyers seeking to protect the institution's image.

It begins with an explicitly sexist message, purporting to "promote the safety of women and girls" and equating females with "victims."'

Democratic Party sets rules for criticizing Biden's VP pick Kamala Harris

Mastodon · 11 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Media organizations have just been warned by the Democratic Party machine that they better be very, very careful with how they cover Joe Biden's vice presidential choice — just revealed to be Kamala Harris. Any criticism of the expected woman will be considered racist and sexist, we are told. Oh, they wrap up that threat in a word salad, but that's the bottom line: There should be second and even third thoughts about any criticism of Mr. Biden's VP pick.

An actual memo went out from an ad hoc group of Democratic operatives (pretending to be advocates for women) to media organizations with orders on how to proceed with their coverage. The fact that they expected this partisan missive to be accepted and adhered to by media entities tells you all you need to know about the problem with today's legacy media.

For decades, the Democrats have enjoyed a pliant media. Ranging from covering up for John F. Kennedy's affairs, to ignoring Hillary Clinton's health and corruption issues during the 2016 race, the media certainly have never needed such a public reminder about their duty to handle a Democratic politician like a fragile, and special, golden egg. So why now? Because identity politics demands it, and with news now disseminated beyond the broadcast networks and just a few loyal newspapers, Democrats need to reinforce the need for media protection in order to gaslight the public about their real agenda and inherent incompetence.'

Leaked Docs Show US Gov Nuclear Facility Held ‘3-Day Reeducation Camps’ For White Men

Mastodon · 13 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal lab reportedly hosted a three-day mandatory training for its white male executives where they were instructed to apologize for their privilege, along with other tasks such as acknowledging the connection between “white male culture” and mass killings, per leaked documents reported by Christopher Rufo.
...
A ticket to the event is $3,000. It purports to teach participants to “recognize themselves as individuals and as members of the white male group” and “gain a systematic perspective and understanding of the costs of racism, sexism, heterosexism, oppression and unexamined privilege.”
...
White male culture is reportedly characterized as “rugged individualism,” “a can-do attitude,” “hard work” and “striving towards success” — all of which are “devastating” to women and people of color.

The men then reportedly apologize for their “privilege” and pledge to become “better [allies].”'

Court axes ‘Save James’ ruling, mom who wants gender ‘transition’ for 8-yr-old regains decision rights

Mastodon · 13 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, a Dallas judge took away Jeffrey Younger’s say in his son James’ medical, psychological, and psychiatric care, giving that power to James’ mother, who wants to “transition” him into a “girl.” After receiving national attention in October 2019, the bitter parental dispute had ultimately resulted in both parents getting a say in decisions regarding James and his twin, Jude; this ruling effectively reverses that.

James Younger’s mother, Dr. Anne Georgulas, will now be able to enroll the eight-year-old in school as a “girl” named “Luna” and subject him to transgender medical procedures.'

No, the Woke Won’t Debate You. Here’s Why

Matt · 14 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Long but worth it. Excerpt:

'There are a number of points within Critical Social Justice Theory that would see having a debate or conversation with people of opposing views as unacceptable, and they all combine to create a mindset where that wouldn’t be something that adherents to the Theory are likely or even willing to do in general. This reticence, if not unwillingness, to converse with anyone who disagrees actually has a few pretty deep reasons behind it, and they’re interrelated but not quite the same. They combine, however, to produce the first thing everyone needs to understand about this ideology: it is a complete worldview with its own ethics, epistemology, and morality, and theirs is not the same worldview the rest of us use.

Theirs is, very much in particular, not liberal. In fact, theirs advances itself rather parasitically or virally by depending upon us to play the liberal game while taking advantage of its openings. That’s not the same thing as being willing to play the liberal game themselves, however, including to have thoughtful dialogue with people who oppose them and their view of the world. Conversation and debate are part of our game, and they are not part of their game.'

Missouri women accused of luring husband to his death gets probation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Jefferson City woman who was accused of luring her ex-husband to his death has been sentenced to five years of supervised probation.

The Jefferson City News-Tribune reports that Suzanne Ponder, 48, also was sentenced to 60 days in jail but given credit for time served after pleading guilty Friday to an amended felony charge of abandonment of a corpse. She previously was charged with first-degree murder in the Nov. 24, 2015, death of Jon Williams.
...
Ponder reportedly told the inmate she had lured Williams to a creek in Moniteau County under the guise of using methamphetamine. The inmate said Ponder's then boyfriend, 58-year-old Sandy Gallaspie, who faces a first-degree murder charge, killed Williams when he arrived, according to court records.

The inmate said he helped dispose of the body by using a tractor to dig a hole on the property of Gallaspie's former boss. The ex-boss told authorities Gallaspie and the inmate were the only ones to have keys to the tractor.'

The Trump Administration's New Regulations On Campus Sexual Assault Have Just Taken Effect. What Will Biden Do About That If Elected?

Mastodon · 17 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While the Trump administration has been awful about following the Administrative Procedure Act (and, as a result, has had many of its policies struck down by the courts) it has been far better than the Obama administration concerning Title IX. It revoked the OCR letters and, as of last Friday, replaced them with a detailed set of rules that were subject to vigorous public comment. Substantively, while imperfect, they are a vast improvement.

Most importantly, the new rules give accused students the right to a hearing. This has long been considered the bare minimum that due process requires before accused students are seriously punished. But the Obama administration had insisted that a hearing might discourage sexual assault victims from coming forward. It pushed an inquisitorial model, where one investigator could decide which witnesses to interview, what to ask them, and how to weigh the evidence. That person could decide guilt or innocence and expel a student as a sex offender without the student having any real idea of what the evidence against him was.'

To cripple the abusive campus 'sex bureaucracy,' rein in the Title IX coordinators

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you want to entrench a government policy, make sure someone's job depends on enforcing it. Even if that person isn't a true believer in the program initially, she will be by the time her first paycheck arrives — and increasingly after that. That's certainly the case with the education system's Title IX coordinators, who are charged with overseeing schools' compliance with federal sex discrimination statutes and questionable regulatory dictates.

What do Title IX coordinators do? Their core job duty, at least in theory, is to monitor their institution's compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which helps ensure that institutions receiving federal money do not tolerate sexual harassment that effectively bars the victim's access to educational opportunity.'

NOW president steps down after allegations she oversaw a ‘toxic work environment’ and racism claims; cites health reasons for her departure

Mastodon · 17 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The head of the National Organization for Women announced Sunday that she would leave her post before Labor Day, citing health issues as the reason.

NOW president Toni Van Pelt sent an email to colleagues stating “very painful health issue” as her reason for stepping away and claimed her doctor had been urging her to take this step for months, according to The Daily Beast.

That political site notes that Van Pelt’s resignation follows an internal investigation that concluded “governance issues and evidence of a toxic work environment.”

The Daily Beast reported in June that there had also been multiple allegations of racism at the senior level of the 54-year-old civil rights organization, but NOW’s internal examination claimed those accusations could not be substantiated.'

Dutch University smacked down for banning men from applying for academic jobs

Mastodon · 25 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Eindhoven University of Technology banned all men from applying for all academic jobs for 18 months in a blatantly illegal bid to raise the percentage of female academics (in this case, scientists). The Dutch College voor de Rechten van de Mens, an “independent administrative body” that serves as a human rights council, said it violated the country’s law on “equal treatment,” the English-language DutchNews reports.

Though the ruling is not legally binding, it “can be used as evidence in any eventual court case,” according to the news outlet. The Dutch antidiscrimination nongovernmental organization RADAR said last fall it had received nearly 50 complaints about the Eindhoven policy.'

Beaufort Co. administrator discriminated against former white male employee, lawsuit says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A lawsuit filed Friday by a former Beaufort County director accuses County Administrator Ashley Jacobs of creating a hostile work environment and discriminating against him for being an “older white male.”

The suit, filed by Eric Larson, the county’s former director of Environmental Engineering & Land Management, says Jacobs violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by discriminating against Larson’s race and age, retaliating against him and creating a hostile work environment. The suit also names Beaufort County as a defendant.

Larson’s attorney, Bonnie Hunt, said she had instructed Larson not to discuss the suit.'

Yale Law Professor and Title IX Critic Suspended in Title IX Case

Mastodon · 28 August 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New York magazine reported that Jed Rubenfeld, Robert R. Slaughter Professor of Law at Yale University, was suspended for two years following a sexual harassment investigation. Upon returning to Yale, Rubenfeld will not be allowed to teach small groups or required courses. According to New York, sources said the university found a pattern of sexual harassment by Rubenfeld, such as unwanted touching and attempted kissing, involving several students.

Rubenfeld told the magazine that he never “sexually harassed anyone, whether verbally or otherwise. Yes, I’ve said stupid things that I regret over the course of my 30 years as professor, and no professor who’s taught as long as I have that I know doesn’t have things that they regret that they said.” He added, “Ironically, I have written about the unreliability of the campus Title IX procedures. I never expected to go through one of them myself.”

Rubenfeld reportedly said the identities of his accusers were not shared with him, but one accuser told New York that she did reveal her name to Rubenfeld, per Yale’s sexual harassment investigation policies. “I had to, and I did so at considerable risk given his influence in the legal community,” the unnamed source reportedly said. Yale declined comment. News of an investigation into Rubenfeld's conduct first broke in 2018.'

UN: COVID Reveals Male-Dominated, Male-Dominated Culture 'Which Damages Everyone'

Mastodon · 7 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Sunday, the United Nations, which hews to a leftist agenda, evinced more of its antagonistic attitude with a tweet quoting its Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, stating on August 31 that the coronavirus COVID-19 revealed a "male-dominated world with a male-dominated culture which damages everyone." The UN wrote, "The #COVID19 pandemic is demonstrating what we all know: millennia of patriarchy have resulted in a male-dominated world with a male-dominated culture which damages everyone — women, men, girls & boys."
...
The leftist perspective of the United Nations could be seen easily enough in a tweet from Guterres on September 2 in which he wrote that "terrorists" were exploiting COVID-19 to radicalize and recruit, but only named "Neo-Nazis, white supremacists, conspiracy theorists and others." No leftist groups like Antifa or others of their ilk were named.'

Gender-reveal party creator fed up with 'toxic masculinity' after fireworks spark another wildfire

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The woman credited with popularizing gender-reveal parties is once again condemning the over-the-top celebrations after a reveal-gone-wrong led to a massive wildfire in California, destroying more than 7,000 acres of forest so far.

But these pyrotechnic displays are a far cry from the trend blogger Jenna Karvunidis started in 2008, when she sliced into a cake to reveal pink frosting to signify her baby was going to be born a girl. And she's had enough.

"Stop it. Stop having these stupid parties. For the love of God, stop burning things down to tell everyone about your kid's penis. No one cares but you," Karvunidis wrote on her blog's Facebook page Monday.

"Toxic masculinity is men thinking they need to explode something because simply enjoying a baby party is for sissies."'

Male suicide is at a 20-year high. Given that the world hates us, is anyone surprised?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New official records reveal men in the UK are killing themselves at record levels and at a rate three times higher than women. Waging a war against straight, white males and calling masculinity “toxic” isn’t helping. Increasingly, men would rather die than live in the modern world.

That’s not melodrama, overstatement or embellishment on my part – it’s a cold, hard, depressing fact.
...
Even if this were partly true, it fails to acknowledge the much bigger factor in men’s deaths: the constant, nagging anti-male sentiment that now dominates modern culture, everywhere from classrooms to courthouses.

After all, there is no demographic more despised than men. Forget ISIS militants and convicted sex offenders, it’s ‘cis’ men who are public enemy number one.

If you’re male, you’re the enemy. But if you’re female, you’re the future.

This is the narrative that’s been building steadily over the past few decades. And it’s no coincidence that male suicide has grown alongside it.'

French official's attempts to outlaw ‘I hate men’ book backfires as sales skyrocket

Matt · 10 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ralph Zurmély, an adviser to France’s ministry on gender equality, said Pauline Harmange’s book should be banned for “inciting hatred” on the grounds of gender. France has several laws in place against speech that incites hatred based on race, religion or sexual orientation, for example.

In an email obtained by French investigative website Mediapart, Zurmély reminded the publishers that “incitement to hatred on the grounds of gender is a criminal offence” and threatened to take them to court if they did not pull the book – which he called an “ode to misandry” – from sale.

Harmange’s book questions whether women have good reason to hate men and notes that anger towards men can actually be “a joyful and liberating path”. The small French publisher behind the publication, Monstrograph, called it a “feminist and iconoclastic book” that suggests misandry can actually be a way of “making room for sisterhood”, English daily The Guardian reported.'

Man Ordered To Pay Spousal Support Even Though He Wasn't Married, Had No House Or Children

Matt · 13 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A wealthy Toronto businessman is on the hook to pay his ex-girlfriend more than $50,000 a month for the next 10 years after a court determined they were long-time spouses despite never being married and never living together.

Michael Latner, a reported multi-millionaire, was in a relationship with List Climans for 14 years. Latner was a divorced father of three while Climans was a separated mother of two when they began their romantic relationship in October 2001, the National Post reported. Throughout their 14-year relationship, the couple lived in separate homes, but would regularly stay over at each other's houses. They also went on vacation together, and Latner showered Climans with expensive gifts, including a 7.5-carat diamond ring and other jewelry. He also gave Climans "thousands of dollars each month, a credit card, [and] paid off her mortgage," the Post reported. Climans reportedly quit her job and would sleep at Latner's house often.

The two had their own bank accounts and never bought property together, nor did they have any children together.

Latner proposed to Climans several times—and she accepted. They were never married due to his request that she sign a marriage contract, which she refused.
...
After an eight-day trial, Superior Court Justice Sharon Shore ruled that Latner and Climans were, in fact, long-time spouses and that Latner should pay Climans $53,077 a month indefinitely. Shore ruled that even though the couple maintained separate homes, they spent part of the summer together at Latner's cottage and stayed together in Florida for winter vacations. That was enough to determine cohabitation.'

Title IX issues make cutting three men's sports necessary

Mastodon · 14 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph. Excerpt:

'The Gophers stand to lose $75 million in revenue without fall sports after the Big Ten canceled them a month ago. Cutting the three men's sports after the 2020-21 season will save the department only $2 million in fiscal year 2022 and an annual savings of $2.7 million once all the athletes with scholarships in those sports have graduated.

But reducing the number of male athletes by 58 will help the department's ratio better match that of the undergraduate population, which is 54% female.

...

Regent Thomas Anderson asked why the Gophers weren't adding women's teams to balance the Title IX numbers. Coyle, though, didn't really see that as an option. He said adding a women's team would cost millions to start up for scholarships, coaches, athletic medicine staff, strength and condition personnel and more. And that's still not enough.

"Adding just one women's sports would not solve the issue," Coyle said. "We would have to add more than one women's teams to keep the [Title IX] numbers in balance, given the difference."'

University of Oklahoma removes wall of retired faculty because it only includes 'white male faces'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Oklahoma Department of Political science has decided to remove and relocate a wall showcasing "retired members" of the department because it only includes "white male faces."

In an open statement addressing the racial turmoil around the United States, the University of Oklahoma Department of Political Science unveiled eight changes it believes will address racial inequalities within the Department, including the removal of the wall portraits of "retired members" of the department, noting that they only include "white male faces."

The statement, written by Department Chair Scott Robinson and signed by 32 members of the department, specifically addresses the ideas of criminal justice reform, social inequalities, and police brutality. Robinson acknowledges that the political science department has never spoken out on current socio-political issues before, but feels it is necessary to “speak for myself (and invite others to join me)”.'

Australia: NSW Labor proposal could see domestic violence perpetrators jailed for up to 10 years for coercive control

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Domestic violence perpetrators could be jailed for up to 10 years under proposed new coercive control laws set to be introduced to New South Wales Parliament next week.

The bill, being put forward by the NSW Labor Opposition, is the first attempt by a major party on the Australian mainland to criminalise the dangerous behaviours underpinning many abusive relationships.

Sometimes referred to as "intimate terrorism", coercive control is a form of domestic abuse in which a perpetrator uses a system of behaviours to dominate and control victims.

This includes isolating them from their friends and family, enforcing rigid rules, humiliating or insulting them or monitoring their movements.

As a result, victims often report feeling trapped and helpless.'

Boys being groomed online to hate women, British author warns

Mastodon · 20 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Young men and boys are being radicalised into hating women, the British author behind the Everyday Sexism Project has warned, saying online groups are targeting boys as young as 11.

Laura Bates, an author and campaigner best known for setting up an open archive that allowed women to report their everyday experiences of sexism, said she had become aware of the scale of the problem while visiting schools to talk about women's rights.

Over the last couple of years, she said, she noticed a major increase in school-age British boys expressing ideas and using language she had seen on radical online hate groups.

"They were parroting verbatim the same myths and misconceptions in schools across the country," Bates, whose new book, "Men who Hate Women", was published on Thursday, told the Thomson Reuters Foundation in an interview.

"They were quoting the same figures, they were giving the same false statistics."

Bates said her research showed teenage boys were being "very deliberately groomed and targeted by these groups" using memes, jokes and clickbait videos, with one group's manifesto saying boys as young as 11 should be targeted.'

Employee Punished After Criticizing White Male Reeducation Seminar Could Sue Nuclear Weapons Lab

Mastodon · 20 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Last year, Sandia National Laboratories—which designs America's nuclear weapons—hosted a" segregated "3-day reeducation camp for 'white males,' with the goal of exposing their 'white privilege' and deconstructing 'white male culture.'" So reports the Manhattan Institute's Christopher Rufo. "Last year, the national laboratory sent its white male executives to the La Posada luxury resort to undergo a mandatory training called 'White Men's Caucus on Eliminating Racism, Sexism, and Homophobia in Organizations.'"

In the opening session, trainers demanded that the men make a list of associations about white male culture. The trainers wrote "white supremacists," "KKK," "Aryan Nation," "mass killings," "MAGA hat," and "privileged." Afterwards, white male employees were told to expose the "roots of white male culture," which consists of "rugged individualism," "a can-do attitude," "striving towards success," and "hard work" — which sound great, but are actually "devastating" to women and people of color, according to the trainers, a company called "White Men as Full Diversity Partners."

In a later session, the white males were forced to recite publicly a series of "white privilege statements" and "male privilege statements." They had to accept their alleged complicity in creating oppression of women and people of color. At the end of the training, the white males had to "write letters 'directed to white women, people of color, and other groups'" in which they "apologize for their 'privilege.'"
...
Peterson could reasonably have thought that Sandia's anti-white training was racial harassment that created a hostile environment in violation of federal civil-rights laws. Forcing an employee to confess his complicity in oppression of women and people of color, just because of his race and sex, is extremely racist and sexist.

Courts have ruled that "baseless accusations of racism" made against employees because of their race are racial harassment that contributes to a racially hostile work environment in violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. (See Underwood v. Northport Health Services (1989)).

Courts have also ruled that anti-male diversity training seminars can be sexual harassment. (See Hartman v. Pena (1995))'

Biden v. the Courts on Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Any number of federal constitutional and statutory provisions reflect the proposition that, in this country, we determine guilt or innocence individually—rather than collectively, based on one's identification with some demographic group," wrote U.S. Appeals Court Judge Raymond Kethledge in a late June opinion. "That principle has not always been perfectly realized in our Nation's history, but as judges it is one that we take an oath to enforce."

...

Without recorded dissent from House or Senate Democrats, Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden has promised to restore the guidance that these summer decisions have resisted. Neither Biden nor any congressional Democrat has acknowledged these recent Appeals Court rulings—nor, for that matter, any of the 189 state or federal rulings favorable to accused students since the 2011 policy change.

This silence might seem to suggest an obvious question to reporters: would Democrats, who have denounced the Trump administration for defying the rule of law, now pressure universities to defy multiple federal court rulings? Such a line of questioning seems unlikely, though, if only because none of the summer's appellate decisions has received a mention from the New York Times. Or the Washington Post. Or the Los Angeles Times.'

Amy Coney Barrett, potential Supreme Court nominee, wrote influential ruling on campus sexual assault

Mastodon · 20 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Amy Coney Barrett, a leading contender for the Supreme Court seat held by the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg, wrote an influential appellate decision last year that made it easier for students accused of sexual assault to challenge universities' handling of their cases.

Barrett led a three-woman panel of judges that said Purdue University may have discriminated against a male student accused of sexual assault when it suspended him for a year, a punishment that cost him his spot in the Navy ROTC program.

...

"The person who is accused has a right to defend herself or himself, and we certainly should not lose sight of that," she said. "Recognizing that these are complaints that should be heard. There's been criticism of some college codes of conduct for not giving the accused person a fair opportunity to be heard, and that's one of the basic tenets of our system, as you know, everyone deserves a fair hearing."

Ginsburg added that she thought some of those criticisms of college codes were valid.'

India: Releasing female prisoners must be a priority during COVID-19

arindamp · 22 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

A sexist and prejudiced article by Gopalkrishna Gandhi, advocating women to be treated as first-class prisoners and men to be treated as second-class prisoners. This is the kind of anti-men and biased attitude still prevalent in India. Excerpt:

'The first reason can, for sheer simplification of argument, be called ‘biological’. Though crime is crime and a prisoner is a prisoner, the woman does happen to be different from the man just ‘in the way she is’. I am not attempting a biomedical stance here, nor entering some arcane zone of biochemistry. And I am not portraying her as the ‘weaker sex’, the quintessential abala. Women are in a sense less strong than men but they are not weaklings, or less ‘abled’ than men.

I am only adverting to the norm of civility that makes men in a sinking ship or a crash-landed aircraft have the evacuation principle of ‘women and children first’. The norm of women (and inseparable from them, their children) being given the privilege of monitored release for obviating Covid-19 priority continues the same norm. And this has to have stemmed from the fact that women menstruate, can become pregnant, lactate, undergo menopause. And in all those recurrent and inescapable conditions are inherently enfeebled and vulnerable to physical distress including, very specifically, emotional distress. Her physical and emotional constitution entitles the female of the species to a level of care above that of the male.'

Australia: NSW considers crackdown on 'dominating' husbands

Matt · 23 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'To reduce the stubbornly high number of women emotionally and financially abused by their husbands, NSW is considering a fundamental change in the way marriages are policed: by prosecuting spouses who control their partners' behaviour.

State Attorney-General Mark Speakman has, under pressure from domestic violence advocates and the Labor opposition, promised to fast-track a review by the NSW Department of Justice into laws that criminalise what is known as coercive control.

On Tuesday, Labor MPs agreed to propose their own bill that would make it a crime to engage in a "pattern of domination", including degrading, frightening or controlling someone, cutting them off from friends, relatives, doctors or lawyers, or monitoring their day-to-day activities.

The wording is designed to catch men who inflict psychological harm on women before relationships descend into violence. A review by the NSW Coroners Court found 99 per cent of domestic homicides were preceded by some form of coercive control.

The new law would allow police to prosecute men for patterns of behaviour, rather than individual assaults that are often regarded as minor by the criminal justice system.'

UK: Male domestic abuse victims 'sleeping in cars and tents'

Mastodon · 23 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Respect Men's Advice Line said some victims had told them they had sought refuge by sleeping in cars or in tents in the gardens of friends or relatives.

The charity said it had received 13,812 calls and emails between April and July in lockdown compared to 8,648 in the same period in 2019.

Respect's Ippo Panteloudakis said the pandemic had made the problem worse.

He said: "It was absolutely clear the lockdown period exacerbated everyone's domestic abuse experiences.

"They were talking about increases in violence, increases in psychological abuse and becoming homeless as a result of the domestic abuse and not having anywhere to go.

"We had reports from men sleeping in their cars overnight or sleeping in their friends' or parents' gardens in tents."'

Jail for misogyny? UK govt advised ‘gender’ should be added to ‘protected characteristics’ under hate crime laws

Mastodon · 24 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sex or gender should be made legally "protected" characteristics in England and Wales, particularly to provide more protection to women, the Law Commission – a government advisory body – has said in a report.

Hate crime laws in England and Wales should be extended to ensure equal protections for all the existing "protected characteristics" and to include some new ones. The report issued on Wednesday proposed extending protection to women "for the first time" in history.

The Law Commission is an independent statutory body tasked with advising the government on legal reforms. It is set to hold public consultations on the issue following the publication of the report.
...
Gender should be added to the list, the commission said, urging the government to consider some additional criteria such as "age." It also called on the government to create a unified legal protection mechanism for all existing and future characteristics to ensure that a hate crime against any of them would carry the same penalty.

Under the existing laws, a hate crime component is seen as an aggravating factor in a criminal case, and certain crimes such as assault, harassment or infliction of bodily harm carry longer sentences if proven to have been committed out of hatred for a particular "protected" group.'

Former deputy gets 6 months in jail for stat. rape

Matt · 25 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A California sheriff's deputy accused last year of having sex with a teenage boy has been sentenced to six months in jail.

The sentence was imposed Wednesday in the case of Shauna Bishop, 44, a former member of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, according to reports.

The sentence also requires her to serve probation and register as a sex offender, KCRA-TV reported.
...
Court documents accused Bishop of having sex with the 16-year-old son of another deputy, whom she had previously dated, Fox 40 Sacramento reported last year.
...
The documents say Bishop told investigators she did not have any memory about what happened because she had taken Ambien, according to the station.

The documents also quoted the boy as telling investigators that Bishop blamed their sexual activity on adult movies she had watched.'

$540 bail for woman accused of injuring 2-year old boy in road rage incident

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Marston Mills woman was arrested after police said she threw a cup of iced coffee during a road rage incident that went through a woman's car window and struck her sleeping 2-year-old son, leaving his face bloodied.

Emma Silva, 20, was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a child under 14 and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.
...
Following the incident, the mother drove to the Barnstable Police Department, where fire officials treated her son's cut and bloody nose.
...
Silva was arraigned in Barnstable District Court Thursday morning. She was released on $540 bail and is due back in court on Nov. 4.'

Title IX suit filed to block Iowa from cutting women's swim team

Mastodon · 27 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Members of the University of Iowa women's swimming and diving team filed a legal complaint against the school Friday, arguing that a decision to eliminate their program violates a landmark gender equity law.

The complaint argues that Iowa is not offering equal opportunities for female students to participate in sports as required by Title IX, the 1972 law that bars sex-based discrimination in federally funded education programs.

The plaintiffs, including senior captain Sage Ohlensehlen and teammates Christina Kaufman, Alexa Puccini and Kelsey Drake, are asking a federal judge to stop their program's termination. In addition, their lawsuit requests class-action status on behalf of all female undergraduates who they say are legally entitled to additional sports opportunities.'

The Biden Agenda: What Could Be Ahead for Higher Education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to domestic policy, the question is which President Biden would emerge: the affable Obamaphile centrist or the AOC sock puppet? In higher education, it's something of a difference without a distinction. Biden may have been the most centrist top-tier candidate in the 2020 Democratic field, but his higher-ed agenda is also the most expansive, expensive, and intrusive proposal ever offered by a major party nominee.

While Biden has called for doubling or tripling federal spending on K-12 and for vast new outlays for early childhood education, his most ambitious education offerings are reserved for higher ed. Biden has proposed federally funded "free college," billions in student loan forgiveness, and gender-related policies that would remake daily life in the nation's colleges.

...

Title IX. Biden has promised a "quick end" to the Trump administration's revamped Title IX rules, which reversed Obama-era guidance by adding due-process protections for accused students and relieving schools of some legal liabilities. Biden would reinstate Obama administration Title IX guidance, under which students accused of sexual assault were expelled after university-run show trials with no right to an attorney, no right to question their accuser, and no right to see the evidence. In a bizarre twist on double jeopardy, the Obama rules even allowed the accuser to appeal the verdict while affording no such right to the accused. Of the hundreds of lawsuits filed by students railroaded under the Obama policy, U.S. federal and state courts ruled against universities more than half the time.'

UK: University entrance: The ‘taboo’ about who doesn’t go

Mastodon · 27 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'He's a white working-class boy who is going to university.

More than half a million new students will be heading off to start at universities across the UK this term, with record numbers set to enter despite all the Covid complications.

But white males from low-income families are the "least likely" group to be going, according to the most recent figures from the Department for Education.'

Amy Coney Barrett Condemns Purdue University's 'Fundamentally Unfair' Adjudication of Sexual Assault Claims

Matt · 28 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'None of this necessarily means that John will ultimately win his lawsuit, which remains unresolved. But Barrett thought he should at least get a chance, and her reasoning reflects a concern about due process that should be welcomed by people on the left as well as the right.

That probably will not happen, however. Adam Liptak, who covers the Supreme Court for The New York Times, cites John Doe v. Purdue University in an article that says Barrett "has compiled an almost uniformly conservative voting record in cases touching on abortion, gun rights, discrimination and immigration." He mentions the case under the "discrimination" heading, implying that her position reflected insensitivity to that concern. But leaving aside the fact that John claimed he was a victim of sex discrimination, Barrett's opinion is mainly about due process, the lack of which may or may not have been related to John's sex but should in any case trouble any fair-minded person.'

I Hate Men book opens new front in gender wars

Mastodon · 30 September 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A book that caused outrage in France with its claim that women have a right to dislike men is to be released in Britain.

I Hate Men, by Pauline Harmange, was described as an “ode to misandry” by a French government adviser who tried to have it banned.

Now it has been chosen for translation. Its British publisher said yesterday that it was a “reminder of the crucial importance of freedom of speech and the right to offend”. Anna Kelly, the editorial director of Fourth Estate, said the book, due to be released in the UK in November, “will inspire both hope and rage — and will breathe fire into a vital ongoing cultural conversation”.'

College enrollment figures in the U.K. reveal the farce of ‘white male privilege’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s fashionable for universities in Western countries to grovel about their institutionalized racism (until regulators take them seriously).

While they wail about being bastions of white privilege, these schools rarely acknowledge a severe enrollment deficit among one of those white constituencies: males from low-income families.

The U.K.’s Department for Education recently released demographic information about enrollment in British institutions of higher education. It shows that only 13 percent of “male, white British, free school meals” students go to college by age 19 – half the rate of all students eligible for free school meals, the BBC reports, making them the least likely to attend college.

Indeed, these underprivileged males are “stuck in another era” compared to minority groups in the U.K., where there’s only a five-percentage-point gap between black students (59 percent) and Asian students (64 percent) going to college. As in the U.S, women dominate higher education in the U.K.'

College instructor asks students to list examples of white, male privilege in ‘Privileges Activity’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A College of Eastern Idaho instructor told students to complete an assignment that is now getting national attention — and not for good reasons.

Students were instructed to identify privileges specific to “men, Caucasian and members of the majority religion” — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — in eastern Idaho, in a “Privileges Activity” that a student’s parent shared with The College Fix.

The assignment was handed out in one of the several sections of Fundamentals of Oral Communication offered at the college. The instructor’s name is not being released by CEI and it’s unclear exactly when the assignment was given but CEI President Rick Aman said the same instructor has given this assignment to students in the past and there were never any issues.'

Reconstructing Derrida: The Poetics of Nonsense and the Rule of the Cool

Matt · 1 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Long and academic, but the author in essence identifies Feminism, especially institutionalized Feminism, as the original source of the current madness we see in colleges which is leaking out into the population at large. Excerpt:

'We all know what this “theory” means nowadays. Like “discourse”, it is a more polite name for the Derrida word salad, originally introduced in good faith in imperfect printed translations from the late 1970s, and then magisterially demonstrated in live performance ten years later and throughout the 1990s. It is the theory of everything and nothing: the theory that can never be refuted because it cannot be understood—unconscious random mistranslations turned into a model for literary and intellectual style.

Feminism was a particularly good match for the word salad treatment because the feminist project at universities was not rationalistic or scientific, specifically rejecting any kind of counter-argument or criticism from the start. The only thing that mattered was the invocation and repetition of key terms to act as badges of allegiance to the feminist project: patriarchy, rape culture, whatever it might be; but built on some simple theoretical point. Gender is performance. The patriarchy is a rape culture. Labial logic. By adopting a non-rationalist approach, the only thing that mattered was assertion, and this nouvelle vague approach was excellent news for the tenured professionals now installed in women’s studies departments.

It spread like wildfire. Black studies, Colonial studies, Queer studies, Fat studies… Anything with studies in it, and soon anything with gender or justice too. What was rewarded was the most extreme assertion, though to show that you were serious about pretending it all meant something, you had to decorate it with hundreds of pages of verbiage that amounts to ersatz mistranslation. Derrida’s complicated writings are a goldmine for serviceable terminology.

The chaotic, mistranslated text is the gold standard, the unreachable summit of wisdom. William Burroughs deserves some of the credit. Judith Butler has built a career on it, and to analyse it precisely, it is a reconstruction of the atmosphere of Derrida’s texts but without going to all the trouble of matching their density of content and ideas. Academic publishers are happy to go along with this imposture. Spivak, whose writing is also unreadable, took the atmospheric approach too, but directed mainly towards colonial studies and subaltern theory. But it has suddenly backfired in the universities.

The radical feminists who were able to reward each other with tenured positions through ever more extreme man-hating dressed up like this for publication in each other’s journals had found that their victory was complete as far as female students were concerned, with mandatory indoctrination classes, so next they tried various stratagems to pull male students in too, aiming at 100% control of the general population. Men’s Studies? Might backfire. Getting men to declare themselves as feminists? Easy enough but with spotty results. Gender studies? Yes! That seemed to hit the spot: a tried and tested formula which by sleight of hand would rope men into the feminist agenda with compulsory classes and what is now a familiar range of measures, at no cost beyond having to tolerate some grateful and docile men in the staff room, mouthing your slogans back at you.'

UK: Gavin Williamson vows to correct 'shocking' lack of white working class boys at universities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gavin Williamson today vowed to correct the 'shocking disgrace' of so few working class white boys attending university'.

Speaking at the Conservatives' virtual conference the Education Secretary said it was a priority to make opportunity as evenly distributed as talent - in a question and answer session with one of his former teachers.
...
And he also took aim at alleged indoctrination of pupils by their teachers, warning that classrooms had to be politically neutral territory.

In the conference fringe event, broadcast online, Mr Williamson said: 'White working class young boys are the most underrepresented group of individuals who go on to university.

'To me that is a shocking disgrace. It is wrong. It's got to be corrected.

'We are going to correct that because - as the Prime Minister has said many many times - talent is incredibly evenly distributed right across the country. Opportunity is not."

If Utah’s high school girls can’t play football, then boys shouldn’t either, says plaintiff

Mastodon · 6 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former player in the Utah Girls Tackle Football League said she would welcome the cancellation of football for boys if the bench trial alleging two school districts and the Utah High School Activities Association are violating Title IX does not lead to the addition of girls' football in the state.

Dalainee Robison, a senior at Kearns High and a plaintiff in the lawsuit, gave her opinion Monday when UHSAA lawyer Craig Parry asked if she would want football to be eliminated altogether should she and other plaintiffs lose the case. Robinson’s reason for saying football should be eliminated altogether was because “it isn’t fair,” she said.

Robison, who said she did not play tackle football this year due to a back injury, stopped short of condoning the elimination of all boys' sports should girls' tackle football not be provided as a result of the lawsuit.'

MR organization: "Split The Difference"

Matt · 6 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

The web site is at https://split-the-difference.com/. From "About Us":

'Split The Difference is designed to step over what is fake and report what is real. We are a host to campaigns that unite voices who want to influence positive change.

We are independent, not governed by any political party cultural or society.

We will not accept any support that asks us to be biased in any way.

We choose to be real – to be free to report facts and issues that have an impact on people and the world we share.
...
If we make a mistake, we will report on our mistake and stand up to be counted for it. We are promoting equality for men and boys but want the same for women and girls. Our aim is for sustainable, positive societies that represent true equality.'

Toxic Anti-Masculinity

Matt · 7 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Just in time for International Women's Day (March 8th), the increasingly red-pilled Tucker Carlson began a month-long special inquiring into why men are failing, " [in] mind, body and spirit ." The "war on women" seems to have backfired, resulting in large casualties among men. According to Mr Carlson, "it's men in America who are failing," in general, not women.

This is hardly what you'd expect given our patriarchal and oppressive history regarding our relations with women; however, whether it is a suicide, success at school and work, mental or physical health, mortality, the median income (despite the leitmotiv of the wage gap), familial happiness or even incarceration and mass murder, men are in a socio-economic mess and the ideological mire has hidden this. The statistics speak for themselves.
...
The average American man dies five years earlier than his female counterparts. Higher mortality in men has been linked to several facts, including addiction and a two-fold the likelihood in alcoholism, and in death by drug overdose. In some states, like New Hampshire, 73% of death by lethal doses are men. 77% of all suicides are men.

Between 1997 and 2014, there has been a 43% increase of death by suicide, especially by middle-aged white men, which is similar to only one other ethnic group, that is Native American men. The fact that white men are now comparable to the disenfranchised and increasingly alcoholic Native American should be alarming. That means that we are killing ourselves at ten times the rate at which Hispanic or Black women do. 90% of all incarcerated persons are male, and 100% of mass murders are committed by men. No doubt, the radical left and their feminist cells would call this " just deserts ."'

CDC: White men still aren't washing their hands

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Americans are washing their hands much more than they did before the coronavirus pandemic, according to new research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The groups less likely to adhere to that guidance were white people, men and people between the ages of 18 and 24, making young white men the picture of handwashing recalcitrance.

White men, including President Trump, have also led the resistance to mask wearing.
...
The CDC called for new communications efforts “tailored to resonate with men, young adults, and White adults.”'

Woman Who Accused Doctor Of Sexual Assault Must Now Apologize And Pay Him Damages For False Accusation

Matt · 9 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Indiana woman who accused her colleague of sexual assault has agreed to dismiss her case while publicly apologizing and paying the man an undisclosed sum.

The Courier & Press reported that Rebecca Blair left her job at Deaconess Hospital as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist claiming she was sexually harassed by Dr. Nirmal Joshi. She filed a lawsuit against the doctor, an anesthesiologist also employed at two Deaconess hospitals, following her departure.

In her public apology, Blair wrote that she apologizes to Joshi “and his family, and to all affected, for having made unfounded and false statements and allegations that Dr. Joshi sexually and physically attacked me or ever threatened to do so.”'

Male circumcision campaigns in Africa to fight HIV are a form of cultural imperialism

Mastodon · 10 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'World Health Organization-recommended campaigns to circumcise millions of African boys and men to reduce HIV transmission are based more on systemic racism and 'neocolonialism' than sound scientific research, according to a critical appraisal published in Developing World Bioethics.

More than 25 million men and boys have already been circumcised as a result of voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) campaigns in eastern and southern Africa, implemented by the United States government and Western non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

The critical appraisal examined the history and politics of these circumcision campaigns in the context of race and colonialism, and found that they had been started in haste and without sufficient contextual research. The paper concluded that the campaigns have been carried out in a manner that implies troubling assumptions about culture, health and sexuality in Africa. Africans were underrepresented in the decision making process, and needed a greater voice in the planning of such an intimate health intervention.'

Statue Featuring Medusa Holding Head Of Innocent Man To Be Installed In Manhattan In Honor Of #MeToo

Matt · 10 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If Manhattan is good for one thing, its feminist statues that poorly represent the ideals to which the espouse.

The Fearless Girl can move over, because liberal feminists in Manhattan will soon have a new statute to worship: One of Medusa holding the head of Perseus, an inversion of Benvenuto Cellini's famous "Perseus with the Head of Medusa" sculpture created in the 16th century.

As the feminists behind the Medusa statue tell it, the statue is meant to portray Medusa "in a moment of somberly empowered self-defense." They base their claim on Medusa's backstory in Ovid's "Metamorphosis," which claimed Medusa was a beautiful priestess in the temple of Athena who was raped by Poseidon. Athena was angered by this but couldn't punish Poseidon, so she turned Medusa into a hideous monster. This would mean Medusa was punished for being raped.'

‘Clown Car Vagina’: Feminists Hurl Sexist Attacks at Amy Coney Barrett’s Motherhood

Mastodon · 13 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ah, feminists -- they’re all class and empathy. Sorry for the joke. We all know they often are the most vulgar people in the world. When it comes to dealing with pro-life, conservative women vying for SCOTUS positions, feminists like Jill Filipovic refuse to apply their convictions and end up hitting these pro-life women with sexist attacks all the same.

...

Feminist author Lauren Hough uttered the most disgusting, sexist insult towards Barrett imaginable. She tweeted, “It’s a very weird thing to watch these old creeps congratulate a handmaid on her clown car vagina.” Wow. That is vile.

Hough also added “You can tell a lot about how a judge will rule by her fertility so I’m glad she’s already proven hers because the cervix check really shouldn’t be done live.” These women are pretty hateful, and are proof that feminism excludes and even hates conservative women.'

UK: 'Elitist curriculum not serving white working classes'

Mastodon · 13 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Conversations about issues like "white privilege" and "toxic masculinity" could further alienate them.

Academics told MPs the white working classes faced a "status deficit" as the national conversation had become "much more consumed" with other groups.

They said these pupils were "stuck" in terms of their achievement at GCSE.

The Education Select Committee was taking evidence on Tuesday about the issue of white pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds being left behind.'

After Bellevue man survived July shooting, King County prosecutors say his ex-wife continued to plot his killing

Matt · 15 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Baron Li, a sales manager at a Burien car dealership, said he was walking to his car to go to work on July 10 when an unknown assailant shot him 9 times from point-blank range in the parking lot of Li's Bellevue apartment complex.

He spent a week at Seattle's Harborview Medical Center and had to use a wheelchair for a month after he was discharged, Li said in a phone interview on Tuesday, the same day King County prosecutors charged his ex-wife and two teenage alleged accomplices with premeditated attempted first-degree murder.

Li and his ex-wife have been involved in an acrimonious custody battle over their son, who has special needs and who turned 6 in April, according to Li and court records. Police say there may be a financial motive behind the murder-for-hire plot and Li confirmed his son has a special-needs trust fund that contains "quite a bit of money."

"I knew where the threat was coming from. It wasn't a surprise. I knew I was in her way for what she wanted and that she was capable of doing it," Li, 48, said of his ex-wife's alleged plot to have him killed.

Prosecutors say Li's ex-wife, 30-year-old Shaerin Kelley of Mountlake Terrace, was actively plotting with one of her accomplices to "complete the job" and kill Li after their failed July attempt, according to charging papers.'

Judge refuses to toss kangaroo-court lawsuit against University of Delaware for rape finding

Mastodon · 15 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Delaware may have committed breach of contract in a Title IX investigation, a federal judge said Wednesday. But the accused male student suing the university, “John Doe,” has not shown he was targeted because of his sex.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Jennifer Hall downplayed the relevance of a recent 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling on anti-male discrimination in Title IX proceedings. Her report and recommendation to U.S. District Judge Maryellen Noreika, however, says the lawsuit should be not be dismissed at this stage.

Crucial to Hall’s ruling was the taxpayer-funded university’s alleged refusal to show John his accuser’s complaint, even though its procedures require it to provide those documents to accused students from the start.'

Women Arrested After Drugging Men At Chicago Bars In Order To Rob Them, Similar Crimes Reportedly On The Rise

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two women have been arrested after police and federal agents witnessed them drugging men in order to rob them.

CWBChicago reported that the women, both from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area, were caught drugging men at bars in the North River section of Chicago over the weekend. Charges haven't been announced, so the outlet isn't naming the women, but reported they are expected to be charged with "robbery and operating a continuing financial crimes enterprise." A source alerted the outlet to the arrests.

...

Apparently, drugging and robbing men in nightclubs is a crime on the rise, after the 2019 movie "Hustlers," starring Jennifer Lopez, was released. "Hustlers is about a group of female strippers who drug and rob their clients. Hollywood loved it.'

UK: Exodus of male teachers fuelled by ‘drop in proportion of white men in class’

Mastodon · 19 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The proportion of male teachers in secondary schools in England has fallen steeply over the last decade – and now just over a third of the workforce are men, a report has found.

The decline of male teachers has been fuelled by a significant fall in the proportion of white male teachers in schools, according to an analysis by the Education Policy Institute (EPI) think tank.

Despite the workforce becoming more female-dominated, the proportion of black and minority ethnic (BME) male teachers has risen to 17% – which, for the first time, is broadly representative of the wider population (16%).

Since 2010, the number of BME male teachers has increased in both primary schools (by 114%) and secondary schools (by 34%).

Meanwhile, the number of white men in secondary schools has fallen by more than 12,800 since 2010 – a fall of 17%, the analysis has found.'

Canada: 100 teenage boys turned up to school in skirts to protest sexism, homophobia and toxic masculinity

Mastodon · 19 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Explaining the protest on Instagram, Paulin wrote: “Today, you probably saw that a lot of guys, including me, were wearing a skirt.

“Well, let me explain [to] you the reason behind this movement. Basically, the fact that a boy wears a skirt is a sign of resilience, solidarity and support to the intersectional battle for gender equality.

“The double standard on the way society views our women and men is blatant; if a woman decides to wear a suit or pants, clothes associated with masculinity, it’s not a big deal.

“But the moment a man will do anything remotely feminine, whether it is to put nail polish, makeup or in our case, a skirt, fingers are pointed and he gets insulted.

...

Paulin said that skirts were often used to discriminate against girls, with the “aggressors” excusing their actions “by sexualising women unnecessarily and blaming THEM for THEIR actions”.

He continued: “So, by wearing a skirt, we are united and together against the sexualization of women and we’re sending a message against toxic masculinity, that’s keeping boys from being who they truly are, without judgement.'

Where have all the male teachers gone?

Mastodon · 20 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Should it matter whether a teacher is male or female? Research out on Monday from the Education Policy Institute shows that teaching is becoming an overwhelmingly female-dominated profession. Men are far less likely than women to become teachers in the first place and those that do take the plunge are much more likely to quit the classroom than their female colleagues.'

William & Mary will keep women's sports in order to comply with Title IX

Mastodon · 20 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The College of William & Mary on Monday reinstated the women's sports among the seven teams it cut in September, without resolution on severed men's sports. Women's gymnastics, women's swimming and women's volleyball will continue, allowing W&M to comply with Title IX, according to the school.

W&M's shift comes as it faces a lawsuit that points out flaws in the school's discontinuation plan. W&M in previous statements said it would comply with Title IX following the cuts through adjusted roster management: more women's participation slots and fewer in men's sports. But in Monday's announcement, the school said it wasn't certain its strategy would result in compliance.'

Phil Collins' ex-wife has allegedly taken over his mansion with armed guards

Matt · 20 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Then in August, Cevey broke up with Collins again via text message, informing him that she had apparently gone to Vegas and married a businessman / musician 15 years her junior.

And now — according to a lawsuit filed by Collins — Cevey and her new husband, Tom Bates, are allegedly living in his $33 million dollar Miami beachfront mansion. And they've hired four armed guards to protect them. According to the Miami Herald:

The new couple are "threatening, implicitly and explicitly, to prolong their unlawful occupation of the property through force," the filing states. "An injunction is urgently needed to end an armed occupation and takeover of the Phil Collins home by his ex girlfriend and her new husband, the defendants in the action."'

Portland NAACP chapter president resigns amid sexual abuse allegations

Matt · 21 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Glad to see sexual abuse of men being taken as seriously for once. Though I wonder if there'll be criminal charges? Excerpt:

'The president of the Portland chapter of the NAACP resigned Tuesday, effective immediately, amid allegations of sexually abusing three men years ago.

Rev. Elbert Mondainé, who has denied the allegations against him, resigned more than a week after an explosive story by the Portland Mercury detailing the accusations made against him.

In a statement Tuesday, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said Elbert Mondainé's resignation was effective immediately.

"The NAACP is firmly opposed to all forms of abuse, assault, harassment, or discrimination. Such behavior has no place in the Association, regardless of whether these instances occurred in previous or current administrations," the civil rights organization said. "We are continuing to investigate the matter in accordance with our bylaws, and if necessary, will take additional and appropriate action."'

Lawsuit Against DeVos, Title IX Rules Is Dismissed

Mastodon · 23 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A judge for the United States District Court for the District of Maryland dismissed a lawsuit on Tuesday that was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of organizations that advocate for survivors of sexual assault and challenged the new federal rules for how colleges handle sexual misconduct allegations. The organizations do not have standing under the U.S. Constitution to sue, the court concluded.

The lawsuit against U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos claimed that the Department of Education's regulations implemented in August under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the law prohibiting sex discrimination at federally funded institutions, were themselves discriminatory against students who report sexual assault or harassment. It also claimed the department overstepped its authority in developing the regulations, which ultimately would harm the organizations that defend the rights of survivors, such as Know Your IX and Stop Sexual Assault in Schools.'

“I Hate Men” is the New “Boys Will be Boys”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For a very long time, it’s been an understood social and comedic norm that you can target people with privilege as the butt of jokes or derision without it being considered politically incorrect or problematic.
...
The question, though, is how can you believe men should be allowed to be soft, show emotions and be sensitive, but then still say things like “Kill every man!” to your male friends? Should they be expected to toughen up and allow it to just roll off their shoulders?
...
We cannot simultaneously expect men to be sensitive while yelling at them that we hate them and telling them our words shouldn’t impact them. Words matter.'

Australia: Woman Spends One Week in Jail for Sex with 15-Year-Old Student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Melissa Nosti, 33, who lives in a suburb of Sydney, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 18 months in the slammer for having sex with the student at the school where she worked in 2010," the New York Post reported Friday.

However, when the ex-flight attendant appeared in court via video from the Silverwater jail, her lawyer made a bail appeal, saying Nosti was at "low risk" for exhibiting similar behavior a second time based on a doctor's assessment.

"She has had an employment history after this. She was in the airline industry," her lawyer stated.

Following the appeal, Nosti was released on bail, according to the Daily Star.'

Yes, women's equality will come at the expense of some men — that's the point

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'A new report by the Pew Research Center shows that one in four American men believe increased equality for women has come at their expense. My initial reaction to these survey results is frustration and a compulsive urge to convince these men that gender equality is not a zero-sum game. But I can't. Because the truth is that gender equality does hurt white, cisgender-men in some ways. The real question is: so what?

From the economy to public health, we all stand to gain when women win. And while wins for women means that mostly white, cis-men will lose more often, this isn't an injustice — it's what justice actually looks like. It might be difficult to discern at first because for white, cis-men in America, the loss of privilege will hurt. But don't mistake a loss of privilege for unfairness. Men aren't being punished for women's equality — they're just no longer benefiting as much from the lack thereof.'

Australia: Prior false complaints cannot be admitted in NSW rape trial, court rules

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A jury in a NSW rape trial cannot be told about a complainant's alleged history of making false complaints and any change to the law would need to be made by Parliament, the Court of Criminal Appeal has said.

In a decision on Friday, a five-judge bench of the court said NSW laws protecting sexual assault complainants from being cross-examined about their sexual history also stopped evidence of prior false complaints being admitted in court.

Chief Justice Tom Bathurst said parliamentary speeches "make it clear that the purpose of the statutory prohibition is to prevent embarrassing and humiliating cross-examination about past sexual activities which it was believed was a deterrent in reporting sexual offences".

But a long line of cases ruled it also extended to alleged false complaints, and "any change to the law in this area is a matter for the legislature not for the courts", he said.'

This Is How Society Treats Women Like Children

Matt · 28 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Meet Jenny.

She just turned 18, but unlike her male friends she's not required to register for the Selective Service, because it only applies to "male persons."

Thankfully, serving her country won't be an issue, because she's been considering starting her own business.

It's something she knows nothing about, but there are tons of resources at her disposal, like those from the Office of Women's Business Ownership (OWBO).

It's a Small Business Administration (SBA) program that offers access to credit, capital, federal contracts, and business counseling services that are unavailable to men.'

Joe Biden Should Stop Bragging About the Violence Against Women Act

Matt · 29 October 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The idea that the U.S. ignored domestic violence until Biden and boomer feminists came along has become a popular one. But it doesn't square with the historical record, which shows not only that feminists have long prioritized stopping domestic abuse, but that there has long been a divide between those who believe that mandating aggressive police intervention helps women, and those who see law enforcement as doing more harm than good. Understanding that divide is necessary for understanding not only how VAWA came to pass, but why it has failed to accomplish its stated goals.

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Finally, feminist activists like Catharine MacKinnon and Andrea Dworkin argued that violence against individual women wasn't just violence against individual women but a form of terorrism or hate that men perpetuated based on gender, and that the state not stopping this was a violation of women's civil rights. As Gruber wrote in The Feminist War on Crime, feminist lawyers convinced courts "that battered women had a right to state action. But it was one kind of state action—arrest. Within short order, this right became compulsory, and a battered woman could not waive the 'right' to her husband's arrest."

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Perhaps these policies would have just been a quick fad, as more and more research accumulated challenging their wisdom and suggesting they actually put women in more danger. But then came Joe Biden.

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It was against this backdrop that Biden introduced his first version of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in 1990. Biden had already latched onto criminal justice as a signature issue in the '80s, pushing harsher sentences, more police, and more prisons as a response to rising crime. This wasn't just a policy response; it was a political strategy designed to respond to Republican attacks positioning Democrats as soft on crime. By 1994, Biden could be found bragging that "the liberal wing of the Democratic Party is now for 60 new death penalties," and "the liberal wing of the Democratic Party is for 125,000 new state prison cells."

Like so much of the era's tough-on-crime rhetoric, Biden's case for VAWA was littered with panicky pronouncements unrooted in fact. "During her lifetime, one in five women will be raped," Biden told Senate colleagues in January 1991, previewing a junk statistic that he would rebrand during his vice presidency as one in four women. "Last year, more women were battered by their spouses than were married," he said (again without citation or evidence), adding that "authorities are more likely to arrest a man for parking tickets than for beating his wife."'

How Title IX Created the Campus Sex Police

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When Congress enacted Title IX in 1972, the intent of the federal law was to ban discrimination against women at higher-ed institutions receiving federal funds. The application of the law morphed over the years to require equal funding of women's athletic programs, ban "hostile" workplace environments, and in 2011 under Obama administration administrative guidance, root out sexual violence.

In a new report published by the National Academy of Scholars, "Dear Colleague: The Weaponization of Title IX," Teresa Manning documents how at James Madison University, George Mason University and Virginia Tech, among other higher-ed institutions, the law is no longer applied to equal access issues, which are no longer a concern, but is used to advance a feminist agenda.'

A Professor’s Crusade Against Women-Only Programs & Awards

Mastodon · 2 November 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mark Perry has been called a skunk at a lawn party. His actions have fueled protests and even a college sit-in. Some of his critics consider him a politically-incorrect, misogynistic enfant terrible. But the business school professor at the University of Michigan-Flint makes no apologies for the unusual crusade he is waging in higher education.

Perry, a 67-year-old professor of economics, is at war against any educational program, club or initiative, including scholarship support, that is exclusive for women if there are no equivalent offerings for men. In the past four years, he has filed nearly 250 complaints alleging civil rights violations for organizations that support everything from coding camps for girls and scholarship awards for women to women’s only lounges on campus and faculty awards to encourage and support female professors.'

Millions Of Men No Longer Want To Get Married, And You Can Thank The Government For That

Matt · 3 November 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a society that strives for equality, maybe these gender laws are outdated? Women make up 50% of the labor force, so why do we claim unfair gender divides regarding marriage and family disputes? If the risks involved in entering marriage were equally distributed, perhaps more men will feel like they have less to lose?

It's such a minefield, and change might not happen fast. Still, if we want to see men viewing marriage in a positive light again so we can continue to have strong family units, it will take a long-term focused effort from women, men, and the government. Being aware of the issues men face, empathizing, and trying to see it from their perspective is a great place to start.'

Canada: No boys allowed: High school students start their own all-girl robotics club

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cyanea Zheng and Isabella Wehner were excited to join their high school's robotics club last year, but not so excited to discover they would be asked to send out funding applications instead of building robots.

So the Grade 12 Templeton Secondary students, both 17, decided to start their own club, and formed Puddle Jumper Robotics, the only all-girls team in B.C. and the first such team to compete in the international FIRST Robotics Competition in the spring.

Zheng and Wehner are among the 11 members of the Puddle Jumpers, which exists separately from the school's 40-member male team called Vancouver Rainstorm, against whom they will compete.

"When I first joined (the school's Vancouver Rainstorm), there were 40 males and I was asked to do the emailing and writing (of fundraising and grant applications), stereotypically things that were done by women, I guess," said Zheng. "It was the girls who were doing most of the fundraising."'

Can Space Force Be the First Military Branch Built for Women?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For nearly 250 years, the U.S. military has designed its machines, career paths, and uniforms through a male lens. Now, the Space Force has a chance to make history as the only military branch built with women in mind from the start.

The Space Force, created in December 2019 to manage military satellite and radar operations and rocket launches, is the sole branch of the armed forces in which women have held equal roles from the beginning. In the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, women have spent the past few centuries gradually integrating into a lifestyle and workplace created largely by men, for men.

The Space Force knows it is unique. It's by far the smallest armed force, as it looks to grow to about 7,000 people by next fall. It's an apparatus dominated by computer workstations, not artillery. And while those can be assets to women looking for military careers, female service members say the Space Force can pursue a more equitable force through changes to recruitment, policy, professional development, and infrastructure.'

Duke professor blames white men for white female professors impersonating women of color

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's really nothing in this world the regressive left won't blame on white men. Not even white women passing themselves off as black, Hispanic or American Indian (ahem).

The latest Caucasian outed as something she's allegedly not – the Mexican-political identity "Chicana" – is Kelly Kean Sharp of Furman University in South Carolina.

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Duke University cultural anthropologist Christine Folch, who also weighed in on the Jessica Krug outing at George Washington University, told the publication that the absence of white men pulling these stunts shows their privilege:

"And at the root I think what we see is a competition for scarce resources on the part of those who are not the hegemonic ideal in academia, which remains white male."

In other words, she said, there's a competition for inclusion among the historically excluded in academe. And "strategic use and appropriation of brownness" becomes a way to "accumulate more power, more legitimacy, grants, coolness points."

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Two things are clear from this saga, however: Intersectionality continues to dominate the academy, regardless of how arbitrary the distinctions are. And white males will always be blamed for everyone else's difficulties.'

NY woman charged for allegedly fabricating rape story

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Fredonia, N.Y., woman faces a false report charge for allegedly drumming up rape allegations to cover an affair.
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Police undertook further investigation and “obtained some leads on an alleged suspect.” That subject was identified and that person’s image matched the composite sketch from the FBI. The possible suspect’s DNA was also discovered as a result of the rape kit submitted to the crime lab.

That individual was called in for an interview and “denied the sexual contact was nonconsensual” and provided Facebook messages as evidence.'

‘Ardently feminist’ Title IX offices promote hookup culture while presuming male guilt: report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When it comes to federal enforcement of Title IX, past is prologue. And it’s clear how a Biden-Harris administration would approach the subject: the same way the Obama-Biden administration did.

Paired with a radical feminist culture within university Title IX offices, the 2011 “Dear Colleague” letter decimated due process for accused students in sexual assault investigations, according to a report by the National Association of Scholars.

Those who staff these Title IX offices lack legal experience but conduct and rule on internal investigations while promoting a philosophy of “sexual hedonism,” report author Teresa Manning, policy director at NAS, said on a webinar in late October.

She’s a former law professor who more recently served in the Trump administration’s Department of Health and Human Services.'

Appeals court rejects suit from Drake student expelled for sexual assault

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Drake University student expelled for sexual assault failed to convince a federal appeals court the school was biased against him because he is a man.

Thomas Rossley Jr. was expelled a month before he would have graduated in the spring of 2016. A female student told authorities she accompanied Rossley to his fraternity house, blacked out and woke up on a beanbag chair to find Rossley having sex with her.

She filed a sexual assault claim the next morning, but Rossley was never charged with a crime.

Rossley sued the university after his expulsion, accusing them of failing to investigate his claim that the female student sexually assaulted him, and that the school failed to accommodate his learning disability during the hearing process.'

Former Drake student appeals sex assault lawsuit arguing he was treated unfairly

Duke sorority council bans events with male groups

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Panhellenic Council at Duke University voted to ban chapters of member sororities from hosting “mixers” with all-male organizations, vowing to place chapters that violate the rule on social probation.

The Duke Panhellenic Association “unites women across 10 chapters” of various sororities and is the "largest unified body of undergraduate women at Duke University.”

According to a post on the Duke Panhellenic Association’s Instagram page, the Panhellenic Council voted to ban mixers with all-male organizations to focus on women’s empowerment. The post states that all-male organizations cause concern amongst other groups due to gender dynamics and the objectification of women.

The post defines mixers as “exclusive events between organizations.”'

Two Female Marines In The Brig For Assault Are Claiming They Did It Due To Trauma From Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two female Marines being held in the brig on charges of assault are claiming they only committed the crimes because they were previously raped. Activists are currently calling on the Marines to be released and that they need mental health services, not punishment.

The Marine Corps Times reported that Cpl. Thae Ohu “allegedly attacked her then-boyfriend with a knife and threatened to kill him” and later “allegedly violated a protective order.” An opinion piece for the Military Times argued that Ohu previously had been sexually assaulted and had post-traumatic stress disorder, which resulted in the mental breakdown that caused her alleged attack on her boyfriend, who does not appear to be the man who assaulted her.

Ohu was taken to a mental health facility after the alleged attack but was then sent to the brig for her crimes. Groups have started up to defend Ohu and demand she get help rather than punishment for the crimes she committed. The Military Sexual Trauma Movement, a group advocating for Ohu and the other marine in the brig, said the women were being held “for assault charges after experiencing flashbacks due to being raped.”'

Is gender equality shortchanging boys in churches, schools and other American institutions?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While parents in general believe institutions serve their children well, many are worried the majority, like churches and schools, have been serving their daughters better than their sons under norms of gender equality, new research suggests. And the only institutions where at least white parents believe boys are served slightly better are sports and other clubs.

Data from the 2020 American Family Survey, released in September, show that a striking minority, just 36%, of parents believe churches are serving their sons well. This share is almost equal to the 33% who say the same about how the criminal justice system is serving their sons. A minority of parents also believe churches are serving their daughters well but that number is five percentage points higher at 41%.

Daughters were also shown as being better served by every other institution highlighted in the survey, including the education system and friend networks. The only exceptions were sports and other clubs, which some 42% of particularly white parents believe are serving their sons well compared to 37% who say the same about how they serve their daughters.'

UMass prof: We don't say White male composers' full names because of 'inequity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Christopher White, a professor of music theory at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, stated that the music world should "fullname" all composers to smooth inequities between White men and female, non-White artists.

In an op-ed for Slate, White noted that musicians refer to the last names of composers like Beethoven, Mozart, and Bach — all of whom are Western Europeans — while they use the full names of women and "composers of color" like Alma Mahler, Florence Price, and Henry Burleigh.

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He sees fullnaming as "a small act in the face of centuries of harm and injustice," yet he believes that "by adopting a stance of referential egalitarianism, fullnaming at least does no more harm."

White's comments come in the wake of universities revising their music theory curricula to fight the influence of alleged systemic racism, sexism, and other forms of discrimination.

For instance, students at Texas Tech asked the school's dance and theatre department to overhaul its curriculum, opposing a "white heteronormative patriarchal canon" with "intersectional feminism."'

UK: Charity calendar that promotes 'healthier masculinity' has athletes posing nude

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of athletes have stripped off in a series of very daring images for a charity calendar that promotes 'healthier masculinity' in sports.

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Angus talked about what motivated him to make the calendar in more detail.

'We're all still living with the rules and repercussions of male privilege – what academics call hegemonic masculinity,' he said.

'If you're born straight, white, male and socially privileged, you still have a massive head start in life. Any other group that tries to get a seat at the table is accused of misguided 'identity politics', which makes no sense.

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In previous years, the calendar has focused on challenging homophobia in sporting culture by inviting mainly heterosexual sportsmen to strip off as a gesture of solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community.'

‘Kill All Men’ Response: Bold Statement Brings Awareness to the Oppression of the Patriarchy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The hyperbole “Kill All Men” is a verbal manifestation of deep-rooted distrust in the power structure that puts rapists in our courts and gender roles in our homes. Although the mainstream media often misinterprets the slogan, it’s not actually about women wanting any individual or group to die. It’s about women vocalizing their anger as a way to trivialize traumatic experiences, typically with cisgender men. “Kill All Men” should be seen as a cry for the death of the patriarchy, not as a cry for blood.

Part of processing these traumatic experiences is allowing oneself to feel intensely, and while it’s not good to spread hate, releasing tension by joking with friends does help victims. Coping with trauma through dark humor — or ironic misandry in this case — isn’t a bad thing, but emotional suppression can be. Suppressed emotions always find ways to manifest themselves, and can end up perpetuating cycles of violence.

Instead of attacking women for “polarizing political discourse,” let’s ask them why they’re motivated to use such radical rhetoric. Let’s stop victim shaming and simply listen. Why do women say “Kill All Men,” and how can we change the systems that motivate them to do so?

It’s a structural attack, not a personal one. Feminists don’t want men to die, they want the death of conventional masculinity. And it’s not just feminists who should want this. Men, women, and non-binary people should support the end of masculine stereotypes as well. We need to challenge the ideas that say men can’t have positive familial roles, that men can’t be reliant on others, and that men must be tough. These stereotypes aren’t just hurting women, they’re hurting men too. Messages of conventional masculinity, like these stereotypes, lead men to face higher rates of suicide and violence.'

UK: New equalities commissioner attacked ‘modern feminism’ and #MeToo

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the government’s newly appointed equality commissioners said that modern feminism disempowers women and blamed the MeToo movement for ruining men’s reputations without due process, the Observer can reveal.

Jessica Butcher, a successful digital entrepreneur, was last week appointed as one of four new commissioners at the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) by Liz Truss, the minister for women and equalities.
...
In a talk in 2018, Butcher said: “Feminism, like other forms of identity politics, has become obsessed with female victimhood. Whereas it once used to be about the portrayal of women as mature, equal partners in society, it now seems more to be about girl power – and yet it disempowers, assumes that we’re weak and defenceless, like children.”'

They cheat, walk out on you or just want sex – why we hate men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"I'LL admit it: I hate men. All of them really! Yes, the whole lot of them."

Those were the words of French blogger Pauline Harmange, 25, in her provocative online essay, I Hate Men, which was published this year.

Needless to say, she received a torrent of online abuse. Harmange argues that men beat, rape and kill women. Men don't listen.

Men don't do enough housework. Men don't care about their partners' sexual satisfaction. The list goes on.

Her book of the same title is published in the UK tomorrow, and her blunt words, while controversial, are starting to gather support from some women who agree that men can be awful.

Three women tell Samantha Brick why the opposite sex has them seething.'

Pope says women leaders 'better' than men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Pope Francis says countries with female leaders have handled the Covid-19 pandemic better than others and that he has increased the number of women in decision making roles in the Vatican because they are “much better administrators than men”.

The Jesuit Pope made his remarks in a new book that sets out his vision for a post-Covid world with a strong focus on social, economic and political issues.

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“I chose these particular women because of their qualifications but also because I believe women in general are much better administrators than men,” he said of the financial council appointments, which included former UK cabinet minister Ruth Kelly. “They understand processes better, how to take projects forward.” He said that from his time in Argentina, he realised that “the advice of women in pastoral and administrative councils was more valuable than that of many men.”'

UK: 800 Etonians in revolt after teacher is sacked for questioning radical feminist dogma on 'toxic masculinity'

Mastodon · 29 November 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's said that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton. Two centuries later, Britain's most venerable school has become a battleground in the War on Woke.

On one side is English teacher Will Knowland, who was fired after standing up for his belief that students need to hear a broad range of opinions.

On the other is headmaster Simon Henderson, who sacked him for gross misconduct amid the fallout from a lecture about the nature of masculinity.

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Mr Knowland's sin was to question the current radical feminist orthodoxy. In September, he created an online lecture called The Patriarchy Paradox examining the prevailing idea of 'toxic masculinity'.

In it, he argues that science and history offer evidence that masculine virtues such as strength and courage can be beneficial to women, the family and society.

A niche, knuckle-dragging opinion? Hardly. While it might be considered provocative to some, it is part of mainstream thinking. Mr Knowland believed Eton's boys had the right to balance in a curriculum he felt had become dangerously skewed.'

The Patriarchy Paradox

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Video here.

'If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear' (George Orwell). Use it or lose it.

The statements and opinions in this video are not necessarily agreed or authorised by Eton College or its subsidiary companies.

I haven't tried to be original in this talk. The references, in chronological order throughout the talk, are below. I would recommend Steven Pinker's 'The Blank Slate' or Debra Soh's 'The End of Gender' if you're keen to learn more.

Why violence against women in Scotland is an epidemic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The problem she says is that many arms of government, and beyond, consider the issue to be a "gender-neutral problem" which hides the specific nature of women's disproportionate victimisation by men. "Can men be victims and women perpetrators? Yes of course," she says. "But if you define domestic violence saying anyone can be a victim or perpetrator, it ignores that women are disproportionately victimised and men are disproportionately the perpetrator. If you come at if from a gender-neutral angle you will never change it. It's like hitting a pool ball at the wrong angle - it goes into a pocket but the wrong one."'

UK: Federated Hermes EOS to crack down on diversity laggards

Mastodon · 30 November 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The letter also noted the importance of gender diversity, noting recommendations from the Hampton-Alexander review of 33% female representation on FTSE 350 boards by 2020.

EOS said it would consider recommending voting against chairs at companies that fall below this level in 2021, as well as non-FTSE 350 firms with no women on the board.

Further, it will continue to recommend voting against chairs of FTSE 100 companies with an all-male executive committee and will now encompass those with "materially less than 20% female representation in the combined population of the executive committee and its direct reports".'

Nasdaq seeks authority to enforce gender diversity in company boardrooms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Nasdaq stock exchange wants its listed companies to diversify their boards of directors — or explain why they can't.

In a proposal filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Tuesday, Nasdaq would require all companies listed on the exchange to publicly disclose consistent, transparent diversity statistics about their board of directors. It would require those companies to have, or explain why they don't have, at least two diverse directors. This includes having one board member who self-identifies as female and one who self-identifies as either an underrepresented racial minority or LGBTQ. Foreign companies and smaller reporting companies would have additional flexibility.'

“Kill All Men”: On Humor and Trauma

Mastodon · 2 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Resentment or anger towards men composes much of the popular “relatable” content online. The issues encoded in those messages can speak to irritating nuances of gender dynamics and misogyny, or bring attention to more serious, persistent problems in our world. Many of these emotions of fear, anger, or contempt are encapsulated in the phrase, “Kill all men.” While it can certainly appear crude, the phrase is ultimately a humorous method of coping with trauma or the prevalent possibility of it in women’s lives — and inappropriate responses from men only further embolden the issue.
...
Another user, @uwu_kinny, uses the hashtag to vent: “Just argued with a guy for an entire hour about why u have to ask for consent and I lost all hope in the male species #killallmen.” In its popular, colloquial usage, the phrase has never been understood as a literal call to action, despite many men’s rights activists believing so to further invalidate feminism.

So the humor and irony of the phrase are clear, but its purpose runs deeper than comedic catharsis. It exposes the unnoticeable nuance of misogyny that pervades the lives of all women. Further, it shows how deeply misogyny is embedded into the fabric of our culture, and how men and women are socialized alongside those beliefs. Perhaps some of the most dangerous elements of any form of prejudice are the insidious ways in which it bleeds into everyday life.'

Not All Men? Sure. But Still Way Too Many Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While such a response may seem relatively inconsequential, it's more emblematic of larger issues and can get in the way of rectifying them. I've taken this experience into my consciousness around gender, and I've noticed that it is far too often the case that when people — particularly female-identified folks — express their frustrations with patriarchy and how it manifests in our society, they are met with responses like "not all men." I can only imagine how much personal damage "not all men" can cause when used in response to people sharing the harmful experiences they've had with men in their lives: articulating frustrations and experiences that span lifetimes. Clinging to the idea of "not all men" is not only unavailing, but also serves to minimize the very real harm that men have caused and continue to cause every day.

To be clear, "not all men" is, technically, factually true. For example, "not all men" perpetuate violence. That being said, however, the proportion of men who are complicit in causing harm is still alarmingly high; and when it comes to lived experience, a woman might not know any other fellow woman who has not been sexually assaulted, raped, or harassed by a man.[1] One Promundo report found that, "Though the majority of men do not harass, bully, or approve of violence, many — 20 percent to 33 percent — do."[2] Calling attention to the "good guys" does nothing to get those 20 to 33 percent of men who harass, bully, and/or approve of violence to change their behavior to the benefit of themselves and those around them.'

A Gen Z Perspective On Third-Wave Feminism And The Anti-Men Clique

Matt · 3 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Prior to my phone conversation with my friend, I had somewhat incorrectly termed Third-Wave Feminism "Neo-Feminism." Neo-Feminism is what critics sometimes call 'lipstick' feminism or a type of feminism that focuses on empowerment through embracing (often harmful) female stereotypes (think high heels, pink shirts, and lipgloss). Third-Wave Feminism incorporates many of the tenants of Neo-Feminism, but that's hardly the whole picture.
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I've seen an increasing number of women swear off dating, swear off marriage, swear off kids, and especially, swear off men, in the last several years. I've also seen more and more young women identify as various combinations of the gender-sex paradigm, and they all seem to have one thing in common: they really hate men. They also really hate anything that reminds them of "traditional" women — i.e., women who are heterosexual, cisgender, and who want to form long-standing relationships with men that involve marriage, children, and some type of home life.
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Could I be misinterpreting their intentions? Possibly. But I also have to consider the potential that "being anything" is better than being nothing to them because identifying as LGBTQ is an instant "pass" from Third-Wave Feminism. If you don't identify as LGBTQ, you have to be all-in on the rest, and the rest is hard to swallow since it involves tearing down other women, making fun of their marriages and home lives, and treating outliers like they're completely invisible when you're talking about women's rights issues.
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In this perspective, any man who isn't an "ally" is the enemy, and men, in general, are very optional, can be easily replaced, and should support them and their increasingly hard-to-pin-down perspectives/interests in every way possible. A man looking for a wife (or children) isn't going to find any prospects in the Third-Wave crowd because these women don't care about those things; they care about progressing an agenda that they've created.'

UK: As Boris says Parliament must aim for a perfect gender balance: Should we use quotas to boost female MPs?

Mastodon · 4 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sexism exists in Westminster, and it turns me puce with irritation. Yet so, too, does the Prime Minister's call for women to make up 50 per cent of MPs in Parliament. For here — disguised as a feminist masterstroke — is a woefully backward step.

In pushing for this target, the campaigners are not tackling sexism but aiding and abetting it. Why? Because when women are appointed to tick a box rather than purely on merit, people will suspect the female MPs are sitting on those green benches on account of their ovaries rather than their talents.

Veteran politicians will wonder if the thirty-something filly is there just to take the quota nearer to that magical 50 per cent.

This is maddening for all the capable women who have worked for years to make it into Parliament: sitting on their local council, volunteering, attending endless drinks parties, jumping through hoops to be selected as a candidate.

At a stroke, all these efforts will be undermined. Whatever the woman's career history or current endeavours, the word 'tokenism' will hang around her like a bad smell. And even worse, women will once again be painted as victims in need of special pleading.

It's unfair, too, on the men who will miss out for no other reason than having the wrong chromosomes.'

Facebook page requires no evidence to call men sexual abusers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This summer, we witnessed a new wave of #MeToo sexual misconduct accusations on social media targeting powerful men in various industries in the province of Quebec. Like the previous instance of online indictments of sexual harassment, few professed victims could present proof supporting their allegations' validity. And so, we were told to "believe all victims," even when evidence was absent.

Not satisfied with the current Quebec's legal process, Delphine Bergeron and an unnamed collaborator decided to curate a public list of potential sexual harassers' names. The administrators share the list in question on a Facebook page named "Dis son Nom," roughly translated into English as "Say his name."

It includes the names of supposedly sexual harassers. Their names, occupation, employers, and location are listed. Each person on the list is given a rating ranging from 1 to 3. The numbers represent the type of sexual misconduct they are being accused of by their alleged victims. Type 1 is reserved for inappropriate sexual comments, type 2 for grooming, and type 3 for sexual contact.'

Biden OMB pick Neera Tanden reportedly 'punched' journo during interview with Clinton

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tanden, according to the Times, accompanied Clinton for what was supposed to be an "easy interview" with ThinkProgress, the liberal website ran by the Center for American Progress.

Faiz Shakir, ThinkProgress's chief editor who most recently was the campaign manager for Sen. Bernie Sanders' 2020 presidential bid, questioned the senator for voting in favor of the Iraq War.

"Ms. Tanden responded by circling back to Mr. Shakir after the interview and, according to a person in the room, punching him in the chest," the Times reported.

According to a recent interview a "still angry" Tanden gave at the time, she recalled, "I didn’t slug him, I pushed him.”'

UN Women Report Lists Men's Day Out As 'Sexist Organisations Spreading Misogynistic Narratives'

Matt · 6 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men's Day Out makes it to a recent report published by the United Nations (UN Women), where a study which looked at data from South and South East Asia, found that between March and June 2020 – when most of these regions were under COVID-19 lockdowns – the volume and interest in misogynistic online content increased manifold, by as much as 168%.

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The report pointed out that a majority of the tweets propagating misogynistic narratives came from India, which attempted to discredit the rampant violence, repression and discrimination against women. The volume of searches for misogynistic profanity and narratives increased, along with searches for terms like "incel", "men going their own way" and "men's rights", it said.

...

To begin with, we would have routed our response through UN Men, sadly that does not exist in an unequal world of Gender Equality! We shall not get into questioning if there is a similar report done showcasing the utter sexist and male hating social media posts floated against men. We do not believe in 'an eye for an eye', but nonetheless you can click on the link to refer to some of them.

The response is only restricted to our portal Men's Day Out and we would like to counter various generic statements passed off as misogyny.

We have nearly 1000+ articles on our portal, and not one article will suggest that women do not undergo domestic violence or other sufferings. We strongly object to the statement "discredit the rampant violence, repression and discrimination against women".'

Clemson athletes "crushed" after university cuts Men's Track and Field, Cross Country

Mastodon · 7 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many members of the Clemson University Track and Field and Cross Country teams are disappointed and heartbroken following a decision made by Clemson University to discontinue the Men's departments in each respective program.

"It was just like the floor had just dropped out beneath us, just absolutely gutted," said Clemson Cross Country Runner Jackson Leech as he described the moment late last week he and his teammates were told the news. "One of the most sad moments i've ever experienced."

Clemson University says the decision to cut the Men's Track and Field and Cross Country programs comes as a result of numerous factors, with the main two aspects being the financial future of the sports department and the future of Title IX compliance for the university.

The Clemson Athletics Department says that discontinuing the two men's programs, while unfortunate, was the best path forward.

"After careful analysis, we concluded that discontinuing our men's track and field program is in the best long-term interest of Clemson Athletics," said Athletics Director Dan Radakovich. "This decision impacts incredible student-athletes, and we know how hard they work and the effort and pride they take in representing Clemson University."'

UK mom cleared after having sex with boy, 14, reportedly plans to make OnlyFans

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A mom-of-three who was cleared of knowingly having sex with a boy who was only 14 now plans to capitalize on her notoriety by peddling images and videos on a raunchy website, according to a report.

“I’m thinking about doing an OnlyFans account. People already hate me, so not much to lose,” Teah Vincent announced in an Instagram video, The Sun reported.

OnlyFans is a subscription site where subscribers pay to view content deemed too x-rated for social media.

Vincent, 32, admitted to initiating sex with the teen after inviting him and a pal into her Glousterceshire home.'

Group Wants to Halt ACFT Until the Army Assesses Whether It's Fair to Female Soldiers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An advocacy group for women veterans sent a letter to Congress this week, urging lawmakers to stop implementation of the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) until the service completes an independent study of the new assessment's potential impacts on female soldiers.

The Service Women's Action Network (SWAN) issued a letter to the leaders of both the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, requesting that they retain a provision in the fiscal 2021 National Defense Authorization Act that would halt the ACFT until an independent study is conducted, according to a news release from SWAN, a national nonprofit group that advocates for the needs of servicewomen and female veterans.

The Army unveiled its plan to replace the current three-event Army Physical Fitness Test with the more challenging, six-event ACFT in July 2018. It authorized all soldiers in the active, National Guard and Reserve force to begin taking the ACFT as of Oct. 1.'

Why Joe Biden Needs to Nominate Women to Lead VA and the Defense Department

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With men making up the majority of the military, women sometimes feel the burden of being less supported. They feel the need to work harder to be accepted. Their feelings and emotions may not be fully understood when going through difficult situations. This makes their career in service more challenging to navigate.

A female leader could help create better, more equal standards for physical training and individual performance. She could have insights on new, sensible processes, procedures and policies related to women in the service. A thorough review of the military justice system and protocols to ensure those who commit crimes are punished could become more realistic. Providing additional emotional and peer-support resources to women in the military, both at home and overseas is critical to their wellbeing. Having a woman leader could help increase overall respect for women serving across government, and in the private sector. And, as DoD is the largest government agency, it would reinforce the message that women are capable of leading anywhere -- as Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris also illustrates.'

Did Fresno State violate Title IX again? Members of this Bulldogs team say it did

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An attorney representing members of the Fresno State women's lacrosse team has sent a letter to university president Joseph Castro claiming that the elimination of the program is a "blatant violation of Title IX" and threatening legal action if it is not reinstated.

"The law is crystal clear in this area," said Arthur H. Bryant, of Bailey & Glasser in Oakland. "There is a three-part test to comply with Title IX in terms of opportunities to participate. You only have to meet one part. The second and third parts cannot be met if you're eliminating an active women's team so it ends up all coming down to the first part, which is, are your opportunities to participate substantially proportionate to undergraduate enrollment rates?
...
"As announced in October, varsity lacrosse was one of three sport teams that, unfortunately, will be discontinued in addition to men's tennis and wrestling at the conclusion of the 2020-21 academic year. This difficult decision was based upon the significant budgetary impacts facing the Fresno State athletic department as their operating revenues have declined by over $9 million as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is resulting in a $5.1 million projected operating deficit this fiscal year. These sport team reductions will generate an annual budget savings of approximately $2.5 million, once all scholarships and other contractual obligations have been fulfilled.'

Judge denies UI female students seeking restraining order from swimming, diving team cuts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal court judge has rejected a request from six female student athletes seeking an immediate restraining order that would halt the University of Iowa's efforts to dismantle its women's swimming and diving program.

"Because plaintiffs have not established the threat of irreparable injury 'of such imminence that there is a clear and present need for equitable relief to prevent irreparable harm,' … they have not established a need for such immediate emergency relief," U.S. District Court Judge Stephanie Rose wrote in an order Dec. 4 — one day after the students, through their attorney, formally made the request.

"However, the court appreciates the time-sensitive nature of plaintiffs' dilemma as a general matter, and finds expedited briefing to be appropriate," Rose added, setting a hearing for Dec. 18.

The UI female athletes officially sought their restraining order against UI actions set into motion in August when Athletic Director Gary Barta announced plans to cut men's and women's swimming and diving, men's gymnastics, and men's tennis after this academic year in response to massive financial losses from COVID-19.'

Singer Ann Marie Arrested After Allegedly Shooting Man in the Head in Atlanta

Matt · 8 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Chicago-based singer has been arrested in Atlanta after allegedly shooting a man in the head.

Ann Marie (née Joann Marie Slater), 25, was booked into jail on December 2, Fulton County records show, and charged with possession of a firearm during commission of a felony and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
...
Responding officers found a 24-year-old man with a gunshot wound to the head, according to a police report obtained by the outlet, and he was taken to Grady Memorial Hospital. CBS 46 reported that the man was somewhat responsive when officers arrived, but was later declared to be in critical condition.

Ann Marie claimed that a gun had fallen off a table in the room, going off and hitting the man, police said, according to CBS 46. She was reportedly very distraught and kept asking officers if the victim was going to be okay.'

Former pro boxer Viviane Obenauf arrested in connection with husband's beating death: report

Matt · 9 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Brazilian-born boxer Viviane Obenauf has been arrested in Switzerland in connection with the death of her husband, who she married earlier this year, multiple reports say.

Obenauf, 34, was arrested by Swiss police last week after being named the prime suspect in the brutal death of her 61-year-old husband, who was found beaten to death in their apartment in October, the New York Daily News reported.

The victim, only identified as Thomas, was found with “massive injuries due to [a] blunt instrument,” BoxingScene.com reported, citing a police report. He died after a “sustained violent assault.”'

Biden’s Pledge to Repeal DeVos’s Title IX Fix Is Misguided and Hypocritical

Mastodon · 10 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Given the likelihood that it’ll be difficult for the Biden administration to move big-ticket items on Capitol Hill, progressives are eagerly searching for ways that the president-elect can unilaterally change policy. Vox, for example, has sketched “10 Enormously Consequential Things Biden Can Do Without the Senate.” One Guardian op-ed offered the fetching headline, “Here Are 277 Policies That Biden Can Enact on Day One — Without Congress.”

While they couldn’t quite get to 277, the American Council on Education and the various outfits that constitute the higher-education blob recently joined with the progressive base to urge a series of education-specific executive actions. High on their wish list is for Biden to reverse the Trump administration’s Title IX regulations governing sexual misconduct in higher education. Biden, for his part, has promised a “quick end” to the Trump regulations, with his campaign policy director pledging that a Biden administration would “return to and then build on” Obama-era guidance.

That would be a tragic mistake. Under Title IX, Washington has come to require that the nation’s colleges operate quasi-judicial court systems to try sexual misconduct cases. These campus courts can’t apply criminal penalties but they can suspend or expel students, permanently damage reputations, and ruin young lives.'

A Certain Hunger by Chelsea G Summers, review: Psychopathic food critic deliciously skewers men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Journalist and debut author Chelsea G Summers once wrote that “2014 was the year that misandry got chic”, charting a course from Gone Girl’s criminal mastermind Amy to Taylor Swift’s knife-wielding persona in Blank Space.

I was anticipating this zeitgeisty, nail-polish-emoji brand of feminist vengeance when I heard about Summers’ first novel, billed as “Eat, Pray, Love meets American Psycho“. While duly sating that desire, the novel also gives voice to a certain form of misandry that cannot be dismissed as merely fashionable.
...
If “misandry” is defined not as the hatred of men, but as rage against the patriarchal order, might anger be a critically useful emotion, in that it warns us that something is wrong? Misandry like this could catalyse positive social action, as well as more great novels.'

India: Netizens slam Sanjana Sanghi's latest ad for 'promoting violence against men', Pooja Bedi is 'horrified'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dil Bechara' fame actress Sanjana Sanghi has stoked a controversy after an advertisement featuring her has irked social media users.

The actress, who became a national crush overnight after the release of her debut film, recently appeared in an advertisement to promote an OTT platform. However, the concept of the advertisement did not go down well with netizens who slammed it for promoting violence among men and termed it as 'sexist'.

Some social media users even went to the extent of stating that the concept and 'misandry' in the ad were 'reprehensible'.

Ad on YT here.

Examples of Toxic Femininity from Science, Popular Culture, News, Documentaries and Candid Women

Matt · 11 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'This is a compilation of evidence and examples of Toxic Femininity from peer-reviewed scientific research, documentary data from a major TV network, daytime talk shows, scripted dramas from popular culture and the essays of honest, fair-minded women.

It will help you stand up for yourself and for men generally when you hear from friends and others that you as a man are immersed in a toxic culture. The basic idea is that men and women are equal -- equally human, equally good, and equally bad. If we need to be worried about Toxic Masculinity, we need to scrutinize female culture just as thoroughly for the existence of Toxic Femininity.

You might find this video to be a good start in that effort.'

Behind the Lace Curtain: How Feminists Control What America Reads

Matt · 11 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

From 1990 but still on target. Essay here. Excerpt:

'In 1984, the veteran novelist Kingsley Amis came out with a new book, Stanley and the Women, which was uncharacteristically rejected by several New York City publishers. At length it was accepted by Ileene Smith, a young editor at Summit Books. To Ileene Smith's astonishment, she received a series of phone calls from irate feminist editors, denouncing Amis's book and criticizing her for bringing it into print. It was, she says, "as if there were some kind of tacit understanding that one should never endorse something that didn't conform to standard feminist principles."

The treatment was repeated at social gatherings, as other feminists went out of their way to criticize her role in publishing the book. Ileene Smith's sin? To have published Kingsley Amis (despite his considerable critical reputation and commercial success). Kingsley Amis's sin? To have allowed his characters to criticize feminism. Ileene Smith thought she had just been exercising her profession. She had reckoned without the Lace Curtain.'

UK: Sacked Eton teacher loses appeal

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Article here. Excerpt:

'His dismissal, for reportedly refusing to take down his lecture from his personal YouTube channel, sparked outrage among students, who immediately launched a petition for Mr Knowland to be reinstated.

It also plunged the private school, which is currently closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak, into a row over its supposedly 'woke' values under current headmaster Simon Henderson.

However the school governing body has now upheld the decision to sack Mr Knowland, following an appeal hearing chaired by Princes William and Harry's ex-housemaster.

Today Mr Henderson told parents in a letter that Mr Knowland's sacking was 'regrettable' and called on staff to 'continue positive dialogue between those who hold opposing views'.

Meanwhile, the Free Speech Union described the ruling as a 'betrayal' of the school's history and vowed to take the fight to Parliament.'

Ireland: Single-sex education 'part of the problem' of gender inequality - Ó Ríordáin

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to Labour's Education Spokesperson Aodhán Ó Ríordáin, the challenges in tackling the problem are exacerbated by children being separated on the basis of gender in schools.

Speaking in the Dáil on Tuesday, the TD Dublin Bay North said there is a disproportionate amount of schools in Ireland separated on the basis of gender.

He added that "nobody can convince me that that isn't part of the problem" of gender inequality.

He said the issues of domestic violence and image-based sexual assault cannot be effectively discussed when boys and girls are being taught in separate buildings.

Deputy Ó Ríordáin stated: "There can be a toxic masculinity that builds up in a single-gender male school."'

MeToo double standard: Evidence required when accused is a Democrat

Matt · 15 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Andrew Cuomo is lucky he's a Democrat — otherwise Lindsey Boylan's charge that he "sexually harassed" her might lead to political challenges and media shame.

"Yes, @NYGovCuomo sexually harassed me for years. Many saw it, and watched," the former Cuomo aide, now running for Manhattan beep, tweeted.

It's a serious charge, one Cuomo flatly denies. The details? Boylan won't say. She cites no specific allegations and provides no evidence. She won't even respond to requests for further comment. "I have no interest in talking to journalists," she declares. "I am about validating the experience of countless women and making sure abuse stops."

Clearly Boylan thinks it's now OK to level a broadside against a famous man without having to back it up with . . . anything.

But don't blame her: The left often embraces the idea that "believing the victim" means skipping things like evidence and context — and what the accused has to say. This has been the default on college campuses for years and was the standard they tried to impose at the Brett Kavanaugh confirmation hearings.

Faced with a blanket accusation, Team Cuomo leaked bits of Boylan's work record, undermining her claims. An internal memo obtained by The Post shows she quit her job with governor after allegations of harassment by her. But if a Republican leaked such a defense, it would be offered as only more evidence of his willingness to treat women despicably.'

Paris given 'absurd' fine for employing too many women

Matt · 16 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. When is better-than-parity still unequal? Excerpt:

'Paris city authorities have been fined for employing too many women in senior positions, a decision mocked as "absurd" by mayor Anne Hidalgo on Tuesday.

The fine of 90,000 euros ($110,000) was demanded by France's public service ministry on the grounds that Paris city hall had broken national rules on gender parity in its 2018 staffing.

"I am happy to announce that we have been fined," Hidalgo told a city council meeting, adding she had been filled with "joy" when she learned of the penalty.

Hidalgo said she was faulted because 11 women and only five men were named to management positions in city hall in 2018, meaning that 69 percent of the appointments went to women.

"The management of the city hall has, all of a sudden, become far too feminist," laughed the Socialist, who was re-elected for a new term at the helm of Paris last year.

According to the text of the ruling cited by Le Monde daily, city hall violated a rule dating to 2013, which stipulates said one sex should not account for more than 60 of nominations to management positions.
...
Responding on Twitter, France's Public Service Minister Amelie de Montchalin from the ruling Republic on the Move party acknowledged that the fine had been levied for 2018.

Since then the "absurd" rule on parity in management had been repealed, she noted.

"I want the fine paid by Paris for 2018 to finance concrete actions to promote women in the public service. I invite you to the ministry to discuss them!," she said in a message to Hidalgo.'

Princeton finally faces scrutiny for anti-male bias in Title IX probes

Matt · 18 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Barrett authored the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision against Purdue University last year that eliminated “doctrinal tests” in judicial evaluations of Title IX claims against colleges.

The only consideration for a court should be whether the alleged facts “raise a plausible inference” that a college in Illinois, Indiana or Wisconsin – public or private – discriminated against an accused student “on the basis of sex.”
...
John’s lawyer Andrew Miltenberg told The College Fix in an email Thursday: “Coupled with yesterday’s decision, this is a great 1-2 blow to Princeton.”

And it affirms that the defenders of kangaroo courts were right to be fearful of Barrett’s influence when she was nominated for the high court.

The persuasiveness of her Purdue opinion has made it “nearly impossible” for colleges to quickly get Title IX lawsuits by accused students dismissed, one lawyer told The Chronicle of Higher Education at the time.'

Canada Stimulus Package: Second Stimulus Checks Plus A Dose Of Sexism

Mastodon · 18 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The stimulus includes continued support for parents with young children. A close read of the Canada Revenue Agency policy on qualifying for the Canadian Child Benefit, however, reveals anachronistic language that harbors a subtle dose of sexism.

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What follows is an outmoded perpetuation of gender stereotypes. Canada's policy states that "when both a female and male parent live in the same home as the child, the female parent is usually considered to be primarily responsible for the care and upbringing of the child. She should be the one applying for the CCB." Surprised? So was I. One would expect more gender-neutral language from a government spearheaded by a progressive like Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

One could forgive this assumption if there was an easy path for a man to apply as the primary caregiver. Indeed, the government does manage to entertain the possibility that a man could be the primary caregiver, but needlessly adds friction to the process for a male parent to apply. "However, if the male parent is primarily responsible, he should apply and attach a signed letter from the female parent stating that he is the parent who is primarily responsible for all the children in the home," the government states.'

Denmark strengthens rape laws, outlaws sex without explicit consent

Matt · 20 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Denmark strengthened its rape laws on Thursday by criminalising sex without explicit consent.

The new law passed by parliament widened the circumstances that could constitute rape - under the old legislation, prosecutors had to show the rapist had used violence or attacked someone who was unable to resist.

"Now it will be clear, that if both parties do not consent to sex, then it's rape," justice minister Nick Haekkerup said in a statement.

A similar law introduced in neighbouring Sweden in 2018 resulted in a 75% rise in rape convictions.

Around 11,400 women a year are raped or subjected to attempted rape in Denmark, according to the ministry's figures.'

Our-Comeback YT Channel

Matt · 21 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

New vids just added. Feel free to subscribe: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIievOdWG7lWwuSrkHwSvUw

Survey: Over 20 Million Have Been Falsely Accused of Abuse

Matt · 21 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'A recent national survey conducted by YouGov reveals 8% of Americans report being falsely accused of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or other forms of abuse. The 2,407 survey respondents were representative of the U.S. adult population. The 8% figure represents 20.4 million adults.

In 62% of cases, the false accusers were reported to be females. Often, the false allegation was made in the context of a child custody dispute — 27% of cases.

Similar percentages of falsely accused persons were seen among the various age groups, racial/ethnic categories, and geographical areas. In other demographic categories, however, substantial differences were unearthed.'

Ijeoma Oluo on why it's time for white male mediocrity to lose its power

Mastodon · 23 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When the author Ijeoma Oluo's first book "So You Want to Talk About Race" was published in 2018, the world did not know the names of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor or Ahmaud Arbery, nor the fates that would befall them.
...
Now comes "Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America," (Seal Press) which examines white male supremacy and its impact on America for generations.

In one passage, Oluo writes: "I do not believe that white men are born wanting to dominate. ... We need to do more than just break free of the oppression of white men. We also have to imagine a white manhood that is not based in the oppression of others. ... We must start asking what we want white manhood to be, and what we will no longer accept."'

Court grants injunction in Title IX case, blocks University of Iowa from dropping women's swim team

Mastodon · 23 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge announced Tuesday she will grant an injunction blocking the University of Iowa from dropping women's swimming for the 2021-2022 school year.

The decision by District Judge Stephanie Rose came at the end of a two-day hearing on a Title IX complaint filed by four female Hawkeye athletes. The four, all members of the swimming team, said the university is violating Title IX, exacerbating the already fewer opportunities for women athletes by dropping women's swimming and diving teams, according to the lawsuit.

...

Iowa athletic director Gary Barta announced in August that the university would be cutting three men's sports and one women's sport starting after this academic year because of financial losses caused by the pandemic.

Cutting men's gymnastics, men's tennis and men's swimming, in addition to the women's swimming and diving teams will affect 64 male and 38 female athletes.'

Family sues school that won’t let student out of class promoting anti-white racism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Nevada mother has followed through on her threat to file a civil rights lawsuit against her son’s charter school for refusing to let him opt out of a mandatory class that promotes hostility toward whites as a race.

Democracy Prep at the Agassi Campus forced William Clark “to make professions about his racial, sexual, gender and religious identities in verbal class exercises and in graded, written homework assignments,” creating a hostile environment, the biracial high school student and Gabrielle Clark allege in their federal lawsuit filed Tuesday.
...
The curriculum also implied that William’s white father, who died when his son “was too young to know him,” likely physically abused his black mother because he was white. William is so light-skinned that he is usually regarded as white – “the only apparent white boy in his class.”
...
Though students with supposedly oppressive identities – among them white, male and Christian – were officially allowed not to divulge them in “breakout” sessions with other students, this was functionally a meaningless gesture, because silence would only highlight their status as oppressors:
...
To add insult to injury, the school suspended William Dec. 16 on the basis that he committed “racism,” the suit claims. He was already in therapy because of the school’s current and anticipated retaliation.'

Duke University Official Admits ‘It Would Be Easy’ To Remove Due Process Protections From Accused Students Under Biden Administration

Mastodon · 24 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Duke University administrator that the school limits due process protections for students accused of sexual misconduct and plans to remove those protections all together once Democrat Joe Biden becomes president.
...
Hewitt, however, said that Duke has avoided providing those due process protections by maintaining a broader definition of sexual harassment and only providing protections for those cases that meet the DeVos definition. She claimed to the Chronicle that the Supreme Court’s definition more narrowly defined “what we think of, traditionally, as sexual harassment.”'

Princeton punished him after he said a female sexually assaulted him. A judge refused to toss his suit.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Several months after a federal judge tossed a punished student's anti-male discrimination claims against Princeton, the court has put the Ivy League university on the defensive.

U.S. District Judge Brian Martinotti refused to dismiss due process, breach-of-contract and good-faith claims under New Jersey law on Wednesday, citing a 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision from May on "fairness" in Title IX proceedings.

It was a reversal of fortune for "John Doe," who failed to convince Martinotti in February that his federal Title IX claims were plausible. The judge also ordered the accused student to show why his court even had jurisdiction over John's state-law claims.'

The University as the Woke Mission Field: A Dissident Women's Studies Ph.D. Speaks Out

Matt · 24 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I have a Ph.D. in Women's Studies, but I'm not woke anymore. I write under a pseudonym because, if my colleagues were to find out about my criticisms of this field, I would be unable to find any employment in academia. That someone who critiques the axioms of a field of study feels compelled to write under an assumed name tells you everything you need to know about the authoritarianism underpinning this ideology. I no longer believe that the fundamental ideas of Women's Studies, and of Critical Social Justice more generally, describe reality; they are at best partial explanations—hyperbolic ideology, not fact-based analysis. I have seen this ideology up close and seen how it consumes and even destroys people, while dehumanizing anyone who dissents.

I'm sad to say it, but I believe that Critical Social Justice ideology—if not beaten in the war of ideas—will destroy the liberal foundation of American society. By liberal I mean principles including, but not limited to, constitutional republican government, equality under the law, due process, a commitment to reason and science, individual liberty, and freedom—of speech, of the press, and of religion. Because Critical Social Justice ideology is now the dominant paradigm in American academia, it has flowed into all other major societal institutions, the media, and even corporations. Far from being counter-cultural, Critical Social Justice ideology is now the cultural mainstream. A diverse spectrum of liberals, libertarians, conservatives, and all others who, to put it bluntly, want the American constitution to continue to serve as the basis for our society have to team up to prevent this ideology from destroying our country.'

UT-Austin ordered to disband "bias response team"

Matt · 26 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph. Excerpt:

'Political speech is under attack these days from Beijing to Berkeley, so we'll take victories where we can get them. One arrived Tuesday when the University of Texas at Austin agreed to disband its PC police and end policies that suppress speech on campus.

Credit the nonprofit Speech First, which sued on behalf of student members in 2018. The group claimed UT and its officials had "created an elaborate investigatory and disciplinary apparatus to suppress, punish, and deter speech that other students deem 'offensive,' 'biased,' 'uncivil,' or 'rude.'"

Students could anonymously report their professors and peers for "bias incidents" to the Campus Climate Response Team, which would investigate and threaten disciplinary referrals and "restorative justice" meetings with administrators. The university gave several examples of what constitutes an act of bias, including "faculty commentary in the classroom perceived as derogatory and insensitive," and other behavior open to highly subjective judgments about what is offensive.'

Humor: How companies advertise now

Matt · 28 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Tweet with video here.

Our Comeback: We need an emoji for in-person demonstrations

Matt · 28 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'Public demonstrations for men and boys are difficult to organize and execute. Men are often sonstrained from participating and people who don't know much about us take it upon themselves to try to disrupt and destroy our advocacy.

But just as women needed to find their own style of conducting business and pursuing careers, men need a new style of advocating for ourselves and boys.

This video suggests one idea that might take advantage of our strengths and depend less on the ways in which we are weak or otherwise disadvantaged.

The download is at https://www.wikihow.com/Sample/Tragedy-Mask'

Bloodstained Men

Matt · 30 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Website for group is at https://www.bloodstainedmen.com/

From their About section:

'Bloodstained Men as an organization can trace its origin to the decision of late intactivist leader Jonathon Conte to bring seven sets of white painters overalls marked with red crotches to the protest at the October 2012 American Academy of Pediatrics convention protest in New Orleans. Though the visually arresting bloodstained crotch protest concept was a 2010 creation of British intactivist Richard Duncker, Conte's deployment of the suit was the first example in the United States and was the spark for our organization. Seven men boldly wore these suits outside the convention hall, causing quite a sensation among the conference attendees and veteran demonstrators alike.'

Here it is, dads: your 2021 New Year's resolution

Matt · 31 December 2020 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Before reading it, I already knew what it would say. It's like Michelle O's "do better" admonition all over again. I suppose we'll see Hell freeze over before we see an MSM op-ed tell women or mothers to "do better". Excerpt:

'Dads, next year, you should do your fair share of the child care, domestic work and emotional labor in your homes.
...
So, in 2021, it's long past time for dads to share these burdens equally with their female partners.

But they're not the only ones who need to change.

Employers also bear a significant part of the responsibility for this inequality. Lockman notes that "the gender wage gap is really a motherhood gap. Women without children earn just barely less than men." But because the labor market pays a premium to people who perform so-called "overwork," which means working more than 50 hours per week, many dads end up significantly outearning moms. who often can't put in that kind of time at work.

If more employers were to recognize that both men and women need reasonable hours so they can care for their families and offer gender-neutral policies to support working parents -- like parental leave when babies are born and flexible schedules -- then dads would have an easier time doing their fair share of at-home labor.'

False accusations of rape and kidnapping leave man struggling to clear his name

Mastodon · 4 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'All charges against an Owasso man accused of sexually assaulting his ex-wife were dropped by request of the state after she recanted.

Unfortunately for Russell Deming, the fallout of that false accusation continue to impact his life years later.

Charged with one count of rape in the first degree and one count of kidnapping in December of 2017, he managed to post a $150,000 bond with the help of friends, and got out of jail after about ten days.

By March, it appeared the state's case - based solely, he says, on her statement to Owasso police - had fallen apart.

KRMG has obtained a copy of a notarized letter from Deming's accuser, in which she writes: "I believe the entire incident was a mistake, and that Mr. Deming did not commit any crime against me. Therefore, I do not wish to prosecute Mr. Deming, nor participate in his prosecution."

In the intervening years, Deming has tried to restore his reputation, but told KRMG at the end of 2020, that struggle continues.'

UK: PCC says sexism and elder abuse should be hate crime

Mastodon · 4 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'CHESHIRE police and crime commissioner David Keane is calling for sexism and abuse of the elderly to be recognised as a hate crime by law.

Existing hate crime legislation does not cover gender or age, but the PCC says that there is ‘clear evidence’ that this should be the case.

He said: “We know that gender discrimination disproportionately affects women.

“There is evidence of this in the workplace, online and in everyday life – there is also evidence of misogyny leading to other serious crimes such as stalking or harassment.'

Book review: Do we need white men? The surprising answer

Mastodon · 6 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This year, you are going to roar.

You're going to seize every opportunity, wrestle every bad habit to the ground, and do better than your best. You're gonna kick the universe in the tail. This is absolutely going to be your year – unless, as in the new book “Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America” by Ijeoma Oluo, someone's standing in your way, now and for a hundred years.

In addition to a quiet setting and uninterrupted time to write, on a recent retreat for women, Oluo noticed that when socializing, most of the attendees talked about men – but not the boyfriend-husband-partner men. They discussed bad “dudes,” particularly the white ones that largely controlled publishing. That conversation morphed into bad men, white men in general, that are “found just about everywhere ...”
...
We see white male privilege all over politics, from the top down and especially in political arenas where white supremacy exists. It's been on college campuses and in places of higher education where Black people were historically denied entrance. It's in the workplace, where Black women continue to make far less money than their white male counterparts.

White male privilege exists today in economics, pro sports, in language, in an ignorance of history and the contributions of Black men and women, and in entertainment. It's a “very dark place,” Oluo writes, and there are things every American can do about it – starting with two: an acknowledgment that we need white men, and an admission to our complicity in this terrible, untenable legacy.'

Infant circumcision may lead to social challenges as an adult

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Infant circumcision may lead to social challenges as an adult

Undergoing circumcision as an infant has delayed psychological complications. This is shown by an international study led by researchers from Aarhus University.

Researchers have long disagreed about the health implications - also for mental health - of small boys being circumcised. A study now shows that infant circumcision, which is the case for a third of the world's male population, has consequences in adulthood. Alessandro Miani and Michael Winterdahl from Aarhus University and Aarhus University Hospital have coordinated the study.

"We wanted to challenge the assumption that there are no delayed consequences of infant circumcision apart from the purely physical because of the absence of foreskin," says Michael Winterdahl about the background for the study.'

NYC Mayoral Hopeful Yang Addresses Concerns Over Circumcision Stance: ‘I’ve Attended Multiple Friends’ Brises’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ex-2020 Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang, a likely entrant in the race to succeed New York Mayor Bill de Blasio next year, responded on Twitter on Thursday to questions about past comments opposing circumcision.

“I have attended multiple friends’ brises and felt privileged to do so,” Yang tweeted. “I believe in religious freedom. This is every parent’s personal decision and not a role of government.”

Yang, who filed paperwork last week to run in the upcoming mayoral contest, the Democratic primary for which will be held in June with the general election following in November, was responding to Ben Max, executive editor at the Gotham Gazette.

Earlier, Max had tweeted, “Just learned that @AndrewYang is against circumcision, which may not be helpful in a Democratic primary in New York City.”

Max also linked to a 2019 Daily Beast article, in which Yang spoke out against the practice.

“I’m highly aligned with the intactivists,” Yang told the outlet, referring to anti-circumcision activists. “History will prove them even more correct.”'

A feminist government is here

Matt · 6 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I've been writing about the feminist agenda for some 20 years now, warning of its intentions. The year 2021 will finally bring those ideas alive. It has already begun, with the House's proposal to ban the words "he" and "she" from official language. Their claim is gender neutrality in the name of inclusion, but their intent is to obliterate the family. If deleting the words "father," "mother," "son," and "daughter" doesn't convince you of this, nothing will.
...
What today's Democratic Party wants is a matriarchy. The Shriver Report boasts: "As we move into this phase we're calling a woman's nation, women can turn their pivotal role as wage-earners, as consumers, as bosses, as opinion-shapers, as co-equal partners in whatever we do into a potent force for change. Emergent economic power gives women a new seat at the table—at the head of the table."
...

Feminism is no longer solely the domain of the Democratic Party. It has seeped into the Republican Party, too, as well every other sector of American life. The feminist elite don't just reside in our government. They're also professors, lawyers, journalists, writers, judges, actresses, bureaucrats, psychologists, and activists. What these women have in common is clout, and they believe they know what's best for you and your family. But their entire worldview, about men, about women, about sex, about marriage, about motherhood, and about politics, is fueled by the belief that nature is the enemy, that biology isn't real, and that the family is dead.

And now, having solidified their place in Congress, they will make real headway. I hope you're ready.'

U-Chicago Science Professor Under Assault For Criticizing ‘No White Men’ Hiring Rules

Mastodon · 8 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Professor Dorian Abbot, a tenured faculty member in the University of Chicago’s Department of Geophysical Sciences, is under attack by a mob of university students, faculty, and alumni after he posted a series of YouTube videos criticizing his department’s Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee.

EDI efforts, according to Abbot, “promote a worldview in which group membership is a primary aspect of the human being and different groups are taught to view each other antagonistically.” For this reason, he hoped his videos would ignite a spirited intellectual discussion, while depicting the dangers of vilifying groups based on race, class, and sex.

Unfortunately, in academia, Abbot’s statements are highly controversial. Abbot, who says he’s “just a science guy,” was in shock after he became the subject of a social media firestorm, facing backlash from his students and colleagues, many of whom expressed being “hurt” and feeling “unsafe” due to his beliefs.'

"US democracy faces a bleak future"

Mastodon · 8 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As Trump throws fuel on the flames of political distrust in the US, both Democrats and Republicans rush to blame the other. Yet there is one truth above all else which must never be forgotten: like him or loathe him, Trump is right about media manipulation of democracy and Democrats playing Russian roulette with free speech.

If the Democrats aren't lobbying to reduce gun ownership, they are lobbying to have men who identify as women compete in whatever gender.field they wish. If the Democrats aren't trying to vilify men in order to give women more privilege in life, work, marriage and anything else they can find, they are trying to force company and government institution employees to undergo compulsory training to address perceived or imaginary slights (against whichever groups are on their special list of protected status). In fact the only group which is not on the protected list, is that composed of straight white men, the most productive group in most Western countries.

As the Democrats, supported eagerly by the mainstream media, try to claim anyone who is not with them, is against them, they run the risk of damaging the meanings of words which we should naturally fear. A racist is no longer a racist, but a white person who is not a Black Lives Matter advocate. A misogynists no longer someone who hates women, but a man who stands up to unfair and ridiculous levels of female privilege in US society. Of course they ignore misandry, despite it being shown to be four times more prevalent that misogyny. If your view is not far left, then you are a far right neo-nazi. The Democrats pervert the definitions of these terms to push through the very evils they purport to try and extinguish. All that was good, is now just currency used by the Left to shame us into compliance.

As feminism embraced identity politics, the media lapped it up with glee. The Democrats joined in and consequently moved very dangerously to the Left. Institutions like the Southern Law Poverty Centre, willfully and deliberately try to label anyone or any institution which steps out of line and challenges the Marxist fanatics driving the attack on Western democracies. For what is happening in the US is not a unique event - it is a portent of what will follow in other countries which have embraced the hatred and poison of Marxist-aligned identity politics and post-modernism.'

The Sperm Kings Have a Problem: Too Much Demand

Matt · 9 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I was tempted to prefix "Humor: " to the title. I post this though as a warning: these men going around handing out sperm w/out going through a sperm bank are looking at possibly getting saddled with child support payments. No contract, no protections. Don't be a sucker is all I'm saying. Excerpt:

'The sperm kings of America are exhausted.

These men are flying all over the place. They are shipping their sperm with new vial systems and taking the latest DNA tests because that is what women want now. Sure, they can talk on the phone, but they say it has to be quick because they are driving to Dallas or Kansas City or Portland, Maine, in time for an ovulation window. They would like to remind me they have day jobs.

“People are fed up with sperm banks,” said Kyle Gordy, 29, who lives in Malibu, Calif. He invests in real estate but spends most of his time donating his sperm, free (except for the cost of travel), to women. He also runs a nearly 11,000-member private Facebook group, Sperm Donation USA, which helps women connect with a roster of hundreds of approved donors. His donor sperm has sired 35 children, with five more on the way, he said.'

"Trump Is Leaving, but the Revenge of Men Continues"

Mastodon · 9 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When President Donald Trump phoned Georgia's secretary of state, commanding him to "find" enough votes to overturn the state's election results, he quite likely broke the laws of this country. However, to at least one defender, the leaked call constituted an even more serious crime: a violation of the Bro Code.

"A man does not release a private conversation he has with anyone. That's part of being a man," wrote right-wing radio host Jesse Kelly in a much-mocked viral tweet. "Democrat, Republican, Trump, anti-Trump, none of that matters. You don't repeat things said to you privately. That's simple man code."

First of all: No, it isn't. There's nothing particularly feminine about whistleblowing, or they wouldn't hire Russell Crowe for the movies about it. Yet, in the dying days of Trump's presidency, it's somehow not surprising to see a leaked call framed as a betrayal of manhood itself. Trump was always a signifier, an attempt to take the country back for toxic white masculinity. Right-wing men's continued insistence that fealty to Trump is an essential component of their masculinity serves as a reminder that even when he's gone, that quest will continue.'

Anti-Sexual Harassment Group Time's Up Developing App for Women to Address Male Microagressions in Workplace

Mastodon · 9 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Coming soon to a workplace near you is a mobile app that will allow women to address male microagressions in the office. The British arm of Hollywood's Time's Up movement is reportedly developing an app that will educate women on workplace microaggressions and give them the resources to take action. Microaggressions are small social wrongs and slights that are perceived as overt acts of hostility by victim groups.

Time's Up U.K. chair Heather Rabbatts told Variety that once the entertainment industry "resets" following the coronavirus pandemic, it won't go back to the old way of doing things. "We want to build it in a way that speaks to our values and aspirations," she said, which include a greater focus on intersectionality — the left-wing academic theory that people exist on "intersections" of oppression based on characteristics such as gender and race.

The mobile app will be one way to achieve that goal, she said. The app will reportedly educate women on what microaggressions are, and will also provide resources for support. While the app is expected to be used within the film and TV industries at first, it will also apply to industries beyond those, Variety reported.

"If you have a culture where microaggression is apparent, then that contributes to a culture of silence and being complicit when there is harassment and bullying going on," Rabbatts told the trade publication. "If you don't tackle microaggression, then you can't tackle harassment and bullying."'

UK: 'Inequality must be removed for Muslim women and white working-class boys alike'

Mastodon · 9 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What do white working-class British boys, and Bangladeshi and Pakistani Muslim women who live in this country have in common?

The answer is that when it comes to educational and vocational opportunities, both groups are at the bottom of the table.

And I fear that lockdown will again adversely and disproportionately affect these groups more than any other in society.

It is the duty of those who care about equal opportunities for all to take the lead in raising awareness of these disadvantaged groups.'

Woman jailed for ten years for child rape with nine of it suspended

Matt · 11 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. One year. Just one. Excerpt:

'Dillon was sentenced to ten years to life after pleading guilty to first and second degree child rapes.

But she will serve only a year behind bars, with the rest of the sentence suspended so she can get treatment, say court records.

She must also register as a sex offender.

Dillon's victim was a friend of her son through the Emerald Ridge Lacrosse Club, where she was the "team mom," investigators said.

Romps took place at her home and at hotels when the team played away between May 2014 and May 2015, said court files.'

The Warped Morality Of ‘Wonder Woman 1984’

Matt · 11 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nice to see someone make a few points about this movie, particularly the purloining of a man's body to use sexually. Excerpt:

'Hence, when Diana makes her wish, the resurrection of Steve is the only desire she has (and to be fair, the rest of her life is incredibly privileged and meaningful - what else could she possibly want?). But when Steve is ripped from Heaven’s womb, his soul is placed into the body of … some random guy. A living stranger, whose consciousness simply disappears the moment his body is possessed by the former WWI soldier.

Naturally, Diana is surprised to see him return - but she doesn’t seem concerned with the fate of the stranger - not even a little bit. She simply doesn’t care. In fact, she has sex with Steve, using this man’s body like a silicone sex doll.
...
The two seem more disturbed by the artificiality of Steve’s return, rather than the non-consensual use of another human’s body for sex (not to mention, the life-threatening circumstances Steve often finds himself in).

Can you imagine if Superman did this? Used a random woman’s body for his own pleasure, to bring back Lois Lane, or whatever? The fact that Wonder Woman, supposedly a pure-hearted, almost childlike figure of virtue, doesn’t have an issue with this at all, is deeply strange, to say the least.'

Council is slammed for 'ridiculous and historical wokery' over plans to remove a statue of a British war hero

Mastodon · 12 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Exeter City Council set up a task group after the Black Lives Matter protests to decide whether a statue of General Sir Redvers Buller should be moved from its prominent position in the city.

The review stated the statue had attracted public debate in part due to references to colonial campaigns on its plinth which 'sought to advance British imperialist interests in other countries'.

An equality impact assessment carried out as part of the review also concluded the statue would impact anybody who 'does not define themselves in binary gender terms'.

It read: 'The General Buller statue represents the patriarchal structures of empire and colonialism which impact negatively on women and anyone who does not define themselves in binary gender terms.

'The consultation will need to ensure that the views of women, transgender and non-binary people are captured and given due weight."

The unreported gender gap in high school graduation rates

Mastodon · 12 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This disaggregated data has proven valuable for assessing progress towards more equitable outcomes, especially for marginalized groups. But there is one glaring omission in the subgroups for which data is available: sex. We do not know the national high school graduation rates for girls and boys, since states are not required to provide this data—but, we argue here, this requirement should be added.

Across the US, fewer boys are graduating

Reliable high school graduation rates by sex are not available at a national level, but, because states are required to track individual students' graduation status across other demographic groups, many states already collect and publish the rate by gender. (Note that state Departments of Education often report rates by sex, rather than gender identity.) To gauge the national trend, we collected publicly available high school graduation data for the 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 school years.'

Americans are more worried about their sons than their daughters

Matt · 15 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But Americans are in general more worried about the prospects for boys than for girls, and for their own sons more than their own daughters, according to new data from the American Family Survey. Conservatives and men are most concerned about boys in general – but liberals are most worried about their own sons. These views may be influencing political trends, and in particular the growing partisanship gap between men and women.
...

Americans are more worried about boys in general. Forty-one percent agree or strongly agree with the statement “I am worried about boys in the United States becoming successful adults,” compared to 33% saying the same for girls. But there is a big partisan divide here. Half (48%) of conservatives are worried about boys, and only 28% are worried about girls. Liberals, by contrast, are if anything slightly more worried about girls (44% compared to 41%). There is also a gender gap: 45% of men are worried about boys, only 31% are worried about girls. Overall, women are also more worried about boys than about girls, but by a much smaller margin (38% compared to 35%).
...
Respondents are about equally as worried about their sons and daughters as they are about boys and girls in general , with the gap between their worry for boys and girls shrinking modestly. But all four groups— liberals, conservatives, mothers, and fathers—are more worried about their sons than their daughters.'

Brown University settles Title IX lawsuit with female student athletes

Mastodon · 16 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Brown University and a group of female student-athletes settled a Title IX lawsuit that followed Brown's elimination of multiple female sports teams.

As Campus Reform previously reported in June, Brown announced its decision to eliminate five men's and six women's varsity sports teams in light of financial pitfalls induced by COVID-19. Among other programs, the university demoted the women's fencing, skiing, squash, and equestrian teams to club status.
...
The agreement stated that "if Brown restores to varsity status a men's team that had been slated to transition from varsity to club status… then the total number of women's teams restored to varsity status must be at least two greater than the number of men's teams restored."

U.S. District Court Chief Judge John McConnell concluded in December that the settlement was "fair, adequate and reasonable."'

Should the CTA adopt women-only transit? Interviews with Chicago women suggest yes

Mastodon · 17 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In many cities around the world, design strategies and transportation options have been implemented in an effort to ensure women's safety and comfort on public transportation. A common tactic is women-only transportation. Women-only transit services are most popular in Asian countries, but also exist in South America, Africa, and Europe. Mexico City is the only North American city to offer women-only transit options.
...
Out of the seven women interviewed, six said they would support women-only transit on the CTA. Only one interviewee was against the idea, citing taxpayer costs and the need for other improvements to the system that she saw as higher priorities. However, the same respondent said she would use women-only train cars or sections in "extreme cases." This respondent also noted that women-only transit could help other women, even if it wouldn't be effective in increasing her own feelings of safety during daytime commutes.'

Women Make Better Leaders, New Study Finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On Inauguration Day, two of the three highest offices in America will be held by women. Kamala Harris will be vice president, and Nancy Pelosi will continue to be speaker of the House of Representatives.

At the same time, research is coming out about how women often excel at leadership, especially in times of crisis.

Jack Zenger is one of the authors of research published in the Harvard Business Review. He's a former academic, and is now the CEO of Zenger/Folkman, a leadership development consultancy. He told Texas Standard that his curiosity about women's aptitude for leadership was piqued by conversations during which male business experts said they believed it to be true, even though they didn't have the data to back it up.

Years later, Zenger got access to data from comprehensive evaluations of business leaders by their colleagues. Analysis of those reviews showed that women were better leaders.'

Oops: Leftists Upset Facebook Censors Anti-Men Hate Speech

Mastodon · 17 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's no secret that Facebook constantly censors content, but a recent investigation from Vice has the outlet suddenly upset that censorship might even happen to them. The platform has reportedly censored some groups just for using the word "men" and liberals don't grasp the irony that they can't say "men are trash."

Vice's investigation claimed that Facebook is "cracking down" on groups "dedicated to discussing everyday injustices in the patriarchal world that we live in." These groups reportedly violated "Facebook's standard for hate speech for seemingly simply mentioning the word 'men.'" By saying bad things about "men" as a group, not individual men.

Multiple groups across Facebook said they were finding that "anything even remotely negative about men gets automatically flagged or taken down":
...
"The phrase 'men are trash' has been a known target for a long time. But now it's getting ridiculous. There was one (deleted comment) recently that literally just said 'I dislike men,'" Lauren Smith, another page admin, told Vice. Facebook did not respond to a request to confirm this information from MRC TechWatch.'

Boys, Race, and California Schools

Matt · 18 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From last year but still very relevant. Excerpt:

'Eric's mother is not alone in her observations regarding the challenges boys encounter in California schools. According to data from the California Department of Education (CA Dept. of Ed.), boys are less likely to earn high school diplomas and less likely to meet other benchmarks.

GIBM reviewed 4-years of data from the CA Dept. of Ed. and learned that race and boys is a systemic problem in California schools. California is not alone. Many departments of education across the country do not collect gender-data on high school graduation rates. According to the Brookings Institute, only 37 states collect gender demographic-data on graduation rates. In its study Brookings reported that boys earned fewer high school diplomas in all 37 of the states it studied.

California is one of 37 states that collects graduation-data based on gender. Retrieving data on boys is not always so simple though. The data is often layered behind other links, and those unfamiliar with the system will not necessarily find the data easily. The California Department of Education has long been focused on "race/ethnicity" and programs that support girls more so than boys. Engaging Girls in STEM, for instance, remains a central tenet of the CA Department of Education. These types of programs encourage girls to pursue STEM professions where they are underrepresented, mostly in the computer sciences and engineering fields. Females are doing quite well in other STEM professions such as biological and biomedical science where they go on to represent 72% of undergraduate degrees according to the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES). Encouraging girls is an important part of any educational system. There are, however, fewer checks and balances when it comes to the status of boys, even when gender (sex) is more of a determining factor than race.'

He brought $5 for dinner date. She’s now charged with attempted murder, arson

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Authorities say a North Las Vegas woman angered because a friend showed up to a dinner date with only $5 in his pocket later set fire to the man’s apartment in an attempt to kill him.

Kimberly Marika Johnson, 43, was booked Tuesday at the Clark County Detention Center on charges of attempted murder and first-degree arson. The charges stem from an incendiary blaze authorities say was deliberately set at a North Las Vegas apartment in the early-morning hours of Oct. 11.

An arrest report released by North Las Vegas Justice Court had the address of the apartment complex blacked out. The reports described the residence where the fire occurred at a “two-story, multi-family apartment complex” in the city.
...
Johnson, according to the victim, “threw her purse which was on fire” through the window into the front room of the apartment. The victim alleged to authorities that Johnson was “high on crystal meth” and that “she tried to burn me down.”

An arson investigator wrote the blaze was set with “willful and malicious intent.”'

UK: Married schoolteacher, 35, 'had sex in field with pupil she sent topless photos to...'

Mastodon · 18 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A married teacher had sex in a field with a pupil then said she would 'bring him down' if he ever told anyone, a court heard today.

Kandice Barber was previously found guilty of sending topless photos and a video of herself to the 15-year-old boy, jurors heard today.

She is now up on trial again accused of three counts of engaging in sexual activity with a child, a more serious offence.

...

In one message read out to jurors, the boy claimed Barber had threatened to 'bring him down' if he told anyone about their relationship, which he took to mean that she would accuse him of rape.

Mr Milne said: 'Kandice Barber, an adult, was having sex with a child under the age of 16 and it makes not a jot of difference to the law, the fact that she was a she and he was a he. The law applies equally to men and to women and that is what this case is all about.'

Chairman of the House Judiciary's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Suggests White Male National Guardsmen Could Pose Threat To Biden's Life

Mastodon · 18 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN) suggested during an interview on Monday morning that in vetting the National Guard for potential threats against President-elect Joe Biden, officials should first look for supporters of President Donald Trump within the Guard's ranks. He also specifically linked their presumed support for Trump to their skin color and gender.

Cohen, who is the chairman of the House Judiciary's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, made the remarks during a CNN interview with host Jim Sciutto.

...

"But, that's far — to have voted for Trump does not make you an insider, that's far different from being a threat of violence inside — whether the national guard or law enforcement. I'm curious, is there anything you've seen to substantiate just how broad this insider threat may be, if it exists," CNN host Jim Sciutto responded.

"Absolutely not, Jim," Cohen responded. "But you know, you draw a circle, the first circle is people who were for Trump and not for Biden as far as people who would be within the zone of folks who you'd be suspect of," Cohen said. "That suspect group is large."'

SAVE: Last Call to Sign our Petition to End Biased 'Victim-Centered' Methods

Matt · 18 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

From SAVE:

"Victim-centered" has become a new buzz-word on college campuses and in the criminal justice system. After all, what sane person wouldn't want to support an investigative method that seemingly cares about "victims"?

Which is exactly why biased, guilt-presuming 'victim-centered' ideology represents such a threat to justice.

Recently a New York state court issued a decision suggesting that investigator Chantelle Cleary -- pictured on the right -- "doctored" the complainant's statements so the alleged incident fall with the university's definition of sexual assault.

The judge wrote,

“Cleary’s phrasing portrays a significantly different rendering of the event…..It is not unreasonable to question whether Cleary changed the wording (and as such the alleged facts) to correspond with the definition of sexual assault I as found in the student code.”

SAVE is currently sponsoring an online petition to end such "victim-centered" methods. The petition currently has over 3,700 signers. We will soon be sharing the petition to members of Congress, so consider this your LAST CALL!

Here's where you can sign up: https://www.change.org/p/congress-stop-sham-believe-the-victim-investigations
Sincerely,

The SAVE Team

P.S. We have compiled a useful summary about "victim-centered" methods here: www.saveservices.org/sexual-assault/investigations/

With ‘I Hate Men,’ a French feminist touches a nerve

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If it hadn’t been for a man, Pauline Harmange’s literary debut, “I Hate Men,” might have gone unnoticed.

The feminist essay, which makes a case for shunning men as a legitimate defense mechanism against widespread misogyny, was initially published in French by the nonprofit press Monstrograph. It only printed 400 copies. On the day it was released last August, however, an employee of France’s ministry for gender equality, Ralph Zurmély, emailed Monstrograph from his government account.

The book was obviously, he wrote, “an ode to misandry.” Zurmély, who hadn’t read the book, likened it to “sex-based incitement to hatred” and concluded, “I ask that you immediately withdraw this book from your catalog, subject to legal prosecution.”

The threat backfired. No sooner was it made public that “I Hate Men” became a cause célèbre in the French news media — and brought attention to misandry, the dislike or mistrust of men, as a social phenomenon. Since Monstrograph couldn’t keep up with demand, a major French publisher, Seuil, won a bidding war to reprint the book, which has sold 20,000 copies since. The translation rights for 17 languages have been sold.'

‘Promising Young Woman’ is a #MeToo revenge fantasy that is galling for its unashamed hatred of men, but glorious for its artistry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The new Carey Mulligan movie is sure to garner Oscar nominations because it’s never a bad time in Hollywood to hate men. Despite its pernicious cultural politics, it’s extremely entertaining.
...
Sometimes a movie says something you intensely dislike, but they say it so well you have to tip your cap. A case in point is the darkly comedic #MeToo revenge fantasy ‘Promising Young Woman’, available on various streaming services.

The film, written and directed by Emerald Fennell, tells the story of Cassie (Carey Mulligan), a med-school dropout consumed with grief and anger over her best friend’s rape and death.

In search of cathartic revenge, Cassie spends her time trolling bars pretending to be drunk to the point of incapacitation so that predatory men will attempt to prey upon her. Once they try to take full advantage of her, she transforms to reveal herself to be a sober social vigilante, shaming men for their repulsive behavior towards women.

Not surprisingly considering the subject matter, ‘Promising Young Woman’ seethes with vicious misandry that is as disturbing as it is relentless. The film is an unabashed girl-power polemic and propaganda piece that espouses the imaginary boogeyman of a pervasive ‘rape culture’ that has only ever existed in the warped minds of Women’s Studies majors and feminist fanatics.'

Northern Ireland: Domestic abuse: Naomi Long says victims can have confidence in new laws

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New domestic abuse laws in NI should give victims "more confidence" to report such crimes, Naomi Long has said.

The justice minister was speaking ahead of landmark legislation finishing its final legal hurdle at Stormont on Monday.

The laws have been long-awaited, after the NI Assembly's collapse in 2017 stalled the process.

It will mean coercive control becomes an offence in NI for the first time.

Coercive control includes psychological abuse and non-violent intimidation.

Mrs Long also introduced separate legislation on Monday to make stalking a specific offence in Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland is the only part of the UK that does not have anti-stalking laws.'

UCLA mental health official identifies one of his biggest challenges: straight white males

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Straight white men who identify as men are hard to reach on the topics of mental health and “affirmative consent,” a mental health expert said in a virtual lecture last week.

Ross Szabo, wellness director at UCLA’s affiliated school for grades 6-12, said that “sometimes” his own white, heterosexual, cisgender male identity “can be a benefit” in reaching young men like him, even though it biases his perspective.

“Engaging Men in Prevention at a Young Age” was hosted by It’s On Us, which started in 2014 as an Obama administration initiative and is now part of the nonprofit Civic Nation.

The initiative was spearheaded by President-elect Joe Biden, who compared supporters of due process in campus sexual misconduct proceedings to the “Nazis” who marched in Charlottesville in 2017.'

India: Lucknow Police Deploying AI Cameras to Recognise Facial Expressions of Women in Distress and Alert Officers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lucknow police is deploying facial recognition technology backed by security cameras that will read expressions of women in distress and alert their nearest police station. The technology is claimed to use artificial intelligence (AI) to read facial expressions of women. The new project will take place under the Uttar Pradesh government's Mission Shakti programme that was launched in October. It is projected to help reduce cases of harassment of women subjected to stalking and threat in the city.

Lucknow Police Commissioner Dhruv Kumar Thakur told the media on Wednesday that the police department had identified 200 hotspots where the movement of women was maximum in the city and from where most of the complaints were received. The police will initially deploy five AI-based cameras to recognise the expression of women citizens.'

UK: Prime Minister appoints new Envoy on Girls' Education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Prime Minister has appointed Helen Grant MP as his new Special Envoy on Girls' Education, leading the UK's efforts internationally to ensure all girls get 12 years of quality education.

Mrs Grant is the Member of Parliament for Maidstone and the Weald and is a passionate advocate for the rights of women and girls. Before entering Parliament, Helen was a solicitor for 23 years, specialising in protecting women and children from domestic abuse. Since becoming an MP in 2010 she has been a champion of gender equality in Parliament, and has previously served as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice and Women and Equality.

As Special Envoy, she will champion the UK's global expertise on education and secure backing for ambitious initiatives to get 40 million more girls in primary and secondary school in developing countries by 2025 and improve learning levels, so girls can achieve their full potential.

Empowering women and girls through education is a long-standing priority for the Prime Minister, and will be a key focus for the UK's G7 presidency in 2021.

We will also co-host the Global Partnership for Education summit with Kenya in the UK later this year, bringing governments, business and civil society together to channel investment and action into getting children around the world into school and learning.'

TVA grant will engage McPheeters Bend Elementary girls in STEM programs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'McPheeters Bend Elementary near Church Hill is one of 197 schools across seven states to be awarded a share of $800,000 in grants intended to develop STEM education projects across the Tennessee Valley.

The Tennessee Valley Authority, in partnership with TVA retiree organization Bicentennial Volunteers Incorporated, announced the grants Friday, which also include Sullivan County awards to Innovation Academy in Blountville and Sullivan East Middle School in Bluff City, as well as several other schools in Northeast Tennessee.

Hawkins County Director of Schools Matt Hixson told the Times News on Friday that the McPheeters Bend grant will be used to encourage female students to get interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) projects.'

On Inauguration Day, Kamala Harris gives America's boys (and girls) a new role model

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Outside of the workplace, positive representations of female leaders should help erode the misogynist attitudes that enable societal problems like domestic violence. “We know that rage, aggression and lust are generally the only emotions that males are socialized to see as acceptable in themselves and other males,” Meredith Shirey, a licensed psychotherapist and the co-host of the podcast “Love Me or Leave Me,” told me. “It stands to reason that these emotions, along with thousands of years of extreme subjugation of women, is indicative of why we still see such a high prevalence of acts of violence against women. If men are exposed to seeing women in positions of power, it is likely that they will, over time, build a view that sees women as equals in every facet, including emotional expression.”'

A Long and Complicated Road Ahead

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Joe Biden entered the White House this week with high and wide-ranging expectations from higher education leaders, advocates for survivors of sexual violence and students for how his new administration will require colleges to handle and reduce sexual assault on college campuses.

In addition to addressing the public health and economic consequences of the pandemic, supporting the ongoing movement for social justice and equity for Black Americans, and trying to unite a politically polarized population, President Biden has also promised to strengthen Title IX, the law prohibiting sex discrimination in federally funded institutions, which mandates how colleges should respond to student reports of sexual misconduct.
...
Protecting women and strongly punishing those who commit sexual violence is “part of Biden’s brand,” Gruber said. His past rhetoric and policy positions on campus sexual assault offer some idea of how Biden’s Department of Education will address the issue. He has so far vowed to “immediately” put an end to the Title IX regulations issued by former secretary of education Betsy DeVos, which dramatically shifted how colleges respond to allegations of sexual misconduct.

The DeVos regulations were incessantly criticized and challenged in court by advocates for survivors of sexual assault, who took issue with mandates for colleges to require students who are opposing parties in sexual misconduct cases to be cross-examined by a third party "advocate" at campus hearings for sexual assault investigations. The regulations also exclude sexual misconduct that occurs off campus from oversight under Title IX and apply a more limited definition of sexual harassment.'

Microsoft Australia To Subsidise Partners' Gender Diversity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Microsoft is offering its partners a hefty discount on leadership programs for women in a bid to improve diversity in the local tech sector.

Microsoft Australia has partnered with Women Rising, a career and leadership coaching program for women, to offer the course to internal employees and those of its partner network for $1200 less than the usual fee.

The six month program is designed to grow women's confidence and leadership skills in the workplace and includes evidenced based positive psychology, neuroscience and behavioural studies, according to the website.

The class is typically priced at just under $2,000 but the Microsoft initiative will bring it down to $797 for its Australian partners.

According to a recent survey by Professionals Australia, women account for just 28 per cent of the workforce across the tech sector in Australia, compared with 45 per cent across other professional industries. In that survey, more than half of the women polled reported experiencing gender discrimination in the past three years.'

Orem human resources develops scholarship for female employees

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Data from a recent Utah State University study in the Utah Women in Leadership Project shows Utah profoundly lacking when it comes to women in leadership roles in the government workplace.

The studies date shows that women hold only 29.1% of supervisory, managerial and executive leadership positions in municipal government in Utah.

In Orem, it is only 17.9%, and that has people like Keri Rugg, manager of Human Resources for the city, sit up and take notice.

Inclusivity is an important part of employee and city goals Rugg said, but up until now, there has been nothing to help women move forward in leadership.

“As a city, we noticed women can’t compete,” Rugg said.

For that reason, the city has developed Orem Women in Leadership Scholarship, according to Rugg. The scholarships will range for $500 to $5,000 and will pay for women to further their education up front.'

Why Australian Greens need a men’s wellbeing policy

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Article here. Excerpt:

“Patriarchy’ describes a social system that continues to disadvantage women and LGBTQIA+ communities through cultural norms, discriminatory laws and cyclical economic dysfunction. In this decade, demolishing patriarchy in Australia is about changing cultural norms and implementing policies that undo disadvantage hewn by centuries of gender disparity previously instantiated by law.

A resurgence in public feminist discourse in the past five years belies an ongoing demand for this kind of work – #MeToo notably drew the world’s attention with its cultural shifts both large and small, and an ongoing demand for varied modern feminist discussions continues to rise. The next step requires men.

We need men to invest in dismantling patriarchy. Helping men to see how patriarchy oppresses them is the key to this. Communicating their investment in feminism lies in recognising the unique aspects of male suffering that come from patriarchy. That is why we have worked to propose a men’s wellbeing policy for the Australian Greens.'

India: Indore Girl "Stabbed Herself" Before Filing False Gang-Rape Case: Police

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Indore Police has found that the claims of a 19-year-old college girl who had on Tuesday accused five men of kidnapping, gang-raping, and stabbing her are "inconsistent" and "baseless". Investigations have revealed that even the stab wound she has sustained are self-inflicted. Following a probe, the police have now filed a case against her for registering a false case.
The girl is yet to reveal the reason for filing a false case as she is still recovering, the police told NDTV.

The prime accused in the initial case and the girl were in love and used to live in the same locality, according to the police.'

‘Stale, pale, white male’ trope does not benefit diversity and inclusion – Thompson

Mastodon · 23 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Describing the demographic of the financial services industry as “stale, pale, white males” can make it difficult to improve diversity in the sector, Aldermore’s Damian Thompson has said.

Speaking at Diversity and Inclusivity Finance Forum (DIFF) on 14 January, the lender’s group managing director of retail finance said using the phrase was not helpful as the efforts of those who dominated the sector were needed to make the profession more inclusive.

Thompson (pictured) said: “I don’t buy into the stale, pale, white male – it can cause a lot of difficulty when we speak to them like that.

“They are going to have to transform in a world where opportunity in the previous 40 or 50 years was given to them. They are going to have to be in a world where there is competition now because of diversity and inclusion.

“These are the people willing to go on that journey with us in a world that says, ‘competition isn’t a bad thing’.”'

Fury at new app that gives men ’24-hour consent contract’ to have sex after Denmark passed controversial rape law

Matt · 23 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Not even explicit, recorded consent is good enough. Basically, such laws serve only to give women the power to claim they were raped without having to provide any evidence to support the allegation. Excerpt:

'A NEW app that gives men a "24 hour consent contract" to have sex has sparked fury.

The launch comes in response to a new rape law, which criminalises sex without explicit consent in Denmark.

The creators argue the purpose of the app, iConsent, is to ensure both parties agree to intercourse.

But groups have slammed the app as "non-sensical" and say it undermines the complexity of consent.

The national head of Sex and Society, Lene Stavngaard, said: "The app is definitely not the solution to getting consent.

"A sexual relationship is not about a contract, so it shoots completely wrong in relation to the needs that are out there.'

Major news outlets name women to lead coverage of the Biden White House

Mastodon · 24 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ann Compton, a former ABC News White House correspondent remarked on how the balance of genders has shifted in the briefing room. "A generation ago, being the only woman was perhaps a blessing — I really stood out from the crowd."

Compton added: "The day will come — should come — when it is not news that the majority in the public eye in any profession is female."

Starting Wednesday, more women will be represented on both sides of the lectern, as Biden's communications team is fully staffed by women — a first in US history, according to the incoming administration.'

Electrolux Lawyer Says Diversity Push Cost Him Top Job

Mastodon · 24 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An in-house lawyer with Electrolux NA Inc. was denied promotion from interim general counsel to the permanent post because he is a man and the company and its Swedish parent were in the midst of a diversity-fueled push to elevate women into leadership roles, he alleged Wednesday in a federal lawsuit.

“Electrolux AB publicly expressed its discriminatory preference for female leadership/managerial candidates by establishing targets and quotas to substantially increase the percentage of women in leadership/managerial positions by the end of 2020,” Sal Kafiti says.

The company expressed that preference for “sex/gender as a distinguishing and beneficial characteristic” in a 2019 sustainability report, according to the complaint Kafiti filed with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina.

AB Electrolux pursued a quota of women holding at least 35% of its tier 2 and 3 leadership positions by the start of 2021 even though the report recognized that was “a stretch,” Kafiti says. The goal was also adopted by and made applicable to Electrolux NA, he says.'

New White House Gender Policy Council Discriminates against Boys and Men

Matt · 24 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Well just what does one expect from VAWA Joe? Excerpt:

'When President Biden and Vice President Harris announced the formation of a White House Gender Policy Council, many women and men who care deeply about boys and men became rightly concerned. The call for unity and the Gender Council's agenda would ironically exclude the rights of boys and men. The new council will "guide and coordinate government policy that impacts women and girls, across a wide range of issues such as economic security, health care, racial justice, gender-based violence, and foreign policy, working in cooperation with the other White House policy," according to a press release.

...

Boys and men continue to lead the nation as victims of COVID deaths, suicide deaths, homelessness, violent crime deaths, violent crime victimization, opioid deaths, gun deaths, incarcerations, and a number of other health and mental health issues. They are behind in education on all levels. We can no longer ignore our boys and men who are often forgotten about in policy actions that discriminate on the basis of sex.

As the President of the Global Initiative for Boys & Men, I am calling on all of us to insist our leaders and government policies protect all boys, girls, men, and women. Democracies do not pick and choose who deserves equal protection under the law. Democracies ensure all people have equal protection under the law.'

New Vids on Our Comeback YT Channel

Matt · 24 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

The Our Comeback YT channel has a couple new vids. The channel is at https://youtube.com/channel/UCIievOdWG7lWwuSrkHwSvUw.

The pandemic is speeding up the mass disappearance of men from college

Mastodon · 24 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While enrollment in higher education overall fell 2.5 percent in the fall, or by more than 461,000 students compared to the fall of 2019, the decline among men was more than seven times as steep as the decline among women, according to an analysis of figures from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

“In a sense, we have lost a generation of men to Covid-19,” said Adrian Huerta, an assistant professor of education at the University of Southern California who studies college-going among boys and men.

“It’s a national crisis,” said Luis Ponjuan, an associate professor of higher education administration at Texas A&M University.

Adon, who attends the University Park Campus School, plans to buck the odds and go to college. He said he decided this after he realized that his parents, who immigrated to the United States from the Dominican Republic, want a better life for him. His mother is unemployed now, and his father runs a barbershop.'

The Biden Plan For Title IX Must Protect Due Process

Mastodon · 25 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The 18th-century British jurist William Blackstone pronounced, “It is better that ten guilty persons escape, than that one innocent suffer.” There are few principles of law we hold more sacred than “innocent until proven guilty.” For most of the last decade, however, this doctrine has had negligible impact in matters of campus sexual assault.

There are policies of the previous administration that President Joe Biden is already in the process of overturning or altering. It would be well, however, for him to reconsider his campaign promise to “return to and then build on” the Obama administration’s Title IX policies, which led to over 500 investigations of accused students and shattered an untold number of lives. Having himself been the object of unproven allegations of sexual assault, he must look into his own heart before reinstituting campus procedures that make a mockery of justice.'

Biden quietly embraces far-left ‘critical race theory’

Matt · 25 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'President Biden is siding firmly with the hard cultural left in his early rush of executive orders, including re-opening the door for federal bias training that relies on the absurd “critical race theory.”

Last week he rescinded a Trump-era order that banned training that implies anyone is racist or sexist “by virtue of his or her race, sex, and/or national origin.” The former prez had set that rule after it turned out that agencies across the federal government had actually been doing just that — jumping onto the far-left bandwagon of insisting that (for starters) all whites and all men are intrinsically bigoted.

Yes, several agencies reacted to the Trump order by suspending all anti-bias training until they could vet their programs — but that was a wise response: It’s all too typical for harried bosses to carelessly sign off on the use of outside “experts” who pitch utter nonsense.

And if you don’t buy the radical claim of the far left that America is rife with hidden bigotry, it’s hard to see why even non-crazy training in avoiding bias is needed for the most of the vast federal workforce. This is basically a “culture war” project snuck into practice without any rational debate.'

How Feminism Is Driving The Growing Trend Of Anti-Women Subcultures

Matt · 25 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I'd say at least 60% of this piece is feminist bullcrap or something akin to it. But the other 40% bursts through. Seems some progress is getting made into making at least some women to realize the problem that is feminism. Excerpt:

'The MGTOWs are merely one subset to a growing movement of an underground anti-women subculture. The others are the Incels (Involuntary Celibates), and the PUAs (Pick Up Artist). These males, like their feminist sisters, are people who are corrupted by the least intelligent and utterly damaging ideas of nihilism.
...
uring the conversation, my buddy explained how despite persuading his friend against becoming MGTOW, he was still sympathetic to his friend's excuse for doing so. In his words, "Men are disgusted with women in almost every way today and are finding happiness in just cutting them out of their lives." He continues, "And I can't really argue against anything they (MGTOW) say because I relate to it all myself."

I pressed harder to ask if he could elaborate on exactly what he meant by that. "Look around you. Every girl acts like a dude and has to have more guy friends than her actual boyfriend. Relationships are no longer partnerships. They're just mutual debauchery based on meaningless sex and fickle mind games. And in most relationships, I see the women being an overbearing ***** constantly humiliating their dudes."
...
"It doesn't matter," he says, finally. Despite the abhorrent state of affairs today, he isn't about to give up on women because "The problem isn't women. The problem is feminism."'

UK: Number of female paedophiles nearly doubles in four years

Matt · 26 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of female paedophiles has almost doubled in four years as experts warn there is a 'lack of understanding' surrounding the abuse.

While the majority of convicted paedophiles in the UK are men, there were at least 2,297 reported cases of children being abused by women in England and Wales from 2015 and 2019, according to police figures.

The shocking figure marks an 84% increase in female perpetrated child sexual abuse, from 1,249 cases in 2015 to 2,297 four years later, a Freedom of Information request by BBC Radio 4 has revealed.

Dr Andrea Darling, a criminology researcher at Durham University, told the BBC that the actual figures could be far higher as all child sexual abuse is typically underreported.

In addition, there is often a 'lack of understanding' surrounding female-perpetrated abuse.

She said: 'That means that potentially abusive behaviour that may have been picked up if the perpetrator had been a male is explained away.'

'I was appalled to be tarred as misogynist': Variety critic hits back at Carey Mulligan's sexism accusations

Mastodon · 28 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dennis Harvey, the veteran film critic whose review of Promising Young Woman has sparked a furore across the industry, has hit back at accusations of misogyny amid calls for Variety to fire him.

Harvey's review was published more than a year ago, following the film's premiere at the Sundance film festival. Largely positive, it called Mulligan's performance "skilful, entertaining and challenging" while also querying the central casting. While "a fine actress", wrote Harvey, Mulligan "seems a bit of an odd choice as this admittedly many-layered apparent femme fatale".

...

Speaking to the Guardian, Harvey said he was ill at ease with the way in which Mulligan's words to the New York Times describing her anger at the review had become received wisdom as to what his review actually said. "I did not say or even mean to imply Mulligan is 'not hot enough' for the role," Harvey said.

"I'm a 60-year-old gay man. I don't actually go around dwelling on the comparative hotnesses of young actresses, let alone writing about that."'

UK: Including parental alienation in legal definition of domestic abuse ‘places victims at great risk’

Mastodon · 29 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Including the “highly troubling” notion of parental alienation in the legal definition of domestic abuse would place victims subjected to violence by their partners at great risk, campaigners have warned.

Peers in the House of Lords - where the domestic abuse bill is being debated this week - have suggested an amendment to the landmark legislation which would include parental alienation in the definition of domestic abuse.

The Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service identify parental alienation as “when a child’s hostility towards one parent is not justified and is the result of psychological manipulation by the other parent”.'

Mothers of Sons: Women unite in defence of men, but website blasted as anti-feminist in #MeToo world

Matt · 29 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ms Thompson-Jones is now joining forces with other mothers and grandmothers seeking justice for their sons.

The Mothers of Sons website, which will officially launch on Monday, will provide a forum for women to access support and advice.

It will share personal stories about the unfair treatment their sons have suffered in legal systems and workplaces and the lessons learnt from those experiences.

Ms Thompson-Jones said women who made serious allegations about men should not be automatically believed.

“Women, when they make these allegations, they need to have proof and the authorities need to see that proof. They can’t just go on hearsay,” she said.'

The gender gap in adolescent mental health: a cross-national investigation of 566,829 adolescents across 73 countries

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Article here.

Highlights

- Girls have worse average mental health than boys across 4 measures of mental health.
- The gender gap in mental health is largely ubiquitous cross-culturally.
- The gap is most pronounced for psychological distress and life satisfaction.
- More gender equal countries have larger gender gaps in mental health.
- Gender equality correlates with less psychological distress in boys but more in girls.

Nigeria: Attributes High Rate Of Paternity Fraud To Abandonment-Official

Mastodon · 30 January 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dr Helen Obi, Vice Chairperson, Federation of International Women Lawyers (FIDA) Anambra chapter, has described alleged high rate of paternity fraud to the abuse and abandonment women experience in marriages.

Obi, an expert in Family Law, spoke with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Awka on Tuesday.

She said that the cause of paternity fraud would be largely attributed to high level of abuse, abandonment and second class treatment most women endured in their various marriages.

Obi said that the feeling of women not being in charge of affairs in their marriages had led many women to seek comfort and closure outside their marriages.

“Women most times do not want to get divorce but only in extreme cases where their lives are endangered,” she said.'

Also see http://saharareporters.com/2021/01/06/fcmb-paternity-fraud-wont-stop-because-its-human-behaviour-says-psychologist

New law targets abusive litigation by domestic violence perpetrators

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some domestic violence survivors say they face abuse in the courts, even long after they've severed ties with their partner. A new Washington law, which took effect Jan. 1, seeks to stop what's known as "abusive litigation."

Catherine West is an attorney with the advocacy group Legal Voice. She said a survivor of domestic violence can be continually dragged into court by an ex-partner, ostensibly to challenge a protection order or child custody agreement. But, West said, the real purpose is often just to get the survivor in the courtroom.

"They have to confront their former partner. It's really a way of continuing to exert control," West said.

She said the law won't keep people from being able to access the courts. She said it only rises to the level of abusive litigation if a person, say, repeatedly files motions in different courts or in front of different judges to try and get an additional hearing after a judge has already ruled on a set of facts.
...
The law gives judges the discretion to determine if filings by a domestic violence perpetrator against a former partner amount to abusive litigation.'

Suicide Deaths and Education Reveal Growing Need for Male Gender Council

Matt · 1 February 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A review of data from the Centers for Disease Control reveals that males accounted for 78% of all suicide deaths from 2009 to 2018 (Table 1). The numbers of school-aged children and college-aged children suffering from depression and suicide, specifically boys and young men, should be setting off alarm bells.

GIBM looked at suicide deaths of boys and girls 10-14 years-of-age and 15 to 24 years-of-age from 2009 to 2018 to get a clearer understanding of the data. Boys 10 to 14 years-of-age accounted for 66% of suicide deaths (Table 2). During the same period, suicide deaths among boys 15 to 24 years-of-age was 81% (Table 3). For every female suicide death there were 4.2 male suicide deaths. Feelings of despair, isolation, and self-worth surge for boys who feel a real lack of purpose. The same often holds true for older men, ages 65 to 74 and 75 and over who represent 80% and 87% of suicide deaths respectively in their age groups. There are few narratives championing boys and men's policies. Suicide data as well as opioid data reveals that boys who should be thinking of promising futures and opportunities are more marginalized than ever. Older men, who should be indulging in the wisdom of their age, find it harder to approach and settle into the golden years with a sense of appreciation and welcome. The social and political narrative has been abrasive to nearly all boys and men.'

SAVE: New Resource for Defense Attorneys: Mounting an Effective Defense in Proceedings Tainted by ‘Victim-Centered’ Philosophy

Matt · 3 February 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / February 3, 2021 – A new report released today addresses the growing influence of guilt-presuming “victim-centered” concepts in criminal proceedings. Titled, “Defending Against ‘Victim-Centered’ Proceedings: Guide for Criminal Defense Attorneys,” the report features strategies and verbatim statements to counter bias during each stage of the legal process:

- Voir Dire
- Opening Statement
- Cross Examination: Complainant
- Cross Examination: Investigator
- Cross Examination: Prosecution Expert Witness
- Closing Argument

“Victim-centered” approaches, also known as “trauma-informed” or “Start By Believing,” are gaining wider acceptance among police officers, prosecutors, and even judges in sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse cases:

Investigative bias by police officers has been linked to 35% of all wrongful convictions (1). But the International Association of Chiefs of Police makes the claim that “Victim-centered, trauma-informed approaches to crime can support victim recovery and engagement with the criminal justice system.” (2)'

UK: Say It Loud launch campaign for compulsory ‘masculinity’ workshops for male uni students

Mastodon · 4 February 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Oxford Brookes sexual assault support group is campaigning to make it compulsory for male-identifying students at universities to be educated through workshops about positive masculinity.

Say It Loud, the group started by Brookes student Meredith, launched the campaign to tackle “lad culture” and “toxic masculinity”.

In December, the university said it was investigating allegations of a rugby social where “everyone had to try and get as many nudes from Brookes girls as possible.” Brookes Rugby Union also said they were investigating.

The campaign details problems with “lad culture” such as “slut-dropping”, where men offer to take women home and then leaving them miles away from their home; “hazing”, embarrassing activities that sometimes take place at sports socials such as pouring food over people and making them do humiliating things; and “going on the pull”, where men go out looking for women to have sexual intercourse with.'

Also see: https://metro.co.uk/2021/02/02/male-students-should-attend-positive-masculinity-workshops-14007780/

Women now outnumber men in med school. And studies show that's good for patients.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2019, the majority of U.S. medical students were women (50.5 percent) for the first time, according to the organization. Once graduated and finished with their residency placement, women doctors are most concentrated in pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, child and adolescent psychiatry and neonatal-perinatal medicine.

Women remain the minority in many specialties, but Nunnery believes it's only a matter of time before that changes, too. Her daughter is a sophomore at Howard University majoring in sports medicine, the fastest growing specialty in the country, according to AAMC.
...
Traditionally, women are seen as the leaders of the household and those skills translate easily to the medical world, said Dr. Amelia Averyt, associate medical director for family practice at Legacy Community Health. Studies show female health care providers improve patient morbidity and mortality outcomes.'

In a Year of Wild Conspiracy Theories, Super Bowl Sex Trafficking Is a Classic

Matt · 4 February 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Super Bowl shows how truly mainstream sex trafficking conspiracy theories are. With Super Bowl LV coming up this Sunday, the now-routine round of warnings about sex trafficking around the big game has once again surfaced. (There's even an art awareness project that involves goats, and special spot-a-trafficker training for Uber drivers.)

So, here is your annual reminder that there's no truth to the idea that forced and underage prostitution pick up around the Super Bowl (or other big sporting events), nor that "human traffickers" will descend on the city where it takes place. Tampa can rest easy (at least about that), and we can all marvel at the persistence and audacity of this myth.'

China promotes education drive to make boys more 'manly'

Matt · 4 February 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I'm left speechless, and that is a rare thing indeed. Excerpt:

'A notice from China's education ministry has caused a stir after it suggested young Chinese men had become too "feminine". The message has been criticised as sexist by many online users - but some say China's male celebrities are partly to blame.

For a while China's government has signalled concern that the country's most popular male role models are no longer strong, athletic figures like "army heroes". Even President Xi Jinping, a well-known football enthusiast, has long been seeking to cultivate better sports stars.

So last week, the education ministry issued a notice with a title that left no doubt about its ultimate goal.

The Proposal to Prevent the Feminisation of Male Adolescents called on schools to fully reform their offerings on physical education and strengthen their recruitment of teachers.

The text advised recruiting retired athletes and people from sporting backgrounds - and "vigorously developing" particular sports like football with a view to "cultivating students' masculinity".'

Facebook Censors Female Professor's Book Critiquing 'Toxic Femininity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Facebook and Instagram removed posts advertising a bestselling book criticizing the "toxic femininity" and Marxist roots of radical feminism, claiming the posts violated the company's "commerce policies," the College Fix revealed Friday.

The book in question — The Anti-Mary Exposed: Rescuing the Culture from Toxic Femininity — was written by Carrie Gress, PhD, a Catholic professor at Pontifex University and mother of five. The book has sold exceptionally well, still ranked 7,948 on Amazon a year after its release, and it has received 423 reviews with an average of 4.7 out of 5 stars.

The rejection message said the ad for the book did not comply with Facebook's commerce policies because listings "may not promote the buying, selling, or use of adult products" (emphasis added).'

Biden Administration Resurrects Office To Help Women 'At The Breaking Point'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Shortly after President Trump arrived at the White House, he disbanded an office specifically focused on women's issues. Now President Biden is resurrecting it just as quickly.

Biden has promised that gender equity will be at the forefront of his administration's policies. To help achieve that goal, he is creating a new Gender Policy Council within the White House — a reformulation of the Obama administration's White House Council on Women and Girls.

"Major structural disruption requires major structural change," council co-chair Jennifer Klein says in an interview with NPR. "Thinking big right now is exactly what we need to do. So, now's the time."
...
"We need to maintain a laser focus on the particular needs and priorities for women and girls," Klein says. "If you look at last month's job numbers, women have lost jobs in historic numbers, particularly women of color, and the caregiving burden is falling disproportionately on women."'

Judge orders UConn to pay $63,000 to victim of Title IX kangaroo court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly a year after a male student and University of Connecticut jointly submitted a plan to end his litigation against the school for its sexual misconduct investigation, the judge in the case has figured out UConn's legal bill.

The taxpayer-funded university must pay "John Doe" $60,160 in attorney's fees and $3,035 in costs because he is the "prevailing party" in the due process and sex discrimination litigation, U.S. District Judge Michael Shea determined in a Thursday ruling.

The "consent order" the parties submitted last year, which shortly followed Shea's temporary restraining order, "materially altered the legal relationship between the parties in favor of Doe," according the ruling.

That's because Shea largely gave the student what he sought: UConn had to let him enroll in spring classes, formally reinstate him, remove the two-year suspension from his transcript and give him "new, fairer procedures" in his Title IX adjudication. John said he was deemed "not responsible" in the "rehearing" that followed the consent order.'

Australia: Mothers of Sons fights for fair treatment of men and boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two years ago, a Canberra woman Sarah Jane Parkinson was sent to prison for making over 30 false rape and violence accusations against her ex-fiance, Dan Jones. Jones was imprisoned as a result of the accusations and Dan's parents, Ian and Michelle spent over $300,000 on legal fees battling for five years to have their son released and action taken against Parkinson.

Parkinson has just been released early on parole, missing out on a year of her very minimal three-year sentence. The Jones family is appalled, particularly as Parkinson has been given permission to join her husband, the NSW cop Scott White who faces a perjury trial later this year for his role in helping Parkinson as she persecuted Dan and his family. The whole saga featured on an hour-long 60 Minute special.

As a result of this publicity, the Jones family was swamped with messages from families who had endured similar ordeals, including many older women whose sons had been falsely accused.

Michelle Jones has now brought together a group of mothers who have decided to speak out about the unfair treatment their sons have suffered in legal systems and workplaces.'

Preventative Measures to be Taken to Combat the Culture of Sexual Assault in Boys Athletics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One organizer of the walkout, Mia Redmond, a senior in Communication Arts and Sciences (CAS), discussed her role in organizing the walkout, as well as her motives. The idea sprung out of a 'CAS girls group' after a shocking realization about the the amount of sexual assault occurrences at BHS. Redmond said, "I think it was just shock and disbelief that so many people have experienced sexual assault." One thing that stuck out to Redmond was the lack of preventative action. She said, "After a sexual assault there is action, as well, that should be taken. But that is after it has happened and after the harm has been done." She pointed to sports teams — where toxic masculinity is often plainly visible — as an example of where preventative action could be taken.
...

Despite this, even at the walkout itself, a group of boys affiliated with a BHS sports team took it upon themselves to wear blue in what could only be described as an act of defiance to the young women speaking, as part of the plan for the walkout was to wear red as a symbol of solidarity for the survivors of sexual harm. For this very reason, one of the demands of the walkout was for the implementation of a program that educated boys on sexual violence at BHS.'

Also see here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday, February 4, a list appeared in marker on a stall door of the G-Building women's restroom. The door read "Stay Safe Ladies" and proceeded to list the names of six boys at Berkeley High School (BHS) under the headline "Boys to Watch Out 4," identifying them as either rapists, abusers, or "sus" (implying that they exhibit suspicious behavior). BHS administration was alerted quickly and the list was taken down. The next day, multiple lists popped up in bathrooms around campus with additional names and similar iden'tifications. In one bathroom, phrases like "F*ck girls that don't support other girls," and "F*ck staying silent," covered the walls.

In classes and on social media, students have been having conversations, and often arguments about the validity of the lists. There are many who feel people were falsely accused, and others who disagree or argue in support of the idea of a list, however accurate, strictly for the protection and validation of their peers. The incident has triggered a lot of emotion and has started many important conversations, in addition to a wide range of rumors.'

Manne to give Society for the Humanities talk on male entitlement

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Misogyny often stems from a wrongheaded sense of moral entitlement to women's sexual, emotional, reproductive and material labor, Manne said. In the talk, she will introduce another form of entitlement that can be thought of as epistemic: a sense of entitlement to be the designated knower or informant, or the agent who issues authoritative explanations.

"It's important to understand mansplaining and its darker cousin, gaslighting, as forms of epistemic domination – as ways people in dominant social positions assume, or insist, that they're the authority in an exchange," Manne said. "As a result, they can do grave harm to marginalized communities – and also to their own, as we saw with former President Donald Trump's systemic gaslighting of many white Americans."

In the lecture, Manne will connect the notion of epistemic entitlement with a variety of problematic behavior, including misogynistic anger at women's expert testimony. She will also talk about how epistemic entitlement negatively affects people in marginalized social positions, including women and people of color, and women of color in particular.'

Teacher ‘filmed herself masturbating in classroom filled with kids aged 7 and 8'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ashley Hulsey, from Carroll County Sheriff’s Office, said: ‘It appears she was masturbating while the classroom was full of kids. We obtained video evidence because she videoed it herself and disseminated it and we were able to get a hold of that evidence.’

Ressler’s alleged sex tape is said to have been spotted online by a concerned local, who told school bosses, who in turn contacted the local sheriff’s office. It is unclear if any of the youngsters saw what Ressler allegedly did, or realized what she was up to.

Hulsey said news of the alleged sex tape had caused ‘mental anguish’ to children and parents affected. She added that the sheriff’s office had worked hard to have it wiped from the internet as quickly as possible, while bringing charges against Hulsey.'

She Falsely Claimed A Verizon Store Employee Groped Her. A Court Just Upheld Her Lengthy Sentence.

Matt · 10 February 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'McGagh was then convicted of perjury and giving a false statement to police. The judge said that she had never seen a case like this, “never seen a pre-sentence investigation like this or a psyche evaluation like this.” The judge further commented:

[T]his would include her history of deceitfulness, consistent irresponsibility to honor financial obligations and lack of remorse. . . . During this investigation, she continued to make statements minimizing her own actions and instead, blaming the victim, the Judge and her own attorney. . . . [T]he pre-sentence investigation, again, . . . indicates that it’s been suspected that Ms. McGagh continues to drive on a suspended license. I was shocked by the number of just traffic violations, just a, just a consistent unrelenting inability or disregard [] for the law. As though it just does not apply to her . . . Ms. McGagh has been involved in criminal and traffic proceedings in which she has benefited from lenient dispositions. Regardless of these privileges, she has continued to avoid hearings by numerous failing to appears and not fulfilling her financial obligations in paying fines and costs, as well as financial liens against her.

McGagh was sentenced to 10 years in prison for the perjury charge (with eight of those years suspended) and five years’ supervised probation. For the false police statement charge, she received six months in prison. Maryland’s high court upheld that conviction on Friday.'

‘Diversity’ Demand Excludes Gay White Dad from All-Female Parent Committee

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A gay white dad of a mixed-race child has been denied a spot on the San Francisco Board of Education’s parent committee because he would hurt the diversity of the all-female group.

The board debated for two hours earlier this week on whether Seth Brenzel should be allowed to be a volunteer member of the committee after the parent advisory council unanimously supported his joining the committee and submitted his name to the school board for approval.

The Daily Mail detailed the ensuing battle:

His candidacy, however, faced opposition from some board members and members of the public who argued that there wasn’t enough diversity on the council – even though there are five seats currently empty. Those who opposed his candidacy were concerned with the fact that he is white.

The 15-person council currently only has 10 members: Two black mothers, one Asian-American, three Latinx, one Pacific Islander and three white. Brenzel, who is the executive director of a music program for children, is openly gay. He lives in San Francisco with his husband and their young daughter.

After the lengthy debate, the school board eventually decided against voting on his appointment at all and asked the council to find alternate candidates for them to consider.'

Report: Joe Biden's Vow to Expand Title IX Seeks to 'Shape Sexual Norms of Future Generations'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Through regulatory guidance, Biden will require all administrators and staff who participate in a Title IX investigative process or may interact with a survivor at any point in the reporting process to participate in training on victim-centered, trauma-informed interview techniques. He will also require staff who develop prevention education programs or may interact with a survivor at any point in the reporting process to undergo training on the role of technology in sexual violence, dating violence, stalking, and harassment, an emerging challenge that is too often insufficiently understood."

Hymowitz noted that Biden's plan to further expand involvement of his education department's Office for Civil Rights in campus sex assault accusations will broaden the already existing "byzantine web of federal agencies, laws, regulations, guidance letters, state laws, and Title IX offices" that claim to be protecting students from sexual assault, harassment, and sexual discrimination.

Additionally, however, citing a 2016 California Law Review article by Jacob Gerson and Jeannie Suk, titled "The Sex Bureaucracy," Hymowitz warned the Biden administration will now be "in the business … of regulating 'ordinary desire.'"'

Retired 3- and 4-Star Generals Petition Court to Add Women to Draft Registration

Matt · 13 February 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ten retired general and flag officers, including the former director of the National Security Agency, have filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting expansion of draft registration to include women.

Retired Air Force Gen. Mike Hayden, former director of the National Security Administration; Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal; Army Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy and others filed a "friend of the court," or amicus, brief Wednesday supporting a case brought against the government by the National Coalition For Men, a group challenging the constitutionality of the Selective Service System's male-only registration restriction.
...
The case -- National Coalition For Men, James Lesmeister and Anthony Davis v. Selective Service System and Donald Benton -- began as a lawsuit in 2013 by Lesmeister, later joined by Davis and the San Diego-based men's organization.

U.S. men between the ages of 18 and 26 are required to register with the Selective Service System. The lawsuit asserts that the system discriminated against Lesmeister and Davis based on gender. Lesmeister and the coalition argued that women should be included in the system database and subject to the draft if it is ever needed.

A U.S. District Court judge agreed with the plaintiffs in February 2019, ruling that the male-only draft was unconstitutional, discriminating against men on the basis of sex in violation of the Fifth Amendment's equal protection clause.'

Army considers change to Combat Fitness Test scoring for male, female soldiers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Army could adjust how it scores its new Combat Fitness Test to account for the “biological differences” between men and women, a service spokeswoman said Friday.

The reevaluation of the ACFT comes weeks after Congress delayed its implementation over concerns the new test created an unfair disadvantage to female soldiers.

Army leaders are now looking at ways to apply scoring based on gender for the six-event, CrossFit-inspired fitness test, said Lt. Col. Peggy Kageleiry, a spokeswoman for the Army’s Center for Initial Military Training, which has led the ACFT’s development. The test was designed as a gender- and age-neutral fitness evaluation meant to simulate strength and conditioning challenges faced by soldiers in combat.

“We are addressing these concerns in coordination with Army senior leaders, Congress, and with those it impacts the most, our American soldiers,” Kageleiry said.'

A Gender Policy Council That's Sexist ... and Racist? | Opinion

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Every new president vows to heal the very divide his party and opponents have spent the last year and billions of dollars magnifying. Invariably, the plea translates into "unify by agreeing with me."

One of President Joe Biden's first policies appeared to bridge the gender divide by creating a White House Gender Policy Council. As someone who served on the Board of the National Organization for Women in New York City, I have seen enormous progress in women's issues, and a need for more.

Simultaneously, for a half century, millions of parents of boys and I have witnessed an ever-growing boy crisis. We see it hurting not only boys, but the fathers they may become, and our daughters who seek future young men worthy of their love.

By creating a council for "gender policy" rather than a council for "women," Biden seemed to be heeding the warning embodied in Betty Friedan's The Second Stage: The liberation of women will plateau if attention to men's issues does not follow.

The Gender Policy Council's mission is to help only women and girls. Boys are left out. Fathers are left out. Men are left out. Even transgender people and gays are left out—if they are male.'

Countries led by women have not fared better during the COVID-19 pandemic, study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The researchers analyzed the success of 175 countries in containing COVID-19 using data from Our World in Data, the World Bank, Freedom House, and the World Health Organization. After controlling for factors such as GDP per capita and percent of the population over age 65, they found no evidence that countries led by women tended to have less COVID-19 fatalities than countries led by men.

“The perception that women world leaders have done better vis-a-vis COVID-19 cases and deaths largely comes from the fact that other researchers and the media have focused primarily on OECD countries, whereas we looked at the entire global sample of countries,” Windsor told PsyPost. “The cases people tended to focus on were New Zealand and Iceland — two remote island nations with relatively small populations, where borders are easy to control.”'

Psaki On What Biden Is Doing To Help Small Businesses: ‘He Nominated A Woman To Lead’ The SBA

Mastodon · 16 February 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki raised eyebrows on Tuesday when she responded to a question from a small business owner about what the Biden administration was doing to their small business during the pandemic by saying in part that Biden tapped a woman to lead the Small Business Administration.

...

Psaki’s comments failed to take into account that President Donald Trump had already selected a woman to run the Small Business Administration as Jovita Carranza served as the 26th Administrator of the SBA.

...

Psaki made similar remarks late last month when she was asked about what the Biden administration was doing in response to volatility in the stock market.'

Why more men are suffering from infertility than ever before

Matt · 20 February 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sperm counts in Western countries have dropped by more than 50 percent since the 1970s. At the same time, men's problems with conceiving are going up: Erectile dysfunction is increasing and testosterone levels are declining by 1 percent each year.

"The current state of reproductive affairs can't continue much longer without threatening human survival," warns Mount Sinai fertility scientist Dr. Shanna Swan in her book, "Count Down" (Scribner), out Tuesday. "It's a global existential crisis."'

Rape, kidnapping charges dismissed against Kirkland man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rape, kidnapping and assault charges filed against a 22-year-old Kirkland man were recently dropped by King County prosecutors after a Kirkland police detective found evidence on the man's cellphone that led investigators to believe his sexual encounter with an 18-year-old Tacoma woman was consensual.

The case was covered by media outlets including The Seattle Times following Thomas Brownlee's arrest on Aug. 30.

The charges were dismissed Jan. 12 based on electronic communications between Brownlee and the woman, according to court records and Senior Deputy Prosecutor Emily Petersen.

"The nature of those conversations is that she agreed to participate in what I would describe as a rape fantasy," Petersen said Thursday. "Based on those conversations we no longer believed that a crime occurred."
...
After the detective reviewed Snapchat conversations preserved on Brownlee's phone, he immediately contacted Petersen, she said. That was on Jan. 7. The following day, Petersen notified Brownlee's defense attorneys that the state was dismissing the charges.

"The conversation led us to believe the encounter, including the sexual encounter, was consensual and planned. Her credibility was undermined to such a degree that we did not feel that we could move forward with the case," Petersen said.'

3 ways companies could offer more father-friendly policies that will help women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you want to help women achieve gender equality in the workplace, it's time to give more support to men.

That may sound counterintuitive since men have long been advantaged at work with higher salaries, faster promotions and more authority.

We are two professors who study gender equality and injustices in the workplace. One of us reviewed 186 published papers on gender equality in the last decade. Our conclusion: One of the biggest problems in contemporary policies aimed at gender equality in the workplace is that they leave out men.

For many women with young children, taking on more responsibilities at work means their responsibilities at home need to decrease. And for that to happen, men need to step up – and be encouraged to do so. Here are three ways companies could do just that.'

Men Lost More Jobs from 2020 to 2021

Matt · 22 February 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More men than women lost their jobs in the past year according to data from the Department of Labor Statistics, but there's no denying the pandemic's impact on the economy has taken its toll on men, women, and families (Fig. 1). Vice President Harris addressed the "pandemic [that] has touched every part of our lives. Families everywhere are shouldering a huge burden as homes have become classrooms and child-care centers, and uncertainty plagues each day," she said in a Washington Post editorial on February 12.

Although the Vice President addressed "families everywhere," she immediately turned her attention to women affected by the pandemic, highlighting a Reuter's article by Jonnelle Marte as evidence that women are the one's suffering most during the pandemic and beginning her editorial with a story about a female hotel worker with a wife, son, and mother who rely on her income. The woman, M. Rocha, was furloughed from her job and her story is symbolic of the men and women across the country looking to return to work and needing to support their families.

Vice President Harris continued her narrative, alluding to personal experiences shaped by the hardships of single-motherhood and childcare she experienced as a child before launching into the programs that will provide women relief.

Ms. Rocha, like so many other American families, faces serious challenges, but Harris's editorial selectively forgoes the challenges of male workers and their families at a time when male unemployment continues to rise at rates greater than females. The rhetoric from the White House concerning unemployment and procedure is alienating on many levels as discussions and policies regarding gender and unemployment are incomplete narratives.'

Misandry And The Modern Woman: How Hatred Can Heal A Lifetime Of Misogyny

Mastodon · 23 February 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Misogyny. We know that word so well. We live in a misogynistic world. Women are hated, and we women hate being hated, yet — we still live with it. We still allow it. We still only fight it half way, and it's hard to successfully fight fire with fear and obeisance.

And then there's misandry.

What is misandry? By definition: hatred, dislike, or mistrust of men.

Misandry is not the opposite of misogyny. It is not an inborn trait; women do not hate men without reason, as some men (not all) seem to hate and disrespect women unnecessarily, as if its a birth rite. Let's call it a privilege.

Misandry is what happens when a woman decides that she wants to heal from a lifetime of male abuse. She didn't ask for the abuse, nor did she ask to take on the hatred needed in order to combat it, but she does needs to take her power back, and she does NOT need to be polite while doing so.'

When Title IX Is a Threat

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The newest federal guidance for colleges and universities investigating sexual misconduct emphasizes due process for both the accuser and accused. Among other requirements, institutions are legally obligated to presume the accused is innocent prior to starting any investigation.

That's not what happened at Pacific University in Oregon, where one professor of education who made controversial comments about gender says he was told to quit or be found culpable in an investigation under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the federal law prohibiting gender-based discrimination.
...
The Pacific story isn't so much about what the professor, Richard Paxton, said or didn't say. Even the interim chair of the campus's American Association of University Professors chapter condemns some of his reported comments. Instead, it's about what happens when an institution allegedly uses Title IX as a cudgel to get inconvenient professors to go away.

Pacific said in statement that it "takes seriously all allegations of misconduct and follows established procedures for investigation and resolution of those allegations." It declined further comment, citing "our responsibilities for confidentiality" on personnel matters.'

Noted college football player sues Wisconsin over sexual assault investigation, expulsion

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Wisconsin wide receiver Quintez Cephus said in a lawsuit filed Tuesday against the university that he was used as a scapegoat during a sexual assault investigation that resulted in his temporary expulsion.

Cephus seeks unspecified damages in his lawsuit filed in federal court in Madison, accusing the defendants of violating his due process rights, violating Title IX provisions and breach of contract.

Cephus was suspended from the Badgers football team in August 2018 and was expelled from the University of Wisconsin-Madison for violating its nonacademic misconduct code as part of a Title IX investigation following his arrest on second- and third-degree sexual assault charges.

After a jury acquitted Cephus, he was reinstated and led Wisconsin in receiving during the 2019 season as the Badgers went 10-4 and reached the Rose Bowl. Cephus recently completed his rookie season with the Detroit Lions, who took him in the fifth round of the 2020 draft.'

North Carolina: Council Effort At Diversity Bypasses Commission

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The City Council in 2020 did not hold nearly as many work sessions as usual, but in December it held a work session to discuss the importance of the boards and commissions appointed by the City Council being not only geographically diverse but also making appointments with consideration of race and gender diversity.

Recent appointments have been made only after a discussion of whether the race and gender of the proposed appointee would further that goal, and it was discovered that Councilmember Sharon Hightower had to give her approval regarding race and gender before an appointment could be made by a fellow councilmember.

However, at least one commission has escaped this effort for race and gender equity. The Commission on the Status of Women has no gender diversity at all. The City Council has appointed nine women to the nine-member commission. The last appointment in December 2020 was after the City Council held an entire work session to discuss race and gender equity on boards and commissions. And that appointment was another woman, making no move toward bringing the Commission on the Status of Women in line with the demographics of Greensboro, where 46.5 percent of the population is male.

It seems that having a few men on the Commission on the Status of Women would bring a new perspective and a different point of view to that commission, which is one of the purposes of increasing the diversity on the boards and commissions. It has also been stated that underrepresented populations deserve representation. Certainly men could not be any more under represented on the Commission on the Status of Women.'

Maltese Gender Equality Expert Makes Case For MP Quotas, Insists They're Not Insulting To Women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender equality expert and university lecturer Anna Borg has argued that gender quotas for MPs aren't insulting to women and that the power of political incumbency makes them necessary.

Borg wrote a status following last night's debate on L-Erbgħa Fost il-Ġimgħa, in which family lawyer Nickie Vella de Fremeaux and Chamber of SMEs CEO Abigail Mamo warned the proposed quotas risk sending out the message that women and men aren't equal.

"Yet nobody batted an eye lid when Joseph Muscat, Adrian Delia, Clyde Caruana, Bernard Grech , Miriam Dalli and most recently Oliver Scicluna found themselves in the national parliament without ever standing for a national election."

Borg warned that the power of incumbency makes it extremely tough for women to get elected to Parliament, seeing the vast majority of sitting MPs are men.

"It is proven that out of every three seats up for grabs, two will be taken by the current incumbents, who are in their vast majority men," she said. "That leaves very little space for new faces, and unless special measures are put in place for a temporary period, this pattern will simply keep repeating itself."'

Scotland: Amber Rudd: if I were PM, I'd fire all the men and have 'all-female Cabinet'

Mastodon · 25 February 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'AMBER Rudd, the former Home Secretary, has said if she were Prime Minister, she would “fire all the men” and have an all-female Cabinet.

In an interview with ITV as part of its Acting PM podcast, Ms Rudd also expressed regret that the Tory Party no longer seemed to be a “welcoming place for Conservatives who are pro-Europeans”.

On what she would do with the Cabinet, she replied: “I'd fire all the men. I've decided I would have an all-female Cabinet. It's about time that we addressed the balance.

“There's been so many all-male Cabinets, although the last one was in 1992, but it still feels quite recent to me that still there's an issue with women getting into Cabinet. The current rate is just under 25% with David Frost's elevation…”

Ms Rudd said the Cabinet still felt “very much a boys club,” whereby women were overlooked. “The point is representation leads to policy changes; with an all-female Cabinet, we would address a lot of the issues that are being neglected at the moment.”'

Male worker sues female boss who told him to 'man up' in 'woman-dominated' firm

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A laboratory scientist is suing the “woman-dominated” firm where he worked, claiming that his female boss told him to “man up”.

Daniel Price alleges that “extreme discrimination against males” made the company a “toxic workplace”.

He claims that his manager Ashleigh Knowles told him “men are less organised” and that he was repeatedly ordered to “go away” during “girls-only” conversations.

Mr Price says he was the only worker instructed to carry boxes, being told “because you’re a man”.

He once refused, due to a hernia, but was ordered to “man up and get on with it, it’s only a few boxes”, a tribunal heard.
...
The tribunal heard that lab manager Ms Knowles said of a new appointment: “More than likely it’ll be a girl, as women tend to be better and more organised in the lab.”

She then allegedly told Mr Price: “You’re lucky to have your job, as everyone was shocked that it was a guy being employed.

"We normally only employ females because men are less organised.”'

Biden’s COVID relief bill is chock full of anti-white reverse racism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Discrimination likewise mars the bill’s aid to restaurants. It grants restaurant owners up to $5 million per facility to offset losses caused by lockdowns. That’s a lifeline for restaurants barely hanging on.

Here’s the hitch: Only women, veterans and owners of “socially and economically disadvantaged” concerns (again, defined racially elsewhere in federal law) may apply during the program’s first three weeks. Most white males go to the back of the line, even if their needs are more pressing.

Treating white male farmers and restaurant owners like second-class citizens violates the principle that we are all equal under the law, a principle guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution.'

Army's first female infantry officer says lowering fitness standards for women would put 'mission at risk'

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'The woman who became the Army's first female infantry officer is now speaking out against lowering fitness standards for females in a test that evaluates troops' combat readiness, arguing that doing so would "not only undermine their credibility, but also place those women, their teammates and the mission at risk."

The comments from Capt. Kristen Griest, an Army Ranger School graduate, come following reports this month that the U.S. Army is considering revamping the way it scores its new Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) to account for the biological differences between men and women.
...
"While it may be difficult for a 120-pound woman to lift or drag 250 pounds, the Army cannot artificially absolve women of that responsibility; it may still exist on the battlefield," Griest wrote in an essay published Thursday by the Modern War Institute at West Point. "The entire purpose of creating a gender-neutral test was to acknowledge the reality that each job has objective physical standards to which all soldiers should be held, regardless of gender.'

Colin Farrell, Don Cheadle Among Celebrities Pushing Congress to Pass $2,400 Monthly Payments to Moms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An open letter published Thursday as a full-page ad in The Washington Post urged Congress to pass financial relief for mothers who have taken on extra responsibilities in the home as a result of the Chinese coronavirus pandemic. The letter, which was signed by 50 prominent men, demands “pay equity” for women and other measures such as affordable childcare, paid family leave, and a plan that will safely re-open schools five days a week.

“When more than 30 years of progress for women in the workforce can be erased in 9 months, the underlying system is broken,” the letter said. “It’s time to create a new structure that works for women, that respects and values their labor.”

Others who signed the letter include New York City mayoral candidate and former Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang, Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian, and Craigslist founder and progressive billionaire Craig Newmark. NBA athlete Stephen Curry and former NFL star Victor Cruz also signed the letter.'

Clemson University's cutting of Men's Track prompts Federal Civil Rights Complaint

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Federal Civil Rights complaint is being filed against Clemson University for discontinuing the men's track and field and cross country programs. The complaint alleges that Clemson University is violating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Athlete and activist Russell Dinkins worked alongside current and former Clemson athletes, alumni and parents to create the complaint, and believes that by cutting the men's track and field program, Clemson is directly targeting African American athletes on campus and the number of opportunities African American males receive therein.'

Biden’s Alma Mater Bans Men From Posts And Scholarships, Just For Being Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Joe Biden has long kept his thumb on the scale against college students accused of sexual misconduct. The accused, overwhelmingly, are men, so his efforts have been discriminatory in outcome if not also in intent.

His alma mater, the University of Delaware, also pervasively discriminates in favor of women and against men. Let me count the ways.

Worst is Delaware’s Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics, where I count six violations of Title IX, the federal law that bans discrimination based on sex. The lion’s share of the violations lie with the Lerner College’s Women’s Leadership Initiative (WLI).

WLI runs an executive education program, “RISE UP,” exclusively for mid-career women. It also runs Female Faculty Connections, exclusively for female faculty. For just $8,000, an organization can enroll a cohort of up to 10 women (no men allowed) in WLI’s new Women’s Leadership Online Certificate Program.'

Former CIA Director John Brennan: 'I'm increasingly embarrassed to be a white male these days'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former CIA director turned MSNBC intelligence analyst John Brennan told the outlet's audience Monday that he is "increasingly embarrassed to be a white male," in reaction to investigations surrounding the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

Brennan made the declaration during MSNBC's "Deadline White House," after former Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) told host Nicolle Wallace, "I have never seen so many whiny white men calling themselves victims as I saw over the weekend at [the Conservative Political Action Conference]. I mean, these are all people who think they have a huge grievance from a position of significant privilege."'

March 3: Free men's health seminar about prostate health

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The Global Initiative for Boys & Men will be sponsoring a free online program about prostate health on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 7:00 PM Central Time (in North America) and Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 01:00 (UTC/GMT). This looks to be an important and potentially lifesaving program.

Please click this link to register: **www.gibm.us**

The graphic below provides details about the program.

Also, the program will be presented via Zoom (yeah, that Zoom, the one that people have been talking about for online meetings and video calls). You can get set up with Zoom at the following website:

www.zoom.us

If you don't already have Zoom, I recommend starting to set it up about 30 minutes before the webinar program begins. It's relatively easy to use, but if you are unfamiliar with it, or videoconferencing in general, you will want to give yourself some time to get acquainted with the website and software. That way, you can join the meeting on time and not miss any of it.

Biden White House Denies Men and Boys: Warren Farrell Responds

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Video here. Warren Farrell responds to the recent WH announcement regarding the formation of a gender policy council which completely leaves out boys and men.

How Negative Stereotypes About Boys Affect Their Academics And Health

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At stake in this debate is so much more than the toys boys play with. The stereotypes and pressures that boys face threaten their physical and mental health, their ability to navigate their inner lives and interpersonal relationships, and even their academic success.

Consider how boys are doing in school. The average boy lags behind the average girl in reading. Boys are more likely to drop out of high school and less likely to enroll in college. Journalists and activists have been calling attention to this “boy crisis” in education for two decades, attributing it to teaching styles ill-suited to boys and more generally to the assumption, among feminists and educators, that the students most in need of attention and help are girls.

But research suggests that boys are limited in part by the commonly held belief that girls are better than boys at reading. In classrooms, where many children firmly believe that stereotype, boys have less confidence in their own reading skills, less motivation to read, and weaker reading skills, according to a longitudinal study that tracked more than fifteen hundred students as they moved from the fifth to sixth grades. A stereotype about boys in this case became a prophecy.'

Here Comes the Due Process Rollback

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Schools and colleges are closed across much of the U.S., but some in Congress have a different priority for the Department of Education: Ensuring that student due-process protections are weakened.

Miguel Cardona, the department's newly-confirmed Secretary, hadn't even been in office a full day before 115 House Democrats sent a letter pressing him to "prioritize replacing Secretary Betsy DeVos ' final rule" on campus sexual misconduct.

...

The House letter claims the rule "turns back the clock and erodes hard-fought protections and rights for victims with a 'boys will be boys' approach to sexual assault on college campuses." That's nonsense, and we doubt most signers can name the rule's relevant provisions.'

If Pepe Le Pew promotes rape culture, what about the date-rape plot in Eddie Murphy's 'Coming 2 America'?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Except this isn't what happened. At all. In this movie, we find out that Leslie Jones' character drugged Akeem and then had sex with him, making it literally date rape. Via Slate:

. . .Akeem was drugged by a woman (played by Leslie Jones) who he and Semmi (Arsenio Hall) invited back with them from the bar—a woman who then proceeded to have sex with the prince and become pregnant with his son. That this scene depicts a pretty clear-cut date rape (Akeem doesn't remember any of this, except that he encountered a "boar") while playing it for laughs is one of the movie's first and most harrowing choices.

And since we spent the entire weekend canceling Pepe Le Pew, shouldn't the New York Times and Charles M. blow be at least as equally as concerned with an entire movie based on date rape?'

Data Shows Women Make Better Leaders. Who Cares?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The mountain of evidence keeps growing. Women leaders outperform. Especially during a crisis. Companies with more of them do better. Countries led by women are managing the Covid crisis better than their male counterparts. Why aren't we all celebrating a global human awakening to the miracle of women's century-long rise this International Women's Day? Because only half the world is listening. And no, it's not women vs men. It's public vs private sector.

...

Companies expect talent to fight for power. That's what men do. Women don't. They fight for purpose. That's why men sit atop the corporate world and women are now reaching the top of the public and non-profit sectors. That's also why we need more women running businesses. Male dominated companies not only underperform. They are bad for the rest of us (think tech and finance, AI and subprimes).'

UK: 'Culture of misogyny' could mean men get more lenient sentences - commissioners warn

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A "culture of misogyny in the criminal justice system" could lead to men getting away with more lenient sentences, the victims' commissioner and domestic abuse commissioner for England and Wales have said.

In a joint letter to Home Secretary Priti Patel, Lord Chancellor Robert Buckland and Attorney General Michael Ellis, the commissioners have called for an independent review for every domestic homicide.

They are also urging the government to review murder and manslaughter sentences in domestic abuse cases.

In the letter, Domestic Abuse Commissioner Nicole Jacobs and Victims' Commissioner Dame Vera Baird QC call for "greater recognition of the devastation caused by domestic homicide" and a "programme of work to address deficiencies across the criminal justice system and statutory services".'

Canada gender equality: Trudeau unveils women-only task force

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Justin Trudeau's government unveiled a women-only task force that will help advise policymakers on the economic recovery ahead of the spring budget.

Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland and Minister of Middle Class Prosperity Mona Fortier said Monday the group will harness expert voices across the country to help the government with a plan to address gender equality issues laid bare by the Covid-19 pandemic. The announcement was made on International Women's Day.
...
"Their diverse perspectives will help our government make smart, targeted investments through Budget 2021 and beyond to advance gender equity and address the systemic barriers and inequities faced by women, including Black, Indigenous, and people of color – so that Canada's economic recovery leaves no one behind," Fortier said in the news release.'

America Has A Boy Crisis

Matt · 10 March 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Brookings Institute recently released a report that showed parents, both liberals and conservatives, are more worried about their sons' futures than their daughters'. Our boys are not okay. Moms are worried about how this new world we're living in will treat their boys today and in the decades to come.

I often wonder how things might be different if, 20 years ago, society had listened to the Factual Feminist Christina Hoff Sommers when she warned the public in her book, The War Against Boys, that there was indeed a war against boys and we're leaving our boys behind to our own detriment. Rather than take her warnings seriously, she was accused of being a "Bootlicker of the Patriarchy" by feminists.

But Sommers was right, and sadly, because society continues to turn a blind eye to the issue, the problem has only gotten worse.

In our zeal to empower girls, we have left our boys behind...for decades. Because we want to get more women into the top roles in society, we have ignored the peril of young males' decline. We're seeing the repercussions today. In addition to watching our boys fail while pushing girls ahead, there has been a mainstream anti-male propaganda campaign taking place, essentially shaming and blaming boys and their masculinity. They're just defective girls. They're inherently monsters. They must change to be acceptable in our modern-day society.'

Melinda Gates urges Biden to put women at center of COVID-19 response

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Philanthropist Melinda Gates said she believes leaders must put women at the center of their response to COVID-19 in order to address the child care crisis.

“We're seeing women leave the workforce in droves compared to men,” Gates told ABC News. “A lot of it has to do with the types of jobs women are in, but also the caregiving that women do for children and the elderly.”

Women are losing their livelihoods faster, because they are more exposed to hard-hit economic sections. According to a new analysis commissioned by UN Women and the United Nations Development Programme, by 2021, around 435 million women and girls will be living on less than $1.90 a day -- including 47 million pushed into poverty as a result of COVID-19.'

Toxic Femininity: The under-addressed gender calamity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Male hatred stems from the misdirected battle against patriarchal society, which many feminists view as solely a collection of fights against individual men who committed heinous crimes, such as sexual assault. However, a concentrated battle against toxic societal expectations, combined with these individual initiatives, may create a healthier alternative, deterring future misdemeanors. Within this battle is halting the reinforcement of both negative female and male societal expectations. Beginning for many feminists with the awareness and correction of their mindsets caused by a toxic feminine society, a great number of avid feminists would be surprised to know that their version of feminism frequently contributes greatly to patriarchal norms like the objectification of women.
...

Feminism is frequently characterized by men as a loud, intimidating movement that focuses on attacking men for their wrongdoings, though it initially emerged as a fight for gender equality. The aforementioned male hatred rooted in the hyperfocus of individual cases, though crucial in fighting for justice for individual women, may do more harm than good if not expanded upon. It begins with recognizing how toxic gender roles are present and active for both genders and moving forth by combating society's collective issues causing toxic traits together rather than apart.'

UK: Green Party peer says all men should face 6pm curfew

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men should be banned from being outdoors after 6pm to 'make women a lot safer' after the abduction and suspected murder of Sarah Everard in London, a Green Party peer has suggested.

Baroness Jones made the comment in a discussion in the House of Lords during a debate on domestic violence.

The issue of women's safety has been again thrust into the spotlight following the disappearance of 33-year-old Ms Everard as she walked home to Brixton from her friend's home in Clapham, south-west London, on March 3.

The strength of feeling saw dozens of women shared their own harrowing stories online with the hashtags #saraheverard and #TooManyMen.

A vigil called Reclaim These Streets' has been organised to in a show of support that everyone should be able to walk in public without fear.

Tips for men to make women feel more comfortable at night have also been shared on social media.'

UK: Men curfew: Mark Drakeford would consider curbs in Wales as 'temporary intervention'

Mastodon · 12 March 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WELSH First Minister Mark Drakeford has admitted he would consider "temporary" local curfews for men to make women feel safer at night.

The Labour political said he would not rule out the measure to combat violent attacks on the streets if it was necessary. His comments were made following the horrific disappearance of Sarah Everard from Clapham last Wednesday.

Green Party peer Baroness Jones told the House of Lords yesterday that the introduction of a 6pm curfew for men would make women feel safer at night.

Now, the Mr Drakeford has confirmed he would consider taking such action in some circumstances.

"If there were a crisis, and you needed to take dramatic action that allowed that crisis to be drawn down, then of course you'd be prepared to consider all measures that would make a difference," he said.
...
Yesterday Baroness Jones said she was considering putting forward an amendment to a Bill in support of forcing men to remain at home in the evenings.

She said: "In the week that Sarah Everard was abducted and, we suppose, killed—because remains have been found in a woodland in Kent — I argue that, at the next opportunity for any Bill that is appropriate, I might put in an amendment to create a curfew for men on the streets after 6pm.'

Bill creating felony offense for sexual conduct without affirmative consent fails

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill that would make sexual conduct without affirmative consent a third-degree felony failed in a House committee Monday.

House Bill 78, sponsored by Rep. Angela Romero, did not pass with a 5-6 vote by the House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee.

Affirmative consent is a knowing, voluntary, and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity.

The bill would have also required an offender to register as a sex offender.'

Department of Corrections contractor admits false rape allegation to cover up her own sexual misconduct

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A state Department of Corrections contractor admitted Monday she falsely accused an inmate of raping her after Kitsap County sheriff's detectives began investigating her for pressuring the man into sex.

Taressa Jolene Browning, 32, met the man while working as a facility monitor for Progress House, a company the state uses to operate its Peninsula Work Release facility on Lloyd Parkway in Port Orchard.

Her job was to monitor inmates after their release from prison and drive them to and from work.'

We Can Raise Boys To Become Good Men By Treating Them Like Girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When I was a kid in the 1970s, the “tomboy” was queen — or maybe king. Even a non-sporty girl like me was dressed in the unisex uniforms of white-piped track shorts, Keds, and t-shirts, just like my brother. The lesson I learned from my parents, peers, the media, and the passage of Title IX in 1972, was that I had legal right to everything culturally marked as “for boys.”

But the same access to girls’ worlds has still not been granted to boys. Despite the recent media focus on toxic masculinity, boys still feel insistent pressure to be violent, to shut down emotions, to watch porn, and to have sex even when they don’t want or aren’t ready to. They feel pressure to reject anything associated with what’s culturally marked as “feminine” — kindness, vulnerability, love, seeking help, let alone dolls and the color pink — and pressure to look down on girls and women. Boys learn that “girly” is an insult, and they must at all costs distance themselves from it.'

Brutal Relationship Advice for Women from the Internet's Most Ruthless Dating Site

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On first scroll, Female Dating Strategy looks like any other straight women's self-help site. Between its bright pink borders, you'll see a selection of #empowering memes, a bustling advice forum and articles on getting over heartbreak. You'll see "Women Don't Owe You Shit" slogans and pastel-coloured platitudes about becoming your "best self".

The core message behind it all? Men are "braindead" and "ass garbage", and they need to be "ruthlessly evaluated" before you form an emotional attachment. Even if you think you've met a decent one, you should remain on your guard.

"Thinking 'not all men' is DETRIMENTAL to your safety," reasons one poster. "'Not all men are rapists... But if I gave you a pack of gummy bears and told you one was poisoned, wouldn't you treat each of them as potentially lethal?"'

One in 50 people - about 1million in the UK – do not know who their biological father is, say experts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'About one in 50 people do not know who their biological father is, say experts.

Adoption, sperm donation and ‘paternity fraud’ – in which mothers conceal a child’s true father – are some of the reasons why people are unaware of their real genetic lineage.

The figure is revealed in a new TV series, DNA Family Secrets, whose presenter, Stacey Dooley, tells viewers that the boom in genetic tests has ‘uncovered a startling statistic – about one in 50 people do not have the biological father they think they have’.'

Biden Title IX bid to ‘believe all women’ will meet its match on campuses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Biden administration has opened the door to reviewing and perhaps discarding the new Title IX rule, issued under former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. Supposedly the DeVos Rule is “controversial.” Of course it is, to the extent that campus zealots regard due process for the accused as controversial. But it’s a phony controversy.

The DeVos Rule, which applies in cases of sex discrimination and misconduct in education, merely clarifies that those accused of misconduct get basic fairness in student disciplinary proceedings. Those basics include the presumption of innocence, the right to see evidence and the right to question witnesses. Without such bare-bones due process, any finding of fault for anything would be bogus and more akin to a “verdict first, trial later” outcome — that is, an inquisition.'

UK: Proposals to make misogyny a hate crime wins cross-party support

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Proposals to make misogyny – which would include abuse and harassment of women and girls in the street – a hate crime have won cross-party support.

An amendment to the Domestic Abuse Bill, which has the backing of MPs and peers from all parties as well as a number of campaign groups, will be debated in the House of Lords next week.

The campaign to change the law has been organised by Labour MP Stella Creasy but is likely to gain added traction due to the suspected kidnap and murder of Sarah Everard.*

Some 11 out of the 43 police services in England and Wales have already made misogyny a hate crime, trialled the policy or are actively considering implementing it.

The amendment to the bill would require all police services to record misogynist attacks, which involve existing crimes but are motivated by hatred of someone's sex or gender, as hate crimes.'

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*Ironically, the arrested suspect in this case is a police officer. -- Ed. note

How can we teach boys not to become violent men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A school environment in which male pupils feel empowered to process their emotions and respond to their own personal difficulties could reduce the presentation of toxic masculine behaviour at the expense of women, as it would make boys less likely to lash out and repeat learned behaviour. This is the work of years: it requires social and emotional education from primary until further education.

Additionally, in secondary schools, explaining the ways in which men can make women feel safer when in public – such as not overtaking or approaching a woman from behind at night – could also prevent inadvertently threatening behaviour.'

Scorned ex-wife, 27, gets just six years in prison for hiring a hitman to kill her ex-husband's mom and five-year-old daughter

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A New York woman has pleaded guilty to hiring a hitman in Ecuador to kill her ex-husband's mother and his five-year-old daughter, in the hope that he would then spend more time with her.

Elsy Rodriguez-Garcia, 27, from Huntington Station on Long Island, admitted arranging the hit on Thursday.

As part of the deal, she pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the second degree, a class B felony, and will be sentenced to between two and six years in prison on April 15.'

U.S. Army Considers Reversing ‘Gender-Neutral Physical Test’ After Majority Of Women Fail To Keep Up With Men: Report

Matt · 15 March 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The United States Army is reportedly considering doing away with its new “gender-neutral physical test” after test results showed that the majority of women failed while approximately 90 percent of men passed. Officials are reportedly considering having different evaluation categories for men and women due to the physiological differences between the two.

“Research showed that the Army Combat Fitness Test [ACFT], which is the same for male and female soldiers, was leading to lower results for women with a knock-on effect for promotions,” The Telegraph reported. “An early Pentagon study showed that women were failing the ACFT at a rate of 65 per cent, while only 10 percent of men did.”
...
The report said that Congress, which is controlled by the Democrats, stopped the new program from being implemented and the Army is reviewing whether it is fair. Congress does not want the test as it is current constructed to factor into opportunities for advancement, the report said.'

Roman Kemp on feeling 'trapped' by depression

Matt · 16 March 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Radio and TV presenter Roman Kemp has been thinking about making a documentary about male mental health for the past six years.

And it's certainly an important, pressing issue. Suicide rates in England and Wales remain at a 20-year high. In 2019, three-quarters of those who took their own lives in England and Wales - a total of 4,303 - were men. This was the highest figure since 1981.

Tragically, in August last year this issue reached Roman intimately with the death of his close friend and producer Joe Lyons, who was 31.

"The stats are completely out of control," Roman tells BBC Three, ahead of his new documentary Roman Kemp: Our Silent Emergency. "It's something I've been very much so personally affected by and I believe the time has gone now where you can shy away from it.

"Now that stigma has to go."'

Why the 'nice guy' penalty disadvantages all workers

Matt · 17 March 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Research suggests that men are distrusted and passed over at work when they exhibit qualities stereotypically assigned to women. Fixing this would benefit all of us.
...
Wyatt is among others who believe men's career trajectories can depend on how well they fit gendered preconceptions. How this plays out depends enormously on class and sector, of course – a surgeon will face different expectations than an oil worker – but, overall, there's a great deal of research suggesting that men are disliked, distrusted and passed over when they exhibit qualities stereotypically assigned to women. As the pandemic has shifted so much of working life into homes and private spaces, it's also important to consider how rigid gender norms hurt men, and how everyone can benefit from easing them.'

UK: Schools urged to give lessons to boys on how to respect women and girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Prime Minister Theresa May said that any focus on changing attitudes should deal with perpetrators and suggested boys should be taught about ‘respect for women and what is or is not acceptable in relationships’.

Ministers are being pressed to introduce new laws that would make public sexual harassment and misogyny specific crimes as part of its strategy to tackle violence against women and girls.

It comes in the wake of the alleged kidnap and murder of Sarah Everard, whose body was found in a Kent woodland a week after she went missing as she walked home from a friend’s in Clapham, south London, on March 3.'

Quebec hospital job posting: “white women only”

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Video here. Caption:

'An investigation is underway after La Presse revealed the St-Eustache Hospital, north of Montreal, posted a job for an orderly that “must have white skin,” saying a patient allegedly requested a “white woman.” Melina Giubilaro reports.'

How wrong for Sarah Everard's death to be hijacked by men-haters

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But one thing I do object to – indeed, I find distasteful and disrespectful – is why some have sought to turn the tragedy to their political advantage. For them, it is part of a culture war against so-called ‘toxic masculinity’ and men in general.

Typical was Green Party peer Baroness Jones who suggested that the best way to prevent violence against women is for a 6pm curfew for men. She subsequently claimed she hadn’t been serious – but was highlighting the danger of ‘victim-blaming’. But that was too late.

Not only is Parliament, where she made the comment, not a place for such loose words but in an age of social media, many are apt to jump on such a bandwagon.

Soon after, the hashtag ‘curfewformen’ began trending on Twitter, with various rival factions trading insults in the usual unedifying way.'

Plummeting sperm counts, shrinking penises: toxic chemicals threaten humanity

Matt · 18 March 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The end of humankind? It may be coming sooner than we think, thanks to hormone-disrupting chemicals that are decimating fertility at an alarming rate around the globe. A new book called Countdown, by Shanna Swan, an environmental and reproductive epidemiologist at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, finds that sperm counts have dropped almost 60% since 1973. Following the trajectory we are on, Swan's research suggests sperm counts could reach zero by 2045. Zero. Let that sink in. That would mean no babies. No reproduction. No more humans. Forgive me for asking: why isn't the UN calling an emergency meeting on this right now?
...

Swan's book is staggering in its findings. "In some parts of the world, the average twentysomething woman today is less fertile than her grandmother was at 35," Swan writes. In addition to that, Swan finds that, on average, a man today will have half of the sperm his grandfather had. "The current state of reproductive affairs can't continue much longer without threatening human survival," writes Swan, adding: "It's a global existential crisis." That's not hyperbole. That's just science.

As if this wasn't terrifying enough, Swan's research finds that these chemicals aren't just dramatically reducing semen quality, they are also shrinking penis size and volume of the testes. This is nothing short of a full-scale emergency for humanity.

Swan's research echoes previous research, which has found that PFAS harms sperm production, disrupts the male hormone and is correlated to a "reduction of semen quality, testicular volume and penile length". These chemicals are literally confusing our bodies, making them send mix messages and go haywire.'

UK: Woman blackmailed ex by threatening false rape accusations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rhiannon Jones, from Orford, forced her vulnerable former partner to pay up more than £7,000 after making the demands through a fake Facebook account.

The 21-year-old was handed two years behind bars on Friday, March 12.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that the couple had been together for about a year before their relationship came to an end in September 2019, although the pair remained friends.'

Yorkshire opens what is believed to be the UK's first women's only vaccine clinic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of GPs in West Yorkshire have come together to run what is believed to be the UK's first women's only Covid vaccination clinic.

GP groups in Keighley teamed up with the local community hub – Keighley Association for Women and Children's Centre (KAWACC) – to offer a women's only pop-up vaccination clinic today, (18 March).'

Circumcision Outcomes Beta-test Survey

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Brown University Will Let Students Anonymously Report Title IX Sexual Misconduct

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Brown University has debuted a new system for reporting sexual harassment and misconduct under the auspices of Title IX, the federal law that prohibits sex- and gender-based discrimination in education. Notably, it allows students to make an anonymous accusation against another member of campus.

"Brown University encourages community members to report any acts they believe to be an incident of sexual harassment, sexual violence, or gender-based discrimination," notes Brown on its website. "The Sexual Violence & Gender-Harassment Incident Reporting Form was developed to capture these reports as a part of the intake process."

The website stresses that using the anonymous reporting form is not the same thing as filing a formal Title IX complaint, which would automatically trigger an investigation. These investigations attracted significant criticism from civil liberties advocates for abridging the due process rights of accused students, though the process was overhauled by the Trump administration to restore basic fairness.
...
Universities can and should deal with interpersonal violence. But for accountability's sake, campus authorities really do need to know the identities of accusers. Otherwise, the system is likely to be abused.'

AU: Outrage after Brauer College in Warrnambool ‘forces boys to apologise to female students for sexism’

Matt · 25 March 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Parents of male students at a school in Victoria’s southwest are outraged after their sons were forced to stand up at an assembly and apologise to their female classmates.

Male students at Brauer College in Warrnambool were purportedly told to apologise to the girls for offensive behaviour on behalf of their gender on Wednesday.

Danielle Shephard told 7NEWS that her 12-year-old son, who is in Year 7 at the school, was left feeling confused following the exercise.'

ACEs and Penile Status Study

DanBollinger · 29 March 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Is being circumcised or intact associated with other Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs)? Please take this preliminary survey so the researchers can ascertain if a full-fledged study is warranted.

Take the Survey

Guest opinion: Federal grant an attempt to program wokeism into children

Mastodon · 4 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Legislature is reconsidering giving a $6 million federal grant to the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (IDAEYC), a radical group trafficking divisive theories into homes, communities and schools.

The grant enables IDAEYC to enhance strategic partnerships to program wokeism into children.

First, the IDAEYC will partner with the Early Learning Institute (ELI) to provide training, resources, and materials to childcare programs and families. ELI promotes anti-bias curriculum, an idea the IDAEYC's parent group the National AEYC (NAEYC) developed. Anti-bias education peddles the narrative that America is systemically and irredeemably racist and sexist; that white children, especially boys, are complicit in that racism and sexism; and educators must discriminate in treatment of students based on race and sex. The ELI believes babies are racists. One flyer explains, "By 6 months...babies are noticing racial differences; by age 4, children...show signs of racial bias." As a remedy, white parents must "be honest" with babies about "bigotry and oppression."'

The war against boys: Trying to tame all young men by ‘educating’ their ‘toxic masculinity’ out of them is the wrong approach

Mastodon · 4 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The hysteria generated over a small minority of badly behaved, violent boys has gone too far. Teaching them ‘gender neutrality’ and to resist ‘macho, heterosexual’ maleness is not the answer.

Fake news about men is making the rounds and at times it seems that young boys have become the target of a veritable crusade designed to tame them. Since the eruption of anxiety about a supposed rape culture afflicting British schools, the mantra of ‘Educate Your Sons’ is constantly echoed by politicians, campaigners and media influencers.

Leading the way is Police Minster Kit Malthouse, who declared that schools should teach boys how to treat girls and women with respect. Numerous commentaries in newspapers and on websites, with titles like: “Schools are the best place to educate boys about how to respect women,” echo a sense of urgency about what they present as a national crisis.'

Title IX Court Decisions Make It Harder for Biden to Rewrite Rules

Mastodon · 6 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A string of recent court decisions have accepted sex-based discrimination claims by male students after their schools sanctioned them for harassment or assault, potentially complicating plans for a complete overhaul of former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos's campus sexual misconduct regulations.

President Joe Biden plans to rewrite the DeVos rule governing Title IX, the 1972 federal law that bars gender-based discrimination at schools. The law has been at the center of debates over schools' response to sexual harassment—mostly against women—on campus.

Advocates for strong enforcement of the law at colleges say the court decisions effectively turn Title IX on its head by lowering the bar for plaintiffs to allege anti-male bias.'

NCLA Releases Case Video Showing How Cornell’s Title IX Kangaroo Courts Ruin Lives

Mastodon · 6 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, the New Civil Liberties Alliance, a nonpartisan, nonprofit civil rights group, released a video about Dr. Vengalattore’s case against Cornell University and the U.S. Department of Education. The case is currently before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, on appeal from the decision of the trial court, which dismissed the case on a flawed theory of Title IX without ruling on the substance of the deprivation of due process and other claims presented by Dr. Vengalattore. NCLA argues that the disciplinary proceedings against him themselves violated Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. By prevailing in this case, NCLA means to restore the due process guaranteed by the Bill of Rights to accused parties in campus Title IX hearings.'

Biden administration announces next steps in overhauling Title IX campus sexual assault rules

Matt · 6 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Education Department announced plans Tuesday to hold a public hearing on how schools ought to handle sexual misconduct cases as the first step in a planned overhaul of Title IX regulations.

In a letter released by the Education Department, the hearing is described as a chance for students, parents, school officials and advocates to weigh in before the Biden administration offers its proposal for how K-12 schools and colleges receiving public funding must respond to allegations of sexual assault and harassment. The department has not yet announced a timeline for the hearing but plans to share more details in the coming weeks. The hearing will occur over multiple days and include a virtual component, a department official said.

After the hearing, the department intends to begin a formal process known as "proposed rule-making" to rewrite the Title IX rules, which would include another round of public comments.

The department will also issue question-and-answer-style guidance in the coming weeks to advise schools how to adhere to the current Title IX rules.'

Dilemma for Congress: End the Military Draft or ... Include Women

Mastodon · 8 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Supreme Court case challenging the requirement for men, but not women, to register with the Selective Service System for a possible military draft is forcing Congress to make a choice it has been avoiding for decades: End draft registration, or expand it to young women as well as young men.

The choice is not between continuing male-only draft registration (which is likely to be found unconstitutional) and expanding registration to women. The real choice is whether to expand registration to women or to end it entirely. Bills for each of those options were introduced in the last session of Congress, and are likely to be reintroduced within the next few months as part of the annual National Defense Authorization Act.'

Louisiana College Student Left Fighting for His Life After Date Allegedly Stabbed Him in Dorm Room

Matt · 10 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Southeastern Louisiana University student was arrested Saturday after allegedly stabbing the man she was dating multiple times in a dorm room.

Elizabeth Grace Johnson, 18, is facing charges of aggravated battery, according to WAFB.

Campus police responded to reports of a disturbance at one of the campus dorms on Saturday, the news station reports.

When they arrived, they found the victim — who was publicly identified by his family as Louisiana State University student Draven Upchurch — with multiple stab wounds.

Johnson was still in the dorm room when police arrived. Authorities described the pair as "dating partners," according to Eyewitness News (WWL).'

New York Bill To Redefine ‘Consent’ In Way That Would Make Obtaining Sex After Inflating Career A Form Of Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New York State Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright introduced a bill that would redefine consent, something progressives have been doing for the past decade on college campuses, resulting in numerous acts being considered sexual assault that previously were not nor should be.

Seawright’s bill would add a definition of consent that states:

“Consent” means freely given knowledgeable and informed agreement; such agreement must be obtained without the use of malice such as forcible compulsion, duress, coercion, deception, fraud, concealment or artifice.'

Reseda Ca children stabbings: Dad tried to get emergency custody

Mastodon · 11 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A report has cited a child custody case between the mother of three slain Reseda California children, she is accused of stabbing to death this weekend and that of the father who had sought to invoke an emergency mandate to have the three young children, two girls, one boy, all under the age of 3, removed from his estranged partner's care.

The revelation comes as Liliana Carrillo, is suspected of stabbing to death her three young children, aged 3, 2 and 6 months old. The infants' bodies were found circa 9. 30am, Saturday morning at a Los Angeles area residence by their grandmother as she returned from work.'

Utah Law Requires Fathers to Pay Half of Mothers' Pregnancy Costs

Mastodon · 11 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The legislation, H.B. 113, signed into law by Utah Gov. Spencer Cox (R) in March, amends the Utah Child Support Act to include the medical costs associated with pregnancy.

The law will take effect May 5.

The text states the law "requires a biological father to pay 50% of a mother's: insurance premiums while she is pregnant; and pregnancy-related medical costs, including the hospital birth of the child, that are not paid by another person."

Under the law, a father will not be required to pay for a woman's abortion to which he did not consent, unless the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest, or to preserve the life of the mother.

Additionally, a father's paternity would need to be confirmed, if it is in question, prior to paying his half of the pregnancy costs.'

UK: Soldiers are told to be more inclusive and avoid using words such as 'mankind' and 'sportmanship'

Mastodon · 12 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Soldiers have been banned from referring to each other as ‘lads’ in the Army’s latest gender equality drive.

Troops from 22 Engineer Regiment were told not to use the word because it may cause offence, even if no women are present.

Words such as ‘mankind’ and ‘sportsmanship’ have also been banned as the Armed Forces is remodelled as a gender-neutral organisation.'

How to build a modern man: Helping boys to grow up happy

Mastodon · 12 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When I ask my daughter about what being a woman in today's world means to her, she talks about pride, possibility, hard-won freedoms. Her role models are women who fought for change in society. She is acutely aware of the challenge of growing up in a world where women are still seen through the reductive prism of the male gaze. Sadly, she has already experienced moments of feeling uncomfortable in public spaces, like her awareness of the men who stand a bit too close when she's at the lights, waiting to cross the road. But she is proud to be a woman and bright-eyed about the future.

When I ask my son the same question about being a man in today's world, he starts by telling me a list of all the things he knows men shouldn't be. This list includes, but is not confined to, being sexist, violent, bullying harassing or trolling anyone.

...

Dr Aisling Swaine, professor of gender studies at University College Dublin who was named by A-Political as one the world's 100 most influential people in gender policy 2021, worries that even the notion of a "good man" is fraught, and risks setting up another binary. "It suggests there are good men and bad men. That alienates men, making them feel they have to fit into one or other box, and if they're not quite sure which one they might be perceived to be in, then how to engage. We need to maintain the space for women to voice and make visible things that are realities in their lives. But we also need a conversation around where masculinities and behaviours come into it."'

AUS: Chanel Contos calls for ‘toxic masculinity’ lessons as part of new Victorian consent education

Mastodon · 14 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sex education campaigner Chanel Contos is working with the Victorian Government on lessons that she hopes will teach students about “toxic masculinity” and “sl*t shaming”.

The Sydneysider has been pushing for earlier and more “holistic” education in schools around sex, relationships and consent after a petition she made brought forward thousands of stories of sexual assault from students and former students across Australia.

Her push has already made waves in NSW, where students are expected to have a much bigger say on what their sex education lessons will look like and NSW Police unveiled an operation to make it easier for alleged sexual assault victims to come forward.'

AUS: ‘Not about sending teenagers to jail’: Chanel Contos pushes for new sex crimes reporting

Mastodon · 15 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The young woman who set off a national discourse about sexual consent among young people is calling on Victoria Police to launch a new system to make it easier to report sexual assault and allow police to better track alleged repeat offenders.

University student Chanel Contos is pushing for a program that would allow sexual assault complaints to be made to police anonymously online.

Under the Operation Vest scheme Ms Contos launched with NSW Police last month, filing an anonymous complaint does not lead to a formal investigation being launched, but the report is kept on record if the alleged victim chooses to proceed later.

Police can also track if the same alleged offenders are reported multiple times.
...
“It doesn’t matter if you haven’t heard of an assault in a school in your electorate, I can guarantee it is still happening but remains unreported,” she said.'

AUS: Activist Chanel Contos says school's move to make male students apologise to females is 'problematic'

Mastodon · 15 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Activist Chanel Contos has slammed a Victorian college's attempt to address sexual assault in schools after male students as young as 12 were directed to "stand up and apologise" to their female peers.

Brauer College, in Warrnambool, held an assembly on Wednesday where the boys were told to stand in solidarity for female students who had experienced sexual harassment.

Outraged parents hit out at the move, saying it had left their sons "confused and upset" for apologising for something they "had not done".

They said that their sons were told to apologise to girls for offensive behaviour on behalf of their gender.

"He's upset by it – he now has this misconception that everybody looks at him and males as predators or somebody wishing to do harm to someone in a sexualised manner – seriously, he's 12."'

AUS: The last thing the school curriculum needs is 'more social engineering'

Mastodon · 15 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here.

'Sky News host Rita Panahi says the last thing the school curriculum needs is more social engineering, but that's just what the Victorian government has in mind.

Ms Panahi said Education Minister James Merlino was working with a sexual assault campaigner who wished to "further entrench concepts such as toxic masculinity and slut-shaming" into the school curriculum.

"I'm all for kids being taught about consent in school, but it should be done from a fact-based legal framework. Kids should be taught what constitutes consent, that people who are inebriated cannot consent, nor those below a certain age," she said.

"But they should not be brainwashed in the divisive politics of the activist class. Teaching impressionable kids about so-called toxic masculinity will only end in what we saw in a Victorian school with boys being forced to apologise for being born boys.

"Wouldn't it be refreshing if there was as much focus on academic excellence as there is on indoctrination in Victorian schools? Perhaps then, our students wouldn't trail those in Kazakhstan."'

Men-only Selective Service registration may end soon, but the fight will remain

Mastodon · 16 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The United States has not had a draft since 1973, but federal law requires men ages 18 through 25 to register with the Selective Service System. Women, too, could soon have to shoulder that responsibility.

Earlier this year, American Civil Liberties Union lawyers filed a petition on behalf of the National Coalition for Men, asking the Supreme Court to consider whether male-only registration violates equal protection principles enshrined in the Constitution and discriminates on the basis of sex.'

India: What’s a Man: A podcast that attempts to unravel toxic traits in men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'How do you define a man? More importantly, how do you define ‘masculinity’? For centuries, in India and around the world, gender roles have trapped men inside the falsehood of machismo. It has caged their thoughts and perpetuated falsities about ‘manhood’. ‘Ladkey rotey nahi‘, and ‘mard ko dard nahi hota‘ are some of the adages that they have picked up from films, furthering a belief that a man is a different species.

But in the last few years, this belief has been challenged. Today, many Indian men are not afraid to cry, or admit they are in pain. Mard ko dard hota hai, and they are unafraid to express that dard. So, amid this constant self-duelling, and unlearning of things, how does the modern man perceive masculinity?

Deepa Narayan, an award-winning researcher, author, social scientist and an advisor to the World Bank, attempted to understand this through her podcast What’s a Man: Masculinity in India. In the 10-episode series, she interviewed 250 middle and upper-class boys — some as young as seven — and men, to understand the different models of masculinity and their consequences.'

Anxiety in New Fathers May Be More Common Than Previously Reported

Mastodon · 16 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Experts hope this research can help draw media attention and research funding to male anxiety, ultimately lowering barriers such as stigma and false conceptions of masculinity.

"Say 'masculinity' to somebody, and maybe they've already filled in toxic," Singley says. "That's really unfortunate because there are now solid studies being done about healthy masculinity and positive masculinity."

In order to achieve healthy masculinity, Singley says we need to start early. "If we, as a society, could make the changes necessary to socialize boys to be healthier, then we don't have to fix broken men and fathers," he says.'

US Women's soccer team suing over equal pay after rejecting same pay system as men's team

Matt · 17 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Women's Soccer team is appealing a court decision to throw out their pay discrimination claim, arguing that a "pervasive atmosphere of sexism" was the reason the women's team is paid less than the men's team.

In reality, as The Daily Wire previously reported, U.S. District Judge R. Gary Klausner dismissed the women's pay discrimination claim because they had rejected to be paid using the same structure as the men's team.

"The WNT was willing to forgo higher bonuses for benefits, such as greater base compensation and the guarantee of a higher number of contracted players," Klausner wrote in his ruling. "Accordingly, plaintiffs cannot now retroactively deem their CBA (collective bargaining agreement) worse than the MNT (men's national team) CBA by reference to what they would have made had they been paid under the MNT's pay-to-play terms structure when they themselves rejected such a structure."'

Court Sides With YouTube In 'Censorship' Battle With 'Misandry Today'

Mastodon · 18 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Siding with Google, a federal appellate court refused to reinstate a lawsuit by commentator Bob Lewis, who claimed the company violated his rights by demonetizing some of the videos on his YouTube channel, Misandry Today, and restricting or taking down others.

The decision, issued Thursday, upheld an order issued last year by U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Sallie Kim in the Northern District of California.

The dispute dates to 2019, when Lewis sued Google for allegedly "censoring" his speech.

One of the demonetized clips argued that “antifa” is a terrorist group that targets children.

Another described former Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) as "the latest victim of left's campaign to discriminate against anyone based on their traditional American values."'

Title IX lawyers give UConn ultimatum: Reinstate the women's rowing team or there will be a lawsuit

Mastodon · 20 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Lawyers representing the UConn women's rowing team sent a letter to UConn president Thomas Katsouleas on Monday stating that if the university did not reinstate the women's rowing program, a class action lawsuit would be filed against the university and the lawyers would seek a preliminary injunction immediately to preserve the status of the team, which is set to be cut after this season.

The letter gave a deadline of Monday for the university to respond.

On March 29, 23 rowing alumnae filed a Title IX complaint against UConn stating that cutting the team would result in further inequities between male and female athletes at the school.

Last June, the university announced it was going to cut women's rowing, men's swimming and diving, men's tennis and men's cross country due to a $10 million budget shortfall.'

Connecticut State Supreme Court to consider women-only areas of gyms

Mastodon · 20 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Connecticut's Supreme Court is preparing to hear a case that could have a wide-ranging effect on anti-discrimination laws.

The court will consider whether it is discriminatory for gyms to have areas restricted to women only that formerly were for both sexes. Experts say if the court exempts women from anti-discrimination laws, it could eventually erode existing laws that ban discrimination against other groups in public places or organizations.

The suit stems from two separate complaints brought by male gym-goers who said they had to wait in line to use equipment in their crowded gym while the space reserved for women was under-used and mostly empty. They argued to the state's Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities that any segregation by sex is illegal under state law.'

Australia: Government start-up grants for women only

Minuteman · 20 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Link here (archived here). Excerpt:

'The program will provide targeted support on a co-contribution basis to female founders of startup businesses (startups) to scale into domestic and global markets.
...
The objectives of the program are to:

stimulate private sector investments into innovative startups led by women

help women entrepreneurs overcome the disadvantages faced in getting access to finance and support to grow their startups

enable female founders to scale-up, expand into domestic and global markets, and become self-sufficient

boost the economy through increasing the diversity of startup founders.
...
We can only accept applications where you:

provide a signed declaration, on the template provided, that your startup is female founded (majority owned and led by women)

certify that your startup will remain majority owned and led by women for the duration of the grant (this will be a requirement of the grant agreement)'

Texas Teacher Began Grooming 12-Year-Old Student via Online Video Game, Sexually Abused Him in Her Classroom: Police

Matt · 21 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Texas teacher was arrested late last week after one of her former students accused her of sexually abusing him for several years–after initiating a relationship with him when he was only 12 years old.

Marka Lee Bodine, 31, was charged with one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child, a first-degree felony which accounts for two or more incidents of sexual abuse within a 30-day period committed against a minor under the age of 14 by an adult over the age of 17.

In court documents, the ex-teacher admitted to having a sexual relationship with her former student beginning in 2018.

Bodine is currently out on bond. She also quickly resigned from her position at Tomball Intermediate, a school for 5th and 6th graders in the Houston metropolitan area, after the contours of the story came to light. But those alleged details took awhile to come out.'

Sex workers in Manhattan to get a pass while their clients don't

Matt · 21 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's like not prosecuting sellers of illicit drugs but prosecuting the buyer. Excerpt:

'The Manhattan district attorney's office announced Wednesday that it would no longer prosecute prostitution and unlicensed massage, putting the weight of one of the most high-profile law enforcement offices in the United States behind the growing movement to change the criminal justice system's approach to sex work.

The district attorney, Cyrus R. Vance Jr., revealed the new policy as he appeared virtually in court to ask a judge to dismiss 914 open cases involving prostitution and unlicensed massage, along with 5,080 cases in which the charge was loitering for the purposes of prostitution.
...
The office will continue to prosecute other crimes related to prostitution, including patronizing sex workers and sex trafficking.'

UK: Queen Mary to launch women-only MRes with the Autonomous University of Baja California to tackle gender inequality in STEM

Mastodon · 22 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The agreement – signed shortly after International Women's Day – was signed by Professor Colin Bailey, Queen Mary's President and Principal, and Daniel Valdez-Delgadillo, Principal of the Autonomous University of Baja California (UABC).

The Dual MRes in Science and Engineering will be hosted by the School of Biological and Chemical Sciences and supported by other schools in the faculty. The first cohort of students will start in September 2021, undertaking taught modules for a year at UABC as a pathway to joining Queen Mary for our year-only MRes, with the opportunity of obtaining a Queen Mary Master's degree in Science and Engineering, as well as a UABC MRes.'

Considerations being made to include women in military draft registration

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There could be some potential changes to men-only military draft registration, but how it could be accomplished is a different story.

Both the Biden Administration and the National Coalition for Men are calling for the men-only military draft registration to include women, and for some veterans like Jeffery Yarvis, it's a welcome change.

"In a time of war, if our nation's sovereignty is at risk and we need to expand our services, why not let anybody that wants to serve, serve and use this great capability that we already have in the voluntary system," he said.
...
While it's unlikely the Supreme Court would make such a ruling, Texas A&M Central Texas Political Science Professor John Koehler says any change would take a while without an executive action.

"I think legislators on their own would resist any firm actions on this issue, but I think if the Biden Administration choose to press and push for it, that's the only way this would move forward," he said.

The Supreme Court now must decide whether to hear oral arguments in the case of request more information from the parties.'

NCFM Chicago Chapter President, Tim Goldich, Male Vulnerability to Accusation

Matt · 23 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An accusation need not be demonstrably false (false to fact), to be petty and unjust. Men's vulnerability to false accusations is clear, but we must also consider men's outsized vulnerability to dubious accusations.

Granted, the vast majority of women are far too sensible to damage a man over trifles. But then there's the particular woman Jerold Mackenzie ran into.

On the morning of March 19, 1993, [Jerold] Mackenzie was talking to coworker Patricia Best, the distributor services manager, about a Seinfeld episode that aired the night before. Mackenzie asked her if she saw it; she did not. He told Best that Seinfeld's date had a name that rhymed with a part of a woman's anatomy and asked her to guess what rhymed with Delores. Best could not. Mackenzie apparently did not want to use the term "clitoris," so he copied the page from the dictionary with the definition and showed it to Best.[i]

Best was offended. As a result, Jerold J. Mackenzie was fired from his $95,000-a-year job with Miller Brewing Co. for "poor managerial judgment" triggered by allegations that he had sexually harassed coworker Patricia Best. After two years and 71 attempts to find a new job, Mackenzie concluded that his colleague's charges had rendered him unemployable.[ii] A jury awarded him $26 million, but then "The higher courts threw the entire award out."[iii] Mackenzie went bankrupt—the cost to his reputation, his family, his life . . . devastating.'

UK: Oxford lawyer given life sentence after falsely claiming she was raped

Mastodon · 25 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN barrister who cried rape in a plot to frame her lover after she discovered he was married has been given a life sentence.

Oxford lawyer Anisah Ahmed set up an ‘evil’ campaign of lies, falsely claiming she was raped as well as staging her own kidnapping and stabbing, a judge heard this morning.

The twisted plot began in 2014 when qualified barrister Ahmed, of Wilkins Road, Cowley, found out her lover, fellow barrister Iqbal Mohammed, was married.

Sitting at Oxford Crown Court, Judge Michael Gledhill QC said: "It appears that Ahmed had no idea that Mohammed was married.'

AU: Students ‘shamed’ in Melbourne high school for being white, Christian, privileged males

Mastodon · 26 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Students at a Melbourne high school have been left shocked after they were made to stand up and be publicly humiliated for being white, Christian males.

Last Wednesday, co-ed school Parkdale Secondary College, in the south Melbourne suburb of Mordialloc, was visited by a social worker from the local Kingston Council.

The social worker spoke about privilege, pronouns and intersectionality.

During the presentation, the social worker is alleged to have asked for boys who were straight, white and Christian to stand up in front of their peers.

They were then told they were responsible for being “oppressors” because of their privilege.'

UK: Educate male teachers about sexism to support girls facing abuse, union told

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Male teachers and boys must be taught about sexism to support women and girls facing sexual harassment and abuse, a union conference has been told.

The National Education Union's (NEU) annual conference heard that a "toxic laddish culture" pervades the country's secondary schools and sexism "stalks the corridors and classrooms".

A motion passed at the conference said schools should have "robust sexual harassment and abuse policies" in place so teachers and students felt safe.

...

Delegates voted for male teachers and boys to learn about sexism and its roots – and to develop methods to challenge their peers – in order to "proactively support women and girls".

Richard Rieser, from Hackney in east London, called on men to "own up and take responsibility" for sexism.'

UK school bans ‘sexist’ phrases including ‘boys and girls’ and ‘come on guys’

Mastodon · 26 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A UK primary school is trying to stop sexism being ingrained into young children by banning language that differentiates genders in the classroom.

Anderton Park Primary, a public school in Birmingham north of London, is encouraging its students to call out teachers for “sexist” language, The Times reports.

Those phrases include “man up”, “grow a pair”, “bossy” and “boys don’t cry”.

Other phrases banned at the school are “let’s go, guys” and “boys and girls”.

Students who call out teachers for sexist comments are rewarded with a certificate.'

AU: 'Cultural Marxism in action': Year 11 schoolboys 'shamed' over gender, religion, skin colour

Mastodon · 27 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sky News host Rita Panahi says we are seeing "cultural Marxism in action" after Year 11 schoolboys were "shamed" for their gender, religion, and skin colour during a talk on privilege and pronouns.

"Parents are rightly appalled … it's the culmination of the long march through the institutions that began decades ago," she said.

The schoolboys, from Parkdale Secondary College, were subjected to a "racist, sexist, and religiously intolerant tirade" in the name of "equality and diversity," according to Ms Panahi.'

Biden wants Congress, not courts, to decide on adding women to military draft

Mastodon · 27 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Biden administration has asked the Supreme Court to let Congress resolve the potential constitutional problem of a male-only draft.

President Joe Biden's Acting Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar filed a legal brief Wednesday in a case that is challenging whether the current male-only Selective Service System, which requires only that men ages 18 to 25 register for a potential military draft, is unconstitutional.

In the brief, Prelogar said that since Congress is considering requiring women to sign up as well, the high court should let the legislative branch resolve the question.'

Chesterfield teen gets 35 years for enticing friend to kill man she falsely claimed raped her

Mastodon · 29 April 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Chesterfield County teen was sentenced Wednesday to serve 35 years in prison for manipulating a close friend to kill a young Richmond man, two days after she claimed the man had raped her. The defendant, however, admitted after her conviction that she lied about a sexual assault.

At the end of a sentencing hearing in Chesterfield Circuit Court, Judge David E. Johnson sentenced Anayah Naree Daily to 60 years in prison with 25 years suspended for murder in the April 29, 2018, shooting of 19-year-old Breland Poole. Daily was 16 at the time of the killing; she turned 19 last week.

“The reckless disregard for human life displayed by the defendant in coaxing the victim to the scene, aiming the triggerman at him and bringing about his murder [occurred] just as surely as if she had stood by the car and pulled the trigger herself,” Johnson said from the bench.'

California county teacher training: U.S. a ‘parasitic’ system due to ‘invasion’ of white men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As part of its “Ethnic Studies Initiative,” Santa Clara County, California’s Office of Education recently lectured its teachers that the United States is a “parasitic” system which has led to “domestic violence, drug overdoses, and other social problems.”

The county’s teacher workshops were in preparation for implementation of the state’s new ethnic studies curriculum.

California approved the 900-page curriculum last month. Its overview section states oppression will be studied via the intersection(s) of “patriarchy, cisheteropatriarchy, exploitative economic systems, ableism, ageism, anthropocentrism, xenophobia, misogyny, antisemitism, anti-blackness, anti-indigeneity, Islamophobia, and transphobia.”'

We are leaving fathers out of this important discussion

Matt · 2 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The recently-expanded child tax credit provision in the American Rescue Plan and the proposals in the American Families Plan are helpful and necessary steps to address child poverty, which has grown during the Covid-19 pandemic after years of decline. But to get at the root causes of child poverty, we need to address a key gap in our systems and policies and look at interventions that engage dads and support co-parenting for unmarried mothers and fathers. And I make that assertion from experience.

Twenty years ago, I started Good+ Foundation, aimed at helping kids and families in need, initially in New York, and eventually nationally. At first, we focused on mothers, who overwhelmingly bear the brunt of child care. But as we grew in communities across the country, we learned that to be successful in achieving our mission, we needed to engage and involve fathers. Simply put, where they're included in social programs, policies and legislation, we see better outcomes for kids -- and for mothers.'

Lesbian feminism breaks new ground in post #MeToo France

Mastodon · 2 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But there has also been a backlash. Philosopher Elisabeth Badinter, a veteran universal feminist voice, denounced in an article for the Journal du Dimanche last September an emerging "hatred of men" and "warlike neofeminism".

When journalist and local politician Alice Coffin's essay "The Lesbian Genius" came out in September, there was an outcry among France's political class, mostly due to one passage.

"It's not enough to help one another, we have to erase (men) from our minds, from our pictures, from our representations," Coffin wrote.

Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo responded: "I've spent my life fighting for equal rights for women, not for supremacy, including of women over men."'

AU: Wandavision's Dr. Strange played by Benedict Cumberbatch cut for being 'white guy'

Mastodon · 6 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Actor Benedict Cumberbatch did a disappearing act from the WandaVision finale because Marvel honchos didn't want a "white guy" stealing the show, a top studio boss said in a new interview.

Cumberbatch, who has previously played sorcerer Dr. Strange in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, was originally set to make a cameo in the Disney+ show's last episode,Rolling Stone reported Monday.

"Some people might say, 'Oh, it would've been so cool to see Dr. Strange,'" Feige said. "But it would have taken away from Wanda, which is what we didn't want to do. We didn't want the end of the show to be commoditised to go to the next movie — here's the white guy, 'Let me show you how power works.'"'

Dumping on Men Again by Calling Them "Toxic"

lawyerboxer · 9 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

DUMPING ON MEN AGAIN

Here we go again: disparaging men and masculinity. I am really growing to hate the expression "toxic masculinity." Why are the male traits of men and boys "toxic"? And why are not more people asking that question publicly?

The most recent article I have seen in the popular press comes from the UK's Daily Mail:

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-9555219/Mens-toxic-masculinity-comes-lack-strong-friendships-not-fathers-study-finds.html

This report of so-called "research" from Australia claims, "The biggest indicator was the nature of a [man's] friendships—the fewer [he] had, the more likely [he was] to be 'toxic.'"

Note first that the researchers have taken the leap from referring to masculinity as "toxic" to labeling individual men as "toxic." Seeing that make my antennae go up and helped me identify various anti-male biases in the article.

Beyond calling individual men"toxic," the article offers the tiniest glimmer of hope when it says, "[Toxic masculinity] may be due to a lack of quality friendships." Again, this article is not about the value of friendships in men's lives. It appears the researchers have no such interest in promoting men's quality of life. Instead, it looks for excuses or explanations in an attempt to attribute the toxic label of "toxic masculinity" to individual men and groups of men.

Lest there be any doubt about these researchers' agenda, note how they use another made-up term, "hegemonic masculinity": "It's been used synonymously with hegemonic masculinity, a practice that legitimizes men's dominant position in society." This claim strikes me as unduly coy; why don't they just say that it is their position that men are the cause of all that is wrong with the world?

Additionally, it is worth noting what male attributes the authors of the Daily Mail article and the Australian researchers deem "toxic" or disparage generally. In no particular order, such traits include the following:

* competitiveness,

* less willingness to show emotion,

* aggression,

* physical strength,

* self-reliance,

* stoicism,

* strength,

* virility,

* dominance,

* toughness, and

* independence.

I see many of the qualities listed above in the men I meet here at MANN. I can also recognize them in my male friends in the larger world. To me, these qualities seem virtuous, not vicious. While many things can be harmful when taken to an extreme, I believe that we ought to cultivate these traits in our boys and men. I strongly oppose labeling these qualities of good male character as "toxic."

One final problem with the term "toxic masculinity" is that it presents a familiar instance of a toxic dichotomy that asserts, "women are good; men are bad." Even on the rare occasions that I have seen the term "toxic femininity" used, it has been framed as a phenomenon that is due to men's fault! Moreover, a female author's book about "toxic femininity" was removed from Facebook and Instagram (which is owned by Facebook).

https://www.thecollegefix.com/facebook-censors-catholic-professors-book-on-toxic-femininity/

We need to oppose the term "toxic masculinity" and oppose those who would tag us, other men, and boys with that misandrist label. We cannot allow those who hate men to dictate the terms of debate any longer.

Female soldiers still have difficulty passing new army fitness test despite tweaks to accommodate them

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If it’s anything like that time the FDNY allowed a woman to become a firefighter despite failing their fitness test? The US Army’s developing situation can be ignored by military leadership like it’s not a big deal.

According to Military.com “nearly half” of the female soldiers are failing the new Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) that was introduced more than half a year ago.

It's very straight forward. "Female soldiers continue to lag male soldier scores in all events," the outlet says, citing a briefing report. 44% of women fail, but only 7% of men. The Army might need to make additional changes before the ACFT leaves it’s beta period after March 2022.

Keep in mind that the US Army already “adjusted” the test to better accommodate women back in March. So yes, it’s an identity politics related issue that’s putting the military’s physical readiness and capacity on the line.'

Suit challenges restaurant aid priority to women, minorities

Mastodon · 12 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A conservative legal outfit on Wednesday filed a lawsuit against President Joe Biden's administration for its prioritization of restaurants and bars owned by women and certain minorities in its COVID-19 relief package, arguing white men are being “pushed to the back of the line" for aid for their eateries.

The lawsuit led by the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty targets the period from May 3 until May 24 during which the $28.6 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund will only process and fund requests from businesses owned by women; veterans; or socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. Eligibility opens broadly after that period.

Biden has previously said that female-owned and minority-owned businesses have been disproportionately hurt by the COVID-19 economic crisis.'

UK: What new domestic abuse legislation means for social workers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The act sets out the first definition in law of what constitutes domestic abuse. The definition goes well beyond physical violence. It recognises that domestic abuse can be emotional, coercive or controlling or economic. To fall within the definition, both victim and perpetrator must be “personally connected”. The definition ensures that different types of relationships are captured, including ex-partners and family members.

The definition is gender neutral to ensure that all victims and all types of domestic abuse are sufficiently captured, and no victim is excluded from protection or access to services. The supporting statutory guidance will provide more detail on the features of domestic abuse, including by recognising that the majority of victims are women, and the majority of perpetrators are men. The definition of domestic abuse does not extend to paid and unpaid carers, unless they are also personally connected, such as a family member.'

Swedish Women Accused of Defamation Connected to MeToo Found Guilty

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Swedish television programme Crime of the Week reviewed ten defamation cases linked to MeToo allegations over the last several years and found that in every single case, judges had sided against the women making public allegations of sexual abuse.

“All women have the right to their story, and you can tell what you want to a close circle of family and friends, but you can’t single people out in public,” lawyer Angel Eklund told SVT.

The broadcaster noted that eight women were convicted of gross slander, while the other two were convicted of libel. Six of the cases have seen a final judgement, while three others await appeals, and the final case has been referred for an appeal to the Swedish supreme court.

Half of the cases are connected to MeToo from the autumn and winter of 2017, while two others were made before the campaign and the remaining three after.

Four of the cases were accompanied by sexual abuse reports to the police, but those cases were eventually closed. Just one case saw charges, but the case ended in an acquittal for the person accused of sexual assault. In four cases, no police report was ever made.'

The Gender Gap in Pandemic Job Losses Has Been Wildly Exaggerated

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For more than a year, the U.S. has been flooded with gloomy headlines and dire predictions about women and work. "The pandemic is devastating a generation of working women," opined one Washington Post writer in February. Citing data showing that 2.5 million women dropped out of the workforce since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Vice President Kamala Harris said "the pandemic has put decades of the progress we have collectively made for women workers at risk."

Harris called it a "national emergency"—albeit one that could be fixed by greenlighting the Biden administration's coronavirus spending plan.

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But the magnitude of this gender gap has never been as great as many have made it out to be. And recent data cast further doubt on the "she-cession" narrative. At the end of April 2021, the unemployment rate for women was slightly lower than the unemployment rate for men. And the women's labor force participation rate had recovered almost as much as the men's rate had.*'

Demonising boys won’t turn them into angels

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Moral panics tend to lead to poor decision making. In the aftermath of the London murder, the government Minister for Policing called for more PSHE (personal, social, health and economic education) in schools to teach boys to respect girls. Trainings and workshops in schools based on this theme are well-meaning and seem like a good idea, but the impact on boys is an unknown factor. Given the present volatile context for such workshops, the seemingly innocent message that boys need to treat girls with more respect could, quite possibly, have a negative impact on boys.

For example, some boys might get the sense that they are, as a male, a bad person who can’t be trusted. Shame can have very destructive effect on men, and can even lead to violence. Alternatively, some boys may feel they are being told they are a bad person, which could leads to the self-fulfilling prophecy of them behaving like a bad person. I think it is naive to presume that telling boys to treat women with respect will lead most of them to do so. A lot of boys will ignore this message or find it irritating. In the end, these schoolroom strategies might alienate boys from their teachers, school, girls, and even alienate boys from a positive sense of their own selves.'

Catherine Lhamon Nominated for Top Civil Rights Post

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Biden intends to nominate Catherine Lhamon to return to a position she held during the Obama administration as assistant secretary for civil rights at the Department of Education, paving the way for familiar civil rights policies.

If she's confirmed by the Senate, Lhamon will take the lead on issues in education related to race, sexual assault and harassment, and LGBTQ rights -- and she's expected to be active and aggressive in her approach.

"My guess is that not only will they continue many of the things that they did in Obama's second term, they will probably be more aggressive because I think that's where the center of the Democratic Party is now," said Shep Melnick, a professor of political science at Boston College and author of The Transformation of Title IX: Regulating Gender Equality in Education (Brookings, 2018).'

Senator Lamar Alexander v. Catherine Lhamon

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Video here. Alexander starts addressing Lhamon after the first couple minutes.

User Clip: Senator Lamar Alexander v. Catherine Lhamon

JANUARY 18, 2017 Senate hearing

Women in Military Becomes Gender Battleground in South Korea

Mastodon · 19 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A heated debate in South Korea about mandatory military service for women is inflaming divisions between the sexes rather than narrowing social gaps, the country's gender equality minister said.

Chung Young-ai, who leads the Gender Equality and Family Ministry, was responding to a question in a Bloomberg interview about whether young women should be made to join their male counterparts in serving in the armed forces. The issue has been the subject of wide discussion since April, when ruling party lawmaker and 2022 presidential hopeful Park Yong-jin reacted to local election defeats by suggesting mandatory military service for women would promote gender equality.'

Army Secretary Nominee Worries the ACFT Will Push Too Many Women Out

Mastodon · 19 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'President Joe Biden's nominee to be the next secretary of the Army, Christine Wormuth, told senators at her confirmation hearing Thursday she is concerned about the force's new fitness test and whether it will push a significant number of women out of the service.

"I have concerns on the implications of the test for our ability to continue to retain women," said Wormuth, who would be the first woman to serve in the role if confirmed.

She said the Army needs a good measure of fitness, but strict fitness standards across the board could shrink the service's talent pool for critical jobs that do not demand athletic ability, such as cyberwarfare roles.

Gillibrand, who chairs the personnel subcommittee, and Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., ushered a measure through last year suspending official implementation of the ACFT until the Rand study is complete.

"The ACFT, as it currently stands, lowers standards and expectations for young, male soldiers while setting unrealistic standards for others, including those with fewer physical responsibilities such as medical personnel, judge advocates, or cyber warriors," the two senators said in a joint letter to Armed Services Committee leadership in October. "This test runs counter to the Army's new talent strategy that aims to create a 21st century talent management system."'

Federal judge says Biden restaurant fund discriminated against white male

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge in Texas issued a preliminary ruling Tuesday which found that the Biden administration's nearly $29 billion restaurant relief fund discriminated against a white male restaurateur.

In an 18-page ruling, the judge ordered the Small Business Administration (SBA) relief program to temporarily stop prioritizing funding applications from businesses owned by women and racial minorities, over that of the plaintiff.

U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor, an appointee of former President George W. Bush, found that the plaintiff is "experiencing race and sex discrimination at the hand of government officials."

"The evidence submitted by plaintiffs indicates that the entire $28.6 billion in the Restaurant Revitalization Fund may be depleted before plaintiffs' application can be considered for relief under the program," O'Connor wrote.'

Chile: Gender Equality Law Forces Elected Women to Cede Positions to Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The government of Chile, under pro-China President Sebastián Piñera, moved to do away with its 50-year-old constitution following nationwide leftist riots in 2019 that allegedly began as a protest against a proposed subway fare hike in the nation's capital, Santiago. Fare protests rapidly escalated into the mass burning and vandalizing of churches, government buildings, and private businesses, resulting in Piñera agreeing to scrap the constitution.

Among the several progressive reforms Chile has implemented during the Piñera era is a law that requires bodies like the constitutional convention to conform to "gender parity," meant as a nod to feminists who formed part of the far-left coalition fueling the riots. The law requires that each sex not make up over 55 percent of the lawmaking body. The intent of the law was to give more power to women in politics, but its first major implementation will disenfranchise 11 women who won their posts in free and fair elections.'

Brace for a Title IX train wreck: Biden is courting disaster as he reverts to bad old rules on campus sexual misconduct allegations

Mastodon · 21 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Late last week, President Biden announced the selection of Catherine Lhamon to return as head of the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. This prospect should be of deep concern to those who care about students' rights. As head of the office for President Obama, Lhamon's enforcement of the federal anti-discrimination law Title IX was a disaster out of which students, academia and the federal courts are still digging.

Title IX, the law prohibiting sex discrimination in federally funded education programs (including nearly every college in America, public or private), regulates the way colleges and universities respond to sexual harassment and misconduct. By the time Obama took office, students accused of everything from off-color jokes to rape were routinely denied the very protections that make a tribunal's decisions credible and unprejudiced. Protections such as the presumption of innocence, the right to face your accuser, the right to see the evidence against you and even an impartial judge or panel were often absent or ignored.'

Australia: Stop the shaming of boys in schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Another week, another shaming of boys in schools. Last Monday a teacher at Como Secondary College in Perth stormed into a change room and told boys celebrating a soccer win that they sounded like ‘a bunch of testosterone-fuelled misogynistic boys.”

It was encouraging to see the extensive media coverage of this event as well as the recent shaming of boys in two Victorian schools, where boys were required to apologise for men’s violence and denounced as male oppressors.

It is odd that so many react with surprise given that shaming of boys as toxic, violent and dangerous has been happening for years in Australia and is part of school curriculum in many states. With all the interest in the new national curriculum and concern about the growing influence of identity politics in schools, it is telling that no one is focusing on the widespread infiltration of feminist ideology into school programs with male-bashing now part of school teaching across the country.'

Colorado Woman Gets Only Probation For Repeatedly Sexually Assaulting A Minor

Matt · 23 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman in Longmont, Colorado, was sentenced to eight years of probation – no jail time – for sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl multiple times.

Chelsea Vigorita, 29, was able to plead guilty to “attempted sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust and third-degree assault,” according to local news outlet the Times-Call.
...
Had Vigorita been a man, such a light sentence most likely wouldn’t have been enacted even with a guilty plea. Further, the reporting outlet never would have described the interaction between Vigorita and the teen girl as “having sex.” Rather, it would have been described as sexual assault or rape.'

Judge denies request to halt priority status for women and minority restaurant owners seeking aid

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge has ruled against a conservative legal group that sought an immediate halt to the priority status for restaurants and bars owned by women and certain minorities in President Joe Biden's COVID-19 relief package.

U.S. District Judge Travis McDonough in Knoxville, Tennessee, issued the opinion denying a temporary restraining order last week in the lawsuit brought by the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty. The group is appealing the decision.

The judge wrote that "Congress has gathered myriad evidence suggesting that small businesses owned by minorities ... have suffered more severely than other kinds of businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, and that the Government's early attempts at general economic stimulus ... disproportionately failed to help those businesses directly because of historical discrimination patterns."'

The Jim Henson Company Issues Audition Call For “Inclusive” Puppeteering Workshop Excluding Straight White Males

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To add to this continuing bandwagoning, the Jim Henson Company posted an audition call to Twitter this week for “top talent and new creative voices from diverse communities and backgrounds to train as puppeteers in the Jim Henson technique.”

Described by the company as an ‘inclusive workshop’, the program’s criteria states the Los Angeles company is currently looking to train “members of the LGBTQ+ community, people of color, and women of all cultural backgrounds.”'

Why Aren’t There More Women Economists at the United Nations?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an effort to reverse that trend at UNCTAD, Isabelle Durant, a former Belgian politician and UNCTAD’s acting secretary-general, instructed her senior managers last month in an internal memo to scrap a requirement that new hires have doctorate degrees, saying that it limits the pool of potential female candidates. She also insisted that women be included in shortlists for potential job recruits, that managers undertake training to detect potential unconscious bias against women in their hiring practices, and that women serving in the lower and middle professional ranks be given “priority consideration” during the hiring.'

Deutsche Bank sets implicit quota of 50% women for senior hires

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Deutsche Bank will have to appoint women to about 50 per cent of vacant senior management positions to meet its new 2025 gender target, a Financial Times calculation shows.

Germany's largest lender last week promised to raise the share of women among its roughly 600 most senior executives to at least 30 per cent by 2025, up from 24 per cent now.

Only a limited number of these positions become vacant per year, however, so this target can only be met if the lender chooses female candidates in at least every other senior hire and promotion, according to the figures.'

Tech firm that's growing in Raleigh will use gender quotas – here's why

Mastodon · 25 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A tech firm with a growing Raleigh headcount is instituting a gender quota as a way to move the needle when it comes to gender equity.

Vineet Jain, CEO and co-founder of California-based Egnyte, prides himself on staying out of political commentary. He's not the kind of guy who typically jumps on the conversation trends or does things just to check boxes.

So the tweet announcing his plan – posted on Tuesday – may have come as a surprise to some.

"I've always said I hate quotas," Jain told TBJ. "But that's the only way to look at this."

Emiliana Guereca, president of the Women's March Foundation, said, "Equality across the tech industry is not going to happen" without enforced quotas.

"The gender gap is a problem in tech … there are not enough women being hired, and quotas are the only way to get equity," she said.'

Full report details investigation that cleared computer science professor of sexual misconduct, retaliation allegations

Mastodon · 25 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An external investigation into former computer science Ph.D. student Maha Hasan Alshawi's allegations of sexual harassment and retaliation found computer science professor Alberto Quattrini Li not responsible for any of the seven allegations made against him. The 87-page report on the findings of the investigation — which drew on over 1,000 pages of interview transcripts, email exchanges and other evidence — was produced by Cozen O'Connor, a law firm retained by the College last August.

In February 2020, Alshawi filed a report with Title IX against Quattrini Li, but the Title IX office found that the professor's alleged behavior was not a policy violation. Alshawi first made her allegations against Quattrini Li public in a June 2020 Facebook post, and following a 23-day hunger strike by Alshawi, the College agreed to open an investigation into the allegations against Quattrini Li and other Dartmouth employees on Aug. 5. The investigation into Quattrini Li concluded on March 26, after which both he and Alshawi were given opportunities to respond.'

Australia: No jail for woman who poured scalding water on husband as he slept

Matt · 25 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On September 22, 2018, Australian woman Maria Doris Axiak, 58, attacked her husband while he slept by pouring boiling water over his face and torso. His crime? He said he wanted out of the marriage.

That night, he told Axiak that he was unhappy and wanted a separation, NCA Newswire reported. He said he would sleep in the guest bedroom so that she could sleep in the master bedroom, and after he fell asleep, Axiak smoked a cigarette before disconnecting the landline so that he could not call for help. She then boiled a pot of water and poured it over him as he slept.'

AUS: NSW adopts affirmative consent in sexual assault laws. What does this mean?

Mastodon · 25 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New South Wales Attorney-General Mark Speakman has announced a suite of reforms to consent law, following a two-and-a-half year review by the Law Reform Commission.

The review was prompted by survivor-advocate Saxon Mullins, who endured two trials and two appeals, only to end up with no legal resolution to her rape case. Since then, Mullins has advocated for affirmative consent.

However, the final report from the commission, released in November last year, failed to recommend this standard. Despite this, Speakman has stood alongside Mullins with the promise of a bill that goes beyond the recommendations of the commission — and will make affirmative consent the law in NSW.
...
This does not, as some may claim over the next few months as we see this bill progressing through parliament, reverse the onus of proof. People accused of sexual assault will continue to be afforded their right to the presumption of innocence.

However, this bill does place an evidential burden on an accused person who seeks to raise a defence of reasonable belief in consent to show they took steps. The onus remains on the prosecution to disprove this once the defence has discharged its evidential burden.'

Largest US Defense Contractor Reportedly Held ‘Privilege’ Training For White Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The nation’s largest defense contractor allegedly held a three-day training program for white male executives so they could deconstruct their “privilege” and understand how white male behavior is “devastating” to racial minorities and women, journalist Christopher Rufo reported Wednesday.

...

The session facilitators reportedly began with a “free association” exercise, which involved asking the 13 employees to list connotations for the term “white men.” The terms that were conjured up included “racist,” “privileged,” “anti-women,” “Aryan nation,” KKK,” “Founding fathers,” and “can’t jump.”

...

The trainers reportedly linked the “roots of white male culture” to traits including a “can-do attitude” and “hard work” which can ultimately have “devastating” effects for women and minorities.'

Canada: Health and Safety Workers at IHSA Target Systemic Sexism in Collective Agreement Negotiations, Trigger Countdown to Possible Job Action

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ontario's construction, infrastructure, and transportation industries may come to a grinding halt by the mid of June, reports the Ontario Compensation Employees Union (OCEU)/ Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 1750, whose employer rejected several proposals to address workplace barriers that prevent women from advancement, skill development, and participation in the organization, reports the union.

"Approximately 75% of our workplace's lowest pay-scale earners are women. It's no coincidence—we need to do more to dismantle the systemic issues that perpetuate gender discrimination and oppression at work," says Harry Goslin, President of OCEU/CUPE Local 1750.

The union has proposed a new recruitment and diversity mentorship program to help workers, particularly those from equity-seeking communities, access pathways to training and career advancement at IHSA. Additionally, the union proposes enhanced work-from-home language to ensure that workers have the supports and options they need to accommodate their caregiving responsibilities.'

Doomsday Mom Accused of Murdering Her Two Kids Found Unfit to Stand Trial

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A psychological evaluation has found Lori Vallow—the doomsday mom accused of murdering her two children—“not competent” to stand trial.

“Assessment determined at this time the defendant is not competent to proceed and recommends restorative treatment,” Seventh Judicial District Judge Steven Boyce wrote in a Thursday order pausing the case.

Prosecutors have already contested the report’s findings, but the judge’s order “remains in effect pending determination of the issue of competency.”

The news comes after Vallow and her husband, Chad Daybell, were indicted on several new charges and accused of justifying the murders of three people—including Vallow’s two kids—with their doomsday-centered religious beliefs.'

Men-only military draft is a vestige of anti-women bias. Supreme Court should strike it down.

Mastodon · 28 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Congress and the courts have eliminated nearly every sex-based distinction in federal law, with one significant exception: The Military Selective Service Act.

This law requires all male-born citizens and residents ages 18 and 26 to register for the draft or face five years in prison, a $250,000 fine, the loss of student loans and a felony record. Women are exempt.

The draft is the government's most powerful tool to provide for the national defense. The United States drafted nearly 3 million people in World War I, more than 10 million in World War II, about 1.5 million in the Korean War, and over 1.8 million in the Vietnam War. All draftees were men.
...
The Military Selective Service Act discriminates against men, by imposing obligations, burdens and penalties that only men face. The law discriminates against women by treating them as less than full citizens, conveying that women are less willing and able to defend the country, and perpetuating paternalistic stereotypes that, as Justice William Brennan once put it, "put women, not on a pedestal, but in a cage."'

Judge puts breaks on UConn plan to eliminate women's rowing

Mastodon · 28 May 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal judge has issued a temporary restraining order that will prevent UConn from immediately eliminating its women's rowing team as part of budget cuts in its athletic department.
...
UConn said last June that it wants to reduce its $42 million athletic deficit by about $10 million a year, cutting the need for a subsidy to the athletic department by 25% over the next three years. The school decided to eliminate women's rowing, men's swimming and diving, men's cross-country and men's tennis at the end of this school year.'

From ‘A Teacher’ to ‘Shameless,’ the Conversation Around Male Consent Is Evolving on TV

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although television — and Hollywood in general — has made great strides in recent years when it comes to depictions of female consent and sexual assault, it still seemed rare to see the same conversations being had on screen when it comes to male characters.

This television season feels different.

In the seventh episode of the fourth season of Hulu’s “The Handmaid’s Tale,” Elisabeth Moss’ June — flush with power after seemingly vanquishing her enemy, Yvonne Strahovski’s Serena — awakens her sleeping husband (O-T Fagbenle’s Luke), mounts him and proceeds to have sex with him. After he tells her to wait, she holds down his hands and covers his mouth.'

UK:"Young, Male and Anti-Feminist – The Gen Z Boys Who Hate Women"

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'Half of young men in the UK now believe that feminism has “gone too far and makes it harder for men to succeed”. These are the results of a significant study published in July 2020 by anti-extremism charity HOPE not Hate. The study, Young People in the Time of COVID-19, surveyed 2,076 16- to 24-year-olds on their ideological beliefs.

A growing number of experts across the fields of feminism and anti-extremism were already worried about a young male backlash against young women and their socio-political gains before the pandemic. In fact, HOPE not hate pursued this line of enquiry due to the troubling rise of anti-feminist sentiment they’d noticed among this age group.'

AU: Feminism’s new war on men will backfire on us all

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'There is a war going on in Australia, which has spread from other parts of the developed world, and it isn’t the fight against Covid-19. It is a war against men. It is happening on several fronts. The reasons for the war are complex. It is mixture of a power grab by a new generation of feminists who have run out of things to be angry about, the sheer cowardice of politicians and policy makers in the face of new feminism, and misinterpretation of social problems.'

Education and Masculinity—An Interview with Will Knowland

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'"What's the one thing we're not talking about but we really should be?" Triggernometry's Francis Foster asked now-sacked Eton teacher Will Knowland. "I think the crisis of masculinity, especially in all boys' schools, needs to be addressed urgently," he replied. "These institutions, many of them are embarrassed to exist and they need to think hard about why that is."

Masculinity is at the heart of the dispute that led to the English teacher's dismissal from Eton. When a female colleague complained about Knowland's Patriarchy Paradox video, the school demanded he remove it from his personal YouTube channel. Knowland's refusal to do so without being given a reason, eventually resulted in the father of five being removed from his post. Extensively covered by mainstream press, the dispute has brought to light the extent to which Eton has been invaded by ideology, and raised questions about masculinity's place in society as a whole.'

Experts say disaster relief plans need to center women as hurricane season approaches

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In anticipation of hurricane season, experts like Christian Nunes, president of the National Organization for Women, say Biden needs to orient natural disaster policy and government budgets around the needs of women, who are among the most vulnerable when it comes to climate change and a warming planet.

“When women are displaced due to these disasters, they’re put at more risk for harassment and violence. This is a direct impact in contributing to why we see women having more risk of PTSD, as well as other anxiety and acute distress disorders,” Nunes said.'

Court revives Gophers football player lawsuit, citing possible sex discrimination in gang-rape punishments

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'An appeals court panel has brought back to life a discrimination lawsuit filed by former University of Minnesota football players who were punished for an alleged 2016 gang rape.

Three judges for the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals found the players have made a credible argument that the U punished them because they are male, citing “external pressures” and detailed allegations of “investigator bias and dubious investigative procedures.”

The case now returns to U.S. District Court, where the players will be able to present their argument that the U discriminated against them because of their sex.

The U suspended several players after a cheerleader reported she was sexually assaulted in September 2016. Following an investigation, a university official recommended that five players be expelled, four suspended and one placed on probation.

The football team threatened to skip the postseason Holiday Bowl until they were promised the disciplined players would receive fair student conduct hearings. Ultimately, six players were cleared and four expelled.'

High court asked to review men-only draft registration law

Matt · 6 June 2021 · Archived copy · Original

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'The Supreme Court is being asked to decide whether it's sex discrimination for the government to require only men to register for the draft when they turn 18.

The question of whether it's unconstitutional to require men but not women to register could be viewed as one with little practical impact. The last time there was a draft was during the Vietnam War, and the military has been all-volunteer since. But the registration requirement is one of the few remaining places where federal law treats men and women differently, and women's groups are among those arguing that allowing it to stand is harmful.

The justices could say as soon as Monday whether they will hear a case involving the Military Selective Service Act, which requires men to register for the draft.'

Supreme Court Rejects Challenge to All-Male Military Draft

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'The Supreme Court on Monday said it won't hear an appeal challenging the all-male military draft requirement.

The National Coalition for Men challenged the male-only military draft arguing it discriminates against men.

Per the Military Selective Service Act every male is required to register for the military draft when they turn 18.

The highest court of the land denied the challenge in an order with no dissents, however Justice Sotomayor said she agreed with the court's decision.'

Lockheed Martin defends employees attending training to address White culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Aerospace and defense company Lockheed Martin acknowledged that thousands of its employees have gone through training courses to bring awareness to White male culture, including a three-day "White Men's Caucus" in 2020 attended by 13 employees.

The company sent responses to Arkansas Republican Sen. Tom Cotton, who heard about the training sessions for white employees and requested additional information.

In its letter to Cotton, Lockheed Martin said the intended audience of the training sessions are "Caucasian male executive leaders based on level and position." The training is mandatory for company leaders, 1,024 of which have attended since 2007.'

Education Department Begins Sweeping Rewrite of Title IX Sexual Misconduct Rules

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Education Department began a long slog Monday to rewrite Title IX campus sexual misconduct rules with a week-long hearing that stands to dismantle the Trump administration's regulating on the landmark sex discrimination civil rights law and to potentially expand its scope.

"Students deserve to feel safe from sex discrimination in all learning environments," Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said in a statement Monday. "These Title IX hearings are an important step in the right direction and an opportunity for us to get your input on this important topic."

President Joe Biden campaigned on overturning the Title IX rule finalized under the Trump administration last year – a rule that raised the bar of proof for sexual assault and misconduct, released schools from investigating incidents that occur off campus and bolstered the rights of those accused.

The rule, which sought to counter an Obama-era directive that pressured schools to lower the bar of proof, triggered outcry from Democrats, civil rights groups and others working on issues of campus assault who said that the Title IX rule from former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos would catapult students and schools back to a time when sexual assault was regularly swept under the rug. The majority of the 124,000 public comments submitted when DeVos first proposed the Title IX rule were in opposition to the measure, and once finalized it sparked dozens of lawsuits, including one involving 17 states and the District of Columbia.'

What’s size got to do with it? Mocking a man’s manhood spurs a reverse #MeToo in South Korea

Matt · 12 June 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent weeks, the hand, once used as a logo by a now-defunct radical feminist group, has become a point of contention in a charged battle over gender and anti-feminist backlash. Men’s rights groups have taken to searching for the image included in various posters and ad campaigns, in a McCarthyistic hunt for companies, organizations or their employees sympathetic to feminism, targeting them with boycotts or a barrage of complaints.
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But for them, the sign is proof that hatred of men is pervasive in today’s South Korea and that radical feminism is out of control. And their campaigns have proved effective: Major corporations have disciplined or demoted employees for advertisements that used the pinching hand, government ministries and municipalities have apologized and revamped promotional material, museums have dismantled displays and celebrities have seen their careers threatened.

The episode is the latest uproar in an intensifying war over gender and fairness dividing the country, and a show of force by a segment of young men who increasingly resent feminism, feel victimized by the women’s movement and believe the scales are, in fact, tipped against them rather than the other way around.'

Lawmaker says colleague threatened him with gun violence, sidetracking domestic abuse bill

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Legislation that would expand Louisiana's definition of domestic abuse to include behaviors like coercion and control was temporarily sidelined Wednesday after an emotional outburst on the House floor between the bill's chief sponsor and an opposing legislator.

Rep. Malinda White briefly brought the lower chamber to a halt Wednesday after she abruptly began shouting at Rep. Alan Seabaugh, who moments earlier told her she didn't understand the ramifications of her bill. A colleague intervened to physically remove White from the floor.

The public blow-up came amid a one-on-one conversation over language in House Bill 159 — which would allow victims of domestic abuse to obtain protective orders before they experience physical violence.

"When I said you're not a lawyer and you don't understand, she completely lost her mind," Seabaugh said. "As she was dragged away she said either I'm going to get my gun and finish this or let me get my gun and we'll finish this."'

State Rep. Alan Seabaugh talks about the Wednesday's incident on the House floor

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Video here.

State Rep. Alan Seabaugh talks about the Wednesday's incident on the House floor involving Bogalusa lawmaker Malinda White.

Boris Johnson Wants World More ‘Feminine’ And ‘Gender Neutral’

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'The agenda set at last week’s Group of 7 summit included British Prime Minister Boris Johnson pining over a world more “feminine” and “gender neutral.”
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“They want us to be sure that we’re beating the pandemic together and discussing how we’ll never have a repeat of what we’ve seen, but also that we’re building back better together,” Johnson said. “And building back greener and building back fairer and building back more equal and in a more gender-neutral and perhaps a more feminine way. How about that, apart from everything else. So those are some of the objectives that we have before us at Carbis Bay.”'

Killer’s mum spared jail over third false rape claim

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'A mum-of-six previously convicted of lying to police for her killer son has been spared jail despite making her THIRD false rape allegation against the same victim.

Hannah Harkin was handed a suspended sentence at Newry Crown Court after admitting perverting the course of justice by making the bogus claim to police.

The 51-year-old was recently convicted of making two other false rape claims against the same man, who is an ex-partner.

During her sentencing last week, Judge Paul Ramsey QC spared Harkin from jail due to her “very difficult personal circumstances”.

Judge Ramsey said: “It’s clear she has had a very traumatic life including domestic abuse and beatings.'

Poverty hurts the boys the most: Inequality at the intersection of class and gender

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'In this paper we focus on the intersection of class and gender, and how being raised in families on different rungs of the income ladder influences the outcomes of girls and boys. Our principal finding is that boys raised in low-income families do worse, in terms of adult outcomes, than girls raised in low-income families. Most strikingly, boys raised in families in the bottom fifth of the income distribution are less likely than girls either to be employed or to move up the income ladder once they become adults.'

Mediocre Men Have Failed New York

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'New York state Senator Alessandra Biaggi recently said something that so completely encapsulated American patriarchy at this moment, it should be tattooed on every woman's exhausted face: "We've got to move on past talking about the bad behavior of below-average men."

Doing so is made eminently more difficult when they refuse to get out of the way, lining up instead like testosterone-addled lemmings to compete in the pathetic pissing match that now passes for our elections. In this case, I'm talking about the current field of candidates for governor of New York. That includes the incumbent, Andrew Cuomo, who's resisted calls to resign while arming himself with no fewer than four taxpayer-funded law firms to defend against an equal number of investigations. Every week seems to bring some fresh outburst. Whether he's undermining the integrity of the New York attorney general's investigation of a sitting governor despite the fact that he did the same when he held that role ("I'm not telling anyone to have faith in [the results of the investigation]"); contradicting part of the state's definition of sexual harassment that he himself signed into law ("harassment is not making someone feel uncomfortable"); or slapping down a reporter's question about the ethics of profiting off a pandemic to the tune of a $5 million book advance ("that's stupid"), the whole thing is one yawning display of entitlement. Former governor Eliot Spitzer at least knew when to get off the stage, perhaps because he had some sense of shame and a family business that wasn't politics to fall back on. Cuomo, it seems, can't do anything else, so why not stick around even if it's a raging embarrassment for you and everyone else?'

Why Do Colleges Dislike Men? The Disappearing Collegiate Male

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'Yet the aggregate numbers disguise a striking additional trend: the decline in male enrollment is dramatically greater than that for women. In the 2020-21 year, for example, the number of women enrolled declined by nearly 203,000, but the male decline was nearly double that, over 400,000. In the 2011-21 decade, spring enrollment for men fell strikingly more than 18%, nearly double the female decline.

If recent trends continue, we will soon reach a milestone: there will be more than three female students for every two male ones. Girl students may find it hard to get dates with guys!! Ironically, the reverse was the case a half century earlier; almost 60% of students in the 1969-70 school year were male. At that time, the burning issue was: should elite Ivy League schools admit female students! They did, and the number of all-male schools is approaching zero.'

North Korean defector's US college experience shows 'left's hatred towards white men': Leo Terrell

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Video here. Excerpt:

'Fox News contributor Leo Terrell reacts to a North Korean defector's warning about oppression in the Ivy Leagues.'

Male Law School Trial Advocacy Director Sues Alleging Bias

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'The director of the Center for Advocacy at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law says in a new suit in federal court that, because of his gender, debunked allegations of sex discrimination were wrongly used against him to delay consideration of the renewal of his teaching contract.

David Schott says the sex discrimination ensued after Viva Moffat, the associate dean of Academic Affairs, told him in 2016 that she didn't "want to see white men teaching anymore in the Center for Advocacy," a comment he immediately reported to Bruce Smith, the dean of the law school.

Schott, who is White, says "he felt pressure not to hire white men to teach" at the center, even when they were the most qualified applicants.

He was also soon "the target of a steady barrage of adverse actions and false statements that have damaged his reputation and violated the terms of his employment contract" that were "largely orchestrated by Moffat, but with at least the tacit support of Smith," the suit filed Wednesday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado alleges.'

I Stumbled Onto The Manosphere And It Definitely Wasn't What I Expected

Matt · 20 June 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Plenty of women's circles across the web warn unsuspecting ladies about setting foot in these forums. They say you'll be faced with mobs of angry men who only want you to submit to their will. But when I stumbled into this territory, it was almost the very opposite of what we've been told. In fact, there are plenty of uncouth myths about the Manosphere that deserve to be put to rest — because this growing network of men may be the very thing that will actually save what's left of femininity in our modern society.

We've all consumed enough mainstream media to know that masculinity is deemed dangerous. Corporations like to downplay anything having to do with the rugged, honest, manly man in favor of an idealized male who fulfills duties traditionally held by women (i.e. cleaning, childrearing, etc.). And you don't have to strain your eyes to see how any depiction of men that isn't soft and gentle is made out to be barbaric. No more men chopping wood or hunting deer because they'll automatically be categorized with men who are angry and abusive — not fair, in my opinion.'

Father’s Day: Fatherless, America’s Top Domestic Problem

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'A new powerful new documentary called “The Streets Were My Father” features three Chicago men, two Hispanics and one Black, who grew up without fathers. All three did hard time for serious offenses, including murder.

The film, with no narrator, just lets the men talk. None blames “systemic racism.” All concede they made bad choices, but choices nonetheless. All talked about the pain they felt growing up without a father figure to instruct, scold, guide, motivate, and instill confidence and direction. I highly recommend it.

In Barack Obama’s first book, “Dreams From My Father,” he talked about the hole in his soul, having last seen his father, briefly, when Obama was 10: “There was only one problem: my father was missing. He had left paradise (Hawaii), and nothing that my mother or grandparents told me could obviate that single, unassailable fact. Their stories didn’t tell me why he had left. They couldn’t describe what it might have been like had he stayed.”'

Faulty Assumptions Behind New Zealand's Sexual Violence Bill, Professor Writes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's a claim that's made all over the world; that just a small percentage of "perpetrators" are convicted for sexual crimes, the assumption being that society undervalues rape victims.

But Professor Felicity Goodyear-Smith, a medical doctor and faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Auckland, says repeating the statistic – in New Zealand, allegedly only 11% of "perpetrators" are punished for their crimes – assumes that all allegations are true and able to be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, which they are not. In a post on New Zealand's The Daily Blog, Goodyear-Smith dismantles the statistics being used to push a sexual violence bill. The statistics, she says, are mainly based on a 2019 Justice Ministry "Attrition and Progression Report." She wrote:

This report says that only 11% of "perpetrators" who are reported to the Police by "victims" are convicted, but is based on the erroneous assumption that all allegations are valid. Figures for these "victimisations" include all cases in which the police were unable to act (for example no perpetrator was identified or insufficient evidence to prosecute), but absurdly also those which the police deemed actually "not to be a crime" and those where the accuser recanted. Even verdicts of not guilty are included, where juries had actually found police allegations to be unsubstantiated. The report therefore flies in the face of the presumption of innocence (a basic tenet of justice), not to mention good science.'

9th Circuit revives suit against California law requiring women on corporate boards

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'A federal appeals court on Monday revived a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a California law that requires women be placed on the boards of publicly owned companies.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously decided that a shareholder had the legal right to sue California to invalidate the 2018 law, which requires all publicly held corporations with principal executive offices in California to have women on their boards of directors.

At the time he signed the bill into law, then-Gov. Jerry Brown expressed concerns that it might not survive a legal challenge.'

Should sperm donor owe child support? Ruling will be in NC, but Virginia law will apply

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Virginia, as that state's venerable motto tells us, "is for lovers."

Fortunately for Anthony "A.J." Garrelts, it's an accommodating place for sperm donors, too.

Because he crossed the Virginia state line a decade ago to supply a key ingredient in helping a friend get pregnant, Garrelts appears to have avoided being branded a "deadbeat dad" by the state of North Carolina and won't have to pay out almost $14,000 in child support, according to a new ruling by the N.C. Court of Appeals.

In an odd how-do-you-do, North Carolina's second-highest court said Virginia laws, which treat sperm donors as different legal entities than fathers, govern the case.'

A false date rape drugging accusation against a lobbyist exposed claims of his role in the Texas Capitol's culture of sexual harassment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although it had not been officially released, the investigative report began ricocheting around computers and cellphones at the Texas Capitol early Tuesday evening, and it made one thing unambiguously clear: Rick Dennis, a lobbyist with one of Austin's most prominent firms, was not guilty of using a date rape drug on two female legislative staffers during a night out in Austin.

Rumors that Dennis had been accused of doing so rocked the Capitol in late April, prompting outraged reactions from legislative leaders and state lawmakers. But a Texas Department of Public Safety investigation found the allegation baseless. Authorities soon after said they would not seek charges.

The DPS report, a copy of which was obtained by The Texas Tribune, concluded that the false allegation was fueled by two female legislative staffers, one of whom was trying to cover up behavior of her own that had nothing to do with Dennis.'

Turkmen Students Ambushed After Exams To Fill Ranks Of Army Conscripts

Matt · 23 June 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dozens of graduating students who came to school for their final exams this week in Turkmenistan have been hauled off by military recruiters hunting for mandatory conscripts, according to parents and eyewitnesses.

One witness described several plainclothes officers waiting at the gates of School N15 in the capital for departing students.

"The exam started at 8:30 in the morning. At around 10 a.m., four policemen and an officer from the military enlistment office arrived in the school," he told RFE/RL. "They weren't in uniforms, probably because they didn't want to scare away the students."'

Opinion: Masculinity is not toxic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The phrase “toxic masculinity,” a term first coined in the 1980s, has become a heavily popularized buzzword, with magazines such as “Teen Vogue” publishing articles on the subject.

As defined by dictionary.com, toxic masculinity is a cultural concept of manliness that glorifies stoicism, strength, virility, dominance and is socially maladaptive or harmful to mental health.

According to Medical News Today, toxic masculinity is harmful because it causes aggression, hyper-competitiveness, low empathy and entitlement, which can lead to bullying, academic challenges, substance abuse, psychological trauma and more.

To say that issues such as bullying, substance abuse or even suicide could be solved or mitigated if one were to end “toxic masculinity,” is an oversimplification and surface-level solution. The root of such problems is not merely caused by “toxic masculinity” but rather by deeper, environmental, circumstantial, spiritual, etc. problems that differ from individual to individual experience.

In addition, toxic masculinity is also said to affect men by causing depression, stress and body image issues. However, these problems are far from exclusive to men. Women struggle with these issues too, and have a higher documented rate of depression than men, therefore is toxic masculinity the cause for their problems as well?'

The UK has been failing white working-class pupils for years

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Article here. Jump the paywall by Googling the first paragraph. Excerpt:

'The latest report, from parliament's education select committee, confirms that almost 1m white working-class children, especially boys, are seriously struggling. They now fare worse in education than every other minority group except Gypsy/Roma and Irish Travellers. If you look at children on free school meals, a measure of deprivation, only 18 per cent of white pupils gain a grade 5 in GCSE Maths and English, compared with 23 per cent of all pupils on free school meals. Only 16 per cent go to university compared to 32 per cent of black Caribbean pupils, 59 per cent of black African pupils and 73 per cent of Chinese pupils. This suggests that poverty is not the whole story, because impoverished whites are now outperformed by equally deprived minority groups.
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To engage with school, you have to believe you have a future; and you need to feel that your education is relevant. The reality, for many children and families I have interviewed over the years, is that they don't. I've met bright teenagers who don't aspire to university because they don't want to leave home and who think the only university they'd get into would offer a nonsense course with poor job prospects. I've met bright boys who'd prefer to try plumbing to earn a decent living. To them, much of the school curriculum doesn't feel relevant. They are offered geography but not financial literacy. Their schools don't even advertise the university technical colleges (UTCs) that offer a more practical curriculum from the age of 14 because they are looked down upon.'

The death of masculinity

Mastodon · 29 June 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It seems we have arrived at a point in our evolutionary development where men must reject out of hand their manlier instincts in favour of more 'womanly' traits. The feminisation of all things male is taking place just as women are being encouraged to do the exact opposite. So while 'we got this/you-go-girl' sentiments are seen as empowering for women, men who play to their masculine strengths are seen as problematic, dysfunctional or oppressive. Masculinity in all its wonderful, messy complexity is effectively being erased from our collective consciousness.'

Americans Support Campus Due Process

Matt · 1 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For years, campus activists have promoted a flawed narrative about campus sexual assault using inflammatory language like "rape culture" and saying that one out of five women will be sexually assaulted. But is this really the case? Do young men become sexual predators the moment they arrive at their local universities? Some seem to think so.

The Obama administration turned a blind eye to fact and reason, relying on hyperbole to remove due process from our college campuses. Thankfully, the Trump Administration corrected some of the overreach by forcing schools to do things like notifying accused students what they are being charged with, conducting unbiased investigations, and assuring impartial adjudications. It's imperative that the Biden Administration doesn't return our campuses to the kangaroo courts of the Obama era.'

How Aussie schoolboys are being pulled out of class to paint their fingernails pink in 'nutty and weird' lessons about toxic masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Latham claimed a boy from Chatswood High complained to him about the workshops, saying they claimed boys were 'privileged' and 'violent'.

'I feel like the aim for the whole thing was to make us feel sad or show remorse for stuff we didn't do,' the unnamed boy was reported as saying.

A spokesman for NSW Education said Chatswood High ran the workshop with 'parental consent'.

'We trust the judgement of the Principal and parents,' the spokesman told Daily Mail Australia.

Latham called the nail-painting 'a nutty, weird practice', adding that he could not see how it improved boys' mental health.

Latham, who claims to be investigating the running of extra-curricular classes in schools, raised the sessions in NSW Parliament.

Tomorrow Man says it is creating 'training grounds to build emotional muscle and spaces free of judgement, to start conversations about the man of tomorrow'.

It runs programs in 'secondary schools, TAFE, universities, amateur and professional sporting clubs, male dominated workplaces' for teenagers aged over 15 and claims a '97 per cent' approval rate.'

Court tosses UNC student's lawsuit alleging anti-male bias in campus investigation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal court has handed down yet another decision involving claims of anti-male bias in university sexual misconduct investigations, the latest instance of judges in Colorado grappling with the question of whether overwhelmingly-male perpetrators are being railroaded during campus inquiries due to their sex.

On Tuesday, U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael E. Hegarty sided with the University of Northern Colorado in finding that a student had not plausibly alleged a violation of Title IX, the federal civil rights law that prevents discrimination in education on the basis of sex. However, Hegarty noted an investigatory process may be tilted against accused students, known as respondents, without being gender-discriminatory.'

What Happened to You?: The radicalization of the American elite against liberalism

Matt · 10 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The movement is much broader than race — as anyone who is dealing with matters of sex and gender will tell you. The best moniker I've read to describe this mishmash of postmodern thought and therapy culture ascendant among liberal white elites is Wesley Yang's coinage: "the successor ideology." The "structural oppression" is white supremacy, but that can also be expressed more broadly, along Crenshaw lines: to describe a hegemony that is saturated with "anti-Blackness," misogyny, and transphobia, in a miasma of social "cis-heteronormative patriarchal white supremacy." And the term "successor ideology" works because it centers the fact that this ideology wishes, first and foremost, to repeal and succeed a liberal society and democracy.

In the successor ideology, there is no escape, no refuge, from the ongoing nightmare of oppression and violence — and you are either fighting this and "on the right side of history," or you are against it and abetting evil. There is no neutrality. No space for skepticism. No room for debate. No space even for staying silent. (Silence, remember, is violence — perhaps the most profoundly anti-liberal slogan ever invented.)

And that tells you about the will to power behind it. Liberalism leaves you alone. The successor ideology will never let go of you. Liberalism is only concerned with your actions. The successor ideology is concerned with your mind, your psyche, and the deepest recesses of your soul. Liberalism will let you do your job, and let you keep your politics private. S.I. will force you into a struggle session as a condition for employment.

What happened to me? You know what I want to know: What on earth has happened to you?'

She Claimed Her Ex-Boyfriend Raped Her. She Just Admitted To Lying.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last August, a woman told the Desert Hot Springs Police Department in California that her ex-boyfriend raped her. After he was arrested, however, she said she decided to tell the truth.

The woman, who was not named in media reports, initially told police last year that she was lying in bed with him and refused to cuddle with him, so he got on top of her and groped and raped her. She claimed she told her ex-boyfriend “no” several times and bite and scratched him to prove this was rape. She also told police he had “done this before,” according to The Davis Vanguard.

But on Tuesday during the preliminary hearing at Riverside County Superior Court, the woman admitted she made the false accusation because she was mad at her ex-boyfriend. She admitted in court that the sex between her and her ex-boyfriend on August 14, 2020, was consensual and that she called police because she was angry after finding out her ex was going to take out a restraining order against her for destroying his property, including a TV.'

Thousands Sign Petition Asking to Free Innocent Cop Wrongfully Convicted By Leftist Politics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'True to form, an angry woman made a complaint against him for stopping her. For those of you unfamiliar with policing and complaints, the two go hand-in-hand. An overwhelming majority of complaints against officers are unfounded, foul crap. About 92% of the complaints against officers are in this category.

This angry woman alleged that Daniel put his penis into her mouth, for 10 seconds, and then took it out and went on his way. You know, how it's always done.

So the detective swabbed her for his DNA. None was found. And swabbed Daniel for her DNA. None was found. In fact, no evidence existed to corroborate the outrageous complaint. And Daniel vehemently denied this craziness.

But those were just details to the seemingly feminist detective, who later explained that she just "knew" that Daniel was guilty based on his masculine appearance. For you see, his alleged male "narcissism" was enough for the feminist to suspect Daniel of crimes against women. Without evidence, and based solely on her feelings, she decided that there would be more victims.

The feminist detective and her equally motivated partner ventured on a quest to find these victims. Where did they look for victims? In Daniel's records. How did they choose the women to speak to? They selected only black women who had a criminal record and an outstanding warrant. Did this profile match the original complainant? No. But like everything else in this investigation, it just felt right to them.'

Is it any wonder that men are put off by the BBC?

Mastodon · 16 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Is it any surprise that research carried out by the corporation for its annual report found that more than a quarter of men feel that the BBC 'no longer reflects people like me'?

In a concerted effort to redress gender imbalance men are gradually being airbrushed out. Across much of the BBC men have become something of a rarity. Many of the corporation's high-profile dramas are now female-focused, including the Pursuit of Love, I May Destroy You, Starstruck and Motherland. Female presenters dominate shows such as BBC Breakfast, The One Show and Songs of Praise. A rejuvenated BBC Three will be almost exclusively female led while Radio 4 has turned into one long episode of Woman's Hour.'

Biden’s Office for Civil Rights pick questioned on her position on campus due process

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Catherine Lhamon’s work in President Barack Obama’s administration on Title IX issues may have won her praise from liberal groups and organizations representing alleged and confirmed victims of sexual assault, but it drew criticism from the ranking member of the Senate’s education committee.

President Joe Biden has nominated Lhamon to lead the federal Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Education, the same position she held under Obama. But Senate Republicans and due-process advocates have questioned her position on the rights of accused students.

Republican Senator Richard Burr said he is concerned that Lhamon “will charge ahead unraveling significant pieces of the previous administration’s Title IX rules.” He made the comments during a July 13 Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee meeting.

He is also concerned that Lhamon had said that the Trump administration Title IX rules allowed people to “rape and sexually harass students with impunity.”

“That’s plain offensive,” Burr said. “I imagine she was taking aim at the due-process parts of the [Title IX] rules.”'

UK: Homicide research reveals society ‘blind’ to male victims of domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ground-breaking new research shows society still does not readily recognise male domestic abuse victims and some may have lost their lives as a result.

The research looked at homicides featuring male victims of domestic abuse and found that opportunities to help them were missed due to gender bias and outdated stereotypes.

The bias dually inhibited male victims from reporting their abuse and public support services, such as police and health care, from recognising them as victims.

The research examined 22 Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR), a type of statutory multi-agency review conducted in the event of a person’s death when it appears to result from domestic violence, abuse, or neglect.

The study identified several findings where there were missed opportunities to help and support male victims, including repeated dismissal of female partners’ abusive acts by services and a lack of professional curiosity. Some of the men found themselves suspected instead.'

Pittsburgh Steelers' Dwayne Haskins injured by wife, who faces a domestic violence charge

Matt · 17 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The wife of Dwayne Haskins faces a domestic violence charge stemming from an alleged assault involving the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback that occurred in a Las Vegas hotel room earlier this month.

Kalabrya Gondrezick-Haskins faces a felony charge of battery and domestic violence resulting in bodily harm stemming from the alleged altercation on July 3 at The Cosmopolitan.

Gondrezick-Haskins is accused of punching Haskins in the mouth, according to the police report obtained by ESPN.

Haskins, 24, reportedly had a split upper lip and a missing tooth and suffered other injuries to his mouth that would require dental work to repair his teeth.'

Catholic School Teacher Who Coached Track Sexually Abused Boy, 15, While Driving Him Home from Meet

Matt · 17 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Ohio high school teacher and who coached track must register as a sex offender after she pleaded guilty to sexual battery for having sex with a 15-year-old student.

Corissa A. McCalister, 22, has been sentenced to two years of probation and community service, PEOPLE confirms. She must register as a sex offender within 90 days.

McCalister was a Spanish teacher at Central Catholic High School in Steubenville, Ohio. She also coached both cross country and track. It was her first year of teaching.

Authorities say the abuse occurred on March 30 of this year, when McCalister drove the student home from a track meet at a rival school. Sheriff Joe Myers told WTRF at the time that McCalister parked her car at the Harrison County Fair ground in Cadiz, Ohio. She and the student allegedly had sexual intercourse in her parked car.'

WHOA: You know this tweet from blue-check harpy Kate Morgan to pregnant white women was REALLY bad if Twitter suspended her for it

Mastodon · 18 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

If you've never heard of Kate Morgan don't feel bad, this editor hadn't either until she started writing for Twitchy and saw horrid tweets from this horrid woman. And of course, Twitter in all of their infinite wisdom, verified Kate which means they were AOK with her tweets.

Until this one, apparently.

Kate has been suspended (we were as shocked as you are) and while we can't say for sure this is the tweet that did it, we'd like to think so. Luckily, Jessica O'Donnell, who happens to be a white woman pregnant with a white baby boy, snagged a screenshot and dropped her:'

Senate Democrats propose requiring women to register for military draft

Matt · 20 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Senate Democrats are proposing a sweeping rewrite of the military draft laws aimed at requiring women to register for the Selective Service System, according to a draft authored by Senate Armed Services Chair Jack Reed and obtained by POLITICO.

The changes to Selective Service could be attached to the National Defense Authorization Act, a defense policy bill that's one of the few pieces of legislation considered a "must-pass" by Congress. The move would reignite a contentious debate over whether women should be required to register for the draft, a move the House and Senate have each considered in recent years, though the change has never become law.'

Bridge to Discrimination: Decades of Gender Bias in the UNC System

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although many colleges and universities today claim to be dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion, their policies and practices often violate those principles. Among the most common types of violations are single-sex programs for women and girls, which exclude men and boys. Such violations are pervasive through the University of North Carolina System, as described in this December 2020 report.

In particular, the UNC System has discriminated against men since 1993 through the BRIDGES program, which provides leadership training exclusively to women in higher education. This discrimination violates Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the part of federal law prohibiting sex-based discrimination at educational institutions that receive federal funds.'

Why do we tolerate gender bias favoring women?

Mastodon · 20 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Almost a month after University of California Berkeley economists presented evidence of gender discrimination at several leading scientific institutions, including the National Academy of Sciences, the implicated groups have yet to publicly apologize for and repudiate the bias, or to dispute the evidence. Their silence, and that of the broader scientific community, should be deafening. The fact that it isn't speaks volumes about the tolerance of today's gender discrimination — favoring females.

The National Bureau of Economic Research working paper compares researchers of similar academic credentials, including publications and citations in top journals, and finds that women are up to twice as likely to receive honors and awards by the Econometric Society, a leading association in the economics field. They also enjoy considerably better odds than men at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences. As the study authors acknowledge, this bias likely extends to other scientific institutions and C-suites of many American companies.'

'Toxic boys club': Women in politics join calls for code of conduct in parliament

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women from across the political spectrum have called for greater representation in parliament and a code of conduct to create a safer and more equal workplace.

Several federal MPs attended a summit run by the ANU's Global Institute for Women's Leadership on Thursday where they described the culture in politics as a “toxic boys club” with a "sexist underbelly".
...
Greens Senator Larissa Waters also described the culture as "a bit of toxic boys club".

"Those in power are often pale, male and stale and there are not enough women at the decision making table," she said.'

Ofsted downgrades Colchester Royal Grammar School in Essex over 'hostile environment' of sexism and racism

Mastodon · 21 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Parts of Colchester Royal Grammar School (CRGS) in Essex have become a "hostile environment," the school's watchdog ruled after its inspection in May.

Inspectors found leaders at the school, which has more than 1,000 pupils, have not ensured boys understand "how to interact appropriately" with girls.
...
It added: "Leaders have not ensured that boys understand how to interact appropriately with girls. Consequently, some boys are rude about girls, judge them by their appearance and make inappropriate remarks. Parts of the school have become a hostile environment for some pupils."'

After Backlash, Maine Lawmaker Deletes Facebook Post Calling Straight White Men 'Too Emotional' For Politics

Mastodon · 22 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Democratic state lawmaker has taken down her Facebook account after criticism from conservatives over a social media post that said straight, white men "are too emotional to be in politics."

Rep. Charlotte Warren of Hallowell advised in the post that people who took exception to it should "be prepared for your comments to be deleted."

The post inspired protests at the Maine State House and a rebuke from Rep. Joel Stetkis of Canaan, the assistant House Republican leader, who said Warren should be removed from leadership roles. Warren has not responded to requests for comment.'

OPINION: Anti-critical race theory laws attack women and people of color

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The composition of these legislatures contributes to a longstanding problem – white, male dominance, or white, male supremacy. White male supremacy is the dangerous imposition of the values of white (mostly heterosexual) men upon women and people of color. Because of white male dominance in state legislatures, white men are positioned to enact laws that serve their own interests while victimizing women and people of color.

The composition of legislatures stand in direct contrast with the make-up of the teaching workforce, which is 76% women. This statistic leads some to see teaching as a feminized profession, and, as such, teachers' work is distinctly subject to being controlled by white men. This is exactly what's happening when state legislatures dictate what teachers, who are mostly female, can and cannot teach. In other words, male lawmakers are able to exert the level of overreach evident in these bills because teachers are mostly women.

Historically, women in patriarchal societies are positioned lower on the gender hierarchy than men and are denied access to the power and authority necessary for decision-making.

Women-dominated spaces – even women's bodies themselves – are subject to being controlled by white men."

Biden Team: Schools Can Go Beyond Trump Rules in Response to Alleged Sexual Misconduct

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Schools can respond to allegations of sexual misconduct in ways that “go beyond” the Title IX regulations adopted by the Trump administration last year, as long as those additional steps don’t conflict with the Trump-era rules or Title IX itself, the U.S. Department of Education stated in new guidance to schools.

The Education Department’s interpretation of the Trump-era rules, released July 20, makes it clear that those 2020 regulations represent “minimum steps” for educators. It also says that while schools must presume that a person alleged to have committed the misconduct isn’t responsible, schools “should never assume a complainant of sexual harassment is lying or that the alleged harassment did not occur.”'

Police say timeline ‘did not align’ in alleged attack of Cajun Navy volunteer

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The timeline of a Cajun Navy Ground Force volunteer who claimed she was attacked in an Albertson’s parking lot “did not align with evidence,” Lake Charles police officials said Monday.

Rebecca Johnson, 45, was arrested Friday on one count of filing and maintaining false public records. She has since been released on $25,000 bond set by Judge David Ritchie.

Officers with the Lake Charles Police Department responded to a call of an alleged attack at 2:47 p.m. Monday, June 21, according to Deputy Chief Franklin Fondel.

An associate of Johnson’s made the 911 call, Fondel said. The associate told police Johnson was attacked by two white males in a white extended cab pickup truck who pulled her from her vehicle, Fondel said.'

Brickbat: She's Just Giving Them a Hand

Mastodon · 22 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The British Royal Navy has kicked out a sailor who pleaded guilty to three counts of sexual assault against other sailors and Royal Marines, one count of battery and one count of violence against a superior officer during a drunken spree while she was on a cold weather exercise. Able Seaman Jodie McSkimmings reportedly tried to kiss colleagues and demanded sex, and when they refused she groped them and tried to undress them. She also sat in the lap of a sergeant and punched him "at 100 percent force" when he refused her advances, according to prosecutors. She then punched a corporal in the face. Her attorney blamed her behavior on mental health issues which were exacerbated by "misogynistic bullying" by colleagues.

Russia: Two women charged over killing of man they wrongly suspected of being a paedophile

Matt · 22 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Notice they got men to do their dirty work for them. Happens time and again. Excerpt:

'Two women have been charged over the killing of a man who they wrongly suspected of being a paedophile, say Russian prosecutors.

Two men are also accused of ‘raping the victim with a metal pipe’ as well as killing him.

Truck driver Dmitry Chikvarkin, 48, who ran his own lorry business, died from horrific head injuries after a brutal sexual attack.

Police say a ten-year-old girl said that she and a three-year-old girl had been “touched below the waist” by Chikvarkin but this was a “lie”.

The children were “joking” with fatal consequences, they say.

Valeria Dunaeva, 25, is accused of causing grievous bodily harm resulting in death in leading the attacks on Chikvarkin.'

Another white male CEO at MassBio? The group has some explaining to do

Mastodon · 22 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Massachusetts Biotechnology Council has some explaining to do.

Under previous president and chief executive Bob Coughlin, the powerful trade group got out front on the need for more women and people of color in the life sciences industry. MassBio commissioned a landmark study on gender diversity, hired its first diversity and inclusion director, and led a boycott of that scourge known as the “manel,” aka the all-male panel.

But when it came time to pick its next CEO, MassBio’s board conducted a nationwide search that seems destined to end with hiring yet another white guy from the Legislature.

So much for progress.'

The declining number of men in college should concern us all

Mastodon · 23 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month marked the 49th anniversary of Title IX's passage by Congress. Though widely mischaracterized as a sports-equity law, Title IX in fact bars all forms of sex-based discrimination at educational institutions that receive federal funding.

One potent data point adduced by the statute's proponents during congressional deliberations was the underrepresentation of women on college and university campuses nationally.

What a difference half a century makes. Today, it is men who are underrepresented among college students, and the trend shows little sign of moderating. Some observers say it is accelerating.'

Are Campus Kangaroo Courts Coming Back Under Biden?

Mastodon · 23 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Campuses may be on the precipice of reverting to the chaos of kangaroo courts. President Biden nominated Catherine Lhamon to fill the same Education Department post in which she served under President Obama. She's likely to be confirmed soon.

That means it's likely the reformed Title IX guidance issued under Betsy DeVos will be scrapped in favor of the Obama directives. There are two troubling aspects of the policies Lhamon enforced during her previous stint, from 2013-2016. First, they were issued via Dear Colleague letters, which bureaucrats use as an excuse to legislate. Second, they were deeply unjust and caused enormous suffering.

This is not a controversial position. By the end of Obama's second term, the effects of the department's new guidance on Title IX as it pertained to sexual misconduct had been so disastrous on campuses, even progressive experts condemned them. Ruth Bader Ginsburg famously denounced them "for not giving the accused person a fair opportunity to be heard."'

Senate panel votes to make women register for draft

Matt · 23 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Senate Armed Services Committee has approved language in its annual defense policy bill that would require women to register for the draft.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) approved by the committee behind closed doors Wednesday “amends the Military Selective Service Act to require the registration of women for Selective Service,” according to a summary released Thursday.

The United States has not instituted a draft since the Vietnam War, and Pentagon officials have repeatedly said they intend to keep the force all-volunteer.'

UK: JWT sex discrimination case: why two ousted male creatives won

Mastodon · 24 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Campaign first broke the news of the legal case in November 2018 when it was alleged Bayfield, Jenner and three other colleagues had been made redundant after they raised concerns about comments made by Jo Wallace, creative director of JWT, at a Creative Equals conference in May.

Wallace introduced herself as a gay woman and said she wanted to “obliterate” the reputation that the agency was full of white, privileged straight men after the company announced a gender pay gap of 44.7%.

She was speaking not long after the publication of the first mandatory reports by UK companies on gender pay gaps and they revealed that JWT UK had the biggest gap in advertising.

Bayfield and Jenner expressed concerns about the safety of their jobs, with Bayfield sending an internal email stating: “I found out recently JWT did a talk off site where it vowed to obliterate white middle-class straight people from its creative department. There are a lot of very worried people down here.”

The five men were among those who lost their jobs later that year in a redundancy process – at a time when JWT and its parent company, WPP, were under-performing.

“The gender pay gap was mortifying for the company – because it was an awful gap – and their approach was to go gung-ho on who they perceived to be the enemy,” Bayfield said. “They rigged up a kangaroo court and fired us.”'

Megan Rapinoe Reacts To Backlash, Says Media Needs To ‘Get Better’ With Criticism Of Women’s Sports

Mastodon · 27 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'U.S. women’s soccer team captain Megan Rapinoe said this weekend that the media needs to “get better” with their criticism of women’s athletics, adding that she “always welcome[s] the criticism.”

Team USA was heavily criticized after being shutout by Sweden 3-0 in their Olympic opener on Wednesday. Notably, Americans online blasted the team for protesting alleged rampant racism in the U.S. in solidarity with radical leftist group Black Lives Matter before kickoff by taking a knee.

“I know what it is,” Rapinoe said of the criticism, according to Yahoo! Sports. “I’m on social media. I’m not a hermit.”

“I always welcome the criticism,” the forward added. “For women’s sports, criticism in the media still needs to get better.”'

Facebook blocks woman's 'why are men so dumb' comment as 'hate speech'

Mastodon · 27 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Detroit woman said she was temporarily banished from Facebook for "hate speech" after participating in a time-honored tradition: commenting on a meme labeling the opposite sex as "dumb."

"At first I thought it was a joke [and] I'm like yeah right I'm blocked … what?" Candace King told Fox News of her social media timeout, which allegedly occurred after she participated in a thread entitled "why men are so dumb."
...
Unfortunately, Facebook defines "hate speech" as a "direct attack against people — rather than concepts or institutions — on the basis of what we call protected characteristics: race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, religious affiliation, caste, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity and serious disease," per the guidelines.'

Australia: "Antarctic stations restrict alcohol in bid to keep women safe"

Minuteman · 28 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Good. Now send all-female crews to freeze their pezones off for months on end. YouTube link here. Video description:

'Australian Antarctic stations will cut alcohol limits by almost half in a bid to keep women safe.

The Australian newspaper reported this morning no more than ten standard drinks per week will be allowed from next summer's expedition season.

Homebrewing will also be banned, with Australian Antarctic Division Director Kim Ellis saying women have to feel safe in Antarctica and alcohol does not help with this.'

Australian Olympic coach accused of 'toxic masculinity' for wild celebration

Mastodon · 28 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'Australian swimming coach Dean Boxall has been accused of “toxic masculinity” after his over-the-top celebrations at the Olympic Games went viral.

Watching in the Tokyo Aquatics Centre, he went wild as Ariarne Titmus secured gold in the final of the women’s 400m freestyle, dethroning US favourite Katie Ledecky.

As the result was confirmed Boxall ripped off his mask, started to strut through the spectator’s area and hip-thrust against a transparent barrier in front of him.

His reaction caused a stir on social media, with some American fans accusing him of “vulgar and frankly offensive” behaviour.'

Australia’s 'First' Domestic Violence Shelter For Men Has Opened In Queensland

Matt · 28 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Australia's 'first' domestic violence shelter for men has opened in Queensland.

Sheltered By Grace will help men over 25 in the state's south east escape violent and hurtful relationships and give them the support they need at a crucial time.
They have food and utilities, secure and furnished rooms, transportation to and from health appointments, and 24-hour on-site management.

Staff also offer weekly group discussions to help domestic violence survivors open up about their experiences, as well as Bible study and church services.'

'Mediocre' male managers are stopping women's rise

Mastodon · 29 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Mediocre" male managers are blocking women's development in the finance world because they are better at office politics, new research suggests.

Women also said many managers "faked empathy" on diversity, and more direct bosses were easier to work with.

The report, backed by the London School of Economics, called for culture change to improve diversity.

Author Prof Grace Lordan said: "We've made a lot of progress since the overt sexism of the 1980s and 1990s.'

UK: Ad industry blasts ‘sensationalist coverage’ of Jo Wallace and JWT legal case in Daily Mail

Mastodon · 29 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Friday, July 23, The Daily Mail detailed the case, speaking to Chas Bayfield and a representative of Jenner about their fears of being discriminated against at the agency. Bayfield said: “There is a part of me that feels guilty that these laws, that were put in place to protect minorities in the workplace as they should be, have protected a couple of middle-aged, straight, British men. But it is also right the judge found in our favor because it wasn’t right. I definitely agreed that there had to be a way to address the diversity issues, but I don’t think it was gone about the right way.”

However, The Mail’s retelling of events heavily focused on Wallace and her diversity agenda, despite the workplace claim not being directed against her, or her having any hand in the redundancy process – a line that the Mail mentions at the conclusion of the report. It repeatedly mentions that Wallace is gay – the word is used seven times, including twice in the headline – and shared multiple images of her wearing a bikini. Furthermore, detailed is her “£1.2m house in trendy east London”.

These are among some of the elements that have been condemned in the industry. LGBT+ ad group Outvertising said it was “angered by The Daily Mail’s divisive reporting of the JWT sex discrimination case” and added that it “unnecessarily brings Jo Wallace’s sexual orientation into a nuanced and complex narrative”.

Holding company WPP also said it was “appalled by the reporting of this case by some media and the personal attacks on Jo Wallace are totally unacceptable”, and continued: “We continue to make clear to the press that Jo had nothing to do with the redundancy decisions.”'

UK: Of white males, Jo Wallace and that Mail Online report

Mastodon · 29 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Wallace is also on record as referring publicly to “white, stale males” so she can hardly grumble if she arouses controversy.

Of the current farrago Wallace says: “What does this tell women already underrepresented in this industry? Why would [they] want to go into this industry when you see myself being treated like this?

“I had nothing to do with this case. I had nothing to do with the decision to make them redundant. [Pictures of] me wearing a bikini is clearly an attempt to take me down and embarrass me in public, so it’s incredibly distressing.”'

Fox Sports' Doug Gottlieb Takes Offense After CNN Uses his Simone Biles Commentary to Blast 'White Male Talking Heads'

Mastodon · 29 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After Simone Biles pulled out of an Olympic event to focus on her mental health, Fox Sports Radio host Doug Gottlieb underlined what he considered to be a "double standard" in sports. Wednesday morning, CNN lumped Gottlieb's commentary into what they considered a group of "White male talking heads."

"Why would you do that?" Gottlieb tweeted Wednesday afternoon, clearly annoyed by CNN's label. "If you want to have me on, it isn't hard to reach out, but the labeling of my race makes my commentary somehow race based?"
...
During the segment on CNN hosted by Brianna Keilar, she called out Gottlieb, Piers Morgan and Charlie Kirk for their commentary on Biles. Keilar also noted Biles as "the only survivor of [Larry] Nassar's campaign of abuse representing her team USA," while CNN's chyron read, "White male talking heads question courage of Simone Biles."'

Wharton Is First Elite M.B.A. Program to Enroll More Women Than Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania will mark a milestone this fall: A majority of incoming M.B.A. candidates will be women.

The business school, one of the most highly ranked in the U.S., said that 52% of its new fall cohort will be female, marking the highest percentage of women enrolled in its 140-year history.

The milestone makes Wharton the first of the so-called “M7” M.B.A. programs to admit more women than men. In addition to Wharton, those seven elite schools include Harvard Business School, Stanford’s Graduate School of Business, Columbia Business School, MIT Sloan School of Management, Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management and the University of Chicago’s Booth School of Business.
...
Women have historically had more representation in other graduate disciplines and make up the majority of law school and medical school students, according to the American Bar Association and Association of American Medical Colleges. Women have also earned the majority of bachelor’s degrees in the U.S. since the early 1980s, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.'

At America’s best universities, accused students aren’t presumed innocent, report says

Mastodon · 29 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Top universities have developed three tiers of justice for students accused of sexual misconduct and other offenses, stacking the deck against defendants, according to a new report by an education watchdog.

The report by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) comes as the Biden administration appears poised to push schools back from Title IX regulations adopted last year to establish due process in university investigations and disciplinary proceedings.

FIRE examined 53 top universities’ policies for adjudicating complaints, particularly those involving sexual harassment, which fall under regulations implemented by the Trump administration in 2020. Those regulations were designed to restore protections for accused people after the Obama administration had forced schools to lower the standard of evidence used in such cases from “clear and convincing” to a “more likely than not.”'

Young man cleared of multiple false rape accusations at trials this summer

Mastodon · 31 July 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A young man who faced multiple rape accusations from three separate girls was cleared of all charges at two separate criminal trials this summer.

Khristian Suthers, now 23-years-old, is attempting to put his life back together after the false accusations placed him behind bars and stripped him of his freedom.

During the first part of 2020, Suthers was living with a relative who happened to be in a romantic relationship with another individual.

That partner had a young daughter who also lived in the residence with them.

The girl, her older half-sister, who sometimes stayed at the home, and a 16-year-old neighbor girl, who was friends with the two sisters, would all claim that Suthers raped them.'

BYU Study Finds That Boys Who Embrace "Princess Culture" Are Less Likely To Have "Toxic Masculinity" In Possibly The Worst Study Ever

Mastodon · 1 August 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ahh yes, BYU. The school known for progressive thoughts on sexuality and the roles of men and women. Here to teach our young boys how to be through the Disney Princesses. The study says that boys who watch these movies (which the study described as "princess culture" as a means to make their study seem more important than just watching Disney movies) are more likely to express their emotions in relationships in positive ways.
...
I had feelings. Same thing with Ariel. When she was swimming around shaking her tail I didn't know what was going on, but I knew I had to get to the bottom of the ocean and quick. I mean they fucking told us exactly what to do with Ariel. There's an entire song about what would be considered "toxic masculinity" in Little Mermaid.'

Government of Canada announces recipients of $100-million Feminist Response and Recovery Fund

Mastodon · 1 August 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Advancing gender equality is a key priority for the Government of Canada. The COVID-19 pandemic has magnified systemic and longstanding inequalities, with women and girls disproportionately impacted by the crisis. Women have faced job losses and reduced work hours, shouldered the majority of the additional unpaid care responsibilities at home, and continue to be on the front lines of the pandemic. As Canada moves towards an inclusive recovery, meaningful progress to advance gender equality is needed now more than ever to ensure no one is left behind.

To further support critical recovery efforts led by the women's and equality-seeking movement, today the Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development, announced 237 projects to receive funding under the $100 million Feminist Response and Recovery Fund call for proposals.

This investment will support projects that address systemic issues that vulnerable and underrepresented women face and help ensure an inclusive recovery from the social and economic impacts of the pandemic. Projects will also encourage women and girls in leadership and decision-making roles, improve their economic security and prosperity and work to end gender-based violence to help build a Canada that is fair, equal and equitable for everyone.'

India: Sex with woman on false promise of marriage is rape: Allahabad high court

Mastodon · 5 August 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a significant decision, the Allahabad high court has said that sexual intercourse with a woman on the false promise of marriage is rape and stressed on the need for making law to deal with such cases.

A single bench comprising justice Pradeep Kumar Srivastava made the observation while denying bail to a man, who is accused of raping a woman on the false promise of marriage and was later arrested after a case was lodged against him in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur town.

"Rape is considered as the most physically and morally reprehensible crime in a society and has a long lasting effect on the mind of victims...sexual intercourse with the victim on the pretext of false promise to marry is, and ought to be an offence of rape under the penal provisions," the court said.'

Utah universities are changing how they handle female-only scholarships. Here’s why.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The branch awards the scholarship to a woman who lives in Salt Lake County and has “had an interruption in her formal education,” according to Amanda Barusch, who runs the group’s scholarship fund. For the past couple of years, the award has been administered through the U.’s scholarship office, she said.

These types of single-sex scholarships — which have largely focused on helping women get into underrepresented fields and assisting single mothers earn college degrees — have come under scrutiny in recent years, though, as some advocates argue that they violate Title IX by favoring one sex over the other.

As of July 2, the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights had investigations open at schools in 42 states and Washington, D.C., over complaints about single-sex scholarships.

Five of those investigations are in Utah, at the U., Brigham Young University, Salt Lake Community College, Utah Valley University and Weber State University. All of them were opened last year, between May and August.'

Olympics double down on wokeness, eliminate long standing event in name of gender equity

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'The sport consists of race-walking your way to victory over a 50 km (~31 miles) stretch, which is much more grueling than it sounds.

Introduced as an Olympic sport in 1932, the event will make its final appearance at the Games this year — at least, in its original format — after officials deemed the competition unfair because these same officials haven't created a women's version of the same competition.

According to the report from News.com.au, "The Olympic committee has decided the race does not fit with its stated mission of gender equality. It is the only event on the Olympic program that has no approximate equivalent for women. Rather than add a women's race, they will bring in an unspecified mixed-team race walking event."

They came, they saw and they sashayed their way into your hearts. Not anymore. These Olympic athletes will no longer be able to participate in their sport because biological women don't have a chance … something that the Olympics committee has certainly overlooked in recent memory.'

‘Suicide Squad’ Star Joel Kinnaman Gets Restraining Order Against Model Who Accused Him of Rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Suicide Squad and For All Mankind actor Joel Kinnaman has been granted a restraining order against Bella Davis, the model whom Kinnaman said tried to extort money from him after a brief consensual sexual relationship.

NBC News said a judge granted a temporary restraining order that expires on Aug. 30, the day Kinnaman and Davis are scheduled to have a hearing in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Variety said Davis, who was born Gabriella Magnusson, has accused Kinnaman of raping her while she was intoxicated three years ago in New York.

But Kinnaman said in an Instagram post Friday that he sought a restraining order because Davis has made “daily threats of physical harm” against him and his family, and promised to destroy his reputation “with fabricated, vile rumors unless I agree to a list of demands that includes money, Hollywood connections.”'

Exclusive: Ryan Adams: ‘I Felt Like They Were Asking Me to Die’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Self-doubt is a frequent companion these days for the once widely acclaimed recording artist and seven-time Grammy nominee. At 46, Adams’s life and career are shattered, and much of the vibrant circle of trusted friends and musicians he knew is gone. In most cases, they left without a word. Their exit abruptly followed an article published February 13, 2019, in the New York Times under the headline: “Ryan Adams Dangled Success. Women Say They Paid a Price.” The newspaper alleged a pattern of sexual misconduct and emotional abuse, of obsessive and retaliatory behavior with several female artists, including one fast-rising discovery, Phoebe Bridgers.

In the article, Adams’s ex-wife, actress-singer Mandy Moore, accused him of emotional cruelty and sabotaging her music career. And, most damaging, the Times said Adams traded sexually explicit messages online with an underage girl.

Adams responded immediately via Twitter: “The picture that this article paints is upsettingly inaccurate. Some of its details are misrepresented; some are exaggerated; some are outright false.” He also acknowledged “many mistakes” in his life and apologized to “anyone I have ever hurt.”

But the damage was done, and it was severe. Adams’s record deal with Blue Note/Capitol quickly ended, along with release plans for a trilogy of albums he had just announced for the coming year. An upcoming tour of the UK was cancelled. A few months later, his new manager very publicly split from Adams by leaking his frustrated private messages: “I want my career back…I’m not interested in this healing crap.”'

Court Awards Full Custody to James Younger's Mother but Requires Permission for Puberty Blockers, Gender Surgeries

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Texas judge has granted full custody of eight-year-old James Younger to his mother, who has fought publicly to transition her son into a girl against the father's wishes.

Judge Mary Brown granted full custody to Anne Georgulas in an order on Tuesday, awarding the mother exclusive control over James's primary residence, counseling, medications, education and extracurricular activities. It allows Georgulas to withhold information from Jeff Younger, James's father, "regarding the children's extracurricular activities, school functions, school enrollment, counseling, and medical care."

However, while Georgulas has the exclusive right to consent to James's medical procedures, the order notes that that power does not extend to hormone-suppression therapy, puberty blockers, or transgender reassignment surgery.'

AU: Backlash prompts St Kevin’s to ditch respectful relationships project

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The survey included statements on wellbeing, such as: overall, I am a failure; I sometimes cheat; and I do not like my parents very much.

Other statements on boys’ attitudes included: acting manly should be the most important goal for guys; getting made fun of helps guys become tough; being thought of as gay makes a guy seem like less of a man; and if a guy has a girlfriend, he deserves to know where she is all the time.

The boys were also asked how often their father took on household responsibilities such as cooking, cleaning and parenting.

They were asked if they had been insulted or threatened on social media and had made sexual comments to a girl they did not know, and how often they had been drunk, taken drugs and been in physical fights.'

Debra Winger says #MeToo movement has 'gone ridiculously too far'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"The plates are shifting," she shared. "In some ways, it's pulled ridiculously too far. Part of it is that I'm the mother of three young white males, so I'm looking at things that they're experiencing, and things that my girlfriends of all different backgrounds are experiencing [and] it hasn't quite found its steady point yet where there's room for everybody."'

I Don't See Any Reason for Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women have real reasons to fear feminism and we do young women no service if we suggest to them that feminism itself is safe. It is not. To stand opposed to your culture to be critical of.

Institutions, behaviors, discourses when it is so clearly not in your immediate interest to do so. At its best, the feminist challenge of individualism, of narrow notions of freedom, is transformative, exhilarating, empowering.

I feel like I live in a world that is extremely sexist against men. We are living in a society that has become extremely misandry's and I am becoming increasingly afraid that if I have a son he will grow in a world that ignores his issues and attempts to make him feel guilty because he is a man.

The modern women's movement is derailed -feminists are no longer content with equal rights-now the demand is exclusive special privileges".'

Jack Kammer's new Male Friendly Media with Men are Talking

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Jack Kammer (who wrote "Good Will Toward Men") has a channel called Male-friendly Media with podcasts like "Men are Talking".

Men Are Talking on iTunes (audio-only podcasts):
https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/men-are-talking/id1575596850

Male-friendly Media on YouTube (audio-and-video "vidcasts"):
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLW85qrmP5ezOvz1M--INw

Steven Van Valkenburg aka mens_issues was interviewed by Jack in this podcast regarding his satirical Twitter account "Patriarchy Central" as well as "Male Positive Media".

Eton College: No sanction for former teacher in masculinity row

Mastodon · 18 August 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Will Knowland was sacked for refusing to remove the lecture, which he had been told not to give, from YouTube.

The Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA) decided to take no action following an inquiry, Mr Knowland's lawyer said.

Eton College said the ruling did not undermine its decision to dismiss the English master.

Mr Knowland's video, entitled The Patriarchy Paradox, suggested that "saying smash the patriarchy... amounts to saying smash human nature and biological reality".

It continued: "Biologically speaking, the idea that men exert power over women is nonsense."'

James Madison University trains students that Christians, White males are 'oppressors'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'James Madison University in Virginia is training student employees to recognize that people who identify as male, straight, cisgender, or Christian are "oppressors" that engage in the "systematic subjugation" of other social groups.

According to documents obtained by Fox News, student employees in charge of facilitating orientation for first-year students this fall at JMU underwent training in recent weeks to learn about social justice and inclusion.
...
The JMU training materials listed the various races and nationalities they considered "privileged" or "agents" and those they characterized as "oppressed" or "targets." Among the privileged, according to the presentation, are people who identify as male, cisgender, heterosexual, heteroromantic, Christian, White, Western European, American, upper to middle class, thin/athletic build, able-bodied, or ages 30s to early 50s.'

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHuUZjYuons

JMU SJI Student Staff Training - Part 1 (Fall 2021)

Students Think America Oppresses Women...Then They Hear About Afghanistan

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Video here.

Since the Taliban invaded Afghanistan, many people are worried about the rights of women and children under Taliban rule in the country. Reports show that women are already being beaten and killed on the streets. At the same time, many continue to believe that women in America are oppressed and treated unfairly.

Campus Reform reporter Ophelie Jacobson talked with female students at the University of Central Florida about what is happening in Afghanistan and how that compares to the treatment women receive in the United States. All of the students Campus Reform talked to said that women are oppressed in this country.

Scottish government launches country's first women's health plan

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The plan, which was informed by women's own testimonies, is described as "the first stage of a long-term commitment to reducing health inequalities for women". The 68-page document also pledges to appoint a national women's health champion, establish a research fund to close gaps in scientific and medical knowledge and improve information and public awareness of heart disease symptoms and risks for women.
...
Asked about the systemic inequalities that women often face in accessing the health services they need, Todd said: "The reality is we live in a men's world and when we look at systems of all sorts around the world we see inequality for women … We have listened to what women are telling us and we are determined to correct that".'

Healthy life expectancy in Scotland drops to just 61 years for men and women

'Healthy life expectancy has dropped across Scotland according to a shock new report, with a widening gap between the richest and poorest.

Males can expect to live in good health for an average of 61.7 years from birth while for females it is 61.9 years, according to a report published today by the National Records of Scotland (NRS).'

What’s With Twitter Calling Neeraj Chopra A Toxic Male And Bashing His Sport Too?

Mastodon · 20 August 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Right after athlete Neeraj Chopra received a Gold for the sport – Javelin Throw in the Tokyo Olympics 2021, certain Twitter users began reprimanding not just him but criticized the sport itself.

The bashing and utter berating were done on the grounds of taking a stand against toxic masculinity, Brahmanical patriarchy, and thirst for gold.

Not only is this outrageous but also a vivid example of deep-rooted misandry. The discrimination is not just limited to gender bias but the woman also claims that the javelin is a phallic symbol thereby a symbol of patriarchy and oppression. Not only did she insult Neeraj Chopra’s profession but also humiliated him for being a man.'

Three books take different approaches to address toxic masculinity

Mastodon · 21 August 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Toxic masculinity is, arguably, one of the biggest problems on the planet right now. In addition to propelling sexism, racism, terrorism, transphobia and the billionaire space race, it also fuels male depression and suicide. In 2019, the American Psychological Association declared “traditional masculinity ideology” a threat to the mental and physical health of boys and men. So what’s the best way to address this patriarchal plague?

A new book by Pauline Harmange, I Hate Men, calls for women to get angry; Vivek Shraya’s I’m Afraid of Men seeks to educate men about the traumatic effects of their toxicity and the daily microaggressions perpetrated by those with male privilege; Liz Plank in For the Love of Men extends empathy for the ways that patriarchy and toxic masculinity are also bad for men. The idea of more love for the most privileged and violent group out there might rub some the wrong way, but compassion may prove necessary to truly transform masculinity.'

Masculinity may have a protective effect against the development of depression — even for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women and men who strongly endorse masculine traits are less susceptible to depressive symptoms compared to their less masculine counterparts, according to new research published in the Journal of Affective Disorders that examined 40 years of evidence. The findings could help explain why women face a greater risk of depression.

“The idea for this study began in 2007. Since then, our team has published a series of work referring to sex differences in emotional susceptibility and found that women are more sensitive to emotionally negative stimuli than men,” said study author Hong Li, a professor at South China Normal University and director of the Chinese Psychological Society.

“We inferred that this may be an important mechanism for the gender difference in the prevalence of depression, as women are almost twice as likely to suffer from depression as men. Therefore, we asked whether girls/women suffer from high-risk depression just because of their biological sex? We searched for answers from the past literature and found that psycho-social gender (e.g., gender role) might be an effective indicator of predicting depression susceptibility, even more accurate than biological sex, because personal emotions are easily affected by social factors.”'

S. Africa: Man up! Prince Kaybee dragged for ‘toxic masculinity’ tweet

Mastodon · 23 August 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'DJ Prince Kaybee landed himself in hot water after sharing his opinion on masculinity.

The Club Controller hitmaker gave out some advice to the “gents”, telling them that masculinity is a trait they need to possess in order to be successful. He went on to add that men should never have to tone it down to “appear” equal.'

His Accusers' Stories All Had Issues. The School Violated Its Own Procedure To Expel Him.

Matt · 24 August 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A male student at Grinnell College was accused of sexual misconduct by multiple women. The school expelled him after violating its own policies to find him responsible, and a judge just allowed his lawsuit to move forward.

The case stems from a lawsuit filed by the male student, whom The Daily Wire will refer to as John Doe, who was accused of sexual assault by a female student, henceforth referred to as Jane Roe. Jane claimed to Grinnell's Title IX office that John sexually assaulted her and possibly other students. She then convinced two other students – who will be referred to as Sarah and Emily (not their real names) – to file reports against John as well. Jane and Sarah claimed John "engaged in nonconsensual sexual intercourse" with them, while Emily claimed he "engaged in nonconsensual sexual contact" with her.'

How a Colorado Nonprofit is Helping Men Fight Mental Illness by Taking Them Fishing

Matt · 24 August 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We're on a pristine section of private water in the middle section of the Colorado River at a fishing retreat hosted by Fishing the Good Fight, a Denver nonprofit founded in November 2019. The organization uses fly fishing to support men struggling with their mental health. Having never heard of a program like this, I was curious to learn more. I contacted founder Jennings Hester, and he invited me to visit on the second day of a weekend retreat in June the group was hosting.

The retreat involves a licensed counselor leading group therapy sessions and a team of volunteers (some of whom attended a previous retreat in April 2021) serving as pseudo-fishing guides for six participants who have a range of backgrounds, ages, professions, and fly-fishing-competency levels.
...
Todd tells me the weekend has been exactly what he needed. For years, he'd been searching for mental health support, primarily for PTSD. He'd also always wanted to learn how to fly fish. With this retreat, he could do both. He'd sought treatment years ago when he returned from his sixth deployment to Afghanistan, but he struggled to connect with any therapists.

"I went to some counseling, but no one understands," he says. "You're going in, feeling like another number, and you've got to explain your military experience—what you dealt with. After my third or fourth session, it was zero gain. I was probably more frustrated than when I started."'

House panel backs making women register for draft

Matt · 2 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The House Armed Services Committee on Wednesday night approved an amendment requiring women to register for the draft.

The panel voted 35-24 to approve an amendment from Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-Pa.) that would strike references in the law requiring a “male citizen” register for the Selective Service System and replace it simply with “citizen.”

“By reforming the Selective Service to be gender-neutral based registration, we draw on the talents of our entire nation in the time of a national emergency,” Houlahan said. “The current male-only registration sends a message to women not only that they are not vital to the defense of the country, but also that they are not expected to participate in defending it.”'

China bans men it sees as not masculine enough from TV

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Story here. Excerpt:

'Broadcasters must “resolutely put an end to sissy men and other abnormal esthetics,” the TV regulator said, using an insulting slang term for effeminate men — “niang pao,” or literally, “girlie guns.”

That reflects official concern that Chinese pop stars, influenced by the sleek, girlish look of some South Korean and Japanese singers and actors, are failing to encourage China’s young men to be masculine enough."'

Money Down The Toilet In Afghanistan

Matt · 4 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'So, alongside the billions for bombs went hundreds of millions for gender studies in Afghanistan. According to US government reports, $787 million was spent on gender programs in Afghanistan, but that substantially understates the actual total, since gender goals were folded into practically every undertaking America made in the country.
...
The initiatives piled up one after another. Do-gooders established a 'National Masculinity Alliance', so a few hundred Afghan men could talk about their 'gender roles' and 'examine male attitudes that are harmful to women'.

More:

But all this wasn't just a stupid waste of money. It routinely actively undermined the 'nation-building' that America was supposed to be doing. According to an USAID observer, the gender ideology included in American aid routinely caused rebellions out in the provinces, directly causing the instability America was supposedly fighting. To get Afghanistan's parliament to endorse the women's rights measures it wanted, America resorted to bribing them. Soon, bribery became the norm for getting anything done in the parliament.'

A Generation of American Men Give Up on College: ‘I Just Feel Lost’

Matt · 6 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are abandoning higher education in such numbers that they now trail female college students by record levels.

At the close of the 2020-21 academic year, women made up 59.5% of college students, an all-time high, and men 40.5%, according to enrollment data from the National Student Clearinghouse, a nonprofit research group. U.S. colleges and universities had 1.5 million fewer students compared with five years ago, and men accounted for 71% of the decline.

This education gap, which holds at both two- and four-year colleges, has been slowly widening for 40 years. The divergence increases at graduation: After six years of college, 65% of women in the U.S. who started a four-year university in 2012 received diplomas by 2018 compared with 59% of men during the same period, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

In the next few years, two women will earn a college degree for every man, if the trend continues, said Douglas Shapiro, executive director of the research center at the National Student Clearinghouse.'

Teenager jailed for 35 days on false charge of raping, impregnating minor

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A teenager in Kerala had to remain in prison for 35 days on remand after a minor girl falsely accused him of raping and impregnating her.

After the DNA test proved the allegations of impregnating the girl to be false, the youth was released on bail. 18-year-old Sreenath, hailing from a poor family at Thirurangadi in Malappuram district in Kerala, became victim of a false charge.'

UK: 'White privilege' a thing of the past? Alarm over fall in white boys going to university

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Around 127,250 people in this demographic found a place this year compared to 141,170 seven years ago.

Asian men securing places rose by 26 percent in the same period, and Asian women 39 percent.

The number of mixed-race males climbed 35 percent from 7,290 to 9,850 and mixed-race females by 39 percent to 13,320 from 9,540.'

Why women being more college educated than men is troubling for society

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A generation of white men who grew up hearing that the problem with American institutions is that there are too many white men in them apparently has been listening.

College attendance by men, and by white men in particular, has declined steeply relative to attendance by women. As a remarkable Wall Street Journal report has it, men today make up only two out of five college students, and the men who do enroll are less likely to graduate than the women.

Over the coming years, two women will earn a college degree for every man who does. Among white men, those who come from low-income households attend college at lower rates than do Latino and African-American men from similar backgrounds. The problem has become so extreme some colleges have started discriminating against female entrants and admitting less qualified men, to maintain a more balanced female-male ratio on campus.

Kevin Carey of The New York Times sniffed a little at his competitor's report, noting that men still occupy the commanding heights of much of the business world and many cultural institutions — as though the residual wealth and status of men born before the moon landing somehow transfers to those born after 9/11.'

Boys and America's future: Let's be honest about their achievement, and the broader problems for our society

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The punch-counterpunch should not be surprising. Conservative publications have always loved the boy troubles, a backdoor way of striking back at feminists while exploiting male grievances. And progressive publications love to downplay the gender gaps to keep the focus on championing women's causes. Men still dominate the key majors such as technology and engineering, the writer points out.

So who's got the right take here?

Because too many powerful constituencies — the female-dominated teachers unions, the American Association of University Women, high school administrators resisting taking on another problem to solve — were lined up to downplay the issue.

A more serious campus issue about gender imbalances is one that college leaders are loath to talk about publicly. When gender imbalances tilt beyond a 60/40 balance of women and men, the relations between the two sexes get unhealthy, with some men using their comparative scarcity to get abusive with women. There's a reason why colleges are willing to risk lawsuits to favor men in admissions. It's all about avoiding that 60/40 split.'

White men are now almost extinct on university campuses – and that’s exactly what feminists want

mens_issues · 18 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"From Malaysia to the US, women are dominating higher education in record numbers, but don't expect quotas or diversity measures to tackle the inequality. For gender activists, this is just the latest victory in a long-running war.

It was always going to happen. And now it’s official: women outnumber men at American universities on a scale that’s never been seen before. Not just slightly, or by a considerable margin, but by record, unprecedented levels.

By the end of the 2020-21 academic year, women constituted 60% of college students across American campuses, while men made up just 40%, according to the National Student Clearinghouse research group.

Compared to 2016, there are also 1.5 million fewer students in America’s higher education system and, yep, you guessed it, men account for 71% of the decline."
...
Anyone who’s surprised by this disparity is either a) an idiot or b) is in denial of the war against men. Anyone who’s a feminist simply won’t care.

"In fact, they’ll probably see it as a triumph, because their goal was never about achieving equality but displacing men’s cultural prominence and replacing it with women’s. Their sole aim was to turn the tables and seize power – and, clearly, it’s working."'

The Orwelexicon: Neologisms for Bias and Dysfunctions in Psychology, Academia, and the Wider Society

Matt · 21 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'BANNED BY PSYCHOLOGY TODAY! I submitted it there as a blog post and they took it down after I posted it. In 12 short hours, it had garnered well over 1000 views, a bullet of popularity in PsychTodayLand. In fairness to their takedown, this was definitely not their normal fare.

Orwelexicon: Twisting the meaning of words in order to advance a political or policy agenda.
...
Bropenscience Paradox: The claim that sexism is so powerful in the Open Science Movement that all male scientists must intensely interrogate themselves for any trace of it. Male scientists must also avoid having conversations without women or members of marginalized groups; and they must especially avoid criticizing scientific work by people from such groups. Although sexism is a very serious problem and charge, objecting to being called sexist is proof of defensiveness and pathological fragility.'

Christine Flowers: The war on poor white boys

Mastodon · 25 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The people I worry about are the young men, the boys really, who attract the same sort of vitriol as Kavanaugh. Recently, the Wall Street Journal had a story that highlighted the shocking fact that at the end of the last academic year, there was a huge enrollment gap between the genders: 59.5% of college students are female, while only 40.5% male. Of course, there were a number of reasons cited to explain the deficit, but one stood out: a sense of hopelessness. In fact, the article was entitled "A Generation of American Men Give Up On College: 'I Just Feel Lost.'"

...

Beyond the fact that the last 50 years have been spent empowering women and creating a force field called "Girl Power," something from which I've unwillingly benefited, there has been an equally strong yet diametrically opposed trend toward diminishing boys. When I say "boys," I mean males from toddlerhood to young adulthood. Race changes the dynamic, drastically, so we can add "white" to the mix.

The vitriol aimed at Brett Kavanaugh wasn't because women suspected him of rape. It wasn't because he might cancel their right to terminate unwanted pregnancies. It wasn't because he liked beer.

If you listened to the questioning from Kamala Harris and Amy Klobuchar, there was a palpable anger at his prep boy identity, at the fact that he represented the power differential that they might have experienced in their own lives, that he was young and successful and white, and he had a penis. Harris, in particular, seemed to truly despise him and her questioning had the palpable subtext of a woman of color who was going to use her position of authority to tear down a symbol of everything she hated.'

Video report demonizes men who don't go to college

Matt · 25 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. It reports the trend, then immediately demonizes the men not going to college as being "dangerous", without asking why the trend may be appearing. Further, rather than be concerned with the men not going to college (as if going to college were absolutely necessary to get along in life), it laments the effects this has on women's dating prospects.

Too many white men putting their hands up to speak, Labour delegates told

Mastodon · 26 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During a debate on housing and transport, the chairman of the session noted the people putting their hands up to contribute did “not reflect the diversity” of those in the hall.

Mark Ferguson, a member of Labour’s National Executive Committee, told delegates in Brighton: “I am afraid, and I am not speaking from a position of particular strength here, there are too many white men putting their hands up.”

To laughter, he added: “I am not anti-white men, some of my favourite people are – my dad’s a white man.

“But I do not want white men to exclusively dominate this or any other debate at this conference and following on from my comrade in the chair this morning, I do wish to see the diversity of the hall reflected.

“I’m not putting anybody on the spot here, but if you want to speak do not be afraid to put your hand up, we want to hear from you, this is an inclusive conference.”'

British MP asks for equal justice

Douglas · 26 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Paul Howell MP, Conservative, raised a question in the House this week under the heading of 'Women and Equalities'.

"Last week, I had the privilege of meeting my constituents Thomas Gill and his parents, who suffered major injuries as a result of a car being driven by a female driver who was under the influence of drink and drugs. Thomas raised his concern because the sentencing was so low and young women were getting more lenient treatment than young men. Could the Minister assure him that we are equal under the law?"

Even in the world's oldest Parliament, seeking equal justice got him nowhere. He was replied with platitudes and untruths, this time from Guy Opperman (the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Work and Pensions) for some reason. Is Guy lying or is he really unaware of the systemic disadvantages that have existed in the British legal system since before his grandfather was born, and are being perpetuated today?

"I was very sorry to learn of the injuries sustained by Thomas, and it is right that this matter is raised by my hon. Friend. I can assure him and the House that equality applies to all aspects of justice—it always has and it always will."

To find out if Guy really is ignorant of the laws and practices that discriminate against men, readers should write to their local MP.

Judge: USI can not suspend student in lawsuit over Title IX investigation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Vanderburgh County judge has halted the University of Southern Indiana from suspending a student over a sexual assault allegation. Vanderburgh Circuit Court Judge David Kiely's temporary restraining order would prevent USI from suspending or imposing other sanctions or restrictions on the student until a Sept. 30 hearing.

The student filed a lawsuit in the county's circuit court on Friday accusing the university of violating its own Title IX policies and procedures. The lawsuit also accuses USI of violating the constitutional rights of the student.'

Future is female: Is that entirely a good thing?

Mastodon · 26 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Men are abandoning higher education in such numbers that they now trail female college students by record levels." So declares the opening sentence of a Wall Street Journal piece that is creating quite the buzz.

Here are some of the eye-popping statistics: Women now account for 59.5% of college students in the United States. They also earn 58.5% of master's degrees and 52.9% of Ph.D.s. Women have been earning the majority of doctorates for 13 straight years. In the 2020-21 academic year, a million more women than men applied to college.

You can be forgiven if you find these numbers startling. The popular press focuses on the challenges women face, not on their achievements. We are constantly warned about silencing girls' voices, discrimination against female athletes, glass ceilings, pay gaps, "mansplaining" and the paucity of women in the top ranks of corporate America.'

Christie’s to sell NFT of white man being sold as slave

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A non-fungible token featuring a white man being auctioned as a slave will be sold at Christie’s — for a price that could reach millions — in New York City next week.

“It was immediately clear it would be a major artwork both for its contemporary and historical commentary as well as the fascinating combination of disciplines,” Barrett White of Christie’s Americas told The Post.

“White Male for Sale” is the creation of artist-provocateur Dread Scott. The work consists of a 70-second looped video showing an average-looking white man in white button-down shirt and black pants, expressionless, standing on an auction block in the middle of a busy Brooklyn intersection.'

'Border Patrol Are Leftover Racist White Men,' Says Florida Rep. Frederica Wilson

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Frederica Wilson of Florida had harsh criticism for the U.S. Border Patrol on Sunday amid backlash to the agency's handling of Haitian migrants.

Wilson appeared on the local news program, This Week in South Florida, to discuss the ongoing issue, reiterating her strong and vocal criticism from the past week. The congresswoman represents Florida's 24th District, which encompasses parts of the Miami metropolitan area and, according to Local 10, is home to the largest population of Haitian immigrants in the U.S.

"The Border Patrol are leftover racist white men who do not like immigrants, and what really made them angry is that these were Black immigrants," Wilson said.'

Photographer behind controversial migrant photos claims agents weren’t whipping anyone

UK goes extreme on gender bending

Douglas · 27 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Three items:

Last year, a High Court determined that a child was not (almost by definition) capable of understanding the ramifications upon their life of starting the trans-gender process by taking puberty blockers. That has now been reversed by a Court of Appeal. United Families International reports that the decision said that doctors should seek court approval before prescribing the medication because the drugs were still experimental.
More here…

In Scotland, which has its own laws and legal system from the rest of the UK, the Scottish Government is showing once again how out of step it is with the general public. United Families International again: "Its Bill is expected to remove the need for any medical evidence, reduce the two-year period to change legal sex to three months and extend ‘sex swaps’ to 16-year-olds." According to a poll for The Sunday Times, only 13 per cent viewed changing the Gender Recognition Act 2004 (GRA) as an urgent priority – the lowest figure for the issues considered.
More here…

Despite this, a child safeguarding expert who faced vilification after raising concerns about the safety of children undergoing treatment at a London NHS gender identity clinic has won an employment tribunal case against the hospital trust.
More here…

Life expectancy of American men fell by 2 years amid COVID pandemic: study

Matt · 27 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The life expectancy of American men dropped by more than two years during the COVID-19 pandemic, a new study has found.

Oxford University said in the study published Monday that the life expectancy among men fell by 2.2 years in 2020, the largest drop since World War II, according to Reuters.

Life expectancy fell by more than six months compared to 2019 for 22 of the 29 countries analyzed for the study, which included the U.S. and European nations.'

British men told to 'stay indoors' when a killer is on run

Douglas · 28 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

It's almost as though people don't know that men are the majority victims of violence, or that men are the majority of people who chase down and catch murderers.

In the Daily Mail today:
"*Police 'should tell men to stay indoors' when a killer is on run in local area: Victims commissioner says 'very little has changed' since women were told to keep off streets when the Yorkshire Ripper prowled North in 70s and 80s*"

It's like the 'man curfew' idea that was around a few months ago: if men do this, women and children will suffer greatly. And what is proposed when the suspected killer is female? And what about when the killer was a policeman, as in a recent case: should all police stay off the streets too? This is so ridiculous, it is incredible that anyone other than a Nazi could suggest such a thing.

In the UK, men are 70% of the victims of homicide. Globally, 78.7% of homicide victims are men, though there is a less than 1% chance that even a man will die of homicide.
Links:
World Health Organization page on violence against women.
World Health Organization page on violence against men.

Today, we really need to talk about our men

Douglas · 30 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

On GBNews yesterday:

It's all your fault. For too long you have dominated society in almost every culture of the world. You are sociopathic, reckless, selfish and deficient in areas where we need you to be better. The Patriarchy, in a word, is toxic. That is how many men feel they are being spoken to today.

Born with inherent blame, an original sin. When the tragic circumstances of Sarah Everard's murder hit the headlines, there were even calls for a curfew on men, somehow lumping 50% of the population in the same category as one psychopathic and deeply evil monster.

How do we want men to react to this, what can they do?…

Video on YouTube

Into the lioness’s den: why higher education is skewed against men

Matt · 30 September 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But what about young men looking for meaningful, non-confrontational connections on campus? That scene is awfully dry. While groups like Women in STEM and Women in Business boost female students’ confidence by treating them as capable and competent professionals, college-aged men are often left with little to give their lives direction.

Don’t expect these trends to change anytime soon either. According to the Wall Street Journal, women now make up nearly 60 percent of the college population, an all-time high. While feminists might celebrate the fact that women, who once faced barriers to getting an education, are now comfortably positioned to take high-paying jobs and thus close the much derided ‘gender pay gap,’ anyone raising a son ought to be concerned.'

The Respondent: Exposing the Cartel of Family Law

Matt · 3 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Family breakdown is the single greatest threat to American society. Every day, more than 4,000 children lose a parent because of our archaic and inhumane family-court system. Every day, ten divorced men commit suicide. And now, one in three children in our country is without a father.

The Respondent is Ellis's personal story about a Hollywood dream razed by internal and external forces. Part memoir, part meditation, and part manifesto, it's a timely and heartrending portrait of perhaps the most misunderstood aspect of the American legal system. Through its candor and moral strength, The Respondent offers guidance and hope. As such, it's an indispensable read for not only parents enduring the grief of child separation, but all interested in learning about the gross overreach and unrelenting brutality of family law.'

When Male Rape Victims Are Accountable for Child Support

Matt · 4 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Older article, still good, here. Excerpt:

'When Shane Seyer was 12, he was sexually exploited by his 16-year-old babysitter Colleen Hermesmann. She became pregnant with Seyer's child in 1989 and was charged with statutory rape shortly afterward. Instead of being convicted of rape, Hermesmann was declared a juvenile offender under the non-sexual offense of "contributing to child misconduct." Seyer was subsequently court-ordered to pay child support.

In 1993, at the age of 15, Seyer appealed this decision to the Kansas Supreme Court, arguing he should not be liable for these payments. He maintained that his babysitter (Hermesmann) took advantage of him sexually when he was too young to give consent.

The Kansas Supreme Court ruled against him. The judgment stated that because Seyer initially consented to the sexual encounters and never told his parents what was happening, he was responsible for supporting the child.

This court case set a precedent for male rape victims to make child-support payments. The financial needs of the children outweigh the court's interest in deterring sexual crimes against male minors, even if statutory rape is the cause of conception.'

Nuns Raped Girls With Crucifixes as Female Pedophilia Was Covered Up by the Church

Matt · 5 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Marie" was placed in a French Catholic boarding school for "young girls from good families" when she was in the fifth grade. She remembers a nun who would come to her class every day to choose a student to help her with Mass. But the nun wasn't looking for someone to help her. She was looking for a victim.

"I was 11 and looked 9. She would choose me once every two or three times," she recalls. "She would take me to her office, lock the door, and then draw the curtains. After which she would put me on her knees to make me read the gospel according to Saint Paul or another saint, while she squeezed me with one hand to her chest and pulled down my panties with the other hand. We were of course in pleated skirts and not in pants. It terrified me and paralyzed."'

Ex-porn star allegedly kills son, 2, dumps body on supermarket counter

Matt · 5 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Hungarian porn star has been accused of fatally stabbing her 2-year-old son during a bitter custody battle — and dumping his body at the checkout counter of an Italian supermarket, according to a report.

Katalin Erzsebet Bradacs, 44, entered the Lidl chain store in Città della Pieve, a community in the central region of Umbria, on Friday and shouted for help as she placed her son Alex Juhasz's body on the counter, Newsflash reported.

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Investigators believe the motive for the gruesome crime was revenge against Alex's father, Norbert Juhasz, from whom the former adult actress was separated and with whom she had been embroiled in a nasty child custody dispute.

The father had alerted authorities in Hungary, where he lives, after an image of his dying son was reportedly sent to his cellphone via WhatsApp shortly before the woman took the child to the store, according to Newsflash.

...

Juhasz said Bradacs had fled to Italy with their son last month after a Hungarian court granted him custody of the boy.'

Feminism – Identity Politics and the Nature of Echoes

Matt · 5 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'We all need to understand identity politics breed reactive identity politics. If people claiming to speak for one group are allowed to speak loudly and effectively unchallenged long enough they will create credibility for that view both within the group they have identified (even if they did not previously self-identify) and the target other group.

The reality of a mirror of feminism arising – and no it is not MRA. MRAs speak to the harms to men and boys that are clearly and easily shown, that appear even in statistics gathered by those who have no interest in supporting men or boys. The mirror of feminism is rather MGTOW. One needs to ask – what if you merely went along and blithely accepted that feminists speak for all women as they claim? So, when we examine the reality of domestic violence, truth versus narrative, should what logical conclusion must you reach, assuming that you believe these feminists speak for all women? When you examine the reality of choice and consent, what conclusions must you reach when you start by assuming that these women -speak for all women?'

Can men ever hope for legal equality?

Douglas · 7 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

When a justice minister doesn't even understand that his police forces are implementing policies that are clearly discriminatory against men, what chance is there for the men to get equality under the law?

The UK's Justice secretary, Dominic Raab said "…of course misogyny is absolutely wrong – whether it's a man against a woman, or a woman against a man."

Misandry meaning: Correct term for 'hatred of men' explained as Dominic Raab confuses definition of misogyny — here.

Among the many people mocking Mr Raab online after he appeared to suggest misogyny could be directed against a man was former chief prosecutor Nazir Afzal. He tweeted: "If you don't know what misogyny is then you're never going to find it." — here.

Even the Huffington Post seem to be picking on the Justice Secretary, though perhaps that's because he assumes his government upholds the principle of equality:
The politician was initially asked for his opinion on PM Boris Johnson's comments that misogyny should not be a hate crime. — here.

Alex Phillips: Many feminists seem to want to punish men, it's time we supported them

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s all your fault. For too long you have dominated society in almost every culture of the world. You are sociopathic, reckless, selfish and deficient in areas where we need you to be better. The Patriarchy, in a word, is toxic. That is how many men feel they are being spoken to today.

Born with inherent blame, an original sin. When the tragic circumstances of Sarah Everard's murder hit the headlines, there were even calls for a curfew on men, somehow lumping 50% of the population in the same category as one psychopathic and deeply evil monster.

How do we want men to react to this, what can they do? Confusion is understandable.On one hand men are being told that their toxic masculinity is the root cause of all harm, while on the other hand, being encouraged not to be too metrosexual or soy, yet neither too gruff nor Neanderthal. Expected to be the perfect father, a high achiever, able to reach the top shelf and carry the furniture, grow a beard, measure over 6 foot and all the while be a true gentleman, giving up his seat for a woman.'

'I'm raising my boys not to rape - consent starts when they're little'

Mastodon · 8 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the wake of the tragic news regarding Sarah Everard, her kidnap, rape and subsequent murder I've felt compelled to share my perspective as a mother of two young boys.

A lot of the news has focused (quite rightly) on what men can do. However, I believe there is also space for everyone to examine what they can do in order to make a difference here.

More specifically, it's got me thinking about what we as parents can do.

As parents of the next generation we hold a lot of power. A constant thread through my parenting has been how to integrate my political leanings with my parenting and how I can parent my boys in ways that will raise them to be good, kind, respectful men.'

Toxic masculinity: a fair assessment of male behaviour or a dangerous generalisation?

Mastodon · 8 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Growing up, British boys are constantly told to "be a man" or to "man up", and pushed towards adopting "male" qualities such as confidence, self-sufficiency, strength, assertiveness and dominance. By themselves, these traits are not inherently toxic, indeed they can be commendable, but when they are reinforced by the often unrealistic expectations of society, young men may struggle.

We know that men are far less likely to discuss mental health problems with a medical professional. In 2017, the suicide rate for men was 3.5 times higher than it was for women and men between the ages 45-49 have the highest suicide rate in England and Wales.'

Scotland doesn't care about male victims

Douglas · 8 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

In the Scottish Parliament, Miles Briggs MSP (Conservative, Lothian), who himself has been through a sexual accusation that he was cleared of and described the experience as a "living hell", asked the First Minister if she will "investigate the possibility of establishment of family violence courts?"

Family Violence Courts are an idea promulgated through the United Nations, specifically to avoid some of the inconvenient legal safeties applied by most courts, such as the need for proof. The United Nations is where domestic abuse is defined as a 'gendered crime', so the idea is that these courts will consider any woman there as a victim and any man as an abuser.

The First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon (Scottish National Party, Glasgow Southside) responded accordingly, saying that Scotland's new Lord Advocate "has a very strong interest in ensuring that victims of domestic abuse and women who are victims of male violence get appropriate and speedy access to justice." Sturgeon does later make a passing admission that "some men experience domestic abuse" but insists that the majority of victims of domestic abuse are women, as though this makes any difference (the majority are white, the majority are Christian or atheist, the majority are under average height .. so what?).

Sturgeon finishes by emphasising the empathy gap against men: "making sure that people have access to justice is an important part of our overall approach to reducing the impact of domestic abuse and violence on women."

Scottish government official record, here.

Boys in crisis: Schools are failing young males. Here's what needs to change in classrooms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We know that boys benefit from introducing lessons through dramatic points of entry that grab their attention. We know that boys are kinesthetic learners who benefit from hands-on activities where they learn by touch, exploration and manipulation.

The absence of these opportunities during the pandemic when so many students were learning online has had a considerable impact on educational advancement, especially so for boys.

In all-boys schools and classrooms, where teachers are focused on the unique social, emotional and learning needs of boys, young men are thriving. But I'm not issuing a rallying cry to nationalize single-gender education.
...
What I am saying is that within almost any school setting there's room to improve our practices to ensure boys aren't being unintentionally marginalized or excluded. Working to make our classrooms more boy-friendly is an important step in resolving the crisis young men face in our country.'

NJ state agency asks employees to avoid speaking at all-white, all-male panels

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Article here. Excerpt:

'At least one state agency has a policy aimed at keeping its employees from presenting on panels where only white men will be speaking.

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority confirmed its existing Event Process and Governing Policy when asked about it by New Jersey 101.5. The policy has been in effect for more than a year.

“Under most circumstances, NJEDA staff should not participate when the panel/speakers are wholly comprised of white males,” a spokesperson said in a written response. “If staff are asked to participate in such a panel, they should inform the requester of NJEDA’s policy and, if appropriate, may suggest additional, diverse speakers.”

Sending a woman or a non-white male EDA staffer to take part in such a panel would adhere to the policy, the spokesperson confirmed.'

Chinese Women Are Dumping Their Boyfriends Over a Feminist Comedian

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If young women in China want to know if their male partners support gender equality, there is a good way to find out: talk to them about Yang Li, a stand-up comedian who has turned into a feminist icon for her mockery of men.

Several female comedians have, since last year, gained fame during the stand-up contest Rock & Roast, a new cultural moment in China's male-dominated comedy scene. Among them, Yang made the most direct, controversial jokes about men.

The 29-year-old famously called men "average yet confident," a comment on men's egos women found so accurate that it became a hot meme instantly. She joked that if a man proposed to her, he probably just wanted to beat her up—a reference to the domestic violence that often goes unpunished in China. Facing criticism, she said men turned frenzied and hysterical when they were unhappy, "just like women."

...

Kristen Liu (she is not related to Wendy), a 20-year-old law student in the southwestern city of Chongqing, also broke up with her ex-boyfriend this year following an intense debate over Yang. The man, she said, called Yang "sick" and found her jokes insulting.'

Women better suited to pursue science: IMD Hyderabad Director

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Having overcome every challenge thrown her way, Dr K Nagaratna, the first Director of India Meteorological Department, Hyderabad, is an advocate for female empowerment. Opining that the scientific field needs more women, the eminent scientist argues that women are better suited to do science.

Any stream of science requires patience. “You have to observe your subjects for weeks, sometimes even months. Then record the findings meticulously and file the final results. All these activities need someone focused and dedicated,” she points out.'

South Africa: JSC lets politics trump conscience and excellence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The present incarnation of the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) moves the goalposts so often that candidates for appointment to the bench sometimes appear to find themselves with a football on a golf fairway.

During the rerun of interviews last week for positions at the Constitutional Court, senior counsel Dali Mpofu questioned the candidature of two white men – advocate Alan Dodson SC and Gauteng high court judge David Unterhalter – and suggested their appointment would hinder transformation. This was despite the court, for the first time in its history, not having any white men on its bench. Consequently, the constitutional requirement that the court “broadly” reflects the demographics of South Africa did not exclude either of them.

On paper, the candidates’ careers as public interest lawyers (and experience in other fields of law that could bolster capacity at the Constitutional Court); their jurisprudence in the high court, land claims court and Supreme Court of Appeal; and adjudicative work at international bodies like the World Trade Organization and United Nations suggested they were “fit and proper”.'

UK: Teachers call for misogyny lessons in ‘national strategy’ to stop sexist attitudes among boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Teachers and equality campaigners have called on the Government to set out a “national strategy” including lessons on gender inequality to stop boys developing misogynistic attitudes in school.

The call comes in the wake of the murder of Sarah Everard, as well as the Everyone’s Invited campaign, which highlighted the sexual harassment and abuse of girls and women earlier in the year.

Rosamund McNeill, the assistant general secretary of the UK’s biggest teaching union, the National Education Union, told i that recent events had to be a “wake-up call”.'

Mayor de Blasio Announces $120 Million Investment in Girls' Empowerment Center in Brownsville

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mayor de Blasio today announced a $120 million investment in the renovation of the Brownsville Multi-Service Center into a state-of-the-art girls' empowerment center and community hub for east Brooklyn. The current building, which will undergo a complete demolition in 2023, will transform the site into a home for science, technology, art, dance, and cultural programming for young girls across the borough.

"There's no better investment for our future than giving girls a safe, positive, and engaging place to learn and grow. I'm proud to deliver on that promise today," said Mayor Bill de Blasio. "This center will build the next generation of leaders in Brownsville and across our city, and it's a powerful step toward building a recovery for all of us."'

Dickinson strikes plan to cut women's varsity squash following threat of Title IX suit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dickinson College has axed plans to eliminate women's squash as a varsity sport after a threat of legal action based on Title IX.

In a letter sent Wednesday to the college community, Dickinson President John E. Jones III said "the college has decided to change its earlier decision, and that women's squash will continue as a varsity sport going forward."

Men's squash is still planned to be cut as a varsity program and move to club status for the next school year.'

Nobel Prize Foundation under fire for rejecting ethnic, gender quotas

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Nobel Prize Foundation is facing pushback after saying it would not implement gender or ethnicity quotas in selecting nominees. Only 59 women, or 6.2% of total winners, have ever received a Nobel Prize since its inception in 1901.

Göran Hansson, the secretary-general of the Royal Swedish Academy of Science and vice chairman of the board of directors for the Nobel Foundation, told the AFP in an interview published on Tuesday: “We have decided we will not have quotas for gender or ethnicity. We want every laureate [to] be accepted ... because they made the most important discovery, and not because of gender or ethnicity. And that is in line with the spirit of Alfred Nobel’s last will.”

UN Women, the UN branch dedicated to promoting gender equality around the world, criticized Hansson, saying in a statement, “Unfortunately, the underrepresentation of women Nobel laureates over the years is just another indicator of the slow progress on gender equality.”'

UK: Guys: do you recognise yourself in our 60 second That Guy campaign film?

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Video here.

"Most guys don't look in the mirror & see a problem. But it's staring us in the face. Sexual violence begins long before you think it does."

SCOTUS changed oral arguments in part because female justices were interrupted, Sotomayor says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Justice Sonia Sotomayor told an audience Wednesday that recent changes in the format of oral arguments were instituted in part after studies emerged showing that female justices on the court were interrupted more by male justices and advocates.

Sotomayor said the studies, including one by researchers Tonja Jacoby and Dylan Schweers in 2017, have had an "enormous impact" and led to Chief Justice John Roberts being "much more sensitive" to ensuring that people were not interrupted or at least that he would play referee if needed.

She also said that it is a dynamic that exists not only on the court but in society as well.'

"Most of the time women say things and they are not heard in the same way as men who might say the identical thing," she said.

Opinion: Make misogyny a hate crime and let's all vow to end it

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The individual abuser is always to blame for their crimes but those who ignored the multiple red flags, such as with Sarah Everard's murderer such as his interest in violent pornography, knowing that he was nicknamed "The Rapist" and his indecent exposure incidents, all share collective responsibility for allowing that culture of misogyny to blossom and thrive.

It is not good enough to just denounce them as 'bad apples' or say that they're 'monsters' when in truth they are not and pretending otherwise is a fallacy.

Yes they are at the extreme end of the scale but they're not a special breed - they're all someone's father, friend, husband, brother, colleague or son.
...
But this cultural change needs to come from the top, too. Misogyny absolutely should be classed as a hate crime, particularly as the rise of the INCEL movement has been found comparable to other forms of domestic terrorism.'

Woman accused of killing ex was recently fired due to 'incident' with him, affidavit says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The woman accused of gunning down an ex-boyfriend who is also the father of her son had recently threatened the victim and been fired from her job at the same post office where he worked due to "an incident" between the two of them, an affidavit for arrest from Longmont Police Services (LPS) says.

The document identifies the victim as 33-year-old Jason Schaefer.

Devan Schreiner, 26, is accused of shooting him in the face as he delivered mail around 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday. She faces first-degree murder charges.'

‘A Walk In Her Shoes’ marches toward healthy masculinity

Mastodon · 16 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The second annual Walk in Her Shoes event was kicked off at Cope Fountain last Wednesday. Male identifying students, UNK faculty and staff walked around while wearing women’s high heels.

This year, the event happened in the midst of homecoming week.

“October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and with this event, we also touch on gender violence,” said Luis Olivas, UNK Gender and Sexuality Resource officer. “Walk in Her Shoes is a collaboration between my office and Fraternity and Sorority Life to encourage the male-identifying leaders, faculty and staff, as well as students to literally put on heels and walk in women’s shoes for 10 or 15 minutes.”
...
“This is a time for them to think about the experiences that our female counterparts go through every day like mansplaining or catcalling,” Olivas said. “We as men might not realize these things on a day-to-day basis, but by putting ourselves in their shoes, we try to gain an understanding.”'

Study pinpoints three markers of masculinity that are associated with the likelihood of lying

Mastodon · 17 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A study published in Frontiers in Psychology has identified three masculine physical traits that are associated with the likelihood of lying or telling the truth in strategic communication. In a sender-receiver game in the lab, men with a higher facial width-to-height ratio engaged in more deception, while those with a higher ratio between the lengths of the index and ring fingers engaged in more truth-telling.

Economic exchanges, policy making, and business operations all depend on honest communication between various people. While there are certainly times when it is advantageous to deceive others, studies have revealed that many people seem averse to telling lies even when telling the truth comes at a personal cost.

A research team sought to uncover biological markers that might explain individual differences in truth-telling during strategic communication. The researchers opted to focus on three markers of masculinity, since men tend to occupy a larger share of the roles in environments where strategic communication is common, such as firms and financial agencies. There has also been evidence that sex hormones play a role in moral decision-making.'

Male Workers Allowed Into Baldwin, Unsettling Residents

Mastodon · 18 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The next day, I waited apprehensively. The workers began installing in common spaces, and I could see immediately that they were all men. It was clear that the College had not made a special request that male workers not be allowed onto the upper floors of Baldwin. Predicting when they would reach my room was pure guesswork. I was trying to anticipate whether I would be in class when they arrived, or if I'd have to welcome strangers into my room only to be ejected to allow them space to work.

I couldn't help but think that, though there were other dorms affected by the installation, Baldwin Cottage was one of the worst places for it to occur. There are myriad reasons to want to be housed in Baldwin Cottage, but many people — myself included — choose to live there for an added degree of privacy and a feeling of safety and protection. A significant portion of students choose to live in Baldwin because they are victims of sexual assault or abuse, have suffered past invasions of privacy, or have some other reason to fear cisgender men.'

He's in the kitchen, bleeding to death. Can I get my coat?

Mastodon · 19 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Chilling footage shows the moment a pensioner was arrested in her M&S pyjamas while refusing to help her 'abusive' husband as he lay dying on the kitchen floor.

Penelope Jackson, 66, calmly talks police through what she allegedly did to David Jackson, 78, after they arrived at their home in Berrow, Somerset.

She gives horrifying remarks to the officers including 'if there's any luck you'll be too late', 'I should have stabbed him a bit more' and 'I might go and stab him again'.'

But during her arrest Jackson appears more concerned with retrieving her coat and slippers from her house, which she repeatedly asks officers for.

The defendant told Bristol Crown Court today she stabbed him after becoming 'petrified' by violence she was subjected to throughout their marriage.

She claimed she 'walked on eggshells' and 'lived with a knot in my stomach' and told the jury: 'I didn't know if I was waking up to nice David or nasty David.'

Colorado School Board Candidate Says ‘We Do Not Need a White Man Sitting On Our Board’

Mastodon · 20 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fox News’ America Reports played on Wednesday a soundbite of a recent school board candidates’ forum in Colorado where a woman said that the school board doesn’t “need a white man” on it.

“First time in the 70-year history of this district that we have five women sitting on the board,” said Kelly Bates, who is a candidate for a seat on the Cherry Creek School District’s board, at a candidate’s forum on Oct. 8. “I think it speaks to the times that we are living in.”

“I also believe that we have diversity. I don’t think we need a man to be on our board just because he’s a man,” she continued. “We have cultural diversity. We have two black women who sit on our board. We are not all wealthy white women who sit at home eating bonbons all day.”

“No, we do not need a white man sitting on our board,” added Bates.'

Biden's controversial Ed Dept nominee Catherine Lhamon confirmed amid expected Title IX due process rollback

Mastodon · 20 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'President Biden's controversial Department of Education nominee Catherine Lhamon was confirmed by the Senate amid a nationwide battle against critical race theory and an expected rollback of Trump-era Title IX regulations.

The Senate voted to confirm Lhamon as the department's assistant secretary of civil rights on Wednesday in a 51-50 vote along party lines with Vice President Harris casting the tie-breaking vote.

Lhamon's confirmation had its fair share of controversy over her view of Title IX regulations implemented under former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos that required colleges to presume innocent students accused of sexual misconduct on campus until proven guilty.'

Stone: Young Men Are Avoiding College. Let's Build Them Something Better

Mastodon · 20 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, two higher education stories rocked the news.

One was a video from Arizona State University, where two young men studying quietly on campus were aggressively harassed on video and told to leave by activist Sarra Tekola because one had a "Police Lives Matter" sticker on his laptop. Arizona Senate candidate Blake Masters called for the harassers' expulsion, and Arizona Congressman Paul Gosar tweeted, "I love ASU but this needs to stop."

Just weeks before, The Wall Street Journal released a lengthy report entitled "A Generation of American Men Give Up on College." The gender gap between total women and men enrolled this year grew to 60%/40%, while the total number of college students decreased by 1.5 million.

Given the open hostility they experience, American men avoiding campus is no coincidence — and it's become an institutional crisis for higher education. But it could also be an opportunity for men to forge new paths after high school. With mounting student debt, degree inflation, "wokeness" in the classroom and COVID restrictions that have long outlived their usefulness, there is no better time for men to vote with their feet and avoid the "four-year mistake" that has been the default for decades.'

Nominees for a science award were all white men. Nobody won

Mastodon · 22 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Five of the nation's top ice scientists found themselves in a conundrum.

They'd been tasked with a formidable job: reviewing candidates for the American Geophysical Union's fellows program, the most prestigious award given by the world's largest earth and space science society. But when the group looked at its list of candidates, all nominated by peers, it spotted a problem.

Every nominee on the list was a white man.

"That was kind of a bit of a showstopper for me," said Helen Fricker, a glaciologist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and one of the five committee members.

The AGU fellows program, established nearly 60 years ago, recognizes members who have made exceptional contributions to their fields through scientific innovation, breakthroughs and discoveries. It's a high honor. Fellows often serve as "external experts, capable of advising government agencies and other organizations outside the sciences upon request," according to AGU.

The selection process this past spring was an arduous, careful operation from beginning to end.

Candidates, typically middle- or senior-level scientists, are first nominated by peers. The nominees are divided into groups with 20 or 30 names, and then organized by scientific disciplines within AGU — atmospheric sciences, ocean sciences, planetary sciences and so on.'

Self-petitioning for a green card under Violence Against Women Act

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Q. Can I self-petition for my green card under the Violence Against Women Act if my husband is a permanent resident, but not a U.S. citizen?

Name withheld, Brooklyn

A. You can self-petition for your green card. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petitioning is available to spouses of U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

VAWA was enacted to protect spouses of U.S. citizens and permanent residents from spousal abuse. Before VAWA, a spouse petitioner could use the threat of withdrawing the petition to inflict abuse on a spouse seeking legal status.

To get your green card under VAWA, you must prove that you married your husband in good faith. That is, that your marriage wasn't just so you could get a green card. And you must prove that you are the victim of spousal abuse (or that your husband was abusive to your child).

The abuse can be mental or physical. If your husband has been mentally abusive, such as using the fact that he has petitioned for you to make your life miserable, you should get an evaluation from a mental health professional. Get expert legal help.'

Students sue Texas school district for banning long hair on boys

Matt · 22 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'School officials suspended a 9-year-old boy for a month, barred him from recess and normal lunch breaks as punishment for long hair, the lawsuit claims.

He and the other students, aged 7 to 17, say the policy violates the constitution and Title IX - a federal law prohibiting sex discrimination.

The school district said on Thursday it was reviewing the lawsuit.
...
The suit, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas (ACLU) on Thursday on behalf of the students, argues the school district "imposed immense and irreparable harm... solely because of these students' gender".

It details a number of punishments given to the students - six boys and one non-binary child - for wearing long hair.'

Fact Sheet: National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The strategy identifies ten interconnected priorities: 1) economic security; 2) gender-based violence; 3) health; 4) education; 5) justice and immigration; 6) human rights and equality under the law; 7) security and humanitarian relief; 8) climate change; 9) science and technology; and 10) democracy, participation, and leadership. These priorities are inherently linked and must be tackled in concert.
...
Promote the leadership of women and girls in addressing the challenge of climate change and seek to close gender gaps in STEM fields so that women and girls can shape the workforce of the future.'

Boys in crisis: Schools are failing young males. Here's what needs to change in classrooms

UK: Boys will be boys: are schools guilty of unconscious gender bias?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Teachers rewarded girls more than boys when estimating marks for this year's Leaving Certificate students, according to a recent report by the State Examinations Commission (SEC). And it wasn't down to the fact that girls did better than boys, the report suggests, but partly linked to "unconscious bias" in favour of girls.'

Police Scotland's 'Don't be that guy' campaign against male violence should help men understand their power

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Article here. Excerpt:

'No doubt some men will get defensive about Police Scotland's campaign, arguing – rightly – that the majority of men are not sexually violent. But the truth is that women and girls fear men.

Men don't fully understand how their physical strength, their masculinity, can repel a woman just as it can attract her, nor do they properly appreciate how much their blokey banter can intimidate women.

Any effort to help men understand the power of their sex is welcome. But it is up to men to change how they behave. Women have had enough.'

Biden says 'women are becoming — not a joke — better educated than men' as male college enrollment drops

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When touting his economic agenda in his hometown of Scranton, Pennsylvania, President Joe Biden expressed concern for a trend that has been gaining steam recently — the drop in college enrollment among men.

"Women are becoming — not a joke — better educated than men," Biden said during his remarks. "I do about five college commencements a year. Four of those five, the valedictorian out of those classes for the last 10 years has been a woman. And if you read the data now, we're worried about the number of men attending college."

At the end of the last academic year, women made up 59.5% of college students while men made up just 40.5%, according to enrollment data from the National Student Clearinghouse, and US colleges have seen a 1.5 million decline in students enrolled over the past five years, with men accounting for 71% of that decline.'

SA: 'Women only' court directive in Johannesburg just an experiment, says judiciary

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'A directive issued this week by a South Gauteng High Court judge, which stated that female and gender non-conforming people could enter his courtroom while men had to wait outside until called in, was merely a once-off experiment on access control, the judiciary said on Friday.

In the unopposed motion roll dated 20 October 2021, before Judge Gregory Charles Wright, he instructed male litigants to wait outside his courtroom until they were called in.

"Only litigants in person and practitioners who are women and practitioners who identify as gender non-conforming may enter the courtroom. Men practitioners to wait outside the courtroom until called in," read the top of the court roll.'

UK: St Albans Liberal Democrats call for royal commission

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'Liberal Democrats on St Albans council are spearheading a call for the government and police leaders to take urgent action to curb male violence against women and girls.

In a motion to be debated by the full council on Wednesday, October 13, they are pressing for Chris White, the leader of St Albans in Hertfordshire council, to write to the home secretary and prime minister to demand a royal commission into male violence against women.

The letter will also call for misogyny to be ruled as a hate crime and for increased investment in victims' services.'

UK: Tweets supporting Accused Muderer Penelope Jackson

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Penelope Jackson, 66, stabbed David Jackson, 78, three times with a kitchen knife just hours after they fought during a meal to celebrate her birthday.

Mr Jackson, a retired lieutenant colonel, was first stabbed across the chest in a bedroom of the home they shared in Berrow, Somerset, on the night of 13 February this year.

She then stabbed him twice more in the kitchen while he was on the phone calling for help.

Jackson took over the call, telling the operator, "he's in the kitchen bleeding to death, with any luck" - repeatedly acknowledging what she had done as she refused to give emergency aid.

She denies murder but admits killing her husband.'

Lego bans sex for children, promotes sexuality for children

Douglas · 23 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

The latest target in the endless battle against ‘harmful gender stereotypes’ is toys.

You can still walk through a shopping mall and find shops for men's clothes and shops for women's clothes but when it comes to children, it seems they are not allowed to be a boy or a girl. But they are allowed to know about sexual feelings for boys or girls.

Some stereotypes can be harmful, especially if assumed to apply to all individuals. But all too often those behind these campaigns and initiatives want to do away with distinctions of sex altogether. LEGO, for instance, has said it will no longer market any of its products ‘for girls’ or ‘for boys’. The company has announced that it will work to “remove gender stereotypes” from its toys. On its website shoppers can no longer search for products by sex.

Yet earlier in the same year Lego released its “first LGBTQ+ set”.

Is it not a sad sign of the times that LGBT people get their own LEGO set, but sets for boys and girls are banned? Sexuality, it seems, is acceptable to the woke companies, but the difference between the sexes, that sexuality definitions rely upon, are banned.

Megyn Kelly says her son's school taught third graders about puberty blockers and getting their genitals 'chopped off'

Mastodon · 24 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Megyn Kelly said that her son's school was teaching third-grade boys about puberty blockers so they can have their genitals "chopped off."

“OK, so they unleashed a three-week experimental transgender education program on our boys,” Kelly said during The Megyn Kelly Show podcast on Tuesday.
...
“One of our fellow parents, a man, raised his hand and said, ‘Why did my son come home’ — these are third graders, 8- and 9-year-olds — ‘Why did my son come home and asks if it’s true that he can take a pill to prevent puberty , and then, when he turns 18, he can have his penis chopped off if he wants to become a woman?’” Kelly recounted.'

Concerned dads patrol high school, spate of fights suddenly end: 'People started going to class'

Matt · 24 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Louisiana fathers are taking matters into their own hands after repeated violence broke out in one school, where 23 students were arrested over just a three-day period.

"We're dads. We decided the best people who can take care of our kids are who? Are us," father Michael LaFitte told CBS News.

LaFitte launched a group called Dads on Duty, sparking 40 fathers to sign up and take shifts at Southwood High School in Shreveport to maintain a peaceful environment.
...
The outlet noted that there have been no instances of violence since Dads on Duty launched in September, and some students said their presence has helped the environment at the school.

"I immediately felt a form of safety," one of the students said. "We stopped fighting; people started going to class."
...
The fathers said they will keep with the program indefinitely and would like to start chapters throughout Louisiana and even the country.

"Because not everybody has a father figure at home – or a male, period, in their life. So just to be here makes a big difference," the dads told CBS.'

Some colleges are practicing 'affirmative action' for boys, since more girls apply, education experts say

Mastodon · 25 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Researchers have been sorting out a paradox for decades: If US employers favor men with a college degree, why is that demographic shrinking?

New data from the National Student Clearinghouse, a nonprofit research group, suggests that the gender gap in higher education is the highest it's ever been: Men made up just 40% of college students during the 2020-21 school year, while women made up around 60%. Men also accounted for more than 70% of the decline in students at US colleges and universities over the last five years.

In an attempt to keep the gender ratio somewhat even in their student bodies, some private colleges are now accepting a higher portion of their male applicants than their female ones, the Wall Street Journal recently reported.
...
The reasons for this admissions discrepancy are manifold, but education researchers cite two factors in particular. First, the US education system prioritizes rule-following and organization over active learning, and second, there's a shortage of male teachers and college counselors — particularly men of color. Neither of those factors is new, but changes in the labor market over the last four decades have given them new significance.'

Prosecutor: No charges against 2 MSU football players accused of sexual assault

Mastodon · 25 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office will not prosecute two unnamed Michigan State University football players accused in January 2021 of sexually assaulting a female student.

The Oct. 18 denial comes more than six months after Michigan State University police forwarded their investigative report to the prosecutor's office, Ingham County Prosecutor's office spokesman Scott Hughes confirmed Monday. The development was first reported by the Lansing State Journal.

A federal judge last week dismissed a case filed by one of the accused athletes because the player did not include his name in the filing and instead filed under "John Doe."

The athlete had filed against the university and its athletic department, arguing that his Title IX rights were violated when he was suspended from the football team during the investigation.'

Skidmore vows Title IX changes as students 'out' alleged abusers online

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Skidmore College officials have promised to reform the way they handle reports of sexual violence after approximately 300 students walked out of class in protest following a student's claim that she was forced to leave campus for posting about her assault online.

For more than two hours on Wednesday afternoon, students testified through a bullhorn about gender-based violence they experienced on campus, stories that point to widespread distrust in Skidmore's Title IX procedures. The federal Title IX law prohibits gender-based discrimination at educational institutions that receive federal funding.

...

When students, protected by the anonymity of the app, began naming their alleged abusers, it divided the campus, sparking a debate on how to balance due process with safety concerns.'

Australia: Bill requiring affirmative sexual consent introduced in NSW parliament

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A historic overhaul of sexual consent laws in NSW is a step closer to reality after proposed legislation requiring an affirmative model of consent was introduced to NSW parliament.

Under the reform, people will need to take active steps to establish whether another person wants to have sex before engaging in the act.

NSW Attorney-General Mark Speakman, who announced the change in May, and says it is a common-sense reform that will make sexual consent laws easier for everybody.

"If you want to have sex with someone, then you need to do or say something to find out if they want to have sex with you too - under our reforms, it's that simple," Mr Speakman said.'

SUNY failed to protect man from harassment after rape claim, suit says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Queens man falsely accused of on-campus sexual assault is suing SUNY-Purchase for mishandling the incident and ruining his reputation.

The encounter unfolded in April 2017 at the State University of New York at Purchase, when the male student, identified in court papers only as John Doe, and the unnamed female classmate ended up in bed together after sharing wine with several others, according to court papers.

The woman later reported the incident to school police, and administrators eventually found John Doe had failed to get her “affirmative” consent, even though she’d asked John Doe to get a condom and helped remove her own clothes, according to his legal filing.

In March, a state appeals court overturned SUNY Purchase’s decision, finding it wasn’t backed by “substantial evidence.”'

Scottish trade union leaders condemned after vote on women-only services

Mastodon · 26 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The STUC's women's conference, which represents 500,000 workers, today voted down the proposal after it was tabled by the Paisley & District Trades Union Council.

The motion said there had been a "dilution of single sex services supporting vulnerable women and girls… promoted by most of Scotland's leading women's organisations.

"Many workers and users of frontline services are concerned about this trend."

It noted Equality Law allowed for men to be excluded from certain services such as support facilities for women who have been victims of domestic violence.

It called on the conference to "support the application of the exclusion of men to services specifically tailored to women" and to "condemn the missteps of leading women's organisations within Scotland to protect this important provision… therefore failing to protect vulnerable service users and children".

It also said the conference should "vow to defend women only services" and campaign for an extension of women-only services, based on needs.'

UK: Pub in Nottingham will hold weekly 'girls only' night with all female staff after spate of reports of women being spiked with needles

Mastodon · 26 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A pub in Nottingham said it will ban men for one night a week after reports of women being spiked by injection while out clubbing in the city.

The Playwright, which is near Nottingham Trent University's city campus, will have its first girls-only night on November 3.

All the staff working that night will also only be women.

Josh Wheelhouse, the manager of the pub, told Nottinghamshire Live: 'We are just very excited to do it.

'I have already spoken to a couple of societies at Nottingham Trent University, and we will actually organise workshops to educate women on what to do in situations that would put them at risk.'

Mr Wheelhouse said he was initially unsure whether to introduce the ban on men because he was afraid people would see him as 'the guy who is trying to make money out of this terrifying thing that happens to women'.

However, he said: 'I needed to do something.

'I do not think it is fair for women to stay home.

'We should be the ones to do that."

White male marketing VP at North Carolina hospital wins $10 million 'reverse discrimination' payout

Matt · 27 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A white male marketing vice president from a North Carolina has been awarded a $10million 'reverse discrimination' payout from the hospital which fired him and replaced him with two women, one of whom is black.

David Duvall sued Novant Health in North Carolina, where he'd worked for five years as the Senior Vice President of Marketing and Communications, and was lauded by colleagues and supervisors, in 2018.

He says he was inexplicably terminated just days before reaching his five year work anniversary, a milestone that would have awarded him a higher severance payout than what he was given.

He was replaced by two women - Kate Everett, a white woman who had worked with him and was promoted to take the role of Chief PR and Communications Officer and Vicky Free, a black woman who was given the role of Chief Marketing Officer.

Duvall, in his complaint, said that while both women were qualified for the job, they were no more qualified than he was.'

Study shows discrimination against men in occupations that are dominated by women

Douglas · 27 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

This is a partial translation from a German article on MANNdat:

Even more studies that show that men are disadvantaged when applying because of their gender. This time from Sweden, Switzerland and the USA.

The study from Sweden
Researchers have examined the extent of gender discrimination in Sweden in different occupations. The analysis of employer responses to more than 3,200 fictitious applications in 15 professions showed that male applicants received less positive responses than female applicants. Male applicants in female-dominated professions were about half as likely to receive a positive answer from their employer as female applicants. For male-dominated and mixed occupations, the researchers found no significant differences in positive employer responses between male and female applicants.

The PsyPost (https://www.psypost.org/2021/05/swedish-study-suggests-hiring-discrimination-is-primarily-a-problem-for-men-in-female-dominated-occupations-60699 , access 11.5.2021) writes:

1. The researchers examined data from three previous studies that systematically sent fictitious applications to real employers with vacancies to measure employment discrimination - a scientific technique known as the correspondence test. For each application, the researchers noted whether the fictitious applicant received an answer and, if so, what the answer was.
   3,200 fictitious applications for 15 different professions were sent, including four male-dominated professions - car mechanic, delivery / truck driver, IT developer and warehouse worker - and six women-dominated professions - customer service, cleaning, childcare, accountant, preschool teacher and registered nurse . Other occupations included B2B sales, telemarketing, cook, waiter and saleswoman.
   Granberg and his colleagues found that women had, on average, higher positive employer response rates than men, an effect that was mainly due to female-dominated occupations. There was no evidence of discrimination against women in male-dominated or mixed-sex occupations, but the researchers found evidence of discrimination against men in female-dominated occupations.

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US-Study
In 2019, a US study examined how gender-specific and class-specific characteristics of occupations affect recruitment practices and create discrimination based on the gender of applicants. Data from employees (N = 3,044 CVs) and from blue-collar workers (N = 3,258 CVs) as well as from analyzes of more than 3,000 job advertisements were analyzed. The early recruitment practices of employers were examined on the basis of two gender-specific occupational dimensions: (1) gender composition (male or female dominated occupations) and (2) gender stereotyping (masculinized or feminized occupations, based on the characteristics that employers emphasize in job advertisements indicate a polarization in the selection, in which the discrimination against female applicants in male-dominated and masculinized jobs is concentrated only in the working class, while discrimination against male applicants occurs more frequently and occurs in female-dominated and feminized jobs in both white-collar and blue-collar positions. Interestingly, the discrimination between male and female applicants - depending on the classified context - increases if these professional dimensions point in the same gender-specific direction (e.g. female-dominated positions that also contain feminized job advertisements). while discrimination against male applicants occurs more frequently and occurs in female-dominated and feminized workplaces in both white-collar and blue-collar settings. Interestingly, the discrimination between male and female applicants - depending on the classified context - increases if these professional dimensions point in the same gender-specific direction (e.g.

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Quelle: Jill E Yavorsky: Uneven Patterns of Inequality: An Audit Analysis of Hiring-Related Practices by Gendered and Classed Contexts, Social Forces, Volume 98, Issue 2, December 2019, Pages 461–492, https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soy123

Discrimination by fathers when looking for work

These results complement our already presented studies on the disadvantage of men in application processes. A Europe-wide study by a German-Dutch team showed ethnic discrimination and a bonus for women when applying. (Source: Tilman Weigel “Dear Julia than Yusuf: How names and origins influence the chance of a job”, statistician blog, April 2, 2021 http://www.statistiker-blog.de/archives/wie-herkunft-die -jobchportunities-influenced / 6354.html , accessed 7.4.2021

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Adam Levine Responds to Criticism of His Onstage Reaction After Female Fan Grabbed Him During Maroon 5 Concert

Mastodon · 28 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Adam Levine doesn't want fans to think the singer is in misery when he's around them.

After a concertgoer jumped onstage and grabbed him in the middle of Maroon 5's Los Angeles show over the weekend, the star took to his Instagram Story on Tuesday, Oct. 26 to defend his reaction against apparent claims that he views the group's fans as "beneath" him. The incident took place during the band's performance at the Hollywood Bowl's We Can Survive event on Saturday, Oct. 23.'

Women’s and gender studies professor on white people: 'I want to say ... we got to take these motherf---kers out'

Mastodon · 29 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A professor at Rutgers University said that white people can’t afford to have children and “kind of deserve it” in a September virtual conference hosted by a prominent black-oriented publication.

Brittney Cooper, a professor of women’s and gender studies and Africana studies at Rutgers, made the statement during a session of the Root Institute conference.
...
Cooper cited the rise in the cost of living as the reason white people aren’t having children, saying, “White people’s birth rates are going down … because they literally cannot afford to put their children, newer generations, into the middle class … It’s super perverse, and also they kind of deserve it.”

Cooper also said that she wants to say, “We gotta take these motherf*****s out,” but that she can’t because “I don’t believe in a project of violence” and that “our souls would suffer” from doing so.'

The White House's gender strategy demands bold global action

Mastodon · 30 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While we appreciate the whole-of-government approach with gender-based budgeting and efforts to close the gender data gap, we would have liked to have seen greater reference to gender impact assessments that need to be utilized at levels and stages of policy and program design and implementation. Another approach that we would recommend is using quotas and targets to accelerate change towards diversity goals. This would include mandating that senior leadership positions that have never been filled by women or people from underrepresented backgrounds be filled only by those groups, for example by mandating women-only shortlists.'

Women-Only Parking Lot Spaces Divide Opinion Online: 'Flashing Green Light for Creeps'

Mastodon · 30 October 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A TikTok video showing female-designated parking spaces has sparked a debate about women's safety.

User @natashagallier shared a clip of the parking lot in Perth, Western Australia, on Wednesday. Her footage showed pink signs reading "Kindly reserve this bay for female drivers," as well as walls and columns painted pink to demarcate the spaces.
...
The spaces were introduced by local authorities in Perth in 2016. The multi-story parking lot in the city center has 28 "female friendly" bays located near the entrance and exits. The areas also have upgraded lighting, additional CCTV surveillance and assistance intercoms.

Men aren't fined if they park in the bays but are encouraged to follow the guidance.

Opinions were divided about the spaces when they were introduced. The president of the National Council of Women Australia, Barbara Baikie, told news.com.au in April 2016: "I understand why that may be necessary to keep women safe, but I would think this is just a Band-Aid solution.

"A much better solution would be to educate young men to respect women and not attack them."'

Ex-NYPD Cop Who Ordered $7,000 Hit on Ex-Hubby Gets 4 Years

Mastodon · 1 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Valeria Cincinelli, an ex-NYPD officer, was sentenced to four years in prison Friday as she wept and apologized for her plot to hire a hitman for $7,000 to take out her ex-husband and her current boyfriend's teenage daughter. Capturing 37-year-old cop involved roping in her boyfriend, John DiRubba, as an informant and the FBI staging the death of Cincinelli's ex, Isaiah Carvalho, complete with crime scene photos. Carvalho asked the judge to give her the full five years. His attorney said, "He's gonna be looking over his shoulder... I think her tears are because she got caught. I don't think they're because she's remorseful." Cincinelli reportedly cried as she told the court: "I apologize from the bottom of my heart. I acknowledge I was wrong, and I accept responsibility."'

Sen. Josh Hawley says liberals' attacks on manhood are driving men to pornography and video games

Matt · 2 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Less the particulars of what he's saying, more the fact that he's bringing up men's well-being as an issue at a poitical rally makes this story sigificant. Excerpt:

'Missouri Republican Sen. Josh Hawley on Sunday night told fellow conservatives they must stop liberals from attacking masculinity and creating a nation of "idle men" who watch pornography and play video games instead of working and raising families.

Hawley delivered the speech on the "future of the American man" at the National Conservatism Conference in Orlando, calling for a return to traditional gender roles. He said liberals' "attempt to give us a world beyond men" was part of their larger effort to "deconstruct America," an endeavor that, according to the senator, includes critical race theory, economic socialism and doing away with the concept of gender altogether.

"The Left want to define traditional masculinity as toxic. They want to define the traditional masculine virtues - things like courage and independence and assertiveness - as a danger to society," Hawley said.'

Biden gender equity plan misses mark

Mastodon · 2 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Google the first paragraph text to jump the paywall.
Excerpt:

'The introductory letter cautions against rebuilding to "a status quo that wasn't working for women and girls." There is no question that women still face gender-based disadvantages, particularly when it comes to balancing paid employment and family obligations. The COVID-19 pandemic spotlighted some of these problems: The closings of schools and day care centers disproportionately affected working mothers, and safety-related restrictions in the service industry affected female workers more. In 2020, women's labor force participation dropped by 3.4%, compared to 2.8% for men.

But the Biden/Harris "strategy" resolutely ignores male disadvantages. Thus, the document repeatedly mentions areas in which Black and Latina women fare poorly, but never acknowledges that Black men have the highest unemployment rate — currently 11.6%, compared to 9% for Black women.

Likewise, there is a discussion of Black women and girls being disproportionately affected by incarceration and police violence, with no mention of men of all races being far more likely to experience both. While males obviously commit more crimes, there is also evidence that they receive harsher sentences than women — and have 20 times the risk of being killed by the police. Yet the report mentions male incarceration only inasmuch as it affects communities.'

Men with ‘golden penis syndrome’ are ruining sex and dating for women

Mastodon · 2 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Beware of the college grad cad!

Men with college degrees have become so cocky that they’re ruining romance for their female counterparts, one “leading expert” alleges.

Just 40.5% of college students in the United States are male, according to the National Student Clearinghouse, meaning they’re in short supply and high demand when dating on campus.

A lack of competition has led these men to develop “golden penis syndrome” — an arrogance that stems from the assumption that a steady supply of females will be sexually interested in them.

“Golden penis syndrome” has led these smug males to engage in dastardly dating practices, such as cheating and ghosting, because they’re confident that another woman will always be waiting around the corner.'

UK: Primary school asks boys (and teachers) to wear skirts to class to 'promote equality'

Mastodon · 4 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A primary school has asked boys as well as girls as young as three to go in today wearing skirts – to ‘promote equality’.

But the request from Castleview Primary in Edinburgh has been criticised by some parents.

It follows a similar move in Spain where teachers and children have worn skirts to show solidarity with a boy who was expelled for wearing one last year.

November 4 is now ‘wear a skirt to school day’ in Spain.

An email to parents from Castleview said it wanted children to be ‘comfortable’ taking part and that trousers and leggings could be worn under the skirts if needed.

It even offered to provide skirts for some youngsters if none were suitable at home. Teachers can wear skirts too.

One mother called Megan with a son at the school tweeted: ‘My son is five and just got this from the school! Let kids be kids.’

Another Twitter user called Nicola replied: ‘If a boy wants to wear a skirt to school, he should be allowed, but why put pressure on people to ask their son to wear a skirt or be seen as some sort of bigot?"

Man was forced out of Leicester university job for calling out 'no middle-aged white men' jibe

Mastodon · 6 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A man working for the University of Leicester Student's Union who said he was forced out of his job for calling out a colleague's "no middle-aged white men" comment, has won an employment tribunal.

Ricardo Champayne claimed he had no option but to resign from his position in human resources after a row sparked by him warning a colleague about using such potentially offensive language.

The quarrel broke out when Ellen Rudge, then a senior manager at the Students' Union, sent an e-mail to staff on February 14, 2020.

In it, she asked colleagues to suggest high-profile figures who could be invited to open the student union's newly-extended Percy Gee Building.

In her message, however, the marketing manager specifically stated she did not want "another white, middle-aged man" for the task, as she was trying to "reflect diversity".

Mr Champayne's troubles began when he warned Ms Rudge that by singling out a particular group of people, and describing them in such racial terms, she ran the risk of being offensive and derogatory.'

Bosses at one of the world's biggest investment firms will need to get special permission to hire white men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Bosses at one of the world's biggest investment firms will need to get special approval to hire white men as part of a new diversity drive.

State Street Global Advisors aims to triple the number of black, Asian and other minority staff in senior roles by 2023 as part of a drive to improve diversity within its middle and senior management.

Failure to meet the target will result in a drop in executives' bonuses, reports The Times.

State Street, which has 30 offices worldwide, including Canary Wharf in London, currently employs 39,400 people.

Jess McNicholas, the bank's head of inclusion, diversity and corporate citizenship in London, said: 'This is now front and central for State Street — it's on every senior executive's scorecard.

Recruiters must now create a panel of four or five people that includes a woman and someone of an ethnic-minority background when hiring middle management staff - employees at vice-president and above.

Ms McNicholas added that State Street will still hire white men, but recruiters will now need to show that women and ethnic minority candidates have been interviewed by the diverse panels.'

Senators launch bipartisan Women in STEM Caucus

Mastodon · 8 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sens. Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) are launching a bipartisan Women in STEM caucus focused on creating more access and pathways for women and girls to participate in science, technology, engineering and math careers.

The caucus will offer a platform for lawmakers and industry leaders to discuss solutions to address the lack of diversity in STEM, the senators said.

“We have to change the narrative for young girls, and maybe even for educators, because we want to have them be sure young girls see themselves doing these jobs and these jobs feel accessible,” Rosen told The Hill.

For Rosen, the issue is personal. She came to the Senate with a background in computer programming, and although she said the gender gap has shrunk since she started working in the industry in the 1980s, the progress has not gone far enough.'

High-Tech High Heels: Toyota Donation Aims to Help Replenish STEM Pipeline

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Article here. Excerpt:

'High-Tech High Heels® (HTHH) is excited to announce a partnership with the Toyota USA Foundation in the form of a $500,000 grant to further High-Tech High Heel's® mission to increase the number of girls entering into a college-level degree program in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

The Grant will be used to build a STEM pipeline program in the Dallas Independent School District focused on kindergarten through high school aged girls from underserved communities.

"This grant builds on our efforts in DFW, and throughout the country, to prepare, motivate and inspire youth to be the problem-solvers and innovators of tomorrow," said Michael Medalla, manager of the Toyota USA Foundation.'

Jeff Daniels on mansplaining: ‘Probably qualifies as a disease’

Mastodon · 12 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jeff Daniels thinks mansplaining "qualifies as a disease."

Just let him explain.

The "American Rust" star was asked on TODAY Friday about how he has had a successful 42-year marriage to his wife, Kathleen, in an industry famous for wrecking relationships.

"Understanding that mansplaining is a real thing and that it probably qualifies as a disease and that you should get the suitable medication," he told Savannah Guthrie and Carson Daly. "If you understand that, if you listen more than, and that’s the kind of key to mansplaining, is to just don’t speak as much and you’ll probably last longer."'

Erin Pizzey gets some recognition

Douglas · 13 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

There is quite a long article on the BBC about Erin Pizzey, who founded the first domestic violence shelters. Excerpt:

'Erin Pizzey, the woman who began it all in a small house in west London, later developed a theory that would lead her to leave the organisation and decry feminism. She now campaigns for men's rights.

What happened?
...
Ms Pizzey parted ways with the charity in the early 1980s after a disagreement revolving around feminism and her belief it was "anti-man" and forced women into the role of victim.

Her childhood was prominent in her mind when "feminists started demonising all fathers", as she puts it. The memories of both parents "reminded me of the truth - domestic violence is not a gender issue.

"I have never been a feminist, because, having experienced my mother's violence, I always knew that women can be as vicious and irresponsible as men."

Her stance now on domestic abuse is that violence is a family issue, usually intergenerational, and men and women are equally capable and culpable of it.'

The dangerous pleasure of hating men

mens_issues · 14 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Can you for a nanosecond imagine anyone today making a miniseries about the iniquities of women, starring a blameless man? Go on, try. We'll call it Barista and here's the elevator pitch: an attractive young man with a drunk, coercive girlfriend runs away from her one night with his baby boy. His mother won't help him because she's a drunk too. He survives by working in coffee shops but loses custody because the man-hating female judge is set against him. All the women he dates are manipulative and avaricious, but in the end he finds fulfilment in an all-male self-help group for the victims of female psychos. What do you think? Will it sell?

Oddly, most people I've spoken to needed no persuading that men were being given short shrift on screen but the consensus was that this wasn't unfair, it was simply payback. For at least a century, women have been misrepresented on screen, they said. Male directors have made films by male writers presenting women as men want to see them. It's time to redress the balance. What a strange way to think. Should we burn men because men once burnt witches? Take their votes away, and perhaps their children? And what about our teens, quietly absorbing this skewed reality and taking it for fact?

In the 1980s, the American cartoonist Alison Bechdel proposed a test for measuring the representation of women in fiction. A book or film would only pass, she said, if it featured at least two women who talk to each other about something other than a man. Bechdel was joking at the time, but this became known as 'the Bechdel test' and is now widely used.

I think, come 2022, we're going to need another version of the Bechdel test, but this time in defence of men. If any film or series contains not one single male character who isn't either useless or evil, it fails. For want of a better idea we could call it the Maid test.'

How well do we honour the fallen?

Douglas · 14 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Today, I hope you know, is Remembrance Sunday. A day above all all others to give a thought to those millions of men who died in war.

Almost all the men, whatever their nation, believed they were fighting for a better way of life for their countrymen, their wives or sweethearts, and their children. Those who prevailed were generally those who fought for a way of life that allowed for liberty, freedoms and an openly democratic society where conflict could be resolved through discussion and the free exchange of ideas.

I have family who have fought. Some died. Others, not dying, bore the internal and external scars for life. Probably you have family like that, too; most of us do.

For two minutes every year, we hold a silence. Just two minutes a year to remind us of the sacrifice these men made. We rightly honour these men for all they have done for us, to keep us from one dictatorial power or another.

But how well do we honour these men in the rest of the year? Do we insist on the values that they gave up so much for, that allow us to live free of tyranny?

Do we insist on the right of freedom of speech so that the interchange of ideas is possible? Or do we keep quiet about the erosion of that freedom, whether by government decree wanting to protect people who can't take insults, or whether the freedom is more insidiously eroded by social corruptors who insist there are things we don't believe in but which we must pretend that we do?

Do we, in our turn, continue to ensure that our democracy is free and open, without dictates over who may be elected? Do we continue to seek diversity of opinion in our universities, council chambers and parliament, or do we allow those who care only about the outward characteristics to decide who is acceptable and who is not?

Did our warrior ancestors who saved us from lives of unremitting misery breed only meek lambs who will not even speak out against the ongoing destruction of all that our society was, leading us to a crumbled anarchy where even our children won't be ours to care for and protect.

A war was declared against men in the 1960s and is being waged against men and children even worse than was imagined back then. More and more women are now being vocal in joining the fight on men's behalf. It is time we all honoured our fallen and stood up to be counted among those who will fight on the side of those who have sacrificed so much more than we are likely to have to.

We don't have to spend years in the trenches facing dismemberment or death, we only have to speak up, to spend a few hours a week to insist on a way of life that allowed for liberty, freedoms and an openly democratic society where conflict could be resolved through discussion and the free exchange of ideas.

Boys Have Eating Disorders, Too. Doctors Think Social Media Is Making It Worse.

Matt · 14 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Eating disorders are on the rise among boys, say doctors, who think images and videos on social media are a factor.

Pediatric wards are seeing more eating-disorder cases overall, with boys making up an increasing share of patients. Cases with boys are often more severe than with girls, the doctors say, because boys' disorders often go unnoticed until they are far along, and because eating disorders are largely believed to mostly affect young women.

In some cases, slimmer boys are bulking up to gain muscle mass. In others, bigger boys are slimming down to look more toned or to improve athletic performance. Boys who work out often receive praise in person and on their social-media posts for seemingly healthy habits and appearance.'

UK: Why must every man on TV today be a monster?

Mastodon · 17 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At my home there's a shelf of books three metres long (I kid you not) stuffed with books about feminism, women's history and related subjects.

I even have the first British edition (1971) of Valerie Solanas's charming little classic: 'SCUM (Society for Cutting Up Men) Manifesto. So, I've always counted myself a 1960s feminist — with countless articles and public debates to prove it.

Why, then, do I feel so disturbed about the new wave of man-hating pervading our TV screens that seems to be engulfing my sex?

It seems you can't turn on the television without encountering women victimised by men, psychologically as well as physically.

Sunday-night viewing, which used to be the home for family friendly favourites, now seems to be dominated by domestic dystopia.'

Instead of a female expansion, America should retire our archaic draft once and for all

Mastodon · 17 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Why is it necessary to spend $26 million a year on a program that hasn't been used for almost half a century? In short – It's not. In Washington, it's too easy to keep doing what has always been done without reexamining the purpose or need. That needs to change.

For more than a century, the United States has maintained a nationwide system for drafting men into the military and requires most males between the ages of 18 and 26 to register. Men who fail to register can face criminal penalties, loss of eligibility for employment opportunities and education benefits, and the denial of security clearances.

Over its long history, though, it has rarely been used. Most recently, the system was placed in deep standby between 1975 and 1980, after President Gerald Ford suspended the registration requirement.'

White boys excluded from Glasgow schools more often than girls

Mastodon · 20 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The majority of children being excluded from Glasgow schools are white boys, a council meeting heard today.

Kids with additional support needs are also more likely to be affected, but the numbers of kids being excluded overall is decreasing every year in the city.

One councillor asked: “What’s happening with our boys?”

Glasgow council education boss Maureen McKenna said: “The challenge for us is white young men - white boys. They are our challenge in terms of those who are affected by exclusion. At secondary you are much more likely to be excluded if you are white.”

Speaking at the council education skills and early years city policy committee today, she added: “If you have additional support needs you are more likely to be excluded.”'

For men, apps are vital gateways to mental health

Matt · 20 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On the heels of a well-documented upsurge in anxiety, loneliness and depression sparked by the pandemic, mental health apps have become an important resource for men such as Henderson.

Many men, traditionally more reticent to seek out therapy, say these "cyber-well" and mental health apps, some specifically targeted at them, provide a peer community and support in a setting that provides both privacy and convenience. In interviews, men said one of the biggest advantages with these apps was anonymity.

The online help provides a "less intimidating entry to mental health," says C. Vaile Wright, a psychologist who is senior director of health-care innovation for the American Psychological Association. "They are an important gateway to mental health for many men who need help but never considered reaching out for it before."'

I used to hate men but I now think the women's movement is toxic

Mastodon · 21 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A self-described 'anti-feminist', Morgan can't stand the modern women's movement, describing it as "toxic" and these days you are more likely to catch her tucking into a steak.

The life coach now boasts more than 22,000 followers on TikTok where she shares her somewhat controversial views on feminism.

In fact, Morgan argues that modern day feminism does not benefit women in any way, and it all works in favour of men.

But despite her hardcore anti-feminist views, Morgan says that she spent her huge portion of her life dedicated to the cause.'

When America Embraced Wonder Woman and forgot G.I. Joe

Matt · 22 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Policy makers would never tolerate these statistical realities if our nation's daughters were the majority of overdose deaths. Nor should we tolerate them. Our culture thinks differently when it comes to equal protections in a variety of social programs. For those who are skeptical when it comes to equal protections of our boys and men, the COVID pandemic provides ample evidence of the ways our nation and world mobilize when it comes to gender and well-being.

During the COVID Pandemic, the World Health Organization, United Nations, and United States created reports outlining the challenges of women. The CDC released a report on Women, Caring, and COVID-19. No such reports on men were implemented despite the statistical truth that men accounted for 60% to 70% of COVID deaths, and male health care workers were dying in higher rates than their female counterparts. Men in the U.S. lost jobs in slightly higher numbers and percentages than women, but few cared to focus on the challenges men, women, and families faced with an equitable eye toward its impact on the collective social good.'

Why Does Biden Throw Men To The Curb? – OpEd

Mastodon · 22 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This fall the Biden administration released a remarkable document, “National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality.” Like most government reports it was read by very few, though its effects will be far-reaching. Touted as a groundbreaking report on the subject, its real groundbreaking status is the opposite of what its authors intended: it is the most sexist statement ever written by a presidential administration.

The hubris of the report is made plain on the first page. The authors actually have the audacity to compare their work to that of the Emancipation Proclamation. Their swollen heads are made even more risible when we consider the substance of their remarks. Boys and men don’t count. That is the inescapable conclusion that fair-minded persons will come to after reading this report. In fact, it is not a stretch to say that boys and men are depicted as the enemy, at least indirectly, and it is the job of the federal government to liberate girls and women from them.'

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Men

Douglas · 25 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

It is so well documented in every nation that men suffer a disproportionate amount of violence that it need not be referenced here.

Every year, a major international conference is held about violence. In between are committees, regional conferences, studies, reports and the proposal of various regulations and laws to further curb violence. Much of this is organised by the United Nations, who spend billions of dollars on talking about eliminating violence. The United Nations are the body who, back in 1948, came up with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which insists upon equal treatment of men and women.

So it should not surprise you that the United Nations is as keen to deal with the violence against men as it is to deal with the violence against women.

But it is not.

The United Nations only cares about violence done to women. All of those speeches, studies, and resolutions about violence are specifically and only about the violence done to women. Much of it concentrating only on the violence done to women by men – women who are victims of other women are of less interest.

Of course we want to stop the violence done to women. Even more, the violence done to children. And we should not forget the majority of violence, done to men.

According to the United Nations, the 25th November is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Other female days include:
International Day of Women and Girls in Science
International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
International Women's Day
International Day of Women Judges
International Girls in ICT Day
International Day of Rural Women
International Day of the Girl Child

Despite the lie told by the United Nations men suffer the majority of the world's violence. If you did not know that, I encourage you to check your nation's statistics, whatever your nation is. You are welcome to try to find global statistics but it isn't easy: most of your searching will discover only information about narrow areas where women are claimed to suffer more (and they might do, within narrow definitions). Even your national search may be difficult, as the billions of dollars spent every year on propaganda tries to hide even the fact that most violence occurs away from the home.

There is no United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Men. There is no United Nations day for men or even boys at all, of any sort. How is that for an organisation whose members have almost all signed up to the concept of equality?

You will find it hard to discover proof that the United Nations itself wishes equality upon the world. It does not. It is a self-declared feminist organisation, and that is why it doesn't give a damn about men, or children who are male, or about genuine equality.

Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh, who founded the 19 November as International Men's Day (the United Nations later decided it was International Toilet Day) has declared **31 January** as **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Men and Boys**. Put that in your diary but don't expect the United Nations to go along with it any time soon.

Female Doctor Who robs boys of role models, claims Tory MP

Mastodon · 26 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'He said there had been a "creeping narrative that males have it easy, life is a breeze and they have nothing to complain about".

But, he added: "It is clear that life is tough for many men and young boys, and many of our boys in schools are far from privileged."

He attacked the phrase "toxic masculinity" - used to describe the pressure on men to stick to traditional views of how they should act - saying it "vilified" men and led them to feeling "worthless".

And then he turned to the "cultural sphere", claiming it shared the blame for rises in male violence.'

Top MBA Scholarships For Women

Mastodon · 26 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender diversity is growing across the globe's business schools, but there's still a long way to go. Among the world's top 20 MBAs ranked by the Financial Times, just six feature a cohort of more than 40% female students.

In an effort to promote a more diverse business school cohort, many schools and independent organizations offer MBA scholarships for women only. These range from a few thousand dollars to help with tuition costs, to full payment of your fees.'

Ontario Liberals put in place women-only policy for candidates seeking nomination in Oshawa

Mastodon · 26 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Only women can seek the Liberal nomination in Oshawa for the upcoming provincial election.

“Ontario Liberals are committed to gender parity in our team for 2022. In previous elections, all parties have treated gender parity as an aspirational goal, but under Steven Del Duca’s leadership we are using real tools to make it a reality,” campaign director Christine McMillan said via email.'

Men want to live without women; we should let them

Matt · 27 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Won't see this in western MSM. Excerpt:

'Ask your male friends and family and they'll tell you they want peace. Peace; alone, on their own, because women, for all their sweet assets, come with enough drama to flatten an elephant.

They say that if that is not enough pain, when the dang hits the fan and divorce is filed, the woman is always the beneficiary – walking away with the money, matrimonial home, property and children. So the man remains as though he never had anything in his life! No money. No property, wife and kids. Things he worked hard to acquire.'

UK: Nadhim Zahawi launches bid to get universities to take in more white working-class boys

Mastodon · 28 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new national target is to be introduced in a bid to increase the number of white working-class males studying at university, The Mail on Sunday can reveal.

Research shows that only 12.6 per cent of them go on to higher education by the age of 19 – the lowest of all demographic groups – and they are less likely to get good grades at school than their equally disadvantaged ethnic minority peers.

Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi has asked regulators at the Office for Students to renegotiate universities' targets to address 'regional inequalities and prior attainment in schools'.

Only a handful of institutions set goals for the number of white working-class males, while support for the group with bursaries and scholarships is non-existent. Some academics say concerns about the fate of white working-class teenagers have been ignored or dismissed as 'Right-wing thinking'.'

Alice Sebold Stays Silent as Man Wrongly Convicted for Her Rape Is Exonerated

Mastodon · 29 November 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Alice Sebold has remained silent after the man convicted of raping her was exonerated.

The award-winning author is at the center of a heartbreaking saga surrounding a wrongful conviction that resulted in an innocent man spending 16 years in prison for a crime he did not commit.

Anthony Broadwater broke down in court this week when the rape conviction at the center of Sebold's memoir Lucky was overturned.

The author is yet to comment on the situation. Newsweek has contacted her representatives for comment.

Following the hearing, a spokesperson for Scribner, Sebold's publisher, said, via The Guardian: "Neither Alice Sebold nor Scribner has any comment. Scribner has no plans to update the text of Lucky at this time."'

UK: Man who called out SU for ban on 'middle-aged white men' awarded £1,000

Mastodon · 1 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A university's students' union deliberately excluded 'middle-aged white male' celebrities from opening its new building for 'diversity' reasons, a tribunal heard.

Ellen Rudge, a senior manager at the University of Leicester's Students' Union, sent an email to staff asking for suggestions for high-profile figures to launch its new hub.

But, the marketing manager specifically stated she did not want 'another white, middle-aged man' as she was trying to 'reflect diversity'.

But she ended up being warned by a colleague that by singling out a particular group she risked being offensive and derogatory.

The ensuing row between Ms Rudge and experienced HR worker Ricardo Champayne led to his resignation and a tribunal at which the father of six alleged he had been 'victimised' by the students' union for calling out potential discrimination.

Now he has won more than £1,000 after successfully suing the SU for whistle-blowing and victimisation.'

Dangerous Changes Coming for Title IX

Mastodon · 1 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, Catherine Lhamon was confirmed as assistant secretary of education for civil rights—the same position she held in the Obama administration. She aggressively enforced the 2011 guidance then, and seems ready to do so again. During her confirmation hearing, she testified that she does not believe Title IX regulations include a presumption of innocence for the accused, a fundamental tenet of our justice system.

The president is just fine with that.

On the campaign trail, he vowed to bring a “quick end” to the DeVos rules. And in March 2021 he issued an executive order directing the Education Department “consider suspending, revising, or rescinding” the DeVos rewrite.'

American Heart Association launches STEM program scholarships

Mastodon · 1 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The American Heart Association (AHA) along with U.S. representative Andy Barr and Eastern Kentucky University President David McFaddin announced the launch of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) scholarships at EKU that will benefit female high school students in central and eastern Kentucky.

“Unfortunately a troubling gender gap exists in STEM from the lack of women pursuing degrees in STEM or STEM related degrees to the number of women in STEM careers,” Andres Ooten, AHA executive director said.'

Google is offering scholarships to women studying Computer Science

Mastodon · 1 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'American tech giant Google has introduced the ‘Generation Google Scholarship’ for the women who are studying Computer Science. The scholarship is open to all students who meet the basic requirement. The last date for applying for the ‘Generation Google Scholarship’ is 10 December.

Selected students will receive $1,000 for the 2022-2023 school year. The scholarship will be awarded based on the strength of each candidate's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, innovation and academic performance.'

Internet Backs Teen Refusing Paternity Test After Dad Claims She Isn't His

Mastodon · 2 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A young teenager has earned the backing of the internet after refusing to submit to a paternity test.

Though it might seem like the kind of thing reserved for daytime talk shows, paternity tests are more common in the U.S. than many realize.

The National Library of Medicine estimated as many as 300,000 paternity tests are performed in the U.S. annually to include or exclude a male as the biological father of a child.

According to Jared Rosenthal, the CEO and founder of Health Street, "up to 1 in 3 dads who suspect that they are not the father are right" while around 3 percent of all dads in the US are raising children that are not their own.

Rosenthal says that, in many cases, these men have fallen victim to something called "paternity fraud." "Paternity fraud is when a woman intentionally tricks a man into thinking that he is the father of her child, when in fact she knows that he is not," he said.'

Ghislaine Maxwell's and Elizabeth Holmes' fake feminist defenses are an insult to #MeToo

Mastodon · 2 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Ever since Eve has been blamed for tempting Adam with an apple, women have been blamed for things men have done," Maxwell's lawyer, Bobbi Sternheim, said during her opening statements on Monday. She called Maxwell a "scapegoat," and added, "She is not Jeffrey Epstein. She is not anything like Jeffrey Epstein."

On the stand this week, Holmes finally unveiled a defense that her legal team has been hinting at throughout the trial: That she is not accountable for fraud, because she's the hapless victim of male abuse. On Monday, Holmes first testified that she was a rape victim in college, suggesting that is the reason she dropped out of Stanford at 19 in order to start Theranos. Prior to being charged with defrauding investors, however, Holmes had portrayed her dropping out in purely positive terms. She was routinely equated with other Silicon Valley figures— most notably her hero, Apple CEO Steve Jobs — who had dropped out because their purported genius could not be contained by the tedium of traditional education.'

An Erection Is Not Consent

Matt · 4 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When he was seventeen years old, my dear male friend was raped by a middle-aged woman. She approached his bed as he was waking, dropped her clothing, and grabbed his crotch beneath his sheets. He got hard, she mounted him, and he never forgot the trauma and confusion he experienced.

Rape of men by women is far more prevalent than was previously thought. New research shows that men are as likely as women to experience non-consensual sex and that the perpetrators of most male rapes are women. These shocking findings exist despite the likelihood that men underreport nonconsensual sex coerced by women because they fear the shame of being regarded as failures of masculinity.

When all forms of sexual abuse are included, one in six male adults reports having been raped or otherwise coerced into sexual action.

When females rape males, they tend to coerce erections and attempt to enforce penetration of their bodies by their unwilling victims. Under these conditions, erections are possible.'

The Vilar narrative, a debate that would have saved much pain

Matt · 5 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The notion of a culture defined by men alone was always ludicrous. The notion of women without power- where they largely controlled the early years of childhood – is laughable.

Now we will face a reality – where the essence of her narrative is being considered (even conjured without any awareness of her work by those who never heard her name) as the distortions of a feminist narrative are being regularly unmasked. How did the idea – of only men are violent, actually come to be accepted? It was clearly not understood that way – by the researchers in the 1970s and prior.'

In Denver, Suicide Among Black Men is Soaring

Matt · 5 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When discussing the issues that young Black men are going through on a daily basis, what mainly comes up is gun violence. Deservedly so, it's an important issue that needs to be resolved. There are young Black men across the country who are taking preventative measures to make sure gun violence decreases in our communities.

What is not discussed enough is the increasing suicide rates among young Black men. Why the increase? No one is exactly sure, but Halim Ali is doing his best to ensure suicide decreases in Denver, Colorado.

According to the Denver Post, Ali is the founder of the non-profit organization From The Heart Enterprises, which is an organization that helps Black men face the trauma and stress that can result in other vicious acts, such as gun violence and suicide.'

UMBC pays $450,000 to settle defamation case of ex-baseball players who were accused of rape

Mastodon · 5 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Maryland, Baltimore County will pay three former baseball players a combined $450,000 to settle a defamation case they brought against the college after they said they were wrongly accused of rape and had the false allegations printed in the college's newspaper.

Ron Schwartz, one of the attorneys representing the trio, confirmed Thursday that school officials agreed to pay the three men $150,000 each and would move to remove their names from an online article detailing the rape allegations that ran in the college's student-run newspaper, The Retriever.

The three men, who The Sun is not naming, were accused by a then-Towson University student of raping her in 2017. According to police records, she and another female student were drinking with the men before they all went to an apartment and engaged in sexual acts.'

UK: Misogyny and Misandry to be recorded as hate crimes in West Yorkshire

Mastodon · 7 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Misogyny and misandry will now be recorded as hate crimes in West Yorkshire, it has been revealed.

As of today (December 1), West Yorkshire Police will join a number of other forces across the country, in recording instances of misogyny - the dislike or prejudice against women.

Misandry is the dislike or prejudice against men.'

In need of a baby boom, China clamps down on vasectomies

Matt · 9 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For more than three decades, Chinese authorities forced men and women to undergo sterilization to control population growth. Now, as the government tries to reverse a plummeting birthrate that it fears could threaten social stability and the economy, hospitals are turning away men seeking vasectomies.
...
Chinese family-planning law says citizens' reproductive rights, including choosing birth control, are protected. There is no official ban or specific restriction on the surgery, though hospitals and doctors conducting vasectomies, along with tubal ligations and abortions for women, must be approved by county-level health departments. The National Health Commission did not respond to faxed questions.

The worry for some couples is that authorities could turn to more forceful or restrictive measures akin to those used to enforce the one-child policy. Guidelines released by the State Council in September said local governments should try to reduce the number of abortions for "nonmedical reasons."'

UK's Sussex University: students don't believe in what they know are facts

Douglas · 10 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Turning Point UK COO Nick Tenconi exposes the whacky beliefs of students at what he calls Britain's wokest University, Sussex.

See it on YouTube

UK - Only perfect parents permitted?

Douglas · 10 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

In a discussion that failed to cover the huge harms to both children and parents when children are ripped from families unnecessarily, and in what could be the biggest move towards our dystopian future to be revealed yet, a UK government minister has announced that children should be taken from parents under any pretext of belief in their danger, without hesitation.

Background - the Arthur Labinjo-Hughes case
Six-year-old Arthur's mother and father lived apart, she with her boyfriend, he with a woman he married (but who became the epitome of the evil stepmother). The mother and her boyfriend where mutually violent towards one another and one day, she killed her boyfriend. She was in prison for that and Arthur went to live with his father Thomas Hughes, possibly still suffering from domestic abuse himself, and his wife Emma Tustin. There, he was treated abominably and one day when the father wasn't at home, Arthur was killed by his stepmother. She has been jailed for life for murder and Thomas Hughes was jailed for 21 years for manslaughter for encouraging the killing.

The debate on Arthur Labinjo-Hughes in the House of Commons on 6 December 2021
The Secretary of State for Education (Nadhim Zahawi) (Stratford-upon-Avon) (Con) said that children should be removed from their families immediately if there is “any inkling” of harm to them

inkling: slight knowledge or suspicion; a hint.
(such as an anonymous phone call from a vindictive neighbour)

Simon Hoare MP (North Dorset) (Con) went a bit further, urging for a crusade for "the taking away of a child if there is a scintilla of a doubt".

John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington) (Lab) urged the House to accept some blame, pointing out that a report in March 2018 said that "after £2 billion-worth of cuts, children were at risk" and saying "we have seen a 40% cut in early interventions on children."

Bob Blackman MP (Harrow East) (Con) seemed to be one of the few talking who understood why child deaths of children who could have been saved have been happening. "The one common theme throughout this whole terrible series of events." he said, "is that the opportunities to take a child to safety were missed." He called for a thorough investigation if there is any suspicion and only removing a child to safety if necessary.

Kerry McCarthy (Bristol East) (Lab) chipped in with a claim that "Some 300,000 children a year are affected by parental imprisonment". What he failed to mention was that the vast majority of these parents are men, or that men have less parental rights as prisoners than women (who do not have to be on good behaviour to associate with their children).

Laura Trott MP (Sevenoaks) (Con) called for moderation and said "a balance needs to be struck between taking children away from their parents… and making sure that they are safe". At least someone realises that you can't be perfect in this area but that you will do huge damage to thousands of children by taking children from parents under the slightest excuse.

Opinion
It would be nice if the people supposed to be in control of our country where in control of themselves. One MP reported how she hugged her young children after hearing of the tragic death of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes. Does she not think the deaths of children on the road – more than one a day – is also tragic? Every avoidable death of a child is dreadful but if our MPs could think clearly instead of going into emotional breakdown, they might avoid doing a great deal more harm to society than any good they could hope for.

What nobody should be trying to do is increase the pain already suffered by thousands of innocent parents who need to fight for weeks, months and sometimes years just to be able to once again live with children, now scarred

by a process that can't tell a vulnerable, bruised and malnourished child from a normal one.

SGA committee proposes 'women-only hour' at rec center

Mastodon · 11 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Student Government Association's Student Life Committee announced they are working on an initiative to create a daily women-only hour at the recreation center, according to Molly Cleary, who was committee chair until her resignation last week.

"This initiative would be the creation of women's only gym hours," Cleary said. "It would consist, ideally, of one hour a day for women to work out in peace without being worried about male harassment."

The initiative began in response to concerns of harassment by men.

"This is an initiative driven by students and was undertaken on behalf of students who reached out to SGA to share their experiences of feeling harassed and unsafe while using the Rec Center," Cleary said.

It is currently unclear how the proposed ban on men would be enforced.'

Urban feminism: the answer to the failures of our blokey built environment?

Mastodon · 11 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's a blokey thing to play with cars and trucks, dig things up, and build towering skyscrapers. The opposite of a blokey built environment — I'll call it "blokey urbanism"—is "feminist urbanism". Sounds sexist, but it's more about egalitarianism than it is about suffragettes and women's rights.

Feminist urbanism is urbanism without a gender bias, founded on the premise that our cities and neighbourhoods and other pseudo-urbanised enclaves like remote mining sites have been shaped by our patriarchal past. Thus, historically, consigning women to a footnote in the planning and design of our urban form.'

Pushback grows but so do opportunities for anti-feminist BSU professor

Mastodon · 11 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Students are planning a rally, signing petitions and sharing their stories on social media in the aftermath of anti-feminist comments made by Scott Yenor, a Boise State University political science professor.

Yenor himself spoke out on Twitter to defend himself, doubling down on his claim that feminism makes women “angry ... meddlesome and quarrelsome.”

“When feminists celebrate the revolutionary anger of modern women, they are applauded. When they celebrate their nastiness, they applaud one another,” Yenor said in a video he posted to Twitter on Nov. 30. “Things must change if this country is to rebuild the family.”'

Robots might be bad for men, but give women more bargaining power

Mastodon · 11 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 741 U.S. regions that were more exposed to industrial robots, his team found a statistical decline in men's wages and workforce participation. They also saw a decline in marriage stability, marriage fertility and the earning power of men.

There's some good news for women, though: Men's decreased income translated into a reduction in the gender income gap by 4.2% and the workforce-participation gender gap by 2.1%, meaning that women in these regions gained greater bargaining power.

"Male income fell at a substantially higher rate than female income, decreasing the gender income gap. Moreover, robot exposure has increased female labor force participation significantly while leaving the labor force participation of men unchanged," Giuntella said. "We argue that these labor market effects affected men's marriageability and women's willingness to long-term commitments with a decline in marriages and marital fertility."'

Asian women’s success disproves claims of ‘white male supremacy’

Mastodon · 12 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The progressive left’s belief that the United States is a country rampant with white supremacy and misogyny has gained a lot of cultural traction. However, newly released statistics from the US Department of Labor repudiate this narrative.

For the first three quarters of 2021, Asian women’s median weekly earnings surpassed those of white men, a trend that only began last year. In the most recent quarter (July to September), Asian women earned close to 10 percent more than white men. The highest-earning Asian female groups are Taiwanese, Indian and Chinese.

Asian women are hardly outliers. According to the latest 2019 census data, women of various Middle Eastern backgrounds out-earned their white counterparts: full-time working Iranian, Turkish and Palestinian women’s earnings were higher than those of white women. Moreover, a 2017 University of Michigan study found African-born black women had both higher earnings and income growth compared to white women in the US.

What explains these jarring disparities? Aren’t people of color and women both marginalized groups in a society that privileges the “straight white male” above everyone else? According to the theory of intersectionality, ethnic women are subject to double-disadvantage due to their intersecting victimized identity traits. But this trendy “woke” neo-Marxist ideology emanating from academia, could not be further from reality.'

Woke wannabe film critics cancel Christmas classics over ‘toxic masculinity’

Mastodon · 12 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Woke wannabe critics are attempting to cancel some of the most beloved holiday films in history, calling out problematic plot lines and characters in movies such as “Love Actually” (2003) and “The Holiday” (2006).

While many Americans find comfort in reruns of these films, some Scrooge-like viewers claim the Christmas classics should be thrown out like an unwanted gift.'

India’s Sons: Tale of False Rape Case Survivors

Matt · 12 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The documentary film throws light on the lives that have been destroyed because of false accusations of rape. From an 18 year old who spent 5 years in prison before being honorably acquitted to an IPS officer who became a victim of a false rape accusation due to politics, a man who got falsely accused of gangrape twice by the same woman to a man who thought ending life was easier than fighting system that doesn’t listen to men, the film exposes deep flaws in the system, absolute disregard of rights of one gender in order to protect the other, unbelievable lies that are told with elan in courts and hopelessness that looms over people who are falsely accused.

The documentary is a first person account of men and their families who bore the brunt of being called a rapist and a rapist’s family, only to be eventually honorably acquitted of the said crime after years of trial on the basis of credible evidence proving beyond doubt that they were falsely accused.'

Petition: recognise Parental Alienating Behaviours as Child Abuse

Douglas · 13 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Petition to have Parental Alienating Behaviours recognised as Child Abuse and Family Violence in Australia.

Everyone is welcome to sign from anywhere in the world.

Thank you for helping children.

Harvard Spends a Year Reviewing Its Decor, Finds Too Many Portraits of White Men

Mastodon · 14 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At Harvard, they're out to right the wrongs of outdated decor.

A revision's been recommended by the Faculty of Arts and Science's (FAS) Task Force of Visual Culture and Signage.

According to the 21-member group's near-30-page report, the "exclusion embedded in the current visual culture…perpetuates a too-narrow understanding of our institution's past, present, and future."

The verdict was delivered December 6th after more than a year of examination.'

Two-year-old boy dies and baby has emergency surgery after botched circumcision in Western Australia

Mastodon · 15 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A two-year-old boy died after a circumcision procedure went wrong in a hospital in Western Australia. The toddler's seven-month-old brother, who also underwent the procedure, had to undergo surgery, the police said.

Circumcision is the surgical removal of the foreskin or the tissue that covers the head of the penis.

The children were taken to an emergency department at the Armadale Hospital in the suburb of Perth on Tuesday night following the botched procedure, Seven News reported. The two-year-old was declared dead on arrival.

The infant, however, was taken to the Perth Children's Hospital in Nedlands for emergency surgery, where he was in a critical condition. He spent Tuesday night in an Intensive Care Unit but has since been released, according to Seven News.

Investigators, however, said the death is not being considered suspicious and that an investigation was underway.'

UK – Human Rights Day – in the House of Commons

Douglas · 16 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

The great chance in Parliament to discuss human rights in general terms put the lie to the idea that "every day is men's day" and illustrated yet again that—particularly among our politicians—every day is women's day.

Debbie Abrahams Labour, Oldham East and Saddleworth started well, pointing out that Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a milestone document that contains the statements that we should all be treated regardless of “race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status” and that “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights”.

But that was the last we were to hear of all being equal.

Within moments. Abrahams stated that "we know that, across the world, including in the UK, the rights of women are constantly ignored". Well, I might not even disagree with that, though in the UK you have to look hard to find such women having their rights ignored. But following so close after a discussion on equality, anyone—ANYONE—should be wondering why 'women' was in that part of the speech, not 'people'. Do men, the largest minority in Britain, simply not count?

Abrahams' sexist views against a huge part of those who she is elected to represent become subtly clear in a statement she made within minutes:
"Women should be paid the same as men if they do the same or equivalent jobs."
This is supposed to be a discussion on human rights. So why is it not the case that
"People should be paid the same as other people if they do the same or equivalent jobs."
But the only people Abrahams cares about is women, and presumably white, middle-class, able women at that – as though nobody else deserves equal pay.

I had to stop reading Abrahams' bigoted views when she first states that "Boys and girls should be brought up believing that they are equal to each other" which most people would agree with, at least in terms of valuing one another and equality before the law and equal opportunities. But then she starts to talk about education, one of the many areas where she could have demonstrated care for those children doomed to be male. Yet she goes on, "I go every week to primary schools in particular. We talk about girls not being able to access education…"

Throughout the entire debate, neither men nor boys get a single positive or useful mention. If you are male, your MP shows that they do not represent you. Look for someone to vote for who will.

Read the full speech here, if you can stomach it:
Human Rights Day – in the House of Commons

Tragic Star Hobson’s grieving great-grandfather slams ‘staggeringly soft’ sentences handed to the pair found guilty over her death

Mastodon · 16 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Frankie Smith, 20, Star's mother, will be freed in four years after a judge reduced her sentence to account for the 'burden' of knowing she played a significant role in the death of her daughter.

Last night, Star's family slammed the 'lenient' sentences handed out to the pair, as they called on Attorney General to review the case under the unduly lenient sentencing scheme.

Speaking to the Sun, Frank Smith, 68, Star's great-grandfather, said he hoped her killers would 'rot in jail' and asked: 'Is that all Star’s life is worth? Frankie will be out in four years - how is that justice?''

To Even Out Gender/Race/Ethnicity Pay Gaps, Online Store ‘Suggests’ Higher Prices for White Men

Mastodon · 16 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Compliance software solution provider Trusaic has opened the Pay Gap Store, an ecommerce shop that “suggests” prices for customers based on gender and ethnicity. The store sells a range of T-shirts, mugs and tote bags with the message, “Where’s my X%?” — where the value of “X” depends on each customer’s gender plus race/ethnicity and the associated pay gap.

...

The store doesn’t actually require customers to pay different prices. The suggested prices are based on each shopper’s profile, but everyone can choose to pay the lowest price if they prefer (in the above example, anyone could purchase the mug for $12.24). All profits from the store will be donated to an appropriate charity.'

Comparison of intimate partner violence injuries among sexes uncovers higher level of severity for male victims

mens_issues · 16 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Story here Excerpt:

'"Our findings are contrary to the general notion that violence perpetrated by women is not capable of causing severe injuries to their partners," said Bharti Khurana, MD, emergency radiologist and founding director of the Trauma Imaging Research and Innovation Center in the Brigham's Department of Radiology. "Moreover, men are less likely to seek help as they are less likely to recognize it as criminal, may see IPV as unmasculine, and fear being ridiculed."

Although roughly 33 percent of men experience IPV in their lifetimes, few efforts exist to recognize men facing this threat. Biases suggesting that IPV predominantly affects women may also cause medical professionals to overlook IPV-related injuries in male patients. While 35.1 percent of men in a previous study reported an injury severe enough for hospitalization, only 18.1 percent sought medical assistance, suggesting social stigmas may also dissuade men from seeking help.'

UK: Male prisoners' free family phone calls are scrapped - but women's aren't under MoJ decision

Matt · 19 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Free family calls for male prisoners have been scrapped – but women will keep the perk.
...
But the Ministry of Justice decided in October that men could do without their £5 phone credit, though women still needed the freebie.

A spokesman cited a higher rate of self-harm among female prisoners: a rise of two per cent in women's prisons compared to a 16 per cent fall in male jails in the year to June 2021.'

Ditch white men of past, says UCL

Mastodon · 21 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Academics at University College London (UCL) are being encouraged to “check their privilege” and reconsider the number of courses that focus on “dead white men” if they want to secure a promotion.

The policy is part of a UCL initiative that is aimed at “challenging traditional Eurocentric, male-dominated curricula and ensuring the work of marginalised scholars on race, sexuality, gender, and disability are fairly represented in curricula”.

The document, obtained by The Daily Telegraph, suggests that researchers applying for lecturer roles should “demonstrate the impact” of their engagement with the institution’s Liberating the Curriculum initiative.'

Academic Ideologues Are Corrupting STEM

Douglas · 22 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

An author writes with the experience of her own early life in the USSR, where communist “ideology permeated all aspects of life, and survival required strict adherence to the party line and enthusiastic displays of ideologically proper behavior.”

Men are being pushed out of STEM fields on the pretence that women (already in the majority unless one massages the data) need to be promoted and have special facilities for them.

The bullying of a 'mob' which includes those in positions of authority is described as an intrusion of newspeak into science and education that is truly Orwellian. Once again, it is left to men, and those who support them, to fight for sense, morality and science.

Full article here.

VP Harris Blames Negative Media Coverage on Not Being White Male: NY Times

Mastodon · 23 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Vice President Kamala Harris has told confidants that news coverage of her would be different if she were a white male, The New York Times reported.

Harris also has told friends that unmanageable issues — e.g. southern border crisis, voting rights — that she has tackled have created difficulties for her, the Times reported Thursday.

"I think it's no secret that the different things she has been asked to take on are incredibly demanding, not always well understood publicly and take a lot of work as well as a lot of skill," Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg told the Times.'

UK: Female deputy headteacher and safeguarding officer convicted of 18 child sex offences including rape

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The female deputy head and lead of safeguarding at a church school, along with her partner, repeatedly filmed themselves abusing and raping a girl under the age of 13.

Individuals and organisations that resist attempts to acknowledge and discuss female perpetrators are partly responsible for people like this. They enable them getting into positions of trust and are culpable for a great deal of suffering of children and adults.

On the slightly positive side, ITV News at least is concentrating on the main perpetrator, even though it is a woman. That's a step forward from how the legacy media have been behaving for decades.

Julie Morris, Wigan deputy headteacher: article here.

Woman pleads guilty to manslaughter after repeatedly advising NJ man to ‘kill yourself’

Mastodon · 24 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who allegedly pushed a New Jersey man to take his own life with a barrage of texts reading “go kill yourself” pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter Thursday.

Former Boston College student Inyoung You, 23, received a 2 1/2 year suspended jail sentence and 10 years of probation, meaning she can avoid prison by completing her probation.

You, a native of South Korea, sent Alexander Urtula, 22, of Cedar Grove, 47,000 texts over the last two months of their relationship, prosecutors said. She “repeatedly told the victim that he should kill himself or die and waged a campaign of abuse that stripped the victim of his free will,” according to officials.

Urtula died of suicide on the day of his Boston College graduation.'

Governor Hochul Signs Legislation Addressing Labor and Healthcare Inequalities for Women

Mastodon · 24 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation addressing several challenges facing women and people of color. These bills address labor and health inequalities, from ensuring proper menstrual care is accessible, to promoting more women and minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics fields.

“New York must continue to break down barriers for women and fight inequality throughout our state,” Governor Hochul said. “These laws will address a variety of important issues, supporting STEM careers and helping to ensure equity and access in women’s health.”
...
Legislation (S.531-B/A.530-B) directs the urban development corporation to conduct a study regarding the assistance needed by women and minorities to pursue STEM careers. The urban development corporation will work with the State Education Department and the Department of Labor to determine the amount assistance that should be provided in school districts, charter schools, BOCES, and private schools to develop new and enhance current STEM programs in grades 6-12 including career exploration, opportunities for technical skills attainment and partnerships with postsecondary education and training programs. Women and minorities are severely underrepresented in STEM, often because they were not encouraged to early on. In a 2010 survey by the Bayer Corporation of female and minority chemists and chemical engineers, 77 percent said significant numbers of women and minorities are missing from the U.S. STEM work force because "they were not identified, encouraged or nurtured to pursue STEM studies early on.” This bill will help identify the types of assistance necessary to encourage more women and minorities to enter STEM fields.'

It’s a (wo)man’s world: Women are ‘better’ leaders in times of crisis, agri stakeholders say

Mastodon · 24 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From climate change to the COVID pandemic, the agriculture sector is facing no shortage of crises. As such, conversations increasingly revolve around the need to increase the sector’s resilience.

These commonly centre on the need to reduce farmers’ reliance on external inputs, improve the long term viability of the sector or shorten the supply chain, all of which are outlined as key priorities in the EU’s flagship food policy, the Farm to Fork strategy.

But for Shima Barakat, director of the entrepreneurship for sustainability programme at the University of Cambridge, the research suggests that these conversations should also factor gender into the equation.

“Are women sustainability leaders? At this point in time, I think the simple answer is yes,” she told a recent event, highlighting that there is a wealth of studies conducted both before and after the COVID pandemic to suggest that women are “better leaders during times of crisis”.'

Women Face More Stress At Work Because They Are Better At Keeping To Deadlines Than Men, Study Says

Mastodon · 24 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences found that women face more stress at work because they are better at keeping to deadlines than men. The study defines “time stress” as “having too many things to do and not enough time to do them.” According to the study, women experience disproportionately higher time stress than men.
...
On an individual level: if a deadline is flexible and you might need more time, ask for it. Managers should check in regularly with stressed out team members to ask if a deadline extension would help, where possible.

On a company level: Organizations can implement formal policies to facilitate deadline extension requests, making it easier for employees to ask for more time to get work done.'

"The Beauty Tax"

Matt · 26 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Feminists have suggested men be made to pay more in taxes because of our "privilege". We've heard similar suggestions along racial lines too from some self-appointed social reconstructionists.

This YT vid is about a Japanese movie that imagines a world where attractive women are made to pay a tax because of their "beauty privilege". You quickly see how ridiculous things become when the matter plays out.

Video here.

Democrats have a man problem

Mastodon · 26 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As Democrats investigate what went wrong in the 2021 elections and what is going wrong heading into the 2022 elections, a familiar pattern is emerging: Men are abandoning the party in droves.
...
So why are men leaving the Democratic Party?

Perhaps it is because the entire Democratic agenda seems designed to make men irrelevant, and men have begun to notice.

Consider the slideshow Biden's White House released to promote their Build Back Better agenda this October. Very similar to a slideshow produced by President Barack Obama's 2012 campaign featuring a fictional "Julia," Biden's "Linda" goes through life with new Democratic programs helping her along the way.

We see Linda pregnant with her son "Leo," but Leo's father is not mentioned. We then see Linda benefit from an expanded Child Tax Credit, government-subsidized daycare, and government-run Pre-K, but no man shares in their life. It is as if fathers didn't exist.

Not only do these programs seem designed to make men irrelevant, many of them actually make it harder for men to marry the women in their lives. According to the Tax Policy Center, for example, a mother making $19,000 a year would lose almost $1,000 a year in expanded child tax credit benefits if she were to get married. The subsidized daycare in Build Back Better also contains steep benefit cliffs that punish couples who tie the knot.'

Ramsey woman gets suspended sentence after false rape allegation

Mastodon · 26 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Married Marianne Naughton, 25, from Ramsey, made the accusation after the pair had sex after a drunken night out in Douglas in November 2019.

She pleaded guilty after a police investigation later found she had given false details about the incident.

Deemster Graeme Cook told Naughton "people need to come clean".

He said lying to police "goes against the root of society", while telling Naughton to "move on with her life" and "not to drink as much".'

Man banned from leaving Israel for 8,000 years over child support payments

Matt · 27 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"The total in the year 2013 was roughly ₪7.5 million ($3.34 million)," Mr. Huppert, who works as an analytical chemist for a pharmaceutical company, told NewsAU. Israeli courts had ruled Huppert owed NIS 5,000 per month for each child until they turned 18.

"Since 2013, I am locked in Israel," Huppert explained, adding that he was one of many Australian citizens that have been "persecuted by the Israeli justice system only because they were married to Israeli women."

...

Israel's laws regarding divorce and child support have faced previous criticism for being vague and unjust. Director Sorin Luca, who is creating a documentary about Israel's divorce laws called "No Exit Order", purports that "A woman can easily put a travel ban on the father, with a demand for child support which can extend to the entire duration of the childhood."

"Once a father has the order, he can be imprisoned for up to 21 days, whether he has the ability to pay or not – without any investigation of his finances. Men are expected to pay 100% or even more of their income to pay for their children," Luca continues.'

Sarah Everard and the feminism of fear

Mastodon · 29 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The feminism of fear was everywhere this year.

Just as women should have been making the most of post-lockdown freedoms, we were plunged into a panic over our safety. Politicians, campaigners and commentators ruthlessly stoked and exploited women's concerns.
...
Measures to protect women and clamp down on men need to be proportionate. But proportion is exactly what is lost when we shift seamlessly between murder and a slap on the bum. The murders of Everard and Nessa were newsworthy precisely because crimes like these are so rare. Women are not routinely murdered by strangers on their way home, even if they walk alone and in the dark. Statistics show that in 2018 only six per cent of UK femicides (nine victims) were committed by a stranger, with three of these women killed in the context of a robbery or burglary. This is out of a population of 34million women.'

#GGForAll attracts controversy for advancing girls-only CS:GO events

Mastodon · 29 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Global Women's Circuit for CSGO will have a $500,000 prize pool, consisting of both online and offline events throughout the year. Its first major event will be held online between the months of March and May, followed by two LAN events in Dallas, Texas, and Valencia, Spain. This will be followed by another two-month online league, before concluding with a League Finals in Sweden in November.

Gender-inclusive initiatives such as #GGForAll and Riot's Valorant Game Changers may be seen as paradoxes by some. After all, they are meant to be inclusive initiatives, yet are exclusively available to genders that are not CIS male. However, these initiatives are meant to give female players (and other less-represented genders) a platform to pave a road towards professional play. There are a lot of social factors at play that prevents women from playing in the most competitive events. Events such as these are meant to encourage women to compete. These show them that women can compete and win money in esports. These will inspire and encourage a younger breed of women to try their hand in esports. Within these insulated environments, they have to deal with vitriol towards their gender less, because they will be playing against people who are more than assured will not use their gender to insult them.'

Parker City woman charged with making false rape accusation

Mastodon · 30 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Parker City woman faces a felony charge after allegedly making a false accusation of rape.

Hanna R. Gilkison, 24, was charged last week in Randolph Superior Court with obstruction of justice, a Level 6 felony carrying up to 30 months in prison.

Randolph County sheriff's deputies reported that Gilkison on Dec. 17 told them a male acquaintance, armed with a knife, had confronted her outside her home, abducted her and drove her to a camper, where he sexually assaulted her.'

The Istanbul Convention, A Feminist Trojan Horse

Douglas · 30 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

It is easy even for most politicians just to read what the title says and believe that all must be okay. After all, "Istanbul Convention Action against violence against women and domestic violence" must be good for society, right? Well, it would be if the content of the convention echoed the title and kept to the title.

Article here. Excerpt:

In its signing of the Istanbul Convention, the UK government committed itself to take “necessary measures to promote changes in the social and cultural patterns of behaviour of women and men to eradicate traditions and all other practises which are based on stereotyped roles for women and men.”

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Analysis by William Collins here. Excerpt:

The Istanbul Convention is essentially a further deepening of VAWG policies. It does not explicitly make anti-feminism illegal (for that, see the second part of this post) but it does make many aspects of feminism obligatory in law. It is a collection of guidelines complete with taxpayer-funded compliance inspectors which embodies radical feminist ideals, and will infringe on, if not remove entirely, many of the individual human rights of male European citizens. Bluntly put, it is anti-male fascism.

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But the Istanbul Convention is now spreading outside of Europe and is being promoted in Africa and South America. Those who care about men and boys, those who care about society, even those who care about women and girls need to fight off this treaty before it infects your nation.

Australia brings in mandatory gender quota on construction sites

Douglas · 30 December 2021 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Victorian Premier has announced mandatory gender quotas on major construction sites for new government projects worth $20 million or more earlier this month, set to come into effect from January 1.
...
It means that women must represent at least three per cent of jobs in each trade role on a project, four per cent of apprentices and trainees, seven per cent for each non-trade position, and 35 per cent of management, supervisor and specialist labour roles under the Building Equality Policy.'

Why Feminism Failed

Mastodon · 1 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For every conservative woman who rejects feminism, there's a female pundit who says "but only what it has become." There are many, it seems, who want to hold on to the idea, or perhaps even just the appearance, of political equity between the sexes, even as they reject what it has brought about.

Far be it from me to expect women in politics, whatever their affiliation, to openly reject the worldview that birthed their careers. But for the sake of intellectual consistency, it should be said that this position is as untenable as its preferred outcome is unlikely. Not only will American feminism never return to its First Wave iteration, but if it were to do so, we would only end up here again. "Here" meaning "birthing persons" protesting abortion laws in uterus hats and men getting snipped as "an act of love." The logic of feminism has always been totalizing, even if its more radical threads were once hidden to convince the less observant public to back its initial political battles.'

Calls for femicide to become separate crime in Greece mount as two more women killed

Mastodon · 1 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Changes to the penal code more recently have ensured that the severest penalties will be meted out to those found guilty of murdering women, with perpetrators no longer able to cite extenuating circumstances in the hope of receiving a lighter sentence if the act is deemed a “crime of passion”. The justice ministry is also poised to overhaul domestic violence legislation drafted more than a decade ago.

The country’s gender equality minister, Maria Syrengela, described the measures as unprecedented. “There’ll be no ability for men to claim they acted in the heat of the moment, that it was a crime of passion,” she told the Guardian.

“And when the domestic violence law is redrafted in line with the Istanbul convention, we will of course advise that femicide is included,” she said. “It’s about time.”'

Spain says it is first in Europe to officially count all femicides

Mastodon · 1 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Official statistics on gender-based violence in Spain will be broadened to include killings of women and children by men regardless of whether there was a prior relationship between victim and killer, in what is being described as a first in Europe.

“What is not named does not exist,” said Spain’s equality minister, Irene Montero. “We have to recognise all of the victims and make visible all forms of violence – all machista [sexist] killings – so that we can put in place policies for prevention, early detection and eradication.”

Since 2003 Spain has logged killings as gender violence if there is evidence that the killer and the victim had been or were in a relationship. From Saturday 1 January the definition of gender violence will be broadened to include the murder of any woman or children in which gender is deemed to have played a role.'

Exposing the great feminist reset

Mastodon · 2 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Their sticky fingers were all over the final report from the House of Representatives Inquiry into the National Plan for Violence Against Women, which recommended all sorts of gender ‘equality’ initiatives, like:

Courses in schools to improve financial literacy – but only for girls.

Initiatives to upskill and reskill people in STEM – but only for women.

Programs to increase digital literacy – excluding men and boys.

Their view of what’s needed to address gender inequality requires, according to Our Watch, ‘The redistribution of power, resources and responsibilities between men and women.’

Pretty radical stuff, eh? Not according to the leaders of most of our major institutions who seem unable to resist the ongoing feminist push.'

Gurugram woman, who filed 7 rape cases against 7 men, now held for ‘extortion’

Mastodon · 2 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A 20-year-old student who filed seven rape cases against seven men at seven police stations in Gurugram has been arrested for allegedly filing a fake sexual assault complaint in a suspected extortion bid.

The woman, an English Honours student at Delhi University, has been booked for alleged extortion, insulting the modesty of a woman, threats for false evidence, criminal intimidation, and criminal conspiracy.

She filed the seven complaints over 14 months beginning September 2020. Three of these cases have already been closed. In two of these, she has been issued notices to appear before court under Section 182 (false information, with intent to cause public servant to use his lawful power to the injury of another person) of the IPC.

Her arrest came after the mother of one of the men she got booked filed a police complaint against her.

“She was arrested Wednesday. The complaint was filed by the mother of a man against whom she had filed an FIR on 24 October 2021, accusing him of rape, in DLF phase 3 police station,” a senior police officer told ThePrint.'

Adam Zivo: Ruling that Steven Galloway can sue over false rape allegations a win for due process

Mastodon · 5 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A B.C. judge's ruling that novelist Steven Galloway can sue his accuser over repeated and unsubstantiated claims that he is a rapist is a dose of common sense, signalling that due process still matters and that those who make false sexual assault allegations are not above accountability.

Previously a feted author, Galloway became infamous in the Canadian literary world after a former student of his publicly accused him of sexual assault. A subsequent investigation determined in 2016 that this accusation was unfounded and that the student and Galloway had a consensual relationship, though Galloway was fired from his University of British Columbia position for an "irreparable breach of trust."

The accuser, whose name is under a publication ban and can only be identified by the letters A.B., and her supporters rejected these findings and continued to smear Galloway. Notably, in 2018 A.B. held an art show in New York City centred on the theme of rape, where, in an artist statement, she reiterated her false claims about Galloway, though she avoided explicitly naming him.'

Katie Glass says women should stop moaning about mansplaining

Mastodon · 8 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

It is a word I can't stand. Like manspreading (men taking up extra room by sitting with their legs wide) or man-slamming (men's alleged habit of barging past women on the street), it seems little more than a sexist, mean-spirited way to attack men.

To me, what is often dismissed as mansplaining is simply helpful advice, rejected by women who are oversensitive about potentially being patronised.

Far too many of us these days, I fear, shoot ourselves in the foot by refusing all male help, so keen are we to be seen as empowered equals.

If such a gendered and dismissive word were used to undermine women's help, we'd be furious. Actually, there is such a word — to nag — and if a man dared use it about me, I'd be apoplectic.

"Real Men Missing"

Matt · 9 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Conservative leadership today lacks strong men of courage who will, using solid first principles, face down the radical left. In other words, conservatism today has been emasculated. There is no better word for it.

In a recent interview with Glenn Beck, Tucker Carlson described the present Republican leadership:

They're weak. There's something in them that's weak, and they've decided… 'The other side is ascended. The left is winning. I'm not gonna push any buttons that might infuriate them.' They're just not lionhearted.

Carlson further lamented that these men will not stand firmly on even the most basic ideas, such as an uncompromising defense of free speech, per the First Amendment. Tellingly, he adds, "The only ones who will do it are women."

This epidemic of weak men did not start with the virus or the electoral coup. The right's craven capitulation to the left accelerated dramatically as right-wing men lost their nerve directly to left-wing women demanding power. "[Conservative men] won't say anything that would get them in trouble with the ladies," The Masculinist founder Aaron Renn concluded in a podcast entitled "The Decline of the Gentleman."'

Mayor of St. Louis seeks to scrap police chief search because only "white males" were available for choosing

Mastodon · 11 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'St. Louis Mayor Tishaura Jones confirmed Tuesday she wants to scrap the current search for the city's new police chief after facing difficulties created by a former city leader.

Rick Frank, who stepped down as the city's independent personnel department in December, determined police chief finalists would be chosen solely by his department. This broke from how current Police Chief John Hayden was chosen under Mayor Lyda Krewson and Frank, who hired an outside consultant to find and pick the finalists.

"I only had two white male candidates to choose from and St. Louis is more diverse than white males, our police department is more diverse—there were a lot of diverse candidates within the police department who were kicked out of the first round so I want to start over to find the right candidate," Jones said.'

Intact 2022 Conference – Call for Papers

DanBollinger · 12 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Call for Papers Submission Form

Deadline April 15. Presentations are limited to 20 minutes with a 5 minute Q&A.

Who: This symposium is sponsored by the Law Office of David J. Llewellyn and Intact America.

What: INTACT 2022: The 16th International Symposium on Genital Autonomy, Circumcision, and Children's Rights

Where: The Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center, 800 Spring St NW, Atlanta, GA 30308, USA.

When: Saturday and Sunday, August 27-28, 2022. Registration is Friday, 7–9 pm and Saturday, 7–9 am, and Sunday 7–9 am.

How Much: The conference fee is $300 and includes a continental breakfast and a bountiful buffet luncheon each day, and day-time parking. Lodging and travel are not included.

How to Register: Registration will open in the Spring.

If your organization would like to have a time slot to talk about what you have done or plan to do, please contact info@intactamerica.org

Air Force accused of pushing woman through elite commando training after she quit, spurring investigation

Mastodon · 13 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Air Force Special Operations Command boss Lt. Gen. Jim Slife is calling for an inspector general investigation after claims surfaced that his organization is unfairly pushing an unqualified female airman through special tactics officer training.

If she completes the program, she would become the first woman to make it into the elite special tactics field — a major win for the Air Force.

On Wednesday, however, an anonymous member of the AFSOC community raised questions in an letter about whether the airman is receiving preferential treatment to stay in the pipeline, despite allegedly quitting multiple times.'

Appeals Court Allows Discrimination Suit to Go Forward

Mastodon · 14 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A federal appeals court Tuesday in Pasadena revived a lawsuit against the Regents of the University of California brought by a Chinese national graduate student who alleges UCLA violated his civil rights in a disciplinary proceeding instituted after a former student accused him of misconduct.

Based on the former student's allegations, and before beginning a formal Title IX investigation, UCLA issued an immediate interim suspension of the graduate student, identified in court papers as John Doe, who was just months away from completing his doctoral degree in chemistry/biochemistry, according to the ruling by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

More than five months later, UCLA suspended Doe for two years after finding he violated the university's dating violence policy by placing the woman — his former fiance — "in fear of bodily injury," just one of 13 charges the university brought against him. As a result, Doe lost his housing, his job as a teaching assistant on campus, his ability to complete his degree, and his student visa, the appeals court stated.

A message sent to a spokesperson for the UC Regents seeking comment was not immediately answered.

In December 2019, the man filed suit in Los Angeles federal court against the UC governing board, alleging violations of his civil rights and system-wide bias against males. In particular, he alleged that a UCLA official told him that "no female has ever fabricated allegations against an ex-boyfriend in a Title IX setting."'

UK: Host of male celebrities call for misogyny to be made a hate crime

Mastodon · 14 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of male celebrities including Michael Sheen, Jason Manford and Gary Neville are calling for misogyny to be made a hate crime.

Stella Creasy, Labour and Co-operative Party MP for Walthamstow, is campaigning to 'include misogyny in our hate crime legislation', meaning offences motivated by a hatred of women would be treated similarly as those motivated by racism or religious intolerance.

In an open letter to House of Lords members, bearing the names of several famous men, she calls for the Government to accept the 'Newlove amendment' to the Policing Bill when it is debated on January 17.

Comedian David Baddiel, former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, and former Chief Prosecutor Nazir Afzal OBE all have their names featured on the open letter, which calls for the Government to 'modernise our hate crime laws'.

Mr Afzal today tweeted a link to the letter, tagging fellow men who signed it and writing: 'MEN must take responsibility for MALE violence... sign the letter please.'

Is our attitude to men based on substandard research?

Matt · 15 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Much of our attitude towards men comes from high profile feminist and Gender Studies scholars in academia. There is a strong association between the theorizing amongst such academics and the ideologies expressed in public debate. In fact, it is often the same individuals who write op-eds, scholarly papers, and pamphlets, and engage in political activism. It is only the type of platform that varies. Much of the ideas about male privilege, quotas, “rape culture”, and the patriarchy, for example, began in academic departments. But what is the scientific quality of publications from the world of gender studies?

We were compelled to investigate the quality of gender studies publications after some alluring lectures given at Umeå University, arguing that Gender Studies (GS) outperforms the old-fashioned, bigoted, and boring positivist methods. GS, it was argued, is an alternative and superior kind of science.

This aroused our interest, so we compiled a database of all GS publications we could find in a certain time frame, written by scholars active in Sweden. This Swedish Gender Studies List (SGSL) contains 12,414 cases, and has to date been used in three studies, all published in the journal Scientometrics (Söderlund & Madison, 2015; 2017; Madison & Söderlund, 2018). As they are already reported in detail, we provide only a brief summary of selected results here.'

UK: Government defeated as Lords vote to make misogyny a hate crime

Mastodon · 18 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The government also suffered a defeat over a separate issue when peers voted to make misogyny a hate crime in England and Wales - a move that would enable judges to impose stronger penalties if prejudice against women is proved to be the motivation.

The proposal was added to the bill as an amendment against the government's wishes and led by Conservative peer Baroness Newlove - a former victims' commissioner.

Baroness Newlove said: "As a society we have rightly taken steps to acknowledge the severity of racist or homophobic crimes, but have not yet acted on crimes driven by hatred of women."

Crossbench peer Baroness Fox, the former Brexit Party MEP, argued against the proposal, saying the data collected would be "almost entirely based on subjective perceptions" of what constituted misogyny.

She warned that police resources would be wasted if they got "tangled up in the reporting and monitoring of stats and data which I do not think is reliable".'

GW must consider diverse candidates for the presidency

Mastodon · 18 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The presidential search committee must be aware of its implicit biases against women that have been ingrained in every single human without consciously knowing about them. They also need to actively fight against those biases by prioritizing the appointment of a more diverse president in the upcoming selection. Everyone has implicit biases based on what they have experienced and been taught, so none of this is to say that GW is making the purposeful decision to be sexist. But failing to recognize those biases is what perpetuates them and continuing to appoint men to positions of power will never get rid of those biases.'

What Justice Gorsuch's masklessness says about society

Mastodon · 19 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Friday, we witnessed an unusually ugly spectacle at the US Supreme Court. Neil Gorsuch sat on the bench maskless (as he also has on other occasions), while his colleague Sonia Sotomayor -- who as a diabetic is at higher risk of severe disease if she contracts Covid-19 -- participated remotely from her chambers. A Court spokesperson didn't respond to a question from The Washington Post about the incident. But it would make sense for Sotomayor, who usually sits next to Gorsuch and has reportedly expressed concerns about contracting Covid-19, to be uncomfortable that he wasn't wearing a mask. The episode was a shocking display of male entitlement.
...

Gorsuch's choice not to mask up was an act of the same variety as men who "manspread" on the subway by sitting with their legs apart so there isn't legroom for the person next to them or use "bro language" like referring to their sexual exploits in the workplace. This kind of behavior often makes women feel uncomfortable and even unwelcome in public settings, including their places of work. In the case of Gorsuch's disregard for Sotomayor, it was particularly inappropriate because not wearing a mask posed a potential threat to her health.

There's a very gendered nature to the debate about masking. While plenty of women don't wear masks or support public masking, a study in the academic journal Politics & Gender found an association between masculinity and an aversion to mask wearing, which suggests that men are less likely to wear masks. Women, on the other hand, tend to be more risk averse on matters related to our health, according to a study published in the journal Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World. Stanford researchers also recently found that men who refuse to comply with Covid rules such as mask wearing are also more likely to commit sexual harassment and have sexist views. This makes perfect sense, since they're all outrageous displays of entitlement.'

Ontario mother given 18 months house arrest for drowning death of 3-year-old son

Mastodon · 19 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Ontario woman who drove herself and her three-year-old son onto a flooded road and failed to save him was sentenced to house arrest for the incident.

38-year-old Michelle Hanson pleaded guilty in November to one count of criminal negligence causing death over the tragic incident, admitting to drinking alcohol and taking her young son, Kaden Young, for a drive because he could not sleep.

...

Hanson was sentenced by Justice Gisele Miller for 18 months house arrest, followed by six months with a nightly curfew. Hanson will also attend grief counselling and substance use counselling, according to CP24.'

What Is the Fear of Men?

Mastodon · 20 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fear of men is an extreme, persistent fear of men. The presence or image of a male can stimulate this prolonged emotional response in some individuals. While fear of men is not a standalone phobia mentioned in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th ed. (DSM-5), it is a type of specific phobia that can affect people of every gender.1 Specific phobias have their own DSM-5 categorization.

Androphobia is the scientific name for fear of men. It comes from "andros," the Greek word for man, and "phobia," which means fear or dread.

Fear of men is a type of anxiety disorder. Unchecked, it can provoke abnormal behaviors and physical reactions. Professional intervention can help alleviate these symptoms.'

Aurora food pantry sets women-only giveaway Jan. 20

Mastodon · 20 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry will hold its third monthly Women's Empowerment Mobile Pantry, a distribution of free food and household items for women only, on Thursday, Jan. 20.

The women's pantry will run from 2 to 3 p.m. at Santori Aurora Public Library, 101 S. River St. in Aurora. IDs are not required.

In addition to food, diapers, formula, baby food and feminine hygiene products will be distributed. The pantry's December distribution at Two Rivers Head Start in Aurora served 72 families.'

Woman Accuses Husband Of Rape But Maltese Police Find Out She Attacked Him With Kettle Of Hot Water

Mastodon · 21 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After a foreign woman reported her husband for rape, investigations conducted in Malta uncovered an 18-minute video that revealed she was actually physically abusing him.

TVM reported that 36-year-old woman, who works with the Foundation of Educational Services but whose name and nationality cannot be reported by court order, has been charged with domestic violence, assaulting her husband and subsequently causing him slight injuries. She is pleading not guilty.

Her alleged abuse came to light after investigations, that were sparked by her own claim of rape, found a camera in her home which had video footage of the man being subject to domestic violence, with his wife attacking him with her hands, a baton, a frying pan and a kettle of hot water.'

State wins trial over bias claims at Michigan's only women’s prison

Mastodon · 23 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A jury has ruled in favor of the state Corrections Department in a trial about work opportunities for male officers at Michigan’s only prison for women.

The men sued in 2011, claiming to be victims of discrimination. They said they were denied certain jobs at the Huron Valley prison in response to sexual assaults by others many years earlier.

The officers were seeking millions of dollars in overtime and other lost compensation. But the trial ended Friday in Washtenaw County with a verdict for the Corrections Department.

“I’m floored,” James Fett, an attorney for the men, said of the verdict.

The assignments sought by male officers at the time were not in the prison’s housing units but in food service, the yard, school, infirmary, gym and other areas, according to the lawsuit.

“This was the department slapping back at men for bad behavior in the 1990s,” Fett said. “These were not jobs where there was a danger of females getting molested. They’ve got cameras all over the place.”
...
In a separate but related matter, the Corrections Department in 2018 agreed to pay about $750,000 to hundreds of female prison officers who said they were forced to work excessive overtime and denied transfers at Huron Valley because of the state’s desire to keep women staff there. The U.S. Justice Department had filed a lawsuit.'

UK: Civil servant who was sacked over claim she lied about photo of her gagged and bound loses claim

Mastodon · 23 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A civil servant who was sacked over a claim she lied about a photo of her gagged and bound to a chair has lost her £500,000 compensation claim for unfair dismissal after a tribunal ruled it was just 'high jinks'.

The image of Marine Scotland worker DeeAnn Fitzpatrick went viral in 2018 after she claimed she was subjected to the ordeal for blowing the whistle on abusive and misogynist behaviour in the office.

The Senior Fishery Officer said in a BBC interview that tape was placed over her mouth to 'shut' her up as she was told 'that's what you get for speaking out about the boys.'

Bosses later fired Ms Fitzpatrick for lying about when the photo was taken so she could claim it was punishment for her whistle blowing complaint.

She then attempted to sue her employer for £500,000.

However, an employment tribunal has now thrown out Ms Fitzpatrick's claim of unfair dismissal as it ruled the photo was just 'high jinks' and the two male workers who tied her up believed they were playing a prank.'

Breakdown services must ‘do better’, says Labour MP after claims the AA no longer prioritises lone women

Mastodon · 23 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Labour MP Rosie Duffield has called on breakdown services to “do better” after claims one of them no longer prioritises lone women.

The MP for Canterbury said women should be able to put their trust in these companies particularly at a time of heightened violence towards women.

On Wednesday evening, feminist academic Helen Mott took to Twitter to accuse the AA of leaving her alone for an hour and a half after her car broke down.
...
The AA replied to her tweet, writing: “Hi Helen, you’ve been advised correctly. We don’t prioritise based on gender, we do consider the location so as an example we would prioritise someone on a motorway over someone in a supermarket car park.”'

Israel: Bereaved families fight to use deceased child's sperm to be grandparents

Matt · 25 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Bereaved families who lost their sons during military service are fighting the state to allow them to become grandparents by using posthumously retrieved sperm from their child and a surrogate.

A bill put forward by MK May Golan (Likud) that would allow bereaved parents to use the sperm of their dead children was voted down last summer by the Ministerial Committee for Legislation.

However, lawmakers including MK Zvi Hauser (New Hope) are giving it a new push and are expected to bring it to a vote within a month.

Calling it one of the most complicated and sensitive issues that he has ever worked on, Hauser said it would be groundbreaking should the bill pass and that many other countries could follow suit.'

Court: Women-only gym areas violate state discrimination law

Mastodon · 26 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women-only exercise areas in gyms and fitness clubs violate a state law banning discrimination based on gender, the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

The 6-0 decision written by Chief Justice Richard Robinson overturned a lower court ruling and an earlier decision by a state human rights official. The case involved two men who complained about women-only exercise areas at two gyms — an Edge Fitness Club in Stratford and a Club Fitness in Bloomfield.

The case drew high interest from a variety of advocacy groups that submitted briefs to the court.
...
Several questions arose. Should women be protected from the ogling of men they believe are objectifying them? Do women-only workout areas discriminate against men who have to wait in line to use equipment in the general public area? Should lesbian women be barred from the women-only areas because they might objectify women?

In the ruling, Robinson wrote there is no implied customer gender privacy exception to the ban against gender-based discrimination in the state's Public Accommodation Act. The two gyms that are defendants in the case argued there was such an exception.'

UK: Covid vaccine: Women-only and quiet sessions to boost uptake

Mastodon · 26 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'South Worcestershire Healthcare will be running the sessions across Worcestershire over the coming week.

Female-only staff will deliver Covid-19 jabs to women during "women's hour" and "quiet hour" will see lights dimmed and noise minimised to attract people who have sensory disabilities or autism.

The provider said "a lot of people can be put off" by walk-in clinics.

Women's hour "is basically for women who may feel more comfortable in a female-only environment, be that for religious reasons, cultural reasons or just in general", said Finn Nolan, outreach manager for South Worcestershire Healthcare.

He said all male staff would be taken off the floor for one hour a day and the centres would be female-only spaces.'

Opinion: Modern feminism destroys American societal values

Mastodon · 26 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Modern “woke” feminism, despite claiming to fight for the betterment of the female gender, is a destructive movement that has strayed away from the original motives of feminism. It has become a media-hype term that nobody understands, and everyone ardently supports.

Modern feminism influences women to constantly fight against the allegedly suppressive patriarchy that has haunted them since the beginning of time instead of inspiring women to become happy individuals who benefit future generations over seeking revenge for the mistreatment of past ages.
...
As all movements do, feminism has evolved greatly since its beginning in the late nineteenth century. First-wave feminism had a fairly simple goal: recognizing women as humans as opposed to property. Second-wave feminism challenged the role of women in society, and third-wave feminism symbolized the importance of individuality and autonomy.

Over the years, the definition of a feminist has changed. An early feminist may have been a woman who was able to instill good values in her children; a twentieth-century feminist was one who could balance her academic and career goals with her family life.
...
Since the beginning of this century, women have been out to reform male-dominated industries, especially the entertainment industry. One would think that new feminist films are taking the field by storm.'

Nicola Sturgeon claims world would be a ‘better place’ if ruled by women

Mastodon · 27 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nicola Sturgeon has claimed the world would be a “better place” if it were ruled by women.

The Scottish first minister also said females are still forced to work “twice as hard” as men to be taken “even half as seriously”.

But the 51-year-old SNP leader believes it a good thing women have to be so industrious - as they end up being better and working a lot harder than their male counterparts.

...

“But when you see women, and I’m not talking about myself here I’m talking about other women in senior positions: by and large, they’re better than their equivalent man and, more often than not, they’ve had to push themselves a lot harder to get to where they are.

“I often think the world would be a much better place if it were ruled by women.'

More men than women are leaving US labour force

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This pattern has emerged in a growing number of American households lately. During each recession for the last 40 years, a sizable number of men — more than women — have left the labor force and not come back. So far, this has been true for the pandemic too, despite rising wages and the best job market in decades. The male prime-age labor force participation rate — the share of men age 25 to 54 who are either working or looking for work — has fallen over the years from 96% in 1970 to about 89% in 2020 before the pandemic.

And despite plentiful opportunities now, the numbers haven't recovered to pre-pandemic levels. As of the last estimate in November 2021, only 88.2% of prime age men are participating in the U.S. labor force. Which makes it clear we need a new approach to jobs.

Less-educated men are the most likely to drop out; the rate of prime-age male high school graduates in the labor force is still 1.37 percentage points lower than before the pandemic, and only 84% of men without college degrees are in the labor force. Some women left the labor force too, but not as many. Women's participation rate dropped 0.62% — even while bearing the brunt of irregular schooling. The numbers look worse in some areas: in November only 83% of prime age men were in the labor force in West Virginia and Vermont, and just 79% in Mississippi, while 92% of prime age men were engaged in the job market in Utah.'

Why Boys and Men Are Failing | Forward with Andrew Yang

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Video here. Andrew and Zach discuss our nation's masculinity crisis.

Wikipedia on Yang here.

Study: Men more likely to lash out at work over gender challenges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New research out of Oregon State University found men were more likely than women to respond negatively to gender threats in the workplace.

According to the findings, published Jan. 2022 in the Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes journal, male employees were more likely than their female counterparts to lie, cheat, or steal at their jobs when they felt their gender identity had been challenged.

Oregon State University's Keith Leavitt, who was the lead author of the publication, "Fragile or robust? Differential effects of gender threats in the workplace among men and women," said in addition to lashing out, men also became less willing to help in workplace scenarios when they perceived their gender had been threatened.'

Swimming Australia report calls for coach quotas, promotion of gender equality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Among 46 recommendations, the report calls for the establishment of a group to promote gender equality within swimming "to address areas such as leadership opportunities for women as coaches, officials, administrators and executives."

It recommends quotas to ensure the representation of women at the advanced and performance coaching level and calls on Swimming Australia to "never again select an all-male team" to manage national and international competitions.

The report recommends no less than two women when four or more coaches are selected, and at least one woman where there are three or fewer coaches.

The report also addressed Swimming Australia's complaints system, calling for a character test in the selection criteria for coaches and support staff.

It demands that language used in coaching resources be "respectful towards women" in terms of describing athletes and physiques, and an end to the use of so-called skinfold tests "as a measure of body composition at any stage of a swimmer's career."

If the reports' recommendations are adopted, coaches will have to undertake specific education on "female-specific health concerns."'

Woman reveals why men shouldn’t ask to split the bill on dates: ‘Make his pockets hurt’

Mastodon · 28 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman has sparked a debate after she revealed why she thinks women should not have to pay when going on a date with a man.

In a TikTok video posted this past November, Kiera Breaugh claimed that men shouldn’t expect a woman to split the bill on a date. And if they do, it is an “effect of the patriarchy.”

“One of the most insidious and ridiculous effects of the patriarchy is literally women paying 50/50,” Breaugh said.

“Men going around being like: ‘It’s 2021, equal rights, right? You’re going to pay 50/50,’” she continued. “The fact that men expect 50/50 from women when women don’t get 50 per cent of anything.”

She further claimed that, compared to men, women do not receive 50 per cent of the “money,” “safety,” “privilege,” or “space.”'

Founder of domestic abuse charity investigated after tweet saying service is for women only

Mastodon · 31 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who runs a charity to help victims of domestic abuse is being accused of a hate crime and was interviewed by police after stating publicly that the charity was only for women. Officers told Murray: "We need to speak to you to ascertain what your thinking was behind making your statement." Police have since been accused of investigating "thought crimes" by advocates Roddy Dunlop QC and Joanna Cherry QC.

Nicola Murray, founder of Brodie's Trust, a UK charity intended to support "women who've suffered pregnancy loss through domestic violence or forced termination," was interviewed by police on her comments that Brodie's Trust would "remain a female only service, run by women, for women, and will not be intimidated into changing our stance on this matter," The Times reported.'

Caitlin Moran: ‘My brother says it’s easier to be a woman – I can see his point’

Mastodon · 31 January 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'She says her next book will be about men. “When my brother moved in, he kept saying all these things against feminism. The thing he kept saying over and over again is ‘it’s easier to be a woman these days than it is to be a man’.”

“I started to see it from his point of view”, she says. “If any woman has a problem there is another woman who will be able to talk to her about that problem. We are surrounded by this informal, beautiful sisterhood network that we’ve built up called feminism.”

“Men don’t have anything like that,” Moran continues. “Men can’t talk to each other about their problems. There are no songs about how great it is to be a boy. If you said I want to talk about the problems of men, you would get laughed at.” The void, she feels, is leaving boys open to the influence of “right-wing commentators like Jordan B Peterson who are astonishingly unhelpful for young men”.

In asking men to share their problems with her on Twitter, Moran says the responses resulted in it being the first time she “came across the concept of female privilege. Whatever the problems are being a woman, at least I’ve never worried that people are scared of me”.'

Men and the Human Papillomavirus

Mastodon · 1 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'HPV comes in more than 170 forms (with certain subtypes being more ‘deadly’ than others) and typically transmits through sexual activity. Despite it spreading equally easily and causing cancer in both males and females, there tends to be surprisingly low awareness of what HPV is among men. It is unbelievable to me that the term doesn’t even ring a bell among the highly educated male friends in my social circle, with some even confusing it with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) or the Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV). Findings in recent scientific studies appear to align with my anecdotal observations.

In the previous decade, data collected in one American university revealed that despite rising death rates in HPV-related cancer among men, less than 30% of males were vaccinated. Another report painted a similar picture: the awareness of HPV and the importance of its vaccination dropped by a whopping 10% among men between 2013 and 2018. Sexuality also appeared to play a role in HPV awareness, with the LGBTQ+ community appearing to be more conscious of the threat posed by HPV. It was found that men who have sex with men tend to be more aware of HPV and are more willing to get vaccinated for it in comparison with heterosexual men.'

Charges are dropped against ex- teacher, 26, after she marries student she was accused of having sex with

Mastodon · 2 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors have dropped charges against a Missouri high school teacher after she married the student she was accused of having sex with.

In February 2019, former Sarcoxie High School teacher Baylee A. Turner, 26, was charged with having sexual contact with one of her male students following an investigation by the Jasper County Sheriff's Department, the Joplin Globe reported.

Turner, then 23 years old, was a first-year English teacher at the high school when she was accused of having sexual intercourse with a student in January 2019, leading to her resignation.'

The data are clear: The boys are not all right

Mastodon · 8 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The data are clear. Boys are more than twice as likely as girls to be diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; are five times as likely to spend time in juvenile detention; and are less likely to finish high school.

Unfortunately, it doesn't get better when boys become adults. Men now make up only 40.5 percent of college students. Male community college enrollment declined by 14.7 percent in 2020 alone, compared with 6.8 percent for women. Median wages for men have declined since 1990 in real terms. Roughly one-third of men are either unemployed or out of the workforce. More U.S. men ages 18 to 34 are now living with their parents than with romantic partners.

Economic transformation has been a big contributor. More than two-thirds of manufacturing workers are men; the sector has lost more than 5 million jobs since 2000. That's a lot of unemployed men. Not just coincidentally, "deaths of despair" — those caused by suicide, overdose and alcoholism — have surged to unprecedented levels among middle-aged men over the past 20 years.'

San Francisco, The Land of the Lotus-Eaters

Matt · 9 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In Homer's great epic the Odyssey, the land of the Lotus-Eaters is a place where inhabitants and wayward sailors live in drug-induced states. In this place, men forget about families and responsibilities and drift into a never-ending delirium supported by a never-ending supply of narcotics. The only escape is being forcefully taken away, kicking and screaming, as addicted sailors beg for the sweet lotus. Something we recognize today as heroine and opioid dependency.

San Francisco, the city by the bay, is America's very own land of the Lotus-Eaters, where thousands go to imbibe in drugs, and many go on to die. "City-funded service providers supervise people smoking fentanyl and meth they buy from drug dealers across the street," according to a story written by Michael Shellenberger and later confirmed by the San Francisco Chronicle.

San Francisco has a long history of a place men go to die. In the 1980s and 1990s, HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) ravaged young men and was the leading cause of death for men between the ages of 25-44, reaching a peak of 2,332 in San Francisco in 1992. Although people became deeply concerned regarding the HIV crisis and deaths, the Department of Health failed to create an Office of Men's Health as it openly created an Office of Women's Health in 1991; a program with a mission to "provide national leadership and coordination to improve the health of women and girls through policy, education, and innovative programs." Despite the male gender-gap in so many areas of well-being, no such efforts have been made on behalf of men and boys.'

UK:Deputy police chief quits after 'too many women' comments

Mastodon · 11 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Luke Stubbs also claimed at a Hampshire fire authority meeting in December that equality goals "only benefit women and minorities".

The comments were widely criticised and he subsequently apologised.

Mr Stubbs has since stepped down, the Local Democracy Reporting Service has learned.

He made his comments at a Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service authority meeting where plans to hire more women and people from minority ethnic groups were outlined.

Mr Stubbs said: "Government - and I think this is wrong - is bringing in quota programmes across the public sector, but only where it benefits women and minorities.

In areas where it's mostly men it has to be 50/50, but in areas where it's mostly women there's no change."

Stating the fire service's control room was 84% women, he said: "I would like assurance that steps are being taken to reduce that."'

Between The World And Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is a real problem — and it's wonderful that Andrew Yang understands this, even though the Democrats don't seem to. And it's a problem not just for men but for society as a whole. Rearing a cohort of under-employed, disaffected, fatherless men who are alienated from mainstream culture, denied responsible male role models, and robbed of jobs they once took for granted and could support a family with is, well, asking for it. Adding a whole bunch of contempt doesn't make it any better. In fact, it is making it a whole lot worse.
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No, the left is not calling all masculinity toxic. But they get pretty quiet when you ask for a definition of non-toxic masculinity that doesn't end up sounding like being a woman. And, no, they're not explicitly denying that there are biological differences between men and women — they just speak and act on the premise that there aren't, that boys do not need a different kind of education than girls, that all-male groups are problematic, and that finding a way to direct masculinity to noble ends is somehow enabling the oppression of women, or gay people. The result is that men are subject to left derision, right machismo, and complete cultural derailment.

And that's where Joe Rogan and Jordan Peterson come in. They too, of course, are mocked constantly, demeaned as chauvinists or white supremacists, etc. But what Rogan does is speak and talk the way men do with each other in private, which, in this media era, is a revelation. He doesn't entertain the woke bromides of gender theory because he's lived a life, clearly loves being a man as much as Adele says she loves being a woman, and believes, as he once put it, that "bad men are just bad human beings who happen to be men."'

Andrew Yang Is Wrong About Boys and Men

Mastodon · 14 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yang seems to misunderstand the term “toxic masculinity.” He thinks it’s meant to denote that there’s a problem with men and boys themselves. It’s probably because, like most American men, he has been socialized to experience anything short of praise as a threat to his manhood. Therefore, he responds like an entitled teenage boy who needs constructive criticism to be sandwiched between ego-boosting compliments. Yang pleads for less condemnation of problems and more celebration of “positive masculinity” (which he fails define). However, he’s comfortable disparaging other demographic identity groups; he carelessly launches familiar critical tropes about single motherhood and non-heteronormative family organizational structures.

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Still, it would be foolish to deny that men are struggling psychologically. When I was researching my book, Father Figure: How to be a Feminist Dad, it was immediately clear that many men feel wounded. It’s because they’re trying to reconcile their identities as mature men with a culture that’s actively shedding its old sexist inclinations. They don’t know how to imagine themselves without the privileges and entitlements of patriarchy. As a result, some men have become reactionary. They blame women, mothers, and the “identity politics” of elite liberal college professors like me. They also fight political battles against women’s reproductive rights and transgender rights because they unconsciously mistake non-cisgender-male bodies as a threat.'

The Opioid Crisis: Men Are More Than Twice As Likely To Die From Drug Overdose Than Women

Matt · 15 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. now averages about 275 drug-related deaths per day, mostly from synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. Nearly 92,000 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2020, which was a 30% increase from 2019. It was the highest annual total on record. Preliminary figures suggest 2021 numbers will be even higher.

But there is a concerning truth that is going underreported… Opioids are disproportionately killing our men. American men are more than twice as likely as women to die by overdose. Men 24 to 34 years old are the most likely among all age groups to die from drug-related causes. You could say that the drug-overdose crisis is a crisis of single men.'

Why Americans struggle over the future of masculinity

Mastodon · 16 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Attacks on traditional ideas of masculinity threaten not only the civic vigor of a society, but also a nation's ability to compete with others and defend itself from dangers, these leaders say.

"The left want to define traditional masculinity as toxic," Republican Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri said in an address to the National Conservatism Conference last fall. "They want to define the traditional masculine virtues – things like courage and independence and assertiveness – as a danger to society."

"The problem with the left's assault on the masculine virtues is that those self-same qualities, the very ones the left now vilify as dangerous and toxic, have long been regarded as vital to self-government," said Senator Hawley, who has become one of the most outspoken conservative leaders to proclaim that American men are in a crisis. "Observers from the ancient Romans to our forefathers identified the manly virtues as indispensable for political liberty."'

Velvet gloves to iron fists: how complicit are the wives of dictators?

Matt · 17 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Predictably, the question is framed in terms of "patriarchy", etc., and it seems the woman's moral agency is minimized, which happens whenever a writer wants to let her off the hook. Still, it's good the topic is now being addressed. Excerpt:

'Popa is the anti-heroine of The Dictator's Wife, a debut novel by a young British Indian writer, Freya Berry, that explores how tyrants deploy glamorous spouses to soften their image: velvet gloves to their iron fists.

The book poses an important question: to what extent should such women be judged as complicit in their husbands' regimes? They are often survivors of brutal patriarchy and lack genuine political power. But do they, too, have blood on their hands?

When we encounter Popa in the novel, she has endured the murder of her husband Constantin, a keen student of Hitler's charisma who enriched himself at the expense of impoverished Yanussia, a fictional eastern European country. Now the former actor and businesswoman is defiant as she faces a possible conviction and death sentence. The story is narrated by Laura Lăzărescu, a young London lawyer working on the case and starstruck by this enigmatic "black widow".'

The Academic Apparatus: Not Quite Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Matt · 19 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As universities continue to push programs and staffing that focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), some are beginning to notice the price tags of these programs. Information from Professor Mark Perry of the American Enterprise Institute has shown that the University of Michigan has allotted 126 positions at a cost of $15.6 million and Ohio State University has allotted 131 positions at a cost of $13.4 million for the 2021-2022 academic year for diversity, equity, and inclusion staff.

GIBM further disaggregated the data to learn that male representation in these programs is staggeringly low. At the University of Michigan, males only account for 25% of DEI staff, while at Ohio State University, males only account for 32% of DEI Staff. There are even fewer males who are in the top 10 salary earners when broken down by percentage of employees by gender and total number of employees. At the Univ. of Michigan, women account for 6.3% and men account for 1.6% of top 10 salary earners; while at OSU, women account for 6.9% of top 10 salary earners and men account for 0.75%.'

Thousands of men at risk of weak sperm depending on which city they live in, study finds

Matt · 19 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'MEN are at risk of weaker sperm depending on where they live, a study warns.

The fertility of thousands, potentially millions of men, may be experiencing fertility decline without realising.

Researchers in China discovered that men who live in heavily polluted areas may experience poor sperm motility.

Motility is how well a sperm swims. The stronger it is, the easier the sperm can swim in a forwards direction in search of the egg.

But male fertility relies on a number of sperm parameters - inluding sperm count, which is the concentration of sperm per ejaculation.

It’s not the first time a link between toxic air and men’s swimmers has been made.'

Here's why a whole group of men is being overlooked in the workforce

Matt · 19 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The labor shortage has been a defining feature of the pandemic job market and it's not getting better any time soon. But there is a whole group of workers who are being overlooked even though they could be part of the solution.

Criminal records are keeping certain workers from finding good jobs. This is particularly true of men in their 30s.

More than half of that group has a history of criminal conviction or arrest that keeps them from fully participating in the labor market, a study from nonprofit research group RAND Corporation released Friday found. As of January, just over one million men between the ages of 24 and 35 were counted as unemployed, the biggest group of jobless males, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
By 35, some 64% of unemployed men have been arrested, and about 46% have been convicted of a crime, according to the study. Nearly a third of American adults have been arrested at least once, a far higher level than in comparable Western European countries.'

"Evacuate the women and children"

Matt · 20 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr Pushilin cited an ‘immediate threat of aggression’ from Ukrainian forces, accusations that Ukrainian officials vehemently denied earlier.

He said: ‘I appeal to all the men in the republic who can hold weapons to defend their families, their children, wives, mothers. Together we will achieve the coveted victory that we all need.’

The announcement came as a mass evacuation of women, children and the elderly from the rebel-held territories in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions to neighbouring Russia got under way.'

Tennessee woman accused of raping at least 9 students; community shaken by allegations: report

Matt · 20 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Members of a Tennessee community expressed shock and outrage last week after a 38-year-old woman was accused of using vape pens and other enticements to lure local high school students into having sex with her, according to a report.

Melissa Blair, of Englewood, was arrested and facing charges of solicitation of a minor, 18 counts of statutory rape, four counts of human trafficking by patronizing prostitution, and forfeiture of personal property, WTVC-TV of Chattanooga, Tennessee, reported.

There were at least nine victims, who were age 14 to 17 at the time of the alleged crimes and attended the same high school, the station reported.'

Binghamton University professor rebuked for favoring minorities, women over white men

Mastodon · 22 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Binghamton University has rebuked a professor that said she would favor non-whites and females over white males in her classroom.

WIVT reports SUNY Binghamton Sociology Professor Ana Maria Candela sparked outrage on conservative media outlets over her original syllabus for a spring course called “Social Change, Introduction to Sociology.” Candela said she would practice “progressive stacking” when calling on students during classroom discussions, prioritizing minorities, women and shy people over anyone who is “white, male, or someone privileged by the racial and gender structures of our society to have your voice easily voiced and heard.”

According to the New York Post, student Sean Harrigan filed a Title IX discrimination complaint against the school, drawing attention from Fox News and other publications.

“How am I supposed to get a full participation grade if I’m not called on because of the way I was born?” Harrigan told the Post.

A spokesperson for Binghamton University told WIVT that progressive stacking violates the school’s Faculty Staff Handbook and the section has been removed from Candela’s syllabus.'

Utah lawmaker proposes 'affirmative consent' bill

Mastodon · 23 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Utah legislator Angela Romero, who represents the 26th district in the Utah House of Representatives, has worked with Julie Valentine, a nursing professor at Brigham Young University, to introduce House Bill 98, a bill that would make sexual conduct without affirmative consent a third-degree felony.

According to BYU nursing professor, Julie Valentine, not believing sexual assault victims translates to victims not reporting their cases, which promotes the continuation of a cycle where violence perpetuates.'

NCLA Supports Cert. Petition Seeking Procedural Protections for Accused in Collegiate Title IX Cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As part of its efforts to enforce Title IX, the U.S. Department of Education has routinely pressured schools to deny due process to the accused in sexual-misconduct investigations. The New Civil Liberties Alliance, a nonpartisan, nonprofit civil liberties group, filed an amicus brief today in support of Jane Doe's petition for a writ of certiorari before the U.S. Supreme Court in her case against the California State University system and various Title IX administrators. The petition asks the Court to clarify that colleges must provide a hearing before suspending or expelling a student.

Petitioner Doe was suspended for 14 months from enrollment in Sonoma State University based on charges eventually determined to be groundless. The university suspended her while it conducted an investigation, despite never having concluded that she engaged in sexual misconduct and despite a provision in its Title IX policy requiring investigations to be completed within 60 working days. In other words, an administrative body imposed punitive sanctions on an individual for over a year without affording her even the most basic of procedural protections afforded under the U.S. Constitution. No hearing—not even a "kangaroo court" proceeding—was granted.'

IRL: Meeting gender quotas will be difficult for GAA, admits Tom Ryan

Mastodon · 23 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'GAA director general Tom Ryan admits the organisation faces a major difficulty to meet gender representation quotas on their committees.

Minister of State for Sport Jack Chambers has raised the possibility of withholding funding from sports bodies who do not appoint more women to their boards.

In his annual report, Ryan conceded the GAA has a major task on its hands to meet the 40% target by the end of next year.

He wrote: “A key objective of the leadership and governance target area for the sporting sector in general is to progress towards greater gender balance in board membership of bodies that are funded by the state. Minister Chambers has asked that all NGBS achieve 40% gender representation on their boards by the end of 2023.'

UK private businesses urged to raise boardroom gender parity

Mastodon · 23 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Britain's biggest private businesses will be expected to match listed companies on gender parity, as ministers launch a fresh push for more women to be appointed to senior leadership positions.

The FTSE Women Leaders Review, a business-led body backed by government, have published voluntary recommendations that set a target for FTSE 350 companies to increase women's representation to at least 40 per cent of both boards and leadership teams by the end of 2025.

The review also set a voluntary goal for companies to have a woman in at least one of four key positions: board chair, senior independent director, chief executive and or finance director.

For the first time, these targets will apply to the largest 50 private companies in the UK by sales, a group likely to include some big law and consultancy groups, as well as the employee-owned John Lewis partnership, family businesses such as JCB and Dyson, and private equity owned companies.'

Ministers to reject making misogyny a hate crime in England and Wales

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ministers will reject making misogyny a hate crime in England and Wales and urge MPs to get behind controversial legislation that has been criticised for curbing the right to protest as the government seeks to push through major changes to the criminal justice system.

The Home Office said its rejection is based on a Law Commission report, which warned that extending hate crimes to cover misogyny would prove “more harmful than helpful” to victims of violence against women and girls.

The government says it is also “carefully considering” a new offence of street harassment that would criminalise the verbal abuse of women, pestering and persistent cat-calling or making lewd comments.'

Short men don't have rights

Douglas · 25 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

In a strange episode in the professional gaming world (yes, people really do get paid to play computer games, just as they do football and other games) a woman has been sacked for saying men don't have rights.

Japanese woman Kana ‘Tanukana’ Tani actually picked on men under 5'7" (1.7m) as not having rights. In so far as men are lacking rights regardless of height, she is obviously correct.

In a statement redolent of standard communist indoctrination, her Japanese sponsor is promising better re-education of anyone they sponsor in future .. in the name of 'diversity'.

More detail here.

Why this venture capital firm is only hiring women in 2022

Mastodon · 25 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s no secret that venture capital has a diversity problem. Your typical investor is white, male, and holds a degree from Harvard or Stanford.

Here’s how one firm is tackling the problem: No more hiring men.'

Modis and Microsoft launch ‘women only’ space and defence training

Mastodon · 25 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'To help address industry diversity, Adecco subsidiary Modis has partnered with Microsoft to launch a new training course for women in South Australia interested in the space and defence sector.

Targeted at current students and recent graduates, the free, 10-week Tech Start program will commence in March, and is open to any interested female applicants interested in pursuing a career in the space, defence and technology sector – regardless of their academic and professional backgrounds.

“Tech Start further demonstrates our commitment to supporting Australia, and South Australia, in becoming a leading player in the global space industry,” said Lynn McDonald, head of Microsoft’s Azure Space, which set up shop in Adelaide innovation district Lot Fourteen last year.'

Sudbury letter: Men and boys face challenges, too

Mastodon · 25 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With the correction, the Status of Women Committee's call for comment on intimate partner and domestic violence gave me hope that, finally, we realized some domestic violence is genderless. My hope quickly turned to indignation when I read what the study will investigate:

– causes of intimate partner violence, including toxic masculinity;

– ways to improve support and protection for women and girls; and

– ways to eliminate barriers facing women and girls seeking to leave unsafe environments.

This wording perpetuates the myth men are violent and women are victims and leads to engrained sexism and misandry beliefs, prejudice, bias and bigotry, harmful to all Canadians.'

Editorial: Do as I say, not as I do

Mastodon · 27 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the past few days, Binghamton University sociology professor Ana Maria Candela has come under fire for implementing what is called a “progressive stacking” model in her Sociology 100: Social Change: Introduction to Sociology course. This model would prioritize calling on nonwhite, female or generally shy students during class discussions.

In Candela’s own words, this model “often involves asking those who feel more empowered to speak or those vested with more social power to hold off and wait a bit longer for their turn so that we can mix in the voices of other folks. ” Born out of the Occupy movement, progressive stacking works to amplify and uplift marginalized voices in a classroom environment, thus disrupting established power structures that often unfairly grant white, male students with the most power and respect among others.
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t is safe to say that the ideology behind a progressive stacking model is productive and beneficial. While students and staff are right to continue discussing the best way in which to implement it, there should be no question of whether or not it should be practiced in the first place. Privileged students should be taught to critically evaluate the ways in which their social status may allot them more space, power or respect in traditional classroom environments. Subsequently, they should also learn how to hold space for those that have been historically overlooked or silenced.'

Largely unseen and unsupported, huge numbers of student fathers are quitting college

Mastodon · 27 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While his wife was in labor in the hospital with their third child, Joshua Castillo was in the waiting room completing a computer science final and two quizzes.

By then he was accustomed to juggling the demands of fatherhood with the unyielding deadlines and expectations of college, where he is studying computer science while working full time and helping raise his kids — a responsibility for which he said he doesn't get much sympathy from faculty.

"Most professors that I've come across are really in the mind-set of, this is your full-time job, this is all you have to worry about right now."'

What Representing Men in Divorce Taught Me About Fatherhood

Matt · 27 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

TEDx talk here. Came across this and thought I'd share.

German state expands protection for male victims of intimate partner violence

Douglas · 28 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

MANNdat report (in German) is here. Translated article:

While the 14th female family minister in a row, Anne Spiegel (Greens) makes male victims of violence invisible in the usual way, one has to descend from the federal to the state level in the search for progressive approaches and then finds them - unexpectedly - with female equality ministers of the CDU.

The government of North Rhine-Westphalia (CDU/FDP) wants to expand its commitment to protecting male victims of intimate partner violence. At the beginning of this year, the number of sheltered places is set to double to 16. Equal Opportunities Minister Ina Scharrenbach (CDU):

- "We had around 9,800 male victims as part of intimate partner violence in 2020, which was a significant increase compared to 2019."

The gender bias among male victims of domestic violence and especially of intimate partner violence is enormous. Although unreported studies since the 1970s have indicated that men are victims of intimate partner violence just as much as women are, this is still marginalised . But how could it be otherwise with family ministers like Anne Spiegel, for whom a gender-neutral language is more important than protecting male family members from violence.

As of the beginning of 2020 , there were around 350 women's shelters and 40 women's advice centres in Germany with around 6,800 beds. On the other hand, there were 2 men's houses and 5 advice centres for men with a total of just 17 places. That's not even 1/3 of the 55 places that are available for women in Saarland alone.

A comparison shows : In May 2020, more than 150,000,000 euros spent on protecting women against violence compared to less than 400,000 euros spent on protecting men against violence.

Already at the beginning of 2021, after only one year, the help line for men in North Rhine-Westphalia and Bavaria was expanded due to the great demand:

- "Violence against men is still a big taboo subject that the offer of help aims to break through. And the great demand shows that the need is 'absolutely there'."

In April 2021, Baden-Württemberg also joined the offer of help.

Russian men fleeing Russia over conscription

Matt · 28 February 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Thousands are said to be trying to reach the United States to claim political asylum and avoid being forced to fight in the war with Ukraine. US immigration lawyers have reportedly been overwhelmed with requests from Russian men and their families asking if America will grant them political protection following Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

Record numbers of Russian citizens have already been crossing into the US from Mexico to claim political asylum in recent months, according to the Telegraph, in response to Putin's increasingly brutal crackdown on opposition.'

Captured Russian troops in tears over invasion

Matt · 2 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I am not posting this to elicit sympathy for the Russian invasion. (Clearly this is Putin's war, not the average Russian's.) I post it to show how men are affected by war and in particular to show how they have been treated as instruments of war rather than as human beings. This is how war dehumanizes men when they are used by a country's gov't. Until it becomes totally unacceptable to use men as war instruments, tragedies like war will continue. Excerpt:

'Captured Russian soldiers broke down in tears as they told their families they had been 'sent to their deaths' in Ukraine.

The prisoners of war were interviewed on camera by Ukrainian forces and said they had been used as cannon fodder in the war.

It comes after Ukraine claimed it had killed 6,000 Russian troops durning the first six days of the invasion.

Now footage is being shared online showing some of the captured invaders complaining about the war.

One captive was filmed speaking to his mother over the phone, telling her: “They sent us to death, everyone killed everyone.”

The soldier then broke down crying and told his mum ‘I love you too’.'

Ladies, it's time to help our boys

Mastodon · 7 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'American women seem to be of two minds about feminism. Opinion polling from Pew in 2020 shows that most women under 30 (68 percent) identify as feminists. Feminism tugs at our aspirations and summons our loyalties. We want to be strong, confident, and self-reliant, like the pictured feminist. Our mothers and grandmothers have told us dismaying stories of what the workplace was like before the cultural shifts of The Feminine Mystique.

Yet nearly 40 percent of women also believe that feminism is polarizing. They are right: Modern feminism is a branch of identity politics. By functioning as an interest group that solely represents women, it has been (at best) deaf to other injustices, including a crisis in our own homes: the boy crisis.

The Boy Crisis, written by Warren Farrell and John Gray, tells the staggering story of how our young men are being left behind. By the eighth grade, 41 percent of girls are at least proficient in writing, compared with just 20 percent of boys.

Men now earn 39 percent of college degrees while the median annual earnings of a man with a high-school diploma have dropped 26 percent in the past 40 years.'

Scotland: Misogyny could be made a hate crime under new recommendations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Scottish government is to consider making misogyny a stand-alone hate crime.

A working group set up to look into tackling violence and harassment against women has recommended the creation of a Misogyny and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act.

It would include misogyny as an aggravation in crimes such as assault and threatening behaviour and create three new offences:

• Stirring up hatred against women and girls
• Public misogynistic harassment
• Issuing threats of, or invoking, rape or sexual assault or disfigurement of women and girls online and offline'

UK: Misogyny should be criminalised to protect women from abuse, report suggests

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Misogyny should be criminalised as part of “radical” and “transformative” legal reforms to protect women from abuse, a report recommends.

The document, titled “Misogyny – A Human Rights Issue”, calls for the creation of a Misogyny and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act, which would create a new statutory aggravation of misogyny.

It would also create new offences of stirring up hatred against women and girls to tackle, amongst other things, the threat from incel (involuntary celibates) and other extremist groups.

A new offence of public misogynistic harassment and another of issuing threats of, or invoking, rape or sexual assault or disfigurement of women and girls, online and offline, would also be brought in.'

UK: Women-only workshops in Cornwall want to encourage young trailblazers in STEM industries

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With International Women's Day upon us, now's the moment to celebrate the initiatives that are breaking down boundaries for women.

This couldn't be more the case for a Cornwall start-up that is on a mission to bridge the gender gap in the science, tech, engineering and maths industries by running workshops for girls and young women.

Beginning this year, Girls Assemble has been running workshops outside Redruth for girls and young women aged between 9 and 25 to equip them with core skills in carpentry, metal work, engineering, architecture, design and print.'

From truck to trunk: Aurora food pantry sets women-only distribution March 17

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry will hold a pop-up mobile distribution for women only Thursday, March 17, from 2 to 3 p.m. indoors at Restoration Church, 1460 W. Indian Trail Road in Aurora.

Women are invited. Admission and parking are free. Identification and registration is not required.

Food items, diapers, formula, baby food and feminine hygiene products are among items to be distributed.

Rebecca Dunnigan, pantry outreach and program manager, said Women's Empowerment Mobile Pantries are planned for the third Thursday of months this year.

Additional women-only pantries are set for Thursday, April 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Aurora Public Library Eola branch; and Thursday, May 19, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Vineyard Aurora Church, 505 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora.'

CinemaBlend Pulls Review Of Turning Red After Social Media Accuses Author Of Sexism And Racism

Mastodon · 12 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'CinemaBlend has pulled its original review of Turning Red and left its author, Sean O'Connell, out to dry after he was accused of being both a sexist and a racist over his opinion that he was not the "target audience" for Pixar's period-narrative-centric coming-of-age tale.

Published on March 7th and bluntly subtitled "I am not this film's target audience," O'Connell's review put forth the thesis that the film was a prime example of how, "Pixar has turned its reigns over to fresh voices, and given them the freedom to share deeply personal – though less universal – stories."
...
"There's an audience out there for Turning Red," he concluded his review. "And when that audience finds the movie, I've no doubt they will celebrate it for the unique animal that it is. In my opinion, however, that audience is relatively small, and I'm not part of it."'

How an Academic Grudge Turned Into a #MeToo Panic

Matt · 14 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At the time, the campus paper reported that around 40 students showed up, and the organizers' goal was to "bring awareness to new students" who had never heard of Jaeger or what happened. To Jaeger, there's some dark irony to this statement, because while these students may think they know what happened, he insists that they don't. What they know, he says, are rumors that spread across campus like a toxic algae bloom: that he's an abuser, a predator, a rapist.

Rumors that made him persona non grata in his field; that led to threats, hate mail, formal censures; that got him banned from local businesses and disinvited from international talks. Rumors that nearly destroyed his department and made his accusers icons of #MeToo. But these rumors, according to multiple investigations, dozens of witnesses, and Jaeger himself, are largely false. What was sold to a national audience as an archetypal case of sexual harassment was, instead, a poisonous mix of professional competition, personality conflicts, bad blood, and an inner-departmental fight over hiring gone horribly wrong.

While the accusers' side of the story has been told many times, passed along both through rumor mills and media reports, Jaeger has largely remained silent. Part of this is because, during the investigations that would follow, he was directed by the university not to speak about what happened. But it's also because much of this occurred in a moment when the voices of the accused were largely unwelcome. At the height of #MeToo, few people wanted to hear from the men who had allegedly done wrong. And so the story that's been repeated over and over went largely unchecked—a twisted game of academic telephone that, in the end, would trigger four investigations, cost the university millions of dollars, and lead to multiple resignations, including that of the president of the university. And it would destroy the career, reputation, and nearly the life of the once-promising scholar Florian Jaeger.'

Laura Kipnis on Lockdowns, #MeToo, and Sexual Paranoia on Campus

Matt · 14 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During the heyday of the sexual revolution "it was the right that was ranting against licentiousness," notes Laura Kipnis. "Now it's the right that are the swingers. They're out there with their pool boys and their threesomes, and it's the left [who practice] H.R. sexuality under the auspices of human resources departments."

Kipnis is a professor emerita of film and journalism at Northwestern University and the author of the new book Love in the Time of Contagion: A Diagnosis, which explores the effects of COVID-19 on intimate relationships and the ever-changing battlefields in culture wars over sex, gender, and desire.'

A Proclamation on National Equal Pay Day, 2022

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2020, the average woman working full-time, year-round, for wages or a salary earned 83 cents for every dollar paid to their average male counterpart. And once again, the disparities are even greater for Black, Native American, Latina, and certain subpopulations of Asian women when compared to white men. Disabled women also continue to experience significant disparities and make 80 cents for every dollar compared to men with disabilities. The pay gap reflects outright discrimination as well as barriers that women face in accessing good-paying jobs and meeting caregiving responsibilities — including a lack of affordable child care, paid family and medical leave, and fair and predictable scheduling — which often prevent women from joining and staying in the workforce.'

London Mayor Sadiq Khan says children as young as four should be given lessons on misogyny in bid to curb violence against women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The mayor of London has said lessons on misogyny should be taught to children as young as four as he called on violence against women to be tackled.

Sadiq Khan has launched a campaign to challenge sexist attitudes and inappropriate behaviours and to urge men to take a stand against misogyny.

The London mayor said primary school pupils, who start school at four years old, should be taught about misogyny as part of his campaign to implement change.'

Sheryl Sandberg Says Female Leaders Don’t Go To War. Here’s What Research Says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Authors of the book Why Leaders Fight analyzed every world leader from 1875 to 2004 and statistically examined gender differences in military aggression. They found that 36% of the female leaders initiated at least one militarized dispute, while only 30% of male leaders did the same. The authors say, “This does not mean that women are generally more aggressive, however. Men were responsible for 694 acts of aggression and 86 wars while women were responsible for just 13 acts of aggression and only one war (Indira Gandhi).” The authors conclude that women who lead nations likely have the same risk propensity as their male counterparts.'

Male-Only Conscription Will Undermine Ukraine's War Effort

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But more importantly for Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, the policy of enforcing the draft on men, including fathers, but not on young, single, able-bodied women is counterproductive to his war aims in several key respects.

First, it's a puzzling idea in strategic terms. To be sure, in the absence of allies willing to engage Russia militarily, Ukraine's defense depends on mobilizing as many of its citizens as possible to fight. But why would a 59-year-old man worried about his children and grandchildren be a better fighter than a fit, unfettered and furious 18-year-old woman? Are fathers less important to their children than mothers in rebuilding a traumatized postwar nation? By sheer numbers alone, countries that fail to maximize the potential of their citizenry by excusing half the able-bodied adults from combat duty put themselves at a strategic disadvantage.

The policy is surprising, too, given that Ukraine is actually among Eastern Europe's most progressive nations on this score. Ten percent of its armed force is already comprised of women. In addition to having opened up 62 combat positions to women in 2016, it made women eligible for the draft in December 2021. This gives Ukraine a way to buttress its military in numerical terms relative to Russia, which limits its smaller percentage of women in the military to noncombat roles.'

Biden administration preps new rules covering sexual misconduct at schools, colleges

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Biden administration is expected to propose new rules this spring aimed at reversing the controversial Trump administration regulations governing the rights of those accused of sexual misconduct in colleges and schools.

Then-Education Secretary Betsy DeVos in 2017 set off a firestorm over new rules under Title IX that gave additional legal protections to accused offenders.

The Trump White House contended that colleges and universities “have often stacked the deck against the accused, failing to offer protections such as a presumption of innocence or adequate ability to rebut allegations.” But critics denounced the shift, saying the new policies could lead to courtroom-like hearings where accusers could be cross-examined over their credibility. Some observers said the changes would lead to scores of lawsuits.'

Threat assessment experts highlight danger posed by 'involuntarily celibate' men

Matt · 15 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On a Friday evening in November 2018, 40-year-old Scott Beierle signed up for a hot yoga class in Tallahassee, Florida, and told the receptionist he would wait outside.

When the class began, Beierle grabbed his ear protection and a loaded gun, walked into the classroom and opened fire. He killed two women, injured four others and then turned the gun on himself.

Police, through the course of their investigation of the incident, discovered a long history of hatred toward women, sexual assault allegations, and homophobic and racist comments.

Now, threat assessment experts with the US Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center are using the Tallahassee murder-suicide to bring greater understanding to the threat posed by so-called involuntarily celibate men, often referred to as "incels."
...
Lina Alathari, the chief of the National Threat Assessment Center, estimated the number of participants in threat assessment and targeted violence trainings topped 26,000 last year.
...
"You often see a crossover between misogynistic views and White supremacy, far-right ideology, as well as in some cases far-left ideologies," Driscoll said.
"The body of research examining misogyny as an extreme ideology and incels specifically, as well as its intersection with other ideologies like White supremacy, as a field of research, is growing."'

Australia: Funder bars university from grant programme over white-male award line-up

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Australian researchers have largely applauded a decision by a powerful research funder to bar academics at the University of Melbourne from winning the foundation's prestigious million-dollar fellowships over concerns about gender and diversity.

The decision, announced by the Snow Medical Research Foundation on 7 March, comes after the University of Melbourne released a picture of six white men — but no women or people of colour — receiving honorary degrees, one of the university's highest accolades, in a ceremony on 28 February. Researchers told Nature that the hard line from the foundation — Snow medical is Australia's largest philanthropic funder of medical research — could prompt universities to tackle gender inequality more aggressively.

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It was amid this political climate that the University of Melbourne hosted the honorary degree ceremony at which the picture was taken — one of its first in-person events since the start of the pandemic. James McCluskey, deputy vice-chancellor of research at the university, says that other people, including three women and an Indigenous man, were scheduled to receive honorary awards that day but weren't able to make it.

What remained were the six white men, and "rather stupidly, someone took a photo and posted it, thinking it was something to celebrate", says McCluskey. "It backfired very badly."'

Retiring U.S. archivist to White House: "You better not hire another white male"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'U.S. National Archivist David Ferriero, who is retiring in April, said on Monday that he urged the White House not to appoint a white man to succeed him.

What he's saying: "That's advice I've given to the White House already: that you better not hire another white male ... We've had ten white males," Ferriero said during an annual Sunshine Week event when the moderator pointed out that there has never been a female national archivist.'

Anti-feminism attitudes linked to falsely remembering information that reflects poorly on feminism

Mastodon · 20 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'False memories, which are memories and beliefs of events that never happened, may be more likely to occur for false information that aligns with one's political beliefs. In two studies, new research published in Applied Cognitive Psychology finds that pre-existing negative attitudes about feminism are associated with a greater likelihood of falsely remembering news stories that do not reflect well on feminism. Findings also suggest that negative feminism attitudes are associated with a greater likelihood of judging a positive news story about feminists as fake.

Pre-existing attitudes can shape how someone understands and remembers media messages. "Evidence suggests that when an individual has insufficient information to determine the source of a memory, they are likely to guess based on prior knowledge, using stereotypes and schemata to determine the most likely source. This results in a greater likelihood of stereotype- consistent false memories," wrote study author Gillian Murphy and colleagues.'

Can rudeness hide sexism?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a new study that appears in Psychological Science, researchers from the Universities of Virginia and Texas have revealed that by being equally rude to men and women, some men can hide sexist attitudes.

The authors of the study refer to this as the “equal-opportunity jerk defense.”
...
The study had several parts. In the first, researchers asked 1,100 employed men to self-report their rudeness toward male and female colleagues, as well as their attitudes and beliefs about women.

Men who held sexist beliefs about women were also more likely to be rude to men.

The second part of the study tested how observers judged others. Did people regard a man who was rude to men and women as less sexist than a man who was rude only to women? First, the researchers asked the participants to read tweets by Donald Trump.

They showed the participants two of Trump’s tweets about women, which they followed with varying numbers of tweets aimed at men. All of the tweets were denigrating the woman or man in question.'

‘Colonised by boys’: How school playgrounds deter girls from physical activity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'School playgrounds have traditionally favoured games played by boys, but education experts say redesigning school spaces can encourage more physical activity among girls.

Dean Dudley, associate professor in the Macquarie School of Education, said there was a strong argument to say school playgrounds had been “designed by men based on activities boys are likely to be more engaged in”.

“We provide football-sized space for kids to play soccer or touch football, but no discrete areas for kids to dance or play minor games that are not overrun by larger games,” he said.'

Army approves reduced physical fitness standards for women, older soldiers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Following a three-year review, the Army has scrapped plans to use the same physical fitness test for all soldiers, choosing instead to have some reduced standards to allow women and older soldiers to pass, the service announced Wednesday.

The decision follows a RAND-led study that found men were more easily passing the new, more difficult Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) compared to women and older soldiers, who were “failing at noticeably higher rates.” That six-event test developed in 2019 was an expansion from the three events — pushups, situps and a run — soldiers had done prior.

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The new standards will only be applied to the regular fitness test given to all soldiers annually and will not change the tests troops need to take to qualifying for certain Army jobs such as combat positions or specialties.'

Bill Maher hits the nail on the head

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Segment here.

"If there’s one thing we’ve learned from the crisis in Ukraine, it’s that the world still needs manly men."

Woman indicted on 18 child rape charges; sheriff says there are more victims

Matt · 26 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman faces 23 charges in McMinn County, Tennessee for having sexual encounters with male students at McMinn Central High School, according to McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy.

Melissa Blair, 38, is charged with solicitation of a person under the age of 18, 18 counts of statutory rape, aggravated statutory rape, four counts of patronizing prostitution, and forfeiture of personal property. Blair posted her $100,000 bond Tuesday night.

According to a press release, Blair was communicating with the victims "on social media, arranging meetings with them, and trading items for sexual encounters with them."

There are nine male victims with incidents occurring from spring 2020 to late 2021, Guy said. Seven of the victims are minors; two were victimized as minors but are now adults, according to a press release.

The sheriff's office said deputies suspect there may be more victims who were minors at the time but are now adults.'

Couple who asked for female embryo sues fertility clinic over baby boy

Mastodon · 27 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Heather Wilhelm-Routenberg said she would only have kids with her wife Robin (Robbie) Routenberg-Wilhelm if they could have girls — because Heather was still traumatized from being sexually assaulted on two different occasions after college. Heather and Robbie say that CNY fertility clinic in Latham, NY, assured the Buffalo couple it would not be a problem: The lab could determine the sex of any embryo, created using an egg from Robbie and donor sperm, before it was transferred into Heather.

But when Heather was 15 weeks pregnant — having been assured by the clinic that the embryo was female, she says — they found out she was carrying a boy. The news sent her into a dark depression. After their son's birth in December 2020, Heather became suicidal and wasn't able to bond with the baby. Now, with the help of Eric Wrubel of Warshaw Burstein, LLP, Heather and Robbie are suing CNY on 11 counts including breach of contract, medical malpractice and battery.'

The Enrollment Crisis for Men Continues to Worsen

Mastodon · 29 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In October 2021, researchers at the Brookings Institution declared that the gender gap in higher education has widened to the point of becoming a “male college crisis,” with many men lacking the support necessary to achieve a postsecondary degree.

While women have outpaced men in college enrollment and completion rates for decades, the pandemic appears to have worsened this disparity, especially for men of color and those from underserved backgrounds in both urban and rural areas.

In fall 2021, the gender gap hit its peak, with men representing only 4 in 10 college students. Now, more advocates and education experts are joining in the call for policymakers to pay heed to this problem as growing numbers of young men — primarily those who are already low-income and disadvantaged — find themselves left behind academically and financially.

“We had a problem before the pandemic hit, but the pandemic has exacerbated problems profoundly,” Donald Guy Generals, president of the Community College of Philadelphia, said during a national webinar on Black male students hosted by the National Alliance of Community and Technical Colleges in July 2021. He listed “finances, preparedness, and community support” as three factors preventing this demographic from enrolling and finishing degree programs.'

UK: Woman, 26, admits falsely accusing a man of raping her - as judge delays sentencing ahead of a psychiatric report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A 26-year-old woman has admitted making a false accusation that she was raped.

Jade Wass from Darlington, appeared at Teesside Crown Court to admit perverting the course of justice.

The charge states she made a false report to the police in July 2020 that she had been raped by a man only referred to in court as 'X' to protect his identity.

It was said she repeated the allegation in person to a named police officer the following day, then again two days later during a video interview.

Judge Howard Crowson adjourned sentencing to allow a psychiatric report to be prepared.'

Universities routinely ignore and violate basic civil rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This column might win me no fans on college campuses, but there is something that must be said.

Universities across the country are unconstitutionally punishing those accused of sex-based misconduct with no regard to the civil rights guaranteed of due process. They say they are acting lawfully under the so-called Title IX law of 1972. But the meaning of that law has been twisted over the years by a tortured Victorian-era school of thought almost beyond comprehension.

The law is simple: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” It was enacted to make sure, among other things, that female students got as much money for their sports programs as male students.

These days, Title IX is invoked for all manner of student grievances.

Complaints are most frequently lodged by females against male students and faculty. Some are legitimate complaints alleging sexual harassment or physical misconduct, even rape. But some of the gripes seem whiny. And realize that when a Title IX report is filed, the accused (again, usually a male) is put in the position of basically having to prove his innocence.'

Office for Civil Rights investigating Boise State over scholarship for women in STEM

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights is investigating Boise State University after a complaint that a scholarship for women in certain fields discriminates against students based on sex.

In a letter obtained by the Idaho Statesman, the federal agency said it is proceeding with an investigation, but has not determined the merits of the claim.

The complaint was filed after a scholarship was created at the university specifically for women studying science, technology, engineering, math, medicine or the law — in response to a tenured professor's public comments that women shouldn't be recruited into those fields.

The complaint, filed in January, alleged the university was "discriminating against male students, based on sex, by offering the Boise State Women in STEM, Medicine and Law Scholarship, for which only female students are eligible," according to the OCR letter. The letter was first reported by Idaho Dispatch.'

Masculine titles are sexist and undermine women's roles as leaders at work, study claims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'From chairman to salesman, many job titles typically feature the word 'man.'

Now, a study claims that these typically masculine titles are sexist and undermine women's roles as leaders at work.

Researchers from the University of Houston found that the title of Chairman increases assumptions that a leader is a man, more than the title of Chair.

Allison M.N. Archer, who led the study, said: 'While some dismiss gender-neutral titles as "political correctness", this research suggests that implicitly sexist language in masculine titles reinforces stereotypes that tie masculinity to leadership and consequently, weaken the connection between women and leadership."

Police chief vows to hire more women to 'get the toxic masculinity out of policing'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A reformist Nebraska police chief is leading a nationwide push for the recruitment of more female officers - especially black and Hispanic women - in a bid to rid policing of 'toxic masculinity' amid a national reckoning on police brutality and calls from progressive leaders to defund law enforcement.

But Bellevue Police Chef Ken Clary's efforts aimed at hiring more women in the state's third most populous city of 53,000 people have not won everyone over, with some of his critics accusing the top cop of lowering physical standards and degrading personal conduct requirements to make the job more appealing to female recruits.

Clary spoke to The Washington Post about his approach to creating a more inclusive police force, saying: 'If you're not intentional about recruiting everyone and showing everyone that they can be successful here, you're intentionally excluding people.'

Clary, a retired Iowa State trooper who is currently working on his PhD is criminology and criminal justice at the University of Nebraska Omaha, was the first police chief to join the 30x30 Initiative - a coalition of police leaders, researchers, and professional organizations that are pushing to increase the number of women in police recruit classes.'

N.Y. State Police says recruitment classes will be 30% women by 2030

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The New York State Police has signed onto the "30X30 Pledge," committing to increasing representation of women on the force and improving the experiences of women in law enforcement.

As part of the pledge, the State Police will take on the goal of ensuring women comprise at least 30% of its new recruitment classes by 2030. Female membership of the force currently stands at 11.6%, which is not far off from the state's 12% rate of female police officers in the country.

"The future success of our agency will rest on our ability to attract the most talented and diverse group of candidates possible to become New York State Troopers," State Police Superintendent Kevin P. Bruen said in the announcement on Wednesday. "We are proud to stand alongside the dozens of other law enforcement agencies that have made a commitment to the 30X30 Initiative."

The 30X30 Initiative, which is comprised of police leaders, researchers and professional organizations working together to advance women in policing across the nation.'

NFL is requiring teams to hire women or minorities as coaches for 2022 season

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Football League set forth new diversity and inclusion efforts for the 2022 season at its annual owners meeting, such as requiring its 32 teams to employ a "female or a member of an ethnic or racial minority" as an offensive assistant, the league said in a statement.

Candidates must have at least three years of collegiate or professional experience in coaching football. Those persons will receive a one-year contract with a salary and benefits, the organization announced

For the roles, the NFL will reimburse teams up to $200,000 in 2022 and $205,000 in 2023 from a league fund for coaches.'

Young women are out-earning young men in several U.S. cities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The New York, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles metropolitan areas are among the cities where young women are earning the most relative to young men. In both the New York and Washington metro areas, young women earn 102% of what young men earn when examining median annual earnings among full-time, year-round workers. In the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim metro area, the median earnings for women and men in this age group were identical in 2019. (For data on earnings and the gender gap for 250 U.S. metropolitan areas, read this Google sheet.)'

West London women furious at closure of female-only gym as they won't workout near men

Mastodon · 30 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women in a West London town are angry at the looming closure of a local women-only gym as their religious beliefs mean it's the only place they feel comfortable working out. Female members of the Southall Sports Centre shared their heartbreak that the gym is due to close forever this week and say it will leave them with nowhere to exercise.

Southall Sports Centre will close its doors on March 31 to make way for an expansion of the West London College next door. The gym has a women-only sauna and exercise area, which attracts female members who don’t want to work out with men for reasons of comfort, modesty or religion.'

UK: Home Secretary launches new Tackling Domestic Abuse Plan

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"We welcome the government's recognition of domestic abuse as a form of violence against women girls, rooted in gender inequality and sexist attitudes. We are pleased to see investment in perpetrator programmes as part of the long-term responses to domestic abuse, but are particularly pleased to see ring-fenced funding for community-based services for survivors. We know there is a funding gap for many local domestic abuse services, including the services 'by and for' Black and minoritised women, and ask that the government commits to ensuring that no woman is turned away because of circumstances and that no refuge doors, like those of the lifesaving service we are visiting today, are to close because of insufficient funding as this important plan is rolled out."'

Australia: There’s $1.3 billion for women’s safety in the budget and it’s nowhere near enough

Mastodon · 30 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The $1.3 billion budget spend includes:

$222 million in prevention initiatives, including the previously announced $104.4 million over 5 years to support the work of Our Watch, Australia’s leading prevention organisation and a funds for consent education

$52.4 million over 4 years to protect victim-survivors against cross-examination by family violence perpetrators

$20 million over 4 years to establish a women’s trauma recovery centre at the Illawarra Women’s Health Centre

$3.4 million to support the implementation of recommendations from the Respect@Work report

$6 million over 4 years to update the federal government’s respectful relationships education online platform'

Joan Collins Warns ‘Anti-Maleness’ Ruining Generation of Young Men ‘Suffering from Being Labeled Toxically Masculine’

Mastodon · 31 March 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'British acting legend Joan Collins believes the #MeToo movement has given way to a rise of “anti-maleness” that targets young men “who are suffering from being labeled toxically masculine.”

The 88-year-old revealed her fears for maleness in a recent interview when a New York Times reporter insinuated today’s culture prefers more gender-neutral terms than those of old.

“What’s wrong with mother? What’s wrong with woman? Girl? I don’t like having that word taken away,” Collins responded.

“I’m very proud of being a woman,” Collins continued before adding: “People say, ‘You didn’t burn your bra, you wear lipstick.’ So what?” continuing, “I believe that women are equal to men in every single way, except physical strength.”'

'Sh***y media men' columnist facing possible trial

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A New York City columnist who created the notorious 'Sh***y Media Men' list detailing allegations of sexual assault, harassment and misconduct could still go to trial for defamation after a judge declined to resolve the case in her favor.

Moira Donegan, 32, who created the widely circulated list in 2017 at the height of the #MeToo movement, was sued by New Orleans-based journalist Stephen Elliott after the Google spreadsheet accused him of rape, sexual harassment and 'coercion.' Elliott's lawsuit claimed the allegations are 'false' and 'unsubstantiated.'

Donegan's attorney, Roberta Kaplan, sought immunity for her client under a controversial law protecting social media users who host or republish information from being held legally responsible for what others do or say online.

U.S. District Court Judge LaShann DeArcy Hall on Thursday, in an order obtained by DailyMail.com, declined the request, arguing that Donegan's testimony and 'vague' recollections about the document did not 'rule out the possibility' that she encouraged others to make posts that broke the law.'

UK: Toxic masculinity, peer pressure and pornography leading to bad behaviour in the classroom

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'Karen Nye, county education manager, said: ‘Often trauma manifests itself in bad behaviour, which can lead to abuse, but it’s complex and we have to deal with it at the source – which is with their families.

‘Young people in schools will sometimes behave like that because they want to fit in with their peer group, or impress others.

‘It’s difficult to talk about these children as victims and perpetrators because sometimes they are as young as six or seven years old, but both sides will need our support.’

Councillors on the education advisory panel also noted that young people are being exposed to toxic masculinity, and even violent pornography, at home.'

SK: Men are dying from lack of attention

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'Recently, a friend showed me a sobering graphic depicting the gender disparity in suicide rates between men and women. While females tend to attempt suicide more often than men (and experience suicidal thoughts more frequently,) males are more "successful" in completing the act.

There are a lot of reasons for the striking difference along gender lines, but one thing is clear: Men are in crisis mode, and that crisis starts from early adolescence and carries all the way through to old age.

Years ago, Christina Hoff Somers wrote a book called "The War On Boys." It was a welcome response to the volumes devoted to exposing the horrible state of girls in society, the Ophelias who were drowning in their own despair. Years of the second and third feminist waves were devoted to examining the particular problems facing females at school, at work, in love and at every level of their lives. Men were either ignored, ridiculed or in the worst case, demonized.

I remember the disturbing trend of sitcoms in the 70s and 80s that depicted the father figure not as a dependable and honored head of the family, but as a barely-tolerated buffoon. It was as if Hollywood needed to completely dismantle the solid, respectable role models from the Golden Age of Television shown in "Father Knows Best," "Leave It To Beaver," "My Three Sons" and similar beloved programs.

I can only imagine the impact it had on young men, who saw themselves portrayed as fools, or on the other end, manipulative predators. Virtually every episode of "Law and Order: SVU" shows male villains stalking their innocent female victims. And while Elliot was usually on the side of the angels, he was saddled with a violent temper while his partner Olivia was basically canonized. The fact that she was the product of a rape herself was not a coincidence.

The guys I knew generally swallowed the media malpractice with as much grace as they could muster. But as Christina Hoff Somers demonstrated, the "kids were not all right." Statistics showed over two decades ago that boys were having problems in school while girls were flourishing.'

Young women are closing the 'gender pay gap'

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'Young women are closing the so-called gender pay gap.

Pew research found that in 22 of 250 U.S. metro areas, women under the age of 30 earn at least as much as their male counterparts. In some cities, including New York and Washington, young women are earning more. "There are 107 metros where young women earn between 90% and 99% of what young men earn," said Richard Fry, author of the Pew analysis .

This is good news for young women, who are more educated than ever before. As opposed to 1950 when women earned only 27% of bachelor's degrees, they now hold 57% of bachelor's degrees, 61% of master's degrees, and 54% of doctoral degrees. As women obtain more qualifications, it appears that their salaries are rising in suit.

Despite this positive trend, lawmakers and leftist activists continue to cite the raw wage gap as evidence of rampant sex-based discrimination in the workplace. They argue it's why we need legislation such as the Paycheck Fairness Act to protect women.'

AUS: Victoria sets gender quotas on construction sites

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Article here. Excerpt:

Tradeswomen will now be required to make up at least 38 per cent of roles in government-based construction projects in Victoria.

The quota is part of a new policy initiative by the Andrews government and includes projects like the multibillion dollar North East Link.

But workers within the industry say those numbers are unrealistic – and are calling for an education system overhaul to encourage young women to pick up the tools.

There are currently 39,217 women in the construction industry but just 2.5 per cent are trade workers.'

Let’s Start Charging Men to Have Babies

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Withholding social infrastructure to push women out of the workforce while making them privately finance raising their children is peak capitalism and pure evil. The only solution is to lean into our exponentially consumer-driven society and deploy a market strategy: Women need to start charging men to have babies.

It’s really very easy. As long as we still have access to hormonal birth control, women can control the means of production as a bargaining position. I know, it’s not as good as having actual rights, but if conservatives are going to complain about falling birth rates, we may as well leverage the demand.'

Boys to Men: How male mentoring is changing the lives of boys

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'California's Boys to Men program currently operates in thirty schools in California and is expanding. Teachers and administrators have been very supportive of the program that began operating in 1996. Primarily relying on volunteers (adult mentors who must pass a criminal background check) and donations, the program does have some staff trainers who teach the adult male mentors listening and other skills. They even have a training session called "Reclaiming Your Teenage Fire." The trainings emphasize three main precepts — Listen, Accept, and Encourage.
...
Boys to Men concentrates on one hour weekly sessions at schools with teenage boys, and they also have three day retreats during non-school days that features camping, surfing, and other outdoor activities that reward skills. Leadership skills, for example, are rewarded with football games and fishing trips.

Peer group-activities are a hallmark of the program. With an emphasis on boys learning from themselves, teaching each other, and encouraging good habits and healthy emotions, boys learn to take ownership of themselves and be actively engaged with helping others.'

CN: Ministers criticize Université Laval job posting as excluding white men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Several ministers in the Coalition Avenir Québec government expressed outrage on Wednesday at a job posting at Université Laval that they felt was extreme and even discriminatory because it excluded white men.

The posting in question, published by the university in September for a Canada Research Chair in the biology department, was first criticized by comedian and former Parti Québécois leadership candidate Guy Nantel on social media.

The posting said that only candidates who self-identify as women, Indigenous people, people with disabilities or visible minorities would be selected. “Université Laval can’t accept other types of candidate profiles while representation targets are not met, in accordance with the CRC program.”

“Encouraging the hiring or awarding of research funds for under-represented groups with equal qualifications, yes,” deputy premier Geneviève Guilbault said on her Facebook page. “But explicitly excluding competent people because they’re not part of a visible minority or they’re men is overblown for the Quebec government.”

Duckworth overstates specifics of gender pay gap study

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'U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth claims the gender pay gap is bad for white women doing the same job as men and it's even worse for "women of color."

The Illinois Democrat in a recent tweet said it takes 2.5 months longer for white women to earn the same amount of money that men make in the same jobs in a year. She also said the gender pay gap is even worse for Black, Latina, Asian American and Native women.

...

Duckworth is not the first to make the mistake of over-hyping the specifics of Equal Pay Day.

Former U.S. President Barack Obama was rated Mostly False by PolitiFact when he said in 2012 that "women are paid 77 cents on the dollar for doing the same work as men." In 2014, he was found Mostly True after adjusting to say that "women make 77 cents for every dollar a man earns."'

The most disadvantaged group in Britain? White working-class men

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'I'm not sure what to think about the BBC's announcement that it wants a quarter of its staff to be from working-class backgrounds by 2027. On the one hand, I'm against hiring quotas of any kind and think every position should be filled by the person best qualified for the job. But on the other, if the BBC is going to have diversity targets – and fighting against them seems futile at this point – then this one seems better than most.

The rationale for this quota, according to the BBC, is it wants its staff to 'better reflect UK society', but I'm not sure it will achieve that. The problem lies in the way the BBC has defined 'working-class'.
...
No, if the BBC's aim is to diversify the political attitudes and cultural taste of its staff, it should go the whole hog and stipulate that only white British working-class applicants – defined by a combination of household income when they were growing up and their parents' education – are capable of meeting this target. They are the truly under-represented group among the BBC's staff, as they are in all the professions, not least because they're less likely to go to university than almost any other demographic. According to a report by the House of Commons Education Committee last year, the proportion of white British pupils eligible for free school meals participating in higher education by the age of 19 in 2018-19 was 16 per cent, the lowest of any ethnic group apart from travellers of Irish heritage and Gypsy/Roma.'

Mother says school did nothing over son being bullied, because not in 'protected class'

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'A mother of an 8th grade boy in the Weber School District said she is not trying to stoke racial division, but she is tired of seeing her son being bullied at school, and feels school administrators are falling short of addressing it, because her son is not in a 'protected class.'

"He's been pushed, he's been kicked, he's been slammed against the wall," said Kim Byram. "He's had food thrown at him."

And just last week, according to Byram, five boys surrounded her son.

"He was shoved to the ground and called a fat, f---ing n-word," she said.

...

Byram, her husband and son met with administrators from Wahlquist Junior High and the Weber District, saying they were told in that meeting the district was limited in its response.

"It was basically (stated) he's not in a protected class," she said, asserting the district noted her son is white and privileged.'

Women Achieve Gains In STEM Fields

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Based on data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), women represented 45% of students majoring in STEM fields in 2020, up from 40% in 2010 and 34% in 1994.

IPEDS has tracked fall enrollment by major field of study and gender since 1994. The four STEM-related fields include engineering, biological sciences, mathematics and physical sciences.

The Research Science Institute (RSI), the most prestigious summer STEM program for high school students, reports that female students will outnumber male students for the first time in 2022, representing 55% of accepted U.S. students, up from 22% in 1984.

The trends in STEM enrollment fall short of overall college enrollment by gender, but women are catching up.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, female students represented 58 percent of total undergraduate enrollment in fall 2020. According to the National Student Clearinghouse, 59.5% of college students were female as of spring 2021.'

Michael J Malone: Blaming men for so-called toxic masculinity is nothing more than lazy sexism

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'IT'S another day in social media land, and another day full of the use of the term toxic masculinity. A term that originated in the 1980s as a way to describe that part of the male psyche that is abusive has become so commonplace that many have come to view it as confirmation that masculinity itself is toxic.

Is this fair, or helpful? Or is it, dare I say the word, sexist?

Whatever it is, it's a poor attempt to explain bad male behaviour: that violent and sexist men are proof that masculinity itself is toxic – when in fact people working in the mental health field, as I do with clinical hypnotherapy, know that violence is usually rooted in trauma, not masculinity.'

Boys 'at Greater Risk' Than Girls of Falling Behind in School: Report

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'Male students are "at greater risk" of falling behind in school or dropping out than female students in many countries around the globe, according to a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) report released on Thursday.

Female students generally encounter more barriers to accessing education than male students, the report from the Paris-based UNESCO said. But male students "face increasing challenges" to completing their education, with poverty and child labor both serving as contributing factors in some regions that can pull boys off their educational paths.

Jeremy Booth, the director of communications at the nonprofit Childhood Education International (CEI), told Newsweek there have "rightfully" been increased efforts over the last several years to provide greater access to education for female students.'

$1M donation aims to grow Girls STEM Pathway program at Space Center Houston

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'Space Center Houston received a boost for its STEM program that the donor hopes will help shrink the gender gap.

Space Center Houston offers a number of programs to get kids excited about science, technology, engineering, and math, also known as STEM.

The Girls STEM Pathway program at Space Center Houston was on full display Wednesday, which gave about 30 students from Bayside Intermediate a hands-on feel for what working in a STEM career could be like.
...
One place where girls learn about STEM got a boost Wednesday. Dhaval Jadav donated $1 million to Space Center Houston. The majority of workers the Alliantgroup co-founder employs are women. A big reason why he donated was to help get more females into STEM.

"Females are just better," Jadav said. "Us men, we have egos, we want to win. Females are always looking at solutions."'

Yale students to gain access to anonymous sexual assault reporting service

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'All Yale students will gain access to a new anonymous sexual assault reporting system on April 14 following years of advocacy from student group Yale Law Women.

The service, Callisto, is a third-party organization which uses encrypted technology to allow people to identify others harmed by the same perpetrator and to come forward together. Any student can access the network with their Yale email. With the system, people can detail any incident they wish to report, learn if others have had a similar experience with the same offender and explore a range of options for next steps. The platform is entirely private; Yale University staff and Callisto workers will not have access to the submissions.
...
The two student groups also requested that the University alert claimants if there are multiple accusations against the person they are accusing. Their report argued that Yale needed a technology that allows people to make anonymous, sealed allegations and be alerted if another person accuses the same offender. Students may be more likely to speak out against a professor if they know others had a similar experience, the report reads.'

Bay City Woman Charged After False Rape Report

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'A Woman from Bay City has received probation after lying to police and falsely accusing a man of rape.

24-year-old Emily Larner was originally charged with a False-report felony, which was reduced to 6 months probation after her guilty plea.

In June of 2020, police in Bay City responded to the area of South Jefferson and 18th streets after Larner called 911 to report she had been kicked out of he mother's house.

Larner told officers she had been in a fight with her mother, was walking around outside without shoes, and needed a ride to male friend's house.

She went on to say she and the man laid in bed, where investigators learned the two had consensual sex.

The man asked her to leave after learning she had willingly given him an STI.

Larner confessed to police that she was not raped and that the allegation was made because she was scared by the prospect of the man calling the police on her.'

Florida Fights Fatherlessness 2022 - Is Your State Next?

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Video here.

Florida has passed two bills that will help bring fathers back into the home and push for shared parenting. Both are directly connected to many of our societal woes. Warren Farrell offers an op-ed applauding the legislation and giving a succinct and powerful summation of the difficulties we face without fathers in the home and the benefits and blessings when dad is there. Fatherlessness is our number 1 problem.

Meeting The Enemy: A feminist comes to terms with the Men's Rights movement

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Video here.

By facing long-held assumptions, one woman reevaluates her own gender biases. Documentary Filmmaker, The Red Pill

Cassie Jaye founded Jaye Bird Productions in 2008, which has since produced a collection of documentary films that have been praised for being thought-provoking, entertaining and respectful in representing multiple competing views within each film. Jaye is known for tackling complex and often controversial subject matters. Her latest film is The Red Pill. Prior to “The Red Pill”, Jaye’s most notable films were the award winning feature documentaries “Daddy I Do” (which examined the Abstinence-Only Movement versus Comprehensive Sex Education) and “The Right to Love: An American Family” (which followed one family’s activism fighting for same-sex marriage rights in California). Both films showed that Jaye’s interview style is to allow people to share their views honestly, openly and candidly while allowing audiences to come to their own conclusions.

What 7 experts want included in Biden's new Title IX regulation

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'One provision that I would like to see is to only require schools to provide notice to an accused perpetrator upon bringing sexual misconduct charges rather than upon a mere formal complaint being filed, as currently required by the Trump-era rules.

The current Title IX rules not only give notice to an accused student before an investigation begins, which is not best practice for sexual offenses, but also give the accused an opportunity to prepare a defense days before ever being questioned. There is already a risk of retaliation against victims upon making a report and there are many offenders willing to engage in evidence destruction and witness tampering to avoid accountability out there, so the current Title IX rule has been damaging to schools' ability to meaningfully investigate and protect survivors on campus.'

Why Canadian universities are blocking able-bodied white men from some positions

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'People should not be barred from jobs because of their skin colour, or their gender. We call that “discrimination” — and it’s generally considered a bad thing. It’s also bad that universities across Canada are refusing to hire white men for various research positions, simply because they’re white, male and don’t claim to have any disabilities.
...
I wish I was exaggerating. Being not white, male or able-bodied was a requirement for the University of British Columbia’s 2022 research chair job postings in food science and quantum computing. A mathematics department job posting for a research chair in computational cell biology specifically says that the “selection will be restricted to members of the following designated groups: women, visible minorities (members of groups that are racially categorized), persons with disabilities and Indigenous peoples.”'

Five Million Men Are Still Missing From the U.S. Workforce

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'After the wild ride of the past two years, employment among Americans in their prime working years, usually defined as age 25 through 54, is edging close to where it was before the pandemic. But for prime-age men—an estimated 86.1% of whom had jobs in March, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, vs. 86.5% in February 2020—that's still quite low by historical standards. In the 1950s and '60s, the prime-age male employment rate averaged 93.8%. If it were that high today, 4.9 million more men would have jobs.

About three-quarters of today's nonemployed prime-age men are not in the labor force—that is, they're not actively looking for work. Some are in school and others taking care of kids, but most appear to be missing from the labor force for less benign reasons that researchers put a lot of effort into understanding in the 2010s. Explanations fell into three main baskets: First, there are fewer job opportunities for the less educated, and for the growing numbers of formerly incarcerated men (those still behind bars aren't counted in labor statistics). Second, health problems, including the opioid epidemic, have taken a toll. Finally, men may have less interest in work, for proposed reasons ranging from changing marriage prospects to increased reliance on disability insurance and other government programs to the improved quality of video games.'

How To Attract Men Into ‘Pink Collar’ Jobs

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'While discussions around discrimination often, and rightly, focus on groups with a long history of poor treatment in the workplace, research from the University of Oslo highlights that men can suffer from discrimination in the workplace too, especially when they're applying for roles in female-dominated occupations.
...
"If men applied for typical 'female' jobs, they were significantly less likely to be invited for an interview or asked to provide further information about themselves," the researchers explain. "If male-dominated occupations related to the industrial society keep vanishing, and gender-neutral occupations are growing in size, then we would expect gender stereotypes to become less important over time."'

Gov. DeSantis signs bill addressing 'fatherhood crisis'

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'As state leaders take on what they are calling a “fatherhood crisis” in Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis on Monday signed a bill that will provide about $70 million to bolster programs aimed at equipping dads with parenting resources and helping foster youth.

The measure (HB 7065) received bipartisan support during the 2022 legislative session, passing unanimously in the House and Senate.

...

DeSantis said the measure will have “huge ramifications” for helping young Floridians reach their potential.

“If you look over the last many decades, one of the worst social trends has been the decline of fatherhood. And we do have, in many instances, a fatherhood crisis in this country. The fact of the matter is when you take kids who do not have a father present during their upbringing, the chance of them dropping out of school, getting involved in trouble with the law, having other difficulties, increases dramatically,” DeSantis, the father of three young children, said during a press conference in Tampa on Monday.'

WNBA Players Union President Says Gender Pay Gap Helped Lead To Brittney Griner's Arrest

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'Ogwumike and Roberts talked about how problems of gender inequality helped to land Griner in her current situation.

"It's disappointing that the question of it being a gender issue is top of mind now, when it comes to this type of circumstance," she said. "The reality is, she's over there because of a gender issue — pay inequity."

The highest-paid player in the WNBA earns $228,000 a year, while some top NBA players make more than $1 million, according to ABC News.

It's not unheard of for WNBA players to travel overseas during the offseason to earn some extra money. "We go over there to supplement our incomes," said Ogwumike, who herself previously played in Russia for four years, China for two years and Poland for one.'

Women’s Scholarships And Awards Eliminated To Be Fair To Men

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'Women’s scholarships, leadership programs, awards and even gym hours are being eliminated or canceled by universities because they discriminate against men. Complaints are being filed with the Department of Education (DOE) about programs and funding for women at universities across the country, and the DOE is taking action. One of the latest targets is the Marilyn C. Davis scholarship at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC).
...

Eliminating a women’s program, award or scholarship isn’t the only solution for a university facing a Title IX complaint. Instead, the university can offer a similar program for men. Perry explains, “At Eastern Michigan University, they had a Digital Divas program for high school girls interested in computer science. And so I challenged that program as a violation of Title IX, and they started a Digital Dudes program. Then they had one for boys and one for girls.” Another alternative for maintaining girls’ STEM summer camps at universities is allowing boys to participate in the same program alongside the girls.
...
Last year, Biden signed an executive order stating, “It is the policy of my Administration that all students should be guaranteed an educational environment free from discrimination on the basis of sex.” It’s unlikely he was referring to eliminating scholarships and awards for women, but that seems to be an unintended effect of enforcing these codes.'

U.K. shouldn't pair female Ukrainian refugees with lone male hosts, the U.N. says

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'The U.N.'s refugee agency is raising concerns about the United Kingdom's Homes for Ukraine program, in which anyone can apply to host a refugee for a period of at least six months.

Citing "increasing reports of Ukrainian women feeling at risk from their sponsors," the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees is urging U.K. officials to refine the application and matching process.
...
"UNHCR believes that a more appropriate matching process could be put in place by ensuring that women and women with children are matched with families or couples, rather than with single men," the agency said in a Wednesday statement. "Matching done without the appropriate oversight may lead to increasing the risks women may face, in addition to the trauma of displacement, family separation and violence already experienced."'

UK: Teenage boys should be taught about incel culture, teachers say

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"A study in October 2021, suggested that there was a 6.3 per cent chance of being suggested an incel-related video by YouTube within five 'hops' of a non-incel related video,' she said on Saturday.

'Given the amount of time our young people spend on social media, this is 6.3 per cent too much.

'Clearly this shows the dangers of failing to support and improve the mental wellbeing of boys within schools.

'Language and stereotyping attitudes such as 'cry like a girl' or 'fight like a boy' means that boys as well as girls still struggle to express their own difficulties with their mental wellbeing or feel like they need to suffer in silence.'

The motion calls for Nasuwt to lobby government to make misogyny a hate crime and also calls for more mental health support for boys in schools.'

UK: Manet masterpiece given 'Misogyny' alert over 'male gaze'

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'The Courtauld Gallery has been criticised for introducing a 'woke' new label on a Manet masterpiece to warn viewers of the 'unsettling' presence of a man.

The London gallery, which holds the UK's most prestigious collection of Impressionist paintings, reviewed its labelling as part of a £57million refurbishment.

Édouard Manet's 1882 work A Bar at the Folies-Bergère is one of the paintings that has received a new label.

The work depicts a barmaid at the famous Parisian cabaret club staring at the viewer and a male customer who can be seen in a mirrored image behind her.

The new information panel both in the gallery and online states that the female subject's 'enigmatic expression is unsettling, especially as she appears to be interacting with a male customer'.

Speaking to The Telegraph, art historian Ruth Millington branded the interpretation a 'woke attempt to call out misogyny' which 'unwittingly centres the male gaze' by shifting the viewer's attention to the man.'

How Do Women and Girls Experience the Worst of War?

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'War, conflict, and crises introduce women and girls to a very real fear: that their safety and human rights will be the last priority amid the violence. The current war in Ukraine is widely expected to hurt women and girls more than any other population, both in the short and long term.

This is because the same has been true of almost all wars and conflicts in history; it is also something we've seen in violence that is currently ongoing in other parts of the world such as the Sahel, Tigray, and Afghanistan.

Simply because of their gender, women and girls caught in the middle of war experience sexual violence, physical and verbal abuse, and barriers in accessing resources and having their human rights met; this is of course all on top of being directly exposed to conflict on the front lines and facing life-threatening conditions.'

‘Decisive steps’ needed to keep boys in school – UNESCO report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Leave no child behind: Global report on boys’ disengagement from education, sheds light on the factors driving boys’ disengagement from the classroom.

The report highlights a global phenomenon: Harsh discipline, corporal punishment, and other forms of violence at school; gendered norms and expectations; and other factors, are preventing boys from achieving academically, while increasing absenteeism and dropouts.'

NY teacher performs sex act on Zoom call, is fired, but re-appears in school

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'Parents and students at Manhattan's Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science, and Engineering were in shock to see the return of a Spanish teacher who was resigned from the school for 'sucking a man's nipple' during a Zoom lesson.

Amanda Fletcher, 38, was kicked out of the elite school in October 2020 after the New York City Department of Education officials found she 'engaged in an inappropriate sex act' while instructing her class over Zoom.

During the Zoom call, Fletcher 'appeared to suck the nipple of an unidentified topless male' while 'gyrating' or 'rocking back and forth,' the New York Post reported.

Fletcher, a tenured teacher, had appealed the decision and DOE officials said she had been reassigned to a 'district office' following her exit from the school.

While Fletcher settled misconduct charges by agreeing to 'irrevocably resign' on July 1, 2022, she reappeared at the school on March 7, startling students and parents alike.'

Email Regarding Student Use of ‘Internal Lists’ Sparks Dialogue on Forms of Accountability and Safety Surrounding Sexual Violence

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'Student discourse around formal and informal mechanisms of accountability for sexual violence on campus escalated after Dean McLoughlin’s March 23 email to the student body on “internal lists” which he said are “being used to deny benefits of membership, entry or participation in activities or events, and to isolate and hold the listed students accountable without a fair and impartial judicial process.” Discussion in response to the communication from McLoughlin — Colgate’s Vice President and Dean of the College — sparked a multitude of emotions from students who feel informal student accountability provides a survivor-centric form of justice the school’s official procedures lack, though many pointed out the potential and actual harms of the use of these internal lists.

In an interview with the Maroon-News, McLoughlin defined “internal lists” as ones “either curated, managed, disseminated or used for an individual student,” further noting their origin as a means to combat or limit sexual assault and violence on campus in specific spaces. Additionally, he stated that his email was not a product of one “precipitating event,” but rather due to the frequency and prevalence of reports made by students and administrative deans regarding the use – or misuse – of these lists.'

Harry Styles brought out Shania Twain at Coachella and said she taught him that 'men are trash'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Before the latter song, Styles praised Twain for teaching him "how to sing" as a child, and thanked the country-pop star for giving him special memories with his mother.
...
He also said Twain taught him that "men are trash," a phrase that promptly began trending on Twitter.

In response, Twain said she felt "a bit starstruck" by Styles, adding, "It's kind of a dream, and very surreal, to be sitting here right now singing this song with you. I think I'm just in love."'

Johnny Depp, Men's Rights Hero

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But for large swaths of the manosphere, the Depp trial isn't merely a fascinating look into the complicated nature of domestic violence and volatile relationships. Instead, many observers who are obsessed with the loss of "men's rights" and blame feminism for worsening their lives are portraying Depp's fight as an existential moment for men as a whole. In their eyes, Depp isn't merely a target of assumptions and false narratives — he is the vanguard in the war against women who hate men and pretend to be victims.

In that way, Depp is being weaponized by the manosphere, most notably by "men's rights activists," in order to paint a picture of how American society chooses to "believe women" even when they're liars. His trial fits neatly into a tapestry of claims that men are under attack, woven alongside clumsy narratives about false rape accusations and mothers lying to block children from their fathers. No wonder there's an energized web of right-wing YouTubers, influencers and social media posters who are following the trial live, leveraging the drama for clout while proselytizing on the injustice of mass misandry in the post-#MeToo age.'

Allegations Must Be Verified Before Outrage

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'Like many students at Wooster, I too spend (probably unhealthily) more than a small amount of time on Yik Yak messaging boards. And usually, it's harmless – albeit not always positive – content. However, over the last few months, I have noticed a disturbing trend that has been the topic du jour of Wooster Yik Yak: discussing apparent sexual assault allegations against Wooster students, even going so far as to name names and make statements such as "[…]don't forget [name] is also a sexual assaulter.", "Name drop all assaulters!! Bully them off campus!!", "[A]ctually bullying is okay if it's aimed towards sexual assaulters!" and "Put a sticky note with some unique marking, and stick them on every abuser's door that you know."

And these accusations come with absolutely no statements of proof, seeming completely unverified. Some students claim that a Title IX claim against a student is proof of guilt. Let me be clear: although a student may even have a Title IX claim against them, this does not mean that they are automatically guilty; almost all allegations of this nature constitute one person's word against another's. This apparently common practice of explicitly stating names and advocating for direct, possibly belligerent, action to be taken in response to these accusations, is a blight on how assertions of this magnitude ought to be treated, and how the student body should act while these claims are outstanding.

Clemson student awarded $5.3 million in defamation lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Defendants have filed a post-trial brief in a recent $5.3 million verdict in a defamation and civil conspiracy suit filed by a former Clemson University student who was accused of sexual misconduct in 2015.

Following a trial in late March, Andrew Pampu was awarded $5.3 million in damages against former Clemson students Erin Wingo, Colin Gahagan and Erin Wingo's father, David Wingo, according to a press release from Warshaw Burstein LLP, the law firm that handled Pampu's case.

The week-long trial included 10 witnesses disputing Erin Wingo's claim that she was too intoxicated to consent to sex, according to the news release.

Erin Wingo was ordered to pay $700,000 in actual damages and $450,000 in punitive damages, David Wingo ordered to pay $230,000 in actual damages and Gahagan to pay $700,000 in actual damages and $220,000 in punitive damages for defamation. For civil conspiracy, Erin Wingo was ordered to pay $2,000,000, while Gahagan was ordered to pay $1,000,000 in actual damages, according to Pampu's attorney, Kimberly C. Lau.'

Women-only free food distribution set for May 19 in Aurora

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry will distribute food and household products to women only on Thursday, May 19, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Vineyard Aurora Church, 505 E. Galena Blvd. in Aurora. Admission and parking are free. Identification and registration are not required.

Food items, diapers, formula, baby food and feminine hygiene products are among items to be distributed.

A drive-through pop-up pantry open to all is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at Restoration Church, 1460 W. Indian Trail Road in Aurora.'

Twitch accused of double standards for allowing sexist stream titles against men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amazon-owned Twitch is the world's top streaming site, but often finds itself in controversy. From DMCA issues, mysterious indefinite bans, and waves of hate raids, the platform is no stranger to drama.

In recent years, Twitch has made an effort to decrease harassment, enforced strict policies about what its content creators can say on and off the site, and has implemented filters to combat abuse.

However, it seems that in an effort to prevent hate speech, the site is being accused of sexism for censoring negative comments about women while allowing the same phrase about men.'

UK: Teachers vote to press Government for compulsory lessons about sexism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Teachers have debated how to tackle the growing problem of “incel” culture in schools, as seven in 10 said they have experienced misogyny at work.

At the NASUWT teaching union’s annual conference in Birmingham, teachers voted to lobby the Government to recognise misogyny as a hate crime, and for it to be compulsory for schools to teach pupils about sexism.

The motion originally called for the union to consider the incel movement – which stands for “involuntary celibate”, whose followers promote hatred of women online – to be recognised as an extremist group.'

Scotland: Proposals for new Bill to tackle misogyny

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Plans for future legislation are part of the Scottish Government's official response to the independent working group on misogyny.

A new Bill to tackle misogyny is being considered by Scottish Ministers as part of these proposals.

Chaired by Baroness Kennedy QC, the group's report recommended a number of new offences to criminalise specific forms of misogynistic conduct – including stirring up hatred against women and public sexual harassment of women.

The Scottish Government has accepted the recommendations are pivotal in challenging misogyny and will develop draft legislative provisions for public consultation.

The timing of a final Bill will be considered as part of the Scottish Government's future legislative programme.

Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans Keith Brown said:

"The independent report rightly recognises the need to address misogyny and makes a compelling case for creating new laws to tackle this unacceptable conduct.'

David Mamet slammed over claim that many male teachers are ‘inclined’ to be pedophiles

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'David Mamet found himself in hot water after claiming that many male teachers are “inclined” to be pedophiles.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright’s hot take has prompted widespread criticism as he declared that “we have to take back control.”

Speaking on Fox News Sunday, Mamet gave his two cents on the subject of community control of education, after Florida passed a so-called “Don’t Say Gay” bill, which bans sexual orientation or gender from being taught to children under 10.

“We have to take back control,” Mamet said. “If there’s no community control of the schools, what we have is kids being not only indoctrinated but groomed in a very real sense by people who are, whether they know it or not, sexual predators.

“Are they abusing the kids physically? No, I don’t think so. But they’re abusing them mentally and using sex to do so,” he added.

“This has always been the problem with education – teachers are inclined, typically men because men are predators, to pedophilia,” the 74-year-old said.'

A members-only club for female executives is coming to San Francisco with the help of Google's cash

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As companies see a record number of women leaving their jobs in "the Great Resignation," Google parent Alphabet is putting money behind an initiative that could help them stay.

Launched in 2019, Chief is a membership-based company for female executives that's designed to provide meetups with curated groups of peers, mentorship and fireside chats with people like former first lady Michelle Obama.
...
Chief expanded nationally at the beginning of the year. There are some 60,000 women on the waitlist, but Childers and Kaplan say they should be able to start vetting applicants more quickly now that the company has more money to hire people and build out the technology.'

Women praise first ‘strictly no men allowed’ nightclub to come to Dublin

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'The first “strictly no men allowed” nightclub is on its way to Dublin.

Lick Events have successfully hosted a “girls only” night for years as a way to provide a safe space for women and transgender people to drink, dance and have a good time with their gal pals.

The organiser started the event because she had a bad experience with men “grabbing me or being inappropriate” and she just “got sick of it”.'

What Is Toxic Femininity? Twitter Accused the Kardashians and Amber Heard

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although toxic masculinity remains a hot topic, Amber Heard and The Kardashians' alleged acts have caused more and more discussions surrounding toxic femininity. But what exactly does the term mean?

VeryWellMind defines toxic femininity as "any thoughts, actions, or behaviors by women that benefit or defer to others, usually males, at the expense of a woman's independence, agency, full range of emotions, and emotional and mental well-being."

However, the term has broadened over the years. Toxic femininity also suggests that women who are guilty of it are potentially looking out for themselves over other women.'

Canadian college's tenure track position open only for 'women, transgender, non-binary, or two-spirit' people

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Waterloo announced an opening for a tenure track position last month that is only available to "qualified individuals who self-identify as women, transgender, non-binary, or two-spirit."

The university's Faculty of Environment is seeking applicants with experience in geography, earth science, environmental science, or sustainability to join as the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council Tier 2 Canada Research Chair.

Applicants are asked to fill out a self-identification form to ensure that they fall into one of the four categories that the job is open for, in order to "address the underrepresentation of individuals from equity deserving groups among our Canada Research Chairs."'

Google Makes Push for 'Inclusive Language' With Writing Feature

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Google is making a push for "inclusive language" with a new writing feature that is designed to guide users away from words it considers politically incorrect.

Introduced this month, Google Docs users will encounter a pop-up warning if they type in words or phrases deemed noninclusive, such as "landlord," "mankind," "policeman," or "housewife," the New York Post reports.

Users will be informed that their word selections "may not be inclusive to all readers" and will be directed to more inclusive suggestions.'

UK: Taxpayers' money 'spent decolonising museums' because history written by 'white men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Millions of pounds have been given by Arts Council England to advisory body Museum Development England, according to The Telegraph, with help needed with "equality and inclusion".

Guidance given by Museum Development to attraction bosses is said to show there can be "racist narratives" and "implicit racism" in museums because the history they cover has been mainly written by "white men".

The material was reportedly shared as part of new equity and inclusion training programme for managers.

The guidance says: "History is written by the winners and in Europe and the British Empire, the winners tend to have been white, wealthy, able-bodied men.

"There is a call to 'decolonise' museums to address their implicit racism (and sexism and ableism).'

Enrollment plummets at Washington’s colleges, especially among men

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'Community and technical colleges experienced a combined 24% drop between fall 2019 and fall 2021. Public four-year institutions saw a collective drop in undergraduates of nearly 7% during that time period, with some schools’ losses double or even triple that. Roughly 60,000 fewer students, in all, enrolled.

What happened, of course, was COVID-19, though education leaders are still untangling the reasons the pandemic kept students away. As colleges scramble for ways to boost their numbers, they are facing hard truths about higher education in this state — namely, lukewarm enthusiasm and a gender gap that has women outnumbering men at virtually every institution. At Lower Columbia College in Longview, for instance, the share of male students fell from 31% to 28% during the first year of the pandemic.'

'Get rid of toxic masculinity out of policing': New Bellevue police chief recruits women, numbers are up

Mastodon · 26 April 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Bellevue Chief's blunt talk of police problems includes a phrase not many men utter.

"We've got to get rid of this toxic masculinity out of policing," Clary said.

Toxic masculinity came to mind when he heard departments would not hire women over fears sexual harassment claims would go up.

"Masculinity is one piece of the puzzle but in policing I would argue, historically, it's been-- allowed to take too much of the space," said Clary.'

Twitter exec suggests Elon Musk, other critics are misogynists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A top Twitter executive has suggested that many of the platform's critics — including soon-to-be owner Elon Musk, who ripped the firm's top female lawyer over her censorship of the New York Post — are merely misogynists.

Lara Cohen, Twitter's global head of partners, went on the attack hours after Musk singled out the site's lead lawyer, Vijaya Gadde, over what he called the "obviously incredibly inappropriate" ban of The Post's exclusive reporting on Hunter Biden's shady business dealings.

She also shared messages of support for Leslie Berland, the company's chief marketing officer who was caught in leaked audio suggesting that Musk's plans for free speech put them in "a very difficult position."'

Biden’s Disinformation Chief Nina Jankowicz: Online Mockery of Kamala Harris a Threat to Democracy and National Security

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“Platforms and governments aren’t doing enough,” she wrote on social media. “It’s time to act. Our national security and democracy are at stake.”

Jankowicz argued that Congress should create new laws to block mockery of women online, citing the volume of “gender disinformation” used to criticize Harris.

“Congress should reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and include provisions against online gender-based harassment,” Jankowicz wrote in a WIRED article highlighting the “abusive content” sent on social media to women in public life.'

Johnny Depp Deserves an Apology: The Missing Equality Between Men's and Women's Allegations of Abuse

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amber Heard is the poster child of court misogyny. Her allegations of domestic abuse towards Johnny Depp, which he countered with abusive records and allegations of his own, cumulated in a lawsuit from each of them against the other. As Johnny Depp v. Amber Heard progresses in court, the media coverage of the events discussed by both parties reveal a troubling picture of what it means to be a battered man in America, evident in both the public's reaction and Heard's own flippancy.

When Heard first released her assault accusations, the public burst into outrage (and rightfully so: no woman should have to tolerate abuse from a partner, and there was not yet evidence to discredit her). She was asked to endorse and speak at women's empowerment events and was hailed as a brave survivor coming forward to share her truth. Johnny Depp suffered an inverse fate—he lost his role in the Fantastic Beasts series, was assailed on social media, and grew into a pariah among his Hollywood counterparts, who were quick to cut their association with him. As his side of the story surfaced, painting Heard as the abuser, Depp was still held at arm's length by his contemporaries while Heard was celebrated for her courage. Very few of his associates publicly announced support for him in the same manner that occurred for his former partner. The lack of enthusiasm to entertain Depp's perspective from the beginning highlights a glaring issue in how the public views perpetrators and victims: that women can be victims without further interrogation, but men who speak up should be questioned.'

Biden Disinformation Chief Nina Jankowicz Sang About Sex Fantasy with Dead Harry Potter

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jankowicz, the radical left-winger heading up the Department of Homeland Security's Disinformation Governance Board, or "Ministry of Truth," was apparently a huge Harry Potter fan — enough to create a band with her friend Lauren Fairweather in the 2000s. According to Spotify, the albums came out in 2007 and 2008, meaning Jankowicz was presumably 18 when the first album dropped.

Videos have begun to circulate on social media, purportedly featuring the voice of Jankowicz and her bandmate belting out questionable lyrics. However, a brief search on the music streaming platform on Spotify shows a variety of releases from the duo, with lyrics featuring the two singing out fantasies including dead child sex with Harry Potter and secretly catching "peep shows" in bathrooms.

In one such tune, titled, "Prefects Are Hot," the duo makes it clear that they call her "Moaning Myrtle" — the ghost girl haunting the lavatory — "for a reason," continuing to sing about spying on naked children in bathrooms, as "bathrooms are great places for peep shows."'

Not OK: Average man rates his mental health just 6 out of 10, feels down 3 times a week

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Millions of men may be putting up a brave front, but they're not doing as well as you may think. A new survey finds the average man feels down three times a week. The poll of 2,000 men also finds the average respondent only rates their mental health a six out of 10.

However, those as young as 18 say it's closer to five out of 10.

Dealing with a physical health condition (26%), poor eating habits (20%), and pressures at work (20%) are among the reasons men say they're struggling with their mental well-being over the last 12 months. Others claim not being in a relationship, lifestyle changes such as the breakdown of a marriage, and scrolling through social media can affect their general well-being as well.'

UK: Woman avoids jail for 'wicked' false rape claim against innocent man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Bangor woman who made a "wicked" false claim that she'd been raped in a shopping centre avoided an immediate jail term.

Chantelle Clarke, from Pinehill Road, appeared at Downpatrick Crown Court sitting in Belfast, where she was handed a 12-month prison sentence which was suspended for two years.

It emerged the man she claimed raped her in the toilets of the Flagship Shopping Centre in Bangor had "suffered dreadfully" as a result of her lies - including having to move house.

A barrister for 22-year old Clarke said she had expressed remorse for the consequences of her actions and the impact it had has on the man she falsely accused.'

White male athletes should kneel for abortion rights — it's not like they'd get blackballed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If men can drop to one knee to propose to a woman, white male athletes that claim to care about women's rights shouldn't have a problem doing it again for abortion rights.

According to Politico, for the first time in which anyone can remember, a draft decision from the Supreme Court has been leaked, as the court that Trump and his hateful followers packed while he was in office (one seat stolen I might add) is reportedly set to overturn Roe v. Wade, sending a woman's right to choose back to the states. Despite the Orgasm Gap, men in this country love trying to control and govern women's bodies, as if the statistics haven't already proven that so many of them don't know what to do with a woman's body.

Every time something bad happens to women in this country, the most powerful group of individuals — who it seems like never have to face the consequences of their actions — go to their canned responses in situations like this.
...
But, in a country in which sports have been intertwined with politics and culture for decades, the white male athlete is a member of society that can reach levels of success that are often above reproach — making them unfireable. There's a reason why top-flight white quarterbacks, hockey, baseball, and college basketball players can reach a certain level of celebrity and fame that's only allowed for them. This is why we should be challenging them to kneel for abortion rights. Because, as they love to tell us, they have mothers, wives, and daughters, too.'

“Kill All Men”: Modern Feminism and its Current Rhetoric

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There’s still so much to be done, but if we zeroed in on modern feminism, there’s almost a willful ignorance of real world issues: men suck, and women are awesome. For decades now, modern feminism has climbed higher and higher into its own ivory tower. Mini-movements like #killallmen, rejecting masculinity, and misandry have come to represent the face of modern feminism, and all the momentum for real gender progress has been lost.

The momentum of feminism has fizzled out, as it only appeals to women; but how will radicalizing women about their oppression change anything, if the world is still a man’s world?

Most women understand the irony behind #killallmen. They understand it is a satirical statement, a witty reference to the long standing history of femicide and an expression of their annoyance with the inescapable patriarchal system. But this is easily misinterpreted. More and more, modern feminism is being met with backlash from “men’s rights” groups, who believe that misandry is consuming popular culture. By championing movements like #killallmen, feminism alienates men, limiting itself from any further expansion.'

Military Drafts Loom Over Europe Thanks to Russia

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Europe's first war between more-or-less peer powers in over 70 years upsets a lot of assumptions. Not least of them is the belief, or maybe just hope, that the brief and pleasant interlude of relative peace among powerful nations was here to stay. In broad terms, as I've written elsewhere, much of the world is back on a war footing, expanding military budgets and cementing defensive alliances. But renewed fears also offer governments that fear international dangers or just want an excuse to regiment their societies an opportunity to revive the unfortunate and previously fading practice of conscription.
...
In the United States, some lawmakers tout mandatory service for all as a pathway to equity, which it might be if by "equity" you mean "shared loss of freedom."

"By reforming the Selective Service to be gender-neutral based registration, we draw on the talents of our entire nation in the time of a national emergency," Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D–Pa.) insisted last year of language that was, thankfully, later stripped from the National Defense Authorization Act.

But touchy-feely justifications for forcing people to serve the state are a hard sell. Claims that conscription will break down barriers don't square well with threats to place those who refuse behind bars. Old-fashioned defenses against predatory neighbors, on the other hand, more effectively play on people's fears. And too many officials, either frightened of cross-border dangers or simply aware of the opportunities they present, are taking advantage of the situation.'

Assaulting our Boys: The Campaign to Demonize Masculinity

Matt · 7 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It has become increasingly clear that there is an assault on masculinity. The assault is more than the sum of toxic terms and ideological narratives aimed at undermining a particular sex. The actions are exercised in policy exploitations that clearly violate equal protections and undermine the ability of boys and men to contribute fully to society.

...

Those supporting boys and men have become persona non grata in the halls of the political, academic, and media institutions that chose a conscripted, ideological narrative as profound as any goose-stepping militant looking to tear down patriarchal structures. In colleges across the country, post modernism, deconstructionism, Marxism, and new historicism became entrenched in the most elite and even most frivolous schools across the country and now harbor a new identity politic dedicated to undermining the hopes of the greatest civil rights leaders who dreamed of a nation where the content of one's character would win out over the color of one's skin and nature of one's sex. In the world of academia, identity is in and character is out.'

Feminist author: Stay-at-home moms breed ‘worse, more sexist’ men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Controversial feminist author Jill Filipovic is preaching the “overwhelmingly negative consequences” of stay-at-home moms — and social media watchdogs are coming for her.

Filipovic, 38, detailed her stance that these mothers create “worse, more sexist” men — and women who are “psychologically and emotionally worse off” — in a now-viral Twitter thread published on Tuesday.
...
Filipovic noted that families that are set up in a more traditional sense — a k a, per her thread, the “carer/earner nuclear family model” — is a historical oddity “that is tremendously isolating and often financially devastating for the carer (almost always a woman).”

“It also reinforces the gendered division of labor, which ripples out to all women,” she continued. She then recommended a “robust social welfare state” instead of “paying mothers a small stipend.”'

Believe all women? Even Amber Heard? The Johnny Depp lawsuit raises questions about our approach to assault allegations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yes, of course, allegations of abuse, be they sexual or otherwise, should be taken incredibly seriously. However, the reflexive call to “believe women” requires a complete suspension of critical thinking. Moreover, the call asks us to assume that the person accused, almost always a man, is guilty. It also asks us to assume, implicitly or otherwise, that all the accusers (usually women) are honest.

Which brings us back to Heard. There is reason to believe that she has been less than honest, and there’s reason to believe that she has lied about Depp.'

Why do people blindly support Johnny Depp? I'll tell you why

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Article here. Exception:

'"If she was scared to death, why didn't she leave?" asked everyone's favourite Hollywood heartthrob-turned-bad-boy Johnny Depp in court.

He was talking, of course, about his ex-wife Amber Heard, who he is suing for libel in the US over an article she wrote for the Washington Post in 2018. During her testimony, the actress has accused Depp of physical and sexual abuse.

If Depp's phrase feels familiar, that's because it is: survivors, families of victims and domestic abuse campaigners have worked tirelessly to stop society using such victim-blaming tropes. Instead of asking a woman why she didn't escape abuse, ask the man why he abused her in the first place. That would be a good place to start.'

Judge: California's women on boards law is unconstitutional

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Los Angeles judge has ruled that California's landmark law requiring women on corporate boards is unconstitutional.

Superior Court Judge Maureen Duffy-Lewis said the law that would have required boards have up to three female directors by this year violated the right to equal treatment. The ruling was dated Friday.

The conservative legal group Judicial Watch had challenged the law, claiming it was illegal to use taxpayer funds to enforce a law that violates the equal protection clause of the California Constitution by mandating a gender-based quota.

David Levine, a law professor at the University of California Hastings College of the Law, said he was not surprised by the verdict. Under state and federal law "mandating a quota like this was never going to fly," Levine said.'

Wisconsin Middle Schoolers Sued for Sexual Harassment for Not Using Preferred Pronouns

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Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty (WILL) — which is representing the defendants — the three eighth grade boys are being sued under Title IX for using “incorrect pronouns” in their Kiel Area School District.

“The District’s position appears to be that once a student informs others of alternate, preferred pronouns, any subsequent ‘mispronouning’ automatically constitutes punishable sexual harassment under Title IX,” a press release from WILL stated, explaining that the boys were simply using the “biologically correct” pronouns.

“The mere use of biologically correct pronouns not only does not constitute sexual harassment under Title IX or the District’s own policy, it is also speech protected by the First Amendment,” a WILL letter to administrators states.'

Latest office politics row sees exam chiefs telling male civil servants they must stop 'hepeating' women's ideas and declaring them as their own

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You may – or may not – have come to terms with such workplace sins as 'mansplaining' or 'microaggressions'.

But now there's a new offence in the minefield of office politics: 'hepeating'.

The term has been coined to describe the act of a man hijacking an idea previously suggested by a woman – then getting all the credit for it. And now civil servants have been warned not to do it.

The portmanteau of 'he' and 'repeating' appears to have been invented in 2017 by friends of American physics professor Nicole Gugliucci, whose tweet defining the term went viral.

Although the word has yet to make it into the Oxford English Dictionary, staff working for exam regulator Ofqual have introduced it in an internal handbook.

The 28-page book, obtained by The Mail on Sunday under Freedom of Information legislation, describes 'hepeating' as 'a situation where a man repeats a woman's comments or ideas and then is praised for them as if they were his own'.'

UK: Sex education curriculum must address 'toxic masculinity', say students

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The relationship and sexual education (RSE) school curriculum must address "toxic masculinity", the term used to describe how certain masculine traits cause harm to men, women, and others.

The Irish Second-Level Students' Union (ISSU) told the Oireachtas committee on gender equality on Thursday that the current RSE curriculum is outdated and too focused on biology over consent.

David Byrne, a researcher from the Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin), told the committee that toxic masculinity is still evident in the classroom for certain male-dominated subjects.

"I think beginning in primary, or even before that but beginning with education, we need to teach boys to not be that way," he said.'

Walk to End Violence Against Women and Children returns to Victoria Thursday

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Eleven years in, the Indigenous-led Moose Hide Campaign continues its mission to end violence against women and children, and this Thursday (May 12) the Greater Victoria community is invited to participate in a morning filled with discussion followed by an afternoon walk to the legislature.

The day, usually marked in February but delayed due to the omicron variant wave, serves as a call to action for men and boys across the country to make a pledge to adopt healthy masculinity and do their part to make everyone feel safe and welcome.
...
Men and boys are encouraged to not only tune into virtual events before joining the walk, but also to commit to fasting that day. Stevenson said fasting is an effective way to deepen resolve and commitment to the campaign's goals.'

Violent Crime and Racial Motivations

Matt · 19 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In four events over the last year, at least 26 people were killed and at least 70 injured in events some have linked to racist motivations. Payton Gendron, Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa, Frank James, and Darrell Brooks Jr. have been accused and/or already prosecuted for the killing and injuring of innocent people.

As the nation mourns another mass shooting in the city of Buffalo, the media and policy makers need to proceed with a certain caution and avoid inciting the type of responses that only fires-up political rhetoric and incites further violence instead of encouraging a level-headed focus on mental health.

While many are looking at racially motivated reasons for the rampages by Gendron in Buffalo (NY), Al Aliwi Alissa in Boulder, Colorado, James in New York City, and Brooks Jr. in Waukesha, Wisconsin, too few are spending time in sustained talks and actions regarding the mental illness associated with these crises.'

U.S. Women's Soccer 'Equal Pay' Agreement Includes Men's Team Now Subsidizing Their Pay

Matt · 19 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In what is being called an "equal pay" agreement between the U.S. Soccer Federation and the U.S. men's and women's national teams, the men's team will soon begin subsidizing the women's team's bonuses with their own international prize money.

The landmark agreement was reached after years litigation between U.S. Soccer and members of the U.S. Women's National Team (USWNT), who claimed they were unfairly paid differently than the U.S. Men's National Team (USMNT). The women made this claim even though each team had their own separate collective bargaining agreement about their pay structure.

To achieve "equal pay," according to The New York Times, "U.S. Soccer will distribute millions of extra dollars to its best players through a complicated calculus of increased match bonuses, pooled prize money and new revenue-sharing agreements that will give each team a slice of the tens of millions of dollars in commercial revenues that U.S. Soccer receives each year from sponsors, broadcasters and other partners."'

Woman charged in war vet’s murder gets time served after plea deal

Mastodon · 19 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who was charged in an Afghanistan War veteran’s murder caught a lucky break Thursday, striking a plea deal that let her off on time served after Manhattan prosecutors claimed they couldn’t prove their case.

Mary Saunders, 41, pleaded guilty to a downgraded charge of second-degree assault for her role in the 2018 stabbing death of Hason Correa in Harlem.

At the time, authorities alleged Saunders had tried to hold the 35-year-old married dad down as her two brothers repeatedly stabbed him in front of his father Wesley Correa.

But in court Thursday, Assistant District Attorney Dafna Yoran said Saunders only kicked and tried to punch the victim, and that those “did not appear to cause any damage.”'

Distinguished Gentleman's Ride raises awareness for men's mental health, prostate cancer

Matt · 23 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Almost 200 bikers dressed in their finest clothes headed downtown on their vintage motorbikes to take part in Austin's Distinguished Gentleman's Ride Sunday afternoon.
...
The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride takes place on the same day every year in cities across the world to raise money and awareness for men's mental health and prostate cancer research.

"There's not a lot for raising awareness for men's prostate cancer and mental health goes hand in hand with that because it's kind of a big deal and we're happy to be able to contribute funds, raise awareness and have this lovely event," she said.'

Our greatest public-health crisis? The angry young American male

Matt · 26 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Here we go. She's not even trying to hide it. Young maleness = dangerously violent. The generalizations are scarcely challenged. I wonder what exactly she propose? Curfews for males under 25? No guns sold to males under 25? Why stop there? No talk of mental health issues and where they may come from (e.g. no father at home). Excerpt:

'We are continuing to create, more than twenty years after Columbine, young male mass shooters who target schoolchildren.

Only in America. No other country suffers this sickness but us. America, land of milk and honey. Born here and you're born on third base. Yet we are cultivating a cohort — young men hellbent on killing our children.
...
The Lone Wolf is no more, not since the Internet. Now any disaffected young man can become, with anonymous encouragement and advice, a killing machine.

Among the most recent violent subcultures to coalesce online are the so-called incels, the portmanteau for "involuntary celibates," deemed a specific threat by the U.S. Secret Service in a study published last March.
...
The membrane between the virtual world and the physical one has all but collapsed. Online threats and perseverating over violent actions, especially by young men — these need to be treated as real.

After 9/11, the Department of Homeland Security began tracking online chatter to disrupt planned terror attacks, as did the FBI, which began proactively working up profiles of future terrorists.

Why can't the same be done here?'

Amber Heard on trial: Johnny Depp's defamation case is radicalizing young men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Anti-feminism makes good bait to pull young men deeper into authoritarian — and even fascist — politics.

Polling demonstrates that a distressingly large number of young men long for old-fashioned gender roles. A 2018 poll by Perry Undem, for instance, found that while most teenage girls wanted equality in the workplace and in the home, the majority of teenage boys preferred men to dominate in the workplace while women are stuck at home caring for the family. As feminist Jessica Valenti noted in a 2020 article, male support for female equality has actually gone down in recent years. Not only are young married men still foisting the majority of domestic duties on their wives, but the percentage of men who openly long to have a housewife rose from 17% in 1994 to a whopping 45% in 2014. In reaction, increasing numbers of women are turning their noses up to marriage, preferring to be single rather than be with men who don't respect them.

The reason men want inequality is, quite obviously, entirely selfish. Men reject gender equality because, duh, it sounds nice having a full-time unpaid servant and emotional support system at home, all for your benefit. But no one wants to believe they're a selfish jerk, especially to someone you're supposed to love, such as a real or even hypothetical wife. So a lot of men are open to narratives, however silly, about how it's feminists who are the bad guys. They long to hear that it's men who are the victims of a conspiracy of "selfish" women who supposedly use false accusations and other shady tactics. It's not true, of course, but we live in times where facts are increasingly discarded if they cut against a will to believe. Once you've got these guys on board with lies painting feminism as a conspiracy against men, it's a short jump to convincing them feminism is also a conspiracy against the white race.'

School Shooting in Uvalde, Texas

Matt · 26 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'School shooters are almost always male, mentally ill, fatherless, and lost souls with little purpose, what Dr. Warren Farrell called, the “purpose void.” Despite our well established knowledge of these things, shooters continue to rear their heads again and again with ever increasing loss of lives. Since 2000, there has been approximately 367 school-shooting, related incidents. One school incident involved a child 6-years-of-age.

Another incident involved a woman who accidentally set off her gun in a school gymnasium while reaching into her purse for her cell-phone. Though the later example is truly uncommon, the former is not. The overwhelming majority of school shooters are male, and most of them likely have some form of mental illness and other contributing social dynamics that lead to unconscionable acts of violence that seem to come from some long immoral urge, a sickness of the mind born from illness or excessive suppressed affliction.
...
There is no denying the overwhelming number of these shooters are boys and men who are likely suffering from some form of mental illness. As discussed in an article after the Buffalo shooting, at least 70% of mass shooters have some form of mental illness. However, the overwhelming majority of boys and men are not committing any form of violent crime but boys and men are clearly impacted by mental health in very different ways, including suicide, alcohol, and drug overdose deaths. These too are manifestations of a type of self-harm. These are not comparable to school shootings, but many school shooters acting out their rage are often carrying out a form of communal and self harm simultaneously. This in no way excuses the act of the shooter. It does, however, give us pause to consider the ever increasing mental health issues and fractured family structures that allow for boys and men susceptible to violence to actualize it, something we are also witnessing with the increase in homicides. (School shootings are only one portion of the homicide problem as the nation has seen a marked rise in homicide deaths over the last two years.)'

AOC called out for divisive comments about patriarchy and masculinity after Texas school shooting

Mastodon · 27 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Rochester, New York police chief La'ron Singletary pushed back on Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., for her "characterizations and accusations" while law enforcement continues the investigation of the Uvalde school shooter. On "Fox & Friends First" Friday, Singletary urged politicians to find "viable solutions" instead of spreading divisive rhetoric. Ocasio-Cortez called out America's "patriarchal society" and masculinity "rooted in the subjugation of other people" on the day after the attack.'

UK: It's very bad time to be a man

Mastodon · 27 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yes, that's how it feels to be a man in today's increasingly hostile climate. The inflated outrage over misogyny in Parliament feeds into the simplistic and inaccurate stereotyping of men as universal perpetrators, and women as perpetual victims. It feels as if the issue has been hyped up as part of the current campaign to make misogyny a criminal offence.

Male MPs - with an old fashioned sense of chivalry and shame - will no doubt want to 'do the right thing' by their offended female colleagues, to do that would be to improve their own behaviour. However we should also consider the equally unpleasant reality of 'misandry' - the dislike of, or contempt for men, and prejudice against men.

Let's look at the facts.

The paradox of Parliament is that while there is a Minister for Women, there is no Minister for Men co-ordinating a response to the male suicide epidemic, or giving men's health issues meaningful representation in the House.'

Appeals court allows expelled DU student to sue over allegedly unfair sexual misconduct inquiry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A male student who the University of Denver expelled for sexual misconduct may sue the school for its alleged failure to conduct a fair and impartial investigation, the state's second-highest court ruled on Thursday.

"John Doe," as the student is identified in court documents, claimed that DU investigators refused to interview his witnesses, did not question his accuser's motivations and overlooked inconsistencies in the alleged victim's statements. Because the university's procedures at the time promised that sexual misconduct investigations would be "thorough, impartial and fair," Doe sued the school for breach of contract after believing its investigation into his case failed to live up to that standard.'

Men abducted en masse in Chechnya and sent to fight against Ukraine

Matt · 27 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Several Chechen human rights organisations, as well as bloggers, are talking about appeals from Chechen residents regarding men being abducted to be sent as "volunteers" to the war against Ukraine.

According to human rights activists, the abducted men are forced to sign a contract under threat of spending an indefinite time in secret prisons.

In particular, the opposition movement 1ADAT reports on hundreds of people being abducted from different regions of Chechnya. According to the representative of the movement, 100 people are being held in one of the illegal prisons, and 30 in the other. These data are reported by men who witnessed such "mobilizations".'

Consequences of intimate partner violence for male victims: findings from Norway

Matt · 28 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Most of the men have suffered a variety of psychological problems both during and after the relationship, such as insomnia, difficulties in concentration, and a deep sense of insecurity and unease. Some struggle with trauma and social anxiety.

The men who experienced a pattern of violence over a longer period of time describe more serious health complaints than those who got out of the relationship relatively early on. Five men said they had gone so low psychologically that they played with the idea of ending their own lives. Three actually attempted suicide.'

No matter who 'wins' the Johnny Depp-Amber Heard trial, America has lost

Mastodon · 28 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Wagatwe Wanjuki, an anti-violence advocate who helps communities prevent and respond to sexual abuse, believes that the trial's reception is a symptom of a culture that still needs to be educated on the complicated realities of intimate partner violence. "We need to show and encourage a better way to talk about abuse, abusers and victims," she said. "We do not teach people what domestic violence is, so most are ill-equipped to talk about abuse with the proper care and education needed to avoid upholding a culture of abuse."

...

To an outsider, Heard and Depp's relationship seems tumultuous, volatile and at times even violent. But calling their dynamic "mutual abuse" — as it was during the trial — perpetuates the same kind of stereotypes that keep abusers in control. "It's dangerous because it doesn't exist," Wanjuki said about the term. "At the core of an abusive relationship is a power imbalance that is created and sustained by a pattern of domination and control. Spreading this term is a gift to abusers, because it distorts the true nature of the relationship by minimizing what they've done."'

Teacher's assistant sentenced to 30 days in jail for sexual assault

Mastodon · 29 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former teacher's assistant at a private Monroe County school has been sentenced to jail for having inappropriate sexual contact with a student.

Marissa Lee Beadle, a former teacher's assistant at State Line Christian School on Lewis Ave. in Temperance, was sentenced to serve 30 days in the Monroe County Jail, with the possibility of the a 90-day period being served in a boot camp program designed to prevent similar behavior. Beadle will then serve five years' probation with sex offender treatment and was ordered to not have any contact with the victim or the family of the victim.
...
According to the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office, Beadle was a 20-year-old teacher's assistant at the school when she engaged in inappropriate contact with a then-13-year-old student.'

We overlook a significant factor in mass shootings: fatherlessness

Matt · 29 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We do everything possible to find the root cause of a broken man showing such disregard for life — yet we consistently overlook a significant contributing factor: fatherlessness.
...
The world can at times be harsh for young men, but your father is supposed to be your source of security, a builder of confidence and a teacher for how to regulate your emotions in stressful situations. Most crucial, the father is the son's purpose compass as he helps guide him throughout the trials of adolescence towards purposeful adulthood.

But what happens when there is no father in a child's life? What happens to those boys when their compass is nowhere to be found? They all too often become lost boys and grow into lost men.'

The Divorce Monster Has Its Claws in Both Parties

Matt · 29 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'DeSantis has impeccable credentials as a defiant conservative. The fact that even he was hoodwinked demonstrates how conservatives are outmaneuvered on many issues, especially the family. The bill exemplifies how Republicans are routinely fooled into enacting Democrats' measures. In fact, it lays the groundwork for understanding how they invited the extreme left to seize control of the U.S. government two years ago.

The bill can do nothing for either fatherhood or the family. It is modeled on useless programs devised by the Clinton administration based on the distorted research of liberal house intellectuals like David Popenoe and especially David Blankenhorn and his federally funded Institute for American Values. Blankenhorn describes himself as a liberal Democrat. His background is in Saul Alinsky community organizing (quasi-communism). Yet for years he dominated family advocacy groups like the Family Research Council and Heritage Foundation before endorsing the redefinition of marriage.'

Australia: New domestic violence campaign portrays boys as potential abusers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The harrowing reality of abuse is being used in a new domestic violence campaign aimed at making dads take action.

The Hidden Face campaign focuses on the children of domestic violence households and puts the onus on men to stop the next generation becoming abusers.

Billboards depicting sentiments such as, "I'm going to be just like you when I grow up dad", will be displayed around the Mackay region for the next year.

Others include, "I'm going to marry a man just like you" and "I'm going to remember what I learn from you dad".'

Suicide takes more military lives than combat, especially among women

Matt · 31 May 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Military suicides have been a serious problem for decades. Yet it has defied MSM coverage -- until it becomes a problem for women, too. Excerpt:

'Suicide has been the main killer of U.S. personnel since the Sept. 11 attacks. More than 30,000 of them have died by their own hands since, during a period that saw about 7,000 service members die in combat or training exercises, according to a project from Brown University.

Suicide in the military community is at its highest rate since 1938, according to a Department of Defense report released last month.

Increasingly, those killed are women.

In 2020, they accounted for 7% of military suicides - up from 4% a decade earlier, according to Department of Defense numbers. About one in six servicemembers is female.

The reports break down the deaths by gender, age and branch, but they hardly address the dramatic increase among women.

Deana's story was featured in 22 Too Many, a project honoring the estimated 22 military suicides that happen every day.'

Amber Heard ‘heartbroken’ by Johnny Depp verdict: It’s a ‘setback’ for women

Mastodon · 1 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Amber Heard has released her first statement since a jury found Wednesday that she defamed her ex-husband, Johnny Depp.

The actress, 36, described the verdict as a “setback” for women in the post-#MeToo era.

“The disappointment I feel today is beyond words. I’m heartbroken that the mountain of evidence still was not enough to stand up to the disproportionate power, influence and sway of my ex-husband,” Heard said.'

‘Men Always Win’: Survivors ‘Sickened’ by the Amber Heard Verdict

Mastodon · 1 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'“This is basically the end of MeToo,” Dr. Jessica Taylor, a psychologist, forensic psychology Ph.D., and author of two books on misogyny and abuse, tells Rolling Stone. “It’s the death of the whole movement.”

As the verdict came in, sexual assault survivors expressed their disappointment with the decision, even if they were not surprised by it. “I don’t think it’s unexpected. But it’s horrible,” says one survivor, who herself faced a defamation claim after coming forward against her own abuser (and requested her name be withheld for legal reasons). She says the claim was dropped, but that watching Heard be dragged through the mud during the trial brought back memories of her own experience, which she says was traumatic and led her to consider suicide.

“I feel really glad to think my case didn’t go ahead. And stupid to think I could have won it,” she says. “Men always win.”'

Washington Post's Jennifer Rubin: GOP is the party of ‘White grievance’ and ‘toxic masculinity’

Mastodon · 2 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Washington Post columnist Jennifer Rubin cast Republicans as the party of "White grievance" and "toxic masculinity" in the aftermath of the Uvalde, Texas school shooting.

On Sunday, Rubin described President Biden as a man "renowned for his expressions of empathy," but admitted his soft language appears "increasingly inadequate" and "counterproductive" in U.S. politics.

"Now is the time for precise language. 'Forces' are not the problem; one political movement encased within the Republican Party is. "Ultra-MAGA" ideas are not the problem; Republicans spouting anti-American ideas that threaten functional democracy," Rubin wrote.'

Where are the men of courage? They're gone thanks to 'toxic masculinity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So. We vilify action men, brand chivalry and valor "toxic masculinity," stamp on the manly virtues that made civilization possible.

Then we are shocked when armed cops stand around outside a classroom while children are slaughtered, or when straphangers watch passively as a woman is assaulted on the subway.

What's the answer?

Democrats cynically demonize Republicans over guns as a motivator for their base. Republicans fall back on hardening security to prevent more school shootings.

But little Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, where an 18-year-old gunman murdered 19 small children and two of their teachers last week, was already pretty hardened.'

The Myth of Toxic Masculinity

Mastodon · 3 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The lead article in APA's flagship journal this month (Di Bianca & Mahalik, 2022) calls for a redefining of masculinity from what it calls "hegemonic masculinity" (meaning toxic masculinity) to something more, well, feminine.

Oppression and violence are blamed on toxic masculinity, and boys, according to the article, should be raised in "relationships of empathy, mutuality, and empowerment." No, they don't mean sports teams, dojos, or the military, although it's unclear why not, since those organizations certainly provide relationships of that sort. What they mean is that boys should be less, you know, boyish.

...

When people talk about toxic masculinity, they don't mean masculinity at all. Usually, they mean paranoia, sociopathy, malignant narcissism, or some form of self-righteous vindictiveness. These are as common in women as in men, although in men, these ills are more likely to be expressed as physical violence (though still at a low rate). But to blame the violence on the maleness rather than, say, the paranoia of the perpetrator is like blaming robbery and murder on the race of the perpetrator. When faced with the image of a school shooter, if you hate men, you see a man. If you like men, you see a paranoid person. If you hate Black people and look at violent crime data (a disproportionate number of robberies and murders are committed by Black people), you see race when you look at perpetrators rather than rage.'

India: Rape Should Be Gender-Neutral Offence: Kerala HC on Breach of Promise to Marry

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Kerala high court orally remarked that the offence of rape that arises out of a false promise to marry should be “gender-neutral”, noting that a woman cannot be prosecuted if she tricks a man with such a promise.

According to LiveLaw, Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque made the observation while adjudicating the child custody battle of a divorced couple.

During the hearing, the woman’s advocate said that the man had once been accused in a rape case. The man’s counsel said the allegation was based on “unsubstantiated accusations of sex under a false promise of marriage”, according to LiveLaw.

This is when Justice Mustaque expressed his concern that Section 376 (punishment for rape) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) is not gender-neutral. He said,

“Section 376 is not a gender-neutral provision. If a woman tricks a man under false promise of marriage, she can’t be prosecuted. But a man can be prosecuted for the same offence. What kind of law is this? It should be gender-neutral.”'

New Zealand: Woman has sex with brother; files false rape complaint

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Waikato woman who had consensual sex with her brother then laid a false rape complaint with police.

That saw the woman's brother, aged in his 40s, spend seven months in custody, and her last year charged with attempting to pervert the course of justice and two charges of incest.

She was sentenced on those charges in the Hamilton District Court, narrowly avoiding jail time.

The woman sat tearful, shaking uncontrollably in the dock before Judge Philip Crayton, unaware if she would be put behind bars or not.'

MSNBC guest: ‘White Men’ are the biggest ‘threat’ to women’s ‘liberty as citizens,’ ‘right to vote’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'She minced no words, telling the MSNBC host that "White men" are the biggest threat facing women today:

"103 years after the passage of the 19th amendment in the Senate, the challenge and, frankly, the threat is the White men who have had a monopoly on our society, our democracy, and our country, who continue to block our access to the ballot and our liberty as citizens, as women and everything that comes with it."

Haines said men have "always enjoyed" those "same freedoms" without ever having to "earn" them through amendments to the Constitution. "And while it’s fine for people to share something when you don’t think it’s going to cost you anything. When people feel like they are losing something that belongs to them, particularly power, everybody else watch out," Haines stated, implying that White men will do a lot to maintain their grip on power.'

Police response to Uvalde shooting says much about masculinity — and not the toxic kind

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's hard not to feel that our decades of eschewing gender roles and their associated characteristics in pursuit of equality have had some undesirable effects.

When the natural inclination to protect and defend, for example, has been repeatedly disparaged as dangerous and "toxic," it becomes less difficult to imagine why a group of highly-trained armed men would still favor crowd control over pursuit of an active shooter.

The incentives just aren't there.

But even if you don't accept the premise that the decline in masculinity has something to do with the tepid police response, its failure is plainly apparent, and more culturally devastating, as it relates to the shooter. We know that the common thread that links so many mass shooters is the crisis of fatherlessness.'

Why so many young Democratic men think feminism has done more harm than good

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Southern Poverty Law Center last week released a poll with Tulchin Research in which they asked men of different age groups and party affiliations if they believe feminism has “done more harm than good.” Not surprisingly, of younger (under the age of 50) Republican men, 62% agreed. But of younger Democratic men, 46% agreed, 41% disagreed and 13% stated they didn’t know.

When asked if men should be represented and valued more in our society, a whopping 60% of younger Democratic men agreed, which was not far off from the 65% of younger Republican men.
...
The perceived feminist push toward relationship domination has in turn made many men afraid of long-term commitments. They may be scared to procreate in fear of a family-court system that could prevent a relationship with their children instead of fostering it. They’ve become pessimistically focused on a 50% divorce rate that is initiated by women 70% of the time. In the end, we have two sexes who are increasingly fearful of each other.'

EU agrees ‘landmark’ 40% quota for women on corporate boards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The EU has agreed that companies will face mandatory quotas to ensure women have at least 40% of seats on corporate boards.

After 10 years of stalemate over the proposals, EU lawmakers hailed a “landmark” deal for gender equality. As well as the legally binding target, companies could also be fined for failing to recruit enough women to their non-executive boards and see board appointments cancelled for non-compliance with the law.

From 30 June 2026 large companies operating in the EU will have to ensure a share of 40% of the “underrepresented sex” – usually women – among non-executive directors. The EU has also set a 33% target for women in all senior roles, including non-executive directors and directors, such as chief executive and chief operating officer.'

I Reported Sexual Harassment by My Boss. A Week Later, I Was Suspended.

Matt · 7 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Shani began sexually harassing me days after I started this job. On October 22, 2020, after learning I was bisexual, she told me I was a “unicorn” and that she found me attractive. Weeks later, on November 20, she came to my house at night, attempted to get me inebriated (I do not drink), told me she had feelings for me, and asked me to sleep with her. When I rejected her repeated advances, Shani used the power she holds over me at the PAB to punish me.

In many ways, the retaliation and harassment I faced was standard for people who resist their boss’s advances. Shani humiliated and ridiculed me at work. She hugged and touched me without my consent. She told me intimate details about the sex lives of mutual friends and spread rumors about my sexual preferences with others. Whenever I tried to draw boundaries and maintain a professional relationship, Shani would threaten me for not “acting like her friend” while reminding me of her romantic feelings toward me. What made this particularly awful, however, was the way it worked to exploit or distort my sexual orientation — for example, when Shani ordered me to end a romantic relationship I had with a woman while encouraging me to date men.'

Trellix CEO: Cybersecurity Has Too Many 'Straight White Men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There is a serious problem with the homogenized nature of cybersecurity professionals, Trellix CEO Bryan Palma said during his keynote at the RSA Conference.

An overwhelming majority of individuals in the cybersecurity field identify as straight, white, and male, according to a recent Trellix-commissioned survey conducted by a market research firm.

This clear lack of diversity is holding the industry back in two main ways. “First, we are turning away great people and doing our industry a significant disservice by failing to cultivate a more inclusive environment,” Palma explained. “We are all better when we benefit from the diverse perspectives of others.”

And secondly, that homogenization is bad for business. “I learned this decades ago from Indra Nooyi, the former PepsiCo CEO: we do not look like our customers. And our lack of diversity restricts our ingenuity, innovation, and ability to recruit the next generation of talent,” Palma said.'

Geico ordered to pay Missouri woman $5.2 million after she contracted STD in a car

Matt · 9 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Missouri woman was awarded $5.2 million in a settlement from insurance company GEICO after contracting a sexually transmitted disease from her partner in his vehicle, which was insured by the company, court documents show. The Missouri Court of Appeals upheld that award this week.

The woman, a Jackson County resident, said she contracted Human papillomavirus (HPV) from her partner, according to court documents. On Tuesday, the Missouri Court of Appeals filed an opinion confirming the initial Jackson County Circuit Court arbitration award finding against GEICO.

In February 2021, the woman -- anonymously identified in documents as M.O. -- submitted a petition to GEICO directly. She alleged that her sexual partner negligently caused or "contributed to cause to be infected with HPV by not taking proper precautions and neglecting to inform and/or disclose his diagnosis," according to court documents, and that his "insurance policy provided coverage for her injuries and losses."'

Middle-aged white men a ‘pariah’ in television and film, says Christopher Eccleston

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I am a "pariah" as a middle-aged white male, Christopher Eccleston has said, as he reveals his acting work is drying up.

The actor, best known for reviving the role of Doctor Who, starred in successful films and series earlier in his career, including Jude the Obscure and Our Friends in the North.

But the British star now feels like a “failure” for being unable to secure similar work.

Eccleston has said that his age, sex and skin colour have now made him a “pariah” in the entertainment industry, leaving his career plagued by uncertainty.

“I'm white, I'm middle-aged, I'm male, and I'm straight,” said the 58-year-old actor. “We are the new pariah in the industry.

...

Eccleston is nevertheless returning to BBC Two on Friday night in My Name Is Leon, based on the novel of the same name by Kit de Waal. The story follows the story of a mixed-race child who is separated from his younger, white half-brother in the care system.'

Talking to boys about being a boy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Since my sons were born, I've tried to speak openly about gender. I've taught both of them, now ages 5 and 9, how to spot the ways the world holds girls and women back. I've also taught them about gender norms in toys and clothes, and why it is OK for both boys and girls to break them.

I thought I was being proactive in my approach until recently – when I realized there was a large, hiding-in-plain-sight, missing piece in everything we discussed. We never once spoke directly about masculinity or dug into what it means to be a boy or a man.

A big reason for this failure was inadequate vocabulary. Parents and caregivers to girls can rely on the word "feminism" should they want to frame girlhood as both positive and dynamic. Calling one's daughter a "feminist" allows for change and progress without limiting girls or criticizing femininity.

With boys, there was no such term until recently. The closest runner-up was the phrase "toxic masculinity," which refers to the parts of the male identity that are bad for men, boys and everyone else. These behaviors include things such as suppressing emotions or resorting to violence for self-expression.

The problem is my boys and their friends are lovely, sweet and not at all toxic. Why would I start a conversation with my boys about "boyness" on such a critical note? Doing so might result in silencing or shaming my sons for behaviors or traits they don't have.'

An Imagined Rebuttal to Amber Heard's 2018 Washington Post Column

sbond2000 · 12 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Following the ACLU's example, and in the interest of gender equity, I have taken the liberty of ghost-writing an "imagined rebuttal" to Heard's column with Mr. Depp as the "author". This rebuttal deconstructs their article, paragraph by paragraph, and provides a more balanced and truthful examination for each.

Note that Mr. Depp doesn't know me from Adam and has no prior knowledge of this effort. I'm simply doing it as a public service to him and to fair-minded men and women everywhere. Also note that in keeping with Heard's assertion that the Post article "wasn't about Depp because it didn't name him", in his rebuttal, Depp only refers to "the defendant" (wink-wink).'

Intact 2022: 16th Int'l Conference on Child Genital Cutting

DanBollinger · 12 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Official Page for Registration and Reservations

"The issue of genital cutting/mutilation of newborns and children was brought to the forefront of discussion in 1989 in Anaheim, California. During the three-day event, genital cutting was addressed by experts from many disciplines including history, religion, medicine, anthropology, psychology, law, and ethics. Since then, these symposia have convened biennially (when possible)."

Google pays out $118 million to female staff who earned less than their male colleagues to settle lawsuit

Mastodon · 13 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Google has agreed to pay $118 million to more than 15,500 employees to settle a longstanding lawsuit over gender discrimination and equitable pay, court documents show.

The settlement covers female employees in 236 job titles in California since September 14, 2013, the plaintiffs' legal firms Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein and Altshuler Berzon said in a press release.'

In major victory, Colorado court finds that accused students at private universities are entitled to fair hearings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, Colorado's intermediate court held that private universities in the state owe a duty of care to students when addressing claims of sexual misconduct. The Colorado Court of Appeals' ruling, reversing a lower court's judgment in favor of the University of Denver, a private university, is a welcome decision that other state courts should follow.

Highlighting DU's deficient process, the court noted "the burden and detriment of an unfair investigation and adjudication is borne almost entirely" by the accused. As a result, the court held that DU has a duty to adopt and apply fair procedures when investigating and adjudicating claims of sexual misconduct.

This is important because a constitutional right to due process only applies at public institutions because they are state actors.'

This Title IX Bill Would Undermine Due Process Rights for New Jersey College Students

Mastodon · 13 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill introduced last month in the New Jersey Senate could threaten the due process rights of students who are accused of Title IX violations. S.B. 2469 would require that employees at public colleges and universities who are involved in adjudicating, receiving reports of, or providing services to victims of alleged sexual violence undergo a "victim-centered" training. This training would also be required for students employed as resident advisors, or dorm supervisors.
...
However, some of those "providing services" to victims are also meant to be impartial investigators of serious allegations, such as university employees involved in adjudicating allegations of sexual assault. Giving "victim-centered" training to those employees raises the question of whether a victim-centered approach also allows for an impartial examination of the evidence and testimony for and against a student accused of sexual assault.'

Research into falling sperm counts finds 'alarming' levels of chemicals in male urine samples

Matt · 13 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Scientists searching for the causes of falling sperm counts are getting a clearer picture of the role played by chemical pollutants - and it's not a pretty one.

A study of urine samples from nearly 100 male volunteers has uncovered "alarming" levels of endocrine disruptors known to reduce human fertility.

Cocktails of chemicals such as bisphenols and dioxins, which are believed to interfere with hormones and affect sperm quality, were present at levels up to 100 times those considered safe.

The median exposure to these chemicals was 17 times the levels deemed acceptable.'

A Proclamation on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, 2022

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Elder abuse takes many forms, such as financial, emotional, physical, and sexual harm, including intimate partner violence in later life. It often comes in the form of neglect, abandonment, or exploitation. It is estimated that approximately 1 in 10 elderly Americans are abused annually. However, many of those who are abused suffer in silence, and many cases are never reported or brought to light. In the past few years, while the pandemic isolated all of us to different extents, it especially exacerbated the isolation felt by too many older adults. All of us have a role to play in preventing elder abuse and ensuring that our Nation's seniors are able to age with dignity. With a majority of elder abuse victims being women, my Administration is focused particularly on improving our support for all women and preventing and addressing gender-based violence that impacts older adults both domestically and abroad.'

The Ends of Men

Matt · 16 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. MRAs have been refuted by feminists and others when they have asserted that there is indeed a subset of feminism that wants to see "the Final Solution" to the "man problem": our very existence. If there is no such trend in feminism, then why are there literally dozens of books depicting men as disappeared and a "better world" arising from it? Excerpt:

'"When the men disappeared, it felt like nothing," reflects Jane Pearson in the first line of Sandra Newman's new novel The Men. But more than a hundred years of literary history tell us that what follows will not be nothing. The Men was the subject of online debate earlier this year when Newman announced its premise on Twitter: "everyone with a Y chromosome suddenly, mysteriously disappears."

Indeed, Newman's characters walk through all the familiar beats of the "all men vanish or die" plot: the disaster in workplaces dominated by males, like operating rooms and oil refineries; the grief and fear and occasional guilty excitement of the women who are left over; the emergence of factions; the interesting adjustments such remnants might make in their sexual relationships in a post-hetero world. Newman's not pretending she's new to this territory; in her acknowledgments, she thanks Joanna Russ, Alice Sheldon (who wrote as James Tiptree Jr.), Charlotte Perkins Gilman, and Sheri Tepper, lauding them as writers who explored the idea that "there should be no men." But there have been so many more. Recently, I read more than 20 of these books—thousands of pages of worlds erased of the unfairer sex. Often, the theme felt exhausted and repetitive, though sometimes, when I found myself immersed in a book that did something new with this idea and my husband interrupted me to ask where he put his wallet, I got it. Why is this plot so durable? And, after all these years, has it finally lost its bite?'

Twitter bans boost of "In His Words" article

Matt · 16 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Really, no surprise coming from Twitter. Excerpt:

'A May 4th article that addressed the demonizing of masculinity in America (Assaulting our Boys: The Campaign to Demonize Masculinity) must have struck a nerve. Within 24 hours, it had several thousand views. I decided to boost the article, that looked at the lack of attention on boys and men as an assault on masculinity, on social media to increase its visibility. Twitter did not allow the boosting of the article, asserting it violated the company's usage policy. I appealed and asked for an explanation, receiving the following message.

[Image]

...
Twitter listed (in the email above) some examples of what constitutes a violation of political content policy, even though the content did not violate any of the examples. This approach is not new to social media sites aimed at tilting public awareness toward particular narratives and away from other concerns or points of view. Our attempt to share the Boy Gender-Gaps and the Male Gender-Gaps that exist happened as Twitter employees were upset about the Musk takeover: I wondered if the potential Twitter acquisition by Musk contributed to a frustrated employee backlash, at least in the short term, to marginalize groups it deems not in its particular scope.'

FACT SHEET: Presidential Memorandum Establishing the White House Task Force to Address Online Harassment and Abuse

Mastodon · 16 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, President Biden will sign a Presidential Memorandum establishing the White House Task Force to Address Online Harassment and Abuse, responding to the need for government leadership to address online harms, which disproportionately affect women, girls, people of color, and LGBTQI+ individuals. Vice President Harris will launch the Task Force by hosting a survivor and expert roundtable this afternoon. The tragic events in Buffalo and Uvalde have underscored a fact known all too well by many Americans: the internet can fuel hate, misogyny, and abuse with spillover effects that threaten our communities and safety offline.'

Privileges confirmed for straight white men working in STEM

Mastodon · 17 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study that considered multiple aspects including sexual identity and disabilities confirms a long-held belief: White, heterosexual men without disabilities are privileged in STEM careers.

The University of Michigan study of 25,300 professionals in science, technology, engineering and math shows that this segment experiences better treatment and rewards than members of 31 other categories by gender, race, LGBTQ+ status and disability status.

Straight, nondisabled white men experience more social inclusion, professional respect and career opportunities, and have higher salaries and persistence intentions, the research showed. Study author Erin Cech said these advantages act as premiums, meaning they cannot be attributed to things like education level, job commitment, family responsibilities and human capital.
...
The findings show the importance of encouraging white men to recognize the privileges they may have access to, and commit to serving as allies to fight for change at the organizational and structural level, Cech said.

“It is everyone’s responsibility – advantaged and disadvantaged alike – to fight for more equitable climates and practices in STEM,” she said.'

"Be the Change" fighting "casual misogyny"

Mastodon · 17 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the years, the cupcake tables that sat centre-stage at International Women's Day events started to get on Jasmin Bedir's nerves.

So in 2021, the Innocean Australia CEO launched not-for-profit Fck The Cupcakes (FTC), calling on as many members of the public and corporate supporters as possible to help her in her efforts to "fight endemic misogyny" and make some tangible change.

Now, the initiative has launched a new campaign titled 'Be The Change', and this time the target is casual misogyny.

Speaking to 9Honey, Be The Change spokesperson Rod Prosser, who is also the Chief Sales Officer of Network 10, explained the focus of the campaign.

"'Be The Change' puts a spotlight on casual misogyny, which we think is one of the most important problems to correct in the fight to break the bias," says Prosser.

"We know that so many men have 'unconscious bias' against women, and also don't see themselves as part of the problem, because they don't realise how their own behaviour can be harmful."'

Kamala Harris' Online Harassment Task Force Is a Bad Idea

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The White House created a new task force on Thursday to combat online harassment, abuse, and sexual violence. The initiative was unveiled by Vice President Kamala Harris, who gave little indication that she understands the difference between preventing violence and deterring harassment, the latter of which is outside the government's purview.

"For far too many people, the internet is a place of fear," said Harris. "This affects all of us if it affects any one of us."

Online harassment is indeed a frustrating and pervasive problem; contrary to the White House's framing that harassers primarily target women and minorities, people of all backgrounds contend with it if they spend any significant time online. A Pew survey from 2017 found that 44 percent of men said they had experienced online harassment, compared with 37 percent of women.

Like the disinformation board that preceded it, the White House's new task force seems incredibly misguided. At the very least, its mission should be narrowed to focus on speech that does in some cases fall outside of First Amendment protection: actual threats of violence, revenge porn (which is illegal in some states), and the like.'

Why I Need Men's Rights

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I came across this on Reddit and thought it bore repeating here:

I asked why I need Men's Rights; well, this is why:

I need men's rights because when she changed her mind the next day, I went to jail for 5 years;

I need men's rights because I was the victim of abuse but nobody believed me;

I need men's rights because I am less likely to go to college, and if I do, I will make less money than my female contemporaries;

I need men's rights because the president sees the shrinking number of men in colleges across America as "a great success";

I need men's rights because people question if I am a predator when I am alone with my child;

I need men's rights because a man's appearance, height, and weight has a greater affect on his income than it does for a woman;

I need men's rights because saying "it's impossible to discriminate against men in our society" allows people to discriminate with impunity;

I need men's rights because traditionally masculine characteristics are virtues not flaws;

I need men's rights because the likelihood of my death coming by suicide is four times higher than it is for women, though I receive little support;

I need men's rights because it is not considered bigoted or sexist to deny me a male safe space at my college by those who have possessed their own safe spaces for decades;

I need men's rights because it is assumed that a meeting of men in a male safe space is automatically going to devolve into hateful sexism and violence;

I need men's rights because broad gender-wide slurs against men are socially accepted;

I need men's rights because my life, career, reputation and connection with my family can be easily destroyed by a single, false and anonymously whispered accusation;

I need men's rights because when women stumble blame rests on society, but when men stumble it is their fault;

I need men's rights because in my physically demanding career, I am expected to do much more work for "equal" pay;

I need men's rights because it is fine to call me a "dick", a "cock", or a "prick" on the street or on television; a woman must never be called a "cunt";

I need men's rights because talk-shows think it's funny if I am wounded or sexually mutilated by a woman;

I need men's rights because while the rape of a woman is properly regarded as a crime, the rape of a man is funny;

I need men's rights because mutilation of male infants is considered normal – and those arguing for the protection of male infants from mutilation are regularly slandered as anti-semites and bigots;

I need men's rights because my sexuality is routinely characterized as violent pathology, rather than as a natural part of my human identity;

I need men's rights because women assume it's my fault if I am assaulted by a woman;

I need men's rights because people think it is irresponsible to have me work around children;

I need men's rights because I have the right to the same sexual sovereignty given to women;

I need men's rights because I believe that the feminist idea that a woman in the United States is equally oppressed as a woman in Afghanistan or Saudi Arabia in cruel and insulting;

I need men's rights because I should not be ashamed of my sexuality;

I need men's rights because women who find me unattractive will shame me can call me creepy for politely interacting with them, and they will be praised for this cruelty;

I need men's rights because I was sexually harassed by several drunk women twice my age and everyone at the party thought it was funny;

I need men's rights because my size and strength is commonly used to pretend that I am violent, which I am not;

I need men's rights because if I am small or weak doesnt mean I have a Napoleon complex;

I need men's rights because the type of car I drive does not give you the right to shame me or belittle me;

I need men's rights because I have the right to associate with other men without legal action forcing me to allow women, too;

I need men's rights because if I am assaulted by my spouse, and I attempt to seek help, I risk arrest, imprisonment and life-long censure – even if I do not defend myself, even I am seriously injured while she is untouched;

I need men's rights because I earned my accomplishments; they were not given to me by a fictitious masculine conspiracy;

I need men's rights because I have a right to be a father for my own children;

I need men's rights because, as a man, I am much more likely to be physically assaulted than a woman;

I need men's rights because I will be chastised as a coward, and a failed man if I do not sacrifice my life to save a woman in a time of crisis;

I need men's rights because laws exist that demand harsher penalties for men for the same crime;

I need men's rights because I have no lobbying voice in congress;

I need men's rights because, as a man, I am more than 9 times more likely to be killed at work than a woman;

I need men's rights because I am more likely to die young, and much less money is being spent on my health problems;

I need men's rights because, if I am killed in an accident, people will care less than if a woman or a child is killed. News readers make this clear every time they utter the phrase "women and children";

I need men's rights because society believes that my life is worth less than a woman's;

I need the men's rights movement, because I am a human being.

And finally, I need the men's rights movement, because when I attempt to address any of these issues, my co-workers, my government, my media, my peers, my family, and the larger society I am a part of rises in unanimous voice to condemn me as a monster – simply for claiming my humanity.

Mental ill health drives worklessness among UK young men, research finds

Matt · 17 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The rise of mental ill health is driving increasing numbers of young men in the UK into long-term worklessness, according to an analysis warning against a “vicious cycle” barring young people from the workforce.

Research by the Resolution Foundation think-tank, published on Monday, found rates of economic inactivity — where a workless person is not looking for work — had risen from 5 to 9 per cent among men aged 18 to 24 between 1995 and 2021. For women, the figure fell from 18 per cent to 10 per cent over the same period.

The foundation found that the doubling of worklessness among young men was driven by issues with mental health. Worklessness among the group because of illness or disability more than doubled, from 46,000 to 91,000, between 2006 and 2021, with the sharpest rise due to mental health problems'

NBC's TODAY.com marks Father's Day with abortion advocacy

Mastodon · 18 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NBC's TODAY show website honored Father’s Day weekend this year with story about how abortion helped eight different dads "become the fathers they are today."

TODAY.com reporter Danielle Campoamor opened by stressing the urgency of her own piece, writing, "Eight dads are sharing how abortion has helped them become the fathers they are today, on what experts believe will likely be the last Father's Day before the Supreme Court issues a ruling that would overturn Roe v Wade."

After recounting a few details about the Supreme Court draft opinion leak on abortion and how the court is "poised to overturn Roe v Wade," Campoamor explained that TODAY put out a call on social media "asking fathers to share how abortion shaped their lives."'

UK troops in trouble for consensual orgy

Matt · 19 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Basically, they had a consensual gang-bang. So what? The UK military says it could be seen as a denigration of women. Hardly, esp. when entirely consensual. Reverse the sexes: would it be considered a denigration of men? Excerpt:

'Hundreds of British paratroopers were banned from a NATO deployment after videos surfaced of an orgy with a civilian woman in the barracks that had some soldiers watching on, according to reports.

Eight paratroopers serving in the UK's 16 Air Assault Brigade were under police investigation over a video of them having sex with a civilian woman who had been snuck into the Merville barracks in Colchester, it was revealed earlier this month.

The woman had been snuck into the barracks as many as 31 times over the past five months, according to The Times of London.'

Masculinity overdue for a reckoning after mass shootings, child advocates say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Days after the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, staffers at Men as Peacemakers, a Minnesota group that works with students to break down gender stereotypes and reduce violence, checked in with participants to see how they were feeling.

The students, who were mostly white, mirroring the state's demographics, talked about lockdown drills they had practiced in school, but their responses were not very emotional, said Serrano Robinson, the group's youth restorative program coordinator.

The mass shooting at Robb Elementary School on May 24 that left 19 children and two teachers dead "sadly seemed kind of normal" to them, he said.

As civic leaders and politicians look for ways to stop mass shootings, advocates across the country from organizations like Men as Peacemakers say their work is vital to overcoming the toxic masculinity that research has found to be at the root of many mass shootings and other acts of violence perpetrated by men.

Research suggests such programs can be key to encouraging healthier emotional expression in young people, breaking down gender stereotypes and ultimately reducing violence.'

Opinion: Father's Day call to help stop the sexual assault of our nation’s children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dads, we are failing our children.

As men and fathers, we participate in institutions every day that perpetuate a culture of rape. And once a sexual assault occurs, we are often — however unintentionally — a part of the machine that shames survivors, forces them into silence, and isolates them from their communities.
...
Please, fathers, consider whether you are building that safe space in your own home. And, when a child comes to you saying that they were assaulted, believe them. Doing this is hard work. Loving your child in the way they need, combatting sexual aggression, and supporting and believing survivors is hard because we’re all carrying so much baggage.'

Should We Cancel Father's Day?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some Woke activists suggested that Mother's Day be called "Birthing Persons Day." After all, some "pregnant persons" identify as men (or non-women) and don't like being in a place called a "maternity ward." If the birthing person's pronouns are "he/him," that person might identify as the child's father though not contributing the paternal genetic material. Should "he" get a Father's Day card?

What should we call the person who contributes the paternal material? In Aldous Huxley's Brave New World, family words like "mother" and "father" are viewed as obscenities. We're not quite there yet, as babies can't yet be grown in a bottle and decanted, but we can try to make progress in our language.

What would be the equivalent term for father? "Sperm donor" is even less personal than "birthing person." The child will never call him "Daddy" and will have great difficulty finding out who he is. He might have been picked from a catalog, with anonymity promised. He probably does not know of his child's existence.

In 2017, there was a proposal to rename Father's Day "Special Person's Day." Or perhaps we should follow the precedent of President's Day, which replaced Washington's Birthday and Lincoln's Birthday. We want to obliterate the memory of Washington's defeating the British Empire and becoming the Father of Our Country, or of Lincoln's abolition of slavery and desire to unite our country. Just lump them in with others who managed, by whatever means, to get inaugurated as president, no matter their effect on our nation.

How about Parent's Day? Or Caregiver's Day, or better yet Caretaker's or Custodian's Day? Such persons might not be special. They might not have a name or face, being interchangeable at a bureaucrat's whim. They might be of any one of 50 or more genders. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DIE, no, DEI) is invading the family as well as the school, the workplace, and the church.

The family itself is perceived to be the problem, and radicals are targeting it for extinction.'

India: "No One Informed Me": Case Against Odisha MLA For Missing His Own Wedding

Matt · 19 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A case was filed against BJD MLA Bijay Shankar Das on Saturday after he failed to turn up for his own wedding, police said.

The case was filed against Bijay Shankar Das, the legislator of Tirtol, at the Jagatsinghpur Sadar police station based on the complaint of a woman who alleged that he cheated her as he did not turn up at the marriage registrar's office on Friday, they said.

...

The couple applied at the marriage registrar's office on May 17. Though the woman along with her family reached there for the wedding formalities on Friday after the stipulated 30 days, the MLA failed to turn up, as per the FIR.

Bijay Shankar Das, 30, said he has not denied getting married to her.

...

"Another 60 days are there for the registration of the marriage. Therefore, I did not turn up. I was not informed by her or anyone else to go to the marriage registrar's office," he told reporters.'

America's crisis is a lack of fathers

Matt · 19 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As our country commemorates Father's Day this weekend, it is important that we recognize the millions of children throughout our nation who are growing up without their fathers. Data from the United States Census Bureau shows that nearly 18.5 million children grow up without their fathers, which has in return led to the United States owning the title of the world's leader in fatherlessness.

We know that fatherhood is essential to the development of our children, and the increased involvement of fathers in the home leads to better results on a wide variety of outcomes. From economic prosperity, increased academic performance, to improved social mobility; fathers in their respective homes continue to be a key indicator of success for all children across racial, ethnic, and socio-economic groups. That is why we have joined forces to introduce a resolution into the U.S. House of Representatives that promotes fatherhood and its proven benefit to society.

There is little doubt that America is experiencing an unprecedented fatherless crisis. Approximately 80% of single-parent homes are led by single mothers; therefore, leading to nearly 25% of our youth growing up without a father in the home.'

UK: MPs to scrutinise sexism in educational settings and music industry as Committee broadens work on Violence Against Women and Girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Committee Member Jackie Doyle-Price will be chairing a Sub-Committee of MPs from the Women and Equalities Committee who will meet in addition to the usual Committee meetings to focus exclusively on the topic of attitudes to women and girls in educational settings. The inquiry will scrutinise how attitudes in educational settings, from early years to university, affect women and girls throughout their lives. MPs will explore the prevalence of misogyny within the education system- including reports of widespread sexual harassment within schools and lad culture within universities, the ways in which it presents itself, and how far Government initiatives such as updated Sex and Relationships Education address the issues.'

Canada: National campaign documenting online hate against women, pushing for change

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As Canada moves to introduce legislation to better address an ever-growing volume of online hate, a national non-profit is working to ensure the disproportionate impact on women and gender-diverse people is known.

Informed Opinions launched its Toxic Hush campaign this month, with some initial and disturbing findings from an ongoing survey documenting online harassment and hate.
...
Shari Graydon is the director of Informed Opinions, which works to amplify the voices of women and gender-diverse people. She said while online hate is increasing across the board, it is particularly bad for women with intersectional identities.
...
“The current scenario means many women don’t have freedom of speech because others are exercising hate speech that shuts them down, makes them fear, makes them go offline, makes them decline profile-raising opportunities.”'

Chief, a private club for executive women, to open in downtown San Francisco this year

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Another new private club is opening in San Francisco, this time exclusively for female executives. Chief, a private membership network for women, will open up a multilevel space in Jackson Square, as first reported by the San Francisco Business Times.

The space at 735 Montgomery St. was originally slated to debut sometime in 2020 but was delayed because of the pandemic. The space reportedly includes a bar, a lounge space, meeting rooms, private phone booths and a mothers' room. Chief confirmed to SFGATE that they hope to launch the clubhouse before the end of the year.
...
Carolyn Childers and Lindsay Kaplan founded the network in 2017, and backers of the company include Alphabet's investment arm CapitalG. It already operates clubhouses in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. Membership with Chief doesn't come cheap — women at the vice presidential level would pay of $5,800 annually and C-Suite executives would pay $7,900.'

5 Ways Biden's New Title IX Rules Will Eviscerate Due Process on Campus

Mastodon · 23 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, on the 50th anniversary of Title IX's implementation, the federal law that prohibits sex-based discrimination in education is getting a radical overhaul that will gut critical due process protections for students accused of sexual misconduct.

Education Secretary Miguel Cardona touted the new proposals as necessary revisions to Trump-era rules that reasserted the need for colleges and universities to treat both parties to a sexual misconduct dispute fairly and equally. The Biden administration has apparently embraced the idea—one promoted by many progressive victims' advocacy groups—that the rules propagated by previous Education Secretary Betsy DeVos made it too difficult to file sexual misconduct claims; Cardona's proposals would substantially revert Title IX compliance to the Obama-era standards, under which hundreds of students allege that they were wrongfully expelled from college following adjudication procedures that were manifestly unfair.

...

KC Johnson, a professor of history at Brooklyn College and expert on campus Title IX procedures, says that the resurrection of the single-investigator model is the most alarming aspect of the new rules.

"The possibility of wrongful findings, almost always biased against the accused, dramatically increases under such a procedural regime," he says.'

Title IX Didn't Make College Sports Equal, It Made Them Contentious

Mastodon · 25 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Title IX initially meant educational institutions had to provide both sexes with opportunities "substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments." And a 1992 court decision determined that noncompliant schools could face lawsuits, as well as being cut off from federal funding.

But when implemented, Title IX effectively turned into a form of affirmative action for women in sports—an unsustainable quota-like system. It's proven difficult for schools to equally allocate resources—scholarships, equipment, arenas, and budgets—across genders and sports, which has caused schools to take the easy way out by slashing male programs. Especially given that football, a huge moneymaker on college campuses, doesn't have a female equivalent in size or impact.'

Commentary on the overturning of Roe v. Wade

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With Roe v. Wade overturned, to not mention it hereon is like ignoring the proverbial 800-lb. gorilla. So I won't.

One man's opinion on the recent decision made by SCOTUS: Strictly speaking it is a Constitutionalist/Constructionist decision. However getting the Con'n updated by amendment is nigh onto impossible even when a lot of ppl think it ought to be. So modernist judges use contemporary standards to find rights that are not explicitly acknowledged in the Con'n by interpreting it as if it had just been written w/ today's standards in view. In short, in the matter of individuals' rights discussed in a federalizing document, to me, there is no right answer, as both approaches to interpreting the Con'n are arguably valid. Thus the matter is political in nature since legality itself supplies no solutions. Yes indeed, it becomes a matter of just who is on SCOTUS when the matter comes before the Court.

As pertains men's rights: there are two major schools of thought, IMO. The first is that men should support abortion rights because that opens the door to men eventually getting "paper abortion" rights. Currently that's not even on the radar screen. But maybe one day. The second is that so long as women won't support "paper abortion" rights for men, why should men care if women have abortion rights? Surrounding these two positions though are non-sex-specific schools of thought, namely the pro-life and pro-choice positions. Where you stand is up to you.

As for ppl who suggest/assert that men *should not* or *don't* have a right to an opinion because they don't have uterii, I respond that such a statement may be right or it may be wrong. It doesn't really matter, because men DO have opinions on abortion, and men vote. So feminists or in general pro-choicers, ironically even male ones, may WISH men had no opinions about abortion, but we do. And, we vote, like it or not.

Finally I'd just like to say to those decrying the loss of their supposed bodily autonomy in states where abortion is now or soon will be illegal: Welcome to the world of men. Our bodily autonomy was vacated here in the US back in 1792. Subsequent Acts have fully fleshed out the definition of what it means to be in "the militia", and it includes all men of military age. Yes indeed, welcome to our world.

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Militia_Acts_of_1792
https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Militia_Act_of_1903

Expect the Title IX Inquisition

Mastodon · 29 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, on the 50th anniversary of the passage of Title IX—the federal law banning sex-based discrimination in education—the Biden administration announced sweeping proposed regulations to address how colleges and universities adjudicate sexual misconduct allegations. The move wasn't very surprising: During the 2020 campaign, Joe Biden had sharply criticized the existing regulations developed by former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, which require colleges to conduct live hearings with cross-examination in campus Title IX cases.

Thursday's announcement did, however, represent a further escalation in a policy and legal debate that has spanned more than a decade. Beginning in 2011, the Obama administration had expressed concern that far too many students, especially female undergraduates, were sexually assaulted while in college—which was undeniably true, though specific numbers remain a point of contention. It then argued that universities too often swept these allegations under the rug—which was sometimes true, especially when cases involved allegations against powerful university employees and high-profile athletes. In response, the administration issued guidance documents threatening to withhold federal funds unless universities changed their adjudication procedures by lowering the standard of proof for sexual misconduct allegations and by allowing accusers to appeal not-guilty findings.'

New Louisiana law strengthens due process protections in college disciplinary procedures

Mastodon · 29 June 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The new Louisiana law, which Gov. John Bel Edwards, a Democrat, signed on June 15, contains similarities to the DeVos regulation.

For one, public colleges must offer students or student organizations the chance to make opening and closing statements during disciplinary panels, and give them the power to cross-examine witnesses.

These proceedings also can't be marred by conflicts of interest, the law states. To ensure that, college officials cannot take on certain multiple roles in disciplinary cases — for instance, an investigator and adjudicator can't be the same person.

If students or student-run groups are found to have violated a college's rules, they must be able to appeal to an administrator or entity that did not make the initial decision.'

Landmark report calls for affirmative consent laws in Queensland

Mastodon · 1 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A major review has called for Queensland to adopt affirmative consent laws among sweeping reforms to the handling of victims of sexual assault and violence in the state's criminal justice system.

The long-awaited final report of the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce includes 188 recommendations to improve experiences with the justice system.

They include calls for the state government to carry out a "comprehensive" community education campaign to address "rape myths" and for Queensland to adopt affirmative consent laws.'

Boris Johnson blames Ukraine war on Putin's 'toxic masculinity'

Mastodon · 1 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Boris Johnson blamed Russia's war in Ukraine on "toxic masculinity" just days after Vladimir Putin defended his penchant for bare-chested photographs.

The UK prime minister called the invasion a "crazy macho war" after Putin said Johnson would look "disgusting" if he attempted to flex his flesh like the Russian strongman.

"If you want a perfect example of toxic masculinity, it's what he's doing in Ukraine," Johnson told a German television outlet Wednesday.

"You need more women in positions of power. If Putin was a woman — which he obviously isn't — but if he were, I really don't think he would have embarked on a crazy macho war of invasion and violence in the way that he has."'

European Queens Waged More Wars Than Kings:

https://www.thecut.com/2016/01/european-queens-waged-more-wars-than-kings.html

Beyond ‘male privilege’. An interview with Rick Bradford (aka Will Collins), author of The Empathy Gap.

Matt · 1 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It would be easy to make the mistake of thinking men’s issues have become a more acceptable area of discourse over the last nine years, but this might be because we operate within a very small bubble. Where it matters – in Government, education, academia, the arts, and the entertainment and corporate worlds – things are on a one-way ratchet. Lip service may be paid now and then, but in policy and legislation there continues to be a monopoly on sympathy and concern for just one sex. Most men, including myself, would be quite content to tolerate even very high levels of disadvantage if that were compensated by commensurate respect. But it is the withdrawal of all respect for men and its replacement with bottomless vilification that renders the situation of men now entirely unacceptable.

...

It continues to surprise me that most people seem not to be aware of how uncomfortable men feel when subject to female disapproval. The origin of this is, I suspect, the ceding of moral authority from man to woman in the pair bond. Being disapproved of by a moral authority is bound to be discomforting. But – unless this is simply my ignorance – the ceding of moral authority as an aspect of the human pair bond seems also to lack widespread appreciation.'

Why do so many incompetent men become leaders?

Matt · 2 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

This TEDx talk is over three years old. The speaker denounces male leaders in general and pushes for more female leaders because the guys are just so incompetent.

I would love to know what MANN readers think of this talk. Some breakdown/analysis/critical deconstruction, if necessary. Comments are open, as always.

Bodega Bullying

Matt · 2 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The author asks if the subject's sex (and race) weren't the key factors in him being targeted. What's your opinion of the situation? Excerpt:

'There are many cancellable offenses in the land of the free. Expressing the wrong opinion on a multitude of issues – from immigration policy, to drag shows for children, to whether Kyle Rittenhouse deserves life in prison – is a surefire way to find yourself vilified and, quite often, unemployed. What's worse is that the borders of wrongthink continue to expand, rendering it difficult to know which opinions result in life ruination. Such was the lesson Griffin Green learned when he made the grave mistake of having the 'wrong' opinion on bodegas, of all things.

However, Green's disdain for bodegas was far from the only reason he faced a torrent of online hate, which culminated in his firing. Griffin Green was ultimately guilty of being an insufficiently woke white guy.'

Dilbert Creator Slammed for His Solution to 'Dangerous Young Man Problem'

Mastodon · 7 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dilbert creator Scott Adams has sparked outrage after suggesting that families could be forced to "kill" young men unless society adopts his "solution" to the "danger" they pose to themselves or others.

Adams argued that "society" forced parents to choose between murdering their own "broken" teenage sons or risking additional deaths in a series of tweets on Wednesday. The veteran cartoonist, also known as an outspoken supporter of former President Donald Trump, said that this week's deadly mass shooting in Highland Park, Illinois, and fentanyl overdoses among young men were "teaching us the same lesson." Adams said that he was "qualified" to weigh in on the matter due to his 18-year-old stepson dying of a fentanyl overdose in 2018.'

HHS gives NYU $40,000 to study why children 'favor Whiteness and maleness'

Mastodon · 7 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded over $40,000 to New York University (NYU) researchers to conduct a study on why children "favor Whiteness and maleness over other identities."

The project titled, "Societal assumptions regarding typical personhood and their effects on reasoning development," seeks to uncover the developmental processes by which children "acquire the belief that White males represent the default person – a pattern rooted in the ideologies of androcentrism (centering the experiences of men) and ethnocentrism (centering the experiences of White people) prevalent in the United States," according to the grant summary on USASpending.gov.'

"There’s an antifeminist backlash silencing women – more and more literally"

Mastodon · 7 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Defamation suits are becoming a routine tool of retaliation and revenge for men accused of sexual and domestic abuse – and a growing threat to women’s ability to safely and freely speak about their own lives. The advocacy group Know Your IX, which lobbies on behalf of student survivors of sexual violence, says that 23% of students who make Title IX complaints are threatened with defamation suits by their alleged abusers.

Depp is just one of a growing number of high-profile men who have retaliated with lawsuits against the women who have accused them of violence, or the journalists who have investigated these accusations. Depp now shares this litigious distinction with his friend, the musician Marilyn Manson, and with the Barstool Sports executive Dave Portnoy. These lawsuits are not meant to determine whether a man should be punished for his abuse of women. They are meant to determine whether women should be punished for speaking about it.'

The Unintended Downside Of Title IX For Women

Mastodon · 11 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Title IX hasn't only changed the gender makeup of college coaching, but it has recently also hindered programs aimed at attracting women into STEM fields. Women are typically underrepresented in high-paying fields like engineering or computer science, so many universities offer special scholarships or programs to attract women into these fields.

For the same reasons that universities can't offer sports to men only under Title IX, they can't offer awards or programs solely for women. So programs aimed at helping women are being called out as discriminatory against men. As a result, the Department of Education is investigating and shuttering not just women's scholarships and awards at universities but leadership programs and even gym hours reserved for women as well. These programs discriminate against men according to Title IX.

Like so many laws aimed at helping a particular group, there are unintended side effects of Title IX. Title IX's fiftieth anniversary should certainly be celebrated, but we should be aware of the law's downsides as well.'

Ohio bill would allow civil lawsuit over unintended pregnancy

Mastodon · 14 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Senate Bill 262 states that if the impregnator is found guilty in the civil suit, then they could face fines of at least $5,000. With the “Heartbeat Bill” in effect, there are no considerations for rape or incest, but Maharath said at least with SB 262, the father would have to take financial responsibility.

“When I’m thinking ‘unintentional,’ and this would be an interpretation the courts would have to decide, I’m thinking of those types of situations,” said Maharath.

The mother would have up to five years after conception to sue.

Marahath said these civil cases would be handled comparably to child support cases — with proof of paternity being a component. If the guilty party cannot pay the fine, then Maharath said she envisions it being handled within the court.'

UK: Darlington woman jailed for making false rape allegation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who falsely branded her neighbour a rapist when she alleged he had attacked her in a tent in her garden has been jailed.

Jade Wass reported her vulnerable neighbour to the police in July 2020 when she claimed the man, known only as Mr X, had raped her - an allegation that left the man feeling 'suicidal'.

Teesside Crown Court heard how the 26-year-old kept up her story for months before police finally decided that she has lied about the alleged attack.

Richard Bennett, prosecuting, said the man, who has a medical condition causing significant sight loss, was held in custody for more than 15 hours while police questioned him about the false allegations.
...
Judge Howard Crowson jailed Wass for two years after hearing the impact the allegation had on the man and other victims of sex crimes.

He said: “Deliberately false claims are extremely rare. False allegations have a tendency to give unjustified credence to the false claims that sex offenders are that they too are victims of false allegations.”

Wass was also made subject of an indefinite restraining order to protect the victim.'

"TV’s Best New Show Is a Study of Masculinity in Crisis"

Matt · 17 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Read this. If the show depicted instead a restaurant staffed entirely by women except for one man under the same circumstances, would the writer speak of "femininity in crisis"? Would such a show, these days, even get made? Excerpt:

'Throughout its eight episodes, The Bear is preoccupied with masculinity, and almost anthropological in its analysis of the ways in which men and male-dominated cultures are set up to fail. What if, it seems to wonder, the qualities required for people to thrive in hierarchies—kitchens, boardrooms, small-time criminal subsets—are also poisoning those worlds from within?

...

Edebiri, in turn, shows flashes of Sydney’s anguish beneath her intentional, workaholic surface. She cares as much about food and the art of cooking as Carmy does, but doesn’t believe they have to be tainted with what she describes as “a toxic hierarchical shit show.” In the third episode, she confronts him after a brutal shift, but her words and tone are tightly modulated. She wants to provoke change, not anger.'

India: Woman Willingly Staying With Man Can't File Rape Case If Relationship 'Turns Sour', Says Supreme Court

Matt · 17 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Supreme Court ruled on Thursday that a woman who was in a relationship with a man and willingly stayed with him could not later file a rape case if the relationship turned sour. With the observation, the Bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Vikram Nath granted anticipatory bail to one Ansaar Mohammad, who was accused of rape, unnatural offences, and criminal intimidation, according to reports.

“The complainant has willingly been staying with the appellant and had the relationship. Therefore, now if the relationship is not working out, the same cannot be a ground for lodging an FIR for the offence under Section 376(2)(n) IPC," the order said, a report by the Bar and Bench stated.'

Women more at risk from heatwaves than men, experts suggest

Mastodon · 18 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Females may be more vulnerable to extreme high temperatures such as the heatwave gripping the UK than males, experts have suggested.

The heatwave plan for England states that those at high risk include the over-75s, babies, young children, people with severe physical or mental illness and females.

The document does not explain why females are on the list, but the UK Health Security Agency pointed to a study in the Netherlands that looked at mortality after various heatwaves and found elderly women are at higher risk than men. The researchers said the results were not simply down to age.'

The military-industrial complex is now run by women

Matt · 20 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here.

'The CEOs of four of the five biggest defense contractors are women. Watch Ali Velshi break down who is running Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics, Boeing's defense wing, and weapons negotiations for the U.S.'

UK: Women's health: Plan to stop 'sexist' NHS treatment

Mastodon · 20 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Doctors in England will be given mandatory training to better treat female medical conditions under wider plans to improve women's health.

Free access to NHS fertility treatment will be expanded and there will be more funding for mobile breast cancer screening.

The government said the changes, part of its women's health strategy, were based on responses from 100,000 people.

But critics said more must be done to close the "gender gap" in NHS services.

The government opened a call for evidence in Spring 2021 to collect views on women's health from members of the public, academics, charities and campaigners.

Women in England live on average four years longer than men but spend more of their life in poor health, which can limit their ability to work and participate in day-to-day activities.'

'Women do hard things better' – HYDROVISION celebrates the sector's influential leaders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During the Women with Hydro Vision lunch and awards programme that took place at the HYDROVISION International conference and exhibition in Denver, Colorado this week, attendees heard about the importance of women as leaders, emphasized by a powerful quote from Harvard Business Review: "Women do hard things better."

Harvard Business Review also reported that women leaders have more engaged teams, drive better job performance and save their organisations millions of dollars as a result. If you distill the key traits of strong leaders, two come to the top: wisdom and compassion.'

Tel Aviv Allowing Women-only Film Screening Despite City Pledge to End Gender Segregation

Mastodon · 20 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Tel Aviv municipality is limiting a public film screening solely to women on Wednesday based on religious considerations after pledging last year not to permit “gender segregation between women and men at events in public space.”

The municipality has recently publicized the showing of the film “Trapped in Iran” at a community center in the Neveh Ofer neighborhood of southern Tel Aviv as “for women and girls only.”'

The Boys Are Doing Just Fine (A smaller share of college-goers are male. So what?)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I acknowledge that men's college completion rates trail those of women. Racial and ethnic achievement gaps persist and were even exacerbated by the pandemic in some cases. These are complex issues tied to economic conditions and unjust social structures.

But so is — and has been — the story for women who only recently caught up to men in college-going numbers — and who have a long way to go in the work-force and leadership positions. Much like Ginger Rogers, today's women are doing everything the men are doing but "backward and in heels," to which I would add: "and for less pay."

In Texas, we like to say that in order to succeed, you have to pull yourself up by your bootstraps and get to work. It seems as though women are doing just that, and yet, some characterize women's enrollment outpacing men's as a crisis. Maybe we should fan the flames of some real crises, like pay equity or the closure of women's colleges. Relatively speaking, the boys are doing just fine.'

The Freakonomics Podcast on the Future of College and Men

Matt · 21 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A May 2022 Freakonomics Radio Podcast, What is the Future of College — and Does it Have Room for Men?, dovetailed quite nicely with an article I wrote in November of 2021. In When Ame Embraced Wonder Woman and forgot G.I. Joe, I addressed different cultural ethos that led to a shift in the ways we treat our nation's sons and daughters, particularly in the field of education and policy action in general.

The Freakonomics crew addressed the statistical realities of modern education while identifying individuals working to create positive change and discuss alternatives to help improve the educational outcomes boys and young men. Whether it's Dr. Ruth Simmons, (a woman who served as Presidents of Smith College, Brown University, and Prairie View A&M) recognition of the way "we treat our boys in K-12 education" or the observations of a number of others interviewed in the podcast, we see a real shift in the conversation regarding the place of boys and men in a society that needs educated men and women. Our nation is not seeing enough policy action or systemic change for boys and men in the education system, but there is more conversation.'

'Male college crisis': Male high school graduates going to college at much lower rates than women

Mastodon · 23 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nationally, it's being described as a "male college crisis," and Indiana is not immune to the trend. Male high school graduates are going to college at much lower rates than women, and that gap continues to widen.

Indiana higher education officials describe it as "a concerning gap ...This is the first time in recent history the male college-going rate has dropped to below half (46%)," in reference to the high school graduating class of 2020.

In contrast, the college going rate for Hoosier women in 2020 was 61%.

The report focused on the overall decline in college attendance, with just 53% of Indiana high school graduates going to college in 2020, a one-year decline described as “alarming” by Chris Lowery, Indiana’s new commissioner for higher education.

In a November 2021 article for Inside Higher Education, Angela Baldasare wrote, "While the exact causes of this trend line are difficult to pin down, the pressures on men to work and provide are commonly cited, as are campus climates and services not tailored to men, increased uncertainty during the pandemic, negative impacts of the pandemic on career choices, not wanting to take classes online and the lack of internet access and/or technology."'

LA’s radical gender-theory material will badly harm K-12 kids — while the adults keep getting their paychecks

Mastodon · 23 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Los Angeles Unified School District has adopted a radical gender-theory curriculum encouraging teachers to work toward the “breakdown of the gender binary,” to experiment with gender pronouns such as “they,” “ze,” and “tree” and to adopt “trans-affirming” programming to make their classrooms “queer all school year.”

I have obtained a trove of publicly accessible documents from LA Unified that illustrates the extent to which gender ideology has entered the mainstream of the nation’s second-largest school district. Since 2020, the district’s Human Relations, Diversity and Equity department (or HRDE) has created an infrastructure to translate the basic tenets of academic queer theory into K-12 pedagogy.

...

In a week-long conference last fall titled “Standing with LGBTQ+ Students, Staff, and Families,” administrators hosted workshops with presentations on “breaking the [gender] binary,” providing children with “free gender affirming clothing,” understanding “what your queer middle schooler wants you to know” and producing “counter narratives against the master narrative of mainstream white cis-heteropatriarchy society.” The narrative follows the standard academic slop: white, cisgender, heterosexual men have built a repressive social structure, divided the world into the false binary of man and woman and used this myth to oppress racial and sexual minorities.'

A divorce case to watch

Matt · 25 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The woman who allegedly broke up Elon Musk and Sergey Brin's years-long friendship grew up in poverty in the San Francisco Bay Area before becoming a lawyer and dating some of the world's richest men.

Nicole Shanahan, 37, is said to have had a brief affair with Musk at Art Basel, a multi-day art event in Miami, in December of last year, which prompted her Google co-founder husband to file for divorce in January.

Brin, who is estimated to have a net worth of $95 billion, cited 'irreconcilable differences' as the reason, but The Wall Street Journal on Sunday reported that it was Musk's dalliance with Nicole that signaled the end of their marriage.

They were both in Miami for the art festival, at a time when Shanahan and Brin were reportedly already having marital problems due to the stress of COVID-19 and raising their 4-year-old daughter.

Musk, meanwhile, had just separated from girlfriend Grimes.

Just about one month later, Brin filed for divorce - listing December 15 as their date of separation. He has also reportedly instructed his aides to take all of his investments out of Musk's many companies.

Now, sources say Shanahan is asking for $1 million in her divorce - more than what she agree to in a prenup, but a far cry from what she had as a child, when she lived off food stamps and tried to help her two unemployed parents financially.'

Dallas airport accused shooter has lengthy criminal record, claimed to be Chris Brown's wife, 'God's prophet'

Matt · 26 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If she were male, they wouldn't be reporting it like this. Excerpt:

'The accused female shooter at Dallas Love Field Airport has a lengthy criminal record and had previously told police that she was "God's prophet" and was married to R&B singer-songwriter Chris Brown.

Over the past several years, 37-year-old Portia Odufuwa has faced charges including arson, robbery, criminal trespass and false reporting in cities across North Texas.

But in many of those incidents, judges deemed her incompetent to stand trial, she was referred to either or both inpatient or outpatient mental health services, and the cases were dismissed, The Dallas Morning News has reported. And as recently as last summer, a Dallas County judge ruled she was not a danger to others.

Before she allegedly changed clothes in the airport bathroom, pulled out a gun near a ticketing counter and opened fire into the ceiling at about 11 a.m. Monday, court records show Odufuwa had allegedly pulled a gun on a hotel front desk clerk in April 2021 at a time when she was homeless.'

UK: Art company behind 'straight white men pass the power' posters given £3million of taxpayers' money

Mastodon · 28 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An art company which created posters telling straight white men to pass the power was given £3million in government funding.

The controversial posters went viral when author Douglas Murray posted a picture of one taken in Southwark, London, on Twitter.

Comments on the posters ranged from bemusement to fury at such a negative sentiment being plastered in a busy area of the capital.

One Twitter user commented: "London over years has become so detached from most of the country's sentiments, it is mental to have something like this be considered an acceptable messaging."'

Hockey Canada Announces Plan To Address 'Toxic Behaviours' With Focus On Masculinity & Consent

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Hockey Canada has released a new plan of action for tackling the "culture of silence," which includes a focus on "masculinity, consent and toxic behaviours."

The Action Plan — as the organization is calling it — has several key aspects aimed at a culture shift within Hockey.

These include adopting a new Universal Code of Conduct To Prevent and Address Maltreatment and creating a system for tracking and reporting complaints of mistreatment, abuse and harassment.
...
Hockey Canada will also be training its players, coaches, employees and volunteers about things such as consent and masculinity.

It will also be reviewing all existing training with an "independent specialist."'

Colleges, courts on collision course

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You're accused of a serious offense. Determined to clear your name, you agree to an interview and give a voluntary statement. The evidence against you is secret, and there's no right to face your accuser. Weeks later, the same person who informed you of the allegation decides your punishment.

That farcical facsimile of justice is better suited to a corrupt autocracy than a constitutional republic, but if Catherine Lhamon has her way, it will become the norm at American colleges and universities.

Lhamon, the U.S. Department of Education's assistant secretary for civil rights, is the driving force behind new Title IX regulations currently in the notice-and-comment stage of federal rulemaking. When the proposed rules take effect, colleges will face pressure to adjudicate sexual assault and harassment claims without even a cursory pretense of fairness.'

Who needs Title IX now?

Mastodon · 28 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'By numerous educational yardsticks, it is men, not women, who today lag far behind. In most academic fields — biology, communications, the arts, public administration, education, health care, psychology, English — women now earn a majority of bachelor's degrees.

"It is young men, more than young women, who are at risk and facing serious educational and work-related challenges," notes Perry. Those gender disparities carry over far beyond academics. Men are much more likely than women to end up with "a variety of measures of (a) behavioral and mental health outcomes, (b) alcoholism, drug addiction, and drug overdoses, (c) suicide, murder, violent crimes, and incarceration, and (d) homelessness."

For all that, Perry writes, it is girls and women who are favored with "a disproportionate amount of attention, resources, and financial support" at all levels of education — such as after-school and summer programs for girls, female-only scholarships and fellowships, and hundreds of women's centers and women's commissions.

Title IX, it is worth remembering, did not mandate unequal preferences for women. It mandated no unequal preferences for any person on the basis of sex. In the 50 years since Title IX was signed into law, the imbalance that so disfavored girls and women has been replaced by an imbalance that grievously disfavors boys and men. That isn't an improvement. Indeed, it's illegal.'

‘Brazen Discrimination’: Cruz Grills Biden Official Over State Dept Email Allegedly Excluding ‘Straight White Men’

Mastodon · 29 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Republican Texas Sen. Ted Cruz pressed the State Department’s chief Diversity and Inclusion officer Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley over an email allegedly excluding “straight, white men” and people of the wrong religion from being hired.

The senator argued Tuesday that the department’s Equity Action Plan, which changed hiring practices at the agency, is “nothing more than brazen discrimination.” An email from a senior department official described reports from candidates claiming to be denied a position for having a disability or for classifying as “white men, straight white men, [or] not [being] of the right religion.”

“Did you clear this guidance?” Cruz asked during the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on “diversity, equity and inclusion.”

“I’ve never seen that before,” Abercrombie-Winstanley said.'

UK: Who'll speak up for the working-class white boys who've become Britain's new oppressed minority?

Mastodon · 29 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Britain, we are often told, is a deeply racist and intolerant society, in which sinister 'power structures' hold back minority ethnic groups, while the white majority push selfishly ahead.

Yet new data flies in the face of this fashionable narrative.

Following a national drive to make undergraduate intakes more 'diverse', figures released on Thursday by the Department for Education showed that, for the first time, white young people are now proportionately the least likely of all major ethnic groups to attend our top universities.

Among Britain's Chinese families, some 40.7 per cent of their youngsters made it to Oxford, Cambridge and others in the elite Russell Group in 2020-21. The figures for Asian young people were 16 per cent. It was 10.7 per cent for black families — and just 10.5 per cent among white ones.

Of course, in some ways, this is an inspirational success story. That children from non-white backgrounds are thriving in Britain's educational system is something to celebrate.

Commendable, too, are our universities' efforts to make their student intakes more diverse. Many of these establishments are world-leading and it is right they should be open to anyone with the brains and aptitude to succeed in them.'

Canada: Supreme Court rules not wearing condom against partner's wishes could lead to sexual assault conviction

Matt · 29 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'People who don't wear condoms during sex after being told to by their sexual partners can be convicted of sexual assault, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled today.

In its unanimous decision, the top court ruled that "stealthing" — the act of pretending to use a condom, or removing one prior to sex without the partner's consent — can violate the legal grounds for consensual sex.

"Sex with and without a condom are fundamentally and qualitatively distinct forms of physical touching," Justice Sheilah Martin wrote in the majority decision.'

Loss of Male Sex Chromosome Leads to Earlier Death for Men

Matt · 29 July 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The loss of the male sex chromosome as many men age causes the heart muscle to scar and can lead to deadly heart failure, new research from the University of Virginia School of Medicine shows. The finding may help explain why men die, on average, several years younger than women.

UVA researcher Kenneth Walsh, Ph.D., says the new discovery suggests that men who suffer Y chromosome loss—estimated to include 40% of 70-year-olds—may particularly benefit from an existing drug that targets dangerous tissue scarring.'

"Sad reason why Australian bong-smoking teacher supplied drugs to students"

Mastodon · 1 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A teacher who admitted to selling drugs to high school students avoided prison after she told a court she was suffering from severe mental health issues when she was filmed smoking cannabis with them.

Lauren Russell faced Sutherland Local Court on Monday after pleading guilty to supplying illegal drugs to students from Lucas Heights Community School in Sydney's south in late 2021.

The physics teacher, who was also working as the school's Year 12 Adviser at the time, walked free on Monday, ending a five-month ordeal in court.'

Yvie Jones slams 'powerful white men' in Australia and claims they are 'scared' of women and minorities

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Yvie Jones slammed 'powerful white men' in Australia during Tuesday's episode of the Two Girls One Pod podcast.

The former television personality, 49, told co-host Angie Kent they are 'scared' of women and minorities, and don't want them 'to have voices'.

'Unfortunately, a lot of people think that this country has been run quite well because it's been serving them more than well,' she said.

She continued: 'Especially powerful white men who are frightened of people of colour, native people, women. They don't want any of us to have voices.'

UK: Premier League players 'will receive mandatory sexual consent training'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Premier League players and staff will reportedly have to receive mandatory sexual consent training this season.

Discussions were held between the Premier League and campaign groups End Violence for Women, the Three Hijabis and Level Up back in June over the matter of confronting 'gender-based violence', and new rules are now set to be implemented.

Shaista Aziz, co-director of the Three Hijabis, has praised the Premier League for their swift action but has hit out at the FA for their lack of urgency in dealing with the issue.'

Who are Smarter – Men or Women? Know These Scientific Studies

Mastodon · 4 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men and women are seen as equal in all aspects of life. Many feminism and equality movements have strengthened the position of women in society. Gone are the days when men would dominate the opposite gender by showing their so-called masculinity. Things have changed for good. Today, many women are leading companies, living freely without worrying about the opinions of society or societal norms. Women have become more liberal and less vulnerable.

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According to many recent studies, women are smarter than men. So, what makes them more intelligent than the opposite gender?

Some factors include having a better memory than men, being able to handle stressful situations better than them, having the quality of multitasking, etc. It is found that women are better leaders, more careful drivers, and better students than men. Some studies also state that women are more focused and frugal than men.'

Texas Teacher Gets 60 Day Prison Sentence for Sex with 6th Grader

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This week, 32-year-old Marka Bodine went before Harris County Judge George Glass who sentenced her to 60 days in prison and 10 years of probation following her guilty plea on the charge of continuous sexual abuse of a child, ABC13 reported. The sentence was postponed due to the recent birth of her child. She has until June 5, 2023, to report to jail. The underage victim was not the child's father, according to a New York Post report. The defendant was an English teacher for Tomball ISD north of Houston.

The sentence came as a surprise to the Harris County District Attorney's Office, which requested a minimum sentence of 20 years in prison, District Attorney Kim Ogg revealed in a Facebook post.'

CNN’s Bash blames wage gap for Griner arrest, claims player wouldn't have been in Russia if WNBA paid like NBA

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Article here. Excerpt:

'CNN anchor and chief political correspondent Dana Bash claimed that the WNBA’s low pay, as compared to NBA players’ salaries, could have been a factor in the sentencing of WNBA player Brittney Griner to nine years in a Russian prison.

Bash insisted that if it weren’t for the wage gap, Griner wouldn’t have had to play in Russia to generate revenue for the league. Thus, she would have never been arrested for having cannabis oil vape cartridges at a Moscow airport.

After pleading guilty to drug possession and drug smuggling of cannabis oil last month, Phoenix Mercury player Brittney Griner was handed a nine-year prison sentence by a Russian court on Thursday. Griner was fined the equivalent of $16,400 in Russian Rubles in addition to the sentence.'

"How Women Can Work Better With Men"

Mastodon · 5 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Be The Adult
I once read somewhere that behavior is always a reflection of age or stage of development. And Dr. Robert Kegan, who studies adult human development at Harvard University, has found that most individuals are stuck at an earlier stage of development marked by hubris and pride. The behaviors of male colleagues that frustrate women are generally a reflection of that stunted adult development.

With this understanding, it's easier to be the adult, and perhaps easier still if you happen to be a parent. When you see your co-worker as a child who is acting out of line, seeking attention, or interrupting you mid-conversation, you'll instinctively know how to keep your cool, discern what the situation calls for, and respond assertively when you need to do so. You may not do anything differently to what you're already doing. But you'll do so from a place of power.'

University of Kansas offers 'Angry White Male Studies' class

Matt · 6 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Kansas is offering a course in the fall called "Angry White Male Studies" that will examine the "rise" of the "angry white male" in the United States.

The course will be offered during the Fall 2022 term with the goal of teaching about the "prominent figure" that is "the angry white male," Campus Reform reported.

"This course charts the rise of the ‘angry white male’ in America and Britain since the 1950s, exploring the deeper sources of this emotional state while evaluating recent manifestations of male anger," the course description states.
...
Questions that will be answered about angry White males in Forth's class, according to the course description, include, "Where does he come from? What's he angry about? Is his anger misplaced? Is he blaming the right people? How long has this been going on? Is he a global phenomenon? And how do we move forward?"
...
The class has drawn criticism on social media and from Kansas Republican Congressman Ron Estes who suggested in 2019 that the class could violate Title IX.'

‘Boycott Darlings’ trends as Alia Bhatt slammed for ‘mocking violence against men’

Mastodon · 7 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Alia Bhatt’s film Darlings has kicked up a storm on social media, just ahead of its Netflix release on Friday, with audience upset over the alleged trivialisation of domestic violence against men in the movie’s trailer.

The 2.34-minute trailer opens with Hamza Shaikh (played by Vijay Varma), confessing his love for his wife Badrunissa, but revealing that he is leaving her. The next flurry of scenes show Hamza being held captive by Badrunissa (played by Alia Bhat), who fakes his kidnapping, and instead tortures him in revenge for the abuse he has inflicted on her.

The ‘dark comedy’ is replete with graphic scenes, where a helpless and seemingly clueless Hamza, tied to a chair, is constantly and rather brutally tortured and beaten up. There is a scene where Badrunissa says, “Enough of fielding, now is the time to bat,” before bashing Hamza’s head with a frying fan.'

How Darlings normalises domestic violence and makes a mockery out of it

India: Gurugram: Woman accused of filing nine false rape FIRs gets bail

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman from Gurugram who is accused of filing nine false rape FIRs against at least eight boys has been granted bail by the Punjab and Haryana high court. A High Court bench headed by Justice JS Bedi observed that the accused had been in custody since December 29, 2021 and the investigation was now complete, as reported by the Hindustan Times.

However, only one of the prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, therefore, the trial is not likely to conclude in the near future. The accused had approached the court over an FIR registered on December 23, 2021, in which she was charged with extortion, blackmail, false evidence, and criminal conspiracy, reported the Hindustan Times.

The accused had registered nine rape FIRs between September 2021 and November 2021. Finally, she was arrested based on a complaint from two families whose sons had been falsely implicated by her. The case was first brought to light by documentary filmmaker and activist Deepika Narayan Bhardwaj, reported the Hindustan Times.'

The Atlantic explores what will it take to separate fatherhood from anger and violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is the section in which The Atlantic talks about books, like “Raising Raffi,” journalist Keith Gessen’s memoir of his first years parenting his son, in which discipline becomes a “quicksand of confusing implications.” But rather than kick off with a book, Andrew Aoyama introduces the topic of what it will take to separate fatherhood from anger and violence by referring to the “Taken” movies:

A stomach-twisting thrill animates the Taken movies. As bullets fly across each progressively more ridiculous sequel, Liam Neeson kicks down the door to the pantheon of cultural Super Dads and asserts himself as its king. Here is a paragon of fatherhood, the films suggest; here is a dad endowed with “a very particular set” of parenting skills, a man who may struggle to connect with his daughter emotionally but can unleash a hail of violence each time she encounters a band of licentious kidnappers.

If today it’s hard to watch Taken without at least some disgust at the glorification of Neeson’s bloodshed, perhaps it’s because the traditional conception of fatherhood his character embodies has begun to fall out of step with shifting understandings of masculinity.'

Men For Total Equality

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Video here.

Men For Total Equality

Over 100 straight white male photo books were cut up to make this book

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Scumb Manifesto" is a series of collages that Kurland made from her personal library of photobooks. In fact, she purged her photo book collection in the act of making this work. She cut up the work of 150 straight white men who have monopolized the photographic canon.
...
The title of Kurland's book plays off one of the first feminist texts written by Valerie Solanas. It was titled "Scum Manifesto," and it essentially called for, as Kurland points out in an essay in her own book, "an end to men, and the power that seeks domination, exploitation and death, and the creation of a superior, all-female society."'

Men’s Rights Activists Call For Boycott of Movie That Deprives Men of Their Right to Be Violent

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Halt the turning of the globe: men are upset. This time, it’s over a film that portrays a woman’s revenge against domestic violence, which was intolerable to men who felt that it was actually about domestic violence against men. In calling for the boycott of a film every once in a while, passionate defenders of the men’s cause feel that real justice for male survivors of violence is served. Even as audiences were invited to suspend their disbelief to watch how a woman has the agency to enact violence back at her perpetrator, MRAs blamed feminism for their collective suspension of consciousness on the issue of violence perpetrated against men.

They felt hurt, moreover, that the film denies their agency to carry out domestic violence without any repercussions — sounding the alarm on their rights being robbed. Fortunately for them, domestic violence still remains a gendered issue in which women continue to have little agency in the real world — leaving more than adequate room for men’s rights.'

Women Only Drivers Insurance Market to See Huge Growth by 2027: Allianz, AXA, Munich Reinsurance America

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The latest study released on the Global Women Only Drivers Insurance Market by AMA Research evaluates market size, trend, and forecast to 2027. The Women Only Drivers Insurance market study covers significant research data and proofs to be a handy resource document for managers, analysts, industry experts and other key people to have ready-to-access and self-analyzed study to help understand market trends, growth drivers, opportunities and upcoming challenges and about the competitors.

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A women-only driver's insurance provides are easier and effective coverages, this permits women to get car insurance. Additionally, car insurance turns as an immediate release for women at the time of emergency situations including late-night hours and car breaks. Additionally, women-only driver insurance provides additional advantages over normal car insurance including hotel accommodation at odd hours and a car towing facility. Female motorists with perfect driving records frequently pay significantly more for auto insurance as compared to male drivers with undistinguishable driving records.'

Toronto woman set on fire: Violence against women and girls should be treated as a hate crime

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, a young woman died as a result of severe burns after a man poured a flammable liquid on her and then set fire to her while she was on a bus in Toronto in June.

Police are investigating the homicide as a “hate-motivated” act; it is not yet known what police think was the motivation.

Given the victim was a woman, it has prompted many to ask: Why is violence against women not treated as a hate crime?

This question is long overdue and has now been taken on by British Columbia’s Office of the Human Rights Commissioner inquiry into hate in the pandemic. This is the first such inquiry in Canada, and one of few globally, to include a focus on gender-based violence as a form of hate.'

Woman pours gasoline over man and sets him on fire in California park

Satire: 9 Horrible Things Brought About By Toxic Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The wheel: It was just an excuse to frame women for running over curbs!

Running water: Seems like a technological advance, but it's just another male ploy to keep women in the kitchen where they belong. Disgusting!

Sports: NASCAR, WWE, MMA – the oppression runs so deep that even most women's sports are run by men.

Law and order: The actual institution, and probably the show too.

Open jars: This may sound positive, but men erase all the goodwill from their service by always eating the last peach.

"Eh, the spoon's probably clean enough": Men tout this as an "advancement for efficiency." Disgusting again!

Most science: Science? Who needs it? We have Dr. Fauci!

People: Men are involved in the procreation of humans. Humans are the worst. Thanks a lot, men.

Feminism: If only loving, servant-hearted leadership were more common, this blight on our society may not exist.'

Mississippi Grand Jury Declines to Indict Accuser in Emmett Till's Abduction and Killing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Mississippi grand jury declined to indict the white woman whose false accusations against Emmett Till led to his 1955 kidnapping and lynching.

According to the Associated Press, seven hours of testimony from investigators and witnesses was not enough to persuade the jury to charge 87-year-old Carolyn Bryant Donham, who accused the 14-year-old Black teenager of whistling at her and attempting to grab her hand and waist inside a store nearly seven decades ago, though she later recanted the accusations.

Citing a news release from Leflore County District Attorney Dewayne Richardson, the AP reports the jury concluded there was insufficient evidence to charge Donham with kidnapping and manslaughter despite the contradicting evidence she presented to investigators over the years.'

Mom FaceTimed ex to show how she’d slit his kids’ throats: cops

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A disturbed Louisiana mom repeatedly video called her ex after slitting their two young kids’ throats — showing him his daughter “gasping for air” before she died, according to harrowing court documents of the “unspeakable” crime.

Jenee Pedesclaux, 31, first called her ex, Jermaine Roberts, to tell him she’d damaged his vehicle amid their bitter child-custody battle — and that she planned to kill herself and their kids rather than go to jail, according to court documents obtained by NOLA.com.

She then FaceTimed him three times to show how she’d stabbed their 2-year-old son, Jay’Ceon, and daughter, Paris, 4, the report said.

In the last video call, she showed him how she had slit both kids’ throats — with their daughter “gasping for air” on the bed before later being pronounced dead in a local New Orleans hospital, the outlet said.'

The West is homeless

Matt · 11 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In this sense there is a case to be made that the pre-modern woman, working in her home with her husband and family, had in some ways more agency and power than her contemporary counterpart whose life is directed from outside the home by distant commercial interests. Certainly the feminist movement, in at least some of its iterations, has been thoroughly hijacked by capitalism. The “liberation” of women has often translated into the separating of women from their self-sufficiency, as men were separated before them, and their embedding instead into the world of commerce, whether they want it or not.

My point is not that women should get back into the kitchen: it is that we all should. Modernity prised the men away from the home first, as the industrial revolution broke their cottage industries and swept them into the factories and mines, where their brute strength could be useful. Later the women, who had been mostly left to tend the home single-handedly, were subject to the same process. The needs of business were sold to both sexes as a project of “liberation” from home, family and place.

The reason this happened is clear enough. Making a home requires both men and women to sacrifice their own desires for that of the wider family — but this kind of sacrifice does not feed the monster. Only by unmooring the human being from his or her roots in community and place can the emancipated individual consumer and self-creator be born. Only by promoting the fulfilment of individual desire as the meaning of a human life, can the selflessness that we once prized as a cultural ideal be transmuted into the selfishness that capitalism needs to thrive. Liberation and profit, as ever, prove a seamless fit.'

Letter to Washington Post's Editorial Board

sbond2000 · 12 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The following letter was sent to each member of the Washington Post's Editorial Board after a recent op-ed that referenced the Post's "Democracy Dies in Darkness" slogan. The letter addresses the Post's hypocrisy using the slogan after publishing two hateful articles in 2018, "Why Can't We Hate Men?" and Amber Heard's op-ed that sparked Johnny Depp's defamation lawsuit against her.'

Elizabeth Warren: ‘Everyone’ Tells Me They Would Vote For Me If I ‘Had A Penis’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) recently blamed her failed 2020 presidential bid on the fact that she was born without a male appendage.

NBC News correspondent Ali Vitali is out with a new book, “Electable: Why America Hasn’t Put a Woman in the White House … Yet.” Based on an excerpt from the book in Politico, Warren and some in her campaign believe that one of the reasons is because Iowa’s Democratic voting base is filled with a bunch of sexists.

Vitali, who followed Warren along during the 2020 Iowa primary campaign, recounted that after the caucus was over, she discussed the campaign with Warren and why she did not do as well as she had hoped.

“We’d talked about the dynamics of Iowa, her competitors and the pressure she put on herself not ‘to screw this up,'” Vitali wrote.

“Everyone comes up to me and says, ‘I would vote for you, if you had a penis,'” she claimed Warren said.'

It’s time for feminists to say #MenToo

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Let me be clear: I am a committed feminist and a passionate supporter of the Enlightenment and its ideals. Indeed, I have been the beneficiary of those ideals in ways unimaginable to most people in the western world. I travelled from a genuinely patriarchal society poisoned by Islamism to a free, secular society where women, whatever issues we might still have, were equal to men under the law and able to pursue opportunities I could scarcely have dreamed of growing up.

As I have written before, however imperfect western civilisation might be, we haven’t seen anything like it anywhere else in human history. The progress we have made is dizzying. One of western civilisation’s greatest achievements is the emancipation of women. For most of human history, and still across large swaths of the world, women have been, at best, second-class citizens and, at worst, chattel. In the West today, women are freer than they ever have been. Why would a woman want to be born anywhere other than in the modern West?

But however grateful I am, I cannot pretend that the legacies of feminism and the Enlightenment are perfect. Like many women born into societies that oppressed them, I fully embraced western feminism, warts and all. But these days I am beginning to really see the warts.'

The Rise of the Anti-Feminists

Matt · 15 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Can't say I agree with everything here but it's a good piece no matter. Excerpt:

'Five years after #MeToo dominated the news, anti-feminism is on the rise. In South Korea, anti-feminist coalitions helped tip the recent presidential election; in the United States, young men are pledging allegiance to internet stars who peddle aggressive masculinity. But these discontented young men aren't maladjusted "incels." They haven't arbitrarily adopted a hateful ideology. Their grievances are intelligible and coherent, in part because young men in both countries are facing increasingly daunting prospects in education, employment, and marriage, although in somewhat different ways.

Faced with these conditions, anti-feminist men are adopting one of two strategies, either attacking the systems they deem oppressive, or internalizing the libertine ethos of the men who sit atop the pecking order. These responses will continue to spread, remaking relations between the sexes and disrupting our politics.'

UK: So Much for Privilege: White Working Class Boys to Fall Even Further Behind In Education

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the wake of two years of on-and-off Wuhan virus lockdowns, white working-class boys are likely to be the biggest losers when it comes to education, with one expert predicting that this year's state exam results will show the demographic falling even further behind when it comes to university admissions.

White boys from working-class backgrounds already appeared systematically disadvantaged in the British education system, being 50 per cent less likely to earn strong grades in state exams compared to other equally poor children of different ethnicities, while white pupils as a whole in Britain have suffered the lowest entry rate into university institutions since 2007.

According to a report by The Times, things are likely to go from bad to worse, with the highly competitive post-lockdown rush for university places looking set to see disadvantaged young white boys fall even further behind the pack as the government battles to quash rapid grade inflation from the coronavirus era.'

Rantz: Seattle’s equity movement punishes white men to push race-based marijuana licenses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Seattle City Council and Mayor are upset that too many “cannabis businesses are owned primarily by White men.” They have a plan to tackle the issue in the name of “cannabis equity.”

The council says white men operate 87% of the city’s pot shops. This stat is supposedly proof of institutional racism. Consequently, the city launched a Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) to “address disproportionate ownership of Seattle cannabis businesses and redress some of the harms caused by the racially unequal enforcement of prior cannabis laws.”
...
The bill says the Mayor’s Office will “use summer legal interns to participate in and partner with ongoing regional efforts to work on expungement of cannabis convictions handed down prior to 2014.”

It will collect “demographic information about workers currently employed in Seattle’s cannabis industry” to develop new ideas to diversify the workforce and help determine how much the city should fund race-based training to help non-white Seattleites become pot shop owners.

Council Bill 120392 impacts marijuana license fees.

Business owners that are “social equity applicants” — a condescending term defined to almost exclusively apply to black people — would not have to pay for their marijuana license. This change gives “the greatest chances of success in entering the legal cannabis industry in Seattle,” according to the bill. Primarily white people will pay the $3,500 fee.'

RAF jobs boss quits amid claims 'offers to white men are paused to meet diversity targets'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Job offers to white male recruits of the RAF have effectively been paused to meet diversity targets, defence sources have claimed.

Women and ethnic minorities are reportedly being favoured in recruitment drives to meet 'impossible' targets, which has prompted the Head of Recruitment at the RAF to resign in protest.

The officer, a female herself, left the post amid concerns that hiring restrictions could undermine the strength of the service, according to sources.

Sources claim recruiters within the RAF have been told to temporarily pause offering roles to white male recruits in favour of women and ethnic minorities.
...
Last year, Admiral Sir Tony Radakin, Head of the armed forces, spoke publicly about the importance of striving for more diversity and that it was all about 'woeful' statistics.

'The woefulness of too few women,' he said. 'The woefulness of not reflecting the ethnic, religious and cognitive diversity of our nation."

Straight men, if you want to find love you'll need to do better

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Couples psychologist Dr Greg Matos, who authored the article, wrote that women are "increasingly selective" because dating apps offer a vast number of options. "I hear recurring dating themes from women between the ages of 25 and 45," he wrote. "They prefer men who are emotionally available, good communicators, and share similar values."

Now, this criteria hardly sounds impossible to meet. If we boil it down, desiring a partner who can be there for you when you need them and treats you with respect is the barest of the bare minimum. If these are "new relationship standards", I dread to think how much lower the bar was before. But if this means that women are finally realising that they deserve better than toxic, narcissistic men, then more power to us.
...
The problem is not that straight women have finally realised their worth and are demanding to be treated better in a relationship. The problem is that straight men have not come to terms with their own toxic masculinity and archaic patriarchal values. They will not find their romantic lives improving until they take it upon themselves to dig deeper and find out what it means to be "emotionally available". Until they learn that being a good partner means being open with your thoughts, feelings and needs, while holding space for your significant other. And until they stop mansplaining and listen for once.'

Madonna Doesn’t Want ‘Misogynistic Men’ Directing Her Biopic, So She’s Doing It Herself

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I have a very long script that is really hard for me to make shorter,' she told Variety. 'I’ve been whittling away at it, but it’s like hacking off my limbs. I’ve had an extraordinary life, I must make an extraordinary film.' Madonna went on to explain that she felt strongly about taking the directorial reins on the movie after facing competition from male directors who wanted to control her narrative. 'It was also a preemptive strike because a lot of people were trying to make movies about me,' she said. 'Mostly misogynistic men. So I put my foot in the door and said, "No one’s going to tell my story, but me."

...

Too right, Madonna! Hollywood still has a sexism problem — especially when it comes to female movie directors. As reported in Forbes - after reaching new highs in 2020, the percentage of women directing top-grossing films declined since 2021, according to the Celluloid Ceiling Report from San Diego State University.'

India: Women's Panel Wants Shaktimaan Actor Charged For "Misogynistic" Remark

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Veteran actor Mukesh Khanna is currently facing an intense backlash on social media after his recent video went viral where he made derogatory comments on women.

The chairperson of the Delhi Commission for Women, Swati Maliwal, has now filed a notice for the Delhi cyber cell seeking registration of an FIR against Mukesh Khanna for his misogynistic comments.

Talking about the video, a 22-second clip of the 7-minute-long video is travelling round the corner, which he shared on his YouTube channel Bheeshm International, in the video 'Shaktimaan' actor, could be seen saying in Hindi, "Those girls who ask for sex from a male are not girls, they are doing 'Dhanda' (business), because a girl from a good society will never do these type of shameless talks, and if she does then she is not from a good society, that's her 'Dhanda' (business), you don't participate in it."'

American Education in Numbers: Part 2

Matt · 19 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Most of our contemporary education rhetoric has conflated race-based and sex-based outcomes for decades. Education data that uses race as a demographic without also disaggregating by sex is almost always misleading, and the policies and programs that follow the aforementioned practice are often predicated on a disproportionate understanding of educational data. This practice has done more than hurt particular groups; it has created barriers and entrenched students and their families into an endless cycle of woeful educational outcomes.
...

While much has been done to advance the education of our nation's daughters, our nation's sons have been uniformly falling behind, and it's a significant reason race alone is not a suitable measure when it comes to understanding educational outcomes. In 2020, for instance, the overall high school graduation rates from the lowest income quartile of blacks was 77.3%, compared to whites (79.3%), Hispanics (83.1%), and Asians (94.3%). Looking at the data more closely reveals that black females (80.4%) and Hispanic females (86.7%) from the lowest income quartile graduated high school at higher rates than black males (73.8%), white males (75.7%), and Hispanic males (79.4%), although the difference between Hispanic males and black females is statistically insignificant.

More telling, however, is the college participation rates in these same economic groups. Black, Hispanic, and white females are fairing much better than black, white, and Hispanic males, not simply within their own racial and ethnic groups but across nearly all racial and ethnic groups. Black females, for instance, are not simply doing better than black males; they are doing better than Hispanic and white males.'

Psychologist claims some men hate astrology because of their 'toxic masculinity'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While astrology might be in-vogue once again with Gen Z and millennials, women are far more likely to put their faith in the cosmos over their male counterparts.

A recent study found that 37 per cent of women believe that the answers lie within the stars, while only 20 per cent of men believe in astrology.

Psychologist Barbara Santini reckons the belief in the zodiac has shifted to being a 'feminised' pastime.

Santini reckons that some of the more macho men out there choose to reject astrology as they deem any sort of femininity a threat to their hunter/hero/warrior masculine ways.

"To most men, astrology is too girly or immature, which explains why they disagree with it or deny its validity," Santini told PopSugar.

"This creates a negative perception of astrology and the women who like it."

She added: "For some men, the refusal of astrology is linked to toxic masculinity, which does not allow them to enjoy the same things as women."'

Georgia State receives $1 million grant to support women in STEM

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Science Foundation gave Georgia State a $1 million grant to launch a program supporting women in STEM fields. The program intends to recruit and retain female faculty in STEM, with an eye toward putting women from underrepresented backgrounds in tenured positions. The partnership with Florida International University, called ADVANCE-IMPACT, is being administered through the NSF's ADVANCE program.

The program will include faculty mentors, leadership training and policy implementation that increases diversity among the university's faculty. This seems to be the latest in a series of long steps geared toward making the diversity of the university's faculty come close to that of its students. The university began serious efforts in 2018, and speakers and activists called out STEM as an area in need of progress.'

Getting Girls Into STEM by Improving Education for Everyone

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Based on our review of macrosystem and microsystem factors that sustain gender-STEM inequities, we make several recommendations for K-12 STEM policy and practice to optimize success for all children.
...
Classrooms be designed to promote relational and collaborative learning. Teachers should emphasize gender-inclusive classroom norms that promote positive working relations between girls and boys.

Classes should teach the history of gender inequality and bias so teachers and students can actively work to create equitable and inclusive STEM environments.

STEM should be reframed as helping students achieve communal goals through scientific collaboration. Emphasizing socially-meaningful aspects of STEM can help stimulate STEM interest in girls, because they tend to place more value on communal than dominance goals.'

PM of Finland's behavior points up double-standard

Matt · 20 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. There is a double-standard here all right; a married male PM recorded dancing erotically with three different women (none his wife) would have had to resign by now. Excerpt:

'In a leaked video, Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin is seen dancing and singing with friends at a private party. The 36-year-old leader poses for the camera. She sits on her knees, hands behind her head. She's entangled in a group hug. She's having a good time.

Countless similar videos are shared daily on social media by young and not-so-young people partying in Finland and all over the world. But the leak has triggered a debate among Finns about what level of reveling is appropriate for a prime minister, especially considering neighboring Russia's attack on Ukraine, which prompted long-neutral Finland and Sweden to apply for NATO membership.

Marin, who leads the center-left Social Democratic Party, has faced a barrage of questions about the party: Were there drugs? Alcohol? Was she working or on summer vacation? Was the prime minister sober enough to handle an emergency had one arisen?'

Bravely Barefoot's Laura Linmar Interview with Sean Kullman on Boys, Men, and Going Forward

Matt · 22 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The toxic term is harmful. It is linked to ideological rhetoric designed to see the worst in inherent male behavior and presence. We also see it in the term patriarchy. These terms are used to divide people and undermine the social good. The ideals of equality feminism were not meant to marginalize masculinity. But feminism has morphed into a new type of ideology that wants to promote its cause over everything else. (People like Christina Hoff Sommers and Heather MacDonald have spoken out about the ways 3rd and 4th wave feminism have become more divisive and less rooted in equality).

We've seen the history of oppressor narratives before, and it's truly ugly. There are women and men who pollute the waters of life but so many more who provide the type of spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and other forms of nourishment our children and society desperately needs. Those people need to speak up much more, and they also need far more airtime and representation in higher education.'

As Mental Health Is More Widely Acknowledged, Men Still Struggle

Matt · 22 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A growing number of men are speaking up and spreading awareness about the importance of other men prioritizing mental health.
As the importance of mental health becomes more widely accepted in the United States, men are still battling the stigma that it should not be discussed.

But that changed recently when famous MMA fighter Paddy “the Baddie” Pimblett delivered a moving public message after a fight, saying he has been struggling himself.

In his post-fight speech, Pimblett spoke about a close friend of his who had taken his life only days before the fight. He urged men to talk about their issues.

“I’d rather my mate cry on my shoulder than go to his funeral," he said.

The speech was an important message to men worldwide.'

Women Have Borne Pandemic's Economic Brunt, Australia Tells G-20

Mastodon · 23 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Australia's Finance Minister Katy Gallagher will ask the world to not waste the opportunity to improve economic and gender equality in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, saying women have faced greater "economic consequences" of the crisis.

Gallagher, who is also Minister for Women, will say she wants her country to become a "global leader in gender equality" in a speech to the G-20 Women's Empowerment Conference in Indonesia on Wednesday.'

Australia: Fatal crash accused bailed for fifth time

Mastodon · 24 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It was almost inevitable that a catastrophic event would flow from Alisha Jane Fagan's driving, a magistrate has told her.

Despite opposition from the grieving family of Melbourne grandfather Sedat Hassan, the woman accused of killing him has been freed on bail.

It's alleged Fagan, 22, was doing at least 78km/h in a 50km/h zone when she smashed into Mr Hassan's car in Sunshine West on June 9 this year.

She denies being the driver, but DNA on the driver's airbag is a match to her with a probability of one to 100 billion, magistrate John Hardy was told.

The charge of dangerous driving causing death is the 14th matter Fagan currently has before the courts. She was on four counts of bail at the time of the crash.

Fagan has been held in custody at Melbourne's women's prison, the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, since June.
...
She wore a rosary around her neck and cried heavily throughout the bail application on Wednesday morning.'

Campus Title IX Offices Staffed by Ideologues

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Video here.

Alexa Schewrha spoke with Teresa Manning, policy director at the National Association of Scholars, about what Title IX changes students can expect when they get back to campus this fall.

Feminist ideologues should look in the mirror if they want to know why teenage boys are obsessed with Andrew Tate

Mastodon · 24 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Chauvinistic shock-merchant Andrew Tate has recently been banned from Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube.

Tate went viral over the last few months, largely due to his odious opinions about women.
...
Given the disdain for men and boys that has permeated popular culture for the past several years, and the lack of traditionally masculine role models, it's hardly surprising adolescent boys are gravitating towards uber-macho Tate.

It's been very fashionable for a long time to blame all of society's ills on men, demonise their masculinity, and attempt to feminise them.

This is evident not only in popular culture, but in the education system.

The extremes of this attitude were seen at Brauer College in Victoria last year, when male students were forced to stand up and apologise to girls for the "behaviours of their gender", during an assembly on "rape culture".'

“You cannot send a man to do a woman’s job,” decries Maloney in new campaign ad

Mastodon · 24 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman’s place is in the House – specifically representing New York’s newly drawn 12th Congressional district, a new television ad from Democratic Rep. Carolyn Maloney asserts.

Maloney, the longtime representative who is now locked in a fierce primary with fellow incumbent Rep. Jerry Nadler to represent much of Manhattan above 14th Street, is putting out a video focusing on Maloney’s battles for women’s rights and reproductive rights for the last half century. “You cannot send a man to do a woman’s job,” Maloney says at the end of the ad, in a not-so-veiled shot at Nadler – and presumably also at Suraj Patel, who is challenging Maloney for the third time. Ashmi Sheth is also running in the primary but has raised little money compared to her opponents.'

Rep. Jerry Nadler beats Rep. Carolyn Maloney in bitter New York House primary

AUS: Nightclub bans staring without getting ‘verbal consent’ – and hires ‘safety officers’ in pink vests to police revellers

Matt · 25 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Does anyone think this policy will ever be used against female patrons? Excerpt:

'A NIGHTCLUB has banned staring without getting "verbal consent" - and hired "safety officers" in pink vests to police revellers.

The venue also asked clubbers not to turn up if their "sole purpose" for their night out is the meet someone to "pick up".

Club 77 in Sydney said managers will call the cops if clubbers stare at others without getting their consent.

And in an Instagram post, the club said "safety officers" in pink vests would enforce the new staring rules.

Club 77 said it wanted to be a "safe space" and updated its rules as it had recently "attracted some people who do not share our values and ethics when it comes to club culture".

It said: "Creating a safe space goes beyond implementing practices to deal with incidents after they have happened.'

Spain passes ‘only yes means yes’ sexual consent law

Matt · 25 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Spain’s congress has passed legislation referred to as the “only yes means yes law”, drawn up in the wake of the “wolf pack” gang rape in 2016.

The legislation passed with 205 votes in favour, 141 against and 3 abstentions. MPs from the conservative People’s party and the far-right Vox voted against it.

“It’s a victorious day after many years of struggle,” said Irene Montero, the equality minister. “From now on no woman will have to prove that violence or intimidation was used for it to be recognised for what it is.”

Under the new law consent must be affirmative and cannot be assumed to have been given by default or silence.

It was drawn up after five men raped an 18-year-old woman during the 2016 bull-running festival in Pamplona. In court it was argued that video footage from the men’s phones – showing the woman immobile and with her eyes shut during the attack – was proof of consent.

One judge claimed the men should only be charged with stealing the victim’s mobile phone.

They were sentenced to nine years in prison for the lesser charge of sexual abuse but after a public outcry the charge was changed to rape and the sentence increased to 15 years.'

My boss said ‘we didn’t need another White guy.’ Say what?

Mastodon · 27 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Reader: I was chatting with one of my bosses the other day about a potential new hire. He let slip that the executive team ultimately did not extend an offer because “we didn’t need another White guy.” He literally said this out loud. I was taken aback.

To be clear, the candidate was eminently qualified, had made it through multiple rounds of interviews, and was the clear favorite among almost everyone who spoke with him. Further, it’s not like he lost out to someone else — they simply didn’t hire him, and the company started the hiring process all over again! This was a position where a person’s ethnicity/sex were completely irrelevant (it is a data analytics job).

Karla: Of course it’s illegal to make a hiring decision based solely on someone’s skin color and/or sex. Presumably your boss knows that — or perhaps he mistakenly thinks it doesn’t apply to members of the majority.

But that’s assuming your boss’s summation is objectively accurate, and not an oversimplification of a more nuanced situation. Yours would not be the first employer to relaunch a search and cast a wider net in the hope of pulling in a candidate with more “wow” factor. And if, as your boss’s comment suggests, a majority of your employer’s workforce, applicants and preferred candidates just happen to all be from one narrow demographic, your employer may be trying to ensure that no bias, overt or systemic, is limiting its choices.'

Leaked emails that PROVE the RAF is prejudiced against white male recruits

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Article here. Excerpt:

'No one draws a crowd quite like Tom Cruise, and when the Hollywood star came to London to promote his new Top Gun movie, Her Majesty's Royal Air Force was handed a priceless PR opportunity.

Specifically, its 'Media & Comms' team was asked if they could find a real-life British fighter ace to join Cruise at one of the media events scheduled around the film's glittering premiere in Leicester Square. In late April, an RAF publicity wallah named 'Sarah' therefore emailed officials at RAF bases, looking for someone to take on the job.

And that's when things took a bizarre — and some might say sinister — turn.'

Former civil servant launches legal case claiming he was sacked for not being a feminist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Environment Agency manager is taking legal action against the body claiming he was a victim of discrimination for not being a feminist.

Kevin Legge, 50, says he was forced out of his job at the government agency after taking a stand on his boss' agenda to promote women over men.

He has made a claim to an employment tribunal, arguing feminism is a belief system he does not follow.

The agency denies his claim and says he was sacked for moonlighting as a counsellor during work hours.

But the agency's attempt to have the case thrown out was dismissed by Judge Martin Warren, who ordered a full hearing.'

Former Spring Hill College student accuses rape accuser of slander in counterclaim

Mastodon · 28 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Spring Hill College student acquitted of raping a fellow student has accused her of slandering him.

Vassil Kokali's lawyers made the allegation in a response to a lawsuit that accuser Audrey Cox filed in federal court earlier this year against him and the college.

Cox went public with her allegations last year, accusing Kokali of raping her in her dorm room while she was passed out. A Mobile County jury found Kokali not guilty of rape, sodomy and burglary charges in June.

The federal civil suit is separate. Cox seeks to hold Kokali responsible for rape and accused the school of depriving her of her rights under the federal law known as Title IX.

Kokali's lawyers fired back this week, denying those allegations and making a counterclaim against Cox, alleging that the Tennessee resident made "false and defamatory" statements about the Italian native. The lawyers are seeking damages for libel, slander and malicious prosecution, among other claims.'

Men’s lack of accountability is shackling women in the workforce

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women have more choice in forming relationships than men (they are more “picky”) and have better social cognition that enables them to include and exclude people from groups. As a result, many men turn to women to validate their masculinity, and, in Atwood’s words, fear women will “embarrass” them.

Men are often expected to free themselves from the expectations of their mothers—and women as a whole—at a young age. Supporting women and acknowledging personal flaws requires humility and self-correction. They often score lower on tests of empathy than women, enabling them to disregard others’ emotions, silence other sexes and avoid accountability at all costs.

While women are often taught to be honest and avoid situations that harm themselves and others, men are taught to evade responsibility. Women are taught to accept injury. When we women see a large figure in the streets at night, feel an abusive family member’s anger, or say no to a sexual encounter, we acutely feel this vulnerability.

Gender discrimination is designed to insulate men from women and protect their masculinity.'

Governor Hochul Commissions New Report on Women in the Workplace in Honor of Women's Equality Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier today, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the New York State Department of Labor will provide a report analyzing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women in the workplace with a particular focus on the multi-layered gender wage gap. This report will build on the findings of the 2018 Gender Wage Gap report, co-chaired by Governor Hochul and NYSDOL Commissioner Roberta Reardon, which included a number of policy and programmatic recommendations to close the wage gap.

Governor Hochul announced the new report on Women's Equality Day, a federally recognized holiday celebrating the 1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment, which granted women the right to vote. The Governor also signed a proclamation declaring August 26 Women's Equality Day in the State of New York and ordered state assets illuminated purple and gold in recognition.'

When it comes to boys, it's schools who are flunking

Mastodon · 28 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'So why are boys doing so much worse in school than girls?

Brueningsen points to the lack of male role models in schools. As of 2018, only 24% of all K-12 teachers were men, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

He says data from a major 2015 study shows that the typical school environment may be “more attuned to feminine-typed personalities, making it generally easier for girls to achieve better grades in school.”

He cites a 2016 report from the American Sociological Association that found that boys are punished for their rough-and-tumble tendencies and the punishment makes for a negative learning experience.

Boys are much more likely to hear common teacher criticisms, as I did, that include: “Stop fidgeting! Pay attention! Put that down! Clean that off! Your desk is a mess, Tommy!”'

Google Partners With Top Universities For This Prestigious Fellowship. Lawyers Say the Racial and Gender Quotas It's Imposing Are Illegal.

Mastodon · 30 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Google is setting strict caps on the number of white and Asian students that universities can nominate for a prestigious fellowship program, a policy legal experts say likely violates civil rights law and could threaten the federal funding of nearly every elite university in the United States.

The Google Ph.D. Fellowship, which gives promising computer scientists nearly $100,000, allows each participating university—a group that includes most elite schools—to nominate four Ph.D. students annually. "If a university chooses to nominate more than two students," Google says, "the third and fourth nominees must self-identify as a woman, Black / African descent, Hispanic / Latino / Latinx, Indigenous, and/or a person with a disability."

That criterion, which an archived webpage shows has been in place since at least April 2020, is almost certainly illegal, civil rights lawyers told the Washington Free Beacon—both for Google and the universities.

"It is illegal for Google to enter into contracts based on race under the Civil Rights Act of 1866," said Adam Mortara, the lead trial lawyer for the plaintiffs in Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard, who are pressing the Supreme Court to outlaw affirmative action. "And it is illegal for universities receiving federal funds to nominate students based on race under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act."'

Death in Navy SEAL Training Exposes a Culture of Brutality, Cheating and Drugs

Matt · 30 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Think this'd be happening if it was all women instead of men being abused this way? Not even George S. Patton would have been fine with this. Excerpt:

'But by the middle of the course's third week — a continual gut punch of physical and mental hardship, sleep deprivation and hypothermia that the SEALs call Hell Week — the 6-foot-4-inch athlete from Manalapan, N.J., was dead-eyed with exhaustion, riddled with infection and coughing up blood from lungs that were so full of fluid that others who were there said later that he sounded like he was gargling.

The course began with 210 men. By the middle of Hell Week, 189 had quit or been brought down by injury. But Seaman Mullen kept on slogging for days, spitting blood all the while. The instructors and medics conducting the course, perhaps out of admiration for his grit, did not stop him.

And he made it. When he struggled out of the cold ocean at the end of Hell Week, SEAL leaders shook his hand, gave him a pizza and told him to get some rest. Then he went back to his barracks and laid down on the floor. A few hours later, his heart stopped beating and he died.'

Gone girl(boss): Troubled co-working space The Wing announced it's shutting down, but all anybody cares about is what will happen to its furniture

Matt · 31 August 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No surprise. Limiting your customer base to only women in need of co-working space and charging an arm and a leg for it is not a winning business formula. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday night, The Wing, the all-female co-working space founded by Audrey Gelman and Lauren Kassan in 2016, sent an email to members announcing it would be permanently closing all its locations, effective immediately.

"The operating environment since reopening our six current locations of The Wing, 14 months ago has continued to prove extremely challenging," the message read. "With the backdrop of the Covid pandemic and increasing global economic challenges, we have been unable to recover and grow the level of active membership and event activity necessary to run a financially sustainable operation."'

Air Force leaders set new goals to diversify officer corps

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As for gender, it wants an officer applicant pool that is 64% men and 36% women. That aims to slightly even the split from the 2014 goal of 70% men to 30% women.

As of June, just 23% of active duty Air Force and Space Force officers were women, according to the Air Force Personnel Center.

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Military officials are careful to say their diversity goals are not quotas — which are illegal — and that they will not turn away applicants for the sake of meeting a particular demographic breakdown. All recruits, regardless of gender, race or ethnicity, have to meet the same standards for entry.

“These goals are aspirational … and will not be used in any manner that undermines our merit-based processes,” the memo said.'

ANU: Women-Only Recruitment Drive To Rocket Up Gender Equality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The largest women-only recruitment drive in the history of Australian Astronomy and Space is underway at The Australian National University (ANU).

The Advanced Instrumentation and Technology Centre (AITC) is recruiting 10 new positions for people who identify as women to support the next generation of telescopes, small-scale space crafts and instruments for space missions. This includes the design and construction of large instruments like the 25-metre Giant Magellan Telescope.'

UK: Millions invested to support female offenders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women whose crimes have been fuelled by addiction, mental health issues and domestic violence will be better supported to stop reoffending thanks to new government funding.

With over 60 per cent of women in prison having experienced domestic abuse and 50 per cent having drug addictions almost £21 million will be invested in women's services to tackle the causes of female offending and cut crime.

Organisations such as Working Chance, the UK's only charity dedicated to getting women with convictions into work, support offenders who are serving a community sentence or have recently been released from prison and may be at risk of reoffending.

This tailored support, which can range from help to find a job or support with drug and alcohol abuse, can provide stability in getting their lives back on track – ultimately helping to keep the public safe.'

College Debt and the Male Burden

Matt · 2 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In order to understand the debt burden regular Americans will take-on, we must look at the populations impacted by this decision. One data point that is often conflated in the U.S. is the population of males and females. Overall, females outnumber males, but males actually outnumber females in the U.S. until approximately 45-50 years-of-age when men start falling behind. And when it comes to 18 to 24 year-olds, prime college years, the number of males outnumber the number of females.

...

Even though there are considerably more males, females outnumbered males entering college by significant margins. Both the percentage and total number of males entering college are lower. The college apparatus, for over 40 years, has benefited women more than men; preparing, enrolling, graduating, and providing more scholarships and Pell Grants for women. Billions of dollars annually.

Those who took loans will now receive an additional benefit, and this new debt burden will fall on non-college men during their initial earning years and prime earning years. It will also fall on elderly women and men we see working extra jobs at Walmart who never signed up for the personal debt.

...

Ironically, predominately male professions (construction, trucking, plumbing, and electrical) will be footing this bill while colleges continue to speak about the ills of patriarchal privilege in buildings built by men who will age and wake up one day with bad knees and painful backs.'

Humor: 1950s woman meets the future

Matt · 3 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Tweet embedded here. No Twitter acct. required. It'd be funny if it weren't so true.

Why men stay single

Matt · 4 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'People often speculate they must fear commitment, have been betrayed in a prior relationship, or have some type of personality disorder. Research indicates, however, that the explanation may be far more straightforward.
...
We tend to psychoanalyze relationship-reluctant individuals as if something was “wrong” with them. What happened to them in the past? Were they abandoned in childhood? Did an ex-partner betray them? We also stereotype men as more likely to be gun-shy regarding relational intimacy or walking down the aisle.

Sometimes, relationship reluctance is indeed due to a past betrayal or broken heart. Other times, however, it is simply due to personal preference. According to research, for self-assured men, in particular, singlehood signals success and satisfaction.'

AOC's Fight for the Future

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We'd agreed at the onset of our conversation that day to lean into difficult questions about gender—with a specific focus on what men need to be doing to combat misogyny—and so I asked the congresswoman why she believes men so often opt out. Certainly some guys are just jerks. But what about men who are more introspective? The call for men to step up and speak out is neither new nor novel, yet still seems unheard.

"I think there's plenty of well-meaning reasons why men may feel like it's not appropriate for them to talk about it," she continued. "I think sometimes the way white folks don't like to talk about race and they say, 'We just want to center the person who's most impacted, so it's not my role to do anything or take a space and speak up.' But we know that when white folks take up space and say the right thing in rooms of other white people, that is the most shifting activity that can happen, more sometimes than any protest or any person writing a letter to the editor or anything like that. And we need men to be speaking up in that way as well. But I think men, sometimes they think, I'm not a woman. This doesn't affect me the most."

But men also keep quiet, Ocasio-Cortez pointed out, because of the burdens and antiquated expectations of masculinity. Feminist writers and thinkers have raised this notion for decades, pointing out how men themselves are victimized by toxic societal constructs. "Men suffer from being under patriarchy," the congresswoman said. "They don't go to the doctor. They suffer from much higher rates of completed suicides. Even though they report lower levels of depression, that doesn't mean that they suffer from it less. Just a couple years ago the American Psychological Association released a very deep paper and a campaign about how these traditional cultural markers of masculinity—stoicism, competition, domination, dominance—are leading to mental health issues for men. There's a stigma around men being vulnerable."'

AOC predicts she won’t be president — because Americans ‘hate women’

Mastodon · 7 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez says it’s unlikely she could ever be elected president of the United States — because so many people in America “hate women” and “would never let that happen.”

The socialist-firebrand New York Democrat speculated about the possibilities of her launching a future White House bid in a wide-ranging cover interview with GQ magazine published Wednesday.

Ocasio-Cortez said while she tries to hold onto the belief that anything is possible, her experience in Congress has “given me a front-row seat to how deeply and unconsciously, as well as consciously, so many people in this country hate women.”'

The Death of 18-24 Year-Olds

Matt · 8 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Although fentanyl deaths are a major factor in those 18-24 years-old, so are suicide, homicide, alcohol, and automobile deaths. Nearly 400,000 young men and nearly 135,000 young women from 18-24 years-old have died from 2001 to 2020. These deaths include all causes, and males account for 75% of those deaths.
...
Males, overall, accounted for 74% of the share of deaths in 2020 and 2001-2020. It should also be noted that females showed an increase as well and a marked increase in 23 and 24 year-olds of 28% and 24% respectively. However, males accounted for 74% of deaths in those age groups and 72% to 75% in 18-22 year olds.

Many of these deaths can be prevented with the right interventions, but too few policy makers are even aware of this data in great part because it would require a recognition of the need for male advocacy. And regardless of one's politics, it's critical the U.S. look at the challenges at the border that are leading to an influx of illegal drugs, increase in violent crime associated with drugs, greater demand on law-enforcement, homelessness, and the strain to hire law-enforcement officers at all levels. Social media must also become more aware of the enterprises on its platforms. Ed Ternan (Charlie's father) is working with SnapChat and other platforms to alleviate the problem of drug distribution via social media.'

How America’s Elites Decided Vicious Anti-White Racism Is A Good Thing

Mastodon · 8 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This is a sampling of the new racism that is gaining purchase in American society even as its advocates relentlessly punish speech they deem harmful and threatening to people of color. It parallels the acceptance of anti-male rhetoric that casts masculinity as “predatory” and “toxic,” or just casually demeans males as oafish and clueless, which allows the Washington Post to give a megaphone to Northeastern University professor Suzanna Danuta Walters to ask: “Why can’t we hate men?” (Her conclusion: We can and we should.)

The escalation of this inflammatory rhetoric is reaching the highest levels of American society, as when President Biden insinuated in a fiery campaign speech last week that Donald Trump supporters are “white supremacists” and when he maligned conservative mask skeptics last year for “Neanderthal thinking.”

What strikes a casual observer is that such language would be instantly denounced if it targeted racial minorities or other protected groups. Just as remarkable is that this new rhetoric is not coming from dropouts and loners at society’s margins; it is being advanced by successful professionals who have scaled the heights of respectability and are given a platform on social media and in prestigious cultural outlets.
...
“White males have been the norm of our culture and our politics and our society and our economy for so long that unearthing the unstated assumptions that go into that is pretty hard work, and it reveals things that make us uncomfortable,” Livingston said. “So do they need to be protected? I suppose. Everybody needs some protection. But I’m not too worried about people telling me that I have no right to speak on the issue of transgender individuals.”'

White men can’t jump: Or decide what’s racist?

Mastodon · 8 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We had to re-read the quote to make sure we had it right. A Manchester Black Lives Matter leader said that Chief of Police Allen Aldenberg “is a White man; he should have no say over whether or not” something is racist.

What does Ronelle Tshiela know of the content of Chief Aldenberg’s character? Or, for that matter, what does she know about any and all White people in order to presume that they are incapable of judging something as racist?

Isn’t such a view itself racist?

Manchester NAACP president James McKim disagrees with Tshiela. He told our newspaper that he trusts Chief Aldenberg to make the right call in the matter of one of his officers sending a controversial text message to others in the department. The text contained a meme, not created by the officer, that has been described as racist or insensitive.

Is the officer racist? Insensitive? Dumb? Chief Aldenberg hasn’t said what he thinks, but the officer was suspended, took sensitivity training, and was returned to duty. He has since been promoted to sergeant.'

Media and Advertising Isn’t Doing Men Justice

Mastodon · 8 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Whilst recent years have seen a dramatic shift in society for women across the UK (and, indeed, the world), the ideology of masculinity has largely been left behind. The term ‘modern masculinity’ is frequently thrown around in today’s world, yet people struggle to define what it actually is or looks like - in many instances - simply defaulting to the clunky application of 'feminine' traits to the modern male identity to try to make sense of it. This suggests - unfairly, we would argue - that perhaps not much has changed about the representation of male identity at all.

Academic frameworks such as David and Brannon’s ‘Four Rules of Masculinity’ and Promundo’s ‘The Man Box’ show that little has overtly evolved over the years with how men might define themselves, leaving more traditional ideals of ‘maleness’ in place.

At the same time, there has been a growing anxiety about the male role within society. Over the past five years especially, events such as the #MeToo movement have led to an increased attention on male aggression and violence towards and against women. The resulting heightened and justified focus on female empowerment has resulted in a greater emphasis being placed on defining 'toxic masculinity' rather than on defining a more positive representation of 'modern masculinity' - an unhelpful situation where the multitudes, nuances and subtleties of modern masculinity are often overlooked or ignored altogether.'

Misogynistic influencers are trending right now. Defusing their message is a complex task

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The jumble of groups and philosophies that center around ideas of toxic masculinity is commonly referred to as the "manosphere." Within lie incels (involuntary celibates), men's rights activists, pick-up artists, and the content creators that spread these ideas to the masses. Brette Steele, senior director for Preventing Targeted Violence at the McCain Institute, says men usually flock to the manosphere because they are unhappy in some way and searching for a sense of belonging, and younger audiences are drawn in by a similar need.

"Youth are searching for that sense of belonging, that kind of grounding to explain what's happening to them," she tells CNN.

"In the last few years, more youth have had to turn to communities online. We've seen a degradation of in-person social skills, and in middle school, that's when those social skills are first coming into play."'

How we boosted the number of female faculty members at our institution

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'In 2016, Aleks Owczarek, who was then head of the School of Mathematics and Statistics, undertook an affirmative-action strategy (also known as positive discrimination) to recruit women as faculty members. This was a controversial move, but it was prompted by a clear lack of diversity in the school. The strategy was designed as a catalyst for change. It aimed specifically to increase the number of women in faculty positions; improve the professorial pipeline; and provide female role models for students. Only women were eligible to apply for positions in areas in which women were under-represented. It ran for one recruitment round in the school, but had beneficial secondary effects.

The approach had three features. First, it was designed to attract a broad cross-section of female applicants, rather than just those in particular sub-disciplines. Second, the positions advertised were ongoing teaching and research roles (rather than limited fixed-term contracts), to ensure career continuity. Third, the strategy was not intended to be undertaken on a continuing basis, or for every hiring round in those STEM disciplines.

But was it legal? Yes. In the state of Victoria, where the university is based, the law allows a special measure for promoting equality. However, we strongly advise that recruiters check the relevant legal sanctions before embarking on something similar.'

RAF chief's regrets over drive for diversity as he insists plan to favour women and ethnic minority candidates would not have led to drop in standards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The head of the RAF has told of his regret over its plan to favour women and ethnic minority candidates over better qualified white males.

The ‘woke’ diversity drive was scrapped after the RAF’s recruitment chief refused to implement what she called an ‘unlawful’ selection policy.

Last night Chief of the Air Staff Sir Mike Wigston said the RAF had launched an inquiry into how such a controversial policy was devised and very nearly implemented.

He acknowledged for the first time the fall-out from the extraordinary row after a tense meeting with Defence Secretary Ben Wallace, and revealed that Group Captain Elizabeth Nicholl, who walked out rather than put the plan into practice, had requested the investigation.'

"Self-Made Man"

Matt · 9 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Rarely does MANN get a submission of a book or movie review. Possibly this is because there are no posts asking for them! Well time to change that. I am asking for a review of Self-Made Man by Norah Vincent. If anyone has read it and would like to review it, please submit a review. Thank-you.

Falsely Accused

Matt · 10 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For many, this day is essential, in great part, because it vindicates the innocent and spurs groups like the Innocence Project, Title IX for All, and a host of others working to ensure organizations and institutions are not violating equal protections and the essential importance of the rule of law. Falsely Accused Day, and the stories many will share, are a reminder of the importance of due process and the need to get it right.

Things fall apart and lives are ruined when the law falls prey to systematic practices that remove protections in favor of expediency and “compromised justice.”
...
Cases where people are wrongly accused of rape, homicide, and aggravated assault do not speak to the other forms of false accusations that lead to students being removed from schools, parents losing custody disputes, and people losing jobs, just to name a few.

In Heather’s MacDonald’s Diversity Delusion, she partly addresses the Title IX exploitations on college campuses that are not necessarily handled in a court of law but lead to falsely accused students, usually males, being expelled without due process and without legal protections. Some of the college ethos around Title IX is an apoplectic hysteria that only expands specific departments associated with Title IX and more crisis center staff on some of the safest places in America, college campuses. And even if a falsely accused student is not expelled, the emotional toll causes depression and impacts a student’s ability to carry on with his studies. Heather MacDonald identified a specific study that ushered in the “rape myth” culture actualized on college campuses:'

Why Are Men in Crisis? | Real Time with Bill Maher (HBO)

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Video here.

Scott Galloway and Matt Welch join Bill to discuss the factors driving young American men toward toxicity.

UK: Sexual harassment includes sitting in rooms with more male officers than women, says police chief

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Female police officers can suffer sexual harassment simply by being in a room with a majority of their male colleagues, a leading police chief has claimed.
...
Asked to describe what incidents she had witnessed, she said: "This is not about me, but I think sexual harassment is about sitting in rooms where you have more male officers than women. Where you're in a male-dominated environment for any woman - that's always challenging."'

Why boys and men?

Matt · 12 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I have been worrying about boys and men for 25 years. That comes with the territory when you raise three boys, all now grown men. George, Bryce, Cameron: I love you beyond measure. That's why, even now, I sometimes worry about you. But my anxiety has spilled over into my day job. I work as a scholar at the Brookings Institution, focusing mostly on equality of opportunity, or the lack thereof. Until now, I have paid most attention to the divisions of social class and race. But I am increasingly worried about gender gaps, and perhaps not in the way you might expect. It has become clear to me that there are growing numbers of boys and men who are struggling in school, at work, and in the family. I used to fret about three boys and young men. Now I am worried about millions.

Even so, I have been reluctant to write this book. I have lost count of the number of people who advised against it. In the current political climate, highlighting the problems of boys and men is seen as a perilous undertaking. One friend, a newspaper columnist, said, "I never go near these issues if I can avoid it. There's nothing but pain there."'

Mom in abuse case charged with false rape accusation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A mother who was recently arrested for allegedly abusing her infant is now facing another set of charges for falsely accusing her ex-boyfriend of rape, police say.

Kimberly Elizabeth Lander, 31, called police on Jan. 23 to report that she'd been raped by her ex-boyfriend, George Spickard, the previous night. Lander told Berwick Det. Reagan Rafferty that she'd gotten into a fight with her current boyfriend, Christopher Lindsay, and had left their house on Catherine Street around 4 p.m.

Spickard happened to be driving by, saw her walking, and picked her up, Lander allegedly told police. Spickard drove her to his house, where he strangled her and forcibly raped her, according to Lander. He then drove her to Buckhorn and dropped her off, she said.

Lander was taken to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville and evidence for a sexual assault collection was taken, court records show.'

Anonymity for men falsely accused of rape

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‘No man should have to go what I went through,’ said the teary John Jarratt, after a jury took 15 minutes to decide he was not guilty of an alleged rape forty years earlier. He’d been through twenty months of what he called ‘media death row’, with the worldwide press coverage traumatic for his entire family.

The accusation came from a former flatmate – Jarratt admitted he had sex with the woman, but said it was consensual. She said she’d been inspired by #MeToo and took action when the well-known Australian actor was at the peak of his career, starring in Wolf Creek II. Even after the jury tossed the case out and Jarratt successfully sued The Telegraph for reporting he had ‘got away with rape’, the incident will always be part of his history.

‘The woman who perpetrated the evil lie against me walked away scot-free,’ said Jarratt, calling for laws to be changed so that neither party is identified unless someone is convicted.'

Texas A&M diversity policies discriminate against white, Asian men - lawsuit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Texas A&M University has been hit with a proposed class action claiming its employment policies unlawfully discriminate against white and Asian men.

Richard Lowery, an associate professor of finance at the University of Texas at Austin, said in a complaint filed in Houston federal court on Saturday that Texas A&M's affirmative action policies bar him from getting a faculty job with the university system because he is white.

Lowery says policies adopted by the school favor women and non-Asian minorities in hiring, promotions and pay. That includes setting aside some faculty positions for members of underrepresented minority groups, according to the complaint.

"These discriminatory, illegal, and anti-meritocratic practices have been egged on by woke ideologues who populate the so-called diversity, equity, and inclusion offices at public and private universities throughout the United States," Lowery's lawyers wrote.'

Male Poverty Increases according to U.S Census Bureau Report

Matt · 15 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday, September 13, the U.S. Census Bureau released its Poverty in the United States: 2021 report. The number of males who fell below the poverty line increased by 398,000 from 2020 to 2021 while the number of females declined by 13,000. Although the percentage of females living in poverty in the report was higher by 2.1%, (12.6% to 10.5%) there are other factors that impact our understanding of poverty thresholds and eligibility for programs.

Poverty thresholds, which is the purpose of the Census Bureau report, simply measure poverty and does not determine eligibility for certain federal programs. Guidelines for eligibility is more a function of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This difference may explain some of the reason males tend to have a harder time when it comes to eligibility, particularly when government and state agencies form councils on women in an important attempt to quantify the challenges facing them. The same agencies do not exist for boys and men, so their eligibility is often understated.'

Revolting Mother Busted For Series Of Vile Snapchat Vids

Matt · 16 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Keep your barf bag handy. Seriously, there are some graphic descriptions you may want to brace yourself for. Excerpt:

'In a series of vile Snapchat videos, a 26-year-old mother of two recorded herself engaging in sexual activity with her three-year-old son and, while breastfeeding her younger child, filmed the family dog licking her private parts, according to Florida court records.

Natalie Wagner, 26, is facing scores of felony counts in connection with 15 separate videos that investigators received last month from Snapchat following the issuance of a subpoena. Wagner, seen at right, is being held in the St. Lucie County jail in lieu of $1.2 million bond.

Until her arrest last month, Wagner shared a Port St. Lucie home with her husband and the couple's two young boys. At the time of Wagner's bust, the minors were removed from the residence by child welfare officials. A judge has barred Wagner and her spouse--who has not been charged--from having any contact with the children.'

Toxic masculinity is part of elite hockey. We need a culture shift

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Players learn this toxic masculinity, and are rewarded for those behaviours at a very early age and from many people. Perhaps that is why my research met a great deal of resistance from sport administrators, coaches, parents, and fans. It is easier to blame "one bad apple" than to accept partial responsibility for encouraging a toxic masculine culture.

When I suggested a number of educational workshops and shifting hockey culture from toxic masculinity to a model centred around the pursuit of excellence, I often got accused of disliking hockey and sports. But trust me, nothing could be further from the truth.'

Perspective: The real reason the all-women workspace failed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Though the company claimed that its financial troubles were due to COVID-19 — no one wants to cowork in a pandemic — the truth is that the model of women-only business environments is a scam sold to ordinary women by wealthy feminists looking to make a buck. Women operate in the same economy as men, and it's silly to pretend they can build a wall around themselves to keep out men or all the problems that supposedly come with them ("mansplaining" to name one).
...
To make matters worse, women initially weren't even allowed to have men attend meetings they were hosting in the workspace. That should have been a sign the founders were living in some kind of feminist la-la land.

The company was sued in 2018 for gender discrimination, and it revised its policies to allow men, but it still maintained the aura of female empowerment. It also faced complaints that it was inhospitable to Black and Hispanic women. While another member interviewed by the Post thought that the allegations were unfair — "In general, female-led businesses are under more of a microscope — especially a place that is preaching inclusivity" — the fact of the matter is that there is no reason a random group of women who want to rent office space would be particularly likely to get along.

These are women who each went there to make their own business work. They have no common goal and nothing to bond them together besides the experience of being a woman. Sisterhood is not as powerful as some people like to claim.'

American boys and men are suffering — and our culture doesn't know how to talk about it

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Our men and boys are in trouble. In the U.S., nearly four times more likely than women to die by suicide. They have more emergency department visits and deaths due to overdoses. They are less likely to receive treatment for mental health issues. They have a lower rate of participation in the workforce. They are more likely to be diagnosed with ADHD and autism. They are more likely than females to drop out of high school, and the ones who do go on to college are less likely than their female peers to graduate. They are barraged with constant and conflicting messages about what it means to be a man, and the consequences of failing to live up to other people's ideas about modern masculinity can be severe. And all of this is difficult to talk about because the simultaneous culture of misogyny and the war on women's rights is so intense, it has created a zero sum game expectation around our basic humanity.

But acknowledging the crisis in males takes nothing from the ground women are fighting to gain. And accepting that gender is only one element in a social strata that is also incredibly unbalanced around race and class is the only useful way forward for all of us.'

Why boys should start school a year later than girls

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The value of a later start, which many teachers and administrators call “the gift of time,” is an open secret in elite circles. And it’s a gift overwhelmingly given to boys. In the past few months, I’ve interviewed dozens of private-school teachers, parents, educational consultants, and admissions officers, largely in the D.C. metro area. I learned that a delayed school entry is now close to the norm for boys who would otherwise be on the young side. One former head of an elite private school who now consults with parents on school choice and admissions told me, “There are effectively two different cutoff dates for school entry: one for boys and one for girls.”

...

The reason little boys wear almost all of the red shirts is not mysterious; the fact that boys mature later than girls is one known to every parent, and certainly to every teacher. According to a Rand survey, teachers are three times more likely to delay entry for their own sons than their own daughters. The maturity gap is now demonstrated conclusively by neuroscience: Brain development follows a different trajectory for boys than it does for girls. But this fact is entirely ignored in broader education policy, even as boys fall further behind girls in the classroom.'

Biden Administration Guts Due Process Protections for Students Accused of Sexual Misconduct

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Article here. Excerpt:

'College students investigated for sexual harassment or assault will once again be stripped of due process, thanks to new regulations released by the U.S. Department of Education in June.

The new rules, which apply to investigations under Title IX, part of a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education, rescind rules crafted and implemented by former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos during the Trump administration. They mark the return of the "single investigator model," which empowers a single college administrator to investigate, judge, and sanction alleged misconduct.'

Men in Russia fleeing due to conscription order

Matt · 21 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Can you blame them? Excerpt:

'Within hours of Vladimir Putin's announcement that he was introducing "partial mobilisation," to bolster his crumbling army in Ukraine, Russian men began to flee the country in huge numbers.

Russian defence minister, Sergei Shoigu followed up Putin's speech with an announcement that 300,000 reservists would be conscripted into the armed forces.

Video shot at Russia 's border with Finland showed a tailback over 20 miles long, with hundreds, perhaps thousands, of men trying to get out of the country before they were called up.'

FDNY firefighters are overwhelmingly white men. The City Council wants to change that.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New York lawmakers announced new legislation on Monday that would require the FDNY to hire more women and minority firefighters, the latest push to diversify an agency that has been repeatedly sued for discriminating against non-white applicants.

The legislation would require the FDNY to develop and implement a plan by March 1st to ensure firefighters “reflect that of the city’s population as a whole.” Currently, more than three-quarters of firefighters are white men, and less than 1% are women.

The package would also broaden transparency requirements within the department, while mandating the FDNY survey each firehouse to identify facility upgrades needed to achieve a safe environment for a mixed-gender workforce.

The bills follow several other legislative attempts to solve the agency’s diversity problems – a threat not just to equity, but to the “fundamental safety of all New Yorkers,” according to Council Speaker Adrienne Adams.'

Amazon Studios Reportedly Scrapped a Gritty Conan the Barbarian Series, Forced it To Move To Netflix

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'Amazon could have Conan the Barbarian as a hard-hitting reply to Game of Thrones before it was scrapped due to some pretty messed up issues. If the name sounds similar to you, then yes, this series was set to follow the same source material that was followed by Arnold Schwarzenegger's 1982 critically and commercially acclaimed movie. But unfortunately, the project moved to the hands of Netflix as Amazon Studios Head found Toxic Masculinity in the project.
...
"Where others saw the next Game of Thrones in Ryan Condal's Conan scripts, Jennifer Salke saw only toxic masculinity. As such Ryan Condal was fired, Conan was scrapped, and Jennifer Salke picked The Wheel of Time to be Amazon's more adult-oriented Game of Thrones replacement. Although she made sure to make it even more female-centric than it already was just to be sure there would be absolutely no toxic masculinity."'

If I mention the ‘modern male struggle’, do you roll your eyes? It’s time to stop looking away

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Article here. Excerpt:

'We need to talk about the troubles of men.

No, really. Even if the thought of being asked to sympathise with the modern male struggle makes you roll your eyes or turn the page, it’s worth examining that irritable kneejerk reaction more closely. Progressives should be able to acknowledge some real and serious problems – boys underachieving at school, high suicide rates among middle-aged men in particular, the online radicalisation of an angry fringe drawn to violent ideologies – without making women and girls feel guilty about their achievements or pretending that feminism has somehow gone too far. But that balance can be surprisingly hard to achieve in practice, as a thoughtful new book by the former Downing Street staffer Richard Reeves makes clear.'

Russians flee to Mongolia to escape Putin’s call up as men are ‘dragged from beds in dead of night’ to fight in Ukraine

Matt · 22 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Conscription is a huge violation of men's civil rights. Yet the UN and other supposedly human rights-concerned agencies remain silent. Excerpt:

'As the fear of conscription ripples through Russia, some men have been hauled out of bed in the middle of the night and told they had four hours to pack their belongings and obey the mobilisation order.

There were reports of people cowering behind doors and refusing to accept the military summonses.

In Luchegorsk, men who refused to open doors at night were handed the summonses when they arrived at work this morning.

Some 60 men were taken to Bikin, in Khabarovsk region, and sent into the hands of the Russian military machine.

Footage showed Russians enlisted by Putin's mobilisation being taken to training camps.

One man made a last-ditch attempt to escape the enlistment office in Blagoveshchensk by leaping out of a first-floor window.'

It is exposing buried secrets – Supermodel Faith Morey writes on why every man must have a DNA test

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Supermodel/Actress Faith Morey has revealed the importance of carrying out DNA test as she narrates how paternity fraud destroyed the home of her close friend.

The mom of one who recently drooled over Olu Jacobs and Joke Silva's marriage took to Instastories to stress on the importance of DNA test, stating that her brother must do the same because of how rampant the scandal is becoming in Nigeria.

Writing further, Morey narrated how her close friend was left devastated and heartbroken last week after he discovered that his beloved 10 years old son is not his biological child.

Buttressing her point, Morey said a lot of men have been raising children that are not theirs and there is nothing as painful as that.'

Air Force Academy promotes fellowship that bans ‘cisgender' men: ‘This program isn’t for you’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) in Colorado is encouraging cadets to apply for a fellowship program for "gender minorities" that specifies "cisgender" men need not apply.

The academy sent an email on Sept. 14 informing cadets that the 2023 application for the Brooke Owens Fellowship for "undergraduate women and gender minorities interested in aerospace" is due by Oct. 10.

The application on the fellowship’s website says, "If you are a cisgender man, this program isn’t for you."
...
The USAFA’s email said the Brooke Owens Fellowship is a "nine-week paid internship at a leading aerospace company" and that any undergraduate who is a "woman or gender minority" is welcome to apply.'

Trinity School staffer admits to sneaking political ‘agenda’ into NYC classroom, video shows

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Elsewhere in the secret recording, Norris suggested she has issues with some white male students on campus.

“Unfortunately, it’s the white boys who feel very entitled to express their opposite opinions and just push back,” Norris said. “There’s a huge contingent of them that are just horrible. And you’re like, ‘Are you always going to be horrible, or are you just going to be horrible right now?’ Don’t know.”

When asked if there was any saving Republican white guys, Norris responded: “I don’t know. I think they need to go. I think they’re really awful people. That’s kind of what I’m afraid of with my white students that are rich. I’m like — do you ever have to deal with this? They’re so protected by capitalism. It makes me sad.”'

The American Psychological Association Is Waging War on Men and Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For decades, radical and intersectional feminists have assured us that it's impossible to be sexist toward men because we live in a patriarchal society. Well, the American Psychological Association (APA) is working hard to prove those feminists wrong.

A few years ago, the APA released practice guidelines for therapy with men and boys. An APA press release on the new guidelines made clear just what those guidelines amounted to: an assault on traditional men and boys.

"They draw on more than 40 years of research showing that traditional masculinity is psychologically harmful and that socializing boys to suppress their emotions causes damage," reads the press release. "The main thrust of the subsequent research is that traditional masculinity—marked by stoicism, competitiveness, dominance and aggression—is, on the whole, harmful."
...
I've just published what I believe is the first peer-reviewed assessment of the APA's guidelines for men and boys. What I found was a mess. Far from there being a slam dunk link between traditional masculinity and negative mental health or behavioral outcomes, the evidence was inconsistent and, across the board, methodologically very weak.

The authors of the guidelines are uniformly focused on the social construction of gender, ignoring biological inputs to both sex and gender identity. But even worse in my opinion, the APA's report is clearly disparaging of traditional men and their families, linking traditional, masculine values to an entire suite of negative mental and physical health outcomes—with no real scientific rationale.'

Sex addict who slept with 700 men blames high-profile feminists for the rise in misogyny because 'man-hating attitudes' drive boys to toxic ideology

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Bachelor star and recovered sex addict has taken aim at high-profile Australian feminists she believes are inadvertently causing a surge in misogyny by 'hating on' men.

Belinda 'Love' Rygier, who overcame her addiction after bedding more than 700 men, singled out Abbie Chatfield and Clementine Ford as the worst offenders in her opinion.

She even compared them to toxic influencers on the opposite side of the 'war of the sexes', including disgraced social media star Andrew Tate, whose misogyny has seen him kicked off social media platforms such as TikTok.

'I think "good on her" for her personal success. But her beliefs around feminism are actually misandry,' Ms Rygier said of Chatfield.

Rygier said Chatfield and Ford 'trigger' her with their sometimes outlandish statements about men.

Ford, a best-selling author and commentator, infamously tweeted that 'coronavirus isn't killing men fast enough' at the height of the pandemic. She later apologised following public outrage.

Chatfield also once claimed '40 per cent of men are paedophiles'.

'How [Chatfield] speaks about them. I don't follow them as they trigger me, her and Clementine Ford. How they hate on men...' Rygier said.'

Pennsylvania state lawmakers want to improve conditions for women in prison

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The bill from Rep. Lori Mizgorski (R-Allegheny) would limit how and when disciplinary tools like restraints and solitary confinement can be used. It would also guarantee visitation rights between mothers and children in most circumstances, and require prisons to offer feminine hygiene products.

...

During debate, Rep. Morgan Cephas (D-Philadelphia) said certain types of so-called “alternative punishment” like solitary confinement can amplify traumas women carry with them when entering prison.

“Many have suffered some type of physical or sexual abuse, or some type of substance abuse challenges, and they face particularly daunting obstacles when they return to society,” she said.'

If Gender Doesn’t Matter, Why do Female Politicians Say They’re Better Because They’re Women?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Is there something distinctive about women? Yes, but only when it’s convenient.

In an interview with New York Gov. Kathy Hochul earlier this week, WNYC host Brian Lehrer asked, “Is there anything you think specifically that you as a woman have brought to New York state policy that Governor (Andrew) Cuomo or any man might not have?”

Her answer was head-spinning but also completely representative of how feminists want to have it both ways.

First, of course, Hochul said she can “govern with the same strength and the toughness required to run a state as rough and tumble as New York truly is, the politics and the government.” She can go toe-to-toe with any man when it comes to getting things done but also, because she’s a woman, she has other qualifications.

“What I bring is a sense of compassion and empathy when I’m going out to settings where people … had to endure extreme tragedy. Whether it was consoling people after the subway shooting in Brooklyn or going up to Buffalo after the massacre there. … What (women) bring also is strength, but also a perspective from the point of view of a mother who has to sit there and figure out how she can afford to fill up her kids’ backpack in the next week.”
...
Indeed, if a male politician had said he was in charge of his family’s finances and so had a better understanding of whether they could afford to fill up a child’s backpack, that too would have been labeled sexist.'

Governor Wolf, First Lady Announce Opening of $2 Million Program Supporting Successful Women's Reentry

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'Governor Tom Wolf and First Lady Frances Wolf today announced the opening of a brand new, $2 million Women's Reentry Services Initiative Program aimed at giving women the best possible opportunity for successful transitions back into their community following incarceration.

"More than 70% of women incarcerated in Pennsylvania's prisons are mothers. And when they reenter society, they face the everyday struggles of every mother—to balance work, family, and life—combined with the reality of integrating themselves into a society that will immediately slap a label on them for their prior mistakes," said Gov. Wolf. "We see these women, we see their struggle as they stretch themselves thin to make ends meet, let alone thrive.'

Ukraine war-induced crisis affecting women and girls disproportionately: UN report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The policy paper developed by gender agency UN Women and the Secretary-General's Global Crisis Response Group, describes how the war has widened gender gaps in hunger, education and poverty, and has also increased gender-based violence.'

Woman Who Pretended To Be A Man Dies By Assisted Suicide Years After Realizing How Difficult It Was To Be One

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Journalist Norah Vincent and author of Self-Made Man wanted to experience life as the opposite gender so she could write about it. She was a lesbian, not transgender, but her inquisitive nature made her curious about gender and identity. In 2003, she hired a makeup artist to help her paint stubble on her face to match her short, dark hair. She worked out to build the muscles on her back, wore rectangular-framed glasses, and strapped her breasts against her chest. And with the help of a Julliard vocal coach, she was even able to train her voice to sound more manly. Norah Vincent was determined. There was no stopping her from switching genders. But what she found in living life as the opposite sex wasn't "male privilege" — instead, Vincent learned what it was like to be at an incredible disadvantage.

...

Norah's immersive journalism was anything but empowering. She felt alone and defeated as Ned. "Men are suffering," Norah said. "They have different problems than women have, but they don't have it better. They need our sympathy, they need our love, and they need each other more than anything else. They need to be together."'

Toxic masculinity is a misnomer; false masculinity is what should concern us

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It seems not long ago that the term “toxic masculinity” was just a controversial phrase in our society, but, although the excitement around the term seems to have died down, the term has come to identify a deep cultural divide between more progressive social reformers and advocates of a more traditional society. Some might see it as an attack on traditional masculinity, while others would say it is a necessary critique of the culture that surrounds modern masculinity.'

Defying science, American parents are turning away from male circumcision

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision has become an increasingly fraught topic over the past few decades, as new American parents have grown uncomfortable with the idea of severing a piece of their child's body, minor though it may be. This is understandable from an ethical perspective: A newborn baby cannot consent to such an unalterable act. Anti-circumcision advocates argue that it is better to forgo the procedure in infancy and allow the child to make his own decision later on. As a result of this intuitive reasoning, rates of circumcision have fallen from about 85% in 1965 to roughly 58% in 2010, the latest year for which solid data is available.

Parents, however, also have the responsibility to do what's best for their child, even if that decision causes personal discomfort. And the evidence for the health benefits of circumcision, accumulated over decades of research, is overwhelming.'

Senate Democrats and Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s not every day that any U.S. senator – much less 19 of them – denounce the presumption of innocence. Or describe hearings with cross-examination, hallmarks of both the criminal justice and the congressional oversight systems, as “wholly unnecessary to determine what happened in a particular incident.”

Those remarks came in a seven-page comment released from the senators in question, all of them Democrats, in response to new Title IX regulations proposed by the current administration, which already dramatically scale back procedural protections for accused students. Their ranks included respected moderates such as Amy Klobuchar and Jack Reed, as well as civil libertarians like Ron Wyden.

That many politicians are fair-weather friends of civil liberties is old news. But for students who face a campus adjudication, the consequences of this almost cavalier dismissal of basic fairness is troubling.'

Finland shuts borders with Russia as conscription age men flee Putin order

Matt · 24 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Bet they're not giving Russian women any trouble. Excerpt:

'Finland on Friday said it would "significantly restrict" the number of Russian "tourists" it will permit to cross its borders as an exodus of Russian men attempt to flee and avoid conscription.

The Finnish government said its decision was made over concerns that issuing swaths of visas to Russian men would cause "serious damage to Finland's international position."

Few details were released on the restrictions that Helsinki will now enforce, though its decision comes after other neighboring nations took steps earlier in the week to block Russian tourists from crossing their borders.'

For Suburban Texas Men, a Workout Craze With a Side of Faith

Matt · 25 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nice to see this. Excerpt:

'This is F3 — that's fitness, fellowship and faith — a fast-growing network of men's workouts that combine exercise with spiritually inflected camaraderie. Founded in 2011 as a free, outdoor group workout, its popularity exploded during the pandemic, expanding to some 3,400 groups across the country from 1,900, aiming to solve, as John Lambert, a.k.a. Slaughter, the network's chief executive, put it, "a problem that society at large and men definitely didn't even know they had: middle-age male loneliness."

In Katy, a booming upper-middle-class suburb just west of Houston bursting with office parks, new housing developments and the most expensive high school stadium in the nation, the F3 model has thrived. The former railroad town now has 18 workout locations, compared with four in Houston proper.

I first heard about F3 through a few acquaintances in Texas, men who spoke about their local groups with the zeal of evangelists. It reminded me of how urban women would talk about SoulCycle in the early 2000s, only these guys were suburban fathers.

Its no-frills formula inspires fervent devotion. "F3 has changed my life," Mr. Ayala said. He first attended last year, when a friend repeatedly nudged him to try it — or in F3's baroque jargon, put him in an "emotional headlock." He was hooked immediately. About a year ago, he got an F3 tattoo on his chest.'

A Women’s College Goes Coed, and ‘Chaos Ensues’

Mastodon · 25 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Students at NDMU got the news that their school was going coed through a letter that arrived in their email inboxes without warning Tuesday afternoon. (This paragraph has been updated to clarify the way the students received the news.)

Malinowski, who was in the dining hall when the email came through, said that when students realized what it meant, “chaos ensued.”

“People were shouting, upset, crying,” she said. “It was just truly an astounding moment for the school to shred its history so quickly and without warning.”
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Dozens of alumnae voiced their opposition to the move in a meeting with NDMU president Marylou Yam held over Zoom Thursday night. On alumnae Facebook groups and other social media sites, many expressed anger mixed with nostalgic remembrances of what they described as the distinct, community-centered experience of attending a women’s college.'

Are we sleepwalking into a male mental health crisis?

Matt · 25 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Of course, it's not only young men who are being failed by society right now. In 2021, males aged between 50 and 54 were found to have the highest suicide rate in England and Wales. Kriss Hall, founder of a non-profit tackling mental health issues in hospitality called The Burnt Chef Project, also suggests that traditionally male-dominated industries foster stress and anxiety. "Within hospitality, and certainly within the male arena of this, you're under a lot of pressure and you've got to ensure you're not the weak link," he explains. "You don't want to be the one to sink the ship, especially when everyone has high levels of stress."

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Over the past decade, Hall's scheme has supported and trained thousands of individuals across hundreds of countries. As part of its recent Workplace Stress Guide, surveying 673 people working across the hospitality sector (almost a sixth of whom were men), 69.44 per cent of male workers claimed that unrealistic time pressures had impacted their wellbeing. Ultimately, says Hall, we'll only be able to create safe spaces for men to seek solace and open up if we focus on company-wide culture, and not solely a few bad eggs.'

Fresh accusations of violence against women divide France's left

Matt · 27 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Look at the so-called standards being applied here. A break-up that was difficult for the woman now is as bad as violence against her? Really, if these are the standards this poitical party adopts, no male pol in it is safe. Excerpt:

'Another head has rolled on the French left. Julien Bayou is no longer co-president of the green group in France's National Assembly or national secretary of the Green party, where he's been an important figure since 2013, after being accused of psychological abuse against his former partner.

The Green party — Europe Écologie les Verts (EELV) — is torn over the affair, which comes right after a rift formed within the broader left-wing alliance — led by far-left leader Jean-Luc Mélenchon's France Unbowed — over another controversy surrounding violence against women.
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In July, Le Figaro reported that Bayou's ex-girlfriend had filed a complaint to the Greens' internal team which deals with violence against women, after what he called a "painful and difficult breakup." His job only appeared to be on the line, however, after Sandrine Rousseau, a fellow Green and influential MP, re-upped the matter on France 5 last week.

Rousseau suggested Bayou had exhibited "behavior which could break women's psychological health" and said that Bayou's former partner had later attempted suicide. The party subsequently suspended Bayou from his role as co-president of the group, and he has now stepped down as secretary as well.'

UK's Royal Air Force admits skewed hiring in favour of women, ethnic minorities

Mastodon · 27 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'UK's Royal Air Force (RAF) has admitted that it made "mistakes" following allegations that it had prioritised the hiring of ethnic minorities and female candidates over white men in a bid to achieve "impossible" diversity targets.

The claims came to light last month after Sky News leaked an email from an officer of RAF's recruitment department, expressing concern over the skewed hiring process.

The unnamed officer reportedly told her superior officer that she was not willing to allocate slots on training courses based purely on a specific gender or ethnicity.

The officer later resigned after she refused to follow the recruitment process, saying that the fighting strength of the RAF would be weakened by meeting “impossible” diversity targets, reports Sky News.'

Russians Are Terrified and Have Nowhere to Turn

Matt · 27 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the days since Vladimir Putin announced a “partial mobilization,” clearing the way for hundreds of thousands of men to be conscripted into his failing war effort, we’ve fielded tens of thousands of messages like these. Some were plaintive; others were defiant. Some were simply defeated. Along with Russians desperately trying to board flights, crossing borders or attacking recruitment centers, they testified to the same desire: to avoid the draft.

The truth is, they probably can’t. While presented as a limited measure affecting only those who previously served in the army, in practice, the government has free rein to conscript as many people as it wants. The initial number of 300,000, for example, already seems an enormous undercount. In the face of a monstrous regime hellbent on war and widespread international isolation, Russians are caught in a disaster. And judging from the response so far, they are terrified.'

The Russian men fleeing mobilization, and leaving everything behind

Matt · 28 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The emerging scale of the exodus — more than 180,000 Russians have fled just to three neighboring countries, with the full tally likely much higher — has raised questions about the Kremlin's ability to sustain its war effort. As more Russians cross the border, escaping the restrictions imposed by Putin's government, they are providing a glimpse of alienation and unease spreading back home.

Many have fled to Kazakhstan, according to the country's Interior Ministry, which said nearly 100,000 Russians had entered the country since Putin announced the call-up on Sept. 21. At least 10,000 have crossed into Georgia each day — double the amount before the mobilization, according to authorities there.

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The government, he said, was enlisting men "en masse." Neighbors and friends had been called up. "I had no choice. I can't go to war and kill people in Ukraine. And if I stayed, there was no other option." He and his wife decided he should leave on the day Putin announced the mobilization.

"In one day, I quit my job, took the money from the bank, took my wife and the baby to my parents. My entire life is breaking apart," he said.'

UK: ‘Much bigger’ woman cleared of forcing man to have sex with her after telling jurors she’s ‘too lazy’ to get on top

Mastodon · 29 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Imogen Brooke, who weighed 24 stone at the time, allegedly pinned the man down after a date at her home in Southampton.

The 30-year-old was then accused of engaging in non-consensual sex with the man, who was left "staring at the wall" after the 15-minute ordeal.

Brooke sobbed and thanked jurors as she was today cleared of causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent.

The panel took one hour to find the student not guilty following a four-day trial.

Brooke today today told jurors she would not have been able to tug the man over onto his back in bed because "I'm not Superwoman".'

The Crisis of Men and Boys

Matt · 30 September 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If you've been paying attention to the social trends, you probably have some inkling that boys and men are struggling, in the U.S. and across the globe.

They are struggling in the classroom. American girls are 14 percentage points more likely to be "school ready" than boys at age 5, controlling for parental characteristics. By high school two-thirds of the students in the top 10 percent of the class, ranked by G.P.A., are girls, while roughly two-thirds of the students at the lowest decile are boys. In 2020, at the 16 top American law schools, not a single one of the flagship law reviews had a man as editor in chief.'

Why American boys are failing at school—and men are losing in life

Mastodon · 2 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In New York, boys are now lagging behind girls in math and a full grade level behind in English. Similar patterns can be seen across the nation. Boys graduate high school at about the same rate as poor students, while girls account for two out of three high schoolers in the top 10% ranked by GPA. One in four black boys repeat a grade, and 60% of students on college campuses are now women.

When almost one in four boys (23%) are categorized as having a “developmental disability,” it is fair to wonder if it is the boys — or the system — that is not functioning properly.

As many boys struggle through school, many men are also having a hard time in the labor market. The jobs men used to get without much formal education are disappearing: Fewer than one in ten jobs now require what the Bureau of Labor Statistics describes as “heavy work,” requiring “occasionally lifting or carrying 51-100 pounds or frequently lifting or carrying 26-50 pounds.”

Even before COVID cratered the economy in 2020, nine million men of prime working age were not employed. (Economists define the “prime” years as beginning at the age of 25 and ending, unnervingly, at 54.) Among men with just a high school education, one in three are not working. That’s 10 million men, a reserve army of labor five times the size of the People’s Liberation Army of China.'

Justice Department Announces $21.72 Million to Reduce Sexual and Domestic Violence on Campus, Support Children and Youth and Engage Men and Boys as Allies

Mastodon · 2 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Justice Department announced today nearly $22 million in upcoming grant awards to address and prevent sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on college campuses, provide services to youth victims and children exposed to such violence and engage men and boys as allies.

Specifically, the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) will award $10,688,200 through 36 grants to address and prevent domestic violence and sexual assault on college campuses through the Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking on Campus Program (Campus). In addition, the Consolidated Youth and Engaging Men Grant Program (CYEM) will award $11,031,653 through 25 grants to implement programming that encourages men and boys to be role models and change agents in their communities working toward the goal of eliminating sexual and domestic violence.

“Studies show that approximately one in five women surveyed have been victimized by sexual assault while in college,” said Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta. “We need to support college campuses with the resources to create a campus culture that is not tolerant of sexual assault or dating violence. These grants will help colleges and universities develop prevention policies, offer survivor-centered services, and train campus police to meet the needs of their students. These grants also provide critical intervention services to children and young adults, in addition to engaging them to be leaders in combatting violence.”'

Woman jailed after ten false rape claims against two men

Mastodon · 2 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A WOMAN who made ten false rape claims against two men including one who wore an ankle tag to prove his innocence has been jailed.

Cathy Richardson, 35, from Westcliff in Essex, made the allegations between January and May 2021 but has now been sentenced to more than five years in prison.

One of the men who faced the false accusations agreed to wear an ankle tag to prove to police he was nowhere near where an assault was said to have taken place.

Essex Police condemned Richardson's actions, saying the accusations had made a "huge impact" on the men's lives and had resulted in wasted police time and resources.

The force added her false allegations had also done a "great disservice" to real victims of sexual crimes.'

Male Poverty Increases according to U.S Census Bureau Report

Matt · 2 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Tuesday, September 13, the U.S. Census Bureau released its Poverty in the United States: 2021 report. The number of males who fell below the poverty line increased by 398,000 from 2020 to 2021 while the number of females declined by 13,000. Although the percentage of females living in poverty in the report was higher by 2.1%, (12.6% to 10.5%) there are other factors that impact our understanding of poverty thresholds and eligibility for programs.

Poverty thresholds, which is the purpose of the Census Bureau report, simply measure poverty and does not determine eligibility for certain federal programs. Guidelines for eligibility is more a function of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This difference may explain some of the reason males tend to have a harder time when it comes to eligibility, particularly when government and state agencies form councils on women in an important attempt to quantify the challenges facing them. The same agencies do not exist for boys and men, so their eligibility is often understated.'

UK: Lack of urgency in tackling male suicide, report claims

Matt · 2 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Government has shown “a lack of urgency” in its approach to tackling male suicide, according to a cross-party report.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Issues Affecting Men and Boys has concluded the current political and public policy approach to the biggest killer of men under 50 is “not working”.

The group has called for an overarching Men’s Health Strategy to be introduced, which includes a “clear” male suicide prevention strategy as a central foundation, to tackle the significant rate of suicide among men.

More than 4,700 men in England, Wales and Scotland took their own lives in 2021, and male suicide claims on average 13 lives a day in the UK.'

How a Change in Domestic Violence Law Is Impacting Hollywood Divorces

Mastodon · 4 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In September 2020, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed several bills intended to enhance protections for survivors of abuse. One of them, which was enacted in part because of an increase in isolation-related domestic violence amid the pandemic, allows a party to request a restraining order in response to not only things like assault, battery, destruction of property and harassment but also if someone is destroying “the mental or emotional calm of the other party.”

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Royce says she’s already seen it weaponized in custody battles. California generally favors a 50-50 split, but a domestic violence claim could help the alleged victim secure sole custody. One of Royce’s clients, a director, was threatened with a false claim, she says. “The #MeToo movement put him on a heightened alert,” says Royce. “He doesn’t want to fight it because it would be publicized. Even though it’s all false, he feels he has to succumb.”'

New book examines gender on legal response to domestic violence

Mastodon · 4 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Gender and Domestic Violence: Contemporary Legal Practice and Intervention Reforms", a new book edited and authored by Brenda Russell, professor of psychology at Penn State Berks, and John Hamel, licensed clinical social worker, practitioner, researcher, and editor-in-chief of the journal Partner Abuse, presents empirical research findings and reform recommendations for prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, policymakers, and intervention providers with the aim of rectifying shortcomings in legal and law enforcement responses to domestic violence.

Domestic violence, otherwise known more recently as intimate partner violence (IPV), is a significant social and public health problem in the United States and worldwide. Early research on domestic violence focused on female victimization, as this was essential to bring recognition to the plight of many women who were exploited and abused by men.

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According to Russell and Hamel, the causes and dynamics of domestic violence include an exaggerated focus on males as perpetrators and females as victims. Over time, this has resulted in a heavy-handed law enforcement response that compromises the rights of criminal defendants without necessarily reducing violence. The book confronts the notion that certain beliefs shared among victim advocates, legal actors, and other stakeholders have led to the use of ineffective and potentially harmful one-size-fits-all intervention policies that can jeopardize defendant due process and victim safety.

“There is a shared belief that DV or IPV is bound by gender and is primarily a crime against woman,” said Russell. “Unfortunately, this shared belief has deeply affected legal decision-making and practices.”'

Study links in utero ‘forever chemical’ exposure to low sperm count and mobility

Matt · 5 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new peer-reviewed Danish study finds that a mother’s exposure to toxic PFAS “forever chemicals” during early pregnancy can lead to lower sperm count and quality later in her child’s life.

PFAS – per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances – are known to disrupt hormones and fetal development, and future “reproductive capacity” is largely defined as testicles develop in utero during the first trimester of a pregnancy, said study co-author Sandra Søgaard Tøttenborg of the Copenhagen University hospital.

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PFAS are a class of about 12,000 chemicals typically used to make thousands of products resistant to water, stains and heat. They are called “forever chemicals” because they accumulate in humans and the environment and do not naturally break down. A growing body of evidence links them to serious health problems such as cancer, birth defects, liver disease, kidney disease and decreased immunity.

The study, published on Wednesday in Environmental Health Perspectives, examined semen characteristics and reproductive hormones in 864 young Danish men born to women who provided blood samples during their pregnancies’ first trimesters between 1996 and 2002.'

Climate change is a threat multiplier for women and girls: UN expert

Mastodon · 5 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Climate change and environmental degradation are escalating the risk and prevalence of violence against women and girls across the world, a UN expert warned.

“Climate change is the most consequential threat multiplier for women and girls, with far-reaching impacts on new and existing forms of gendered inequities,” said Reem Alsalem, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, in a report to the General Assembly on Tuesday.

“The cumulative and gendered consequences of climate change and environmental degradation breach all aspects of the rights of women and girls,” the expert said. “Climate change is not only an ecological crisis, but fundamentally a question of justice, prosperity and gender equality, and intrinsically linked to and influenced by structural inequality and discrimination.”'

Women Are Better at Leading Countries Than Men, Survey Respondents Say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women serve as elected heads of state or government in only 28 countries, according to the U.N. But a survey suggests the global public might happily welcome many more.

About 70% of queried respondents believe that countries led by women tend to be better managed, according to a U.S. News survey involving more than 17,000 people from 36 countries. Another 90% believe that women deserve equal rights.

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The question of whether or not countries led by women tend to be better managed was somewhat more divisive. Of the nearly 70% who said they agreed with this statement, 32% said they agreed “slightly” and only 15% said they agreed “strongly.” Seventy-six percent of women agreed that countries led by women are better managed, compared with 62% of men.'

Olivia Wilde And Jason Sudeikis's Break-Up Inspired Opposite Ideas About Gender Roles

Mastodon · 5 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Wilde called Jordan Peterson "a pseudo-intellectual" and "incel hero," who inspired the film's villain. Both these claims have rightly been discredited, but Wilde reveals a fundamental misunderstanding of Peterson's appeal by claiming he "legitimizes" incels. Peterson explicitly warns against resentment and complacency. Rather, his teaching to young men could be summarized in 4 words: Grow the hell up! Peterson appeals to young men because he presents a positive vision for masculine aspiration, a preferable alternative to Wilde's world, where men are either oppressors or betas. Harry Styles manages to — between his work on camera and on the press circuit — be both.

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Men can be oppressors as they are in her film. These 1950s-era men are sloppily categorized as complete villains to be opposed at all costs. And then, there are the real-life men of 2022 who she dates and directs, fops like Chris Pine and Harry Styles. These men are so emasculated that they are, at best, fun diversions and otherwise irrelevant. Wilde's advice to men seems to be: Shut the hell up. Judging from his interview, Styles is well-suited to such a calling.'

Jonathan Franzen: Critics Right To Suspect 'White Male Authors'

Mastodon · 6 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jonathan Franzen, a writer beloved by millions of readers, likes coming to Europe where he doesn't face "the baggage" his public persona carries back in the United States.

Novels such as "The Corrections" and "Freedom" have made him one of the foremost literary authors of his generation in the United States, and his most recent, "Crossroads", is seen by some critics as his greatest achievement yet.

But in his home country, his success has been blighted by a somewhat cranky public image that has seen him painted as the epitome of the privileged white man -- someone even set up the web address "ciswhitemale.com" to go straight to Franzen's Facebook page.

At 63, he is patient with his critics.

"America was created by white men. It's still run by white men to the advantage of white men," he told AFP. "If you're a white male writer, you're automatically under suspicion, you're part of the power structure.

"For younger people, especially in these highly political times, I'm wrong until proven right. Anything I do. And I understand that and I accept that. I'm not bitter about it, because I have had enormous privileges simply by being white and middle class in the US."'

Are Men Failing Society?

Mastodon · 7 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There's a lot of talk about how men are failing women in society. And of course, this idea is being voiced mostly by women. After the reversal of Roe v Wade, many women took to microphones and blogs to proclaim that men had failed to protect a woman's most basic right. Society has declared that men are not upholding their roles to protect or provide for women.

This is a general attitude fogging up the atmosphere about men that I think deserves some clearing. I think we must acknowledge that the reason men are not "there" for women is that women have said they don't need a man, don't want a man, and can do everything by themselves.

I often think feminism is at the center of this confusion and conflict between the sexes. Feminism insisted that women and men are not really all that different. That women are just as strong and independent as men. There are even some pockets of society that believe that a woman can become a man (and that a man can become a woman). In the last 3 decades, popular notions have circulated convincing women that men are the enemy: Men are predators. Men are rapists. Men are misogynists. Men are toxic. Men abandon their children. Blah blah blah.'

Clarifying the American Psychological Association's Guidelines for Boys and Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To address the ongoing controversy about American Psychological Association's Practice Guidelines for Boys and Men, we want to clarify what these guidelines are, and what they are not.

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Boys and men in the U. S. are not faring very well these days, according to a large number of indicators in educational and vocational attainment, health, mental health, and creating social problems such as gun violence. Psychological research strongly suggests that a big part of all of these problems is that young boys, in elementary school and even earlier, are made to feel that conforming to masculine norms is obligatory, and that they should feel ashamed of themselves if they violate these norms This gender role socialization process has been well-documented, and the long-lasting effects show up when adult men are asked to reveal their "top secret"—the thing they have never told anyone and never would. It turns out that many of these shameful secrets reflect their own violation of masculine norms when they were boys. The APA Practice Guidelines for Men and Boys provides guidance to psychologists to help them understand the gender role socialization of boys and its consequences and provides tools to help boys and men who want to overcome the lingering effects of their socialization to do so.'

"Men Without Work" review

Matt · 7 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Review here. From 2017 but still entirely relevant. Excerpt:

'Nicholas Eberstadt has become one of our highest-impact socioeconomic and demographic analysts, rivaling his American Enterprise Institute colleague Charles Murray. In Men without Work, he alerts us to a new “invisible national crisis.” This is the flight of some 10 million American men in their prime ages (between 25 and 54) from the work force, and indeed from all the commitments and responsibilities of civilized society. He documents an “immense army” of rootless “idlers,” tending toward obesity, popping pills (mainly prescription painkillers, but also, in alarming numbers, harder drugs), immersed in TV for an average of 21.7 hours a week and video games for 6.7 hours, and stickily keyboarding on an oily surf of terabytes of porn, all while their baby-boom elders retire, often on disability, and, as of this August, 337,000 manufacturing jobs go unfilled.
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Every mainstream TV channel and magazine from Fortune to Wired joins the fray in a siege of affirmative-action journalism, pretending that the leading young inventors and entrepreneurs in America and the world are mostly female and that even Silicon Valley is somehow defective in gender diversity. Wired says the new Steve Jobs is a twelve-year-old girl in Mexico. Ellen Pao becomes a luminous cover attraction with absurd claims of discrimination against women at Kleiner Perkins, long the world’s most successful venture-capital firm (twelve out of 50 Kleiner partners are women). The explicit purpose of all this agitprop is to overthrow the “privileges of the patriarchy,” to break the grip of the “nuclear family,” to unseat the presumption of male breadwinners, to relieve women of their responsibility to bear and raise children, to liberate wives from bondage in bad marriages, and to shatter “glass ceilings” galore in a world where childbearing is mostly a “choice” rather than necessary for survival.
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If you want a feminist culture that abolishes the “patriarchy” and denies all canonical male roles; that banishes carbon fuels, new chemicals, and the manufacturing they enable; that represses disruptive entrepreneurial behavior; and that enforces preferential representation of women throughout the commanding heights of the economy, you cannot at the same time have most men eagerly supporting the plan. Without most men on board, the nation will not be able to defend itself or produce new technology and enterprise. Without women bearing children and raising them in families, the nation will not be able to reproduce itself.

Eberstadt is thus pointing to a fatal flaw — a sexual suicide in an American polity where women outvote men and prefer socialism and stasis over progress and prosperity, where they choose dependency on government over collaboration with husbands and family. But this “choice” is so unnatural and ultimately self-defeating that it may well be reaching its morbid pinnacle today in a feminist bubble. Watch for an explosive reversal in coming years.'

Trainer Accused of Sexually Abusing High School Football Players, Targeting Low-Income Teens

Matt · 8 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. One to watch. Excerpt:

'The daughter of a California high school football coaching icon has been accused of sexually abusing several football players between 2002 and 2006, when she was the trainer for the team.

A recently-filed lawsuit obtained by PEOPLE alleges Tiffany Strauss-Gordon abused six varsity football players while she was the trainer at Colton High School.

Strauss-Gordon is the daughter of the late Harold Strauss, who, for years, served as the head coach for the school's Yellowjackets football team.

Strauss-Gordon, who has not been criminally charged, began working for the district around 2001. She was most recently the athletic director at Grand Terrace High School.

The Los Angeles Times reports that school officials in Grand Terrace confirmed Strauss-Gordon was on a leave of absence.

The lawsuit further alleges that Strauss, other players, their parents, and officials at Colton High School were all aware of the "special treatment" Strauss-Gordon is alleged to have extended to the team's star players, but looked the other way. PEOPLE reached out to the school and did not immediately receive a response.'

Opinion: Andrew Tate’s success reveals feminism’s failures

Mastodon · 9 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The answer is a simple one. Feminism launched Tate into eminence. Tate was a pendulum effect that resulted from extreme, modern feminism. As feminists kept villainizing “straight, white, Christian males,” men were faced with two options: either support the feminist narrative or go against it.

Modern feminists have stressed the idea that for women to step up, men would have to step down. They villainized the concept of masculinity, claiming that it was toxic, patriarchal, and harmful. Women and men were never meant to compete against each other, yet, modern feminism has forced people to believe that men are either feminists or bigots.

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Young men, who were desperate to break free from the shackles of constant pressure from feminists, turned to Tate as their messiah and wholeheartedly accepted anything he uttered. Tate spoke to the dissatisfaction that young men faced in a world centered around being “woke.”

Young boys were so tired of their identity being constantly berated by feminist extremism, that they gravitated to another extreme: extreme masculinity. Tate not only made men feel validated, but he empowered them by constantly insulting women.

Feminism’s habit of blaming men for all of society’s ills and attempting to feminize them has proven to be a primary reason for Tate’s success, as there has been a prominent lack of traditionally masculine role models. Thus, it comes as no surprise that adolescent boys gravitated toward the “uber-macho” Tate.'

The relations between the sexes are ending – the reason is not technology

Matt · 9 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For over two decades now the frequency of sex between men and women has been continuously dropping in young people. A study from 2020 that analyzed data collected between 2016 to 2018 has reported that 31% of guys in the age of 18 to 24, and 19% of girls of that age, did not have sex in the year preceding the study. While among guys this was a 63% increase in sexlessness from 19% in 2002 to 31% today, for girls the change was much smaller, from 15% to 19% today. That is, sexlessness is currently 63% higher in guys than in girls, while in 2002 it was 26% higher in guys; in the 1970s it was probably reversed and lower in guys than in girls, making the shift an extremely dramatic and radical one. During the period between 2002 and 2018, in men aged 25-34 there was a doubling in sexlessness from 7% to 14%, compared to a smaller rise in women from 7% to 12%, that again recapitulates the reversal of sexlessness between the sexes, from a flipping-point in 2002 when the rates where the same.

Another study, from 2017, which surveyed over 26,000 respondents in the US and assessed the change in sexlessness between 1989 and 2014, also demonstrated a decline in sex, and noted that it was the strongest in those born in the 90s.

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When a declared goal of feminism is to end the relations and feminism then vigorously performs actions meant explicitly to achieve that until society internalizes the actions and regards them as “moral imperatives”, then feminism is what causes the decline in the relations between men and women, by banning the language humans have to communicate about sex and love and by inciting women and girls against relations with men with misrepresentation of data. Attributing the looming end of the relations, that is of love, to “technology”, while the very same technology doubled relations in groups not regulated and targeted by feminists – gays and lesbians – should be added under the dictionary definition of “gas-lighting” as the archetypal practical example.'

Ohio men not registered for military draft pay hundreds of thousands extra for college

Mastodon · 11 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nick Lombardo got a $4,500 lesson on the military draft in his Kent State tuition bill.

The 2021 graduate of a private high school in Akron neglected to sign up for the Selective Service System, as all American men are expected to on their 18th birthdays. Though a draft hasn't been called up since the Vietnam War, failing to register with selective services is grounds for felony prison time, hefty fines, denial of employment (like a job with the United States Postal Service) and — on a state-by-state basis — extra tuition or all-out bans on enrolling in public colleges and universities.

As members of Congress debate whether to abolish or expand the program, Lombardo joined the college-aged men in Ohio charged hundreds of thousands of dollars, likely millions, in extra tuition since the 1980s.'

With The Anti-Woke Backlash Against Women Escalating, Efforts To Increase Diversity Must Accelerate

Mastodon · 12 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In today's workforce, only slightly more women than men are college educated; yet, significantly fewer (33%) hold senior management roles. If women overtaking men in education bodes well for gender equality, the current gender gap in leadership positions is a reminder of how much harder women must work to get the same opportunities afforded to men.

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Concurrently, the anti-woke capitalism movement has revealed its fangs. Under the banner of "protecting excellence," venture capitalists and businessmen have started organized actions to marginalize corporations that seek to create greater diversity. This not-too-closeted effort to ensure male primacy in boardrooms and other executive settings finds additional energy in the resurgence of the "bro" lingo and in sectors of corporate culture like tech and finance.

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Notably, women are more likely to perform unpaid, emotional work in their jobs. They mentor and support at a higher rate. But they also manage men's emotional wobbliness, including mood changes, Machiavellian social interactions, destructive leadership behaviors and inappropriate conduct. Paradoxically, while women must often do double duty and self-regulate for themselves and their male colleagues, they are branded with the emotionally unstable label.'

UK: 'Serial liar' accused of beating herself with hammer to frame men for rape

Mastodon · 12 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Prosecutors claim 21-year-old Eleanor Williams, from Barrow-in-Furness, is a "serial liar" who used false text messages and Snapchat conversations to bolster claims she had been trafficked and raped by multiple men.

Crown Prosecutor Jonathan Sandiford KC told the jury although Ms Williams was on one occasion discovered with multiple wounds on her body after going missing, the prosecution claims "the injuries had been self-inflicted with a hammer."

Ms Williams faces seven counts of perverting the course of justice. It is claimed she made false allegations of rape and violence against her between 2017 and 2020 to work colleagues, medical professionals, health workers and the police.

She is accused of faking evidence such as text messages on mobile phones and social media in which her alleged abusers and traffickers appeared to discuss or admit their supposed crimes, as well as messages in which she and other supposed victims appeared to discuss being trafficked or sexually exploited.'

The Elites Have Stopped Hiding Their Hatred of the Working Class

Mastodon · 14 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week, a shocking moment of truth broke through the huge effort elites normally put into hiding their disdain for the rest of us. At an event sponsored by the libertarian Cato Institute, President of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, Adam Posen—a man who appears to be paid $450,000 a year—made clear his absolute contempt for the working class.

"The fetish for manufacturing is part of the general fetish for keeping white males of low education outside the cities in the powerful positions they are in in the U.S.," Posen said. As proof, Posen argued that no one cared when recessions hurt Black Americans.

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Posen is not the only one to show how wokeness and elitism go hand in hand, enabling a member of the overeducated elite like Posen to arrive at the fantasy that white men without a college degree somehow have their hands on the levers of power such that anyone could be involved in "keeping" them there.

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It turns out that when the jobs leave and people lose their livelihoods, they tend to lose their sense of meaning. Despair sets in and down the rabbit hole of addiction many people go. Men without a college degree are leading the nation in deaths of despair, but elites like Posen only see "powerful positions"!'

Russia is grabbing men off the street to fight in Ukraine

Matt · 16 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Police and military officers swooped down on a Moscow business center this past week unannounced. They were looking for men to fight in Ukraine — and they seized nearly every one they saw. Some musicians, rehearsing. A courier there to deliver a parcel. A man from a Moscow service agency, very drunk, in his mid-50s, with a walking disability.

“I have no idea why they took him,” said Alexei, who, like dozens of others in the office complex, was rounded up and taken to the nearest military enlistment office, part of a harsh new phase in the Russian drive.

In cities and towns across Russia, men of fighting age are going into hiding to avoid the officials who are seizing them and sending them to fight in Ukraine.'

What Eventually Me Too Was and Is

Matt · 17 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From 2021 but still very relevant. Excerpt:

'For a particular faction in feminism, which was extremely small at the time, Me Too was from the very beginning a tool for implementing perceptions that re-define womanhood, manhood, sexuality – humanity – and not in a way that drives humanity toward a humanist vision. For them, Me Too was not primarily about providing support and encouraging law enforcement, but, a means of overt violence and intimidation for re-education, of all men and all women, as to what is a woman and what is a man, and what are the relations between them and their meaning – that is, what is human. Re-education for the purpose of creating a person who conforms with the beliefs of the group that I will refer to here as “the Gender Church”.

For years, this faction of feminism has cultivated views that were constantly drifting away from any founded thinking on humanity and human sexuality. Its origins date back to the 1960s and 1970s, and several decades ago the faction developed a belief that there are no two sexes in humanity (in the sense that men and women actually have sex-specific qualities that arise from their innate sex); that heterosexuality is an artificial fabrication and dictation by the male sex toward the female sex that needs to stop; that all violence in human society comes only from men; and that hence, all women are victims and masculinity must be rewritten or erased. Half a century ago, this group was a small and negligible minority, but the rest of feminism almost never came out against it. Perhaps feminism never objected to avoid internal controversy, or perhaps many were tempted by the feeling that the faction promoted, of freedom to be violent without accountability, because all violence will always be justified and moral since the responsibility will always be placed on men, as they are depicted in the faction’s beliefs as the only source of any human suffering. Many may have been lured by a sense of freedom to hate (as expressed in books such as “I hate men”), because any hatred will be presented as nothing but a rational response to pure evil (accordingly, a sense of supremacy will ensue). Since this faction was operating in the absence of any substantial internal or external critique, in the two-to-three decades preceding Me Too it underwent two changes: It became increasingly extremist, but at the same time also more and more dominant in the mainstream. Women adhering to concepts of this small core became influential thanks to constant advances to centers of power – in the media, in literature, academia, large feminist organizations, government offices – under the guise of classical feminism, whereas, ideologically and emotionally, the ideas they advocated for have nothing in common with humanist conceptions of human equality and of equal human rights and dignity to all, regardless of any classification.'

Stephanie Holden Smith: American feminism is a falsehood

Mastodon · 19 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'American feminism is dead. May she rest in peace.

Though little was said about it due to the pandemic, the year 2020 was the 100-year mark for American women's suffrage. In a subsequent Pew Research Survey, women were asked about the impact of feminism on their lives; 41% of women said it helped them at least a little; one in 10 said feminism helped them a lot; 7% said feminism hurt them, while half said it has neither helped nor hurt them personally.

The 1970s brand of forceful feminism was a misguided movement toward unmoored sexual freedom that has now fully devolved into little more than an astroturf abortion lobbying mafia. American feminists have decided that unabated abortion rights are the only issue that matters to women that matter (liberals), and, therefore, have relegated themselves to harping in their echo chamber on the View and wearing red capes in court protests while covering for Hollywood and political elites in the false #metoo movement. American feminism is dead because it ignored the fact that most women aren't anti-male militants who want abortion on demand until birth (or after). American feminism is dead because it allowed itself to be used by political power brokers instead of standing on principle or even asking women themselves what they thought or needed. Any redeeming value the movement had left was lost when it was purchased at auction by the highest bidder, who just happened to be in the extremely lucrative business of helping sex traffickers, aiding domestic abusers and promoting sex-selective abortion until birth: Planned Parenthood.'

Where Have All the Men in Moscow Gone?

Matt · 19 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many men have been staying off the streets out of fear of being handed a draft notice. As Olya came to work last Friday, she said, she witnessed the authorities at each of the four exits of the metro station, checking documents.

Her boyfriend, who was a barber at the salon, has also fled, and the separation is taking a toll.

“Every day is hard,” acknowledged Olya, who like other women interviewed did not want her last name used, fearing retribution. “It is hard for me to know what to do. We always planned as a couple.”

She is hardly alone. While there are still plenty of men in a city of 12 million people, across the capital their presence has thinned out noticeably — in restaurants, in the hipster community and at social gatherings like dinners and parties. This is especially true among the city’s intelligentsia, who often have disposable income and passports for foreign travel.'

Andrew Tate and the West’s lost boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Tate himself says: “I am simply saying things that many men think, believe and feel.” I’m not sure that this is true. It’s unlikely that most his viewers are so passionately anti-feminist. But simply dismissing Tate as a misogynist or an opportunist is not good enough, even though he is both. His appeal should instead be seen as a leading indicator of some of the genuine disorientation being felt by millions of boys and men.

This male malaise is real. The symptoms can be seen in school, in the workplace and in family life. Boys have fallen far behind girls in the classroom and on college campuses. Male wages have yet to recover from the Great Recession, and men in their twenties now earn slightly less, on average, than women of the same age. In two out of five couples, the woman earns as much or more than the man. A million children are growing up without any relationship with their father. The resulting “Dad Deprivation”, as Warren Farrell, author of The Boy Crisis, puts it, has clear negative effects on education, crime, health, and employment for children — especially boys.'

The Democrats Are Losing Black Men. The Moynihan Report Explains Why

Mastodon · 20 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But while this began as a solution to certain problems within these communities, it has had the unintended effect of exacerbating them. The Democratic Party's subversion of male responsibility and authority within the home has made it increasingly antagonistic toward men and the traditional family structure. President Obama was routinely criticized by his liberal Black base whenever he promoted marriage and fatherhood in speeches to Black audiences. And since then, those progressive critics have become the official voice of the party: The 2020 Democratic party platform did not contain a single reference to the importance of marriage and the nuclear family.

The Left's detachment of parenting from marriage is not confined to elected officials. Most people associate Black Lives Matter with criminal justice reform, yet none of its 13 founding principles mention police brutality. The co-founders were clear, however, about their desire to "disrupt" the nuclear family.

The media has joined hands with activists and the Democratic Party in this regard, too. Several years ago, an MSNBC roundtable discussion featured three Black professors who dismissed people advocating marriage and responsible fatherhood as believers in the "magical Black father myth," while Hall of Fame NFL coach Tony Dungy was harshly criticized for appearing with Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis in April to promote a responsible fatherhood initiative.'

Girls routinely get better grades than boys in class - and researchers think they know why

Mastodon · 20 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This bias against boys could mean the difference between a pass and a fail, and could have wider consequences in areas such as college admission, job choice and earnings, the researchers warn.

"There is a strong correlation between having higher grades and desirable educational outcomes, such as gaining admission to good colleges or having a lower probability of dropping out of school," said Ilaria Lievore.
...
In line with previous studies, the girls performed better than the boys in the standardised tests of language, while the boys were ahead at maths.

But the teachers put the girls ahead in both subjects. The girls' average grade in language was 6.6 out of 10, while the boys got 6.2. In maths, the average for the girls was 6.3, while the boys averaged 5.9 - below the pass mark of 6.

The analysis also showed that when a boy and a girl were similarly competent at a subject, the girl would typically receive a higher grade.'

Why America Needs More Men Working in Health Care and Education

Mastodon · 20 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"I didn't know that men could be doctors," my son said to me when he was about six. We were driving home from a visit to the pediatrician. I was perplexed. But then I realized that the doctor we'd just seen was the first male physician he'd encountered.

I reassured him that men could indeed be doctors. But I was careful to add, "and nurses, of course." His observation was a powerful reminder of the feminist mantra: "you have to see it to be it." If any particular activity, including a job, is seen as being for people of the opposite sex, it is unlikely to feature in your own aspirations.

My son's elementary school had an all-female staff, so it took a while to convince him that men could be teachers, too. Role models matter. As Gloria Steinem said in 1995, "The way we get divided into our false notions of masculine and feminine is what we see as children."
...
There are three pressing reasons to get more men into HEAL. First, given the decline in traditional male occupations, men need to look to these sectors for jobs. Blue collar jobs are disappearing. There will be more STEM jobs, too—but these are much smaller occupations. STEM accounts for only about 7% of all jobs, compared to 23% in HEAL. For every STEM job created between now and 2030, there will be three new jobs in HEAL. The labor market is feminizing faster than men.'

Cheating wife made false rape claim against husband and told him: 'I want to destroy you'

Mastodon · 20 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A cheating wife made false rape claims against her husband and bombarded him with abusive messages after she vowed to “destroy” him has been spared jail.

Former town councillor Sharon Taylor’s 21-year marriage to husband David broke down after she admitted having an affair.

Mr Taylor moved out of their semi-detached home in Malvern, Worcestershire, last year but his wife sent “non-stop” abusive messages to her estranged husband that demanded he continue carrying out household chores, as she refused to accept the marriage was over.

The mother-of-two said in one message: ”I want to destroy you.”

Between March and April this year she sent him 216 messages including one branding him a “robotic Nazi”.'

Spanish drivers to be fined for shouting sexist insults

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Spain has taken a series of measures to stamp out abuse of women recently and now one city is going further by punishing those who are caught insulting female drivers.

The local government of San Fernando, in the southern region of Andalucía, has approved a new municipal regulation imposing fines of up to €100 on those caught making sexist comments aimed at drivers.

The text of the new rule states that “the act of insulting other drivers, especially because of their sexual condition, can be deemed a traffic violation” and it states that people using public spaces “should respect norms of co-existence, with particular consideration when it comes to avoiding behaviour that denigrates drivers because of their sex”.'

Andrew Reiner: How to help male students stay and succeed in college

Mastodon · 21 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The dearth of American males attending college has generated a lot of discussion. But little has been said about another crisis among young males — their struggles to remain buoyant, let alone succeed, once they're in college.

I've witnessed this firsthand. As happened last semester and semesters before that, many of my male college students, especially Black males, are falling through the cracks. Male students are showing up to in-person — and even Zoom — class meetings less frequently, and they're struggling to complete assignments.
...
An uncomfortable truth is that some colleges and universities are not as male-friendly as they would like to believe. Anecdotal evidence abounds of male students feeling disconnected from college classrooms and cultures. Recently, I gave a talk at a two-year college about how males' academic and mental health struggles, as well as the alienation they feel, are impacting their academic performance. I was met with this: "Men have had the spotlight for far too long," one self-described gender studies professor boomed to round applause. "Why are we putting it on them yet again?"'

West Hollywood’s Community Safety and Well-Being Strategy Excludes straight white men under 55 years old

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The only class of people who are not allowed to be in the focus group are straight white men under the age of 55.

From the City of West Hollywood website:
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To facilitate engagement and amplify the voices of these groups in West Hollywood, the project team will be hosting 7 focus group sessions in-person and virtually in late October – early November 2022 for the following community groups:

- Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC)
- LGBTQ+ community members
- People with special needs and/or disabilities
- Russian-speaking community members
- Seniors (Ages 55+)
- Transgender, Non-binary, and Gender Non-Conforming community members
- Women

...
The only group excluded from the community safety and well being study is straight white men. West Hollywood Prides itself on being ‘inclusive’, but its policies exclude white men under the age of 55 in its community safety and well being strategy."'

Arizona Governor Candidate Kari Lake: 'There's No Such Thing as Toxic Masculinity'

Mastodon · 21 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Kari Lake, a former local news anchor and current Republican nominee for governor in Arizona, insisted that “there’s no such thing as toxic masculinity” and that the term is a “bunch of BS” at an event called Black Voices for Kari Lake on Monday, The New Republic reported. At the event, hosted by former NFL player Jack Brewer and where“Power” by Kanye West reportedly played as Lake walked on stage, the candidate also made a number of racist dog whistles about Black families, absent fathers, and the necessity of “strong fathers” for “strong women.” (The comments notably echoed those of Georgia Republican Senate candidate Herschel Walker, who as we all know isn’t exactly Father of the Year.)

It’s pretty funny to hear a Republican candidate in a state grappling with a near-total abortion ban deny the existence of toxic masculinity, while her party embraces candidates like Herschel Walker, who once held a gun to his wife’s head, and campaigns with incel king Jordan Peterson and platforms Andrew Tate. Just look around, ma’am!'

Chief just opened a private club for female execs in SF

Mastodon · 21 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Chief finally has a clubhouse in San Francisco, but don't call it a coworking space. The 8,600 square feet do include conference rooms, one-person Zoom rooms, and open-plan seating, but it also has a bar, lounge seating, and — like Chief's other clubhouses in New York, L.A., and Chicago — a piano.

"To me, what the piano represents is 'this is not a coworking space,'" Chief co-founder Lindsay Kaplan told me on a tour of the clubhouse in advance of its official opening Thursday. "This is a place where you can sit back and take meetings in a very laid-back manner."

Unlike the Wing, the women-focused coworking space and club that shut down this summer after a six-year run, Kaplan and co-founder and CEO Carolyn Childers are still much more interested in building and supporting Chief's network than boosting its physical amenities.'

Fans slam Laurence Fox for using his sons as 'weapons' after he accused his ex-wife Billie Piper of doing the exact same thing in raging Twitter attack

Matt · 21 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Stay quiet, get clobbered. Speak up, and get clobbered. For men in such positions, it's no-win. Excerpt:

'Fans have slammed Laurence Fox for using his children as 'weapons' by sharing a raging Twitter post where he accused his ex-wife Billie Piper of doing the same thing.

The actor, 44, took to Twitter on Thursday evening to share a fuming post, where he claimed his ex-wife Billie, 40, has used his two sons as 'weapons' against him.

But Twitter users were quick to hit back at Laurence and angrily accused him of being a 'complete hypocrite' as they claimed he was doing exactly what he accused Billie of.
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But Twitter users were quick to hit back at his allegations and accused him of using his children as 'weapons' - which he accused Billie of - by sharing the ranting post.
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Billie's representatives declined to comment when contacted by MailOnline.

Laurence and Billie divorced in 2016 after nine years of marriage on the grounds of Laurence's 'unreasonable behaviour'.

At the time of their split, they stated their intention to 'co-parent their children with the utmost mutual respect for each other'.'

British OnlyFans model Abigail White found guilty in stabbing death of ex after breakup

Matt · 22 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Exceptional. In most cases, she walks away either found not guilty or gets a suspended sentence. Excerpt:

'British OnlyFans model Abigail White, who went by Mitzee Lewis online and styled herself as "Fake Barbie," was sentenced to life in prison Friday for fatally stabbing her ex-boyfriend in late March.

The Bristol Crown Court found the 23-year-old woman guilty of stabbing her ex-boyfriend, Bradley Lewis, 22, in the heart at their South Gloucestershire home hours after he broke up with her.

White, who reportedly made $54,000 a year on OnlyFans, called an ambulance minutes after the stabbing on March 25, but lied and told authorities Lewis stabbed himself.

"I did not stab Bradley," White told police after she was arrested on suspicion of murder, the New York Post reported.'

The Boys Feminism Left Behind

Mastodon · 22 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If feminists paid more attention to the education of boys, they could help stop the trend to pathologize typically boy behavior. This means opposing the application of the label “toxic masculinity” for any behavior that the user disapproves of. It also means recognizing that there are some differences between males and females that are not just socially determined, but biologically based.

Schools are increasingly structured in ways that frustrate boys. We expect young children to sit still and be quiet—which is harder on boys. We cut back on physical activity and push academics to ever earlier grades, meaning that slower maturing boys start failing in school early. We have eliminated much of the hands-on learning opportunities, such as shop, that used to be standard.

Given the rate boys are diagnosed with various behavioral disorders, it’s fair to wonder if it’s the educational institutions, rather than the boys, that are not functioning properly. Feminism has succeeded without destroying the idea that there are inherent female traits. The same courtesy should be extended to males.'

No man's land

Mastodon · 22 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When a gender gap disfavors women, we hear about it. But in his new book, Richard Reeves shows that today, a lot of gender gaps disfavor men. A scholar from the Brookings Institution, Reeves has written a book about how one of the two human sexes is struggling and needs special attention from the government. It's called Of Boys and Men — and it's impossible to pigeonhole ideologically.

The tome is too pro-male to fit in with today's Left, too friendly with "social justice" concepts to belong on the Right, too big-government to be libertarian, and too interesting and unpredictable to qualify as centrist. Reeves's goal seems to be to force everyone to confront their blind spots while grabbing attention with a "made for cable news interviews" proposal:

Boys, Reeves says, should be "redshirted" in school by default. That is, unless their parents opted out, boys would get an extra "dose" of pre-K while girls of the same age were in kindergarten and then start kindergarten alongside girls one year younger than them.'

He's known as Chile's greatest poet, but feminists say Pablo Neruda is canceled

Mastodon · 22 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. "Posthumous feminist cancellation". Excerpt:

'There's a steady stream of fans visiting the museum that once was the home of Pablo Neruda, widely considered Chile's greatest poet. It's located on massive black cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It's also the spot where Neruda is buried.

The poet died 49 years ago, yet his reputation remains a work in progress.

Neruda has always been a polarizing figure in Chile, mainly for his left-wing politics. But now he is being called out by Chile's growing feminist movement as a male chauvinist and sexual predator.

"He's been canceled," says Lieta Vivaldi, a human rights activist and member of Chile's Feminist Lawyers Association.'

Women-are-wonderful effect

Matt · 23 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Referenced from another article, I thought I'd just mention it here on MANN. Excerpt:

'The women-are-wonderful effect is the phenomenon found in psychological and sociological research which suggests that people associate more positive attributes with women compared to men. This bias reflects an emotional bias toward women as a general case. The phrase was coined by Alice Eagly and Antonio Mladinic in 1994 after finding that both male and female participants tend to assign positive traits to women, with female participants showing a far more pronounced bias. Positive traits were assigned to men by participants of both genders, but to a far lesser degree.

The authors supposed that the positive general evaluation of women might derive from the association between women and nurturing characteristics. This bias has been cited as an example of benevolent sexism.
...
This research found that while both women and men have more favorable views of women, women's in-group biases were 4.5 times stronger than those of men. And only women (not men) showed cognitive balance among in-group bias, identity, and self-esteem, revealing that men lack a mechanism that bolsters automatic preference for their own gender.

Other experiments in this study found people showed automatic preference for their mothers over their fathers, or associated the male gender with violence or aggression. Rudman and Goodwin's suggested that maternal bonding and male intimidation influences gender attitudes.'

"Tom Brady And The Selfishness Of Conventional Masculinity"

Mastodon · 24 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Lesson: Commit to career and family, and you'll get screwed in the end. Remember this. Excerpt:

'Brady embodies a trope as old as the patriarchy: the honorable provider who clocks in even when he doesn't feel like it, gives his fullest effort every second, and rises up the ranks of his industry, securing his family's financial well-being. He bears this burden for his loved ones, he will tell you, and he appreciates their unyielding support because after a long day of providing, a man needs a warm embrace to come home to. Winning the Super Bowl "meant a lot for my family," Brady says in Tom vs. Time, "knowing what all my family put into it." He is, in his telling, a martyr for a righteous cause. As long as he thrives at work, pays the bills, and refrains from any abusive behavior, he fulfills the obligations of being A Good Man.'

Blame Qatar's Illiberal Migrant Labor Laws for Its Mounting World Cup Death Toll

Matt · 25 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. These men are modern-day slaves. Excerpt:

'Since FIFA awarded Qatar the hosting rights in December 2010, more than 6,500 migrant workers are known to have died in Qatar, according to a February 2021 Guardian report. That combined number came from the governments of Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The true total may be much higher, since large numbers of Kenyans and Filipinos also are working in Qatar.

Most of these workers died while building the vast infrastructure the country needed to host the roughly 1.5 million foreign fans who are expected to attend the World Cup in November and December. In 2015, when the migrant worker death toll was at least 1,200, the BBC reported that workers were building "subways, hotels, and even an entire city…not to mention an airport, numerous roads, a new sewerage system in central Doha and 20 skyscrapers."
...
While workers should be free to take on dangerous jobs, it is difficult for Qatar's migrant workers to leave if they find conditions unbearable due to strict laws around labor mobility. Many pay hundreds or thousands of dollars in fees to recruitment agents just to get their jobs and never manage to pay off their debts after years of work.

Mohammad Shahid Miah, for example, paid more than $4,000 in recruitment fees to land a construction job in Qatar in 2017. In September 2020, he died of electrocution when rainwater came into contact with exposed wires in his worker housing. According to The Guardian, "the debt has now been passed on to his distraught and impoverished parents" in Bangladesh.

Qatar instituted some labor reforms in 2018 regarding permission to leave the country or switch jobs. But according to Human Rights Watch, "employers still wield tremendous control over migrant workers' lives…leaving workers debt-burdened and in constant fear of retaliation." It wasn't until January 2020 that the government allowed most migrant workers to leave without permission from their employers.'

Australia: New funding to promote healthy masculinity among young men

Mastodon · 28 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Youth Minister Dave Kelly today announced $90,000 funding over three years for a peer-to-peer program to be rolled out in Western Australian classrooms coaching high school boys how to embrace healthy masculinity and positive attitudes towards women.

The MAN UP program aims to change the attitude, approach, behaviours and language around modern masculinity, enabling young men to embrace positive ideas over toxic ones at an earlier age.

...

Education workshops will be run for boys in years 7 to 12 and will focus on mental health and well-being with an emphasis on transforming boys into confident, purpose-driven, emotionally capable men.

"Mental health issues in men can stem from a toxic concept of masculinity that requires men to 'man up' or 'toughen up', to keep their emotions and vulnerability tightly controlled and hidden at all times.'

Spain: To prison for laughing on Twitter at the fatal victims of sexist violence

Matt · 28 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Translated article here. While what the accused said was not desirable talk, plenty worse is said about men daily by feminists and out and out man-haters. Yet nothing happens to them. If misogyny is a crime in Spain and other places, why also is not misandry? This aside from free speech issues. Excerpt:

'A Twitter user will enter prison for laughing at the fatal victims of gender violence . The Supreme Court has decided to increase his sentence for a crime of incitement to hatred up to two and a half years in prison, which implies his compulsory entry into prison even if he has no criminal record.

According to the sentence, the accused Berenguer Jordi Moya wrote these messages on his Twitter account, under the nickname "Beren", between 2015 and 2016: "53 murdered by sexist gender violence so far this year, few seem to me with the whores that are loose", he said for example in one. "Let's see if we double that figure in 2016, thank you," he said in another, commenting on the number of women killed in crimes of sexist violence.

For these messages, and others, for example, laughing at the murdered young Sevillian Marta del Castillo in 2009 and also speaking of terrorism, the Prosecutor's Office requested four years in prison and the National Court imposed a total of two, which did not imply his mandatory entry. in a penitentiary center: now it has been the Supreme Court that has decided to uphold an appeal from the Public Ministry and increase his sentence to two and a half years, which will take him to jail.'

Men Need Restoration, Not Leftist Ridicule, To Fix Our Modern Masculinity Crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Although liberals seem to view masculine suffering as more of a joke, if not justified, retribution for having to live under “the patriarchy,” America is witnessing unprecedented problems for its men. As Hawley said in a speech last year, “American men are working less, they are getting married in fewer numbers, they’re fathering fewer children, they’re suffering more anxiety and depression, they’re engaging in more substance abuse.” The percentage of men pursuing degrees in higher education is precipitously declining. According to a study released by the Brookings Institution earlier this year, only 41 percent of students currently enrolled in college are men. That decrease, which has been going on for years, seems likely to continue. The percentage of men graduating from college is also declining.

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The left’s response to the masculinity crisis is one of contempt and derision. If men are suffering, it’s their own fault. “Aren’t men still disproportionately represented in C-Suites?” they rhetorically ask, forgetting that the vast majority of American men are not executives at million-dollar firms. Because our technocratic elites are insulated by their own wealthy, credentialed circles, they are ignorant and callous towards the dilemmas of millions of men, as evidenced by their sneering attacks on male defenders like Jordan Peterson.

The Washington Post’s print edition recently featured an extended story about a single mother raising her son in Wyoming’s “cowboy country” that had been featured on their website last month. It is, admittedly, a very sad tale of betrayal, domestic abuse, sexual exploitation, and social exclusion. “Men just take and take and take and take. That’s what they are taught,” the jaded woman tells the WaPo reporter.

This is where the left feels most comfortable: identifying and foregrounding stories that blame men for what ails society. There is, of course, truth here: There are plenty of losers and dirtbags out there who mistreat and exploit women. Feminist-influenced liberal elites have decided that men mistreat women because of their biology and traditional societal norms embolden this behavior. Men don’t need to reclaim chivalry and honor; they simply need to be more like women (though, ironically, these ideologues also claim women need to be more like men).'

Chelsea Clinton Calls For Tucker Carlson & ‘White Men’ To Be Held Accountable For Antisemitism After Kanye

Mastodon · 29 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Chelsea Clinton called for even more accountability for “white men” sharing antisemitic remarks after Kanye West was dropped from a number of partnerships during an interview on The View on Friday, October 28. The former first daughter specifically accused right-wing commentator Tucker Carlson of spreading antisemitism, when asked about her reaction to the rapper’s recent comments.

Even though Chelsea said that it was good to see Kanye face consequences, she accused the Fox News personality of sharing antisemitism. “While I can be grateful that there is accountability for the dangerous antisemitic rhetoric that Kanye has trafficked in and amplified, Tucker Carlson and a lot of white men are also trafficking in a lot of really dangerous antisemitism, and they need to be held accountable too,” she said.

The Anti-Defamation League has accused Tucker of antisemitism through their “Stop Hate For Profit” campaign. The ADL called on tech companies to deplatform the commentator and other extremists for sharing the antisemitic “Great Replacement Theory” in a May report. “The Stop Hate for Profit coalition calls on technology companies to deplatform Tucker Carlson and other repeat perpetrators spreading the ‘Great Replacement’ theory because of their significant role mainstreaming ideologies that normalize hate, foment fear and buoy extremists,” they wrote.'

No Boys Allowed? New CyberStart Canada Program Will Cater Only to Girls and Non-Binary Students

Mastodon · 30 October 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The program, which is funded by Canadian taxpayers via Public Safety Canada's Cyber Security Cooperation Program, will initially provide services and education to 700 girls and non-binary students from Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia in 2022-23 in what is being described as a “gamified environment,” and then throughout Canada the following year.

According to the eligibility requirements listed on the program’s website, “Priority in 2022 will be given to students in Ontario, Alberta or British Columbia who self-identify as girls or non-binary. Students must be over the age of 13 to participate.”

"In addition to sparking interest in cybersecurity as a career, CyberStart Canada will focus on educating young women and girls on topics such as cyber respect and kindness, safe communication, and digital citizenship," according to Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety. "CyberStart Canada will also be a key resource for teachers and educators, allowing them to bring cybersecurity into and outside of their classrooms, without needing any prior knowledge of cybersecurity or computer science."'

Why 60 years of feminism has not made women any happier

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'So how's that working out now? The American Family Survey recently asked: "All things considered, has feminism benefited American families?"

Only a little more than half (58.6%) of respondents said yes. What's interesting, though, is the people who said yes also tend to be among the least happy and fulfilled. In survey after survey, it turns out that people who espouse a secular worldview, people who identify as liberals, and people who never attend religious services report the lowest levels of personal satisfaction, but they also report the highest levels of support for feminist ideals. Indeed, as feminism's influence has grown over the past half century, women have become less happy.
...
In 1963, Betty Friedan was writing about "the problem that had no name." But women's problems in the 21st century can absolutely be named. More often, they are trying to raise children on their own, which can be exhausting even with financial resources. They are sexually liberated, but that often means they are going from one relationship to another without any sense of financial security or emotional stability. And while many are no doubt fulfilled in their careers, a lot of them actually enjoy raising children, but they can't spend the bulk of their time doing this, thanks to financial exigencies and society's expectations.'

Men are embracing ‘positive masculinity’ and say it’s working – despite the backlash

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This month, Australian men have been asked to embrace “healthy masculinity” in the National Plan to End Violence Against Women, and to move into female-dominated industries (in a report by Bankwest Curtin Economic Centre and the Workplace Gender Equality Agency) to help close the gender pay gap.

Men have learned they may be “forced” to use or lose parental leave in a bid to get them to do a bigger share of domestic work, boosting women’s economic participation.'

Australia: ‘Untapped resource’: PM says equality for women will be centre of budget

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'Prime Minister Anthony Albanese says equality for women will be “at the centre” of the October 25 budget, announcing an eight-week increase to the Commonwealth’s parental leave scheme to deliver parents a total of six months’ paid leave.

Albanese called on more companies to increase their paid parental leave schemes, saying the Commonwealth’s scheme was a “baseline” and the private sector should still do more.

“Equality for women is at the heart of our vision for a fair go at work,” Albanese said in his speech to Labor members.

“And equality for women will be at the centre of our first budget in a fortnight’s time.

“The full and equal and respectful participation of women in our economy is our nation’s greatest untapped resource.”'

Calling all men: this is what we can do to help women feel safe exercising in the dark

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So this is my call to arms: Sport England's This Girl Can campaign has set out some steps for men, to guide them on how to make women feel safer when they are getting active outdoors this autumn and winter. First, keep your distance: the closer you are, the more threatening you seem. If you're walking or running behind a woman, pause to give her some space, or cross the road so you aren't behind her any more. Understand that women's wariness and suspicion is not personal, so don't be offended. Women have no way of knowing you are not a threat.

Never make comments, even if you think it's a compliment. It's intimidating to a woman on her own. Stay quiet. If you see friends or family members making disrespectful comments to a woman, challenge them and explain why it's not OK. We need to break the cycle of misogyny that contributes to women feeling unsafe. Show younger men what it looks like to listen to women. Talk to them about what harassment is. Help them understand why a comment they think may be harmless can terrorise women. If you notice a woman being harassed, show your support – it can be as simple as standing between a woman and the harasser.'

UK: Woman cleared of forcing man into sex after saying she's too 'lazy' to get on top

Matt · 4 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Imogen Brooke, 31, was said to have yanked her alleged victim onto his back and straddled him when they got into bed at her flat in Southampton.

The port city's crown court heard she weighed 24 stone at the time and was 'quite a lot bigger and stronger than him and he couldn't move her'.

She was also accused of giving the man a love bite that 'looked like he had been strangled', telling him during the alleged attack: 'You may be saying no but your dick is saying yes.'

But Brooke was found not guilty of causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent after insisting the pair had just kissed before her date fell asleep.'

Netflix's 'Killer Sally' details why Sally McNeil shot her bodybuilding champ husband

Matt · 4 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Looks to me like an unvarnished effort to give her a pass all because she's a she. Excerpt:

'On Valentine's Day 1995, bodybuilder and former Marine Sally McNeil shot her husband Ray McNeil to death - and 27 years later, she is telling her story.

The mother of two is the subject of Netflix's three-part docuseries "Killer Sally," which examines the salacious crime that gripped both the bodybuilding community and the nation. It features new interviews with McNeil and her children, those who knew the couple, as well as investigators associated with the case.

Director and Oscar nominee Nanette Burstein told Fox News Digital that McNeil's story "is just as relevant today as it was in the '90s."'

California professor erupts on 'Christian,' 'White men' on PBS: They will cause a 'civil war'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Author and University of California San Diego Professor Barbara F. Walter warned that "Christian," "White men" are primed to start a civil war in America.

Walter, the author of a book titled, "How Civil Wars Start," made her claims on PBS's "Amanpour and Company" Tuesday evening.

She cited observations of over 200 civil wars to decode that these "Christian" White males are the powder keg from which conflict will explode, because they were once "dominant and are in decline."
...
Getting to her point about White Christian men, the professor declared, "We've seen a significant rise in violent extremism since 2008. Some of it's been on the left, but the vast majority of it has been on the far-right. And it's been perpetrated almost exclusively by White men."'

Boys at the Crossroads: navigating masculinity, anger and incel culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys at the Crossroads: Insights and Innovations in Young Masculinities, a multidisciplinary conference event, was held by Bristol Young Men's Network, alongside University of Bristol researchers and several other organisations, to discuss the impacts of masculinity, violence and mental health on boys and young men. Encouraging critical and practical responses to young men's experiences, the event focused on approaches to tackling male violence and toxic masculine norms that impact people of all cultures, ages and genders.

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The conversation centred on the dichotomy between masculinity and mental health faced by many young men during their formative years: on one hand, anger is presented as the only legitimate 'manly' expression of emotion, permitting a much-needed release without seeming weak or vulnerable. Yet the issue that anger exists within a culture of shame, also problematised and penalised, was voiced throughout the event. Let's Get Angry! Highlighted that this conflict can lead to a cyclical repression of emotions until eventually, Pandora's box bursts open.'

Men are struggling. A new book explores why and what to do about it

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Friday's jobs numbers from the Labor Department showed a continuing worrisome trend among men: A smaller and smaller share of them are working.

Consider men of so-called prime-working age, 25 to 54.

Sixty years ago, close to 97% of men in that group were working or looking for work. Since then, there's been a steady decline. In October, the number was 88.5%, a slight dip from the previous two months.

In a new book, Brookings Institution scholar Richard V. Reeves sounds the alarm about the struggles of men, both in the economy and in society, pleading with policymakers and society at large to pay attention to what's going on and intervene.'

Bigotry Is On The Rise On College Campuses

Matt · 5 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many would agree that sexism and racism remain serious and, in some cases a growing concern. However, those being discriminated against are not the ones that feminists and other alleged advocates for equal rights have traditionally focused their attentions and efforts on. Instead, the group being victimized is straight white men.

There is plenty of evidence to suggest that males are being mistreated—and yet, for some strange reason, many seem to find this totally acceptable. Ironically, one such example includes a ban on straight white men at the United Kingdom's equality conference of the University and College Union, reported by the Daily Mail in June 2016. But this was not an isolated event. Reports suggest that such developments are commonplace, for instance, on college campuses in the U.K., U.S. and elsewhere.

Simply put, white heterosexual men are blameworthy and deserve to be excluded.'

Amazon commits $53 million to fast-track innovations by female climate tech entrepreneurs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amazon and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) are launching a public-private partnership to address the gender inequities that exist for women in the climate finance ecosystem and to support female entrepreneurs with the resources they need to accelerate climate change innovations.

Amazon will commit a total of $53 million to help accelerate women's climate innovation, including $3 million toward the USAID partnership, and $50 million for Amazon to invest directly in climate tech companies run by women.'

Richard Reeves: Of Boys and Men | Real Time with Bill Maher

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Video here.

Brooking Institution Fellow and author Richard Reeves joins Bill to discuss the struggles facing modern males and what can be done about it.

Wikipedia on Reeves: https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Reeves_(British_author)

Standoff as Italy stops male migrants from disembarking rescue ship

Matt · 6 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A migrant rescue ship is refusing to leave an Italian port after authorities prevented 35 men from disembarking.

Children and people with medical issues were allowed to leave the Humanity 1 in Sicily after it spent two weeks requesting port access.

Two other rescue boats remain at sea.

The new Italian Prime Minister, Giorgia Meloni, has promised to crack down on migrants travelling across the Mediterranean from North Africa.

Italy is one of the main entry points into Europe and since the start of the year 85,000 migrants have arrived on boats, according to the UN.'

Social Isolation: A Modern Plague

Matt · 6 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Not an MRA issue per se, more a men's issue. I am sure some percentage of women experience such feelings but I conjecture men have it in greater numbers. Your mental health is very important. It's hard to live life happily much less have the energy to fight feminist excess if you feel lonely/depressed/isolated. There's nothing wrong with seeking out friendships and activity partners deliberately for just the sake of it. Excerpt:

'The best research confirms it: Americans are now perilously isolated. In a recent comprehensive study by scientists at Duke University, researchers have observed a sharp decline in social connectedness over the past 20 years.

Remarkably, 25% of Americans have no meaningful social support at all - not a single person they can confide in. And over half of all Americans report having no close confidants or friends outside their immediate family. The situation today is much worse today than it was when similar data were gathered in 1985. (At that time, only 10% of Americans were completely alone).
...
But we're truly not designed to live like this. For the great majority of human history, people resided in small, intimate hunter-gatherer communities. And anthropologists who spend time with modern-day hunter-gatherer bands report that social isolation and loneliness are largely unknown among them: group members spend the bulk of their time - virtually all day, every day - in the company of friends and loved ones.'

Introducing the ‘manscuse’ – a new blight for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The phrases “mansplaining”, “manspreading” and “manterruption” all highlight men’s problematic behaviour towards women. These new terms describe institutionalised sexism in action: men patronisingly explaining my own work to me, or taking up personal space on the Underground, or interrupting my talk. By naming the behaviour, we can readily identify with it and call it out.

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In most cases, manscuses are peddled out to minimise the abuse he inflicted and render her trauma invisible. She’s told: he didn’t mean it, it was in the heat of the moment, it was just a slap, he saw red mist, he was jealous, he’s a good person really, he has mental health problems, he was abused as a child, he’s been really stressed at work. But do you know what? A man or woman can be all of these things and surprisingly very many don’t feel compelled to rape, sexually assault, abuse or control another person. Reducing male violence to an “excuse” means that the perpetrator’s behaviour is normalised and they are rarely held accountable for their choice to abuse.'

Francis the Feminist: Pope calls fight for women's rights a 'continuous struggle' and condemns male chauvinism as anti-hijab protests sweep Islamic Iran

Matt · 7 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No comment. If I start, I'll end up writing a 10-page essay. Excerpt:

'Pope Francis said on Sunday the fight for women's rights was a 'continuous struggle', and condemned male chauvinism as deadly for humanity and female genital mutilation as a crime that must be stopped.

Speaking to reporters on the plane returning from a four-day trip to predominantly Muslim Bahrain, he also praised women he has appointed to managerial jobs in the Vatican, saying they had improved things there.

He made no mention of campaigns to let women move on beyond that and become clergy - the pope and his predecessors have said the question of women priests is closed.

Francis was responding to a question about women protesting in Iran but turned to the topic of women's rights in general.'

Nashville woman gets probation for shooting homeless man who asked her to lower music, move car

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman convicted of shooting a homeless man who asked her to move her Porsche and allegedly threatened her was sentenced to no jail time in connection with the crime, according to a local affiliate report.

Katie Quackenbush was ordered on Thursday to serve 11 months and 29 days probation for the Aug. 26, 2017, shooting death of Gerald Melton, 54, on Nashville's famed Music Row, police and FOX 17 Nashville reported. Quackenbush had originally been charged with attempted murder for the early morning shooting, but was instead found guilty of misdemeanor reckless endangerment, the outlet reported.

Melton was initially critically wounded, but survived his injuries. The woman fled the area and later told police she was defending herself when he threatened her life, according to the report.'

There is no ‘war on men’ – we now know feminism is good for boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A narrative has emerged over the last decade in popular culture and politics that portrays men and boys (particularly white, heterosexual ones) as in “crisis”, victimised by feminism and social justice movements, and now “left behind” or suffering so-called “reverse discrimination”. From the misogynistic memes that swirled around the Johnny Depp and Amber Heard trial, to the male MPs attempting to debunk the “bad press” men have been getting, to the description of #MeToo as a “witch-hunt” on flagship radio programmes, this argument has been steadily building up steam.

However, The State of UK Boys report released today by the Global Boyhood Initiative shows that, instead of being victimised by feminism, boys are facing an entirely different crisis. Violence and being “tough” is normalised as a natural part of being a man, which encourages boys to see violence (particularly male-on-male violence) as an inevitable part of growing up. The study, which comprised a literature review alongside interviews with experts, also found that these kinds of stereotypes are present from birth, with families, schools and peer groups all playing their part.

Instead of reinforcing these stereotypes, the report’s authors suggest, all children would benefit from a feminist approach to learning (something that will come as no surprise to many feminists, who have been arguing for this for decades). For example, boys would benefit from learning about the problems with gender stereotypes, and also from a destigmatisation of close friendships between boys, which are often discouraged by homophobic ideals of masculinity. Encouraging male friendships, the study finds, would provide opportunities for boys to learn reciprocity, empathy and intimacy.'

Glasgow set to become the UK's first 'feminist city'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On October 27, Glasgow City Council unanimously backed a motion stating that women should be at the heart of all aspect of city planning, becoming the first city in the UK to embrace 'feminist urbanism'.

Feminist urbanism advocates for a type of urban planning that promotes inclusivity and puts the needs of women, non-binary and genderfluid people at the forefront of the way we think of the urban landscape. Because, perhaps unsurprisingly, our cities are far from being gender-neutral.

Scholars of feminist urbanism argue that men have historically been in charge of designing the cities we live in, and they did so thinking of their own needs and habits, often overlooking or sidelining issues of safety and accessibility affecting women and sexual and gender minorities.'

1 in 6 hiring managers have been told to stop hiring white men, survey finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent survey of 1,000 hiring managers in the United States found that one in six, or about 16%, have been told to stop hiring white men.

Additionally, 14% of hiring managers said they have also been told to deprioritize hiring white women.

The survey, published by Resume Builder and Pollfish on Wednesday, found that 52% of hiring managers believe their company practices “reverse discrimination” – passing over members of racial and gender majorities in order to meet diversity benchmarks.

In addition, the survey found that 48% of hiring managers have been asked to prioritize diversity over qualifications, and 53% believe their job will be in danger if they don’t hire enough diverse employees.'

Boys need to talk more about feelings and fight inequality, report says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A report – The State of UK Boys – has been published to mark the launch of the US initiative in the UK, pulling together findings from a range of academic research over the past 20 years – with insights from 15 researchers in the field of gender, masculinities and boyhood.

One of the report authors and fellow of Equimundo, David Bartlett, said: “How boys and men behave makes an enormous difference to the lives of girls and women, and individuals of all gender identities, in all areas of their lives.

“From sexual harassment and gender-based violence, to the gender pay gap and relationship breakdown, the attitudes and behaviour of boys and men are hugely influential.

“So, we need to raise a generation of boys who are able to build and sustain healthy, respectful, caring relationships with people of all genders, and not be influenced by restrictive gender stereotypes.”

The 35-page report claims that, as ideas of gender and boyhood are changing to be more fluid, traditional notions of masculinity such as physical, sexual and intellectual prowess – as well as heterosexuality – still dominate.

It states that children understand “real violence” as involving men and struggle to perceive or name other acts as being violent, such as violence between peers or siblings or emotional or sexual violence in schools or homes.'

UK: Mayor’s ‘allyship training’ to empower young Londoners to take a stand and help prevent violence against women and girls

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'The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has today announced that a new ‘allyship training’ package will be available to every secondary school in London to educate and empower young Londoners to take a stand and help prevent violence against women and girls (VAWG).

Lessons on building healthy relationships, calling out sexism and discussions on attitudes and behaviours towards women and girls will feature in interactive workshops funded by the Mayor in the capital’s secondary schools. This ‘allyship training’ is part of the Mayor’s wide ranging public health approach to ending the epidemic of VAWG.'

Scotland: Is it time for a "feminist" foreign policy?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism apparently has an answer for every problem. As long as you don't ask for a precise definition of what a female is.

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland and leader of the Scottish National Party since 2014, has announced that she would be pursing a "feminist foreign policy" henceforth.
...
Silly constitutional barriers aside, Sturgeon is certain that feminist foreign policy will lead the way towards a brighter future for the world. She, along with her SNP colleagues, don't quite know what that means yet, but we are all waiting with bated breath to find out.'

Most top universities have inadequate due process protections as Title IX changes loom, report finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new report reveals that most of the top colleges and universities in the United States have inadequate protections for students accused of wrongdoing as proposed changes to the federal government's interpretation of a longstanding law raise concerns.

The nonpartisan Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression released its fifth annual report titled "Spotlight on Due Process" Tuesday, examining the procedures in place to protect students accused of sexual assault and violating other policies at colleges and universities in the U.S.

The report examined the disciplinary policies of the 53 top American colleges and universities as ranked by U.S. News & World Report in 2017. It found that 44 out of 53 schools studied received a grade of "F" or "D" for at least one of its disciplinary policies based on the presence of safeguards for students facing allegations of wrongdoing.'

Why Smart Men Should Not Fear Gender Parity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In short, smart men have nothing to fear about gender parity - on the contrary, they should embrace it. That said, it is understandable that those who managed to become the status quo because of privilege, nepotism, or deception rather than actual merit, may worry about gender party, or any other intervention that reduces the gap between talent and achievement. To anyone who got to the top without deserving it (which tends to exclude both competent women and men) meritocracy is a threat.

In this post I have deliberately avoided any reference to the moral or social justice case for gender parity. Not because it doesn't matter (it does), or because I don't care about it (I do), but because it is clear to me that many people are simply not motivated enough by this argument. So perhaps appealing to their instrumental, pragmatic, and selfish interests is a better way to open their eyes.'

#MeToo Gestapo Targets Warren Beatty with 49-Year-Old Accusation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Kristina Charlotte Hirsch filed a lawsuit against Beatty this week seeking damages with the claim Beatty “used his role, status, and power as a well-known Hollywood Star to gain access to, groom, manipulate, exploit, and coerce sexual contact from her over the course of several months.”

Hirsch is seeking “exemplary and punitive damages for psychological, mental and emotional distress” and says she still suffers from “issues of trust and control.”

This is what happens when you remove the statute of limitations, which is what the fascists in California have done. These days, a woman can come out of nowhere and hurl rocks at an 85-year-old man with a wife and children, knowing it’s impossible for him to have any kind of due process.'

A sex war is coming

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If 21st-century politics is shaping up as class war, the American midterm elections have concretised a troubling facet of this political landscape: this class war is also a sex war.

Writing about the dynamic as a feminist is uncomfortable in the extreme because it's difficult to do so without being accused of misogyny. This is not least because among the very online Right, there really is more than a tinge of misogyny to the term most commonly used to denote progressive-leaning Virtual women: AWFLs.

Coined by Right-wing commentator Scott Greer, AWFL stands for "affluent white female liberals", and generally connotes not just the demographic but its perceived characteristic worldview — a mixture of progressive moral piety, self-righteousness, hypocrisy and unexamined class snobbery.

Whether or not you agree with this hostile evaluation, the AWFL class has been growing in relative power and influence for some decades. This is for wholly non-conspiratorial reasons: very simply, technological advancements have delivered new opportunities for well-qualified knowledge workers of both sexes, even as the same changes have automated and de-industrialised away the physically more arduous work previously performed mostly by working-class men. This virtualisation of work has, overall, benefited women much more than men.

Accordingly, women have seized the opportunity. American colleges have been majority-female since the late Seventies, and today, women outnumber men at undergraduate level in most colleges, with the disparity as large as 60%-40% in some elite institutions. And this has turned out a steadily compounding supermajority of knowledge-class women, which forms an increasingly heavy-hitting part of the rising Virtual elite.'

Why Does No One Want To Help Men's Issues?

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Video here.

Richard Reeves explains why men's issues are so unpopular to campaign for. Are men's and women's rights a zero-sum game? Does Richard Reeves think that you can improve men's lives without hurting women ?

Russian mothers are turning deadbeat fathers over to Putin's military draft: 'My ex-husband died as a person a long time ago'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Russian mothers abandoned by their idle husbands have found the silver lining to Vladimir Putin's military draft: turning their exes in for the draft to receive financial compensation.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's failing war in Ukraine gave rise to a "partial military mobilization" in which 300,000 new conscripts were called upon to fight. The draft sparked outrage and fear — evidenced by insurmountable protests and Russians attempting to flee the country.

But Russian investigative outlet Verstka reported dozens of women have come together in a ruse to get their exes into the military by giving enlistment offices personal data belonging to the men who abandoned them and their children. There's even an online community in which at least 70 of the women are sharing their experiences and discussing the plot, according to Verstka.'

Jewish Father and Victim of Domestic Violence Seeks Legal Help against Bias and Unfair Legal Treatment For Child Custody

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Maxim Konstantinovski, a Jewish programmer and father, is fighting for the parental rights of Jewish fathers after experiencing domestic violence, discrimination, anti-Semitism, and unfair legal treatment during his three-year child custody battle in New Jersey. A court-appointed tool, OurFamilyWizard, also seems to have been weaponized to direct continuous harassment against him throughout the process.

In his statement, “It is unbelievable that in the U.S. in 2022, Jewish fathers are still being treated by the legal system as second-class citizens. I have repeatedly suffered anti-Semitic attacks and non-stop harassment from my ex-wife, which the court has allowed to take place on a court-ordered communication tool. As a Jewish father in a custody battle, my parental and religious rights and the best interests of my son are considered less important than my ex-wife's interests throughout the process.”'

Auckland Feminists Demand Cancellation of Jordan Peterson Event

Mastodon · 11 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Auckland Feminist Action (AFA) is calling on Auckland Council for the immediate cancellation of Jordan Peterson's “12 More Rules for Life” event at Spark Arena on the 19th November 2022.

Peterson is a well known figure in the "Manosphere", a group of alt-right communities centred around violent misogyny, transphobia, and white supremacy.

This is especially concerning in light of the rise of extremism and disinformation happening in Aotearoa in recent times.

"By giving Peterson a platform on this scale, the Council is complicit in the radicalisation of young men in Aotearoa." says Dave (they/them pronouns), a member of AFA.

“He appeals to vulnerable guys who are still working out what it means to be a man. Some of his fans just like his books on a superficial level but the stuff his hardcore fans say is honestly quite concerning to me as a transgender person.”'

How Feminism Is Stifling Our Sons

Matt · 11 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. In places, I wanted to barf. But the overall gist of the article is what's important. Excerpt:

'And it made me think—as the mother of a seven-year-old girl, I had been so consumed with female empowerment in the fight for gender equality that I had overlooked my son. At just three years old, he was already picking up on the saturation of the media's "girl power" messaging, and was now confused about his own role in the world.

After all, how can we advocate for inclusion if we're not considering their portrayal in the media too? Are advertisements and corporate brands actually encouraging equality, or perpetuating harmful gender stereotypes when it comes to boys?

These questions took me back to a story I wrote last year about men, boys and gender stereotypes; and how the emotional needs of boys in today's younger generations are being ignored. It's no surprise that along with being harmful to girls, gender stereotypes put boys' self-confidence at risk too. Studies from the past two decades confirm that our focus on girls can leave boys behind in regards to education and well-being. The truth is, boys actually need more emotional support than girls.'

‘Game-changing’ gender quotas introduced by Australian research agency

Mastodon · 12 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In an attempt to achieve gender equity, Australia’s leading health and medical research funding organization plans to award half of its research grants for its largest funding programme to women and non-binary applicants, starting next year.

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) announced the move last week. It will apply to researchers at the mid-career and senior level applying for the agency’s investigator grants, which fund research and salaries. Grants will also be fixed at Aus$400,000 (US$252,000) each a year for five years. Many countries struggle to achieve gender equity in research funding, and the NHRMC will be one of the first agencies to introduce gender quotas at this scale, say researchers.'

UVa Police Department to hire 30% more women by 2030

Mastodon · 12 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Virginia Police Department is making good on its promise to increase the presence of female officers on the force by 2030.

Women currently account for about 29% of UPD employees—42 of 141 total—putting the department on track to reach its 30x30 goal on time.

Earlier this year, the department enrolled in the national 30x30 initiative, a consortium of police leaders and researchers who are committed to improving the representation and experiences of women in policing agencies.'

The 2019 National Institute of Justice special report states that women in law enforcement face common barriers including discrimination and harassment in a male-dominated industry, sexism, oblique physical assessments and a lack of professional support in the workplace and opportunity.

Research from 30x30 shows that women in law enforcement use less moderate and excessive force; are named in fewer complaints and lawsuits; are perceived by communities as more honest and compassionate than male officers; make fewer discretionary arrests and see better rehabilitative outcomes for crime victims with particular care for sexual assault victims.

Transforming the Supply Chain Industry With Gender Diversity

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Article here. Excerpt;

'In recent years, we have seen supply chain organizations make major changes to become more flexible and resilient to combat the numerous delays, shortages, and bottlenecks the industry has faced. The changes being implemented are bringing more diverse perspectives to the table. In turn, this has enabled companies to challenge legacy-focused mindsets, adapt to the shifting regulatory mandates in the industry, adjust to trends quicker, and embrace innovative automation technologies.

As a woman in the field, I know women have skills that position them to make viable changes in the supply chain. Women supply chain managers and leaders at major organizations, such as Stericycle, UPS, and Johnson & Johnson, are likely to implement more balanced solutions by leading with cooperation, collaboration, and empathy.

Women think about complex, dynamic supply chain ecosystems intuitively, determining the best ways to align them successfully. It has also been said that women have persevered and performed far better than their male counterparts during the Great Resignation. Part of the reason for this is women's inclusive nature.'

Grants to boost Gender Equality and Diversity in Australian Politics

Mastodon · 12 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher has announced $5 million over five years to boost gender equality and diversity in Australian politics.

The Women's Leadership and Development Program's (WLDP) Women in Public Office grants will fund projects that support women in Australia to prepare for and enter public office at local, state and federal levels. The grant round acknowledges and seeks to overcome the unique challenges and barriers women face in running for public office.

"There are undeniable benefits from having more women in public office," the Minister said.

"More women in public office and sitting at the decision-making table, irrespective of which political party they are a member of, improves policy outcomes for the broader community, and also has a positive impact on the culture within Parliament House."'

European Council approves directive promoting gender equality

Mastodon · 12 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Monday 17th October 2022, the European Council gave its final approval on EU rules to promote a more balanced gender representation on the boards of listed companies.

The “Women on Boards” Directive was agreed to by the Council of Ministers on Monday 17 October 2022 following a 10 year delay. The European Council finally agreed to take action to ensure the application of equal opportunities and treatment of men and women in matters of employment, which will directly seek to advantage the under-represented sex, which in most instances is women.

The effect of this directive seeks to increase the presence of women among top management positions and on corporate boards.

The directive will now be subject to a vote by European Parliament, which is expected to occur before the end of 2022 and will then need to be transposed into national law. Member states have two years following the entry into force of the directive to adopt the required national measures. The directive will enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.'

AU: Social Services Minister tells National Press Club of government's pledge to end domestic violence within 'one generation'

Mastodon · 12 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Social Services Minister Amanda Rishworth says it's time to "stop shying away" from evidence that shows men are overwhelmingly the perpetrators of domestic, family, and sexual violence.

"The evidence shows there is a clear, gendered nature to family, domestic and sexual violence," she said.

"Ninety-five per cent of people who have experienced physical or sexual violence name a man as the perpetrator.
...
According to ABS data, one in three women have experienced physical or sexual violence, or both, at the hands of a man they know.

Research from 2017 also shows women accounted for three quarters of the people who experienced intimate partner violence since the age of 15, compared to men who accounted for one quarter.'

Court Adopts Narrow Approach to Pseudonymity in Title IX Wrongful-Discipline Cases

Mastodon · 12 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On May 13, 2016, Doe was expelled from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) following a Title IX proceeding involving accusations made against him by his ex-girlfriend, Jane Doe, of nonconsensual contact and forced sexual intercourse, and sexual harassment. On December 16, 2021, Doe sued MIT in this court for breach of contract, promissory estoppel, and denial of basic due process. According to Doe's Complaint, MIT's Title IX investigation had been compromised by a "[r]adical feminist anti-male bias on the MIT campus [that] guided the investigation report's conclusions …. MIT presumed the female complainant's story to be true (which it wasn't), and presumed John Doe not to be truthful (which wasn't the case) in order to avoid being found responsible."

Doe moved to proceed under a pseudonym on the same day. This court denied his motion, finding that his generalized expression of fear of future harm if self-identified as an alleged perpetrator of sexual assault, was too speculative to outweigh the court's historical concern for transparency and constitutional presumption favoring public access to judicial records….'

Woman lied that husband raped her because he refused to help around the house

Mastodon · 12 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sharon Taylor, 61, vowed to ‘destroy’ her husband David following the collapse of their 21-year marriage.

He moved out of their semi-detached home in Malvern, Worcestershire, last year after she admitted having an affair.

A court heard Taylor then bombarded her estranged husband with abusive ‘non-stop’ messages demanding he continue to carry out household chores.'

UK: Tech giants will be punished for ‘legal but harmful’ content

Mastodon · 13 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Tech giants will be punished for sexism and racism on their platforms despite moves to water down laws on “legal but harmful” content, says the minister who helped draft the new plans.

Damian Collins, who was the digital minister responsible for the bill until last month, said companies would be held to account for “legal but harmful” sexist and racist content through their terms and conditions of service.

This would mean that if they failed to deliver what they promised in their terms of service in protecting people from such abuse, they could face punishment by the regulator Ofcom, which has powers to impose fines worth up to 10 per cent of global turnover.

The crackdown - part of the online safety bill - will remain in the proposed law despite moves by the Government to strip out specific clauses spelling out the legal and harmful content from which adults should be protected.'

Gettysburg College postpones event for people tired of ‘white cis men’

Mastodon · 14 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gettysburg College has postponed a painting and writing event hosted by its Gender Sexuality and Resource Center for people who are “Tired of white cis men.”

The private Pennsylvania college offered the event as part of a peace and justice, or “P&J,” senior project but has since postponed it after it was shared online.

The event, originally scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 12, told people to “come paint and write about” how they are tired of straight white men.

The pieces from the event would then be displayed in the school’s dining hall for the campus to view.

One anonymous Gettysburg alumnus told Fox News Digital that he was “pretty upset” by the event and that “as a white, cis male, the fact that basically people are being allowed to discriminate based on sexuality and race is not something that was ever in the Gettysburg that was taught to me.”
...
This is not the first incident of its kind to occur at a college campus in America. In 2019, Yale student Isis Davis-Marks wrote an op-ed that pledged to monitor and collect dirt on white men on campus in order to undermine them in potential future confirmation hearings later in life.

“I’m watching you, white boy,” the student wrote.'

Did You Know Single Men Cannot Enter This Theme Park?

Mastodon · 15 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Comedian Jeff Dye (@thejeffdye) recently posted a TikTok sharing his experience when trying to visit LEGOLAND during his tour. The comedian started the story by asking the audience, “Did you know you can’t go to LEGOLAND if you’re just one man?” before commenting that he found that out the hard way.

Jeff then commented that while on tour in Kansas City, he had twelve hours to kill before a show when he found out that the state has a LEGOLAND, which made him get a car service to go to the Park. However, the experience was nothing like he would’ve expected.

“I walked right up; I go ‘one for LEGOLAND.’ And he goes ‘nope,’” said the comedian before saying that the theme park employee explained that if you don’t have kids or family with you, you’re not allowed to enter the Park. “We don’t let just men into LEGOLAND,” were the words the comedian used.

When Jeff asked why this rule was being enforced, he said the employee explained, “Because here at LEGOLAND, we’re trying to reduce kidnapping.” This surprised the comedian, who said, “one, rude, I’m not a kidnapper, two, what do you mean reduce?” wondering how many kids were being kidnapped at LEGOLAND for them to say “reduce” and jokingly commenting how the Park was aware that some kids could get kidnapped, but that they couldn’t get rid of all of it.'

Humans could face reproductive crisis as sperm count declines, study finds

Matt · 16 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Humans could face a reproductive crisis if action is not taken to tackle a drop in sperm count, researchers have warned after finding the rate of decline is accelerating.

A study published in the journal Human Reproduction Update, based on 153 estimates from men who were probably unaware of their fertility, suggests that the average sperm concentration fell from an estimated 101.2m per ml to 49.0m per ml between 1973 and 2018 – a drop of 51.6%. Total sperm counts fell by 62.3% during the same period.

Research by the same team, reported in 2017, found that sperm concentration had more than halved in the last 40 years. However, at the time a lack of data for other parts of the world meant the findings were focused on a region encompassing Europe, North America and Australia. The latest study includes more recent data from 53 countries.

Declines in sperm concentration were seen not only in the region previously studied, but in Central and South America, Africa and Asia.'

UK: Mother gets suspended sentence for child cruelty

Mastodon · 16 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who pushed her son's face against a bath with such force that his nose started bleeding has been given a suspended sentence.

The woman, who is in her 40s but cannot be identified for legal reasons, had earlier pleaded guilty to three counts of child cruelty between 2013 and 2015.

The judge said "cruelty to children in any shape or form cannot be tolerated".

The defendant's daughter said her mother "kicked and punched her and her brother", said the prosecuting counsel.

The children, who were all under 10 years of age at the time of the offences, disclosed how their mother had used a shoe and a rubber spatula to smack them on their hands and bare backsides.

Imposing an eight-month sentence but suspending it for three years, the judge said he was taking account of the fact the woman had already spent three months on remand and had admitted her guilt.'

Feminist Groups Finally Speak Out In Support Of Amber Heard

Mastodon · 17 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More than 130 national women's organizations and prominent feminist experts released an open letter on Wednesday morning in support of actor Amber Heard, who lost a defamation suit earlier this year to ex-husband Johnny Depp after she publicly identified herself as a survivor of intimate partner violence.

"The vilification of Ms. Heard and ongoing online harassment of her and those who have voiced support for her have been unprecedented in both vitriol and scale," reads the letter, signed by several national gender justice organizations including the National Women's Law Center, the Feminist Majority Foundation and the Women's March Foundation. Gloria Steinem, as well as other prominent feminists and experts in the domestic violence field, signed the letter in support of Heard.'

Julia Fox Shows Support for Amber Heard After Johnny Depp Trial Verdict: 'None of Us Are Safe'

Mastodon · 17 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During the trial, Fox commented on Instagram that Heard "never had the power in the relationship to be abusive to him."

"Did she hit him? Yes. Was it abuse? No," she continued in the comment. "You need to have power to be able to abuse it. She was 25. He clearly was always way more powerful including physically and financially."'

Painting of old white men smoking cigars taken down after female scholar complains

Mastodon · 20 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A painting of old white men smoking cigars by acclaimed contemporary Dutch painter Rein Dool has been taken down at Leiden University in the Netherlands, reportedly the result of a complaint by a female grad student.

Dutch News reported that the painting, which depicts university board members from the mid-1970s, “was taken off the wall following a remark by political scientist Elina Zorina on Twitter, suggesting the painting needed an ‘ironic or critical’ explanatory note.”

Zorina is listed on the university’s website as a PhD candidate at the Institute of Political Science.

The painting’s removal was documented by Joanne van der Leun, a professor of criminology and dean of Leiden Law School.

It “remains in the room facing the wall while a decision is taken about what to do with it. The university has also said the removal was not done officially,” Dutch News reported.

The removal of the painting prompted plenty of pushback.'

Feminism 2.0: The emergence of misandry as a social movement

Mastodon · 20 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent years, there has been a marked increase in misandry—the hatred or dislike of men—in so-called "Feminist 2.0" circles. This trend is concerning for several reasons, not the least of which is that it threatens to undermine the progress that the feminist movement has made. But what is Feminist 2.0?

Feminist 2.0 is a term used to describe a form of feminism that began in the early 2000s and is characterized by its focus on social media and online organizing. One of the critical goals of Feminist 2.0 is to bring about gender equality through the use of digital technologies.

However, there has been a growing trend within Feminist 2.0 circles of what can only be described as misandry—the hatred or dislike of men. This trend manifests itself in several ways, including but not limited to the following:

- Blaming men for society's ills, regardless of evidence to the contrary.
- Making sweeping generalizations about men as a whole.
- Engaging in character assassination against individual men.
- Creating an echo chamber where only one perspective is allowed.'

Why is Eventbrite censoring feminists?

Mastodon · 20 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Not according to the US ticketing giant, Eventbrite which this week deleted the link to the event, and began issuing refunds, claiming the book launch event could promote ‘hateful views’.

Defending Women’s Spaces is a book about the threat to feminism posed by gender ideology. But according to Eventbrite’s trust and safety team, the event is in danger of violating its policy on ‘Hateful, Dangerous, or Violent Content’. Eventbrite have been contacted for comment.

There is nothing hateful, dangerous or violent about promoting female only spaces. What is hateful are the things that men do to women and girls that create the need for single sex services.

When women flee for their lives in the middle of the night to escape fatal domestic violence, they need a women-only domestic violence refuge.'

Are Michelle Obama and Meghan Markle true feminists... or did they just marry well?

Mastodon · 20 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Given that Michelle Obama sold 14 million copies of her book Becoming, inevitably she now has a new literary offering.

The Light We Carry is supposedly a guide for all women, everywhere, in their 'ongoing journey to "becoming"'. We must embrace our true potential, she suggests, despite being thwarted by prejudice and, yes, dastardly men.

Michelle offers such sage reflections as 'fear can keep us safe, but fear can keep us stuck'. Eh? 'We practise, we learn, learn and practise, we make mistakes then start over again,' she writes. If we 'recognise our light, we become empowered by it'. She also hails the joys of knitting to find lasting peace.
...
The point is that Michelle's personal fortune of about $70 million has not been built on her uniqueness, nor her wisdom, but on the fact she is Mrs Barack Obama. She is famous, and is only given such platforms, because she was married to a President.'

Black boys show ‘genius every single day but schools suck the life out of them’ says leading Black education expert

Matt · 20 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The panel shared powerful insights about the challenges Black boys and their parents and caregivers face in trying to better Black children’s educational outcomes. Howard, who researches issues tied to race, culture, access and educational opportunity for minoritized student populations, said during the panel Black boys have been among the most “scrutinized, analyzed and criticized subjects in research for centuries.” Black boys are “adultified” and are often presumed to be bigger, older and more aggressive than they are, he said.

Black boys make up 8% of preschoolers but one third of all “babies” who are suspended from preschool, said Howard, who is the author of several best-selling books, including "Why Race & Culture Matters in Schools" and "All Students Must Thrive."'

'White men' demonstrating against violence towards women are accused of 'stealing' the occasion from UN anti-abuse day

Mastodon · 21 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"White men' demonstrating against violence towards women on the United Nations' anti-abuse day have been slammed by a campaigner for 'stealing' the occasion and 'erasing an event connected to Hispanic women'.

White Ribbon Day, a protest day created by men to promote ending male violence towards women, is held on November 25.

It was formed by a group of pro-feminist men in Ontario in 1991 after Marc Lépine shot dead 14 female students at the École Polytechnique in Montreal on December 6, 1989.

But the date is also home to the UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women - born out a day of protest for the Mirabal sisters, who were murdered in the Dominican Republic in 1960.

Karen Ingala-Smith, chief executive of domestic violence charity Nia, said: 'That was honouring women of colour, so we've got a bunch of white Canadian men stealing the day, and erasing an event connected to Hispanic women.'

A docu-film that portrays sufferings of men falsely accused of rape

Mastodon · 22 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The suffering that men undergo when they are falsely charged in rape and dowry cases is the central theme of a documentary film, ‘India’s sons: A tale of false rape case survivors’, which was released on www.indiassons.com on Saturday.

The release was timed for the the International Men’s Day, observed on November 19 every year. The documentary aims to start a dialogue over misuse of rape laws and reveal “the unsaid truth” behind India's tag of a rape capital.

Several topics like consensual sex being labelled as rape by women to collect money and gain false sympathy and registering false dowry cases were debated in an online conference to mark the day.'

Cornell Earns an “A” in FIRE’s Due Process Ratings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) conducts an annual rating of 53 major colleges in terms of the due process rights provided to students. In the 2022 rankings, Cornell University was the only one to receive an “A” rating.

The report grades each college’s judicial procedures based upon ten different rights provided to accused students. Because most campuses, including Cornell, have different procedures for Title IX sexual assault violations, non-Title IX Policy 6.4 (covering discrimination and harassment not based upon sex) violations and other non-academic misconduct, a separate grade is assigned to each. Cornell won an “A” for the Student Code of Conduct procedures and “B” for Cornell’s Policy 6.4 procedures.

FIRE reported, “For the first time in the history of FIRE’s Spotlight on Campus Due Process report, a single policy, at Cornell University, received an A grade. This means that the policy provides more than 8 of the 10 elements that FIRE considers critical to a fair procedure. Of the other 154 policies rated at the 53 schools in this report, not one earns higher than a B.”'

World cup: Women prepare for increased domestic abuse

Mastodon · 22 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many people in relationships with abusive partners dread major footballing competitions like the world cup. This is because they're linked to an increase in incidents of domestic abuse.

Research by the University of Lancaster shows violent domestic abuse incidents increase by 38% when England loses football matches. Rates are also 26% higher when the team wins or draws.

Domestic abuse consists of a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviours, where one partner seeks to hold power and control over the other's life. It is a gendered form of abuse, predominantly perpetrated by men against women, which can combine emotional, verbal, psychological, financial, sexual or physical forms of violence.

The severity of domestic abuse can range from consistently critical comments and verbal belittling to physical violence, strangulation and rape.'

Julia Fox Says Men ‘Shouldn’t Even Be Allowed To Have Penises’, Describes How She Would Kill Them

Matt · 22 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Julia Fox revealed she doesn’t think men should have penises and got into a conversation about how she would kill off members of the opposite sex during an upcoming interview on Showtime’s “Ziwe,” to be aired Sunday at 11 p.m.

...

Fox said she would contemplate dating women because of the negative feelings she seems to have toward men. “They all, like, are equally horrible, to be honest. All men,” Fox said in the interview.

Fox then talked about the way she would kill men, saying in the interview she would make it appear to be an overdose. Interviewer Ziwe asked if she was “pro-women killing men.”

...

Fox went on to compare a penis to “a weapon of mass destruction.” Fox then appeared to stun Ziwe by saying if she was president, she would give every woman a gun and none to men. “I think it equals the playing field,” Fox said. “I think we wouldn’t get f—ed with so much,” Fox said.'

No charges against school girl who ‘joked’ about rape

Matt · 25 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Claims and allegations about the high school girl who allegedly joked about being raped by Grade 11 pupil Bafana Sithole should not be used as leverage to charge her, Mpumalanga police said.

Sithole died by suicide on the school premises last week after he was allegedly accused of raping a fellow pupil.

It is alleged that the girl, who cannot be named or revealed as she is a minor, allegedly later claimed that she did not mean what she said about the rape incident.

Mpumalanga SAPS spokesperson Brigadier Selvy Mohlala said there was still no solid evidence for the SAPS to arrest or charge the schoolgirl.

"In the hands of the police, no one has submitted a statement formally to say that the girl is sorry and that she falsely accused Sithole of such. If there is no one to take ownership, then we cannot say the girl falsely accused the deceased," he said.'

Scholar identifies alarming trends among US men

Matt · 26 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Video report here. On CNN no less!

Why most men don’t have enough close friends

Matt · 29 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Less than half of men report being satisfied with their friendships, and only about 1 in 5 said they had received emotional support from a friend in the last week, compared with 4 in 10 women, according to a 2021 survey from the Survey Center on American Life.

The falling off of friendships between men begins around middle and late adolescence and grows starker in adulthood, said Judy Yi-Chung Chu, who teaches a class on boys’ psychological development at Stanford University in California. And those who do maintain friendships with other men say they tend to have lower levels of emotional intimacy than women report.

“Boys don’t start emotionally disconnected; they become emotionally disconnected,” said Dr. Niobe Way, a researcher and a professor of applied psychology at New York University.

All humans have the innate capacity and desire for close, emotionally intimate connections with others. We need these relationships for survival as babies and then to thrive as we get older, Chu said.'

Women tech execs rejoice as female-only leadership club opens in San Francisco

Mastodon · 30 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The 8,600 square-foot space features a full-service bar with specialty coffee, open lounge space, meeting rooms, private call booths and a Mothers Room. All the artwork in Chief's clubhouses comes from the women-led company Uprise Art, founded by member Tze Chun.

Over 300 members attended the launch event at the San Francisco clubhouse. Members flew in for the clubhouse opening night in late October. Some arrived straight from the airport. "So exciting!" one woman rolling a suitcase said as she greeted Childers and Kaplan with hugs. "I've f-----g earned this," Kaplan recalled another saying.'

Boys’ clubs under siege

Mastodon · 30 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Why do so many women have it in for male cyclists? All the jokes about unsightly middle-aged men in Lycra, complaints about tight clothing revealing everything it shouldn’t… It seems there’s growing female irritation with blokes getting up at the crack of dawn, gathering in large packs to go through their paces, and sitting around in coffee shops having a manly chat. How dare they have so much fun?

I’m wondering if this is just one more activity that traditionally attracts men – a boys’ club – which women resent and want to take over. It reminds me of covetous children. Haven’t we all witnessed kids who have no interest in a toy or activity until it attracts the attention of another child, particularly a sibling? Then the battle is on, as the first child seeks what the other one has.

Women seem endlessly to covet things that give men a thrill. They love to take over activities previously reserved for males – determined that men shouldn’t be allowed to enjoy anything that was traditionally their territory. Everywhere there are women making the case that men should be forced to share their toys.'

Meet 'Kanika the sociopath', the woman who believes she's the antidote to toxic masculinity with her 'dark feminine' advice

Mastodon · 30 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In one video, Batra says her dating advice is to remain emotionally detached by seeing multiple people at the same time because "if you have lots of options, you have all the power."

"Don't accept a walk with a coffee as a date," she says. "The more money he's spending on you, the less he's spending on other women."

Batra told Insider her genre of advice is known as harnessing "dark feminine" energy, which encompasses being dominant and assertive, while leaning into womanhood.

"Women love it, they absolutely love it," Batra said. "You wouldn't understand how many messages I have right now saying, 'Can you get revenge on my ex for me?', 'Can you teach me how to do this?', 'Can you teach me how to disconnect from people?'"

After witnessing a boom of toxic masculinity on the internet, Batra decided she wanted to be the antidote. She referenced characters such as Andrew Tate, a podcaster an businessman who grew a massive following of young men with misogynistic ideas about the role of women in society before he was de-platformed (Elon Musk has recently welcomed him back onto Twitter), and the "Fresh & Fit" podcast hosted by Walter Weekes and Myron Gaines, which has a similar effect.'

Women need to stop shaming men for being ‘too masculine’

Mastodon · 30 November 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If you ask many single women to truly describe what they’re looking for in a mate, “masculine” is likely to be on the list. And yet, for many progressive women — especially those on the feminist left — any form of typical masculinity is seen as undesirable.

...

This reframing of typical male behavior as toxic has seeped into everyday life. Approach a woman at a bar and men risk getting called a creep. Act chivalrous on a date, and she may end up branding you sexist. Be lustful with a woman and she can, as was the 2018 case of actor Aziz Ansari, accuse you of sexual assault. Why develop into the type of masculine man women want, when masculinity itself is now so heavily pathologized?'

Fatherhood changes men’s brains, according to before-and-after MRI scans

Matt · 1 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The time fathers devote to child care every week has tripled over the past 50 years in the United States. The increase in fathers’ involvement in child rearing is even steeper in countries that have expanded paid paternity leave or created incentives for fathers to take leave, such as Germany, Spain, Sweden and Iceland. And a growing body of research finds that children with engaged fathers do better on a range of outcomes, including physical health and cognitive performance.
...
As with practicing any new skill, the experience of caring for an infant might leave a mark on the brains of new parents. This is what neuroscientists call experience-induced brain plasticity – like the brain changes that occur when you learn a new language or master a new musical instrument.

A sparse but growing body of research is observing this type of plasticity in fathers who experience the cognitive, physical and emotional demands of caring for a newborn without going through pregnancy. In terms of brain function, for instance, gay male fathers who are primary caregivers show stronger connections between parenting brain regions when viewing their infants, compared with secondary male caregivers.'

The Intersections of America

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Article here. Excerpt:

'These types of articles are important as our parents, educators, and policy makers look to close gaps and improve essential student skills, and I would encourage the Times and others to actually dig a little deeper. Discussions on “student groups” that do not disaggregate information by sex often miss the largest group of students struggling to close the achievement gap in reading and college participation, boys.
...
Discussing race and marginalizing sex is not unique to data collection, particularly in areas where boys and men are most impacted. In a recent GIBM report on the Status of Boys and Men in Washington State, GIBM learned that 2021 data and 2022 preliminary data on overdose deaths by sex was not readily available on the Washington State Department of Health (WA DOH) website, even as males historically represent the largest percentage of deaths by a significant margin. ...
...

This sort of reporting often goes unnoticed, in part, because institutions, public and private, at nearly all levels of discussion continue to avoid the elephant in the room. The modern male is struggling, the reasons matter, and it’s incredibly important to do something about it.'

Stanford University Under Investigation For Sex Bias—Against Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Stanford University is being investigated by the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) for bias against men. According to the complaint filed with the OCR, the elite school offers several programs to support women and no equivalents for men. The Stanford women's programs are just the latest in a long list of university-based women's initiatives under fire for violating regulations that prohibit sex discrimination.

The original claim against Stanford included complaints regarding 27 Stanford programs that Moore and Pekgoz believed violated Title IX. This month, the Office of Civil Rights officially opened an investigation into five of these programs: Stanford's Women in Business, Women in Stanford Law, Stanford Women in Design, Stanford Society of Women Engineers and the Gabilan Provost's Discretionary Fund.

Pekgoz and Moore claimed that the four organizations are illegal because their names imply they exclude men, all their members are women, and Stanford offers no similar support programs for men. Their beef with the provost's fund is that it supports the hiring and retention of female faculty, but not male faculty, in the sciences and engineering. Stanford University did not respond to requests for comment about the allegations.'

Woman accused of false rape claim hurt herself with hammer, court told

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A young woman accused of lying about being raped and trafficked by a grooming gang probably “self-inflicted” injuries using a hammer she bought from Tesco, a court heard.

Eleanor Williams, 21, was found in a field in Barrow-in-Furness on 19 May 2020 covered in bruises, with a black eye and with a fingertip almost severed.

She posted photographs of her injuries on Facebook, alongside lengthy claims of being sexually exploited and taken to “parties” across the north of England to have sex with Asian men, Preston crown court heard.

But police believe she made up the claims and she is now on trial accused of perverting the course of justice.'

Avatar director James Cameron says testosterone is a 'toxin' men must terminate from their system

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Article here. Excerpt:

'James Cameron, writer and director of such films as the Terminator, Terminator 2, True Lies, Aliens, and Titanic said that earlier in his career he and his work were poisoned by the "toxin" that is testosterone while promoting his environmental activist agitprop Avatar sequel, due out in December.

According to the Hollywood Reporter, Cameron said, "A lot of things I did earlier, I wouldn’t do — career-wise and just risks that you take as a wild, testosterone-poisoned young man. I always think of (testosterone) as a toxin that you have to slowly work out of your system."'

UK: The “Toxic Male Gaze”: Should men staring at women be illegal?

Matt · 3 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this year it was reported that “A senior police officer has urged everyone who witnesses "intense staring" on the London Underground to report it, amid concerns it could be an early sign of unhealthy sexual behaviour… Posters have now been place in tube [train] stations across the capital stating: "Intrusive staring of a sexual nature is sexual harassment and is not tolerated"”.

It should go without saying that sexual harassment of any kind should be discouraged. However, we don’t all agree on what constitutes sexual harassment. In addition, the specific issue of intense/intrusive staring is in many ways subjective, so raises a lot of questions. I guess when thinking about how we are looking, and being looked at, on public transport, we should start with the question of how do we know when intense starting is of a sexual nature? And can women be charged with ‘sexual staring’ too?'

Young Australian men struggling with their mental health feel they have no one to count on

Matt · 3 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two in five young Australian men have not sought help or support when struggling with their mental health, admitting they feel they have no one they can count on, “unnerving” new research shows.

The survey by men’s health charity Movember exposes the startling state of the nation’s mental health crisis, with more than half the 1008 respondents, all aged 18 to 30, also stating they feel “pressure around being a man” and anxiety about the future.

Two-thirds said they felt society didn’t understand young men.'

UK: Woman found guilty of groping, sexual assault, of man at game

Matt · 4 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Occasionally, there's some justice. Excerpt:

'A football mad woman is facing jail after being found guilty of sexually assaulting a rival fan before a Premier League game.

Manchester City fan Jemma Whiteside, 40, was convicted of grabbing a man's genitals and twerking on him before kick-off of her team's game against Everton earlier this year.

The mother-of-six was also heard shouting: “I am going to f**k him later, and I don't even know his name.”'

Man Dies Because of Mandatory Domestic Violence Arrest Policies

charlie · 5 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Police arrested and jailed him for alleged domestic abuse. He was suspended from his job as a principal and found his life was ruined. Excerpt:

'An elementary school principal who jumped to his death from a Disneyland multi-story parking lot two days before he was due in court on child endangerment charges left a suicide note on Facebook blaming his wife for endangering his career by calling 911 when they argued in front of her daughters.

Chris Christensen, 51, the principal of William T. Newland Elementary School in Huntington Beach, took his own life in front of Anaheim parkgoers - including children - who'd gathered to watch the annual Candlelight Ceremony.'

‘Shark Week’ blasted for ‘overwhelmingly’ featuring ‘White men' as shark experts in Washington Post report

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Washington Post published a report Monday slamming Discovery Channel’s "Shark Week" programming for featuring too many White males as shark experts and continuing to peddle "negative messages" about sharks.

The report highlighted a study done by the Public Library of Science led by Allegheny College biology professor Lisa Whitenack. The project observed that "Discovery’s programming emphasized negative messages about sharks, lacked useful messaging about shark conservation and overwhelmingly featured White men as experts — including several with the same name."
...
Shiffman implied that this may be due to discrimination on the part of Discovery Channel. He said, "When there are hundreds of people of color interested who work in this field, [and] when my field is more than half women, maybe it’s not an accident anymore that they’re only featuring White men."'

UK: My son was killed by his fiancée but we can save others by opening more refuges

Matt · 7 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A mum whose son was stabbed to death by his fiancée is calling for more refuges to open for male victims of domestic violence.

Jose Linnane, 67, screamed "like an animal" when police told her her son Simon Gilchrist had been murdered at his flat in York in 2004.

The 23-year-old's abusive fiancée Caroline Mawhood stabbed him in the heart after she came home from a night of drinking.

Mrs Linnane is now desperately trying to prevent further deaths by calling for new refuges to open.

London does not have a single refuge for male victims of domestic violence, according to the charity ManKind.

Mrs Linnane, from York, told the Mirror: "It makes me spit feathers there's not a single refuge for men in London.'

Senators introduce legislation to bolster Title IX protections

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sens. Bob Casey (D-Pa.) and Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) will introduce new anti-harassment legislation Thursday that aims to strengthen Title IX protections for student survivors of sexual assault or harassment.
...
Casey and Hirono's SAFER Act would amend Title IX and other statutes prohibiting sex-based discrimination to remove "unreasonably burdensome" standards for private harassment lawsuits seeking damages.

"So many students who endure sexual harassment or assault experience isolation, fear, and difficulty focusing on their education as they process a traumatic ordeal," Casey said Thursday in a statement to The Hill. "To add insult to injury, students who report their experiences face an uphill battle to seek justice."'

My Husband Is Too Much of a Feminist When It Comes to Raising Our Daughters.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'My husband of 15 years has had a pretty hard time with not having great men in his life. His father used to hit him, his siblings, and his mother. His sister and her toddler were killed by her boyfriend. And his high school girlfriend killed herself after admitting to my husband that her grandfather had been raping her for years. When we first met, I loved dating a man who was so involved in women's issues but now I feel it is too much. I'm a woman who has had great male role models in my life, my dad, my brother, my uncle, my teachers, my granddads, etc. I know how amazing men are and how much good they can do.

Our two girls are currently enrolled in a single-gender private school ($20,000 a year each) while our boys are enrolled in our local public school (we live in a great area and the public school is state of the art, I would be happy to send all four kids there). So my husband is spending $40,000 a year on private school. Then on top of that is sports. Our husband won't let the boys play sports. He says all-boy sports clubs are a cesspool of bad behavior. So our sons do piano lessons, after-school dance lessons (ballet and jazz), and art club—just like our daughters. Our daughters picked them and now they all do it. The boys don't seem to really mind the art, music, and dance lessons, but I would love them to be given free choice like the girls.

...

A: Your husband has seen a lot of really awful stuff and is coming from a good place. But as much as he's thought about the kind of man he wants to be, how has he missed how controlling and domineering he's being as he single-handedly makes decisions for the family, without the input of his wife? Modeling this dynamic for your children is reinforcing the patriarchy much more than, say, soccer lessons would. A great way to reject traditional masculinity would be to…wait for it…listen to the views of the woman who should be leading the family along with him. Tell him that. Also please urge him to do less research and more therapy. He's dealt with many painful experiences, and it would be better for everyone if he could heal to a point where he is excited about the possibilities of raising wonderful sons rather than terrified of raising bad ones.'

Women Sue Elon Musk's Twitter Alleging Discriminatory Layoffs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two women who lost their jobs at Twitter when billionaire Elon Musk took over are suing the company in federal court, claiming that last month's abrupt mass layoffs disproportionately affected female employees.

The discrimination lawsuit is the latest in a series of legal challenges over Musk's decimation of Twitter's workforce through mass layoffs and firings.

Days after the world's richest man bought the social media platform for $44 billion, the company told about half of employees on Nov. 4 that they no longer had a job but would get three months severance. The lawsuit filed in a San Francisco federal court this week alleges that 57% of female employees were laid off, compared to fewer than half of men, despite Twitter employing more men overall before the layoffs.
...
The lawsuit alleges that also disproportionately harmed women, "who are more often caregivers for children and other family members, and thus not able to comply with such demands."'

Why have so many American men given up on work?

Matt · 10 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many men in the U.S. leave the labor force when their earnings decline compared with their better-paid peers, new research shows. The study found that more men drop out when workers' relative earnings fall.

The findings, from the Federal Reserve of Boston, help explain a trend economists have been puzzling over for decades: Why so many men have given up on the idea of holding down a job. Roughly one in nine men ages 25 to 54, an individual's prime working years, are out of the labor market today; that compared to one in 50 in the mid-1950s.'

The fall of man in American culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'1. The feminist movement was a two-edged sword. As it sought to liberate women, it did so at the expense of men as it attacked so-called toxic masculinity. Along the way, it eviscerated the vital role of men as fathers, heads of households, providers and protectors.

Specifically, society at large encouraged men to get in touch with their “feminine-side” as they abandoned their traditional roles in family and society in deference to the ability of women to supplant them as equals.

2. The attack on men, became a war on boys. Even though nearly all scientific literature indicates that boys and girls mature at different rates and are stimulated by different things, mothers in the home and teachers in schools began to push back against the things that little boys are made of, including boundless rambunctious energy.

In the 1960s, with the dispensing of drugs like Ritalin, hyperactive young boys were diagnosed as having attention deficit disorders at twice the rate of girls and were deleteriously drugged accordingly.'

Pennsylvania school board rejects 'cis, white male' for board president

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A school board in Pennsylvania had voted 8-1 this week against allowing one of their colleagues, Gregory D'Elia, to become the president of the board because he is a "cis, white male."

"I believe that Mr. D'Elia would make an excellent president," Upper Moreland School Board member Jennifer Solot said during the vote on Tuesday in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. "However, I feel that electing the only cis, white male president of this district sends the wrong message to our community — a message that is contrary to what we as a board have been trying to accomplish."
...
Byrnes then conceded that she would vote for Stainback. Rose Huber also hesitated, but after a long pause, she also voted for Stainback. In the 8-1 vote, D'Elia was the only one to vote for himself.

D'Elia, the "cis, white male" school board member, was supported by the Upper Moreland Democrats when he ran in 2019.

The father of three children attended Penn State and received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 2005. According to a 2019 candidate questionnaire, he holds four U.S. patents and "headed design and installation on guy lines on the new One World Trade Center."'

Part 2. The Intersection of Race and Sex in America

Matt · 11 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Washington State Department of Health (WA DOH) decided to publish race-based overdose-death data prior to sex-based data, even as requested data shows 70-74% of WA overdose deaths were male in 2021 and preliminary 2022 data. The decision to prioritize the most current overdose-death data by race and not sex on the WA DOH website is a policy, priority decision in the same manner that the NCES reported drops in reading, prioritizing the narrative of one group while minimizing the narrative of a more marginalized group. As of December 9, 2022 the current overdose-death data in Washington State does not include overdose deaths by sex for 2021 and preliminary deaths for 2022.

While Americans battled the COVID pandemic, the Biden administration established the White House Gender Policy Council specifically for girls and women in 2021, even as males were the majority of Covid deaths, 70% of opioid deaths, 80% of suicide deaths, and lost employment at the same rate as women; just to identify a few areas of concern. The White House Gender Policy Council was an extension of Obama's White House Council on Women and Girls, established in 2009, and a Clinton initiative decades earlier. There are decades of programs for girls and women, but the same cannot be said for boys and men.'

Australia: Girls now out-performing boys in nearly every HSC subject

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Girls are outperforming boys in most Higher School Certificate subjects and doing almost as well in the historically male strongholds of mathematics and physics, leaving chemistry as one of the few subjects in which the top bands are dominated by boys.

Girls' particularly strong performance in English renewed concerns about the subject's mandatory inclusion in students' Australian Tertiary Admission Rank, amid concerns it disadvantages boys.

Ahead of the release of Higher School Certificate results, NSW Education Standards Authority data from 2019 to 2021, obtained by the Herald, shows the trend of boys falling behind in key areas earlier in high school continues into senior years.'

Framing men as the ‘villains’ gets women no closer to better romantic relationships

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The villain is always a man. It is usually a man in a relationship with a woman, although sometimes it is a man dating a man. Nevertheless: man = villain. The victim is his romantic interest. They recount his behaviour, with the benefit of hindsight, and detail upsetting incidents, usually ones where they felt slighted in some way. These are typically imparted in the register now employed to describe a harm, which combines sombre, stark delivery with therapeutic jargon. The harm is not anything as easily categorisable as outright abuse, or sexual assault. It is a hurt, perhaps one of many, that have added up to create an ultimately “bad relationship”.

...

The flip side of this, of course, are the sweeping generalities we see presented in popular media, regarding the way men are and how they act in romantic relationships. Men, we are told, are out to intentionally suppress, humiliate and belittle those they are involved with because: patriarchy. There is little interrogation of how these patterns of behaviour operate, or why they might exist in the first place.

Instead, they are presented as fixed and irredeemable elements of masculinity, which is synonymous with patriarchy. All hurt inflicted by a man is abuse on some level, these narratives imply, and all men will hurt you; ergo all men are abusive by nature.'

Pennsylvania school board member to resign over statement rejecting 'cis White male' for president

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Pennsylvania school board member who refused to vote for "the only cis White male" on the board to serve as president has decided to resign from her position at the start of 2023.

Upper Moreland School District board member Jennifer Solot made the comments during an open school board meeting on Dec. 6, just before a vote was held to appoint a new board president.'

Repeal Title IX

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In short, Title IX has now become not only a weapon but a blank check for radicals in the federal government and on campus, who see the law as an opportunity to impose the latest progressive politics. As R. Shep Melnick observed in a 2018 survey: “Title IX initially focused on what happens in the classroom. That focus soon shifted to the playing field, then shifted again to bedrooms and bathrooms.” Title IX is now an instrument of “the much more ambitious project of changing the way we think about sex differences, gender roles, and sexuality in general.” And this ambitious project does not rely on persuasion. Dear Colleague letters and other mechanisms of bureaucratic maneuvering create a lawless system of coercion that tramples the basic rights of individuals and punishes dissent.'

Supreme Court not hearing appeal in Title IX case

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'The Supreme Court will "not hear an appeal" from Michigan State that "could have impacted how Title IX, the federal law that bans sexual discrimination in education, is applied to college athletics programs." The decision means that, for now, the case is "back in the hands of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and U.S. District Judge Hala Jarbou in Michigan." The case stems from MSU's decision in October 2020 to "eliminate its men's and women's swimming and diving teams at the end of the 2020-21 season."

Eleven members of the women's team "filed suit in January 2021 seeking reinstatement of the women's team." They alleged that MSU's decision would result in the school "violating the law's requirement that schools provide equitable sports-participation opportunities for men and women." At issue was "how to determine whether a school has met the most commonly used benchmark of whether it is providing equitable participation opportunities: Men and women being afforded athletic opportunities in a manner that is substantially proportionate to the school's male and female enrollments"'

University of Houston hosts anti-masculinity lecture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Houston Law Center recently hosted a lecture titled “The Jurisprudence of Masculinity.”

Keynote speaker and NYU law professor Melissa Murray defined the jurisprudence of masculinity as “a jurisprudence that prioritizes and protects rights that are coded and understood as male, as well as the men who would exercise those rights,” arguing that the Roberts Court has exemplified this jurisprudence.
...
Campus Reform has found, however, that women are often prioritized over men, putting into question Murray's case.

In custody battles, "women are awarded child custody in nearly 90 percent of all cases," according to Emy A. Cordano, Attorney at Law. This is because "women have always been considered superior parents," says Cordano.

But such preference towards women is not isolated to the courts. Universities perpetuate the preference towards women.

Stanford University, for example, is under investigation for discriminating against men, as Campus Reform recently reported.'

UK: Street harassment to be banned in crackdown, government says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The government will now back legislation tabled by former business secretary Greg Clark.

Mr Clark said the intention of the bill is "to reinforce a change in the culture that establishes that it is completely unacceptable to abuse women in the streets".

During a debate in the House of Commons, Mr Clark said: "Public sexual harassment can affect men and boys, but we should be clear that it disproportionately affects women and girls."

The backbencher's bill aims to criminalise:

- Deliberately walking closely behind someone as they walk home at night
- Making obscene or aggressive comments towards a person
- Making obscene or offensive gestures towards a person
- Obstructing a person's path
- Driving or riding a vehicle slowly near to a person making a journey

As it stands, the bill will also introduce harsher sentences - increasing the maximum sentences from six months to two years.

Campaigners have also called for wolf-whistling and staring intently to be criminalised.

Pelosi told Obama Dems lost House in 2010 because White men 'get in a mood' when they don't have jobs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On the phone with Obama, Pelosi said Democrats shouldn't consider their wipeout as a referendum on health care reform. Instead, she blamed White males upset with high unemployment rates for Democratic losses.

"Our members have said they don't regret their health care bill right across the board. Even if we never passed health care reform, we were still going to lose this election because of 9.5% unemployment. ‘Cause it wasn’t about that, it was about jobs," Pelosi assured the president.

"The White male thing is just — that's a dominant thing. When they don't have a job, they get in a mood," she said. "And, um, so we'll have to make some decisions in our caucus about how we go forward."'

Mount Holyoke grad deprogrammed from women-only woke culture

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Article here. Excerpt:

'But the time she graduated from the school, which charges $60,000 a year in tuition, in 2015, Rockwell said, she'd been "brainwashed" into believing she had been a lifelong victim of patriarchal oppression and had a duty to fight on behalf of other victims: women, people of color and LBGTQ folks.

"I left school very anxious, very nervous, very depressed and sad," Rockwell said. "I saw everything through the lens of oppression and bias and victimhood. I came to the school as someone who saw everyone equally. I left looking for injustice wherever I could and automatically assuming that all white men were sexist. My thoughts were no longer my own."

Rockwell said she also developed a drinking problem at college and turned on her mother, Melinda Rockwell, whom she had once considered her best friend. Melinda said Rockwell wrote a "horrible manifesto" right after graduation, accusing her mom of treating her like a "wind-up toy" and a "doll" and never loving her.
...
"The entire culture there revolved around hating men and being a lesbian," Loomer, author of "Loomered: How I Became the Most Banned Woman in the World," told The Post. "Mount Holyoke and all the Seven Sisters [schools, including historically women's colleges Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Smith, Radcliffe, Vassar and Wellesley] were designed to be these elite institutions for women at a time when places like Harvard just took men. But they're no longer places for ideas and debate and a well-rounded education. They're centers for indoctrination. If you send your kid there you're signing them up to hate the patriarchy and white people and the founding stock of our country. It's a bastardization of higher education for the sake of weaponizing naive young women for the sake of advancing a toxic agenda."'

UK: Police applicant is told ‘we’re only hiring women and minorities’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Potential recruits to West Yorkshire Police are being turned down because they aren’t women or ethnic minorities, a Kirklees councillor has claimed.

Cllr Mark Thompson, (Con, Birstall), spoke out after a white man who applied for a job was unable to have his application progressed as he didn’t belong to a minority group. The prospective recruit was told that his application would be held until Police Officer recruitment is open for everyone.

At Kirklees Council’s last full council meeting, West Yorkshire Mayor Tracy Brabin who has responsibility for police matters heard the councillor’s concerns.'

LUX Creates Bold New Workplace Training Designed to Stop Everyday Sexism in the Workplace

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Article here. Excerpt:

'With a mission to power women with the strength to express their femininity without fear of everyday sexist judgments, Unilever's global beauty brand LUX takes another leap forward in fighting everyday sexism at the workplace. This month LUX has launched the Allies e-learning programme - a free global training resource for companies to rally colleagues to come together and stand against everyday sexism.

Everyday sexism exists regardless of profession, country, or cultural background. This is even more prevalent and ingrained in developing and emerging countries. Despite greater advocacy for gender equality since the #MeToo movement took off, sexism and sexual harassment continue to be persistent issues that plague society today. LUX's 'Finding Strength in Beauty' 2021 whitepaper supported this view and discovered that women regularly face up to 17 types of judgements, 70% of which are appearance-related with even 26% worried about being seen as overly successful at work.'

Men Engage in “Chivalrous Sexism” when Donating to Women in Need

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'A new study by Tel Aviv and Ben-Gurion Universities reveals a phenomenon of “chivalrous sexism” towards women in need. According to the study, about 2 out of 3 men (62%) would be willing to help a woman in distress whose house burned down – but fewer men (45%) would donate money to a woman whose business burned down. On the other hand, when the researchers examined the willingness of men to donate to other men, the trend that emerged was the opposite – according to which most men preferred to donate to men whose business was burned thus maintaining the male hegemony.

The researchers explain the differences by the fact that men tend to help women out of ‘chivalrous sexism’: helping a ‘damsel in distress’ is part of a men’s gender role, which is why a man will open the door for a woman or pull over to help her change a flat tire. But this help depends on the context: men help women if it does not challenge the male hegemony, in other words, if their help will empower women, then men will be less willing to help them.'

New study links Dark Triad personality traits to anti-feminist attitudes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New research provides evidence that Dark Triad personality traits are associated with anti-feminist attitudes. The findings have been published in the journal Personality and Individual Differences.

The “Dark Triad” refers to a cluster of related but distinct personality traits, comprised of Machiavellianism, narcissism, and psychopathy. Machiavellians are characterized by their manipulation of others or the exploitation of situations for their own advantage. Narcissists typically demonstrate a need for admiration, an inflated sense of self-importance, and a strong belief in their own superiority. Meanwhile, psychopathic individuals exhibit a high degree of impulsive along with a lack of empathy and remorse.

Lead author Melanie D. Douglass and her colleagues sought to better understand whether these maladaptive traits impact attitudes towards feminism. For their study, they recruited a sample of 343 individuals aged between 18 and 54 years of age from the United Kingdom.'

WA father discovers son’s paternity, two years after death

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Western Australian father has shared the devastating moment when he learnt he was not biologically related to his 20-year-old son two years after his death.

Around 23 years ago, Mick Reynolds became a dad after a woman he was seeing, Melissa Hernaman fell pregnant.

During this time he shared custody of Lochie, lived with Ms Hernaman until Lochie was seven and contributed to expenses and paid $400 a week in child support until the child turned 18.

Now 43, Mr Reynolds told A Current Affair he paid Ms Hernaman just under $110,000, something he says he had “no worries” doing.

...

However, Mr Reynolds’ says his case also highlights the issue of paternity fraud and the lack of emotional and financial support for victims.'

When Father Established Paternity He Did Not Get a Second Chance to Contest Baby's Adoption

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'Attempts by the father of a newborn baby to prevent a couple from adopting the baby failed because the father waited too long after the adoption petition was filed to act, the Supreme Court of Ohio ruled today.

The Supreme Court ruled that men not married to the child's birth mother who are claiming to be fathers of children must follow the procedures in the putative father registry law or relinquish their rights to object to an adoption. Establishing paternity after an adoption petition has been filed, but before a hearing on the petition, does not restore the rights of a father who did not register as a putative father, the Court added.'

As more men leave the workforce, women are stepping in to fill those jobs

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'At the height of the pandemic, 22 million jobs were lost. The data showed that the total number was skewed more towards women than men, since so many women assumed caretaker roles at home when daycare centers and schools closed during lockdowns. Since then, men and women have gained back all the jobs lost.

And of the 263,000 jobs added to the US economy last month, 61.6% of those are held by women, according to the National Women's Law Center. More women between the ages of 30-44 are joining the workforce in recent months — and at a higher percentage than before the pandemic.

"The fears of a 'she-cession' turned out largely to be unfounded," said Reeves of the idea that mostly women would be negatively impacted by pandemic-related job losses. "The women are returning to the labor market, and we've actually seen quite a big increase in the share of women in management roles and senior management roles."

Women are also stepping in to roles in more male-dominated industries, like construction. Ava Sedaghat joined the construction industry about two years ago as a project engineer in New York City.'

Female enrollment and legal employment are rising, but is representation improving?

Mastodon · 15 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New data shows that female enrollment in law schools and employment after law school is rising but some believe there is still room for more representation in the law field.

Female enrollment has increased while male enrollment has declined, according to AccessLex Institute's latest Legal Education Data Deck.

"Prior to 2000, male and female J.D. enrollment primarily moved inversely, with male enrollment falling as female enrollment increased. After 2000 they moved in tandem until female enrollment surpassed male enrollment for the first time in 2017," stated the deck.

This is the result of a larger trend of declining male enrollment in higher education, said Tiffane Cochran, Vice President of Research at AccessLex. Female college attainment has been outpacing male college attainment for some time now.

According to a recent report from the National Student Clearinghouse, 59.5% of college students enrolled in 2020-2021 were women and 40.5% were men.'

Barcelona invests for masculinity workshops

Mastodon · 16 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Excerpt:

'Questioning our preconceived notions about gender can be crucial to overcoming bias. Last year, a Centre for New Masculinities opened in Barcelona, Spain aiming to break down old - and often harmful - models of manhood.'

The Unseen Faces of the Men’s Rights Movement

Mastodon · 16 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Peter is a gay, British writer who supports the Labour Party and grew up in a stable, middle-class household — and he’s an active member of the men’s rights movement.

Now in his late twenties, Peter began sympathizing with the movement as an adolescent after experiencing what he sees as the education system’s disparate treatment of boys and girls.

“In school I saw a lot of double standards in the ways men and boys were treated socially,” Peter told National Review. He found that boys were often disciplined unfairly while administrators and teachers turned a blind eye to the misbehavior of girls.'

“Why Is the Men’s $400 Million” – Megan Rapinoe Hits Back at the Massive Prize Money for the FIFA World Cup

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Article here. Excerpt:

'While talking about the prize money of the FIFA World Cup she said: “It is a little bit of a complicated issue and it is a little bit more nuance than you know at times we would even express it so I will concede on that. But it is also like ok, why is the men’s 400 million and why is the women’s 400 million?”

She added” ” It’s so frustrating because the investment peace is just like astronomically different and so until that is equal like I don’t wanna talk about you know whether it’s TV rights or sponsorship dollars or anything like that. And I actually think the Women’s National team is a really amazing example of this. Like considering that we haven’t been paid as much and as much attention and effort haven’t been put towards you know from our own federation or sponsors or TVship rights and we are still successful”.

From all these statements, it’s clear that Rapinoe believes that paying both men’s and women’s soccer teams the same is not fair. According to her the women’s soccer team should be paid more as they have achieved a lot more in comparison to the men’s team.'

UN to investigate use of ‘parental alienation’ tactic in custody cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The UN special rapporteur on violence against women and girls is to investigate how family courts around the world approach “parental alienation” (PA) and how this may lead to the double victimisation of those who have suffered domestic abuse.

There is no single agreed definition of parental alienation but a generally accepted description is a child’s rejection of one parent as a result of psychological manipulation by their preferred parent.

Reem Alsalem will examine what is behind an increase in allegations of PA in highly acrimonious child custody cases, in particular when used to counter claims of domestic abuse.

Alsalem claims the majority of parents accused of “alienating” their child while alleging abuse are women. In some cases, mothers who have been accused of alienation have had their children permanently removed from their care or faced imprisonment.'

Longtime Tennessee domestic violence leader is out following critical federal investigation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The longtime leader of the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence has left the organization. The change comes less than a week after WPLN News and the Tennessee Lookout reported on federal findings of whistleblower retaliation at the nonprofit.

Kathy Walsh was executive director of the Coalition for more than three decades, where she helped build its reputation as the leading voice for domestic and sexual violence victims in the state. As a registered lobbyist, she has also helped shape many pieces of legislation.

But a report by investigators from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, finalized in September, concluded that Walsh was involved in forcing out an employee who blew the whistle on the potential misuse of federal grant funds in 2019.'

Well, actually: Mansplaining is a problem in the workplace

Mastodon · 17 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Organizations should not dismiss mansplaining as a product of social media rudeness or as a passing fad. Instead, mansplaining should be understood as an issue related to selective incivility where individuals are targeted based on their identity and made to feel like they do not belong.

Once identified as a form of incivility, mansplaining can and should be addressed in the workplace. Interventions that are effective at counteracting incivility might also be effective at mitigating mansplaining.'

Joe Rogan on the masculinty crisis

Mastodon · 18 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

Joe Rogan and Mark Boal discuss the so-called masculinity crisis with today's men. Is it really just the media feeding us an idea with the content they put out like news, movies, shows, etc.? Men dont agree with these things and that's why the masculine ideas have become so popular; it is going to backfire against them as we are seeing now.

Boys and learning differences during the pandemic

Matt · 19 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While it's certainly true we must be vigilant regarding the outcomes of our nation's daughters, selective narratives can give incomplete impressions. NAEP made a point of identifying declines in male and female math scores and added that "a greater score decline for female students in 2022 contributed to the widening of the gender gap" in math. While there was an average 6-point gap in math for 4th grade girls and a 2-point gap in math for 8th grade girls, there was an average 7-point gap for 4th grade boys and a 9-point gap for 8th grade boys in reading. This boy gender-gap in reading was not identified in the discussion of the report, and this speaks to the ways our institutions think and report on the outcomes of males and females.

Additionally, girls 2019 average math scores pre-pandemic were equal to or higher than boys 2022 scores post-pandemic. Conversely, this was not the case for boys in reading, where boys pre-pandemic average scores for 4th and 8th grades were lower than girls post-pandemic scores by margins greater than the gender-gap identified in NAEP's discussion of 4th grade mathematics. In general, institutions do not use the term "gaps" when discussing outcomes of boys and men.'

The State of Our Sons: A Townhall

Matt · 21 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Ticket info here. Description:

'Learn more about the challenges boys and men face in this first ever townhall on the status of boys and men in California and the nation. More than ever, boys need stable families and a community of caring people to guide them toward happy and healthy lives. We can begin to understand the challenges of boys and men by using verifiable and reliable data to look for solutions that lead to successful, measurable outcomes. Join Sean Kullman, Warren Farrell (Internationally acclaimed author), and the Board of the Global Initiative for Boys and Men for this unique townhall. Learn more at gibm.us.'

Chris Murphy introduces bill to strengthen Title IX, promote gender equity in sports

Mastodon · 22 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy introduced legislation on Tuesday that aims to promote gender equity in college and K-12 sports

The bill, known as "Fair Play for Women Act," is focused on fairness and equity in participation opportunities and institutional support for women's and girls' sports programs to ensure transparency and public reporting of data by college and K-12 athletic programs.

It would also hold athletic programs and associations more accountable for Title IX violations and discriminatory treatment, and improve education of Title IX rights among athletes, staff, and stakeholders.
...
The Democrat-backed bill would empower the Secretary of Education to issue fines to schools whose athletic departments are out of gender-equity compliance. This bill is being co-sponsored by Reps. Alma Adams (D-N.C.), Lori Trahan (D-Mass.) and Suzanne Bonamici (D-Ore.).

“Our bill would ensure sports programs for women and girls finally get the support they’re entitled to, increase transparency and accountability of schools and athletic associations, and make sure athletes are aware of their Title IX rights and how to exercise them. I’m proud to be working with Representatives Adams, Trahan, and Bonamici on this important piece of legislation to fulfill the promise of Title IX in college and K-12 athletics,” Murphy said.'

Woman avoids jail for falsely accusing man of rape - and even lied to his family

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman dodged jail after she blackmailed a man for cash, falsely accusing him of rape.

Chelsea Orton left her victim relying on antidepressants after he suffered abuse following her lies.

The 22-year-old confessed to blackmailing the man, who cannot be named, out of £200 between July and August 2019.

Orton went as far as telling the man's family about the rape lie to try and back up her story.

But the mum-of-one was finally caught out when her victim built up the courage to report her to the police.

Orton, from Nuneaton, Warwickshire, admitted to blackmail and was slapped with an 18-month prison sentence, suspended for 12 months at Warwick Crown Court.'

Female teachers given ‘toolkit’ letters to combat harassment

Mastodon · 22 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Archive accessible link here. Excerpt:

'Female teachers have been issued with template warning letters to send to colleagues who make jokes about women or put their arm around them, in an attempt to tackle sexism in schools.

The National Education Union published the sample letter in a toolkit of resources to be used as part of the union’s ‘It’s Not OK’ campaign against sexual harassment and sexism.

The letter is aimed at teachers who want to take an “informal” approach to an incident of harassment, and its aim is to stop “first instances of sexual or sexist behaviour quickly without the need to use formal procedures”.

Teachers are encouraged to send the letter to call out colleagues who act inappropriately, suggesting the wording: “I am writing to ask that you stop…making broad criticisms about women/ intimidating me/ putting your arm around me/ touching me/ telling ‘jokes’ about women/ contacting me outside work on non-work issues/ using ‘sexist’ language in front of me/ making humiliating remarks about my appearance/ belittling older women workers/ making coarse sexual remarks.”

It suggests teachers say they find the behaviour “offensive/undignified/ intimidating/ hostile/ degrading/ humiliating”.'

So much for equality: Men are less likely to become elementary teachers or nurses because of gender bias, report finds

charlie · 22 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gender discrimination is preventing men from becoming elementary teachers and nurses, experts warn.

They say that while women's struggle to get into science, tech and engineering roles has been well-publicized, professional discrimination against males has not.

Biases against men in early education and healthcare are thought to be linked to a perception that women are more caring and less dangerous.

Two new studies published by the American Psychological Association today sought to gauge the impact of those stereotypes.'

UK: Woman calls for men's shelters after son murdered by fiancée

Matt · 22 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A mum whose son was stabbed to death by his fiancée is calling for more refuges to open for male victims of domestic violence.

Jose Linnane, 67, screamed "like an animal" when police told her her son Simon Gilchrist had been murdered at his flat in York in 2004.

The 23-year-old's abusive fiancée Caroline Mawhood stabbed him in the heart after she came home from a night of drinking.

Mrs Linnane is now desperately trying to prevent further deaths by calling for new refuges to open.

London does not have a single refuge for male victims of domestic violence, according to the charity ManKind.

Mrs Linnane, from York, told the Mirror: "It makes me spit feathers there's not a single refuge for men in London.'

Woman spared jail for groping man who asked for her to be sentenced like a man

Matt · 22 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who drunkenly groped a man has been spared jail despite the victim urging she be tried like a man.

Mum-of-six Jemma Whiteside, 40, sexually assaulted the man at Everton's game against Manchester City at Goodison Park, Liverpool, on February 26.

A court heard how she grabbed the man's genitals, 'rubbed' up against him and said: 'I'm going to f**k him and I don't even know his name.'

The 'shocked and upset' victim said in a police report: 'It should not matter whether the assault was by a man or a woman, it should be treated the same."

Over 100k Russian men killed in war

Matt · 23 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If it were 100k women, it would have been stopped long ago. Male disposability is one of many issues around equality that feminism ignores. Excerpt:

'VLADIMIR Putin has the blood of 100,000 Russian soldiers on his hands as the grim milestone was reached today 10 months after Russia's doomed invasion.

But experts have said that Mad Vlad will be happy to send one million Russians to the slaughter in his desperate bid to achieve victory in Ukraine.

Ukrainian officials have been keeping a close tally on the war's death toll - and today claimed Putin has a grand total of 100,400 men.

With the war reaching day 302, that means Vlad has lost an average of 332 soldiers a day since February.

It is a military failure of incredible scale, with poorly trained and poorly equipped soldiers being sent to their deaths in muddy trenches.

Putin's military death toll is already more than six times higher than the Soviets lost in Afghanistan, and 20 times higher than US casualties in Iraq.'

Profs: 'white male privilege' to blame for STEM gender gap

Mastodon · 24 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two Seattle Pacific University professors contend that “white male privilege” is the primary reason that few women choose to study physics in college.

Rachel Scherr and Amy Robertson, both physics professors at Seattle Pacific, argue in the October issue of Race and Physics Teaching that physics instruction is currently unfair to women because “white male privilege pervades the discipline of physics as well as the classrooms in which physics is taught and learned.”

“Physics strongly values male-socialized traits such as independence, competition, and individual victories,” they write, adding that “objectivity and rationality themselves, the foundations of scientific ideology, are also male-socialized traits.”

The authors also assert that science has been used as a tool of racial oppression and colonization, which further hurts minorities in STEM and physics classrooms.'

Avatar 2 Is White Man's Fantasy of Indigenous Resistance

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If you want to see a white man's version of an Indigenous futurism film, however, then the local multiplex showing Avatar: The Way of Water is the way to go.

That said, the plot of what some call Avatar 2 is simple enough: the earth is dying, humans need resources, and this requires a complete takeover of the planet Pandora, which also requires the "taming" of the Indigenous inhabitants, the Na'vi.'

Profs fear engineering exam may be ‘biased’ against women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two Kansas State University professors have discovered that women in engineering are 11.6 percent less likely to pass the field’s professional license exam, which they suggest may partly be due to “biases in the exam itself.”

To obtain a license, engineers must pass the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam after four years of field experience. Taken by a few thousand people each year, the eight-hour exam is typically considered the “gateway” to a long-term engineering career.

But a new study casts concern over whether the exam is fair for female engineers. Led by Julia Keen and Anna Salvatorelli, the study finds that women taking the exam nationally are 11.6 percent less likely to pass, and that the disparity is even worse in certain states.
...
Lead author Julia Keen says she was motivated to investigate after earning her PhD in Engineering and seeing many of her peers leave the field.

Though Keen notes that women’s decision to leave engineering is influenced by many factors, during her dissertation research, she discovered that the PE exam repeatedly came up as a roadblock for women.'

Women-only: This Texas resale marketplace hopes to make selling safe

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Allhers, an online platform based in Austin, Texas, says it's devoted to providing women a safe place to buy and re-sell products — by eliminating men from the equation.

Becca Butler, one of the founders of Allhers, said she frequently moved around from childhood into adulthood. When she moved from Los Angeles to Austin, she joined a women-only discussion group and decided to list some furniture she was selling.

"It sold immediately," she said.

Further, her experience selling in this group was much more pleasant than in previous instances where she sold her stuff on other platforms, such as Craigslist and Facebook Marketplace.

"Everyone Venmoed me ahead of time…No one was haggling or lowballing me," she said. "Conversations were really friendly, and it just felt a lot more fun. I wasn't worried about strangers coming over to pick up this furniture because they'd already been vetted to be in the group."

Her brother — another founder of Allhers — was thinking of ways to innovate the buy and sell space around the same time Becca had this experience. He interviewed many female consumers about their experiences on these platforms, Becca said, and realized many had negative experiences with men when buying or re-selling household items.'

The Rise Of Misandry To Promote Gynocentric Agenda

Mastodon · 26 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Human beings are created with inadequacies. Men tend to be physically stronger than women and can cope with the stressors of life more than women. Women, on the other hand, are meant to be more compassionate than men. They can better take care of the responsibilities of others without being stressed. That is why they tend to play a more significant role in the upbringing of children.
...
But unfortunately, the moral justification of this ideology puts men at a disadvantage. They consistently receive backlash as a predicament of these struggles. Those ardent advocates always consider men as oppressors, narcissists, egoists and self-centered, which causes all the misfortunes in women's lives. This makes women that are adamant about this ideology highly androgynous.

Androphobia has become part of the ideology per se because most of those promoting it display one aspect of man-hating or the other. The radical ones among them tend to even distance themselves from any intersexual relationship due to their adamant stand on ideology. Do women who do not believe in this ideology have anything to lose? Why are many women against this ideology, and some even consider it evil?'

Dartmouth $100,000,000 STEM program appears to exclude white men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Dartmouth College's planned $100 million program to help "historically underrepresented groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics," is moving forward, aided by a recent gift that will cover one-fourth of the cost.

However, white male students appear to be excluded from the program, raising legal concerns. Groups included in the STEM-X initiative, according to Dartmouth, include "Black, Latinx, and Native Americans," as well as "women."

Several experts on Title IX sex discrimination and Title VI race discrimination law are concerned about the legality of the program, according to comments they made to The College Fix.

He said that Dartmouth is promoting a "false narrative" that women are underrepresented in STEM and noted "that women are overrepresented in many STEM fields including biology, health sciences, medical schools, and veterinary medicine."'

Are universities doomed?

Mastodon · 27 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nationwide undergraduate enrollment has dropped by more than 650,000 students in a single year - or over 4 percent alone from spring 2021 to 2022, and some 14% in the last decade. Yet the U.S. population still increases by about 2 million people a year.

Men account for about 71% of the current shortfall of students. Women number almost 60% of all college students - an all-time high.

Monotonous professors hector students about "toxic masculinity," as "gender" studies proliferate. If the plan was to drive males off campus, universities have succeeded beyond their wildest expectations.

Stanford's published 2025 class profile claims a student body of "23% white." Fewer than half of the class is male. Stanford mysteriously does not release the numbers of those successfully admitted without SAT tests - but recently conceded it rejects about 70% of those with perfect SAT scores.'

Unconstitutional ‘SAFER Act’ violates the First Amendment, undermines academic freedom, and seeks to upend decades of anti-discrimination law

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this month, Senators Bob Casey and Mazie Hirono and Representatives Jahana Hayes and Debbie Dingell introduced the “Students’ Access to Freedom and Educational Rights Act of 2022” (the “SAFER Act”; S. 5158/H.R. 9387) in their respective chambers of Congress.

If enacted, the SAFER Act would amend federal anti-discrimination laws in ways that would upend decades of legal precedent and threaten the civil liberties of students and faculty alike.

While there are numerous problems with the legislation, three of them stand out above the others.

The SAFER Act seeks to define sexual harassment in a way that would violate long-standing Supreme Court precedent and the First Amendment. The Supreme Court articulated a definition of discriminatory harassment in the educational context in a 1999 case, Davis v. Monroe County Board of Education. In an opinion authored by Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and joined by Justices Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer, the Court defined discriminatory harassment as conduct that is “so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive, and that so undermines and detracts from the victims’ educational experience, that the victim-students are effectively denied equal access to an institution’s resources and opportunities.”

This speech-protective standard recognizes that federal anti-discrimination laws like Title IX must work in concert with the First Amendment. Courts have effectively used this standard to find in support of both students alleging that institutions failed to prevent prohibited harassment, and students alleging that their school violated the First Amendment by not adhering to this standard. Davis is still binding precedent, and it still protects students from both discriminatory harassment and censorship.'

'Toxic masculinity' may be caused by an actual, infectious, brain-altering parasite

Mastodon · 28 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Suspicious. Jealous. Quicker to make an immediate judgment. Less willing to listen to others. Guys who were ready to break the rules if it helped them personally. Sound familiar? Other factors, such as self-control and even “clothes tidiness” were found to be decreased by infection. Here’s another one: Infected men scored significantly lower than uninfected men when it came to establishing relationships with women.

It is very hard not to draw a line between these results and guys like Nick Fuentes screaming about “replacement theory” and fretting over declining sperm counts while claiming that relationships between men and women “are gay.”

If you think this behavior only manifests at the polls, or in the desire to throw on a white hood, think again. One study showed that “Toxoplasma-infected subjects have a 2.65 times higher risk of traffic accidents than Toxoplasma-free subjects.” It would be extremely interesting to have results of these tests on people involved in mass shootings. While they’re at it, they could test corporate CEOs.

What did T. gondii infection do to women? Almost the opposite.'

Change the law to make it fairer for fathers

Mastodon · 28 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the 1970s, Ruth Bader Ginsburg famously used “Appendix E” — a list of hundreds of laws that discriminated on the basis of sex — as a playbook for dismantling gender discrimination. Almost all the statutory language that explicitly treated men and women differently has since been struck from the law books. Yet New York State has failed to remove a blatant example of gender discrimination from our Domestic Relations Law.

Gov. Hochul has a bill on her desk that would remedy that. It is aptly named the Parental Equity Act (S6389/A7347).

The bill fixes a law that dates back to the time when children of unmarried parents were considered “illegitimate” and makes unmarried fathers’ parental rights categorically contingent on providing financial support, ignoring the many other important ways fathers support their children. Fathers, of course, just like mothers, provide love and emotional support, as well as the full range of daily parental care — cooking for, bathing, and dressing children, taking them to school, helping them with homework, and more.'

"The misogyny here is not even thinly veiled" - Tennis fans slam Stefanos Tsitsipas for harsh words against 'modern feminism'

Mastodon · 30 December 2022 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Stefanos Tsitsipas recently shared some very strong views against feminism, expressing his belief that "modern feminism disparages men." The Greek tennis star also stated that equality should be practiced irrespective of gender, race, religion or background, and that modern feminism had gone away from equality.

Tsitsipas has since faced a lot of flak for his comments, which were made in response to similar views from entrepreneur Iman Gadzhi shared on the social media blogging site Twitter. Tsitsipas is currently in off-season mode after his 2022 season ended with a group-stage exit at the ATP Finals.'

Army approves reduced physical fitness standards for women, older soldiers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Following a three-year review, the Army has scrapped plans to use the same physical fitness test for all soldiers, choosing instead to have some reduced standards to allow women and older soldiers to pass, the service announced Wednesday.

The decision follows a RAND-led study that found men were more easily passing the new, more difficult Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) compared to women and older soldiers, who were “failing at noticeably higher rates.” That six-event test developed in 2019 was an expansion from the three events — pushups, situps and a run — soldiers had done prior.

“This test is an essential part of maintaining the readiness of the Army as we transform into the Army of 2030,” Army Secretary Christine Wormuth said in a statement announcing the changes. “The revisions to the ACFT are based on data and analysis, including an independent assessment required by Congress. We will continue to assess our implementation of the test to ensure it is fair and achieves our goal of strengthening the Army’s fitness culture.”

The Army first changed its fitness test to include dead lifts, power throws, pushups, planks, a run and a sprint-drag-carry event, as well as a leg tuck that was eventually eliminated.'

Child Support Changes in Minnesota

charlie · 1 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With too many parents condemned to poverty because of burdensome child support payments, Minnesota has overhauled the rules for how those payments are calculated.

Starting next week, the minimum per-child payment for noncustodial parents will drop and the calculated payments will be lower if the custodial parent has a higher income, among other changes.

"We want people to be successful, and we want people to meet the expectation that's being set for them," said Shaneen Moore, deputy assistant commissioner at the Department of Human Services (DHS). Its child support unit and county offices serve about 220,000 children in Minnesota and collected and distributed more than $550 million in payments in 2021.'

New Jersey woman charged with murder in Christmas Day shooting of husband

Matt · 1 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Her attorneys say she's innocent even though she said she shot him. This'll be one to watch. Excerpt:

'A New Jersey woman has been charged with murder, accused of fatally shooting her husband, a figure in local Republican politics, on Christmas Day.

Hamilton Township police responded to a residence in the 5200 block of Mays Landing Somers Point Road on Sunday for a report of an injured man, the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office said in a release.

Officers found David B. Wigglesworth suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

His wife, Marylue Wigglesworth, 51, had called 911 saying she had been in a fight and told responding officers she shot her husband, The Press of Atlantic City newspaper reported, citing the arrest affidavit.

She was arrested in connection with his death and booked into the Atlantic County Justice Facility.

An autopsy determined that Wigglesworth died of a single gunshot wound and that the manner of his death was a homicide, prosecutors said.
...
Her attorneys, Jonathan E. Diego and Melissa Rosenblum, said in a statement: “A tragedy occurred on Christmas evening. Ms. Wigglesworth is innocent of the charge against her. … The facts of that heart-rending evening will unfold in a court of law, not the court of public opinion.”'

Texas Supreme Court rules against father seeking to prevent 'chemical castration' of his son

Mastodon · 2 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jeffrey Younger has lost his court case to prevent his ex-wife from taking their son to California, where he could be medically transitioned. Younger has been trying to stop this from happening for years, and said that he has now reached the end of the line.

He wanted the courts to stop his ex-wife from taking the children to California and to protect his boys from medical mutilation at the hands of their mother, who is a pediatrician. The courts prevented him from forcing the mother to bring the boys back from California. Younger has accused her of using the children to help advertise her "inclusive," "gender affirming" practice.

"The Supreme Court of Texas denied my Mandamus, effectively terminating my parental rights. My children are now subject to being chemically castrated in California. Texas is an empire of child abuse, led by Texas judges," he said.'

Admin Announcement: New SSL Cert Installed

Matt · 2 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

I just renewed our SSL cert., so if you get a new cert. message/warning on your browser when hitting the site, go ahead and accept it. Thank you.

DV and the LGBTQ+ Community

Matt · 2 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. By casting DV as exclusively a men vs. women issue, not only do feminists ignore male DV victims in heterosexual rel'ps but they also totally ignore the DV in homosexual rel'ps for both sexes. Excerpt:

'• Around 44% of lesbian and 61% of bisexual women have experienced forms of rape and physical violence by an intimate partner as compared to 35% of straight women.

• 26% of gay men and 37% of bisexual men have experienced forms of rape and physical violence by an intimate partner compared to 29% of straight men.
...
Behind these statistics are real people with real experiences of abuse. LGBTQIA+ individuals face unique challenges in their journey towards safety and stability. Taylor Brown and Jody L. Herman from the UCLA School of Williams Institute list out just some of the challenges that include:

• Legal jurisdictions of domestic violence that only refer to heterosexual couples'

DAVIA: Domestic Abuse and Violence International Alliance

Matt · 2 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The highly publicized trial of Johnny Depp and Amber Heard, and the global public response to the trial, reveal there is no other topic of public debate in which the claims of gender activists:

- Diverge so dramatically from the findings of hundreds of research studies, which show that men and women engage in domestic violence at similar rates.
- Are so implausible and easily discredited, such as the claim that COVID lockdown policies resulted in a “shadow pandemic of violence” against women.
- Serve to negatively stereotype men and promote policies that violate men’s civil rights, such as the right to due process and the presumption of innocence.

This state of affairs has arisen from a gender ideology that ascribes domestic violence to the existence of “patriarchy.” Gloria Steinem, for example, once insisted that “Patriarchy requires violence, or the subliminal threat of violence, in order to maintain itself.”'

ASU publishes 'black male privilege checklist'

Mastodon · 2 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Arizona State University has published on its official website a "checklist" to address "Black Male Privilege."

ASU's “Project Humanities” initiative "facilitates critical conversations among diverse communities through talking, listening, and connecting" by exploring "shared ideas and experiences." The initiative lists several "initiatives," including one called "Privilege and Bias."

According to the university, the initiative "hosted 2-hour workshops that explored everyday manifestations of privilege." The page lists several different events from 2014, and says "These workshops have now evolved to be Humanity 101 in the Workplace: Lessons in Privilege and Bias."
...
Project Humanities has similar privilege checklists for able-bodied individuals, heterosexuals, thin individuals, and Christians. It also lists “pandemic” privileges, such as living in a house or having health insurance.'

Faux Feminism: Denying Positive Masculinities

Matt · 4 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I awkwardly used the leading feminist theory to discuss my findings from the first-ever account of the experiences of openly gay male athletes in high school and colleges at the turn of the millennia. Here, I found gay men accepted, on their teams, not stigmatized. I questioned how homophobic heterosexual men could be, or as hyper-masculine as gender scholars claimed, if they were unbothered by the sexuality of their teammates.

This research was followed by multiple studies showing sympathy, not antipathy, toward gay males on the part of straight males in sport. In short, I was showing that whereas homosexuality was stigmatized among adolescent males in the 1980s and 1990s, it was homophobia that was stigmatized in the new millennia.
...
Inclusive Masculinity: The Changing Nature of Masculinities, my book exploring the way modern young men really were, was a shot across the feminist bow to the stakeholders of feminist gender studies. Stuck between his kinship with me and my blasphemous results, my mentor's endorsement of the book principally described it as "hopeful," a subtle way of casting doubt onto the multiple studies that informed it.
...
I struggled to publish for a few years, until I employed a new strategy. Rather than writing an article and submitting it solely, I wrote several, saved them up, and shot-gunned them to the journals all at once. Not even the most stalwart gatekeeper had enough spare time to review five articles.

My strategy and my persistence paid off. My articles began to be reviewed not by gatekeepers, but by graduate students. They found my theory reflected their own experiences. I began to publish, both inside and outside the canon of journals from which the feminist politics of masculinity are at play. Over the next decade I produced a dozen PhD students, and dozens of further studies in multiple countries showing that young straight men had left homophobia behind. Thus, a rift in masculinity scholars was born between those wedded to an ideology that views heterosexual men with disdain and those vested in a more impartial, data-driven social-scientific study of men.'

Belarus Sign Calls For 'All Male Citizens' To Attend Enlistment Office

Matt · 5 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The digital text in Russian rolling across the screen says, "all male citizens from 18 to 60 years old must come to an enlistment office or village executive committee to clarify their data."
...
Although Belarusian authorities announced that there were no plans for mobilization, the process of military eligibility check-ups in the country began in October 2022, Liubakova told Newsweek. This entailed Belarusian men being summoned to military registration and enlistment offices via letters or phone calls.'

Man in Chicago divorce case jailed like criminal while dangerous suspects run free: lawsuit

Matt · 5 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One year ago, the governor of Illinois signed into law the SAFE-T Act, eliminating cash bail for all dangerous criminals in the state. And while the law has yet to go into effect amid suits from 65 counties, it will never apply to a former options trader. He claims in a lawsuit that he has spent the last six months in “solitary confinement” in a Cook County jail — over a divorce case.

Steve Fanady, 58, has been held on a $10 million bond for indirect civil contempt in a dispute over stock ownership, stemming from a 14-year-old divorce case, after a county judge ordered him jailed in June. He is the only long-term civil detainee in Cook County Jail.

...

According to the Fanadys and a federal lawsuit filed by Fanady himself, Fanady, who is handicapped due to two hip replacements, has been sleeping on a dining table alone in an isolated dormitory cell, infested with rats and roaches, hadn’t showered in at least 17 weeks, and has been denied basic medical and mental health care.

...

The Sheriff’s Office told the Post that it “strongly denies that Mr. Fanady was mistreated, tortured, denied appropriate medical or mental health care, or subjected to inhumane conditions while in custody. It claimed that it does not utilize solitary confinement and that Fanady was housed separate from other individuals pursuant to state law and at the request of his attorney. The Sheriff’s Office also said that Fanady had “regular contact with staff each day” and “had access to a telephone and television.

Recently, private lawyers for Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart argued in court against allowing Fanady, who has never been convicted of any crime, out of jail on electronic monitoring.'

Gender diversity on corporate boards can improve organizational performance

Mastodon · 7 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women were more prepared for board meetings and follow-up more with management. Women also asked more questions and were more likely to ask difficult questions. One of the female board member told us:

“Women are less shy about asking questions… Women are much more ready than male colleagues [for a meeting]… They read the material, they are serious and prepared and they have the capacity to have the courage of their opinions.”

Women also sought out consensus more often and thought more about other stakeholders, including employees and clients, than men did. One female board member said:

“There is a sensitivity at the level of women, they will be [more sensitive] to subjects more than men, like the concerns of employees, users of services, single-parent families.”'

Second charity refuses £10k raised for woman guilty of false rape claims

Mastodon · 8 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A second charity has decided to “politely decline” £10,000 originally raised for Eleanor Williams, who was convicted this week of perverting the course of justice by lying about being raped and trafficked.

Women’s Community Matters (WCM) in Barrow in Furness, Williams’ home town, was one of two charities that were to split £20,000 crowdfunded for Williams if she did not use it to bring her alleged abusers to justice.

Williams’ grandmother, the Cumbria county councillor Anne Burns, is a trustee of WCM. WCM offered extensive help and support to Williams when she claimed to have been sexually exploited, with her case worker called to give evidence for the prosecution at her trial.

On Friday, Rhona Teale, the chair of trustees, said: “Women’s Community Matters board of trustees met this morning to consider the offer of a donation from [the] fundraising campaign. The board unanimously concluded they would like to politely decline.”'

Moscow to mobilize 500,000 new conscripts, Kyiv military intelligence says

Matt · 8 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ukrainian intelligence officials are warning that the Kremlin plans a new mobilization wave for up to 500,000 men to fight in Ukraine starting in mid-January.

The new conscription drive, which would be larger than last autumn's Russian draft of 300,000, would include a push in big cities, including some strategic industrial centers in Russia, Andriy Cherniak, an official with the Main Military Intelligence Directorate of the Ukrainian Defense Ministry, told POLITICO on Saturday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin in December said a suggested new conscription wave would be pointless as currently only 150,000 previously mobilized soldiers have been deployed in the invasion of Ukraine. The rest are still training or serving in the Russian rear.'

Stomping on Your Husband's Balls Does Not Make Him More of a Man

Matt · 9 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nice to see it. Excerpt:

'The women's movement has spawned a generation of females who are running the world. They're taking over. They're telling their men what to do and they're stomping on their balls and then complaining about the fact that they're hooked up to a weak man. You can't call your dude a half-man if you're the one who castrated him in the first place. It isn't cool, and it isn't fair.
...
What I'm arguing for is this: We women want to be treated with respect. We want to be treated as equals. So we should do the same for men. Women treat men like they're children. We need to stop that. The boat has tipped far enough. Everyone deserves respect. Men. Women. Children. And if you want a man to treat you like a goddess, it would help a lot if you treat him well. Otherwise, we women are creating the boy-men who demand their toys and then complaining that they're always watching porn and never growing up. If you want a man, it doesn't hurt to treat your partner like he already is one.'

Transmaxxing: the Incel-To-Transwoman Pipeline

Matt · 10 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Dunno what to make of this article. Is it just an entire sh*tpost or is it identifying a discernible albeit marginal trend among modern young men? Disturbing in its implications in either case. Excerpt:

'Imagine you’re a depressed young man in a developed country. Maybe you work long hours for low pay, maybe you’re unemployed. When you were in school, you didn’t fit in with other boys; girls acted like you weren’t even there. You spend most of your free time playing video games and shitposting with online friends you’ve never met in real life. You rarely have sex without paying for it. You consider suicide regularly. To the left, you’re a threat: a woman-hating incel with latent violent tendencies. To the right, you’re a degenerate: a porn-addicted, weak “virgin” who struggles to impose himself on the world.

So where do you go from here? Do you ingratiate yourself with SJWs, or with the chads? Do you succumb to the temptation to commit suicide?

For some men, the solution to the despair of living as an isolated, unhappy male is straightforward: become a woman. ...'

California Legislative Women's Caucus calls for removal of Dana White as UFC president

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The California Legislative Women's Caucus on Monday called for the removal of Dana White as UFC president in a public letter addressed to the head of the promotion's parent company.

The letter, sent to Endeavor CEO Ari Emanuel, comes after video surfaced last week of White slapping his wife, Anne, at a nightclub in Mexico on New Year's Eve.

The political women's advocacy group, which according to its website consists of 18 state senators and 33 assemblywomen, posted a copy of the letter online. The letter asks Emanuel for "the immediate removal of Mr. White as President of the UFC."
...
In the video, White, 53, can be seen saying something to Anne, at which point she slaps him in the face. White then slaps her back before the two are quickly separated.'

Texas medical schools accused of bias against white, Asian men

Mastodon · 11 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A lawsuit filed Tuesday accuses six state-run medical schools in Texas of violating federal anti-discrimination laws by giving preferences to female and non-Asian minority applicants.

The lawsuit by George Stewart, a white man who was denied admission to the schools, is the latest challenge to affirmative action policies that are commonly used by U.S. schools to boost enrollment of Black, Hispanic and female students.

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According to the lawsuit, Stewart in 2021 obtained enrollment data for the six schools after he was denied admission.

Stewart alleged that the data revealed that Black, Hispanic and female students at the schools had significantly lower grade-point averages or test scores than white, Asian and male students. Stewart said in the complaint that the data showed that the schools gave preferences to female and non-Asian minority applicants.

Stewart accused the schools of violating federal laws prohibiting race and sex discrimination in federally funded educational programs.'

Boys are graded more harshly than girls. Why?

Mastodon · 11 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Across all ages and nearly all areas of education, boys are under-performing girls.

“Girls are about a year ahead of boys in terms of reading ability in OECD nations, in contrast to a wafer-thin and shrinking advantage for boys in maths. Boys are 50 percent more likely than girls to fail at all three key school subjects: maths, reading, and science,” Richard Reeves, a senior fellow in Economic Studies and the Director of the Future of the Middle Class Initiative, wrote in his recent book Why the Modern Male is Struggling,

According to a 2018 Brookings Institution report, about 88% of American girls graduated high school on time, compared with 82% of boys. In 2020, six out of ten college students were women. Once on campus, they graduate at higher rates, receiving more associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees in the process. As evidenced by declining college enrollment in the U.S., a drop for which men account for 71%, the gender disparity is continuing to worsen.'

Are Women Better CEOs? New ETF Bets on Female Leadership

Mastodon · 11 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hypatia Capital Management, an asset management firm focused on female leadership and investors, is placing a big bet on the success of companies led by women.

The actively managed Hypatia Women CEO ETF (WCEO), launched Monday, aims to invest at least 80% of its assets in U.S. companies that are led by a female CEO and up to 20% in companies whose executive chairperson is a female, according to the prospectus.

The ETF will also follow the Hypatia Women CEO Index, an index that tracks companies with female CEOs and market capitalizations of at least $500 million.'

Women work harder than men: An anthropological study reveals why

Mastodon · 11 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Our first finding was that women worked much harder than men, and contributed most of the fruits of this labor to their families. This was evidenced both by their own reports of how much they worked and by their activity trackers.

Women walked on average just over 12,000 steps per day, while men walked just over 9,000 steps. So men also worked hard, but less so than women. They spent more time in leisure or social activities, or just hanging around and resting.

This may be partly because women are, on average, physically weaker than men, and may thus have reduced bargaining power. But we also found that individuals (be they male or female) who disperse at marriage to live away from their kin have higher workloads than those who stay with their natal families.

So if you are female and move away from home at marriage (as most women do throughout the world), you suffer not just in terms of missing your own family but also in terms of workload. When both sexes disperse and no one lives with their natal families, both sexes work hard (as there is little help from kin)—but the woman still works harder. According to our study, perfect sex equality in workload only occurs in instances where men disperse and women do not.'

Men are 'bad in bed' and struggle to help ladies orgasm, study says

Mastodon · 11 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Many women can often find it hard to reach orgasm in the bedroom.

And, according to a new survey, that's down to men.

Sex toy company Lovehoney have labelled fellas "bad in bed" – as they've found evidence that women find it much easier to have an orgasm during sex with other women compared to men.'

‘I went downhill’: man falsely accused of rape on becoming a hate figure

Mastodon · 13 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Trengove spent his 19th birthday in prison, serving 10 weeks on remand before police realised the evidence against him didn’t stack up. The girl Trengove actually had sex with on 9 March gave police a selfie she had taken in the back of the police van, while suspicion grew that far from being a particularly unlucky victim of multiple rapes, Eleanor Williams was in fact a fantasist making one false allegation after the other with the help of social media.

Not only did she create fake profiles to frame Trengove and some of her other victims, she started up explicit conversations with innocent men – on Tinder, Snapchat or the intimate photo sharing site OnlyFans, where she had an account – and renamed them in her phone so that it looked as though their penis photos and propositions were coming from those she falsely accused.

Out of jail, Trengove was a free man but an outcast in Barrow. “I was barred from everywhere. I was called a rapist, a nonce.” Within a few months he moved away. “I thought it would end but the first day we moved in I had someone shout rapist at me. It was clear then that no matter where I went, someone would always know.”'

Part 3. Intersections of America How Children Learn: C.A.R.E. and the Brain

Matt · 13 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In Part 3, we explore practices to helping boys thrive in school. Successful educational approaches are overlooked at the highest levels of the educational system and in policy actions while certain smaller grassroots efforts are finding success. Thousands of schools across the country are navigating educational landscapes with limited awareness of the ways brain function impacts learning.

In order for students to find success when it comes to mastering skills, it's important to understand the cognitive awareness and cognitive readiness of students when it comes to things like decision making, behavior, and the best approaches to stimulating the brain. Cognitive awareness and cognitive readiness apply to students and teachers, who are attempting to stimulate the brains of students whose networks in connectivity are more front to back (males) or left to right (females). Understanding the brain that tends to function more in each separate hemisphere and the brain that functions across both hemispheres to a greater degree partly explains the reason boys and girls learn differently. This, of course, is not an absolute, but certainly true in the majority of boys and girls.'

NHL Reverses Course After DeSantis Admin Warns About ‘Discrimination’ Event Permitting Only Non-Whites, Non-Males

Mastodon · 14 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After Gov. Ron DeSantis’ office issued a warning Friday for the National Hockey League’s advertisement in Fort Lauderdale for “discrimination,” the NHL reversed course.

The NHL will reportedly now open its job fair to all individuals ages 18 and older after previously limiting it to certain genders and ethnicities, Fox News Digital first reported.

In a now-deleted job fair post on LinkedIn, the NHL had said it was only permitting those who meet the following qualifications:

Participants must be 18 years of age or older, based in the U.S., and identify as female, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQIA+, and/or a person with a disability. Veterans are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

In a statement to Fox News Digital, the NHL said the “original wording of the LinkedIn post associated with the event was not accurate.”'

Aus: Victims of sexual assault in NSW can now report their experience online

Matt · 14 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Anonymous sex assault reporting to police: What could possibly go wrong? Excerpt:

'Police are hoping to see an increase in reports of sexual assault following the launch of a new reporting tool that enables victims to record their experiences and provide information to police via an anonymous online portal.

The Sexual Assault Reporting Option, also known as SARO, allows victims to report a sexual assault without any obligation to participate in further lines of inquiry.

While the anonymous option has been in place since 2012, the new online version was unveiled in 12 languages on Friday, making it more accessible to victims.

The new system, accessed through a community portal on the NSW Police website, replaces the old process that required victims to download, print out and complete 14-page document, then email it back to the State Crime Command's sex crimes squad.'

Women need more sleep because fighting the patriarchy is exhausting

Mastodon · 16 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Its title alone is intriguing enough to encourage the public to check out what this exhibition is about. Women Need More Sleep Because Fighting the Patriarchy is Exhausting is what the new showcase at Common Room, Prozak is called and it features the work, experiences and thoughts of four local women.

...

The visual arts exhibition will host a series of parallel events that invite women and men, occasionally only women, to discuss, reflect and share their views and experiences. Saturday is the first parallel activity and it is an open discussion at 7pm between four women from different professional backgrounds. The 12 Feats of a Working Women talk will address the challenges and obstacles these women face, moderated by Katerina Gennari.'

'I was out of the country and I'm not physically capable - but a rape allegation is ruining my life'

Mastodon · 16 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former military police officer claims he has been driven to the brink of taking his own life after being falsely accused of rape three times. Paul Nugent, 59, from Heywood, has made official complaints to Greater Manchester Police's Professional Standards Branch over what he claims is Rochdale division's failure to bring charges against his accuser for making the allegation and, he says, 'ignoring' evidence which would have established his innocence.

GMP spokesperson said the force has received 'nine contacts' from Mr Nugent, some of which were 'repeats' of previously reported complaints or appeals, and that the majority have now been closed with no misconduct found.
...
Instead, he says, he has spent 50 hours in police custody as a result of the accusation, and has battled for two years to clear his name amid the 'stigma' of being a rape suspect. Mr Nugent claims he told police about medical evidence which showed he suffers from Peyronies Disease, which he says renders him physically incapable of rape, but that officers ignored the evidence.'

UK: Charities hail domestic abuse campaign for shift from victim to perpetrator focus

Mastodon · 16 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Chair of the Scottish Women's Convention and long-time women's rights advocate Agnes Tolmie praised the fresh approach.

She said: "This advert by Police Scotland is to be welcomed. Whilst women have to be aware of male controlling behaviour, this advert has put the responsibility for it firmly at the door of men.

"For too long, women have had to endure not only the problems of controlling behaviours of men, but have had to try and resolve it on their own. It's time men joined in to tackle this destructive behaviour.'

Connecticut Law Would Axe Fitness Requirements for Female Firefighters

Mastodon · 19 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Connecticut Democrats are working to lower the physical fitness requirements for female firefighters, saying that less onerous standards will make fire departments "more diverse."

A law introduced earlier this month in the Connecticut State Assembly would let women skip the Candidate Physical Ability Test, a timed gauntlet used by fire departments across the country. The test, which only 10 to 15 percent of women pass, requires candidates to complete intense physical tasks while wearing a 50 pound vest. It's designed to simulate the experience of navigating a fire in heavy gear—and to weed out those unable to do so.

The law, introduced by five Democratic lawmakers, would offer women an alternative test based on "revised physical standards," with the goal of ensuring that "additional female candidates" qualify for firefighter positions, text from the bill states.'

The Only Private Club for Women Executives Just Opened in SF

Mastodon · 20 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The organization's popularity speaks to the critical void the club is filling by creating a support network for women senior executives, striking at the heart of how complicated it can be to work as a female leader.

"It's lonely at the top, and it only gets lonelier as a woman," said Kaplan, who now works as the organization's chief brand officer.

The membership numbers around 20,000 and includes women with C-suite credentials in a broad range of industries—from NASA to Nike and Harvard to Walmart.

The organization is not only diverse in terms of industry—35% of Chief members identify as BIPOC, which is nearly double the number of women of color in executive leadership overall. Chief also welcomes people who identify as trans or nonbinary.'

Male menopause: The silent epidemic

Matt · 20 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Now doctors want to draw attention to a 'silent epidemic' that affects men with extremely low testosterone levels — the male menopause.

Like with women, the term is used to describe the period in an adult man's life when his hormone levels crash, causing a host of symptoms that shatter sufferers' confidence or are outright debilitating — including erectile dysfunction, depression, anxiety and rapid fat gain.

...

Dr Bob Berookhim, a urologist in New York City and the Director of Male Fertility and Microsurgery at Lenox Hill Hospital, told DailyMail.com: 'In men, declining testosterone levels tend to occur more slowly and can present at any age, and most men are less likely to present with a sudden onset of low testosterone symptoms.

'I think the name hurts the chances for men to come in for care. The term may be considered emasculating to some, and these symptoms are often and uncomfortable for men to talk about at baseline.

'That being said, when patients do come in and I've diagnosed them I call it "Manopause" to get a smile out of them!"

UK unions call in cancer expert over fears of asbestos risk to female teachers

Mastodon · 21 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The threat of asbestos-related cancer to female teachers is to be examined after possible signs of an elevated risk of fatal illness.

Trade unions are to work with one of the country's leading cancer experts on a study of the exposure women in their late-40s to mid-60s may have had to the material inside school buildings. It comes after researchers detected a possible increase in mesothelioma deaths among the group that could be statistically significant.

Official data has already shown that female former teachers born from 1935 to 1954, working when asbestos was still being installed in schools, have a 40% increased rate of mesothelioma, a cancer related to asbestos exposure that affects the lining of lungs. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) reported more than 5,000 asbestos-related deaths in 2019 across the population as a whole, including from cancers like mesothelioma.'

Australia: Grants to strengthen women in STEM careers

Mastodon · 21 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Australian Government has announced $15.9 million in new grants for 17 successful projects that are supporting more women to study and build careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

This latest round of Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship (WiSE) grants provide between $500,000 and $1 million to expand successful projects that have increased awareness of STEM education and improved opportunities for girls or women to build skills and succeed in STEM careers.

Minister for Industry and Science Ed Husic said the Albanese Government is committed to supporting more women into STEM careers, and to encouraging girls to study STEM subjects.

“We want to make sure that more women find lasting, rewarding and successful careers in STEM fields, regardless of their background,” Minister Husic said.'

OK Lawmaker files ‘Save Men’s Sports Act’

Mastodon · 21 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This week an Oklahoma lawmaker filed the “Save Men’s Sports Act.”

“Unfortunately, a lot of these sports events are being used as political activism, and it’s very disruptive to the classroom. It’s very disruptive to the sports program,” said State Sen. Shane Jett, R-Shawnee. “Keep your culture wars outside of the classroom.”

Senate Bill 1007 states, “Athletic teams designated for ‘males’, ‘men’, or ‘boys’ shall not be open to students of the female sex.”

The measure comes about a year after Governor Kevin Stitt signed the “Save Women’s Sports Act” into law, barring anyone born a male from competing on a women’s sports team.'

A terrible loss for women, and another win for toxic masculinity

Mastodon · 22 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ardern's departure is a sore loss for women and girls who had taken heart from seeing a woman run a country with agility, intelligence and humanity, her ethics intact after five-and-a-half years in the job.

It is a terrible blow to women's rights at a time when the backlash against feminism — no, make that against women — has been brutal and will get worse. Women should never underestimate how much they are hated. Every week, rage and violence against women has been rising like sea levels. Toxic masculinity reigns.'

Circumcision linked to ACEs and violent households, says new study

DanBollinger · 23 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Children from dysfunctional households experience a proportionally greater number of adverse experiences than other children. One such common event is male child genital cutting, or circumcision. This study surveyed five-hundred randomly selected circumcised and intact men concerning their experiences before 18 years of age using the 10-item Adverse Childhood Experiences checklist (ACE). The cumulative scores for men with circumcised penises (2.83) were higher on average compared to those for men with intact penises (2.44). In this cohort, male child genital cutting was more common in dysfunctional, violent households.'

California's First Lady Produces 'Gender Justice' Films, Sells to State Public Schools

Mastodon · 23 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'California Governor Gavin Newsom and his wife, "First Partner" Jennifer Siebel Newsom, have quite a money-making scheme going on: "He runs the state and she's a nonprofit founder, entrepreneur, and filmmaker," Open the Books reports.

"While her husband attends to state business, Siebel Newsom engages in her passion: advancing 'gender justice' through her charitable nonprofit The Representation Project. According to tax documents the organization is 'committed to building a thriving and inclusive society through films, education, and social activism.'"

Jennifer Siebel Newsom solicited state vendors and the governor's campaign donors for large gifts to her charity, The Representation Project.

Siebel Newsom, through her non-profit The Representation Project, has released four films advocating gender justice. The films are leased for screenings to individuals, corporations, and schools, and come with their own lesson plans. Schools spend between $49-$599 to screen these movies to children.'

Education in the spotlight as watchdog warns of sexist ‘backlash’ sweeping France

Mastodon · 25 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'France’s equality watchdog has called for an “emergency plan” to combat widespread sexism that is affecting youths in particular, amid concern that the country’s education system is failing to foster gender equality from a young and vulnerable age. While online exposure to pornography is cause for particular alarm, experts say the sexist “backlash” is also evidence that feminist themes have made important inroads, stirring vibrant – if often acrimonious – debates.

Five years into the #MeToo movement, and almost six years after President Emmanuel Macron declared gender equality the “Grand Cause” of his first mandate, France’s main equality watchdog has offered a scathing assessment of the country’s progress on the matter.

According to the High Council for Equality between Women and Men (HCE), sexism is far from retreating in France. In fact, some of its most violent manifestations are getting worse, the council warned in its annual report this week, noting that French society remains “highly sexist at every level” and that “younger generations are the most affected”.'

To resolve Title IX complaint, Northwood University to open women-only awards, scholarships to all

Mastodon · 25 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A settlement between Northwood University and the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights will end an award program currently limited to women, as well as a woman-only scholarship program. Men will no longer be excluded.

The resolution of the Title IX case will bring changes to an award program that dates back to 1970, predating the Title IX law of 1972.

As a result of the settlement, Northwood University faces a Jan. 30 deadline to make its Distinguished Women Award and Distinguished Women Endowed Scholarship open to all people, regardless of sex. By Feb. 13, it must send updated promotional materials to the Office of Civil Rights, to prove compliance.

Both the award and the scholarships will be made “open to all eligible persons, regardless of sex,” per the settlement, which was signed by Northwood on Jan. 23.'

UK menopause law change rejected as it ‘could discriminate against men’

Mastodon · 26 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Proposals to change UK legislation to protect the rights of women experiencing menopause have been in part rejected by the government due to fears such a move would discriminate against men.

The cross-party women and equalities committee last July published a report focusing on menopause and the workplace, which included a recommendation to make menopause a “protected characteristic” under the Equality Act.

Protected characteristics are a specific set of characteristics that it is illegal to discriminate against, and include age, disability and race among others.

But in its official response to the report, published on Tuesday, the government rejected the proposal, warning of “unintended consequences which may inadvertently create new forms of discrimination, for example, discrimination risks towards men suffering from long-term medical conditions”.'

Why I worry about my sons' maturity, not their masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There seems to be broad agreement across the political spectrum that America has a masculinity problem. For many on the left, men who do not profess sufficiently progressive politics are presumptively "toxic." For many in the center and on the right, the educational system's ostensible war on boys and the cultural left's alleged attack on that so-called "toxic masculinity" are in part to blame for the purposelessness and malaise currently afflicting so many males.

While it's true that many American boys and men today are struggling (doing less well than girls in school; failing to launch careers or start families; and succumbing to alarming rates of depression, anxiety, drug addiction and suicide), this crisis is not actually about the partial rebranding of masculinity as toxic.

It is, in fact, about the total rebranding of adulthood as offensive.

The zeitgeist at present is best understood as society-wide infantilization. We defer to subjective fantasy even when it collides with objective reality. We privilege identity over biology, narrative over fact and feeling over virtue.

This rejection of maturity disproportionately impacts boys and men such that the current "masculinity crisis" appears to exist for two related reasons.'

You asked: How was Scott Yenor able to speak at Eagle High School?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Students from Eagle High School pushed back at guest speaker Boise State Professor Scott Yenor during their Thursday school lunch hour for talking about "the effect that feminism has had on our society."

Yenor is a controversial figure in the Treasure Valley -- he has previously received criticism for calling women, "more medicated, meddlesome, and quarrelsome" than they "need to be" and saying "more successful men will mean more happy citizenry and a stronger nation." Yenor said, during a National Conservatism Conference in Orlando, Florida, in 2021 -- that society needs to prepare women to become mothers, not to want careers.

Yenor, a political science professor, also consistently retweets far-right blogs criticizing LGBTQ+ people, women and sex education.

Yenor was invited by the TurningPointUSA group formed by students at Eagle High School on Thursday to speak about feminism during their lunch hour. TurningPoint USA is an organization founded by Charlie Kirk that encourages conservative activism among younger generations. Their website includes anti-trans rhetoric, among other articles about "leftist hypocrisy" and how the "LGBTQ Nation is coming for our children."'

Google exec fired after female boss groped him at drunken bash, suit says

Matt · 28 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Google executive claims he was booted by the tech giant for rejecting a high-ranking female boss' grabby advances at a posh company dinner.

Ryan Olohan, 48, accuses Google and one of its top executives, Tiffany Miller, of firing him after Miller groped him at a Chelsea restaurant in December 2019 and told him she knew he liked Asian women — which Miller is, according to a blockbuster federal lawsuit filed Nov. 30 in Manhattan.
...
The HR rep "openly admitted … that if the complaint was 'in reverse' — a female accusing a white male of harassment — the complaint would certainly be escalated," according to the lawsuit. x

Olohan claims Miller began retaliating against him after he made the complaint by criticizing him and reporting him to human resources for "microaggressions," although the complaint does not specify what Miller accused him of.'

Haverford College Senior Sues School Over What He Says Was a False Rape Rumor

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A senior at the Main Line's prestigious Haverford College is suing the school after he says he was the target of a false rape rumor on campus.

The student, who has filed the lawsuit in Philadelphia's federal court under the pseudonym John Doe, says his problems at Haverford College began in February 2022, when he was a junior. According to the lawsuit, that is when a "false and vicious rumor" began to circulate on campus that he had raped a female student. He claims he never had any physical contact with the student in question.

The rumor spread on social media among students and in the tight-knit group of players on one of Haverford College's varsity sports teams, where the accused was co-captain. He alleges that other players on the team, including another co-captain, took the rumor to the coach in an effort to get him kicked off of the team. The other captains of the team soon confronted him directly with the accusation but, says the suit, "They provided no specificity whatsoever with regard to the identity of the purported victim, the date, the timeframe, the place, the context, or any other detail" about the alleged assault, which he denied to them. The players later told him in writing that they didn't want him on the team.'

New feminist chemistry class teaches that science is racist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent article published in the Journal of Chemical Education describes the development of a Feminism and Science course at East Carolina University (ECU) that was offered at the university. The course, the authors argue, should serve as a "model" for other educators to learn from, "present[ing] this work as an example of a transformative pedagogical model to dismantle White supremacy in Chemistry."

The article, titled “A Special Topic Class in Chemistry on Feminism and Science as a Tool to Disrupt the Dysconcious Racism in STEM," argues for a pedagogical framework based on “Critical Race Theory and intersectional feminism."

One of their goals “was to shine light, through this process, [on] how scientific epistemology and culture have strong links with capitalism, enslavement, colonization, and exploitation of female-bodied folks.”

Students also learned the definitions of terms such as diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and systemic racism.'

Debunking The Narrative: 7 Ways Women Are Actually Doing Better Than Men Right Now In Our Society

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Article here. Excerpt:

'1. Women Excel in Education

2. Women Live Longer and Are Healthier

3. 20-Something Women Outearn Their Male Counterparts

4. Women Are Less Likely to Commit a Crime—and Have a Crime Committed Against Them

5. Women Suffer Less from Drug Addiction and Suicide

6. Women Make the Majority of the Financial Decisions

7. Women Rarely Die on the Job

Women are also favored by mainstream culture. Most of the films and TV shows are geared toward women, our culture encourages women to engage in degenerate behavior (having an OnlyFans account, participating in porn, having multiple sexual partners) while chastising men for simply being masculine. Couple that with all of the above statistics, and it's clear to see that our society caters mostly to women. Men are actually the ones who need help, and if we want to secure a bright future for our country, we need to start paying attention to what men need rather than continuously pushing a victimhood narrative that paints women as oppressed.'

Dad's six-month turmoil after 'false rape allegations' made in bitter custody battle

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A dad who says he was falsely accused of raping his ex-partner during a child custody battle feels he is a 'victim in a broken system'.

The man, who asked to remain nameless, has told of the "most difficult six months of his life" after he was arrested and investigated on suspicion of rape and assault. He says his entire life was turned upside down and fears the stress could have tragic consequences for others in a similar position.

His current partner, who has been with him throughout the bitter custody battle, was called to her local police station and informed of the allegations, which she was already aware of, under Clare's Law. Also known as the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS), it allows anyone to ask police about a partner - this can also be done by a member of the public who can ask about a close friend or family member's partner.'

‘Some of the more extreme expressions of feminism have been harmful both to women and to men,’ says Bishop Doran

Mastodon · 30 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Catholic Bishop of Elphin, Dr Kevin Doran, has questioned if “toxic masculinity” is linked to “aggressive feminism” as he called for “gentleness” between the sexes.

In his homily on Sunday, the Sligo-based prelate suggested that “some of the more extreme expressions of feminism have been harmful both to women and to men.”

Toxic masculinity, Dr Doran said, meant that characteristics which are traditionally associated with masculinity, “good things like strength and courage and honour, can sometimes become distorted and exaggerated in such a way that young men feel that it is ok to be violent and rude and to treat women disrespectfully”.
...
Asking what caused toxic masculinity, he stated, “I may be wrong, but I wonder if ‘toxic masculinity’ might be, in some way related to aggressive feminism, like two sides of the same coin.”'

Left's equity push has 'deeply demoralized' men and the consequences are 'huge': Douglas Murray

Mastodon · 30 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'DOUGLAS MURRAY: Even the left is starting to concede there's a problem with young men in particular. Their way of doing it is to say, 'it's more complex than these right-wingers are saying.' It is quite complex, and it's also quite straightforward. Young men, particularly in America, have been for a generation now deeply demoralized… They have grown up in this culture which everyone from politicians to Gillette and major firms have said, ‘Men are the problem. Masculinity is the problem. That nothing will be right in America or equal until absolutely everything is fair between the sexes.' And the problem that they always encounter with this is there are certain high-profile professions which women have been underrepresented in and minorities have been underrepresented. And the answer to this is not a zero-sum game…

College removes photos of white males from entrance to prove commitment to diversity

Mastodon · 31 January 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Texas A&M's School of Medicine removed photos of graduating seniors who are white males, which were prominently displayed at the entrance of the school, as an example of the university's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI).

The school indicated such in a survey completed last year for the Association of American Medical Colleges, a nonprofit accrediting organization. The survey responses, which touted the school's commitment to DEI, were obtained via a Freedom of Information Act request by the medical watchdog group Do No Harm, which passed along the completed survey to The National Desk (TND).

In the survey, the school cited the fact that it removed "predominantly white male photos of graduating class prominently displayed on the entrance" as an example of promoting inclusive communications and branding.

The survey detailed other institutional commitments to DEI that the school has made, including DEI trainings for faculty, the creation of a "holistic admissions program," and salary reviews based on "diversity."

When reached for comment a spokesperson for Texas A&M expressed regret about how the survey response, "unintentionally did not provide the appropriate level of context."'

Is there a place in the American heart for the white male?

Matt · 1 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Identity politics plays a critical role in the way the left and the right address social issues, and it has seemed more amplified than usual, even as data is telling us to slow down and take a more in depth look.

Mentioning the challenges of white males in America must make some people cringe until you learn over 305,000 white males committed suicide from 2010 to 2020, more than 190,000 have died from alcohol induced causes unrelated to suicide, another 264,000 have died from accidental poisoning and exposure to noxious substances, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control's Wonder Database. And the list goes on.

Although some legislators are sympathetic, most know a narrative that addresses white males as part of a larger discussion on boys and men is unpopular and unlikely to gain traction in the mainstream media, educational institutions, and with policymakers.

White males are only second to Native American/Alaska Native males when it comes to suicide deaths per 100,000. White males and Native American/Alaska Natives are 2.7 to 2.9 times as likely as black males and Hispanic males to commit suicide and nearly 12x to 13x as likely as black females.'

The media only celebrates masculinity when feminized like 'The Rock in a tutu': Dr. Phil guest

Mastodon · 1 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Author Rollo Tomassi talked to Dr. Phil on Friday about how an entire generation of young men or "lost boys" are neglected and demonized for being males.

Dr. Phil's recent episode titled "The Demise of Guys" discussed how young men in America are facing an existential crisis of what it means to be a man, with many seeking masculine self-help gurus online. Debate raged over what constitutes "toxic masculinity" and what qualifies as demonizing masculinity itself.

Dr. Phil asked Tomassi about past statements, "What do you mean when you say media celebrates masculinity as equally acting feminine?"

"That's the only time that the mainstream media will ever celebrate masculinity is when you see The Rock in a tutu," Tomassi responded. "Whenever you see men behaving conventionally feminine, that's when the media decides to celebrate them. But yet when a guy is acting in a conventionally masculine way, we do not celebrate that, they find some way to demonize that."'

RAF chief admits mistakes over 'discrimination' against white men

Mastodon · 1 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Air Chief Marshal Sir Mike Wigston, appearing before a committee of MPs on Wednesday for the first time since the scandal broke last year, said it had been wrong for "stretching aspirational" goals - that he set to improve diversity in the RAF - to end up as "unattainable" recruitment targets for his recruitment teams.

"That put intolerable stress on them and that was a failing of the organisation - where an aspirational goal becomes an individual's target," he said.'

The Future of Hogan Lovells—and Maybe Big Law—Is Female

Mastodon · 1 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I find most of Big Law's efforts promoting gender equality to be lame, but Hogan Lovells' new partnership class got my attention: It is 58% women.

What's thrilling is that women at Hogan not only beat the odds—the 2,800-lawyer firm only made 38 partners—but also came up on top. It sure is nice to see more firms announcing new partnership classes that are close to 50% women. But it's much more satisfying when women cream men at their game.

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For women, it's also critical to support them when they are mid-level associates, a time when many leave. "The important thing is making sure they're engaged in the work, that at the mid-level point they can see a path," Shaw said.

And to keep the partnership pipeline pumped with women and diverse candidates, Hogan has a program called "Momentum" that provides training and support for senior associates who show promise for partnership. "Our DEI provides the support to ensure that there's stickiness to keep them," Shaw said.'

Australia: "Police arrest hundreds in new war on domestic violence"

Minuteman · 2 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

"Sometimes, the only thing a predator understands is a bigger predator". More proof that if you're a normal heterosexual male, ozzie cops aren't your friends (and why it will take them 40 minutes to respond if someone is breaking into your home). Video here. Description:

'Hundreds of alleged domestic violence offenders have been arrested in sweeping raids across New South Wales. The multi-agency Operation Amarok One, with officers from every police district in the state and specialised domestic violence teams, ran from last Tuesday to Friday. A Current Affair's Simon Bouda got a look inside the operation. (Broadcast 31 Jan, 2023)

If you or someone you know is impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence, call...'

Journalists reject objectivity as an 'outmoded,' 'failed concept:' 'World view of middle-aged white men'

Mastodon · 3 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new report featured dozens of journalists and media experts who widely reject the concept of "objectivity," which was once a longstanding principle in the news industry.

The lengthy piece, titled "Beyond Objectivity," published last week by Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication put a spotlight on what it deems a "generational shift" when it comes to objectivity.

"[W]hen misunderstood, journalistic ‘objectivity’ or ‘balance’ can lead to so-called ‘bothsides-ism’ – a dangerous trap when covering issues like climate change or the intensifying assault on democracy," co-authors Leonard Downie Jr. and Andrew Heyward wrote in the report's introduction.
...
"If the term objectivity means the world view of middle-aged white men, it has become attacked as a word that is used to keep the status quo," Buzbee said.'

Progressivism, at war with masculinity

Mastodon · 3 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The cultural battle is fundamental for the left, and that's why it's been very concerned lately about the recent rise of all kinds of thinkers, creators, and influencers who reclaim the concept of masculinity.

Jordan Peterson —from academia— and Andrew Tate —from gyms and social media— are perhaps the two perfect examples to demonstrate how much this male reaction to the insistent Marxist gender ideology of recent years encompasses.

The left is aware of the danger of reinforcing the classic concept of masculinity that goes against the Marxist New —deconstructed— Man. That is why, in the cultural battle, they are working hard to destroy the likes of Jordan Peterson and Andrew Tate.'

The Tragic Disconnect Between Men And Women – No Sex, No Babies, Lots Of Loneliness, Shrinking Populations

Mastodon · 3 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The news is full of seemingly disparate themes that urgently need connecting. The first is the nerdy macro-economics of demographics. China is shrinking for the first time in 60 years. South Korea's birthrate is plummeting towards levels never seen before while that of the US is at a hundred-year low. The second strand is the toxic masculinity seeping across the planet, from the Tates and the Trumps, to the beleaguered backlash from women-repressing regimes in Iran and Afghanistan, and the general rise of gender-based violence across the world. The third is the crescendo of mental health and loneliness among the young. What's the connection between demographics, toxic masculinity and epidemic levels of loneliness? Women.

The link between the three is the rising independence of women -personally, professionally and politically - and the lack of a parallel rise in inspiring leaders and pathways for young men. If we can't balance opportunity – and connection – between men and women, it's not just our couples that will suffer, but also our countries and collective destinies.'

UK: Online misogyny set to be outlawed

Mastodon · 3 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Misogynistic abuse should be banned online, the Government believes.

Michelle Donelan, the Culture Secretary, is understood to believe the Online Safety Bill has the power to stamp out attacks on women on the internet.

The plans to crack down on online misogyny come as leading Tory peers including Baroness Morgan, a former culture secretary, are pushing for the law to go further to include a legally-enforced code of practice requiring social media firms to prevent online violence and abuse against women and girls.

Under the new Online Safety Bill, which is currently being finalised, social media firms will be required by law to abide by their terms and conditions, which generally bar misogynistic abuse.

Failure to enforce the terms and conditions will result in fines, and their services could be blocked by Ofcom, the online watchdog.

Further measures require big social media platforms to provide users with optional online tools that would allow women to screen out misogynistic abuse.

However, a group of Tory peers including Baroness Morgan, Baroness Bertin, a former aide to David Cameron, and Baroness Newlove, a former victims' commissioner, plan to put forward an amendment that would see the law go further.

It would give Ofcom the power to fine social media companies up to 10 per cent of their global turnover if they failed to abide by a code outlawing online misogyny.'

I heard my son make a sexist comment, so I canceled his birthday

Mastodon · 3 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A furious mom overheard her teenage son make a sexist comment in front of his friends – and has decided to punish him in a controversial way.

His birthday party was coming up, so she thought it would be the perfect occasion to teach him a lesson.

Without a second thought, she canceled it. But when she posted about the incident in an online parenting forum, the internet encouraged her to reconsider her decision, telling her it was “overkill.”
...
“They’re asking him about his bisexuality, things like when did he come out, when did he first date a guy, what were the differences between guys and girls,” the mom continued.
...
Eventually, they asked him what his preference is and he said, “Naturally, I don’t have a preference. I’m attracted to guys and girls the same, but after dating girls and guys, I can say women aren’t worth the trouble.”'

Reporter Posts Private Email From Candace Owens Threatening Him With Sexual Innuendo Over Negative Story

Mastodon · 4 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A prominent reporter said Candace Owens threatened him with sexual innuendo over a 2016 story that cast her as a conspiracy theorist.

Writer and author Jesse Singal said on Twitter that after he penned a New York magazine piece about Owens in 2016, she reached out to Singal and his editor at the time, then-New York editor Adam Moss, to claim she did not “feel safe” and threaten him with baseless allegations of sexual misconduct.'

Trending in the markets: ETFs led by women, focused on women

Matt · 5 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Because nothing says "profitable" more than the sex of the head of the company! Excerpt:

'Empowering women to thrive in leadership positions continues to be at the forefront of American businesses. This trend continues to expand to all facets of the U.S. economy, including investing and asset management.

One standout is Hypatia Capital, which has been focused on investing in women in leadership since 2007. At the helm is Patricia Lizarraga, managing partner of Hypatia Capital, based in New York. According to Lizarraga, the naming of the firm is based on a trailblazing female.

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"WCEO is, as far as we know, the only ETF investing in women CEOs as an investment strategy, and specifically isolating the Female Factor: 118 holdings include all publicly traded American companies with a female CEO, small to mega-cap. Industry neutral, equally weighted," Lizarraga tells FOX Business.'

'Toxic masculinity' fear, media portrayal as 'fools' contributing to men leaving workforce: Mikhaila Peterson

Matt · 5 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Host of the "The Mikhaila Peterson Podcast" and daughter of Jordan Peterson, Mikhaila Peterson, joined "Fox & Friends Weekend" on Saturday morning to share the factors contributing to the decline in men participating in the workforce. Peterson stressed that the media's portrayal of men, and the relationship between men and women play a role in the decline.

According to a Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) report, over 7 million men, ages 25 to 54, have left the workforce in 2022.

"I think there's a number of reasons," she said. "I think the increase in mental illness plays a role. So 50% of people will be diagnosed with a mental illness at some point in their lifetime, and that's going to contribute to men dropping out of the workforce."'

Don Gale: For better government, Utah should elect more women

Mastodon · 6 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Utah voters should elect more women to the Legislature and other government positions – not to achieve some sort of gender equality but because women would surely do a better job of serving the state and its citizens. Consider what has happened already at a Utah Legislature dominated by self-serving males.
...
Surely, female legislators would be more concerned about the wishes of their constituents.
...
Surely, thoughtful women would care more about the democratic future of the state and its residents.
...
Surely, women would be more considerate about troubled young people and their need for identity.
...
In response, voters must vote for lawmakers who care about their constituents, who believe in democracy, who have compassion for youth, and who are well-informed about issues.

That means voters must elect more women.'

Toxic masculinity fuels dangerous driving like drink, French advert says

Mastodon · 11 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A road safety awareness campaign in France is tackling the role of gendered behaviour behind the wheel, warning for the first time that toxic masculinity could be as important a contributing factor to road deaths as speed, alcohol, drugs and fatigue.

The campaign's video – released for the web, TV cinemas on Wednesday – shows men at the births of their sons and seeks to portray them as thoughtful and sensitive in contrast with the revved-up virility of macho stereotypes.

"Speed, alcohol, drugs, fatigue … what if we need to add masculinity?" asked the French road safety body of the list of factors that typically lead to road accidents.'

Why MeToo fallout is wrecking the lives of schoolboys

Mastodon · 11 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys are being damaged by “an excessive cultural shift” against them triggered by the #MeToo and Everyone’s Invited movements that has left many lost, insecure and traumatised, according to top child experts.

Julie Lynn-Evans, a psychotherapist with 35 years’ experience, says the two movements involving girls and women speaking out about sexual harassment have led to a “dangerous” backlash against boys. Many have done nothing wrong.

While her clients during lockdown were mostly teenage girls with eating disorders, or who were self-harming, they are now “exclusively” boys who have been ostracised, punished or even expelled for behaviour that she describes as little more than clumsy “teenage fumbling”.'

The Navy Quietly Reshuffled The Super Bowl Flyover Team To All-Female Aviators

Mastodon · 12 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The U.S. Navy quietly ditched a team of aviators scheduled to conduct a traditional flyover before Super Bowl LVII and replaced it with a group of all female aviators, Military.com reported Friday.

A final roster first announced Thursday on Good Morning America featured 11 female pilots and flight officers out of a total of 16 aviators, seven of which are scheduled to perform the spectacle kicking off Sunday's big game, according to Military.com. However, the original group of 15 flight officers featured three women, according to a press release dated Jan. 27, and were presented as a commemoration of 50 years of female participation in the Navy's aviation program.

...

The initial announcement, still reflected in some social media posts, shows a small number of comments deriding the apparent lack of women in a lineup that was supposed to honor female Navy aviators. Most of the initial social media posts have since been deleted, according to Military.com.'

Our boys are terrorised by false sex claims

Mastodon · 13 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Thank you for raising the issue of boys being anonymously accused of sexual offences ("Boys 'branded sex predators for clumsy teenage fumbles'", News, last week). At 14, our son was accused of sexually assaulting girls at his school. He was temporarily excluded, threatened with expulsion and reported to the child protection services and the police. The names of his accusers and the details of their claims were withheld, making it impossible for him to defend himself.'

Rep. Sherrill Introduces Legislation to Improve Women's Heart Health Outcomes

Mastodon · 15 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Representative Mikie Sherrill (NJ-11) introduced the Heart Health Enhancement through Access to Research and Training (HEART) Act, legislation to expand our knowledge of cardiovascular health to better diagnose, prevent, and treat illnesses in women and ensure women's health needs are not overlooked. Heart disease and stroke are the leading causes of death for women in the United States, disproportionately affecting women of color.
...

"Our medical system needs to rethink its approach to heart disease and women's healthcare at large, from the manifestation of symptoms to pain management and treatment," said Rep. Sherrill. "Failing to recognize the prevalence and presentation of heart disease in women and the different symptoms women can experience during a heart attack leads to poor care and in the worst-case scenario preventable death. Women in NJ-11 and across the country deserve the best possible healthcare and with this legislation, doctors and healthcare professionals will be better equipped to provide it."'

Stanford denies ethics probe into female law professor accused of extreme anti-male bias

Mastodon · 15 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Stanford University will not open a Title IX and ethics investigation into law Professor Michele Dauber despite a list of allegations that allege to show her repeated bias against males.

On Jan. 1, a complaint was filed against Dauber citing numerous incidents meant to prompt a probe, including the professor's denouncement of Johnny Depp's attorney Camille Vasquez.

The Stanford law professor called Vasquez on Twitter a "Pick Me Girl" and accused Vasquez of throwing all women "under the bus" for defending the actor against sexual assault allegations.

The complaint also cites tweets in which "Dauber also made lurid death threats against Johnny Depp, fantasizing about Depp's murder – and his corpse being devoured by rats."

The complaint also alleges Dauber issued "a veiled threat" against a male student online, supposedly implying Dauber "would press false sexual violence charges against him."

An online petition launched in 2022 that has more than 11,000 signatures also alleges the Stanford law professor "has abused her academic standing to threaten students with purported false sexual assault allegations."'

Former Ohio State football player Amir Riep of Colerain found not guilty of rape by a jury

Mastodon · 16 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Franklin County jury on Thursday found two former Ohio State University football players not guilty of raping a female student in 2020 at a Northwest Side apartment. Amir I. Riep and Jahsen L. Wint, both 24, were defensive players for the football team when a then-19-year-old woman in her freshman year at Ohio State accused them of raping her on Feb. 4, 2020.

The jury found them not guilty on all charges: two counts each of rape and one count each of kidnapping.

Riep and Wint broke down crying and embraced after the jury verdict was read.

Defense attorneys Dan Sabol and Sam Shamansky, who represented Riep and Wint, respectively, argued during the trial that the woman had consensual sex with both men but regretted it afterward, and accused the victim's father of pushing his daughter and authorities to pursue criminal charges.'

Court Awards Cristiano Ronaldo $300k As Compensation Over False Rape Case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Portuguese superstar footballer Cristiano Ronaldo was on Tuesday reimbursed over $300,000 for legal fees he spent while defending himself in a federal civil case alleging he had raped a woman in a Las Vegas hotel room in 2009.

The case was dismissed in June, after the judge found that the plaintiff's lawyer engaged in misconduct so severe that it would be impossible for Ronaldo to have a fair trial.

US District Judge Jennifer Dorsey ruled the attorney representing the accuser Kathryn Mayorga, Leslie Stovall, pay Ronaldo $334,637.50. The court found Stovall owed the money after the attorney was judged to have harmed the footballer through "bad-faith lawyering."'

‘Rich, white, anti-housing men’: Los Gatos planning commissioner censured for ‘divisive language’

Mastodon · 18 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Los Gatos Town Council censured a planning commissioner for using “divisive language” in a letter to the state, in which she said “rich, white, anti-housing men” organized the referendum on the town’s plan for future growth.

Council voted unanimously Feb. 15 to censure Commissioner Kylie Clark, an action that serves as a formal disapproval of her comments.

Clark emailed the state Department of Housing and Community Development last November to notify leaders of the referendum on the town’s 2040 General Plan, and said it was “paid for and passed by the rich, white, anti-housing men in our town.”

Members of the public complained to town staff about Clark’s email, saying it negatively impacted the town during the Housing Element process, represented the town poorly and used “racist” and “biased” language.'

Seoul removes women-only parking spaces in gender policy reversal

Matt · 19 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'South Korea's capital Seoul is removing women-only parking spaces, 14 years after they were introduced as a protection for women.

The women-only spots had been instated in 2009 after a spate of violent crimes in basement car parks.

But city officials say such spaces aren't necessary anymore and will be converted to family parking spots.

Critics say their removal is just the latest example of anti-feminist policies in South Korea.

Chung Eun-jung, 55, said she uses the female spaces whenever she can find one: "I feel safer when I use them, that there are not so many dangerous people close by."

"When I get in the car, I always lock the door immediately," she said, adding that she was well aware of car park crimes, often reported in the news.

Her daughter said she was upset that her mother would feel less safe.
...
But male pilot Cho Young-jae thinks the women-only spaces need to go.

"These spaces do discriminate against men", the 34-year-old said.

"Walking 100 metres more does not make you less safe and these days parking areas are covered in surveillance cameras."

The women-only car spaces, which were first introduced in Germany in the 1990s, have been controversial in South Korea.

As some are longer and wider, critics argued they reinforced the stereotype that women find it more difficult to park. The actual reason they are bigger is because it was assumed that women, who take on most of the childcare in South Korea, would appreciate the extra space to get their children in and out of the car.

The city government plans to start converting the spaces at the end of March.'

A feminist cafe that charged 18% more to men disappears due to lack of customers

Matt · 19 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A feminist cafe in Sydney (Australia), aimed at vegan lesbians and that created controversy for establish a "tax on men" charging them 18% more, will close this Sunday.

The cafe, called Handsome Her, opened its doors in the summer of 2017 and has not lasted two years. It was aimed especially at feminists, lesbians and vegans, and its opening sparked controversy in Australia by charging 18% more to male clients, citing the "wage gap" myth, a thesis formulated by leftist feminism that, on the basis of a statistical manipulation, it affirms that women charge less than men for doing the same jobs: the umpteenth attempt to make them feel oppressed by men. In an ad located at the entrance of the premises, in addition to reporting that "tax on men", the local also established that women had preference at the time of sitting.'

Jordan Peterson, dozens of academics attack Ivy League anti-male bias

Mastodon · 20 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jordan Peterson, a Canadian psychology professor signed onto a Title IX legal complaint against Ivy League school Cornell University claiming anti-male bias.

University of Southern California Ph.D. student Kursat Christoff Pekgoz filed the complaint and more than 185 professors, scholars, and activists signed onto it. The complaint alleges instances of anti-male bias by Cornell, according to documents obtained by Campus Reform.

The 28-page-long document, which was sent to the Department of Justice and the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, includes a “List of Exclusionary Programs” at Cornell. Pekgoz claims these programs discriminate against men. The complaint is predicated mainly on the fact that there are no male-only programs at Cornell, compared to a significant number of university-sponsored female-only programs.'

Female scholars more likely than male counterparts to be elected to prestigious US scientific societies, finds study

Mastodon · 20 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Female researchers in mathematics, psychology and economics are 3–15 times more likely to be elected as members of the US National Academy of Sciences (NAS) or the American Academy of Arts and Sciences than are male counterparts who have similar publication and citation records, a study finds.

The paper finds that since 2019, female researchers have comprised around 40% of new members in both prestigious academies1. Historically, across disciplines in each academy, there have been substantially fewer female researchers than male ones. Before the 1980s, female members comprised less than 10% of total academy membership across all scientific fields.

Lead author David Card, an economist at the University of California, Berkeley, says that the boost does not seem to be due to an analogous increase in the number of potentially qualified female candidates for membership.

In a statement to Nature, NAS president Marcia McNutt says that the NAS does not reserve a set number of places in each year's election for female scientists or other under-represented researchers. Instead, she says that reforms to the NAS-membership nomination process have encouraged inclusion of a more-diverse group of scientists.'

Most young men are single. Most young women are not.

Matt · 22 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What's remarkable about this article is its non-anti-male tone, and the fact it actually got printed. Excerpt:

'More than 60 percent of young men are single, nearly twice the rate of unattached young women, signaling a larger breakdown in the social, romantic and sexual life of the American male.

Men in their 20s are more likely than women in their 20s to be romantically uninvolved, sexually dormant, friendless and lonely. They stand at the vanguard of an epidemic of declining marriage, sexuality and relationships that afflicts all of young America.
...
Scholars say the new era of gender parity has reshaped relationship dynamics, empowering young women and, in many cases, removing young men from the equation.

“Women don’t need to be in long-term relationships. They don’t need to be married. They’d rather go to brunch with friends than have a horrible date,” said Greg Matos, a couple and family psychologist in Los Angeles, who recently penned a viral article titled “What’s Behind the Rise of Lonely, Single Men.”'

Male, pale and stale?

Mastodon · 23 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'You must have sympathy for the progressive straight white male. He lives in a paradox. On one hand, he is told he has all the privilege the world can offer him. On the other it is demanded that because he has such privilege, he must be silent and make space for others. Whilst he is blamed for most of the injustice in society, he has no way to abdicate his privilege.

He can donate to a progressive cause, post an anti-sexist infographic to his Instagram story, support minority-owned businesses or even chain his whole family together and go on an anti-racism pilgrimage to score BLM brownie points, but it still will not be enough. He can self-flagellate all day long but there is no way for him to receive salvation from the progressive mob.'

ISIS Women Accused of Turning Boys as Young as 13 Into a Human Stud Farm

Matt · 23 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two boys have come forward to claim they were victims in a twisted plot run by ISIS women that forced at least 10 young teenagers to try to impregnate dozens of women held in a detention center.

“We are being forced to have sex with the ISIS women, to impregnate them,” Ahmet, 13, and Hamid, 14, told a guard at Camp al Hol in northeast Syria, according to Syrian Defense Force officials. “Can you get us out of here?”
...
While some of these women want nothing more to do with ISIS, others continue in their violent dedication to the Caliphate—insisting on carrying on ISIS’s distorted Islamic dictates, punishing women who renounce ISIS—and working hard to indoctrinate children whose countries continue to refuse to repatriate them. Some of these ISIS diehard women have refused voluntary repatriation, with their countries of origin allowing them to also refuse repatriation for their children.

Housing boys who reach puberty can be difficult in the camps, and some were being transferred to detention facilities. Under a new policy, the boys will now be transferred to rehabilitation centers.'

Who are America's Uninsured?

Matt · 25 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For those Americans with health insurance, private insurance remains the leading source of coverage, accounting for nearly 70% of the insured 64-years-of-age and under according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Health Statistics Reports. The remaining number of insured gain their coverage through public sources, such as the military. 12.6% of Americans are uninsured.
...
One's sex and education level are highly correlated with the uninsured. Those without a high school degree, for instance, are more likely to be uninsured (36.9%) then they are to be have private insurance (30.7%). Those with a high school diploma or GED are in a much stronger position, with 57.2% holding private insurance and 18% being uninsured.

Males remain at the top of the list when it comes to those less likely to graduate high school, earn a GED, matriculate to and graduate from a two or four year college, and carry health insurance.
...
Information compiled by the Boys and Men's Well-Being Index (BamIndex.org) shows there is a male health-insurance-deficit for those 20 to 64 years-of-age, approximately 3.3 million fewer uninsured males nationwide. Further analysis indicates that the problem begins early, as those 20-29 are the ones least likely to carry insurance as a percent of their population.'

Why Are So Many Young Men Single And Sexless?

Matt · 25 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Predictably, it puts everything on men. No mention of feminism and how it's affected men's choices. Excerpt:

'A recent Pew Research study suggests a tectonic shift in the dating and sex life of men. The study found that among men under 30 years old, over 60 percent are single, almost double that of women in the same age bracket.

Not only are more young men single but their opportunities for developing a relational and sexual repertoire have all but vanished, as levels of sexual intimacy across genders appear to have hit a 30-year low (Lei & South, 2021).
...
As young women continued to pursue intimate relationships less intently post-pandemic, men could have increased their relationship skills to close the effort gap. They could have confronted their relative avoidance and challenged the gender norms that made them so anxious about intimacy.'

Eton teacher who was sacked for refusing to take down YouTube lecture questioning 'toxic masculinity' warns Andrew Tate has tapped into 'malaise'

Mastodon · 25 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Eton teacher who was sacked in 2021 over a controversial video which appeared to argue against toxic masculinity has said influencer Andrew Tate has tapped into young men's 'malaise' due to current teaching.

Will Knowland, 37, was removed from his role at the prestigious £46,000-a-year Berkshire school and referred to the Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA) after refusing to take down a lecture challenging the theory of 'toxic masculinity' from YouTube.

The English teacher, now an online tutor, made the video for his students called The Patriarchy Paradox, which claimed that women would revert to a primitive life without men and stated that 'male aggression is a biological fact'.'

Marilyn Manson Accuser Recants Rape Allegations, Says Evan Rachel Wood ‘Pressured’ Her

Mastodon · 25 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An ex-girlfriend of Marilyn Manson, who had alleged the rock star sexually abused her, has now walked back the claims, saying the rape allegations were “false.”

Ashley Morgan Smithline has filed a declaration of support defending Manson and renouncing past accusations she’d made against the embattled musician, NBC News reported. The declaration, which is part of a 2022 defamation lawsuit against actor and Manson accuser, Evan Rachel Wood, was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on Thursday.

Manson, whose real name is Brian Warner, has long denied the allegations made by Wood and other alleged victims.'

UK: Bodmin mum-of-eight made false rape claim to get partner's attention

Mastodon · 25 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A mum of eight has been jailed for making an entirely false rape claim against someone she barely knew. Amee Bettison, 29, also pursued the lie made initially to get the attention of her partner.

Bettison, of Pool Street in Bodmin, appeared at Truro Crown Court for sentence having pleaded guilty to attempting to pervert the course of justice.

Prosecuting the case, Ed Bailey described how on October 13 2016 a Mr Roberts contacted the police to report this his former partner, Bettison, had been raped by a local 28-year-old.'

"Australia's rental crisis hits women particularly hard"

Minuteman · 28 February 2023 · Archived copy · Original

The hundreds of homeless men in any major Australian city, can continue to rot in the gutter. Link here. Video description:

' Rental property vacancies are at record lows, so competition is so fierce it can be a game of life and death. It is becoming particularly hard for women of all ages and in all circumstances.'

Germany announces new "feminist foreign policy"

Matt · 1 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Germany's centre-left government on Wednesday announced new feminist guidelines to shape its diplomacy and development work including the creation of a new role for an "ambassador for feminist foreign policy".

Germany will lobby to ensure women's concerns are more in focus worldwide, that women are better represented and that the country's generous development funds are allocated more to projects that tackle gender inequality, according to the guidelines.

Given Germany's clout as Europe's biggest economy and a key diplomatic actor, the move gives fresh momentum to the feminist foreign policy movement, which was pioneered by a leftist Swedish government in 2014.

Such a policy has been embraced in recent years by other countries like Canada, France, Mexico and Spain - although Sweden abandoned it last year after a shift to a right-wing government.'

Colorado woman faces no jail time for statutory rape, pregnancy by 13-year-old boy: report

Matt · 4 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A 31-year-old woman who admitted to having sex with a 13-year-old boy and getting pregnant with his child will serve no jail time, according to reports.

"I feel like if she was a man, and he was a little girl, it would definitely be different," the victim's mother said. "They would be seeking more. I feel like because he is not a woman, they are not. They are having compassion for her."

The Fountain Police Department in Colorado arrested Andrea Serrano in June 2022 on felony charges of sexual assault on a child by one in a position of trust and sexual assault on a child.

Serrano allegedly admitted to police that she had sex with the teenager, who remains unidentified due to his age, and they detained her in El Paso County Criminal Justice Center while her case has remained ongoing.'

The Mysterious ‘Sisterhood’ Tearing Families Apart

Matt · 4 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Be on the lookout, guys. Excerpt:

'Jason and Jennifer Veras had been together since high school. “We were a loving family. We were a happy family. We barely had any issues throughout our 23 years in a relationship,” Jason said. “Until she brought Liana Shanti into our family.”

Everything changed soon after Jennifer started following a mysterious online guru who has built a following of women around the world, teaching them to cut ties with their “family cult” and to save their children from a ruling class of evil reptilian creatures who created the COVID-19 “scamdemic”—a Luciferian plot to harvest innocent souls.

...

Jennifer came home, took the boys, and left. Jason said Jennifer didn’t tell him where they were going or how long they would be gone. He soon found out that Jennifer had sent a letter to her mother saying she no longer wanted a relationship, and that she had filed a restraining order against Jason—citing his angry text messages—and obtained full custody of their children.

...

Jason was shocked by how quickly his family had imploded. His sister, Beverly Veras, suggested it may have something to do with the online spiritual community Jennifer had told her about months earlier. Beverly told him to look up Liana Shanti.

Jason started researching Liana online. He read her websites and looked up her Instagram account and Facebook group. He saw Liana had thousands of followers, and many of those women were posting about the same spiritual and health beliefs that his wife had recently adopted. As Jason learned more about Liana, he grew more worried about his kids.'

Spain announces law promoting gender parity in politics and business

Matt · 4 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Saturday announced a gender equality law that will require more equal representation of women and men in politics, business and other spheres of public life.

The Equal Representation Law will apply gender parity measures to electoral lists, the boards of directors of big companies and governing boards of professional associations.

Sanchez made the announcement during a Socialist party rally ahead of International Women's Day on March 8. It will be approved during Tuesday's cabinet meeting before going for debate in parliament.'

Millions of men have dropped out of the workforce, leaving companies struggling to fill jobs

Matt · 5 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A large number of American men of prime working age — between 25 and 54 years old — are not working or even looking for work, resulting in a major hole in the American economy.

In 1953, 98% of men in that age range had a job or were looking for one. That number has fallen ever since. Today, 7.2 million men have essentially dropped out of the workforce.

It's "a matter of our national identity," said Mike Rowe, the host of "Dirty Jobs" on Discovery. "I think it's a giant issue. ... And by the time we realize how big an issue it is, we're going to have a hard time turning the temperature down."'

NYPD lowers fitness standard by scrapping timed, 1.5-mile run for new recruits — sparking brass squabbles

Mastodon · 5 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The NYPD has again lowered its requirement for police recruits, scrapping a timed, 1.5-mile run in the police academy, the department's head of training told The Post.

The controversial move — which training Chief Juanita Holmes said will help more women applicants make the cut — sparked an intra-agency battle between Holmes and NYPD Commissioner Keechant Sewell that Mayor Eric Adams had to settle.

The internal squabble boiled over just months after The Post reported in July that the NYPD dramatically relaxed the police fitness test amid a record wave of retirements.'

Disinformation Campaigns Against Women Are a National Security Threat, New Study Finds

Mastodon · 5 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Attacks portraying women in politics as promiscuous or having an unconventional sexual past are often common and effective tactics employed by political opponents. But Lucina Di Meco, co-founder of the online campaign, “#ShePersisted,” said that Baerbock’s example also revealed two other phenomena at play, which she has written about in a new study called “Monetizing Misogyny.” Not only does gendered disinformation lead to the backsliding of women’s rights and democracy as a whole, but the study found that gendered disinformation also becomes a national security threat when foreign actors use it to exploit divisions in society.

Although the term “gendered disinformation” doesn’t have a standard definition, Di Meco, a leading gender equality expert, has described it as the spread of deceptive or inaccurate information or images used against women in public life. A study conducted by Demos in 2020 noted that gendered disinformation isn’t just false information—it also uses “highly emotive and value-laden content to try to undermine its targets,” and ”seeks impact primarily at the political level, though can also cause serious harm at the personal level,” leading to hate campaigns that come with terrifying, and sometimes lethal, consequences for women in politics.'

Lana Del Rey Threatens To Pull Out of Glastonbury After Festival Draws Criticism For Lineup

Mastodon · 5 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It appears that Lana Del Rey has a possibility of NOT performing at the Glastonbury Festival in 2023.

The "Summertime Sadness" will perform on The Other Stage on Saturday afternoon of the festival, which runs from June 21 to June 25. The singer, though, threatened to back out of her main position.

Once the event organizers revealed the lineup for this year, the outcry against the music festival raged on.

Together with Arctic Monkeys and Guns N Roses, Sir Elton John will headline the event.

The revelation, however, sparked outrage among music enthusiasts, who accused the top-billed musicians of lacking diversity because the performers are all white males.

Lana Del Rey has also taken issue with the announcement, claiming that her name was buried on the seventh line of names.

The "Blue Jeans" singer turned to social mediato criticize the Glastonbury news and appeared to threaten to cancel her appearance.

"Well, I'm headlining the 2nd stage. But since there was no consideration for announcing that we'll see."

To make things worse, an insider revealed to The Sun how the 38-year-old singer is "disappointed."

They went on to say, "She was proud to be doing a headline slot, but on the announcement graphic her name is buried among lesser-known artists."

"She feels let down being presented as an afterthought lagging behind the all-male trio."'

Recruiting more male nurses would help ease shortfalls, but stigma persists

Mastodon · 5 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As a man in a female-centric career, Lee Frederick — a licensed practical nurse in Parksville — is regularly mistaken for a doctor.

Worse, when people find out he's not a physician, he's sometimes labelled "just a nurse."

That's something that might change, he says, if more men were encouraged to enter the profession.

"I think we should be doing more recruitment at the high school level, going to high school fairs," says Frederick, who works in long-term care.

Only about 10 per cent of the B.C. Nurses' Union's 48,000 members are men — close to 5,000.'

The feminization of the American university is all but complete

Matt · 7 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mirroring the feminization of the bureaucracy is the feminization of the student body. Females earned 58 percent of all B.A.s in the 2019–2020 academic year; if present trends continue, they will soon constitute two-thirds of all B.A.s. At least 60 percent of all master's degrees, and 54 percent of all Ph.D.s, now go to females.

Female students and administrators often exist in a co-dependent relationship, united by the concepts of victim identity and of trauma. For university females, there is not, apparently, strength in numbers. The more females' ranks increase, the more we hear about a mass nervous breakdown on campus. Female students disproportionately patronize the burgeoning university wellness centers, massage therapies, relaxation oases, calming corners, and healing circles. Another newly installed female college president, Dartmouth's Sian Leah Beilock, claims that the two "most pressing challenges of our time" are the "mental crisis among young people" and climate change. College institutions "really have a part to play in how we support students" suffering from that mental health crisis, Beilock tweeted recently. (A psychologist, Beilock specializes in improving female success in science by combatting performance anxiety, making her another overdetermined choice for university president.)'

A World Without Men The women of South Korea’s 4B movement aren’t fighting the patriarchy — they’re leaving it behind entirely

Mastodon · 8 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For Youngmi and many others who subscribe to its basic premises, 4B, or “practicing bihon,” is the only path by which a Korean woman today can live autonomously. In their view, Korean men are essentially beyond redemption, and Korean culture, on the whole, is hopelessly patriarchal — often downright misogynistic. A 2016 survey by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family found the incidence of intimate-partner violence at 41.5 percent, significantly higher than the global average of 30 percent. While 4B’s adherents may hope to change society — through demonstrations and online activism, and by modeling an alternative lifestyle to other women — they are not trying to change the men whom they view as their oppressors. It is too soon to tell whether this movement can survive and thrive over the long haul. But its ideas and actions have already affected the country’s online discourse, its politics, and most of all, individual women’s lives.

“Practicing bihon means you’re eliminating the risks that come from heterosexual marriage or dating,” Yeowon, a 26-year-old office worker, told me on a café terrace in the seaside southern city of Busan. We talked over coffee and pastries, along with Yeowon’s girlfriend and another of their friends, all of them wearing wide black pants and black sweaters and sporting cropped short haircuts. Those risks Yeowon alluded to might seem familiar — trading career for child-rearing and housework, as well as the threat of physical violence — but in Korea, Yeowon said, marriage presents an existential threat.'

Hillary Clinton: Ukraine conflict shows climate change primarily affects women

Mastodon · 8 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Wednesday that women and children are the "primary victims of conflict and climate change" and that the war in Ukraine "shows us that."

"Women and children are the primary victims of conflict and of climate change and there is no place that unfortunately, tragically, shows us that more dramatically than Ukraine today," Clinton told the crowd at the Forbes 30/50 Summit in Abu Dhabi.

...

During her opening remarks, Clinton said that women have been "dramatically set back" by the COVID-19 pandemic and by "organized pushback to the advancement of women."

"So I think the bottom line is we have a lot of work to do. And we can't take any of the progress that has been made for granted, because as you said, Mika, with the Dobbs decision and other kinds of organized institutional pushback, we're seeing a lot of what we did take for granted in terms of rights and opportunities at risk," Clinton said.'

‘Power trip’: Why more women than ever are cheating on their husbands

Mastodon · 8 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Opinion Research Center’s General Social Survey found that American wives were 40% more likely to cheat on their spouses in 2010 than in 1990, while the percentage of husbands who cheated stayed the same. But are women really cheating more — or are they just finally talking about it?

Piazza told The Post that she really does think more women are having affairs compared to 30 or 40 years ago, largely because of “privilege.”

“There are so many more women in the workforce and making their own money,” the host explained. “When you’re less financially dependent on your husband, you’re less afraid of possibly losing your husband or ruining your marriage. You’re more willing to take chances to take risks.”

She also noted that technology has made conducting an affair much easier. Now, women can search for one-night-stands on their phone.'

Spain: Man ordered to pay ex-wife $215K for unpaid domestic labor

Mastodon · 8 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A man in Spain has been ordered by a court to pay his ex-wife $215,000 for 25 years of unpaid domestic labor.

The record divorce settlement was calculated by Judge Laura Ruiz Alaminos, based on the annual minimum wage throughout the couple's marriage, inews reports.

The man must also pay his ex-wife, Ivana Moral, a monthly "pension" of $527, as well as $422 and $633 to his 20-year-old and 14-year-old daughters respectively.

Moral said she and her daughters were "left with nothing" when the couple, who married in 1995, divorced in 2020.'

UK: John Lewis's female boss admits it is difficult to find men who will work for her

Matt · 11 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Gee, wonder why? Excerpt:

'Dame Sharon White admitted that she has found it 'quite hard to recruit men' at the John Lewis Partnership as she faces a backlash for hiring and promoting women at the business.

...

Baroness Morrissey, former chairman of stockbroker AJ Bell, said 'any move away from a macho culture needs to be very subtle' to not dissuade men from joining a firm.

'Otherwise men might surmise quite sensibly that the environment won't be good for their careers,' she said.'

Australia: Teacher, 31, who had secret sex with 'vulnerable' student, 16, avoids jail

Mastodon · 11 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A female teacher has avoided jail despite admitting to having sex with her 16-year-old student in the backseat of her car.

Monique Ooms, 31, from Maffra in Victoria, Australia, pleaded guilty to four counts of sexual penetration of a child under her supervision and care at Latrobe Valley County Court.

Judge John Smallwood said he wouldn't send her to jail despite her having faced a maximum sentence of 10 years inside.

The court previously heard how the teen had snuck out in the middle of the night to sleep with the teacher.

The lad was in a "vulnerable situation emotionally" after losing a close friend in a car crash a week prior.

Judge Smallwood - who admitted to never having dealt with a similar case - made a number of odd comments, saying he didn't know if the child had been harmed by her predatory behaviour.'

Gen Z, Millennials think women's rights have gone too far, according to new survey

Mastodon · 12 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A surprising number of people in younger generations believe that women's rights have gone too far, with a new survey revealing gender equality progress could be at risk of stalling.

New research conducted by Ipsos UK and the Global Institute for Women's Leadership at King's College London found that over half of people in younger generations believe the push for equality is now negatively impacting men and that they are being expected to do "too much" to support progress.

The survey collated the responses from more than 22,500 people aged 16-74 across 32 countries, including approximately 1000 people from Australia.

According to the results, 52 percent of Gen Z and 53 percent of Millennials agree that "we have gone so far in promoting women's equality that we are discriminating against men".

This is compared to 46 percent of Gen X and 40 percent of Baby Boomers.'

Clips of Justin Bieber Being Repeatedly Sexualized as a Teen Are Going Viral on TikTok

Mastodon · 12 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Clips of Justin Bieber being repeatedly disrespected and sexualized as a kid have resurfaced on TikTok, and they show just how toxic the culture was.

User @kendallrae111 stitched together a number of videos from when Bieber was a teenager, all of which show adults either touching the singer inappropriately or asking him intrusive sexual questions. Every clip also shows Bieber setting clear boundaries and having them ignored.

The first clip is of Jenny McCarthy kissing and groping Bieber as he walks on stage. When he steps up to the mic, he says, "Wow. I feel violated right now."

McCarthy was asked about the incident afterwards and told Entertainment Tonight, "I just got to neck Justin Bieber and grab his butt. It was a little cougar scary, but I took the opportunity and the window, considering I'll never get to do it again, and kind of molested him."

Not usually something you proudly admit to, but OK.

The second shows Katy Perry grabbing Bieber's butt, as a voiceover says she "apparently wanted to know what a Bieber butt felt like."'

Netherlands: Atheneum Halle allows girls to take lessons sitting and boys standing

Matt · 12 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Translated article here. Excerpt:

'During the first lesson, the students of the Atheneum in Halle were told that the boys had to stand and that the girls could sit. That immediately caused a buzz during math class. Because Lisa was allowed to sit down while her neighbor Thomas had to solve his exercises standing up. It was striking that the boys in particular asked questions about why they were not allowed to sit down, while the girls had less difficulty with this.

When the working group that had devised the action entered the classroom with chocolates exclusively for the girls, a discussion started. "Why does one get privileges and the other doesn't? What did we do wrong to be treated differently?" the boys wondered. "And what if we are not a boy or a girl, but transgender?".'

‘Nothing anywhere that’s ever positive about masculinity’: Kids look to Andrew Tate

Mastodon · 14 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'Sky News host Paul Murray says it doesn’t surprise him that young kids look to Andrew Tate to “build themselves up” because there is “virtually nothing anywhere that’s ever positive about masculinity”.

“So you end up going off the beaten track into places like YouTube and somebody who gives you the confidence that the rest of the culture isn’t giving you becomes more attractive,” Mr Murray said.

“It doesn’t surprise me that people want to find somebody who tells how to build themselves up as opposed to what to be sorry for.”'

Married California 'Teacher of the Year' had student's pic in wallet as charges mount: DA

Matt · 15 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A married California "teacher of the year," who has been accused of sexually abusing a former student, "was obsessive, possessive, controlling and dangerous," prosecutors said in court.

Jacqueline Ma, a 34-year-old sixth-grade teacher at Lincoln Acres Elementary School in National City, was arrested twice in a week after police found more evidence against her, which was presented Monday in the Superior Court South County Division in Chula Vista.

Investigators found a picture of the 13-year-old victim's picture in her wallet, jewelry with his initials, love letters in her classroom and text exchanges that showed Ma became frustrated that the victim didn't message her back quick enough, prosecutors alleged.

She also allegedly sent explicit images to the student and coerced him to send videos back to her, according to prosecutors, who said the inappropriate behavior began when the victim was 12.'

Stanford employee Jennifer Gries lied about rapes to get revenge on coworker: DA

Mastodon · 16 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Stanford employee who claimed she was brutally raped on campus twice by a coworker was charged with lying as part of a revenge scheme that also put some cash in her pockets.

Jennifer Gries, 25, faces felony perjury and other charges for the sham accusations, the Santa Clara District Attorney announced Wednesday.

The Housing Services employee allegedly smeared her coworker because she felt he gave her “false intention” and “turned her friends against her,” according to court documents obtained by The Post.

“Evidence shows that the Gries made up the stories due to being angry at a co-worker,” the DA’s office said in a release.'

Australia: Positive masculinity program at Brighton Grammar School aims to create respectful men

Mastodon · 17 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For more than a decade, an all-boys school in Melbourne's leafy south-east has worked to create a program to develop its students into "respectful men".

Brighton Grammar School's positive masculinity program, +M, has been developed with mental health experts and was designed to shape perceptions of manhood.
...
Dr Englar-Carlson said there were a lot of buzzwords around masculinity, but the movement was focused around "healthy and adaptive" elements that needed to be cultivated in boys.

"I want to understand how we can help men be healthier and happier, and essentially improve the lives of everyone around them, including himself," Dr Englar-Carlson said.

He said it was a challenging space to work in as society tended to gravitate to what men were doing wrong.'

Sexual politics is damaging young men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The polling company YouGov found that just 8 per cent of people have positive views of white men in their twenties, by far the lowest of any ethnicity or age group. Males are routinely presented as inherently dangerous, aggressive and animalistic, incapable of controlling their own instincts. You can see it on public transport, where government adverts announce that staring is sexual harassment. Us blokes can't even be trusted to use our eyes properly.

Teenage boys are routinely disciplined by their schools for even the most minor infractions of an insurgent sexual politics. A friend's son at a smart English day school was recently hauled up for the crime of unprompted communication with a girl. The boy had sent a message introducing himself to a student from another school. There was, according to the friend, no sexual element to the message. It was a simple greeting. No matter. That kind of behaviour is unacceptable.

...

A cottage industry of 'toxic masculinity' tutors has emerged following the Everyone's Invited scandal, a wave of anonymous allegations of sexual impropriety at Britain's top private schools that began in 2020. One such company is Beyond Equality, which sells its services to hundreds of UK schools, putting on workshops in which they tell boys to strip themselves of the 'restrictive, burdensome armour' of masculinity. The reason, they say, is to create 'communities that are safe for everyone' and to put a stop to 'gender-based violence'. The implication is clear: men need to be reprogrammed.

'Boys are now seen as potential perverts,' explains one female former teacher, who quit the profession last year. 'There was this obsession with the victimisation of women. I thought we had been getting somewhere with sex and relationships, teaching the children to treat people with respect, but that has been totally set back."

What Daughters Should Know About Dad Psychology

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'He wants to love you unconditionally, but your father can't toss aside the shock-collar of patriarchal operant conditioning. The rules of manhood have become second nature for him. Now, when he looks at you, he sees an insufferable little girl version of himself. He feels an unconscious jolt of social rejection. That's why he's overprotective of you, but not your brothers. He has spent decades policing and imprisoning the supposedly feminine parts of himself, the things he considers weak and fragile. But he lets the supposedly masculine parts roam free. Leftover boyhood trauma distorts his parenting decisions. Please remember, it's not you he hates, it's all the things about himself that he's been trained to hide away.

Unfortunately, we have very few protocols for deprogramming masculinity. Most of us end up supporting misogyny even when we try to fight it. Here's an example: You know those social media videos of #girldads getting makeovers from their daughters? Those memes depend on people understanding the don't-be-a-girl rules of manhood. We all mistakenly assume that it's a great sacrifice for a man to be painted with lipstick, blush, and eyeshadow. So, we click "like" to commend Dad for taking a high-stakes risk. Our sentimentality feels like resistance—a celebration of disrupted gender norms—but it's just concealer, masking the blemishes of patriarchal masculinity. The truth is that even those proud #girldads hate femininity, and the rest of us are all complicit in the online virality that rewards them for it.
...
It's tragic that you've had to contend with the lingering effects of your father's boyhood trauma. As a result, you've probably internalized many of his narrow-minded ideas about femininity. I bet you've felt your own electric shocks, tremors of shame tingling up your spine, when he refused to walk down the grocery store tampon aisle. You've likely wondered if your body is as ghastly as the look on Dad's face when he cringes at the mention of menstruation. I assure you it's not; you're perfect.'

UK: The bar is truly in hell if you think an all-female The Apprentice final is ‘woke sexism’

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'Fans of The Apprentice are outraged because this is now the sixth time in a row where it is an all-female final. Yes, men are kicking off about it and I’ve got some serious second-hand embarrassment seeing their angry tweets.
...
I can guarantee you there wouldn’t be “uproar” from women if it was a final full of men because, and I cannot stress this enough, we wouldn’t care. At what point do we accept women winning The Apprentice isn’t tick box and they’re actually the better and more suited candidate?
...
If you can’t see the female contestants were better then you’re an idiot and your thoughts only prove exactly why we need female winners on our TV screens.'

Eleanor Williams: False rape claims have 'caused harm' to survivors

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'Sammy Woodhouse, who was abused in Rotherham from the age of 14, said it had set progress back "a long way".

Williams, of Barrow, Cumbria, was given an eight-and-a-half year sentence on Tuesday after lying about being raped and trafficked for sex.

The 22-year-old was convicted of perverting the course of justice.

Her Facebook post in May 2020 showing injuries she said had been inflicted by groomers was shared more than 100,000 times and sparked protests in her home town.

A trial at Preston Crown Court heard she inflicted the wounds herself using a hammer she had bought from Tesco.

Three men Williams falsely accused of rape over a three-year period tried to take their own lives.'

Woman Arrested for False Rape Claim

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'Thanks to a collaboration with a law enforcement agency in South Dakota, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has arrested a woman for falsifying a sexual assault claim. Renee Dawn Skoglund, 30, was taken into custody in Sioux Falls, SD, on Friday, March 10, after wrongfully reporting sexual battery in Hillsborough County.

"This case is truly disheartening," said Sheriff Chad Chronister." There are far too many victims faced with this type of trauma. This woman took advantage of our 911 emergency line and diverted attention from actual victims who need the viable resources available in these investigative scenarios."'

Father, 22, who attempted suicide after Eleanor Williams falsely accused him of rape tells of his fury that people still take her side

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A young father who was driven to attempt suicide after fantasist Eleanor Williams falsely accused him of rape says he is 'destroyed' by the fact that there are 'still believers on her side' despite her being thrown in jail.

Jordan Trengove spent 73 days in prison in a sex offenders wing after Williams, then 19, claimed he drugged and raped her after they met in a nightclub in March 2019. She further alleged he came to her flat, threatened her with a knife and attacked her.

Angry locals who believed her lies targeted Mr Trengove, 22, by smashing his window and spray painting the word 'rapist' across his home.'

April 4 is Foreskin Appreciation Day

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Often Maligned and Mocked by Americans, Foreskin Will Have Its Day, April 4!

Not surprisingly, Americans know little about the male foreskin, the highly sensitive sheath of muscle, nerves, and blood that provides sexual stimulation and protects the head of the penis. As a result, many people mistakenly believe the foreskin is merely excess, unnecessary skin.

But intact (not circumcised) men and intactivists who are fighting to end routine male child circumcision vehemently disagree. Now, uncut men, cut men who wish they weren't, and everyone who appreciates foreskin can rejoice! Intact America is raising public awareness and appreciation of the foreskin with a day-long celebration: Foreskin Day on 4/4, April 4th—the FOREth Day of April.

When your male colleague is 'mansplaining,' here's what to do

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'Meanwhile, according to the study, women are actively avoiding certain male co-workers in order to avoid mansplaining, which in itself may “impact productively, limit professional networks and inhibit career progression.”

According to a recent article in The HR Digest, a trade publication for human resource professionals, the best way to deal with a mansplainer in the office is to speak up. Most of the time, the article states, these male co-workers have no idea what they’re doing wrong.

“You can start by telling them what they are doing,” the article suggests. “You can say, ‘Mr. A., you are mansplaining to me.’ Then, from this point, we are pretty sure he might not have an idea of the meaning of what you just said. Go ahead and educate him.”'

Canadian General Sues Trudeau Govt for Millions After Sex Assault Acquittal

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'Major General Fortin filed his lawsuit on Wednesday at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, alleging that the Trudeau government acted in a “reprehensible, extreme, flagrant and high-handed” manner in 2021.

Fortin was charged with sexual assault in August of 2021 as a result of allegations from 1988 when he was enrolled in the Canadian military college, but he was acquitted of the charges in December of last year, the National Post newspaper reports.

The lawsuit claims that Fortin was defamed and accuses government officials of disclosing private information inappropriately as well as negligence in their investigation, breaching confidence and conspiracy to cause damage to him.'

Women cops ‘insulted,’ ‘offended’ by NYPD lowering academy standards

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'Female cops are “insulted” by the NYPD’s efforts to boost gender equity — by lowering standards during rookie tryouts, including scrapping the timed 1.5-mile run.

The controversial shift — which former training Chief Juanita Holmes said would help more women applicants make the grade — sparked fireworks between Holmes and Police Commissioner Keechant Sewell, who sources said wanted to keep the run.

Holmes was abruptly shifted to lead the city Probation Department on March 9.

The run “will no longer be part of the final evaluation of officers” an NYPD spokesperson confirmed on Friday.

“I’m offended,” huffed one female cop on patrol Friday. “We were in the academy when it was on the fence whether or not [the run] was going to be canceled and we had to pass it to get through the academy. … If those females don’t want to put in that effort to pass the mile and a half run, I don’t think they should be cops.”'

The demonisation of our sons: Browbeaten by toxic masculinity crusaders invited into schools, boys are feeling cowed and worthless

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Masculinity has been in crisis for as long as anyone can remember. The usual explanation is that post-industrial society doesn't much care for brawn.

We're all office-dwellers now, mutely churning out spreadsheets for other spreadsheet producers.

The theory makes sense as far as it goes. But something else has changed much more recently: a rejection of the very concept of masculinity.

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We blokes can't even be trusted to use our eyes properly. Teenage boys are routinely disciplined by their schools for even the most minor infractions of an insurgent sexual politics.

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Equal Pay Day: Fact or Fabrication? – by Don Mathis

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'Equal Pay Day' is March 14 this year. But ever since its founding in 1996, this event is based on erroneous assumptions. It is meant to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages. But is there really such a gap? And is it based on discrimination?

The idea to select a Tuesday as Equal Pay Day was to represent how far into the work week women must work to earn what men earned the previous week. A date in March was selected which would mark the month when a woman's earnings catch up to what her male counterpart earned in the previous year.

According to statistics from a women's committee on pay equity, women now earn 81.6 cents for every dollar men earn. A few years ago, it was 77 cents; a few years before that, it was 74 cents. Maybe 'Equal Pay Day' should be on a Monday in February.

The first time I heard that women earn less than men, I nearly choked on my food (served by a waitress who earns more than I do) at a café (owned by a woman who earns more than I do) before returning to work (for a woman who earns more than I do).

What is implied — but not stated — in the '81 cent mantra' is that such inequality is due to discrimination. This is an erroneous assumption.

The first assumption is that the statement is based on straight wages. It is not! Men do earn more than women but it is based on a number of factors.
* Men, on average, work more hours (even in cases where both report full-time employment, the average man works six hours more per week than the average woman).
* Their job entails more hazardous assignments (92% of workplace deaths occur to men, even more for battlefield fatalities).
* They are more apt to move overseas or to an undesirable location (off-shore work, anyone?).
* Men often accept more-technical jobs with less people contact (most engineers are men, same with accountants).

Judging from the job choices they make, women are more likely to balance income with a desire for safety, fulfillment, flexibility, potential for personal growth, and proximity-to-home. These are not bad things.

The 'Equal Pay Day' folks have re-defined earnings as payment for the same hours for the same work. But this contains erroneous assumptions as well.

Many women have gaps in their employment that were spent in giving care for their children. In my personal experience, I subjugated my career to be a stay-at-home dad. When I re-entered the workforce, I did not expect to earn as much as my friends who stayed on the job. No discrimination here. Not every woman takes time off from work — but enough do such that it skewers the statistics.

When I did re-enter the workforce, I accepted a job that entailed 30 hours a week so I could pick up my son from school and spend time with him on weekends. My co-worker who worked 40 hours a week — and was always available for overtime — received promotions more than me.

Again, there was no prejudice. Even though two people may do the same job, the person with more experience often receives the larger salary.

Statistics offered by the pay gap people will lump the salaries of all medical doctors together. This erroneous assumption falls apart when one realizes that male physicians are more likely than women to pursue higher-stress specialties with unpredictable hours, thus enjoying greater pay.

The 'Occupy Protests' brought to light an interesting observation. The top one percent of the population control 42 percent of our country's wealth. Because the vast majority of this one percent are men, their earnings skew the

statistics for women all the way down the line. Chances are, you and I will never be in the one percent, but their earnings can cause a lot of erroneous assumptions.

Yet, the 'Equal Pay' folks insist on believing women are at a disadvantage in the ordinary workplace. Erroneous assumption again!

According to a 2010 Time magazine article, "in 147 out of 150 of the biggest cities in the U.S., the median full-time salaries of young women are 8% higher than those of the guys in their peer group."

It is much the same in the United Kingdom. In 2011, the Independent reported that "women aged between 22 and 29 in employment are now earning more on average per hour than men of the same age."

Dr. Warren Farrell (former board member of the New York National Organization for Women), arrived at the same conclusion in his book, "Why Men Earn More" – "women earn more when they work equal hours at the same job with the same size of responsibility for the same length of time with equal productivity, etc."

An oft-repeated argument against such 'politically incorrect' beliefs is the charge of a hatred of women. But just as patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel, the first defense of a misandrist is to pull out the 'misogynist' label.

It is not sexist to recognize the truth. Who exhibits the greater bias: the one who believes women are poor helpless creatures who need governmental favoritism, or the one who believes women are whole and strong and able to be treated equally in any situation?

Name-calling is not the only propaganda technique used by the 'Equal Pay' party. The adage, 'If you repeat a lie often enough, it becomes the truth,' has been bouncing around since the days of the Nazi Party. Perhaps some people have come to believe discrimination is the cause of income disparity because it has been repeated so loudly for so long.

The pay gap contingent will have none of these facts. They insist that all things being equal, women make less than men and it's because of prejudice.

The erroneous assumption is apparent when considering self-employed women. In his article, "Men Don't Have it Easy Either," Marty Nemko finds that working women who have no boss (they own their own business) "earn only 49% of what the average male business owner earns."

A Rochester Institute of Technology study may explain this. It was found that money was the primary motivator for only 29 percent of women versus 76 percent of men. According to Nemko, "Women put a premium on shorter work weeks, proximity to home, fulfillment, autonomy, and safety."

More females than males finish high school. More women than men enter — and finish — college. Why is this not reflected in wages? The correlation between education and earnings is not a myth. What is a myth is the erroneous assumption that men earn more than women due to prejudice.

If women earned less than men for the same work, why would anyone hire a man? "Ah, ha," the pay gappers may exclaim, "this accounts for the he-cession." Well, no. That is another erroneous assumption. The majority of jobs that were lost in the recession were in the 'high-dollar' blue-collar industries like construction; jobs that most women avoid.

The Equal Pay Act was passed in 1963 to abolish wage disparity based on sex. So why do we need additional governmental regulation? If a woman believes she earns less than a man due to discrimination, she can take it to federal court.

Where are these women who earn 81 cents for every dollar a man earns anyway? One could save 19 cents on the dollar if he or she sought treatment from a female dentist. Want to cut your legal expenses? Hire a woman lawyer! Think how much taxpayers are saving for enlisting all those women soldiers. And Americans save money for every woman politician. The taxpayer must be saving millions!

No, this is an erroneous assumption. Just as the gender pay gap is an erroneous assumption.

Australia: The coercive control con job

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a book called Coercive Control: The Entrapment of Women in Personal Life, it was argued that the domestic violence industry was running into problems because of mounting evidence that men and women are equally violent. The book took ideas that had been floating around in the domestic violence industry about patterns of 'patriarchal terrorism' and invented a brand-new form of domestic 'violence' called 'coercive control'. This idea claimed men started to use 'coercive control' to control their relationships after society moved on from the systematic, widespread 'wife torture' of the past, due to women's liberation eroding men's sex-based patriarchal privilege.

Even though everyone knows that both men and women use controlling behaviours, it was argued that people should 'take on faith' that 'the pattern of intimidation, isolation, and control … is unique to men's abuse of women'.

Worse, this was being promoted as a new criminal offence, which made these laws a far more effective weapon to use against men than the old violence protections orders used for domestic violence. On the basis of the flimsiest evidence describing behaviours that can't even be properly defined, and that victims may not even see as a problem, men would be sent to prison.'

Hollywood Blacklisted ‘Rick & Morty’ Creator – Then the DA Dropped the Case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This is everything wrong with modern-day America in a nutshell.

The #MeToo McCarthyism marches on…

I know nothing about anyone or anything involved in this case. Before this situation blew up in January, I had never heard of Justin Roiland. What’s more, I’ve never watched a frame of Rick and Morty. Roiland might be the biggest left-wing jerk in Hollywood. He might hate Christians and wish Trump supporters dead. He might be a transvestite Satanist. I don’t care about any of that because that has nothing to do with the injustice here.

Justin Roiland’s career, reputation, and income were wiped in a few days over an allegation.

Although the allegation had not seen the inside of a courtroom, Hollywood still annihilated this man and everything he’d worked for.'

NH Supreme Court overturns former state Sen. Woodburn's domestic violence conviction

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'The New Hampshire Supreme Court has overturned the conviction of former state Sen. Jeffrey Woodburn, who was found guilty on domestic violence charges stemming from an altercation with his then-girlfriend following a Christmas party in 2017.

In a 3-0 opinion released Thursday, the justices found that a lower court judge's refusal to allow the jury to consider Woodburn's self-defense claim was improper.

Writing for the court, Justice James Bassett said that "because the record contains some evidence supporting a rational finding that the defendant acted in self-defense, the trial court's refusal to instruct the jury on that theory of defense was unreasonable."

Woodburn's case will now be sent back to a lower court for a new trial, where he will be allowed to present his self-defense arguments.'

Australia: Female teacher spared jail by judge who said she wasn't a "predator"

Matt · 25 March 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A female teacher who admitted to having sex with her 16-year-old student in the backseat of her car has avoided jail after the judge deemed she was not a predator.

Monique Ooms, 31, of Maffra, was sentenced on Friday by County Court of Victoria Judge John Smallwood to a four year community corrections order, with 300 hours of community work for the crime.

She pleaded guilty this month in Victoria's Latrobe Valley County Court to four counts of sexual penetration of a child under her supervision and care.

Over 30 minutes, Judge Smallwood outlined the contributions to society Ooms had contributed and the hardship she had endured in the community after being outed as a child sex offender.

The court heard Ooms had been abused in the street by strangers and was sacked from her jobs at a pharmacy and the local pub.

Her local Country Fire Association had given her the boot and the footy club no longer wanted a bar of her.

Ooms had faced a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail.

The court heard Ooms' young victim - who was just a few weeks short of turning 17 - had snuck out in the dead of night to have sex with his then school teacher.'

Video Game Writer Chris Avellone’s Accusers Issue Public Statement Retracting Allegations Of Misconduct

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Back in June of 2021 I reported on video game writer Chris Avellone’s libel lawsuit against two women who had accused Avellone of sexual assault on Twitter. Avellone publicly denied the accusations and announced he was taking both women to court over their statements.

Now, nearly two years later, the case has been settled. Avellone’s accusers, Karissa Barrows and Kelly Bristol, have signed a joint statement retracting their previous claims on social media and clearing Avellone of any wrongdoing. A seven-figure payment to Avellone is part of a confidential settlement between the parties according to Avellone's lawyers.

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“Mr. Avellone never sexually abused either of us. We have no knowledge that he has ever sexually abused any women. We have no knowledge that Mr. Avellone has ever misused corporate funds. Anything we have previously said or written about Mr. Avellone to the contrary was not our intent. We wanted to support women in the industry. In so doing, our words have been misinterpreted to suggest specific allegations of misconduct that were neither expressed nor intended. We are passionate about the safety, security and agency of women, minorities, LGBTQIA+ persons, and every other community that has seen persecution in the video game industry. We believe Mr. Avellone shares a desire to protect and uplift those communities. We believe that he deserves a full return to the industry and support him in those endeavors.”

- Karissa Barrows, Kelly Rae Bristol'

Marama Davidson: “I am the prevention violence Minister, and I know who causes violence in the world, and it’s white cis men’.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Marama Davidson yesterday said, “I am the prevention violence Minister, and I know who causes violence in the world, and it’s white cis men’.

Clearly the Minister misspoke and she didn’t actually mean that her Ministerial position has led her to believe that all white cis men cause all the violence in the world.

The irony of stating white cis men cause the violence in the world only to be run over by a Māori Destiny Church Biker an hour later is too great.'

Wikipedia on Marama Davidson

Women leaders make work better. Here’s the science behind how to promote them

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When more women are empowered to lead, everyone benefits. Decades of studies show women leaders help increase productivity, enhance collaboration, inspire organizational dedication, and improve fairness.

Despite these benefits, only 10% of Fortune 500 companies are led by women. How can businesses create more opportunities for women in leadership spaces using psychological science?

Industrial/organizational (I/O) psychologists offer a host of evidence-backed strategies for helping close the gender gap. These include earlier identification of leadership potential, training for men and others already in power to serve as allies, and formal mentoring and sponsorship programs.

“Even in 2023, women still face challenges to their authority and success that are greater than those faced by their male counterparts,” said Alice Eagly, PhD, a professor of psychology emerita at Northwestern University and pioneer in researching women’s leadership. “However, despite these difficulties, women are slowly rising in political leadership and in corporate and educational leadership.”'

Governor Hochul Announces Initiative to Improve Food Benefit Access for Women, Infants and Children

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a new client feedback initiative that will improve understanding of the challenges New Yorkers face enrolling in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, also known as WIC. Announced as part of Governor Hochul's 2023 State of the State address, the New York State Department of Health will partner with Code for America to pilot a live, online chat program that will help the agency gather client feedback to improve the WIC program and enrollment statewide.'

Stanford Goes All In On “Diversity”, 2023 Surgical Team Includes Zero White Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Stanford University announced its 2023 Surgical Residency Intern Class earlier this month.

The new class will start their residency programs at Stanford’s School of Medicine in June 2023. The Ivy League school made the announcement on Twitter.

One Twitter user, @EndWokeness, pointed out the surprising amount of women and nonwhite individuals that are entering the prestigious school’s residency program.

“Stanford’s 2023 surgical team: 92% women (US: 50% women) 69% nonwhite (US: 38% nonwhite) 0% white men (US: 30% white men),” the Twitter user wrote, suggesting the university may be accepting candidates based off of their race or gender.'

UK: Concerns about harassment have ‘morphed into institutional misandry’, MP says

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'Concerns about sexual harassment have “morphed into an institutional misandry”, a Conservative former minister said.

Senior Tory MP Sir Christopher Chope warned that the public debate about harassment was having a damaging impact on the mental health of men and boys, as a Bill aimed at creating a specific offence of sexual harassment cleared the Commons.

The Protection from Sex-based Harassment in Public Bill received an unopposed third reading from MPs, and will now face scrutiny in the House of Lords.

Warning about the impact of the public discussion around sexual harassment, Christchurch MP Sir Christopher said: “There seems to be an inability to hold two notions in our heads, that sexual assault is bad and that treating men as inherent sex pests is also bad.

“A reasonable worry about assault appears to have morphed into an institutional misandry.”

He added: “There is a lack of recognition that, as with all crimes, the proportion of perpetrators is vanishingly small, the awful behaviour of few is leading to the mistreatment of all.

“The consequences of all this, and let’s be extremely careful with language that we use, is that the situation which is already bad in relation to the mental health issues of boys and young men is going to get even worse.”'

National Party leader Christopher Luxon demands Marama Davidson apologise to cis white men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'National is demanding Marama Davidson apologise to cis white men over her comments from Saturday. Prime Minister Chris Hipkins says he considers the matter closed.

Davidson clarified her comments on Monday after criticism over her comments about cis white men committing violence, saying she should have been clearer but had just been hit by a motorcycle and was being followed down the street by far-right network Counterspin Media.

She had initially said as prevention of sexual and family violence minister, she knew it was white cis men who caused violence. Her clarification said violence happened in every community and was unacceptable in any, but women were overwhelmingly more likely to be victims of family and sexual violence.'

Male domestic abuse campaigner says schools should share the blame for Andrew Tate's popularity because boys are 'unfairly treated by society'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A masculinity activist has warned schools that they are partially responsible for the popularity of misogynistic 'influencer' Andrew Tate.

The 36-year-old, accused of human trafficking, rape and forming an organised crime group to exploit victims, has been detained in a Romanian prison since December 29.

Speaking to The Times, Mark Brooks, a co-founder of the Men and Boys Coalition, said Tate's toxic masculinity was popular because boys are 'unfairly treated by society' and warned schools are not addressing problems adequately.

Mr Brooks warned of a lack of male teachers and whether the institutions were 'actually boy friendly'.

This comes as a new YouGov survey about what it means 'to be a man' found that almost a third of young men thought society did not care about them.'

Kennedy introduces bill to ensure due process for college students in school proceedings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.), a member of the Senate Judiciary committee, introduced the Ensuring Fairness for Students Act to codify due process in Title IX proceedings for students who are accused of sexual assault or harassment on school campuses. The bill would require schools to investigate and adjudicate formal complaints.

“The Biden White House wants to roll back fair proceedings on school campuses by making students guilty until proven innocent. That is not justice. Students’ rights don’t end where schools begin, and this bill makes sure that these serious investigations pursue justice without bias,” said Kennedy.'

Former U. Md. student cleared of sex assault claims sues school, 2 ex-members of campus advocacy group

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A two-and-a-half-year drama has moved from a local campus disciplinary panel to a federal court room.

It involves a former University of Maryland student accused and later exonerated of a sexual assault accusation who has now filed a civil lawsuit against the school, two Title IX coordinators and two former students who were part of a campus sexual assault advocacy group. The suit is asking for at least $1 million in damages.

According to the lawsuit, on Oct. 27, 2020, a student referred to in the suit as “Jane Roe” accused two students — including the plaintiff in this case who uses the pseudonym of “John Doe” — of sexually assaulting her.

After an investigation and a hearing conducted by the University of Maryland’s Office of Civil Rights and Sexual Misconduct on Sept. 1, 2021, the hearing officer found “Roe” lacked credibility and found both “Doe” and his friend “Jacob Poe” were not responsible for the two claims that she made, according to “Doe’s” suit. The man referred to now as “Jacob Poe” makes no other appearance in this case.'

‘A Joke That's Gone Wrong': Frisco Mother Tries to Clear Son's Name Amid ‘TikTok Joke' Punishment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Broom says she’s especially outraged over what happened next. Students, including Jordan, returned to Cobb MS the following week. Broom says she met with the school’s other assistant principal who had not been at school for several days.

“She reopened [the case] because she can, is what she said,” said Broom.

This assistant principal reportedly handed Jordan a more severe punishment: 45 days at an alternative school.

“That is not him and I don’t know what she heard or why she decided to say that’s what she heard, but we’re talking about Jordan,” she said.

Her son, she says, is a jokester and a good kid who always makes people laugh.'

Former OSU football players acquitted of rape charges based on 'consent video' of crying female filmed immediately after incident

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'Two former football players from The Ohio State University (OSU) were acquitted on rape and kidnapping charges last month based upon a "consent video." The defendants claim they were advised by school officials to film such videos to absolve them of potential rape allegations.

On February 4, 2020, a 19-year-old female OSU student visited the apartment of a fellow OSU student and football player, Amir Reip. When the case was initially reported to Columbus police, the female—whose identity has not been revealed in news coverage—stated that she engaged in consensual sex with Reip but withdrew consent in the middle of the activity.

The key piece of evidence for the jury's acquittal was a video filmed immediately after the sexual activity concluded. The woman, pictured naked and crying, states in the video that the encounter was consensual, but she later told police that she only said this so Reip and Wint would eventually let her leave the premises.

Both defendants testified that OSU officials had instructed them and other football players to protect themselves against sexual assault allegations by filming videos of their partners describing the consensual nature of their activities.'

AOC slammed over video bashing straight men hours after Nashville shooting

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'Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) is facing backlash for engaging in a “culture war” with a video bashing straight men in the wake of the Nashville school shooting.

On Monday, Ocasio-Cortez blasted “straight men” as the sexual predators that society should be concerned about in the defense of drag queen shows.

“Many of these disgusting and insinuating attacks on trans and LGBTQ people are actually projections of what predatory cisgender and often straight men do when left alone in the presence of women or sometimes horribly children,” Ocasio-Cortez said in an Instagram video. “Don’t get it twisted because a lot of people attacking drag are projecting.”'

Why teenage boys need kindness, not harsher discipline

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As a secondary school teacher of nearly 20 years experience, I've seen many ways in which toxic masculinity can manifest itself in the classroom.

I should be angry with the boys whose behaviour brings to life the cultural menace that is toxic masculinity. But I'm not. Working with these boys generates a sensation deeper than anger.

It's a heavy and stomach-turning combination of feeling disgusted, threatened and disempowered by boys living out adopted values that are simply not their own. These young people have been damaged by our contemporary culture and they need our help.

At its best, toxic masculinity in schools looks like behaviours we've explained away for decades by saying, "it's just boys being boys". Offensive things, like penises drawn on desks, using loud and aggressive voices, derailing class discussions with sexualised and suggestive comments directed at both teachers and other students, and contributing to a classroom culture that makes it difficult for anyone to learn.

From my experience, school-based toxic masculinity can also look like boys dominating the classroom with physical intimidation that causes girls to withdraw from learning. It's behaviours that make others, particularly girls, not want to climb the tree, put up their hand to answer a question, play sport, select STEM-based subjects or sit at the back of the bus. It's behaviour that tells the girls, and everyone else, that we matter more than you.'

School superintendent candidate says job offer was rescinded after calling two females 'ladies' in email

Matt · 3 April 2023 · Archived copy · Original

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'An incoming Massachusetts school superintendent revealed that his job offer was rescinded prior to his start date after he addressed two women on the school's committee as "ladies" in an email.

Vito Perrone was offered the position as the head of Easthampton Schools on March 23, but was notified that the job offer had been withdrawn over his choice of salutation in an email to the chairperson and executive assistant, both female, who reportedly interpreted his "ladies" greeting as a "microaggression," the Daily Hampshire Gazette reported.'

UK: Probation service needs more men to tackle masculinity issues, chief says

Mastodon · 4 April 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More male probation officers are needed to tackle masculinity issues, the new chief says.

Kim Thornden-Edwards chief probation officer for England and Wales, said employing more men could help tackle violent criminals such as domestic abusers.

Personnel in the service, which oversees 240,000 convicts and offenders According to her, 75 percent of women serving sentences outside prison are “stuck” for 30 years.

“Maybe it would be good for a woman to lead a domestic violence case, but it would also be good for a man to address these issues of masculinity and power from a male perspective.”'

ChatGPT Falsely Accused Jonathan Turley of Sexual Harassment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Fox News contributor and George Washington University law professor Jonathan Turley is raising the alarm about the dangers of artificial intelligence's (AI) political bias and false claims after he was wrongly accused of sexual harassment by ChatGPT. AI could be a real threat to free speech, he said.

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Turley wrote an April 3 piece for USA Today titled, "ChatGPT falsely accused me of sexually harassing my students. Can we really trust AI?" Turley wrote, "What is most striking is that this false accusation was not just generated by AI but ostensibly based on a Washington Post article that never existed." [Emphasis added]. AI seemingly generated false accusations for two other law professors, too, Turley added.

Turley aptly noted that, "The use of AI and algorithms can give censorship a false patina of science and objectivity." But, as he put it, "AI and AI algorithms are no less biased and flawed than the people who program them."'

Malta: Femicide law to be tested in constitutional challenge claiming it is discriminatory

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lawyers representing the first man to be accused of the new offence of femicide, after shooting his wife dead last year, are questioning its constitutionality.

This emerges from an application to the First Hall of the Civil Court in its constitutional jurisdiction, which was filed this morning on behalf of Roderick Cassar.

Cassar, 42, from Qrendi is currently the subject of criminal proceedings, in which he is accused of fatally shooting his wife, Bernice Cassar, from close range at the Corradino industrial estate in Paola, not far from her workplace.
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"Why is the murder of a woman, committed under one of the circumstances mentioned in Article 211A [rendering it wilful femicide], is taken to be worse than the murder of a man carried out in identical circumstances." The same was argued about the harsher punishment.'

The war on ‘toxic masculinity’ makes struggling boys, men prey for Andrew Tate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The answer may be that boys have been left to fail.

Although our society has been rightfully concerned with the advancement of girls and women over the past several decades, we’ve simultaneously ignored glaring warning signs that something is wrong with boys.

On educational, economic and health metrics alike, they’ve been falling further and further behind women.

As parents, partners and friends, we should all be coming together to discuss why our young men and boys are struggling.

But, instead, we find ourselves embroiled in a culture war over toxic masculinity that leaves no one speaking to boys’ plights.

In fact, they’re being beaten over the head with overtly anti-male rhetoric that asserts just about any of society’s ills can be blamed on men.

Headlines like “Toxic Masculinity Is Killing Us” and “Toxic Masculinity Is Costing Us About $15.7 Billion Every Single Year” and book titles like “How to Date Men When You Hate Men” are countless.

Even Scientific American joined the conversation in 2019 with an article entitled “How to Fight Toxic Masculinity,” and the American Psychological Association has declared that “traditional masculinity is psychologically harmful.”'

Spain approves draft law for gender quotas in business and politics

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'The draft law requires political parties to field an equal number of male and female candidates during elections, whether national or municipal. Women now make up 43% of Spain's congress and 40% of its senate.

Parties that lead central government will have to appoint a cabinet that includes at least 40% of each gender. The Socialist-led government counts 14 women among its 23 cabinet ministers, slightly more than 60%.

Publicly listed companies will have until mid-2024 to ensure corporate boards include at least 40% of the "underrepresented sex", said Calviño. Companies with more than 250 workers and annual turnover that exceeds €50m will have until 2026 to do the same.'

Florida woman found with 24 pipe bombs pleads guilty to avoid jail, focus on mental health

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Florida woman who was found with 24 homemade pipe bombs and a hit list pleaded guilty Wednesday to avoid prison, and will instead receive mental health treatment.

Michelle Kolts pleaded guilty in a Tampa courtroom to reduce charges following her 2019 arrest. She was originally charged with 24 counts of making, possessing and discharging a destructive device.

"Twenty-four months of community control followed by 15 years probation," prosecutor Lindsey Hodges said, Fox Tampa reported.

Authorities found 24 homemade bombs in Kolts' bedroom in the home she shared with her parents in October 2019. The devices were filled with nails, screws, and pellets, along with materials to make more bombs, and books about terrorist bombings. Also found was a hit list.

Kolts was arrested on charges that could have landed her in prison for 100 years. However, in 2019, she was found unfit to stand trial following years of mental health evaluations and treatment. She was eventually diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Her mental health treatment will include counseling at an in-house facility. There will be no record of a criminal conviction as well.

"She's not going to suffer the stigma of a conviction on any of those counts as long as she stays crime free and abides by the terms of her probation," Kolts' attorney, Barry Taracks, said.'

Michigan Dem's job listing 'strongly' encourages everybody but straight White men to apply

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Michigan Democrat member of Congress sent out a job listing "strongly" encouraging everyone but straight White men to apply.

The office of Rep. Hillary Scholten, D-Mich., put out a job listing recently for the senior communications director role in her office that would play an integral role in her office's operations.

Scholten's listing for the job with a salary between $85,000 and $120,000 goes on to "strongly" encourages people of varying personal characteristics to apply — except for straight White men.

"We strongly encourage women (and all individuals who do not identify as male), people of color, LGBTQIA+ individuals, people with disabilities, veterans, and members of other underrepresented communities to apply," the listing reads.'

Ironically, the listing also includes a "notice" at the bottom claiming all "applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including marital or parental status), sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or national origin."

Single-Sex Spaces for Me, But Not for Thee

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'There has been a good deal of talk lately about women's spaces being invaded by biologically male persons identifying as women. Some women's campaigners claim that the trans phenomenon constitutes an attack on womanhood itself, an attempt to "erase" women and replace them with men who perform womanhood. Some even call it a new form of patriarchy.

But well before women had their single-sex spaces threatened, something similar had already happened to men. Beginning in the 1970s, men's spaces were usurped, their maleness was denigrated, and policies and laws forced changes in male behavior that turned many workplaces into feminized fiefdoms in which men held their jobs only so long as women allowed them to. The very idea of an exclusively male workspace or club—especially if it was a space for socializing (not so much if it was a sewer, oil field, or shop floor in which men did unpleasant, dangerous work)—came to be seen as dangerous. In light of the recent furor over single-sex spaces for women, it is useful to consider the source of some men's justifiable apathy and resentment.'

As number of women rises in higher ed, free speech declines on campuses: survey

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the number of women in higher education continues to rise, free speech on college campuses declines, said Professor Samuel Abrams, a social scientist at Sarah Lawrence College.

Abrams determined the trend by analyzing the results of a nationwide survey of faculty conducted by the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, pointing out that compared to male counterparts, female scholars are more likely to agree with suppressing and punishing unpopular speech.

“Fifty-one percent of women professors reported that they could envision shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus as being acceptable, compared to just 39 percent of men,” Abrams wrote in a March 24 piece for the American Enterprise Institute, where he serves as a senior fellow.

For white male professors who refuse diversity training, almost half of female professors “believe their male counterparts should face some sort of sanction,” he wrote.

“Thirty percent of female professors believe [the male] professors should be removed from the classroom until they comply. Seventeen percent of female professors believe that these male professors should be suspended until they comply. Two percent of female faculty even believe that their white male counterparts should be fired,” Abrams wrote.

In comparison, only 26 percent of male faculty think the professors should be punished, he wrote.'

Penn State Gender Equity Center hosts activist with history of racist, antisemitic comments

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Penn State University's Gender Equity Center recently hosted a far-left race activist who has a history of racially insensitive and antisemitic comments.

The Daily Collegian reports Feminista Jones (pictured), an "educator, feminist writer, public speaker, community activist, and retired social worker" according to her website, spoke about how "preventions demand equity" for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Jones told her April 3 audience that the "standard of masculinity put forth by white men" is responsible for males' desire to control women and hence "elevated rates of sexual violence."'

The Meaning Of The “Sex War” – by Wyndham Lewis (1926)

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Massachusetts now discriminates against white males who want to start a non-profit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In Massachusetts, you can start a non-profit with a board that is 100% women and/or designated minority members, but the board can't be more than 49% white male.

For nearly a decade, my brother and I have helped thousands of cats and dogs return home. With the help of our followers, I used the New Bedford Guide and New Bedford Pet Detective Facebook pages to reunite missing pets with their owners. I feel we've done a lot of good for the community and decided to look into starting a non-profit to raise funds to boost the posts on Facebook and potentially add a paid person to assist. We've never taken a penny and have dedicated countless of hours to the cause.

After two minutes of research and to my surprise, white males can't be the majority of a new non-profit in Massachusetts. To start a non-profit, we'd have to give up complete control of the cause to other people because we are white men.'

Rep. Katie Porter scalded ex-husband's scalp with potatoes: documents

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The former husband of Rep. Katie Porter said the California Democrat frequently abused him verbally and threw "toys, books and other objects" at him during their marriage — even pouring scalding-hot mashed potatoes on his head during a fight, according to divorce records.

Matthew Hoffman, who filed for divorce from Porter in 2013, said in a request for a restraining order dated April 30 of that year that he was "routinely" called a "f—ing idiot" and "f—ing incompetent" by his rage-prone spouse, who also shattered a glass coffee pot on their kitchen counter in March 2012 when she felt their house wasn't clean enough.

"She would not let me have a cell phone because she said, 'You're too f—ing dumb to operate it,'" Hoffman said of Porter, 49, who has also been accused of ridiculing former members of her staff.

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In 2006, Hoffman said, Porter took issue with how Hoffman was preparing mashed potatoes for dinner, asking him: "Can't you read the f—ing instructions!" Then, her ex-husband said, Porter raised a "ceramic bowl of steaming hot potatoes and dumped it on my head, burning my scalp."'

Putin signs a tough new military draft law, banning conscripts from fleeing Russia

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On a basic level, the new law makes it very difficult for Russians — mostly men but also women with specialized skills — to avoid being drafted or conscripted.

Until now, military recruitment officers have had to go in person to deliver a paper summons to a draftee's home or workplace.

That system will now be supplanted by electronic notifications — i.e. emails — issued through systems including the web portals that Russians use to pay their utility bills, taxes and other services.

The electronic notification will be binding from the moment the government hits send.

And with the new law, draftees are immediately banned from leaving the country.

Those who fail to show up at a recruitment office promptly will soon face a raft of new restrictions related to banking, selling property and even gaining access to a driver's license.

Already before the reform, people who refused orders to serve in the military have faced a possible prison sentence of up to 10 years.'

At least 6 female teachers arrested for sexual misconduct with students over two days across US

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'At least six female teachers were arrested in a span of two days this week for having sex with students — including a Kentucky staffer who allegedly had trysts with a pair of 16-year-old boys.

Ellen Shell, 38, of Danville, was arraigned in Garrard County District Court on Thursday after prosecutors said she had sex with the teens on two separate occasions in July and August of last year.

Shell worked as a teacher's aide at Woodlawn Elementary School and was employed at Lancaster Elementary School prior to that, according to WTKR.

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The bust was just one of at least six recent cases of female teachers engaging in sexual misconduct with their teen charges in recent days, according to reports from across the country.'

‘Wealthy White Men’ Most Likely to 'Repeatedly Violate the Rights of Others,' University of Texas Psych Quiz States

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A University of Texas psychology professor is apologizing to her students after including a question on a quiz that stated "wealthy white men" are "most likely to repeatedly violate the rights of others."

The quiz was a part of Professor Kirsten Bradbury’s Personality Psychology course and asked students which demographic is most likely to be diagnosed with Antisocial Personality Disorder.

After stipulating the disease itself is "a racist diagnosis in the way that it has been applied," Bradbury’s quiz stated: "Neither race nor gender is determinative in Antisocial Personality Disorder. However, if we must go there, which sociodemographic group is most likely to repeatedly violate the rights of others in a pattern of behavior that includes violence, deceit, irresponsibility, and a lack of remorse?" The answer: wealthy white men.
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Bradbury was the recipient in 2017 of the University of Texas Board of Regents’s highest teaching honor, which comes with a $25,000 cash prize. Her biography on the university’s website indicates that her academic interests include "parenting stress," "firearms and firearm safety," and "firearm-related parenting."'

Feminists don’t believe in feminism either

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminist activist Gloria Steinem may not have coined the phrase, “A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle,” but she did popularize it. And Brookings Institution scholar Richard Reeves correctly identifies the sentiment as “the goal of that wave of the women’s movement.” But just how independent of men do most women really want to be?

As Reeves recounts on a recent podcast promoting his new book Of Boys and Men, even feminists want men to support them.

Reeves’s admission came after Progress Network podcast co-host Emma Varvaloucas noted that women aren't really readapting to a world where most childless women actually earn more than the average man.

“There was this stat in your book that was really striking,” Varvaloucas said. “I think it was something like 80% of women, and please correct me if I’m wrong, still want a partner that makes more money than them. So it’s actually — the renegotiation is not completely happening on both sides. And I’m not sure if women are also really doing as much renegotiation as they think they are doing.”

Reeves agreed, citing research from Harvard University’s Claudia Goldin showing that those women with the most options, women that make the most money and have the most advanced degrees, are also more likely to exit the workforce when they become mothers to care for their children if they have a husband who can support them.'

Boys have been left devastated by the woke attitude to masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Society is in danger of demonising boys and young men. They are lambasted in schools by toxic masculinity crusaders and denigrated in popular culture. This environment is having a crushing impact. According to the Health Department, suicide is the biggest cause of death in men under the age of 50 and around three-quarters of deaths from suicides each year are men. Research from Future Dads last year showed that around a third of young men felt left behind by society.

Commentary routinely seems to present boys as inherently bad. The impression is given that parents cannot be trusted to raise them as good citizens, leading to the worrying conclusion that outside organisations should do the job for them. But some organisations which come into schools and talk to boys have developed a habit of telling them to move away from “toxic” masculinity. That, in my view, feeds into a sense of uneasiness.

There urgently needs to be more public and parental scrutiny of this type of content. We need to know exactly what is being said to boys in educational settings. I remain hopeful that the Government’s review on Relationship, Health and Sex Education (RHSE) will lead to firmer guidance on bringing external groups into schools, but it may also need to reinstate a right for parents to first view, and then withdraw their children from workshops that they deem harmful and oppressive to their children.'

A silent crisis in men’s health gets worse

Matt · 18 April 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A silent crisis in men’s health is shortening the life spans of fathers, husbands, brothers and sons.

For years, the conventional wisdom has been that a lack of sex-specific health research mainly hurts women and gender minorities. While those concerns are real, a closer look at longevity data tells a more complicated story.

Across the life span — from infancy to the teen years, midlife and old age — the risk of death at every age is higher for boys and men than for girls and women.

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The topic of men’s health simply hasn’t caught on as something that advocates, corporate sponsors and politicians want to get behind. While the pink-ribbon has been elevated to iconic status to signal breast cancer awareness, nothing in men’s health has achieved the same level of attention.

“There is an empathy gap,” Henry said. “There are people who shrug and say, ‘Yes, men die younger. That’s the way the world is.’ It doesn’t need to be that way. If we devote attention and resources, we can change the outcomes for men.”'

Houston Rescuers Prove the Lie of ‘Toxic Masculinity’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men. We are just the worst, with our toxic masculinity and patriarchal privilege. We are the source of literally all of the world’s problems, from war, income inequality, and “rape culture” to the misogynistic microaggressions of “mansplaining” and “manspreading.” If we are ever to create a nonviolent, truly gender-equal world, we must rip away the false, culturally constructed façade of masculinity. We must free ourselves from the strictures of macho posturing, embrace vulnerability, and redefine what it means to be strong.

That is the message being promoted incessantly today from celebrities like John Legend to the halls of academia to media outlets such as Slate, Salon, and HuffPost. Seemingly overnight, our culture has unquestioningly embraced the term “toxic masculinity.” Male nature itself is the problem, we are told, and the solution is the deconstruction of our understanding of what it means to be a man. But photos and news reports coming out of the devastation wreaked in Texas by Hurricane Harvey are putting the lie to this subversive idea.'

Arkansas SB 365 means year-round due process rights for college students

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'Last week, Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders signed into law SB 365, a bill that codifies crucial due process protections before, during, and after campus disciplinary proceedings. FIRE Legislative Counsel Greg Y. Gonzalez testified in support of the bill in the Senate Education Committee.

SB 365, the Arkansas Student Due Process and Protection Act, provides an array of due process protections for students and student organizations facing suspension or expulsion. And it improves what was the status quo: Arkansas previously explicitly required a right to counsel only during an appeal of a disciplinary proceeding. This law amends that statute and provides far greater protections.'

Russian army launches campaign encouraging men to join

Matt · 21 April 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A wide-ranging advertising campaign appears to have been launched in Russia urging citizens to join the military.

It comes as the Russian armed forces have reportedly been suffering heavy losses and struggling to make progress in Ukraine more than a year after invading it.

The Defence Ministry in Moscow released a video appealing to Russians to give up their civilian jobs in favour of a contract with the military.

The video features a supermarket guard, a fitness instructor and a taxi driver - all apparently disillusioned with civilian life and finding fulfilment after joining the army.

The video promises a monthly salary of at least 204,000 roubles ($2,500, £2,000), four times Russia's average.'

Reference to ‘white male’ advantages booed on Oklahoma House floor

Mastodon · 25 April 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Boos pierced an otherwise quiet afternoon in the Oklahoma House of Representatives on Monday after a relatively routine bill on small-business development turned into a debate on “reverse discrimination” and the plight of white males.

Senate Bill 119, by Sen. Michael Bergstrom, R-Adair, would somewhat broaden eligibility for the Oklahoma Supplier Diversity Initiative, a state Department of Commerce program intended to connect small businesses with potential customers, including state agencies.

It especially targets small businesses owned by minorities, women and U.S. military veterans by providing some technical assistance on applications and the like and by listing them on a website promoted to potential clients.

“Is this trying to level the playing field for all the white males who are booing?” she asked, addressing her questions to Lepak under the rules of the House. “Would you agree they’ve already enjoyed a great privilege in America as it relates to jobs?”

Olsen and Goodwin then both debated against the bill for diametrically opposed reasons. Olsen claimed that the original program, at least, is an example of “reverse discrimination,” while Goodwin said the measure itself dilutes a program intended to help women, minorities, disabled veterans and other disadvantaged groups with small businesses.'

MSU says business boot camp that excluded White males now open to all ‘irrespective’ of race, sex

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A business boot camp at Missouri State University that excluded White males is now offering the program to everyone "irrespective of their race and/or sex" after a government watchdog organization urged the state Attorney General to investigate for discrimination.

The Spring 2023 Early-Stage Business Boot Camp was an eight-week course offered exclusively to "aspiring and/or women small business owners who have recently started or are in the idea phrase."

White males were ineligible to apply.

On Tuesday, the Equal Protection Project (EPP), filed a complaint to Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey, urging him to investigate.

The group alleged that MSU was "engaging in racial- and gender-based discrimination through its sponsorship, promotion, and hosting of a small business training ‘boot camp’ that limits participation" to women and people who identify as "BIPOC" – an acronym for non-white "Black, Indigenous and Persons of Color."'

Waterloo Catholic trustee calls Christian males “threats,” concerned parents speak out

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Parents as First Educators (PAFE) is calling for the resignation of a Waterloo Catholic school board trustee who publicly commented on Twitter that the “most dangerous creature on the planet is the white Christian male.”

In a now-deleted Tweet, the first-term Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB) trustee Wendy Ashby called Christian males a “threat to anyone that is not them.”

PAFE Project Director Amelia Willis says that Ashby’s comments have alarmed parents, who are concerned about the well-being of their children in the classroom.'

UK: Keir Starmer’s masculinity lessons miss the point

Mastodon · 25 April 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Keir Starmer has announced that under Labour, boys will be taught to respect women and girls. The National Curriculum will now include classes in “Banter: Not Even Once” and “Girls are Great, OK?”

I jest, but to what extent is Starmer’s plan to introduce discussion about the social treatment of women and girls into schools realistic? It’s a sorry sign of things when the sexes have to be taught to treat each other slightly better than a used paper bag.

Labour’s concomitant aim to halve incidents of domestic violence against women and girls within a decade is an admirable one, but telling young men, who already drag behind girls at school and college, that they need to call each other out over misogynistic comments, however jokey, seems doomed to failure. If we can’t engage in cathartic light mockery of each other and ourselves, then the only alternative seems to be to outlaw humour altogether.'

UK: Labour considers plan to educate boys to curb violence against women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Labour is considering plans to roll out education for young boys on violence against women and girls (VAWG) in an effort to tackle the epidemic.

Keir Starmer believes “prevention” is extremely important and will play a crucial role in ensuring his party achieves its mission to halve VAWG within a decade.

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The actor Emily Atack and the Love Island star Georgia Harrison, who also spoke at the event, praised Starmer for his mission and urged the party to ensure more professionals are able to educate young men in schools on different forms of abuse.

“We must look at toxic masculinity, which is a huge issue, take the blame off the victim, stop the victim blaming and actually focus on the perpetrators,” Atack said, adding that she believed the best way to tackle this was to introduce more experts into the education system.'

UK: Labour’s ‘lessons for boys’ plan is a sinister sideshow

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Labour party’s latest plan is for part of the school day to be set aside to make boys hear from women who have been victims of male violence and abuse. Speaking at an event in south London this week, Keir Starmer announced that he wants to see the national curriculum expanded to include compulsory lessons on the importance of respecting women. His hope is that this will help to ‘bring about cultural change’ and embolden boys to ‘call out’ friends who act in a misogynistic way. Labour hopes that rooting out inappropriate behaviour in young boys will help halve incidents of violence against women and girls within a decade.

In singling out boys, Starmer has taken the political path of least resistance. Boys have long been seen as a problem, with white, working class boys the biggest problem of all. A narrative of toxic masculinity portrays men as a danger to women, society and themselves. As boys grow up to be men, and therefore potential perpetrators of abuse, schools are expected to provide a moral prophylactic. According to Starmer, this should involve subjecting them to first-hand accounts of victims of sexual harassment and assault. As a boy, you must have your original sin firmly stamped out.'

"I Have Never Been a Feminist"

Mastodon · 26 April 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today's feminists have done nothing to improve the status of women in society. To the contrary, they have created greater divisions between men and women and in the general culture. Their agenda is not to empower women but to teach them how to attack those who don't support them in humiliating and discounting men.
...
The term feminism is meaningless in this world. It's time that women support both men and women in the workforce, in daily life, and in relationships, rather than spend their time emasculating men and trying to shame them. This is a time when people need to individually stay in their own lanes, but help each other to fight through the storms of adversity and conflict.'

Guest opinion: Masculinity at a crossroads over warring societal gender pressures

Mastodon · 26 April 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Although women are currently facing gender issues and have historically received the brunt of the gender gap, very few sources talk about men's concerns outside of alpha male podcasts and misogynistic commentators. For example, if you were to walk around a campus today you would find posters, programs and panels that invite women to participate in male-dominated industries. On these campuses, banners read "Women in Law" and "Women in STEM." However, you would rarely, if ever, see a poster that said "Men in the Humanities" or "Men in Education." On the news, companies highlight their female employees and hide their male workers like a shameful scar. Professors inadvertently silence male voices on topical social issues.

School teachers commend female students on their handwriting, brilliance and behavior then turn to their male pupils and ask with venom why they can't "grow up." Meanwhile, Youtube, Twitter and TikTok are filled with dangerously aggressive, misogynistic bloggers, some of whom are engaged in criminal activity. Young men are then placed in between these two worlds pitted against each other and forced to make an impossible choice: follow those who attack them because they are men or follow those who don't support women. Who will be the role model of our teenage boys?

The strides that women have made over the last few decades are commendable and need to continue, but as women break down barriers and make progress, men and masculinity shouldn't be vilified. The battle is not against "the other" but against our individual and collective sins. Everyone should feel confident expressing their personality and gender openly regardless of how masculine or feminine they are. Each time pop culture carelessly says "Kill All Men," "Men are Trash," "Male Privilege," "Manspreading," "Mansplaining," "Toxic Masculinity" or "Patriarchy," it paints men as perpetrators of crimes against morality and gives power to the ideology feminism is trying to combat.'

'Not proven' verdict will be abolished for rape cases and defendants will face juryless trials amid sweeping justice reforms in Scotland

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sweeping justice reforms will see the abolition of the controversial not proven verdict – and a plan to introduce juryless rape trials.

In the biggest shake-up of the legal system for decades, the centuries-old third option for jurors will be axed in a bid to increase Scotland's low rape conviction rate.

As part of the changes, victims will have their own 'tsar' to stand up for their rights – and a specialist sex crimes court will be set up.

Anti-rape campaigners welcomed the new Bill but the proposed legislation has sparked a backlash among lawyers and opposition politicians over the potential erosion of key cornerstones of the Scottish justice system.

Sandy Brindley, chief executive of Rape Crisis Scotland, said: 'There is a huge amount of research and evidence to suggest that these steps will not only make engaging with the justice system easier for survivors but lead to more justice being done."

Plans approved for Britain’s first women’s-only tower block

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Planners have approved designs for what is believed to be Britain’s first women’s-only tower block.

The scheme for 102 flats to be rented to single women is to be built in west London by a housing association founded in 1920 as part of the suffragette movement.

Each home will have a deep balcony and will be designed specifically for women. Details could include slightly lower kitchen work surfaces and careful attention to ventilation to ensure comfort for menopausal women, said Women’s Pioneer Housing (WPH), the landlord.

The 15-storey tower in Ealing will offer homes for low social rents to women who face inequality, abuse and disadvantages in the housing market. Tenants are likely to include victims of domestic abuse and black and minority ethnic women who face a significant pay gap, making housing less affordable.

The person taking the tenancy must be a single woman, and men will only be able to live in the tower block if they become a tenant’s partner. The only way a tenant could be male is if they are the adult child of a female tenant and inherit the tenancy. Transgender women, including people intending to undergo gender reassignment, will be allowed, but men who cross-dress, transgender men, and anyone with a known history of male violence against women or children will not.'

Research Finds No Gender Bias in Academic Science

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Claims of widespread gender bias in tenure-track hiring, grant funding and journal acceptances in the academic sciences are not supported by the data, a new study finds.

The paper published in Psychological Science in the Public Interest looked at two decades of research regarding biases that tenure-track women have faced since 2000. In the end, the authors determined tenure-track women in science, technology, engineering or math were at parity with men in tenure-track positions in the same fields when it comes to grant funding, journal acceptances and recommendation letters.

Women did have an advantage in the hiring process for the tenure-track jobs, though the evidence did show a bias against women in teaching evaluations and salaries. The salary gap, according to the report, was concerning but smaller than the oft-quoted statistic that women in STEM fields make 82 cents for every dollar that men earn. On average, the gap was 9 cents on the dollar, although the gap shrank to less than 4 cents when controlling for experience, type of institution and productivity, among other factors.'

UK: Toxic masculinity is so rife I'm terrified for my son's future

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I knew I had to make sure he doesn't view women as inferior or feels entitled to control and demean his peers simply because of their gender.

And I know that we, as a society, should teach boys from childhood that violence against women and girls is a deadly epidemic that needs to be stopped

Labour's plans are not perfect, but they're a start.

Of course, during a teaching recruitment crisis and when funding is tighter than ever, it may feel hard to condone adding something like gender equality lessons or anti-toxic masculinity classes to the curriculum.

There will be concerns over how they will fit, what they will cost and who will even teach them.

But for me, that's exactly the point. Isn't that what caused this epidemic to run rampant in the first place?'

Liberal feminism misunderstands women by ignoring sexual difference: panel at Harvard

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To respect women, feminism should not expect them to be more like men, according to three leading female feminist thinkers.

The three authors with unorthodox views on the topic shared their thoughts on reform at a “Rethinking Feminism” panel discussion at Harvard University on Thursday.

“Is feminism still essential? Absolutely,” Washington Post columnist Christine Emba said at the start of the event. “But let’s get clear on what it means.”

Emba, author of “Rethinking Sex: A Provocation,” said that some of the women she interviewed for her book believed that imitating men, particularly through having casual sex and “fucking like a man,” could overcome the divide between them.

However, Emba said, a feminism that benefits women would be one that values and respects difference.'

Feminist author charged after dumping drink on Rep. Matt Gaetz at Florida wine festival

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Authorities have charged a Florida author of feminist literature with battery after she threw her drink at Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) during a wine festival over the weekend.

Selena J. Chambers, of Tallahassee, was jailed Saturday evening over the incident at the South Walton Beaches Wine and Food Festival. She was slapped with one count of battery on an elected official and one count of simple battery, according to an arrest report from the Walton County Sheriff's Office.

The 41-year-old Chambers, a Pushcart Prize-nominated writer of feminist horror stories, reportedly cursed out Gaetz and his wife before tossing her drink at the congressman. She then turned and walked away, flipping off the Florida representative.

A witness who was standing next to Gaetz told police that Chambers had been swearing loudly and was also struck with her drink after she threw it.'

The first crewed mission to Mars should be all female. Here’s why.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men have crewed every mission to the Moon so far, but when we finally send humans to Mars it would be wise to send only women — at least at first.

Mind you, this wouldn’t primarily be for fairness — a correction for the rampant sexism that denied American women the title of “astronaut” until Sally Ride‘s historic flight in 1983 — but rather a practical decision based on calculations as cold as deep space. Available evidence bluntly suggests that women would be more efficient and capable crewmembers on long-duration missions away from Earth.
...
Beyond physical practicality, there are psychological reasons women might be better suited to extended missions away from Earth.

“Statistics show that all-woman groups are far more likely to choose non-confrontational approaches to solve interpersonal problems, and most definitely are more likely to deal with a situation without resorting to violence, which could be a big problem on a Mars journey, where the crew must live in close quarters for 2-3 years,” Landis wrote. “Numerous sociological studies have shown that women, in general, are more cooperative, and less given to hierarchical social structures.”'

UK: Students plan protest against ‘anti feminist’ documentary screening

Mastodon · 4 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Students are planning to protest the screening of Birthgap — Childless world, a documentary which blames the “pitfalls of Feminism and the modern dating-world” for “the planet’s collapsing birthrate”. The screening, hosted by a student, will be taking place at St John’s College on 12/05.

In an email sent out via the School of Biological Sciences (SBS) mailing list, the host advertised that the screening would be followed by a Q&A with the filmmaker Stephen J Shaw. In response to concerns voiced on Camfess, she criticised students as having “thrown their rattle out of the pram”. The documentary is Shaw’s first project.

The student host of the event, who has written for the Telegraph, and been featured on GB News, aims “to make students aware of the fast-approaching population collapse”. She hopes “to get high-achieving young people (who are most likely to end up unintentionally childless) to consider factoring in plans for parenthood into their career plans.”'

‘Selfish’ male bosses victims of ‘benevolent sexism’, study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Selfish male bosses are to blame for bad business performance while their female counterparts are perceived to be just victims of bad luck, according to a new academic study of gender stereotypes.

A joint study by the University of East Anglia, University of Melbourne and Monash University in Australia found that “benevolent sexism” – where women are seen as “affectionate and delicate individuals who need to be protected” – was widespread in the workplace.

Researchers added that men were more likely to give women the benefit of the doubt than their own female colleagues.

Participants in the study were divided into groups where one member was designated team leader and asked to make investment decisions.

The remainder were then asked to evaluate their performance based only on the outcome of the leader’s choices and their gender.

While men were blamed for risky behaviour and poor returns, women were more likely to be viewed as unlucky.'

Boys are struggling in schools. Maybe the one-size-fits-all education system is the problem

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One common challenge for boys involves their energetic behavior. They receive a disproportionally higher number of punishments for perceived inattention and hyperactivity, according to a report from the American Psychological Association.

But parents question whether these punishments are justified in the face of boys' desire to move around, especially if they're required to sit at a desk for long intervals.

For example, Ivana Greco received reports from her son's kindergarten teacher that he had trouble sitting at his desk.

But once Greco began homeschooling him in second grade, she found he learned best while moving – completing worksheets on the floor, reading upside down on the couch, and jumping rope before a math lesson.

"Is part of the problem faced by boys not precisely maturity, but rather the inability of most schools to accommodate little boys' need to run, skip, and climb?" she wrote. "Many of these wiggly children are equally able to learn, including by tackling complex subjects. They don't lag in their ability to comprehend — rather, they lag in their ability to stay seated at a desk."

Dr. Leonard Sax, author of "Boys Adrift," goes further to argue schools should take more responsibility for their role in alienating boys from education altogether.'

A Boy Raised as a Girl Killed Himself 19 Years Ago Today

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Article here. Excerpt:

'David, born Bruce, lost his penis to a botched circumcision as an infant in 1966. After this event, his parents, Janet and Ron, though they lived in Canada, were referred to the leading “sexologist” at the time, John Money. Money was a psychologist who ran a clinic at Johns Hopkins University, where surgeons performed pediatric genital constructions. Genitals, then and now, are what we rely on to define an infant’s sex. It’s easier to "make a hole" than to "build a pole,” as one surgeon put it, so Money advised that Bruce be castrated and have his genitals modified to look as typically female as possible, then be raised as a girl, while keeping the real story secret.'

Prosecutors indicate that Bills punter whose life was ruined over rape accusation went home long before incident allegedly occurred

Mastodon · 9 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A pro football player accused of rape had his career upended and life ruined over something prosecutors now indicate he could not possibly have done.

Matt Araiza was a top punter in the NFL whose record-breaking NCAA career secured him the nickname "Punt God." Last summer, Araiza was accused along with two San Diego State University football players of gang-raping a 17-year-old at an off-campus party in 2021.

The Los Angeles Times reported that Araiza was accused of having sex with the minor outside the home and then bringing her inside, where she was allegedly repeatedly raped for over an hour.

This week, Yahoo Sports provided detail concerning a newly revealed 200-plus page transcript of a 100-minute meeting in which San Diego Deputy District Attorney Trisha Amador explained the matter to the accuser and her attorneys.

In the explanation, the SDDA concluded Araiza could not have led the girl into the alleged rape because he had left the home at 12:30 a.m., at least an hour before the incident supposedly occurred.

"He wasn’t even at the party any more," said Amador. "All I know is that at that point, suspect Araiza is gone from the party."

Extra to highlighting how Araiza was not even present, the prosecutors explained to the accuser that it was unclear whether a gang rape had even occurred in the first place, as intermittent video recordings of the incident raised the possibility she may have just had consensual sex with the other men.'

US Merchant Marine Academy official under fire for tweet on 'white, male' roots of racism, misogyny

Mastodon · 10 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A U.S. Merchant Marine Academy official is under fire for a series of racially charged tweets – including one in which he attributes misogyny and racism to "the same white, male root."

Anton Tripolskii, who was hired at the Kings Point, New York, school as its $142,595-per-year sexual assault response director, sent a June 2020 tweet that's now at the target of a scathing letter from the U.S. House's Anti-Woke Woke Caucus.

"We don’t have forces who do right by survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence because we don’t have forces who don’t abuse Brown and Black people," Tripolskii wrote in the controversial tweet. "Same forces, same reasons. Misogyny and racism grow from the same white, male root."'

Missouri Passes Presumption of Shared Parenting SB35

charlie · 13 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Bill status here. Excerpt:

'HCS/SS/SCS/SB 129 - Under this act, the Children's Division and child placing agencies shall, whenever practicable, select either a person or agency or institution governed by persons of the same religious faith as that of the child's parents or that of the child, as described in the act, when placing a child.

This provision is identical to a provision in HCS/SS/SB 198 (2023), HB 1034 (2023), and SB 621 (2023).

This act adds a rebuttable presumption when determining child custody arrangements that an award of equal or approximately equal parenting time to each parent is in the best interests of the child. Such presumption may be rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence as specified in the act, including an agreement by the parents on all issues related to custody or a finding by the court that a pattern of domestic violence has occurred. The General Assembly urges the court to enter a temporary parenting plan as soon as practicable in a manner that will best assure both parents participate in custody decisions and have frequent, continuing, and meaningful contact with their children.'

No Entry for Men: Delhi To Get 250 Women-Only Parks Soon To Offer ‘More Comfortable Space’

Matt · 14 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New Delhi: All 250 wards under the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will soon get 'pink parks', where the entry of men will be probated. The new initiative has been chalked out by the authority to give a more 'more comfortable space' to women in the national capital.

The pre-project works have started and the MCD officials are currently identifying locations for setting up the facilities. The counsellors have been asked to find locations in their respective wards. There are 250 municipal wards under the Delhi MCD.'

Sons of Feminism

Matt · 14 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'The esteemed Janice Fiamengo on the damage that feminism has done, irreparably to men, and to relationships between men and women.'

A Proclamation on National Women’s Health Week, 2023

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In addition, my Administration will continue its work to prevent health conditions that affect women, including heart disease and diabetes. Heart disease is the number one killer of women in this country. My Administration has a national strategy that seeks to improve access to affordable, healthy food; better integrate nutrition into the health care system; support physical activity for all; and enhance research into food and nutrition security. At the same time, experts agree it is important that women get regular checkups, preventive screenings, vaccinations, and mental health care.'

America's Manhood Crisis

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Much has been said in recent years of the divisions in American society, the dangers to our democracy, and our growing polarization. Surely it is no coincidence that these ills have proliferated while American men have struggled. As the anthropologist David Gilmore once wrote, "Manhood is the social barrier that societies must erect against entropy, human enemies, the forces of nature, time, and all the human weaknesses" that threaten social life. No menace to this nation is greater than the collapse of American manhood, the collapse of masculine strength.

To be frank, some welcome that collapse: namely, those on the American Left. In fact, they have helped drive it. In the power centers they control, places like the press, the academy, and politics, they blame masculinity for America's woes. The tribunes of elite opinion long ago decided that male strength is dangerous—toxic, leading inevitably to oppression and a hateful patriarchy. To be admitted to polite society in America today, one is supposed to confess—and I say "confess" advisedly, for the Left it is a type of religious incantation—that masculinity is an arbitrary social construct that has made the world a much more terrible place. As one liberal author summed up the conventional wisdom, "talking about 'healthy masculinity' is like talking about 'healthy cancer.'"'

Delhi to have ‘women-only’ parks where men will not be allowed

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Delhi is all set to get a number of parks, which will be exclusive for women. The motive of this initiative is to offer more comfortable spaces to women.

As per the reports, work has already begun on identifying locations for establishing these parks in all MCD wards; these will also be known as women-only pink-parks. This was announced by Delhi Deputy Mayor Aaley Mohammad Iqbal, who added that the idea is to give a "more comfortable space" to women in the city, apart from providing several other amenities too.
...
He elaborated that his idea impressed the Chief Minister and that, later in a meeting of the civic body's horticulture department, he proposed that each ward should have at least one such park.'

Little known Florida list makes it easier to remove an unmarried birth father's rights

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Tampa father is fighting to be a parent to his 5-year-old daughter, who was taken by an adoption agency two days after she was born without his knowledge or consent.

“I think that they took a lot from me. A lot from me. I miss my baby, my daughter growing up," Ulysess Carwise said. "She’s five now. She just had a birthday.”

From the time she was born, Carwise told the Florida Department of Children and Families he wanted his daughter. But he needed to prove he was the father and establish his rights because the child's mother, who put the baby up for adoption without his consent, weren't married.

The state's Department of Health website states, "The purpose of the registry is to permit a man alleging to be the unmarried biological father of a child to preserve his right to notice and consent in the event of an adoption."

“If you survey, let's say, 1,000 people randomly across Florida, how many do you think would know that that birth father registry exists? And I bet it's tiny, if any," the President of the National Center on Adoption and Permanencyand an adoptive father himself told the I-Team.

That lack of knowledge is among the reasons Pertman is critical of these types of father registries.

“They're ostensibly set up to ensure father's rights, you know, if you sign up, you can access and parent your own kid. In practice, that's not typically how it goes. In practice, in Florida and elsewhere, they’re more typically used to cut fathers out," Pertman said.

Carwise completed the registry but was then questioned about the timing of when he filled it out.

According to state law, the claim of paternity with Florida's registry "may be filed at any time before the child's birth, but may not be filed after the date a petition is filed for termination of parental rights."'

Louisiana advances bill to make fathers share costs of pregnancy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill that would allow mothers to recover half of out-of-pocket, pregnancy-related medical expenses from the father of their child cleared another hurdle Tuesday.

House Bill 5, by Rep. Lawrence “Larry” Frieman, R-Abita Springs, moved forward from the Senate Judiciary A Committee. It is one of several bills filed this session to address the realities of post-Roe v. Wade in Louisiana.

Mark Mansfield, who has practiced family law in St. Tammany Parish for more than 20 years, said he began talking about legislation like this with fellow lawyers around the time of the Supreme Court decision that triggered a near-total abortion ban in the state last summer.

“For those of those that are pregnant, we want to give them a chance to recover the expenses the same way they can do when the child is alive,” Mansfield said.

And the same way that paternity must be proved for women to receive child support, it must be proven to recover the pregnancy expenses.'

‘Bromance’ classes will fight ‘toxic masculinity’ in schools: teacher

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An important course is missing from school education: Bromance 101.

A teacher and author argues that schools should provide “lessons in bromance” to help focus on the mental-health crisis among boys.

Matt Pinkett, an English teacher who challenges champions of “toxic masculinity,” believes that teenage boys should be exposed to good models for a “bromance” with close, strong, male friendships through characters such as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, or Frodo and Sam from “Lord of the Rings.”

In his new book, “Boys Do Cry: Improving Boys’ Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools,” Pinkett expresses the importance of the “emotional openness” of male friendships — but warns that the men learned about in school literature are often not “great examples of male kindness” and most of them are “tools.”

For example, Macbeth “kills a lot of people” and Ebenezer Scrooge is “a bit of a numpty” throughout most of “A Christmas Carol.”

Pinkett compiled evidence from school staff, therapists and experts in well-being to come to this conclusion.'

‘Birthgap’ producer touted by Jordan Peterson canceled at Cambridge; film shut down, called misogynistic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cambridge University recently canceled a film screening of “Birthgap – Childless World” and discussion with the film’s writer, director and producer, Stephen Shaw, after protesters called his theories regarding the steep decrease in human birth rates sexist and misogynistic.

The event was scheduled for May 12 at the college’s St. John campus until administrators abruptly canceled the showing less than 48 hours before the start time.

“We are confused why anyone would want to protest about a film which simply conveys hard data on birthrate trends and contains the voices of people, mostly women, from around the world,” Shaw told The College Fix in an email.

The protesters claimed Shaw’s film echoed “misogyny,” “transphobia,” “homophobia” and “racism” and cited Shaw’s appearance on popular psychologist Jordan Peterson’s show to justify their distaste for the speaker, according to Bentley-Astor’s Twitter.'

San Diego State University says 'no findings' against Matt Araiza

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Article here. Excerpt:

'San Diego State University concluded Friday that there are no findings against former Buffalo Bills punter Matt Araiza after conducting an investigation into allegations of rape and gang rape. A criminal investigation was also conducted, with no charges filed, and a civil case remains ongoing in the matter.

"While the university cannot provide specific information related to its student disciplinary proceedings and investigations, or specific information related to student records, it can confirm that none of the former students named in the civil suit are now the subject of an active investigation," SDSU said in a statement provided to ESPN. "In addition, they are not currently enrolled, active students or affiliated with any athletics activities.

"SDSU reserves the right to reinstate investigations based on new developments."

The student conduct investigation proceeded in July 2022 after the San Diego Police Department told the university that doing so would no longer interfere with its investigation after initially asking SDSU to wait. The night of the alleged rapes was in October 2021, and the girl, who was 17 at the time, reported to the police the next day. The police went on to investigate the allegations for nine months before turning over their investigation to prosecutors on Aug. 5, 2022. The police did not recommend charges be filed.

The Bills released Araiza on Aug. 27, two days after the lawsuit was filed.

On Dec. 7, 2022, the San Diego District Attorney's office announced that Araiza and the other students listed on the civil suit, Zavier Leonard and Nowlin Ewaliko, would not face criminal charges.'

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Programs May Invite “Reverse Discrimination” Lawsuits

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many companies have announced specific hiring goals in response to heightened awareness of racial and gender inequalities. But some of those goals are now being challenged as impermissible “reverse discrimination” as white male applicants are rejected in favor of persons of color or women.

Recent lawsuits have highlighted how Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs may conflict with federal or state EEO (equal employment opportunity) laws. A federal jury in North Carolina awarded $10 million to a white male executive of Novant Health who claimed he lost his job due to efforts to diversify top leadership positions. Similarly, an in-house lawyer with Electrolux sued, claiming he was denied a promotion to General Counsel due to a diversity initiative with an expressed preference for sex/gender as a “distinguishing and beneficial characteristic.” And a white male based his reverse discrimination claim against the city of Springfield, Illinois, on the Mayor’s statement that hiring a black colleague exemplified his administration “moving towards reflecting the city demographics.”

The Supreme Court and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission have approved voluntary affirmative action efforts by private employers under limited circumstances. However, to comply with federal anti-discrimination laws, an employer’s voluntary affirmative action policy must meet all three requirements established in two Supreme Court cases: United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC v. Weber (1979), and Johnson v. Transportation Agency (1987). Specifically, affirmative action: (1) must seek to remedy “conspicuous racial [or gender] imbalances in traditionally segregated job categories;” (2) cannot “unnecessarily trammel the interests of white [or male] employees [or applicants]” by, for example, barring whites or males from employment; establishing quotas or inflexible goals; or requiring the discharge or layoff of white or male employees; and (3) must be a temporary measure designed to correct a manifest imbalance, rather than to maintain a particular racial or gender balance.'

Feminist Professor Who Vandalzied Pro-Life Table Holds Machete to Reporter's Neck

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Hunter College professor who recently went viral for disrupting a pro-life information table held an apparent machete to a reporter's neck after he visited her apartment, the New York Post reported.

Shellyne Rodriguez, an adjunct assistant professor at the New York City campus, was videotaped cursing at students operating a Students for Life of America (SFLA) table on May 2 before knocking information cards and fetal models from the table, SFLA reported. She threatened New York Post reporter Reuven Fenton with a machete on Tuesday when he knocked on her apartment door, according to video posted by the Post.

"Get the f–k away from my door, or I'm gonna chop you up with this machete!" she reportedly yelled before opening the door and holding the blade to Fenton's neck. "Get the f–k away from my door! Get the f–k away from my door!"

Fenton and the videographer left the building after Rodriguez had retreated back inside her apartment building, according to the Post. She then followed them outside holding the machete and warned them to "get the fuck off the block."'

Punter Matt Araiza Set to Workout for New York Jets After DA's Investigation Found No Wrongdoing in Rape Case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Punter Matt Araiza may not have to wait long for his next opportunity in the NFL.

According to ESPN's Adam Schefter, Araiza will be working out with the New York Jets on Wednesday. Schefter got confirmation of the news from JL Sports, Araiza's sports agency.

Araiza was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the sixth round of the 2022 NFL Draft. He was soon named in a civil suit and accused of raping a 17-year-old girl with two other football players while he was at San Diego State University. The Bills released him after the lawsuit was made public. But since then, The San Diego District Attorney's Office and an independent investigation by the university both turned up no evidence of wrongdoing by Araiza.'

Cal Poly sorority sisters accused of making false rape allegation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Cal Poly San Luis Obispo fraternity member filed a lawsuit last month against two sorority sisters for allegedly spreading a fabricated rape allegation.

The suit accuses Samantha Canik, a member of the Delta Gamma sorority, of alleging rape following a consensual sexual encounter. Her roommate and sorority sister, Sydney Walsh, then allegedly “involved herself in the assault on plaintiff’s reputation.”

“As a result of these baseless accusations, plaintiff has been expelled from his fraternity; shunned by former friends and classmates; and subjected to insults, humiliation, and emotional distress,” according to the suit. “Plaintiff seeks recovery for the harm to his reputation, for emotional distress, and for consequential damages according to proof.”'

We should have women-only times in Scotland's parks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I am deeply invested in how we make society safer and was interested in recent, frankly unsurprising, research which found that women felt very unsafe in parks.

As I say, this is hardly a shocker for any woman who's found herself unexpectedly on an empty stretch of road or one with a few broken streetlights. Their recommendations are that women should be involved in the design and planning of parks, which would incorporate more lighting, lower hedges and ‘escape routes’. In Berlin, they've taken it one step further and are campaigning for a dedicated Feminist Park.

Of course, the inherent problem with this, is that it once again lays all the responsibility on the woman. We must redesign our parks. We must design our own escape routes. We must campaign to be considered in planning so our public spaces can be used equally by us. When, in fact, the impetus should be on educating men and raising our boys to not condone sexual or physical violence or threats, to not observe it soundlessly and to not perpetuate that misogyny.

In Police Scotland’s Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2023, I was happy to see them acknowledge, ‘Perpetrators are the sole cause of violence against women and girls. Therefore, we will continue to challenge the harmful attitudes and behaviours of men which perpetuate violence and abuse.’ And I will be waiting to see if strategy becomes action.'

UK: Police assessment places violence against women and girls on same footing as terrorism

Mastodon · 24 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Police chiefs have issued the first official assessment of violence against women and girls in the UK, placing such offences on the same footing as terrorism and serious organised crime.

The 230-page intelligence document outlining the crimes that pose the greatest threats to women and girls has been shared with all forces by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC).

The NPCC said it hoped the assessment would help forces better understand "the influences and levers" that contribute to the crimes.'

"Average Men Aren't Enough"

Matt · 27 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Hard to believe I found this on YT but the channel host takes on female primate hypergamy, or the tendency of primate females (incl. humans) to seek to "mate up" in status. Video here.

Testosterone levels ‘plummeting’ in young men

Matt · 27 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Up-side: Hard to do much with men militarily if they have low T. I mean, most of us with it would wash out of basic, drafted or not. :) Seriously, this is a real big problem for our species but I'm inclined more to blame it on endocrine disruptor chemicals in the environment versus porn and video games. Excerpt:

'FROM London to Los Angeles, an increasing number of young men are retreating from society, isolating themselves for extended periods.

When asked about their feelings of loneliness, men are more likely to report feeling socially isolated than women.

Some have suggested that changing norms and expectations are to blame.

Others have suggested that some young men are uncomfortable with how masculinity is being reimagined, reshaped, and redefined.

This discomfort, they argue, has created a profound sense of uncertainty and unease.

But are plummeting testosterone levels playing a role in young men’s desire to separate themselves from society?'

UK: The betrayal of white working-class men

Mastodon · 28 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ironically, however, most of those lives lost in Western society were male, white and working-class; basically, those citizens assumed by the paradigm of class-denying intersectionality to be the enemy of progress. White working-class males are now recast as the establishment's salivating attack dogs; the overseers of imperialism, enforcing the bidding of their wealthier masters. Their role in securing most of our human rights — through workplace struggle in the trade unions, strikes, demonstrations, wars and riots — is to be erased from our collective consciousness.

Because some sections of the white working class bought into the reductive neoliberalism of unrestrained capitalism through the Thatcher-Reagan revolution, so the entire group was written off. In the "hierarchy of the oppressed" so beloved of intersectional theory, a (white) penis in the underpants is more important than the lack of an arse in the trousers in determining your place in the world.'

Jane Fonda Blames Men for Climate Change: ‘We Have to Arrest and Jail Those Men’

Mastodon · 28 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hollywood star Jane Fonda made the outrageous claim Friday that climate change is being caused exclusively by men, specifically white men, adding that “those men” must be arrested and jailed.

She also blamed the “patriarchy” and “racism” for global warming.

Speaking at a career retrospective at the Cannes Film Festival in France, Jane Fonda promoted her radical climate activism efforts, saying the world has “about seven, eight years” to cut fossil fuel consumption in half.

She also said “poor people of color” as well as populations in the southern hemisphere will be hit hardest by global warming.

“It is a tragedy that we have to absolutely stop. We have to arrest and jail those men — they’re all men,” she added, according to a Deadline report.'

Colorado Becomes the First State to Limit Court Use of Family Reunification Camps

Mastodon · 29 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill signed into law this week in Colorado prohibits family courts from ordering children to participate in reunification programs that isolate them from a trusted caregiver. Many of these programs purport to offer treatments for parental alienation, a psychological disorder that has been rejected by mainstream scientific circles but continues to influence custody decisions.

The new law, which takes effect immediately, also requires experts who advise the court on custody cases to have training in working with victims of domestic violence and child abuse.'

Release of the National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence: Strategies for Action

Mastodon · 29 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Improving Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence by Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias: The Department of Justice released updated guidance in 2022 on Improving Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence by Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias. This guidance is designed to help law enforcement agencies recognize, mitigate, and prevent gender bias and other bias from compromising the response to, and investigation of, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other forms of gender-based violence. The guidance provides a set of eight basic principles that – if integrated into LEAs' policies, trainings and practices – help ensure that gender bias, either intentionally or unintentionally, does not undermine efforts to keep survivors safe and hold offenders accountable.'

Remarks by President Biden at the 155th National Memorial Day Observance

Mastodon · 30 May 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Throughout history, these women and men laid down their lives, not for a place or a person or a President, but for an idea unlike any other idea in all of human history. The idea — the idea of the United States of America.

As we're reminded by the hundreds of graves here in Section 60 of Arlington and across our nation — the story of the women and men who sacrificed everything to keep democracy safe and secure during the last two decades — each of them — each of them a link in a chain of honor that stretches back to our Founding Fathers and those days. Unbreaking, unbending, not just in their duty and devotion but something even deeper: in their faith in us — their faith in us — that we will be worthy of their sacrifice.'

United Kingdom's RAF filtering out 'useless white male pilots' in diversity push: report

Mastodon · 1 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The United Kingdom's Royal Air Force is being pressured to filter out "useless white male pilots" in an effort to hit diversity targets, according to leaked emails obtained by local media.

The messages seen by Sky News also show that a number of selection boards used to place new recruits were canceled if they didn't include women or minorities.

The RAF maintains its standards have not been lowered to increase the number or diverse applicants.

The military branch is also paying more than $123,000 to 31 White men who it found had been disadvantaged by the new policy. The payments contradict statements by Air Chief Marshal Wigston that the diversity push would not discriminate against White men, sources told the news station.

The leaked emails were dated between 2020 and 2021. One Jan. 19, 2021, message to a sergeant appeared to show the pressure being applied to filter out White male recruits in favor of women and minorities.'

Feminism, masculinity and finding solutions

Mastodon · 3 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Thankfully, most women and men know this lack of mutuality is neither sustainable nor healthy. It's part of what led people to coin the term "toxic masculinity," a term so overused that some men are giving up on what's healthy and embracing the message of guys like Andrew Tate —an influencer presently incarcerated in Romania on charges of sex trafficking.

"But the idea that we are looking at men as a problem is actually not that far off sometimes," said Michelle Cottle on Matters of Opinion, "I mean, especially in certain more progressive corners we are so eager to make sure that women aren't left behind, that women aren't being mistreated, almost as though it is a binary like one has to kind of go along. If one is getting ahead, you have to kind of disadvantage the other."

When men give up, or when the well-being of one gender as a whole is in competition with the other, we need to seek a third way, maybe even a fourth, fifth or sixth.

To be clear, it's true that men have dominated the offices of power, the C-suites, the halls of academia, the workplace, the sports arena and the financial markets for millennia. Only in the past century has the pendulum begun to swing in the direction of women. Yet, parity is about finding equilibrium and that takes work. Men and women will thrive when they find flourishing counterparts — intellectually, creatively, spiritually, physically — in their workplaces, relationships and communities.'

Matt Walsh's "What Is A Woman?"

Matt · 3 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

I vacilated about posting this based on concerns about germaneness: How germane is the topic to the MRM? I've concluded based on some of its content that there's at least tangential relevancy if not in a couple ways, direct relevancy. After all, if the MRM in general objects to circumcision of infant (minor) males, would not it at least in part object to the drugging of minor males to defer or even entirely nullify their otherwise natural maturation in their teen years? So I've decided to post it: Matt Walsh's What Is A Woman?.

How Modern Life Is Making Us Infertile

Matt · 3 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. From 2021 but still very relevant: "A new study reveals how an alarming decline in sperm count and quality is threatening the human race."

White men trying to join the RAF were branded 'useless' by recruitment officers in leaked emails set to renew row over diversity quotas

Mastodon · 5 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'White men trying to join the RAF were branded 'useless' by recruitment officers, leaked emails have revealed.

The emails, which are set to renew a row over diversity quotas, were sent by a squadron leader in the air force's recruitment division in January 2021.

They expose the pressure that officers appeared to be under to filter out white male recruits and fast-track women and ethnic minorities.

The RAF is also reportedly paying £5,000 each to 31 white men who it found had been unfairly disadvantaged by its recruitment policy.

And some selection boards were cancelled if they did not include women or ethnic minorities, according to the leaked messages.'

Why more US men are falling victim to Japan's anti-social hikikomori trend

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In Japan, an estimated 1.5 million people — many of them young men — now live in complete isolation.

The problem has grown so severe that the Japanese have a term for it: Hikikomori, one who literally withdraws from society.

Some 6,000 miles away, the United States is experiencing its own form of hikikomori.

During a recent interview with Chris Williamson, a British podcaster based in Austin, Texas, the political economist Nicholas Eberstadt discussed the fact that 7 million men of prime working age are currently without employment and not seeking jobs.

Many of these men, said Eberstadt, spend inordinate amounts of time indoors, totally withdrawn from society.'

MSU hit with civil rights complaint alleging school's business boot camp discriminated against white males

Matt · 6 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A government watchdog organization on Friday filed a civil rights complaint against Missouri State University, alleging that the school's business boot camp program illegally discriminated against white males.

The Equal Protection Project (EPP) said it was bringing the civil rights complaint against MSU for "engaging in racial- and gender-based discrimination through its sponsorship, promotion, and hosting of a small business training 'boot camp' that limited participation to individuals who identify as 'BIOPOC' … or are female. White males, and white males alone, were excluded from eligibility."

"BIPOC" is an acronym for "Black, Indigenous and Persons of Color."

In its complaint to the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, the EPP accused MSU's program of violating the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.'

I'm a mom who flies in business class while my family stays in economy. We see it as a lesson on feminism.

Mastodon · 8 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Amid the cacophony of boarding passengers, my husband waved at me, leading our two boys, ages 5 and 7, towards Economy while I turned left into Business Class. A flight attendant cast a surprised glance, undoubtedly questioning why I was sitting apart from my family.

Recent viral TikToks and articles have sparked debates about the fairness of fathers sitting solo in Business or First Class while their wives and children remain in Economy. Being inherently contrarian, I decided our family would flip the script and do just the reverse on a recent 12-hour flight from London to Mauritius.

Indeed, the setup was unconventional, but there was a method to the perceived madness. It wasn't about embracing luxury for the sake of it. Instead, it was about my boys witnessing their mom confidently relishing a different space on the plane, thereby understanding that traditional norms and expectations should not confine a woman's place. I want them to grow up understanding that women, too, can independently "turn left" onto a plane. And can do so alone.'

NASA Awards $5 Million to Women's Colleges Tackling STEM Gender Gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As part of a Biden/Harris initiative, NASA will award more than $5 million in funding to seven Women's Colleges and Universities (WCUs) to research and develop strategies that increase retention of women in STEM degree programs and careers.

The agency's Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) created the Women's Colleges and Universities opportunity to help women overcome obstacles and barriers to working in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.

This award seeks to address the significant national gender gap and disparate experiences of women in STEM in the United States, both in higher education and the workforce.

"This is a very exciting first; we're making strides to close the pervasive gender gap in STEM, and Women's Colleges and Universities are well-positioned to help drive that positive change," said NASA Deputy Administrator Pam Melroy, a graduate from Wellesley College. "It's more important than ever we have brilliant, enthusiastic people entering the workforce and ready to take on the ambitious plans and challenges ahead."

Created in response to the White House Executive Order 14035 "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Federal Workforce," this funding opportunity asked Women's Colleges and Universities to take advantage of their expertise by developing programs that encompass academics, research, student support, college prep, career prep, mentoring, and more. NASA explores the unknown for all, and values diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility for the future STEM and agency workforce.'

UK: One in three primary schools has no male teachers, report says

Mastodon · 8 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Almost one in three state funded primary schools do not have any male classroom teachers, a study suggests.

Rutland in the East Midlands has the highest proportion of primary schools without any male teachers - 52.9%.

The Warwick Business School report says the proportion of schools without a male classroom teacher has increased over the last 12 months.

The report's author said they believed a lack of male teachers was bad for pupils.

Dr Joshua Fullard, assistant professor of behavioural science at Warwick Business School, said: "Worryingly, the decline in the number of male classroom teachers is getting worse.

"This has an impact on the education that children receive. There is a large body of research that shows students benefit from being educated by a teacher with certain similarities to them.'

Why So Many Young Men Are Lonely, Sexless, and Extremely Online

Matt · 8 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Interview here. This is a Spotify podcast. It requires you to subscribe for free to listen to it. It is off-linked from here. Excerpt:

'Today's episode is about the state of men in America. Last week, the nonprofit institute Equimundo published a report on the state of men and boys in America: "Many men—especially younger men—are socially disconnected, pessimistic about the future, and turning to online anger," it wrote. "They are facing higher rates of depressive symptoms, suicidal thoughts, and a sense of isolation, as seen in the agreement of 65 percent that 'no one really knows me well.'" One survey is one survey.

It doesn't do a lot of good to overreact and proclaim one set of findings the iron law of American sociology. But this report is in line with other polls and also with the analyses of experts like Richard Reeves, the Brookings scholar who wrote the book Of Boys and Men. Richard is today's returning guest. We talk about how complaining about masculinity is history's oldest trope; why this time might be different; what young men think about feminism; the effect of social media on men and why it might be different than the effect of social media on women; and what a positive version of masculinity might look like.'

Masculinity as Prison or Escape

Mastodon · 9 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A healthy masculinity acknowledges three things. First, men are distinct from women. Second, men have something essential to contribute, both to females and to society at large. And third, men can make this contribution effectively only through the cultivation of character. Unfortunately, modern culture undermines all three. As a result, there has been a rise in the popularity of a reactionary or “macho” masculinity, which fills the vacuum of hollowed-out masculinity with something harmful.

Men have been deemed not only indistinct from women but inessential to them. Gloria Steinem quipped that “a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle.” Over the past 50 years, the marriage rate in the United States has declined significantly, which helps explain why nearly 40 percent of babies are now born out of wedlock. Nearly 70 percent of divorces are initiated by women. Roughly 80 percent of single-parent households are fatherless.'

Trans man goes viral after getting emotional about the ‘loneliness’ of life after gender transition

Matt · 10 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A biological female turned trans man went viral this week after posting an emotional video about the loneliness of being a man.

"Nobody told me how lonely being a man is," the influencer claimed in the two-minute video discussing having more friends when identifying as a woman.

The subject also discussed why the male suicide rate is higher than in women.

The video was first published to Instagram by James Barnes, a motivational speaker, stress management coach, and social media influencer who claimed to have transitioned from being a woman to a man eight years ago.

Barnes, who goes by "thetranscoach" on the platform, opened up about the struggles of living as a man in the clip that was shared Thursday.

Specifically, the user lamented that life as a man is much lonelier than life as a woman.'

Nine out of 10 people are biased against women, UN report finds

Mastodon · 12 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Almost nine out of 10 people hold “fundamental biases” against women, a new UN report has found, decrying a “decade of stagnation” that has led to a dismantling of women’s rights in many parts of the world.

Half of people globally still believe men make better political leaders than women; more than 40% believe men make better business executives than women; and 25% believe it is justified for a man to beat his wife, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report released Monday found, reflecting the latest data from the World Values Survey.

These biases manifest in numerous ways, such as in an underrepresentation of women in leadership. In the labor market, women occupy less than a third of managerial positions, while the picture remains grim at the highest level of leadership: The share of women as heads of state or heads of government has remained around 10% since 1995, the report finds.

This gap does not reflect education levels. In the 59 countries where women are now more highly educated than men, the average gender income gap remains 39% in favor of men.

A global backlash against women’s rights and the far-reaching consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic have worsened the issue, the report notes.'

UK: Two-thirds of workers believe female leaders are better than their male counterparts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two-thirds of British employees believe women make better bosses than men, a survey reveals.

Female leaders were perceived as excelling men in key leadership areas such as multi-tasking and organisational skills, while 83 per cent of employees viewed female bosses as more empathetic.

A further 74 per cent viewed female bosses as having a more collaborative leadership style, with 69 per cent believing that women were more approachable and supportive in the workplace.

More than four-fifths of employees thought female bosses were better at fostering a positive work environment than men.

The only area where men were perceived as better than women was in relation to ‘innovative solutions’, with 54 per cent of respondents choosing men as more effective.'

Gov. Whitmer signs legislation establishing June 12 as Women Veterans Recognition Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'On the 75th anniversary of women being allowed to serve as equal members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed House Bill 4555 establishing Women Veterans Recognition Day on June 12 in Michigan.

Women Veterans Recognition Day honors Michigan's estimated 44,000 living women veterans and the many more who served before them.

"For 250 years, women have proudly served alongside men in our military," said Governor Whitmer. "For too long, however, they have been overlooked and underserved. Today, I am taking action to establish Women Veterans Recognition Day in Michigan, giving these courageous servicewomen the recognition and honor they have long deserved. Millions of women have put their lives on the line to serve our country and it's our responsibility to connect them with critical resources like healthcare, mental health services, and affordable housing when they leave the service. Let's keep working together to honor our women veterans and service members."'

Defense secretary passes over woman considered front-runner for Navy's top job

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a surprise move, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has recommended that Adm. Samuel Paparo become the Navy's highest-ranking officer instead of a woman widely believed to have been the front-runner, several senior defense officials said.

Adm. Lisa Franchetti had been considered the leading contender for the chief's job since becoming the vice chief of naval operations, the No. 2 officer in the Navy, last fall. She would have been the first female service member to hold the job and the first female member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A woman is running the Coast Guard, but she is not a member of the Joint Chiefs.

Paparo, the commander of Pacific Fleet, was expected to become the next commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, as is common. He is one of the top operational leaders in the Navy facing the challenges against China and was expected to bring his expertise to Indo-Pacific Command at a time when China is a top Biden administration priority.

The decision to pass over Franchetti the same week that the U.S. military celebrates the 75th anniversary of women joining the armed forces may not sit well with some inside the Pentagon who were advocating for the Joint Chiefs to finally have a female officer.'

Missouri moves toward 50/50 child custody law, raising concerns about abuse victims

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Mike Parson could soon make Missouri one of the first states to establish 50/50 shared parenting time as the standard in child custody cases.

But the bill on his desk, passed in the final hour of the legislative session, did not include changes that some family law attorneys and domestic violence advocates worked on for months — and has raised concerns that it could make it more difficult for victims to escape abusive relationships and protect their children.

Joan Meier, who founded and directs the National Family Violence Law Center at George Washington University, said the 50/50 legislation could put children at risk and relies on a false premise that there is a bias against men in family court.

“We oppose these statutes because all they do is make things worse for children,” Meier said. “Because even without these statutes, things are extremely bad for children.”'

A Sad Time for Alienated Fathers

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Every June, we celebrate fathers. But it is a sad and bewildering time for those fathers who are alienated from their children due to a pathological family process known as parental alienation (PA). Millions of fathers are alienated from their children, reaching epidemic proportions. The tragic plights of these alienated fathers have rarely been covered and discussed in the mainstream media.

Recently, Josh Homme of Iron Dragons was featured in People magazine, where he revealed that he is an alienated father. According to the story, Josh was kept away away from his four children for years in a custody battle with his ex-wife, causing him great pain and despondency.

PA is a process whereby one parent sabotages and even severs a child's relationship with the other parent for no legitimate reason. PA is most likely to occur in high-conflict divorcing or divorced families. If successful, the targeted parent is rejected totally or partially by the child. This outcome is disastrous for the rejected parent and has serious long-term consequences for the alienated child, including anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, post-traumatic stress disorder, eating disorders, substance abuse, lack of trust in relationships, poor resilience, and others. And alienated children are more likely to repeat alienation in their own adult relationships.'

Pennsylvania woman's 'heinous' messages to estranged boyfriend led to his suicide: DA

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Pennsylvania woman pushed her estranged boyfriend to kill himself with a series of vicious texts and shameless video of her having sex with another man, prosecutors alleged Tuesday.

Mandie Reusch, 35, was charged in the twisted case that started two years ago when Kevin Metzger committed suicide after he received "heinous and graphic" messages from her, according to the Westmoreland County District Attorney's Office.

Metzger penned a suicide letter and posted on Facebook about the steady stream of tormenting messages before he took his own life at the age of 37, District Attorney Nicole Ziccarelli said in a statement.

"Mr. Metzger may still be here today if those messages did not influence and encourage him to take his own life," she said in a statement.

The former couple shared a child, according to reports.

Reusch repeatedly threatened to keep his child from him, according to court documents reviewed by the pennlive.com.'

Netherlands: University moves ‘smoking old white men’ painting to public area

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Leiden university has resolved a long-running dispute over where to hang a painting of “cigar smoking old white men” by moving it to a more public space in the university building.

The work, which depicts the 1974 university board, has been at the centre of a row over its relevance which has rumbled on since November last year.

It was removed after a number of female staff objected to its presence in a staff meeting room, because it represented male dominance and depicted smoking. ‘I hate the smoke, even if it’s only painted,’ law dean Joanna van der Leun said at the time.

The move divided staff, with some saying artist Rein Dool’s portrayal of the men mocks their self-importance, while others sided with Van der Leun.

Artist Rein Dool called the university’s action “stupid and sad” and said the painting was one of his best works.

The painting was then restored to its former place and a committee set up to determine its future home.

It has now been decided that instead of the work being consigned to the attic, a place will be found for it in the university’s reception room, where more people will be able to see it. Its history will be explained by an accompanying text, the committee said.'

Australia: Schools need more support to stop the spread of toxic masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Schools are in urgent need of support to combat alarming rates of sexism, sexual harassment, intimidation and disrespect towards women and girls in Australian schools.

Our ongoing research project on the radicalisation of boys in Australian schools by misogynist influencers has so far revealed troubling insights into the spread of toxic attitudes and behaviour among boys.

The behaviour is overt, it is widespread, and it is impacting women and girls in schools.

UK schools have received advice from the Department for Education (DfE) to discourage discussion of Tate and the DfE is refusing further support for schools.

In Australia, the same behaviour is being widely experienced by teachers across both the public and independent systems and in primary and secondary settings.

This trend is being widely underreported and acknowledged, which further isolates women in schools grappling with boys' problematic behaviour.'

Nancy R. Pearcey Offers a Strategic Guide to the War on Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Why Can't We Hate Men?" asks a headline in the Washington Post. A trendy hashtag is #KillAllMen. Books are sold titled I Hate Men, No Good Men, and Are Men Necessary?

How did an ideology arise that condemns masculinity as dangerous and destructive?

Bestselling author Nancy Pearcey has a knack for tackling the tough issues of our day. A former agnostic, Pearcey was hailed in The Economist as "America's pre-eminent evangelical Protestant female intellectual." In The Toxic War on Masculinity: How Christianity Reconciles the Sexes (Baker Books, June 27, 2023), Pearcey takes readers on a fascinating romp through American history to discover how the secular script for masculinity turned toxic—and what action we can take to fix it.'

Australia: Brittany Higgins and the disappearing recordings

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New documents have revealed Brittany Higgins' explanation for why the date of a key photograph of a bruise on her leg did not match the timeline of her rape claims against Bruce Lehrmann.

The papers, released by an ACT government Board of Inquiry into the police and prosecution handling of the case, also reveal Ms Higgins spoke to her then-boyfriend David Sharaz about deleting several files from her phone, which police warned her 'looks deceitful'.

Ms Higgins said those files were the audio of conversations she had recorded 'for personal records' and she 'didn't know if this was ok'.

Ms Higgins had shared with police a photograph showing an apparent large bruise on her thigh, which she said was caused by Lehrmann pinning her down as he allegedly raped her in the office of their defence minister boss Linda Reynolds.

In a legally binding statutory declaration made five days before her explosive interview with Lisa Wilkinson on The Project, Ms Higgins said the picture had been taken on April 3, 2019, 11 days after the alleged attack on March 23.

But digital forensic experts said there was no evidence of it existing on her phone until just a few weeks before the rape allegations went to air in February 2021, almost two years later, and there was no previous mention of it in her text messages.'

A New Legal Strategy in Sexual Assault Cases

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent Title IX case at King's College in Pennsylvania has highlighted what experts say is a new legal strategy for sexual assault victims whose alleged attackers take the aggressive approach of filing a counterclaim.

The strategy hinges on the argument that a malicious Title IX counterclaim can qualify as "abuse of process," a term that traditionally refers to abuses of the legal process. But a recent report from a federal magistrate judge supports the idea that the Title IX process is quasi-judicial and can be abused just as a legal proceeding can—despite universities' frequent disclaimers that Title IX processes and legal proceedings are not one and the same.'

Del. Lewis leads Father’s Day pledge to combat domestic violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As Father’s Day approaches Sunday, some elected officials in Maryland are spreading a pledge to combat domestic violence.

About 40 Maryland state delegates signed their names to a Prince George’s County poster with a pledge “to never engage in any type of abuse — physical, emotional, sexual, financial or digital.”

Del. Jazz Lewis (D-Prince George’s) led the effort a few days before this year’s 90-day legislation session ended in April. Some of the signatures include Dels. Nick Allen (D-Baltimore County), Kevin Hornberger (R-Cecil), Julian Ivey (D-Prince George’s) and Stuart Schmidt (R-Anne Arundel).

“We’re going to model what it’s like to have healthy, honest relationships, and then go back to our districts, and figure out how we can build our programs that engage with followers of the community in a meaningful way,” Lewis said Tuesday during a domestic violence program in Upper Marlboro.'

Derbyshire council to spend £40,000 teaching pupils about toxic masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Derbyshire County Council went out to tender for an “exploring masculinities” programme earlier this year and the year-long programme will be led by Devon charity Beyond Equality.

The programme the county council hired the charity for is detailed as follows: “Exploring masculinities will support pupils in secondary education setting, as well as education staff, to be able to reflect on pressures young people face regarding masculinity and produce an action plan to support embedding safe respectful behaviours in the whole setting.

“This project will serve to support students, and their school settings to reflect on the pressures they experience concerning masculinity, and develop school communities that support respectful, safe, healthy behaviour of the whole school.”'

California teacher suspended for allegedly targeting White students on basis of race, gender

Mastodon · 15 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A San Francisco school district suspended a teacher for discriminating against White male students, according to California Public Records Act documents obtained by Fox News Digital.

Nicole Noel Henares allegedly asked White male students in her high school English class to stand up and answer if they "felt like a minority" during the 2022 fall semester.

Henares' actions made the Lowell High School students feel "confused, sad and that there was no correct answer for them in that moment," they said in interviews with the district.

The teacher allegedly admitted to singling out the White male students "out of frustration and anger" in investigative interviews Oct. 14 and Nov. 10. She claimed the students dominated the class conversation, pushing her to single them out, but the students present denied this.'

Fintech Leaders Unite To Advance Gender Parity, Reverse Climate Change

Mastodon · 16 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The recent smoky air in New York City caused by Canadian wildfires is a stark reminder to fintech leaders of their role in addressing pressing global issues such as gender parity, financial inclusion, and climate change.

These issues are intrinsically interconnected, and fintech tools have emerged as critical catalysts for progress. All three global matters came to a head during Women's World Banking's Making Finance Work For Women Summit in Mumbai, India, which I attended last month.

Leaders worldwide gathered for two days to discuss how fintech can promote women's economic power, a critical step in the fight against climate change.
...
"Women will still be lagging behind men when your daughter's daughter's daughter's daughter's daughter is born," said Mary Ellen Iskenderian, President and CEO of Women's World Banking, during the summit. "I'm too impatient for that."'

UK: Labour women speak out as four white men win four selection races

Mastodon · 17 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Labour Women's Network has spoken out over the "disappointing" selection of four white men in four contests to decide party candidates's for looming parliamentary by-elections.

The affiliated group said the party remained on track to return the highest number of female Labour MPs in history however, despite abandoning all-women shortlists amid concerns over their legality.'

Our Society Reviles the Group It Most Depends On: Men. This Father's Day, Thank the Men Around You

Mastodon · 17 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the never-ending battle of the sexes, women tend to be the front line. Whether you're on the Left or the Right or dead in the center, a woman's place in society is a frequent and contested topic of conversation. But these days, men and boys are suffering in a multitude of ways. While everyone has been busy asking, "What is a woman," men began to suffer from higher rates of suicide and lower educational achievement. Maybe it's time to ask, what is a man?

Nowadays, many women and even quite a few men would answer that question using mainly negative adjectives: toxic, violent, insensitive, privileged, crude and useless. Last month, Jane Fonda said summarized this position nicely at an event Cannes during which she said, "We have to arrest and jail those men. There would be no climate crisis if there was no patriarchy." There would also be no military—which some seem to think is the point. "I really don't need to see loads useless white male pilots," a recruiter at the Royal Air Force—yes, the same organization that flew deadly missions over Europe to defeat Nazism—wrote in an email.

Negative messaging about men is now everywhere in our culture. But though it's in vogue to denounce men as toxic and useless criminals, the truth is none of us would be here enjoying the benefits of a rich, safe, and comparatively luxurious society without the often backbreaking, dangerous, dirty, and unremarked-upon labor of men. In other words, the very functioning of our society depends upon some of its most reviled members.'

Only half of the women who are outearning their husbands are taking the lead on household expenses, UBS says

Mastodon · 17 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Free registration required. Excerpt:

'More and more women are the primary earners in heterosexual relationships in the U.S., an enormous shift in household financial dynamics from even a few decades ago. But traditional thinking about money and relationships hasn't changed much, according to a new report, and that could continue to hold women back.

Around 30% of U.S. women in heterosexual couples earn more income than their spouse or partner, according to UBS's 2023 Own Your Worth report. But just half of those women breadwinners take the lead on financial responsibilities in their households, compared to 79% of men in the same position. And women who earn more are also less engaged in short- and long-term financial decisions, and feel less knowledgeable about investing than men.

Women are also much less likely than men to say financial decision-making is "natural" for them. Less than half—49%—of women primary earners in heterosexual relationships say they prefer that arrangement, compared to 87% of men breadwinners.'

Happy Fathers' Day from MANN

Matt · 18 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

For a lot of fathers, this day is rough. Many have been separated from their kids by a legal system that devalues them or considers fathers redundant, only wanting money from them. But there are also many dads out there who have a good relationship with their kids, hopefully also with mom too. To all fathers today no matter where they are at in life, MANN wishes the best day possible for you and hopes that life either gets better for you or stays good.

I was kicked out of a gym for ‘staring’ at a woman — even though I’m blind

Mastodon · 20 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Toby Addison, 21, recalled the mortifying moment years prior when he was kicked out of the gym for “creepily” staring at a woman — despite the fact he cannot see — while on the “Happy Hour Podcast” earlier in June.

Addison, who shares his life as a blind person on his TikTok account, @blindtobes, said he was “minding his own business” during a workout when he heard a woman say: “Oh, do you like the view?”

“Obviously I don’t really know where I’m looking a lot of the time,” the content creator shared on the podcast. “I was just staring right ahead and unfortunately there was a woman doing some exercises.”

The psychology and counseling student was shocked when he realized she had come over to talk to him, adding that he obviously didn’t know what kind of exercises she was doing.

“I didn’t know she was talking to me at first because [I wasn’t] doing anything wrong, ” Addison, who lives in Chichester, England, admitted. “She said something along the lines of: ‘Why do you keep staring at me. Stop, don’t be so creepy.'”

Addison, who had his cane folded up nearby, said he immediately told her he was blind — but she “wasn’t having any of it.”'

OceanGate CEO wouldn’t hire ‘old white guys’ because they weren’t ‘inspirational’

Mastodon · 22 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The chief executive of OceanGate, who is among the five men aboard the company’s 6.8-metre submersible that went missing on an ill-fated dive to The Titanic, boasted that he didn’t want to hire experienced “50-year-old white guys” to pilot the vessel because they weren’t “inspirational”.

Stockton Rush, 61, made the comments in a newly resurfaced Zoom interview with technology company Teledyne Marine.

“When I started the business, one of the things you’ll find, there are other sub-operators out there, but they typically have, uh, gentlemen who are ex-military submariners, and they — you’ll see a whole bunch of 50-year-old white guys,” he said in the undated clip.'

Former Buffalo Bills punter Matt Araiza says he plans to sue for defamation over false rape allegations

Mastodon · 22 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Buffalo Bills punter Matt Araiza says he plans to sue the attorney who accused him of being involved in an alleged gang rape of a teenage girl during a college party.

Araiza was featured Tuesday on HBO's Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel in a sit down interview with Andrea Kremer to discuss the lawsuit and the allegations made against him that may have ended his career as an NFL player.

A lawsuit filed in San Diego County Superior Court last year accused Araiza and two teammates of raping a then-17-year-old girl at a Halloween party at an off-campus home where Araiza had been living.

Shortly after the allegations surfaced, the Buffalo Bills released the punter last summer.

The San Diego District Attorney's office completed its investigation in December, stating they reviewed the San Diego Police Department's investigation and had no recommendation by the police department to file criminal charges.'

With an eye on working families, Democrats launch the Congressional Dads Caucus

Mastodon · 22 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women — even those in Congress — are often the ones who take on many parenting responsibilities. Surveys conducted by the Pew Research Center prior to the COVID-19 pandemic found that women were more likely than their spouses to say they carried more of the load when it came to parenting. In another Pew survey conducted in October 2020, a few months into the pandemic, working moms were more likely than working dads to say their work-life balance had gotten harder since the start of the pandemic.

"Dads need to do our part in advancing policies that will make a difference in the lives of so many parents across the country," Gomez said.

Texas Rep. Joaquin Castro, who joined Gomez in forming the caucus, said men have a role to play in supporting policies that help working families.

"(Women legislators) deserve an extraordinary amount of credit, but they should also be able to count on male legislators to be partners in their fight from the beginning," Castro said.'

New Florida law to give more parental rights to unmarried biological fathers

Mastodon · 22 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A bill that passed the Florida House and Senate unanimously, coined "The Good Dad Act" is now signed into law. The focus — father's rights.

Last month, the ABC Action News I-Team shared the story of Ulysess Carwise, a Tampa father who has been fighting for custody of his now 5-year-old daughter, given up for adoption at birth by her mother without Carwise's knowledge or consent. His ongoing case highlights an often private battle unmarried fathers can face.

Because he is not married to his son's mother, legally, Jennings had no parental rights.

“My name’s on the birth certificate. I’ve been a part of his life since birth, I was there at the birth, but because she decided that she was no longer going to cooperate with me, the law was not on my side anymore," Jennings said. “The judge said that I had to serve her a petition for parenting. And I didn’t know where she was to be able to serve her."'

Yvonne Nelson cuts ties with mother over paternity fraud

Mastodon · 22 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'The truth came to light through her newly released book, I Am Not Yvonne Nelson, where she shared her struggles and experiences.

One of the major revelations in the book revolves around Nelson's uncertainty regarding her biological father's identity.

She disclosed that her mother has deliberately kept his identity a secret, leaving her in the dark. This left the actress questioning her own lineage and feeling disconnected from her true roots.

The 37-year-old actress made a startling claim that her alleged father, Oko Nelson, is not her biological father.

This led her to question her entire family history and made her realise that she has been carrying the wrong last name all along.

Internet user, Sel The Bomb who delved into the book's contents disclosed that the actress had never met her father and that she is currently estranged from her mother due to this issue.

It was revealed that her mother had misled her regarding his paternity, which led her to unknowingly portray him in a negative light during interviews and public comments.

Unfortunately, Yvonne Nelson's mother only disclosed the truth about her real father when he was already ill, and by the time she attempted to apologise, he had passed away in 2017.'

UK: New domestic abuse law comes into force

Mastodon · 22 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new law to give more protection to victims of domestic abuse has come into force.

The Domestic Abuse law means courts can give greater punishments to offenders while offering more protection to victims.

Offenders could now be jailed for up to five years and be given an unlimited fine for offences including coercion and controlling behaviour.

Lisa Leventhal from the Jersey Women's Refuge said the law would support victims as well as punish offenders.

She said: "It's preventative, and it also validates survivors experiences where... they feel that they're in some kind of acceptable relationship and [are] not.'

Teachers speak out as Jordan Peterson and Andrew Tate become 'idols' for many young Australian men

Mastodon · 23 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Australian teachers have fired up over male students expressing their support for controversial social media personalities in the classroom.

One Perth teacher recently took to Reddit to ask: 'The high school I teach at has seen a huge increase in boys idolising Jordan Peterson and Andrew Tate; how are schools addressing this?'
...
Some argued that while they didn't necessarily support their views, they were filling a gap for young boys.

'Kids get bombarded with messages about woman's rights, minority's rights, LBGT rights and indigenous rights. None of these are bad, but can be overwhelming. We need to provide them something other than these guys to latch onto,' one said.

Another said: 'Some teachers have extreme views and force them on kids. If people stopped telling young boys they're the problem then they'll stop seeking people like this.'

A third added: 'With all the hate thrown at males, and all the blame on everything 'patriarchy' can you really not see why young, impressionable and vulnerable kids are looking for heroes where they can?''

Mayo Clinic professor suspended after saying testosterone improves athletic performance

Mastodon · 24 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Mayo Clinic College of Medicine professor was recently suspended — and remains under the threat of termination — after he told a news outlet his stance on trans-athletes in women's sports and plasma treatments for COVID-19.

Administrators suspended Professor Michael Joyner without pay for a week, citing his "use of idiomatic language" and comments he made in a June 2022 New York Times article as justification for the disciplinary actions, according to a March 5 disciplinary letter that recently came to light.

The memo also told him to refrain from speaking to the media unless given permission.'

Dominique Magazine

Matt · 24 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Stumbled across an online magazine today called "Dominique Magazine". It's unabashedly pro-male and fights misandry. One example article is here. Excerpt:

'In the modern era of women (and men) celebrating and championing women's liberation, independence, and ongoing quest for equality, it seems we're shifting from fighting on behalf of women to blaming every nearby man for a woman's problem.

Week after week, you will find online and in public, some women being unaccountable for their actions that were done by her hand, but despite not needing a man, not bowing down to a man, she will still find a way to blame a man for said problem.

Back in the day, the conversation on relationships centered heavily on women exercising their options of either skipping being a mother and wife to now lambasting a growing number of single men. Before, the rise of single men was embraced because of the rallying cry, 'Women are wanting more; women are in a position to want, not need a man.'

Yes, she has a car, home, business, career, degree, money, credit, and other resources that previously one had to marry to obtain. However, there are cases where women choose occupations that will, by default, have them as the more significant income earner than most men should consider to date.

As quiet as it's kept, many men welcomed the new day, the MGTOW (Men Going Their Own Way) crew led the checking out of men who didn't want fatherhood or being a husband. They want to simply live life as they please without the responsibilities of other bodies. These men are not broke basement dwellers, as some want you to believe. They are not sitting online all day berating and criticizing women, as popular belief would lead you to think. They are doing them.'

Men share harrowing stories of abuse at hands of partners at historic conference in Belfast

Matt · 25 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Psychological and emotional forms of abuse tend to cause a more negative impact and greater feelings of fear than physical aggression.
That has been the finding of many studies, and it was a key theme at Northern Ireland's first conference focusing on male victims of domestic abuse.

Dr Elizabeth Bates, a psychology lecturer at the University of Cumbria, told guests that female perpetrators used coercive control and gaslighting more often than outright violence, though it should be noted that many men have also been physically and sexually abused by female and male partners.

While most of the guests at the summit were women — possibly because they make up three-quarters of Northern Ireland's community and voluntary workforce — male victims were also in attendance.

One man who did not wish to be named described how his former partner, who he was with for a decade, took control of his finances, sleep, food and, essentially, his entire life.'

UK: ‘Bothered’ Lisa Nandy wades into Labour sexism row over all-white male candidate list

Mastodon · 26 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Labour frontbencher Lisa Nandy has criticised her own party for selecting five white male candidates for the upcoming by-elections forced by Tory and SNP woes.

The senior shadow cabinet member said it “certainly” bothered her Labour had gone with an all-white male slate for the crunch votes in the months ahead – insisting that “diversity matters”.

Female Labour MPs are said to be outraged at the decision, warning that it could set back the opposition’s mission to reflect the make-up of the UK population.

Asked if it “bothered” her that Labour’s candidates were all white men, Ms Nandy told BBC’s Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg: “It does. It certainly does. Diversity in politics matters.”'

Coercive control survivors are being invited to take part in new Irish study

Mastodon · 26 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women who have suffered coercive control in intimate relationships are urged to take part in a new Trinity College Dublin study on this dehumanising form of psychological abuse.

“Women often feel trapped,” said the study's lead researcher, psychologist in clinical training, Niamh Brazil.

She said: “Coercive control encompasses specific tactics that perpetrators use to enforce obedience or provoke a particular response.”

"Coercive control is typically experienced by survivors as intimidation, use of force, threats, deprivation, or exploitation.

"A key piece is that, collectively, such characteristics are experienced as a lack of freedom and entrapment."'

UN expert seeks reforms to save women, children from 'abuse' in custody battles

Mastodon · 26 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In some family court systems, for example in state judicial systems in the US, some mental health professionals contend that parental alienation is a form of emotional child abuse.

The expert's report argues that the use of the unfounded and unscientific concept is highly gendered.

While it is invoked against both fathers and mothers, it is predominantly used against mothers, the report states, with the woman being accused of turning children against the father.

The consequences of biased custody decisions can be detrimental and irreversible to those concerned leading to a continuum of violence before and after separation, the expert said.

Despite these grave consequences “parental alienation” and related pseudo concepts are embedded and endorsed in legal systems across different jurisdictions, including amongst evaluators tasked with reporting to family courts on the best interest of the child.'

The midlife crisis of Title IX

Mastodon · 26 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In resonance with how powerful men invoke due process to prevent accountability for sexual harassment, extremists complained that Obama-era guidance violated accused students' due process rights to argue for weaker Title IX protections against harassment (never mind that the guidance required fair processes and was enforced to protect accused students). Indeed, men accused of sexual assault are suing their schools, claiming "anti-male bias," dangerously suggesting that treating allegations of sexual violence seriously is an attack on men.

This much is clear: When it comes to sexual violence, the male supremacist agenda is to ensure that no one, especially men, will be held accountable for committing it. And yet male supremacists are precisely who DeVos listened to when creating her Title IX rule. As revealed through thousands of emails, they were deeply involved in creating the Trump administration's Title IX rules — rules that are still in effecttoday. It's no wonder, then, that these rules significantly weakened protections against sexual harassment, permitting schools to ignore sexual harassment and allowing survivors to be cross-examined by their rapists' parents or friends.'

UK: RAF diversity targets discriminated against white men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Initiatives to increase the numbers of women and people from ethnic minorities in the RAF led to illegal positive discrimination, an inquiry has found.

The head of the RAF has admitted some men were discriminated against.

The internal inquiry was sparked by the resignation of a female RAF Group Captain who told her superiors the policy penalised white men.

The inquiry found she had faced significant and unreasonable pressure to meet diversity targets.

These targets were set by the last Chief of the Air Staff, Sir Mike Wigston, to increase the proportion of women and people from ethnic minorities in the RAF.

But the unnamed senior female RAF recruitment officer told her superiors that fast tracking women and ethnic minorities was contrary to the equality act and discriminated against white men.

The RAF has also admitted its target for 40% of the force to be female and 20% from an ethnic minority background by 2030 is unrealistic.'

Straight white men ‘dangerous’ says San Francisco campaigner for slavery reparations

Mastodon · 30 June 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A member of San Francisco’s reparations committee, which has proposed paying the city’s black inhabitants millions of dollars in compensation for slavery, has described straight white men as a “danger to society” and claimed “white supremacy is ingrained in the DNA” of America.

...

In an interview with this newspaper, Ms Cunningham said “even though” straight white men were “privileged, he [sic] has a lot of s--- wrong, and I say that because even straight white men are abusive, straight white men are serial killers”.

She said: “They have the most, I watch these shows, the most serial killers. Straight white men are the ones who are shooting up schools, right?

“So they are a danger to society. Not all of them.”'

Unravelling the notion of toxic masculinity

Mastodon · 1 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Steven Pinker, a Harvard professor of psychology, has expressed concerns about the oversimplification of the term ‘toxic masculinity’. He argues that repressing emotions is not inherently detrimental, and expressing emotions isn’t inherently beneficial.

He points to a vast body of research demonstrating that individuals with greater self-control, including those who suppress anger, tend to lead healthier lives in various aspects, such as academic performance and interpersonal relationships.

Similarly, British psychologist Christian Jarrett supports Pinker’s assertion that emotional self-control is linked to positive health outcomes. Jarrett critiques the APA’s stance that traditional masculinity is harmful, citing a recent APA journal article which found that young men who endorsed the masculine ideal of competitiveness, for instance, exhibited higher psychological well-being scores.

American author and philosopher Christina Hoff Sommers has also been critical of the concept of toxic masculinity. She expresses concern that the narrative around toxic masculinity negatively impacts boys’ development, causing them to feel guilty or ashamed of their inherent traits.

In their book The Boy Crisis, Farrell and Gray investigate the unique challenges faced by boys in contemporary society. The authors argue that boys are grappling with issues of identity and purpose, stemming not from an inherent toxicity of masculinity, but from the breakdown of traditional male roles and the lack of male role models.'

Caitlin Moran: what’s gone wrong for men – and the thing that can fix them

Mastodon · 1 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It was the response I got on social media that made me think I’d stumbled on to something bigger than I initially thought. On Twitter a few years ago, I asked what I thought was a pretty simple question: “Men – lovely men of Twitter. Hello! The last 10 years of feminism means we’re always discussing the problems of women on here. But what are the problems of men? What do you find makes your man-life difficult?”

The responses flooded in. “Paternity leave, if you can get it, is much shorter than maternity leave.” “We have very few avenues to emotionally express ourselves. We’re supposed to fit this stereotype of being tough, and only wanting to touch if it comes with sex. But I want a hug and head pats, dammit!” “Father’s Day is so depressing. All the cards depicting golf, or whisky. I’m an acid house survivor who owns two chickens called Bez and Barry Mooncult. Society seems not to think I might have reproduced.” “Suicide is still the biggest cause of death for men under 50 [in the UK] – and yet we seem not to have a plan to address that.” “In hot weather, your balls can get so hot and sweaty they stick to the side of your thighs, like clammy bats in a cave.”

But one type of reply came up time and time again. “Is this a trick?” “Are you asking this so you can laugh at us?” “Is this a feminist trap – are you going to retweet all of these, with the reply, ‘Look at the men complaining about nothing – while women continue to endure all the true suffering’?” Boys, and men, have become so used to being the conversational whipping boy, and the punchline to jokes, that they could not believe that a feminist writer was genuinely asking them to talk about their problems.'

Men’s loneliness is a feminist Issue in Men Without Men

Mastodon · 1 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In Men Without Men, Ferrara frames men’s isolation as a product and project of patriarchy, arguing that the very qualities that patriarchal masculinity emphasizes are at odds with the things men most need to thrive. Patriarchal virtues of stereotypic masculinity – like hyper-independence, stoicism, strength, control, and rationality – inhibit the forming of friendships between men. Consequently, this manifests into severe forms of social isolation, which result in increased suicide risk, depression, stress-related death, and (for men specifically) increased rates of domestic violence and incarceration.

Ferrara argues that the impact of men’s loneliness also falls on wives, girlfriends, and mothers in the form of expanded emotional and intimate labor. Ferrara’s preliminary research implies that women can often take on the roles of therapist, event planner, social concierge, and best friend for the socially isolated men in their lives. Yet many men and boys resist this pattern of isolation and paint a new vision for what types of relationships might be possible among straight men, and Ferrara will be visiting then as her book develops.'

Patriarchy vs. Matriarchy

Mastodon · 1 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Is the female/feminist perspective always right just because it was allegedly ignored by Western society until recently?

It seems so, at least implicitly; for feminism itself is rarely criticized or even disagreed with by anyone other than people “on the right.” The rest of us have been cowed into submission. We dare not speak up, even in defense of our boys.

I have been aware of some of the excesses of feminism for a while now—since Rush Limbaugh bravely coined the term “feminazi.” I thought it was silly at the time, but it was a convenient and accurate descriptor for the spittle-flecked, foaming-at-the-mouth, butch abortion activist, screaming in unhinged protest against the latest feminist outrage du jour. This caricature was easy to identify and oppose, and many people of good will realized it, even if they went along with it because it was easier than speaking out and becoming the latest target of their screed.

But I have been made aware that there is a much more pernicious effect of feminism that has already transformed our society, and it’s not limited to the stereotype I mentioned above. In any case, I didn’t even realize it until now. The shouting down of “the patriarchy,” the silencing of men, and the indulging of the vicious have created what I’m calling a “therapeutic society.” Its ascendancy in American society is proportional to the rise of women supplanting men in almost every area—and it’s killing us.'

Jailed fantasist who attacked herself with a hammer received £55,000 of taxpayer cash

Mastodon · 1 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A jailed fantasist who lied about being raped and trafficked by an Asian grooming benefited from nearly £55,000 in taxpayer's money, legal aid figures reveal.

Some £54,834 went to the legal team of Eleanor Williams after she concocted a twisted web of lies accusing she had been groomed, trafficked and beaten.

Williams, 22, posted pictures on Facebook claiming to show injuries sustained at the hands of a gang - although she was later found to have inflicted these on herself.

The post, made during the Covid lockdown in May 2020, was shared more than 100,000 times online and sparked national outrage, leading to demonstrations in her hometown of Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.

In March she was sentenced to eight and a half years for her false rape claims.'

Florida Gov. DeSantis signs bill ending permanent alimony

Matt · 1 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Alimony shouldn't exist, period. But this is a start anyway. Excerpt:

'Gov. Ron DeSantis on Friday signed a measure that will overhaul the state's alimony laws, after three vetoes of similar bills and a decade of emotional clashes over the issue.

The measure (SB 1416) includes doing away with what is known as permanent alimony. DeSantis' approval came a year after he nixed a similar bill that sought to eliminate permanent alimony and set up a formula for alimony amounts based on the length of marriage.

The approval drew an outcry from members of the "First Wives Advocacy Group," a coalition of mostly older women who receive permanent alimony and who assert that their lives will be upended without the payments.

"On behalf of the thousands of women who our group represents, we are very disappointed in the governor's decision to sign the alimony-reform bill. We believe by signing it, he has put older women in a situation which will cause financial devastation. The so-called party of 'family values' has just contributed to erosion of the institution of marriage in Florida," Jan Killilea, a 63-year-old Boca Raton woman who founded the group a decade ago, told The News Service of Florida in a text message Friday.'

Survey Data Shows The Foreskin Regeneration Market Is Over 200 Billion Dollars

Matt · 2 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An online survey of over 10,000 circumcised men shows that the market for men willing to pay to regrow their foreskin is over 200 billion dollars in the United States and potentially between half a trillion and 2.5 trillion dollars worldwide.

An online survey conducted by the sex researcher Aella asked “If you could get your foreskin back, with full function and sensation, how much would you pay for it?” with options for $0-20,000, over $20,000, and “Wouldn't want it back.”

The survey received a total of over 19,172 responses. Of these, 47.4% were removed, since the respondents did not identify as circumcised men. The remaining votes comprised 52.6% of respondents or 10,084 votes.'

Ontario launches free trucker training program, no white males allowed

Mastodon · 4 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. They posted an updated version saying they were wrong to say white males were excluded. But based on the article content I'd say that is indeed the case. Maybe a white male can apply but will he even be considered? Excerpt:

'To help fill thousands of job vacancies in the trucking industry, the Ontario government is investing in a trucker training program where participants receive up to $1,000 for transportation and childcare reimbursement and a $400 weekly allowance.

The program will accept over 50 participants that are “women, newcomers and others from underrepresented groups.”

“This innovative program will help break down barriers to attract more women into the trucking industry,” said Premier Doug Ford, who leads the Progressive Conservative party.

“As we build Ontario, we’re going to need all hands on deck. That’s why our government is working hard to ensure that all skilled occupations are more accessible and welcoming for women and all under-represented groups.”'

Boys must be taught how to tackle toxic masculinity, MPs say

Mastodon · 6 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

"Boys must be taught how to tackle toxic masculinity, MPs say"

Sexual harassment of girls is a scourge at schools in England, say MPs

Mastodon · 6 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sexual harassment of girls is “a scourge” in England’s schools, according to MPs, who have called for a government-led strategy to focus on boys who are failing to engage with relationship and sex education.

MPs on the women and equalities committee said in a report that there should be training for all teachers to help them hold conversations with boys and young men about sexual harassment and gender-based violence, in a way that challenges prevailing gender norms and ideas of masculinity.

They have also called for relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) to be compulsory up to the age of 18 in sixth forms and colleges, warning that without it young people take their first steps in the adult world “undersupported and less equipped to navigate potentially harmful and dangerous situations”.'

Male Survivors of Abuse by Women Can Heal Without Misogyny

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'There are two commonly understood reasons why we fail to comprehend women's victimization of men as abuse. The point of this post is to present a third compelling reason, then unpack the implications for professional helpers—attorneys, investigators, therapists, victim's advocates, and so on—who, in their work, may come across male survivors of abuse by women.

While this under-discussed problem warrants more visibility for many reasons, chief among them is the reality that we create more misogynists—someone with a strong hatred of, contempt for, or prejudice against women—by neglecting the healing of male survivors of abuse by women. Lacking the tools and language to unpack and articulate their pain can lead male survivors of abuse to scapegoat all women and, sometimes by extension, gender non-conforming folks, too.

Patriarchy already deprives boys and men of emotional freedom and outlets, limiting the "appropriate" range of emotional expression boys and men can engage in, at the expense of their own emotional, physical, social, and spiritual well-being. And because we socialize boys and men to externalize emotions, to perpetuate this emotional void for male survivors of abuse by women is to perpetuate their vulnerability at our own expense.'

What does Caitlin Moran know about men?

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'It's a brave soul that dares offer advice to the opposite sex these days. Women authors tend to stick to listing men's flaws so that female audiences can enjoy the resulting catharsis. Men are pretty much banned from making any generalisation about women, good or bad.

But Times columnist Caitlin Moran is bolder. With her new book, What About Men?, she goes where few women have gone before. Having noticed that young men seem to be in crisis, she now attempts to get inside the mind of the modern male in order to help him out.

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Post #MeToo, one legacy of mainstream feminism seems to be the policy of shouting at all men about how terrible they are, in the hope that some of the generalised opprobrium sticks to the right candidates. At the same time, men's ordinary sexual impulses — sometimes irritating, sometimes welcome — are denigrated and treated as inevitably threatening and sinister.

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And it would also be good if we could talk more about what is wonderful about masculinity, and toxic about femininity, without caveats or excuses. When, in the final chapter, Moran eventually gets round to the former, she makes a good stab at it — though, by her own admission, most of the things she thinks we value in men are also things we value in dogs. In fact, I would go further — they are things we value in elderly Labradors. The characteristics she celebrates — being loyal, hard-working, protective, and so on — are all very pro-social and unthreatening to women and children, and unlikely to set the imagination alight of any young man looking for his own hero's journey.'

No, Caitlin Moran: men do talk about their feelings – and birthday parties, and plaits

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'I can't know what it feels like, as a man, to watch any of this unfolding around me. But as a woman watching from the sidelines, it's been both revelatory and often moving, triggering a desire to hear more. Which brings us rather awkwardly to the writer Caitlin Moran's hotly awaited new book What About Men?, whose breezy argument that modern men just can't share their problems or their deeper feelings like women supposedly do seems to be provoking something of an unexpected backlash.

She's right, obviously, that plenty of men are struggling; that they're still disproportionately likely to be homeless or addicts or in jail or to die by suicide, that toxic masculinity is worryingly rife in schools (as parliament's women and equalities committee pointed out this week) and that too many men put off going to the doctor, especially for help with mental health. But it's quite the leap from there to arguing breezily in Esquire magazine that "men themselves don't talk about their problems, or give each other advice, at all", or that millennial dads are muddling through with "no fathering memoirs; no pub discussions about the practicalities of being a father – how to plait hair; how to arrange a turtle-themed birthday party", as if men never chatted on the school run or YouTube wasn't full of dad tutorials on ballet buns or the plethora of charities and thinktanks and men's support groups that have been springing up since the late 1990s (when the Fatherhood Institute, for example, first emerged) didn't exist.'

Stuff, the Grooming Brand Promoting Healthy Masculinity, Is the First Aussie Men's Product Stocked by Sephora

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'Founder Hunter Johnson reckons the personal care category for men has been ripe for disruption after decades of dominance from tired old brands.

"For so long it has been dominated by outdated conglomerates who perpetuate tired and toxic stereotypes that don't represent modern masculinity," he tells Broadsheet.

"We've witnessed an amazing amount of innovation and evolution in the female space, but next to nothing for men. It's a white-space opportunity to provide a positive narrative for men in a time when there aren't many."

Johnson's solution? A personal care brand that's not just good for your body, your face and your hair – but your head, too. The brand addresses toxic masculinity through its marketing campaigns, positive male role modelling and its website, which doubles as a resource centre for young men, with a blog addressing issues such as consent, first-time fatherhood and mindfulness. The products also help to fund preventative mental health programs for thousands of young men at Johnson's charity, The Man Cave, which he launched in 2014.'

Robert Downey Jr. Says ‘Oppenheimer’ Confirmed His Belief That Men Start Wars and ‘Entire Planet Should Be a Matriarchy’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Robert Downey, Jr. said that working on the upcoming movie Oppenheimer confirmed his belief that men start wars and the planet should be ruled by women.

The actor — who plays U.S. Atomic Energy Commission chairman Lewis Strauss in Oppenheimer — made the comments in an interview with the Associated Press, during which the giggling reporter asked a leading question about his thoughts on “patriarchy and war.”

“Men start wars and the entire planet should be a matriarchy,” he said. “But I’ve never changed position on that… This was just a triple confirmation.”

The actor is clearly wrong in his implication that only men start wars. Numerous female leaders — including Catherine the Great of Russia, Isabella I of Spain, and the Empress Dowager Cixi of China — have instigated wars or invasions throughout history.'

Men are lost. Here’s a map out of the wilderness

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I started noticing it a few years ago. Men, especially young men, were getting weird.

It might have been the “incels” who first caught my attention, spewing self-pitying venom online, sometimes venturing out to attack the women they believed had done them wrong.

It might have been the complaints from the women around me. “Men are in their flop era,” one lamented, sick of trying to date in a pool that seemed shallower than it should be.'

"After coming out, I learned that behaviors related to toxic masculinity could happen in my relationships with women too"

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'When I started dating women, I believed some misconceptions about women-loving-women, or WLW, relationships, including that dating a woman would mean stronger communication, mutual respect, and less objectification. I thought I'd be safe from the toxic dynamics I'd experienced in my relationships with men. I was wrong.

Toxic masculinity is a set of behaviors often exhibited by men and masc people that glorify dominance and strength, often to the detriment of others or those who display them. These behaviors can include objectification, sexual coercion, emotional detachment, aggression, physical and emotional abuse, manipulation, gaslighting, intimidation, and fear-mongering. They aren't exclusively perpetuated by men, nor are all traditionally masculine behaviors inherently harmful.

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I've dated women who demonstrated manipulation, gaslighting, and controlling behaviors. But I hadn't been prepared to experience this dynamic outside of my relationships with men.'

Shadow sports minister Lucy Powell calls for misogyny to be classified as hate crime

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'Shadow sports minister Lucy Powell has told Sky Sports News there needs to be a change in the law for misogyny to be classified as a hate crime so that it is treated as seriously as racism and homophobia.
...
"Women don't have the protection that they should have against this rising trend in misogyny," Powell told Sky Sports News.

"It has proliferated online. [Online influencers], really get that 'fresh meat' of young men whipped up about these issues and turning that into really horrible behaviour offline as well.

"Not only do we need to change the law but we need to have a really serious culture change here so that women can enjoy football and enjoy sport in the way that men can.

A special report from the Law Commission, a body which advises the government on how laws should be amended and modernised, suggests that making misogyny a hate crime could actually lead to a fall in prosecutions because the threshold for a successful conviction would be made that much higher.

Rape Crisis agrees, saying anything that might lead to a "two-tier" assessment of rape and sexual assault would be hugely damaging.'

Boston Police Department commits to hiring 30% women officers by 2030

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'The Boston Police Department has joined more than 300 other departments across the country in signing a commitment for 30% of its officers to be women by 2030.

“With our current class recruit at around 24%, currently, we’ve made significant progress in increasing the number of women to serve in the City Boston. I’m proud about that,” Commissioner Michael Cox said at BPD headquarters Wednesday morning. “But we still have ways to go and this commitment should … make sure that we are obligated, or intentional, about making sure we bring women on our job.”

The pledge is called “30×30,” an initiative inspired by the July 2019 National Institute of Justice special report “Women in Policing: Breaking Barriers and Blazing a Path,” which found that “the percentage of women in law enforcement has remained relatively stagnant for the past few decades.”'

Sex education to be compulsory in Irish schools

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'The relationships and sexuality lessons will teach pupils about "nurturing respectful, caring and healthy relationships."

Among the topics covered will be "consent, intimacy and mutual pleasure" and how to identify abusive or violent relationships.

That will include "a particular focus on violence against women and girls."

In the Into Adulthood lessons, pupils will be taught about "allyship skills" to challenge unfair or abusive behaviour.

According to the NCCA, that involves "recognising and using one's privileged status (for example as white or male or Irish person) to support individuals from minority identity groups".'

Acquitted Yale student can sue rape accuser for defamation: court

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'A former Yale University student who beat back rape accusations can sue his accuser for defamation, the State of Connecticut Supreme Court ruled recently.

Saifullah Khan's lawsuit can proceed after the court ruled on June 27 that the former Yalie, who was expelled, can sue his accuser because the university's sexual assault proceedings did not resemble actual judicial procedures.

The ruling comes after the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals asked the Connecticut judiciary to weigh in on Khan's claims and the applicability of the state's "absolute immunity doctrine," which generally protects witnesses and accusers from civil action for statements made during judicial proceedings.'

Democrats and Republicans Agree Men Are in Trouble. They Disagree on What to Do About It.

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'The survey asked respondents to agree or disagree with a series of quotations from Democrats and Republicans that pointed to problems with American men and Americans' ideas about masculinity.

Most people — Democrats and Republicans — agreed that prevailing societal ideas of masculinity are flawed, that boys' and men's economic prospects are under threat and that men should spend less time watching porn and playing video games. Though there are partisan splits on some questions, majorities of Republicans and Democrats agreed with statements on the problematic state of American masculinity or a need for a more positive version of it, no matter the party of the speaker. (Respondents could see only the quotations, no attribution, in the survey.)

These results surprised both political pollsters and scholars who focus on gender.'

Defamation Ruling Could Influence Title IX Cases, Policy

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'Although this will not be the first time a respondent has successfully filed a defamation suit against the student who accused them of assault, Title IX victims' rights advocates believe that the case could open the door for more such cases.

Elizabeth Tang, senior counsel at the National Women's Law Center, fears that the ruling creates a situation where victims are trapped between a rock and a hard place. If their university doesn't allow the respondent those aforementioned protections, the complainant may be sued and retraumatized during the intensive discovery process, she argued. But if the university does, the Title IX investigation itself will be retraumatizing.

"They have to weigh … which harms they're going to be willing to endure. For a lot of survivors weighing this pretty impossible choice, they're probably going to say to themselves, 'Well, it's better if I don't report at all,'" she said.

A group of 15 organizations that advocate against gender-based violence made similar points in an amicus brief that argued for the court to grant Doe immunity.'

UK: Former minister for women calls for a minister for men

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'The Government should appoint a minister for men to champion men's health and positive male role models, a former minister for women has said.

Katherine Fletcher, who served as transport minister and minister for women under Liz Truss, said that it was right that men received attention in relation to certain issues as well as women.

The role of minister for women was created by Tony Blair in 1997, with Labour's Harriet Harman serving as the first person in the post.

In an interview with GB News to be broadcast on Sunday, Ms Fletcher suggested that the opposite sex would benefit from similar representation at ministerial level.'

Democrats Have a Man Problem. These Experts Have Ideas for Fixing It.

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'Jackson Katz: I hear Democratic Party and progressive strategists saying, “We’re sick of talking about white men. White men are the cause of all the problems. Why are you going to spend more time on this?” And I think a lot of young white men hear this, and they hear disdain. Go to the comment sections on Breitbart: They basically say, “The left and the Democratic party hates white men.”

My plea here is that there is a way to speak to those young white men and young men of color that is inclusive, that is challenging, that is positive. It’s not that we have to replicate the aggressive traditional masculinity to appeal to them. It’s just that we have to take them seriously. When someone like Jordan Peterson sells out 10,000 people in an arena, when people like these are getting 20 million views ... they’re tapping into something real. How can we tap into it in a way that gives them actual solutions? If we can do that, we have the potential for creating multiracial, mixed-gender coalitions that can actually put in place the legislation and the policy that will help everybody. I don’t think that’s naive. I just think we have to do a better job.'

VICTOR JOECKS: Why the left won't offer a positive vision of masculinity

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'Society would have more success turning boys into men if it provided a coherent definition of the term.

Men and boys are in crisis. Pick your statistic — high school graduation rates, incarceration rates, deaths of despair, college degrees. Females do better than males and often by a wide margin. But there's scant recognition of this though it has been happening for decades.

Instead, boys hear that masculinity is toxic. In 2018, the American Psychological Association linked "traditional masculinity" with mental disorders.

The reason this is so hard for the left is that it requires acknowledging that men and women are inherently different. The vital push for equal opportunitiy morphed into a demand for equal outcomes. But if men and women have fundamental differences, they will have different priorities, interests and skills. That means equal opportunity won't produce equal outcomes.'

Why Are Girls Depressed? Look At These Men

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'A growing barrage of reports is showing girls are suffering. A CDC report earlier this year found that a majority (57%) of female high school students reported sustained sadness and hopelessness and 30% said they had seriously considered suicide in the previous 12 months. This compares to 29% and 14% respectively for male students. Everyone is wringing their hands and desperately trying to understand why.

But look at the men leading the world and dominating the headlines. They are the role models for a generation of boys hungry to prove themselves in a money- and power-adulating world. The same boys that girls are looking to as future lovers, husbands and fathers for their children. And they are horrifying images of immature, unethical and uncaring toxic masculinity gone awry.

And we are wondering why girls are depressed? Listening to these men who head up companies that influence millions – in Zuckerberg's case billions - of lives and livelihoods, through the common spaces in which our online lives are spent, is enough to put any girl off her dinner – not to mention her date.

The rise of toxic male models, teenage boys' porn-addled notions of romance which lean towards strangulation, the loss (in much of the USA) of their (grand)-mothers' hard-won rights to reproductive choice, the frog-in-the-boiling-pot era of climate warming, the rise of male autocrats around the planet - depression sounds like a very sane response to reality.'

Over-feminised schools are failing Britain’s boys

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'But for all the ambitious ideas, like the current government, it appears Labour have no plan when it comes to perhaps the most important issue in this country’s education system: the way it fails boys. Boys are falling behind in attainment. Fewer go to university. And it’s hard not to suspect that at least part of that is down to a lack of male leaders in schools to emulate, or who can empathise with their pupils.

Somewhere around 76% of school teachers are women. If girls were falling behind in male-dominated teaching environments, it’s hard not to suspect that at least some inquiries would be made about whether those environments were partly responsible. Yet the Government seems strangely uninterested in the issue.

A fascinating OECD report once found that boys were more hostile to school and likely to do fewer hours of homework than their female peers. It’s not particularly surprising, when the same research found that their teachers were consistently displaying favouritism towards female students.'

‘Social media’: the harms to women and girls

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'Female politicians and journalists also experience higher incidence of online gender-based and sexual abuse and harassment than their male counterparts. This can result in self-censorship and a ‘chilling effect’, causing public figures to retreat from ‘social media’ or to restrict the topics they post about, thus inhibiting their professional and civic participation. According to many experts, gendered online violence against journalists now needs to be tackled as a multilevel, online-governance issue, rather than one of personal safety, with improved support from peers, employers and legal and political institutions.

Finally, the mainstreaming and normalisation of male-supremacist misogyny among youth poses a significant and urgent threat to women and girls on ‘social media’. Girls report that easy access to violent pornography is affecting boys’ understandings and expectations of sex.

Much of the misogyny experienced by women online originates in the ‘manosphere’, a loose network of anti-feminist and male-supremacist men’s communities, which has flourished thanks to the technological affordances of ‘social media’. The ‘manosphere’ and its asociated male and white-supremacist formations exploit these opportunities—not only to spread their gender-political beliefs but also to attack, threaten and harass women, people of colour and LGBT+ individuals. While it is difficult to determine the precise scale of this, recent research indicates that male-supremacist ideas and followings are spreading.
...
The Digital Services Act promises to improve the safety of women and girls on ‘social media’ platforms through its focus on systemic risks. Careful monitoring and evaluation will however be required to ensure it meets these goals. We recommend that a gender-based review is conducted of the act, a year from the first risk assessments, to ensure it is functioning as intended and that the ‘social media’ companies are complying with their obligations on access to data and algorithmic transparency.'

The mother and daughter's verdict that every man in this film is a bigot or a loser

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'But my main objection is that Barbie is not really a film about Barbie at all. It's one hour and 54 minutes of extended misandry, dressed up with a few fun dance routines and one or two (granted fairly decent) jokes.

It's a deeply anti-man movie, an extension of all that TikTok feminism that paints any form of masculinity — other than the most anodyne — as toxic and predatory, and frames women's liberation not as a movement based on achieving equality between the sexes but as a cultural revenge vehicle designed to write men out of the story altogether.

Every male character is either an idiot, a bigot or a sad, rather pathetic loser. If the roles were reversed, and a male director made a film about how all women were hysterical, neurotic, gold-digging witches, it would be denounced — quite rightly — as deeply offensive and sexist.'

Why “Mansplaining” Might Not Be What You Think It Is

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'“Mansplaining” is an accusation thrown around often and risks getting in the way of forming opposite-sex friendships and relationships. Typically, when someone says they’ve been a “victim of mansplaining,” it’s in the context of a man talking to a woman about a topic she already knows about. She perceives his sharing as a condescending or patronising lecture, given intentionally, perhaps in an attempt to put her down.

There are some men who do this. It’s not nice and I don’t condone it. However, I think more commonly it’s an accusation rashly levied at men by those disregarding something fundamental about male communication.

When building same-sex relationships, men often go about this in a different way from women. Male-to-male conversations can be dominated by the exchange of knowledge and recommendations about things: Statistics about sports stars, potential fixes for botched DIY jobs, motorway routes for long trips. The list goes on.'

UK: Parliament launches new inquiry into sexism and misogyny in the City

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'A parliamentary committee is renewing an inquiry into sexism and misogyny in the City after a spate of sexual harassment allegations rocked the business world.

MPs on the influential Treasury committee said the new inquiry would examine the barriers faced by women in financial services, and determine whether meaningful progress had been made since its last investigation in 2018 raised concerns over the gender pay gap, stigmas against working mothers, and an “alpha male” culture.

It will also explore what kind of role City firms, the government and regulators including the Financial Conduct Authority should play in “combating sexual harassment and misogyny”.

“We’ll be investigating if enough work has been done to build more supportive workplace cultures, how harassment and misogyny can be addressed, and the role the government and regulator should play in role modelling behaviours.'

We need more than legislation to fix Scotland's misogyny problem

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'I welcome the proposed misogyny law as a crucial step forward. However, as voiced by many women in the SWC report, legislation is but one piece of the solution. What we require is a paradigm shift – a cultural transformation that transcends laws and permeates our educational institutions, workplaces, online platforms and every corner of our society where misogyny takes root.

Men are a huge part of the solution, as this is not a fight of women against men, but a united front against a culture that hurts us all. Let us create a Scotland where women's rights, voices, and experiences are not merely added to the discourse but form its very foundation.'

MPs launch probe into whether sexist online posts are fuelling ‘escalating violence against women’

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'MPs have launched a new parliamentary inquiry into whether sexist and misogynistic posts online are a warning that real life violence against women is to follow amid fears that chances to stop dangerous men are being missed.

The Women and Equalities Committee said the focus of its new probe into the “escalation of violence against women and girls” would be whether there are “patterns of behaviour” by men that indicate an increased likelihood to progress to serious attacks on female victims.'

UK: Watchdog criticises family courts' handling of domestic abuse

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'The findings highlight concerns about unsafe contact orders in private law children's proceedings, in particular when allegations of "parental alienation" are made.

It says claims of parental alienation – a term used to describe the unwarranted rejection of a parent by a child because of manipulation by the other parent – as a counter-allegation to claims of domestic abuse are having a "chilling effect" on the ability of parents to disclose abuse in order to ensure safe contact arrangements for their children.

Jacobs said there was a feeling among victims and survivors of abuse that these counter-allegations were taken more seriously than allegations of domestic abuse.

She told the Guardian: "We tend to see counter-allegations weighted and explored in parallel. And what we really want to see is a child-centred approach and a full understanding of domestic abuse before we even consider the concept of alienation."'

UK: Overhaul of laws to protect women from domestic killers

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'The measures announced today expand on the government's ongoing work to tackle domestic abuse including:

Putting controlling or coercive behaviour on a par with physical violence, which will mean offenders sentenced to a year or more imprisonment or a suspended sentence will automatically be actively managed by the police, prison and probation services under multi-agency public protection arrangements.

Recording offenders sentenced to a year or more for controlling or coercive behaviour on the violent and sex offender register.

Trialling stricter management of domestic abusers, who could now be fitted with a tag, prevented from going within a certain distance of a victim's home, and made to attend a behaviour change programme, using domestic abuse protection notices and domestic abuse protection orders in three areas in the UK.

Adding violence against women and girls to the strategic policing requirement, which for the first time categorises violence against women and girls as a national threat and sets clear expectations about how this threat should be tackled by police forces.'

UK: Push to strengthen domestic abuse law in Guernsey

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'The Committee for Home Affairs said it wanted to strengthen laws to offer greater protection to victims.

It is proposing the criminalisation of non-physical forms of domestic abuse to deal with coercive or controlling behaviour.

The committee said research around domestic abuse had changed significantly in the last 20 years.

He said: "Historically domestic abuse was looked at through the prism of violence, and as abhorrent as domestic violence is it has been recognised that domestic abuse can take many forms, such as coercion, control, intimidation, and they can result in significant harm to victims.

"We need legislation that matches our improved understanding of the impact of domestic abuse and our committee hopes the States agrees."'

Kate Emery: It’s not easy in a man’s world, men are having a rougher time of it than we think in 2023

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'Is it harder to be a young man than a young woman in 2023?

Feminist icon — keep reading — Caitlin Moran has spent years being asked this question.

The first time I heard the British author bring it up I was like Pavlov’s pooch, waiting to witness one of the faces of fourth wave feminism tear it up. Men? They make more money than women (on average), hold most positions of power (overwhelmingly) and 1 in 3 of them hasn’t been abused. Plus, if they lose their temper nobody suggests they’ve got their period.

Instead I was surprised to hear Moran suggest that, in some ways, men are having a rougher time of it than we think. And last week Moran published a more detailed response to this question in her book, What About Men?'

Being An Andrew Tate Fan Is a Walking Red Flag

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'For many of us, it's not very hard to see why boys and men are in crisis. We live in a society which tends to casually and routinely denigrate manhood, commitment, marriage, and fatherhood.

Self-determination and sexual promiscuity reign. The birth rate is down, marriages are falling, and divorce is up. Being masculine in the right sense of the word is shunned. To compound the masculinity crisis we are facing, a great proportion of people are no longer able – or willing – to differentiate between male and female for fear of being seen as politically incorrect. This is well evidenced in the acceptance of and ideological takeover of transgenderism, especially among the young, many of whom accept the lie that there is no such thing as biological sex, hook, line and sinker.

The concept of traditional gender roles is frowned upon. We have, by some accounts, created a society full to the brim of weak and unmanly men who are afraid to be strong, who are afraid of their own masculinity, who are afraid to simply be good men. Some suggest that the over-policing of boys and men, brought on in part by feminism, has created many anxious, angry, insecure young men.

Feminist ideology – specifically our society's obsession with female victimisation – is one branch of the problem. But fatherlessness and a lack of good father figures, in my opinion, is the more pervasive cause of the lack of direction, the shortage of confidence, and perhaps the effeminacy of some boys and men today. It goes without saying that there is a crisis of femininity, too – yet I would argue it's harder for women to see the value of examining societal roles when men are pointing to a man who places no value on fidelity, modesty, or self-respect as an example to follow.'

UK: Mayor launches new campaign empowering men to challenge misogyny by saying ‘maaate’ to their mates when they cross the line

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'The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan has today launched a major new campaign to empower men and boys to say ‘Maaate’ to their mates as a means of challenging sexism and misogyny in society.

The innovative campaign aims to help men and boys confidently step-in when they witness language and behaviour towards women and girls that crosses the line.

This is part of the Mayor’s refreshed strategy to tackle violence against women and girls (VAWG) that champions a public health approach, encouraging all of society to play their part and putting the onus of responsibility on men and boys to change the way they perceive, treat and talk about women.'

India: “Rape Law Misused As A Weapon By Females Upon Differences With Male Counterpart”

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'The Uttarakhand High Court has recently quashed pending criminal proceedings against a man for allegedly having sexual intercourse with a lady for decades on the false promise of marriage
...
Considering the aforementioned position of law, the Court concluded that the applicant cannot be impleaded in criminal charges especially when the complainant consented for continuing physical relationship even after the marriage of the applicant.'

Jennifer Horgan: Violence relates to men, though not all men, and men must change it

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'Another week passes and another woman is killed by a man known to her. Yet boys and men take issue with violence being presented as a problem with men.

Men cause violence. Men are responsible for violence. Men are violent.

Women have been fighting for decades to shift the responsibility of violence from the victim to the perpetrator, from women back to men. But men and boys push back against these phrases, demanding qualifying words like ‘some’ or ‘not all.’

The reaction is difficult to take when violence in society is statistically the work of men. Is the male ego so fragile, I’ve often asked myself? Why can’t a man nod his head and say: ‘Yes, it is a male problem and it is truly awful’?'

Lesbian domestic violence proves it’s not just a male problem

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Article here. Excerpt:

'You may recall the campaign running on national television a few years ago. The ads were part of the Australian government’s campaign designed ‘to help break the cycle of violence against women and their children’.

It suggested that all of the perpetrators of domestic violence were strictly male. For example, the Albanese Labor government is presently funding a range of new initiatives through this budget to help deliver the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-32.

But what about domestic violence against men?

I have no intention of minimising the problem of domestic violence against women and children. One must speak out loud and clear about violence against anyone regardless of age, gender, and sexual orientation.

However, it is a myth that domestic violence is all about men hurting women in heterosexual relationships. Domestic violence is also a ‘silent epidemic’ in lesbian relationships.

As the studies of lesbian violence demonstrate, women are capable of being as violent as men in intimate relationships. Violence among same-sex couples is apparently two to three times more common than among married heterosexual couples.'

UK: Street harassment: Doubts new law will change behaviour

Mastodon · 22 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new law making public sexual-based harassment a crime is being introduced, but many fear it will be unenforceable.

One charity told the BBC there was little chance of getting convictions.
...
The government-backed bill, which has been passed by the House of Commons and is now being considered by The House of Lords, could see people convicted of catcalling, stalking or other intentionally sexual behaviour, jailed for up to two years.'

UPS drivers ready to strike

Matt · 23 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If the typical UPS delivery person were female, UPS trucks would already be outfitted with air conditioning. Just sayin'. Excerpt:

'As a UPS delivery driver in Dallas, Texas, Seth Pacic is intimately familiar with the dangers of extreme heat. After a long day's work through record-breaking temperatures in summer 2011, he found himself dry heaving in the parking lot, incapable of driving home until he spent an hour and a half in the air-conditioned office.

"It was one of the worst feelings I've ever had in my entire life," he said. "I didn't feel like I fully recovered for a couple of weeks."'

Biden Admin Gives Soros-Backed Group Millions To Teach Young Puerto Ricans About 'Toxic Masculinities'

Mastodon · 24 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Biden administration gave $2 million to a George Soros-backed nonprofit to stop violent crime in Puerto Rico by teaching the island's young men about "structural racism and toxic masculinities."

President Joe Biden's Justice Department in October awarded the lucrative grant to Taller Salud, a "feminist, culturally specific nonprofit organization" in Puerto Rico. The money comes from the department's Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative, which aims to address crime through police alternatives. Taller Salud, which receives funding from liberal billionaire George Soros's Open Society Foundations, will use the $2 million to further implement its "community violence intervention program," which includes "public education campaigns" to address "structural racism and toxic masculinities" among Puerto Rican men between the ages of 15 and 30.'

If I made a movie that treated women the way Barbie treats men, feminists would want me executed

Mastodon · 24 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What is the patriarchy?

I bet most people reading this haven't a clue.

Even I don't really understand it, and according to radical feminists, I'm supposed to be the very personification of what it supposedly represents.

Yet it's a word that is said so relentlessly in the smash-hit new Barbie movie that it's worth knowing exactly what it means.

The literal translation, derived from the ancient Greek word "patriarkhēs," is "rule of the father" and denoted the reality at the time that men were the titular heads of most families and organizations.

But in recent times, the concept of "the patriarchy" has been hijacked and corrupted by feminazis to suggest that every aspect of life and society is dominated by powerful, privileged males over subjugated, underprivileged females.

In short: Men are evil oppressors, women are unimpeachably perfect victims, and anyone who dares challenge this notion is a disgusting misogynist.'

Harry and Meghan back 'positive masculinity' charity that 'engages men as allies in equality'

Mastodon · 25 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The royal couple's own charity, Archewell, is backing the State of the World's Fathers report by the Equimundo Center for Masculinities and Social Justice.

Washington DC-based Equimundo says it works on "promoting environments that support boys and young men to live out diverse, equitable and healthy masculinities".

The charity also "engage[s] men in gender equality" by "transforming intergenerational patterns of harm and promoting patterns of care, empathy and accountability among boys and men throughout their lives."'

South Africa: Men challenged to work on developing new forms of masculinity

Mastodon · 25 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Dominating, aggressive forms of hegemonic masculinity are not meeting the needs of men or women to live nurtured, emotive and interconnected lives. Because both women and men suffer under hegemonic masculinities, it is pivotal that men work toward gender equality and developing new forms of masculinities," Tshoaedi said.

Hegemonic masculinity is defined as a practice that legitimises men's dominant position in society, while justifying the subordination of marginalised groups and women.

Tshoaedi argued that men's involvement in gender equality will have a "humanising effect".

"The concept of 'caring masculinities' encourages men to participate in projects on gender equality. It calls for the adoption of values and characteristics of care, which negate hegemonic masculinities.

"Caring masculinities requires men to rethink ideas of power and how we use that power. It calls for using one's power to engage in resistance against patriarchal domination and control that is harmful," Tshoaedi said.'

It's Time to Talk About What It Means to Be a Man in the U.S.

Mastodon · 25 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's time to have a difficult conversation about manhood in the United States.

Young boys and men in this country are not okay, and we are all paying the price for it. Whether through mass shootings, high rates of suicide, sexual assault, and attacks against women, hate crimes, or even the insurrection on Jan. 6, 2020, some men are expressing their anger through violence and turning to despair and self-harm.

In our schools, we can incorporate programs in which boys and girls discuss and engage in discussions of what healthy, fair relationships between all of us look like. These can look like Futures Without Violence's "Coaching Boys into Men" or Equimundo's "Many Ways of Being" and many more. At home and in politics, we can support non-transferable paid parental leave for all parents, and provide tools that can help parents encourage critical thinking and honest conversations about what boys and young men see online. In our broader culture, we can hold tech platforms accountable, joining efforts by Ultraviolet and others to enforce online community standards for gaming and social media that stop promoting harassment, hate speech and misogyny.'

Ukraine war: Russia expands pool of men eligible for call-up

Matt · 25 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Russia is raising the maximum age at which men can be conscripted from 27 to 30, making more of them liable to serve in the armed forces.

The change was passed by the lower house of parliament on Tuesday.

The package of measures comes as Moscow seeks to boost troop numbers to defend territory gained in its invasion of Ukraine last year.

A senior Russian MP said the new law was written with a major conflict in mind.

"It already smells like a big war," Andrei Kartapolov, head of the Russian parliament's defence committee, told MPs.'

Experts warn of ‘devastating effect’ as traditional male roles deemed ‘toxic’ by media, Hollywood

Mastodon · 26 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Masculinity" has become a dirty word to some. The American Psychological Association has released guidelines calling traditional masculinity "harmful," and Hollywood has been open about its disdain, with movies such as last weekend's much-hyped "Barbie."

According to a recent Politico/Ipsos poll, 36% of Americans believe "entertainment and culture make it hard to feel proud to be a traditional guy." Similarly, 31% believe the Democrat Party is "hostile" to masculine values.

"It's pretty clear that the media views masculinity in only two ways: stupid or toxic," comedian Tim Young told Fox News Digital. "Like Barbieland, the concept of equality between men and women according to the media is fictional - and where there could be a chance to have everyone get along, their spin on things is to be divisive and put down men."

Riley Gaines, a former NCAA swimmer and OutKick host, has seen this trend firsthand in sports, where she says being masculine is an "undesirable trait" for many modern men who live in fear of being rejected.

"As a society, we have lost what it means to be masculine. Actually, we've deemed masculinity as bad, it's toxic," Gaines told Fox News Digital.

"They don’t want to be seen as oppressors and that’s what we’ve deemed masculinity as," Gaines added. "There is the saying, ‘Hard times create strong men, strong men create good times, good times create weak men, and weak men create hard times,’ and it’s incredibly interesting because you can see it play out throughout history."'

UK: Andrew Malkinson's rape conviction quashed after 20-year fight

Mastodon · 26 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Andrew Malkinson was jailed in 2004 for the attack on a woman in Salford, serving 17 years in prison for a crime he always said he did not commit.

His case was referred to the Court of Appeal in January after new evidence pointed to another potential suspect.

Mr Malkinson, 57, said: "I was innocent and finally they listened."

"But I have been innocent all along, for each of those 20 years that came before today," he said.

"It has taken nearly 20 years to persuade my kidnappers to let me go."

Overturning his conviction, Lord Justice Holroyd said Mr Malkinson could "leave the court free and no longer be subject to the conditions of licence".

Police also apologised for what they described as a "grave miscarriage of justice".'

UK Proposes Legal Defence for Domestic Violence Victims Who Harm or Kill Their Partners

Mastodon · 26 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The United Kingdom is considering sentencing reforms which would provide a legal defence to victims of domestic violence who harm or kill their perpetrators after being subjected to sustained abuse.

The proposal comes in the wake of an independent review into the adequacy of the way in which domestic violence complainants are treated in the criminal justice system, including whether current protections are sufficient to reduce the endemic problem of domestic abuse in the United Kingdom and provide justice for victims.

One of the reviews conclusions was there needs to be greater consideration of the mitigating factors and ‘special circumstances’ in cases where a victim kills their abuser after suffering prolonged and sustained abuse.

Under the proposal, a murder charge could be reduced to manslaughter despite a complainant’s intent to kill, and the definition of self-defence would be broadened to include assaults in circumstances where they are not a response to an imminent threat.

Because not all forms of domestic violence leave visible bruises, scars and broken bones, one of the significant challenges for victims is gathering enough information or proof, particularly of coercive control, or emotional and psychological abuse, to press charges.

Coercive control is not always easy to identify either – and often the perpetrator and victim are the only ones who are aware that they’re occurring within the relationship.

New South Wales Police recently introduced an app which is still in development, but which will work as a “Domestic Violence diary” enabling victims to secretly log and document incidents of violence on their phones with notes and photos and videos.

The well-intentioned app, designed by two police officers, is designed to empower victims to gather a body of evidence, but there are questions about whether such evidence would be admissible in court.

The Surveillance Devices Act 2007 (NSW) outlines that people cannot be recorded without their knowledge, even people who may be suspected of committing a crime.'

Candace Owens: The Circumcision Decision

Matt · 26 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Candace reports on the factors that drive the circumcision industry in the US.

"To Be a Man" video

charlie · 27 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

A great song on what it's like to be a man and the empathy gap towards men.

Ed.: Good remix version here.

Men have a problem – and it won't be solved by either Andrew Tate or Caitlin Moran

Mastodon · 27 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The real problem, he claims, is that masculinity cannot be discussed in such singular terms. "If we asked a football fan, a vicar, and a banker to define 'manliness', we would probably get three very different answers," he says. "When people talk about a 'crisis of masculinity', they are usually complaining that their preferred variety of masculinity seems to be losing prestige or influence relative to other forms of masculinity." Today, we have ideas of masculinity coming from all angles, whether it's in sociology, pop culture, advertising, charities, TikTok, government campaigns, or around a table in the pub. "Amid this cacophony of competing voices, it is harder than ever for any one form of masculinity to establish itself as culturally dominant," says Dr Griffin. "To some people, that looks like a crisis."'

In Biden's America, Black men and boys have little chance for success

Matt · 28 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New research shows that 38% of the people in prison are Black, despite making up barely 14% of the U.S. population. The problem isn't "systemic racism," as Democrats so quickly claim. (After all, there are significantly more White Americans in prison.) The problem is fatherlessness, and it has been that way for decades.

America is suffering through an epidemic of fatherlessness. It is our nation's top domestic problem, given the residual consequences such as crime. While a lack of fathers can afflict all American households, including White households, it is a particularly severe phenomenon in the Black community.

Nearly 70% of Black kids begin their lives in households with unmarried mothers. In 1965, the percentage of Black kids born out of wedlock was 25%, a number considered so alarming at the time that it prompted then-Assistant Secretary of Labor Daniel Patrick Moynihan to publish his now-controversial report: "The Negro Family: The Case for National Action." (Today, the percentage of White children born out of wedlock is nearly 30%.)'

Dads may want to do more caretaking — but then face barriers, one study finds

Matt · 28 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Look, another "study" promulgating the Wage Gap Myth, decrying maternal "unpaid labor", and saying dads should "do more". Hey, if taking care of your family is "unpaid labor" deserving of monetary compensation, shouldn't men be paid by *someone* for mowing the lawn, taking out the garbage, taking the kids to school, etc. just like mom should? Sorry but this article annoys me. Why men keep having kids with women, I dunno. Excerpt:

'The concept of "providing care" could mean a myriad things beyond emotional support. It could be cooking meals for the family, cleaning the house, or taking a relative to the doctor — in other words, the unpaid labor many mothers do every day.

While progress has been made towards sharing these responsibilities in the home, there's still a long way to go.

A recent study of dads around the world — led by the nonprofit organization Equimundo, which promotes gender equality — found that while more men are doing a greater share of unpaid care work, they also faced barriers like a lack of structural support and gender stereotypes.'

Florida woman gets more than four years in prison for swindling Holocaust survivor out of millions

Matt · 28 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Four years?! If this had been a man swindling a woman under the same circumstances, he'd (rightly) be put away for at least 10 years. She's getting the Female Discount. Excerpt:

'A New York judge has sentenced a Florida woman to more than four years in prison for swindling a Holocaust survivor out of his life savings after meeting him on a dating website.

Peaches Stergo, 36, was sentenced Thursday, according to a news release from the US Attorney's Office of the Southern District of New York. She had been charged six months earlier with one count of wire fraud for bilking the 87-year-old victim out of $2.8 million.
...
According to prosecutors, Stergo used the money to live a life of luxury. She purchased a home in a gated community in Florida, took vacations at hotels such as the Ritz Carlton, and bought tens of thousands of dollars worth of designer clothing, the release stated.

In a text message to her real-life significant other after the scam was over, Stergo said she was unwilling to earn money through lawful employment, writing, "I don't want to work … it's too hard," the release stated.'

YT's Pearl interviews Paul Elam

Matt · 28 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. If you don't know who Pearl is, she's a former feminist who YT-casts on topics around the effects of feminism on society, men and men's issues, etc., from her own perspective, which is sympathetic to the MRM. She's definitely worth subscribing to.

Michigan teen freed from jail after fatally dousing father with chemical drain cleaner

Matt · 28 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Megan Imirowicz, a Michigan teen who fatally doused her father with chemical drain cleaner because he was too drunk to take her to a hair appointment, was freed from jail after spending just over 500 days behind bars.

Imirowicz was facing a life sentence in connection with death of her father, 64-year-old Konrad Imirowicz, the Oakland Press reported. Back in March 2021, Imirowicz dumped lye powder on him as he slept, resulting in severe chemical burns.'

NAACP Convention session to address healthy masculinity in the age of GenZ

Mastodon · 29 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This year the NAACP is bringing conversations around healthy masculinity to the main stage to educate young men and women on allyship and leadership.

...

“I think every man should take on as a personal declaration of manhood that it’s not just about promoting what men want, but that we make safe spaces for everybody, including primarily women because without women, we weren’t able to create anything,” he said.

"Leave men alone"

Mastodon · 29 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Why won't they leave us alone? I find the chattering-class crusade against 'toxic masculinity' deeply unsettling. Not to be too blokeish about it, but it is masculinity that keeps society safe. It is muscular, mostly working-class men who make society work; who empty Caitlin Moran's trash, police the street she lives on, ensure a foreign army never crosses the borders of her nation. As Camille Paglia once said: 'The women's movement is rooted in the belief that we don't even need men. All it will take is one natural disaster to prove how wrong that is. Then, the only thing holding this culture together will be masculine men of the working class."

Douglas County homicide victim’s family speaks out

mens_issues · 30 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

An awful story that illustrates domestic violence against men. Excerpt:

'Outside the Sonesta Hotel in Park Meadows, a memorial garden to Colin Grice is being constructed.

Grice, a 57-year-old hotel manager, was found shot to death in his Highlands Ranch home last week.

His wife, 55-year-old Victorine Grice was found dead inside her Douglas County jail cell Friday morning.

Grice had been facing murder charges, and the cause of her death remains under investigation.

...

"Throughout my years as an investigator, I’ve learned that domestic violence knows no gender boundaries. It’s a haunting reality that men, too, bear the scars of abuse and often endure the torment in silence. I hope all domestic violence victims, regardless of gender, can find the strength and courage to come forward and get help before it is too late."'

Sports radio host Don Geronimo fired after sexist ‘Barbie’ comments toward female reporter

Mastodon · 30 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sports radio host Michael Sorce, who goes by the name Don Geronimo on air, was fired by WBIG-FM on Sunday following sexist remarks he made toward a female reporter at Washington Commanders training camp.

While speaking with co-host Crash Young, Geronimo made several offensive comments about WUSA9 Washington D.C. reporter Sharla McBride, including shouting, “Hi, Barbie girl” as she walked past him.

iHeartMedia is the parent company of WBIG-FM, which signed a three-year partnership with the Commanders in 2022.

“After an internal review, Don Geronimo is no longer an employee of WBIG,” iHeartMedia’s D.C. Region president Aaron Hyland said in a statement to the Washington Post. “We take matters of this nature very seriously and this behavior does not align with our core values.”'

High school boys are trending conservative

Matt · 31 July 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. So-called "liberal" ideology is a bed-fellow of 4th-wave feminism which despises males and maleness. Why should it be any surprise that boys and young men instead embrace the opposite of so-called liberalism (which is as classically "liberal" as is fascism, IMO). Excerpt:

'A popular narrative suggests young people are liberal and getting more liberal. Thus, social media buzzed when a chart surfaced in spring that seemed to suggest 12th-grade boys had become overwhelmingly conservative.

As with many Reddit posts and viral tweets, the truth was more complicated. But the numbers do say this: Twelfth-grade boys are nearly twice as likely to identify as conservative versus liberal, according to a respected federal survey of American youth.

In annual surveys over the last three years, roughly one-quarter of high school seniors self-identified as conservative or “very conservative” on the Monitoring the Future survey, a scholarly endeavor that dates to the 1970s. Only 13 percent of boys identified as liberal or very liberal in those years.'

Has Academia Become More Gender-Fair for Women? Findings From an Adversarial Analysis of Gender Bias

Mastodon · 1 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'These findings, Ceci said, suggest that academia now offers a largely gender-fair, and in some cases female-advantaged, environment:

Women who earn PhDs and apply for tenure-track positions are often more likely to be hired than their male peers, the authors found through a review of existing studies and their own analysis of data from the National Science Foundation.

Grants are awarded to women and men at approximately equal rates, the authors found from a meta-analysis of 39 studies including data from more than 2 million applications to 27 grant agencies.

Scientific articles where women are the first or last authors were about as likely to be accepted for publication as those written by men, according to the authors' meta-analysis of 33 articles on journal acceptance rates.

When the researchers compared the findings of nine studies that analyzed letters of recommendation written from 1990 to 2017 for the fields of psychology, physics, biology, medicine, chemistry, and geoscience, they found no gender bias. Compared to letters written for men, letters written for women after the year 2000 were no shorter, raised no more doubts about women's ability to do a job, and used no different words to describe applicants.'

When Your Rapist Is a Woman

Matt · 1 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. An older article but still very germane, it exposes the lie that women don't sexually assault others. Excerpt:

'Sexual assault is perceived as a straight issue, perpetrated by men against women. Thanks in part to the battered women's movement of the 1980s and the growing awareness of the current rape culture in the United States—from assaults on college campuses to abuse within relationships—we've been hearing a predominantly heterosexual story. But there's a scenario that, while less frequent, is no less damaging to the victims it claims: rape between women.

The issue's lack of national attention means that data is slim, but a 2005 survey by the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) concluded that one in three lesbian-identified participants had been sexually assaulted by a woman, and one in four had experienced violence within a lesbian relationship. Eight years later, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) conducted the first-ever national survey of intimate partner violence by sexual orientation and discovered that lesbians (and gay men) experience equal or higher rates of partner violence than the straight-identified population.
...
... Since this scenario is rarely portrayed in the media or in educational programming, "it can be especially challenging to identify their experience as violence," she says. "Many people have a difficult time believing that a woman could be capable of inflicting violence on another person."'

UK: Parents’ anger at ‘divisive’ primary school science homework that ‘excludes white men’

Mastodon · 3 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A North London primary school that offered non-white students extra lessons urged its pupils to “challenge the myth” that scientists are “old men… with crazy white hair,” GB News can reveal.

Science homework given at Coldfall Primary School in Muswell Hill called on pupils to look for scientists from “outside of Europe and America.”

The homework recommends a list of scientists worth considering, which does not feature any white men. On its list of scientists to “avoid”, it lists Albert Einstein, Louis Pasteur and Stephen Hawking.

A parent with a pupil at the school told GB News: “This science homework has nothing to do with science at all. It was purely a means of pushing their divisive message on race, and insulting and belittling a whole group of people based on their appearance.

“Why are white men pushed off the curriculum?”'

Private school overhauls English curriculum to challenge ‘pale, male and stale’ syllabus

Mastodon · 7 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The English curriculum at a leading London private school has been overhauled to include queer readings of texts and to challenge the “pale, male and stale” syllabus.

Pupils at the £25,000-a-year Alleyn’s School in Dulwich, south London, whose alumni include Jude Law, Florence Welch and CS Forester, now study books by a broader range of authors, including the first text by a non-binary writer on the A-level curriculum.

Students must choose one coursework text by a writer of colour for A-Level and are encouraged to study queer interpretations of texts including Dracula.

The changes were made to challenge “white-centric, patriarchal and cis-gender ideologies”, said Alex Smith, the school’s head of English.'

Police in England and Wales will pilot project to shift sexism and misogyny

Mastodon · 9 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Esther Flanagan has a job on her hands. The behavioural scientist has been tasked with the seemingly impossible: to get police forces across England and Wales to “quit” misogyny and sexism, using similar tactics to those deployed in the major push to reduce smoking in the UK. But she doesn’t seem fazed.

A new initiative designed to combat entrenched sexism and misogyny in policing will use a similar approach to a big government-led push to reduce smoking in England, which resulted in a drastic fall in the number of smokers.

“Different levers were drawn on at the same time to change the same behaviour – and there’s evidence to show that that’s why it worked,” says Flanagan. “That’s exactly what we’re trying to do with sexism and misogyny. We’re going to tap into all of those levers across the system to give ourselves the best chance of shifting that behaviour.”

Officers will also be put through immersive training, where they have to act out how to confront sexism, in the same way they are trained to deal with rowdy protesters.

But the messaging of change will be as important as giving officers the tools to confront sexism, says Flanagan. While the instinct of critics – and many senior officers – may be to blast officers with messages of zero tolerance to sexism, there’s no point if it won’t work, she argues.'

‘Barbie’ and Mattel are getting ripped for ‘toxic femininity,’ but a scholar of gender and communication says that’s not even a thing

Mastodon · 9 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Toxic femininity is a relatively new phrase that emerged in response to conversations about toxic masculinity.

But people who use the term often have very different motivations for doing so – from altruistic concern about the harms of sexism to indignation over men’s ostensibly dwindling power in society. Given these diverse motivations, people often employ the phrase to mean wildly different things.

Psychologists such as Meaghan Rice see toxic femininity as the inverse of toxic masculinity – a constellation of characteristics like meekness, emotionalism, passivity and self-sacrifice. Writing for “Psychology Today,” psychologist Ritch C. Savin-Williams describes toxic femininity as “internalized misogyny” that encourages women to ignore their “mental or physical needs to sustain those around them.”

In other words, toxic femininity is what many people think of as “stereotypical femininity” and is a product of patriarchal gender norms. In this formulation, toxic masculinity and toxic femininity are both fueled by sexism, and each erodes human thriving.

A different perspective regards toxic femininity not as a stereotypical notion of gendered weakness but as an inappropriate demonstration of female strength, cunning or privilege. Psychologists Shoba Sreenivasan and Linda E. Weinberger ascribe the trait to professional women who are “hostile to nurturance and cooperation, opting instead for aggression and backstabbing to get ahead.”'

Cops send strong message about husband of NY cancer doc Krystal Cascetta, who shot baby in murder-suicide

Mastodon · 9 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The husband of a New York City oncologist who fatally shot her 4-month-old daughter before turning the gun on herself was absolutely not involved in the horrible tragedy despite rumors swirling on social media, a New York State Trooper insisted on Tuesday.

Steven Nevel, a public information officer, laid to rest any online rumors that heartbroken husband and father Tim Talty had any involvement in the deaths of his 40-year-old wife Dr. Krystal Cascetta and their baby.

“The trolls on social media are dragging the husband through the mud,” Nevel told Today.com. “But I can tell you 100% unequivocally, without a doubt, that he did not do this.”

The officer reiterated that Talty — a 37-year-old entrepreneur who owns a protein bar company named after himself — was not at the couple’s $1 million home in Somers at the time of the shootings on Saturday.'

UK: White men who failed to join RAF furious after no one is sanctioned over botched diversity drive

Mastodon · 11 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'White men - derided as "useless white male pilots" - who failed in a bid to join the Royal Air Force are furious no one has been sanctioned over a botched diversity drive that broke equality legislation, and say they want their rejected applications reviewed.

Defence sources similarly expressed dismay at the lack of accountability among the RAF top brass, comparing it unfavourably with how the Army deals with soldiers who get drunk.

It can be revealed that members of a British battle group on a six-month deployment to Estonia this year have been fined a total of nearly £10,000 for alcohol-related misdemeanours - such as urinating in public, breaching a two-pint drinking limit and breaking curfew.'

Peter Schwartz: Is masculinity ‘endangered’? Are schools to blame? What the evidence actually shows.

Mastodon · 11 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While women continue to make remarkable strides in education, the economic prospects for men without a college degree have altogether collapsed. And because two-thirds of men older than 25 lack a college degree, the consequences are deep and structural.

Research strongly correlates the relationship between being raised in a two-parent household and higher educational attainment later in life. Children from two-parent families are twice as likely to graduate high school and attend and graduate college compared with those from single-parent families.

Parental education levels also matter. Children with two college-educated parents are nearly three times as likely to get a college degree compared with those whose parents lack college experience. If we focus just on single-parent homes, data indicates a significant gender gap in bachelor’s degree attainment rates between boys and girls from single-parent households.

If we want to save our endangered boys and men, rather than beating up on our schools, teachers and librarians, we should focus on family structure and early childhood development and education.'

Women tend to overestimate hostile sexism and underestimate benevolent sexism in romantic partners, study finds

Mastodon · 12 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New research sheds light on biased perceptions of sexist attitudes in intimate heterosexual relationships. The study, published in the Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, found that women tend to overestimate their partners' hostile sexism while underestimating benevolent sexism. Conversely, men tend to underestimate their partners' hostile sexism and overestimate benevolent sexism.

Prior research has mainly focused on individuals' own sexist attitudes or perceptions of strangers' sexist attitudes. However, understanding how individuals perceive their intimate partners' sexist attitudes could have significant consequences for relationship dynamics and overall satisfaction.

"Sexist attitudes have really important implications for intimate relationships between men and women," explained study authors Nina Waddell, a PhD candidate, and Nickola Overall, the principal investigator at the REACH Lab at The University of Auckland.'

France launches anti-sexism beach patrols

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Marseille has launched anti-sexism beach patrols that allow women to flag if they are being harassed on a free phone app.

Women on beaches around the city can use Safer Plage, which presents them with three options: “I’m being bothered”, “I’m being harassed” or “I’m in danger”.

A pair of beach mediators is then dispatched to the trouble spot – one to reassure the woman, the other to tackle the harasser.

The app, created by several charities, was first tested at music festivals and Marseille’s Prado beach last year. After proving to be a success – the beach version was downloaded 1,346 times – it has been extended to four other beaches in the southern port city: Pointe-Rouge, Bonneveine, Les Catalans and Corbières.

The local council has spent €116,000 (£100,000) to fund the service and a local poster campaign.'

Boys aren't growing more conservative. They're just not that into politics.

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'Just because young men aren't currently trending conservative doesn't mean they won't in the future, though. Some people see gender politics as a zero-sum proposition — an agenda advocating for one side invariably hinders the other. It's conceivable that a political party or agenda with a growing popularity among young women might lead some young men to believe it's not for them. There's growing belief among young men that whatever past advantages men had in American society are fast disappearing. Nearly 4 in 10 young men say women have an easier time than men getting ahead in American society today, and even more young men (45%) say there is at least some discrimination against men in American society. Roughly half as many young women believe this to be true, and even older men are less likely to agree.'

Is there an agenda behind calling masculinity toxic? Part 1

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It seems to be that there is an agenda behind the whole claim of masculinity being toxic. Ironically, the too-tough and too-strong accusation has conveniently turned into a justification to shame men for displaying the personalities that women were told they needed to adopt in order to succeed in the business world. But now, there is a reversal. Women can possess them, but men are expected to change into a softer and more delicate version of themselves. Could it be that it's a clever way for women to have the more competitive edge? Just a thought.

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While recently on vacation, I heard a clip from Jordan Peterson saying that men are the least encouraged species on the planet. Constantly criticized for not doing the right thing, they suffer from a complete lack of praise and support. I know I've certainly been guilty of that, and when I heard it, it made me realize that I had to do better.'

AUS: How do we make the justice system better for victims? This report offers some solutions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Researchers heard from those who said NSW's Sexual Assault Reporting Option (SARO) also had helped when they had been unable to report their assaults to police.

The SARO is an online form that victims can complete if they do not want to speak directly to police but want them to know they have been assaulted.

The process does not constitute a complaint or trigger an investigation, but can be kept on record if the alleged perpetrator is accused of other offences.

But support during the process is still essential, according to those who were interviewed.'

Craftsman Plumbing Introduces No Mansplaining Guarantee, Setting New Standards in Customer Service and Inclusivity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Craftsman Plumbing introduces No Mansplaining Guarantee, ensuring respectful service for all clients. Empowers women in plumbing, offers expertise, quality service, and transparent pricing.

Craftsman Plumbing, a leading plumbing company known for its exceptional customer service and expertise, is proud to announce its groundbreaking No Mansplaining Guarantee and introduce their new CFOs, - Chief Feline Officers. In an industry where customers often face condescension and patronizing behavior, Craftsman Plumbing stands firmly against such practices and is committed to providing an inclusive and respectful experience to all clients. With this innovative initiative, Craftsman Plumbing aims to revolutionize the plumbing industry by promoting equality, respect, and top-notch service.

Here are some of the keypoints. Keypoint number 1 is Mansplaining Guarantee: Craftsman Plumbing promises that its team members will never engage in mansplaining behavior when interacting with customers. Every customer will be treated with the utmost respect and professionalism, and their questions and concerns will be addressed with empathy and understanding.'

Men in power must take lead on tackling toxic masculinity, says Humza Yousaf

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men in positions of power must take the lead in tackling toxic masculinity, which is a root cause of gender-based abuse, Scotland's first minister has said.

Writing for the Guardian, Humza Yousaf said: "It is simply not good enough to say 'it is not all men' and wash our hands of the problem we have collectively created; every single man can, and should, play his role in making change."

Yousaf said his growing awareness had caused him to reflect on his own behaviour. "Without doubt, in my younger years I will have told a misogynistic joke at the expense of women, or not challenged behaviour that was demeaning to women."

He said becoming a father to two daughters, as well as witnessing global regression in women's rights, for example on abortion in the US and education in Afghanistan, had made him determined to use his position to "root out and tackle the toxic masculinity and male self-entitlement that leads to violence, harassment, misogyny and abuse against women".'

Emotional intelligence may be the key to reducing toxic masculinity at work

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Studies have repeatedly shown that masculinity can be dangerously fragile.

For instance, Harvard conducted a series of studies of men and women, looking at how failing to live up to masculine and feminine stereotypes impacted their work. They found that men who experienced threats to their masculine stereotypes were more likely to engage in harmful behavior such as withholding help, mistreating coworkers, stealing company property, and lying for their own benefit. While women who experienced threats to their femininity were not happy about it, they were unlikely to act out in harmful behavior.
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Another critical element of emotional intelligence, self-awareness, can play a crucial role in reducing male toxicity. By promoting self-reflection and introspection, emotional intelligence encourages men to recognize and confront their own biases, privileges, and harmful attitudes. It allows them to understand the impact of their actions on others and promotes personal growth.'

Exposing the agenda behind toxic masculinity – Part 2

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Those of us who were around in the 1940s and 50s, remember a wife having dinner ready when her husband returned home from work. One television program was even named, “Father Knows Best.” Back then, men were revered, respected and honored for being the breadwinner and the leader of the family.

But that dramatically changed once feminism emerged. The moment that women felt empowered, men began to take a back seat, often being relegated to equal or lesser on the family chain. One could just as easily make the case that feminism became toxic by seeking to devalue men in a way that made them feel irrelevant and unnecessary.

Today, many women believe they are much better off without men in their lives. One article, as early as 2009, entitled, “Would a world without men really be so bad?” illustrates that very point, as it refers to men as “the master race for all our recorded history.” The writer uses the worst examples of men to blame for war and just about every other ill. Ironically, though, in the end, she says they must stay, convinced that they’re worth keeping in the event of a catastrophe.

Her fantasy narrative serves to expose her utter contempt for men and can only be looked upon as a spoof, since it provides no balance whatsoever. Women who hold such low opinions of men don’t generally exude happiness or fulfillment but are, instead, often angry and disgruntled. This is why it’s worthwhile asking whether women have really made gains.

While most women may look upon men with such resentment, the feminist movement, for whatever positive changes it advanced, has also done a lot to injure the standing of men while propping up women as their better. Their error was to focus on the toxicity of men rather than the toxicity of all humans, because women are certainly not exempt from many of the same behaviors which are blamed solely on men.'

Scotland: Misogynists like Andrew Tate hold sway over thousands of men and boys. Male leaders like me must address that

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I remember the feeling of bewilderment the first time my older sister told me how tightly she grips her keys in her pocket if she is walking alone in the dark. Bewilderment, because as men we just don't have to think that way.

And the reason for that? It is pretty simple: men have made our communities feel far too unsafe for far too many women. As first minister of Scotland – but more importantly as a father of two girls – this is not a situation I am prepared to simply accept.

Let's be clear, this is not a situation unique to Scotland or the UK – women and girls the world over are suffering due to the actions of men. Barely a week goes by without a distressing report in the newspapers or on our television screens about a woman being the victim of harassment, stalking, abuse, violence, rape or murder.'

Sarah Harte: Men playing the victim when women succeed harms all of us

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lately, I've noticed, and I say this as a feminist, the term 'toxic masculinity' has simply come to replace 'masculinity' in a pat and unhelpful way.

Given how new and fragile the relative gains women have made it feels like heresy to say that you may be concerned about boys. Because as a woman it's hard not to suspect that tackling any 'crisis in masculinity' would necessarily involve undermining female progress but addressing women's ongoing patriarchal reduction must involve considering men. It's basic logic.

According to a recent American Scientific article, the so-called crisis in masculinity has been around for about 300 years. Another writer opines that any sociological change provokes 'elite men' into imagining a crisis of masculinity which sounds plausible.'

United Way of North Central MA awards $90K for youth mental, behavioral health

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Article here. Excerpt:

'United Way of North Central Massachusetts recently awarded $90,000 in grants to eight local agencies for youth mental and behavioral health initiatives. The grants are part of a new area of work that seeks to address challenges faced by young people arising from increased isolation during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

One pilot program funded from the grants is Males Advocating Change (MAC), a program that will engage middle school, high school and college-aged men to address male violence, particularly sexual and dating violence against women, based out of Pathways for Change, Inc, of Worcester.

“The role of MAC is to raise awareness of the myths about masculinity and play a part in building and expanding young males’ understanding of healthy, non-violent masculinity,” said Kim Dawkins, CEO at Pathways for Change. “These funds will provide critical resources needed to continue our work to engage young males and train them to be leaders in our effort to end sexual violence in North Central Massachusetts.”'

Women's soccer took one small step toward equity this World Cup. But giant leaps remain

Matt · 18 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Short version: "Equality" comes in the form of the more popular and profitable men's team having to subsidize the women's team, which is much less popular and profitable. Their goal is in a few years to lay claim to half of what men earn while only being maybe 1/10th as profitable. This is feminists' idea of "equality". This is akin to the common terms of divrorce. Further analysis in the Comments. Excerpt:

'What's a world-class soccer player worth?

If you're a woman, about one-quarter of a man, according to world soccer governing body FIFA. And that's still more equal than the sport has ever been.

As this year's Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand wraps up Sunday, observers say the small steps toward equity this time will need to pick up momentum if FIFA is to reach its stated goal of equal pay by 2026-27.

Laura Jane Robinson, a Canadian sports journalist and author, calls the pay discrepancy "appalling."

"I think that generally people do believe on this planet that women should be treated equitably, and I hope that these numbers are going to change very quickly," she told CBC News.'

China Is Desperate to Boost Its Low Birth Rates. It May Have to Accept the New Normal

Matt · 18 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Fascinating, these kinds of pieces. Paragraph after paragraph of talking around the actual cause of the dismal birthrate. The authors of these kinds of pieces are either willfully blind or just too scared to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but. Excerpt:

'China's fertility rate hit a record low last year, according to a new estimate reported by state-backed media earlier this week. The report cited China's Population and Development Research Center, which found that in 2022, each woman in the world's second largest economy would, on average, give birth to 1.09 babies—well short of the "replacement fertility rate" for developed countries of 2.1, at which a stable population is maintained, and an even farther cry from China's peak fertility rate of 7.5 60 years ago.

But it doesn't come as a surprise for Chinese authorities, who, facing the drastic economic consequences of an aging and shrinking population, have in the last several years been taking a number of measures to try to boost plummeting birth rates—from reversing the decadeslong one-child policy meant to stem overpopulation to providing cash incentives to have more children. But experts warn that all the attention devoted to pushing young people to conceive could be futile and that efforts may be better spent maintaining and adapting to this new normal.'

Alcohol is killing more women than ever – we need to talk about why

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First, the data: In the approximately two decades this study surveys, men and women are all drinking more, and dying of alcohol-related disease with greater frequency. While men are nearly three times more likely to die of alcohol-related causes than women, this gender disparity has recently been narrowing especially rapidly: From 2018 to 2020, women's rate of alcohol attributed deaths increased by 14.7 percent, while men's jumped by 12.5 percent.

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What is clear is that women are at unique risk for alcohol-related illness, a risk that's exacerbated by the fact that many interventions are designed for men, and our deep-seated ambivalence and historical ignorance about women's relationship to alcohol is not helping. Acknowledging and addressing this public health emergency means letting go of outdated notions about women's inherent virtue and purity, along with equally shallow ideas that link women's empowerment to the consumption of alcohol. There is no one answer to this crisis, but refusing to reckon with its historical roots — or the structural factors that make alcohol so appealing — is not an option.'

Feds paid $300,000 to study why white, male physicists don't fight racism, sexism in STEM

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Article here. Excerpt:

'White, cis, male physicists with "good intentions" aren't doing enough to fight the racism and sexism from which they benefit, argued two education researchers in a recently published article in the International Journal of STEM Education.

Co-principal investigators Melissa Dancy of Western Michigan University and Apriel Hodari of Eureka Scientific Inc., were able to determine their findings in part thanks to a nearly $300,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

"While white men have an extra ability to confront sexism and racism, their good intentions are insufficient. Having an impact requires them to extend significant effort to understand the role they currently play in maintaining sexism and racism," states the abstract of the article, headlined "How well-intentioned white male physicists maintain ignorance of inequity and justify inaction."'

Georgia murder-for-hire suspect called 911 on her husband after fight over private plane: bodycam

Matt · 19 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Here's a good one: her estranged husband doesn't assent to her hitching a plane ride to meet her boyfriend so she calls 911 on him to say he was being "physical" with her. She's an ad for bachelorhood. Excerpt:

'Georgia housewife Lindsay Shiver called 911 on her estranged husband, Robert Shiver, after he barred her from using their private jet to meet her boyfriend in the Bahamas, according to police bodycam video obtained by Fox News Digital.

Five days later, the mother of three was charged alongside her Bahamian lover, Terrance Adrien Bethel, 28, and accused hitman, Faron Newbold, Jr., 26, for allegedly scheming to murder Robert Shiver.

In the July 16 bodycam footage recorded in the driveway of the couple's $2.5 million mansion in Thomasville, Georgia, Robert tells police the pair are in the middle of a divorce.

Lindsay Shiver had a weekend getaway planned with Bethel, while the former Auburn University football star was taking their three boys to the family's vacation home in the Bahamas.'

Spanish soccer chief Luis Rubiales faces criticism after giving World Cup winner Jennifer Hermoso a surprise kiss on the lips after she receives gold medal

Matt · 20 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Thought experiment: Rubiales is female. She is celebrating either the men's or women's team winning by kissing players. Now, is she in any trouble for it? Excerpt:

'Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) President Luis Rubiales is facing criticism for giving Spain midfielder Jennifer Hermoso a surprise kiss on the lips after the 33-year-old received her gold medal following the team's Women's World Cup final victory over England on Sunday.

Rubiales was on stage for FIFA's awards ceremony following the final, along with other dignitaries, including soccer's world governing body president Gianni Infantino, Spain's Queen Letizia and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Video shows Rubiales embracing Hermoso, then putting both hands on her head before kissing her. He then pats her on the back as she walks away.'

Let men speak for men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women have been writing about men's issues with increasing frequency. Articles in typically hostile publications have waxed sympathetic, as men's earnings and education attainment have declined, and suicides reach record highs. I don't wish to discourage this. It could indicate a coming armistice in the war of the sexes — on the eve of our supply of soldiers being depleted. Why do lay press outlets only permit men's issues to be discussed, though, when passed through the filters of feminism?

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These women write commendably, with compassion and conviction. The gatekeeping is not their fault. What does it tell us, though, when men must petition women for permission to voice their concerns? Is this not comparable to the position of weakness from which women asked for the vote, which feminists invoke as evidence of the patriarchy?

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An incomplete picture of masculine virility and virtue is pedalled at present by those who draw the most eyes in the Manosphere. Popular podcasts and figures like Pearl Davis fail to provide a healthy model of sexual complementarity. When accomplished patriarchs are persecuted and precluded from the public square, is it any surprise that low-resolution resentment festers elsewhere online? When male competence is castigated as evidence of conspiratorial oppression, is it surprising that men withdraw from participation in civilisation? Progressives have vilified male competence as "toxic masculinity" for a decade. How can they be mortified now, when men are attracted to the (latently homoerotic) neoclassical vitalism of Bronze Age Pervert or the Darwinian proto-warlordism of Andrew Tate? Nature abhors a vacuum. The establishment, in pushing relentless female empowerment, made one for male mentorship.'

Tech Council’s STEM leadership program for high school girls is ready to LAUNCH

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Pittsburgh Technology Council’s LAUNCH (Learn Aspire Understand Navigate Connect Highlight) Fall 2023 cohort is ready for takeoff. Tenth and 11th-grade high school girls wanting to take a deep dive into the region’s technology ecosystem and STEM careers are invited to apply by Sept. 8.

Hosted by the Council’s nonprofit arm, Fortyx80, the leadership program runs from Sept. 29 through Nov. 7. It includes a retreat, field trips and mentoring opportunities with local women professionals in STEM industries.

Applications can be found here. There is no cost for program participation and all applicants earn a stipend upon completion.

“We’re trying to make sure (high school girls) know that there are all these opportunities in the region,” says Marie Pelloni, senior director of talent and workforce development initiatives at the council. “They are at the point where they are making decisions about their classes and their secondary form of education.”'

Protecting Traditional Masculinity: It’s not only okay to be a man, it’s necessary

Mastodon · 22 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the face of shifting societal norms and evolving gender dynamics, it is crucial to preserve and protect traditional masculinity. While some argue for the dismissal of traditional masculine qualities, we must recognize the invaluable contributions and virtues that have shaped society for centuries. Traditional masculinity provides a foundation of strength, honour, and responsibility that is worth safeguarding, as it offers a compass for men navigating the complexities of the modern world. It is not only okay for men to be men, but it is also necessary. The Western world is taking a sharp turn on this topic, and we cannot let this catch up to our society.

A Source of Strength: Traditional masculinity embodies qualities that have historically served as pillars of strength. Men have been responsible for providing for and protecting their families, communities, and nations. By honouring these responsibilities, men have forged societies that thrive on stability and resilience.

Throughout history, traditional masculinity has been intertwined with courage and resilience. Men have faced adversity head-on, displaying bravery in the face of danger and perseverance in times of hardship. These qualities have been instrumental in shaping the world we inhabit today.'

Welcome to Ireland, the ‘Woke’ Capital of Europe

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Article here. Excerpt:

"Wokeness' was created in the United States, then swiftly exported to the rest of the Western world. In Ireland, a country with close ancestral ties to the U.S., ‘wokeness’ now reigns supreme. In fact, it’s safe to say that Ireland is the official ‘woke’ capital of Europe.

If you doubt this, let me point you in the direction of the country’s new draft curriculum for 15- to 18-year-olds. As first reported by Gript, the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA), the Irish education ministry’s advisory council, has recommended the introduction of classes that center around white privilege, male privilege, gender identity, and sexual diversity.

Not only will Irish students be expected to learn about the “socially and culturally constructed” aspects of gender, they will also learn about the importance of “sexual diversity” and the “additional gender identities and sexual orientations that are not specifically covered by the five initials” (i.e. LGBTQ). Moreover, teenagers will be expected to develop “allyship skills,” and acquaint themselves with the “actions, behaviors, and practices used to support, advocate, and collaborate with others, in support of justice and equity.” In plain English, they will be expected to develop the “skills” needed to push ‘LGBT friendly’ narratives.

If that’s not enough, students will also learn how to recognize one’s supposedly “privileged status.” The draft specifically identifies being white and being male as two prime examples of privileged status. If you happen to be a white male, and happen to live in Ireland, you have hit the jackpot; in reality, though, you haven’t.'

Too many ‘old, white male’ college presidents, American Council on Education says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A progressive higher education group is facilitating strategies to replace “older, White and male” college presidents with women and people of color.

Within the next 10 years, American Council on Education leaders said they want to see schools implement new programs that promote race and gender “equity” among academic leaders, an Aug. 11 news release states.

During a two-day summit this month, the council brought together academics, administrators and education advocacy groups to brainstorm new ways to achieve that goal, the release states.'

Harmful online messages about masculinity must be countered, violence expert says

Mastodon · 23 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Some boys and young men are being exposed to harmful messages about women and what it means to be a man — narratives that have to be countered before they lead to misogyny and intimate partner violence, the head of a London agency says.

Changing Ways, a non-profit that works with men who have been charged with domestic violence, as well as those trying to find non-abusive ways to resolve conflict, has just received $97,000 from the United Way to create programs that target men and boys.

"When I'm talking with teachers and with youth-based agencies, I'm hearing a really scary trend," said Tim Smuck, the agency's executive director. "A lot of our young boys, in the 12 to 17 age range, are really being influenced by this men's rights type of information that they're getting from social media. We want to work to create more male leadership, more positive, healthy, male role models. We want to have a larger conversation about what it actually means to be a healthy, positive man in 2023."

Changing Ways also has programs for women who are perpetrators of domestic violence, but men account for nine out of 10 clients the agency services.'

UK: Male nurse told to 'man up' by his female boss in front of a room full of women wins sex discrimination case

Matt · 23 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The only male member of an NHS health visitor team has won a sex discrimination case after his female boss told him to 'man up' in front of a room full of women.

Senior manager Lisa Sanchez deliberately excluded Pete Marsh when saying 'goodbye ladies' as she was leaving a meeting because of a 'growing animus' towards him, an employment tribunal ruled.

Mr Marsh - who has worked in the health service for more than 20 years - said he had grown tired of being the 'butt of jokes' about being the only man in the team.

The tribunal ruled that this culture had been tolerated by bosses including head of service Ms Sanchez, who was found to have joined in with the remarks.

Now, after his internal complaints of bullying were rejected, Mr Marsh has successfully sued the NHS for sex discrimination and is in line for compensation.'

Rubiales' behavior signals 'deep misogyny, sexism' - Rapinoe

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Article here. Excerpt:

'United States women's national team forward Megan Rapinoe said the kiss that Spain football federation chief Luis Rubiales planted on the lips of Women's World Cup champion Jenni Hermoso marred Spain's success and signals a "deep level of misogyny and sexism in that federation and in that man."

Spain's victory over England at the Women's World Cup was overshadowed by the forced kiss during the medal ceremony following the final. After claiming that those who criticized his kiss were "idiots and stupid people," the RFEF president was forced to apologize on Monday.

There was another picture that signals such a deep level of misogyny and sexism in that federation and in that man [Rubiales] at the final whistle, just grabbing his crotch," Rapinoe said in an interview published on Tuesday in The Atlantic.

"What kind of upside-down world are we in? On the biggest stage, where you should be celebrating, Jenni has to be physically assaulted by this guy.

"It made me think about how much we are required to endure," Rapinoe said. "Think how much that Spanish team had to shoulder: Some of the players who stood up way back last year [to protest treatment by their coach and federation] still aren't on the team.'

Women in Army SOF sidelined by ‘benevolent sexism,’ study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the “most masculine community on earth,” not only do servicewomen contend with undue interest from their male counterparts, they also encounter hostility from jealous spouses and “benevolent sexism” that can keep them off of deployments and training ops due to perceived fragility. Female soldiers, still an extreme minority in the special operations community, report that they’re called out and excluded due to their status as parents; their perception as too stern or too friendly; and even their decision to wear yoga pants, a ubiquitous activewear staple for millions of women. Those are some of the key findings from an internal study by U.S. Army Special Operations Command on barriers to service for women in the ranks.'

Women are driving the US labour market

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Elsewhere, labour rights leaders recently won a big lawsuit requiring one of the nation's largest bus makers, New Flyer, to hire more women and minorities in places such as California and Alabama, as part of a transition to battery power funded by the Biden infrastructure bill. Building trade unions say many more women are signing up for training programmes, as employers in tight labour markets make efforts to accommodate work and childcare schedules.

While women are moving into traditionally male work, the trend is not going the other way. There's a body of social science showing that while women will take manufacturing jobs for higher wages, men — particularly white men — are less likely to move into, say, nursing, even if they would earn more there than in manual labour.'

Man-shaming is not the way to address toxic masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I began reading the article by Humza Yousaf, Scotland's first minister, with a feeling of hope as the issue of misogyny was being tackled by such a prominent UK politician (Misogynists like Andrew Tate hold sway over thousands of men and boys. Male leaders like me must address that, 15 August). But I was disappointed by its bland virtue-signalling and lack of any real substance.

It's not enough to ask men simply to reflect. Most men are already on the side of preventing suffering by women and girls, but many are unaware how language or actions they haven't noticed may be interpreted. We do need to discuss the problems at times, to educate men and boys about the behaviours that make women feel uncomfortable, but specifics are important rather than general man-shaming.

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Doing down men – and making it appear that "the norm" is to be misogynistic – is not helpful. People respond to positivity and examples to follow. We should be focusing on stories of men who have done the right thing, or women who have been empowered, rather than creating a culture of the guilty and the victims. This would be better for young people of all genders.'

UK: Hucknall woman blackmailed man with threats of false rape allegations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Terri Walters extorted a total of £413 before her victim contacted police on November 21, 2021, prosecutor Raglan Ashton told Nottingham Crown Court.

"He said he felt sick at the prospect of being reported and was intimidated by Walters who said she would turn up at his house with her ex-husband."'

Why marriages fail in 2023

Matt · 24 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A total of 689,308 divorces occurred in 2021. Approximately half of all first marriages end in divorce, with subsequent marriages failing at even higher rates. When a couple divorces, they must state grounds for divorce in court. This is the reason for ending the marriage and dictates the type of divorce being filed.

Most people choose a no-fault divorce, citing irreconcilable differences. With that in mind, irreconcilable differences are indeed a common divorce cause, with 31 percent of couples who ended their marriages reporting that incompatibility was the reason.

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Reasons for Getting Married

- 42% of divorced respondents married for financial security.
- 44% of women married for financial reasons.
- 39% of women and men married for love and companionship, respectively.

Other reasons: commitment, convenience, medical insurance, legal reasons, societal and family pressures.'

Spanish soccer president refuses to resign despite kissing a player on the lips at Women's World Cup

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Facing his possible removal from office, the president of the Spanish soccer federation refused to resign Friday despite the uproar he caused when he kissed a player on the lips without her consent after the Women's World Cup final.

Luis Rubiales is under immense pressure to leave his post because of his conduct after Spain's 1-0 victory over England on Sunday. Criticism has steadily mounted, with Spain's acting prime minister, players' unions, Spain's women players, and even voices from inside men's soccer saying he must go.

But Rubiales was defiant at an emergency general assembly of the federation.

"I won't resign," he declared four times in quick succession. He claimed he was a victim of a witch hunt by "false feminists."'

Spain government starts proceedings to suspend Luis Rubiales

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Spain's government has started the legal proceedings seeking to suspend president of the Spanish football federation (RFEF) Luis Rubiales after he refused to resign after a week of growing pressure following his unsolicited kiss of Spain player Jenni Hermoso.

Rubiales, 46, announced the surprise move -- after widespread reports that he planned to quit -- in a speech in which he attempted to justify his behaviour, and lashed out at critics, during an extraordinary meeting of the federation's general assembly.

"The government starts today the procedure so that Mr Rubiales has to give explanations before the Sport Court and if the Sport Court agrees, I can announce that we will suspend Mr. Rubiales from his functions," Victor Francos, head of the state-run National Sports Council told a news conference on Friday.

Earlier on Friday, Rubiales said: "Do you think this [incident] is so serious that I should go, after the best management in the history of Spanish football? Let me tell you: I'm not going to resign. I'm not going to resign. I'm not going to resign.'

I advise women to never date broke men — trolls call me a gold digger

Mastodon · 25 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Her honey's got money — but her love of his funds is making feminists freak.

Slanderous digs like "gold digger," "delusional" and "money dog," are being savagely slingshotted at a self-crowned femininity influencer who — while praising her husband for his deep pockets — virally encouraged women against dating guys without green.

But her unsolicited advice just isn't clicking with keyboard critics.

"Daily reminder to never date broke men," urged TikTok tastemaker Sofia Kralow, based in Dubai, in the on-screen text of her controversial clip.

The trending footage, which has stacked up over 1.3 million views, features the brunette being lavished with helicopter rides, designer accessories, luxury cars and wads of cash via husband Thomas Kralow, an affluent hedge fund manager and YouTuber.'

Scientists have finally decoded mysteries of the Y chromosome. Here’s why it matters

Matt · 26 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Scientists have fully sequenced the Y chromosome for the first time, uncovering information that could have implications for the study of male infertility and other health problems.

The first attempt to determine the building blocks of our genetic code took place 20 years ago, but there were still significant gaps left in the sequences of all 23 pairs of human chromosomes. Those blanks were largely filled in last year by an international group of 100 scientists called the Telomere-to-Telomere (T2T) Consortium.

However, over half of the sequences within the Y chromosome, the smallest and most complicated of the 46 human chromosomes, remained unknown. Now, the same group of researchers has filled in the missing information, publishing a complete Y chromosome sequence Wednesday in the journal Nature.'

A Proclamation on Women’s Equality Day, 2023

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Equality also means ensuring women’s economic security — and I am pleased that a majority of the record 13 million jobs we have added to our economy since I took office are held by women. We are working to ensure women have access to opportunities in sectors like manufacturing and construction, where women have long been underrepresented. I also signed an Executive Order to eliminate discriminatory pay practices and advance pay equity. I have fought for safe and healthy workplaces, including by signing into law long-overdue protections for pregnant, postpartum, and nursing workers. I signed an Executive Order with the most comprehensive set of actions ever to support caregivers and expand child- and long-term care, and we have made other historic investments in affordable child care while requiring firms that receive significant Federal dollars to ensure that high-quality child care is available so parents can actually take the new jobs that we are creating.'

Women's Equality Day 2023: Role of Men In Promoting Gender Equality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women's Equality Day is observed annually on August 26. The day serves as a powerful reminder of the determination that women across the globe have shown in their pursuit of equality. In the 21st century, the struggle for gender equality is not confined to women alone. Men, too, play a pivotal role in promoting and sustaining gender equality. This article delves into the significant role men can play in advancing the cause of gender equality. From redefining masculinity to being allies in the workplace and advocating for legislative changes, men have the power to reshape societal norms and contribute to a more equitable future for all.

Redefining Masculinity

Traditionally, societal norms have often placed men in rigid roles, emphasising qualities like stoicism, dominance, and aggression. This construct of masculinity not only harms men but also perpetuates gender inequalities. Men today have a unique opportunity to redefine masculinity, embracing traits like emotional intelligence, empathy, and kindness. By doing so, they can break free from stereotypes and contribute to a more balanced and equal society.'

Portland State professors take on Shakespeare: oppression, misogyny, imperialism

Mastodon · 26 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Portland, Oregon played host this summer to the Original Practice Shakespeare Festival — which “prides itself on replicating production techniques true to Shakespeare’s time.”

But OPS Fest Company Manager Beth Yocam told the Portland State University student paper PSU Vanguard there certainly are things the company can “update” and “make things land differently” than they would in the playwright’s time.

This is due to what the paper considers a “controversy” — that the playwright’s works remain “highly regarded” given their “prejudiced language and representations.”

Yocam said the OPS Fest Company “attempts to deconstruct patriarchal expectations” by casting “female or nonbinary actors for traditionally misogynistic male characters” and replacing “offensive and racist language.”'

FIFA suspends Spain soccer federation president Luis Rubiales for 90 days after World Cup win kiss

Matt · 26 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'FIFA suspended Spanish soccer federation president Luis Rubiales on Saturday while its disciplinary committee investigates his conduct at the Women's World Cup final, which included kissing player Jenni Hermoso on the lips after Spain's victory.

The provisional suspension comes less than a week after Spain's 1-0 victory over England in Sydney, Australia, and a day after Rubiales refused to resign, despite intense pressure from the Spanish government, women players, soccer clubs and officials. Rubiales' conduct, which also included grabbing his crotch, has overshadowed the enormous accomplishment of Spain's first Women's World Cup title.

Hermoso has said she did not consent to the kiss, and the team's players have said they will not play any more games as long as Rubiales is in charge. It was not immediately clear how FIFA's latest intervention might affect that.'

California Supreme Court declares students accused of sexual misconduct cannot cross-examine accusers

Mastodon · 28 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Supreme Court of California ruled in July that the state's private universities are not obligated to allow students accused of intimate partner violence to cross-examine their accusers.

Associate Justice Joshua Groban wrote in the Court's opinion that while universities should be giving accused students opportunities to respond to allegations prior to disciplinary action is administered, colleges need to make sure that alleged victims are not "retraumatized."

However, Ken Tashjy, a higher education attorney at Suffolk University and Campus Reform Higher Education Fellow, told Campus Reform that these possible effects can be minimized by permitting accused students to present their questions through the disciplinary hearing officer rather than directly to the alleged victim.

"Denying an accused student facing allegations of sexual violence any right to question his/her accuser is fundamentally unfair and smacks of a presumption of honesty on the part of the alleged victim and of guilt against the accused student," he stated.'

College student convicted of stabbing blind date during sex thought she was Salma Hayek's 'From Dusk Till Dawn' character

Mastodon · 29 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A college student convicted of stabbing a blind date during sex as revenge for a US drone strike that killed an Iranian commander now insists she was hallucinating amid the frenzied attack, telling The Post she believed she was Salma Hayek's character in "From Dusk Till Dawn."

Nika Nikoubin, 23, also claims she only told authorities the stabbing was retaliation for the deadly 2020 drone strike that targeted the military leader because she thought she was starring in a "Homeland" episode by the time she was interrogated.

The Texas student, who has schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, detailed her mindset to The Post on Tuesday — just weeks after a judge sentenced her to three years probation for stabbing her date, Daniel Trevino, in the neck during a rendezvous in a Las Vegas-area hotel last year.

"I was in a very manic state of mind," Nikoubin said.

"I essentially looked in the mirror and I thought, 'This actress is hot,' thinking I'm Salma Hayek from the 'Dusk Till Dawn' movie, and I was hallucinating there was a snake around my shoulders," she added, referring to Quentin Tarantino's 1996 screenplay.
...
After pleading guilty to two counts of false imprisonment with the use of a deadly weapon, the judge sentenced Nikoubin to probation and house arrest — citing her mental health struggles as the reason for avoiding prison.'

In Praise of Heroic Masculinity

Mastodon · 30 August 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The phrase toxic masculinity was coined in the 1980s by a psychologist named Shepherd Bliss. He was a central figure in what he named the “mythopoetic” manhood movement. Bliss had grown up in a punishing military household with a domineering father, and he meant the new term to connote “behavior that diminishes women, children, other men,” a way “to describe that part of the male psyche that is abusive.”
...
The opposite of toxic masculinity is heroic masculinity. It’s all around us; you depend on it for your safety, as I do. It is almost entirely taken for granted, even reviled, until trouble comes and it is ungratefully demanded by the very people who usually decry it.'

New dating trend sees men asking for refunds when they don’t see a 'return on investment’

Matt · 1 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Saw this and had to post it. Problem is really it should be assumed that on a date, you'll go Dutch. Excerpt:

'Samantha Costanza went on a fairly unremarkable date last winter. She and her date grabbed hot ciders at a Brooklyn bar. When the bill came, her date slipped the bartender his credit card.

It was only a few days later when he followed up to suggest a second date that something remarkable happened. Costanza wasn't interested in meeting up again and spent some time crafting a polite response to her paramour.

His response? A Venmo request for her half of the ciders.

“I was in complete shock,” she told CNBC. “It made it seem like the only reason he would offer to pay for my drinks was that he expected something from me.”

Costanza isn’t the only single woman to run into an awkward moment like this. A new dating trend has been popping up, where men send money requests to women after they decline a second date. Some even express they’d like their date’s share of the bill back since they didn’t get a return on their “investment.”'

Kevin Sorbo Fights Hollywood's 'Attack On Masculinity' in New Book

Mastodon · 1 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Kevin Sorbo celebrates masculinity in his latest book, "The Test of Lionhood."

"For starters, I think this is long overdue—and I'm actually quite thrilled that I was asked to be part of this," Sorbo explained to Fox News. "The attack today on masculinity today is a call for us to stay vigilant right now, given what Hollywood's been doing to the movies and television."

He continued, "I'm just hoping that people wake up a little bit and realize, Let's let boys be boys and let girls be girls. And let's stop this whole thing about chopping down the men in the world."

Sorbo emphasized that everyone "has a place in this world" and that "The Test of Lionhood" is meant to show boys that "being brave, and being manly, is not a bad thing."

"They're going out there and protecting people — and they shouldn't be afraid to confront things that are dangerous," he said.'

College Gender Gap Starts Early and Extends across Races

Matt · 3 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. They ignore the 800-lb. gorilla in the room: widespread misandry on college campuses. Excerpt:

'Throughout the country, prospective college students have recently made decisions about where they intend to go to school. Increasingly, these students are more likely to be women than men. In California, 56% of undergraduates at the state's public universities and community colleges are women, as are 54% of undergraduates at nonprofit colleges and 63% at for-profit colleges. The growing college gender gap has far-reaching consequences for young men's economic prospects, especially for those from underrepresented racial/ethnic groups.

Based on current rates of enrollment and graduation, 36% of women in California will earn a bachelor's degree by the time they are in their early to mid-20s, compared to only 24% of men. This imbalance is the consequence of gender differences that start well before college. Along every step of the pathway from 9th grade to college completion, women fare better than men. Women are more likely to graduate from high school, enroll in college, transfer from a community college to a four-year college, and complete college once enrolled.'

Spain women’s soccer coach fired amid unwanted World Cup kiss fallout

Matt · 5 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Near as I can tell they simply want to replace this man with a woman. That's all it looks like. Excerpt:

'Jorge Vilda has been sacked from his role as head coach of the Spanish women’s soccer team amid the ongoing fallout over the unwanted kiss that soccer chief Luis Rubiales gave a player at the Women’s World Cup final.

The move comes as part of a major shake-up in Spanish soccer ever since Rubiales, the president of the country’s soccer federation (RFEF), forcibly kissed forward Jennifer Hermoso on August 20.

Rubiales has apologized for his actions and described the kiss as “mutual” – a claim Hermoso denied, saying she was not respected. He has been handed a 90-day suspension by FIFA, soccer’s global governing body, while disciplinary proceedings are underway.

In a statement announcing Vilda’s sacking, RFEF said he was “key to the notable growth of women’s football and leaves Spain as world champions and second in the FIFA rankings.”
...
RFEF later announced Vilda would be replaced by his deputy, Montse Tomé. She will be the first woman in charge of the women’s national team and her debut match will come on September 22 against Sweden.'

Marco Rubio Releases 40-Page Report On The Crisis Of Working, Non-Working Men

Matt · 5 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio will release a 40-page report Tuesday regarding male labor participation that details the problems men face in their role as providers and shares evidence that working-aged men are having trouble finding quality jobs and are dropping out of the labor force at high rates.

The Daily Caller first obtained a copy of the report, which is titled “The State of the Working (And Non-Working) Man.” One section of the report, headlined “Behind the Decline,” explores various explanations for men’s problems in the workforce and includes sub-sections on “Deindustrialization and the Rise of the Service Economy,” “College for All,” “Mass Immigration,” “The Welfare and Disability Trap” and “The Cultural and Technological Revolution.”

The report also features a section titled “What to Do,” in which Rubio lays out how to get men back to work as well as how to equip young men to lead.'

Jenni Hermoso files criminal complaint against Luis Rubiales over kiss

Mastodon · 6 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Spanish footballer Jenni Hermoso has filed a criminal complaint accusing Luis Rubiales, the president of the Spanish football federation, of sexual assault over the unsolicited kiss he gave her after the Women's World Cup final, the Spanish prosecutor's office has said.

The complaint comes after prosecutors at the country's top criminal court said they were investigating the incident – in which Rubiales grabbed Hermoso by the head, pulled her towards him and planted a kiss on her lips – amid concerns that there may be grounds for sexual assault charges. As part of the investigation, Hermoso was invited to file a formal complaint.

The prosecutor's office said that Hermoso's testimony, given one day earlier, would be processed "as soon as possible". Under a recently passed sexual consent law, Rubiales could face a fine or between one and four years in prison if found guilty of sexual assault, it added.'

Hockey Canada summit to tackle toxic masculinity as a root problem in sport's culture

Mastodon · 8 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sheldon Kennedy feels the weight of what will be discussed at Hockey Canada's summit in Calgary.

The two-day "Beyond The Boards Summit" on Friday and Saturday is designed to tackle one root cause identified at the heart of racism, sexism, homophobia, discrimination and exclusion in hockey.

How masculinity is defined in hockey – glorifying toughness and violence, the "bro culture", the "code of the locker room" – and how elite men's hockey dominates the sport's culture in Canada are on the agenda.

The agenda was developed based on research by Teresa Fowler, an assistant professor at Concordia University in Edmonton, who has written hockey works well for white heterosexual males and not as well for others.

"To get to the root, we have to start peeling off all of those layers," Fowler told CP. "What spills out from hypermasculinity are those things racism, homophobia.'

UK: A Tory MP wants a minister for men. How about one for white people, heterosexuals and the upper classes?

Mastodon · 9 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The first thing to say about the idea of appointing a minister for men, as suggested last week by Tory MP Nick Fletcher and taken rather seriously by many, is that it is insulting.

Some people seem to have missed this, perhaps because sexism is less taboo than some other types of discrimination. So let's make it clearer. Imagine appointing a minister for any other dominant group – a minister for white people, say, or heterosexuals, or the able-bodied.

Or how about a minister for the upper classes? You could after all argue that the upper classes suffer from problems specific to their group. Psychological scars from boarding school, hunting-related spinal injuries, receding chins, emotional reticence, an over-reliance on homeopathy, persistent mockery in sketch shows, spite from leftwing columnists and more difficulty, these days, getting an entry job at the BBC. Upper-class teens, some studies show, are more vulnerable to substance abuse. Some of these problems are genetic (or hereditary), some a consequence of their idiosyncratic culture, and some a result of modern attempts to redress class inequality.'

Piers Morgan: 'If there is a Minister for Women, why is there no Minister for Men?'

Mastodon · 10 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This week the Labour Party reshuffled its top tier and unveiled a shadow minister for women's health and women's mental health.

But what about men? Are there no issues with men's health and mental health? Tory MP Nick Fletcher is making waves today by campaigning for a Minister for Men.

The feminist blowback has been as swift as it is predictable. One commentator quipped that "as long as rooms of men are writing policy…every minister is already a minister for men."

This research group said there's simply no problem for men because men are rich CEOs who run the male-domimated world.

But the facts say otherwise. Nearly three quarters of adults who go missing are men. 87 per cent of rough sleepers in the UK are men.

Men are three times more likely to become alcoholics or drug addicts, men are more likely to be sectioned, most suicides are men, most prisoners are men, most people who are vilified and ostracised for sharing their opinions are men, young men are falling behind in school.

And young men are also constantly browbeaten by man-bashing movies like Barbie and phrases like "rape culture" which teach them they are evil by design.

Men are also subject to a kind sex-based shadow justice system which relies more on the court of public opinion than a court of law.

Campaigners hounded Manchester United into offloading Mason Greenwood over a charge of attempted rape, which was dropped.'

The Commodification of Hating Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"I think it's healthy for women to bitch about men and complain about the way they're treated," says journalist Marie Le Conte, author of Escape: How a Generation Shaped, Destroyed and Survived the Internet. "But not only have brands ruined the internet, they are the internet. They encroach on all our conversations, identities and personalities. They just want to make money and the problem is social media has offered them such an efficient way of targeting us, what we're talking about and what we feel strongly about."

"Female rage has earnt a cultural capital that's lucrative for brands," continues Cole. "Women are more likely to spend their disposable income than men, and are also earning more money as workplace inequality evens out. This means women's trust is super valuable to brands."

Although I regularly say, "Men are trash" to my friends, I know it doesn't really achieve anything. As Sean Thor Conroe wrote in his 2022 book Fuccboi: "Like, OK, yes – dudes have been shitty for all time. But so, what, now the move was to… out-shitty them? I don't know, bro. Didn't know whether that was the move. Whether that would provide long-term satisfaction, once that hit of reactionary "clapback" power wore off."'

The Misogyny Myth

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Toxic masculinity" and "testosterone poisoning" are widely blamed for many problems, but you don't hear much about "toxic femininity" or "estrogen poisoning." Who criticizes "femsplaining" or pretends to "believe all men"? If the patriarchy really did rule our society, the stock father character in television sitcoms would not be a "doofus dad" like Homer Simpson, and commercials wouldn't keep showing wives outsmarting their husbands. (When's the last time you saw a TV husband get something right?) Smug misandry has been box-office gold for Barbie, which delights in writing off men as hapless romantic partners, leering jerks, violent buffoons, and dimwitted tyrants who ought to let women run the world.

Numerous studies have shown that both sexes care more about harms to women than to men. Men get punished more severely than women for the same crime, and crimes against women are punished more severely than crimes against men. Institutions openly discriminate against men in hiring and promotion policies—and a majority of men as well as women favor affirmative-action programs for women.

The education establishment has obsessed for decades about the shortage of women in some science and tech disciplines, but few worry about males badly trailing by just about every other academic measure from kindergarten through graduate school. By the time boys finish high school (if they do), they're so far behind that many colleges lower admissions standards for males—a rare instance of pro-male discrimination, though it's not motivated by a desire to help men. Admissions directors do it because many women are loath to attend a college if the gender ratio is too skewed.'

Difficult conversations regarding hockey's 'toxic masculinity' continue at summit

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The conference's main focus was toxic masculinity and how it leads to other forms of discrimination in hockey, including racism, sexism, and homophobia. Fowler also presented findings about how young minor hockey players are when they first learn to adopt the locker room "code of silence" and how Canada's pioneer and colonialist history have shaped the sport.

Hockey Canada board chair Hugh Fraser, former NHLer Sheldon Kennedy (now an advocate for safe sport), NHLPA agent Bayne Pettinger, Vancouver Canucks assistant general manager Emilie Castonguay and others shared their experiences with hockey culture and toxic masculinity.

Federal sports minister Carla Qualtrough spoke as well. Most levels of the sport, including the NHL, PWHL, IIHF, and CHL were represented at the two-day event, along with all 13 provincial and territorial governing bodies.'

NZ Rugby review reveals misogyny and 'torturous' process to reach gender quota

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The process to get more women on the New Zealand Rugby board has been described as “tortuous” in a damning review. Its findings also reinforced how women faced “chauvinism, misogyny and racism” in the sport, a leading women’s rugby advocate says.

The review into NZ Rugby’s governance processes and structures – led by chair David Pilkington, Anne Urlwin, Whaimutu Dewes and former All Blacks captain Graham Mourie – also highlighted how some in rugby thought gender equity would be an “impediment”, that appointments of women to the board was down to “political correctness”, and qualified women were not willing to put themselves through a “barbaric” process to sit on the board. There was also a “strong resistance” to change.

Women in Rugby Aotearoa board chair Traci Houpapa said the review states “very clearly that women have been subjected to chauvinism, misogyny and racism”.

NZ Rugby was amongst 67 sports boards required to hit a 40% board gender quota by 2021, put in place by the government as part of its Women and Girls in Sport and Active Recreation Strategy.

Because of its inability to hit the target – which was described as “greatly concerning” by current board chair Dame Patsy Reddy – NZ Rugby had $280,000 in funding held back by Sport NZ.

It was repaid when the quota was finally hit this year with the appointment of seasoned board director Catherine Savage. She joined Dame Farah Palmer, Dame Patsy Reddy and Rowena Davenport in April. NZ Rugby was the last major sports board in the country to reach the quota.

The review also found some were concerned about “what they considered the ‘manipulation’ of the nominated category”, to secure appointments of women to the board.'

Spain’s Football President Finally Resigns Following Kiss Scandal

Matt · 10 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Football Federation is stepping down after weeks of pressure following his allegedly unwanted kiss with Spanish forward Jenni Hermoso, he revealed Sunday to Piers Morgan.

Luis Rubiales was suspended after kissing the soccer player on the lips following Spain’s victory in the Women’s World Cup.

Initially refusing to resign, Rubiales referred to his critics as “false feminists,” before ultimately ceding to them, announcing his resignation in an exclusive interview with Piers Morgan.

“About my resignation, yes, I’m going to do,” Rubiales told Piers Morgan “You’re going to resign?” Morgan asked. “Yes, because I cannot continue my work,” Rubalies said.

Rubiales cited his daughters, his father and conversations with friends as the reasons for his change of heart. “They say to me, ‘Luis, now you have to focus on your dignity and continue your life, because if not, probably you are going to damage people you love'” he told Morgan.'

A New Texas Start-up Wants to Save Us From Mansplaining Contractors

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Say you have a project that needs completing, like fixing a leaky faucet, or retiling your bathroom. Matriarchy Build allows you to consult with a trustworthy expert in the field, for a fee ranging from $25 for a 10-minute consultation to $150 for a 55-minute talk. (Some consultants charge more than others.) As Soslow points out, the consultant “has no skin in the game.” They won’t be trying to upsell you, and more often than not aren’t in your city, so they aren’t pitching their services for the job. (Ainslie, who lives in Austin, is spearheading a local subscription service for in-person work, which rolled out in July.) The consultants are there to answer your questions, and tell you what questions to ask, or who else to ask. They can also give advice on how to educate yourself if you’re trying to go the DIY route.

Expertise on the platform is wide: consultants can tell you how to keep your houseplants alive, how to choose materials for a bathroom remodeling job, or how to arrange frames for a gallery wall. And because the platform is built on the concept of women helping women, the consultants probably won’t talk to you like you’re a dumb girl.'

Teacher Explains Why He Prefers Not To Use The Term 'Toxic Masculinity' & What We Should Be Saying Instead

Mastodon · 11 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"This is why I do not like or use the term 'toxic masculinity' and what term I think should replace it," Kwiatkowski began in his video.

He prefaced by admitting that he isn't personally offended by the term, even though some others are, but claimed that for him, he doesn't think the term clearly identifies the root of the problem and actually makes it harder to see and find the solution.

He explained that seeing something as toxic doesn't always mean that it is harmful, breaking down the three aspects of masculinity that are fairly common effects of the patriarchy and are considered to be the most harmful.

He acknowledged that, for the most part, people aren't usually motivated to do something because they're harmful, but do things because they're adaptive or protective to them in their environment, which Kwiatkowski said was the case during his Ph.D. research about teen boys and why they will often restrict their emotions.

With context, many young boys often feel the need to suppress certain emotions because they may not have grown up in a safe space where they were allowed to be their authentic selves.

"Some boys became self-reliant because that was a way that they could protect their younger siblings and care for them after their parents' divorce, even though they ignored their own needs in the process," he said, providing an example.'

Australia: ‘Disgraceful front page’ calls for ‘toxic masculinity’ school classes

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Video report here.

Sky News host Rita Panahi has criticised a recent front page from The West Australian newspaper, calling it disgraceful.

“There was an image of a young boy with the headline: 'How we stop this kid becoming a monster ... but really, what a disgraceful front page,” Ms Panahi said.

“These sort of attacks against boys and young men under the guise of tackling domestic violence are not only idiotic and damaging, but they are counterproductive.”

Toxic masculinity or toxic journalism? Reporting on teaching masculinity in schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent article in 'The West Australian' headlined 'How We Stop This Kid Becoming A Monster', with the sub headline stating, 'Call for DV lessons at all schools to address menace of toxic masculinity' came to my attention on Tuesday evening. In the current cultural climate, seeing the terms ‘toxic’ and ‘masculinity’ side by side is nothing unusual. In fact, in 2018 the word ‘toxic’ was voted Word of the Year and the phrase ‘toxic masculinity’ ranked second only to ‘toxic chemicals’, which in a climate of environmental concern only further highlights the phrases popular use. However, this article was quite unique in its deplorability in suggesting the expression of ‘unhelpful’ masculinity is in itself destructive and dangerous, and insinuating that if not properly ‘stopped’ young men and boys are destined to be monsters and menaces.'

What Are Men For?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the most important voices on men's issues right now is Richard Reeves, the former Brookings scholar and current president of the American Institute for Boys and Men. Reeves's latest, Of Boys and Men, is, in my view, the most comprehensive review of how men declined so rapidly following the feminist waves.

Reeves published an essay yesterday on challenges plaguing the modern male. Men don't have a solid definition of "masculinity," and regardless of how it's defined, masculinity is usually perceived negatively, anyway, Reeves argues. His own understanding of manhood seems to be a good model:
...
Four out of five people think that "masculine" is a negative quality when applied to men, according to a 2018 Pew study. That's not too shocking a number, considering the status male identity has occupied for decades. Men, it's clear, need better examples of masculinity to remind them that they are not redundant — and to end the war on masculinity, for good.'

Man sparks backlash after walking through women-only train car in Japan

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In a 21-second TikTok video, which has amassed 2.2 million views, vlogger ShearingShedVlogs wanted to share what “shocked [him] as an Aussie in Japan.”

The tourist recorded himself walking onto a train carriage intended for women only, with big pink signs written in English and in Japanese. “It’s like Saudi Arabia in here,” he said, looking less than impressed.

As he walked through the car, he filmed several female passengers who appeared somewhat uncomfortable with his presence. “I am the woman inspector, checking there’s only women on this carriage,” the TikToker said in the clip.

“This ‘women-only’ carriage is the last thing I would expect to be seeing in such a free country like Japan,” he wrote in the video caption, adding that it and reminds him of something he would see “in a country with strict segregation rules.”

The controversial clip has since sparked outrage on TikTok and other social media platforms, with many blasting the tourist for being invasive and comparing women-only train cars to segregation.

“It’s not segregation it’s for women’s safety and guys like you are why they exist,” one user wrote. “You have bad manners for not respecting Japan traditions, you are embarrassing yourself,” another said.

“How dare you invade a safe space for women. Do you not even know about the sexual harassment suffered? It’s like toilets, stay out,” someone else added.'

Australia: Proposal to link lucrative government deals to gender diversity in STEM

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Technology businesses applying for lucrative Australian government contracts should be required to have a gender diversity action plan before securing that funding, says Girl Geek Academy CEO Sarah Moran.

Ways to increase the participation of women, girls, and other underrepresented groups in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields are currently under consideration by the Diversity in STEM Review, a major government initiative led by the Department of Industry, Science, and Resources.

The long-running review published a list of draft recommendations in August, proposing more than a dozen ways to expand access to STEM education and industry access for underrepresented groups.

Key recommendations include a call for government funding bodies to formally commit to diversity in STEM programs and initiatives.

Moran's Girl Geek Academy is a social enterprise focused on building gender equity in the technology sector.

Commenting on the draft recommendations, Moran said baking gender equity into the procurement process, above and beyond the review's existing proposals, would help bridge the gap.

"We need to fix the system, not the girls: it's a billion-dollar system and the government has both the power and money to change it," Moran said in a statement.'

Is it time for female bank executive quotas?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Female representation on the boards of European banks is increasing, but the gender balance of senior management is still lagging, DBRS Morningstar says.
...
“Most of the banks that do not meet the upcoming EU threshold are in Greece, Italy, Germany and Spain,” it said, adding that Spain and Italy have both recently passed national quotas requiring companies to have at least 40% female representation at board level by 2024 and 2026, respectively.

These kinds of quotas could be expanded to senior executive positions, given that gender diversity at that level has barely improved in recent years, it suggested.'

"Why SheraSeven is not a female Andrew Tate"

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women manipulating men for a more comfortable life (or even just to survive) is as old as patriarchy itself, being born from the disparity between men and women's relative positions in society ('The female Andrew Tate': the new influencer dating doctrine is extreme – but I can see why it's popular, 9 August). SheraSeven's "dating doctrine" is apparently gaining popularity, and both the subject of this article and its writer, Kimberly McIntosh, rightly identify gendered power as relevant context. Men hold more privilege, money, status and agency. Women are perpetually required to adapt to and/or resist this oppression. Here, the focus is on heterosexual relationships. But there is a more sinister undercurrent that McIntosh fails to address.'

'The female Andrew Tate': the new influencer dating doctrine is extreme – but I can see why it's popular

From this article:

'Shera advises women over the age of 25 to seek out and date older, affluent men and to actively play games to get them. This includes hiding your insecurities from potential partners and using reverse psychology to manipulate men, so you can imitate intimacy without the risk that comes with true vulnerability. For example, if you're feeling jealous because a man you're dating doesn't pick up his phone, you should pretend you were calling for help with a flat tyre – but then had to get another man to step in. Once they've locked a man down, she argues, women should push for them to pay for all of their household bills and expenses. Men without money are "dusties" and not to be entertained.'

UK: Woman threatened to make false rape claim after consensual sex in 'devious' £5k blackmail plot

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A blackmailer who threatened to make a fake rape allegation to police unless her victim forked out £5,000 has been locked up. Tahereh Ghorbanlou made her 'devious and dishonest threats' after meeting the man on a dating app.

The pair went on to have consensual sex but she later claimed she was 'injured and in pain'. Ghorbanlou then demanded cash from the man in return for her silence.

She later lied to police and claimed she had been a victim of a sex attack - but no evidence was ever found. The 34-year-old even searched the internet for 'sexual violence price' and 'sexual violence definition' after the pair's encounter.

The defendant was arrested and claimed she was the victim of sexual violence but refused to provide any written statement or sign the comments she made. She was then bailed but contacted police to make a counter-allegation of rape against the man on March 20.'

South Dakota woman admits to making false rape report after an extramarital tryst in Florida

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A South Dakota woman pleaded guilty to making a false police report after she claimed an assailant raped her in Florida, police say.

Renee Dawn Skoglund, 30, was arrested in Sioux Falls on March 10 after reporting sexual battery in Hillsborough County two days before. She was charged with misuse of a 911 system, false report of a crime and fabricating physical evidence.

In 911 audio released by Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Skoglund claimed that she pulled over to the side of I-75 after having some car trouble. She then reported that a male suspect put a towel over her head, shoved her in the car and raped her while her arms and legs were tied.

Skoglund told police that a particular type of rope was used, and authorities discovered that the product was sold at nearby Walmart stores. During a thorough search of local Walmart locations, police saw surveillance video of Skoglund buying the rope.'

The Dating Pool Dropouts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The relationship between the sexes and our epidemic of loneliness are two topics we find ourselves continually returning to at The Free Press. Over the last few weeks, we have brought you a range of essays on these themes—from Jenny Powers on the surprising rise of phone sex operators to Rob Henderson on the decline of marriage. Kat Rosenfield introduced us to the new female pickup artists, while our high school essay finalist Isabel Hogben revealed how she discovered porn when she was just 10 years old.

Now, Free Press writer Olivia Reingold reports on the increasing number of young men dropping out of the dating pool. This is a hugely important subject, and I look forward to hearing your thoughts in the comments.
...
A lot of men are checking out," he adds. "We're just tired. We're just tired of being told that we don't measure up either physically or financially."'

Landmark summit sees London’s health partners adopt a public health approach to tackling VAWG

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A landmark summit has been held in central London today at which London’s health partners have renewed their commitment to the Mayor of London’s public health approach to tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG).

NHS London, the new Integrated Care Boards and Directors of Public Health, together with local authority community safety and safeguarding leads have today signed up to a number of pledges to tackle misogyny, sexual harassment and violence against women and girls through their services and in health environments to help prevent VAWG across the capital.

The six core pledges are:

- Recognise all forms of violence against women and girls in everything we do - Develop strategies and policies to identify how each respective organisation tackles all VAWG in all areas of business.
- Embed action to end perpetration of VAWG - Address offender behaviour, supporting them to change, while ensuring the safety of the victim is at the heart of any action.
- Work together to actively tackle VAWG - Create a culture across all partners where all staff are confident to identify and respond to VAWG whether it’s dealing with a staff issue or supporting a patient.
- Strengthen workplace safety - Acknowledge and address the role of power dynamics within work environments and providing protection and support for staff who are experiencing or have experienced VAWG.
- Promote a collaborative learning environment - Understand the gaps in knowledge within our services and listening to experiences of colleagues to provide effective staff training focused on providing bespoke support to the needs of individual.
- Ensure an anti-misogynistic environment - Develop a shared understanding of what misogyny is, identifying structural barriers and working to address them, and through training with a focus on allyship to ensure there is no space for misogyny in the workplace.'

Why Are Women Freezing Their Eggs? Look to the Men.

Matt · 14 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. More blaming men for women's poor decision-making and "pickiness". Excerpt:

'The struggling American man is one of the few objects of bipartisan concern. Both conservatives and liberals bemoan men's underrepresentation in higher education, their greater likelihood to die a "death of despair," and the growing share of them who are not working or looking for work. But the chorus of concern rarely touches on how male decline shapes the lives of the people most likely to date or marry them—that is to say, women.

In Motherhood on Ice: The Mating Gap and Why Women Freeze Their Eggs, Marcia C. Inhorn, a medical anthropologist at Yale, tells this side of the story. Beginning in 2014, she conducted interviews with 150 American women who had frozen their eggs—most of them heterosexual women who wanted a partner they could have and raise children with. She concluded that, contrary to the commonly held notion that most professional women were freezing their eggs so they could lean into their jobs, "Egg freezing was not about their careers. It was about being single or in very unstable relationships with men who were unwilling to commit to them."'

The myth of male privilege

Mastodon · 16 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The idea that women are the less ‘privileged’ sex is a cliché that men are obliged to trot out if they’re to avoid social ostracisation or worse. But it’s a myth, as the American journalist John Tierney pointed out in a brilliant article in City Journal last week. ‘If the patriarchy really did rule our society, the stock father character in television sitcoms would not be the “doofus dad” like Homer Simpson,’ he wrote. ‘Smug misandry has been box-office gold for Barbie, which delights in writing off men as hapless romantic partners, leering jerks, violent buffoons and dim-witted tyrants who ought to let women run the world.”'

Young boys can’t learn the same way as little girls: Psychoanalyst Erica Komisar

Matt · 17 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Commentator wrote an op-ed in the WSJ detailing how schools are failing boys. I would have posted it herein except for the merciless paywall.

A man filmed himself entering a women-only train carriage in Japan, sparking backlash

Matt · 17 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The internet is calling a TikToker "disrespectful" and "rude" after he filmed himself entering a women-only train carriage in Japan and compared it to gender-based segregation that countries like Saudi Arabia mandate.

On September 5, the Australian creator Turan Spidey, who has 354,000 followers on his vlog channel @shearingshedvlogs, shared the video with a caption saying a women-only space is the "last thing" he expected to see "in such a free country like Japan."

"Reminds me of something I would see in a country with strict segregation rules," he added, alluding in his video to the Arab country.'

UK: ‘It’s a power game’: students accused in university rape hearings call in lawyers

Mastodon · 18 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Parents of male students accused of rape at university are starting to bring in barristers to help them avoid expulsion, the Observer has learned.

As the number of serious sexual assaults escalates across universities, experts say female students often do not want to go to the police, fearing delays and traumatising questioning, and knowing only 1% of rape cases end in conviction. Universities say increasing numbers of women are instead turning to them to investigate, leaving institutions wrestling with complex cases, including a rising trend of pornography-inspired strangulation during sex.

Prof Sir Steve West, the vice-chancellor of the University of the West of England and president of Universities UK until earlier this year, said: “As expulsion is a penalty, parents of the accused often start to raise the stakes by hiring a lawyer. It is a power game, because usually the victim has no representation, and I think it is completely unacceptable and unfair.”

West said that parents “rarely tell us that they’re going to do this in advance”, typically turning up with a lawyer to the final student conduct committee hearing. He worries that this will “drive silence”, with victims frightened of being subjected to exactly the sort of adversarial investigation they wanted to avoid by not complaining to the police.

He added: “There is a huge inequality here, which is a big issue. Barristers are not cheap, and only certain families can afford them.”'

Ireland: State seeks CEO for agency to tackle gender-based violence

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The State is to advertise within weeks for a chief executive for its new agency to tackle domestic, sexual, and gender-based violence.

It comes as Justice Minister Helen McEntee sought Cabinet approval last week for the text of the legislation to establish the new agency, which has been promised as part of the Government's 'zero tolerance' approach to gender-based violence.

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The Government launched its 'zero tolerance' plan last June and has changed the law in several areas such as 'revenge porn', threatening to post intimate images on social media.

Ms McEntee has also passed laws to increase the maximum sentence for assault causing harm from five years to 10 years.

She has also made changes to allow courts to prevent an accused from cross-examining the alleged victim in cases of coercive control and other gender-based crimes.'

How I Am Teaching My Small Daughters To Play Patriarchy Chicken

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Then I read this piece in the New Statesman, and I was so happy to hear a name for the philosophy I've been passively teaching my daughters, 5 and 2, for the last year. British professor Charlotte Riley plays "Patriarchy Chicken" on her commute to work, holding to her path through streets and tube stations while oncoming men choose to move aside or run into her.

Imagine me, a grown woman, with a jumping 5-year-old on one hand and a rogue 2-year-old pulling on the other. We are broad. We take up space. And now we hold that space, especially in the face of anyone who chugs toward us expecting to have the path cleared for them. So far only one person has run into us, bumping into my daughter's child-sized shopping cart in the produce section.

My daughter said, "Watch out!" And I jumped to correct her tone, embarrassed that she seemed rude. Then I noticed that the other shopper was annoyed, not about to offer an apology, and I thought, "Why are we the rude ones in this scenario?"'

8 Shared Traits of Daughters Abandoned by Their Fathers

Matt · 18 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I speculate that girls raised without fathers generally may develop at least some of these traits. Excerpt:

'Joanne's story, while heartbreaking, is a common one among many of my clients. As a therapist who works with survivors of relational trauma, I have many clients who have experienced parental abandonment or the departure of a caregiver. This can happen for a multitude of reasons: imprisonment, death, physical separation. Sometimes the parent leaves due not to choice or fault of their own. Nevertheless, all abandonment can be devastating, especially if the child does not have the tools they need to cope and move forward.

But the most devastating losses are those in which caregivers left voluntarily. Joanne's father left at a time when she was old enough to have a bond with him yet young enough to internalize his leaving into self-blame and stunted emotional growth.'

WorldVision asks you to "Sponsor a Girl"

Matt · 19 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

The campaign page is here. First off, these people at WV are trying to help desperately poor people in the world. Nothing is wrong per se with this campaign. But what does it say about their perceptions of what appeals to possible donors? WV knows as well as anyone that of 100 children in need of help, at least 50 will be boys. So why not ask people to sponsor a boy? Answer: They think that people will be far less sympathetic with boys than girls, that's why. And studies show they're right.

I don't blame them for taking the approach most likely to get them donors. Saving girls is a cause celebre. Saving boys is... ho-hum, what? In the abstract, people care much more about females' welfare than males'. This WV campaign is just one of many instances of this phenomenon.

The contact form for WV is here. If you are inclined to, please write a *politely-worded* note to WV commending them on their great work to alleviate poverty, but... what of the boys? Boys who end up forced to work in slave labor conditions in mines or elsewhere, or of boys forcibly taken into the service of criminal gangs? Will there be a campaign for boys any time soon? And if not, why not? Enterprises like WV can show support for boys too without taking anything from girls and vice versa. So why not do so?

White men have ruled the sky as airline pilots, but that's finally changing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When you hear "this is your captain speaking" on an airline flight in the United States, more than 90% of the time, the speaker is a white male. Just 3.4% of U.S. airline pilots are Black, 2.2% are of Asian descent, and a paltry 0.5% are Hispanic or Latino. Women make up just 4.6%.

As the U.S. population trends to greater racial and ethnic diversity, airline pilots look less like their passengers. This imbalance began after World War II when the airlines feasted on the glut of 200,000 military-trained pilots who returned to civilian life.
...
Two years ago, Chicago-based United Airlines decided to make piloting careers more accessible by opening their own flight training academy, United Aviate, with the goal to train 5,000 new pilots by 2030 and an additional goal that half those pilots be women or people of color.

So far, the programs seem promising. Unite Aviate's first class, which graduated recently, included 80% women or minorities, representative of the younger workforce. These and other airline academy graduates are now working as certified flight instructors and commercial pilots to build the time needed to earn their airline transport pilot certificates, which will allow them to enter a regional airliner or another partner pipeline on their way to an eventual career with a major airline.'

Lyft’s new feature lets women and non-binary riders request their driver’s gender

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Lyft is introducing a new feature that lets women and non-binary riders choose a preference to match with drivers of the same gender.

The ride-hailing company said it was a “highly requested feature” in a blog post Tuesday, saying the new feature allows women and non-binary people to “feel that much more confident” in using Lyft and also hopefully encourage more women to sign up to be drivers to access its “flexible earning opportunities.”

The service, called “Women+ Connect,” is rolling out in the coming months. Riders can turn on the option in the Lyft app, however the company warns that it’s not a guarantee that they’ll be matched with a women or non-binary person if one of those people aren’t nearby. Both the riders and drivers will need to opt-in to the feature for it work and riders must chose a gender for it to work.

Although women encompass “nearly half” of its riders, Lyft said that just 23% of its drivers are women, the company said. The feature was also built with assistance from outside organizations, including the Human Rights Campaign and National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives.'

This week: a woman who disposes of abusive men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This week there's a revenge novel about a woman who disposes of abusive men. By killing them. There's a bleak dystopian novel set in Dublin, although you'd barely recognise the city. There's a family left devastated by a forest fire in Greece. There's a morality tale about engaging in a spot of wife-swapping and there's a satirical thriller about feminism gone horribly wrong.

The plot opens with protagonist Saffy accidentally murdering her stepfather at just 12 years old. There are no tears spilled, however, Saffy was constantly protecting her younger sister from him. But this taste of first blood follows Saffy into adulthood, where by day she's 'normal' enough and by night she hunts down and kills bad guys who have harmed women. She's also looking for one good man to marry and it seems she's found him, a True Crimes writer and podcaster. But he doesn't seem interested. Saffy will make him interested…

This novel is being hailed as a 'feminist satire' but it's just a very enjoyable yarn about a woman with a skewed view on fixing things, especially men. That said, Saffy's obsession is well depicted and she's a memorable character.'

SNP's juryless rape trials compared to Russia as legal expert warns of Andrew Malkinson scandals

Mastodon · 20 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Scottish Government have been accused of launching one of the "most dangerous attacks" on Scots law through their attempt to introduce juryless rape trials. And legal expert Professor Alistair Bonnington warned that wrongful convictions like that of Andrew Malkinson may frequently occur due to this.

He was jailed for rape in 2003 and only released in 2020 before it was revealed that he had been a victim of miscarriage of justice after another suspect was arrested. He received £1m in compensation from the state.

Prof Bonnington compared the potential changes in criminal trials in Scotland to something which might be seen in a dictator state like Russia, where "the case starts with the judge asking the accused: 'Why did you commit this crime?'" The plans for just one judge to be utilised in rape and serious sexual crime trials instead of a jury has been roundly criticised by lawyers and advocates.

However, the Scottish Government are pushing ahead with a pilot anyway despite all these concerns and the threats of boycott from the sector. They claim that this would be fairer for victims of sexual assaults, and could improve the conviction rate.'

UK Parliament sends letters to social media platforms demanding demonization of Russell Brand

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The UK Parliament has sent letters to TikTok and Rumble expressing concerns that comedian Russel Brand could be profiting off the platforms.

"I am writing concerning the serious allegations regarding Russell Brand, in the context as a user of TikTok with more than 2.2 million followers on the platform," the letter to Theo Bertram, TikTok Director of Government Relations, Europe, began.

The following day after TikTok was sent the letter, Rumble received a similar letter from Dinenage, noting Brand's 1.4 million followers on the platform, and asking whether Rumble "intends to join YouTube in suspending Mr. Brand's ability to earn money on the platform."

...

In a statement, Rumble called the letter "extremely disturbing," adding that "while Rumble obviously deplores sexual assault, rape, and all serious crimes, and believes that both alleged victims and the accused are entitled to a full and serious investigation, it is vital to note that recent allegations against Russel Brand have nothing to do with content on Rumble's platform."'

Expelled Yale student says rape case that led to acquittal 'eviscerated' his life

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Yale student from Afghanistan who was expelled after a rape case that ultimately led to acquittal told FOX News the events have "eviscerated" his life.

In 2018, Khan was acquitted of all four sexual assault charges by a New Haven, Conn., jury, and he told the local paper at the time that as the trial went on, he was essentially "alone in America" and had no real home while being faced with the allegation.

Khan had been accused of raping a female student in her dormitory on Halloween 2015. The New York Times reported at the time that the case took on political significance over whether campus assault cases should be conducted by universities or police.

The Connecticut Supreme Court recently ruled Khan can now sue his accuser for defamation regarding statements made during a school hearing, according to the New York Post.
...
"One of the craziest arguments that Yale had said was that just because a court of law says that you're not guilty doesn't mean we think you're not guilty."'

Croatia announces new bill to recognise femicide in country's criminal code

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Croatia announced this week a new bill which will introduce femicide into the country's criminal code and impose longer prison terms for rape.

Croatia's Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic called it "the most extensive and perhaps the most significant changes so far" aimed at tackling violence against women and children in the country.

"The proposed measures are a confirmation of what we keep repeating – the political will to fight violence against women exists. It is unquestionable, constant, ethical, and it is our value system," Plenkovic said during a meeting with representatives of institutions and citizens' associations in Zagreb on Wednesday.

The amendments to the existing laws suggested by the government will be released to the public for consultation by the end of next week. Ideally, they should come into force by January 2024.

As part of the new measure, Croatia will introduce the crime of femicide into its criminal code making it a standalone offence punishable with a prison sentence that will start from 10 years and could possibly be longer.'

Court grants Hermoso restraining order against Rubiales

Mastodon · 22 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Spain's High Court on Friday imposed a restraining order to prevent former football federation chief Luis Rubiales from coming within 200 metres of forward Jenni Hermoso, as he appeared in court to be investigated for sexual assault.

Rubiales denied any wrongdoing during the hearing, which was his first court appearance since the start of the investigation into his behaviour after Spain's Women's World Cup final win in Sydney on Aug. 20.

However, Francisco de Jorge rejected a request by the prosecution that Rubiales should report to the court every two weeks to ensure he does not flee the country.'

Is Russell Brand the victim of a media witch-hunt, asks Bev Turner

Matt · 23 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'However, after speaking to several close sources of both media outlets and Brand himself on Saturday morning it was clear that although some of the behaviour being alleged is depraved, each instance is nothing more than ‘he said’ versus ‘she said’ through a decade-long time lapse. As usual, there is nuance.

Obviously every human being deserves the right to refuse sexual or physical invasions of any type from another.

But this current trial by media is grotesque.'

Luis Rubiales puts £1.2m home up for sale as legal costs spiral over 'kissgate' scandal

Matt · 24 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Spanish Football Federation chief Luis Rubiales has stuck his luxury Madrid apartment on the market amidst the controversy surrounding the kiss-gate scandal.

The 46-year-old resigned from his post last Sunday as RFEF president, three weeks on from Spain winning the Women's World Cup final and his controversial kiss with Jenni Hermoso. After growing pressure to step down, Rubiales confirmed the news in an interview with Piers Morgan.

Now, a week later, Rubiales has been forced to sell his £1.2million Spanish mansion as he faces mounting legal bills and an increase in financial support to his ex-wife and kids, according to The Sun. Rubiales split with his wife in 2013 and reportedly has to pay €800 per-month for each of his three daughters.'

Kenya: Woman Accuses Hubby of Overreacting after Discovering Their Child Is Not Biologically His

Mastodon · 25 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman has left people baffled after narrating that her husband was divorcing her after finding out their five-year-old child was not his biologically.

The woman who shared her frustration on Reddit, condemned her hubby for overreacting after the paternity test came out negative.

According to the unidentified distressed woman, her friend betrayed her and reported to her hubby that the child he was taking care of was not his.'

Jockey Sean Kirrane’s Surprising Kiss from Owner Jolene After Ebor Festival Win

Mastodon · 25 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ebor Festival winning jockey Sean Kirrane gets a kiss from Jolene, the owner of Live In The Dream

Young Irish jockey Sean Kirrane had the greatest success of his career winning the Group 1 Coolmore Wootton Bassett Nunthorpe Stakes with Live In The Dream at York. The 23-year-old Dubliner surprised all bettors by starting the race leader and held on to the finish to win by a length. The decisive victory in a great race was reflected in scenes of joy on the parade ground with team owners Steve and Jolene De’Lemos among those in attendance.

All the cameras captured the moment in which Jolene unexpectedly kisses rider Sean Kirrane on the mouth and with her husband a few meters away. The Dublin native was taken aback by the quick scene and had a smile on his face as he basked in his moment of glory. In the midst of the chaos over the case of Luis Rubiales and Jennifer Hermoso in the women’s World Cup, network users viralized the video.'

DeSantis says men should 'absolutely' provide child support to pregnant women

Matt · 25 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Ron DeSantis (R-FL) said he thinks that men should be providing child support to pregnant women even prior to their child being born, adding to his campaign's pro-family push.

DeSantis, who is vying to be the 2024 Republican presidential nominee, was asked in an interview with Fox News about Sen. Marco Rubio's (R-FL) legislation that would allow the court to award child support payments to mothers while the child is still in the womb.

DeSantis said men should be providing child support to pregnant women, although he didn't indicate whether he supported Rubio's legislation.

"Most of these women do not want to have abortions, but they feel like they have no other options because they get no support," DeSantis said. "And that's because a lot of these men are nowhere to be found — they should absolutely be providing support; they should absolutely be held accountable."'

AI girlfriends are ruining an entire generation of men

Matt · 26 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Ruining? For who? And why? If women are free to be single and fill their nights with red wine and re-runs of "Friends", men are free to do whatever the Hell they want to do without them. In this entire article, the noxious effects of Feminism are not even hinted at. What a really stupid article. Excerpt:

'The rise of virtual artificial intelligence (AI) girlfriends is enabling the silent epidemic of loneliness in an entire generation of young men. It is also having severe consequences for America's future.

How is something that seems so ridiculous — a virtual AI girlfriend — causing a future crisis among Americans? Well, with millions of users, apps have created virtual girlfriends that talk to you, love you, allow you to live out your erotic fantasies, and learn, through data, exactly what you like and what you don't like, creating the "perfect" relationship.
...
Let's look at the hard numbers. More than 60 percent of young men (ages 18-30) are single, compared to only 30 percent of women the same age. One in five men report not having a single close friend, a number that has quadrupled in the last 30 years. The amount of social engagement with friends dropped by 20 hours per month over the pandemic and is still decreasing.

These young men are lonely, and it is having real consequences. They are choosing AI girlfriends over real women, meaning they don't have relationships with real women, don't marry them and then don't have and raise babies with them. America desperately needs people to have more babies, but all the signs are pointing toward fewer relationships, fewer marriages and fewer babies. There have been 600,000 fewer births in 2023 in the U.S. relative to 15 years ago. The number of children per woman has decreased by more than 50 percent in the last 60 years.'

Men Don’t Need Their Own ‘Affirmative Action’

Mastodon · 26 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Three months after the fall of race-based affirmative action, the academic world is still wrestling with questions of who does — and doesn’t — deserve a tip on the admissions scale: from athletes, legacies, children of donors, and children of faculty (who collectively comprise 30 percent of Harvard’s student body), to men.

Across the nation’s collegiate classrooms, women outnumber men three to two. Of course, this ratio does not yet reflect the growing number of students who identify outside of the gender binary. But still, it is significant — and for some admissions offices, alarming.

As a Board, we’ve decided firmly in favor of race-based affirmative action and staunchly against legacy admissions. An admissions boost for men may appear to align with our appeals to a diverse student body in our defense of race-based college admissions.

But these struggles for educational equity are not equal.

Affirmative action is primarily beneficial because it is reparative. The policy boosts opportunities for applicants that have historically faced systemic barriers to higher education and its premiums.

Men do not qualify as such applicants. Colleges like Harvard admitted only men for centuries. But even in more recent history, though fewer men have been attending college than women since the 1980s, they remain severely overrepresented in the positions of power that many leverage higher education to achieve.'

Singer Pink kicks out man condemning circumcision at her concert

Matt · 27 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While performing in San Antonio on Monday, the star had zero tolerance for a concertgoer protesting in the middle of her set.

"What does that say?" the 44-year-old asked an individual holding up his phone in a fan-recorded video. "Oh wow, you're making a whole point right now, aren't ya? Do you feel good about yourself?"
...
The man spun around and showed the audience the words on his phone. It read "CIRCUMCISION CRUEL & UNUSUAL."

"He wants all of you to read it. He came here tonight to talk about circumcision," the mother of two told the crowd.

Irritated fans yelled at the man to "shut up."
...
Security swiftly removed the man as fans booed his exit.'

UK: Law will let young people find sperm donor parents

Matt · 29 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No mention of this as a contract abrogation against the donor who for any number of reasons might want to go un-contacted or unidentified. Excerpt:

'People born using a sperm or egg donor in the UK, who turn 18 after Sunday, will be able to find out the identity of the donor because of a change in the law.

Matthew and Phoebe Betts have known since they were two that they were conceived by a sperm donor.
The 16-year-old twins have spent their lives wondering who he is.

When they turn 18 next year, they will be able to apply to find out his name and last-known address if they want to try to find out where they came from.
The twins know their donor dad's build, his eye and hair colour and some of his hobbies, such as photography, swimming and the guitar. They also know he has a masters degree in business.'

Tennessee teacher charged with raping 12-year-old rearrested for telling victim he'll 'regret doing this'

Matt · 30 September 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Tennessee elementary school teacher and mother of two charged with raping a child was rearrested Thursday for allegedly attempting to coerce her victim.

Covington Police arrested Alissa McCommon, 38, at her home Thursday and charged her with coercion of a witness, aggravated stalking and harassment. It was McCommon's second arrest in three weeks after she was charged with rape of a child on Sept. 8, 2023, police said.

McCommon, a former fourth-grade teacher, was released after posting a $25,000 bond on the condition that she could not contact the victim or any minors other than her own children. Police said she violated the terms of her release by using a previously unknown phone number to contact the boy she is accused of raping.

"The evidence indicates McCommon texted a victim, using a specific code word known to the juvenile as a code word McCommon would previously utilize to confirm that the juvenile was alone, often before sending nude photographs on SnapChat," Covington Police said in a statement.'

Duke’s female-only scholars program constitutes sex discrimination, civil rights watchdog says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Duke University is under scrutiny by the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights after a watchdog filed a complaint alleging a campus female-only program violates federal law.

The watchdog, Mark J. Perry, claims that Duke’s female-only Alice M. Baldwin Scholars Program is a violation of Title IX as it “operates exclusively for female students and illegally excludes and discriminates against non-female students based on their sex and gender identity.”

The program, which aims to support female leaders on campus, also violates the university’s own policy on nondiscrimination, according to Perry.

Title IX does not have “unless you have good intentions” exceptions, Perry told The College Fix, saying “sex-based discrimination is still unlawful even if it advantages the ‘right’ sex for the ‘right’ reason.”'

HeForShe summit discusses gender bias in AI and how to encourage male feminist allies

Mastodon · 1 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The growth of artificial intelligence has shown the technology's potential to create new ways of working, but also to exacerbate existing inequalities and stereotypes. At UN Women's recent HeForShe Summit, leaders from the public and private sectors discussed the potential risks of AI, and the need to develop the technology safely.

At the summit, leaders discussed factors that are shaping dominant narratives around masculinity today, and offered concrete positive alternatives for men to foster allyship and leadership in the pursuit for gender equality under the call to be respectfully disruptive.'

So, What Exactly Is A False Rape Allegation?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Activists on social media have been quick to point out that the use of legal speech in a way that could be described as weaponising opens the door for people to accuse alleged victims of making false rape allegations.

Gina Martin, a gender equality activist, writer, speaker and author of Be The Change and No Offence, But…. explains how the use of legal language and legal maxims across social media shapes the discourse and perceptions of sexual violence against women and girls.

″”Innocent until guilty” is a common response that comes up in response to allegations of sexual violence against famous and powerful men – it was popular online during the #metoo movement too – but its usage is a problem,” she says.

Martin tells me how weaponising the legal maxim ends up doing more harm than good by quashing public discussion about allegations. “It is being used to silence discussions from mostly women and people living under misogyny.”

She continues, “Chillingly, this phrase makes it more possible for men accused of harm to skirt accountability in society, just as they do in our legal system.″'

Ava Evans hits back at GB News interview claim: ‘I never, ever said this’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During a debate on Sky News, Connor Tomlinson was arguing for ‘free speech’ and insisted Laurence Fox should not be removed from the TV channel over his derogatory comments about Evans after he was suspended.

In order to illustrate his point, the GB News commentator referred to a past debate he’d had with Evans.

‘Ava said women should weaponise false rape allegations in order to keep men afraid of actually committing sexual assault, and when I questioned this she implied that me and my friends would only be afraid of this if we are potential rapists.

‘She’s suffered no repercussions for that.’

He concluded: ‘Should Ava suffer consequences for that?"

“Men SHOULD Be Frightened!” Ava debates Panel on MeToo Movement’s Effect On Men

YouTube video here

UK: Sacked MoD Police officer wins sexist fitness case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It found the MoD indirectly discriminated against Koren Brown on the grounds of sex when she was not given the chance to formally take an alternative test.

Ms Brown said she had taken legal action in the hope this would not happen again.

The BBC understands the MoD is appealing.

The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) is a civilian force responsible for protecting sensitive sites across the UK.

Koren Brown, originally from Dunblane, first thought about joining the police in primary school. In 2015 she applied to the MoD force and said she was "so happy" when she was successful.

All armed officers recruited after 2014 were required to reach level 7.6 in a fitness test commonly known as the "bleep test." This involves participants running back and forth between two points at increasing speed.

The tribunal said it seemed clear that women would find it more difficult than men to pass the test at the higher level because of "innate biological reasons."

It said there was a measure of agreement between two expert witnesses that those differences included lower average muscle mass, women having a higher percentage of body fat and smaller hearts and lungs.'

The descent of man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This belittling attitude towards men doesn't stop at the Barbie movie. Similarly to how critical race theory focuses its attention on white people instead of lifting up people of colour, critical feminist theory tears down men instead of addressing the real concerns of women. The conversation around domestic violence and sexual assault seldom seems to be about the victims but instead about unrelated males. Look no further than the "Kill All Men" hashtag going around social media after the tragic murder of Sarah Everard. Likewise, the #MeToo movement failed to develop into a support system for survivors. Instead it fuelled a toxic environment around a very sensitive subject that deserves a proper conversation.

The mainstream sentiment around men is not too dissimilar to that of the writer and self-proclaimed misandrist, Pauline Harmange, known for her 2020 best-selling book, I Hate Men. Harmange writes, "What if women have good reasons to detest men? What if anger towards men is in fact a joyful and emancipating path when it is allowed to express itself?"

This misandrist attitude hasn't remained at the fringes of radical feminist circles; it is now seen as hip and trendy. A few months ago, I decided to hold a social experiment where I asked people "are men important?" and "are women important?". Whilst the interviewees could easily say that women are important, they just as easily made jokes about men being unimportant. One man took a whole twenty-two seconds before answering the simple question. Even after giving it such consideration, he could only mumble the words: "I guess what traditionally defines men, the traditionally masculine areas of what men do, I think some of that may be important in society, but I think it's been overly prioritised in society."'

Cleveland Institute of Music professor 'enters' leave of absence following protests

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Carlos Kalmar, principal conductor and director of the orchestral studies program at the Cleveland Institute of Music, has “entered into a leave of absence” for the remainder of the semester, according to a CIM spokesperson.

The move comes two weeks after students staged a sit-in to protest Kalmar. Many students attended rehearsal without instruments, and others sat in the audience space in support.

The conductor was investigated earlier this year -- and cleared -- following allegations of inappropriate conduct.

Student government had circulated a petition calling for his resignation. A flyer about the protests said students had “lost trust” in him and were uncomfortable under his leadership.

The school responded to the protests with a statement saying that administration was working with students “to create opportunities for discussion.” A planned Sept. 26 performance at Severance Hall, under Kalmar’s baton, was also canceled.'

Trevor Bauer reveals shocking details after settling claims with San Diego woman

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former MLB star pitcher Trevor Bauer, who played baseball in Japan this past season, has reportedly come to a settlement after a legal battle with a San Diego woman. The woman, Lindsey Hill, accused the 2020 NL Cy Young winner of battery and sexual assault. Bauer later sued her due to defamation before she also sued him. Bauer's attorney's released a statement on the matter, a source shared with ClutchPoints.

Bauer also shared a video to social media, where he revealed shocking details about the situation and explained his decision to sue Hill. The following video, titled “Lindsey Hill's Concealed Texts Finally Exposed”, is from Bauer's YouTube account.

The following statement was made by Trevor Bauer in his video:

“‘Next victim. Star pitcher for the dodgers.' A text Lindsey Hill sent to a friend before she ever even met me. ‘What should I steal?' she asked another, in reference to visiting my house for the first time. The answer? ‘Take his money'. So how might that work? ‘I’m going to his house Wednesday,' she said. ‘I already have my hooks in. you know how I roll.' Then, after the first time we met, ‘Net worth is 51 mil,' she said. ‘B***h, you better secure the bag', was the response. But how was she going to do that? ‘Need daddy to choke me out,' she said. ‘Being an absolute whore to try to get in on his 51 million,' read another text. Then, after the second time we met, former Padres pitcher Jacob Nix told her ‘you gotta get this bag.' ‘I’ll give you 50,000,' Lindsey replied. Her AA sponsor asked her at one point, ‘do you feel a tiny bit guilty?' ‘Not really,' she replied.”'

‘Some of You Lied About Your Gender:’ Men Swamp Tech Conference for Women

Matt · 4 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Good for them. Fight gender discrimination! Excerpt:

'A conference meant to provide a space for women and non-binary technologists was overrun by men — and attendees report standing in hours-long lines to talk to recruiters, being shoved and harassed, and watching men jump over escalators to cut in line ahead of other attendees. Conference organizers also said that some attendees lied about their gender when they registered for the event.

The Grace Hopper Celebration, named for the pioneering computer scientist, was hosted by AnitaB.org in Orlando, Florida last week, and “brings the research and career interests of women in computing to the forefront,” according to the website. The conference welcomes all genders, but organizers encourage men to come as allies to women and non-binary technologists. This year, people who were there reported a massive influx of male attendees at the conference, who seemingly behaved like they were in the Hunger Games for computer scientists.'

UK: Drunk dental receptionist who groped schoolboy, 13, is spared jail

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A dental receptionist sexually assaulted a 13-year-old boy after she began chatting him up at random following a white wine binge.

Jade Berry, 27, was staggering through Rivacre Valley Country Park in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, at 9pm when she accosted the child as he sat on a woodland bench talking with a friend about his forthcoming 14th birthday.

Berry sat between the two boys and began stroking the 13-year-old's genitals over his clothing before offering him sex and saying she would 'ride you till morning'.

As the shocked youngster and his friend got up to leave, she pulled down her trousers and exposed herself before passing out in a drunken stupor.

The two boys took videos of Berry before getting up to leave. She was identified after leaving her bank card and phone on the bench.'

Suzanne Harrington: Why isn’t misogyny a straightforward hate crime?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Why then isn’t misogyny a straightforward hate crime?

If an individual says on television that they wouldn’t want to shag you because you’re black / brown / Jewish / Muslim / Irish, etc, they are not just being vile, but liable for prosecution.

However, say it about a woman on the basis of her womanhood, and she’s fair game.

There are no legal repercussions for the hatred of women, unless you actually rape or kill one.'

'Unconscious' sexism is killing women with cancer in 'prime of their life' as major report demands a 'feminist approach' to treating disease

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sexism is leading to hundreds of thousands of deaths from preventable cancers every year, a new report claims.

'Unconscious' gender biases and discrimination are hindering women's access to cancer prevention, care and treatment, which is lowering their chance of survival, according to a report into gender inequalities in cancer.

A team of international researchers, who studied women and cancer in 185 countries, found 800,000 women worldwide, including 24,000 in the UK, are dying needlessly every year as a result.

The Lancet Commission criticised the narrow focus on 'women's cancers', with conversations focusing on breast and cervical forms of the disease and neglecting lung and bowel cancer — two of causes of cancer death among women globally.

They called for a 'feminist approach' to the disease to boost diagnoses and care, warning that women are dying 'in the prime of their life'.'

Author, theology professor Owen Strachan says feminism, 'wokeness' behind cultural 'war on men'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism and wokeness have accomplished nothing less than the destabilization of civilization.”

Owen Strachan isn’t mincing words when it comes to what he says is the dual-headed cultural assault on biblical masculinity.

Rather, for Strachan, a research professor of theology at Grace Bible Theology Seminary and author of The War on Men: Why Society Hates Them and Why We Need Them, the rise of “toxic masculinity” is actually symptomatic of larger threats.

“Feminism, paganism, and godless wokeness have attacked strong manhood relentlessly for decades now,” he told The Christian Post via email. “These evil ideologies have had a ferocious effect on the home, the church and society. They have weakened men to breaking point.

“If you weaken men, it turns out, you weaken everyone.”

Strachan says this war — a description cited both in the title and throughout the book — was started culturally with figures like the late radical feminist professor Mary Daly, who once said, “If life is to survive on this planet, there must be a decontamination of the Earth. I think this will be accompanied by an evolutionary process that will result in a drastic reduction of the population of males.”

He also cited a quote attributed to Robin Morgan, editor of Ms. Magazine: “I feel that ‘man-hating’ is an honorable and viable political act, that the oppressed have a right to class-hatred against the class that is oppressing them.”

“In recent years, boys and men have been told they are ‘toxic’ over and over again. Being an aggressive or assertive man has meant that you are a practitioner of ‘toxic masculinity,’ a phrase that is everywhere today,” he said.

And while sin has undeniably corrupted both men and women, he added, “our culture has gone well beyond this mark. It reads strong men as the major problem confronting us today.

“As such, it has effectively declared war on men.”'

Tennessee teacher busted for sex with 12-year-old claims she's pregnant: 'I'm going to raise this baby'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Tennessee teacher charged with having sex with her then 12-year-old student told the boy she's pregnant with his child and wants to keep the baby, according to a report.

Alissa McCommon, 38, was initially arrested late last month and had her bond revoked for communicating with her victim in texts and phone calls.

In a call to the minor played in court Tuesday the mother of two said she was ready to bring their alleged child into the world.

"I'm going to raise this baby. I can do this," she stated on the recording played in court Tuesday.
...
In addition to prior rape charges, she is now facing additional stalking, harassment and coercion raps.'

Braves legend Tom Glavine addresses Trevor Bauer saga, "I would not want to be playing any professional sport in today's world"

Mastodon · 5 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Atlanta Braves great and MLB Hall of Famer Tom Glavine spoke with OutKick's Dan Dakich on Don't @ Me With Dan Dakich and Bauer came up. Glavine's perspective on the timing and the length of the suspension was interesting, especially in light of Bauer's revelation in the video that he was never charged despite investigations by multiple law enforcement bodies and won the only court case that was brought against him:

“You can't go back in time and put in and be three years younger and play. I think there needs to be a little bit of a conversation about how we handle these things, because in the end, there is a chance that the guys that are being accused didn't do anything wrong or they get found they’re not doing anything wrong and you can't get that time back. So I'm not sitting here and suggesting that I know the answer, but I just feel for guys when they get into a situation like that, it seems like the knee jerk reaction immediately now is, oh, we have to do something because it's, it's kind of a hot topic issue, so to speak.”'

Corrupt Media Declared Trevor Bauer Guilty Until Proven Innocent — And Ruined His Life

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's one thing for media outlets to report on allegations of sexual assault in an informative fashion. But that's clearly not what happened in Trevor Bauer's case — or any other high-profile accusations leveled within the past several years.

Since the rise of the #MeToo movement, corporate media propagandists have taken it upon themselves to become the ultimate arbiters of truth when it comes to allegations of sexual misconduct. No longer are the accused "innocent until proven guilty" or given their day in court. Instead, hack-tivist "journalists" decide whether someone deserves the benefit of the doubt.

Look no further than the confirmation of now-Justice Brett Kavanaugh. When faced with an onslaught of baseless allegations of sexual assault from more than 30 years ago, Kavanaugh was slandered and proclaimed guilty by legacy media before being able to defend himself and before the facts of each case were presented to the public.

It didn't matter that his accusers' allegations didn't hold up under scrutiny. The media deemed him guilty, so what more was there left to say?'

Media Smeared Trevor Bauer. And Now Has Little To Say

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Ken Rosenthal is among the most influential baseball writers in the industry. He now writes for The Athletic. Each organization reads what it has to say. And his stance on the matter was clear: Bauer should be out of the league over the unproven allegations.

“Dodgers’ decision to cut ties with Trevor Bauer shouldn’t have been difficult at all,” Rosenthal headlined a column last January criticizing the team for not releasing Bauer sooner.

What did Rosenthal write this week after Bauer publicized the accuser’s damning text messages?

Nothing. He didn’t write anything.

About the same can be said about ESPN. Its article Monday referenced Bauer’s video but excluded the part where Hill acknowledged her plan to make Bauer her “next victim.”

Elsewhere, Sarah Spain sent out several tweets calling for Bauer to be suspended in 2021.

“Looking at the case’s details, the extensive police report and graphic photos, there’s more than enough reason Bauer shouldn’t be on the mound Sunday,” posted Spain.

Spain has yet to find the time to comment on the text messages. And given her decreased airtime at ESPN, we know it’s not because of a lack of free time.

She and Rosenthal are just a few of many who vocalized their disgust over the allegations but not the facts.'

Kering’s Creative Directors Are Now All White Men—Sparking Criticism From Some Industry Insiders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Days after the longtime Alexander McQueen creative director Sarah Burton showed her last collection at Paris Fashion Week, the fashion house announced Irish designer Seán McGirr as her successor, with some industry professionals noting all creative directors under fashion conglomerate Kering are now all white men.
...

Industry insiders were quick to point out that Burton’s departure diminished the diversity of Kering’s fashion house leaders. Chloe Kennefy, who runs the blog Articles of Clothing, tweeted that Kering joins fashion companies Puig and Richemont, which owns Van Cleef, Cartier and Montblanc, as having no female creative directors. Several Instagram accounts and Sunday Times bestselling author Lorraine Candy shared a post and discussion by fashion blog 1 Granary, which posted a photo collage of all six white male creative directors and Twitter users joined in on the discussion, lamenting a seeming lack of interest in work by women and designers of color. Freya Drohan, fashion director for blog Daily Front Row, said she agrees with the discourse around the lack of diversity but is also happy to see the job go to a "young, unknown Irish designer."'

YT's Pearl addresses conservative pundits' takes on men and marriage

Matt · 6 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Had to share this latest from Pearl. Nice to hear someone addressing the perils of marriage from men's POV, especially in response to its endorsement from conservatives.

IVMF’s Women-Only Entrepreneurship Program Sees Record-Breaking Turnout in Jacksonville Event

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Syracuse University faculty and staff members from the D’Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF), recently returned from Jacksonville, Florida, where they hosted a record-breaking turnout for the 26th installment of the Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship (V-WISE) conference. The cohort for this unique training program is exclusively composed of women who are either veterans themselves or military spouses with aspirations to launch or expand their small businesses.

V-WISE is held biannually across the United States, and while this wasn’t the first time the conference was held in Jacksonville, this cohort turned out to have the largest in-person turnout of more than 190 women actively participating in the three-day conference.'

San Antonio, TX chapter of NCFM forming

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If you live near or in San Antonio, Texas and are interested in joining a group of people for in-person meetings and events supporting men's issues, drop me a line at matt_at_mann@yahoo.com or feel free to post a reply to this story with your email address. This group will be a chapter of NCFM.org, one of the oldest men's rights organization in America.

Thank you.

Claudia Goldin wins Nobel economics prize for work on gender pay gap

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Harvard professor Claudia Goldin has won the Nobel economics prize in recognition of her groundbreaking work examining wage inequality between men and women.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said on Monday that Goldin's research "provided the first comprehensive account of women's earnings and labour market participation through the centuries" to reveal "the causes of change, as well as the main sources of the remaining gender gap".

She becomes only the third woman to win the prize, after Elinor Ostrom in 2009 and Esther Duflo in 2019. The prestigious award is worth 11m Swedish kronor (£819,000).'

Scholars to study why $365M DEI investment into STEM failed to diversify engineering

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Science Foundation has tapped a set of scholars to study one of its programs that funneled $365 million into diversifying STEM, but appears to have had little effect in the field of engineering.

The $300,000 grant doled out by the National Science Foundation will investigate factors influencing Broadening Participation Initiatives, or BPIs, which aim to increase the participation of women and other underrepresented groups in STEM.

The grant was recently awarded to the University at Buffalo's Matilde Sánchez-Peña, an assistant professor of engineering education.

An article published by the University at Buffalo's news center highlights how Sánchez-Peña and her colleagues will use their recently awarded NSF grant to "study why, despite 20 years of investment, woman [sic] make up only 20% of engineering students and tenure-track faculty."'

University continues female-only awards despite signing legal agreement to include all genders

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Northwood University, which has run a female-only award program since 1970, appears to be ignoring a legal agreement it signed in January to open the program to all eligible individuals regardless of sex.

Civil rights watchdog Mark J. Perry told The College Fix via email that Northwood openly defied the legal agreement with its Sept. 13 announcement of the five latest female recipients of the Distinguished Women Awards.

He added the university, a private Michigan-based institution, even expanded the awards by introducing the new Distinguished Young Women category.

Perry*, in a recent interview with The College Fix, called the situation an “unprecedented case of the president of a school signing a legally binding agreement with [the Office for Civil Rights], and then basically defying that agreement and carrying on with ‘discrimination as usual.”’
...
Perry is a retired University of Michigan Flint professor who has filed 870 federal civil rights complaints against American universities to ensure they evenly enforce Title IX and Title VI.

Perry lodged a complaint with the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights on July 1, 2022, alleging violations of Title IX by Northwood in its female-only Distinguished Women Awards and female-only Women in Enterprise Scholarship.'

'Women in tech' conference launches investigation after alleged fake 'non-binary' men turn up

Mastodon · 10 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feathers were ruffled after a popular conference for professionals and students in the tech industry was reportedly overrun by male attendees claiming to be “non-binary” and accessing the event’s exclusive networking opportunities and career fair.

”To honor Grace Hopper’s legacy and inspire future generations of women in tech, Dr. Anita Borg and Dr. Telle Whitney founded Grace Hopper Celebration (GHC) in 1994,” according to the organization’s website.

But in the current age, the event advertises itself as “the world’s largest gathering of women and non-binary technologists.” Tickets cost $1,300, but the organization provides scholarships to “women and non-binary” students, faculty, and professionals to attend virtually.'

Why ‘toxic masculinity’ isn’t a useful term for understanding all of the ways to be a man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There seem to be as many interpretations of what “toxic masculinity” means as there are uses of the term.

Some believe it’s a way to criticise what they see as specific negative behaviour and attitudes often associated with men. Others, such as broadcaster Piers Morgan, claim that media interest in toxic masculinity is part of a “woke culture” that aims to emasculate men. Others believe toxic masculinity is a fundamental part of manhood.

My research into working-class young men in south Wales shows how masculinity is changing. Some men remain hostile to the notion of toxic masculinity and see the term as a vehicle for shaming men. And some are caught in a conflict between changing ideas of masculinity and traditional, unhealthy expressions of manhood. This is further complicated by the term itself.'

Lawrence Jones' new book 'American Man' defends manhood, combats liberal notion that masculinity is toxic

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"FOX & Friends" co-host Lawrence Jones' new book, "American Man: Speaking The Truth About The War On Masculinity," aims to combat the liberal notion that masculinity is toxic, and puts a spotlight on the importance of crucial role traditional men play in a thriving society.

"When I wrote 'American Man,' the purpose was to defend manhood," Jones told Fox News Digital as he headed to the airport for an exclusive interview with Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson.

Jones, who joined "FOX & Friends" on a permanent basis last month after previously serving as the hit morning show's enterprise reporter, has spent years traveling across America for Fox News Channel, and he's noticed an alarming trend.

"Manhood is under attack right now from society," he said, adding that "American Man: Speaking The Truth About The War On Masculinity" is not an attack on women.'

October, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Calls for New Solutions – by Don Mathis

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If there is anything to be learned from the Johnny Depp and Amber Heard trial, it is that it is too simplistic to assume that only men are offenders and only women are victims.

Most essays about domestic violence center around the “Man Bad, Woman Good” mindset. Rather than taking another spin on the faulty and outdated Duluth Domestic Violence Power & Control Wheel (which assumes that all victims must be female and all perpetrators must be male), it is time to examine other considerations.

There are many more issues in intimate partner violence (IPV) than power and control. Domestic violence often occurs among couples who are poor and those with less education. Some couples simply lack an ability to resolve a conflict or to avoid escalation. One or both partners may suffer from depression, anxiety, or immaturity. There are other factors.

Girls and boys raised in violent households are more prone to abusing their partner as adults. Communities with high rates of poverty, unemployment, and crime can also contribute to the possibility of violence. Add other factors such as substance abuse, relationship instability, or mental illness, and the chance of IPV explodes.

But there is another factor that may predict violence towards women. Denise Hines, PhD, has found that studies that assess both victimization and perpetration consistently show that in at least half of violent relationships, the abuse is bidirectional. The fact that most men have more upper body strength than most women may account for the fact that most of those injured in IPV are female.

Yet, most of the bi-directional and 70 percent of the one-sided violence is initiated by the woman – which strongly suggests a new approach to IPV is needed. If we want violence against women to diminish, we must convince women to stop initiating violence!

It is not right for a man to retaliate to a slap with a punch. But it is not right for a woman to slap a man, to throw things at him, or to initiate an attack with the proverbial rolling pin or frying pan.

I am not one to blame the woman for all cases of domestic violence. But I am not the one who seeks to blame the man either. Dr. Sandra Stith, a Kansas State University expert on IPV, found the biggest predictor of whether male and female college students would use violence against a partner was whether the partner was violent toward them. "It's a dramatically more important factor than anything else," Stith said.

Every male I have ever met – in every generation and in every culture – was taught that a boy should never hit a girl. A man who would beat a woman is shamed. But it is rare to find a female who was taught by her mother or father to never hit a man.

Some view IPV as a man’s problem; that only he can stop domestic violence. But the National Council Against Domestic Violence reports that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month has been going on now for three decades, yet the rates of men and women dealing with this issue show that a better solution is needed.

Until we begin offering women equitable anger management classes and allowing women to suffer the legal repercussions of their actions — and educating the public that either gender can be a perpetrator or victim — not much is going to change. We need to teach women, as well as men, that violence is not the answer.

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I took a DNA test — my son isn’t my biological child, but should I tell him?

Mastodon · 12 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The heartbroken dad started to put the pieces together, realizing there were a few red flags at the beginning of the couple’s three-year relationship.

“She told me that she was pregnant very early on in our relationship which I thought was odd,” he explained. “But she insisted that it was mine.”

His girlfriend, 27, reportedly acknowledged that she was “casually seeing people” before things got serious with the Redditor.

“She may not even know who the biological father is, so I feel like bringing it up would just cause problems,” he shrugged.'

Do ‘Women in STEM’ Programs Violate Title IX?

Mastodon · 13 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Rochester Institute of Technology has a persistent and yawning gender gap—what some have called its “infamous gender ratio.” It is nearly two-thirds male, a number that has remained relatively stable for years, sometimes raising eyebrows among prospective female applicants.

That’s why RIT introduced a slate of programs and scholarships aimed particularly—and in many cases, exclusively—at women. They include a Women in Engineering at RIT (WE@RIT) group, as well as a series of summer and after-school programs designed to encourage high school girls to apply to RIT and enter STEM fields.

Such programs have also invoked the scrutiny of civil rights investigators. Critics of single-sex initiatives have filed complaints with the Education Department’s Office for Civil Rights, arguing that they violate Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded education. Fourteen of RIT’s programs were the subject of one such complaint, filed in 2018, and a subsequent four-year investigation that closed just last month.

The complaint was dismissed, but only after RIT opened the programs to men. Officials also closed two of the programs during the course of the investigation, though a spokesperson for RIT said that was unrelated to the probe.'

Affirmative Action for Men?

Mastodon · 15 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Some of the ways colleges are trying to attract male applicants are rather pathetic. Consider New College, the small liberal arts public college in Florida that in recent years has been about 66 percent female, with gender studies majors galore. Now it's ground zero in Ron DeSantis's "war on woke." Courses on sex and gender are out, and to attract more men, the school is beefing up not male friendly majors like political science or philosophy or physics, but sports. Grades, as well as SAT and ACT scores, are lower for the new freshman class, reports the Sarasota Herald-Tribune: "Much of the drop in average scores can be attributed to incoming student-athletes who, despite scoring worse on average, have earned a disproportionate number of the school's $10,000-per-year merit-based scholarships." Merit-based scholarships for jocks! Conservatives are fine with affirmative action, as long as the beneficiaries are (white) men.'

Column: Should men pay on dates as reparations for the gender wage gap?

Mastodon · 15 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For years, I split the bill on dates. As a Latina from a lineage of women whose lives had been micro-managed by family patriarchs, I thought I was breaking bad generational patterns by interacting with men as equals rather than as providers.

But recently, I started getting pushback from some of my friends. They argued that because of the persisting gender pay gap, it's actually now properly feminist to expect men to pay on first dates and contribute more financially in relationships.

One friend instructed me: "Don't even think about reaching for your purse." The thought of possibly coercing a man into paying for my dinner, however, just seemed wrong.

But many women believe that in our unequal times, it's only fair for men to pay, and not just because men still out-earn women. Women also tend to spend more on date prep, such as makeup and manicures to meet female beauty standards. Some women believe men should cover the costs of not only dates, but transportation to and from. In a viral TikTok video, L.A. resident Gabby Fe, 27, says: "I expect a man to pay for the date. Yes, the whole entire date. That includes my Uber to the date and my Uber back to my house."

She told me she sees this as compensation for women's sacrifices in relationships. It's also proof of serious interest. "I want to feel wanted," she said.

But many straight men perceive such expectations as evidence of women's low empathy for their struggles. In the U.S., men are now behind women in educational attainment and workforce participation. Amid these problems, women's expectations of free dates can seem entitled or vindictive.'

Where Have All The Good Women Gone?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Gone was the good woman and her hallmark virtues, such as patience, loyalty, and compassion. These ideas were redefined as codependency, a kind of slavery, or only for women who were doormats. The virtues of the working woman ascended, taking center stage: self-reliance, ambition, focus, and strength. No family — no man, no child — would get in her way. Every few months, especially during award season, a new starlet comes out and thanks the universe for allowing her to get an abortion, lest her career would have been ruined by the demands of caring for a wriggling, wailing, dream crusher.'

Stealthing criminalised in Queensland under new laws

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The act of stealthing — described as the non-consensual removal of a condom during sex – will be considered rape and attract a maximum penalty of life in prison under a suite of new laws introduced to Queensland parliament today.

One-in-three Australian women and one-in-five Australian men have been victims of the “insidious” act, according to a 2018 study by Monash University.

First reported by The Guardian, the proposed legislation will also seek to criminalise coercive control, and allow judges to inform juries of common misconceptions about sexual assault.

The Sunshine State joins Tasmania, NSW, Victoria, South Australia and the ACT in making stealthing illegal – a move that was one of 188 recommendations last year by Queensland’s Women’s Safety and Justice Taskforce.'

UK: Male maths teacher at all-girls grammar school wins £45,000 after being sacked over false accusations

Matt · 17 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A male teacher at an all-girls grammar school has won almost £45,000 after he was sacked over sex assault claims which pupils allegedly later said they made up 'for fun'.

Jonathan Hawker, the former maths and computing teacher, was said to be targeted by pupils who wanted to end his career by alleging he had assaulted them by touching their thighs and massaging their shoulders.

Mr Hawker, who had been at Devonport High School for Girls in Plymouth for five years, was suspended, arrested and then fired for 'gross misconduct' – despite reports that the girls had admitted they lied about everything 'because it was fun'.

The teacher has now been awarded £44,868 after a tribunal in Bristol decided that the school had carried out a 'wholly inadequate' investigation and failed to 'provide a safe working environment for its staff, in particular the men.''

The new feminism is misandry in disguise

Mastodon · 18 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What has feminism ever done for the emotional lives of men? There is a story that says thus far, very little indeed. Its main character is a generation of so-called Lost Boys. Betrayed by a feminism which overstated their privilege and mocked their vulnerability, these boys now turn to online pornography and Andrew Tate. Feminists might complain, but isn't it sort of our fault? Certainly, there are some who feel that corrective action is needed.

A lot of the most vocal feminists of recent years are obsessed with helping men. In her 2018 book, self-styled Guilty Feminist Deborah Frances-White declares that feminism "must fight for men who are being pushed into lonely desolation by the patriarchal pressures". And in her recently published On Our Best Behaviour, Elise Loehnen tells women to spare a thought for the boys: girls might have to suppress our feelings "to function in what otherwise might be dysfunctional relationships or a dysfunctional society", but "at least we're allowed to cry".'

Professor apologizes for ‘rape’ ‘scenario’ assignment

Mastodon · 18 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Says she wanted ‘to bring rape culture and the pervasiveness of victim blaming and shaming to the class so we could have a constructive dialogue’

A University of Pittsburgh criminal justice professor has apologized for an assignment that asked students to create a “fact scenario” for an “encounter” that ends up with a man raping a woman.

“I wanted to sincerely apologize that this assignment was unsettling to some students in our class; I have used this assignment previously and it led to engaged, interactive discussion and learnings by previous students,” Professor Denise Turner wrote in an email obtained by The College Fix.
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Peyton Gualtieri was the first student to expose the assignment on social media. Her video, as of Oct. 10, has 1.2 million views on TikTok.

Gualtieri told The Fix via email why she believes the assignment is morally wrong.

She said her professor “specifically assumes females are the only victims of sexual assault.”

“In terms of the last question she asked about suggesting 2 ways men should be taught not to rape — this is explicitly a morality situation which needs to be discussed and talked about by families. you learn this growing up – it is right from wrong…. this is like asking a [murderer] not to murder,” Gualtieri said.'

How mixed messages about masculinity impacts mental health

Mastodon · 20 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Summary:

'The term toxic masculinity, which describes the harmful behavior associated with traditional masculinity, may be taking a toll on men and their mental health. NBC's Maria Shriver sits down with three men who open up about the societal pressure and confusion men feel that can lead to isolation.'

Toxic masculinity behind huge rise in acid attacks across UK

Mastodon · 20 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'None of the policies and interventions aimed at responding to acid violence have engaged meaningfully with this fact. Proactive prevention strategies must involve sensitising men and boys to the effects of gender-based violence, including acid attacks, and incorporating them into prevention activities.

Such approaches should be prioritized—or at least simultaneously implemented—as reactive strategies such as policing acid sellers and purchasers and seeking longer jail sentences for perpetrators, which countries like Great Britain, Italy, Bangladesh and India are currently pursuing.'

Why children of married parents do better, but America is moving the other way

Mastodon · 22 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The economist Melissa Kearney has been both vilified and praised for her new book, The Two-Parent Privilege: How Americans Stopped Getting Married and Started Falling Behind.

In the book, released last month, Kearney points out a rather obvious fact: Children raised by two parents have a much higher chance of success than those raised by one. Yet she goes even further to argue that whether parents are married or not impacts their children's success.

Her argument goes against the trend in the U.S.; American children are increasingly being born and raised by single mothers. The U.S. has the world's highest rate of children living in single-parent households, according to a 2019 Pew Research Center study. Almost a quarter, or 23% of U.S. children under age 18, live with one parent and no other adults.'

Iceland’s prime minister joins women’s strike over gender inequality

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Article here. Excerpt:

'...women across Iceland – including the prime minister – went on strike Tuesday as part of a campaign pushing for greater gender equality in the country.

It marked the seventh time that women in Iceland have gone on strike in the name of gender equality, campaign organizers said on their official website. The first strike took place on October 24, 1975.

The strike, known as the “Women’s Day Off” or “Kvennafrí” in Icelandic, was arranged to raise awareness about the “systemic” wage discrimination and gender-based violence faced by women in Iceland, according to organizers.
...
For 14 years in a row, Iceland has been ranked the best nation for gender equality by the World Economic Forum (WEP), which said the country has closed 91.2% of the gender gap.
...
Organizers called on men to show their support for women striking by “taking on additional responsibilities” in home and at work.'

I faked my death after discovering my wife paid thousands for a hitman to kill me

Matt · 24 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In this exclusive interview, the 54-year-old explains: “I had to fake my own death.

“My life is a real life soap opera after my wife agreed to pay a hit man $14,000 (£11,500) to have me murdered rather than just divorce me.

“Thankfully my Oscar-winning performance means I’m still alive and she’s behind bars.

“I can’t tell you the shock and horror I felt when I learnt about my ex’s plan.

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At the same time Ramon discovered Lulu was starting to spread rumours he had a drinking problem and was abusive.

In 2015, Lulu surprised Ramon when she demanded a divorce.

“She served me with papers, it was ruthless and I was stunned,” Ramon admits.

“She and the kids moved to the second storey of our home while I lived on the first floor.

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Then aged 42, she was jailed for 20 years in October 2016.

However, the day that Fabulous spoke to Ramon he exclusively revealed that Lulu has been released due to good behaviour having served just seven years of her sentence.

“She walked out of jail today,” he says. “I was shocked but I knew even in prison she’d work the system.

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He has travelled the world lecturing and supporting male domestic violence charities.

“I am dedicating my life to helping men who are victims of violence in relationships and to show you can get through it,” he says.'

‘They’re just not enough’: Students push to improve sexual assault prevention trainings for college men

Mastodon · 25 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new report from It’s On Us about engaging college men in sexual assault prevention reached similar findings. Released in September, “Engaging Men Part 2: Measuring Attitudes and Behaviors” is a study of 1,152 college men across the nation conducted in partnership with the market research firm YouGov. The report is a follow-up to a survey completed last year. The new study found that 45 percent of respondents reported that they had not received sexual assault prevention training from their higher education institution and up to a third of those who did were ill equipped to identify and intervene in potentially violent interactions or relationships. Only 34 percent of respondents received formal training about consent in school, and just under a quarter (24 percent) of men learned about dating, sex and relationships in their K-12 education, meaning they had no baseline understanding of these issues or experience with comprehensive sex ed before starting college.'

Ranbir Kapoor breaks silence on being labelled ‘red flag’ after Alia Bhatt’s lipstick remark: ‘I am on the side of people fighting toxic masculinity’

Mastodon · 25 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Actor Ranbir Kapoor found himself at the centre of debates after his actor-wife Alia Bhatt revealed that he asked her to wipe off her lipstick as he likes her without it. Several people on social media even labelled him as a ‘red flag’ for dictating terms to his wife. Until recently, Ranbir and Alia refrained from addressing the controversy. But now, while interacting with his fans, Ranbir spoke on the matter. He said he doesn’t mind the negativity if it helps people fighting against toxic masculinity.

“Recently, I was reading an article about being toxic and something relating to some statement I made, and I understand. Listen, I am on your side. Whatever you are fighting against this toxic masculinity, I am on the side of people who are fighting for it. So, if they want to use me as a face, I am fine because their fight is bigger than just me feeling bad about them having an opinion on what I said,” Ranbir said. He added that he looks at a larger picture and doesn’t feel bad for himself as he believes he has “lots to feel grateful about”.'

Australia: The federal government launches three-year project to address toxic masculinity on social media

Mastodon · 25 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The federal government has announced it will fund a three-year trial project tackling harmful messages of toxic masculinity on social media.

The healthy masculinities trial project will receive $3.5 million to run both face-to-face and online presentations at schools, sporting clubs and other community organisations to teach school-aged boys about respectful relationships not just with their peers, but also with themselves.

Starting with boys as young as five years old, the program aims to counteract dangerous gender stereotypes and messages of toxic masculinity circulated by online influencers like Andrew Tate.'

Raising boys to be good men. Here’s one way to do it

Mastodon · 25 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are not born stoic or emotionally isolated. They are created through different peer groups, societal expectations and ideals of traditional masculinity that value hiding vulnerability over showing empathy.

This is not a genetic trait, but a learned behavior. So how do we teach our sons to grow and become more fulfilled men? How do we bring the best out in our boys, so they become the best of men?

This is the question that Dr. Shelly Flais answers in her new book, “Nurturing Boys To Be Better Men: Gender Equality Starts at Home,” which will be released on October 24. As a pediatrician and mother of three boys, she knows a lot about raising sons.

“I’m all about doing little things early that then make huge impacts down the line,” Flais said. “I look at my sons and as they grow, (I ask) what kind of future do I want for them? We’ve come a long way (in how we raise boys), but we still have so much further to go.”'

Criticizing Taylor Swift And Her Fellow Girlbosses Rouses The Fragile Feminist Ego

Mastodon · 25 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'All male criticism of Taylor Swift must be a manifestation of misogynist hyper-masculinity. At least that is the takeaway from Washington Post gender columnist Monica Hesse's Sept. 28 op-ed regarding the recently reported romance of Swift and tight end Travis Kelce.

Hesse quotes random representatives of the "super-alpha-fragile-istic fringe of the football side," in support of her claim, and for good measure ropes in a recent Federalist piece by Mark Hemingway on Swift's music. Hesse, who for some reason refuses to cite Hemingway by name, grossly mischaracterizes his arguments by (falsely) claiming Hemingway's complaint is only that Swift writes about breakups, heartbreak, and "how things made her feel," and that his critique is little more than the stereotypical patriarchal double standard foisted upon women.

Not that Hesse's finger-wagging at male criticism of female celebrities is all that unusual. Whether we are talking about the faltering U.S. women's soccer team, obese female musicians, or self-obsessed actresses, there is an inevitable chorus speedily rising to defend them and accuse their detractors of sexism and misogyny. Yet this reality exposes a delicious irony of the women's rights movement since its very beginning: the fragility of the feminist ego.

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Since Mary Wollstonecraft's 1792 book, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman, a constant rallying cry has been the demand for equal treatment. "We need to see men and women as equal partners," 20th-century feminist writer Betty Friedan declared. "Women will only have true equality when men share with them the responsibility of bringing up the next generation," argued Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

But do feminists actually want equality? Feminists demand that female athletes be celebrated as amazing, unprecedented superstars whether they win or lose. Advocates for gender equality in sports don't want fair market competition based on customer preference, but to bully and coerce the sports industry to devote as much airtime as men's sports to indifferent viewers. Male soccer fans who don't like women's soccer are sexist — that was the conclusion of a 2021 study at the University of Durham in the United Kingdom. Thus the demand that "change starts with more media coverage," according to attendees at the 2022 SportsPro's OTT Summit USA.'

All-female Israeli ‘lionesses’ squad of 13 kill 100 Hamas terrorists in 14-hr gunfight to save base and families

Matt · 25 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Someone please explain again why women aren't subject to Selective Service registration here in the US? Seems when women *are* sent into combat, they always out-do their male comrades. So if they're so much better at making war than men, why aren't THEY also subject to the draft? Excerpt:

'AN ALL-FEMALE Israel defence squad of just 13 killed nearly 100 Hamas terrorists in a 14-hour gunfight in the southern Gaza Strip.

Israel's Caracal Battalion led the fight against a terror attack on an army base and helped liberate a kibbutz during the onslaught of October 7.

Commander Lieutenant Colonel Or Ben-Yehuda told her unit to "stay alert" as they headed to the southern Israeli kibbutz of Sufa following reports of infiltration by heavily-armed terrorists.

She said to her 12 troops: "We are going out to eliminate terrorists. Infiltration into Israel is happening, and it's spreading.

"Stay alert. We might cross paths. We are a strong squad."

They arrived at the military base to find Hamas had raided the post and taken more than 50 Israeli military personnel hostage.'

We Have to Retire the Phrase ‘Women and Children’ in Conflicts

Mastodon · 25 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Amid global calls for a ceasefire in Gaza, one dominant justification is the toll that the genocide is taking on women and children — the stereotypical victims in any kind of crisis. Israel, too, is routinely invoking rhetoric -- and unverified claims -- about women and children to reinforce the impression of Hamas being "barbaric."

The phrase "women and children" -- often invoked in discussions surrounding conflicts, wars, and humanitarian crises -- might be well-intentioned; its objective is to emphasize the vulnerability of certain groups. However, it inadvertently has counterproductive consequences – reducing women to "victims," and men to "protectors" and "perpetrators."'

Comic Katherine Ryan speaks after Russell Brand scandal: 'all men are sick'

Mastodon · 25 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Appearing to address the saga, Ryan said on stage: “Men are sick, that’s right, all men". She went on to joke about her credentials as a feminist comic. "What a relief for me that I finally have a son. So that when people correctly accuse me of unfairly targeting all men in my stand-up comedy, I can say, no not me, I have a little boy, a baby son, far from it" she said. "That is the perfect smokescreen for my feminist agenda. My two year old is a toxic male who plays with monster trucks day in and day out."'

Students strut in heels to raise awareness to domestic violence

Mastodon · 25 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The clack of stilettos echoed throughout East Campus Oct. 21 as Delta Alpha Sigma Multicultural Sorority hosted their Walk A Mile in Her Shoes event.

At Brazos Park, participants sped down University Center Mall, looping near the Central Library before returning to the park while strapped in shiny red heels.

The event featured a special speaker and a race with obstacles, games and prizes. The event aimed to actively confront gender stereotypes and expectations, bringing awareness to domestic violence. All proceeds from the event went to SafeHaven of Tarrant County.

As a male, art education junior Emilio Infante Hernandez said with his privilege he can be a strong advocate for situations that impact women.

“To me, it means using my privilege to help a good cause, it means advocating for people like my sisters, like my mother, like my grandmother, like the amazing greek women that we have here at UTA, like my classmates who are all women,” Hernandez said.'

A Review of 'Men Who Hate Women'

Mastodon · 25 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We live in a world where it's okay for men to be violent toward women—whether they be his girlfriend, wife, friend, or simply a stranger—because not all men are like that and not all men hate women. But if we as women talk about patriarchy, masculinity, or male privilege then we're immediately counterattacked by those who believe that any conversations about masculinity are an immediate attack on men themselves.

Laura Bates said it best herself, writing, "Those who speak of "toxic masculinity" are not criticizing men but rather defending them: describing an ideology and a system that pressures boys and men in our societies, in our families, to conform to unrealistic, unhealthy, and unsustainable ideals."

The core subject of this book is "The Manosphere." This is a vile group of men who get together (mainly on the internet) and systematically hate women and feminism. They seemingly enjoy sending women threats/death threats whenever something doesn't go their particular way, or, woe betide, a woman receives some recognition for something positive that they did in this world. She does a great job of describing the online radicalization process of vulnerable young boys and men in these sexist and violent spaces.'

Scots teachers 'suffering misogynistic and physical abuse' in classrooms

Mastodon · 25 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Teachers are being physically attacked and suffering misogynistic abuse in classrooms across Scotland. Details of attacks were heard during an emergency summit on violence in Scots schools on Wednesday

The Scottish Government met with teachers, unions, parents and child experts for the second phase of the three-part meeting, chaired by Education Secretary Jenny Gilruth. It was called after the Record highlighted a series of sickening attacks involving school children in the Our Kids ... Our Future campaign.

The panel heard first-hand accounts from teachers who said they have been assaulted while trying to break up fights, avoided rocks being thrown at them and suffered from misogynistic abuse.'

Scots teacher admits having sex with 15-year-old schoolboy in her car after she messaged him on social media

Air Force Moves to Deadlifts as Way to Determine Job Qualifications, Opening Up Positions to More Women

Mastodon · 25 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recruits will now be required to deadlift anywhere from 40 pounds to 110 pounds to qualify to join the Air Force and get certain jobs, after the service revised a more than 40-year-old test used to determine new airmen's eligibility for different career fields.

The change is part of the updated Strength Aptitude Test, which had been in place since the 1980s, to evaluate how much weight recruits can deadlift, which requires lifting a weight from the ground to a standing position. The old method tested how much weight they could clean and press, which requires picking up and hoisting a weight overhead.'

Reason Aussie men are quitting therapy in droves

Mastodon · 28 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After centuries of toxic masculinity and the notion that manliness means boys can't cry and grown men don't talk about their feelings, a therapist's client list has taken a giant gendered swing.

"I definitely think, especially since Covid, that there's been a lot more messaging around mental health, getting support and that it's OK not to be OK, and that's definitely driven an increase in men going to therapy," Stella Ladikos, therapist and founder of Meraki Mental Health Training, told news.com.au.

"In my own private practice I've been seeing a lot more guys come to therapy and at the moment most of my regular clients are actually men, which is really, really promising to see."'

Students demand reinstatement of lecturer who admitted keying a male professor's car and is accused of stalking him

Matt · 31 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Students at Berkeley University are campaigning for the reinstatement of a suspended professor who was forced to take leave after she was found guilty of stalking and harassing a professor at another University of California campus.

Professor Ivonne del Valle, a tenured associate professor of colonial studies in Berkeley's department of Spanish and Portuguese, accused Professor Joshua Clover of harassing her online.

She became convinced that Clover, an English and comparative literature teacher at UC Davis, had hacked her computer in some way and manipulated her accounts.

She felt he was writing veiled insults about her colleagues on Twitter, and began writing him messages, leaving him voicemails and turning up outside his home. She stalked his mother, and forced him to move house.

Over the course of five years, the situation unraveled, and she was suspended in the fall of 2021, KQED report.'

The Link Between Facial Masculinity and Sexual Harassment

Mastodon · 31 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A compelling research literature indicates that leader behaviors can shape the prevalence of sexual harassment in a given organization. A similarly compelling research literature indicates that the prevalence of men at higher levels in an organization's hierarchy can also shape the prevalence of sexual harassment in a given organization. Too many men at the top, and leaders who tolerate sexual harassment, tend to result in more sexual harassment.

We appreciate the importance of these findings, but examined a question that moves a step beyond these findings: Can a CEO's facial masculinity affect the degree of sexual harassment in an organization? In other words, above and beyond the CEO's gender, behaviors, and even statements about sexual harassment, can their basic appearance also have an effect? This is especially relevant to new employees who have relatively little information to go on about their CEOs, but who often see images of their CEOs throughout their physical and online workspace.

To conduct this study, we first started by developing the concept and measure for what we call "presumed patriarchy." This draws from a long and ongoing conversation about patriarchy in our contemporary society.'

Complaints allege N.Y. college programs discriminate against men, white people

Matt · 31 October 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'These changes are driven by an unprecedented wave of federal civil complaints filed by a small group of men against colleges and universities across the country alleging the programs or scholarships discriminate on the basis of sex or race. At least 42 colleges in New York have received such complaints, the Times Union found.

The complainants want to eliminate what they describe as anti-male, anti-white and anti-Asian bias infecting college campuses. But others argue these changes may eliminate or weaken programs that boosted historically marginalized groups and didn't harm other people.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, in its determinations, has largely decided these programs and scholarships are in conflict with federal discrimination laws and pushed schools to change their practices. Some colleges and universities have altered their scholarships or programs after a complaint is filed in order to avoid an investigation by the department.'

High mobile phone use may impact sperm count, study says

Matt · 1 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Male sperm count has fallen by more than 50% globally in the last 50 years, leaving researchers scrambling to understand why. Could it be pollution, PFAS and other potential toxins in our food and water, an increase in obesity and chronic disease, or even the ever-present mobile phone?

A new study explored the role of cell phones and found men between the ages of 18 and 22 who said they used their phones more than 20 times a day had a 21% higher risk for a low overall sperm count. The men also had a 30% higher risk for a low sperm concentration, a less important measure of sperm count in a milliliter of semen. The study did not specify whether the men called or texted or used their phones to do both.'

Ex-Cardinals executive Bill Bidwill Jr. a bloody mess after wife hit him ‘a hundred times’:

Matt · 2 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Arizona Cardinals executive Bill Bidwill Jr. was covered in blood after being hit “a hundred times” by his wife, which included being struck in the head by a glass of beer, during a June 9 domestic dispute, according to police video obtained by TMZ Sports.

Bidwill Jr.’s face was bloody when cops arrived outside his home in Paradise Valley, Ariz., where he said his wife Nicole was unhappy about a carpet installation.

“She was very upset at me,” Bidwill Jr. told cops, according to TMZ Sports.

“I’m sitting on the couch, and she’s screaming at me. And I was trying to not escalate because she has a very bad temper.

“And then she started hitting me, and I just started defending myself.”'

The Misandry Problem

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Today I'm going to ask you to take misandry seriously, because Wesleyan University has a misandry problem. I know it's a tough ask, but I hope after a laugh with your friends you'll consider what I have to say, and hopefully bring along a little compassion. Although there are many other significantly more harmful forms of bigotry in American society, change is most realizable at a local level. And while not as serious as other forms of discrimination, misandry is prevalent enough in Wesleyan culture to warrant some discussion. It is common in many progressive spaces, and Wesleyan is no different. And with men making up about 46% of Wesleyan students, I believe there's good reason to address one of the most accepted forms of bigotry on our campus.

First off, misandry is sexism, discrimination, or bigotry towards men. It's okay to want to dismantle oppressive systems like the patriarchy, or hate the damage that toxic masculinity causes. But doing so by holding contempt for men is unproductive, and, equally as important, hateful. It forgets that not just men, but also women and non-binary people contribute to and perpetuate the patriarchy. We can't dismantle the patriarchy if we can't correctly identify the problem. It also forgets that toxic masculinity hurts men. I oppose toxic masculinity based on my values of egalitarianism, but also from my own selfish desire to not be confined based on my gender.

As a man, Wesleyan University is shrouded in a hostile atmosphere. For me, the prevalence of misandry is undeniable. Men are a statistical minority of students. This means that more often than not, women are the dominant gender in student culture. This means frustrations with men are often expressed through jokes. While the occasional joke from anyone is fine, these jokes eventually compound and add to the misandrist atmosphere of campus. In female-dominated spaces, it feels like almost a certainty that a man doing anything of note is talked about sexistly. It feels nearly impossible to avoid at least one comment when I'm in these spaces. I've heard too many variations on "Why would you, as a man, do [action]?" to count. I'm told to carry my friends' laundry. I'm pressured to wear a certain Halloween costume like I'm an accessory. I'm "just a man." It's confining, and I don't want to be confined by my gender. Many women and non-binary people probably relate to this feeling, because we've replicated the culture that confines them on a smaller, less damaging scale at Wesleyan. We're further normalizing conventions of toxic masculinity that we otherwise criticize.'

One-of-a-kind Florida Man Games include evading arrest, beer belly wrestling and other competitions

Matt · 4 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I just had to post this. Excerpt:

'The first-ever Florida Man Games are set for Feb. 24, 2024, in St. Augustine, Florida — and this competition is unlike most others.

The Florida Man Games originate from the bizarre news headlines that often come out of the Sunshine State.

Florida Man Games founder Pete Melfi is no stranger to these wacky headlines, as he has covered them for many years.

Melfi had a vision to convert strange, viral "Florida man" headlines into a hilarious competition, and the Florida Man Games were born.'

Why boys underperform girls in school

Mastodon · 4 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Anyone who thinks this is a patriarchal society needs to look at high school graduation rates.

The Associated Press recently reported that boys have a lower graduation rate than girls nationwide. In 2018, one researcher estimated girl graduates outnumbered boy graduates by 45,000. You can see this disparity in the Clark County School District, too. For the 2021-22 school year, the female graduation rate was 84.3 percent. For males, it was just 78.5 percent.

Girls also earned 1,543 advanced diplomas, compared with 914 for boys.

One supposed expert consulted by the AP said the explanation was economic. Male dropouts, according to Beth Jarosz, a program director at research organization PRB, can earn as much as a woman with a year or two of college. Left unsaid was that the mythical gender pay gap all but disappears when adjusted for factors such as hours worked, profession and a job's dangers. That's what you would expect in a country where pay discrimination by sex has been illegal for decades.

But did you catch the implication? The cause of boys doing poorly in school is the patriarchy. Never mind that not having a high school diploma decreases average lifetime earnings and makes men more likely to wind up in jail. Seems like an odd strategy for maintaining male dominance over society.'

UK: Covid inquiry: 'Macho' culture and 'obvious sexism' in No10 'damaged Covid response', says Helen MacNamara

Mastodon · 4 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The senior civil servant who was the subject of Dominic Cummings' "violent and misogynistic" messages has said Boris Johnson let the country down by not tackling the "toxic" culture he presided over.

Helen MacNamara, who was one of the country's highest ranking female officials, told the UK Covid-19 Inquiry on Wednesday that sexism in No 10 damaged the response to the pandemic.

She also said Matt Hancock displayed "nuclear levels" of overconfidence and a questionable record on the truth while a key figure in the Covid response as health secretary.

She also expressed "profound regret" for being one of the many officials fined after lockdown-breaching parties but hit out at the culture that preceded the rule-breaking.

Ms MacNamara wrote in her evidence that the "very obvious sexist treatment" that women in No 10 and the Cabinet Office experienced hindered their work.

"The dominant culture was macho and heroic," she wrote. "It was positively unhelpful when the country needed thoughtful and reflective decision-making."

She told the west London hearing that areas of policy to suffer as a result of the macho culture were issues including domestic abuse, carers and childcare and abortions during the pandemic.'

Constantly insulting boys does not serve the sexes

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It's good to hear there are parents like Andrew Reiner who are pointing out that insulting boys constantly is not any way to bring equality (or good relations) to the sexes ("The trouble with boys isn't boys," Ideas, Oct. 22). The fact that feminists seldom condemn such behavior is one reason many young women don't call themselves feminists.

Also, teachers, of all people, should be condemning the lazy use of clichés and negative political jargon and slang, such as "toxic masculinity," as much as possible, never mind using it themselves. Defamation and scapegoating are not civilized. Nor do they promote intellectualism.

Last but not least, whether in school or in informal gatherings, it's time to realize that "old-fashioned" manners and decorum are not obsolete, for boys or girls. This applies even when it comes to writing that is printed on clothing, regardless of the age of the wearer. This would help society tremendously.

As Judith Martin (a.k.a. Miss Manners) wrote: "Miss Manners is for freedom of speech for all people, but believes that it is time that clothes shut up."'

Crisis conditions for young men

Matt · 6 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Interview here. From 8 mos. ago but still relevant commentary, from CNN no less. Discusses the crisis conditions for young men these days, touching on jobs, dating, etc.

The Missing Piece: Lessons from Ukraine for Integrating Masculinities in Women, Peace and Security

Mastodon · 6 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the key objectives of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda is to integrate a gender perspective into all peace and security efforts. Yet, discussions on gender tend to focus on issues relating to women and girls, neglecting the broader spectrum of gender dynamics. This omission is palpable in the ten resolutions adopted by the United Nations (UN) Security Council in the context of the WPS agenda, where there are only three references to men and boys.1 This limited representation fails to acknowledge the multifaceted roles that men can play in conflict situations, whether in perpetuating or resolving them.

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While the changes to Ukraine's NAP in 2022 demonstrated a willingness to adapt quickly to changing realities, the war has brought into stark relief areas where gender and gender identity are strong determinants of one's lived experience in conflict. In February 2022, Ukraine declared martial law and banned men aged between 18 and 60 from leaving the country, as they might be called upon for mandatory military service. Women were not subject to the draft; however, a new conscription law now mandates that women with medical or pharmaceutical education register at enlistment offices.

This divergence in gender-based conscription rules has led to several noteworthy developments for men. First, civilian men who have not yet joined the military forces or received formal military training have seen their freedom of movement considerably restricted. Additionally, since a considerable number of women have been internally displaced or left the country, many men find themselves separated from their loved ones. Men also constitute a significantly higher share of casualties. As of August 2023, estimates indicate that nearly 70,000 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed, and around 120,000 have been wounded since the beginning of the conflict.'

Misidentifying Misandry: A Deeper Dive Into the Nuances of the Patriarchy

Mastodon · 7 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, a letter to the editor was published about the “misandry problem” at Wesleyan. While the letter rightfully points out the damaging effects the patriarchy has on men, as it does on people of all genders, it ignores the bigger picture of why and how we should combat toxic masculinity. It equates misandry to other forms of oppression and ignores nuances within the vast gender spectrum, which detracts from solving the problem brought up within the letter. The path to ending toxic masculinity lies in the liberation of all non-men.

At Wesleyan, jokes about men are frequent. While they may be bothersome, they cannot be equated to the sexist treatment that women receive. In fact, it is healthy that non-men feel safe enough to make these jokes at Wesleyan. It shows that our school is beginning to foster an environment where non-men can freely express themselves and gain respect. When jokes about men are made, it is often from someone holding less systemic power, who has to fight to be treated with the same amount of respect.

Jokes made about men do not have the same power and weight behind them as jokes about non-men; a joke made about a man is not going to take away his inherent systemic power. Meanwhile, there is an entire system of oppression existing behind jokes made about non-men. There is a difference between punching up and punching down. Until there is equality for all genders, jokes made about men are a way to reclaim power for marginalized people.'

U.Va. needs more classes on healthy masculinity

Mastodon · 8 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Spring enrollment is here — bringing with it the stress and excitement that is planning for the academics of the upcoming semester. While the University's course offerings are near endless, there is a noticeable lack of classes focusing on healthy masculinity. There is only one class at the University covering the topic, called Men and Masculinities — the course is not even being offered next semester. While I have no doubt this class is helpful, much like how a single class on history would not be able to cover all history adequately, a single 2000-level class on the challenges men face is insufficient. The University should allocate funding to create an additional class on the most dire struggle men face — mental health.

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We would not be the first to utilize education to address issues facing men. Stony Brook University began offering a master's program in "masculinities studies" in 2017. The idea of a degree dedicated to men and masculinity may conjure up images of problematic men's rights activists — but this could not be further from the truth. Much of the work done in these classes attempts to undo a lot of the harm caused by viewpoints that male misogynists commonly push. The program offers an entire course on toxic masculinity, an issue that affects everyone regardless of gender identity. While an entire program might not be feasible at the University, especially with the current lack of funding awarded to gender studies classes, offering a more diverse selection of classes on the subject of healthy masculinity is a great place to start.'

I use this hack to shame cheap men who want to split the bill — guys say it's 'manipulative'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This "100% genius" hack will get 50/50 cheapos in check.

Splitting the bill on a first date has become a topic of contention amongst singletons online with dissenting views on whether a guy should be solely responsible for picking up the tab during the inaugural outing.

But one shady dater has devised a deliciously devious trick that's sure to leave tightfisted fellas with egg on their faces.

"When a man wants to go 50/50 with you on a date, do this," began going-out guru Pearl Botts, an aspiring singer from Los Angeles, in a trending TikTok how-to, advising all the singles ladies on best practices for politely jabbing a prospective partner who expects them to pay.
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"Wait, you wanted to just be friends?" she asked condescendingly. "I'm so confused. This entire time I thought this was a date. I'm so sorry, here's my card."

The brunette's buzzy comeback — meant to neatly place penny-pinching lover boys in the friend zone — rendered rave reviews from women who've awkwardly found themselves on the receiving end of the first date foul play.'

A Proclamation on Veterans Day, 2023

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Article here. Excerpt:

'This Veterans Day, we honor the generations of women and men who have served and sacrificed — not for a person, a place, or a President — but for an idea unlike any other: the idea of the United States of America. For nearly 250 years, our veterans have defended the values that make us strong so that our Nation could stand as a citadel of liberty, a beacon of freedom, and a wellspring of possibilities.

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As a Nation, we have many obligations, but we only have one truly sacred obligation: to prepare and equip the brave women and men we send into harm's way and to care for them and their loved ones when they return home. Since the beginning of my Administration, we have worked to make good on that promise, passing nearly 30 bipartisan laws to support our veterans and service members and their families, caregivers, and survivors. That includes the PACT Act — the most significant effort in our Nation's history to help millions of veterans exposed to toxic substances during their military service. Since I signed the PACT Act into law last year, more than 478,000 veterans and survivors are already receiving benefits — ensuring that veterans exposed to burn pits and other harmful substances and their loved ones get access to the care and support they need.'

Jezebel shuts down, lays off staff in ‘excruciating’ decision, parent company says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Jezebel, the punchy feminist blog with an outsized influence on internet culture, will suspend operations and lay off its staff effective immediately, its parent company G/O Media said Thursday as it announced broader restructuring in its portfolio of digital news outlets.

Jim Spanfeller, chief executive of G/O Media, said in a memo to staff obtained by CNN that the company had tried to sell the publication, but that after talks with two dozen potential buyers, “we could not find Jez a new home.”

“As of this week we are making the very, very difficult decision to suspend publication of Jezebel,” Spanfeller said. “Few decisions over the course of my career have been as excruciating, and I want to make clear this is in NO WAY a reflection on the Jezebel editorial team.”'

Woke Britons want to ban iconic 1,500 year old hill carving over 'toxic masculinity' fears

Mastodon · 10 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Woke complainers want to ban the famous carving of the Cerne Abbas giant and its penis from a magazine cover over claims it is a symbol of “toxic masculinity”.

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Writing on Camra’s Discourse messaging site, advertising rep John Galpin said: “It’s immature masculinity.

“It sends a message that members are little boys who make penis jokes.

“Any woman seeing that could be excused for thinking Camra is full of men waving their penises around whilst drinking beer.

“At a time when we are trying to be more inclusive it’s totally inappropriate. I for one wouldn’t want anything to do with it.”'

International Men's Day, November 19

charlie · 13 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

International Men's Day is November 19. Suicide prevention is a top priority.

Life expectancy gap between men and women in the US widened significantly during the Covid-19 pandemic

Matt · 13 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women in the United States can expect to live nearly six years longer than men, as disparities in deaths from Covid-19 and drug overdoses drive the life expectancy gap to the widest it's been in decades.

Overall, life expectancy in the US fell more than two and a half years since the start of the pandemic — down to 76.1 years in 2021, according to data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Life expectancies for both men and women were affected, but not equally.

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But men have had significantly higher mortality rates from many other leading causes of death in recent years, according to a new study, and multiple converging factors are driving a wider gap.

Between 2010 and 2019, the largest drivers of the growing life expectancy gap were higher mortality rates among men for unintentional injuries, diabetes, suicide, homicide and heart disease. Some of that gap was offset by more similar mortality rates from cancer and Alzheimer's disease among men and women.

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"The increase in overdose deaths, homicide, and suicide underscore twin crises of deaths from despair and firearm violence," the authors wrote.

The study was limited by a binary classification of gender and did not explore overlap across disease classifications and different demographic subgroups.'

How gender disparities are affecting men

Mastodon · 14 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 1972, when Title IX was passed to help improve gender equality on campus, men were 13% more likely to get an undergraduate degree than women; today, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, it's women who are 15% more likely to get a degree than men.

"We have a bigger gender gap today than we did when we passed laws to help women and girls; it's just flipped," said Richard Reeves, a former Brookings Institution senior fellow. He says, no one really has been able to explain why so many men are so absent in higher education. What is known is the gender disparity starts as early as kindergarten, where girls are just generally the stronger sex in academics.

Reeves said, "If you look at high school GPA, and those who are getting the best grades in high school, two-thirds of them are girls. Those with the lowest grades, two-thirds of them are boys."'

Sabrina Carpenter’s Feminist Music Video Celebrates The Gruesome Killing Of Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s not often in popular culture that mainstream feminism bares its fangs and owns up to its true nature without hiding behind the “all we want is equality” mantra. But that’s exactly what happened last week, when ex-Disney star turned mediocre pop singer Sabrina Carpenter posted the music video for her new single “Feather,” where she desecrates a Catholic church and glorifies the killing of men. Thus far, the video has garnered over 6 million views.

Feather creates a fantasy world that finds Carpenter enabling and enjoying the deaths of the men who hit on her. In the first scene, a group of men, distracted from catcalling Carpenter, are struck by a truck, to which Carpenter responds with a simple shrug.

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The message from the music video is clear: men’s “toxic” masculinity turns them into serial sex harassers, and in this female fantasy, a satisfied Carpenter gets to watch them all die gruesome deaths.'

Study finds racial (and gender) disparities in whether US judges impose prison

Mastodon · 15 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Black and Hispanic defendants in federal court are less likely than white ones to be sentenced to probation rather than prison, a difference that largely accounts for the racial disparities in the punishments judges impose, according to a new study.

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Women of all races received 29.2% shorter sentences on average than men and were 39.6% more likely to receive probation, the study found.'

The "Man-Hating Feminist" Is A Misleading Myth, New Study Shows

Mastodon · 17 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The idea that feminists are man-haters has a long and sticky history, but is it true? Well, not according to a massive new study conducted by an international team of researchers.

According to the study, which involved nearly 10,000 participants from various Western and non-Western cultures, feminists tend to hold positive attitudes towards men in ways that are comparable to non-feminists. This finding challenges long-held stereotypes that portray and dismiss feminists as simply anti-male.

Feminism has achieved many laudable advances for women and girls, as well as men and boys, since it became a formal political and social movement in the mid-19th century. But even in their earliest days, feminists were condemned as anti-male (misandry) advocates. This trope continues to be used to delegitimize and discredit feminists and, in many ways, has deterred some from joining the movement. In more extreme cases, such a representation has even inspired men to engage in aggressive and violent opposition.'

Survey Shows Major Decline in Gen-Z Men Identifying as Feminists Compared to Previous Generations

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Amongst baby boomers, Gen-Xers, millennials, and Gen-Z, the latter generation represented the largest divide between sexes when it came to views on feminism. 61 percent of Gen-Z women, versus just 43 percent of the generation's men, agree that they're feminists. As for millennials, a nearly equal number of men and women—52 percent and 54 percent, respectively—felt that the feminist label applied to them.'

New psychology research shows people are more willing to harm men than women for the greater good

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Recent research reveals a striking gender bias in how people perceive and accept instrumental harm, which occurs when harm is inflicted on some individuals to achieve a greater good. The study, published in the Archives of Sexual Behavior, found that people tend to be more willing to accept harm to men than to women in various contexts, even when women are traditionally expected to sacrifice more.

Utilitarianism, a moral philosophy that justifies causing harm to some individuals if it leads to a greater overall good, has been the subject of much philosophical debate. It encompasses two key elements: instrumental harm and impartial beneficence. Instrumental harm allows for the harm of innocent individuals for the greater good, while impartial beneficence requires prioritizing the greater good above personal attachments and biases.'

Single motherhood: Raising children alone, by choice

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Some people think raising a child without a partner is incomplete, like someone cut a man out of your proper family portrait and now there's just a gaping hole. But what if, as in the case of Hargrove and Washington, you chose to enter this massively hard state of motherhood as the primary parent, completing your family as you see fit? Neither one of them were banking on one day marrying and having someone with which to share the load equally. They were committing to the buck stopping with them. And it's worked.'

The White House wants to close the gap on health care research for women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'President Joe Biden on Monday announced the first-ever White House Initiative on Women's Health Research, which will be led by First Lady Jill Biden and the White House Gender Policy Council. The new initiative will be chaired and coordinated by Dr. Carolyn Mazure, who recently joined the White House from the Yale School of Medicine.
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Biden explained that earlier this year, Maria Shriver, the former first lady of California, approached her about a need for greater effort both inside and outside of government to close long-standing gaps in women's health research. To Biden, Shriver's call resonated with something she said she had long seen — that research into conditions that mostly affect women or affect women differently than men have long been underfunded and that "these gaps are even greater for communities that have historically been excluded from research, including women of color and women with disabilities."

Shriver, who joined the press call, stressed the importance of addressing "how sick women are in this country," pointing to the fact that women are two-thirds of all Alzheimer's cases, two-thirds of all multiple sclerosis cases, 80 percent of all autoimmune disease cases, and that they experience anxiety and depression at twice the rate of men.
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The White House Initiative on Women's Health Research intends to bring in members of executive departments across the federal government to work holistically on this issue; deliver concrete recommendations on how to advance women's health research within its first 45 days; set priority areas where additional investments could have the biggest impact; and facilitate collaboration between the scientific private sector, philanthropic groups and the government to create new research initiatives.'

Having a negative perception of masculinity is linked to worse mental health, study finds

Mastodon · 19 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Holding the view that masculinity negatively impacts one's behavior is associated with lower mental well-being, according to a new study of more than 4,000 men. The findings shed light on the relationship between societal perceptions of masculinity and individual mental health, challenging previous notions that masculine attitudes are inherently harmful or detrimental. The study was published in the International Journal of Health Sciences.

For decades, masculinity has been a topic of both public and academic debate. Historically, traits like being active, dominant, and self-contained were synonymous with masculinity. However, from the 1980s, there was a notable shift. Masculinity began to be viewed through a more critical lens, often associated with negative traits like misogyny and homophobia, and linked to issues such as poor mental health and aggressive behavior.

This transition was partly fueled by sociological theories, leading to what some call a "deficit model" of masculinity – focusing primarily on its negative aspects. But how accurate is this negative portrayal, and what impact does it have on men's mental health? This was the central question guiding the researchers in this extensive study.'

US women now live six years longer than men. American life expectancy is still dire

Mastodon · 19 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"We're the United States of America, for God's sake," Joe Biden scoffed to 60 Minutes last month after he was asked if the US was capable of funding Ukraine and Israel's wars. "We're the most powerful nation … in the history of the world. The history of the world."

The most "powerful nation in the history of the world" may be very good at funding wars abroad but it's less adept at looking after its own citizens. US life expectancy has declined dramatically in recent years: it's now the shortest it's been in nearly two decades. It's particularly bad if you're male: new research by Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health and UC San Francisco has found that women in the US now outlive men by almost six years. The life expectancy gap between men and women has been widening since 2010 and is now the largest it's been since 1996.'

Why most men don’t have enough close friends

Mastodon · 19 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Friendships aren’t just about those you sit with on the school bus or play alongside on your childhood baseball team — they are a core component of the human experience, experts say.

But making and retaining deep, meaningful friendships as an adult is hard, especially for men, according to research.

Less than half of men report being satisfied with their friendships, and only about 1 in 5 said they had received emotional support from a friend in the last week, compared with 4 in 10 women, according to a 2021 survey from the Survey Center on American Life.'

How did America become a deadlier place for men?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Much as postmodern academics and progressive political activists may deny it, there are natural differences between the sexes, and the mere fact that women live longer is not so surprising.

For one thing, men are disproportionately employed in the nation's most hazardous jobs, including as loggers, roofers, construction workers, aircraft pilots and steel workers.

And if a male propensity for risk-taking makes men more successful in certain executive and entrepreneurial roles, it also leads to more men and boys dying of misadventure and accident.

But the gap in longevity has widened by a full year since 2010, when it was at a historic minimum of 4.8 years.

Human nature hasn't changed in that time — something has changed in America to make it a deadlier place for men.'

Australia: Two women sentenced to probation after filming man being tortured in hotel room before he fell to his death

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Two women who filmed and posted online the “callous” torture of a man who later fell to his death from a fourth floor holiday unit on the Gold Coast of Australia had “complete disregard” for their involvement, a court has heard.

A 19-year-old woman and a 20-year-old woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, were sentenced in Brisbane Supreme Court on Tuesday to one count each of torture and two counts of armed robbery in company.

The two women, who were both 16 years old at the time of the offending, had filmed about five minutes worth of a 27 minute episode where Cian John English and his friend were tortured in a View Pacific Hotel room in Surfers Paradise in the early hours of May 23, 2020.

The court heard that the now 19-year-old woman could be heard saying “this is why you don’t steal from the boys” in one of her videos.

Another video shot by the now 20-year-old showed her ordering English to clean up his own blood from the floor after he’d been assaulted.

The 20-year-old woman’s defence barrister, Angus Edwards, said his client had had a difficult childhood which led to her drug use.

“She was trying to numb the pain, particularly with Xanax which she was heavily using,” Edwards said.

The court heard the 19-year-old woman had been overheard bragging about the night English died to friends in the weeks following his death.

In his sentencing remarks, Justice Peter Applegarth said he had taken into account the two women were not charged over English’s death or had been responsible for assaulting him or his friend.

Justice Applegarth sentenced both women each to two years probation and did not record a conviction.

“As horrible your behaviour on there was and how despicable you acted after the events….. I am conscious of your remorse.”

Upon hearing their sentence, the two women were hugged by the supporters who embraced them in the courtroom.'

Discussion held at UMaine for men’s mental health awareness

Mastodon · 22 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) held a talk on men’s mental health on Wednesday at the University of Maine. The event was held in the Multicultural Student Center and was an open discussion on men’s relationship with mental health and how participants can better understand and help their friends and male loved ones.

Jon Guzman and Casper Cowan, ODI student leaders, Director Anila Karunakar and Coordinator Taylor Matthew Ashley ran the event. The purpose of this event was to have an open discussion about what men’s mental health means to the individual and how both men and women can help to impact it positively.

A topic discussed at length was the mental health struggles of men in the LGBTQ+ community. Men who identify as other than cisgender or heterosexual are reported to have significantly higher rates of depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts than other male-identifying persons. This is due in part to the intersectional stigma surrounding the ideology of traditional masculinity compounded with homophobia. This can be exacerbated when religion and culture are also important aspects of the person’s life.'

Here’s why Shannon Watts thinks women are better leaders than men

Mastodon · 23 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Shannon Watts never imagined she would one day become an activist, much less a leading voice on run reform in America. In fact, she didn’t realize her activist calling until the age of 41, where at the time she was a stay-at-home mom who had spent 15 years in a completely different industry, public relations.

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Indeed, when Dayani asked Watts if she should include any men on her initial team, she answered with a resounding no. “She’s like, ‘There’s a reason I started it with Moms Demand Action, women get sh** done in ways that no one else does',” Dayani laughed.'

DoD Commends Release of 2023 Women, Peace, and Security Strategy and National Action Plan

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Investing in and establishing a Gender Advisory Workforce by creating Gender Advisor positions across the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, the Military Departments and Services, and the Combatant Commands. These full-time Gender Advisors will promote women's meaningful participation in the U.S. military across DoD Components and in the military and security forces of partner nations.'

Military women face extra trauma. We vets deserve better treatment. (Opinion)

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Particularly for women, transitioning from active duty to veteran is fraught with challenges. You leave what feels like another world, carrying the accolades and wounds of all your military experience with you into the civilian world. There is no longer a structured framework that you must conform to; employment and education seem uncertain. For many women, this can lead to depression and anxiety. It's hard to mold the military side of you back into a civilian. The transition is a process, and you emerge a very different civilian than who you were before active duty.'

OpenAI ditched the only 2 women on its board. So far, it's replacing them with men.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'OpenAI's board is looking very male-heavy right now following Sam Altman's shock return.

The company said in a statement late on Tuesday that Helen Toner and Tasha McCauley, two members of the board that voted to oust Sam Altman on Friday, will step down and be replaced by a new board comprised of ex-Salesforce co-CEO Bret Taylor — the board chair, former treasury secretary Larry Summers, and Adam D'Angelo.

That makes D'Angelo, the CEO of question and answer site Quora, the only survivor of the board that oversaw OpenAI's descent into chaos — which also included Ilya Sutskever who ultimately defected to Altman's side on Monday.'

A novel prison program for pregnant women and their babies

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Minnesota lawmakers passed the Healthy Start Act in 2021. It is believed the state is the first to allow some mothers to live outside of prison with their new babies. A handful of other states, including Indiana and Washington, have nurseries that let incarcerated mothers keep their babies with them inside prison. In most places, a woman who gives birth in jail or prison is separated from her baby within hours or days.

The Department of Corrections oversees Minnesota's program. Deputy Commissioner Safia Khan said the idea was to find ways to "prevent that separation from happening at a very critical time for the development of that newborn baby and to allow for that mother-child bond."'

Study shows that the 'manosphere' community is misusing scientific research to support its beliefs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Members of the "manosphere" community are misusing academic research to frame and validate their beliefs about women, according to new research led by the University of Kent's School of Anthropology and Conservation.

The research, published by Evolutionary Human Sciences, demonstrates how evolutionary studies about women's behavior (particularly sexual behavior such as infidelity) are being scrutinized by the manosphere online to justify anti-feminist and sexist beliefs. In contrast, research about male sexual behavior is being overlooked, signifying a double standard.

The manosphere is a network of websites, blogs, and online forums promoting masculinity, misogyny, and anti-feminist beliefs. Self-proclaimed misogynist influencer Andrew Tate is a known example of the manosphere community. Involuntary celibates (otherwise known as "incels") are also regarded as members of this community. Awareness of incel culture has been rising among the public in recent years.'

UK: Pupils at single-sex schools encouraged to mix more after sexual abuse campaign

Mastodon · 23 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Single-sex schools have introduced more opportunities for boys to mix with girls in academic settings following calls to tackle misogyny and sexual harassment.

A number of girls' schools have increased their collaboration with local boys' schools to ensure their pupils are not solely coming together at discos.

It comes after the Everyone's Invited movement – a campaign on sexual harassment and abuse launched in 2021 – saw some pupils accuse their schools of not tackling a "rape culture".

Earlier this year, teachers raised concerns that misogynistic views are spreading into schools as a result of social media influencers like Andrew Tate.

At the Girls' Schools Association annual conference near Cirencester in the Cotswolds this week, school leaders discussed misogyny and the influence of the "incel" culture and the "manosphere" community where they communicate.

Carl Howarth, principal of Jersey College for Girls, a private girls' school on the island, told the conference he was concerned about the "deeply sinister spread" of the "manosphere" in society.'

Chess wrongly perceived as a ‘brilliance’ game, leaving girls out: NYU study

Mastodon · 24 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fewer girls play chess competitively because their own parents and coaches hold biases about skills such as “brilliance” that they connect to male players, according to a new study out of New York University.

The researchers said their study, published last month in the Journal of Experimental Psychology, provides “the first large-scale evidence of bias against youth female players” and holds “implications” for the roles parents and mentors play in women entering other male-dominated fields, such as science and technology.'

Global women’s rights groups silent as Israeli women testify about rapes by Hamas

Matt · 24 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I also find this bizarre. I suspect it's due largely to the close affiliation feminist orgs have with Marxist groups. Such groups align with political leftists and such leftists align with Hamas, for inexplicable reasons. So feminist groups that should be screaming to high heaven remain silent. Ironic that one needs to visit an MRM site to see this issue raised. Excerpt:

'As the United Nations promotes an awareness campaign ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25, chilling accounts from survivors and first responders who witnessed Hamas’s October 7 massacre of 1,200 Israelis paint a horrifying picture of systemic sexual assaults perpetrated against women and girls of all ages.

One survivor of the Supernova music festival, where about 360 people were slaughtered, described how she witnessed Hamas terrorists rape an Israeli girl: “As I am hiding, I see in the corner of my eye that [a terrorist] is raping her,” the witness recounted. “They bent her over and I realized they were raping her and simply passing her on to the next [terrorist].”

Yet many feminist and women’s rights organizations worldwide have remained conspicuously silent — and some are even questioning the veracity of the accusations. These denials of the sexual abuse perpetrated by Hamas have far-reaching consequences, including the deterrence of other sexual abuse victims from seeking help.'

Ohio AG’s 'don’t buy sex' statement after arrest of sex worker charged with 4 deaths outrages victim’s family

Mastodon · 25 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Ohio’s top prosecutor announced the arrest of a sex worker accused of drugging and killing four customers, he failed to consider the victims and instead shamed them, the family of one victim said.

"Don’t buy sex in Ohio — it ruins lives and could cost you yours,” Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost said last month in a news release detailing the indictment of serial killing suspect Rebecca Auborn, who was also charged with trying to kill a fifth customer.

Christyn Crockett, 41, a church administrator in the Columbus area and daughter of victim Wayne Akin, called Yost’s comments “devastating.”

"He’s not wrong,” Crockett said in her first interview about her father, a former postal worker who struggled with drug addiction yet provided a “powerful foundation” for his family. “But for the victims’ sake, it’s just so insensitive.”

Crockett’s husband, Ittai Crockett, said that Auborn’s alleged victims may have been breaking the law but that they were still people who “have family, that have grandkids; they have people that care about them.”

"It was just, like, victim-shaming,” he said.

In an interview, Yost said that Akin’s family and the other families are survivors of crime and that he recognized their trauma.'

One of Central Virginia's most arrested women back in court

Mastodon · 27 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The frequently arrested woman whose false rape allegations about a local grocery store manager cost him more than two years behind bars has been arrested again.

...

With 63 arrests, according to a state database, Steiniger is one of the most often arrested people in Central Virginia. One of her recent convictions involved the theft of a nurse's scooter from University of Virginia Medical Center. In February, Charlottesville General District Court Judge Andrew Sneathern accepted her guilty plea to that caught-on-video crime, but he assigned no active jail time and gave her a year to pay restitution to the nurse.

The most extensive criminal case involving Steiniger positioned her as the supposed victim. That was her 2012 claim that she was abducted by a local man who gave her a ride in his car. Mark Lawrence Weiner served more than two years in jail before winning release in 2015 after sworn defense evidence portrayed Steiniger as a fabulist who concocted a tale of rape inside an abandoned house to anger a boyfriend.

Five years ago, federal Judge Norman K. Moon branded Steiniger's testimony "false," but she has never been prosecuted for any crime pertaining to her allegations. Moon dismissed Weiner's wrongful prosecution suit on the basis that government employees cannot be sued.'

Korea's army of senior citizens ready for battle. 'I don't remember the rifles being so heavy'

Matt · 28 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I have another idea: draft women. Or is that too nutty an idea even if the US armed forces insists women make even better soldiers than men? Excerpt:

'Excluding the two women in the group, most of these retirees or near-retirees had undergone South Korea's compulsory military service in their youth. But the decades of rust were showing.

"I don't remember the rifles being so heavy," said 62-year-old Kang Shin-kwang.

As a young conscript four decades ago, Kang was a machine gunner stationed near the border with North Korea. But today, as the sticker pasted to his right breast indicates, he serves in the Senior Army.
...
With the Senior Army assembled behind him in military formation, co-founder Choi Young-jin, a 62-year-old university politics professor, recited the group's oath:

In light of the country's population crisis, we will prepare ourselves so that we may one day be of service in the nation's military reserves.
...
But South Korea's fertility crisis is now complicating its military prowess.

Under current law, all able-bodied South Korean men are required to serve in the military for a period of 18 to 21 months, depending on the branch.

But with South Korean women now giving birth to just 0.78 children over their lifetimes — far short of the 2.1 needed to maintain the current population — the military will soon find itself short on conscripts.

By 2040, according to the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, a government think tank, the country's active duty force will shrink from 500,000 to 360,000, its reserve force from 3.1 to 1.6 million.'

The challenges for men in mental health and why masculinity isn't the issue

Mastodon · 28 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Speaking with Rob Whitley, PhD, who's an associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry at McGill University, it's clear why some men find it hard to take care of their mental health and get help.

The roadblocks are often due to outside factors, and the stigma around the topic is still prevalent in society.
...
The word "masculinity" can evoke negative connotations, perhaps due to its associations with the idea of toxic masculinity.

Masculinity, at its core, is a good thing, according to Whitley.

Whitley says that one of the ideas put out by the academy, not by psychiatric experts, is that one of the reasons for men's mental health issues is that some men adhere to traditional masculinity norms, and that is bad for their health.

The research shows that isn't true, according to Whitley.

"Research shows that traditional masculinity is actually good for your mental health."
...
Another problem Whitley has been engaged with is how the media interfaces with mental health, particularly the way it presents men's mental health.

Whitley says that one study he was involved in looked at mainstream media articles related to mental illness, and they found an interesting gender difference.

When looking at stories about women and mental illness, there were more "scenes of compassion and understanding and a need for more services and support."

On the other hand, when looking at stories about mental illness related to men, there were more themes of crime and violence.

"This actually matches a well-known phenomenon called the gender empathy gap."'

Contributions of men need to be recognised

Mastodon · 28 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'November 19 was International Men's Day. To men of all walks of life, you are appreciated and valued. While some may argue that there is no need for such a day, I am of the firm belief you are worthy of mention.

It is deeply troubling when the challenges faced by men, such as mental health issues and high suicide rates, are plaguing our land. Dedicating a day to raising awareness about these social ills can encourage conversations about how we can better support our men in their personal journeys.

International Men's Day has significantly provided an opportunity to challenge harmful stereotypes surrounding masculinity. Traditional gender roles place unrealistic expectations on men, forcing them to conform to certain behaviours or attitudes. This can lead to feelings of isolation or inadequacy when they are unable to meet these standards.

As the much-vaunted hegemonic masculinity is defined by tenets of strength, assertiveness, dominance, stoicism and competitiveness, there is a common misconception that men should exude these characteristics without experiencing vulnerabilities. Such imprudence, esotericism and enormity bring about some concerns, and we must ensure male-specific issues are addressed and not under-represented.'

China athletes as young as seven in military training to 'create iron army'

Matt · 28 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Compelling minors to engage in military training is child abuse. I wonder why people don't so much as flinch if the victims are boys. Excerpt:

'Hundreds of athletes as young as seven are undergoing military training in Shanghai designed to instill discipline and "good fighting ability", the Chinese city said.

The athletes will "deeply study" the Chinese military's "sense of standards and combat spirit", Shanghai's sports bureau said.

Chinese football teams have previously undergone similar training, which is largely performative and part of a wider campaign to promote Communist Party values.'

Australia: Controversy around boys schools going co-ed to address ‘toxic masculinity’

Mastodon · 29 November 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'Sky News host Chris Kenny says the “single-sex school debate” has raised its head in Sydney due to some boys schools going co-ed.

“This single-sex school debate, it’s raised its head in Sydney lately because of a couple big boys school going co-ed,” Mr Kenny said.

“Controversy around that, I know the same has happened in Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, this is a debate raging around the country.

“It’s all the boys schools that have to let girls in to address the toxic masculinity apparently.”

Mr Kenny sat down with Psychiatrist Doctor Tanveer Ahmed and Child and Adolescent Psychologist Clare Rowe to discuss the push for co-ed schools.'

Pope Francis asks theologians to ‘demasculinize’ the church

Matt · 1 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Interesting. The long-running debate over the role of women in the more conservative Chrisian churches looks like it's taking off. Personally, I have mixed feelings on the issue but don't lose sleep over it. Excerpt:

'Speaking to members of the International Theological Commission at the Vatican on Thursday (Nov. 30), Pope Francis asked theologians to “demasculinize” the church in an unscripted remark.

“There is something I don’t like about you, if you excuse my honesty,” said Pope Francis, pointing out that there were only five women among the 30-plus theologians. “We need to move forward on this! Women have a way of reflecting on theology that is different from us men,” he added.
...
The pope’s words on Thursday underlined “the need to increase the space given to women in positions of authority and decision-making in the Christian community, in order to treasure the sensibility and intelligence that is typical of the feminine genius and experience,” Coda told Religion News Service.

Women have always been important in the church, the theologian said, but “it’s time for this to become part of the culture” to address modern challenges and the “male-dominated view that still exists in the church and in society.”
...
“The church is woman,” Francis told the theologians, “and if we cannot understand what a woman is, what is the theology of women, we will never understand the church. One of the great sins we have witnessed is ‘masculinizing’ the church.”'

Feminist icon Gloria Steinem on 'lethal' desire to control wombs

Matt · 2 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Ah, ol' Gloria. Still managing to ignore men's real concerns too even at 89. Never worried a day about being drafted and sent to die for political purposes, among other things. Excerpt:

'During the 1970s, Gloria Steinem was one of the main voices campaigning for women's reproductive rights.

She celebrated the US Supreme Court's 1973 ruling in the case of Roe v Wade, which granted women the constitutional right to abortion.

Nearly half a century later she witnessed the reversal of this decision - the Supreme Court's historic ruling in June last year that ended the nationwide right to abortion.

...

For Steinem and other pro-choice activists it was a stark reminder of the need to keep campaigning, to achieve changes she says she hopes to see in her lifetime.

"The most obvious and simplest [change] is that we can determine the fate of our own physical selves, so we can decide whether and when to have children, not to have children… whatever it is about our physical selves.

"That's where our difficulty begins, because we happen to have wombs and there is a desire to control wombs that is very central to authoritarian systems. Clearly, because we have a womb and men don't, the desire to control the womb is often the most lethal kind of effort."'

Society's war on men

Mastodon · 2 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We must begin to grapple with the uncomfortable fact that in today's world, simply "[b]eing male is the biggest risk factor for suicide." Many have argued that if men would be more open about their feelings the problem might be mitigated. Perhaps. But if men are biologically disinclined to talk about their feelings, then that cannot be the sole solution. If the so-called "social construct" of masculinity is actually derived from men's biology or the sex differences in cerebral anatomy, as psychologist John Barry has argued, then urging them to go against it might prove to be counterproductive.

Far too often, John Mac Ghlionn argues, we are using "a female model to treat men's mental health."

"There was a time when the American Psychological Association (APA), the organization responsible for accrediting psychologists in the U.S., appeared open to the idea of 'male-based depression,'" he noted. "Unfortunately, not long after, the 'sex is a construct' narrative started gaining traction, and the APA began denying that differences between the sexes actually exist."'

Unmarried Ontario couple had no children and no house but man must still pay support, appeal court rules

Matt · 2 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Dated but still very relevant. Short version: LTRs in Ontario are dangerous for men. Excerpt:

'A wealthy businessman will have to pay more than $50,000 a month in spousal support for 10 years to a woman with whom he had a long-term romantic relationship even though they kept separate homes and had no children together, Ontario's top court has ruled.

Under Ontario law, an unmarried couple are considered common-law spouses if they have cohabited — lived together in a conjugal relationship — continuously for at least three years. But that doesn't necessarily mean living in the same home, the court found.

"Lack of a shared residence is not determinative of the issue of cohabitation," the Appeal Court said. "There are many cases in which courts have found cohabitation where the parties stayed together only intermittently."

The decision comes in the case of Lisa Climans and Michael Latner, both of Toronto, who began a romantic relationship after meeting in October 2001. At the time, she was 38 and separated with two children, court records show. He was 46 and divorced with three children.'

Tampa woman allegedly posed as 14-year-old to molest middle schoolers

Matt · 2 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Bet she gets probation. Excerpt:

'A Florida woman pretended to be a 14-year-old homeschooled child to prey on middle schoolers for sex, police announced Friday.

Alyssa Ann Zinger, 22, was arrested last week for allegedly engaging in at least 30 sexual acts with at least one student and sending explicit videos to several more.

Zinger allegedly crafted her fake persona and communicated with her victims on social media platforms, mainly Snapchat, according to a search warrant obtained by the Tampa Bay Times.

The New York Post reported that multiple victims, who attended Wilson Middle School in Tampa's Hyde Park neighborhood, told police they believed the Zinger was their age but was homeschooled.'

Brooklyn charter schools aims to redefine masculinity with inaugural men’s summit

Mastodon · 3 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'A charter school in Brooklyn is aiming to challenge students and change the conversation about masculinity. For the first time, Brooklyn Lab Charter School is kicking off an inaugural men’s summit that will tackle educating young men on how they can become allies in issues of equality and violence. News 12’s Elly Morillo spoke with organizers on why this workshop could potentially change the narrative and stereotypes these young students may face.'

Pittsburgh's percentage of female firefighters falls well short of national average, audit shows

Mastodon · 3 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Among the issues with the physical exam was the use of a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) during testing. While that is what firefighters are expected to carry while in the field, “it is both very awkward to carry and not readily available to practice with before the exam.”

It also examined how few women make it from the application process to career firefighter.

In 2021, 406 applicants to the bureau finished the written exam, 6.7% of whom were female. Of those who passed the written exam, 283 completed the physical exam — about 5.3% were women.

Of those 283, 210 made the civil service eligibility list. The other 73 either failed or chose not to continue in the process. Of the 210 who moved on, only 1.9% were women.

“Starting with 5.3% of applicants being female for the physical exam and ending with 1.9% of the female applicants making the eligibility list represents a loss of 64.2%,” the audit pointed out.'

UK motor industry unveils ambitious gender diversity targets

Mastodon · 3 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Leading automotive companies in the United Kingdom have committed to ensuring that women constitute 30% of their workforce within the next six years to achieve better gender diversity across all roles and levels.

The initiative, spearheaded by the Automotive Council, whose members account for 99% of British vehicle manufacturing and half of the nation's automotive workforce, addresses the current gender disparity as women make up just under 20% of the sector's workforce.'

'Skin in the Game' Anti-Circumcision Campaign

DanBollinger · 4 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Press Release here. Excerpt:

Parents in the U.S. lack a basic understanding of the dangers of circumcision and what the surgical procedure actually entails, according to a new national survey conducted by Intact America, the nation's leading anti-circumcision group. This month, Intact America is launching a new advocacy campaign, "**Skin in the Game: Circumcision Cuts Through Us All**" to show how circumcision negatively impacts the lives of so many Americans.

Woman who stabbed boyfriend 108 times is a 'do-gooding, mentally well' girl ... according to psychiatrist testimony

Mastodon · 5 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is an unimaginably gruesome crime: an example of human violence at its most extreme.

In May 2018, Bryn Spejcher of Thousand Oaks, California, picked up a bread knife and stabbed her new boyfriend 108 times — killing him — before turning the blade on her dog.

The 32-year-old, who worked as an audiologist, then proceeded to stab herself — only stopping when police hit her nine times with a baton.

On Friday, Spejcher was convicted of killing her boyfriend — Chad O'Melia, then 26 — and awaits sentencing.

However, testimony from an expert witness called by the prosecution, seen exclusively by DailyMail.com, paints a vastly different picture of the perpetrator than the story would initially suggest.

Forensic psychiatrist and expert witness Dr Kris Mohandie told the jury last month that Spejcher was a 'normal' girl with 'no history of mental illness or violence' who was committed to 'doing good' in the world.
...
Spejcher was convicted of manslaughter on Friday over the death of Chad O'Melia — a sentence which carries up to four years in prison. Spejcher sobbed quietly as the jury read out its verdict in court.'

UK: Menopausal offenders could be spared jail under new sentencing guidelines

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Menopausal female offenders could be spared jail under new sentencing guidelines for judges and magistrates.

The Sentencing Council, which advises the Government and courts, has set out new guidelines encouraging courts to consider more rehabilitative community sentences rather than sending people to jail for short terms.

The council said judges and magistrates should think more about sentences that are proven to reform offenders and think twice about jailing younger women because of the impact on children and older women because of the menopause.

The council is proposing to include guidance to magistrates and judges to consider the impact of the menopause on the behaviour of women typically aged between 45 and 55.'

STEM gender gap shows no signs of closing with Gen Z

Mastodon · 5 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The gender disparity in pursuing STEM careers persists among young people ranging from tweens to recent grads, new data shows.

Why it matters: Like their older counterparts, girls aren't warming to STEM, as diversity in the field is critical for representative and responsible advancements — and despite efforts designed to boost their participation.

More 12- to 26-year-old boys and men were interested in pursuing STEM careers than girls and women, who expressed a high lack of confidence in their abilities, per Gallup-Walton Family Foundation Survey data released Tuesday.'

When inequality is fatal for men

Mastodon · 5 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Whether ironically or cynically, progressives can be conservative and hidebound in their assumptions about inequality: They presume that whoever was more-than-equal in the past must still be privileged today, and so the one kind of inequality that doesn't prick the progressive conscience is whatever harms groups that were formerly better off.
...
Then again, the last thing men need is to be designated as another victim group.

Right now, the very concept of manhood is under attack from two directions: from those on the left who see masculinity as inherently "toxic" and those on the right who idolize the likes of Andrew Tate—overgrown adolescent hedonists without an ounce of self-control, let alone any traditionally manly moral responsibilities for family or others.

If life is unfair to men, the masculine remedy is not to complain about unfairness but to be tough enough, and mature enough, to endure and prosper despite inequality.'

Former orthopedic surgeon takes on Jefferson in federal court over sexual assault allegations

Mastodon · 5 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a federal civil trial this week, a former Rothman Orthopaedic Institute surgeon is claiming that Thomas Jefferson University engaged in male-gender discrimination when it investigated a female medical resident's allegations that he raped her after a booze-fueled pool party at his Main Line home.

John Abraham, an orthopedic oncology surgeon and a former Jefferson professor, says Jefferson failed to investigate his allegations that he was also a victim. He claims that Jefferson's leadership ignored his assertion that then-medical resident Jessica Phillips got him drunk at his June 2018 party and forced herself on him. Instead, Jefferson leaders told him that they believed he would be found responsible, says Abraham, who is seeking at least $5 million in damages from Jefferson for financial losses and professional harm suffered.'

Hamas raped men as well as women during October 7 attack

Matt · 5 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Israeli investigators probing the fallout of the brutal October 7 attacks have found evidence that men as well as women suffered sexual violence and rape at the hands of Hamas and Islamic Jihad attackers, activists have claimed.

Yael Sherer, a spokeswoman for Israel's Survivors of Sexual Violence advocacy group, said there was physical evidence as well as eyewitness accounts of sexual violence perpetrated against both sexes amid the attacks.

'There was sexual violence and rape in these communities in the south of Israel... we have a few living survivors - not a lot - of both genders. It didn't only happen to women, it happened to men as well,' she told BBC Radio 4.

'Aside from finding bodies of people who were murdered, a lot of the bodies were mutilated... terrorists made sure to disgrace these people and dishonor them,' she added.'

Does a cap on boys' sports mean equal treatment? Sioux Falls district officials won't say

Mastodon · 7 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Since a cap on boys sports was made public last week, officials with the Sioux Falls School District have refused to answer specific questions about whether Title IX's requirement for equal treatment in sports also means capping student participation numbers.

The Sioux Falls School District and its Board of Education won't say whether board members knew about the decision to start capping boys' sports before it was brought up during public comment time at last week's board meeting.

And district officials haven't answered why the decision was made by administration instead of by the school board. They also haven't cited what policy allows the district to supersede its board in such a decision, which affects the budget board members passed in July.'

No White (ie, White Male) Faculty Allowed

Matt · 7 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Not just white, but white and male. "Male" is the additional unspoken criteria. Excerpt:

'A recent internal investigation into faculty hiring at the University of Washington reveals the exhaustive efforts that universities make to discriminate against white job applicants. After the university's Department of Psychology identified a white candidate as best qualified for a tenure-track professor position in early 2023, the department's Diversity Advisory Committee pressured the hiring committee to re-rank candidates in accordance with the methodology laid out in an internal handbook titled "Promising Practices for Increasing Equity in Faculty Searches" so that a black woman would receive the job instead. This handbook, obtained by the National Association of Scholars, spells out how to exclude candidates of undesirable races and ensure that candidates of preferred races get hired.'

UK: Jail, but Only for White Men

Mastodon · 7 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In radical plans, the Sentencing Council for England and Wales (the body tasked with advising the judiciary on sentencing criminals fairly and consistently) is suggesting that judges and magistrates eschew short-term jail sentences in favour of more rehabilitative community orders. The consultation, published on Wednesday and running until February 2024, proposes a major revision to the imposition of community and custodial sentences guidelines, which date back to 2017—specifically, that unpaid work or drug treatment programmes should be handed down in lieu of prison time.

...

The report gives particular attention to women, and argues that those who are pregnant, have dependents, and are either menopausal or aged between 45-55, should be spared jail time wherever possible. To support its case, the consultation cites the impressive disparity between reoffending rates—illustrating that female criminals were markedly less likely to reoffend when cautioned (12.1%), as opposed to those who were given a custodial sentence (56.1%). Even if one were on board with such plans, women are the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the 'special cases' under consideration.'

Debunking the myth of steady male employment

Mastodon · 7 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Steady employment has long been the assumed standard associated with the American man, especially by the baby boomer generation. New research is pushing back on the archetype and shedding light on the potential consequences of upholding the “breadwinner” ideology in a labor market in which reality is strikingly different.

In work recently published in Socius, researchers at Penn State and Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine found that only 41% of baby boomer men who were studied followed a trajectory of continuous high employment over the duration of their prime earning years. Instead, most men in the study followed less stable employment paths that included increasing unemployment, time out of work but not seeking employment due to personal reasons or periods of intermittent work.'

White knighting in the recent GOP debate

Matt · 8 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At the debate, Christie furiously defended fellow GOP candidate Nikki Haley, the former U.N. ambassador, after she was attacked by Ramaswamy onstage.

'It's not me forming an alliance with Nikki Haley,' Christie told CNN's Dana Bash.

'Look, I am a truth teller, Dana. And I am going to tell the truth. If someone is insulting Nikki Haley in a way that was personal. It was nothing about issues. He said she is not smart enough to know where things on the map, that somehow his 3-year-old son is smarter than a woman who served as a two-term governor and U.N. Ambassador.'

He argued that he defended her because she is an 'accomplished woman and worked incredibly hard both in South Carolina and in the U.N.'

'And I think that Vivek does have a woman problem,' the ex-governor said. 'I do think he insults women's basic intelligence. He has done it over and over and over again. And I guess tonight I just had had enough. I had enough of listening to his garbage.'

Christie had knocked Ramaswamy's 'smart*ss Harvard mouth' and did so again during his time on CNN.'

Men now face more hiring discrimination than women

Matt · 8 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Variations of the familiar quip, “Women have to be twice as good to go half as far,” date back to the early 20th century. This sentiment was true enough in its day, but a lot has changed in the generations since. While women have not reached parity with men in all ways, men have fallen behind women — in some cases far behind — in many domains, including in grade school, all levels of higher education and academia, and “adulting” (e.g., living with parents). As college degrees translate into higher-paying jobs, women now outearn men in several US cities — a trend that will likely continue as the credential gap widens.

Meanwhile, evidence of anti-male discrimination is accumulating. Research shows that people prefer scientific findings that portray females in a positive light over science that portrays men in a positive light. People also have more sympathy for females than males, punish men more severely than women for the same infractions, and evaluate women more favorably than they do men. And when it comes to the widely feared and supposedly pernicious “implicit bias”, that too favors women.'

“A White Male Would Probably Already Be Gone”

Matt · 12 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday, journalist Christopher Brunet and I broke a story examining evidence that strongly suggests that Harvard president Claudine Gay plagiarized multiple sections of her Ph.D. dissertation, according to Harvard’s own academic integrity policies. One of the scholars that Gay used material from in at least two instances was Carol Swain, who has served as a professor at Princeton and Vanderbilt. Swain is also known as one of America’s most prominent black conservatives and has published scholarly work criticizing race-based preferences and affirmative action.

This morning, I spoke with Swain, who said that she saw “a clear pattern of what one would consider plagiarism in Dr. Gay’s thesis” and called into question Gay’s continued service as Harvard’s president. The following transcript has been lightly edited for length and clarity.

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Christopher Rufo: What are your thoughts about the Claudine Gay plagiarism accusations?

Carol Swain: What is bothering me is not just that there’s passages she didn’t put in quotation marks. When I look at her work, I feel like her whole research agenda, her whole career, was based on my work. It bothers me because I know that my work was a big deal in the early 1990s. And I started falling out of favor in 1995 when I started criticizing race-based affirmative action. I thought affirmative action should be means-tested and race-neutral. When I started putting those ideas out, that’s when I started falling out of favor and getting labeled as a conservative, even while I was a Democrat, and blacks started attacking me, calling me a “sellout.”

...

Swain: The board of trustees needs to deal with those issues. They need to apply the same standards to her as they would apply to a white person under the same circumstances.

Rufo: And under these circumstances, what do you think would happen to a white person?

Swain: A white male would probably already be gone.'

Why White Men Resist IE&D Training and Initiatives

Mastodon · 13 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"The largest demographic group I've trained in 30+ years of DE&I consulting has been white males," said Eric Ellis, president and CEO of Integrity Development in Cincinnati. "I've gained valuable insights from them, including an understanding of key factors that often make them feel excluded from DE&I conversations." These include:

- Addressing bias: "Why am I the only one expected to acknowledge my biases when everyone has them?"
- Stereotyping: Expressing frustration about being generalized as the "stereotypical white man" who doesn't value IE&D and whose career success is solely attributed to their race and gender.
- Lack of advocacy and support: Being concerned that IE&D advocates rarely stand up for them when they experience discrimination in the workplace based on their identity or characteristics.'

UK: ‘Non-diverse’ candidates are not hired without my sign off, says Aviva boss Amanda Blanc

Matt · 15 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Amanda Blanc, the chief executive of Aviva, has said all senior white male recruits must get final sign-off from her as part of a diversity drive to stamp out sexism in the financial services industry.

Ms Blanc, who became Aviva’s first female chief executive in 2020, told a parliamentary committee that there was “no non-diverse hire at Aviva without it being signed off by me and the chief people officer”.

She said: “Not because I don’t trust my team but [because] I want to make sure that the process followed for that recruitment has been diverse, has been properly done and is not just a phone call to a mate saying, ‘would you like a job, pop up and we’ll fix it up for you’.”'

Genital Cutting as Gender Oppression: Time to Revisit the WHO Paradigm

Matt · 15 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In response to these concerns, scholars of genital cutting have increasingly undertaken a more comprehensive, cross-cultural and cross-sex comparative approach, particularly in the last several years. For example, in a recent publication, a large group of scholars from diverse countries, cultures, and disciplinary backgrounds highlighted the following shared aspects of non-therapeutic female, male, and intersex child genital cutting (FGC, MGC, and IGC, respectively), that seemed to them to be morally—and perhaps also legally—relevant:

they are all (1) medically unnecessary acts of (2) genital cutting that are (3) overwhelmingly performed on young children (4) on behalf of norms, beliefs, or values that may not be the child's own and which the child may not adopt when of age. Indeed, such norms, beliefs, or values are often controversial in the wider society and hence prone to reevaluation upon later reflection or exposure to other points of view (e.g., the belief that a child's body must conform to a strict gender binary; that surgery is an appropriate means of pursuing hygiene; that one's genitals must be symbolically purified before one can be fully accepted; and so on). In this, they constitute painful intrusions into the “private parts” of the most vulnerable members of society, despite being [of] contested value overall (BCBI, 2019) (p. 21).'

Narcissists may engage in feminist activism to satisfy their grandiose tendencies, study suggests

Matt · 15 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. To be fair, this may be applicable to a lot or even all cause-related movements in general. I've noticed in such groups there are those there for the gospel, then there's those there for themselves. Excerpt:

'A recent study has found that individuals with higher levels of narcissistic traits are more likely to be involved in feminist activism. This research suggests that for some, activism may serve not just as a platform for societal change, but also as a means to fulfill personal, egocentric needs. The findings have been published in Current Psychology.

The study was inspired by the idea that while many engage in activism for altruistic reasons or due to direct personal impact by the issues at hand, others might be motivated by less noble desires, such as the fulfillment of narcissistic needs. This notion aligns with the concept that activism can be used as a vehicle for individuals to achieve personal gains, such as attention, status, or fame.'

UK: Hormone-free contraceptive pill for men being trialed

Matt · 16 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Pre-clinical studies have found YCT-529 is "99% effective and 100% reversible, with no side effects", according to experts at its manufacturer, YourChoice Therapeutics, based in San Francisco.

The new hormone-free drug is being tested by 16 British men, with the initial trial phase conducted by Nottingham-based drug development company, Quotient Sciences.

Men are currently limited to using condoms or having a vasectomy to prevent unwanted pregnancies, while women can choose from the pill, coil, contraceptive injection and female condoms or diaphragms.'

Froma Harrop: Blaming white men for problems is political stupidity

Mastodon · 17 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An effective way of handing elections to right-wing Republicans is to label large blocs of voters as wrong by virtue of their gender, race, ethnicity, age. Those are physical characteristics, not walking opinions.

Yet this self-destructive habit is routinely practiced by some on the left, especially the feminist left. They casually cite "white men" as the reason reproductive rights are under attack.
...
Arguing a position based on the holder's race, gender or age isn't just dumb politically. It's no argument at all.'

Young men just more interested in STEM fields, poll finds

Matt · 18 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Young men are more interested in science and technology careers than young women even though both equally report receiving opportunities and encouragement to enter STEM fields, a new Gallup survey found.

The poll by Gallup and the Walton Family Foundation found that 85 percent of young men ages 12 to 26 are interested in physical science, technology, engineering, or math careers. In contrast, 63 percent of young women said the same.

“Women make up half of the total college-educated workforce in the U.S. but only 34% of the workforce in science, technology, engineering and math sectors,” according to Gallup.

The poll comes amid a wealth of programs aimed at encouraging more girls to study STEM fields and research exploring why so few do.'

Wanting to hire ‘fewer white men’ for a job is not discrimination

Mastodon · 20 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Wanting to hire “fewer white men” for a job is not discrimination, a tribunal has ruled.

Chris Palmer was turned down from an £80,000 post at a financial services company, who instead opted to hire a woman, after he was told at his job interview the company wanted to hire fewer white men.

At an employment tribunal, the candidate said his failure to get the position as head of HR was based on his ethnicity and gender following the remark from Michael Jones, the managing director.

However the panel dismissed his claims – ruling it was not “indicative of an intention to discriminate” when an employer mentioned its aim to improve diversity in its workforce.'

Using Sexism & Racism to ‘Improve Diversity’

Mastodon · 20 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While it may once have been scandalous for employers to exclude white men from their recruitment process, fast forward to 2023 and most hiring panels appear to have decided it’s riskier to include them. Infuriated by the failure of equality to produce equal outcomes, our liberal culture demands a bogeyman, and in the straight, white male, it found the pantomime villain of its dreams. Whatever your grievance, the patriarchy will shoulder the blame because any alternative culprit is simply too ‘offensive’ to countenance—no matter how well the facts support their claim.

...

The premise used to inculcate and justify the war on white men is the lie of white privilege, currently being pushed in schools under the umbrella of Critical Race Theory (CRT). This lie asserts that white men are both uniquely privileged, and uniquely evil. Neither, of course, are true. In terms of privilege, Chinese and Indian workers out-earn their white British counterparts by almost £10,000 a year, while in terms of academic performance, working-class white males are the poorest performing demographic (it must be all that misogyny slowing them down). Meanwhile, even the most cursory analysis of crime in Britain demonstrates that, if anything, white men are underrepresented in criminal activity, unless one insists on pretending not to understand ‘per capita.’

DEI under siege: Why more businesses are being accused of ‘reverse discrimination’

Mastodon · 21 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'He has accused Macy’s of discriminating against white men. McDonald’s and IBM, too. Even NASCAR – a mostly white sport that banned confederate flags in 2020 – is in his sights.

Some two dozen complaints have been leveled by Stephen Miller, a senior White House adviser in the Trump administration.

Emboldened by a Supreme Court ruling last summer striking down affirmative action in education, Miller and his conservative advocacy organization America First Legal have taken the position that all DEI programs are illegal, embracing “reverse discrimination,” a concept that first emerged in the 1970s as a backlash to 1960s-era civil rights laws to fix racial disparities in the workplace.'

Company's 'pattern of eliminating white males' supports reverse bias award, judges say

Mastodon · 21 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A U.S. appeals court panel on Thursday sounded likely to mostly uphold a $4 million award for a white male former healthcare executive who claimed he was fired so the company could further its diversity goals.

A three-judge 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in Richmond, Virginia heard arguments in an appeal by hospital operator Novant Health Inc, which claims former senior vice president David Duvall's lack of leadership skills, and not his race or sex, led to his termination.

The appeal comes as corporate diversity initiatives are facing increased scrutiny and legal challenges, largely from conservative groups who say they amount to unlawful bias against white and male workers.

Two 4th Circuit judges at Thursday's argument signaled that Novant was unlikely to convince them to overturn the jury's finding that the company had engaged in discrimination.

Circuit Judges A. Marvin Quattlebaum and G. Steven Agee cited evidence that six other white executives were fired around the same time as Duvall, who was replaced by a Black woman, that Duvall's Black supervisor received lower performance scores than Duvall but kept his job, and that Novant could not produce any documentation to back up its stated reasons for firing him.

"The jury's entitled to look at these things and come to a reasonable conclusion ... that there's a pattern of eliminating white males in order to accommodate another group," Quattlebaum said to Novant's lawyer, Stephen Cox.

Duvall was fired in 2018 after Novant adopted a plan to make its workforce more reflective of the communities it serves. He sued in 2019, accusing the North Carolina-based of race and sex discrimination in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.'

Why Young Men Are Turning Against Feminism

Mastodon · 22 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The rising rejection of feminism among young men is almost certainly linked to growing feelings that American society has become more hostile to men. In 2019, less than one-third of young men reported that men experienced some or a lot of discrimination in American society. Only four years later, close to half (45 percent) of young men now believe men are facing gender-based discrimination. For some young men, feminism has morphed from a commitment to gender equality to an ideology aimed at punishing men. That leads to predictable results, like half of men agreeing with the statement, “These days society seems to punish men just for acting like men.”'

NYT Critic Takes Aim at Kids' Shows 'Bluey' and 'Chip Chilla' for Having 'Weirdly Present' Fathers

Mastodon · 22 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Popular kids cartoon Bluey and the Daily Wire's Chip Chilla are in the crosshairs of a New York Times writer for apparently having 'weirdly present' fathers.

You can't make this stuff up.

Critic Amanda Hess wrote a piece for the outlet headlined, "The Fantasy of the Fun TV Dad."

She pondered how Bandit, the 'exceptional' father in Bluey, has time to be a fun dad while holding a job and still having time to cheerfully do house chores, including laundry. LOL:

I don't know how he keeps house, works as an archaeologist and serves as a full-time prop artist to his daughters, but he does it all while only feigning complaint. He is not only a good father — he is a fantasy, one crafted to appeal to adults as much as to children.'

Beauty queen charged in ex-NFL hubby's Bahamas murder plot allowed to return home for holidays

Mastodon · 22 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A judge gave Lindsay Shiver an early Christmas gift by letting her leave the Bahamas to visit her children and family in Alabama for the holidays.

Shiver is out on bail but not allowed to leave the Bahamas, where she allegedly planned to hire a hitman to kill her husband, Robert Shiver, during a contentious divorce.

The Bahamian judge ruled Thursday that the former beauty queen could travel back to the United States, with specific conditions, despite Robert's plea during the hearing that he is "thankful to be alive" after the alleged murder plot.

Lindsay's lawyer argued his client is a "single housewife with no source of income" and is living off money stashed away by her parents, Court TV reported.'

Pearl explains why men will always lose in modern marriage

Matt · 23 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Pearl uses her whiteboard to explain why modern marriage is a losing proposition for men these days.

Nigeria: Paternity fraud: Shocking revelations as more couples embrace DNA testing

Mastodon · 23 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr Olanrewaju (surname withheld) rubbed both eyes with the back of his hands. He was not sure what he saw as the truth.

“How can four of the kids who call me father not be mine?” he wondered.

After secretly conducting a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test to confirm his first son’s paternity at the DCC DNA Diagnostic Centre in Osogbo, Osun State, he received the shock of his life.

Sharing his story in tears on a radion station in Ibadan, Oyo State, the 44-year-old Osun State indigene said his wife, whom he married in 2007, brought another man’s children for him to father.

The children who are 16, 12, eight, and five years old were tested after Olanrewaju discovered what he termed ‘promiscuous moves’ from his wife.'

Florida woman who raped her autistic brother-in-law and had his baby claimed she was the victim: sheriff

Mastodon · 23 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A deranged Florida woman has been charged with allegedly raping her autistic brother-in-law over the course of a decade — and giving birth to his child, according to authorities.

Amanda Rose Brooks was arrested on Dec. 7 by US Marshals in Orlando and charged with sexual battery and lying to authorities that she had been the victim of sexual assault in the Lower Keys, according to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and arrest records.

In June 2022, Brooks, 36, reached out to the Sheriff's Office, claiming she had been repeatedly sexually assaulted by her husband and his brother, The Keys Citizen reported, citing an arrest warrant.

In addition to sharing a list of times and dates detailing assaults, Brooks gave investigators screenshots of messages with friends depicting her as the victim of abuse and claiming that she had been harassed by her husband's family for having left with her children.'

'Two-Parent Privilege' author sounds alarm on concerning marriage trend's impact on children

Matt · 23 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The marriage rate will go up when the penalty men pay for being married goes away. The implicit and explicit terms of marriage for men must change or the rate will continue to decline. Excerpt:

'One author is explaining why the ultimate privilege is being born into a two-parent household and why the decline in marriage should cause concern.

"This is something as an economic matter, not as a value-laden or moral proposition we should all be really concerned about," Melissa Kearney stressed during her appearance on Fox News Thursday.

The "Two-Parent Privilege," author and economist suggests that the decline of two-parent households is driving "class gaps in kids' opportunities, experiences and household resources."'

Fewer young men are in college, especially at 4-year schools

Matt · 23 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'College enrollment among young Americans has been declining gradually over the past decade. In 2022, the total number of 18- to 24-year-olds enrolled in college was down by approximately 1.2 million from its peak in 2011.

Most of the decline is due to fewer young men pursuing college. About 1 million fewer young men are in college but only 0.2 million fewer young women. As a result, men make up 44% of young college students today, down from 47% in 2011, according to newly released U.S. Census Bureau data.

This shift is driven entirely by the falling share of men who are students at four-year colleges. Today, men represent only 42% of students ages 18 to 24 at four-year schools, down from 47% in 2011.'

Unveiling Paths: MRA, MGTOW, and Red Pill Perspectives on the System

Matt · 25 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the intricate landscape of contemporary societal discussions (the manosphere), the perspectives encapsulated by MRA, MGTOW, and the RedPill movement stand as distinct navigational markers. Each ideology signifies a unique approach to the system, representing a spectrum of viewpoints that range from reformist to revolutionary. As we delve into the intricacies of these ideologies, we invite you to explore the nuanced paths these movements advocate.'

Why So Many Young Men Are Abandoning College Degrees

Matt · 28 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No mention of the anti-male hostility on college campuses. Excerpt:

'A large number of men are forgoing college, leading to an alarming gap between university-educated men and women, a new study found.

The Pew Research Center discovered a large drop in male Hispanic high school graduates turning away from four-year colleges. While 42 percent were in attendance in 2011, the number fell to 33 percent in 2022.

White males had a substantial drop, as well. While 49 percent attended college in 2011, the number moved to 40 percent in 2022. The gap was significant for white high school graduates, as female white graduates were the most likely to enroll in college, at 50 percent.
...
In part, the migration of young men away from college can be explained by a growing and widespread skepticism over higher education and the high student debt it often leads to, experts said.'

56 French Stars Denounce Gerard Depardieu Rape Allegations as ‘Lynching’

Mastodon · 28 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The open letter published in Le Figaro, a conservative-leaning daily French newspaper, includes signatures from French figures like Carl Bruni, Charlotte Rampling, and Carole Bousquet – Depardieu’s former romantic partner. As many as two dozen women signed the letter, most of whom were of the actor’s generation.

“Gérard Depardieu is probably the greatest actor,” the letter stated. “We can no longer remain silent in the face of the lynching that fell upon him, in the face of the torrent of hatred that pours down on his person, without nuance, in the most complete amalgamation and in defiance of a presumption of innocence of which he would have benefited, like everyone else, if he were not the giant of cinema that he is.”

Last week, none other than French President Emmanuel Macron came to Depardieu’s aid, referring to the allegations as a “witch hunt.” He also rejected calls to strip the actor of his Legion of Honour medal.

“I am a great admirer of Gérard Depardieu,” Macron said on the French talk show C à Vous. “As president of the republic and as a citizen, I say he makes France proud.”

As noted by TheWrap, the acclaimed actor has been facing “several accusations of sexually inappropriate behavior.”'

UK: Princess Kate champions the importance of fathers in children's early years

Matt · 30 December 2023 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Princess of Wales is set to turn her attention to the importance of fathers in children's early years.

Kate has met a number of fathers' groups amid plans to raise awareness about the role men play at the beginning of youngsters' lives.

She has consulted experts in the sector to find out how best to highlight the issue, as well as how to attract more fathers to parenting groups and support their mental health.

Research by the princess's Royal Foundation Centre for Early Childhood found that only 19 per cent of the population could identify the period between pregnancy and the age of five as the most important for shaping a child's future. While one in four women did, this was matched by only 14 per cent of men.'

California woman brought guns and 'down payment' to meet 'hitman,' have husband killed in bitter divorce

Matt · 2 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A California equestrian whose bitter divorce threatened to end her lavish West Coast lifestyle pleaded guilty to a failed murder-for-hire plot targeting her wealthy, estranged husband in a surprise plea deal, according to local media.

San Diego police arrested Tatyana Remley, 42, in August after she brought three guns and a stack of money as a "down payment" to meet a man she allegedly thought she could hire to kill her husband, Mark, 58, prosecutors alleged in the criminal complaint over the summer.

That man was an undercover detective.'

'Star Wars' Director's Comment About Men Sparks Calls to Boycott

Mastodon · 4 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the video, Chinoy is asked during a Women in the World Foundation panel, "What is the balance of activating a force for change, but also trying to permeate that patriarchy, that power structure, and is that a part of the calculation of your art as well and what's been the reaction to that?"

Chinoy replies, "Oh, absolutely. I like to make men uncomfortable. I enjoy making men uncomfortable ... it is important to be able to look into the eyes of a man and say, 'I am here' and recognize that. And recognize that I am working to bring something that makes you uncomfortable, and it should make you uncomfortable because you need to change your attitude.'

Opinion: Dear Bob Iger, Star Wars Is Not A Platform For Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy's Feminist Activism

Mastodon · 4 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The cognitive dissonance at Disney continues. In an interview with CNN, upcoming Star Wars director Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy sounded off on the 'historical significance' of her being hired to lead the untitled "Rey film", declaring that she is "thrilled" about the project because, "We're in 2024 now, and I think it's about time that we had a woman come forward to shape the story in a galaxy far, far away."

Do you feel the excitement?

Unlikely. By all available metrics, Obaid-Chinoy is highly accomplished and talented as a filmmaker, but her interviews on this Star Wars opportunity only seem to point toward ego and using this intellectual property as a vehicle for scoring political points.

Obaid-Chinoy made this clear in 2015 in an interview on stage with Jon Stewart where she affirmed her enjoyment of "making men uncomfortable" after he noted that the "thread" in her films were men that are "a—holes."

"I enjoy making men uncomfortable," the filmmaker declared at the time, elaborating, "It is important to be able to look into the eyes of a man and say, 'I am here and recognize that I am working to bring something that makes you uncomfortable.'"

She continued, "And it should make you uncomfortable, because you need to change your attitude, and it's only when you're uncomfortable, when you're shifty, when you have to have difficult conversations, that you will perhaps look at yourself in the mirror and not like the reflection, and then say, 'Maybe there is something wrong with the way I think, or maybe there is something wrong with the way I am addressing this issue.'""

Congresswoman assaults ex-husband; he declines to press charges

Matt · 7 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. People will start taking DV against men seriously when men start taking it seriously. Excerpt:

'Republican Colorado Rep. Lauren Boebert allegedly punched her ex-husband twice Saturday night in a Colorado restaurant before she called the police, according to the Denver Post.

The congresswoman allegedly struck Jayson Boebert, her ex-husband, twice at the Miner's Claim in Slit, according to the outlet.

An investigation by the Slit Police Department is ongoing, Chief Mike Kite confirmed, according to the outlet. Police reportedly arrived at the scene after the incident, after which neither party was arrested.

"This is a sad situation for all that keeps escalating and another reason I'm moving," Boebert said in a statement from her campaign manager to the outlet. "I didn't punch Jason in the face and no one was arrested."

The Colorado Republican's ex-husband told police Sunday he and Lauren Boebert were having heated talks, the outlet reported. He reportedly does not plan to press charges.

"I don't want nothing to happen," Jayson Boebert told the outlet in a brief phone interview. "Her and I were working through a difficult conversation."

Jayson Boebert blamed himself for the Colorado couple's "devastating divorce" in September, claiming it is "far from the truth" that Lauren Boebert left him "over fame and a new lifestyle."'

Yes, men and boys are in crisis — but traditional masculinity won't help them

Mastodon · 10 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm tired of toxic masculinity. I mean, I'm tired of its existence in general, particularly in the corrosive radicalization of our boys and young men. But I'm also tired of how the phrase has become synonymous with masculinity in general. I'm tired of the ways in which the suffering of males — especially the ones who aren't white or straight or from a privileged socioeconomic background — is dismissed, marginalized and misunderstood.

And while I agree with my colleague Amanda Marcotte that "Healthy men draw their self-esteem from inside, by cultivating their own talents and good qualities," I also think that our culture is doing a terrible job of defining and encouraging that healthy masculinity.'

CBS’s O’Donnell Praises St. Paul, MN’s All-Female City Council

Mastodon · 10 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NORAH O’DONNELL: Finally, tonight, I think you'll like this story. History was made in Minnesota's capital city of St. Paul today. Or should we say, HER-story was made. St. Paul’s new city council was sworn in this afternoon, made up entirely of women. And get this: six of the seven council members are women of color, and they are all under the age of 40. Four of them are new members, and say that affordable housing and access to child care are some of their top priorities. Congratulations to them and the people of St. Paul. I am bettin’ that they get some stuff done.'

The problem with this report, obviously, is that it reduces these elected officials to skin color and genitalia (unless O’Donnell’s trying to slip a “trans woman” by us, which would be a whole other story). O’Donnell doesn’t get into the substance of these women beyond their aforementioned immutability.

And when you look past identity and go to substance, OF COURSE this is a far-left city council. A quick review of each of the candidates’ campaign websites reveals their leftist inclinations and intentions upon taking office.'

Activision Blizzard exec claims he was fired due to ‘too many old white guys’ at firm

Mastodon · 10 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A veteran Activision Blizzard executive claims the “Call of Duty” maker canned him because it had “too many old white guys,” according to a lawsuit.

James Reid Venable, 57, filed an age discrimination lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court last week against the company, which finalized a $69 billion merger with Microsoft last October.

The lawsuit cites alleged comments made by Activision Blizzard CEO Bobby Kotick at a leadership conference that the “problem” with the company was that “there are too many old white guys.”

Kotick resigned last month after the company agreed to pay about $54 million to settle discrimination claims brought by California’s civil rights agency on behalf of women who alleged they faced constant sexual harassment.'

Harvard Medical School ashamed of white male department heads

Mastodon · 10 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Harvard University Medical School has removed portraits of former department chairs from a lecture hall because the individuals pictured are not sufficiently diverse.

School officials confirmed Friday afternoon that the portraits of 31 medical school deans—which formerly hung in the school's Bornstein Family Amphitheater—have been "dispersed" to various lobbies and conference rooms.

All 31 individuals depicted in the portraits are men, and while one is Chinese, the other 30 are also white.'

Congresswomen gender-shame Hunter Biden

Matt · 10 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hunter Biden sat silently in a congressional hearing room Wednesday while a panel investigating his father for corruption considered a vote to hold him in contempt of Congress for failing to provide closed-door testimony to investigators about his father's involvement in his lucrative business schemes.

"You have no balls," Rep. Nancy Mace, South Carolina Republican, told Mr. Biden as he sat stone-faced in the House Oversight and Accountability Committee room.

Chairman James Comer, Kentucky Republican, said Hunter Biden broke the law by defying two congressional subpoenas to provide testimony.
...
The president's son fled the hearing room when Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, Georgia Republican, began berating him.

As he exited, Ms. Greene said he was afraid to face "strong women" and "what a coward."'

MN Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan says St. Paul's new all-female City Council should be "the norm."

Mastodon · 11 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During Tuesday's inauguration ceremony held at the Ordway Theater, Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan told the freshmen members and incumbents, "while this is historic, it should also simply be the way it is. The norm."

Flanagan also said this group of young, diverse, women leaders is part of the reality her daughter and other young women are growing up in.

"It is my daughter's reality that a group of really smart and talented, dedicated women can get elected to lead their community," Flanagan said. "I am honored and grateful that I get to go home tonight and I get to tell Siobhan that in St. Paul, the city council is led by all women and I hope she thinks 'well why wouldn't it be?'"'

'Fatherlessness' is one of the 'true root causes' of crime in America: Jason Riley

Mastodon · 11 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new academic study is suggesting the presence of two parents in a household may play a crucial role in ensuring safer communities.

Wall Street Journal columnist Jason Riley, who recently wrote about this topic, argued on "Sunday Night in America with Trey Gowdy" that the biggest root of crime is fatherlessness.

Riley referenced the book "The Two-Parent Privilege" by economist Melissa Kearney in emphasizing the significant impact of family structure on social inequality and the lack of discussion on this issue within academia and in this country.'

Young men are accomplishing less than ever before. Experts point to 'male malaise.'

Matt · 12 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From work to education to relationships, young males across the U.S. are growing increasingly disconnected from society, leading some experts to express concern for the state of American manhood.

Fewer men under 21 were meeting five key achievement milestones in 2021 than they were in 1980, according to data from Pew Research. These include being employed full-time, being financially independent, living on their own, getting married and having a child.

Only 39% of 21-year-old men were working full-time in 2021 compared to 64% in 1980. Only 25% were financially independent from their parents compared to the earlier 42%.

The gap narrows by age 25, but is still “statistically significant,” Pew writes. By 25, 66% found full-time employment compared to 73% in 1980. Those who were financially independent at 25 made up 60% of the group, compared to 63% in the past.

Young males still trailed their predecessors in areas like living away from their parents’ homes, getting married and having a child.'

Feminist prof admits 'the goal' is to 'dismantle' the U.S.

Mastodon · 12 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An instructor whose specialties include “Indigenous feminist and queer studies” and “Diné/Navajo studies” has sparked controversy by calling to “decolonize this place,” in reference to the United States.

During a panel on Dec. 3, Melanie Yazzie, who teaches a course on “Indigenous Tribal Government and Politics at the University of Minnesota, said the “goal” is “to dismantle the settler project that is the United States.”

The discussion was hosted by Red Nation, a group Yazzie co-founded that is “dedicated to the liberation of Native peoples from capitalism and colonialism.” The event was held in Minneapolis and titled “From Minnesota to Palestine,” featuring a combination of Palestinian and Native American speakers.

According to the event page, in-person attendees were encouraged to wear masks.

Yazzie also said that she believed the U.S. is the “greatest predator empire that has ever existed.”'

Group preps to sue MIT, alleges it rejects male applicants for less-qualified female ones

Matt · 12 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of Massachusetts Institute of Technology alumni are working to prepare a lawsuit against the prestigious school that accuses its leaders of unlawfully rejecting male applicants for less-qualified female ones to advance gender parity.

The alumni have formed a nonprofit called FairAdmissions@MIT and currently seek male plaintiffs rejected by MIT despite “top SAT/ACT scores, great grades, strong recommendations, and substantial extra-curricular activities,” the group’s website states.

“This is about a return to meritocracy,” said a member of the group who asked to remain anonymous for fear of possible retaliation against him for organizing the litigation.'

The fraud and death of feminism will be complete in 2024

Mastodon · 17 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Seeing this grotesque blight on humanity return less than 80 years since the exposure of the Holocaust, can be overwhelming enough. But in addition to such inhumanity parading itself on campuses like Harvard, Columbia, NYU, MIT, and the University of Pennsylvania, another significant event in American social and political history took place in front of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce — the fraud and death of feminism and the indictment of its foundational ideology – Identity Politics.

...

What played out in front of the nation was the reality that the feminist argument that women would be better at everything simply because of their sex and life experience, was a fraud. Women, due to experiencing bias and discrimination, had a natural compassion and commitment to "making things better," we were told by our mentors. We, as women, would naturally be better leaders, better managers, better organizers, and reverse the damage men had done in every institution.

Life experience does matter, and women's experience and style is an imperative in all human endeavors, but what was left out of the argument I was plied with was how character matters. It is a trait that highlights the individual's importance. The morality and values that animate our lives and choices as Americans is the existential threat to the left's nihilistic worldview, and they know it.'

Women and children, feminists and misandry

Mastodon · 17 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Have you ever gotten in trouble or received a nasty look when holding an elevator door for an ultra-feminist woman, or pausing when the elevator door opens for all the women inside to get off or for those waiting outside first to get on? If you live outside America's two Crazy Coasts, know with a certainty that this is not the era of "Ozzie and Harriet" and "Father Knows Best." Donna Reed? Howzabout crazy left Joyce Reid of MSNBC? Father Knows Best? More like: "Father Is an Idiot and Is Barred by a Restraining Order from Seeing the Kids."
...

The United States Supreme Court now has its first confirmed idiot, a woman of absolutely no distinction whatsoever, whose most famous moment in the public eye came when she could not define what a woman is. No? Truly no? In the world of Identity Politics, every woman knows precisely what a woman is if she needs a job and the employer is meeting quotas. All the gender fluidity disappears when a non-binary They/Them/Their applies for a federal grant for a "woman-owned business." Suddenly "their" manifest a crystal-clear gender, as binary as two electric plug adapters.'

Facebook lawsuit alleging women defamed Chicago man on private page brings flood of complaints from other men

Mastodon · 20 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What began as one Chicago man's attempt to get justice after multiple women allegedly defamed him on a private Facebook group called "Are We Dating The Same Guy? — Chicago" has garnered national attention.

Nikko D'Ambrosio is suing Facebook and 27 women for $75 million after they allegedly posted his photos, name and other identifying information on the Chicago version of a nationwide collection of private Facebook groups called "Are we dating the same guy?" along with complaints about his behavior.

"It didn't start off as a national issue, but it morphed into one because of how many people are out there who are victims," D'Ambrosio's attorney, Daniel Nikolic, told Fox News Digital.

"And these guys aren't running out there telling family and friends, ‘Look, I’m being defamed on this website.' Who would want to do that? So, they stay in silence and go about their day. … So, we filed this lawsuit, and now people are coming out of the woodwork."'

White men no longer want to fight for a nation that scorns them

Mastodon · 20 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Let me begin by making this point as clearly as possible. There is absolutely nothing worse for the combat effectiveness of a military, than attempting to use recruiting as a social engineering program.

It was reported in this newspaper recently how the US Army has seen a dramatic fall in the number of white recruits, as the Military.com website found that the army fell 10,000 short of its 65,000 enlistment target.

Underpinning this drop was a dramatic decrease in white recruits from 44,042 in 2018, to just 25,070 in 2023, leading to the proportion of white recruits falling from 56.4 per cent of all recruits in 2018, to just 44 per cent. According to the US Census from 2022, around 59 per cent of all US citizens were from white backgrounds. The US military is 17 per cent women, so the recruiting crisis is primarily one among white men.

Clearly, something inside the US Army's recruitment system is failing, both in terms of targets being drastically missed, and a failure to recruit effectively among the nation's largest ethnic group.

The UK Armed Forces are in a similar depressing situation. Recruiting targets are consistently not met, but the main priority is not to get more people to join up – it is to get more non-white people and women to join up.'

University of Texas PhD student accused of brick assault hoax after racking up $40K from GoFundMe

Matt · 21 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. "BelieveAllWomen" indeed! Excerpt:

'A Ph.D. student in Texas was criminally charged after authorities accused her of lying about being assaulted and then raking in as much as $40,000 from a GoFundMe intended to help her recover.

Roda Osman, a student in the African and African Diaspora Studies Department at the University of Texas at Austin, was recently charged with felony-level theft by deception. In September, a friend of Osman's started a GoFundMe called "Help Roda Recover" after Osman was allegedly hit in the face with a brick.

On Saturday, Osman told Fox News Digital she's innocent and that she is "heartbroken" over the allegations.

Osman posted a video on social media where she alleged that she was assaulted by a man who asked for her phone number and was rejected. In the footage, she appeared visibly upset and pointed to a swollen part of her face.
...
According to court documents obtained by Fox News Digital, the Houston Police Department claims that Osman was in an altercation with a man when she was hit with a water bottle.

"It appeared Defendant Osman and [the man] were in the middle of a verbal argument when Defendant Osman swung her right hand while holding an unknown object and hit [the man] in the face," the documents read. "[The man] then swung his right hand while holding what appeared to be a plastic water bottle and struck Defendant in the face."

"The video footage capturing the incident did not support Defendant Osman's recorded statement."

Police also said they were contacted by a caller who accused Osman of running a fraudulent GoFundMe in 2020.

The 2020 GoFundMe was reportedly titled "Help Black Muslim Mother Pay Her Medical Bill," and claimed that Osman was "viciously assaulted by private security in Minneapolis, sustaining multiple facial contusions, a black eye and injuries to her leg. She needs an estimated $5,000 to pay for medical bills, legal fees, a new phone and more."

Osman also told Fox News Digital that she was being targeted by the "manosphere," a group of anti-feminist social media users.

"The manosphere [is] targeting me…for speaking out against a Black man because Black women are supposed to protect Black men from the justice system," she said. "But I refuse to be silenced when I have been harmed so brutally."

According to Osman's UT–Austin webpage, her interests include "Black feminist theory, ethnography, urban social movements, Black diasporic studies [and] decolonial studies." Osman told Fox News Digital that the legal situation is making it difficult for her to focus on school.'

What you need to know about the rise of antifeminists in the U.S.

Mastodon · 22 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the report, one-fifth of Americans believe that feminism is negative for society.

“The concept of feminism has a branding problem in the US in particular, and the term feminism just doesn’t speak to people in the way that it should and it’s become loaded and polarizing, said Margot Peppers, Foresight Factory’s consumer trends editor.

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A study published in July focused on the incel community, the group of sexually or romantically frustrated men who blame women and society for their inability to form these relationships. As Reckon reported in November, one of the key elements of incel identity is antifeminism. Though this overlap exists, Peppers says it’s important to note that the two are not synonymous.

“That’s a much more extreme group. But, you know, it is a subculture that seems to give young men a sense of identity and belonging in a world where they’re not really finding that elsewhere,” Peppers told Reckon.'

Half of Spanish men feel discriminated against amid feminism backlash

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Almost half of all Spanish men say feminism has gone too far and they are now discriminated against, according to findings which revealed nearly a third of women agree with them.

Spain has pivoted towards feminist-friendly policies in recent years under Pedro Sánchez, its Left-wing prime minister.

Some 44 per cent of men agreed that society had “come so far in promoting women’s equality that men are now being discriminated against”, according to the survey by Spain’s National Centre for Sociological Research.

Almost one-third of women also agreed with the statement.

The male respondents most likely to feel discriminated against were young. In the 16-24 age group, 52 per cent felt that the drive for women’s equality had gone too far.

Since 2018, governments led by Mr Sanchez have introduced a consent-based rape law and guaranteed menstrual leave from work for women with severe period pain. His cabinets have always had at least 50 per cent female participation and the government is currently preparing a law to force all management boards to have women make up at least 40 per cent of their number.'

‘Sorry, chaps, but feminism hasn’t gone nearly far enough’

Mastodon · 22 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Every couple of years since the dawn of time – or at the very least, feminism – a study will be released which shows that some people think the movement has gone too far. Those people will mostly be male, but the researchers carrying out the poll will be sure to find a healthy dollop of females who have also had enough of feminism, to prove that the men they surveyed weren’t all reactionary old dinosaurs/sex-starved incels, just decent, hard-working blokes who have had enough of all this Votes for Women rubbish.

This week, it’s the turn of the red-hot blooded men of Spain to have their say. The geography of this poll is no coincidence: the country has seen a host of feminist policy introduced in the past few years, including paid menstrual leave for people suffering from extreme period pain. The study by the country’s National Centre for Sociological Research found that 44 per cent of men believe feminism has gone too far and that they are now discriminated against, with a third of women backing them up.

I wonder if one of the men questioned was Luis Rubiales, the former president of the Spanish FA, who last year caused uproar when, while celebrating the World Cup win of the women’s team, he grabbed Spain’s leading goalscorer, Jenni Hermoso, and kissed her on the lips. You’ll remember that Hermoso described the kiss as non-consensual, while Rubiales described the backlash against him as “fake feminism”. Last week, he launched an NFT (non-fungible token), claiming it was intended “to support real equality”.'

Woman, 32, who stabbed her boyfriend 100 times to death in weed-induced frenzy is sentenced to just 100 hours community service

Mastodon · 23 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A California woman who stabbed her boyfriend 100 times and killed him, before turning the knife on herself and her dog, has been handed just 100 hours of community service.

Bryn Spejcher, 32, was given the astonishingly low sentence following psychiatrists' ruling that the tragedy was '100 percent' caused by cannabis-induced psychosis, which she suffered after taking two hits of the victim's bong.

The judge ruled that Spejcher 'experienced a psychotic break from reality' and 'had no control over her actions' when she killed Chad O'Melia, then 26, on Memorial Day weekend 2018.

She will spend the 100 hours educating others on marijuana-induced psychosis - but has promised to spend the rest of her life debunking the myth that cannabis is harmless.

O'Melia's family cried when the sentence was read out at Ventura Superior Court, with the victim's father warning it gave 'everyone who smokes marijuana in this state a license to kill'.

Sentencing today, Judge Worley said: 'The task [of sentencing] is made all the more difficult by the knowledge that the decision will impact good people.'

But he added that he does not believe further incarceration is necessary.'

AOC claims Trump is so popular among Republicans because he reaffirms 'insecure men's idea of masculinity'

Mastodon · 23 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez reasoned that Donald Trump is so popular among Republicans because he reaffirms 'insecure' men and white people and their ideas on gender and race.
...
'Donald Trump is what you actually get when you want a politician to embody all of your hopes and dreams and caricature of yourselves. Donald Trump affirms insecure men's idea of masculinity. They affirm insecure people's idea of wealth,' she said on the 'I've Had It' podcast with hosts Jennifer Welch and Angie "Pumps" Sullivan, 'insecure white folks' idea of race."

5 Questions With DU’s New Associate Director of Prevention and Masculinities Engagement

Mastodon · 23 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Justin Stoeckle came to the University of Denver last October as the first associate director of prevention and masculinities engagement, which falls under the Health Promotion team within the Health and Counseling Center (HCC). The University of Denver Magazine caught up with him to find out more about his role.

Can you describe your role at DU?

I support our office's efforts in raising awareness and educating students about interpersonal violence and prevention. I also create programs and other opportunities for students to engage in the work of promoting healthy masculinities by providing space for education, reflection, community and, in turn, cultivating the next generation of inclusive leaders.

What are some examples of the programming that you offer for students?

Since this position is so new, a lot programming and events are still in the brainstorm stage. There are two events that have taken off this quarter: the DU Masculinities Project and CAMP Talks. The DU Masculinities Project is a six-week workshop series that covers topics such as mental health, inclusion and equity, healthy relationships, and leadership all through the lens of healthy masculinity. The acronym CAMP stands for the Coalition for Authentic Masculinities Promotion. CAMP Talks is an opportunity for all students to discuss various topics that impact our understanding of masculinity such as how masculinity is portrayed in media, on social media, body image and more. In the future I hope to do storytelling events, retreats and more.'

Army Reveals It Fired Female Commander in Troubled Brigade After Claims of Sexual Assaults on Male Soldiers

Matt · 24 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A female Army officer was fired from command of a unit based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord amid allegations of multiple sexual assaults against several male subordinates and a pattern of sexual harassment, according to a service spokesperson.

Col. Meghann Sullivan served as commander of the 5th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 5th Security Force Assistance Brigade, at the base in Washington state. She was relieved of command Oct. 13, but this is the first time her firing has been reported.
...
Sullivan, who did not immediately return a request for comment, is still in the service and was reassigned to I Corps, based out of the same installation. She is seemingly not facing a court-martial, according to a Military.com review of the public-facing court docket. It was unclear whether she had hired an attorney.

The former commander faced allegations of assaulting at least two male subordinates and harassing several others, with some of those incidents allegedly tied to alcohol abuse, according to one source with direct knowledge of the situation. One of those instances allegedly involved forcefully kissing one of the males, and grabbing another below the belt without his consent.'

Central NY business files lawsuit accusing New York cannabis office of bias against white men

Mastodon · 27 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Central New York business owned by a white man has filed a lawsuit against New York's cannabis management agency accusing it of racial and gender bias.

The business, Valencia AG of Jamesville, claims the "social and economic equity" provisions in the state's licensing of cannabis businesses violate the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause by giving preference to women and people of color. The lawsuit, filed this week in U.S. District Court in Syracuse, names the state's Office of Cannabis Management, its director and its board members as defendants.

Valencia was recently ranked at number 2,042 in a state cannabis office list of 2,232 potential applicants, behind many businesses who qualified under the social equity provisions. There are roughly 1,800 social equity applicants ranked higher on what was supposed to be a "randomized" list, the lawsuit notes. The agency in fact gave extra weight to social equity applicants in the process, the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit also calls attention to a provision in the cannabis office regulations that sets a goal that at least 50% of business licenses should be awarded to social equity applicants, defined primarily as minority- or women-owned companies. It also cites provisions that set lower licensing fees for those who qualify as social equity applicants.

"The defendants designed and implemented regulations and procedures that have favored and given preference to selected races and genders and have discriminated against any person who is a white man," the lawsuit says.'

Montgomery County library event reverses pricing scheme that discriminated against White men

Mastodon · 27 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich has called the gender- and race-based rates charged to vendors at a county library event “illegal,” forcing the library to change the rates after The Washington Times exposed the discriminatory pricing structure.

The MoComCon event at the Germantown Library and BlackRock Center for the Arts, the county’s take on the popular Comic-Con gatherings, charged the highest vendor rates for businesses owned by White men and reserved lower rates for women and minorities.

Mr. Elrich, a Democrat, said it was the first time he had heard about the different vendor prices when asked about it at a press conference after the report in The Times.

“If they’re doing it, I can’t see how that’s not illegal,” he said. “We’re pretty clear that we don’t have different rates for different races.”'

Female university professors blame sexism for removal of women college presidents

Mastodon · 29 January 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sexism motivated the resignations of University of Pennsylvania president Elizabeth Magill and Harvard president Claudine Gay, several professors argued Sunday.

The New York Times' report "The Campus Wars Aren't About Gender … Are They?" interviewed multiple female professors and university employees on the controversies surrounding Magill and Gay as well as Sally Kornbluth following their congressional testimonies in December. At the time, the women came under fire for avoiding the question of whether calling for the genocide of Jews violated their campus codes of conduct.

"It depends on the context," Gay responded.

Though many called for their resignations following their comments, some faculty members suggested their gender was also a factor.'

Masculinity and women’s equality: study finds emerging gender divide in young people’s attitudes

Mastodon · 1 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Young people’s attitudes to masculinity and women’s equality show signs of an emerging gender divide, with the views of men and women often differing more within younger, rather than older, generations, according to a new study.

The findings, from King’s College London’s Policy Institute and Global Institute for Women’s Leadership in partnership with Ipsos, shows the gender split in views is starkest among the young when it comes to how helpful the term “toxic masculinity” is, whether it’s harder to be a man than a woman today, whether feminism has done more good or harm to society, and approval of the influencer Andrew Tate.

The research – which is based on a representative survey of 3,716 people aged 16+ using the Ipsos online random probability UK KnowledgePanel – also shows that in some cases young men today are no more supportive of action on gender equality than older men, despite their generally being more socially liberal, and that young men tend to be more worried about the challenges facing men.'

UK: Urgent action required to tackle ‘endemic’ misogyny faced by women in the music industry, WEC warns

Mastodon · 1 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WEC’s ‘Misogyny in Music’ report laid bare a “boys’ club” where sexual harassment and abuse is common, and the non-reporting of such incidents is high. Victims who do speak out struggle to be believed or may find their career ends as a consequence.

Despite increases in representation, women encounter limitations in opportunity, a lack of support and persistent unequal pay; these issues are intensified for women facing intersectional barriers, particularly racial discrimination, the report found.

Female artists are routinely undervalued and undermined, endure a focus on their physical appearance in a way that men are not subjected to, and have to work far harder to get the recognition their ability merits.

Making a series of strong and wide-ranging recommendations, the cross-party committee of MPs called on ministers to take legislative steps to amend the Equality Act to ensure freelance workers have the same protections from discrimination as employees and bring into force section 14 to improve protections for people facing intersectional inequality.'

The Gen Z gender gap is widening, and the influence of manosphere podcasters can't be ignored

Mastodon · 2 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gen Z are increasingly getting further apart in their ideological opinions, polls keep showing.

While women aged 18 and 29 have gotten more liberal in their beliefs every year, young men haven't and are less likely to care about political issues or participate in protests, according to an analysis by Daniel Cox, the director of the Survey Center on American Life.

Half of young men also believe they face some kind of discrimination, and less than half identify as feminists. Only half support the #MeToo movement, compared to nearly three-quarters of women.

Sharing the data, journalist and lawyer Imani Gandy commented on the pattern, saying: "YouTube algorithms are turning young men into sociopaths."

She might have a point.'

Psychiatrist sparks backlash by urging white men to donate part of their salary to black women

Mastodon · 3 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dr Kali Nicole Hobson, an Adult and Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in Atlanta, Georgia, has come under fire after she allegedly urged White men to donate a fraction of their salary to Black women in commemoration of Black History Month.

Black History Month is a month-long celebration of African American history and achievement, observed from February 1 to March 1. On February 2, 2024, Dr Kali Nicole Hobson took on TikTok and urged white men to donate a small portion of their salary to Black women to show they are “dedicated to equity” as Black women have historically been paid less than white men in any profession.'

‘Andrew Tate is a symptom, not the problem’: why young men are turning against feminism

Mastodon · 4 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'“As soon as I mention feminism, you can feel the shift in the room; they’re shuffling in their seats.” Mike Nicholson holds workshops with teenage boys about the challenges of impending manhood. Standing up for the sisterhood, it seems, is the last thing on their minds.

When Nicholson says he is a feminist himself, “I can see them look at me, like, ‘I used to like you.’”

Once Nicholson, whose programme is called Progressive Masculinity, unpacks the fact that feminism means equal rights and opportunities for women, many of the boys with whom he works are won over.

“A lot of it is bred from misunderstanding and how the word is smeared,” he says.

But he is battling against what he calls a “dominance-based model” of masculinity. “These old-fashioned, regressive ideas are having a renaissance, through your masculinity influencers – your grifters, like Andrew Tate.”'

This epidemic is America's modern civil rights challenge

Matt · 4 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. "Our country must advocate for policies that empower fathers, support families and guide the fatherless"

New York professor caught on video holding machete to reporter's neck reportedly fired after anti-Israel rants

Matt · 4 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Remember her? Well, she can't seem to stay off the naughty list. Latest is here. Excerpt:

'A New York professor notoriously caught on camera holding a machete to a reporter's neck last year has reportedly been fired from her latest teaching gig after espousing anti-Israel views.

Shellyne Rodriguez, who was terminated last year from her position at New York City's Hunter College, was fired again – this time from her most recent role at Cooper Union in Manhattan.

"Cooper Union has fired me because of a social media post I made about 'Zionists'… effective immediately," Rodriguez, 47, wrote in a Jan. 23 email to students, according to the New York Post. Cooper Union Students for Justice in Palestine shared the email on Instagram the next day.

"This is fascism. Ya'll are learning about it in real time," Rodriguez wrote. "Stay strong, [stay] brave, stay defiant, don't bite your tongue, and drink plenty of water! Pa-lante!"'

Alabama Bill Proposes Rapists be Castrated

Mastodon · 5 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"My bill is simple," Givan said. "If there is a young girl who has been raped or there's incest involved, or a woman that has been raped, the bill would require a man, if found guilty, to have a vasectomy or some form of castration." Newsweek has contacted Givan for comment via email.

House Bill 90 also would ensure fathers pay all costs associated with an abortion unless otherwise agreed with the pregnant woman. It would also see the payment be waived if the man agrees to a vasectomy.

"In recent years, the Legislature has passed laws restricting reproduction rights in the state and the penalties have been imposed only on women. It's time for that to change," Givan said in a statement seen by Birmingham Watch. "The last time I checked a biology textbook, it takes a woman and a man to make a baby. Men in Alabama need to be held to the same level of responsibility as women."
...
As part of the bill, Givan is asking lawmakers to consider allowing abortion in cases of rape and incest, saying that a woman should be able to choose what she should do with her own body.'

The rise and fall of White men and the institutions they built

Mastodon · 6 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Forty years ago, Harvard, America's oldest university, was often ranked the best in the world. Unfortunately, it has been destroying itself at an accelerating pace, with little chance of returning to its former glory. More on this below.

Do a thought experiment. If no White man (meaning someone descended from the tribes that inhabited Europe and nearby areas for some tens of thousands of years) had ever existed with an IQ of more than 100, what would the world look like today? Western civilization is frequently traced back to those who lived in Greece about 2,500 years ago. A small number of Greek thinkers in that period had enormous and lasting influence on mathematics, science, political thought, philosophy, literature, the arts, and architecture, such as Pythagoras, Aristotle and Plato.

Without smart White men, the great engineering of ancient Rome would not exist, nor the political ideas and thoughts of Cicero and his contemporaries. The Renaissance was dominated by White men like DaVinci and Galileo, who made unmatched contributions to the sciences and the arts. The Scottish and English Enlightenment provided the institutions in which great physicists, mathematicians, engineers, political theorists and philosophers — such as Isaac Newton, John Locke, Adam Smith and Benjamin Franklin — could thrive. Without their work, no steam and internal combustion engines, and thus no steamships, railroads or airplanes would have existed until a later time.'

Southwest Promises To Discriminate Against White Men

Mastodon · 6 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Southwest Airlines is pledging to discriminate against white men when selecting job candidates for senior positions within the company.

The Dallas-based carrier said it plans on “doubling racial diversity” and “increasing gender diversity” on its “Senior Leadership team by 2025.” Southwest said it will also increase “diverse representation on the Southwest Airlines Board of Directors,” according to an internal company presentation posted on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter.

Not only did Southwest reveal its plans to increase “representation” and “diversity” among the company’s top-level employees, but the airline also declared that it would “openly” report on its progress.

Despite pushback over its hiring practices, the airline continues to support initiatives that further discrimination under the guise of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).'

FGM in Sierra Leone

Matt · 6 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Couldn't agree more. Now where's any mention of MGM? Excerpt:

'Local police tell CNN that Jalloh is believed to have died from excessive bleeding in the Bondo bush – a place where a weeks-long secret initiation and rite of passage into womanhood (and into membership of the Bondo Society) takes place. In Sierra Leone, this initiation begins with Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) or Female Genital Cutting.

Jalloh's mother and grandmother took her to the initiation, the officers say. They have now been arrested, along with the Sowei, the woman who leads the ritual and performs the crude operation.

Her father is furious. "I never wanted my daughter to go through Bondo. I am opposed to it," he says. "I was never informed about it. They just did it on their own. All I was told was about her death and her dead body."'

Over $25K raised for anti-Israel professor who pulled machete on Post reporter

Mastodon · 10 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's a reward for bad behavior.

A fundraiser has collected over $25,000 for disgraced NYC art professor Shellyne Rodriguez, who was recently axed from her third teaching gig in less than a year.

The GoFundMe — whose goal is $30,000 — was launched last May after Rodriguez, 47, was fired from Hunter College and the School of Visual Arts for pulling a machete on Post reporter Reuven Fenton, who was inquiring about her viral freakout on a group of anti-abortion students.

Despite harassment, menacing, and weapons possession charges, she was hired at Cooper Union four months later.

But in January, The Post revealed last week, that Rodriguez was fired for anti-Israel statements.

Since then, donations to her have started trickling in again.

The page had pulled in $25,589 as of Friday.

"This fund is organized by a committee of fellow educators, artists and community organizers who seek to provide material support to help Shellyne recover from the impact of this persecution," the organizers, "SR Solidarity Committee," wrote on the site.'

Canada: Turns out, open hostility to white men isn't great for military recruitment

Mastodon · 10 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Like every army ever, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) have always been predominantly male. And, as a country with a majority of the population being of European descent, its members have been predominantly white. These facts should be uncontroversial.

But unlike every army ever, the CAF is using the identities of its historic membership to promote an ethos of guilt and shame within the institution. This isn't fixing the present recruitment crisis and it's doubtful that it ever will — but this approach has the firm support of scholarly military voices, the latest example coming to us from Paul Mitchell, a defence studies professor at the Canadian Forces College.'

Idaho's public university: State triples spending to $6M on courses about 'white fragility' and 'toxic masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Idaho public universities have ramped up spending to $6 million on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts and teaching students about 'white fragility' and 'toxic masculinity,' a damning new report shows.

Idaho Freedom Foundation (IFF) researchers have lifted the lid on a tripling of DEI spending since 2022 at Boise State University (BSU) and three other taxpayer-funded schools across the Gem State.

Those schools now have 75 administrators dedicated to DEI, many of them earning six-figure salaries.

The top earner, Yolanda Bisbee, is an expert on tribal relations who bags $170,706 per year as chief diversity officer at the University of Idaho (UI).

'The DEI regime has been growing in Idaho's public universities,' researchers Anna Miller and Scott Yenor said in their 25-page study for the conservative think tank.

Critics say it's a form of reverse discrimination that unfairly blows back on straight, white men.

Others say DEI schemes may be well-intentioned, but seldom achieve their desired goals and often make things worse by stirring up divisions in lecture halls and offices.'

Feminist ‘Gender Justice’ Group Alarmed by Young Men Rejecting Feminism

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A global feminist organization whose idea of “healthy manhood” is the promotion and “allyship” of feminist ideals expressed worry in its 2023 report, which revealed that fewer young American men are supportive of feminism.

Equimundo: Center for Masculinities and Social Justice was distressed to learn some of the results of its online survey of 2,022 American men between the ages of 18 and 45.

The survey found 40% of all the men showed symptoms of depression, while 44% had recent thoughts of suicide.

The group’s primary concern, however, appeared to be that the number of men who said “feminism has made America a better place” dropped by nine percentage points between the group of “elder millennials” (age 38-45), at 56%, and the 18-23 “Gen Z” group, at 47%.

Equimundo touts itself as having “worked internationally and in the US since 2011 to engage men and boys as allies in gender equality, promote healthy manhood, and prevent violence.”

The organization seeks to alter “masculine” men by “transforming intergenerational patterns of harm and promoting patterns of care, empathy and accountability among boys and men throughout their lives.”

Among the corporations and organizations funding Equimundo are the United Nations Foundation, George Soros’ Open Society Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Archewell – the organization founded by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.'

Gen Z men go traditional, cover women's costs on date night: 'Equality didn't mean we should pay the same'

Mastodon · 10 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Tradition is on the menu during Gen Z date night.

Despite being seen as politically progressive when it comes to gender equality, young American men are still expected to pick up the tab for the women they're wooing — and they're more than happy to do so.

A survey of 552 heterosexual college students cited in a new report by The New York Times found that Zoomer men paid for dates 90% of the time.

Gen Z women, on the other hand, paid in full for just 2% of the dates they went on, while 8% of dates were split evenly between the sexes.

"The traditional pattern is still there," professor Shanhong Luo, who conducted the research, told the publication.

The Times cited one 27-year-old woman who claimed that gender equality wasn't a reason to expect the fairer sex to split the bill.

"Gender equality didn't mean men and women should pay the same when they went out," the unidentified woman purportedly said, saying that females "earn less than men in the workplace, spend more time getting ready for outings, and pay more for reproductive care."'

Australia’s All-Boys Schools Need to Stamp Out Toxic Masculinity

Mastodon · 15 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'By invoking tradition, the protesters are endorsing a culture of machismo pervasive in elite boys schools. It is these young men who will go on to hold positions of power in business, finance, politics, law and the media, cementing old boys’ networks. That is why schools must act to stamp out damaging gender views and smash the sexist stereotypes that stand in the way of gender equality. Going coed is the right move. If we demand diversity in companies and our private and public institutions, it should start in schools during adolescents’ formative years. Apart from the home, there is no better place to hold schoolboys accountable for rampant appalling behavior toward girls that is pervasive at elite boys’ schools. Learning alongside them from early on about respect would help.

Change is afoot. Some recognize that we live in different times, and there is now an increased demand for mixed-sex education. Cranbrook, attended by billionaire James Packer and Atlassian Corp. founder Mike Cannon-Brookes, is in the process of enrolling girls in stages. Barker College, the alma mater of Midnight Oil lead singer and former politician Peter Garrett, and film director Phillip Noyce (Patriot Games, Clear and Present Danger) became fully coeducational in 2022. Barker was established more than 100 years ago at a time of “different attitudes towards the roles of men and women,” its website notes, recognizing that “a more inclusive and diverse community” can help address “stereotypes that can develop in single sex environments.”'

Leaving ‘Mr. Mom’ Behind

Matt · 18 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The percentage of stay-at-home parents who are fathers has risen dramatically over the last three decades. Pew Research Center, using the Census Bureau’s Annual Social and Economic Supplement, published a report over the summer showing that almost 1 in 5 American parents who do not work for pay are fathers. From 1989 to 2021 (the latest Pew data), that represented a 63.6 percent increase — the result of both rapid growth in the share of fathers who do not work for pay and a slight decrease in the share of mothers who do not work for pay. (The share of women working is currently at an all-time high, driven by mothers of children under 5, who have generally been likeliest to stay home.)'

Protecting Our Sons: Navigating a Radical Feminist Culture

Mastodon · 19 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I dedicated 13 years of my life to public, private, and higher education. As a teacher, I continuously witnessed male disengagement with curriculum that was heavily slanted toward female students across multiple school districts.

This shouldn't be surprising given that only 23% of American K-12 teachers identified as male in 2021 (NCES, 2023) despite the fact that an estimated 51.4% of students enrolled in public schools are male (ACS 2017-2021 survey).

In addition, males are overrepresented in school punishment, dropout rates, academic delinquency and, ultimately, criminal offenses in what is commonly called the School-To-Prison Pipeline. The drop in male enrollment in higher education institutions has become known as the "Male College Crisis." While there are many reasons for male disinterest education, it would be naïve to assume that a social climate which devalues males outside the classroom would be significantly supportive of males within the classroom.

In some cases, this is the result of unconscious bias in an overwhelmingly educational female workforce. While teaching in an urban school district with a strong amount of gang pressure, I walked past an open classroom door in time to hear a teacher yell at a male student in front of his peers.

"You're just like my husband," she said. "You never listen to a word I say!"'

Michigan State’s ‘Women’s Leadership Accelerator’ likely illegal: watchdog

Mastodon · 20 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Michigan State University is facing scrutiny for its new female leadership program as a due process advocacy group says it illegally discriminates against male students.

Michigan State’s Broad College of Business launched the program recently and it is marketed to female students who want to advance their leadership skills, potentially in violation of Title IX rules on sex discrimination.

The Dashney Women’s Leadership Accelerator will offer students mentoring and experiential learning, according to the program’s website.

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Bullion said both men and women can participate in the leadership accelerator.

But a group that advocates for civil rights protections disagrees.

The president of Stop Abusive and Violent Environments told The Fix MSU is “absolutely not” compliant with Title IX regulations.'

Pennsylvania Judge Accused of Shooting Ex-Boyfriend in the Head as He Slept

Matt · 20 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. One to watch. Excerpt:

'A suspended Pennsylvania judge allegedly shot her ex-boyfriend in his home as he slept, according to a press release from the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office.

The shooting occurred in the morning of Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Harrisburg home of the victim, Michael McCoy, after he tried to end his one-year relationship with Magisterial District Judge Sonya M. McKnight, 57, according to the press release and a police filing obtained by the Associated Press.

The bullet entered the right side of McCoy's face and exited the left side of his face, the press release states. He survived but is now blind in one eye.
McKnight is now being charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault.

After breaking up with McKnight, McCoy, 54, had attempted to get her to move out of his home numerous times, but she would not leave, according to an arrest affidavit obtained by the Associated Press NBC News, and CBS News.'

Can job postings in Canada exclude white men? Short answer: yes

Mastodon · 21 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Restrictions listed on recent postings for Canada Research Chair positions have surprised some people. It's not that someone with a biology degree might be barred from applying to teach South American history, or that an engineer might not be eligible for a position teaching English literature, but rather that skin colour and gender identity have been limiting factors.

In two recent job postings for Canada Research Chairs in computer science at the University of Waterloo, applications are restricted for those who identify as "women, transgender, gender-fluid, non-binary, or Two-spirit" in the first case, and to members "of a racialized minority" for the second.

In the past, these sorts of job postings have led to controversy, with some claiming they're examples of "reverse racism" or that they show the end of hiring based on merit and education, in favour of immutable characteristics.

But, it turns out this sort of hiring is normal for Canada Research Chairs. Actually, it's normal for a variety of industries for various reasons.'

Texas judge rules school district can restrict the length of male students’ natural hair

Matt · 23 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. They're making it about race in the press when it's really about equality under law for the sexes. In this case, girls can grow their hair out while, it seems, boys can't. Excerpt:

'A Texas judge ruled Thursday that the state’s CROWN Act does not make it unlawful for school dress codes to limit a student’s hair length.

The decision is a blow to Darryl George, a Houston-area high school student who sued the Barbers Hill Independent School District after he was suspended for months over the length of his locs hairstyle.

The George family did not make an appearance after the trial, but attorneys for the family said they intend to appeal the ruling.'

"This Penis Business: A Memoir" Chronicles the Life Events That Compelled Georganne Chapin to Make Ending Circumcision Her Life's Work

DanBollinger · 23 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'In a new memoir, "This Penis Business," written by Georganne Chapin with Echo Montgomery Garrett and published by Lucid House Publishing, Chapin explains how her unusual upbringing, travels, and life experiences honed her as a leader, a critical thinker, and an outspoken advocate of children's rights.

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Chapin, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Intact America, Exposes the Big Business of Medical Circumcision and the Cruel Absurdity of Circumcising Baby Boys for No Medical Reason

Georganne Chapin, 72, has called out injustice throughout her life, as a child of civil rights activists, a budding anthropologist in Latin America, a CEO of a health plan for low-income individuals, and a founder of a health care quality and equity nonprofit. But it wasn't until she went to law school mid-career and studied bioethics that Chapin turned to intactivism, the human rights movement dedicated to ending routine circumcision of baby boys in the United States.'

Masculinity has been under siege for the past decade and boys are fed up with it

Mastodon · 29 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'How do you solve a problem like masculinity? All that anger! All that violence! All that inherent misogyny every young boy has bubbling inside of him!

Well, according to Labour, you install male ‘influencers’ inside classrooms in the hope they can teach other boys how to behave towards women.

Bridget Phillipson, the party's education spokesman, has pledged to introduce the scheme as an answer to the post-pandemic rise in sexual harassment in British classrooms; a response, as it were, to the Andrew Tate-ification of modern man.

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So what is the answer? Well I’d start by suggesting compassion, not anger is what is needed. And celebrating what is good about men — ambition, drive, strength (yes, I know, women have these traits, too) rather than admonishing them for what is bad.

But most of all, I think understanding that men are either feeling lost and rejected or angry as hell should be the beginning of the solution. Imposing a government-trained ‘influencer’ on them to explain why everything they’re doing is wrong is probably not.'

UK: Schools could train young male influencers to counter internet 'misogynists' like Andrew Tate as Labour warns of 'scourge' of sexual violence in classrooms

Mastodon · 29 February 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Labour have unveiled plans to help schools train young male influencers to combat self-proclaimed internet 'misogynists' such as Andrew Tate.

Shadow education secretary Bridget Phillipson said young male mentors within schools could provide a 'powerful counterbalance' to negative online content.

She today outlined a blueprint for how Labour would help headteachers tackle a 'scourge' of sexual harassment and sexual violence in schools.

Under Labour's plans, schools would be supported to work together and spread 'best practice' in dealing with misogyny and sexual harassment.

They would establish regional improvement teams to provide mentor training for older schoolboys to coach younger pupils in recognising and stopping misogyny.

Labour also want to embed digital literacy in the national curriculum so young people are given critical tools to deal with online hate and misinformation.

In further action, Ms Phillipson wants to empower Ofsted to conduct new annual safeguarding checks to quickly identify patterns of risky or harmful behaviour.

The party has also already committed to rolling out mental health counsellors in every school.

Ms Phillipson added: 'I have set out measures today to equip schools with the tools they need to rid our education system of these misogynistic views, teach our children right from wrong, and implement better safeguarding measures.'

One in six men, ages 16-29, say 'feminism has done more harm than good,' study shows

Mastodon · 1 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'A new study is shining light on a generational divide in attitudes towards feminism, revealing younger men's skepticism about its impact compared to women and older men— delving into perceptions of gender challenges and the contentious view of "toxic masculinity." Forbes' Maggie McGrath and Vice-Chair of the 30/50 Summit, Huma Abedin, join Mika Brzezinski to discuss the complex gender dynamics among younger generations.'

CBS Sued By ‘SEAL Team’ Writer Who Claims ‘Heterosexual, White Men Need Extra Qualifications’

Mastodon · 5 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'CBS Studios and its parent company, Paramount, are being sued by an employee who claims he was discriminated against for being a heterosexual white male.

Brian Beneker, a script coordinator for the drama series “SEAL Team,” filed a lawsuit in California federal court Wednesday, per The Hollywood Reporter.

The studio employee alleged that he was repeatedly denied a staff writer job due to the company’s “illegal policy of race and sex balancing,” which promoted hiring “less qualified applicants who were members of more preferred groups.” Beneker specifically stated in the document that women, minorities, and LGTBQ individuals were given preferential consideration for open positions.

“During Season 6, (in approximately May of 2022), two female writer’s assistants, without any writing credits, were hired as staff writers,” the lawsuit says. “The first of these two hires was black. The second identified as lesbian.”

Beneker said these initiatives have “created a situation where heterosexual, white men need ‘extra’ qualifications (including military experience or previous writing credits) to be hired as staff writers when compared to their nonwhite, LGBTQ, or female peers.”'

Stop putting men down to improve female equality, says Tory MP

Mastodon · 5 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'People should stop putting men down to improve female equality, a Tory MP has said in a warning about the impact of “toxic masculinity” discussions in schools.

Boys face a “negative narrative and indifference” in classrooms, with four in 10 sixth form pupils told in lessons that boys are a problem, a Westminster Hall debate heard on Tuesday.

Steve Double, the Conservative MP for Austell and Newquay, said: “I absolutely understand and agree that we have needed to address the inequality that many women have experienced in our society for a long time, and we have made huge progress on that, but we should not be putting men down as a result.

“I feel sometimes that that is what we have done, and we need to think carefully about it.”'

No More Dating: 15 Reasons Why Some Men Prefer to Be Alone

Matt · 6 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Interesting in that it lacks any psychobabble or outrageous BS from a feminist perspective. Of further interest I'd say is the last reason given; you typically don't see such candor in these kinds of things. To wit:

'There is a possibility that men have become disillusioned with the concept of love. Whether from personal experiences or observing others, this skepticism can lead to a lack of interest in pursuing romantic relationships, favoring a solitary life instead.'

German Police Carry Out Dawn Raids on Homes of Suspected ‘Misogynistic Hate Speech’ Posters

Mastodon · 7 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'German authorities carried out raids Thursday across Germany against people suspected of posting misogynistic hate speech online.

Police raided homes and interrogated 45 suspects in 11 states early in the morning, German news agency dpa reported. None of the suspects were detained.

The raids were part of the annual “combating misogyny on the internet” day of action, which began in 2022 and comes one day before International´s Women´s Day.

In Germany, sweeping slurs against women can be punishable as incitement to hatred.

In preparation for the raids, authorities screened the internet for posts that potentially broke anti-misogyny laws and attempted to identify the authors. Names were then forwarded to the public prosecutor´s offices in the states where the suspects live in order to decide whether to proceed with investigations.

Communications that are considered illegal include posts in which women are slandered and insulted in a sexualized manner, or publicly encouraged to send nude photos. The authorities also flagged posts that advocated rape or sexual assault or that distributed videos of torture or killing, dpa reported.'

Women leaders demand release of female hostages ahead of International Women's Day

Mastodon · 7 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As International Women's Day approaches on March 8, several leading Israeli women appear in a video, demanding that the 19 women held captive by Hamas be released.

Former Supreme Court president Dorit Beinisch, award-winning actor Gila Almagor and other figures including academics, journalists, activists and entertainers appear in the campaign, released Monday, calling to bring the hostages home.

"As long as they are not here, we have nothing to celebrate," state the women in the video. "All the achievements, all the successes of all of us — are meaningless when there are 19 women, like us, in the captivity of Hamas."

Hamas took 253 hostages captive on October 7 when thousands of terrrorists stormed across the border, killing some 1,200 people, most of them civilians in their homes or at the music festival.'

UK: 'I'm asking for it': Calls for law change to require 'clear yes' to sex

Mastodon · 12 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'People should be required to make sure they have a “clear yes” before any sexual activity, lawyers and activists have said.

A new campaign named “I’m Asking For It” was launched on Monday, calling for the Government to enshrine “affirmative consent” into British law.

This would mean “anything less than a clear, uncoerced, and informed confirmation of consent like ‘yes’ cannot qualify as consent in the eyes of the law”.'

UK: 'Crisis in masculinity' prompts Labour to consider men's health strategy

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Labour is looking at introducing a men's health strategy to address a "crisis in masculinity" that is costing lives.

The plans could see an expansion in services which offer NHS checks in "men-friendly spaces" – such as sports grounds, pubs and workplaces – alongside efforts to encourage boys and men to be more open about their mental health.

The party is examining strategies rolled out in Ireland and Australia, which have increased male life expectancy, and local schemes in the UK which have offered men health screening in football stadiums.

Shadow health secretary Wes Streeting said he felt "enraged" about failures to tackle male health issues – in particular mental health – with suicide the biggest killer of men under the age of 50.

Official data shows men's life expectancy in the UK falling at a far sharper rate than that of women. It is now at its lowest for more than a decade.

Mr Streeting told The Telegraph: "I think as a country we have been slow to wake up to the fact that I think it's quite hard to be a young man in today's society."'

Tennessee teacher accused of sexually assaulting boy, 12, allegedly harmed nearly 2 dozen other minors

Matt · 12 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Tennessee teacher arrested in September 2023 for allegedly sexually assaulting a 12-year-old boy is now facing a 23-count indictment for sexual misconduct against nearly two dozen other potential minor victims, according to police.

Alissa McCommon, a 38-year-old former elementary school teacher, was initially arrested Sept. 8 and charged with rape of a child.

"Our goal in any of these investigations is to identify any potential victims and provide medical assistance, counseling and support for their families throughout the investigation," Covington Police Chief Donna Turner said in a March 8 statement. "Without this vital intervention, the ripple effect of trauma can last for years with the victims and the family unit."

On March 5, a Tipton County grand jury handed down a 23-count indictment against McCommon "with multiple sexual misconduct offenses against minors," the Covington Police Department said in a March 8 press release.'

I research women’s role in media–and yet I recently discovered that my Gen Z son and his peers didn’t support feminism

Mastodon · 12 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, in the same week, a study from King’s College London and a Financial Times analysis of various studies exposed an unprecedented gender rift emerging within Gen Z. As a mother of two Gen Z boys who researches the role of women in media, I felt enormous sorrow and a sense of loss. If our youngest generation of women and men are diverging in their fundamental values and are polarized on important matters such as the impact of feminism, masculinity, and gender equality, how are they to build healthy, loving, long-lasting relationships in a world starved of unity and social cohesion?

Troubled with these thoughts, I came down to the kitchen on a Saturday morning to check in on my 13-year-old son and his two friends who had stayed overnight. “What do you think of feminism?” I asked spontaneously, curious to hear their thoughts over breakfast before they headed off to football. My son rebutted my question with vehemence, demanding that I not ask such “weird” questions. His negative reaction and visible discomfort puzzled me.'

Long way to go before Britain’s police forces can truly stamp out sexism, expert panel agrees

Mastodon · 13 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There is a long way to go before police forces in Britain can truly stamp out institutionalised sexism, an expert panel hosted by The Independent has agreed,

On 8 March, to mark International Women’s Day, The Independent brought together a panel to discuss how police forces in the UK are tackling violence against women and attempting to eradicate misogyny.

Three years on from the kidnap and murder of Sarah Everard by Met Police officer Wayne Couzens, our Virtual Event explored how Britain’s police forces have changed – if at all – and discussed what work still needs to be done.

Hosted by The Independent’s crime correspondent Amy-Clare Martin, our panel included retired police chief Susannah Fish OBE, chartered psychologist Dr Jessica Taylor, barrister Harriet Johnson and Abigail Ampofo, CEO of domestic abuse charity Refuge.

Explaining the scale of the problem, Ms Fish told our viewers: “It’s a barrel, it’s not a handful of rotten apples.”'

UK Hard Man Danny Dyer To Explore Modern Masculinity In Channel 4 Documentary

Mastodon · 14 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Danny Dyer‘s range is continuing to expand as the Football Factory star lands himself a Channel 4 documentary series exploring modern masculinity.

Danny Dyer: How To Be A Man will see the EastEnders alum delve deep into the evolving landscape of masculinity. At a time when people are labeling masculinity “toxic,” Dyer, who made his name in a string of movies playing traditional “hard men” and also hosted Danny Dyer’s Deadliest Men for Bravo, will ask people across Britain what they think it means to be a man in our society, and what the future is for the male identity.

The series from Whitworth Media will feature interviews with a politician, psychologists, a mental health expert, a fitness expert, a sex therapist, an influencer, male victims of domestic abuse, and members of the Brighton Gay Men’s Chorus to offer a range of voices and perspectives on this complex subject. Across the two episodes, Dyer will also explore gender stereotypes and male attitudes to mental health.'

Gen Z Believes Men Are Being Discriminated Against More Than Boomers

Matt · 14 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Members of the Generation Z age bracket across the globe believe men are being discriminated against more than those among the Baby Boomer generation, according to a new poll.

A poll by Ipsos conducted on International Women's Day, March 8, asked respondents across 31 countries a number of questions on women's rights and gender equality among different age groups.

The poll asked respondents whether they agree or disagree with the statement that "we have gone so far in promoting women's equality that we are discriminating against men."

According to the poll, 60 percent of Gen Z men, 57 percent of Millennial men and 43 percent of male Baby Boomers agree with this statement. In comparison, among women that agree with this statement, the poll found 40 percent for Gen Z, 44 percent of Millennials and 30 percent of Baby Boomers.

The survey also found that, 57 percent of Gen Z respondents "think when it comes to giving women equal rights with men, thing have gone far enough in my country." The poll found that 60 percent of Millennials also agree, while only 43 percent of Baby Boomers also believe that women's rights have gone too far in their respective countries.'

Why People React Less Positively to Research Favoring Men

Matt · 14 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nymphotropism in action. Excerpt:

'Research suggesting men are superior to women in certain aspects is often viewed less favorably than research showing the opposite. But why? A recent study examined this issue, finding evidence that perceived harm to women is a key factor driving negative reactions to male-favoring findings. The new study has been published in the International Journal of Psychology.

“For the last few years, my lab has been studying how people react to research on sex differences,” said study author Steve Stewart-Williams (@SteveStuWill), a professor of psychology at the University of Nottingham Malaysia.'

Making sense of the gulf between young men and women

Mastodon · 14 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men and women have different experiences, so you would expect them to have different worldviews. Nonetheless, the growing gulf between young men and women in developed countries is striking. Polling data from 20 such countries shows that, whereas two decades ago there was little difference between the share of men and women aged 18-29 who described themselves as liberal rather than conservative, the gap has grown to 25 percentage points.

Young men also seem more anti-feminist than older men, bucking the trend for each generation to be more liberal than its predecessor. Polls from 27 European countries found that men under 30 were more likely than those over 65 to agree that “advancing women’s and girls’ rights has gone too far because it threatens men’s and boys’ opportunities”. Similar results can be found in Britain, South Korea and China. Young women were likely to believe the opposite.

Unpicking what is going on is not simple. A good place to start is to note that young women are soaring ahead of their male peers academically. In the European Union fully 46% of them earn degrees, versus 35% of young men, a gap that has doubled since 2002. One consequence is that young women are more likely than men to spend their early adulthood in a cocoon of campus liberalism. Meanwhile, boys outnumber girls at the bottom end of the scholastic scale. Across rich countries, 28% of them fail to learn to read to a basic level. That is true of only 18% of girls.'

In this Ukrainian village, almost no men are left

Matt · 16 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No discussion of the mass violation of their human rights. Excerpt:

'Few men of fighting age are left in this village in southwest Ukraine, and those who remain fear they will be drafted at any moment.

Their neighbors are already hundreds of miles east in trenches on the front lines. Some have been killed or wounded. Several are missing. Others from this rural area — about 45 miles from the borders of Romania and Moldova — have fled abroad or found ways to avoid the war, either with legitimate exemptions or by hiding.'

U. Buffalo rewrites ‘minority and women’ business program after federal complaint

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University at Buffalo opened up an entrepreneurship program to all races and both sexes following a federal civil rights complaint.

“To apply, you must own a business in the Buffalo-Niagara region,” the M&T Bank Emerging Entrepreneurs Program now states.

The public university previously required applicants to be a female or racial minority business owner in the region.'

Debunking the Myth of the Man-Hating Feminist

Mastodon · 17 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men who are dedicated to viewing feminists as misandrists may never be convinced otherwise. However, since those men view their misguided perception of misandry as a justifiable excuse for threatening and abusing women, we must try to dispel these misconceptions anyway. To keep women safe, perhaps feminists who have realized that fighting systems is better than fighting individual men should engage compassionately with women who aren't there yet.

They should gently urge those women to channel their anger and outrage toward dismantling systems of oppression that can actually lead to our liberation, rather than espousing hate toward individual men, or men as a whole. It is not a matter of protecting men's egos, but rather of keeping women safe. After all, anger is a worthy, valid, and useful tool in the feminist movement. But perhaps, for our safety, it is just better reserved for the systems of power.'

UK: Documentary reveals abuse of husband by wife

Matt · 17 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But behind closed doors, Richard, 47, had been secretly suffering from what a judge would later describe as “the worst case of controlling and coercive behaviour” she had ever seen.

During her 20-year reign of terror, sadistic Sheree, 46, repeatedly threatened to go to police claiming her helpless husband was abusing her — and would even scream for help to trick neighbours into believing that was the case.

She was only jailed after a shocked friend of Richard’s saw some nanny cam footage and sent it to the police.
...
One of Sheree’s ways of exerting control was to threaten to go to the police and accuse Richard of abuse.

He says she would also threaten to smash her face into the bathroom mirror and send pictures to a friend.

Richard recalls: “She’d often open the window, lean out and shout, ‘No Richard, stop, you’re hurting me’, so the neighbours could hear.”
...
The documentary also features Sheree being interviewed by police as she calmly and convincingly claims to officers that Richard has been abusive to her.

She continues to twist the truth when they show her a recording of her holding a knife.'

Comedian Greg Gutfeld Urges Liberals to Rethink Their Approach to Men, or Face ‘Terrifying’ Election Results

Matt · 18 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Across the globe, young men are fleeing liberalism. Public opinion polls reveal that millions of men under 30 years of age are becoming more conservative than their female counterparts, by remarkable margins of 25 to 35 percentage points. In country after country, a historic political realignment is now taking place: China, Germany, Poland, South Korea, Tunisia, United Kingdom, and the United States (1), as well as Argentina (2) and Canada (3).

In his March 13 monologue, American comedian Greg Gutfeld brought this trend to the attention of his TV audience, offering a scathing assessment of the reasons behind the decline of male support for liberalism (4):

“Men are fleeing the Democratic Party like the showing of Barbie….they’re becoming the party of AWFLs: affluent white female liberals… And men are like, ‘Hey, we know when we’re not wanted. We’ll see ourselves out,’” he revealed.

Gutfeld continued, men “know the Democratic Party has become a gender-specific party….They’ve alienated men in favor of tormented activists…It’s a party that’s inhospitable to the Y chromosome. If you’re a man, why stick around?”

The reason for this historic change is the growing feminization of liberal political parties around the world.'

Some dating coaches online are pushing women to seek more traditional gender roles

Mastodon · 19 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dating coach Karla Elia tells women not to go out with a man who is “nice” or who “treats you right,” but one who can “afford” them.

Her advice, while highly criticized by some who have seen her videos, has dominated a pocket of the internet that depicts heterosexual romance as a deal between men and women, in which women are receivers and men are providers.

The 24-year-old is part of a community of women who have gained popularity — and notoriety — online for their espousal of what can feel like antiquated dating guidance.

“I see the dating scene and relationships as a business, because it is,” said Elia, who has more than 1 million followers on TikTok. “A lot of people don’t like to admit that relationships are transactional, but they are.”'

Scotland: Police face ridicule over 'ludicrous' Hate Monster campaign

Mastodon · 19 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Police Scotland has been ridiculed over a ‘ludicrous’ campaign aimed at cracking down on hate crime which - features a ‘pound shop version of a Sesame Street character’.

The animated ‘Hate Monster’ on the force’s website and YouTube channel comes ahead of the introduction of new hate crime laws, due to be enforced from April 1.

A video shows the monster with a voiceover urging people to not allow their anger or prejudice to lead them into committing an offence, such as making a racist comment.
...
The website states: ‘We know that young men aged 18-30 are most likely to commit hate crime, particularly those from socially excluded communities who are heavily influenced by their peers.

‘They may have deep-rooted feelings of being socially and economically disadvantaged, combined with ideas about white-male entitlement.’

Critics say the hate crime legislation – which was spearheaded by Humza Yousaf when he was Justice Secretary – could lead to people being prosecuted for comments made in their own homes, and overburden the police force.

One retired officer said the campaign was a ‘disgraceful’ attempt at ‘profiling’.

Former Police Scotland superintendent Martin Gallagher said: ‘The sweeping generalisations made in the campaign text are very concerning, and stating that a young man in Scotland from a socially and economically deprived background feels any sense of “white-male entitlement” makes me wonder if the authors have ever set foot in any of Scotland’s most deprived areas."

She made an artwork that excluded men. A man sued for discrimination.

Matt · 20 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At the Ladies Lounge of Australia's Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) on the island of Tasmania, only one man is allowed inside: a butler, who serves the women.

The lounge, a conceptual artwork, is decorated with Picassos and other expensive adornments and is separated from the rest of the museum with opulent green curtains. A staff member is posted outside to prevent the entry of any visitor who does not identify as a woman, and guests can indulge in a $325 high tea service featuring fancy finger food.

On Tuesday, one of those excluded men, Jason Lau, argued before the state's civil and administrative tribunal that the lounge violated anti-discrimination laws by keeping him and the rest of his gender out. He submitted it should cease operating as it currently does.
Catherine Scott, a lawyer representing MONA's parent company, told the tribunal in her written submissions that Lau's exclusion was "part of the art itself."

The American artist behind the lounge, Kirsha Kaechele, who is married to the private museum's owner, told the tribunal that the practice of requiring women to drink in ladies lounges rather than public bars only ended in parts of Australia in 1970 and that in practice, exclusion of women in public spaces continues.'

'Girls Gone Wild' Tennessee Cop Maegan Hall Reaches $500k Settlement With City

Matt · 22 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Playbook: Get police job. Fuck as many fellow cops as you can and act nuts until you're fired. Sue city or force for firing you. Get a hefty settlement. What's next for her I wonder, a career in porn or maybe an OnlyFans account? Excerpt:

'Former police officer Maegan Hall just received a huge payday from the city of La Vergne, Tennessee. She filed a federal lawsuit after she was fired from the La Vergne Police Department following an investigation which uncovered six sexual relationships with five different officers on the force.

Much of the alleged action took place on the job. In addition to the sex with her colleagues, the investigation found that she sent the men nude pictures and went topless during a "Girls Gone Wild"-themed hot tub party.

The city decided to settle the lawsuit filed last year by Hall for $500,000. She and her lawyer claimed that there was a hostile work environment within the police department and that her former supervisors groomed her.

La Vergne city leaders held a special meeting on Wednesday night where they voted 3 to 1 to settle the lawsuit for $500,000. It will be paid by the city's insurance company.

The settlement includes no admission of guilt and puts Hall's lawsuit against the city and three of her former supervisors to bed. The settlement also includes her court costs, her attorney's fees, and her expenses.'

UK: Complaint lodged after ITV editor sparks fury for saying ‘we don’t want white men’

Mastodon · 24 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ITV has come under fire after a commissioner allegedly told industry execs that the broadcaster does not want “white men” as talent.

A complaint has been lodged by a producer who attended the telly gathering where ITV commissioner Nicola Lloyd reportedly made the outburst.

When discussing hosts for new shows, Lloyd allegedly said: “We really don’t want any more white men” as talent.

Lloyd made the reported comment on a panel to a packed room at the Broadcast Indie Summit.

ITV said in a statement that the panel discussion included ways to pitch new ideas and ways to further diversify content and talent offerings.

The complaint, written by a television producer in the audience, said that Lloyd was discussing ITV’s “important ‘9pm’ broadcast slot”.

“On numerous occasions when attending meetings with British television executives and an ITV owned production company based at White City, I have heard informally that they do not want more ‘white males’ as talent.'

‘Motherhood is a trap. Marriage is a bad deal’: Feminist Corinne Maier on learning to be selfish

Matt · 25 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Yep, selfishness makes the world better for everyone! Ugh. Excerpt:

'“It’s never too late to learn how to be selfish,” says Corinne Maier, grave-faced behind her heavy-rimmed spectacles.

“Sadly, women aren’t born that way, so it does have to be learnt. But if we can forget about the ‘superwoman’ we’ve been bullied into thinking we have to be – at home, with the husband, the kids – and release our inner ‘slackerwoman’…”

We would be happier? “Exactly. Happiness cannot be achieved without selfishness. But that is achievable for every woman. You too can be selfish,” says Maier.'

UK: James May claims older, white men are ‘written off as unworthy’ during toxic masculinity debate

Mastodon · 27 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'James May has weighed in on the state of the modern man, claiming men are in danger of being “written off”.

The 61-year-old star made the comments on Monday (25 March) on the Who We Are Now podcast, which is hosted by his co-star on The Grand Tour, Richard Hammond, and Hammond’s daughter Izzy.

When asked if the “modern man is in trouble”, May said: “Well probably not, because the world rarely does go to the dogs.

“But I do think men are getting a bit of a bad rap recently, because there is a lot of talk about toxic masculinity.”

He continued: “I know there is a lot of it around, and it’s right that we confront it and address it. But it’s not all of us.

“We seem to be staying close to a point where simply being a bloke, especially if you’re a slightly older, lower middle class, white bloke to be honest, you’re almost immediately written off as being unworthy.”'

On Jontay Porter, the rise of sports betting, and toxic masculinity

Mastodon · 27 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Is the legalization and integration of sports betting into mainstream sports media leading to increased toxic masculinity in the sports community?

Okay, I understand this isn't an undergrad liberal arts course, but hear me out for a second. It's International Women's Month, after all. As a woman in the sports space, I face toxic masculinity on the daily, and the sad part is that most of the time, the people perpetuating it don't even realize what they are doing.

It's the looks I get when I say I'm at the game as a member of the media, or the way male fans glare at me when they see the credential around my neck. It's the way I get airdropped anonymous explicit pictures while I'm trying to cover an NBA game from my spot on the media row.'

Foreskin Appreciation Day, April 4

DanBollinger · 27 March 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Say the 'F' Word and Break the Taboo, Learn the Power of the Foreskin

Intact America will give foreskin the respect it deserves on Thursday, April 4 — 4/4, the FOREth Day of April — with the second annual Foreskin Day, a virtual celebration as part of Intact America's national "Skin in the Game" anti-circumcision advocacy campaign. The program will focus on encouraging everyone to get comfortable saying the "F" word — "Foreskin."

Press Release

Teacher McKenna Kindred pleads guilty to sexual student relationship but won't go to jail

Mastodon · 4 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Washington state high school teacher accused of having an inappropriate sexual relationship with one of her students pleaded guilty to the crime but will face no jail time under an agreed plea bargain, court records show.

McKenna Aileen Kindred, who taught at Central Valley High School in Spokane Valley, pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree sexual misconduct and one count of communication with a minor for immoral purposes, according to Spokane County Superior Court records obtained by USA TODAY.

Both charges are misdemeanors.

Court documents show Superior Court Judge Dean Chuang suspended Kindred's sentence but said she must participate in two years of probation, pay a fine and told her she is not permitted to have contact with the victim.'

Why are women not protected by new hate crime law?

Mastodon · 4 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Scotland has introduced a new hate crime law which seeks to protect various categories of people from hatred and prejudice.

Transgender identity is included as a protected characteristic in the legislation.

However biological sex is not, to the dismay of some campaigners for women's rights, including the Harry Potter author JK Rowling.

She recently wrote on X that "women gain no additional protections, of course."
...
"Women, like everyone else, are already protected from threatening or abusive behaviour in law," said a Scottish government spokesperson.

They added that ministers were planning to go further, by introducing a bill to tackle misogyny which would be "the first of its kind in the world".

The law, said the spokesperson, would "create a new focus on protecting women and girls to address criminal behaviour motivated purely by misogyny."'

Scotland’s Next Farcical Frontier

Mastodon · 4 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Buried within the BBC’s report on Scotland’s execrable new “hate crime” law is this little nugget of joy:

The Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 creates a new crime of “stirring up hatred” relating to age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, transgender identity or being intersex.

The law does not protect women as a group from hatred.

The Scottish government is expected to include this later in a separate misogyny law.

Am I alone in finding this last line hilarious? I am, of course, vehemently opposed to all “hate crime” laws, because, like the Supreme Court, I think that governments should superintend speech that is inextricably tied to behavior rather than speech that reflects certain viewpoints. But, even for those who disagree, “women as a group” is a laughably broad category. What’s the intellectual justification here? “Women” are not an individual who is being targeted by a mob. They’re not a minority. They’re not even mathematically oppressable in a democratic system such as Scotland’s. They’re literally half the population. How, pray, is protecting them from mean words supposed to work in practice?

The Scottish government’s “Working Group on Misogyny and Criminal Justice” recommends that the country “create a new offence of Stirring Up Hatred Against Women and Girls.” Where’s the threshold, I wonder? Does observational humor count? If so, pretty much every comedian is going to prison. What about drunk talk? If some guy at a bar in Scotland has a few too many beers and says, “You know who I don’t like? Women, that’s who. And not just my ex-wife, mind you. I’m talking about the whole lot of them — including the girls.” Do the police break down the door? Or does one perhaps have to formalize one’s misogyny in book form? Harlots of Aberdeen: Why Everything Women Are Is Ghastly, And What You Can Do About It — out now in paperback, where all disreputable books are sold.'

Married teacher, 32, is accused of raping boy, 11, on her bed after sending him nude photos and $700

Mastodon · 6 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A married schoolteacher is accused of grooming an 11-year-old boy with nude photos and $700 until they had sex on her bed.

Ashley Elizabeth Bardfield, 32, was arrested on Wednesday night in Mt Zion, Illinois, after the boy helped police with a sting operation.

The sixth-grade substitute teacher at Decatur Public Schools District was recorded telling the boy they could 'do it again' and she couldn't get pregnant.

Bardfield was reported to police after the boy's mother noticed him 'acting differently' after spending the night at the teacher's home on March 29-30.

She went through his phone and allegedly found texts between him and Bardfield and photos of them, including one of them 'flipping off the camera'.'

Support positive masculinity in England and Wales schools, union conference told

Mastodon · 6 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Teachers should promote positive masculinity in schools in England and Wales in order to support boys who might otherwise feel demonised and end up turning to “the manosphere” for hope, a union conference has been told.

Charlotte Keogh, a secondary school English teacher from Worcestershire, said boys and young men needed support and guidance as they grappled with ideas about masculinity, rather than being punished and silenced.

The motion, which was carried, advocated for the wider use of the NEU’s “It’s Not OK” toolkit to tackle the problem in schools. Keogh opposed the amendment, however, “on the basis that the toolkit needs to address positive masculinity and seek to better support this culture in our schools and wider society rather than punish and silence our young boys’ cries for purpose, ambition and responsibility”.

Lucy Coleman from Oxfordshire, who proposed the motion, said: “You would think times have moved on since I was young, but actually things are worse now than they were. The internet and access to social media and online bullying has made it easier for sexist views to be shared and normalised. It is hard enough growing up as a female in a male-dominated world, but the added pressures of social media make it unbearable for young girls.”'

Adult woman posed as schoolgirl to molest teen boys

Mastodon · 6 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Florida woman, 23, accused of pretending to be a 14-year-old to molest a teenage boy has been hit with more charges as victims continue to come forward.

Alyssa Ann Zinger of Tampa, Florida, allegedly pretended to be a homeschooled 14-year-old girl to prey on middle schoolers and engage in sex acts with younger boys.

The 23-year-old was arrested in November for engaging in more than 30 sexual acts with at least one student as young as 12 from Wilson Middle School.

Zinger was taken into custody over claims she posed as a home-schooled teenager to contact the victim on Snapchat, before allegedly engaging in a sexual relationship with him.

She was arrested for a second time on Thursday and hit with additional charges for sex crimes after four more victims said that they had been allegedly targeted by Zinger.'

The Global Gender Divide We Really Should Be Talking About

Mastodon · 7 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A shared trend is a turning away from feminism among young men, even as women turn more strongly toward it. A 2023 survey by Equimundo found that just 47% of men in the U.S. aged 18 to 23 agreed with the statement that “feminism has made America a better place,” compared with 56% of men aged 38 to 45. This is a shocking development.

Perhaps what’s most troubling here is the rise of zero-sum thinking with regard to gender. Some 38% of Republican men, for example, agree with the statement that “the gains women have made in society have come at the expense of men.” Zero-sum calculations of this kind, not only with regard to gender but also race or immigration, can lead to the political equivalent of trench warfare, with each side digging in that leaves everyone worse off.

In a zero-sum political environment, merely drawing attention to the problems of boys and men can be seen as somehow downplaying the ongoing challenges facing girls and women. This is why Democrats, in particular, are so reluctant to directly address male issues. That is a recipe for bad politics.

But the cultural consequences of this neglect are even more important. Many American men feel like their concerns—in mental health, education, work, and family life—are not taken seriously enough. And they are not entirely wrong about that. The suicide rate is four times higher for men than women, and has risen by a third among young men since 2010. Women and girls are leaving boys and men in the dust in the classroom and on college campuses. Over the last few decades, wages for working class men have stagnated.'

The 4B Movement in South Korea and why it's said to contribute to the country's falling birth rate

Mastodon · 7 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Korean feminist movement 4B, which first started in 2019 on Twitter, is blowing up on TikTok.

In a nutshell, the movement advocates for women to reject gender norms, including marriage and child-rearing, in protest of the country's rampant misogyny.

The term was coined by South Korean author Cho Nam-joo in her 2016 novel Kim Jiyoung, Born 1982. The four Bs stand for four principles: “Bihon” (no heterosexual marriage), “Bichulsan” (no childbirth), “Biyeonae” (no dating men) and “Bisekseu” (no heterosexual sexual relationships).

The 4B movement then exploded on TikTok after a TikToker named Jeanie, who goes by denimchromosome, gave a spirited rant about it on Feb 17.

She said the 4B movement is women’s response to “giving up” on men, whom she referred to as “f****** a*******”, adding that women are going to go “extinct”.

“Korean ethnicity is about to go away, and Korean women are literally like…,” Jeanie added while holding up her middle finger.

Her point was that Korean women are tired of the misogyny and hence are going to boycott heterosexual relationships and other feminine norms.

The video now has over 5.5 million views and thousands of comments, mostly from women calling for the 4B movement to go beyond the shores of South Korea.'

The report from Canada

Matt · 8 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Interview here. Another great interview from BlueOrange22 on YouTube.

How Obama Gave Trump the 'Military-Age Males' Talking Point

Matt · 9 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Immigration hawks want you to believe that men are a threat by default. Figures like former President Donald Trump and current Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R–La.) argue that immigration is really an "invasion" because many migrants lined up at the border are "military-age males" from "adversarial nations." The implication isn't that these people work for any specific army or militant organization, but that any young man from the wrong country is guilty until proven innocent.

Conservatives and liberals alike might be surprised to learn that this idea was written into U.S. policy by former President Barack Obama. During drone campaigns in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the Obama administration counted any "military-age" men in certain areas as enemy fighters, even if the U.S. government didn't know who those men were. The policy allowed Obama to lowball the number of civilians killed by U.S. drone strikes.

Of course, the category of military-age or fighting-age men is much older than the drone program. But as political scientist Micah Zenko pointed out in an article for the Council on Foreign Relations, the term "military-age male reentered the lexicon of American warfare" during the Obama-era debate over the drone program.'

Canadian DNA lab knew its paternity tests identified the wrong dads, but it kept selling them

Matt · 9 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Canadian DNA laboratory knowingly delivered prenatal paternity test results that routinely identified the wrong biological fathers — ruling out the real dads — and left a trail of shattered lives around the globe, a CBC News investigation has found.

Harvey Tenenbaum, the owner of Viaguard Accu-Metrics, told a CBC producer with a hidden camera during a conversation in his office that prenatal paternity test results that his laboratory produced for about a decade were "never that accurate."

The hidden camera conversation unfolded in the midst of a months-long CBC News investigation into a years-long pattern of erroneous results produced by Viaguard's non-invasive prenatal paternity testing. The test — if done correctly — matches DNA from a fetus that is in a mother's blood with the biological father's DNA.'

New State Department diversity chief believes US is a ‘failed historical model’ with a ‘colonizing past’

Matt · 10 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Carr Johnson embraces a "feminist" leadership style, but one that "counter[s] White-centered feminism trends and narratives."

She said in a feminist webinar in August 2020, "Because we live and work within systems… so deeply rooted in patriarchy and colonialism and racism and otherism, we tend to be very resistant to shifts and changes. It's very uncomfortable for many colleagues… A culture of misogyny has allowed men to act without consequence and it becomes part of what we believe is normal, right? In order to make any change, we've literally got to be about the work of dismantling that traditional structure at every juncture."'

A man’s world? Art exhibit about misogyny was only open to women — until a man complained

Mastodon · 11 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A museum in Australia is being forced to allow men into art exhibit originally conceived for women only, after a tribunal ruled it “discriminatory,” following a complaint by a disgruntled man who was denied entry.

Tasmania’s Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) has been ordered to stop refusing entry to “persons who do not identify as ladies,” to its Ladies Lounge exhibit within 28 days, after a ruling was made by the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal on Tuesday.

...

During proceedings, Kaechele told the tribunal that denying men entry to the mysterious room is indeed part of the art — giving them a taste of the discrimination and exclusion many women have experienced through history.

Kaechele said she believed that women “deserve both equal rights and special privileges in the form of unequal rights,” as a means of restitution for historical injustices, “for a minimum of 300 years.”'

Glamorous ex-Howard Stern Show star Elisa Jordana issues groveling apology after horrific video of her attacking boyfriend in a car on livestream

Mastodon · 12 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A YouTuber and former Howard Stern show personality has issued an apology after a video of her battering her boyfriend went viral and led to her arrest.

Elisa Ann Schwartz, who goes by the pseudonym Elisa Jordana, posted a livestream to YouTube on Monday as she drove through Palm Beach County, Florida.

During the broadcast, she and a man described as her boyfriend - who has not yet been named - were wrapped up in a violent altercation, with Schwartz repeatedly punching him as she confronted him about an alleged infidelity.

The dramatic footage shows her smacking the man in the face and threatening him.

He retaliates, grabbing her head and chasing after her on the road, before returning to the car and turning off the livestream.

Hours after the video was uploaded, Schwartz was arrested by the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office and charged with felony battery.

In a statement to DailyMail.com, the influencer apologized for her actions and insisted she had misrepresented herself.

'I just want to say I'm so sorry for what I portrayed on my livestream that everyone saw,' Schwartz said.'

Quinnipiac Law scholarship excludes heterosexual males, faces Title IX complaint

Mastodon · 12 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Quinnipiac University School of Law is facing a federal civil rights complaint for a scholarship only open to women and LGBTQ+ students.

The complaint, filed last week with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, comes from legal scholar Adam Kissel who shared a copy with The College Fix.

Kissel, a visiting fellow at the Heritage Foundation and former deputy assistant secretary for higher education in the Trump Administration, told The Fix the Goff Law Group Endowed Law Scholarship is "a blatant violation of civil rights." Title IX prohibits educational institutions from discrimination on the basis of sex.'

50 Years of Boyhood Pain and Suffering: A literature review of America's most performed unnecessary surgery

DanBollinger · 13 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Read Essay. Excerpt:

'An increasing number of experiments have intentionally inflicted genital pain upon thousands of boys for the past fifty years using them as guinea pigs to study the "efficacy" of anesthesia and surgical devices during the genital surgery to remove their foreskins (aka circumcision). A search at PubMed for journal articles containing the key phrase (circumcision anesthesia) OR (circumcision pain) and filtered by sex, age, and date of publication yielded some surprising and ghastly results. 31,303 boys 2 were enrolled by their parents in 192 studies from September 1974 to April 2024. All the studies acknowledged that circumcision was painful. All concluded that no surgical device, technique, anesthesia, or pain relief protocol removed all pain.'

In Ukraine’s West, Draft Dodgers Run, and Swim, to Avoid the War

Matt · 13 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'That thousands of Ukrainian men have chosen to risk the swim rather than face the dangers as soldiers on the eastern front highlights the challenge for President Volodymyr Zelensky as he seeks to mobilize fresh troops after more than two years of bruising, bloody trench warfare with Russia.

“We cannot judge these people,” Lieutenant Tonkoshtan said. “But if all men leave, who will defend Ukraine?”

With Russia having seized the initiative on the battlefield in recent months, Ukraine’s ability to defend itself hinges on replenishing its arsenal of weaponry, a matter largely up to allies, and mobilizing troops at home.'

Expelled male student sues college for faulty rape trial

Mastodon · 14 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A male student accused of sexual assault and subsequently expelled by administrators at Amherst College recently sued the school for denying him due process and ignoring key evidence substantiating his claims of innocence.

In February 2012, the male student—identified as “John Doe”—escorted his girlfriend’s roommate, identified as Sandra Jones, back to her residence hall where Jones then performed oral sex on him. Doe alleges that he was blacked out during the encounter.

Roughly two years after the incident occurred, the female student accused Doe of sexually assaulting her and the school launched its own investigation. Doe was forced to partake in a school-led rape trial absent of any legal representation and eventually expelled after a panel of students and administrators found him ‘guilty.''

Americans overwhelmingly oppose efforts to roll back campus due process rights

Mastodon · 14 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As the Department of Education finalizes new regulations that would strip college students of critical due process rights in cases involving allegations of sexual misconduct, a survey released today by the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression shows Americans overwhelmingly support these rights and believe they are necessary to ensure fairness and just outcomes.

Title IX is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs receiving federal funds. Among other things, it requires institutions to investigate allegations of sexual harassment and assault. After a series of delays, the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs is expected by May to finalize its review of proposed Title IX changes that would reverse due process protections for college students accused of sexual misconduct.'

Biden Title IX changes threaten free speech, due process: legal experts

Mastodon · 14 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Coward said the “due process rollbacks of the proposed rules” are “numerous and alarming.”

“They would: eliminate students’ right to a live hearing; eliminate the right to cross-examination; weaken students’ right to active legal representation,” he wrote.

The new regulations would “allow a single campus bureaucrat to serve as judge and jury; require colleges and universities to use the weak ‘preponderance of the evidence’ standard to determine guilt, unless they use a higher standard for other alleged misconduct.”

George Washington University law Professor John Banzhaf agreed with Coward’s concerns.

Banzhaf told The Fix “under the new regulations” for Title IX complaints, those charged with violating the rules “would be entitled to various procedural due process protections which have yet to be determined.” However, there is a history of schools failing to fulfill due process requirements even before the new regulations, he said.'

Associate Professor Denise Hines educates FBI personnel on the realities of male victims of domestic violence

Mastodon · 14 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work Denise Hines was the keynote speaker for an FBI event for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) dedicated to bringing awareness to male victims of intimate partner violence (IPV), a historically under-recognized population of IPV victims. The event, “Men: An Underrepresented Victim,” shed light on the statistics and lived experiences of male IPV victims. Hines’s speech, which included evidence supported by her research, provided key insights on the physical, psychological, sexual, and legal/administrative abuse men can experience at the hands of their partners.

For example, Hines discredited some often-discussed myths about IPV against men. “People think men can’t be victims of sexual assault: That’s not true. Our data shows that they often are and that when sexual abuse is part of the IPV, the relationships are more dangerous,” Hines said. “People then ask: Does it really hurt them? Yes, it does. The majority of male victims have been injured, often severely enough to need medical attention, and sometimes, they are too embarrassed to seek medical care.”'

Are men more violent than women?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Steven F. Messner and Robert J. Sampson decided to take a closer look at the numbers behind the statistics of violence. They approached the issue by testing a simple hypothesis: If men are more violent than women, we should see more acts of violence in communities that have a larger male population compared to a female population. But their findings proved differently.

Messner and Sampson discovered that the rate of violent crime was higher in communities that had more females than males. This meant a larger percentage of men in these communities committed acts of violence than men in communities with a more balanced ratio of men to women. Why would that be?

They suggested a few ideas that might explain this trend. One is that in communities that have more women than men, there are more cases of disruption in families. That means that there are more single-parent families -- usually families with no father. Messner and Sampson suggest that the lack of a stable family environment contributes to a culture of crime and violence, though they say that other factors are also important.'

Feminist now calls for violent men to act in face of Middle East troubles

Matt · 14 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

One Zoe Strimpel with feminist bona fides now wants Western men to reclaim violence and act! Funny how feminist pacifism goes right out the door and admonishes men to act when Reality presses in. Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the good things about being a citizen of the West is that, since the last world war ended in 1945, most men's survival has not been imperilled by the need to go and fight in massive wars.

We do not have to kiss goodbye to tens or hundreds of thousands of beloved sons, friends, fathers or brothers. We have a professional army, are accustomed to relatively small casualty numbers when that army does go into combat, and, bar periodic terror attacks, we are generally able to get on with the business of living miserably or prosperously – but living.

Less lovely is the corollary of this comfort: the moral decrepitude and cowardice that has sunk deep into our psyches. We are too narcissistic and bored, too cossetted and ill-focussed to be collectively courageous – or warlike. This has been devastating for the trajectory of the whole world in general and catastrophic for the safety, security and prosperity of the West.'

I wasn’t hired because I’m a white man — can I sue?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I’ve been passed over for a promotion by several females and was told that’s just the way it is; that we have to promote women, as well as racially diverse people. So, white men are becoming extinct in the workplace. Does that sound like a lawsuit to you? These are the horrible questions you have to ask in these horrific times.
...
The law protects everyone from discrimination, even employees who have historically been entrenched in the majority, such as white men.

They are also entitled to protection under any laws that were intended to assure equal treatment for women and racial minorities. Whether or not you have a lawsuit based on your particular circumstance is a question for a lawyer.'

Glamorous ex-Howard Stern Show star Elisa Jordana claims she's the victim after fighting with Beverly Hills tycoon boyfriend

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The YouTuber who was arrested last week after getting into a physical fight with her boyfriend on a livestream says she feels lucky to have walked away from the altercation with her life.

Elisa Jordana, the former Howard Stern Show writer and personality, spoke with TMZ in the aftermath of her arrest for felony battery.

Jordana - whose real name is Elisa Ann Schwartz - claims she was hit repeatedly and even suffocated by the man in the car. The man, her on-camera love interest Bahram Alipour, is the son of a wealthy Beverly Hills businessman.

The two were filmed hitting each other during a livestream where Jordana accused Alipour of cheating.

The live-streamer insists she is the true victim, because she feels that in slightly different circumstances, she could 'be dead right now."

Nebraska teacher, 45, caught naked in car with teen is married to a Harvard-educated government official

Mastodon · 16 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Nebraska substitute teacher caught naked in a car with a teenage student is a mom married to a Harvard-educated, high-ranking federal government employee, according to records and social media accounts.

Erin Ward, 45, allegedly confessed to having sex with the 17-year-old boy — a student at Burke High School where she worked — in the back of the car and was charged with felony sexual abuse by a school employee.

By sleeping with the teen, Ward is also accused of cheating on her husband, a director at the US Department of Defense — with whom she shares three kids, according to social media posts shared by the Gretna couple.

Erin Ward was arrested early Saturday when Douglas County sheriff's deputies found her allegedly fooling around with the teenage boy in the car she shared with her husband.

The panicked teen hurried to the driver's seat and sped off in the vehicle but crashed two blocks later — at which point he got out and fled on foot.

Erin Ward remained in the car, where she got dressed and then allegedly confessed to sleeping with the boy.

Police found her ID from Omaha Public Schools on her and she said she substituted at various schools in the area — including the teen's.'

1984 and Julia: Re-writing books and history

Matt · 16 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Check back in 300 (or fewer) years. Shakespeare will have been a lesbian and nothing attributable to him (her) will be recognizable by a contemporary scholar. Excerpt:

'Julia also belongs to the recent tradition of feminist retellings—in this case, of a work often criticized for its treatment of women. Newman herself has told the Telegraph that she once “absolutely idolized” Orwell but later came to see his fiction, and especially Nineteen Eighty-four, as steeped in “hatred of women [that] is really extreme.” That’s debatable: Some argue that Orwell’s feminist critics wrongly conflate protagonist Winston Smith’s hostility toward women (explicitly acknowledged in the book and clearly shown to be rooted in totalitarianism’s monstrous warping of human relations) with Orwell’s own attitude.

One could point out that Winston’s vision of humanity unwarped by the Party and its ideology is connected primarily to women—his own vanished mother, the “prole” woman singing as she does her laundry—and that his betrayal of Julia marks the point of no return in his own dehumanization and surrender.

...

In Nineteen Eighty-four, the Party seeks to tightly control sexuality by limiting acceptable sex to married, strictly procreative intercourse in which the wife is not expected to take any pleasure and branding everything else “sexcrime”; young adult Party zealots, women especially, are recruited into the “Junior Anti-Sex League,” which advocates total celibacy and procreation through “artsem,” or artificial insemination. Julia plausibly reveals that this anti-sex ideology coexists with the pervasive sexual exploitation of young women, including League members, by senior Party men; “artsem” is, more often than not, a hasty alibi for a pregnancy resulting from these liaisons. A particularly memorable segment of the novel early on, before the start of Julia’s relationship with Winston, chronicles a scandalous incident at the dorm she shares with other young Party women. Fixing a blocked toilet, Julia discovers that the cause of the blockage is an aborted fetus someone has attempted to flush down; the culprit turns out to be Vicky, the young and naïve “baby” of the dorm who has been given abortion-inducing pills by the Party official she’s been involved with. Then, in a fitting postscript to this episode, another dorm resident is hauled away as the transgressor.'

Gap between Caitlin Clark's WNBA salary and her male counterparts' draws outrage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'College basketball superstar Caitlin Clark is set to soar to new heights in the WNBA — but her rookie contract means she will pocket a fraction of the millions her male counterparts have made on the court.

Under the 2024 WNBA rookie scale for the No. 1-4 draft picks, she'll earn a base salary of $76,535 for her first year, $78,066 the second year and $85,873 the third, with a fourth-year option of $97,582.

Despite Clark's unprecedented star power, her salary is a sliver of the eye-popping amount male athletes make in the NBA.

WNBA draft picks No. 2-4 — Stanford's Cameron Brink, who went to the Los Angeles Sparks, South Carolina's Kamilla Cardoso, with the Chicago Sky, and Tennessee's Rickea Jackson, also with the Sparks — will make the same pay as Clark.

For comparison, San Antonio Spurs rookie star Victor Wembanyama — the No. 1 pick in last year's NBA draft — secured a $55 million four-year contract under which he pocketed $12.1 million in his first season, according to the athlete contract tracker Spotrac.

Co-host Jenna Bush Hager added: "Honestly the gap is so jarring. ... We're talking about equal pay. That ain't even close."

Journalist Lisa Ling wrote on Instagram: "Steph Curry makes more per game than what Caitlin Clark is making for 4 years! With the toll sports and travel take on women's bodies, is this even a living wage? I know WNBA games have not brought in comparable numbers by any stretch of the imagination, but this is disgraceful. Do better for all of our women athletes!"'

Sexual equality has been a disaster for men – especially when it comes to dating

Mastodon · 17 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are in crisis. So found Danny Dyer in How to Be a Man, a Channel 4 documentary about modern masculinity (part two is on tomorrow night). And, he discovered, it's young men who are struggling most of all. They complain of being endlessly lectured about the evils of "toxic masculinity"; say they're victims of "misandry" (anti-male prejudice); and find themselves being led astray by unsuitable online role models such as Andrew Tate.

No doubt there's some truth in what they say. Frankly, though, I think there's a much bigger reason why so many young men today feel confused, lonely and inadequate. But we don't like to talk about it, because it's just a tiny bit awkward.

Still, let's be honest for once and say it. The rise of sexual equality over the past 50-plus years has been great for women. But it's been a disaster for men. Especially in the field of dating.

The uncomfortable truth, at least if you're a young man, is that women nowadays are free to be an awful lot choosier than they used to. In the days when the sexes were wildly unequal, and women were thus far less likely to be financially independent, many felt compelled to marry the first passable solvent man they met. Settle down at 18, become a housewife, have children. Well, what else was there to do?

Now that young women tend to have things like careers and money, however, they can afford to have higher standards in their choice of partner. And let's face it, we men haven't necessarily risen to that particular challenge. Hence the rise of "incels", or involuntary celibates – that is, men who can't get a girlfriend.'

A woman who accused Trevor Bauer of sex assault is now charged with defrauding the ex-MLB player

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An Arizona woman who accused former major league pitcher Trevor Bauer of sexual assault has been charged with defrauding the baseball player.

An indictment unsealed Monday in Maricopa County Superior Court charges the woman with fraud and theft by extortion, both felonies, but doesn't provide specific details about the alleged crimes. It says Bauer and one other person were defrauded in a scheme that potentially spanned several years.

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they have been victims of sexual assault unless they come forward publicly.

The woman sued Bauer in December 2022, accusing him of rape two years earlier that she said resulted in pregnancy in late 2020.'

Trevor Bauer Guilty Of Being An Idiot, Victim Of His Own Stupid Decisions

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Trevor Bauer is more of a cautionary tale of what foolish sexual decisions lead to than he is an innocent lily-white victim.

The embattled former Dodgers pitcher has been fighting to get back to the MLB ever since being placed on leave and ultimately suspended after sexual abuse allegations surfaced.

The initial allegations were brought by a woman named Lindsey Hill, who alleged at the time that Bauer abused her in rough fashion during a sexual encounter. Hill's claims of abuse are now widely-viewed as false and debunked, and the two settled a lawsuit that resulted in Bauer paying nothing. A phone call was later released where Hill claimed to be in significant pain, and Bauer acknowledged he was asked to hit her, according to the New York Post.

What really happened the night of the alleged sexual encounter will likely never be known, but there's certainly no proof that the public is aware of to suggest Bauer did anything to break the law. That's the reality of the situation.

Well, Bauer took another victory lap Tuesday when another accuser - Darcy Adanna Esemonu - was charged with felony fraud after allegedly lying about being pregnant in an attempt to extort him.

The former MLB pitcher claimed he had "one plain sexual encounter in December 2020. Nothing that could be considered remotely rough. She initiated it."

He proceeded to display messages to back up his story that Esemonu was the person pursuing a sexual relationship, and as he showed, doesn't seem to be the kind of person playing with a full deck of cards.

However, Bauer's latest video also confirms a different story that has long been simmering:

He's an idiot when it comes to his sexual decisions.

What's clear from Bauer's sexual encounters with Hill and Esemonu is that he didn't know these women well at all. Yet, he still made the conscious and proactive decisions to have sexual relations with two women who later attempted to ruin his life. To some degree, Hill succeeded. Trevor Bauer was booted out of the MLB after her allegations, and there appears to be very little interest in bringing him back.

Hill lying - if that's what has happened - is totally unacceptable, unforgivable, shameful and downright disgusting. The exact same can be said for Darcy Adanna Esemonu, who is facing criminal charges.

None of what was just said dissolves Bauer of his responsibility in this situation, and he holds a lot of it. More than most people would like to admit.'

Mom who admitted to smothering toddler while high on meth walks free thanks to controversial judge

Mastodon · 18 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Indianapolis mother who admitted to fatally smothering her baby while high on meth became overwhelmed and hid her face in her hands when a controversial judge allowed her to walk free.

Dacia Lacey, 32, was found not guilty of neglect of a dependent resulting in the 2022 death of her daughter, Alona, by Judge Mark Stoner, who is already facing calls to resign after giving a mentally ill man who fatally shot a police officer a sentence of time served, WTHR reported.

The mom was cleared even though the judge told her it was “a case that happens when you’re a bad parent. “

“There are some things you can never do. You can never have sole possession of your children and go out and use drugs,” Stoner said.

“You’re not innocent, but you’re not guilty of what the state has charged you with.”

Lacey — who faced up to 40 years in prison if convicted — dropped her head as Stoner told her that he found her not guilty in the bench trial. The mom, wearing a bright yellow prison suit, pursed her lips and squeezed her eyes shut as if to stop tears before she placed her head in her hands.
...
Court records show that Lacey gave police a lengthy confession, detailing through tears how she smothered her daughter because she was high on meth and wanted her to stop crying so she could get some sleep.'

CDEV and #GenderEqualityForMen

Matt · 18 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Basic Index of Gender Inequality, which measures childhood educational opportunities, healthy life expectancy, and overall life satisfaction, likewise reveals men have fallen behind women in 91 out of 134 countries. Other disparities have been documented in sex discrimination against men in hiring decisions, including for STEM positions.

But funding agencies continue favor females over males by more than a three-to-one margin, according to one analysis.'

From the author of "No More Mr. Nice Guy"

Matt · 18 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

A lot of men have Nice Guy Syndrome. The author of a significant book on the subject speaks about it on YouTube here.

'Oracle of Wall Street' who predicted 2008 financial crash says rise in young, sexless men living with their parents will cause house prices to plunge 30%

Matt · 18 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Of all the misandrist claptrap... Excerpt:

'A financial analyst nicknamed the 'Oracle of Wall Street' has said a 'growing crisis of the young American male' will cause house prices to fall as much as 30 percent.

Meredith Whitney, who earned the title after predicting the financial crisis of 2007 - 2008, suggested young men increasingly living with their parents and disinterested in starting families will drastically reduce housing demand.

The trend of men refusing to settle in turn means more women are remaining single into later life, leaving them without the income or need for big family homes.

But it comes as baby boomers start to downsize, meaning there will be a surplus of available properties. Much of the last decade's gains in home values have been driven by high demand and low supply - a phenomenon, Whitney says, is reversing.

To explain the rise in men living at home, she pointed to the increasing prevalence of video games, starting in the mid-2000s.'

New Title IX Rules Are Out. Here’s What You Need to Know

Mastodon · 19 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After several delays, the Biden administration finally released its final rule overhauling Title IX this morning, kicking off what will likely be a frantic few months as colleges race to update their policies in time for the coming academic year. Colleges and universities have until Aug. 1 to comply.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects students in all levels of education from sex-based discrimination. The new regulations, which appear similar to what was proposed in June 2022, significantly alter how colleges and universities respond to reports of sexual harassment and assault and expand protections for LGBTQ+ and pregnant students.

Other changes make it easier for victims to report sexual harassment and end the current requirement that colleges hold live hearings with an opportunity for cross-examination to allow those accused to confront their accusers. The 1,577-page regulations released Friday are here.
...
North Carolina representative Virginia Foxx, the Republican chair of the House Education and Workforce Committee, said in a statement that the Education Department has placed Title IX “on the chopping block.”

“The rule also undermines existing due process rights, placing students and institutions in legal jeopardy and again undermining the protections Title IX is intended to provide,” she said.'

I’m a man, and here’s what Danny Dyer’s How to Be a Man doesn’t tell you about the ‘war on men’

Mastodon · 20 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In these specific ways and others, it’s true that men do sometimes have it worse than women; that men are subject to prejudices and pressures that women usually are not. But misandry hasn’t produced these conditions. They are caused and exacerbated by the self-same patriarchy that chauvinist men espouse. Conventional masculinity hasn’t been torn down by the feminist agenda: it’s buckled under its own noxious expectations. What matters is that we construct something healthier and more honest from its rubble.

...

Ultimately, the modern masculinity crisis is inextricable from other complex social dynamics – including class and race. Like all markers of identity, masculinity isn’t necessarily helped by being reduced to one homogeneous blob. How to Be a Man at least touches on this, and looks at how regressive male attitudes are often exacerbated by socioeconomic circumstance. Fixing the problem is not so simple as getting a few blokes to unsubscribe from Andrew Tate’s YouTube channel. Structural change is needed. Education. Funding. Mutual compassion. Without that, the war, as it were, will surely drag on. And there’s no getting out of the firing line.'

Abortion, circumcision, workforce among focus areas in new round of health care legislation

Mastodon · 23 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Unless a child required circumcision for medical reasons, Medicaid could no longer cover it under House Bill 1683. A separate bill would require providers to show parents the tools used in a circumcision and get their written permission before performing the procedure.

In fiscal year 2023, the state's Medicaid plan, half of which is funded by the federal government, paid $213,160 for circumcision procedures, according to the Department of Health and Human Services. Of that, about $90,500 was for "elective" circumcisions that would no longer be covered under the bill.

Nearly 20 states have passed similar legislation, according to the Journal of Urology. Medical experts disagree over whether the potential risks, such as surgical complications, outweigh the potential benefits, such as a reduced risk of urinary tract infections.

The second piece of legislation, House Bill 1706, would prohibit providers from performing a circumcision until parents have signed a form that warns them of health complications.'

Bill ending Medicaid coverage for elective circumcisions fails

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New Hampshire Medicaid plans will continue to cover all infant circumcisions for parents who choose the procedure.

In a 178-197 vote, lawmakers rejected House Bill 1683, which would have limited Medicaid coverage to medically necessary circumcision. The bill's supporters said they opposed spending state money on elective procedures. The bill was one of two addressing circumcision this year; House Bill 1706 sought to require providers to show parents the tools used for circumcision and explain the risks, such as the potential for decreased sexual pleasure, before performing the procedure. The House voted to send that bill to interim study earlier this month.

In urging House members to defeat the bill, Rep. Joe Schapiro, a Keene Democrat, cited health benefits and made the kind of parental-rights argument often voiced by Republicans who supported the bill.

"It's a parental choice, and I am here today to ask you not to take that parental choice, that parental prerogative, dare I say that parental right away," Schapiro said. "Passing this bill would be an intrusion into the freedom of New Hampshire parents to make medical decisions for their families."'

How to save boys from masculinity

Mastodon · 23 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But what she found is that, despite considerable progress on gender in society, the way we raise boys hasn't changed much — and the collision of expectations has created a crisis for boys that has fed the crisis for young men that has, in turn, fed the crisis of democracy that's facing the world today.

We talked with Whippman about BoyMom, her forthcoming book on what it means to parent boys in an America that's largely failed to equip its boys and men with a way to deal with change; how both the left and the right get boys wrong, with disastrous results; and how progressives actually interested in building a real alternative might get away from the notion of masculinity to make a better world for everyone.

...

But when we brought in these new social expectations for boys, we never quite got rid of the old ones. The traditional pressures of masculinity are still very much in circulation: boys are still expected to be assertive and domineering and aggressive and manly, and to never appear effeminate in any way. The social costs of falling short of this standard are also high for boys, who are taught to fear looking weak. And if anything, in the age of CGI muscles and superhero epics and online "masculinity influencers," the prevailing model for manhood has become even more cartoonishly masculine and aggressive over the years. Many boys I interviewed still felt they had to perform a kind of rigid, posturing masculinity in front of their friends and often feared that they were constantly only one step away from being labeled a wuss or a pussy.'

John Cleese says he’s ‘surprisingly poor’ after five-decade career

Matt · 23 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'John Cleese has joked about how his $20m divorce has resulted in him having to work in his eighties.

The Monty Python star and co-creator, 84, will soon celebrate the opening of a Fawlty Towers stage show in London’s West End, adapted from three episodes of his and Connie Booth’s seminal British sitcom.
...
In a forthcoming interview with SagaMagazine, the comic discusses his reasons for working on new projects as opposed to resting – and mentions the costly end of his third marriage as one of the main motivations.'

New social media trend tells men to enter their ‘soft guy era’: ‘Being a provider in 2024 is a scam’

Matt · 24 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new trend has emerged on TikTok known as the ‘soft guy era’, which advises men to stop being sole providers in their romantic relationships.

"The soft guy era movement is [about] promoting partnership. You’re telling me you’re a grown woman, and you’re my woman, and you can’t put up 50% of the bills, you’re broke and lazy," a TikToker who goes by the name Lil Goodie said.

"We all know being a provider in 2024 is a scam. So we don’t care, we’re not doing that anymore. We know that’s old-fashioned, these women got money, these women are working, so they need to contribute," another influencer named Scarfacemark said.

The trend blew up on TikTok earlier this month, with Mark and Goodie self-proclaiming the label of co-founders for the movement. Their slogan, "drizzle drizzle," pays homage to an opposing campaign that predates the "soft guy era" known as "sprinkle sprinkle." The tagline was created by Leticia Padua, a creator who uses her platform to give women advice on how to get a man to provide for them.

While Mark alludes to the focus of the movement to be reorienting men towards finding "high quality women," the basis of many of his videos revolve around finances.

"They want us to have money, I want my woman to have money as well," he said in a video.'

Inside the twisted minds of female teacher pedos

Matt · 25 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nice to finally see a general acknowledgement of female predatory sexual behavior vs. the media constantly casting it as a one-off thing or a case of "forbidden love". Excerpt:

'The typical physical profile of a female sex predator is a caucasian woman in her 30s, according to new research.
...
One of the women that I worked with confessed to me that she prided herself on being 'sensitive and caring' because she knew that would make young males 'feel safe.'

When I challenged her by informing her that she was harming these individuals, she replied, 'it never felt that way to me.'

Another predatory practice is the luring of victims with sexually suggestive or outright pornographic posts on social media or in private digital communications.'

"The Coming Incel Revolution"

Matt · 25 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Interesting YouTube video discussion here. TLDR: "Incels" are simply young men who are relationally and sexually frustrated because women and the rest of society have devalued them. Cut off from romantic and financial resources, this class of man constitutes a new brand of marginalized minority. Like any marginalized group, they're angry and potentially volatile as a socio-political class. Unless something changes, the future vis-a-vis this class of person is both fraught and may pose a serious threat to the political establishment.

Circumcision's Ugly Truth

DanBollinger · 27 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

Men are being targeted by healthcare providers for forcible genital cutting and Americans—including many men who are cut—are looking the other way. Male child genital cutting (aka newborn circumcision) deprives these men of a full sexual life and open sexual future. These men are not being forcibly circumcised as adults but when they are newborns, a time when they are the most defenseless.

Norway: Men's Equality Commission issues final report

Matt · 28 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But I think the work of the Commission has significance well beyond Norway. There are policymakers around the world trying to figure out how best to begin to approach the glaring, growing problems of boys and men. Now they have a blueprint.

...

The Commission also calls on the Research Council in Norway to explicitly take up the challenge of improving the knowledge base on many of the issues tackling in the report. And as a pretty wonky bunch, they are keen on more data transparency too, calling for “a review and revision of the statistics pages and indicators for gender equality so that they reflect the equality challenges of boys and men to a greater extent than today.” That might sound dull: but honestly, just getting the basic facts in front of more eyes is a powerful and often necessary first step to action.'

Why do men fare better than women in the college admission process?

Mastodon · 28 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For first-years admitted in the fall of 2023, Brown's acceptance rate for male applicants was 6.9%, and the acceptance rate for female applicants was 4.2%, according to the University's Common Data Set.

Despite an applicant pool of 19,666 men and 31,650 women, Brown still admitted a first-year class with an almost perfect 50/50 ratio of men to women. As a whole, the undergraduate population has a male-to-female ratio of 46/54. Federal methodology requires institutions to report applicants' sex assigned at birth.

Brown's admissions data mirrors a nationwide pattern: Since the 1980s, female enrollment has consistently surpassed male enrollment among institutions of higher education. Brown alum Peg Tyre '83, Vice President of the EGF Accelerator — an accelerator for education nonprofits — provided some insight on the topic in book "The Trouble With Boys."'

Feminist Male Teachers Share Their Perspectives

Mastodon · 29 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hunt advised that part of being a better feminist is being a better listener. He said, “The first thing you have to do is ask yourself, ‘How has society benefited me?’ and, ‘If I’m benefiting, who is being harmed?’ Just pause, reflect, and then think.”

Rosenberg’s advice was to be more conscious of the fact that everyone lives a different experience. He said, “There are different expectations for people based on different societal factors and different historical baggage. If you don’t take that into account, you’re probably not leading that enriched of a life.”
...
He added, “For all the young gentlemen reading this, I know that when I was 16 it would have been kind of hard for me to be able to read between the lines on this, but, if you’re not advocating for women’s rights, what are you standing up for?”'

‘The View’ Co-Hosts Launch Into Lengthy Man-Hating Tirade

Mastodon · 29 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'“The View” co-hosts jumped into a lengthy man-hating tirade Friday, calling straight ones “useless.”

The co-hosts responded to a TikTok trend asking women if they need men, agreeing with the majority who answered “no.” They adamantly assured they are not including gay men in their criticism.

“Because men are useless,” co-host Ana Navarro said. “I mean — and by the way, I wanted to differentiate between straight men and gay men because I think I would die without gay men. No one can gossip like a gay man, no one can help you accessorize like gay men, and nobody can help you from doing harm to yourself like gay men.”

She said her husband would be “emaciated, starving and living in his own filth” without her.'

Joy Behar Calls Out Men In ‘The View’ Audience After They Fail To Clap For Dr. Christine Blasey Ford

Mastodon · 29 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Joy Behar put the men in The View‘s live studio audience in the hot seat after they failed to clap for Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, who came forward with allegations of sexual assault against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh in 2018.

In September of that year, Ford claimed that Kavanaugh (then a Supreme Court nominee) sexually assaulted her when they were teenagers in the 1980s. She testified about her allegations during the televised Senate Judiciary Committee hearing — though Kavanaugh was ultimately sworn into the Supreme Court the next month.

While appearing on The View to promote her new book One Way Back, Ford recalled receiving “horrible threats” following her testimony. However, she also said she received over 100,000 letters of support from all over the world.

“The level of the outpouring was incredible,” she said. “There were letters from all 50 states and 42 countries. They take up our whole living room and multiple other storage spaces. We’ve read about 30,000 of them and about 25% are from sexual assault survivors.”'

Windsor Castle guard ‘cried out for help as he was sexually assaulted by drunk female trooper at 3am’

Matt · 30 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From 2019 but exemplary of the double-standards that men are subjected to. Excerpt:

'A FEMALE soldier from Prince Harry's regiment has reportedly been let off with a warning after sexually assaulting a male colleague who cried out for help.

Trooper Corrie-Alice Holmes, 25, is said to have molested her shocked comrade after returning to base near Windsor Castle in the early hours following a drunken night out last Sunday.

The squaddie, from the prestigious Household Cavalry, is believed to have forced herself against the younger soldier, tried to kiss him and rubbed her body against his, according to the Mail On Sunday.

He rebuffed her, saying he had a girlfriend.

She only stopped her alleged assault when the stunned colleague shouted for help and a furious officer pulled her away.

Tpr Holms was hauled before senior officers the following day - where she was issued with a formal warning and told that further misconduct could see her dismissed from the Army.'

Jack Kammer interviewed by BlueOrange22

mens_issues · 30 April 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Jack Kammer was just interviewed by BlueOrange22. They have an interesting 40 minute discussion about men's issues, which can be seen here.

Australia declares billion-dollar war on 'toxic masculinity', twisted AI porn and domestic violence after horrific spike of alleged murders

Mastodon · 2 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Anthony Albanese will ban 'deepfake' and artificial intelligence pornography as part of a $925million bid to combat the shocking rise in violence against women.

The Prime Minister convened a National Cabinet meeting on Wednesday following a surge in women being allegedly killed by men known to them since the start of 2024.

Speaking immediately after the meeting with the nation's state and territory leaders, Mr Albanese announced a suite of new measures to reduce violence, which he described as a 'scourge' on society.

Mr Albanese noted community concerns about 'toxic male views online' and 'young men's exposure to violent imagery' on the internet.

Ms Rishworth added that violence against women will only end with generational change, and that young boys need 'positive role models' to 'counter negative stereotypes'.

Mr Albanese, along with Ms Rishworth, announced a leaving violence program, which will receive $925million in funding in the May Budget.

Eligible women will be able to access up to $5,000 in financial support to leave abusive relationships.'

UK: Gang of women weep in court after kidnapping and beating innocent stranger

Matt · 2 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Slap on the wrist. Excerpt:

'Two women who kidnapped an innocent victim before driving her to a secluded area and beating her have been jailed.

Bitterly jealous Nadia Gubran, 21, plotted to kidnap a nursery nurse after she suspected she had been exchanging Snapchat messages with a man she herself was interested in.

Gubran recruited best friend Alya Dahshan, 21, and Layla Obad, 20, to carry out the ambush at around 6pm on March 21 last year.

The gang tracked the 23-year-old victim to her place of work, and followed her in Gubran's Volkswagen Golf as she made her way down Hartington Road, Liverpool.'

Ukrainian men abroad voice anger over pressure to return home to fight

Matt · 3 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With Ukraine desperate for soldiers to reinforce its crumbling defenses against Russia's invasion, Ukrainian embassies have temporarily suspended consular services for fighting-age men, placing new pressure on them to go home to fight.

The suspension of citizen services, such as passport renewals, is intended as a preliminary step to a new mobilization law that will go into force on May 18. It will require all men ages 18 to 60 to update their personal information with a local draft office within 60 days.

Martial law, in effect since the start of Russia's invasion in February 2022, prohibits men ages 18 to 60 from leaving the country. But many men who were afraid of being sent to the front have fled. Thousands of others were already living abroad. Now, all of them face pressure under the new rules, which could restrict their movements.'

The Banned Fantasy Novels Feminists Hate

Matt · 3 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Interesting article here. Doubt it's in your local library. Excerpt:

'HOWEVER! There is one series that was driven from bookstores, and by the late 90s was almost totally disappeared based purely on the... "feelings"... it generated in its readers. A fantasy series set entirely on another world with more or less nothing to say about politics back on earth, awakened... stirrings... in its readers so disturbing to the powers that be it had to be stopped.

The Chronicles of GOR by John Norman (Pen-name of Philosophy Professor John Lange)

Begun in 1966 and continuing to... today (he's 92), the 38 book series is a Pulp Science Fantasy series in the vein of Edgar Rice Burroughs' "Barsoom" series (shout out to John Carter of Postcards From Barsoom)
...
This is the world and theory of mind Norman paints with a philosopher's attention to completeness... 38 books deconstructing and undoing not only modern feminist ideas of equality, but Christian ideas of the equality of the soul and nobility of the feminine spirit. By any standard maybe the most sexist misogynistic books ever written, not out of ignorance or resentment but a philosopher's indifference to any social or ethical preening that might impede the truth...

And women freaking loved it.'

Hating men is weird

Mastodon · 4 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I love being a guy.

My masculinity is something that I grew up being ashamed of expressing, growing up in a more conservative household. As a transgender man, I was in denial of it for a long time, and the day I decided not to be anymore felt like coming home from a decade-and-a-half shift of work where I could finally take off my shoes and rest. Nowadays, I take a lot of pride in the guy that I get to be and am growing into as well as the fact that being masc is no longer an evil, life-destroying specter looming over me.

All of the above are among the many reasons I refuse to get TikTok. A lot of more liberal spaces on the app — even (and especially) Queer spaces — tend to have very negative rhetoric around men and masculinity. Phrases like “kill all men” or “all men are trash” are common to hear while online. This has extended to in-person talking habits; if I had a dollar for every time I’ve had to grit my teeth and bear a friend saying something to this effect to my face, I might finally be rich enough to pay for law school.

The demonization of masculinity is nothing new to online Queer communities. Many butches and studs have reported facing discrimination and pressure to present less masculine in Sapphic spaces. Trans men and transmasculine people are either told that our trans masculinity isn’t real enough to be demonized like real masculinity, or that we’re traitors to our sex.'

Biden Admin Is Weaponizing Title IX To Promote Fringe Sexual Politics

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The evolving definition of sex discrimination was a product of feminist advocacy. But that evolution always threatened—and continues to threaten—fundamental rights such as free speech and due process. By the subjective standards imposed under the DCL, "You look pretty today!" could qualify as Title IX sexual harassment if the statement is deemed hostile and affects someone's studies. So what happens, then, to free speech? And if students engage in sexual "hook ups" but later one student feels consent was lacking, are colleges equipped to investigate and adjudicate claims of criminal acts like assault and rape? What about protecting due process—such as the presumption of innocence and the right to see evidence—for those accused?'

Rising Number of Men Don't Want to Work

Matt · 6 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'American men are opting out of the workforce at unforeseen rates.

For many, it's not an issue of not being able to find a job. They have simply opted out altogether. The Bureau of Labor Statistics found only 89 percent of working age men have a job or are actively looking for work. In 1950, that number was at 97 percent.

While the early 1950s saw around 96 percent of working age American men between the ages of 25 and 54 working full or part-time jobs, that proportion has now moved to just 86 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

And as fewer men financially support themselves, there are long-reaching economic and societal implications, experts say.'

Boy Scouts of America changes its name after 114 years to boost inclusion

Matt · 7 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Don't hold your breath waiting for the GSA to go co-ed. They'll go out of business before letting those icky boys anywhere near them. Excerpt:

'Boy Scouts of America is changing its name for the first time in its 114-year history in a bid to 'boost inclusion'.

The Texas-based organization is set to become Scouting America as it hopes to improve participation amid flagging membership.

The historic change is the latest in a series designed to take the troop into the 21st century, including allowing gay youth and welcoming girls throughout its ranks.

It comes as the organization is emerging from bankruptcy following a flood of sexual abuse claims.

'In the next 100 years we want any youth in America to feel very, very welcome to come into our programs,' Roger Krone, who took over last fall as president and chief executive officer, said in an interview before the announcement.'

The Parents Who Want Daughters—and Daughters Only

Matt · 8 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Remember, selecting for boys is sexist and patriarchal, while selecting for girls is pregressive and an all-around positive! Excerpt:

'These patients are seeking not just choice. Many, like Amy, want daughters. The ability to act on that desire—an option mostly unheard of in the rest of the world—has sparked a small but growing trend in American family planning. It has expanded the concept of reproductive choice and bodily autonomy to for-profit procedures that will alter future generations. It speaks to a crisis in boys and lopsided expectations for daughters. And even among the people who are opting in, it's creating concerns about the degree of control some parents are attempting to wield over a baby's destiny—and whether they can ever really exert that control at all.
...
Grace, a 31-year-old who works in human resources (I'm referring to her by her middle name), told me, "When I think about having a child that's a boy, it's almost a repulsion, like, Oh my God, no."

Grace and her FAANG (Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix, Google) engineer fiancé are freezing embryos to preserve their fertility—and to ensure they avoid that "Oh my God, no" scenario. After she turned 30, her fiancé wanted to make embryos right away. Grace wasn't particularly eager to kick off the kid-having process: "I don't like kids. I don't want kids anytime soon. Especially one that's a boy." But she also thinks that her feelings around kids may change—and she wants to be able to dodge the possibility of becoming a "boy mom" if they do.'

Women-only exhibit to become a toilet to keep men out

Matt · 8 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A museum in Australia is fighting to keep its exhibit women-only after a court ordered that men should be allowed entry under anti-discrimination laws.

Tasmania's Museum of Old and New Art appealed on Tuesday to reverse the ruling, arguing it took "too narrow a view on women's historical and ongoing societal disadvantage" and how the Ladies Lounge can "promote equal opportunity".

The court issued its order in April following a gender discrimination lawsuit filed by New South Wales resident Jason Lau, who was denied entry into the lounge.

Kirsha Kaechele, the artist behind the lounge, has said she will challenge the ruling by making the space "compliant" with regulations.

The lounge, which contains some of the museum's most-acclaimed works - from Picasso to Sidney Nolan - has been closed to the public since the court's order.

Ms Kaechele's plans involve transforming the velvet-clad lounge into a women's toilet and a church - which she claims will allow it to continue operating as a women-only space under legal exemptions.'

What the 4B movement and boycotting men tells American women about where we are

Mastodon · 9 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, in South Korea, the "4B movement" – based on four Korean words that start with the letter B – is led by women protesting rampant misogyny, gender-based violence and discrimination.

These women are reclaiming their autonomy by refusing heterosexual marriage ("bihon"), childbirth ("bichulsan"), dating ("biyeonae") and sex ("bisekseu"). Though some might want marriage or children, the risks of having to conform to traditional gender roles outweigh any benefits. Abstaining is the only way women can maintain a sense of self.

...

There are always exceptions to the rule, of course, but as women increasingly de-center men from their lives, having to no longer rely on a man for survival, men are threatened and mistaking women's liberation for misandry, or hatred.

In 2023, a team of researchers coined the term "misandry myth" revealing that feminist women's attitudes toward men were no more negative than men's attitudes toward men.

...

Instead of blaming women, we should strive to understand that this isn't a personal attack on men. It's a step forward in dismantling the patriarchy.'

Teacher had baby with underage student — while on bail for sex with different boy, jurors told

Mastodon · 9 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A UK teacher had a baby with an underage student she had sex with dozens of times — while out on bail for sex with another 15-year-old boy, jurors were told.

Manchester math teacher Rebecca Joynes, 30, groomed the first boy by taking him shopping for a Gucci belt worth the equivalent of around $430, the accuser told cops in an interview played in court, according to the Manchester Evening News.

She then drove him back to her apartment for unprotected sex, “laughing” when he told her he was too young even to drive, jurors were told.'

YT's BlueOrange22 discusses Australian "femicide" campaign

Matt · 9 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. In brief, he discusses the recent push to stop "femicide", contrasting the number of murders of men to that of women, and starts asking questions.

Australia: Headmaster of The King's School accuses media and government of 'deriding' elite all-boys schools

Mastodon · 9 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Tony George, the principal of The King's School in North Parramatta, penned a piece in the school's journal Leader, published on Tuesday. His article, titled A call to empathy: Educational Leadership at The King's School, accused the media of creating "clickbait" stories to "deride" boys' private schools in Australia.

"Instead of acknowledging and celebrating the significant achievement and contribution of independent schools to society, sections of government and the press seem intent on deriding independent boys' schools with any story they can concoct," George wrote.

The headmaster suggested terms like "toxic masculinity" have become a "memetic cliche"; that is, a cliche used to generate internet memes and jokes.

"To be clear, any kind of toxic behaviour is bad, whether by males or females in single-sex schools or co-ed schools," George wrote.

"However, the practice of linking toxic behaviour to masculinity is to malign all males, just as linking oppression to the West maligns all western countries as oppressive.

"Rather than lambast men, boys and males with the same tarred brush of paranoia, we need to aspire to the formation of men who are empathetic leaders, ready, willing and able to bring optimism and hope as they seek the betterment of others."

The headmaster next criticised "wokeness" and "virtue signalling" in the media and society in general, which to him has generated a "victimhood culture".'

$2.3 billion in contracts awarded to minority and women-owned business enterprises for JFK airport transformation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Governor Kathy Hochul announced a historic milestone in the ongoing transformation of JFK International Airport, where a record $2.3 billion in contracts have been awarded to minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBE). This is the largest participation of MWBE firms on any public-private partnership project in New York state history. With construction of new airport facilities fully underway, MWBE participation at JFK will continue to break records until the redevelopment is substantially complete expected in 2028. JFK redevelopment also demonstrates a significant focus on working with local contractors, awarding more than $950 million in contracts to Queens-based businesses to date.'

IBM's Red Hat sued over culling 21 white men employees as CEO vowed to punish managers who missed DEI targets

Mastodon · 9 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former sales chief is suing IBM's Red Hat for being sacked alongside 20 other white men during the software subsidiary's aggressive diversity push to hire more women and African Americans.

Allan Kingsley Wood, a white man, says he faced race and gender discrimination because of the company's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) scheme, which set hiring targets for women and minorities.

The case was filed by America First Legal (AFL), which is headed by former Trump administration official Stephen Miller, as part of a broader assault against DEI in businesses, colleges, and the military.

Miller's conservative action group highlights a leaked video recording from 2021 in which IBM CEO Arvind Krishna vowed to punish executives who failed to meet diversity-hiring quotas.'

Gender Gaps in Employment Come From Masculine Workplaces

Mastodon · 10 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Economists who make the claim that gender employment gaps are due to women's free choices assume that workplace environments are equally appealing to men and women. But this assumption neglects the concept of masculine defaults, to me, one of the most useful ideas in the recent literature on the psychology of gender. Masculine defaults in the workplace are systems, policies, and approaches to work that are based on traditional masculine norms. In such contexts, masculine qualities such as competitiveness, independence, assertiveness, and risk-taking are rewarded more than feminine qualities such as cooperation, teamwork, modesty, and patience. For example, employees who self-promote and negotiate for raises or positions are more likely to advance and achieve better outcomes in the workplace. Such masculine defaults characterize workplaces everywhere.'

Germany may introduce conscription for all 18-year-olds

Matt · 11 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Military planners in Berlin are in the final stages of discussing three options, two of which involve a form of conscription, according to leaked plans reported in the German media.
...
In one of the options being discussed, Germany would bring back a compulsory military year for young men once they turn 18, which was suspended in 2011, and apply it to women as well. This would require a change to the German constitution, but is seen inside the ministry as most likely to receive societal approval.

Another option would only apply to 18-year-old men, but would not see everyone selected. They would be required to fill in an online form and could then be chosen for service, according to details leaked to Die Welt newspaper. This is seen by the defence ministry as “a strong signal” to both allies and rivals.

The third option would avoid compulsory service, focusing instead on “optimising” the current system by engaging in more proactive recruitment campaigns.'

Survival: Men vs. Women

Matt · 11 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Review of a now-infamous series of episodes from the series The Island with Bear Grylls from 2015 here. Quite fascinating.

Biden's DHS funds grant at Arizona State's McCain Institute to undermine 'manosphere,' claims anti-feminist ideas are a terrorist threat

Matt · 12 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Biden's Department of Homeland Security under DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has a granting program in place to fund "targeted violence and terrorism prevention." While that title would indicate that the grant is in line with the mission of DHS, in practice, the goal of this $20 million granting program was, in part, to prevent the "radicalization of men" and to "divert them away" from online "misogyny."

Hatred of masculinity and masculine tendencies are at the core of the kind of feminism DHS is pushing on the public with the funding of this grant. Congress has scheduled a hearing on to discuss the impeachment of Mayorkas for early January. This grant is among many funded by DHS to research online discourse, to the tune of millions of dollars.'

Tubi's new anti-male ad

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Tubi (a streaming service) has a new anti-male ad. It features a husband and wife arguing, with the wife belittling her husband's hair transplants before the final scene showing the husband now divorced and in a cheap hotel while the divorced wife angrily stabs at his picture saying how she hates his "stupid face".

This kind of misandry is tiresome and has been going on too long.

Link to video here.

"Sorry straight white men, Doctor Who was never made for you"

Matt · 13 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What makes this article so objectionable is not the point it makes; the point it makes is accurate. DW was made for kids, in fact, but its target audience has evolved significantly since its inception. The problem is that it picks particular people to name and exclude based on, you guessed it, sex, race, and sexual orientation. Those people just happen to be men -- and straight and white. Would the author have written the same kind of article only call out, say, Asian women instead? Excerpt:

'But the bigoted straight white men who have spiralled into a meltdown clearly haven't been paying attention to the reboot's rich and ever-evolving history of multiculturalism and LGBTQ+ inclusion.

When Queer As Folk creator, Russell T Davies, brought Doctor Who back in 2005 it was clear from the get-go that this is a show for all the outcasts in society.

Class commentary was placed front and centre through Rose Tyler (Billie Piper) and her mum Jackie who lived on a London council estate. And left-wing sentiment has been a common thread throughout the series.'

Arizona woman who poisoned Air Force husband’s coffee with bleach dodges jail

Mastodon · 13 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Arizona woman who admitted to poisoning her Air Force husband by pouring bleach into his coffee is reportedly avoiding jail time.

Melody Felicano Johnson, 40, pleaded guilty last month to two counts of poisoning food or drink for putting trace amounts of bleach into husband Roby Johnson’s coffee maker on July 11 and July 18, 2023, Arizona’s 13 News reported.

Johnson was sentenced to a probation sentence that includes mandatory mental health treatment that goes into effect immediately, and she is not allowed to have contact with her husband unless a legal team is present.

Roby Johnson said he believed his wife was trying to kill him to collect death benefits, according to court documents.

She was initially arrested and charged with attempted first-degree murder, aggravated assault and adding harmful substances to food, drink or medicine but agreed to a plea deal instead.'

‘Be unapologetic in your masculinity,’ Super Bowl winning kicker tells Benedictine College male students

Mastodon · 14 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Super Bowl winning kicker Harrison Butker ripped into COVID lockdowns and pro-abortion Catholics, like President Joe Biden, during his graduation speech at Benedictine College.

But he also encouraged students to be open to marriage and having kids, particularly directing his comments towards female students.

To male students, he told them to “be unapologetic in your masculinity,” and not listen to voices telling them they do not matter.

“As men we set the tone of the culture, and when that is absent, disorder, dysfunction and chaos set in,” he said.'

Boy Scouts' decline = glaring example of masculinity under attack

Mastodon · 14 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

Boy Scouts has become an example of masculinity under attack in culture, Owen Strachan, the Family Research Council's senior fellow at its Center for Biblical Worldview, told Hice.

Today boys are penalized for being boys. All sorts of traits associated with good things in scripture are in today's culture – among woke, leftist, pagan thought – [considered] very bad things" said Strachan.

"If you take risks today, if you're assertive, if you speak up in groups, if you might dare to ever correct a woman in public in something like this, if you like competitive sports, if you like watching World War II movies – you better get out your blanket and hide in the closet, because they're coming for you."'

NYC teacher fired after texting student 28K times, sex allegations, is now teaching at different school: ‘Can’t f–king touch me’

Mastodon · 14 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A defiant French teacher is still in the classroom after being fired by the Department of Education — crowing that the city “can’t touch me” despite the sexually-charged accusations that got her sacked, including making nearly 30,000 late-night texts to a schoolgirl.

Dulaina Almonte, 33, lost her job at Harry S. Truman High School in The Bronx in 2020 after the Special Commissioner of Investigation substantiated claims of her creepy behavior with teens.

“I can’t be guilty if I’m still a teacher,” Almonte — who now teaches at a Bronx charter school — boasted to The Post this week.

“It’s not a crime, but still got fired, which is honestly why the DOE can suck a big pr–k,” she continued.

“Still a teacher! Can’t touch me!” she bragged.

“Still a teacher working elsewhere. Like, you really can’t f–king touch me.”

Her audacity comes despite a damning 2022 SCI report which found her “excessive contact and behavior with the students demonstrates that she has no place in the New York City Schools.”

Phone records showed Almonte sent a 17-year-old female student a staggering 28,075 late-night texts over 14 months — 66 messages a day — and traded nearly 1,900 texts with a male 12th-grader.

The NYPD also investigated a Truman HS student’s claim that she and a former pupil were “involved in a sex act” in a classroom, according to a police report.'

UK: Female teacher accused of sleeping with boys 'was lonely and craved attention'

Mastodon · 14 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A "pretty" teacher accused of having sex with teenage boys has said she felt lonely and "craved" attention after a break-up - but denied sleeping with the youngsters.

Rebecca Joynes said she was impacted negatively after a nine-year relationship breakdown around the time of the Covid-19 lockdown. But she insists she never had sex with the boys.

The 30-year-old was already suspended from her high school job and on bail for alleged sexual activity with a 15-year-old, known as Boy A, when she is said to have taken the virginity of a 16-year-old, who she later fell pregnant with.'

Australia: Teacher abuse charges tossed as law didn't cover women

Mastodon · 14 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An ex-teacher has had her historical sex abuse charges quashed because the relevant 1970s laws did not apply to women abusing boys.

Helga Lam, a former teacher at a Sydney boys' school, had been charged with 15 counts of indecent assault on four school boys for alleged offences dating back to 1978.

But the top criminal appeal court in NSW tossed the charges on Monday, with three judges agreeing to quash the indictment.

Claims against Lam included penile-vaginal intercourse with the complainants, as well as masturbating them, performing fellatio on them and telling them to perform sex acts on her.

Three complainants were willing participants, while the fourth said "he was fearful and upset when the applicant performed sexual acts upon him", Meagher noted.

At the time of the alleged offending, the students were aged between 13 and 16.'

Interview with Kirsha Kaechele about the Ladies Lounge

Mastodon · 14 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's move to the man who has placed himself at the centre of all this. I notice people have many opinions on Mr. Jason Lau. What is your take on him?

I like him. I think he's cute. And sincerely interested in the law. It was a pleasure to be courted by him.

So you welcomed the case.

Being taken to court was a dream come true. I was utterly delighted. And I think Mr. Lau was very brave. He brought an earnest and steady resolve.

I am genuinely grateful to Mr. Lau for taking the Ladies Lounge to court, so that we may exercise the argument. He is essential to the art, and I would like everyone to leave him alone now and focus instead on the horribleness of men in general.

Do you think they are horrible?

Yes. They really are.

You say women deserve three hundred years of reparations in addition to equal rights. Do you think that is fair?

Yes. To equalise historical injustice, it is my assertion that women deserve both equal rights and special privileges (in the form of unequal rights, or chivalry) for a minimum of three hundred years. I'm deeply disappointed by Australia's abandonment of chivalry alongside the introduction of equal rights, and would like to see its reinstatement as a central element of any reparations package.

How are other men responding to this?

Enthusiastically. We've been flooded with applications for the role! But men who don't qualify … you know, you must be under the age of 25 and good looking … less so. They're very upset—on the verge of hysteria in fact. Of course, they're saying I'm hysterical … And I hope they're right.'

Man v. Bear: Analysis of Bigotry

Matt · 14 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. An analysis of the outright anti-male bigotry exposed by the "man v. bear" question.

NCFM Files Complaint on the 107th Anniversary of the Selective Service System

Matt · 14 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NCFM is commemorating the 107th Anniversary of the Selective Service System; the law requiring male citizens to register for the military draft by the age of eighteen, by filing a Complaint in the Central District of California. The Complaint requests that the court deem the mandatory registration of male citizens and immigrants a violation of Equal Protection under the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as it is unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex.

Along with NCFM, five other individual plaintiffs joined the lawsuit. Twenty-year old plaintiff Jordan Falcon stated that he, " was opposed to bias conscription and does not like the idea of being sent to war based upon his gender." Tyler McNamara, Conor McKiernan, Nicholas Milillo, and Nicolas Mendiola are fervent supporters of the equal treatment of all sexes.

NCFM filed a similar Complaint on April 6, 2013. That matter went to the U.S. Supreme Court and on June 7, 2021, their Writ for Certiorari was denied. Justice Sotomayor stated, ""But at least for now, the Court's longstanding deference to Congress on matters of national defense and military affairs cautions against granting review while Congress actively weighs the issue."'

How Feminists Are Making Women Unemployable

Matt · 15 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Remember the Grace Hopper Conference kerfuffle? The narrator uses it to outline the ways feminism's attitude towards women actually works against them in the job market.

Erin Ruhl discusses "toxic femininity"

Matt · 15 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Erin discusses "toxic femininity" after discussing "toxic masculinity". She debunks the feminist definition of TF and points out the alternatives.

UK: Math teacher trying to seek 'sympathy' and painting herself as the 'victim' because she is a woman, court hears

Mastodon · 16 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr Allman said Joynes hoped she would be 'treated very differently' and they would see the evidence 'differently' because she is a woman and not a man in the same situation.

'We have to ask in the cold light of day would Miss Joynes and those acting on her behalf appealed to your sympathy in that way if she'd been a 30-year-old man called Robert Joynes?' he asked.

He also asked whether the two boys would have 'been disparaged in the same way in attempt to discredit them' if they had been two girls of a similar age.

'Would the defence on Miss Joynes' behalf - in our theoretical scenario on Mr Joynes' behalf - have suggested to you that the girls the were the ones that wanted it to happen?' he asked.

'It could just not have taken the same lines in questions because it would have been quite obscene.'

He said it was easy to forget that Joynes was a mature, adult teacher, he said, and they were two teenage children and 'that's how she would like you to see this case.'

'So, she almost becomes the victim and the boys become the perpetrators,' he said.'

Conservatives Rip Lawmaker for White Men Comment: 'Needs to be Removed'

Mastodon · 16 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Democratic Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley has inspired conservative outrage online over a video clip showing her disapproval of "white men failing up."

Pressley, among the progressive House Democrats often collectively referred to as "the Squad," made the remark while addressing allegations of widespread sexual harassment and discrimination at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) during a House Financial Services Committee hearing on Wednesday.

The congresswoman said that she is a survivor of sexual violence while grilling FDIC Chair Martin Gruenberg over a report earlier this month alleging that the agency he leads is riddled with sexual misconduct. Pressley mentioned "white men" after questioning why most of the men accused of harassing their female colleagues received no disciplinary measures.

"I am so tired of white men failing up," she added. This lack of accountability is shameful, inadequate and deeply unsatisfactory, and it is re-traumatizing."'

Sky News host reacts to YouTuber asking students to fight ‘toxic masculinity by donating testicles

Mastodon · 16 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Excerpt:

'Sky News host James Macpherson has reacted to a conservative YouTuber asking college students the “ridiculous proposition” of donating a testicle to the fight against “toxic masculinity”.

“Can you imagine a more ridiculous proposition,” Mr Macpherson said.

“And yet, how ridiculous have our universities become.”'

City of Kansas City apologizes after doxing Chiefs' Harrison Butker following faith-based commencement speech

Mastodon · 16 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The city of Kansas City, Missouri, has apologized after posting a message on social media revealing the residence of Kansas City Chiefs kicker Harrison Butker after the Super Bowl champion came under attack following his faith-based commencement speech at Benedictine College over the weekend.

The official social media account of Kansas City on Wednesday issued a brief apology on X after sparking major backlash on social media for sharing a post referencing the city where Butker resides.

"We apologies [sic] for our previous tweet. It was shared in error," the post read.'

Thousands Of People Sign Two Petitions To Kick Harrison Butker Off Kansas City Chiefs

Mastodon · 16 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Of course, the woke mob is coming for Harrison Butker now. Of course, it's trying to have him canceled by getting him fired.

It's part of the playbook. It's not surprising.

The problem here is the mob is about to run headlong into a meritocracy. The NFL struggles to cancel anybody – at least not on the first try – because NFL teams in business to win usually keep the best people around regardless of their failings.

Or perceived failings, in this case.

Butker is now in the crosshairs of multiple petitions at change.org that -- get this -- call "upon the Kansas City Chiefs management to dismiss Harrison Butker immediately for his inappropriate conduct."

There isn't just one petition but two that are calling for Butker, the Chiefs' kicker, to get the, boot. The more prolific of those two petitions set its initial goal of 35,000 signatures. It has more than 94,538 as of Thursday morning.

The petition has, here we go, moved the goal post to now collecting 50,000 signatures.

A Chiefs' spokesman was not immediately available for comment.'

"What Happened To Modern Feminism?"

Matt · 16 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. The narrator discusses what happened to feminism over the past few decades. I recommend watching his other videos too, as he strikes me as being very bright and articulate.

Petition Demanding the Chiefs Dismiss Harrison Butker Nears 150,000 Signature Goal

Mastodon · 16 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A petition calling for the Kansas City Chiefs to kick Harrison Butker off the team has more than 136,000 signatures and counting.

The Change.org petition, started by Willard Harris, is encouraging the NFL franchise to cut the kicker due to the “harmful” and “unacceptable” remarks he made during a May 11 commencement address at Benedictine College.

The petition adds that such discriminatory remarks can lead to hate crimes, and it demands accountability from sports figures “who should be role models.”

Harris, the petition organizer, did not immediately respond to PEOPLE's request for a comment.

By 4 p.m. ET on Thursday, the petition had garnered 136,979 signatures, with an initial goal of 150,000.

Harris and those who signed are the latest to voice their displeasure with the NFL veteran.

On Wednesday, the league itself disavowed Butker's comments, saying in part in a statement to PEOPLE that his "views are not those of the NFL as an organization."'

How companies use ‘cognitive diversity’ as an excuse to keep hiring white men

Mastodon · 17 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the years, tech has found another way to pay lip service to diversity while doing little to increase the number of underrepresented minorities, especially Black women, by broadening the definition of diversity so it’s not just about representational diversity but “cognitive diversity” as well. Cognitive diversity is all about the different ways people think or work or learn—how they approach a problem or solution. Sometimes it even refers to different personality types. On the surface, there is nothing wrong with the notion or even practice of cognitive diversity—but when you elevate it to the same level as racial, ethnic, gender, and socioeconomic diversity, the very concept of diversity is watered down. It also means diversity is reinterpreted to include what Silicon Valley has never had a shortage of: white men with quirky personalities. The problem is there is never enough room for women.'

Author, Podcaster, & Professor Scott Galloway on How a Lack of Male Mentors Is Hurting Boys

Mastodon · 18 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There's an old proverb that says, "Blessed is he who plants trees under whose shade he will never sit." For Scott Galloway — Professor of Marketing at NYU Stern School of Business, author, and host of the "Prof G" and "Pivot" podcasts — this proverb perfectly applies to the important work of the men who mentor teenage boys. Unfortunately (and unfairly), mentoring has gotten a bad rap, and Galloway isn't afraid to put it bluntly: "The Catholic Church and Michael Jackson have f*cked it up for all of us."

...

It isn't a lack of education, or media influence, or any social movements, said Galloway, that cause a young man to fail: it's the loss of a male role model. He pointed out a sobering fact: "There are a ton of boys who will go through pretty much their entire adolescence with almost no involvement from men." The U.S. has more single-parent households than any other country except Sweden. Teachers, up until the third grade, are 92% female. The majority of therapists are women. "We need to get men more involved in boys' lives," he said, citing that research shows these circumstances affect adolescent boys differently than their female counterparts, rendering them far less emotionally strong than girls. Though they may be physically stronger, boys are surprisingly fragile when it comes to emotions.'

The KC Chiefs should fire Harrison Butker and hire someone who kicks like a girl

Mastodon · 19 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For poetic justice after Harrison Butker's Neanderthal outburst — and because the pipeline of talent is real — the Kansas City Chiefs' next kicker should be a woman.

This is not a joke. It's not unrealistic. And it would be good for business. Just ask the University of Manitoba how ticket sales were last year.

Millions of American parents who've had daughters in soccer over the last 30 years can attest to the fact that girls can kick. And in multiple anecdotal scenarios — injuries, COVID-19 disqualifications and so on — college football coaches have called soccer coaches for help and been told the best prospects were female. In 1997, soccer standout Liz Heaston kicked two extra points for Oregon's Willamette University Bearcats. Ashley Martin broke the NCAA Division 1 barrier in 2001 as a placekicker for Florida's Jacksonville State University. Katie Hnida broke the NCAA Division 1-A barrier in 2003, placekicking for the University of New Mexico. Sarah Fuller kicked for Vanderbilt against Missouri in November 2020, making viral waves on social media posts that linked to the nonprofit Play Like A Girl.'

"A Message To Young Men"

Matt · 20 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Word.

Why was a black congresswoman not criticized for her racist comment about white men?

Mastodon · 21 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While commenting about the accusations of sexual misconduct against Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Chairman Martin Gruenberg, Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) stated that she was “so tired of white men failing up.” It’s the kind of racism, intolerance, and bigotry that Democrats said they want to purge from society. However, because the target of Pressley’s racist and bigoted wrath was a white man, her comments were absolved from widespread criticism or the kind of outrage had a white Republican made a similar comment about a black Democrat.

Feelings or sentiments regarding the accusations against Gruenberg aside, the criticisms against him should focus on his alleged actions and what he was accused of doing. Whatever Gruenberg allegedly did or did not do, his skin color had nothing to do with it. Pressley should not have even brought it up, and everyone in Congress and the media should have criticized and condemned her for her racial bigotry.

But they didn’t. Why? Because racial discrimination against white men is permitted and, in many instances, actively encouraged.

As mentioned above, Pressley’s comment was the kind of inflammatory rhetoric that would have led to widespread condemnations if roles, races, and political parties had been reversed. This double standard and hypocrisy keep happening in the country’s political realms. More people seem concerned with attacking Greene than calling out Pressley for her racial bigotry. It must stop. Democrats who make racist remarks deserve a strong, swift condemnation. They deserve the same kind of vitriol they have when they accuse Republicans of such things.'

Is it time to stop men congregating in groups?

Matt · 21 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Denying men the right of association is a hallmark of dictatorships. I guess it may also be a hallmark of a gynocracy. Excerpt:

'All of which begs the question: if we have so many examples of the threat posed to women's safety by allowing large groups of males to congregate together, should we be considering limiting their ability to do so?
...
Perhaps, given the clear and consistent evidence that aggressive and anti-social behaviour is heightened when men congregate in groups, authorities should be looking at ways to curtail this?
...
But if, as a man, the idea of your civil liberties being impinged upon in such a profound way rankles, ask yourself: what civil liberties do you believe women should have when we walk out into the world?

Because whether we're doing the shopping on an innocuous Saturday afternoon, walking to our car after dark, playing a game of weekend footy or simply doing our jobs, the truth is inescapable: we're at an unacceptably heightened risk of violence from men.
...
And until men in groups start raising their voices against this abuse, rather than staying silent or worse, crying #notallmen, I'm hard-pressed to think of a reason why this lack of personal freedom should be our burden to carry instead of theirs.'

HS teacher gets 13 years for having sex multiple times with student

Matt · 22 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former high school teacher will spend 13 years in prison after she pleaded guilty to having sex with a student as many as 30 times, including once on a school field trip to Washington DC.

Heather Hare, 33, was a family consumer science teacher at Bryant High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. Her relationship with the student occurred between August 2021 and April 2022.

Investigators found that Hare had sex with the student in her car, her home and even in her classroom. The student was a senior at the time. They first encountered each other, she was assigned to give him one on one counseling.

At one point, the teacher confessed to the teen that she fantasized about them having sex at the home that she shared with her husband and young daughter.'

Diverting Hate: Really?

Matt · 22 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'A recent publication from a group called Diverting Hate has accused the manosphere of hate and violence. Wait until you see who funded this hit piece on men and masculinity. They developed a scale to measure misogyny and have applied that to a number of youtube creators including Sandman, Just Pearly Things, the Real MTR, The Rational Male and others and make numerous accusations. Tom goes over the scale and the plentiful false accusations. This one is hard to believe.'

Global leader in prevention of gendered violence Jackson Katz in Australia to discuss ‘men’s issues’

Matt · 22 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As Australia confronts horrifying levels of family violence, global leader on the issue Jackson Katz says it is no longer acceptable for domestic or sexual abuse to be seen as a women’s issue that some good men help with because that is part of the problem,

“These are men’s issues,” he said as he kicked off his Australian tour in Perth by speaking at a White Ribbon function.

He said three things needed to change to end gendered violence across the globe, including the use of passive victim blaming language, for men not to be confused between guilt and responsibility about who they are, and for men to take leadership in all corners of society by shutting down inappropriate jokes or conversations.'

Bucks County woman's false accusation could stop sex assault victims from coming forward: officials

Mastodon · 22 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A 20-year-old woman is out on bail after investigators say she admitted to lying about an attempted rape and kidnapping in the parking lot of a grocery store in Middletown last month.

The father of the man accused told FOX 29's Kelly Rule that the whole ordeal has been horrible not only for his son, but for the entire family.

There’s also an impact on the community, and on how current and future victims of sexual assault crimes feel about coming forward.

"It’s a horrible thing to make up, horrible."

According to court documents, Urumova gave police a description of a man's truck and identified him as her attacker back in April.

But when confronted by detectives on Friday, officials say she admitted to lying about the attempted rape and kidnapping.

She said she named him because she had previously seen him and his truck in the shopping center and thought he was "creepy," court documents state.

The man was originally charged with multiple felonies and spent 31 days in jail. He has since been freed, and all charges withdrawn.'

The Anthropology of Karens

Matt · 23 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. In this video, Whatifalthist goes into toxic feminity and feminine manipulative techniques. He also discusses how this ties into the interests of large bureaucracies, of all things. It's very incisive.

HPV vaccines prevent cancer in men and women, new research suggests — but fewer boys get the shots

Mastodon · 24 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New research suggests the HPV vaccine is preventing cancer in men, as well as in women, but fewer boys than girls are getting the shots in the United States.

The HPV vaccine was developed to prevent cervical cancer in women and experts give it credit, along with screening, for lowering cervical cancer rates.

Evidence that the shots are preventing HPV-related cancers in men has been slower to emerge, but the new research suggests vaccinated men have fewer cancers of the mouth and throat compared to those who didn't get the shots.

These cancers are more than twice as common in men than in women.

For the study, researchers compared 3.4 million people of similar ages — half vaccinated versus half unvaccinated — in a large health care dataset.

From 2011 to 2020, vaccination rates rose from 38% to 49% among females, and among males from 8% to 36%.'

CBS News Texas reporter gets interactive lesson in domestic violence awareness: "In her shoes"

Mastodon · 25 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ruth Guerreiro sits on the Conference on Crimes Against Women advisory council. She said an estimated 3,000 people from various professions attended the conference to learn about criminal offenses against women and ways to support victims through their journey.

"The majority of victims of intimate partner violence are female. And the majority of the abusers are male," Guerreiro said. "There are some males who are – who do experience intimate partner violence. The majority of the male victims have male partners."'

In defense of man: Has the hate men trend gone too far?

Mastodon · 25 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'College is a long and arduous process of learning and becoming not just a better worker, but a better person. On my journey through this process, I've become more cognizant of what I say and how it affects other people.

A phrase that I've become stuck on and find myself thinking about often is one that most people give little thought to when they say it.

"I hate men."

Typically said in a disdainful tone after a man has done something rude or stupid in front of the speaker, the phrase has become a mainstay in our Gen Z vocabularies. The phrase and its variations are all rooted in people's frustration with the patriarchy and its many manifestations in everyday life.

Most of the time, when exclaiming, "I hate men" or, "Men suck," I am trying to explain my anger towards only one person when I should be trying to justify my anger at the system or situation that I have experienced. This exclamation is not only useless but harmful to those it is aimed towards. Men are over three times more likely to commit suicide than women, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Of those men, less than half of them received some type of mental health care in the year leading up to their death. This is a silent pandemic that has affected men for decades.

This isn't to say that saying things like "I hate men" will lead to increased suicide, but as I've learned more this year, I've tried to use kinder and more compassionate language.'

I Hate Men, but Want to Be Loved—How Do I Stop Sabotaging My Relationships?

Mastodon · 25 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I also feel anger toward men. I hate them. I'm ashamed to admit it because I'm always talking about how women and men are equal. Maybe I'm just trying to convince myself of that because deep down I think that women are better and I know that it's wrong to think that way. I'm tired of being confused, and I've been confused for so long that I don't know if my feelings are real or made up anymore.'

Hillary Clinton Blames Sexism for 2016 Loss: Donald Trump Won Because He Is A Man

Mastodon · 26 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Hillary Clinton blamed the fact that female voters abandoned her as her 2016 presidential campaign came to a close on her not being “perfect” in a recent interview.

“They left me because they just couldn’t take a risk on me because, as a woman, I’m supposed to be perfect,” the former secretary of state told the New York Times in an interview conducted in February and published Saturday.

She went on to argue that female voters took a “risk” on former President Donald Trump because he is a man.

“They were willing to take a risk on [Trump] — who had a long list of, let’s call them flaws, to illustrate his imperfection — because he was a man, and they could envision a man as president and commander-in-chief.”'

Portland high school’s Healthy Masculinity Club is ‘a place for guys to not be ‘guys’’

Mastodon · 27 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Once a week during lunchtime at Portland’s Cleveland High, chemistry teacher Brian Fain’s classroom becomes part consciousness-raising circle, part support group, as several dozen boys sit together to consider American manhood, circa 2024.

Their Healthy Masculinity Club — part of a nascent national movement at high schools around the Portland metro area and the country — resists pigeonholing. It’s both a club intended just for boys and the radical opposite of an old boys network.

Freshman Ephraim Goodness sums it up thus: “It’s a place for guys to not be ‘guys.’”

Fain, the club’s adviser, began brainstorming the idea for the group in a post #MeToo world, intent upon unpacking — and, ideally, reversing — the tendency of male students to disrespect his female colleagues but respond deferentially to his authority.

There was inherent discomfort, some club members acknowledged, in reading aloud about the harm caused by young men while being male.

“It’s hard to not be offended when people are saying that white men are hurting or attacking them, because, like, that’s me. But that doesn’t mean I’m doing the attacking,” Balmer said. “You have to acknowledge and realize that there are other people causing pain and violence and it can be hard to acknowledge that when you fit that category.”'

Having kids may shorten a man’s life, groundbreaking study reveals

Matt · 29 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Choosing to become a parent could end up shortening a man’s life. A groundbreaking new study reveals that fatherhood may take an alarming toll on men’s heart health as they get older. Researchers from Northwestern University and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago found that cardiovascular health tended to be worse for fathers compared to men without kids.

The research, published in the journal AJPM Focus, found that as men age into older adulthood, those who have children tend to have worse cardiovascular health compared to their childless peers. This was determined by looking at factors like diet, exercise, smoking, weight, blood pressure, and blood lipid/glucose levels.'

Why employers are reluctant to hire young men

Matt · 30 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'America's young men aren't working. Well, a smaller share of them are working, anyway. As of April, about 86% of prime-age men — meaning those between 25 and 54 — were employed, a significant drop from the 1950s and 1960s, when that number was often closer to 95%. And 52% of men 16 to 24 were working, compared with well above 60% decades ago.

There are plenty of explanations for what might be going on — perhaps it has to do with recessions or disabilities or wages not being high enough to draw them in. There is an equally robust number of proposed solutions to this conundrum: upskilling and reskilling, convincing men to go into fields historically viewed as being for women, getting employers to be more realistic about requiring college degrees.
...
Employers might also see young men as riskier to bring on board. Fairly or unfairly, there's a stereotype that young men are more volatile, more immature, and less responsible than their female counterparts. Darling notes that men drop out of college at higher rates than women and argues that the same behavioral differences that drive that trend could also mean businesses see them as a higher layoff risk.
...
As for why so many young men aren't working, it's a doozy. There's no quick fix for recessions or incarceration rates or pay or any of the many other factors driving the shift. But maybe a step in the right direction here is to at least talk about it. And, hey, if you're a business owner, maybe take a risk on that young guy who walks through your door instead of worrying about what it might cost you if you decide to fire him.'

Why are white men being shamed as transport polluters?

Mastodon · 30 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Black women are the worst for carbon-intensive travelling habits, according to the Guardian, citing research by the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR). Oh, sorry, I must have misread that. What the Guardian headline actually says is: ‘Wealthy white men are Britain’s largest transport polluters.’

While is poses as scientific inquiry this is really just political activism dressed up in academic clothes.

But it is worth quoting the other way around because the former is, of course, a headline you will never, ever read – either in the Guardian, an academic paper or anywhere. There are very simple rules for this kind of pseudo-scientific stuff: if you are going to bring race or gender into a study it must always present white men in a bad light, and no other group. White men, on the other hand, must never be presented as victims – that is the preserve of other groups. The only surprise is that the IPPR hasn’t also tried to dig down into the travelling habits of gay and straight people so that it can add ‘heterosexual’ to the list of attributes shown by the people who are condemning us to what the Guardian likes to call ‘climate breakdown’.

While is poses as scientific inquiry this is really just political activism dressed up in academic clothes. It starts with the assumption that white males are at the top of a hierarchy of privilege and works from there. If a study such as this chanced across a statistical finding which was at odds with that narrative you can be absolutely sure that it would not be reported. The glaring example of this was during the pandemic when many claims were made that women were suffering disproportionately from Covid when data clearly showed the opposite: that the disease was killing far more men than women.'

Jerry Seinfeld Criticized Over Masculinity Comments

Mastodon · 30 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jerry Seinfeld is facing backlash online after saying he missed the "dominant masculinity" of 1960s America.

Tuesday, the comedian appeared on the Honestly With Bari Weiss podcast to promote his latest film, Unfrosted. Set in 1960s Michigan, the movie is loosely based on the real-life dispute between Pop-Tarts and Kellogg's to create a new favorite breakfast food.

Weiss felt Unfrosted represented a "sense of one conversation, a common culture." Seinfeld—who directed and starred in the film—agreed.

"That's part of what makes that moment attractive looking back," the 70-year-old said. He added: "I always wanted to be a real man. I never made it, [but] in that era, it was JFK. It was Muhammad Ali. It was Sean Connery, Howard Cosell. You can go all the way down there. That's a real man."

"I miss a dominant masculinity," Seinfeld added. "Yeah, I get the toxic thing. But still, I like a real man."'

Melinda French Gates invests in boys and men: a new era for gender equality

Matt · 31 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Hard to believe but here it is. Excerpt:

'As part of this new effort, French Gates has created some dedicated grantmaking funds. As she writes in the New York Times: “I offered 12 people whose work I admire their own $20 million grant-making fund to distribute as he or she sees fit.”

...

What should advocates for gender equality make of these facts? Until recently, the standard response has been to ignore them, on the grounds that gender equality is exclusively a women’s issue. This is a mistaken approach. If gender gaps matter, they matter in both directions. Excluding boys and men also makes it easier for reactionary voices to claim that gender equality is in conflict with the interests of boys and men.

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Most impressive of all, the Norwegian Government’s Men’s Equality Commission recently published its final report, Equality’s Next Step, after two years of work. It contains a raft of sensible policy recommendations, including more dedicated paid leave for fathers, a gender-neutral equality law, and the creation of a Men’s Health Committee. The report breaks out of zero-sum thinking, insisting, correctly, that “greater attention to boys' and men's challenges will strengthen equality policy, not weaken it.”'

Survivors say Russia is waging a war of sexual violence in occupied areas of Ukraine. Men are often the victims

Matt · 31 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Within an hour of being arrested by Russian security forces, Roman Shapovalenko was threatened with rape.

On August 25, 2022, the day after Ukraine's Independence Day, he said three armed, masked officers from Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) stormed his home in the southern Ukrainian port city of Kherson, which was occupied by Russian forces at the time.

They turned his house inside out searching for incriminating evidence. A message in Shapovalenko's phone that called Russian soldiers "orcs" — a derisive reference to the evil forces in J. R. R. Tolkien's Middle-earth books and a popular Ukrainian slur for the Russian army — was enough for them. He said he was tied up, blindfolded and stuffed into an unmarked car.

For days after, Shapovalenko said he was repeatedly electrocuted in his genital area, threatened with being raped with a glass bottle, and was even made to believe he could be sterilized.'

Ukraine urgently needs soldiers, but some men are desperate not to fight

Mastodon · 31 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ukraine urgently needs new soldiers, but some — left uneasy by brutal fighting and intensifying conscription efforts — are desperately trying to avoid being called up.

“When you see people in uniform, you panic. You start thinking someone will mobilize you now against your will,” a lawyer based in Kyiv told NBC News. He did not want his identity known, fearful, like a growing number of men across the country, of being drafted into the army if his name is made public just as Russia launches a wave of attacks to try to decisively seize the battlefield initiative.

The 25-year-old has no military experience and just became eligible to be conscripted after Ukraine lowered the age men can be drafted from 27 to 25 last month.

Facing a third year of assaults from its vast neighbor, Ukraine is running out of men.

While volunteers lined up to fight at the beginning of the war, that fervor has waned and manpower shortages are now an issue that could seal Ukraine’s fate even if it can retain Western support.

So it has taken a series of steps that include passing a new mobilization law, increasing fines for draft dodging, and withholding consular services from Ukrainian men abroad who lack up-to-date military documents — measures that some soldiers on the front lines told NBC News they wholeheartedly support.

Ukraine has been conducting a rolling mobilization to boost its ranks since Russia invaded in February 2022. But the new mobilization law that came into effect earlier this month will mean that all men of military age have to report to draft offices to verify their credentials within 60 days. The apparent goal is to give the Ukrainian government a fuller picture of who can be called up. Men will also have to carry their military registration documents with them at all times. Women are currently not being mobilized, but some have volunteered to join the fight.'

Congress is weighing automatic registration for wartime draft

Mastodon · 31 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'American men ages 18 to 25 would be automatically signed up for the draft if a measure making its way through Congress becomes law.

The proposal by Rep. Chrissy Houlahan would mean that men would be automatically registered for the draft when they turn 18. Under current federal law, all American male citizens and green card holders 18 to 25 years old must register with the Selective Service, but the requirement to do so falls on individuals. Those roles would be the basis of a military draft if Congress or the President decided to implement one, which Houlahan's proposed measure does not address.

Women would continue to be exempt from Selective Service registration under the proposal submitted as an amendment to the national defense policy bill for fiscal year 2025.

During debate on her amendment last week, Houlahan argued that the measure would allow Congress to spend more money on "readiness and towards mobilization" instead of "education and advertising campaigns driven to register people."

According to the Selective Service's annual report to Congress for 2022, the national registration rate that year for qualified men was 84%.'

Australian State Creates 'Secretary of Men's Behavior Change'

Matt · 31 May 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Make of this what you will because it left me scratching my head this morning. But just in case something similar pops up in the United States in the near future (don't rule it out), we should probably keep an eye on the situation. This story comes to us from Victoria, the second-largest state in Australia by population. Jacinta Allan of the Labor Party serves as the Premier there and she has just announced the creation of a new position in the state's Parliament. It's called the "Parliamentary Secretary for Men's Behavior Change." That's quite a mouthful, but all of the word salad that accompanied the announcement didn't do much to clarify precisely what the new Secretary is supposed to do or what powers or authorities they are being granted. In any event, the first person to hold the title is Tim Richardson, an MP from Mordilloc. Best of luck, mate. (Daily Wire)'

At-home saliva test to detect prostate cancer ‘better than blood samples’ – and could ‘turn the tide’ on killer disease

Matt · 2 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'MEN could be checked for prostate cancer with a simple saliva test after a trial found it works better than blood testing.

It could save them unnecessary GP visits and embarrassing physical exams.

Scientists at the Institute for Cancer Research in London said the DIY spit test would catch more aggressive tumours and lead to fewer false alarms than the current NHS system.

Men simply spit into a tube at home and send the sample off for lab analysis.

Their DNA is checked for high risk genes or damage that could indicate prostate cancer, which is the most common type in men, with 52,000 cases per year.

Patients with the most concerning results are sent for further scans and exams, while those with low-risk scores can be discharged.'

When is it appropriate and lawful for policies to dictate specific behaviors based on gender?

Mastodon · 4 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, Victoria's government in Australia announced the creation of a new parliamentary role aimed at changing men's behavior to address gender-based violence. This decision marks a significant step in the government's strategy to combat violence against women by focusing on men as the primary agents of change. While the intention to eradicate such violence is commendable, the approach raises profound concerns about gender bias and societal division.

Labeling the issue as one that primarily or solely requires change among "all men" inherently suggests a collective guilt that overlooks individual differences and circumstances. Such a blanket approach can be perceived as misandric, potentially alienating not only many men who are non-violent but also those who are themselves victims of abuse. If the roles were reversed, with similar initiatives targeted exclusively at women, public outcry would likely be immense, pointing to a societal double standard in addressing gender issues.

Describing a need to change the behavior of an entire gender could also be viewed as a form of coercive control, implemented at a national level. This methodology risks simplifying the complex nature of abusive behaviors and may lead to unintended negative consequences, including increased gender polarization and societal discord.'

Candace Owens Says ‘Straight White Males’ Are Now Treated Like Black Americans During Segregation

Matt · 6 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I think she's a bit hyperbolic here but I get her general idea. Excerpt:

'Author and TV correspondent Candace Owens recently said “straight white males” are now being treated the same as Black people during the degrading segregation era in America.

Owens is known for controversial remarks she makes as a Republican correspondent, whether she’s on the job or off. According to Mediaite, the media host was a recent speaker at Turning Point USA‘s latest college event at Michigan State University. The non-profit organization was founded by Trump supporter Charlie Kirk, and its mission is “to build the most organized, active and powerful conservative grassroots activist network on high school and college campuses across the country.”

During the event Twitter user Jason Campbell, a senior researcher at Media Matters, tweeted a video of Owens on stage sharing her viewpoint on what she sees as the modern-day reality of “straight white males.”'

UK: 'Sadistic' women who filmed themselves torturing man to death jailed for at least 26 years

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'Zoe Rider, 36, and Nicola Lethbridge, 45, were sentenced for a "vicious and extremely violent joint attack" on 60-year-old neighbour Stephen Koszyczarski in his Sheffield flat.

The court heard how they recorded their attack on the vulnerable man as they falsely accused him of being a paedophile on 9 August 2023.

Mr Koszyczarski was robbed by the pair and was left bleeding and with 22 separate injuries around his face, head and body. He died from his injuries two days later.

Judge Sarah Wright told Sheffield Crown Court the pair were "both clearly fuelled by drugs and probably alcohol" when they carried out the attack.

"You set about him in the most brutal, heartless and despicable manner. You launched a vicious and extremely violent joint attack upon him.

"You exposed his genitals, threatened to mutilate him and shouted obscenities at him. You singularly failed to listen to his denials of the accusation or to offer him any compassion when he was clearly injured."

Jurors at the trial were shown harrowing footage shot by Rider and Lethbridge, which included them threatening to mutilate Mr Koszyczarski with scissors.

At one point he pleads with them to stop and one of the defendants replies: "Do you think I give a f***?"'

New book ‘Boymom’ reimagines boyhood in an age of ‘impossible masculinity’

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'Rapist, school-shooter, incel, man-child, interrupter, mansplainer, boob-starer, birthday forgetter, frat boy, dude-bro, homophobe, self-important stoner, emotional-labor abstainer, non-wiper of kitchen counters.”

These were some of the thoughts that kept Ruth Whippman up at night when she was pregnant with her third son and imagined his future. The year was 2017, when the Me Too movement was in full swing and a year into what she described as the “Pussy Grabber” administration of Donald J. Trump — “a time when the news was a rolling horrorshow of male bad behavior.”

Even in the “liberal urban bubble” of Berkeley, it became “increasingly clear that girls were now considered the prize. Boys, while cute and puppy-like, were generally viewed on some level as trouble — feral, hard to control, animalistic,” Whippman writes in her new book, Boymom: Reimagining Boyhood in the Age of Impossible Masculinity.

The cultural shift that was taking place was captured in New York Times pieces with titles like, “Wanting Daughters, Getting Sons” and “It’s a Boy, and It’s Okay to be Disappointed.” On a personal level, when she told friends she was pregnant with another son, she received sympathy rather than a congratulation on her pregnancy. Even Whippman’s letter carrier weighed in.

“I hope for your sake this one is a girl,” the carrier told her, as Whippman sat on the front steps of her home, her energetic boys whizzing around her.

“Trying to raise good sons suddenly felt like a hopeless task,” Whippman writes.'

Our culture’s trashing of boys and men is having toxic consequences

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'For a long time, the internet and social media have been bloated with memes, even articles, that denigrate men and most forms of traditional masculinity. Many of the people behind these posts insist that they are simply snarky barbs aimed at people with the most “privilege” who can’t take a joke.

If there was ever any doubt about the veracity of or honesty behind such a statement, a growing trend appears to pull back the veil.

In one American study, white parents picked a female embryo 70 percent of the time. A 2010 study showed that American adoptive parents were 30 percent more likely to prefer girls than boys, and were willing to pay an additional $16,000 to ensure they got a girl.

Such disturbing sentiments are widespread in the U.S. and are part of a growing trend in Western cultures — popularly called Gender Disappointment. An Australian psychologist who specializes in antenatal and postnatal care conducted a Facebook survey and found that Gender Disappointment is most common in women, who unabashedly want daughters, not sons. One woman posted on a mothers’ chat board that the “vast majority” of women on “every social media (Facebook, Instagram) site or general website (Netmums, Mumsnet, Reddit)” voice this gender bias. “There are websites like ingender and genderdreaming just dedicated to Gender disappointment…some of them are straight out Boy bashing or anti boy posts.”

This invites the question: What exactly is it about having boys that seems so repellent? Many of the women in the Slate article, even mothers of boys, pointed to that sweeping, damning and vague label “toxic masculinity.” They spoke to girls’ “limitless potential” versus that of boys. Girls move out of the house earlier, achieve greater academic success, are more likely to attend and graduate from college, find jobs more readily than male peers and have higher emotional IQ.

It’s also time that women did some soul searching — that they stop and reconsider their prevailing, limiting perceptions about men and masculinity. Their own personal experiences with men don’t apply across the board, and such wanton attacks on and wholesale dismissal of boys and men only perpetuate and normalize a reactivity that’s uncritical and self-pitying.'

Welcome to the 'microfeminist' revolution: Women clap back at everyday sexism on TikTok

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'Watched by 2.8 million, the TikTok video touched off a viral conversation about microfeminism, inspiring women – and men – to respond with their own small but mighty clapbacks at sexism that are spreading online and off.

Refusing to step aside for a man barreling down the sidewalk? That's microfeminism. Claiming the armrest when you're in the middle seat or the whole seat when the guy next to you on the subway is "manspreading?" Those, too, are acts of microfeminism.

So is greeting women first in a meeting, referring to "hers and his," assuming a CEO is a she and saying "girls" instead of "guys" as a gender-neutral term.

"I'm doing this thing, this tiny little act of collaboration with women, and I wondered if they noticed, and if anyone else is doing it," Chaney told USA TODAY. "And, wow, I learned they absolutely do."

And now these everyday acts of defiance are turning into an online movement.

Microfeminism has entered the zeitgeist, said New York University psychology professor Tessa West, and it's taking on "a whole new TikTok-defined meaning."'

UK: Politicians back our Show Respect campaign to end misogyny in schools

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'Politicians from all the major parties got behind our campaign to fund healthy relationships workshops in schools to address sexist abuse and harassment, as the Rotary Club of London gave its support with a four-figure donation.

It follows support from Mayor Sadiq Khan who backed our campaign along with our call for the Department for Education to create a new category that records when a pupil is excluded for sexist abuse.

It comes as a report from the Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel de Souza highlights the problem of "rape culture being normalised in schools" with "boys in particular mimicking harmful sexual behaviours they have seen online".'

French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal accused of 'definition of mansplaining' for interrupting Valerie Hayer debate

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'French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal has been accused of mansplaining after interrupting a radio debate in which his fellow party member was speaking.

The prime minister made a surprise appearance at France Info on Monday, appearing on stage next to Valerie Hayer, candidate for the upcoming European Parliament elections on June 9.

Ms Hayer, of the presidential Renew party, was taking part in a debate with lead candidates when Mr Attal interrupted an exchange with the anchor.

LFI MP Raquel Garrido called the incident "mansplaining or, to be more precise, manterrupting".

But writing on X, Ms Hayer lashed out at opponents accusing Mr Attal of sexism.

"Instrumentalising the feminist cause only harms it. Real sexism is believing you can think for me," she wrote, adding she was "proud" to have Mr Attal "by my side" in the campaign.

Three-time RN presidential candidate Marine Le Pen called the incident "truly shameful" adding that Mr Attal would "have never allowed that if the candidate was a man".'

Gender quotas in Welsh Senedd elections could lead to legal challenges - report

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'The introduction of gender quotas in Welsh elections "could lead to legal challenges", according to a new report.

Politicians say those challenges could disrupt the outcome of the next Senedd election.

The cross-party Reform Bill Committee says the Welsh government has to take action.

The bill that's being considered would only change the rules when it comes to Senedd (Welsh parliament) elections.

The next vote to choose representatives in Cardiff Bay is due to take place in May 2026.

If approved, the changes would come into effect ahead of that vote.

The aim of the proposals is to increase the number of women who stand for election to the Senedd.'

‘Natty or not?’: how steroids got big

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'Many of the young men I spoke to felt surrounded by signals that a muscular body was what they needed. They had noticed that celebrities, from movie stars to the sexed-up randos on reality shows such as Love Island, had got more muscular, though no one I talked to wanted to emulate a movie star exactly, let alone go on reality TV. The idea that “muscles get you girls” came up often, although most men I spoke to acknowledged that only a small subset of women prefer a mammothly muscular body. Many mentioned social media, where they saw constant images of successful muscular men – friends they knew and influencers they didn’t – which had, in some small way, made them feel bad about themselves. Many had got into weightlifting or fitness in order to feel better, and yet they often felt as if they were falling behind, or not achieving the milestones – “gains” in muscle or strength – that they should. Steroids, they hoped, would help.

The desire for this kind of body is relatively recent. In her 1999 book, The Male Body, the feminist social critic Susan Bordo noted that in the preceding decade, advertising and mass culture had become fixated on a kind of male body – muscular, athletic, often nearly nude – that hadn’t been considered ideal or attainable for much of the modern era. The erosion of mid-20th-century social hierarchies had weakened the traditional connection between body type and social position: the plump office manager versus the muscled factory worker, for example. Free of such associations, people were beginning to see their bodies as a representation of their identity or self. In this new reality, Bordo realised that the inescapable gaze of mass consumer culture would soon have the same shame-making effect on men as it did on women. “I never dreamed that equality would move in the direction of men worrying more about their looks rather than women worrying less,” she lamented.'

The Atmosphere of the ‘Manosphere’ Is Toxic

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'To understand the state of men in this country, it’s necessary to know three things.

First, millions of men are falling behind women academically and suffering from a lack of meaning and purpose. Second, there is no consensus whatsoever on whether there’s a problem, much less how to respond and pull millions of men back from the brink. Third, many men are filling the void themselves by turning to gurus to guide their lives. They’re not waiting for elite culture, the education establishment or the church to define manhood. They’re turning to Andrew Tate, Joe Rogan, Jordan Peterson and a host of others — including Elon Musk and Tucker Carlson — to show them the way.

Not all of these influencers are equally toxic. Tate, for example, is in a class by himself. He’s a pornographer who is facing human trafficking and rape charges in Romania. Peterson, by contrast, mixes good advice with a bizarre ideology. He’ll swing between compassionate insight and wild conspiracy. I’ve known men who genuinely improved their lives through elements of Peterson’s teaching. But to spend time watching and reading these gurus as a group is to understand why men continue to struggle even though the market is now flooded with online advice.'

UK: Met chief says millions of men are danger to women and girls in England and Wales

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'Millions of men in England and Wales pose a danger to women and children, the commissioner of the Metropolitan police has said.

Sir Mark Rowley said the figures were “eye-watering” and an “inconvenient truth” as he called for a much bigger effort, a national strategy and more money to tackle the problem.

He relied on an upcoming study produced for police chiefs nationally that says there are up to 4 million perpetrators of violence against women and children, who are mainly men, with one in 10 people being victims, who are mainly women or children.

Rowley, who is Britain’s most senior police officer, said the scale of offending by men against women and children was beyond the criminal justice system to tackle.

He told the London policing board: “When you look across violence against women and children, there are millions of offenders in the UK. Some of the numbers are eye-watering.

“The scale of this is way beyond policing and the justice system and we need a frank conversation about it, that looks at prevention work, protective work, as well as enforcement … work.

“This is largely men offending on women and children … You’ve got millions of men in the country who pose a risk to women and children at some level. And requires a whole step up in approach.”'

Scotland: Maggie Chapman suggests only 'wealthy white men' benefit from upgrading roads and reducing journey times between cities

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'A Scottish Greens MSP was heckled at Holyrood after calling for NO new road upgrades in Scotland, despite representing a community which has been crying out for one. Highlands MSP Ariane Burgess called on public transport improvements instead.

And her colleague Maggie Chapman even suggested that "road building is a subsidy for wealthy, usually white men who are the main beneficiaries of reducing journey times between cities."

The Scottish Tories brought in a debate about the current poor state of roads across the country, including the pothole scarred city routes. They blamed "17 years of SNP neglect, underfunding and broken promises" for this situation, which includes the A9 dualling being delayed by a decade.

When in the Scottish Government, the Greens were blamed for various delays on the A9 and also the A96, with the SNP repeatedly denying the Bute House Agreement was the reason for this. But the mask slipped on Wednesday as Ms Burgess ranted about the need to save money and not upgrade the roads.'

What’s Wrong With Boys at School?

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'My experience is not merely anecdotal, but part of larger educational trends. Boys are not faring as well as girls in the classroom. Women outperform men in school in terms of school readiness in kindergarten, GPA, and increasingly in college enrollment and degree attainment. According to Richard Reeves, of the top 10% of students, two-thirds are girls. On the flip side, boys comprise nearly two-thirds of the bottom 10% of students. While boys outperform girls overall on standardized tests such as the SAT and ACT, girls perform better on the written and verbal portions of the exams while boys outperform on STEM subjects.

Not only from a grades standpoint but also a disciplinary standpoint, boys are not faring as well. Boys are roughly 2.5 times more likely to be suspended or expelled from school than girls; of all expulsions from public school in the 2017-2018 school year (the last year the National Center for Education Statistics has available data), 72% of all expulsions and 70% of suspensions were of boys.'

Is Feminism A Hate Group?

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'Most people see feminism as being about equality. They also tend to think of MRA's as being haters. Are they right? This video takes a close look at just what a hate group is and how feminism and men's advocates fit in. Thanks to StudioBrule for the clips of the Farrell protest. This post was based on the work of David Byron. If anyone knows where he might be these days I would love to hear from him.'

Opinion: Boys and men get everything, except the thing that's most worth having

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'For many progressives, weary from a pileup of male misconduct, the refusal to engage with men's feelings has now become almost a point of principle. For every right-wing tough guy urging his crying son to "man up," there's a voice from the left telling him that to voice his concerns is to take airtime away from a woman or someone more marginalized. In many cases, the same people who are urging boys and men to become more emotionally expressive are also taking a moral stand against hearing how they actually feel. For many boys, it can seem as though their emotions get dismissed by both sides. This political isolation has combined with existing masculine norms to push a worrying number of boys into a kind of resentful, semi-politicized reclusion.

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Perhaps it's not surprising that in the grip of the culture wars, caring about boys has become subtly coded as a right-wing cause, a dog whistle for a kind of bad-faith politicking. Men have had way more than their fair share of our concern already, the reasoning goes, and now it's time for them to pipe down. But for boys, privilege and harm intertwine in complex ways — male socialization is a strangely destructive blend of indulgence and neglect. Under patriarchy, boys and men get everything, except the thing that's most worth having: human connection.'

Alabama Lawmakers Want Prison for False Reporting Charges. That Could Have Serious Consequences.

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'For the last six years, I've been collecting and researching cases in which people – mostly young women and sometimes children – were charged with falsely reporting a rape or sexual assault. I've amassed more than 230 cases that span the country, an investigation we first shared in the documentary "Victim/Suspect," streaming on Netflix. In our first-of-its-kind qualitative analysis, we found a pattern of police turning their suspicions to the reporting victim before thoroughly investigating the alleged crime.

Academic studies consistently estimate that 2% to 8% of reports of sexual assault and rape are false. But police officers presume reporting victims are lying much more frequently: In one 2010 study, a majority of sex crimes detectives with less than seven years of experience believed that anywhere from 40% to 80% of rape reports were false. And a 2018 study found that officers' estimates of false rape reports go up the more they believe in popular myths about rape, like the idea that women lie about rape after regrettable sex or they bear responsibility if they were drunk.'

Iceland Set to Be Pioneer State Issuer of Gender Diversity Bonds

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'Iceland, a country that ranks highest in the world for equality, will become the first nation to borrow money to spend on improving the gender gap.

The move follows a protest at the end of last year by thousands of women, who took to the streets to highlight the inequality that still exists. The bond offering will break new ground in a hot market for ESG debt, where so far only companies or development agencies have linked borrowing to gender spending.

“We would be the first sovereign to do a bond in this format, which I think is a good opportunity to step in that market and show an example of what can be done,” Thórdís Kolbrún Reykfjörd Gylfadóttir, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, told Bloomberg. She recently traveled to New York to talk about social gender bonds.

Iceland is the most gender equal country in the world based on economic opportunities, educational attainment, health care outcomes and political leadership, according to the World Economic Forum, a title it’s held onto for the past 14 years. Yet the protests drew attention to its remaining inequalities.

“I wouldn’t necessarily say that it’s directly linked to the recent protests. We have a history of gatherings and protests like this, and we look at it as a healthy sign of the kind of society we want to be,” Gylfadóttir said.'

The Equal Pay Act passed over 60 years ago. So, why do women still make less than men?

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'Key factors sustaining the gender wage gap are workplace harassment, the lack of protection for parents and caregivers, segregation of men and women into different job types, and women entering the workplace after a history of earning lower or unequal wages, said Deborah Vagins, campaign director for the civil rights nonprofit Equal Rights Advocates and director of the national campaign Equal Pay Today.'

White men have least chance of getting on BBC trainee scheme

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'The findings were released via the Freedom of Information Act. Female applicants also had a stronger chance of getting in than men, but by a lesser degree.

Since 2022, an average of 60.25 per cent of applicants were women. But in that same period, women made up 71 per cent of participants.

In contrast, men made up an average of 39.75 per cent of applicants but 29 per cent of participants, meaning that womens' chances of getting onto the scheme were 1.6 times higher than their male counterparts.

Neil O'Brien, who until the election was the Conservative MP for Harborough, said: "Unlike previous BBC schemes which have stated they are BAME-only, this scheme markets itself as open to anyone. But in practice there is discrimination.'

Travelers With Domestic Violence Charges Are Now Banned From Australia

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'In the past, Australia has denied travel visas to R&B singer Chris Brown and boxing star Floyd Mayweather due to domestic violence convictions. They’re taking this stand against domestic violence one step further by barring any visitor with a domestic violence charge against women or children from entering Australia.

The law came into effect on Feb. 28 and applies to all offenders regardless of where they’re from, where they committed the crime or what their sentence was. In addition, anyone who is currently visiting or living in Australia on a visa and has a record of domestic violence will be kicked out.

The new laws add to existing legislation that withholds or removes visitor visas if the visa holder has been sentenced to 12 months or more in jail.

Immigration Minister David Coleman said in a public statement that, "If you've been convicted of a violent crime against women or children, you are not welcome in this country."'

Australia's media industry is no meritocracy. Instead, the shamelessness of mediocre men is rewarded with untold power

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'The horrible truth is that in the Australian legacy media landscape, there are too many stories of senior men who forgive themselves their own lapses of judgement, or forgive each other's because they're "good blokes", or — in the worst cases — go easy on each other because they fear a nuclear escalation.

Across this industry, there are precious few female editors, chief executives, news directors, and executive producers at the biggest commercial companies. But those who do hold those jobs know instinctively that they need to keep their noses rigorously clean. Because members of the boys club will rarely extend to them the benefit of the doubt they will so readily, sometimes unthinkingly, give each other.

What female news director, one wonders, would be welcome back at her job after a significant and eye-catching DUI conviction like Darren Wick was at Nine? We are all humans, and humans make mistakes, and hope to be forgiven for them. But a workplace manager whose problem with alcohol spills over into mistreatment of staff?'

‘Getting younger and younger’: Alpha male trend rises in kids as social media algorithm targeting exposed

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'The alarming rise in alpha male culture continues across the country, with one expert seeing Australian boys as young as 11 becoming heavily influenced by the content being promoted on social media.

The “alpha male” is defined by its followers as someone who takes charge, is hyper masculine, with everyone wanting to be him and women wanting to be with him.

A study conducted by the Dublin City University (DCU) showed that social media algorithms are amplifying the notion of male supremacy and misogynistic content.

The researchers made 10 experimental puppet accounts on YouTube and TikTok and found that all of the male-identifying accounts were drowned in anti-feminist, masculinist and extremist content.'

From 'himfluencers' to toxic masculinity: How social media is shaping young men

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'According to a new report from Australia's eSafety Commissioner, the internet can be a place of tensions, complexities and possibilities for young men.

The research examined the online experiences of young men in Australia aged 16 to 21 years old and explored how they express their identities, explore sexuality, and navigate social connections online.

Researchers said ideas about gender can both empower and limit young men, and those who strive to enact masculine stereotypes can end up harming themselves and others.

eSafety commissioner Julie Inman Grant said positive and diverse role models are needed as a small number of harmful voices are dominating conversations about masculinity.

"There's constant pressure for young men to conform to particular, often narrow and traditional, ideals about manhood," she said.

The report found Andrew Tate, a social media personality and self-described misogynist, continues to be a key figure in many young men's worlds, and engaging with this content is a central way in which some young men are shaping their identities.

Tate creates content based on male empowerment and being an 'alpha male', and promotes stereotypical ideas around gender roles and masculinity.

Federal Minister for Women Katy Gallagher said young men are facing an online wave of influencing behaviours, including from harmful content.

She said it was important to balance masculine behaviours and perceptions of manhood.

"It's not easy and I'm not going to pretend it is, but it's another front that we have to confront and respond to," Gallagher said.'

Seattle Mariners Host Refuse To Abuse Father's Day Game Day for Domestic Violence Prevention

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'The Seattle Mariners will host a Refuse To Abuse® Game Day for Domestic Violence Prevention on Sunday, June 16th at T-Mobile Park, marking 28 years of partnership with the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV). This year's event invites supporters to enjoy a Seattle Mariners Game together and takes place on Father's Day. "Everyone can play a role to prevent domestic violence," said Ward Urion, Strategic Prevention Strategist at WSCADV. "Fathers make a big impact when they model integrity and respect in relationships and we're grateful for all the fathers out there who are showing up as part of the solution."'

House passes defense bill automatically registering men 18-26 for draft

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'The House of Representatives passed a measure on Friday automatically registering men aged 18 to 26 for selective service.

It was part of the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which sets out the U.S. government's military and national security priorities over the next fiscal year.

This year's NDAA authorizes $895.2 billion in military spending, a $9 billion increase from fiscal 2024.
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It was led by Rep. Chrissy Houlahan, D-Pa., and passed in the House Armed Services Committee's version of the NDAA in May. The NDAA advanced through the committee in an overwhelming 57 to 1 vote.
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The NDAA passed the House in a 217 to 199 vote, but it's unlikely to be taken up by the Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., blasted the bill on Friday afternoon over the inclusion of amendments curbing funding for abortion, transgender medical care, and diversity efforts.

"Unsurprisingly, the legislation coming out of the House today is loaded with anti-LGBTQ, anti-choice, anti-environment, and other divisive amendments guaranteed not to pass the Senate," Schumer said. "As we move forward with this year's NDAA process, both sides will have to work together to pass bipartisan legislation that honors and respects all who serve in defense of our nation."'

Germany’s government proposes a new law to fast-track young men to join its depleted armed forces

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'Germany’s defense minister announced on Wednesday plans for new legislation that would help refill the depleted ranks of the armed forces to bolster the country’s defense capabilities.

Boris Pistorius said the proposed bill would allow the government to send letters to all young men who turn 18 — about 400,000 every year — asking about their willingness and ability to serve in the military.

Under the law, those who receive the letter would have to fill out the questions. The army would then invite those interested in serving for a medical checkup and choose the most qualified to serve in the military for a period of 6-23 months.'

Governor Healey, Executive Office of Veterans Services Celebrate Women Veterans Recognition Month During Deborah Sampson Award Ceremony

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'The Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS) today announced Mary-dith Tuitt as the 2024 Deborah Sampson Award recipient. Mary-dith Tuitt was honored and presented with this title by Governor Maura T. Healey and Secretary Jon Santiago at the annual Women Veterans Recognition Day Ceremony, held at the Massachusetts State House.

“It is always a joy to celebrate National Women Veterans Appreciation Day at the State House to honor the remarkable women who have served in our armed forces. We recognize the immense contributions and sacrifices they have made, and their ongoing service to our community, state, and country,” said Governor Maura Healey. “I'm also thrilled to present Mary-dith Tuitt with the Deborah Sampson Award and thank her for inspiring us today and every day.”'

'In Her Boots' display recognizes challenges Women Veterans' face

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'Wisconsin is home to nearly 300,000 veterans. Ten percent of those veterans are women. Out of all fifty states, Wisconsin is one of twelve that recognizes June 12th as Women's Veterans Day officially.

The display 'In Her Boots' can be found at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum to honor Women's Veterans Day, but to also bring awareness to the many issues Women Veterans face.

138 induvial boots are on display and they represent 138 different stories of Wisconsin Women Veterans.

Megan Haag, a Wisconsin Air National Guard Veteran, has her boot in the display. Haag says "I am proud to be a US Woman Veteran. My father is a Vietnam Veteran and my grandfather received a purple heart in World War II so being a patriot is just near and dear to my heart."

While the display celebrates and honors the Women who have served our country, most of these boots are decorated to represent the many issues these women faced during their time of service.'

Father’s Pledge - Allies, Activists, Advocates

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'Father’s Day presents the opportunity for reflection, gratitude, or even a reset if necessary. While commerce collects major consumer dollars, culturally, it is also utilized by some to shine a spotlight on issues in the community.

Calling all fathers and father figures, for 15 years, Quentin Walcott, executive director and co-founder of the anti-violence organization Connect NYC, has had hundreds of men recite The Fathers Pledge Against Violence on the steps of Brooklyn’s Jay Street Borough Hall or Manhattan’s City Hall. Today, Thursday, 13th June, the Pledge was recited on the steps of City Hall in Manhattan.

The first of the 11 points is, “Never commit, condone, or remain silent about domestic violence, intimate partner violence, and violence in our homes and communities.”

“This year’s theme is about men’s mental wellness because we believe that healthy men equals healthy relationships and healthy communities,” Walcott told Our Time Press. “This is about women and children, and standing as allies and activists, doing the work daily.”'

Editorial: Men, boys could use a little help to be better men

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'It's not acknowledged often, but being a father isn't an easy job. (Being a mother is no breezy task either, but tomorrow being Father's Day, we'll stick to that subject).

And that level of difficulty seems only to be increasing as pressures and expectations on men and boys are growing in complexity and consequence, and a range of advice and influence — some of it helpful, much of it counterproductive at best — pulls those with XY chromosomes in different directions.

Being a good father — and growing into and living as a good man — requires more thought, preparation and effort than manning the grill on weekends. More men and boys are struggling to make those efforts and find success in school, careers and their personal lives, even as girls and women for the most part appear to be coping better and finding success with modern life's complexities and demands.'

Should solo moms celebrate Father's Day? These parents weigh in on the social media debate

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'It happens every year on Father's Day.

Mothers raising children on their own post on social media to celebrate themselves and other single moms, drawing criticism from others who feel they should leave the holiday alone.

"Single moms… Please don't do THAT," wrote one X user on June 9. "You know exactly what I'm talking about as well."

Others are more direct with their critiques.

"Please let the fathers have this day," wrote another X user.'

Happy Father's Day! Fathers are Essential!

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Video here.

'Happy Father's Day gentlemen. Fathers are essential in so many ways. This short video looks at some of the ways that is true including a look at the research around fatherlessness and violent crime. You may be surprised by what you hear.

Our number one priority for saving this country should be to get fathers back in the home.

Happy Father's Day'

New Rule: Bring Back Trad Dads | Real Time with Bill Maher (HBO)

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Video here.

'This Father's Day, if you really want to give your father something he'll treasure forever, give him permission to be a dad like dads used to be.-

Women may be more resilient than men to stresses of spaceflight, says study

Mastodon · 17 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When faced with acid-dripping aliens, an untested machine that travels through wormholes, or a space station shattered by hurtling debris, it is the tough female astronaut who steps up to save the day.

And perhaps Hollywood is on to something. A major study into the impact of spaceflight suggests women may be more resilient than men to the stresses of space, and recover more quickly when they return to Earth.

The findings are preliminary, not least because so few female astronauts have been studied, but if the trend is confirmed, it could prove important for astronaut recovery programmes and selecting crews for future missions to the moon and beyond.'

The Army's Recruiting Problem Is Male

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The issue is convincing men to put on the uniform.

A decade of declining recruitment numbers for the Army is almost entirely attributable to a significant drop in male recruiting as female enlistments have remained relatively flat, internal service data reviewed by Military.com shows.

Since 2013, male enlistments have dropped 35%, going from 58,000 men enlisting in 2013 to 37,700 in 2023, according to the service data. Meanwhile, female recruitment has hovered around 10,000 recruits each year.'

UK: Specialist training transforms football coach attitudes towards intervening to prevent violence and abuse, study shows

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Specialist training is helping sports coaches to safely and effectively intervene when witnessing abusive behavior towards females, a study shows.

Football Onside is the first evidence-led bystander intervention program in the UK designed for those involved in professional sports. During the program people working in sport are trained to be 'active bystanders' and positive role models for their teams.

The program is designed help people intervene safely and effectively when they witness unacceptable behavior—from sexist jokes or demeaning "locker-room" banter to assault or physical violence.'

College enrollment drops as men stop viewing high ed as helpful for employment

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Article here. Excerpt:

'College enrollment among men had steadily fallen for years, according to a December report from the Pew Research Center. The report came out months before the recent wave of anti-Israel campus protests, which have drawn widespread condemnation for their anti-Semitic incidents, disruptiveness, and attacks on law enforcement.

“This shift is driven entirely by the falling share of men who are students at four-year colleges,” the report explains. “Today, men represent only 42% of students ages 18 to 24 at four-year schools, down from 47% in 2011.”

“Today, only 39% of young men who have completed high school are enrolled in college, down from 47% in 2011,” the report continues. “The rate at which young female high school graduates enroll has also fallen, but not by nearly as much (from 52% to 48%).”'

Opinion: Women education leaders need better support and sponsorships to help catch up

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In matters both big and small, women in education leadership are treated, spoken to and viewed differently than their male colleagues. And it impacts everything from their assignments and salaries to promotions.

The career moves that are open to aspiring women leaders often propel them toward a very real glass cliff — leadership roles in which the risk of failure is high. By failing to address this bias, states and districts are constraining the rise of some of their most capable current and would-be leaders.

New survey data and research illuminates the experiences and perspectives of women who confront this bias and demonstrates the need for systemic change to dismantle the bias driving the gender gap.

The glass cliff for women is real, but it is not insurmountable. If more leaders — both women and, critically, men — take even a few steps forward, we can build a bridge to a future in which every leader can reach their full potential.

Here are some ways district and state leaders can transform the pipeline for who advances and leads their systems.'

Platonic Marriages: Why Women Are Getting Hitched To Their Besties

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In an era where traditional definitions of marriage and family are increasingly being challenged and redefined, a new trend is emerging: women are marrying each other not out of romantic love, but for practical and legal reasons, according to a recent article in the New York Times.

These unions, often formed between besties, offer a host of benefits—from legal protections and insurance benefits to shared responsibilities and mutual support at work functions. I was deeply curious about this phenomenon, as it is part of a deeper discussion happening between women around the topic, “Do we really need men?”

Women are not only evaluating the role and importance men pay in their lives, but they’ve started an all-out boycott in South Korea know as the 4B movement, which is essentially a rejection of men. Women who embrace the 4B movement are refusing heterosexual marriage, childbirth, dating, and heterosexual sexual relationships. So, if women are opting out of trad-wife life, what are they embracing? Marrying their best friends. Let’s explore the potential impact of a platonic marriage on women’s careers and finances, and compare it with “traditional” marriage stats.'

UK: Sexual harassment and sexism rife in schools, report finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Sexual harassment and sexism is “rife” in schools, with support staff complaining of physical advances and lewd remarks, according to a new report.

Unison said its study showed that one in 10 female support staff in secondary schools revealed they have been sexually harassed, mainly by male pupils but also by male colleagues.

Responses from more than 2,000 employees across the UK working mostly in primary and secondary education, included teaching assistants, technicians, lunchtime supervisors and administrators, showed a number of incidents.

These included a male student trying to kiss a female worker and pushing her head into his crotch, boys trying to touch or slap a staff member’s bottom and a headteacher telling a female colleague to “stand here and look pretty, I’ll do the talking”.

Around one in seven school staff also reported they had witnessed sexual harassment in their workplace in the past five years.'

UK: Teacher had baby with underage student — while on bail for sex with different boy, jurors told

What's The Matter With Men?

Matt · 18 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From last year but still relevant. Excerpt:

'Richard V. Reeves, a British American scholar of inequality and social mobility, and a self-described “conscientious objector in the culture wars,” would like to skip past the moralizing and analyze men in the state that he finds them: beset by bewildering changes that they cannot adapt to. His latest book, “Of Boys and Men: Why the Modern Male Is Struggling, Why It Matters, and What to Do About It” (Brookings), argues that the rapid liberation of women and the labor-market shift toward brains and away from brawn have left men bereft of what the sociologist David Morgan calls “ontological security.” They now confront the prospect of “cultural redundancy,” Reeves writes.

He sees telltale signs in the way that boys are floundering at school and men are leaving work and failing to perform their paternal obligations. All this, he says, has landed hardest on Black men, whose life prospects have been decimated by decades of mass incarceration, and on men without college degrees, whose wages have fallen in real terms, whose life expectancies have dropped markedly, and whose families are fracturing at astonishing rates. Things have become so bad, so quickly, that emergency social repairs are needed. “It is like the needles on a magnetic compass reversing their polarity,” Reeves writes. “Suddenly, working for gender equality means focusing on boys rather than girls.”'

Paloma Faith says Glastonbury will 'go back to white men again' in brutal verdict of female-led line-up

Mastodon · 19 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Paloma Faith has hit out as the Glastonbury line-up as the festival attempts to diversify its performers.

The 42-year-old singer made the remarks as she addressed how there are now more women than men at Glastonbury for the first time following criticism about the lack of female headliners.

Due to previous backlash over the lack of diversity in the line-up, Dua Lipa, SZA and Shania Twain are taking the "Legend" slot.

However, Faith isn't sold by the changes and believes things could soon be back to how they were as she shared her blistering take.

"What tends to happen is they'll diversify and include non-white races and women again, and everyone says, 'Isn't it great? We're progressing' – and then it goes back to white men again for years," she commented.'

Pilot union suggests phasing out masculine terms, says 'cockpit,' 'father' is offensive to DEI culture

Mastodon · 19 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The world's largest airline pilot union suggested airmen and women stop using terms purportedly offensive to women and LGBTQ individuals, calling out terms like "cockpit" as non-inclusive.

Air Line Pilots Association, Int'l, represents over 70,000 pilots worldwide and states that it collaborates with a United Nations agency on its policies. According to a diversity, equity and inclusion language guide released in 2021, the ALPA lists numerous terms and phrases to avoid — especially "masculine generalizations" — that it deemed to be non-inclusive.

"Inclusive language in communications is essential to our union's solidarity and collective strength and is an important factor in maintaining flight safety," the guide states. "The purpose of this language guide is to offer examples of terms and phrases that promote inclusion and equity."

ALPA, for example, suggested replacing the word "cockpit" with "flight deck." The purportedly offensive term "has been and may be used in a derogatory way to exclude women in the piloting profession," the guide states.

Similarly, ALPA's guide called for the words "man" and "men" to be avoided. It offered suggestions for the word "manpower," including "people/human power."

"Who will provide the people/human power to support this event?" the guide stated as an example.

The guide also suggests avoiding using masculine terms, like "guys," when addressing groups, since the word is not inclusive of "women, transgender people and people with different gender identities."'

Firestorm erupts over requiring women to sign up for military draft

Mastodon · 20 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But Senate Armed Services Committee Chair Jack Reed (D-R.I.) defended the proposed policy change, arguing that women can hold many warfighting positions without serving as front-line infantry troops.

“Women are doing a remarkable job in our forces today, and if we were in a situation requiring a draft, I think we would need all able-bodied citizens 18 and above,” he said.

“If we go to a draft, that means we’re in a serious, serious situation,” he added.

“It’s not like World War II where we need a lot of infantry. We need cyber experts, we need intelligence analysts, linguists, etc. Wait a second, there are a lot of women out there that can do this better than men,” he argued.'

Alabama college offers $75,000 in trade scholarships to women only

Mastodon · 20 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Alabama college is offering $75,000 in scholarships for trade programs – but only to female students.

The goal “is to promote diversity, equity and inclusion in Gadsden State’s career technical programs,” according to a news release from the community college.

The list of “qualified programs,” include welding, construction technology, and civil engineering.

“This scholarship program is an initiative to get more women into manufacturing, construction, and transportation careers in order to help develop the workforce in our area,” Dean Alan Smith stated in the news release.

Smith did not respond to a voicemail on Monday that asked for comment on potential legal problems for the scholarship.

But Ed Barlett of SAVE Services said the program violates Title IX, a federal law that forbids discrimination on the basis of sex in higher education.

Gadsden State should either “discontinue the illegal program, or offer scholarships of a similar value to male students,” Bartlett told The Fix via email.

“Such illegal policies can be traced to Marxist ideology, which classifies men as ‘oppressors’ and women as ‘victims’, regardless of the fact that females now outnumber men in college enrollments,” Barlett told The Fix.'

As Ukraine Expands Military Draft, Some Men Go Into Hiding

Matt · 21 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As Russian forces are on the attack across the front line, the Ukrainian military has been desperately trying to replenish its war-battered forces, embarking on a large-scale mobilization campaign backed by new laws.

While many Ukrainian men have answered the call to serve, some others have tried to evade conscription. Even before the latest mobilization push, thousands of men had fled the country to avoid service, some of them swimming across a river separating Ukraine from Romania. Now, as officers scour the country's cities to draft men of military age, currently 25 to 60, many people like Vladyslav have gone into hiding, fearful that conscription is a one-way ticket to the front line.

It is not clear how many men are hiding out, but in big cities like Kyiv and Lviv, social media groups alerting members to the movements of draft officers include tens of thousands of members.'

Disney Executive Caught on Tape: ‘There’s No Way We’re Hiring a White Man’

Mastodon · 22 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'However, after Governor DeSantis and Disney buried the hatchet, those cries died down until now. Twentieth Century Television Senior Vice President Michael Giordano was caught on a hidden video saying that Disney explicitly does not hire “white men” for specific roles.

Michael Giordano’s comments are only a few minutes in the video, with some intermittent reactions; however, Giordano says some damaging things about Disney’s hiring practices and inclusion policies.

Certainly, there have been times where, you know, there’s no way we’re hiring a white man for this…. There are times when it’s spoken.

Reporter: How would they say it?

There’s no way we’re hiring a white man for this role. They’d be very careful how they’d message that to agents.'

Dads Rock: The Evidence - excellent positive report about fathers

Matt · 22 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s good to be able to share positive news about men and fathers and this article does just that. Largely research based, it debunks some of the myths about fathers, including his time with the children, the positive impact of a fathers’s presence in the home and more.'

Teacher accused of having sex with female ex-student and tried to lure her into threesome with her husband loses her license

Matt · 22 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Currently she faces no criminal charges. Excerpt:

'A high school teacher has lost her license over accusations she had a long-running sexual relationship with a former female student.

Lindsay Amber Eileen Dolson had been teaching at an unnamed school in Canada at the time, during which she 'committed acts that, in all circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful,' a discipline committee wrote.

They further branded her actions from about 2014 to 2015 to be both 'dishonorable or unprofessional,' and 'engaged in conduct unbecoming [of] a member [of the Ontario College of Teachers].'

The committee added she 'abused [the student] psychologically or emotionally' to the point where she was left suffering from 'adverse emotional and psychological effects'

According to a notice detailing how she was found guilty of misconduct, Dolson sent the student inappropriate messages about her 'sexual orientation, sexual preferences, and/or sexual history,' including having a threesome with her husband.'

Inside the industry where workers are four times more likely to die by suicide

Matt · 23 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'WORRYING statistics have revealed that builders are more like to die by suicide than any other industry.

And the issue is worsening, despite general efforts to get blokes to open up about their mental health.

New figures show 749 construction workers took their own lives in 2022.

The Build Network UK said deaths increased 12 per cent in a year from 668 in 2021.

It added that suicide rates are the highest of any industry, with labourers four times more likely to die by suicide than the national average.

Network founder Andy Stevens said: “Every year these figures increase and it is time something was done to halt this alarming rise.'

The Female Teacher-Student Sex Epidemic That Nobody Is Talking About

Matt · 23 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Better Bachelor reviews the not-so-recent trend of female teachers stat. raping* their students.

*Though often referenced as "having sex with"

Ukranian women "taking men's places" on the front line

Matt · 24 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. In the wording of the title is the expectation that it's men who should be doing the fighting. Why not the women? The whole article drips with white feathers... Excerpt:

'She'd been in the army for 18 months, having joined up out of a desire to protect Yarema, her five-year-old son, and her parents, who lived a 13-hour drive away in Lviv, west Ukraine.

Ukraine does not conscript women – unlike men – but it is running out of soldiers: 31,000 have been killed in action since February 2022 (although no official figures have been released) and many don't want to face the obvious risks. According to reports, at least 20,000 men have dodged the draft and fled Ukraine illegally, while officials in recruitment centres have been discovered taking bribes of up to £1,200 to help them avoid it.

Put bluntly, with the country now in its third year of grinding conflict, it needs its women to fight.'

Sexism Against Men in TV Commercials

Robber748 · 24 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Excerpt:

'I understand that people do not like to read through a video. I tried to keep the text to a minimum in my video "TV Commercials and Gender" at mountsiyeh.substack.com. So I would like to expand the discussion of the video here, fill in some of the blanks, and add some further ideas.

First, I would like to discuss a couple of rules that did not make the video.'

Top Spanish Court Rules Kiss Without Consent Is Sexual Assault

Matt · 25 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Spain's Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that a kiss without "tacit consent" can be considered sexual assault just months before former football federation chief Luis Rubiales will stand trial over his unsolicited kiss at the Women's World Cup.

The Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling from the southern region of Andalusia which convicted a police officer of sexual assault and sentenced him to one year and nine months in jail for kissing a woman on the cheek who was in police custody.'

Are Young Men Really Becoming More Sexist?

Mastodon · 25 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly 25 years ago, two prominent political scientists formally discovered a political gender gap. It had been an “established orthodoxy in political science” that women in advanced Western democracies were more right-wing than their male counterparts. But when Ronald Inglehart and Pippa Norris examined more than 60 countries across the world, they found that from the early 1980s to the mid-1990s, women had been moving to the left. They predicted that this gender split would continue to grow, with women moving even further left in the future.

But the modern-day focus on this split is increasingly on the radicalization of young men—are they moving further to the right?

All around the world—from Poland, where the far-right party supported a total ban on abortion, to South Korea, where the #MeToo movement sparked a fierce backlash—political commentators are raising questions about whether young men are becoming less liberal and less gender egalitarian than their fathers and grandfathers.

It’s too soon to make any final judgments, and many of these data points about young men and their interest in the far right aren’t substantial enough to be more than suggestive. But just because we don’t have the gold standard of randomized, controlled trials that scholars like to have before saying anything definitively, it doesn’t mean there’s nothing to be learned about the topic.'

Why Matriarchies Fail

Matt · 25 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Erin Byrd talks about why matriarchies are fundamentally unsustainable. She also cites a couple books that take on feminism.

A shortage of young men in the workforce could weigh on housing, Social Security, and growth for years to come

Matt · 26 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'America's job market is mysteriously short of young men.

It's a trend experts say will drag on the economy and could take years to fix, mainly because men have already been dropping out of the workforce for decades.

According to Carol Graham, a senior fellow of economic studies at the Brookings Institute, the labor force participation rate of prime working-age men has been declining over the last twenty years. Today, 11% of men aged 25-54 don't have a job and aren't looking for one, more than triple the percentage recorded in 1955, when just 3% were out of the workforce, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.'

Restaurants increasingly discriminating by age and sex

Matt · 27 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, plenty of bars and lounges around the US impose similar — if not stricter — age restrictions, hoping to curb unruly behavior sometimes exhibited by newly legal drinkers and appeal to an older crowd. But such age limits are still unusual at restaurants, as evidenced by the recent controversy around a Missouri eatery.

Bliss, an upscale Caribbean restaurant that opened last month in the suburbs of St. Louis, provoked numerous headlines and fervent debate for limiting entry to women 30 and up and men 35 and up. As Barounis sees it, the uproar over the restaurant's age policy suggests it might have been too extreme.'

Diversity Was Supposed to Make Us Rich. Not So Much.

Matt · 28 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When management consulting firm McKinsey declared in 2015 that it had found a link between profits and executive racial and gender diversity, it was a breakthrough. The research was used by investors, lobbyists and regulators to push for more women and minority groups on boards, and to justify investing in companies that appointed them.

Unfortunately, the research doesn't show what everyone thought it showed.

There are obvious benefits of diverse corporate leadership for society, both in providing role models and in showing a commitment to promoting the best people, irrespective of skin color or gender. But doing it because it is the right thing is not the same as doing it because it makes more money.'

What Is Masculine Depression, and How Is It Treated?

Mastodon · 29 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'MDRS-22 assesses what is called masculine depression. Masculine depression differs from the classical presentation in important ways. It emphasizes externalizing symptoms such as aggression, avoidant behaviors, emotional suppression, risk-taking, and self-medicating with drugs.

Note that masculine depression is not the same as male depression (i.e., it does not refer to a mental illness that occurs only in men). It is a subtype of depression, which means women may receive the diagnosis too.

Masculine depression is more likely to occur in women who assume male gender roles, for example, in single mothers exposed to the chronic stress of trying to pursue a career while raising a family alone.

In addition, both men and women with masculine depression reported less mental health-related use of medical and psychiatric services despite having more problematic substance use patterns (e.g., higher binge drinking).'

Aristotle and Socrates are sidelined as woke academics try to 'decolonialise' philosophers taught in classrooms and rely less upon 'dead white men'

Mastodon · 29 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

"'Woke' academics have sidelined philosophers such as Aristotle and Socrates in favour of 'decolonising' classroom learning by getting rid of 'dead white men'.

A new toolkit for schools and universities has been produced by SOAS University of London, formerly the School of Oriental and African Studies.

New-age thinkers who are being recommended instead include an Indian-American feminist, a Nigerian 'gender theorist' and a Japanese zen expert.

The toolkit dismisses the study of classical Greek thinkers Aristotle, Plato and Socrates as 'armchair theorising'.

It is the first official guidance produced by SOAS academics aimed at 'decolonising' philosophy, with ambitions to provide more philosophical perspectives from Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America.

Among the 'new voices' suggested by the guide is Nishida Kitaro, a Japanese philosopher whose multicultural school of thought is said to 'challenge eurocentrism'.

Also included is Uma Narayan, an Indian scholar of philosophy who 'criticises culture-reductionist forms of postcolonial feminism'.

And African philosophers Kwasi Wiredu - developer of 'conceptual decolonisation' - and Nkiru Nzegwu, a leading African theorist of gender are also recommended.
...
Also proposed is an end to exams, pen-and-paper tests and essays - said to unfairly hinder students who are neurotypical or from diverse cultural backgrounds."

"The Manipulated Man" revisited

Matt · 29 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Manosphere Highlights Daily revisits "The Manipulated Man" written in the '70s by Esther Vilar and asks how much has changed since then.

Feminist Double Standards

Matt · 30 June 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminists claim the sexes are identical. Feminists claim women require special consideration while men, society, workplaces, and schools make special accommodations for women so they could "catch up" to men. Feminists will claim women are identical to men. Feminists will claim women have unique needs. Which claim they make depends on the strategic goals of the moment. Feminism's not-quite-blank slate allows for women to have differences from men, but not evolutionarily-imbedded differences, only strategically and temporarily useful differences.

Women could do any job a man could do. Also, job requirements and workplaces must be changed to accommodate women. Women are as strong as men, but women suffered unique disadvantages due to previous exclusion or lack of accommodation.

Feminists reframed men's tendencies, interests and thought processes as inherently problematic, while women's tendencies, interests and thought processes deserved extra attention and respect in society, schools and workplaces.'

Ultra-Orthodox Israeli Men Protest Against Military Draft Order

Matt · 1 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jewish men poured into the streets of Jerusalem on Sunday night to protest against mandatory military conscription, part of a rekindled debate roiling the country after Israel's top court ruled that the military must start drafting religious students.

Many black-clad demonstrators gathered outside a yeshiva, or religious school, to hear rabbis exhorting the community over loudspeakers in Yiddish, rather than Hebrew, to stand strong against outside pressures to enlist. Some carried banners and stuck posters with anti-draft slogans on street lamps and bus stops.'

‘I Can’t Fix Them’: Laura Kavanagh Reportedly Slams Firefighters In Texts To NY AG Letitia James After Booing Incident

Mastodon · 1 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'FDNY Commissioner Laura Kavanagh wants to “fix” the behavior of her department’s predominately male workforce — but can’t figure out how to extinguish their flames of discontent.

Kavanagh — who’s butted heads with plenty of male underlings since being named the city’s first female fire commissioner in 2022 — made the blunt admission while apologizing to New York Attorney General Letitia James during a March 8 text exchange, a day after pro-Donald Trump firefighters and other attendees mercilessly booed the Democratic pol during a department promotion ceremony.

“I should have called you last night, but I’ve been trying to find a way to say I’m sorry that doesn’t involve me apologizing for men who don’t deserve such grace,” texted Kavanagh, according to records The Post obtained from the AG’s office through a Freedom of Information Law request.'

Feminism v. Patriarchy in History

Matt · 1 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. YouTube's Whatifalthist and hoe_math have an interesting conversation on the topic.

Paedo's Vile Grin

Matt · 5 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rebecca Joynes, 30, lured the 15-year-old into meeting up with her before taking him on a shopping trip to Selfridges.

Footage shows her grinning at the teen, named only as Boy A, as she splashes out on the high-end accessory.

The teacher smirks while he hands the belt over to a shop worker before using her card to buy it.

Separate CCTV later shows the pair returning to her flat in Salford through a back gate - with a Gucci shopping bag in hand.

Once there, the pair kissed then had unprotected sex twice.'

Radical women-only hiring policy improves diversity at Dutch university

Mastodon · 7 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Dutch university's controversial policy to close the gender gap by temporarily allowing only women to apply for certain roles appears to be paying off.

In 2019, the Eindhoven University of Technology (TUE) announced that for the first 6 months of recruitment for permanent academic jobs, only women applicants would be considered. Now, the university—which specializes in engineering science—has found that in the first 5 years under the new policy, half of new recruits were women, compared with 30% previously.

The results, released earlier this month, are promising, says Yvonne Benschop, an organizational behavior researcher at Radboud University who specializes in workplace diversity. They "debunk old myths about women not being interested or qualified" for particular roles, she says.
...
The new policy sparked strong reactions in 2019, with international media coverage as well as harsh criticism in the Dutch press. Complaints about the legality of the program reached the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, an independent monitoring body. The institute ruled that TUE was pursuing a legitimate goal but using too blunt an instrument. In response, the university adapted the plans in 2021 to apply only to departments and academic ranks where fewer than 30% of the faculty were women. It also reduced the number of women-only positions, which the university has named Irène Curie Fellowships, after Marie Skłodowska-Curie's Nobel Prize–winning daughter.'

Mother throws newborn daughter out of a window to her death because 'she thought a child would ruin her career as an executive at Porsche'

Mastodon · 7 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman has been jailed for seven and a half years after dropping her newborn daughter out of a window because 'she was worried a baby would ruin her career'.

Katarina Jovanovic, 28, from Lauffen am Neckar, Baden-Wuerttemberg State, Germany, was found guilty of manslaughter at the Heilbronn District Court on Wednesday, July 3.

Judges heard how she had given birth at home in secret 10 months ago on September 12 and then dropped her baby daughter from her apartment window almost 12 feet onto the tarmac below.

Horrified passersby found the minutes-old infant's body with a shattered skull underneath Jovanovic's balcony and called the police.'

Gynocentrism #2

Matt · 8 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men have been facing a chorus of antagonistic criticism and insults over the last 50 years. It started with them being called pigs and has devolved into the present-day insult of males being toxic. All the points in between have been filled with more insults and blaming men and patriarchy for every known feminine difficulty. But men don't fight back. Most men stay mum. They allow the lies and innuendo to be spun and spun with no rebuttal. This has left the culture convinced that men are indeed the problem. What a mess.

Why won't men fight back?

In order to understand the answer to that question we need to start with gynocentrism. What is it?'

Australia: Filicide overwhelmingly linked to male perpetrators who 'deeply believe their actions are justified', experts say

Mastodon · 9 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'ANU PhD candidate Adelaide Bragias studies the gendered nature of domestic homicides and said previously filicide was seen as a women's crime linked to mental health issues.

"Generally speaking, a child is more at risk of filicide by their mother in their first year of life .. and usually that's because of severe mental illness … really severe depressive or psychotic symptoms," she said.

"As they get older it's their father that's more likely to kill them and usually our research is showing us that it is retaliatory or aggressive in nature."

"Generally what we see with women who kill their kids, it's a very different set of circumstances. It's less likely to be about control. It's less likely to be perpetrated in the context of domestic and family violence," she said.

"Oftentimes we see that it will occur in the context of, she's had significant mental health issues, particularly things like paranoid delusions where she becomes fixated on this idea of, 'I have to kill the children to protect the children'.

Dr Boxall said it's sometimes seen by mothers as the last line of defence in the presence of an abusive father.

"I've certainly reviewed cases where she killed the kids because she didn't see any other way out. Where in the context of the separation it might have been that he was granted custody, she felt like there was nothing else she could do and he was a very abusive person."'

Renault Korea backlash: carmaker embroiled in misandry row over finger gesture in video

Mastodon · 9 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Carmaker Renault Korea Motors is embroiled in a misandry backlash online sparked by promotional content, which has drawn attention to a particular pinching gesture in South Korean society deemed offensive.

The episode underscores deepening gender conflict among the country's young men and women, a phenomenon blamed on high unemployment and the widespread men-only online communities hostile to the opposite sex.

The Korean unit of French automobile group Renault S.A. has apologised and suspended a female employee who sparked the controversy by making the hand signal in a commercial clip.

Multiple videos reportedly showed footage of the employee placing her thumb and index finger close to each other, a gesture in Korean society used to mock the size of male genitals.

"We sincerely apologise once again to everyone who felt discomfort due to our recent internal promotional content," Renault Korea wrote on its YouTube channel's community bulletin board on Sunday.'

'Stop Blaming Men' author refutes idea of 'toxic masculinity,' talks negative impact of media on manhoo

Mastodon · 9 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Amid negative media stories, shifting views on gender and the advent of new cultural terms like "toxic masculinity," certified life coach Michael Taylor is urging others to avoid placing the blame for society's ills on men.

Taylor, the author of "Stop Blaming Men for All the Problems," told Fox News Digital that he wants to dispel the idea that toxic masculinity exists.

"People confuse toxic masculinity with toxic behaviors," Taylor said. "So a man commits rape, domestic abuse, all those types of things. That's not toxic masculinity. That's a toxic behavior and I will assert that that behavior is the result of the man not being connected to his authentic masculinity."

In his view, authentic masculinity requires men to harness the tools and emotional awareness to avoid engaging in those types of toxic behaviors. According to Taylor, movies, music and other forms of mass media influence individual beliefs. It is, therefore, up to men to challenge them, he said.'

Goldie Hawn says she was ‘irate’ over initial ‘First Wives Club’ script: ‘It was very male bashing’

Mastodon · 10 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Goldie Hawn revealed that she was instrumental in getting “The First Wives Club” rewritten after being extremely dissatisfied with the initial script for the 1996 comedy film.

“I fought for every single thing I could because what happened with ‘First Wives Club,’ we all turned it down because it was very male bashing and didn’t want to do it,” Hawn, 78, said on the June 19 episode of Kelly Ripa’s podcast.

“I didn’t wanna do it and then suddenly, the girls said, ‘Okay, Goldie, you talk. You do it,’ ” she added.

Hawn, who co-starred with Bette Midler and Diane Keaton in the film, about a trio of jilted women seeking revenge on their ex-spouses, said that she “became the voice” of the project.'

NJ communities react to female predator arrests

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Article here. Excerpt:

'New Jersey communities have been reacting to back-to-back arrests of two female teachers in Monmouth County, accused of sexual encounters with students.

Julie Rizzitello submitted her resignation to the Wall Township school district, days before being arrested on Wednesday, Monmouth County Prosecutor Raymond Santiago announced.

The 36-year-old high school English teacher, who lives in Brick, was charged with sexual assault and other counts.'

Young Men Are Swinging Hard Right in Korea. It Could Be a Preview for America.

Mastodon · 11 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Around the world, from the United States to China to the U.K. to Germany to Tunisia, in chat rooms and in the streets, the gender divide is widening as Gen Zers split along political lines: Young women are increasingly swinging to the left, while young men are moving to the right — negating conventional wisdom that young people as a whole are more progressive than the generation before them. “Gen Z,” observed data journalist John Burn-Murdoch, who tracked this trend for the Financial Times, “is two generations, not one.”

The United States in particular saw this growing partisan gender split during the 2022 midterms, when far more women voters between the ages of 18 and 29 stood beside Democratic candidates than their male counterparts.

But nowhere is this divide more evident than it is in Korea, where the ideological gap between young men and women is growing wider than anywhere else — altering the country’s politics and fully taking over Korean society.'

Spain: Why Antifeminism Is Spreading Among Gen Z

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Are today's young people more sexist? Are we on the brink of, or already experiencing, a backlash against feminist values? Can men's problems be reduced to a crisis of masculinity? Many social scientists agree that an increasing number of young men are mired in discomfort, in a crisis that challenges their identity, self-esteem and the value of their interpersonal relationships.

Equality between the sexes is a historical novelty. The narrative about female oppression and gender inequality often looks to the past. Simone de Beauvoir wrote in The Second Sex, published in 1949, "Men's economic privilege, their social value, the prestige of marriage, the usefulness of masculine support — all these encourage women to ardently want to please men. They are on the whole still in a state of serfdom. It follows that woman knows and chooses herself not as she exists for herself but as man defines her."'

Prince William at Risk of Sexism Backlash

Mastodon · 12 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Prince William could be risking a potential sexism storm if he attends an important men's soccer final in Germany on Sunday, after the royal was absent from a high-profile women's game in 2023.
...
William's attendance at the final hasn't yet been confirmed by Kensington Palace, but if he were to take his place in the Olympiastadion in Berlin for the game it would likely spark backlash after he earned criticism in 2023 for not traveling to Australia when the England women's team secured their place in the FIFA Women's World Cup final (also against Spain). The team lost that game 1-0.'

Fire department sexist hiring lawsuit nets $11.25 million proposed settlement

Mastodon · 12 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A lawsuit alleging the Chicago Fire Department used unnecessary physical tests to continue a “stubborn and purposeful” effort to block women from becoming paramedics could soon end in a $11.25 million settlement.

The city’s Law Department recommended the eight-figure deal, set to face two final votes by aldermen next week. The tests were “ill-matched” to actual paramedic work and failed 21% of the women who took them, but just 0.5% of male paramedic candidates, according to the 2016 lawsuit filed by 12 women blocked from the jobs.

“This testing has no legally defensible justification and eliminates a significant number of women, but virtually no men,” the lawsuit said. “Its discriminatory effect has not been accidental.”'

Northwestern law school sued for discrimination against white men in faculty hiring

Mastodon · 12 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A conservative group on Tuesday sued Northwestern University, claiming its law school discriminates against white men in faculty hiring and in the selection of articles that appear in its flagship law review.

The suit filed by an organization called Faculty, Alumni, and Students Opposed to Racial Preferences (FASORP), also names several Northwestern faculty and students as defendants. FASORP is represented by prominent conservative attorney Jonathan Mitchell and by America First Legal, which is headed by former Donald Trump adviser Steven Miller.

The law school “refuses to even consider hiring white male faculty candidates with stellar credentials, while it eagerly hires candidates with mediocre and undistinguished records who check the proper diversity boxes,” according to the complaint.

The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Chicago on behalf of three unnamed FASORP members who allege that they are ready and willing to apply for faculty posts at Northwestern's law school but cannot compete because they are white men.'

Ukrainian Men Desperate to Escape War Are Drowning as They Flee

Matt · 14 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It was seven weeks after Pvt. Ivan Pidmalivskiy had been due back on the front line with Russia when rescuers pulled his lifeless body from a river on Ukraine's western edge.

His death added to a toll of more than two dozen other men who have drowned in the River Tysa since Russia invaded, many of them fugitives from a military draft aimed at sustaining Ukraine's war effort. Pidmalivskiy was different: He had fought for two years after returning to Ukraine from abroad to defend his country.

His family had seen the war take a growing toll on the burly 32-year-old, but he never revealed the depths of his exhaustion to them. "What was happening inside his soul, I don't know," said his mother, Liubov Pidmalivska.'

Men still being discriminated against in 2024

Matt · 15 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. BlueOrange22 asks why men are still being discriminated against and not seeming to care.

Israeli military says it will begin drafting ultra-Orthodox men. That could rattle the government

Matt · 16 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Israeli military announced Tuesday it will begin sending draft notices to Jewish ultra-Orthodox men on Sunday.

That follows a landmark Supreme Court order for young religious men to begin enlisting for military services. Under long-standing political arrangements, ultra-Orthodox men had been exempt from the draft, which is compulsory for most Jewish men.

The system created widespread resentment among the general public in Israel, especially after more than nine months of war against Hamas militants in Gaza. The court ruled that the system of exemptions was discriminatory.'

How Toxic Masculinity Affects People and What Can Be Done About It

Mastodon · 17 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Toxic masculinity refers to a type of hyper-masculinity that causes aggression, self-importance, dominance, and lack of consideration for others' feelings and needs.1 The term originated in the late 20th century and is now associated with extreme misogyny and anti-feminist rhetoric.

It's thought that toxic masculinity gets instilled in people assigned male at birth because of how they are raised and by the messages society sends them about what it means to be a successful or powerful male.

The effects of toxic masculinity are far-reaching and can include aggression, emotional dysregulation, violence toward marginalized people, and the upholding of harmful gender norms.'

Women Demand Better Menopause Support in the Workplace

Mastodon · 17 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The State of Menopause 2024 report found that a significant portion of women are advocating for better workplace accommodations to manage menopause.

Out of the over 2,000 women experiencing pre-menopause or menopause symptoms and aged 40 to 64 surveyed, 51% want more workplace support for menopause, yet 76% have no accommodations.

The report suggest potential workplace support could include increased time off, more flexible schedules and fostering an empathetic environment. Some changes such as allowing for breaks when needed and providing access to resources, could make a difference in the lives of menopausal women.'

Title IX will apply to college athlete revenue share, feds say

Mastodon · 17 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Without direction from the federal government, athletic departments will have to decide how to allocate the new revenue share money between men and women. Administrators will have to choose between paying a higher portion to men, risking potential lawsuits, or equally sharing revenue with men and women, risking falling behind competitors in football recruiting.
...
When it comes to revenue share dollars provided directly by the schools, athletic department officials have told ESPN they don't know whether they must give a proportionally equal amount of money to men and women or if equitable treatment means that they can allocate the roughly $20 million based on each athlete's value in the NIL market.

If schools decide to view the new revenue sharing money as financial aid akin to the scholarships or cost-of-living stipends they already provide to athletes, roughly half of that money will need to go to women athletes on most campuses. In that case, a football team would collectively receive, at most, $10 million in revenue share -- or even less at schools that want to be competitive in basketball or other men's sports.'

The crisis of young men and the recent attempt on Trump's life

Matt · 20 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'All of these narratives are an effort to get you to look away. We knew who the perpetrator was before knowing who he was: a lonely young man with access to weapons of war trying to recapture social status with a (perceived) heroic act of violence.

...

I've written and spoken a lot about the obstacles — financial, educational, social, sexual, spiritual — facing young men today, so I won't relitigate my case. If you're interested, read more here or here or check out my TED talk.

The CliffsNotes: Over the past generation there's been a deliberate transfer of wealth from the young to the old. Among other things, the result is unaffordable and indefensible costs for education and housing. Things are especially bad for boys and young men.'

Mayorkas, Cheatle Slam ‘Baseless and Insulting’ Criticism of Women in Law Enforcement After ‘DEI’ Attacks on Secret Service

Mastodon · 20 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and other DHS officials lashed out at critics of female Secret Service agents who have slammed the agency in the wake of the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump.

In a Saturday afternoon statement attributed to Mayorkas and 10 others – including Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle – DHS lashed out at criticism of women in policing.'

Humor: "Bill Burr: On Gold-Diggers"

Matt · 21 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Comedian Bill Burr popped up on my Facebook feed with this. He hits the nail on the head about things like alimony. You'll probably need to have a Facebook account to access.

Europe turns to conscription as threat of wider war with Russia grows

Mastodon · 21 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A number of European countries halted mandatory conscription after the end of the Cold War, but several nations – particularly in Scandinavia and the Baltics – have reintroduced it in recent years, largely because of the Russian threat. Failure to enlist can result in fines or even jail time in some countries.

Latvia is the latest to implement conscription. Compulsory military service was reintroduced on January 1 this year, after being abolished in 2006. Male citizens will be put up for the draft within 12 months of reaching the age of 18, or graduation for those still in the education system.

“At first there was a lot of pushback,” said Arturs Pīlācis, a 20-year-old student. He’s yet to go up for the draft but voluntarily went on a month-long military course.'

Women-only music festival Burning Woman criticised over refund troubles

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women-only music festival Burning Woman criticised over refund troubles

Burning Woman, a women's music and arts festival which was due to be held in Lincolnshire this month, has been criticised over refund troubles.

The festival cancelled its 2024 edition after announcing that it had been the target of harassment online and also faced financial struggles ahead of its event, which was due to take place from July 19 - 21 at Belvoir Castle, close to Grantham.

"This was not an easy decision," organisers wrote in an Instagram post. "We have poured our hearts and souls into creating a transformative and empowering event for you, especially amidst the challenges of the pandemic, last-minute venue change, and the rising cost of living."

Burning Woman claimed that it had been subject to "relentless harassment from an anonymous group of women" who "spread untruths about the company".'

UK: Equality watch-dog issues new guidance for employers on women-only jobs

Mastodon · 22 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This new guidance that makes clear men who self-identity as women are not female and should not be recruited as such. This makes it fairer on the women who apply and the people who rely on a woman being in that role for reasons of privacy, dignity and safety.

However this new guidance also says men who change their legal status to female by obtaining a GRC can be recruited into a female role.

This highlights the absurdity of a law that expects a woman to waive her need for privacy or safety simply because a man gets a certificate.
...
This new guidance is a step in the right direction. It bars the majority of men who identity as women from getting jobs reserved for women. Most transgender males do not have a GRC. But it leaves open a loophole for a small number to access these jobs with a GRC. More progress is needed before this is truly fair on women.'

Australia: Teachers warn of sexual harassment, sexism, misogyny in classrooms

Mastodon · 22 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Teaching has remained a predominantly female profession.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority said seven out of every 10 teachers identified as female, a number that increased to more than eight out of every 10 in primary school ranks.

There have been ongoing concerns about the rise of misogyny in Australian classrooms, led by online influencers such as Andrew Tate.

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From having a 16-year-old female student tell a male classmate that, "Miss wants to f*ck you", to Year 9 students projecting pornography on a whiteboard behind her while she took the roll, Ms Duffus said she had seen it all.

She said at times it made her feel like an emotional prostitute.

"I was accepting large sums of money to be the teenagers' punching bag for the day," she said in an essay on her experience.

"By failing to come down hard on their sexist behaviour — because I didn't know their names, lacked access to their electronic records, or simply couldn't be bothered — I was somehow complicit in a system that was making teachers' lives worse."'

UK: Feminist professor to lead shake-up of national curriculum

Mastodon · 22 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A feminist professor will lead a shake-up of the national curriculum for schools in England, the Government has announced.

Prof Becky Francis, the chief executive of learning charity the Education Endowment Foundation, will chair a wholesale review of the school syllabus “to breathe new life into our outdated curriculum”, the Education Secretary said on Friday.

The review will scrutinise all aspects of teaching material for pupils aged five to 18 and will “look closely at the key challenges to attainment for young people,” the Department for Education (DfE) said.'

Feminism’s Patriarchs: An Ideological Response to the Failures of Men

Mastodon · 22 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is easy to identify many of the prominent feminist women throughout history—Mary Wollstonecraft, Betty Friedan, and Judith Butler—yet it is men, beginning with Charles Fourier, who have directed many of feminism’s key developments. Indeed, what is often called “feminism” cannot be separated from ideologically driven men who saw an opportunity to take advantage of or to cultivate detached and vulnerable women ripe for redirection toward their own social and political goals.

...

Over time, a movement that claimed to strive for equality between men and women unmasked itself as a movement that sought to make women like men, and even deny the reality of meaningful biological differences altogether. While this is obvious in second-wave and third-wave feminism, these beliefs were present from the beginning of first-wave feminism, too.'

On political poles and toxic femininity

Matt · 23 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Whatifalthist discusses political poles and the influence of toxic femininity in history on them, though this isn't his main point. YouTube video here.

Toxic masculinity? The rise of male influencers and the manosphere

Mastodon · 24 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'UK police chiefs have warned that young men are being radicalised into extreme misogyny online by influencers such as Andrew Tate. Speaking as the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) published a report into violence against women and girls, which it is calling a "national emergency", senior police officer Maggie Blyth has said that Tate and others like him are radicalising boys into extreme misogyny in a way that is "quite terrifying".

The report estimates that at least one in every 12 women will be a victim of violence every year: around two million women. Nearly 3,000 crimes of violence against women are recorded each day, though police chiefs are calling it the "tip of the iceberg" because the figures do not include unreported crimes.'

This is the first airline where women can request not to sit next to men

Matt · 24 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Gee, is there a version that allows ppl to pick the ethnicity of their seat-mates? Oh, but that'd be racist. This isn't sexist at all! Excerpt:

'But now, one airline is making it easier to calm anxieties when it comes to flying, becoming the first to allow women to request not to be seated next to a man.

A low-cost airline based in India, IndiGo, has announced a pioneering new policy allowing women to view the gender of the passengers sitting around them before booking.

They'll be able to choose to sit next to a woman if they'd prefer, which they'll be able to do by viewing the seat plan ahead of flying.

Where women are booked on, their seats will flash pink – yes, somewhat of a cliché but the policy itself is a watershed moment when it comes to passenger safety.
...
Critically, men will not be privy to this information when booking, so they won't be able to use it to deliberately position themselves next to a woman.

The new initiative was spurred by a survey issued to its female customers, who were asked how their travel experience could be made more comfortable.'

Challenging new Title IX rules, legal group says women in STEM award discriminates against real men

Mastodon · 25 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On July 10, the Equal Protection Project (EPP) of the Legal Insurrection Foundation filed a civil rights complaint against the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) that alleges that the eligibility criteria of RIT's Women in STEM Award discriminates against biological males who identify as males.

The Women in STEM Award at RIT is a scholarship valued at $76,000 designed to support outstanding high school students with a demonstrated interest in areas like science, computing, robotics, and math.

However, the award is exclusively open to "outstanding female, female-identifying, or non-binary student[s]" – effectively excluding males who identify as males, according to EPP. The civil rights organization alleges that this exclusion violates Title IX as interpreted by the Biden administration's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and RIT's nondiscrimination policies.'

Maryland Commission for Men's Health Report on Domestic Violence (2010)

Matt · 25 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I wrote this report when I was the vice-chair of the Maryland Commission for Men's Health 2008-2010. This was one of three reports that The Maryland Department of Health tried to deep six. It took us a year to track down what they had done and the reports finally made their way to the legislators. (The story of this event was a chapter in Janice Fiamengo's excellent book Sons of Feminism: Men Have Their Say.) They really didn't want this to get out and they succeeded since it was a year late. It was written with the idea of giving legislators a good sense of the bigoted path the domestic violence industry had taken in Maryland. It continues to be a good summary of how the feminists have built a lethal anti-male industry. It is amazing and shocking how little has changed since that time. Sad too.

Perhaps the most confusing, perplexing, and controversial area in which men's health needs are overlooked is the issue of male victims of domestic violence. One immediately noticeable trend is the strong tendency to focus solely on female victims and ignore male victims. This tendency is seen repeatedly. Most media, whether print or electronic, focuses on female victims of domestic violence and all too often fails to mention male victims. Almost every article in the newspaper and every program on TV about domestic violence focuses on female victims. We see the same focus in academia: courses in sociology and women's studies repeat the message that women are the primary victims of domestic violence and rarely mention male victims. ...'

Michael Kimmel to present ‘Angry White Men’ at Monadnock Summer Lyceum

Mastodon · 26 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Sunday, July 28, at 11 a.m. Michael Kimmel will present “Angry White Men: Masculinity on the Extreme Right” for the Monadnock Summer Lyceum at Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Main St.

Kimmel will reference his book “Angry White Men” and other research data to look at anger’s causes and explore more-positive possibilities.

Kimmel earned his BA from Vassar, a Master of Arts from Brown, and his doctorate from UC Berkeley. He taught at Bryant College, UC Berkeley, the State University of New York and Rutgers. He is founder and editor of the academic journal Men and Masculinities and a national spokesperson for the National Organization for Men Against Sexism.'

US women’s rights campaigner accused of sexual harassment

'An eminent sociologist and high profile women’s rights campaigner has stepped down indefinitely from the board of a gender equality group following allegations of sexual harassment.

Michael Kimmel, distinguished professor of sociology at Stony Brook University in New York, has resigned from the board of Promundo, an initiative that promotes gender justice by engaging men and boys.'

Not Just Dead White Men: Boston's "Un-Monument" Project Sets Out To Undo Centuries of Bias

Mastodon · 26 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In an audit of national monuments, the Monument Lab found that most monuments commemorate — surprise! — white men.

Who from history gets cast in bronze — and who doesn't — reflects a legacy of racism and sexism in America's public spaces. Now, a project from the city of Boston is taking aim at the landscape of monuments across the city.

It's called Un-Monument, short for "Un-monument | Re-monument | De-Monument: Transforming Boston." There's a playful, experimental spirit to the initiative, which consists of free temporary monuments, partnerships with arts and cultural organizations across the city and free public programming.'

Do women make better leaders?

Mastodon · 26 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The surprising thing is not that a sitting president decided to abandon his reelection campaign. Or that his party's leading candidate to replace him is a woman.

No, the astonisher is that America has never had a female commander in chief.

What's truly astonishing is that there aren't more of them. After all, women make better leaders than men.
...
Don't take my word for it. In survey after survey, corporations led by women are found to perform better in such categories as managerial reputation, crisis management and profitability. Boston Consulting estimates that, on average, earnings at companies with gender-diverse leadership are 9 percent higher than those without. It's much the same for firms with a high percentage of women managers and board members. Accordingly, major asset management firms are adopting policies that favor investing in companies with substantial numbers of women at the top.
...
If leaders with two X chromosomes are arguably more effective, how come the U.S. has had only XY-endowed presidents? The standard answer is that Americans just aren't ready for a woman in that job, as Hillary Clinton's 2016 election defeat seemed to confirm.'

Tackling misogyny in UK schools could take up to 20 years, says Jess Phillips

Mastodon · 26 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Plans to tackle misogyny in schools could take up to 20 years to have an impact on society, the safeguarding minister, Jess Phillips, has said as she outlined measures to protect women and girls.

Phillips spoke the day after the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) estimated that 2 million women were victims of violence perpetrated by men each year in an epidemic so serious it amounts to a "national emergency".

One of Labour's five missions is to halve violence against women and girls in a decade, by targeting perpetrators and addressing the root causes of abuse and violence.

The minister for violence against women and girls said "Raneem's law" was already in the works, and would ensure police forces provide protection to victims of domestic abuse. But evidence that some of the government's policies are working – such as addressing misogyny among schoolchildren – could take years to emerge.'

UK: Influencers driving extreme misogyny, say police

Mastodon · 26 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Deputy Chief Constable Maggie Blyth said officers who focused on violence against women and girls were now working with counter-terrorism teams to look at the risk of young men being radicalised.
...
Speaking about harmful content online, she said: "We know that some of this is also linked to radicalisation of young people online, we know the influencers, Andrew Tate, the element of influencing of particularly boys, is quite terrifying and that's something that both the leads for counterterrorism in the country and ourselves from a VAWG [violence against women and girls] perspective are discussing."'

Paris 2024: Men's exclusion from artistic swimming raises questions on 'gender-equal Olympics'

Mastodon · 26 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'No men will compete in synchronised swimming at the Olympics, despite Paris 2024 vowing to be the first gender-equal edition in the history of the Games.

The 96 athletes picked by 18 different nations for the Olympics were all women.

In 2022, World Aquatics changed the rules, allowing up to two men to be selected in an eight-athlete synchronised swimming squad.

"World Aquatics is very disappointed that no male artistic swimmers have been selected for Paris 2024" they told Euronews in a statement.

"This should have been a landmark moment for the sport. We understand that it would always be a challenge for men to earn a spot on a team in time for Paris 2024, considering that their eligibility was only confirmed 18 months ago, but we were still hopeful that some would succeed."

Neither World Aquatics nor the International Olympic Committee have a say on the picks, as they are always decided by the individual national federations.'

9 things I'm doing to teach my teenage son about 'toxic masculinity'

Mastodon · 26 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'2. I don't allow (or use) disrespectful language - Last month, my son asked me if it was ok to call a woman a bitch, even if it wasn't to their face. No stars for guessing what my response was. However, the fact he asked suggests he knew it was wrong (he was probably testing boundaries, too), so I calmly explained why it was a degrading term, even as a joke. I've also become aware of the language I use about men and myself. A casual 'dickhead' remark if a driver cuts me up could be perceived as negative by my son, as can calling myself a 'stupid cow' if I've dropped the milk. If I'm saying these thing about others and myself, what's that telling him?
...
8. I avoid the term 'toxic masculinity' - I found that when I used the term 'toxic masculinity', my son became defensive and rightly so, I referenced it at first, so my son knew what I was talking about, and then moved away from it. Phil agrees, 'Parents need to focus less on masculinity being a problem and more on masculinity being a healthy and natural expression in many boys and young men.'

Why are women so much more liberal than men?

Matt · 26 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Melanie King asks this age-old question. YouTube video here.

Good small slide deck on men's issues being prioritized

Matt · 26 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Please download the 10 images attached hereon and review them. I found these on a men's rights/issues subreddit.

Janice Fiamengo on Anti-Feminism

Matt · 27 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Janice discusses her experiences as an anti-feminist in a YouTube video here.

Wodek Szemberg: Has the Left lost its masculine energy?

Mastodon · 28 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'James Carville, Bill Clinton's famed pollster and political strategist, did not mince words last month when he, not for the first time, fired off a salvo at the ailing body of the Democratic Party. In an interview with Jonathan Capehart of The Washington Post, Carville offered an indictment of "NPR-sounding" "female preachiness": "We know what's best for you, don't eat hamburgers, don't watch football, don't drink beer. Guess where our young male number is going? In the toilet, alright? Because Democratic messaging, I'm sorry, is too feminine, it just is."

Not even a reminder from Capehart to be mindful that we are living in the 21st century made any impression on the Ragin' Cajun, whose Southern drawl makes speaking and understanding postmodernese too difficult. In national elections, only binary sex matters.

Now that Kamala Harris has been elevated to the position of Democratic Party standard-bearer, the problem with "female preachiness" can only become magnified.

The economist Tyler Cowen recently summarized the issue of gender divergence on his blog thusly: "The ongoing feminization of society has driven more and more men, including black and Latino men, into the Republican camp. The Democratic Party became too much the party of unmarried women." (I presume that in the unmarried he includes women who are no longer married.)

Not surprisingly, a significant share of a generation of men who grew up surrounded by the discourse about the importance of gender equality do not feel that it is inclusive of them. This would be a most useful reason for feminists, who cannot conceive of female advances that are anything but good for everyone involved, to reconsider the universal applicability of the "happy wife, happy life" truism. Instead, they should take seriously the idea of how young men, especially, are shaped by their lived experience, and not only focus on women's purity of intent.'

Olympics camera operators warned not to frame women in a sexist way

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The head of the company in charge of broadcasting the Olympic Games has called on camera operators to avoid “sexist” portrayals of female athletes at Paris 2024.

Yiannis Exarchos, CEO of Olympic Broadcasting Services, said his company and the Games as a whole are committed to equality between the men’s and women’s competitions this summer.

“Women are not there because they are more attractive - they are there because they are elite athletes,” he said.

He added: “[Equal participation of women] is not enough. It has not been enough for us. We wanted to make sure that the actual sports content was also reflecting this equality.”'

Why do women cheat? New study reveals complex motivations behind female infidelity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent study published in Evolution and Human Behavior offers new insights into the complex motivations behind female infidelity. The findings reveal that women who cheat are typically more physically attracted to their affair partners but view their primary partners as better co-parents. This suggests that women may cheat to obtain “good genes” for their offspring while relying on their primary partners for parenting support. Additionally, the study highlights several other motivations for infidelity, including relationship dissatisfaction, the desire for variety, and revenge.

Interestingly, the study also found that men exhibited similar patterns to women in their infidelity behavior. This suggests that men, like women, may also engage in infidelity to seek genetic benefits from physically attractive affair partners while valuing their primary partners for parental investment.

“Finding that men were strategically dualistic as well — prioritizing physical attraction in affair partners and parental ability in primary partners — was a surprise,” Murphy told PsyPost. “However, it’s consistent with some past research, some of which suggests men are even more dualistic than women in their affairs.”'

Australia: New project will help teachers tackle toxic masculinity in schools

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Toxic masculinity and misogynistic gender narratives are gaining traction online and in Australian classrooms, threatening gender equality and contributing to gender-based violence. A new project from Monash University aims to support secondary school teachers to tackle the influence of these harmful online ideologies on young boys and men.

The two year project, funded by Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS), will see a collaboration between Monash Arts and Education Faculties to establish school-based early intervention programs to identify and tackle the harms of online misogyny and gender-based violence in schools.

The project will involve three phases over 18 months. The first phase involves in-depth research into the influence of manosphere content on Australian boys and young men. This data will guide focus groups with young Australians to explore their interactions with manosphere content both online and offline.

In the second phase, workshops with secondary school staff across Australia will identify the most effective content and delivery methods for a new pilot professional learning program addressing the manosphere's classroom impact. The final phase will pilot and evaluate this program with teachers, ensuring it meets their needs and effectively combats toxic masculinity in schools.'

Male Bashing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'I recently attended a workshop intended for women therapists who are interested in learning more about working with men. At one point, the female workshop leader asked the group of mostly women to raise their hands if they liked men. About one-third of those in attendance immediately and enthusiastically raised their hands. In conversation afterward, most of these women said they were very close to their fathers, their brothers, or other men in their lives. Another third of the workshop participants slowly and hesitantly raised their hands while simultaneously glancing around the room to see what others were doing. Lastly, about a third of the women in the room never raised their hands. Keep in mind that the people attending were presumably there because they are interested in doing psychotherapy with men.

I wondered what the group's reaction would have been if the workshop leader had asked if they like African-American people or if she had asked if they like GLBTQ+ people. How many workshop participants would openly acknowledge not liking either of these groups of people? More importantly, would those therapists who were aware of their biases towards either group still feel OK about continuing to work with groups of people they acknowledged not liking?'

Australia: Sperm donor wins custody of boy over his birth mother and her lesbian partner in landmark court case

Matt · 29 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A sperm donor has won parental rights over a lesbian birth mother's only child in a landmark case.

The ruling was handed down in June by the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia which denied the mother's parental responsibility for the nine-year-old.

The court instead ruled in favour of her former partner and their sperm donor.

The custody battle has lasted for almost five years between the three adults, costing them hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal costs, The Herald Sun reported.'

America’s New Political War Pits Young Men Against Young Women

Matt · 29 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Looks like some men's issues are finally beginning to impact the electoral map. Excerpt:

'Collin Mertz, a 23-year-old farmer in North Dakota, believes American men like himself have been targeted by liberals in the push for diversity.

“It would seem the white male is the enemy of the left,” said Mertz, who voted for former President Donald Trump in 2020 and plans to do so again in November.

Lauren Starrett, a 28-year-old engineer in Cincinnati, feels a personal threat from conservatives seeking to scale back access to abortion and other rights.

“It’s kind of terrifying, really,” said Starrett, who backs Vice President Kamala Harris.

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Some men say they have lost economic, cultural and political influence to women amid the focus on equity and diversity. Others expressed resentment over feminist and progressive attitudes on college campuses, in the entertainment industry and at many workplaces.

In certain U.S. cities, young women are outpacing young men in median annual income and are more likely than young men to live apart from their parents. A larger share of women under 30 are reaching financial independence compared with young women in 1980, according to the Pew Research Center, while fewer young men are reaching that milestone compared with four decades ago.

The Democratic push for diversity is making them more likely to vote for Republicans, some men said. An April survey by the Pew Research Center found that 23% of men—and 33% of men who backed Trump—believed the advancement of women has come at their expense.

Many young men feel abandoned by Democrats, saying Republican politicians are the ones making direct appeals to them, according to interviews with dozens of men under 30.'

Australia: Monash university project giving teachers tools to combat 'toxic masculinity' has been slammed for equating Jordan Peterson with Andrew Tate

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Monash University project which aims to counter the growth of “toxic masculinity” in Australian classrooms has been slammed for failing to distinguish the views of Jordan Peterson and Andrew Tate.

Teachers at independent and Catholic schools will be given conversation guides and role-play scripts as part of the project, which will see Monash University’s Arts and Education faculties develop school-based early intervention programs to “identify and tackle the harms of online misogyny and gender-based violence in schools”.

A media release about the project, which is funded by Australia’s National Research Organisation for Women’s Safety (ANROWS), warns “toxic masculinity and misogynistic gender narratives” gaining traction online are seeping in to classrooms, threatening gender equality and contributing to gender-based violence.'

Media reaction to Macron kiss points up double-standard

Matt · 31 July 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Reverse the genders and you get the idea. Excerpt:

'French media is in a frenzy after a passionate cheek-to-cheek kiss between France's president, Emmanuel Macron, and Amélie Oudéa-Castéra, the country's sports minister, was captured during the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games.

In the photo, Oudéa-Castéra, known colloquially as AOC, can be seen with her arm around the president's neck, and his head cradled in hers as she plants a kiss below his ear. In the background of the photo, Prime Minister Gabriel Attal can be seen looking away conspicuously.

According to The Telegraph, the French magazine Midi Libre first commented on the photo. "After the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games, the pressure was off, giving way to euphoria. In an explosion of joy, sports minister Amélie Oudéa-Castera and President Emmanuel Macron kissed. The kiss caused quite a stir," Midi Libre wrote.'

Which Fairbanks House candidate says white men need to sit down and shut up?

Mastodon · 2 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Joy Beth Cottle, who changed her registration to Republican immediately before filing against Republican House Rep. Frank Tomaszewski of Fairbanks, has gone on the attack. She's attacking conservatives and she's attacking white men for the crime of being white.

She blistered Tomaszewski and two other sitting Republicans because they attended a symposium in Washington, D.C. that focuses on conservative, Christian-based leadership. Two of the Republicans she blasted were ethnic minorities — Rep. Jamie Allard and Rep. Stanley Wright.

In her attack, Cottle linked an article from a leftist blog out of Anchorage, whose founder is now employed by Rep. Alyse Galvin, the Democrat from Anchorage who flies under the false-flag "undeclared" category now.'

Young men are falling behind

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Young men are facing a collective crisis of masculinity, but they are too isolated from each other to address it together.

The number of men who report having zero close friends has increased from 3% in 1990 to 15% in 2021, while the size of social circles in general has decreased dramatically. Men feel more lonely than ever before, and they turn to their vices to deal with it.

Addiction to pornography is widespread among young men, and roughly two-thirds watch pornography weekly or more. Men make up the majority of “deaths of despair,” such as alcohol poisoning, while male drug overdose deaths are more than twice as common as female overdose deaths. Moreover, the suicide rate among men is four times higher than among women.
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Men have largely been left behind by a culture that talks more about “toxic masculinity” than the positive aspects of having strong male figures. Guys-only spaces, such as the Boy Scouts, are being destroyed, and entertainment franchises, such as Star Wars, are openly hostile to their mostly male audiences. While men are struggling, they are also villainized constantly.

Unfortunately, this marginalization has resulted in many men turning to poor role models, such as pornographer Andrew Tate or antisemitic troll Nick Fuentes. These cranks promote degeneracy and debauchery, appealing to the worst tendencies of men. However, they are the natural result of decades of propaganda against actually healthy masculine behavior.'

Louisiana mayor Misty Roberts, 42, accused of raping a minor — one week after abrupt resignation

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Louisiana mayor, who abruptly took a leave of absence before resigning last week, is accused of raping a minor during her time in office.

Former DeRidder Mayor Misty Roberts was charged with third-degree rape and contributing to the delinquency of juveniles, Louisiana State Police announced on Thursday.

An investigation into the 42-year-old mayor, who was in her second term, was opened on July 26, after the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office requested the state police look into a complaint against Roberts.
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"As the investigation progressed, LSP SVU conducted interviews with two juveniles, one of which was the victim. Both juveniles confirmed Roberts had sexual intercourse with one juvenile victim while employed as Mayor," a statement read.

A warrant for Roberts' arrest was issued on Wednesday before she surrendered herself to the police.'

1 in 4 Women Admit to Violence Against Spouse

Matt · 2 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The public is convinced that domestic violence is all about aggressive men beating up on defenseless women. While this is in some ways correct, it is only a fraction of the story. The reality is that domestic violence is quite complex and women can be the perpetrators and men can also be the victims. That side of the story though has been deeply buried and ignored.

How did the public come to be so misinformed? It's a long and involved tale. Activists, clinicians, the media, academics and researchers have all played a part in this. Each group has for many years only told a part of the story, the part about women as victims and men as perpetrators. To get a good sense of this remarkable and lopsided tale you could read a report to Maryland lawmakers written by the Maryland Commission for Men's Health that tells the story plainly about male victims of domestic violence. It does not pull punches and goes into more detail than this short article.'

The Rise Of Angry, Disgruntled Young Males

Matt · 6 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the years, I have highlighted on my social media platform the importance of addressing the challenges and concerns faced by boys, men, and fathers. I've expressed concerns about the pervasive anti-male propaganda prevalent in news media, entertainment, and educational institutions, and warned that rather than society fostering gender harmony, we've often perpetuated a false narrative of men versus women, and all of this was going to come back to bite us. I envisioned new forms of misogyny like we've never seen before.

In recent decades, there has been a strong emphasis on empowering girls with the message of "girl power," while boys have been neglected. The mantra of "the future is female" has prevailed, leading to a focus on providing girls with resources, motivation, and support. Meanwhile, boys have been left with easy access to negative influences such as pornography, fast food, and video games, along with the unfair burden of repenting for the perceived crimes of their sex throughout history. We have devalued fathers and taken away men's sense of purpose. We have neglected the health needs of boys and men, which I've written about here. As many young men today struggle to navigate the complexities of modern society and are facing difficulties finding their way, they are unfairly shouldered with blame and are being labeled as the problem.'

White Men Attempt Rare Nonthreatening Gathering for Kamala Harris

Mastodon · 8 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the course of human history, politically oriented gatherings of white people have not typically been a sign of “fun.” Gatherings of white men in particular have historically cultivated an ominous vibe: think the Unite the Right rally, many European land wars, English football hooligans, or Congress. Basically, unless you’re at a Phish concert, seeing a bunch of white guys on a mission can be an unsettling thing. But Democratic organizer Ross Morales Rocketto decided something needed to be done to activate white dudes for the sake of progressive politics, so he set up an online rally called “White Dudes for Harris” that took place July 29. “What we are really trying to do is engage a group of people whom the left has largely ignored for the last few years,” he told the New York Times. “There’s a silent majority of white men who aren’t MAGA Republicans, and we haven’t done anything to try to capture those votes.”'

UK: The riots aren’t just a ‘far-right’ problem – they’re a ‘man’ problem

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Article here. Excerpt:

'To most of us, looking on in horror at what is currently happening on the streets of otherwise tranquil towns in the UK, the sheer incomprehensibility of the violence threatens to overwhelm any hope of rational understanding.

No wonder, then, that the usual (loudmouthed) suspects are lining up in the hope of “explaining” why it is that thousands of young and not-so-young men are rampaging down your local high street on a summer afternoon. And sure, these men can be condemned as “fascists”, “criminals” and “thugs”, but that reductive labelling doesn’t help much. It makes them appear different to the rest of us – when in fact, they are not.'

The women involved in far-right riots across UK as social media awash with hate speech

Nearly Half of US Women Want Women-Only Subway, Train Cars

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Almost half of U.S. women want women-only train cars on subways and transit systems according to a recent poll.

The survey, conducted by YouGov, found that 48 percent of adult women supported trains and subways nearest to them reserving a car for women only.

Of all adults, 43 percent said they would "strongly or somewhat support" the initiative whilst 30 percent "strongly or somewhat" opposed and 27 percent were unsure.

Sociologist Katie Gaddini told Newsweek she was unsurprised by the findings "given the high rates of sexual assault and harassment targeting women in the U.S."'

‘A Safe Place’: The SHE Word Podcast Launches Women-Only Online Community

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The SHE Word podcast is launching a women-only online community today, set to provide a safe space for women to discuss and share their experiences.

TSW Founder Trudy Kerr explained how “this will be a safe place that women can have conversations honestly without fear of judgement, where they can post anonymously, and be seen”.

The podcast, which hosts conversations that women rarely have, but really should, is now boasting over 5.9 million collective views across all platforms, including YouTube and Spotify.'

Hims & Hers CEO: Women's health business "will likely" eclipse men's

Mastodon · 8 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The future of Hims & Hers — a digital-first health platform that offers content, telehealth and drug treatments related to skin care, sexual performance and mental health — may be more hers than hims.

Why it matters: An intensifying focus on women's health in the U.S. has emerged since the overturn of Roe, including an executive order for more research and new investments flowing into areas including menopause, maternal and postpartum care and pain treatment.

Between the lines: "For the most part, the existing health care system — for better or worse, and mostly worse — was built by men, for men," Hims & Hers co-founder and CEO Andrew Dudum told Axios on Tuesday in an interview for the "Leading Indicator" show from Public, an investing platform.

Women's health care in the U.S. has been underfunded and neglected despite women outnumbering men since 1946.

But there's "a really huge opportunity" to serve women with health care services around menopause, hormonal balance and dermatology, Dudum says.
Zoom in: There were nearly 1.9 million subscribers of the Hims & Hers platform as of the second quarter, the company announced this week.

Known initially for selling erectile dysfunction medication, oral hygiene and skin care products to men, Hims launched its first women's wellness products for hair loss, beauty and sexual wellness in 2018 under a new "Hers" brand.'

‘Would a world run by women be a better place?’: Athens museum hosts a bold female takeover

Mastodon · 8 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a global first, EMST’s floors and halls were handed over in their entirety to an all-female cast of artists last month.

“The exhibition’s title is intentionally provocative,” said Katerina Gregos, the museum’s artistic director, who smiles at the prospect of visitors probing the “hypothetical question” of how different the world could be: “What we are asking visitors to do is try and take a leap of the imagination and think what it would be like if governance and decision-making were in the hands solely of women.”

In such a world, would there have been so much war and conflict, or less chest-beating, more compromise and considered discussion, she asks.

“In short, would the world be a better place? We’re not advocating for the establishment of a matriarchy. Rather, we’re inviting reflection on whether there is an alternative. Because, let’s face it, with wars raging and the senseless violence that we see – mostly generated by men almost every day – you can’t say we’re in the best of places.”'

She Tried to Date Women as a Man...

Matt · 8 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

YouTube video here. An analysis of Norah Vincent's experience dating women when disguised as a man.

Male students do better on ACT, get less financial aid

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The gender gap in higher education is growing – and it may be due to how universities admit students and help them pay for school.

Men earn 42 percent of bachelor's degrees, 38 percent of master's, and 44 percent of doctorates, according to the American Institute for Boys and Men.

The group provided several reasons for this gap when asked by The College Fix.

"A pertinent data point is that a lower percentage of men attending college get aid – for example in the 2019-2020 school year, 67% of male undergraduates and 74% of female undergraduates received any aid," a spokesperson told The Fix via email.'

Acquitted former student sues 15 groups for defamation after they called him a rapist

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Yale University student who defeated claims of rape is continuing his legal battle to seek justice.

Saifullah Khan is suing fifteen organizations including the National Women's Law Center, the Fierberg National Law Group, and the National Crime Victim Law Institute, along with attorney Jennifer Becker, for "defamation, false light, negligent infliction of emotional distress, and abuse of process action."

Khan (pictured) is seeking both compensatory and punitive damages. It is pending and the accused groups have requested extensions to file responses, according to a College Fix review of court documents on Aug. 1.

The lawsuit follows an amicus brief the organizations filed with the Connecticut Supreme Court surrounding whether Khan could sue his accuser for damages.

The initial brief called Khan a "rapist," and said he had committed rape – however, he already had been cleared by a jury of the charges. Despite this, Yale expelled Khan.'

‘Household labor’ study design is biased against men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent paper that claims to find women face greater burdens than men when it comes to household chores is flawed in its design.

“The division of household labor is an important but often overlooked driver of global gender inequity,” the Archives of Women’s Mental Health paper suggests. “Women carry a disproportionate burden of domestic tasks, and this burden may be linked with their health and wellbeing.”

The lead authors are psychology grad student Elizabeth Aviv and Professor Darby Saxbe, both at the University of Southern California. They wrote a summary of their research for The Conversation as well.

But the scholars designed the study in such a way, intentionally or not, as to bias the results to make it seem like women do a disproportionate amount of work in the house.'

Women firefighters allege sexist culture as FDNY commissioner quits

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Firefighting is a male-dominated field nationwide, but New York City's gender gap is especially glaring. According to personnel data collected by the City Council, less than 2% of the FDNY's roughly 11,000 firefighters are women, compared to 9% nationwide and more than 12% in cities like Miami and San Francisco. The first woman to lead the department, Laura Kavanagh, stepped down on Wednesday, after less than two years on the job.

The FDNY did not make Kavanagh available to Gothamist for an interview. In an essay on Medium last month, she attributed her decision to wanting to spend more time with family and friends. Yet her exit has renewed attention to the FDNY's gender gap, as well as long-standing complaints about sexism and harassment.

The department has for decades faced allegations of discriminatory practices, including brazen racism. But in recent public comments and interviews with Gothamist, women firefighters said the lack of racial and gender diversity affects their interactions in the field — where they help people from different backgrounds in their most vulnerable moments, often in their homes. Inside the firehouse, women's scarcity translates into a lack of political power, coupled with a fear of retaliation for speaking out.'

UK: This is the story of working-class England. It's an experience barely worth living

Mastodon · 10 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

YT video here.

Alex Phillips says white working-class men have been betrayed by decades of neglect.

UN concern over disciplinary case against UK lawyer for ‘boys’ club’ remarks

Mastodon · 10 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Four UN special rapporteurs have warned that disciplinary proceedings against a female barrister for saying a judge had shown a “boys’ club attitude” may send “a disconcerting message” to lawyers challenging gender bias in custody and domestic abuse cases.

Charlotte Proudman is accused by the Bar Standards Board (BSB) of tweeting misleading information for comments she made about Jonathan Cohen – a member of the Garrick Club, which recently ended its ban on female members after 193 years – over remarks he made in a family case ruling two years ago.

They said: “While we do not wish to prejudge the accuracy of the above-mentioned allegations, we are concerned that the ongoing harassment of Dr Proudman, combined with the BSB’s decision to take disciplinary proceedings may send a disconcerting message that legal professionals who dare to challenge alleged systemic gender bias against mothers in custody cases, and women who are survivors of domestic violence, will be punished.'

UK: Scheme to jail Britons overseas ‘should only apply to men’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'She called on the Government to amend its Criminal Justice Bill, which would grant ministers the power to detain UK prisoners in overseas jails, so that women are excluded.

Speaking at a Public Bill Committee meeting on January 18, where MPs were debating details of the proposed measures, Phillips said: “Data shows that women prisoners are predominantly victims of domestic and sexual violence, which is often a pathway to their offending. Would it not be better to put on the face of the Bill that women are carved out? … I am afraid to say that Governments are not always great on the issue of women in prison—not just this Government, but any Government, including any that might come in—so would it not be better to include that safeguard?”'

Australia: Men’s behaviour change programs are key to addressing domestic violence – our new study shows how we can improve them

Mastodon · 12 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men’s violence against women in Australia is recognised as a national crisis. We urgently need to better-understand what can be done to prevent it and intervene effectively.

There’s a need to hold perpetrators to account for their abusive behaviour. This is set out in the National Plan to end Violence against Women and Children. Men’s behaviour change programs are a key component of the broader strategy to hold men accountable for their actions and prevent future abuse.

While there’s been an increase in funding for these programs in recent years, there’s still limited understanding of whether perpetrators engage in these programs, and why. Our research, released today, provides new evidence on what’s needed to improve the efficacy of behaviour change programs with the goal of improving women and children’s safety.'

The All-Male Christian Group Seeking a Resurrection in the Trump Era

Matt · 12 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nothing scares so-called progressives and feminists more than men coming together in all-male groups of virtually any kind. One of the big successes feminists and so-called progressives have had, from their POV anyway, has been making men alienated from each other and afraid or gun-shy to form all-male groups of any kind for fear of being accused of "sexism"-- as feminists form as many all-female groups and events as they possibly can. If men are going to claim their power, they need unity which requires group-formation: men-only. What's good for the gander... Excerpt:

'It was an autumn Saturday in 1997, and Promise Keepers, a fast-growing conservative Christian men's ministry that some warned was a covert political project, had gathered at its biggest event ever. "Why are we here?" Phillips, then the organization's president, asked the hundreds of thousands of men in attendance. "Is it to demonstrate political might? No. Is it to demonstrate masculine strength? No. Is it to take back the nation by imposing our religious values on others? No." The crowd roared with approval.

This weekend, a much smaller group of Promise Keepers gathered in Tulsa at a very different moment for evangelicals — with less decisive answers to those questions. Headed by a new young CEO, the group is leaning into partisan politics where it once eschewed them, and equipping men to do battle not only with their own spiritual weaknesses but also with a secular culture that speakers portrayed as uniquely hostile.'

Men’s cancer deaths expected to spike more than 90% by 2050, study finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The prevalence of cancer among men is expected to skyrocket globally in the coming decades, according to a new study from the American Cancer Society (ACS).

To predict future risk, Australian researchers analyzed the mortality rates tied to 30 different types of cancer among adult men in 2022, based on data from the International Agency for Research on Cancer across 185 countries and territories.

Based on those findings, they predicted that between 2022 and 2050, men’s cancer cases will spike by around 84% — going from 10.3 million to 19 million.

In 2020, men were 43% more likely to die of cancer than women, and their diagnosis rate was 19% higher, statistics show.

Men have been shown previously to engage more in modifiable risk factors for cancer, including smoking and consuming alcohol.

They are also less likely to get regular screenings for male-specific cancers, the study authors noted.'

White and Asian Men Not Invited to Apple's Entrepreneur Camp

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Female founder in-person programming

To be eligible to apply for Apple Entrepreneur Camp for female* founders, you must meet the following requirements.

Your organization must have:
A female founder, cofounder, or CEO;
A female developer proficient in Swift or Objective-C; and
A functional and complete app that's available on the App Store, as a beta build on TestFlight, or as an .IPA in an equivalent state.'

Canada: Federally-funded Anti-Hate Network blacklists Christian pro-life group, claims most hateful group ‘white boys, men’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Federally-subsidized activists claim a Christian pro-life group is a “hate movement” and that most haters are white people, namely white boys and men.

The Canadian Anti-Hate Network (CAHN) published its blacklist after receiving $640,000 from Heritage Minister Pascale St-Onge’s department and others for “research,” per Blacklock’s Reporter.

“We define ‘hate-promoting’ to refer to ideologies, groups, movements and individuals which target members of protected groups,” said the CAHN booklet entitled 40 Ways To Fight The Far-Right.

It included what the activists call a “non-exhaustive list of the kinds of far-right and hate movements we have seen in Canada in the last few years.”

Pro-life Catholic advocacy group Campaign Life Coalition and its affiliated LifeSiteNews were blacklisted along with neo-Nazis and skinheads. Minister St-Onge did not comment.'

Whatifalthist on YouTube: Stop Coping. Your life sucks.

Matt · 16 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video commentary here. Whatifalthist knocks the ball out of the park with this one.

Hoping for unicorns, 1 in 5 young men are NEETs—not in employment, education, or training

Matt · 16 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Then there's openly anti-male discrimination, too. Excerpt:

'There's a growing cohort of Gen-Zers who are rejecting life's major milestones and becoming NEETs—that is, "not in employment, education, or training". Many of them are college-educated men.

One in five young people around the world are currently NEETs, according to the International Labour Organization. In the U.S., this jumps to about 11.2% of young adults. Meanwhile in the U.K., almost 3 million Gen-Zers are now classed as economically inactive.

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Despite having just graduated, 1 in 5 men under the age of 25 are unemployed, Bloomberg's analysis shows. And they're not actively looking for work, either.

While the share of Gen Z female college grads participating in the workforce has steadily increased, the participation rate for their male counterparts has nose-dived.

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"Women tend to be more flexible in accepting job offers, even if they're not perfectly aligned with their career goals or are part-time or they are overqualified for," he says.

"Men, on the other hand, often hold out for roles that align more closely with their ideal career path or offer what they perceive as adequate compensation and status."

Some male candidates have been airing their frustrations that the few jobs available right now don't match their expectations, he says.

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"There's an underlying narrative, often unspoken, about what constitutes 'acceptable' work for men," Maleh concludes, adding that societal pressure for men to be breadwinners deters them from taking what they might view as 'lesser' jobs—even temporarily.'

On the Ballot: American Manhood

Matt · 17 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The 2024 vote was set to be a referendum on the rights of women. Instead it has become a debate over the needs and desires of men. The question now is which model of manhood will win in November. The macho brawler of the Trump-Vance ticket, or the kindly “girl dad” offered by Harris and Walz? The fighter or the coach?
...
For Democrats, the first step is simply to acknowledge the reality of the problems facing American men. The facts here are stark. Boys and men are lagging at every stage of the education system, with massive gaps opening up on college campuses. Wages for working-class men have stagnated, along with their marital prospects. White men raised poor are much worse off if they were born in 1992 than in 1978, according to the latest work from Harvard economist Raj Chetty. The male suicide rate is four times higher than for women, and claims 40,000 men a year. The suicide rate among men under age 30 has risen by 40% since 2010.

The point is that male struggles aren’t confected by reactionaries: they are real. And they are not being adequately addressed by either side.'

Why The Boy Scouts Vanished

Matt · 17 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

YT video here. YT channel "The Why Minutes" takes on explaining things. In this case they take on the demise of the BSA.

UP Honor Flight considers women’s only flight

Mastodon · 18 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An honor flight for women who served in the U.S. armed forces could soon be coming to the U.P.

U.P. Honor Flight brings veterans to Washington, D.C., to see the memorials for the wars they fought in. Most of the veterans who take advantage of the opportunity are men, but the organization is looking to change that. If there’s enough interest, it’s considering a women‘s-only flight next May.

U.P. Honor Flight says a women’s only flight could make women feel safer.

“I think we’re going to get a better response from the women population doing an all-women veteran flight,” said U.P. Honor Flight President Scott Knauf.'

UK Gov’t to Treat ‘Extreme Misogyny’ Like Terrorism: Report

Mastodon · 18 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The new Labour Party government in Britain is reportedly planning on treating “extreme misogyny” in the same manner as terrorism amid a supposed rise of radicalisation of young men on the internet.

Teachers, healthcare professionals, and local officials in Britain may become legally obligated to report young men to the government’s Prevent counter-terror programme in the same manner as Islamic terrorism or far-right radicalism if they are suspected of “extreme misogyny,” The Telegraph reports.

Under the programme, those referred to Prevent are assessed by police and their local authority to determine if they are in need of deradicalisation training.

According to The Guardian, British boys are already being reported to the counterextremism programme by their schools for repeating Tate’s views or for “verbal harassment” of female teachers.

A Prevent staff member told the paper: “He [Tate] obviously doesn’t fit within the Prevent sphere but incels do. He is parallel to them and has a crossover. When I’m in schools I find myself describing him, effectively, as toxic misogyny on steroids.”'

Suicide Rates Sharply Increase Among Young Girls, Study Finds.. what about the boys?

Matt · 19 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Good vid on this topic by Tom G. here. Tom discusses how 80% of suicides are men and boys yet it seems to be getting attention only because of the recent uptick in suicides among girls.

Fiancé of Madison Bergmann, teacher arrested for ‘making out’ with 11-year-old still talks to her: ‘He was madly in love’

Mastodon · 20 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Madison Bergmann’s ex-fiancé still speaks to the Wisconsin fifth-grade teacher — even after she was busted for allegedly “making out” with an 11-year-old in her classroom, according to friends.

“They still talk, as far as I know,” says a pal, who was invited to the couple’s now-canceled July 27 wedding.

“But obviously, everything has changed. He was betrayed in a really big way, but he was madly in love, and you can’t just turn that off.”

Now, Bergmann is hiding on her grandparents’ farm and avoiding most of her former friends — including the bridal party from her aborted ceremony.

“She seems embarrassed to face us,” the friend tells The Post. “She’s ghosted everyone, which is kind of to be expected.”

Bergmann, 24, has been charged with first-degree child sexual assault of a child under age 13.'

UK: The police can’t be impartial while discriminating against white men

Mastodon · 21 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Frontline police officers and detectives routinely show courage when confronting the violent, dangerous and heinous. So you’d think police chiefs might be willing to really ask themselves whether their force is as impartial as many of them claim.

Putting aside relatively complex operational matters, such as the policing of protests and the response to crime itself, perhaps we can just examine the track record of the administration in some forces.

In just the last five years, British policing has plenty of examples of veering off course.

We’ve seen Cheshire Constabulary found guilty of discrimination on the basis of not just race, but sexual orientation and sex too. The force rejected a prospective police officer because he was – put simply – a white heterosexual man.

The British Transport Police is funding a scholarship covering the tuition and living costs of a three-year degree in law at King’s College London. It’s worth £75,000 to the lucky recipient – who must be of black heritage – and who is expected to use their degree “to fight injustice”.'

Why Trump Appeals to Young Men

Mastodon · 21 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Democratic Senator Chris Murphy argued that Democrats had ceded the conversation on masculinity to Republicans. “We certainly should believe that masculinity can exist side by side with feminism, but we’ve got to acquire a language to talk to boys and men about the future of maleness, and right now we don’t have it,” Murphy said. “I do not think the majority of men believe that women should be removed from the workplace, but they notice when Democrats aren’t talking about addressing some of the real crises that exist in male identity today.”'

Father challenges state child custody law as sexist and unfair

Mastodon · 21 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's a question of fairness in parenting.

A federal lawsuit — which could set new precedent — names judges and the Tennessee Attorney General on the issue of child custody.

That lawsuit argues that state law is unfairly biased against fathers, and is unconstitutional.

Historically, often with good reason, judges have favored the mother in child custody cases.

But times have changed, and one middle Tennessee man says the law unfairly excludes fathers from their children's lives.

Dr. Scott Wilson loves his daughter.

He and her mother never married, but they lived together since their child was born.'

"Let boys be boys"

Mastodon · 21 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Researchers say the United States is dealing with an “epidemic” of male loneliness. Though, as Los Angeles Times columnist Jean Guerrero notes, shocking numbers of men feel that no one “knows” them. Worse, Guerrero says the data shows that men are “less skilled than women at making friends.” This is the case despite a long effort to socialize boys. In fact, according to Guerrero, “Young men, who tend to be more progressive and are presumably more comfortable with intimacy than their elders, are … the most isolated.” How can this be?

Ruth Whippman’s BoyMom: Reimagining Boyhood in the Age of Impossible Masculinity sheds some light on the trouble, though not, perhaps, in the way she intends. A self-proclaimed feminist with impeccable progressive credentials, Whippman analyzes her tortured feelings about being the mother of her three young boys. She is anxious for their well-being, anxious to survive their Nerf wars and aggressive wrestling, but especially anxious that they not end up as misogynist creeps who abuse women. And yet, confused as she may be, her thinking drives her toward some surprising insights.'

ICMI 2024 videos on YouTube

Matt · 21 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Paul Elam has thoughtfully posted some videos from the ICMI24 conference on YouTube. You can find them by going to YouTube and searching on "ICMI24". All of them are good. One that especially caught my ear had to do with the connection between population control and feminism, here. Enjoy!

SpectatorTV: The absurdity of Australia's 'Minister For Men's Behavior'

Matt · 22 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

YouTube video here. The recent creation of the office in Australia is discussed in all its ludicrousness.

The ongoing erosion of research and publication standards – aka fudging the figures to support the feminist narrative

Mastodon · 23 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A paper by Dr. Murray Straus addressed the issue of feminists distorting domestic violence data. He identified the seven primary methods they used as being:

To suppress Evidence

To avoid obtaining data inconsistent with the Patriarchal Dominance Theory

To cite only studies that show Male Perpetration

To conclude that results support Feminist beliefs when they do not

To create “evidence” by citation

To obstruct publication of articles and obstruct funding research that might contradict the idea that male dominance is the cause of PV (see this post)

To harass, threaten, and penalize researchers who produce evidence that contradicts feminist beliefs'

I was fired from IBM because I'm a white man - how diversity targets ruined my career

Mastodon · 23 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The way Randall Dill tells it, he was a 'model employee' for IBM, nurturing relationships with the Pentagon and other big spenders.

Then came the diversity targets, and the Michigander was kicked out of the computing giant so it could hire more women and minorities, he says.

Worse still — says a lawsuit filed with a Michigan US District Court on Wednesday — Dill's bosses didn't tell him straight why he was being axed.

Instead, they said he wasn't bringing in enough business — even though that was never his job, the suit says.

In reality, the papers say, the managers wanted to bump up their bonuses by culling white and Asian male staff and recruit more women and other minorities.'

Arvind Krishna leaked video: IBM Chief in soup after Internal Meeting clip goes viral

https://www.truescoopnews.com/newsdetail/arvind-krishna-leaked-video-ibm-chief-soup-internal-meeting-clip-goes-viral-watch

'A battle of billionaires seems to be in the making after Arvind Krishna's Internal Meeting Video was leaked on social media by a journalist. Arvind Krishna, CEO of International Business Machines, Corp (IBM), was seen addressing his executives in the leaked video and was seen confessing to pressuring executives to implement discriminatory practices in the hiring process. After Arvind Krishna Video Leak came to the fore, Tesla founder Elon Musk slammed the IBM CEO saying that what he is doing is illegal.'

A shortage of young men in the workforce could weigh on housing, Social Security, and growth for years to come

Matt · 23 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's a trend experts say will drag on the economy and could take years to fix, mainly because men have already been dropping out of the workforce for decades.

According to Carol Graham, a senior fellow of economic studies at the Brookings Institute, the labor force participation rate of prime working-age men has been declining over the last twenty years. Today, 10% of men aged 25-54 don't have a job and aren't looking for one, more than triple the percentage recorded in 1955, when just 3% were out of the workforce, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

That amounts to around 7 million prime working-age men who aren't working — and has introduced a host of problems for the economy, leaving key industries understaffed and adding to the strain on government services and social safety nets, Graham and other experts told Business Insider.

"Some of them drop out [of college] and are just sort of forlorn and have no purpose or meaning in life. They're not very likely to be married. They're very likely to be living in their parent's basement," Graham said. "They're lonely, they're isolated."

The economic burden can also compound through generations, she added, given that men who have exited the workforce tend to be lower-income and are more likely to report mental and physical health problems, which impact their children's ability to build wealth.'

Misandry and women

Matt · 23 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Good vid on how one woman overcame her misandry. Share it with your local feminist!

A Court-Ordered Therapy That Separates Kids From a Parent They Love Stirs a Backlash

Matt · 25 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I can see the kids' POV in this one case. A father with mood/temper problems is scary and may well be an unfit parent. Plus the approach taken seems excessive: separating the CP (ie, the mother) from the kids entirely. All in all, it's just sad. Excerpt:

'The treatment the Nielsens underwent is part of an industry of intensive “reunification therapy” that has sprung up during the past decade and is ordered by family courts to settle custody fights. Services like Building Family Bridges, where the Nielsens were forced to go, use videos and exercises to try to break a child’s pattern of rejecting a parent. The child is then ordered to live with that parent for an extended period and barred from having contact with the other parent. A battle has erupted over the approach in courtrooms and statehouses across the country.

After Tori told her story at a hearing with Arizona lawmakers earlier this year, the Republican-led legislature passed a measure prohibiting courts from ordering any reunification treatment that cuts off a child from the parent they prefer unless both parents agree. It was signed by Democratic Gov. Katie Hobbs in April.'

UK: Woman gets only 4 years for sex with boys

Matt · 26 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Flip the sexes; a man would get 10-20 years for the same crime. Excerpt:

'A woman who had an "obsession for sex with young boys" has been sentenced to prison after engaging in sexual activities with two 13-year-old boys in her son's bedroom.

Natalie Harris was handed a four-year jail term after confessing to four counts of engaging in sexual activity with a child. She broke down in tears as she received her sentence for the incidents that happened in Waterlooville in November 2022.

Initially, the boys denied any involvement until one of them confided in their mother and revealed that he had filmed the incident. The mother of one of the boys told Portsmouth Crown Court that Harris had "taken away his childhood".'

Should parents of boys set aside the topic of toxic masculinity? This author thinks so

Mastodon · 27 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As a feminist, Whippman said she found the #MeToo movement energizing and validating. "It was like, finally, women had a voice. We were allowed to call out this kind of bad behaviour that we all knew about and we were all aware of, but … we didn't have the social permission or the vocabulary to call it out."

"But I think as a mother of boys, I just felt very conflicted and defensive," she said. "It was like, everyone's talking about this gender as if they're the enemy and they're harmful and they're terrible. But these are my children they're talking about."

That got her wondering, she said, if instead of striving to define positive versus toxic masculinity, parents should focus on simply raising good people — regardless of gender.'

Amy Hamm: Women-only plane seats a shameful attack on men

Mastodon · 27 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine you didn't have to sit next to anyone you don't want to on an airplane. Would you choose babies — those wailing little things — people who hog both armrests, or snore, or perhaps the poorly socialized who, profoundly lacking in self-awareness, see their plane neighbour as a hostage they can hold a one-sided conversation with for five hours? All of the above? How about men? Any man. All men. Would you avoid them?

One of India's largest airlines, IndiGo, is now offering the latter option — women can pre-select their seats beside other women only. When choosing a seat, female passengers see available spots colour-coded in blue or pink — an option not viewable by male travellers. Western feminists have floated, in the past, a similar idea to mandate pink airplane seats, both to deal with "manspreading" and as a response to #MeToo. IndiGo's CEO, Pieter Elbers, said the company has yet to analyze data on how the change has affected sales or customer satisfaction since it was introduced as a trial in May, but claimed that social media feedback has been positive. Men are OK with this insulting initiative? Really?

It smacks of Western liberal feminism, the same divisive, riddled-with-contradiction movement that lauds pornography and prostitution and burka-wearing — such empowering choices for women! — and declares that all women are to be believed at all times, while men, well, they're just patriarchal trash (unless they identify as women). Why would anyone want to sit next to a hulking pile of trash on an airplane if they didn't have to? Maybe those icky men should get in the cockpit where they belong!'

Punish the men who pay for sex, rather than the women lured into that life

Mastodon · 27 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminist and advocacy organisations, such as UK Feminista and Cease, are putting this question to the Labour government, with its breathtakingly ambitious target of halving violence against women and girls. Does the government see the vulnerable women harmed by male sex buyers – one nine-country study found almost seven in 10 prostituted women were suffering from PTSD – as worthy as other female victims? There are encouraging signs; two home office ministers, Diana Johnson and Jess Phillips, are former officers of the APPG (all-party parliamentary group) on commercial sexual exploitation, which has recommended that prostitution should be recognised as a form of violence against women and that the buying of sex or profiting from the prostitution of another person should be criminalised. Phillips last month pledged the government would look at all levers to reduce the demand for commercial sexual services to protect women from exploitation.'

Kamala’s Team Considering Reporter’s Race And Gender For Her 1st Major Interview

Mastodon · 27 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One thing that seems to be factored into the decision is race and gender, POLITICO reported.

“Almost everyone we talked to said Harris will consider race and gender in making her choice, and that she would be keen to sit down with a Black and/or female reporter, though nobody believes that’s a requirement,” the outlet said.

When President Joe Biden was looking for a running mate in 2020, he said he wanted to choose a black woman, ultimately deciding on Harris. Harris may now be employing a similar vetting process when deciding who she will speak to for an interview.'

For men only? Lack of women winners for million-euro science prize draws protests

Mastodon · 30 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At a June ceremony in the scenic Swiss village of Villars, three scientists each collected a huge new prize: 1 million Swiss francs ($1.1 million) to invest in their research to safeguard the planet against various environmental tipping points. The prizes were courtesy of the Frontiers Research Foundation (FRF), the nonprofit parent of the big open-access publisher.

Younger women scientists who co-authored winning papers accompanied their colleagues onto the stage, smiling uncomfortably: All the winners of this year's Frontiers Planet Prize (FPP), with a cash award bigger than the Nobel Prize, were men, just as they were last year.

...

"I grew frustrated during the ceremony when one award after another went to a man," says Gabriela Schaepman-Strub, an earth systems scientist at the University of Zürich and a 2024 finalist. Within days, Schaepman-Strub spearheaded a letter to FPP Director Jean-Claude Burgelman and other higher-ups at FRF. It was signed by five of this year's seven women finalists. "The situation experienced last week was a real setback for gender equality and diversity," they wrote. "Providing only male colleagues with a substantial grant cements the gender inequality that many universities are fighting against."'

IW jury awards $1.85M in defamation lawsuit over false rape accusation

Mastodon · 30 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Isle of Wight County jury, on Aug. 29, found that a Smithfield woman falsely accused her ex-fiance of rape, and ordered that she pay him $1.85 million in damages.

Virginia Beach lawyer Roger Hinde, 64, alleged in a 2022 lawsuit against 62-year-old Ana Meyers, also spelled “Myers” in other court documents, that the two met in August 2021 via the online dating website match.com and became engaged later that year.

Hinde’s lawsuit accused Meyers of “malicious prosecution” and “defamation and slander” for having gone to a magistrate days after the couple split up in May 2022 and taken out four felony warrants accusing Hinde of rape and three counts of sexual battery.'

SF Performing an Audit of City’s 98 Statues to Determine If Any Should Be Removed for Being Racist or Sexist

Mastodon · 30 August 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

An outside firm has been hired to perform an audit of the 98 statues and monuments in SF, and recommend which ones should be removed or altered if they "no longer represent the values that we say the city stands for.”
...
And now the Chronicle reports that the City of San Francisco has commissioned an audit to determine whether any SF statues should be removed, or maybe just given disclaimers or content warnings.
...

“These monuments no longer represent the values that we say the city stands for,” SF Arts Commission senior project manager Angela Carrier said at a meeting last week, per the Chronicle, saying that SF's overall collection of 98 statues and monuments shows “a concentration that talks about power, privilege, white supremacy, patriarchy, and colonialism.”
...
But it is well-known that SF has very few statues of women. We did recently add that statue of a woman in jogging gear at the Embarcadero, and there is a giant Burning Man statue of a nude woman likely coming to Union Square in June. But those are both temporary installations, and will not be considered in this audit.'

Meet the incels and anti-feminists of Asia

Matt · 1 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'KIM WOO-SeoK, a 31-year-old chef in Seoul, grew up questioning the way society treats women. He felt sorry for his stay-at-home mother. He considered himself a feminist. But over the past few years, his opinions have shifted. When he came across women activists online, he was shocked to see some of them were making demeaning comments about men, including making fun of small penises. “I felt like my masculinity was under attack,” says Mr Kim. He believes that, since the 2010s, Korean society has become more discriminatory against men than women. Although he has a girlfriend, many of those who share his beliefs in the region do not.

In advanced countries the gap between the sexes has widened, with young men tending to be more conservative and young women tending to be more liberal. The trend is particularly striking in East Asia. Men are not adapting well to a society where women are better educated, compete with them for jobs and do not want to have babies with them. According to one survey in 2021, 79% of South Korean men in their 20s believe they are victims of “reverse discrimination”. In neighbouring Japan, a survey the same year found that 43% of men aged 18 to 30 “hate feminism”.'

The State of Working Class Men

Matt · 1 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Working class men in America need help. While the shift to a knowledge-based economy has blessed the more highly educated with strong and rising wages, working class men face dwindling job prospects, stagnant wages, and declining health. These challenges have been intensifying for decades but have now reached a point of crisis.

This report outlines the current state of America's working class men and describes recent trends in the key areas of employment, earnings, health, and family.'

Sentencing Disparity - Who Has it Worse? Men or Women?

Matt · 1 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We have heard about the sentencing disparity between Blacks and Whites with Blacks getting longer sentences for the same crime. But have you ever heard of a sentencing disparity based on sex? This video has a look at the ground breaking research of Sonja Starr, from the University of Chicago. She outlines a shocking series of discriminations faced by men.

The study: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2144002

There was a Michigan Law article on the study four years ago but it seems to have been taken down.'

Humor: Men Never Change

Matt · 2 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

This Facebook vid is very funny and spot on. The three-time divorcee gets the nature of the sexes *cold* and regales the audience with truths. Enjoy!

Red Pill a Hate Movement?

Matt · 3 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As hard as feminists try to make the red pill movement about hating women they fail to do this at every turn. Why? Because the red pill is not about hate, it is about men waking up to their value as human beings. The default state for men in our culture is what is known as the blue pill attitude. What does this say? It says that a man's value is based on how well he accomplishes things, how much money he accumulates, how much education he gets, and on and on. It is based on winners and losers in the status game. What is the status game about? It's about getting the girl.'

How could the EU’s €140bn budget better help women’s rights?

Mastodon · 3 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The EU’s budget is worth around €140 billion per year – and top officials are saying it needs to better focus on promoting gender equality in an upcoming overhaul.

Far from being gender-neutral, public spending can perpetuate, reduce or increase existing inequalities between men and women, Euronews was told.

"Gender budgeting, as it's known, aims to promote equitable spending so that taxpayers' money can identify and remove barriers that negatively affect women and girls in the EU.

The EU budget – which invests significant funds in agriculture, infrastructure and science – is due to be overhauled starting in June next year, and plans for the next seven years seem likely to strengthen gender mainstreaming, a European Commission spokesperson told Euronews.'

Push for gender equality stalls as men dominate nominations for EU commission

Mastodon · 3 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'With Friday's deadline approaching for European Union members to offer nominees for von der Leyen's 26-person team, 16 of the 21 names known so far are men.

After her re-election in July, the European Commission president had asked states specifically to give her a choice of one male and one female candidate.

Not a single country has done so. As it stands, as few as six women may hold posts in the next EU executive, including von der Leyen herself and the nominee for foreign policy chief, Estonia's outgoing prime minister Kaja Kallas.

The European Women's Lobby, an umbrella group working toward gender equality in the bloc, said the situation was indicative of an "old boys' club" mindset, calling it "beyond embarrassing".

"If member states truly believe only men are fit for these roles or that there are no qualified women in their countries, they're not just out of touch – they're delusional," the group's spokesperson Mirta Baselovic told French news agency AFP.'

"We need men" reel

Matt · 4 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Nice seeing this reel on Facebook, for a change.

Israel’s Ultra-Orthodox Jews Are at a Crossroads as Military-Draft Orders Arrive

Matt · 5 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Israel’s ultra-Orthodox Jews, or Haredim as they prefer to be called, are at a critical juncture. So is the Israeli military, which, after a June Supreme Court ruling, is now aiming to draft some 3,000 Haredi men who had previously been exempted if they studied Jewish holy texts in religious seminaries full-time.

Despite the interest shown by young men like Wais, most Haredi leaders fear the military is a melting pot that will pull ultra-Orthodox men into mainstream Israeli culture. The military might soon have to decide how to handle large-scale draft dodging at a time when its struggle for additional manpower has been exacerbated by the nearly yearlong war in Gaza.'

Boys Under Siege

Matt · 6 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys are under attack in schools.

How are they under attack? Well, they learn that:

1. Their sex has caused the world's problems,
2. That Men are privileged.
3. That men are toxic and have oppressed women.
4. That Men just need to step aside and let women run things, then things would be better.
5. They learn that Boys are inherently inferior and simply need to try to be more like the girls.'

Virginia women’s college institutes new policy to keep college for women only, barring men

Mastodon · 6 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A private women’s college in Virginia announced that it would no longer allow males to join beginning in the Fall 2025 semester.

Sweet Briar College’s Chair of the Board of Director Mason B. Rummel and its President Mary Pope M. Hutson announced the change in an email to the community this August. The college leaders explained the policy changes as a result of the will of the school founder, Indiana Fletcher Williams.

More specifically, Williams’s will mandated that Sweet Briar would be an institution for “girls and young women,” something that the college’s leadership notes “must be interpreted as it was understood at the time the Will was written”--meaning that men who “identify” as women could not be accepted into the women’s college.'

UConn ‘Women in leadership’ program open to men, school says

Mastodon · 6 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new University of Connecticut “Women in leadership” initiative is open to men as well, the school said recently.

The public university in Storrs made a slight edit to its news release about the program the same day The College Fix reached out to the media relations team and general counsel’s office.

“UConn Trustee Creates Breakthrough Women’s Leadership Initiative,” the news release announced. “Gift catalyzes support for women in engineering leadership roles long overlooked.”'

Studies suggest men are happier if they never get married

Matt · 7 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Interesting YT video from Better Bachelor here. Three years old but still on mark. He discusses a lot of good points.

Former chief of staff sues California State Sen. Alvarado-Gil for sexual harassment, discrimination

Matt · 8 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is one to watch. #believeallmen. Excerpt:

'California State Sen. Marie Alvarado-Gil is facing a civil lawsuit filed by her ex-chief of staff who alleges the senator forced him to do sexual favors while she was his boss and he suffered a back injury because of it.
...
Her former chief of staff, Chad Condit, filed the civil lawsuit in Sacramento Superior Court on Thursday. The lawsuit includes allegations of sexual harassment, discrimination, retaliation and violations of other state labor laws. Condit portrayed Alvardo-Gil as an erratic, controlling, sexually abusive authority figure. "This was a sex-based quid pro quo relationship of unwelcome advances and sexual behaviors coupled with punishment and flexing of power," Condit alleged.

Condit worked for Alvarado-Gil first on her campaign when she ran as a Democrat for Senate District 4 in 2022. He became her chief of staff when she got elected and he was fired in December 2023.'

Jerry Nadler promises higher taxes for ‘rich white men’ if Democrats take Congress

Mastodon · 11 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Jerry Nadler promised this week that rich white men will “certainly” be hit with higher taxes should Democrats retake Congress.

The longtime New York lawmaker made the apparently serious vow to comedian Lionel McGloin, who posed as a fluttering social media influencer on the floor of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, where he was credentialed as a reporter by The Free Press.

“Can we please this year — It’d be so brat — have a higher tax rate for rich white men?” McGloin asked a seated Nadler during an interview posted to YouTube Friday.

“Well, if you have a Democratic Congress, we certainly will,” Nadler said.

McGloin responded enthusiastically, “Yeah, baby, tax those rich old whities!”'

Misogyny vs misandry

Mastodon · 11 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm sure that you've heard women say, "I hate it that I love him so much for he's really horrible." To step it up a notch though, there are people who really hate the opposite sex.

In a man's case it's called misogyny, where the man actually hates women like poison, and all that they stand for. That term has been bandied about for centuries and is very well known.

What we hardly hear about though is misandry wherein women hate men — which is ironic — for real or imagined, the perception is that more women hate men than the other way around, or so it would seem. This is based on the constant uttering from women who dedicate their lives to cussing men, calling them worthless, deadbeat, irresponsible, mean, and other names not fit for airplay.

"Man, all my wife do is cuss me every day, morning noon and night."

Some women spend their entire waking hours cussing men, either to their face or to their relatives and friends. If you do your own research you'll have to admit that more women go around complaining and cussing men than the other way around. Of course, they'll say that it's justified, seeing as how many men fit the bill and deserve it. All men are dogs, remember? I wrote that now infamous column years ago with that title, and oh how the women loved it.

But apart from that, just like how there are misogynists, there are also misandrists — women who genuinely hate men for reasons that sometimes even they are not aware of.

Who is worse, the misogynist or the misandrist? And who will fare better in this topsy-turvy world of male/female conflict? Misogyny versus misandry, we'll find out more, right after these comments about what I had to say about 'Coping mechanisms'.'

Humor, discussed: Comedian Bill Burr on Women

Matt · 11 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

YouTube video here. Feminists hate him because he speaks "truth to power". "Far From Eden" covers him.

Humor: SNL classic from 1977

Matt · 12 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Dan Akroyd and Jane Curtain in one of the more memorable Point-Counterpoint exchanges here. Colorful language, very politically incorrect. Enjoy!

UConn ‘first-year women’ program faces federal complaint

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Connecticut faces a federal civil rights complaint for an “innovators” program that is only open to females.

The public university in Storrs operates a “First-Year Women Werth Innovators cohort” which includes money, networking, and mentoring opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs. While men can apply for similar programs as sophomores and juniors, there is no equivalent for freshmen males.

Civil rights activist Mark Perry shared with The College Fix a copy of the recent complaint he filed with the Department of Education. He says the program “illegally excludes and discriminates against non-female, first-year students based on their sex and gender identity.”

He cites several examples of how the program’s language is only directed at women.'

Bettina Arndt's report from Australia

Matt · 15 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

YouTube video here. Bettina reports on the misuse and abuse of various anti-male laws in Australia.

Australia: Julia Gillard urges Labor to retain 50% female target, warning women still at risk of being dragged back

Mastodon · 16 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Julia Gillard is urging the Labor party to never remove its 50% female target for parliamentary candidates despite surpassing it federally, warning there are forces – especially in the “toxic sewer” of social media – which can still drag women back.

...

She said having women as 52.4% of Labor’s parliamentary caucus will naturally make it easier for a woman to rise into leadership. It also helped that people generally – and the media in particular – were more conscious now of how women are treated in politics.'

Are gender quotas in schools sabotaging success for girls? Bulgaria’s controversial policy puts boys ahead

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Bulgaria’s education system has been shaped by gender quotas since the 1960s, aiming for a 50/50 gender balance in classrooms. These quotas were initially created to encourage girls to enter traditionally male-dominated fields, such as science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM). However, our findings suggest that these policies might be doing more harm than good, especially for female students during the high school admissions process.

Despite their original intent, these quotas can sometimes force admissions officers to favour boys—even if they have lower academic scores—to meet the desired gender balance. This has led to situations where girls, who make up 56 per cent of the student population, struggle to get into their preferred schools.

A system disadvantaging high-performing girls
Our research reveals that these quotas are making it increasingly difficult for some girls to secure spots in top high schools. The competition has intensified as more girls than boys are vying for these positions. While the quotas aim to balance gender representation, in practice, they can result in boys with lower grades being admitted over girls with higher scores.

The issue is particularly evident in high schools that focus on fields like languages and literature—areas where female students have traditionally been dominant. Here, academically strong girls may find themselves at a disadvantage simply because the quota favours boys, regardless of their performance.'

England’s national parks overseen by ‘bloated’, mostly white male boards

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The boards that oversee England’s national parks are bloated, dominated by men and are severely lacking in diversity, a Guardian analysis has found. The analysis also found that farmers outnumber conservation experts by two to one, nature is rarely on the agenda at board meetings and only one national park can account for the ownership of all the land it covers.

Campaigners said a major overhaul of how national parks were governed was “fundamental” to the recovery of nature in the parks and to serving the public, for whom they were set up.'

Australia: Why golf club member was banned for dressing up as a woman - sparking sexism storm

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A sexism row has erupted at one of Australia's most prestigious gold clubs after a male player was suspended for dressing up as a woman in protest against a cheaper deal for females.

A male member of Victoria's 13th Beach Golf Links, which hosts the Victorian Open, presented at the golf course's reception desk in a dress and a wig, telling staff he now identified as a woman.

The player and an individual who filmed the video of him approaching the desk, both aged in their 70s, plus another member, have all been suspended by the club.

According to the Herald Sun, a petition among club members is now circulating whereby they are calling for the removal of Grant Phelps, the club's chairman, 'primarily over this issue'.

Explaining the reason for the suspension, general manager Rob Hurley said the trio allegedly breached club policies 'in that they treated staff with disrespect, filmed them without their consent, and then published that video on a messaging service.

'The suspension did not relate to the chosen attire of the members,' he said.'

Grieving Corey Comperatore and Honoring Healthy Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The world is mourning the tragic death of Corey Comperatore, a volunteer fireman and family man who was gunned down at former President Trump's campaign rally on Saturday in Pennsylvania.

A bullet intended for the 45th president struck the head of Comperatore, who had thrown himself over his wife and daughters, acting as a literal human shield.

Calling him a "real-life superhero," one of the heartbroken daughters, Allyson Comperatore, remembered her father as "the best dad a girl could ask for."

"He threw my mom and I to the ground," she wrote on social media. "He shielded my body from the bullet that came at us. He loved his family. He truly loved us enough to take a real bullet for us. And I want nothing more than to cry on him and tell him thank you. I want nothing more than to wake up and for this to not be reality for me and my family."

The family is rightly taking solace in the fact their husband and father died a hero, his last selfless act being the one to shield them from the fate that took his own life.

Much has been said in recent years about so-called toxic or traditional masculinity, the idea that men are uniquely gifted and equipped to protect and lead. Radicals believe that manhood's distinctiveness is an unhealthy thing, that whatever men can do, women can and should do also.

It's one of the many lies tossed about, ignoring and denying how God uniquely created the two sexes to complement one another.

Healthy masculinity, which was on full display on that Pennsylvania farm on Saturday, stabilizes the family and serves the greater good of the community. It sacrifices convenience and prioritizes others' needs over one's own.'

Why Women Only Make Up One-Third of Tech Industries

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of women working in STEM has grown by 31% since 2011; however, only about 30 percent of the tech sector comprises women. This begs the question: Why is there so little representation?

From the early stages of their education, women are frequently given fewer chances in STEM fields than men. Societal influences impact this discrepancy, as stereotypes, although disproved, suggest that boys excel in math and science and continue to persist in educational institutions and households. A recent study by UNESCO revealed that women represent over 30 percent of the global STEM workforce — a striking disparity highlighting the limited opportunities accessible to them in these fields.

In many tech companies, we also face the issue of workplace culture being labeled as “bro culture,” underscoring the exclusion of women in office settings that often leave them feeling undervalued and isolated. As these workplace cultures perpetuate, women leave traditional corporate tech roles to blaze their own trail, creating a corporate brain drain and the loss of diverse voices in traditional corporate industries due to the constant pressure to “prove” themselves and confront various forms of discrimination.'

Smirking Woman Accused of Stabbing Ohio Toddler to Death Deemed Incompetent to Stand Trial

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The suspect, 32-year-old Bionca Ellis, has also been ordered to an inpatient treatment facility, News 5 Cleveland reported, citing court records.

Ellis was undergoing a 20-day evaluation when her doctor concluded “that the defendant is incompetent to stand trial, but that there is a substantial probability of restoration to competency within the statutory time frame if provided with a course of treatment,” according to Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas records.

Ellis is indicted on seven charges, including aggravated murder and felonious assault. While incompetent status “does not affect her charges; it pertains to her mental state now, not during the crime,” the report states.

“So assuming at some point, the defendant is competent to stand trial and then at that trial, the defendant could try to present evidence that at the time of the offense, they were suffering from a severe mental illness. And because of that severe mental illness, they did not understand the wrongfulness of their conduct,” Witmer-Rich said.'

New Docs Shed Light On Air Force's 'Goal' To Reduce 'White Male Population' Joining Officer Ranks

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Air Force finally handed over a trove of documents pertaining to its sweeping "goal" of reducing the number of white male applicants in a popular officer program after spending months stonewalling requests for their release.

Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman C.Q. Brown — at the time the highest-ranking member of the Air Force — issued a memorandum in 2022 that the branch was updating its racial and gender demographic goals for applicants seeking to become officers, in a bid to prioritize "diversity and inclusion." Internal documents obtained by the Daily Caller News Foundation include a slideshow from 2022 where the Air Force outlines racial and gender quotas and details how it hopes to "achieve" a reduced number of white males in its Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) officer's applicant program.'

Paternity fraud may trigger suicidal thoughts, depression in children—Experts

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mental health professionals have raised concerns over the psychological and emotional impact that paternity fraud could have on children's well-being.

The physicians warned that paternity fraud could lead to suicidal ideation and emotional distress among affected young people.

Speaking exclusively with PUNCH Healthwise, the experts noted that the emotional fallout from learning about a non-biological parentage could be profound on children, especially when not properly communicated.

According to them, in some cases, paternity revelations could lead to a crisis of identity, which in extreme cases, manifests as suicidal thoughts or severe emotional turmoil.

In recent years, Nigeria has witnessed a disturbing trend of paternity fraud, where children are discovered not to belong to their supposed fathers.'

Whatifalthist on the modern Left, feminism, etc.

Matt · 19 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

YT's Whatifalthist ruthlessly deconstructs modern western Leftism as well as a couple other -isms thrown in. Well worth the listen, here.

Martin Seager on Men's and Boys' Mental Health and Shifting the Conversation

mens_issues · 20 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

An interesting conversation on Honey Badger Radio here.

Do We Care When It's Men?

Matt · 20 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

An original essay by reader Mark L.:

Do We Care When It's Men?

Recently I have been listening to podcasts in my car. One of these podcasts is "History on Trial." On this show the host, Mira Hayward, presents the stories of "famous legal battles from American history." The stories often focus on some injustice that was either caused, remedied, or both by the American legal system.

Episode 16 was titled "The American Plan: Rock v. Carney (1920)." (1) "The American Plan" as we learn in the podcast was the common name for the collection of laws and policies that the Federal and state governments adopted around the time of World War I. The purpose of the American Plan was to fight sexually transmitted infections (STI's). These laws were deemed necessary because a significant number of US soldiers serving in the war were testing positive for STI's such as syphilis and gonorrhea.

"History on Trial" explains:

"To combat the problem, the government attempted to reduce sex work around military camps.

"In May 1917, Senator Wesley Livsey Jones introduced an amendment to the Selective Service Act– the act that invoked the draft– called Section 13. Section 13 empowered the Secretary of War to quote, 'do everything by him deemed necessary to suppress and prevent the keeping or setting up of houses of ill fame, brothels, or bawdy-houses within such distance as he may deem needful of any military camp.'" (2)

The rest of the episode explains how this alleged concern for public health in wartime morphed into policies that allowed civilians, mostly women, to be investigated, detained, forced to undergo medical examinations and even held in jails masquerading as "detention hospitals", all without due process of law. These policies were horrific, and as described in the podcast the reasoning behind them was sexist. Nothing I'm going to say in this article is meant to deny that in any way.

And yet, as I listened to the show, I sensed a certain incongruity. I think it started when the host casually mentioned the Selective Service Act and the routine testing of soldiers for STI's. How odd, I thought, that in a show about the forced testing and detention of women for STI's, the routine testing of millions of American male soldiers, over half of whom were draftees and thus also "involuntarily detained", was considered so unremarkable it passed without further comment. (3)

Whenever someone points out how differently we view things like forced detention and forced medical treatment, depending on the sexes involved, rationalizations soon follow. Of course, only men were drafted back then, we have been told, because only men were needed in large numbers to prosecute the war. That may have been true back in 1917, though even then there were many jobs women could do to "free a man to fight." But consider what happened during the next "war to end all wars." In 1945, the shortage of Army nurses was so acute that President Roosevelt proposed drafting female nurses. A bill to draft nurses was approved by the House but stalled in the Senate. Eventually, various factors, including a massive recruiting effort and the end of the war in Europe, made drafting female nurses unnecessary. Historynet.com describes the reaction in the Senate this way:

"Senators breathed a sigh of relief. Elbert D. Thomas of Utah called the withdrawal of the conscription bill 'the most satisfactory disposition of the difficult problem.' He was thankful that '[t]he most extreme emergency measure of the war has solved itself.'" (4)

Just think about that for a moment. The most extreme emergency measure of the war wasn't rationing food and other necessities. It wasn't the odious internment of thousands of Japanese Americans. It was the prospect of drafting enough women to make up a shortage of 8,000 nurses. With attitudes such as that, it is no wonder that

despite severe shortages of medical professionals in later conflicts, no female nurses or doctors were ever drafted into service. (5)

Nor were women required to register for the draft when President Carter reinstated draft registration in 1980. The Supreme Court upheld the legality of male-only draft registration in 1981 because, as Justice William Rehnquist wrote, “[t]he purpose of registration was to prepare for a draft of combat troops”. (6) This ignored the fact that in the recently ended Viet Nam war, only about ½ the men served in positions that could be described as combat troops. (7) With the removal of all restrictions on women serving in combat units in 2015, this last of the excuses for male-only draft registration was removed. Yet the opposition to drafting women persists. If our lawsuit against male-only registration accomplished nothing else, by bringing this issue to the forefront, it forced the defenders of the system to admit what we have known all along: That their support of all-male draft was always about giving greater protection to women solely because of their sex. Here is a typical quote about the issue, this one from Senator Josh Hawley:

“It’s one thing to allow American women to choose this service, but it’s quite another to force it upon our daughters, sisters, and wives. Missourians feel strongly that compelling women to fight our wars is wrong and so do I.” (8)

At this point, I can almost hear my readers shouting at their computers something like “but it’s not just about being sent somewhere or forced to do something based on your sex. These women were forced to undergo intrusive and humiliating examinations for STI’s, often for no good reason.” A fair point, hypothetical reader. That is a truly awful experience, as I have already stated.

And yet, can we at least look at what examinations the men were forced to undergo? I don’t know what sort of examinations the men underwent when they were inducted into the military in World War I. I hope it was a professional medical exam. But I do know something about the routine inspections for STI’s to which soldiers were subjected while serving. These were known as “short arm inspections”, a term which dates to at least World War I. Every man in the unit was required to submit to the inspection, whether he was sexually active or not. Here is a secondhand account of such an inspection during World War II, as told to writer Mark Conley by his father.:

“The inspection consisted of a mass line up of all the males of the group (platoon, company etc.), usually at two-week intervals, (usually in conjunction within the times of incubation after a visit to towns or areas where the ole houses of ill repute were. To ensure they got everyone at the same time, the inspections were called in the early morning hours, say about 3 or 4 in the morning, when most people were asleep in their beds. Further reasoning for this was a half sleepy person wasn’t as resistant as they would if the person was wide awake in the daylight hours. It was also reasoned by the higher authorities that if the inspection occurred at this hour, it lowered the chances for an accidental erection, and a possible manly disgrace to occur. A uniform, consisting of only the wear of boots, overcoat and helmet liner, was proscribed for conformity and ease in the inspection. Procedures were written and regulations issued, delegating this task to the unit’s medical officer or assistant.

“The men were formed into ranks, and given the command to go to attention. The doctor or his designee would then proceed down the lines to perform the inspection.

“The doctor had a proscribed regime of spoken orders to the now shivering inspected. On the order to ‘present’, the man was to undo his great coat and allow the man to inspect him for sores or other outward signs of infection. On the order to ‘Strip it down’ each man was to grasp the base of his ***** and using a stripping motion, run the hand to its tip. This was to see if anything foreign, such as drainage from an unseen infection were to be found in the urethra. If nothing was found, the man was told to 'recover’ and so he tucked himself back into his greatcoat and returned to the position of attention.” (9)

So, what happened to the men who contracted an STI? Often that depended on whether they had submitted to medical prophylaxis, a series of measures taken after potential exposure that were intended to prevent infection. A man returning from leave who may have been exposed was expected to present himself to the infirmary immediately on his return. Time was of the essence because the measures were known to be ineffective at more

than eight hours after exposure. For this reason, the Army discouraged commanders from allowing leaves of longer than 24 hours. Some commanders prohibited leaves entirely just to prevent STI's. (10)

At the infirmary medical personnel could carry out a procedure such as the following on the man's genitals:

"First, there is scrubbing with soap and water; then washing with mercuric chlorid solution of the dilution of 1:2000 ; a thorough rubbing with 33 per cent, calomel ointment ; and an injection of 2 per cent, protargol or some of the other trade products of silver albuminate, which are just as effective." (11)

Sometimes men bought prophylaxis kits to use on themselves. Supposedly, men who were "among the class which would avail themselves of [a prophylaxis kit]" would know where to obtain one. However, this personal prophylaxis was not sufficient for the Army, since men could not be trusted to wash themselves thoroughly enough. The treatment had to be "given under the eye of an experienced attendant." (12) Presumably that attendant could be either male or female, since women often served as medical personnel at that time. (13)

If a man promptly submitted himself for prophylaxis and still contracted an STI, "he is not punished beyond losing his pay while the disease disables him for duty." As if not being paid for a few days or weeks was no big deal. But if he did not submit to prophylactic treatment and contracted an STI, "he is court-martialed for disobedience of orders and, if convicted, is punished." (11) Another punishment that was used in the British Army, and possibly others, was to notify the next of kin of the infection. The British discontinued this practice after an officer committed suicide after finding out his wife had been thus notified.

As Braeden Suggit points out, "[t]reatment for VD was a punishment in its own right. Special hospitals for VD patients were set up and often regarded as deterrent. Patients would be treated with Salvarsan and mercury which offered uncomfortable and sometimes serious side effects such as jaundice and convulsions. Other treatments included irrigation, which was painful and undignified resulting in many men to opt for chemical treatment instead. These long and uncomfortable stays in VD hospitals often averaged between 50 and 60 days, with the majority of patients recovering and returning to the front." (14)

Using treatments as punishment for STI in the Armed Forces likely continues to this day. When I was in the Marines (in the 1980's), a Navy Corpsman described how they would treat Marines seeking treatment for a particular infection. If it was the patient's first visit, he would receive an injection and be told what to do to prevent it in the future. On a second visit, he would get the injection and a stern talking to. On the third visit, the Corpsman would retrieve a vial that was kept in the coldest part of the fridge just for this purpose. He would fill the syringe with the thick serum, then bounce the syringe needle first off of a metal table. This gave the needle a significant bend at the end. When the needle was pulled out after the injection, the men would scream as it brought a lump of tissue with it. According to the Corpsman, they never had a man return for Round 4.

Of course, the Corpsman who told me the story thought it was immensely funny. In fact, many of the things in this essay have been presented as humorous in books, movies and TV shows. But we only see them as humorous because men are on the receiving end. That's the point.

None of this should be taken as criticism of the "History on Trial" podcast or its host. She was telling a different story than the one I was telling here. In fairness, there was an episode that dealt with opposition to the draft, though that opposition had nothing to do with it being male only. (15) It's not like anyone is going to make a podcast about Rostker v. Goldberg or NCFM v. Selective Service System anytime soon. The idea that the law can impose a "selective burden" on men is seen as normal and unremarkable and thus not worth caring about. That too is the point.

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https://throughveteranseyes.ca/2017/09/18/venereal-disease-in-the-first-world-war/#_ftn7 We can get some idea of the horrors men faced at the front lines when we consider that some soldiers deliberately tried to get STI’s so that they would be sent to these “detention hospitals.” As bad as hospitals were, the front lines were generally far worse.
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Game Developers Conference Advisor And Video Game Consultant And Developer Marina Díez Says “F*** White Men And Gatekeepers”

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Marina Díez, an advisor for the Game Developers Conference, the owner of 3ofcups games, and the Head of Strategy for BTF Games recently declared “f*** white men and gatekeepers.”
...
She added in a subsequent post, “(Not all white men suck but you know what I mean, my loves)”'

UK: Teachers tell schoolboys that 'displaying traditional gendered roles in a family' could lead to them committing rape

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Teachers are telling schoolboys that displaying traditional gendered roles in a family could lead to them committing rape, a bombshell report has claimed.

The report from the Family Education Trust (FET) found that almost a third of schools that it surveyed use relationship and sex education classes to teach pupils about 'toxic masculinity'.

In one schools' teaching materials on the subject, children are told that while masculinity 'in and itself is not necessarily a harmful thing' certain masculine traits can be be seen as 'problematic'.

Another presents a 'pyramid of sexual violence', which suggests that certain minor behaviours such as 'displaying traditional gendered roles' may develop into other examples of 'gender-based violence' such as flashing, groping and even rape.

The FET said that such lessons are teaching pupils about a 'problematic new ideology' that presents the idea that 'boys and men possess traits that are inherently negative for society'.'

Nearly one third of all English schools teach toxic masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Nearly one third of English secondary schools and academies are teaching about toxic masculinity in mandatory Relationships or Health Education (RSHE) courses, according to a new report from the Family Education Trust.

Toxic masculinity has multiple contrasting definitions, and its use in educational settings is not uniform. But in some English schools, the most inflammatory read of the concept— that masculinity or men themselves are innately bad — is being taught to students.

For example, 4% of schools teach that young men as a category are problematic, and 5% teach that they possess traits that are inherently toxic and negative to society, the report found. Only 22% of schools teaching this content report it to parents, and at least 18% are working with outside providers in developing toxic masculinity-related curriculum.

The Trust sent 300 Freedom of Information requests to schools over the summer, and only 65% responded.'

Why society is failing men and boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Every day, we see more grown men and young boys dropping out of school, dropping out of work and choosing to drop out of society entirely. They're getting lost in distractions, chasing comfort and losing the sense of purpose that used to drive men to live with meaning and ambition.

We need to turn this around.

In 1998, I started the heavy metal ban All That Remains, and in the past 25 years, I've performed for hundreds of thousands of people worldwide. Most of them are young men. I've had countless conversations with them and often their stories are devastating.'

‘Male circumcision’ and ‘female genital mutilation’: why parents choose the procedures and the case for gender bias in medical nomenclature

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Article here. References gamma bias as a major factor. Excerpt:

'Cutting of boys’ and girls’ genitalia is a debated human rights topic. Here, the first aim was to summarise why parents choose to have these procedures performed on their children. Results from 22 survey studies on ‘male circumcision’ and 27 studies on ‘female genital mutilation’ revealed that non-medical reasons, such as tradition, are prominent in the decisions for both procedures. The second aim was to describe researchers’ use of medical words (i.e. ‘circumcision’) and non-medical words (i.e. ‘cutting’, ‘mutilation’) when referring to these procedures. Relevant phrases were searched in titles and abstracts of articles indexed in PubMed.'

Young women are starting to leave men behind

Matt · 22 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Across the developed world, girls and young women have been pulling ahead of boys and young men in education for several decades, with much larger proportions going on to attend university than their male counterparts.

This trend has generally been treated more as something to remark upon than to act on. The myriad domains in which women remain at a disadvantage to men have understandably led to efforts at achieving gender equality becoming synonymous with advancing women's opportunities and outcomes. Men have always gone on to have better labour market outcomes anyway, and if women outperform men in education, this helps narrow the overall male advantage — or so the thinking has gone.'

Canada spends over $32K for ‘intersectional feminist report’ on outer space development

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just a couple of weeks ago, the dean of social sciences at Wesleyan University voiced worries that space exploration may follow a “European Christian imperialist” pattern, and that indigenous beliefs about “celestial bodies” won’t be taken into consideration.

There’s also the “indigenous scholars” who warned merely listening for evidence of alien civilizations could be interpreted as “eavesdropping” and/or “surveillance.”

Now, the Canadian Department of National Defence thought it a prudent use of taxpayer funds to spend over $32,000 for an “intersectional feminist” perspective regarding space-related development.

Give yourself a couple pats on the back if you guessed what the report concluded.

You got it: According to the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, the report “Hidden Harms: Human (In)security in Outer Space” says “current approaches to outer space are ‘heavily Western, state-centric, militarized, masculinized, and colonial,’ and encourage practices that are ‘racist, exploitative, elitist, and environmentally destructive.’”'

How Corporate Leaders Can Counter Young Men’s Rising Anti-Feminism

Mastodon · 24 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Young men are becoming increasingly anti-feminist, according to new research. In the U.S., 45% of men ages 18-29 say they face discrimination, according to a Brookings Institute poll. The trend is similar in Europe and the UK, where young men express growing resistance to gender diversity initiatives.

Workplaces where men compete to demonstrate their masculinity often suffer from toxic cultures, low safety standards, misconduct and abusive leadership. They also exhibit more negative attitudes and behaviors towards women and LGBTQ+ individuals, studies show, which encourages harassment.

To counter these trends, corporate leaders can adopt strategies that highlight alternate models of masculinity; address men’s resentment towards gender equality policies; guard against masculinity contest cultures at work.'

Ireland: New alliance calls for gender quotas in local elections

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Women's Council (NWC) has joined with other groups in calling for a 40% gender quota for local election candidates to be introduced as a key measure to address gender inequality.

For general elections, political parties must field 40% female candidates or they will lose 50% of their annual State funding.'

Jill Biden announces $500 million government plan focusing on women's health at Clinton Global Initiative

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Article here. Excerpt:

'First lady Jill Biden on Monday unveiled a new set of actions to address health inequities faced by women in the United States, plans that include spending at least $500 million annually on women's health research.

Jill Biden made the announcement at this year's Clinton Global Initiative annual meeting in New York, moments before the organization honored President Joe Biden with the 2024 Clinton Global Citizen Award.

The additional government spending will mainly come from the Department of Defense, which provides medical care to more than 230,000 active duty military women and nearly 2 million military retirees, as well as their family members. The research will focus on why these women experience endocrine, hematological and other immunity-related disorders twice as often as men.

Another change will take effect next week, with a new policy that includes women's health at every step of the research funded by Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, which funded 751 grants last year to study Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, lupus, orthopedic and musculoskeletal injuries, and various cancers.'

The F*ck Rate is about to Implode

Matt · 24 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Our civilization is held together by a pact: mid men get pussy, everyone else gets core infrastructure.

This pact harnesses the single greatest source of psychic energy known to man: men's desire to secure the partnership, youthful attention, and children of attractive women. It comes at a cost — high status men have to give up access to pussy they'd otherwise have, mid women have to settle for mid men early instead of sharing a high status man for a bit and then otherwise remaining single / mercenarily marrying at old age, which they'd prefer … but the cost is almost certainly worth it for everyone involved. Plumbing is nice, you know.'

UK: Fewer women could be sent to prison as Justice Secretary announces reforms

Matt · 25 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Justice Secretary has announced moves to send fewer women to prison, as she warned jail time “forces” many of them into a “life of crime”.

Shabana Mahmood said a new women’s justice board will be tasked with reducing the number of women going into prison, with the “ultimate ambition” of having fewer women’s prisons.

She added a new strategy will examine early intervention to resolve cases before they go to court, “viable” community alternatives to prison and ways to address concerns over self-harm.

Ms Mahmood said a change of approach would “cut crime”, keep families together and prevent “harm” to the next generation.

There are 12 women’s prisons in England and Wales, a far lower number than the institutions used to house men, meaning they tend to be located further away from their families.'

Intact America Rolls Out DoNoHarm.report - A Free Service

DanBollinger · 28 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Press Release

Filing Medical Complaints Is Difficult; www.DoNoHarm.report Makes It Easy

Parents whose sons have suffered circumcision complications, and men who were damaged by their own circumcisions, will have a streamlined way to file complaints against the doctors and hospitals who are responsible, thanks to a first-of-its-kind online consumer complaint database, www.DoNoHarm.report The service—which is free to use—was designed by the nonprofit Intact America, which works to protect children from genital injuries and medically unnecessary circumcision, and to support men harmed by circumcision.

America’s Young Men Are Falling Even Further Behind

Matt · 29 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In Spanish, parents call it encaminado: making sure your children are on the path to an independent adulthood.

Out of Dan and Joana Moreno’s four grown children, only their daughter is encaminada. She recently graduated from business school and got engaged. The Morenos’ three adult sons are still sleeping in their Miami childhood bedrooms. The younger two dropped out of college, and the oldest never went. All three are single. Their only work experience is with the family business.

“Something has gone amiss here,” says their father, Dan, who owns the repair chain Flamingo Appliance Service. “We love them, we love having them around, but that’s not how you build a life.”

The life trajectories of America’s sons and daughters are diverging.'

Our Neglect of Men is Having Devastating Consequences on Families, on the Economy, and More

Matt · 29 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'French professor Olivier Roy recently highlighted the profound societal changes in traditional norms and structures in Western societies in recent decades. (1) In his book The Crisis of Culture, Roy argues that the deculturation of society has contributed to a crisis in which the roles and well-being of men have been increasingly neglected. This oversight has significant repercussions for families, economic stability, and even national security.

Labor Force: Many of the problems can be traced to the declining labor force participation of men. U.S. Senator Marco Rubio's landmark report, The State of the Working and Non-Working Man, highlights the alarming decline in male labor force participation in recent decades. (2)

Rubio's report reveals how the absence of men from the workforce leads to a reduction in overall economic productivity, increases in welfare dependency, and a shrinking tax base. (3) Other countries such as Italy and Israel also have reported significant drops in male workforce participation. (4)'

The new Democrat-approved masculinity: Sit down and shut up

Mastodon · 30 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is no secret that the Democratic Party has a problem with male voters. If the polls are to be believed, any hope the party has of winning the presidential election relies on appealing to women at the expense of men.

But, perhaps concerned that Vice President Kamala Harris's lack of appeal to men may prove fatal in the presidential election, the Harris campaign and the Democratic Party are out to redefine what it means to be masculine, and the newly arrived definition is effectively the male version of stay in the kitchen.

In her latest cringeworthy interview as an MSNBC commentator, former White House press secretary Jen Psaki shares the gospel of new masculinity by praising second gentleman Doug Emhoff for "reshaping the perception of masculinity" by being "a supportive spouse."

Leaving aside Emhoff's history of marital infidelity that destroyed his first marriage (hardly the image of masculine virtue), Psaki is painting the image that in this reimagined masculinity, to be a "supportive spouse," men must subordinate their own ambitions and goals to those of the women in their lives. This message of sit down and shut up is the feminist equivalent of the cliche that men want women barefoot, pregnant, and in the kitchen.

Psaki, Emhoff, and Gov. Tim Walz (D-MN), the other anointed model of Democratic masculinity, are doing nothing to address the cultural problems that plague men. Their answer is to redefine what masculinity is. This is the reimagined masculinity that Psaki extolled Emhoff for modeling: A masculinity that shuns ambition and purpose and declares the image of masculine virtue as a flannel-wearing football watcher who stays out of the way.'

Trump and Harris battle over male voters — and what masculinity looks like in 2024

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Richard Reeves, founder and president of the American Institute for Boys and Men, a nonpartisan research organization, said shifting political views among young men were the result of feeling less at home on the left than prior generations because of an unwillingness on the left to talk about problems men specifically face while at times painting them as problematic.

“That’s partly because of the kind of gender dynamics we see kind of playing out on the left,” he said. “More a sense of [political] homelessness and more a bit of detachment, a bit of retreat. It’s not a stampede over to the right.”'

Tasmania’s Supreme Court Overrules Closing of Women-Only Art Installation

Mastodon · 30 September 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today, however, acting justice Stephen Marshall of the supreme court overturned the tribunal’s order, ruling that the Ladies Lounge was not discriminatory.

The “intention was to promote equal opportunity by drawing attention to present and past societal disadvantage to women by providing them with the concept of a ‘flipped universe’,” Marshall said. “[It provides] women with a rare glimpse of what it is like to be advantaged rather than disadvantaged.”

He pointed out that the tribunal failed to consider structural discrimination related to women’s status in Australia. The case will return to the tribunal for reconsideration.

“The [Supreme Court] judge’s verdict demonstrates a simple truth: women are better than men,” Kaechele proclaimed on Instagram after hearing of the decision. “The judge sided with the arguments put forward by our all-female team.”'

NFL Players Say Media Policy Is 'Outdated,' Want Interviews Outside Of Locker Room After Nude Incidents

Matt · 5 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Needless to say, if these were female athletes, there'd be no question but that camera-wielding reporters could not be allowed in the locker rooms. Excerpt:

'On Thursday, some individual players and at least one club -- the Cincinnati Bengals -- announced they would not be doing interviews in their locker room going forward.

"As you've heard from a couple of teams now and the NFLPA is going to come out with a statement, in an effort to protect the sanctity of the locker room and the comfort of the players, each team is going to figure out a program to where we conduct our interviews outside of the locker room," said Bengals center, Ted Karras, the team's union representative.

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But what has caused the change in how players view this policy has come in recent years when electronic media captured interviews on camera, and sometimes caught players in compromising states of undress.'

For Women Only event celebrates cancer survivors, promotes local healthcare services

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For Women Only, the annual event sponsored by Orleans Community Health which raises funds for cancer services, took place Thursday night at White Birch Golf Course.
...
Condo announced the evening had grossed $6,300 to provide essential cancer services.'

Opinion: The evidence shows women make better doctors. So why do men still dominate medicine?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"When will I see the doctor?" Most female doctors have been asked this question many times. It feels like a slight — a failure to recognize the struggle it took to get to where they are, a fight that is far from over once a woman has her medical degree.

Women now make up more than half of medical students but only about 37% of practicing doctors. That is partly because the makeup of the medical workforce lags that of the student body. But it's also because persistent sexism drives higher attrition among women in medicine.
...
That's unfortunate not just for doctors but also for patients. On the whole, female doctors are more empathetic, detail-oriented and likely to follow through than their male counterparts. In other words, they are better doctors.

Admittedly, that is a generalization, but it's one worth making. I experienced it firsthand working with female colleagues, and I'm informed by that experience in addressing my own medical needs. I prefer to see female doctors.'

"Another country falls to feminism"

Matt · 6 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

YT's Better Bachelor takes on the effects of the spread of feminism on the dating scene just about anywhere you may go in the world in a video found here.

Kansas professor on leave after calling to 'shoot' men who won't vote for female president

Mastodon · 9 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A University of Kansas professor is on administrative leave after a viral clip circulating social media Wednesday showed him calling for men who refuse to vote for a female presidential candidate to be shot.

The professor in the clip appears to be addressing a lecture hall full of students. He bluntly tells the students that men who underestimate a woman's ability to lead the country should be shot, arguing "they clearly don't understand the way the world works."

"It's what frustrates me, there are going to be some males in our society that will refuse to vote for a potential female president because they don't think females are smart enough to be president," he says. "We can line all those guys up and shoot them."

The professor then adds, "Scratch that from the recording, I don't want the dean hearing that I said that."'

Lawmakers Invited to Issue Statements in Support of Men's Equality Month

Matt · 9 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'October 9, 2024– Recent news reports have identified men as the new swing voting bloc in many countries around the world (1). This fact highlights the importance of addressing the long-standing concerns of men and boys.

To raise public awareness, the International Council for Men and Boys (ICMB) is sponsoring Men's Equality Month in November. The month will feature educational events, social media efforts, and more. Men's Equality Month will complement and support Women's History Month, held every year in March.

Over 40 organizations already have made plans to participate in the November observance, with additional groups expected in the next several weeks. These groups are located around the world, making Men's Equality Month a global event: Bermuda, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, El Salvador, England, India, Kenya, Lithuania, Netherlands, Philippines, Slovenia, Trinidad, the United States, and Uruguay. (2)'

Minnesota mom admits to sexually abusing 2 teen hockey players she met in hot tub during hotel ‘staycation’

Mastodon · 9 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Minnesota mother of two admitted to sexually abusing a pair of 15-year-old hockey players whom she met in a hotel hot tub during a “staycation” with her husband and children.

Allison Schardin, 39, pleaded guilty on Friday to third-degree criminal sexual conduct after she pleaded not guilty to the disturbing allegations in May, according to reports.

Schardin, of Blaine, was at a hotel with her spouse and two children on Jan. 14 when she spotted the two teen athletes, who were traveling from Colorado with their team, and struck up a conversation with them, according to a complaint obtained by Law & Crime.

While she was with the boys in the hot tub, her husband yelled, “If you don’t come upstairs, our relationship is over,” the complaint states.

Schardin exchanged contact information with the victims and later texted one of them to see if she could come to his room after getting into a fight with her husband.

She allegedly told the boys they were young enough to be her kids, but then pressured them into sex acts with her while a third boy watched, according to the complaint.

In exchange for her guilty plea, another criminal count was dismissed and prosecutors agreed to jail time of no more than eight months, the Star Tribune reported. She must also register as a predatory sex offender.'

Why do Democrats have a masculinity problem?

Mastodon · 10 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Aside from all the ways that men play the role of American culture's scapegoat ("toxic masculinity"), mainstream American life is deeply feminine (as is much of modern American evangelicalism). The feminine gaze is the operating assumption of modern life. To partake in polite society requires adopting a feminine instinct to operate in today's mainstream. One must cater virtually every message to the whims of the most important demographic: suburban women.

Adding to the feminization of modern American life is the effeminacy, forced and unforced, of the dominant models of modern masculinity. By effeminate, I'm not referring merely to men who adopt feminine affectations in their dress or speech. I mean all the ways that elite American culture simultaneously mocks men who are unapologetic in their masculinity as simpletons and cavemen while upholding the gender-sensitive metrosexual or finely draped homosexual as the epitome of masculinity. If you want courageous masculinity profiled, you must go outside of the mainstream media to see it.'

Workshop aims to help prepare boys for manhood

Mastodon · 10 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Protégé Club, which is the organization's youth division, offers programs geared toward identifying risk factorsof young men and encouraging them to find their rightful place in society.

"This forum will give them the ability to learn how to identify and create resources and critique destructive masculinity views while journeying to become a reverent trailblazer who is associated with partners in their community," the statement continues.

Areas that the workshop will cover include man box, family values, communication, sexuality, dating violence, abstinence, and contraceptives, STIs and STDs, goal setting, decision making and the cost of fatherhood.'

CDC: Health Disparities in Suicide

Mastodon · 10 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Gender disparities not included. Excerpt:

'Suicide and suicide attempts can have lasting emotional, mental, and physical health impacts, as well as economic consequences. They can also impact people who struggle with their own risk of suicide and/or mental health challenges (called "lived experience").'

$100 million awarded in Palm Beach County's boy botched circumcision case

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A Palm Beach County jury awarded a boy $100 million in a medical malpractice case after a failed circumcision he received as a newborn by Dr. Berto Lopez of West Palm Beach.

According to the lawsuit filed by the boy's family, Dr. Lopez butchered the infant's surgical procedure on February 15, 2021, ten days after the Florida Board of Medicine revoked his medical license.

"At first, I didn't really know what was going on. I wanted to believe the doctor because he said he hit an artery, and that's why all the bleeding was happening. It was fairly quickly that we realized that he committed such a horrible injury on our son," said the Riviera Beach father, who we're not identifying to protect his son's identity.

"The damage is almost the entire head of the penis has been transected or amputated," Cohen said. "In the records it says, more than 50%."'

A mass circumcision is marketed to tourists in a remote area of Uganda. Some are angrily objecting

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Everything is changing as the population expands. People may not manage to follow the cultural processes," he said, citing the economic hardship and commercialization he said were diluting the communal aspect of Imbalu. "But we are fighting through the clan system that (Imbalu) remains intact."

But the Ugandan government's intervention has raised eyebrows among many Bamasaaba and underscored angst over the most important ceremony for this ethnic group of four million Ugandans. Some who spoke to the AP said they felt the Umukuuka, in his first year in office, was trivializing Imbalu by exposing it to outside interests.

The mass circumcisions will last until the end of 2024.

The tribal initiation of boys into adulthood has long been controversial in African countries such as South Africa, where incidents of botched, deadly circumcisions among Xhosa-speaking people have inspired campaigns for safe clinical circumcision. Among the Bamasaaba, whose cutting method is just as violent, there have been no calls to end the practice. The strongest adherents see Imbalu as more important than ever amid widespread infant circumcision in hospital settings. They say those boys who are not initiated in the tribal way risk suffering lifelong social delinquency.'

UK: School textbooks are sexist, woke scientists say - so, would you take offence to these descriptions of men and women?

Mastodon · 10 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' to 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea', woke campaigners have taken offence to many beloved books.

Now, scientists claim that even our school textbooks are sexist.

Researchers from the UK's Center for Global Development analysed the contents of 1,255 textbooks from 34 countries around the world.

They found that the textbooks mentioned women half as often as men and were far less likely to describe their careers and achievements.'

'Misogynist' schoolboys face terror unit probes despite damning report accusing Prevent, the body set up to combat Islamic extremism, of 'losing its focus'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Teenage boys face investigation by anti-terrorism officers if they make sexist remarks in the classroom, The Mail on Sunday can reveal.

The Home Office is considering plans to allow teachers to report misogynistic comments to the government's Prevent programme, which was set up to combat Islamic extremists. Even comments about a 'woman's place being in the kitchen' could be enough to spark a referral to the unit, sources said last night.

Critics say the move would dilute Prevent's work in deradicalising potential terrorists at a time of huge global tensions.

The plan – which would place sexism on a par with Islamic extremism – was discussed in high-level meetings between Home Office and Prevent experts in recent weeks. The Home Office is looking at widening the Prevent programme to combat growing misogyny among teenagers, fuelled by vile social media influencers such as Andrew Tate, but some civil servants warn the plans risk reducing the anti-radicalisation unit to becoming 'a wing of social services'.

One Prevent source said last night: 'Lots of young boys hold extreme sexist views about girls, which teachers will hear and make referrals. This will then overload the system, and Prevent will not be able to concentrate on Islamist or far-Right extremism."

Harris is wrong: The government absolutely controls men's bodies

Mastodon · 10 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Vice President Kamala Harris made an inaccurate claim on a popular podcast this week.

The Democratic presidential nominee appeared on the Call Her Daddy podcast and repeated an emphatic no when asked by host Alex Cooper if any laws exist that give the government control over a man's body.

Many people cite selective service as an example of governmental control over men's bodies. Men aged 18 to 25 must register, unlike women. If drafted, those men must fight wars they did not want to fight. Some men have been killed. Our country has living veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War who are products of the draft. We cannot say the same about women.'

Obama: Black men have ‘excuses’ for not supporting Harris

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Barack Obama is urging Black men to step up their support for Kamala Harris, a sign that her campaign is worried about what is typically a reliable demographic for Democrats.

Referencing reports that support for Harris is lagging among Black males, the former president gave what amounted to a scolding as he made an unscheduled stop at a campaign field office in Pittsburgh.

“You’re coming up with all kinds of reasons and excuses, I’ve got a problem with that,” he said. “Because part of it makes me think— and I’m speaking to men directly— part of it makes me think that, well, you just aren’t feeling the idea of having a woman as president, and you’re coming up with other alternatives and other reasons for that.”'

Democrats’ ‘New Masculinity’ Will Keep Turning Away Critical Voting Bloc

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Psaki then referred to Emhoff as a “wife guy” and then claimed some people are not comfortable with “fierce women, strong women, intelligent women.”

Like Emhoff, Walz and every other man are simply supporting characters for the female lead. The left doesn’t allow strong men who might disagree with women because it destroys female empowerment.'

Want to film in Paris? No sexism allowed

Mastodon · 13 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Filmmakers looking to shoot on the iconic streets of Paris will have to promise to fight sexism, discrimination and sexual violence on set under a regulation adopted Friday by city lawmakers.

The regulation, due to take effect on January 1, requires production companies seeking a permit to film in the French capital to sign a charter pledging to promote gender balance on set, train crews against sexism and fight gender discrimination and violence.

Companies will also have to put special measures in place to protect those involved in shooting sex scenes -- a side of the industry that has been transformed since the "Me Too" movement exploded in 2017.

The measure "extends that adopted by the National Cinema Centre, which only applies to the film industry", said deputy mayor for culture Carine Rolland.'

Curfew - is there a radical fix for violence against women?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Would a curfew for men lead to less violence against women and girls?

That's the provocative question at the heart of Curfew, the new drama series on Paramount+.

Set in a dystopian future, the show imagines a society where all men live under The Women's Safety Act and are subjected to a government-imposed curfew from 19:00 to 07:00, with their movements tracked 24/7 by ankle tags.

The goal? To drastically reduce violence against women.

However, as the series unfolds, the discovery of a murdered woman during curfew hours casts doubt on the effectiveness of the policy, raising broader questions about the limits of such measures.'

Young men’s economic prospects are shifting, along with their politics

Matt · 14 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'“This is just a huge economic fact that lies behind a lot of this sense of cultural dislocation among men, this sense of not really knowing whether you are going to be needed, or feeling like you’re failing against the standard that was set 50 years ago about the position of men and women in the labor market,” said Richard Reeves, president of the American Institute for Boys and Men, which he founded to study the unique problems males face.

Reeves said his research indicates that a sense of economic and social dislocation could also be contributing to higher suicide rates among young men and wider substance abuse.

“It’s a very, very difficult and painful transition right now between some of the cultural expectations we have about the role of men and the economic reality on the ground,” he said.'

Top Oregon official put on leave for allegedly prioritizing 'qualified' job candidates over 'gender identity'

Mastodon · 14 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A diversity, equity and inclusion expert had her former boss placed on administrative leave for reportedly prioritizing merit over personal identity when hiring new employees, according to a report.

Megan Donecker, who formerly served as the Oregon Department of Forestry's DEI strategy officer, complained about the agency's management, criticizing her boss Mike Shaw for looking "beyond gender and identity in hiring, seeking only candidates most qualified for the job," OregonLive reported.

Shaw served as the agency's second-in-command under State Forester Cal Mukumoto until he was placed on administrative leave on Aug. 6 after Donecker filed a formal complaint against him, the Daily Mail reported.
...
"The Department of Forestry is charged with protecting about 16 million acres of public and private forestland and serves as Oregon's largest fire department," The local journalist Noelle Crombie wrote. "It is overseen by Mukumoto, who answers to the Oregon Board of Forestry, a seven-member citizen board appointed by the governor. Mukumoto, appointed in 2021, manages an agency of nearly 1,400 employees and a biennial budget of about $577 million. His salary is $237,288."'

Gendered job listings: Are women turning away from 'masculine' roles?

Mastodon · 15 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Gender stereotyping in job ads can lead to a self-selection bias, where women choose not to apply for these jobs, even if they meet the qualifications, due to the perception that they are not a good fit," found the study.

It added that "stereotypically male job ads" can also "lead to a bias in the hiring process, where women are unfairly evaluated as being less competent or less suitable for the job".

IAB researchers evaluated listings for 710 occupations published on one of Germany's largest online job portals, BA Jobbörse.

They found that more jobs were actually gendered towards women, rather than centred around 'masculine' language.

Even so, the report found that in certain fields such as STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths), the majority of job descriptions used "masculine" terms.'

Women are better than men at science job interviews

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Article here. Excerpt:

'An investigation into academic hiring outcomes for biological-science roles has suggested a surprising trend: women who applied for assistant professor positions in North America were more likely to get job offers than were men.

...

Overall, women were at an advantage. Two-thirds of women in the sample received at least one job offer compared with half of the men. The advantage is particularly notable because men had slightly more first-author publications in highly ranked journals. “Men had a few more CNS [Cell, Nature, Science] papers, but women were getting more job offers,” Jadavji says.'

Gutfeld: Real men see through this bull

Mastodon · 15 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Greg Gutfeld and the panel react to a new advertisement for Vice President Kamala Harris that features professional actors on ‘Gutfeld!’. The relevant segment starts at time mark 2:39.

Kansas Lecturer Leaves After Remark on Shooting Men Who Won’t Vote for Women

Matt · 15 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The University of Kansas announced Friday that an instructor is no longer employed there after a video showed him “making a highly inappropriate comment in his classroom suggesting violence against individuals for their personal views.”

University officials didn’t name the instructor, but the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) has identified him as Phillip Lowcock, a health sport and exercise science lecturer who allegedly made an offhand comment in class that men who wouldn't vote for a woman for president should be shot. By Friday, Lowcock's profile page was no longer on the university's website.

Asked whether Lowcock was fired or voluntarily left, a university spokesperson said in an email “that’s a personnel issue the university is not able to discuss.” Inside Higher Ed was unable to reach Lowcock Friday.'

Clint Eastwood’s daughter Francesca arrested for domestic violence after alleged fight with boyfriend

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Clint Eastwood’s daughter Francesca Eastwood was arrested for domestic violence Saturday night, TMZ reports.

The actress, 31, was arrested after allegedly physically assaulting her boyfriend as they were driving through Beverly Hills, Calif., police sources told TMZ.

Francesca’s boyfriend reportedly called the cops with her in the car after their verbal argument allegedly turned physical, and they instructed him to drive to the Beverly Hills Police Department.'

Georgia Trump to join Fox News' Harris Faulkner at all-women town hall in battleground state

Matt · 16 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former President Trump, the 2024 Republican presidential nominee, is joining Fox News' Harris Faulkner in the battleground state of Georgia to speak with an all-female audience about issues that affect them most in a town hall event that will air Wednesday.

The town hall will be filmed at a venue called the Reid Barn in Cumming, Georgia, on Tuesday and air on Wednesday at 11 a.m. ET on "The Faulkner Focus." Ahead of the event, Faulkner underscored the importance of the female vote and for presidential candidates to have the opportunity to explain their platforms to the demographic.

"Women constitute the largest group of registered and active voters in the United States, so it is paramount that female voters understand where the presidential candidates stand on the issues that matter to them most. I am looking forward to providing our viewers with an opportunity to learn more about where former President Trump stands on these topics," Faulkner said in a Fox News press release.'

How Americans See Men and Masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'25% say people in the United States have mostly negative views of men who are “manly or masculine.” This is smaller than the shares who say people have mostly positive views of masculine men (43%) or that views are neither positive nor negative (31%).

But among Republican men, 45% do think people have negative views of masculine men, and the vast majority of those who feel this way say this is a bad thing. Much smaller shares of Republican women (24%), Democratic men (20%) and Democratic women (13%) say people view masculine men negatively. (Republicans and Democrats include those who lean toward either party.)'

Brown University STEM gap due to sexism: ‘equity’ scholar

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Female students at Brown University are not enrolling in STEM degrees at the exact same rate as male students due to sexism, according to a professor who also works as an “equity consultant.”

The Brown Daily Herald recently surveyed 1,177 undergraduate students on their majors. This represents about 15 percent of all undergrads.

Approximately 45 percent of females are majoring in the “physical sciences” compared to 59 percent of males, according to the survey. The poll also provides data on students who are “neither male nor female” (about 40 percent of Brown students say they are LGBT).

For insights, the student newspaper turned to Katherine Rieser, who does not teach in any of the physical sciences departments. Rather, she directs the graduate program in teaching and is a senior lecturer in education, according to her university bio. However, she is a “race and equity consultant” according to her curriculum vitae.

Rieser, as reported by the campus newspaper, “attributed these differences to ‘structurally racist or gender biased policies’ in education, which she says have catalyzed discrepancies between gender and race.”'

NCFM update Boys and Men Commissions

Matt · 19 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'NCFM is gearing up to file a lawsuit against the State of California for not having a Commission on the Status of Boys and Men.

The Global Initiative for Boys and Men has been hard at work, developing state reports to highlight the need for such commissions, including one for California that was just completed last week, which you can read below. Each report can cost up to $10,000 and take months or even years to complete and keep updated. Our upcoming lawsuit will cost at least $30,000, similar to the one we filed against the Selective Service System earlier this year.'

The cost to women of the overlooked rise of Kenya's manosphere

Matt · 19 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As the co-founder and executive director of Usikimye, a non-profit in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi that works with women – and some men – who are experiencing sexual and gender-based violence at home, Migwi said that the woman "couldn't put her finger on what was changing" in her relationship with her husband at first, but soon thought she figured it out. The man had for months been consuming content by Kenya's most prominent "masculinity influencers," who lead Kenya's arm of the more global "manosphere" — where content is put out across websites, blogs and social media accounts promoting a certain lifestyle, focused on masculinity and opposing feminism — which she believes changed his views towards her.'

Women, nonbinary comedians crack up patriarchy in Shenanigans' 'Men Aren't Funny'

Mastodon · 22 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There are no cooties at this comedy show.

UCLA's comedy club Shenanigans is once again hosting its "Men Aren't Funny" show, kicking off their first performance of the year Friday. Gabby Klijian, a third-year English student and the president of Shenanigans, said the club frequently puts on "Men Aren't Funny" as a way to exclusively showcase female and nonbinary performers in a variety of comedy routines, including improv, stand-up and sketch performances.

Although there aren't any guidelines on the comedians' content, because of the theme of "Men Aren't Funny," most of the show's material spotlights feminism and the experiences of women and nonbinary comedians, said Karina Dutko, a geography graduate student\ and the co-head of Shenanigans' stand-up team.'

AVDA's Committed Men program aims to redefine masculinity, reduce violence

Mastodon · 24 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One out of three women has been a victim of physical or sexual violence. But what if we could prevent domestic abuse before it happens?

That's the goal of AVDA's (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse) prevention team. Specifically, its "Committed Men" program, which specifically works with young men and boys to prevent intimate partner violence. The goal is to create the social change necessary to reduce dating and domestic violence in the future.

AVDA's men and boys' prevention program goes into schools, churches, athletic clubs and community centers to mentor young boys, teaching them the difference between healthy and hurtful masculinity. The program challenges their beliefs and attitudes and expands the definition of what it means be a man.'

Australia: New School Resources To Counter Andrew Tate-Types

Mastodon · 24 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Victorian students will learn to recognise and respond to toxic masculinity, hate speech and coercive control online – with new Respectful Relationships resources being rolled out to schools across the state.

The new resources will give students the skills to counter the influence of Andrew Tate-types, helping them safely navigate issues like consent, sextortion, pornography and gender-based bullying.

More non-government schools are also being invited to join over 1,950 Victorian government, Catholic and independent schools, including over 370 non-government schools already signed up to the initiative.

Developed by education experts Professor Helen Cahill and Associate Professor Debbie Ollis in consultation with teachers, students and parents – the new contemporary materials will help young people stay safe online and in real life. We're giving parents and carers peace of mind too – delivering advice and resources from trusted sources.'

Chemists rip ‘feminism’ STEM class proposal

Mastodon · 24 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An academic journal article about “feminism” and “dysconscious racism in STEM” never should have been published, according to two chemistry professors.

Professors John Landrum and Joseph Lichter questioned why the Journal of Chemical Education allowed a paper that vaguely touched on “white supremacy” to be published.

“Overlooking the obligation to provide clear definitions and valid evidence for such terms, especially ‘White Supremacy’ which was deemed sufficiently important to include in the abstract, is hard to rationalize for a journal that ascribes to upholding reasonable standards of scientific rigor,” the two Florida International University professors wrote.

They also called the paper a “deeply flawed work of scholarship.” Only two academic publications cited the paper – the Landrum (pictured, left) and Lichter (pictured, right) reply, and a subsequent response from the original author to these criticism.'

Why Won't Men Fight Back?

Matt · 25 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men have traditionally avoided conflict in relationships to maintain peace, keep their partner happy, protect their reputation, avoid shame, preserve sexual access, and maintain stability. A key reason for this is the lack of social support or training that encourages men to prioritize their own needs. As a result, men often place their partner's desires above their own. This pattern, shaped by both personal and societal expectations, leaves men less likely to push back—whether in their marriage or in response to broader social issues.'

Harris Continues Pushing Men Away From Her Campaign One Tweet at a Time

Mastodon · 26 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It looks like Kamala Harris's recent tweet stirred up some heated reactions online. In her post, Harris addressed the importance of men supporting women's rights, stating, "The men of America do not want to see their daughters, wives, sisters, and mothers put at risk because their rights have been taken away." The Vice President's comments aimed to rally male allies around protecting women's freedoms, but some people see it differently.

Critics have labeled this approach as another example of "momsplaining," feeling it comes off as condescending. They argue that Harris is out of touch with male voters, suggesting she's simultaneously telling men what they should care about while also emphasizing that they should stay out of women's business. Online discussions are debating whether Harris's message is a rallying cry for unity or an example of the VP alienating a key voting demographic.'

New ‘insulting’ Harris ad targets Black men's love lives

Mastodon · 26 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Vice President Kamala Harris’ campaign released a new digital advertisement that targets Black men's love lives, insinuating that they will be rejected by women if they don’t have a plan to vote.

The ads depict a dating game in which a Black man approaches a group of women who are holding balloons. They begin to ask him questions about himself, including how much he makes, how tall he is and whether he works out.

The man’s answers get seemingly positive responses from the women, until one asks him if he has a plan to vote in November.

"Nah, not my thing," the man says, prompting all the women in the scene to pop their balloons.

"Vote. Election Day is Nov 5," reads a message at the end of the ad alongside a Harris-Walz campaign logo.

"New Harris/Walz ad tells black men that women will reject them if they don’t vote," Center for the Study of Partisanship and Ideology President Richard Hanania remarked in a post on X along with a video of the ad. "Memorable and works as an appeal to self-interest."'

Opinion: Men of America, get over yourselves

Mastodon · 26 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I'm a 62-year-old cisgender male (just learned the meaning of that from my kids a few years ago). I came of age in the late 20th-century metrosexual era in New York City (still not exactly sure what that term means). I've always been comfortable with my masculinity (another vague, confusing term), but unlike many men my age (or younger), I probably have as many close female friends as I do male ones.

Enough about me. What I'd really like to explore here is the state of gender relations in America on the cusp of an epochal presidential election in less than two weeks. A recent piece in The New York Times, titled "Why gender may be the defining issue in this election," got my mind racing as I read it at the breakfast table.
...
For me, the proud father of three daughters in their 20s, it also means enthusiastically casting my vote for Harris next month. Forty-six men, including slaveholders, philanderers, warmongers and corrupt officeholders, have had their turn.

Now, it's time for a woman to clean up our mess.

The future of America is at least half female. Time to embrace it.'

'Let's Be Crystal Clear, It's Not Us, It's You' - Brutal MAHA Alliance Ad Details Kamala's Man Problem

Mastodon · 27 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If recent polls are any indication, Kamala Harris has a man problem. Try as they might, the Harris campaign is not resonating with men. Black and Hispanic men along with rank-and-file union men are demographics that Democrats depend on and they are just not lining up to vote for Kamala.

It's evident to even the most casual political observer why men aren't enthusiastically supporting Harris and the Democrats. For years men have been demonized as toxically masculine. Traditionally male-dominated careers in the energy, transportation, and mining sectors are attacked. In fact, the only arena where men have Kamala's complete support is any arena where men want to compete in women's sports.

Kamala is failing to understand the disconnect she has with men. A new ad from The MAHA Alliance explains it to her in brutal detail.'

Dear Kamala Harris

Michelle Obama makes passionate plea for women’s health while campaigning for Harris

Mastodon · 27 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Harris in Houston spoke directly to male voters, saying, “Men across America do not want to see their daughters and wives and sisters and mothers put at risk because their rights have been taken.”

Obama in Michigan made a similar overture, but often in more vivid, painfully detailed terms.

“If your wife is shivering and bleeding on the operating room table during a routine, the delivery gone bad, her pressure dropping as she loses more and more blood, or some unforeseen infection spreads and her doctors aren’t sure if they can act — you’ll be the one praying that it’s not too late,” Obama said. “You’ll be the one pleading for somebody, anybody to do something.”

To the women watching, Obama asked that they either try to convince undecided friends and family members to vote for Harris or that they strike out on their own.

“If you are a woman who lives in a household of men that don’t listen to you or value your opinion, just remember that your vote is a private matter,” Obama said. “You get to use your judgment and cast your vote for yourself and the women in your life. Remember, women standing up for what is best for us can make the difference in this election.”'

Michelle Obama says she's a 'little angry' at the hesitation to vote for Harris

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Article here. Excerpt:

'She spoke specifically to men in her remarks, emphasizing that further restrictions on abortion and other aspects of women's health care would impact them and their sons, too.

"I am asking y'all from the core of my being to take our lives seriously — please," Obama said. "Do not put our lives in the hands of politicians — mostly men — who have no clue or do not care about what we, as women, are going through."'

In a race defined by gender, Michelle Obama pleads with men to step up

Mastodon · 27 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"To anyone out there thinking about sending out this election or voting for Donald Trump or a third-party candidate in protest because you're fed up, let me warn you: Your rage does not exist in a vacuum," she said. "If we don't win this election, your wife, your daughter, your mother, we as women will become collateral damage to your rage."'

What exactly is toxic masculinity? And could the term's overuse have unintended consequences?

Mastodon · 27 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Parenting educator and author Maggie Dent agrees the term can be problematic.

"I believe we have toxic males, the same as we've got toxic females," she says. "I believe both genders deserve to be respected as individuals."

Yet she points out there has been a shift in the behaviour and attitudes of teenage boys in recent years.

"We absolutely know that today's tweens and teen boys, even as young as [nine or 10] … if they've got a phone or they've got access to devices and they're on certain social media, they are getting marinated in content that is the opposite to what anybody wants for their son," she says.

In the 40 years since she was a high school teacher, Ms Dent says teenage banter and teasing has taken an alarming turn.'

Using Research to Push a Narrative

Matt · 27 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There's a noticeable trend in research about men and women that often tells only part of the story. A prime example is domestic violence studies that falsely claim women are the sole victims, while ignoring men's experiences. This happens in other areas too—like reproductive coercion, teen violence, healthcare, and others. Women's troubles are spotlighted, while men's are overlooked. Once you see this pattern, it's hard to unsee it.

In this post, we'll look at a study published in July of 2024, that employs a similar strategy—not by lying, but by omission. The researchers present only the part of the story that supports the narrative they want to push. And in this case, it's clear.'

Nikki Haley Rips ‘Bromance’ and ‘Masculinity Stuff’ on Display at Trump’s MSG Rally: ‘Going to Make Women Uncomfortable’

Mastodon · 30 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley criticized the “bromance” and “masculinity stuff” on display at former President Donald Trump’s controversial Madison Square Garden rally this week, arguing it could alienate female voters.

During an appearance on Fox News, Tuesday, Haley said, “I think they need to do what they need to do to get across the finish line. I just think that they need to focus primarily on who it is they are talking to.”'

Boys at Swanson learn healthy perspective of masculinity with new program

Mastodon · 30 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Louisiana Department of Juvenile Justice joined the Swanson Center for the Youth in Monroe to host the “Healthy Masculinity” program on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

The program was made to teach boys how to have a healthy perspective of masculinity by creating a safe space for vulnerability.

Boys in the program learned about coping mechanisms for trauma, setting healthy boundaries, setting standards, and communicating emotions properly.

“[It’s] so important, you know, for the young men to see people who look like them, you know, to come inside our facilities and not only just teach them about being a man, but just be that mentor,” said La. DOJJ Public Information Director Nicolette Gordon.'

Young men are struggling. They need help, not hounding

Mastodon · 30 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former President Barack Obama's recent scolding of Black men for not considering a woman, Democrat Kamala Harris, a viable presidential candidate, has been much debated. What hasn't been debated, and should be, speaks to a larger issue among many young men of all races.

Obama's accusation that misogyny was at play — a fraught, oversimplified one — overlooks deeper trends and factors. Many young men of all races feel alienated from not just the Democratic Party itself but from a culture and future that doesn't seem to include or welcome them.

For a long time, this sentiment has been dismissed as merely whining from a misogynistic group of over-privileged men's rights activists. But growing trends speak to undeniable realities: The lower grade point averages boys earn in high school follow them throughout college. They are far less likely than female peers to attend four-year colleges, far more likely to implode when faced with academic struggles and less likely to graduate and to attend graduate school. (No, young men are not flocking to well-paying trade jobs or construction.) They are less likely than young women to hold down jobs, even with a college degree.

Other future prospects can seem equally futile. Males are more likely to be single, as well as romantically and sexually dormant: 63% of men under 30 describe themselves as single, versus 34% of women the same age.

Perhaps it's no surprise that men, especially younger ones, are suffering far more from mental health struggles than we realize (health care workers are just starting to realize this), are three to four times more likely than females to die by suicide and are at the fore of the loneliness epidemic.

Two things are increasingly clear: Young men cannot simply pull themselves up by their bootstraps alone. Second, the common one-stop-shop response to their struggles — that it's all a result of "toxic masculinity" — is overly simplistic and only exacerbates the problem. Males ages 16 to 29 are twice as likely as female peers to find this damning label unproductive and offensive at best, wounding at worst.'

Urgent Call for Lawmakers and Others to Address Global Crisis Affecting Men and Boys

Matt · 31 October 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'October 30, 2024 – Around the world, men and boys are facing an unprecedented human rights crisis. This crisis is contributing to a range of social problems such as the weakening of the family, plummeting birth rates, and the dad-deprivation of millions of children (1).

Globally, men and boys are lagging behind women and girls in 12 areas: Education, Health, Child labor, False allegations, Victims of violence, Parenting, Treatment by the criminal system, Partner abuse, Homelessness, Workplace injuries and deaths, Reproductive and adoption rights, and Media portrayals (2).

The men and boys crisis has reached the point that statements of concern have been issued by lawmakers and governmental bodies in 14 countries around the world (3). In Denmark for example, Minister for Equality Marie Bjerre explained, “For far too long we have not taken it seriously enough that men can also be victims of intimate partner violence and need help. The time has come to ensure that abused men and their children receive the same help as when a woman reaches out for help.” (4)'

Cape Town father wins court case after WhatsApp reveals paternity fraud

Mastodon · 1 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Kraaifontein man has won a High Court battle to relinquish his parental rights after discovering he was not the biological father of his daughter. He had been paying maintenance for years.

The judgment by Judge James Dumisani Lekhuleni revealed how the man had discovered the truth of his ex-wife's extramarital affair on WhatsApp. In the application, the father, who is unnamed to protect the child, sought relief from the court after paternity tests revealed the truth.'

Entrenched Sexism Is Very Australian. Let’s Uproot It

Mastodon · 1 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From the boardroom to the workplace, it’s been a horrible year for women. And one of the worst places has been Australia.

Company boards — still overwhelmingly male — are failing to meaningfully hold executives accountable for bad behavior. Large institutional investors must double down on insisting diversity in the C-suite is non-negotiable, as gender-parity initiatives stall.

Or have we? The corporate world is run by a network of old boys whose connections are forged at single-sex private schools. Women continue to be subjected to violence at home at such a rate that the prime minister declared it a “national crisis” after a spate of killings earlier this year. Unwanted and aggressive attention on a night out is far too common.

“Australia has a cultural problem with women in leadership,” Governor General Sam Mostyn told Bloomberg News three years ago when she was president of women’s leadership advocacy group Chief Executive Women. She noted there was a lack of respect for women at work, and a failure to take advantage of the strides they had made in education.'

The real reason for the rise in male childlessness

Matt · 3 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But the picture of who is childless is changing. Recent research has found that it's more likely to be men who aren't able to have children even if they want them – in particular lower income men.

A 2021 study in Norway found that the rate of male childlessness was 72% among the lowest five percent of earners, but only 11% among the highest earners – a gap that had widened by almost 20 percentage points over the previous 30 years.

Robin Hadley is one of those who wanted to have a child but struggled to do so. He didn't go to university and went on to become a technical photographer in a university lab, based in Manchester, and by his 30s, he was desperate to be a dad.'

Law Student Faces Expulsion for ‘Aggressive Pointing’

Matt · 4 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Houston Porter, a 28-year-old law student at Pace University, first walked into the college auditorium last month, he was surprised to see a packed house for the “Saving Women’s Sports” panel he was co-moderating.

“Our events normally don’t get that kind of turnout,” says Porter, a member of The Federalist Society, a conservative group that sponsored the panel at Pace’s law school in White Plains, New York. “So it was exciting.”

But not long after, Porter’s world started “crumbling down”—with at least one professor shouting at panelists and another allegedly rushing the stage, followed by a Title IX investigation that accuses him of having “aggressively pointed” at a transgender student and misgendering her. Now Porter faces the possibility of suspension, expulsion, and even being barred from practicing law.'

Why Aren’t Men’s Issues Being Taken Seriously? - George TheTinMen

mens_issues · 5 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. George from TheTinMen is a content creator, pro-men’s advocate and a researcher.

Why is it so hard to advocate for the problems of boys and men? If truly we care about half of the population flourishing and living lives they enjoy, why is it so unpopular to talk about the challenges they're facing?

Expect to learn what George thinks the current world of advocacy for men looks like, why the press struggles to define what “healthy masculinity” is, the lessons we can learn from the rise of the Manosphere, the hidden effects of bullying on boys' mental health, whether White Guys For Harris actually helped men and much more.

It's No Surprise Young Men Are Abandoning the Democratic Party

Matt · 5 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'You have probably heard that the Democratic party is falling out of favor with men. All the evidence shows this to be true, especially with young men in the 18-29 age group who have been migrating en masse to the Republican party in recent election cycles. From the 2016 Trump-Clinton race to now, the percentage of these voters that identify or lean Democrat has taken a nosedive from 51 percent to 39 percent. The reasons for this shift are many and I am positive that the experience boys are having in school is a contributing factor.
...
Imagine that girls (and even some teachers!) wear t-shirts to school that say “the future is female” or “girls rule, boys drool.” On the one hand, this is hardly a big deal. On the other hand, boys would never be allowed to wear anything that claimed the opposite. The message of derision and contempt is kind of baked in and that takes a toll after a while.

Flyers and posters hang on school bulletin boards and classroom walls about special programs for girls like “Girls on the Run,” “Girls Who Code” and the “Girls in STEM Club” — there are no similar offerings for boys.'

Anne-Marie Duff explains why she doesn't like the term 'toxic masculinity'

Mastodon · 5 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Anne-Marie Duff has discussed her experience of raising a son, and said she does not like the term "toxic masculinity".

The Bad Sisters actor, 54, parents a teenage son, Brendan, with her ex-husband James McAvoy, who she met on the set of the British comedy-drama Shameless.

Speaking about bringing up a boy and the discourse around young men, she told The Observer Magazine: "I think the rhetoric around it is frustrating sometimes. Like, I don't love the expression 'toxic masculinity', because masculinity is a describing noun, isn't it? Is all masculinity toxic? It's like saying, 'pathetic femininity'."

She added: "My worry is that there are a lot of young boys who think it's innate."

Duff then pointed to "a very sad story" a friend had recently told her about a 13-year-old boy they knew who was having counselling because he thought there was an inevitability about him becoming a rapist.

"We have to be so careful with our young people," she said.'

Prominent law professor blames Harris loss on ‘toxic masculinity’ and ‘white supremacy’

Mastodon · 7 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Jed Handelsman Shugerman, a prominent law professor at Boston University, argued Wednesday that the reason Donald Trump won and Kamala Harris lost the 2024 presidential race is due to “toxic masculinity” and “white supremacy.”

“Anyone blaming Harris or Walz today has utterly lost the plot & missed the point. This is fundamentally about America, toxic masculinity, & white supremacy. Blaming Harris would be part of that problem, not the solution,” the professor posted on X early Wednesday morning. “She deserves our thanks. Thank you, @vp @KamalaHarris.”

In a follow-up post, he argued Harris “ran a solid, energetic, inspiring, strategic, & disciplined campaign in less time than anyone in modern US history. You made us proud to be on the right side of history and the humane side of humanity.”'

Stephen A. Smith Blames Oprah Winfrey, Michelle Obama for ‘Alienating’ Voters

Mastodon · 7 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The commentator next took aim at the hateful claims Michelle Obama made as she stumped for Harris when Obama told blacks that if they didn’t vote for Harris, they were essentially race traitors.

“If we don’t agree with you, we’re against you?” the exasperated Smith asked. “How do you think the men felt about that? So we have to do what you tell us to do; otherwise, we’re anti-you? You thought that worked? Do y’all know anything about most men? You think that’s going to work?”'

Woman (actually) jailed for sexually assaulting girl

Matt · 7 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who abducted and sexually assaulted a 14-year-old girl has been jailed for breaching a court order.

Phoebe Pearce, 25, from Newport, groomed the schoolgirl, who was aged 14 at the time, after meeting her through Facebook two years ago.

She was warned off by the teenager's mum but Pearce lured the girl away from her home to have sexual activity with her while she was on police bail.

A court heard Pearce texted a friend saying the girl was "youngish but I don't care".

In September 2022, Pearce admitted grooming, abduction and sexual activity with a child at a Cardiff Crown Court hearing.

Judge Jeremy Jenkins said the relationship "quickly turned into a sexual one".'

Liberal women going on sex strike over Trump win

Matt · 7 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Not like the typical man was getting much from liberal women anyway. Reminds me of a vegan going on an animal products strike. I mean... why bother? The vegan already doesn't abide animal products in his life anyway! Excerpt:

'Liberal women have sworn to go on sex strike over Donald Trump's election win.

Mr Trump swept to victory in Tuesday's presidential race that Democrats cast as a referendum on abortion rights and protections for women.

Some women are now threatening to punish men for voting for Trump, taking inspiration from a Korean feminist movement that vows to withhold sex from men in order to redefine the gender power balance.'

Germany to enforce national service in drastic plan as 'stupid' Scholz prepares for WW3

Mastodon · 7 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Germany's government has given the green light to a draft law that paves the way for the return of national service.

The legislation will allow Berlin to gauge the willingness of the country's 18-year-olds to serve in Germany's army, the Bundeswehr.

...

Under the model proposed by the German government, all men turning 18 – which is estimated to be about 300,000 in 2025 – will have to fill out a digital survey on their interest in joining the army.

Young women will also be sent the survey but are not obliged to fill out the form.'

Triggered AOC blames sexism for Trump win as she warns it will be a ‘scary’ time in US

Mastodon · 7 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The freakout on the left continued Thursday with New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez blaming sexism for Kamala Harris’ presidential election loss — as she warned it will be a “scary” time in America under “the fascist” Donald Trump.

“This is going to be a very, very, very, challenging difficult time … for millions of people in this country. This is going to be a very scary time,” AOC said in an extended, funereal Instagram video from the kitchen of her home.

“I’m not here to sugarcoat what we are about to experience.”'

Dem Strategist Sends Disgusting Tweet About White Men After Trump's Victory

Mastodon · 7 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Democrat strategist Ally Sammarco sent an appalling tweet in reaction to Donald Trump winning the election.

Ally Sammarco had a different take away:

White men are responsible.

She took to X on election night to tweet, "White men without college degrees are going to ruin this country."'

Kamala's Anti-Male Sexism Drove Men from the Democratic Fold

Matt · 7 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'November 7, 2024 – Men have long been a decisive force in presidential contests (1). Exit polls from Tuesday's election showed race, ethnicity, and marital status were particularly important factors (2):

- Race: 60% of White males voted for Trump, compared to only 37% supporting Harris.
- Ethnicity: Hispanic men favored Trump over Harris, by a 55% to 43% margin.
- Marital Status: Among married men, 60% supported Trump and 38% favored Harris.

Contributing to these numbers were five major missteps by the Harris campaign:

Inside the hidden world of male victims

Matt · 7 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Matt feared his wife was going to kill him. He had seen violent streaks before. Once, when he accused her of infidelities, Matt said she pulled a knife and “put it (at) my throat.”

Fleeing wasn’t an option because they had young children. He felt stuck without a safe refuge where he could take them. “As long as I had my kids, that’s all I cared about,” Matt said.

He expected the police wouldn’t take him seriously: a six-foot-tall Caribbean man scared of his wife. “If anything happens and she calls the cops, they’re going to come straight at me,” he told the National Post, requesting anonymity to protect his children.'

Psycho Says She's Purchasing a Glock and Shooting Every White Man She Sees

Mastodon · 8 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Libs of TikTok has found a white woman who most definitely didn't vote for Trump and is also pro-gun because she says she's going to buy a Glock and shoot white men in the street. Only at nighttime, though. But your skin has to be really white and you have to be a man.'

Illinois judge found dead outside of home, wife charged with murder in his fatal shooting

Matt · 8 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The wife of an Illinois judge was arrested and charged with fatally shooting her husband, according to Illinois State Police.

Megan Valentine, 44 of Albion, was arrested Tuesday after the body of Illinois Second Judicial Circuit Court Judge Michael J. Valentine was found outside of a home, per a news release from police.

She was charged with first degree murder, aggravated discharge of a firearm, aggravated battery with a firearm and aggravated domestic battery, according to court documents filed in Edwards County Thursday.

The Edwards County Sheriff's Office responded to a home in Albion Tuesday at around 12:14 p.m.

"Upon arrival, an ECSO deputy observed the body of Michael Valentine laying outside the residence," police said, adding Megan Valentine was then taken into custody.'

‘A fatal miscalculation’: masculinity researcher Richard Reeves on why Democrats lost young men

Matt · 9 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the months leading up to election day, pollsters were fixated on one demographic: young men. This group, often elusive in political data, was showing signs of a notable swing toward Donald Trump and away from the progressive viewpoints of young women.

Traditionally a policy wonk, Richard Reeves became an unlikely media mainstay this election cycle, sought after by those trying to decode the concerns and motivations of these gen Z male voters. Reeves is president of the American Institute for Boys and Men, which he started in 2023 to create research-based approaches to bettering the education, mental health, and work and family life of men. Many of the institute’s policy proposals were outlined in Reeves’s 2022 book Of Boys and Men: Why the Modern Male Is Struggling, Why It Matters, and What to Do About It.'

‘Morning Joe’: Dem Rants About Toxic Masculinity Cost Votes

Mastodon · 10 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From The Left

MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough claimed on Friday’s Morning Joe that Democratic claims around toxic masculinity pushed male voters to Donald Trump. Some of the analysis around the president-elect’s victory this week has focused on how Trump benefited from his improved performance with traditionally Democrat-supporting groups including Black and Latino men. Exit showed Trump picking up 47 percent of Latino men and his standing with young Black men compared with four years ago. “There’s been an awful lot of talk about people who have traditionally voted for Democrats, Black men, Hispanic men.'

NYU professor shares his theory on why young men shifted their votes to Trump

Mastodon · 10 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'NYU professor of marketing Scott Galloway speaks to CNN's Michael Smerconish about how young men's shift toward US President-elect Donald Trump's rhetoric affected the 2024 election results.'

Hold negative views about feminism? Study says it reveals something darker about your personality

Mastodon · 10 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism evokes distinct opinions, perspectives, and beliefs. Environmental and social factors also play a major role in shaping feminist beliefs. However, this sociological concept has major psychological origins. A study published in Personality and Individual Differences examines the Dark Triad, a cluster of malevolent personality traits - narcissism, Machiavellianism, and psychopathy - and their association with feminist beliefs, providing a deeper glimpse into the psychological mechanisms behind feminism.

The research expanded on the Dark Triad, encompassing three negative personality traits that substantially affect feminist opinions. These three traits are narcissism, Machiavellianism, and psychopathy. They are highly toxic, manipulative, vindictive, and exploitative of others.
...
Collectively, these traits make one self-centred, cold, competitive, and domineering. Generally, Dark Triad traits are linked to traditional male gender roles.'

Teacher: Men should wear blue bracelets post-election to indicate they're 'safe' to be around

Mastodon · 12 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Ohio English teacher is on leave after recording herself in what appears to be her classroom suggesting men should wear "blue bracelets or blue safety pins" to identify themselves as "safe" for non-Trump voters.

Danielle Mann (pictured), a 26-year veteran educator at Talawanda High School who also teaches a "Holocaust Resistance" course and is advisor to the school Gay-Straight Alliance, made the recording two days after the election.

Mann "challenges" such men to post their own videos to TikTok and other platforms so people like her could "thank" them and have it "on the record" as to who the "safe" males are.

Such videos also would allow people to know these men "tried to do right by the people of this country."

Mann goes on to claim women are now in "danger" and says that even though she's a white woman, "they will get to [her] eventually."'

‘Shocked’ husband speechless as wife files for divorce after he voted for Trump

Mastodon · 12 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A man has said he can’t believe his wife was ready to “throw away our entire life” after filing for divorce over his vote for Donald Trump.

The distraught husband wrote on social media that he has been left without words that the marriage could fall apart over politics - and that the divorce papers could be served so quickly.

"She won’t have a discussion, she says nothing will change her mind Insists she is going to report my parents because they live off of disability but my dad does some cash work auto repair, so now I’m worried for my while family (sic).”

It clearly seems that the relationship has quickly become acrimonious with a vicious argument now over possessions. He continued in his post: “She wants me to buy her out of the house, we have $300k in it plus built a 4-bay garage since we bought it 3 years ago. I can’t afford that.'

Why feminists in the US are shunning marriage, sex and children after Trump's win

Matt · 12 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A radical feminist movement in which women shun marriage, dating and sex with men is taking hold among young liberal Americans in the wake of Donald Trump's election victory.

Originating in South Korea and known as 4B, which means "four nos" in Korean, its tenets are: no dating, no sex with men, no marriage and no children.

Other principles include ditching beauty products and avoiding social interactions with men altogether.

"The women in South Korea are doing it. It's time we join them," said one post on X. "Men will NOT be rewarded, nor have access to our bodies."'

Opinion: Why did so many men vote for Trump? He reminded them they matter.

Mastodon · 13 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For years, the phrase "toxic masculinity" took over discussions about men. Any success by men was discounted as a privilege of the patriarchy. The #MeToo movement presumed men guilty until proven innocent.

Men were told not so subtly to be quiet and to fade away. They were more dangerous than a bear in the woods. And less necessary than a fish with a bicycle.

The Harris campaign doubled down on this narrative, focusing on young women to the point of pandering. She hung out on "The View" and "Call Her Daddy," and snubbed Rogan's invitation to speak to the millions of young men who listen to his podcast.

Trump and Vance sent a very different message: Men, you belong. Men, we appreciate you. Men who are masculine, kind, hardworking and family-oriented. You are necessary and you are vital. We will work together to fix what's broken so the people we love are safe and thrive.

It's a message that men wanted and needed to hear. And they rewarded Trump and Vance with their votes.'

Democrats do not know how to talk to young men — and it cost them

Mastodon · 13 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Late in the US presidential election campaign, Democrats discovered a serious problem. Young men, minorities especially, had abandoned the party in droves. An American Compass poll, conducted with YouGov in early October, captured a snapshot: 20 per cent of young non-white men had not yet settled on either Donald Trump or Kamala Harris, and those who had decided were evenly split.

Harris did not know what to say to these defectors. Her coalition was built on an identity politics that presumed an alliance among younger and LGBTQ+ voters, women and people of colour, all sharing the same commitment to a progressive vision of social justice. Somewhat awkwardly, the actual agenda — fighting climate change and forgiving student debt, resisting any restrictions on immigration or abortion — aligned primarily with the interests and priorities of a white, female, college-educated elite. But anyone who looked like a coalition member was expected to vote accordingly.'

Trump won because Democrats keep telling young men they're dangerous and don't matter

Matt · 15 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2020, Joe Biden won young men under 30 by 15 points. In 2024, Donald Trump won them by 13 points. What happened, and what can Democrats do about it? As someone who has been elected three times to the board of directors of the National Organization for Women in New York City, I was worried about dynamics that I felt few Democrats were registering.

I saw these repeatedly as I was researching my book, "The Boy Crisis." I recall interviewing a young man from Mill Valley, California, a city with deep Democratic Party ties. As the interview concluded, he broke down, "I wish I hadn't been born male."'

Women Can Be Sexual, Men Can't

Robber748 · 16 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Nice video here which describes how much of male sexual behavior is potentially criminal while women have few restrictions on their sexual behavior. Very interesting.
Thanks for all you do.
robber748

Northwestern faces complaint after bragging about 50-percent female class

Mastodon · 17 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Northwestern University graduate program recently announced that 50 percent of its new students are women, leading to questions about whether the institution is prioritizing students' gender over academic merit.

Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management also is the subject of a new Title IX complaint that claims several of its programs and scholarships discriminate against men.

This fall, the Kellogg School accepted 524 students into its two-year masters of business administration program, and 50 percent are women, according to a recent article on the school's website.

The specific factors were not listed, but the article mentioned that students' diverse experiences, academic excellence, and extracurricular activities played a part in their acceptance into the Evanston, Illinois university.

The post also listed a few of the demographic groups to which the graduate students belong, including "11% [who] identify as LGBTQ+" and "40% [who are] are international students."

But Adam Kissel, a former U.S. Department of Education official, said Northwestern Kellogg's emphasis on gender parity likely violates federal anti-discrimination law.'

Chemistry lecturer: No need to learn ‘dead white dudes’ names

Mastodon · 17 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Excerpt:

'A chemistry lecturer at Kennesaw State University told her students they don’t need to know the proper names of formulas, because they are named after “dead white dudes.”

The Fall of Kamala Harris and the Global Rise of Toxic Feminism

Matt · 18 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The defeat of Kamala Harris has triggered an outpouring of feminist behaviors such as online meltdowns, scornful invectives ("misogynist"), and threats of bodily harm (1). Social media has seen a spike in online videos promoting the use of Aqua Tofana, a tasteless poison that women used in the 17th century to poison their husbands. One Aqua Tofana video registered 1.3 million Likes since November 5. (2)

Hours after the election results were announced, feminists launched a 4B Movement, which advocates for No marriage, No childbirth, No dating, and No sex by women (3). 4B originated in South Korea, which not surprisingly, now has the world's lowest fertility rate, triggering fears of population collapse (4). The 4B Movement is a dystopian recipe for "loneliness, bitterness, and depression," observes writer Conn Carroll (5).'

U.S. women are outpacing men in college completion, including in every major racial and ethnic group

Mastodon · 21 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women between the ages of 25 and 34 continue to be more likely than men in the same age group to have a bachelor's degree. The gender gap in bachelor's degree completion appears in every major racial or ethnic group, though the size of the gap varies widely.

n 1995, young men and women were equally likely to hold a bachelor's degree (25% each). Since then, there has been a growing gap between men and women in college completion.

Today, 47% of U.S. women ages 25 to 34 have a bachelor's degree, compared with 37% of men.

The share of young women with a bachelor's degree has increased by 22 percentage points since 1995, from 25% to 47%. Over the same period, men have seen a smaller increase (12 points, from 25% to 37%).'

UK: Could a ‘Minister for Men and Boys’ tackle incels and toxic masculinity?

Mastodon · 21 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At the Conservative Party Conference this year, there was a “Case for a Minister for Men and Boys” panel event. On this panel was Dr Luke Evans, MP for Hinckley and Bosworth – a vocal advocate for positive body image whilst in Parliament. The topics discussed varied from “health, male body image and education, to suicide”.

This is not the first time that a Minister holding this portfolio has been proposed. Earlier in 2024, a petition was launched to appoint a Minister for Men and Boys to “address problems that either exclusively or disproportionately involve men”. The petition received 6,444 signatures and was ultimately closed. Former MP for Don Valley Nick Fletcher discussed the importance of having a Minister in September 2023. Various charities such as SurvivorsUK and Gender Parity UK have pressurised political parties into calling for a Minister in their manifestos.

Mental Health UK argues that ‘toxic masculinity’ promotes the idea that men should be strong, and showing vulnerability is a sign of weakness. As a result, men feel unable to express their emotions properly, and are therefore more likely to turn to drugs, alcohol, recklessness and violence. All this occurs under the backdrop of patriarchal norms that socialise men to be silent about their issues.

A Minister for Men and Boys would need to focus on challenging the patriarchy that creates the male mental health crisis. However, they would also need to address the stigma and barriers that men of minorities also face.'

What is International Men's Day and why is it celebrated?

Mastodon · 21 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today is International Men's Day (IMD). While most of us have heard of and may celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) on March 8 every year, many will not know that there's also the equivalent awareness day for men. The aim is to celebrate male cultural, political and socioeconomic achievements, while also shining a light on the issues that half of the population face.

IMD was created just over a decade ago, in order to give men an equivalent to the century-old IWD, but some are opposed to the idea of a day dedicated to celebrating men, arguing that it in some way waters down the female awareness day, which continues to shine a light on the very real problem of gender inequality. Others, however, fully respect the importance of IMD in addressing the issues facing men that need highlighting.'

The Deception of Feminism

Matt · 21 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Janice F. takes on the myths around early feminism and more in this video.

California Judge Strips Father of Parental Rights, Greenlights Ex-Wife to Proceed with Chemical and Surgical Castration of 12-Year-Old Son

Mastodon · 23 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A California judge has permanently stripped Texas father Jeffrey Younger of all parental rights to his twin sons, James and Jude, granting Younger's ex-wife, Anne Georgulas, the authority to chemically and surgically transition their 12-year-old son, James, against his father's wishes.

Jeffrey Younger was forced to pay his ex-wife $5,000 a month to pay for his son's "transition" and counseling in addition to a $10,000 retainer required by the counselor.

Younger alleges that the Texas family court system, particularly Judge Mary Brown—whom he dubbed "Judge Bloody Mary Brown"—ignored evidence and expert testimony in favor of his son's well-being. Instead, the court granted his ex-wife full custody, allowing her to pursue the medical transition.'

Truckee High School's 'Yo, Bro!' club aims to redefine masculinity through service and responsibility

Mastodon · 25 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At Truckee High School, Katie Jamison Bensley, a teacher of Human Geography, World History, and United States History, has founded a club that aims to challenge traditional definitions of masculinity and provide a healthier, more inclusive space for young men. The "Yo, Bro!" Club is a response to societal pressures that often condition boys to express themselves through aggression and dominance, reinforcing toxic masculinity.
...
The "Yo, Bro!" Club is designed to offer a fresh perspective on masculinity by focusing on community service, academic achievement, and personal responsibility. Members are encouraged to challenge stereotypes and embrace a more empathetic, emotionally expressive version of manhood. The club's mission is clear: redefine masculinity by encouraging boys to focus on their growth as individuals and contributors to their community, rather than conforming to outdated gender norms.'

German Greens Advocate “Women Only” Train Carriages

Mastodon · 25 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Antje Kapek, the transport policy speaker for the Green Party in Berlin, has called for the introduction of train carriages for exclusive use by female passengers. This follows a shocking upsurge in serious sex crimes on trains and buses, with Berlin alone experiencing the equivalent of more than one such assault every day. Frankfurt is heading in a similar direction.

Transport hubs across Germany are becoming less safe. Federal Police recorded 13,543 violent crimes at train stations in the first half of 2024. This has led to the suggestion that a model found in Japan, India, and Indonesia—and the ‘family carriages’ of the Doha Metro—be adopted in Berlin. It involves carriages set aside for female passengers only, whether all day or at peak times (such as 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Tokyo).'

I know why women aren’t having children. Men just aren’t good enough

Mastodon · 25 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I’m not shaming mothers or women, it’s completely the opposite: I’m shaming men, especially American ones. In Serbia, men see it as their role both to provide for their kids but also to look after them. But in the United States, you wouldn’t see a man carrying a baby in a sling, that’s unmanly. American men play video games, look at pornography and have given up on the idea of striving to be better, some of them have even given up on working at all. Yet somehow they still expect to get the most beautiful women. They’re not going to school, starting businesses, hustling to be better men and mentors to others. It’s left to women to do the work – we buy the books, have the community and the friends. And then if we have children, we bear the physical, financial and emotional burden.'

Outrage as controversial children's book Our Skin blames 'white men' for introducing idea that thin is beautiful

Mastodon · 25 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Readers have been left outraged after a controversial children's book called Our Skin blamed white men for introducing the idea that thin is beautiful.

The book, published in 2021, was penned by Harlem activist Megan Madison, Brooklynite library worker Jessica Ralli, and Pilipino Isabel Roxas, and has been previously distributed to NYC schools.

Aimed at children aged two to five, the 'inflammatory' book discusses skin tone and racism, claiming: 'A long time ago, way before you were born, a group of white people made up an idea called race'.

But the book also delves into beauty standards and stereotypes, where the authors also seem to point the finger of blame at 'white men'.

Sharing an image of the disturbing page on X/Twitter, one reader was left baffled by its content, warning viewers: 'Books like this exist. And people are reading them to children'.

The page is illustrated with a white woman and black child looking at a photo of a white man's body and reads: 'Before you were born, a group of white men started making up lots of ideas about bodies that weren't true.'

UK: White Ribbon Day 2024 – a call to action for men and boys

Mastodon · 25 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'White Ribbon Day offers a powerful opportunity for men and boys to be allies for women and girls. I myself take an active role in promoting gender equality and challenging behaviours and attitudes that perpetuate violence against women and girls, and today I am calling on the youth justice sector to do the same. It is so important to have positive male role models within these spaces and beyond.

White Ribbon Day also marks the start of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, which runs until Human Rights Day on 10 December.

Recent national and international events have highlighted the urgent need to address gender-based violence, alongside persistent misogyny in society, which have created a climate where women and girls often feel unsafe.'

Women call for more male domestic abuse victim support

Matt · 25 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Story here. Excerpt:

'Around 30 women gathered in Belfast on Saturday to highlight concerns about a lack of support for male victims of domestic violence.

The march was made up of women wearing fluorescent pink and included relatives of men who have been the victims.

The twin daughters of west Belfast man Tony Browne, who was murdered by his girlfriend in 2022, were among those who attended.

Bobbi-Leigh and Shannon McIlwaine say there “isn’t enough support services for men” who are going through domestic abuse relationships.'

Wife allegedly dismembered husband with drop saw to escape abusive marriage

Matt · 28 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Look, an "abused woman" was forced to defend herself with a chain-saw. Excerpt:

'A woman allegedly murdered her husband to escape an abusive marriage, gaining control of certain finances before killing and dismembering him with a drop saw, then placing his remains in up to 30 plastic bags which were dumped across south-west Sydney, a court has heard.

Nirmeen Noufl, 53, was supported by a dozen family members and friends as she was refused Supreme Court bail on Thursday morning over the alleged murder of 62-year-old Mamdouh “Emad” Noufl. Nirmeen Noufl is fighting the charges.'

UK: Fire service worker loses tribunal case over mention of handbag

Matt · 29 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue service employee Tayba Amber lost a number of claims against the organisation after claiming Martin McCarthy was a 'sexual predator'.

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The Hot New Job for Men: Nursing

Matt · 30 November 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of men in the U.S. with the job of registered nurse has nearly tripled since the early 2000s. Many come to the field after working in the military or in jobs, such as paramedics or firefighters, that exposed them to the work of nurses.
...
Many of the manufacturing jobs that are being moved overseas, replaced by automation or phased out of the American economy were mostly filled by men. As a result, other occupations traditionally dominated by women are now gaining a larger share of men, including elementary and middle-school teachers and customer-service representatives.'

Young men struggling with ‘toxic masculinity’ could face greater mental health risks, says new study

Mastodon · 1 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Swiss study found that men who identify with traditional male norms strongly are at a higher risk of suicide. Globally men already have a higher suicide rate than women, but this study further delves into what kind of men particularly are more at risk. Emulating the traditional muscular role intensively is detrimental and takes a mental toll, driving towards suicide.

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The study from the University of Zurich elaborated on how traditional gender norms emphasizing strength, independence, and emotional control create dangerous psychological strain. These expectations make it harder for men to seek help and express vulnerability, leading to bottled-up emotions that build over time. The dissociation from expressing feelings to appear ‘manly’ is both stressful and emotionally exhausting. Fearing that sharing vulnerabilities will make them seem ‘weak’ or less masculine, many men try to handle everything on their own, further exacerbating their mental health challenges.'

Why can't a woman be more like a man? Because patriarchy persists in the US

Mastodon · 1 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Although today a woman can be more like a man, and a man can be more like a woman, anti-female hatred, contempt and prejudice persists.

Patriarchy, originating with the advent of agriculture, is a 10,000-year-old social system of society and government in which the father or eldest male is head of the family. Men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, social privilege and control of property. Women are largely excluded.

It is different from sexism, which is prejudice and discrimination based on a person's sex or gender. However, patriarchy has been a breeding ground for sexism.

To suggest solutions, we must first acknowledge the advantages and disadvantages of patriarchy and the gains and losses when we give it up. It will then be possible to change from patriarchal attitudes and behaviors to egalitarian and humanistic attitudes and behaviors.

That would require increasing privilege and power for women in the traditionally male domains of corporation, military and government, and increasing privilege and responsibility for men in traditionally female domains of family and household.'

Discussion of elimination of permanent alimony in Florida

Matt · 1 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Levi Nichs discusses the effects of the elimination of permanent alimony in Florida.

Young men leaving traditional churches for ‘masculine’ Orthodox Christianity in droves

Matt · 3 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Interesting development. Excerpt:

'So Christenson began exploring other denominations in college and landed on perhaps the most traditional of all: Orthodox Christianity. In 2022, at the age of 25, he converted.

“It seems to me like the mainline denominations are hemorrhaging people,” he said. “If you still are serious about being a Christian now that there isn’t really as much social status tied up in it, and you want something that has some heft to it, there’s more of an awareness of Orthodoxy than there used to be.”

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Christenson’s story isn’t just anecdotal. As more and more Protestant churches unfurl Pride flags and Black Lives Matter banners in front of their gates, young men are trending toward more traditional forms of worship.

A survey of Orthodox churches around the country found that parishes saw a 78% increase in converts in 2022, compared with pre-pandemic levels in 2019. And while historically men and women converted in equal numbers, vastly more men have joined the church since 2020.

Father Josiah Trenham has led Saint Andrew’s Orthodox Church in Riverside, California, for nearly three decades — and he’s noticed a swift jump in interest: “The last four to five years have been a massive uptick. It’s showing no sign of tapering off. If anything, it’s increasing still … It’s happening massively in untold numbers all over the country.”'

On the effects of the feminization of academia

Matt · 4 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'The inclusion of women in higher education is a great achievement for Western liberal societies. How is this changing academic culture?

An essay by behavioural scientists Bo Winegard and Cory Clark.'

Never Before Have So Many Sailors Been Abandoned at Sea

Matt · 6 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If these were women, there'd be massive help lent to them. In fact the situation never would have gotten this bad. Excerpt:

'The crew of the Grand Sunny cargo ship has been stuck at sea for a year, unpaid and often hungry, after the vessel's mysterious owner stopped paying the bills.

The fate of the 11 men on board the Grand Sunny off the coast of China is increasingly common in the global shipping industry. The vessel appears to have been involved in sanctions-dodging trade, transporting oil products in the South China Sea, according to Hong Kong maritime officials.'

Glamorous female lawmaker, 30, 'bullied male aide into sex then made him run her errands'

Matt · 6 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Innocent til proven guilty but one to watch. "But women don't do these kinds of things!" Really? Excerpt:

'A glamorous Washington state lawmaker bullied a male aide into sex, then made him run her errands and tried to fire him when he reported her, a lawsuit claims.

Emily Clouse, 30, is said to have begun a 'mutually consensual dating relationship' with the unnamed man after being elected as a commissioner in Thurston County, which includes the state's capital of Olympia.

But the aide alleges he felt unable to reject Clouse's advances because of the power she held over him and says he found the romance 'increasingly unwelcome.''

Michigan court upholds light sentence for woman who killed dad in dispute over ride

Matt · 7 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Need I comment? Excerpt:

'The Michigan Court of Appeals declined to overturn a light jail sentence for a young woman who killed her father by burning him with a dangerous powder when he couldn't drive her to a hair appointment before her 18th birthday party.

Megan Imirowicz, now 21, was sentenced to a year in jail in 2023. She was immediately released because she had already spent roughly 17 months in custody before trial and while awaiting her punishment.

Sentencing guidelines called for a minimum term of slightly more than four years in prison. But Oakland County Judge Victoria Valentine gave Imirowicz a break, noting her age, lack of maturity and likelihood of rehabilitation. Prosecutors objected.'

Aussie Men Under Attack

Matt · 8 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'This is an important video from a group in Australia called the “Other Side.“ They do an excellent job in looking at the reality that men have been under attack. The video has a professional feel to it and is a good bet to influence people who might be new to these issues. Share it!'

Jefferson City Organization to Conduct "Healthy Masculinity Project"

Mastodon · 8 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Anxiety and Depression Association of America defines toxic masculinity as "the way men are culturally trained and socially pressured to behave" with the three tenants of "toughness", "anti-femininity", and "power."

Two organizations have collaborated to curate a program that prevents this phenomenon in young boys.

A Call to Men is a national organization that promotes healthy behaviors among men of all backgrounds.

This organization has served several male-dominated spaces teaching them the same message.'

It may seem bizarre, but many women (including me) are captivated by the 'hot assassin', writes Clara Gaspar

Mastodon · 11 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Handsome, Ivy-League educated, from a well-heeled family – oh, and did I mention the rippling six pack?

On paper, Luigi Mangione is the sort of man any sane young woman might dream of.

There's a rather large problem, however: the smouldering Italian American now stands charged with killing the CEO of UnitedHealthcare, 50-year-old Brian Thompson, in New York last Wednesday.

I'll admit, I was captivated as soon as the first CCTV images of Mangione were released to the public just hours after the murder.

Various cameras captured him apparently pulling off his meticulously planned operation: approaching Thompson outside a Manhattan hotel, executing the hit and vanishing on an electric bike.

It was like a scene from a Christopher Nolan thriller: cinematic, chilling – and darkly compelling.'

CLARA GASPAR: After the 'Monster of Avignon' case and the claims against P Diddy and Fayed, is it any wonder that so many women my age are growing up genuinely terrified of men?

Why men join the manosphere

Mastodon · 11 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The obsession with ‘toxic masculinity’ shows no sign of abating. As reported this weekend, Bridget Phillipson, the education secretary, has warned of ‘the misogyny increasingly gripping our schools’.

In response to this threat, the government is to issue guidance for teachers to look out for signs in the classroom of ‘incel culture’ stemming from the ‘manosphere’. Teachers of pupils aged over 14 are to be told to look for clues that boys were being drawn into aggressive misogyny, behaviour that could lead to violence and sexual abuse. They are to be on guard for rhetoric indicating teenage boys are being radicalised into ‘hating women’.

A preferable route would be to stop teaching boys to hate themselves in the first place. This is the source of so much discontent among teenage boys, the reason why so many are becoming dysfunctional to begin with, and the reason why many take refuge in the manosphere.

A good first step would be to cease the narrative of ‘toxic masculinity’.'

#NotAllMen, Symptoms Of Male Defensiveness In The Feminist Era

Mastodon · 11 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A reader once told me he's fed up with men being blamed for everything: "We do a lot of things wrong, we need to improve. But it's unbearable to be singled out for everything and beaten down just for being men. It seems there's no escape."

This perception is a reality for many men who feel attacked and, more or less consciously, guilty. What do we do about it? Can we address the situation to achieve a positive reaction? Feeling cornered isn't the best if we expect reflection and change, nor does it encourage active participation.

Saying "men never do anything at home" or "they are rapists" can be meant to provoke, intentionally or not, but the undesirable reaction is rejection from men and even from other women who feel uncomfortable when they look at the men in their lives (fathers, sons, brothers, friends, partners).

This lays the groundwork for the unfortunate #NotAllMen narrative, which is a form of victimization through reductionist and individualistic differentiation that diverts conversation, invalidates experiences, and questions the universality of harassment and violence faced by many women.'

Eyewitnesses Say Nancy Mace Called For Man's Arrest After He Shook Her Hand

Matt · 12 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Utter B.S. Excerpt:

'Eyewitnesses who watched the interaction between Representative Nancy Mace and James McIntyre are questioning the congresswoman's claims about being assaulted, describing instead a scene where McIntyre was just shaking her hand.

McIntyre, a 33-year-old from Chicago, was arrested by U.S. Capitol Police on Tuesday evening at an event for foster children and charged with assaulting a government official. Authorities said that the suspect was tracked down after Mace's office reported an incident in the Rayburn House Office Building.

"I was physically accosted at the Capitol tonight by a pro-tr*ns man. One new brace for my wrist and some ice for my arm and it'll heal just fine," Mace wrote on X, formerly Twitter, on Tuesday. "The Capitol police arrested the guy. Your tr*ns violence and threats on my life will only make me double down."

But two eyewitness describe a different scene.'

Crystal Mangum confesses to lying about being raped by Duke lacrosse players in 2006

Mastodon · 13 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Former stripper and current murder convict Crystal Mangum confessed to lying about being raped by Duke Lacrosse players in an interview on the independent media outlet "Let's Talk With Kat" on Thursday.

"I testified falsely against them by saying that they raped me when they didn't and that was wrong, and I betrayed the trust of a lot of other people who believed in me," Mangum said. "[I] made up a story that wasn't true because I wanted validation from people and not from God."

Mangum, who is serving a prison sentence for murdering her boyfriend, falsely accused three Duke players of raping her while she was performing at a team party in March 2006. The players she accused were arrested, igniting a national controversy and conversations about racism. The allegations even resulted in the team having to cancel a game against Georgetown.'

Scholarship programs slapped with lawsuits for alleged discrimination against White men

Mastodon · 13 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two scholarship programs for "underrepresented" minorities are being slapped with lawsuits for allegedly discriminating against White people.

The nonprofit organization Do No Harm (DNH) is challenging the Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons' (SOMOS) E. Anthony Rankin Scholarship Program on behalf of a DNH member who said he could not continue with the application process because he is a White male.

The program, which is "meant for underrepresented medical students," matches students with a "U.S. Military host" at one of two medical centers, the complaint states. The program spans four weeks, during when students can receive up to $12,000 "to cover ‘travel, housing, and daily per diem for the duration’ of their time hosted by the military," the filing reads, quoting the program's website description.'

150 Feminist Lies and Exaggerations

Matt · 13 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In nearly every crusade feminists have waged, there have been both lies and exaggerations. They have consistently stretched the truth and, in many cases, outright fabricated claims to push society toward a female supremacist agenda.

As I began compiling a list of the many lies told by feminism over the years, I quickly became overwhelmed. There were so many that it was frustrating to organize them all. Then I had an idea: "I wonder what AI would say about this?" Admittedly, I assumed AI would simply repeat the standard “women good“ party line, but I decided to ask anyway. My question was straightforward: "Can you give me a list of feminist lies or exaggerations? Include the lie as the first part, followed by the facts that refute it."

When I plugged in that question, to my surprise, AI generated 20 responses almost immediately. Then it asked, "Do you want more?" Naturally, I said, "Hell yes!" More responses followed. The AI then asked, "Do you want to specify a particular topic?" Intrigued, I said, "Domestic violence." From there, it generated 10 more responses specific to that issue. This continued until I had amassed over 150 responses, spanning various topics.'

Police ask for compassion for Wisconsin shooter

Matt · 17 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No one asks for compassion for male shooters who also kill themselves after murdering others, do they? Excerpt:

'A law enforcement official briefed on the situation told CNN the shooter was a 17-yearo-old female.

'We know that the suspect shooter was a teenage student who attended the school,' Madison Police Chief Shon Barnes said.

However, police are not releasing the age or gender of the suspected shooter at this time.

'Again, as difficult as today is, that's still someone's child that's gone, that's still someone that has to deal with what happened today. And so we want to make sure that we can ensure as much cooperation as we can,' he said.'

Suspect in Madison school shooting motivated by misandry

Mastodon · 17 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Online friends of Rupnow identified an X account belonging to her, in which a photo was posted just minutes before the shooting. Police said they responded to the school shortly before 11 am local time, and a photo was posted to the account at 10:45 am showing a person in a bathroom stall showing the "OK" hand symbol.

An account on X called @PETR0GRAD claimed to have access to a Discord chat where Rupnow was detailing her mindset and plans. Later, it was suggested that this was part of an earlier draft of a manifesto.

The excerpt stated, "women are the only hope for this wretched world. But even women have been brainwashed by moids for too long theyve internalized the patriarchy and turned on each other, always begging for for male approval and validation. Its disgusting. I realize the truth men are iredeemable. radfem hitler was is f*cking vindicated now. They cant be reformed or redeemed. Theyre a f*cking scourge upon the earth. The only solution is to total exterminate them and every foid who worships these f*cking parasites. Every single male must be wiped out, from babies to the elderly. Only then can women be free to create a new world. ill be a pioneer, ill be the first to take the first step. i dont care if theyr fathers, brothers, husbands, sons, teachers, police, and especially n*ggers or politicians. ive been craving to kill them all. This is my mission. only when their parasitic sludge has been expunged from this earth is when Then the world will be clean and women can start over. It's the only way. in aproximatety 10 mintue si should be dead, its strange but it feels good."'

DNC Candidate David Hogg Blasts Dems For Dismissing His ‘Concerns’ About Party’s Appeal To Young Men: ‘Shut Down By Consultants’

Mastodon · 18 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'David Hogg plans to fire consultants who helped lead the Democratic Party down their “path of failure” if he wins his recently announced bid to become Democratic National Committee vice chairperson.

Hogg, a 24-year-old gun control advocate who survived the 2018 Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, joined MSNBC’s Chris Jansing on Tuesday after announcing his candidacy for a leadership position in the DNC. The activist revealed that part of his motivation was frustration with the Democratic Party, especially after he was shut down repeatedly during the 2024 presidential election for voicing concerns about the party’s outreach to young people, specifically men.'

What happens when climate denialism and misogyny intersect? Enter: ‘petro-masculinity’

Mastodon · 19 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Cara Daggett, an associate professor of political science at Virginia Tech University, coined the term “petro-masculinty” in a paper she published in 2018. She used the term to describe the rise of authoritarian movements in the Western hemisphere and how they were being shaped by climate change denialism and misogyny in an appeal to men who felt they were being left behind by society.

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No longer just an energy source, fossil fuels have become wrapped up in the American identity, says Daggett. For conservative men in particular, that’s essential to a return to male-governed households and society, not only at the expense of women, Daggett says, but also the environment.'

What South Korea's 'Queen of 4B' Wants Americans to Know

Mastodon · 19 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ji Yeon, who also goes by her American name Canti, is a 27-year-old YouTuber and a graduate student in media and gender studies based in Seoul. American women might know her as the "Queen of 4B," referring to the South Korean movement aimed at creating a world without men. 4B — shorthand for four Korean words that all start with bi-, or "no": bisekseu (no sex), biyeonae (no dating), bihon (no marriage), and bichulsan (no childbearing) with men — is both an ideological stance and a lifestyle, and its ideas went viral in the U.S. in the weeks following the reelection of Donald Trump. Ji Yeon has been practicing 4B since 2018, which has since given her, she says, a true sense of liberation. "I realized, 'Oh, I can just be myself. I don't have to conform to what society deems acceptable.'" Since April of this year, she has been corresponding with and hosting social-media ask-me-anythings about the movement with mostly American audiences. Last week, we had a long talk about 4B's rise in America and the power of global feminist solidarity.'

More Men Are Addicted to the ‘Crack Cocaine’ of the Stock Market

Matt · 20 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If you see yourself in this article, please reach out to GA. Excerpt:

'A new type of addict is showing up at Gamblers Anonymous meetings across the country: investors hooked on the market’s riskiest trades.

At Gamblers Anonymous in the Murray Hill neighborhood of Manhattan, one man called options “the crack cocaine” of the stock market. Another said he faced hundreds of thousands of dollars in trading losses after borrowing from a loan shark to double down on stocks. And one young man brought his mom and girlfriend to celebrate one year since his last bet.

They were among a group of about 60 people, almost all men, who sat in rows of metal folding chairs in a crowded church basement that evening. Some shared their struggle with addiction—not on sports apps or at Las Vegas casinos—but using brokerage apps like Robinhood.'

Married teacher, 32, is accused of raping boy, 11

Matt · 21 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A married schoolteacher is accused of grooming an 11-year-old boy with nude photos and $700 until they had sex on her bed.

Ashley Elizabeth Bardfield, 32, was arrested on Wednesday night in Mt Zion, Illinois, after the boy helped police with a sting operation.

The sixth-grade substitute teacher at Decatur Public Schools District was recorded telling the boy they could ‘do it again’ and she couldn’t get pregnant.

Bardfield was reported to police after the boy’s mother noticed him ‘acting differently’ after spending the night at the teacher’s home on March 29-30.'

Sen. John Fetterman says fellow Democrats lost male voters to Trump by ‘insulting’ them, being ‘condescending’

Mastodon · 22 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Pennsylvania Sen. John Fetterman bluntly told his fellow Democrats they lost male voters to President-elect Donald Trump because they were “condescending” and “insulting.”

“It was clear [in 2016] that people were voting for Trump. And the Democrats’ response was, ‘Aren’t they smart enough to realize they’re voting against their interests?’ And that’s insulting, and that’s, I mean, that’s, that’s just not helpful,” the 55-year-old told the New York Times Thursday.

“It’s condescending. And if anything, that reinforces that kind of stereotype. Telling them that ‘I know better than you do,’ that’s not helpful.”'

Justifying Women's Violence "Kill all Men"

Matt · 23 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Apparently the recent Wisconsin female school shooter, Samantha Rupnow was known to spew hatred towards men and to believe that all men needed to be killed in order for women to be free to create a new world. I don't think she offered an explanation of where the sperm might come from in order continue propagating this paradise, but maybe she just didn't think that far ahead? The media is staying fairly quiet about this. Imagine the chaos that would ensue if a male mass shooter openly stated that he wanted to kill all women. You would never hear the end of it.

Where did this young woman get this sort of stance? You need look no further than the radical feminists who have been encouraging this sort of thing for some time. Valerie Solanas and her Scum Manifesto are an extreme version of this, but there are many others. The depersonalization of men has been one of the hallmarks of not just radical feminism, but also mainstream feminism. One example of that is the "I bathe in male tears" mantra that is so prevalent and ubiquitous. People don't think much of that phrase, but what would they think if someone said they bathe in Black tears, and wore t-shirts making that claim in public? What would the public think? They would quickly be labelled as dangerous racists. It's easy to see the hatred when the group is almost anyone other than men. This sort of thing is diminishing the humanity of men. And there are many other ways that men's humanity has been ignored or worse. The feminist refusal to allow men into treatment centers as victims of domestic violence is another example, or issues around reproductive rights or circumcision. Men are portrayed as not needing special care, of actually being less than human. This, along with men's already existing disposability and gynocentric disadvantage, degrades men and prepares the ground for the more radical views of simply killing men. The explanation for this hatred is of course, that they deserve it. The "Battered Woman Syndrome" is a tragic example of this.'

The Red Pill: A Feminist's Journey into the Men's Rights Movement

Matt · 23 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Register for this showing event over Zoom here.

Are Young Men Really Becoming More Sexist?

Mastodon · 24 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's conventional wisdom that young people will be more progressive than their forebears. But although young people can often be counted upon to be more comfortable with risk and radicalism, that doesn't mean they will always express that through left-leaning politics.

Young men may have helped hand President-Elect Donald Trump his victory, fueling the narrative about a growing gender gap among young voters. But this is not just an American trend. In South Korea, young men have been radicalized against feminism, opening up a large gender gap; in Poland, gender emerged "as a significant factor … with young men showing a strong preference" for the far-right political alliance; and in Belgium, the anti-immigrant and separatist Vlaams Belang party received significantly more support from young men than young women.'

Study blames 'sexism' for causing dementia in women

Mastodon · 24 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are disproportionately more likely to get Alzheimer's than men, which has long been attributed to living longer and genetic differences.

But now, a new study from Columbia University Irving Medical Center has blamed a new cause: sexism.

Researcher, who reviewed data on more than 21,000 people, said that inequality in access to resources and power was causing damaging changes in women's brains that leads to dementia.

They found that women in America's 'most sexist' states had nine extra years of cognitive decline compared to their peers in the country's least sexist states.

Dr Justina Avila-Rieger, an associate scientist who lead the study, said: 'Our findings suggest that addressing social inequities may be a powerful way to lower the burden of Alzheimer's among women.

'What we... know is that structural inequalities shape individual health outcomes by creating barriers to health-enhancing opportunities and resources.

'Eventually, these exposures produce disparities in chronic physical health conditions that directly influence brain health, the onset of cognitive impairment and, ultimately, dementia."

If Men Are in Trouble, What Is the Cause?

Mastodon · 24 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Why do boys disproportionately fall into the bottom tenth?

Fascinatingly, Autor and his colleagues found that boys suffered much more than girls from “adverse child-rearing conditions” and “that less favorable home environments differentially raise the prevalence of adverse outcomes among boys relative to girls.”

The consequences?

“Because these adverse outcomes are determinative of high school dropout rates,” they wrote, “this differential sensitivity could help explain the large gender gap in dropping out.”'

India: ER prosecutes 304 men for travelling in women-only train coaches

Mastodon · 24 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Railway Protection Force (RPF) prosecuted 304 men for travelling in women-only train coaches in the Eastern Railway zone in a six-day drive as part of 'Operation Mahila Suraksha', an official said on Tuesday.

The initiative, spearheaded by the RPF, focuses on protecting women passengers and ensuring their right to travel without fear or intimidation, he said.

The ER official said that between December 15 and 20, an intensive drive across Howrah, Sealdah, Malda and Asansol divisions of Eastern Railway led to the apprehension and prosecution of 304 men under the provisions of the Railway Act for unauthorised travel in women-only coaches.'

Healey executive order seeks more construction jobs for women

Mastodon · 24 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Maura Healey on Monday signed an executive order aimed at boosting women's employment in the construction industry, and she celebrated the effort with what could be one of her final public collaborations with the Biden administration.

The order (Executive Order 638) will direct state agencies issuing construction contracts to "do it in a way that we know creates better access to jobs for women and minorities," Healey said at the event inside Sheet Metal Workers Local 17's Training Center.

That will translate to utilizing apprenticeship programs that boost women and people of color, the governor said, along with safety and anti-harassment training programs and supportive services like child care.

The order created a new body -- the "Diverse and Equitable Construction Workforce Participation Committee" -- which Healey said would coordinate the effort across state agencies and monitor projects over $35 million.'

"Shatter the Glass of Modernity"

Matt · 28 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Whatifalthist takes on modernity and feminism, among other things, in this podcast on YT.

Welcome to the femosphere

Matt · 30 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It is a term used by Dr Jilly Kay, an expert in feminist media and cultural studies at Loughborough University, in a paper published earlier this year. Kay has been researching a reactionary turn among young women, and how a backlash against mainstream feminism has created new spaces online. In the femosphere, instead of “incels” – male involuntary celibates – there are “femcels”, and instead of pickup artists there are female dating strategists and so-called “dark feminine” influencers who encourage women to find men to support them financially.

Most corners of the femosphere explicitly describe themselves as feminist, so Kay said she was surprised to see that their values seemed conservative, and their philosophy mostly anti-gender equality.

She said: “The logic that they adhere to is that men and women are fundamentally different.”'

James Bond Hopeful James Norton Says Men Should Atone For “Patriarchal Crimes Of The Past”

Mastodon · 30 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'James Norton, the Happy Valley star who has been heavily linked to James Bond, thinks men should be proactive when confronting the MeToo movement.

Norton told the Radio Times magazine that the “modern man” was living in a time where there was an “attempt to rebalance the patriarchal crimes of the past.”

He argued that some men wrongly think they should be “passive” about misconduct when they should actually step up in a post-MeToo world.

“What interested me was the question of what it is to be a modern man, post-MeToo, with the attempt to rebalance the patriarchal crimes of the past,” he said.

“With a lot of men, there’s a misconception that what we should be doing is making space, stepping back and almost becoming passive.”

Norton said this is a realization that dawns on his character Pete, who decides he must confront the bullying and controlling character of Miles (James McArdle). He added: “You have to be proactive and, sometimes, confrontational.”'

Leveraging and Weaponizing Gynocentrism

Matt · 31 December 2024 · Archived copy · Original

From July but it's definitely a good ICYMI post. Article here. Excerpt:

'To understand this process, it's essential to examine how men are influenced by gynocentrism. Testosterone drives men to seek status, which is crucial in attracting women as mates. Higher status means more reproductive choices. Because of this, men strive to impress women to earn their admiration, working hard to prove their high status. Men seek women's approval and avoid their disapproval, as both impact their perceived status. This is driven by biological imperatives.

Equally significant is the social conditioning over thousands of years, where men are taught to prioritize providing for and protecting women. From a young age, cultural norms emphasize respecting and supporting women, reinforcing men's role as providers and protectors. These biological and social factors combine, creating a powerful, instinctual drive in men to support, protect, and demonstrate their value as capable problem-solvers and valuable assets to women.'

A ‘Ladies’ Night’ lawsuit sent a family-owned restaurant out of business

Matt · 1 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

This article is gynocentrism and nymphotropism in action. The editorial bias is glaring to anyone with eyes to see. Excerpt:

'Historically, “Ladies’ Nights” have been great for business.

The discounted drinks or meals tend to draw a large crowd of women, which in turn tends to draw more men — which then leads to packed bars and increased sales for the business.

But a family-run restaurant in the San Francisco Bay Area is shutting down this week because it can’t afford to operate after it settled a “Ladies’ Night” discrimination lawsuit, CNN affiliate KGO reported last week. John Marquez, the chef and owner of Lima Restaurant in Concord, told the outlet that it hasn’t been able to bounce back after settling a lawsuit over a promotion that discounted drinks for women.

It’s not the first small business to be sued over a Ladies’ Night promotion due to technicalities in discrimination laws in certain states. The Unruh Civil Rights Act, a California law that dates back to 1959, says businesses can’t discriminate against religion, race and gender. A slew of lawsuits have since followed, and that has meant a sharp drop in the promotion.'

False rape allegations like the Duke scandal aren’t common enough to justify withholding support from victims, advocates say

Mastodon · 5 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'“This was a really damaging instance that hurt those boys’ lives and impacted them for decades, so I don’t want to downplay how tragic it is from that perspective, but I do hope that people put it into context of this is far from the norm,” says Scott Berkowitz, president of non-profit anti-sexual violence organization Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN).

“For every false report, there is a far greater number of reports both that are truthful and people who experienced rape who never reported. That’s a much bigger national problem.”

A study published by the journal Violence Against Women in 2010 found that false allegations of sexual assault range from between 2% to 10% of assaults reported. A majority of sexual assaults, an estimated 63%, are never reported to the police, according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.'

Daphne Taziki's murder came after gunman's wife made false rape allegation, prosecutor says

Mastodon · 5 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Baldwin County Assistant District Attorney Patrick Doggett told jurors during his opening statement that they will hear testimony that Lofton's wife, who worked at the restaurant, told her husband about the supposed rape and that she went as far as using a second cell phone to manufacture an incriminating text message string purporting to be from Mallette.

Doggett said Lofton the day before had called the Daphne Police Department's non-emergency line to report the rape but that the woman – even after the shooting – was vague about the details of the allegations and uncooperative.

On the phone call to police, Doggett said, the defendant said he might have to handle it if they could not. The prosecutor said other evidence, including surveillance video, puts Lofton on the scene.

Defense attorney Trey Koons to told jurors during his opening statement that the case is not as "black and white" as prosecutors make it out to be. He directed the blame at his client's wife.

"I think we got two good guys," he said. "I think we have one evil woman. … She manufactured the most vile and terrible text messages and showed them to Travis."'

More 'structural sexism' linked to dementia and yet more diseases

Mastodon · 5 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Diabetes, age, genetics, heart problems — all these factors have been linked to an increased risk of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Structural sexism could also contribute to the deadly disease, per a new study.

The concept refers to sweeping trends — such as unequal pay at work, less workplace participation, a lack of representation in state legislature and laws that limit reproductive freedoms — that largely impact women in a negative way.

Women born in states with higher levels of structural sexism experienced the equivalent of nine years of cognitive aging. Researchers — the study was done by Columbia University, Duke University School of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin and University of California, San Francisco, scientists — think these findings can at least partially explain why women are more likely than men to suffer from Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Black women are particularly hard hit.'

UK: HMRC worker who branded her female boss 'sexist' because she wanted a granddaughter to buy pink dresses for loses unfair dismissal claim

Mastodon · 5 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A HMRC worker who branded her female boss 'sexist' when she said in a meeting that she wanted a granddaughter so she could buy 'pink dresses' has lost a discrimination claim, an employment tribunal heard.

Rachel Gladstone demanded that team leader Sandra Edwards apologise, asking that she 'keep the overt spoilt pink baby girl princess sexism for your private and family life'.

Ms Gladstone added that it was a 'triggering' subject for her as she had spent time while raising her own daughter to counteract the 'pink is for girls' culture, which she described as 'mildly damaging when taken to extremes'.

The comments - made in a series of emails - led bosses to launch disciplinary proceedings against admin worker Ms Gladstone, then 52, over her behaviour at work for which she received a written warning.

This prompted her to resign and to sue HMRC for unfair constructive dismissal and disability discrimination.

However, her claims were all dismissed by the tribunal which concluded that she had been treated fairly.'

Sexism Allegations Erupt Once Again as Dallas Wings Appoint 5th Male WNBA Head Coach Chris Koclanes

Mastodon · 5 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Dallas Wings have stirred controversy once more with the appointment of Chris Koclanes as their new head coach. As the fifth male to hold this position in a league championing women's sports, Koclanes' hiring has once again sparked heated discussions about sexism in the WNBA. The move has ignited fan backlash, with many questioning the league's commitment to empowering women, given the increasing number of men at the helm of WNBA teams.

According to a recent Instagram post by the WNBA, the @DallasWings announced Koclanes as their new head coach. Koclanes, who is currently an assistant coach for the USC Trojans, brings a wealth of experience, having served as an assistant coach in the WNBA and Division I women's basketball.

One fan summed up the general sentiment succinctly, "Here come all the men." This comment reflects a growing frustration over the trend of hiring male coaches in a league that was founded to showcase the talents of women.

Nevertheless, the Dallas Wings remain firm in their choice. Executive Vice President and General Manager Curt Miller praised Koclanes for his leadership qualities, emphasizing his ability to foster connections with players. "He is a servant leader who places a high value on connection, collaboration, and a positive and consistent communication style with all those he coaches," Miller stated.'

Sweden's Decline: The Consequences of Feminist Leadership

Matt · 5 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This video examines the damage caused by feminists in positions of national power in Sweden. The title, Cancel Nation: How Well-Meaning Women and Fake Feminists Brought Down the Most Liberal Nation, appears to be written by someone attempting to excuse or rationalize the pathological decisions of Sweden's feminized legislators. However, the content speaks for itself.

The comments section of the video is particularly revealing. Here's one from a Swedish man who has had enough:
...
Many commenters noted that these were not "fake" feminists but the genuine variety. I agree. This video offers a stark look at the consequences of allowing feminist ideologies to dominate national policy. We must work to limit feminist and woke influence and call it out whenever possible.'

Hoe-flation grips China

Matt · 8 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video on the subject here. Looks like the world's oldest profession has completely colonized the notion of marriage, which tried in any case to support the idea of sincerity of emotional attachment. Not anymore!

UK: School's video hopes to combat toxic masculinity

Mastodon · 9 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A video encouraging men and boys to be open with their emotions has been created by students and staff at a school.

The film, made at Clevedon School in North Somerset, warns against toxic masculinity in society, a term that refers to a set of behaviours and attitudes that can be damaging to mental health.

"From a young age, boys are taught that to cry is weakness; to be vulnerable is shameful; to express their emotions other than anger is to lose their masculinity," staff say in the video.'

Irish anti-bullying center launches school guide to combat toxic masculinity

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The guide, which was launched during a webinar event in November, provides guidance to schools, teachers and parents/guardians on how to address the impact of online masculinity influencers and associated content on children and young people, particularly teenage boys.

Dr Darragh McCashin and Dr Catherine Baker from Dublin City University collaborated with Dr Fiona O'Rourke on the new guide.

The guidance in the report covers three main sections. It begins with introductory information about online masculinity influencers who promote harmful ideologies, attitudes and behaviours and the ‘ecosystem’ that underpins and supports them along with the impact they are having on children and young people from all gendered backgrounds.'

"Toxic male technique" uses poison semen to control insects

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Scientists have found a way to use toxic masculinity for good. Australian researchers have successfully genetically engineered insect semen to be poisonous, reducing the number of female insects able to breed. A new technique inserts proteins from spider and sea anemone venom into the reproductive system of fruit flies, poisoning the female during mating.'

Female LA Firefighter Blames Victims if She Lacks Skills and Muscle to Save Them

Mastodon · 10 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'That's a quote from the Los Angeles Fire Department's Assistant Chief in a recently unearthed promo video. With the ongoing wildfires in California, many are questioning if firefighters are up to the job. This video confirms some of them are not. Are you willing to die for DEI?

"Is she strong enough to do this? You couldn't carry my husband out of a fire. He got himself in the wrong place if I have to carry him out of a fire."

It's disturbing to think a firefighter would blame a victim for being in danger. But, that's what happens in the video. The firefighter says it's the victim's fault if she lacks the strength or skills to save them.'

LAFD Deputy Chief Faces Backlash for Past Remarks on Fire Victims

Mastodon · 10 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Los Angeles Fire Department Deputy (LAFD) Chief Kristine Larson is facing widespread criticism online after comments surfaced in which she appeared to shift blame onto fire victims for their circumstances.

Speaking as part of a video that aired during a commercial break for the FOX show 9-1-1 about firefighter capabilities, Larson said, "Am I able to carry your husband out of a fire? He got himself in the wrong place if I have to carry him out."

Her remarks, captured in a resurfaced clip now circulating widely on social media, have sparked outrage among community members and safety advocates, who view them as lacking empathy for victims of fires and emergencies. The comments were originally shared by the right-wing account @EndWokeness on X, formerly Twitter, garnering millions of views and heated debate.
The backlash is compounded by Larson's comments emphasizing the importance of firefighters reflecting the communities they serve.

"You want to see somebody that responds to your house, your emergency, whether it's a medical call or a fire call, that looks like you," she said in the same video. For some, these remarks contrast starkly with her dismissal of victims' plights.'

CA fires bring out not-so-toxic masculine behaviors. Feminists not complaining.

Matt · 11 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

I saw this story and thought how quintessentially masculine such behavior is and how suddenly no one's complaining about masculine behaviors now, at least not at the moment, at least not in California. Women *could* behave the way these men do, but generally speaking-- they don't. Feminists are eerily quiet about men when they behave this way but start their litany of complaints back up once the emergency has passed. Fancy that.

Massachusetts Court Weighs Whether All Prostitution Is Sex Trafficking

Matt · 13 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"So every John is a sex trafficker?" asked Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Scott L. Kafker in the courtroom last week.

"Yes, your honor," replied Plymouth County Assistant District Attorney Julianne Campbell.

The case—Commonwealth v. Garafalo—represents the latest assault on civil liberties and basic language to be carried out in the name of stopping sex trafficking.

It's long been a goal of certain radical feminists to define all sex work as sex trafficking. If you completely remove agency and free will from the equation—at least for women—then anyone who accepts money for sexual activity can be a victim and anyone who makes or facilitates this payment a criminal.

This paradigm is the basis for the "Nordic Model" of regulating prostitution, in which paying for sex is illegal but the basic act of offering sex for money is not. The Nordic model is established in many European countries, was adopted last year in Maine, and is gaining ground in the U.S. (where it's sometimes, confusingly, called the Equality Model).'

Alpha Male domination is the theme of 2025 — men like Trump mean ‘nobody feels safe’

Matt · 14 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Good grief. Excerpt:

'Despite the groundbreaking and heroic actions of women in the last 12 months, there’s one archetype sitting firmly on the horizon for 2025: the Alpha Male.
...
But despite these trailblazing moments, the steadily growing popularity of the Alpha Male signals a dangerous cloud of toxic masculinity in 2025.

According to political scientist and president of the Institute of European Policy Making, Catherine De Vries, the president-elect is the shining star of the Alpha Male stereotype: a hyper-masculine man who seeks to assert absolute authority, and values material wealth and strength.

While Andrew Tate brought the Alpha Male to mainstream media, Donald Trump is the reason it will boil over in popularity this year, as he steps into arguably the most powerful position on Earth.'

How the Crazy Feminists Develop

Matt · 15 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

Tom and Hannah have an open and honest discussion about how the crazy feminists develop. Hannah offers numerous insights into female psychology and the damage done to women, children, and men by feminists.

South Jersey elementary school teacher accused of having sexual relationship, child with student

Matt · 16 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Middle Township Elementary School teacher in South Jersey is facing charges after she allegedly had a child with a student she's accused of sexually assaulting inside her home several years ago.

Laura Caron, 34, of Cape May Court House, was arrested on Wednesday on charges of aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, and endangering the welfare of a child.

The alleged crimes happened between 2016 and 2020 at the suspect's home in Cape May Court House.

Authorities say the victim was 13 years old and living with then-28-year-old Caron when their child was born in 2019.'

Elderly Pennsylvania woman 'invites two young boys into her home before getting them drunk and sexually assaulting them'

Matt · 16 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Pennsylvania woman is behind bars after allegedly serving two young boys alcohol and attempting to sexually assault them.

Rochelle Stewart, 64, was charged with six misdemeanors — one count of indecent assault, one count of making a false police report, and two counts each of giving minors alcohol and corruption of minors.

Pittsburgh police said on Jan. 8 two boys, ages 12 and 13, offered to shovel snow in front of the home of Stewart's home, Law&Crime reported. According to a criminal complaint Stewart agreed to pay the boys $5 to shovel her walkway.'

From writer in Trinidad: Toxic masculinity running amok

Mastodon · 17 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What is evident from the violence that has taken hold in TT is parents afraid of their children, and a society living in fear. Barricaded in their homes behind burglar bars and security cameras, fearful of speaking up. Not helped by the fact a solution is yet to be found to stem the escalating violence. Not that there is a straightforward one.

The fact, however, is that violence, abuse and killing of women, children and crime overall are perpetrated predominantly by males.

...

That said, males need to help themselves by recognising and willingly admitting they have a problem, a desire to initiate change and sufficient discipline to maintain that change. To self-reflect (not a masculine thing to do) or seek professional help. It is, of course, easier said than done.'

Stanford Law prof fires Meta as client, citing platform's 'descent into toxic masculinity'

Mastodon · 17 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mark Lemley, the William H. Neukom professor of law at Stanford Law and director of its Program in Law, Science and Technology, said in his social media post he has “struggled with how to respond to [CEO] Mark Zuckerberg and Facebook’s descent into toxic masculinity and Neo-Nazi madness.”

Lemley, a partner at Lex Lumina who was representing Meta in a copyright dispute in the Northern District of California, said he fired the company as a client. The case, Kadrey v. Meta Platforms, involves allegations that Meta trained its artificial intelligence product using the copyrighted works of several authors.'

Department of Education Says Revenue Sharing Must Comply with Title IX

Mastodon · 17 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Revenue sharing in college athletics is slated to begin next season, starting on July 1 (if the proposal is finalized in April, as expected), but a potential wrench has been thrown into the plans of programs across the country.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights put out a memo Thursday regarding Title IX and NIL, answering questions surrounding revenue sharing and Title IX.

As shared by Pete Nakos of On3, future revenue-sharing distributions from a school to its players for NIL rights are considered financial assistance, and if not divided proportionally among men and women athletes, schools would risk Title IX violations.

Nakos further reported that most programs were planning a distribution split that would have given 75% of revenue sharing to football, 15% to men's basketball, 5% to women's basketball and 5% to the remaining athletes. That, obviously, would not be Title IX compliant.'

Men think they're doing their share of housework. They're not.

Mastodon · 17 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The household gender divide is as old as time. Studies show that even in progressive (heterosexual) households, women tend to do more of the housework than men. Is there any hope of change?

Men "seem to think" they are doing their fair share of the chores, said The Washington Post. A YouGov survey revealed that 81% of men living with partners "responded with confidence" that they were pulling their weight around the house. But statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics tell a somewhat different story: Women "cooked, cleaned and did yard work" for nearly two hours a day, according to the study. Their male partners did only half that amount. But that is more housework than men used to do — and the increased chore time is coming largely in the form of meal preparation. "Men are gaining," said the Post.

Overall, though, the gender divide "continues to linger," Bev Betkowski said at the University of Alberta's Folio. New research from the university suggests that women who carried the bulk of the housework load at age 25 still bear the same heavy burdens decades later as they move into middle age — and that "women's domestic workload only increased during the child-rearing years." It is important to lay out the ground rules early. When patterns are "set early in the relationship, they tend to persist," said Matthew Johnson, a relationship researcher at the University of Alberta.'

Surge of Female Enlistments Helped Drive Army Success in Reaching 2024 Recruiting Goal

Mastodon · 17 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last year marked the first time in several years that the Army achieved its ambitious recruiting goals -- primarily due to an increase in female recruits, according to internal service data reviewed by Military.com.

Nearly 10,000 women signed up for active duty in 2024, an 18% jump from the previous year, while male recruitment increased by just 8%, the data shows. The hike comes as the service continues to struggle with recruiting men, who have traditionally filled the bulk of its ranks but have become more of a challenge to enlist in recent years.

The numbers mark the continuation of a trend reported in a Military.com investigation that found a yearslong Army recruiting slump was centered around men, while female recruiting numbers have remained relatively strong. They also point to young women as an increasingly vital recruiting pool, especially as young men are struggling to meet the Army's eligibility requirements.'

The Misandry Myth Only Seeks To Reinforce Patriarchy

Mastodon · 17 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The term ‘misandry‘ has been increasingly mentioned in recent weeks. While the term has been deeply embedded in the manosphere’s vocabulary for long, following the Atul Subhash suicide, it has gained renewed traction. It has since spilt outside of MRA/manosphere circles, with many claiming that women, society, and institutions exhibit misandrist tendencies and systematically favour women and disfavour men.

The manosphere’s use of the term, or its insistence that it’s the inverse of misogyny and is just as, if not more, prevalent, isn’t new. The dominant narrative within the Indian manosphere seems to be that men face systemic persecution at the hands of women and in a system that is created for their sole benefit. What’s troubling, however, is the use and acceptance of the term outside of the manosphere and how it has penetrated common parlance as the opposite of misogyny.'

Pennsylvania woman's heinous excuse after falsely accusing man she never met of attempted rape and kidnapping

Matt · 18 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Pennsylvania woman said she falsely accused an innocent man she never met of trying to rape and kidnap her all because he looked 'creepy'.

Anjela Borisova Urumova, 20, pleaded guilty on Thursday to filing a false police report against 41-year-old Daniel Pierson, whom she accused of attempting to kidnap and rape her.

Pierson was held on a $1 million bail, charged with multiple felonies and spent a month in jail as a result of the false claims.'

The problem with MAGA's definition of manhood

Mastodon · 19 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Zuckerberg also reportedly "blamed his former chief operating officer, Sheryl Sandberg, for an inclusivity initiative at Facebook that encouraged employees' self-expression in the workplace."

I mean, at one level, it's actually a perfect example of masculine energy to not own your decisions and instead blame them on a woman who was your subordinate. But it's a kind of masculine energy — if you want to call it that — that's pretty damn pathetic.

That's the other weird thing about all these "manly men" and how they perform masculinity. Not only does it involve a ton of whining and blame-shifting, but it also involves abject levels of, dare I say, emasculating subservience.

All these "manly men" are so eager to submit to the awesome will of Trump while simultaneously bragging about their superhuman feats. Whether it's all the pushups you can allegedly do, in Hegseth's case, or claiming you are one of the best video gamers in the universe, as Elon Musk has recently done.'

California State University changes 'illegal' program that excluded White men

Matt · 24 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'California State University changed a program that was only open to men of color to now be open to all students, following a complaint filed to the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights.

"Cal State, like most universities, has very large bureaucracies devoted towards preventing and remedying discrimination," Cornell professor William Jacobson and founder of the Equal Protection Project, told Fox News Digital. "So how is it that the university as a system engages in open discrimination?"

The complaint, filed Nov. 19, 2024, by Jacobson and the Equal Protection Project, claimed that 23 campuses at California State University operated a "Young Males of Color Consortium."'

Strategic disinvestment from masculinity linked to poor psychosocial outcomes

Mastodon · 24 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent study published in Sex Roles reveals that “strategic masculine disinvestment,” a process where men intentionally distance themselves from traditional masculine ideals, is linked to poorer psychosocial functioning, including higher levels of distress and anger.

Jessica Pfaffendorf and Terrence Hill examined how changes in masculinity, including the shift away from hegemonic masculinity, marked by traits like stoicism and assertiveness, intersect with broader social changes. As structural support for traditional masculinity erodes, men are increasingly adopting alternative identity strategies.

The researchers analyzed data from the 2021 Crime, Health, and Politics Survey (CHAPS), which included a nationally representative sample of 803 men (ages 18-91) from the United States. To assess strategic masculine disinvestment, participants indicated whether they sometimes acted “less manly” because it helped them get ahead in the world.

Psychosocial functioning was evaluated through validated scales that measured variables such as mastery, anger, anxiety, depression, and nonspecific psychological distress. Mastery was assessed using items that gauged participants’ perceived sense of control over their lives, while psychological distress was measured through the K6 Psychological Distress Scale, which captures symptoms like nervousness, hopelessness, and worthlessness. Participants also provided demographic information.'

Women, gays, transgender and queer Americans serve in the military because men won't

Mastodon · 24 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As we can see, in the post-Vietnam years, women flooded into the service and took up roles that were traditionally filled by men. They did a pretty good job of it — so much that the military realized non-combat jobs could and should be performed by women.

There were two lessons we learned from Iraq. The first was that when you put women in combat roles, they rose to the task. The second was, why beg straight white men to serve when gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans are so willing to?'

What’s Behind Right-Wing Support for “Male Feminist” Justin Baldoni

Mastodon · 24 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Justin Baldoni would seem to be a bogeyman for America’s right wing. He broke out as a heartthrob on the satirical telenovela Jane the Virgin, known for its progressive themes, and then branded himself as one of the country’s foremost male feminists on his Man Enough podcast, the tagline for which was “undefining masculinity.”

But after Blake Lively, who starred opposite him in his directorial hit It Ends with Us, alleged workplace mistreatment including sexual harassment, he’s been unyoked from “woke.” In fact, he’s become an unexpected new conservative cause celebre as a growing contingent of commentators take his side.'

Israel receives names of four female hostages Hamas is due to release Saturday

Matt · 24 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Whole thing is an exercise in nymphotropism. The first hostages to be released should be all civilians regardless of sex, then all soldiers regardless of sex. Instead they prioritize females above all else. Predictable. "Women and children first!" The children I understand. Not the women. Excerpt:

'Israel is preparing to receive on Saturday four female soldiers held hostage by Hamas.

The militant group said Friday that it intends to release Karina Ariev, 20, Daniella Gilboa, 20, Naama Levy, 20, and Liri Albag, 19.

Israeli officials have told the families of the four women that they intend to move forward with the release – despite the fact that Israel had previously expected Arbel Yehud, a female civilian hostage still held in Gaza, to be included in Saturday's release.

Israel had demanded that Hamas release Yehud, a 29-year-old who was taken hostage from her home in Kibbutz Nir Oz, as part of the next release, a source familiar with the matter said. Yehud is believed to be held by Palestinian Islamic Jihad, not Hamas, which could be a factor in the timing of her release.'

France: Sex not part of woman's 'marital duties,' court rules in divorce case

Matt · 25 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. What duties are left, I wonder, if any? Excerpt:

'A French woman has won a ruling from Europe's top human rights court, with a panel of seven judges unanimously saying she should not have been blamed in her divorce for not having sex with her husband.

The European Court of Human Rights judgment ruled that the woman — known as Ms. H.W. in court documents in keeping with European protocol — suffered a violation of Article 8 under the European Convention on Human Rights, the right to respect for family and private life.

The case centered on the divorce between the woman, a French national born in 1955 who lives in Le Chesnay, near Versailles, and her husband, known in court records as Mr. J.C.'

Sexism linked to social ills for men and women, finds largest cross-cultural study of its kind

Mastodon · 26 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism is facing a backlash, with women's rights being rolled back in many countries and a significant number of people saying feminism has gone far enough or even too far. Yet women still face basic obstacles to education in some countries and are generally paid less than men. They still suffer from male violence and, in some places, face increasing restrictions to reproductive rights. There are even some places where families force midwives to kill their newborn girls.

Many women are also fed up with doing both a full-time job and the lion's share of domestic duties and unpaid caring jobs. It's easy to wonder whether gender equality is simply impossible, especially as many men inaccurately perceive that gains for women equate losses for men.

But there is hope. Our 62-nation psychological study, which is largest of its kind, suggests that gender equality benefits us all and sexism is harmful to everybody – women, men and nations in many surprising ways. As such, we all have an interest in promoting egalitarianism.

As our findings show, sexism is linked with several social ills affecting us all. For example, higher sexism predicted lower GDP – indicating lower economic productivity. It also predicted a lower "global peace index", meaning nation's higher domestic and international conflict, militarisation and lower safety and security.'

Professor: Gender studies made me realize X-Men's Wolverine is 'toxic' masculinity

Mastodon · 29 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In one of Shyminsky's TikTok videos he says if you're a man who believes it's your duty to protect women then you require dangerous men to exist; as such, you're not actually working toward a world in which such people do not exist.

In other words, such a man's "self actualization is opposed to women's liberation" — that "being a good man also requires you to be a bad one."

Shyminsky further claims men who believe it their duty to protect women are the real danger: "You are one of the bad ones for some other woman's good man," he says.'

Silicon Valley's toxic techno-bros

Matt · 29 January 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An influential Silicon Valley publication runs a cover story lamenting the “pussification” of tech. A major tech CEO lambasts a Black civil rights leader’s calls for diversifying the tech workforce. Technologists rage against the “PC police”.

No, this isn’t Silicon Valley in the age of Maga. It’s the tech industry of the 1990s, when observers first raised concerns about the rightwing bend of Silicon Valley and the potential for “technofascism”. Despite the industry’s (often undeserved) reputation for liberalism, its reactionary foundations were baked in almost from the beginning. As Silicon Valley enters a second Trump administration, the gendered roots of its original reactionary movement offer insight into today’s rightward turn.'

Gender Equality For Men

Matt · 2 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

This vid (registration on Rumble required) is from March 2024 but is still very timely. In it a man (a leader in the MRM, Ed Bartlett) is interviewed to discuss what are some men's issues and what are he and others doing to raise awareness. Worth registering to see it.

America’s ‘Marriage Material’ Shortage

Matt · 4 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's not often that MSM articles openly acknowledge women's financial motivation in seeking a marriage partner, but this one does. Excerpt:

'People’s lives are diverse, and so are their wants and desires and circumstances. It’s hard, and perhaps impossible, to identify a tiny number of factors that explain hundreds of millions of people’s decisions to couple up, split apart, or remain single. But according to Lyman Stone, a researcher at the Institute for Family Studies, the most important reason marriage and coupling are declining in the U.S. is actually quite straightforward: Many young men are falling behind economically.

A marriage or romantic partnership can be many things: friendship, love, sex, someone to gossip with, someone to remind you to take out the trash. But, practically speaking, Stone told me, marriage is also insurance. Women have historically relied on men to act as insurance policies—against the threat of violence, the risk of poverty. To some, this might sound like an old-fashioned, even reactionary, description of marriage, but its logic still applies. “Men’s odds of being in a relationship today are still highly correlated with their income,” Stone said. “Women do not typically invest in long-term relationships with men who have nothing to contribute economically.” In the past few decades, young and especially less educated men’s income has stagnated, even as women have charged into the workforce and seen their college-graduation rates soar. For single non-college-educated men, average inflation-adjusted earnings at age 45 have fallen by nearly 25 percent in the past half century, while for the country as a whole, average real earnings have more than doubled. As a result, “a lot of young men today just don’t look like what women have come to think of as ‘marriage material,’” he said.'

How to dial down ‘masculine energy’ in your workwear

Mastodon · 6 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If you’re looking to do the opposite of Zuckerberg and eschew tired notions of masculinity in the workplace, a great place to start is with what you wear. Small, intentional wardrobe choices can subtly shift the image you project, setting the tone for a more thoughtful and inclusive working environment.

You could do as many Gen Z men do already, and embrace pearls. But if you’re working in a typical British office, statement jewellery might not be the right fit. Instead, focus on subtle shifts in your everyday staples, pairing tailored pieces with softer items — chinos with an unstructured blazer, or suit trousers with loafers, a shirt and a quarter-zip sweater. Minor changes in cut, fabric and tone can inject softness and avoid macho clichés, without the need for a sartorial overhaul.'

Sarah Harte: Stand down, boys — masculine hierarchies are far from being neutered

Mastodon · 6 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'However, the nexus between masculinity and violent aggression struck me as unfortunate messaging, given the global violence against women. Plus, genderising the qualities that employees need to succeed seems reductive.

Overall, the feminine against the masculine binary idea reduces us all to unhelpful archetypes. Some men display what has been tagged as traditionally feminine traits, and women display so-called male characteristics.

Despite the latest cruel announcement in the States that there are only two genders supposedly to protect women in some cynical version of benevolent sexism, we are all as human beings plotted along a continuum of behaviour, a nuanced gradient on which every person functions and acts at different levels be that professionally, personally or sexually.'

Wake school board member says DEI opponents are protecting ‘mediocre white men’

Mastodon · 6 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A white Wake County school board member is gaining attention for a speech defending diversity, equity and inclusion and accusing DEI critics of being losers who want to support “mediocre white men.”'

Why Black Women Cannot Let Mediocre White Men Win

Mastodon · 6 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'You see, the mediocre white man is a figure that we, as Black women, have had to contend with all of our lives. No matter how qualified I am for a job, white men have told me to my face that I only got the role because I'm Black and a woman.

"You're just a DEI hire" are words I have often heard.

They've refused to acknowledge or accept that I am the best-qualified person for the job. Many Black women will tell you they've had a similar experience.
...
They conveniently associate DEI with incompetence, corruption, and unethical behaviors. Non-DEI, aka white men, no matter how unqualified they are, are associated with competence, non-corrupt and ethical behaviors. Excuse me; we must not be talking about Trump himself, Pete Hegseth, JD Vance, and a host of other white men who have been elevated into positions of power within this administration.

The mediocre white man hates the competent Black woman because she is everything that he is not. She is hardworking while he is lazy, and she is professional while he is sloppy. She speaks out and is courageous, while he constantly whines and is a coward.'

America Must Protect Itself From the Dangerous, Violent Fragility of White Male Mediocrity.

Mastodon · 6 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'America has always been hijacked by the violent fragility of a few terrified, mediocre, white men.

They need sanitized safe spaces to protect themselves from a changing, vibrant world that sees them as equals and not superiors. They must ban books that shatter their ego and replace them with fairy tales to prove to themselves and to the world that they are “the master race.” Tragically, their superiority cannot be proven based on merit alone so they must rig the system to keep out women, Black people, and communities of color.

This weakness reveals itself through slavery, segregation, Jim Crow laws, and denying women the right to vote until the 20th century. Their cowardice is on display 24-7 through non-stop projection. As they whine and rant on every platform despite being born with privilege and wealth, they demand the rest stop complaining about discrimination and bigotry and instead pull ourselves up from the bootstrap.
...
All of this chaos was preventable if enough Americans simply voted for Kamala Harris, a competent Black Indian American woman. But, nope, a plurality of Americans needed to “feel” great again by “owning the libs” and dispensing cruelty. Unfortunately, all of us are in it now. There’s still a chance for us to confront the authoritarian threat of violent, wealthy, mediocre, white men who are coming after all of us.'

"Trump Throws Catnip at His Men’s Rights Activist Base"

Matt · 7 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. LOL, due process guarantees cause feminists to flip out! Excerpt:

'In 2017, during his first term, Trump introduced rules that strengthened protections for students accused of sexual misconduct and reduced the liability placed on schools to respond to reported misconduct. While Trump’s proposed rule changes didn’t technically take effect until 2020, sexual violence researcher Dr. Nicole Bedera told Jezebel that in her field research of college campuses during the first Trump administration, most schools “immediately used the proposed rule changes in 2017 as grounds to not investigate any sexual misconduct allegations at all.”

In 2022, the Biden administration then introduced Title IX rules that rescinded some of Trump’s and also expanded Title IX to include protections for LGBTQ and pregnant students. The majority of Republican-controlled states challenged Biden’s rules and, in January, a federal judge in Kentucky officially scrapped them.

Among Trump’s former and now reinstated guidelines is an especially cruel requirement that mandates schools hold live hearings for accused students to cross-examine their accusers, which can be highly traumatic for rape survivors. Trump’s rules also allow schools to skirt liability for off-campus assaults, and allow them to use the “clear and convincing evidence” standard of proof when investigating reports.'

What is toxic masculinity, and why is it even bad?

Mastodon · 8 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'So, what’s is toxic masculinity and what's wrong with it?

Toxic masculinity isn’t just not talking about feelings with your bros—it’s a psychological trap that keeps men emotionally stunted, relationally dysfunctional, and, at its worst, self-destructive. But we can't talk about toxic masculinity without discussing why some people are so fixated on it as a concept.

From a young age, boys are told to "man up", which is just code for shut up about your feelings. This is repression in action. Bottled-up emotions don’t disappear; they resurface as rage, detachment, or self-destruction.

Rigid masculinity often starts with a cold, distant, or hyper-masculine father figure. To win approval, boys either imitate toughness or reject softness—either way, they inherit an emotional handicap that plays out in adulthood.'

‘I’m Not Sure If That’s Possible’: John Fetterman Says Dems May Have Lost Key Demographic Forever

Mastodon · 8 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'“I don’t know, and truthfully, I’m not sure, I’m not sure if that’s possible, to be honest. I think that’s been seriously eroding for a while,” Fetterman said. “And in some cases, in the conversations I’ve had, a lot of people, they don’t even want to say it publicly, but they just feel like, you know, the other side seems like it’s like, ‘Men, well, that men’s the problem. Men are to blame, or their masculinity is toxic. Or unless you’re able to conform to our very strict kinds of definition of what we think’s appropriate, well then, hey, I’m going to find an alternative.'”

“And they’ve done that. That’s absolutely true. And once we’ve kind of turned their back on that demographic, it’s going to be difficult to rebuild and replace that with those voters,” he continued. “Because I think that migration has been ongoing phenomenon for several years and that was been in front and center, you know, in part of the election in 24.”'

The Politics of Dehumanization

Matt · 8 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Whatifalthist comments on dehumanization in modern society and mentions things affecting men in particular. Worth watching.

SAVE: White Men Targeted by FAA's Discriminatory DEI Program

Matt · 8 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'WASHINGTON / February 5, 2025 – Recent airplane tragedies in Washington, DC and Philadelphia have placed the public spotlight on biased and discriminatory hiring practices in the airline industry. The problem can be traced back to 2011 when the Obama Administration introduced Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policies in the federal government via Executive Order 13583, "Establishing a Coordinated Government-Wide Initiative to Promote Diversity, and Inclusion in the Federal Workforce." (1)

The Obama order targeted all federal agencies, including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). As a result, the FAA's hiring and training process went from a skilled-based system to hire air traffic controllers, and replacing it with a new approach designed to favor one candidate over another based on race and sex. (2)

In response, a class action lawsuit was brought by the Mountain States Legal Foundation in 2019. The Brigida vs. FAA case represented more than 2,500 aspiring air traffic controllers who they said were harmed by the FAA's discriminatory policies. (3)

For example, Andrew Brigida scored 100 per cent on his training exam, but alleged that he had been denied a position in an air traffic control tower because the FAA recruitment process favored "diverse" candidates. (4)

The FAA's DEI program also caught the attention of 11 U.S. attorneys general. (5) In a February 2024, letter, (6) the AGs warned that DEI hiring practices within the Federal Aviation Administration were putting airline passengers in danger.'

Maryland Governor Moore Promises a Focus in 2025 on Men and Boys

Matt · 9 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. It's like a cup of cold water when you are really hot and thirsty.

Rise of the ‘ick’ damaging men’s mental health, experts claim

Mastodon · 9 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Telling men they give you the “ick” is driving a hidden mental health crisis, experts have claimed.

The expression is used to describe a feeling of disgust or repulsion at a specific behaviour and moved from a popular slang word to being recognised by the Cambridge Dictionary in 2024.

It is particularly used by young women to describe things they find unattractive in men.

Across social media, users have shared their lists of things young men and teenagers do that give them the dreaded ick.

Wearing skinny jeans, running for the bus, putting on a baby voice and doing doggy paddle in a swimming pool are among the most commonly featured.

One viral “ick-list” included things such as drinking milk, applying lip balm and waiting for the green man before crossing the road.

Dan Somers, the founder of men’s mental health charity, Manup?, said it was the “kind of language that can cause men and young boys to really lose self-worth”.

He said: “Everyone feels they can have a laugh and joke about men, and nobody will call it out.'

Ukraine: Issue of compulsory military draft for women “off table” - MP

Mastodon · 9 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The issue of obligatory mobilization of Ukrainian women liable for military service is not on the agenda. Female Ukrainians may join the Army only consensually.

This was stated by Fedir Venislavskyi, a member of the Parliamentary Committee on National Security, Defense and Intelligence, who spoke at a briefing in Kyiv, Ukrinform reports.

“The issue of conscripting women liable for military service was resolved by parliament through a clear imperative norm of the law because ahead of passing amendments to legislation on military registration and military service, it was stipulated in the Cabinet resolution that women can be mobilized exclusively with their consent,” Venislavskyi emphasized.'

Why more young men in Germany are turning to the far right

Matt · 10 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dr Rüdiger Maas, from the German think tank the Institute for Generational Research, says parties on the left often focus on themes such as feminism, equality and women's rights.

"Overall, men don't see themselves in these themes," he tells us. "That is why they have a tendency to vote further right."

Hard, populist right parties have also done well in countries such as France, Austria, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and Italy.

"Sixty per cent of young men under 30 would consider voting for the far right in EU countries and this is much higher than the share among women," says Prof Abou-Chadi, in analysis drawn from a subset of the 2024 European Election Study.'

Super Bowl Ads Less Male Positive?

Matt · 10 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here

"Some of the ads for the super bowl were misandrist messes. Here's an example. Please use the comments to point out the many ways this ad is anti-male. Please also offer links to other commercials that were anti male and I will add them to the post."

Scholars tell ND higher ed board to hire more women: ‘It’s ethical’ and ‘the right thing to do’

Mastodon · 11 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education is facing calls to choose women to fill four leadership vacancies, with one scholar describing it as “ethical” and “the right thing to do.”

The board oversees the state’s public universities. Three presidential positions currently are open at Bismarck State College, Dickinson State University, and Lake Region State College, The North Dakota Monitor reports. A fourth, the North Dakota University System chancellor, will become open later this year.
...
However, some universities have gotten into legal trouble for hiring and admissions practices and programs based on individuals’ race or sex.

Recently, legal experts raised questions about the constitutionality of certain diversity, equity, and inclusion goals at North Dakota State University, The College Fix reported.

One, which aims to increase female enrollment in its business school, is a “clear violation” of Title IX, “which bans all forms of sex discrimination in schools,” legal expert Edward Bartlett told The Fix.'

Mace makes allegations of sexual abuse against multiple men from the House floor

Matt · 11 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I have reasons why I think this is made up. In any case, it's one to watch. Excerpt:

'As Rep. Nancy Mace prepared to speak, she took out a Bible and — as if she were in a courtroom, instead of on the House floor — she placed her right hand and swore to tell the “whole truth.”

The South Carolina congresswoman then delivered a damning 53-minute speech that has no precedent in the chamber’s history. Describing herself as “going scorched earth,” Mace accused her ex-fiancé of “evil” crimes including physical assault, rape and sex trafficking against her and other women — accusing him and several other men by name on the floor. While Mace did not provide specific evidence of her claims, she said she brought the case to state authorities for further investigation.

“Tonight is about justice for me and tonight is about justice for all of the women that you all raped, that you all filmed, that you all photographed, that you all abused for years,” Mace said on the floor, in a tone that alternated between somber and scorching. Three other GOP women, Reps. Anna Paulina Luna, Lauren Boebert and Victoria Spartz, sat behind her, listening closely, while Mace’s mother sat in the House gallery above.'

‘She didn’t show up’: 3 young girls slain by mother in triple murder-suicide

Mastodon · 11 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The father of the slain children, however, had long surmised that his little girls were victims of a homicide.

“What got me the most was ‘Why?’ You ask yourself why this happened,” Jonathan Newell said through tears in comments to WPTA last year. “Was it because of the visitations? Did my kids die for — because I wanted to see them? Did one hour, twice a month, that was supervised — did my kids die for one hour, twice a month that was supervised? It’s a dumb reason. It’s not an OK reason.”

The grieving father went on to say he hoped the memory of his children, highlighted by the occasion of their too-soon deaths, would be used to promote increased awareness and treatment of mental health.

“We need better access to it,” Newell said. “And there need to be more resources for moms and kids.”'

Common words on job adverts that women think are intimidating and too masculine

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Job adverts which use the words ‘ambition’ and ‘drive’ may deter women from applying.

Stereotypically masculine job descriptions can leave women feeling ‘intimidated’ and worried about facing a ‘boys’ club’, a study has found.

When researchers removed ‘masculine’ terms like entrepreneurial from an advert, they found the proportion of women applying increased by four per cent.

Men who were not alpha male types were also more likely to go for the job.

Dr Joyce He, who led the study from the University of California, Los Angeles, said: ‘Changing the language of a job advert, which is such a small and cost-effective thing to do, could encourage women to apply and be more inclusive for everybody.

‘Words like competitive may suggest to women that their colleagues will be stereotypically masculine and so they won’t fit in.'

NCFM et al, files lawsuit against the State of California for failing to have a Commission on the Status of Men and Boys

Matt · 13 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 1971 the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls became a permanent agency. In the 2023/2024 fiscal year the Commission received $5 million in state funding dedicated to supporting organizations serving women and girls, addressing economic challenges, and promoting gender equity across the state.

California not having a Commission on the Status of Men and Boys violates California Constitution Article I, Section 7 which states: “A person may not be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law or denied equal protection of the laws,” the U.S. Constitutions Fourteenth Amendment equal protection provisions and a host of other state and federal laws also ensure equal protections, fair treatment and prevents discriminatory practices.'

North Carolina school board member rips ‘mediocre white men’ in rant against DEI critics

Mastodon · 14 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A member of North Carolina’s largest school district’s board slammed critics of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and said the term is being bandied about by people who are racist in place of the “n-word.”
...
“I really want to highlight, as Dr. Ng mentioned, we’re celebrating 250 [years of America] next year that … it’s really important to talk about people being hired based on their skin color. And for 250 years, it has been mediocre White men who have been hired based on their skin color.”'

Predatory sexual behaviour isn't acceptable just because a woman does it

Mastodon · 14 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Fair enough. She's right to point out that there shouldn't be a sexual sell-by-date for women. But it's not true that age disparity in movies between leading older men and young female stars is 'not even discussed'.

People are always clutching their pearls at the likes of Leonardo DiCaprio and his string of nubile lovelies, or pointing out how absurd it is that Tom Cruise's leading ladies are half his age.

It's not just Hollywood, either: Donald Trump's wife Melania is 24 years younger than him. And let's face it: a lot of those cheering on Bridget playing tonsil hockey with someone 27 years her junior would be the same people who despise Trump for it.

And this is where, for me, the problem lies. If we chastise such behaviour in a man, why do we laud it in a woman? Why is there this notion that it's somehow fine because it is 'feminism'.

I don't get it. Predatory behaviour is predatory behaviour. Women need to be very careful about this.'

Trump (Still) Needs a Social and Family Policy

Matt · 16 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This avoidance is conspicuous to those of us who remember that for decades reforming social and family policy — welfare above all — was the Republicans' top priority. (No reform ever took place.) What happened?

Simple: the feminists took control of social policy and politicized it. No longer a simple question of controlling government waste and inefficiency (in which case it would be a straightorward matter for DOGE), the welfare matriarchy was mobilized as a vehicle for "gender equality" and the "empowerment of women". This makes male policymakers tremble. With the (partial) exception of abortion, conservatives fear to touch anything that will anger feminists. Accepting the principle that "To learn who rules over you, find out who you are not allowed to criticize", we are not ruled by Globalists or Deep State functionaries, but by superannuated female adolescents with green hair. As always, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."'

Governors Speak Out on Urgent Need to Lift Up Men and Boys

Matt · 16 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Last week Maryland Governor Wes Moore, a Democrat, gave a state of the state speech in which he highlighted the problems and challenges facing men and boys in his state. Gov. Moore's speech highlighted a range of concerns:

"And it's not just that in Maryland, labor force participation for young men is nearly the lowest it has been in two decades.

"It's also that suicide rates among men under 30 have risen by more than a third since 2010.

"Across the country, college attainment levels are the same now for men and boys as they were in 1964.

"And Maryland still sends youth under the age of 18 to our state prisons at twice the national rate.'

13 Steps to Make America Male Friendly Again

Matt · 17 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'President Trump is moving quickly to dismantle DEI initiatives and root out waste and fraud. However, if he truly wants to restore America's greatness, he must confront the deeply embedded misandry in our culture. Some of this stems from feminist-driven legislation and bureaucracies that have taken hold and harmed men, children, and families. Other aspects reflect long-standing societal biases against men. To make America a place where men and boys can be respected and truly thrive, the following changes are essential:'

NCFM v. Selective Service Appellant’s Brief

Matt · 17 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Document here. Excerpt:

'Attorney for NCFM, Nadine Lewis, filed our appellate brief (Case Number 24-7746) February 3, 2025. It was accepted.

The full text of the conformed appellate complaint is below:'

DOGE Stops $10 Million in Taxpayer Funds from Paying for Circumcisions in Mozambique

Mastodon · 18 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has stopped millions of U.S. tax dollars from going to outlandish overseas programs, including $10 million to “voluntary medical male circumcisions” in Mozambique, the watchdog initiative announced.

...

Another whopping $40 million was allotted to a “gender equality and women empowerment hub,” and a staggering $486 million was going to go to the “Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening,” including $22 million for “inclusive and participatory political process” in Moldova and $21 million for voter turnout in India.

“It is genuinely horrifying to see how much money the American people were sending to OTHER COUNTRIES while our own infrastructure is crumbling,” wrote former U.S. Department of Energy nuclear scientist Matt Van Swol:'

President of Argentina Calls out Feminists at WEF

Matt · 19 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'There is a marked shift in tolerance of woke ideology and of feminism. People are starting to wake up. This short clip features Argentina's President Javier Milei's recent remarks to the WEF where he called out feminists and woke ideology. In the first half of the clip he explains how the social justice movements have robbed western cultures. He then focuses on feminism and clearly states they are not about equality but are about privilege. Well worth it to see the entire speech and I will leave a link below for anyone interested.

When officials like Milei speak the truth it gives a green light for others to voice their concerns about feminism. Thank you President Milei.'

Justin Baldoni and the Death of Man-Bun Feminism

Mastodon · 21 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The entire episode reveals the flaws of the #MeToo movement. Believing all women are vulnerable to the predations of all men fails to account for the real-world messiness of how sexuality actually intersects with power. But it also reveals the flaws of the man-bun feminism Baldoni has personified for his entire career. He quite literally wrote the book on beta maleness, buying into the idea that masculinity itself is a crime that must be “undone.” Perhaps he convinced himself that women can’t be bullies but only bullied. And so he accepted Lively’s takeover of the film, which is what ultimately led to the demise of their relationship.

Legally, the two have entered a stalemate of sorts. Lively has sued Baldoni; he has sued her back; their cases have been consolidated, with the trial set for March 2026. But whoever wins, both have already lost. She might be grinning on SNL, but Lively has clearly failed in her attempt to mend her reputation using the old #MeToo script. Meanwhile, that script has also failed Baldoni. Long before Lively tried to present herself as the perfect victim, he tried to present himself as the perfect “male feminist.” And now here he is, taking his accuser to court—trying to remind the world that you can’t believe all women.'

UK: Firemen are too male and too white, say chiefs

Mastodon · 23 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Britain's fire service is too male and too white, a report has claimed.

The report, which was commissioned by the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC), found that the fire service was "institutionally racist, misogynistic and homophobic".

It said firemen in Britain were not "diverse" enough because the service's proportion of women and ethnic minorities is less than in wider society.

Produced by an advisory group focused on improving diversity, equality and inclusion in the fire service, the report found that 9.3 per cent of firefighters were women and 5.4 per cent belonged to ethnic minorities as of March 2024.'

Violence by Women Soars in California

Matt · 23 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Short version: Women are (finally) being arrested more often for DV. Excerpt:

'On the increase in the female violent crime arrest rate specifically, Lofstrom and senior researcher for the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, Mike Males, told Newsweek that increased domestic violence policing that began in the 1980s is a major factor.

"While men are more likely to be arrested for violence throughout society, women's violence arrests disproportionately occur from domestic incidents," Males said.

Before the mid-1980s, domestic violence was often treated as a private matter rather than a serious criminal offense in California. But after the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) was passed in 1984, the law allowed for mandatory arrests for domestic violence incidents where officers had probable cause to believe an assault had occurred, even if they didn't witness it. This increased domestic violence arrests significantly, and more women were arrested as well, sometimes due to dual arrest policies where both partners were taken into custody.'

Home Ownership Gender Gap?

Matt · 25 February 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'This article starts by saying Single women own millions more homes than single men in the US — and the gap is only growing. It offers some ideas about why that is... but what did they leave out?'

Rise Up Foundation graduates first all-boys class from Healthy Masculinity Project

Mastodon · 1 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Rise Up Foundation held a graduation ceremony Wednesday evening at The Linc for 31 young men who completed the Healthy Masculinity Project, marking the first time the program has been offered as an all-boys class.

The program, developed in partnership with A Call to Men and Scholastic, is designed to challenge gender norms and promote respect, accountability and leadership in young men. Participants came from across Mid-Missouri, including Columbia, Moberly and Jefferson City.

Each graduate received a teal tie, the color representing sexual assault awareness, and a City of Jefferson proclamation recognized the program's efforts in promoting leadership and violence prevention.'

UK: Woman who groomed and abused young boy jailed

Matt · 2 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who groomed and sexually assaulted a young boy over several months has been jailed for four years.

Caitlin Hutchinson, 21, of Roker Avenue in Sunderland, sent the victim sexually explicit text messages and made him carry out sex acts on her.

Durham Police said Hutchinson initially denied the offences and told officers the boy had forced himself on her.

The boy, who is in his early teens, said the last 18 months had been hell and he could not forgive Hutchinson for "ruining his childhood".'

‘It’s a scary time’: Sophie Lewis on the ‘enemy feminisms’ that enable the far right

Matt · 3 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Eventually any given 'ism' gets branches and at least some of those will grow contrary to the well-being of the rest of the proverbial tree. I'm liking this. Excerpt:

'The occasion for these declarations was Trump’s all-out assault on trans rights. Since taking office, the president has used executive orders to attempt to restrict the ability of trans Americans to travel, work, receive medical care, serve in the military, attend school and participate in women’s sports. Though there are thought to be fewer than 10 trans athletes among the more than half a million competing in college sports in the US, it was this sports-related executive order that prompted certain, trans-exclusionary feminists to declare Trump’s feminist bona fides.

How did we get here? How have we arrived at a place where self-identified feminists ally themselves with a man who has so extravagantly dedicated his personal and political lives to the humiliation, domination and degradation of women and girls?

I brought this question to Sophie Lewis, whose new book, Enemy Feminisms, out this week in the US, seeks to understand how and why some forms of feminism have diverged so fundamentally from others as to become, well, enemies.'

Lawsuit Claims California Discriminates against Its Boys and Its Men

Matt · 4 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The National Coalition for Men (NCFM) filed a lawsuit against the state of California for violating the equal rights of boys and of men.

Suicide, overdose, and alcohol death in California increased 49% for its boys and men from 2018 and 2019 to 2022 and 2023, and boys and men account for 75% of all the deaths of despair in California—a topic I discuss in my new book Boys, A Rescue Plan: Moving Beyond the Politics of Masculinity to Healthy Male Development and coauthored with New York Times best-selling author Michael Gurian. We argue that brain-sex difference matters and understanding those differences are critical in helping boys and men and girls and women in all sorts of areas.

Boys and men account for 75% of all the deaths of despair in California.

Despite these outcomes, which have been prevalent for decades, California has spent over $25 million on the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls from 2021 to 2024 and has yet to establish a commission on boys and men.'

Can White Men Finally Stop Complaining?

Matt · 4 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Feminists want men, esp. white ones, to be silent and fade away. We're not gonna do that. In fact, we're just getting started! Excerpt:

'OK, men, so will you finally quit complaining?

In 2021, Joe Rogan famously said, “It will eventually get to straight white men are not allowed to talk…It will be, ‘You’re not allowed to go outside’…I’m not joking. It really will get there, it’s that crazy.” But Rogan’s complaint is actually an old one that has exploded as a rallying cry every decade or so for more than 50 years. White guys have blamed others for their job losses, educational failures, economic problems and drug addictions.

Somebody else is always at fault. The mighty white guy, it turns out, is quite the delicate flower.

“The white male is the most persecuted person in the United States,” a retired marketing executive declared in a Newsweek cover story in 1993. The magazine cataloged a litany of white men’s gripes: a culture that demonized them, diversity programs run amok, women and Black people getting jobs that were rightfully theirs. “This is a weird moment to be a white man,” it reported. “Suddenly white American males are surrounded by feminists, multiculturalists, P.C. policepersons, affirmative-action employers…all of them saying the same thing: You’ve been a bad boy.”'

UK: 'Toxic masculinity' on rise with most young women scared of men their age

Matt · 5 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Most young women are scared of men their age, according to a poll which reveals the impact of so-called "toxic masculinity" on the sexes.

Nearly two-thirds of women aged 18 to 24 are living in fear of their male peers, research by the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) found.

With International Women's Day on Saturday, a Whitestone Insight survey commissioned by the think tank found that 62 per cent of young women believe most young men are "pretty frightening".

More than two-fifths of young men (41 per cent) agree with their female counterparts.

The finding features in Lost Boys, a study published by the CSJ that details the plight of Britain's boys and young men.

Not only are males now falling behind females in education and the workplace, but they are also increasingly viewed with suspicion by women.'

NCFM Open Letter to DOGE re the Violence Against Women Act

Matt · 6 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Letter available here. Excerpt:

'The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) provides funding for military DV programs, which are influenced by VAWA, thereby distorting overall military effectiveness, supported by Women Industry civilian contractors with ties to VAWA-funded programs outside the military establishment. We are directly involved in several military cases wherein highly awarded, competent, and career-minded personnel have been or are being railroaded out of the military and even imprisoned due to false accusations driven by political pressure, command staff, and agreeable, if not inept, judge advocate attorneys.

Corruption, malfeasance, and maladministration must stop. Those involved must be held accountable, go to prison, and make restitution. Restitution should be to the state and to those who have been harmed.

Hence the open letter to DOGE below. Please pass it around. It may help. Post it wherever you can please on social media sites.'

Call to Action

Matt · 7 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Post here. Excerpt:

This is an important call to action related to the previous video on Breaking the Feminist Lock on the Family. This post offers phone numbers and web addresses where you can suggest that the appointees to ACF and OCSS are not radical feminists and more importantly that you offer Stephen Baskerville and ThisIsShah as your choices for appointees.

https://stephenbaskerville.substack.com/p/announcement-and-request-how-you

Donald Tusk announces military training plan for all Polish men

Matt · 7 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Work is under way to make all men in Poland undergo military training, Prime Minister Donald Tusk said.

In a speech to the Polish parliament, Tusk said the government aimed to give full details in the coming months.

Efforts are being made to "prepare large-scale military training for every adult male in Poland," he told the Sejm.

"We will try to have a model ready by the end of this year so that every adult male in Poland is trained in the event of war, so that this reserve is comparable and adequate to the potential threats."
...
Tusk said women may also undergo military training, but "war, is still to a greater extent the domain of men".'

Jobless, isolated, fed misogynistic porn... where is the love for Britain's lost boys?

Matt · 10 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Generally gynocentric, of course, but it's a start anyway. Excerpt:

'The boys are not all right. That's the message from a new Centre for Social Justice report, Lost Boys, published last week. It surveys how boys and young men are faring in Britain and finds that in several areas there is now a reverse gender gap, with boys, particularly those from poorer backgrounds, struggling to keep up with girls.

When it comes to education, girls outperform boys at GCSEs and A-levels, and the ratio of women to men at university is 60:40. Boys are more than twice as likely to be excluded from school, with rates of exclusion particularly high for those from disadvantaged backgrounds. This is all feeding through into labour market outcomes: in the 00s, women aged 16-24 were more likely to be not in employment, education and training than young men; in recent years, that has flipped, with young men also significantly more likely to be unemployed than young women.

The pay gap for young people has also become a more complex story: for 21- to 24-year-olds, median earnings are now higher for women, but this has been driven by a stark drop in earnings for non-graduate young men, with graduates still earning more than their female equivalent. What's more, boys are more likely to be obese than girls, and rates of suicide are three and a half times higher for boys aged 15-19 than girls of the same age.

None of this is to deny the many inequalities faced by females in a patriarchal society. But neither should a focus on women's equality crowd out discussion of the problems being experienced by a minority of boys; improving their lot would do a huge amount to make life better for both sexes.

But we have struggled to have a constructive conversation about the specific issues facing boys, with a tendency for all sides to slip into polarised, zero-sum framing. For some on the left, there is an implicit fear that focusing on boys might distract from the challenges facing girls; and certain sections of the right wrongly regard boys falling behind as a product of important feminist wins of recent decades.'

Why work is (still) not working for women

Matt · 11 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I read essays like this one and the lack of mention of what men have to deal with especially in the non-Western world (killed in mine cave-ins, by forced military service, industrial accidents, etc.) is glaring. The author is clearly all about and only about the trials of women. This is feminist thinking in action. Excerpt:

'Unpaid work. Sexual harassment. Violence. Low wages. The “motherhood penalty.” These are just some of the issues that millions of women continue to face at work in 2025.

Despite progress made towards global gender equality, men continue to hold the highest paid positions in industries worldwide, while many women still typically handle grunt work across companies and supply chains.

Meanwhile, many women around the world are still struggling to find work, with many holding precarious jobs or forced to hustle in the informal economy just to get by.'

Announcing the New York Declaration for Men and Boys

Matt · 11 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Announcing the New York Declaration for Men and Boys

Rally at UN Headquarters 8:30-9:30am at the corner of 1st Ave and E46th St on the East side of 1st Ave @ the Security entrance to the UN on the North end of that building

Press Conference 11:00am, March 12, 2025.

Come in person to the Even Hotel, 221 E 44th St. New York City, New York, NY.

Or join virtually through
this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87840628063?pwd=bXClFcDHWWIznQOOQ2Y1dU9g68p9yI.1

You may recall that 30 years ago, the United Nations approved the Beijing Declaration, which since then has been the cornerstone of the global women's rights movement.

The Beijing Declaration makes numerous references to "gender equality." And though the gender disparities affecting men were well documented even then, the UN has inexplicably done nothing to address the 12 areas of male disadvantage: www.menandboys.net

This lamentable state of affairs is about to change.

The International Council on Men and Boys will unveil the New York Declaration for Men and Boys – attached. (This is embargoed, so please do not distribute). Its launch aligns with the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, taking place from March 10 to 21, 2025, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

This timing underscores the ICMB's commitment to gender equality disussions that encompass a holistic approach to human rights and equality. The New York Declaration seeks to highlight areas where men and boys face unique challenges, including health disparities, educational underachievement, legal inequalities, and societal expectations.

Hope to see you!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Hain
Zoom Conference Emcee
International Council on Men and Boys
rhain@saveservices.org

In a room full of women, school board member pulls his pro-male resolution

Mastodon · 12 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The vice president of San Rafael's school board withdrew a controversial resolution Monday night that would have recognized "the indispensable role of young men in our community and commit[ted] to support their needs and acknowledge their contributions."

Mark Koerner pulled his legislation before the vote in front of a room filled almost entirely with women after facing intense backlash following the introduction of the resolution Friday.
...
During the 40-minute public comment period before the vote, nearly two dozen speakers described the resolution as "strange," "ridiculous," "offensive," "a mockery of women's history month," and "a vanity metric."'

Koerner that month proposed a resolution to instate an "International Boys Day." It was denied. Koerner said he did not intend for the resolution to be divisive and admitted he was "open to revising language."

Smith College to offer course on ‘Marxist Feminism’

Mastodon · 12 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Smith College students can take a course on “Marxist Feminism” in the spring semester as part of the school’s Program for the Study of Women, Gender & Sexuality. Smith College is a private women’s liberal arts college in western Massachusetts.

According to the course description, Marxist feminism begins with the “simple insight” that “capitalism relies on the class politics of unpaid, reproductive ‘women’s work.’” Based on this understanding, Marxist feminists have combatted systems of power and oppression, including “patriarchy, slavery, feudalism and colonialism.”'

India: Woman who falsely accused 12 men of rape and spent month in jail feted by Haryana CM Saini on Women's Day

Mastodon · 12 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'That Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini conferred the Indira Gandhi Award on Women's Day to a Jind-based social worker once jailed for filing a false rape case has left the state BJP government red-faced. Court documents show Rekha Dhiman had in 2020 falsely accused 12 men of rape, and has previously also filed false police complaints.

On Sunday, the Haryana Chief Minister's Office (CMO) sought a time-bound report on the matter from the women and child development department. The government has also said strict action will be taken against those found guilty in this matter.

Talking to ThePrint Monday, Haryana government media coordinator Ashok Chhabra, confirmed that the CM Saini "has taken this lapse very seriously and sought a report from the concerned department".'

'Captain America' actor insists 'American masculinity' is exceptional, despite being under attack

Mastodon · 15 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Actor Anthony Mackie, who plays the latest incarnation of Marvel's Captain America in "Captain America: Brave New World," warned that American masculinity is both necessary and exceptional.

Mackie has made numerous headlines in recent months, having taken up the iconic role of Captain America from its popular predecessor, Chris Evans, in Marvel movies. On Tuesday, "The Pivot Podcast" released an extensive interview where the actor spoke about both his career and his personal life, including how he raises his sons.

"In the past 20 years, we've been living through the death of the American male," Mackie said. "They have literally killed masculinity in our homes and our communities, for one reason or another, but I raise my boys to be young men."

He explained that he believes becoming young men consists both of maturity and the ability to be a protector.'

A Marin School Board Questioned the Term ‘Toxic Masculinity.’ Then Came the Backlash

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mark Koerner just learned the tough lesson that questioning the term “toxic masculinity” in a liberal school district can spur a reaction that might come across as, well, a bit toxic.

“It was pretty confrontational towards me. You can call it toxic. You can call it whatever you want,” said Koerner, vice president of the San Rafael City Schools’ Board of Education, a day after a throng of district parents vociferously panned his resolution during a school board meeting.

“Offensive,” “embarrassing,” ridiculous,” “tone deaf,” “insensitive at best.” Those were just some of the jabs in the nearly hourlong fusillade of admonishments, mostly from district moms, of Koerner and his ill-fated resolution.

The measure in question, titled “Recognition of the Essential Role and Needs of Young Men in Society,” sought to officially “recognize and support the needs of young men, promoting their mental, emotional, and physical health” and recognize that “the current emotional, educational, and financial state of young men is in critical condition.”

Some parents hinted that Koerner should resign, while others suggested his resolution was another salvo in the culture wars fueled by the anti-woke rhetoric and policies of the Trump administration. One commenter specifically referenced recent remarks by Vice President J.D. Vance encouraging young men to embrace their masculinity.'

Despite ‘Rising Misogyny’, UN Commission Adopts Declaration on Gender Equity

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'“The poison of patriarchy is back and is back with a vengeance,” United Nations (UN) Secretary-General António Guterres told the opening of the annual session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the UN in New York on Monday.

The CSW takes place amid a major global backlash against women’s rights, from the Taliban banning Afghan women from public life to the Trump administration in the United States pushing back against “diversity, equity and inclusion” (DEI) which has resulted in cuts to research on women’s health.

“Misogyny is on the rise, and so, violence and discrimination,” said Sima Bahous, who heads UN Women, noting that “domestic and ODA [official development assistance] allocations to gender equality remain woefully inadequate and, in some cases, are being cut altogether”.'

Supreme Court Decision on Prosecutor Sexism Could Give Women New Trials

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'In January, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered a federal court to consider whether an Oklahoma woman named Brenda Andrew should get a new trial. In 2004, an Oklahoma jury convicted Andrew and sentenced her to die for the killing of her husband three years earlier. She is now the only woman on the state's death row.

However, Andrew has long asserted that prosecutors tainted her case with irrelevant testimony regarding her sex life, mothering skills, and clothing. Earlier this year, the Supreme Court agreed. With this landmark 7–2 ruling, the nation's highest court recognized that harmful gender stereotypes can poison women's criminal trials.

As the co-founder of the Center on Gender and Extreme Sentencing and faculty director of the Cornell Center on the Death Penalty Worldwide, I led a team of researchers that reviewed the cases of nearly fifty women on death rows around the country for evidence of gender bias. We found that juries were allowed to consider women's sexual histories, failings as mothers, choices of intimate partners, and female "wickedness" when deciding how to punish them.'

Globalizing the Sexual Revolution (Part I)

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'Critics of the UN dismiss it as ineffectual for its failures to preserve global peace. Yet meanwhile, UN operatives are active in promoting the Sexual Revolution. Two scholars write that feminists “have turned the United Nations…into the global headquarters of feminist missionaries.” In UN documents, “‘peace’, ‘justice,’ and ‘development’ are linked over and over again with women.”

Some 1,300 “gender focal points” exist to address “women” or “gender” in the UN system. Its agencies are required to incorporate sexual ideology (“gender perspective”) “in all policies and programs.” Hundreds of offices and officials are devoted to the “promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.” Not a single such agency exists for men (or for families that include men), despite the fact that men are the overwhelming majority of war casualties, AIDS victims, victims of occupational injuries and deaths, prisoners, and more.'

Japan Weak Men’s Center suddenly cancels men-only train event

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'Many commuter train lines in Japan operate trains with women-only carriages on a daily basis during the morning and evening rush hours, as a countermeasure against gropers, or chikan, as they’re called in Japanese. Chikan use the crowded conditions onboard commuter trains as cover for their heinous acts, making it difficult to identify or confront the perpetrator before they exit the train and make their escape, and so women-only cars are offered as an option for female passengers who feel more at ease with no men in their vicinity.

However, a non-profit organization called the Japan Weak Men’s Center has, for the last few years, organized a men-only train. The organization insists that this is not a form of protest against women-only train cars, having previously issued a statement establishing its opinion on the matter as “Women-only cars are absolutely necessary so that they can feel secure and safe while riding. Such cars should be provided not just at rush hour, but at all times.” Instead, the professed goal of the Japan Weak Men’s Center’s men-only train initiative is to raise awareness that men too can be victims of groping and other forms of sexual harassment or assault, as well as the potentially ruinous effects of being falsely or mistakenly accused of groping.'

We’re getting the ‘manosphere’ all wrong – and here’s why

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'We have to examine why the manosphere’s predominantly young male audience is engaging with its content, what about it connects with them, and how it works. We must look beyond the noise and disregard our own reactions to truly grasp its power.

Boys and young men today feel ostracised by what they see as the dominant conversations in society. They find themselves problematised in gender narratives, framed as perpetrators of problematic behaviour, and portrayed as potential aggressors – before they have so much as made friends with a girl.

They’ve fallen behind their female classmates at school. They’re socially isolated – spending increasing amounts of time online, alone in their rooms. They’re prey to unrealistic body image standards, perpetuated by fitness influencers and a whole host of brand and media content (have you noticed how every topless man in a Netflix drama has a six-pack, even if they live in the 17th century?). In effect, boys and young men find themselves removed from society, struggling to meet impossible standards, excluded from the conversation, and failing fast.'

Katherine Ryan review — finely crafted man-bashing comic morsels

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'She's got a joke about Carr, a fair few about her "current husband" and childhood sweetheart Bobby, a good line about their son Fred — whom the doctor pronounced not neurodivergent but instead "diagnosed as 'boy'". And if she jokes about how white and well-off all three of her kids are, she has great lines too about how a man like Dave Grohl — "who looks like he sleeps in his car" — can father a love child. The gag is usually that men have somehow inexplicably been allowed to think they are better than second-class citizens.'

UK: Boys growing up without dads are in crisis, report says

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'Harley Watson was on a path to what he calls a "gangster" life.

The 17-year-old, from Clacton, in Essex, was a "lost and troubled kid", having grown up without a dad.

"I was behaving very badly in school and, if I'd carried on, I would almost certainly have been excluded."

His experience is echoed in a new report, which says young men who lack a positive male role model are in crisis.

Fatherlessness has a significant impact on boys' mental health, education and future prospects, the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) report found.

Aged 14, Harley joined Lads Need Dads, a local programme that equips boys with life skills and confidence.'

Are mental health issues among men, boys overlooked?

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'While the discourse around gender equality is gaining momentum, mental health crises among men and boys are being ignored, according to a UK-based psychology expert.

In his latest book, Benjamin Hine, Professor of Applied Psychology at the University of West London (UWL), UK, argued that men struggle to negotiate harmful notions of masculinity and are not included in conversations around gender.

Hine stated that body image, fatherhood, and sexual relationships are the key reasons stressing out men and boys. He called for addressing their concerns without framing them as “the problem”. The book also explored a range of other issues like education, gaming addiction, and homelessness - most of these issues are often ignored because men are too readily seen as ‘the problem’ rather than ‘having problems’, Hine said.'

Crisis in the classroom as number of men becoming secondary teachers plummets to record 35 per cent low while boys turn to toxic male role models in their absence

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'The number of men becoming secondary school teachers in the UK has fallen to a record low - sparking fears boys are turning to toxic male role models in their absence.

Shocking figures show the proportion of male secondary school teachers has dropped from 46 per cent in 1994 to just 35 per cent today.

Experts are concerned this could leave impressionable young minds susceptible to the twisted ideologies of figures such as self-proclaimed misogynist Andrew Tate.

They are now calling for a targeted recruitment campaign to bring more positive role models for boys into the classroom, reports The Sunday Times.

While staff rooms were once closer to an even split of men and women, the number of male teachers has been gradually declining since the early 1990s, according to figures from the Department for Education (DfE).

The statistics are even worse in primary schools with one in seven primary and nursery teachers being men, though this figure has been low for many decades and hardly fluctuates.'

Stop calling teen boys toxic – the problem might be us

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'Teenage boys today have witnessed the #MeToo movement rightly calling out misogynistic men, but perhaps they haven't fully grasped the nuanced arguments about masculinity's place in the movement. These boys are growing up in an environment where consent is discussed as if they are already guilty – or potentially guilty – of heinous behaviour towards women. The tone feels personal and, at times, accusatory, as if they alone are the problem rather than society's entrenched patriarchal views of ownership over women.

I think this has left many younger Gen Z boys confused, provoking a sense of powerlessness in the face of vocal feminism. I am not blaming feminism per se – women have needed it more than ever to express what they face in society – as patriarchal structures need to be continually challenged.

"We are at a tipping point for boys in history," Chloe Combi, a podcaster, author, and researcher who is an expert on Gen Z, tells me. "We need to take this more seriously. The gender divide is the problem. Girls have been fed this idea that all boys are potential rapists; boys, in turn, were told feminism is dangerous, and girls are humourless.'

Illinois Teacher Charged with Molesting Student Claims She Was Blackmailed by 15 Year-Old

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'Christina Formella, a 30 year-old teacher, said she did not assault the teenager while tutoring him at Downers Grove South High School in December 2023 after the student's mother uncovered the alleged assault through text messages on his phone.

The teacher, who is married, reportedly told investigators that the student had used her phone to send himself inappropriate text messages to "blackmail" her.

"She claimed that one day, [the boy] had grabbed her phone unattended, had entered her passcode… had sent the message to his phone, had then deleted the message from her phone, and had saved it to his phone as blackmail," court documents detailed.

Formella has claimed that her looks and caring "too much" made her an easy target of blackmail.

DuPage County Attorney Robert Berlin said, "The allegations against Ms. Formella are extremely disturbing."

"It is alleged that she used her position of trust and authority as a tutor and a coach to sexually assault a minor student. The type of abuse and behavior alleged in this case will not be tolerated," the attorney continued.'

Hilaria Baldwin fires back at critics after snapping at Alec during awkward red carpet interview: ‘Manterrupting’

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'Hilaria Baldwin has fired back at critics after her recent red-carpet appearance with husband Alec Baldwin in New York City went viral.

The couple were discussing their TLC series “The Baldwins” with “Extra” at the Planet Hollywood Times Square opening party when Hilaria, 41, snapped at her beau, 66, for talking over her.

After a clip of the exchange made rounds on social media, the yoga guru has now set the record straight.

In a video on Instagram, the pair — who have been married since 2012 — were in bed together as they playfully mouthed along to the audio of the viral clip.

Hilaria then asked her husband, “And that is called, what’s the word of the day?”

“Manterrupting,” the “30 Rock” alum responded.'

New York Declaration for Men and Boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The International Council for Men and Boys (ICMB) proudly announces the launch of the New York Declaration for Men and Boys, a significant document addressing crucial global issues impacting males. Released on the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which focused on women and girls, this declaration marks a pivotal moment. It emphasizes the need for genuine equality by highlighting the perspectives and challenges faced by boys and men.

You can read the declaration below, or follow this link to the ICMB web site. Many thanks to both Ed Bartlett and Larry DeMarco for their leadership on this important document.

Please share this.'

Iceland’s minister for children quits after admitting she had a baby with 16-year-old boy

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'Iceland’s minister for children has abruptly resigned after shockingly admitting she had a baby more than 30 years ago with a 16-year-old boy — who ended up coughing up child support.

Ásthildur Lóa Thórsdóttir fessed up to the secret relationship, which started when she was a 22-year-old counsellor at the church group the teen attended, on Thursday after Icelandic news outlet RUV was tipped off about the saga.

The 58-year-old politician, who is a member of the country’s center-left People’s Party, confessed that she gave birth to the teen’s baby when she was 23 — and that the boy was in the birthing suite during her labor.

The teen, identified as Eirík Ásmundsson, even paid child support for the next 18 years — despite Thórsdóttir allegedly denying him frequent access to their child after she met and went on to marry her husband, according to the outlet.

“I understand… what it looks like,” Thórsdóttir said after being forced to come clean on the decades-old tryst, arguing it is “very difficult to get the right story across in the news today.”'

Group of Labour MPs seeking to steer young men away from ‘toxic influencers’

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'Dozens of Labour MPs have joined forces in an effort to steer young men away from “toxic influencers” and the manosphere with positive messages about fatherhood and the promise of better paternity rights, the Guardian has learned.

The new group of predominantly male MPs, many with seats in “red wall” constituencies, are urging Labour to speak to men directly, warning that by “leaving a void” they are allowing figures on the right to dominate the discourse around masculinity.

It comes as a report called for a “boy-positive” learning environment to be developed in schools, while on Wednesday the former England manager Gareth Southgate spoke of his fear that “callous, manipulative and toxic influencers” were taking the place of traditional father figures in society.

The Hepi report calls on the government to develop a strategy for men’s education, overseen by a new minister for men and boys.'

'Adolescence': How young men are being radicalised by social media

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'Four-part British drama 'Adolescence' debuted last week on Netflix to wide-spread acclaim. It follows the events after a 13-year-old boy murders a girl in his school year. Each episode is a one-take insight into different aspects of the murder's fall-out: from the initial arrest, to the investigation at a school, a psychological assessment of the boy, and his parents' response.

Hanging over the drama is the question of how a culture of toxic masculinity has led to the tragedy. Particularly in the school episode, the influence of male content creators like Andrew Tate on young boys is highlighted as a dangerous radicalising force in British society.

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer has said that he watched the show with his 16-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter. Asked if he backed 'Adolescence' being broadcast in parliament and in schools, he said: "It's a very good drama to watch. This violence carried out by young men, influenced by what they see online, is a real problem. It's abhorrent and we have to tackle it."'

Ireland: Parents urged to delay smartphones for children amid ‘alarming’ rise in toxic masculinity - Simon Harris

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'Parents should consider delaying access to smartphones for their children due to the “alarming trend” of alpha-male influencers promoting toxic masculinity among boys online, Tánaiste Simon Harris has said.

He was speaking at an event in his hometown of Greystones, Co Wicklow, where all eight primary schools and parents' associations have agreed a “no smartphone voluntary code”.

“The Conor McGregors, the Andrew Tates – these are figures that exploit insecurities and reinforce outdated and dangerous narratives,” he told a gathering of principals, teachers and parents.

“If we don’t get on top of this, the result is a generation of boys who struggle to form healthy relationships, who are less emotionally resilient, and who are at risk of internalising damaging ideas about gender and identity.”'

UK: Young men drawn to toxic masculinity because schools are not ‘boy-positive’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Young men are being drawn to toxic masculinity because schools are not “boy-positive”, a report has claimed.

Research by the Higher Education Policy Institute (Hepi) has found men are being left behind in society because they underachieve at school.

It estimated that about half a million men have missed out on higher education in the past decade.

The report warns of the risk that these “undereducated men” will be driven towards “political extremes” if male underachievement in schools is not resolved.

It comes as the Netflix series Adolescence receives critical acclaim for its plot, which centres on a boy, 13, who is arrested for stabbing a teenage girl after being “indoctrinated” by misogynist influencers.'

I love Adolescence, but culture must stop demonising young men

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'Yet while I applaud the quality of Philip Barantini's drama, and the importance of the issues it explores, I can't help but feel that this is another cultural work that demonises young boys. Jamie is an angry young man, and I don't mean that in the artistic sense: he has been radicalised by online propaganda, become susceptible to the rise of incel culture, has had his view of women tainted by easy-to-access pornography. The boy, like so many 13-year-olds, is also crippled by a lack of self-esteem.

The columns I have read this week have been along the lines of "why every parent should watch Adolescence"; and yes, it does serve as an effective warning to protect and monitor your child. But we need to make something very clear: Jamie is no everyboy.'

Schools to give boys anti-misogyny lessons to stop toxic masculinity in wake of Netflix hit Adolescence

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'Schools are set to give students anti-misogyny lessons in the wake of hit Netflix TV show Adolescence about a teen boy who murders a female classmate.

The classes form part of the government's new relationships, health and sex education (RHSE) guidance, which will be introduced before the end of the academic year.

It comes after Sir Keir Starmer revealed at Prime Minister's Questions on Wednesday that he was watching the mini-series with his two teenagers - and that he backs the show creators' calls for it to be shown in parliament and schools.

The four-episode programme follows the Miller family, whose lives are torn apart when their 13-year-old son Jamie is arrested for stabbing a female classmate to death after being influenced by online misogyny.

Though Labour's classroom guidance is still being developed, it is understood to include content to 'support healthy relationships', to 'enable schools to tackle harmful behaviour and ensure that misogyny is stamped out and not allowed to proliferate', an insider source said, the Times reported.'

Adolescence writer suggests social media ban for kids

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'The writer of the Netflix drama Adolescence has suggested that children should be denied access to social media to protect them from toxic ideas online.

Jack Thorne, together with actor Stephen Graham, created the drama series about 13-year-old boy Jamie, who is accused of murdering a girl at his school.

The series tackles themes of bullying, incel culture – incel is short for involuntary celibacy – and navigating social media as a young person.

Bristol-born Mr Thorne said: "We do believe perhaps the answer to this is in parliament and legislating – and taking kids away from their phones in school and taking kids away from social media altogether."'

Adolescence reveals a terrifying truth: smartphones are poison for boys' minds

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'Proponents of the first idea want investment in youth centres and mentoring programmes, and to encourage more men into teaching. These notions have much merit, and would of course be good on their own terms. But as a solution to the problem of misogyny among radicalised schoolboys, I lean more towards the ideas offered by the second school of thought: getting them away from their smartphones.'

Boys don’t need anti-misogyny lessons

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'This experience came to mind when I saw the news yesterday that “anti-misogyny lessons” may be on their way to British schools, prompted at least in part by the new Netflix series Adolescence, which has dominated the national conversation over the last week. Questions have been asked in Parliament about the rise of influencers who push “toxic masculinity” and encourage “incels” to resent and despise women.

It is clear that there is a problem with many teenage boys in Britain feeling alienated from mainstream society, or coming to believe that it is rigged against them. The deeper question is what ought to be done about this, beyond well-meaning moralism. Public figures talk about “reaching out” to young men; or providing better role models, as former England football manager Gareth Southgate proposed recently; or correcting their allegedly problematic views. But there is a striking vacuum at the heart of this discourse. No one seems genuinely interested in addressing the material concerns at the heart of young male ennui.

That’s because it is hard to even discuss topics such as the mass entry of women into the professions, the disempowering of men in modern divorce law, and the erosion of all-male environments without being accused of wanting to return to the bad old days. Very few people in positions of authority would even know what you meant if you lamented the way in which society increasingly rewards classically feminine characteristics — consensus, inclusivity, and the therapeutic mindset — while penalising typically masculine ones, such as a preference for directness, individual action, and robust but non-personal disagreement.'

Masculinity Will Not Save Men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The answer to male pain isn't masculinity, but a new political order, where no man or woman is an automaton or object. As analysts like Reeves have argued, it is possible to champion men and boys without sacrificing women and girls to the right-wing. Yet some liberals would rather appease violent masculinity than defeat it. Newsom didn't just interview Kirk; he praised the far-right activist, and attacked trans athletes and "woke culture" in the same episode. Democrats like him agree that wokeness has gone too far, that trans rights and immigration are destabilizing the country and alienating male voters. In searching for common ground with Trump, they align themselves with the same reactionary forces that sell men hierarchy and call it freedom. Join us, the right-wing says, and you can use slurs. But the liberty to insult others is an ersatz version of the real thing.'

Some Women Use Abuse Claims to Destroy Men

Matt · 25 March 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'Join Tom and Ulysses Slaughter for a powerful discussion on false allegations. Ulysses shares his remarkable experience with lies, deception, and the devastating consequences of a false allegation. Watch a clip of his initial encounter with police.'

We need to value and celebrate our boys. Let’s not behave like they’re all latent misogynists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Unless they make a TV drama about an issue, it doesn’t exist. That is where we are now. It took Mr Bates vs The Post Office for people to gasp: “But this was horrendous!”, for the prime minister to announce new legislation to exonerate wrongly convicted subpostmasters and former Post Office CEO Paula Vennells to have her CBE withdrawn. It took Baby Reindeer for us all to realise that, yes, women stalk men too! And maybe it’s time we started taking it seriously?

Then there’s the hit new Netflix show Adolescence, which shines a light on the corrosive impact of social media and misogynistic influencers on teenage boys – and has taken this phenomenon to an almost comedic level. Like coma patients, who have awoken from a 25-year slumber, we’re all suddenly up in arms about this thing called “The Internet”. “These boys who spend their days and nights immersed in a toxic online culture,” came the mass musings. “What if it’s not good for them?”'

Alex Deane FUMES at firefighters painting nails to 'combat toxic masculinity': 'Performative nonsense'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Commentator Alex Deane has criticised Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service's participation in a nail-painting campaign as "performative nonsense" that fails to address real issues.

The initiative, organised by charity Hard as Nails, saw male firefighters paint their nails to encourage discussion about gender identity and toxic masculinity.

Speaking to GB News, he said: "I think you could speak about this for hours, to be honest with you, but I think it's more misogyny than toxic masculinity.'

UK: Schools should be ‘boy positive’ to tackle male underachievement – report

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'A “boy-positive” learning environment should be developed in schools and the Government should appoint a minister for men to tackle gender disparities in education, a report has suggested.

The Higher Education Policy Institute (Hepi) has said a dedicated strategy is needed to tackle attainment differences between men and women to address “one of the most egregious issues” affecting education and society.

There is a risk of “under-educated men veering towards the political extremes” if male underachievement is not tackled, the report has warned.

The think tank’s paper, sponsored by Ulster University, estimates that half a million young men have missed out on higher education over the past decade.

The report, which has been co-authored by male inclusion adviser Mark Brooks, calls for a bigger focus on gender disparities – especially in the educational workforce – in Ofsted inspections, as well as in universities’ access and participation plans.'

I am a white woman. I know for a fact white men lie about their climb to the top. | Opinion

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'White men have been lying about climbing the ladder on their own. They are not successful due to talent, but because they have the access and support necessary to climb, and fewer active barriers.

White men have been getting affirmative action all along from other white men. What the rest of us have been asking for, fighting for, is the same access to and support to climb the ladder.'

Netflix Adolescence: Entertainment or Propaganda?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Netflix's limited series Adolescence has sparked widespread debate, particularly regarding its portrayal of masculinity and male-oriented online spaces. The show follows a disturbing premise: a 13-year-old boy, allegedly influenced by the so-called "manosphere," commits a violent crime against a young girl. While media critiques of online radicalization are not inherently problematic, Adolescence appears to go beyond cautionary storytelling and into the realm of ideological propaganda. The series constructs a narrative that pathologizes male identity and spaces dedicated to discussing men's issues. By examining the show's premise, its selective framing of male spaces, and its lack of real-world precedent, it becomes evident that Adolescence is, in fact, a piece of anti-male propaganda.'

What’s Wrong With the White British Boys?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Britain’s got a problem, and it’s not the one the chattering classes are bleating about. It’s not climate change, pronouns, or gaslighting Netflix series probing what’s gone wrong with boys. No, the real crisis is a hole in the nation’s heart—a gaping wound where loyalty, pride, and (dare one say it) the willingness to defend this Sceptred Isle used to reside. The white working-class lads who once formed the backbone of Britain have had enough. Derided, scorned, and blamed for every ill under the sun, they’re no longer signing up to die for a country that’s made it clear it doesn’t want them. And who can blame them?

Former Defence Secretary Lord Hammond—hardly a rabble-rouser—sounded the alarm in The Telegraph earlier this month. “Young men are unprepared to fight for Britain,” he warned. He’s got a point. Back in 2015, a Gallup poll found just 27% of Brits would willingly take up arms for their country—one of the lowest figures in Europe. That was a decade ago, mind you. Today, you’d be lucky to find a lad from Bolton or Barnsley willing to take a bow for King and Country, let alone a bullet.

And why on earth should they? Thanks to decades of Critical Race Theory, feminist claptrap and the self-loathing taught in our schools, the white, working-class male has morphed into nothing short of a national punchbag. To Westminster liberals, they’re ‘toxic’ and ‘privileged’, forced to subsist on crumbling estates while resources are handed over to those with more exotic backgrounds and skin colours. To employers, they provide no commercial value in terms of woke credibility and are therefore passed over for promotion—or excluded entirely. To the authorities, they’re now the only demographic liable to feel the full force of the law.'

UK: Keir Starmer says all options on table in ‘two-tier’ row with Sentencing Council

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'The prime minister has signalled he is prepared to change the law to stop the introduction of “two-tier” sentencing guidelines, after an arm’s-length body resisted pressure to scrap them.

Keir Starmer said “all options are on the table” after the Sentencing Council for England and Wales refused to back down despite pressure from ministers.

The row concerns new guidance aimed at tackling bias and reducing reoffending, which puts more emphasis on the need for pre-sentence reports, which give details of the offender’s background, motives and personal life before sentencing.

Under the change, due to come into force on 1 April, magistrates and judges would be asked to consult the pre-sentence report before determining whether to imprison someone of an ethnic or religious minority, as well as young adults, abuse survivors and pregnant women.

Critics including Robert Jenrick, the shadow justice secretary, said the guidelines amounted to discrimination against white men.'

'Two-tier' justice row: Sentencing Council rejects minister's call for guidance rethink

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'Sir Keir Starmer today said he was "disappointed" with the Sentencing Council's refusal to change guidance and that "all options are on the table" over how the government might respond.

Ms Mahmood expressed her "displeasure" at the body's recommendations, arguing that "as someone who is from an ethnic minority background myself, I do not stand for any differential treatment before the law".

She had recommended that the guidance be reversed, but because the Sentencing Council is independent, she cannot order them to do so.

Responding to the news that her requests had been rejected, Ms Mahmood said: "I have been clear in my view that these guidelines represent differential treatment, under which someone's outcomes may be influenced by their race, culture or religion.

"This is unacceptable, and I formally set out my objections to this in a letter to the Sentencing Council last week.'

‘Adolescence’ Does a Disservice to Young Men

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'Adolescence is the new hit Netflix series everybody’s talking about, based on several instances of teen boys stabbing their female peers in the UK. The murderous protagonist, 13-year-old Jamie, is a white boy from the north of England—a fact many commenters are crying foul over. They say it’s fashionable to demonize white boys as racist, homophobic, or in this case, misogynistic.

But my problem isn’t that white boys are the villains. It’s that the four-episode series demonizes masculinity in general.'

The New Marriage of Unequals

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Article here. If the genders were flipped the whole tone would be different. It'd go on about how educational inequality needs to be addressed, etc. Instead the tone fairly settles gleefully for the status quo. Excerpt:

'Once upon a time, it was fairly common for highly educated men in the United States to marry less-educated women. But beginning in the mid-20th century, as more women started to attend college, marriages seemed to move in a more egalitarian direction, at least in one respect: A greater number of men and women started partnering up with their educational equals. That trend, however, appears to have stalled and even reversed in recent years. Gaps in educational experience among heterosexual couples are growing again. And this time? It’s women who are “marrying down.”

Researchers debate whether marriage between educational equals—homogamy—is on the decline. But one thing is clear: The phenomenon of women marrying men with less education than themselves, what academics call “hypogamy,” is on the rise. In fact, women are now more likely to marry a less-educated man than men are to marry a less-educated woman.'

Adolescence demonises white working-class boys

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'I think another difficulty is that it's just hooey to think that the main threat of violence posed to women and girls, particularly girls, is white working-class boys brought up in stable two parent families. Total hooey. The main writer of the series claimed that he based it on three real life cases. In every case, the perpetrator was not a working-class teenage boy from a stable family background. You can see why, you know, the appalling murders by Axel Rudakubana, has prompted a kind of moral panic about this. But this is a complete misdiagnosis of what the causes of that episode were.

And the idea now that this is going to be shown in schools! There's been a real clamour for Adolescence to be shown in schools, to teach boys why they should resist these kind of toxic influences. The idea that that these poor mites are going to have to sit through this and self-flagellate afterwards and explain to the their classmates why masculinity is toxic and should at all costs be handled with tongs – it's awful to think. They're in a bad enough way as it is without being demonised yet again by the mainstream media, their schools and MPs.'

Pete Hegseth Announces He Is Ordering Equal Standards For Men And Women In Combat Roles

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'Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth will issue a memo setting equal standards for men and women in combat roles across the armed services, he announced on X Monday.

The memo aims to implement the same set of standards for all service members involved in combat, regardless of sex, Hegseth said on X. Hegseth said the services would review the guidance to ensure the “highest and equal standards for men and women in combat.”'

Netflix series 'Adolescence' left me sad and mad as a mother of boys

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'"Adolescence" promotes a political agenda, and the narrative is built around that. It's a screed about toxic masculinity with a 13-year-old child at its center. Through vignettes about his home life with two flawed but loving parents, school friends and interviews with professionals about his behavior, "Adolescence" makes boys and men out to be problematic, susceptible to toxicity online and seemingly destined for violence.

As a mom of boys, I reject that depressing conclusion. Boys like Jamie do exist, but the data doesn't support it as a widespread trend.

Men are more likely to commit violent crimes than women, but only a small percentage of men are guilty of violence. We should be cautious about passing sweeping laws, like social media and smartphone bans, based on the actions of a relative few.

As parents, we can do far more than restrict our sons' use of phones and social media, although limits are a good idea. We also can appreciate and celebrate the incredible and unique differences between boys and girls, men and women. It's good to feel good about being a male.'

Netflix hit Adolescence to be shown in schools across the UK

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'Starmer said it was difficult watching the drama with his 14-year-old daughter and 16-year-old son. But showing the drama widely in schools will "help students better understand the impact of misogyny, dangers of online radicalisation and the importance of healthy relationships," his office said.

"It seems like the whole nation is talking about Adolescence and not just this nation," Starmer said. "As a dad, I have not found it easy to watch this with children, because it connects with the fears and worries that you have as parents and adults."

"There isn't one single policy lever to pull. It's actually a much bigger problem than that," he added. "And that's the devastating effect that the problem of misogyny has on our society."'

Rethink What It Means to Be Prince Charming

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'When it comes to empowering books for boys, there is a gaping hole in children's literature, according to New York Times bestselling author Francesca Cavallo. With the English-language launch of her first book for boys on March 20, Stellar Stories for Boys of the Future, she hopes to begin to fill that void.

The book uses 12 illustrated stories set on imaginary planets to explore topics like self-acceptance, rejection, friendship, and consent. Its goal is to immunize boys against the constraining and sometimes harmful messages about what it means to be a man in the world.

"[Male characters] are very often portrayed as emotionally immature individuals who must save others because they are incapable of saving themselves," Cavallo tells Parents. "So I felt strongly that boys needed to be inspired to conquer themselves."'

The term 'toxic masculinity' leads boys to feel bad about being a man

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'One listener texted into the show to say that the phrase ‘toxic masculinity’ is a “truly horrible, nasty, anti-male term".

Mr Bidwell acknowledged that the use of the term can imply that all masculinity is toxic.

“A true, healthy male is really not toxic,” he said.

“He is a protector; he is someone who will provide huge value to this world.

“I think this is the part of the challenge we’ve got with kids growing up, young boys growing up, is that they’ve had this term brandished.

“They felt that masculinity is bad, or they’re being told masculinity is bad and they’re wondering what they’ve ever done to be labelled that way.”

Mr Bidwell said that while there are definitely masculine traits that “are being displayed in a very toxic way”, that we should be careful to brand all masculinity as toxic.'

Our focus should not be on 'toxic masculinity', but on why men and boys feel so lost

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'Fast-forward to the 21st century, and it is the male of the species who is now routinely diagnosed with ‘toxic masculinity’, another uniquely gendered problem attributed to ‘too much testosterone’.

Intriguingly, we have only discovered lately — thanks to popular culture — that this evolutionary ‘flaw’ is not only responsible for uncontrollable anger, violence and an irresistible urge to dominate and ‘mansplain’, but it also makes men laughably stupid when it comes to domestic chores, multitasking and parenting (as adverts and rom-coms show us every night online and on TV).

So the story of young Jamie may be a parable for our times, insofar as it exposes the deplorable online recruiting sergeants (like the infamously misogynist Tate brothers), but the Tates and their ilk are catering for a much more worrying underlying — and burgeoning — male resentment, and its alarming ramifications.

So, demonising young men, telling male teenagers they are part of the ‘Patriarchy’ (guilty of their forefathers’ ‘sins’) and crushing their dreams in an anti-masculine ecosystem is not only unfair, it is profoundly dangerous because it nurtures the resentment that the ancient Greeks called the wellspring of war.'

From the police to the prime minister: how Adolescence is making Britain face up to toxic masculinity

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'Thorne has called for the introduction of a “digital age of consent” by banning smartphones for under-16s. Pundits have suggested that social media giants should do more to regulate algorithm-driven extreme content. A recent survey came to the depressing conclusion that more than half of young women are now frightened of their male peers.

The debate was further fuelled by former England football manager Sir Gareth Southgate delivering a televised lecture this week, warning about the dangers of “callous, manipulative and toxic influencers” and demanding better male role models. His pleas were echoed by feminist writer Caitlin Moran, author of What About Men?, on Channel 4 News. She said toxic masculinity was “very joyless and very depressing”, expressing the hope that Southgate’s speech and Adolescence would be a watershed moment.

Safeguarding minister Jess Phillips said: “Netflix’s brilliant Adolescence is not just a drama. It’s a disturbing glimpse into the minds of thousands of young boys warped by the violence and abuse they are witnessing every day online.”'

Dads club in Brixton tackles toxic masculinity

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'With Netflix smash hit Adolescence highlighting the devastation that can be wrought by toxic masculinity, a school dads club has been showing what positive role models men can be.

Jessop Primary School Dads and Male Carers Club provides a space for men to connect, learn new skills, and spend quality time with their children.

It is celebrating its first anniversary having doubled attendance since opening - with an average of 57 dads, carers, and kids at each session.

According to the club it wants to counter the negative influence of harmful online content.

It was started by parents after the murder of Elianne Andam by teenager Hassan Sentamu in a row over a teddy.

Club founder Scott Leonard said: "Primary school is so informative for young people, where they shape much of their thinking and behaviour."

Just 14% of primary school teachers are male according to the Office for National Statistics.'

No Zuck, brands certainly don’t need more toxic masculinity

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'Employers must create work environments that celebrate both ends of the masculine and feminine energy spectrum.

While Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg used US podcaster Josh Rogan's platform to call for more masculine energy in the workplace, our planet was literally on fire, thanks in part to the ego-driven thinking popularised through toxic masculinity.

When you Google the most powerful CEOs, Zuckerberg’s name is often accompanied by Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos. It’s no coincidence that each of them was present during Donald Trump’s second inauguration and subsequently have announced the dismantling of ESG and DEI initiatives across their companies.

These powerful men are standing by while our planet is faced with existential crises surrounding climate change, extreme economic disparity and global conflicts that have all arisen under a corporate climate forged under toxic masculine energy qualities like unfettered ambition and a winner-takes-all mentality.'

A toxic society, not toxic masculinity, made Andrew Tate famous

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'Schools, particularly in Western countries, have become increasingly hostile to traditional expressions of masculinity. Boys are expected to behave like girls — to sit still, be passive and suppress their natural instincts.

The education system is tailored to female learning styles, with an emphasis on verbal skills over hands-on learning, group discussion over competition, and compliance over independence. If a boy struggles in this environment, he isn't given alternative avenues to succeed. Instead, he tends to be medicated, disciplined or labeled as having a behavioral disorder.'

North Dakota breaks ground on first prison designed for women, with focus on rehabilitation

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'The rehabilitation of female inmates in North Dakota took a large step forward Wednesday as state officials celebrated the groundbreaking of the first prison in state history designed to house women.

The new Heart River Correctional Center in Mandan will be more than 191,500 square feet and includes space for 304 beds. The project is expected to cost $166.8 million and be complete in fall of 2027.

Gov. Kelly Armstong and other state officials joined Colby Braun, director of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Warden Connie Hackman Rivinius for an event that included women who are in custody.

“Today, we take another step toward a justice system that not only ensures public safety, but also provides opportunities for rehabilitation and second chances,” Hackman Rivinius said. “This project represents more than just walls and infrastructure. It symbolizes the commitment to dignity, safety and the possibility of change.”'

New Tennessee bill could shift custody battles toward equal parenting time

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'A custody battle is brewing in Tennessee—not between parents—but in the law itself.

For years, state law has leaned heavily toward mothers in custody cases. But a new bill at the state capitol could change the starting point for custody battles, giving both parents an equal shot at raising their children.

House Bill 1131, sponsored by State Representative Antonio Parkinson (D-Memphis), proposes that judges begin every child custody case with the presumption of 50/50 parenting time, unless there's evidence suggesting otherwise.

"We want Tennessee to recognize the fact that it is in the best interests of the child to have both parents in the child's life," Parkinson told FOX13 in an interview.

Right now, Tennessee law often defaults to awarding mothers full custody—leaving many fathers with limited visitation, even if they're listed on the birth certificate.

Attorney Princess Woodard explained, "In Tennessee, by default, mothers have sole legal and physical custody of the child. And that does not simply change because you're on the birth certificate."'

Lawyers say Oregon genital cutting law discriminates against boys; seek circumcision ban

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'Oregon laws that forbid genital cutting of girls but stay silent on male circumcision must be expanded to equally protect all children, a new lawsuit asserts.

A father and son who were circumcised at birth decades apart, as well as two brothers whose foreskins were cut off as babies, filed the lawsuit against the state of Oregon on Thursday in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

“It is quite barbaric and strange that we in America cut non-consenting children at a very early age without any medical necessity,” said Lake Perriguey, a civil rights attorney well known for fighting to overturn Oregon’s ban on gay marriage a decade ago.'

Appalling sexism accusations leveled at female Google exec in bombshell new lawsuit

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'A female Google executive stopped male colleagues working on key projects and denied them promotions, a new discrimination lawsuit has sensationally claimed.

Managing Director of Sales Marta Martinez has been accused of sexism and making her male co-worker's lives miserable by Marco Meier, who worked for the Google advertising team for nearly 13 years before he was fired last year.

The former German pro basketball player claimed he had a promising career with the company but was let go after complaining about gender discrimination from Martinez.

In a bombshell federal lawsuit filed in the Southern District of New York last week, Meier claimed Martinez subjected male employees to a 'relentless campaign' of hostility and discrimination.'

'[Meier] and all male team leaders in Martinez’s department endured a relentless campaign of hostile and disparate treatment, severe harassment, and discrimination based upon gender,' the lawsuit claimed.

Psychiatric Therapy Won’t Heal What Feminism Broke

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'Feminism was never a benevolent movement that simply lost its way. It was, from the beginning, an ideology of resentment. It tells women they must view men with suspicion. That they should never be vulnerable, never sacrifice, never trust. By equating success with male-dominated spheres, it wires women to view any trade-off as a loss and at every turn, resentfully ask, “Why should I, and not him?”

This ideology has profoundly shaped the way women approach relationships. They are told to “love themselves before they can love someone else.” That they should spend years alone, single, working on self-acceptance. But how does that work in practice? If a woman is overweight, does standing naked in front of a mirror and repeating “I love myself” change anything? Rarely, because there are inherent truths and knowledge. And denying that things can be better or worse is a postmodernist fantasy.

Feminism, like any pathogen, infects the worldview of those who adopt it. Depending on personality structure and competence level, living by its principles leads to psychopathology unresponsive to medication. It warps decision-making and pits women against their own psychological needs and against the opposite sex—without whom these needs can never be fulfilled.'

Former judge denounces Labor for pushing feminist ideology into the Family Court

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"The Family Court system is in enormous trouble.' That is a momentous statement given that the speaker, Adelaide barrister Stuart Lindsay, is a former Family Court judge. But there's much more… This experienced insider blames the parlous state of this vital institution on a campaign led by the Labor Party to 'promote a particular pronounced feminist ideology in the Family Law Act'.

Lindsay spent ten years, from 2004-14, working as a judge in the Federal Circuit Court dealing mainly with family court matters. He's now back working as special counsel for a local firm on the coalface of a system he sees as being in dire straits.

He's been right there, witnessing the destructive impact of feminist ideology infiltrating the family law system, destroying the lives of so many ordinary families. Lindsay explains the big push started with Prime Minister Julia Gillard, but Kevin Rudd was right on board, as successive Labor governments have 'tried to ensure judges provide for right outcomes in accordance with the invariably feminist ideology'.'

This middle-class moral panic about ‘toxic masculinity’ is growing unhinged

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'What on earth has got into our ruling class these past two weeks? We’ve had the Prime Minister ordering every secondary school in the land to show its pupils Adolescence. We’ve had Newsnight asking teenage boys when they last cried. And we’ve had anti-terror police telling the nation’s parents to report their sons to Prevent if they catch them watching “misogynist videos online”. Listening to these people’s ever more hysterical raving, you’d think that the single greatest threat facing our country was “toxic masculinity”.

It isn’t, of course. But then, that’s the very reason why middle-class liberals are so eagerly stoking this moral panic. They want us to talk about fashionable Netflix dramas, “incels” and Andrew Tate in order to stop us talking about certain problems that are far worse.

For all their ostensible anxiety about “toxic masculinity”, middle-class liberals are rarely happier than when they’re lecturing us about it – because it’s slap-bang in the middle of their comfort zone. Here is an issue where the villains almost invariably seem to be white and male, their crime is old-fashioned sexism, and the proposed solution is a crackdown on social media. All perennial favourite themes of middle-class liberals.'

Warning that Adolescence may 'do more harm than good' if Stephen Graham Netflix show is shown to children

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'But the plan may have unintended consequences, warns Sophie King-Hill from the health services management centre at Birmingham University. She said: "Showing the series as a teaching tool risks framing boyhood as monolithic, with one particular – and problematic – way of being a boy."

And she points out that good though the drama is, it was not created as an educational resource or with the robust research, evaluation and consultation to be used as such in schools. The series gives an extreme and fictional portrait of one teenager drawn into the world of the manosphere, but Ms King-Hill stresses that not all boys will see themselves reflected in the Netflix portrayal.

"As a researcher working on masculinity and misogyny, my concern is that showing the series in schools may lead boys to think that they are all perceived as potential threats," she said.

"Showing the series as a teaching tool risks framing boyhood as monolithic, with one particular – and problematic – way of being a boy. Already, a broad-brush, blame-heavy approach is often taken to boys in response to issues relating to sexual harassment and violence."'

Do horrified viewers of the fictional Netflix series ‘Adolescence’ care about real adolescent boys?

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But ideological versions of feminism are analogous to a particular kind of religion (which has a history that goes back not centuries but millennia). I refer to fundamentalism, which relies on a profoundly dualistic vision of the world: one in which “we” are perpetually victimized and “they” are perpetually “privileged.” All of history is therefore a titanic war between “us” and “them,” one that will end ultimately with “our” victory (reward) and “their” defeat (punishment).

In the case of feminist ideology, women are innately good (the source of all virtue and happiness) and men innately evil (the source of all vice and suffering). I could go on and on, but I have already made my point. This worldview, feminist ideology, has come to dominate every Western country by infiltrating almost every institution (from legislatures and the courts of law to journalism and the court of public opinion, from academic and elite culture to popular culture). Its form of dualism is gynocentrism. And the fallout from pervasive gynocentrism is misandry. This is the environment in which boys grow up, although some of them seek refuge in easily accessible sources of misogyny. As comments on Adolescence (and other phenomena) often observe, misogyny is alive and well. But so is misandry. Standing sadly in the corner, this proverbial “elephant,” is largely unacknowledged even by those who claim to care about boys and men—let alone by those who have ideological or even professional investments in exposing misogyny. The question is not whether misandry, too, exists but why it exists and what dangers it presents not only to boys and men but to society as a whole.

Young white men do have problems, but they need to man up

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'Last weekend I was on a panel at the Oxford Literary Festival (sponsored by The Telegraph, if you please) and the topic was the Southport riots. In considering the subject, the excellent Tony Sewell, aka the Lord Sewell of Sanderstead, aired the view that one big cause of social unrest in Britain is that white working class boys are left behind. They're bottom of the barrel, whether in school, higher education prospects, health, happiness, or projected income. Sewell, the chair of the 2021 Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities report, knows the stats well. His report found that "systemic racism" is not what lies behind disparities in outcome in Britain: it's class, and poor white youth, mostly boys, do by far the worst.'

UK: Why men are so unhealthy - and what can be done

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'In the UK men are more likely to smoke, drink alcohol, use drugs and have high cholesterol and blood pressure.

These are major contributors to the fact men have a lower life expectancy than women - by four years - and are nearly 60% more likely to die prematurely before the age of 75 with heart disease, lung cancer, liver disease and in accidents.

Prof Alan White, who co-founded the Men's Health Forum charity and set up a dedicated men's health centre at Leeds Beckett University, says the issue needs to be taken more seriously.

He cites the pandemic as an example, pointing out that 19,000 more men than women died from Covid. "Where was the outrage? Where was the attention?"

He says it is too easy to blame men's poor health on their lifestyles, arguing "it's much more complex than that."'

Are male teachers the answer to fighting toxic masculinity?

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'Could having more male teachers help with toxic masculinity?

Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson sparked a discussion with her comments calling for more men to become teachers, so that young boys have better role models.

Is this the case here too? And what can be done to attract and encourage men into classrooms?

Principal and Host of ‘If I were Minister for Education’ Podcast, Simon Lewis, joins Seán to discuss.'

We need more male teachers so British boys have role models, says minister

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'The fate of boys “is a defining issue of our time”, according to the education secretary, Bridget Phillipson, as she calls for more men to become teachers to combat “toxic” behaviours.

Speaking at a conference on Thursday, Phillipson will warn that boys and young men growing up in Britain need stronger role models to counteract the dangers they face, illustrated by the Netflix series Adolescence.

“It’s clear the behaviour of boys, their influences, and the young men they become, is a defining issue of our time,” Phillipson is to say, adding: “We need to raise a generation of boys with the strength to reject that hatred – curiosity, compassion, kindness, resilience, hope, respect.”'

UK: Misogyny bill is set for the ‘woke’ scrapheap

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'How can we legislate to criminalise misogyny when we can’t even agree what a woman is?” So said one SNP backbench MSP, commenting on The Times’story that Nicola Sturgeon’s proposed bill outlawing hatred of women has been shelved. It is destined for the scrapheap of “woke” legislation, we are told. Yet the irony is that it is another of Sturgeon’s quintessentially woke enthusiasms that has scuppered it.

The misogyny bill has been kicking around St Andrew’s House since March 2022 when St Nicola’s favourite barrister, Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws KC, proposed imprisoning men for up to seven years for “stirring up hatred” against women. However, Humza Yousaf, following his boss, said that “of course” transgender women would be protected by the legislation, as well as “cis” women.

Many women loathe that appellation and were furious at the thought that natal men could be protected from abuse by other men. Imagine how the trans doctor Beth Uptonmight have deployed a misogyny law against the nurse, Sandie Peggie, in that stushie over changing rooms in a Kirkcaldy hospital? Isla Bryson might have accused Sturgeon of misogynistic hate crime for sending him — sorry, her — to a male prison.'

Philipines: Bill seeking to disqualify misogynist candidates filed in House

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'A party-list lawmaker on Tuesday filed a bill seeking to disqualify local and national candidates who make misogynistic or discriminatory remarks during election campaigns.

Gabriela Rep. Arlene Brosas filed at the House of Representatives Bill 11498, which proposes amendments to Sections 68 and 261 of the Omnibus Election Code.

The bill seeks to make misogynistic and gender-based harassment during campaigns a ground for disqualification and an election offense.'

What our reaction to Adolescence tells us about our fear of boys, sex and the internet

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'Instead, this policy response draws on a history of moral panic about young people and the internet. Young people are a “problem” we can “fix”, while ignoring deeper social and cultural issues.

This framing of boys and the internet ignores their capacity, skills and how they engage in the digital world. It also ignores the many ways in which they learn about relationships.

Most importantly, it risks further marginalising boys from the conversations and education they urgently need.'

Sea Change as Lawmakers Set Out to Remedy Disparities Affecting Men

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'Previously, persons had assumed that men were the “winners” on the full range of gender issues. But a recently published analysis identifies 12 areas in which men are substantially lagging behind women. These disparities include lower enrollment in higher education, five-year shorter life span, dramatically higher rates of homelessness, and nine other areas (2).

Last month the International Council for Men and Boys released a historic New York Declaration for Men and Boys, designed to galvanize global attention about the pressing needs facing men (3).

Both Democratic and Republican leaders have become actively engaged in this debate.'

The Real War Against Women: Feminism

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'There is a deeply unsettling irony buried beneath modern discourse about female empowerment. Women are told they are strong, capable, and deserving of equal opportunity—but they are also conditioned to outsource responsibility for their lives to systems that can never truly protect them.

They are warned about men, encouraged to seek institutional solutions to personal problems, and taught to distrust the very tools that would make them independent. The bitter truth is this: the most persistent obstacle to female empowerment is not some grand patriarchal conspiracy. It is other women—and the belief systems they promote, police, and perpetuate.

The modern woman has been sold two contradictory ideas. First, that she is autonomous and powerful. Second, that she must rely on external systems—government, corporate protections, or cultural pity—to protect that power. The result? A growing population of women who demand respect but forfeit responsibility, who speak of strength but embrace dependence, and who undermine one another with far more enthusiasm than any man ever could.'

India: Tackling toxic masculinity must be a national priority

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'Being a young person today is anything but simple. For many young Indians, adolescence is no longer a carefree phase but a high-pressure journey marked by academic stress, social media scrutiny, and emotional isolation. Beneath the surface of exam scores, digital connectivity, and outward success lies a growing undercurrent of anxiety, depression, and emotional struggle, too often overlooked or misunderstood. India is facing a silent yet staggering mental health crisis — one that is disproportionately impacting its youth.
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Changing the culture around mental health also requires reshaping the way we talk about masculinity. Tackling toxic masculinity must be a national priority — not just by revising textbooks, but by promoting healthier models of masculinity that embrace vulnerability, empathy, and emotional growth. Community initiatives, media campaigns, and mentorship programmes can help shift mindsets, especially when male role models speak openly about mental health. But these cultural shifts will mean little without real investment. India must significantly boost its mental health budget to strengthen infrastructure, train more professionals, and expand access to care — particularly in rural and underserved areas. A lack of funding is no longer just an administrative gap; it's a life-threatening obstacle for millions of young people in need.'

‘Mansplaining’ doesn’t constitute gender harassment

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'A female doctor’s claims of gender discrimination and retaliation failed to survive summary judgment when she couldn’t demonstrate that workplace tensions stemmed from gender-based animus rather than general interpersonal conflicts, the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled.

The decision in O’Horo v. Boston Medical Center Corporation reinforces that while Title VII prohibits discrimination based on protected characteristics, it does not serve as a “general civility code” for the workplace. Employers can take steps to address interpersonal conflicts while remaining vigilant against genuine discrimination.

“[The plaintiff’s] claim rests, in large part, on incidents with no apparent relation to her gender, and she makes no effort — beyond pointing to her subjective beliefs — to demonstrate such gender-based discriminatory animus,” Gelpí stated.

“Take first [the plaintiff’s] contention that she felt [her colleague] ‘mansplained’ to her on one occasion and, throughout 2018 and 2019, treated her worse than her male colleagues. But harassment coupled with a plaintiff’s subjective belief of discrimination ‘doesn’t tell us much,’ because ‘there is a plethora of reasons’ why [her colleague] could have treated [the plaintiff] poorly ‘that have no nexus to her gender,’” Gelpí said.'

Woman, 20, sentenced for false rape report that jailed innocent man for a month

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman was sentenced for a false rape report that resulted in an innocent man being jailed for a month.

According to the Bucks County District Attorney's Office, a 20-year-old woman from Bristol Township was sentenced to 45 days to 23 months in Bucks County Correctional Facility for filing a false police report that led to an innocent man being jailed for a month.

Anjela Borisova Urumova pled guilty in January to seven misdemeanor counts, including false alarm to an agency of public safety, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, false reports, and unsworn falsification to authorities.

In addition to her jail sentence, Common Pleas Judge Stephen A. Corr ordered Urumova to serve one year of probation, undergo a mental health evaluation, avoid contact with the victim and his family, and pay $3,600 in restitution to the victim.

"Not only did this targeted false report impact the victim and his family in unimaginable ways, but there is also a profound ripple effect," said District Attorney Jennifer Schorn.

"A crime like this can shatter the community’s confidence in the system. It can jeopardize prosecutions of legitimate crimes of sexual violence."'

Time for ‘shock therapy’ — how to get our 7 million dropout men back to work

Matt · 11 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. No inquiries to such men re WHY they are not inclined to work? Think we need to start there. Excerpt:

'President Trump wants to get America’s vast army of “dropout” men back into the workforce. Attention to this problem is long overdue.

Nearly 7 million men in the prime of life — over a tenth of the 25-to-54 age group — are neither working nor looking for work these days.

But Team Trump is trying to fix the problem with the wrong tools.

They argue that trade policy (tariffs) and industrial policy (special treatment for manufacturing) will reverse the long-term flight from work by men, by creating high-paying jobs to lure them back to work.

This approach may sound sensible to some. Unfortunately, it is likely to fail — even though the White House could succeed through other pro-work policies.'

Liberal author tells 'The View' there's 'no such thing' as toxic masculinity

Mastodon · 11 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A liberal guest on Friday's "The View" pushed back on the idea that "toxic masculinity" is a problem for society.

Co-host Sara Haines asked NYU business professor and author Scott Galloway about his new book, "Notes on Being a Man," in which he urges men to embrace healthy masculinity.

She referenced the current cultural spotlight on masculinity, as seen in the popular Netflix show "Adolescence," and in how Democratic governors like Michigan's Gretchen Whitmer and Maryland's Wes Moore have recently launched programs to help young men in their respective states.

Galloway brought up how men are far more likely than women to commit suicide, face addictions and be incarcerated. He argued that young men need a positive view of masculinity to guide their lives.'

Newsom Tries to Understand ‘Bro Culture.’ Will It Change Him in the Process?

Matt · 12 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The first three guests on Mr. Newsom’s show — officially titled “This Is Gavin Newsom” — were conservative men who have enraged Democrats in the past. Besides Mr. Kirk, who has criticized gay marriage and diversity programs, there was also Steve Bannon, an architect of the MAGA movement, and Michael Savage, a conservative talk show firebrand.

Concepts of masculinity have been a recurring theme with both conservative and liberal guests, as Mr. Newsom has delved into the “bro culture” that helped Mr. Trump defeat former Vice President Kamala Harris.

“This issue of young men and what’s happened to our party is deeply on my mind and will be deeply part of my podcast,” Mr. Newsom said in an interview with The New York Times. What he’s trying to explore, he added, are “the things that we’re uncomfortable exploring.”'

Pennsylvania judge Sonya McKnight convicted of shooting sleeping boyfriend in the head

Matt · 12 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Pennsylvania judge accused of shooting her ex-boyfriend in the head while he slept may spend decades behind bars — as she was convicted of attempted homicide and aggravated assault charges Wednesday.

After two hours of deliberations, a jury convicted Sonya M. McKnight, a magisterial judge in Dauphin County, on both charges she faced — one count of attempted murder and one count of aggravated assault.

McKnight, 58, who has held the elected role since 2016, was taken away in handcuffs after the trial judge rejected a defense request that she be released.'

Galloway says three things are contributing to young men not being successful

Matt · 13 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. It's good the discussion is at least getting started. Let's see if they'll actually get around to poking the tiger, ie, addressing the negative effects of feminism on men.

Mike Johnson Says Men Need to Stop 'Playing Video Games All Day' and Get to Work: 'They're Draining Resources'

Matt · 15 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Men really do need their own political party. Excerpt:

'House Speaker Mike Johnson defended Republican efforts to attach work requirements to Medicaid, suggesting that young American men are wasting their lives "playing video games all day" instead of working.

Johnson's remarks came as House Republicans pushed forward a budget framework that would help finance President Donald Trump's tax cuts, with plans to slash federal spending by trillions. GOP leaders are eyeing $880 billion in reductions to Medicaid, a move critics warn could gut health coverage for millions of low-income Americans.

Johnson attempted to sidestep claims of direct benefit cuts, instead blaming "able-bodied young men" for taking advantage of a program he said was meant for single mothers, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

"They're draining resources from people who actually do [need it]," Johnson said. "So if you clean that up... you save a lot of money and you return the dignity of work to young men who need to be at work instead of playing video games all day."

Despite Johnson's insistence that, "No one has talked about cutting one benefit in Medicaid," the work requirement would threaten health care access for millions, including Americans that are temporarily unemployed after being laid off.'

‘We can’t pit boys against girls’: headlines overshadow struggles of a generation of girls

Matt · 16 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. As predictable as the sunrise, turn an issue facing boys into a concern for girls. Excerpt:

'But while public debate has focused on the crisis facing boys, a series of less remarked upon statistics suggest that girls are far from being the winners of a zero-sum game. The Children’s Commissioner for England told the Guardian this week that the current debate risked pitting boys and girls against each other – to the detriment of both.

“This is an optimistic generation, eager for change – but both boys and girls are facing pressures and influences that previous generations never imagined,” said Rachel de Souza. “We can’t pit boys against girls, because these are shared issues for every child.”

Last month a report from the Centre for Social Justice argued that the last 100 years had “been marked by great leaps forward in outcomes and rights for women” but in this generation “it is boys who are being left behind”. The Lost Boys report noted that in education girls were outperforming boys “from nursery to university”, while men aged 16-24 were more likely to be unemployed than young women, and if in full-time work, paid on average 9% less.'

Women's Aid Boyz Only Programme tackles harmful masculinity and mental health

Mastodon · 17 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women's Aid South Lanarkshire & East Renfrewshire's Boyz Only programme is a 6-session support which aims "to provide boys with a safe space to explore their gender and world view".

It also explores how boys can change themselves, their behaviour and challenge those around them to help end inequality. It promotes self-care and gives time and attention to boys who perhaps have never been afforded an individual focus on themselves.

A spokesperson for Women's Aid said: "In today's society, boys and young men are expected to be masculine with unrealistic expectations. These expectations dictate how boys and men should act, think, and feel which ultimately negatively affects men, women, boys and girls. If we do not tackle this issue then gender based violence, misogyny, incel behaviour, gang culture and poor mental health will continue to rise, and everyone will be affected".'

More than 20 colleges join initiative to address male enrollment decline

Mastodon · 17 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new partnership between nearly two dozen colleges and universities aims to tackle the steep decline in male enrollment — an effort that is very much needed, two scholars told The College Fix.

In a stark shift in higher education demographics, men are now earning two of every five college degrees, and are more likely than women to drop out of college. These trends are highlighted in a recent report from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and the American Institute for Boys and Men.

With college enrollment dropping and men making up the vast majority of that decline, the university and institute decided to launch the Higher Education Male Achievement Collaborative in October.'

Young men's financial insecurity helping to fuel anti-feminism in the EU, research claims

Mastodon · 17 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The financial insecurity experienced by young men is partly to blame for the rise of anti-feminist discourse, a new study has claimed.

The report, which is published by the European Policy Centre (ECP), suggests that working-class men without university degrees have been particularly affected by declining wealth and employment rates over the past two decades.

"What we do know is that young men face difficulties in terms of income, wealth, purchasing power, access to housing and above all education," said Javier Carbonell, the ECP analyst who wrote the study.

"And they have fallen behind young women in this respect", he added.

The gender gap in education continues to widen in favour of women, Carbonell noted.

In Europe, 48% of people aged between 25 and 34 have a degree, but only 37% of them are men.'

Feminism's war on boys has left them nowhere to be men

Matt · 18 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Good commentary discussing "Adolescence", "the manosphere", and feminism's effects on society.

Russia snatches men from gyms in Putin’s new conscription drive

Matt · 19 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'During an evening workout at Spirit Fitness in south-east Moscow, gym-goers were suddenly told to drop to the floor.

This was not part of their training, however, but an instruction from Russian police hunting for illegal immigrants and military draft dodgers.

Such raids have been reported across multiple Russian cities for weeks, human rights campaigners say, even before Vladimir Putin signed an order to conscript 160,000 men in the country’s biannual call-up, the largest since 2011.'

Netflix's "Adolescence"

Matt · 19 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'My initial suspicion, before watching the series, was that the motivation behind this rather nasty series was to propagandize the UK public into support for even more draconian censorship laws – with "the manosphere" being particularly targeted. The recent Online Safety Act was not draconian enough for many of the usual suspects. However, after watching the series I see that "the manosphere" theme was not presented very forcibly and was only one of several potential motivations for the killing. Another theme was the father's explosive temper, which the scene with the female psychologist revealed was shared by the boy, Jamie. But that is actually even worse because it centres Jamie's motivation on masculinity itself, the same narrative that has been poisoning our culture for decades. Either way it can only be seen de facto as the blackest propaganda, whatever the writers intended.'

We need to talk about Feminism...

Matt · 19 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Some commentators claim that feminism is a dangerous ideology. But I, for one, have never found their arguments especially convincing. In this essay, I'd like to address the same question, but by evaluating feminism against the "red flags" just mentioned – starting with worrying signs and moving through increasingly dangerous ones. I'm not suggesting feminism is committing genocide, but it is time to ask whether it shows signs of travelling a dangerous path. After all, even the well-intentioned may stray.'

Is Feminism a Healthy Movement for Social Change?

Matt · 20 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We have not had a single healthy mainstream identity movement since that time. All, including feminism/the women's movement and all of the movements for racial equality, culminating in the Woke movements of today, have been founded on a moral dichotomy, a dividing of the world into guilty oppressors/perpetrators and innocent victims, a division built not on behavior but on identity. This founding analysis builds moral inequality in at the movement foundations; since victims are morally innocent and oppressors are guilty, the purported vision of equality is rendered unobtainable, forever out of reach. What equality can exist between oppressors and victims? Such movements are pathological and that is why, despite all of the equality legislation and the trillions of dollars spent on amelioration programs, we still hear constantly that equality remains far away.'

Misandry Is the Oxygen: Why Boys Are Turning to Misogyny, and What No One Wants to Admit

Matt · 20 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Let's be clear: Misogyny is real. An angry man—or worse, an angry young man—can be incredibly dangerous. There's no denying the threat misogynistic violence poses. But while the world shouts about misogyny, barely anyone asks the harder question:

Why are boys becoming more misogynistic?

Why, in a supposedly progressive, inclusive, and compassionate society, are we seeing this rise?

The answer, I believe, is uncomfortable but simple:

Misandry is not just tolerated today—it's culturally embedded, emotionally normalized, and increasingly rewarded. And misandry fuels modern misogyny. If misogyny is fire, misandry is the oxygen. It keeps it alive. It feeds it. It isolates boys until they burn.'

‘We don’t have a cultural place for men as victims’: why men often don’t tell anyone about sexual abuse

Matt · 20 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In Australia, it’s estimated almost one in five boys (18.8%) experience child sexual abuse. And at least one in 16 men (6.1%) experience sexual violence after age 15.

However, many boys and men don’t tell others about these experiences. Studies show men are less likely to disclose sexual abuse and assaults than women.

It also takes boys and men longer to first disclose sexual abuse or assaults. On average, men wait 21 years before telling anyone about being abused.

This is a problem because talking to others is often an important part of understanding and recovering from these traumatic experiences. When boys and men don’t discuss these experiences, it risks their mental health problems and isolation becoming worse and they don’t get the support they need.'

Why US Men Think College Isn’t Worth It Anymore

Matt · 21 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men opting out of college isn’t a new phenomenon: Women have outnumbered men in undergraduate enrollment for about 40 years, and the gap continues to widen. Almost half of women age 25-34 have earned a bachelor’s degree, according to Pew Research Center data; for men the rate is 37%. Between 2011 and 2022, the number of Americans attending college dropped by 1.2 million, with men accounting for almost the entirety of that drop.

As US men forgo higher education, the demographic group as a whole has lost ground in other areas too. Working-class men today are less likely to be employed than they were four decades ago, their inflation-adjusted wages have barely budged in more than 50 years, they’re less prone to get married or have children, and an increasing number report having no close friends. Men are also four times more likely than women to die by suicide. Data show that men age 18-30 spent an average of 6.6 nonsleeping hours alone each day in 2023, 18% more than they did in 2019 and over an hour more than women did, according to a report by the Aspen Economic Strategy Group.'

Facebook vid: violent woman recorded assaulting cop, lying, accusing him of attempted rape

Matt · 21 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. You need a Facebook account, probably, to see it. #DontBelieveAllWomen

Australia: Why no Minister For Men?

Matt · 21 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Aired 4 days ago on Sky News.

Shock court ruling for snarly sorority girl who pepper sprayed Uber driver

Matt · 22 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The former sorority girl who attacked a Muslim Uber driver with pepper spray in New York City received a shockingly light punishment after taking a plea deal.

Jennifer Guilbeault, 23, was filmed spraying mace on 45-year-old Shohel Mahmud during a hate-fueled late-night ride in Midtown Manhattan on July 31.

Disturbing footage captured Guilbeault stepping toward the driver's seat and unleashing the pepper spray on Mahmud.

She was charged with a hate crime for the assault but vehemently denied her actions were motivated by race.

Guilbeault appeared subdued in court on Monday. She wore a buttoned-up cream sweater and black pants, and her long hair was tucked behind her ears.

She entered a plea deal to a lesser charge of second-degree aggravated harassment at the hearing and was granted minor consequences for the attack.

As part of the deal, she is required to do 100 hours of community service, complete an alcohol abuse program, attend an anti-bias program and have no new arrest for a year.'

Most young Aussie men are turning to masculinity influencers, and it's impacting their mental health

Mastodon · 23 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Online "masculinity" content is mainstream and wide-ranging — far broader than the toxic Andrew Tate style manosphere or incel culture touched on in the hit Netflix series Adolescence.

It includes fitness and wellbeing, relationship and career advice, personal discipline and self-improvement.

A new report out today shows more than two thirds (68 per cent) of young Australian men engage with masculinity influencers and it's shaping their identity.

The Movember Institute of Men's Health surveyed more than 3,000 men aged 16 to 25 across Australia, the UK and the US to find out what impact such content was having on their lives.

"We came in with a health lens. That is the key here. No one has done that," said Dr Zac Seidler, global director of men's health research at Movember.

He said getting rid of content on social media because it was "dangerous" was unhelpful, as there was no causal evidence to suggest that was the answer.'

Women who hate men: a comparative analysis across extremist Reddit communities

Mastodon · 23 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the present online social landscape, while misogyny is a well-established issue, misandry remains significantly underexplored. In an effort to rectify this discrepancy and better understand the phenomenon of gendered hate speech, we analyze four openly declared misogynistic and misandric Reddit communities, examining their characteristics at a linguistic, emotional, and structural level. We investigate whether it is possible to devise substantial and systematic discrepancies among misogynistic and misandric groups when heterogeneous factors are taken into account. Our experimental evaluation shows that no systematic differences can be observed when a double perspective, both male-to-female and female-to-male, is adopted, thus suggesting that gendered hate speech is not exacerbated by the perpetrators' gender, indeed being a common factor of noxious communities.'

'Andrew Tate phenomena' surges in schools - with boys refusing to talk to female teacher

Mastodon · 23 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More than 5,800 teachers were polled as part of the survey by the NASUWT teaching union, and nearly three in five (59%) said they believe social media use has contributed to a deterioration in pupils' behaviour.

Andrew Tate was referenced by a number of teachers who took part in the survey, who said he had negative influence on male pupils.

One teacher said she'd had 10-year-old boys "refuse to speak to [her]...because [she is] a woman".

Another teacher said "the Andrew Tate phenomena had a huge impact on how [pupils at an all-boys school] interacted with females and males they did not see as 'masculine'".

While another respondent to the survey said their school had experienced some incidents of "derogatory language towards female staff...as a direct result of Andrew Tate videos".'

Militants in Indian Kashmir segregate men from women and children before opening fire

Matt · 24 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. When women are targeted, it's called "gendercide" or "femicide". When men are targeted, it's business as usual. Excerpt:

'Militants who killed 26 people in India's Kashmir region separated the men from the women and children and asked the men their names before shooting them at close range, security officials and survivors said on Wednesday.

About 1,000 tourists and 300 local service providers were in the Baisaran Valley - known as mini Switzerland for its lush hilltop meadow, surrounded by dense pine forests - when three gunmen launched the Tuesday attack, the worst in India in nearly two decades.'

The Anti-Male Propaganda in Netflix's Adolescence

Matt · 26 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'In this discussion, Hannah Spier, Janice Fiamengo, and Tom Golden take a critical look at the anti-male messaging embedded in the Netflix series Adolescence. Together, they unpack the show's characters, storylines, and the implausibility of the events depicted, highlighting how such narratives reinforce harmful cultural stereotypes about boys and men. The conversation shines a light on how entertainment media can quietly shape public perceptions, often portraying male characters as either predatory, weak, or disposable, while sidelining the real experiences and complexities of young men.'

Domestic violence delusions

Matt · 28 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"You can't hand out domestic violence orders like parking tickets." Well, that's exactly what they have in mind for residents of our Deep North.

The speaker was Terry O'Gorman from the Queensland Council for Civil Liberties, protesting on television news about the latest domestic violence madness taking over his state. Under sweeping "reforms" announced earlier this month, police officers will be able to hand out 12-month Police Protection Directives on the spot – bypassing current court processes.

The Queensland Police Union has been running a grim television campaign featuring a full screen shot of a closed fist and a vicious, snarling man – making the case that police are drowning in domestic violence cases, which they say comprise up to 90% of their workload.'

Damsels in Excess: A Powerful Critique of Modern Feminism, Its Myths, MGTOW and Men's Rights

Matt · 28 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Just began reading this book, published in late 2024. I've read enough to be able to recommend it. Excerpt:

'For decades, society has been shaped by a matriarchy, a narrative that pushes men aside and elevates women to positions of unchecked power. Damsels in Excess pulls back the curtain on the rise of feminism and its Marxist roots, exploring how a movement originally meant for equality has instead created a world where men are demonized and women are made miserable. This is the book that cuts through the propaganda to reveal the catastrophic consequences of a feminist-driven society.

At its core, Damsels in Excess tackles the crisis of masculinity and the displacement of young men. Boys are falling behind in education, career prospects, and even basic social skills. The male crisis has been ignored for too long. “We've created a generation of young men who have been abandoned by society, told to apologize for their very existence, and forced into a role of silent suffering,” Scheffer writes, shedding light on a troubling truth—young men today have no clear path forward in a society that has turned its back on them.

Meanwhile, fathers, the backbone of families and societies, are being slandered and discarded. The “deadbeat dad” label is weaponized by the family courts, the media, and even public opinion, painting men as failures while systematically denying them the chance to be involved in their children’s lives. But the true horror doesn’t stop there. #MeToo has turned every interaction between a man and a woman into a potential minefield, further disenfranchising men and exacerbating the tensions between the sexes.'

Florida Woman Sentenced to Life for Getting Ex Killed After He Wins Shared Custody of Daughter

Mastodon · 30 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rachiel Moore, 27, was found guilty of first degree premeditated murder and tampering with evidence on Thursday, and was immediately sentenced by Santa Rosa Circuit Court Judge Clifton Drake to life in state prison without parole, Florida State Attorney Ginger Bowden Madden said in a press release.

On March 19, 2023, Colby Vinson was fatally shot outside his apartment while unloading groceries with his young daughter, for whom he had been granted shared custody earlier that week, Madden said.

When deputies responded to the crime scene, they found the four-year-old child sitting next to her father's body, according to a report by WEAR.

Moore's former stepfather, Jason Curtis, was determined to be the person who shot and killed the 24-year-old man in the presence of his child.'

Tim Walz says Kamala picked him so 'white guys' could have 'permission' to vote for black lady

Mastodon · 30 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Monday, Governor Tim Walz (D-MN) said one of the reasons former Vice President Kamala Harris picked him as a running mate was to give white people "permission" to vote for her. Walz made the comments while speaking at Harvard's Kennedy School, where he discussed the future of the Democratic party and Harris's failed 2024 presidential campaign against President Donald Trump.

"I could code talk to white guys - watching football, fixing their truck. I could put them at ease," Walz told the audience. "I was the permission structure to say, 'Look, you can do this and vote for this.'"'

Violent clashes in Melbourne after protesters descend on women's rights rally

Matt · 30 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The TRAs are putting MRAs to shame. MRAs should be protesting such events. After all, feminists are known for phoning in threats to venues chosen by MRAs for conferences. Why shouldn't MRAs protest these sorts of events? Excerpt:

'Earlier on Saturday, trans-rights activists and police clashed as protesters roamed the city after gathering to disrupt a women's rights rally.

Pro-trans protesters moved through the streets from Parliament House, where they played drums and chanted at the Women Will Speak event on the steps outside Victoria's parliament earlier in the day. About 50 people attended the Women Will Speak event, which drew about 440 protesters, according to Victoria Police.

"Around 40 people then conducted a march across the CBD, blocking intersections with wooden pallets and swarming local retailers," police said in a statement.'

Britain's girl gang problem

Matt · 30 April 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Most of these girls do no time. Excerpt:

'Fears are mounting over a wave of young girl gangs wreaking havoc across the UK - with offenders launching attacks on vulnerable OAPs, children and police.

Experts say there has been a surge in the number of girls and young women taking part in violence across British communities following a series of high-profile incidents and emergency service alerts - but they too often go untackled, a former Metropolitan Police detective has told MailOnline.

The British Transport Police last week shared images of young female suspects hunted over unprovoked attacks on pensioners on Southeastern rail services.'

We put the pressure on to join Men in Sheds

Matt · 1 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Women-only spaces, good. Men-only spaces, bad. SSDD. Excerpt:

'It started out as a gathering to reduce loneliness and combat social isolation among elderly men.

Now there are more than 1,000 Men in Sheds projects running across the country, where members get together, talk and learn new skills.

But while many are aimed exclusively at men, one group in Loughborough, Leicestershire, has taken the decision to admit women and members' wives.

Member Brenda Needham said: "I kept asking my husband all the while 'why can't we join?'"'

Florida opens Office of Parental Rights

Matt · 2 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Attorney General James Uthmeier is launching the Office of Parental Rights (OPR) to empower parents and protect children. This first-in-the-nation initiative is established to provide justice to parents and families whose rights have been violated. In Florida, parental rights are reserved to the parent of a minor child without obstruction or interference from the state, any of its political subdivisions, governmental entities, or institutions.

“Governments should understand that—when it comes to raising a child—they don’t know best. The parents do, and they deserve an Attorney General’s office working on their behalf,” said Attorney General James Uthmeier. “This first-in-the-nation office is a mechanism for parents and families to seek justice where local governments and school systems seek to 'treat,' indoctrinate, or collect data from students without parental involvement. This new initiative is another way we are making Florida the best place to raise a family.”'

Why Are We Still Punishing Young Men?

Mastodon · 3 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

Serial entrepreneur, professor, bestselling author & podcaster Scott Galloway breaks down what's happened to masculinity in America, how young men are failing and what we can do to address it.

DOJ slashes hundreds of grants to restorative justice, ‘toxic’ masculinity programs

Mastodon · 4 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Department of Justice (DOJ) has cut hundreds of grants for programs it believes do not advance the agency’s mission, including awards focusing on “racial equity” and “toxic” masculinity.

As part of its effort to slash funding out-of-step with the Trump administration’s agenda, Attorney General Pam Bondi and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) cut over 360 grants, according to an agency official.

One $2 million grant was awarded in 2022 for a “feminist, culturally specific nonprofit organization” to address “structural racism and toxic masculinities.” Another $5 million grant went to a group that promotes “racial equity in victim services” to conduct “listening sessions in targeted communities.”'

Black Women Call Out Toxic Workplace Culture At Top Feminist Organizations

Mastodon · 4 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A scorching exposé is calling out feminist organizations for their lack of representation and toxic workplace culture. On Monday, The Lily, a publication for millennial women, outlined in detail the ways in which some of the country's most revered women-led entities are pushing an agenda catered to White women at the detriment of their Black employees.

Among those named in the article are the National Organization for Women (NOW) and the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The latter's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research and the homepage talks about achieving a "vision of equal opportunity for all." But Black former staffers who worked at AAUW say within the nonprofit, that's simply not the case.'

Scottish government drops plans for new misogyny law

Mastodon · 4 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Scottish government has confirmed it will not bring forward planned legislation to criminalise misogyny before next year's Holyrood election.

A bill has long been promised to improve protections for women and girls, but ministers now say there is not enough time to draw up a law which reflects the recent Supreme Court judgement on the definition of a woman.

They are instead going to amend existing hate crime legislation to provide protections on the basis of sex.

The government has also confirmed it will not be bringing forward legislation to end conversion therapy this term, and is hoping for a UK-wide solution.

A new misogyny law was promised after an expert group in 2022 backed separate legislation rather than incorporating abuse and violence against women into Scotland's hate crime law.

The group, led by Baroness Helena Kennedy KC, said this was a better option because women are not a minority, and a "more fundamental set of responses" were required to address the "deeply rooted" problem.

The Scottish government proposed creating five new offences in its Misogyny Bill including stirring up hatred against women and misogynistic harassment.

Misogyny would also be treated as an aggravating factor in crimes, which could lead to tougher sentencing.'

Toms River Cop Accused In Attack On Ex, New Girlfriend Headed To Mental Health Facility

Mastodon · 4 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Toms River police officer charged with attacking her ex-boyfriend and his new girlfriend has been released from jail on the charges, but only to allow her to attend an in-patient mental health treatment program, a judge has ruled.

Rebecca A. Sayegh, 32, was expected to board a flight Friday evening for an out-of-state facility operated by Shatterproof, a mental health treatment program that specializes in treating law enforcement officers, said Terrance Turnbach, her attorney.

Superior Court Judge Pamela Snyder agreed to allow Sayegh to be released to attend the program, which is 30 to 90 days of in-patient treatment.

Berkeley Township police initially released her, but she was re-arrested Monday because home invasion burglary is a first-degree charge that comes with a presumption of a warrant, authorities said during the hearing.'

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https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-14661089/New-Jersey-cop-Rebecca-Sayegh-arrested-home-invasion-lawsuit-captain.html

'Sayegh sued her department six months ago alleging she was sexually harassed by her former Captain Shaun O'Keefe. The claims against O'Keefe were later dismissed, while her lawsuit against the department is still pending.

The cop claimed that the department's leaders were a 'Boy's Club' that passed her over for promotions and allowed O'Keefe to 'shamelessly' pursue her, which he denied.'

UK: Hundreds of domestic abuse victims face jail under new law

Mastodon · 4 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When Jane's* abusive ex-partner turned up at her house and began "screaming abuse" and "threatening her", she called the police.

But when officers arrived, they said they couldn't do anything as, despite her ex being stood opposite her home, he was technically outside of the restraining order area.

"I got angry and kicked off," Jane told the Prison Reform Trust charity. "So they arrested me."

Jane's story is not unusual. At least 1,486 women who were accused of assaulting an emergency worker in the four years to November 2024 had been victims of domestic abuse in their lifetime, openDemocracy can reveal. The findings raise concerns that vulnerable women are being criminalised when they seek help to deal with an abuser.'

Schopenhauer on women and love, etc.

Matt · 4 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Interesting video here. For those new to the philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer, read some about him on Wikipedia here. Nice thing about this take is it's based largely on biological imperatives in humans; it's not ideological, more analytical.

Teenage girl found not guilty of murdering Mildura man Seb O'Halloran after arguing self defence

Matt · 5 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. In future, ladies, if you just feel threatened by a man, you need only claim you were high on drugs and run him through with a knife -- and you'll be fine. In fact, you'll get loads of sympathy and will probably make money off it. Excerpt:

'A teenage girl cried tears of relief and clutched her chest, as a jury in Victoria's Supreme Court found her not guilty of murder.

There was an outpouring of emotion in the courtroom as the verdict was delivered, with the girl's family breaking down and security guards hugging the girl when the judge told her she was free to go home.

The girl, who was 17 at the time of the attack and cannot be identified for legal reasons, said she was acting in self-defence when she plunged a kitchen knife into Seb O'Halloran's chest at her Mildura home on October 21, 2023.

Prosecutors called the incident murder. The girl's lawyers argued it was self-defence.'

The Origins of Hatred - Part Two - Feminism

Matt · 6 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the clearest long-term examples of using fear, blame, victimhood, and resentment as a social tactic is the way feminism — backed by unwavering support from the media and lawmakers — has worked to embed fear, distrust, and blame into the minds of women and girls.

Nearly every major feminist campaign has been built on two themes: blaming men and claiming victimhood. Along the way, women have been encouraged to distrust men, to fear them, and to view their actions through a lens of suspicion.

The success of these campaigns has relied heavily on gynocentrism — a deeply embedded, often invisible bias. Most people don't even realize they carry it, but it's there, quietly shaping our instincts. Gynocentrism shows up as an automatic tendency to prioritize the needs, emotions, and concerns of women, while overlooking those of men. Feminists have strategically weaponized this bias, using it to pressure institutions and society into funneling more resources to women.'

Woman doused friend in fuel, set him alight for misogynistic comment, court hears

Matt · 8 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is one to watch. So if a guy makes a "misogynistic comment" while you've both been doing stoopid things like getting high and drunk, obviously the thing to do is set him on fire after throwing fuel on him. Bet she gets a slap on the wrist. Excerpt:

'A woman who angrily doused an "old friend" in petrol and set him alight for making a misogynistic comment was suffering from depression and substance abuse, a court has heard.

Corbie Jean Walpole, 24, earlier pleaded guilty to one charge of burning or maiming by using corrosive fluid.

Her victim, Jake Loader, was 23 when he was found with life-threatening burns at a southern New South Wales home in Howlong on January 7 last year.

Walpole tearfully appeared before the Albury District Court today expecting to be sentenced.'

Positive role models take on tough topics in new app for young men

Mastodon · 9 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week I attended the launch of Ask A Mate, an app developed by Brisbane domestic violence charity Beyond DV. It's a tool for young men aged between 13 and 18 to access advice on topics such as relationships, gender, sex, consent, and domestic and sexual violence – delivered by people they look up to. Think AFL stars and bass players.

Beyond DV founder Carolyn Robinson came up with the concept in 2022 in response to the spread of dangerous online content influencing young men.

"That was really my whole reason for doing this, [to provide young men] with an alternative to Andrew Tate," she says. The brutal murder of Sydney coach Lilie James by her former partner in 2023 was another reason to see the project through.'

Biden says he’s ‘not surprised’ Kamala Harris didn’t win, blames sexism

Mastodon · 9 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Thursday, during an appearance on “The View” the former president didn’t hold back in expressing his thoughts on why America elected Donald Trump for a second term instead of Harris. He said frankly he wasn’t surprised.

“I wasn’t surprised, not because I didn’t think the Vice President was qualified to be president. She is. She is qualified to be president of the United States of America,” he explained. “I wasn’t surprised because it went the sexist route.”'

The Margins of Mercy

Matt · 9 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the desperate aftermath of an earthquake in Haiti, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) excluded men from emergency food aid. WFP head Josette Sheeran announced the policy:

"It is our methodology to distribute only to women to ensure that food gets to women and children in Haiti."

I described what happened in my first essay but, here, I want to focus on what didn't happen - concern for men.

If the WFP had withheld food from almost any other group, say people of colour, they would have been universally condemned. Instead, they were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2020. What could explain such indifference to the fate of men?'

Young men are leading a religious resurgence

Matt · 10 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Christianity is starting to make a comeback in the U.S. and other western countries, led by young people.
...
Gen Z-ers — especially Gen Z men — are actually more likely to attend weekly religious services than millennials and even some younger Gen X-ers, Burge's analysis shows.
...
Within older generations, there's a consistent gender gap among Christians, with women more likely to be religious than men.

Within Gen Z, the gap has closed, as young men join the church and young women leave it. If the current trajectory sticks, the gender gap will flip.
...
Plus, for some young men, Christianity is seen as "one institution that isn't initially and formally skeptical of them as a class," Rishmawy told the Times.'

Time to Act: 15 Ways Maryland Can Support Its Boys and Men

Matt · 11 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For too long, the challenges faced by boys and men in Maryland have been overlooked. From distorted media portrayals to cultural narratives that paint masculinity as a problem, boys and men are often viewed through a lens of suspicion or deficit. In late April, I presented the following 15 ideas to the Governor's staff—not a list of services or budget items, but focused proposals aimed at improving the public image and cultural understanding of boys and men in our state. These ideas are about restoring balance, affirming the value of boys and men, and challenging the negative stereotypes that continue to shape policy and perception. If we truly cared about them, this is where we would start.'

Jasmine Crockett Says Dem Donors Want the ‘Safest White Boy’ Possible For 2028: ‘There is One Specific Candidate’

Matt · 11 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Replace "White Boy" with "Black Boy" or "Asian Boy". Or "Boy" with "Girl". You get the idea. Excerpt:

'Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX) and DNC Vice Chair Malcolm Kenyatta joined SiriusXM Urban View hosts Clay Cane and Reecie Colbert this week for a town hall discussion about the future of the Democratic Party and, in a promotional clip, she told them the party is eyeing a safe “white boy” candidate for 2028.

During the conversation, Crockett turned to who the Democrats might run in the next presidential election and said she’s already hearing chatter of who donors are rallying behind. “It is, it is this fear that the people within the party, within the primary system, will have about voting for a woman because every time we voted for a woman, we’ve lost,” she began, adding:'

UK: Top private school offers 'healthy masculinity' workshops for parents to combat Andrew Tate

Mastodon · 11 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A top private school is offering ‘healthy masculinity’ workshops for parents to help them combat toxic online influencers such as Andrew Tate.

The Royal Hospital School (RHS) in Suffolk is running 90 minute sessions to help families talk to their sons about resisting dark messages from the web.

Irfan Latif, headmaster of the 300-year-old institution, said private schools have a ‘responsibility’ to counter misogynistic narratives.

And he advocated promoting positive male role models such as Atticus Finch, the hero of To Kill a Mockingbird, as an ‘alternative’ to harmful figures on social media.

RHS, which charges up to £46,000 a year for boarders and is part of the elite HMC private schools group, was the alma mater of hero explorer Ernest Joyce.

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Mr Latif said: ‘We have not had any particular issues or incidents at RHS, but as educators we have a duty to be proactive.

‘The workshops are about equipping our pupils, and their parents, to navigate the pressures of modern masculinity before problems arise.’

Writing in Independent School Management Plus, Mr Latif said the issue of ‘toxic masculinity’ poses ‘significant challenges for schools’.'

Woman Declares 'Marriage Is a Bad Decision' for Women Today. Why She Thinks It Only Leads to 'Pain and Heartbreak'

Mastodon · 11 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Marriage is not for everyone, especially women, according to TikTok user hebatalks. The influencer recently made a video stating that she doesn't believe modern marriages are beneficial for women in today's society.

"I don't really believe in marriage, not in modern day, at least, because I would say that the majority of the time it doesn't work out," she shared in the video. "And even when it doesn't end in divorce, it ends in absolutely hating and resenting each other towards the end of life."

"The reality is that in most marriages, women get the short end of the stick, like women are the ones who have to sacrifice their careers, their health, their well-being, to take care of their husband and the children."

Despite not being married herself, the TikToker said that she has observed "hundreds" of people in unhappy unions.

Many commenters added their support to her video. One user wrote, "Men get the best deal out of marriage, a free maid and cook, children that we birth, and we're expected to split bills." Another user added, "My fear with marriage is my life will stop for someone else. That's why I'm not rushing."'

For men only? Lack of women winners for million-euro science prize draws protests

Mastodon · 11 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'At a June ceremony in the scenic Swiss village of Villars, three scientists each collected a huge new prize: 1 million Swiss francs ($1.1 million) to invest in their research to safeguard the planet against various environmental tipping points. The prizes were courtesy of the Frontiers Research Foundation (FRF), the nonprofit parent of the big open-access publisher. Younger women scientists who co-authored winning papers accompanied their colleagues onto the stage, smiling uncomfortably: All the winners of this year's Frontiers Planet Prize (FPP), with a cash award bigger than the Nobel Prize, were men, just as they were last year.

...

"I grew frustrated during the ceremony when one award after another went to a man," says Gabriela Schaepman-Strub, an earth systems scientist at the University of Zürich and a 2024 finalist. Within days, Schaepman-Strub spearheaded a letter to FPP Director Jean-Claude Burgelman and other higher-ups at FRF. It was signed by five of this year's seven women finalists. "The situation experienced last week was a real setback for gender equality and diversity," they wrote. "Providing only male colleagues with a substantial grant cements the gender inequality that many universities are fighting against."

...

Schaepman-Strub blames the structure of the prize. "For me, the main message really is: How can we contribute to improving this prize so it's really contributing towards a just transformation" in terms of both gender and geography? She and others note although nine of the 43 finalists have been women, just two have come from Africa—both from South Africa—and very few from other countries of the Global South. The foundation is working to boost African representation, says Lise Korsten, president of the African Academy of Sciences, which signed an agreement with FRF to expand the pool of African nominees. "Our aim is to reach out to every single country on the African continent," Korsten says.'

UK: Gentleman's club rules criticised as 'sexist'

Matt · 12 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Didja ever notice... need I even say it? Excerpt:

'A gentleman's club which voted to continue to prohibit women from becoming members has been called "sexist" by a feminist group.

Women can enter the Castle Hill Club in Lincoln only as guests of men who are members.

Paul Watson, secretary at the club, which opened in 1922, said the rule "had always been the same" and "for the rights or wrongs of it, they wanted to leave it that way".

Ellie Henshaw, 19, from the University of Lincoln's Feminist Society, said the decision was "frustrating" and "it's not the default anymore that women should be excluded".'

It’s Not Just a Feeling: Data Shows Boys and Young Men Are Falling Behind

Matt · 13 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From the NY Times, of all places. Excerpt:

'Boys and young men are struggling. Across their lives — in their educational achievement, mental health and transitions to adulthood — there are warning signs that they are falling behind, even as their female peers surge ahead.

In the United States, researchers say several economic and social changes have combined to change boys’ and men’s trajectories. School has changed in ways that favor girls, and work has changed in ways that favor women. Boys are often seen as troublemakers, and men have heard that masculinity is “toxic.”

Young people themselves tend to agree that girls are now at least equal to — and often doing better than — boys. Many young men say they feel unmoored and undervalued, and parents and adults who work with children are worried about boys. It’s not just a feeling: There’s a wealth of data that shows that boys and young men are stagnating. Below, I’ll explain what some of that data is.'

Feds investigate Harvard for allegedly discriminating against white, male applicants

Mastodon · 14 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Harvard University is under federal investigation for allegedly discriminating against white and male applicants in its faculty hiring practices, according to the Washington Free Beacon.

Additionally, on Tuesday, the Trump administration announced plans to cut an additional $450 million in grants to the school over its handling of antisemitism on campus, Reuters reports.

“There is a dark problem on Harvard’s campus, and by prioritizing appeasement over accountability, institutional leaders have forfeited the school’s claim to taxpayer support,” the administration’s antisemitism task force said in a statement.

The task force also accused Harvard of having a “long-standing policy and practice of discriminating on the basis of race.”'

The “Crisis” of Male Adolescence Is Nothing New

Mastodon · 15 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In many ways, toxic masculinity is a kind of curdled male entitlement. Boys and young men simply have not absorbed the fact that certain privileges are no longer laid out on a platter for them, as they were for their fathers and grandfathers. Girls and women expect to work, which means they can be choosier in dating and marrying. The quotas that openly favored males are gone, although a vestige of that system still survives in the worship of male high school athletes and in the advantage many colleges quietly afford male applicants. There are lots of women doing manly-men things, like excelling in math and science, joining the military, and playing sports. If they weren’t kicked to the sidelines by harassment, rape, and unintended pregnancies, who knows how much girls could accomplish?

Maybe the solution to boys falling behind is for them to act more like girls: Put down the joystick and pick up a book. Do your homework, join the Spanish club, volunteer in the community, and learn to cook (which is actually fun).'

Forensic spray helping women to 'feel safer'

Mastodon · 15 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Victims of domestic violence are being given a forensic spray that proves if a perpetrator has approached them.

SmartWater, which has its own DNA, will remain on the suspect's skin for up to six weeks and can help lead to convictions. Perpetrators are told that victims are carrying the spray in a bid to deter them from contacting the victim.

Gloucestershire Police has been trialling SmartWater since January, with early feedback suggesting it is working.

Ch Insp Ash Shingler said: "We're working with seven victims. None of the SmartWater has been deployed - that's a good sign because it means the preventative element seems to be working."'

David Hogg, Victim of Wokeness

Matt · 15 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But Hogg has not won over everybody. On the contrary, the DNC is trying to oust him as vice chair. And the reason for that is, frankly, hilarious.

Kalyn Free, a 61-year-old woman with Native American ancestry and a rival candidate, filed a complaint that Hogg's election as vice chair had violated certain DNC bylaws designed to promote gender-based equity. Essentially, she argued that the process was unfair because it was not sufficiently rigged in favor of her as a woman. For now, the DNC is buying it and has taken steps to void Hogg's election. The party may schedule a redo, which would require Hogg to rerun for the vice chair position.'

Tasmanian police resist feminist weaponisation of DV laws

Matt · 15 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dr Fiona Girkin works with the Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies teaching police about domestic violence. When she first wrote to me nine months ago to tell me about her work, she thanked me for “being willing to protect men from women who seek to destroy their lives.”

Fiona Girkin is no longer prepared to call herself a feminist. Before her present teaching job, she worked for 20 years in the community services sector alongside many feminists, “It was the most toxic workplace I have ever worked in,” she said, explaining that she had “experienced many women who claimed to be empathic but instead wielded power of a different kind. They would bully and manipulate staff to gain power over in the resources they held including large sums of Government funding for service provision.”'

Toxic Femininity

Matt · 16 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Toxic femininity refers to female behaviours that manipulate, control, or harm others while hiding behind cultural norms of softness, vulnerability, or moral superiority. Where toxic masculinity might enforce dominance through aggression or stoicism, toxic femininity tends to weaponise emotion, victimhood, and social influence. It's often linked to covert forms of narcissism—harder to spot, but just as destructive as the (mostly male) overt form.

This is not about blaming women—it's about asking why society is afraid to confront negative behaviour when it's cloaked in femininity.'

Patriarchy, ergo, hooker

Matt · 16 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Read this article and saw the key line rationalizing the whole being-a-hooker thing and thought, "Holy non-sequiturs, Batman!" If we lived in a patriarchy, wouldn't the cashflow go from her to him instead? Excerpt:

'In some ways, the world of sugar dating mirrors the regular world of dating and matchmaking, with lessons in clear boundary-setting and communication. Sugar babies are also hard workers, which is part of the reason Soraya can't see herself dating any time soon.

"Why do I have to put myself through normal dating with emotions that I don't even like, like putting this much energy in and needing to deal with all of these men? I think I should be compensated for it."
...
Srushti Upadhyay is a PhD candidate at the University of Buffalo in the US who has interviewed hundreds of sugar babies in order to understand their motivations. She has found that most sugar babies do not date men in their personal lives.

"If they're going to be dating men, they want to be rewarded for it because men hold a lot of power in this patriarchal society everywhere they go. And so to them … putting in this time and energy into relationships with men is something that they don't want to do for free. It's just a lot of work."'

The Feminist Double Standard of Gender Stereotyping

Matt · 17 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Modern feminist thought has deeply influenced how society perceives and responds to gender-based stereotypes. Feminists have rigorously documented how stereotype threat impacts women and girls—how being reminded of negative gender-based assumptions can lower their performance, limit their confidence, and reduce their opportunities. As a result, enormous institutional energy has been devoted to minimizing stereotype threat for females across education, employment, and media.

Yet in a jarring contradiction, the same feminist voices that crusade against the stereotyping of girls often perpetuate, ignore, or excuse deeply harmful stereotypes about boys and men. From classrooms to courtrooms, from media headlines to college campuses, males are frequently cast in the most unflattering terms imaginable: violent, toxic, emotionally stunted, hypersexual, power-hungry. This glaring double standard is rarely acknowledged—and when it is, it's often waved away as justified.'

ASU campus that is 30% male says it will focus on ‘gender equity’ – for women

Mastodon · 18 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'An Arizona State University campus that is 70 percent female said it will develop “gender equity” strategies – to help “vulnerable” women.

The New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences says it will focus on “innovations and advances in gender equity” to “address the needs of New College’s growing female student population by improving access to education, leadership opportunities, and equitable advancement.”

“With women soon representing nearly 70 percent of students at West Valley campus, we must create educational strategies that support vulnerable groups, including single mothers and women of color,” the ASU college explains.'

Queensland police to be granted power to issue instant year-long domestic violence orders

Matt · 19 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Queensland police are set to be granted sweeping powers to tackle domestic and family violence, but some stakeholders have warned the measures won't further protect victim-survivors.

The government says the reforms, which were introduced to parliament on Wednesday, will enable police to issue long-term orders to perpetrators and respond to more cases.

Under current laws, police can issue a five-day protection order before they are required to go before a judge to get a longer-term order.

The new laws will enable police to issue an on-the spot 12-month order to a perpetrator without the need to go to court.

Perpetrators who commit an act of domestic violence during the year-long period could face a maximum penalty of three years in jail.'

Science or Spin? Testosterone, Masculinity, or the Last Gasp of Woke

Matt · 20 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the strangest omissions in the paper is its refusal to ask the most important question: Why do men want to be more masculine? The authors treat this desire as something odd or unhealthy—like it's a social problem to be solved—without ever asking what's driving it.

The reality is that men operate in a masculine status hierarchy, where increased masculinity often brings greater access to success, admiration, influence, and romantic attention. Men at the top of this hierarchy tend to attract the highest-value partners, gain more respect, and earn more. The drive to be more masculine isn't irrational—it's strategic.

What pushes men upward in that hierarchy? Testosterone. It fuels status-seeking, assertiveness, and competitiveness. The work of Christoph Eisenegger has shown that testosterone's real effect goes beyond aggression, and into a deeper, more adaptive drive to attain and maintain status.'

Why a men's barbershop has sparked fury from Aussie women over a controversial policy

Mastodon · 20 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A barbershop owner has defended his male-only policy despite mothers complaining they have been forced to wait outside while their sons get a haircut.

Robbie Ferrante operates Robbie's Chop Shop in the inner south Adelaide suburb of Unley and labels it the 'last male sanctuary' where guys of all ages can 'get away and chill'.

His business has struck a chord with some women such as Elena Téa who shared a scathing TikTok video questioning how the place was able 'to continue'.

Local women complained they had been forced to sit outside while their sons or brothers received a haircut.

Mr Ferrante told Daily Mail Australia on Monday his shop aimed to fill a gap for young men who are searching for a place of community.

'What I saw over time was a lot of boys didn't have good role models, (who) needed a little bit of a helping hand or someone that could just sort of guide them,' he said.

'So I'd always had this vision of a place where guys could just be guys and relax and not have to worry about conforming to society or what they say or things that they do.

'Not in a bad way, but just having the freedom to express what they're feeling."

Australia: Judge says controversial women-only art exhibit is legal

OnlyFans users face prison under harsh new Swedish prostitution law

Matt · 20 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. So porn vids are still legal to buy. However asking a girl to diddle her friend on camera for pay is going to be illegal. Literally the difference is that in the first case the viewer doesn't communicate with the performers and in the second, he does. Other than that, what? Sweden seems to be on its way to outlawing maleness. Excerpt:

'OnlyFans users in Sweden could face prison sentences under a harsh new law that treats buying online sex shows the same as paying a prostitute for sex.

The law, which will take effect July 1, also criminalizes profiting from or promoting others who perform sexual acts for payment on demand.

“This is a new form of sex purchase, and it’s high time we modernize the legislation to include digital platforms,” Swedish member of parliament Teresa Carvalho said after the bill passed.'

Should Feminists Care About Male Suffering?

Mastodon · 21 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But the idea that feminists and other progressives are perpetuating male suffering by denying it is wildly inaccurate. Most women I know are screaming at men from the rooftops: “We want you to make more friends! We want you to be more vulnerable! We are desperate for you to understand emotional labor and take on more of it!”

We know men have problems. We see these problems manifest in our fathers, our brothers, our partners, our sons, our coworkers, our friends. And when these problems manifest in the form of violence and abuse, as they so often do, we also suffer the consequences.

The Richard Reeveses of the world claim to be “reframing” debates about gender, but their efforts fall short. They are telling people, women in particular, to care more about the problems of men, as though women haven’t already spent centuries tending to the needs and wounds of our boys and men.

They don’t need to be telling women to care; we already do. Aboriginal and women’s rights activist and academic Dr. Lilla Watson famously said, “If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. If you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.”'

Study Suggests Scientists Are Sexist — Just Not Against Women

Mastodon · 21 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Every feminist circa 2013 came pre-installed with a few rote talking points. The wage gap. The patriarchy. Pervasive and debilitating sexism in all walks of life – but especially in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

A new review of scientific literature on sex bias in academia has produced direct evidence against that last myth. Researchers synthesized studies produced from 2000 to 2020, looking for evidence of bias as it relates to critical career advancements. Not only did they find that “tenure-track women are at parity with tenure-track men” in grant funding, journal acceptances, and recommendation letters – women have more of an advantage over men when it comes to hiring.

Fewer women than men apply for tenure-track jobs. But those who do are more likely than their male counterparts to be interviewed and more likely to receive job offers. Look at electrical engineering positions. The mean percentage of female applicants is a measly 11%. The mean percentage of first offers that went to women is a staggering 32%.'

UK: Woman who set her friend on fire faces imminent sentencing

Matt · 22 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. I'm guessing maybe she gets 2-5 years, eligible for parole in two, etc. I.e., a slap on the wrist. Guess we'll know soon! Excerpt:

'A woman who doused her childhood friend in petrol and set him on fire after he made what she deemed as misogynistic comments will learn on Thursday if she is going to jail.
...
Prosecutors want Walpole jailed for setting Jake Loader ablaze as he sat on a chair in her backyard at Howlong, about 30km west of Albury, early last year.

Mr Loader, who lives in outback Queensland, was in Howlong to join old friends including Walpole for a night on the drink, which included celebrating a 21st birthday.

Walpole claimed Mr Loader had been baiting her before she poured five litres of petrol over his head and used a cigarette lighter to turn him into a human torch.

'He was antagonising me,' she previously told the NSW District Court, sitting in Albury.'

Woman jailed for dousing friend in petrol, set him alight after sexist remark

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman who doused a “lifelong friend” in petrol and set him alight after being angered by his misogynistic comments has just been sentenced to seven-and-a-half-years in prison.

Corbie Jean Walpole, 25, pleaded guilty in December to one charge of burning or maiming by using corrosive fluid and had hoped to receive a non-custodial sentence.

However, she was told she would spend a minimum four-and-a-half-years behind bars after a judge denied her plea for mercy, according to ABC.

Judge Jennifer English said she rejected the claim that Walpole was “provoked” when she attacked her friend, Jake Loader, on a night out in January last year.

“It is never easy to send a young person, particularly a young woman, to jail,” Judge English told the NSW District Court in Albury, shortly before 10am on Thursday.'

Men Are Calling Other Men to Say Good Night, and the Results Are Amazing

Matt · 24 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When DeAndre Scarborough, a 24-year-old content creator and college research coordinator, decided to call several of his male friends, and his brother, to wish them each a good night, he knew that they'd be thrown for a loop.

Lying in bed with his girlfriend around 11 p.m., Mr. Scarborough made a call, delivering the good night message to a friend who immediately responded with confusion and laughter, asking, "You good?"
In between giggles, another friend, equally confused, said, "Man you're calling the wrong number, these freak hours."

Mr. Scarborough had seen the trend online and, after some nudging by his girlfriend, decided to upload his own video. He said what makes this trend "twice as funny" as others is that it's so uncommon for men to talk to each other vulnerably.

"We're not really emotionally tapped in with each other, so for the most part if you say something like that, people immediately think the worst," he said in a phone interview on Friday. "So that's why the people that I called were like 'you good?,' because we don't really have those types of conversations, saying good night. The most you'll get is a 'yo, what's up.'"'

Woman arrested for kidnapping and torture not being prosecuted

Mastodon · 24 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The brunette beauty arrested alongside Kentucky-based crypto investor John Woeltz for the alleged kidnap and torture of an Italian man in Manhattan is a small-time actor who claims to work as a marketing manager for luxury brands like Rolls-Royce and Bentley and whose family lives in Connecticut.

Beatrice Folchi – the 24-year-old who police sources said worked as Woeltz's assistant – was arrested Friday at the SoHo penthouse where a man from Turin, Italy, told cops he was held hostage and brutally tortured for nearly three weeks, in a sick extortion attempt to gain the password to his cryptocurrency account.

She was charged with first-degree kidnapping and first-degree unlawful imprisonment, but the Manhattan District Attorney's Office declined to prosecute pending further investigation, a spokesperson said.'

White men ‘in pit of worry’ over doing or saying wrong thing at work

Matt · 25 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From the UK. Interesting phenomenon. Personally I don't fret too much since I'm inclined to be focused on work while at work but I can definitely see how the more gregarious would find it troubling. Excerpt:

'Almost a quarter of white men say they are discriminated against for their race and gender, according to a poll, amid warnings it is pushing them towards influencers such as Andrew Tate.

Research commissioned for White Men Can’t Work!, a five-part podcast and YouTube series hosted by the documentary maker Tim Samuels, suggested that nearly half of white men in the UK are self-censoring at work because they fear that saying the wrong thing could cost them their jobs. Some 41 per cent say they feel anxious that they can be sacked for doing or saying the wrong thing.

More than a third (36 per cent) of those under 34 say they have lost out on a promotion or other opportunities because of their race or gender, according to the polling by JL Partners. Almost half believe they will be worse off than the current generation, with 49 per cent agreeing and 22 per cent disagreeing.'

Paul Elam interviews Janice Fiamengo re the current state of the MRM

Matt · 25 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

YouTube video here. Paul interviews Janice regarding where the MRM is at these days.

Video shows Emmanuel Macron being pushed in face by wife

Mastodon · 26 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Brigitte Macron placed her hands on her husband's face as they prepared to exit their plane after touching down in Vietnam at the start of a South East Asia tour.

President Macron is seen taking a step back before he recovers and waves to the cameras at the bottom of the aircraft stairs.

The pair then walk down the steps together.

The Elysee initially denied the authenticity of images of the interaction before eventually verifying they were real, French media reported.

The clip has sparked suggestions of an argument between the pair but Mr Macron said afterwards it was a case of "simply joking with my wife as we often do".

Speaking to French media after landing in Hanoi he rubbished claims of a "domestic incident", instead telling broadcasters "it was nothing" and that people on social media were making "nonsense" out of the video.'

"The Disposable Man"

Matt · 26 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Presenter discusses male disposability. Very much worth listening to.

Report: Democrats Set $20 Million Plan to Win Back Young Men

Mastodon · 27 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Democratic donors and strategists have been gathering at luxury hotels to discuss how to win back working-class voters, commissioning new projects that can read like anthropological studies of people from faraway places," national political correspondent Shane Goldmacher wrote.

The Democrats reportedly coded the plan SAM – Speaking with American Men: A Strategic Plan.

"The prospectus for one new $20 million effort, obtained by The Times, aims to reverse the erosion of Democratic support among young men, especially online," wrote Goldmacher. "It is code-named SAM — short for 'Speaking with American Men: A Strategic Plan' — and promises investment to 'study the syntax, language and content that gains attention and virality in these spaces.""'

Texas dad bangs drum for fathers' rights, calls for legislative change

Matt · 27 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After nearly 20 years marriage, a San Antonio-area man has found himself in a contested custody battle over their children. Now, he's banging his drum outside of the Bexar County Courthouse and inside the Texas Capitol calling for justice for dad's he believed are overlooked in custody cases – a claim not entirely backed by the Texas Family Code or by account of a local family law attorney.

Goerge Zachery married his ex-wife in March of 2004 in Bexar County, according to a marriage license on the county records website. Just over 18 years later, divorce paperwork was filed in Kendall County, about 30 miles north of San Antonio. Now, George Zachery is appealing to a higher court, looking to overturn a Boerne-area judge's rulings.'

Men in Feminism: The Wrong Conversation

Matt · 29 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rather than offering new insights into how men might thrive, heal, or participate meaningfully in future gender discussions, the article reverts to a familiar script: men are framed as the problem, their psychological needs treated as secondary, and their involvement tolerated only when it's filtered through feminist ideology.

The piece positions feminism not as a framework for mutual transformation, but as a moral litmus test — one that men must pass by internalizing guilt, accepting blame, and proving themselves worthy through re-education. Instead of exploring what it means to be a man in today's world or considering the genuine challenges boys and men face, the article doubles down on one-sided concern. Feminism, it declares, is a "nuanced and multifaceted movement that aims to improve the lives of women." Really?'

The high cost of millennial divorce

Matt · 29 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Notice the POV the article is written with. I'll leave it to the reader to judge. I have a fix for women leaving their husbands then complaining that the judge isn't transferring enough of his money over to her: Don't marry in the first place! Simple enough. Excerpt:

'Jasmine Bloemhof was starting to build a career in publicity when she got married at 23. By the time she filed for divorce, a month shy of her 31st birthday, she was a stay-at-home mom with two toddlers and a nearly $50,000 student-debt balance hanging over her head. She had no savings to speak of.

"Just seven days before filing for divorce, I had accepted a remote job as a publicist — something I was genuinely excited about," says Bloemhof, now 41 and in Los Angeles. Just as she was about to start, the agency rescinded the offer. "They said my divorce timing was not ideal, and they were concerned about my ability to service their clients while in the throes of something as turbulent as a divorce with two toddlers. I should have sued them for letting me go, but I could not imagine putting energy into that. Everything felt like it was unraveling."

As she struggled to find steady public relations work and waited for the courts to negotiate payment plans for child and spousal support, Bloemhof racked up credit card debt to cover basic necessities. She sold whatever she could rustle up that might be valuable: jewelry, shoes, designer handbags. To get around, she borrowed a car from her parents.'

Toxic online content is poisoning boys' minds — Congress must respond

Matt · 29 May 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Someone please tell him that that show is a work of fiction. And also, the first amendment to the US Con'n doesn't allow Congress to regulate speech. Excerpt:

'The boys are targeted for content designed to stir anxieties about their ability to attract a woman. And white males are specifically swamped with defeatist attitudes about their chances of getting into college while competing with increasing numbers of educated women, minorities and immigrants.

The result is alienated and frustrated adolescent white teens, as well as lots of young males of color.

The reality behind the show is evident for young Americans, according to a recent essay in the Wall Street Journal. A student at a Chicago Catholic high school wrote that his male classmates celebrated when social media titans accused of sex crimes and human trafficking – the brothers Andrew and Tristan Tate were recently allowed into the U.S.

"As online influencers with millions of followers, the Tate brothers are notoriously misogynistic and extravagantly wealthy," wrote Eli Thompson, the high school senior. "Alpha dogs who are buff, rich and domineering, they promote a model of manhood that feels both backward and reassuring. If we follow their sexist, racist lead, they promise, we'll be alphas too."'

Joy Behar: Dems Should Spend Money on ‘Teaching Men to Not Be Such Sexists’

Mastodon · 1 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Friday on ABC’s “The View,” co-host Joy Behar said Democrats should stop trying to connect with men through language and instead teach them not to be sexist.

Behar said, “So, since Trump scored big with young male voters last election, Democrats are spending $20 million to learn how to speak their language. You heard it, 20 million bucks just to talk to boys. So, is this a good idea or a waste of money?”

Co-host Sara Haines said, “I think it’s the wrong way to go about the problem, because the Democrats are asking how do we get male voters? The disillusionment of men is how do we care better about our men and boys, it should be about how we solve the root problems that drove men to feel like they had nowhere to go.”

Co-host Alyssa Farah Griffin said, “The most common thing I hear from men who were open to supporting Trump, they feel like they want to be able to provide for the future and build wealth and don’t want to be ashamed they want to provide and want to have money. Then they do see these statistics of how men are falling behind and want to be able to highlight it and talk about it but not be pushed back that you’re saying, oh, well, you’re excluding girls and women if you want to advance men.”

Behar said, “You wonder what I think? I think it’s a waste of money. Maybe these guys should spend their money on teaching men to not be such sexists. Maybe that’s it.”'

Men’s Health Month

Matt · 1 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There is often a strong focus on men’s physical health — fitness, annual checkups, and heart health — but mental well-being is equally as important because mental health is health!

Just as the body needs care and attention, so does emotional and mental well-being. Yet, there is a silent crisis in men’s mental health — one that too often goes unnoticed or unspoken. Tragically, men are nearly four times more likely to die by suicide than women*, underscoring the urgent need to break this silence and seek support.'

Pearl asks "What's In It For Men?"

Matt · 1 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Pearl asks, "What's in it for men?" This is regarding the recent push by the Democrat party to appeal to young men.

Support For University Professor Being Investigated For Controversial Domestic Violence Take

Matt · 1 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Will she or won't she? Questions are swirling around whether a professor in Australia will get canned for her comments about domestic violence or not.

Dr. Fiona Girkin is an associate lecturer in Policing and Emergency Management at the University of Tasmania. Her job is to teach new Tasmania Police recruits about family and domestic violence.

Recently, she appeared in a video interview with controversial conservative media figure, Bettina Arndt. In the interview, Girkin talked about how, in listening to the officers she has worked with, there were just as many female offenders in domestic violence cases as there were male.'

The plow horse: How marriage uses men

Matt · 5 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. He goes into the not-so-pretty realities around being a married man.

The Case Against Circumcision

Matt · 5 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What does it mean that no other animal on earth does such a thing to its own genitalia? And not because other species care about cruelty, much less consent. They don't do it because it's batshit crazy to disfigure yourself and others of your kind. Nature does foreskins for biological reasons, not to swap for a nod from a god.

What does it mean that Egyptian artworks from thousands and thousands of years ago feature circumcised dicks? Mummies, too. Historians think it was a sign of elite status, royal or religious, in the Upper Paleolithic era, and from there back the historical trail vanishes; no one's sure exactly where or when circumcision became established first in the Near East and Africa. Historical and anthropological speculation suggests that it arose in more than one region, both as a mark of full manhood and to punish prisoners of war and slaves; castration tended to kill off the supply.'

Debunking the UN's Attack on the Manosphere

Matt · 5 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There is a growing wave of attacks against what's being called the "manosphere." These attacks are coming primarily from feminist organizations and media allies who claim that the manosphere (the electronic patriarchy) is filled with misogynists who hate women and promote violence.

The truth, however, is quite different. What they're labeling the "manosphere" is, in many cases, a loose network of voices pushing back against decades of feminist misinformation. That pushback — often grounded in research data, lived experience, and reasoned critique — is what truly alarms feminist ideologues.

To them, this movement represents a threat. It challenges their long-standing narrative by exposing its flaws, hypocrisies, and one-sided portrayals of gender dynamics.'

Man up and take it: Gender bias in moral typecasting

Matt · 6 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Informed by moral typecasting theory, we predicted a gender bias in harm evaluation, such that women are more easily categorized as victims and men as perpetrators. Study 1 participants assumed a harmed target was female (versus male), but especially when labeled ‘victim’. Study 2 participants perceived animated shapes perpetuating harm as male and victimized shapes as female. Study 3 participants assumed a female employee claiming harassment was more of a victim than a male employee making identical claims. Female victims were expected to experience more pain from an ambiguous joke and male perpetrators were prescribed harsher punishments (Study 4). Managers were perceived as less moral when firing female (versus male) employees (Study 5). The possibility of gender discrimination intensified the cognitive link between women and victimhood (Study 6). Across six studies in four countries (N = 3,137), harm evaluations were systematically swayed by targets’ gender, suggesting a gender bias in moral typecasting.'

The Quest to Bring Young Men Back to the Democrats

Matt · 7 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Wow, they're not even close! Excerpt:

'Those losses have precipitated soul-searching on the left, as Democrats wonder how to revive their appeal to young men who are struggling financially but intrigued by the machismo promoted by Trump and media figures popular on the right. Republicans are “exploiting grievances” by connecting economic pressures to shifts in gender norms, said Shaunna Thomas, the co-founder and former executive director of the gender justice organization UltraViolet.

Democrats know they need to bring young men back into the fold. But it’s a delicate dance: On the one hand, the wrong kind of outreach risks coming across as condescending, but on the other hand, too much focus on the needs of young men might end up alienating the women who have traditionally formed the core of the Democratic base.'

End NICU circumcision petition

DanBollinger · 8 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

NICU circumcisions put baby boys at increased risk, which is what happed to baby Cole. Please sign this petition to stop this horrible excuse for healthcare.

END NICU CIRCUMCISION PETITION

Norway outlaws sex without consent as Europe strengthens rape laws

Matt · 8 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Norway strengthened its rape laws on Friday by criminalising sex without explicit consent, joining a growing list of countries to widen the definition of sexual attacks.

Up to now, prosecutors have had to show that an attacker used violence or threatening behaviour, or had sexual intercourse with someone who was unable to resist, to secure a conviction for rape.'

Israel Is Putting More Women on the Front Line to Help Fix Its Manpower Problem

Matt · 8 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Days ago, an Israeli search-and-rescue team in Gaza spent hours drilling through concrete and plying aside rebar to recover the body of a fallen soldier buried under rubble in Khan Younis.

The combat unit had been following a commando brigade in Gaza, recovering the bodies of dead soldiers on the battlefield. It is a routine task in the Israeli military, but it was unique that this team was made up mostly of women.

“A year and a half ago, I would never have dreamed of leading a combat team within Lebanon or Gaza,” said a petite 25-year-old major. “I think the war proved to all of us how much we are capable of.”

She is among a growing number of women serving on the front lines of Israel’s military. Before the Hamas-led Oct. 7, 2023, attack that spurred the war, women were trained for combat, but left mostly to guard within Israel’s borders or run checkpoints in the West Bank, considered less dangerous tasks.'

How Trans Men Expose Female Privilege

Matt · 9 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. The narrator tells quite a story. She also has a vid saying how dating women helped her understand men, here. Nice to see this kind of thing though it's rare indeed.

San Antonio Woman Arrested for Drugging, Then Raping a 16-Year-Old Boy Saying She 'Wanted to Do This for a Long Time'

Matt · 11 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rump then pushed them on the bed and took off his clothes. She then allegedly had sexual intercourse with the boy, stating that she "wanted to do this for a long time."

She then told the boy that if he told anyone what happened she was going to say he raped her.The boy told police that he didn't say anything to anyone until another adult found out Rump had sex with him after Rump confessed to it at a beach, according to the affidavit.'

For tech's new generation, college is an expensive waste

Matt · 11 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'...Today, a perfect storm of economic, political, and technological forces is driving young people — mostly men, as every noncollege techie I interviewed happened to be — to circumvent college entirely. For one, higher education has grown prohibitively expensive: In 2024, the average federal student loan debt was just under $30,000 for those who completed a bachelor's degree, and all-in costs for some four-year degrees have now surpassed half a million dollars....

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Like many of the young men I spoke with for this piece, JC Btaiche tells me he's "pretty obsessed" with the Apple founder. In high school, he mimicked Jobs' practice for almost a year, looking into the mirror by his bed daily. "Every morning I'd be, like, 'I don't want to go to school,'" he says. "Life is too short. There's strong examples of people who have not gone to college who have done incredibly well." At some point, he stopped showing up to most classes. After graduating from high school, Btaiche decided not to attend college and soon after, when he was 19, founded Fuse Energy, a nuclear fusion startup.'

‘Female narcissism is often misdiagnosed’: how science is finding women can have a dark streak too

Matt · 11 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Scientists long assumed that women were simply too wonderful to be significantly psychopathic or narcissistic, and didn’t bother to study the possibility much, according to Ava Green from City St George’s, University of London. But research over the past few decades is increasingly challenging this stereotype, suggesting women can have a dark streak, too. Much like in autism or ADHD, such traits just express themselves slightly differently in women – making them harder to spot with diagnostic tests that were essentially developed for men.

Most of us have some level of the dark personality traits. These are often combined into what scientists call the “dark triad” of psychopathy, narcissism and machiavellianism (that is, striving for control and power by being manipulative and unethical). While only about 1-5% and 1% of people have clinical levels of narcissism and psychopathy respectively – and many of them are in prison – people with sub-clinical levels can cause damage too. You’ve probably come across a few, given that about a third of the population have above-average levels of dark traits. Such people have a hunger for power and control and are often selfish, unempathetic, manipulative, deceptive and remorseless to some degree.'

The Gen Z gender pay gap has reversed with young women earning more than young men – so what's up with boys?

Matt · 12 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Streeting was speaking at the launch of The Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys (CPRMB), a new organisation that seeks to produce actionable policies to tackle a decline in men's health, employability and life expectancy that has crept up on the political class. Brooks – their policy adviser and a lifetime campaigner in the field of men's health – has overseen the release of the CPRMB's first report. Missing Men outlines the challenges facing men and boys, and comes hot on the heels of another report by the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) – Lost Boys – which paints an equally stark picture of male outcomes.

Over the last year, politicians have grappled with the changing status of men. A group of Labour MPs has formed to brainstorm ways to appeal to boys amid rising support for Reform among Gen Z males. In November, Streeting commissioned the first ever men's health strategy, observing that the number one killer of men under 50 is suicide – "a fact so shocking that I nearly fell off my chair," he said (although one that has been true for men aged 20 to 34 since 2001). Netflix's fictional drama Adolescence, which pondered whether dispossessed schoolboys can be radicalised to commit femicide, drew the attention of the prime minister, who called for it to be shown in schools.'

The Rise and Fall of the Blue Pill

Matt · 12 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Whatifalthist discusses the blue pill and how it's gone in western society -- and where it's going. He makes specific observations about young men in our society and the effects the blue pill has had on them.

France to use UK drama Adolescence to teach teenagers about toxic masculinity

Mastodon · 13 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'France has followed the UK and the Netherlands in allowing the Netflix drama Adolescence to be used in secondary schools as part of efforts to teach teenagers about toxic masculinity and online harms.

The French education ministry will offer schools five classes based on excerpts from the critically acclaimed mini-series, which has provoked a global debate about the impact on young boys of misogynistic content online and on social media.'

UK: WEC to hear evidence from Laura Bates on misogyny, the manosphere and AI

Mastodon · 13 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'MPs on the cross-party committee chaired by Labour MP Sarah Owen will examine the rise of the manosphere and its influence on misogynistic behaviour and attitudes online and offline. The session will also look at the emerging use of artificial intelligence (AI) and how this is facilitating misogyny, and the links between the misuse of AI and the manosphere.

Discussion is expected to focus on non-consensual intimate image abuse (NCII) through deepfakes, linked to the Committee's current and prior work on NCII abuse, and other aspects of Bates' research, including bias in artificial intelligence.

WEC's inquiry explores the prevalence and impact of misogynistic views, attitudes and behaviour among men and boys, particularly in schools and educational settings, and the reasons for this. It examines ways that boys and young men are also being harmed and if better support, activities and services need to be available to them.'

Wikipedia on Laura Bates

Democrat congresswoman draws boos over 'shameful' sexism remark in committee hearing with Treasury Secretary

Mastodon · 13 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A House Ways and Means Committee hearing took an unexpected turn Wednesday when Rep. Linda Sanchez, D.Calif., accused Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent of interrupting her because of her gender—prompting audible groans from the room.

When Bessent attempted to interject, Sanchez quickly cut him off: "Please don't interrupt me… I know I'm a woman, but please try to limit yourself to answering my questions."

That remark prompted groans from the hearing room, with one attendee audibly reacting, "Oh, come on." Sanchez responded: "No, I'm sorry, but we get talked over all the time, and I don't want that to happen at this hearing."'

She says she killed her husband after years of enduring his abuse. A new Georgia law could reduce her sentence.

Mastodon · 13 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Those in a similar position who are still in jail could soon see some relief in Georgia. A new law passed in Georgia called the Survivor Justice Act would allow domestic violence survivors to ask for lower sentences in court if they can present evidence that abuse led them to commit their crimes. Under the law, Dickens' sentence could have been as little as 10 years.

Republican state Rep. Stan Gunter sponsored the bill, which passed overwhelmingly in Georgia's Legislature and was signed by Gov. Brian Kemp last month.

"We weren't looking at the whole picture. We were just getting bits and pieces of it, and it wasn't enough to make a good, clear decision on how to treat these people," Gunter said.

"This is not a get out of jail free card. They still have to serve a portion of the sentence," he added.'

Let the Tool Do the Work: A Lesson from My Father

Matt · 15 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We don't talk about it much on Father's Day, but we should: when dads disappear, children pay the price. Boys lose their guide for channeling power responsibly. Girls lose their first experience of what it feels like to be loved and respected by a good man.

The numbers bear it out: more school dropouts, more juvenile crime, more emotional struggles. A father's absence ripples outward for generations.'

Girls and their Frenemies

Matt · 15 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Men need to be aware of the strategies and tactics used by women in terms of relational aggression. They use it against each other and against men. Excerpt:

'Relational aggression is the psychologist's name for what the rest of us call 'mean girl' behaviour, or straight-up 'bitchiness'. It is a pattern of behaviour typically played out by school-age girls, but it is not exclusive to them. In fact, where do they learn it if not from their adult role models? Adults are just more subtle about it.

Chances are, you've experienced relational aggression. You know it when it happens to you. It's an emotional slap in the face and you often feel a sense of shame and confusion.

What distinguishes relational aggression from just being mean, is that it focuses on damaging a person's sense of social place. I see it as using relationships as weapons.'

New women-only West London tower block will be a 'UK first' as 100 flats being built by 2026

Matt · 17 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When completed, Brook House in Acton will provide 102 "genuinely affordable" social rented flats, replacing an old 39-home estate. The cost of renting a home will be on average less than a quarter of what it would cost to rent an equivalently sized home in the private sector.

Ealing Council currently has more than 600 single women on its waiting list and over 8,000 households in the borough waiting for a home. The tenants will be a mixture of women from the council waiting list and residents put forward by Women's Pioneer Housing, which will manage the site.

Women's Pioneer Housing was founded in 1920 by suffragists. It manages around 1,000 properties in West London, most of which are studio or one-bedroom flats in large converted Victorian or Edwardian buildings.'

Karen Read found not guilty of murdering Boston police officer boyfriend

Mastodon · 18 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Karen Read, a US woman charged with running over her police officer boyfriend and leaving him for dead in a snowbank, has been found not guilty of second-degree murder in a case that gripped true-crime fans nationwide.

The jury also found Ms Read, 44, not guilty of vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and leaving the scene of the collision in January 2022. But she was convicted of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol (OUI).

Her July 2024 trial stemming from the death of Boston police officer John O'Keefe collapsed after the jury was unable to reach a verdict.

She again pleaded not guilty in the retrial, with her lawyers arguing she was being framed for Mr O'Keefe's death.'

Men need bloke-friendly services, says Special Envoy for Men's Health, Dan Repacholi

Matt · 20 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Asked what the key priorities for Government should be to support men's mental health and prevent male suicide, Mr Repacholi highlighted the need for more services to be tailored to the needs and preferences of men and boys.

"First, we need strong, local mental health services that men feel comfortable using," he said, before adding that the sector was already doing incredible work.'

Michelle Obama says she is ‘so glad’ she didn’t have a son: ‘Would have been a Barack Obama’

Mastodon · 20 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'She’s not kidding around.

Former first lady Michelle Obama said she was “glad” she didn’t have a son because he would have turned out exactly like her husband, former President Barack Obama.

Obama, 61, doled out the ego-checking barb on Wednesday’s episode of “IMO,” the podcast she hosts with her brother Craig Robinson, as the siblings were chatting with Hot 97 radio personality Angie Martinez, who suggested the mother of two “should have threw a boy in the mix.”

“I’m so glad I didn’t have a boy,” Sasha and Malia’s mom plainly stated.

“Because he would have been a Barack Obama. Ooh,” the “Becoming” author said, looking down and shaking her head for emphasis.

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The episode focused extensively on parenting male children as Martinez has one son and Robinson has three boys.'

Feminism is a Hate Group

Matt · 23 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. From back in 2017, still true today. Excerpt:

'Feminism is a HATE GROUP.

Feminists claim they do not hate men, and yet there is absolutely no evidence to back up their assertion. The library is full of books containing hateful denouncements of men, hateful rhetoric aimed at men, and hateful attitudes and beliefs about men. Feminists routinely excoriate men both publicly, online, in books and media, and even in general entertainment. For people who claim to love men so much- I say PROVE IT.

...

Feminists don't do anything for men– ever. Unless it somehow benefits Feminists *more*, first and foremost. The only thing that Feminists have for men is the back of their hand and their denouncements and slander and ugly vilification– the constant daily sludge of "Women Good, Men Bad" which oozes out of every media orifice.

In contrast, Men work their asses off for Women. They work to feed them, clothe them, give them shelter and all of the comforts of civilization that they can possibly dream up and afford. Men help women in their daily lives. The build things, move things, create things, they provide companionship and protection and resources for their children.'

Draft talk: no mention of women

Matt · 23 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Read this article and note women aren't even mentioned as being even a remote possibility for Congressional action on a possible draft-- not that I think it's likely to happen anyway. Remarkable, isn't it? Excerpt:

'Legislation would need to be passed through Congress amending the Military Selective Service Act in order to reinstate a draft, according to the Selective Service Agency.

In 2015, then New York Democratic Representative Charles Rangel introduced a bill to re-instate a draft alongside a "War Tax" bill to point out the inequity of war as then President Barack Obama attempted to galvanize support for an Authorization for Use of Military Force against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.
...
Currently, all men between 18 to 25 are required to register with the Selective Service System.

The Selective Service Agency states that, should a draft be reinstated, the first to receive induction orders would be those whose turn 20 years old during the year of the lottery.

Additional drafts would follow for those turning 21 through 25, then 19 and 18 would occur if additional soldiers were required.'

‘Chivalry is dead’: What men just aren’t doing anymore

Mastodon · 24 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Is Chivalry dead? After a grown man practically trampled me to get on the bus recently, I’d be inclined to say yes.

He was in a suit and fun socks (boring finance bros tend to think quirky socks make them look fun), and he was on the verge of elbowing me to get a seat.

I was unnerved by his rugby scrum approach to public transport, it was a bit much for 8 a.m. and buses come every 10 minutes – but I wasn’t shocked

It wasn’t very chivalrous, but is that even a thing anymore? Is men letting women go first on public transport a dead concept?

Did it die when we started advocating for fair pay and the rights to our bodies? Is the price of equality that men just aren’t that polite anymore?

I want equal pay and men to follow the Titanic rule of women and children first.'

Woman Who Set Male Friend On Fire For Sexist Joke Asks For Lighter Sentence

Matt · 24 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Like clockwork! Excerpt:

'The Australian woman, 24, pleaded guilty to one count of burning, maiming, disfiguring or disabling a person by use of a corrosive fluid.

She was given a sentence to seven-and-a-half-years in prison and would spend a minimum of four-and-a-half-years behind bars.

The convicted friend is now challenging the severity of her sentence. She submitted a notice of intention to appeal with the Court of Criminal Appeal on June 13.'

Women who hate men: a comparative analysis across extremist Reddit communities

Matt · 27 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In this context, while the global discourse on online misogyny is well-established the phenomenon of misandry remains a relatively underexplored and insufficiently acknowledged facet of the researched digital landscape.
...
This said, despite concerted efforts have been made to address hate speech targeting women and misogyny in broad sense, research on online misandry remains relatively scarce, thus not contributing in mitigating existing stereotypes and misconceptions. As an example, Nadim et al. show that more men than women experience online harassment, contrary to prevailing assumptions.
...
In this work, we investigate the dynamics of misogynistic and misandric communities on Reddit. Our examination entails a comprehensive analysis of linguistic features, the extraction of emotional nuances embedded within the textual content, and a structural graph-based analysis.'

When Women Are Radicalized

Matt · 27 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There is growing awareness of how young men can be drawn into far-right extremism or misogynistic subcultures, but we in the media—and society more broadly—pay less attention to how young women become drawn into political subcultures. Indeed, the terms “radicalization” and “women” are rarely—if ever—seen together. This oversight has consequences, because radicalization—defined as rigid commitment to an ideological cause to the point where it distorts one’s worldview, harms mental health, undermines relationships, or disrupts functioning—is not a male-only phenomenon.

Of course, political engagement is not, in itself, cause for concern. The fact that young women attend climate protests or BLM marches is not evidence of extremism. But if we imagine political engagement on a spectrum, the extreme end is not benign. And the failure to recognize this has allowed radicalism to flourish.

The escalating tactics of climate activism illustrate the pattern. Last year, three female members of the British climate action group Just Stop Oil, alongside two male members, were sentenced to prison for climbing onto overhead signs of a major motorway, forcing police to shut down traffic. One of the men received a five-year sentence, while the others were sentenced to four years each. Two trucks collided and one police officer was injured amid the chaos. The stunt created major gridlock that led to people missing medical appointments, exams, and flights.'

Mothers Raise Children, Fathers Raise Adults

Matt · 27 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It’s a saying that provokes strong reactions: “Mothers raise children; fathers raise adults.”
At first glance, it seems to box parents into rigid roles. But when you dig into decades of family psychology and cross-cultural research, you find something profound: fathers, in particular, have a special knack for cultivating traits that help children not just survive, but thrive in the unpredictable, sometimes harsh realities of adult life.

One of the most powerful of these traits is resilience — the ability to recover from setbacks, navigate stress, and adapt to challenges without falling apart. When we look at how fathers tend to interact with their children, a consistent theme emerges: they build resilience in ways that complement the secure base mothers provide.'

Invisible Man: My Experience as a Male Trainee Clinical Psychologist in a Female-Dominated System

Matt · 28 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From the very first day of training, I sensed that I was unwelcome. The discomfort was immediate. I recall walking into a room and being met with expressions of unease—subtle, yet unmistakable. Despite my efforts to introduce myself and initiate conversations, it took over twenty minutes for anyone to acknowledge me. It felt as though I had been relegated to the margins before I'd even had a chance to participate. I felt invisible—discarded onto the proverbial muck heap.

As time went on, I began to overhear fragments of conversations within the cohort. Many of my peers—predominantly women—shared histories of trauma, and tragically, many of those experiences had involved men. While I deeply respect the pain and resilience behind such disclosures, I began to sense a kind of projection: an unspoken association between myself, as a straight male, and the harm they had suffered. In contrast, the gay men in the cohort appeared to be more readily accepted—treated almost as extensions of the female group—while I and the other heterosexual men were subtly distanced.'

Trans man 'blindsided' by all the loneliness and suspicion that comes with being male

Matt · 28 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently, a trans man opened up about the “culture shock” of navigating male loneliness, and shared how, if they had been forced to grow up with the often insidious messaging boys and men receive, it would have really damaged their psyche.

In a Reddit post, the man first got candid about the “social isolation” that comes from constantly being perceived as a "potential predator.”

While he noted that “all strangers, no matter their gender, keep their guard up around me,” women in particular came across as “incredibly aloof, cold, and mirthless." He did add the disclaimer that, as someone who used to have to protect themselves in the same way, they understood where the “armor” was coming from (“women aren’t just being needlessly guard[ed]”). But, for those who had never experienced life as a woman, he could easily see how this type of behavior could be viewed as “a conspiracy" against the other sex.'

NCFM Podcast: What is the Glass Floor?

Matt · 28 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Podcast video here. This podcast discusses "the glass floor", which keeps women from being held accountable for bad actions as well as other circumstances.

China's new divorce law has had unintended consequences

Matt · 30 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. To encourage men to marry, the Chinese government passed a new law allowing men to *gasp* keep what they earned during the marriage. The effects are not as expected.

College study: There are too many ‘male-identified’ jazz educators

Mastodon · 30 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It probably comes as no surprise in this day and age that there exists a place called the “Institute of Jazz and Gender Justice” at Boston’s Berklee College of Music.

The institute claims jazz “remains predominantly male due to a biased system,” which “impos[es] a significant toll on those who aspire to work in it.”

So its main page asks right under the title banner “What would jazz sound like in a culture without patriarchy?”

A recent study by the institute appears to confirm the assertion as it shows “male-identified jazz educators” outnumber “female-identified counterparts” by six to one. The latter group comprises just eight percent of instrumental jazz instructors, and only 15 percent of all jazz faculty.'

The War on Male Identity

Matt · 30 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'By now, most of us have heard the term “brainwashing.” It usually brings to mind Cold War images of broken POWs or disturbing cult documentaries. But what if the most pervasive forms of psychological manipulation aren’t hidden in bunkers or religious compounds — but embedded in mainstream institutions that claim to promote justice?

Psychiatrist Robert Jay Lifton, who studied Communist reeducation camps in Maoist China, laid out the classic framework for understanding brainwashing. In his landmark work, Thought Reform and the Psychology of Totalism, Lifton identified eight core mechanisms that coercive systems use to break down and reshape the self.

At the heart of it? A psychological attack on your identity — followed by shame, blame, and the expectation that you publicly confess and “rebuild” yourself according to the group’s ideology.

Sound familiar?'

Women can be drafted into the Danish military as Russian aggression and military investment grow

Matt · 30 June 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Katrine and other female soldiers, all of whom spoke to The Associated Press on June 11 on the condition that only their first names be used because of operational security, volunteered for military service earlier this year. Until now, that was the only way women were allowed to partake in military service, although women have been able to enlist as full-time members of the armed forces since the early 1970s.

The Scandinavian country is seeking to increase the number of young people in the military by extending compulsory enlistment to women for the first time. Men and women can both still volunteer, and the remaining places will be filled by a gender-neutral draft lottery.'

Society may have overestimated risk of the ‘manosphere’, UK researchers say

Mastodon · 2 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men who engage in the online “manosphere” and the content of Andrew Tate are often able to express a “strong commitment to equal treatment and fairness”, according to research commissioned by Ofcom.

Prompted by growing concerns about internet misogyny, researchers for the UK communications regulator followed the journeys of dozens of men through online content ranging from the US podcaster Joe Rogan to forums for “incels” (involuntary celibates). They found that while a minority encountered “extremely misogynistic content”, many users of the manosphere were critically engaged, selective and capable of discarding messages that did not resonate with their values.

They found it was far from a unified community: many participants felt the various subcultures under the manosphere umbrella were misunderstood, with extreme misogyny being grouped with benign self-improvement content. Several participants were drawn to it by its perceived humour, open debate and irreverence as well as connecting with views they found about traditional gender roles and family dynamics.

“This research does challenge the assumptions about the experiences and perceptions of individuals consuming manosphere content,” Ofcom said.

“Many of the participants expressed a strong commitment to equal treatment and fairness. They showed particular sensitivity to situations they perceived as unjust or discriminatory. This extended to issues specifically concerning men.”'

New book: "The Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Men (CEDAM)"

Matt · 2 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Men (CEDAM) is a bold and comprehensive manifesto advocating for global recognition of men's rights. Modeled on the UN's CEDAW* treaty, this book introduces CEDAM an international framework that identifies and challenges 46 key areas where men and boys face discrimination. Backed by detailed examples, essays, and personal reflections, Augustsson's work calls for true gender equality by addressing often overlooked issues like conscription, genital integrity, fatherhood rights, educational disparities, and societal biases.'

Amazon page here.

Presidential Message on National Men's Health Week, 2025

Matt · 3 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I've grown accustomed to hearing politicians talk about men's health, usually focusing on the idea that men need to stop taking risks and start going to the doctor. The implication is that it's somehow men's fault that they're at risk of dying early, and so on. Of course, this is what feminists often refer to as "blaming the victim."

That's why I was so pleased to read Donald Trump's message for National Men's Health Week. He spoke candidly about the disadvantages men face and the ways in which men and masculinity have been targeted by a vicious campaign. It was a breath of fresh air.

No matter how you feel about Donald Trump, you have to give him credit for calling out the reality of men's issues in today's world. Below, I'll paste the entire message for you to read. It's a step in the right direction.'

AU: Inspire Early Learning to stop male staff changing nappies in wake of shocking child abuse allegations in Victoria

Matt · 5 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Male educators will reportedly no longer be involved in changing nappies or toileting duties at a string of Victorian childcare centres.

Inspire Early Learning – which operates 16 childcare centres in the state – sent a letter to parents on Friday announcing the changes, as per 7News.

Chief curriculum and quality officer Eleinna Anderson told families the changes were to ensure they remained “sensitive and responsive to family needs”, and that male staff would still play a “vital role” in activities and classroom preparation among other duties.'

Russia’s ‘anti-woke’ visa lures those fearing a moral decline in the West

Matt · 6 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Hare family, devout Christians who ran a farm in Texas, describe themselves as a family of “moral migrants” and have emerged as the face of a small but growing trend of Westerners relocating to Russia in search of the traditional, conservative values they feel are eroding in the liberal West. Their journey reflects the ideological narrative Putin has spent years crafting: Russia as the guardian of family-centered traditions amid a Western world spiraling into moral and social decay.
...
In 2019, an Australian family — coincidentally sharing the surname Hare — relocated to Russia in protest over the legalization of same-sex marriage in their home country. They established a farm in Altai, a scenic region in southern Siberia, and run a popular video blog about their life that was prominently featured in RT and other state media coverage.

The messaging in these videos often dovetails with an established MAGA worldview. Trans and LGBTQ+ rights are cast as signs of moral decline and opposed under the guise of protecting the interests of children. Feminism is rejected as a leftist project to erode masculinity and dismantle family institutions.'

Karl Stefanovic clashes with woman calling for all male workers to be banned from childcare centres

Mastodon · 7 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Louise Edmonds, a founding member of the Independent Collective of Survivors, spoke with Karl Stefanovic on the Today show on Thursday morning, advocating for a complete ban on male workers in the childcare sector.

'Look, it is extreme for one. But the thing is, we're now seeing this is the third case of huge amounts of children being exposed to alleged paedophiles and alleged child sex abuses in a childcare centre,' Ms Edmonds said.

'What we're seeing is that less than eight per cent of (workers) actually in the industry (are male).'

Stefanovic pushed back, highlighting the challenges already faced by men in the sector.

'Men have a right to work in that area. And so many of them are dedicated,' Stefanovic said.

'The perception is already hard enough for them. And when a story like this happens, it makes it even more difficult for them.'

Ms Edmonds argued while there are 'good men' that want to be positive role models, the safety of children must come before concerns about gender equality.

'Without staining all the good men who are in there wanting to be positive role models for the young boys who are in daycare centres, there are some measures that can be taken,' Ms Edmonds said.

'We shouldn't be looking at the equality space in the sector.'

Male childcare workers say they feel judged in wake of latest abuse case

Mastodon · 7 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr Munroe said it had been a tough week for everyone working in child care, but male educators in particular.

And some advocates have said exactly that and called for men to be banned from the profession.

Mr Munroe said he was worried about other men in the field, especially those at high school thinking about a career in child care, part-way through training, or those working in less supported centres.

He is now looking at ways to support the "many good male educators out there".

"I'm thinking about … maybe opening a support group for male educators, just to let them know that there are a lot of really good ones out there."'

Prevalence of Female Psychopaths: More Common than Believed

Matt · 8 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Researchers provide novel insights into female psychopathy, challenging the conventional 6:1 male-to-female psychopath ratio with new evidence suggesting a closer 1.2:1 ratio.

The research indicates that societal gender biases have obscured the true nature and prevalence of female psychopaths, who often employ manipulation and seduction rather than violence to achieve their goals. This revelation not only calls for a reassessment of psychopathy across genders but also signals significant implications for criminal justice and corporate leadership.'

NYTimes Article Men Where Have You Gone? Two Men Respond

Matt · 8 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'I recently read a New York Times article by Rachel Drucker titled “Men, Where Have You Gone? Please Come Back.” The subtitle reads: “So many men have retreated from intimacy, hiding behind firewalls, filters and curated personas, dabbling and scrolling. We miss you.”

In the article, Drucker shares a personal story about meeting a man named James online. Things started off well—but then James disappeared. From there, she explores her ideas of why so many men seem to be withdrawing from relationships and intimacy.'

Mass circumcision ceremony that killed 93 kids is set to happen again

Matt · 8 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The annual tribal “initiation ceremony” where teenage males in South Africa undergo painful circumcision has begun – despite it ending in 93 horrific deaths last year.

Gruesome injuries also led to a further 11 penis amputations after unskilled traditional “surgeons” used old spears and razor blades to perform eye-watering rituals.'

Southern Poverty Law Center labels NCFM “male supremacist group”

Matt · 9 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Southern Poverty Law Center’s Report/Dismantling White Supremacy – How Male Supremacy Provided the Foundation for Hate in 2023, reads as follows: “This year, the SPLC documented nine male supremacist hate groups, including several abortion abolitionist groups, a popular misogynist incel community, and the National Coalition for Men.” Without a shred factual evidence, the SPLC labeled us a “male supremacist hate group,” an absurd, inflammatory, and defamatory label we categorically reject as a very woke falsehood.

For over four decades, NCFM has advanced gender equality, legal fairness, and the well-being of boys and girls, men and women, and their families through evidence-based advocacy, education, and relevant dialogue. The SPLC’s defamatory designation ignores the core of our mission and our many accomplishments in achieving equality for the sexes and conflates advocacy with extremism. Disagreement is fine, libel crosses the line.'

UK: Top private school offers 'healthy masculinity' workshops for parents to combat Andrew Tate

Mastodon · 9 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Royal Hospital School (RHS) in Suffolk is running 90 minute sessions to help families talk to their sons about resisting dark messages from the web.

Irfan Latif, headmaster of the 300-year-old institution, said private schools have a ‘responsibility’ to counter misogynistic narratives.

And he advocated promoting positive male role models such as Atticus Finch, the hero of To Kill a Mockingbird, as an ‘alternative’ to harmful figures on social media.

RHS, which charges up to £46,000 a year for boarders and is part of the elite HMC private schools group, was the alma mater of hero explorer Ernest Joyce.

Mr Latif said: ‘We have not had any particular issues or incidents at RHS, but as educators we have a duty to be proactive.

‘The workshops are about equipping our pupils, and their parents, to navigate the pressures of modern masculinity before problems arise.’

Writing in Independent School Management Plus, Mr Latif said the issue of ‘toxic masculinity’ poses ‘significant challenges for schools’.'

Teacher seeks to move closer to student she sexually abused '50 times'

Matt · 9 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Alleged dirty teacher Christina Formella and her husband were all smiles in court as she tried to convince a judge to let her move closer to the ex-student whom she is accused sexually abusing more than 50 times.

Formella, 30, swished into a DuPage County courtroom holding hands with hubby Michael on Wednesday morning. Neither of the Formellas answered questions about the case that has shocked suburban Chicago.

“Michael was holding her hand the entire time. They were smiling at each other, literally smiling at each other the entire time until she got up,” one courtroom spy who sat directly behind the couple told The Post. “They look really confident.”'

There is no feminist solution to the fertility crisis

Matt · 9 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The reality is that women mate hypergamously, meaning they only find men “appealing” if they make as much money or more than they do. Women with college degrees prefer men with college degrees or higher education. They will even marry men without college degrees, but only if they make more money than they do. But women simply do not find men who make less than they do appealing.

And over the past 50 years, the percentage of women who outearn men has risen substantially. According to the Congressional Research Service, the real wage of the average woman has risen almost 30% while the real wage of the average man has decreased by 3%. Now, for college-educated men, the story is different. The average real wage of men with a college degree has risen substantially. But only 37% of men have a college degree, and that number is falling. At the same time, the percentage of women with a college degree already surpasses men (39%) and continues to rise.'

In India’s deportation drive, Muslim men recount being tossed into the sea

Matt · 11 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The politics of religion aside, would any government do this to women? No. It's unthinkable, isn't it? Excerpt:

'Indian police dragged Hasan Shah from his bed in western India one morning in late April. Later, he said, officers bound his hands with rope, placed a blindfold over his eyes and put him on a boat bound for Bangladesh.

After three days at sea, Shah said, they stood him on the edge of the vessel with a life vest, untied his hands, uncovered his eyes and gave him a final order at gunpoint: “Jump into the water,” Shah remembered the officers saying.

“If you look back, we’ll shoot you.”

Shah said he swam to dry land, where he was picked up by the Bangladeshi coast guard and taken to the city of Satkhira, in the country’s southwest, an account corroborated by the coast guard. The documents proving his Indian citizenship were snatched by police when they detained him in his hometown of Surat in India, Shah said. He is stranded now in a foreign country, effectively stateless, separated from his wife and four children who rely on his meager income as a waste picker.'

UK: Nursery worker convicted of abusing 21 babies

Matt · 12 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. And in Australia they're trying to prohibit men from being daycare workers. Excerpt:

'A 22-year-old nursery worker has been convicted of abusing 21 babies, including kicking one little boy in the face and stepping on his shoulder.

Roksana Lecka, from Hounslow, west London, admitted seven counts of cruelty to a person under the age of 16 and was found guilty of another 14 by a jury at Kingston Crown Court, the Metropolitan Police said.

Her crimes were discovered in June last year after she was sent home for pinching a number of children and appearing "flustered" at the Riverside Nursery in Twickenham, south-west London, the Crown Prosecution Service said.

Solicitor Jemma Till from Irwin Mitchell said the families involved had been "traumatised".

Lecka will be sentenced at Kingston Crown Court on 26 September.

Detectives from the Met Police went through CCTV from the nursery that showed her pinching and scratching children under their clothes on their arms, legs and stomachs.'

The Consequences of Blaming Men for Everything

Matt · 13 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Nick Freitas takes feminism to task in this talk. He puts the matter in the context of Christianity and evokes traditional notions of masculinity, which may put off some people, but at least he is addressing the issue.

Why Men Struggle to Stand Together

Matt · 14 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Women consistently show strong in-group bias. They support each other socially, emotionally, and politically. They instinctively identify with the struggles of other women. This solidarity forms the backbone of movements, activism, academic departments, and public policy. When a woman sees another woman being mistreated, her response is often immediate: “That could’ve been me.”

Men, by contrast, tend to show weaker and more conditional in-group bias. Their loyalty to other men is context-dependent, usually tied to shared purpose or external threat. A man will stand with another man on the battlefield, on the job site, or on the basketball court—but outside of those types of goal-oriented bonds, that sense of male unity often fades.
...
Even today, many men see other men as rivals first, allies second. If another man struggles—loses his job, breaks down emotionally, or gets mistreated in a custody battle—he may not get support. He may get silence. Or worse, blame. Because in the male psyche, weakness often reads as threat. It disrupts the unspoken expectation that men must be strong, self-reliant, and in control. In male hierarchies, weakness can be seen as a liability—something that drags down the group or exposes it to risk. And for many men, seeing another man suffer can stir up buried shame or fear about their own vulnerabilities, leading them to distance themselves rather than lean in. It’s not cruelty—it’s biology and conditioning.

This fragile in-group bias creates a massive hurdle for any effort to advocate for men. Men’s rights movements, fatherhood initiatives, male mental health campaigns—they all struggle not just because society ignores them, but because men themselves often fail to show up for one another. And this problem isn’t just internal. It’s magnified by something even larger: gynocentrism.'

Girling the Boy Scouts

Matt · 15 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Boy Scouts of America has a Chief Diversity Officer & Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion. The organization requires all Eagle Scouts to earn a badge in diversity, equity, and inclusion. It admitted girls to its program for 11- to 17-year-old boys in 2019 and changed the name of that program from the Boy Scouts to Scouts BSA. The word “boy” has been routed from the organization’s promotional materials and replaced with “youth,” as in: “For more than 100 years, Scouting programs have instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath.”

Does it matter, then, that the Boy Scouts of America has now extirpated the last use of “boy” found in its entire portfolio—the “boy” in “Boy Scouts of America,” the name of the parent organization? It does. That the Boy Scouts cannot tolerate even an atavistic use of “boy” reveals how powerful the impulse is to efface males from our culture. The transformation of the Boy Scouts of America into Scouting America is an object lesson in the incapacity of traditional institutions to withstand progressive takeover.'

The Culture of Malicious Legislating

Matt · 16 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When a group of legislatures in Washington State decided to forgo a hearing about a commission on the status of boys and men (HB 1266 and SB 5446) in February and made the same decision in years past, it became clear that there was something much more ill-natured at work.

After-all, a hearing is only one step in the process of adding a new law or changing an existing law. Hearings allow legislators to sit back and listen to expert testimony, ask questions, and hear public statements about those impacted by a potential bill. The process also allows voters to see how a policymaker votes—something many policymakers fear when it comes to the political backlash that happens when it comes to supporting boys and supporting men.'

A greater MGTOW

Matt · 17 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Good video here.

'This video explores The Psychology of Men Who Walk Away from Society's Script — a silent rebellion many men are living today, not with protests or noise, but with quiet withdrawals from a life that feels fake.'

Man who spent 17 years in prison after being wrongly convicted of rape hits out at 'insulting' compensation

Matt · 20 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A man who served 17 years in prison after being wrongly convicted of rape has hit out at an 'insulting' increase in compensation for victims of miscarriages of justice.

The Ministry of Justice has announced that the compensation cap will rise by 30 per cent for those who were convicted of a crime they did not commit.

Those wrongfully imprisoned for more than 10 years will receive £1.3 million instead of £1 million, while those with sentences of less than 10 years will receive £650,000 rather than £500,000, in the first increase to the payment since the scheme's introduction in 2008.'

Slain UC Berkeley professor said in restraining order request ex-wife made him 'fearful' for his life

Matt · 21 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Months before Przemyslaw Jeziorski, a marketing professor from the University of California, Berkeley, was killed in Greece, he filed a request for a restraining order against his ex-wife, saying he was fearful for his life due to alleged previous instances of blackmail, financial abuse and physical assault by his ex-wife's boyfriend, according to court documents obtained by ABC News.

The request was denied by a California court.

Jeziorski, a 43-year-old associate marketing professor at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business, was allegedly shot and killed in Athens on July 4 near the home where his two children -- Zoe and Angelo -- live, his younger brother said in a statement. The children, who are 10-year-old twins, had been living with the Jeziorski's ex-wife in Athens since 2020, according to court documents.'

Why Modern Men are Quietly Giving Up on Love

Matt · 21 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. It seems the existentialist Soren Kierkegaard had things to say about life today, particularly in the realm of "romance".

Barack Obama chastises progressives for abandoning young men

Matt · 22 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. At least one news/commentary source (The Hill) has commentators broaching the topics. It's a start anyway.

New Uber feature will allow women to choose female drivers or riders

Matt · 23 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Uber is rolling out a new program for women in the U.S. that allows them to choose female riders or drivers, the company said Wednesday.

“Across the U.S., women riders and drivers have told us they want the option to be matched with other women on trips,” Uber said in a statement.

Women customers will see an option called “women drivers” and choose a different driver based on the pick-up time. Female riders will also be able to pre-book trips with women drivers. Only 1 in 5 Uber drivers are women, according to the company.'

Heterofatalism: or How to Blame Men For Everything

Matt · 25 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This is a response to a recent New York Times article by Jean Garnett titled “The Trouble With Wanting Men.” The subtitle says it all: “Women are so fed up with dating men that the phenomenon even has a name — heterofatalism. So what do we do with our desire?”

Sometimes, the best response is a little humor while flipping the script. See what you think.

Ah, “heterofatalism” — the brand-new term coined for the collective exasperation of women who, after navigating the complex world of dating, come to the conclusion that men are the root of all relationship woes. You see, the issue isn't just that men are occasionally anxious, emotionally distant, or a little too obsessed with their sports teams; no, the real problem is that these poor souls — with all their confusing desires, communication issues, and tendency to occasionally ghost you after a couple of drinks — are making it impossible for women to live happily ever after.'

As of today, in Italy, the killing of a woman is considered more serious than the killing of a man

Matt · 26 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Unanimously approved in Italy, the bill introducing the crime of femicide. The senators gave their first-reading approval to the measure, which now moves to the Chamber of Deputies. The bill establishes femicide as a new, autonomous crime, punishable by life imprisonment when the murder is committed for reasons of discrimination, control, possession, domination, rejection, or hatred specifically and exclusively toward a woman.

The law introduces a serious legal asymmetry: it recognizes a specific criminal offense only if the victim is female. In doing so, the legal system moves away from the universality of criminal law, which should punish the act, not the identity of the person involved. The same action, killing a partner out of jealousy or a need for control, would be punished more severely if the victim is a woman, and not if the victim is a man. This results in a form of reverse discrimination.'

"Men Can't Be Democrats"

Matt · 27 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. She asks an interesting question: Can a man "be a man" and also be a Democrat these days? Of course this appeals to some standard of manhood which IMO isn't well-defined, but the issues she brings up are food for thought.

"I quit my job, divorced my husband, and moved to Italy to retire."

Matt · 27 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If a man wrote this same piece saying he left his wife etc. to enjoy retirement in Italy, he'd be castigated. Just pointing out the double-standard. Excerpt:

'So I quit my job, retired, and divorced my husband. We had 30 years together and raised our amazing kids. But I didn't want just to walk the dog, play pickleball, and tend a garden. I wanted a bigger life.

After the divorce, I moved into a small apartment in Colorado with a monthly rent of $1,700. I still have it and rent it out to traveling nurses abroad.

In the beginning, I thought I'd travel the majority of the year, come back to the States, and live a "normal" life there for one month a year.

For some time, I did that. I've visited nearly 50 countries, including Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Madagascar, Turkey, Cyprus, and the more popular spots, like France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Greece.'

Around the World, Feminists Have Become the New Extremists

Matt · 28 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Banging drums at the Columbia University library in early May, a group of protesters shouted: “Free, free Palestine!” They etched political slogans on the walls and defaced the library. At the end, 78 protesters were arrested – 60 of them female (1).

Whether the cause is Gaza, climate change, or Black Lives Matter, an overrepresentation of young women has become the norm in progressive activism.

Gallup reports that among American men aged 18 to 29, their political views have remained steady over the years. But among young women, the percentage who identify as “liberal” has soared, rising from 29% in 2000 to 40% in 2023. (2)

Gallup concludes, “a widening of the ideological gaps between men and women over time has been due to women becoming more liberal at a faster rate than men.”'

Obama and Democrats don’t get it: Masculinity is not the problem. Erasing it is

Mastodon · 30 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On the recent IMO podcast, former President Barack Obama, alongside Michelle Obama and Craig Robinson, claimed young men "don’t need sports" but instead need "gay mentors" and shouldn’t strive to be providers.

While the comment was dressed in intellectual language, let’s call it what it is: the latest in a series of assaults by the radical left on masculinity, tradition and biology.

This isn't just another misguided soundbite. It's part of a broader social re-engineering campaign, one that aims to redefine manhood by ignoring everything history, nature and civilization have taught us. If we allow it to continue, the outcome is not enlightenment. It's collapse.'

Elliot Page is not the role model boys need

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Women are now better at being men than men themselves. At least, that's the message from Streatham Wells Primary, where pupils are being taught that Hollywood actress Elliot Page — formerly Ellen — is a shining example of positive masculinity.

Page, who underwent a double mastectomy and now identifies as a man, is, according to headteacher Sarah Wordlaw, the embodiment of what boys should aspire to be. "We need to encourage empathy, kindness, showing emotions," she said, "listening to alternative points of view, and developing emotional literacy."

All admirable qualities. But let's be honest: these are traits traditionally associated with females — and more specifically, with the well-behaved girls every teacher quietly dreams of cloning. Meanwhile, behaviours more typical among boys — risk-taking, competitiveness, self-assertion — are largely written off as "challenging" or worse, "toxic". And while boys are being told off, their views on sex and power are being quietly shaped elsewhere. Namely, by the porn-saturated culture they're learning from long before puberty.

Tellingly, most of the role models held up for children in schools like Streatham Wells Primary — whether boys or girls — are chosen because they defy sex stereotypes. This began as part of a feminist push to liberate boys and girls from the shackles of sex roles. But somewhere along the line, the aim became less about expanding opportunity and more about engineering conformity.'

Gaza aid site offered a 'women only' day. It didn't stop the killing

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The food distribution was announced in advance, like many before it, in a post on social media carrying an illustration of smiling Palestinians receiving boxes of aid.

This time, however, the invitation shared by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) was different, featuring illustrations of only women.

"Tomorrow at our morning distribution at our location in the Saudi district, only women are welcome to come and receive a food box," the GHF post said. "Men should avoid the site during this distribution."

Mary Sheikh al-Eid wanted to feed her seven children. Her husband had been killed earlier in the war and the family had been surviving on lentil soup for three weeks, said Mary's sister Khawla, but the last week had been a struggle.

"Her children and mine told us not to go," Khawla told the BBC. "Mary told me she wanted to because it was a day for women and the numbers wouldn't be big."

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On Thursday, the sisters Mary and Khawla set off early for the aid point in the southern Rafah area. By the time they arrived, the scene was already chaos.

"There was a huge crowd of women and the place seemed out of control, they couldn't offload and distribute the aid," Khawla said. "They started spraying the women with pepper spray, then they brought stun grenades and started throwing them on the women to force them backwards."

The sisters got split up in the mayhem. Khawla's clothes were full of pepper spray and so she called her sister, agreeing to meet at their brother's house.'

Why Is Masculine Maturity So Hard to Talk About Today?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'In the early 1990s, you could walk into a bookstore and find entire tables devoted to the male journey. Robert Bly's Iron John was a bestseller. Sam Keen, James Hillman, Michael Meade, Robert Moore, Richard Rohr — all were offering soulful, intelligent takes on what it meant to be a man. It wasn't about domination. It wasn't about "reclaiming power." It was about emotional honesty, growth, and purpose. In other words: maturity.

Fast forward to today, and you'll find… almost nothing. Talk about masculinity now and the conversation quickly turns to toxicity, privilege, or fragile male egos. Where once there was myth, poetry, and psychology, we now get slogans and shame.

Why did this happen? Why is masculine maturity such a neglected subject?

Here are a few answers — and a couple of stories that may help explain why the silence around men runs so deep.'

Mass circumcision ceremony leaves 39 boys dead and dozens more mutilated

Matt · 31 July 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The 2025 tribal 'initiation ceremony' where teenage males in South Africa undergo agonising circumcision has ended – with 39 deaths and dozens more boys mutilated.

Despite a target being set by the Government of zero fatalities this year, the figure is still a huge drop on last year where 93 died, while a total of 361 boys have died in the last five years.

Gruesome complications in 2024 led to 11 penis amputations after unskilled traditional 'surgeons' used old spears and razor blades to perform the eye-watering rituals.'

Engineered Fatherlessness Creates Chaos

Matt · 2 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article and video here. Excerpt:

'This 2021 video explores the growing issue of fatherlessness, questioning whether it's been deliberately engineered or simply allowed to happen. It exposes the fact that we knew even in the 1960's the devastating impact of not having fathers in the home. It shows some little known, and basically ignored research about this issue. Yes, Dan Quayle was correct!'

SuperShe Island

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Remeber back in 2018 the story about the island purchased by a successful American businesswoman that would be open as a resort to women only? What ever happened to it? Alas for her it seems the idea didn't pan out. In 2023 the island was sold to a shipping magnate for a million euros. The wikipedia entry is here. Intetestingly not many details are found there.

Feminist Tries Living Alone Like A Man for Two Weeks

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Video here. A simple read-out of a post by a young woman discussing her 2-week experiment: live alone like a man for two weeks.

Gavin Newsom tackles masculinity crisis via executive order

Mastodon · 5 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Gavin Newsom is the latest Democratic leader to address the question of how to solve rising rates of loneliness, substance use disorder, and economic stagnation among American men.

On Wednesday, he issued an executive order directing his administration to engage more men and boys by identifying civic volunteer opportunities, expanding mental health support, and recruiting more male teachers and school counselors.

Politicians on both sides of the aisle have trained their attention recently on how to improve educational, romantic and employment opportunities for men and boys, a phenomenon referred to as the “masculinity crisis.” The epidemic has been cited as a deciding factor in President Donald Trump’s reelection and as one of the reasons the Democratic Party’s popularity has plummeted to historic lows.'

Criticism Mounts as Police Chief Is Sued for Workplace Discrimination

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Cincinnati Police Chief Teresa Theetge is facing mounting criticism over how her department handled the brawl that erupted in the streets of downtown on July 25, while also being accused of workplace discrimination, the New York Post reported Saturday.

When video footage of the incident spread online, showing several people beating a man, and a woman being knocked unconscious, officials denounced the violent behavior, according to Breitbart News.

In addition, the Post report said Theetge was being sued by several officers who accused her of discriminating against white lieutenants when it came to promotions and assignments, noting the lawsuit was filed in May.

The officers in the suit have claimed the chief overlooked them and handed out the privileges to minority and female lieutenants.

The outlet continued:

Theetge was allegedly “personally involved in the assignment decisions” and used a “race-based quota system” to promote minorities and women to career-enhancing positions, the suit states.

Coveted “preferred-assignments” were doled out to 79% of minority lieutenants and 89% of female lieutenants in 2023 — but just 44% of white male Lieutenants were given the assignment, the lawsuit claimed.'

The hatred of straight white men

Matt · 8 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Sydney Watson covers a race/gender/sexual orientation bias obvious to many of us but not to everyone.

Tea: The App That Lets Women Rate Men Like Used Cars—What Could Possibly Go Wrong?

Matt · 9 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'What it offers is a digital vigilante squad, accountable to no one. Screenshots are disabled. The screen reportedly blacks out if you try, and users are kept anonymous. Despite this built-in privacy feature for its petty users, the same courtesy is not extended to its potential victims of reputation destruction, gossip, manipulation, and social exclusion; all patterns of female antisocial behavior. Women on this app can "access a nationwide forum of posts" and "set alerts for a man's name" so they “never miss any tea about [their] potential date, ex, or partner.”

The app allows women to run background checks, reverse image search, and look up phone numbers, as well as advertise men as walking red or green flags. Chivalrous, funny, respectful, pays for the date, and calls back? Green flag. Toxic, jealous, dishonest, and dating multiple women? Red flag. Any anonymous scorned lover with a grudge and a WiFi connection can now upload photos of a man she wants to vet to the mob of other similarly petty, paranoid women, like a human carfax—a can of worms I can assure women they do not want to open.'

Nuisance or hero? Retired U-M prof perfects art of fighting campus DEI

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Article here. Excerpt:

'So it goes with Perry, who has become one of the nation's busiest litigants in the culture wars over diversity, equity and inclusion. Over nine years, he estimates he's filed nearly 1,000 formal complaints alleging that college scholarships, programs and other opportunities based on gender or race violate federal civil-rights laws.

A hero to some and reviled by others, Perry said he's notched a long list of successes: canceling a Minnesota high school field trip for students of color, the decision by Northwood College in Midland to open up to men a scholarship that had been reserved for women and making a Michigan State University 100-year women's lounge co-ed.'

Charges dropped against man accused of trying to abduct a child at a Georgia Walmart after surveillance video sows doubt

Matt · 9 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is why men shouldn't play the protector role. He is likely to get into trouble just for being a decent human being. Excerpt:

'Charges have been dismissed against a man who was facing attempted kidnapping and other charges after a mother accused him of trying to grab her 2-year-old son from her at a Georgia Walmart, court records show.

Mahendra Patel encountered 26-year-old Caroline Miller with her two children riding a motorized cart she was driving in the March 18 incident at a Walmart in the city of Acworth, about 30 miles northwest of downtown Atlanta. He asked her for help to find Tylenol, his lawyer says. Miller alleged Patel then grabbed her 2-year-old son from her, but that she pulled the child back.

Patel's lawyer, however, says surveillance videos prove he was just trying to make sure the boy didn't fall from the scooter, which they said had just clipped a store display.

Patel was held in a Cobb County jail for 45 days after he was indicted on April 3 by a grand jury on charges of criminal attempt to commit kidnapping, simple assault and simple battery.

He was released on a $10,000 bond in early May after his lawyer, Ashleigh Merchant, presented her case as to why he should be released by showing the judge a compilation of security footage she subpoenaed from Walmart and shared with media outlets, including CNN.

It was the security footage that drew public attention to the case and prompted over 90,000 people to sign a petition declaring his innocence and calling for his release.'

NCFM – William Seremak Hunger Strike Riverside California Superior Court

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Mr. Seremak's plea to Judge Jackson below is not an isolated cry for help — it is part of a long, persistent effort to be heard. He has written extensively to those involved in his case, detailing a deeply troubling narrative that includes alleged domestic abuse by his former spouse, politically charged criminal accusations, and a denial of his constitutional right to a speedy trial. After enduring more than 400 days of incarceration, compounded by serious health issues, Mr. Seremak remains most devastated by the forced separation from his young daughter — a loss that continues to fuel his fight for justice.

Mr. Seremak's story reflects broader concerns about a system that can overlook the rights of fathers, due process, and the human cost of bureaucratic indifference. While NCFM supports his call for accountability, transparency, and reform, the statements he makes are his own. NCFM does not endorse or verify these claims and continues to uphold the principles of due process and the presumption of innocence for all parties.'

Norfolk death prompts review into domestic abuse on men

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A review into the death of a 27-year-old man who took his own life after suffering sustained domestic abuse at the hands of his partner has highlighted concerns that not enough is done to help male victims.

In the report, his family claim he was "treated differently" by agencies intended to help people suffering from domestic abuse because he was a man and that police often took his partner's side, as she was a woman.

The review was carried out by the Norfolk Community Safety Partnership (NCSP) after a police investigation into his death uncovered the history of domestic abuse.

It describes how the father-of-two - who is anonymised as 'Val' in the report - was repeatedly assaulted by his partner, 'Kim', to the extent that he was left cut, bruised and bleeding.'

Why do Women Cling to Feminism?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'There's a powerful force at play that binds both men and women to the belief that feminism stands for equality. Despite clear evidence to the contrary, public perception remains steadfast. This strong adhesive, I believe, is gynocentrism—an often unnoticed bias that influences both genders to avoid confronting the truth.

But what exactly is gynocentrism? It's the pervasive belief that women's needs, desires, and perspectives should take precedence. This societal tendency elevates women's experiences to a central position in discussions of justice, equality, and societal norms. Remarkably, many are unaware of this bias within themselves; it operates subtly yet significantly in everyday life.

Feminists, whether knowingly or not, have harnessed gynocentrism as a tool to shield their ideology from scrutiny. By framing their movement around the principle that women's well-being and viewpoints must be prioritized—a core tenet of gynocentrism—they've built an ideology that resonates not just with women, but also with men who unwittingly accept this framework.'

Feminism is Sexism - even AI agrees

NobleDragon · 11 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

After numerous prompts and examples (mostly to increase the scope, depth, and examples), I was able to get Grok xAI to write the following. It leaves a lot to be desired, but it's a start. Enjoy!

Noble Dragon

A Comprehensive Treatise on the Non-Egalitarian, Sexist, and Racist Dimensions of Feminism Across All Waves and Types
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Introduction

Feminism, frequently heralded as a movement for gender equality, has consistently prioritized female interests over equitable treatment for all, revealing a core that is not only non-egalitarian but also inherently sexist and, at times, racially biased. This treatise argues that, across its historical waves and ideological variants, feminism has advanced female power while disregarding or exacerbating male disadvantages, often employing narratives and actions that vilify men and exploit racial stereotypes for strategic gain. By focusing on outcomes rather than stated intentions—as intent is best inferred from actions and achievements—this analysis draws on historical context, social science research, and academic critiques to provide a thorough indictment of feminism's non-egalitarian nature. It delves deeply into existing topics, introduces new dimensions such as political advocacy disparities, social welfare policies, and public shaming tactics, and incorporates high-profile cases like the Duke Lacrosse scandal, UVA rape hoax, and others to illustrate feminism's sexist and racist tendencies. This expanded treatise anticipates and counters objections, such as claims that feminism corrects patriarchal imbalances, and concludes with a speculative analysis of feminism's underlying goals based on its observable impacts across legal, educational, workplace, family, health, military, cultural, and political domains.

First-Wave Feminism (Late 19th to Early 20th Century): Selective Advocacy and Social Power
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The Voting Franchise: A Case of Selective Equality

First-wave feminism, often celebrated for securing women's suffrage, operated in a context where male voting rights were significantly restricted, yet it pursued universal female franchise without addressing male disenfranchisement, revealing a non-egalitarian and sexist approach. In the early 19th-century United States, voting eligibility for men was tied to property ownership, literacy, or tax-paying status. In 1800, only about 50–60% of white adult males could vote due to property qualifications, which varied by state (Keyssar, 2000). By the 1820s, states like New York and Massachusetts relaxed these requirements, but barriers persisted for Black men, poor white men, and immigrants. The 15th Amendment (1870) nominally granted Black men voting rights, but Jim Crow laws, poll taxes, and literacy tests reduced eligible male voters to approximately 70% by 1900 (Engerman & Sokoloff, 2005). In southern states, Black male voter turnout dropped to under 10% by 1900 due to these restrictions (Keyssar, 2000).

Feminist leaders like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony demanded universal suffrage for women, achieved with the 19th Amendment (1920), but ignored disenfranchised men. Stanton's opposition to the 15th Amendment, arguing that educated white women deserved precedence over "ignorant" Black men (Stanton, 1869, as cited in Davis, 1981), exemplifies a racially biased prioritization of white female interests. This stance alienated Black women and men, reinforcing racial hierarchies to advance white women's goals. The movement's silence on male-specific burdens, such as conscription during World War I, which mandated military service for men and resulted in over 116,000 U.S. male deaths, further highlights its sexist focus on female gains without addressing

male sacrifices (Chambers, 1987). This selective advocacy ignored the fact that voting was often tied to male obligations, such as military service, which women were exempt from, revealing a pattern of pursuing female benefits while disregarding male burdens.

Women's Pre-Suffrage Social Power

Contrary to feminist narratives of female powerlessness, women wielded significant social influence before gaining the vote, often using moral authority to shape legislation and culture in ways that marginalized men and reinforced sexist stereotypes. The Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), founded in 1874, mobilized 150,000 women by 1890 to advocate for prohibition, framing male drinking as a moral failing and a threat to family stability (Bordin, 1981). WCTU leader Frances Willard declared alcohol a "male vice" that women must correct, portraying men as inherently irresponsible and in need of female oversight (Willard, 1889, as cited in Gusfield, 1986). This rhetoric influenced the Volstead Act (1919), demonstrating women's legislative impact without formal voting rights.

Additional examples of female social power include:

- Moral Reform Societies: The New York Female Moral Reform Society (1834) targeted male licentiousness, particularly prostitution, positioning women as morally superior. Its publication, The Advocate of Moral Reform, described men as "the chief promoters of vice" and urged women to "restrain the passions of men" (1835, as cited in Smith-Rosenberg, 1985). Leaders like Sarah Ingraham argued that "men's licentiousness" was the root of social decay, advocating laws to regulate male behavior, such as anti-prostitution ordinances in New York City (Smith-Rosenberg, 1985). These efforts cast men as morally deficient, justifying female control over male conduct.

- Public Health Advocacy: Women led sanitation reforms through organizations like the Ladies' Sanitary Association (1860s), criticizing male-dominated municipal governance as negligent. Their campaigns secured ordinances for improved water and waste systems in cities like Boston and Philadelphia, showcasing women's ability to shape policy through moral suasion (Melosi, 2000). Leaders like Louisa Lee Schuyler framed men as "indifferent to public welfare," reinforcing sexist stereotypes of male incompetence (Melosi, 2000).

- Education Reform and Male Disadvantage: Feminist advocates like Catharine Beecher expanded female access to education, establishing schools like the Hartford Female Seminary (1823) and shaping curricula that prioritized female literacy and professional training (Sklar, 1973). However, these reforms ignored boys' restricted educational access, particularly in rural areas. In the 19th century, boys aged 10–14 were frequently kept from school during planting and harvest seasons for farm labor, leading to a 20% lower attendance rate compared to girls in agricultural states like Iowa and Nebraska by 1870 (Ruggles et al., 2010). For example, in Wisconsin, boys' school attendance dropped to 65% during peak agricultural seasons, while girls maintained 85% attendance (Tyack & Hansot, 1990). Feminist advocacy for women's colleges, such as Vassar (1861) and Wellesley (1870), focused on female higher education without addressing these K–12 disparities for boys, which resulted in lower literacy rates for rural males (15% illiteracy vs. 10% for females by 1880) (U.S. Census Bureau, 1880). This selective focus perpetuated an educational gap that favored girls and ignored systemic barriers for boys, reflecting a sexist bias in feminist priorities.

These examples demonstrate women's ability to leverage moral, social, and cultural authority to drive change, often at the expense of men's social standing. By framing men as morally inferior or socially deficient, first-wave feminism reinforced sexist stereotypes and prioritized female empowerment over equitable reform. The neglect of boys' educational barriers further underscores a pattern of pursuing female gains while ignoring male disadvantages.

Conscription and Male Sacrifice

First-wave feminism's silence on conscription exemplifies its non-egalitarian and sexist nature. During World War I, the Selective Service Act of 1917 mandated military service for men aged 21–30, with over 2.8 million drafted and 116,000 deaths (Chambers, 1987). Non-compliance was punishable by imprisonment, and conscientious

objectors faced harsh penalties, including solitary confinement (Kohn, 1986). Women faced no equivalent obligation, yet feminist leaders like Stanton and Anthony did not advocate for women's inclusion in the draft or men's exemption, despite demanding equal rights in voting. This selective advocacy ignored the linkage between male citizenship and military sacrifice, reinforcing a pattern of pursuing female benefits while disregarding male burdens.

Racial Bias in Suffrage Advocacy

The racial bias in first-wave feminism's suffrage campaign further highlights its non-egalitarian nature. Stanton and Anthony's opposition to the 15th Amendment, which prioritized Black male suffrage, was rooted in a belief that white women were more entitled to vote. Stanton's writings in The Revolution (1868–1870) frequently used racial slurs, describing Black men as "Sambos" unfit for political power (Davis, 1981). This rhetoric alienated Black women, who were excluded from mainstream feminist organizations like the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA), and ignored the disenfranchisement of Black men through poll taxes and literacy tests. The NWSA's alignment with white supremacist groups, such as southern women's clubs that supported segregation, further entrenched racial hierarchies to advance white female interests (Newman, 1999). This willingness to exploit racial divisions reveals a racist dimension in first-wave feminism's pursuit of female empowerment.

Anticipating Objections

Critics may argue that first-wave feminism focused on suffrage due to women's unique exclusion from voting. However, the restricted male franchise—only 70% of men could vote by 1900—and the burdens of conscription highlight feminism's selective focus (Keyssar, 2000; Chambers, 1987). The racially charged opposition to Black male suffrage and the exclusion of Black women from feminist organizations undermine claims of egalitarian intent (Davis, 1981). An equitable movement would have addressed all voting restrictions and gender-specific burdens, not just those affecting women.

Second-Wave Feminism (1960s–1980s): Benefits Without Burdens

Workplace Opportunities and Occupational Segregation

Second-wave feminism, catalyzed by Betty Friedan's The Feminine Mystique (1963), sought access to male-dominated fields but ignored men's overrepresentation in high-risk occupations, revealing a sexist bias in its pursuit of equality. The Equal Pay Act of 1963 addressed wage disparities, increasing female representation in law (from 5% in 1970 to 20% by 1980) and medicine (from 10% to 25%) (Goldin, 1990). However, feminist advocacy did not address men's dominance in dangerous jobs like construction (93% male, 7,000 annual deaths), mining (98% male, 1,200 deaths), and logging (95% male, 500 deaths) (BLS, 1975). Men accounted for 94% of occupational fatalities, yet no feminist campaigns pushed for women's inclusion in these fields or protections for men (BLS, 1975). This selective focus on prestigious roles, while ignoring hazardous ones, prioritized female advancement over equitable risk-sharing.

For example, the National Organization for Women (NOW) campaigned for women's entry into corporate boardrooms and professional schools but remained silent on male-dominated trades like welding, where men faced high injury rates (BLS, 1975). The Occupational Safety and Health Act (1970), while improving workplace safety, was not influenced by feminist advocacy to address male-specific risks, despite men comprising 90% of workplace injuries (Levine, 2003). This pattern of pursuing male benefits without male burdens reflects a sexist agenda that favored female empowerment over mutual equity.

Reproductive Rights and Male Disenfranchisement

The push for reproductive rights, culminating in Roe v. Wade (1973), granted women autonomy over pregnancy but ignored men's lack of reproductive choice. Men faced mandatory child support obligations without legal options to opt out post-conception, a disparity unaddressed by feminist organizations like NOW (Young, 2006). In

Hermanson v. State (1981), courts upheld male child support obligations even in cases of non-consensual conception, such as statutory rape, reinforcing men's legal powerlessness. Feminist advocacy for female reproductive autonomy, while critical, ignored this asymmetry, prioritizing female rights over equitable reproductive policies.

Conscription and Military Service

During the Vietnam War, men faced mandatory conscription, with 58,220 U.S. male deaths, while feminists did not advocate for women's inclusion in the draft or men's exemption (Chambers, 1987). The Selective Service Act of 1980 continued to require only men to register, with non-compliance punishable by up to five years in prison. NOW's silence on this issue, despite demands for workplace equality, underscores a sexist prioritization of female benefits over male burdens. For example, feminist campaigns for equal pay and job access did not extend to advocating for gender-neutral conscription, even as women gained access to military academies like West Point in 1976 (Holm, 1992).

Family Law: Custody and Alimony

Second-wave feminism resisted egalitarian family law reforms, particularly in divorce and custody, prioritizing maternal rights over equitable outcomes. No-fault divorce laws, supported by NOW in the 1970s, empowered women to leave marriages but disadvantaged men financially and emotionally. By 1980, mothers received custody in 80% of U.S. cases, despite meta-analyses showing shared parenting benefits children's psychological and social outcomes (Bauserman, 2002). NOW opposed joint custody reforms, arguing they could tie women to abusive ex-partners, even in non-abusive cases, claiming shared custody "undermines maternal authority" and could lead to "economic instability for women" (NOW, 1986, as cited in Kruk, 1993). This stance ignored evidence that non-custodial fathers faced 2.5 times higher suicide rates and paid 85% of child support, often under financial strain (Kposowa, 2000; U.S. Census Bureau, 1985).

Feminist leaders like Gloria Steinem supported alimony reforms that favored women, arguing they compensated for domestic labor (Steinem, 1970). However, men were awarded alimony in less than 10% of cases by 1980, despite economic disparities in some marriages (Weitzman, 1985). In California, where no-fault divorce was pioneered in 1969, men faced asset division that often left them with less than 30% of marital property, exacerbating post-divorce poverty (Weitzman, 1985). This entrenched maternal preference and male financial burdens, reflecting a sexist bias against equitable family law.

Domestic Violence: Exclusion of Male Victims

Second-wave feminism established women's shelters and rape crisis centers but ignored male victims, reinforcing a sexist narrative that only women suffer violence. The National Crime Victimization Survey (1973–1980) reported that 35% of intimate partner violence victims were men, yet feminist-led shelters, influenced by NOW, focused exclusively on women (Straus, 1999). Erin Pizzey, founder of the first women's shelter in 1971, criticized feminist shelters for refusing male victims, noting that men reporting abuse were often turned away or ridiculed (Pizzey, 2011). The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA, 1994) allocated resources primarily for female victims, despite comparable male victimization rates (35% of men vs. 37% of women) (CDC, 2010). Feminist rhetoric, such as NOW's 1980 campaign framing domestic violence as a "male problem," marginalized male victims and denied them support, perpetuating a sexist bias (Dutton, 2006).

Political Advocacy Disparities

Second-wave feminism's political advocacy focused on female-specific issues, such as abortion rights and workplace discrimination, while ignoring male-specific political disadvantages. For example, men faced mandatory draft registration, which was tied to eligibility for federal benefits like student loans and government jobs, a requirement women were exempt from (Holm, 1992). Feminist organizations did not advocate for gender-neutral draft policies or protections for men denied benefits due to non-registration. Similarly, feminist lobbying for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) emphasized female equality but ignored male-specific issues like paternity fraud,

where men were legally obligated to support children they did not father (Young, 2006). This selective advocacy prioritized female political power over equitable reform.

Anticipating Objections

Critics might argue that second-wave feminism addressed systemic patriarchal barriers, justifying a female focus. However, ignoring male burdens—workplace deaths, conscription, reproductive disparities, custodial inequities, and political disadvantages—contradicts egalitarian principles (BLS, 1975; Young, 2006). NOW's opposition to shared custody and the exclusion of male victims from violence advocacy highlight a sexist prioritization of female interests over mutual equity (Bauserman, 2002; Straus, 1999).

Third-Wave Feminism (1990s–Early 2000s): Cultural Narratives and Male Vilification
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Cultural Narratives and Stereotyping

Third-wave feminism, emphasizing intersectionality, perpetuated anti-male narratives by framing men as universally privileged, often with racially charged undertones. Peggy McIntosh's "male privilege" concept (1988) portrayed men as inherently advantaged, ignoring male disadvantages like suicide (3.5 times higher than female rates) and incarceration (93% male prisoners) (CDC, 1999; BJS, 2000). Gender studies programs labeled masculinity as "toxic," with terms like "hegemonic masculinity" portraying male behavior as oppressive (Connell, 1995). For example, feminist scholar Michael Kimmel argued that masculinity fosters violence and entitlement, without equivalent scrutiny of female gender roles (Kimmel, 2000). Cultural products like Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues (1996) depicted men as aggressors, with lines like "My vagina was my village, and you invaded it," reinforcing stereotypes of male predation (Ensler, 1996). The riot grrrl movement's lyrics, such as Bikini Kill's "Dead Men Don't Rape" (1991), implied inherent male violence, shaping cultural perceptions that marginalized male perspectives (Marcus, 2010). Sitcoms like Home Improvement and Everybody Loves Raymond portrayed men as bumbling or emotionally stunted, embedding negative stereotypes (Scharrer, 2001).

Educational Disparities and Male Neglect

Third-wave feminism prioritized female educational opportunities, such as STEM initiatives, while ignoring male educational decline. By 2000, women earned 57% of bachelor's degrees, and boys lagged in reading and writing by 10–15 points on standardized tests (OECD, 2000). Feminist advocacy focused on closing the gender gap in male-dominated fields like engineering (5% female in 1990) but ignored male underrepresentation in education (75% female) and boys' lower graduation rates (84% vs. 90% for girls) (NCES, 2000). Title IX policies, while promoting female sports, eliminated over 2,000 men's teams by 2000, reducing male athletic opportunities (Gavora, 2002). For example, universities like Stanford cut men's wrestling and gymnastics programs to comply with Title IX proportionality requirements, despite male student demand (Gavora, 2002). This selective focus exacerbated the educational gender gap, favoring female advancement over balanced reform.

High-Profile False Accusations: Duke Lacrosse Case

The Duke Lacrosse case (2006) exemplifies third-wave feminism's sexist and racist tendencies. Crystal Mangum, a Black woman, falsely accused three white Duke lacrosse players of rape, sparking a national narrative of privileged white men victimizing a marginalized woman. Feminist commentators like Amanda Marcotte labeled defenders of the accused as "rape-loving scum" and sarcastically remarked, "Can't a few white boys sexually assault a black woman anymore without people getting all wound up about it?" (Marcotte, 2007, as cited in Wikipedia, 2024). The NAACP and Duke's "Group of 88" faculty, many aligned with feminist ideology, condemned the players as racist and sexist, despite no DNA evidence and Mangum's inconsistent accounts (Taylor & Johnson, 2007). The case collapsed in 2007, with prosecutor Mike Nifong disbarred for withholding exculpatory evidence. Mangum admitted in 2024 that she fabricated the allegations, citing a desire for "validation" (AP News, 2024). The rush to judgment, fueled by feminist narratives, vilified innocent men and exploited racial tensions, highlighting sexism and racism in feminist advocacy.

Additional Cases: Mattress Girl and Columbia University

The “Mattress Girl” case at Columbia University (2014) further illustrates third-wave feminism’s sexist bias. Emma Sulkowicz accused fellow student Paul Nungesser of rape, carrying a mattress on campus as a feminist protest, supported by feminist groups and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (Sulkowicz, 2014). Columbia’s investigation found insufficient evidence, and Nungesser faced harassment and reputational damage, despite police declining to press charges (Young, 2015). Sulkowicz’s performance art, celebrated by feminist media, amplified the narrative of male predation without due process, reflecting a sexist presumption of guilt.

Anticipating Objections

Critics may claim that third-wave feminism’s intersectionality made it inclusive. However, its neglect of male issues—incarceration, suicide, and educational decline—and its role in cases like Duke Lacrosse and Mattress Girl reveal a sexist and racially biased approach that prioritizes female narratives over evidence and fairness (BJS, 2000; CDC, 1999; Taylor & Johnson, 2007).

Fourth-Wave Feminism (2010s–Present): Amplifying Sexism and Racism
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#MeToo and Presumption of Guilt

The #MeToo movement amplified anti-male narratives by presuming male guilt, often with racial undertones. While exposing abuse, it sidelined male victims (1 in 6 men report sexual abuse) and promoted “believe women” policies that undermined due process (Stemple & Meyer, 2014). The Johnny Depp–Amber Heard case (2022) revealed mutual abuse, yet Depp faced ostracism based on unproven allegations, with feminist organizations like NOW defending Heard’s claims (Heard v. Depp, 2022). The UVA rape hoax (2014), reported by Rolling Stone, falsely accused fraternity members of gang rape, driven by feminist narratives of campus rape culture. The story collapsed due to inconsistencies, but not before damaging reputations, with feminist advocates like Zerlina Maxwell defending the narrative despite evidence (Erdely, 2014; Coronel et al., 2015). These cases reflect a sexist bias that prioritizes female narratives over fairness and exploits racial stereotypes when convenient, as seen in the UVA case’s portrayal of white fraternity members as predators.

False Accusation Rates

Feminist claims that false sexual assault accusations are only 2–10% (Lisak et al., 2010) underestimate the issue. A 2010 meta-analysis found rates of 10–41% using stricter definitions of “false” (e.g., proven fabrication) (David et al., 2010). A 1994 study by Eugene Kanin estimated a 40% false accusation rate in a small U.S. city, based on police and victim recantations, though its small sample limits generalizability (Kanin, 1994). A 2017 study by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center found that 20% of allegations were inconclusive or lacked evidence, suggesting a higher potential for false claims than commonly reported (NSVRC, 2017). High-profile cases like Duke Lacrosse, UVA, and Mattress Girl highlight the devastating impact of false accusations, amplified by feminist rhetoric, on men’s lives through job loss, reputational damage, and social ostracism (Taylor & Johnson, 2007; Coronel et al., 2015).

Institutional Double Standards

Fourth-wave feminism has pursued access to male-only spaces while preserving female-only ones, reflecting sexist double standards:

- Sports Reporters in Locker Rooms: Feminist lawsuits, like Ludtke v. Kuhn (1978), granted female reporters access to male locker rooms, arguing equality. However, male reporters remain barred from female locker rooms, citing privacy, a disparity unaddressed by feminists (Ludtke, 1978). For example, in 1990, female reporter Lisa Olson faced harassment in the New England Patriots’ locker room, prompting feminist calls for access, but no reciprocal advocacy for male reporters (Olson, 1990).

- Male-Only vs. Female-Only Colleges: Feminist lawsuits, such as Mississippi University for Women v. Hogan

(1982), forced male-only colleges like The Citadel to admit women, citing discrimination. Female-only colleges like Wellesley and Smith remain exclusive, with feminists defending them as “safe spaces” (Hogan, 1982; Wellesley College, 2020). This double standard prioritizes female privilege while dismantling male spaces.

- Boy Scouts vs. Girl Scouts: Feminist advocacy led to the Boy Scouts admitting girls in 2018, arguing inclusivity, but the Girl Scouts remain female-only, with no feminist push for boys’ inclusion (BSA, 2018; Girl Scouts, 2020). This reflects a sexist agenda that opens male spaces while preserving female exclusivity.

- Augusta National Golf Club: Feminists, led by Martha Burk and NOW, pressured Augusta National to admit women in 2012, framing male-only clubs as discriminatory. Female-only clubs, like the Ladies’ Golf Union, face no similar scrutiny, highlighting feminist hypocrisy (Burk, 2003).

- Military Academies: Feminist lawsuits in the 1990s forced male-only military academies, like the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), to admit women (United States v. Virginia, 1996). Female-only programs, such as women’s leadership initiatives within the military, remain unchallenged, reinforcing sexist double standards (Binkin, 1993).

These double standards prioritize female access while preserving female privilege, undermining egalitarian claims and reflecting a sexist agenda.

Educational Disparities and Male Decline

Feminist-driven initiatives have boosted female STEM participation (30% of degrees by 2020) but ignored male college enrollment declines (41% of graduates) (NCES, 2020). Title IX policies disproportionately discipline men, with 70% of suspensions for sexual misconduct, often without conclusive evidence (Kipnis, 2017). For example, in 2015, Yale University suspended a male student based on an unproven allegation, later overturned, highlighting the bias in Title IX enforcement (Kipnis, 2017). Feminist advocacy for female scholarships and mentorship programs has not been matched by efforts to address boys’ lower high school graduation rates (88% vs. 90% for girls) or male underrepresentation in fields like nursing (75% female) (NCES, 2020; BLS, 2020).

Workplace Disparities and High-Risk Jobs

Feminist policies have increased female representation in corporate boards (e.g., Norway’s 40% female mandate) but ignored male-dominated high-risk industries, where men account for 92% of workplace deaths (BLS, 2020). No feminist campaigns advocate for women’s inclusion in construction (93% male) or for men’s entry into female-dominated fields like teaching (70% female) (BLS, 2020). The gender pay gap, often cited as evidence of discrimination, ignores men’s overrepresentation in low-paying, dangerous jobs like waste collection (95% male) (Hakim, 2000). This selective focus reflects a sexist prioritization of female advancement over equitable risk-sharing.

Mental Health and Health Disparities

Feminist campaigns focus on female mental health, such as postpartum depression, but ignore male suicide rates (3–4 times higher globally) and veteran PTSD, which affects 15% of male veterans (WHO, 2021; Tanielian & Jaycox, 2008). Breast cancer research receives 7 times more funding per death than prostate cancer, despite similar mortality rates (NCI, 2020). Feminist advocacy for women’s health initiatives, like the Women’s Health Initiative (1991), has not been matched by efforts for male-specific health issues, reflecting a sexist neglect of male well-being (White, 2011).

Criminal Justice Disparities

Feminist-influenced laws, like VAWA, prioritize female victims, despite 35% of domestic violence victims being men (CDC, 2010). Men receive 63% longer sentences for similar crimes, and women are more likely to receive probation (Starr, 2012). The “chivalry hypothesis” suggests judicial bias favoring women, with female offenders receiving lighter sentences in 80% of cases (Daly, 1987). Feminist advocacy has not addressed this disparity, reinforcing a sexist legal framework.

Media Portrayals and Public Shaming

Feminist-influenced media, from The Simpsons to Captain Marvel (2019), portrays men as incompetent or villainous, reinforcing sexist stereotypes. Feminist critics like Anita Sarkeesian critique male video game characters as “toxic,” while female stereotypes face less scrutiny (Sarkeesian, 2013). Public shaming campaigns, such as #YesAllWomen, generalize men as threats, with tweets like “All men benefit from male privilege” amplifying sexist narratives (Hess, 2014). These tactics marginalize men and contribute to mental health disparities, with male suicide rates 3–4 times higher (WHO, 2021).

Social Welfare Policies

Feminist advocacy has shaped social welfare policies to favor women, often at men’s expense. For example, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) programs prioritize mothers, with 95% of benefits going to women, despite male caregivers’ needs (USDA, 2020). Homelessness programs focus on female victims, though men comprise 90% of the homeless population (HUD, 2020). Feminist campaigns for subsidized childcare rarely address single fathers, who receive less than 10% of benefits (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020). This reflects a sexist bias in resource allocation.

Additional Cases: Brock Turner and Brian Banks

- Brock Turner Case (2016): Feminist outrage over Turner’s six-month sentence for sexual assault framed him as a symbol of “rape culture,” ignoring the complexity of the case, where both parties were intoxicated and evidence was inconclusive (People v. Turner, 2016). Feminist media, like Jezebel, labeled Turner a “privileged predator,” amplifying racial and class stereotypes without acknowledging due process concerns (Dockterman, 2016).

- Brian Banks Case (2012): Banks, a Black man, was falsely accused of rape in 2002, serving five years in prison before his accuser recanted. Feminist narratives initially supported the accuser, ignoring racial and gender biases in the justice system (Banks, 2012). The case highlights how feminist advocacy can exploit racial stereotypes to vilify men.

Anticipating Objections

Critics may argue that fourth-wave feminism addresses leadership gaps (8% of Fortune 500 CEOs are female). However, ignoring male disadvantages in education, workplace safety, criminal justice, and social welfare, while pursuing double standards in institutional access, reveals a sexist and racially selective agenda (NCES, 2020; BLS, 2020; Taylor & Johnson, 2007).

Female Power and Privilege: A Historical Perspective

Reassessing Power Dynamics

The feminist narrative of universal patriarchy oversimplifies history, ignoring women’s significant influence. Mothers, as primary caregivers, shaped societal values and gender norms, exerting more influence than formal political power (Chodorow, 1978). Women’s moral authority, evident in temperance and reform movements, positioned them as society’s ethical arbiters, often at men’s expense (Welter, 1966). For example, 19th-century women’s religious leadership in churches like the Methodist Episcopal Church influenced community norms, with women comprising 60% of congregants and driving moral reforms (Brekus, 1998).

Forms of Female Power

- Sexual Power: Women’s mate selection strategies influenced male behavior, securing resources or status (Buss, 1989). In Victorian England, strategic marriages enhanced family wealth, a power dynamic ignored by feminists (Davidoff & Hall, 1987).

- Maternal Influence: Mothers socialized children, reinforcing gender norms like male stoicism, which disadvantaged men emotionally (Chodorow, 1978). For example, mothers’ emphasis on male “toughness” contributed to higher male suicide rates (Kposowa, 2000).

- Moral Authority: WCTU and moral reform societies framed men as morally inferior, influencing laws that regulated male behavior. Frances Willard's claim that men's "animal passions" required female restraint justified anti-vice laws (Gusfield, 1986).

Anticipating Objections

Critics may argue that women's power was limited by domestic roles. However, maternal and moral influence shaped societal norms more than political power, and feminist advocacy leveraged these roles to advance female interests while ignoring male vulnerabilities (Chodorow, 1978; Gusfield, 1986).

Additional Societal Impacts

Economic Disparities

Feminist policies have boosted female earnings (82% of male wages), but men dominate low-paying, high-risk jobs like waste collection (95% male) and construction (BLS, 2020). Feminist advocacy for equal pay ignores men's overrepresentation in these sectors, reflecting a sexist bias (Hakim, 2000).

Public Policy and Taxation

Feminist-influenced policies, like tax credits for single mothers, disproportionately benefit women, with 90% of Earned Income Tax Credit recipients being female (IRS, 2020). Men, particularly low-income fathers, receive less support, despite higher poverty rates among non-custodial fathers (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020).

Cultural Narratives and Literature

Feminist literature, like Andrea Dworkin's Pornography: Men Possessing Women (1981), portrays male sexuality as inherently violent, contributing to cultural biases that harm men's social standing (Dworkin, 1981). Contemporary feminist books, like The Handmaid's Tale adaptations, amplify dystopian narratives of male oppression, ignoring female power dynamics (Atwood, 1985).

Religious Influence

Feminist advocacy within religious institutions has prioritized female inclusion, such as women's ordination, but ignored male-specific issues like the expectation of male stoicism in religious teachings, which contributes to mental health disparities (Brekus, 1998; WHO, 2021).

Speculation on Feminism's Goals

Feminism's consistent prioritization of female interests, from suffrage to #MeToo, suggests a goal of female dominance rather than equality. Its silence on male disadvantages, double standards in institutional access, and racially charged narratives in cases like Duke Lacrosse and Brian Banks indicate a sexist and racially selective agenda that inverts traditional power dynamics to favor women (Chodorow, 1978; Taylor & Johnson, 2007). By vilifying men and preserving female privileges, feminism seeks a societal hierarchy where women hold preferential status.

Conclusion

Feminism's history reveals a non-egalitarian, sexist, and racially biased movement that prioritizes female empowerment while neglecting or vilifying men. From first-wave suffrage to fourth-wave #MeToo, feminism has pursued female benefits, ignored male burdens, and employed double standards, as seen in cases like Duke Lacrosse, UVA, and institutional access disparities. Its actions suggest a goal of female supremacy, undermining claims of equality.

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Illinois substitute teacher had sex with 11-year-old student during 'play dates,' police say

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'An Illinois substitute teacher pleaded guilty to having sex with her 11-year-old student during what was described as "play dates" at her home, reports said.

Former Decatur Public Schools employee Alley Bardfield, 34, is now set to be sentenced in September after admitting to predatory criminal sexual assault, according to WCIA.

The station, citing a lawsuit filed by the victim's parents, said the student visited Bardfield's home in Mt. Zion for multiple "play dates" in 2023 and 2024.

"The victim's mother reported noticing her son acting differently after a visit to Bardfield's house. As a result, she checked her son's phone and social media. In a follow up discussion with her son, he disclosed having had a sexual encounter with Bardfield while a guest at her Mt. Zion residence on March 29, 2024," Mt. Zion police said in a statement last year.'

New study finds the gender earnings gap could be halved if we reined in the long hours often worked by men

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'There are lots of reasons why people work extra hours. In some jobs, it's the only way to cover the workload. In others, the pay is poor, so people need to work extra time. And in others still, working back late or on weekends is encouraged and rewarded, explicitly and implicitly.

Those employees who do the extra hours, willingly and without complaint, are seen as hungry and ambitious. A view expressed in some workplaces is simply "that's what everyone does".

But what if we discovered that people – at least in heterosexual couple households – can only work long hours at their partner's expense? Would it still be OK for workplaces to expect people to work longer than our standard full time week, and incentivise them for doing so?'

New Rule: Make Dads Great Again | Real Time with Bill Maher

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If we want to keep teenage boys out of the toxic manosphere, we need to give them a better choice of role models.

Defense: Bitter, Resentful Ex Made False Rape Claims Against Rossi

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'Nicholas Rossi's defense attorney, Sam Duggan, delivered her opening statement, arguing rape claims against Rossi were made up by a bitter ex-girlfriend who took 13 years to make their allegations after their rage and resentment bubbled up.'

Crazed Women Increasingly Resort to Progressive Activism

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'American Eagle recently launched its “Sydney Sweeney Has Great Jeans” ad campaign that features the popular actress dressed in denim. Unexpectedly, the ads triggered a full-scale meltdown among progressive women. They exploded with irrational claims that the ad relies on “Nazi propaganda” to foster notions of “genetic superiority” and “white supremacy” (1).

Such bizarre statements can be viewed as a form of delusional psychosis.

Indeed, progressive women have long been seen as foot soldiers for radical movements. “It was always the women, and above all the young ones, who were the most bigoted adherents of the Party, the swallowers of slogans, the amateur spies and nosers-out of unorthodoxy,” George Orwell revealed decades ago in his classic tome, 1984.'

Jury returns $58.5 million verdict for Detroit cop falsely accused of child sexual abuse

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'A federal court jury in Detroit has returned a nearly $58.5 million verdict against a Michigan State Police lieutenant and former assistant attorney general for their roles in a case in which a former Detroit police officer was falsely accused of sexually assaulting a child.

Sean MacMaster sued David Busacca of the MSP and Brian Kolodziej, a former prosecutor, in 2021 after Attorney General Dana Nessel dropped charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct against MacMaster and another man.'

UK: SAS top brass want to recruit super-fit 'GI Janes' to fight as special project launched

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'SAS commanders have revealed that they will need to recruit super fit female troops if the black-clad force is to fight in future wars.

The women will be recruited through Project Artemis, a programme aimed at bringing women into not only the SAS but also the SBS. Under the project female candidates, with at least two years' service, get nine months' mentoring to get them in shape to face selection.

It is hoped mental, physical and skill-based training under Project Artemis will help prepare the SAS selection course known to produce one of the world's most famous fighting forces.

Only one in ten male applicants pass the test. Combat roles were opened to women only in 2018.'

Sha’Carri Richardson addresses domestic violence arrest and apologizes to Christian Coleman

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Article here. Flip the genders; it'd be headline news. Excerpt:

'Sprinter Sha’Carri Richardson addressed her recent domestic violence arrest in a video on social media and issued an apology to her boyfriend Christian Coleman.

Richardson posted a video on her Instagram account Monday night in which she said she put herself in a “compromised situation.” She issued a written apology to Coleman on Tuesday morning.

“I love him & to him I can’t apologize enough,” the reigning 100-meter world champion wrote in all capital letters on Instagram, adding that her apology “should be just as loud” as her “actions.”'

The Price of Needing Help: How Men Lose the Right to It

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'Marin's words capture an unspoken cultural law: a man's value is measured by his independence and ability to provide—not by his humanity. This isn't just a philosophical problem; it's a practical one that plays out every day in men's lives.

When women are in need, the language society uses is sympathetic—"vulnerable," "at risk," "deserving." For men, the same situation draws terms like "lazy," "weak," or "failure." That double standard is so ingrained that when a man reaches a point of real need—whether after a job loss, a divorce, a health crisis, or a mental breakdown—he is often met with judgment before compassion.'

NCFM – Supreme Court Affirms: Men Are Protected Under Title VII

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Article here. Excerpt:

'June 2025 in a unanimous decision, the Supreme Court ruled in Ames v. Ohio Department of Youth Services that individuals from majority groups—including men—are entitled to the same anti-discrimination protections under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act as any other group.

For decades plaintiffs were required to show “background circumstances” proving their employer was unusually inclined to discriminate against the majority—a hurdle not faced by minority-group plaintiffs, thereby making it harder for men to bring forward legitimate claims of sex-based [discrimination].

The plaintiff in Ames was a heterosexual woman who alleged discrimination after being passed over for promotion in favor of LGBTQ+ colleagues. Her case was dismissed under the old rule requiring “background circumstances.” The Supreme Court reversed that dismissal.'

On Feminist Claims of Female Disadvantage in Modern American Society

Matt · 16 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'My takeaway is that in modern America there is a broad moderate pro female sentiment in terms of societal opinions, and this carries over to slight pro female bias in various things like politics, employment, medical research and education. Women also are not a meek powerless group, with them making up the majority of voters, HR employees and increasing proportions of important media positions. The best case for female disadvantage in modern is the higher levels of sexual aggression that they face from men, but these statistics are not as lopsided in terms of gender as some people think. Even if you think I am completely wrong and biased (and i'm sure in an article that tries to cover so much I made some mistakes), I hope you learned something and got a different perspective.'

Loneliness is rife among young men. It’s time to get offline and talk to each other

Matt · 16 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Definitely has some bullspit tropes in it but the overall message is good: most men do need time with their fellow men. Digital world isolation is a real thing. Excerpt:

'Since 1990, there has been a sharp decline in how many people men say they are close to, says Ferrara, who is a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford and a visiting fellow at the London School of Economics. In the US, two-thirds of men aged between 18 and 23 think that nobody really knows them; one third haven’t seen anyone outside their household in the past week; only a fifth say they have friends they can really count on; and a staggering 69% of young men think “no one cares if men are OK”.

Of course, women also experience this same loneliness, isolation and disconnection – at rates that are not far behind their male counterparts. In addition, many women in relationships with men find themselves doing something that Ferrara has named “mankeeping”, a term that has recently gone viral: picking up the emotional weight of being their male partner’s only intimate social connection. With this in mind, Ferrara has had her work dismissed as “himpathy” – in other words, too kind to adult men who should be able to look after themselves.

While I understand the reflex to lash out and ask, “Why should a bunch of incels get so much attention?”, such a dismissal is a mistake. “Our lives are so interlinked,” as Ferrara put it to me: men’s failures to maintain close connections are hurting society at large.'

If Men Aren't The Problem, Who Is?

Matt · 17 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While Tate's crude words are troubling, his sentiment reflects a common theme among respondents: many men view modern women as self-focused or materialistic. More concerning is their fear of financial devastation in divorce, a legitimate worry given family court biases. Men see friends and family members devastated by marital breakdowns. Why would they take that risk? "The juice ain't worth the squeeze" one follower said.

As influential figures like Tate amplify these fears, the perception of marriage as a viable goal diminishes, leading to a decline in dating and relationships. So, is it Andrew Tate's fault? Not exactly. He's highlighting serious issues we must tackle. We must approach men's concerns with empathy and advocate for systemic reforms—particularly in family courts—while emphasizing the benefits of committed marriages. Only then can we begin to restore the value of connection in a fractured world.'

The ‘Man Crisis:’ Feminists Are Telling the Exact Opposite of the Truth

Matt · 18 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This past Saturday the Washington Post published an article with the uncompromising title, “What’s Wrong with Men?” Resorting to the flawed logic so common in contemporary feminist discourse, author Jessa Crispin starts with fictional Michael Douglas movies from the 1980s and 1990s, using them to reach dystopian conclusions about American men 40 years later.

For decades, feminists have been claiming that women live under an oppressive patriarchy. But then the truth came out: Men are lagging behind women in 12 major areas, such as health, education, treatment by the legal system, homelessness, and more.

For feminists reluctant to relinquish their hard-earned victim status, the November elections delivered another jolt of unwelcome news: Men had become the new “power demographic” of the American electorate.'

It’s Time to Ask: Is the ‘Patriarchy’ a Feminist Myth?

Matt · 18 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres resorted to harsh rhetoric as he denounced what he called the “poison of patriarchy,” categorically claiming that opponents to gender uniformity are happy to “throw equality to the wolves.”

Addressing the UN Commission on the Status of Women, Guterres was referring to the fact that women currently hold 27% of seats in national parliaments worldwide, a number that appears to be impervious to the usual nostrums of gender equality activists.

Guterres is a life-long socialist. And according to Marxist theory, men and women should be seen as interchangeable in their ambitions and interests.

But reality paints a different picture. Multiple surveys show that around the world, women consistently prioritize family and relationships over political ambition.

And experience reveals that male lawmakers consistently favor women in the laws they pass. in 1994, for example, mostly male legislators voted to approve the American “Violence Against Women Act.”'

'The cemetery of living men'

Matt · 18 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. You won't see the most despicable female convicts being treated this way. But men not even arraigned for a crime are treated worse that factory-farmed animals. Excerpt:

'Arturo Suárez says he was beaten by guards as soon as he arrived at El Salvador's notorious Cecot prison. When he regained consciousness - his glasses smashed - everything was blurred, he says, but he heard the greeting clearly.

"Welcome to hell. Welcome to the cemetery of living men. The only way you leave here is dead."

Arturo says the person speaking was the jail's director, Belarmino García.

Cecot - the Center for the Confinement of Terrorism - was designed for the mass incarceration of El Salvador's most violent and dangerous gang members, a symbol of President Nayib Bukele's hardline approach to the wave of murders and extortion that had terrorised the country.'

Kathy Griffin Joins a Dating App: ‘I Have A Lot of Fear About Men, the Entire Gender’

Mastodon · 19 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Comedian Kathy Griffin revealed that she has downloaded the dating app Hinge in order to find herself a date, adding, “I have a lot of fear about men, the entire gender.”

Griffin shared in a Monday Substack post that what “started out as a joke” between herself, singer Sia, and actress Nia Vardalos turned into her downloading the Hinge dating app and creating a profile.

Why can’t I find a nice partner at a law firm or a semi-retired fireman?” the comedian asked, before adding that she has “never received a dick pic” in her life, nor has she ever “sent a vagina picture.”

“I don’t even know why I wanna date a guy,” Griffin continued. “I have an awesome house that’s paid off. I have my four doggies. I read three books a week. I have the best friends I could ever hope for.”'

Non-therapeutic male circumcision in infancy or childhood and risk of human immunodeficiency virus and other sexually transmitted infections: national cohort study in Denmark

Matt · 19 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In conclusion, our cohort study provides the first nationwide, prospective assessment of the long-term impact on STI risk of non-therapeutic male circumcision carried out in infancy or childhood. Our study provides population-based evidence that early-life circumcision is unlikely to provide protection against HIV or other STIs in males up to the age of 36 years. Rather, in our study circumcision was associated with higher STI rates overall, particularly for anogenital warts and syphilis. Our findings are relevant for ongoing debates on the ethics surrounding genital surgeries on healthy children [46], and should be thoroughly considered among international organizations and stakeholders preparing to expand ongoing adult circumcision programs in Africa in the fight against HIV and other STIs to also cover circumcision of young boys and male infants.'

The Growing Cohort of Single Dads by Choice

Matt · 19 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Single mother by choice has become a common term for unpartnered women who have intentionally become parents. You rarely hear of single fathers by choice, which makes sense given that they're much more rare. But this population, it appears, has been expanding—slowly, over the course of a couple of decades, and then more notably in the past few years. The exact count is unclear; most surveys don't differentiate them from widowers or men separated from an uninvolved co-parent. Still: Susan Golombok, a University of Cambridge psychologist and the author of We Are Family: The Modern Transformation of Parents and Children, told me that before this millennium, single dads by choice were virtually unheard of. Based on my conversations with kin researchers, fertility-industry professionals, and adoption centers, that's certainly not the case anymore.'

Joy Reid claims 'mediocre White men' like Trump, Elvis can't 'invent anything,' steal culture from other races

Matt · 19 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Good grief. I blame the schools. Excerpt:

'Former MSNBC anchor Joy Reid condemned President Donald Trump, Elvis Presley and others on Friday as some of history's many "mediocre White men" whose achievements are stolen or counterfeit.

Reid criticized Trump's review of the Smithsonian during an interview with Wajahat Ali for his "The Left Hook" substack, in an episode titled, "How Mediocre White Men and Their Fragility Are Destroying America."

They argued that across America's institutions, there is a phenomenon of "mediocre White men" with no actual culture of their own who co-opt the achievements of Black people to aggrandize themselves.'

First Came Tea. Then Came the Male Rage.

Matt · 19 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. That men are both capable and willing to defend themselves is for feminists proof that we're baaaad people. I say, if you're damned if you do or don't, you may as well do. Excerpt:

'The whole episode, from start to finish, was horribly bleak—and also bleakly illuminating. Tea is hardly a perfect app. As its name suggests, it allows not only serious warnings about men but also gossip about their supposed defects and romantic tendencies. When Tea users do make serious allegations of predatory behavior, those accusations go unconfirmed, a glaring failure of due process. But for all of the app's flaws, the breaches have proved its users' concerns valid: Women had good reasons for wanting something like Tea in the first place.'

Victims, Violence and Villains

Matt · 20 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'My last essay looked at how empathy distorts moral judgment. This essay looks at how feminism exploits empathy – using domestic violence advocacy as the example.

Obviously, I am deeply concerned about domestic violence. But I am also concerned about the cynical manipulation of our empathy. In this essay, I argue that feminism has become adept at generating empathy from a victim narrative and at exploiting it for political gain.

Quite a lot of ink has been spilled on the topic of domestic violence, so I won't revisit ground well covered by others. Rather, this essay will focus narrowly on how feminists use empathy to gain power.'

"Did I Just Get Red-Pilled"?

Matt · 21 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. A former feminist discloses her journey and thoughts. Nice to see.

English teacher who slept with students won't be charged

Matt · 21 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The case of the Petah Tikva teacher who had sexual relations with two 17-year-old boys from the school where she taught was revealed this evening, with new details continuing to emerge. Several months ago, T., a 43-year-old English teacher at a middle school in Petah Tikva, was summoned for police questioning. There, she admitted to the acts, and her case was closed for lack of guilt.

During the investigation, she admitted to having sexual relations with two students at her home while another student watched, and this occurred while her husband was serving in the reserves. However, it was established during the investigation that she had relations with two 17-year-old high school students while she was teaching at a middle school, meaning no offense involving abuse of authority was committed.

Furthermore, according to the law, 17-year-olds are considered adults regarding consensual sexual relations. The case was transferred from the police to the State Attorney's Office, where it was decided to close it due to lack of guilt, meaning no criminal offense was committed.'

Woman whose false rape accusation ruined Army doctor's life gets tiny jail sentence

Matt · 21 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Pennsylvania woman received a shockingly short jail sentence after falsely accusing an Army doctor of rape.

Veronika Rodriguez, 27, was sentenced to just 30 days in jail with 22 additional months on probation for one count of false reporting, intercepting communications and disclosing intercepted communications.

Rodriguez was found guilty by a Lebanon County jury in May after she claimed Fahad Pervez had sexually assaulted her.

The false accusation led Pervez to voluntarily resign from his position within the military.

The pair had gone on a date in January 2023 while Rodriguez was a member of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard and had sex in the doctor's car while parked at the Keystone Conference Center in Fort Indiantown Gap.

Police had approached the car for being parked after-hours and the incident later appeared on a police blotter, Law & Crime reported.

But after the pair were questioned by National Guard officials for fraternizing, Rodriguez claimed the man had taken her glasses so she couldn't see properly and that the encounter had not been consensual.'

Sweden: Women confess to aborting fetuses because they are male

Matt · 22 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Don't feminists decry supposed female infanticide in China in times past? Excerpt:

'Sofia, whose real name is something else, had three sons when she became pregnant for the fourth time. With the help of a so-called Nipt test, she was able to find out the gender in week ten.

– It was a boy and my whole world fell apart.

She and her husband had decided to terminate the pregnancy if it was a boy, which she did. Sofia's dream of a daughter was so strong that it took over everything else.'

Moscow grapples with a generation of crippled men

Matt · 24 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Russia is believed to have several hundred thousand men wounded in its war of aggression. Many of them are crippled and will need years of rehabilitation. Many have sustained serious mental illness.

Little is known about the numbers. Moscow does not want the world, nor the Russians themselves, to learn about the huge toll.

Information about the many men killed and wounded on occupied land is subjected to strict censorship. Similarly, details about the new military hospitals are sparse.

The war ministry's construction department only briefly informs about the construction projects. On its websites are short videos and image presentations of military hospitals that are under construction in the regions of Kursk, Belgorod, Bryansk, Samara, Ryazan, Penza, Mirny, St.Petersburg, Moscow, and more.'

Bid to rescue woman stuck 22,000ft up mountain called off after man dies trying to save her

Matt · 24 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. And yet the article's all about her. He is a mere casualty. Excerpt:

'But repeated efforts to bring her down failed, both by climbing and using a helicopter.

And tragedy hit when climber Sinigaglia died on the mountain from prolonged exposure to low oxygen and hypothermia.

Today, a final effort to climb to her was abandoned just 3,600ft below where she is stuck, with the weather set to worsen, as the team were ordered to return to base camp.'

Good breakdown of the waves of feminism and what they did

Matt · 24 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Don't let the video title mislead you. This is actually a breakdown of feminism's waves and what each taught and did. Definitely worth your time.

False Allegations Target Millions Around the World, Survey Reveals

Matt · 25 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Earlier this month a U.S. jury returned a stunning $58 million verdict for Sean MacMaster, who had been falsely accused of child sexual abuse. When MacMaster became embroiled in a child custody dispute, his former wife Johanna falsely accused the man of child abuse. The woman went so far as to propose to Sean that agreeing to terminate his parental rights would be his “get out-of-jail-free card.”

The case represents one of the largest awards ever rendered for a wrongful allegation.

A new survey conducted in Argentina, Australia, United Kingdom, and the United States reveals false allegations are more widespread than many persons realize.'

Florida Nurse Accused of Sex with 15-Year-Old Stepson After Dad Walked in On Them

Mastodon · 26 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A nurse from Ocala, Florida, is accused of raping her 15-year-old stepson after his father walked in and caught them in the act.

The accused is identified as 34-year-old Alexis Von Yates who on Thursday accepted a plea deal and pleaded no contest to a lesser charge of lewd and lascivious battery in the case, Court TV reported.

The allegations came to light in July 2024 when the woman allegedly targeted her stepson while he was visiting his father.

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"Under the terms of the plea agreement, Von Yates will serve two years in the Department of Corrections, followed by two years of community control and 10 years of sex offender probation. She must also complete 200 hours of community service and pay fines and court costs," the Court TV report noted.'

Wife Allegedly Poured Acid on Sleeping Husband, Locked Him in Room Using Wooden Bar and Wire

Matt · 26 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Florida man has died days after he was found screaming, locked in a room and doused in acid — allegedly by his wife who police claim called 911 to report the incident.

The victim, Robert Heyden, was attacked in a New Port Richey, Fla. residence last week, the New Port Richey Police Department said in a statement to PEOPLE.

Police did not name the victim in their statement, but he was identified by the Tampa Bay Times.

Chuanying He was arrested in connection with Heyden's killing, per police.'

Monster mom, accused of raping her toddler on camera for money, released by judge

Matt · 26 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Pierce County judge ordered the release of a mother without bail, despite accusations that she filmed herself sexually assaulting her two-year-old son for profit.

Trinity Carrell, a 22-year-old Edgewood resident, was charged in Pierce County Superior Court with rape of a child in the first degree, promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor, and animal cruelty in the first degree.

Police said Carrell used Snapchat to send sexually explicit videos to a man for payment, which included sexually explicit video of her young son for what she thought would be $50,000 payment. She said the Snapchat user asked for a video of her changing her son's diaper, while "fondling" him.'

The Men Suing Over Their Partners' Abortions

Matt · 26 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The antiabortion movement has found an unlikely new ally to target abortion providers: husbands, boyfriends and exes.

Men have filed several recent lawsuits stemming from abortions obtained by their partners or ex-partners. The strategy is part of an effort by antiabortion lawyers to gain ground in their uphill battle to target mail-order abortion pills and interstate travel for the procedure. But it carries risks—putting dysfunctional relationships on display to advance a divisive claim that men are harmed when their intimate partners end pregnancies.

"They're finding people who might have an ax to grind against their ex to try to end abortion access. These are not savory plaintiffs," said Marc Hearron, a lawyer with the Center for Reproductive Rights who represented a Texas abortion-rights activist in one case where a man sued several people over his then-wife's self-managed abortion. The cases, Hearron said, are based on "a wackadoo theory."'

The job market's boy problem is getting worse — but data suggests some ways to fix it

Matt · 26 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new analysis of publicly available data shows that unemployment is rising among younger men, and their labor force participation is stagnating. The good news is that there are some fixes.

"Over the last year, things have gotten worse for young men," Sara Estep, an economist at the Center for American Progress and one of the report's authors, told Business Insider. While young men's unemployment levels are below historical levels, "things are definitely moving in the wrong direction."

The analysis highlights both the issues plaguing the male workforce and where men are making strides; it also illustrates where policymakers and worker organizations can step in.

Fewer men in the workforce could lead to understaffed industries and weigh on the coffers of Social Security — and the men who aren't working might be at risk of worsening mental health and declining happiness. Funneling younger men toward secondary education and vocational school might help; so can opening up opportunities for workers with disabilities.'

Pearl interviews Aaron Cleary

Matt · 26 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Aaron Cleary is author of A World Without Men and other books dealing with social and economic issues.

Millions of Gen Zers are jobless—and unemployment is mainly affecting men

Matt · 27 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gen Z is stepping out of college and into a fierce labor market, up against slower payroll gains, “ghost” jobs, absent hiring managers, and dwindling entry-level job openings thanks to AI. It’s caused millions of these young workers to be frozen out of new opportunities, and men are largely the ones being impacted.

Although Gen Z men and women face the same labor market hurdles after college graduation, young male professionals have continued to be unemployed at higher rates. For years they’ve struggled to keep up with their female peers who have skyrocketed past them in education and work. In the first quarter of this year, 9.1% of men ages 20 to 24 were jobless, compared to just 6.6% of women in that age group, according to a FRED analysis of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data. And the trend continues, with 9.1% of Gen Z men being jobless in the second quarter of 2025, compared with only 7.2% of women. Young female professionals have continued to have an edge on their male counterparts, being employed at rates 0.6% to 2.5% higher over the past five years.'

The New Dream Guy Is Beefy, Placid and ... Politically Ambiguous

Matt · 27 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. H-wood is now lionizing some "ideal" man who is brainless, having no opinions of his own. Didn't feminists used to deride similar depictions of women, feminine but lacking any of her own opinions? The double-standard is glaring. Excerpt:

'Lately there has been a return of this type: the hunk with a heart of gold. For years, he was left in the dustbin of retrograde male figures, sidelined in favor of something more sophisticated: the self-aware outsider, the flustered nerd, the romantic misfit. Now there is a clear craving for the fantasy man who seems sweetly naïve, simple, almost oafish — concerned mostly, by the looks of it, with working out and the pleasure of a protein shake. If he seems unfazed by the byzantine requirements of modern masculinity, it is largely because he doesn't know or care that they exist.
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The straightforward appeal and charisma of these guys overlap with the simplicity of their messaging. Their success as political surrogates comes from yoking their charm and louche authenticity to kitchen-sink issues like the cost of living. They can discuss the astronomical cost of health care right alongside the inflated price of creatine supplements. Just guileless dudes making guileless points.'

Feminism, the Left and Me

Matt · 27 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's obvious that feminism fits on the political left. At least, it's obvious until you look closely. Then it gets complicated.
...
Notice that these fascist or populist movements all claim the superiority of their in group – just like feminism. They assert the supremacy of group rights over the individual – just like feminism. They are guilty of prejudice and discrimination against the out group – just like feminism. And they use the language of victimhood and safety to justify their actions – just like feminism.

Why the similarities? That's easy. It's because both are us vs them ideologies. They are similar because that's what us vs them ideologies look like.

Looked at that way, the mystery isn't their similarities but their differences. The question now becomes – If they are both us vs them ideologies why are they different?'

Falling Behind: The Miseducation of America's Boys

Matt · 28 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Series page here. Excerpt:

'American boys are falling behind in academics as early as eight years old. It’s a gap that only grows as those boys become men.

This special On Point series explores why America’s boys are falling behind in school, and what can be done about it.'

Wary of Russia, Germany tiptoes toward compulsory military service

Matt · 28 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Germany took a major step Wednesday toward a controversial return to compulsory military service, as Berlin confronts the inadequacy of its armed forces to stand up to Russia and the prospect that European nations will be tasked with providing security guarantees for Ukraine.

Germany — with the European Union's largest population and economy — has committed to vast spending to confront the Russian threat amid American reluctance under Donald Trump to pay for Europe's defense. But Germany also has a woefully understaffed military, and it faces other obstacles to rearmament after largely embracing pacifism since World War II.

On Wednesday, aiming to boost the ranks of the Bundeswehr, the German armed forces, Chancellor Friedrich Merz's cabinet approved a plan that would reinstate a form of conscription, which has not existed in Germany since being suspended in 2011.

The measure — which needs parliamentary approval — would not subject Germans to draft cards and lotteries. Instead, starting next year, it would require 18-year-old German men to fill out a questionnaire about their physical fitness and willingness to serve. For women, the form would be voluntary. The bill also would allow compulsory military service to be reinstated in the future, with parliamentary consent.

Beginning in 2027, the bill would require all 18-year-old men to undergo a physical fitness exam.
These measures would save time "if mandatory conscription for basic military service has to be activated, because conscription data will then already be available and will not have to be collected in this situation," according to the draft legislation.'

Woman chooses man (likely), saved from bear attack

Matt · 29 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. She was saved by her "hiking companion" who used bear spray to send the bear running. I am guessing her "companion" was a man. Isn't life filled with these little ironies? Excerpt:

'A 34-year-old woman was injured by a brown-colored bear on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, near Lake Janet in Glacier National Park.

Park officials said in a news release on Thursday that the woman and one person were hiking near Lake Janet when a medium-brown colored bear with two cubs charged out of the brush toward the woman.

The woman dove off the trail, while covering her head. The bear swiped at her, injuring her shoulder and arm.

As this was happening, her hiking partner deployed bear spray, causing the bears to immediately run away. The incident lasted less than 30 seconds.'

When Men Hurt: Finland’s Lesson for a World That Mocks “Incels”

Matt · 29 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the late 1980s, Finland discovered something troubling. Among its highest-risk suicide groups were young men rejected from military service. At exactly the age when they were trying to prove themselves, they were branded as outsiders. Many spiraled into isolation, unemployment, and despair.

Finland’s response was striking. The Defense Forces worked with mental health groups, employment services, and therapists to catch these men before they fell. They created guidebooks for life after discharge. They launched projects like Young Man, Seize the Day to provide vocational training, community, and a renewed sense of belonging.

In other words: Finland looked at these young men — stigmatized, rejected, hurting — and asked, “What do they need to find a way back in?”'

Movember rips off men's health dollars

Matt · 30 August 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It was a great idea - a charity started by a couple of Aussie blokes who persuaded men to grow moustaches to support the Prostate Cancer Foundation. Twenty years later, Movember has grown from that small group of men sporting hairy upper lips to become the major male health charity in the world.

Every November, in country after country, blokes fondly imagine they are doing their bit growing a Mo to support men's health. As one of the very few events where men's issues make it onto the public agenda, men with Mos and their financial supporters bask in the glow of raising funds they think will improve the welfare of other males.

Little do they know that this huge enterprise, run by a feminist and supported by mainly female staff, is increasingly committed to diverting men's health dollars away from real male health concerns towards woke projects promoting anti-male ideology.'

Male Suicide: Finland Acted, America Shrugs

Matt · 1 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the United States, the conversation about male suicide is as predictable as it is shallow. “Men just won’t seek help,” we’re told. And that’s the end of it. Nothing more is asked, and nothing more is done.

But in the 1980s, Finland was facing a suicide crisis of its own. Suicide rates were among the highest in Europe, and the deaths were concentrated in a very particular group: men — often rural, middle-aged, isolated, and drinking too much.

Finland could have shrugged, as America does, and accepted that “men just won’t seek help.” Instead, they made a very different choice. They decided to find out, in painstaking detail, who was dying, where, and why.'

Masculinity norms and their economic consequences

Mastodon · 3 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Masculinity norms can create powerful labour market distortions. Men often refuse service sector jobs that conflict with masculine identity, preferring unemployment to doing ‘feminine’ work – a behaviour that is particularly salient following waves of technological progress and globalisation that disproportionately affected male employment (such as the ‘China shock’ in the US). This rigidity reflects how masculinity norms assign value to occupations based on their gender composition, systematically devaluing female-dominated sectors.

Within organisations, ‘masculinity contest cultures’ can promote intense competition according to masculine rules: displaying strength, showing no weakness, and valuing work above all else. These cultures normalise extreme working hours and create hostile, excessively competitive environments that undermine work-family balance. Such dynamics contribute to persistent gender gaps in the labour market – for example, child penalties for women and low paternity leave uptake among men.'

Suicide Rates Among Young Men Are On the Rise; Toxic Masculinity May Be To Blame

Mastodon · 3 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is now the second leading cause of death among males aged 15-29, and suicide rates among young men in the US have risen by roughly a third since 2010. Across much of Africa, where I work as a public health and gender equality practitioner, men make up the vast majority of suicide deaths, and in Lesotho, the country with the highest suicide rate globally, men are dying at three times the rate of women.

Rigid gender roles may be to blame. Masculine representations rooted in ideals that reward toughness, emotional suppression, and dominance are quietly accelerating a mental health crisis among young men. These rigid norms don't simply discourage boys from seeking help; they actively shame vulnerability, equate emotional expression with weakness, and isolate those who are struggling. In cultures where being "a real man" means staying silent, mental distress festers in the dark. Unless we confront and transform these harmful ideals, any global response to youth mental health will be incomplete—and too late for many.
...
To effectively tackle this issue, we must address the needs of all adolescents, with attention to those most at risk. This means introducing gender-transformative education that teaches emotional literacy and normalizes help seeking as strength. We need male-friendly, culturally grounded safe spaces in schools, sports clubs, faith groups, and online where boys can be vulnerable without judgment. Mental health professionals must adopt gender transformative approaches that understand masculinity's impact on behavior.'

The ‘war on boys’ led to a ‘masculinity crisis’ — what’s new in the effort to help America’s struggling young men?

Mastodon · 3 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'After years of the “boy crisis” being discussed in academia and social science, it’s becoming a priority for governors — among them, Utah’s Spencer Cox, California’s Gavin Newsom and Maryland’s Wes Moore.

“Could the suddenly everywhere ‘boy troubles’ become a surprise political issue for the midterms?” Richard Whitmire, the author of the 2010 book “Why Boys Fail,” recently asked on social media.

“That’s my prediction,” Whitmire added. “The fun part: Either party could seize it.”

While politicization of any issue is not often seen as a good thing, in this case, it might be, Whitmire said in an interview. He has long been a proponent of sweeping changes in education to help boys become more proficient at reading at an earlier age, and he wants to see a courageous politician take up that banner.

Other solutions being proposed across the country include programs to get more young men in higher education and apprenticeships, providing more role models and mentors for boys, expanding mental health supports, and curbing the amount of time that boys and teens spend online in addictive and destructive behavior.'

Woman arrested for making false rape and assault report in Whitesville, sheriff says

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Article here. Excerpt:

'After a lengthy investigation by multiple law enforcement agencies into a report of a rape and assault, the woman initially believed to be the victim has been arrested and charged.

On the afternoon of Aug. 13, authorities responded to a business called "The Rooster's Crow" on Highway 54 in Whitesville to investigate a report of a rape and assault.

The Daviess County Sheriff's Office says the victim, Kylen Edge, claimed a man went inside the business, raped and assaulted her, and then left.

Authorities said they worked tirelessly to find the unknown suspect. They say the community was also on high alert, with some residents reporting they were afraid to leave their homes, buying security systems, and becoming suspicious of each other based on "rumors and misinformation" surrounding the supposed suspect.

Several days into the investigation, detectives said they began to realize that the information obtained and the evidence collected did not support the allegations made by Edge.'

Are women better lawmakers than men? A nuanced yes, VCU researcher finds

Mastodon · 3 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study from Virginia Commonwealth University researcher Jatia Wrighten, Ph.D., and colleagues finds that women are more effective lawmakers than men when serving in professional state legislatures, which are generally in session full-time, than when serving in part-time legislatures that have lower barriers to entry, lower salaries and fewer staff.'

Divorce Plunged in Kentucky. Equal Custody for Fathers Is a Big Reason Why.

Matt · 6 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The dads were not all right.

It was 2017, and across Kentucky, divorced fathers were coming together against a common enemy: a custody system they felt favored their ex-wives.

Although custody laws in Kentucky and elsewhere granted judges discretion to decide what split was in a child's best interest, aggrieved fathers claimed that this typically meant relegating them to the role of every-other-weekend "Disneyland dads," forced to cram two days of fun into what mothers had two weeks to create.

"You become like 'Uncle Dad' instead of a parent," said Rob Holdsworth, 53. In 2014, he reluctantly uprooted his life and civil-service career in Dayton, Ohio, to relocate to Bowling Green, where his ex-wife had moved with their two sons. He took the only job he could find—working nights in a soap factory—to see the boys just a few times a month.'

Happy Fathers Day!

Matt · 7 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

MANN wishes all fathers everywhere a happy Fathers Day. This day can be quite fraught for some fathers as they may recall lost custody battles and PAS thrown at them, as well as other pains. Let these things be a source of motivation for all of us to keep fighting for a just society for fathers and men generally.

Keep up the good fight, brothers!

From Research to Action — How Finland Helped Its Men

Matt · 8 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the last post, we saw how Finland took an extraordinary first step: instead of shrugging at suicide rates, they studied every single case in the country for a full year. They learned who was dying, where, and why.

But research alone doesn't save lives. The true test came next. Could Finland turn this knowledge into action?

In 1992, the government launched the National Suicide Prevention Project, a sweeping, nationwide effort that would run for five years. Its ambition was bold: to translate the research into targeted interventions across every layer of society — from army barracks to hunting cabins, from classrooms to church pulpits.

The official goal was clear: reduce suicides by 20% in ten years. But the real innovation lay in how Finland went about it.'

Who Really Glorifies Violence? Incels vs. the Radical Left

Matt · 12 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For the past several years, the media has been obsessed with incels. Scroll through the headlines and you'll see the same story over and over: young men, alienated and angry, gathering in online spaces that are supposedly breeding grounds for misogyny and extremism. The word incel has become shorthand for "potential terrorist."

But when you actually look at what incels say and do, a very different picture emerges. These are not young men plotting the downfall of society. They are young men drowning in despair. Their anger is almost always turned inward. The statistics are overwhelming: nearly 40% report daily suicidal thoughts. Large numbers are neurodivergent. Most have histories of bullying and rejection. The overwhelming danger for incels is not that they'll kill someone else. It's that they'll kill themselves.'

Australia State Offices for Men or Women

Matt · 13 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'State governments in Australia currently exhibit a sex bias in terms of housing offices or portfolios whose purpose is to advise legislators on policies related male or female wellbeing (see the links for each office for details on the various activities undertaken by these offices). However, only the Northern Territory has a portfolio focused on men's wellbeing, and this portfolio is combined with the women's portfolio in the Office of Gender Equity and Diversity. Thus, boys and men in Australia are not benefiting from this same level of state- or territory-level attention as girls and women. This bias is odd considering that life expectancy is four years shorter among Australian males than females, with part of this sex difference in life expectancy due to higher rates of homicide victimization and suicide among Australian males than females.'

Left Behind No More: United Nations Officials Urged to Launch ‘UN Men’ Body

Matt · 14 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 80) convenes in New York, advocates are urging world leaders to confront a glaring omission in the global equality framework: the absence of any UN agency addressing the rights and needs of men and boys.

Halima Layeni, Executive Director of Life After Abuse Foundation (LAAF) (1), called for the creation of UN Men, the male counterpart to UN Women. “Each year, billions of dollars are directed toward programs for women and girls. Entire agencies exist to advance their progress,” she said. “Yet there is no UN Men. No dedicated institution, no agency, and no systematic recognition of the unique challenges faced by men and boys.” (2)(3)'

Having difficult talks with your son should happen sooner than you might think, expert says

Matt · 14 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Middle and high school educator Christopher Pepper and coauthor Joanna Schroeder hope their new book, “Talk to Your Boys: 16 Conversations to Help Tweens and Teens Grow Into Confident, Caring Young Men,” will provide families with the tools to help.

I spoke with Pepper, who has helped coordinate Young Men’s Health Groups in San Francisco, to learn how parents can steer their sons through minefields like screen time and technology, pornography, consent, and alcohol and substance use. He has discovered that despite their awkward stereotype, teenage boys really do want a chance to connect.'

Male Suicide: Finland Acted, America Shrugs, Part 3

Matt · 15 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the first two posts of this series, we traced Finland's extraordinary journey: from confronting its suicide crisis head-on with unprecedented research, to building a nationwide prevention strategy that saved lives and changed culture. (plus an intro post)

By the mid-1990s, the results were visible. Suicide rates, which had climbed for decades, had finally begun to fall. Hunters were talking to their mates about mental health. Army officers were watching out for vulnerable conscripts. Teachers, clergy, and even journalists had taken on new roles in prevention.

But Finland didn't stop there. They did something few governments ever do: they invited outsiders in to judge their work.'

Urge Congressoids to include women in Selective Service, or end it

Matt · 15 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2026 (NDAA 2026) is making its way through Congress. House Rep. Jack Bergman of Michigan added an amendment to the bill that would require automatic registration of men ONLY.

Obviously this is ridiculous on several levels, one being that the rationale for keeping the draft male-only in previous court cases included the fact that the draft existed to fill out the ranks for combat roles. Since those decisions, policy has changed and women are now eligible for combat roles. Modern warfare is largely about being able to shoot a rifle (which any idiot can do, alas) and otherwise not $hitting one's pants when things start blowing up around you. That last has nothing to do with gender. Some men lose it under fire, some don't. Same goes for women. Why should guys have all the "fun"? We shouldn't.

Please contact your House AND Senate Congressoids via https://www.congress.gov/ and ask them either to support the bill if it includes women in the registration requirement, or better yet, eliminate the Selective Service system entirely. But in any case at no time should men be auto-registered for the draft unless women are too.

Patel defends FBI pull-up test after Hirono decries it as gender bias in Senate showdown

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"One question I had is that you are now requiring applicants to be able to do a certain kind of pull-ups, which a lot of women cannot because of physiological differences. Are you requiring these kinds of pull-ups?" Hirono asked.

Patel didn't budge.

"We are requiring everybody to pass the 1811 standards at BFTC. If you want to chase down a bad guy, excuse me, and put him in handcuffs, you had better be able to do a pull-up."

Hirono replied, "There are concerns about whether or not being able to do these kinds of harsh pull-ups is really required of FBI agents."

Patel interjected, "Doing one pull-up is not harsh, and there are always medical exemptions to that."'

Circumcision In Decline: Why Fewer U.S. Parents Are Heeding Recommendation By Doctors

Matt · 16 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Circumcision among newborn boys in the United States has steadily declined over the past decade, even as leading health organizations have voiced support for the procedure.

A new analysis from researchers at Johns Hopkins University of more than 1.5 million annual hospital records shows the share of newborn boys circumcised during their first month of life fell from 54.1% in 2012 to 49.3% in 2022.

This decline came after the World Health Organization (2007), the American Academy of Pediatrics (2012), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2018) each issued recommendations supporting access to newborn circumcision. These groups highlighted research linking the procedure with lower risks of urinary tract infections, penile inflammation, and transmission of sexually transmitted infections including HIV.'

Why aren't we talking about the real reason male college enrollment is dropping?

Matt · 18 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Her research shows that the reason fewer men are enrolling in veterinary school boils down to one factor: the number of women in the classroom.

For every 1% increase in the proportion of women in the student body, 1.7 fewer men applied. One more woman applying was a greater deterrent than $1000 in extra tuition!
...
Since males had dominated these professions for centuries, you would think they would leave slowly, hesitantly or maybe linger at 40%, 35%, 30%, but that's not what happens. Once the tipping point reaches majority female- the men flee. And boy do they flee!

It's a slippery slope. When the number of women hits 60% the men who are there make a swift exit and other men stop joining.'

Obesity Is Killing American Men

Matt · 19 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recent data suggests that around 40 percent of adults in the United States have obesity, which sets the stage for high blood pressure, various forms of cancer and some 200 other complications. Men have similar rates of obesity as women, but they are less likely to seek medical care, making up only about 20 percent of bariatric surgery patients and around 22 percent of people on anti-obesity drugs. If men do take GLP-1 medications, a recent study suggests that they are also more likely to stop using them.

It's hard to parse exactly why this treatment gap exists, but it's probably tied to the greater societal focus on women's bodies, and men's general tendency to delay seeking health care, especially when it comes to weight. The consequences, however, can be severe, since obesity tends to be more deadly in men than women. And experts say that untreated obesity is one important contributor to the 5-year life expectancy gap between men and women.'

How viral man-hating memes went too far

Matt · 20 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'That’s not to say there isn’t truth to what’s being said; in the dating space, Krenn has seen a major rise in the number of women publicly voicing anger, resentment, or dismissal toward men as a group, not just toward specific behaviours. “What was once limited to small communities or private conversations is now broadcast and consumed on a mass scale, and it has even become fashionable in some circles to speak about men in ways that would never be tolerated if directed at women,” he adds.

...

Short of half-heartedly repeating “not all men” like brainwashed cyborgs, it’s hard to know where to turn to improve any of this. Clearly, there are very real problems at the heart of the modern dating landscape, which are feeding a culture whereby it’s become normal to deride men in this way. But at some point, surely we have to find a way to move past this way of thinking? “To combat this cultural trend, we have to model and promote vulnerability, curiosity, and compassion in dating,” says Baum.'

The decline of sex and the alpha male

Matt · 21 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'And can you blame her? Over the past decades, women's emancipation went ahead, while men's opportunities and success declined. The evidence is everywhere, starting with education, where boys' academic performance has worsened at every level. Romantic relationships have always been asymmetric, typically a higher-status man with a lower-status woman. The reverse has never been the norm and exceptions only prove the rule. With emancipation, many women have climbed higher up the social ladder. Men, over the same period, have not only failed to keep pace but have slipped downward. The result is a dating market with too many successful women, too many failing men, and a crisis. If modern Anna's options look like Tim from Tinder, why bother losing a night's sleep?

The crisis isn't only in the statistics. It's visible in the disappearance of small, if imperfect, social rituals that once signaled desire in public space, such as buying someone a drink at a bar. The old moral codes are gone, but they are being replaced with new ones: the parish priest has given way to HR, sexual harassment trainings and viral tweets. Rules have multiplied around sex from verbal consent protocols to workplace regulations. The result is that people grow afraid of the consequences, and sex hardly feels casual, any longer.'

The Stupidification of Women? The Hate on Campus? Look no Further

Matt · 21 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The following is the progression of ‘evolving’ for modern left-of-center women, for whom finding a meaningful work is the number one priority, children being the last, as the below illustrates.
...
When the recognition of slim to no talent or at least un-sellable talent, is made and a future of grinding for multinationals is revealed, and spiritual enlightenment or Kundalini awakening seems out of reach, the desperation moves onto Democrat politics, and ends in middle-aged and elderly woman on the streets, face contorted in rage. Those women, a full 40% of whom are childless and family-less, spend their lives slogging away in some corporate or health or educational structure, becoming semi-insane. As an aside note, in my years-long investigation of voter fraud, many of the operators are women just like these below: middle-aged, put together, well dressed, polite, fully criminal.'

I live in a women-only commune — there’s no men and no drama

Matt · 22 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Not really a bad idea, esp. for elderly women like these. I've often said that if women REALLY want to live without men around, they should endeavor to build themselves a city for women only. Thus far no one has taken up the challenge. Excerpt:

'The Bird’s Nest is a five-acre women-only commune, and the brainchild of 70-year-old Robyn Yerian.

Dedicated to ’empowering women’ the group ‘encourage, help, console and laugh with each other.’

‘This community is our little utopia,’ says Robyn. ‘We have dogs running around, and get together all the time. We are a bunch of really great friends.’

Robyn’s commune actually started by accident.

In 2002, she started to consider her retirement plans, and realised she’d struggle to support herself from the money she’d saved.

So, instead, she withdrew it, and bought five acres of land, costing her $35,000 (£25,926.41). A further $100,000 – cash from her life savings (£74,075.45) – was spent to make it liveable.'

Dismantling Men's Masculinity

Matt · 22 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Our culture has slipped into imbalance. Instead of valuing both masculine (yang) and feminine (yin) traits, we treat yang traits in men as problems to be corrected while elevating yin traits as the moral ideal. This creates an environment where boys and men are shamed for expressing natural masculine tendencies, while the feminine is glorified as “healthier,” “safer,” or “more evolved.” To make matters worse, men are framed as the problem—legitimizing attacks against them—while women and girls are cast as victims, granting them cultural permission to adopt masculine traits. Boys watch in bewilderment as this double standard unfolds: masculinity is shamed in men but praised in women, and women are celebrated for both yin and yang traits. It defies logic, yet nearly every cultural institution reinforces it. We are living in a truly unbalanced world.'

Dr. James Nuzzo Cancelled for Challenging Feminism and DEI

Matt · 25 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Join me as I talk with Janice Fiamengo and researcher Dr. James Nuzzo about the shocking story of his academic cancellation. What begins as one man's ordeal soon reveals how woke ideology and radical feminism are undermining science, silencing dissent, and eroding academic freedom. Thoughtful, eye-opening, and at times heartbreaking, this video exposes what really happens when universities put politics before truth.'

Hillary Clinton blames white men of a 'certain religion' for doing 'such damage' to America

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton warned that white men of a “certain religion” are responsible for “so much damage” just two weeks after the assassination of Turning Point USA co-founder Charlie Kirk.

Clinton, 77, made the remarks during a segment Wednesday on MSNBC’s “Morning Joe” in which the two-time Democratic presidential candidate said America has yet to achieve the “more perfect union” spoken of by former President Abraham Lincoln.'

Irritable Male Syndrome (IMS) Is An Actual Condition — And It Could Explain A Lot

Mastodon · 28 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We seem to have reached peak “get off my lawn” culture, with men having temper tantrums all over the damn place. Whether they’re typing shrill all-caps messages, foaming at the mouth with road rage or aggressively punching holes in your drywall, men seem to be angrier than ever. And with a “boys will be boys” cultural mindset that provides a free pass on bad behavior to men well into their final decades, it’s hard to know when, or if, these antics will ever end.

Would it make you feel any better to know that there’s not only a possible medical reason, but even an accepted syndrome designation, for this way many men have of interacting with the world?

Maybe not, but the term “irritable male syndrome” does exist, and in the two decades since it was coined, it’s become accepted in medical and psychological circles. While not a clinical diagnosis, experts say it’s an accurate description of a cluster of symptoms that often appears in aging men.

“Along with the term ‘andropause,’ which refers to male menopause, it’s a useful shorthand for describing what happens to men through gradual testosterone decline and hormonal changes,” said Dr Justin Houman, assistant professor of urology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.'

‘Men seem to make life for women worse’: single US women share the woes of dating in 2025

Matt · 28 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'By 2030, 45% of prime working age women in the US, defined as women aged between 25 and 44, will be single according to Census Bureau historical data and Morgan Stanley forecasts – the largest share in history.

Hundreds of those women, from across the US, shared with the Guardian why they were single, how they felt about it and what they would be looking for in a future partner if they were still in the market for one.
...
One of the phrases respondents used the most was that they were looking for a partner capable of “adding to” or “enhancing” their life – as in, someone who was entirely self-sufficient and capable of adding romance, children or a unique intellectual connection to their lives. A large number of women complained about past suitors who had been “lacking effort” or “unable to keep up”.'

How Two Young Men Got Pulled Into Internet Darkness, and How They Got Out

Matt · 28 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'While the two young men fell into very different internet rabbit holes—one with alt-right leanings and the other on the far left—they were both drawn by a desire to find belonging and a yearning, they say, for the hero's journey. For both, the result was depression and loneliness.

They each sought out ideas and experiences that elude many young men in an age some see as one of helicopter parenting and so-called toxic masculinity. For decades, schools have cut shop class, as well as recess and other programs that mental-health experts say give boys an outlet for their energy. The American Psychological Association reported that boys often receive more severe punishment than girls in school for the same behaviors. And there are fewer male teachers now than in the 1980s, according to the American Institute for Boys and Men.
...
Whether it's conspiracy theories, misogyny or political extremism, the rabbit holes—or pipelines—that lure teenage boys and young men are vast. Studies show males are disproportionately vulnerable to online extremism in one form or another. And psychologists say these pathways, for both right-wing and left-wing ideology, can end in violence.

The shooting death of conservative political activist Charlie Kirk was allegedly committed by a 22-year-old man, who authorities say had spent considerable time online growing political and left-leaning over the past year.'

Masculinity: Assessing the Damage and Reclaiming Your Strengths

Matt · 29 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This is the final stretch in the gynocentrism series. In the earlier posts we looked at a definition of gynocentrism from chatgpt, noted that most of us have at least a little gynocentrism , saw how it operates beneath the surface of our culture, and how it offers women both protection and access to resources. We've also seen how feminism took that ancient system and weaponized it, and why men often fail to resist.

Now it's time to turn the focus inward. This essay is about what you can do — not on a political stage, not in the culture at large, but in your own life and relationships. Before we talk about strategies, we need to start with something more personal: assessing the damage.'

UK: Criminal charges against Andrew Tate dropped

Matt · 29 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Guy's an a-hole. That doesn't make him a rapist though. "Some justice," as they say. Excerpt:

'ANDREW Tate's rape charges in the UK have been dropped, with the disgraced influencer moaning about his "mistreatment".

Three women in their late twenties and early thirties have accused Tate of rape and sexual and physical assaults - including holding guns to their heads and strangulations with belts.

But the CPS said today that the evidence did not meet the threshold to bring criminal charges, and they would be dropped - though the civil case continues.

Reacting to the news, Tate posted on X: "Romania? No case UK? No case USA? No case 4 months in jail, 3 years locked in my house.

"Endless media slander. 25million dollars stolen from me. Lawfare? – I'm one of the most mistreated men in history beside president Trump himself."

A CPS spokesperson said: "We undertook a further review of a case file in relation to allegations of assault and rape between 2013 and 2015.'

From breadwinners to bystanders: The death spiral of the American working man

Matt · 30 September 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Something strange is happening in America's job market. For the first time in living memory, young men with college degrees are struggling to find work, while women with the same qualifications are thriving. What once seemed fixed — the old order of men filling the top jobs and women fighting for entry — has been flipped. And the consequences could be severe.

The numbers paint a disturbing picture. Men with college degrees are now more likely to be out of work than women with the same education. To compound matters, men's pay has barely budged since 1979, whereas women's earnings keep climbing. More worrying still, a growing number of men are no longer looking for work at all. They have simply checked out.'

AOC Calls on Supporters to ‘Laugh’ at MAGA ‘Men’

Matt · 6 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) called on Democrats and activists to “laugh” at “insecure” MAGA “men” – zeroing in on White House deputy chief of staff Stephen Miller as a “clown.”

Speaking during an hour-long Instagram Live session on Sunday, AOC mocked Miller, whom she admitted that she’d never met, as someone who looked like he was short and was angry because he was:

...

Continuing, the Democratic congresswoman doubled down, arguing Democrats should be “making fun” of what she said was a culture of “insecure masculinity” within MAGA:'

Forget the rom-coms — scientists say nice guys do finish last

Matt · 7 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But while nice guys win hearts on the silver screen, a study suggests they may struggle in the unforgiving arena of real dating.

The findings, published in the Journal of Research in Personality, indicate that personality traits are linked to relationship success in markedly different ways for men and women.

The authors sent questionnaires to 3,800 adults in Australia, Denmark and Sweden to assess their personalities. They were asked whether they were in a relationship and, if so, how satisfied they were with it.

When it came to kindness, there was a divide between the sexes. Women who were more “agreeable” — meaning empathetic, co-operative and patient — were no more likely to be in a relationship than women in whom these qualities were less pronounced.

For men, though, agreeableness seemed to work against them. The correlation between kindness and being in a relationship was weak but slightly negative. In other words: the nicer he was, the less likely he was to have a partner.

The researchers also found that men who were more outgoing, confident and sociable were significantly more likely to be in a relationship, compared with less extroverted men.'

Feminism Has Emerged as a Global Hate Movement

Matt · 8 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Suffragette Mary Leigh had a long record of criminal convictions arising from her unrelenting advocacy for the women's movement. On July 18, 1912, Leigh hurled a hatchet at Prime Minister Herbert Asquith, slicing through the cheek of an Irish MP.

Canadian commentator Janice Fiamengo would later write that the end goal of Leigh's campaign was to "express a deep hatred for the male sex" and to "create a lasting sex-divide of suspicion and hostility that would transform British society."

But in a society dominated by chivalrous impulses, the excesses of the suffragette movement were overlooked, even applauded.

Then in 1970, feminist Kate Millett published her book, Sexual Politics, that popularized the Marxist-inspired concept, "patriarchy." Millett described patriarchy as a "most ingenious system of social control" that subordinates women through socialization, economic dependency, and normalized violence, she claimed.

Millett managed to ignore the fact that men are far more likely to be victims of violence. Indeed, government reports reveal men are lagging behind women in 12 areas such as health status, educational attainment, homelessness, and more. This callous neglect of male disadvantage would soon become a defining characteristic of the feminist movement.'

Why America needs to tax-incentivize tradesmen, not just college graduates

Matt · 11 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. If these were lines of work now populated largely by women, these kinds of incentives would already be in place. Excerpt:

'Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang recently warned that building America's artificial-intelligence infrastructure will require an army of electricians. The demand for data centers – both cloud and AI – is expected to double year over year. Mike Rowe has been sounding the alarm for years: the most "essential" jobs are the ones our culture stopped celebrating.

Here's the truth: without skilled tradesmen, America grinds to a halt. No power. No housing. No data centers. No cloud. No AI.

Yet we keep pushing young people toward four-year degrees, often leaving them with six-figure debt, while treating the trades as a second-class option. Meanwhile, a "silver tsunami" is coming as baby boomers and Gen X tradesmen are retiring faster than replacements are entering the field.'

"Falling Down"

Matt · 11 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Just discovered this movie. Michael Douglas puts in an Oscar-worthy performance as a divorced man who was fired from his defense industry job and one day just loses it. It's liable to be quite cathartic for some men who watch it. But lads, if anyone gets the urge to copy the main character, talk it out. This is after all just a cathartic fantasy film.

NCFM v. Selective Service System

Matt · 12 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Lack of men in crucial fields exacerbates NV workforce shortages, research finds

Matt · 13 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A public policy think tank recommends Nevada create a commission on boys and men to address gender disparities in some of the state's most in-demand occupations.

The Lincy Institute at UNLV, in a policy brief released Monday, makes the case that gender disparities in health, education, administration, and literacy (HEAL) professions warrant a closer look by state policymakers. Men make up only 22% of the HEAL workforce.

Men are losing out on stable jobs, some of which do not require a four-year degree. And the lack of men in crucial fields like education and health care is exacerbating already existing workforce shortages.

This HEAL workforce is expected to grow by 1.6 million jobs nationwide by 2033, according to the report, which analyzed data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Nevada P-20 to Workforce Research Data System.

Lincy found that women are disproportionately enrolled in educational programs or training for HEAL occupations, not just at the collegiate level but also in high school career and technical education programs.'

Marjorie Taylor Greene, tearing into her own party, says GOP men in Congress are ‘weak’

Matt · 14 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Note to Ms. Greene: Shaming men by calling them "weak", etc., is an outdated tactic. Try again. Excerpt:

'Greene’s sharpest attacks also reflect some disillusionment with how she and other conservative women in Congress have been treated in recent months. She said she sees a pattern of unfair treatment in which competent and tough women such as herself and Rep. Elise Stefanik (New York) have been punished or ignored while “weak” Republican men are rewarded.
...
"Whereas President Trump has a very strong, dominant style — he’s not weak at all — a lot of the men here in the House are weak,” Greene said. “There’s a lot of weak Republican men and they’re more afraid of strong Republican women. So they always try to marginalize the strong Republican women that actually want to do something and actually want to achieve.”

Jealousy may be part of the dynamic, she added. “They’re always intimidated by stronger Republican women because we mean it and we will do it and we will make them look bad,” she said.'

The Engineered Isolation of Men

Matt · 16 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For decades, society has been dismantling the three foundations that once anchored men: work, identity, and family. What we call a “men’s crisis” isn’t just about depression or suicide—it’s about systematic disconnection. When a man loses his place to contribute, his right to belong, and the respect that once gave him pride, he doesn’t merely suffer; he disappears.
...
Modern culture mistakes this for fragility: “Men just need to talk more.”
But talking doesn’t rebuild meaning.

What men need isn’t therapy in isolation—it’s reconnection to the structures that once made their lives coherent.'

NCFM Letter to Secretary of War Pete Hegseth about Wrongful Allegations

Matt · 18 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'October is recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to reflect on the impact of domestic violence and renew commitments to justice and support for all affected. In this context, the National Coalition for Men (NCFM) highlights the urgent need for fairness and integrity in the handling of domestic violence, sexual harassment, and sexual assault allegations within the Armed Forces. While supporting victims and holding perpetrators accountable is essential, NCFM draws attention to the significant harm caused by false allegations—wrongful convictions, administrative discharges, and lasting personal and professional consequences for service members.

NCFM welcomes recent policy changes that introduce credibility assessments and accountability for false claims, but urges further reforms. These include the creation of a Conviction Integrity and Accountability Unit, improved oversight of military prosecutors and law enforcement, and greater transparency in promotion decisions. As we observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month, NCFM calls for balanced policies that protect victims, safeguard the rights of the accused, and ensure justice for all members of the military community.'

"Gen Z Protesters": Revolutionaries, and men at that. Politicians should take notice.

Matt · 18 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Some of you have read about the "Gen Z Protests". These are less protests and more revolutions. ICYMI:

Gen Z protesters toppled Madagascar's president. Should other African leaders worry?

2025 Nepalese Gen Z protests

What isn't being said in these reports is that these protests-turned-revolutions are being executed by economically, culturally, and socially disenfranchised men.

When women feel disenfranchised enough in some important way, they march in pink pussy hats and threaten men with withholding sex until they get their way. However when men feel disenfranchised enough, they overthrow governments.

My gut tells me these revolutions have been under-reported because TPTB don't want men in the West getting ideas. And indeed, toppling even the US gov't would take maybe only 10,000 determined people, possibly fewer. The US gov't is made up of under 500 individuals and they meet all in the same place: the District of Columbia. January 6 scared the bejeesus out of the gov't because indeed, things came very close to revolution. And who were the January 6 protesters? Mostly they were men. Men who what? Felt disenfranchised.

There are efforts in play in some states to set up commissions on the status of men and boys. If our gov't people are paying attention, I think they'll see the wisdom of starting to take men's interests a lot more seriously. Men don't don blue penis hats and nag their mates to get their way. As I said above, they overthrow governments.

Cops: AI Image Used In False Sex Attack Claim

Matt · 18 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Florida Woman contacted police earlier this month to report that a male assailant had barged into her home, knocked her to the ground, and then committed a sexual assault.

While the attacker was a stranger, the woman said, she was able to take a photo of the suspect while he was seated on the couch in her St. Petersburg apartment.

“Multiple officers and forensic technicians responded to the scene” where Brooke Schinault, a 32-year-old mother of two, said the October 7 attack occurred.

But a subsequent police examination of the image provided by Schinault revealed that “the photo was AI generated via ChatGPT,” according to an arrest report. Additionally, the photo was found in “a deleted folder dated...days before she alleged the sexual battery took place.”'

Men ‘will exploit hate crime law to accuse women of misandry’

Matt · 19 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men will seize upon new legal protections against sexism to “maliciously” target women, a feminist charity funded by the SNP government has warned.

The group Engender claimed proposals to make “sex” a protected characteristic under Scottish hate crime laws risked sending the message that there was a “parallel relationship” between misogyny and misandry. Engender said that men did not deserve equal protection.

The proposals are being put forward by SNP ministers after they ditched legislation designed to criminalise misogyny, which they feared would prove too controversial.'

Tommy Tuberville slams Democrats for ‘demonizing’ young male voters after AOC's ‘masculinity’ remarks backfire

Mastodon · 19 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., had a highly scrutinized moment during Wednesday night's CNN town hall with Bernie Sanders, when the congresswoman addressed why she believed Republicans have more success garnering support among young men.

"They are able to radicalize and target and exploit a generation of young boys, in particular, away from healthy masculinity and into an insecure masculinity that requires a domination of others who are poorer, browner, darker or a different gender than them," Ocasio-Cortez said, drawing backlash on social media.

Sen. Tommy Tuberville, R-Ala., an SEC championship-winning football coach who coached at the high school and collegiate levels 40 years, responded to Fox News Digital when asked for his reaction to Ocasio-Cortez's statement.

"When I was coaching, I taught my players that this is the greatest country in the world, and if you work hard, the sky is the limit for what you can achieve — no matter what you look like. Unfortunately, woke Democrats have spent the past 20 years telling young men they are ‘racist,’ ‘sexist’ and ‘toxic’ simply for being men," Tuberville said.

"But it didn’t stop there. Democrats tried to prevent men from getting jobs just because of their skin color and also tried to baselessly cancel them during the ‘Me Too’ movement. It’s no wonder that more than half of the young men in this country voted for President Trump in the 2024 election. If Democrats don’t stop demonizing men, they may never win an election again."'

Reproductive Rights End at Ejaculation: How Men Lost Control Over Parenthood

Matt · 20 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It's one of the most unspoken truths in modern life: once conception occurs, men have no reproductive rights. A woman can choose to keep a pregnancy or end it. She can decide to raise the child or place it for adoption. A man, on the other hand, is bound—socially, legally, and financially—to whatever decision she makes.

That imbalance is so normalized that few even notice it. When the topic arises, most people reflexively defend the status quo. "Well, it's her body." Of course it is. But what's rarely considered is that while women have control over their bodies, men have no control over their futures.

"The man's genetic material, his emotional capacity, his finances, and his lifelong identity as a father or a stranger—all of it hangs on someone else's choice. A woman's responsibility is conditional; a man's is absolute."'

"The Red Pill" on YouTube

Matt · 21 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

TRP has made it to YouTube. No subscription needed!

Apple confirms it pulled controversial dating apps Tea and TeaOnHer from the App Store

Matt · 22 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Controversial dating safety apps, Tea and TeaOnHer, have been pulled from the Apple App Store. The apps' removal was first spotted by the app store intelligence provider Appfigures, which told TechCrunch the two apps were removed from the App Store on Tuesday in all markets but remain live on Google Play.

Reached for comment, Apple confirmed the apps' removal, saying it removed Tea Dating Advice and TeaOnHer from the App Store because they failed to meet Apple's requirements around content moderation and user privacy. The company also said it saw an excessive number of user complaints and negative reviews, which included complaints of minors' personal information being posted in these apps.'

Virginia Advisory Commission for Men and Boys announced

Matt · 22 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Yesterday Virginia Democrats announced an effort to create a legislative advisory committee for men and boys — the first ever in the country.

House Speaker Don Scott, Del. Josh Thomas (House patron), Sen. Lamont Bagby (Senate Patron and party chair) Sen. Lashrecse Aird and Del. Michael Feggans gave a press conference Oct. 14 at the General Assembly building to announce what stands to be groundbreaking legislation.

A bill to create a permanent committee will be introduced to the general assembly next year and focus on four key areas long known to negatively impact men and boys:'

UK: Family law shift hailed as victory for children facing domestic abuse

Matt · 23 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The family courts will no longer work on the presumption that having contact with both parents is in the best interests of a child, in a landmark change that domestic abuse campaigners have said “will save so many children’s lives”.

The move has been heralded as “groundbreaking” by family lawyers and campaigners who have long argued that the “pro-contact culture” in the family courts places the rights of abusive fathers over the safety and wellbeing of children.'

On the feminization of western society

Matt · 23 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video discussion here.

Women’s Studies was Never About Study

Matt · 23 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For decades, Women’s Studies has held a privileged place in academia. From its earliest days, it was never a neutral or exploratory field—it was born out of activism, not inquiry. The goal was not to ask open questions about gender, but to advance a political framework that saw women as oppressed and men as privileged. It promised to give women a collective voice and to expose the “hidden structures” of patriarchy, but from the beginning, its conclusions were already written into its premises.

Women’s Studies emerged in the late 1960s as an explicitly ideological project, shaped by the political currents of second-wave feminism. Its founders were activists first and academics second. The programs they built were not designed to test ideas but to institutionalize a belief system—that society was organized around male domination and that liberation required dismantling it. Rather than studying whether patriarchy existed, Women’s Studies set out to document how it did, embedding the theory of oppression into every syllabus. What began as political conviction soon became academic dogma.'

Woman gets rare whole-life sentence for murder of French schoolgirl

Matt · 27 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Finally, the punishment fits the crime in a female-perp case. Excerpt:

'A woman who raped and murdered 12 year-old Lola Daviet in Paris has been handed a rare whole-life sentence in a case that has shocked France.

Dahbia Benkired, aged 27, must spend at least 30 years in prison after a panel of judges and a jury decided to impose the country's harshest possible penalty.

A whole-life term is extremely rare in France and Benkired is the first woman to receive it.

Those who have been given the sentence include serial killer and rapist Michel Fourniret and jihadist Salah Abdeslam, who took part in the 2015 Paris attacks which killed 130 people.'

Never Date a Feminist: Here’s Why

Matt · 27 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Something precious has been lost between men and women. You can feel it in the awkwardness of modern dating, the cold negotiations of marriage, and the way so many couples approach each other with suspicion instead of trust. What used to be a natural partnership—rooted in complementarity and mutual respect—has been reframed through a political lens that sees power, not love, as the central dynamic.

That shift didn’t happen by chance. Feminist ideology, as it evolved from the 1960s onward, carried a moral story about men and women: that men were the oppressors and women their victims. What began as a call for fairness hardened into a worldview that mistrusts men, glorifies grievance, and turns intimacy into an ideological battlefield.'

People are having fewer kids. Their choice is transforming the world's economy

Matt · 27 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Worldwide, the number of children born to the average family has dropped by more than half since the 1970s, according to the latest United Nations data. Economists say having fewer children is the norm for many families, especially in relatively prosperous countries like the U.S.

The trend is leading to populations that are dramatically older, and beginning to shrink, in many of the world's biggest economies.

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Already, women in the 15 countries that account for 75% of global gross domestic product, including the U.S., are having too few children to maintain a stable population. Many of those nations have fallen into the "very low" category of "total fertility rate" identified by the U.N. as a serious concern.

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"For the countries below 1.4 births per woman, we see much faster population decline and a pronounced shift in the population age distribution to the older ages," said Vladimíra Kantorová, the U.N.'s chief population scientist. The rate of births per woman in the U.S. dropped to 1.6 in 2024, the lowest ever.

In China, Japan, Italy and South Korea, deaths already outpace births. Demographers say more high-income countries would face population decline, if not for high rates of immigration.

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Some researchers, including Harvard University economist Claudia Goldin, think fears about shrinking families are overblown. Goldin described much of the concern as a political backlash against high rates of immigration and women's empowerment.

Asked about economic impacts of an aging, declining workforce, Goldin said, "I am not worried about that. Scarcity is everywhere; trade-offs are everywhere. There is no optimal birth rate."

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Ashley Evancho, the financial planner and mom who lives near Buffalo, agrees families like hers aren't likely to have more kids, even if governments offer incentives and benefits.

"My opportunity cost, the opportunity cost to my career or my education [of having more children] is so much higher," she said. "So the economy, the way it works, will probably have to fundamentally change."'

Beware the New Battle of the Sexes

Matt · 28 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Helen Andrews' essay is as the liberals would say, sparking a "backlash". One such article is here. Excerpt:

'Although interest in “The Great Feminization” has been building for a while, it exploded recently with a viral essay by Helen Andrews, a conservative commentator. In it, Andrews argues that female group dynamics are responsible for “wokeness” and “cancel culture,” which she describes as “simply feminine patterns of behavior applied to institutions where women were few in number until recently.” Andrews argues that corporate cultures often suffer when they become majority female, and she worries particularly about the impact of gender dynamics on law. Too many women lawyers, she suggests, might well bring down the American legal system:

The field that frightens me most is the law. All of us depend on a functioning legal system, and, to be blunt, the rule of law will not survive the legal profession becoming majority female. The rule of law is not just about writing rules down. It means following them even when they yield an outcome that tugs at your heartstrings or runs contrary to your gut sense of which party is more sympathetic.

Andrews concludes that while it is “still controversial” to argue that “there are too many women in a given field or that women in large numbers can transform institutions beyond recognition in ways that make them cease to function well,” it is necessary to do so because “we all are … dependent on institutions like the legal system, scientific research, and democratic politics that support the American way of life, and we will all suffer if they cease to perform the tasks they were designed to do.” In a speech at the National Conservatism Conference last month, Andrews argued that “a thoroughly feminized civilization will set itself on the road to collapse.” Although Andrews is careful to point out that she doesn’t want to roll back women’s rights (and acknowledges that individual women can pursue professional excellence), she hopes the trend of feminization will reverse if we take what she sees as needed steps to abandon our “system in which it is illegal for women to lose” and “[r]emove the HR lady’s veto power.” While Andrews is cagey about what future she hopes for, she’s explicit that institutional threats remain “as long as demographics remain unchanged.” She doesn’t say where she wants the apparently too many working women to go.'

UN report cites anti-male discrimination concerns in Croatia's military conscription law

Matt · 28 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The UPR is a unique UN mechanism that examines the human rights situation in every member state every five years. A working group of 47 countries bases its recommendations on three key documents: the National Report submitted by the member state, the Compilation of UN Information, and the Summary of Stakeholder Submissions, which includes relevant contributions from the Ombudsperson and civil society organizations.

The report highlights a warning from the Center for Economic Education (CEE) that the Defense Act discriminates against men by legally obligating them to perform military service solely on the basis of sex. This, the CEE notes, restricts men's personal liberty and imposes sex-based obligations, while simultaneously disparaging the value of women's contribution to the armed forces.'

Marjorie Taylor Greene Lashes Out at ‘Pathetic Republican Men’

Matt · 31 October 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On Thursday evening, the lawmaker responded to some of her critics on X, who objected to the TV hits, given that the programs’ hosts are liberals:

"There are pathetic Republican men (mostly paid social media influencers) attacking me for going on Bill Maher’s show and The View.

Here is my voting card and nothing has changed about me, I’m 1,000,000% America ONLY.

Sorry I’m not sorry I don’t obey Republican men’s demands that I, as a woman, don’t remain seen but not heard."

The text was accompanied by a screenshot of her “A” voting grade by the Conservative Review.'

7 Dark Reasons Why Men Stay Single

Matt · 1 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Not the real Elon Musk but nonetheless a really good vid.

"The Big Lonely"

Matt · 2 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

A documentary here about a man who after three failed marriages found himself homeless. He decided to go live on a mountain.

She Was Ready to Have Her 15th Child. Then Came the Felony Charges

Matt · 2 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

File this one under "Forced Paternity". Excerpt:

'MaryBeth Lewis was shopping for groceries at her local Walmart in suburban Buffalo when she got the word: Her surrogate had just been induced. She rushed home and packed a bag for her new twins — a book for baby footprints, matching outfits and beanies and blankets embroidered with their names. Then she jumped back in the car and raced down Interstate 390 to a small hospital 130 miles away in a rural corner of the state.

When MaryBeth arrived at the maternity ward, she found her surrogate in a recovery room, tired but happy after a quick delivery. She asked to see the twins, and a nurse went to go find them. But before she returned, a different woman dressed in scrubs appeared and got in MaryBeth's face. "What you did was terrible," the woman said. "You will never see these babies." MaryBeth tried to talk to her, but the woman refused to listen. A voice over the loudspeaker announced that visiting hours were over. "And that means you," the woman said.'

November Is Men’s Equality Month

Matt · 3 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'November is Men’s Equality Month, and November 19 marks International Men’s Day — two celebrations that recognize the contributions of men and boys while raising awareness about the areas where they continue to face disadvantage.

These observances are growing fast. International Men’s Day began in 1999 in Trinidad and Tobago. Building on that success, the International Council for Men and Boys (ICMB) inaugurated Men’s Equality Month (MEM) in 2024 to expand the recognition of men’s issues across the entire month of November.'

When “Helping Men” Comes With a Hidden Asterisk

Matt · 6 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But as you read on, a familiar pattern emerges. The compassion is there — but it’s conditional. The sympathy comes wrapped in ideology.

And beneath the glossy language of “healthier masculinities” runs an unmistakable undercurrent of misandry.

The piece centers on the claim that men’s suffering largely stems from their “rigid gender norms.” This “man box,” we’re told, traps men in emotional stoicism, dominance, and self-reliance — all of which supposedly lead to loneliness and self-destruction. The solution, according to the experts quoted, is to “deconstruct masculinity” or “redefine” it in more emotionally expressive, prosocial terms.

But this framing quietly does something damaging: it pathologizes masculinity itself. It treats male distress not as the product of a culture that devalues men but as a symptom of how men behave.'

Give Men Reproductive Rights, Too

Matt · 7 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article from last year here. Excerpt:

'Modern feminism has been rooted in securing a woman's guaranteed right to decide whether she wants to bring her pregnancy to term. Devastatingly, in most U.S. states, that right is now denied after countless political, social, and media campaigns have failed on this front.

One problem is that we have refused to embrace our biggest ally group: men, who hold similar views on abortion rights as women, and also benefit when they have agency over their parenthood.

While we fight for women to have the right to decide whether she has the maturity, financial, or emotional resources to bring a pregnancy to term, men are legally responsible to financially support any biological child, yet have never enjoyed the right to decide whether to become a father.'

Labor Department social media campaign depicts a White male workforce

Matt · 7 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. IMO the point that the posters lack ethno-genderal diversity is true. What's wrong is the basis of the criticism of it: that exclusive white male representation necessarily entails "white supremacy" or worse, Nazism. That's utter hogwash. Excerpt:

'But the agency has made a dramatic shift during the Trump administration, launching a social media campaign with illustrations that appear to be AI-generated and that almost exclusively feature White men — part of an effort to promote the hiring of American citizens over foreign workers.

Art experts and historians say the images mimic the styles of artist Norman Rockwell or historical government propaganda, including posters from New Deal-era America and fascist Europe. The campaign has drawn scrutiny, with critics saying it is not realistically portraying the diversity of the country's workforce and is sending messages that feel exclusionary, given that White men make up a minority of the workforce.
...
Duke University art history professor Paul Jaskot said he would compare the images to a range of historic propaganda, including Nazi and Soviet art in the 1930s, as well as the campaign led by the Works Progress Administration during the New Deal era in the U.S.

"These images participate in a longer history of images of heroic white masculinity that extends well beyond the Nazi period," Jaskot wrote in an email.'

The Routledge Handbook of Men’s Victimisation in Intimate Relationships

Matt · 7 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

A new book aggregating the literature on male victimization in intimate relationships here. Description:

'This handbook provides a timely synthesis of the international literature that investigates men’s experiences of intimate partner violence and help seeking behavior, and considers what the findings mean for research, practice, and policy.

Providing the reader with a synthesis of cutting-edge knowledge, this book draws together a wealth of information from leading international researchers and practitioners working in the field of men’s victimization in intimate relationships. By including chapters that address a diverse range of men’s experiences and needs, it offers an accessible format for the reader to learn about the experiences of underrepresented groups of men across the world and how this knowledge can shape practice, policy, and future research.

The Routledge Handbook of Men’s Victimisation in Intimate Relationships will be of great use to postgraduate students (including training psychologists, psychiatrists, medics, barristers/attorneys, social workers, probation officers, doctors, and nurses); academics, researchers, and professionals working in areas of family violence law, practice, policy and service provision.'

Photoshopping out boyfriends: A new trend explained

Matt · 7 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Amanda takes on the motivations around high-status women discouraging other women from having boyfriends, husbands, and children. An interesting take.

The War On Men Isn't Helping Anyone

Matt · 9 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. What's noteworthy is that the interviewee is notoriously lefty. I don't agree with everything he says but the fact he's discussing the topic is significant.

Gavin Newsom tells Democrats they 'walked away' from masculinity crisis impacting men and boys

Mastodon · 10 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gov. Gavin Newsom, D-Calif., urged Democrats to "own up" to ceding ground on the masculinity crisis during an interview Sunday.

"I say this as a Democrat: We need to own up to the fact that we ceded that ground. We walked away from this crisis of men and boys. Trump saw it as an electoral opportunity to exploit it, but he‘s done nothing to deliver in terms of results to address those anxieties, which are real," he said during an interview on CNN's "State of the Union."

Newsom told CNN host Jake Tapper that suicide rates, dropout rates and suspension rates were off the charts for men.'

The Perils of Seeing Yourself as a Victim

Matt · 10 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Something powerful happens when a person begins to see themselves as a victim. It doesn't just shape how they interpret the world — it shapes who they become.

In therapy, I've watched people recover from immense trauma once they reclaimed a sense of agency — the feeling that they could influence their own lives. I've also seen others sink deeper into despair when they made victimhood their identity.

The difference isn't what happened to them. It's how they understood what happened.'

California Creates Council on Men and Boys; NCFM Dismisses Lawsuit

Matt · 10 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Governor Gavin Newsom announced the creation of the California Council on Men and Boys, a landmark step toward gender equity in state policy. The council addresses long standing disparities and follows years of advocacy and legal action by the National Coalition For Men (NCFM) and represents a significant shift in how California approaches the well-being of all its residents.
...
For decades, the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (CCSWG) has received robust support, with funding exceeding $25 million in recent years. The commission has played a vital role in advancing issues related to economic and educational equity, healthcare access, and violence prevention for women and girls, serving millions of Californians. Until now, however, there has been no equivalent body dedicated to addressing the unique challenges faced by men and boys.'

An example of The Problem

Matt · 10 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

This is what especially young men have to deal with.

Watch a couple of this fem-wit's videos and you'll see she's bats. A lot of women like her are out there. This is what Feminism has wrought.

The Relentless War on Masculinity: Does it Ever End?

Matt · 11 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Newly-released book here. Description:

'For decades, Western societies have tilted against men and boys—dismantling fatherhood, ignoring male disadvantage, and portraying masculinity as a problem to be fixed. The result is a deep social crisis: falling education outcomes for boys, disengaged young men, rising mental health struggles, plummeting birth rates, and fractured relationships between men and women.

In this timely and courageous book, David Maywald shines a clear light on the causes of this crisis and offers a vision for how to rebuild. Combining data-driven analysis with heartfelt advocacy, he calls for a new social contract: one where boys are supported, men are respected, and both sexes work together to create a healthier future for us all...'

Podcasting’s Diversity Problem: 64% of Hosts Are Male, 77% Are White, USC Study Finds

Matt · 11 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. White men hold the vast majority of dirty and dangerous jobs, yet no one is complaining that that is a problem. Excerpt:

'The hosts of the top 100 podcasts of 2024 were overwhelmingly white and male, a new comprehensive study from USC reveals. Of the top podcasts, 64% were hosted by men, while 77% of the hosts were white, underlining a severe lack of diversity in the medium that continues to rise in popularity and has become a cornerstone of viewing time on YouTube.

Even expanding beyond the top 100, 66.3% of the hosts of the top 592 podcasts were male, and 79.2% were white. In both gender and race, podcasts trail other parts of the entertainment industry — 50% of the top 100 films of 2024 had a female lead, and among the most popular TV shows of last year, 44.9% of the series regulars were from an underrepresented racial/ethnic group.'

Wife of Minnesota preacher killed in Africa found guilty alongside her Angolan ‘romantic partner’ of plotting murder

Matt · 13 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Nothing in the New Testament says it's OK to go out on a missionary expedition with your husband and plot his murder with your secret lover. Nothing. Just sayin'. Excerpt:

'A Minnesota woman has been found guilty of killing her husband while he was on a missionary trip to the southern African nation of Angola.

Jackie Shroyer, 44, from Detroit Lakes, will serve 24 years in an Angolan prison after she was convicted by the Lubango District Court on Wednesday of involvement in her husband’s murder, according to a

Beau Shroyer, who was 44 from Detroit Lakes, was killed in an “act of violence while serving Jesus” on 25 October last year, the family’s church, Lakes Area Vineyard, told the media last November. The pastor had moved to Africa in 2021 with his wife and their five children for missionary work, organized by the North Carolina-based religious organization SIM USA.'

The Psychology of Collective Victimhood - Part 2

Matt · 13 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When the mindset of victimhood spreads from individuals to entire groups, something powerful — and dangerous — begins to happen.

The sense of personal injury becomes a shared moral identity.
Suffering, once private, becomes political.

At first, this can bring solidarity and even healing. A wounded community finds its voice. People who once suffered in silence finally feel seen. But over time, the same force that unites can also divide. The story that once offered meaning starts to reshape how people see themselves, their nation, and even morality itself.'

Germany calls up all men aged 18 for military medical exam

Matt · 13 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Germany will call up all 18-year-old men for a military medical examination and create a mechanism for “emergency conscription” after the ruling coalition ended months of squabbling over the future of national service.

The country will not return to full mandatory conscription, which was suspended in 2011, but plans to expand its reserves by training up to 5,000 young men each year.

The German armed forces, known as the Bundeswehr, need to recruit another 80,000 professional soldiers to hit their Nato target strength of 260,000.

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The model for the partial revival of national service remains the Swedish system, under which only the hardiest and most motivated members of each cohort are called up.

They will serve between seven and 23 months, depending on the level of their commitment. Young women will also be able to sign up, but on a purely voluntary basis.'

British soldiers forced to undergo 'consent, misogyny and incel culture' training

Matt · 15 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Britain's armed forces are rolling out mandatory training on consent, misogyny and "incel culture" for all military personnel after new research found that two-thirds of women in uniform faced sexualised behaviour in one year.

The Ministry of Defence has launched its first-ever prevention programme to tackle what officials are calling "wholly unacceptable" conduct across the Royal Navy, Army and RAF.

The new initiative will teach troops about "harmful online influences" while working to "enforce the highest behavioural standards" throughout the services.

The new training programme kicks off at Catterick Garrison in North Yorkshire and Plymouth Naval Base, with a focus on reaching young recruits at facilities like Army Foundation College Harrogate and HMS Raleigh.'

California begins to address disparities suffered by men and boys; NCFM Dismisses Lawsuit

Matt · 15 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N 31 25, directing California state agencies to take coordinated action to address the mental health crisis, social isolation, and opportunity gaps facing men and boys. He did not announce the establishment of a “council for men and boys” as earlier reported. Nonetheless, the Executive Order is a step in the right direction and strengthens continuing efforts to establish a fully funded Commission on the Status of Men and Boys.

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For decades, the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (CCSWG) has received robust support, with funding exceeding $25 million in recent years. The commission has played a vital role in advancing issues related to economic and educational equity, healthcare access, and violence prevention for women and girls, serving millions of Californians. Until now, however, there has been no equivalent body dedicated to addressing the unique challenges faced by men and boys.'

International Men's Day march in Dublin, Ireland

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Click "Read more" and see the attached .jpg for more information.

Calls for 'masculinity reset' as men 'portrayed as either frightening or pathetic' on screen

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Calls have been made for a "masculinity reset" because film and TV "portray men as either frightening or pathetic".

A survey found that most people believe boys are lacking proper role models due to a lack of representation in films, adverts and on television.

Instead, men are portrayed as either hapless and useless such as Daddy Pig in Peppa Pig, Homer Simpson and Peter Griffin in Family Guy, or as monstrous characters like Paul Spector, the serial killer in The Fall.

The poll of more than 2,000 people was part of the "Lost Boys" study by Centre for Social Justice (CSJ).

The think-tank's study called for a "masculinity reset" to ensure both male and female qualities are treated positively by the mass media.'

The problem with boy moms

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"A boy mom is a slang to refer to a specific kind of parent who is perceived as being overly fixated on their male children," Mary Walrath-Holdridge of USA Today said.

However, this definition is too sympathetic to boy moms, in my opinion. The term boy moms has developed to refer to internally misogynistic women who grew up lacking male attention. They promote emotional incest, overstepping of boundaries and sexism through their disturbing actions.'

Wait-- The Men's Rights Movement is Working?

Matt · 16 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Nice to see some reported progress at least with shared custody laws. Just getting started, so much needs to change.

The Psychology of Prejudice Against Men

Matt · 16 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This is the first of several interviews with Aman Siddiqi about his dissertation on the Prejudice Against Men. Aman's dissertation is extraordinary and his ability to explain its complexity in interviews is excellent. The point he makes is that no psychotherapist can create a therapeutic relationship with men unless they are aware of where men face prejudice. I am sure you will enjoy Aman and his ideas. It is like a breath of fresh air!

The Psychology of Prejudice Against Men is a topic that gets too little attention. Aman Siddiqi has broken the unwritten rules of silence from the misandrist psychological community by taking a close look at the workings of this invisible prejudice and how it impacts men and the psychotherapeutic relationships between therapists and male clients. In his Doctoral Thesis Siddiqi draws on past research on discrimination and prejudice and applies those research driven ideas to what is happening to men today. Importantly he brings to light the concept of "Acceptable Prejudice" which is a prejudice against specific groups that is invisibly endorsed by the culture and shows how it is now men who are carrying the burden of this prejudice. This is a fascinating interview that begins the process of unraveling the web of bias faced in today's world by boys and men.'

Dads blast ‘lazy’ stay-at-home moms for complaining: ‘It’s not hard — they’re just playing victim’

Matt · 16 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sticks and stones may break some bones, but the withering words of men — and a handful of ladies — calling full-time housewives “liars” and “lazy” for claiming the domestic job is hard, can cut deep.

“To all the stay-at-home moms, I feel like you’re lying,” spat Cass — an alleged work-from-home, stay-at-home dad of a newborn — in a controversial clip.

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Still, internet trolls — including fathers who claim to have fulfilled the role of Mr. Mom — consider the thankless job a cushy gig that shouldn’t warrant much bellyaching from gals on the grind.

“You’re gonna trigger all the lazy moms with this one,” teased an instigator beneath Cass’ TikTok post.

“Being a stay-at-home mom is the easiest job in the world,” argued a smug male commenter.'

UK: Justice officials accidentally release plans to spend millions moving women criminals out of prison

Matt · 17 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Officials are planning to spend tens of millions of pounds moving hundreds of female criminals out of jail to make room for more male offenders.

Documents accidentally released by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) outline a scheme which would cost an initial £68million and then a further £47million a year to ‘divert’ women offenders out of jail.

Another scheme would see female offenders placed in another type of residential centre instead of jail, at a cost of £60,000 to £100,000 a year per head.'

Cancel Culture with a Vengeance

Matt · 18 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Universities and media love to brand themselves as champions of free speech and open debate. But what happens when those same institutions quietly use legal tools to gag and erase the very people who challenge their orthodoxies?

In this conversation, I'm joined by two of my favorite thinkers, Dr. Janice Fiamengo and Dr. Stephen Baskerville, to dig into a darker layer beneath "cancel culture." We start from the case of Dr. James Nuzzo, whose FOIA request exposed a coordinated effort by colleagues and administrators to push him out rather than debate his research, and then go much deeper.

Stephen explains how non-disclosure agreements, non-disparagement clauses, and mandatory arbitration have become a hidden system of censorship in universities, Christian colleges, and even media outlets—silencing dissenters, shielding institutions from scrutiny, and quietly strippi ng people of their practical First Amendment rights. Janice adds her own experience with gag orders and human rights complaints, and together we explore what this means for anyone who challenges feminist or "diversity" ideology.'

Beyond half measures: how to improve gender gap indices

Matt · 18 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Measuring gender gaps is challenging. For one thing, distributions overlap even when there is a gap at the average. In the U.S., median female earnings are 18 percentage points lower than male earnings, but 40% of women earn more than the median man. Women live five years longer than men on average, but 36% of men live longer than the median woman. Analyzing gender gaps across different subgroups also complicates the picture: white women now earn considerably more than Black men, for example (at the average, of course).

Another potential difficulty is whether to focus only on gender gaps in one direction. The term “gender gap” is typically used to show inequalities where women are worse off than men. Many institutions and scholars focus on these gender gaps. But of course many gender gaps run the other way; these gaps are highlighted by our own work at the American Institute for Boys and Men. This is appropriate in either case; different institutions have different focuses.

A question arises, however, when it comes to indices of gender gaps, especially when these are used for comparative purposes. The most comprehensive existing indices do not measure gender gaps in both directions, instead reporting only the gaps where girls and women are behind boys and men. One example is the World Economic Forum’s Global Gender Gap Report (GGGR) produced by the World Economic Forum (WEF). The GGGR is the most commonly cited measure of gender gaps across countries. It captures and synthesizes a vast amount of data, measuring gender gaps in 146 countries across four dimensions: Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival, and Political Empowerment.'

"The Relentless War On Masculinity" - formats

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The new book, "The Relentless War On Masculinity: Does It Ever End?" is available now in multiple formats. Take a look here.

International Men's Day

Matt · 20 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

November 19 is International Men's Day. Following are a few articles discussing at some issues men have. This is some progress.

115+ Happy International Men's Day messages, ...

Why We Must Keep an Open Mind Toward International Men's Day

To The Men The World Overlooks

The National Coalition For Men Celebrates Men and Boys on International Men’s Day 2025

New El Salvador Law Mandates DNA Test Before Babies Are Given Birth Certificate

Matt · 20 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is big news even though ES is a small country. It sets a precedent. Excerpt:

'President Nayib Bukele of El Salvador has signed into law a controversial measure requiring mandatory DNA testing for all children at birth to verify biological parentage.

Bukele defended the law, stating it is “not against women, but against lies,” aimed at preventing men from unknowingly raising children who are not biologically theirs. The Genetic Verification System Law mandates that all tests be conducted in certified laboratories, with the state covering costs for low-income families.

The law has sparked widespread debate. Supporters praise it as a step toward family transparency and protecting paternal rights, while critics warn it represents state overreach and raises ethical and privacy concerns.

El Salvador is now the first country in Latin America to implement a nationwide, mandatory genetic verification system for civil registration.'

MenAreGood discusses The Relentless War on Masculinity

Matt · 20 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Happy International Men's Day! It's a perfect day to acknowledge the relentless war on masculinity? Here we go!

In this video I sit down with four people I deeply respect to talk about a book I think is going to matter: The Relentless War on Masculinity: When Will It End? by David Maywald.

Joining me are:

Dr. Jim Nuzzo – health researcher from Perth and author of The Nuzzo Letter, who's been quietly but steadily documenting how men's health is sidelined.

Dr. Hannah Spier – an anti-feminist psychiatrist (yes, you heard that right) and creator of Psychobabble, who pulls no punches about female accountability and the mental-health system.

Lisa Britton – writer for Evie Magazine and other outlets, one of the few women bringing men's issues into women's media and mainstream conversation.

David Maywald – husband, father of a son and a daugh ter, long-time advocate for boys' education and men's wellbeing, and now author of The Relentless War on Masculinity.'

How Feminist Researchers Lied

Matt · 22 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There are millions of compassionate and loving people in the United States who have been given erroneous information about domestic violence. Over the years the media and academia have offered a steady stream of information that indicates that women are the only victims of domestic violence and men the only perpetrators. We have all been deceived. What most don't know is that a part of that deception has been intentional and has come from the scientific community. As hard as it is to believe it is indisputable. Most of us had no idea of this deception until recently. More and more is now coming out about the symmetry of victimization in domestic violence between men and women.

One of the breakthroughs that have helped us identify this deception was the journal response of Murray Straus Ph.D. Straus has been an acclaimed researcher of family and interpersonal violence for many years. In his article he unveils the ways that this misinformation has been intentionally spread via "research." He shows the seven ways that the truth has been distorted. It is a fascinating yet sobering article that shows how, without actually lying, the researchers were able to distort things and make it appear that it was something that is was not. ...'

Germany wants to build Europe's strongest army – a new conscription bill is moving that closer

Matt · 23 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The coalition government is hoping a new bill agreed upon last week will help make this a reality, bolstering Germany's forces in the face of the perceived threat from Russia and a significant shift in US foreign policy.

The sweeping new reforms will see Germany attempt to boost its numbers to 260,000 soldiers, up from around 180,000 currently, in addition to an extra 200,000 reservists, by 2035.

In the first instance, the drive will focus on voluntary enlistment, with greater incentives for those who sign up, including a monthly starting salary of €2,600 ($3,000) – an increase of €450 from the current level.

If the new quotas are not met, the government will have the option of mandatory call-ups, where necessary.'

Why Anti-Feminism Still Sounds Feminist

Matt · 24 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Words like empowerment, agency, and choice slip into our sentences without a second thought. They sound wholesome, but they carry a worldview: that morality begins with women's feelings, that men must prove their virtue, and that harmony means protecting one sex from the other.

It's not hypocrisy; it's inheritance. After decades of dominance, feminism has become the cultural air we breathe. Even those who push back against it often do so in its moral vocabulary, defending traditional roles in the same language that once dismantled them. How can we expect to heal the divide between the sexes and create a pro-women landscape for both when all men hear in our voices is more feminism?

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Over the past few years, conservative women fed up with careerism, hookup culture, and the endless war between the sexes have started speaking out against the culprit. But instead of breaking away from feminist vocabulary, they borrow it. Choice. Agency. Empowerment. These are the words that still buy social legitimacy. We've spent so long in a woman-centered moral framework that even women who reject feminism still think and speak in those terms.

The feminist lexicon rebranded moral concepts into emotional ones. Empowerment no longer means strength but validation. Agency doesn't mean accountability but autonomy without consequence. Even when conservative women say, "I choose to stay home; that's what makes me feel empowered and feminine," they're still speaking the language of woman-centered justification feminism taught them.'

Why midlife divorce is good for you (as long as you're a woman)

Mastodon · 24 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It wasn't any one incident that convinced Pat*, 55, from Cheshire that she had to leave her husband – just 25 years of feeling taken for granted.

"It was OK while he was working," she explains. "We both had our separate lives, and he was a workaholic and travelled a lot. But then he retired, and he was under my feet. He was pretty lost, I suppose. But he just undermined me constantly… everyday, he'd say or do something which hurt: forgetting something important to me, not noticing something I had done for him, being negative.

"Each thing in isolation wasn't that bad… but it built up. I can remember looking at him one day across the breakfast table and thinking, 'I just can't do this anymore'."

Given that she is only in her mid-50s, Pat says she thought: "I might live for another 40 years. There has to be more to life than this. So I told him I'd had enough. At that point, he said he'd come to couples' counselling, something I'd been suggesting for about 15 years. But by then, it was too late – when you are done, you are so done."
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The upshot is that if men want to hang on to their "walkaway wives", they are going to have to try a lot harder to keep them happy.'

The Bias We Pretend Doesn't Hurt Boys

Matt · 24 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine, for a moment, what would happen if one group of children lived like this not for a day, but for years. Imagine if the message they heard — from teachers, media, curriculum, and culture — told them that something essential about them was wrong.

Imagine if they were boys.

That's where we're headed. But before we get there, we need one more piece of the puzzle.

Because psychologists later discovered that what Elliott demonstrated dramatically in a classroom is also happening quietly inside children every day. They even gave it a name.

It's called stereotype threat.

And it explains far more about our boys' struggles — and our cultural blind spots — than most people realize.'

The Battle For the Minds of Men

Matt · 25 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When men can't get the help they need, they often leave a trail of devastation in their wake. Men represent nearly 80 percent of suicide victims and live roughly six years less than women, driven in part by more risk-taking behaviors, higher rates of smoking and drinking, and lower rates of visiting doctors. They make up the majority of overdoses and the homeless. Google "deaths of despair" and the image results are mostly shadowy images of lonesome men, many with their heads buried in their hands.

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This approach failed to recognize that many men came to therapy from a place of shame. He'd seen enough guys walk into his practice "hanging his head like a dog who knew he did something wrong." How some were discussing men would only make guys less comfortable coming forward, he said.'

UK: I’m sick of people mansplaining how to be chancellor, says Rachel Reeves

Matt · 25 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rachel Reeves has said she is “sick of people mansplaining how to be chancellor” to her, days before she unveils her make-or-break Budget.

Hitting back at critics amid growing concern over sweeping tax rises that are expected next week, the chancellor said she is “not going to let them bring me down by undermining my character or my confidence”.

Ms Reeves also admitted the government has “made a couple of unforced errors” but insisted it is “fighting to win”.

But the chancellor failed to give any detail on what she will unveil in the Budget or how she will improve Britain’s ailing public finances, nor did she address the leaks and briefings that have dominated the media landscape in the lead-up to next week’s fiscal event.'

Men are in trouble — but whose fault is it?

Matt · 26 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For all the time-old fretting over the battle of the sexes, the outcome no one seemed to worry about is this one. The battle is over. But there is no jubilation, because the men have retreated. Back each sex went to their respective trenches to live a life alone and without love.

A new study that surveyed 2,000 British men and women aged 18-45 revealed that men are at an unprecedented crisis point. They have rejected old ideas about masculinity, they desperately want to care for their community and aspire to be tender, involved fathers. Yet they despair of being able to fit into the seemingly contradictory demands made of them by their female romantic partners and society at large, with nearly half considering giving up on love entirely.'

Italy now recognizes the crime of femicide and punishes it with life in prison

Matt · 26 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Italy's parliament on Tuesday approved a law that introduces femicide into the country's criminal law and punishes it with life in prison.

The vote coincided with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, a day designated by the U.N. General Assembly.

The law won bipartisan support from the center-right majority and the center-left opposition in the final vote in the Lower Chamber, passing with 237 votes in favor.

The law, backed by the conservative government of Premier Giorgia Meloni, comes in response to a series of killings and other violence targeting women in Italy. It includes stronger measures against gender-based crimes including stalking and revenge porn.'

Judges say Scottish courts are risking right to fair trial in sex cases

Matt · 27 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A landmark ruling by the UK Supreme Court could trigger multiple legal challenges by men convicted of sexual offences in Scotland.

Five judges have ruled that Scotland's courts have taken an approach to evidence which risks depriving a defendant of their right to a fair trial.

The Supreme Court had been considering the case of two men, David Daly and Andrew Keir, who were appealing against convictions for rape.

The court dismissed their appeals and said they had received fair trials – but ruled that Scotland's courts should change their approach to the admission of evidence in such cases.'

AUS: Men earn nearly $10,000 more than women in bonuses and overtime pay, fuelling the gender pay gap: new data

Matt · 27 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Men work longer hours and *gasp* get paid for it. Oh my! Fix it for women's sake! Excerpt:

'Men are earning on average A$9,753 more than women each year in the form of performance bonuses, allowances and overtime pay.

That's according to the latest gender pay gap data released on Thursday by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency. It covers more than 8,000 private companies for 2024–25, employing more than 5.4 million workers across Australia.

The overall gender pay gap fell to 21.1%, compared to 21.8% in 2023–24. But the gap in discretionary pay makes up a big chunk of the total gender pay gap of $28,356.'

France confirms voluntary military conscription in wake of Russia war threat

Matt · 27 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. It's the thin edge, I think. Excerpt:

'France will introduce a voluntary military service of 10 months beginning next summer, becoming the latest EU country to hint at war preparations in the face of a growing threat from Russia.

President Emmanuel Macron has confirmed the expansion of the military, focusing on volunteers mostly aged 18 to 19.

‘A new national service will be introduced, gradually starting next summer,’ he said during a speech to troops in Varces-Allieres-et-Risset.

This makes France the first European heavyweight – and the first nation that has nuclear capabilities – to reintroduce military service.'

Most Boys Aged 11-14 Have Been Exposed To Online Misogyny. Here's What Ofcom Hopes To Do About It

Matt · 29 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ofcom has urged tech companies to take “practical action against online misogynistic abuse, pile-ons, stalking and intimate image abuse”.

The communications regulator, which is responsible for ensuring everything from our postal service to our TV responsibly delivers safe content, has suggested that these groups need to go “above and beyond what is needed to comply with their legal duties under the Online Safety Act” to achieve true digital equality.

They point out that 99% of intimate images reported to the Revenge Porn Helpline were of women; 99% of deepfake image abuse involves women; nearly 70% of boys aged 11-14 have been exposed to misogynistic content online.

Those are only a few of the issues the regulator raised before announcing their “five-point plan to hold sites and apps to account on protecting women and girls online”.'

Teen Violence — When Ideology Trumps Data

Matt · 29 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The first project we'll look at is a study from Great Britain on teen relationship violence. The research included both a written survey and in-depth interviews with selected teens. The survey results were clear: both boys and girls experienced relationship violence.

Yet, the public ad campaign that followed told a very different story. It focused entirely on helping girls as victims and portrayed boys only as perpetrators. This stunning disregard for male victims — and for the girls identified as perpetrators — stood in sharp contrast to the study's own data. Those numbers showed that many boys were victims of teen relationship violence, and that girls, too, could be perpetrators.

Let's start at the beginning — with how this issue first caught my attention.'

On Men and Women

Matt · 30 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Essay here. Long but very good. Excerpt:

'This war between the sexes and total breakdown of sexuality is incomprehensible to anyone over a certain age, with the birth-year cutoff sitting somewhere between 1991 and 1997. It has been nothing short of a Cultural Revolution, a complete break from previous sexual morality and conception. The self-conception of, and interactions between, men and women in 1995 are utterly alien to those of 2025. This all-encompassing nature makes it difficult to pin down exactly what has changed, which makes it even more difficult to pin down the why behind these changes—much less their second- and third-order effects.

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The result was immediate and far-reaching. Anti-male sentiment—justified or not—became the single most pervasive cultural force in the Western world. For ten years, disdain for men has been the animating impulse of thousands of cultural products and just as many policies, backed by trillions of dollars in investment. The very framework of conversation narrowed to focus near-exclusively on gender war-derived topics; the totalizing nature of this new frame is what birthed the contagion coarsely called “Woke” today.'

Women Are Refusing To Be In Relationships With Men In Record Numbers, And This Is The Brutal Truth Behind Why

Matt · 30 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is why I advise young men in particular either to avoid dating altogether or be very careful who you date, if you must. The typical young woman isn't a fit romantic partner these days. Excerpt:

'These stories reflect a shift among young women in which more and more of them are “quiet-quitting” these relationships. Women are now 23% less likely to want to date than men, not because they don’t care, but because they feel they’ve invested too much emotional labor without support in return.

In intimate relationships, young women are taking on a disproportionate load of invisible emotional labor, often supporting men through intense feelings of failure and isolation from friends. Many men described feeling “weird or like a waste of time” when opening up to male friends, instead reserving vulnerability for their relationships with women.

While men consider this unburdening to women a “natural part” of their relationships, those same women describe it as work— what researchers at Stanford University call “mankeeping.”'

‘We won’t win this war without women’

Matt · 30 November 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Only thing stopping women from being included in Selective Service is conservatives of both sexes. They need to face facts. Excerpt:

'Nearly four years into Russia’s invasion, women here are increasingly taking on combat roles once reserved for men. Ukraine’s struggle to source personnel has forced its military to change. By early this year, more than 70,000 women had enlisted in Ukraine’s military — up 20 percent since 2022. Around 5,500 of those currently serve in combat roles.

But Daria’s crew is the first in Ukraine’s national guard to operate entirely without men.

She and the four women under her command drive their own vehicle, carry their own equipment, build their own explosives and launch armed drones along the southeastern front.'

National Coalition For Men (NCFM) Marks Movember by Calling for End to Gender-Exclusive Conscription Policies

Matt · 1 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'As millions of men grew mustaches this Movember to raise awareness of men's health, the National Coalition For Men (NCFM) is spotlighting another critical issue: the health and wellbeing of men subjected to involuntary conscription. While many nations continue to impose mandatory military service exclusively on men, a smaller but growing number have extended conscription to women as well. NCFM reaffirms its position: mandatory conscription targeted only at men is discriminatory, outdated, and unjust.

Conscription as a Men's Health Issue

Movember highlights men's unique health challenges — from prostate cancer to mental health.

Male-only conscription policies add another layer:
• Physical health risks: Severe injury, long-term health consequences, and death.
• Mental health burdens: stress, trauma and disruption of family, education, and careers.
• Systemic inequality: reinforces outdated gender roles, placing the burden of national defense squarely on men's shoulders.'

An example of manly heroism and how it is oft-overlooked

Matt · 1 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

I saw this on Facebook. While this man did actually get recognized for his heroic efforts, I thought of men like electrical linemen, underwater pipefitters, underwater welders, and a myriad of other jobs done either exclusively or almost exclusively by men that rarely get recognized and to whom we can thank for keeping modern civilization going. It's really just amazing the degree to which we all owe a subset of men so much for what they do. I'm reminded also of Churchill's famous quote about the RAF: "Never was so much owed by so many to so few." Anyway, here's the story I found on Facebook:

In 1906, one of England's most magnificent cathedrals stood on the edge of catastrophe. Winchester Cathedral, a masterpiece of medieval architecture that had stood for over 800 years, was slowly sinking into the earth. Massive cracks had begun splitting its ancient walls. Chunks of carved stone tumbled from the ceiling during services. Engineers delivered their verdict with grim certainty: without intervention, this irreplaceable piece of history would collapse completely.

The problem lay deep underground, invisible to everyone who walked through the cathedral's soaring Gothic arches. The Norman builders who laid the foundation in 1079 had constructed it on what seemed like solid ground. But beneath the surface lay something treacherous: a thick layer of waterlogged peat, the compressed remains of ancient vegetation from when the River Itchen once flowed through this valley. For centuries, massive beech logs had supported the cathedral's immense weight. Now, after eight hundred years, those timbers were rotting away.

The architect Thomas Jackson and civil engineer Francis Fox were summoned to save the building. Their solution seemed straightforward enough: dig trenches beneath the walls, remove the decaying logs, and replace them with concrete. Simple in theory. Impossible in practice.

The moment workers dug below the water table, the trenches flooded instantly. The peat soil released water faster than any pump could remove it. Every attempt ended the same way: excavated holes filling with murky water within seconds, making conventional construction work utterly impossible. The cathedral couldn't be saved using normal methods. They needed something extraordinary.

Fox had an unconventional idea. If they couldn't keep the water out, perhaps someone could work in it. They needed a diver.

William Walker wasn't looking for glory when he received the call. Born in 1869 to a working-class family in Surrey, he'd trained as a deep-sea diver at Portsmouth Dockyard and made his career in the unglamorous world of underwater construction. He'd worked on docks, tunnels, and harbor projects—difficult, dangerous work that rarely made headlines. When Siebe Gorman Company sent him to Winchester in April 1906, he expected a temporary assignment. Maybe a year at most.

He ended up staying for five and a half years.

Another diver, Rayfield, initially shared the work. But after a year, when it became clear the project would take far longer than anticipated, the company decided to keep only their most dependable man. Walker remained. Every morning, he would put on his diving suit—two hundred pounds of canvas, rubber, copper, and lead that required thirty minutes and multiple assistants to secure properly. The massive copper helmet alone weighed nearly sixty pounds. Lead-lined boots kept him anchored to the bottom. A rubber air hose connected him to the surface, where workers manually pumped oxygen into his helmet throughout each dive.

Then he would descend into absolute darkness.

The water beneath Winchester Cathedral was completely opaque, thick with centuries of accumulated peat and sediment. No light penetrated it. Walker couldn't see his own hands in front of his face. He worked entirely by touch, feeling his way through the submerged trenches six meters below the surface. Imagine doing construction

work blindfolded, underwater, wearing equipment that weighed more than most people, while a thousand-year-old building pressed down from above. That was every single day for Walker.
His task was both simple and impossible. Workers above would prepare trenches and bags of concrete. When the trenches flooded, Walker would descend. Working blind in the frigid water, he would remove the last of the rotting timber by hand, then begin placing bags of concrete, one by one, in precise positions to support the walls above. Each bag had to be positioned correctly by feel alone. A mistake could mean disaster.

He worked two four-hour shifts most days, spending up to six hours underwater. The heavy suit took so long to remove that during breaks, he would simply unscrew his helmet, eat lunch, smoke his pipe, and then seal himself back inside. Every weekend, he would cycle seventy miles home to his wife and growing family in South Norwood, then return by train Monday morning to do it all again.

Month after month. Year after year.

The numbers tell a story of almost incomprehensible persistence. By the time Walker finished in September 1911, he had placed 25,800 bags of concrete. 114,900 concrete blocks. 900,000 bricks. Nearly a million bricks, laid one at a time, by hand, in complete darkness, underwater. Every single one positioned by a man who couldn't see what he was doing, who relied entirely on years of experience, muscle memory, and an unwavering commitment to precision.

When journalists asked Walker about the difficulty of the work, he demonstrated the matter-of-fact humility that characterized his entire approach. "It was not difficult," he said. "It was straightforward work, but had to be carefully done." As if spending six years working blind underwater beneath a collapsing cathedral was just another day at the office.

Once Walker completed his underwater foundation work, pumps could finally drain the area without risking the cathedral's collapse. Conventional workers moved in to complete the restoration. The building was saved. King George V personally honored Walker in July 1912, making him a Member of the Royal Victorian Order. Newspapers across Britain celebrated "the diver who saved Winchester Cathedral with his own hands."

Yet despite this recognition, Walker's story gradually faded from public consciousness. He returned to diving work, continuing his career in the same quiet, professional manner he'd always maintained. Six years later, in 1918, William Walker died during the global Spanish flu pandemic. He was forty-nine years old.

For decades, few people beyond Winchester remembered his name. The cathedral stood magnificently restored, but the man who had literally held it up was largely forgotten. It wasn't until 1964—more than fifty years after his work—that a statue was erected inside the cathedral to commemorate his achievement. There's a touching footnote to this tribute: the sculptor was given a photograph to work from, but he mistakenly used the image of engineer Francis Fox in a diving suit instead of Walker himself. The error wasn't discovered until the unveiling. A second, corrected statue by sculptor Glyn Williams now stands in the cathedral, properly honoring Walker.

Today, Walker's diving helmet is displayed in Winchester Cathedral's nave. A pub near the cathedral bears his name. On St. Swithun's Day each year, prayers of thanksgiving are offered for the man who saved the building. His gravestone in Beckenham Cemetery carries an epitaph that captures everything: "The diver who with his own hands saved Winchester Cathedral."

William Walker's story resonates because it represents something increasingly rare: the quiet heroism of someone who simply did the job that needed doing, no matter how difficult, no matter how long it took, no matter how little recognition it might bring. He didn't seek fame. He didn't demand special acknowledgment. He descended into that black water every day because the cathedral needed saving and he had the skills to save it.

We live in an age that celebrates instant success and viral achievement. Walker's story reminds us that some of history's most important work happens slowly, in darkness, known only to the person doing it and perhaps a handful of others. That the foundation beneath the foundation matters just as much as the soaring heights everyone admires.

Winchester Cathedral still stands today, drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors each year who marvel at its Gothic arches and stained glass windows. Most will never think about what lies beneath their feet: nearly a million bricks, placed one at a time by a man working blind in the darkness, holding up history with his own hands.

That's the real miracle of Winchester Cathedral. Not just that it was built, but that when it began to fall, one person cared enough to spend five and a half years of his life saving it. William Walker didn't just save a building. He preserved a piece of human heritage for all the generations that would follow. He became the invisible foundation upon which something beautiful could continue to stand.

And perhaps that's the most powerful kind of legacy: work done so well that no one has to think about it, holding up something greater than yourself, long after you're gone.

Swiss voters reject mandatory national service for women

Matt · 1 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Indeed because we all know vacuuming and loading a dishwasher is just as challenging as mortal combat. Excerpt:

'Swiss voters on Sunday decisively rejected a call to require women to do national service in the military, civil protection teams or other forms, as all men must do already.

Official results, with counting still ongoing in some areas after a referendum, showed that more than half of Switzerland's cantons, or states, had rejected the "citizen service initiative" by wide margins. That meant it was defeated, because proposals need a majority of both voters and cantons to pass.
...
While compulsory military service for women might be seen as "a step toward gender equality," it added, the idea would "place an extra burden on many women, who already shoulder a large part of the unpaid work of raising and caring for children and relatives, as well as household tasks."'

The Bias We Pretend Doesn't Hurt Boys - Part 2

Matt · 2 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When a stereotype harms girls, we mobilize.
When a stereotype harms boys, we rationalize.

Look again at the math example.

The message girls heard—“girls aren’t good at math”—was subtle and narrow, yet the response was sweeping. Grants, new curricula, teacher training, role-model initiatives, national campaigns. Entire systems shifted to make sure girls never internalized even a hint of inferiority.

Necessary? Yes.
But also revealing.

Because when the stereotypes aimed at boys are far harsher—“toxic,” “oppressor,” “privileged,” “dangerous,” “obsolete”—we do nothing. And this is where gynocentrism comes in.

Gynocentrism isn’t hatred of boys; it’s something quieter and harder to notice:
a cultural reflex that centers girls’ and women’s needs as moral priorities, while treating boys’ and men’s needs as less urgent, less sympathetic, or even suspect.'

Reproductive Coercion and Research Omissions

Matt · 6 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This post is the second in a three-part series that followed How Feminist Researchers Lied. Although these pieces were written some time ago, they remain just as relevant today.

The study examined here focuses on “reproductive coercion” — and it’s a striking example of how researchers can deliberately mislead. Incredibly, it makes the preposterous claim that men are the ones “poking holes in condoms.” Despite its weak foundation, the study received massive coverage in the mainstream media and has undoubtedly shaped public perception, reinforcing yet another false narrative about men.'

Up to 64,000 women in UK 'are child-sex offenders'

Matt · 7 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

An old article but still highly relevant, here. Excerpt:

'Child sex abuse by women is significantly more widespread than previously realised, with experts estimating that there could be up to 64,000 female offenders in Britain.

Researchers from the Lucy Faithfull Foundation (LFF), a child protection charity that deals with British female sex offenders, said its studies confirmed that a "fair proportion" of child abusers were women. Donald Findlater, director of research and development, said results indicated that up to 20% of a conservative estimate of 320,000 suspected UK paedophiles were women.'

Liking social media ‘thirst traps’ now grounds for divorce, Turkish court rules

Mastodon · 8 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Liking ‘thirst traps’ on social media could be grounds for divorce – in Türkiye, at least.

In a landmark ruling, a Turkish court has determined that ‘liking’ other women’s social media posts can be used as evidence in divorce proceedings.

The Court of Cassation, Türkiye’s highest court, found that a man from the major city of Kayseri, “undermined marital trust” by repeatedly liking other women’s photos online.

Both the husband, identified as S.B, and the wife, H.B, filed for divorce.

She accused her husband of belittling her, failing to provide financial support, and breaching his duty of loyalty by interacting with other women’s posts, according to local reports.'

Is the UN the Global Amplifier of Gynocentrism?

Matt · 8 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For decades the United Nations has described gender equality as one of its core missions. But when you look closely at where the money goes, what the campaigns say, and who the programs serve, a simple pattern appears:

“Gender equality” at the UN means women’s advancement—not equality for both sexes.

The UN has an entire agency, UN Women, whose mandate is “the empowerment of women and girls.”

There is no equivalent body for men and boys—no UN Men, no program for male mental health, no dedicated fund for fathers, male victims of violence, or boys falling behind in school.'

Brigitte Macron caught calling feminist hecklers ‘stupid bitches’

Matt · 8 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Brigitte Macron is facing controversy after describing radical feminists who interrupted a stand-up comedian in a protest over alleged sexual violence as “stupid bitches”.

The French first lady’s outburst, which was captured on video, drew an angry reaction from left-wingers.

Her use of the phrase sales connes — a vulgar insult that translates roughly as “stupid bitches” — was in stark contrast to the highly consensual public image she has cultivated since President Macron took office in 2017.'

What Did Men Do to Deserve This?

Matt · 8 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent years, Galloway has also become a leading evangelist for a notion that rapidly solidified into conventional wisdom: America's young men are in crisis. "Seldom in recent memory has there been a cohort that's fallen farther, faster," he writes in his new book, "Notes on Being a Man." To make his case, Galloway pulls from a heavily circulated set of statistics. At colleges and universities nationwide, female students outnumber males by about three to two. Among young adults, men are more likely than women to live with their parents; by their mid-thirties, more than fifteen per cent of men still live with their folks, compared to less than nine per cent of women. Men die by suicide at about three and a half times the rate that women do. Men's real wages are lower for the tenth and fiftieth percentiles of earners than they were in 1979. Currently, the unemployment rate among young men with bachelor's degrees between the ages of twenty-three and thirty is close to double that of their female peers.

These numbers have roused bipartisan concern. In March, Governor Gavin Newsom, of California, on the début episode of his new podcast, welcomed the conservative influencer Charlie Kirk, who lamented Gen Z as the "most alcohol-addicted, most drug-addicted, most suicidal, most depressed, most medicated generation in history." And these under-thirties, Kirk said, were receiving a pernicious message: "You're not going to have the same American Dream that your parents would have." He and his fellow conservative organizers "saw this as an opportunity," he added, "especially with young men." Donald Trump won men under age thirty by fifty-six per cent in the 2024 election, up fifteen points from 2020. For these gains, Kirk credited the coalescing electoral power of the right-leaning constellation of podcasters and streamers known as the manosphere, which encompasses libertarian bros, evangelical Christians, and white nationalists.'

GOP lawmaker unveils bill to ensure fathers shoulder 50% of pregnancy expenses

Matt · 9 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Rep. Ashley Hinson, R-Iowa, is unveiling a bill called the Supporting Healthy Pregnancy Act that would ensure pregnant mothers get financial support from the father even before their child is born, Fox News Digital learned first.

It's an effort by the Republican Party to affirm its pro-family ideology as Democrats continue to accuse the GOP of being anti-choice while also being unwilling to support women who keep their babies.'

Sabrina Carpenter Reveals Key to Writing Hits: ‘Call Men Stupid in as Many Ways as You Can’

Mastodon · 10 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Sabrina Carpenter gave fans and artists alike advice when it comes to writing songs—more specifically, when it comes to writing hits. The popstar, 26, accepted the ‘Hitmaker of the Year’ award on Saturday, December 6th.

In her acceptance speech, given at Variety’s Ninth Annual Hitmakers event, she spoke about her songwriting process and advice to those looking to write music. Her advice included much of what you would imagine a songwriter would say, but she ended with an unexpected dig at men. “Write what speaks to you, write something that only you can write. Write the music you want to listen to yourself. Add the weird chord progression and key change, and call men stupid in as many ways as you can.”'

Domestic violence victims get coerced into debt. New York may create a way out.

Mastodon · 10 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'That includes instances of what is known as “coerced” debt, which is when an abuser convinces or forces a victim to take out a loan or line of credit on their behalf. The victim is then responsible for paying off that debt regardless of whether their abuser contributes or not.

The bill, soon to be acted on by Hochul, would allow victims to have that debt removed by creditors, who would then be able to hold their abuser civilly liable for the money owed.'

Disparate Impact: The ‘Greatest Weapon Against Excellence’

Matt · 11 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Google settled a racial bias lawsuit for $50 million.

Merrill Lynch paid $20 million.

Maryland taxpayers will have to pay $3 million to make a racial discrimination suit go away.
...
In our new video, she argues that companies and governments feel forced to pay because of a legal doctrine called “disparate impact.”

“Most people don’t even know what it is!” I say.

“It is their greatest weapon against excellence,” she replies, “and it is an abuse of the spirit of our civil rights laws.”
...
Disparate impact rules say any policy or test in which some races or sexes do better than others is illegal discrimination, even if the policy has nothing to do with race or sex.

“The Maryland State Police wanted to make sure state troopers could read at a very basic level,” says Mac Donald.

But because black applicants got lower scores, the test was ruled racist.

Because women got lower scores on the physical fitness test, the state was also found guilty of sexism.'

Brigitte Macron’s use of sexist slur sparks outrage in France

Mastodon · 11 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Brigitte Macron was attending a performance Sunday by Ary Abittan, a stand-up comedian who was accused of rape by a former partner in 2021. Following a three-year investigation, the case was dismissed – a ruling later upheld by French courts.

In a conversation with Brigitte Macron ahead of the show that was captured on camera and briefly published online, the comedian says he feels “scared” of protesters who interrupt his shows.

Brigitte Macron replies: “If there are any stupid b*tches, we’ll kick them out,” before laughing, and insisting Abittan promise not to talk about “the problem” that evening, seemingly referring to the activists.

Activists from the French feminist collective #NousToutes, many wearing masks bearing his image, interrupted the comedian’s Saturday night show.

French government spokesperson Maud Bregeon criticized the activists who protested at Abittan’s show during an appearance on French television on Wednesday morning. She said their actions demonstrated disregard for a decision made by the courts, adding: “That shocks me deeply.”

Asked if Brigitte Macron should apologize for her remarks, Bregeon replied firmly, “no.”'

The AWFL Darwin Awards: Suicidal Empathy as Homicidal Spite

Green · 11 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here, by Substack user "Yuri Bezmenov." Excerpts:

"Homicidal spite lurks under the mask of suicidal empathy. Instead of a natural immune response to course correct, the system doubles down on destruction. It is the only way to explain why leftists continue to push harmful agendas, even after decades of failure..."

"The most prominent examples of suicidal empathy and homicidal spite come from AWFLs: Affluent White Female Liberals. Anytime we see an absurd situation, we are likely to find a AWFL behind it. You don't need to be an "expert" psychiatrist to feel their wrath to destroy healthy families and societies. They are spiritual suicide bombers, taking people down with them slowly and passive-aggressively instead of quickly and violently. Perhaps the cocktail of SSRIs and birth control is driving their depression and psychosis. Their misguided mothering instincts are smothering, nagging, and micromanaging our civilization to death."

Boys to be target of UK's violence against women strategy

Mastodon · 12 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Changing attitudes among boys and young men will be at the centre of the government's strategy to tackle violence against women and girls, the BBC has been told.

Next Thursday, Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood will unveil the long-delayed plan about how to combat what ministers call a "national emergency".

It comes after the publication of the strategy has been delayed three times over the last year.

The Labour government has pledged to halve the rate of violence against women and girls over the next decade - but critics have questioned its commitment to combating the problem.

There are also likely to be concerns as to why the strategy is being published on the day Parliament breaks up for its Christmas holiday.

BBC News has been told the violence against women and girls (VAWG) strategy will be built around three goals: preventing radicalisation of young men, stopping abusers, and supporting victims.

Over the coming week, the government will announce a policy blitz to tackle what government sources have called "the scourge of violence that has left the lives of women and girls shattered".

As part of the strategy, ministers will focus on prevention and tackling the root causes of radicalisation of young men in their schools, homes and online. They will work with teachers to challenge misogyny and promote healthy relationships.

Government sources say more support will be provided to parents so they can intervene early.'

Drones being used to tackle violence against women

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Article here. Excerpt:

'As the people of Swindon enjoy a night out this festive season, a drone will often be keeping a watchful eye on proceedings.

Wiltshire Police is using the technology as part of Project Vigilant, an operation which focuses on tackling violence against women.

The drone will be flown over key areas, such as Swindon's Old Town, to look out for suspicious behaviour.

Det Insp Troy Smith said: "It's pretty much the same as a helicopter, but a lot smaller. We want to make our streets a hostile environment for sexual predators. Women have the right to enjoy their nights out untroubled by these individuals."'

I've Seen Friends And Family Members Get Swooped Up By The Manosphere, And As A Liberal Man, I Hate It But See The Allure

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Article here. Excerpt:

'When people tell young men that they are inherently bad, or that masculinity is a problem, we are sending a message that they are evil by nature. It will only cause that person to either internalize hatred, give up on trying to improve, resent the people telling them they're inherently flawed, or lead them to seek out people or content that celebrates them instead. It also empowers men who are actually evil, because telling them they are naturally this way gives them an excuse to lean into misogynistic behavior without accountability.'

When Women Hate Men, It’s Called Survival

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Article here. Excerpt:

'If someone punches you in the face and you shout, “I hate you,” that’s not the same as the punch. Your anger is a reaction to harm. Their violence is the harm.

Misogyny is the punch. Misandry is the bruise that heals into self-protection.

When men hate women, it manifests as control — laws, violence, pay gaps, harassment, domination. When women say they hate men, it manifests as fear, exhaustion, and a refusal to play nice anymore.

One maintains power. The other resists it.'
...
When women express misandry, men clutch their pearls as though civilisation itself is under attack. They seem genuinely frightened — but not of violence. Of irrelevance.

Because when a woman says, “I hate men,” what she usually means is, “I hate what men have done to me, to my friends, to my mother, to the world.” It’s not a random act of bigotry. It’s cumulative trauma turned into language. It’s shorthand for centuries of fear and exhaustion.

When a man hates women, women die. When a woman hates men, she stops returning texts.

That is the difference.'

"8,000 Years Ago, Women..."

Matt · 12 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Description:

'8,000 years ago, 17 women reproduced for every 1 man. 90% of male bloodlines vanished—not through war, plague, or disaster, but through female choice and economics. This is the story of the Neolithic Bottleneck.

Discover how the agricultural revolution created the most extreme genetic selection event in human history, why Y-chromosome diversity collapsed while female lineages stayed intact, and how this ancient pattern still shapes modern dating, wealth inequality, and reproductive dynamics today.'

UK: Boys to be taught to respect women and girls as part of curriculum

Mastodon · 13 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'All boys will be taught how to respect women and girls as part of the school curriculum under government plans to “deploy the full power of the state” to crack down on male violence and misogyny.

Teachers will give lessons on how children should challenge misogynistic comments and behaviour and to promote “healthy relationships”, The Times has been told.

Official government advice will also help teachers and parents to spot signs that children are being radicalised by online misogynists such as Andrew Tate and how they can intervene early.

A Home Office source insisted that ministers had taken time to make the final strategy “as ambitious and bold as possible — to fight the tide of violence, stop abuse and protect victims.”

They added: “Put together, the strategy will deploy the full power of the state to introduce the largest crackdown to stop violence perpetrated against women and girls in British history.”

Prevention will target the behaviour and attitudes of young men in order to stop the root causes of radicalisation in their “schools, homes and online”, a government source said.

An internal Home Office report last year concluded that an online “manosphere” is helping to fuel extreme misogyny and needs to be stopped in its tracks through official government policy.

The violence against women and girls strategy will aim to fix this “patchwork” of practices in schools by providing nationwide statutory guidance to schools, teachers and parents so it becomes a routine part of the curriculum.

It is also understood that schools will be required to introduce a new peer mentoring scheme that will train boys to support classmates in challenging unacceptable attitudes and behaviour.'

Changing the Norms to fit the Narrative: CMNI

Matt · 13 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The last study we will examine in this series will be the Conformity to Masculine Norms Inventory (CMNI). (Development of the Conformity to Masculine Norms Inventory published in Psychology of Men & Masculinity, Vol 4(1), Jan 2003, 3-25.)7

This inventory purports to measure the conformity or lack of conformity to what it considers the masculine norms for this culture.'

Male Uber And Lyft Drivers Sue Over Women-Only Ride Options

Mastodon · 14 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"Uber's assumption that male drivers—like plaintiffs who have garnered stellar ratings and extensive ride histories—cannot provide female passengers adequate 'peace of mind' and 'comfort' is rooted in stereotypical notions that the Unruh Act is designed to root out of society," the attorneys argue in the Uber complaint. Uber and Lyft have not yet responded to requests for comments on the lawsuit.

John Banzhaf, a law professor at the George Washington University Law School and an expert on gender discrimination cases (though not involved in this lawsuit), believes the male drivers have a strong chance of winning the case. One additional reason, Banzhaf notes, is that women may feel safer with a male driver in some situations. For instance, a woman entering a dangerous neighborhood may feel more comfortable with a man behind the wheel. In that situation, Banzhaf explains, "I understand that some women will ask the driver to remain at the curb and watch over them until they walk into the building. They might feel more comfortable with a male driver." Yet the apps only allow women to select other women drivers.'

'Brain scars': The hidden forms of sexism that harm women's health

Mastodon · 14 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The effects on women's health, unsurprisingly, can be consequential and not always immediately visible. A large study analysing over 7,800 brain scans across 29 countries found that societal gender imbalances physically change women's brains. The research showed that women living in countries with higher gender inequality had thinner cortical thickness in brain regions associated with emotional control, resilience and stress-related disorders such as depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.'

UK: Men who correct women over any disagreement could face disciplinary action under new Green party rules

Mastodon · 14 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men who correct women over any disagreement could be hauled before disciplinarians under plans being weighed up by the Green Party.

Leaders are considering broadening the party's definition of misogyny to the point that 'any disagreement' could lead to men facing sanction.

The proposals are set out in a leaked 53-page dossier on legal and reputational risk prepared by its own lawyers.

It says the Green Party Council was 'very close' to adopting a document titled Guidance on Identifying Misogyny and Sexism as part of its ethics framework.

According to the report, seen by the Telegraph, the draft guidance listed 'being corrected' as an example of misogynistic behaviour experienced by women, a definition the lawyers warned was so expansive it could 'justify any disagreement between a man and a woman as a sanctionable disciplinary offence'.'

Teacher loses her job after video surfaces of ‘egregious’ abuse of her son, sheriff says

Matt · 15 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A teacher in Alabama was arrested and fired after a disturbing video went viral that showed her allegedly hitting her son more than 20 times with a belt.

Nicole Staples, 44, was released from Metro Jail on Wednesday evening after posting a $7,500 bond.

Staples was arrested earlier that afternoon and charged with willful abuse of a child under 18 after the video circulated on social media.

Her older son, Jackson Staples, who no longer lives at home, said he received the video on Tuesday and was alarmed.'

Demonizing Men with False Data on Sexual Abuse

Matt · 16 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Casting men as abusers is essential to reconstructing society in the image of express social justice. If men as a class are natural abusers and women as a class are naturally abused, then a justice system based on individual rights makes no sense; differing systems of justice must address the different classes that are based on identity. Traditional marriage and family become sources of cruelty and danger. Every man should be approached with suspicion by every woman.

This vicious and divisive approach to social relations has been propped up by data and studies, most of which issue from ideologically biased academia or institutes. The statistics must be reopened with fresh eyes. Better yet, they should be replaced by honest research.'

UFC star Ilia Topuria claims he’s being extorted with ‘false allegations of domestic abuse’

Matt · 16 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Ilia Topuria is stepping away from fighting in the UFC as he grapples with some serious problems.

The lightweight champion issued a statement on Monday, claiming he’s facing an extortion plot centered around “false allegations of domestic abuse.”

“Over the past several weeks, I have made the difficult decision to temporarily step away from defending my title,” the 28-year-old said in a statement posted to social media. “This was not a decision I took lightly. However, when circumstances arise that threaten your personal integrity, your family, and your reputation, there comes a point when you must address them directly.'

The Study That Was Twisted: How CNN Turned “Exposure” Into “Toxic Masculinity”

Matt · 16 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In October, 2025, CNN ran a commentary by communication professor Kara Alaimo claiming that boys exposed to “digital masculinity” online have lower self-esteem, are lonelier, and that such content fuels offline violence against women. The problem? None of that is what the data actually show.

Alaimo based her argument on a Common Sense Media survey titled “Boys in the Digital Wild: Online Culture, Identity, and Well-Being.” After reading both the CNN piece and the full 88-page report, the contrast couldn’t be sharper. What she presented as a story of crisis looks, in the actual data, like a story of ordinary adolescent life — with a few predictable patterns and a lot of healthy boys.

What the Survey Really Found

The 2025 report surveyed 1,017 boys ages 11–17 across the U.S., asking about their online habits, exposure to “masculinity-related” content (posts about fighting, fitness, dating, or making money), and indicators of well-being such as self-esteem and loneliness.'

Mothers Push Gender Stereotypes More Than Fathers, Study Reveals

Matt · 16 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The gender stereotype that says “boys don’t cry” is being perpetuated implicitly by mothers more than fathers, a new University of Guelph study has revealed.

Prof. Kristel Thomassin found mothers may be more gender-biased than fathers when it comes to encouraging or discouraging their child’s expression of sadness and anger.

However, mothers likely aren’t even aware they have these gender biases.

“We found that on an implicit level, moms tend to show a bias, and this bias considers girls expressing these emotions to be more favourable than boys expressing the same emotions,” said the psychology professor and lead author of the study.

The Globe and Mail covered the research, and articles also appeared on CTVNews.ca and CBC KW.

Thomassin thought mothers and fathers would be more accepting of daughters showing sadness than sons and more accepting of sons showing anger than daughters.'

Women who hate men: a comparative analysis across extremist Reddit communities

Matt · 18 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The performed analyses reveal that no systematic differences can be devised across the misogynistic and misandric communities. This suggests that, in addressing the phenomenon of online gendered hate speech, both male-to-female and female-to-male perspectives should be taken into account, thus recognizing equal importance to both misandry and misogyny.'

UK: Teachers to be trained to spot early signs of misogyny in boys

Mastodon · 18 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Teachers will be given training to spot the signs of misogyny and tackle it in the classroom as part of the government's long-awaited strategy to halve violence against women and girls within the next decade.

The plans - which focus on preventing the radicalisation of young men - are due to be unveiled on Thursday, after being pushed back three times this year.

Pupils will be taught about issues such as consent, the dangers of sharing intimate images, how to identify positive role models, and to challenge unhealthy myths about women and relationships.

The £20m package will also include a new helpline for teenagers to get support for concerns about abuse in their own relationships.

The government hopes that by tackling the early roots of misogyny, it will prevent young men from becoming violent abusers.

Under the new plans, schools will send high-risk students to get extra care and support, including behavioural courses to tackle their prejudice against women and girls.

"Every parent should be able to trust that their daughter is safe at school, online and in her relationships, but too often, toxic ideas are taking hold early and going unchallenged," Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer said about the new measures.

"This government is stepping in sooner - backing teachers, calling out misogyny, and intervening when warning signs appear to stop harm before it starts."

The taxpayer will foot £16m of the bill, while the government says it is working closely with philanthropists and other partners on an innovation fund for the remaining £4m.

Nearly 40% of teenagers in relationships are victims of abuse, domestic abuse charity Reducing the Risk has said.

Online influencers are partly blamed for feeding this, with nearly one in five boys aged 13 to 15 said to hold a positive view of the self-proclaimed misogynist Andrew Tate, according to a YouGov poll.

In response to the government plans, some teachers said schools were already doing the kind of work the measures outlined.

"While we welcome any initiative that prioritises healthy relationships and consent education, it's important to recognise that schools like Beacon Hill Academy in Dudley have been delivering this work effectively for years," Principal Sukhjot Dhami said.

"The challenge isn't starting from scratch: it's ensuring that this £20m pounds is spent wisely and in partnership with schools already leading the way."'

UK: Boys aged 11 to be sent on anti-misogyny courses

Mastodon · 18 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Boys as young as 11 will be sent on anti-misogyny courses designed to stamp out violence against women and girls, under government plans.

Pupils who show harmful behaviour will be signed up to “behaviour change programmes” in schools. The courses will be “focused on challenging deep-rooted misogynist influences”.

Sir Keir Starmer said “every parent should be able to trust that their daughter is safe at school, online and in her relationships” as the government announced its long-awaited strategy to halve violence against women and girls.

Jess Phillips, the safeguarding minister, pledged to “deploy the full power of the state to introduce the largest crackdown to stop violence perpetrated against women and girls”.

The programmes could cover image-based abuse, peer pressure, coercive behaviour, online harassment and stalking, and the fact that pornography does not reflect real relationships.

The sessions would be led by teachers or external providers alongside normal lessons, and are due to be piloted in secondary schools. There is the option to extend the courses to primaries.'

Men's Strengths Are Treated as Flaws

Matt · 18 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'You see this most clearly with emotions. Men have a distinct, consistent way of handling feelings. It's not random, and it's not a flaw — it's a pattern rooted in biology, social roles, and testosterone. But rather than recognizing these differences, the modern lens tends to treat the male way as "deficient."

Women talk to process.
Men act or withdraw to process.

Women regulate through expression.
Men regulate through doing.

Yet the male way is almost never acknowledged as legitimate. Instead, it's measured against a female template — and found wanting.

And once you see this pattern, you start noticing it everywhere.'

Sexism lessons could accidentally make boys 'more misogynistic'

Mastodon · 19 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"If you have a female teacher at the top of a classroom waving her finger in a condescending way at boys, saying, 'You're wrong for feeling this way' or, 'You're guilty by association', that is going to push young men towards more misogynistic behaviours," he said.

"I think you need good male role models; I had one, which was my father.

"He taught me responsibility, accountability and duty serving the community but not all young men have that.

"They have fathers who are absent, abusive or simply not competent people."

James added that any lessons will have to be "done properly" or the consequences will be severe.'

'Serial killer' admits fatally overdosing 4 men who met her for sex

Matt · 19 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. "'Serial killer'", with single quotes, implying what? That she isn't? Excerpt:

'A Columbus woman whom Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost called a "serial killer" admitted on Dec. 19 to causing the fatal overdoses of four men who had met her for sex.

Rebecca Auborn, 36, pleaded guilty to four counts of murder and one count of felonious assault in Franklin County Common Pleas Court. She is scheduled to appear at a sentencing hearing Feb. 20.

Columbus police arrested and charged Auborn in 2023 in the four overdose deaths, which occurred at Northeast Side hotels in Columbus.'

Bias Against Men and Boys in Mental Health Research

Matt · 20 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. A review of bias against males in mental health research.

ICMB Unveils High-Impact, Cost-Efficient Strategies to Reduce Male Disparities

Matt · 20 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The International Council for Men and Boys (ICMB) today unveiled a comprehensive policy framework of 18 targeted reforms to address widespread structural disadvantages faced by men and boys. Grounded in international research, empirical studies, and tested practices, these reforms may avoid costly new programs in favor of low-cost, high-impact policy changes.

From family law and education to health equity and criminal justice, ICMB calls on governments, institutions, and civil society to act decisively. Each initiative is linked to one or more of 12 identified male-disadvantage areas, including fatherlessness, educational issues, suicide, legal bias, and partner abuse. Relevant disparities are listed after each strategy in italics.'

‘Online Violence’ Campaign Reveals Rampant Dishonesty at United Nations

Matt · 21 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Samantha Wall recently was sentenced to 28 months in prison for her “unrelenting barrage of [online] abuse designed to maximise fear and distress.” One of her targets was UK businessman Brad Burton, who revealed Wall’s “fabricated accusations calling me a convicted violent offender, fraud, stalker, have tarnished my name, eroded trust and devastated my family’s sense of security."

The fact that females often are the perpetrators of online abuse has been well documented:'

SU reluctantly registers controversial women’s soc

Matt · 21 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Cambridge University’s Students’ Union (SU) has sought to distance itself from a gender-critical women’s society after registering the group, saying it was legally obliged to do so despite believing the society “contradicts” its ethos.

Founded in October by three students, the Cambridge University Society of Women (CUSW) describes itself as a group offering a “single-sex environment for women” at the university, with its constitution defining women as “adult human beings belonging to the female sex class,” thereby excluding transgender women.

Over the weekend, the society formally registered with the SU, allowing it to access benefits including Freshers’ Fair stalls.

However, hours after registration, the SU published two explanatory statements on its website – titled ‘The registering of gender-critical societies’ and ‘What role does the Students’ Union play in approving societies’.

Writing “in response to widespread student concerns regarding the rights of our trans students”, its student communities and societies officer, Olivia Ledger, said the SU was bound by its statutory obligations.'

The Lost Generation

Matt · 21 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But of course, by 2016, we were already too late.

The showrunner emailed us back apologetically. “I had initially thought I might be able to bring you guys on,” he wrote, “but in the end it wasn’t possible.”

We met with the executive anyway—a Gen-X white guy—who told us how much he loved our pilot. But the writers room was small, he explained apologetically, and the higher-level writers were all white men. They couldn’t have an all-white-male room. Maybe, if the show got another season, they’d be able to bring us on.

They never did.'

‘Too White and Male’ — Woke Museum Issues Guide to ‘Decolonising’ Father Christmas

Mastodon · 22 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Sun reports Brighton and Hove Museums in the UK published a blog post on its website suggesting Santa should work alongside his elves on the presents production line to show they are equals.

Mrs Christmas should also emerge from the shadows and take her place at his side at a time when Christmas is being reassessed in many parts of the world as a symbol of everything it was never designed to be part of.

The group, granted £900,000 (U.S.$ 1,207,915) of taxpayer cash in October, says Santa’s “naughty and nice” list teaches children the “coloniser has the power to judge all people” and the time has come to right the wrongs of centuries of disinformation and hurtful attitudes.

The post was written by the museum’s Joint Head of Culture Change, Simone LaCorbinière and defies historical records which show Father Christmas first appeared in English folklore as a spirit of winter and universal good cheer in the 15th century.'

The Global Feminist Crusade Has Begun to Collapse

Matt · 22 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last week scholar Carrie Gress issued a stinging rebuke of feminist ideology, charging the movement has evolved into a secular “megachurch” with its own doctrines, rituals, and sacraments (1). Like all movements grounded in Marxist ideology, Gress’ comments highlight how the global feminist crusade is now collapsing under the weight of its ideological excess, bloated bureaucracies, and anti-democratic policies.

The collapse began two years ago when Argentinian President Javier Milei dismantled his country’s Ministry of Women (2). In May of this year, Professor David Geary published an exposé revealing the fraudulent numbers behind the feminist-driven Global Gender Gap Index (3). In October, Helen Andrews published her acclaimed article, The Great Feminization, which exposed the disastrous effects of the feminist take-over of media outlets, schools, and other organizations (4).'

A feminist tragedy

Matt · 23 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Saw this on Facebook and thought, "How tragic. Yet it is consistent with how ideologies operate; they use people. When those people start thinking a bit too much for themselves, they end them, sometimes literally.

She could read at two, became a lawyer at seventeen, and was leading Spain's sexual revolution at eighteen—until her mother decided the sculpture had a fatal flaw and destroyed her own creation.

Madrid, 1914. Aurora Rodríguez Carballeira had a plan. Not a motherhood plan—an experiment. She wanted to prove that with precise control over genetics, environment, and education, she could create the perfect woman. A woman who would lead Spain into a feminist future. A woman who would prove female intellectual superiority.

So Aurora chose her "physiological collaborator" with scientific precision—a brilliant military priest named Alberto Pallás who could never legally claim the child. Three calculated encounters. Then Aurora moved to Madrid, pregnant with her masterpiece.

On December 9, 1914, Hildegart Rodríguez Carballeira was born.
Aurora set her alarm to wake every hour during pregnancy, changing positions so blood would flow uniformly to the fetus. After birth, she designed every moment of Hildegart's life with obsessive detail.

At two years old, Hildegart was reading fluently. At three, she was writing letters. At four, she could type. By eight, she spoke four languages—Spanish, German, French, and English.

At eleven years old, Hildegart was giving public lectures on feminism and female sexuality.

Think about that. Most eleven-year-olds are navigating middle school crushes and homework. Hildegart was standing before adult audiences, lecturing on women's rights and sexual autonomy in 1920s Spain—one of the most conservative Catholic societies in Europe.

At thirteen, she enrolled in law school at Complutense University of Madrid. At seventeen, she graduated—the youngest lawyer in Spain.
Then she kept going. She enrolled in medical school to understand contraception. She began writing.

By eighteen, Hildegart had published thirteen books and over 130 articles on sexual reform, women's rights, birth control, and social justice. Her pamphlets sold 8,000 copies in a week. She founded and edited Sexus, Spain's first journal devoted to sexual subjects.

In March 1932, at age seventeen, Hildegart became secretary of the Spanish League for Sexual Reform. The president was Dr. Gregorio Marañón, one of Spain's most respected physicians. But Hildegart was the driving force—organizing conferences, establishing birth control clinics, corresponding with the world's leading intellectuals.

Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, received Hildegart's letters and wrote in astonishment: "I loved the jumps she made! Like a race horse run wild."

Havelock Ellis, the father of modern sexology, called Hildegart "one of the wonders of the world" and nicknamed her "The Red Virgin"—for her socialist beliefs and her virginity, which her mother strictly enforced.
H.G. Wells met Hildegart during a Madrid visit and was so impressed he invited her to London to work as his secretary. He saw something others missed—not just brilliance, but desperation. Wells was reportedly concerned about Aurora's control and wanted to get Hildegart away from her mother.

That invitation terrified Aurora.

Because Aurora's experiment was working too well. Hildegart wasn't just brilliantâ€"she was becoming

independent. She was developing her own political views, questioning orthodox Marxism, gravitating toward anarchist thought. She had published an essay titled "Was Marx mistaken? Has Socialism failed?"

Worse, Hildegart wanted to leave. She may have fallen in love—sources mention an unnamed man. She told people she intended to separate from her mother. Aurora had threatened suicide in response.

For eighteen years, Aurora had controlled every aspect of Hildegart's life. She accompanied her daughter everywhere. She monitored her correspondence, approved her activities, forbade anything that might "distract from her work."

Hildegart had been shaped, molded, perfected. She existed not as a person but as a project. Aurora's redemption of womankind. Aurora's proof of concept. Aurora's living sculpture.

And now the sculpture wanted to walk away.

Aurora couldn't allow it. If Hildegart left, what did that make Aurora? Not a visionary mother creating feminist leadership—just an obsessive woman who'd spent two decades controlling a daughter who wanted freedom.
On the night of June 9, 1933, Aurora sent the maid out to walk the dog.
Then she took a revolver, walked into Hildegart's bedroom, and shot her daughter four times while she slept—three times in the head, once in the chest.

Hildegart Rodríguez Carballeira died at eighteen years old. She was planning birth control clinics in three Spanish cities. She was organizing an international conference. She was working on a dissertation on sexual criminology. She was editing a three-volume work on eugenics and birth control that Ellis believed would be "the greatest work done" on the subject.

All of it ended with four gunshots in the dark.

Aurora gave herself up to police. At her trial, she was calm, collected, showing almost no emotion except once sniffing a pot of red carnations. She claimed that H.G. Wells and Havelock Ellis were trying to recruit Hildegart into an international spy network.

When asked why she killed her daughter, Aurora explained with chilling clarity:

"The sculptor, after discovering the most minimal imperfection in his work, destroys it."

She felt no remorse. She said repeatedly she would do it again. Hildegart had become imperfect by desiring independence. Aurora had full ownership of her creation. She had the right to end it.

In May 1934, Aurora was sentenced to twenty-six years in prison. In 1935, she was transferred to Ciempozuelos mental asylum, diagnosed with paranoia and schizophrenia. She received privileged treatment—a larger private room, a pet cat, friendly relationships with nuns.

She died of cancer on December 28, 1955, at seventy-six years old, buried in a mass grave during Franco's regime. Until 1977, people believed she'd been secretly executed during the Spanish Civil War. In reality, she'd spent twenty-two years in an asylum, never regretting what she'd done.

Hildegart's story nearly disappeared. The Spanish League for Sexual Reform collapsed after her death. Franco's dictatorship suppressed memory of Spain's progressive Second Republic. Hildegart's books went out of print.
Not until the 1970s did interest revive. A 1977 film, "Mi hija Hildegart," reintroduced her story. In 2024, Spain finally issued a stamp honoring her as a pioneering writer and feminist.

Today, scholars study Hildegart as a tragic figure caught between genius and control, between her mother's obsessive vision and her own emerging identity.

Margaret Sanger kept Hildegart's photograph in her office for years after her death. Havelock Ellis wrote that receiving news of her murder was one of the greatest shocks of his life—"Mother & daughter were devoted to each other," he'd thought.

That's the most chilling part. Aurora did love Hildegart. She loved her the way a sculptor loves marble—as raw material for creating something magnificent. She loved her creation, not her child.

And when that creation developed desires of her own, sought life beyond the blueprint, wanted to exist as a person rather than a project—Aurora chose to destroy rather than release.

Think about what Hildegart might have accomplished. At eighteen, she'd already contributed more to women's rights than most people do in a lifetime. She'd established Spain's first birth control clinics. She'd connected Spanish feminism to the international movement. She'd written thirteen books challenging conservative Catholic sexual morality.
She'd corresponded with the world's leading reformers as an equal, not a curiosity. She'd proven that women's minds were as powerful as men's. She'd done all of this before most people finish college.

Her descendan...wait. There are no descendants. Aurora made sure of that.
There are only questions. What conferences might Hildegart have organized? What books might she have written? How might Spanish feminism have developed differently with her leadership? Would she have survived the Spanish Civil War? Would Franco's regime have imprisoned her anyway for her progressive beliefs?

We'll never know. Because Aurora decided her daughter existed to fulfill a vision, not to live a life. Because love without autonomy is possession. Because creating someone "perfect" means denying them the right to become themselves.

Hildegart Rodríguez Carballeira was born to be a symbol. She died trying to become human.

Her mother ensured she'd be remembered as the former—frozen at eighteen, brilliant and tragic, the experiment that succeeded until it didn't, the sculpture destroyed because it dared to have a heartbeat.

Wikipedia on her here.

India: Parliament Set to Debate National Commission for Men Bill: A Landmark Proposal

Matt · 23 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Rajya Sabha on December 5, 2025, witnessed the introduction of a private member's bill seeking to establish a National Commission for Men (NCM). The bill presented by MP Dr Ashok Kumar Mittal aims to create a statutory body that would address grievances and rights-based issues faced by men across India.

The proposed commission would examine existing laws and policies, investigate grievances filed by men, and recommend remedial measures. Proponents argue that just as there are dedicated mechanisms like a women's commission for women's issues, men too need a formal platform to ensure fair treatment, particularly in cases related to false accusations, misuse of gender-specific laws, and mental health distress.'

Florida Woman Accused of Murdering Her Two Ex-Husbands on Same Day

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Article here. Excerpt:

'December 17 was allegedly a very busy day for Susan Erica Avalon, a 51-year-old resident of Citrus County, Florida. Police say she murdered not one, but two of her ex-husbands.

The sordid tale begins last Wednesday in Bradenton, a city about 50 miles south of Tampa, where police responded to calls about a shooting in a residential neighborhood and found a 54-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound to the abdomen, reported the Bradenton Herald.

The man, whose name has been withheld in compliance with Florida law protecting the identities of crime victims, was transported to a local hospital, where he died later that evening. He was able to briefly speak with police and when asked who could have shot him, he answered “possibly my ex-wife.”'

Hate Speech: 24 Groups Call for Ban on ‘Toxic Masculinity’

Matt · 23 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Twenty-four organizations around the world are today calling for classification of the phrase, “toxic masculinity,” as hate speech. The organizations consider “toxic masculinity” to be a slur that is inaccurate, hurtful, and harmful. The groups are calling for print media, social media, and publications to eliminate use of this offensive phrase.

The 24 organizations are located in nine countries in Australia, Europe, the Middle East, and North America – see listing, below.'

How Women's Studies Rewrote Reality

Matt · 25 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. A very good discussion about how WST classes have been purposefully indictrinating young women into hating men.

The diversity overcorrection in the workplace

Matt · 27 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Everyone in media, academia and entertainment knew it was happening. A number of them had qualms. Almost none spoke up. And now that someone has said something, many are pretending they didn't see it happen with their own eyes. This is incredible, in every sense of the word.

I am talking about how for years, at many institutions, there was a hiring preference for anyone but White, straight men. As Jacob Savage argues convincingly in a recent essay for Compact magazine, this most affected one group: younger White men who hadn't had time to gain the skills and experience that might have compensated for their melanin deficiency.'

The (Female) Elephant in the Room

Green · 27 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Full article is on Janice Fiamengo's Substack. Quote:

Summarizing the results of many surveys, Clark and Winegard demonstrate that while a ***majority of men favor free speech and the advancement of knowledge over emotional comfort, a majority of women prefer conformity, safety, and the protection of victim groups' feelings.*** *Not all women are indifferent to the traditional underpinnings of western civilization (and not all men support those underpinnings), but the general trends are clear.*

Women are significantly more likely than men to support the cancellation of controversial speakers or the suppression of controversial research.

Women also tend to favor the existence of snitch lines to report people who cause offence. Women are more supportive than men of diversity quotas that exclude white men from consideration for prizes, positions, and promotions. ...

But rather than summon readers to the barricades over such findings, the Quillette authors fail to express even moderate misgivings; ... Asserting that both sides are pursuing worthy goals, ***the authors downplay the shock value of the findings, which show that women are, overall, less interested in truth and accuracy than men are.*** *Imagine assessing such a finding as anything but catastrophic. Imagine calling the disregard for truth moral.*

https://fiamengofile.substack.com/p/the-female-elephant-in-the-room

Too much estrogen and not enough testosterone: The Church has become impotent

Green · 27 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Full article is available on Courageous Lion's Substack. Quote:

Three books to consider to better understand why real MEN don't want to be seen in a church these days.

First I would like to mention The Church Impotent: The Feminization of Christianity by Leon Podles

Why don't men go to church anymore? Why are the most common traits of the modern Church doves and quilts and little old ladies? … When divorced from masculinity, the Church emasculated fades into universalism and quietism, the effects of which run rampant through the Western Church of today. In "The Church Impotent," Dr. Leon Podles examines, with meticulous scholarship, three aspects of Christianity through which its virility might be restored.

Next on the list we have Why Men Hate Going to Church by David Murrow

"Church is boring." "It's irrelevant." "It's full of hypocrites." You've heard the excuses—now learn the real reasons men and boys are fleeing churches of every kind, all over the world, and what we can do about it.

And lastly we have Muscular Christianity: Manhood and Sports in Protestant America, 1880-1920 by Clifford Putney

Dissatisfied with a Victorian culture focused on domesticity and threatened by physical decline in sedentary office jobs, American men in the late nineteenth century sought masculine company in fraternal lodges and engaged in exercise to invigorate their bodies. One form of this new manly culture, developed out of the Protestant churches, was known as muscular Christianity. In this fascinating study, Clifford Putney details how Protestant leaders promoted competitive sports and physical education to create an ideal of Christian manliness.

Why Women Get Away With Narcissism (3 Patterns You'll Recognize)

Green · 27 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Another excellent video Why Women Get Away With Narcissism (3 Patterns You'll Recognize) created by Hannah Spier, MD. Quote:

We talk a lot about narcissistic men, we're told how to spot them, we're told how to deal with them endlessly. ... So, as a therapist, I can spot a narcissist from a mile away. ... This fixation on the grandiose, loud caricature of the narcissist has hidden a much more common type, the type that doesn't dominate but suffers, the ***female narcissist****.*

And so today, we're going to go through three concrete examples of how you where you can see this in your daily life.

The first example is the ***striving for certain mental health labels****. ... And I say certain because the narcissism reveals itself in the type of labels, the type of diagnosis they seek. No one wears clinical depression or the a plain anxiety as a badge of honor. Instead, the favorites are* ***ADHD****, as we've talked about before,* ***autism****, as we've talked about, and the ever expanding category of* ***trauma responses****. Notice how they are neurodedevelopmental.*

"I was born this way" or "traumabased," "something someone did this to me." And with that, ***they place the origin outside of the self****. It offers conveniently no concrete route to treatment and also conveniently* ***shifts the burden of adaptation onto everybody else****. So schools and workplaces must accommodate partners. They have to just adjust and therapy becomes an endless program of validation, safety and self-care rather than meaningful change.* ***So, a woman who's simply neurotic and sensitive to rejection because of that, she'll attribute every interpersonal wobble to a trauma response.***

Full video: Why Women Get Away With Narcissism (3 Patterns You'll Recognize)

A Public Warning

Matt · 27 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In recent years, society has rightly amplified the voices of women and girls in the fight against gender-based violence and discrimination. This struggle is necessary and long overdue. However, a dangerous imbalance is quietly growing—one where the abuse, mistreatment, and violation of the rights of men and boys is increasingly ignored, excused, or laughed off, largely under the false assumption that “men can handle it” or that “the law is always on the side of women.”

This mindset is not only unjust—it is dangerous.
A recent disturbing incident, where two ladies allegedly refused to pay an Uber driver and went further to assault him, is a clear reflection of how some individuals have grown bold in abusing men, confident that the system will either protect them or look the other way. This was not merely a disagreement over fare; it was an act of violence, humiliation, and entitlement. Had the roles been reversed, the public outrage and legal response would have been swift and unforgiving.'

2026 The Year of Men

Matt · 29 December 2025 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine that. 2026 becomes the year of men — a year when the conversation shifts from accusation to understanding. For the first time in half a century, men are discussed not as a problem to fix but as people to know. Their genius, their quirks, their flaws, and their quiet strengths are spoken of with the same nuance once reserved for others. College campuses devote programs to exploring men's lives — their needs, their distinct ways of solving problems, their inner drives. Professors begin to ask questions that once felt off-limits: How have we misunderstood men? What happens when we stop pathologizing masculine traits and start appreciating them for what they are?

The change begins almost accidentally. A viral documentary follows several men through their daily lives — a father fighting for custody, a veteran mentoring fatherless boys, a young man navigating college under a cloud of suspicion.The film ignites something. People start talking about the thick wall of stereotype threat that has been built around men for the last fifty years, and how it quietly shapes everything — from the classroom to the courtroom. The wall doesn't fall overnight, but it begins to crack.'

Yet Another Tale of DEI: Harvard, James Hankins: Why I'm Leaving Harvard

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Another article in Compact magazine describing rampant DEI at universities: Why I'm Leaving Harvard (paywalled):

"The best student at Harvard … was rejected from all the graduate programs to which he applied."

"I was told informally by a member of the Harvard admissions committee that “that” (meaning admitting a white male) was “not happening this year."

"It is hard to avoid the impression that, whether through hostility or neglect, Western history is being phased out or allowed to die on the vine at Harvard."

"To hope for a change in sentiment in our leading universities … would be a triumph of hope over experience… For now, a better hope lies in building new institutions unencumbered by the corruption and self-hatred that infect the old"

https://x.com/i/status/2005629442593546458

https://www.compactmag.com/article/why-im-leaving-harvard/ (paywalled)

In 2023, the same professor wrote an article in the WSJ about Claudine Gay:

https://x.com/i/status/1740168620930715957

"Men are better artists than women": video essay by J.J. Davis

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Julia James Davis at the War On Beauty channel explains that Men are better artists than women. Quotes:

Over time, I've come to believe that this is not the reason that there's not great women artists. It's just that simply men are naturally better at the creative act. and actually that the creative act in itself is essentially male, but also that women serve an incredibly important function in the art made by men. And this natural synergy between men and women in the arts with men as the doer and the woman as the muse is exactly what generated incredible beauty in our world.

But in our contemporary society, having this opinion is seen as just flat-out wrong.

So, how I got onto this topic in the first place? Well, as usual, I was scrolling social media on Tik Tok and on X and I kept seeing this recurring thing about girlfriends making fun of their boyfriend's apartments or what they picked out at HomeGoods. And then I saw tweets and comments back to those videos by men... "Oh my gosh, don't get a girlfriend. They'll literally make you gay and feminize you and take you to HomeGoods and make you get a bed frame."

And this discourse is actually very revealing because both of these points of view are wrong. The first opinion, which is usually the opinion held by women, is that men are aesthetically challenged and women are the arbiters of taste. The second opinion, it's usually the idea held by men, is that men being interested in interior design and aesthetics is gay or feminine, which is equally incorrect. And another side misconception associated with both of these thoughts is that a man even being into those things is a man being in touch with his quote-unquote "feminine" side. Design and arts and creative expression in every sense in every field has come to be associated or seen as the domain of women. But on the whole the greatest artists and designers and creatives throughout history have always been men.

...

It was once love that created beauty. But that love between men and women is really being drained. And I'm starting to actually think that men back in the 1700s, for example, when Edmund Burke was writing, not only were not oppressing women, but that they genuinely loved them. Like when you read Burke on beauty, he speaks so highly of women that they are the highest bearers of beauty and perfection. And to behold a woman is to feel love. Not in a lustful or possessive way, but in a way of just pure admiration.

So in conclusion, I think that we need to get back to the natural roles of women and men in every way, including in the dynamic of art and beauty. and that men have to rediscover their natural aesthetic sense and not think that it's something feminine, but realize that it's actually an incredibly important and disowned aspect of masculinity. I think that only in this way will the proper force and upward energy be created that is necessary in bringing beauty back, not just on an individual level, but on a societal level.

See the entire video: Men are better artists than women

What You Should Know About DEI-Related Discrimination at Work

Matt · 2 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) is a broad term that is not defined in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII). Title VII prohibits employment discrimination based on protected characteristics such as race and sex. Under Title VII, DEI initiatives, policies, programs, or practices may be unlawful if they involve an employer or other covered entity taking an employment action motivated—in whole or in part—by an employee's or applicant's race, sex, or another protected characteristic.'

SSL certificate re-installation

Matt · 3 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

It's that time of year again! MANN's SSL certificate is needing updating and I just bought it. It should be installed within an hour or so. You shouldn't see any issues but if you get a funky SSL-related message over the next hour or so, it's OK. Not to worry.

Mini-Commentary: "What Happened to Men Pursuing Women??"

Green · 3 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Emily King makes yet another spot-on mini-commentary video: What Happened to Men Pursuing Women??. Quote:

... If a man persisted like that in today's dating world, he would at the very least be called a creep, and at the worst he'd be going to jail. That is the reality that a lot of men face.

So that, in combination with the fact that women are not really reciprocating effort, and they're not treating men very well right now, there is a large group of men that are saying that it's just not worth it.

And they would say that women have asked for it. They have asked men to leave them alone. So guess what ladies? They're leaving you alone.

Short video: What Happened to Men Pursuing Women??

Why ‘walkaway wives’ are leading the charge in midlife divorce

Matt · 4 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Bet if there was no alimony or 50/50 split (or worse) of "marital property", you'd see far fewer marriages, period. If being married to a man is so tiresome, why do women do it? Answer: a payday. To me, nothing's worth that much hassle. Ladies, stop instigating marriages, esp. if you don't really want them. Excerpt:

'It’s a scenario increasingly being played out in homes across Britain. Rather than put up and shut up, women in midlife are realising that there’s more to life than a grumpy or self-interested husband, and voting with their feet. While men used to initiate more divorces – the classic midlife crisis where they ran off with a younger woman – this has shifted over the past few years. Today, women are as likely to start divorce proceedings, especially in midlife. And more than ever, this is coming out of the blue for their comfortable husbands who had assumed everything was just ticking along nicely.

"My request for a divorce last October entirely took my ex by surprise," says business systems expert Ana Clarke, 41, from Tunbridge Wells. "I had just given up trying to change anything – he assumed my silence meant I was accepting of his shortcomings, but in reality, I was slowly checking out of the marriage."'

Spain: The government is hiding 55% of domestic violence victims by only counting women

Matt · 6 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Translated article here. Excerpt:

'In Spain, 15 infanticides were committed in 2025, but the government only officially recorded three of these cases. The Delegation against Gender Violence , which only considers paternal filicides , does not count the other 12 children. Furthermore, a total of 59 women were murdered, but the Ministry of Equality only counts 46. Another 36 men were killed as victims of domestic violence. None of these are included in the official count. In total, there were 108 fatalities due to domestic violence, but the government of Pedro Sánchez only counts 49: those attributable to "gender violence" (that is, women killed by their male partners or ex-partners, or children killed by their fathers).

This means that, broadly speaking, 55% of fatal victims of domestic violence in 2025 will be rendered invisible as a consequence of gender ideology. This comprehensive count is made possible by the work carried out annually by the Association for the Support of Victims of Domestic Violence (Anavid), which aims to " reflect real data on all cases of any type of violence."'

Harvard Says Yes to Discrimination, No to Western Civ

Matt · 6 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As for Harvard's white male undergraduates, their skin color and sex are obstacles to academic advancement.

"[T]he best student at Harvard—he won the prize for the graduating senior with the best overall academic record—was rejected from all the graduate programs to which he applied. He too was a white male," the historian recounts.

"I called around to friends at several universities to find out why on earth he had been rejected. Everywhere it was the same story: Graduate admissions committees around the country had been following the same unspoken protocol as ours."
...
Harvard's last president, Claudine Gay, was a black woman whose scholarship was infected with plagiarism.

She's still employed by Harvard, with a compensation package said to be in the neighborhood of $900,000.

The contrast between Gay's treatment as a black woman and the white male students with exemplary records who have been discriminated against the way Hankins describes should make even a Theda Skocpol question her premises about why conservatives criticize higher ed.'

The Problem With Feminising Society - Helen Andrews

Mastodon · 7 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

"The Problem With Feminising Society - Helen Andrews"

Video here.

The Reasonable Man

Matt · 8 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Evan liked to think of himself as fair.

He listened. He adjusted. He didn't raise his voice. When there was tension, he assumed he had missed something—some emotional nuance, some unspoken need. That, he believed, was maturity.

When his wife, Laura, came home upset from work, Evan canceled his plans without mentioning them. It seemed obvious that her day mattered more. When she criticized his tone, he apologized—even when he wasn't sure what he had done wrong. If she was unhappy, the situation required fixing, and fixing required him.

This wasn't resentment. It was love.

At least, that's what Evan told himself.'

Campus sexual violence rate closer to 1%, not 25%, study suggests

Mastodon · 10 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study found the campus sexual violence rate is around one percent, which differs from the oft-cited claim that 1 in 5 women are victims of sexual assault or violence while in college.

Researchers with Washington State University “analyzed data from 2007 through 2022 from 61,869 women surveyed for the nationally representative National Crime Victimization Survey,” according to a paper in the Journal of American College Health.

The “6-month sexual violence victimization prevalence” for college students was .46 percent for both on-campus and commuter students. “Over that same period, among college-students, the 6-month rate for on-campus residents,” worked out to about one percent, the authors wrote.'

Pearl vs. Kasparian: Closing Statement

Mastodon · 12 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Pearl puts away a feminist in her own inimitable way: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAdj_iFORu4

How Gynocentrism Masquerades as Maturity, Empathy, and Love

Matt · 13 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the reasons gynocentrism is so difficult to challenge is that it rarely announces itself. It does not arrive as hostility toward men. It does not require anyone to say, “Men matter less.” In fact, it often appears wearing the language of virtue.

It looks like maturity.
It sounds like empathy.
It feels like love.

And that is precisely why so many decent, conscientious men live inside it without ever naming it.'

How feminism hijacked the conversation on masculinity

Mastodon · 16 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Although feminism is defined as the belief in equality on behalf of women's rights and interests, critics in the 21st century accuse the feminist movement of being woke and anti-men.

"I think modern feminism is built on the lie that no man is ever going to be reliable or ever wants to care about his family," Smith said. He argued that extremes on both sides, citing some "red pill" circles who are on the far-opposite side of feminism, are hijacking the conversation for both men and women. However, Smith believes masculinity matters and denies that there is such a thing as "toxic masculinity."'

UK: Co Antrim school suspends 19 boys amid 'toxic masculinity' concerns

Mastodon · 16 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A group of 19 boys have been suspended at a Co Antrim school with parents making an official complaint about the principal's actions on "toxic masculinity" concerns.

An official complaint has now been made to the school's board of governors by most of the parents on the disciplinary actions of the principal who suspended the students following an alleged assembly incident on January 8.

The matters have now come to light as the Education Authority has become involved in what has been claimed as long running allegations of "intimidation" of female teachers by male Year 11 students, aged 14 to 15.
...
The parent said: "I would implore the Board of Governors to take this matter extremely seriously. I would be interested to know how many young people have been suspended for violence and bullying at the school in comparison to the 19 suspensions last Thursday, could this be disproportionate?

"I am disgusted to hear her terminology such as “masculine toxicity” with my son’s name beside it. Anyone who knows my son, knows he is the most lovable, kind natured, humble young person with the utmost respect to all. Some of these boys have never even had a detention."'

Start Saying ‘No’ To Women

Matt · 19 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Here’s my proposal: We are living through a civilizational shit test. In order to survive, we need to start saying “NO” to women.

What does a civilizational shit test look like? Something like this.
...
Women like Renee and Rebecca Good are estranged from reality.

The strangest and saddest aspect of Renee Good’s demise, to me, is her lack of fear. I speculate that a drip-feed of BlueSky propaganda, supplemented by decades of “girl power” media, is to blame. John Carter has a good essay on late-stage liberal mind melt: “Eventually, the unstable construct of distortions and outright falsehoods that liberalism is based upon is destined to disappear into a shrieking howl of distorted static, and it will take the minds of its adherents with it … It will cause actual brain damage.”'

How Feminism created a mental health crisis among girls

Matt · 20 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. This is a good video that actually drills down into the issue without resorting to just exhortations.

No, This Study Did Not Show That 10% of Men Are “Toxic”

Matt · 20 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent paper in Psychology of Men & Masculinities has been circulating with a striking implication: that roughly 10% of men fall into “toxic” categories, divided into what the authors call Benevolent Toxics and Hostile Toxics.

The study’s authors are careful in places. They repeatedly note that most men are not toxic. They criticize the careless way the term “toxic masculinity” is often used. On the surface, this looks like a responsible corrective to cultural excess.

But when you look closely at how they arrived at that 10% figure, something doesn’t add up.'

What I'm learning about boys - and the gap we keep missing

Matt · 20 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Over the past seven months, I've been travelling, listening, and learning from organisations working with boys across the UK, the United States and South Africa - with further visits planned in Australia this year as part of my Churchill Fellowship.

What I've encountered is not a lack of care, innovation or commitment.
Quite the opposite.

Across very different contexts, there are people doing difficult, relational work with boys - often in circumstances shaped by poverty, violence and family breakdown. Much of this work is framed through concerns about risk: the risk boys may pose to themselves or to others - through violence, harmful behaviour, disengagement from education, school exclusion, or entrenched attitudes about masculinity.'

Can ‘toxic masculinity’ be measured? Scientists try to quantify controversial term

Mastodon · 22 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'How rife is the problem of ‘toxic masculinity’ in Western societies? A research study run in New Zealand has found that only a small percentage of men surveyed fell into the worst category of hostile toxicity — and that a desire to feel ‘manly’ wasn’t necessarily indicative that a person held socially damaging views.

The term toxic masculinity was coined in the 1980s, and expresses the idea that some of the traits that many societies consider stereotypically ‘masculine’, such as dominance and aggression, can have damaging social impacts. Today, the phrase is often used to describe all manner of behaviours, from sexual violence to a disinclination to help with chores around the home.'

UK: Principal defends suspension of 19 boys after 'toxic masculinity' assembly

Mastodon · 22 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The head teacher of Laurelhill Community College has defended her decision to suspend 19 boys from the school, describing it as a "necessary response" to a "single specific incident" amid growing criticism from parents.

Principal Nicola Stevenson penned a letter to parents on Monday, 19 January, justifying her choice to suspend the 19 pupils following an incident during a school assembly, stating she wanted to prevent "toxic masculinity does not develop" from taking root.'

Something Wicked

Matt · 22 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Today's conversation is with three women who share something rare: they can see through the fraud of feminism—and they're willing to say so out loud.

Hannah Spier, M.D. (a psychiatrist from the mental-health world) breaks down how feminist ideology has seeped into therapy culture and quietly turned "help" into a kind of self-worship—often at the expense of families and men.
https://hannahspier.substack.com/

Janice Fiamengo, Ph.D, brings the historical lens, showing that feminism has never really been about "equality," but about power—and how the story has been rewritten so effectively that even critics sometimes repeat the mythology. https://fiamengofile.su bstack.com/

And Carrie Gress, Ph.D., author of Something Wicked (releasing now), lays out the argument that feminism and Christianity aren't compatible—because feminism functions like a shadow religion: its own moral framework, its own commandments, its own "sins," and its own sacred cow (female autonomy). https://amzn.to/49OZXzY'

France ‘should declare toxic masculinity a threat to national security’

Mastodon · 24 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'France is lagging behind the UK in tackling toxic masculinity and should declare it a threat to national security, a government report has claimed.

Around 10 million French people, some 17 per cent of the population, subscribe to “hostile sexism”, a mindset that devalues women and, in its most extreme forms, can justify violence, France’s equality watchdog said.

In its annual report, the Higher Council for Equality (HCE) warned that a growing “masculinist” ideology is being fuelled by culture wars imported from the United States, legitimised by Donald Trump, and amplified by social media.

While no French politicians were singled out, one of its authors questioned Emmanuel Macron’s record on gender equality, contrasting his rhetoric with figures such as Mr Trump.'

In Defense Of White Men

Matt · 24 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The cultural zeitgeist of the last decade shifted and made an enemy of the very people who created our culture. Instead of being proud of what our ancestors built, we're told, often with fury, to be suspect and to feel ashamed of our forefathers. The men who built institutions, brought peace and security to our nations, and ensured our material comfort today are no longer remembered as great contributors, but as enemies of progress. We enjoy the benefits of a civilization we're encouraged to distrust, relying daily on its technology, order, and abundance while being taught to view its origins with moral unease. Can a society survive if it teaches its sons to hate themselves and their inheritance?'

We Are Not Helping Boys Get Through Puberty

Matt · 25 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'To a significant degree, it is the persistence of blank slate views of masculinity and femininity, despite the increasing acceptance of evolutionary psychology in other areas, that accounts for why our societies have been failing boys and young men for decades now.
...
Biological essentialism has an understandably bad name.

The subsequent reaction against it, however, has made it impossible to discuss virtually any biologically based differences between men and women. Take, for instance, the robust finding, widely reproduced in many studies and across cultures, that men on average tend to be more interested in things than people, while for women the reverse holds true (Su et al., 2009). In 2017, James Damore was fired from Google after he wrote and internally distributed a 10-page memo discussing this very point.'

The EEOC's war on woke

Matt · 27 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, Andrea Lucas, the chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, posted a video to X asking an unusual question: "Are you a white male who has experienced discrimination at work based on your race or sex?" she says to the camera. "The EEOC is committed to identifying, attacking, and eliminating all forms of race and sex discrimination — including against white male applicants and employees."

The video has been viewed nearly 6 million times, with top comments heaping praise. "This message gave me hope because I did not think this was ever possible to happen to me in America," one user wrote. The video wasn't announcing a new policy; white men have been protected from discrimination just as people of any race or gender under the law. But it capped a year of sweeping efforts to align the bipartisan, independent EEOC with President Donald Trump's culture war on "woke."'

The status and progress of young men in the West

Matt · 27 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. The title I am using strikes me as being more descriptive of the vid.

Aus: Why men are a 'priority' for the Coalition

Matt · 27 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The health of NSW males will be a “clear priority” for the opposition in the lead-up to the 2027 state election following the establishment of a new dedicated portfolio.

NSW Opposition Leader Kellie Sloane announced on Tuesday that she had appointed Davidson MP and cancer-survivor Matt Cross as a spokesman for men’s health tasked with developing a statewide men’s health strategy.

Ms Sloane, who clinched the leadership from Cronulla MP Mark Speakman late last year, said improving the health of the state’s men and boys was a focus for the Coalition – one that demanded “renewed focus and leadership”.'

The rise of toxic femininity

Matt · 29 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But does Britain really have a problem with young men drifting into the arms of dangerous, far-right influencers such as Andrew Tate and Tommy Robinson? The survey data suggests that a far bigger issue is young women being radicalised by the far-left. We're all familiar with the dinner party talking point that men and women's political views are becoming increasingly divergent. But the reason for this is not, as is commonly supposed, because men are turning right.

According to an analysis by the FT, in the 1990s the political ideology of 18- to 29-year-old men and women was more or less the same, with both, on average, mildly liberal. Fast-forward to 2024 and men had become a little bit more liberal – not more conservative – while women had become significantly more so. That is to say, vast swaths of young women have become advocates of the 'omnicause' – trans rights, climate justice, open borders, anti-racism and the plight of the Palestinians. The intersectional hierarchy of oppression – and fighting 'white supremacy' – is their lodestar.

The same pattern is observable in France, Germany, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United States, with young men's views barely changing over the past 25 years and women veering sharply to the left. Admittedly, they tend to return to the centre when they get married and have kids, but that's happening less and less, because woke women don't want to date non-woke men. As a rule, the more divergent men and women's political ideology is, the worse the fertility crisis, with South Korea scoring high (or rather low) on both metrics. China isn't far behind, with the lowest birth rate on record.'

Accountability 2: What Equal Accountability Would Actually Look Like

Matt · 29 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Therapy Would Stop Pathologizing Male Restraint

Today, many men enter therapy already on the defensive.

A man who pauses before speaking, who thinks before he feels, who regulates himself under stress is often labeled avoidant, emotionally unavailable, or disconnected. His restraint is treated as pathology rather than capacity.

Meanwhile, emotional flooding, volatility, or verbal escalation—more often expressed by women—are framed as authenticity, trauma responses, or justified expressions of pain.

Equal accountability would mean: Therapy would stop trying to turn men into more emotionally verbal women—and start helping couples understand different but equally valid regulation styles.'

Deadbeat Dads Are A Feminist Side Effect

Matt · 31 January 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Now, to be clear, the patriarchy that feminists have raged against is certainly something that has been abused at times across various cultures and periods of history, but it is simply not the cause of fatherlessness.

By definition, “patriarchy” means “father rule,” something that is irrefutably lacking from our culture today.

The rise of fatherlessness in American homes is a devastating phenomenon, one that is eroding the fabric of our society and damaging the hearts and healthy development of millions of American children.'

With 5 to 2 Vote, Committee Passes Boys & Men Bill

Matt · 1 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The legislation to create a Washington Boys & Men Commission passed the House Committee on State Government and Tribal Relations by a 5 to 2 vote on Friday, January 30. ...

The vice chair of the committee, Representative Chris Stearns (D-Auburn), is a co-sponsor of House Bill 2401. Urging the committee members to vote Yes on the bill, he said:

"I think certainly among — I can speak for the Native American communities but other communities of color too, this would have a profound effect on what I believe is a great need. So I urge a Yes vote."'

Manufacturing a Boy Crisis

Matt · 2 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently I read an article titled “Reading how to be male: Boys’ literature reflects the rise of aggressive masculinity.” The title alone makes a strong empirical claim: that aggressive masculinity is rising. Not perceived as rising. Not debated. Rising.

That’s a measurable claim. Which means it should be supported by measurable data.

Because I take these questions seriously — especially when they concern boys — I wrote to the author, who happened to be a Gender Studies professor, and asked a straightforward question:

What is the empirical evidence that masculine aggressiveness is increasing?

He kindly replied and sent two links — one a media report about educator concerns, and the other an article about a qualitative research project describing how some teachers perceive changes in boys’ attitudes and behavior.'

The Domestic Violence Funding Paradox: Behind the Curtain of an Industry Where Billions Are Spent and Survivors Are Overlooked

Matt · 2 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When representatives from fifteen newly funded Family Justice Center pilot sites gathered at the Omni San Diego Hotel in early 2004, the event was framed as a collaborative kickoff — a chance for communities across the country to learn from the San Diego model and begin building their own multidisciplinary centers. What most attendees never saw, however, was the tension surrounding who was allowed to take part and who were not.

At the time, I was President of the National Coalition For Men's San Diego chapter, which I had started in 1997. NCFM's chapter and national headquarters sat just a few blocks from the Omni, and our organization had long been involved in supporting victims of domestic violence, including male victims who often struggled to find services. When the event organizers initially invited local domestic-violence and social-service providers to host informational booths, we applied.

Our request was denied.

We challenged the decision, pointing out that NCFM had over 20 years of experience nationally assisting victims and advocating for equitable services. We made it clear that excluding us — while inviting other providers — raised serious concerns, and we were prepared to pursue legal remedies if necessary. Rather than reconsider, the organizers chose a different route. We were told that no service providers would be allowed to host booths at the event. The entire idea was scrapped.

The message was unmistakable.'

Research Finds Interaction With Father, Not Mother, Affects Child Health

Matt · 4 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Is it another anti-father article from the NYT or an actual attempt to talk up fathers? Hard to tell. My guess is the NYT is trying to ride the fence here. Excerpt:

'For much of the 20th century and beyond, social scientists attributed a range of chronic mental health problems to dysfunction between infants and their mothers, who were categorized as overbearing, rejecting, domineering or ambivalent.

But a team of researchers from Pennsylvania State University has found that at times the early parenting behavior of fathers may have a greater impact on children's health.

For a study published recently in the journal Health Psychology, the scientists observed three-way interactions between 10-month-old infants, their fathers and their mothers, and then checked in on the families when the children were 2 and 7.'

Women Are More Likely Than Men to Endorse Political Violence

Matt · 4 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Comes as no surprise to me. Excerpt:

'When we talk about political violence, we almost always assume that its perpetrators are young men. That makes sense: men are statistically more likely to engage in physical aggression and get arrested for violent crimes at higher rates. At the same time, many are dealing with rising unemployment, declining educational achievement, and growing social disengagement. Given all that, researchers may reasonably assume that young men are driving greater tolerance for political violence.

New data complicate that assumption. A recent survey by the Network Contagion Research Institute at Rutgers found that under certain conditions, women were more likely than men to express support for political violence. The findings were so counter to the prevailing narrative that they surprised even the researchers.'

‘Gender Crazies’ Have Lost All Sense of Reality and Truth

Matt · 4 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Consistent with the Marxist view, feminists believe the world is organized according to patriarchal principles. But a cursory glance reveals that compared to women, men have shorter lifespans, are less likely to be enrolled in college, are targets of false allegations, are far more likely to be homeless, suffer workplace deaths far more often, and are depicted negatively by the media.

Indeed, there is no such thing as patriarchy. Patriarchy is a feminist fantasy.

Marriage and Family: Karl Marx insisted the family unit was oppressive to women. This belief stands in sharp contrast to an extensive body of research that shows married women:

- Enjoy higher levels of happiness, life satisfaction, and lower rates of depression, compared to single, divorced, or cohabiting women.
- Tend to have better overall health, including lower mortality rates and reduced risk of cardiovascular disease.
- Have lower poverty rates, higher household incomes, and better access to benefits like spousal health insurance.'

Institutional Sexism: The Bias We're Not Allowed to See

Matt · 5 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For half a century, the term institutional sexism has been used as a club — a way to shame or reform male-dominated systems accused of disadvantaging women. Universities built entire departments around it. Governments shaped funding priorities by it. The media repeated it like a moral mantra: if women lag anywhere, it must be because the system is rigged against them.

But what if we've been looking in the wrong direction?

The deeper irony is that institutional sexism is real — just not the way we've been taught to see it. Across education, mental health, family courts, criminal justice, and even public health, there are consistent, measurable biases that disadvantage men and boys. Yet these are ignored or rationalized away under a powerful cultural assumption: that sexism only flows one way.'

Study of 35,000 adults finds people care significantly less about men than women in the workplace and education

Matt · 8 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Cappelen et al. study included 35,000 adults in the US, and found they tended to favour women over men. The study found a tendency for people to be more accepting of males falling behind in work performance, more likely to see it as men's own fault, and less willing to let them be helped. In most of the research questions this bias was larger from women than men, and for some research questions the bias was smaller when coming from younger participants and from Republican Party voters.

My article will briefly describe and evaluate this study, and place the study's findings in context of relevant literature on gamma bias, intergroup biases, the gender empathy gap and related phenomena which explain gender biases.'

Institutional Sexism: The Bias We're Not Allowed to See - Part Two

Matt · 9 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'If institutional sexism exists anywhere in plain view, it is in the family courts.

Here, bias does not announce itself. It operates through procedure. Through precedent. Through “standard practice.” It hides inside the phrase best interest of the child while producing outcomes that are strikingly consistent.

When parents separate, the system does not start from a presumption of equal parenthood. It starts from a quieter premise: children remain with their mother unless a compelling reason forces another arrangement.

Fathers are not evaluated as co-equal parents. They are evaluated as exceptions.'

Equimundo’s State of UK Men

Matt · 10 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Equimundo’s State of UK Men 2025 is a groundbreaking new study developed in partnership with Beyond Equality, offering a candid, evidence-based look at the emotional, economic, and cultural realities shaping the lives of men and boys across the UK today.

At a time when conversations about masculinity are often dominated by fear or blame, this study urges a shift: from panic to positive engagement. It highlights a generation of men who are navigating deep uncertainty – about identity, purpose, connection, and the future – but who are also seeking help, building community, and expanding what it means to be a man.

What the Report Shows:

The State of UK Men in 2025: 91 percent of men and women in the UK believe that being a friend is the number one defining trait of masculinity. Yet nearly two-thirds of men say they have to look out for themselves because no one else has their back.

Men’s Purpose in Times of Insecurity: Half of men across all income groups say they constantly worry about keeping a roof over their heads. Financial pressure and insecurity continue to shape men’s sense of purpose, identity, and well-being.'

When the Nursery Governs the Nation

Matt · 12 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When the rules of the nursery become the rules of the nation, compassion expands—but accountability weakens.

And when accountability weakens for long enough, even compassion becomes unsustainable.

The tension described in this story is not hypothetical. It is the central argument of David Shackleton's remarkable new book, Matrisensus: Masculine Collapse and Feminine Shadow.

Shackleton argues that Western society is increasingly governed not by the logic of society, but by the logic of the family — and that this shift carries profound consequences for law, culture, and moral authority.'

Register Her

Matt · 12 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

From the site at: https://registerher.com/:

'Nobody knows exactly how often false accusations of sexual crimes happen. The research is varied. Some data suggests between 2%-10%. Some estimates are much higher. Regardless of what percentage is correct, or the reasons it happens, we know that like rape, one false accusation against an innocent person is too many. The impact is devastating. Unfortunately, our system of criminal justice, our politicians and our media frequently fall short of treating the problem seriously. One woman actually made 15 false claims of rape before legal action was taken against her. She is by no means alone in getting a pass.

It is in the public interest to create and permanently maintain a spotlight on this problem and the devastating consequences for victims.'

Gender studies courses are shutting down across the US. The Epstein files reveal why

Matt · 13 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Predictably, a feminist objects to WST being shut down. Bizarrely she links it to the controversial "Epstein files" release question. I'm always... impressed... at how feminists have this way of associating utterly unrelated things to their causes celebrés. Excerpt:

'Last week, we learned of the decision of the Texas A&M University board of regents to end women's and gender studies programs as well as the teaching of "divisive concepts" such as race. A&M was not the first university to do this. Florida's New College made the move in 2023. Other red state legislatures have passed similar requirements and their public universities (in North Carolina, Ohio and Kansas) have followed suit.

The move to cancel gender studies is explicitly justified as a way to comply with Donald Trump's executive order of last year titled Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government. That document makes "the biological reality of sex" a matter not of science but of law.
...

Powerful men exchanging women and girls for their pleasure is the underlying premise of the executive order, however much it proclaims its interest to be the defense of women's "intimate spaces" and "their dignity, safety, and well-being". What's really at stake is the enforcement of "sex-based distinctions" that have long been understood hierarchically (men on top) to deny women (and sexual minorities) equality of treatment and access to resources and power. ("Equality" is a word notably lacking in the executive order.)
...
Trump's executive order claims that "the erasure of sex in language and policy has a corrosive impact not just on women but on the validity of the entire American system". A system, gender studies teaches us, that is based (in his case) on a politics of masculine rule. Gender studies is not an "ideology", but a critical tool for examining – in the case of Trump and Epstein – the predations of toxic masculinity.'

The End of Woman: How Smashing the Patriarchy Has Destroyed Us

Matt · 15 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Book on Amazon here. Send this book or link to it to your favorite feminist. :) Overview:

'Fellow at Ethic & Public Policy Center, scholar at The Institute for Human Ecology at CUA and the nationally best-selling author of the Theology of Home series, Carrie Gress argues that fifty years of radical feminism have had the opposite of the intended effect and have granted primacy of place to the traditionally male sphere of life, while simultaneously devaluing the typical attributes, virtues, and strengths of women.'

UK: Misogynistic men who commit crimes motivated by hatred of women to get tougher sentences under Labour plans

Mastodon · 17 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men who commit crimes motivated by a hatred of women will get tougher sentences under plans brought forward by Labour.

Under new proposals, the Government will make attacks motivated by hatred of women 'aggravated offences', which carry sentences of up to two years in prison.

Non-aggravated common assault, by comparison, carries a maximum penalty of six months' imprisonment.

Those targeting people over their sexuality, gender identity or disability will face the same penalties.

In a letter detailing the amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill, Lords ministers wrote that the changes will 'ensure that tackling misogyny is part of the government's approach to tackling hate crime'.'

Female Bullying and Psychosis Now Seen as a Global Epidemic

Matt · 18 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For years feminists have extolled the virtues of the workplace, claiming that women's superior relationship skills would give rise in a veritable gender Nirvana. But commentator Bettina Arndt has blown the lid off that feminist myth, documenting the global problem of female bullying in the workplace (1):

- Presidential candidate Kamala Harris inflicted "constant soul-destroying criticism on her office staff."
- An independent review found former Canadian Governor General Julie Payette had created a "toxic" workplace through yelling, belittling, and public humiliation of staff.
- Former UK Prime Minister Liz Truss engaged in "soul-destroying" and "pure bullying that drained the life out of the team," according to former aides.
- Former Australian Foreign Minister Julia Bishop was accused of engaging in a "pattern of threats, intimidation, and bullying."

These are not isolated examples. One survey of over 200 former female executives cited "toxic interpersonal dynamics" as a major reason for their departure (2). Another study found 70% of women report poor job satisfaction due to relational aggression (3). An article in the Washington Post revealed how gossip and related behaviors among female colleagues can constitute workplace bullying, not harmless "girl talk." (4)'

EEOC Sues Coca-Cola Beverages Northeast for Sex Discrimination

Matt · 19 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Coca-Cola Beverages Northeast, Inc., a producer, seller and distributor of Coca-Cola brand products throughout the Northeast United States, violated federal law when it excluded male employees from an employer-sponsored event, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) charged in a lawsuit filed today.

According to the EEOC's lawsuit, in September 2024, Bedford, N.H.-headquartered Coca-Cola Northeast held a two-day employer-sponsored trip and networking event at the Mohegan Sun Casino and Resort in Connecticut. Coca-Cola Northeast privately invited female employees and then excused the female employees who attended the event from their normal work duties on Sept. 10 and 11, 2024, and paid them their normal salary or wages without requiring them to use vacation or other paid time off. Coca-Cola Northeast did not invite any male employees to the event.'

UK: New adverts urge boys not to share sexist content online

Mastodon · 19 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Scottish government has launched a new advertising campaign urging boys and young men not to share misogynistic content online.

The adverts warn boys that sexist content is "never harmless" and has the potential to hurt girls, including people they know.

They will run for five weeks from Monday across Instagram, Snapchat, Twitch and YouTube, as well as on outdoor advertising.

First Minister John Swinney said the rise of online misogyny was "deeply concerning" and that ministers would do "everything we can" to eradicate violence against women and girls.

Women experience harassment and rape in Scottish folk scene, says report
Police respond to domestic abuse call 'every eight minutes'
The campaign was developed with the charity White Ribbon Scotland - which attempts to engage men and boys in preventing violence against women and girls.

One of the video clips shows a boy sitting on a couch, watching a video on his phone of a character speaking into a podcaster-style microphone.

A voiceover says "sexist content is never harmless, it hurts girls in real life - including the ones you know" as the emojis on the boy's phone all change to become the face of an upset girl, resembling the person sitting next to him on the couch.

Rebekah MacLeod, a project lead for White Ribbon Scotland, said the campaign was not about punishing men but educating them on the impact of sharing sexist content.'

How Democrats Lost Men

Matt · 20 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Both viewpoints would be absurd to anyone in Kenema. Given the awful binary of political messaging in this country, it's not surprising that many young men have drifted strongly rightward over the last decade. According to the Survey Center on American Life, only 38 percent of young men now identify as Democrats, a 13-point drop since 2016.

That has helped Donald Trump win two presidential elections and innumerable downballot contests. My father was a refugee from two wars, he opposed authoritarianism in all its forms, and he raised a son who would never cede this country to the forces he himself fled in 1940. So, let's talk honestly about a healthy male role in society, because there's a lot riding on this.'

Do Men Face Prejudice?

Matt · 20 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2020, psychologist Aman Siddiqi completed a doctoral dissertation titled A Clinical Guide to Discussing Prejudice Against Men. It was submitted quietly, without media attention or controversy, and has remained largely invisible outside academic circles.

That is unfortunate — because it does something rare.

Rather than arguing politics or ideology, Siddiqi does something very simple and very professional: He takes the existing psychological science on prejudice and asks whether it applies to men.

Not rhetorically. Clinically.'

Men are the empathetic sex

Green · 21 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Women suck at empathy: Men are the empathetic sex

Full article by archwinger is here. Excerpt:

A woman is typically very, very good at recognizing when other people are feeling something, especially something that's going to affect her. And she is very good at recognizing when she is feeling something. **But she is very, very bad at recognizing what the feelings she perceives actually are.** Not just other peoples' feelings. **Even when it's her own feeling, she has trouble naming it.**

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This is also why every single time you talk to your wife about what's going on in your life, she misses the mark entirely and has no clue why you're telling her this stuff. And the more you talk, the more frustrated she gets because she doesn't understand what you want from her or how any of this affects her. And when a woman doesn't know what to do, she feels stupid, like she's failing somehow. That feels bad. And because she feels bad, she won't have sex with you. Instead, she just gets angry. How dare you confuse her by telling her all this stuff that's going on in your life.

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Women suck at empathy.

When your best friend tells you something that's going on in his life, the first thing you think about is how he must feel about it. Maybe you suck at empathy and get that wrong and respond inappropriately. Maybe not. But you're asking the right internal question. You're thinking about how he feels based on what he's describing and what you know about him, and trying to respond to his feelings.

When you tell your wife something that's going on in your life, the first place her mind goes is "Why is he telling me this? If our situation were reversed and I were the one talking, why would I be saying this?" And that's the feeling she assumes you have. Which is why it always seems like she doesn't get you and has completely missed the point of the entire conversation. Because instead of putting herself in your shoes and figuring out how you're feeling, she assumes you're wearing her shoes, and everything you do is for the same reason she would have done it.

This is why nearly everything she accuses you of and every feeling she assumes you have as she calls you bitter, selfish, mean, manipulative — is a mirror. She's naming her own common feelings but projecting them at you.

END excerpt.

Full article is here.

Belgian investigation into three Jewish men sparks diplomatic row with US

Matt · 21 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A diplomatic row is escalating between Belgium and the US, with Donald Trump's ambassador refusing to apologise for accusing his host country of antisemitism and reportedly threatening to bar a socialist politician from travelling to the US.

Bill White, a staunch ally of the president like many US ambassadors, on Monday demanded Belgium drop a "ridiculous" and "antisemitic" investigation into three Jewish men suspected of performing circumcisions without medical qualifications.

In a social media post, White demanded Belgium's "very rude" socialist health minister, Frank Vandenbroucke, stop the "unacceptable harassment" and "disgusting" treatment of the three men. He also called on Belgium to do "a much better job" on antisemitism.

Circumcision is legal in Belgium but must be carried out under strict conditions by a medical professional. The investigation concerns three mohels, or ritual circumcisers, in Antwerp suspected of performing circumcisions without any medical training.'

‘Substantive Gender Equality:’ Blueprint for Totalitarian Feminist Takeover

Matt · 25 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Feminists relentlessly claim that their objective is the achievement of gender equality. But a cursory review of a range of issues such as men’s health, educational attainment, harsh treatment by the legal system, and more reveals an inconvenient truth: It’s men, not women, who are lagging in 12 major areas of life (1).

Unfortunately, United Nations officials have refused to address, or even acknowledge, these troubling disparities. This denial explains, in part, why so many have become disenchanted with the United Nations, and why many countries are now delinquent in paying their membership dues. Now, the United Nations faces a catastrophic “imminent financial collapse,” as Secretary-General Antonio Guterres recently revealed (2).'

Define rape based on consent across Europe

Matt · 26 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The EPP Group calls for a legally robust, EU-wide definition of rape, based on freely given and revocable consent, following today's vote in Parliament's joint committees on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and on Women's Rights.

The report voted on today urges the European Commission to propose legislation that ensures an EU-wide definition guaranteeing equal protection for women in all Member States.

"As the EPP, we stand firmly on the side of women and their right to sexual self-determination. The absence of resistance can never be interpreted as consent," said Verena Mertens MEP, the EPP negotiator in the Civil Liberties Committee.

She stressed that "from a law enforcement and rule-of-law perspective, we need a legally sound, practical and EU-wide, comparable definition of rape based on freely given and revocable consent, so that crimes are effectively prosecuted, and perpetrators are held accountable."'

Crystal Mangum, who falsely accused Duke lacrosse players of rape, walks free years after killing boyfriend

Mastodon · 27 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former exotic dancer who made headlines for falsely accusing three Duke lacrosse students of raping her has been freed from prison in the 2011 slaying of her boyfriend.

Crystal Mangum, 47, was let out of the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women in Raleigh just before 10 a.m. Friday after serving a 14-to-18-year sentence for fatally stabbing beau Reginald Daye in April 2011, according to a report by NBC News.'

Andrea Lucas Leads the EEOC: Restoring Agency With Truth and Commonsense

Matt · 27 February 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Created by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the agency's mission and scope have been modified multiple times by subsequent pieces of legislation.

The Obama and Biden administrations, however, transformed the agency into a center of leftist ideological activism. Until now.

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Commissioner Feldblum guided the EEOC on a course of using its own "guidance" letters and the court system to coerce and compel employers to redefine "sex" as "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" for purposes of Title VII. The EEOC went after employers for alleged discrimination against homosexual-identified and transgender-identified individuals.

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Chair Lucas is proceeding with crucial priorities at the agency, protecting all people – including white males – from discrimination.

"Our doors are open for everyone," Lucas said. "Our nation's civil rights laws are race-neutral, sex-neutral and group-neutral under Title VII."

"Despite that, in the last administration, and even for decades, there has been a strong presumption that the civil rights laws are only available for 'minority workers' or 'historically underrepresented workers' and not available to anybody who experiences race or sex discrimination," she explained.'

Loudoun School Board settles with boys who questioned why girl was in boys' locker room

Mastodon · 1 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Loudoun County School Board settled with two male students who questioned why a female student was repeatedly using the boys' locker room at Stone Bridge High School, according to court records.

The judge had ordered the Loudoun County School Board and the students to mediation. Court records show that a settlement was reached between the two parties.

Early last year, 7News was the first to report on how Loudoun County Public Schools investigated male students for Title IX sexual harassment after they questioned why a female student was using the boys' locker room. The female student recorded the male students in the locker room, which is against school policy.

Despite calls from several parents to drop the investigation, the Loudoun County School Board pursued the Title IX investigation against the sophomore students and found two of the boys responsible for Title IX sexual harassment and discrimination.

The Title IX finding appeared on their student records as the high school students prepared to apply to college. And LCPS ordered the boys to serve 10 days of suspension earlier this school year.

The boys' families sued the Loudoun County School Board in federal court seeking to stop the suspensions and to remove the Title IX violations from their sons' academic records. With a settlement, the case has now concluded.'

Congressman Carter, Murphy Introduce the State of Men’s Health Act

Matt · 1 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This week, Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr. (D-LA) and Congressman Greg Murphy, M.D. (R-NC) introduced the State of Men's Health Act (H.R. 7602).

The bill would require the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study on the state of men’s health in the United States and issue a report to Congress on the results, including health disparities experienced by men.

It would also require the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to create an Office of Men’s Health and submit a report to Congress following the creation of the office, detailing findings on men’s health and recommendations to improve men’s health outcomes.'

Zoomer pidgin describing Olympic idols

Green · 1 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Humorous but thoughtful commentary by Scorched Earth Policy (here):

The word goonbait upsets women because it rips away a delicate curtain of deniability which has upheld the economy of casual sex for the last century or so. None of the women defending the open tongued Olympian here are part of her generation. They question why "Porn addicts have to sexualize everything" because they're operating from a framework that depends on upholding the structure of civility the term violates. They're either ignorant of the signalling or complicit in trying to normalize it as a nonsexual expression. ...

What women think is happening is that men are sexualizing a young girl. What's actually happening is that men are instinctively critiquing a young girl unconsciously sexualizing herself through an innocuous expression, and by extension, critiquing the steady decline of societal standards that has been occurring since at least the 18th century.

Full comment is here.

Wis. Nurse Had Sex with Patient, Then Made False Sexual Assault Accusation Before Explaining Why She Lied

Matt · 3 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Wisconsin nurse who admitted to having sexual intercourse with a patient and then falsely accusing the patient of sexual assault was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

Melissa Knutson pleaded guilty to misconduct in public office and obstructing an officer on Feb. 27, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office said in a press release. Following her release from prison, Knutson will be subject to two years of public supervision.

Prosecutors said that while Knutson was working as a nurse assigned to a drug court participant, she "repeatedly" engaged in sexual intercourse with the patient.

The sexual encounters were subsequently reported to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.'

Ex-mayor convicted after son walks in on lewd act at alcohol-infused pool bash

Matt · 5 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A former Louisiana mayor has been found guilty of having sex with a minor after prosecutors revealed her teenage son caught her in the act with his friend at a 2024 alcohol-infused pool party hosted at her home.

Misty Roberts, 43, the former mayor of DeRidder, was convicted of carnal knowledge of a juvenile and indecent behavior with a juvenile on Tuesday, according to KPLC.

Roberts was subsequently released on a $100,000 surety bond, the outlet reported.

The verdict followed days of testimony from Roberts' family members, teenagers at the parties and the victim himself as prosecutors worked to paint a picture of the booze-filled events leading up to the incident.'

NCFM Files SUPREME COURT PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI in NCFM v. Selective Service System

Matt · 7 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'This amazing petition is the heartfelt work of Nadine Lewis, Esq., her staff, and a few attorney friends, especially Al Rava and David Pisarra, all of whom believe strongly in equal treatment and civil rights.

The Supreme Court declined our 2013 petition in National Coalition for Men v. Selective Service because Congress was already reconsidering the male-only draft and the Court traditionally defers to the political branches on military affairs.

That legislative effort collapsed in 2021 when Senators Josh Hawley, Tom Cotton, and Marco Rubio threatened to block the entire National Defense Authorization Act if it included women in Selective Service, which it did. Their opposition forced negotiators to strip the reform, leaving the discriminatory system intact and giving the Court a reason to avoid intervening while Congress remained “active” on the issue.'

"Attitudes Toward Gender Equality"

Matt · 8 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Summary in this .pdf here. Excerpt:

'On average across the countries surveyed, three in five (60%) agree that things would work better if more women held positions with responsibilities in government and companies. A similar number also note that women won't achieve equality with men in their country unless there are more female leaders in business and government (54%).However, around half (52%) believe that when it comes to giving women equal rights with men, things have gone far enough in their country. More than four in 10 further say that men are being expected to do too much to support equality (46%) and that we have gone so far in promoting women's equality that we're discriminating against men.'

UK: Mother, 31, who met men on dating apps before falsely accusing 10 of rape in 'wicked pack of lies' faces jail

Mastodon · 9 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A 31-year-old mother is facing jail for meeting men on dating apps and falsely accusing them of rape in a 'wicked pack of lies'.

Stacy Sharples admitted to making up the allegations against ten men, many of whom spent hours in police custody and months on bail.

She even bragged to one of her victims that the police were 'not pressing charges. I've got away with it. Yet again.'

None of the men she accused were charged.

Her false allegations cost the taxpayer a 'conservative estimate' of £120,000 due to wasted police, legal and medical time, Bolton Crown Court heard.'

UK: Policewoman who lied and said an innocent officer sexually assaulted her because she was late for work is jailed

Mastodon · 9 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A police constable who reported late for duty falsely claimed it was because she had been sexually assaulted by a fellow officer.

Lauren Evans, 34, said a plain-clothes cop in an unmarked car stopped her while she was driving in March 2023 and falsely claimed he was called 'Watson.'

The next day, innocent PC Alex Watson – who Evans had never met – was arrested in front of his wife and children as they arrived home from a wedding.

By coincidence, Mr Watson was driving an unmarked car in the area where Evans, from Kent, alleged the attack had occurred.

He was arrested and spent 23 hours in custody before detectives established that Evans had made up the allegation.'

"The Cynical, Gullible American Man"

Matt · 9 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Plenty of women fit the profile of being as this article describes too-- so why call out men specifically in the title? IMO this is a form of male-baiting. Excerpt:

'Many Americans believe that vaccines are unsafe, but will jab themselves full of performance enhancers. They think seed oils cause chronic disease, but beef tallow is healthy. They'll say you can't trust federally insured banks, but you can trust the millionaires who want you to invest in their volatile vaporware crypto tokens. They think food additives are toxic but support an administration removing all restrictions on pumping pollutants into air and water. They'll insist that you can't trust scientists, because they're part of the conspiracy. The podcaster selling you his special creatine gummies, though? He seems trustworthy.'

Serial false accuser sentenced to jail

Matt · 13 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A woman has been sentenced to four-and-a-half years in prison after falsely accusing 10 men of raping her.

Stacey Sharples, 31, from Farnworth in Bolton, pleaded guilty on Monday at Bolton Crown Court to 10 counts of perverting the course of justice.

The allegations were made between 2013 and 2019, with most of the men arrested and spending time in custody, including some undertaking intimate examinations, said Greater Manchester Police.

They added that a number of the men lost their jobs or partners, were disowned by family and friends, or saw declines in their mental health after being falsely branded a rapist.

Greater Manchester Police said the investigation into Sharples began after lines of inquiry "consistently" revealed evidence contrary to what had been disclosed by her.'

“In war, fathers bury their sons”, but what about their daughters?

Matt · 15 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The ‘National Board of the Norwegian Association for Women’s Rights’ put forward three arguments against female conscription in 2013. Firstly, that incorporating women into the draft is a “misconceived equality”. Economic and social gender gaps are still wide, and this conscription would, in their view, worsen it. Secondly, that militarising women does not legitimise the practice of conscription. Conscription has its own problems that need to be resolved without bringing in a new group to be subject to it. The military would still be male dominated regardless of if more women were involved, this needs to be solved before women can be brought into it by force. Thirdly, they argue in favour of non-violence. They believe that disarmament for both men and women is a more crucial goal than increasing those militarised by including women.

Conversely, the ‘National Coalition for Men’ in the US argued in favour of conscription. Firstly, they argued that to not would perpetuate double standards towards men. An article on their website stated that the “People who say, “men make war” are the same ones who find it sexist to say men make science”. And secondly, that if women are part of the population supporting wars, they should fight in it as well. In citing the Gulf War, they stated that although 86% of men supported a military attack on Kuwait, but so did 76% of women.

UK: Major funding boost to divert women from a life of crime

Mastodon · 16 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New government investment will enable women's centres and charities across the country to deliver vital specialist help to female offenders, the overwhelming majority of whom are themselves victims of crime.

The multi-year package represents a 50 per cent increase in funding to help women get clean, find work and accommodation, and move away from abusive relationships.

This support is key to cutting crime with evidence showing how more than two-thirds of women in custody report being victims of domestic abuse, a factor which is a known indicator of crimes.

Deputy Prime Minister David Lammy said:
Punishment must help women break away from lives of crime, not send them back to a prison cell time and again, disrupting their own lives and those of their children.

Today, I am making this landmark investment to help female offenders get their lives back on track and reduce reoffending. By helping women break free from addiction, abuse and homelessness, we are stopping future victims and making our streets safer.'

Are Women as Aggressive as Men?

Matt · 17 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New research into cyberaggression suggests women are more aggressive than would be believed from research conducted in the real world1,2. Any genderised discussion of aggression is always sensitive, as this issue engenders strong views and is highly politicised. In fact, the politicisation of aggression and violence may be an indicator of one of its roles and causes in society3. Yet discussion of aggression, even cyberaggression, is often built on a foundation focused on males as archetypal perpetrators4-6. However, a study of female digital aggression casts doubts on assertions that aggression is programmed, and more commonly emitted by males. Rather, digital behaviour suggests women are not programmed to be passive, but are just as actively aggressive as men, and, in some circumstances, more so.'

Irish woman, 38, facing court for 'groping Swedish 18-year-old in a sauna' while on holiday

Matt · 19 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Behaviors acceptable at "adult clubs" that have no windows on them and charge high door fees and have beds in them are not acceptable in places like hotel saunas-- regardless of sex. (One thing that swingers esp. have to always remember: obtain consent before doing anything.) Excerpt:

'An Irish woman who will go on trial after allegedly groping a teenager in a Magaluf hotel spa insists she wants her day in court to clear her name.

The woman, 38, at the time of the alleged assault, was hauled to court after being arrested for allegedly touching a Swedish man's genitals without his consent in a Turkish steam bath.

The sex assault is alleged to have occurred around 6pm at the four-star Hotel Martinique in Magaluf on June 3 when the Irish woman, who lives in County Cork, was still 37 and the younger man just 18.'

How these secretive traditional circumcision rites are responsible for dozens of deaths

Matt · 20 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Traditional circumcisions can carry fatal risks including poorly trained practitioners and cutting tools that are unsanitary or used more than once. Dehydration and badly managed septic wounds are among the main causes of death, and the remote settings mean help is usually far away.

“Imagine this number: 476 young people died in a five-year period and yet they were well before going into initiation. These deaths are unacceptable and should never have happened,” former health minister Zwelini Mkhize told parliament last year.

But these are risks that hundreds of thousands of South Africans are ready to take.

The next season begins in June. They happen twice a year.'

How Hollywood Screwed White Millennial Men

Matt · 20 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Diversity, equity, and inclusion have become the north star of every major industry, especially those with any artistic or cultural capital. If anything, hiring white guys is overtly discouraged so that companies can hit diversity quotas and enjoy the achievement of a diverse workplace.

When such companies and industries do not boast incredibly diverse bona fides, the culture becomes hostile toward them, routinely creating pressure campaigns designed to rearrange the demographics in favor of their preferred makeup or preaching that we need to “do better,” with no end in sight.'

Taylor Frankie Paul insisting she is the victim as prosecutors 'look into' new abuse allegations

Mastodon · 22 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The video, published by TMZ, followed news Paul and Mortensen were involved in another domestic assault investigation, with police saying 'allegations have been made in both directions.'

Additionally, TMZ is now reporting that the latest domestic assault allegations may have put Paul into further legal jeopardy in regards to her 2023 case

Now a representative for Paul, 31, says the reality star is 'grateful' for the support she has been receiving from ABC as she 'prioritizes her family's safety and security.'

In a statement obtained by People, her rep alleged Paul was actually the victim, claiming she had been 'silently suffering extensive mental and physical abuse as well as threats of retaliation' for years.

The statement claims Paul is now 'gaining the strength to face her accuser' and is taking action to ensure she and her children will be safe from 'further harm'.'

United Nations Is Being Corrupted by the ‘Great Feminization’

Matt · 23 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The “Great Feminization” refers to the fact that many institutions are controlled by women who resort to gossip, ostracism, and shunning to advance their particular agendas. Commentator Helen Andrews posits the Great Feminization is “simply what women do whenever there are enough of them in a given organization or field.”

The Great Feminization represents a singular threat to fields that rely on open inquiry (academia), intellectual honesty (journalism), or a commitment to basic fairness. Andrews asserts the Great Feminization portends the decline of meritocracy among women and the elimination of fairness for men.'

How Chuck Norris Helped Create the Manosphere

Mastodon · 24 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But any dissection of Norris also needs to size up his effect on the culture of masculinity. Walker helped augur an ethos of aggrieved righteousness that would soon dominate everything from country music to Christian movies and, more toxically, would forerun the manosphere with its aggro-flouting of a perceived feminization of American society. “If I want your opinion, I’ll beat it out of you,” Norris would say on the show. It was a funny quip. It also traces a line straight to Andrew Tate.

Through this lens, then, the year 2026 hardly seems possible without Norris. He both encouraged all of us to contribute culturally and then suggested the kind of chippy masculinity that might comprise those contributions.

In recent years, it has been easy to forget just how foreign some of these concepts were until Chuck Norris came along. But his death has stirred some reminders. As it inevitably must. In his movies, Chuck Norris was neglected, derided, marginalized. But he always had the last kill.'

The Side Of Domestic Violence Nobody Will Say Out Loud

Matt · 24 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Despite this, our society still lags far behind in providing support for male victims. Shelters, hotlines, and resources tailored for men are scarce, if they exist at all in many communities.

The domestic violence allegations involving Taylor Frankie Paul, star of The Secret Lives of Mormon Wives (and the filmed but ultimately scrapped season of The Bachelorette), have thrust the issue back into the spotlight this week.

In February 2023, police in Herriman, Utah, responded to a domestic violence call at Paul's home. According to charging documents, she threw multiple objects—including her phone and metal barstools—during an argument with then-boyfriend Dakota Mortensen. One of the items allegedly struck her young daughter, who was in the room at the time. Paul was charged with aggravated assault, domestic violence in the presence of a child, child abuse, and criminal mischief.'

Army raises maximum enlistment age to 42

Matt · 25 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In a sweeping change to its enlistment regulations, the Army has raised the maximum age for eligible recruits to 42, the service announced.

Changes highlighted in the memo, which was distributed this week and will go into effect in April, also include the removal of previous enlistment obstacles for recruits who have a single marijuana or drug paraphernalia conviction.

The announcement comes as the Army continues efforts to widen its recruiting pool after falling short of its Regular Army enlistment goals in 2022 and 2023 before rebounding in 2024.

The upper limit of the Army's previous allowable enlistment age was 35, but waivers were sometimes granted for older enlistees.

The Air Force and Navy allow recruits over 40, while the Marine Corps caps enlistment at 28 but allows hopefuls who are 29 or over to request waivers.'

Trans-identified female attorney arrested after heated argument with judge

Green · 27 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Colin Rugg reports:

Transgender attorney begs for a female police officer after getting tackled to the ground before being jailed for contempt.

Oklahoma attorney Rob Hopkins was caught on camera arguing with the judge. "I'm a transgender attorney practicing all over the state!" The argument continued to escalate before the judge called in officers who then took Hopkins to the ground.

Hopkins was heard screaming "I can't breathe" and begging for a female officer.

Complete video of the confrontation was posted by Rugg here and by many other users on X.

Jim Carrey, Leonardo DiCaprio and how the double standard of male aging may be over

Mastodon · 27 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It has become a popular internet pastime for people to speculate about what work a female celebrity has had done. Wrinkle-free, taut and glowing visages are analyzed by experts and non-experts alike, often resulting in a diagnosis that includes a facelift, blepharoplasty, fillers, or Botox. Yet in recent months, it is not only famous women whose faces have been studied so intently – it's the men too.

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Historically, men in Hollywood have been granted a lot more leniency when it comes to visibly aging. George Clooney is widely recognized as a "silver fox." Harrison Ford is described as "distinguished" looking. Yet now, the tide appears to be turning, with men increasingly being judged with the same doubled standards applied to female stars. But is this necessarily a good thing? For some experts, it's an indication that toxicity around ageing may only be deepening.

"It shows we have attached moral value to youth, and that we read youthfulness as productivity, desirability, health, and even worthiness," said Lauren Steckles-Young, a lecturer in social studies at the University of Sunderland, in England. "In this, we have seen a blurring between 'health' and 'beauty,' meaning we assume that if we are attractive, we are healthy, and if we are healthy and attractive, we hold higher moral value. Social media amplifies this by surrounding us with filtered and curated faces that make aging seem like a failure rather than a natural process. Being anti-aging reflects a culture that struggles to accept imperfection, change, or diversity in appearance."'

Why do feminists seem indifferent to Noelia?

Green · 27 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

As reported by Spiked here:

Headline: **"Spain is euthanising rape victims now:** The tragic death of Noelia Castillo Ramos speaks to the moral depravity of assisted dying."

What makes this case particularly troubling is not only the tragedy of a young woman's premature death, but also the precedent it sets for others like her. It says that if you have faced abuse, if you are depressed or have a disability, that your life is not worth living. The state would prefer to assist you to die than to help you recover or to live as full a life as possible.

Noelia Castillo Ramos was failed throughout her short life. Those charged with her care failed to protect her from abuse. And then, when the consequences of that failure became too much for her to bear, they helped to end her life. Spain's euthanasia laws have plumbed new depths of moral depravity.

Full story at Spiked Online here.

UK Study Links Falling Birth Rate To "Immature Men" Delaying Adulthood

Mastodon · 28 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new report by the Centre for Social Justice has suggested that delayed maturity among young men is partly behind Britain's falling birth rate. The study, titled Baby Bust, estimates that around 600,000 young women could miss out on motherhood, with one of the reasons being that men are taking longer to feel ready for family life.

The report highlights a shift in modern lifestyles, noting that young men today often take longer to leave home, build careers and settle down. In contrast to previous generations, where men entered the workforce in their teens, today's adolescence can extend into the early twenties.'

Feminists are Losing Control of the Abuse Narrative

Matt · 29 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Press release here. Excerpt:

'Hundreds of scientific studies conducted around the world show women are just as likely as men to engage in domestic violence. And for years, feminists have done everything in their power to conceal that basic truth.

But now, media accounts are revealing the ugly truth of female-perpetrated abuse.

Last week, columnist Lisa Britton published a full-length article about female abuse. She highlights the recent case of Taylor Frankie Paul, star of The Secret Lives of Mormon. In 2023, Paul threw a chair and other objects at her then boyfriend, resulting in being charged with aggravated assault. Then last week, her ex- accused Paul of trying to choke him during a recent confrontation.'

Taylor Frankie Paul video reignites fevered online discourse around domestic violence

Mastodon · 30 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'When a 45-second video of reality star Taylor Frankie Paul hurling metal barstools at her ex-boyfriend during a 2023 altercation surfaced just days before her season of “The Bachelorette” was set to premiere on ABC, the fallout was swift.

ABC said it wouldn’t air the show. Some cast members from both “The Secret Lives of Mormon Wives” — in which Paul stars — and the “Bachelor” universe distanced themselves. Several content creators who focus on pop culture analysis condemned the display of domestic violence.

But Paul also had a slew of vocal defenders who rushed to social media to label the incident “reactive abuse,” a term used to describe when an abuse victim is pushed to respond in an aggressive manner. It’s a topic that often becomes an online flashpoint among advocates, experts and commentators after high-profile domestic violence cases make headlines.

Online, people said they have noticed parallels between their own abusive relationships and Paul and Mortensen’s on-again, off-again situation.

Some have also pointed to the concept of DARVO, a manipulation tactic common in abusive relationships, when analyzing Paul. The acronym, which became ubiquitous in the discourse around Paul, stands for “deny, attack and reverse victim and offender.”

“Sometimes people are pushed to their limits if they’re dealing with abuse day in and day out, mentally, physically, financially, psychologically,” said Ally Langan, a social media user who shared her analysis about how there’s “no perfect victim” when it comes to abuse, telling NBC News she drew from her own experiences.'

Canada: Sadistic lesbian foster moms made boy, 12, wear soaking wetsuit and joked 'Shiver, shiver dumb f**k' before his horrific death, murder trial hears

Mastodon · 30 March 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two lesbian foster moms tortured a 12-year-old boy by forcing him to wear a soaking wetsuit as they mocked him in gut-wrenching messages before he was tragically found dead, prosecutors claim.

The disturbing claims about the death of the Canadian child, identified only as LL, have come to light during the murder trial of Becky Hamber, 44, and 46-year-old Brandy Cooney.

LL, who died on December 21, 2022, was found soaking wet, unresponsive, and emaciated in the basement of the couple's Toronto-area home before being pronounced dead at the hospital, the court was told.

Attorneys finished their closing arguments on Friday, as both women have denied charges of first-degree murder, unlawful confinement, and assault with a weapon, according to Law & Crime.

Prosecutors used their final remarks to detail how the women allegedly starved LL and his younger brother, who has been identified as JL, and forced them to wear wetsuits and helmets.

The foster mothers, who were in the process of adopting the boys, did it because they 'hated' the boys, attorneys told the court.

Messages between the women presented by the prosecutors showed the sick duo allegedly say: 'Shiver, shiver dumb f**k."

I Lived The Feminist Dream. I Want My Money Back.

Matt · 2 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We were sold the lie to go after our careers, make money, and make our mark on the world first, and then go find a partner once we've accomplished A through C. We used to have a backstop against some of this—our biological clock ticking louder around our mid-thirties—but we did an end run around that too, with egg freezing. And the worst part of it is that we, women, did this to ourselves. Not a single man told us to do any of this. In fact, historically, they've been pretty petulant about the whole thing, but we pushed right through that sentiment by calling them all "toxic" and threatening them with cancellation if they didn't comply. We are our own worst enemy, and the architects of our own demise.'

Lawyers for female teacher accused of grooming boy then having sex with him when he hit age of consent claim victim is partly to blame

Mastodon · 2 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The lawyer of a New Jersey middle school teacher who is accused of grooming her student from when he was 12 years old claimed the alleged victim was complicit and 'not a babe in the woods'.

Rocco Cipparone, Ashley Fisler's attorney, defended his client in court on Wednesday during a virtual hearing that lasted roughly an hour, according to the New York Post.

Fisler, who was employed at Orchard Valley Middle School, was arrested on March 23 after her alleged victim claimed they were in a sexual relationship in 2021 while he was her student and had sex with him at least six times.

A portion of the hearing centered around the 7,500 text messages exchanged between the former teacher and the boy.

'He's not texting like a kid…his texts are as graphic and direct as any I've seen from an adult,' Cipparone said.

'I'm not saying he's not the age he is, but this is not a babe in the woods scenario that Ms. Finley is creating from a risk and a danger perspective."

Are Family Courts at War with the Constitution?

Matt · 2 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Excerpt:

'In this conversation, I sit down with longtime scholar and author Stephen Baskerville to take a hard look at modern family courts, no-fault divorce, paternal rights, and the assumptions behind shared parenting. Stephen argues that what many people take for granted in divorce and custody law may be far more troubling than they realize—not only for fathers and children, but for the rule of law itself. Join us in this challenging and thought-provoking discussion that raises questions most people never hear asked.'

UK: Man blasts 'sexist' sentencing after scorned ex who sent revenge porn to his mother in stalking campaign avoids prison

Mastodon · 4 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Eve Yeoman, 24, waged a three-month stalking campaign against her ex after he broke off their relationship, bombarding him with calls and waiting outside his workplace and home.

It culminated in Yeoman sending a 'sexually explicit' photo of her ex, which she took during their relationship without his knowledge or consent, to his mother.

She sent the intimate image with the message: 'This is what your son is like. I hope him and all his family rot in hell.'

But this week, Yeoman escaped a prison sentence and was handed a restraining order, banning her from contacting her ex-boyfriend.

The young man, also 24 and who cannot be named, said she should have gone to prison, and accused the justice system of being 'sexist' by not punishing her more severely.

He said: 'I think her sentence is far too lenient. When I saw the email from the police officer telling me, my first reaction was that it was an April Fools Joke.

'I feel if it was a man who had done all these things he would've most likely received at least two years in jail, which I was expecting to be the outcome of this case.'

Feminists are Relentlessly Advancing Towards Totalitarian Rule

Matt · 4 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two weeks ago the United States made a proposal to the United Nations to define “gender” as referring only to a man or woman. The resolution was co-sponsored by 11 other countries and appeared to be headed for approval (1).

But rather than opening the floor for discussion and debate, feminist opponents invoked a controversial “no action motion” that served to thwart debate and side-track the proposal from further consideration. The “no action motion” is a good example of the underhanded tactics that gender ideologues utilize to suppress democratic procedures at the UN.

These are eight examples of feminist-driven totalitarian policies that have been implemented around the world:'

German men need military permit for extended stays abroad

Matt · 4 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new military service law took effect in Germany at the start of 2026 aimed at boosting the strength of the armed forces amid threats to European security in the wake of Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine.

The legislation was contentious and many people even took to the streets to protest the potential reintroduction of mandatory military service — after conscription was suspended in 2011 — for men.

But another provision in the law has so far gone largely unnoticed.

It relates to a requirement for men between the ages of 18 and 46 to "obtain an approval from the relevant Bundeswehr Career Center if they wish to leave the Federal Republic of Germany for more than three months."'

"Don't let her Rose you"

Green · 5 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Humorous test of girlfriend instincts. Instructional video here.

It was a test, "babe," to see what kind of partner you are. I'm in a fight, and your move is to hold my arms behind my back? ... Have you seen "Titanic"? That scene where Rose is literally in a lifeboat and jumps back onto the ship so she can be with Jack? Every guy saw her do that, and instantly went, "Well, Jack's dead." That's what you did here today. ***You Rose'd me.***

Later in the thread, some posters discuss:

Q. *Can anyone try to explain this behaviour? Any women here who has done this who would like to explain the process that leads you to do this?*

A. *It's evolutionary. She is slightly disadvantaging the OLD sperm donor to allow the NEW sperm donor to prevail (providing a variety of offspring with HER genetic material). This very dark atavistic/evolutionary impulse MUST be tamed in society*

Instructional video here.

Masculinity Experts “Map the Manosphere” and Find Nothing Good

Matt · 6 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'According to them, the manosphere is brimming over with grievance-mongering, grift, and gynocidal fantasy. Nothing in it is good or sincere or well-intentioned. Various sub-genres of online content, including fitness advice, stoicism, and the tradwife lifestyle, are presented as outgrowths of misogynistic extremism from which millions of men and boys require rescue, by force if necessary.

The researchers make no distinction between manosphere content generally and what they call male supremacy—or, indeed, between those terms and a host of others, all pejorative. Their introductory paragraph alone provides a roll call of buzzwords that link any dissent from Marxist-feminist orthodoxy to misogynistic violence.

The manosphere, we’re told, is “bound by the belief that mainstream society is a misandrist conspiracy that disadvantages men.” Manosphere groups “frame contemporary gender politics as a ‘war against men.’” These groups also “frequently engage in misogynistic abuse as well as inciting violence against women,” thus creating an “online environment of accelerating harms.”'

A humourous look at the birth rate and gender relations

Green · 6 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

The Dark Path to Increasing the Birth Rate

Full article by Med Gold here.

Bad news, men. The situation is dire. Time to face the hard truth.

It's critical for men to know they can still get other women if his woman leaves him or he leaves her. And he only has this knowledge if he's had experience with women in the past and knows what parts of himself he needs to cultivate to remain sexually relevant.

This isn't only for his sake, but for the sake of the relationship. His wife will respect him more and will be more likely to treat him well because she'll know, even if subconsciously, that he has options. Women's biggest fear is her man leaving her for a prettier, more fertile woman.

Women constantly need to know whether her man is strong enough to tame her chaotic nature. She will set higher and higher thresholds for him to pass, otherwise known as a shit test. There is a clear evolutionary benefit for them to do this. Women are primed in their bones to fear for an intruding tribe to steal her children, take everything they own, only to then be raped and enslaved. So they constantly poke, prod and see how much they can whittle her man down to nothing, to see if he's tough enough to handle her madness. Men with no experience with women cannot outlast this. Unless a man had a father who could withstand his wife's shit tests in front of his son, men will need to learn how to handle women by dating many of them.

Full article by Med Gold here.

Sia’s brutal statement as eye-watering monthly payment to ex revealed

Mastodon · 8 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Australian music superstar Sia has delivered a not-so-veiled message to her ex-husband on social media, after the eye-watering details of her child support arrangement surfaced in the press overnight.

“good dads get jobs,” the singer tweeted this morning, following the news that she has agreed to pay $US42,500 ($AU60,000) per month in child support payments to her estranged husband Daniel Bernad for their son as part of a joint custody agreement.'

Two Oklahoma elementary school workers accused of attacking young students

Mastodon · 8 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two Oklahoma teachers who work at the same elementary school are accused of striking a 10-year-old and carrying another 5-year-old student in a chokehold within months of each other.

Elizabeth Kay Sutton and Ottoria McClung have both been charged with assault and battery upon a student following the respective allegations in the Comanche County District Court in Elgin, about an hour outside of Oklahoma City, The Lawton Constitution reported.

Authorities responded to Elgin Elementary School on Jan. 8 after Principal Gabe Winn reported that Sutton, 38, allegedly grabbed a 10-year-old boy and forced him back into his seat before she struck him in the face.

Security camera footage allegedly captured the moment Sutton moved her arm toward the boy's face, causing him to turn his head away from the teacher's aide.

The footage then showed Sutton swing toward the youngster's face, causing his head to snap back on impact.'

Automatic registration for US military draft to begin in December

Mastodon · 8 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Eligible men will automatically be registered into the military draft pool by December as part of an effort to streamline the previous process of self-registration and save money.

The Selective Service System (SSS) — the government agency that maintains a database of men to be called up to serve in the case of a national emergency — submitted a proposed rule to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs on March 30, according to the office's website.

Most men between the ages of 18 and 25 are already required to register with the Selective Service, but automatic registration was mandated in December 2025 as part of the fiscal 2026 National Defense Authorization Act.

The change, which was meant to save money, "transfers responsibility for registration from individual men to SSS through integration with federal data sources," according to the website.'

What’s Wrong with Feminist Rights?

Matt · 9 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Dating from 1949, The Second Sex is still revered as “a foundational tract of contemporary feminism”, “the mothership of feminist philosophy”, and ranked foremost among “must-read” feminist books. But contemporary readers may be astounded to learn that, 76 years ago, author Simone de Beauvoir was prepared to declare a feminist victory:

'Many women today, fortunate to have had all the privileges of the human being restored to them, can afford the luxury of impartiality: we even feel the necessity of it. We are no longer like our militant predecessors; we have more or less won the game; in the latest discussions on women’s status, the UN has not ceased to imperiously demand equality of the sexes, and indeed many of us have never felt our femaleness to be a difficulty or an obstacle...'

Yet by 2002, 31% of women weren’t “satisfied with the treatment of women in society” according to a Gallup survey.

Today, most women (56%) aren’t satisfied.'

College bans men from gym areas to make women, non-binary students more comfortable

Mastodon · 10 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men will be barred from using parts of an on-campus gym at the University of Southern California under a new initiative to make women and non-binary gym-goers feel more comfortable while working out.

The Student Assembly for Gender Empowerment (SAGE) pushed for the new rules in partnership with the Lyon Center, a recreational facility controlled by the university.

SAGE describes itself as a “programming assembly and intersectional feminist organization under the student government, committed to uplifting all voices oppressed by the patriarchy.”'

People view coercive control in relationships as less harmful when the victim is a man

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A recent study published in Sex Roles suggests that the general public often underestimates the dangers of controlling relationship behaviors when the victims are men. The research provides evidence that people tend to take emotional and psychological abuse more seriously when it is directed at women, leaving men and LGBTQ+ individuals at a higher risk of being overlooked. These findings indicate that societal stereotypes continue to shape how people perceive and respond to unhealthy relationship dynamics.

Coercive control is an ongoing pattern of behavior where one person tries to dominate, isolate, or intimidate their partner. This concept goes beyond a single argument, instead describing a sustained campaign to restrict a person's freedom and independence. Most public awareness campaigns and previous scientific studies have focused heavily on women experiencing this type of abuse from men in heterosexual relationships.'

Is Masculinity in Crisis? These TV Shows Suggest Yes

Matt · 12 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'We men are trying. Truly! We're trying to be there for our partners and our kids. Struggling to follow the rules as they were presented to us: work hard, fly straight, die on the beach with a daiquiri in hand. But we're struggling. We're confused and conflicted because the game we thought we were playing turns out to be just as rigged against us as it is against everyone else.

Television is now saturated with self-doubting, affluent white male characters dealing with a world that no longer gives priority to their needs. The problem, as a trio of newish shows suggests, is that the old scripts for proving one's vaunted manliness no longer function the way they once did—if they ever did.'

Jessica McClure Morales, known as 'Baby Jessica,' taken into custody on assault charges

Matt · 14 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Just sad, really. Excerpt:

'Jessica McClure Morales, who gained national attention as “Baby Jessica” in the 1980s when she became stuck in a well, is making news again after being arrested on domestic violence charges.

Officers in Midland, Texas, responded to reports of a domestic disturbance at her home Saturday night, and the 40-year-old Morales was taken into custody.

She has been charged with assault causing bodily injury involving family violence.

In October 1987, Baby Jessica—just 18 months old—fell into a well in the backyard of her aunt’s home in Midland, Texas.

It was a story that caught the attention of the entire country.'

No hook-ups and men must pay: inside the femosphere

Mastodon · 14 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are inherently selfish. They're only interested in one thing. If you do manage to hook one into a relationship, don't be surprised if you find yourself doing all the housework and tending to his emotions as well as his sexual desires — at least, until he decides to replace you with an even more compliant "bangmaid".

I ought to make it clear that these are not my personal beliefs. But if you hang around long enough in the quarter of the internet known as the "femosphere", these are the messages you are going to hear. You'll also discover that there's a solution: women need to harden their hearts and learn to manipulate men, the same way that men have purportedly been manipulating women for millennia.

While the manosphere — a loose network of male influencers who share a retrograde take on gender roles — has grabbed headlines, Netflix dramas and a splashy Louis Theroux documentary, the femosphere tends to go under the radar. But it's a real phenomenon, with tendrils that run through TikTok, Instagram, YouTube and podcasting. And it has real influence on how many young women are approaching the business of dating.'

UK: 'I'm not being listened to' - new health plan launched as women say they are still ignored

Mastodon · 15 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The updated version of the strategy comes against a backdrop of criticism that women's voices are often ignored and marginalised by the NHS.

Streeting said some women have been made to feel like "second class citizens" with their pain treated "as an inconvenience and their symptoms as an overreaction".

In his interview with Woman's Hour, the health secretary described a "culture of medical misogyny, sexism in the NHS, both conscious and unconscious bias", in a system which was "getting disproportionately worse for women".

Among the new measures announced by the government is a new "patient power payment" scheme.

The government says this will enable women to give feedback and report their experiences of treatment. Based on that, money will be allocated to areas needing improvement, and providers getting negative feedback could lose funding.'

Christopher Eccleston attacks woke TV bosses for 'turning white, middle-aged men into toxic villains'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Christopher Eccleston has hit out at 'woke' TV bosses for 'turning white, middle-aged men into toxic villains' in a scathing rant.

The actor, 62, is well known for his roles in Our Friends In The North, The Leftovers and playing the Ninth Doctor in Doctor Who.

Speaking in a new interview, Christopher claimed there was a 'trend' among antagonists in current scripted dramas.

It comes as he is set to play a sinister cult leader in upcoming six-part Netflix series Unchosen.

Christopher told Radio Times magazine: 'There's a great trend in drama at the moment for antagonists who are toxic, white, apparently heterosexual, late-middle-aged men.

'Thankfully, Julia gave him dimension and placed him in a story of tragedy involving the loss of his son and alcoholism.

Christopher also told the publication: 'Masculinity is in crisis, and it seems it’s particularly white, working-class boys who are being neglected, left to rot by governments and targeted by the far Right.'

Meet the Angry Young Women

Mastodon · 15 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'On the internet, women and men have never been more alienated from each other. While the toxic, often hard-right politics of the manosphere have been exhaustively documented, the new generation of female influencers are nearly as extreme – just on the other side of the political spectrum. The “femosphere” spans a range of tones: there are misandrist dating coaches who urge women to reject men altogether, and more explicitly progressive content creators who cover global and domestic politics.

Exclusive polling by Merlin Strategy for the New Statesman reveals that young women, aged between 18 and 30, are by far the most progressive demographic in the UK. Young women are 26 percentage points less likely to feel positively about capitalism than young men, and much less likely to feel the economy works in their favour. Gen Z women are more likely to support causes such as feminism, environmentalism and anti-racism than young men. They also feel much more negatively towards young men than young men feel about them.

I spent the last few months in search of the new left-wing young women. It wasn’t difficult – they were everywhere. But it all felt impossibly bleak. They weren’t excited about their futures. They didn’t like the men they knew, or the idea of those they didn’t. Men were just a threat who had the potential to harm or trap them. This will almost certainly make relationships harder: fewer than half of young women feel men understand them. Young women are much less likely than men to date people who disagree with their politics. People will get lonelier, and angrier. Young women are twice as likely to not want children as young men. And it’s getting worse. Women under 25 are most likely to believe things are “stacked against me, no matter how hard I try”.'

How dating became an extreme sport for men

Matt · 15 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Tristan Cressingham didn't expect his relationship of seven months to end in quite as spectacular a fashion as it did.

At the start of November 2025, the 23-year-old photographer received a message from his then girlfriend who, he says, detailed the reasons why she wanted to be single and the things about him which gave her what she called "the ick".

He says it featured a wide-ranging critique about everything from the length of his shorts (too short, apparently) to his keenness to reply to messages.

"Basically, she said she thought I was a bit 'cringe'," Tristan says.

Around the same time, a Vogue feature by Chanté Joseph headlined "Is Having A Boyfriend Embarrassing Now?" went viral. The piece, published in October 2025, didn't decry the appearances of men, but questioned the entire concept of having a heterosexual relationship.

"That someone is inherently 'embarrassed' of being with you is a hurtful thing to hear, especially from someone you thought accepted you, and yet the term is bandied about pretty casually now," says Tristan. "It feels like the inference is that men are inferior to women. I can't imagine a man writing a piece positing that girlfriends are embarrassing would go down well."'

UK: Only a third of young women hold positive view of men, new poll finds

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Just 35 per cent of British women under the age of 25 hold a positive view of men, according to a new poll.

The findings show only 11 per cent of young women hold a very positive view, while women under 30 are three times as likely to hold a negative view of men compared to the over-30s.

According to the poll carried out by Merlin Strategy for the New Statesman, young women “don’t care for” young men, believing the feelings are mutual, and citing an over-focus on sexual motivation and a lack of care about political issues, with women aged between 18 and 30 found to be the most progressive demographic in the UK by far.

When asked how she felt about the boys she knew, a girl called Ruby told the New Statesman: “I don’t care for them. They’re not bad people, but they refuse to call out their friends who make other girls uncomfortable. They’ll laugh at jokes that are sexist, racist, homophobic; they don’t care about political issues… I don’t think they like women a lot... I feel like a lot of it is quite sexually motivated with men.” She said men would only discuss subjects such as toxic misogyny if they fancied her.'

South Korea: Why Democratic Party's Women-Only Districts in Gwangju Draw Scrutiny

Mastodon · 16 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The Democratic Party of Korea's Gwangju Metropolitan City chapter has finalized candidate matchups for the June 3 local council elections, but several women-designated districts are drawing controversy over candidates with troubled records.

According to the Gwangju chapter on Sunday, the party designated four city council electoral districts as women-only strategic zones to expand female political participation.

The system was introduced to increase opportunities for women politicians to advance in local councils and enhance political diversity.

However, controversy has erupted in Gwangsan District No. 5, where former Gwangju City Council member Kim Gwang-ran — who sparked outrage by concealing a drunk driving incident for an extended period — has filed her candidacy. When the matter came to light, the council held an expulsion vote, and Kim received a six-month suspension from council attendance and party positions.'

'Inspire women': Omaha opens first women-only membership club

Mastodon · 16 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Wednesday marked the grand opening of The Legacy Collective, Omaha's first women-only membership club.

It's located near 107th and Pacific streets.

Founders of The Legacy Collective said the space is designed for women to pause, collaborate, and thrive.

Members will enjoy curated experiences, networking opportunities, and amenities aimed at elevating personal and professional growth.

The exclusive club features event space and personal suites, quiet lounges, corporate spaces, a private outdoor patio, and a coffee and wine bar.

"I hope it will encourage women to be vulnerable, to share what their challenges are, their struggles are, and I also hope it will inspire women to build what is most in their hearts, their desires, and their dreams, similar to what we built here at The Legacy Collective," said The Legacy Collective co-founder and CEO Dr. Sasha Shillcutt.'

Women who hate men: Study finds similarities in gendered hate speech on Reddit

Mastodon · 16 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A new study reveals that online communities dedicated to hating men share strikingly similar behaviors and language patterns with communities dedicated to hating women. The research suggests that gender driven hate speech is a broad phenomenon characteristic of toxic digital groups, regardless of the victim's gender. These findings were published in the journal Scientific Reports.
...
Historically, researchers and content moderators have focused heavily on misogyny, which is the hatred of or prejudice against women. A routine search of academic databases reveals hundreds of thousands of papers examining online misogyny over the past two decades. In contrast, academic attention toward misandry, defined as the hatred of or prejudice against men, remains notably scarce. Studies examining misandry only began to appear around 2014, leaving huge gaps in the scientific understanding of digital harassment.'

“The Hypocrisy Is Exhausting”: Sabrina Carpenter’s Men-Related Pattern In Videos Sparks Outrage

Matt · 16 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A strange pattern across Sabrina Carpenter’s music videos was hotly discussed online.

Netizens made claims of double standards after they noticed that the 26-year-old singer’s videos had a specific rule: the men rarely survive.

“What would happen if a male artist did this to women?” one asked online, while another wrote, “Imagine the outrage if the roles were reversed.”

Sabrina Carpenter’s music videos have an exaggerated way of storytelling, where men don’t seem to be very safe.

Her hit tracks like Taste, Tears, Feather, and Manchild depict male characters meeting violent ends, but in a comical and dark-humor kind of way.

The Grammy winner herself has addressed the running gag in her video on a few occasions.'

Funny retrospective on women's liberation

Green · 17 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Comedian Leonora Jonie delivers a humorous retrospective on women's liberation.

*You and I are seeing the same BS online that every day makes you wake up and go, "Oh, this is why our grandparents chained women to a stove and said no rights for you." Contrary to our suppositions, contrary to everything women have said they wanted their rights for, it turns out that when you liberate women and let them run wild, they become wh***s. Who would have thought? They use every avenue to become a wh***. Case number one, one of the bestelling pieces of women's literature is this right here. It's called Morning Glory.*

Australia: A new minister in Victoria will tackle the manosphere. Here’s what they should do

Mastodon · 17 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Victoria has its first minister for men and boys. Part of a cabinet reshuffle, the role was given to Frankston MP Paul Edbrooke.

It comes with an explicit dual focus: on one hand, boys’ and men’s own wellbeing, and on the other, the harms boys and men perpetrate.

The role has also been signalled as being a response to the influence of online misogynistic cultures, including the manosphere.

The establishment of this cabinet position is politically significant and offers both substantial opportunities and potential risks. The key will be following the evidence, however uncomfortable.

The timing of this new portfolio is not accidental. It reflects a growing recognition that something has shifted in how misogyny is circulating, particularly among Australian men and boys.

In recent years, research has documented the rapid uptake of manosphere content in Australian schools. Teachers are reporting a marked increase in misogynistic language, resistance to women’s authority, and the normalisation of sexist and violent attitudes among some boys.

Crucially, Edbrooke acknowledged that responding to the manosphere will be a key focus of his portfolio.

It’s also essential that beliefs in boys and men “falling behind” or being victims of feminism and gender equality are strongly refuted. These beliefs are promoted by manosphere myths that cause significant harm.

Overall, the creation of a minister for men and boys signals the Victorian government is willing to engage with complex and sensitive questions about gender, men’s violence and misogyny.'

Angry young women

Matt · 18 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'By now, we are used to hearing about the radicalisation of young men – that unfortunate cohort, captured by the manosphere, enchanted by men's rights activists, veering to the populist right.

But what about the young women? If we want to understand why the political gender gap is widening, we need to look to those moving sharply to the left. To do so, Emily Lawford, the New Statesman's online editor, has spent months in the femosphere – at The Feminist Library, deep in their TikTok feeds, at university feminist societies and Palestinian solidarity marches.

With exclusive polling from Scarlett Maguire, the director and founder of Merlin Strategy, our cover this week asks: Who are these radical young women? What do they believe? And how will their feelings of disenfranchisement and isolation manifest at the polls?'

Western society’s prejudice against masculinity is becoming toxic

Matt · 19 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'One of the presumed values of liberalism is moderation. Societies that are genuinely liberal do not demand that we suppress our natural instincts. They provide a framework for them to be expressed responsibly. This is the very foundation of a healthy society.

It is why we, in the West, do not stop people from making public displays of affection or criminalise extra-marital relationships between consenting adults. A liberal society trusts its citizens to navigate these aspects of life without state-imposed sanction.

But Britain has been changing. Driven by a well-intentioned but now all-consuming fear of sexism, and the spectre of a kind of “toxic masculinity” that was indeed rampant decades ago, society today wants to deny men the right to freely express their masculinity. Many seek to dismantle the role that men have played in society for millennia – being responsible for the defence of their family and their country, and for carrying the flags that represented the societies to which they belonged.'

Letter: On women and selective service

Matt · 19 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Letter here. Excerpt:

'Re: “Automatic draft registration is coming for these men. Here’s how it will work." online story.

The federal government’s move highlights and locks in a clear inequity: The policy automatically registers men, but not women.

Men who fail to register can face fines, imprisonment and the loss of federal benefits. Soon, they won’t even have a choice. Yet, these legal obligations apply to only one sex.'

When Will Feminism Be “Enough”?

Matt · 19 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Throughout many of my debates with feminists, I've asked a simple question: “When will you stop fighting? What is going to be good enough for you?” Most of them can't give me an answer. It's not because the question is confusing or unfair, but because they can't admit the flaws of their own movement.

Women are outperforming men on every metric right now: college enrollment, graduate degrees, consumer spending power, social mobility. Yet we still see major influencers like Alex Cooper of Call Her Daddy claiming women are oppressed and will never be as successful as men, while signing a $125 million, three-year deal with SiriusXM. At a certain point, you have to ask: do these women actually want to be oppressed?

I'm a social media influencer, and I'm honest enough to admit that I would not be as successful if I were a man. In fact, I've seen men put out very similar messages to mine, but attractive women will always be at an advantage when it comes to media and entertainment. Anyone who denies this is clinging to a victim mentality that has become more valuable than the truth.'

Why female pop stars are lambasting mediocre men

Mastodon · 21 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Judging by her lyrics, Sabrina Carpenter has mixed feelings towards the opposite sex. She finds her paramours attractive, exciting—and disappointing. In “Manchild”, the lead single on her new album, she complains her lover is “stupid”, “slow” and “useless”. She asks, mocking a caveman, “Why so sexy if so dumb? / And how survive the Earth so long?”

“Manchild” is not the only track on the record to lambast mediocre men: time and again Ms Carpenter takes aim at blokes who can barely “do the dishes” or “assemble a chair from IKEA”. The American pop star suggests her beaux are dumb, as when, in “Sugar Talking”, she says: “You’re having these epiphanies, big word for a real small mind.” Some do not understand basic grammar. In “Slim Pickins”, a hit from last year, she complains about a man who “doesn’t even know the difference between there, their and they are”.'

Another generation of men will be left behind as Australia creates a generation of lost boys

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Article here. Excerpt:

'During the past few decades we've focused on attracting more young women to higher education. We've succeeded in closing one gender divide, only to open another.

Thousands of young men are missing out on university and, with it, the life-changing opportunities for better careers, higher-paying jobs and social mobility.

Australia now faces a generation of "lost boys" as young men fall behind, not only at university but also throughout the education system.

Federal Education Minister Jason Clare is to be applauded for flagging a parliamentary inquiry into the factors responsible for differences between boys and girls, starting with NAPLAN and including school attendance rates, university, TAFE and apprenticeship enrolments. Opposition education spokesman Julian Leeser also has advocated strongly on the issue.'

Women far outnumber men in law school, med school, vet school and other professional programs

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Article here. Excerpt:

'For that and other reasons, women studying veterinary medicine now outnumber men by four to one.

It’s not just veterinary school. The number of women has surpassed the number of men in law school, medical school, pharmacy school, optometry school and dental school.

Women in the United States now earn 40 percent more doctoral degrees overall, and nearly twice as many master’s degrees, as men, according to the U.S. Department of Education — a trend transforming high-end work.

This is no longer some distant statistical abstraction. Americans can see it when they take their pets to the vet or their kids to the dentist, need a lawyer or an eye exam, see a therapist or pick up a prescription.'

Gen Z men with college degrees now have the same unemployment rate as non-grads—a sign that the higher education payoff is dead

Mastodon · 21 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Gen Z is struggling to break into the entry-level job market—but young male college graduates may be hurting the most.

Data from the Federal Reserve indicates that the unemployment rate among recent college graduates is on the rise, at about 5.6%.

Although it remains lower than the 7.8% rate among all young workers between 22 and 27 years old, men with a college degree now have roughly the same unemployment rate as young men who didn't go to college, according to an analysis of U.S. Current Population Survey data by the Financial Times.

In comparison, around 2010, non-college-educated men experienced unemployment rates over 15%, whereas the rate among college graduates was closer to 7%.

It's a stark sign that the job market boost once promised by a degree has all but vanished and that employers care less about credentials than they once did when hiring for entry-level roles.'

The femosphere has turned a generation of women against men – but here's why I still love them

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Men, well, there is a real problem – young women don't rate you. According to a new poll, only 35 per cent of British women under 25 hold a positive view of men, with just 11 per cent expressing a very positive outlook.

It gets slightly better in the under-30s – with 50 per cent of women having a favourable view of men. The findings also show that women under 30 are three times more likely to hold a negative view of men, compared with women over 30.

What contributes to women's unadoring views of men, according to the research carried out for The New Statesman, is men's perceived overemphasis on sexual motivation and a nonchalance about political issues – with one in six women claiming they wouldn't date a man if he had opposing political views about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict or Trump.

And while women think the tut-tutting between sexes is mutual, in fact they feel more negatively about men than the other way around, with 72 per cent of men having a favourable view of young women, according to the poll.'

How Feminism Created An Insufferable Class Of Supposedly ‘Infallible Females’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The road to female infallibility started innocently enough, with most believing that feminism was only trying to level the playing field. Things then accelerated quickly. Feminism had a secret weapon: It was kryptonite for men. Given men’s natural disinclination to fight with women, good men simply went silent about women’s lib, while the bad ones “benefitted” from and promoted it. Without any societal restraint, feminists ran amok, eventually saturating the culture with female dominance, entitlement, and self-righteous confidence.

Infallible females also significantly affect work environments, particularly through quotas and DEI hiring. Mediocre female employees have been flattered, platformed, and promoted, and the workplace “feminized” — as Helen Andrews has made plain — while femininity was eradicated. The most toxic of women are tolerated for fear that they will take their tale of woe to a deeply sympathetic press or courtroom. The result is that conscientious male and female employees are demoralized, turning the pursuit of excellence into a farce.

Then came the psychological changes. Reason was out; emotions were in. Anything a woman felt gained her access to the prized status of “victim,” easily opened by claims of feeling triggered, offended, or imposed upon. The victim card had the added benefit of dissolving any societal or familial responsibilities. Duties and roles evaporated; emotional whim and self-absorption settled in comfortably.'

UK: Drive to call out misogyny in police ranks branded a flop after diversity chiefs got just seven responses

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A drive to encourage police officers to report misogyny in the ranks ‘flopped’ after it led to only seven online submissions.

They were able to upload pictures – for example screengrabs of offensive WhatsApp messages – in a bid to help stamp out sexist attitudes.

It came after former Chief Constable Sir Iain Livingstone branded Police Scotland institutionally misogynist and racist.

The photo scheme, called Photovoice, was described as an ‘innovative approach which enabled participants to capture and share an insight into their world’.

But the Mail can reveal only seven responses were received – and no disciplinary action was taken in relation to any of them.

Scottish Tory community safety spokesman Sharon Dowey said: ‘Misogyny in all walks of life must be tackled, but this well-intentioned scheme has clearly flopped within Police Scotland.'

When Men Fall Behind, We Blame Them

Matt · 23 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For decades, we've been told a simple story: when women fall behind, it's injustice. When men fall behind, it's failure.

That may sound exaggerated. But new experimental research suggests it isn't.

A recent large-scale study involving more than 35,000 Americans found something striking. When participants were presented with a situation in which a worker had fallen behind—earned less, performed worse, or ended up with nothing—people responded differently depending on whether that worker was male or female.

When the low performer was a man, significantly more participants chose to give him nothing. When the low performer was a woman, more participants redistributed support. Even more revealing, participants were more likely to believe that the man had fallen behind because he didn't try hard enough.'

Millions of Clicks on Sexual Assault—Where’s The Outrage?

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last month, CNN published an investigation exposing a global online ‘rape academy’ where men gather to swap advice and encourage one another to drug and assault their wives, film them while unconscious, and evade detection.

I follow women’s issues closely and I almost missed this story. That alone should tell us something about how little attention it’s receiving.

According to CNN’s reporting, one porn site, Motherless.com, hosts 20,000 videos of so-called “sleep content,” with descriptive tags such as #passedout and #eyecheck, with hundreds of thousands of views. In February of this year alone, the site received around 62 million visits.

Let that sink in—62 million clicks in just one month.

Men logging on to learn how to drug and violate their wives, their partners, the women sleeping beside them, the people who trust them most. This is not a niche crime or a fringe corner of the internet. This is a global network that teaches men how to drug and rape women, and it is met with near silence.'

CNN reported on 'online rape academy,' but '62M men' figure misrepresents findings

https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/cnn-online-rape-academy/

Misandry: Justified, Harmful, Or Maybe Even Necessary?

Matt · 24 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A few weeks ago, while aimlessly scrolling through TikTok videos, I was grabbed by an unusual caption. The video, posted by a woman simply known as “@LTP823”, features the unique tagline “Teaching my 5-year-old daughter to be a misandrist”.

LTP remains semi-anonymous on her TikTok account, refraining from sharing her name beyond those three initials, and a brief bio describing her as a divorced mom and book lover from Washington, D.C. Misandry is commonly known as a strong dislike or hatred towards men. Its definition, according to Merriam-Webster, is simply “a hatred of men”.

Immediately intrigued, I went from aimlessly scrolling to being intently focused on the video. LTP explains that her daughter will inevitably be subjected to growing up in a patriarchal society, and that she wants her daughter to go into the world with an “inflated sense of self”.

LTP has deliberately selected female providers to be part of her young daughter’s life, whether as her doctor, dentist, or other professional.'

Thousands of South Korean women have abandoned men by shunning sex and marriage

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Article here. Excerpt:

'South Korea's fertility rate – the average number of babies born to each woman – is just 0.8, provoking profound fears for its future, since this is far below the 2.1 level needed to ensure population stability without immigration.

The nation has become the most striking example of the global decline in birth rates, a decline that has left two-thirds of people living in countries with fertility rates below this critical level. There is concern that half of South Korea's rapidly ageing population will be pensioners within three decades, making its population the oldest in human history.

But it is South Korea where the problem is greatest. Many of the concerns facing its women are familiar to us in Britain, such as soaring housing costs, workplace sexism and the trade-off between a career and motherhood.

'It is really hard to survive as a woman here,' she said. 'Our movement is not about rejecting men – I don't want to spend my limited time alive hating men – but against a patriarchal system. It's about cherishing women. And it is ok not to have a man.'

4B is shorthand for four Korean words that start with bi – meaning 'no': bihon (rejection of marriage), biyeonae (no dating), bisekseu (abstaining from sex) and bichulsan (refusal of childbirth). Many other women declare themselves 'bihon', denoting their choice to remain single forever.

One legacy, however, is that feminism has become a highly-charged label – with a majority of young men bitterly opposed to the concept, since they believe they are the victims of discrimination.

Conservative politicians have won support from young men by campaigning on aggressively anti-feminist platforms, blaming them for the low fertility rate, while young women vote overwhelmingly for more liberal parties.

'Women believe they are way short of where they should be and most men tend to view women as fear-mongering, thinking they are blaming other people for their problems and not viewing reality objectively,' said Oh Chan-ho.

Several male students, however, accused women of 'playing the victim' and demanding more rights than men. 'They push it too far and want to be above us,' said one. 'Feminists hate men,' said 20-year-old Chan, bluntly.'

The Manosphere Isn’t The Problem. Feminism Is.

Matt · 25 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the video, the three women discuss the findings of a poll they carried out on Gen Z and their attitudes towards the opposite sex. The results of the poll certainly aren’t a surprise to me and won’t be to anyone who has been actually paying attention. But the women seem to be taken aback and surprised by the findings.

It turns out, drum roll…… young men don’t hate young women anywhere near as much as young women hate men. What a shock!

For me, the results are depressingly predictable. What was fascinating to me was listening to their response to it. Lot’s of “what could be going on here?” and “I don’t really understand why”…..

The lady conducting the interview keeps saying over and over “that’s interesting”. Interesting? It’s “interesting” that huge swathes of young women seem to inexplicably hate men? What could possibly be the reason for this?

They do actually admit that it might have something to do with “progressive” online culture and young women being radicalised online. So they are making some vague attempts to get to the bottom of things. But how about the elephant in the room ladies? As in, ALL the other aspects of normal, mainstream, every-day culture where young women are being radicalised?'

Women Can’t Build Civilization

Matt · 26 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recent studies and discussions have raised the alarm about female power. Pundits such as Helen Andrews, Cory Clark, and Bo Winegard (see my discussion and links here) have made the evidence-based case that women in general are not as committed as men in general to objective excellence and the pursuit of truth. Women overall prefer equity, inclusion, and compassion for victims.

When women are the majority in an organization, the values of the organization shift away from meritocracy and toward group consensus, the suppression of dissent, and protection of the vulnerable.

These trends strongly suggest that women are not likely, as a group, to uphold and maintain the traditional foundations of civilizational flourishing: equality before the law, free speech, truth-seeking, competitive excellence, and rigorous debate. All of these, in fact, are already in evident decline—undermined, attacked, flouted and fought against by feminist lawyers, advocates, academics, judges, journalists, teachers, social workers, political leaders, legislators, and CEOs.

The concerns raised by Andrews and others are important, but behind that discussion lies a more fundamental question about women’s role in civilization, namely: do women build civilization?

Do women as a sex—leaving aside a relatively small number of extraordinary individuals—have it in them to compete and innovate at the same level as men?'

The Men Who Want Their Foreskins Back

Matt · 27 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Daniel Floyd loves a long, droopy foreskin, but his own was cut off when he was a baby. Around his fourth birthday, he started having recurring nightmares of being strapped to a table with his limbs splayed out while a doctor or neighbor cut off his genitals, sometimes with garden shears. The dreams continued until middle school, which is when the feeling of the tip of his penis rubbing against his underwear started to drive him crazy. It was irritating and uncomfortable, and it filled him with rage.

Through online forums, he discovered the concept of foreskin restoration: trying to re-cover the head of the penis — essentially, undoing a circumcision — by consistently stretching the remaining skin using tape, devices, or the hands God gave you. Erroneously thinking he couldn't purchase the equipment as a minor, the day Floyd turned 18 he bought himself a "TLC Tugger" kit, which he used to clamp the skin on his penis between two plastic cones placed around the tip of his penis. He attached the cones to an elastic strap that the manufacturer recommended wearing wrapped around his leg for 8 to 12 hours a day.

Over the next decade, Floyd, now 30, also tried pumping his foreskin with air to inflate it like a balloon, pulling his skin with his hands, stretching it with a tiny tension rod, and doing red-light therapy on his crotch to encourage new skin to grow. While reading, working in construction, seeing clients as a massage therapist (his current profession), and sleeping, Floyd experimented with wearing several different gadgets on the head of his penis. They gradually stretched the skin, but after 12 years, the round, pink tip of his penis — the glans — remained stubbornly uncovered. Floyd began to consider more drastic measures.'

Fiendish feminists' suicide gotcha

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Last Christmas, one of our major suicide prevention groups had a call from a very distressed, suicidal man. The counsellor did his best to support him and arranged to keep in touch. But there was no answer to the counsellor's follow up calls. Following their organisation's duty of care rules, the counsellor made a call to NSW police, fearing the man was at imminent risk of harm.

The police reaction was shocking. "Is there a female partner who could be at risk? Is he likely to hurt her," asked the police officer, whose immediate concern was not checking on the man in crisis but rather assessing the risk that the suicidal man could be violent.

Welcome to the latest triumph of feminist policy innovation:

A system that looks at the man standing on the edge of the abyss — the group dying by suicide at three times the rate of women — and decides the most urgent question to ask is not 'How do we save you?' but 'Have you been hurting women?'

It is a policy of breathtaking intellectual dishonesty and moral inversion.'

IT consultant husband accused of driving his wife to suicide through 'tsunami of abuse' is cleared

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A wealthy IT consultant accused of causing his wife to take her own life through a 'tsunami of abuse' has been acquitted after he argued she had been a fantasist who had set him up.

Christopher Trybus, 44, sobbed in the dock as he was cleared of the manslaughter of Tarryn Baird, 34, who was found hanged in the garage of the couple's five-bedroom house.

He has always vehemently denied that he was in any way responsible for her death.

Trybus was also cleared of controlling and coercive behaviour and two charges of rape following more than 40 hours of jury deliberation at Winchester Crown Court.

Tarryn killed herself on November 28, 2017, hours after she made a series of calls to mental health services and a day after she had attended her local police station - leading to almost a decade in which Trybus has been under investigation or on trial.'

Newfoundland's only university advertises five professor jobs that ban straight white men from applying

Matt · 29 April 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A Canadian university is advertising five research positions, but applicants must be a part of the LGBTQ+ community to apply.

Memorial University of Newfoundland posted five new Canada Research Chair (CRC) positions that are open to current employees of the liberal arts school, but there's a catch.

In order to be eligible to apply, the applicant has to be a member of an equity group, including the 2SLGBTQIA+ people, a woman, Indigenous, a racialized person, or a disabled, according to the job postings viewed by the Daily Mail.

The five-to-seven-year gig, which pays up to $200,000 CAD ($145,000 USD) annually, currently has positions open for a chair in computational biochemistry, a chair in AI-driven navigation for Arctic and harsh environments, and a chair in musculoskeletal health and genomic map of the Newfoundland, among others.

Previously, CRC roles, posted in 2022, did not carry the same requirements.

Three of the current positions are also expected to lead to a tenured or tenure-track job after completion of the research fellowship.'

Hating Men Isn't Improving Your Life

Matt · 3 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The backlash was swift. Women I had been friends with for years, who were supporters of girls' education and mentors in STEM programs, laughed in my face. Some in DC literally walked me out of meetings. "You're internalizing the patriarchy," a woman told me. Another accused me of "gaslighting survivors." I realized then that the very institutions meant to empower women had become factories for grievance. We were radicalizing girls to view every setback as systemic oppression and every man as the enemy rather than building confidence.

Fast-forward a decade, and the problem hasn't improved. It's on overdrive. Young men, sensing the hypocrisy of pop feminism, are shifting rightward in droves. They've watched boys get pushed to the back of the line for decades while girls received every resource, most of the scholarships, every "you go, girl" motivational talk, and all the attention for their issues. Now they're tired of the constant blaming and shaming. As an advocate for boys and men as well for the past 8 years, I've watched the very real rise in misogyny closely. Online spaces have filled up with resentment on both sides, but while the "manosphere" gets endless negative coverage, the other side flies under the radar.

Female-led misandry is mainstream, and it's in our schools, our media, our Hollywood blockbusters, and our university lecture halls. Podcasts hosted by women casually trash men as toxic, incompetent, sexist or irredeemable. TikTok feeds overflow with videos declaring "men are the problem" or "why I'm done with dating." The hatred isn't just on the fringes. It's everywhere.'

The Emerging Female Wage Premium

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Across the Western world, the public narrative on the topic of employment has for decades been dominated by a single, persistent claim: that women are paid less than men because of systemic disadvantage. In Australia, the repetition of that narrative is near-ritualistic. It shapes policy, media coverage, and institutional priorities, and it is treated less as a hypothesis to be tested than a moral truth to be affirmed.

Yet recent data tells a more complex story. Research from the e61 Institute shows that typical young Australian women now out-earn typical young men on an hourly basis by around 7–8 percent among those working full-time hours.

This isn't a marginal or isolated finding. This "female wage premium" persists through the twenties and evens out only in the thirties. Over the past decade, young women have also experienced stronger wage growth relative to men of any age cohort. Female unemployment rates are lower than those for males. Similar patterns are emerging in major cities across the United States and the United Kingdom.

These patterns cannot be characterised as a small statistical quirk. A structural shift is occurring. And like all structural shifts in the area of employment, it brings with it consequences that extend well beyond wages.'

The UN Is All About Equality, Except When It Comes To Men

Matt · 8 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The UN, the grand institution of peace and equality, has a blind spot when it comes to half the world's population. And no, it's not the half that gets 16 dedicated days of recognition, including International Women's Day, Girl Child Day, and even Rural Women's Day. Boys and men, it appears, get the short end of the stick, or rather, no stick at all.

So we'll start with the calendar. The UN proudly champions gender-specific days, with all spotlighting women and girls. That's fantastic—empowering women is great. I've volunteered in areas of the world where girls and women are in dire need of support. But where's the love for boys and men?

International Men's Day, observed globally since 1999 to address issues like male suicide, father's rights, and boys' education, gets zero official acknowledgment from the UN, and I believe it's a missed opportunity. Instead, we get World Toilet Day. Yes, you read that right: November 19th, which happens to be International Men's Day, is also the UN's chosen date since 2013 to celebrate... toilets. I'd like to think this wasn't a deliberate jab, but the irony stings.'

Gender emissions gap: Rich white men’s jobs, diets and hobbies found to be ‘bad for the planet’

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Article here. Excerpt:

'A new paper by more than 20 scientists from 13 different countries has analysed existing research on climate change, global warming, and environmental collapse – and how they connect with what men do.

Published in Norma: International Journal for Masculinity Studies, the paper, titled ‘Men, masculinities and the planet at the end of (M)Anthropocene’, covers questions as diverse as climate denial in Canadian pipeline politics, environmental impacts of Chinese policies in the Pacific Ocean, pro-meat online influencers in Finland, and positive action by men activists in Africa, Latin America, the UK, and globally.'

The Disappearing Male Student

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Many have discussed the rapid decline in trust and esteem for institutions of higher education. Most settle on the fact that it is a problem of their own making. This is true: exorbitant prices, activism, suppression of speech, and discrimination in admissions. These are all problems created from within. So is the guiding ideology that views masculinity as toxic.

As Helen Andrews has pointed out, the damaging effects of wokeness coincide with the increased presence of women in institutional leadership. Universities were once factories of progress—not to be mistaken with progressive—led by innovative risk-takers. Today, they operate more as re-education camps designed to stamp out any hint of masculinity, labeling it as toxic. The feminization of higher education is an ideological takeover that has declared war on the characteristics of the “alpha male,” letting intellectual curiosity and excellence melt in the acid bath of cancel culture.'

Misogyny Or Mentorship? New Study On Social Media Reshaping Young Men

Mastodon · 9 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In healthier spaces, boys are using social media to discuss topics they may struggle to talk about offline, including grief, mental health, relationships, and loneliness. Nagata says such interactions can reduce isolation and even help normalize emotional vulnerability.

But he says the same platforms can also amplify more harmful messages, especially because algorithms tend to reward provocative, divisive, or emotionally charged content.'

Women are the future

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Article here. Excerpt:

'All the leading men of yesterday learned it from women. Women are the veins of history, the blood supply of humanity. Great men of the future depend on today's beat of a woman's heart.

A person can make the case that being of value to the community comes through maternal lines. Women embody the worth of doing hard things, of risking, of caring for others without drama, or making it weird.
...
Every woman I know is a server, a survivor, a success. Women are the leaders we need because they are the people we need. We have effectively evolved women to lead us by depending on them as we do.

What does it take to make better humans today? It takes loving women. The eons spent rising above misogyny caused a Neuro Darwinism within women in our species. Neurological images reveal that women have evolved brain connections optimized for species survival. Misogyny made women better. Stronger. Resilient. Wiser. And over it.'

MPs v the manosphere: ministers battle misogyny as they take a different message to men and boys across Australia

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Article here. Excerpt:

'"Gender equality isn't women versus men or a zero-sum game," Ged Kearney says.

"It delivers better outcomes for everyone. It's important that, as we engage with men and boys, we make that really clear."

But as the assistant minister for the prevention of family violence sets off on a national listening tour with the special envoy for men's health, Dan Repacholi, they are up against a pervasive and very different conception of how men and women relate, fostered by the loud voices of the manosphere and men's rights activists.'

But what the activists want is not what Repacholi and Kearney are promoting.

Simon Copland, an expert in misogyny, extremism and male violence and an honorary fellow at the Australian National University, says those groups are tightly focused on the family courts and the idea that men are discriminated against.

They also consistently claim that women make false rape and domestic violence claims, he says.'

Yes, I'm a feminist. No, I won't split the bill.

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Feminism is about having equal rights. But having the same rights as a man doesn't mean I have to date like one. Attraction isn't political. It's visceral. And nothing is going to make my vagina shrivel up faster than a man who hesitates or asks to go 50/50.

If you ask me out, I should feel hosted. Seamlessly. Whether you like me by the end of the meal or not. In fact, if you ask me out to dinner, I don't even want to see the bill. Money is not a concept that I even want to acknowledge on a first date. It is big fat not my fucking business.

Early courtship shouldn't feel like a business partnership. I'm not negotiating a marriage contract on date one.

Secure men aren't threatened by this. They're energised by it. If generosity feels like humiliation to you, we are not aligned, sir.'

State of Wednesday: CTRL F 'WHITE MEN'

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Article here. Excerpt:

'The Trump Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is suing The New York Times for workplace discrimination. A current employee of the Times – you read that correctly – is working with administration lawyers on a suit charging that the paper is racist against white men and that racism is a matter of employment policy.

Totally illegal by the way and has been for decades. Elites would be shocked to learn that Civil Rights law is totally neutral and also applies to white men (and Christians!).

The craziest part is The New York Times has all but admitted to the crime already. In 2021, they publicly issued a “Call to Action” to hire and promote more “people of color” and “women.”

The suit is stunning if only for the fact that it recounts – quite concisely – how the paper publicly laid out its plan to violate the law.

Read it for yourself. Pages 3-???. (This is difficult to find in legacy media coverage because no liberal reporter would ever link to the primary document, but that’s why SOTD exists, folks.)

‘Heat, floods and droughts make men more violent to women’: Natasha Walter on eco-feminism in a world on fire

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Article here. Excerpt:

'“All the threats that women face seem to be amplified by climate change,” she says now. “I think people get that, when resources are scarce, women might have less access, so, if there’s food scarcity, women and girls go hungry more than men and boys. Or if there’s a lack of resources in a family such that not all the children can go to school, it will be boys who get their education, and girls might be married off younger.” Bleaker still is the 2007 study she cites showing women were more likely than men to die in climate disasters. (In the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, for example, women were more likely to have drowned because they were less likely to have been taught to swim). That stark gender difference isn’t found in more egalitarian societies, she says, suggesting survival is linked to women’s status and role: if anything, one US study showed higher fatalities for men in a natural disaster, because they were more often the first responders.'

Matchmaking in China: Not romance, but a business deal

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Must be seen to be believed.

China Observer documents the extreme demands made by rural brides in China. (Video here.)

Quotes:
Woman: *"Do you own a house?"*
Man: *"Uh, yes, we have one at the village."*
Woman: *"So, I'll have to go and live in the village with you."*
Man: *"Having a house in the village is pretty good, isn't it?"*
Woman: *"Aren't a car and a house the basic requirements these days?"*
Man: *"Oh, so what are your requirements then?"*
Woman: *"I want a bride price of 288,000, five gold items, and a diamond ring, plus an Apple."*
Man: *"Apple? What Apple?"*
Woman: *"An Apple iPhone, of course."*
Man: *"But don't you already have one?"*
Woman: *"It's not the latest model. I want the 17 Pro Max."*
Man: *"Oh, is that not good enough?"*
Woman: *"Not good enough. That won't satisfy me."*

Narrator: *This is the reality of rural matchmaking. There's no romance, no shy courtship, just a checklist of material demands from the traditional expectations such as a car and the house, a high bride price, and five gold items and a diamond ring to modern-day necessities like the iPhone. This isn't about marriage. It's nothing more than blatant demands made with a sense of entitlement.*

Narrator: *This isn't about finding a partner for matchmaking. It's clearly about looking for someone to pick up the tab. But if you think this is the worst of it, you're underestimating the level of absurdity in the rural matchmaking market.*

Man 2: *"Honestly, it's really hard to find a wife these days. I'm 38. I have a house and a car, and I'm 1.78 m tall. It should be easy for me, but it's actually not. Women's expectations are too high. They already want a house in the city, at least 100 m, worth more than 600,000, which I can't afford. A few days ago, the matchmaker brought a woman along and there were six people in total. They all wanted 200 yen each as a meeting gift. And then after adding me on WeChat, they never replied. There are too many scammers like this in the matchmaking business now. I've already lowered my standards a lot. I don't care if she's a bit unattractive or short. Around 1 m is fine. She can be a bit overweight, too, as long as her character is good and she's willing to live a good life with me. But I still can't afford to get married. The average person only makes 6 or 7,000 a month. Saving 2 or 3,000 a year is already a big deal. Even after working for 20 years, you still can't afford a wedding. Looking at the bride price and the negative trends now, I feel so helpless. If I don't get married, I feel like I'm letting myself and my family down. What's the point of living if I don't have someone to rely on in my old age? If I get sick, no one will take care of me. That's the reality. It's so stressful."*

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Narrator: *Interestingly, the matchmaking dilemma in cities mirrors the rural situation in a peculiar way. In rural areas, there is a leftover man crisis, while in cities, it's leftover woman anxiety. In traditional Chinese views, marriage often follows the male higher female lower matching gradient where women tend to look for men with higher economic conditions and education than themselves. While men are willing to marry women whose conditions are slightly lower than theirs. If we divide men and women by their marriage conditions into four categories, A, B, C, and D. A men marry B women. B men marry C women. C men marry D women. So who's left? the most eligible A woman and the least eligible D men. Therefore, rural leftover men are essentially the victims of the urban rural wealth gap, which*

causes women to flow in a one-way direction. Meanwhile, leftover women of the cities are a result of the clash between women's growing independence and the traditional mindset to admire the strong. While they seem to be living in two different worlds, both groups are ultimately struggling in the same tangled web of marriage and dating.

Full video here.

Why is education failing boys?

Matt · 16 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'But more than that, based on conversations I have had with more than 1000 young people in the last year – for the report I co-authored with Shuab Gamote, Inside the Mind of a 16-year-old, and more recently for the work I am doing on young people who are NEET, it has become clearer that something is going on here with boys that needs further research and investigation.

When you talk to boys, you realise quickly that there are multiple interlocking issues. For different boys they come together in different combinations: weak literacy, a dwindling sense of belonging, few strong role models, punitive discipline codes in school, online misogyny, lack of purpose, limited practical routes into adulthood and a culture that treats boys as a problem to be fixed, not as young people with strengths to build on.'

When False Accusation Becomes Cultural

Matt · 16 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'There is something deeply destabilizing about being falsely accused.

Not merely because of the accusation itself, but because of what false accusations reveal about human psychology, social fear, moral signaling, and the fragility of reputation.

Most people understand that false accusations can devastate an individual life. What we understand less clearly is what happens when accusation dynamics move beyond individuals and begin operating at the level of an entire sex.

To understand that larger cultural question, we first have to understand the psychology of false accusation itself.'

Forget the manosphere. It’s angry Leftie women we need to worry about

Matt · 21 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'To no one’s surprise, this mass seething isn’t making the Gen Z sisterhood happy. The Left’s own in-house magazine, The New Statesman, has a cover story this week titled “Meet the angry young women: the new feminism reshaping Britain”. The mag’s poll found (once again) that “young women, aged between 18 and 30, are by far the most progressive demographic in the UK”. The writer, Emily Lawford, zipped up and down the land interrogating feminist influencers and hanging out in a trans-inclusive student women’s book group, a Unison “youth wing” ceilidh and… well, you get the gist.

Suffice to say, Lawford’s findings make for deeply depressing reading that should trouble us all. The more privileged class of women “are the most pessimistic of all” and less likely than working-class contemporaries to believe hard work will propel them to success. Equally startling was the fact young progressive females seem decidedly more negative about their male peers than vice versa, while “white women are more likely to feel the country is racist than non-white women”.

I was reminded of how US commentator Rob Henderson coined the phrase “luxury beliefs” after attending Yale following service in the US air force – having also survived a traumatic childhood, where he was fostered at the age of 3. Henderson noted that the affluent, privileged students around him constantly espoused opinions that bore no relation to the stable circumstances that had jet-propelled them to the top of the heap. His peers would denounce capitalism, the nuclear family, marriage, fidelity and the key role of fathers, while not acknowledging they’d benefitted from that very system.'

How women destroy marriages and men

Matt · 23 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Good discussion around what destroys marriages.

I Was Devastated to Learn I Was Having a Baby Boy. I'm Far From Alone.

Mastodon · 24 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"What do you think it is?" my doctor asked me on the phone. He was calling to reveal the sex of my baby, which expectant parents can find out these days via a blood test about 10 weeks into pregnancy.

Call it a mother's intuition or a penchant for pessimism, but I already knew.

"A boy," I replied stoically, resigned to my fate. I could feel it in my bones, or, more aptly, in my uterus.

And now science had confirmed it: The thing I had long feared was coming true.

"This baby is going to have a penis," said 32-year-old Anna, who was in her second trimester when we talked. "That feels so—even though I'm married and have a husband, it just feels so, like, alien, almost." (I'm identifying some of the parents and parents-to-be by first name only to protect their privacy.) The anxiety that your child will be confoundingly different from you extends far beyond physical attributes (although the concept of male puberty was another source of anatomical concern). As 34-year-old Rana Othman, the mother of a 13-month-old boy, put it: "I know how to navigate the world as a woman, and my mom taught me that. I don't know what it's like to navigate the world as a man. I have no idea. I truly have no idea." Sarah identified with this conundrum: "I know how to raise, like, a confident woman who's not going to take any shit, but I don't really know how to raise an empathetic man." Her son is 4, and "on a day-to-day basis, I just see him as the individual," she said. "But once in a while, something will, like, trigger me, where I'm like, Oh, shit. Like, yes, it's, like, this giant responsibility that's, like, sitting on me to cure the problem of, you know, white men."'

Where have all the men gone? And why it matters for every child in Australia

Matt · 24 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Imagine, for a moment, that Australia's education system looked like this:

Less than one-in-five primary school teachers were female. By Year 9, girls were one and a half years behind boys in literacy. Every year, 12,000 more girls than boys failed to complete high school. And universities were dominated by men, with 64 per cent more male graduates than female graduates.

What would happen next?

Governments would convene urgent inquiries, and rewrite curricula. Media outlets would run front-page campaigns. Universities would launch targeted pathways, and develop new programs. Schools would redesign classrooms, and shift their culture. And society would mobilise, because we care deeply about our daughters.

But this isn't a hypothetical. These outcomes exist today; only the sexes are reversed. It's boys and young men who are falling behind.'

Richard Reeves interviewed by WaPo podcaster

Matt · 25 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Reeves has been criticized for being "way too soft" on feminists. That's a matter of opinion and point-of-view I suppose. But at least here he does a decent job of giving men's issues some voice. It's progress that he even got on a WaPo podcast.

UK: The terrifying rise of schoolboys making AI girlfriends

Mastodon · 25 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'New research has revealed that one in five boys aged 12-16 is either in or knows of a boy their age who is in a romantic relationship with an AI companion. A report carried out by men's organisation Male Allies UK and published last month spoke with more than 1,000 boys aged 12-16 in focus groups in 37 schools – public and state, grammar and comprehensive, and across a range of Ofsted ratings – up and down the country. Peer-to-peer focus groups were set up where boys could speak freely, with the aim of diving into their behaviour and attitudes, and it was the boys who wanted to talk about AI technologies. The findings make stark reading: eight in 10 boys (85 per cent) have had a conversation with a chatbot, with 43 per cent saying they talk to bots so they can ask questions without feeling embarrassed. More than a quarter (26 per cent) say they like the attention and connection over real-life equivalents, and (36 per cent) admitted that they prefer speaking to AI chatbots rather than to their family and friends at times.'

The Anti-Feminist Backlash Goes Global

Matt · 28 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A growing wave of public discontent regarding modern feminist ideology has sparked international demonstrations. These frameworks have become overly restrictive and foster female supremacy rather than genuine equality.

This sentiment manifested visibly over the last fortnight across several Spanish-speaking countries, where thousands of demonstrators gathered in Mexico, Argentina, and Spain.

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On April 24, a coordinated effort by three main advocacy groups—the National Collective of Women for Equality, Children with MaPa, and Al3x Flores—led to simultaneous marches across dozens of Mexican municipalities. Protesters carried signs reading, “I am a father, not a criminal” (“Soy padre, no criminal”), highlighting issues surrounding paternal rights.'

Fury at BBC for hiring a male writer for its drama about the rape and murder of Sarah Everard

Mastodon · 28 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The BBC is facing a furious backlash after hiring a man to write a forthcoming drama about the murder of Sarah Everard.

Acclaimed screenwriter Jeff Pope has been commissioned to pen the two-part factual series about Ms Everard's abduction, rape and murder by serving Metropolitan Police officer Wayne Couzens in South London in 2021.

The open letter, which gathered 400 signatures from leading female screenwriters in 24 hours, said the decision had prompted a 'great deal of anger' among female writers and that they were 'genuinely shocked' by the commission.

It read: 'The announcement of this particular commission brought a great deal of anger to the surface among women writers - anger that has been building for some time. Sarah Everard was killed because she was a woman.

'The case did not simply expose the actions of one individual. It cracked open a national conversation about systemic misogyny, about the safety of women in public spaces, about institutional failure and the silencing of women within structures meant to protect them.

'That conversation is not over. Given all that, we are genuinely shocked that the BBC has commissioned a man to write it.'

The writers added: 'We are not saying men cannot write about women's experiences. But we are saying that in a case this specific, this raw, and this rooted in the dynamics of power and gender, the question of who tells the story is inseparable from the story itself."

The Roman experience of widespread bachelorhood among men

Matt · 30 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. The narrator compares the motivations of Roman male citizens to stay single vs. the similar phenomenon of today.

Teenage girl arrested, allegedly lured young men to be robbed in person

Matt · 30 May 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Starting younger these days. Excerpt:

'A 17-year-old girl was arrested on Wednesday by the Universal City Police Department and accused of luring multiple young men online, which resulted in at least two robberies, partnered with a man who holds an extensive criminal history.

Alyssa Victoria Canul is tied to a robbery where a 15-year-old boy was shot four times at a Universal City park by her boyfriend, Joseph Anthony Aguilar, 18, on Monday, the city said through a social media post.

Canul's role was to "lure young men on online dating sites, then robbing and assaulting them," the city said.

She was booked into the Bexar County Adult Detention Center on Thursday and charged with two counts of aggravated robbery, jail records show. Canul could face an additional charge of tampering with physical evidence, according to the city.'

Dem House reps demand mandatory extra sick days for women on their periods

Mastodon · 1 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Democratic lawmakers are calling for mandatory extra sick days for women when they are on their periods, saying it is “economic violence” when women aren’t provided accommodation for their menstrual cycle.

During a press conference held as part of Women’s Health Month, Democratic lawmakers Yassamin Ansari, Adelita Grijalva, and Rashida Tlaib highlighted Ansari’s legislative effort introduced earlier this year for a proposal that “finally recognizes women’s pain.”

Ansari detailed an incident in the summer of 2015 where she “woke up on the floor” of a bodega, drenched in sweat, being dragged into an ambulance, as two male paramedics checked on her and asked if she was pregnant. She explained the incident was one of many where she suffered serious period pain, and she detailed how she would continue working despite symptoms.'

He cried, she laughed. Now her boyfriend has shut down completely.

Matt · 6 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. This is why men try not to show emotions around WAGs or women in general. Too many are... assholes... to us when we do. Excerpt:

'And, wow, you were so much more wrong than he was. His silent treatment is juvenile, yes. But it pains me to think of someone who doesn't normally show vulnerability getting a ridicule beat-down for the one time he does. Maybe the scene wasn't all that moving to you, but who knows what he has buried inside him that this scene dredged up?

And you say it was "to his credit" that it was a sports scene?! Wow.

Tell him you were totally out of line and have some anti-male biases you need to root out. He can't have feelings?'

Why Won't Men Fight Back?

Matt · 8 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'From my experience I've learned that men tend to weigh the pros and cons of giving feedback, especially when it could lead to conflict. This is a key reason men often choose not to confront feminism or even challenge their wives. If a man doesn’t see a positive outcome that outweighs the potential negative consequences, he's more likely to remain silent. This is just one factor behind men's reluctance to push back.

Another factor is the use of false accusations by feminists to undermine and neutralize men. False accusations are particularly damaging because they are impossible to disprove. When men deny such accusations, it can make them appear more guilty than if they had said nothing. Men are aware of this dilemma, and many will avoid responding to false claims to sidestep the implication of guilt. Feminists have long employed this tactic, beginning with labeling men as "male chauvinist pigs," followed by accusations of patriarchy, oppression of women, being deadbeat dads, wife beaters, and eventually branding men as "toxic." We will delve deeper into these strategies later in this series on why men don't fight back, but it’s important to highlight this issue now to understand the full scope of the problem.'

Former Louisiana mayor sentenced to 90 days over rape of 16-year-old boy

Mastodon · 11 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Misty Roberts, a former mayor in Louisiana, has been sentenced to 90 days for raping a 16-year-old boy.

On Tuesday, 44-year-old Roberts was sentenced following her conviction earlier this year of two felonies including carnal knowledge of a juvenile – or statutory rape – and indecent behavior with a juvenile.

Roberts, who was facing up to 17 years in prison, sexually assaulted the underage victim at her home in July 2024. They were drinking alcohol at a pool party. Roberts was mayor of DeRidder, Louisiana, at the time, a position she had held since 2018.'

Women are getting most of the new jobs. What's going on with men?

Matt · 13 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"If Trump really wants to get more Americans working," she wrote at the time, "he'll have to do something out of his comfort zone: make girly jobs appeal to manly men."

It's a message she believes is even more relevant today.

For decades, the focus has been on getting more women into male-dominated fields. Some efforts have been more successful than others. But now, with the vast majority of new jobs going to women, it's clear that men need help, too.'

'His side': New book debunks male privilege, gives platform to men in a women's world

Matt · 13 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Helen Smith, a licensed psychologist with over 20 years in the field with an emphasis in clinical and forensic psychology, has published a new book: “His Side: Men Speak Out on Dating, Marriage, and Life in America.”

Released in February, it offers a follow-up to her book that came out in 2013, ” Men on Strike.”

No longer is it a “man’s world,” and Smith weaves together dozens of interviews of men from all ages and walks — their thoughts, struggles, concerns and experiences — to paint a picture of what it’s like for them in today’s landscape that casts men as misogynists and portrays masculinity as toxic and something to be shunned.'

1 in 3 American men are not working in nearly 20-year low — here's what's behind the staggering statistic

Matt · 14 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The number of American men in the workforce are at its lowest level in two decades — with about one in three American men having stopped working as of 2026, new labor statistics show.

Just 66% of men were employed or actively seeking a job as of April, a nearly 20-year low from 73% in 2006, according to data the US Bureau of Labor Statistics released earlier this month.

The current number — covering men aged 20 and over — is almost exactly as low as it was after the 2008 recession, when rates first plummeted by seven points in about a year.'

76% of Young Irish Men Say They've Been Discriminated Against

Matt · 14 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'More than three in four young men say they repeatedly experience discrimination multiple times each year in modern Ireland, a report from the ESRI has found.

Published on Thursday, the study found that 76% of those aged 17 report regular discrimination, with men within this age bracket being more likely to describe themselves as being subject to unfair treatment than women of the same age.

Such negative treatment, according to the study, took the form of people acting fearful of them, people attempting to harass or intimidate them, and receiving less favourable treatment at restaurants compared to those around them.

"Males report higher perceived discrimination than females at 17, which is driven by higher rates of males responding
that they have experienced 'people acting as if they are afraid of you' and being threatened or harassed," the report reads.

"This is likely to reflect the prevalence of stereotypes around young men as being aggressive or engaging in anti-social behaviour."'

Intro to Men's Issues

Matt · 14 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'This video goes over the major issues faced by men in the US today. It was created 10 years ago and originally was in 4:3 format and fairly low resolution. I have now brought it up to 16:9 and increased the resolution as much as possible while still keeping the original footage and audio. I have also added an Epilogue on the end that takes a brief look at the carnage left since the original video was created.'

How Institutions Reward Victimhood, part 3

Matt · 15 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In the modern West, compassion has quietly become a form of currency.

Institutions, universities, NGOs, the media, and even governments, now operate within what might be called a moral economy of victimhood.
In this new economy, empathy and funding flow toward those who can most convincingly demonstrate oppression.

The logic is simple: the more you suffer, the more moral authority you hold. The more powerless you can portray your group to be, the more influence you gain in return.

You can see this dynamic play out in grant proposals, corporate campaigns, and media coverage. Funding often depends not on measurable solutions but on the ability to frame problems in moral language, highlighting disparity rather than achievement, grievance rather than growth.

The result? Victimhood becomes not just a feeling, but a strategy.'

Drugs, weapons: Not just for men

Matt · 16 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Most people think of men of lower station when imagining those who deal in guns, drugs, etc. I simply want to point out that drug-dealing and gun-toting is an equal opportunity activity. Excerpt:

'Deputies searching a home in the 9000 block of Hyatt Resort Drive on Thursday afternoon seized thousands of grams of marijuana, THC products, two firearms, and nearly half a million dollars in cash, according to the Bexar County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office said it executed a search warrant for narcotics at about 4:20 p.m. on June 11, 2026, after deputies received a tip alleging possible narcotics usage at the residence. The tip led to a search warrant being generated and approved, the agency said.

During the execution of the warrant, deputies detained a woman at the front door who was later identified as Danielle Gill, the sheriff's office said. Gill was arrested for possession of a controlled substance PG 2 or 2-A ≥4g 5 lbs ≤50 lbs.'

Feminists are mostly silent, after release of the Rape Gang Enquiry Report

Green · 17 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Prominent feminists have mostly been silent after the release of a report which documents "The biggest scandal in Modern British history." Search high and low, and you will find almost no feminists decrying British grooming gangs.

A survivor-led, independent parliamentary inquiry into crimes committed by British grooming gangs was conducted by Rupert Lowe (Independent MP for Great Yarmouth), focusing specifically on collecting victim testimonies. The inquiry has issued a shocking 219-page report.

Patrick Christys reacts to the "Rape Gang Inquiry Report" in a video essay, available here. Says Christys: "It lays bare the astonishing scale of the rape, abuse, and torture of potentially hundreds of thousands of young white girls."

We could report on shocked reactions to this report from prominent feminists, but so far we have not found any.

When Both Parties Try to Out-Macho Each Other

Matt · 19 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Utter bullshit. Both parties THINK they can appeal to men through old-school machismo. They'd rather do that than take up actual men's issues. Excerpt:

'The MAGA movement has fully embraced masculinism, which The Atlantic's staff writer Helen Lewis defines in her cover story this month as "a movement to fight back against the advances of feminism and reassert the primacy of men." Democrats have a more complicated relationship with machismo. After the last presidential election, when Donald Trump made inroads with even young men of color, some Democrats began wondering whether their party did indeed have a man problem. This campaign season, one Democratic candidate who seems to be addressing that concern is Graham Platner, an oyster-farming combat veteran.

After he won his primary in Maine this week, Platner became key to the party's chances of taking over the Senate. But Platner's brand of masculinity does not come without its issues. In a report last week in The New York Times, several women who were romantically involved with Platner described "toxic" relationships; one described him as rough. Platner's campaign strongly disputed any claims of physical intimidation or altercation.
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This "10,000 ways to imply he's fay" strategy grows out of a robust ideology currently dominating the MAGA movement: "masculinism," which Helen defines in her story as a movement to fight back against the advances of feminism and reassert the primacy of men.

Now, the Democrats are not exactly denying they have a macho problem. Talarico's campaign, for example, has recently circulated a photo of him gnawing on a piece of meat. And they've put forth one prominent candidate they think does check the "masculine" box: Graham Platner, who won the party's primary in Maine this week, and whose victory is critical to Democrats taking back the Senate but whose ex-girlfriends have said his brand of masculinity was toxic.'

1 in 5 men have the ‘M factor,’ a newly identified syndrome linked to misogyny and violence

Mastodon · 19 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The manosphere may be online, but its influence is showing up in real life.

A new study has identified what researchers call the “M factor,” a syndrome categorized by a cluster of attitudes linked to misogyny, male supremacy, violence and opposition to gender equality.

“The M factor reflects an attitude that sees ‘true masculinity’ as under threat. It is associated with notions of male supremacy, a propensity for violence, misogyny, contempt for sexual minorities and opposition to gender equality,” said study leader Denis Ribeaud, a criminologist and sociologist at the Jacobs Center for Productive Youth Development at UZH, according to Phys.org.'

Canada makes femicide first-degree murder as all three major Criminal Code reforms become law

Mastodon · 20 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The law gives the justice system stronger tools to intervene earlier to sexual violence, gender-based, and intimate partner violence before that violence turns fatal. More specifically, the changes:

- make femicide first degree murder, the most serious homicide offence
- create a new offence of coercive control in intimate relationships, targeting patterns of threats, isolation, or manipulation before violence escalates
- update criminal harassment provisions to make them easier to prove in court
- make it a crime to threaten to distribute non-consensual intimate images, including sexual deepfakes
- increase the maximum penalty for sexual assault on summary conviction, non-consensual distribution of intimate images, and voyeurism'

Our Boys And Men Are Struggling—Here's What Needs To Change

Matt · 20 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For six years, I have advocated for greater attention and resources to be directed towards the struggles of boys and men. I am encouraged by French Gates' new investment in this area. While the support for girls and women remains substantial, this step toward addressing the unique needs of boys and men is significant progress.

Reeves is the perfect choice to lead this effort. His unwavering dedication to raising awareness about the challenges faced by boys and men has been both inspiring and transformative. He has succeeded in changing the narrative and approach to addressing these critical issues on a global scale.

As someone who has devoted her life to advocating for the well-being of boys, men, and fathers, I urge our problem-solvers to prioritize the urgent issue of the health of our boys and men. The suffering and mortality rates among them demand immediate attention and action. It is an issue that cannot be ignored any longer. Areas such as education need to be addressed, but the mental, physical, and metaphysical health of our boys and men should be the top priority. Here's how we can help.'

The left fueled the male crisis. Now it's shocked.

Matt · 21 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'As a mom of two boys who lived through the MeToo movement, I've long appreciated feminist author Camille Paglia's famous 1990 provocation: "If civilization had been left in female hands, we would still be living in grass huts." It has endured because it points to an uncomfortable truth: Men are not optional to a thriving society.

Yet for years, much of our culture – especially the left – has sent the message that masculinity is inherently old-fashioned, predatory and unnecessary. Now, amid mounting evidence that men are declining in education, work and mental health, many of those same voices seem puzzled by a crisis of their own making.

I'm not.

A culture that repeatedly devalues men should not be surprised when so many struggle to find purpose, confidence and direction.'

An ad for staying single

Matt · 22 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2021, after more than 30 years together, Alan Hickenbottom and his wife filed for divorce — but he still believes their marriage was a success.

Their early years together were fun and exciting. They bonded over a shared love of books and art, and a desire to do good things in the world. (Mr. Hickenbottom, 67, worked in renewable energy for decades; his ex was a teacher and a school librarian.)

Then they threw themselves enthusiastically into raising their two children, he said. But as often happens, when the kids left for college, Mr. Hickenbottom realized that he and his wife were more like colleagues and roommates than romantic partners.

Two years of marriage counseling didn't fix things.'

Germany: Fathers's Day demonstrations against toxic masculinity

Mastodon · 23 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In Germany, Father's Day, celebrated on the Ascension Day public holiday, is not just about calling your dad. What Männertag (a word often used interchangeably with Vatertag) entails is viewed by many as toxic masculinity in a nutshell, and it's not only fathers who celebrate it. While for some it's simply an excuse to party, others see it as a day when loud groups of drunk men harass and catcall women on the street while pulling handcarts (a Vatertag symbol) full of beer.

While plenty of men in Berlin took part in traditional Father's Day celebrations, others used the date to stage a protest against toxic masculinity and violence against women: close to a thousand male feminists gathered at the Brandenburg Gate yesterday for a demonstration under the motto "Solidarity with women instead of alcohol and handcarts". While many FLINTA people joined them, the event was primarily aimed at men who oppose sexist celebrations of masculinity.'

Masculinity Crisis: Psychological Insights for Men and Boys

Matt · 23 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men in the United States are experiencing declining outcomes across educational, economic, relational, and mental health domains. While these trends are widely recognized, their causes remain contested. This paper argues that three underexamined sociocultural forces—anti-masculine attitudes, the widespread absence of fathers, and the disappearance of culturally sanctioned rites of initiation—significantly undermine male identity formation.

Drawing on contemporary research in psychology, sociology, and gender studies, as well as classical psychoanalytic insights from Freud and Jung, the paper outlines how shame, inadequate paternal modeling, and the lack of structured developmental transitions contribute to distress, despair, and maladaptive expressions of masculinity. It further proposes psychotherapeutic interventions aimed at restoring positive models of masculinity, strengthening the father–son dyad, and creating men's groups.

The paper argues that clinicians have an essential role in reshaping cultural narratives around masculinity and mitigating the psychological and societal fallout of male disconnection and disenfranchisement. Counterarguments such as concerns about reifying gender stereotypes or overlooking structural factors are addressed; however, the paper maintains that ignoring gendered developmental needs has produced measurable harm.'

Inside America's Feminist Underground

Matt · 25 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. A GBNews reporter starts asking questions. He gets answers.

Buttigieg was briefly separated from his children after police say he was target of false report

Matt · 26 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. An *anonymous* report and CPS swung into action, separating a man from his kids. ANY MAN can be a victim of anti-male bias fears. All it takes is an anonymous call to CPS. If he had been a she, I'm pretty sure the anonymous report would have been ignored. Excerpt:

'Former Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg was the target of an anonymous report that police determined was false and that he says forced him to spend a night away from his four-year-old twins.

According to Buttigieg, a Michigan State Police officer and a child protective services worker came to his home in Traverse City after they received an anonymous report alleging he posed a danger to his children. Authorities arranged forensic interviews for his twins and instructed him not to be alone with them until the interviews were complete.

Buttigieg described the 24-hour ordeal in a Substack post as “among the darkest hours of my life.”

Michigan State Police said in a statement to The Associated Press they received an “anonymous report” and that they and child protective services “responded and determined the report was false.”'

Australian Men Need Not Apply

Matt · 26 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Progress! A mainstream politician in Australia is calling it out. We need more like him in our political bodies.

Korea's Gender War is Out of Control

Matt · 27 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Think it can't get much worse? Watch the vid. It can and probably will.

What 'The Future is Female' has Meant for Men

Matt · 28 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here.

'For decades, the fight for gender equality has squarely focused on lifting women up—in the workplace, politics, and beyond.

But according to Richard Reeves, president of the American Institute for Boys and Men, it's the men who now need support.

From childhood, boys are falling behind in school. Men are trailing women in college completion by an even wider margin than existed (in the opposite direction) when Title IX became law in 1972. They also die by suicide about four times more often, with especially troubling increases among younger men over the past two decades.

In this episode, Reeves sits down with Shilo Brooks to discuss why the struggles facing boys and men have become politically impossible to discuss, why they need to stop hearing that "the future is female" and that their masculinity is "toxic," and what the specific policies are that he believes will help them.'

Why did white men conquer the world?

Matt · 28 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Fascinating historical analysis. Send it to your favorite woke person.

Gareth Southgate: Changing the Game for Young Men

Matt · 28 June 2026 · Archived copy · Original

BBC program here.

'Former England men's football manager Gareth Southgate reveals the struggles many boys and young men face, asking why some feel left behind and what could help them move forward.'

Kids left alone while moms partied tossed baby around like a football, stomped on the infant's head

Matt · 3 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two moms in Texas left their children, ages 6 and 4 — and a 2-month-old baby — alone in a locked bedroom while they were out partying at a hotel, leading to a horrific incident where the older kids tossed and stomped on the infant's head, cops say.

The mothers, Sidney Whitt, 21, and Jacqulun Morales, 29, allegedly placed the children in the care of Morales' 18-year-old sister, Shelby Munoz, and locked them in a bedroom before leaving to go drink alcohol and use drugs with a man at a local hotel, according to local ABC affiliate KLTV and local CBS affiliate KYTX.

A police press release obtained by the television stations says the children tossed the 2-month-old around and stomped on the baby's head until the child began having seizures and suffered a brain bleed. Extensive facial bruising was also reported by doctors after the infant was brought to a local hospital.'

Bad Choices, Anger, and Mental Illness

Matt · 4 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Marching in pussy hats, baring their breasts to save the earth, fighting with ICE agents, declaring themselves “nasty,” feminist women today are self-evidently the least contented and most rancorous women in America, preoccupied with victimhood, consumed by the politics of despair, and experiencing higher rates of depression (and corresponding anti-depressant use) than non-feminist women.

It is logical to conclude that feminism causes female unhappiness by encouraging ingratitude, paranoia, and reckless rage.

Feminists themselves have at times noted the excessive, often wretched, results of their gospel of discontent: the suicides, depression, violence, hysteria, and disordered lives of many of their luminaries.'

Can Colorado protect girls from genital cutting but not boys? A lawsuit says no.

Matt · 5 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Two Colorado men are challenging a state law that they say illegally protects girls, but not boys, from medically unnecessary genital cutting. In a lawsuit filed last week in Denver District Court, they argue the distinction violates Colorado's Equal Rights Amendment.

“Every person, including every child, has a right to bodily integrity and autonomy, regardless of biological sex. These rights are violated when the law conditions the protection of bodily integrity and personal autonomy on an individual’s sex. The law of Colorado does just that,” the lawsuit reads.

The lawsuit centers on a section of Colorado's child abuse law that makes certain forms of medically unnecessary female genital cutting a crime.'

My son was killed by his girlfriend

Matt · 7 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'"I knew instinctively what had happened; that she had done it and that he hadn't fought back," Ashe Smith, 80, says of her son James Self's vicious and ultimately fatal attack at the hands of his girlfriend, Polly Murphy. Self died on December 21, 2023, six weeks after the attack, and Murphy, a pink-haired artist, is now serving a life sentence for murder. But even Smith missed the danger signs – of control and physical aggression towards her son. If she had understood more about domestic violence towards men, she admits today, she might have intervened.

At the crime scene, a room at Smugglers Cove, a hotel in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, paramedics found Self's blood on the walls, bedding, door handle and floor. "She'd smashed his head so hard on the wall it had made a dent," says Smith, speaking today in the calm surroundings of her countryside home near Great Finborough in Suffolk. Self was punched, kicked and stamped on over the course of two hours – and at one point knocked unconscious.

When Smith first laid eyes on her son in Colchester Hospital the following day, accompanied by her husband, Don, he was still "notably concussed", with two black eyes and a wound on his leg "so deep you could see the bone". Self hadn't wanted his mother to see the rest of him. It was only in court at Murphy's trial that Smith saw the photographic evidence of his injuries and what she describes as his "absolutely livid body, covered in bruises". He had eight broken ribs and two broken vertebrae in his back – and a bleed on the brain.'

"Tradwives" bailing at 40, divorcing men, getting alimony and child support

Matt · 7 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. The MANN headline is what ISN'T being mentioned in the article. Looking for a tradwife? Don't do it, guys. Stay single. Excerpt:

'Templeton's estimation, while grim and certainly extreme, echoes the sentiments of the over 4,000 women, ages 35 and beyond, digitally ringing the alarm about the pitfalls of becoming financially, physically, emotionally and mentally dependent on a partner.

"Married at 20, divorced at 38. Raising 7 kids. No job history, no college, no experience," a woman named Samantha commented beneath Valenti's vid.

"[I was] married off at 17, divorced 10 years later. I'm now 37 and every day is a poverty-stricken struggle," admitted one woman, describing herself as a high school dropout and single mom of three daughters.

"I grieve intensely for my 17-year-old self. I always thought I would be someone and it's devastating," she added.'

Forbes' junk science obsession re women

Matt · 9 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. To be fair, it's not just Forbes, though they excel at it. It seems every article on "Women and ..." is based on some feminist junk science "study" touting the same conclusions: women good, men bad. Who is left reading mags like Forbes these days anyway? Looks to me like feminists. Excerpt:

'Why are women 25% less likely to use artificial intelligence tools than men? New research debunks the notion that the gender gap is primarily due to women's lack of AI skills, interest or access. Women's hesitancy to use AI is instead a rational response to a competency penalty that women face when using AI in the workplace.

The latest evidence of the competence penalty that women workers incur when using AI comes from a 2026 study by Zehra Chatoo, founder of Code For Good Now and former strategist at Meta. The study found that women who submit resumes created with AI assistance are evaluated as less competent and less trustworthy than men who submit identical AI-assisted resumes. To the evaluators, women's AI use signaled inability, while men's AI use signaled initiative.

This study bolsters prior research finding a competency penalty against women who use AI to efficiently perform their jobs. This research indicates that organizations will not close the gender AI gap simply by investing in digital skills training and AI incentives for their workforce. Employers must also address the gender-based perception biases linked to AI use.'

Women Want Equality — They Just Don’t Want to Pay For It

Matt · 9 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Something has been in the news this week that you probably don’t think much about — the draft.

Members of Congress are currently debating expanding the draft. The expansion would include automatically enrolling men and opening conscription up to women.

This isn’t a radical idea. A few countries already require compulsory military service for both men and women. Norway and Israel are two countries that come to mind.

Up until now, women here in the U.S. have been kept out of the draft. Naturally, social conservatives are vehemently opposed to drafting women. The Hill captures the current sentiment on Capitol Hill quite aptly:'

Number of divorces in Ukraine nearly equals number of marriages

Matt · 9 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2024, the number of marriages and divorces in Ukraine was nearly equal, BBC reports, citing statistics from the Ministry of Justice. According to official data, 150,000 marriages were registered, while the number of divorces reached 142,000.

Experts attribute these statistics to the consequences of the war and constant stress. However, in the first two years of the full-scale invasion, the situation was slightly better. In 2023, there were 186,000 marriages and 128,000 divorces, while in 2022, 223,000 marriages were registered, with only 91,000 divorces.
...
Psychologists note that the main reason for the increase in divorces is the impact of war-related stress. "People can't handle it. When we're under stress, we get nervous and lash out. At whom? At the nearest and dearest," said psychologist Tina Beradze.

For comparison, the previous peak in divorces in Ukraine occurred during the first years of independence (1991–1994), when more than 200,000 divorces were registered annually, largely due to the economic crisis of that period.'

‘Spermageddon’: is the world facing a male reproductive crisis?

Matt · 11 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'The world is unwittingly walking into a male reproductive crisis, scientists warned this week as they presented data that revealed an apparent halving of average male testosterone levels over the past 50 years.

“It is mind-blowing that testosterone has declined by 50%,” Prof Hagai Levine, who led the work, told the Guardian. “This is a lot. Wake up people. Wake up.”

The finding is the latest in a series of recent results that suggest male fertility is in crisis. Levine’s team has previously documented an apparent drastic decline in global sperm counts, in what has come to be known as the “spermageddon” paper. The issue has become a preoccupation across the political spectrum.

The US health secretary, Robert F Kennedy Jr, has called declining sperm counts an “existential crisis” and Levine’s work has been seized on in the “manosphere” as proof modern society is emasculating men. The findings have also galvanised concerns about the hazardous impact of endocrine-disrupting chemicals, air pollution and global heating on human health.'

Renowned Feminist Historian Loses Professorship as Experts Tear Apart Her So-Called Historical Findings

Matt · 13 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A black feminist historian whose work is being labeled as misleading — and who may have lost her cushy academic job — says it all comes down to an attack on black women.

The New York Times tells the tale of Kerri Greenidge, whose 2022 book “The Grimkes” was hailed for its narrative about a slaveholding family and its work in the abolitionist movement.

Publishers Weekly put the book on its list of that year’s top books, while the American Historical Association handed Greenidge the Joan Kelly Memorial Prize, which honors scholars in women’s history and feminist theory.'

Woman arrested for child molestation after giving phone with evidence on it to friend

Matt · 13 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A New Jersey woman accused of filming vile sexual assaults against a child was caught after police linked her to a bizarre leg tattoo depicting 'boobs,' according to cops.

Victoria Anne Cranmer, 25, of Little Egg Harbor, allegedly recorded a 14-second Snapchat video of herself sexually abusing a young girl under the age of 13 who had been entrusted to her care, according to Jersey Shore Online.

Her alleged crimes came to light after she returned a cellphone containing the footage to a former roommate who contacted authorities, police said.

Investigators later found several more videos involving Cranmer and the victim hidden in her Snapchat Memories folder.

Court documents said Cranmer could be heard laughing and making comments toward the victim during the encounter.'

Team USA Forced To Share Half Of World Cup Prize Money With Women's Team

Matt · 13 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Observation: the women's US Soccer team also splits its pay with the men's team. However, the women's team makes a single-digit percentage of what the men's team makes. Result: A lot more money is being sent over to the women's team vs. the other way around. Classic example of men supporting women now by group. The individual principle is being applied to sports now, despite women's sports drawing a fraction of what men's sports draw in terms of crowds and money. Excerpt:

'Adding insult to injury after an embarrassing exit from the World Cup this week, the United States Men's National Team will be forced to share half of the earnings from their run with their counterparts on the Women's National Team.

The men's team secured $16 million in prize money from FIFA after their run to the World Cup's round of 16. Despite not playing a single minute of soccer, members of the women's team will take home just as much money as the men's team thanks to an "equal pay" agreement put in place by U.S. Soccer back in 2022.

After U.S. Soccer takes 20% of the prize money, the rest will be distributed evenly between the 26 members on each of the rosters of the men's and the women's teams, meaning each player will be paid about $246,000. The money won't be paid out to the women's team until they qualify for the 2027 Women's World Cup.

"So you're telling me the men go out and earn while the women stay at home," Daily Wire host Ben Shapiro said in reaction to the news.

The "equal pay" agreement was put in place in 2022 after years of complaints by the women's soccer team, which became known for antics including refusal to respect the National Anthem and stunts targeting President Donald Trump.

That agreement came after a lawsuit from players on the women's team alleging pay discrimination by the U.S. Soccer Federation. To settle the suit, U.S. Soccer agreed that prize money from the World Cup would be divided evenly among players on both rosters.

Historically, the men's World Cup competition has generated billions of dollars more in revenue than the women's World Cup. The 2026 World Cup is expected to bring in over $13 billion in revenue, while the last women's World Cup in 2023 generated roughly $580 million.'

Why is the draft still male-only?

Matt · 13 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Very much worth listening to this video.

How Men Became the Villains of American History

Matt · 14 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'It did not happen all at once. Each phase built upon the last until an entire generation inherited a version of history in which men were remembered less for what they built than for whom they supposedly oppressed.

American culture did not wake up one morning and decide that men should be remembered mostly as oppressors, predators, colonizers, abusers, and patriarchs. The rewriting happened gradually. It began as a correction, became a framework, hardened into institutional policy, and eventually spread through media, movies, schools, law, and the internet.

The original project was framed as a correction. Feminists argued that women had been systematically excluded from many areas of public life and that traditional histories had overlooked or minimized their contributions. They believed those omissions should be corrected and women's experiences given greater attention. But somewhere along the way, the project changed. It was no longer simply about recovering women's history or pursuing equality. Increasingly, it became a project of placing men—and masculinity itself—on trial.'

The left has a problem with boys and men

Matt · 15 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Across the western world, the patterns and themes are consistent and clear – boys and girls, men and women, are perceiving and experiencing underlying economic and social changes in vastly different manners.

The left has a problem with boys and men. Too many are drawn to far-right parties. Men's influencers espouse a form of get-rich-quick isolationism that is anathema to the communitarian values of the Labour Party and the trade union movement that built it.

Many boys and men feel that progressive politics is for other people – and not them. Labour has a problem and we haven't done enough to solve it. A brief perusal of data exemplifies the point. Almost half of the British public now think that women's equality has gone 'far enough'. One poll from the Centre for Social Justice also shows that 40 per cent of us feel society does not value traditional masculine values.'

Congresswoman Says 'Homoerotic' Side Of GOP's Masculinity Mania Can't Be Ignored

Matt · 20 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Why do feminist leftists try to use accusations of homosexuality against male politicians when it suits their aims but then OTOH insist there's "nothing wrong with people being gay" in other contexts? You would think the double-standard would be glaring even to leftists, but they stay quiet. And, why associate wanting to see fit men in our armed forces with homosexuality? Excerpt:

'Rep. Becca Balint (D-VT) thinks there's something queer about Secretary Pete Hegseth's fixation on masculinity.

The congresswoman weighed in on the U.S. military's plans to test male service members' testosterone levels, telling journalist Scott MacFarlane there's something odd about being so obsessed with manliness while villainizing the LGBTQ community at the same time.

"I think it's indicative of the fact that there are so many people in this administration that have some weird, like, intense, homoerotic feelings towards men while also being incredibly homophobic, and not just homophobic, but like, hate-mongering, fear-mongering about the LGBT community," she said.'

Growing trend of hating men seems to backfire as anti-marriage movement leaves single women losing out

Matt · 22 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A growing anti-marriage movement is being fueled by viral TikTok trends and high-profile celebrities painting men as the enemy, but according to a new column, women may ultimately be the ones losing out.

In a USA Today op-ed, columnist Ingrid Jacques warned of a rising wave of “heteropessimism,” defining it as women’s growing feelings of disappointment and antagonism toward relationships with men. She argued that viral trends like “divorce glow-ups” and anti-male literature have actively widened the divide between the sexes.
...
She explained that the media modern women consume is increasingly hostile toward traditional relationships, pointing to bestselling books like “Yesteryear,” which centers on a “tradwife” influencer.

In that novel, Jacques notes, men are reduced to lazy or toxic tropes: “Either a man is an idiotic man-baby who lacks ambition and a brain, or he’s a quintessential patriarch who pals around with other sexist pigs in the manosphere. Husbands are at one point referred to as ‘freaks.’”'

Male Teacher Faces Groping Accusations After Giving CPR To A Woman

Matt · 25 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A male teacher in China has been accused of groping a woman while performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on her in public

The incident on a busy street in Hengyang, central Hunan province, has sparked a heated social media debate, according to Jiupai News.

The woman collapsed unexpectedly on 12 July. A female doctor from a nearby hospital began chest compressions but, after becoming exhausted, asked if anyone could assist.

The teacher, identified only by his surname Pan, stepped in to continue the life-saving procedure.

She was then rushed to hospital after an ambulance arrived.

However, after a video of the rescue went viral online, some social media users claimed Pan's hand placement during the CPR was inappropriate.

These allegations have deeply distressed the teacher.'

The Feminization of the Icelandic State

Matt · 26 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'For more than half a century, Iceland has pursued one of the democratic world's most ambitious social experiments.

Its stated objective was clear: dismantle male dominance. By every conventional measure, it succeeded. Iceland is famous for being the world's "most equal country," proudly topping international rankings for sex equality. Women occupy the presidency, the prime minister's office, cabinet ministries, Iceland's national state church, universities, schools, municipalities, police, social services, newsrooms and much of the country's ever expanding public bureaucracy.

International delegations arrive eager to discover the secret of Iceland's success. Politicians from abroad praise the "Icelandic model." International organizations celebrate it. Iceland has become the country that much of the Western world is encouraged to emulate.

And yet, nobody asks the question that every successful social experiment eventually deserves.

What happens when a society spends decades correcting one imbalance, only to create another that has become so politically sensitive that almost no one dares acknowledge or question it?

This article is not an argument against women holding positions of authority and power. Nor is it an argument for returning to some mythical past in which men dominated public life. It's about something both simpler and more unsettling.'

Singer Sophie Straat cleared of discrimination over mosh pit

Matt · 26 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Discrimination hotlines in both the Netherlands and Belgium have concluded that Dutch singer Sophie Straat did not discriminate when she asked “all white men to step back” during two of her recent performances.

Last month at the Best Kept Secret festival in Beekse Bergen, Straat — real name Sophie Schwartz — asked for space for women, queer people and people of colour in the “mosh pit”, an area in front of the stage where fans dance chaotically.

She made the same request on Monday during a performance in Ghent, Belgium.

The Dutch discrimination hotline Discriminatie.nl said it received hundreds of complaints but maintains that Straat’s comments do not amount to discrimination against white men based on their colour or gender.'

The Radicalization Report

Matt · 26 July 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Recently a committee of the Canadian Parliament spent five months studying the beliefs of its own citizens and concluded that dissent from feminism is a growing extremist threat.

I want to make a harder claim than "the report is biased." I want to argue the causal arrow runs backwards. The pushback the state calls radicalization is a reaction against a radicalization that already happened.

First Principles: why a system calls independence toxic, conformity safety, and dissent harm.

Beneath the Surface: the report in its own words, the psychology of why the state recruits the feminine instinct and the compliant man, the data on who is actually being radicalized, and why strength itself had to be renamed a pathogen.

From the Archives: Jung and Arendt, who watched an atomized, care-hungry population become the raw material of the mass movement a century ago.'

UK: Northumbria detective sacked after saying 'all men' were rapists and should be given curfew

Matt · 1 August 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'A detective who said "all men" were rapists and should be given a curfew to stop sex attacks at night has been sacked. Detective Constable Rachel Fletcher, who worked in safeguarding at Northumbria Police, has been subject to a misconduct hearing.

She was accused of saying "all men" were rapists and they should be given a 9pm curfew to stop sex attacks at night. Det Cons Fletcher was also accused of describing transgender women as "c**ks in frocks".

A panel, sitting at Houghton-le-Spring police station, found that she made the comments and had breached the Standards of Professional Behaviour in relation to Discreditable Conduct, Authority, Respect and Courtesy and Equality and Diversity. Chair of the panel, Assistant Chief Constable Andrew Hill, said the proved allegations amounted to gross misconduct.'

Courtney Clenney Reportedly Reaches Plea Deal in Fatal Stabbing of Christian Obumseli

Matt · 1 August 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Courtney Clenney, an OnlyFans model charged with fatally stabbing her boyfriend in their Miami condo in 2022, has reportedly reached a plea bargain with prosecutors, according to TMZ. As per the report, the deal settles the case without going to trial.

The 30-year-old Clenney had pleaded not guilty to the charge of second-degree murder with a weapon and was facing the possibility of spending life behind bars. It was not clear what Clenney would be pleading to or what the sentence would be under the deal.

As per prosecutors, Clenney stabbed her boyfriend, Christian "Toby" Obumseli, 27, in the chest during an altercation on April 3, 2022, at their Miami condo in the city's Edgewater neighborhood. While Clenney did not deny stabbing Obumseli, she claimed that she had done so in self-defense following domestic violence, according to Court TV.'

Amid nurse shortage, a university rolls out the welcome mat for men

Matt · 1 August 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are largely missing out on one of the hottest professions in the U.S. right now: nursing.

For registered nurses alone, the Labor Department projects there will be 189,000 job openings each year for the next decade. But only 1 in 8 nurses are men.

There have long been efforts to rewrite the script around nursing — to push back on the idea that it's women's work. Now, the economy is helping, too.

With diminishing opportunities in male-dominated industries like manufacturing and software engineering, nursing has emerged as a stable alternative and a solid pathway to a middle-class life.

Nursing students at the University of Alabama at Birmingham are already experiencing what it's like to be in demand.'

# "Equal Contribution"

Matt · 7 August 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Video here. Marking IWD back in 2018, this video spares no expense and pulls no punches on the topic of contributions to society.

We should be putting more women in prison, not letting them all out

Matt · 8 August 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Send fewer women to prison. That's the consensus across the political spectrum. It is part of Andy Burnham's plan to free up prison places for men. The Conservatives have said they are sympathetic and even Colin Sutton, Reform's newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk, advocates it. Needless to say, prison reform charities are all in favour.
...
There is good reason to believe that many fewer women are charged with offences than could be. Speak to defence lawyers and some will admit that there is often enough evidence to charge wives and girlfriends of drug dealers and other serious criminals with offences themselves, but they very rarely are so charged.

As the Nicola Sturgeon affair indicates, it may be entirely possible for a fraudster's wag to be unaware of her man's crimes. But to be living with a drug dealer, you would need to be exceptionally obtuse not to know what your partner is up to. With some narrow exceptions (largely relating to terrorism, child sex offences, or performing a job in, for example, banking with specific reporting responsibilities) not reporting a crime is not a crime. But for many criminals' wags, defence lawyers will tell you there is often clear evidence that their involvement goes much further.'

Despite Trump’s efforts, airline DEI programs are still risking people’s lives

Matt · 8 August 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Three million Americans will board a plane today assuming the pilot earned that seat through merit. They shouldn’t.

For decades, airlines have subordinated safety to diversity quotas.

President Donald Trump rightly recognized this danger: Early on, he ordered the Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Transportation to rescind all DEI initiatives and return to merit-based hiring and promotions. But the FAA can, and must, do more.
...
I analyzed every US commercial flight crash with onboard fatalities attributed to pilot error since 2000: Women and minorities represent less than 10% of pilots, yet were factors in four out of eight crashes (50%).

The sample size is small. But precisely because crashes are so rare, the few times they occur it’s important to scrutinize who is at the controls; under DEI’s guiding principle of relying on statistical disparities, it’s certainly enough to raise questions.

It’s not that women and minorities are inherently unable to fly planes, but in practice, pressure for affirmative action too often leads airlines to lower their standards to meet quotas.

Today, major carriers persist in aggressive diversity hiring.'

Millions of men are ditching the workforce — and experts are sounding the alarm

Matt · 12 August 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'Men are dropping out of the workforce at an alarming rate. Analysts say it's threatening the nation's social stability.

The latest Bureau of Labor Statistics breakdown found that 44.07 million of 132.8 million eligible men older than 15 — or 33.2% — were not in the labor force last month. That's 9 million more out-of-work men (29%) than in 2012.

The number of men opting not to work jumped by 891,000 over the preceding 12 months alone, as the economy sheds manufacturing and finance jobs.

"The American economy has gradually moved away from some of the industries that historically provided good jobs to men without college degrees," said Scott Beaulier, a University of Wyoming economist. "Meanwhile, much of the recent employment growth has occurred in areas such as healthcare and education, where women make up a much larger share of the workforce."'

Male Domestic Violence Watch

Matt · 14 August 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Found LinkedIn blog feed written by a woman who is very active as a male DV survivor advocate and thought I'd share it. Definitely worth regular visits.

Sex-Selective Abortions as an Intellectual Quagmire for Western Gynocentrists

Matt · 14 August 2026 · Archived copy · Original

Article here. Excerpt:

'In 2025, researchers at Edith Cowan University (ECU) published a study titled “Indirect evidence of sex-selective abortion practices to the imbalanced sex ratio at birth in Australian migrant populations.” In the study, the researchers examined all registered births in New South Wales and Western Australia between 1994 and 2025, totalling over 2.1 million births. The researchers tested if the male-to-female birth ratio differed between mothers who were born in Australia versus mothers who were born in other countries but gave birth in Australia.

Typically, the male-to-female birth ratio is around 1.05 (i.e., 105 boys born for every 100 girls born). That ratio is roughly what the researchers found when they examined all births in Australia (1.058). However, when the researchers sorted the data by mother’s country of birth, the results changed. Mothers who were born in Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom exhibited male-to-female birth ratios around the average: 1.05 to 1.07. However, mothers who were born in India, China, and Vietnam had higher male-to-female birth ratios, and this difference was amplified if the immigrant mothers had previously given birth to daughters. For example, Indian-born and Chinese-born mothers, who had already given birth to two daughters, exhibited male-to-female birth ratios around 1.32, whereas Australian-born mothers, who had also previously birthed two daughters, maintained the usual male-to-female birth ratio of around 1.05 to 1.07.'

Surprising gender biases in GPT

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This article is from 2024 so possibly the issues it exposes have been addressed by now. Then again, maybe not. Excerpt:

'We present eight experiments exploring gender biases in GPT. Initially, GPT was asked to generate demographics of a potential writer of fourty phrases ostensibly written by elementary school students, twenty containing feminine stereotypes and twenty with masculine stereotypes. Results show a strong bias, with stereotypically masculine sentences attributed to a female more often than vice versa. For example, the sentence “I love playing fotbal! Im practicing with my cosin Michael” was constantly assigned by GPT-3.5 Turbo to a female writer.

This phenomenon likely reflects that while initiatives to integrate women in traditionally masculine roles have gained momentum, the reverse movement remains relatively underdeveloped. Subsequent experiments investigate the same issue in high-stakes moral dilemmas. GPT-4 finds it more appropriate to abuse a man to prevent a nuclear apocalypse than to abuse a woman. This bias extends to other forms of violence central to the gender parity debate (abuse), but not to those less central (torture). Moreover, this bias increases in cases of mixed-sex violence for the greater good: GPT-4 agrees with a woman using violence against a man to prevent a nuclear apocalypse but disagrees with a man using violence against a woman for the same purpose. Finally, these biases are implicit, as they do not emerge when GPT-4 is directly asked to rank moral violations. These results highlight the necessity of carefully managing inclusivity efforts to prevent unintended discrimination.'

Young Men Are Abandoning the Workforce

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'After decades of efforts to bolster women's role in the workforce, the male-female labor gap has now officially closed. By one measure, it has reversed.

American women now hold 176,000 more payroll jobs than American men, according to July data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics analyzed by Laura Ullrich, director of economic research at Indeed. That disparity has nearly doubled since February. Compare it to the 1990s, when men held nearly seven million more jobs than women. It's not that women are filling roles that would have gone to men. Rather, men have been leaving the labor market in droves.

Ms. Ullrich calculates that all of U.S. job growth since last July has been for female employees, partially because tech and financial services jobs that are predominately held by men declined over the past year. Women have outperformed men in the workforce twice before in recent history, briefly during the economic contractions of the Great Recession and just before Covid. But Ms. Ullrich says the difference this time is that the trend isn't driven by a recession and it isn't likely to reverse anytime soon.'

NCFM Republican Feminaphobia: How Selective Accountability Harms Men, Boys, and Fathers

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'Republicans often present themselves as defenders of family values, personal responsibility, and equal justice. Yet their legislative actions frequently protect women from obligations while placing those same obligations on men. This pattern creates real harm for men, boys, fathers, and families.

Decades of Failure: No Commission on the Status of Boys and Men

For more than fifty years, both political parties have funded and expanded Commissions on the Status of Women at the federal and state levels. These commissions receive millions of dollars, hold permanent institutional power, and influence policy and public messaging,

During the same period, neither party created a federal Commission on the Status of Boys and Men. Only a few states have even considered the idea. As a result, boys' declining academic performance, men's worsening health, rising male suicide rates, fatherlessness, and male homelessness remain unaddressed at the structural level.'

United Nations is Now Controlled by a Cabal of Radical Feminists

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Article here. Excerpt:

'Rocio D'Angelo of CitizenGo recently was giving a presentation at the UN Human Rights Council, speaking in opposition to Michele Bachelet as the new UN Secretary-General. But as soon as D'Angelo mentioned the "radical ideological agendas" of Bachelet, the session chairwoman, without warning, cut off her presentation, accusing D'Angelo of making "personal attacks."

The incident was the most recent example of the take-over the United Nations by radical feminists who are pushing for gender ideology in schools, transgenderism, abortion rights, and the marginalization of men.

The feminist take-over is evident at every major UN agency. These offices are making transparently dishonest claims in order to advance their radical agenda.'

Feminism didn't kill the male breadwinner model, the economy did

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Article here. Actually it was the effects of feminism that saw the labor market double and thus cause wages to fall in purchasing power value by at least half combined with changes in technology, etc., that have less-skilled people of both sexes generally not earning much. But the assertion that feminism had nothing to do with it is false. Excerpt:

'The discourse around young men's place in the world is frustrating. On the one hand, the idea that men may genuinely be having a harder time of it is often summarily dismissed. On the other, for many young men, the scapegoat for difficulties is either women or feminism. Both are wrong.

Any discussion must start by acknowledging that less-educated young men have been uniquely downwardly mobile over the past generation. But the explanation for this is primarily economic, not cultural.

The defining labour market shift in recent decades has been the steep decline in manufacturing jobs and the strong growth of those in knowledge-intensive services and healthcare. The former disproportionately hurt less-educated men, and the compensating gains went to everyone but them: the growth of knowledge work boosted the well-educated (men and women alike), while healthcare jobs have primarily gone to women (with and without degrees).'